

Supporting Information

Development of Manufacturing Process toward the Convergent Synthesis of the COVID-19 Antiviral Ensitreivir

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General Information

All reactions were carried out under an inert nitrogen atmosphere. Unless otherwise noted, the substrates and anhydrous solvents were purchased from commercial sources and used without further purification. NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker AVANCE III HD 400 spectrometer at room temperature using residual solvent as an internal standard (CDCl₃ at 7.27 ppm, ¹H NMR, 77.00 ppm ¹³C NMR; DMSO-*d*₆ at 2.50 ppm, ¹H NMR, 39.51 ppm ¹³C NMR; pyridine-*d*₅ at 8.74 ppm, ¹H NMR; THF-*d*₈ at 67.57 ppm, ¹³C NMR). The following abbreviations (or combinations thereof) were used to denote multiplicities: s = singlet, d = doublet, m = multiplet (complex pattern), brs = broad signal. Mass measurements for high-resolution mass spectra (HRMS) were performed on a Waters BioAccord calibrated against sodium iodide and rubidium iodide clusters and using a LeuEnk lockmass.

In all steps, unless otherwise noted, the solvent was concentrated under reduced pressure and the crystallization occurred without seeding process.

Abbreviations

AcOH = acetic acid, AmOH = amyl alcohol, BF₃·Et₂O = boron trifluoride diethyl ether complex, BuOH = butyl alcohol, CDI = carbonyldiimidazole, CHCl₃ = chloroform, Cs₂CO₃ = cesium carbonate, DBU = 1,8-diazabicyclo[5.4.0]undec-7-ene, DCM = dichloromethane, DIPEA = *N,N*-diisopropylethylamine, DMA = *N,N*-dimethyl acetamide, DMBA = 2,2-dimethylbutyric acid, DMF = *N,N*-dimethyl formamide, DMSO = dimethyl sulfoxide, Et₃N = triethylamine, EtOH = ethanol, EtOAc = ethyl acetate, HCl = hydrogen chloride, HSiCl₃ = trichlorosilane, H₂SO₄ = sulfuric acid, K₂CO₃ = potassium carbonate, KHCO₃ = potassium bicarbonate, KI = potassium iodide, KNO₃ = potassium nitrate, K₃PO₄ = tripotassium phosphate, LiAlH₄ = lithium aluminium hydride, LiHMDS = lithium hexamethyldisilazide, MeCN = acetonitrile, Me₂CO₃ = dimethyl carbonate, MeI = methyl iodide, Me₃O·BF₄ = trimethyloxonium tetrafluoroborate, MeOH = methanol, Me₂SO₄ = dimethyl sulfate, MsOH = methanesulfonic acid, MTBE = methyl *tert*-butyl ether, NaBH₄ = sodium borohydride, NaCl = sodium chloride, NaHCO₃ = sodium bicarbonate, NaNO₃ = sodium nitrate, Na₂S₂O₄ = sodium hydrosulfite, NaOAc = sodium acetate, NaOH = sodium hydroxide, NaO*t*-Bu = sodium *tert*-butoxide, NH₄Cl = ammonium chloride, N₂H₄·H₂O = hydrazine monohydrate, NiCl₂·6H₂O = nickel(II) chloride hexahydrate, Pd/C = palladium on carbon, Pt/C = platinum on carbon, Rh/C = rhodium on carbon, SOCl₂ = thionyl chloride, TFA = trifluoro acetic acid, TfOH = trifluoromethanesulfonic acid, THF = tetrahydrofuran, TiCl₄ = titanium(IV) chloride, Yb(OTf)₃ = ytterbium(III) trifluoromethanesulfonate.

HPLC method

Method A (Scheme 3C)

Column : Xselect CSH C18, 150 × 4.6 mm, 3.5 μm (Waters)
Mobile phase A : 0.1% formic acid aq.
Mobile phase B : MeCN
Flow rate : 1.0 mL/min
Injection volume : 5 μL
Column temperature : 40°C
Wavelength : 254 nm
Gradient program

Time (min)	Mobile phase A (%)	Mobile phase B (%)
0.00	95	5
17.00	5	95
20.00	5	95
20.01	95	5
30.00	95	5

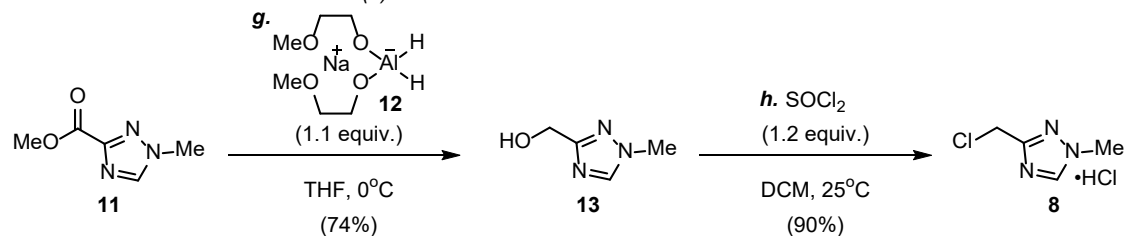
Method B (Scheme 4B)

Column : Xselect CSH Fluoro-Phenyl, 150 × 4.6 mm, 3.5 μm (Waters)
Mobile phase A : 0.1% phosphoric acid aq.
Mobile phase B : MeCN
Flow rate : 1.0 mL/min
Injection volume : 5 μL
Column temperature : 40°C
Wavelength : 255 nm
Gradient program

Time (min)	Mobile phase A (%)	Mobile phase B (%)
0.00	80	20
6.00	80	20
27.00	58	42
31.00	50	50
34.00	5	95
34.01	80	20
45.00	80	20

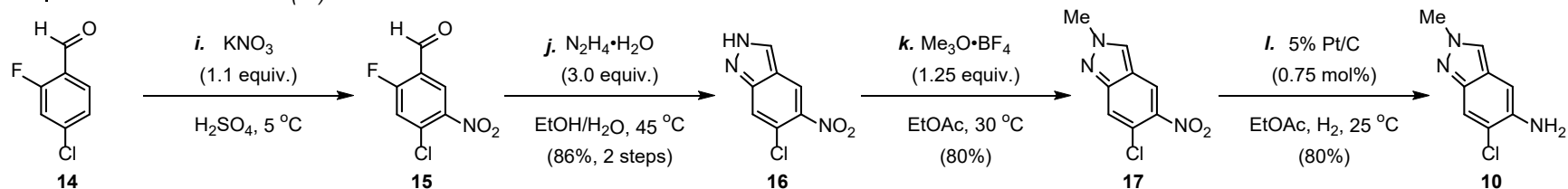
Manufacturing route of Ensitrelvir

S1 | Practical route of 1,2,4-triazole (8)

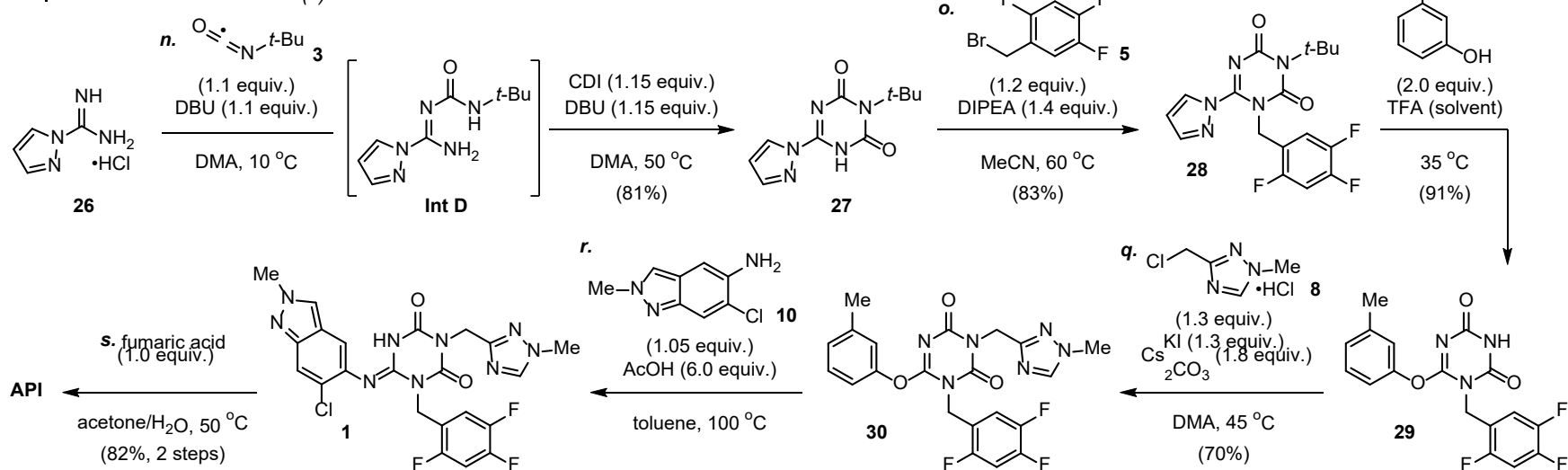


total yield and step count	
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45.1%	(from 14, 6 steps)
35.1%	(from 26, 6 steps, LLS)
operation	
extraction	: 3/12 steps
chromatography	: 0/12 steps
drying	: 9/12 steps

S2 | Practical route of indazole (10)

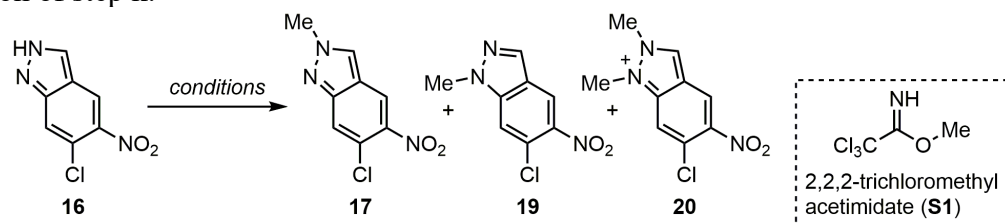


S3 | Practical route of Ensitrelvir (1)



Additional optimization

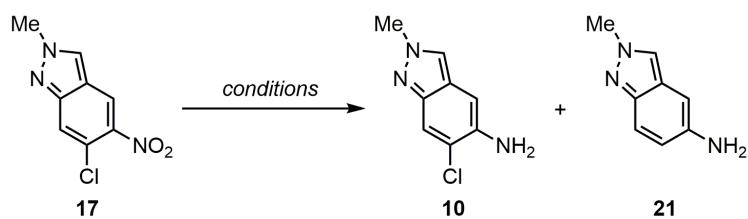
Optimization of step k.



entry	reagent	additive	solvent	temp. (°C)	time (h)	HPLC pa% ^{a)}			
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1	MeI	none	DMF	80	3	84	14	1	1
2	MeI	Et ₃ N	DMF	50	2	85	13	2	1
3	MeI	K ₂ CO ₃	DMF	25	1	1	29	70	<1
4	MeI	NaOt-Bu	<i>tert</i> -BuOH	40	7.5	12	42	46	<1
5	Me ₂ SO ₄	none	MeCN	70	7	23	57	2	18
6	Me ₂ SO ₄	none	EtOAc	70	7	42	48	2	8
7	Me ₂ SO ₄	none	acetone	50	3	92	6	<1	<1
8	Me ₂ SO ₄	none	MeCN/DMA	70	7	66	30	1	3
9	Me ₂ SO ₄	none	THF/DMA	70	7	69	28	1	2
10	Me ₂ SO ₄	none	toluene/DMA	70	7	26	61	3	10
11	Me ₂ SO ₄	Et ₃ N	toluene/DMA	50	4	99	<1	<1	<1
12	Me ₂ SO ₄	none	acetone/DMA	50	1	88	10	<1	1
13	Me ₂ SO ₄	NaHCO ₃	acetone/DMA	50	1	77	14	9	0
14	Me ₂ CO ₃	none	MeOH	80	2	>99	<1	<1	0
15	Me ₂ CO ₃	Na ₂ CO ₃	MeOH	80	2	>99	<1	<1	0
16	Me ₂ CO ₃	DBU	MeOH	80	2	97	<1	<1	<1
17	Me ₂ CO ₃	Yb(OTf) ₃	MeOH	80	2	>99	<1	<1	0
18	Me ₂ CO ₃	TiCl ₄	MeOH	80	2	73	1	<1	25
19	Me ₂ CO ₃	TiCl ₄	EtOAc	80	2	70	<1	14	16
20	Me ₂ CO ₃	MsOH	Me ₂ CO ₃	90	7	96	3	0	0
21	S1	TfOH	DCM	25	3	1	79	2	18
22	S1	TfOH	DCM/MeOH	25	8	66	32	<1	1
23	Me ₃ O·BF ₄	none	DCM	25	8	9	76	0	15
24	Me ₃ O·BF ₄	none	toluene	25	1	82	15	<1	3
25	Me ₃ O·BF ₄	none	THF	25	1	3	75	3	19
26	Me ₃ O·BF ₄	none	2-MeTHF	25	1.5	57	37	2	5
27	Me ₃ O·BF ₄	none	MeCN	25	2.5	10	71	1	18
28	Me ₃ O·BF ₄	none	EtOAc	0	6	17	55	2	26
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a) HPLC method A.

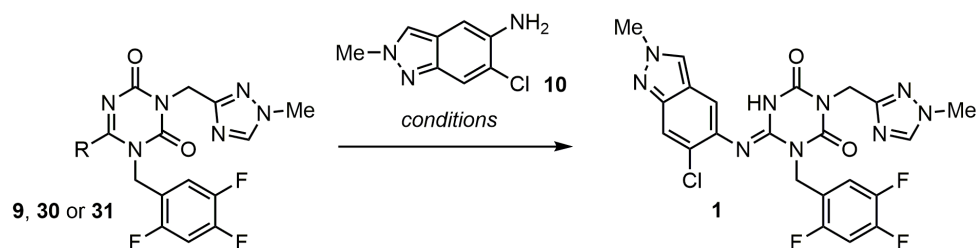
Optimization of step 1



entry	reagent	additive	solvent	temp. (°C)	time (h)	HPLC area% ^{a)}		
						17	10	21
1	Fe powder	NH ₄ Cl	THF/EtOH/H ₂ O	70	1	1	66	4
2	NiCl ₂ ·6H ₂ O	NaBH ₄	MeCN/H ₂ O	25	0.5	0	81	0
3	Na ₂ S ₂ O ₄	none	DMSO/THF	90	2	100	0	0
4	HSiCl ₃	DIPEA	MeCN	25	18	0	46	0
5	2.1% Pd/fibroin	H ₂	MeOH	25	21	1	35	44
6	5% Pd/C (en)	N ₂ H ₄ ·H ₂ O	EtOAc	25	46.5	0	96	4
7	5% Rh/C	N ₂ H ₄ ·H ₂ O	EtOAc	25	3	0	81	19
8	10% Pd/C	H ₂	EtOAc	25	15.5	75	16	6
9	10% Pd/C	N ₂ H ₄ ·H ₂ O	EtOAc	25	18.5	1	87	12
10	5% Pt/C	H ₂	THF	25	5	0	83	9
11	5% Pt/C	H ₂	EtOAc	25	5	1	91	3

a) HPLC method A.

Optimization of step r

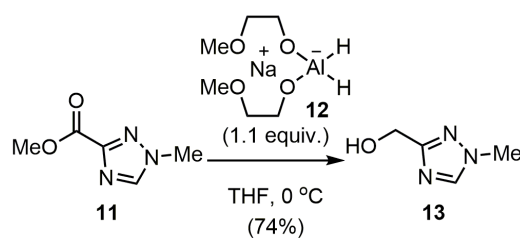


entry	reagent	R	solvent	temp. (°C)	yield of 1 (%) ^{a)}
1	LiHMDS	EtS	THF	0	25
2	AgNO ₃	EtS	DMBA	90	23
3	none		<i>tert</i> -AmOH	120	56
4	none		DMBA	100	55
5	AcOH		<i>tert</i> -BuOH	100	39
6	AcOH		toluene	100	82

a) Isolated yield.

Experimental Procedures and Characterization

Compound **13**, (1-methyl-1*H*-1,2,4-triazol-3-yl)methanol



To a mixture of methyl 1-methyl-1*H*-1,2,4-triazole-3-carboxylate (**11**; 500.0 kg, 3545 mol) in THF (5108 L, 10.0 vol) was added bis(2-methoxyethoxy)aluminum hydride (**12**; 70% in toluene solution, 1120 kg, 3878 mol) at 0°C. After stirring for 3 h, acetone (354 L, 0.7 vol) was added to the reaction mixture. Then potassium sodium tartrate tetrahydrate (803 kg, 2845 mol) and THF (3505 L, 7.0 vol) were added to the reaction mixture at 25°C. After stirring for 5 h, the mixture was filtered and the filtered solid was washed with THF (2347 kg). The obtained filtrate solution was concentrated to 3.0 wt. To the concentrate was added MTBE (756 L, 1.5 vol) at 25°C, then seed crystal was added. After stirring for the adequate time, MTBE (4044 L, 8.0 vol) was added to the mixture. The mixture was concentrated to 5.5 wt. Then, MTBE (3503 L, 7.0 vol) was added again to the concentrate. The mixture was cooled to -5°C and filtered. The filtered solid was washed with MTBE (1025 L, 2.1 vol). The obtained solid was dried under reduced pressure at 35°C to afford (1-methyl-1*H*-1,2,4-triazol-3-yl)methanol (**13**; 308.5 kg, 73.7%).

Physical state: white solid.

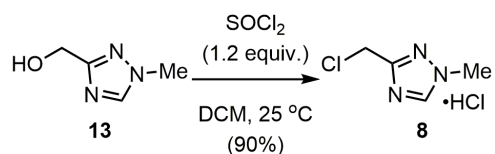
Melting point: 81°C

¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ 8.34 (s, 1H), 5.17 (t, *J* = 5.5 Hz, 1H), 4.40 (d, *J* = 5.3 Hz, 2H), 3.82 (s, 3H).

¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ 163.5, 144.8, 56.7, 35.5.

HRMS-ESI (*m/z*): [M + H]⁺ calcd for [C₄H₈N₃O]⁺ 114.0667, found 114.0670.

Compound **8** (3-(chloromethyl)-1-methyl-1*H*-1,2,4-triazole hydrochloride)



To a mixture of (1-methyl-1*H*-1,2,4-triazol-3-yl)methanol (**13**; 308.0 kg, 2723 mol) in DCM (4634 L, 15.0 vol) was added SOCl_2 (359.6 kg, 3023 mol) at 25°C . After stirring for 20 h, MTBE (1537 L, 5.0 vol) was added to the reaction mixture. The mixture was stirred at 25°C for 35 h and filtered. The filtered solid was washed with MTBE (1063 L, 3.5 vol). The obtained solid was dried under reduced pressure at 25°C to afford 3-(chloromethyl)-1-methyl-1*H*-1,2,4-triazole hydrochloride (**8**; 419.64 kg, 89.9%).

Physical state: white solid.

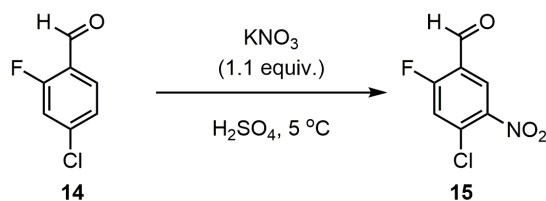
Melting point: $69\text{--}70^\circ\text{C}$

^1H NMR (400 MHz, $\text{DMSO-}d_6$): δ 11.63 (brs, 1H), 8.77 (s, 1H), 4.76 (s, 2H), 3.90 (s, 3H)

$^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR (100 MHz, $\text{DMSO-}d_6$): δ 158.5, 145.4, 37.3, 36.4.

HRMS-ESI (m/z): $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ calcd for $[\text{C}_4\text{H}_7\text{ClN}_3]^+$ 132.0328, found 132.0324.

Compound **15**, 4-chloro-2-fluoro-5-nitrobenzaldehyde



To a mixture of 4-chloro-2-fluoro-benzaldehyde (**14**; 235.0 kg, 1482 mol) in 98% H₂SO₄ aq. (2162.0 kg, 5.0 vol) was added KNO₃ (164.8 kg, 1630 mol) at 5°C. After stirring for 5 h, the reaction mixture was added to water (2350 L, 10.0 vol) at 5°C. Then the resulting slurry was filtered. The filtered solid was washed with water (2350 L, 10.0 vol × 3). The obtained wet solid of 4-chloro-2-fluoro-5-nitrobenzaldehyde (**15**; 292.4 kg) was used in next step without drying.

Physical state: white solid.

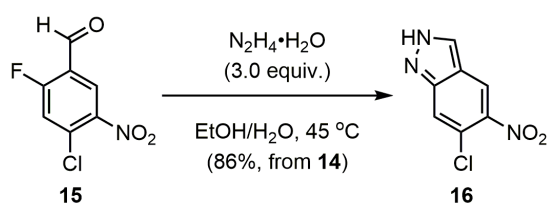
Melting point: 59°C

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 10.31 (s, 1H), 8.46 (d, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 1H), 7.47 (d, *J* = 9.2 Hz, 1H)

¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 183.6 (d, *J*_{C-F} = 5.1 Hz), 164.4 (d, *J*_{C-F} = 67.0 Hz), 144.9 (d, *J*_{C-F} = 4.0 Hz), 135.0 (d, *J*_{C-F} = 11.7 Hz), 126.4 (d, *J*_{C-F} = 4.4 Hz), 123.1 (d, *J*_{C-F} = 11.0 Hz), 120.7 (d, *J*_{C-F} = 24.9 Hz)

HRMS-ESI (*m/z*): [M + H]⁺ calcd for [C₇H₄ClFNO₃]⁺ 203.9862, found 203.9864.

Compound **16**, 6-chloro-5-nitro-2*H*-indazole



The molar equivalent, vol and weights in this step were based on the amount of compound **14** used.

To a mixture of hydrazine monohydrate (204.8 kg, 4091 mol) in EtOH (2191 kg, 11.7 vol) and water (1943 L, 8.3 vol) was added wet 4-chloro-2-fluoro-5-nitrobenzaldehyde (292.4 kg) at 45°C. After stirring for 11.5 h, 8% KHCO₃ aq. (1858 kg) was added to the reaction mixture at 45°C. Then the resulting slurry was cooled to 5°C and filtered. The filtered solid was washed with a mixture of water and EtOH (water/EtOH = 5/2 vol/vol; 5386 L). The obtained solid was dried under reduced pressure at 50°C to afford 6-chloro-5-nitro-2*H*-indazole (**16**; 252.1 kg, 86.1% for 2 steps).

Physical state: yellowish red solid.

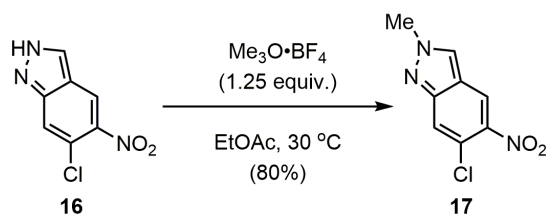
Melting point: 240°C

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.42 (s, 1H), 8.23 (d, *J* = 1.1 Hz, 1H), 7.68 (d, *J* = 0.7 Hz, 1H)

¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ 142.1, 140.7, 136.6, 123.0, 120.9, 120.7, 113.3.

HRMS-ESI (*m/z*): [M + H]⁺ calcd for [C₇H₅ClN₃O₂]⁺ 198.0070, found 198.0069.

Compound **17**, 6-chloro-2-methyl-5-nitro-2*H*-indazole



To a mixture of 6-chloro-5-nitro-2*H*-indazole (**16**; 160.0 kg, 810 mol) in EtOAc (2336 L, 14.6 vol) was added $\text{Me}_3\text{O}\cdot\text{BF}_4$ (149.7 kg, 1012 mol) at 30 °C. After stirring for 10 h, MeOH (379.4 kg, 3.0 vol) was added to the resulting mixture. The reaction mixture was mixed with 10% NaHCO_3 aq., and the organic layer was separated. The organic layer was washed with 6% NaCl aq., and then the organic layer was separated off. The organic layer was mixed with activated carbon (80.1 kg, 0.5 wt) and THF (1120 L, 7.0 vol). After stirring for an adequate time, activated carbon was separated off. The filtrate was concentrated under reduced pressure, and then the amount of solution was adjusted to 8.3 wt with THF. The solution was mixed with *n*-heptane (528.0 L, 3.3 vol) and stirred at 33°C, and then seed crystal was added. *n*-Heptane (2912 L, 18.2 vol) was added again to the slurry at 33°C. Then the resulting slurry was cooled to -8°C and filtered. The filtered solid was washed with a mixture of *n*-heptane (436.8 L, 2.7 vol) and THF (107.2 L, 0.7 vol). The obtained solid was dried under reduced pressure at 50°C to afford 6-chloro-2-methyl-5-nitro-2*H*-indazole (**17**; 136.86 kg, 79.8%).

Physical state: light yellowish red solid.

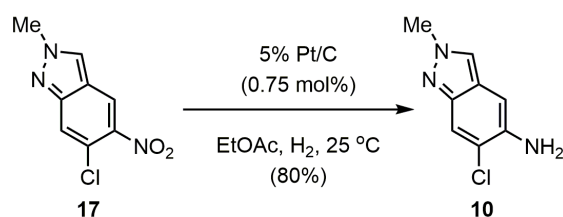
Melting point: 152°C

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 8.31 (s, 1H), 8.13 (s, 1H), 7.81 (s, 1H), 4.27 (s, 3H).

$^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 148.6, 143.4, 127.1, 123.2, 120.0, 119.9, 118.8, 41.0.

HRMS-ESI (m/z): $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ calcd for $[\text{C}_8\text{H}_7\text{ClN}_3\text{O}_2]^+$ 212.0227, found 212.0226.

Compound **10**, 6-chloro-2-methyl-2*H*-indazol-5-amine



A mixture of 6-chloro-2-methyl-5-nitro-2*H*-indazole (**17**; 187.3 kg, 885 mol) and 5% Pt/C (59.0 kg, 6.6 mol) in EtOAc (1874.6 L, 10.0 vol) was stirred under hydrogen atmosphere at 25°C for 5.5 h. After the reaction, Pt/C was filtered off, and the cake was washed with EtOAc (838.0 L, 10.0 vol). The combined filtrates were mixed with 0.1% HCl aq., and the organic layer was separated. The organic layer was mixed with 0.14% NaOH aq., and then the organic layer was separated. The separated organic layer was washed with water, and then the organic layer was separated off. Above separated aqueous layers were extracted in order with EtOAc (3373.6 L, 18.0 vol). Then the separated organic layers were combined and concentrated under reduced pressure, and then the amount of solution was adjusted to 6.0 wt with EtOAc. The seed crystal was added to the mixture at 25°C. *n*-Heptane (2998.2 L, 16.0 vol) was added to the slurry at 25°C. Then the resulting slurry was cooled to 0°C and filtered. The filtered solid was washed with a mixture of *n*-heptane and EtOAc (*n*-heptane/EtOAc = 3/1 vol/vol; 1143 L). The obtained solid was dried under reduced pressure at 50°C to afford 6-chloro-2-methyl-2*H*-indazol-5-amine (**10**; 128.8 kg, 80.1%).

Physical state: light brown solid.

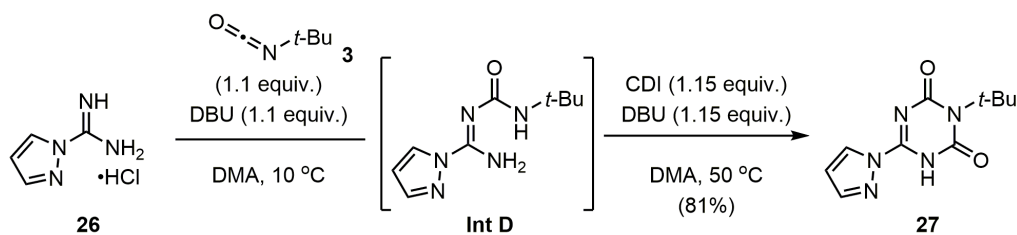
Melting point: 129°C

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.69 (s, 1H), 7.61 (s, 1H), 6.87 (s, 1H), 4.13 (s, 3H), 3.95 (brs, 2H)

¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 145.1, 137.5, 124.4, 121.7, 121.3, 117.4, 100.6, 40.2.

HRMS-ESI (*m/z*): [M + H]⁺ calcd for [C₈H₉ClN₃]⁺ 182.0485, found 182.0482.

Compound **27**, 3-(*tert*-butyl)-6-(1*H*-pyrazol-1-yl)-1,3,5-triazine-2,4(1*H*,3*H*)-dione



To a mixture of 1-amidinopyrazole hydrochloride (**26**; 375.0 kg, 2558 mol) and DBU (428.4 kg, 2814 mol) in DMA (2610.0 kg, 7.4 vol) were added *tert*-butyl isocyanate (**3**; 279.0 kg, 2814 mol) at 10 °C. After stirring for 0.5 h, CDI (477.1 kg, 2942 mol) and DBU (447.9 kg, 2942 mol) were added to the reaction mixture. After stirring at 50 °C for 4 h, MeOH (248 L, 6230 mol) was added to the reaction mixture at 20 °C. The mixture was adjusted to pH 2.5 with 10% H₂SO₄ aq. at 20 °C. Then the resulting slurry was cooled to 5 °C and filtered. The filtered solid was washed with a mixture of water and MeOH (water/MeOH = 4/1 vol/vol; 800.0 L). The obtained wet solid of 3-(*tert*-butyl)-6-(1*H*-pyrazol-1-yl)-1,3,5-triazine-2,4(1*H*,3*H*)-dione (**27**; 530.0 kg) was used in next step without drying (assay yield: 80.7%).

Physical state: white solid.

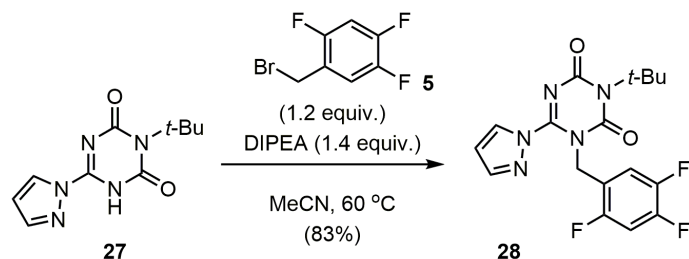
Melting point: 162 °C

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 9.47 (brs, 1H), 8.42 (d, *J* = 2.9 Hz, 1H), 7.81 (d, *J* = 1.5 Hz, 1H), 6.57 (dd, *J* = 2.9, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 1.72 (s, 9H),

¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 148.4, 145.2, 129.2, 111.2, 61.9, 29.6, 29.1.

HRMS-ESI (*m/z*): [M + Na]⁺ calcd for [C₁₀H₁₃N₅O₂Na]⁺ 258.0967, found 258.0968.

Compound **28**, 3-(*tert*-butyl)-6-(1*H*-pyrazol-1-yl)-1-(2,4,5-trifluorobenzyl)-1,3,5-triazine-2,4(1*H*,3*H*)-dione



Wet 3-(*tert*-butyl)-6-(1*H*-pyrazol-1-yl)-1,3,5-triazine-2,4(1*H*,3*H*)-dione (**27**, 530.0 kg) was divided into two halves. One half was dissolved in MeCN. Then the mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure and adjusted to 8.5 vol with MeCN. DIPEA (174.1 kg, 1347 mol) and 2,4,5-trifluorobenzyl bromide (279.7 kg, 1243 mol) were added to the above mixture, and the mixture was warmed to 60°C. After stirring for 5 h, water (1105 L, 5.0 vol) was added to the reaction mixture at 25°C. Then the resulting slurry was cooled to 5°C and filtered. The filtered solid was washed with a mixture of water and MeCN (water/MeCN = 1/2 vol/vol; 728 L). Above procedure was repeated for the other half. The obtained solid were combined and dried under reduced pressure at 50°C to afford 3-(*tert*-butyl)-6-(1*H*-pyrazol-1-yl)-1-(2,4,5-trifluorobenzyl)-1,3,5-triazine-2,4(1*H*,3*H*)-dione (**28**; 653.19 kg, 83.4%).

Physical state: white solid.

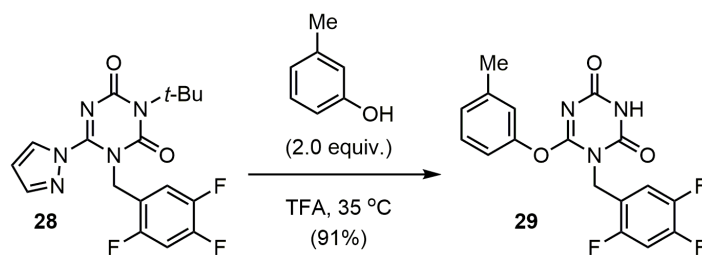
Melting point: 153°C

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.29 (dd, *J* = 2.8, 0.6 Hz, 1H), 7.80 (d, *J* = 2.2 Hz, 1H), 7.04 (ddd, *J* = 10.3, 8.6, 6.9 Hz, 1H), 6.84 (ddd, *J* = 9.7, 9.7, 6.5 Hz, 1H), 6.46 (dd, *J* = 2.8, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 5.54 (s, 2H), 1.64 (s, 9H).

¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 155.6 (ddd, *J*_{C-F} = 245.0, 9.4, 2.8 Hz), 154.1, 150.7, 149.9, 149.6 (ddd, *J*_{C-F} = 251.0, 13.6, 13.6 Hz), 146.5 (ddd, *J*_{C-F} = 244.0, 12.5, 3.7 Hz), 145.1, 132.6, 119.4 (ddd, *J*_{C-F} = 16.0, 5.5, 4.5 Hz), 117.7 (ddd, *J*_{C-F} = 20.0, 5.1, 1.5 Hz), 109.5, 105.6 (dd, *J*_{C-F} = 27.5, 20.9 Hz), 61.5, 43.3 (d, *J*_{C-F} = 3.0 Hz), 28.4.

HRMS-ESI (*m/z*): [M + Na]⁺ calcd for [C₁₇H₁₆F₃N₅O₂Na]⁺ 402.1154, found 402.1152.

Compound **29**, 6-(*meta*-tolylloxy)-1-(2,4,5-trifluorobenzyl)-1,3,5-triazine-2,4(1*H*,3*H*)-dione



To a mixture of *meta*-cresol (104.3 kg, 964 mol) in TFA (681.6 kg, 2.5 vol) was added 3-(*tert*-butyl)-6-(1*H*-pyrazol-1-yl)-1-(2,4,5-trifluorobenzyl)-1,3,5-triazine-2,4(1*H*,3*H*)-dione (**28**; 183.0 kg, 482 mol). After stirring for 3 h at 35°C, EtOAc (2196.0 kg, 12.0 vol) was added to the resulting mixture at – 8°C to prepare the pre-quench solution. pH of the solution was adjusted to 6.0 with 9% NaOH aq., and the organic layer was separated. The organic layer was subsequently washed with 2% NaCl aq. and water. The organic layer was concentrated to 7.0 vol. *n*-Heptane (125.2 kg, 1.0 vol) and seed crystal were added to the concentrate at 40°C. *n*-Heptane (1502.1 kg, 12.0 vol) was added to the resulting slurry again. Then the resulting slurry was cooled to – 10°C and filtered. The filtered solid was washed with a mixture of EtOAc and *n*-heptane (EtOAc/*n*-heptane = 1/3 vol/vol; 1020 L). The obtained solid was dried under reduced pressure at 50°C to afford 6-(*meta*-tolylloxy)-1-(2,4,5-trifluorobenzyl)-1,3,5-triazine-2,4(1*H*,3*H*)-dione (**29**; 159.2 kg, 90.9%).

Physical state: white solid.

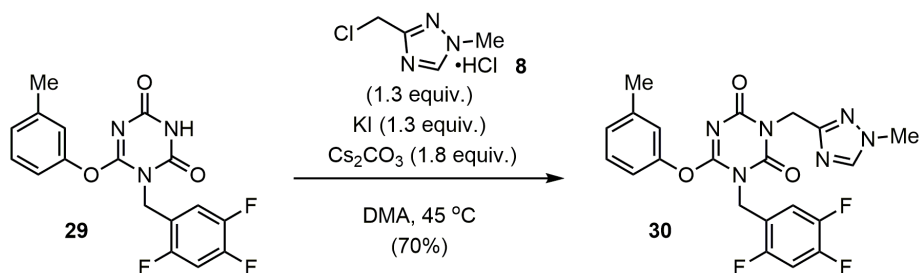
Melting point: 161°C

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.35–7.26 (m, 2H), 7.10 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.00 (ddd, *J* = 9.6, 9.6, 6.5 Hz, 1H), 6.87–6.84 (m, 2H), 5.22, (s, 2H), 2.37 (s, 3H).

¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 159.8, 155.9 (ddd, *J*_{C-F} = 246.0, 9.5, 2.2 Hz), 153.9, 150.4, 150.2, (ddd, *J*_{C-F} = 253.0, 13.2, 13.2 Hz), 149.9, 146.9 (ddd, *J*_{C-F} = 246.5, 12.5, 3.7 Hz), 140.3, 129.5, 128.0, 121.6, 118.5–118.2 (m), 118.4 (dd, *J*_{C-F} = 2.3, 1.0 Hz), 117.9, 106.0 (dd, *J*_{C-F} = 27.9, 21.3 Hz), 39.2 (d, *J*_{C-F} = 2.9 Hz), 21.3.

HRMS-ESI (*m/z*): [M + Na]⁺ calcd for [C₁₇H₁₂F₃N₃O₃Na]⁺ 386.0728, found 386.0727.

Compound **30**, 3-((1-methyl-1*H*-1,2,4-triazol-3-yl)methyl)-6-(*meta*-tolylloxy)-1-(2,4,5-trifluorobenzyl)-1,3,5-triazine-2,4(1*H*,3*H*)-dione



6-(*meta*-Tolylloxy)-1-(2,4,5-trifluorobenzyl)-1,3,5-triazine-2,4(1*H*,3*H*)-dione (**29**; 260.0 kg, 716 mol), 3-(chloromethyl)-1-methyl-1*H*-1,2,4-triazole hydrochloride (**8**; 156.3 kg, 930 mol), DMA (1471.0 kg, 6.0 vol), KI (154.4 kg, 930 mol), and Cs₂CO₃ (419.7 kg, 1288 mol) were mixed. After stirring for 7.5 h at 45 °C, AcOH (386.8 kg, 6441 mol) was added to the reaction mixture at 25 °C, and the insoluble material was filtered. The insoluble material was washed with MeCN (1040 L, 4.0 vol). The obtained filtrates were combined and mixed with water (2080 L, 8.0 vol) and stirred at 25 °C. After adding water (1560 L, 6.0 vol) to the resulting solution, and the mixture was cooled to 0 °C and filtered. The obtained solid was washed with a mixture of MeCN (260 L, 1.0 vol) and water (1040 L, 4.0 vol). The obtained solid was dried under reduced pressure at 50 °C to afford 3-((1-methyl-1*H*-1,2,4-triazol-3-yl)methyl)-6-(*meta*-tolylloxy)-1-(2,4,5-trifluorobenzyl)-1,3,5-triazine-2,4(1*H*,3*H*)-dione (**30**; 228.8 kg, 69.7%).

Physical state: white solid.

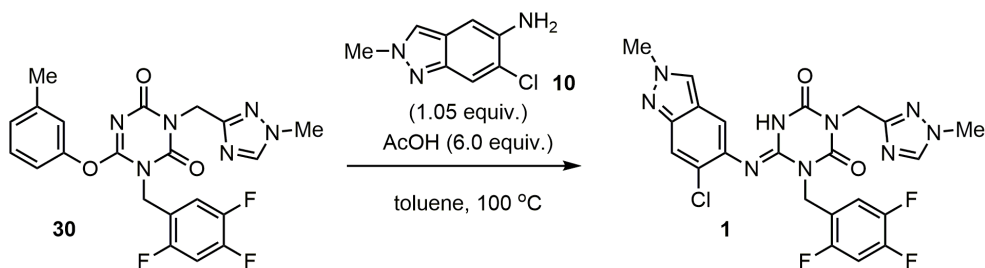
Melting point: 128 °C

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.93 (s, 1H), 7.36 (ddd, *J* = 10.3, 8.6, 6.9 Hz, 1H), 7.25 (dd, *J* = 8.0, 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.08 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 6.98 (ddd, *J* = 9.6, 9.6, 6.5 Hz, 1H), 6.84–6.87 (m, 2H), 5.27 (s, 2H), 5.22 (s, 2H), 3.84 (s, 3H), 2.35 (s, 3H).

¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 159.3, 158.2, 155.7 (ddd, *J*_{C-F} = 246.0, 9.4, 2.8 Hz), 153.1, 150.9, 150.3, 150.1 (ddd, *J*_{C-F} = 352.0, 14.3, 12.1 Hz), 146.9 (ddd, *J*_{C-F} = 245.8, 13.2, 3.7 Hz), 144.2, 140.1, 129.4, 127.8, 121.6, 118.6 (ddd, *J*_{C-F} = 16.0, 5.2, 5.2 Hz), 118.0, 117.9 (ddd, *J*_{C-F} = 22.0, 5.1, 1.5 Hz), 105.8, (dd, *J*_{C-F} = 27.9, 21.3 Hz), 40.1, 39.8 (d, *J*_{C-F} = 3.7 Hz), 36.1, 21.2.

HRMS-ESI (*m/z*): [M + H]⁺ calcd for [C₂₁H₁₈F₃N₆O₃]⁺ 459.1392, found 459.1394.

Compound **1**, (6*E*)-6-[(6-Chloro-2-methyl-2*H*-indazol-5-yl)imino]-3-[(1-methyl-1*H*-1,2,4-triazol-3-yl)methyl]-1-(2,4,5-trifluorobenzyl)-1,3,5-triazinane-2,4-dione (Ensitrelvir)



3-((1-Methyl-1*H*-1,2,4-triazol-3-yl)methyl)-6-(*meta*-tolylloxy)-1-(2,4,5-trifluorobenzyl)-1,3,5-triazine-2,4(1*H*,3*H*)-dione (**30**; 195.0 kg, 425 mol), 6-chloro-2-methyl-2*H*-indazol-5-amine (**10**; 81.0 kg, 446 mol), AcOH (153.3 kg, 2553 mol) and toluene (1171 L, 6.0 vol) were mixed, and stirred at 100°C for 8 h. After toluene (1950 L, 10.0 vol) was added, the mixture was cooled to 25°C and filtered. The filtered solid was washed with toluene (975 L, 5.0 vol) and acetone (585 L, 3.0 vol). The obtained wet solid of Ensitrelvir (**1**; 225.4 kg) was used in next step without drying.

Physical state: white solid.

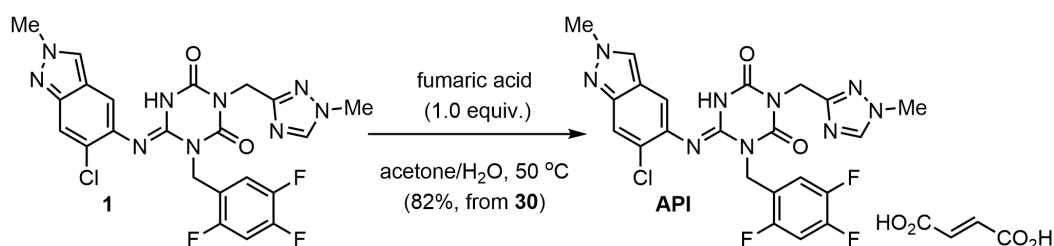
Melting point: 234°C

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.94 (s, 1H), 7.80 (d, *J* = 3.1 Hz, 1H), 7.56 (s, 1H), 7.44–7.37 (m, 1H), 7.07 (s, 1H), 6.92 (ddd, *J* = 9.6, 9.6, 6.6 Hz, 1H), 5.35 (s, 2H), 5.15 (s, 2H), 4.20 (s, 3H), 3.88 (s, 3H).

¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, THF-*d*₈): δ 160.6, 156.7 (ddd, *J*_{C-F} = 244.0, 9.5, 2.6 Hz), 151.3–148.6 (m), 150.8, 148.7, 147.9 (ddd, *J*_{C-F} = 241.0, 12.5, 3.7 Hz), 147.8, 145.5, 140.2, 138.0, 128.6, 123.9, 122.6, 122.7–122.5 (m), 118.6, 117.5 (dd, *J*_{C-F} = 20.5, 5.1 Hz), 111.6, 106.1 (dd, *J*_{C-F} = 28.6, 21.3 Hz), 40.3, 40.0, 39.9 (d, *J*_{C-F} = 7.0 Hz), 35.7.

HRMS-ESI (*m/z*): [M + H]⁺ calcd for [C₂₂H₁₈ClF₃N₉O₂]⁺ 532.1224, found 532.1227.

Compound **API**, (6*E*)-6-[(6-Chloro-2-methyl-2*H*-indazol-5-yl)imino]-3-[(1-methyl-1*H*-1,2,4-triazol-3-yl)methyl]-1-(2,4,5-trifluorobenzyl)-1,3,5-triazinane-2,4-dione·fumaric acid (Ensitrelvir·fumaric acid)



The molar equivalent, vol and weights in this step were based on the amount of compound **30** used.

Wet Ensitrelvir (**1**; 225.4 kg), acetone (7626 L, 39.1 vol), and water (1150 L, 5.9 vol) were mixed and stirred at 50°C for treatment with activated carbon (19.6 kg, 0.1 weights). After stirring for 0.5 h, the activated carbon was removed and the filtrates were concentrated to 36.0 volumes and mixed with fumaric acid (48.9 kg, 421 mol), acetone (1112 L, 5.7 vol) and water (59 L, 0.3 vol). The mixture was concentrated to 14.0 volumes. Acetone (390 L, 2.0 vol) was added to the slurry and stirred at 55°C for 2 h. The resulting slurry was cooled to 0°C and filtered. The obtained solid were washed with acetone (2151.2 kg, 14.0 vol). The obtained crystals were dried under reduced pressure at 50°C to afford **API** (224.8 kg, 81.6% for 2 steps).

Physical state: white solid.

Melting point: 245°C

¹H NMR (400 MHz, pyridine-*d*₅): δ 12.08 (brs, 2H), 8.28 (s, 1H), 7.93–7.86 (m, 1H), 7.86 (s, 1H), 7.78 (s, 1H), 7.40 (s, 2H), 7.24 (s, 1H), 7.21–7.13 (m, 1H), 5.59 (s, 2H), 5.53 (s, 2H), 3.98 (s, 3H), 3.63 (s, 3H).

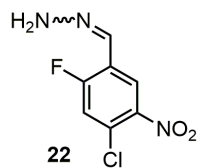
¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, THF-*d*₈): δ 166.5, 160.7, 156.7 (ddd, J_{C-F} = 243.0, 9.9, 2.6 Hz), 151.4–148.7 (m), 150.9, 148.0 (ddd, J_{C-F} = 241.0, 12.5, 3.7 Hz), 148.0, 145.6, 140.3, 138.1, 134.9, 128.7, 124.0, 122.8, 122.7–122.6 (m), 118.8, 117.6 (dd, J_{C-F} = 20.5, 5.1 Hz), 111.6, 106.2 (dd, J_{C-F} = 27.9, 21.3 Hz), 40.4, 40.1, 40.0 (d, J_{C-F} = 5.0 Hz), 36.1.

HRMS-ESI (*m/z*): [M + H]⁺ calcd for [C₂₂H₁₈ClF₃N₉O₂]⁺ 532.1224, found 532.1221.

According to the single crystal X-Ray analysis, the bond length in one fumaric acid (C23–O38; 1.31Å vs. C23–O39; 1.20Å) was non-equivalent. Also, the bond length in another fumaric acid (C26–O41; 1.30Å vs. C26–O43; 1.19Å) was non-equivalent.¹⁾ Therefore, Ensitrelvir **1** forms a co-crystal with fumaric acid, not a salt. (Each position number was referred to the ORTEP in the reference 1)

Characterization of other compounds

Compound **22**, (4-chloro-2-fluoro-5-nitrobenzylidene)hydrazine.



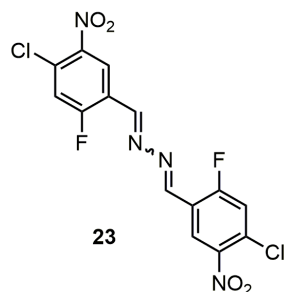
Physical state: yellow solid.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ 8.24 (d, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 1H), 7.71 (s, 1H), 7.64–7.60 (m, 3H).

¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ 159.2 (d, $J_{C-F} = 257.5$ Hz), 144.1 (d, $J_{C-F} = 2.9$ Hz), 125.7 (d, $J_{C-F} = 2.9$ Hz), 125.0 (d, $J_{C-F} = 12.5$ Hz), 123.9 (d, $J_{C-F} = 11.7$ Hz), 121.9 (d, $J_{C-F} = 6.6$ Hz), 119.3 (d, $J_{C-F} = 27.1$ Hz).

HRMS-ESI (*m/z*): [M + H]⁺ calcd for [C₇H₆ClFN₃O₂]⁺ 218.0133, found 218.0135.

Compound **23**, 1,2-bis(4-chloro-2-fluoro-5-nitrobenzylidene)hydrazine.



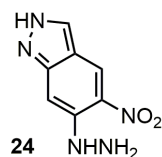
Physical state: yellow solid.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ 8.79 (s, 2H), 8.70 (d, $J = 6.6$ Hz, 2H), 8.06 (d, $J = 10.0$ Hz, 2H).

¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ 162.4 (d, $J_{C-F} = 264.8$ Hz), 154.2, 144.8 (d, $J_{C-F} = 2.9$ Hz), 130.5 (d, $J_{C-F} = 13.0$ Hz), 126.2 (d, $J_{C-F} = 5.0$ Hz), 121.9 (d, $J_{C-F} = 12.5$ Hz), 121.0 (d, $J_{C-F} = 26.4$ Hz).

HRMS-ESI (*m/z*): [M + Na]⁺ calcd for [C₁₄H₆Cl₂F₂N₄O₄Na]⁺ 424.9632, found 424.9635.

Compound **24**, 6-hydrazineyl-5-nitro-2*H*-indazole.



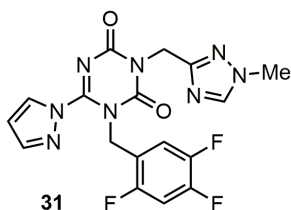
Physical state: red solid.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ 12.87 (brs, 1H), 8.63 (s, 1H), 8.42 (s, 1H), 8.08 (d, *J* = 1.0 Hz, 1H), 7.31 (s, 1H), 4.53 (brs, 2H).

¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ 146.4, 143.8, 136.5, 129.9, 121.2, 115.4, 89.4.

HRMS-ESI (*m/z*): [M + H]⁺ calcd for [C₇H₈N₅O₂]⁺ 194.0678, found 194.0676.

Compound **31**, 3-((1-methyl-1*H*-1,2,4-triazol-3-yl)methyl)-6-(1*H*-pyrazol-1-yl)-1-(2,4,5-trifluorobenzyl)-1,3,5-triazine-2,4(1*H*,3*H*)-dione



Physical state: white solid.

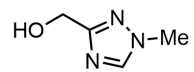
¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.42 (dd, *J* = 2.8, 0.6 Hz, 1H), 7.93 (s, 1H), 7.81–7.80 (m, 1H), 7.16 (m, 1H), 6.87 (ddd, *J* = 9.7, 9.7, 9.7 Hz, 1H), 6.48 (dd, *J* = 2.9, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 5.83 (s, 2H), 5.25 (s, 2H), 3.84 (s, 3H).

¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 158.9, 155.4 (ddd, *J*_{C-F} = 245.0, 9.5, 2.9 Hz), 153.0, 151.3, 149.5 (ddd, *J*_{C-F} = 250.0, 13.9, 12.8 Hz), 146.7 (ddd, *J*_{C-F} = 243.5, 12.5, 3.7 Hz), 145.4, 145.3, 144.3, 133.4, 119.4 (ddd, *J*_{C-F} = 16.1, 4.8, 4.8 Hz), 117.2 (dd, *J*_{C-F} = 20.5, 5.1 Hz), 109.7, 105.6 (dd, *J*_{C-F} = 27.1, 21.3 Hz), 44.2 (d, *J*_{C-F} = 2.9 Hz), 40.4, 36.1.

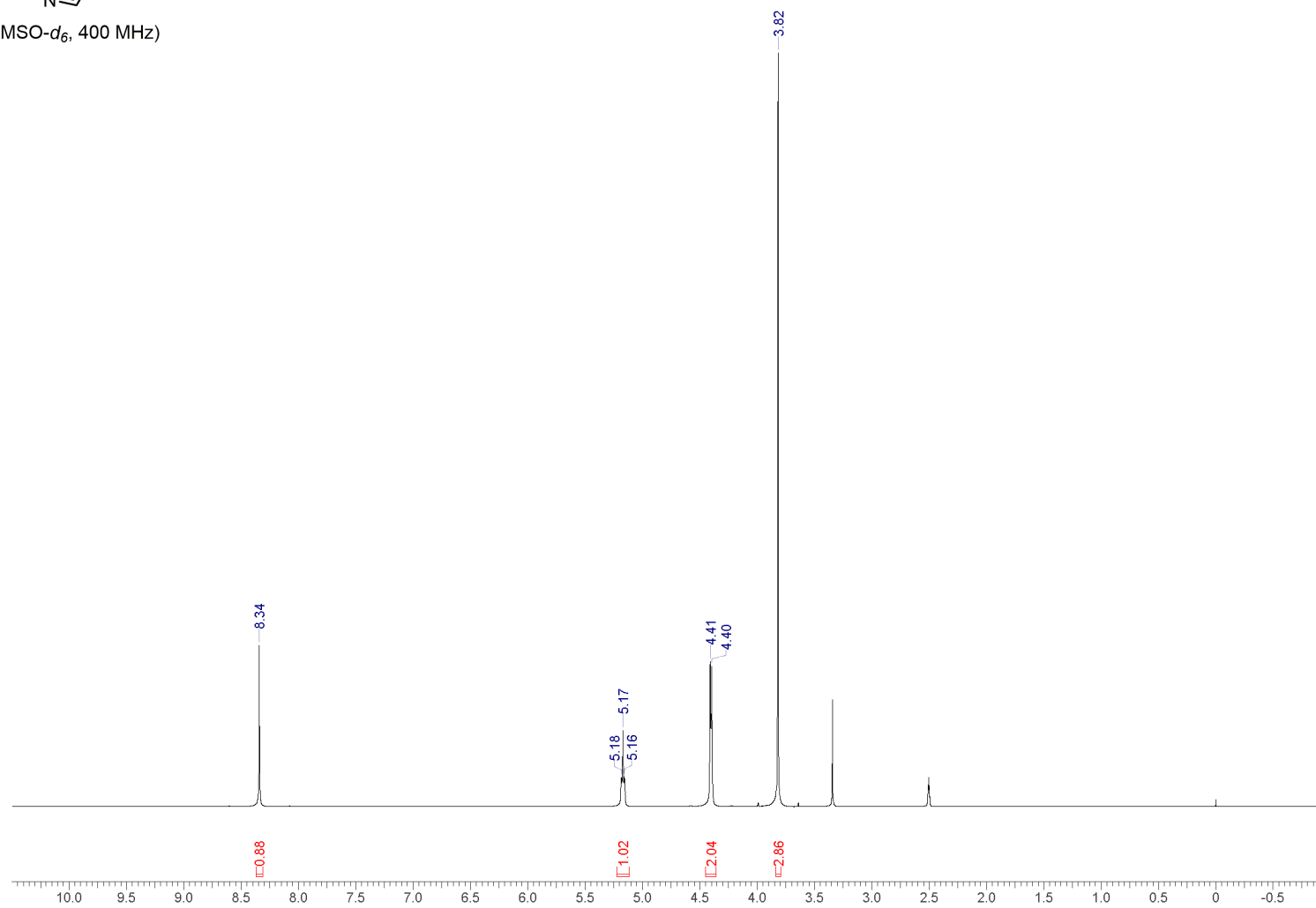
HRMS-ESI (*m/z*): [M + H]⁺ calcd for [C₁₇H₁₄F₃N₈O₂]⁺ 419.1192, found 419.1193.

^1H and ^{13}C NMR spectra of synthesized compounds.

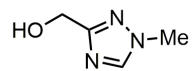
^1H NMR of compound **13**.



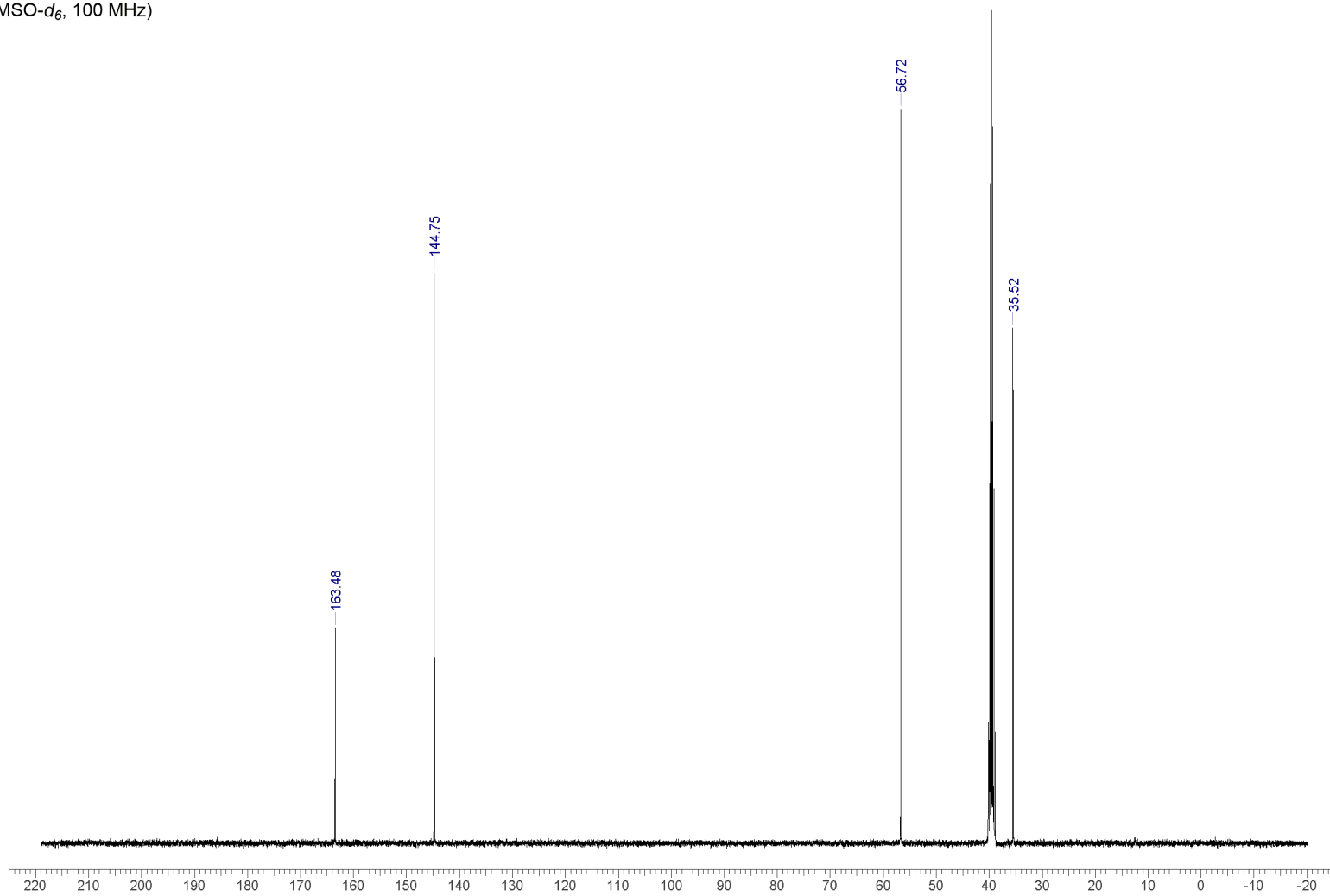
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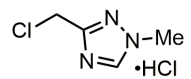
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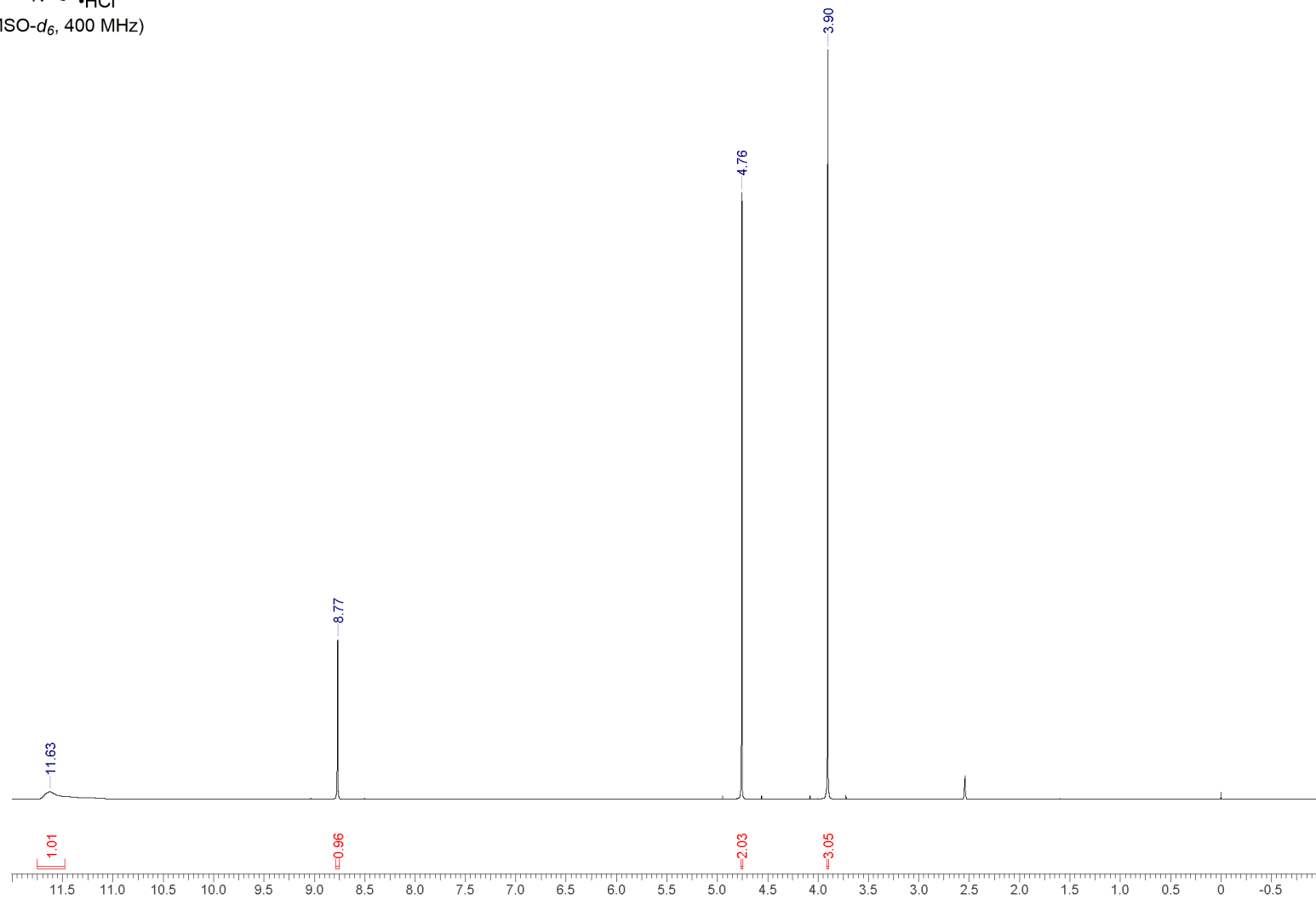
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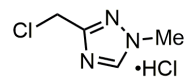
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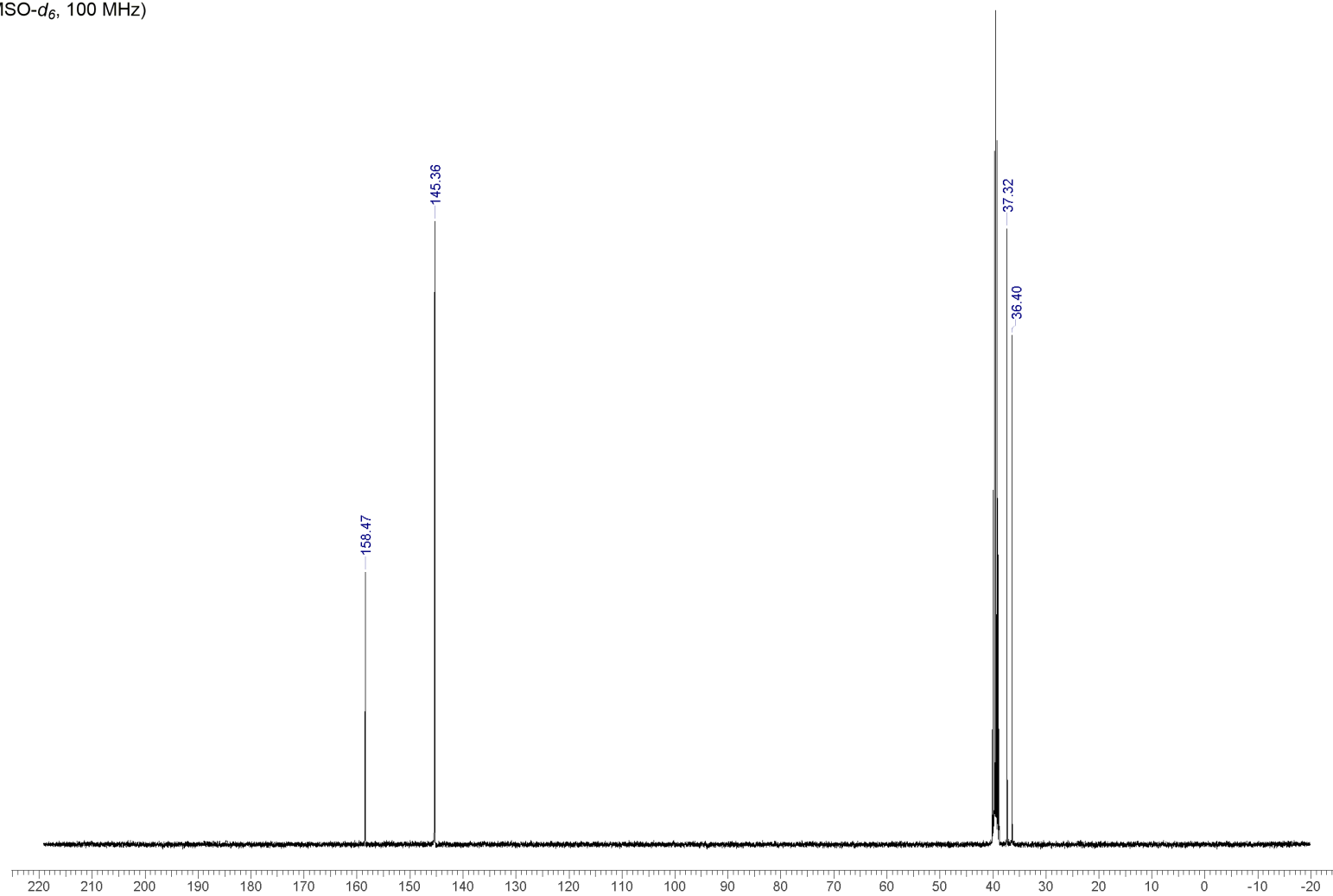
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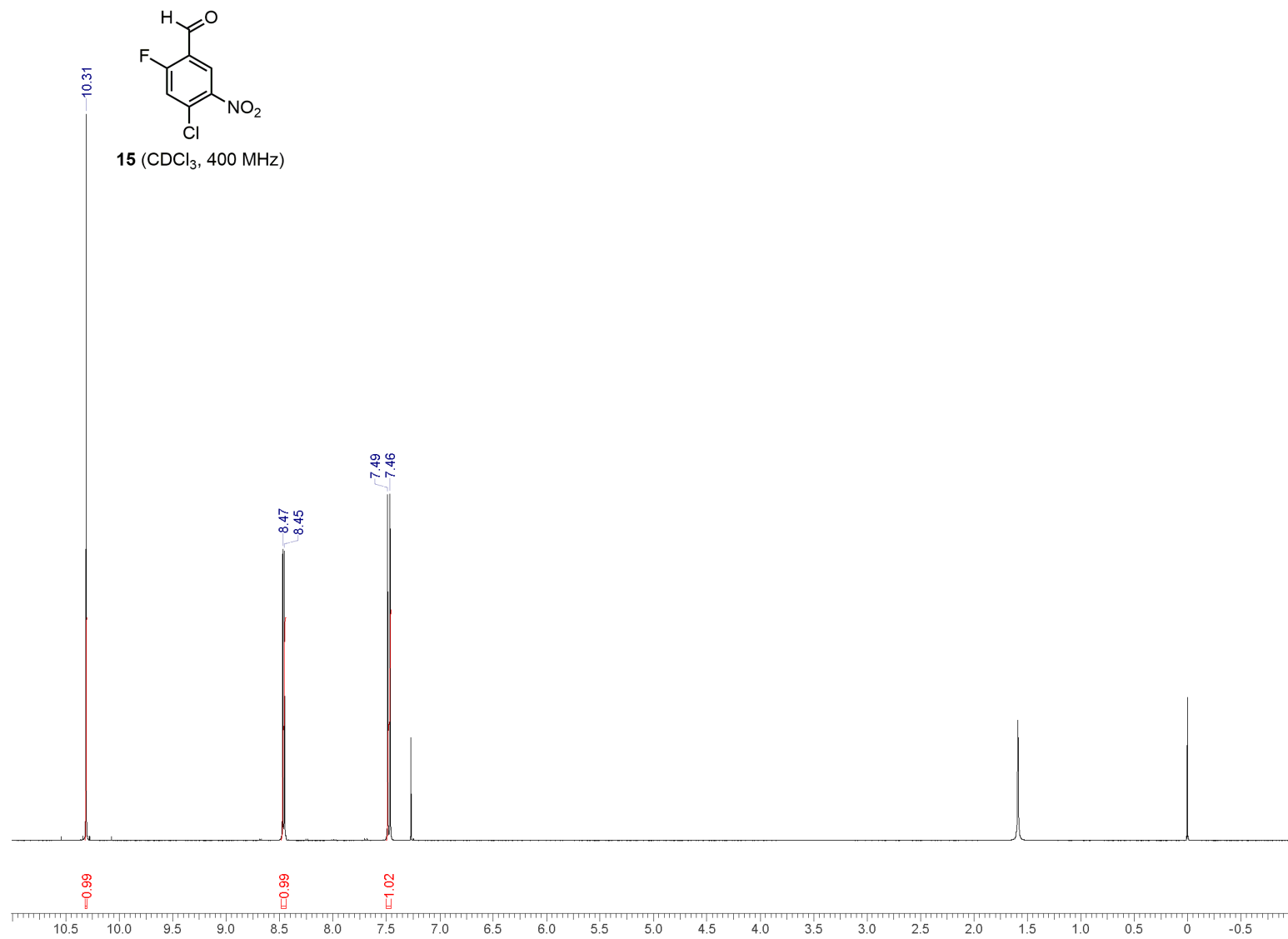
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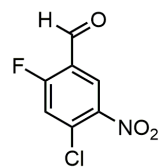
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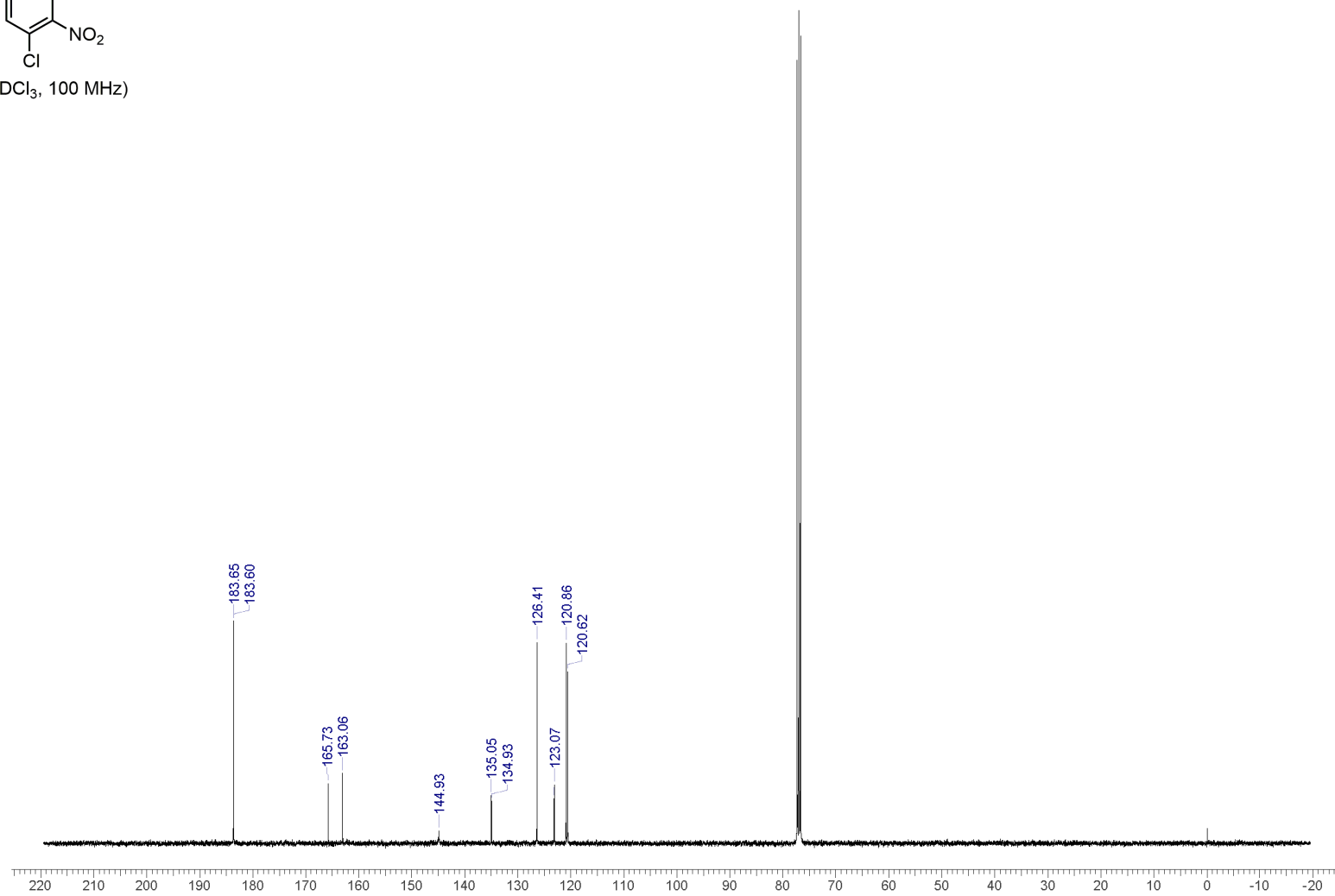
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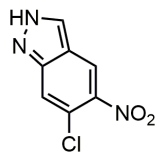
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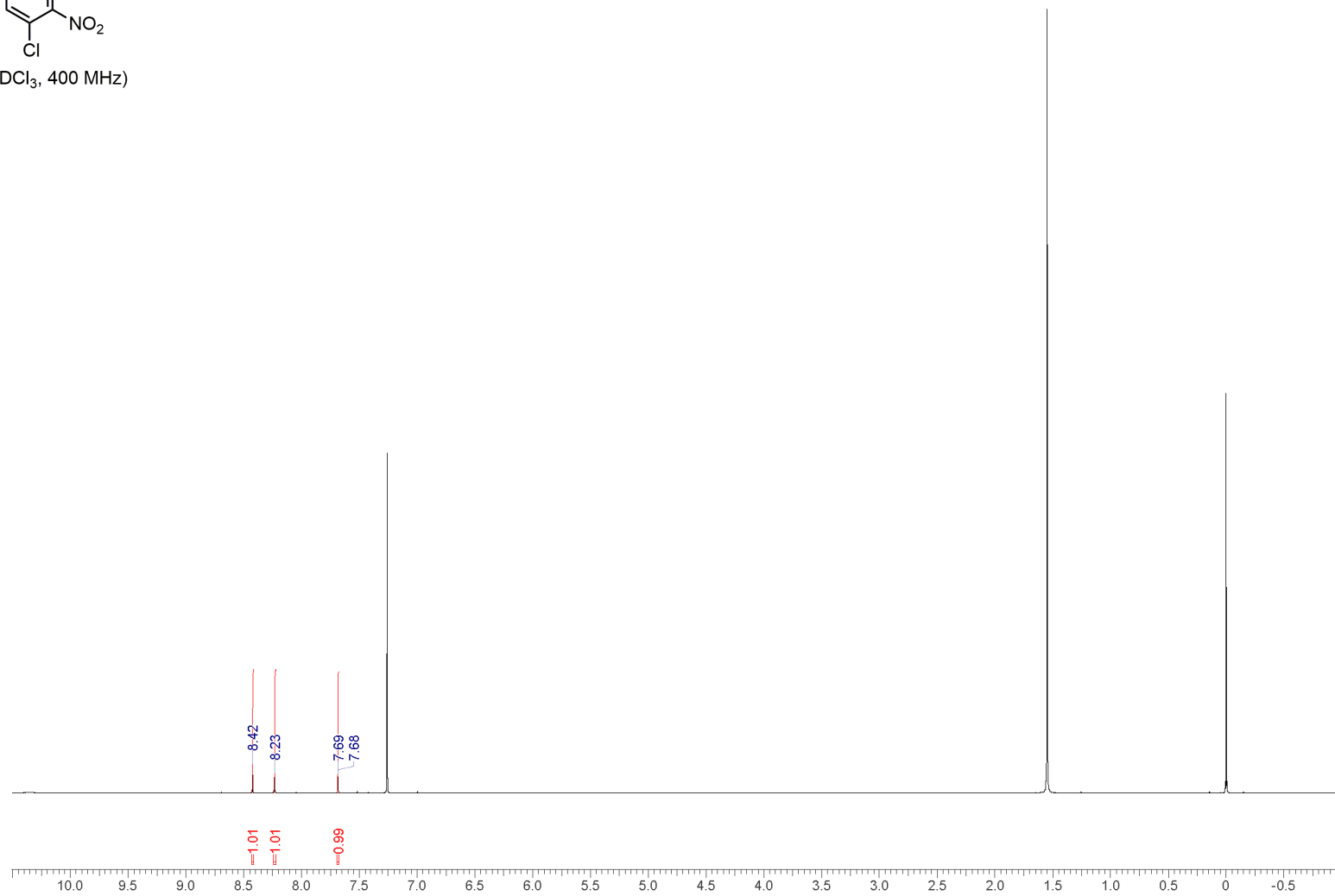
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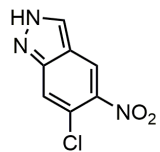
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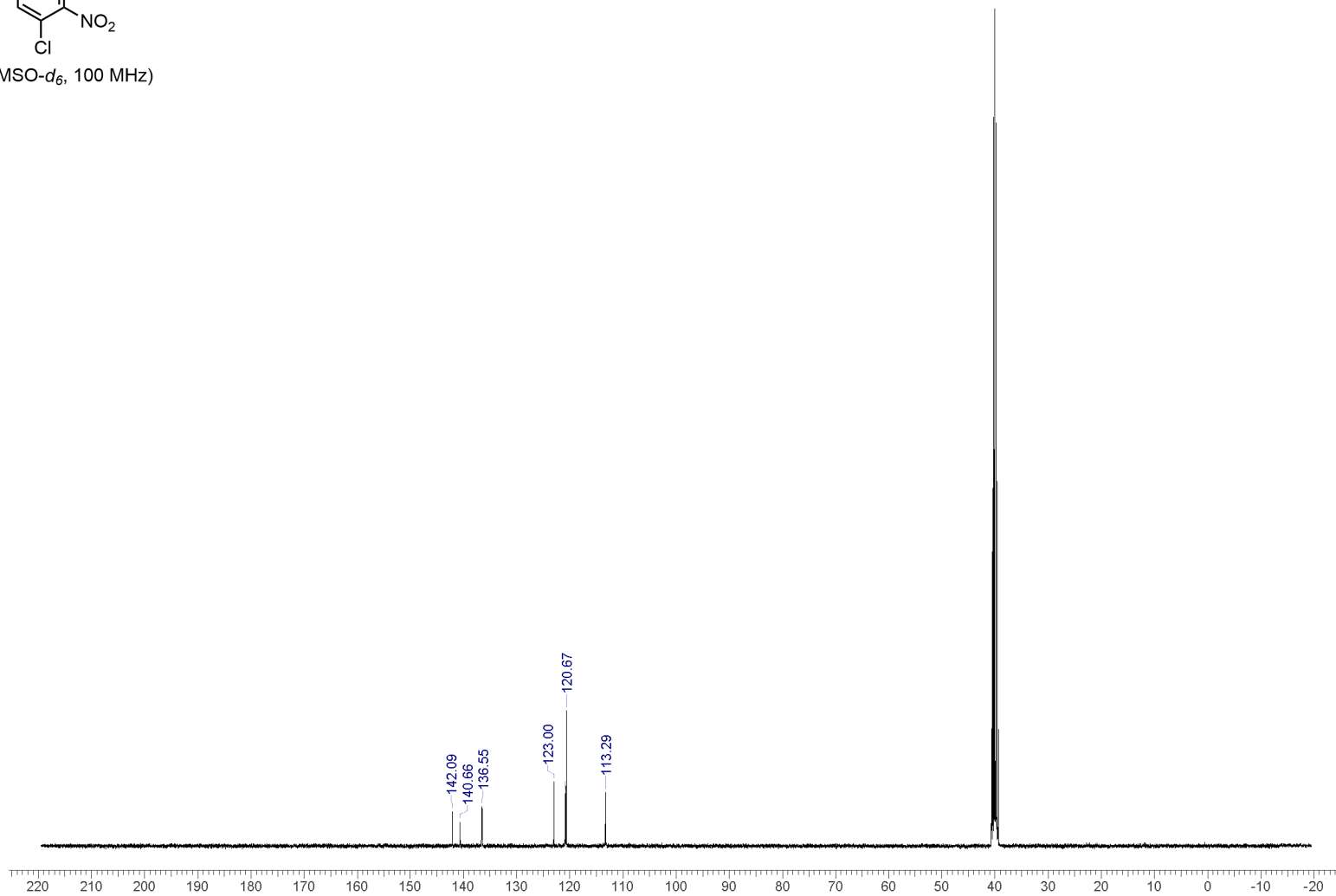
16 (CDCl₃, 400 MHz)



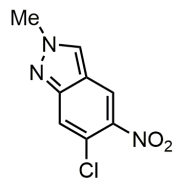
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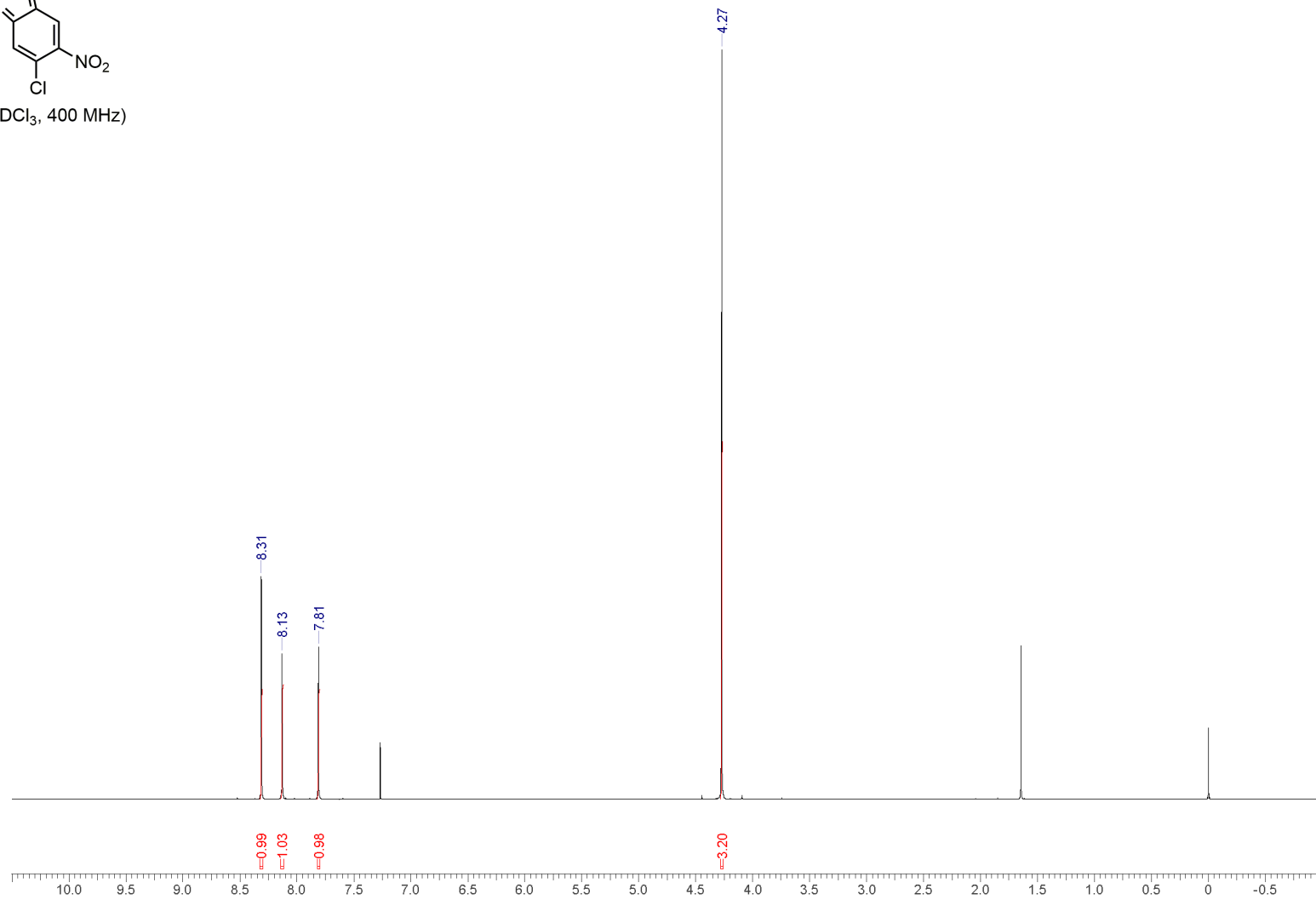
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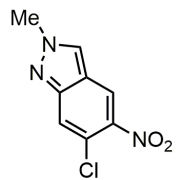
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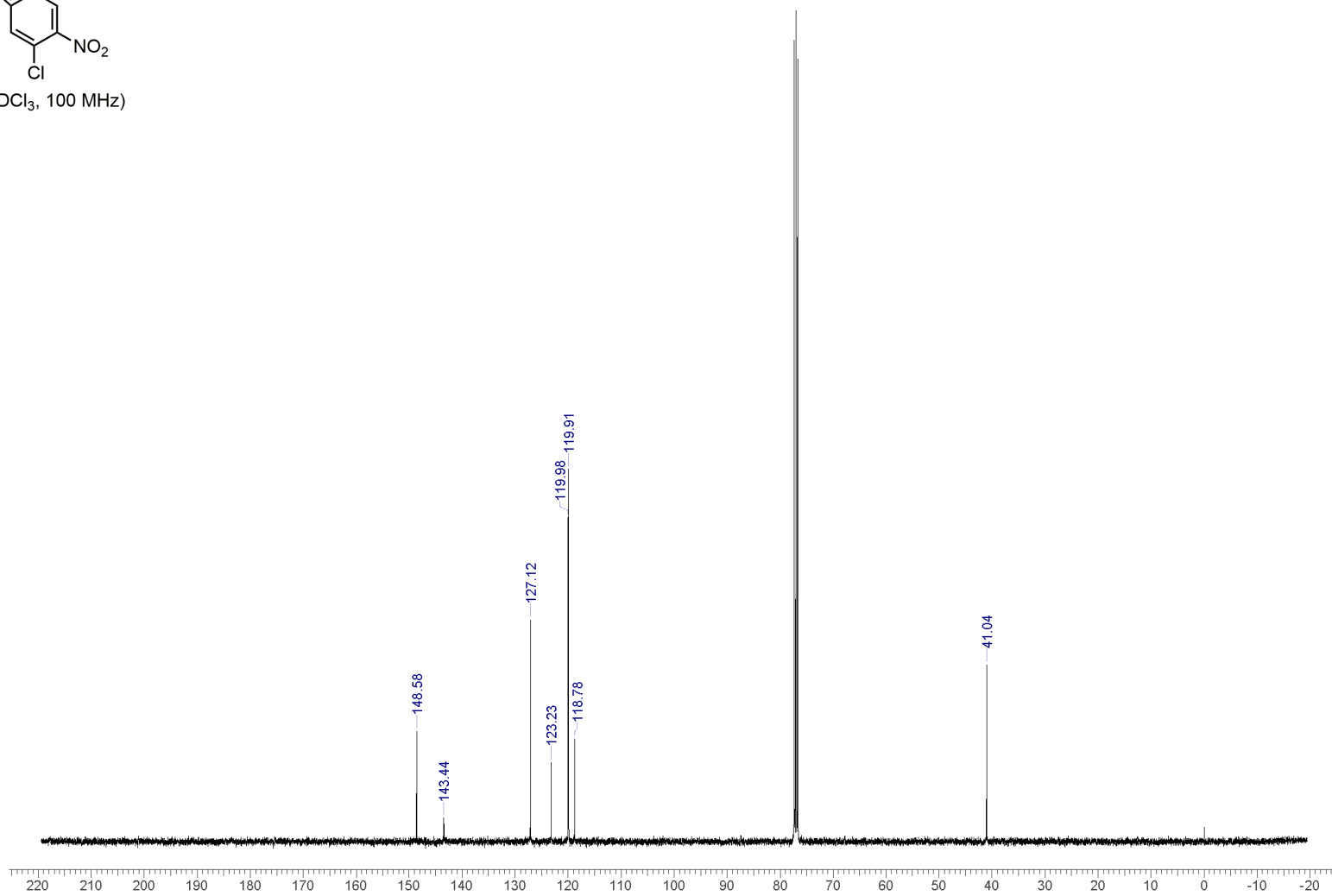
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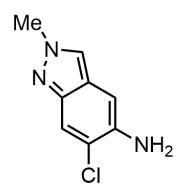
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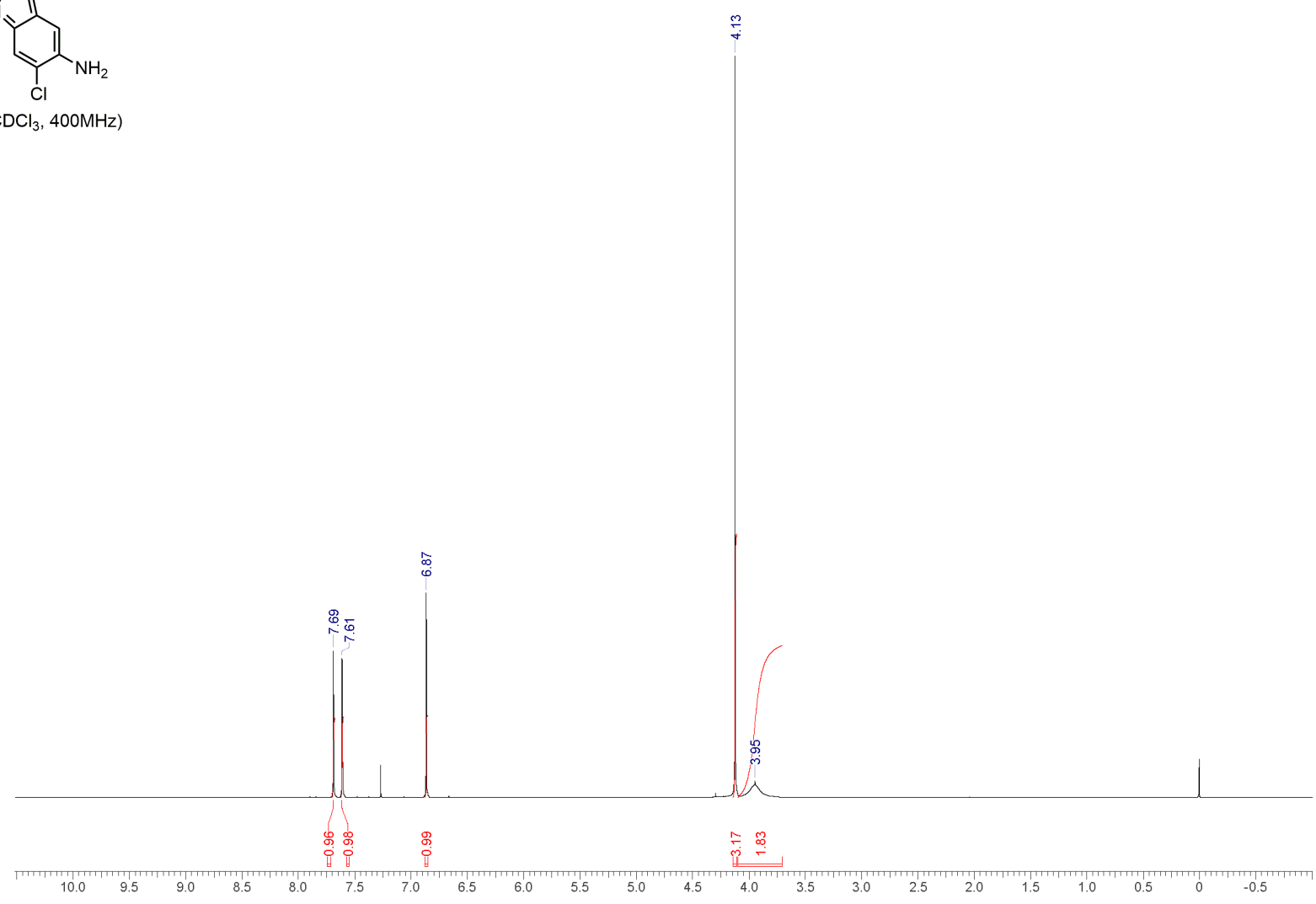
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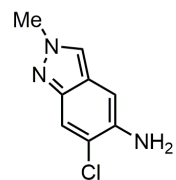
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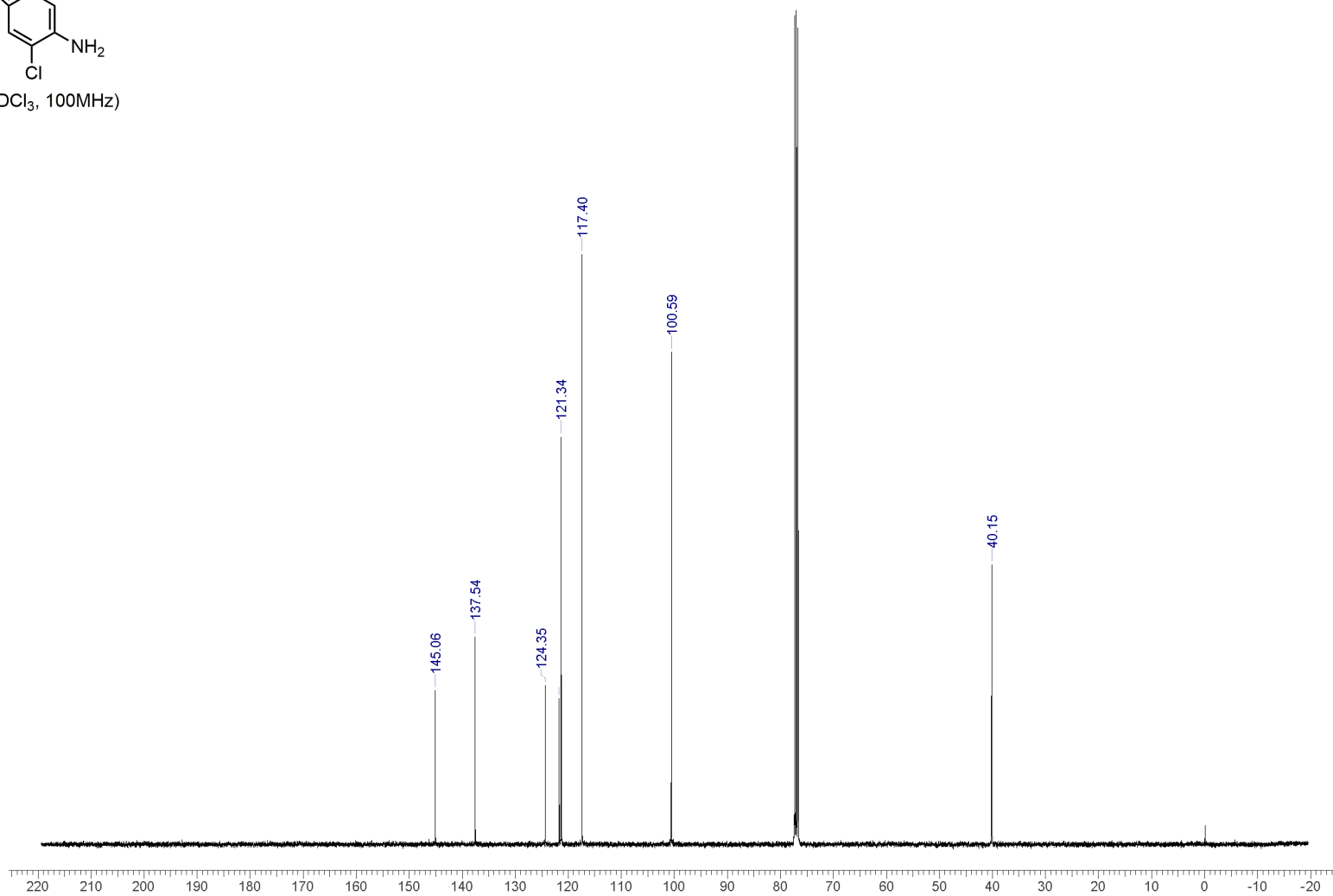
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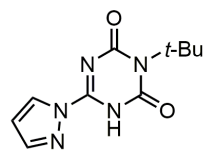
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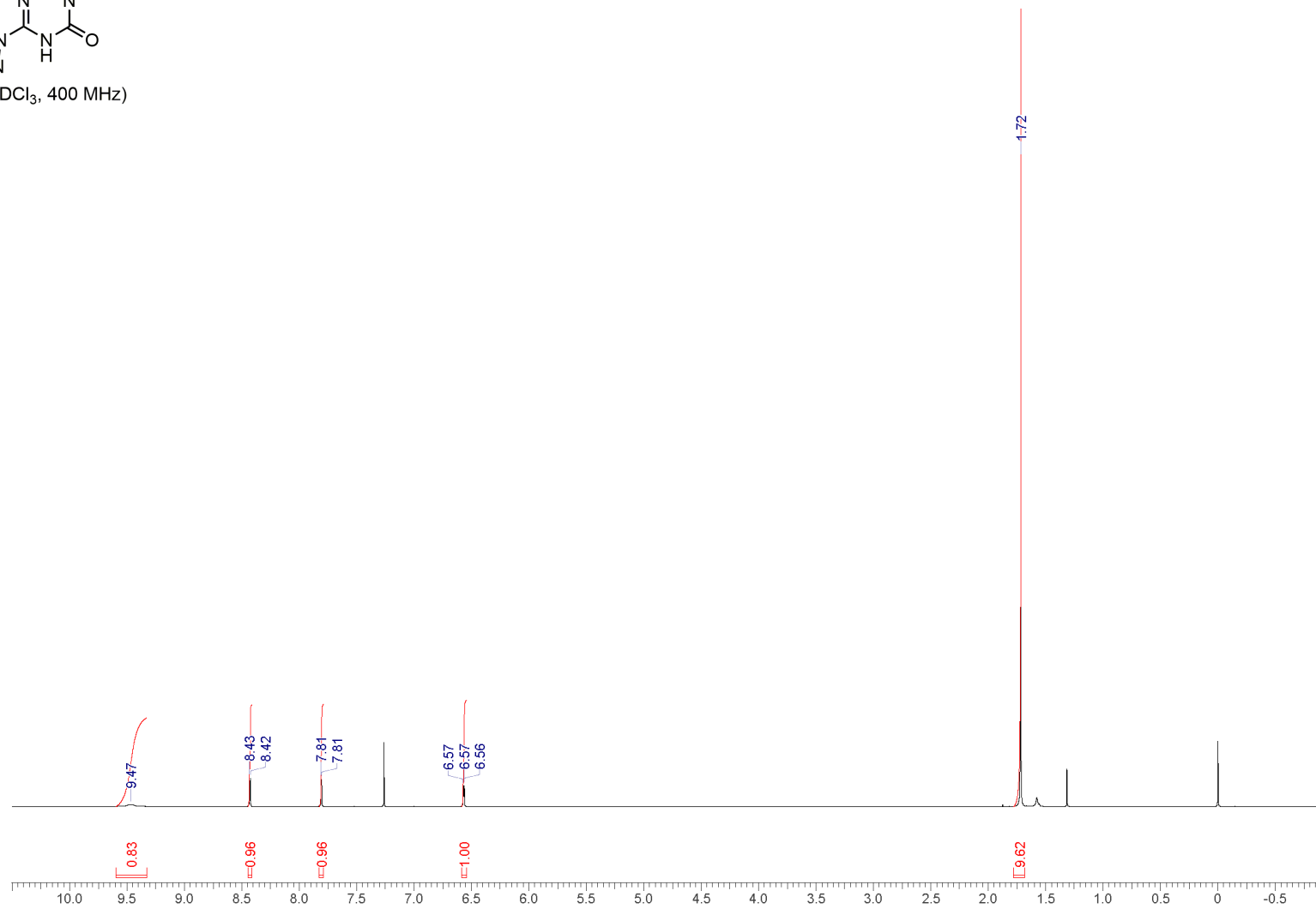
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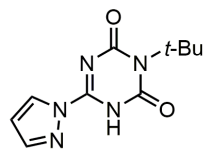
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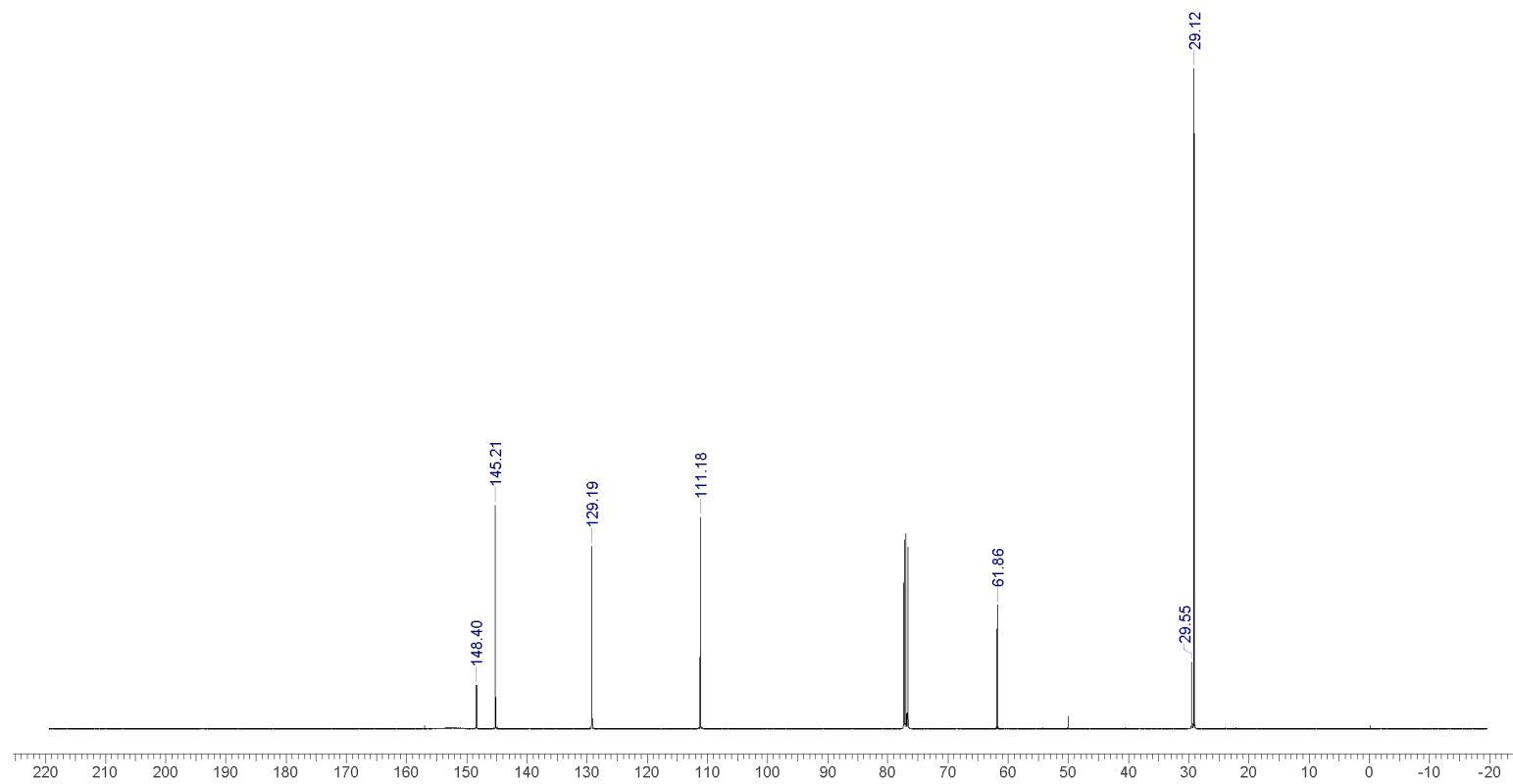
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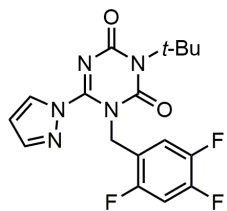
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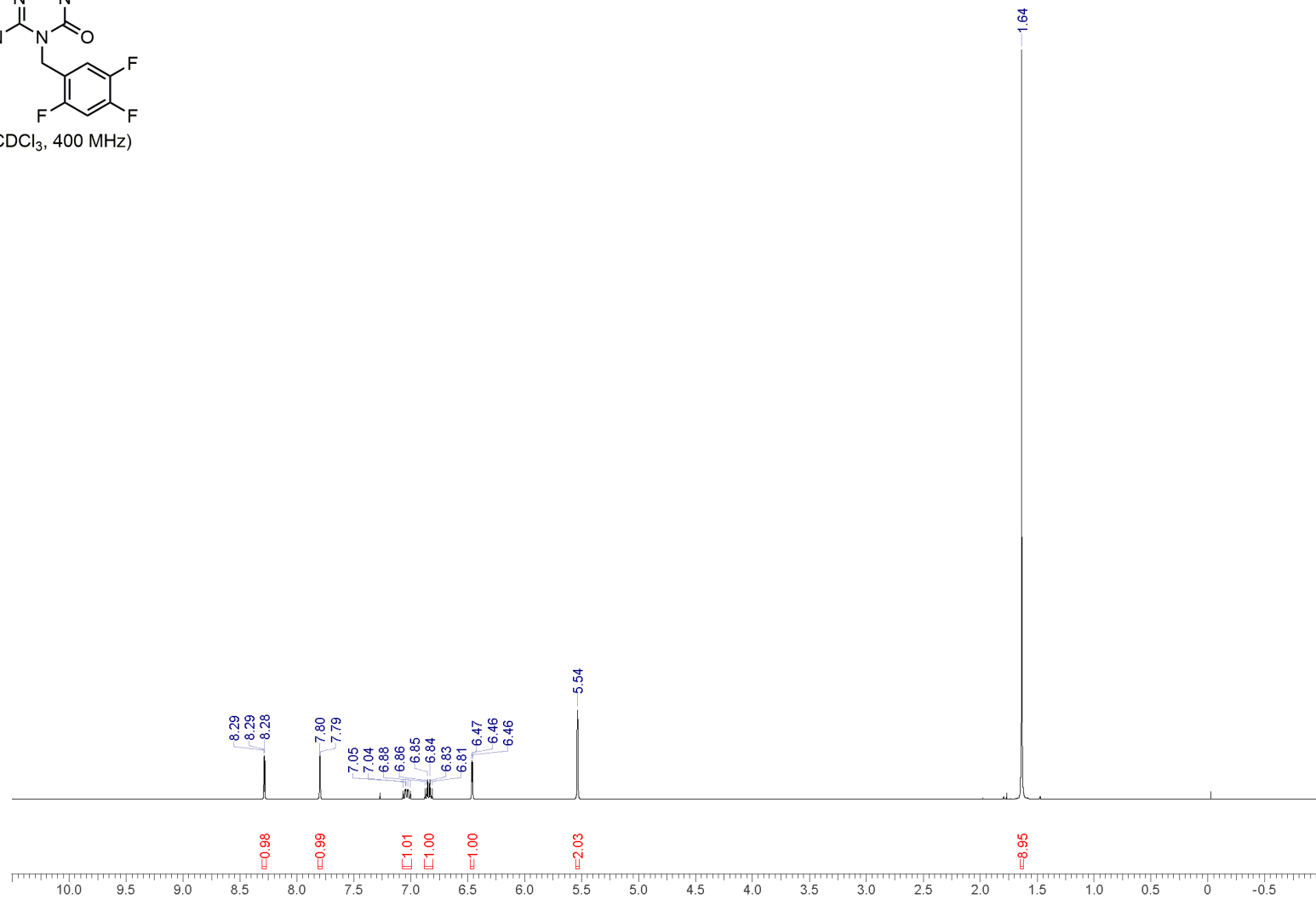
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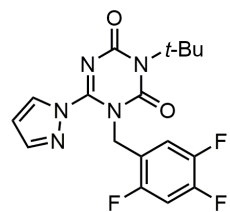
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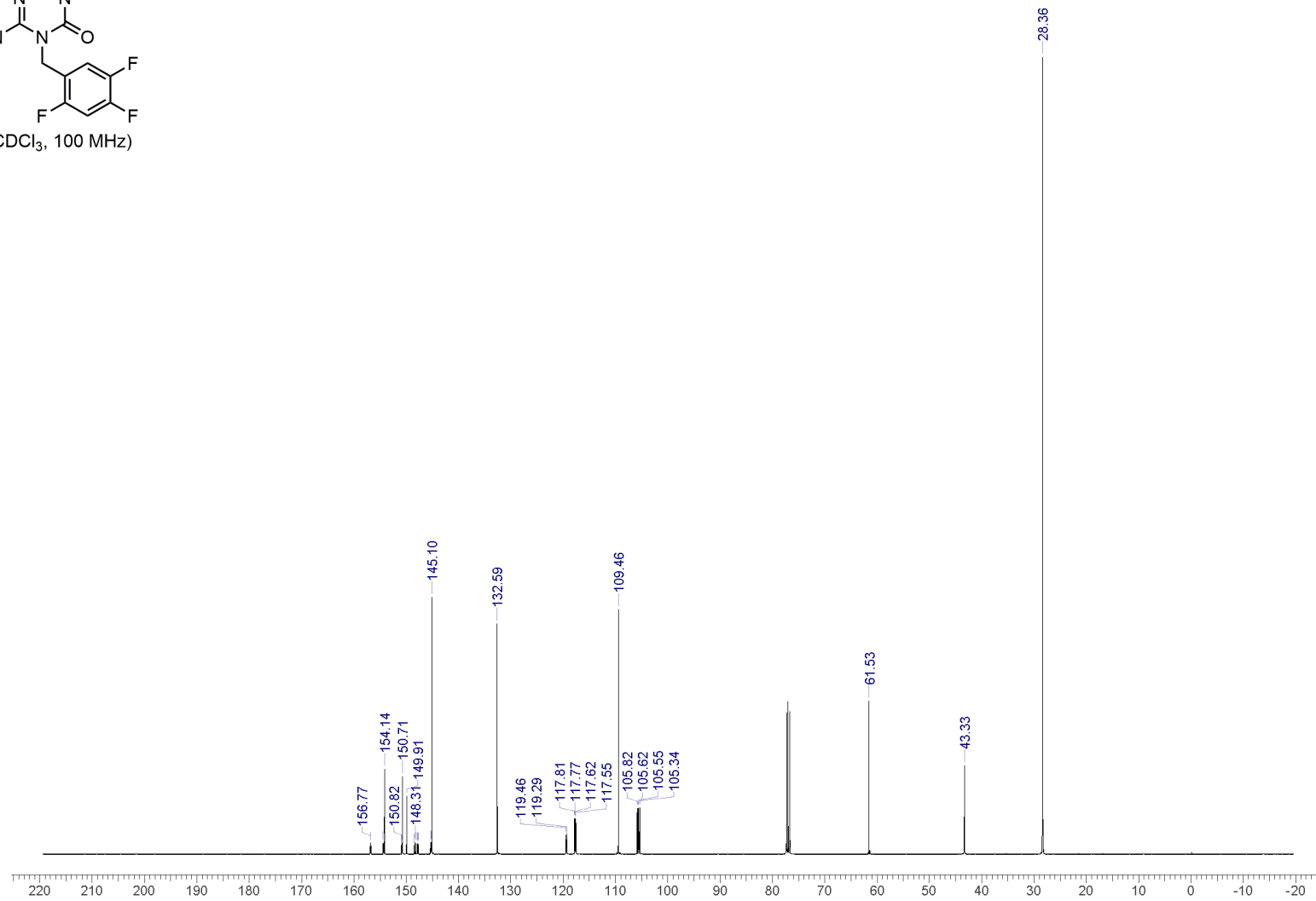
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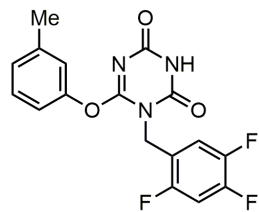
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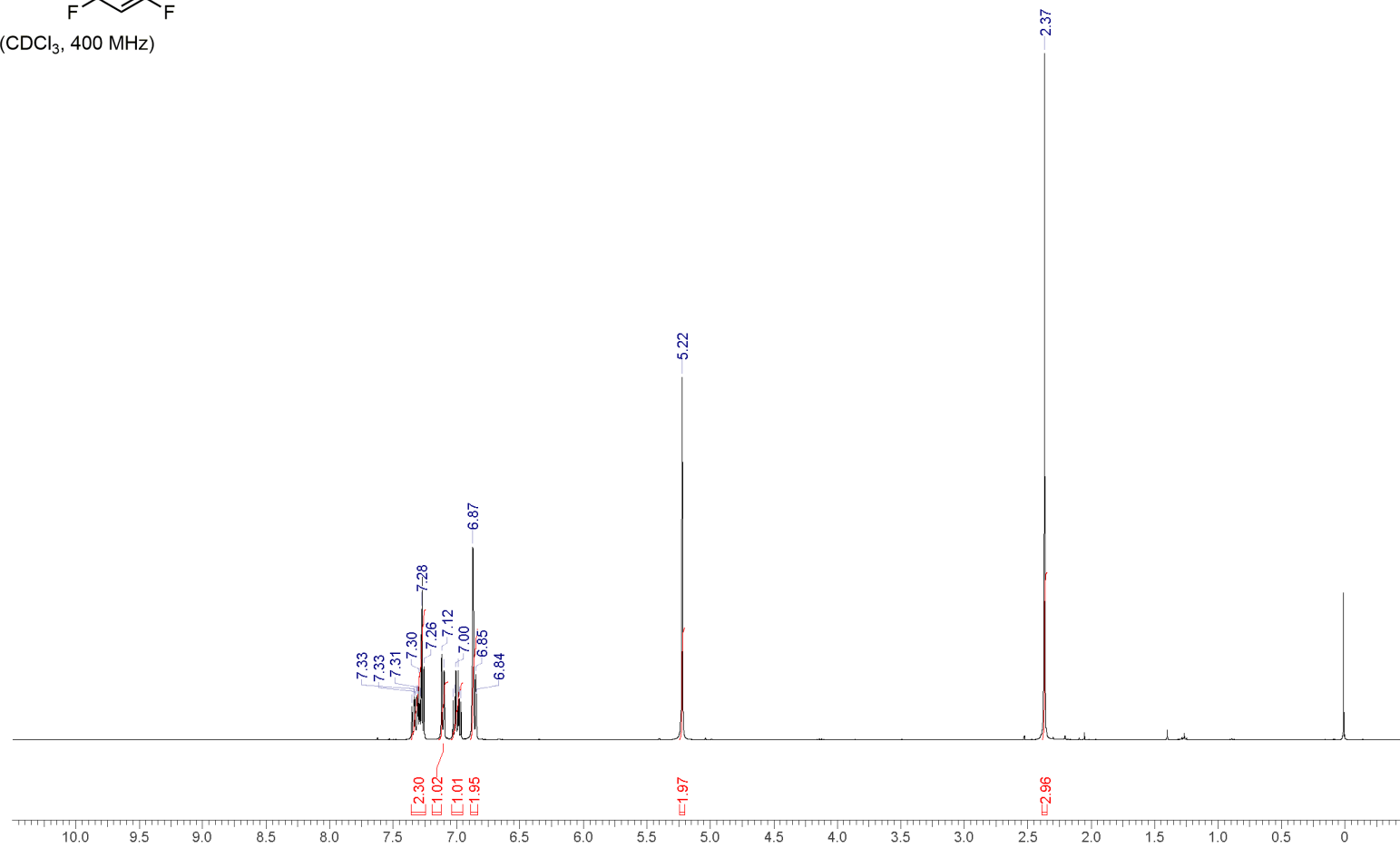
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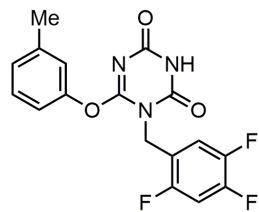
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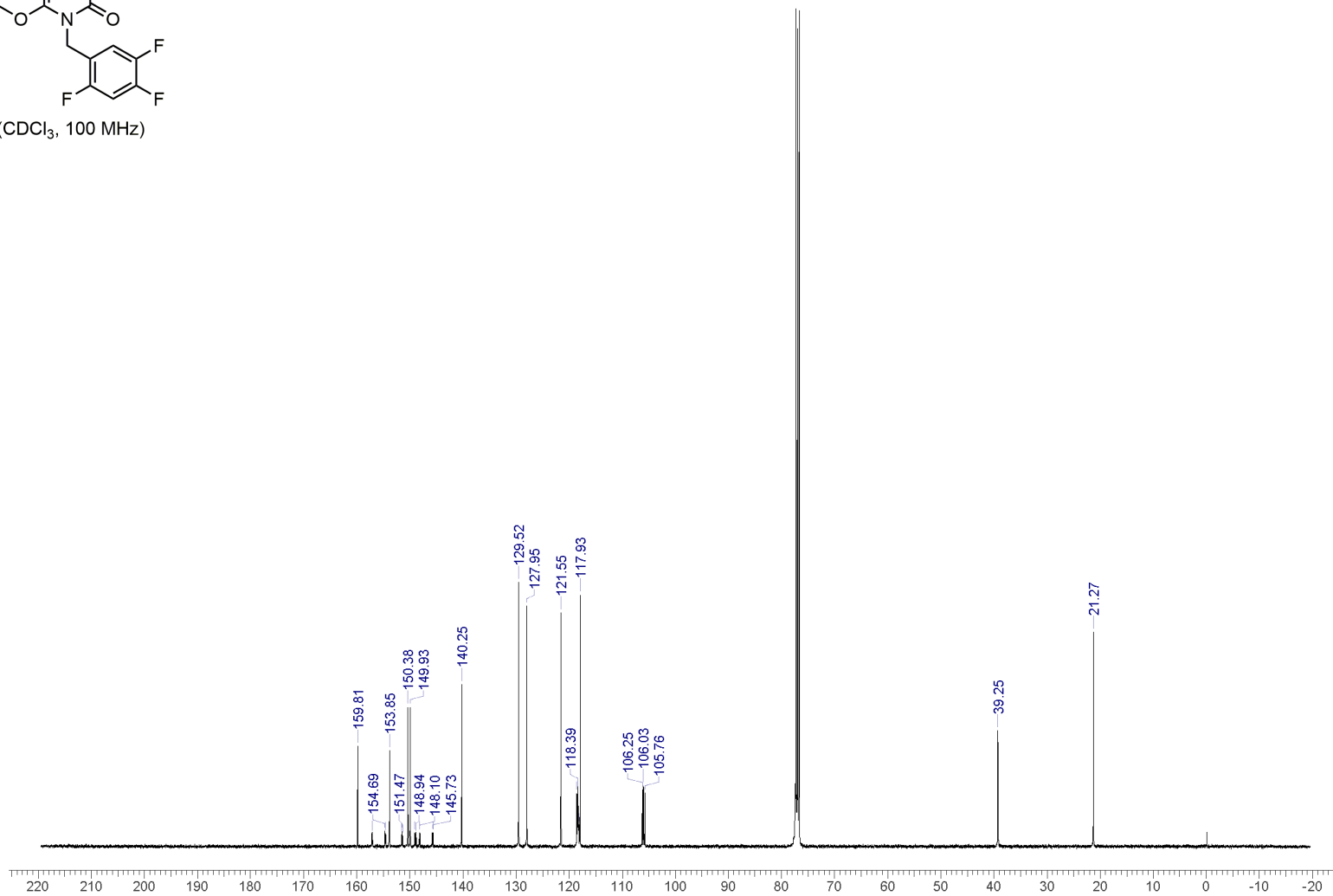
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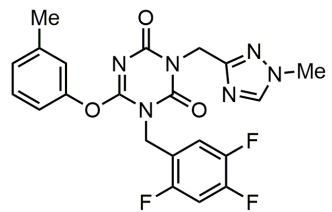
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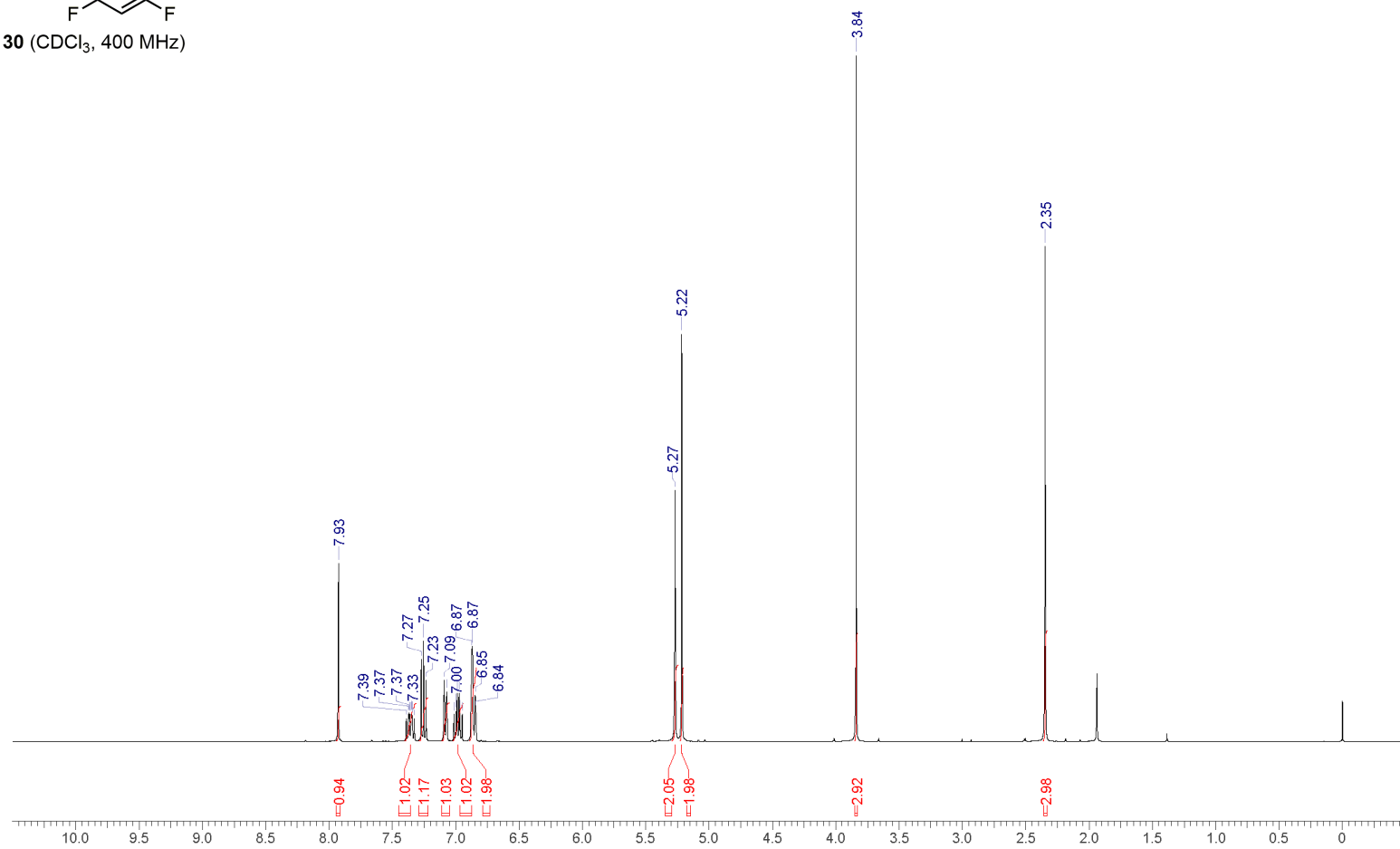
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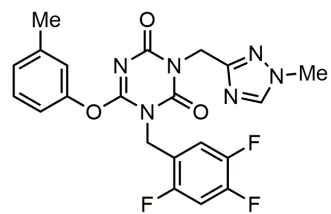
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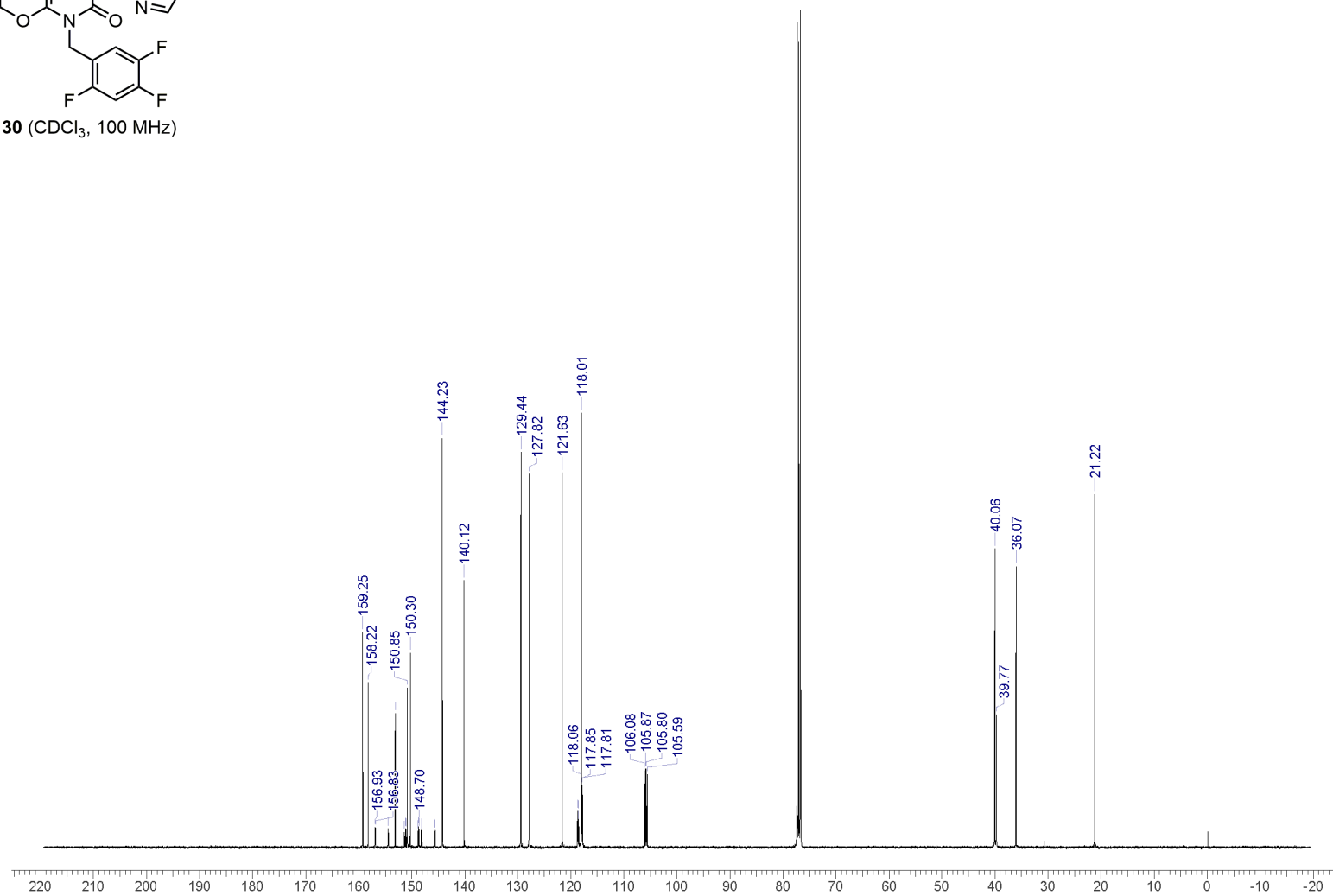
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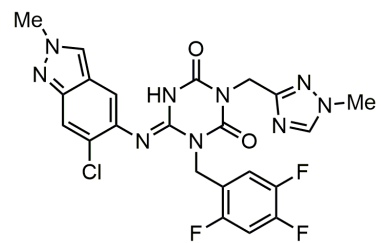
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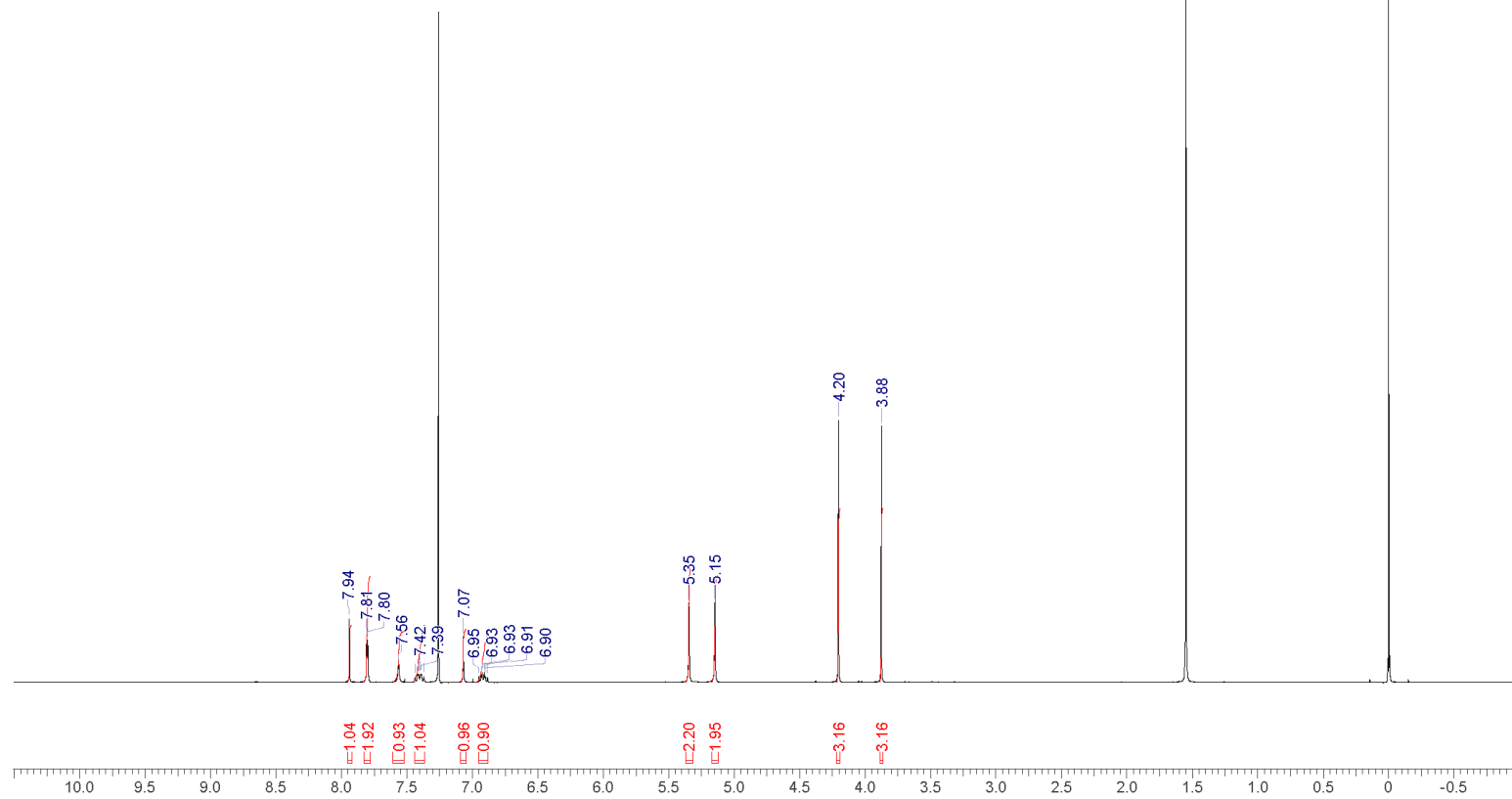
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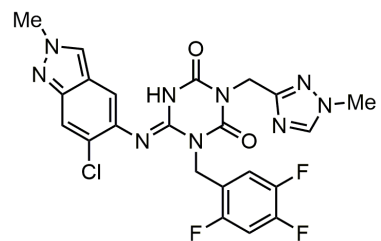
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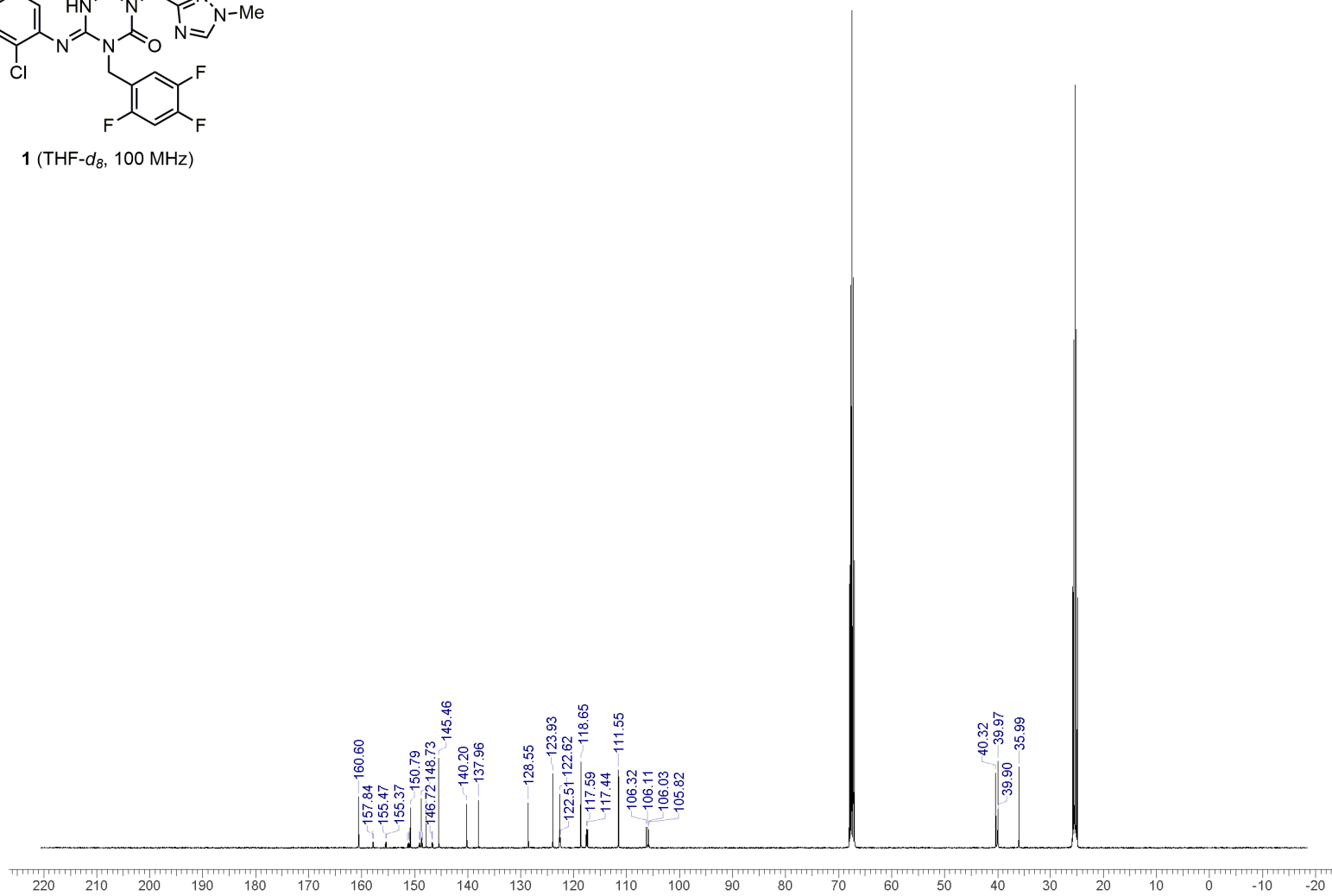
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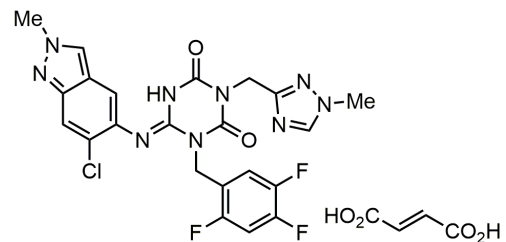
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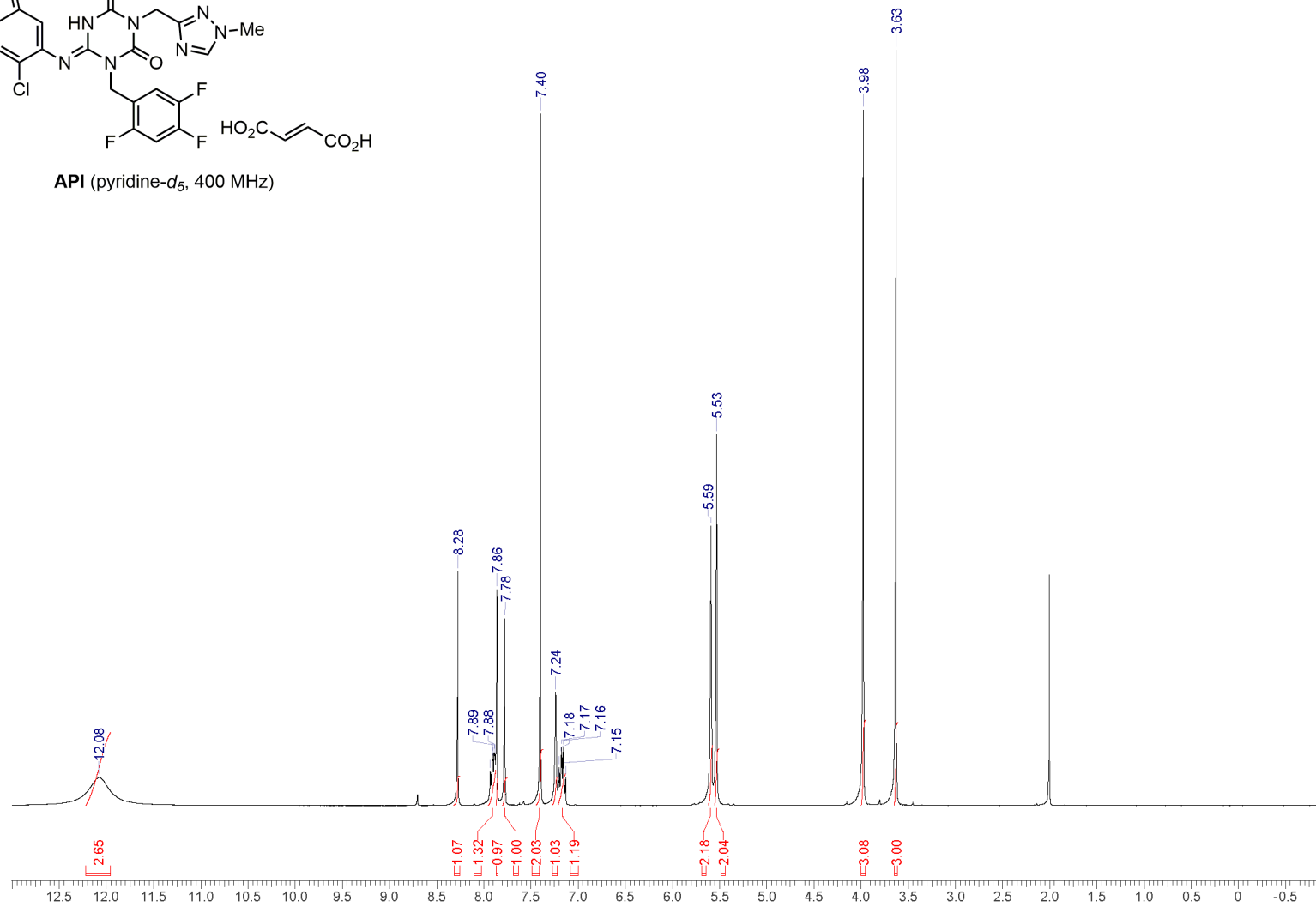
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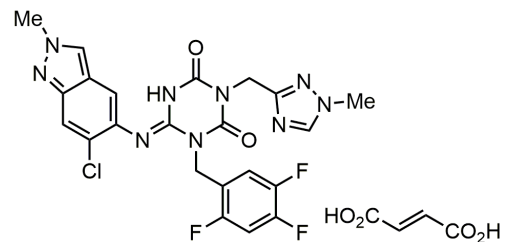
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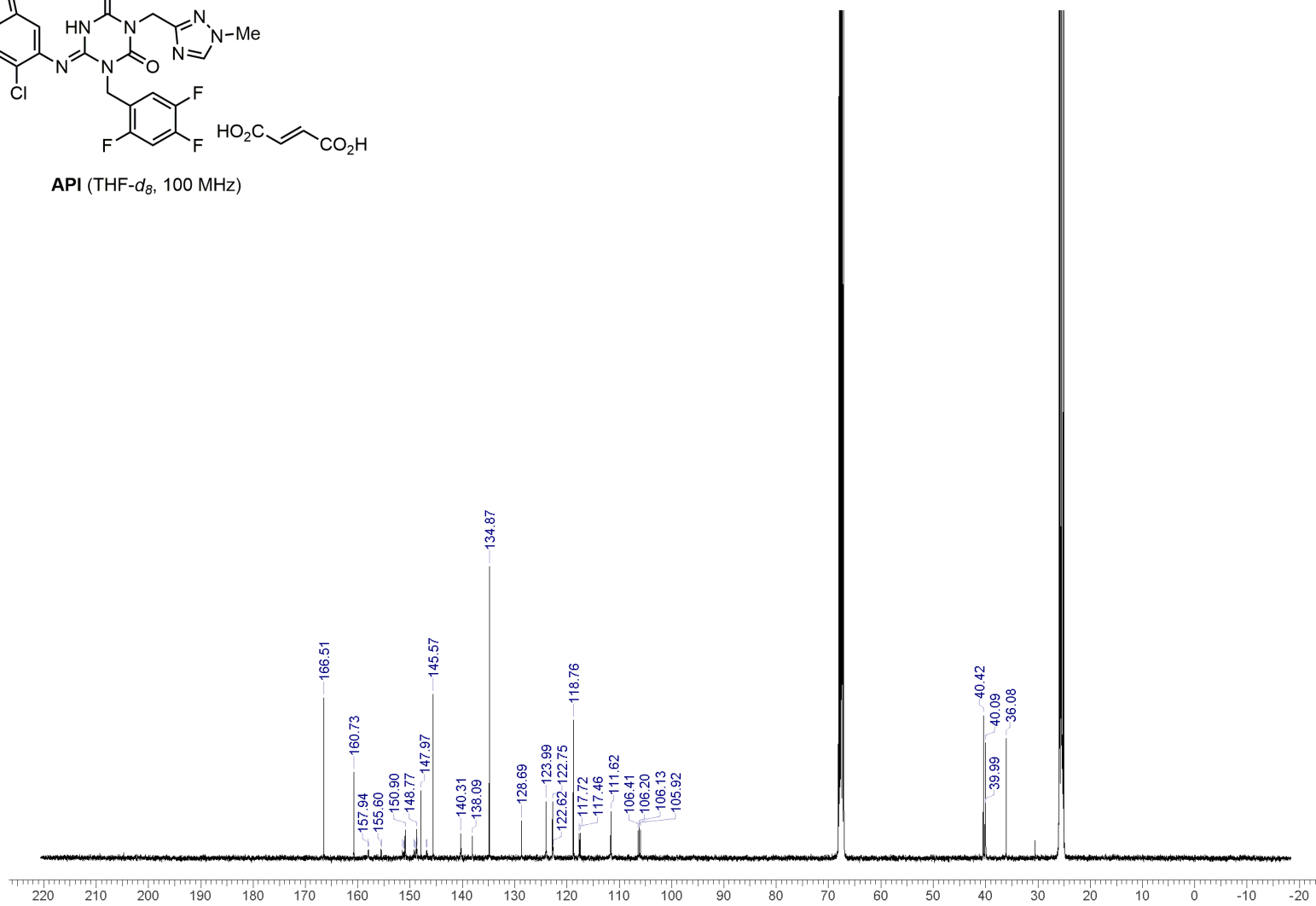
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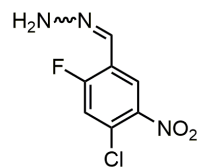
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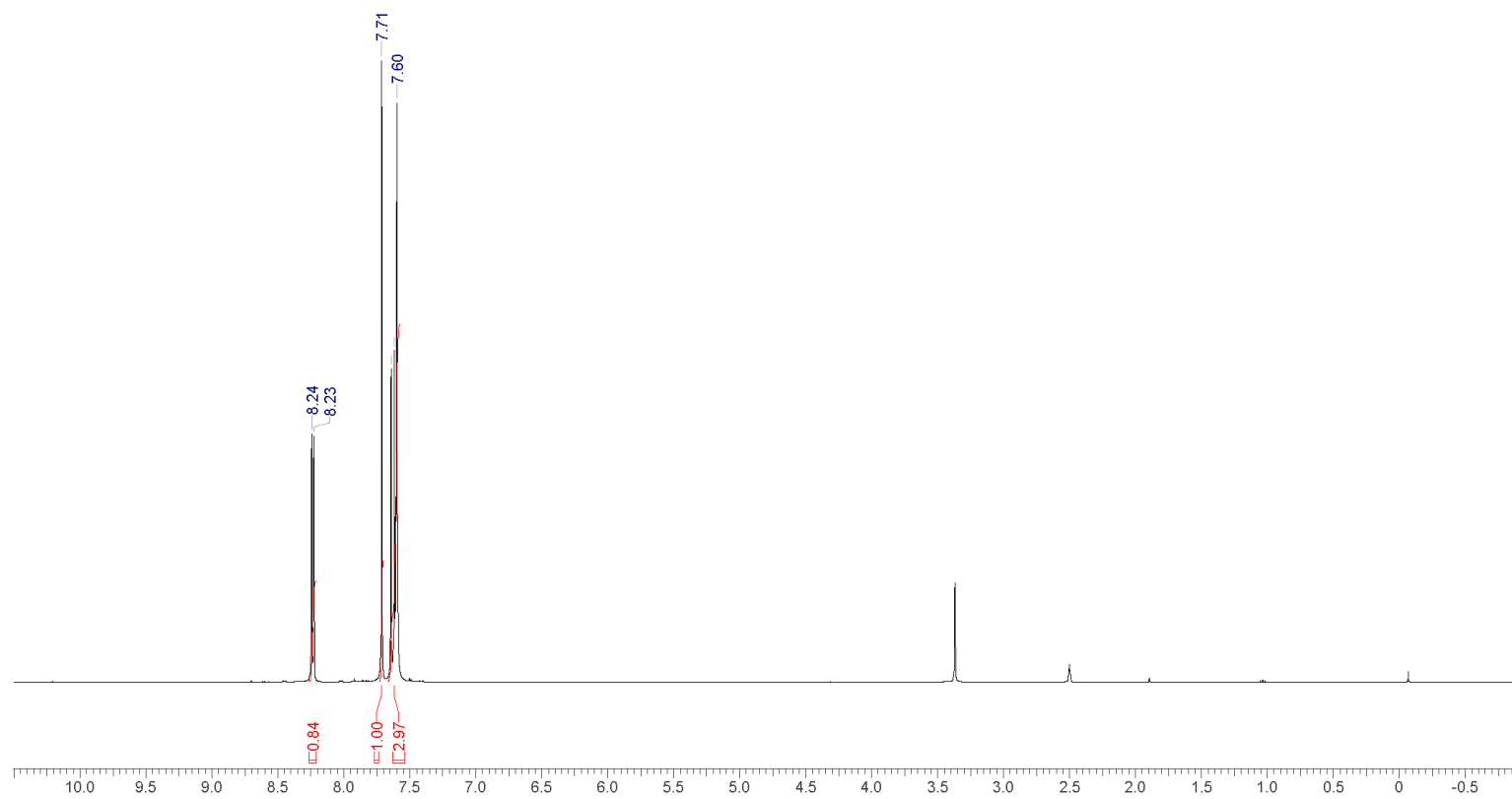
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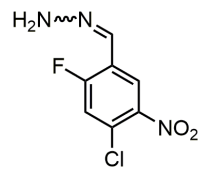
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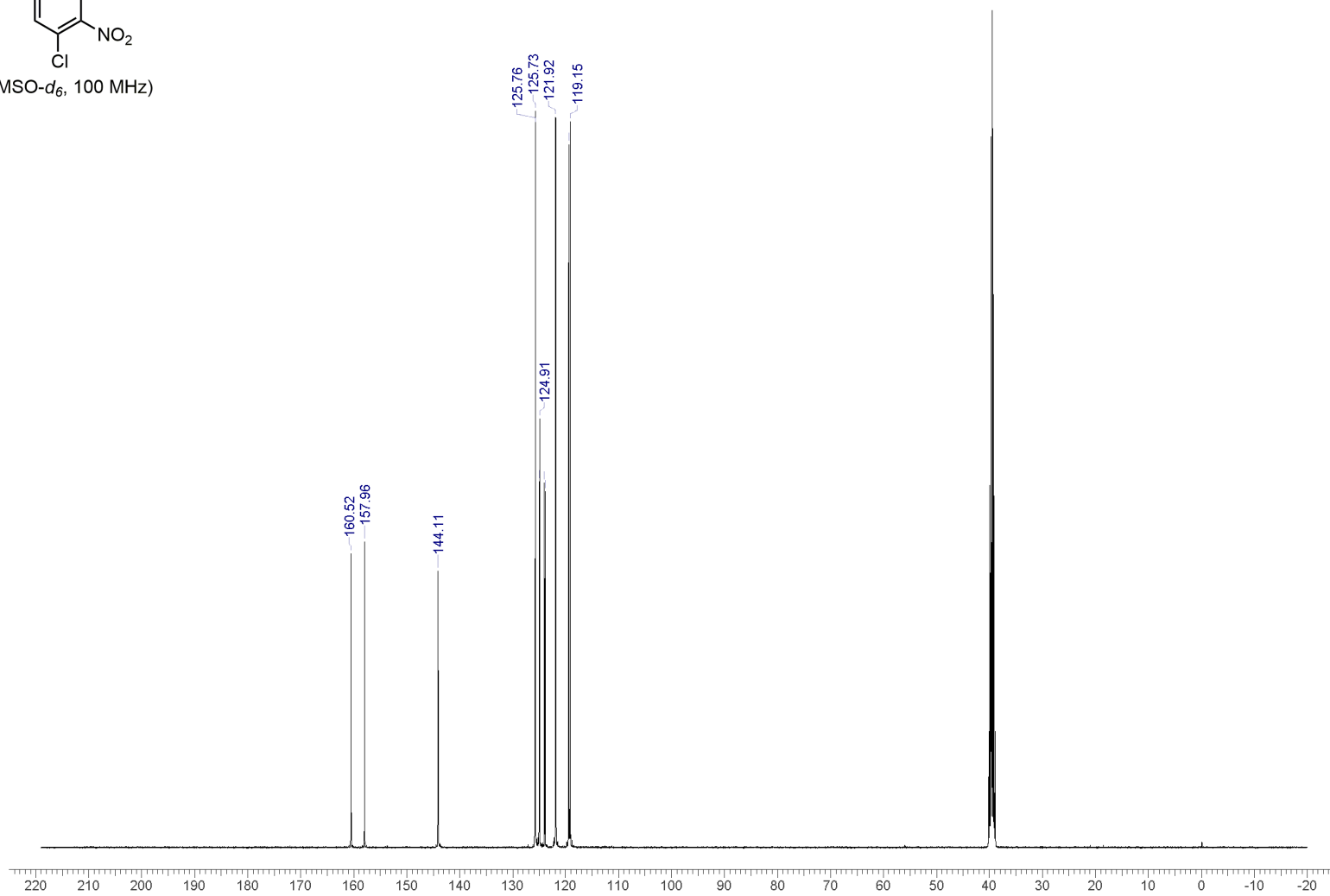
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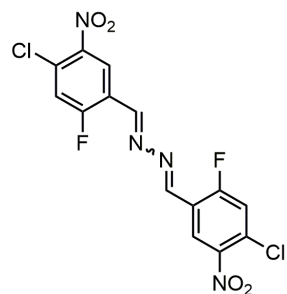
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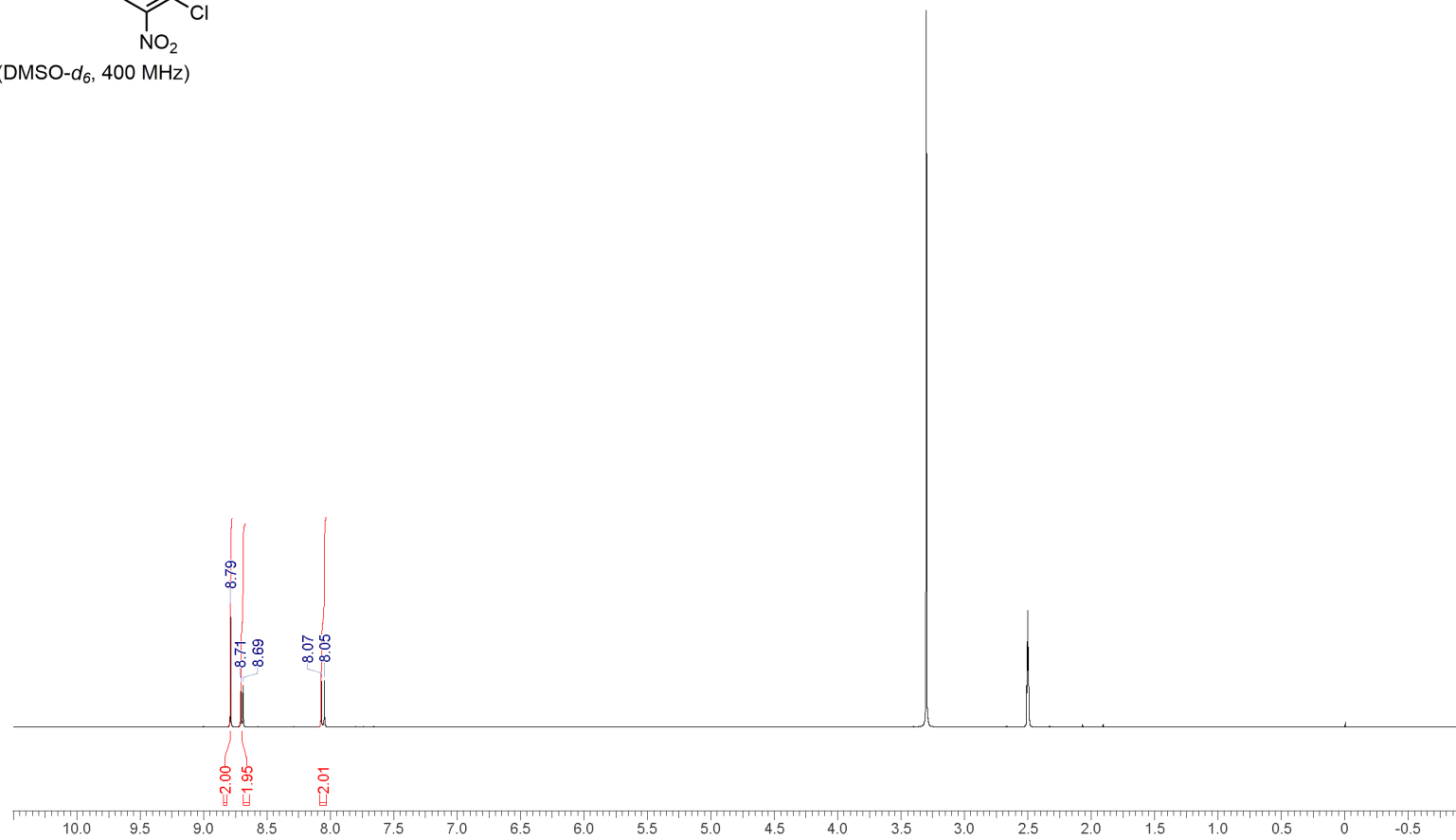
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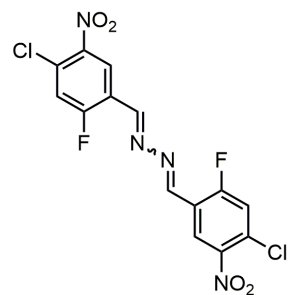
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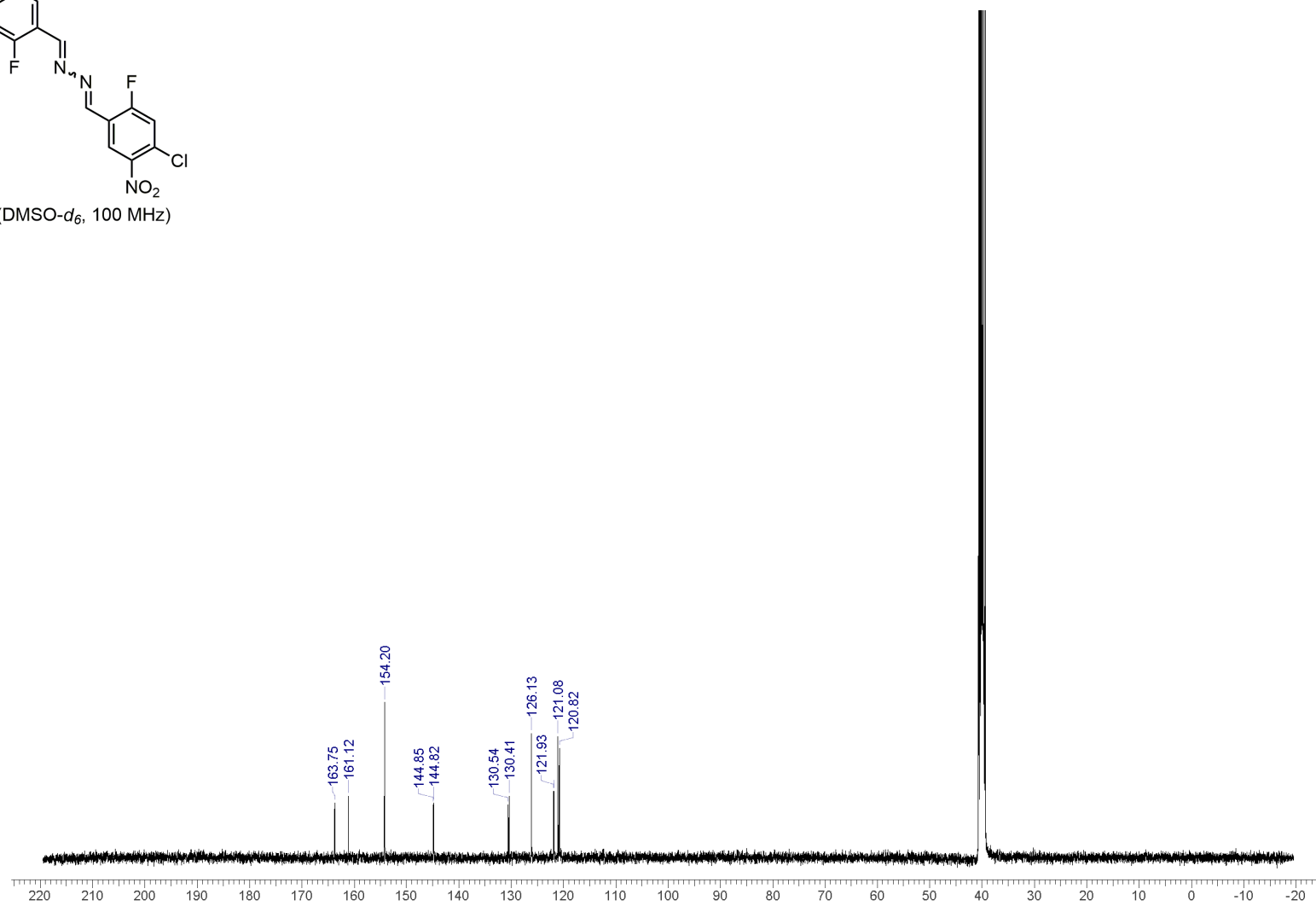
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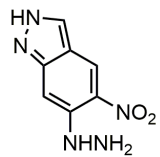
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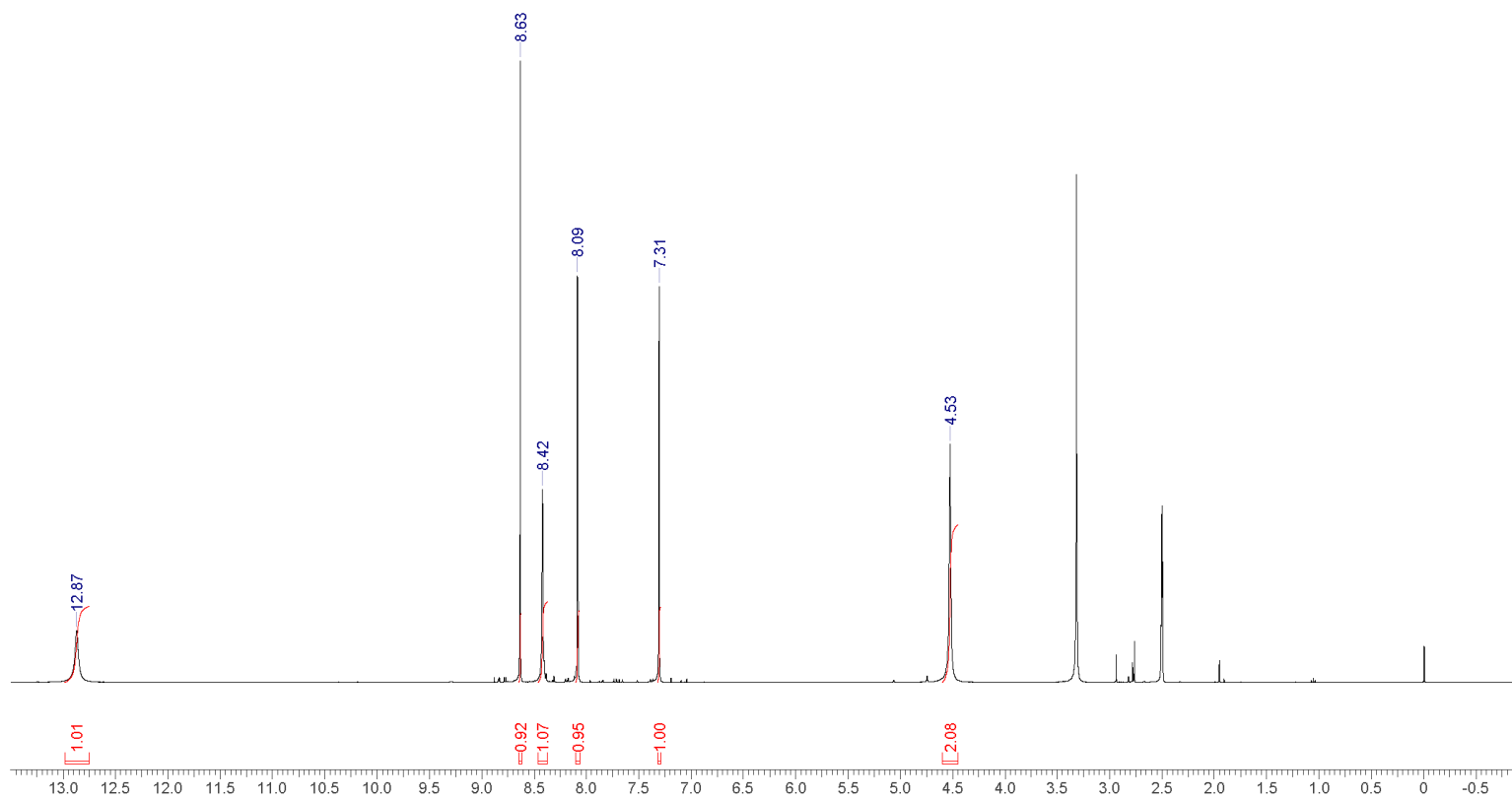
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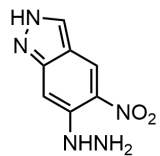
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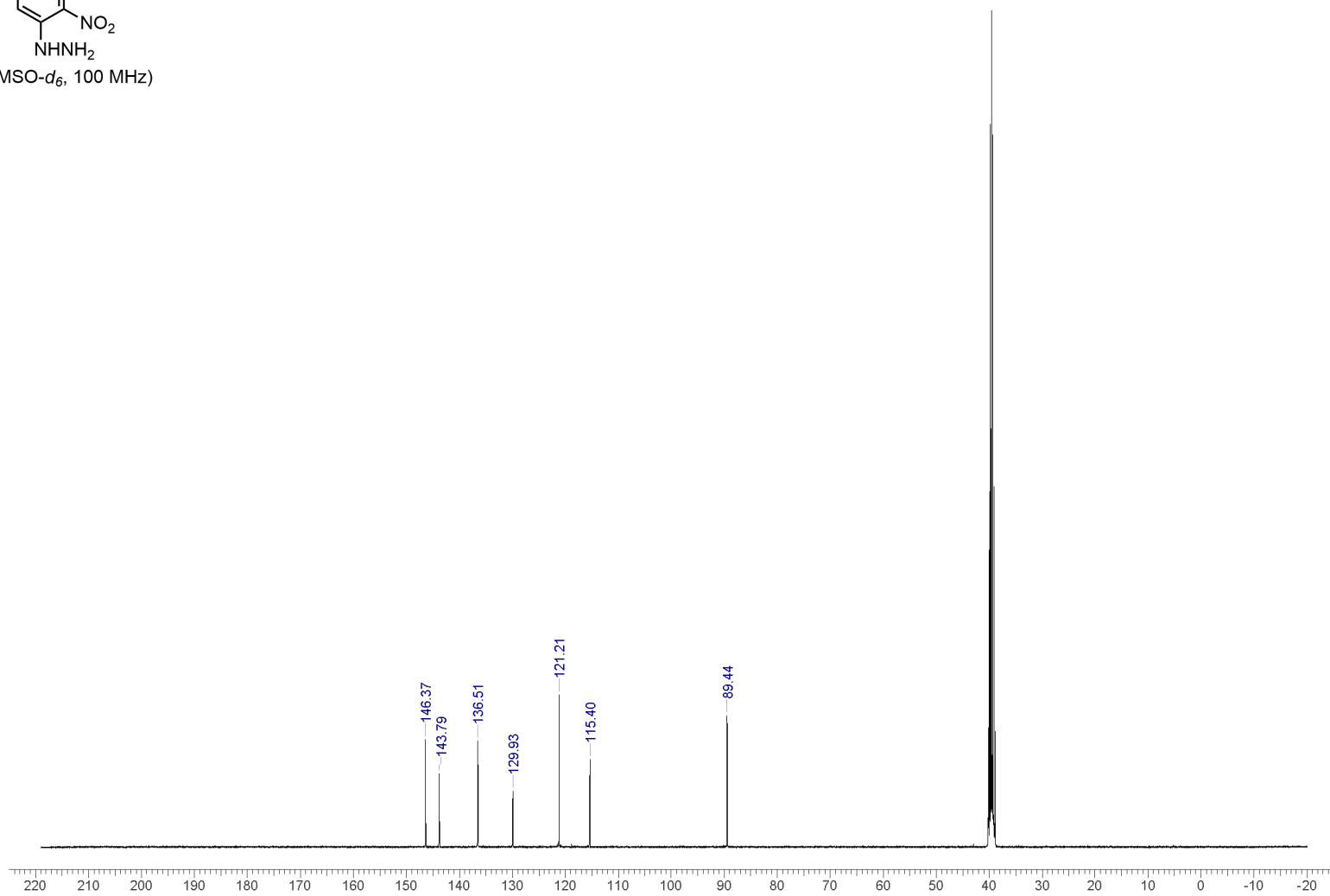
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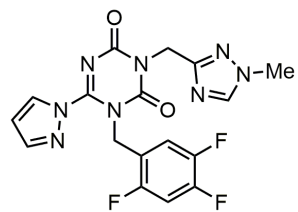
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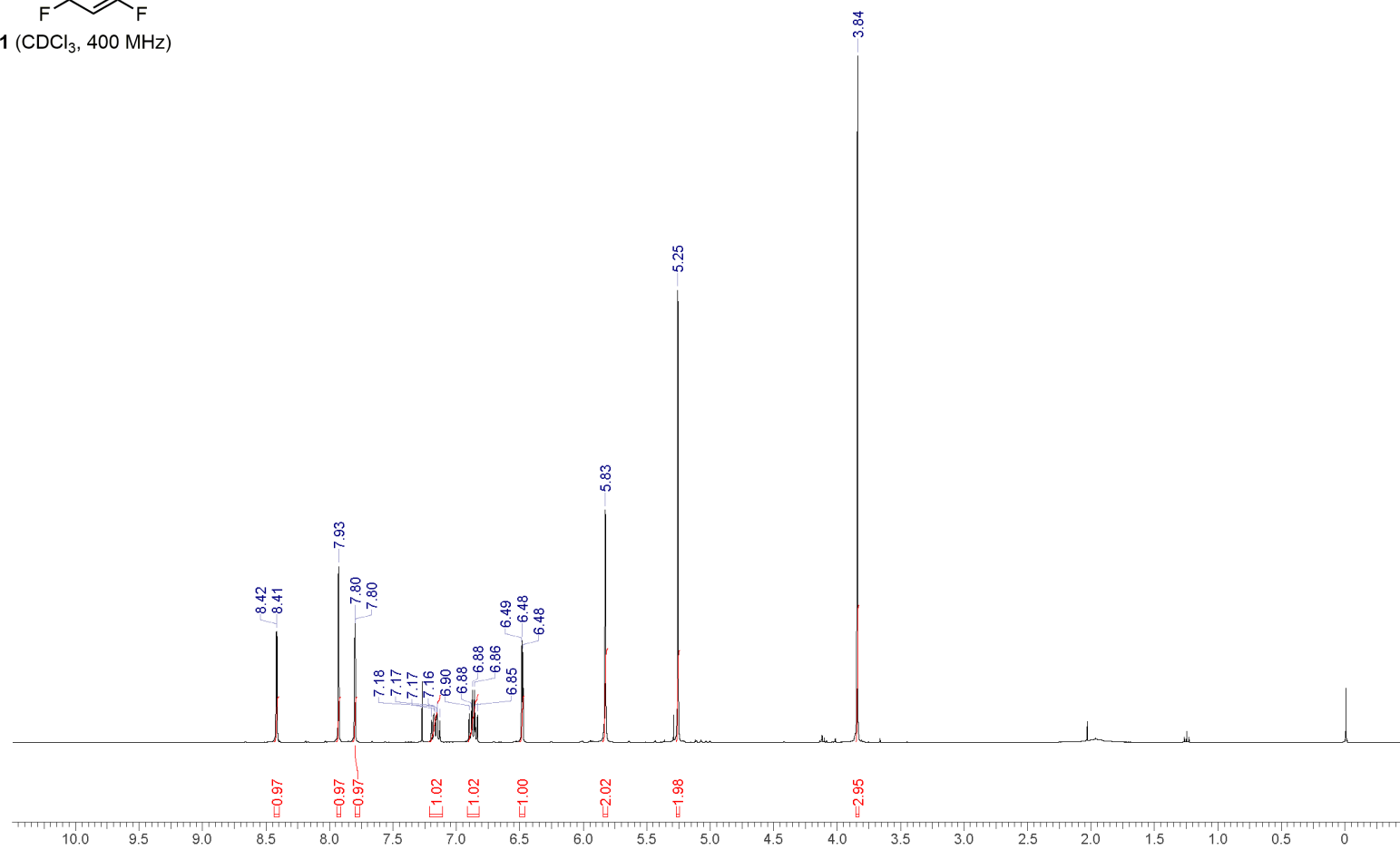
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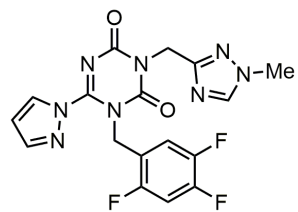
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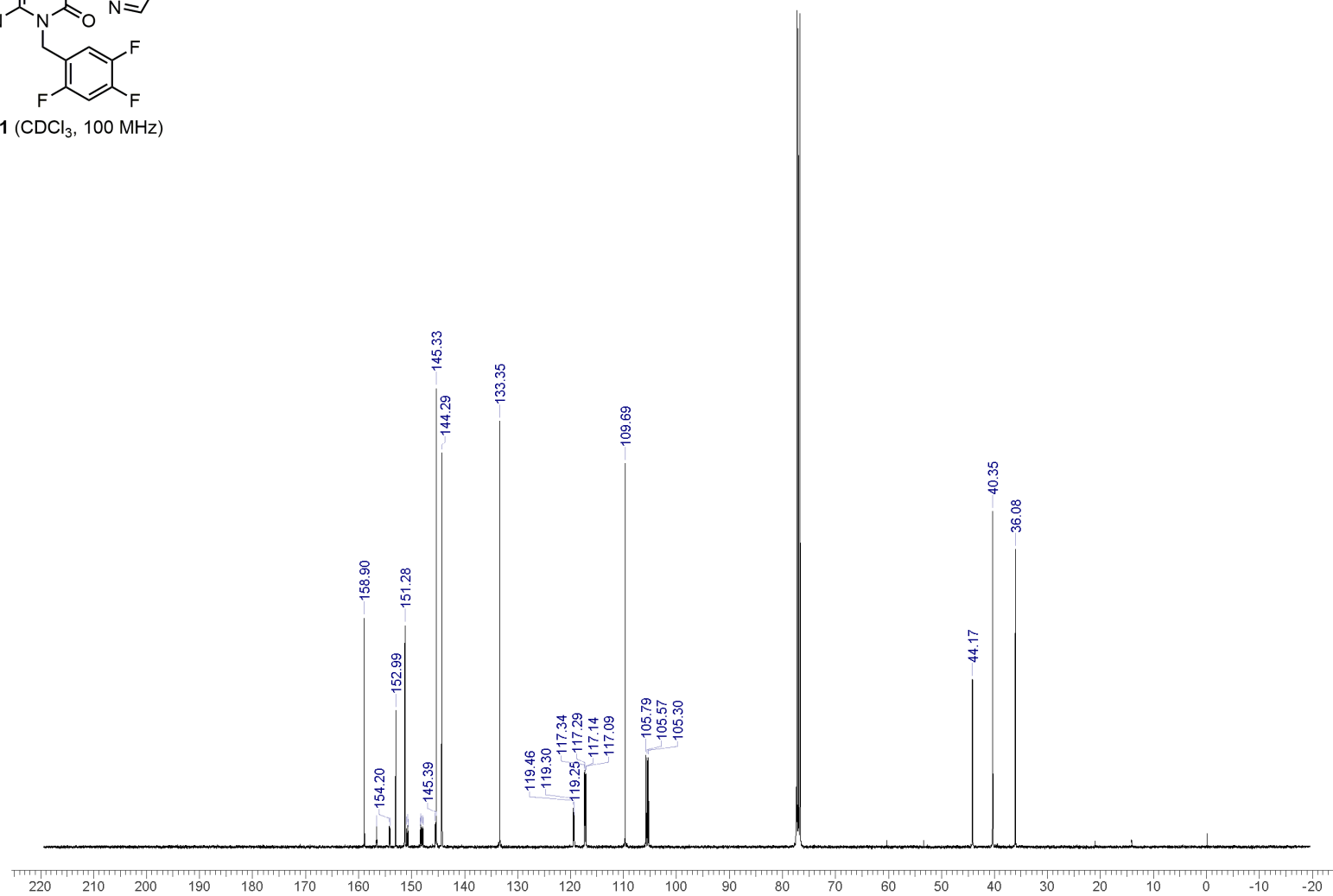
31 (CDCl₃, 400 MHz)



¹³C NMR of compound **31**.



31 (CDCl₃, 100 MHz)



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