

Supporting Information for

**Chiral Phosphoric Acid-Catalysed Friedel-Crafts Alkylation
Reaction of Indoles with Racemic Spiro Indolin-3-ones**

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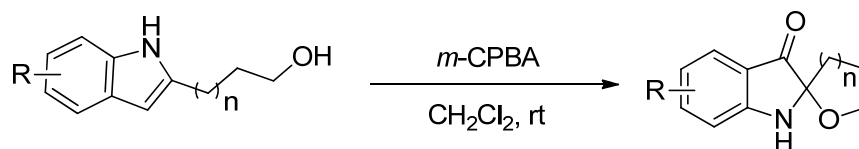
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1. General considerations

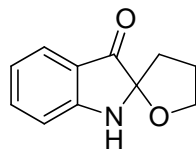
Unless stated otherwise, all reactions were carried out in flame-dried glassware under a dry argon atmosphere. All solvents were purified and dried according to standard methods prior to use. ^1H and ^{13}C NMR spectra were recorded on a Varian instrument (300 MHz and 75 MHz, 400 MHz and 100 MHz, respectively) and internally referenced to tetramethylsilane signal or residual protio solvent signals. Data for ^1H NMR are recorded as follows: chemical shift (δ , ppm), multiplicity (s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, m = multiplet or unresolved, br = broad singlet, coupling constant(s) in Hz, integration). Data for ^{13}C NMR are reported in terms of chemical shift (δ , ppm).

2. Experimental procedures, analytical and spectroscopic data

2.1. General procedure for preparation of spiro indolin-3-ones



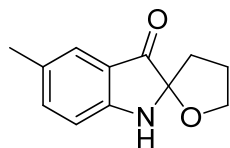
To 2-(3-hydroxypropyl)indole¹ ($n = 1$) (10 mmol) in CH_2Cl_2 (50 mL) was slowly added a solution of *m*-CPBA (22 mmol) in CH_2Cl_2 (50 mL) at room temperature. The reaction was monitored by TLC. Upon consumption of the starting material (2 h), the mixture was added to a separatory funnel containing a saturated solution of Na_2SO_3 and extracted with CH_2Cl_2 . The combined organic extracts were washed with brine, dried over MgSO_4 , then the solvent was evaporated under reduced pressure and the residue was purified by flash chromatography (ethyl acetate/petroleum ether = 1/4, v/v) to afford the product.



4,5-Dihydro-3H-spiro[furan-2,2'-indolin]-3'-one (2a)

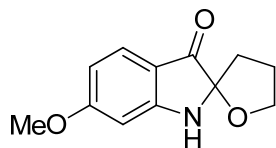
Yellow solid (33% yield) following silica gel column chromatography. Analytical data for **2a**: Mp = 57-59 °C; ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 1.99-2.12 (m, 2H), 2.27-2.34 (m, 2H), 4.09-4.16 (m, 2H), 4.73 (br, 1H), 6.76 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 6.84 (t, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.44 (t, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.58 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 25.7, 34.0, 69.2, 95.0, 112.1, 118.9, 119.5, 124.9, 137.9, 159.7, 201.0; IR

(film) 3329, 2926, 2877, 1713, 1615, 1486, 1468, 1422, 1318, 1239, 1192, 1156, 1130, 1101, 1017, 988, 960, 945, 930, 747, 686 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (MALDI/DHB) exact mass calcd for $\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_{12}\text{NO}_2^+$ (M+H) requires m/z 190.0863. Found m/z 190.0865.



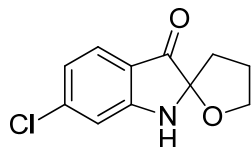
5'-Methyl-4,5-dihydro-3H-spiro[furan-2,2'-indolin]-3'-one (2b)

Yellow solid (31% yield) following silica gel column chromatography. Analytical data for **2b**: Mp = 88-90 °C; ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 1.92-2.14 (m, 2H), 2.17-2.31 (m, 5H), 4.03-4.15 (m, 2H), 4.95 (br, 1H), 6.68 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.25 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 1H), 7.34 (s, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 20.3, 25.6, 34.1, 69.1, 95.4, 112.1, 119.1, 124.3, 128.9, 139.0, 158.1, 201.1; IR (film) 3304, 2918, 2868, 1705, 1619, 1586, 1494, 1436, 1293, 1118, 1061, 1019, 998, 973, 816, 774, 687 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (EI) exact mass calcd for ($\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{13}\text{NO}_2$) requires m/z 203.0946. Found m/z 203.0949.



6'-Methoxy-4,5-dihydro-3H-spiro[furan-2,2'-indolin]-3'-one (2c)

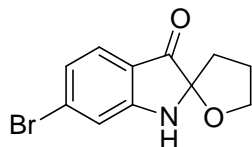
Pale yellow solid (26% yield) following silica gel column chromatography. Analytical data for **2c**: Mp = 133-135 °C; ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 1.97-2.10 (m, 2H), 2.26-2.34 (m, 2H), 3.83 (s, 3H), 4.08-4.15 (m, 2H), 4.78 (br, 1H), 6.19 (s, 1H), 6.40 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.51 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 25.7, 34.1, 55.6, 69.3, 95.1, 95.7, 108.5, 112.3, 126.6, 162.0, 168.2, 198.4; IR (film) 3311, 2983, 2873, 1676, 1619, 1583, 1506, 1455, 1296, 1214, 1169, 1103, 1066, 1018, 974, 896, 820, 766, 694, 669 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (MALDI/DHB) exact mass calcd for $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{14}\text{NO}_3^+$ (M+H) requires m/z 220.0968. Found m/z 220.0976.



6'-Chloro-4,5-dihydro-3H-spiro[furan-2,2'-indolin]-3'-one (2d)

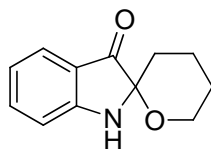
Pale yellow solid (36% yield) following silica gel column chromatography. Analytical data for **2d**: Mp = 137-139 °C; ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 1.97-2.11 (m, 2H), 2.18-2.30 (m, 2H), 4.04-4.11 (m, 2H), 5.17 (br, 1H), 6.73-6.78 (m, 2H), 7.47 (d, $J =$

7.8 Hz, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 25.6, 34.0, 69.3, 95.3, 111.9, 117.2, 120.1, 126.0, 144.3, 160.0, 199.6; IR (film) 3367, 2987, 2898, 1704, 1606, 1572, 1453, 1390, 1242, 1187, 1103, 1063, 1025, 1003, 975, 920, 893, 852, 765, 688 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (MALDI/DHB) exact mass calcd for $\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_{11}\text{NO}_2\text{Cl}^+$ (M+H) requires m/z 224.0473. Found m/z 224.0482.



6'-Bromo-4,5-dihydro-3H-spiro[furan-2,2'-indolin]-3'-one (2e)

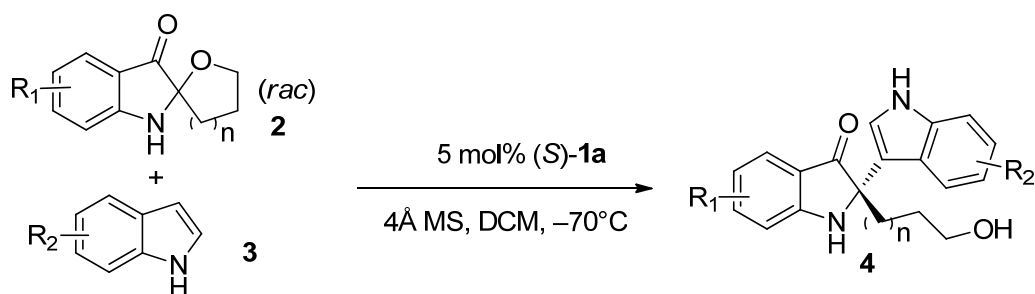
Pale yellow solid (36% yield) following silica gel column chromatography. Analytical data for **2e**: Mp = 149-151 $^{\circ}\text{C}$; ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 1.98-2.11 (m, 2H), 2.24-2.29 (m, 2H), 4.08-4.16 (m, 2H), 4.83 (br, 1H), 6.95 (s, 1H), 6.96 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.41 (d, J = 11.1 Hz, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 25.7, 34.0, 69.4, 95.2, 115.0, 117.6, 123.0, 126.0, 133.2, 160.0, 199.8; IR (film) 3363, 2987, 2901, 1703, 1664, 1603, 1568, 1453, 1407, 1310, 1262, 1066, 1053, 911, 855, 811, 763, 688 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (MALDI/DHB) exact mass calcd for $\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_{11}\text{NO}_2\text{Br}^+$ (M+H) requires m/z 267.9968. Found m/z 267.9979.



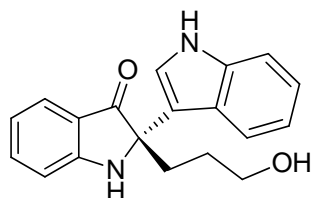
3',4',5',6'-Tetrahydrospiro[indoline-2,2'-pyran]-3-one (2f)

Pale yellow solid (59% yield) following silica gel column chromatography. Analytical data for **3f**: Mp = 117-119 $^{\circ}\text{C}$; ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 1.55-1.73 (m, 4H), 1.98-2.11 (m, 2H), 3.82-3.86 (m, 1H), 4.10-4.14 (m, 1H), 6.83-6.88 (m, 2H), 7.46 (t, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.61 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 19.1, 24.6, 30.4, 63.7, 87.5, 112.7, 119.6, 119.8, 125.3, 137.8, 159.5, 199.0; IR (film) 3324, 2936, 2848, 1713, 1614, 1488, 1468, 1439, 1321, 1295, 1253, 1205, 1189, 1164, 1137, 1099, 1040, 1004, 921, 760, 690 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (MALDI/DHB) exact mass calcd for $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{13}\text{NO}_2\text{Na}^+$ (M+Na) requires m/z 226.0838. Found m/z 226.0848.

2.2. General procedure for the Friedel-Crafts alkylation reaction

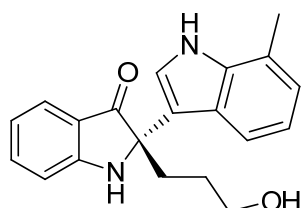


In a dry Schlenk tube, spiro indolin-3-one **2** (0.1 mmol), chiral phosphoric acid **1a** (0.005 mmol), 4 Å MS (10 mg), and CH₂Cl₂ (1.0 mL) were added. The solution was cooled to -70 °C. After 15 min, indole (0.2 mmol) was added in one portion. After the reaction was complete (monitored by TLC), the reaction mixture was diluted by adding acetone. Then the reaction mixture was filtered through a plug of silica gel (washed with acetone) and purified by column chromatography (acetone/petroleum ether = 1/4~1/2, v/v) to afford product.



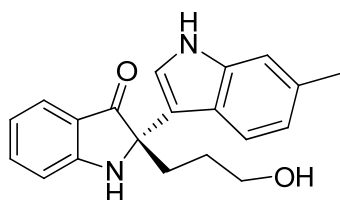
2-(3-Hydroxypropyl)-2-(1H-indol-3-yl)indolin-3-one (**4a**)

Yellow solid (97% yield) following silica gel column chromatography. Analytical data for **4a**: Mp = 197-199 °C; [α]_D²⁰ = +635.3° (c = 1.0 Acetone, 98% ee); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CD₃OD) δ 1.34-1.48 (m, 1H), 1.58-1.66 (m, 1H), 2.19-2.39 (m, 2H), 3.54 (t, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 2H), 6.74 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 6.87 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 6.95 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.04 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.29-7.32 (m, 2H), 7.45-7.51 (m, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CD₃OD) δ 27.9, 34.5, 63.1, 70.5, 112.4, 113.1, 114.9, 118.7, 119.9, 120.4, 121.2, 122.5, 124.0, 125.4, 126.4, 138.7, 139.2, 163.4, 206.7; IR (film) 3674, 3250, 2987, 2901, 1709, 1664, 1614, 1492, 1465, 1409, 1328, 1242, 1128, 1049, 1008, 893, 755, 741, 715, 686 cm⁻¹; HRMS (MALDI/DHB) exact mass calcd for C₁₉H₁₈N₂O₂Na⁺ (M+Na) requires *m/z* 329.1261. Found *m/z* 329.1267. The enantiomeric ratio was determined by Daicel Chiralpak AD-H (25 cm), Hexanes / IPA = 80 / 20, 0.6 mL/min⁻¹, λ = 254 nm, *t* (major) = 22.89 min, *t* (minor) = 20.86 min.



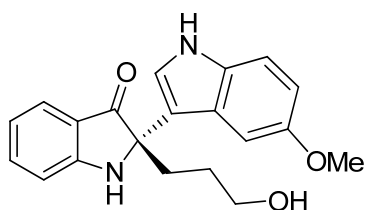
2-(3-Hydroxypropyl)-2-(7-methyl-1H-indol-3-yl)indolin-3-one (4b)

Yellow solid (98% yield) following silica gel column chromatography. Analytical data for **4b**: Decomposed temperature: 197 °C; $[\alpha]_D^{20} = +545.7^\circ$ (c = 1.0 Acetone, 98% ee); $^1\text{H NMR}$ (300 MHz, CD_3OD) δ 1.34-1.47 (m, 1H), 1.58-1.64 (m, 1H), 2.22-2.39 (m, 2H), 2.43 (s, 3H), 3.54 (t, $J = 6.3$ Hz, 2H), 6.71-6.85 (m, 3H), 6.94 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.29-7.30 (m, 2H), 7.46-7.51 (m, 2H). $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (75 MHz, CD_3OD) δ 16.9, 27.9, 34.5, 63.1, 70.5, 113.1, 115.2, 118.7, 118.9, 120.2, 120.5, 121.8, 123.0, 123.8, 125.4, 126.1, 138.0, 139.2, 163.4, 206.8; IR (film) 3493, 3393, 3383, 3238, 3046, 2955, 2874, 1660, 1613, 1580, 1493, 1465, 1434, 1327, 1154, 1103, 1050, 1015, 924, 892, 785, 756, 674, 625, 615 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (MALDI/DHB) exact mass calcd for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{20}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2\text{Na}^{+1}$ (M+Na) requires m/z 343.1417. Found m/z 343.1410. The enantiomeric ratio was determined by Daicel Chiralpak IC (25 cm), Hexanes / IPA = 80 / 20, 0.8 $\text{mL}/\text{min}^{-1}$, $\lambda = 254$ nm, t (major) = 29.97 min, t (minor) = 20.60 min.



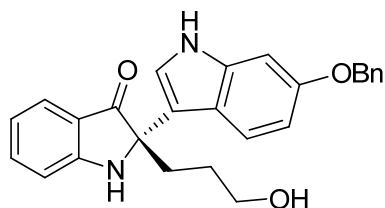
2-(3-Hydroxypropyl)-2-(6-methyl-1H-indol-3-yl)indolin-3-one (4c)

Yellow solid (92% yield) following silica gel column chromatography. Analytical data for **4c**: Mp = 193-195 °C; $[\alpha]_D^{20} = +291.7^\circ$ (c = 0.8 Acetone, 99% ee); $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CD_3OD) δ 1.40-1.46 (m, 1H), 1.58-1.63 (m, 1H), 2.21-2.34 (m, 2H), 2.36 (s, 3H), 3.54 (t, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 2H), 6.71-6.76 (m, 2H), 6.96 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.10 (s, 1H), 7.20 (s, 1H), 7.33 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.48-7.52 (m, 2H); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (100 MHz, CD_3OD) δ 21.7, 27.9, 34.5, 63.1, 70.6, 112.2, 113.1, 114.8, 118.7, 120.5, 120.9, 121.7, 123.3, 124.3, 125.4, 132.1, 139.1, 163.4, 206.7; IR (film) 3405, 3364, 3251, 2933, 2870, 1663, 1620, 1541, 1491, 1466, 1404, 1328, 1255, 1181, 1149, 1066, 1032, 954, 911, 886, 800, 750, 714, 686 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (MALDI/DHB) exact mass calcd for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{21}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2^{+1}$ (M+H) requires m/z 321.1598. Found m/z 321.1603. The enantiomeric ratio was determined by Daicel Chiralpak IC (25 cm), Hexanes / IPA = 80 / 20, 0.8 $\text{mL}/\text{min}^{-1}$, $\lambda = 254$ nm, t (major) = 36.52 min, t (minor) = 29.48 min.



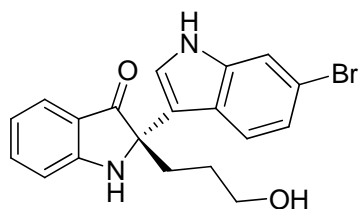
2-(3-Hydroxypropyl)-2-(5-methoxy-1H-indol-3-yl)indolin-3-one (4d)

Yellow solid (97% yield) following silica gel column chromatography. Analytical data for **4d**: Decomposed temperature: 205 °C; $[\alpha]_D^{20} = +332.1^\circ$ ($c = 0.5$ Acetone, 98% ee); $^1\text{H NMR}$ (300 MHz, CD_3OD) δ 1.25-1.36 (m, 2H), 2.22-2.35 (m, 2H), 3.54-3.57 (m, 5H), 6.69 (dd, $J_1 = 2.1$ Hz, $J_2 = 9.0$ Hz, 1H), 6.76 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 6.86 (d, $J = 2.1$ Hz, 1H), 6.98 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.19 (d, $J = 8.7$ Hz, 1H), 7.28 (s, 1H), 7.50-7.55 (m, 2H); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (100 MHz, CD_3COCD_3) δ 28.1, 34.3, 55.6, 62.7, 69.9, 103.5, 112.4, 112.9, 115.4, 118.4, 121.2, 124.4, 125.0, 126.7, 133.4, 137.9, 154.6, 162.3, 203.2; IR (film) 3664, 3375, 2960, 2902, 2499, 1675, 1615, 1481, 1463, 1323, 1210, 1177, 1065, 1028, 910, 890, 843, 826, 747, 680, 637 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (MALDI/DHB) exact mass calcd for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{20}\text{N}_2\text{O}_3\text{Na}^+$ (M+Na) requires m/z 359.1366. Found m/z 359.1367. The enantiomeric ratio was determined by Daicel Chiralpak AD-H (25 cm), Hexanes / IPA = 80 / 20, 0.7 $\text{mL}/\text{min}^{-1}$, $\lambda = 254$ nm, t (major) = 34.05 min, t (minor) = 24.64 min.



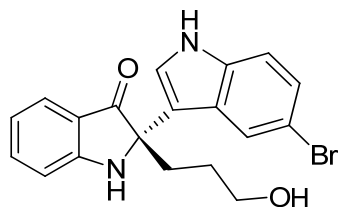
2-(6-(Benzyloxy)-1H-indol-3-yl)-2-(3-hydroxypropyl)indolin-3-one (4e)

Yellow solid (90% yield) following silica gel column chromatography. Analytical data for **4e**: Mp = 185-187 °C; $[\alpha]_D^{20} = +326.0^\circ$ ($c = 0.8$ Acetone, 99% ee); $^1\text{H NMR}$ (300 MHz, CD_3OD) δ 1.34-1.45 (m, 1H), 1.57-1.61 (m, 1H), 2.19-2.33 (m, 2H), 3.54 (t, $J = 6.3$ Hz, 3H), 5.03 (s, 2H), 6.63-6.66 (dd, $J_1 = 2.1$ Hz, $J_2 = 9.3$ Hz, 2H), 6.74 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 6.90-6.97 (m, 1H), 7.17 (s, 1H), 7.27-7.52 (m, 8H); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (100 MHz, CD_3OD) δ 27.9, 34.5, 63.1, 70.6, 71.4, 97.1, 110.8, 113.1, 115.0, 118.7, 120.4, 121.1, 121.9, 123.0, 125.5, 128.5, 128.7, 129.4, 139.1, 139.2, 139.4, 156.5, 163.4, 206.7; IR (film) 3663, 3410, 3349, 3233, 2987, 2908, 1661, 1620, 1580, 1490, 1463, 1407, 1379, 1326, 1299, 1282, 1259, 1178, 1065, 1036, 1017, 955, 912, 795, 753, 700, 624 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (EI) exact mass calcd for $\text{C}_{26}\text{H}_{24}\text{N}_2\text{O}_3$ requires m/z 412.1787. Found m/z 412.1790. The enantiomeric ratio was determined by Daicel Chiralpak AD-H (25 cm), Hexanes / IPA = 70 / 30, 0.6 $\text{mL}/\text{min}^{-1}$, $\lambda = 254$ nm, t (major) = 38.59 min, t (minor) = 30.85 min.



2-(6-Bromo-1H-indol-3-yl)-2-(3-hydroxypropyl)indolin-3-one (**4f**)

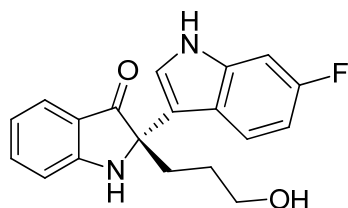
Yellow solid (90% yield) following silica gel column chromatography. Analytical data for **4f**: Decomposed temperature: 175 °C; $[\alpha]_D^{20} = +384.4^\circ$ ($c = 1.0$ Acetone, 97% ee); $^1\text{H NMR}$ (300 MHz, CD_3OD) δ 1.34-1.47 (m, 1H), 1.53-1.61 (m, 1H), 2.15-2.36 (m, 2H), 3.53 (t, $J = 6.6$ Hz, 2H), 6.74 (t, $J = 6.9$ Hz, 1H), 6.95-7.02 (m, 2H), 7.31 (s, 1H), 7.41 (d, $J = 8.7$ Hz, 1H), 7.48-7.53 (m, 3H); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (100 MHz, CD_3COCD_3) δ 28.1, 34.8, 62.6, 69.9, 112.9, 115.2, 115.4, 116.1, 118.6, 120.6, 122.7, 123.3, 124.7, 125.1, 125.4, 138.0, 139.2, 162.1, 203.0; IR (film) 3415, 2932, 2874, 2540, 2487, 1655, 1619, 1486, 1461, 1328, 1290, 1191, 1148, 1062, 1031, 928, 902, 804, 752, 672 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (MALDI/DHB) exact mass calcd for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{17}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2\text{NaBr}^{+1}$ ($\text{M}+\text{Na}$) requires m/z 407.0365. Found m/z 407.0366. The enantiomeric ratio was determined by Daicel Chiralpak AD-H (25 cm), Hexanes / IPA = 80 / 20, 0.7 mL/min $^{-1}$, $\lambda = 254$ nm, t (major) = 34.66 min, t (minor) = 25.00 min.



2-(5-Bromo-1H-indol-3-yl)-2-(3-hydroxypropyl)indolin-3-one (**4g**)

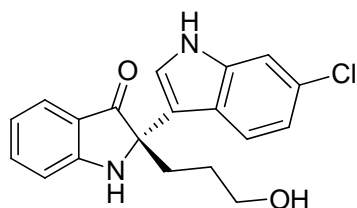
Yellow solid (99% yield) following silica gel column chromatography. Analytical data for **4g**: Decomposed temperature: 209 °C; $[\alpha]_D^{20} = +403.0^\circ$ ($c = 1.0$ Acetone, 98% ee); $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CD_3OD) δ 1.39-1.46 (m, 1H), 1.54-1.62 (m, 1H), 2.17-2.34 (m, 2H), 3.54 (t, $J = 6.4$ Hz, 2H), 6.76 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 6.99 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.14 (dd, $J_1 = 1.6$ Hz, $J_2 = 8.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.24 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.34 (s, 1H), 7.50-7.55 (m, 2H), 7.69 (d, $J = 1.6$ Hz, 1H); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (100 MHz, CD_3COCD_3) δ 28.1, 35.0, 62.6, 69.9, 112.8, 112.9, 114.2, 115.7, 118.6, 120.6, 124.2, 124.9, 125.1, 125.3, 128.1, 137.0, 138.1, 162.1, 202.9; IR (film) 3440, 3234, 3033, 2945, 2851, 1650, 1617, 1498, 1463, 1332, 1300, 1156, 1117, 1102, 1054, 1020, 886, 864, 804, 788, 750, 720, 675 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (MALDI/DHB) exact mass calcd for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{17}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2\text{NaBr}^{+1}$ ($\text{M}+\text{Na}$) requires m/z 407.0366. Found m/z 407.0370. The enantiomeric ratio was determined

by Daicel Chiralpak AD-H (25 cm), Hexanes / IPA = 80 / 20, 0.7 mL/min⁻¹, λ = 254 nm, t (major) = 16.80 min, t (minor) = 13.04 min.



2-(6-Fluoro-1H-indol-3-yl)-2-(3-hydroxypropyl)indolin-3-one (4h)

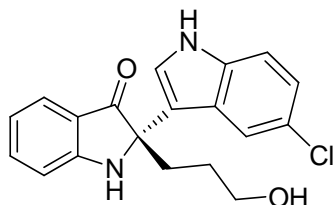
Yellow solid (96% yield) following silica gel column chromatography. Analytical data for **4h**: Decomposed temperature: 196 °C; $[\alpha]_D^{20} = +295.2^\circ$ (c = 1.0 Acetone, 98% ee); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CD₃OD) δ 1.28-1.36 (m, 1H), 1.45-1.52 (m, 1H), 2.07-2.26 (m, 2H), 3.43 (t, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 2H), 6.57 (dt, *J*₁ = 2.0 Hz, *J*₂ = 9.6 Hz, 1H), 6.64 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.86 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 6.90 (dd, *J*₁ = 2.4 Hz, *J*₂ = 9.6 Hz, 1H), 7.18 (s, 1H), 7.32-7.42 (m, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CD₃OD) δ 27.9, 34.6, 63.0, 70.4, 98.1, 98.4, 108.2, 108.4, 113.1, 115.3, 118.8, 120.3, 122.2, 122.3, 123.1, 124.5, 124.6, 125.5, 139.3, 163.4, 206.4; ¹⁹F NMR(300 MHz, CD₃COCD₃) δ -127.9; IR (film) 3416, 3344, 2935, 2877, 1658, 1615, 1491, 1462, 1404, 1329, 1298, 1178, 1142, 1064, 1034, 960, 839, 756, 615 cm⁻¹; HRMS (MALDI/DHB) exact mass calcd for C₁₉H₁₇N₂O₂NaF⁺¹ (M+Na) requires *m/z* 347.1166. Found *m/z* 347.1160. The enantiomeric ratio was determined by Daicel Chiralpak AD-H (25 cm), Hexanes / IPA = 80 / 20, 0.7 mL/min⁻¹, λ = 254 nm, t (major) = 20.82 min, t (minor) = 17.86 min.



2-(6-Chloro-1H-indol-3-yl)-2-(3-hydroxypropyl)indolin-3-one (4i)

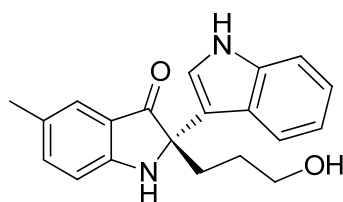
Yellow solid (88% yield) following silica gel column chromatography. Analytical data for **4i**: Mp = 220-222 °C; $[\alpha]_D^{20} = +278.3^\circ$ (c = 1.0 Acetone, 96% ee); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CD₃OD) δ 1.38-1.47 (m, 1H), 1.53-1.62 (m, 1H), 2.16-2.36 (m, 2H), 3.54 (t, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 2H), 6.75 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.87 (dd, *J*₁ = 2.0 Hz, *J*₂ = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.97 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.32 (s, 2H), 7.45-7.53 (m, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CD₃OD) δ 27.9, 34.6, 63.0, 70.3, 112.2, 113.1, 115.4, 118.9, 120.3, 120.4, 122.4, 124.9, 125.1, 125.5, 128.4, 139.1, 139.2, 163.3, 206.3; IR (film) 3415, 2932, 2874, 2541, 2487, 2411, 1656, 1617, 1487, 1463, 1328, 1291, 1193, 1150, 1062, 1032, 939,

907, 805, 752, 678 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (MALDI/DHB) exact mass calcd for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{18}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2\text{Cl}^+$ (M+H) requires m/z 341.1051. Found m/z 341.1062. The enantiomeric ratio was determined by Daicel Chiralpak AD-H (25 cm), Hexanes / IPA = 80 / 20, 0.7 mL/min⁻¹, λ = 254 nm, t (major) = 28.25 min, t (minor) = 22.07 min.



2-(5-Chloro-1H-indol-3-yl)-2-(3-hydroxypropyl)indolin-3-one (4j)

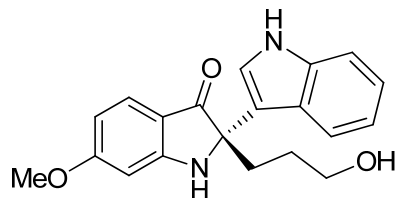
Yellow solid (97% yield) following silica gel column chromatography. Analytical data for **4j**: Mp = 219-221 °C; $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{20}$ = +520.3° (c = 1.0 Acetone, 98% ee); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CD₃OD) δ 1.39-1.47 (m, 1H), 1.53-1.61 (m, 1H), 2.15-2.35 (m, 2H), 3.54 (t, J = 6.6 Hz, 2H), 6.75 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 6.96-7.04 (m, 2H), 7.28 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 7.35 (s, 1H), 7.49-7.53 (m, 3H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CD₃OD) δ 27.9, 34.7, 63.0, 70.3, 113.1, 113.6, 115.0, 118.9, 120.2, 120.8, 122.7, 125.5, 125.6, 125.7, 127.4, 137.1, 139.3, 163.4, 206.3; IR (film) 3489, 3415, 2945, 2428, 1654, 1618, 1489, 1457, 1329, 1195, 1135, 1107, 1051, 879, 864, 751, 717 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (MALDI/DHB) exact mass calcd for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{18}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2\text{Cl}^+$ (M+H) requires m/z 341.1051. Found m/z 341.1055. The enantiomeric ratio was determined by Daicel Chiralpak AD-H (25 cm), Hexanes / IPA = 80 / 20, 0.7 mL/min⁻¹, λ = 254 nm, t (major) = 15.94 min, t (minor) = 12.84 min.



2-(3-Hydroxypropyl)-2-(1H-indol-3-yl)-5-methylindolin-3-one (4k)

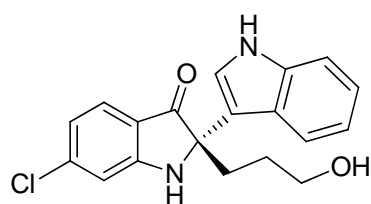
Yellow solid (95% yield) following silica gel column chromatography. Analytical data for **4k**: Mp = 182-184 °C; $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{20}$ = +296° (c = 0.1 Acetone, 96% ee); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CD₃SOCD₃) δ 1.23-1.31 (m, 1H), 1.41-1.48 (m, 1H), 2.02-2.23 (m, 2H), 2.23 (s, 3H), 3.35-3.40 (m, 2H), 4.44 (t, J = 5.6 Hz, 1H), 6.84-6.89 (m, 2H), 7.03 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.21 (s, 1H), 7.31-7.41 (m, 4H), 7.55 (s, 1H), 10.99 (br, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CD₃SOCD₃) δ 20.2, 27.1, 33.4, 61.1, 68.9, 111.6, 111.8, 114.1, 118.6, 119.0, 120.2, 121.1, 123.2, 123.3, 125.1, 125.8, 136.8, 138.9, 159.9, 202.9; IR (film) 3398, 3253, 2946, 2921, 1659, 1627, 1580, 1502, 1335, 1296, 1245, 1210, 1110, 1012,

826, 740 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (MALDI/DHB) exact mass calcd for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{21}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2^{+1}$ (M+H) requires m/z 321.1598. Found m/z 321.1605. The enantiomeric ratio was determined by Daicel Chiralpak AD-H (25 cm), Hexanes / IPA =80 / 20, 0.7 mL/min⁻¹, λ = 254 nm, t (major) = 20.11 min, t (minor) = 33.93 min.



2-(3-Hydroxypropyl)-2-(1H-indol-3-yl)-6-methoxyindolin-3-one (4l)

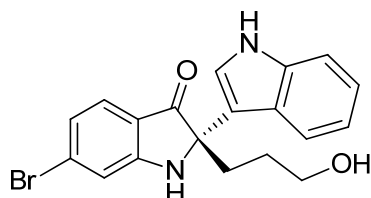
Gray solid (96% yield) following silica gel column chromatography. Analytical data for **4l**: Decomposed temperature: 220 °C; $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{20} = +458.0^{\circ}$ (c = 0.5 Acetone, 97% ee); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CD₃OD) δ 1.41-1.47 (m, 1H), 1.58-1.64 (m, 1H), 2.20-2.38 (m, 2H), 3.55 (t, J = 6.4 Hz, 2H), 3.88 (s, 3H), 6.35 (dd, J_1 = 2.0 Hz, J_2 = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 6.42 (d, J = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 6.87 (dt, J_1 = 1.2 Hz, J_2 = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 7.04 (dt, J_1 = 1.2 Hz, J_2 = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 7.29 (s, 1H), 7.31 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.39-7.43 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CD₃COCD₃) δ 28.1, 34.8, 55.9, 62.8, 70.4, 95.0, 108.2, 112.3, 114.6, 116.3, 119.6, 121.6, 122.2, 123.6, 126.4, 126.6, 138.3, 164.2, 168.7, 200.6; IR (film) 3414, 3287, 2924, 2857, 1662, 1612, 1578, 1454, 1438, 1285, 1216, 1173, 1101, 1056, 1022, 903, 737 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (MALDI/DHB) exact mass calcd for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{21}\text{N}_2\text{O}_3^{+1}$ (M+H) requires m/z 337.1547. Found m/z 337.1552. The enantiomeric ratio was determined by Daicel Chiralpak AD-H (25 cm), Hexanes / IPA =80 / 20, 0.7 mL/min⁻¹, λ = 254 nm, t (major) = 28.95 min, t (minor) = 23.98 min.



6-Chloro-2-(3-hydroxypropyl)-2-(1H-indol-3-yl)indolin-3-one (4m)

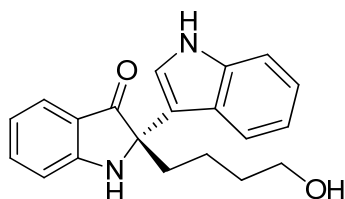
Yellow solid (92% yield) following silica gel column chromatography. Analytical data for **4m**: Decomposed temperature: 191 °C; $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{20} = +555.0^{\circ}$ (c = 1.0 Acetone, 89% ee); ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CD₃OD) δ 1.34-1.49 (m, 1H), 1.55-1.65 (m, 1H), 2.18-2.41 (m, 2H), 3.54 (t, J = 6.6 Hz, 2H), 6.72 (dd, J_1 = 1.2 Hz, J_2 = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 6.91 (t, J = 6.6 Hz, 1H), 6.98 (d, J = 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.06 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.28 (s, 1H), 7.32 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.46 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CD₃COCD₃) δ 28.0, 34.6, 62.6, 70.7, 112.3, 112.4, 115.2, 118.7, 119.5, 119.8, 121.4, 122.4, 123.8,

126.3, 126.5, 138.4, 143.6, 162.2, 201.8; IR (film) 3378, 2956, 2935, 2518, 1680, 1610, 1567, 1454, 1373, 1316, 1245, 1102, 1057, 1010, 1022, 926, 893, 751, 687 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (MALDI/DHB) exact mass calcd for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{18}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2\text{Cl}^{+1}$ (M+H) requires m/z 341.1051. Found m/z 341.1056. The enantiomeric ratio was determined by Daicel Chiralpak AD-H (25 cm), Hexanes / IPA = 80 / 20, 0.7 mL/min $^{-1}$, λ = 254 nm, t (major) = 25.29 min, t (minor) = 21.68 min.



6-Bromo-2-(3-hydroxypropyl)-2-(1H-indol-3-yl)indolin-3-one (4n)

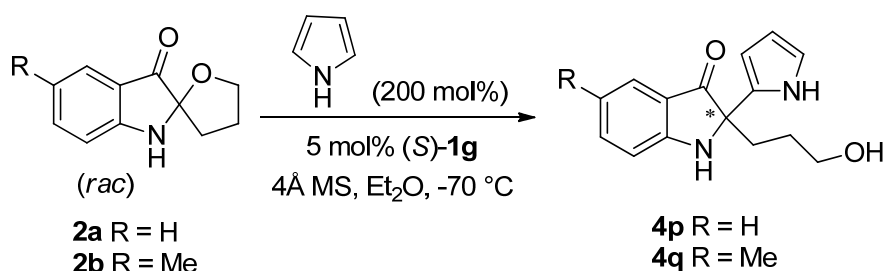
Yellow solid (95% yield) following silica gel column chromatography. Analytical data for **4n**: Decomposed temperature: 221 °C; $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{20} = +263.6^{\circ}$ (c = 1.0 Acetone, 88% ee); ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CD_3OD) δ 1.38-1.45 (m, 1H), 1.57-1.63 (m, 1H), 2.22-2.36 (m, 2H), 3.54 (t, $J = 6.3$ Hz, 2H), 6.85-6.93 (m, 2H), 7.06 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.17 (s, 1H), 7.28 (s, 1H), 7.32 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 1H), 7.39 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 1H), 7.46 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CD_3COCD_3) δ 28.1, 34.6, 62.6, 70.6, 112.4, 115.1, 115.4, 119.8, 121.4, 121.5, 122.4, 123.8, 126.3, 126.6, 132.5, 138.4, 143.6, 162.3, 202.0; IR (film) 3376, 2934, 2548, 2518, 1678, 1605, 1457, 1315, 1103, 1055, 1005, 913, 893, 750, 680 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (MALDI/DHB) exact mass calcd for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{17}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2\text{BrNa}^{+1}$ (M+Na) requires m/z 407.0365. Found m/z 407.0377. The enantiomeric ratio was determined by Daicel Chiralpak AD-H (25 cm), Hexanes / IPA = 80 / 20, 0.7 mL/min $^{-1}$, λ = 254 nm, t (major) = 22.98 min, t (minor) = 19.37 min.



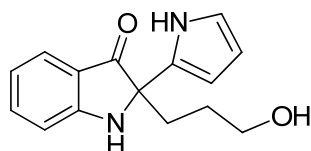
2-(4-Hydroxybutyl)-2-(1H-indol-3-yl)indolin-3-one (4o)

Yellow solid (98% yield) following silica gel column chromatography. Analytical data for **4o**: Decomposed temperature: 170 °C; $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{20} = +250.4^{\circ}$ (c = 1.0 Acetone, 87% ee); ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CD_3OD) δ 1.24-1.29 (m, 1H), 1.46-1.57 (m, 3H), 2.17-2.33 (m, 2H), 3.49 (t, $J = 6.3$ Hz, 2H), 6.74 (t, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 1H), 6.87 (t, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 1H), 6.96 (d, $J = 8.7$ Hz, 1H), 7.04 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.28 (s, 1H), 7.31 (d, $J = 8.7$ Hz, 1H), 7.44-7.53 (m, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CD_3SOCD_3) δ 20.1, 32.9, 36.7, 60.6,

68.9, 111.6, 111.7, 113.9, 116.9, 118.5, 118.8, 120.2, 121.1, 123.2, 124.1, 125.0, 136.8, 137.4, 161.3, 202.8; IR (film) 3366, 3259, 2988, 2949, 1665, 1616, 1493, 1464, 1354, 1293, 1135, 1099, 1069, 990, 943, 891, 743, 692 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (MALDI/DHB) exact mass calcd for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{20}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2\text{Na}^{+1}$ (M+Na) requires m/z 343.1417. Found m/z 343.1417. The enantiomeric ratio was determined by Daicel Chiralpak IC (25 cm), Hexanes / IPA = 80 / 20, 1.0 $\text{mL}/\text{min}^{-1}$, $\lambda = 254 \text{ nm}$, t (major) = 29.06 min, t (minor) = 12.58 min.



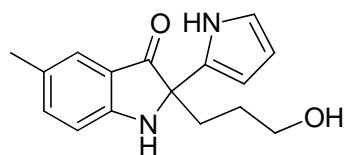
In a dry Schlenk tube, spiro indolin-3-one **2a** (18.9 mg, 0.1 mmol), chiral phosphoric acid **1g** (3.9 mg, 0.005 mmol), 4Å MS (10 mg), and Et_2O (1.0 mL) were added. The solution was cooled to $-70 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$. After 15 minute, pyrrole (13.4 mg, 0.2 mmol) was added in one portion. After the reaction was complete (monitored by TLC), the reaction mixture was diluted by adding acetone. Then the reaction mixture was filtered through a plug of silica gel (washed with acetone) and purified by column chromatography (acetone/petroleum ether = 1/4~1/2, v/v) to afford product.



2-(3-hydroxypropyl)-2-(1H-pyrrol-2-yl)indolin-3-one (**4p**)

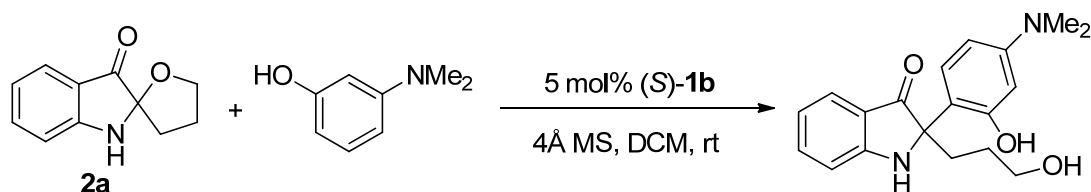
Yellow solid (92% yield) following silica gel column chromatography. Analytical data for **4p**: Mp = 61-63 $^\circ\text{C}$; $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{20} = +683.5^\circ$ ($c = 1.0$ Acetone, 96% ee); ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CD_3COCD_3) δ 1.27-1.42 (m, 2H), 1.89-2.00 (m, 2H), 3.35-3.41 (m, 2H), 3.48 (t, $J = 5.1 \text{ Hz}$, 1H), 5.85 (m, 1H), 5.98 (br, 1H), 6.59-6.64 (m, 2H), 6.80 (br, 1H), 6.87 (d, $J = 8.4 \text{ Hz}$, 1H), 7.30-7.37 (m, 2H), 9.80 (br, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CD_3COCD_3) δ 28.1, 35.3, 62.4, 69.5, 105.8, 108.3, 113.1, 118.7, 118.9, 119.9, 125.2, 130.4, 137.9, 162.3, 201.9; IR (film) 3351, 2927, 2855, 1677, 1617, 1489, 1467, 1324, 1294, 1195, 1151, 1110, 1053, 887, 750, 721 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (EI) exact mass calcd for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{16}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2$ requires m/z 256.1212. Found m/z 256.1210. The enantiomeric ratio was

determined by Daicel Chiralpak AD-H (25 cm), Hexanes / IPA = 80 / 20, 1.0 mL/min⁻¹, $\lambda = 254$ nm, t (major) = 34.69 min, t (minor) = 9.01 min.

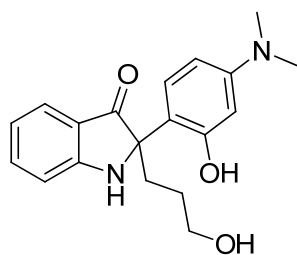


2-(3-hydroxypropyl)-5-methyl-2-(1H-pyrrol-2-yl)indolin-3-one (**4q**)

Yellow solid (90% yield) following silica gel column chromatography. Analytical data for **4q**: Mp = 48-50 °C; $[\alpha]_D^{20} = +523.8^\circ$ ($c = 1.0$ Acetone, 97% ee); ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CD₃COCD₃) δ 1.29-1.41 (m, 2H), 1.89-2.00 (m, 2H), 2.13 (s, 3H), 3.36-3.41 (m, 2H), 3.45-3.47 (m, 1H), 5.86 (m, 1H), 5.98 (br, 1H), 6.59 (br, 2H), 6.81 (d, $J = 5.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.12 (s, 1H), 7.21 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 9.79 (br, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CD₃COCD₃) δ 20.4, 28.2, 35.4, 62.5, 69.8, 105.8, 108.3, 113.1, 118.8, 120.2, 124.5, 128.0, 130.7, 139.3, 160.9, 202.0; IR (film) 3359, 2924, 1672, 1625, 1499, 1432, 1271, 1213, 1055, 952, 902, 813, 723 cm⁻¹; HRMS (MALDI/DHB) exact mass calcd for C₁₆H₁₉N₂O₂⁺¹ (M+H) requires m/z 271.1441. Found m/z 271.1445. The enantiomeric ratio was determined by Daicel Chiralpak AD-H (25 cm), Hexanes / IPA = 80 / 20, 1.0 mL/min⁻¹, $\lambda = 254$ nm, t (major) = 11.70 min, t (minor) = 8.54 min.



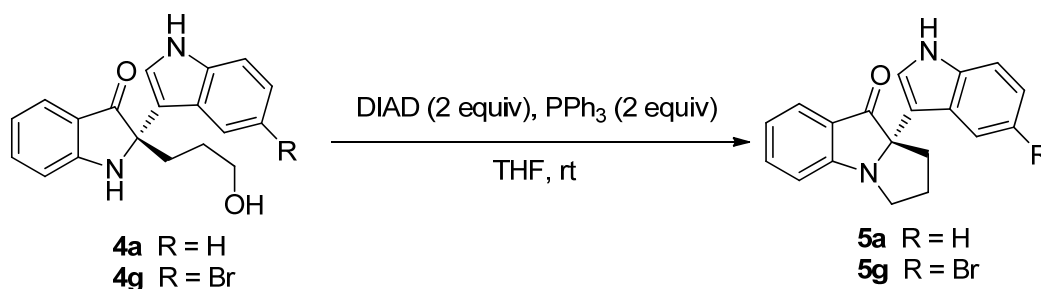
In a dry Schlenk tube, spiro indolin-3-one **2a** (18.9 mg, 0.1 mmol), chiral phosphoric acid **1b** (4.4 mg, 0.005 mmol), 4Å MS (10 mg), and 3-(dimethylamino)phenol (27.4 mg, 0.2 mmol) were stirred in CH₂Cl₂ (1.0 mL) at room temperature. After the reaction was complete (monitored by TLC), the reaction mixture was filtered through a plug of silica gel (washed with DCM) and purified by column chromatography (acetone/petroleum ether = 1/4~1/2, v/v) to afford product **4r**.



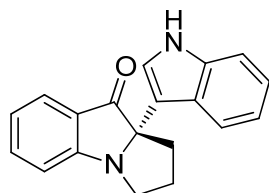
2-(4-(dimethylamino)-2-hydroxyphenyl)-2-(3-hydroxypropyl)indolin-3-one (**4r**)

Yellow solid (93% yield) following silica gel column chromatography. Analytical data for **4r**: Mp = 72-74 °C; $[\alpha]_D^{20} = +173.3^\circ$ (c = 1.0 Acetone, 50% ee); ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CD_3COCD_3) δ 1.20-1.30 (m, 2H), 1.94-2.00 (m, 1H), 2.06-2.12 (m, 1H), 2.70 (s, 6H), 3.29-3.35 (m, 2H), 3.46 (t, $J = 5.4$ Hz, 1H), 6.05 (dd, $J_1 = 2.7$ Hz, $J_2 = 9.0$ Hz, 1H), 6.10 (d, $J = 2.7$ Hz, 1H), 6.60 (t, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 1H), 6.88 (d, $J = 8.7$ Hz, 1H), 7.10 (s, 1H), 7.12 (d, $J = 2.1$ Hz, 1H), 7.32-7.37 (m, 2H), 9.60 (s, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CD_3COCD_3) δ 28.4, 34.3, 40.4, 62.4, 73.0, 102.9, 105.1, 113.2, 113.6, 118.8, 119.7, 125.3, 128.4, 139.0, 152.6, 157.5, 162.1, 206.6; IR (film) 2959, 1659, 1613, 1523, 1490, 1468, 1361, 1327, 1239, 1056, 987, 752 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (EI) exact mass calcd for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{22}\text{N}_2\text{O}_3$ requires m/z 326.1630. Found m/z 326.1631. The enantiomeric ratio was determined by Daicel Chiralpak AD-H (25 cm), Hexanes / IPA = 80 / 20, 0.8 $\text{mL}/\text{min}^{-1}$, $\lambda = 254$ nm, t (major) = 14.52 min, t (minor) = 12.13 min.

2.3. General procedure for transformation of **4a** and **4g**



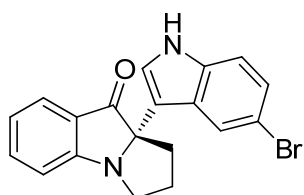
In a dry Schlenk tube, compound **4a** (30.6 mg, 0.1 mmol), DIAD (40.4 mg, 0.2 mmol) and PPh_3 (52.5 mg, 0.2 mmol) were dissolved in 1.0 mL THF at room temperature. After 48 hours, the solvent was evaporated under reduced pressure and the residue was purified by column chromatography (ethyl acetate/petroleum ether = 1/5, v/v) to afford product **5a**.



(S)-9a-(1H-Indol-3-yl)-2,3-dihydro-1H-pyrrolo[1,2-a]indol-9(9aH)-one (**5a**)

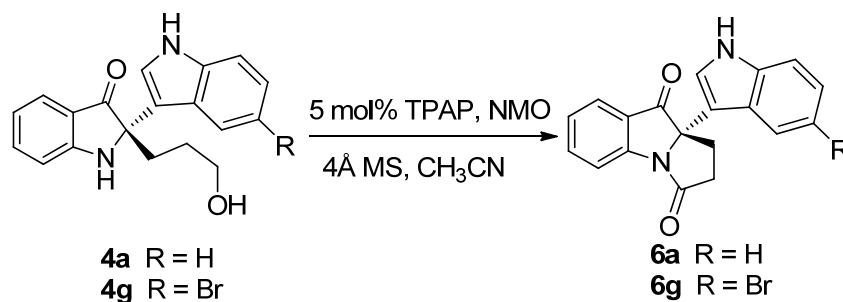
Pale yellow solid (64% yield) following silica gel column chromatography. Analytical data for **5a**: Mp = 190-192 °C; $[\alpha]_D^{20} = +74.1^\circ$ (c = 0.5 Acetone, 92% ee); ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 1.96-2.16 (m, 3H), 2.50-2.54 (m, 1H), 3.31-3.36 (m, 1H), 3.62-3.67 (m, 1H), 6.90-7.00 (m, 2H), 7.04-7.17 (m, 3H), 7.25-7.30 (m, 1H), 7.54-7.59 (m,

2H), 7.83 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 8.24 (br, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 28.1, 33.0, 50.3, 77.8, 111.2, 113.7, 114.6, 119.7, 120.3, 121.0, 122.1, 122.3, 122.4, 125.2, 125.4, 137.1, 137.2, 164.7, 203.8; IR (film) 3673, 3290, 2973, 2924, 1682, 1608, 1475, 1457, 1324, 1152, 1105, 1077, 1011, 984, 889, 770, 743, 697 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (MALDI/DHB) exact mass calcd for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{17}\text{N}_2\text{O}^+$ (M+H) requires m/z 289.1335. Found m/z 289.1332. The enantiomeric ratio was determined by Daicel Chiralpak AD-H (25 cm), Hexanes / IPA = 70 / 30, 0.8 $\text{mL}/\text{min}^{-1}$, $\lambda = 254$ nm, t (major) = 14.29 min, t (minor) = 26.73 min.



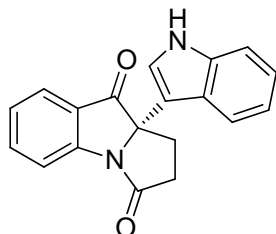
(S)-9a-(5-Bromo-1H-indol-3-yl)-2,3-dihydro-1H-pyrrolo[1,2-a]indol-9(9aH)-one (5g)

Pale yellow solid (55% yield) following silica gel column chromatography. Analytical data for **5g**: Mp = 181-183 $^{\circ}\text{C}$; $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{20} = +373^{\circ}$ ($c = 0.3$ Acetone, 94% ee); ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 2.05-2.13 (m, 3H), 2.47-2.49 (m, 1H), 3.35-3.38 (m, 1H), 3.66-3.69 (m, 1H), 6.95-7.02 (m, 2H), 7.16-7.29 (m, 3H), 7.57-7.59 (m, 1H), 8.06 (s, 1H), 8.15-8.17 (br, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 28.0, 33.3, 50.3, 77.6, 112.7, 112.9, 113.8, 114.3, 120.6, 122.2, 123.4, 124.9, 125.1, 127.0, 135.7, 137.5, 164.7, 203.7; IR (film) 3673, 3425, 2971, 2923, 1688, 1606, 1475, 1456, 1318, 1101, 1067, 1006, 990, 883, 863, 806, 757, 696 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (MALDI/DHB) exact mass calcd for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{16}\text{N}_2\text{OBr}^+$ (M+H) requires m/z 367.0440. Found m/z 367.0439. The enantiomeric ratio was determined by Daicel Chiralpak AD-H (25 cm), Hexanes / IPA = 80 / 20, 0.8 $\text{mL}/\text{min}^{-1}$, $\lambda = 254$ nm, t (major) = 15.51 min, t (minor) = 11.38 min.



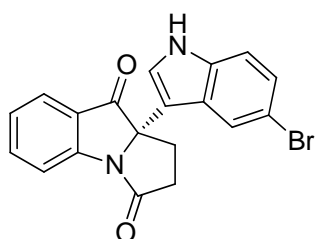
In a dry Schlenk tube, 4Å molecular sieves (10 mg), N-methylmorpholine N-oxide (35 mg, 0.3 mmol), and **4a** (30.6 mg, 0.1 mmol) were stirred in 1 mL acetonitrile at

25°C. Tetrapropylammonium perruthenate (2 mg, 0.005 mmol) was added and the mixture was stirred for 15-45 minutes until consumption of the alcohol was complete (as monitored by TLC). The reaction mixture was filtered through a plug of silica gel (washed with ethyl acetate) and purified by column chromatography (ethyl acetate/petroleum ether = 1/5, v/v) to afford product **6a**.



(S)-9a-(1H-indol-3-yl)-1H-pyrrolo[1,2-a]indole-3,9(2H,9aH)-dione (6a)

White solid (77% yield) following silica gel column chromatography. Analytical data for **6a**: Mp = 208-210 °C; $[\alpha]_D^{20} = +162.1^\circ$ (c = 1.0 Acetone, 97% ee); $^1\text{H NMR}$ (300 MHz, CD_3OD) δ 2.50-2.59 (m, 2H), 2.77-2.90 (m, 2H), 7.01 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.11 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.23-7.28 (m, 2H), 7.34 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.61 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.70-7.79 (m, 2H), 7.92 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (100 MHz, CD_3SOCD_3) δ 28.3, 34.4, 73.5, 111.0, 112.1, 116.2, 119.2, 119.8, 121.6, 123.2, 123.4, 124.4, 124.7, 125.0, 137.1, 137.3, 149.7, 173.5, 199.1; IR (film) 3332, 2926, 2853, 1709, 1602, 1460, 1430, 1341, 1219, 1179, 1095, 837, 750, 674 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (EI) exact mass calcd for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{14}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2$ requires m/z 302.1055. Found m/z 302.1057. The enantiomeric ratio was determined by Daicel Chiralpak AD-H (25 cm), Hexanes / IPA = 80 / 20, 1.0 $\text{mL}/\text{min}^{-1}$, $\lambda = 254$ nm, t (major) = 19.83 min, t (minor) = 17.70 min.

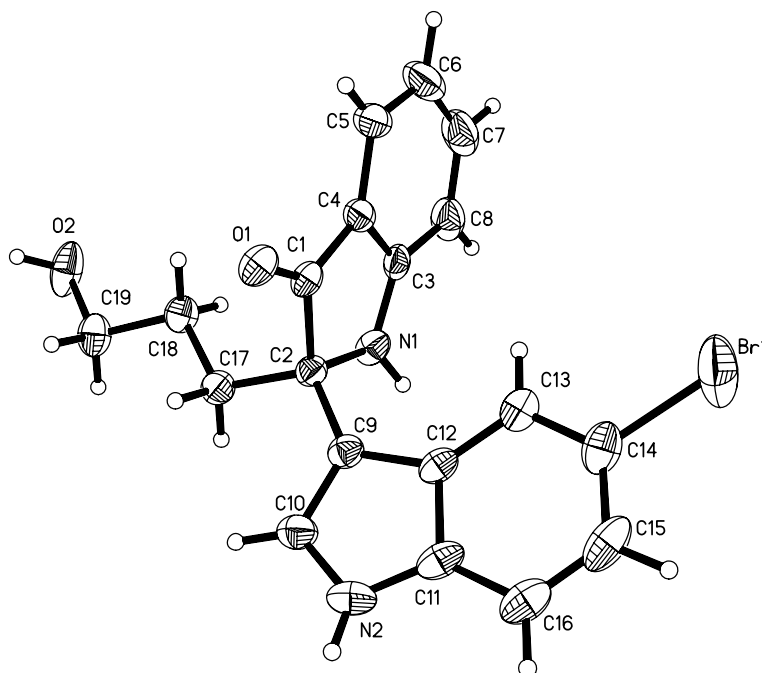


(S)-9a-(5-bromo-1H-indol-3-yl)-1H-pyrrolo[1,2-a]indole-3,9(2H,9aH)-dione (6g)

White solid (72% yield) following silica gel column chromatography. Analytical data for **6g**: Mp = 132-134 °C; $[\alpha]_D^{20} = +239^\circ$ (c = 0.3 Acetone, 98% ee); $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CD_3OD) δ 2.51-2.60 (m, 2H), 2.72-2.76 (m, 1H), 2.86-2.95 (m, 1H), 7.21 (dd, $J_1 = 2.0$ Hz, $J_2 = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.25-7.29 (m, 2H), 7.31 (s, 1H), 7.63 (dd, $J_1 = 0.8$ Hz, $J_2 = 8.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.74 (dt, $J_1 = 1.2$ Hz, $J_2 = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.92 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.96 (d, $J = 2.0$ Hz, 1H); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (100 MHz, CD_3OD) δ 30.1, 35.4, 75.3, 112.5, 113.8, 114.5,

117.6, 123.8, 125.1, 125.9, 126.2, 126.2, 126.4, 127.6, 137.8, 138.1, 150.9, 175.7, 200.6; IR (film) 2926, 2853, 1704, 1602, 1464, 1339, 1230, 1216, 1177, 1099, 982, 880, 797, 670 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (EI) exact mass calcd for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{13}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2\text{Br}$ requires m/z 380.0160. Found m/z 380.0157. The enantiomeric ratio was determined by Daicel Chiralpak AD-H (25 cm), Hexanes / IPA = 80 / 20, 1.0 $\text{mL}/\text{min}^{-1}$, $\lambda = 254 \text{ nm}$, t (major) = 36.45 min, t (minor) = 14.58 min.

3. Crystal data and structure refinement for (*S*)-5g



ORTEP diagram at 30% thermal ellipsoids (CCDC 808591)

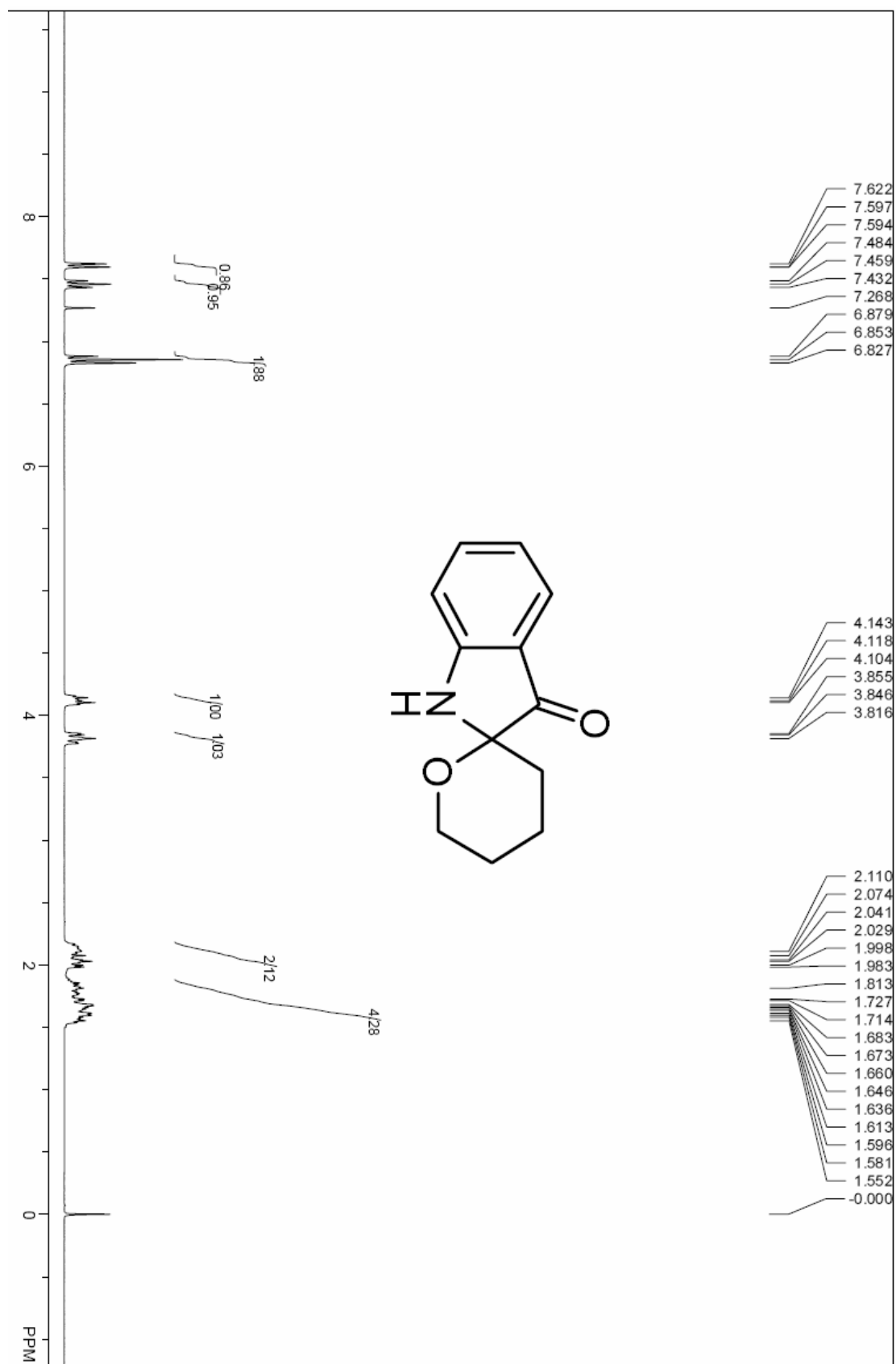
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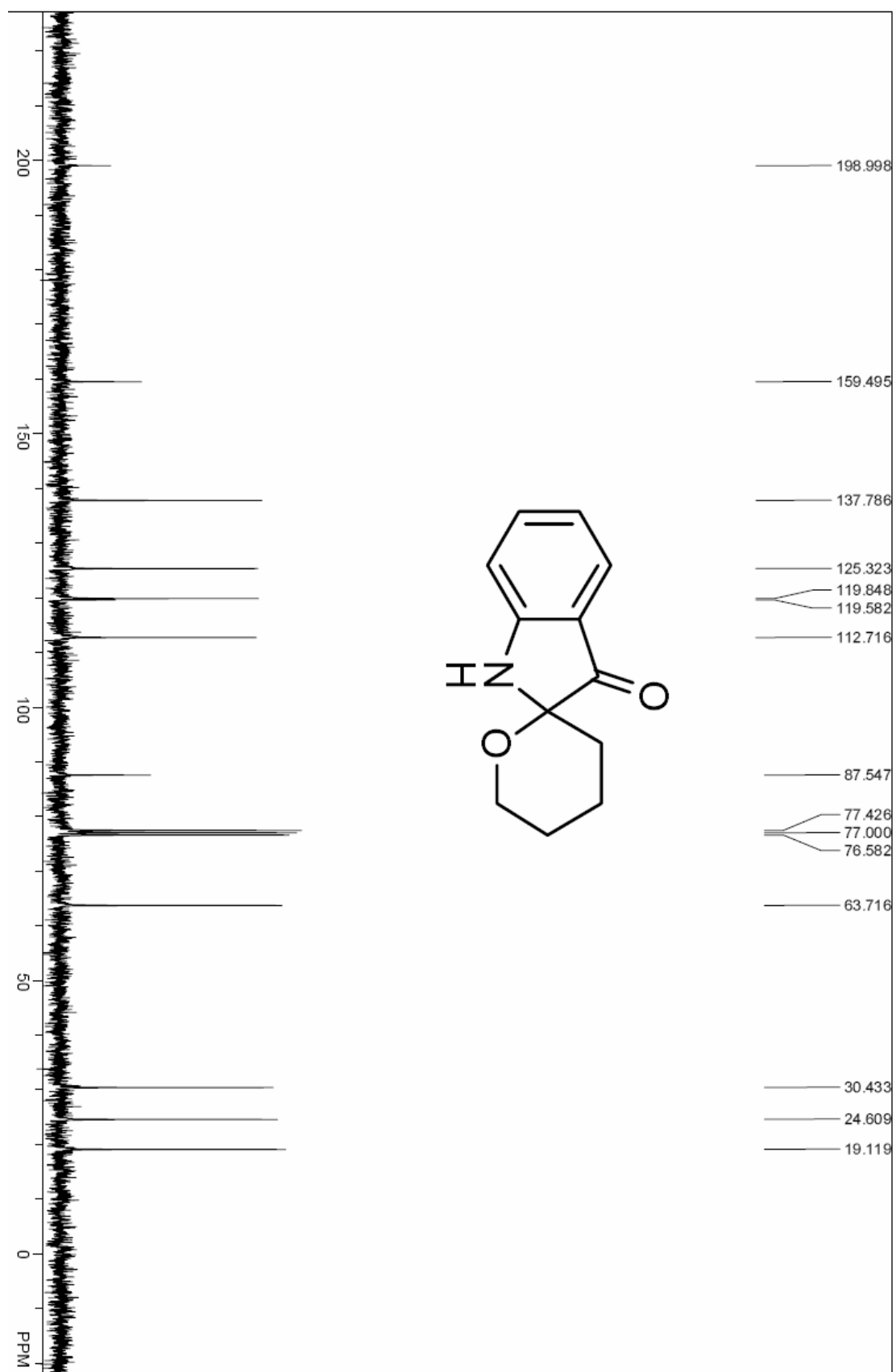
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Z, Calculated density	4, 1.478 Mg/m ³

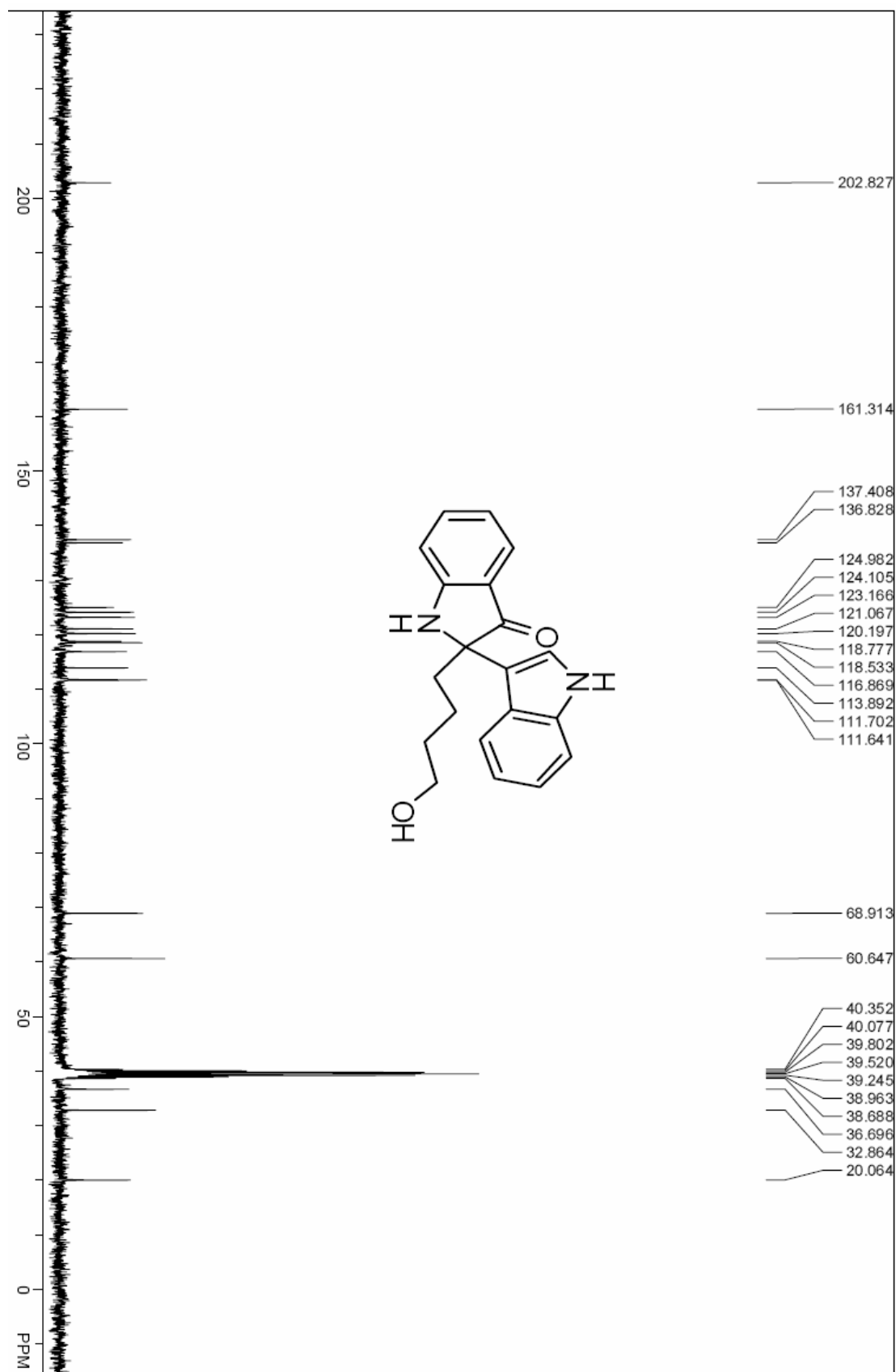
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Reflections collected / unique 10420 / 3934 [R(int) = 0.0324]
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Absorption correction Empirical
Max. and min. transmission 1.0000 and 0.5638
Refinement method Full-matrix least-squares on F²
Data / restraints / parameters 3934 / 3 / 229
Goodness-of-fit on F² 1.027
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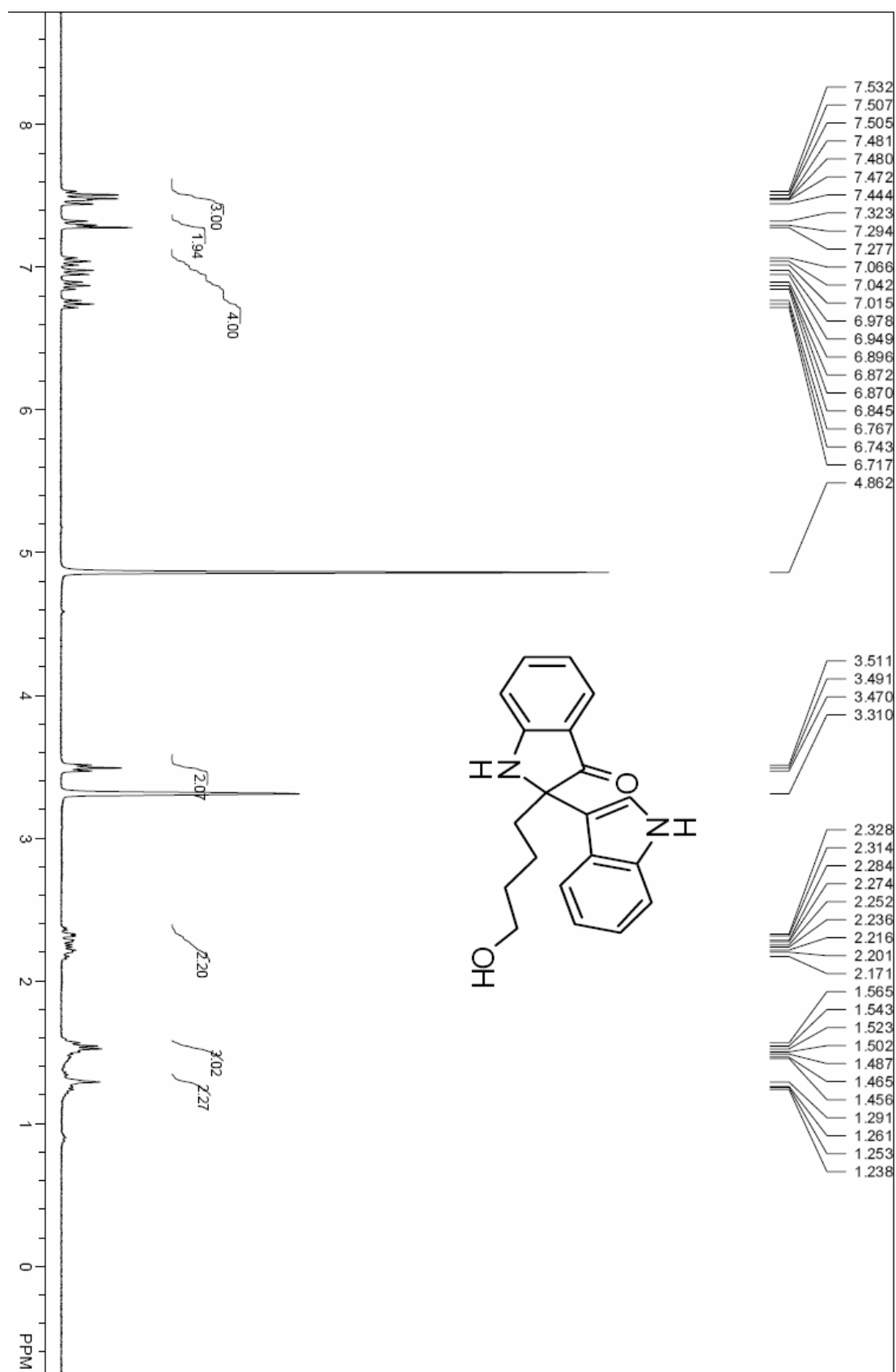
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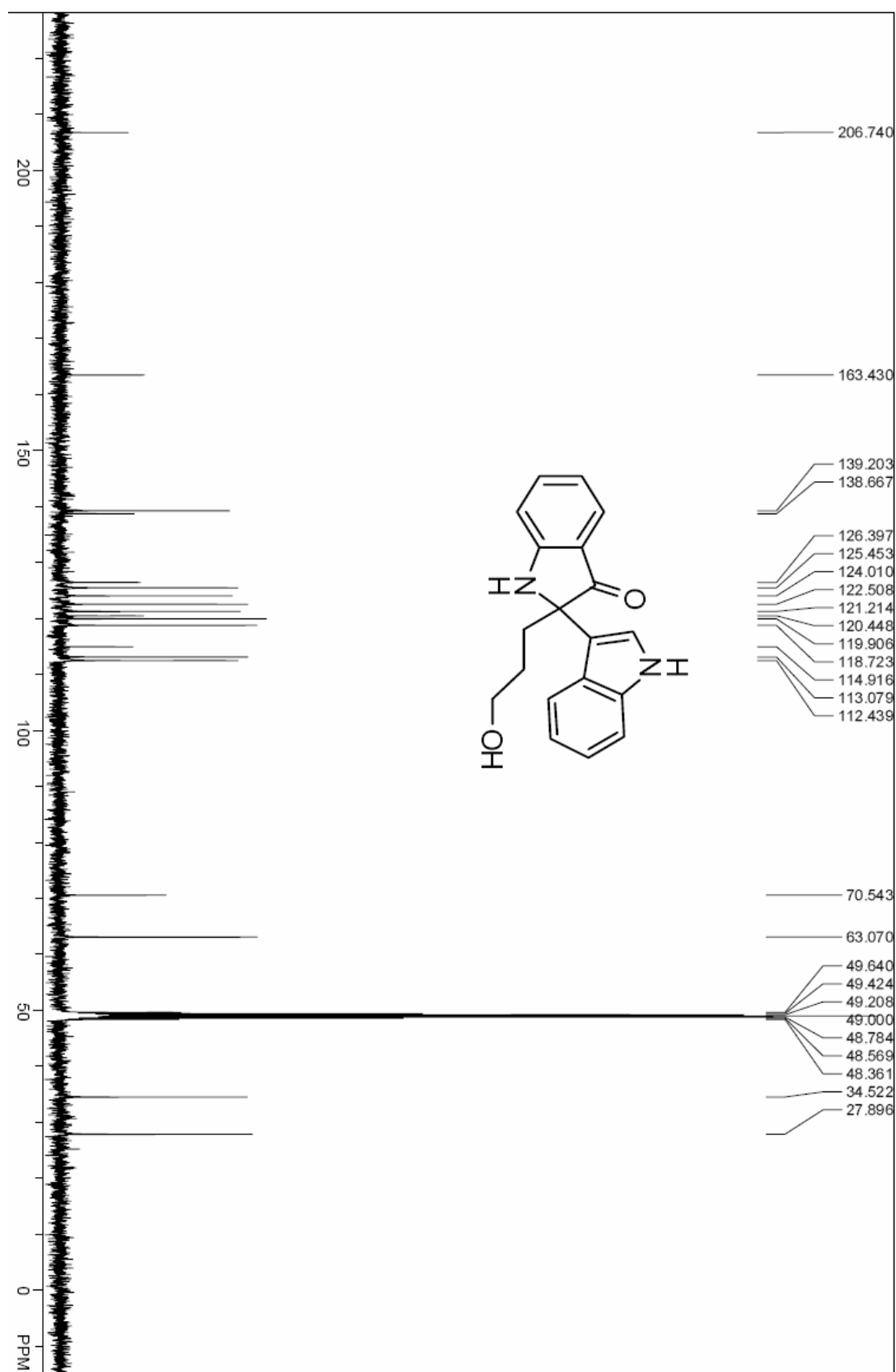
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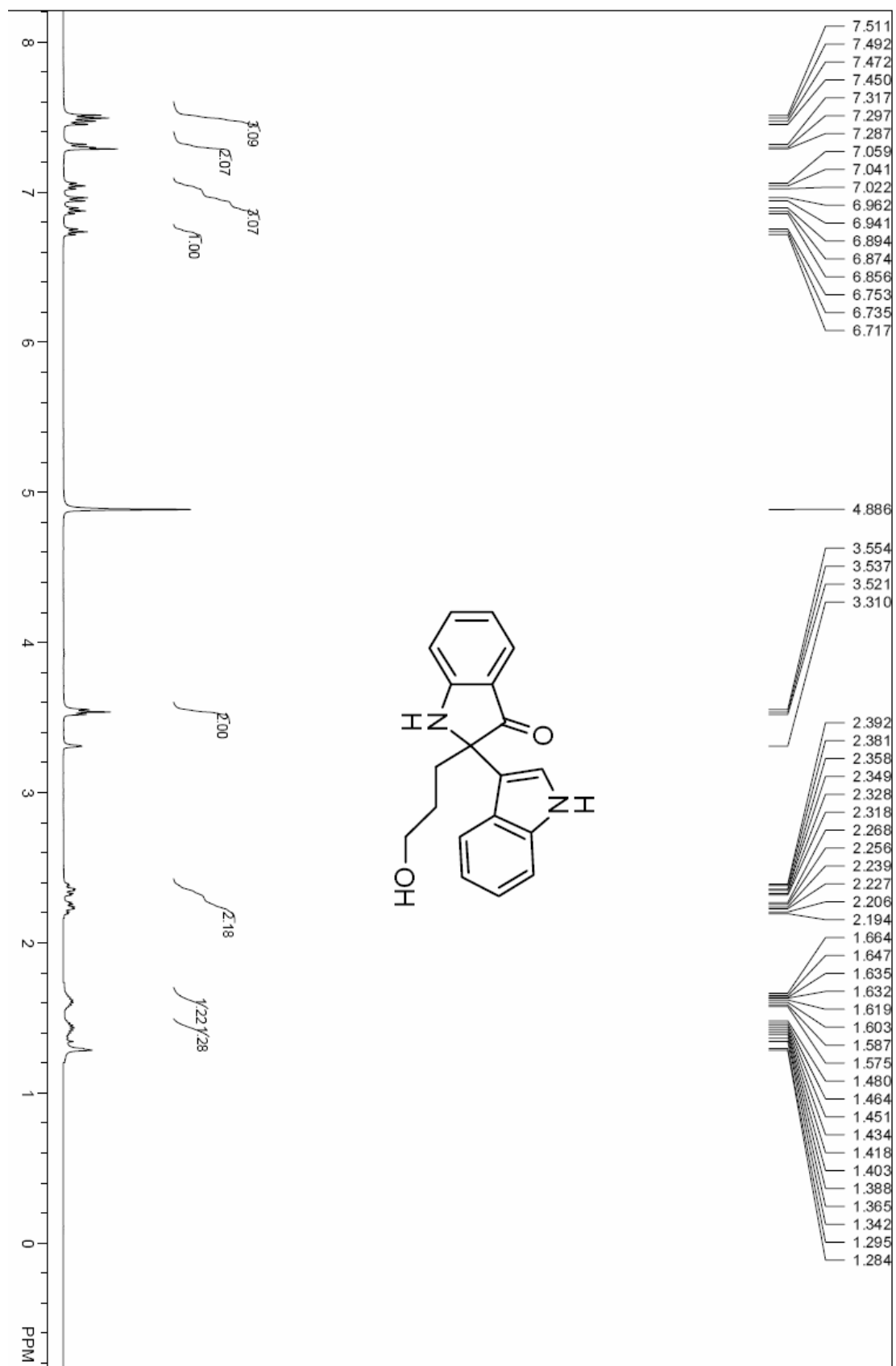


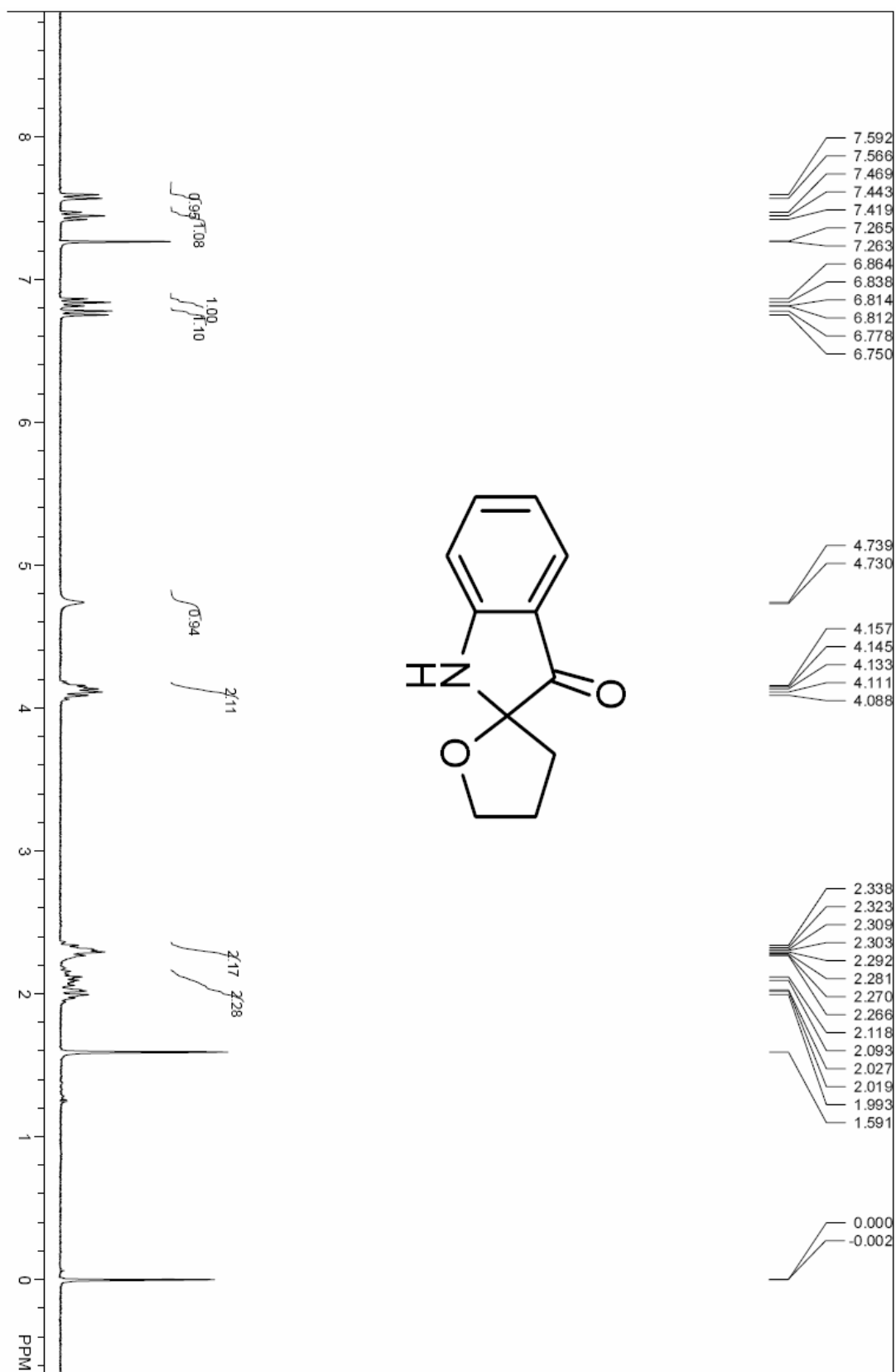


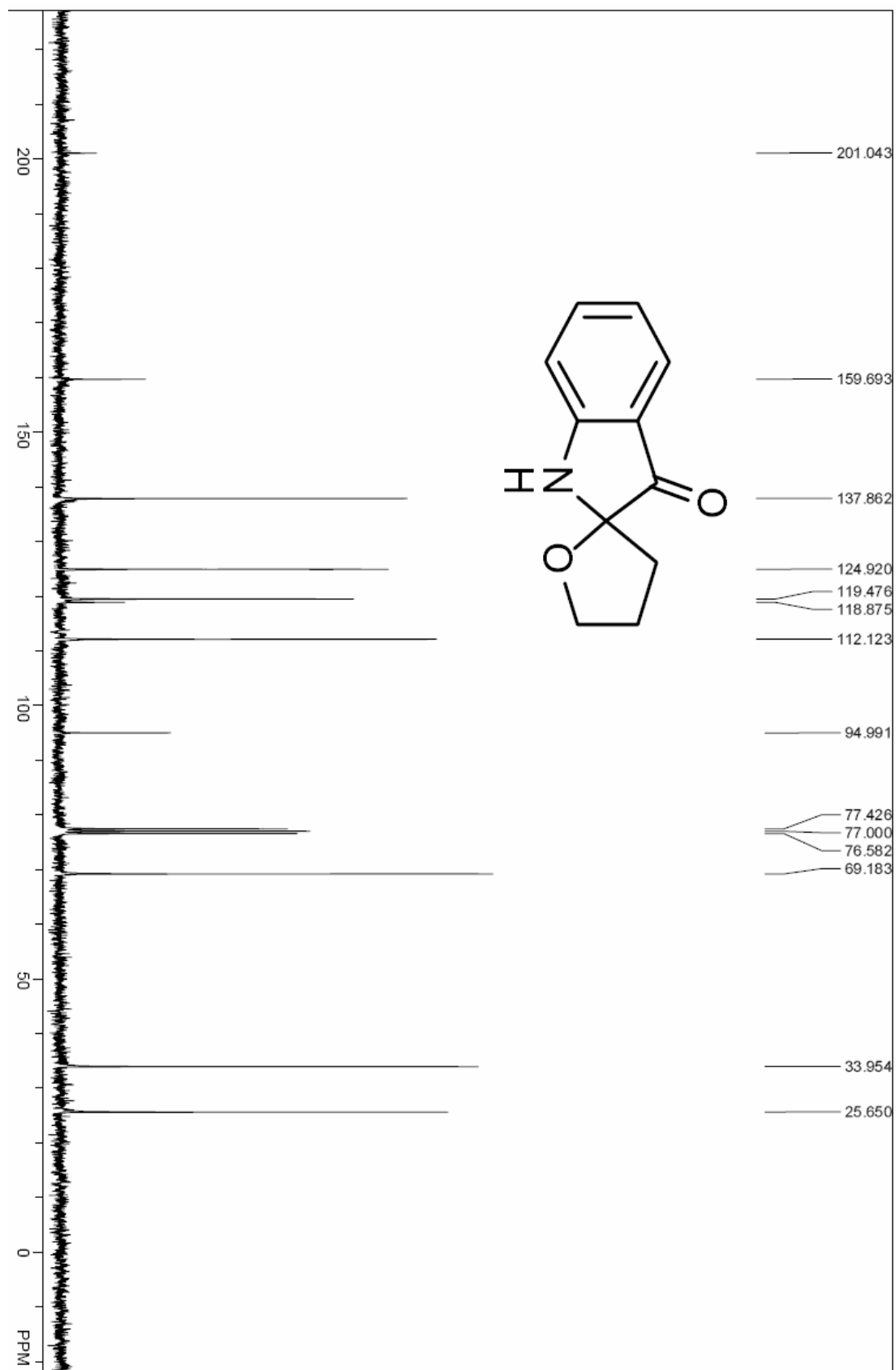


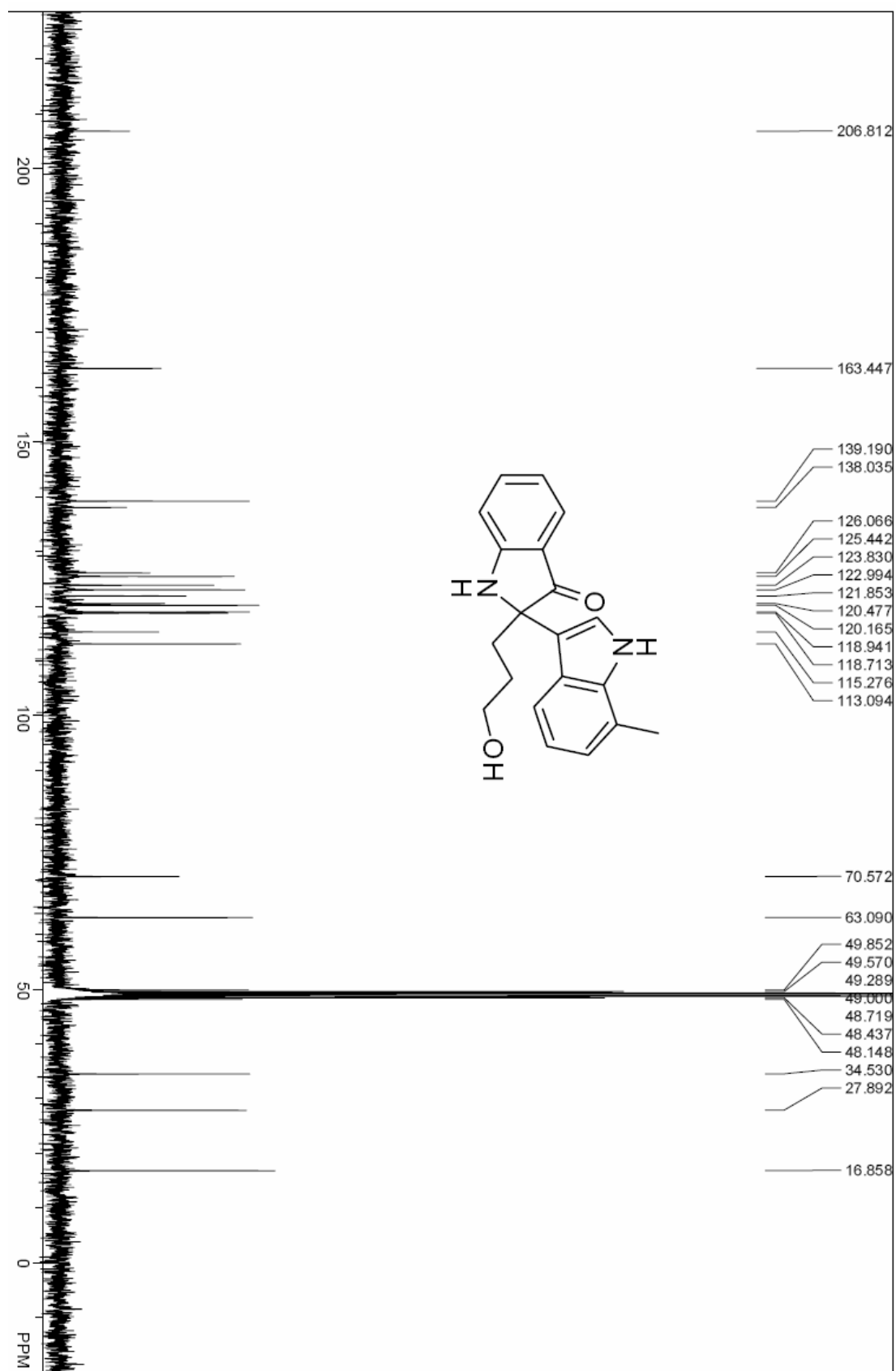


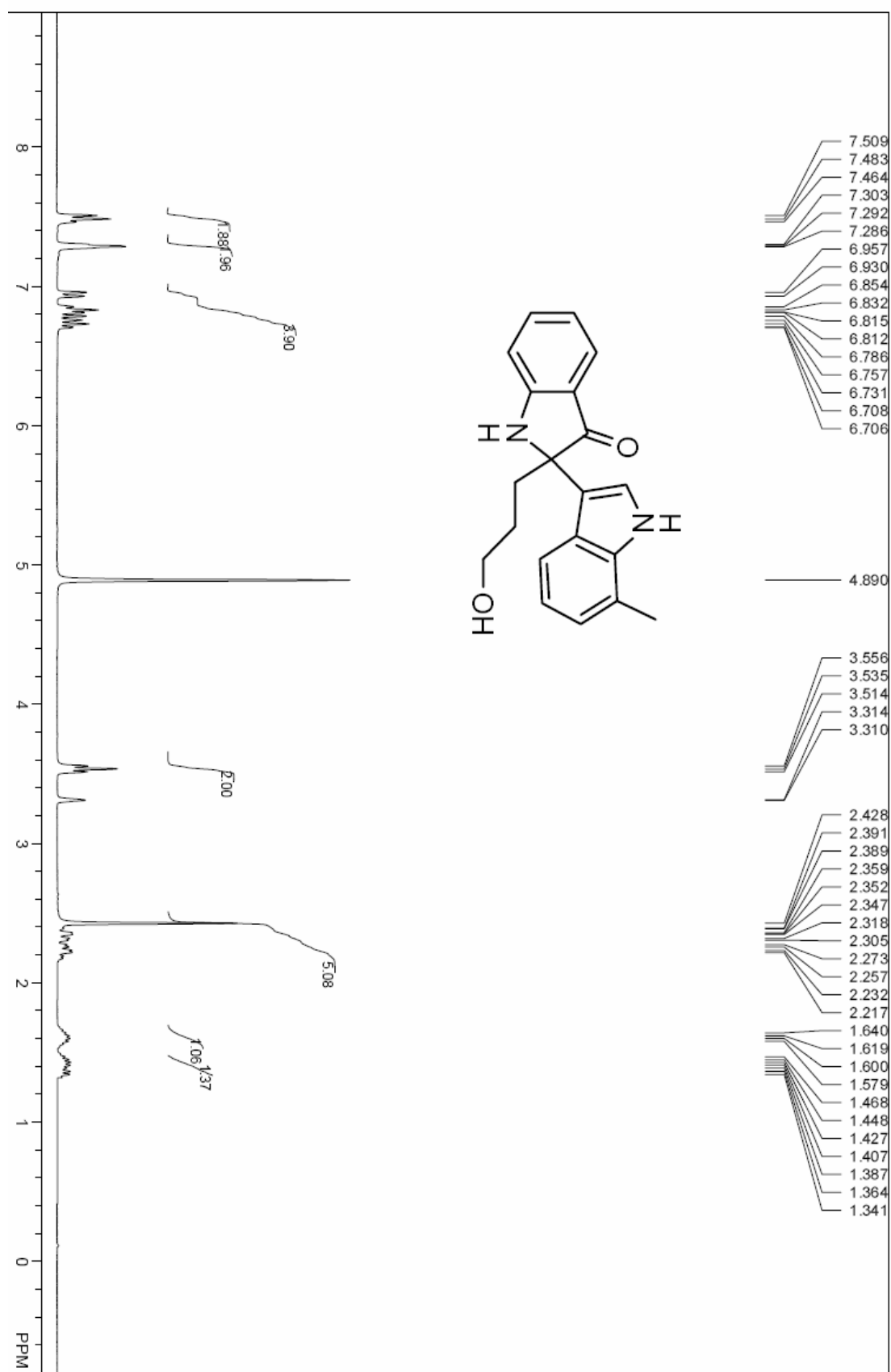


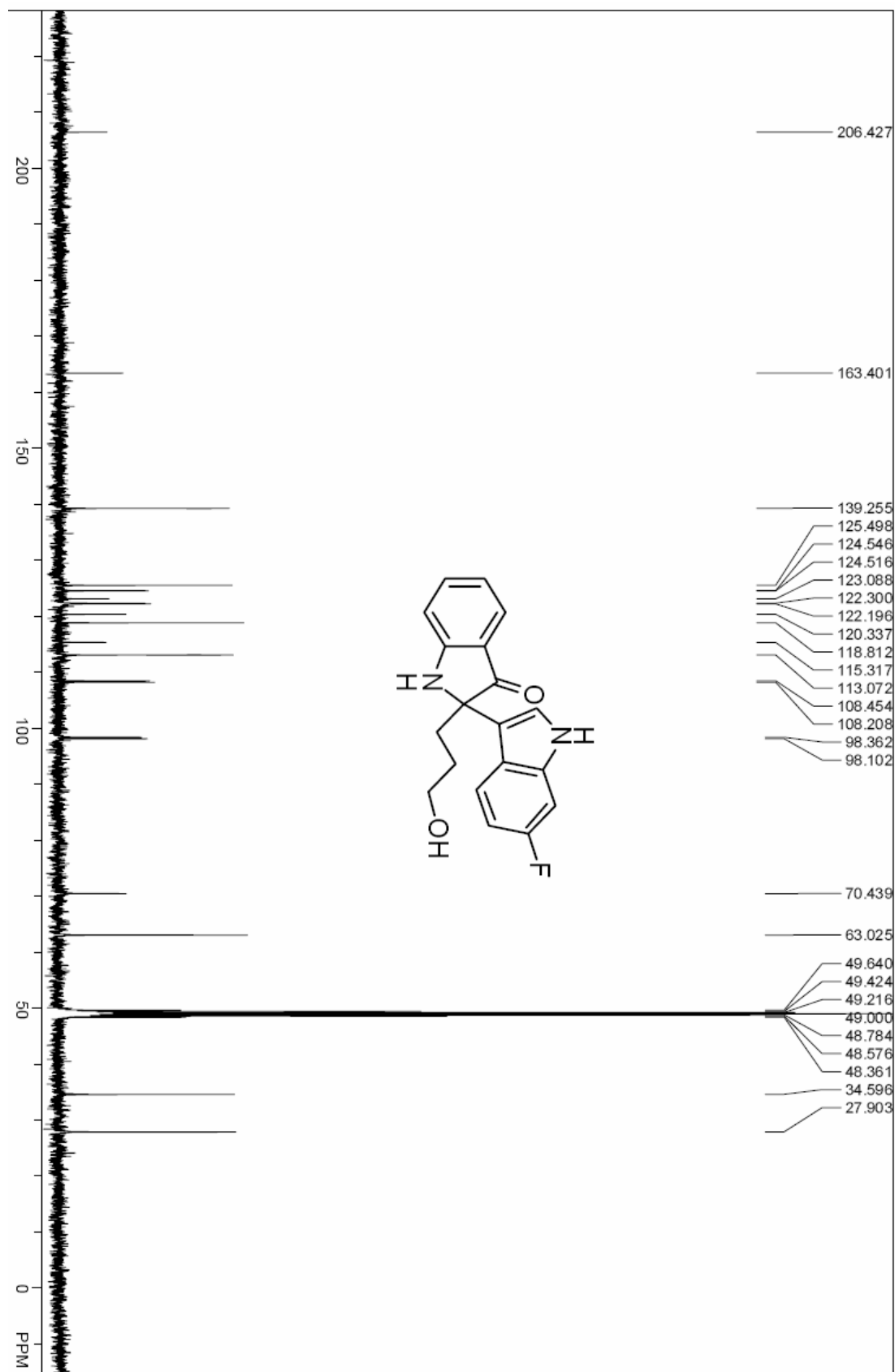


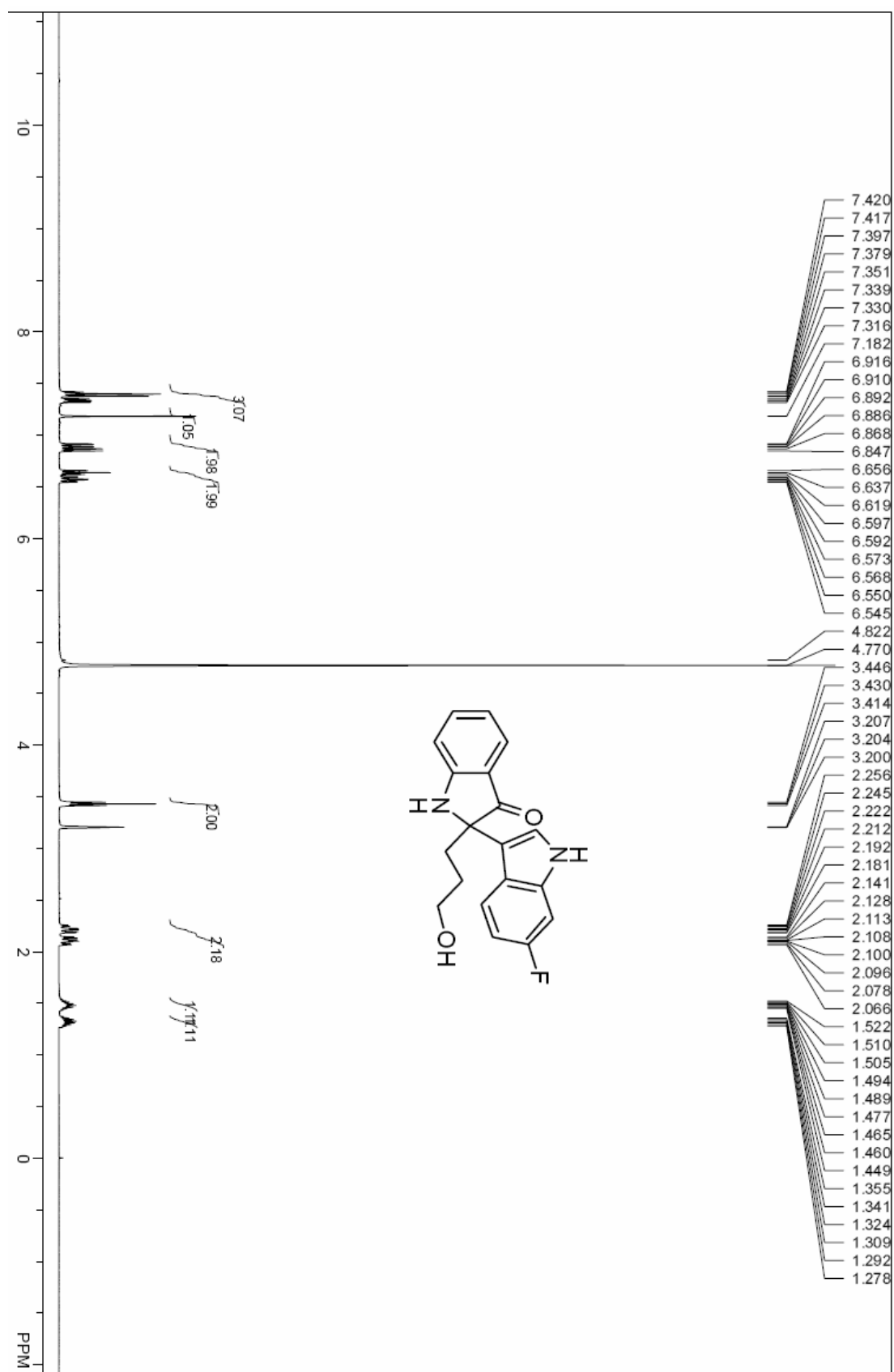


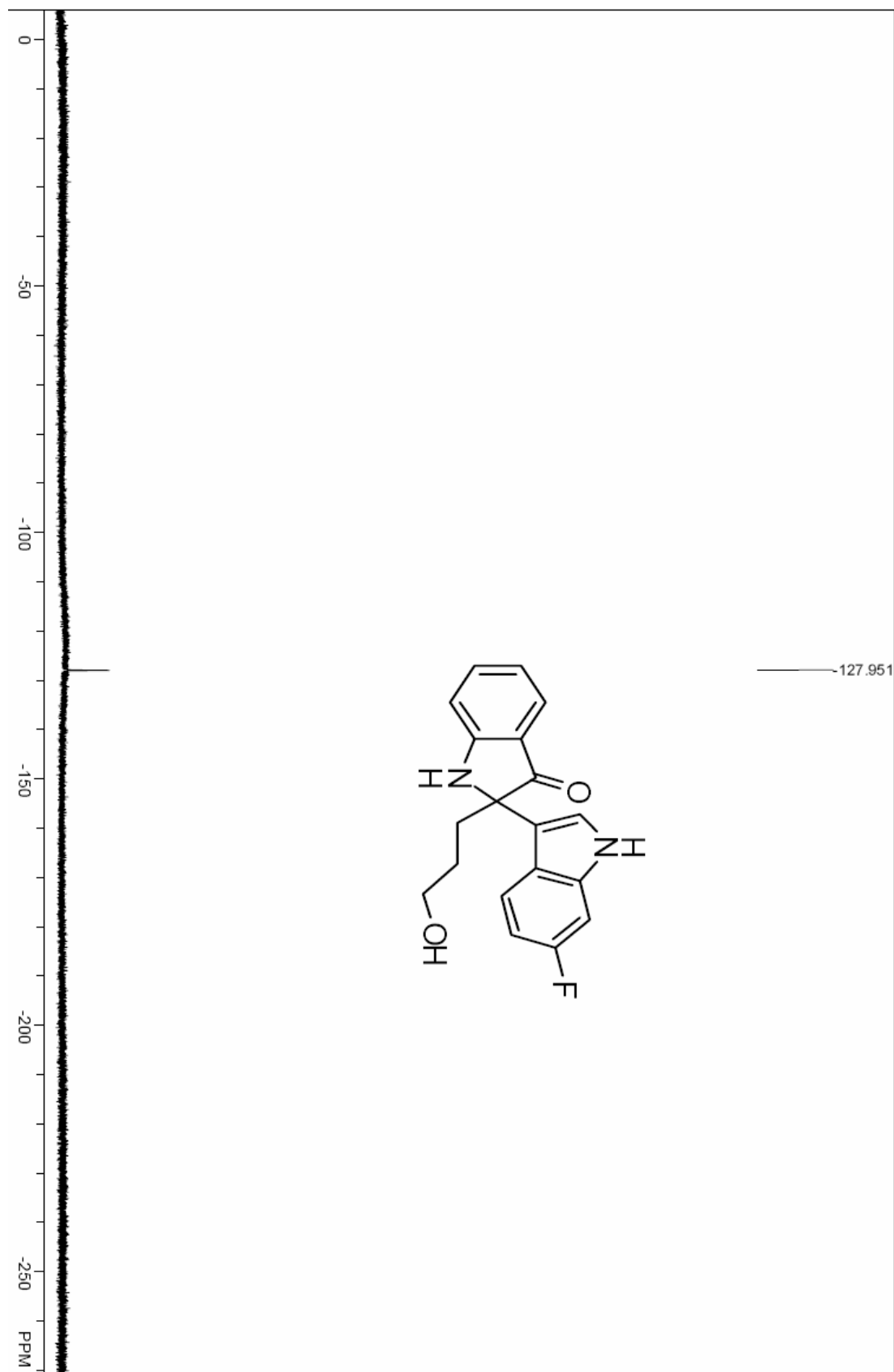


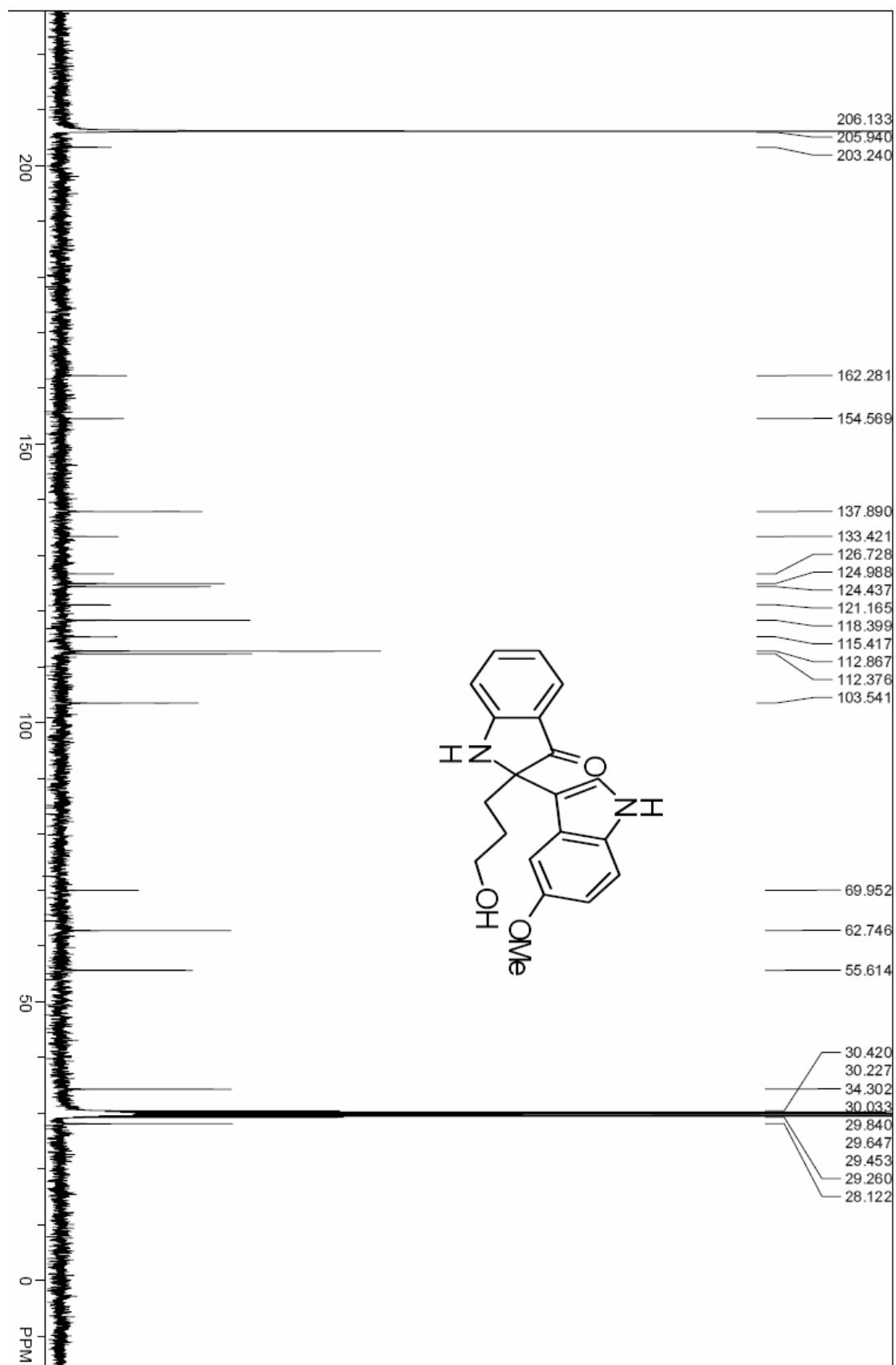


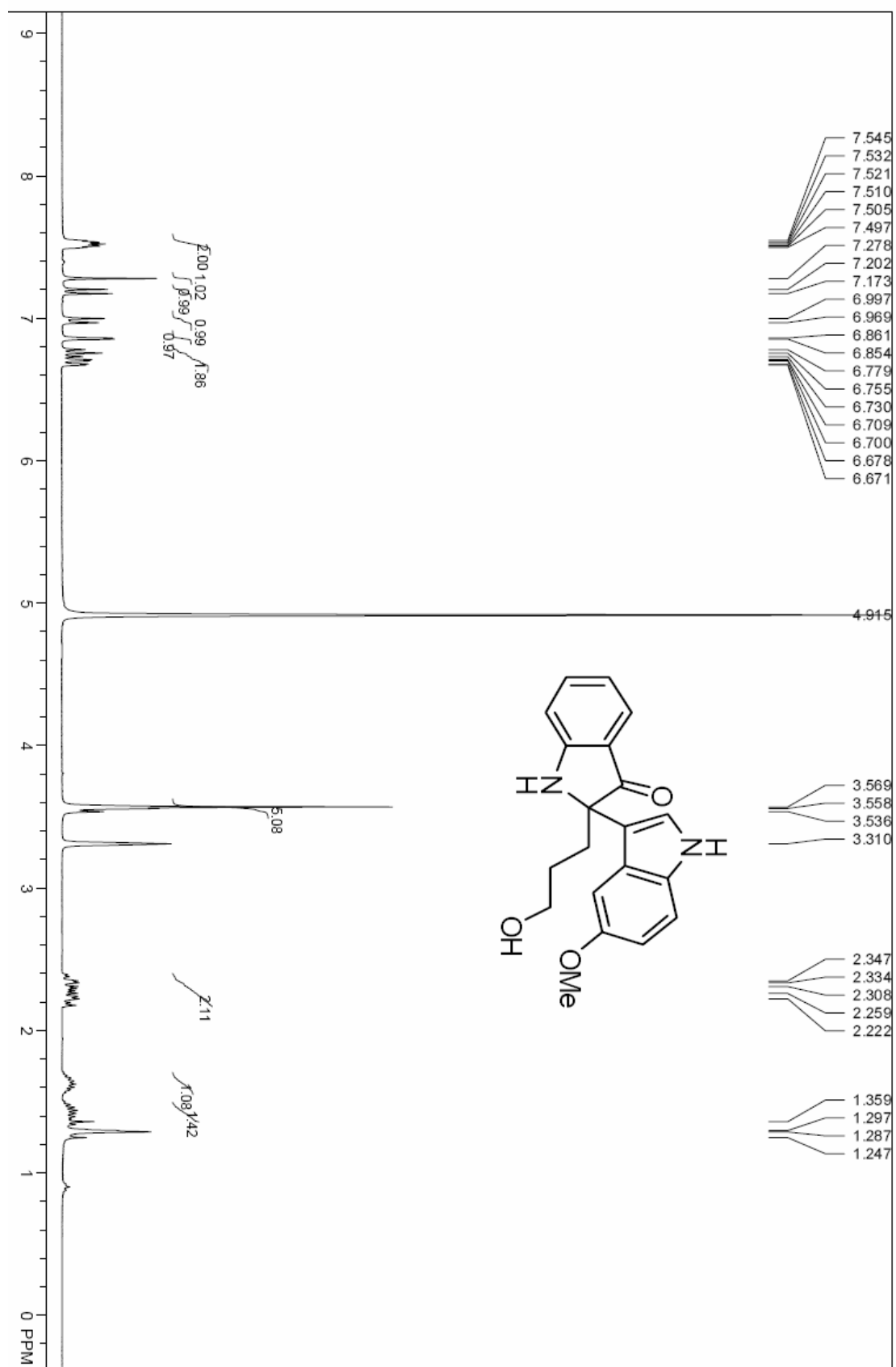


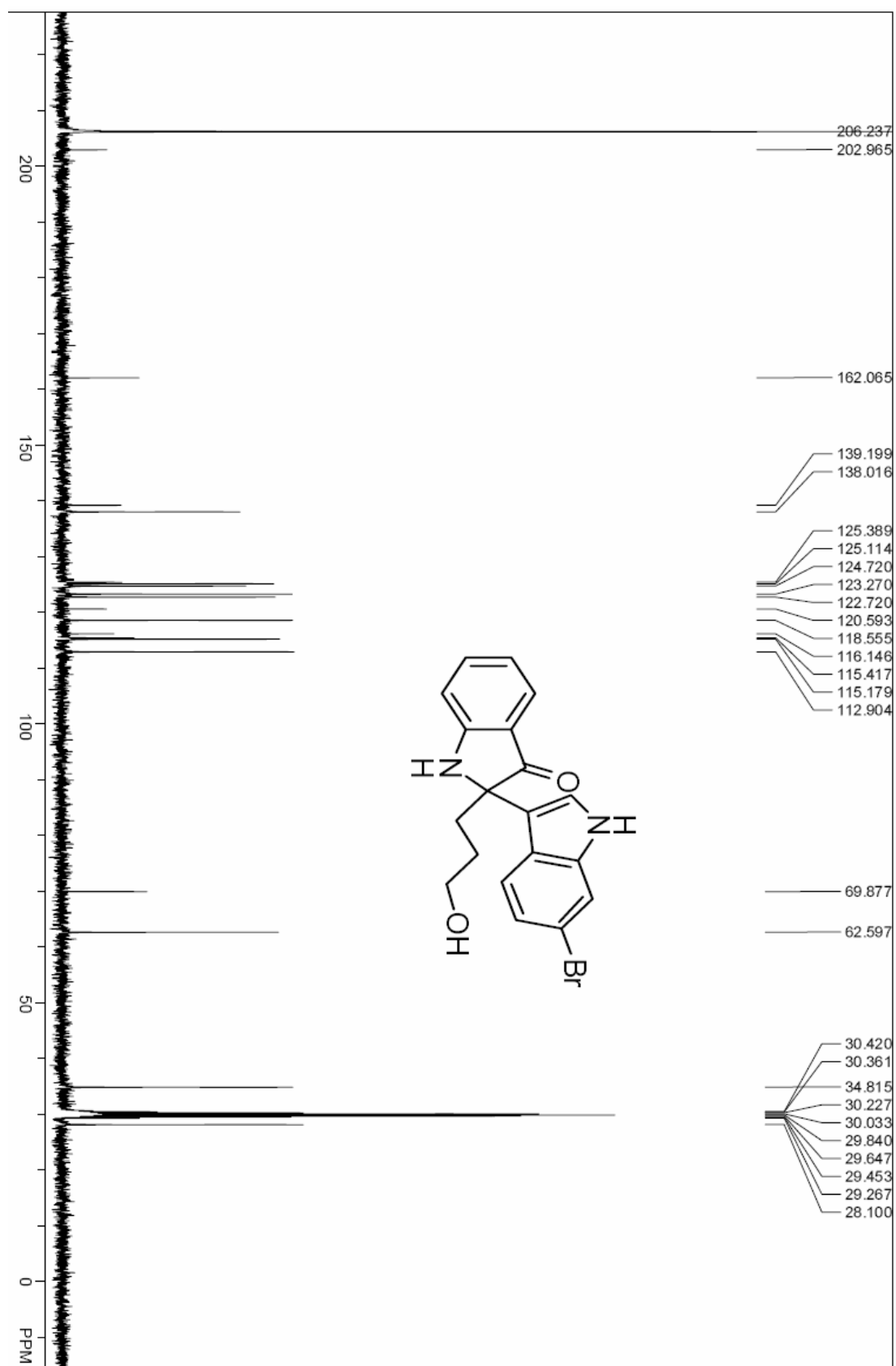


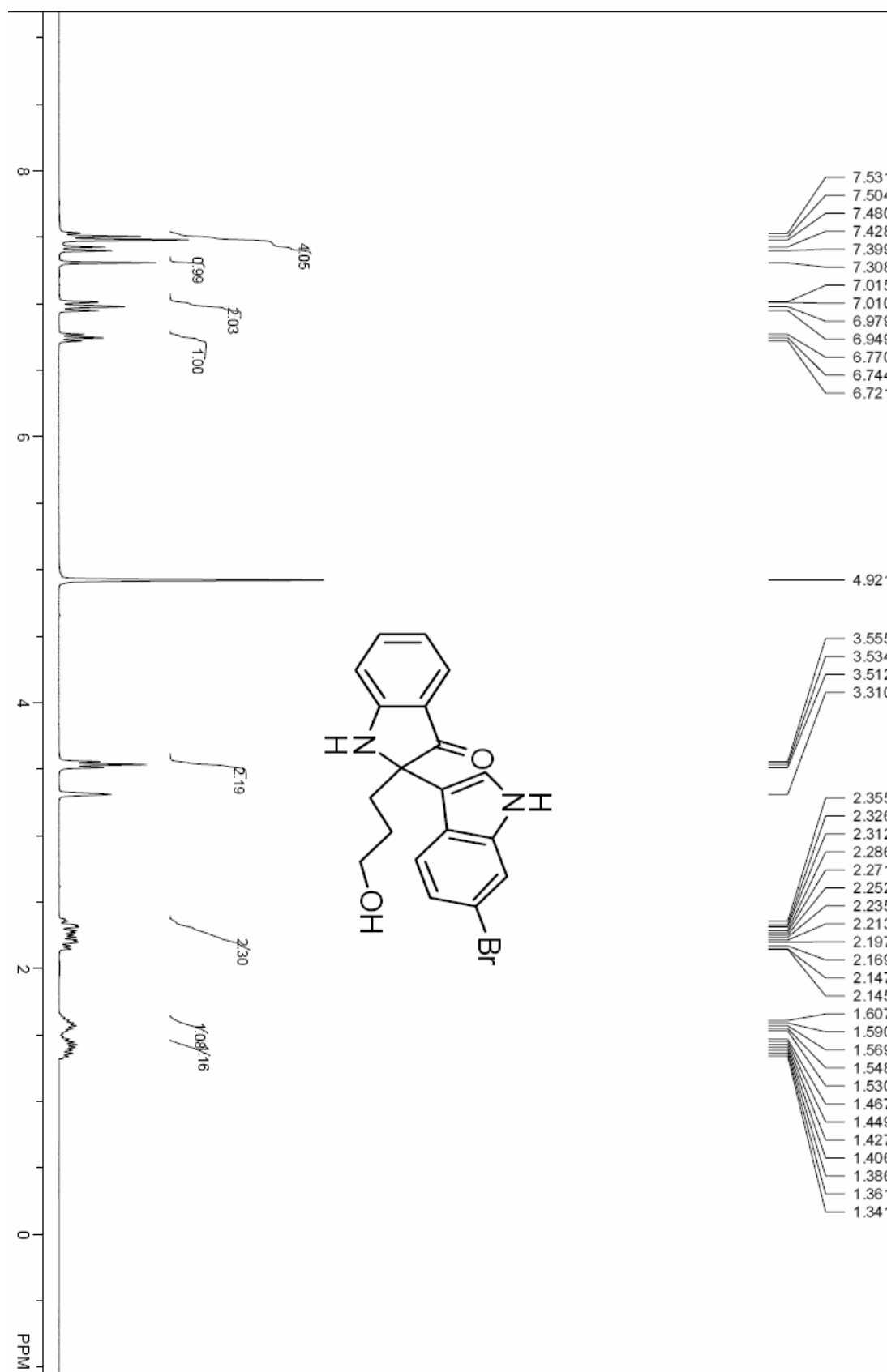


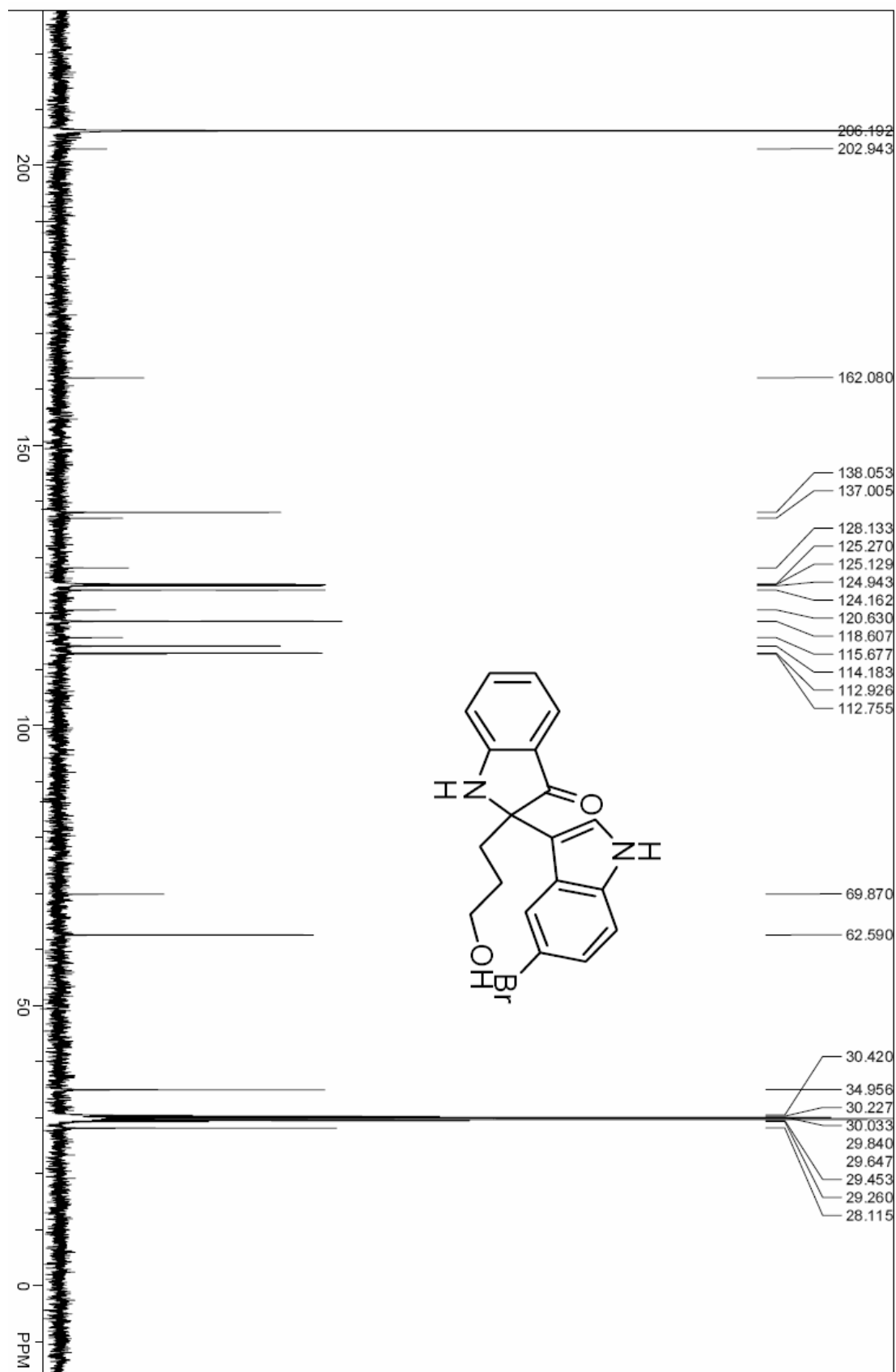


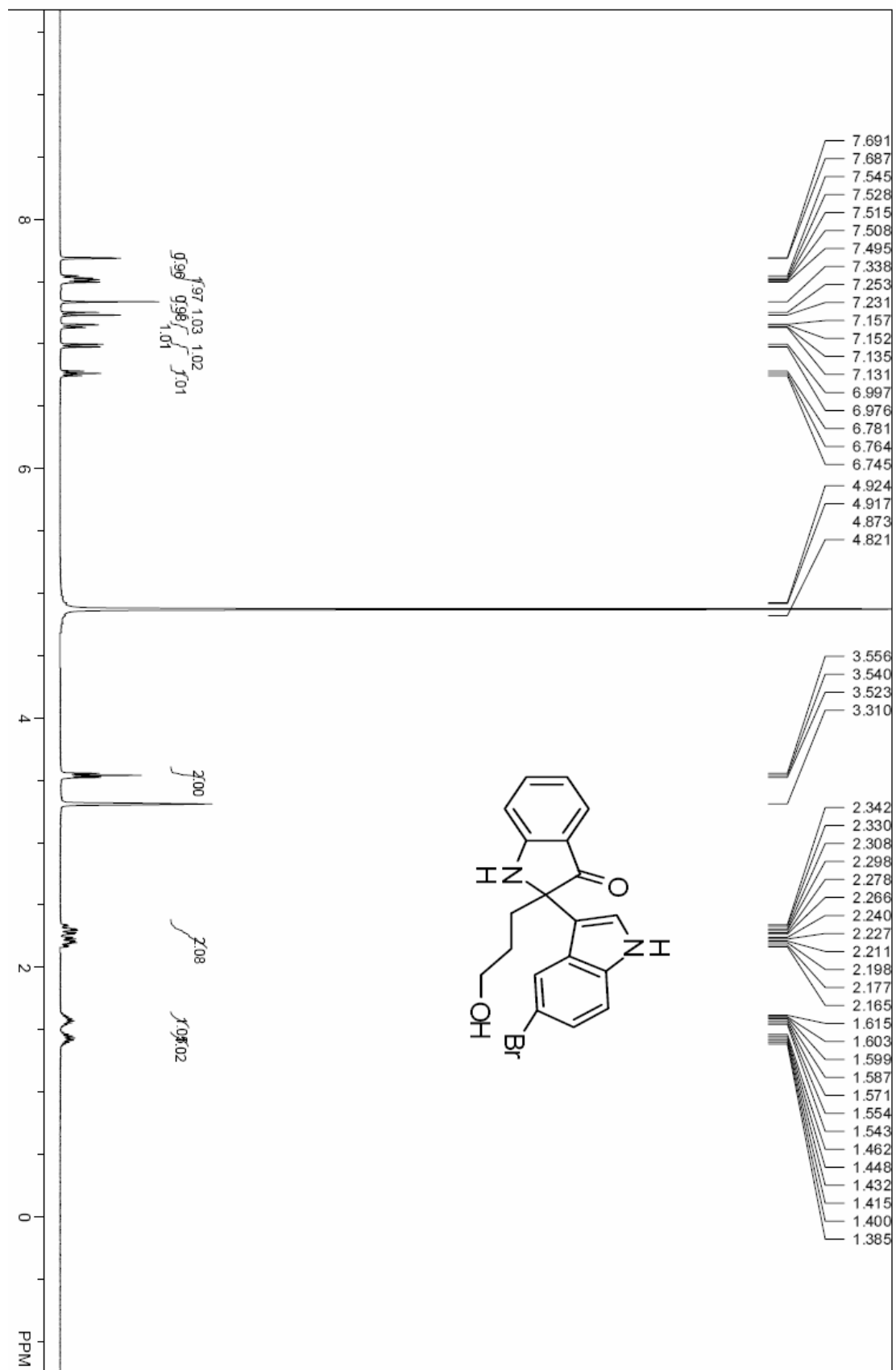


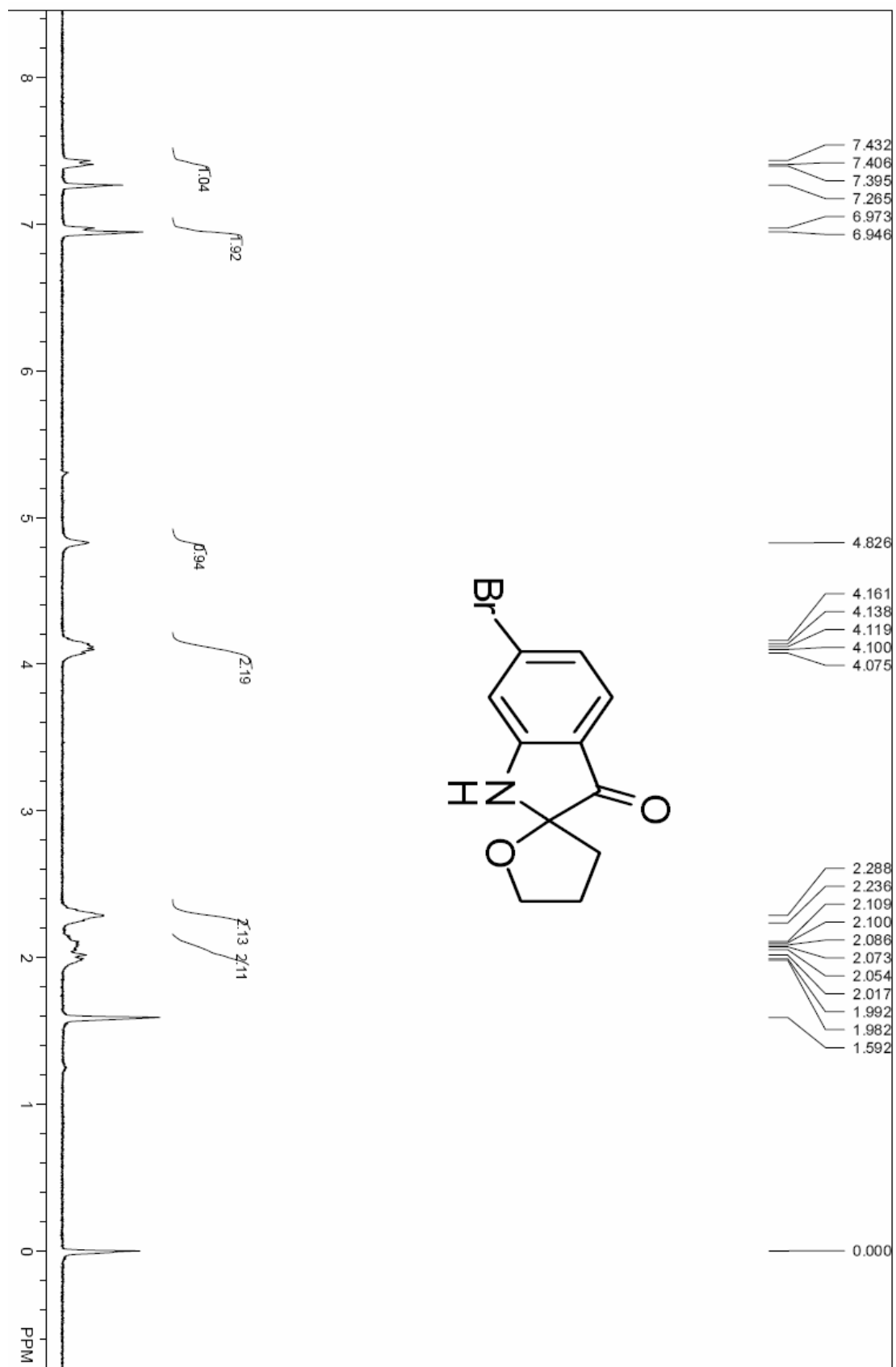


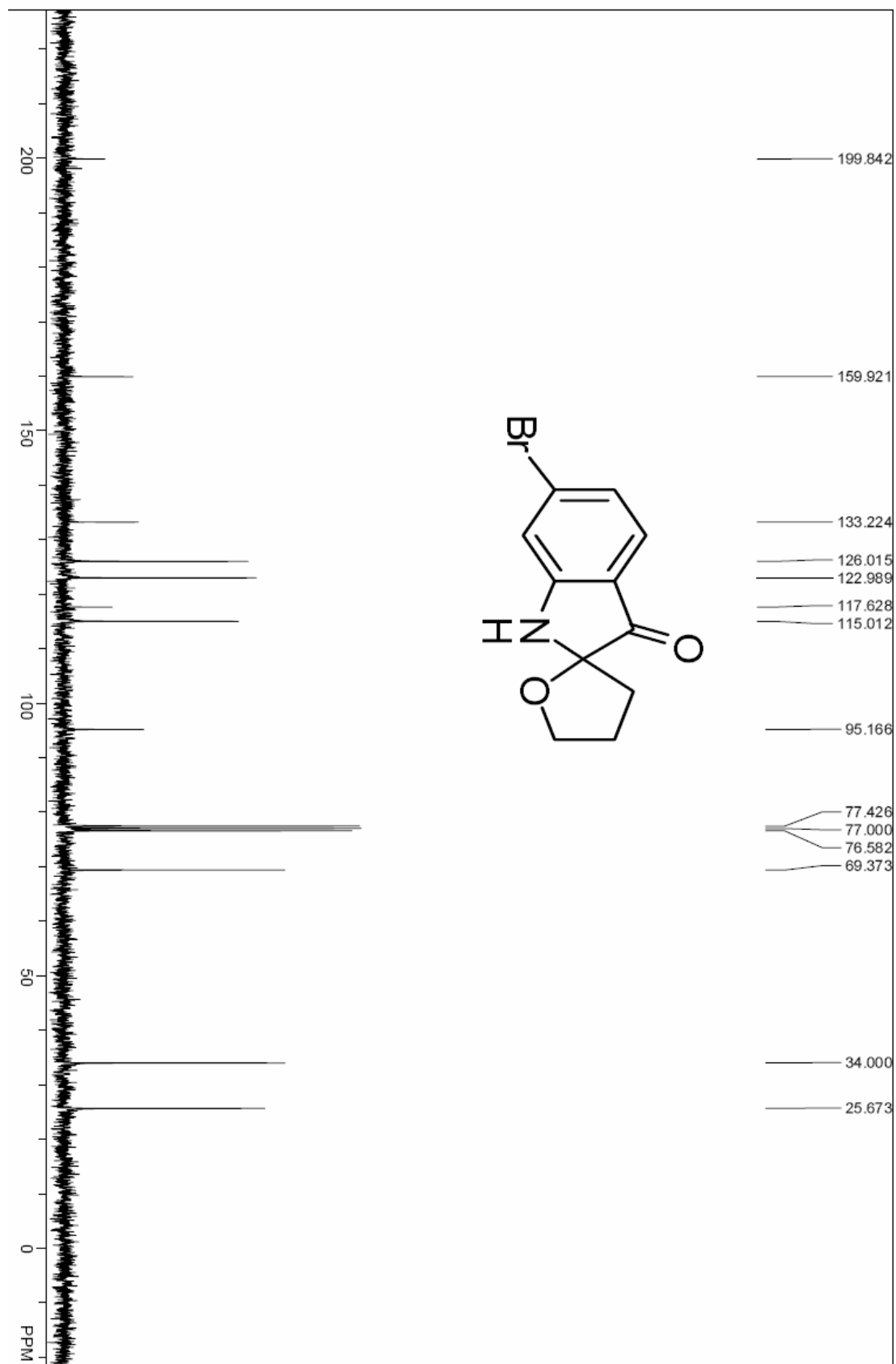


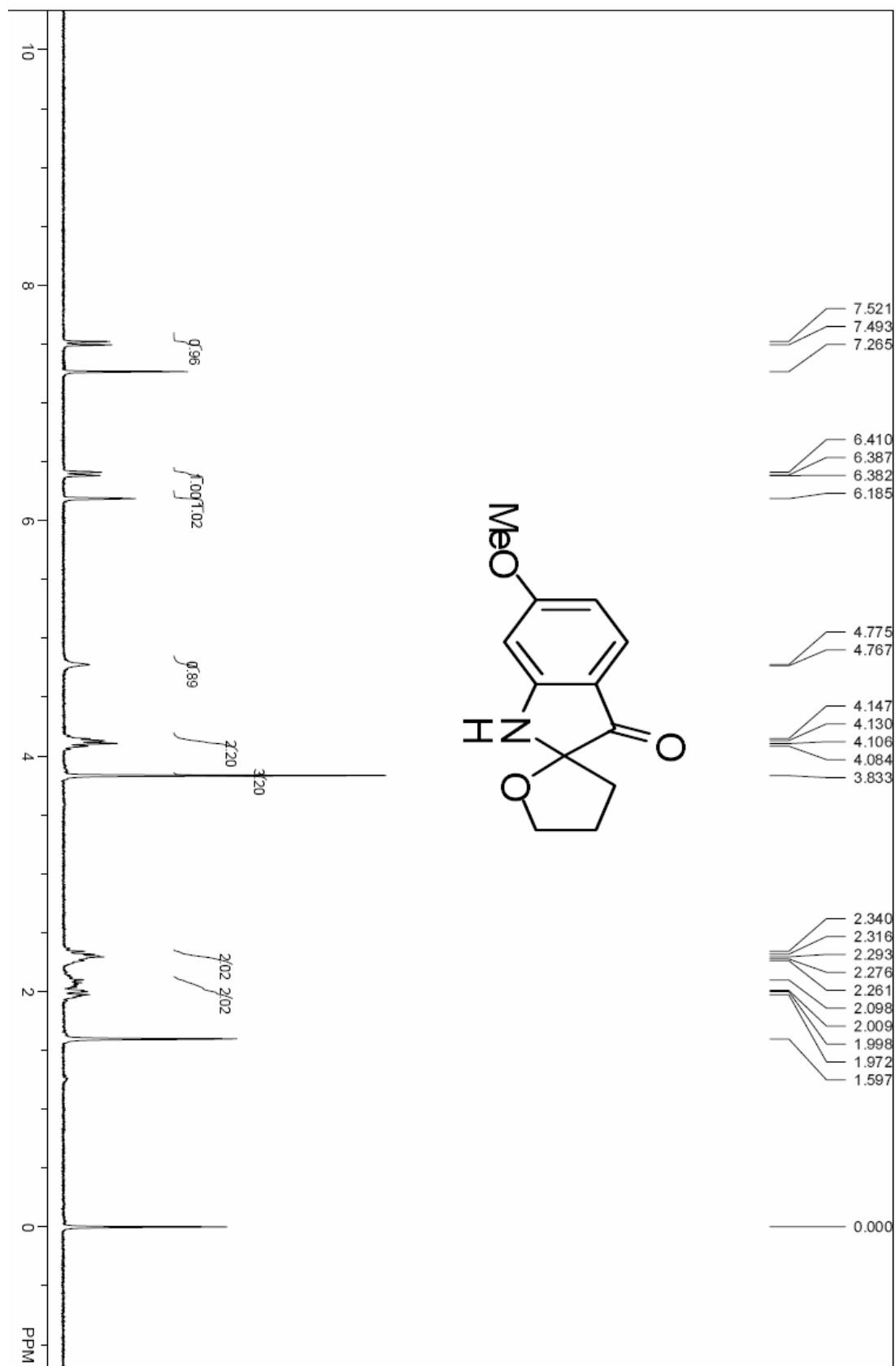


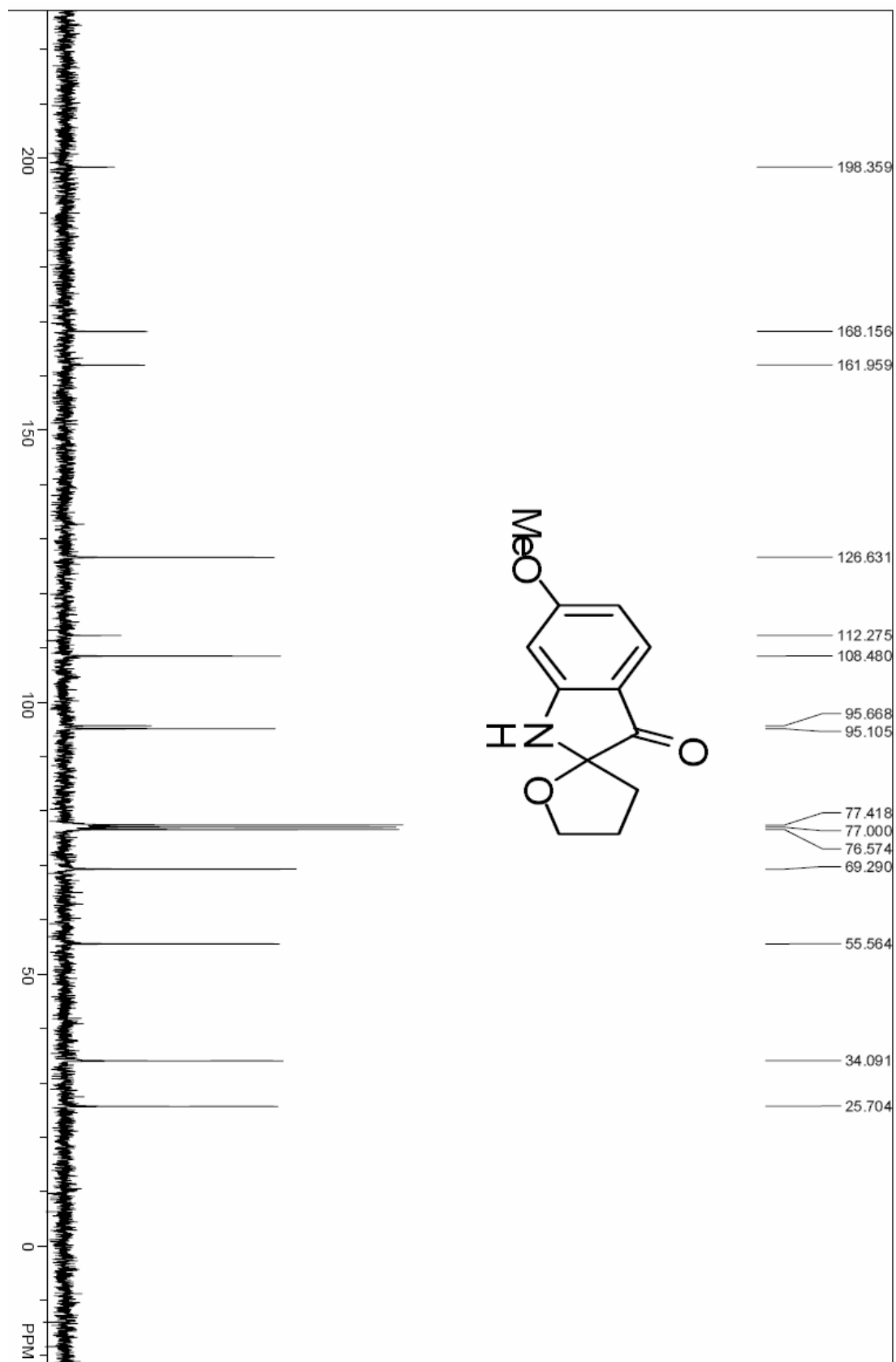


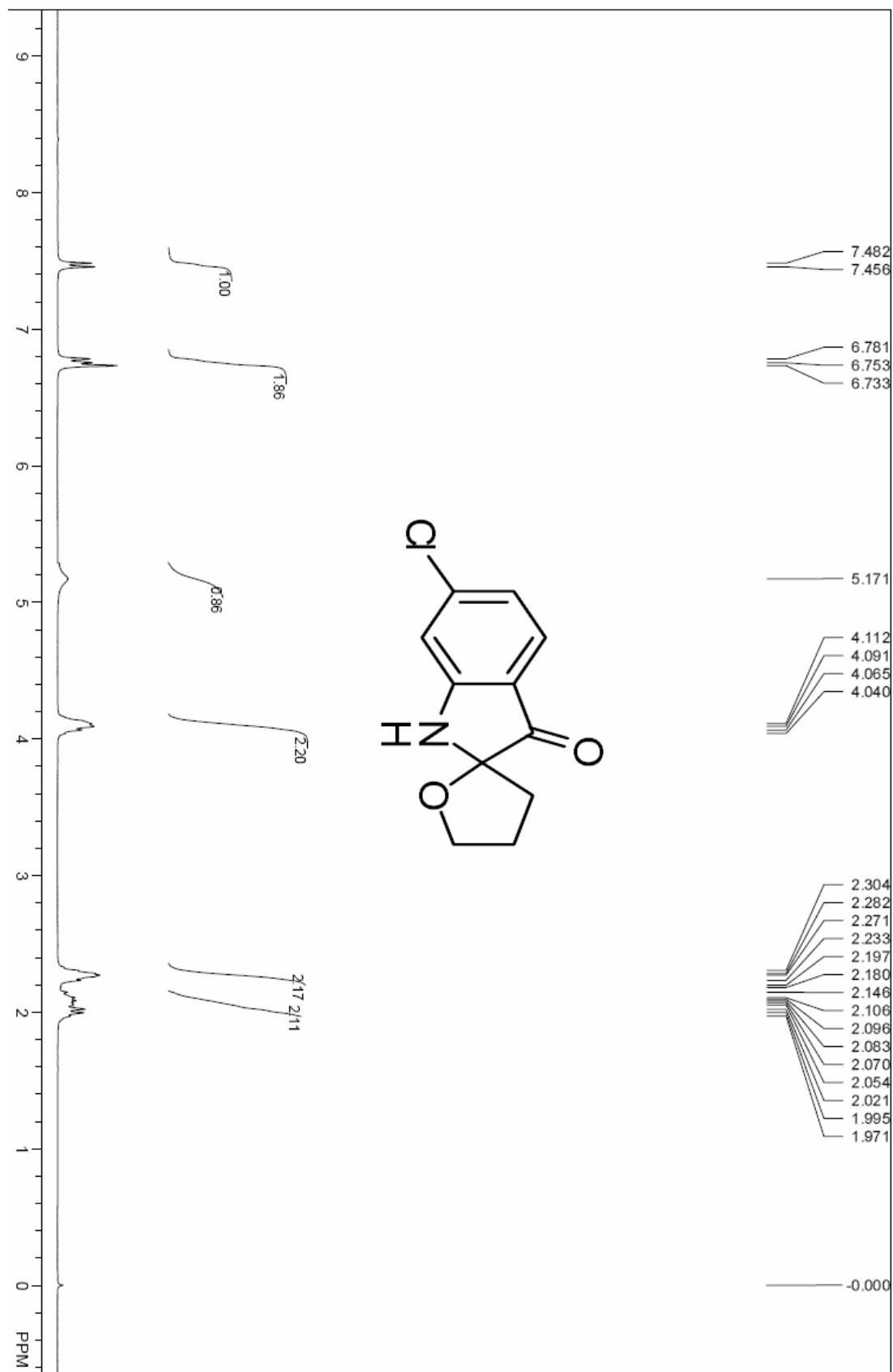


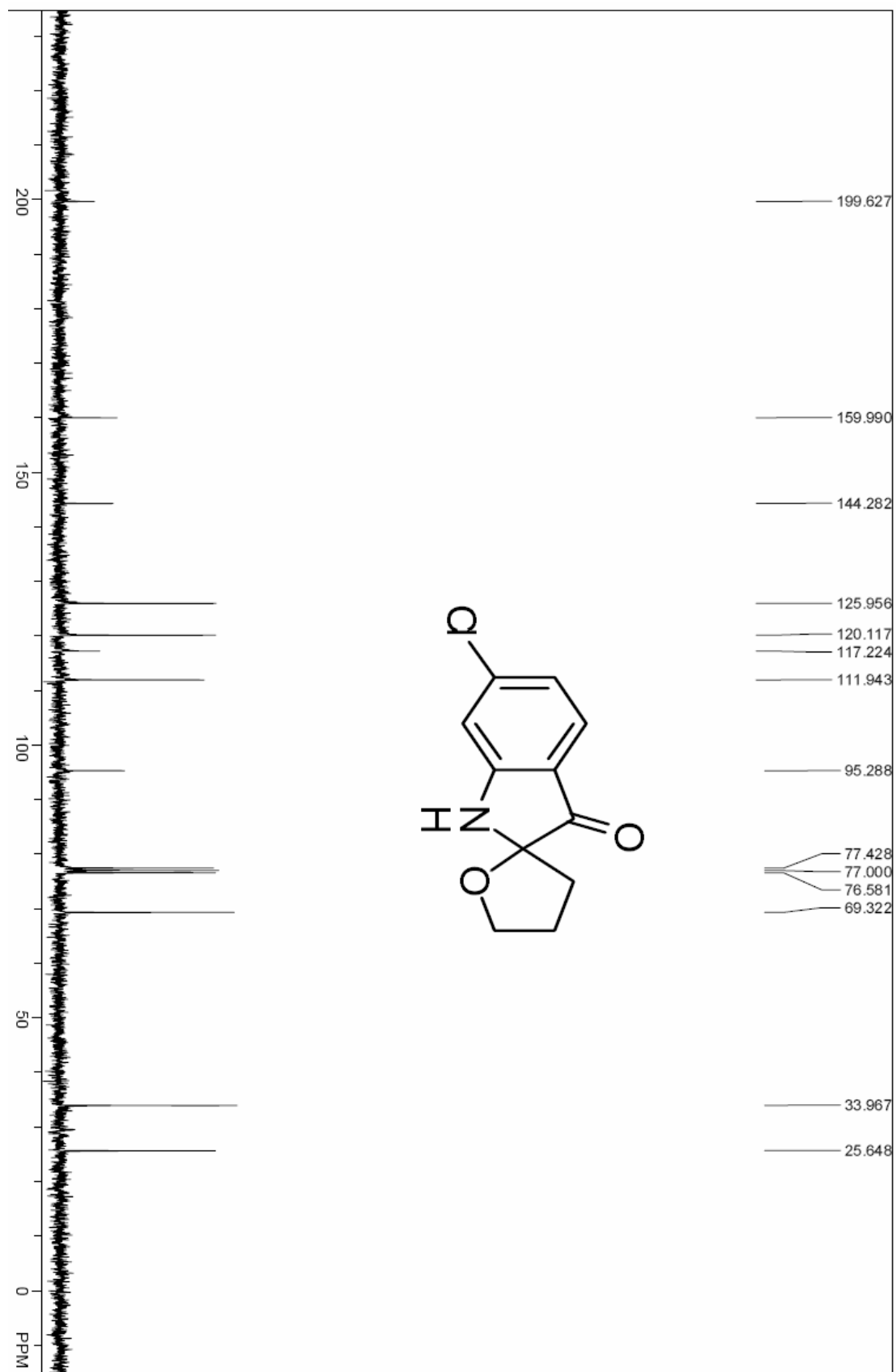


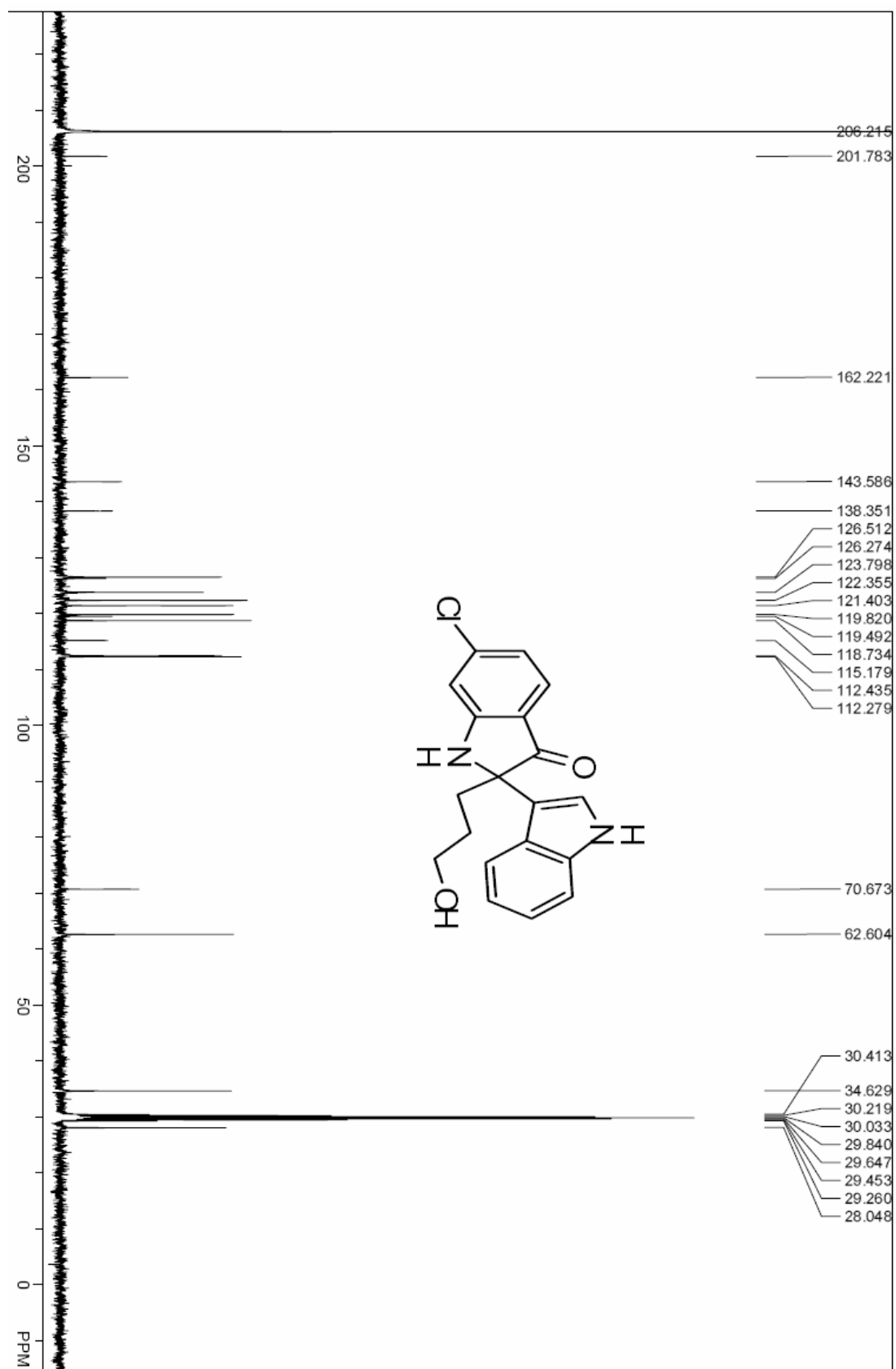


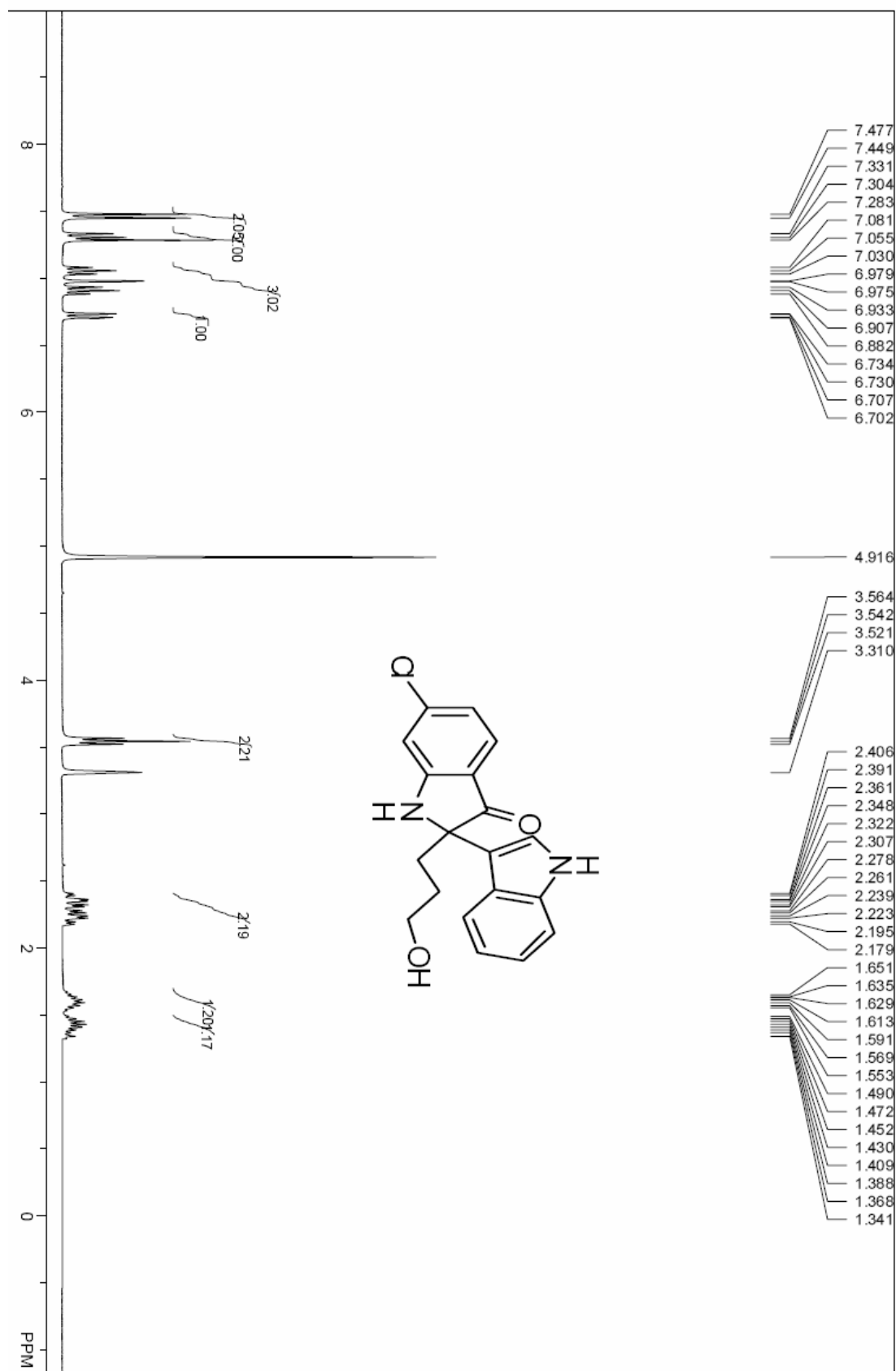


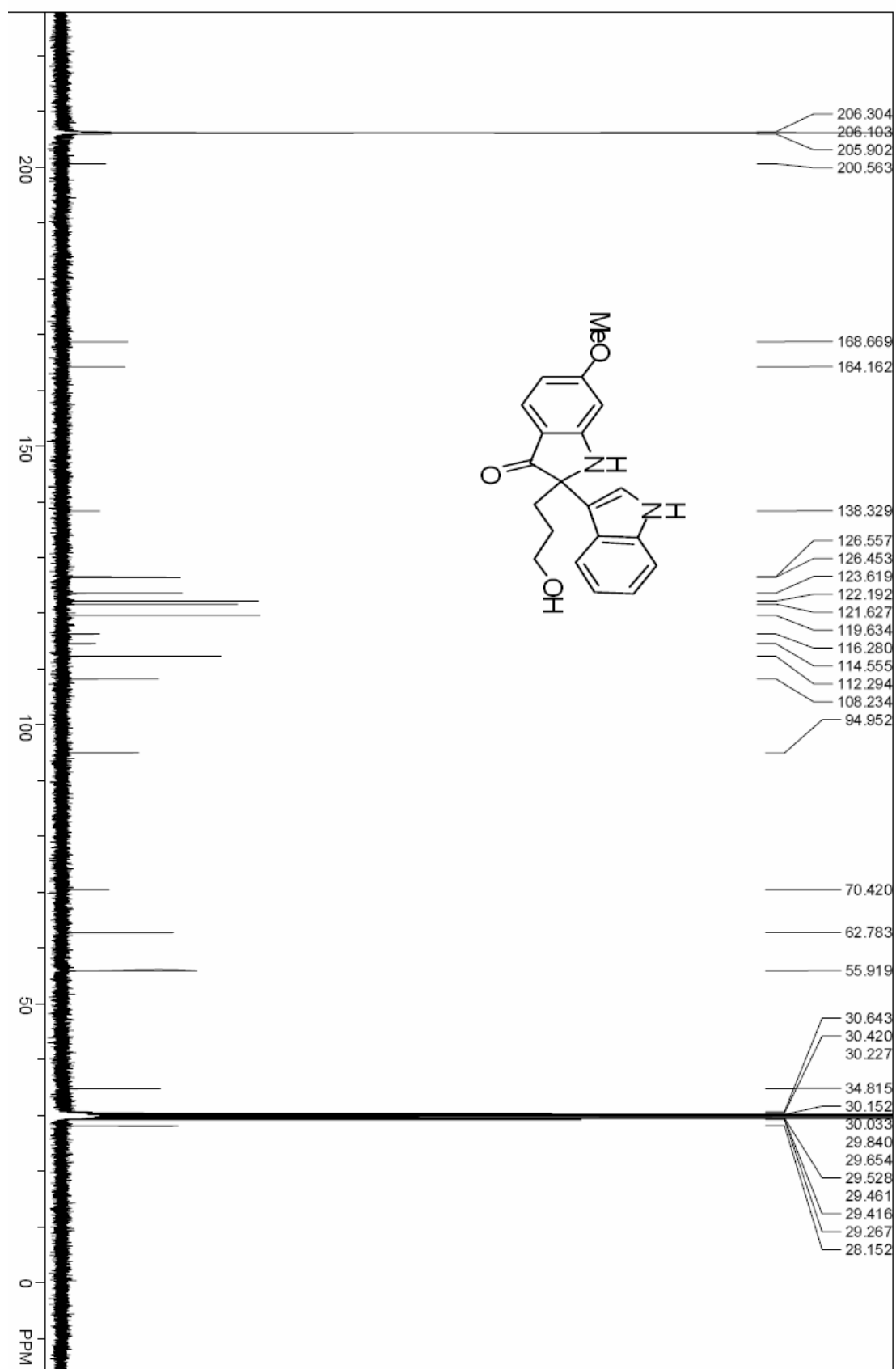


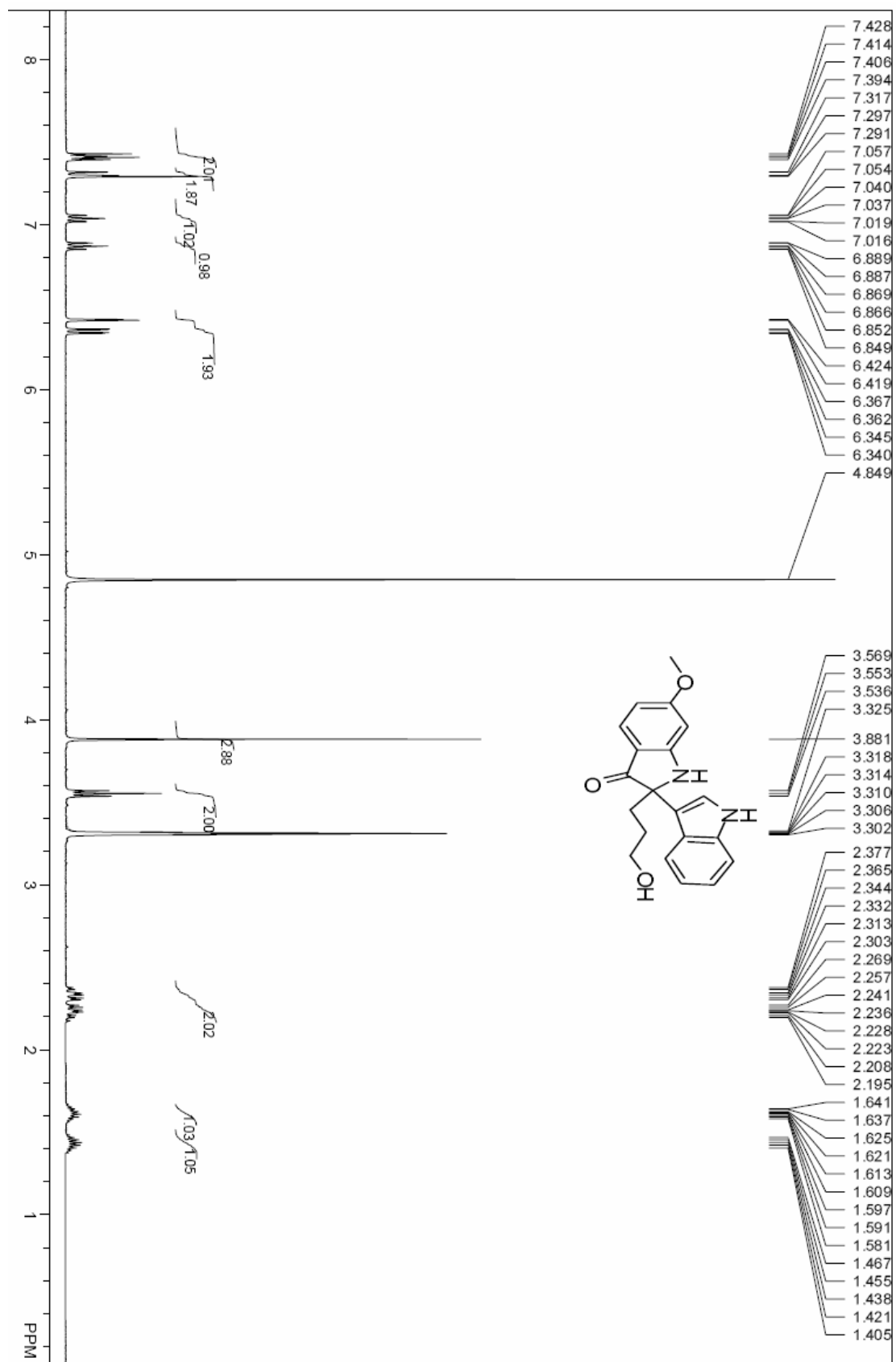


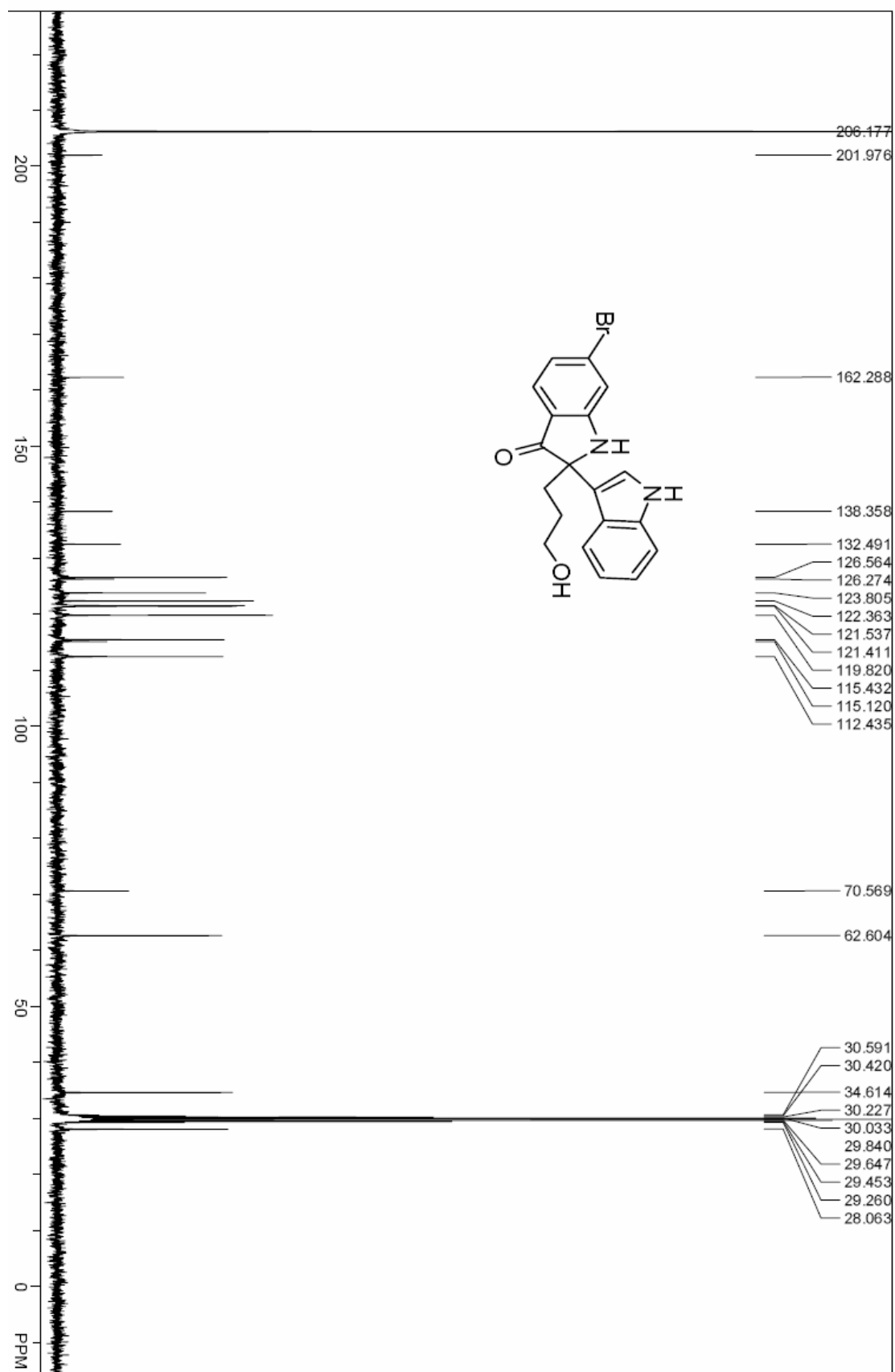


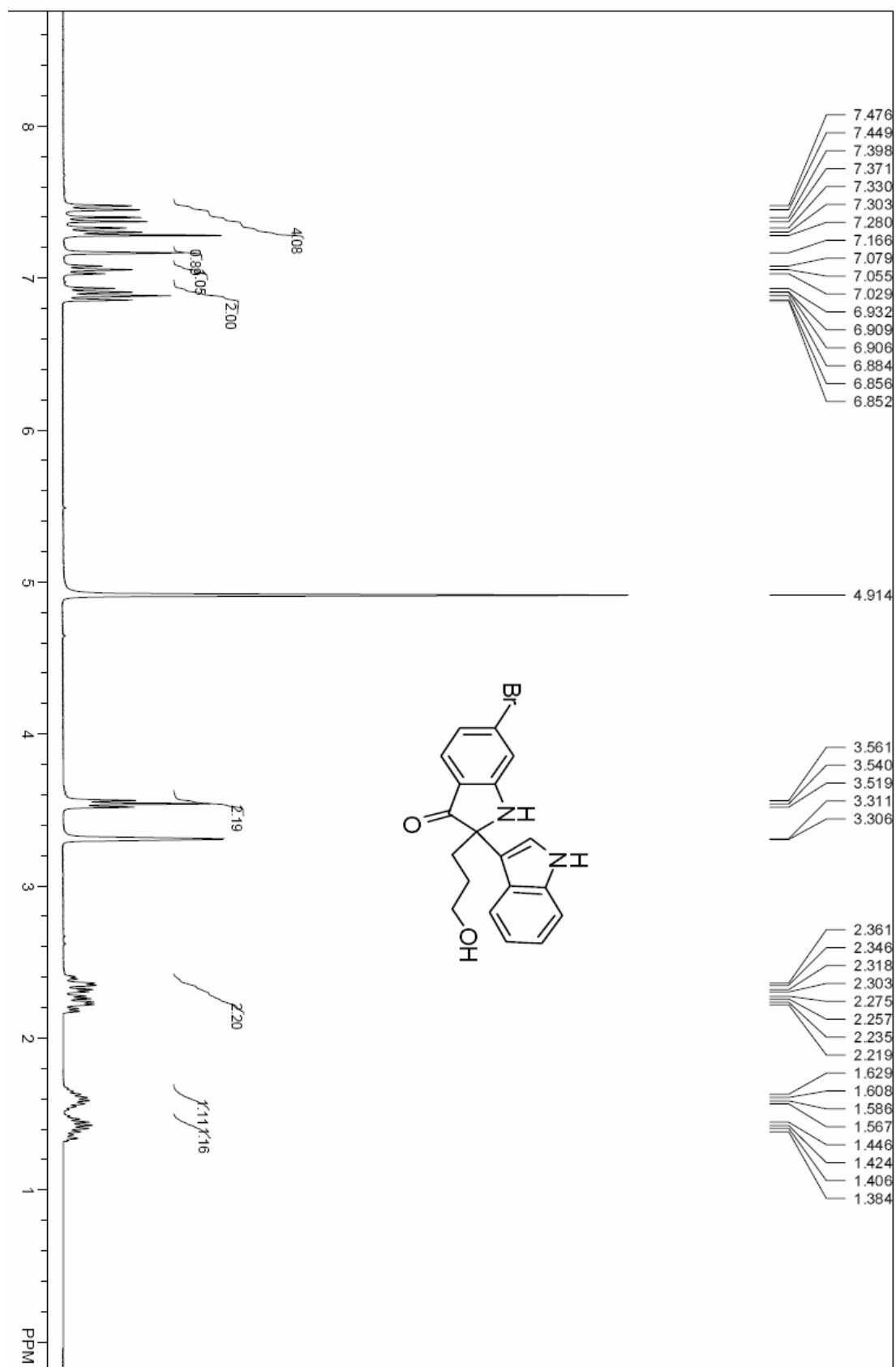


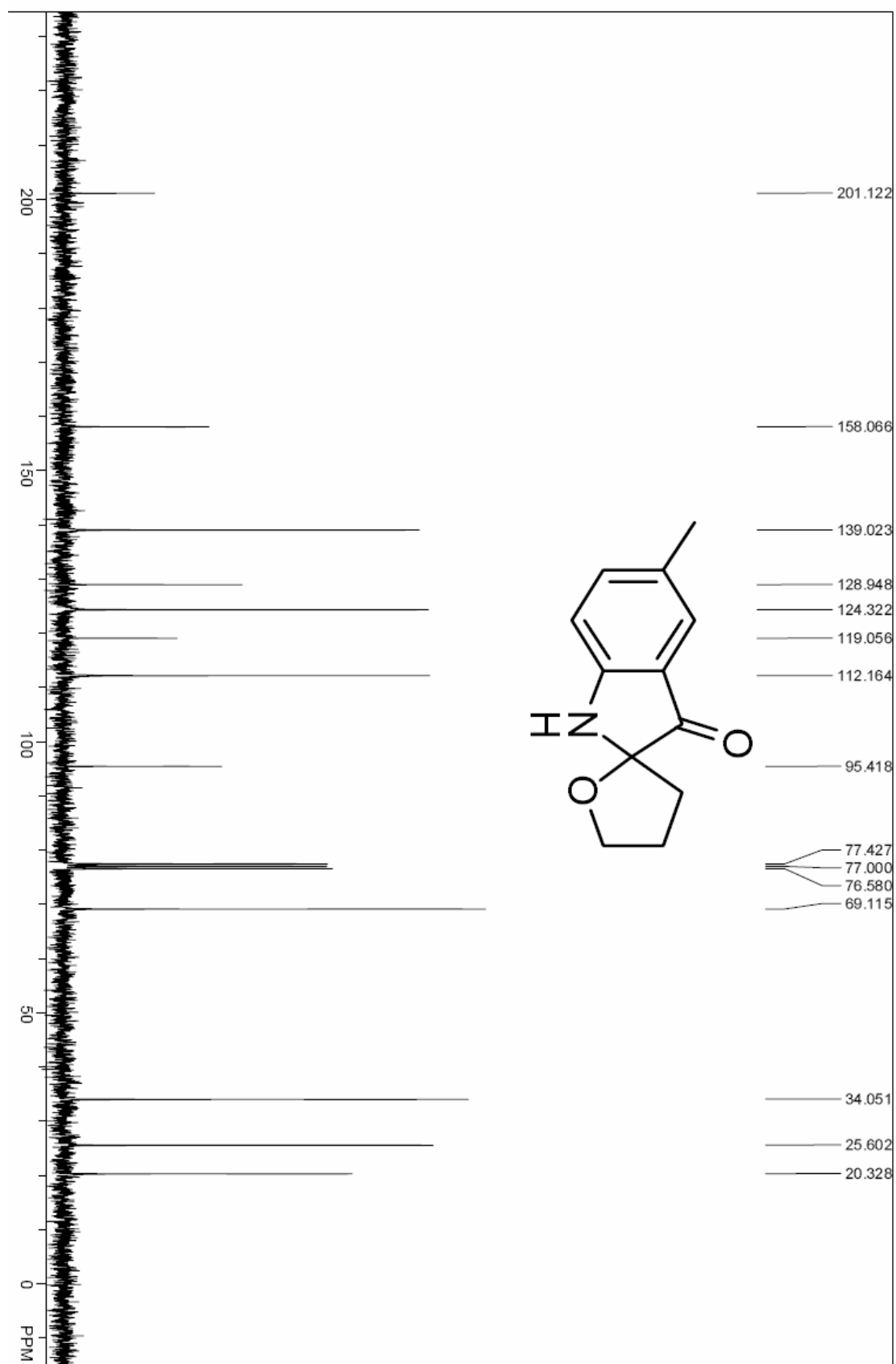


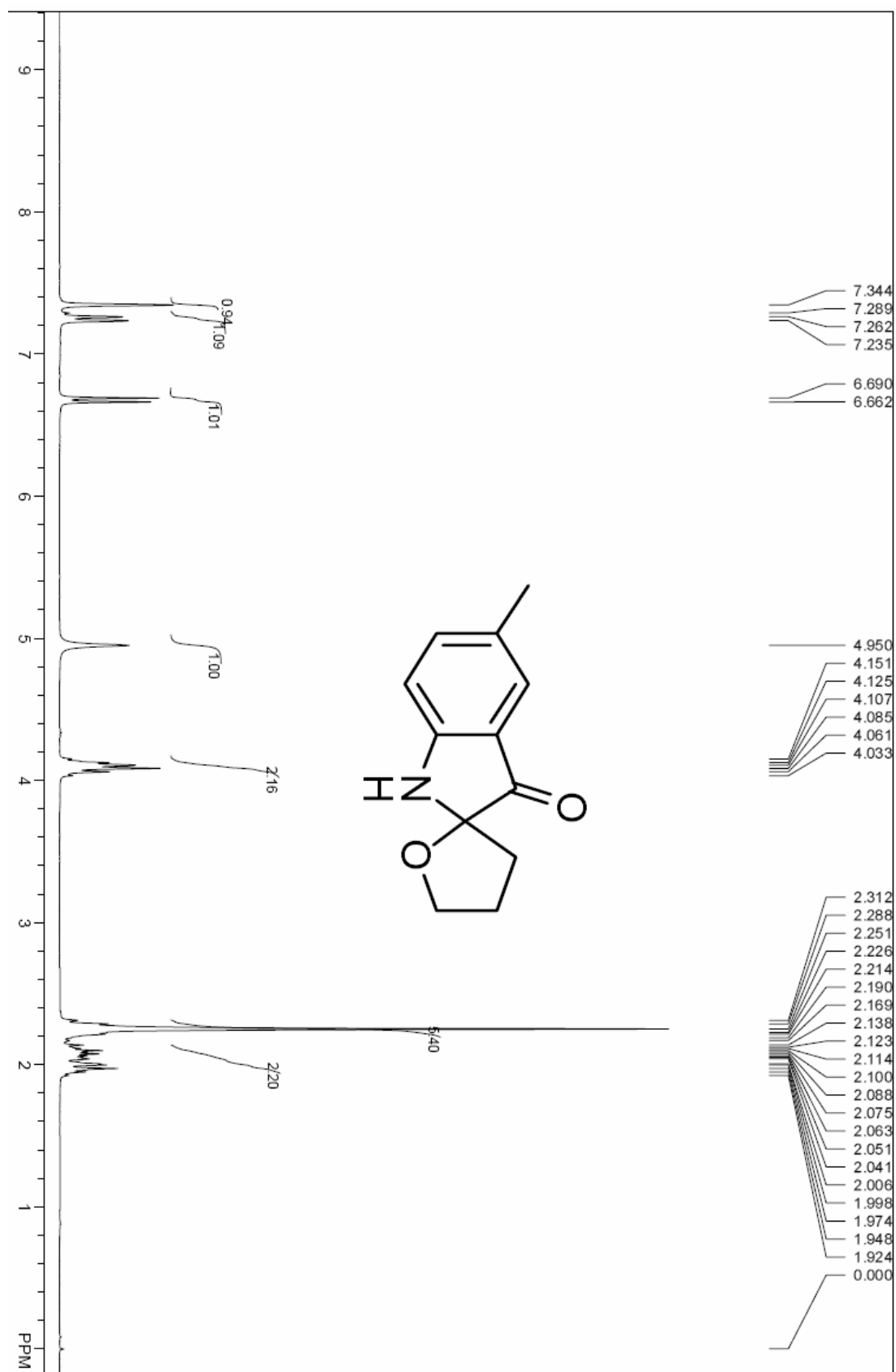


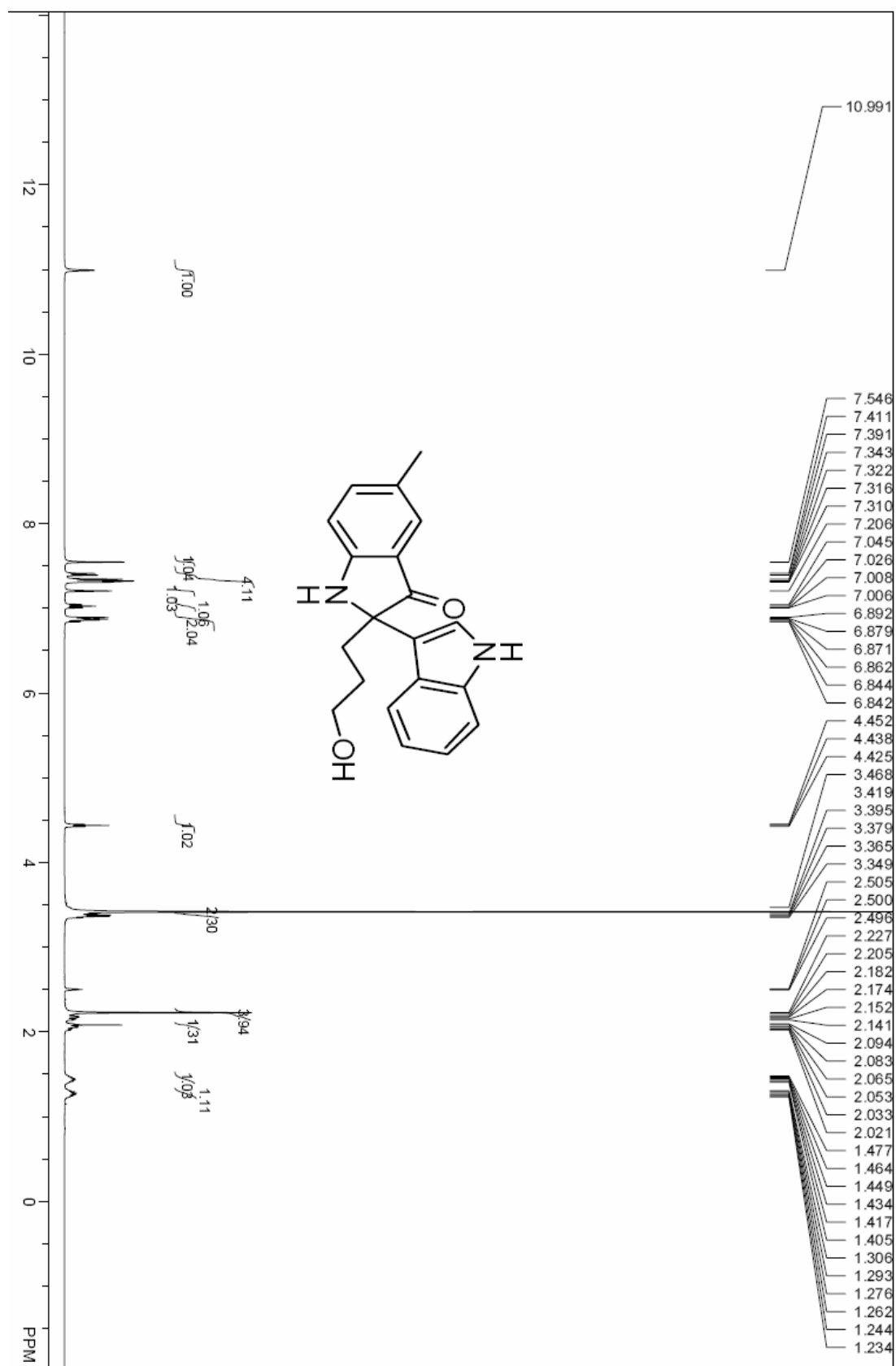


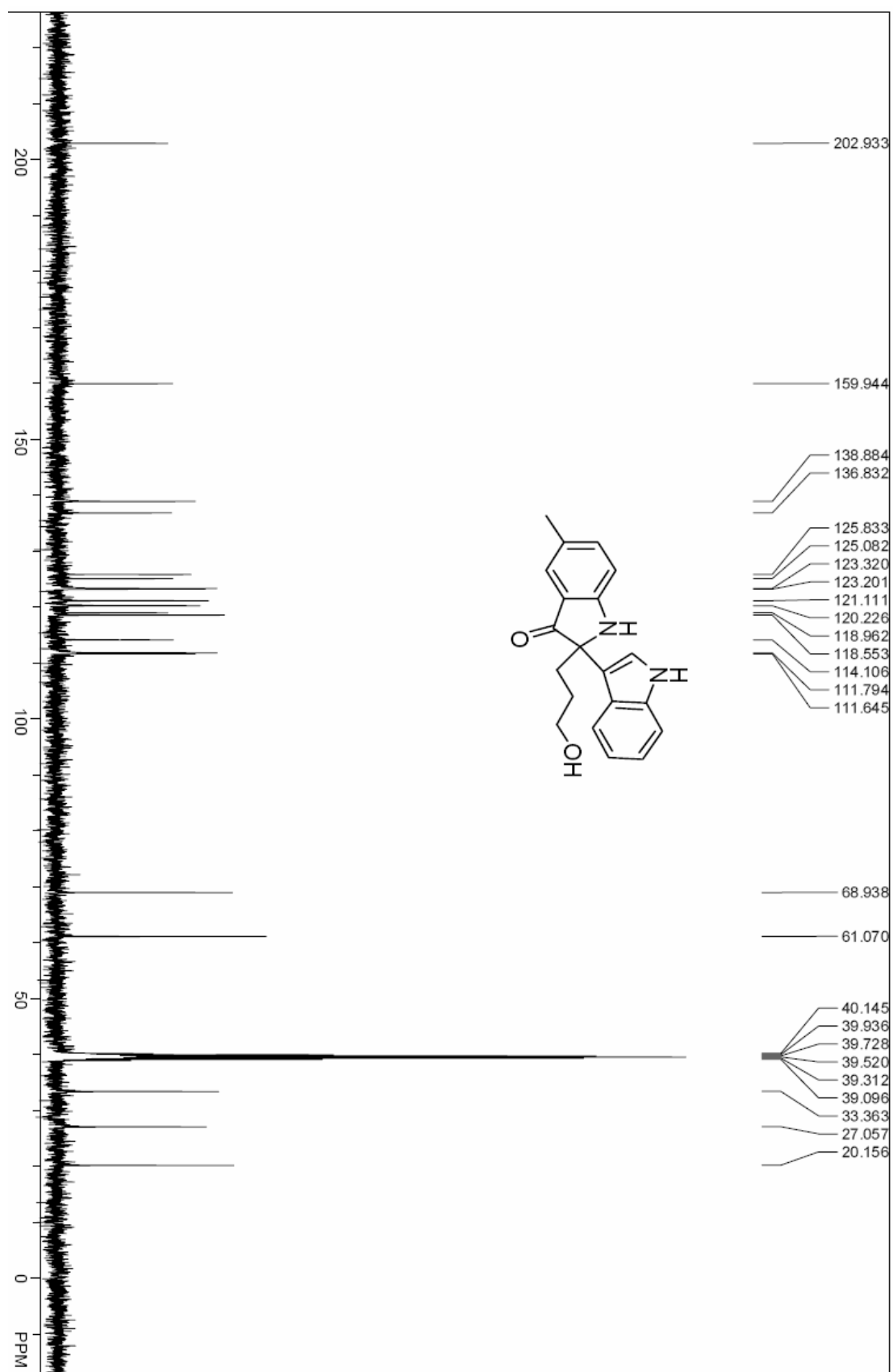


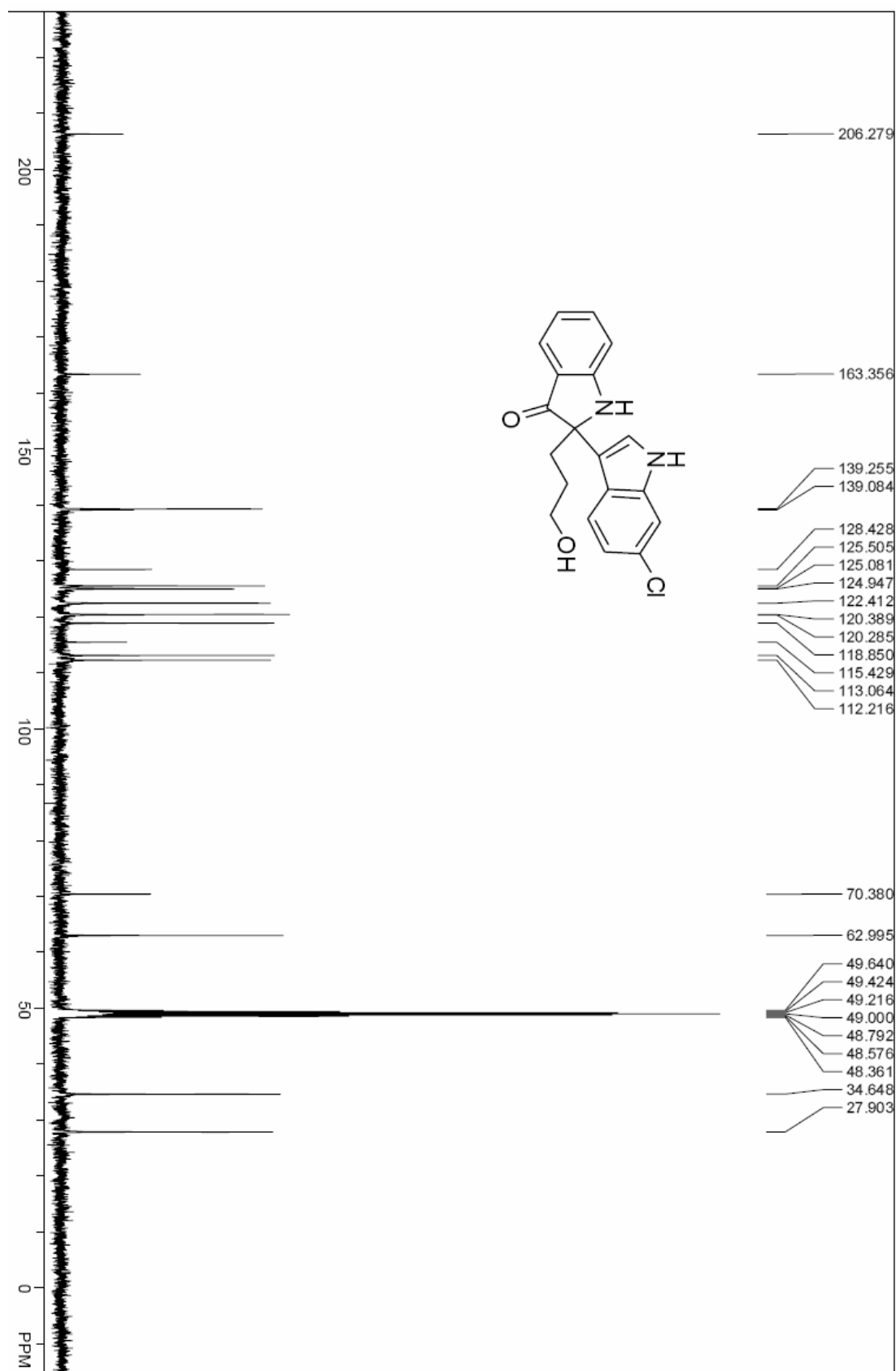


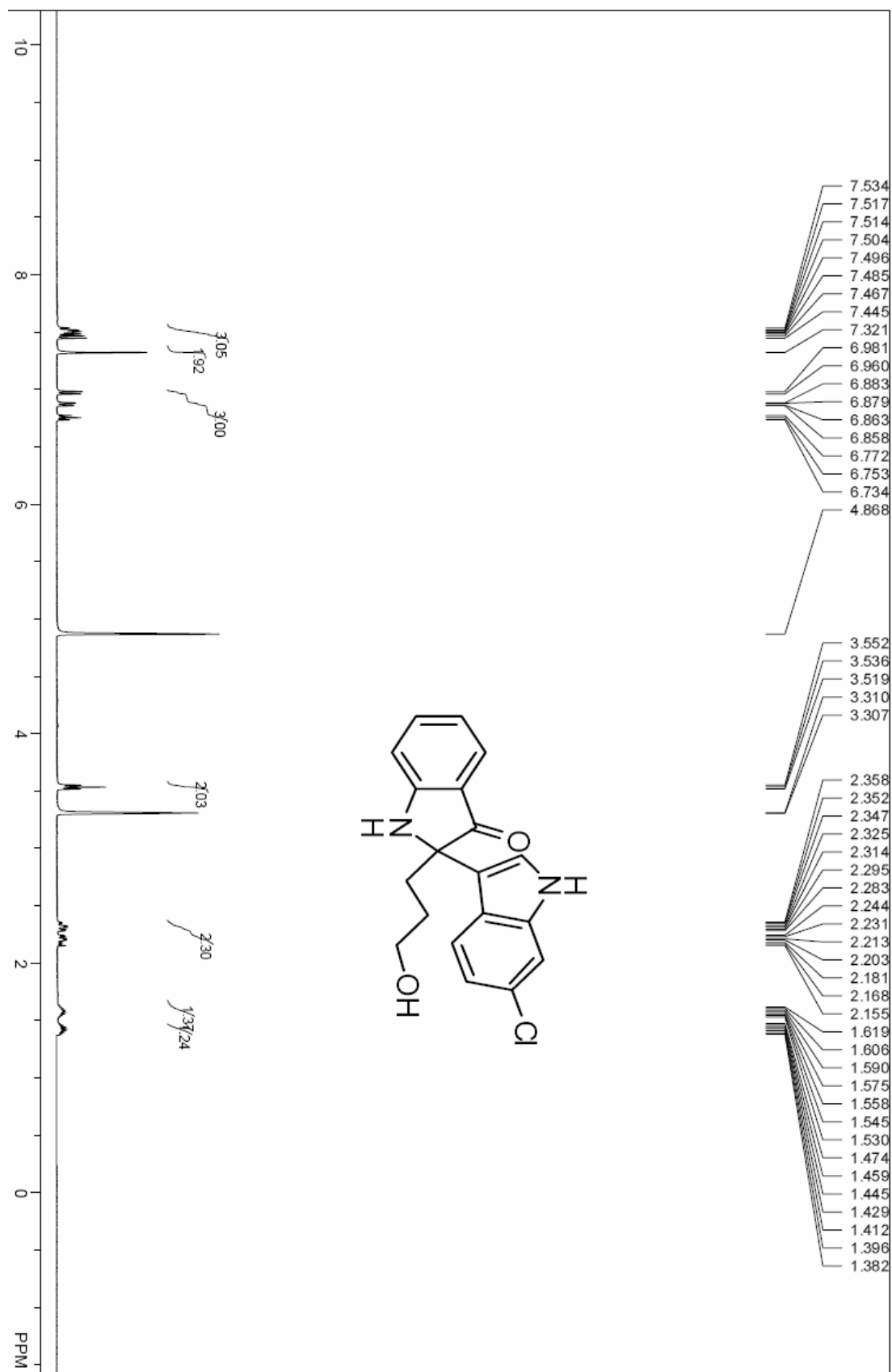


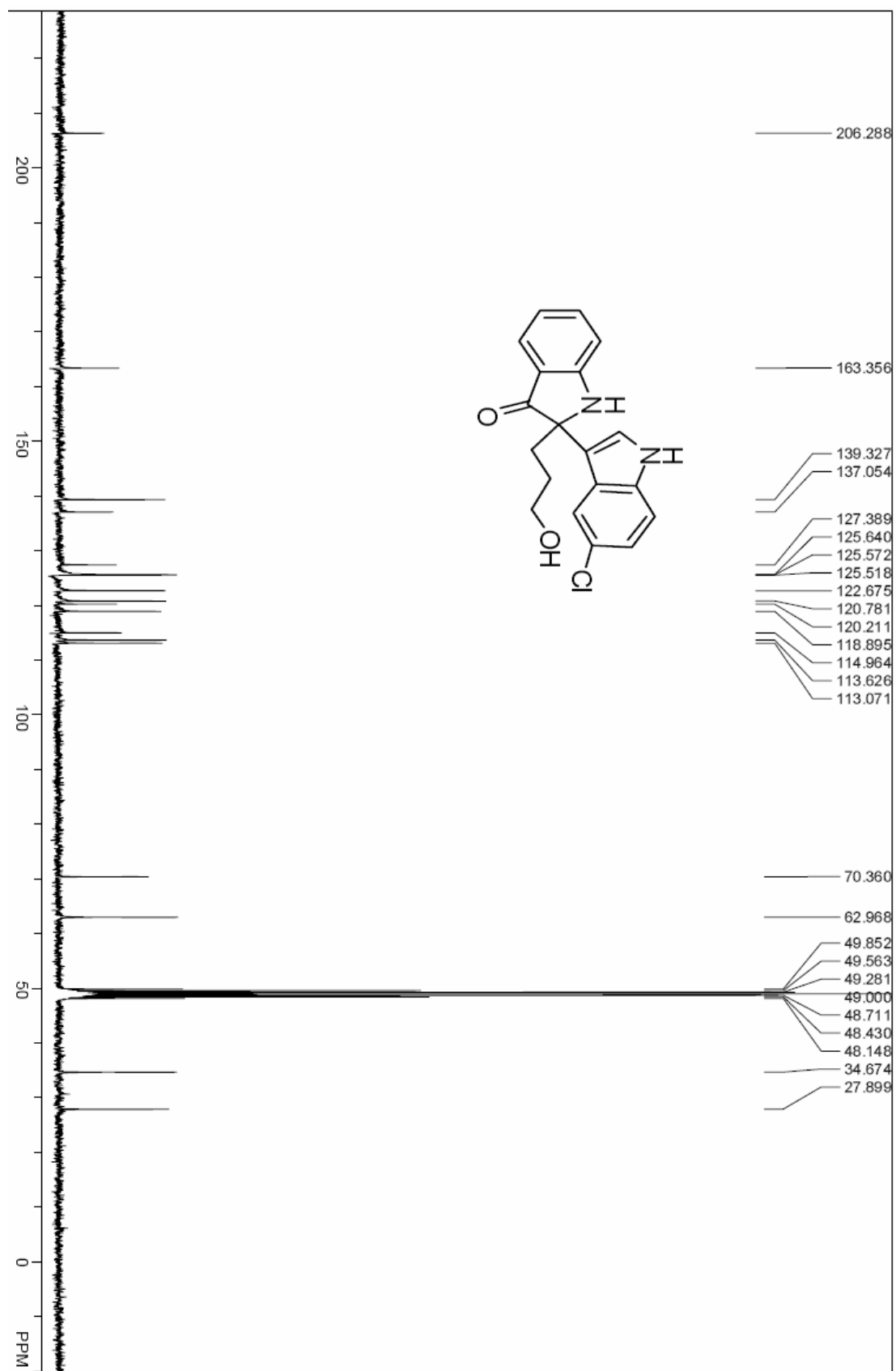


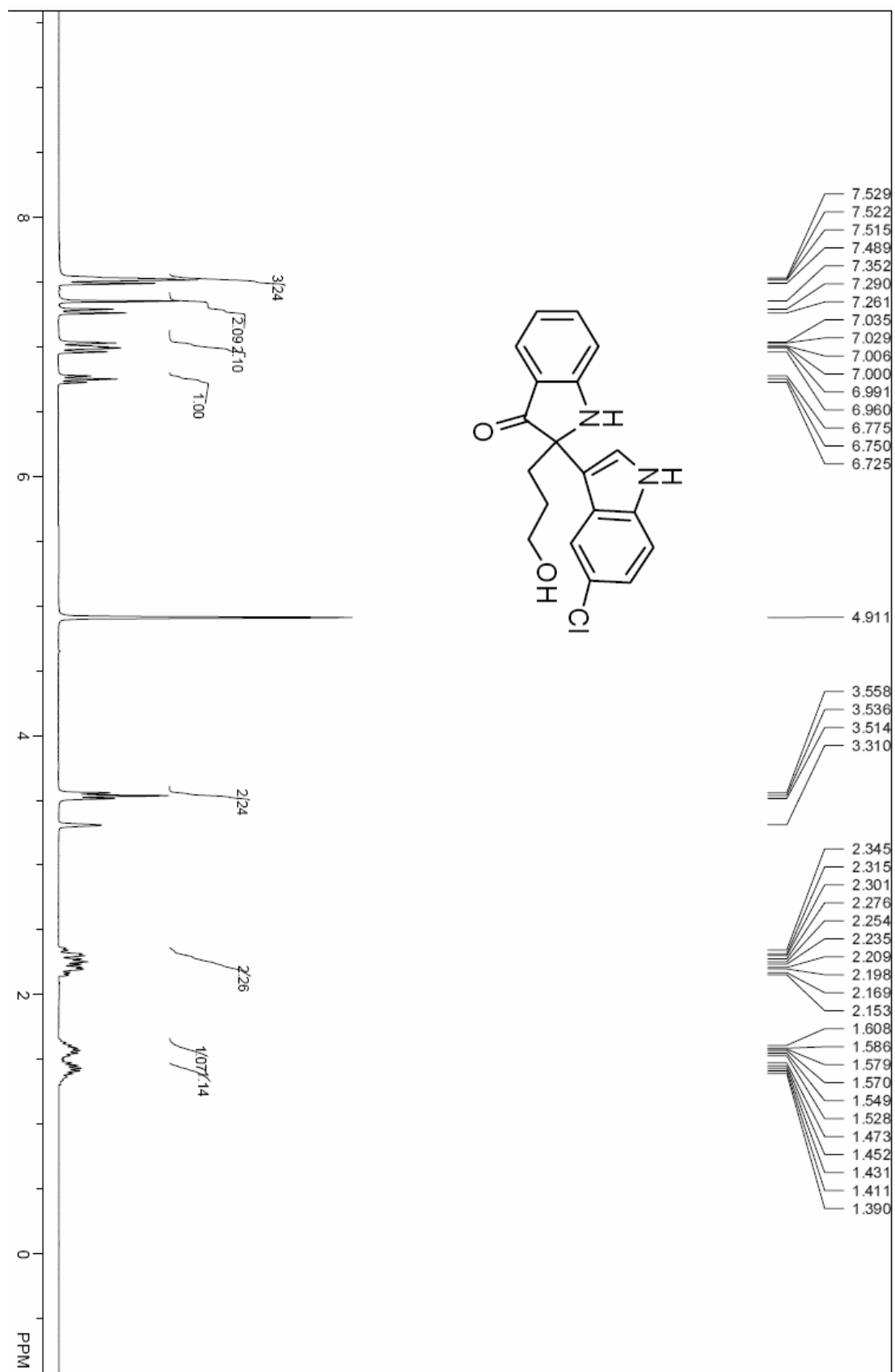


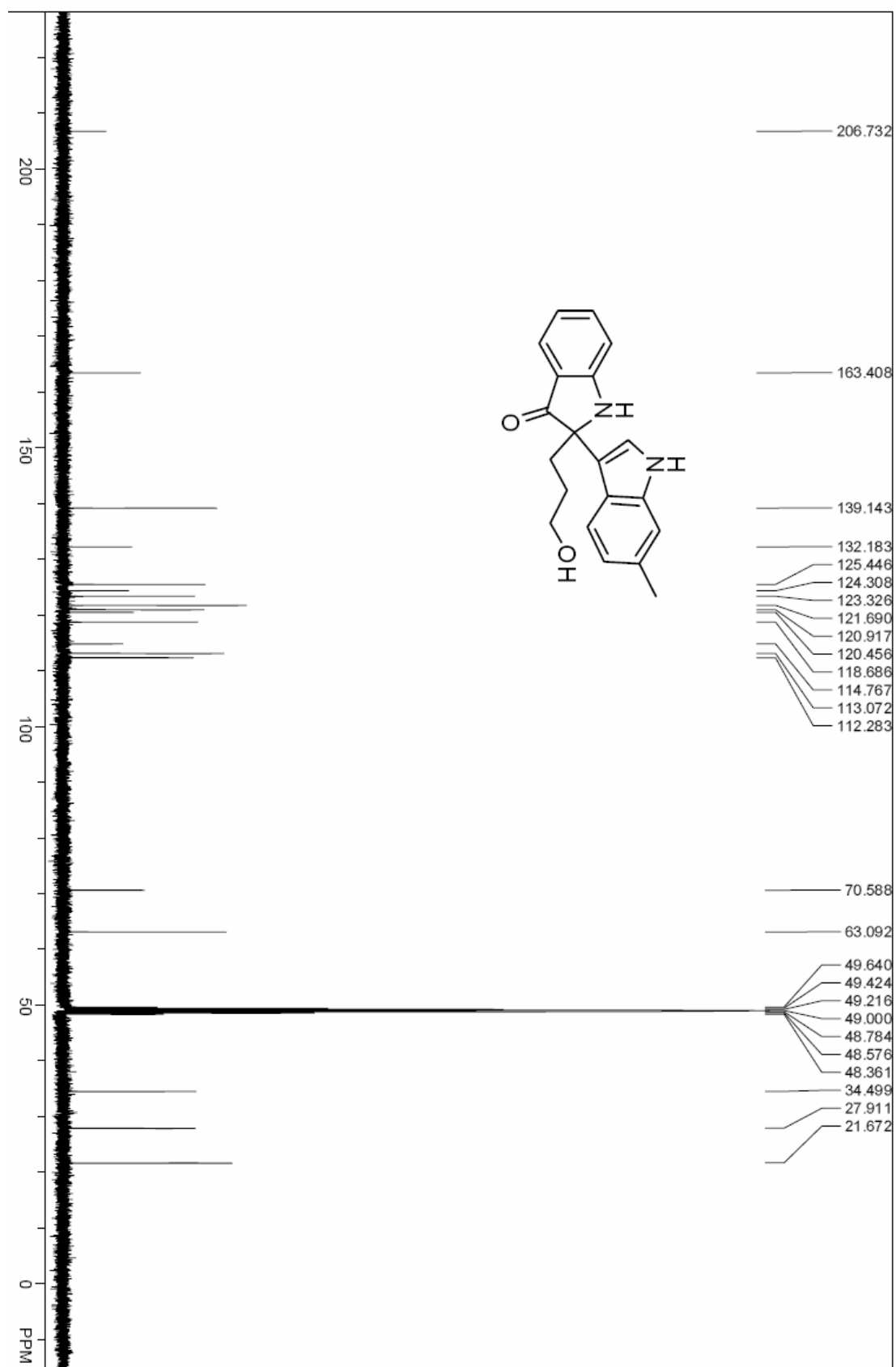


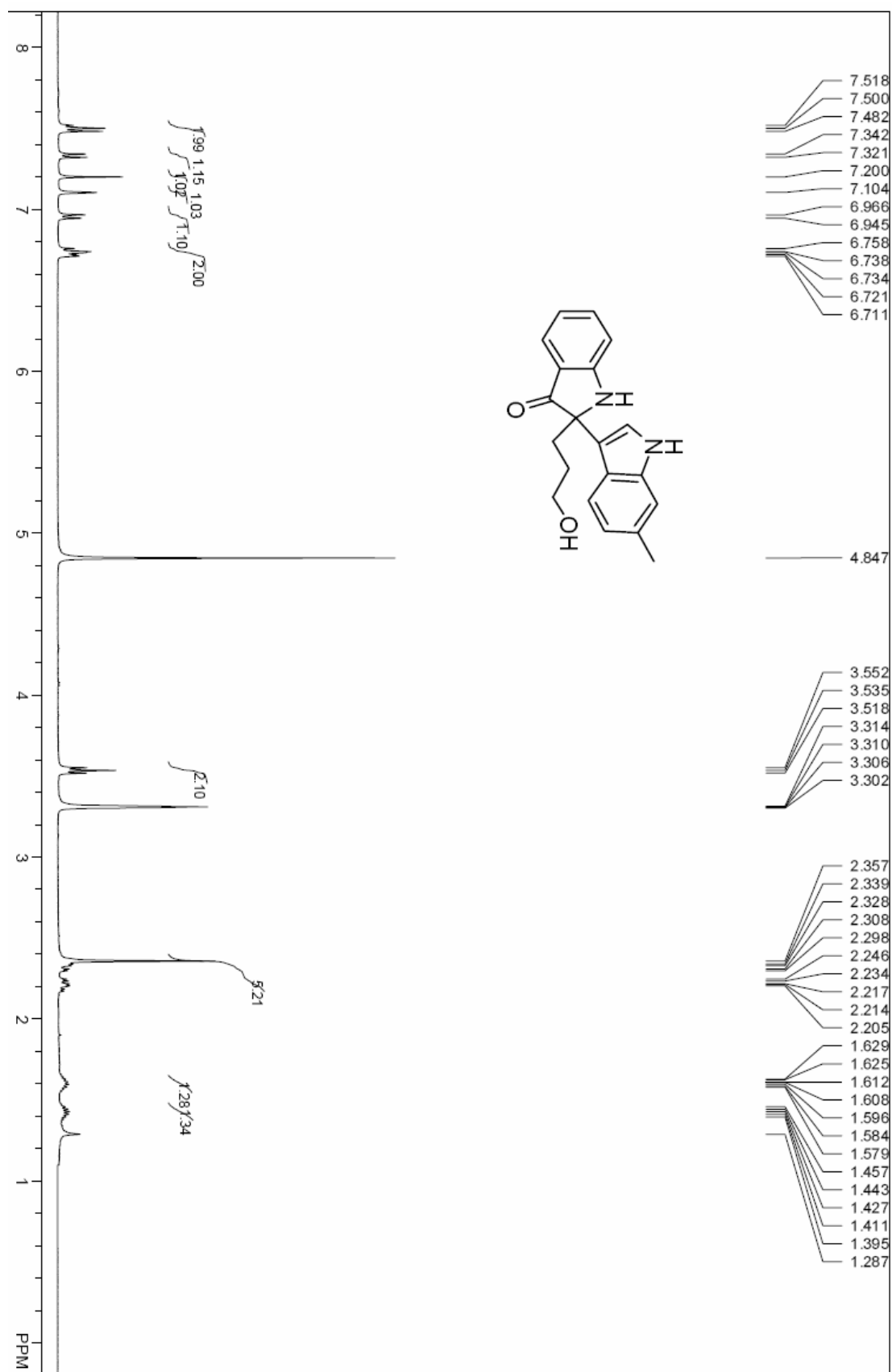


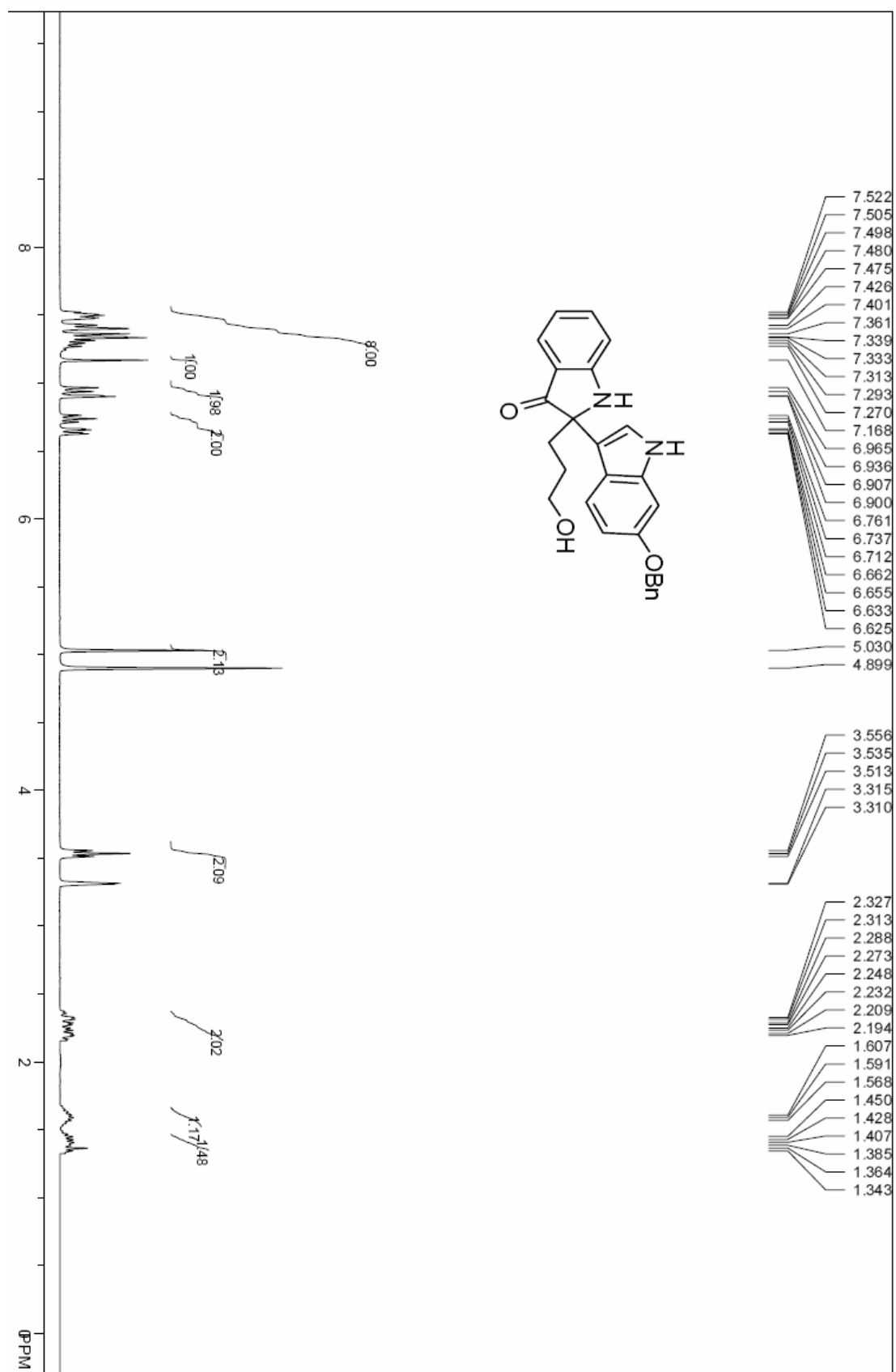


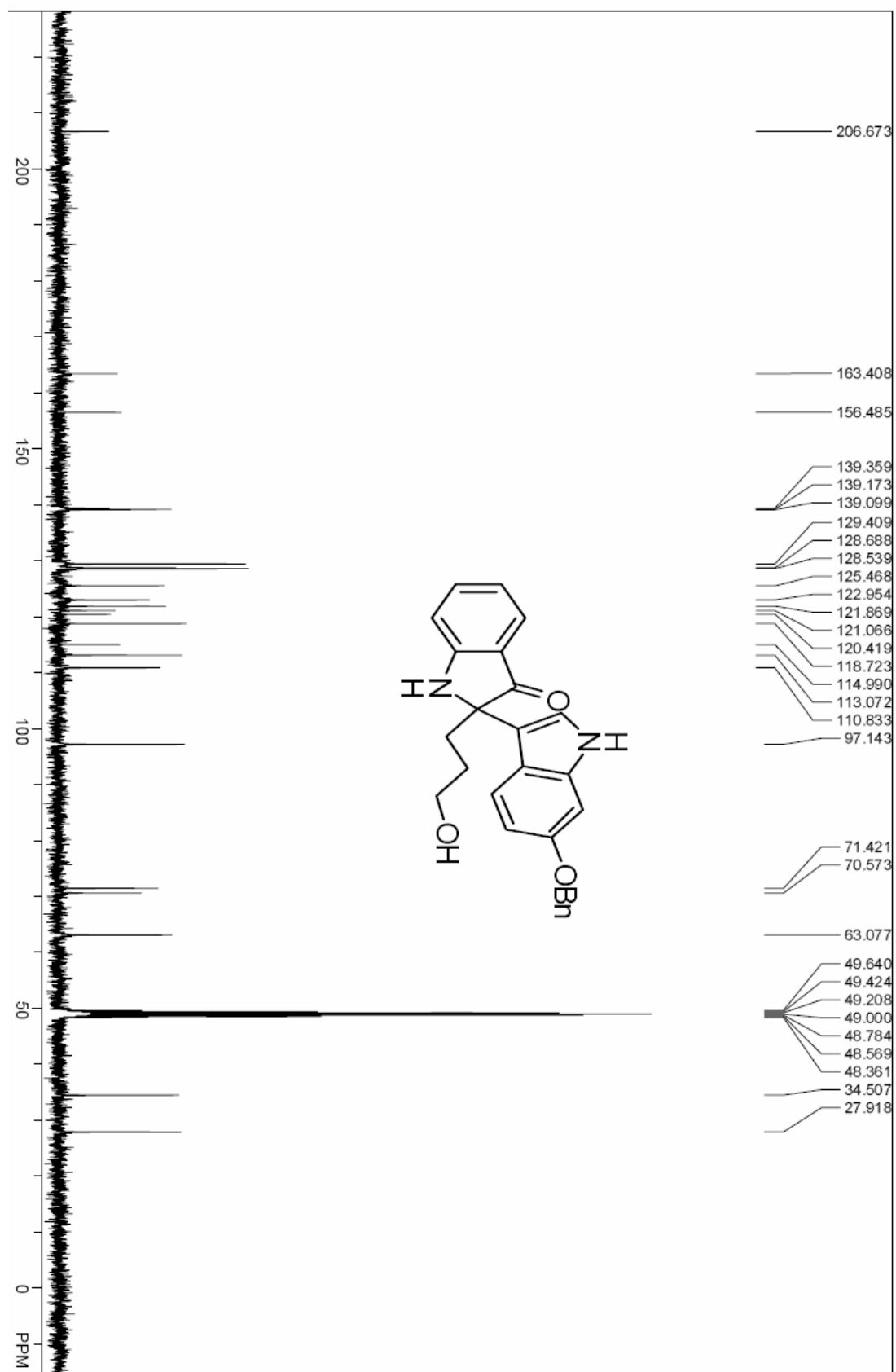


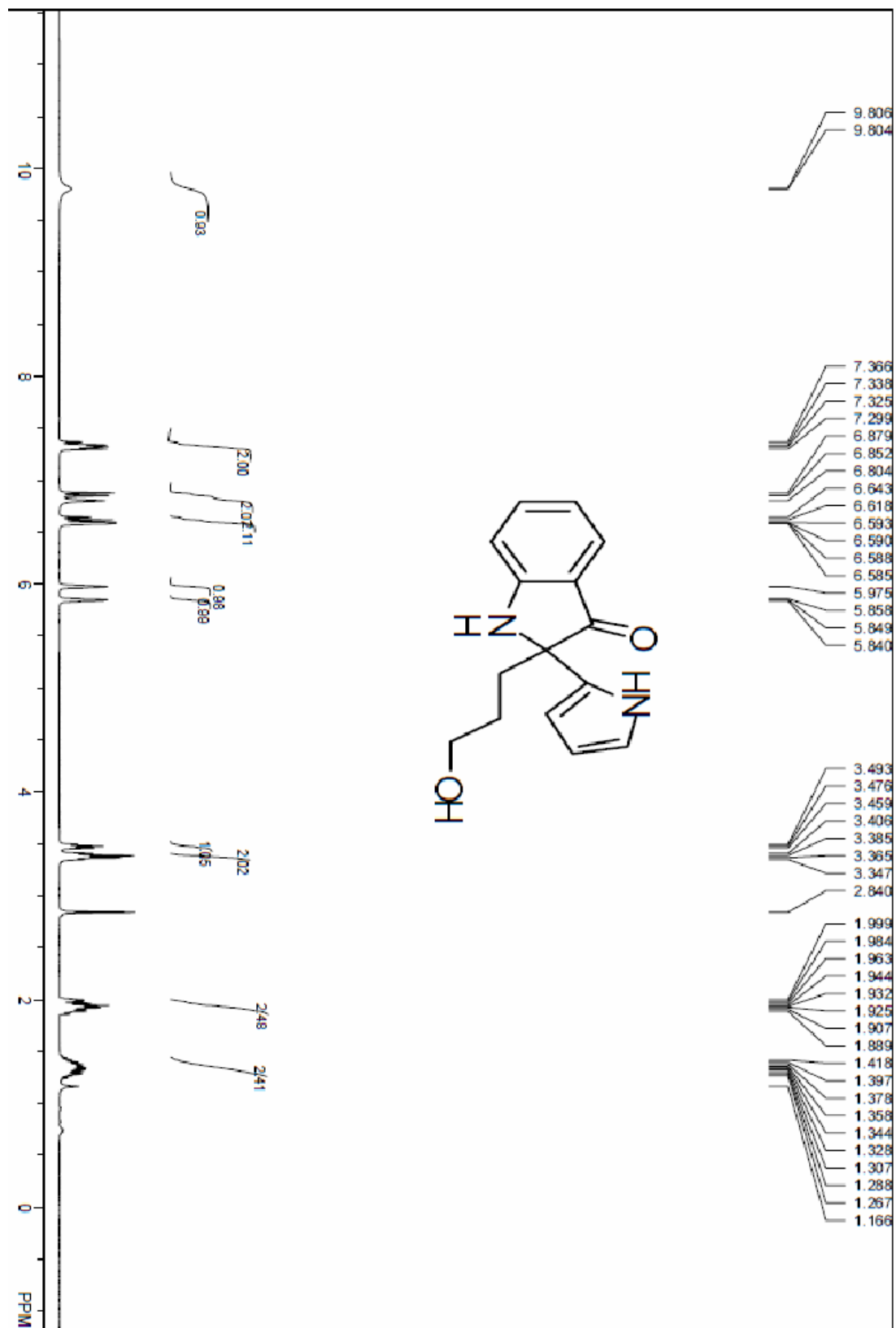


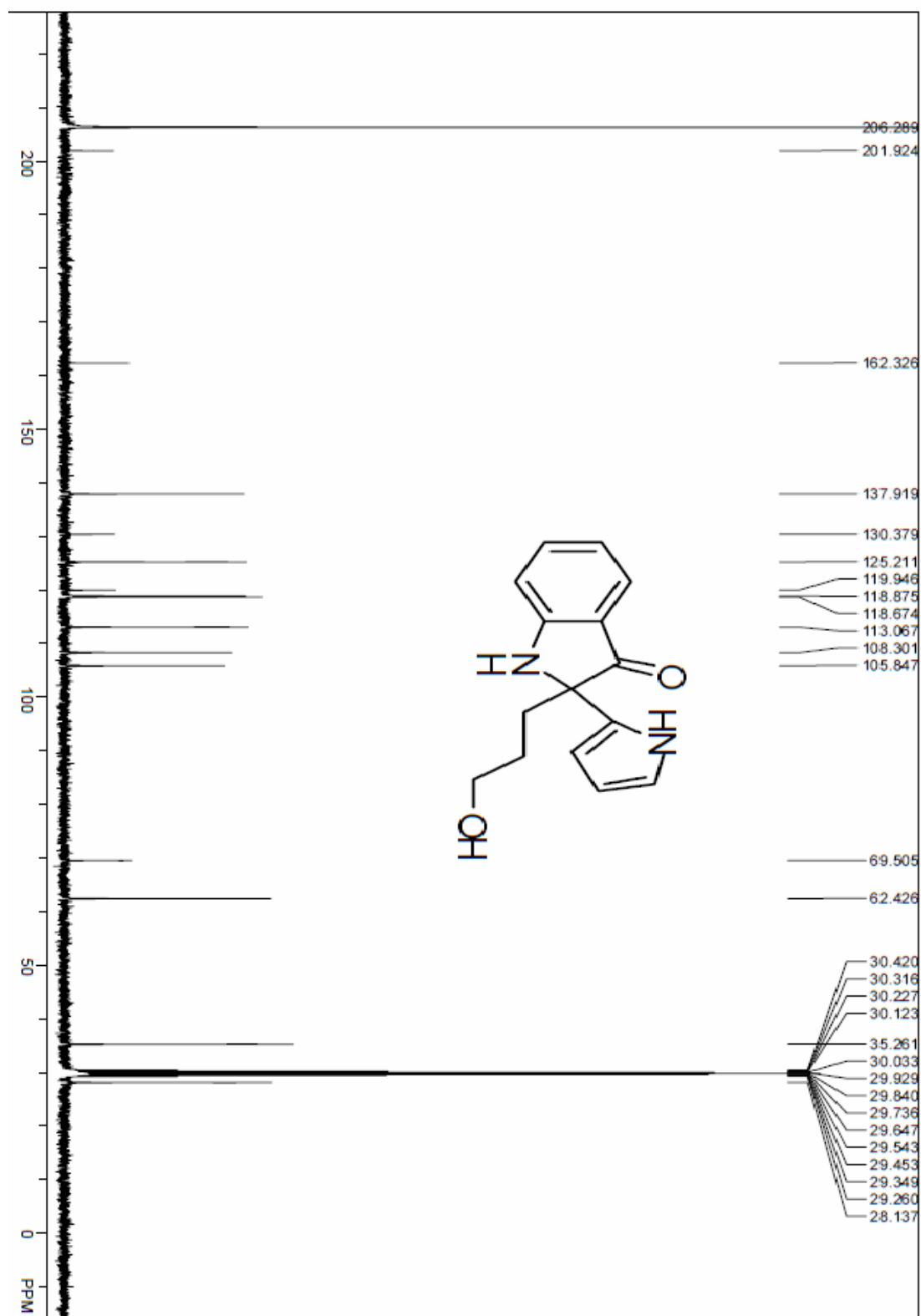


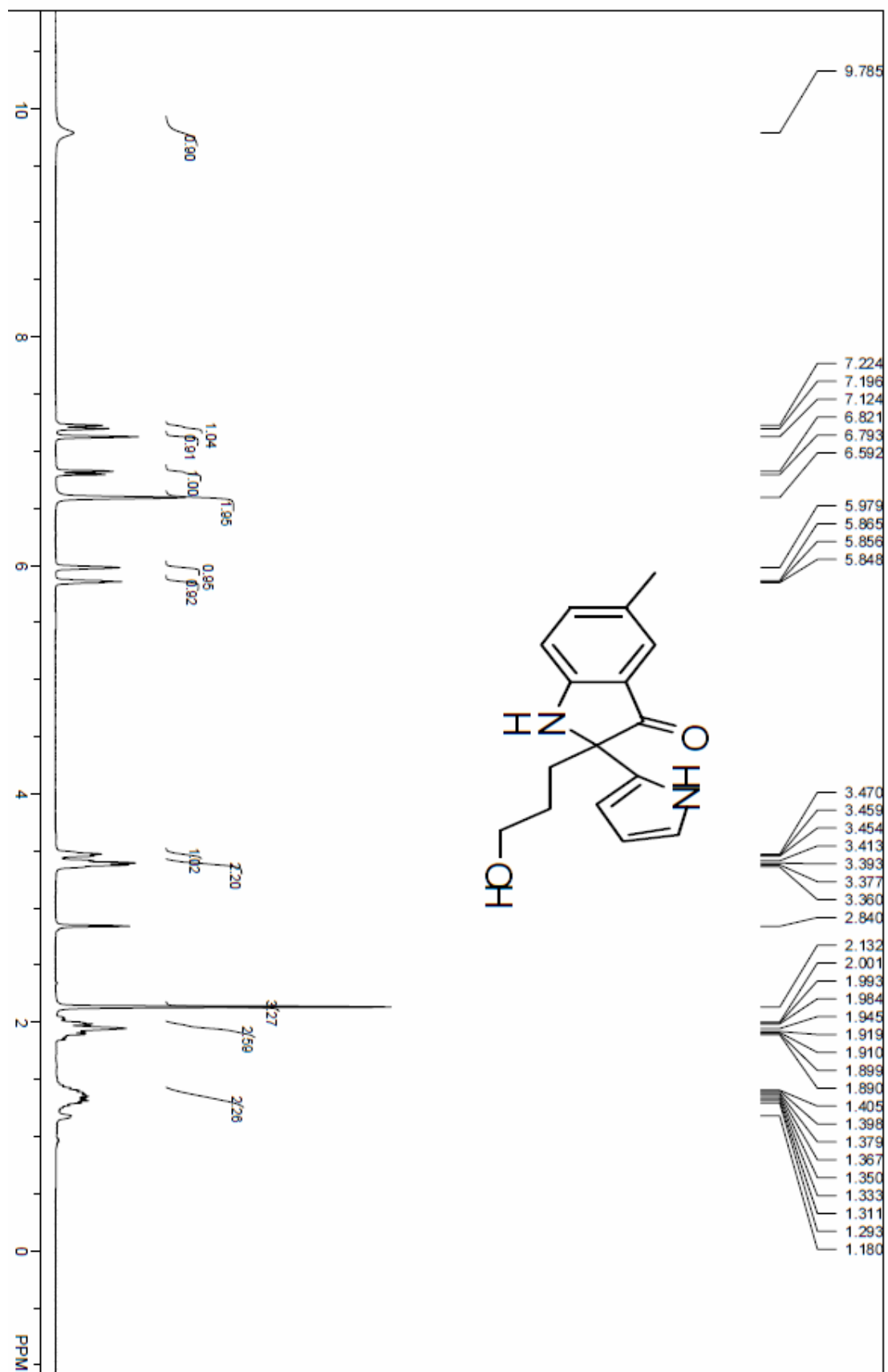


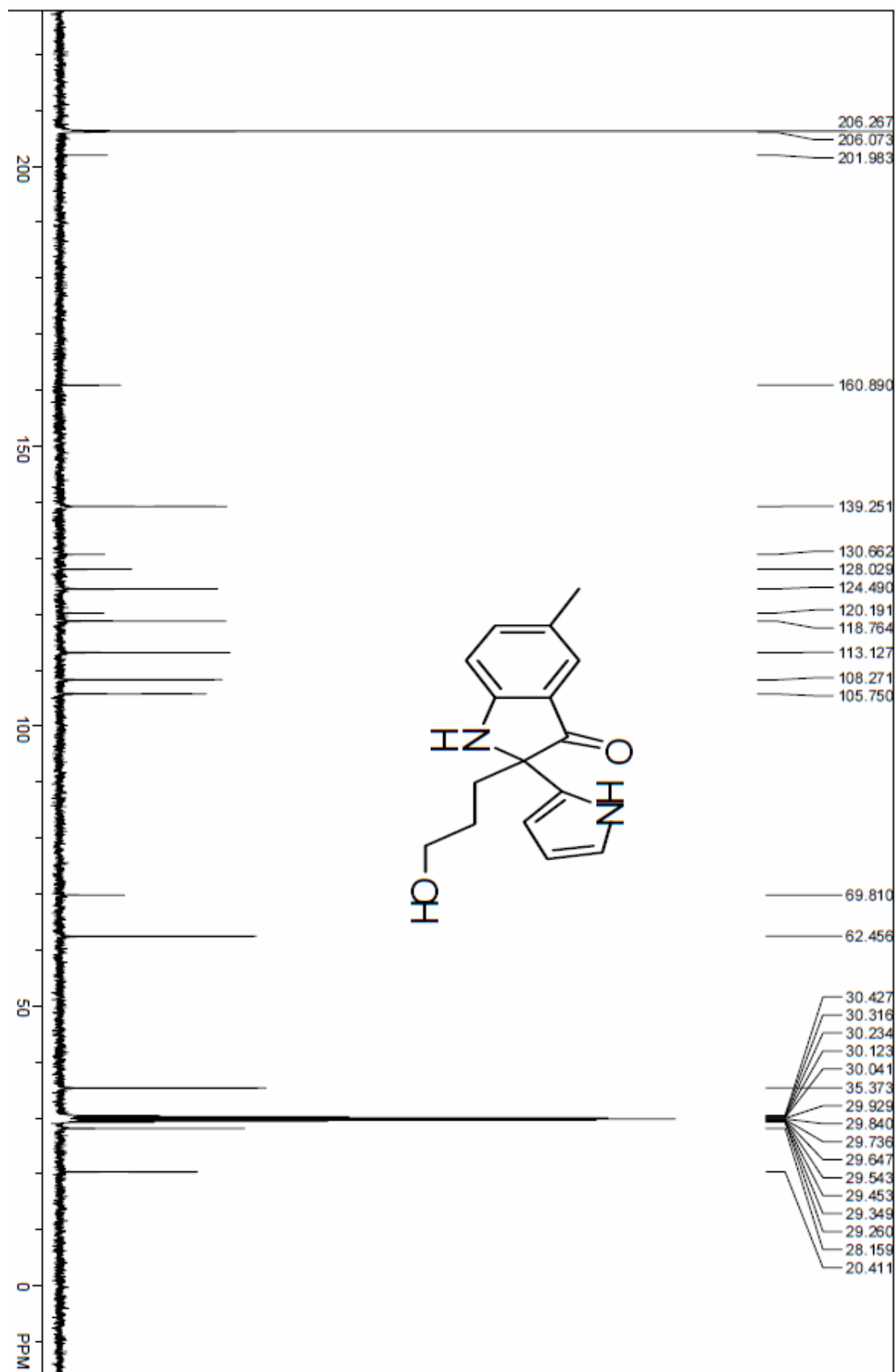


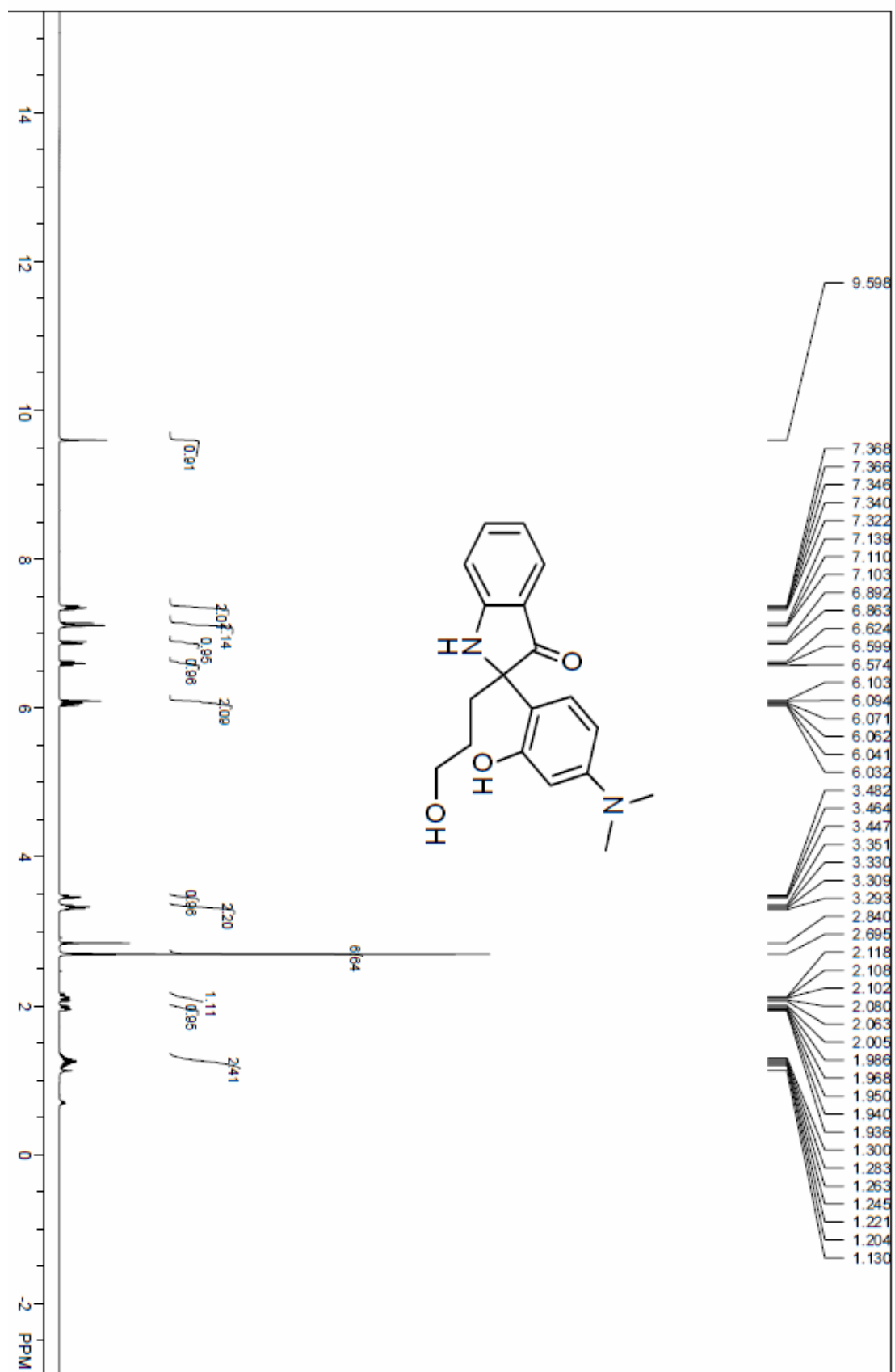


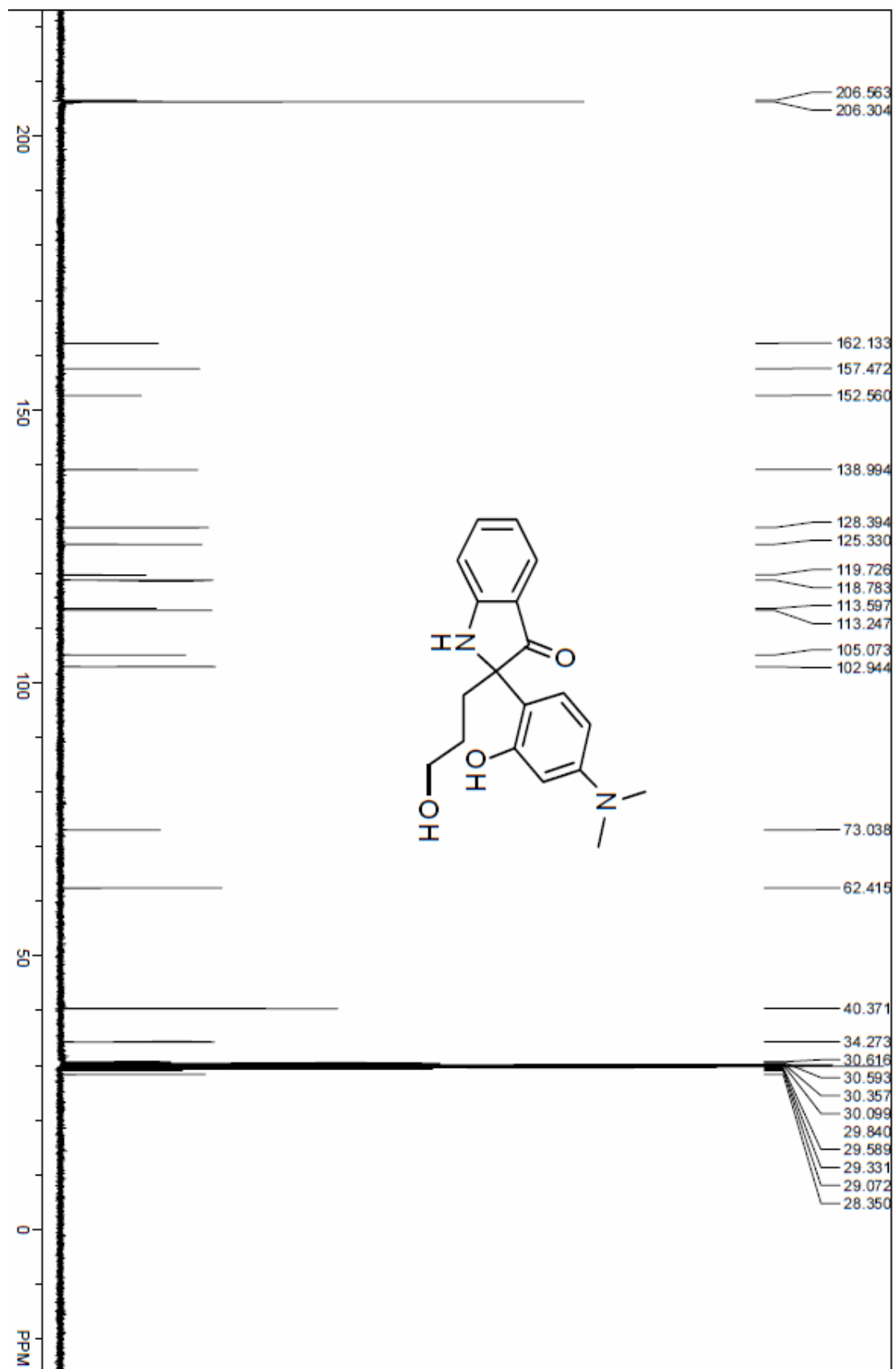


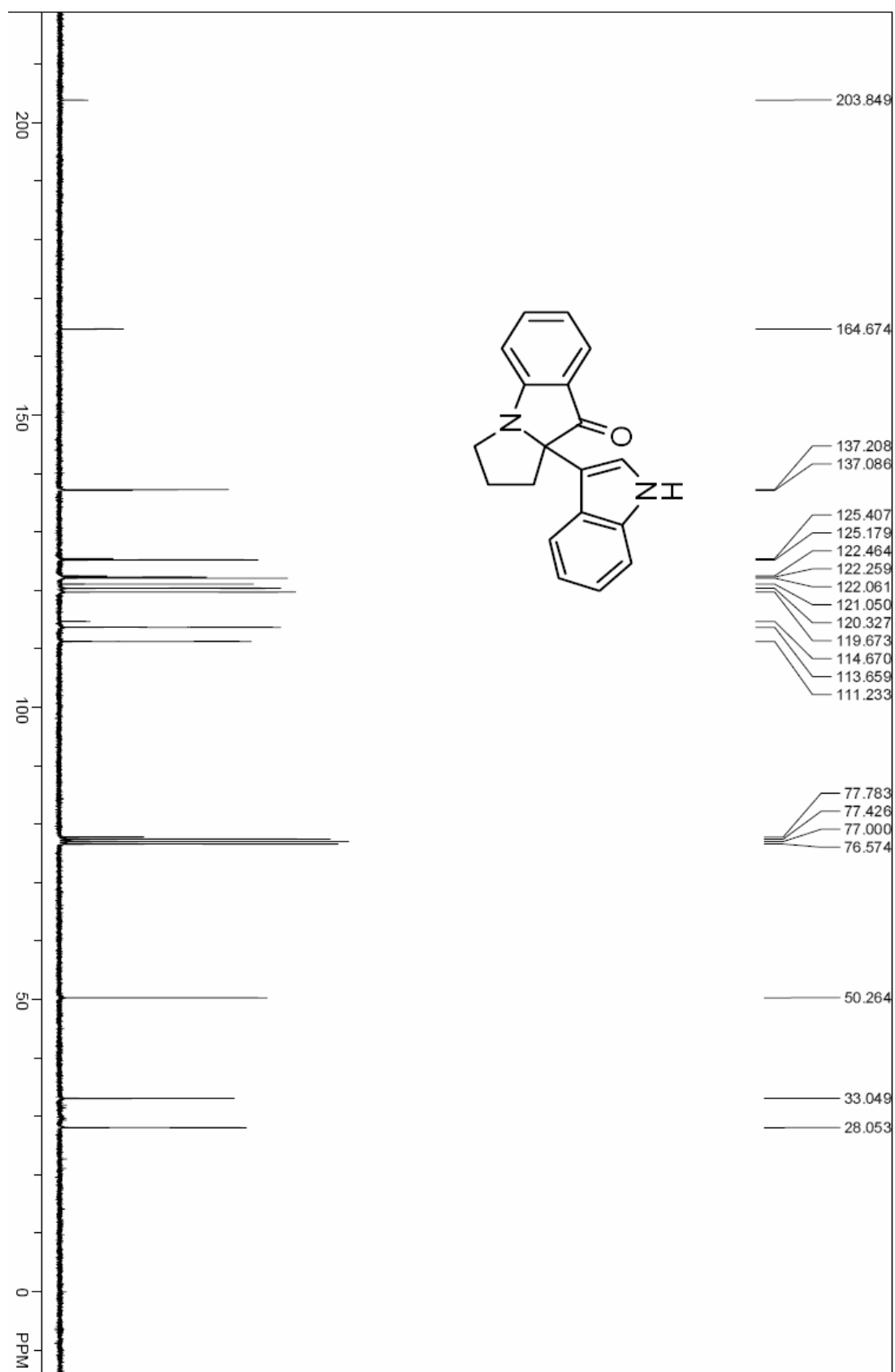


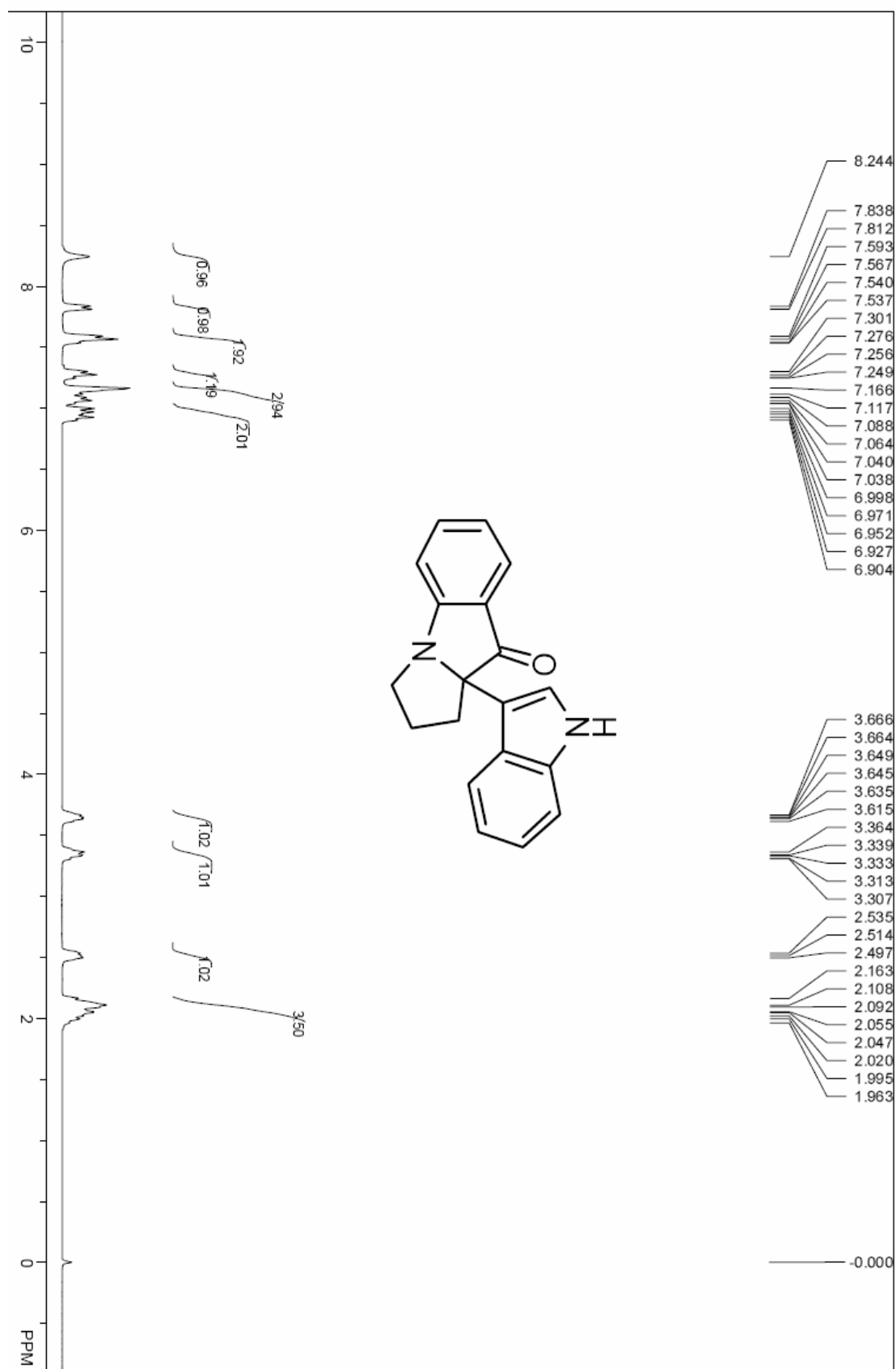


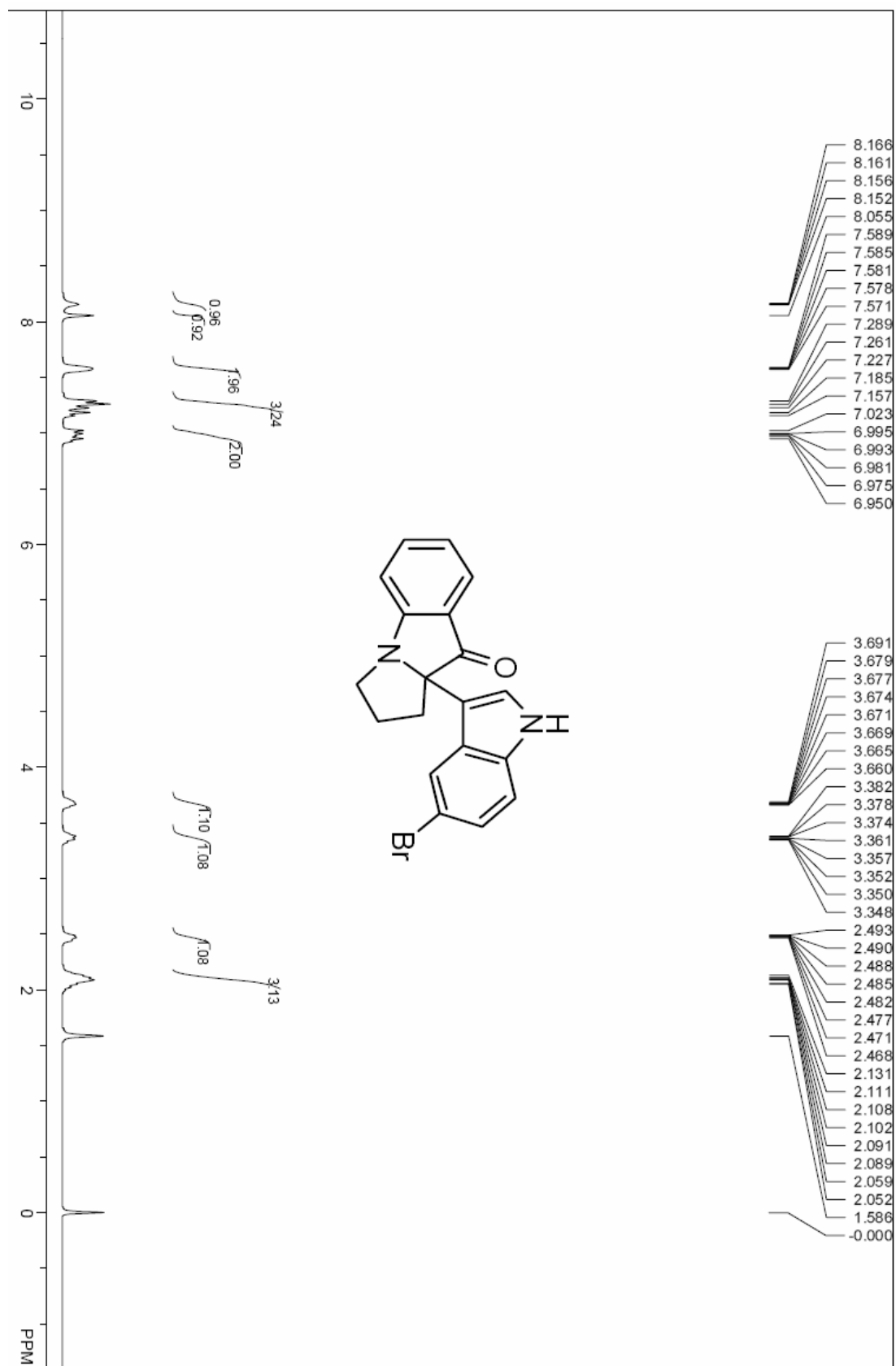


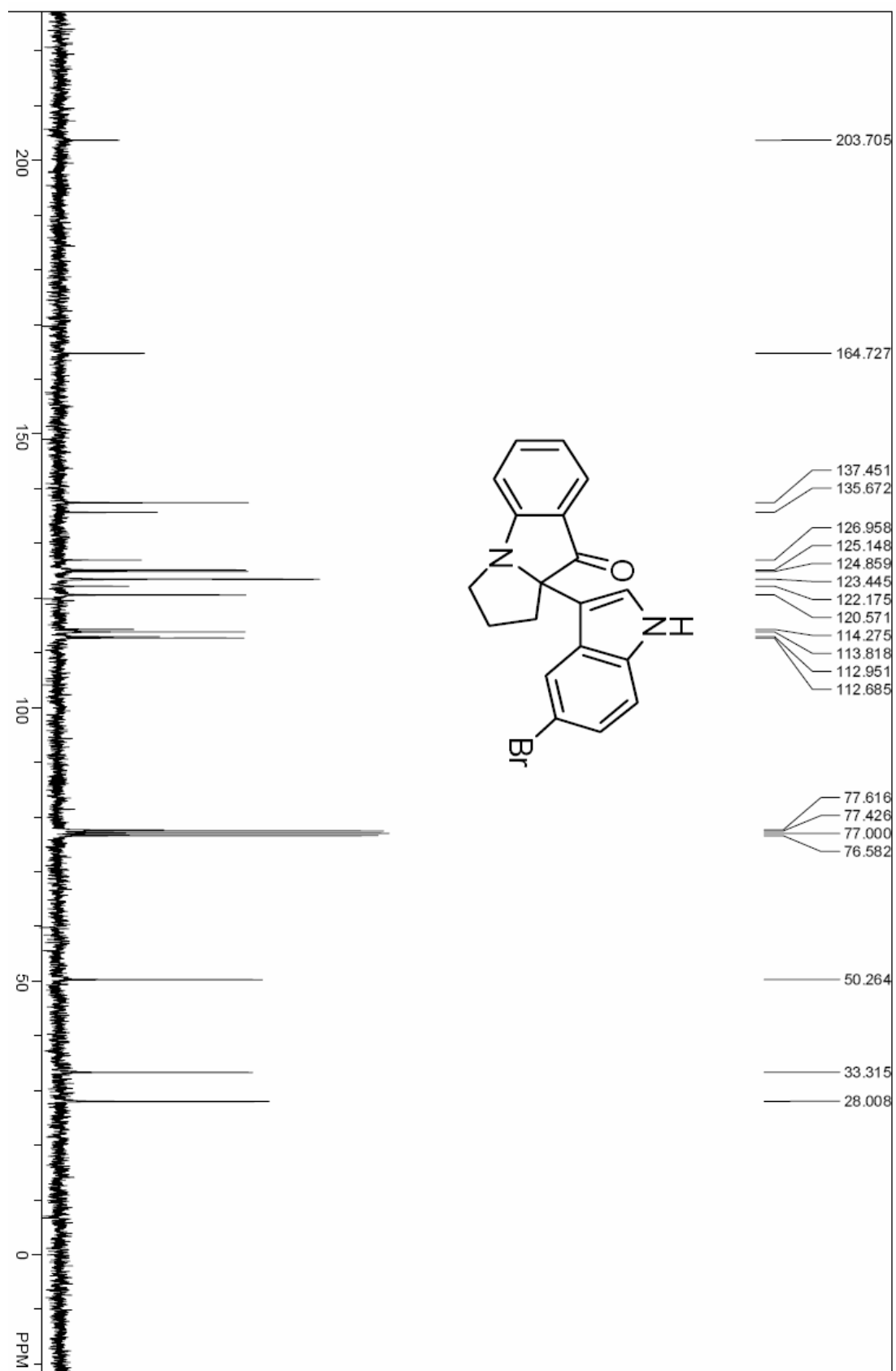


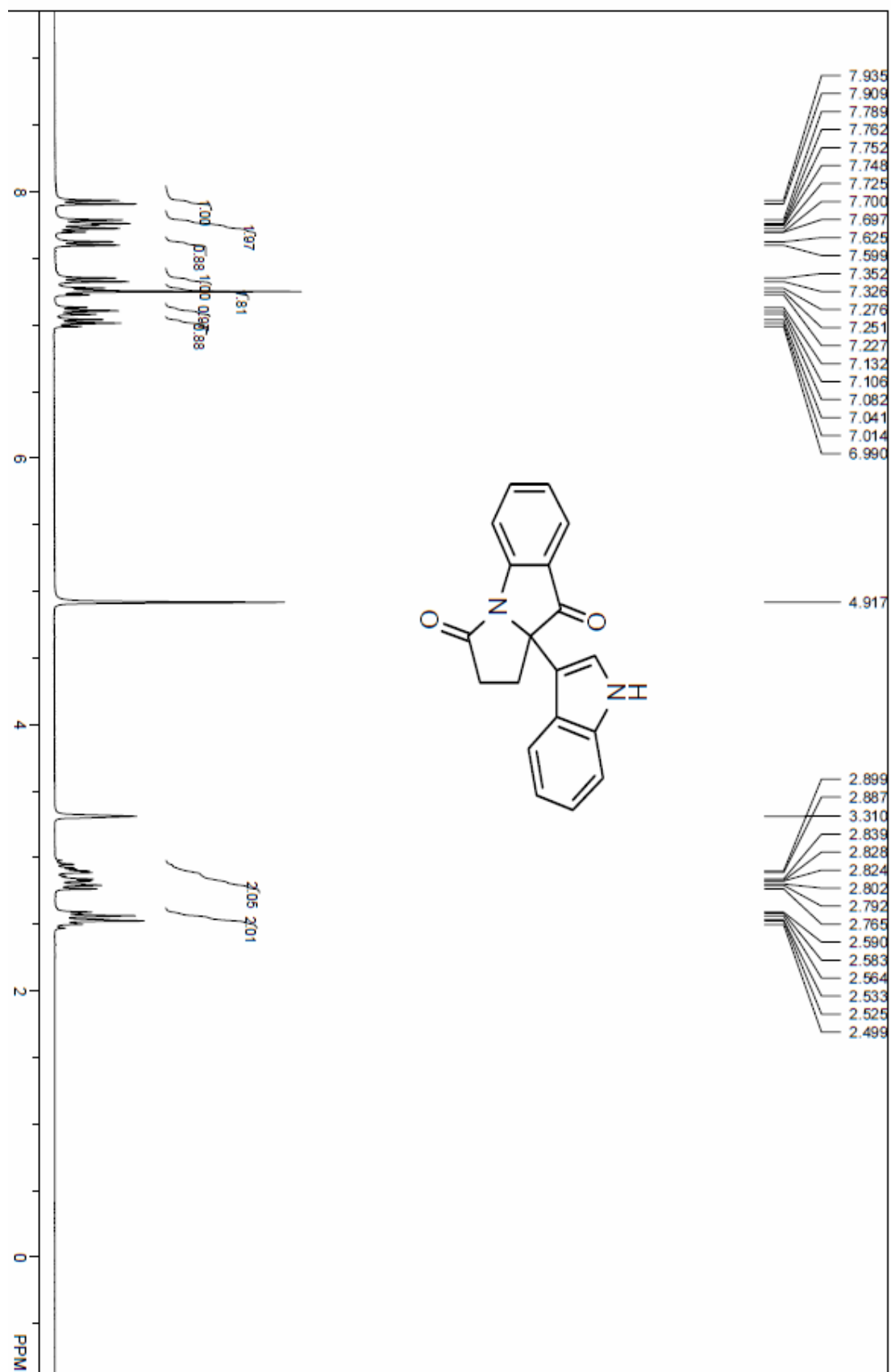


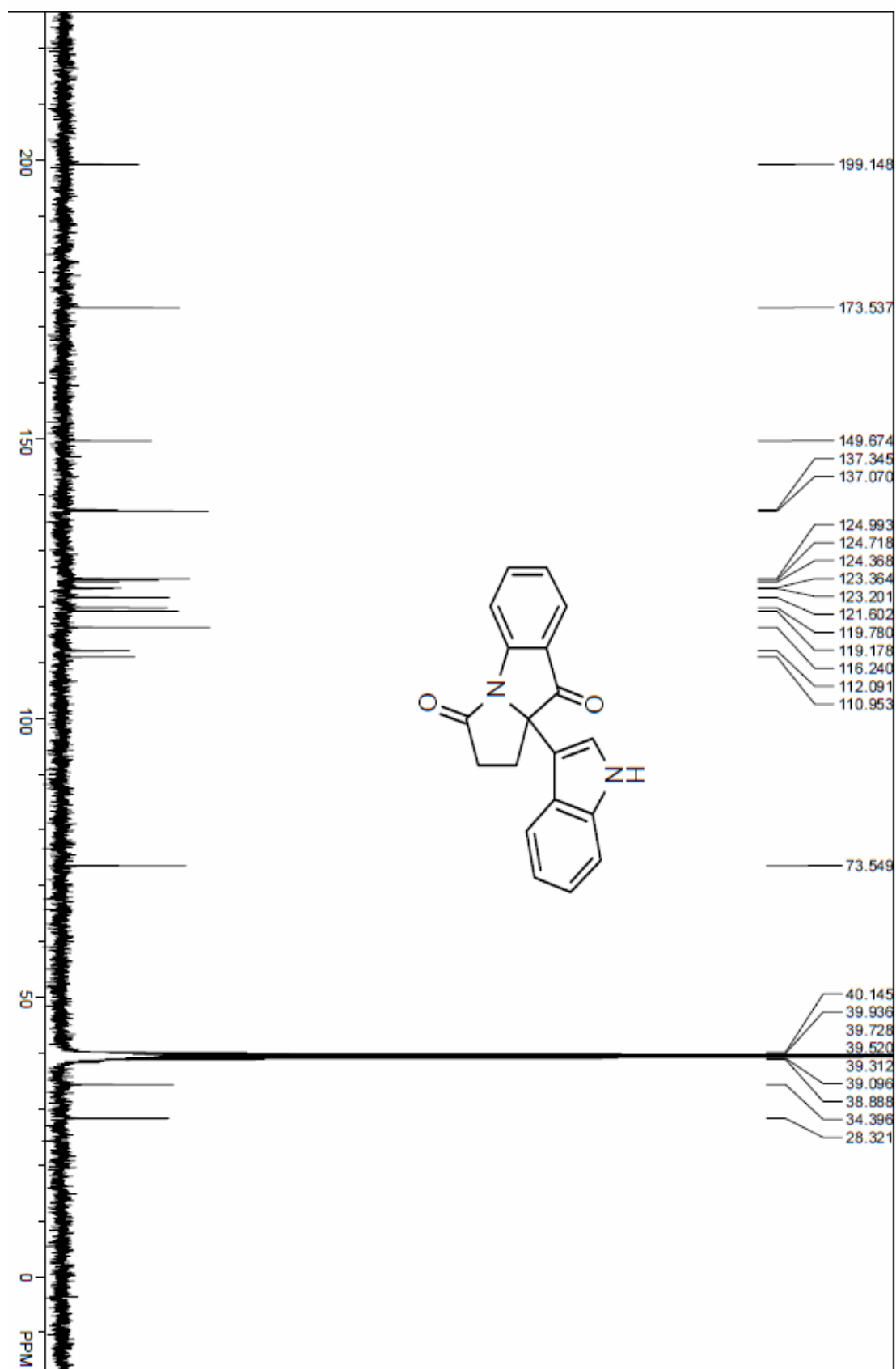


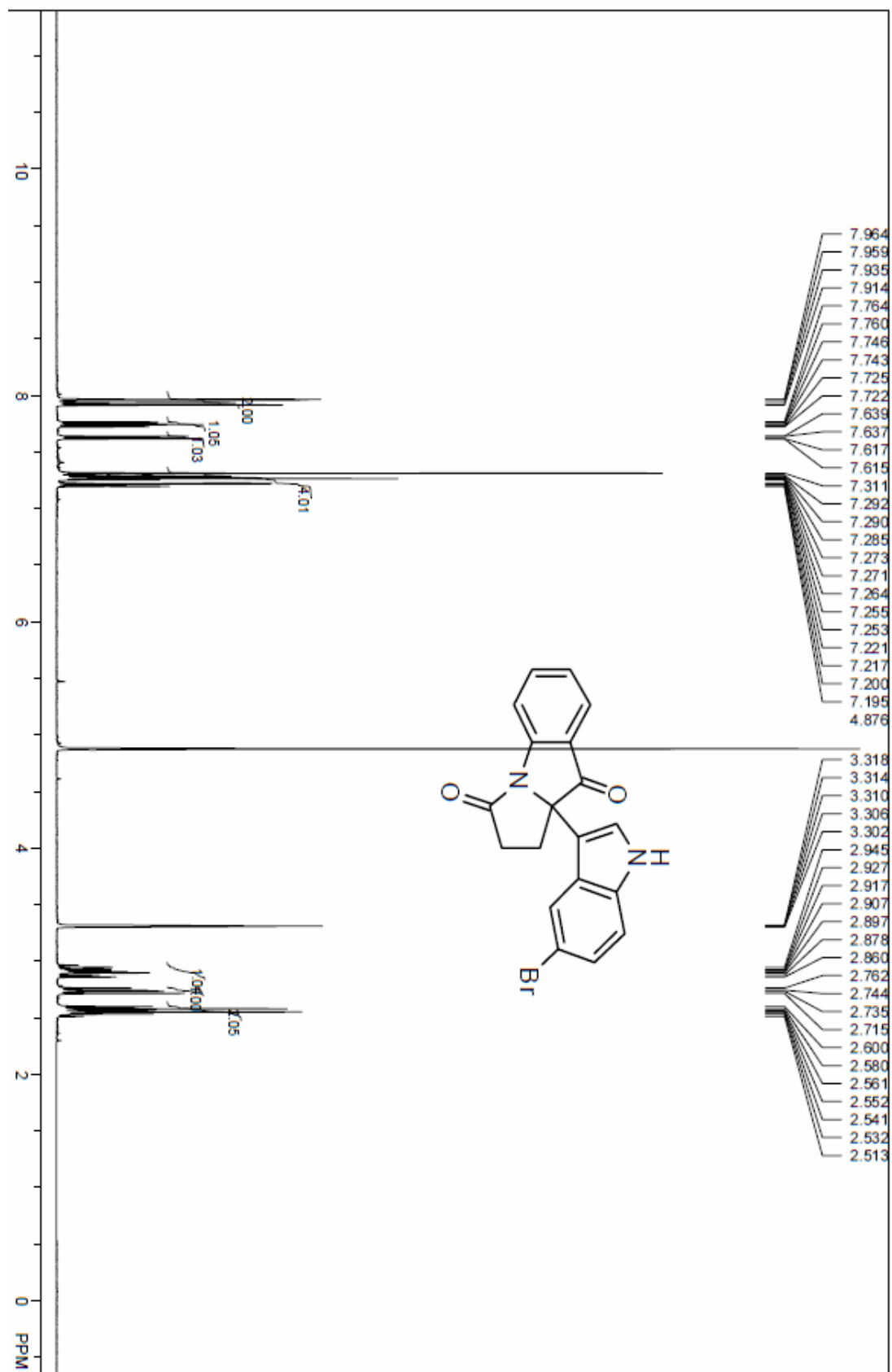


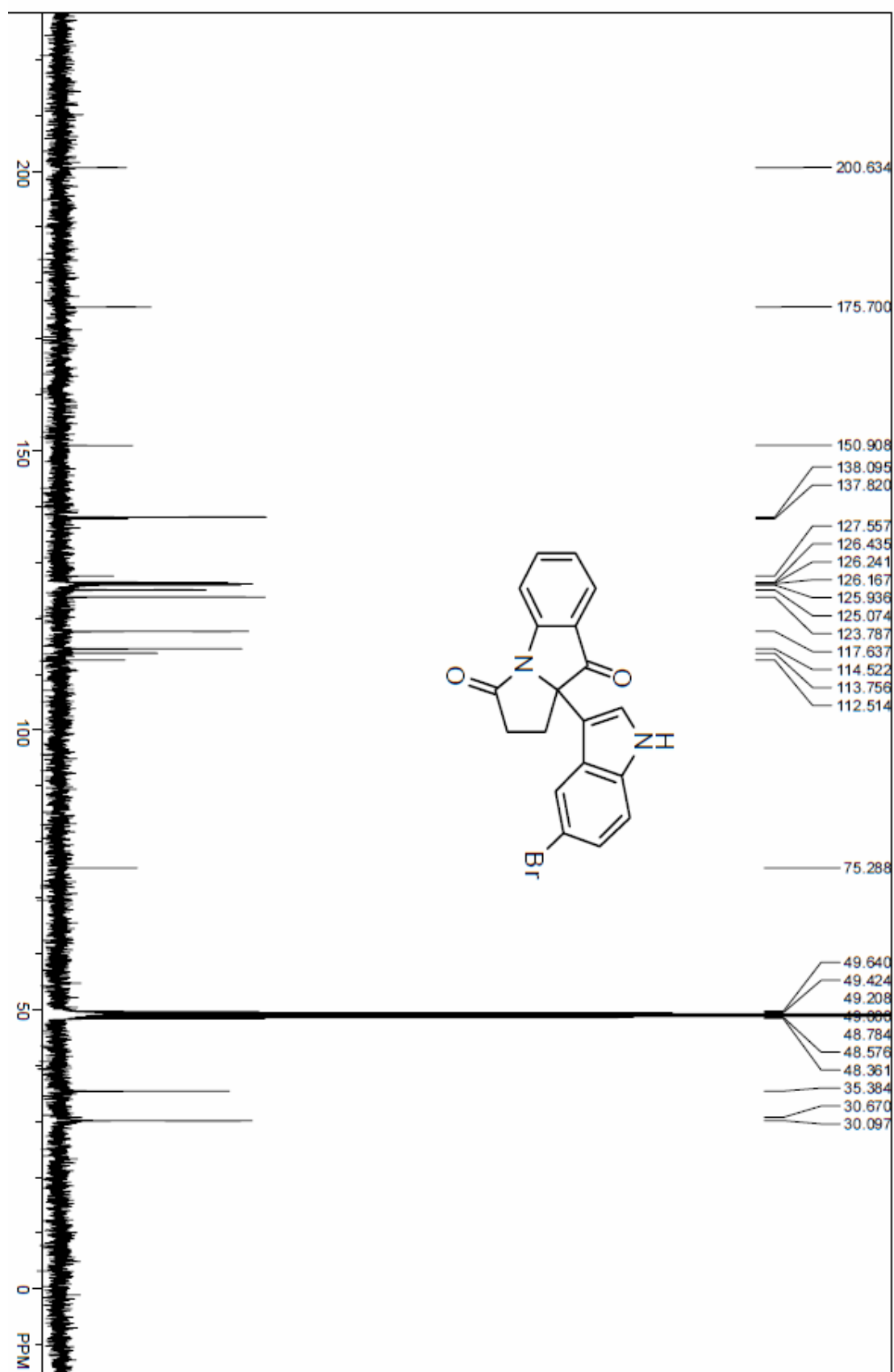


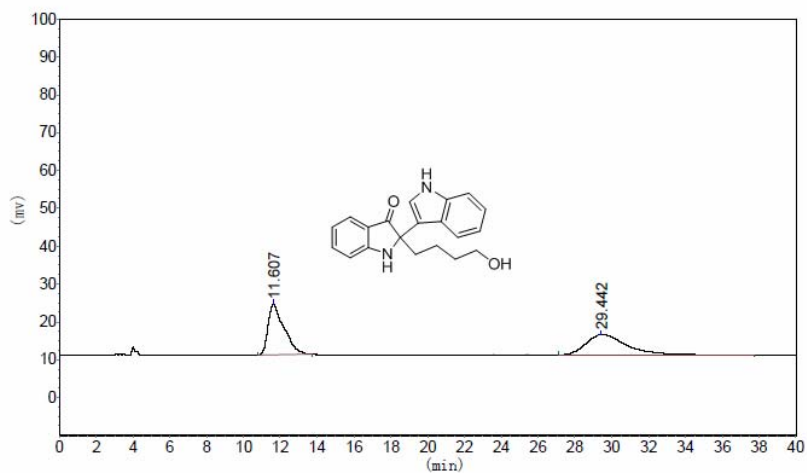




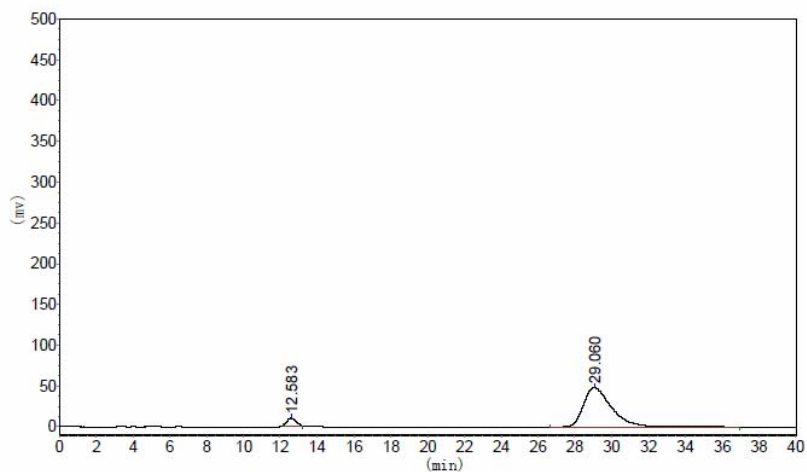




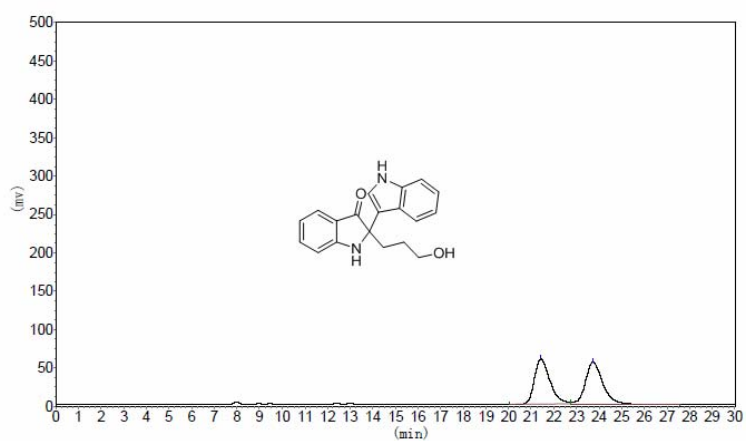




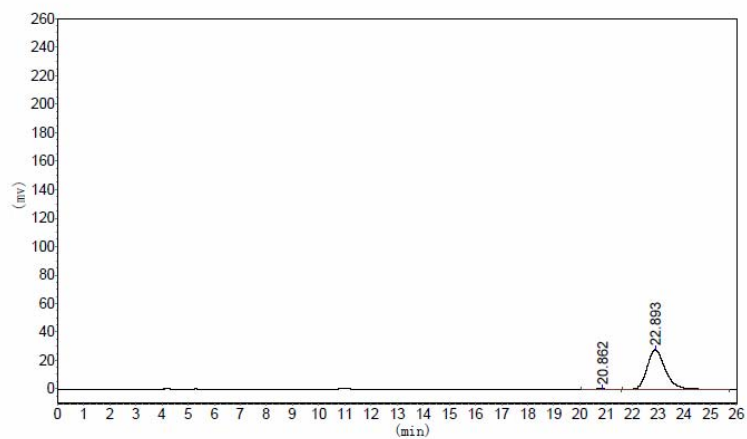
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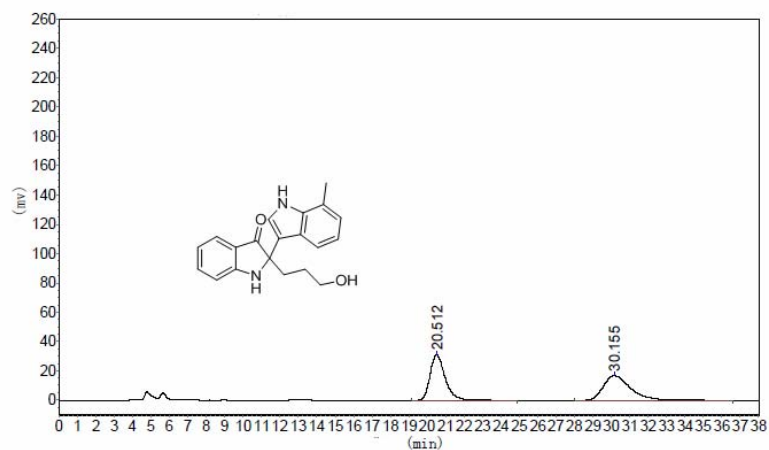
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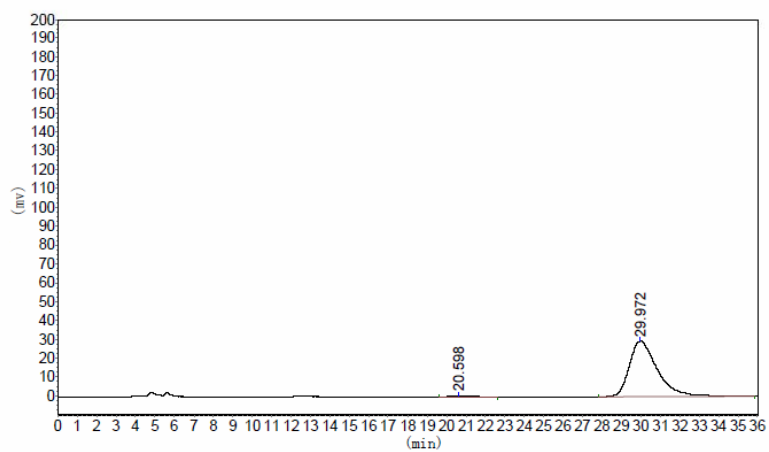
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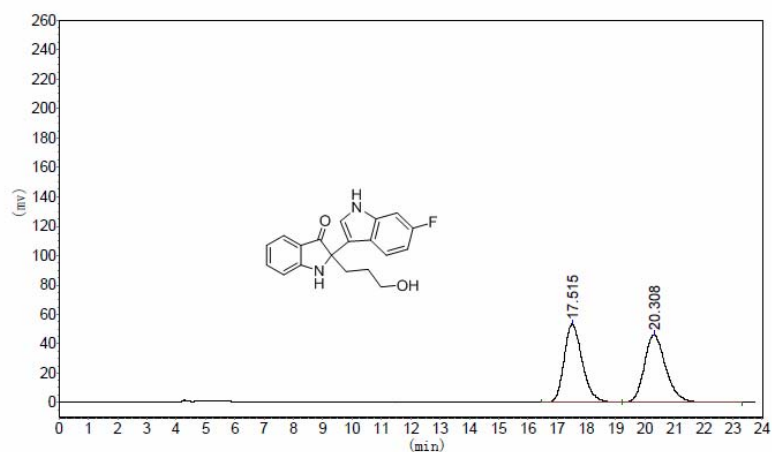
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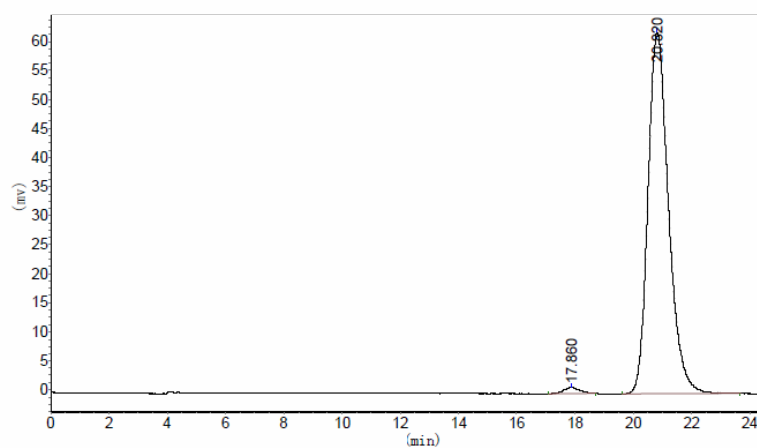
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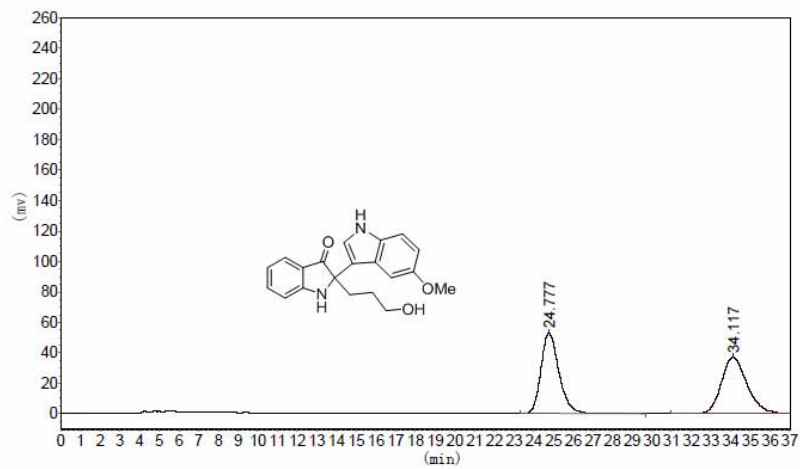
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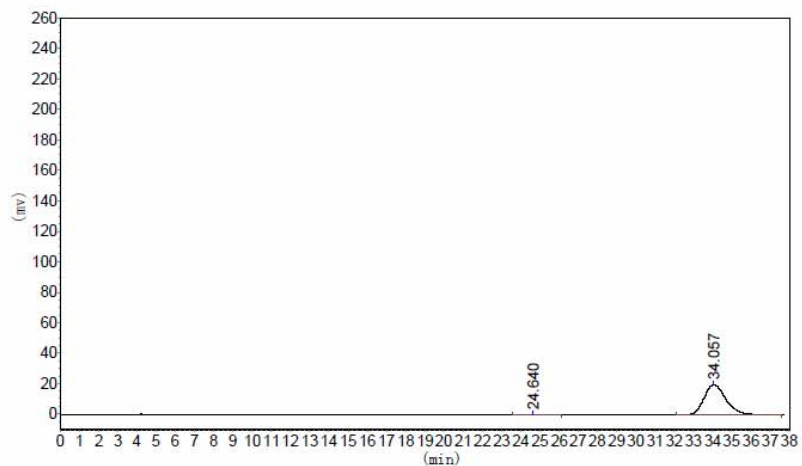
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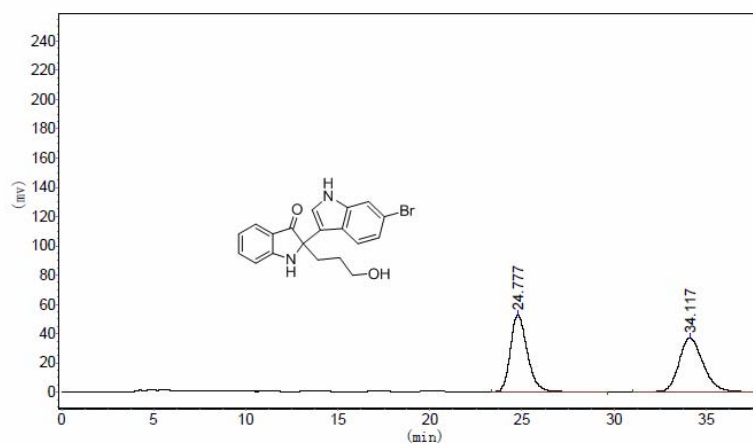
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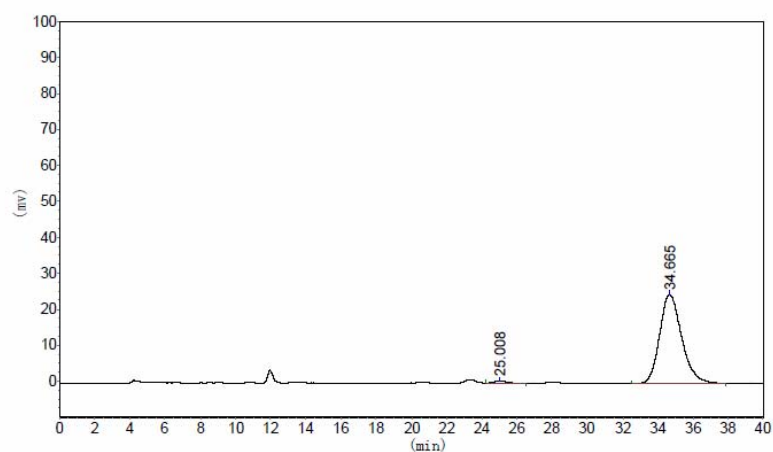
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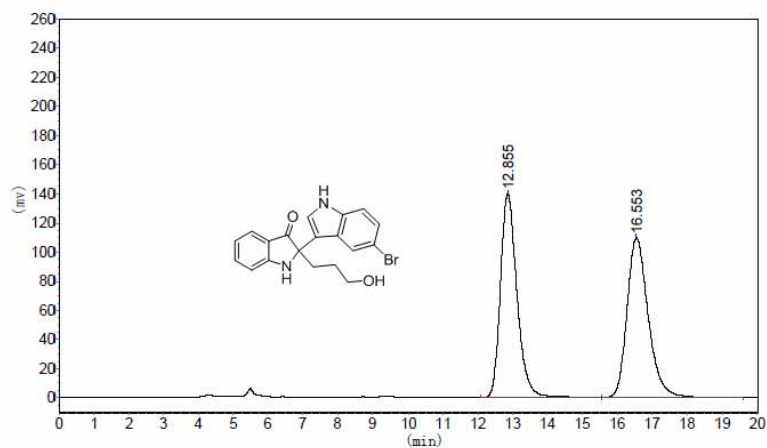
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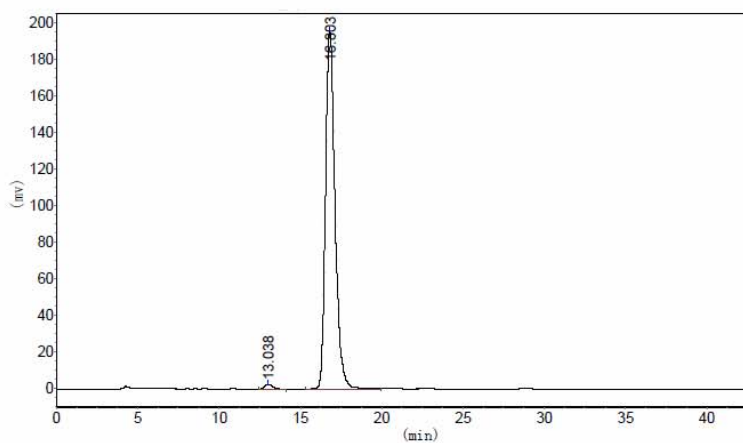
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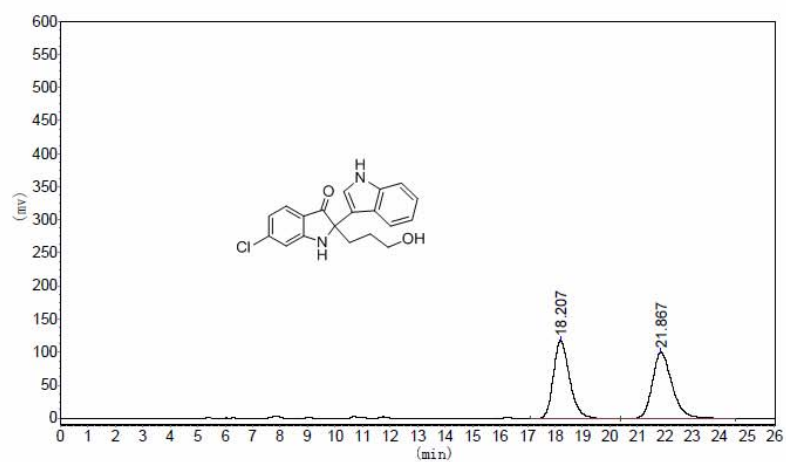
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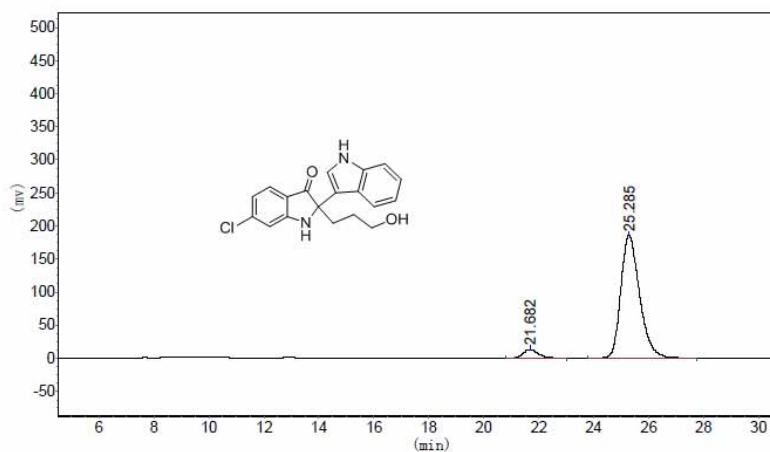
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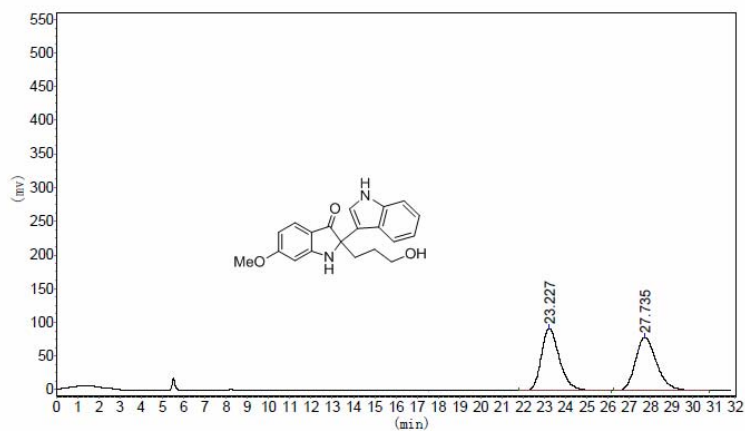
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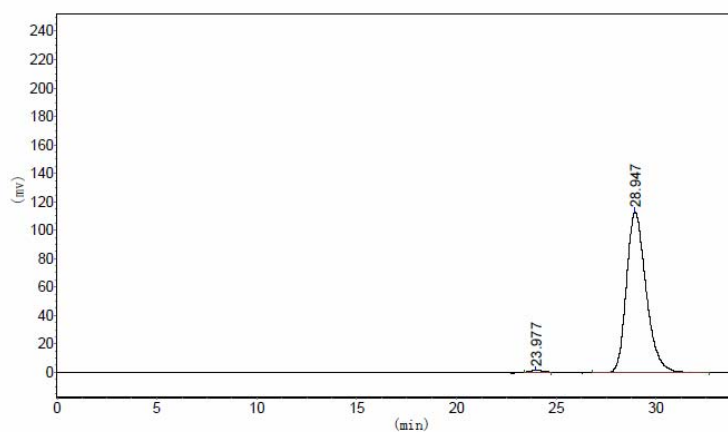
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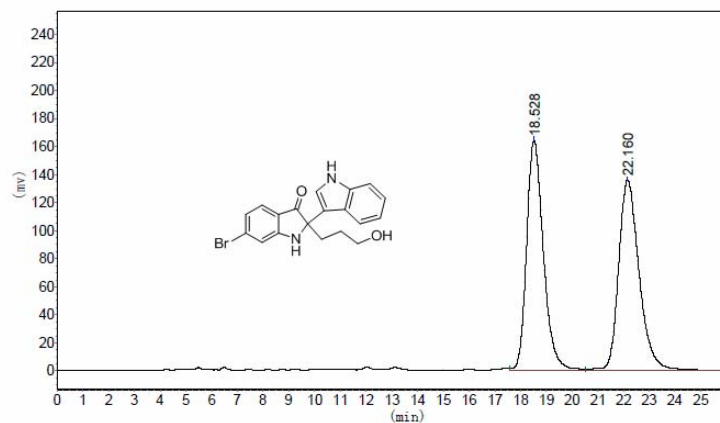
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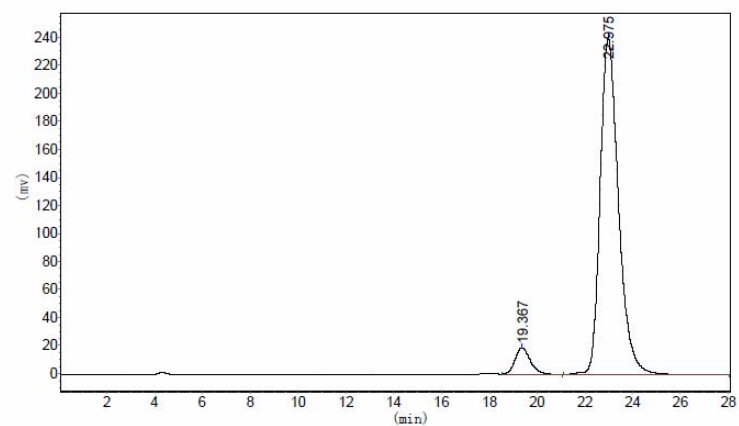
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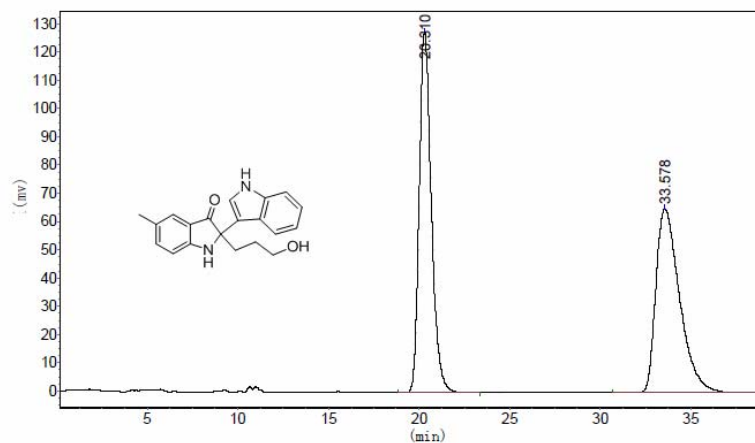
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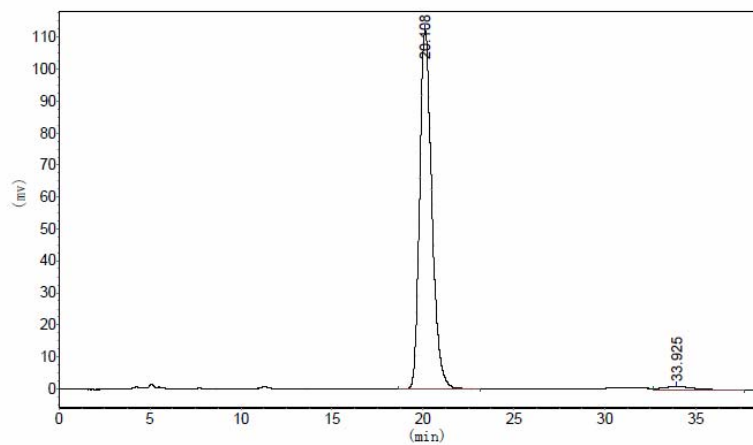
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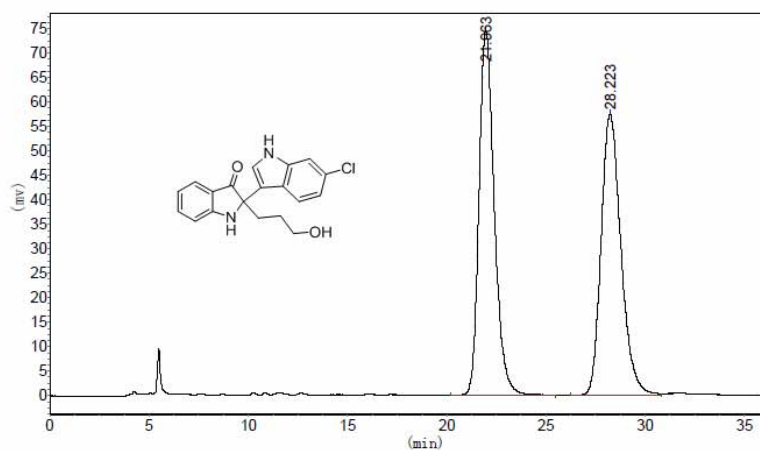


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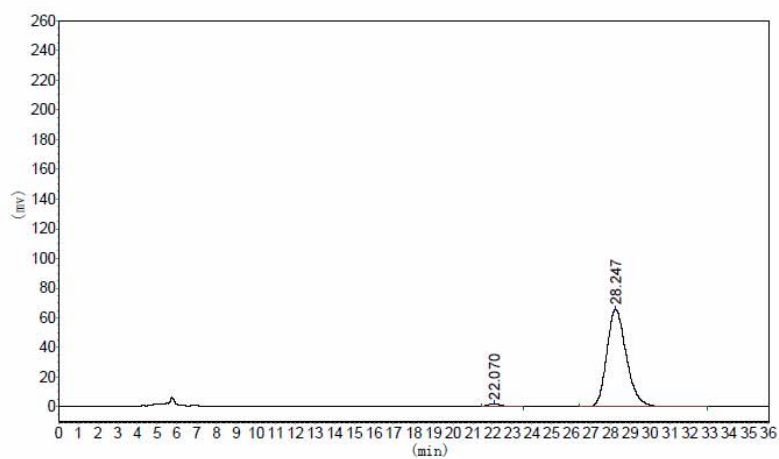


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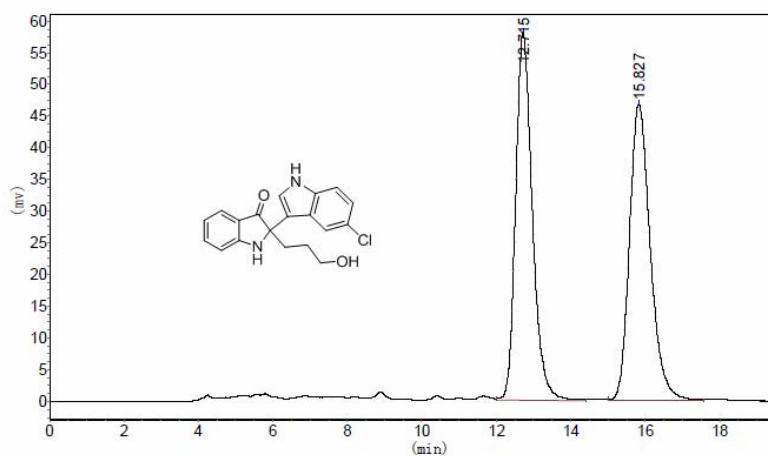




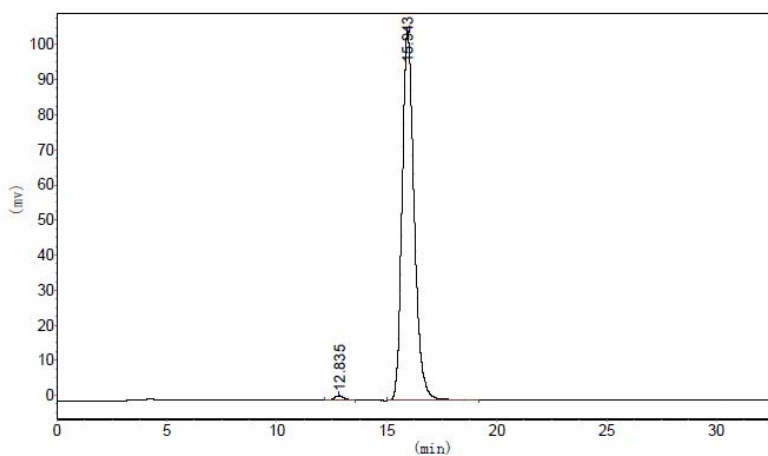
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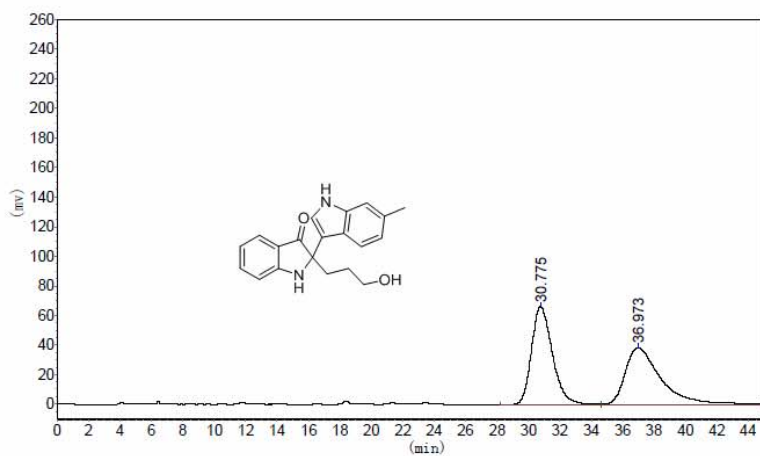
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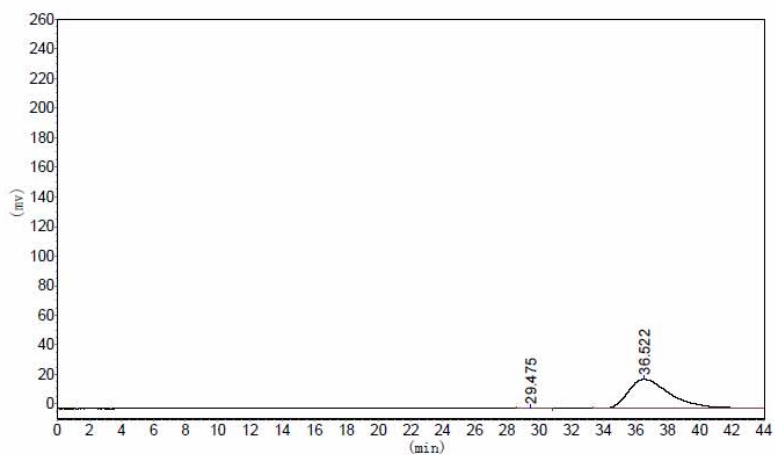
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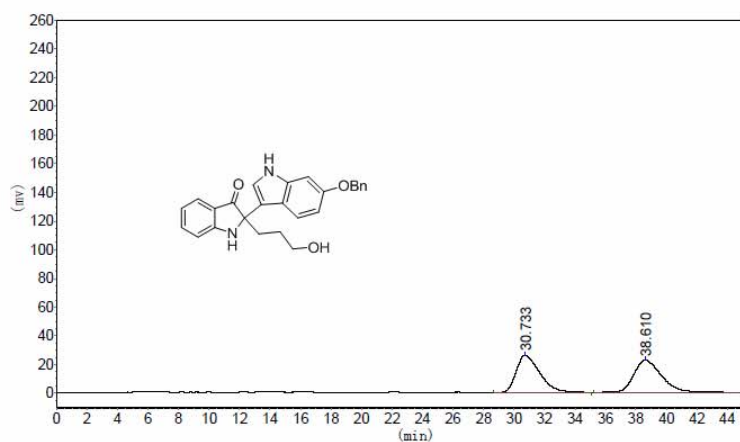
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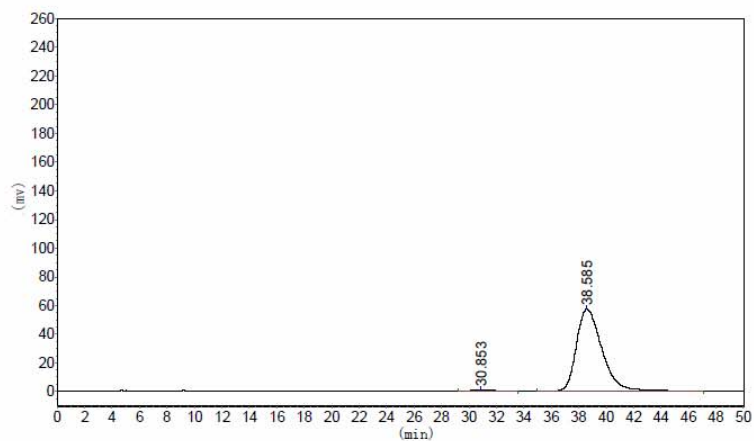
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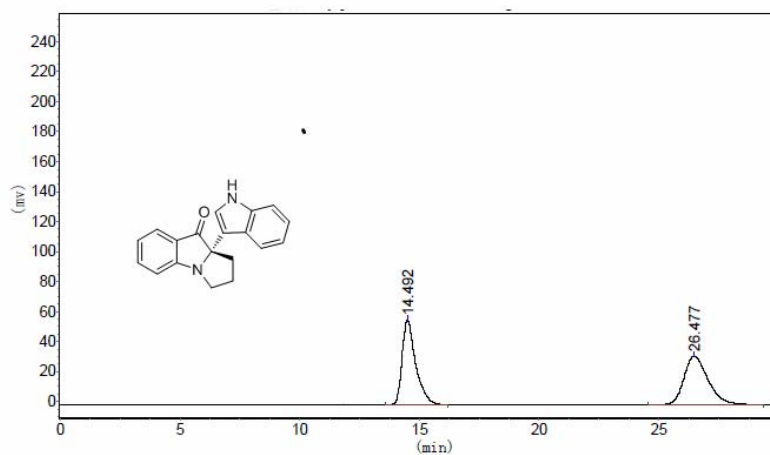
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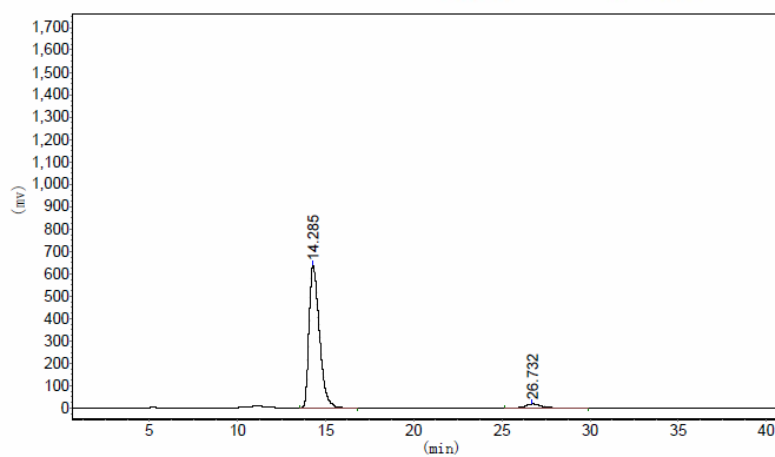
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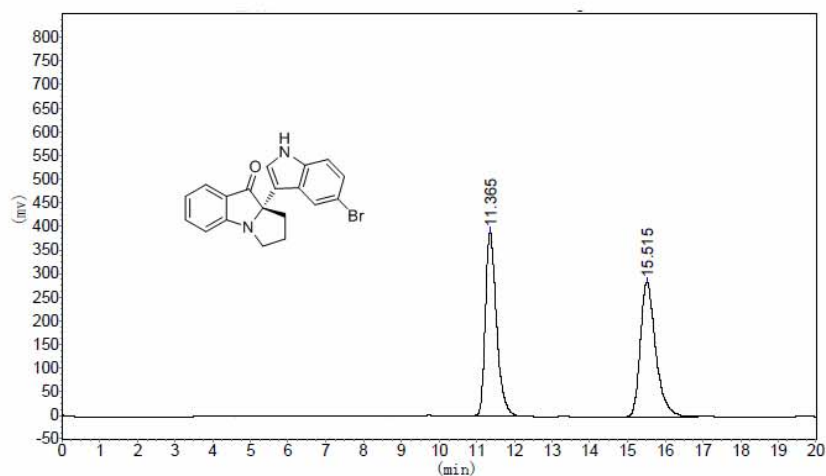
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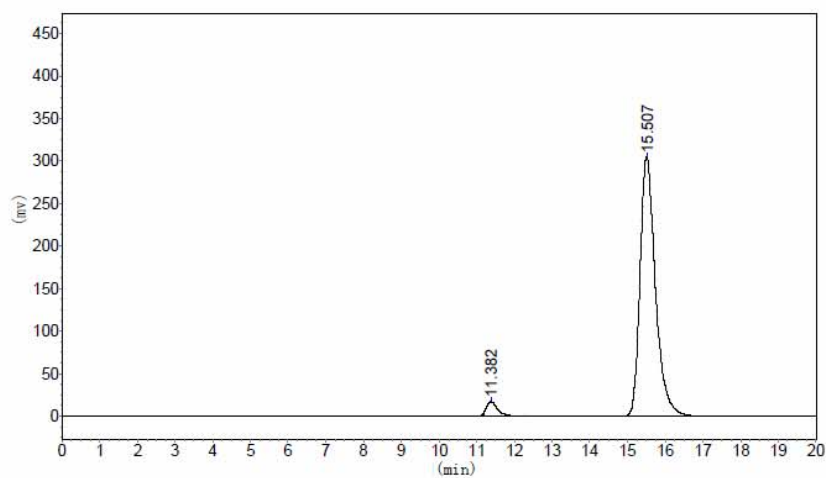
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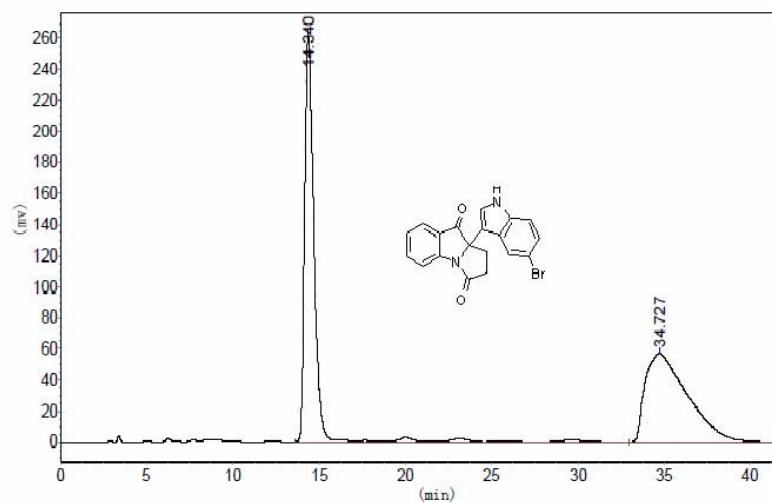
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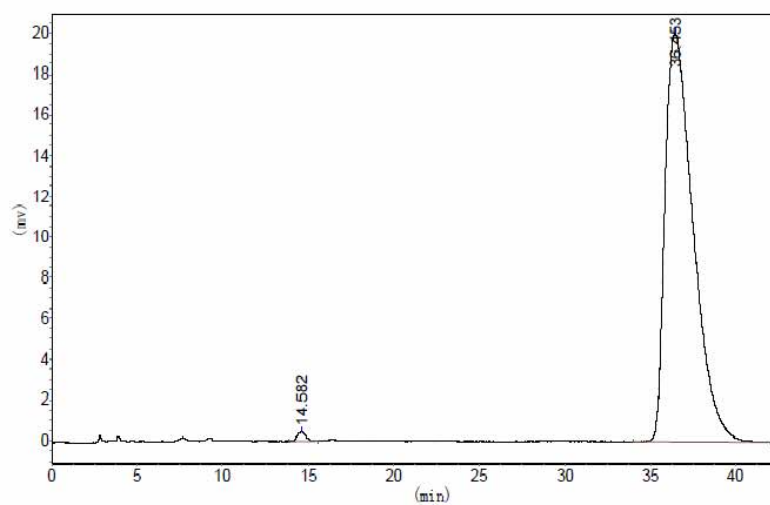
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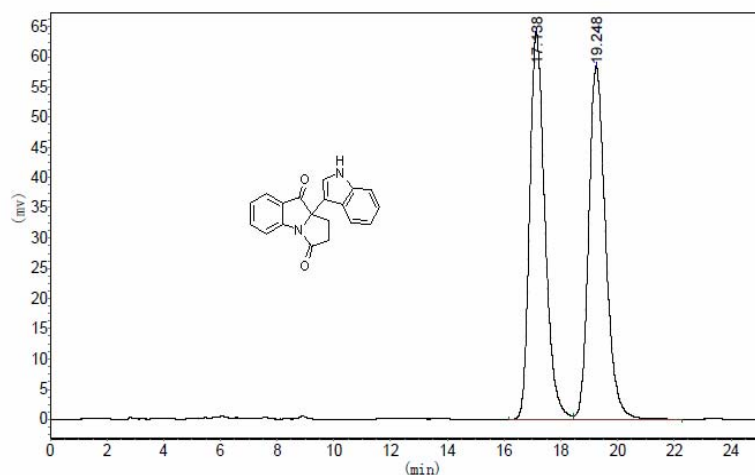
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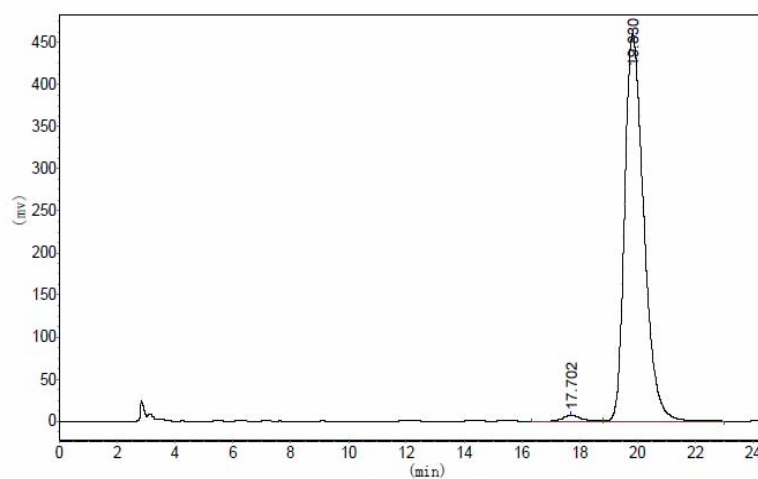
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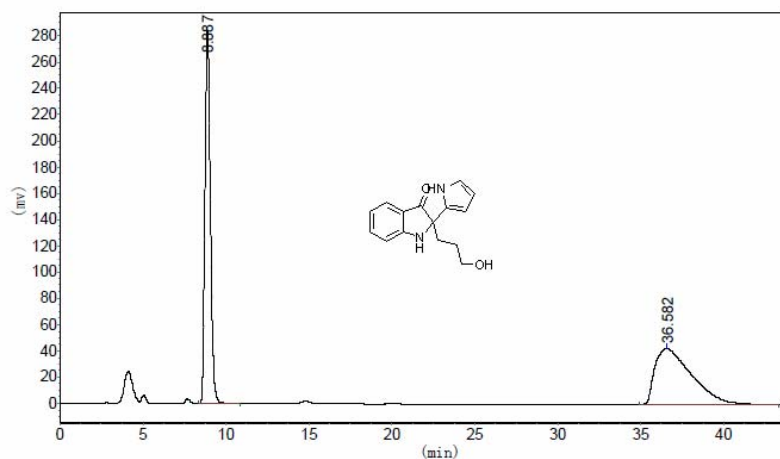
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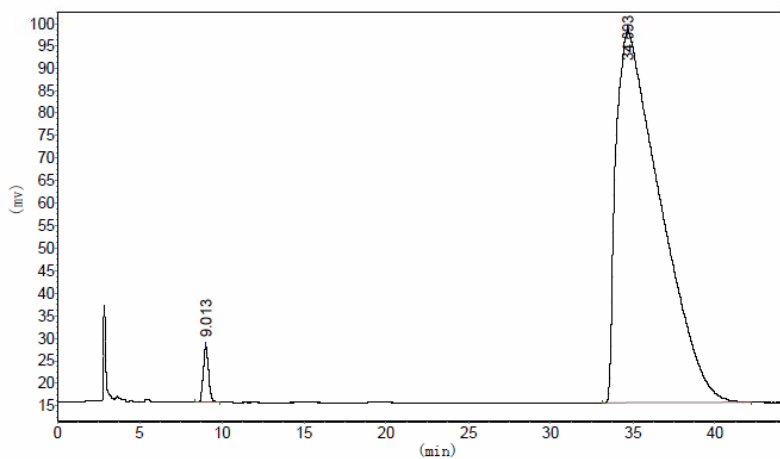
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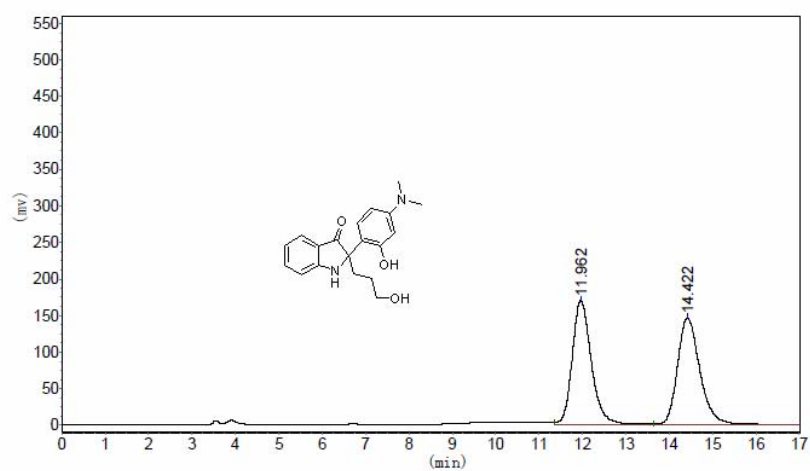
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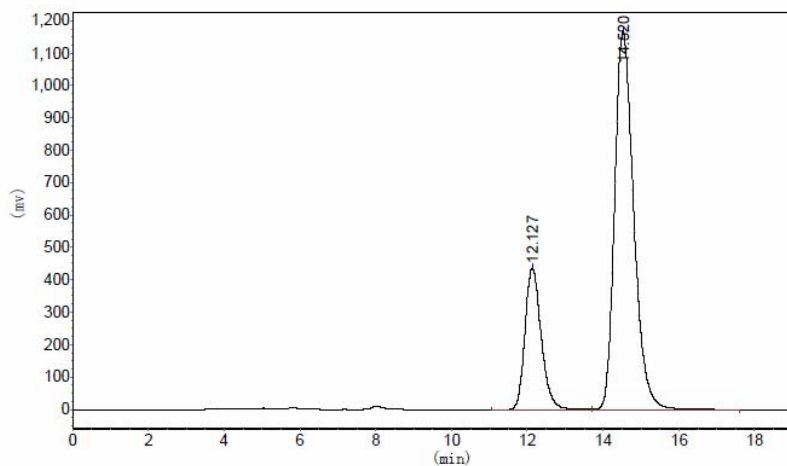
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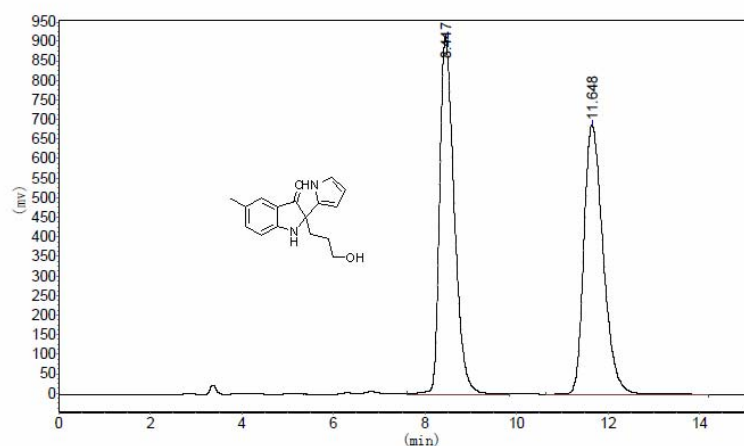
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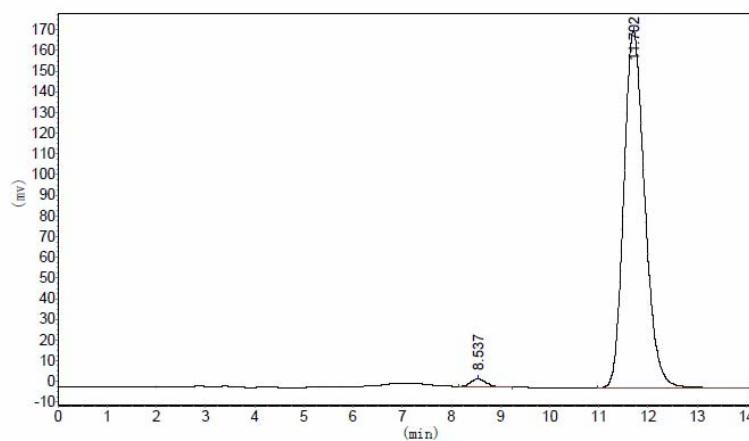
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2	14.422	146159.984	5225309.000	49.9812
Total		316205.828	10454553.500	100.0000



Peak No.	R. Time	Peak Height	Peak Area	Percent
1	12.127	437730.813	13062735.000	24.2723
2	14.520	1167121.000	40754680.000	75.7277
Total		1604851.813	53817415.000	100.0000



Peak No.	R. Time	Peak Height	Peak Area	Percent
1	8.447	910868.625	20190214.000	50.1948
2	11.648	689591.438	20033536.000	49.8052
Total		1600460.063	40223750.000	100.0000



Peak No.	R. Time	Peak Height	Peak Area	Percent
1	8.537	3888.046	89009.711	1.7143
2	11.702	172333.000	5103309.500	98.2857
Total		176221.046	5192319.211	100.0000