

# **A Robust Protocol for Pd(II)-catalyzed C-3 Arylation of (*IH*) Indazoles and Pyrazoles: Total Synthesis of Nigellidine Hydrobromide**

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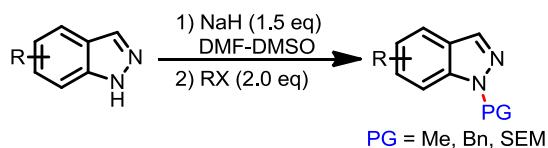
## General Information:

Unless otherwise noted, all reactions were run under air and were heated on hot plates with oil baths calibrated to an external thermometer. Prior to starting experiments, the hot plate was turned on, and the oil bath was allowed to equilibrate to the desired temperature over 30 minutes. All materials were used as received from commercial sources without further purification and all reagents were handled in air.  $^1\text{H}$  and  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectra were recorded on Varian-Inova and Bruker AV (400 MHz and 100 MHz, respectively) instrument internally referenced to SiMe<sub>4</sub> or chloroform signals. The following abbreviations (or combinations thereof) were used to explain multiplicities: s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, q = quartet, and m = multiplet. High resolution mass spectra were recorded at the Center for Mass Spectrometry, The Scripps Research Institute.

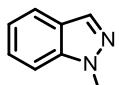
## Experimental:

### 1. General Procedure for Substrate Synthesis:

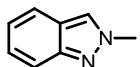
#### (1) General Procedure for 1-Me-, Bn-, and SEM-indazole<sup>1</sup>:



To a suspended solution of NaH (6 mmol, 1.5 eq) in DMF (5 mL) and DMSO (2.5 mL), was added substituted indazole (4 mmol, 1.0 eq) in DMF (5 mL) at 0 °C under N<sub>2</sub> atmosphere. Then the reaction mixture was warmed to rt and stirred for 15 minutes. The solution was cooled back to 0 °C whereupon alkyl halide (6.4 mmol, 1.6 eq) was added dropwise to the stirred solution. Upon complete addition, the solution was stirred at rt overnight. The reaction was then quenched with saturated NH<sub>4</sub>Cl and extracted with Et<sub>2</sub>O. The combined organic phases were washed with brine, dried over anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, filtered, and concentrated in *vacuo*. The resulting residue was purified by silica gel column using hexane:ethyl acetate (4:1 to 1:1) as the eluent to give the corresponding protected 1H-indazole and 2H-indazole (the ratio is about 2:1 to 3:1).

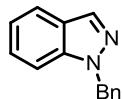


**1-Methyl-1H-indazole<sup>2</sup>:** white solid,  **$^1\text{H NMR}$**  (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.99 (s, 1H), 7.73 (d,  $J$  = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.39 (d,  $J$  = 3.6 Hz, 2H), 7.15 (dt,  $J$  = 7.9, 3.8 Hz, 1H), 4.07 (s, 3H);  **$^{13}\text{C NMR}$**  (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  139.77, 132.60, 126.10, 123.91, 120.96, 120.32, 108.80, 35.40.

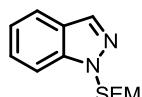


**2-Methyl-2H-indazole<sup>3</sup>:** white solid,  **$^1\text{H NMR}$**  (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.79 (s, 1H), 7.69 (d,  $J$  = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 7.61 (d,  $J$  = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.26 (t,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.05 (t,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 4.13 (s,

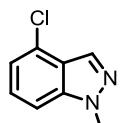
3H); **<sup>13</sup>C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 148.87, 125.67, 123.36, 121.92, 121.43, 119.81, 117.02, 40.08.



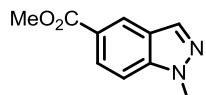
**1-Benzyl-1H-indazole<sup>4</sup>:** white solid, **<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.04 (s, 1H), 7.73 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.36 – 7.20 (m, 5H), 7.18 (d, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 2H), 7.14 – 7.10 (m, 1H), 5.58 (s, 2H); **<sup>13</sup>C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 139.49, 136.84, 133.32, 128.65, 127.67, 127.10, 126.32, 124.31, 121.09, 120.58, 109.23, 52.90.



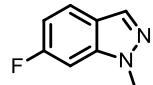
**1-((2-(Trimethylsilyl)ethoxy)methyl)-1H-indazole<sup>5</sup>:** colorless oil, **<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.02 (s, 1H), 7.74 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.58 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.42 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.19 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 5.75 (s, 2H), 3.55 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 0.89 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), -0.07 (s, 9H); **<sup>13</sup>C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 139.69, 133.98, 126.68, 124.74, 121.22, 120.99, 109.93, 109.61, 77.61, 66.31, 17.70, -1.53.



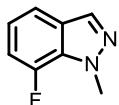
**4-Chloro-1-methyl-1H-indazole<sup>6</sup>:** yellow oil, **<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.04 (s, 1H), 7.29 – 7.24 (m, 2H), 7.12 – 7.07 (m, 1H), 4.05 (s, 3H); **<sup>13</sup>C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 140.70, 131.33, 126.70, 126.51, 123.18, 120.01, 107.47, 35.78



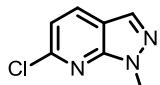
**Methyl 1-methyl-1H-indazole-5-carboxylate:** brown solid, **<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.50 (s, 1H), 8.07 (s, 1H), 8.06 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.39 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 4.09 (s, 3H), 3.94 (s, 3H); **<sup>13</sup>C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 167.28, 141.53, 134.47, 127.04, 124.57, 123.63, 122.77, 108.61, 52.05, 35.68; **HRMS** (ESI-TOF) *m/z* Calcd for C<sub>10</sub>H<sub>11</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 191.0815, found 191.0820.



**6-Fluoro-1-methyl-1H-indazole:** white solid, **<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.93 (s, 1H), 7.64 (dd, *J* = 8.8, 5.1 Hz, 1H), 7.00 (d, *J* = 9.2 Hz, 1H), 6.90 (td, *J* = 9.0, 2.1 Hz, 1H), 4.00 (s, 3H); **<sup>13</sup>C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 162.06 (d, *J* = 243 Hz), 140.11 (d, *J* = 12.0 Hz), 132.91, 122.34 (d, *J* = 11.0 Hz), 120.77, 110.34 (d, *J* = 25.0 Hz), 94.50 (d, *J* = 26.0 Hz), 35.49; **HRMS** (ESI-TOF) *m/z* Calcd for C<sub>8</sub>H<sub>8</sub>FN<sub>2</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 151.0666, found 151.0668.

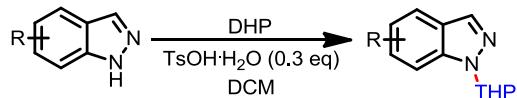


**7-Fluoro-1-methyl-1H-indazole:** yellow oil, **<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.94 (d, *J* = 2.3 Hz, 1H), 7.46 – 6.91 (m, 1H), 7.06 – 6.91 (m, 2H), 4.23 (s, 3H); **<sup>13</sup>C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 148.51 (d, *J* = 246 Hz), 133.03 (d, *J* = 1.0 Hz), 129.37 (d, *J* = 12.0 Hz), 127.98 (d, *J* = 4.0 Hz), 120.78 (d, *J* = 5.0 Hz), 116.61 (d, *J* = 4.0 Hz), 110.58 (d, *J* = 17.0 Hz), 38.11 (d, *J* = 4.0 Hz); **HRMS** (ESI-TOF) *m/z* Calcd for C<sub>8</sub>H<sub>8</sub>FN<sub>2</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 151.0666, found 151.0665.

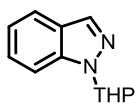


**6-Chloro-1-methyl-1H-pyrazolo[3,4-b]pyridine:** yellow solid, **<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.02 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 8.01 (s, 1H), 7.16 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 4.17 (s, 3H); **<sup>13</sup>C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 150.55, 149.61, 132.14, 132.04, 117.31, 114.08, 34.18; **HRMS** (ESI-TOF) *m/z* Calcd for C<sub>7</sub>H<sub>7</sub>ClN<sub>3</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 168.0328, found 168.0330.

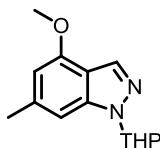
## (2) General Procedure for 1-THP-indazole<sup>7</sup>:



To a solution of substituted indazole (10 mmol, 1.0 eq) in DCM (40 mL), was added *p*-toluenesulfonic acid (571 mg, 3 mmol, 0.3 eq), and dihydropyran (DHP, 30 mmol, 3.0 eq). The solution was then stirred at rt until TLC showed a complete conversion of starting material. The solution was further diluted with DCM, washed with saturated NaHCO<sub>3</sub>. The separated organic phase was washed with brine, dried over anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, filtered, and concentrated in *vacuo*. The resulting residue was purified by silica gel column using hexane:ethyl acetate (6:1) as the eluent to give the sole 1-THP-1H-indazole.



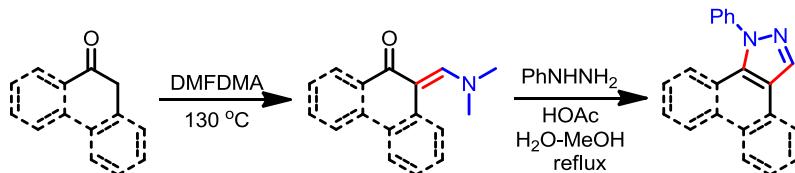
**1-(Tetrahydro-2H-pyran-2-yl)-1H-indazole<sup>7</sup>:** colorless oil, **<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.04 (s, 1H), 7.73 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.60 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.39 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.17 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 5.73 (dd, *J* = 9.5, 2.7 Hz, 1H), 4.06–4.01 (m, 1H), 3.78 – 3.72 (m, 1H), 2.65 – 2.55 (m, 1H), 2.18 – 2.06 (m, 2H), 1.79 – 1.63 (m, 3H); **<sup>13</sup>C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 139.42, 133.86, 126.42, 124.62, 121.11, 120.95, 109.90, 85.18, 67.43, 29.36, 25.07, 22.60.



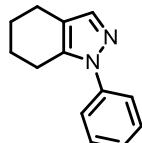
**4-Methoxy-6-methyl-1-(tetrahydro-2H-pyran-2-yl)-1H-indazole 7:** white solid, **<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.02 (s, 1H), 6.94 (s, 1H), 6.32 (s, 1H), 5.63 (dd, *J* = 9.5, 2.7 Hz, 1H), 4.07

– 4.01 (m, 1H), 3.93 (s, 3H), 3.79 – 3.68 (m, 1H), 2.61 – 2.52 (m, 1H), 2.47 (s, 3H), 2.22 – 2.10 (m, 1H), 2.10 – 1.99 (m, 1H), 1.81 – 1.57 (m, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  153.18, 141.71, 138.47, 131.60, 114.76, 102.37, 102.25, 85.16, 67.49, 55.27, 29.35, 25.11, 22.70, 22.47; HRMS (ESI-TOF)  $m/z$  Calcd for  $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{19}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2$  [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 247.1441, found 247.1450.

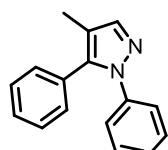
**(3) General Procedure for Pyrazole Synthesis<sup>8,9</sup>:**



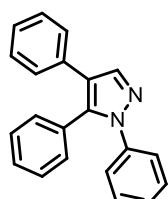
To a 35 mL sealed tube, were added N,N-dimethylformamide dimethyl acetal (DMFDMA) (1.0 mL, 7.5 mmol, 1.5 eq), and corresponding ketone (5 mmol, 1.0 eq) under  $\text{N}_2$  atmosphere. The tube was capped and stirred at 130 °C overnight. The reaction mixture was cooled to rt and evaporated in *vacuo*. The residue was diluted with MeOH (13 mL) and transferred to a 50 mL flask, then HOAc (3.0 mL), H<sub>2</sub>O (26 mL) and PhNNHNH<sub>2</sub> (0.74 mL, 7.5 mmol) were added. The resulting mixture was heated to reflux overnight. After cooling, the mixture was evaporated to half volume in *vacuo*, and H<sub>2</sub>O (20 mL) was added. The solution was extracted with DCM and the combined organic phases were washed with brine, dried over anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, filtered, and concentrated in *vacuo*. The resulting residue was purified by silica gel column using hexane:ethyl acetate (10:1) as the eluent to give the product.



**1-Phenyl-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-1H-indazole<sup>10</sup>:** brown oil,  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.54 – 7.38 (m, 5H), 7.33 – 7.27 (m, 1H), 2.74 – 2.71 (m, 2H), 2.64 – 2.51 (m, 2H), 1.82 – 1.77 (m, 4H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  140.04, 138.73, 138.10, 128.94, 126.49, 122.92, 117.66, 23.62, 23.10, 22.73, 20.67.

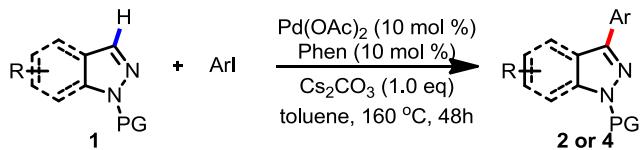


**4-Methyl-1,5-diphenyl-1H-pyrazole<sup>11</sup>:** white solid,  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.63 (s, 1H), 7.41 – 7.32 (m, 3H), 7.32 – 7.16 (m, 7H), 2.15 (s, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  141.12, 140.27, 139.78, 130.56, 129.79, 128.64, 128.39, 127.94, 126.71, 124.59, 116.35, 9.17.

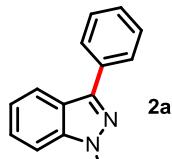


**1,4,5-Triphenyl-1H-pyrazole**<sup>12</sup>: white solid, **1H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.91 (s, 1H), 7.35 – 7.18 (m, 13H), 7.15 (dt, *J* = 6.6, 1.7 Hz, 2H); **13C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 139.95, 139.75, 139.20, 132.78, 130.44, 130.22, 128.69, 128.59, 128.44, 128.41, 127.96, 127.19, 126.37, 125.16, 122.42.

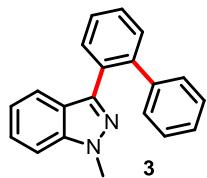
## 2. General Procedure for C-3 Arylation



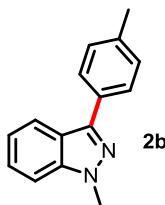
To a 35 mL sealed tube, were added Pd(OAc)<sub>2</sub> (5.6 mg, 0.025 mmol), 1,10-phenanthroline (4.5 mg, 0.025 mmol), Cs<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (82 mg, 0.25 mmol), aryl halide (0.25 mmol), indazole derivative (0.25 mmol), and toluene (1 mL). The tube was capped and stirred at 160 °C for 48–72 h. The reaction mixture was cooled to room temperature and diluted with EtOAc, filtered through a short pad of Celite, washed with EtOAc, and concentrated in *vacuo*. The resulting residue was purified by PTLC using hexanes:EtOAc (10:1 to 6:1, depending on different substrates) as the eluent.



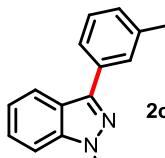
**1-Methyl-3-phenyl-1H-indazole**<sup>13</sup>: colorless oil, **1H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.04 (dd, *J* = 8.2, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 7.99 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.52 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.47 – 7.37 (m, 3H), 7.25 – 7.20 (m, 1H), 4.13 (s, 3H); **13C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 143.65, 141.38, 133.65, 128.75, 127.75, 127.32, 126.20, 121.56, 121.29, 120.85, 109.14, 35.48.



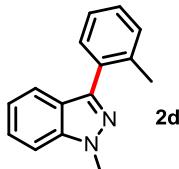
**3-((1,1'-Biphenyl)-2-yl)-1-methyl-1H-indazole**: white solid, **1H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.02 (dd, *J* = 7.3, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.98 – 7.94 (m, 2H), 7.56 – 7.45 (m, 8H), 7.44 – 7.39 (m, 1H), 7.28 – 7.21 (m, 1H), 3.68 (s, 3H); **13C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 143.86, 139.29, 138.77, 133.54, 129.89, 128.79, 128.14, 128.04, 127.85, 127.75, 127.61, 126.20, 122.66, 120.82, 120.42, 39.23; **HRMS** (ESI-TOF) *m/z* Calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>17</sub>N<sub>2</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 285.1386, found 285.1390.



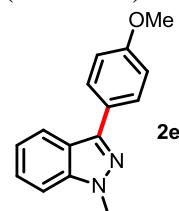
**1-Methyl-3-(*p*-tolyl)-1H-indazole:** colorless oil, **<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.02 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.88 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.45 – 7.39 (m, 2H), 7.33 (dd, *J* = 7.9, 0.7 Hz, 2H), 7.23 – 7.19 (m, 1H), 4.12 (s, 3H), 2.44 (s, 3H); **<sup>13</sup>C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 143.74, 141.36, 137.54, 130.78, 129.46, 127.21, 126.15, 121.56, 121.37, 120.69, 109.08, 35.44, 21.29; **HRMS** (ESI-TOF) *m/z* Calcd for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>15</sub>N<sub>2</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 223.1230, found 223.1239.



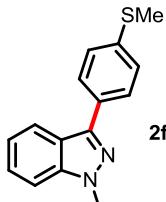
**1-Methyl-3-(*m*-tolyl)-1H-indazole:** colorless oil, **<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.03 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.80 (s, 1H), 7.77 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.46 – 7.38 (m, 3H), 7.24 – 7.20 (m, 1H), 4.13 (s, 3H), 2.47 (s, 3H); **<sup>13</sup>C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 143.83, 141.37, 138.43, 133.52, 128.64, 128.58, 127.95, 126.20, 124.50, 121.61, 121.39, 120.78, 109.12, 35.48, 21.52; **HRMS** (ESI-TOF) *m/z* Calcd for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>15</sub>N<sub>2</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 223.1230, found 223.1238.



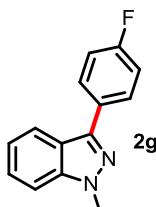
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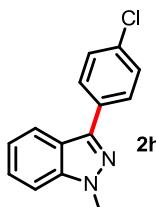
**3-(4-Methoxyphenyl)-1-methyl-1H-indazole**<sup>13</sup>: colorless oil, **<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.99 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.93 – 7.87 (m, 2H), 7.45 – 7.37 (m, 2H), 7.22 – 7.18 (m, 1H), 7.08 – 7.02 (m, 2H), 4.11 (s, 3H), 3.88 (s, 3H); **<sup>13</sup>C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 159.37, 143.54, 141.35, 128.53, 126.32, 126.15, 121.46, 121.31, 120.61, 114.21, 109.06, 55.30, 35.40.



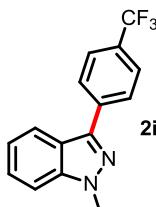
**1-Methyl-3-(4-(methylthio)phenyl)-1H-indazole:** colorless oil, **<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.99 (dd, *J* = 8.2, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 7.90 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 7.46 – 7.36 (m, 4H), 7.24 – 7.18 (m, 1H), 4.12 (s, 3H), 2.54 (s, 3H); **<sup>13</sup>C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 143.11, 141.39, 138.00, 130.55, 127.60, 126.83, 126.23, 121.48, 121.20, 120.86, 109.18, 35.49, 15.83; **HRMS** (ESI-TOF) *m/z* Calcd for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>15</sub>N<sub>2</sub>S [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 255.0950, found 255.0958.



**3-(4-Fluorophenyl)-1-methyl-1H-indazole:** colorless oil, **<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.96 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.94 – 7.89 (m, 2H), 7.47 – 7.40 (m, 2H), 7.25 – 7.16 (m, 3H), 4.13 (s, 3H); **<sup>13</sup>C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 162.62 (d, *J* = 246 Hz), 142.09 (d, *J* = 146 Hz), 129.56 (d, *J* = 3.0 Hz), 129.07, 128.99, 126.54, 121.34, 121.11 (d, *J* = 1.0 Hz), 115.89, 115.68, 109.26, 35.47; **HRMS** (ESI-TOF) *m/z* Calcd for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>12</sub>FN<sub>2</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 227.0979, found 227.0979.

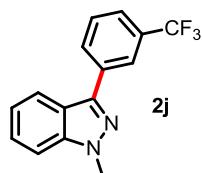


**3-(4-Chlorophenyl)-1-methyl-1H-indazole:** colorless oil, **<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.97 (dt, *J* = 8.2, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 7.93 – 7.88 (m, 2H), 7.50 – 7.45 (m, 2H), 7.45 – 7.41 (m, 2H), 7.25 – 7.21 (m, 1H), 4.12 (s, 3H); **<sup>13</sup>C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 142.46, 141.42, 133.57, 132.19, 128.95, 128.46, 126.36, 121.40, 121.13, 121.01, 109.29, 35.56; **HRMS** (ESI-TOF) *m/z* Calcd for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>12</sub>ClN<sub>2</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 243.0683, found 243.0683.

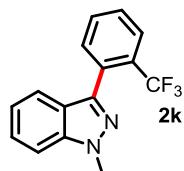


**1-Methyl-3-(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)-1H-indazole:** colorless oil, **<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.09 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 8.01 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.75 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.49 – 7.42 (m, 2H), 7.28 – 7.24 (m, 1H), 4.14 (s, 3H); **<sup>13</sup>C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 142.02, 141.48, 137.24 (q, *J* = 2.0 Hz), 129.47 (q, *J* = 32.0 Hz), 127.29, 126.46, 125.68 (d, *J* = 4.0 Hz), 122.92,

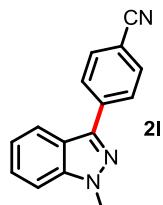
121.51, 121.47, 120.88, 109.43, 35.64; **HRMS** (ESI-TOF) *m/z* Calcd for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>12</sub>F<sub>3</sub>N<sub>2</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 277.0947, found 277.0952.



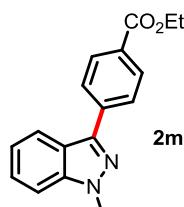
**1-Methyl-3-(3-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)-1H-indazole:** colorless oil, **<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.26 (s, 1H), 8.16 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 8.00 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.68 – 7.58 (m, 2H), 7.46 – 7.44 (m, 2H), 7.29 – 7.23 (m, 1H), 4.14 (s, 3H); **<sup>13</sup>C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 142.06, 141.47, 134.55, 131.19 (q, *J* = 32.0 Hz), 129.21, 126.46, 125.54, 124.31 (q, *J* = 4.0 Hz), 124.00 (q, *J* = 4.0 Hz), 122.83, 121.41, 121.39, 120.81, 109.40, 35.62; **HRMS** (ESI-TOF) *m/z* Calcd for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>12</sub>F<sub>3</sub>N<sub>2</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 277.0947, found 277.0952.



**1-Methyl-3-(2-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)-1H-indazole:** colorless oil, **<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.87 – 7.83 (m, 1H), 7.67 – 7.53 (m, 4H), 7.47 – 7.40 (m, 2H), 7.18 – 7.14 (m, 1H), 4.14 (s, 3H); **<sup>13</sup>C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 142.10, 140.42, 132.74, 131.84 (q, *J* = 2.0 Hz), 131.37, 129.91 (q, *J* = 31.0 Hz), 128.42, 126.60 (q, *J* = 4.0 Hz), 126.34, 125.30, 123.38, 120.82, 120.73, 108.92, 35.59; **HRMS** (ESI-TOF) *m/z* Calcd for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>12</sub>F<sub>3</sub>N<sub>2</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 277.0947, found 277.0957.

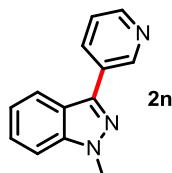


**4-(1-Methyl-1H-indazol-3-yl)benzonitrile<sup>13</sup>:** colorless oil, **<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.09 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.99 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.75 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.50 – 7.42 (m, 2H), 7.29 – 7.25 (m, 1H), 4.15 (s, 3H); **<sup>13</sup>C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 141.52, 141.35, 138.25, 132.53, 127.37, 126.57, 121.78, 121.44, 120.71, 119.01, 110.83, 109.58, 35.76.

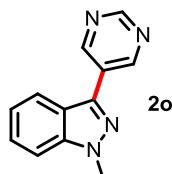


**Ethyl 4-(1-methyl-1H-indazol-3-yl)benzoate:** colorless oil, **<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.20 – 8.14 (m, 2H), 8.08 – 8.03 (m, 2H), 8.02 (dt, *J* = 8.3, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 7.47 – 7.39 (m, 2H), 7.29 – 7.18 (m, 1H), 4.41 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 4.13 (s, 3H), 1.43 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H); **<sup>13</sup>C NMR** (100

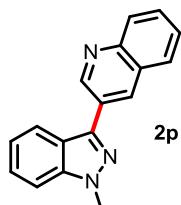
MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 166.45, 142.36, 141.43, 138.02, 130.00, 129.36, 126.84, 126.37, 121.58, 121.39, 121.04, 109.35, 60.92, 35.62, 14.32; **HRMS** (ESI-TOF) *m/z* Calcd for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>17</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 281.1284, found 281.1290.



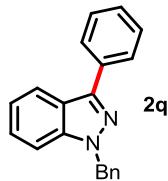
**1-Methyl-3-(pyridin-3-yl)-1H-indazole<sup>13</sup>:** colorless oil, **1H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 9.24 (dd, *J* = 2.3, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 8.64 (dd, *J* = 4.8, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 8.26 (ddd, *J* = 7.9, 2.3, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.99 (dt, *J* = 8.3, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 7.50 – 7.39 (m, 3H), 7.30 – 7.22 (m, 1H), 4.15 (s, 3H); **<sup>13</sup>C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 148.70, 148.26, 141.34, 140.45, 134.27, 129.72, 126.47, 123.63, 121.41, 120.74, 109.36, 35.61.



**1-Methyl-3-(pyrimidin-5-yl)-1H-indazole:** colorless oil, **1H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 9.32 (s, 2H), 9.21 (s, 1H), 7.94 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.52 – 7.42 (m, 2H), 7.31 – 7.25 (m, 1H), 4.15 (s, 3H); **<sup>13</sup>C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 157.43, 154.66, 141.37, 137.20, 128.07, 126.79, 122.00, 121.45, 120.29, 109.66, 35.83; **HRMS** (ESI-TOF) *m/z* Calcd for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>11</sub>N<sub>4</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 211.0978, found 211.0986.

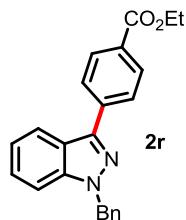


**3-(1-Methyl-1H-indazol-3-yl)quinoline:** colorless oil, **1H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 9.58 (d, *J* = 2.2 Hz, 1H), 8.66 (s, 1H), 8.16 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 8.08 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.91 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 7.77 – 7.67 (m, 1H), 7.62 – 7.55 (m, 1H), 7.47 – 7.45 (m, 2H), 7.31 – 7.24 (m, 1H), 4.17 (s, 3H); **<sup>13</sup>C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 149.81, 147.44, 141.42, 140.61, 132.96, 129.34, 129.32, 128.04, 128.00, 126.97, 126.94, 126.55, 121.74, 121.53, 120.83, 109.46, 35.70; **HRMS** (ESI-TOF) *m/z* Calcd for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>14</sub>N<sub>3</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 260.1182, found 260.1185.

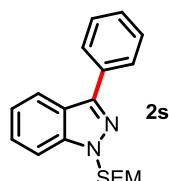


**1-Benzyl-3-phenyl-1H-indazole<sup>13</sup>:** colorless oil, **1H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.04 – 8.01 (m, 1H), 8.01 – 7.97 (m, 2H), 7.54 – 7.46 (m, 2H), 7.42 – 7.35 (m, 1H), 7.35 – 7.31 (m, 2H), 7.31 – 7.21 (m, 5H), 7.18 (dt, *J* = 8.0, 3.9 Hz, 1H), 5.64 (s, 2H); **<sup>13</sup>C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 144.13,

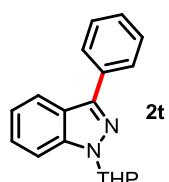
141.03, 136.84, 133.63, 128.76, 128.65, 127.85, 127.65, 127.49, 127.09, 126.33, 122.06, 121.38, 121.06, 109.60, 53.03.



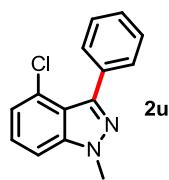
**Ethyl 4-(1-benzyl-1H-indazol-3-yl)benzoate (Drug YD-3):** colorless oil, **<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.20 – 8.14 (m, 2H), 8.12 – 8.06 (m, 2H), 8.03 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.38 – 7.32 (m, 2H), 7.32 – 7.19 (m, 6H), 5.65 (s, 2H), 4.41 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 1.42 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H); **<sup>13</sup>C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 166.46, 142.87, 141.08, 138.02, 136.53, 130.00, 129.46, 128.69, 127.76, 127.09, 127.03, 126.50, 122.07, 121.57, 121.14, 109.80, 60.93, 53.17, 14.33; **HRMS** (ESI-TOF) *m/z* Calcd for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>21</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 357.1597, found 357.1581.



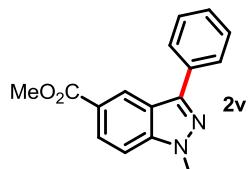
**3-Phenyl-1-((2-(trimethylsilyl)ethoxy)methyl)-1H-indazole:** colorless oil, **<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.07 (dt, *J* = 8.1, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 8.04 – 7.99 (m, 2H), 7.66 (dt, *J* = 8.5, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 7.59 – 7.52 (m, 2H), 7.52 – 7.42 (m, 2H), 7.33 – 7.25 (m, 1H), 5.84 (s, 2H), 3.77 – 3.59 (m, 2H), 1.06 – 0.89 (m, 2H), -0.01 (s, 9H); **<sup>13</sup>C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 144.81, 141.25, 133.37, 128.76, 128.07, 127.58, 126.69, 122.57, 121.64, 121.31, 109.92, 77.72, 66.40, 17.73, -1.47; **HRMS** (ESI-TOF) *m/z* Calcd for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>25</sub>N<sub>2</sub>OSi [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 325.1731, found 325.1740.



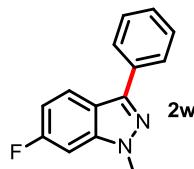
**3-Phenyl-1-(tetrahydro-2H-pyran-2-yl)-1H-indazole:** colorless oil, **<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.06 – 7.97 (m, 3H), 7.69 – 7.62 (m, 1H), 7.53 – 7.49 (m, 2H), 7.47 – 7.37 (m, 2H), 7.28 – 7.20 (m, 1H), 5.80 (dd, *J* = 9.3, 2.8 Hz, 1H), 4.15 – 4.04 (m, 1H), 3.81 – 3.75 (m, 1H), 2.72 – 2.67 (m, 1H), 2.31 – 2.07 (m, 2H), 1.86 – 1.60 (m, 3H); **<sup>13</sup>C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 144.52, 140.92, 133.57, 128.65, 127.91, 127.65, 126.41, 122.50, 121.54, 121.28, 110.37, 85.52, 67.43, 29.36, 25.13, 22.60; **HRMS** (ESI-TOF) *m/z* Calcd for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>19</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 279.1492, found 279.1504.



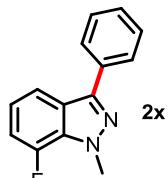
**4-Chloro-1-methyl-3-phenyl-1H-indazole:** colorless oil, **<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.76 – 7.71 (m, 2H), 7.51 – 7.44 (m, 3H), 7.35 (s, 1H), 7.34 (d, *J* = 3.0 Hz, 1H), 7.18 (dd, *J* = 5.6, 2.6 Hz, 1H), 4.14 (s, 3H); **<sup>13</sup>C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 144.72, 142.27, 133.00, 130.56, 128.04, 127.64, 127.28, 126.82, 121.52, 119.59, 107.81, 35.76; **HRMS** (ESI-TOF) *m/z* Calcd for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>12</sub>ClN<sub>2</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 243.0683, found 243.0685.



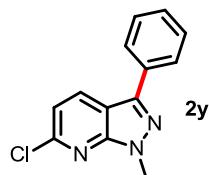
**Methyl 1-methyl-3-phenyl-1H-indazole-5-carboxylate:** colorless oil, **<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.75 (dd, *J* = 1.5, 0.8 Hz, 1H), 8.09 (dd, *J* = 8.9, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 8.00 – 7.93 (m, 2H), 7.53 (ddt, *J* = 8.8, 7.0, 0.8 Hz, 2H), 7.46 – 7.42 (m, 1H), 7.39 (dd, *J* = 8.8, 0.8 Hz, 1H), 4.12 (s, 3H), 3.96 (s, 3H); **<sup>13</sup>C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 167.26, 145.51, 143.03, 132.75, 128.88, 128.30, 127.48, 127.09, 124.84, 123.07, 121.30, 108.86, 52.07, 35.67; **HRMS** (ESI-TOF) *m/z* Calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>15</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 267.1128, found 267.1129.



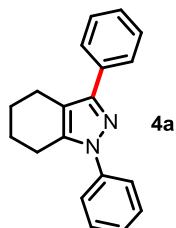
**6-Fluoro-1-methyl-3-phenyl-1H-indazole:** colorless oil, **<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.96 – 7.89 (m, 3H), 7.53 – 7.50 (m, 2H), 7.44 – 7.38 (m, 1H), 7.04 (dd, *J* = 9.1, 2.2 Hz, 1H), 6.97 (dt, *J* = 9.0, 2.2 Hz, 1H), 4.06 (s, 3H); **<sup>13</sup>C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 162.11 (d, *J* = 244 Hz), 144.06, 141.76 (d, *J* = 12.0 Hz), 133.11, 128.82, 128.06, 127.33, 122.79 (d, *J* = 10.9 Hz), 118.51, 110.71 (d, *J* = 25.7 Hz), 94.77 (d, *J* = 25.9 Hz), 35.57; **HRMS** (ESI-TOF) *m/z* Calcd for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>12</sub>FN<sub>2</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 227.0979, found 227.0988.



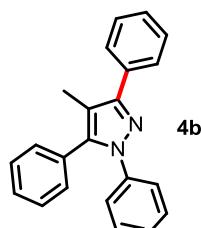
**7-Fluoro-1-methyl-3-phenyl-1H-indazole:** colorless oil, **<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.97 – 7.90 (m, 2H), 7.78 – 7.72 (m, 1H), 7.55 – 7.47 (m, 2H), 7.45 – 7.38 (m, 1H), 7.12 – 7.02 (m, 2H), 4.31 (d, *J* = 1.1 Hz, 3H); **<sup>13</sup>C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 148.59 (d, *J* = 246 Hz), 144.34 (d, *J* = 1.5 Hz), 133.07, 130.95 (d, *J* = 12.4 Hz), 128.80, 128.05, 127.42, 125.63 (d, *J* = 4.2 Hz), 121.25 (d, *J* = 5.44 Hz), 117.00 (d, *J* = 4.3 Hz), 110.77 (d, *J* = 16.9 Hz), 38.31 (d, *J* = 4.5 Hz); **HRMS** (ESI-TOF) *m/z* Calcd for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>12</sub>FN<sub>2</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 227.0979, found 227.0990.



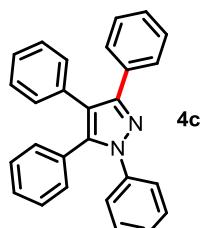
**6-Chloro-1-methyl-3-phenyl-1H-pyrazolo[3,4-b]pyridine:** colorless oil, **<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.30 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.96 – 7.94 (m, 2H), 7.56 – 7.52 (m, 2H), 7.48 – 7.43 (m, 1H), 7.21 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 4.21 (s, 3H); **<sup>13</sup>C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 150.51, 150.34, 143.00, 132.68, 132.11, 128.75, 128.60, 126.73, 117.35, 111.89, 33.55; **HRMS** (ESI-TOF) *m/z* Calcd for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>11</sub>ClN<sub>3</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 244.0642, found 244.0647.



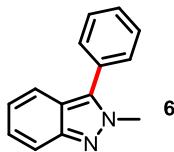
**1,3-Diphenyl-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-1H-indazole:** yellow oil, **<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.95 – 7.78 (m, 2H), 7.62 – 7.53 (m, 2H), 7.48 – 7.40 (m, 4H), 7.34 – 7.30 (m, 2H), 2.93 – 2.70 (m, 4H), 1.87 – 1.84 (m, 4H); **<sup>13</sup>C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 149.04, 140.02, 139.67, 134.10, 129.02, 128.40, 127.31, 126.92, 126.69, 123.39, 115.51, 23.94, 23.10, 22.75, 22.56; **HRMS** (ESI-TOF) *m/z* Calcd for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>19</sub>N<sub>2</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 275.1543, found 275.1542.



**4-Methyl-1,3,5-triphenyl-1H-pyrazole:** white solid, **<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.94 – 7.79 (m, 2H), 7.52 – 7.48 (m, 2H), 7.43 – 7.38 (m, 4H), 7.37 – 7.22 (m, 7H), 2.29 (s, 3H); **<sup>13</sup>C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 151.20, 141.41, 140.15, 133.83, 130.69, 130.04, 128.63, 128.43, 128.38, 128.10, 127.85, 127.54, 126.69, 124.69, 114.12, 10.19; **HRMS** (ESI-TOF) *m/z* Calcd for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>19</sub>N<sub>2</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 311.1543, found 311.1547.

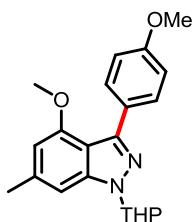


**1,3,4,5-Tetraphenyl-1H-pyrazole:** white solid, **<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.58 – 7.55 (m, 2H), 7.41 – 7.19 (m, 14H), 7.18 – 7.06 (m, 4H); **<sup>13</sup>C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 150.17, 141.33, 139.93, 133.10, 130.67, 130.40, 130.04, 128.72, 128.36, 128.22, 128.15, 128.10, 127.58, 127.17, 126.61, 125.28, 120.67; **HRMS** (ESI-TOF) *m/z* Calcd for C<sub>27</sub>H<sub>21</sub>N<sub>2</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 373.1699, found 373.1703.

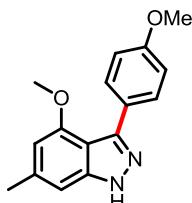


**2-Methyl-3-phenyl-2H-indazole<sup>14</sup>:** colorless oil, **<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.72 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 7.59 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 7.59 – 7.50 (m, 4H), 7.53 – 7.44 (m, 1H), 7.34 – 7.30 (m, 1H), 7.13 – 7.04 (m, 1H), 4.19 (s, 3H); **<sup>13</sup>C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 147.99, 135.96, 129.63, 129.50, 128.93, 128.64, 126.19, 121.73, 121.11, 120.05, 116.92, 38.47.

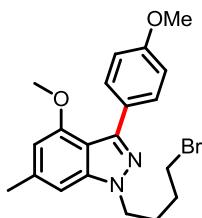
### 3. Total Synthesis of Nigellidine



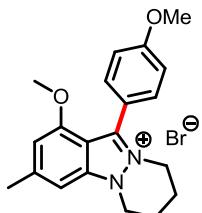
**4-Methoxy-3-(4-methoxyphenyl)-6-methyl-1-(tetrahydro-2H-pyran-2-yl)-1H-indazole 8:** To a 100 mL sealed tube, were added Pd(OAc)<sub>2</sub> (74.8 mg, 0.333 mmol, 0.1 eq), 1,10-phenanthroline (180 mg, 1.0 mmol, 0.3 eq), Cs<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (3.25 g, 10 mmol, 3.0 eq), 4-bromoanisole (1.7 mL, 13.32 mmol, 4.0 eq), indazole 7 (820 mg, 3.33 mmol), and toluene (13 mL). The tube was capped and stirred at 160 °C for 72 h. The reaction mixture was cooled to room temperature and diluted with EtOAc, filtered through a short pad of Celite, washed with EtOAc, and concentrated in *vacuo*. The resulting residue was purified by silica gel column using hexanes:EtOAc (6:1) as the eluent to give a white solid, 634 mg (54% yield). **<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.92 – 7.86 (m, 2H), 7.01 – 6.94 (m, 3H), 6.36 (s, 1H), 5.68 (dd, *J* = 9.5, 2.8 Hz, 1H), 4.13 – 4.02 (m, 1H), 3.87 (s, 6H), 3.82 – 3.70 (m, 1H), 3.70 – 3.60 (m, 1H), 2.50 (s, 3H), 2.24 – 2.13 (m, 1H), 2.12 – 2.02 (m, 1H), 1.84 – 1.59 (m, 3H); **<sup>13</sup>C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 159.24, 153.90, 144.67, 143.31, 138.29, 130.82, 126.66, 113.10, 111.73, 102.60, 102.36, 85.31, 67.45, 55.20, 55.07, 29.23, 25.11, 22.68, 22.30; **HRMS** (ESI-TOF) *m/z* Calcd for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>25</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 353.1860, found 353.1862.



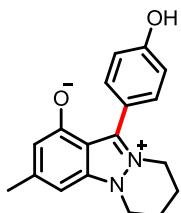
**4-Methoxy-3-(4-methoxyphenyl)-6-methyl-1H-indazole 9:** To a solution of compound 8 (0.46 g, 1.3 mmol, 1.0 eq) in MeOH (20 mL), was added AcCl (2.8 mL, 39 mmol, 30 eq) dropwise at 0 °C. The solution was heated to 55 °C for 2 h, then cooled to rt and evaporated in *vacuo*. The residue was diluted with EtOAc, washed with saturated NaHCO<sub>3</sub>, and brine, dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, filtered, and evaporated to give nearly pure product, white solid, 304 mg (87% yield). **<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.95 – 7.86 (m, 2H), 7.05 – 6.97 (m, 2H), 6.46 – 6.37 (m, 1H), 6.30 (s, 1H), 3.89 (s, 3H), 3.87 (s, 3H), 2.39 (s, 3H); **<sup>13</sup>C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 159.41, 153.88, 145.59, 144.17, 138.42, 130.94, 126.74, 113.38, 110.41, 102.42, 102.06, 55.25, 55.10, 22.08; **HRMS** (ESI-TOF) *m/z* Calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>17</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 269.1284, found 269.1285.



**1-(4-Bromobutyl)-4-methoxy-3-(4-methoxyphenyl)-6-methyl-1H-indazole 10:** To a suspended solution of NaH (60% in mineral oil, 86 mg, 2.14 mmol, 2.0 eq) in DMF (2 mL) and DMSO (1 mL), was added compound **9** (287 mg, 1.07 mmol, 1.0 eq) in DMF (2 mL) at 0 °C under N<sub>2</sub> atmosphere. The mixture was stirred at rt for 20 min, then cooled back to 0 °C, and 1,4-dibromobutane (0.38 mL, 3.21 mmol, 3.0 eq) was added. The resulting mixture was stirred at rt overnight, quenched by saturated NH<sub>4</sub>Cl, extracted with EtOAc. The combined organic layers were washed with brine, dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, evaporated in *vacuo*. The residue was purified by silica gel column using hexanes:EtOAc (6:1) as the eluent to give a colorless oil, 321 mg (74% yield). **<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.88 – 7.79 (m, 2H), 7.01 – 6.93 (m, 2H), 6.76 (s, 1H), 6.32 (s, 1H), 4.36 (t, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 3.88 (s, 3H), 3.87 (s, 3H), 3.42 (t, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 2H), 2.49 (s, 3H), 2.16 – 2.05 (m, 2H), 1.97 – 1.84 (m, 2H); **<sup>13</sup>C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 159.20, 154.12, 144.12, 143.26, 138.12, 130.65, 126.67, 113.25, 111.00, 101.86, 101.23, 55.26, 55.11, 47.71, 33.15, 29.85, 28.27, 22.36; **HRMS** (ESI-TOF) *m/z* Calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>24</sub>BrN<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 403.1016, found 403.1012.



**1-Methoxy-11-(4-methoxyphenyl)-3-methyl-6,7,8,9-tetrahydropyridazino[1,2-a]indazol-10-ium Bromide 11:** To a 35 mL sealed tube, were added compound **10** (310 mg, 0.77 mmol, 1.0 eq) and acetonitrile (5 mL). The tube was capped and stirred at 110 °C overnight. The reaction mixture was cooled to room temperature and concentrated in *vacuo*. The resulting residue was recrystallized with DCM/Hexane to give a white solid, 250 mg (81% yield). **<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.73 – 7.60 (m, 2H), 7.11 – 7.02 (m, 2H), 6.98 (s, 1H), 6.45 (s, 1H), 4.77 – 4.61 (m, 4H), 3.88 (s, 3H), 3.75 (s, 3H), 2.52 (s, 3H), 2.52 – 2.47 (m, 2H), 2.37 – 2.24 (m, 2H); **<sup>13</sup>C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 161.58, 154.68, 147.03, 143.21, 142.06, 132.35, 116.52, 113.97, 109.84, 105.65, 101.41, 55.67, 55.40, 48.81, 46.99, 23.05, 20.28, 19.36; **HRMS** (ESI-TOF) *m/z* Calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>24</sub>BrN<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 403.1016, found 403.1023.

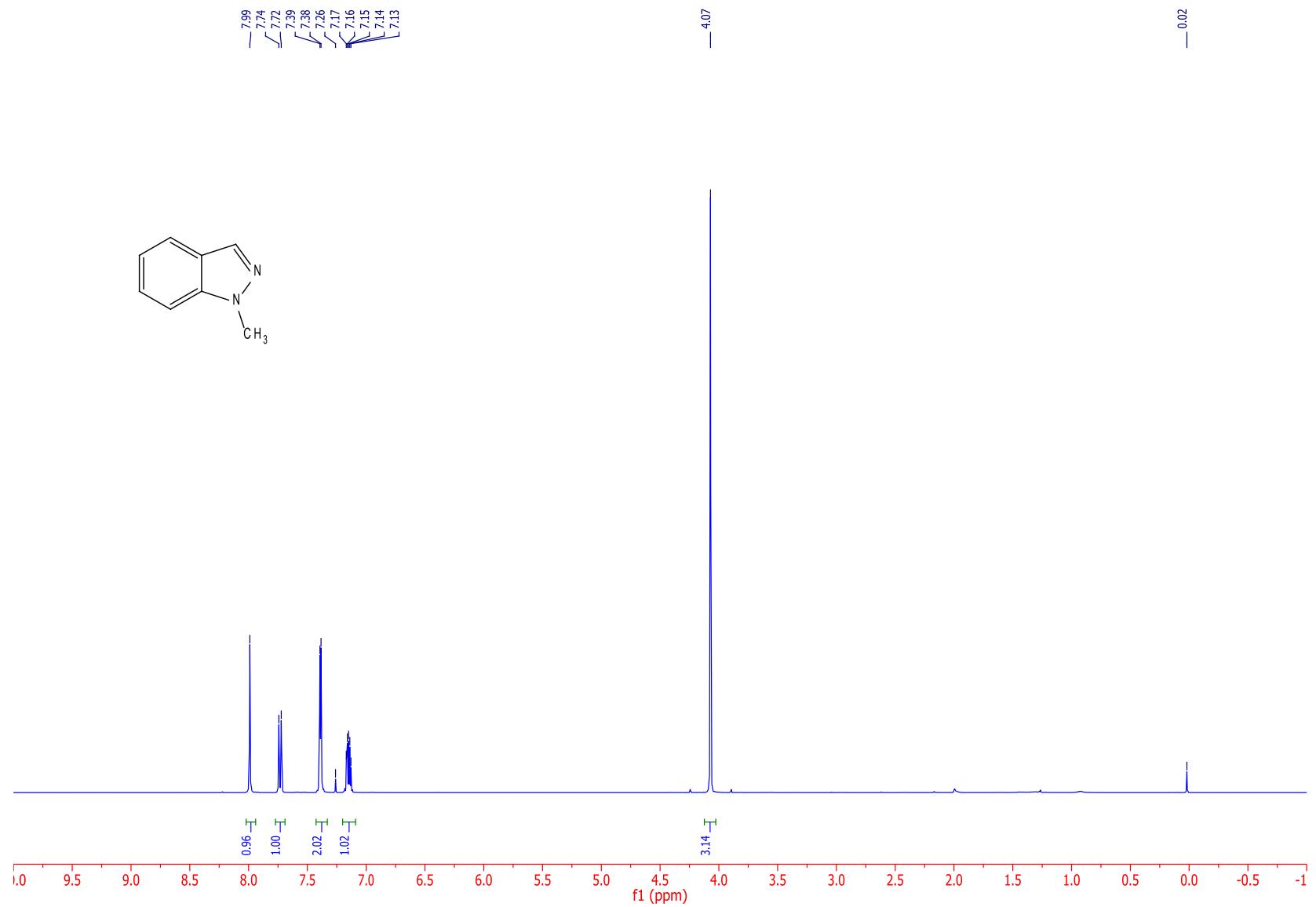


**Nigellidine Hydrobromide 12:**<sup>15</sup> To a solution of compound **11** (40.3 mg, 0.1 mmol, 1.0 eq) in DCM (6 mL), was added BBr<sub>3</sub> (1M in DCM, 0.6 mL, 0.6 mmol, 6.0 eq) dropwise at rt. The solution was stirred at rt for 4h, then quenched with slow addition of MeOH (2 mL), and anhydrous K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (1.0 g) with vigorous stirring. The solution was then filtered through a pad of Celite and washed with DCM. The e filtrate was concentrated in *vacuo* and the resulting residue was purified by column (DCM/MeOH = 4/1) to give a pale yellow solid, 28 mg (74% yield). The solid was dissolved in hot methanol, then kept in an open flask at room temperature until the crystals were formed. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>) δ 7.59 – 7.43 (m, 2H), 7.09 (s, 1H), 7.06 – 6.91 (m, 2H), 6.71 – 6.55 (m, 1H), 4.48 (t, *J* = 6.1 Hz, 2H), 4.39 (t, *J* = 5.8 Hz, 2H), 2.44 (s, 3H), 2.23 – 2.17 (m, 2H), 2.12 – 2.07 (m, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (151 MHz, DMSO) δ 160.73, 154.48, 146.78, 143.94, 143.23, 133.39, 116.14, 116.10, 109.97, 109.89, 100.53, 49.16, 47.51, 23.24, 20.73, 20.08; HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m/z* Calcd for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>19</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> [M-Br]<sup>+</sup> 295.1441, found 295.1447.

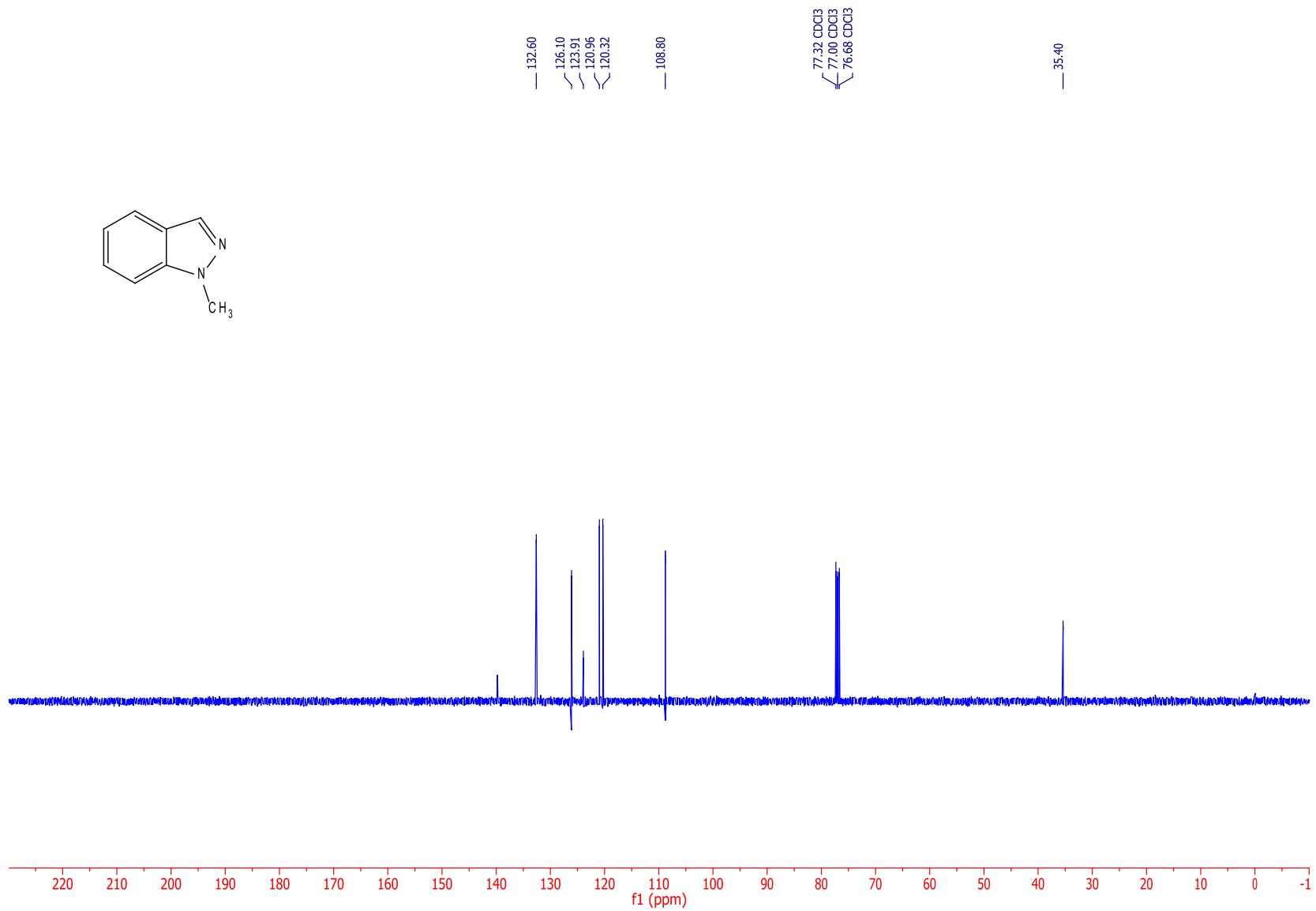
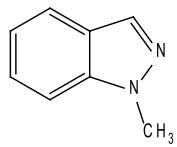
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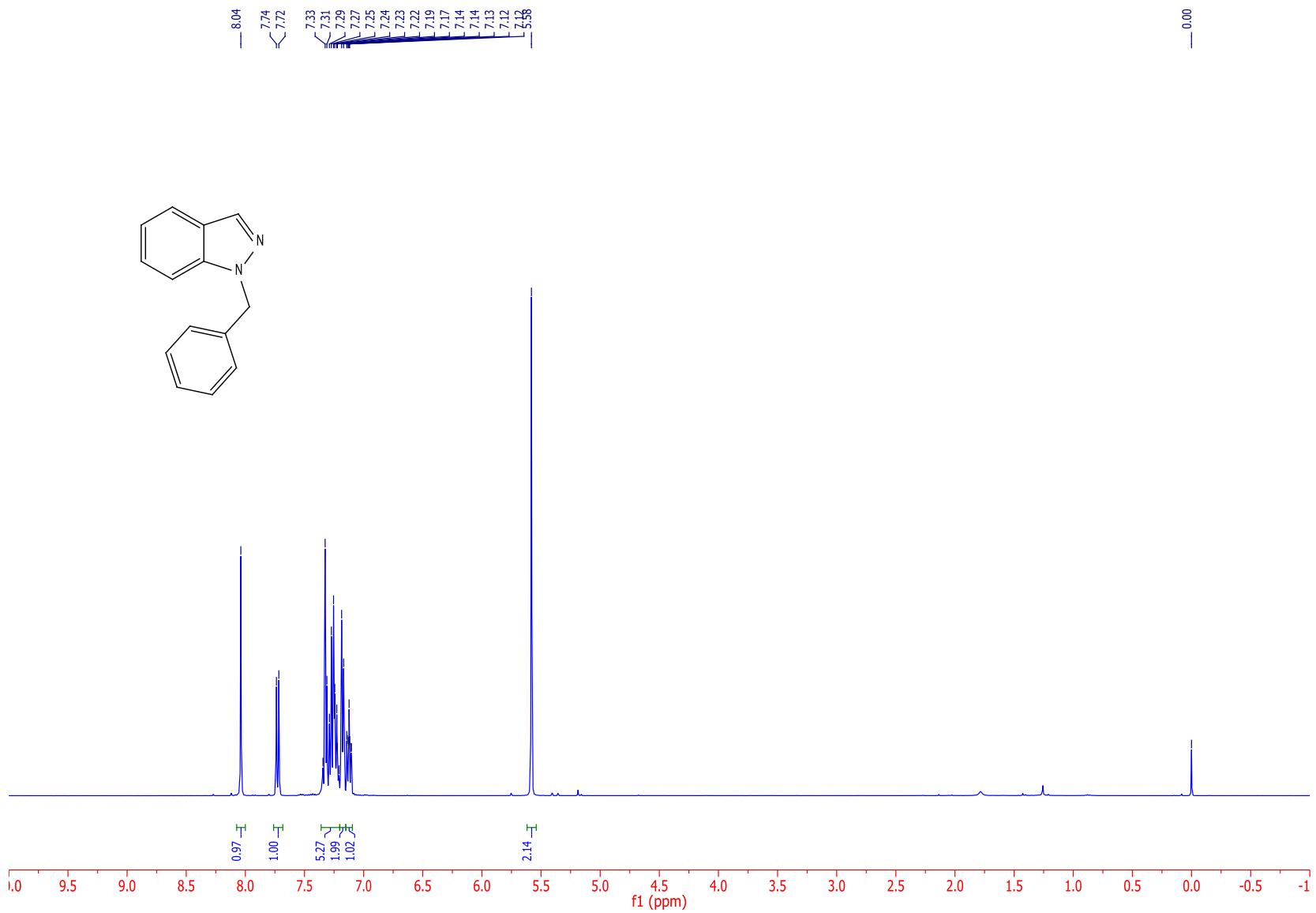
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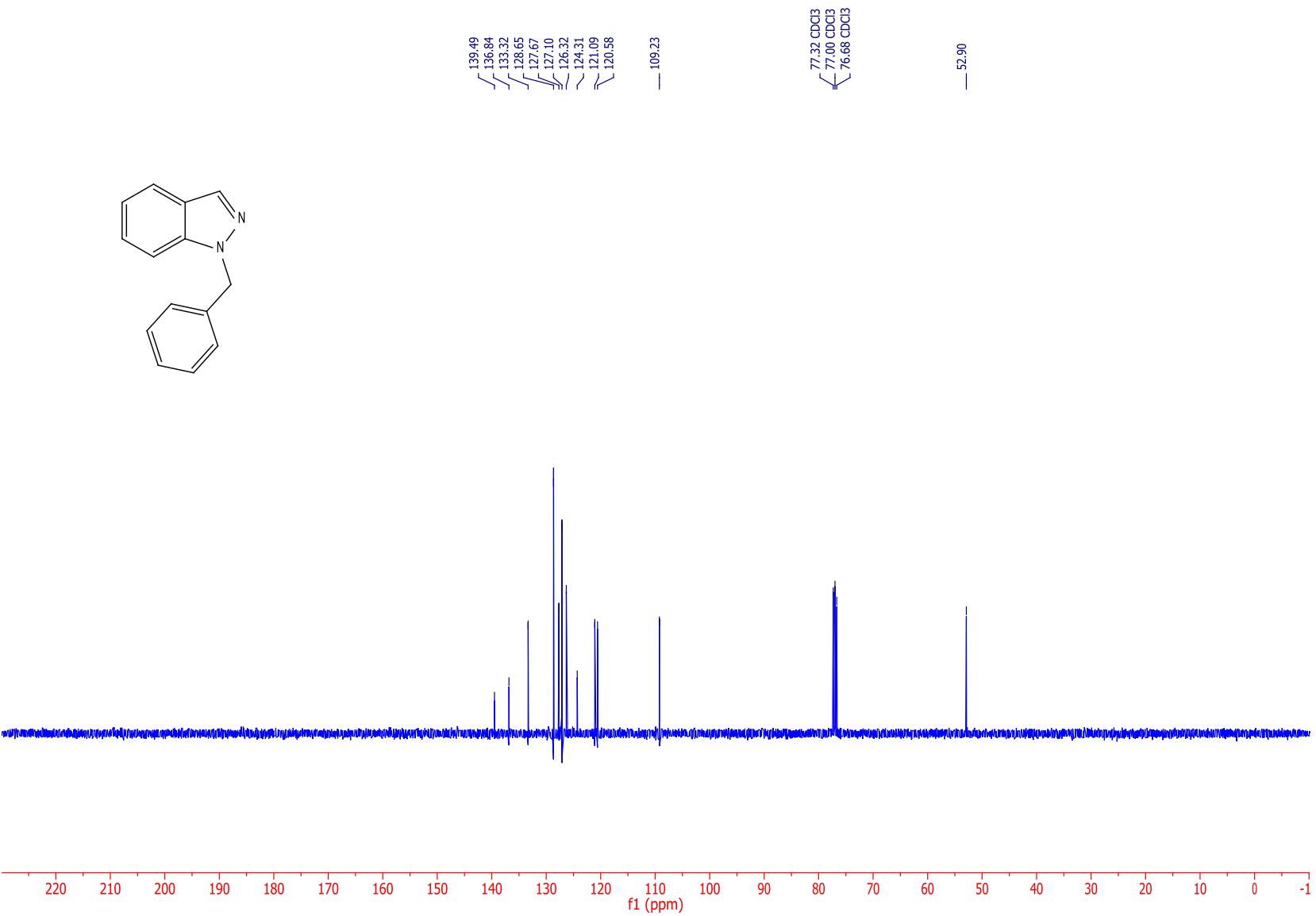
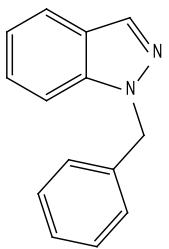
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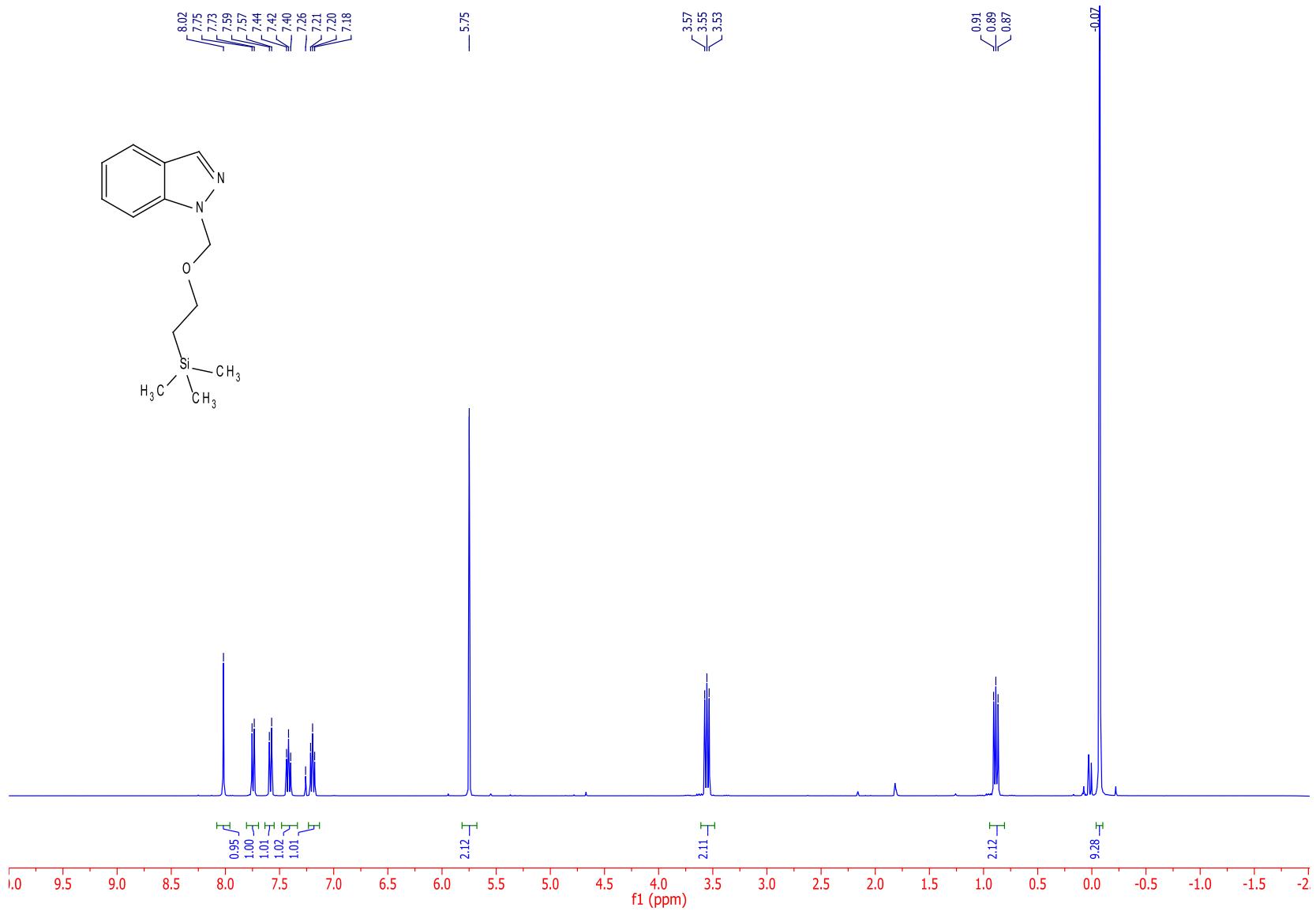
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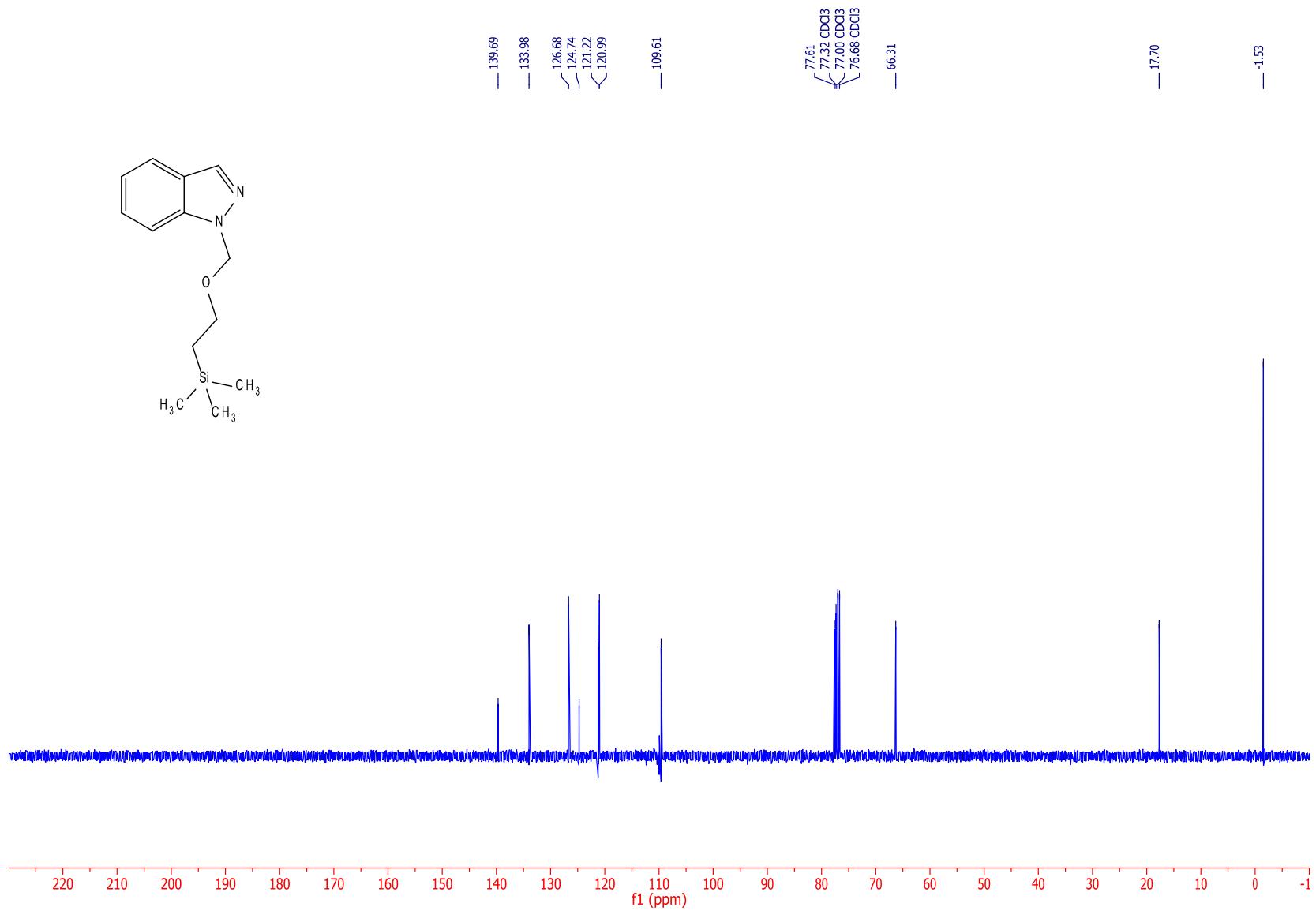


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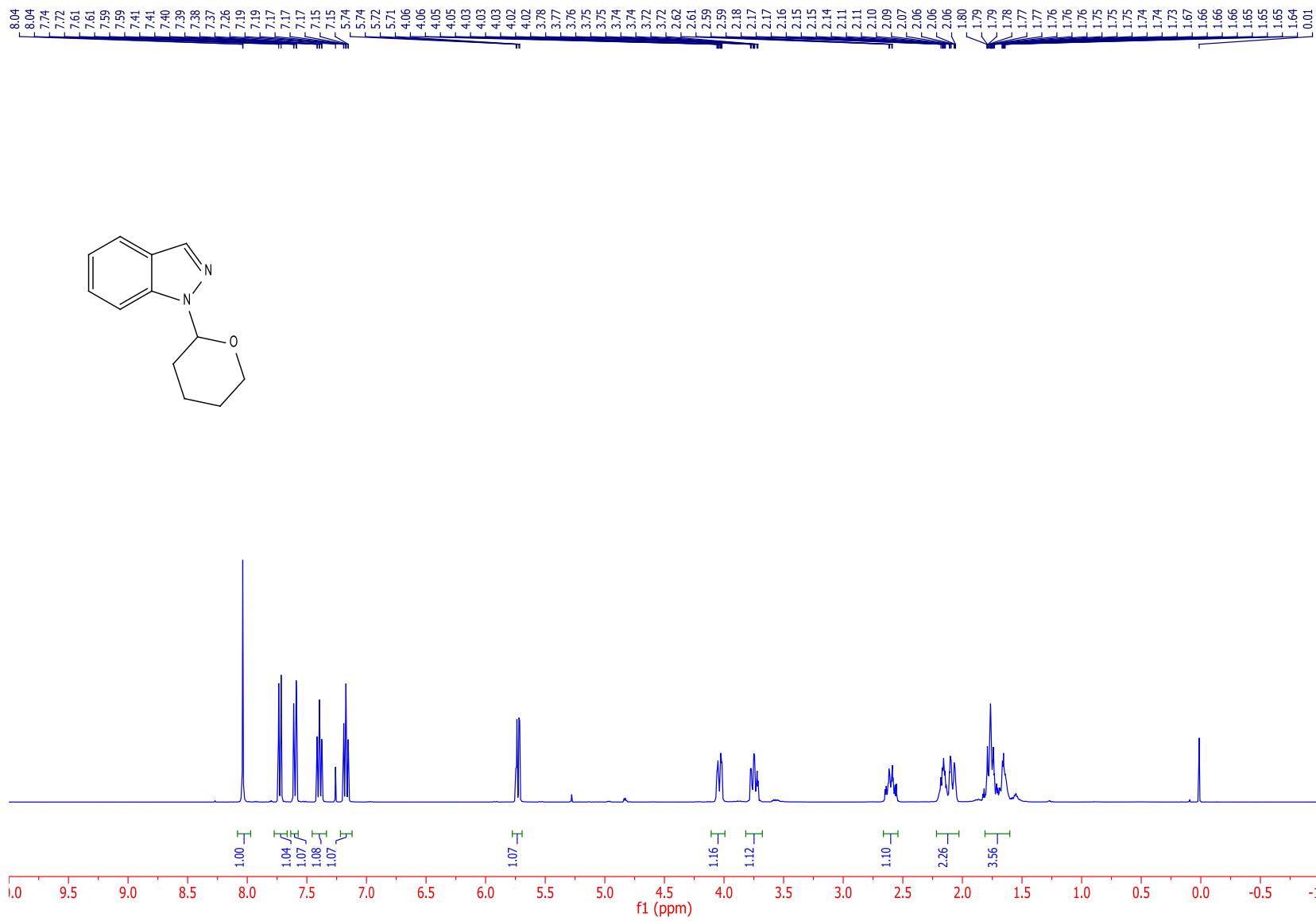


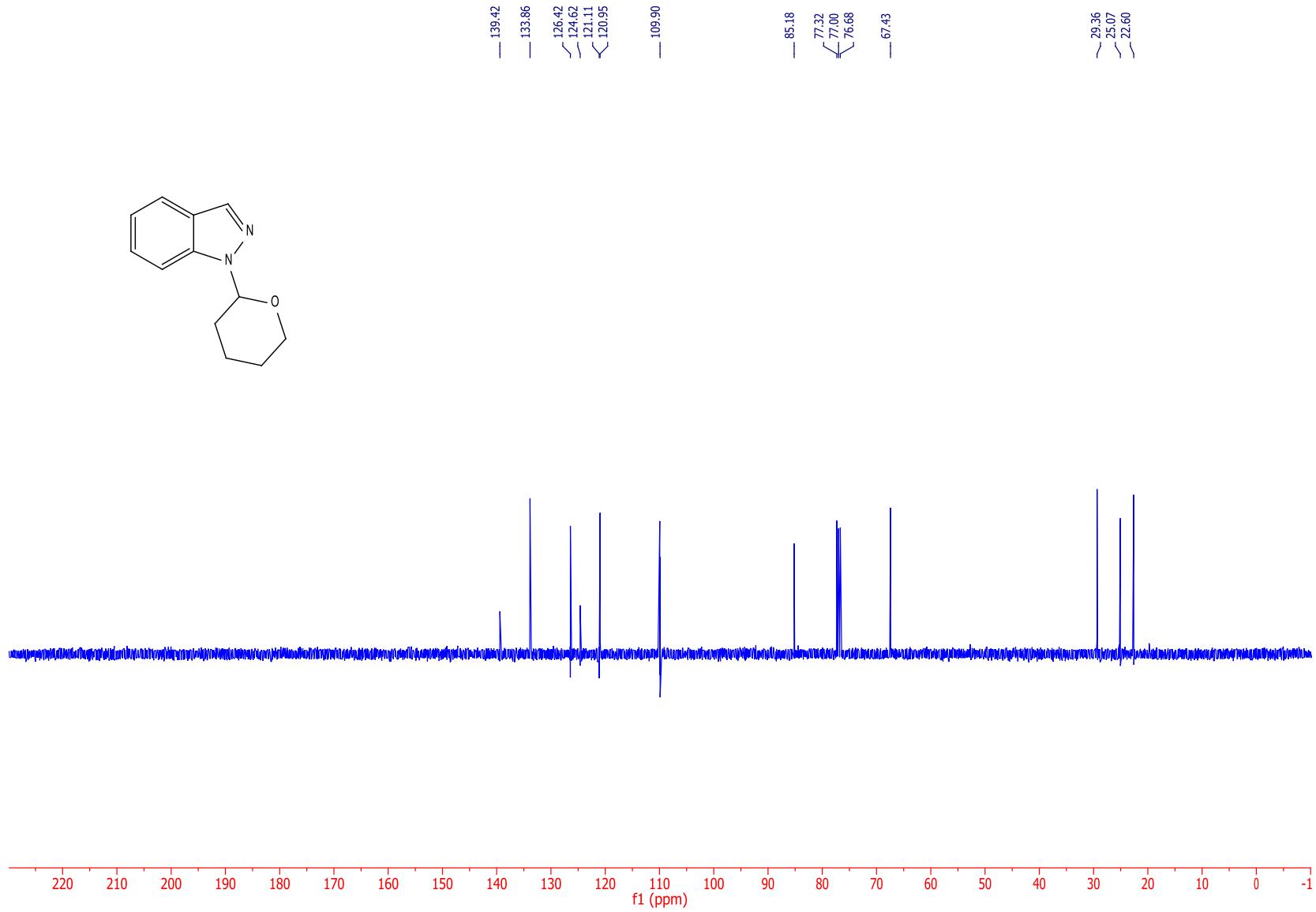
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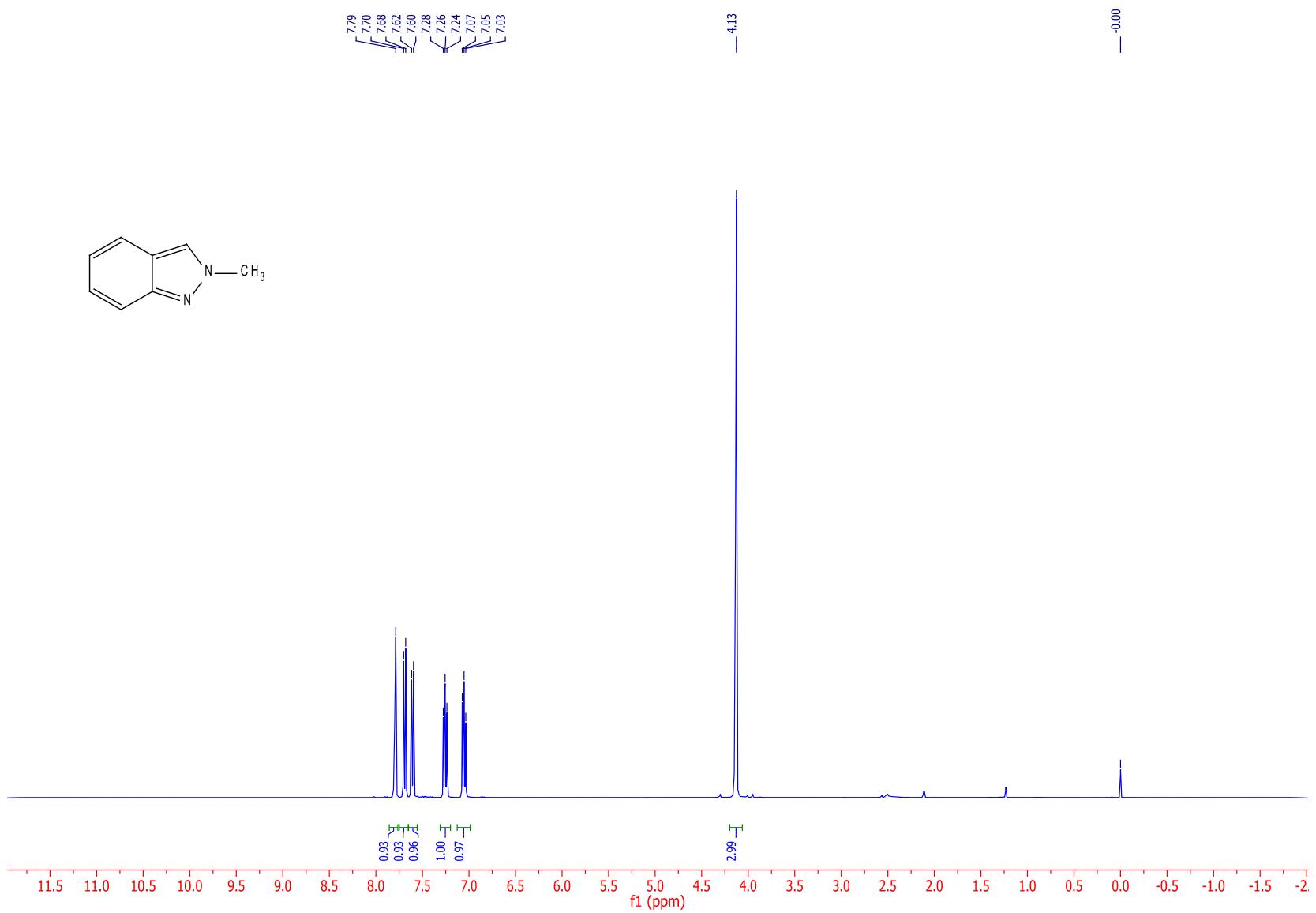


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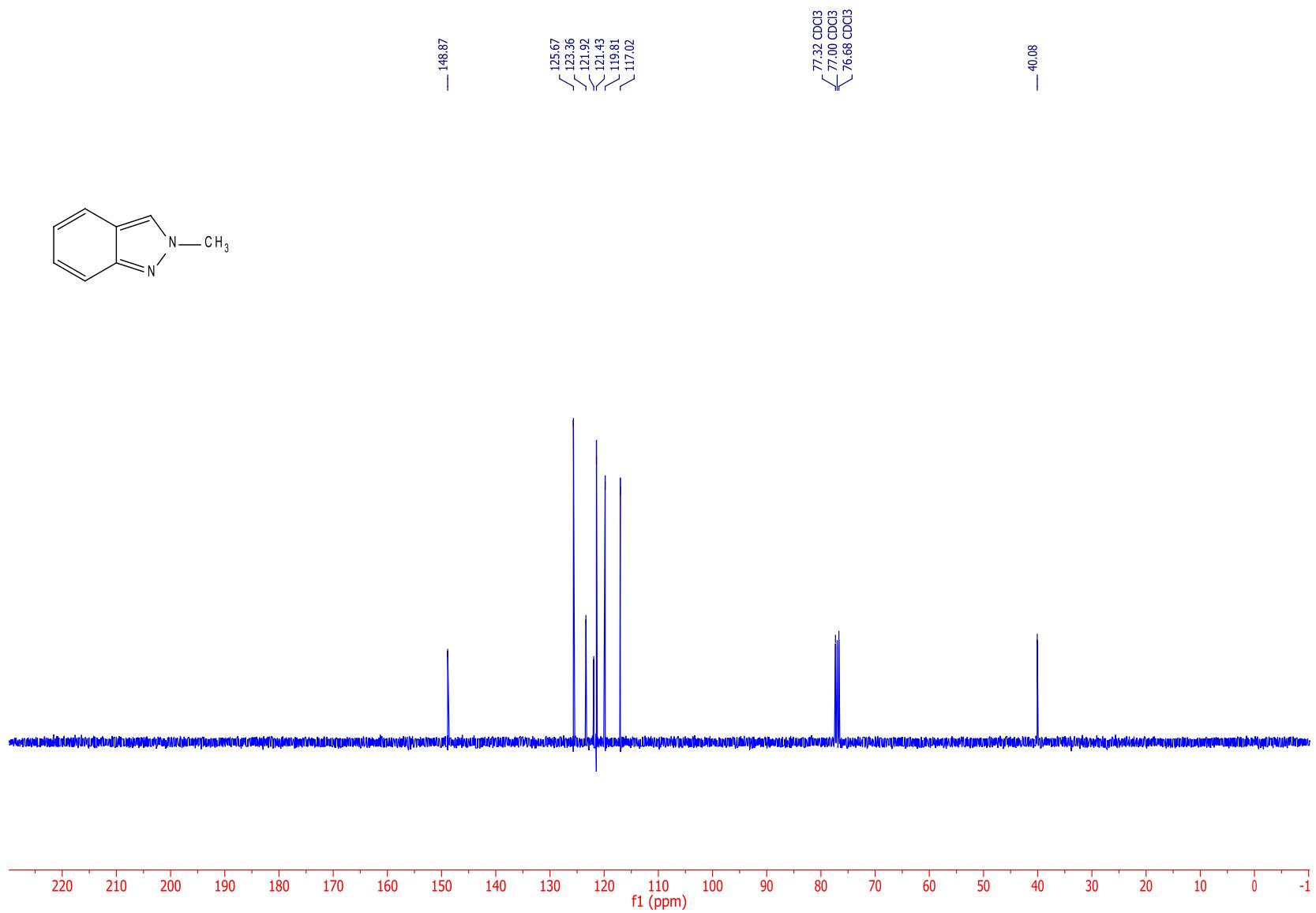




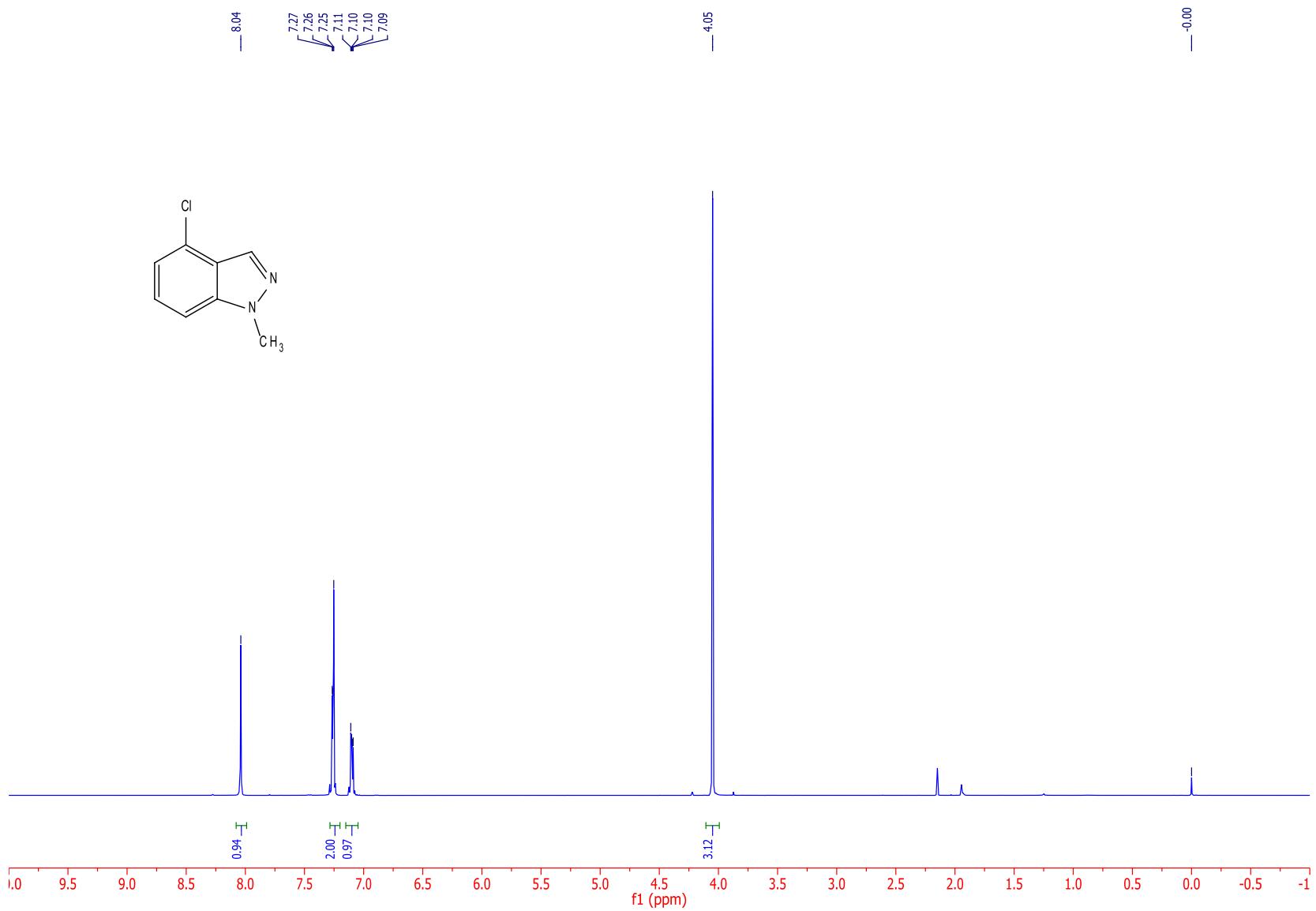
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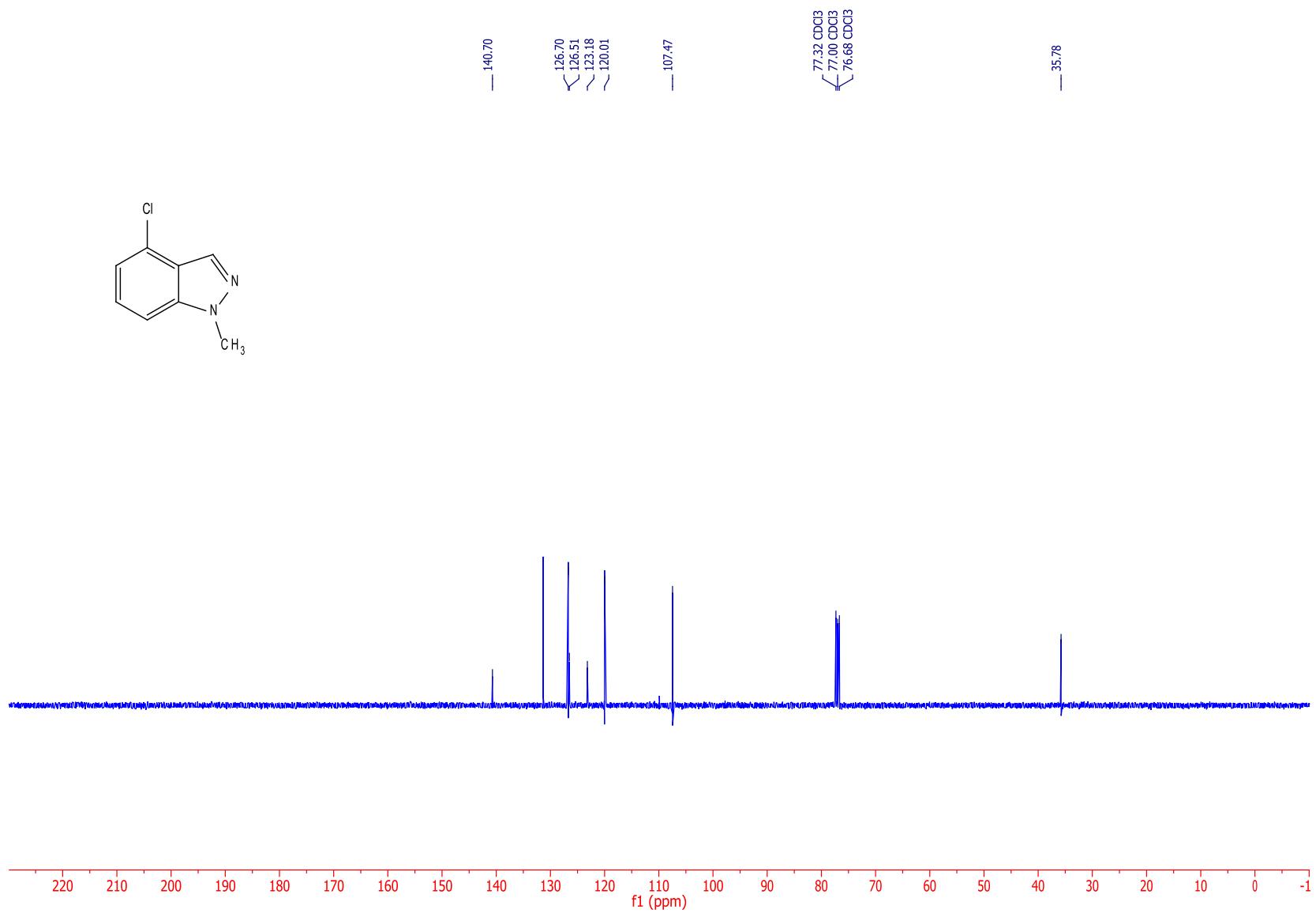
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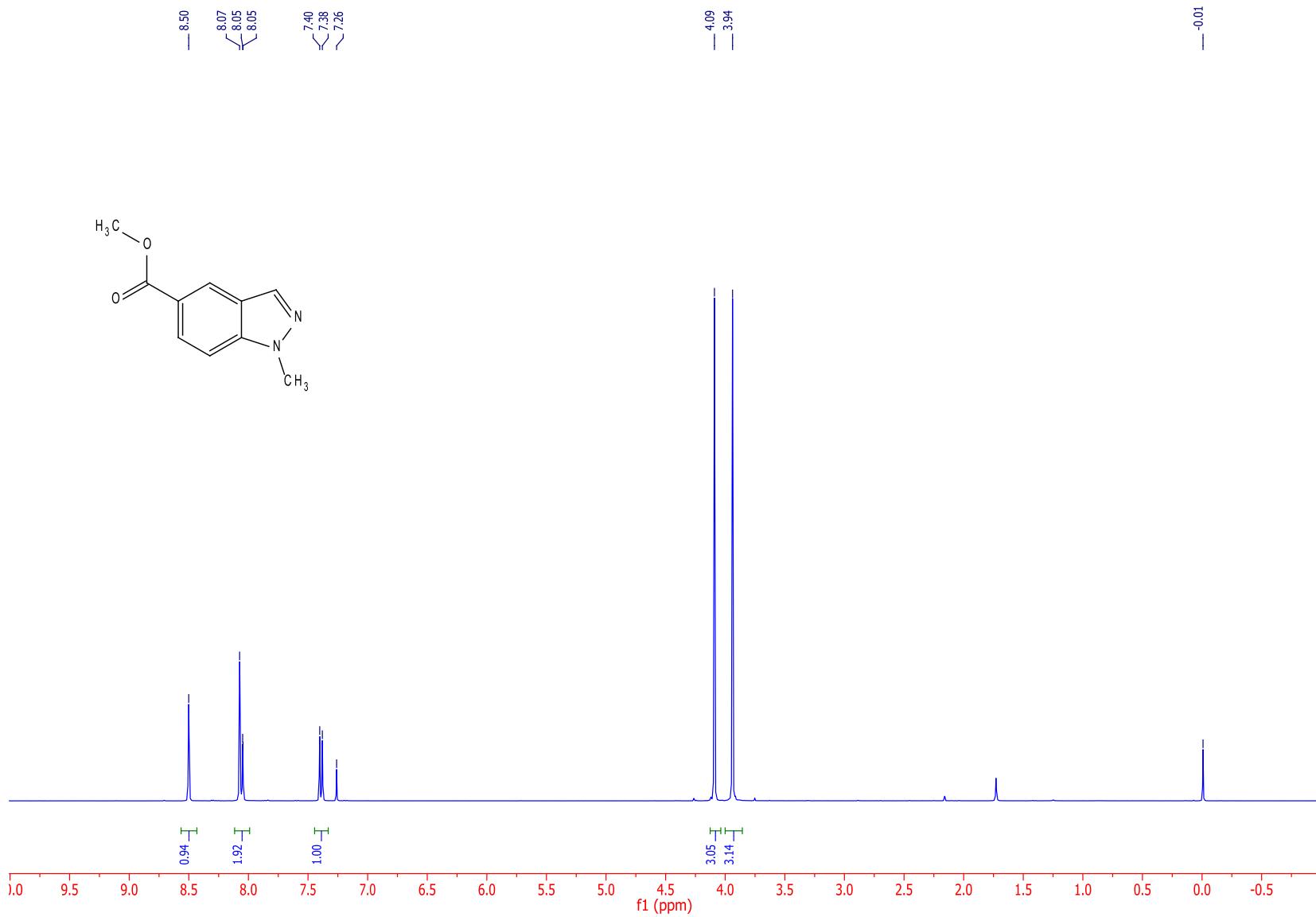


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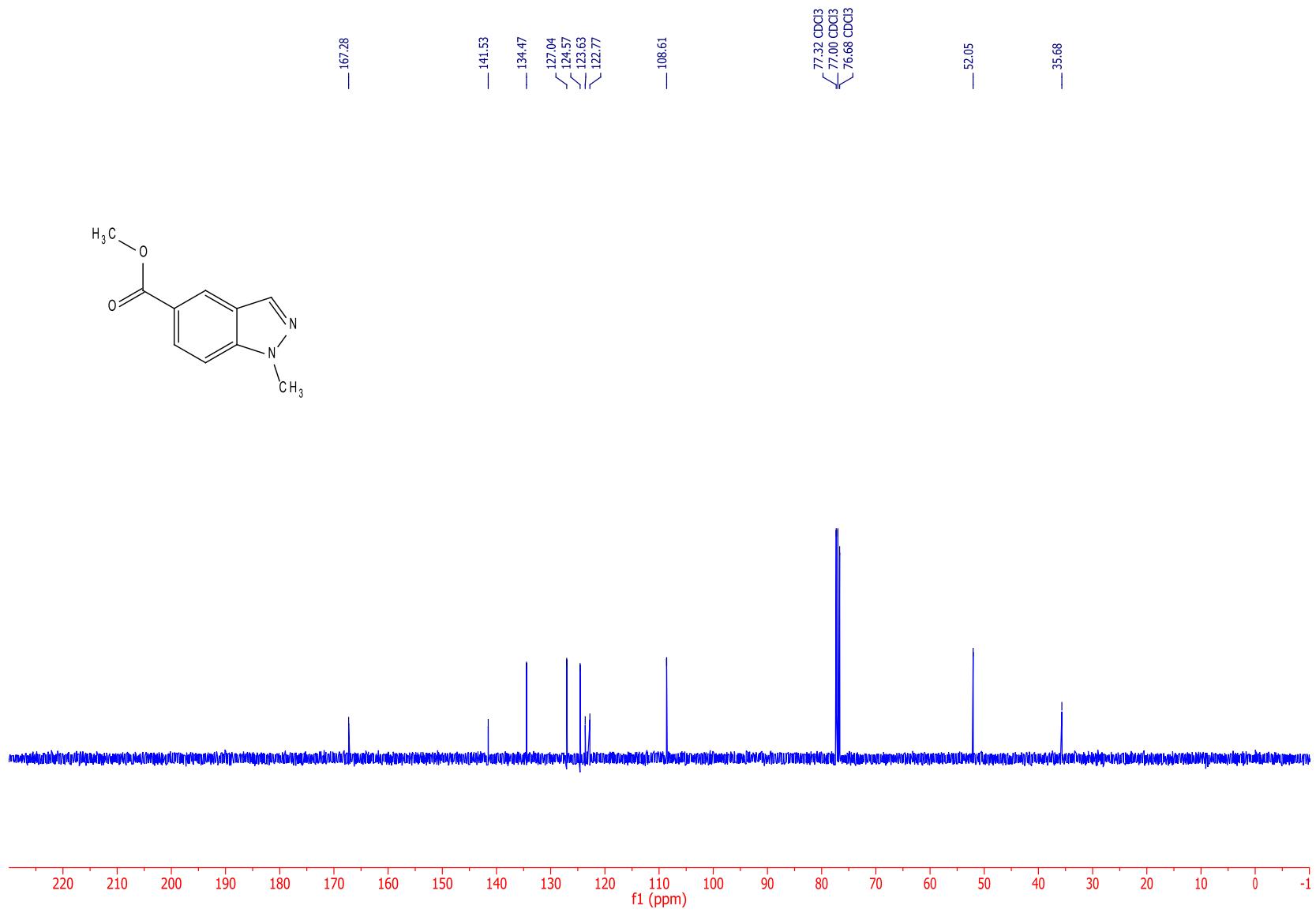


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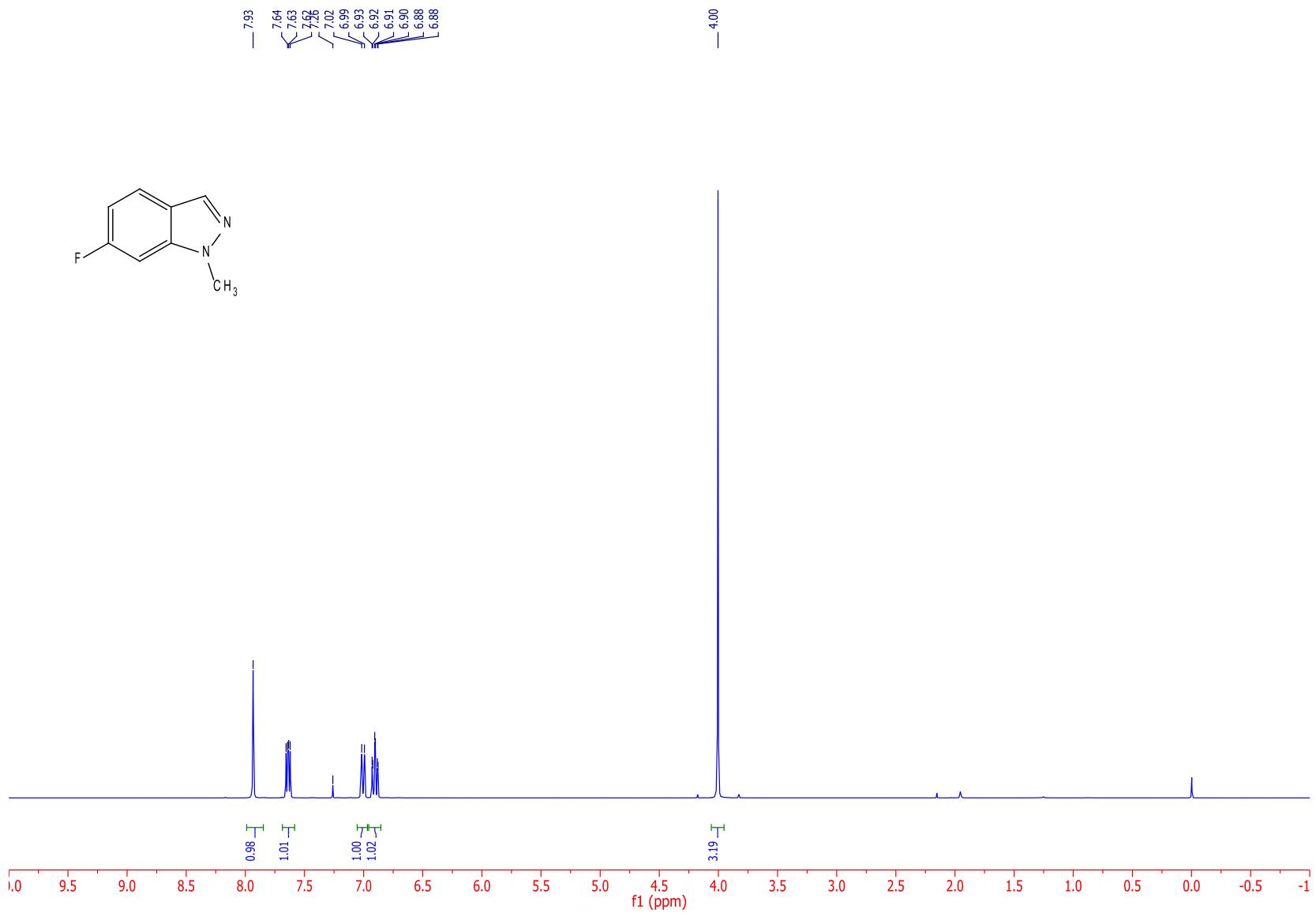




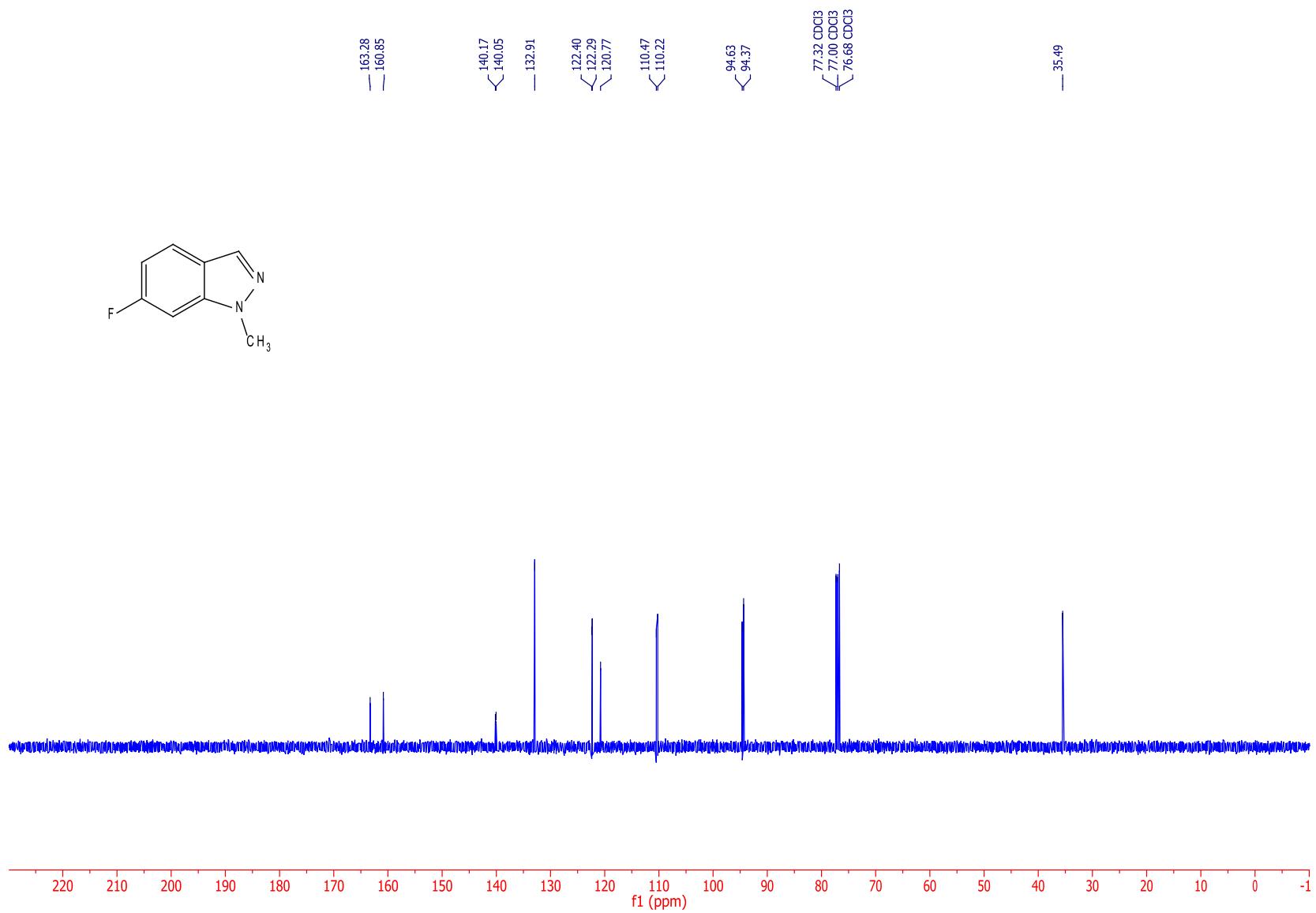
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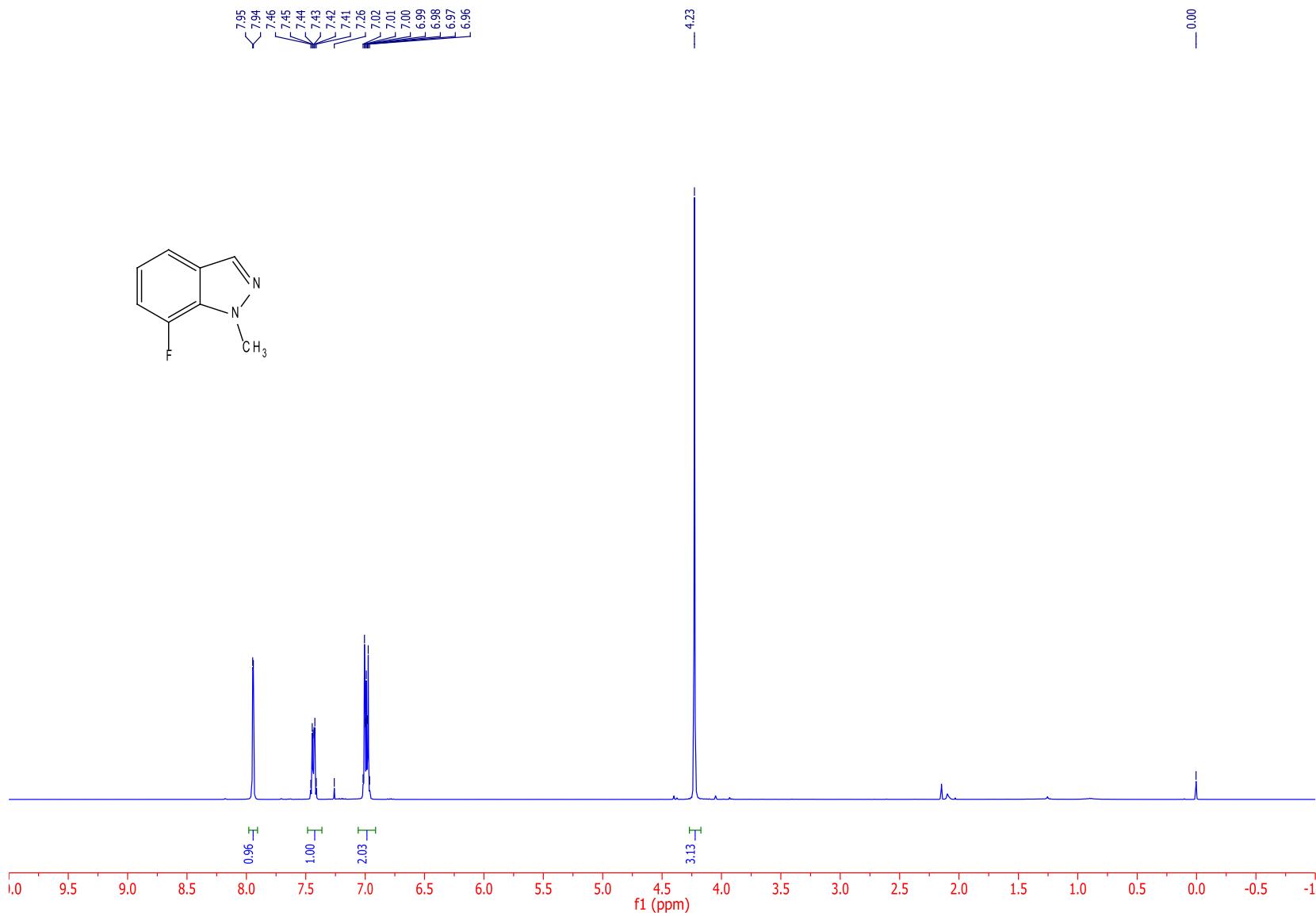
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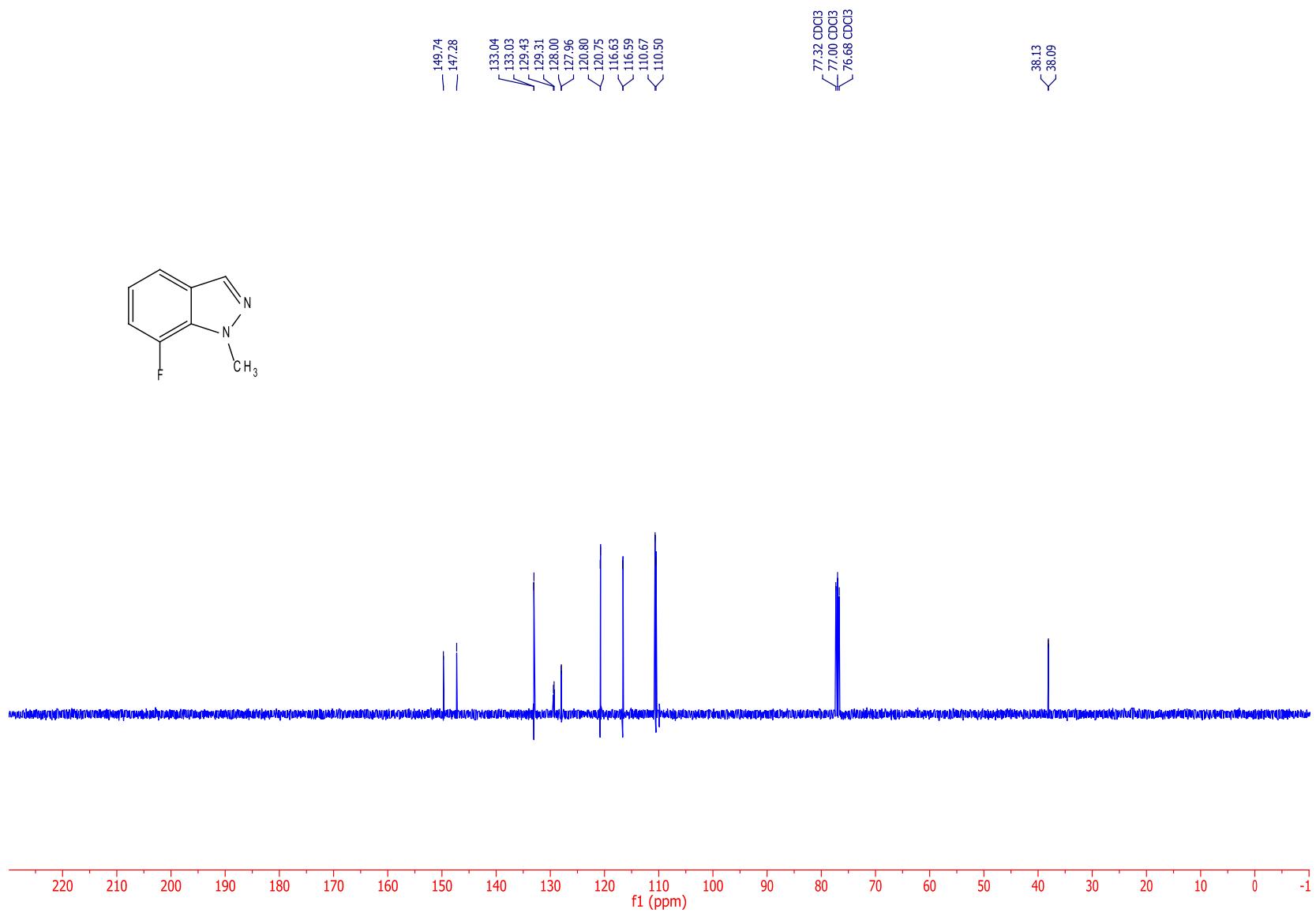
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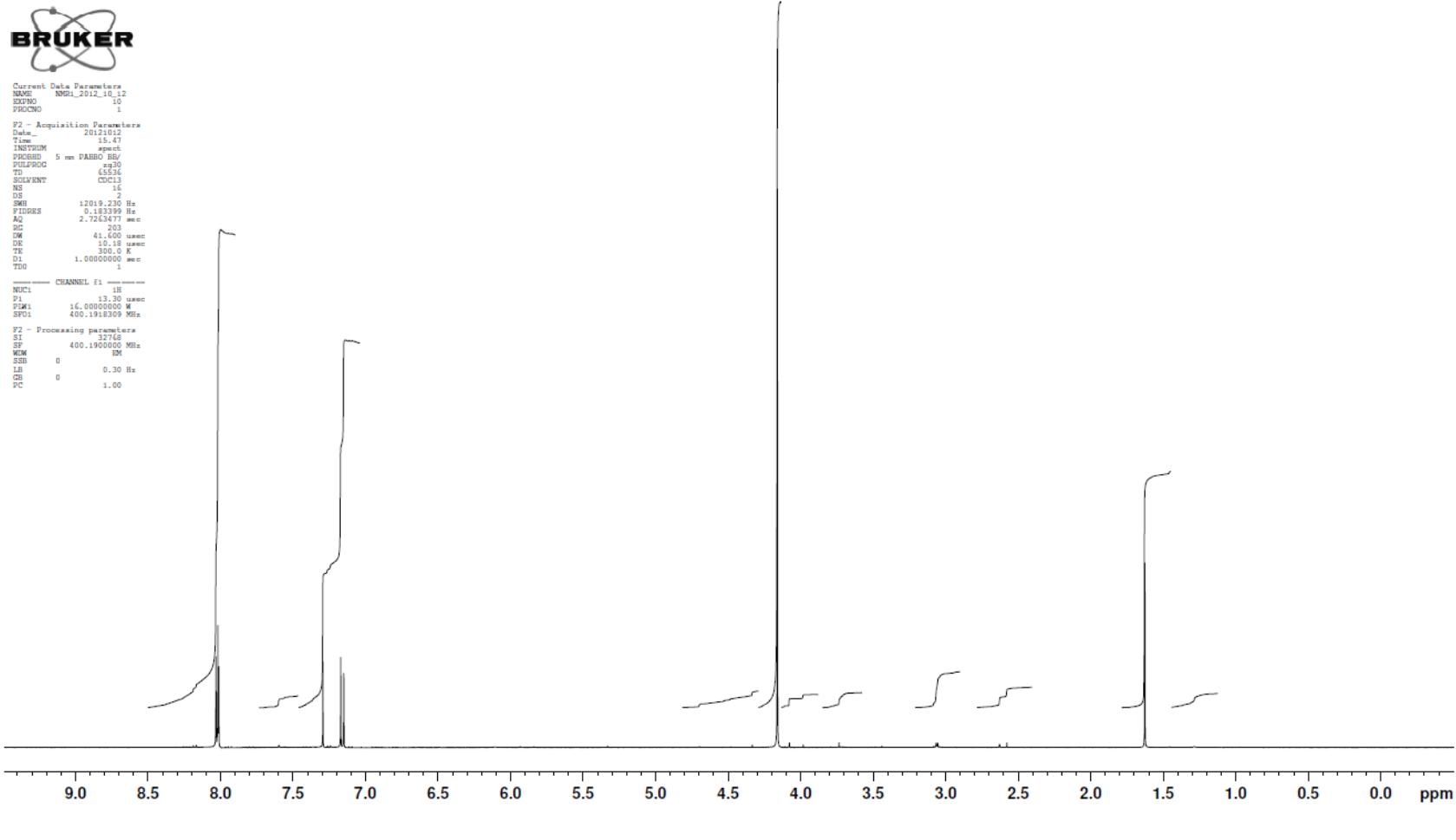
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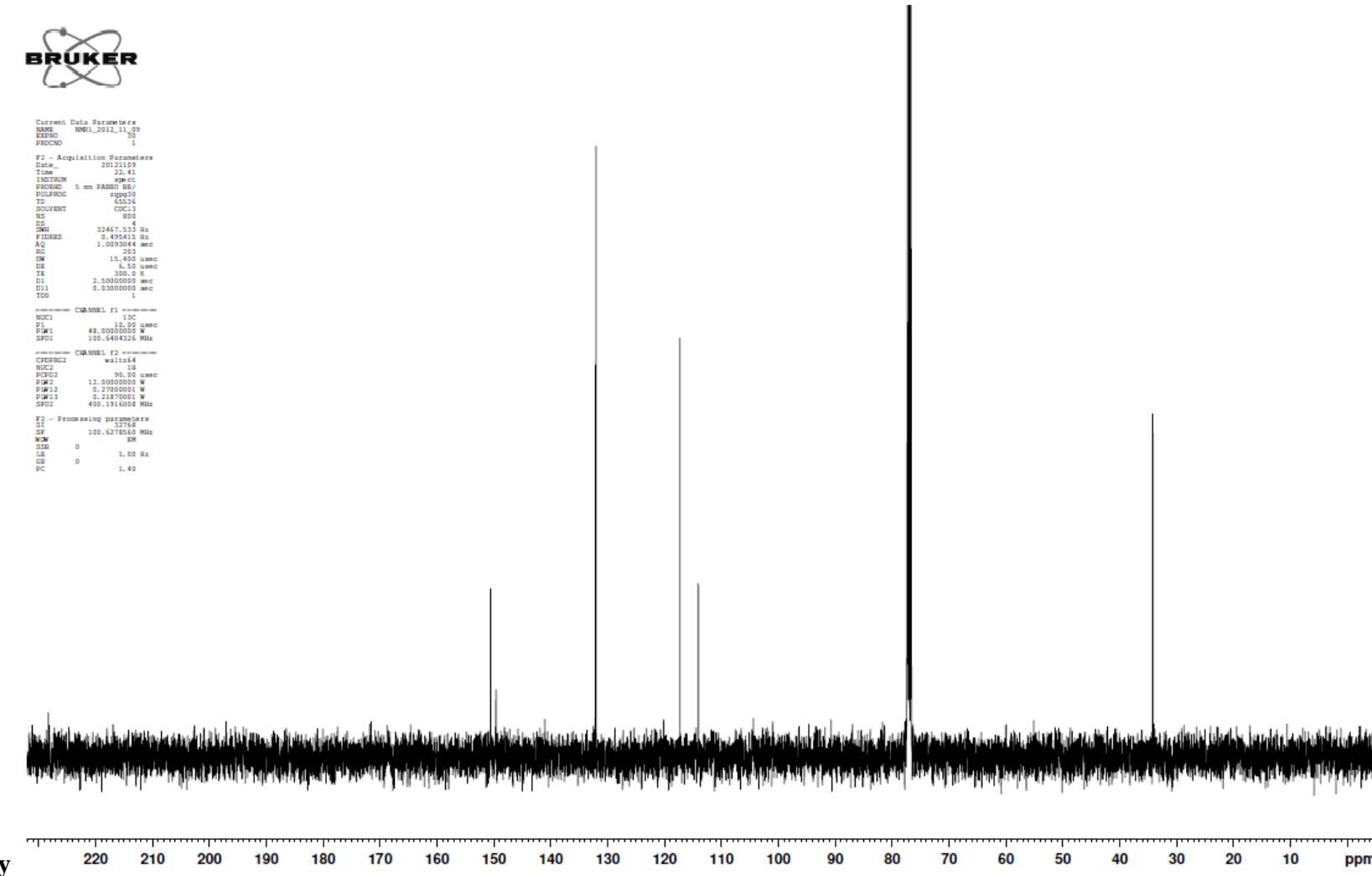
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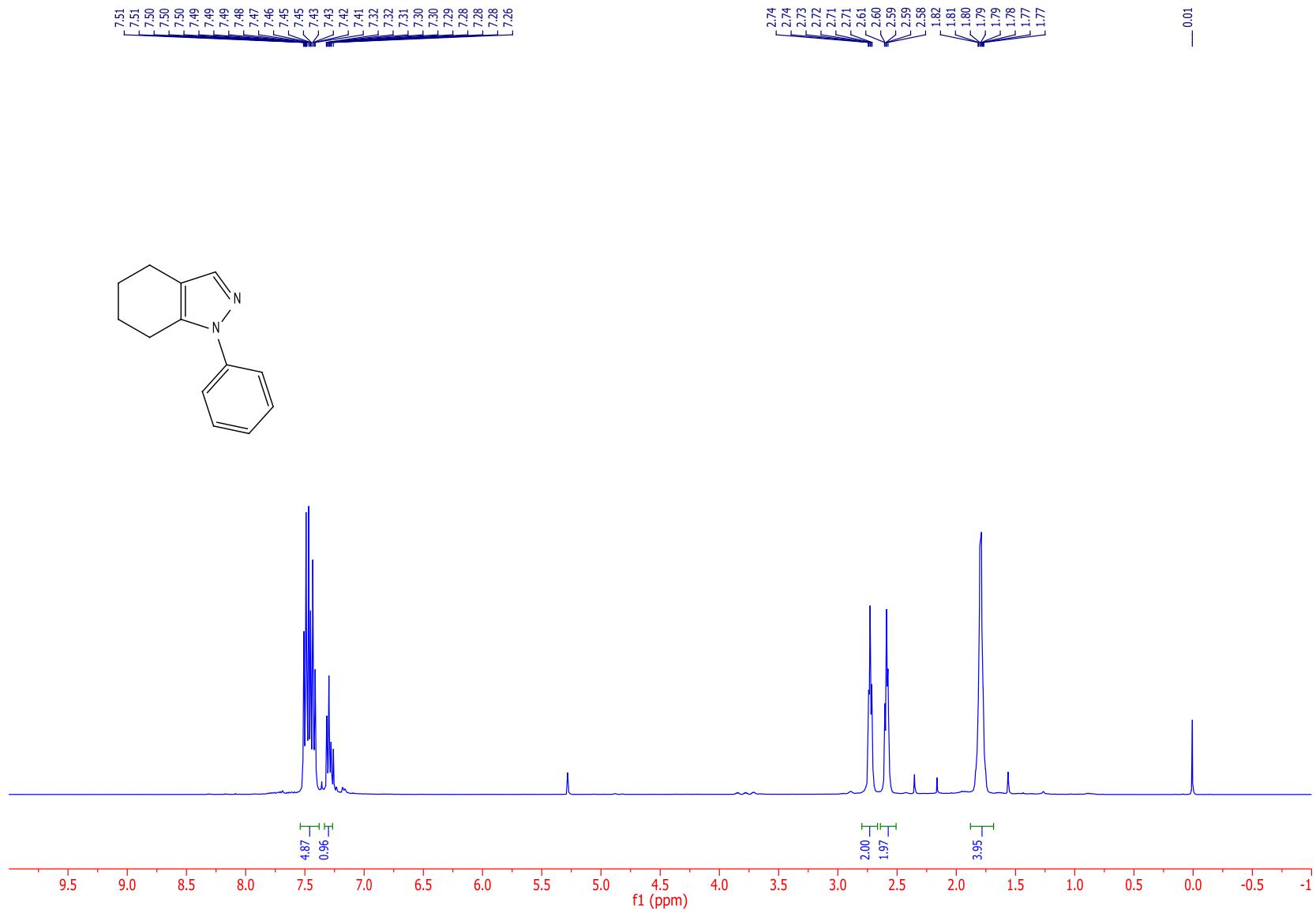
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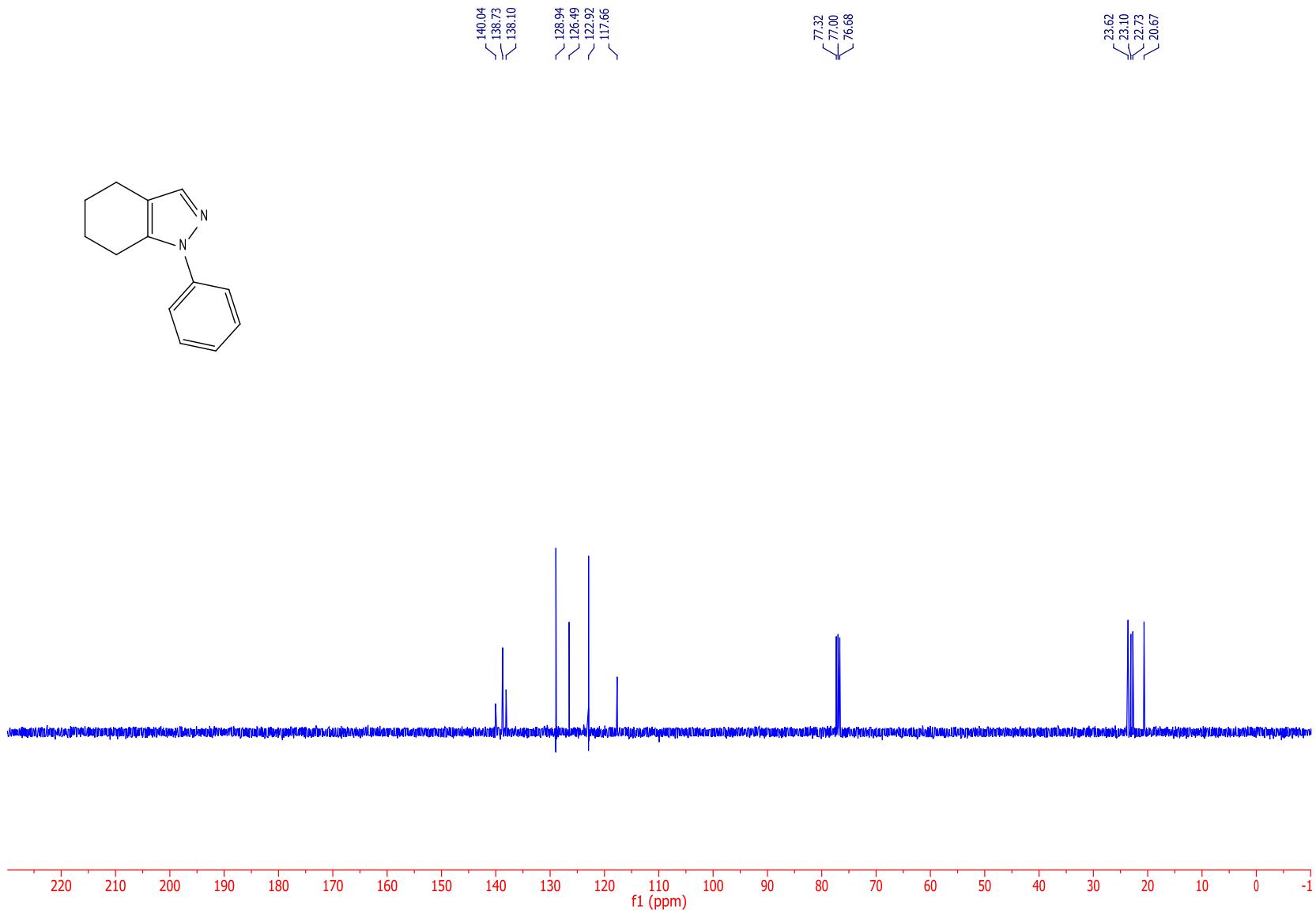
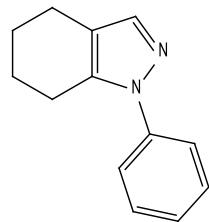
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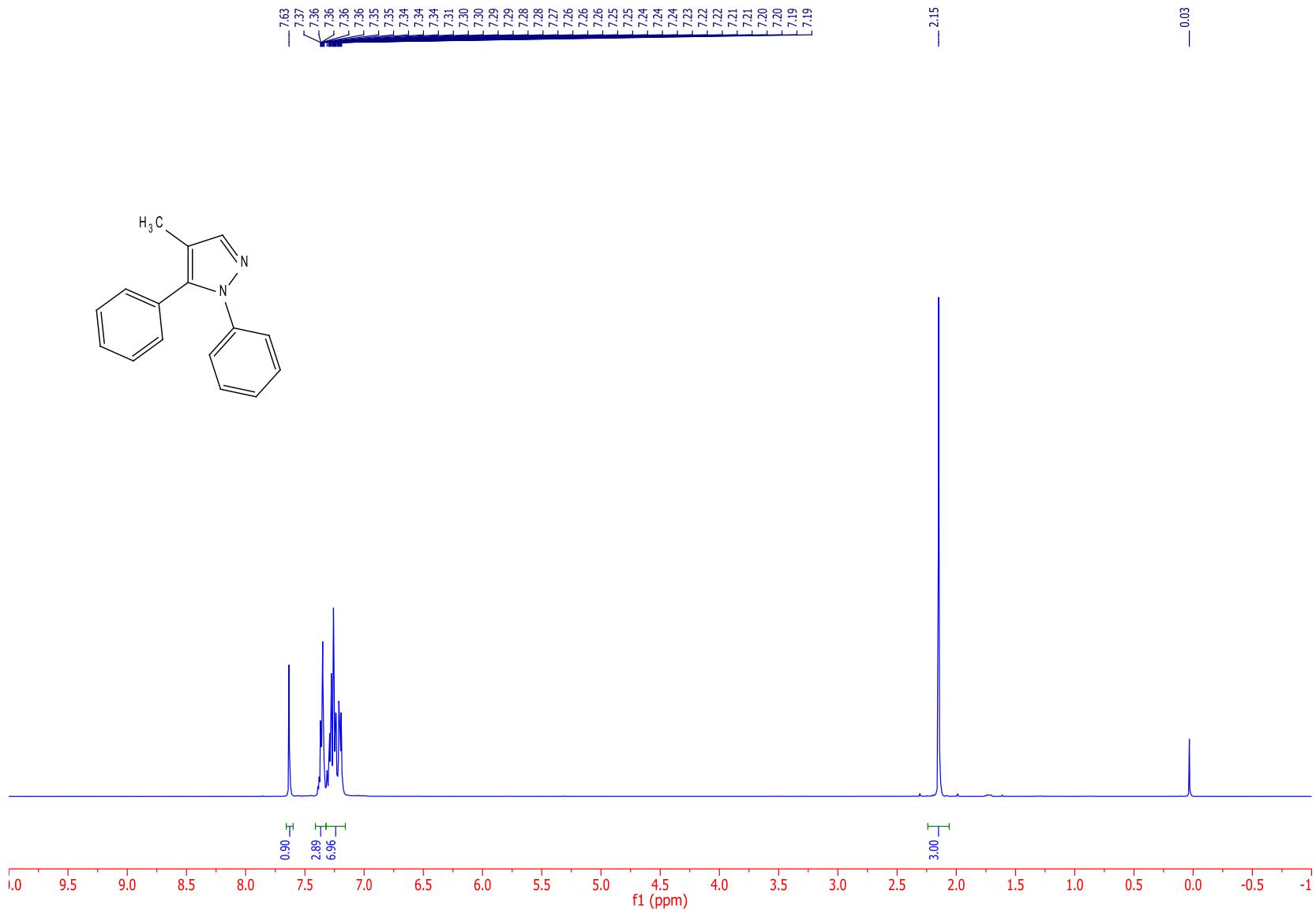


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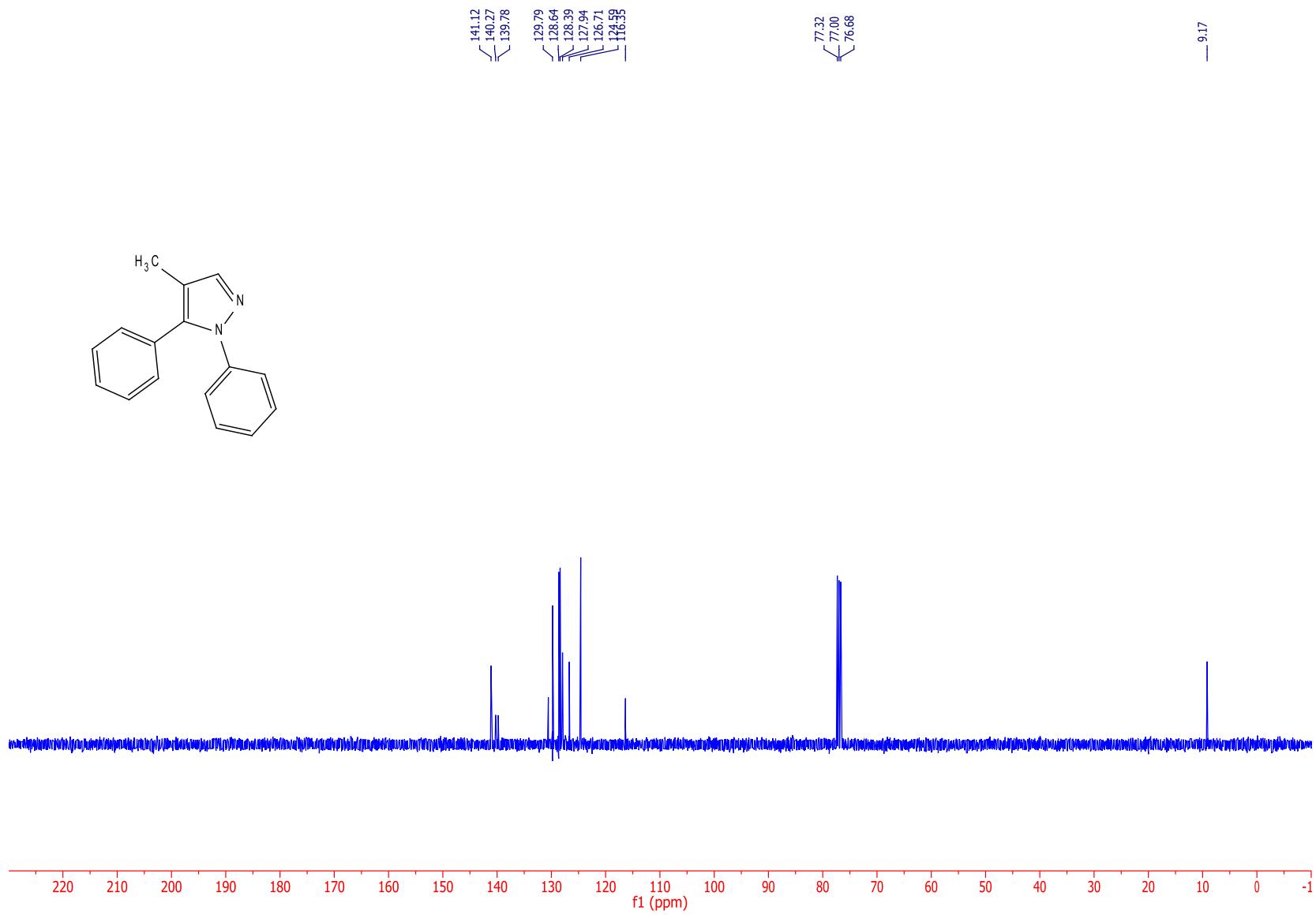


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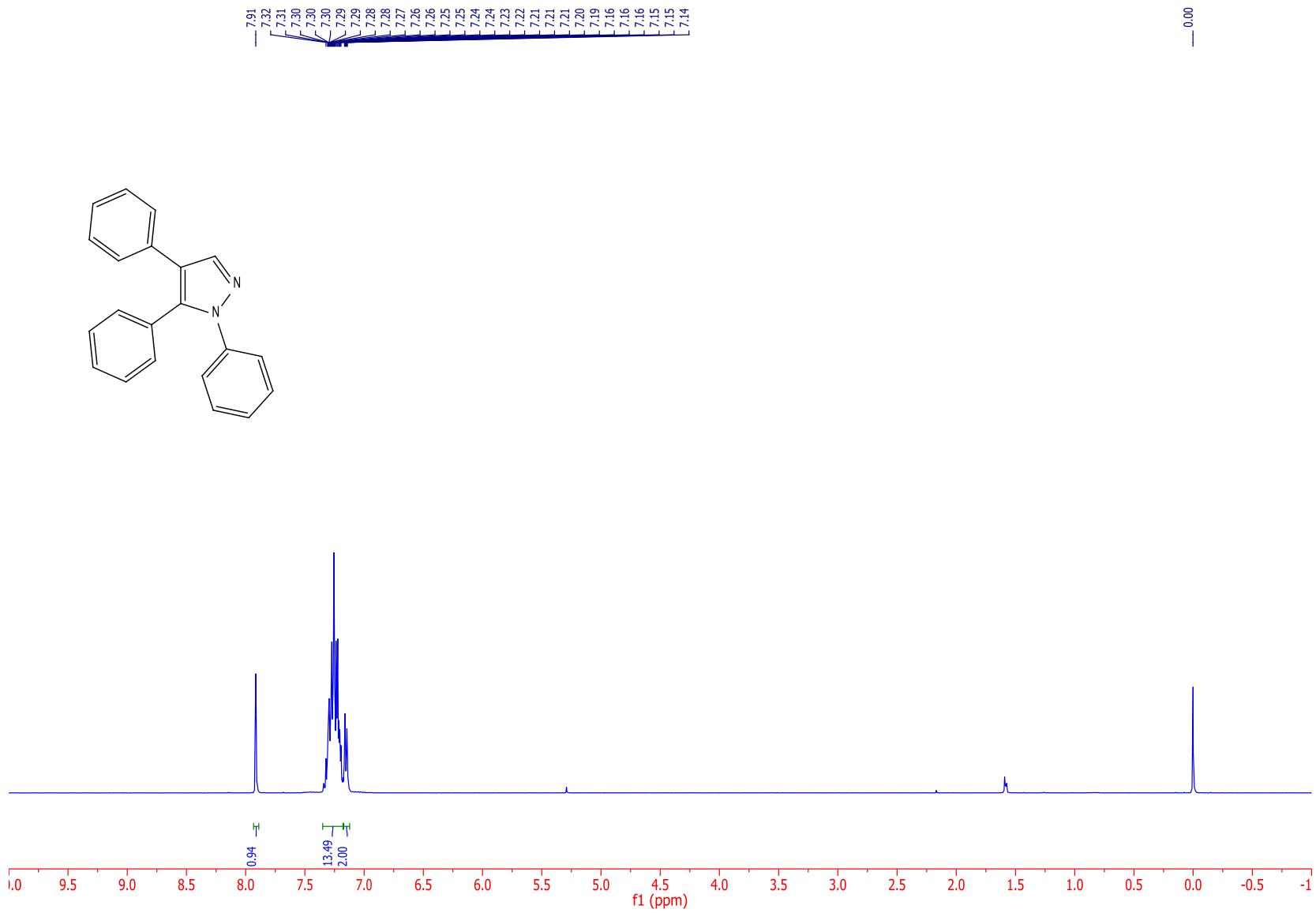




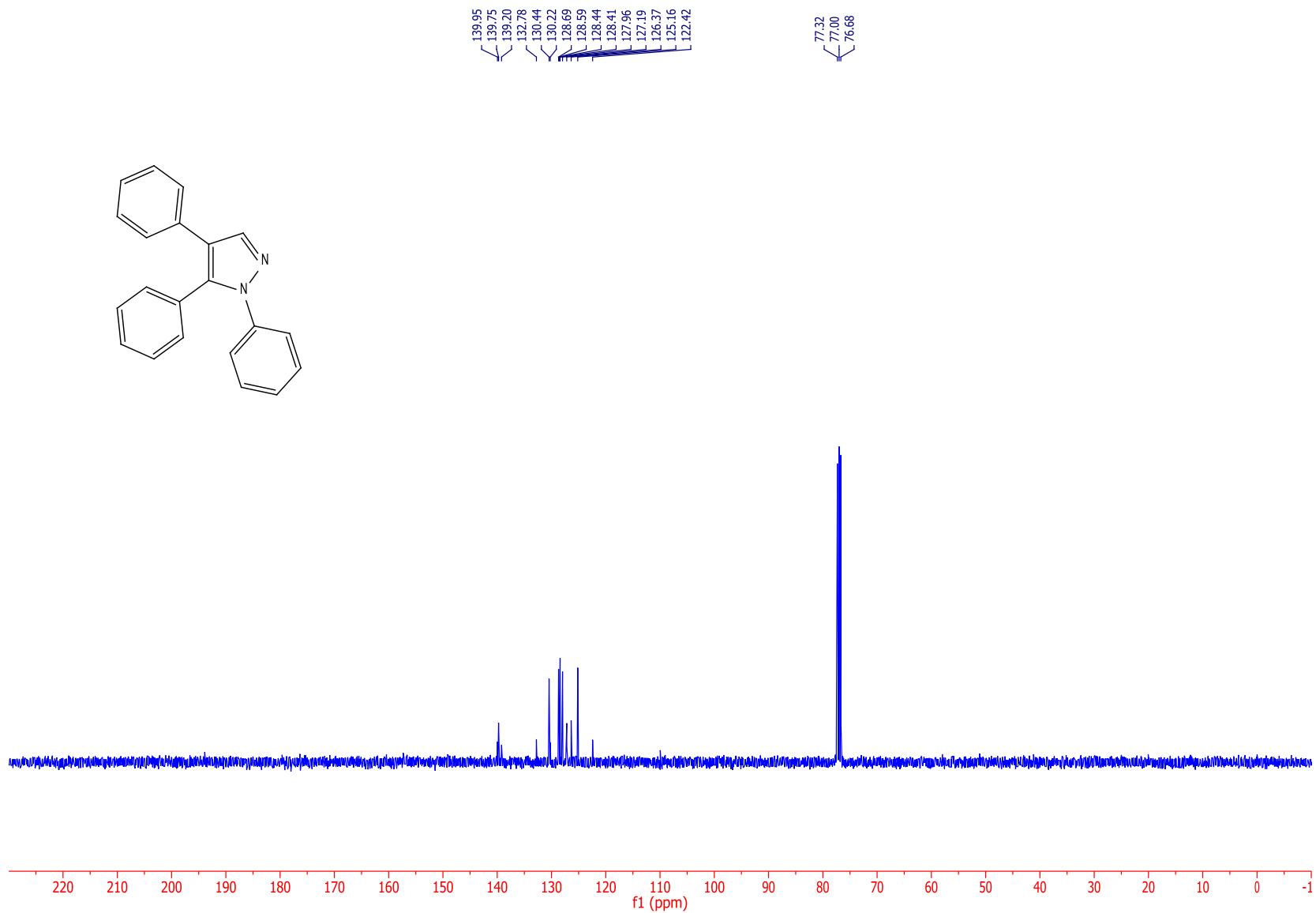
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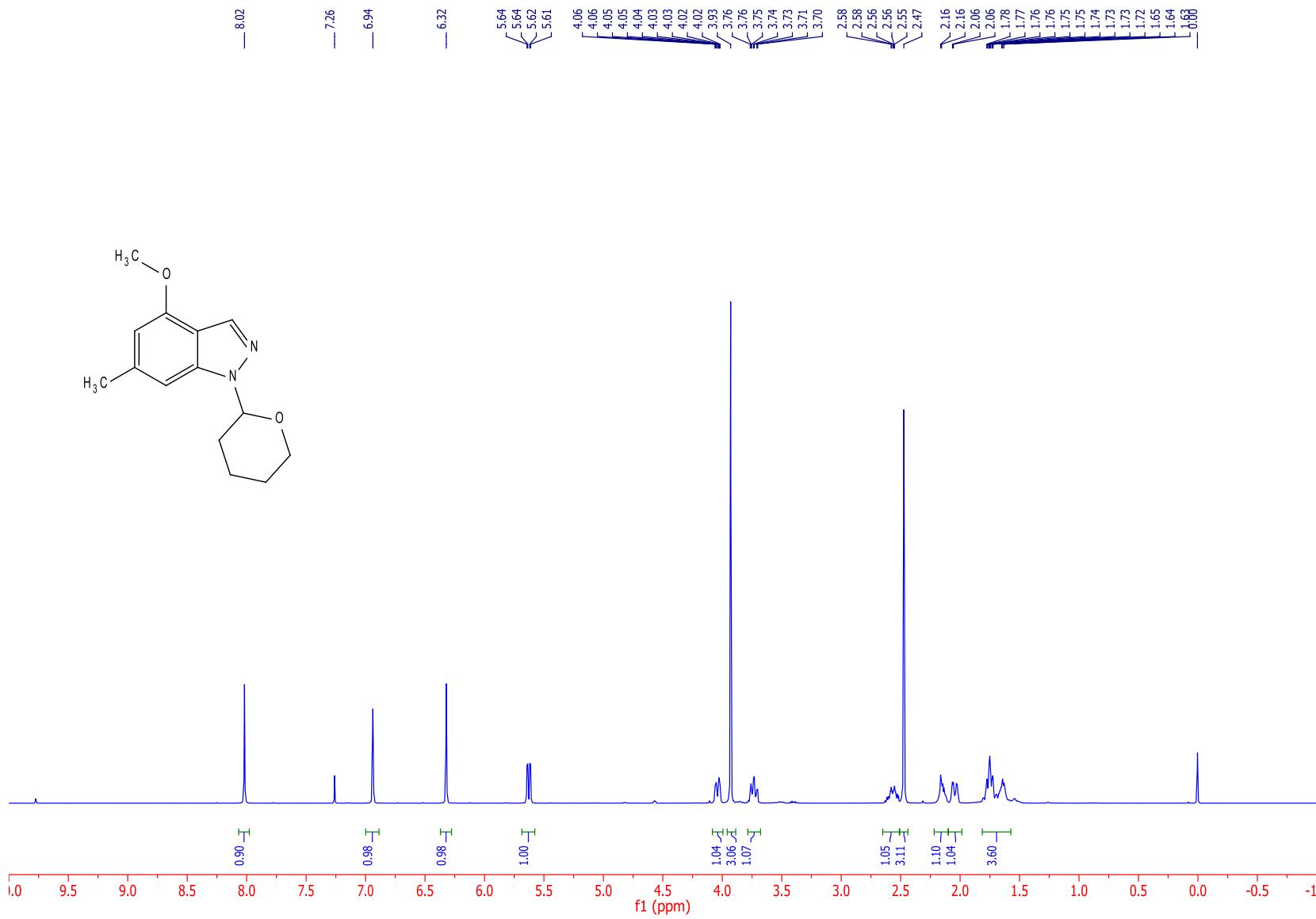
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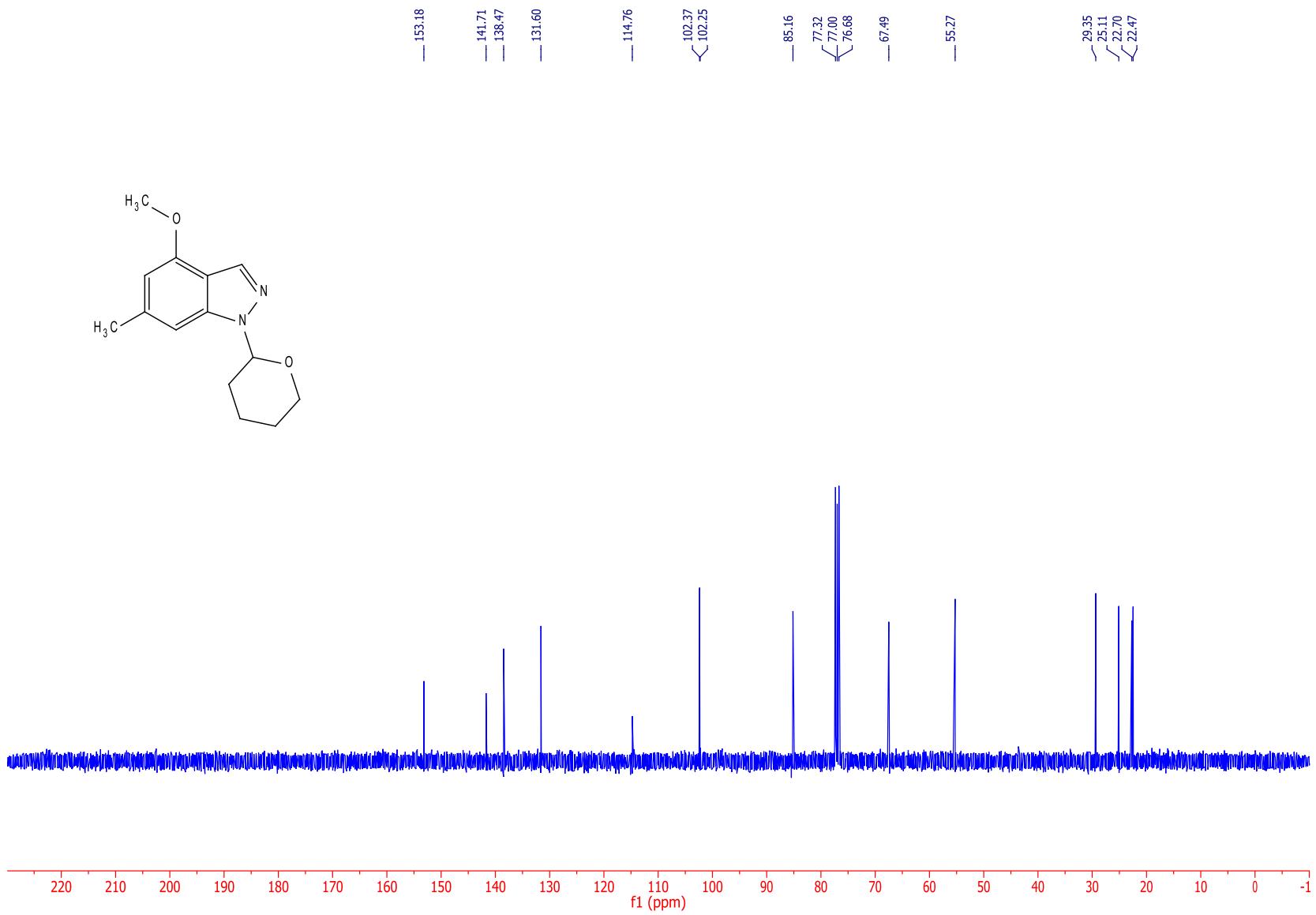


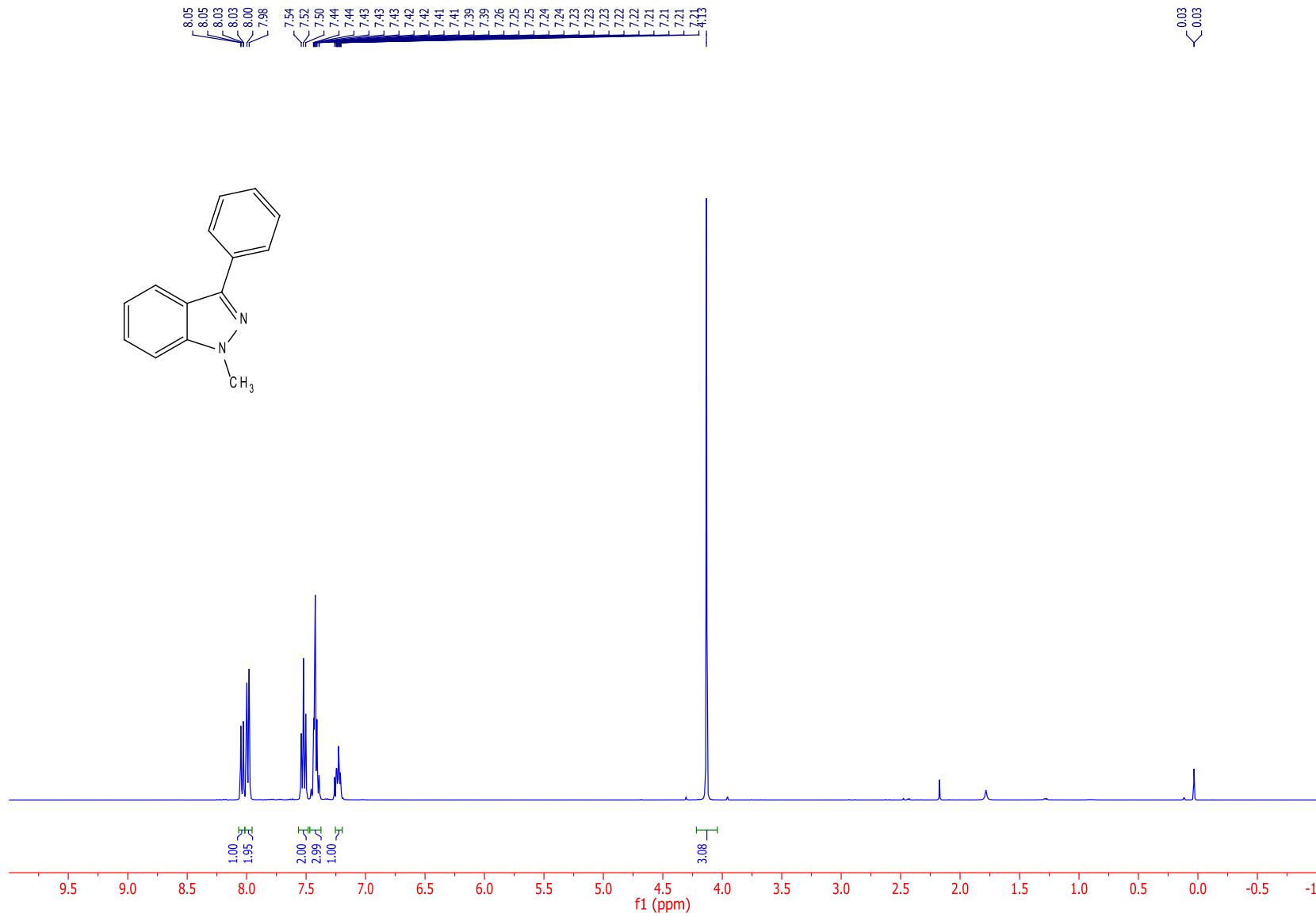
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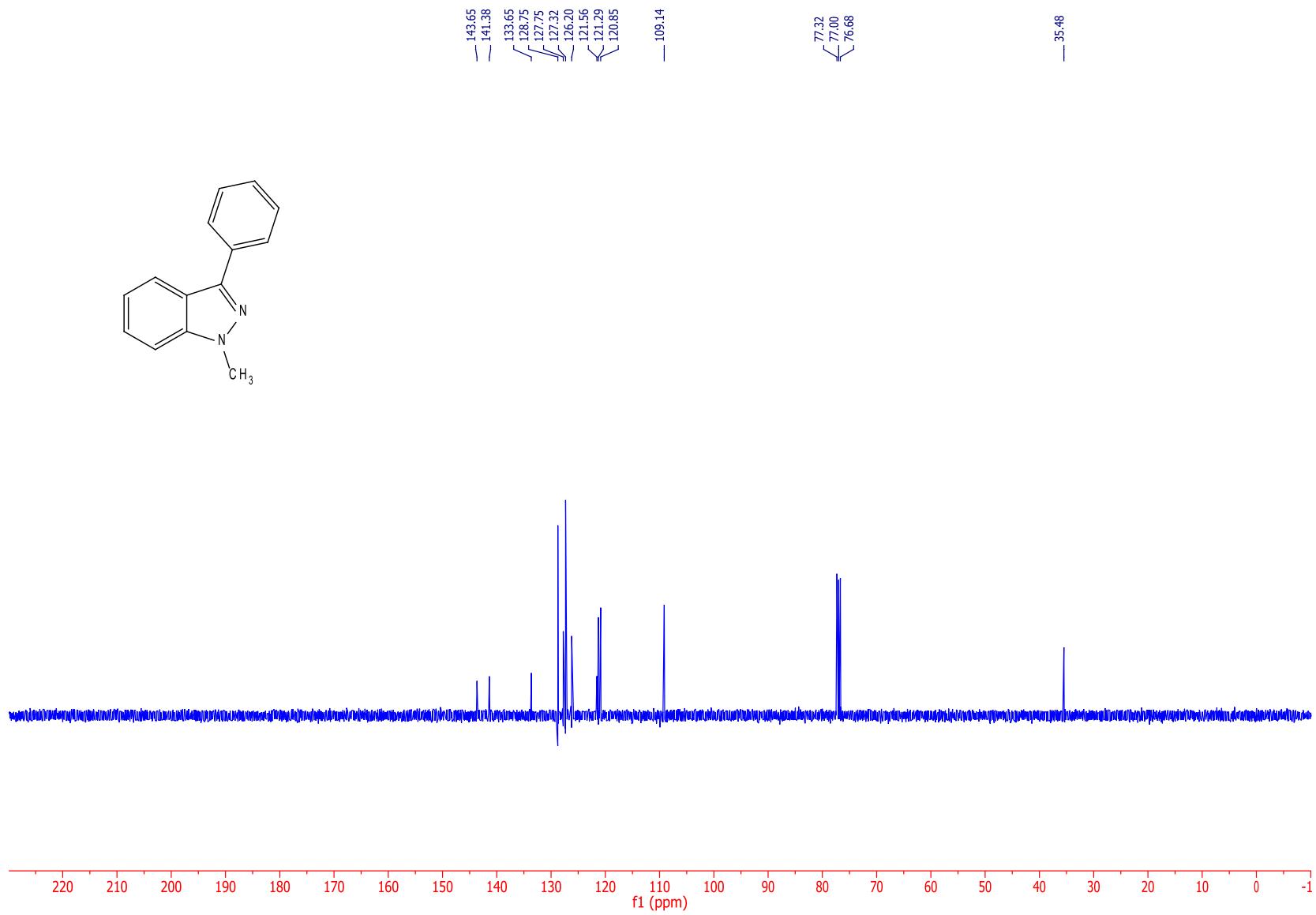
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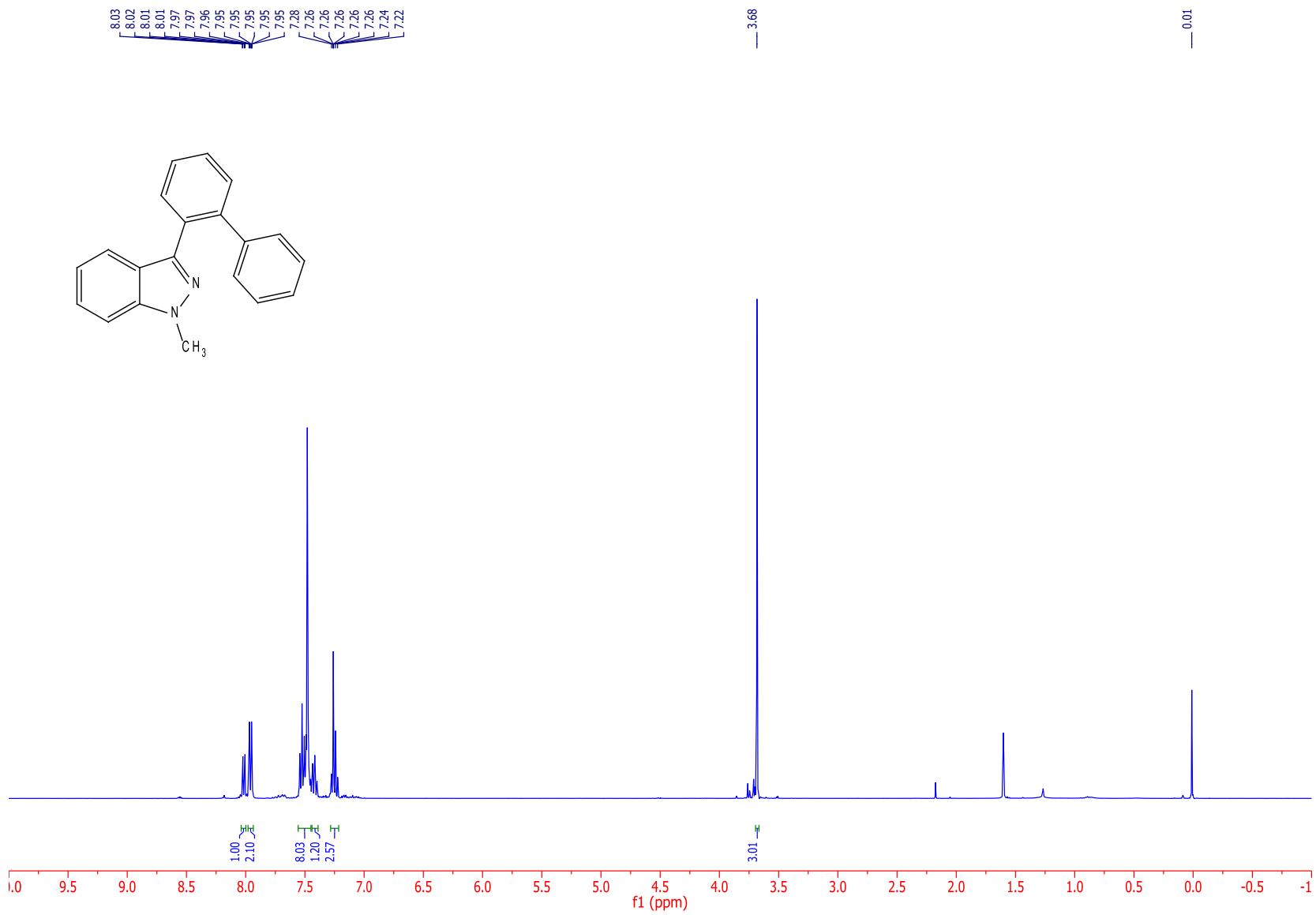




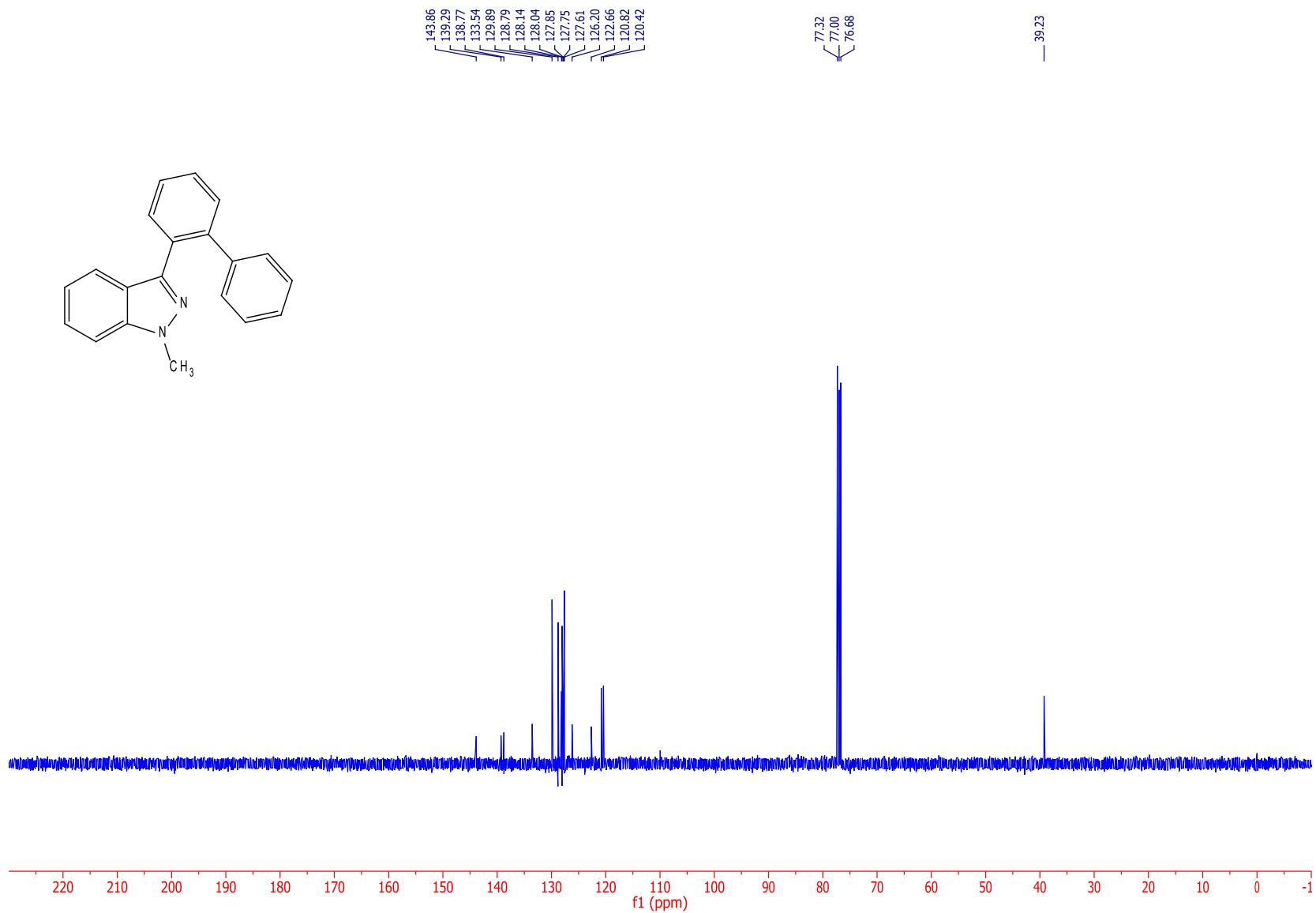
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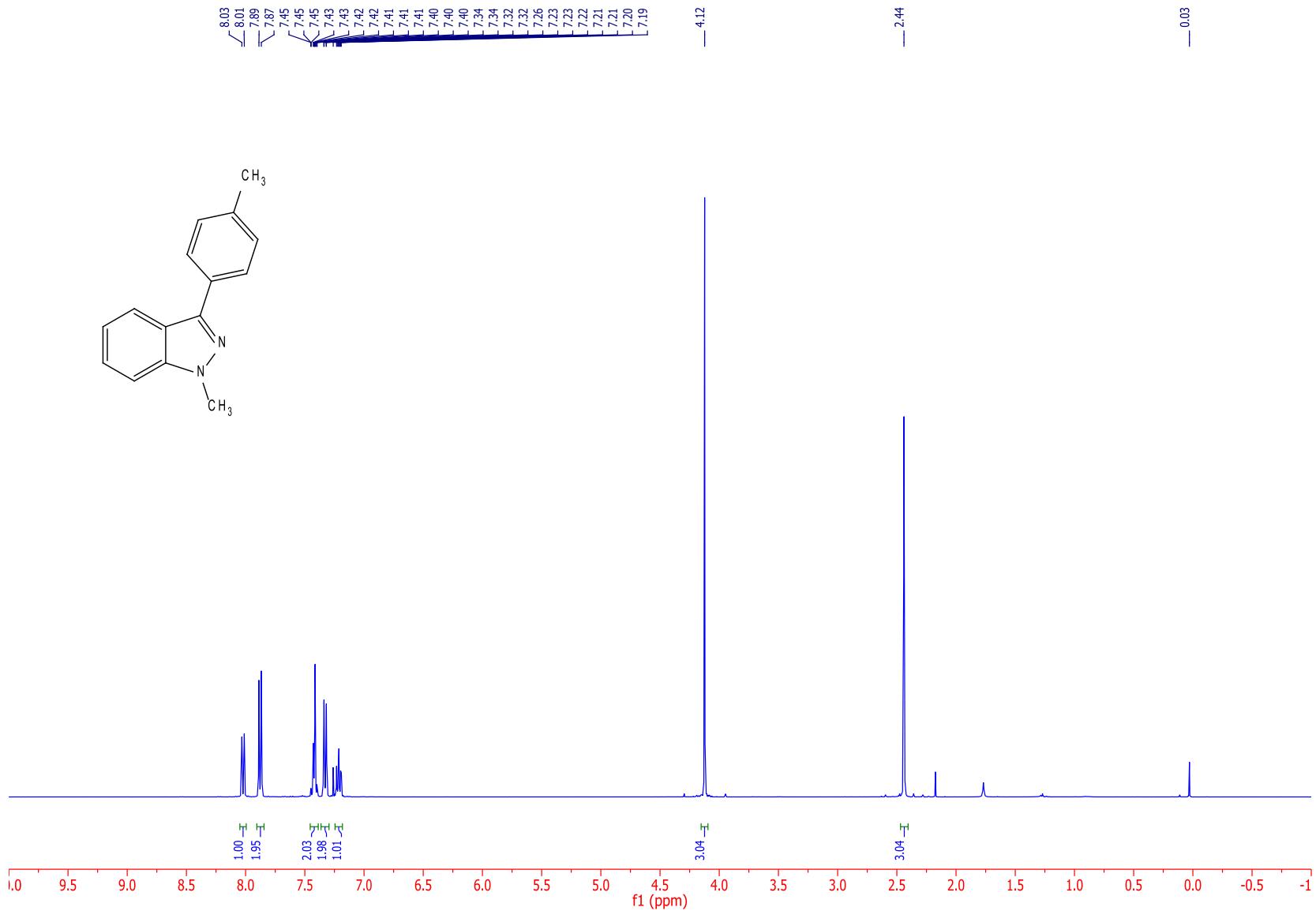
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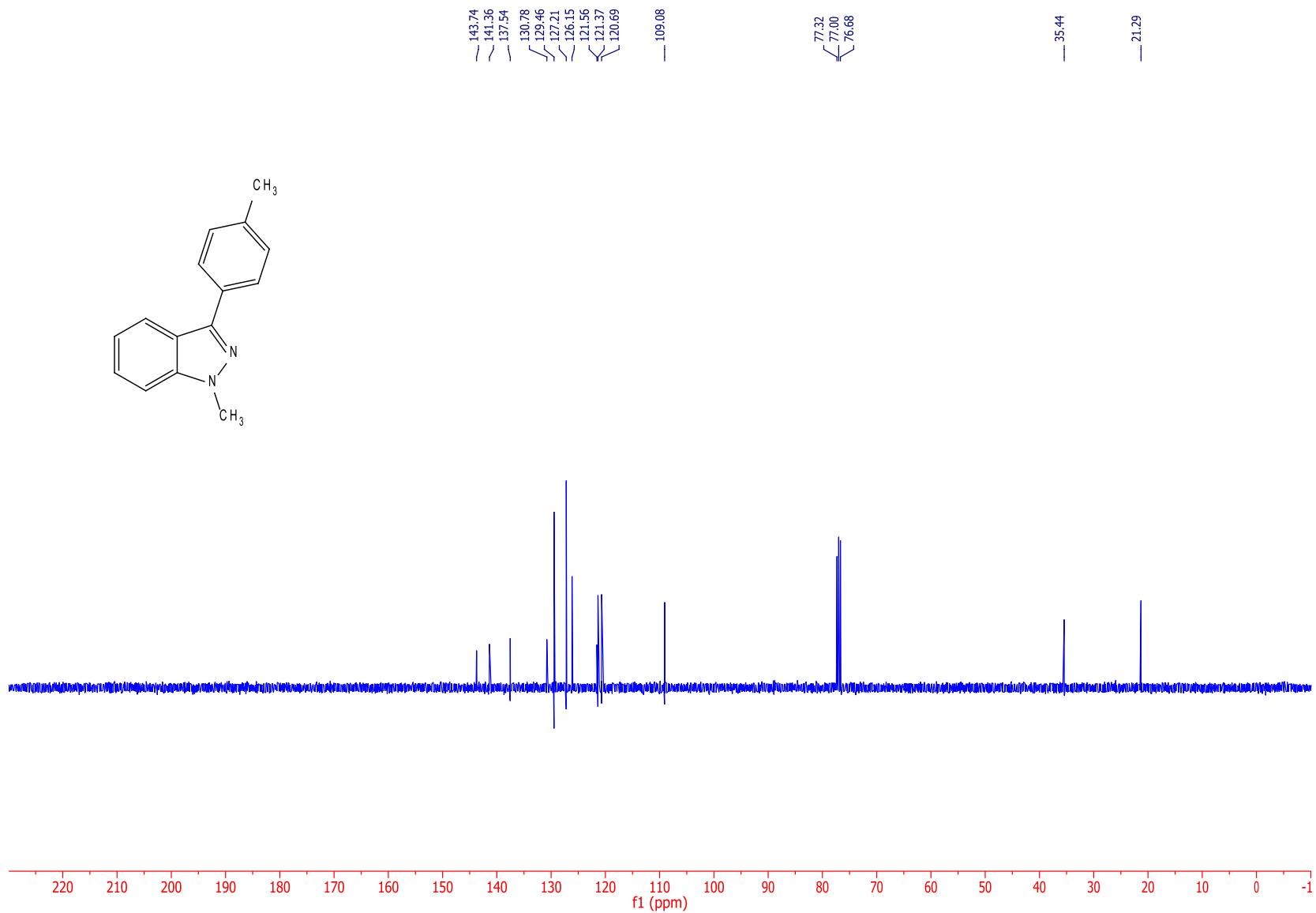
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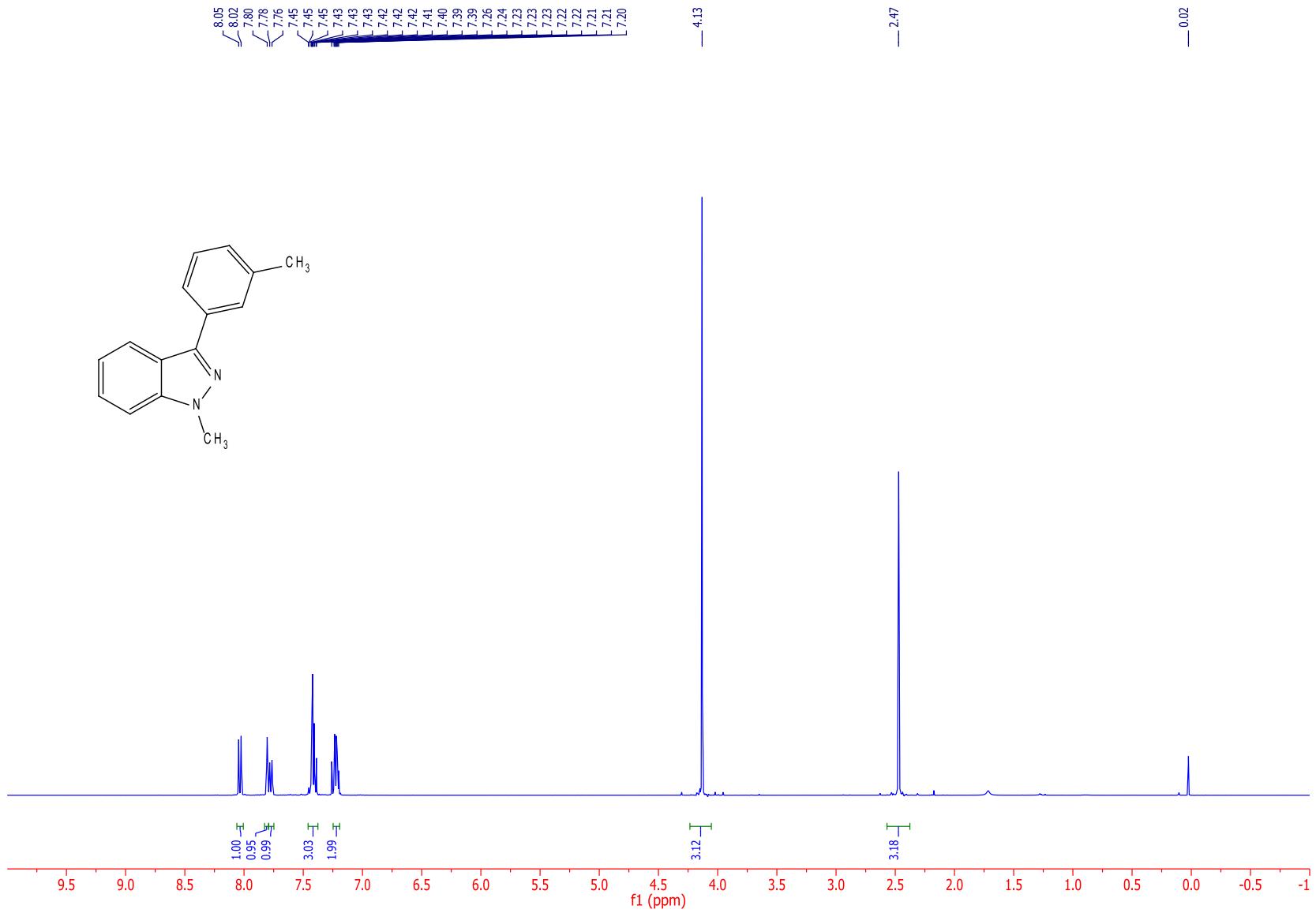
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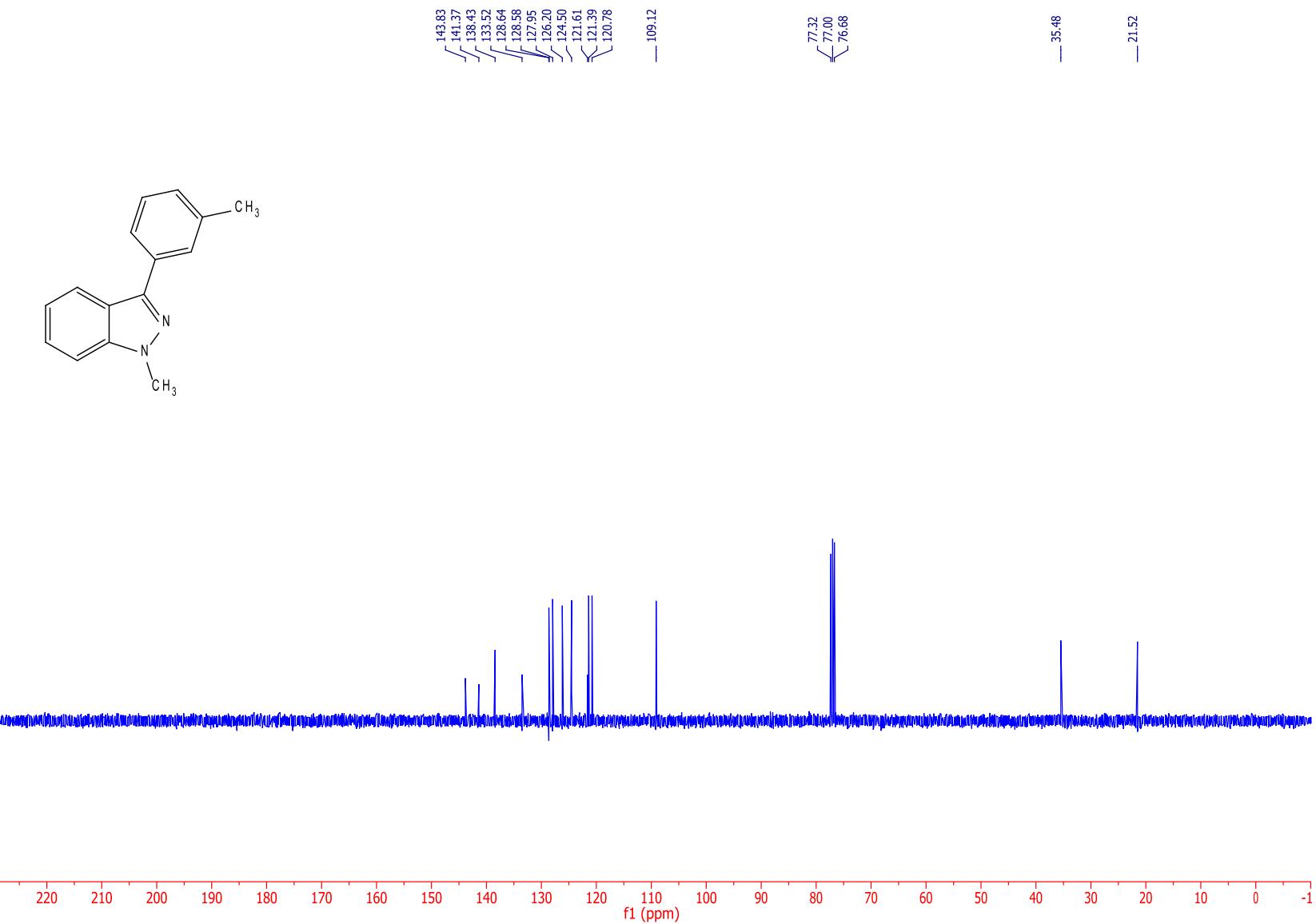
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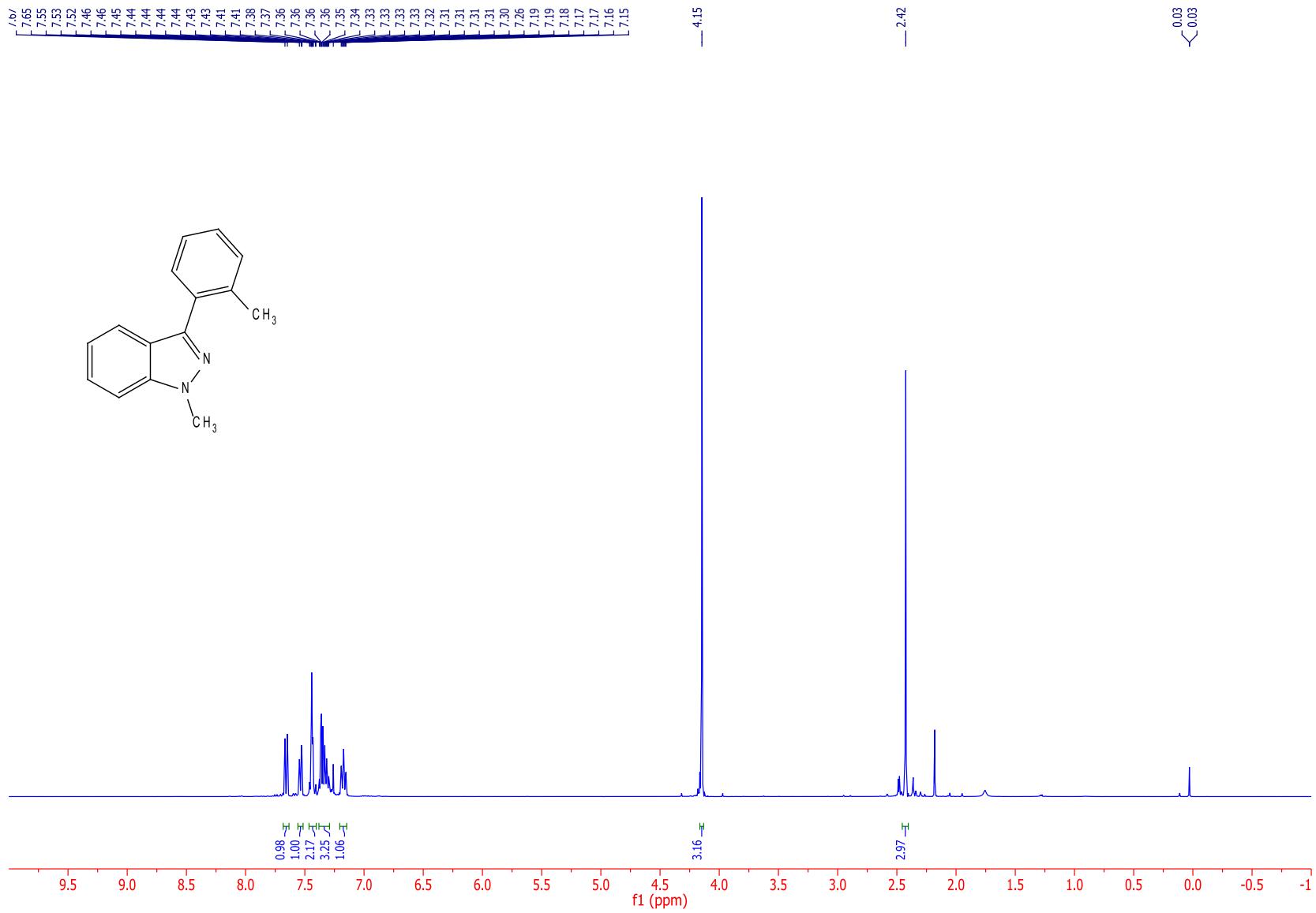
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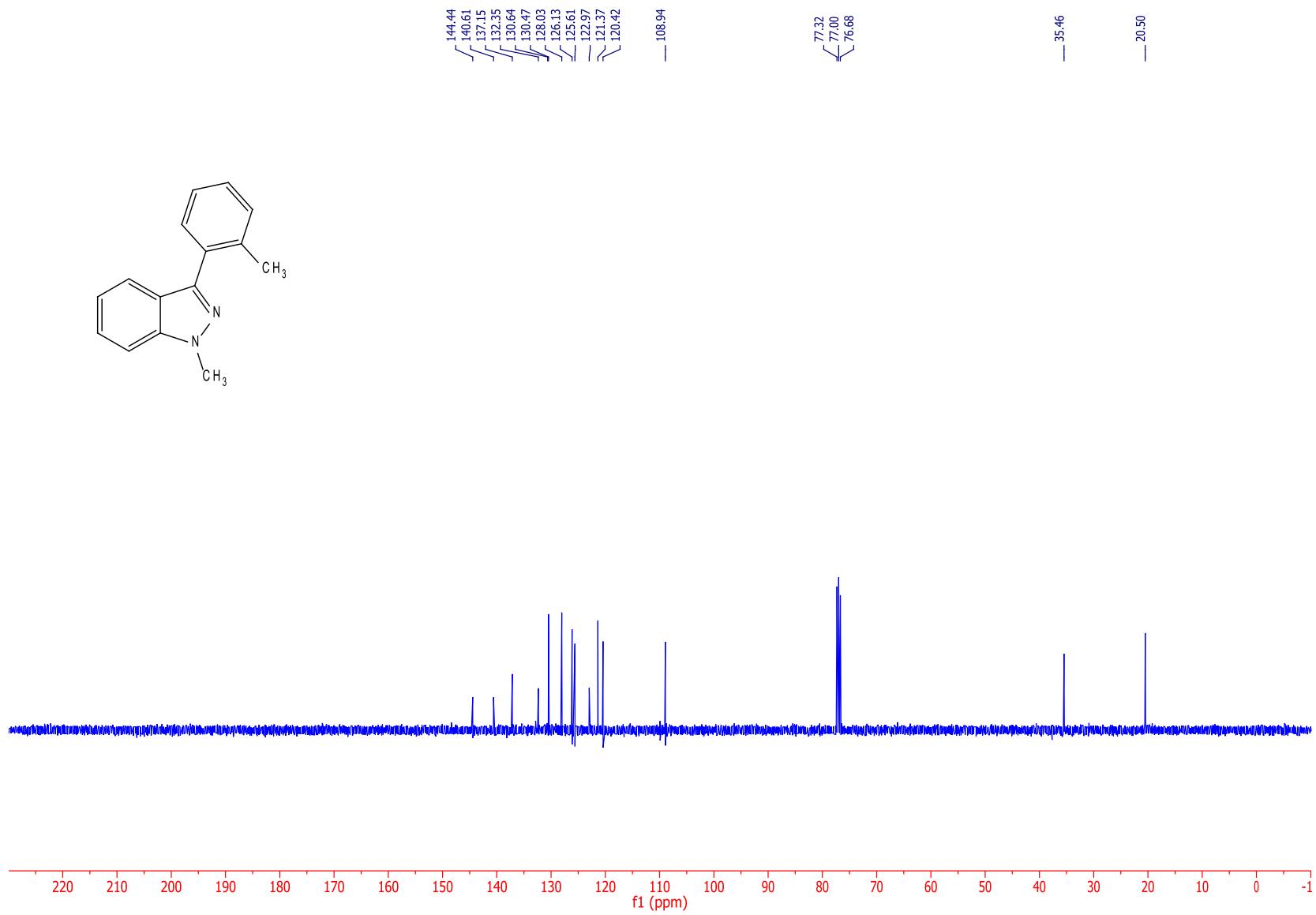


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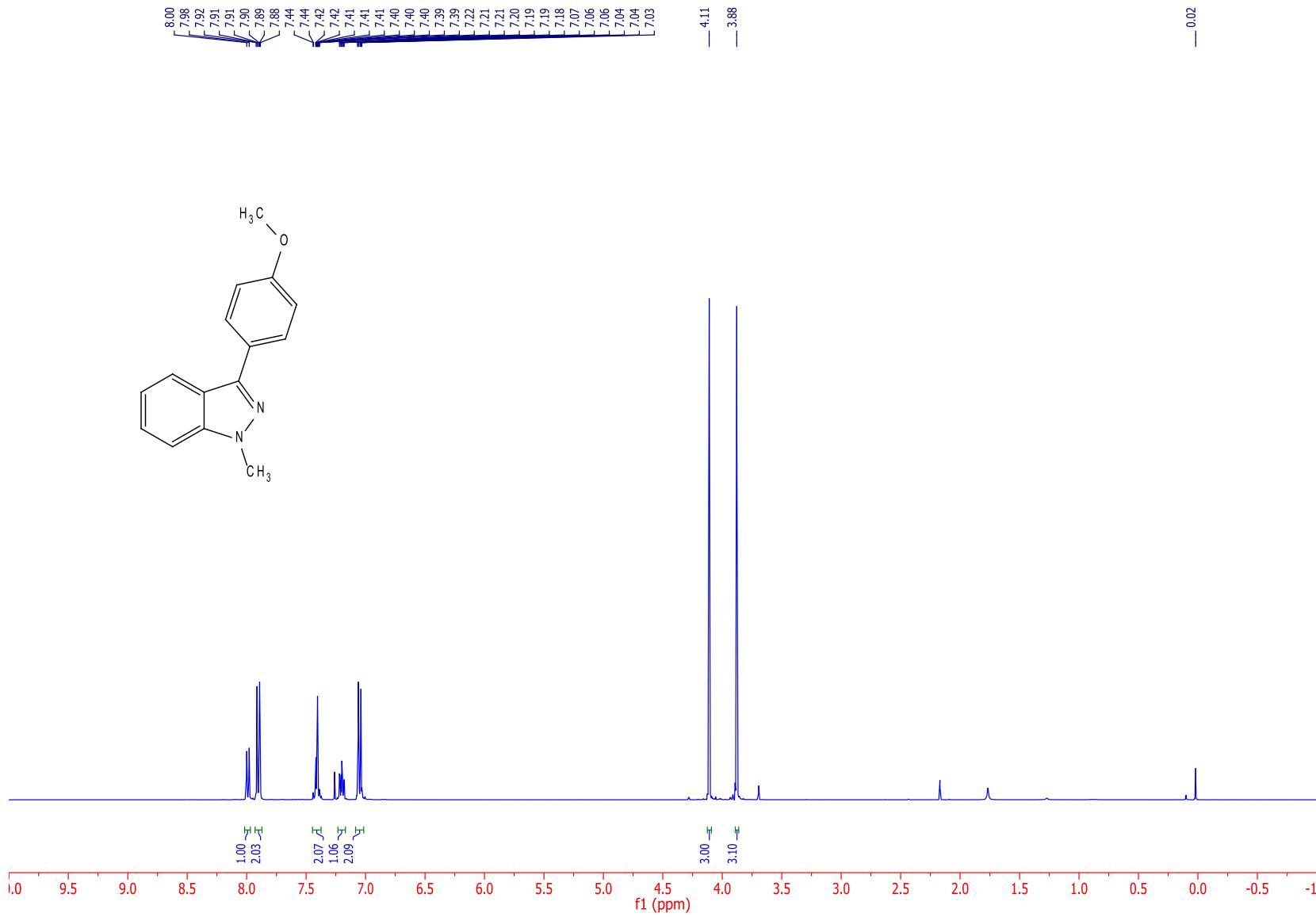


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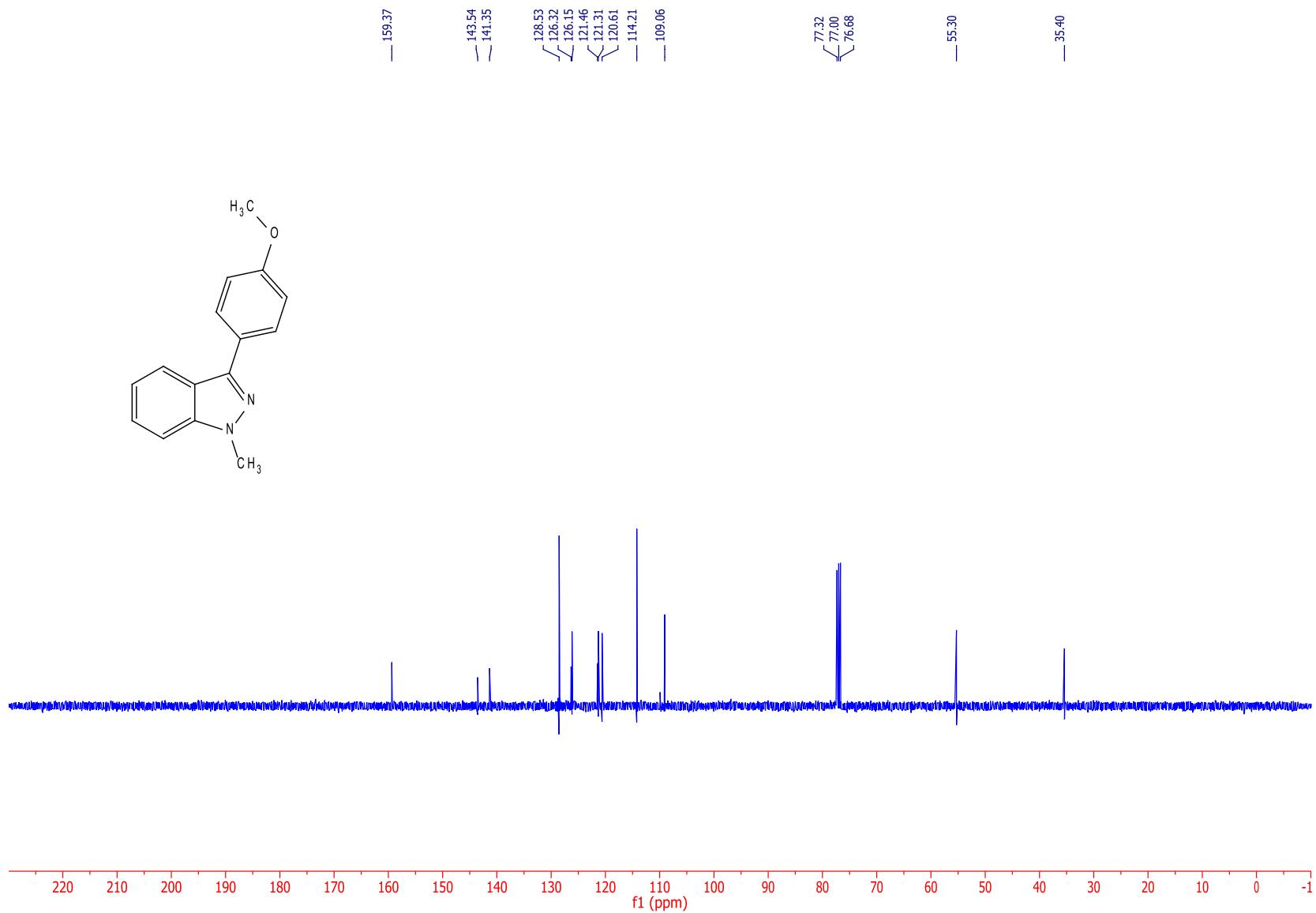


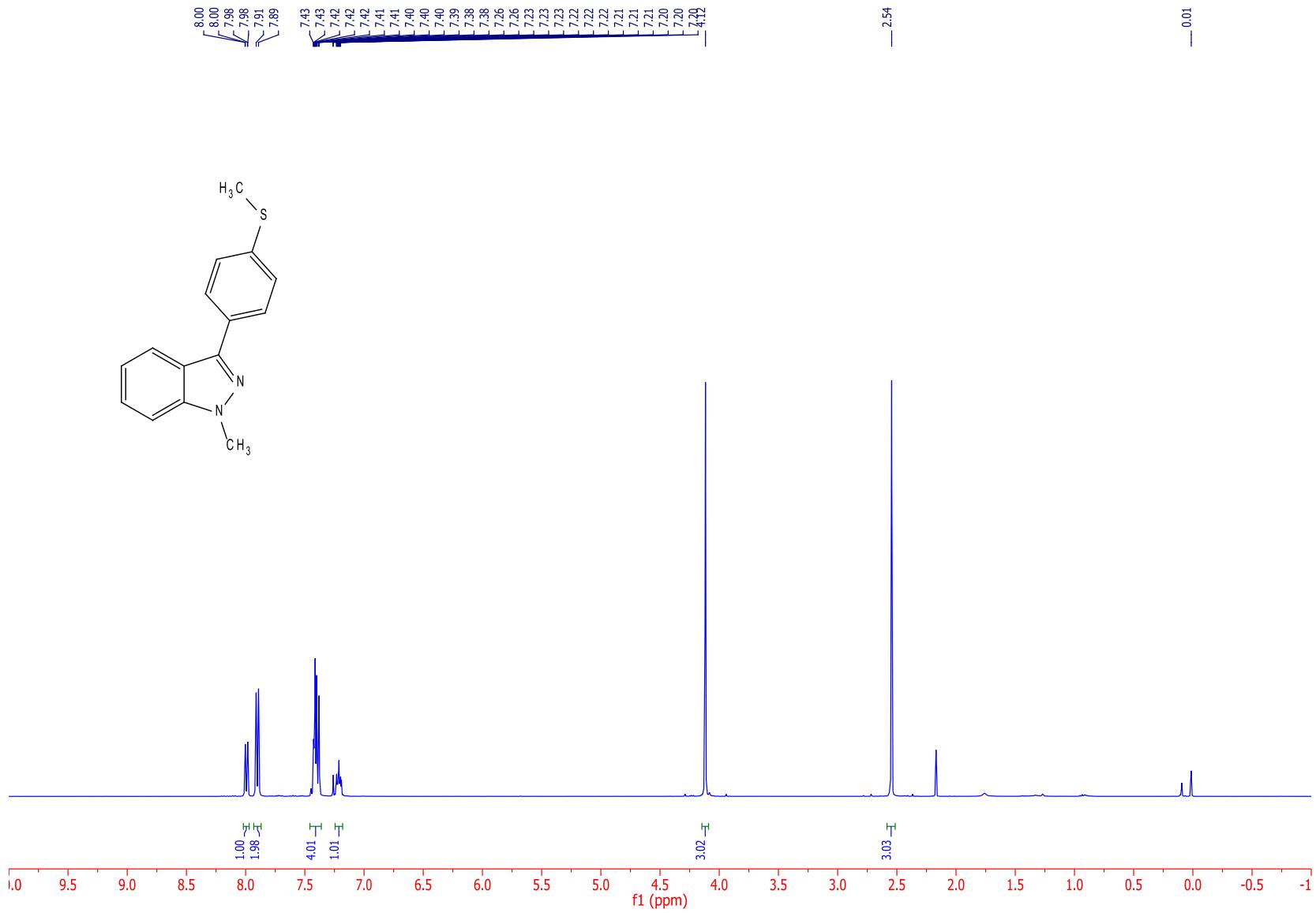


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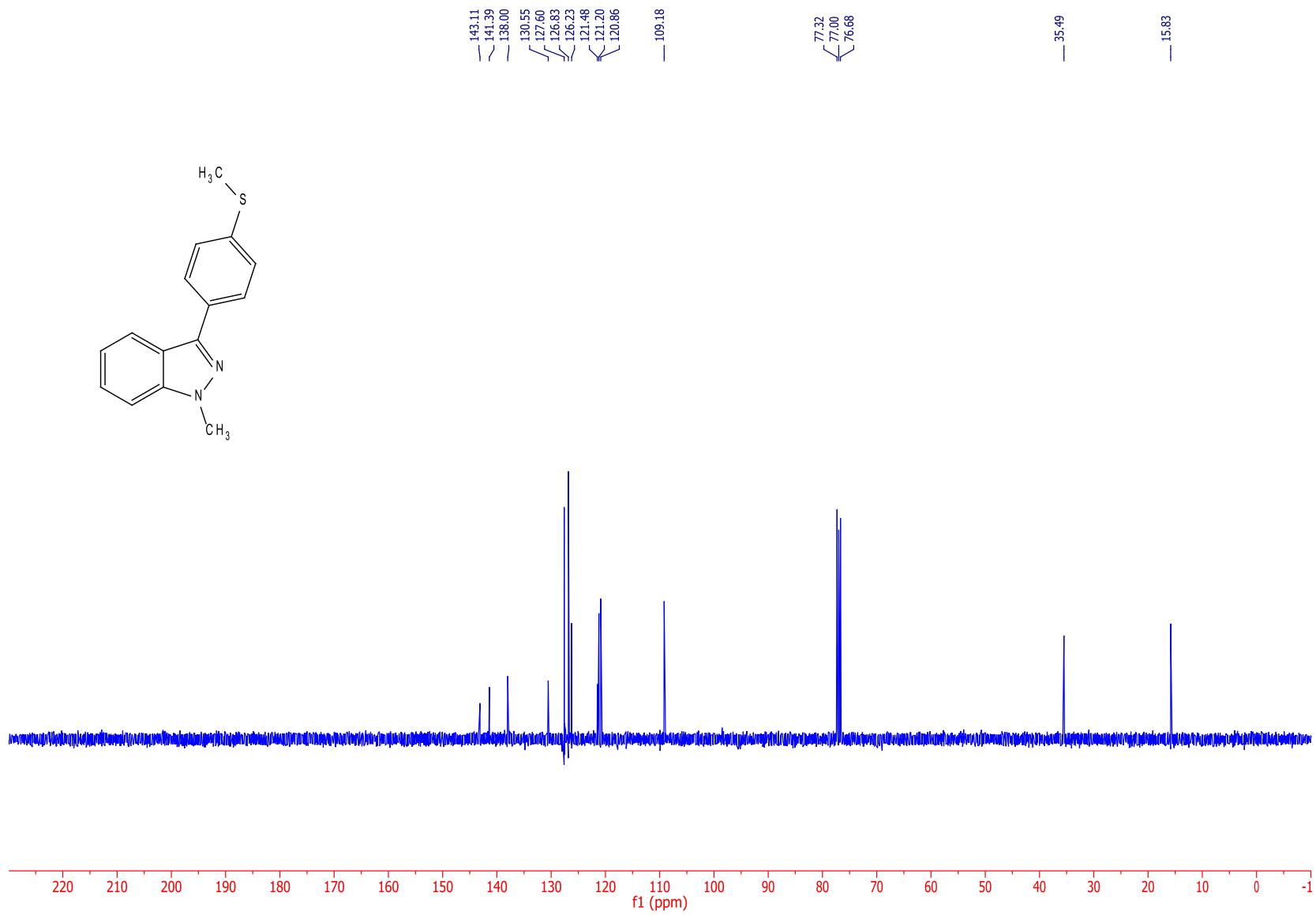


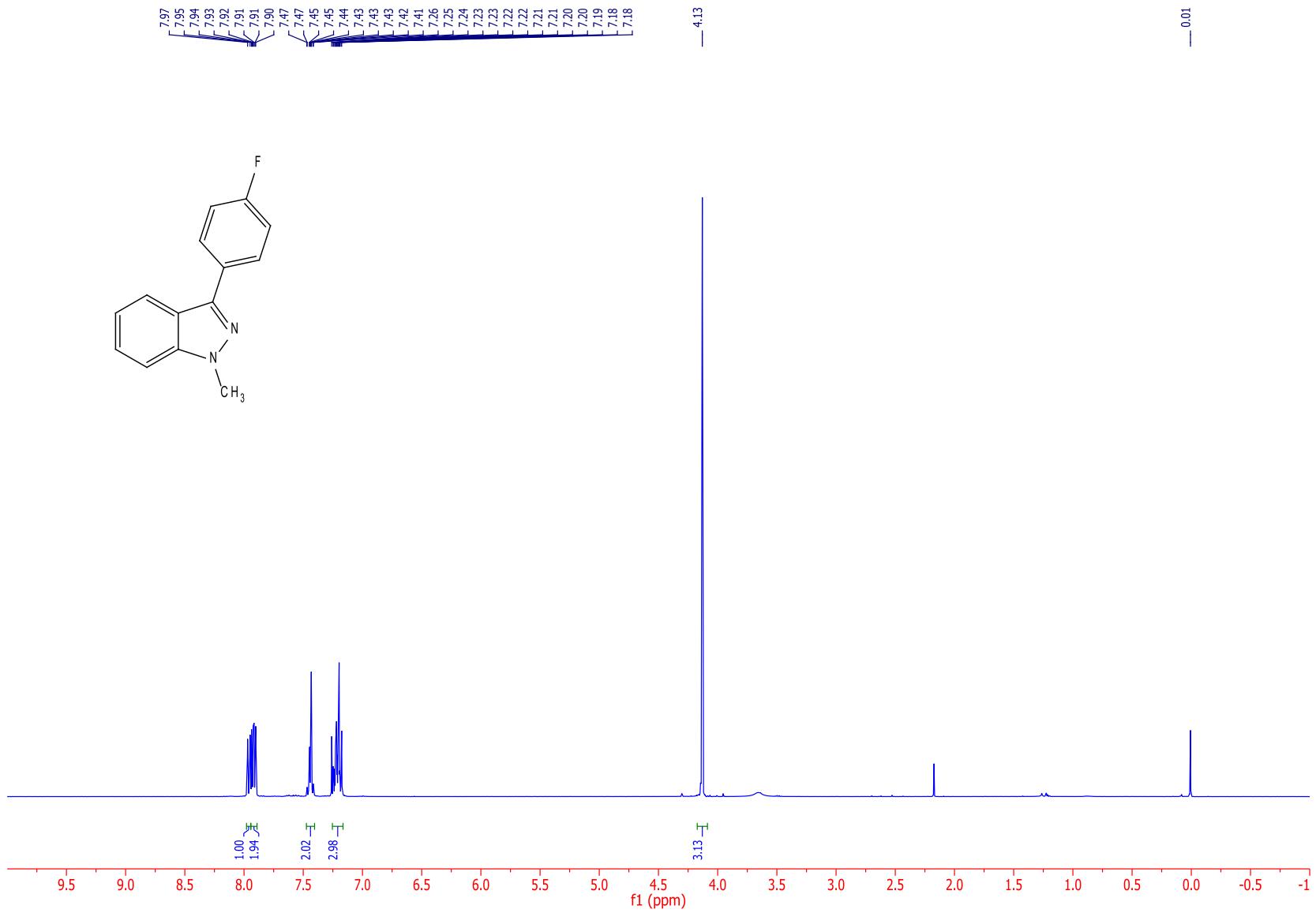
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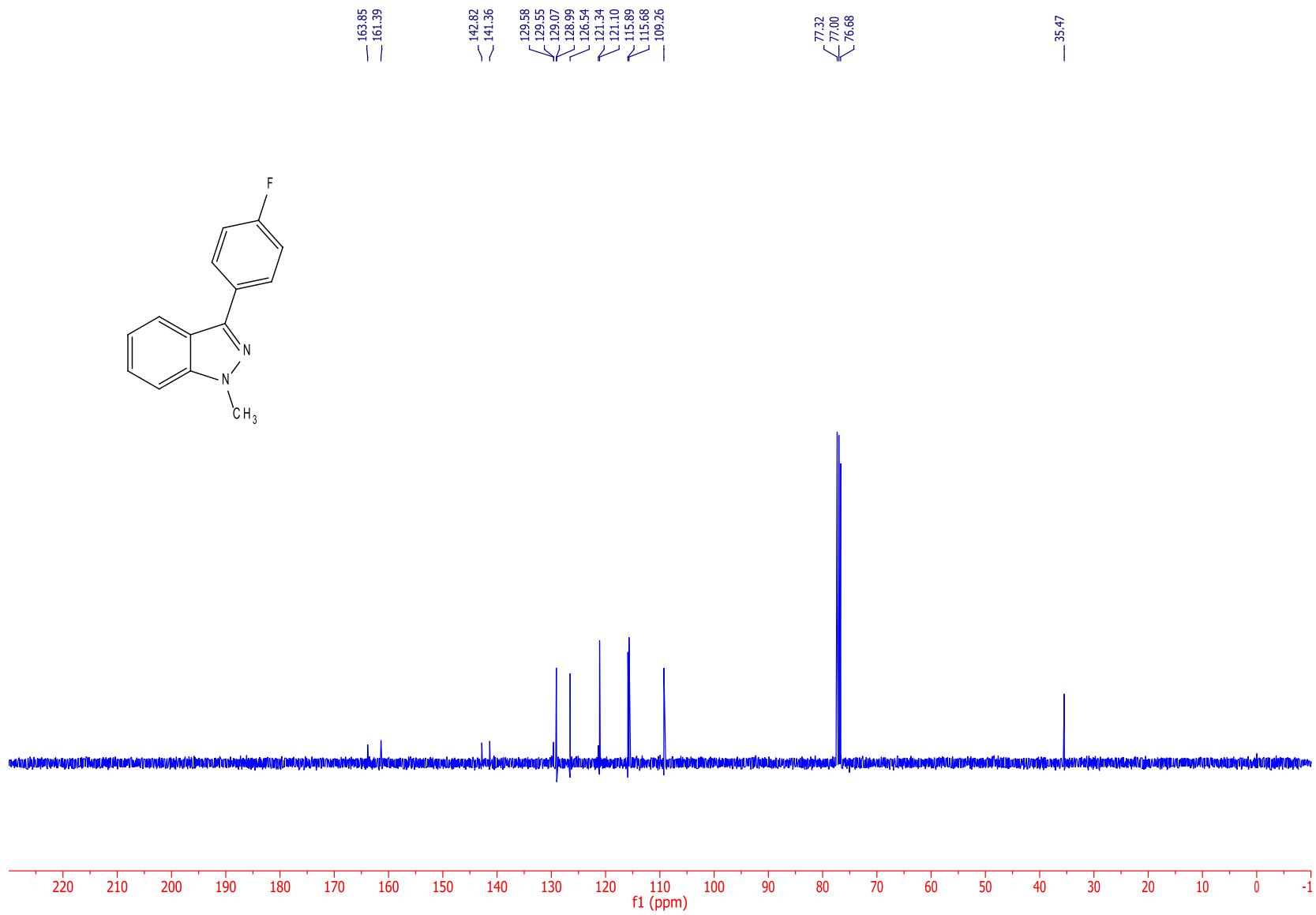


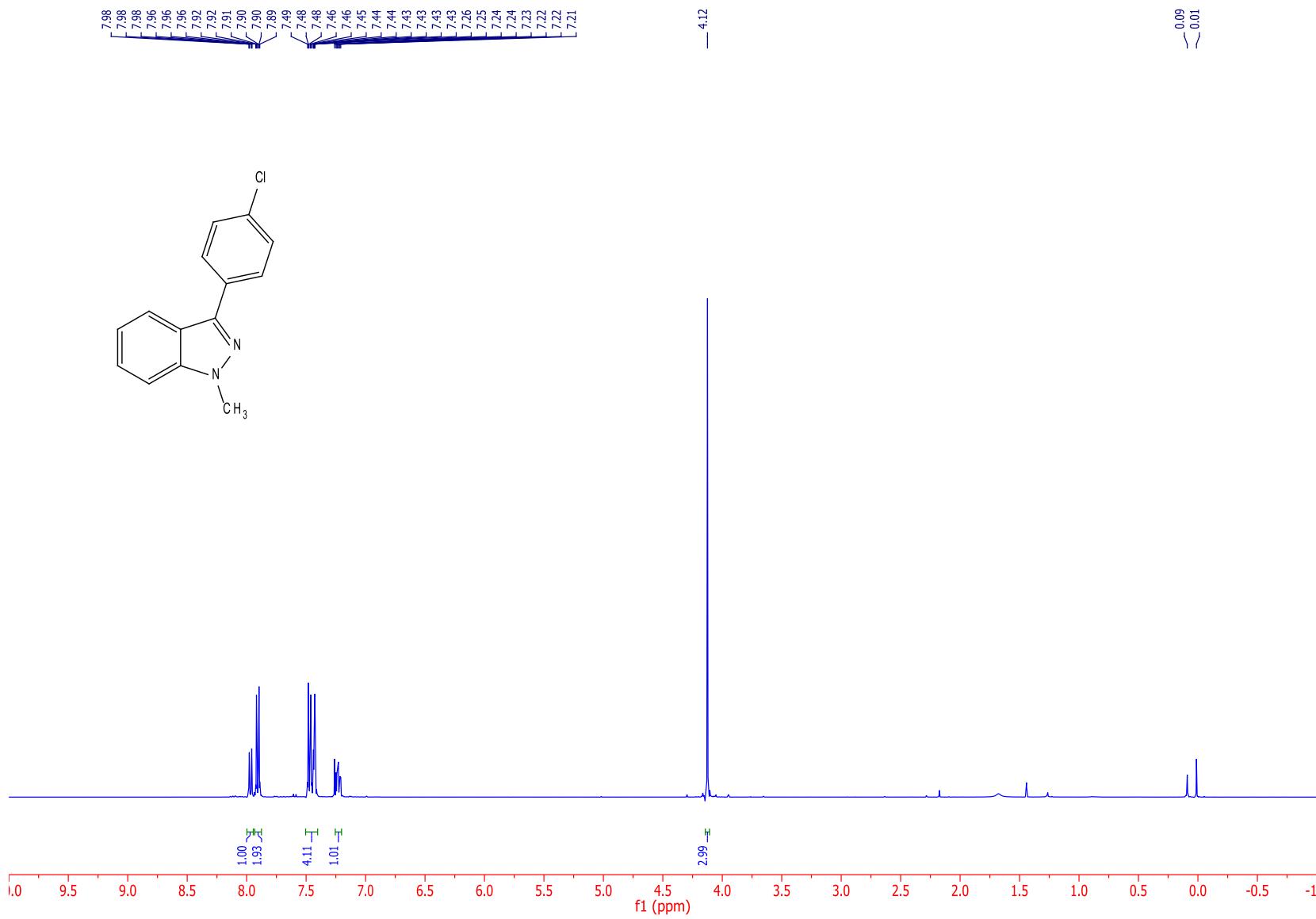
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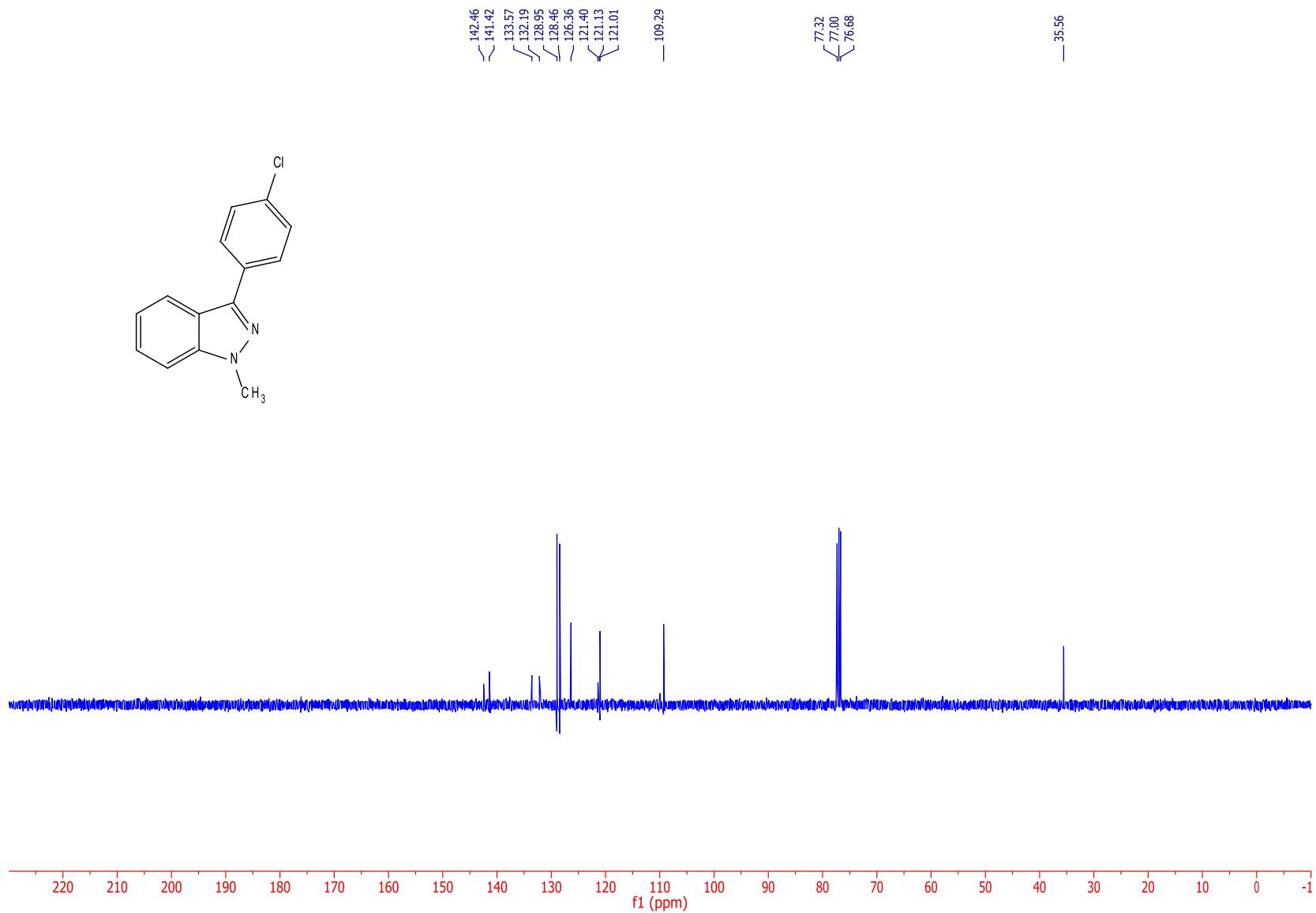


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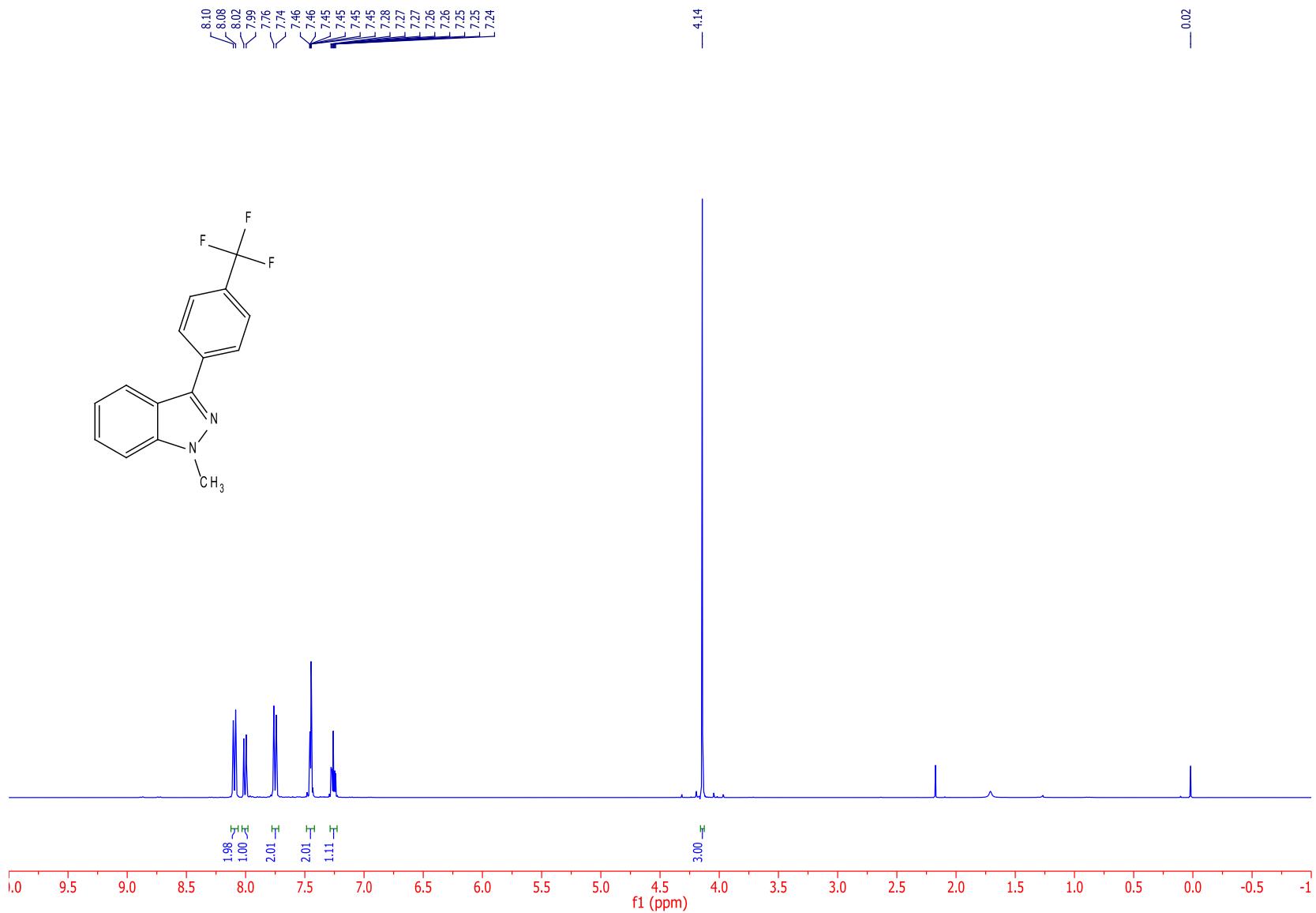




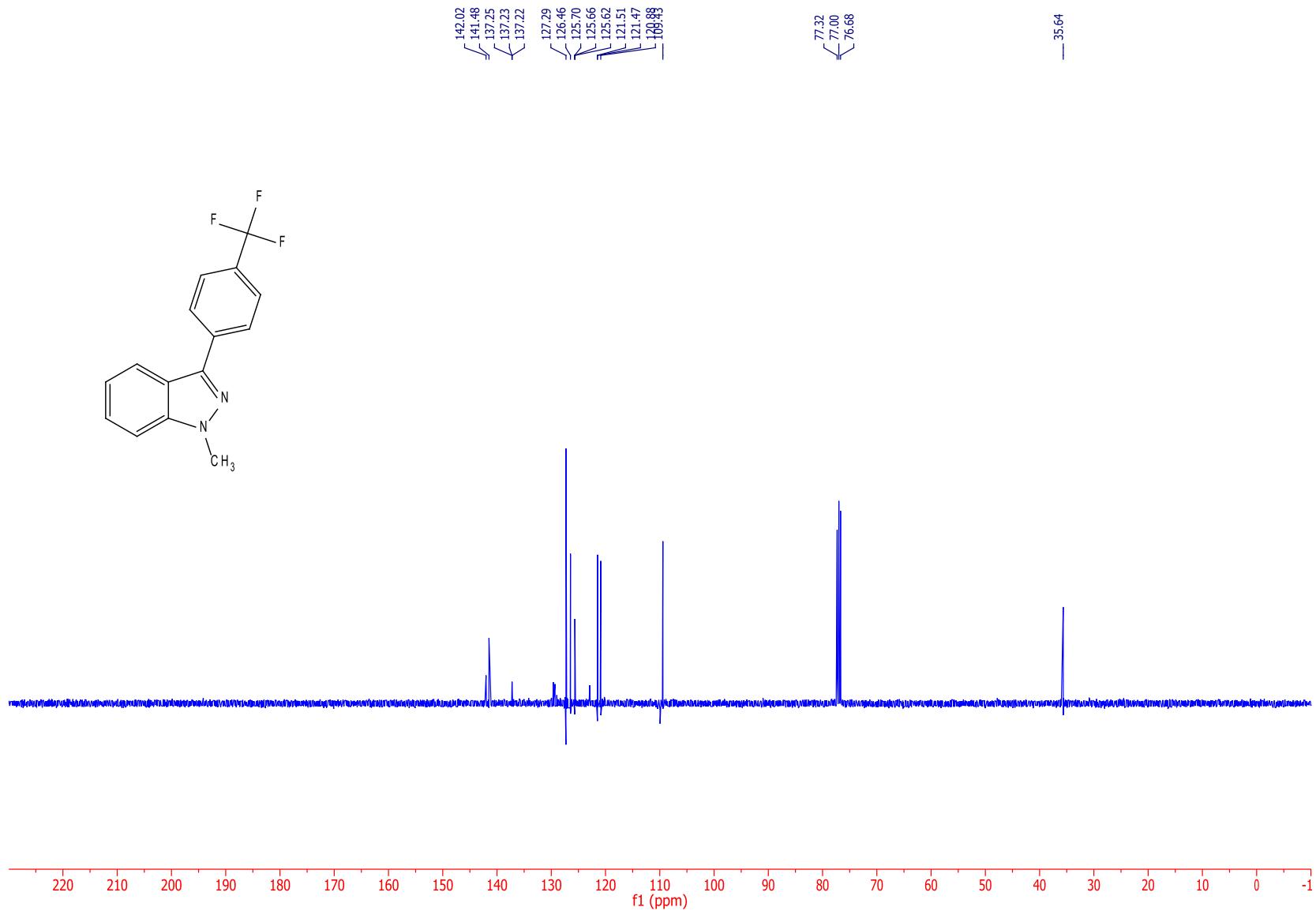
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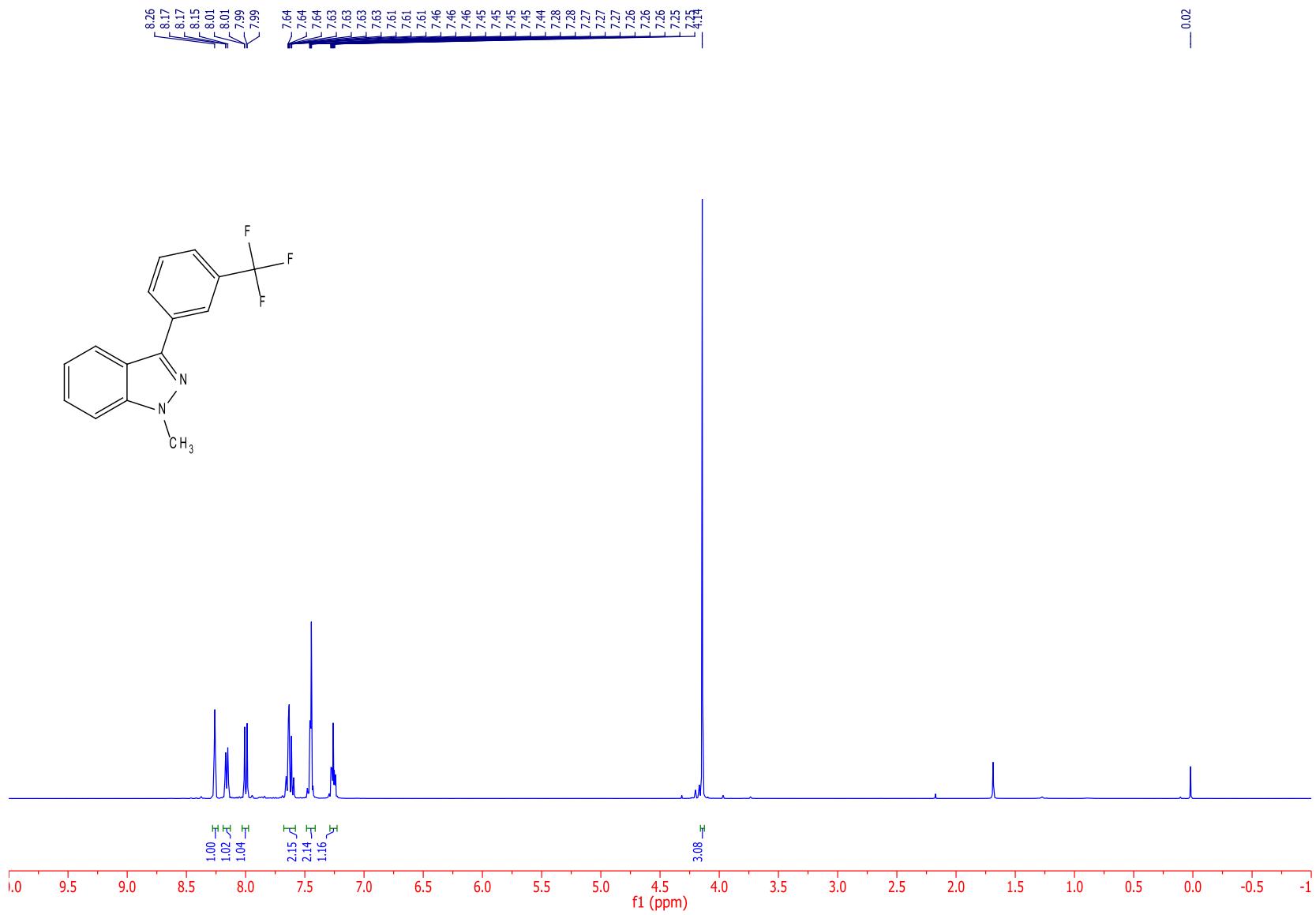


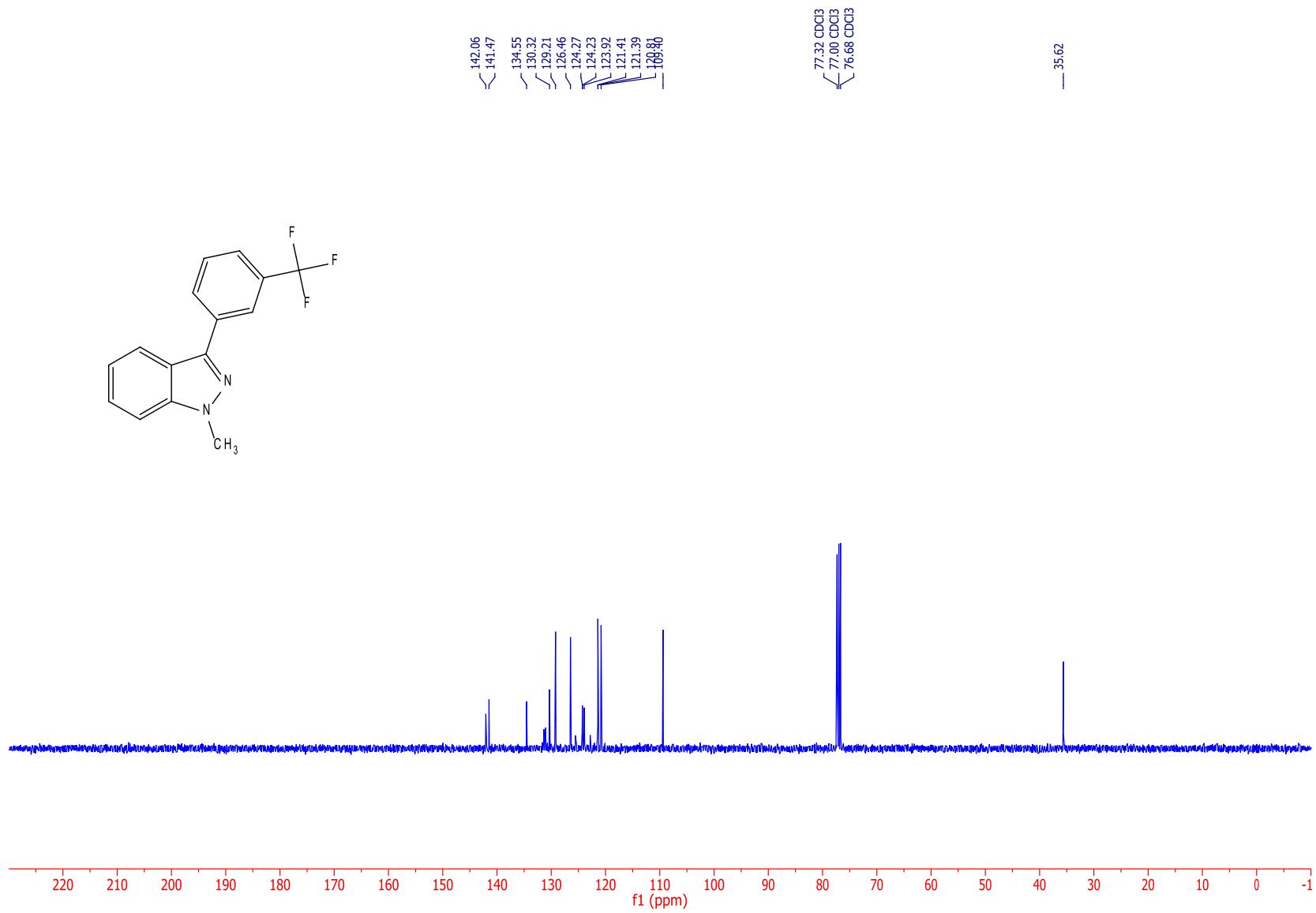
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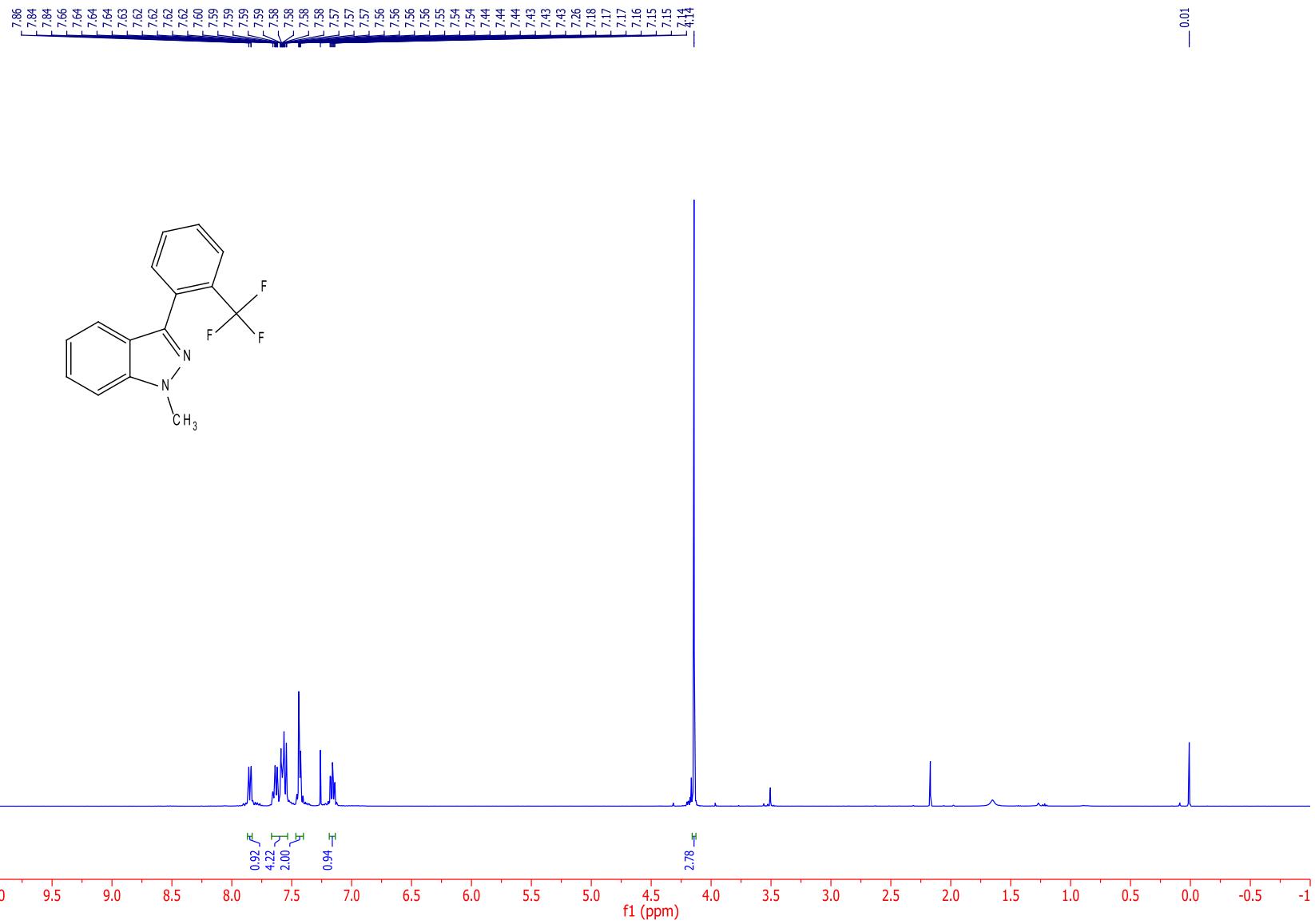


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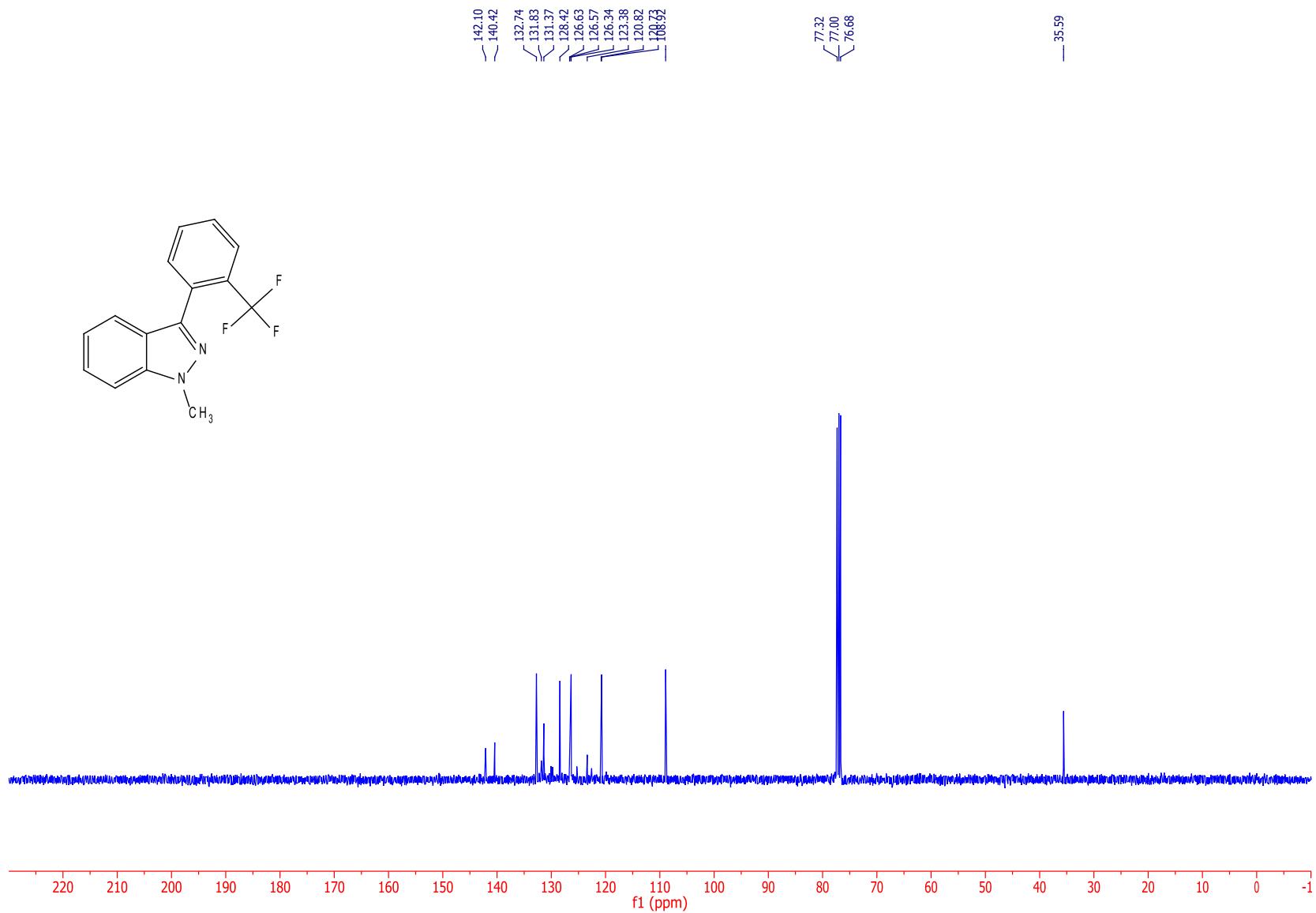


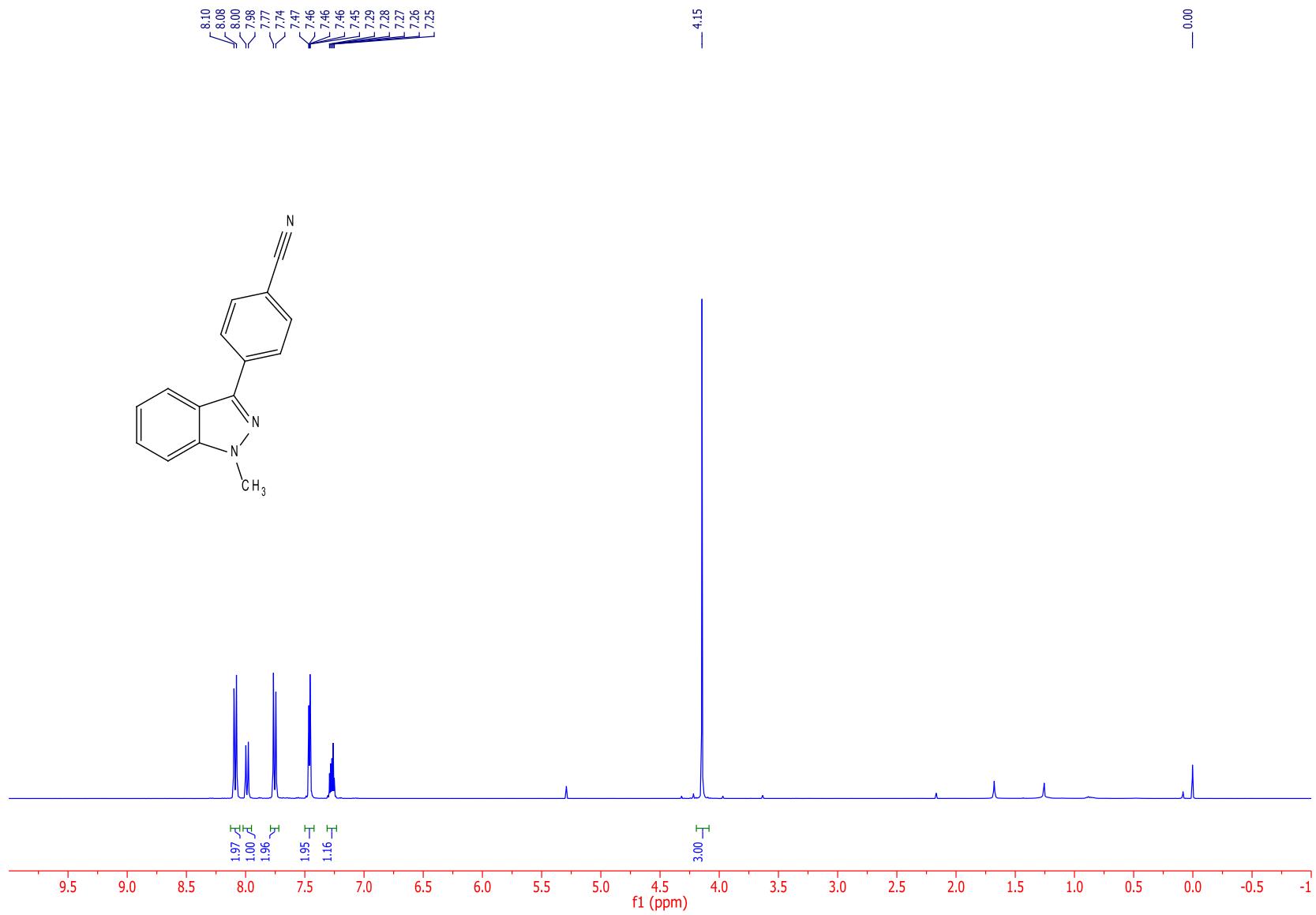




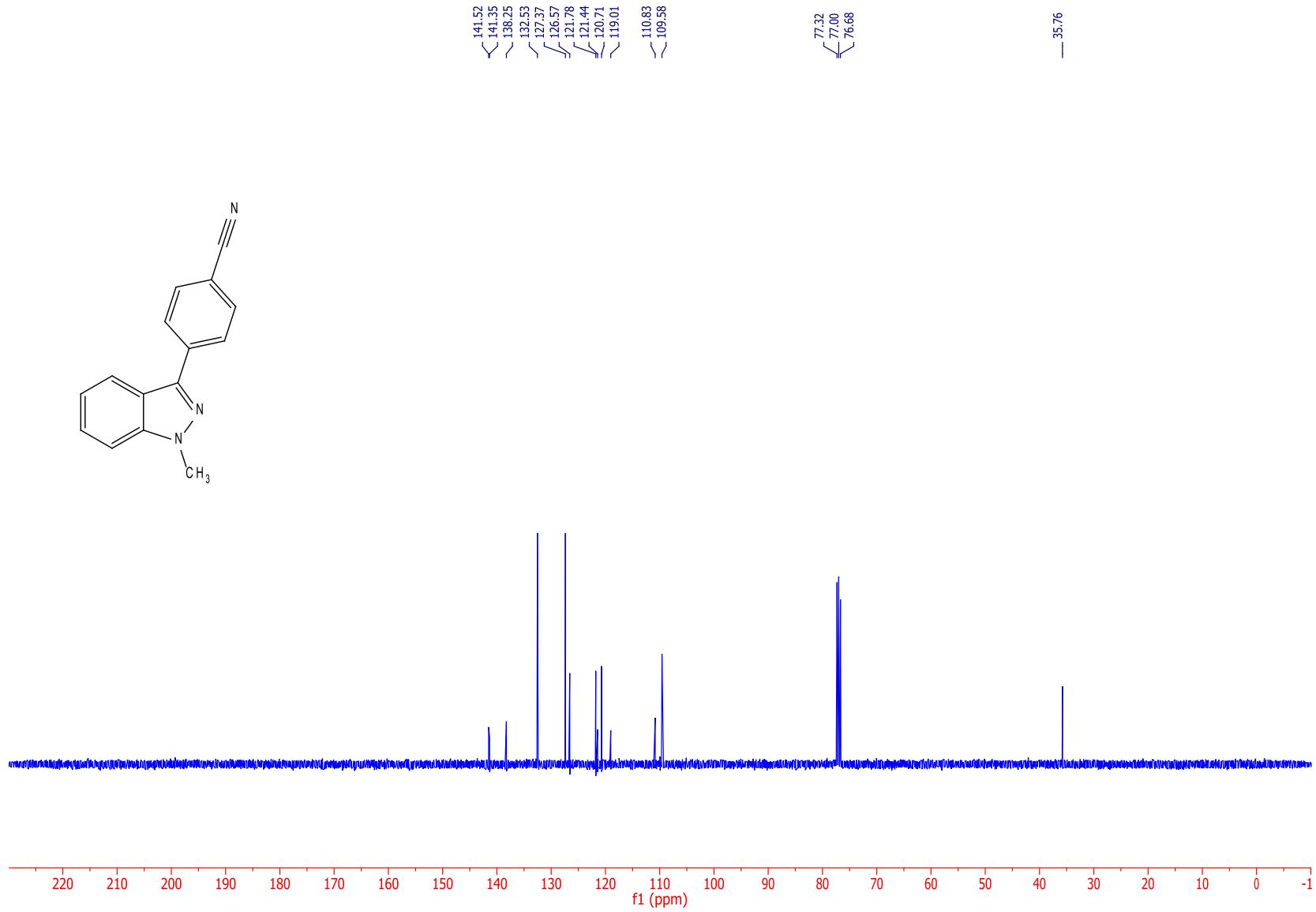
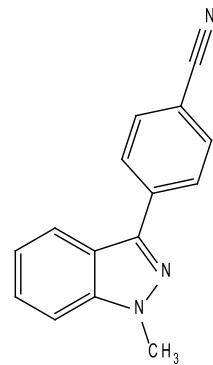


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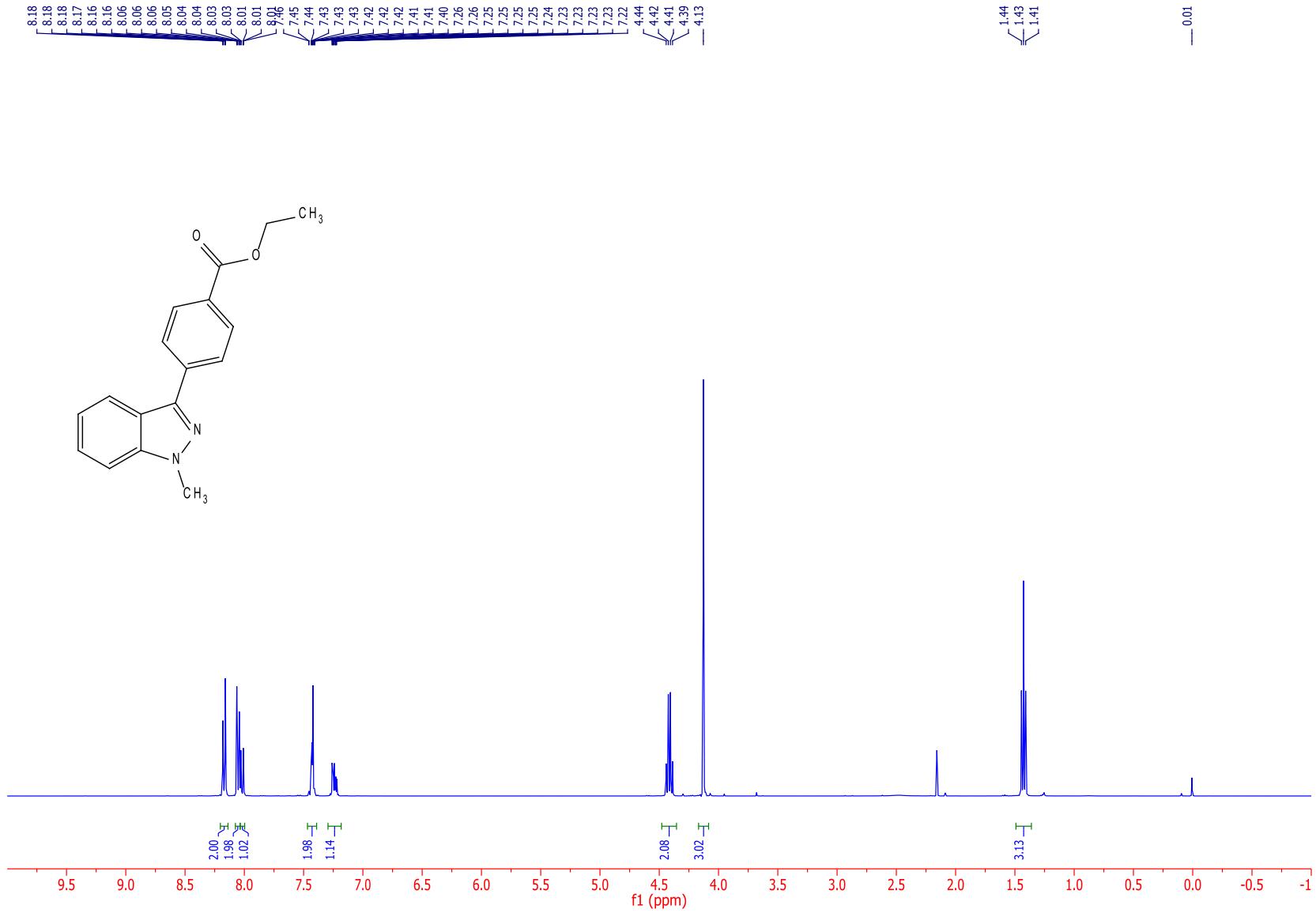
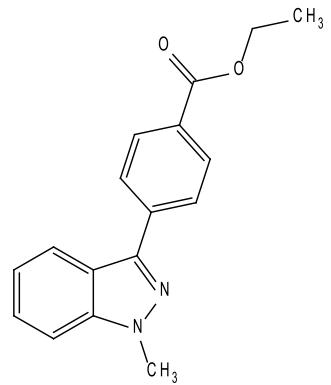


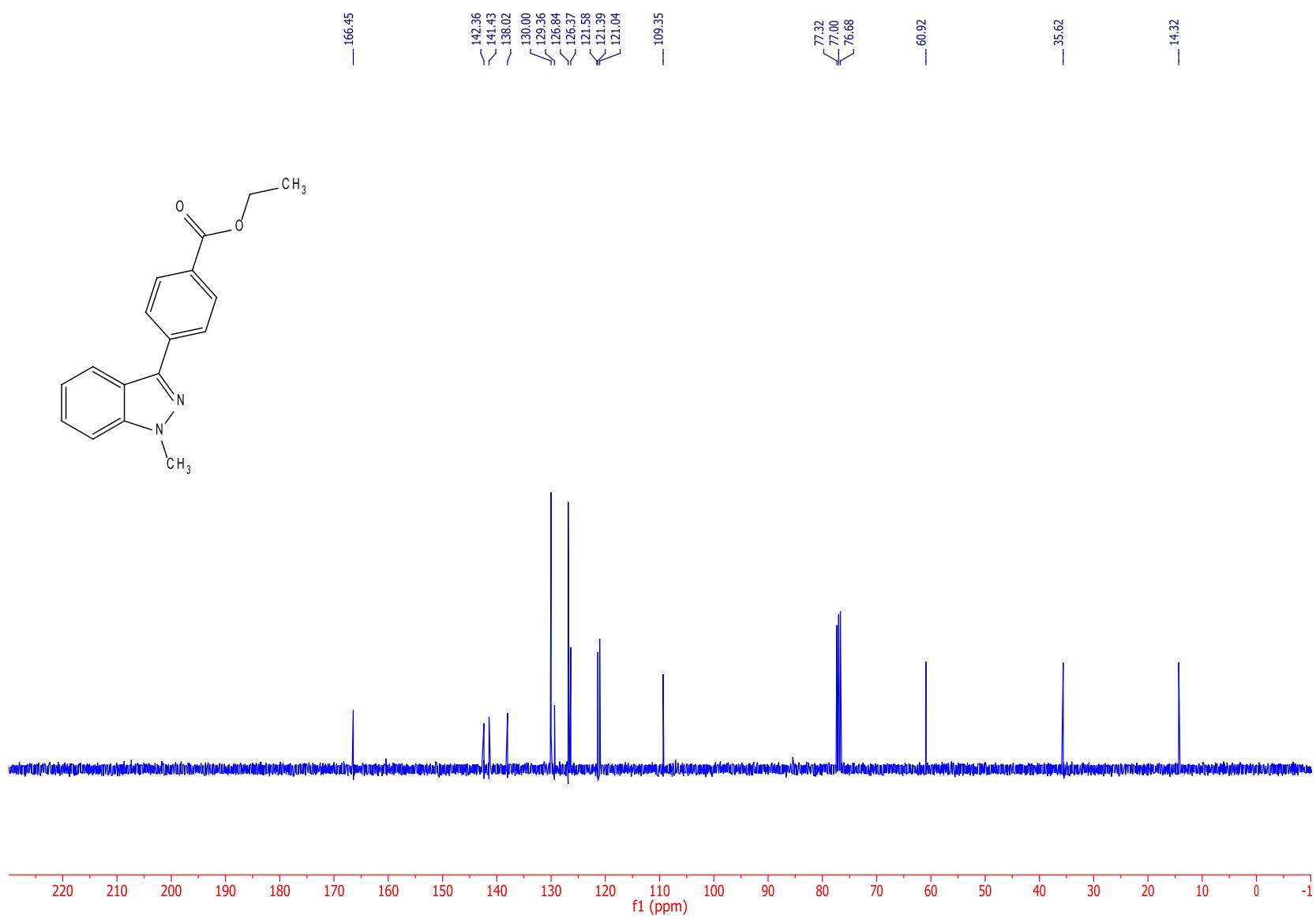


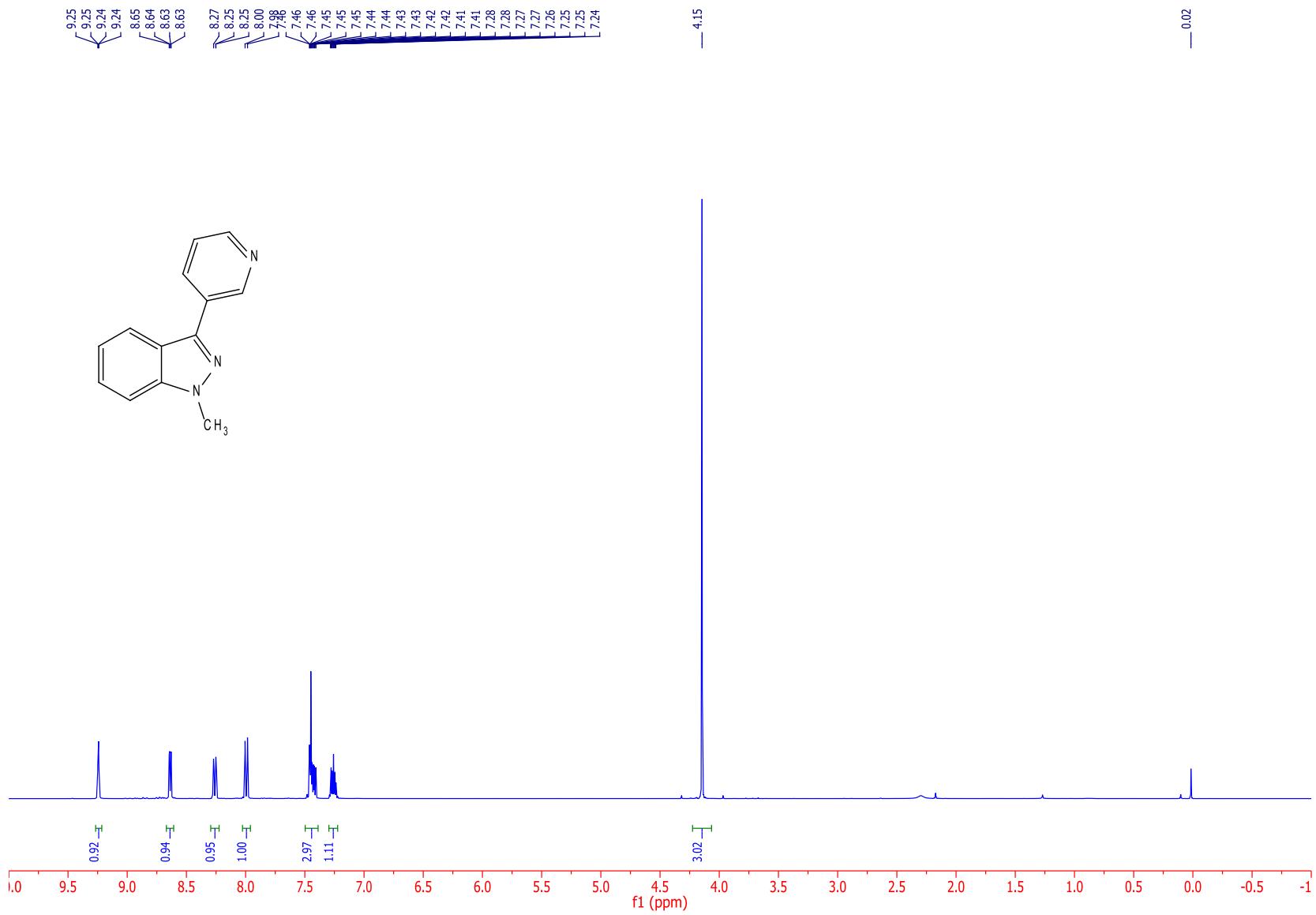
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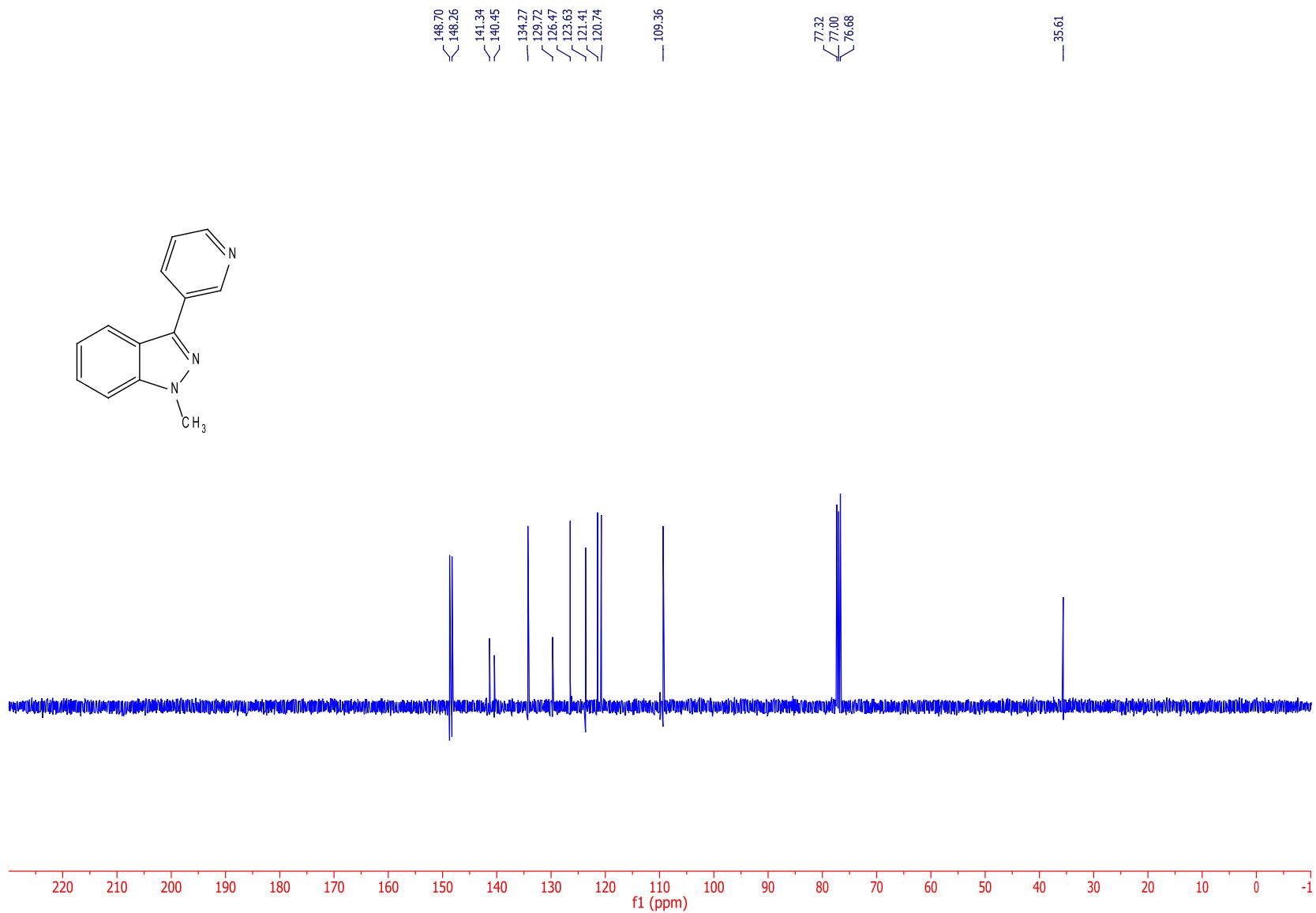
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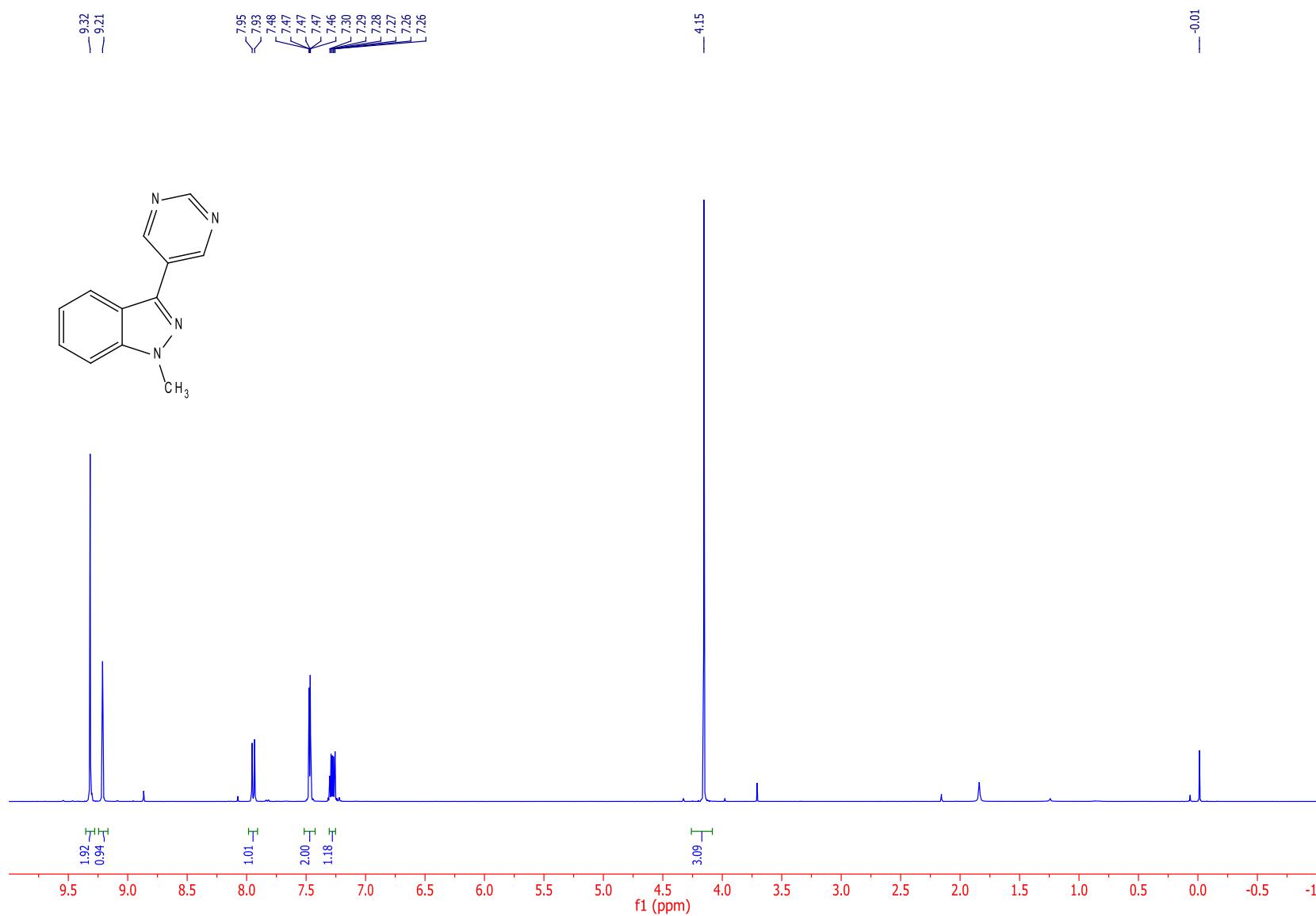




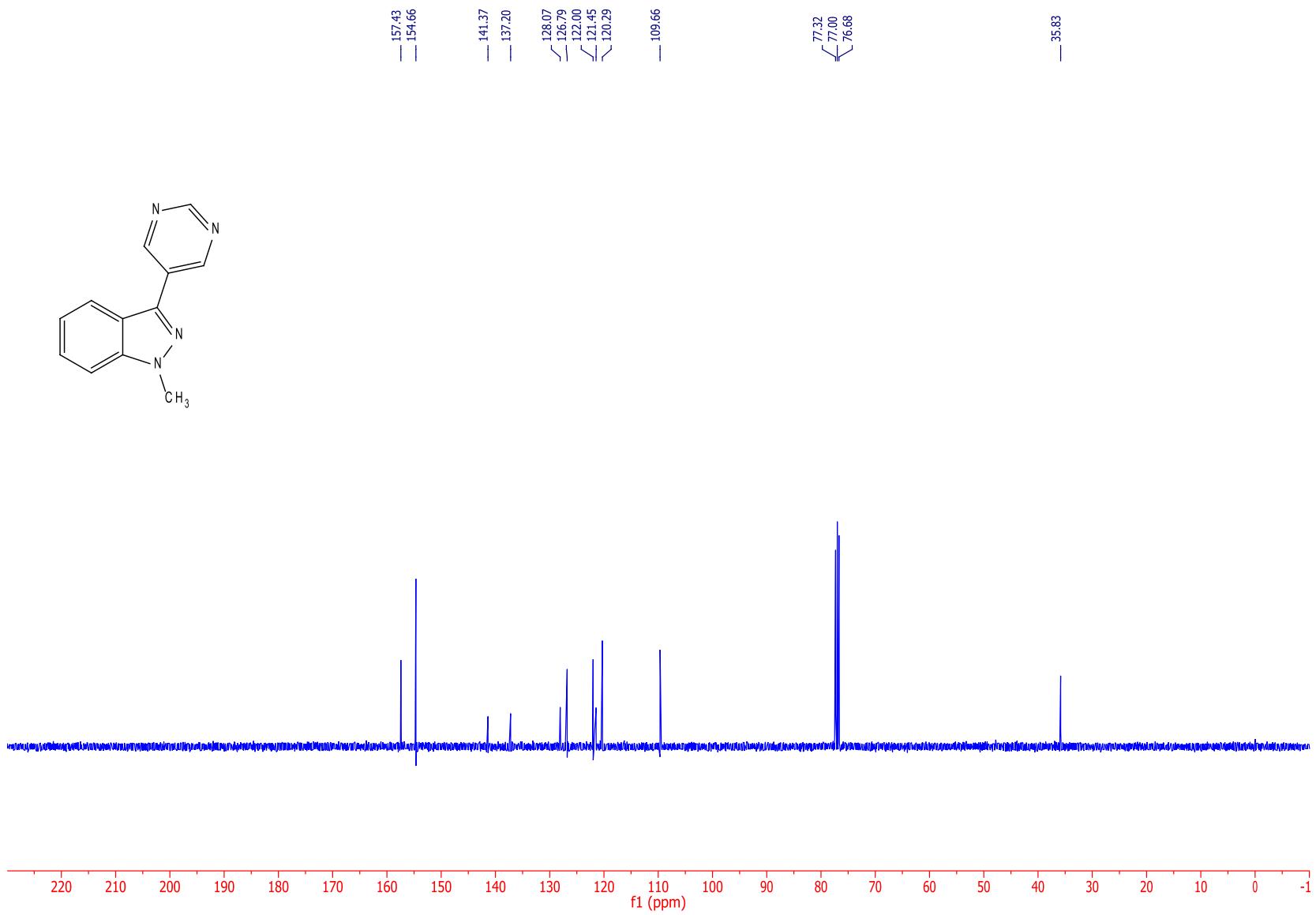
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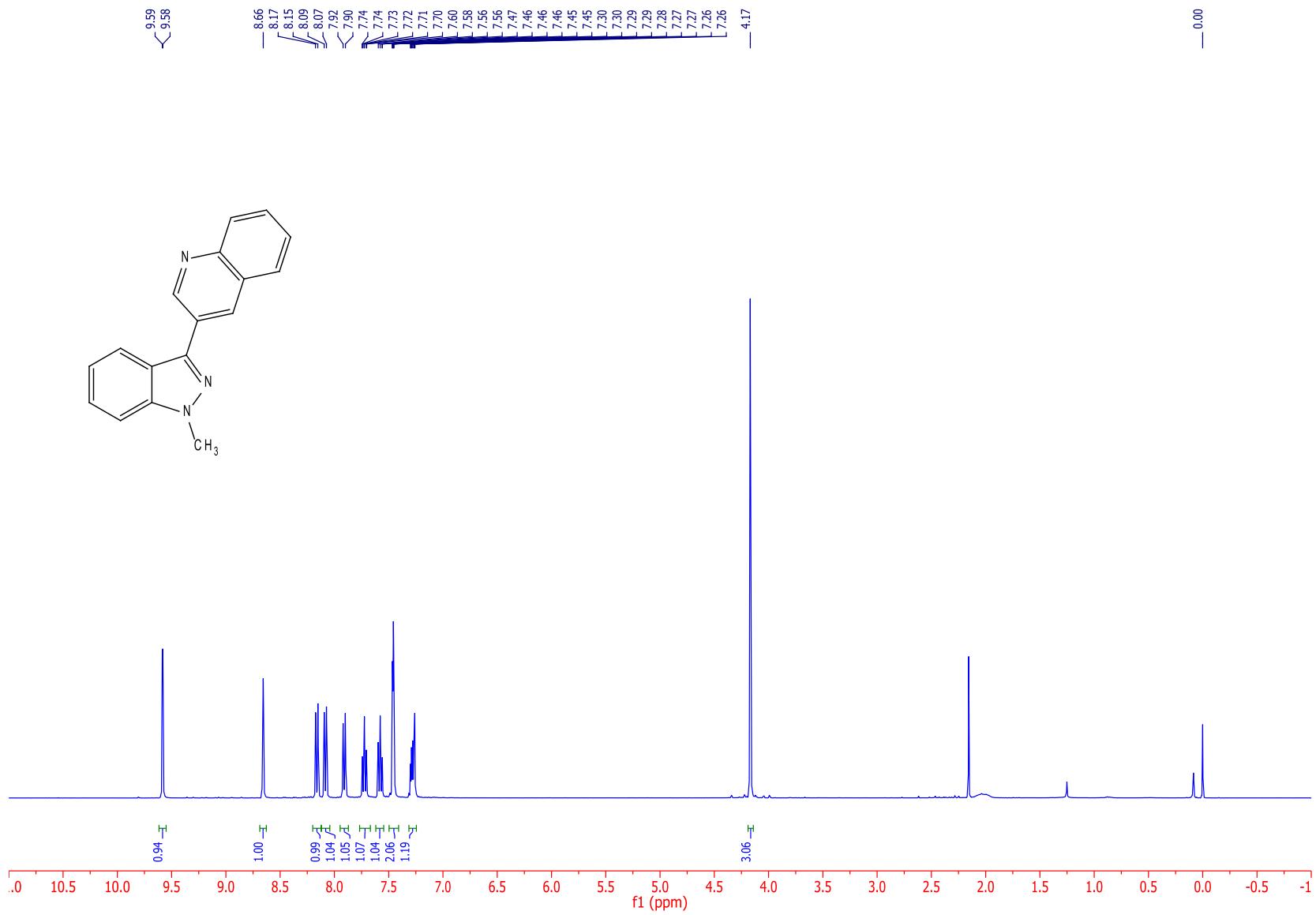
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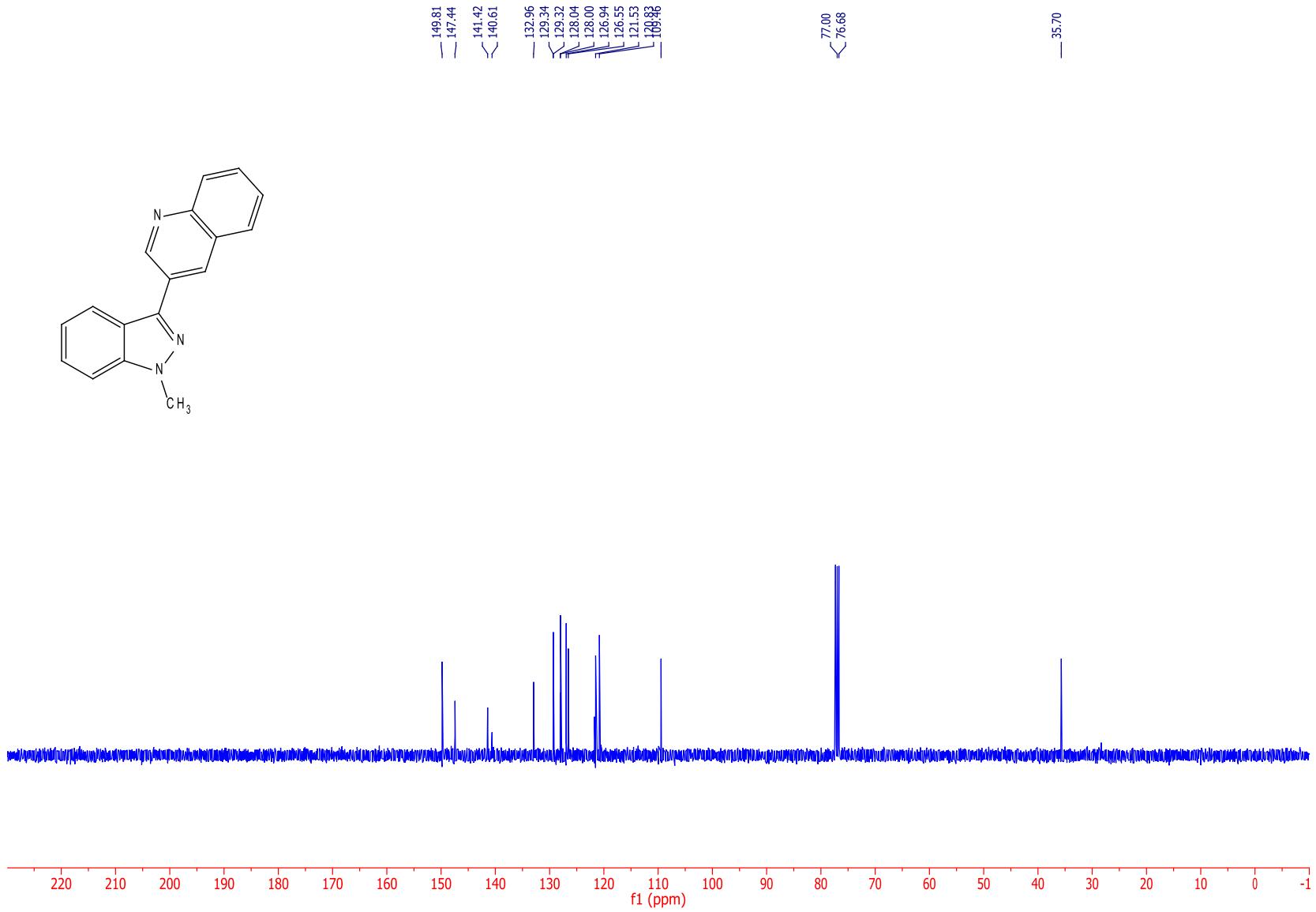
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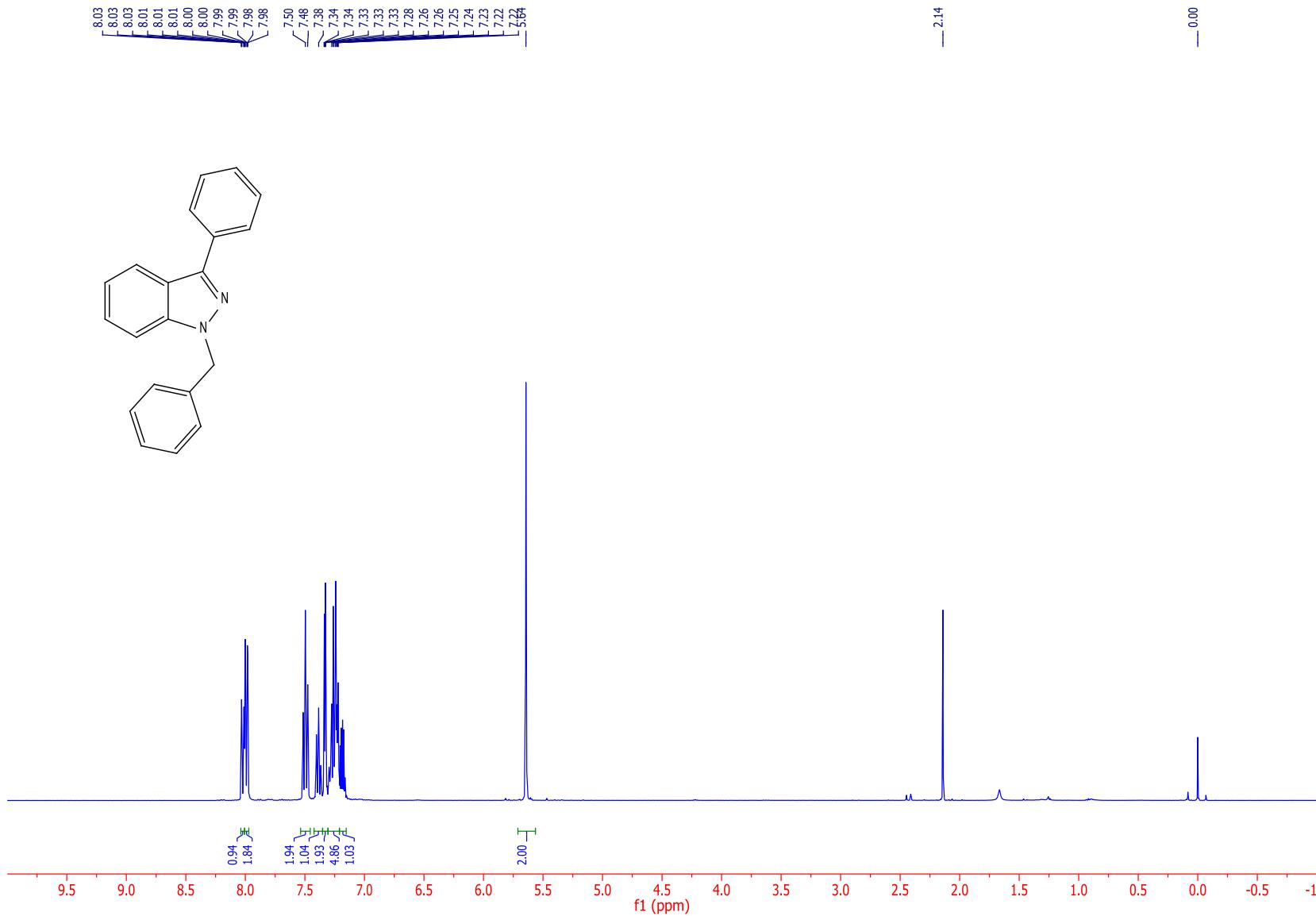
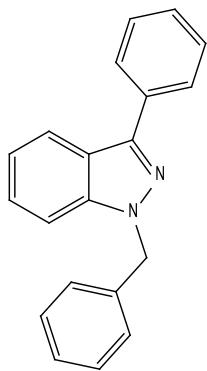


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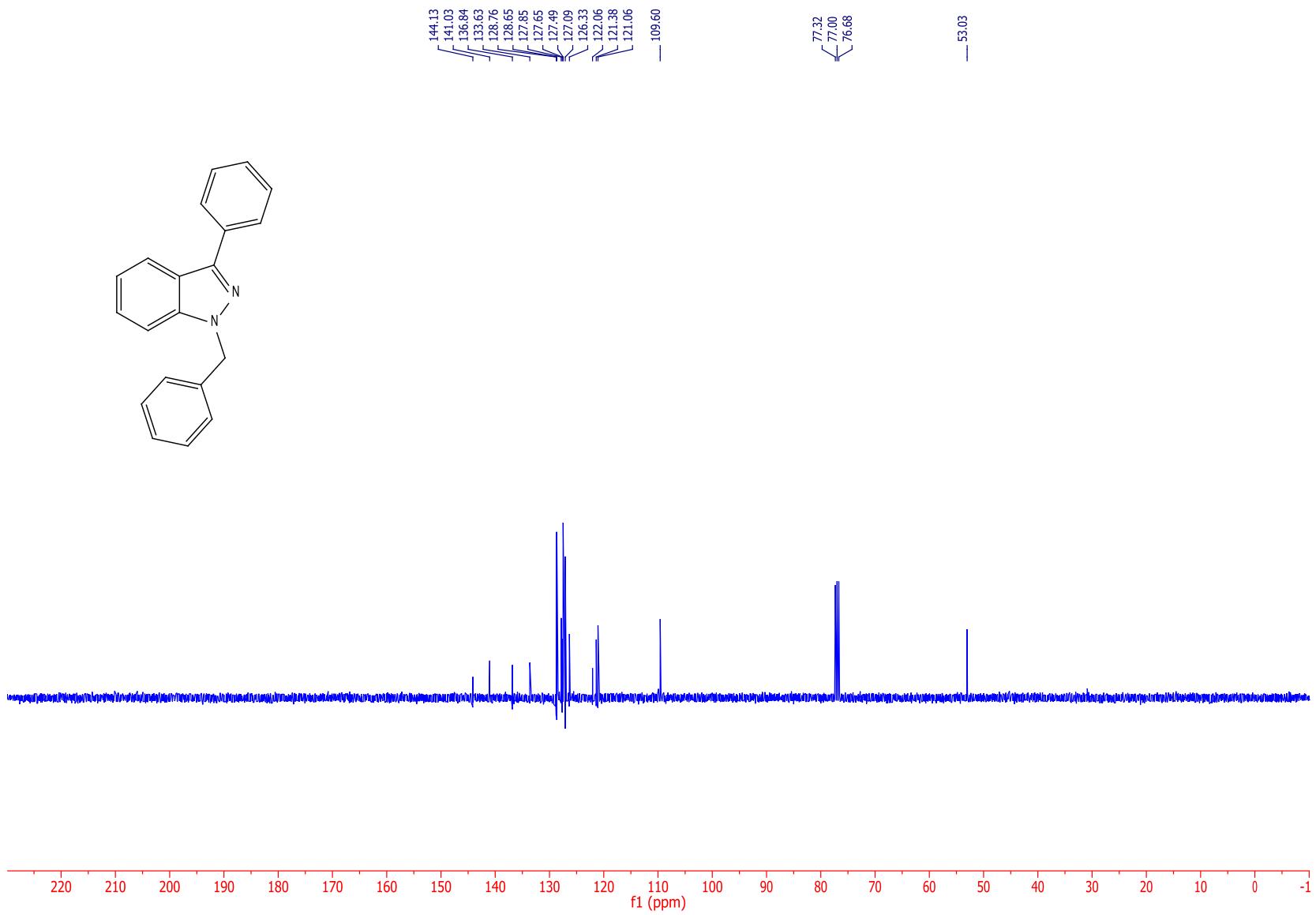


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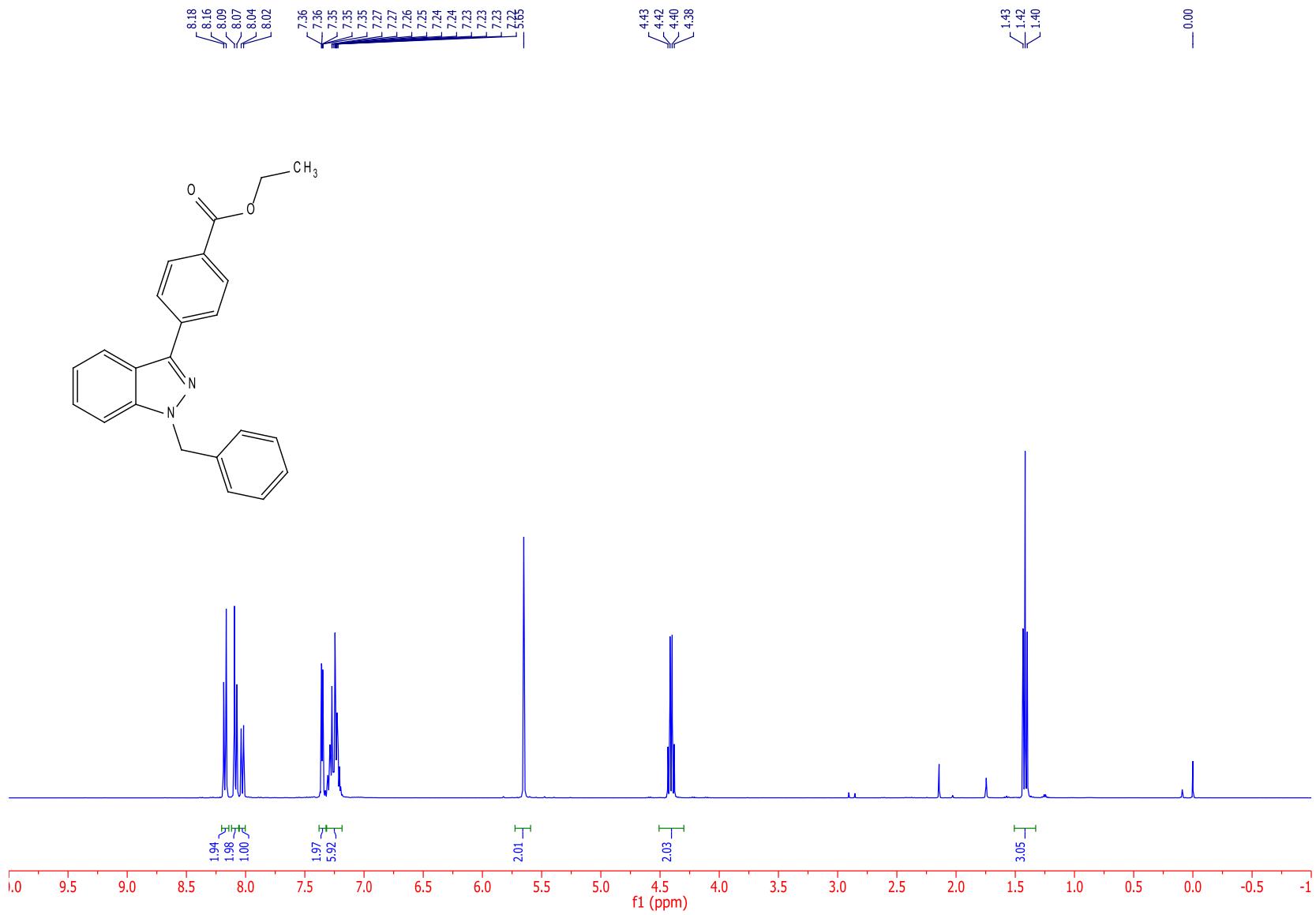




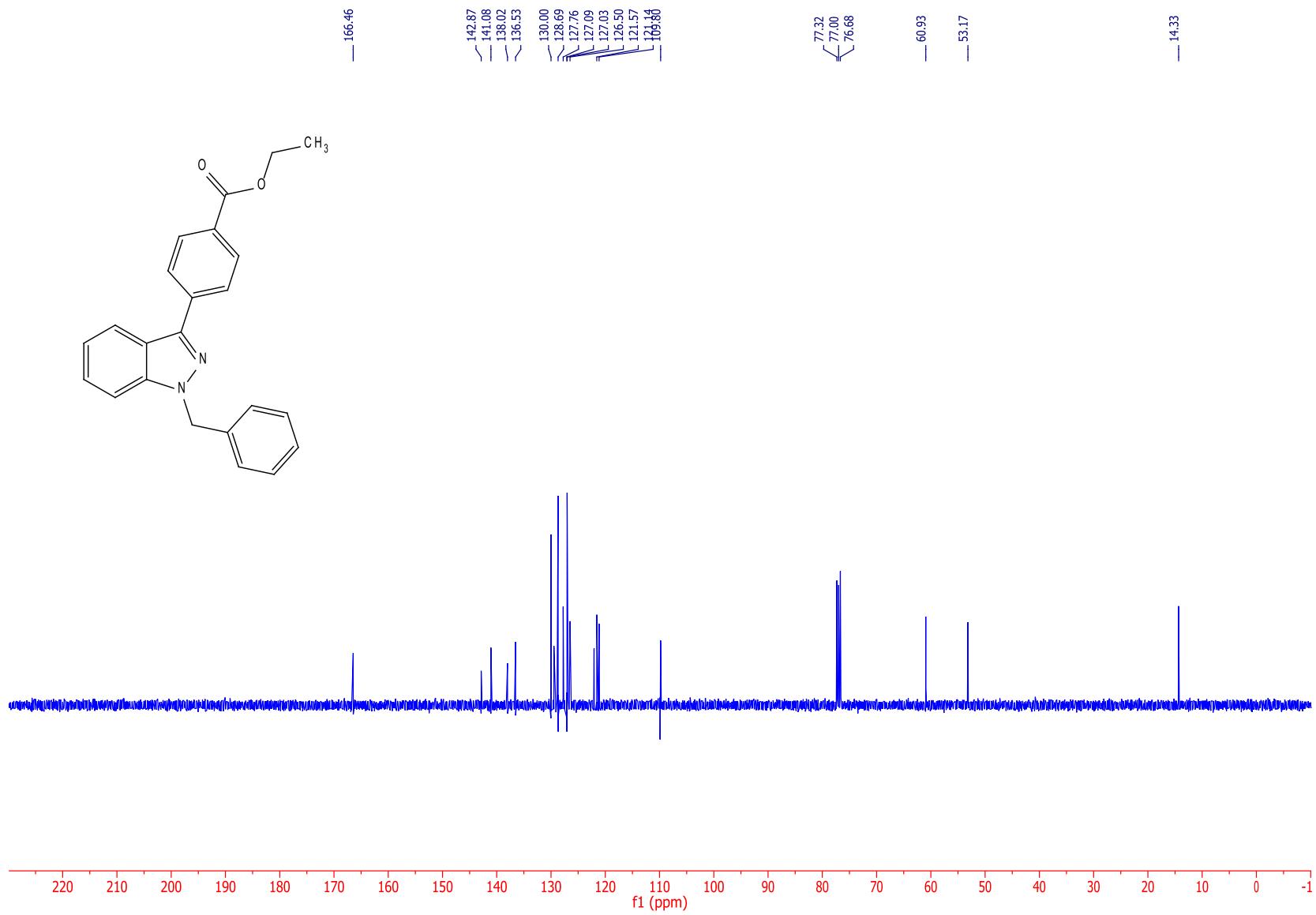
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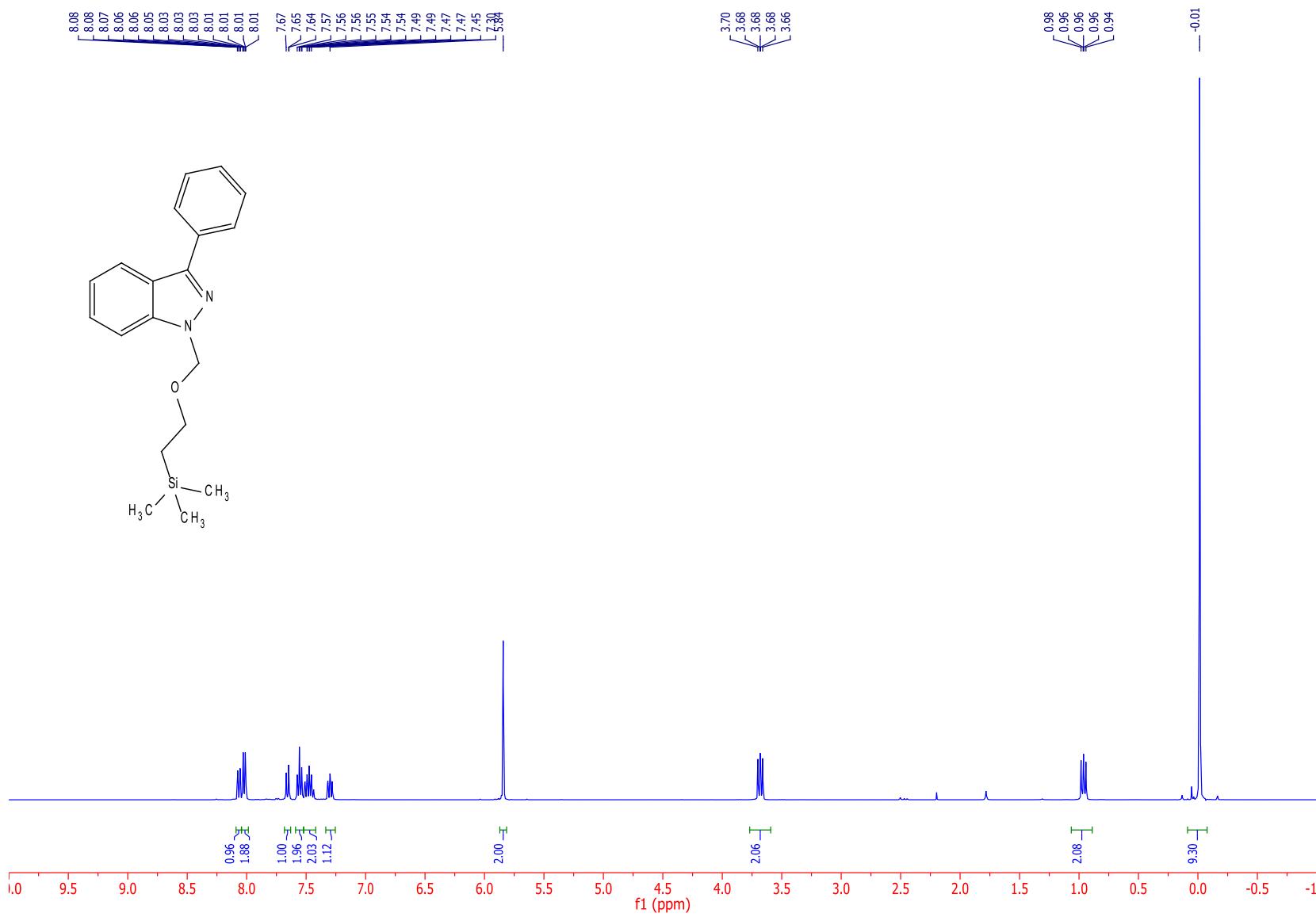


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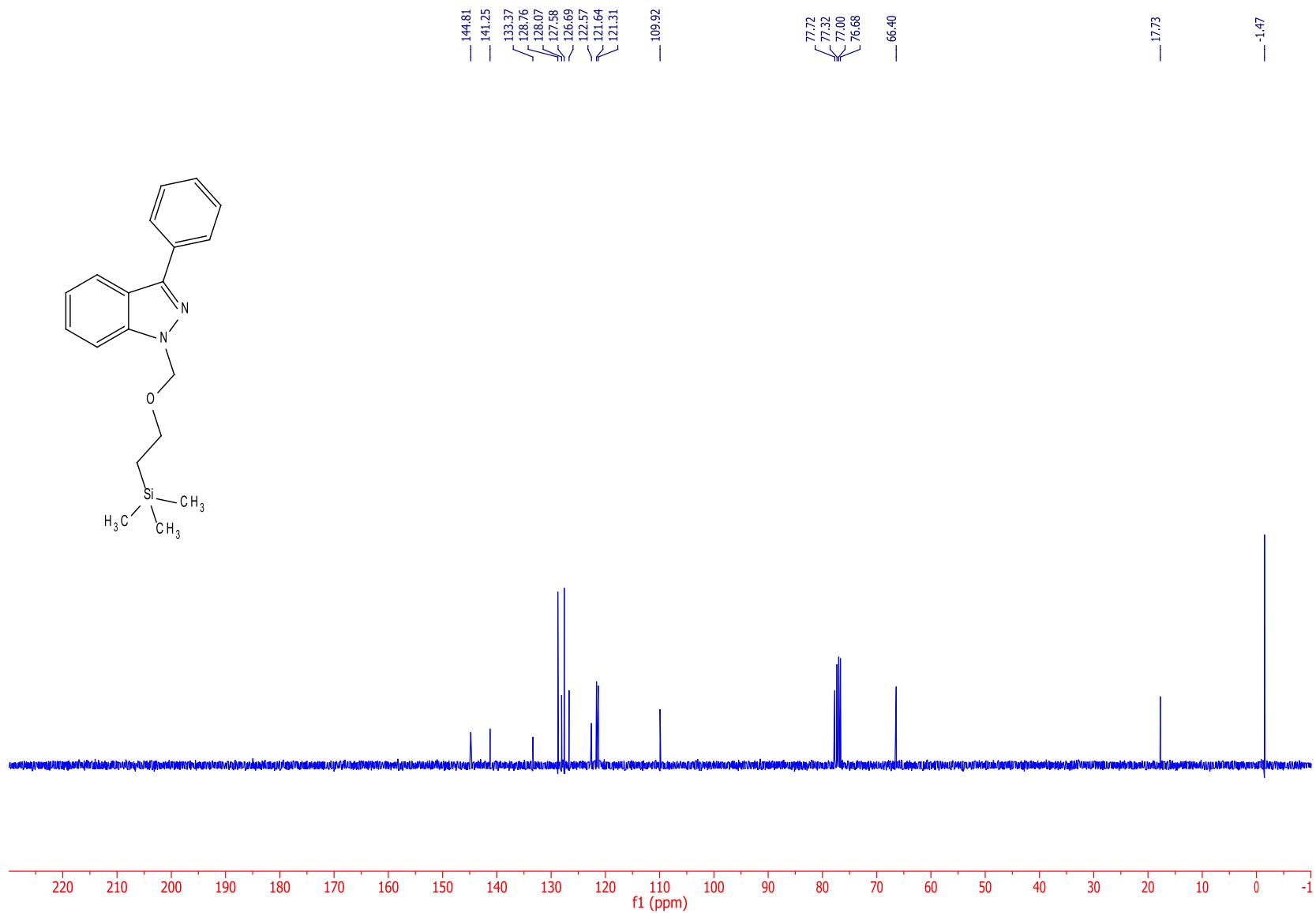


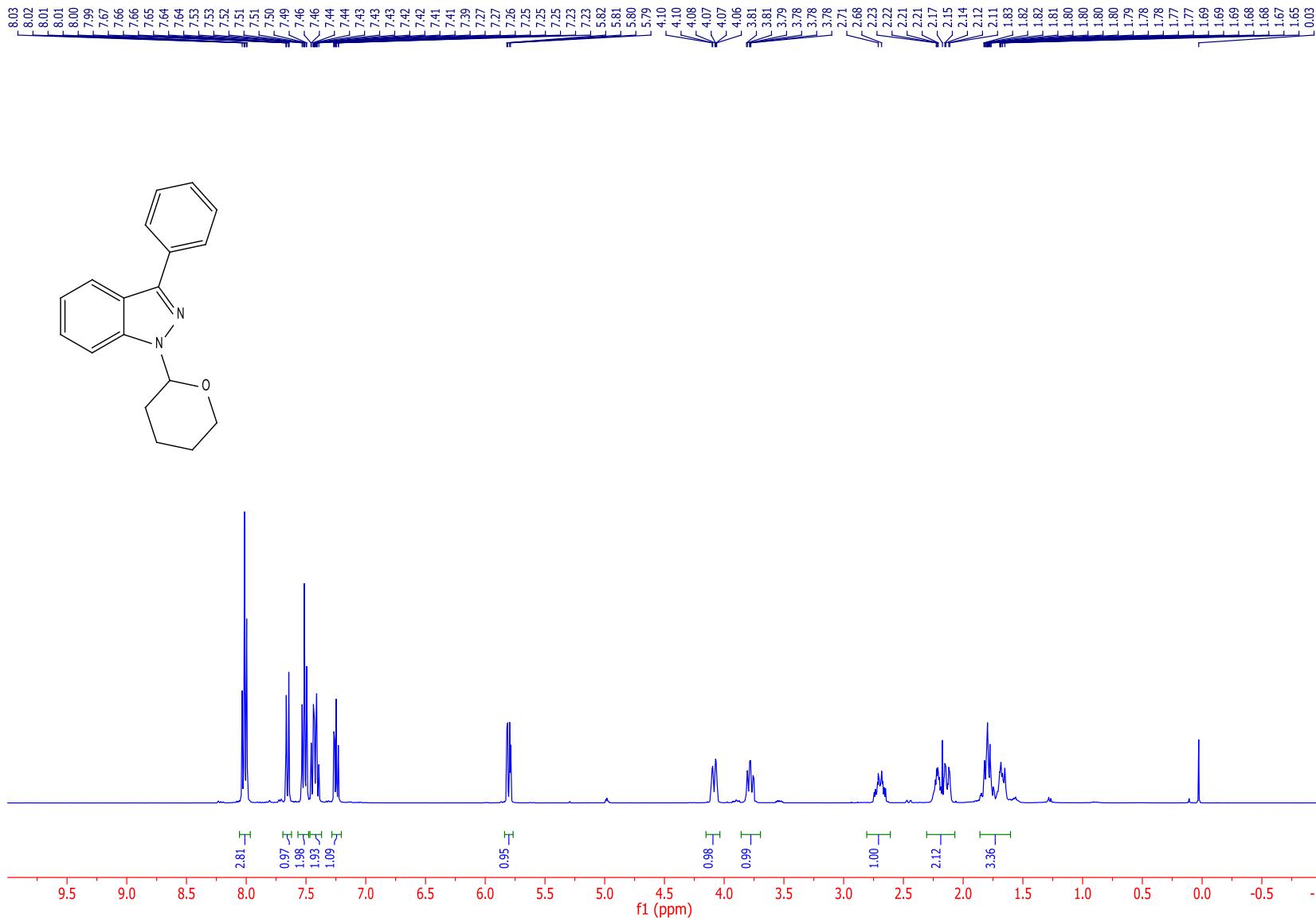
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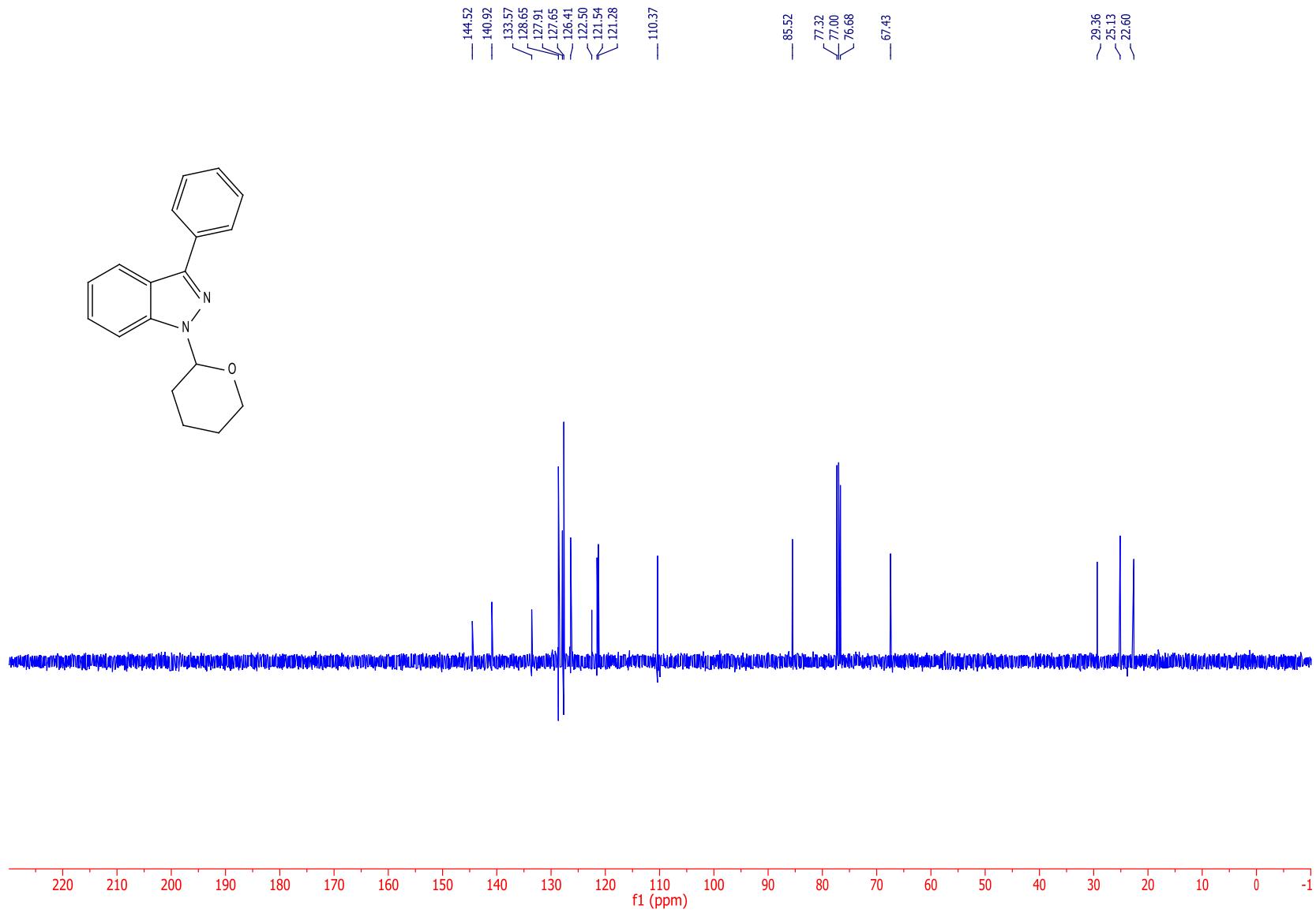


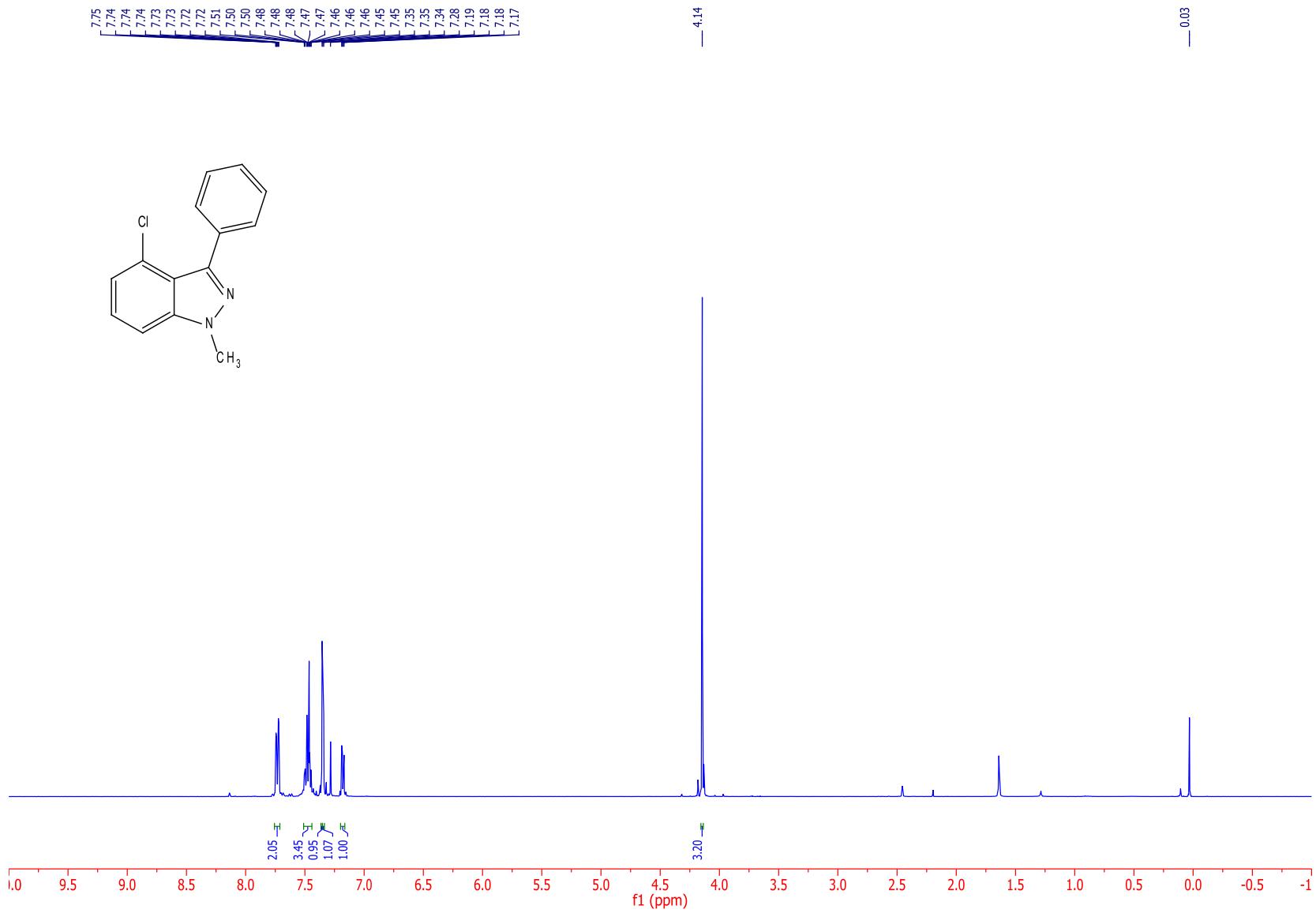


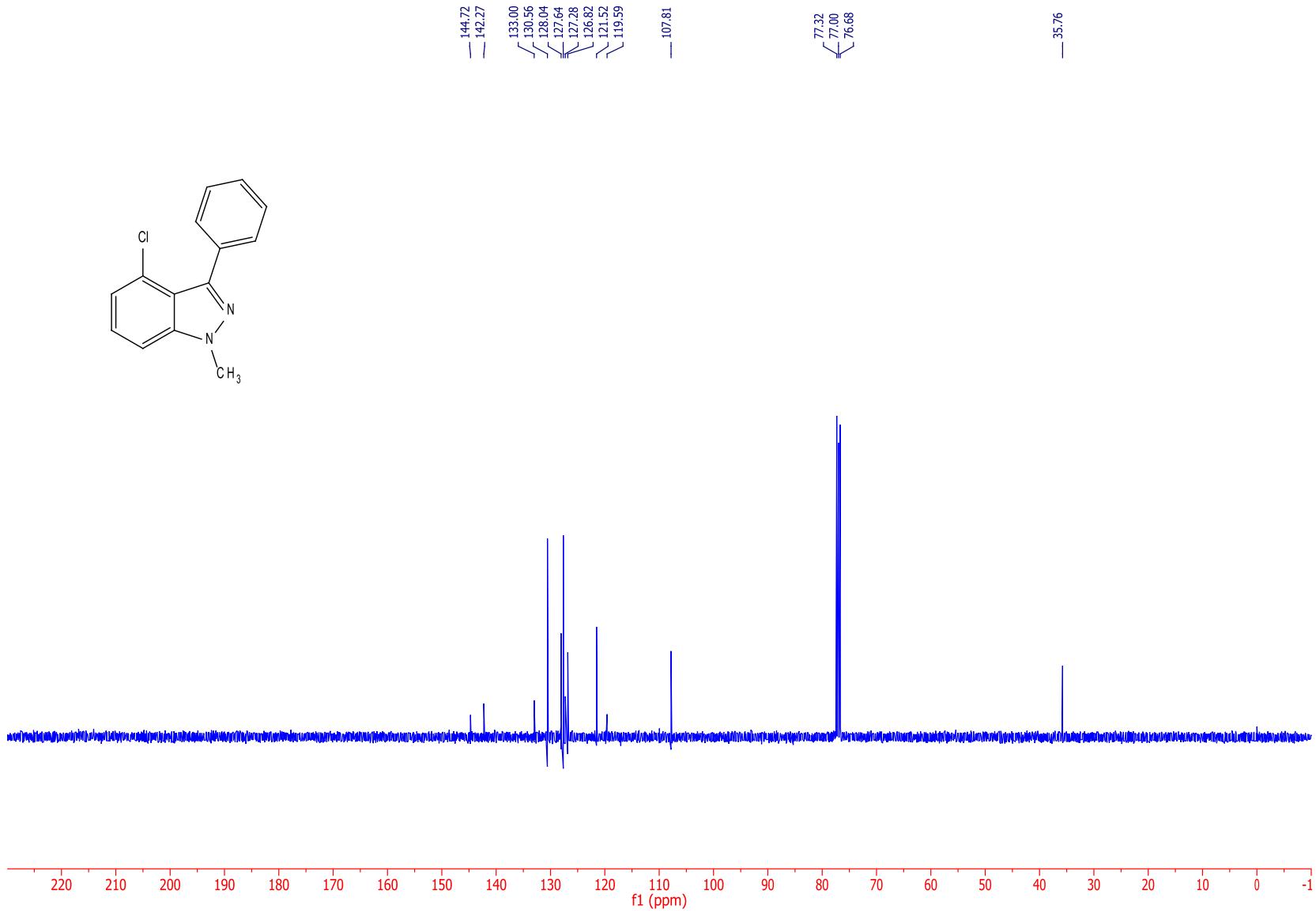
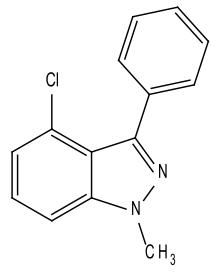
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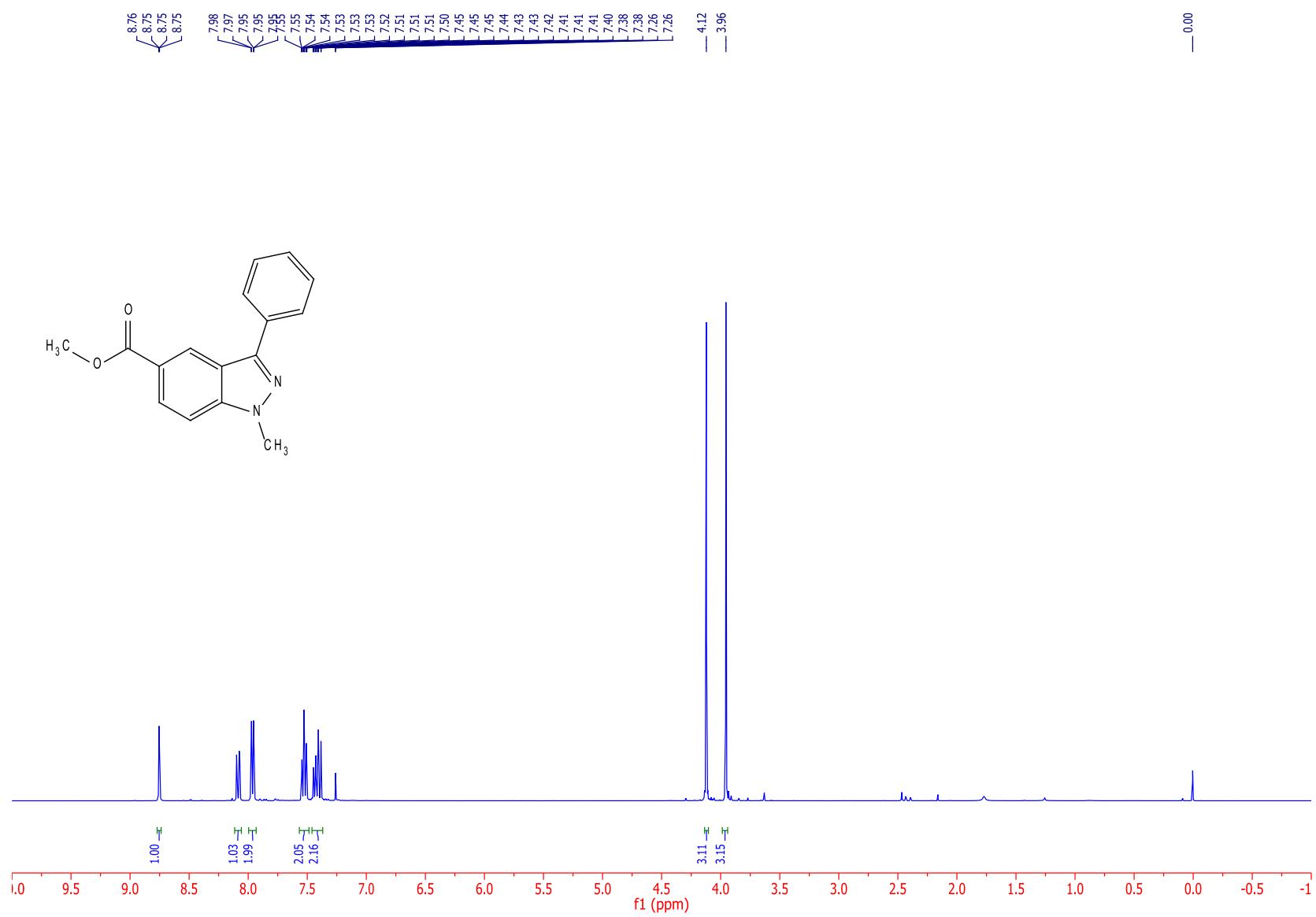




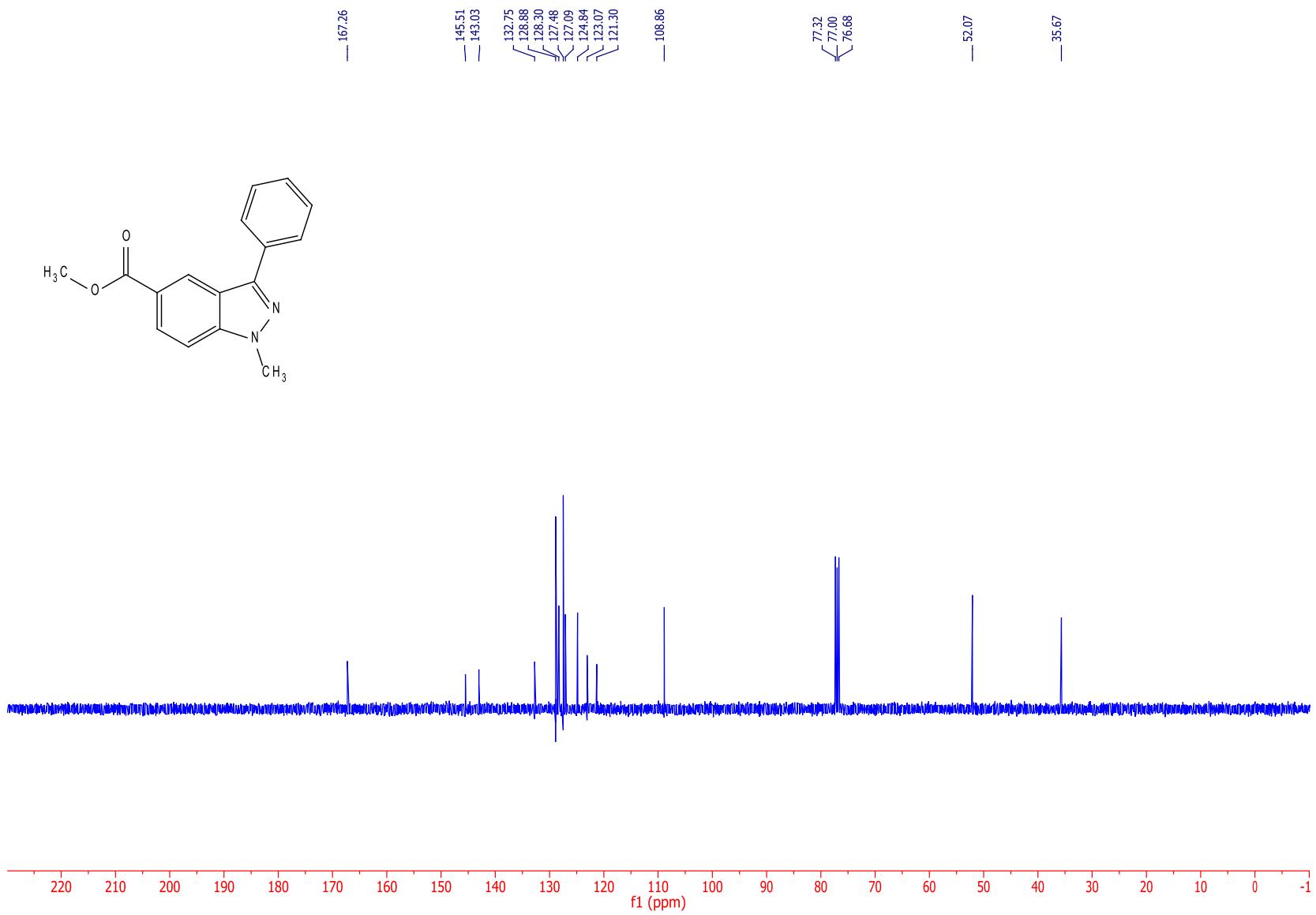


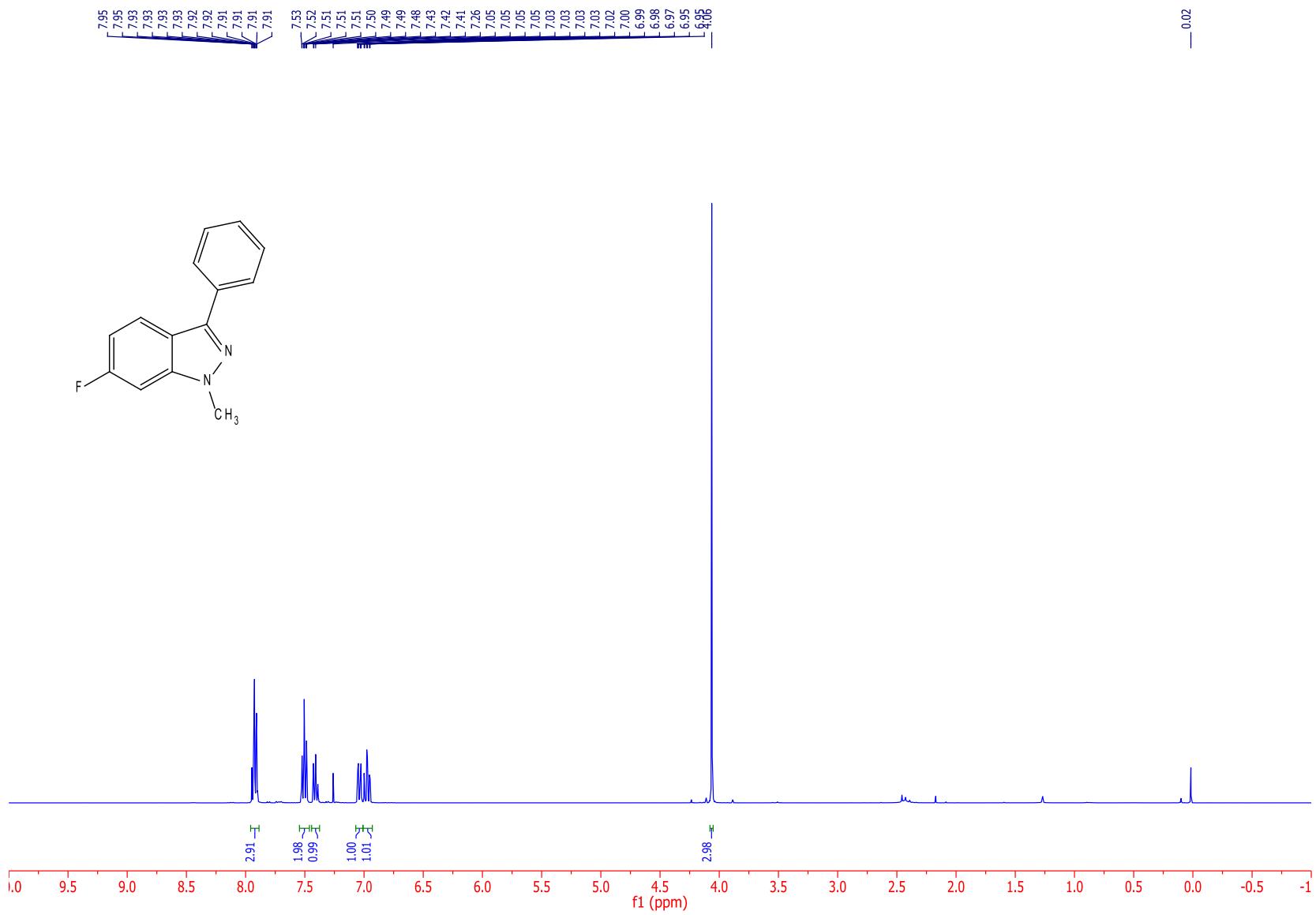




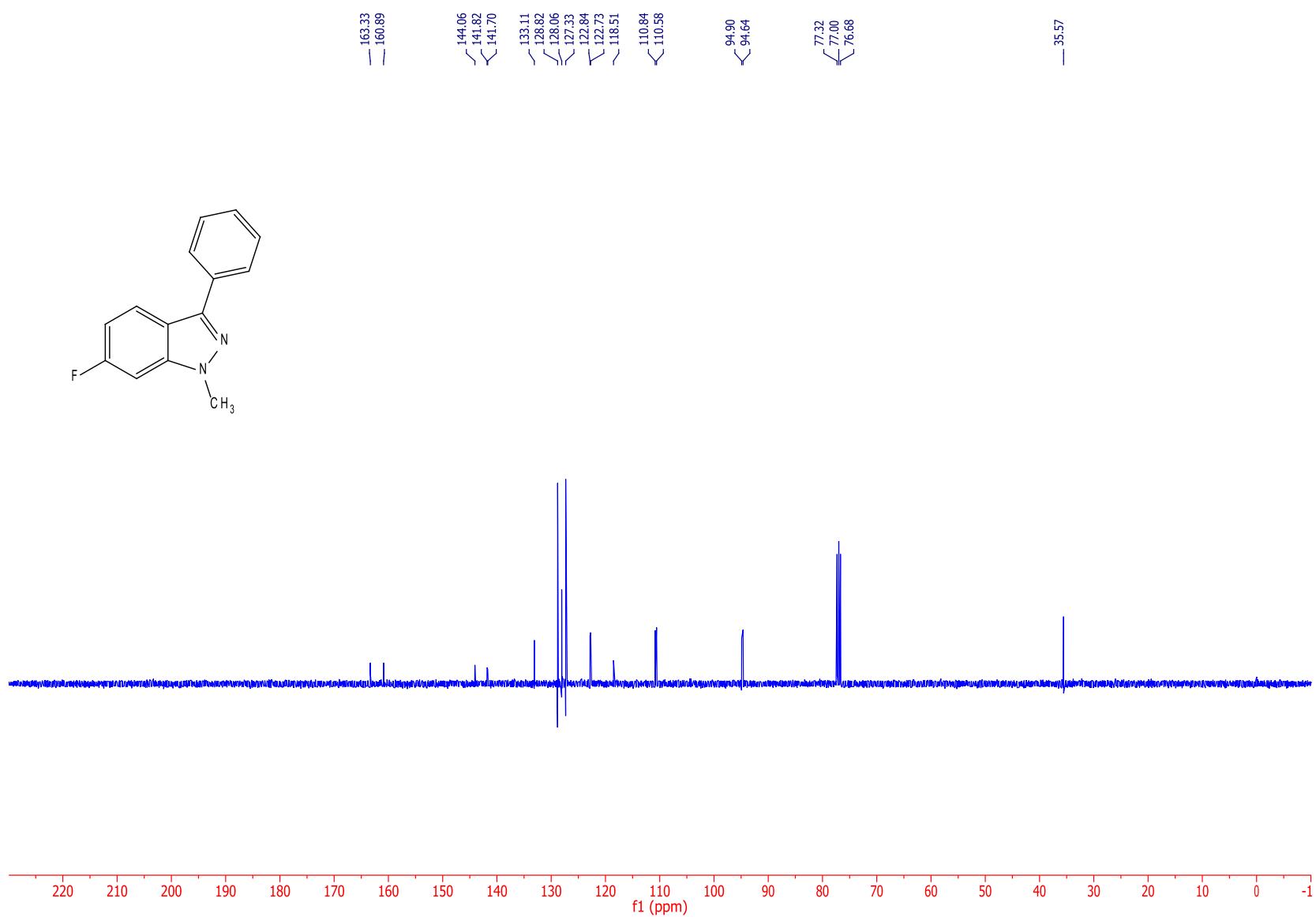


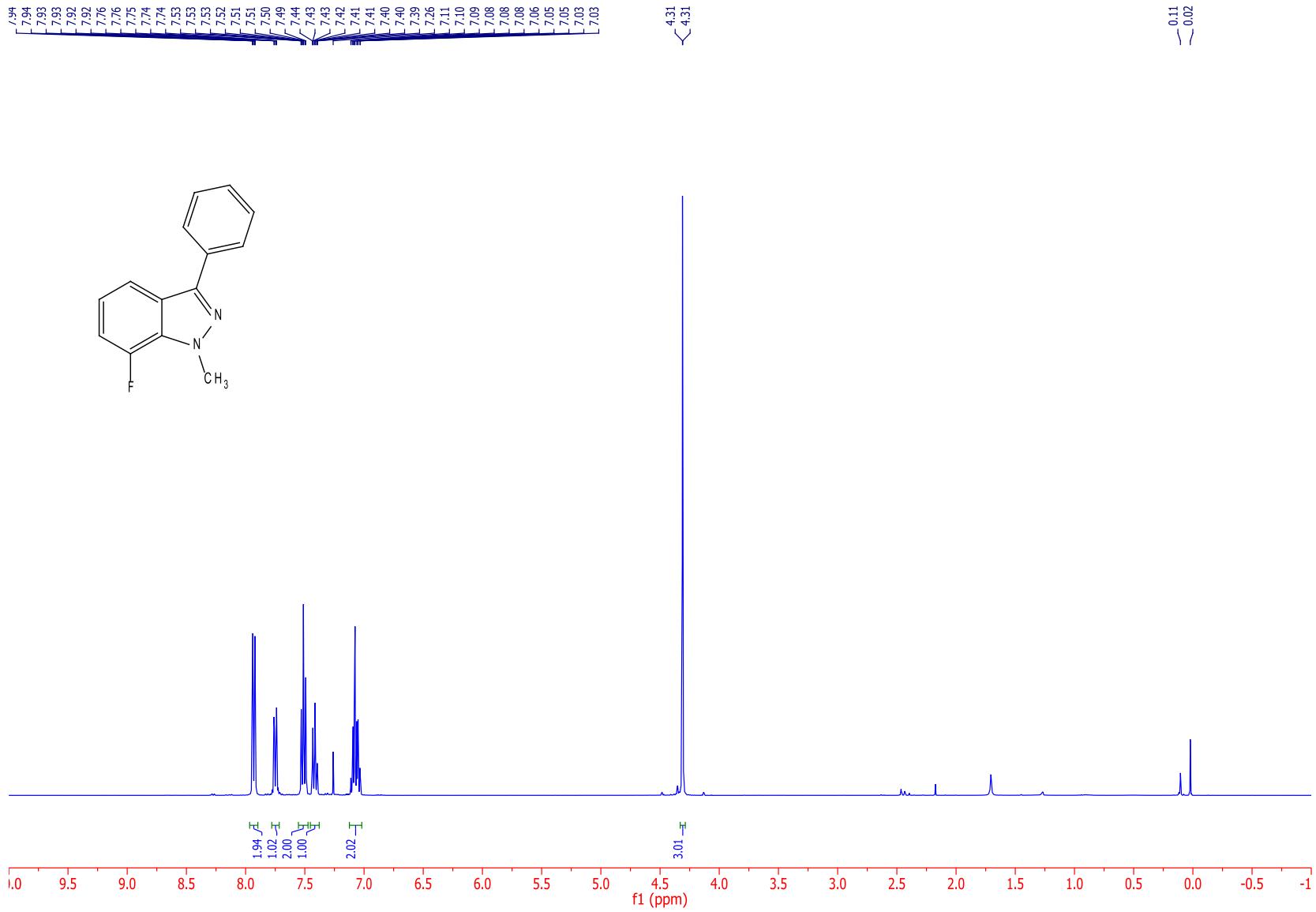
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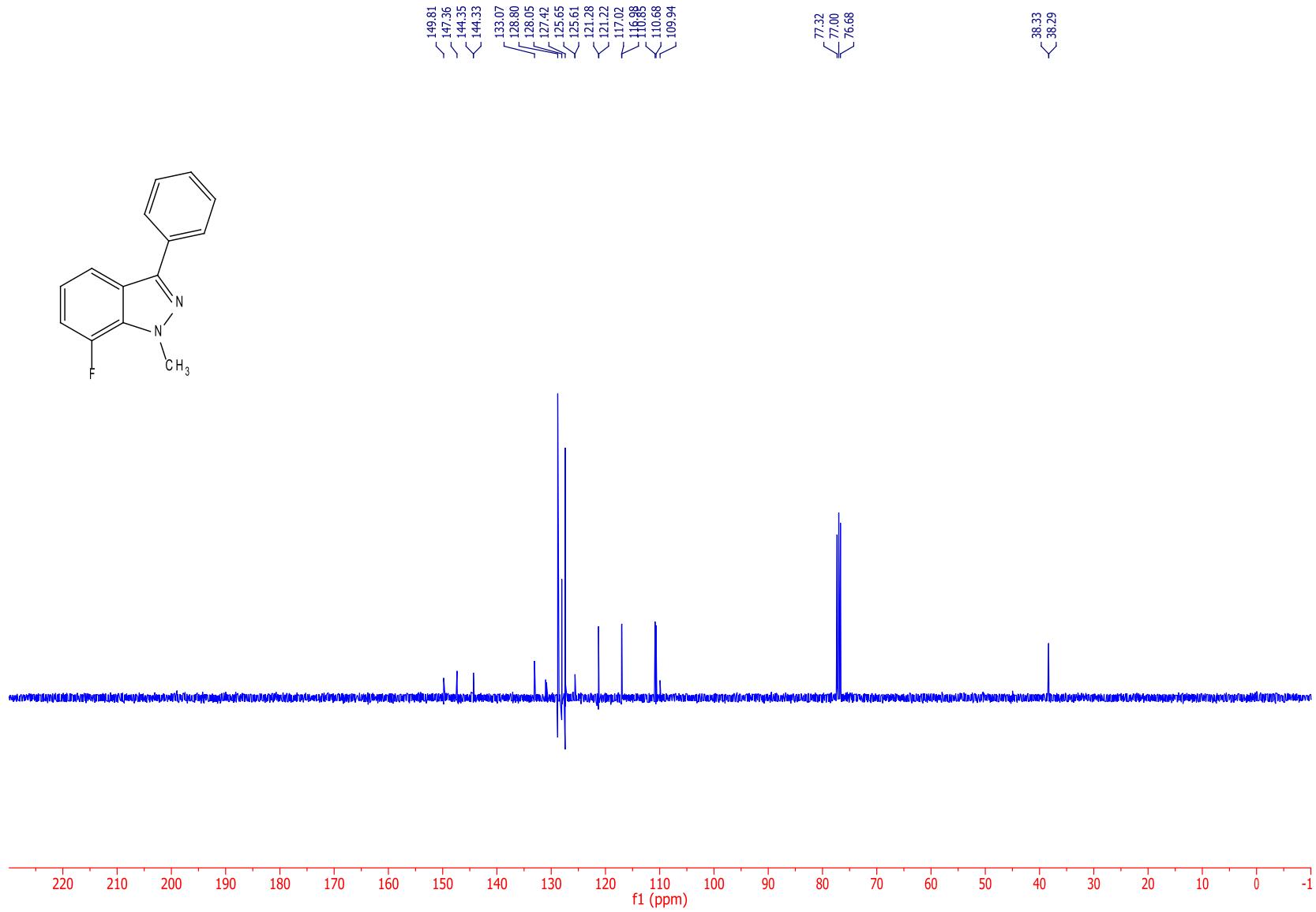


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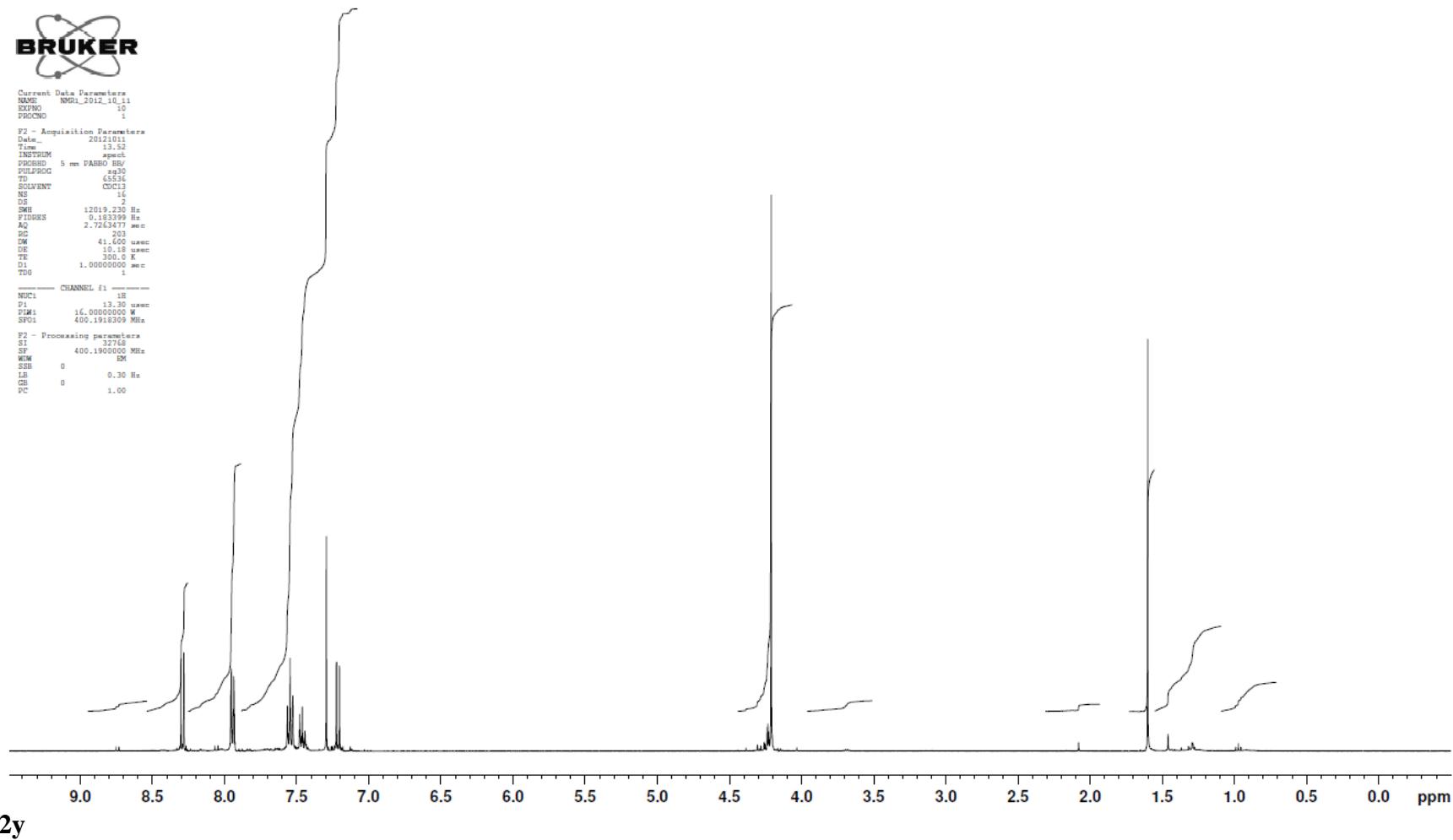


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PROCNO: 1

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PULPROG: zg30  
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NS: 16  
DS: 2  
SWH: 12019.239 Hz  
ETDERS: 0.18339 Hz  
AQ: 2.7263477 sec  
RG: 200  
DW: 41.6000 usec  
DE: 10.100 usec  
TE: 390.00 sec  
D1: 1.0000000 sec  
TQ0: 1

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PDM1: 16.00000000 MHz  
SP1: 400.1918309 MHz

F2 - Processing parameters  
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SP: 400.19000000 MHz  
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PC: 1.00



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Current Data Parameters

NAME : NMRI\_2012\_10\_22

NDIM : 12

PROCNO : 1

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Time : 10:09:09

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PROBPCG : 5 mm

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SW0 : 32467.533 Hz

FOIDRES : 0.495415 Hz

AQ : 1.000004 sec

RG : 128

DW : 15.400 usec

DE : 6.50 usec

T1 : 1500.000 sec

D1 : 2.5000000 sec

DD1 : 0.0300000 sec

TGO : 100.000 sec

==== CHANNEL F1 =====

NUC1 : 13C

P1 : 1.00 usec

PWM1 : 62.0000000 MHz

SPW1 : 100.6253442 MHz

==== CHANNEL F2 =====

CH2F2 : waltz64

NUC2 : 1H

PCP2 : 90.00 usec

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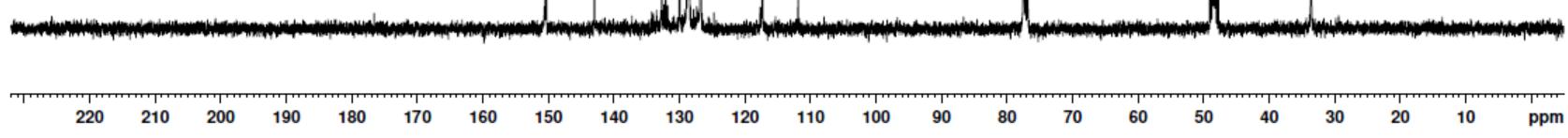
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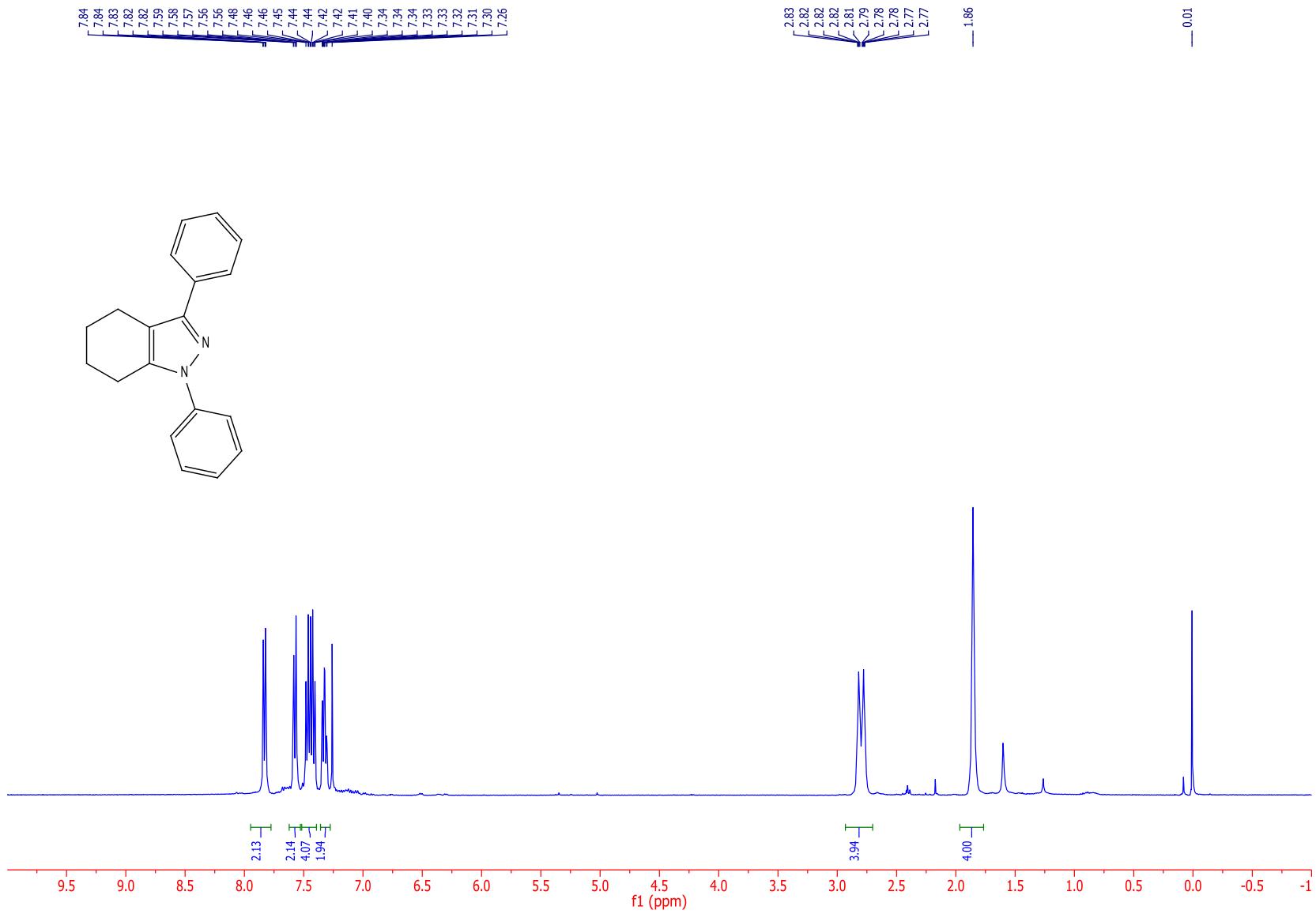
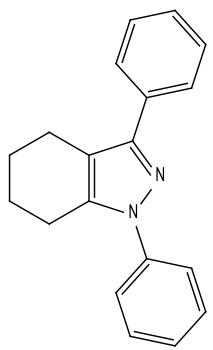
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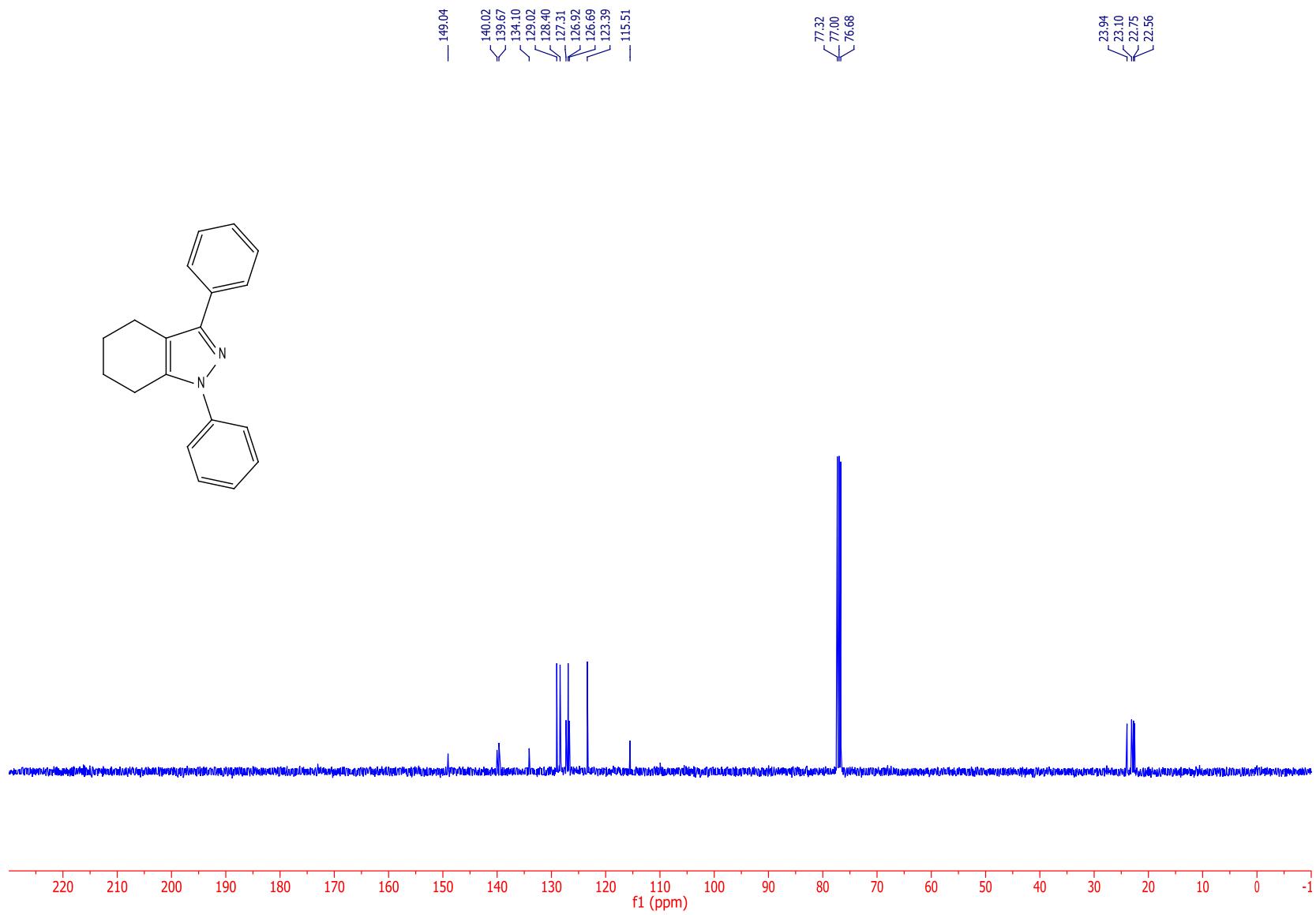
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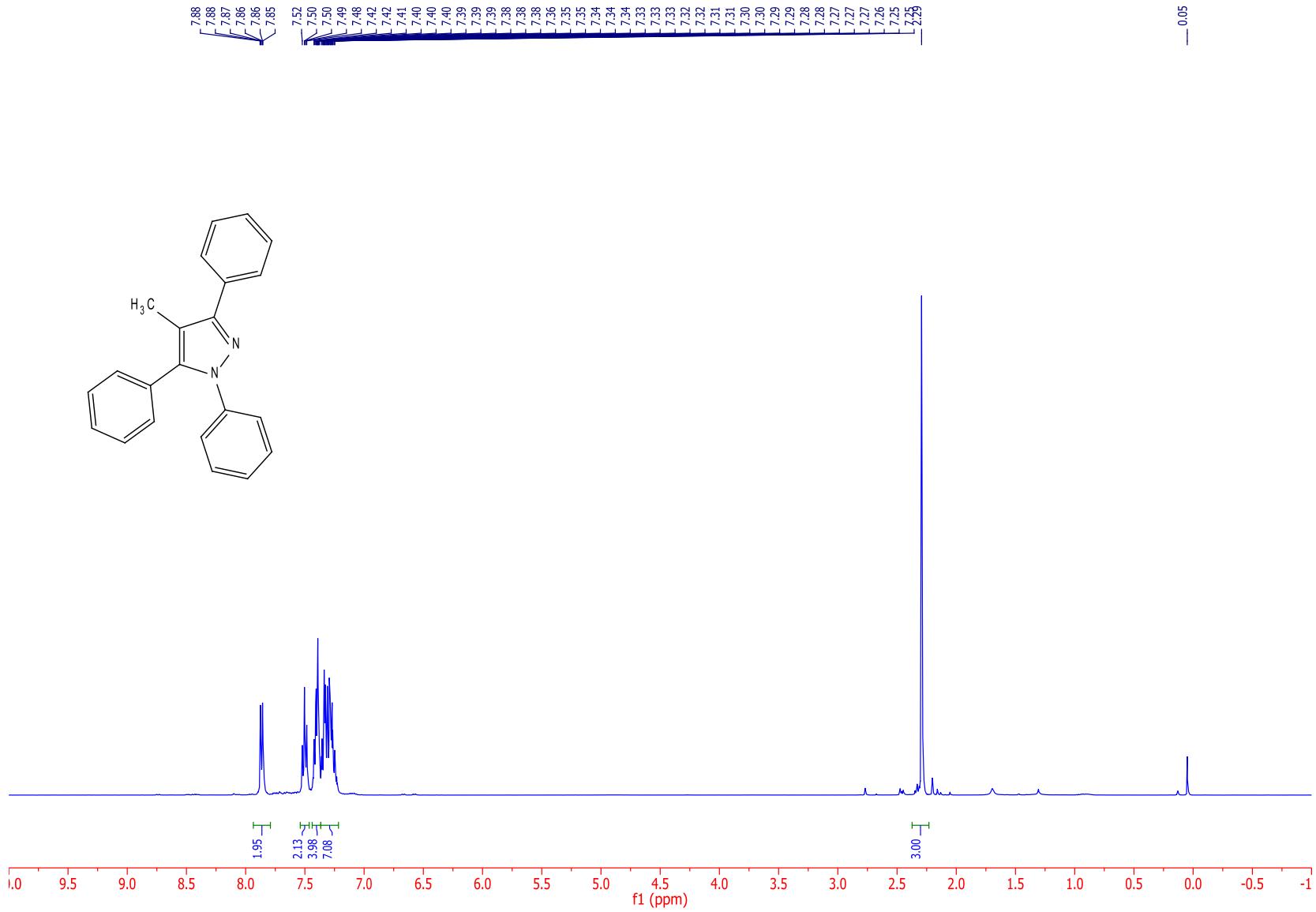
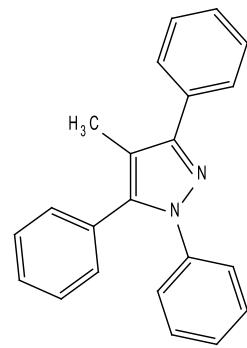
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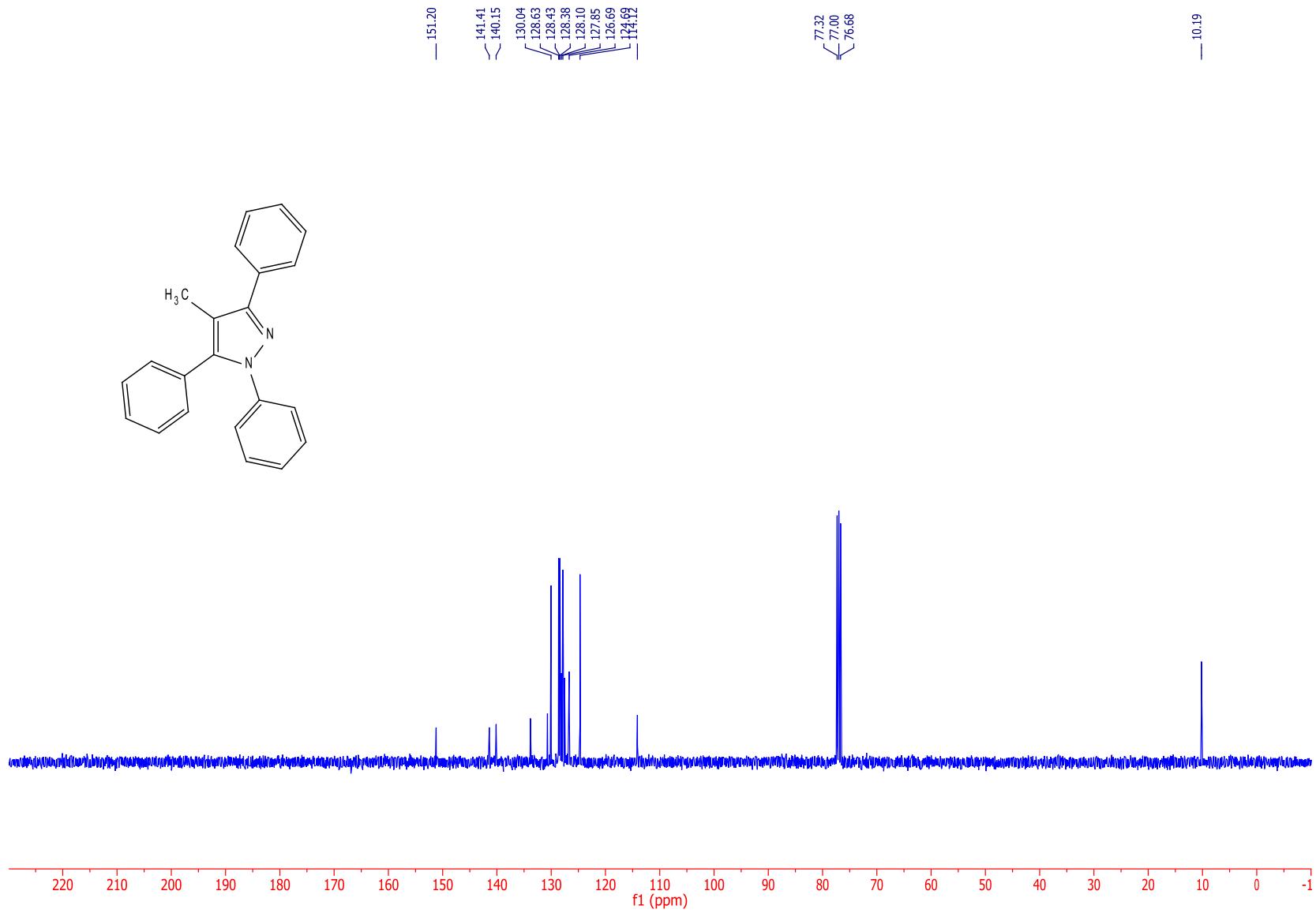
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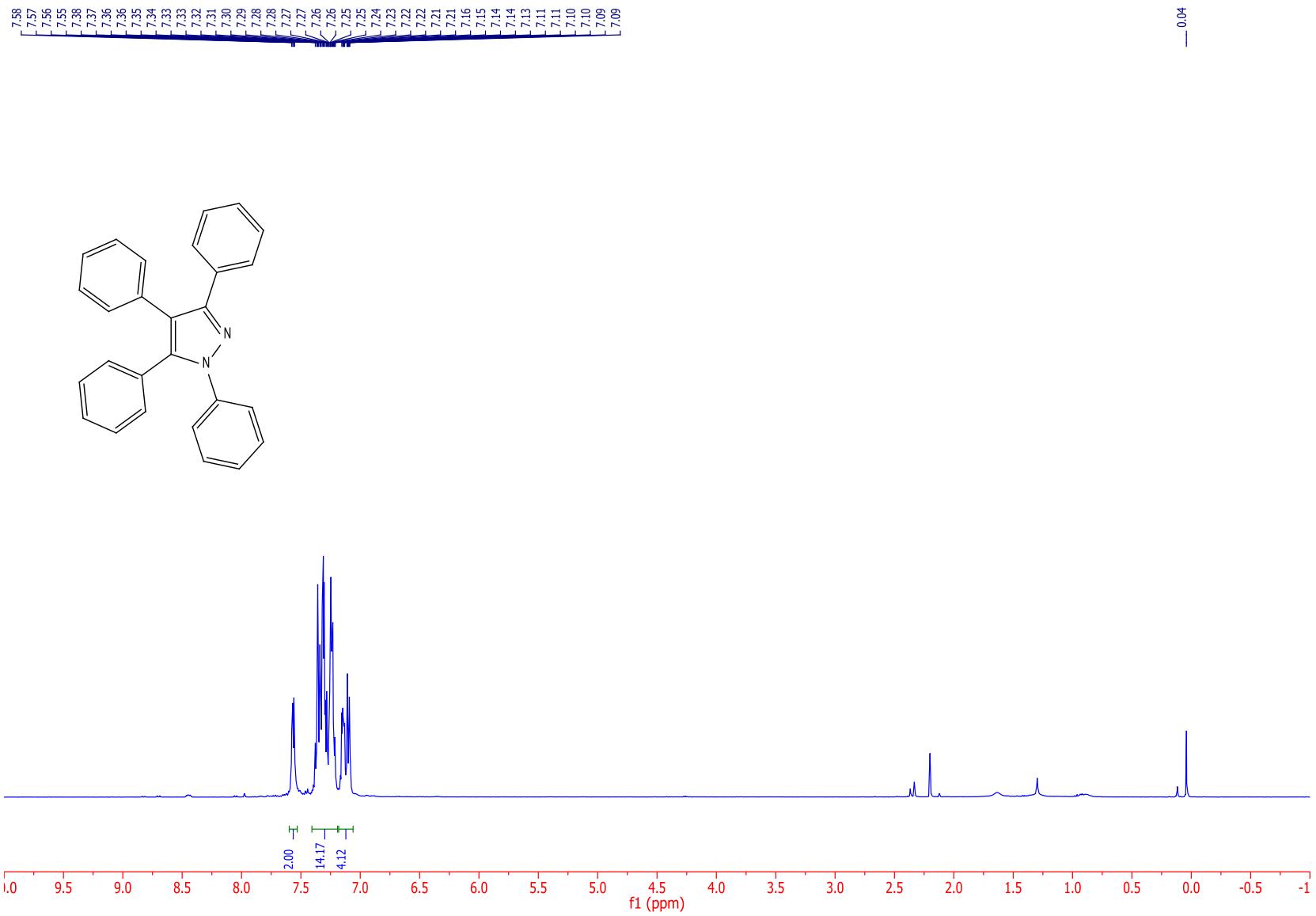
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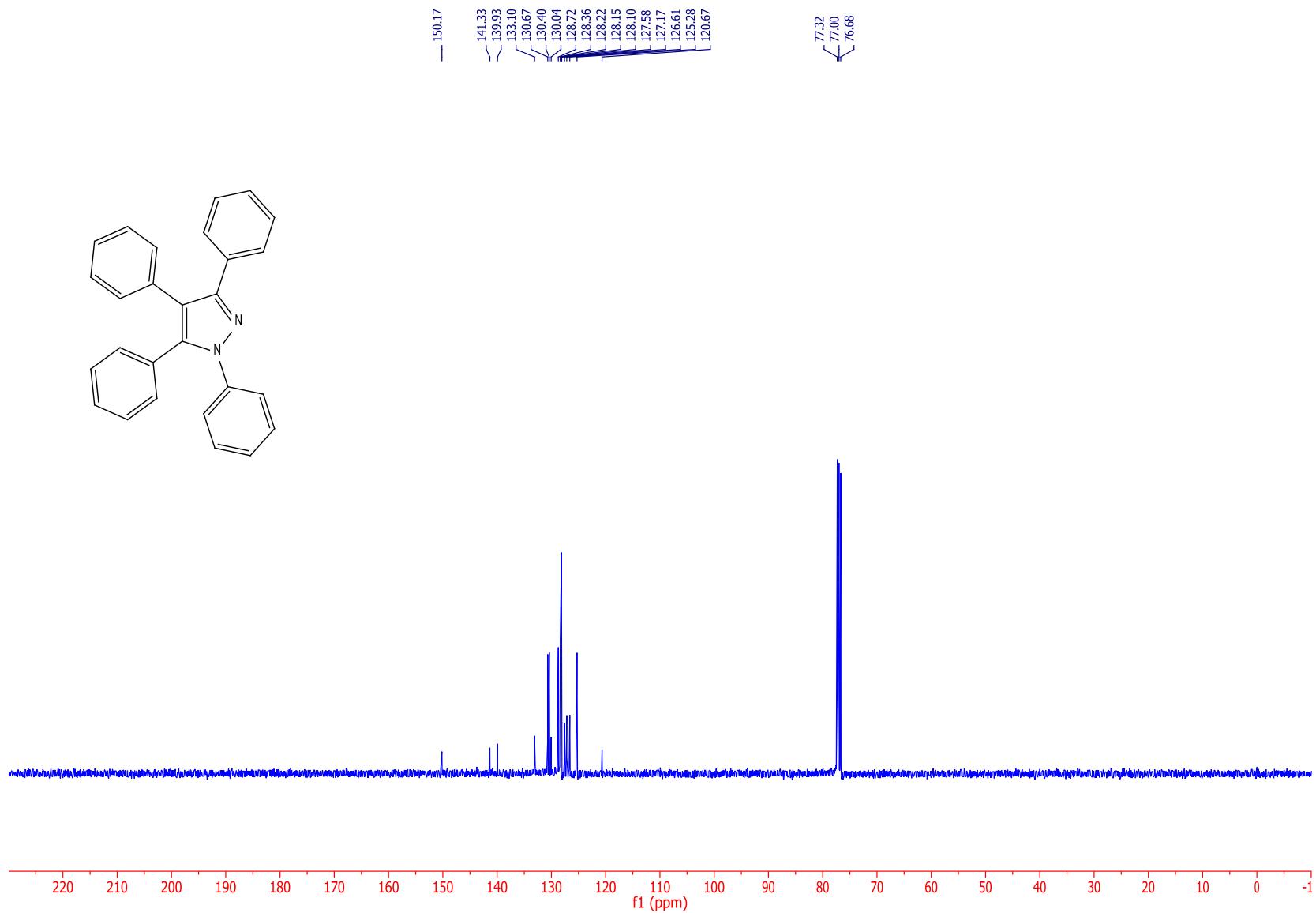
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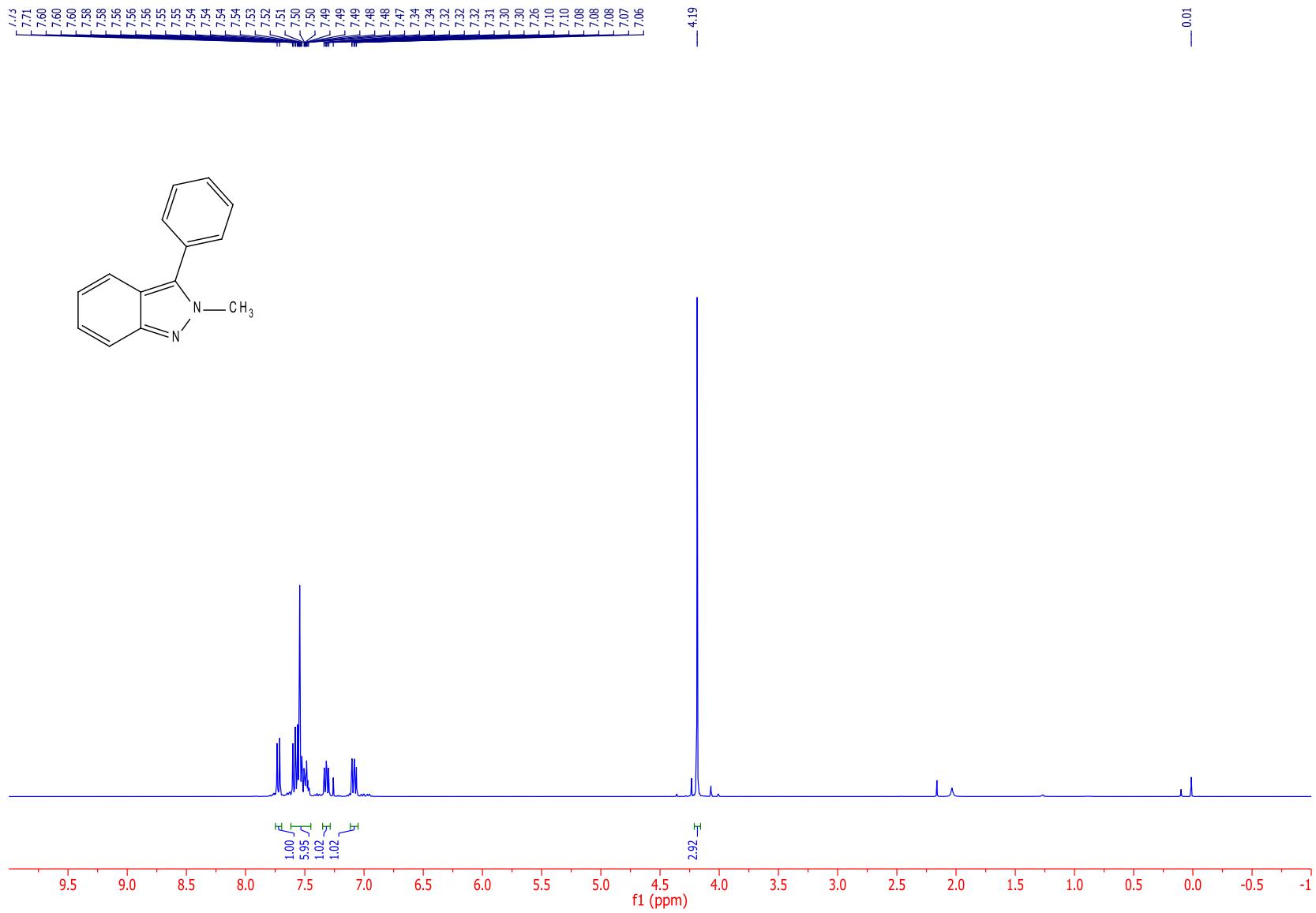
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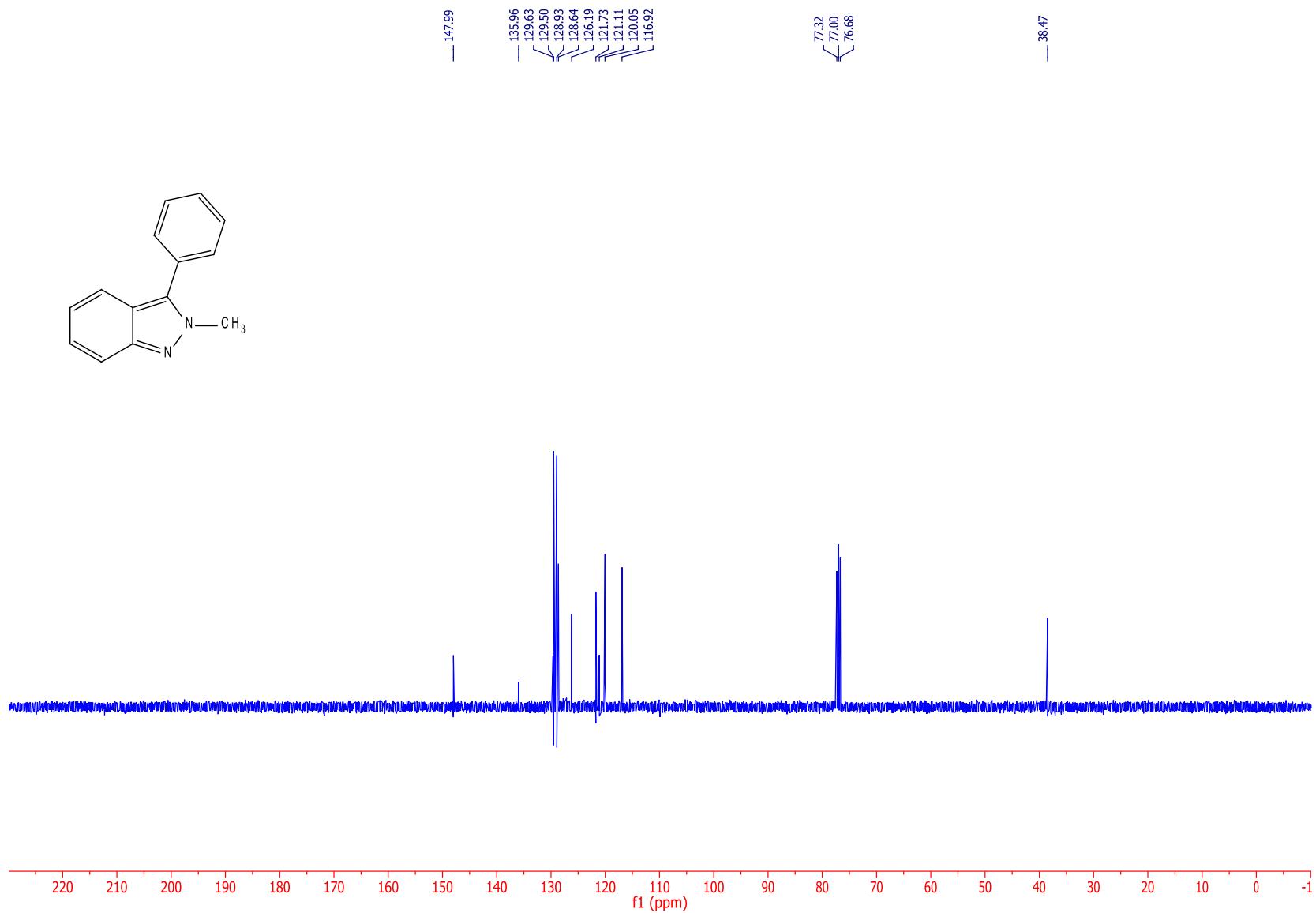
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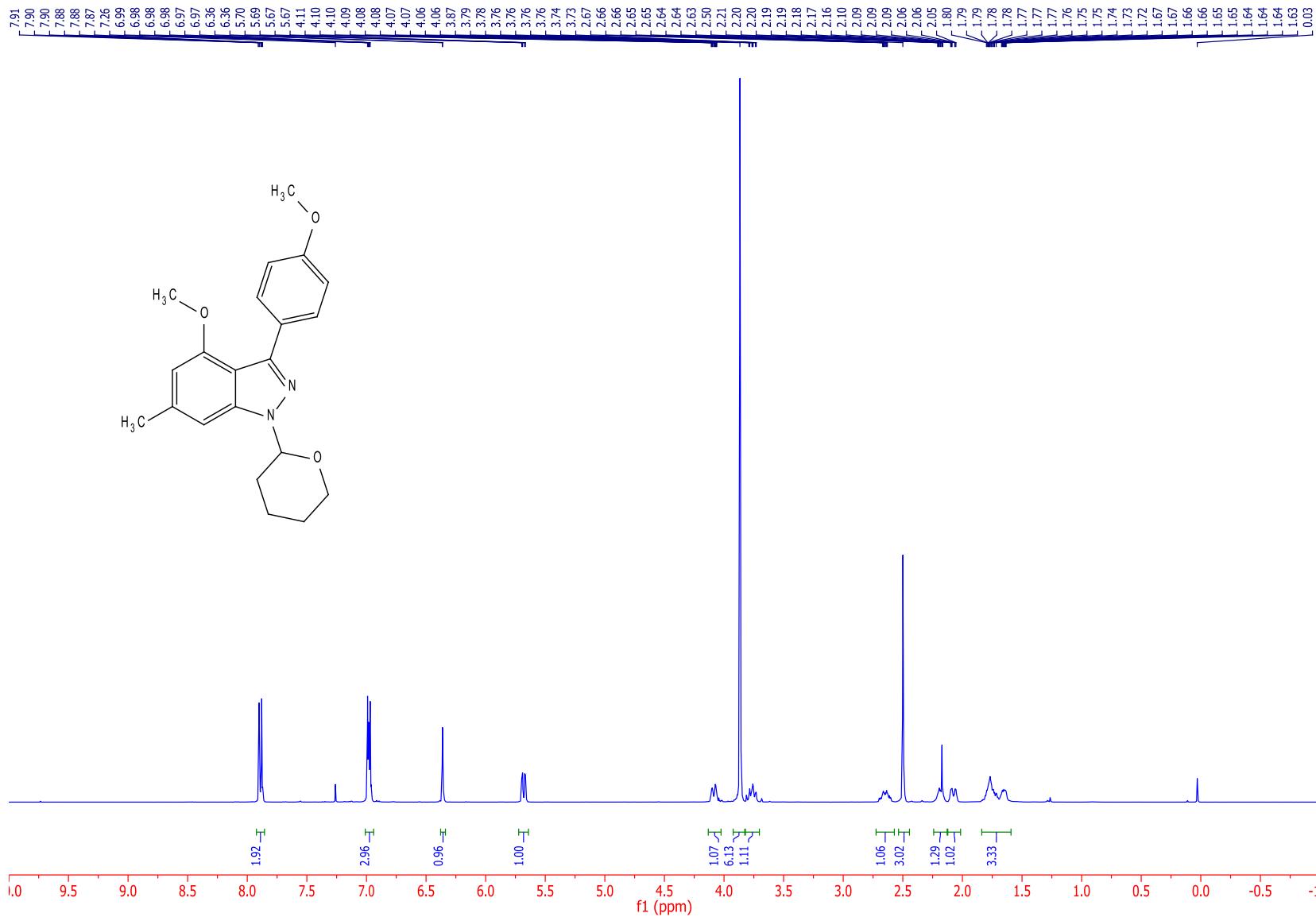
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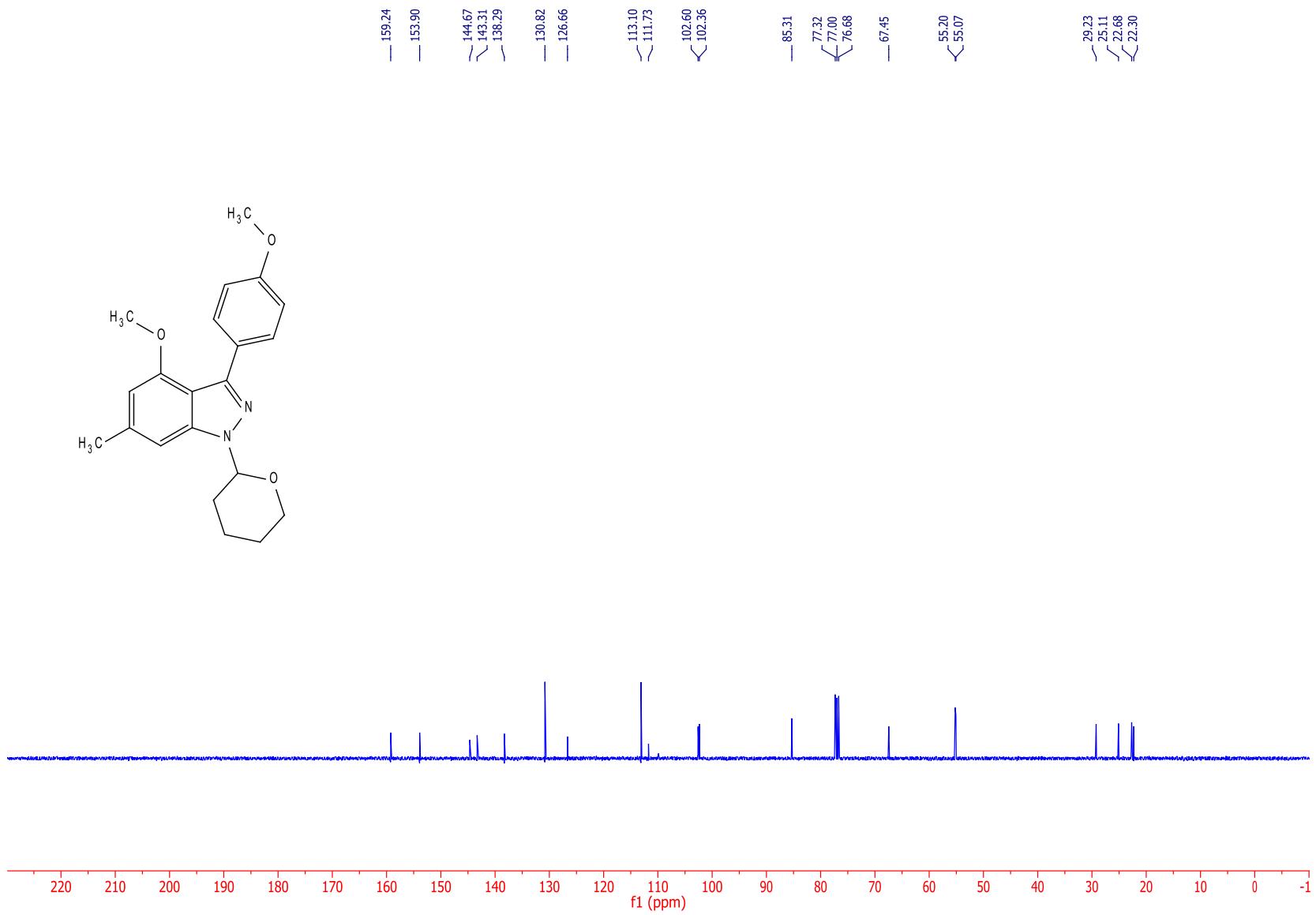
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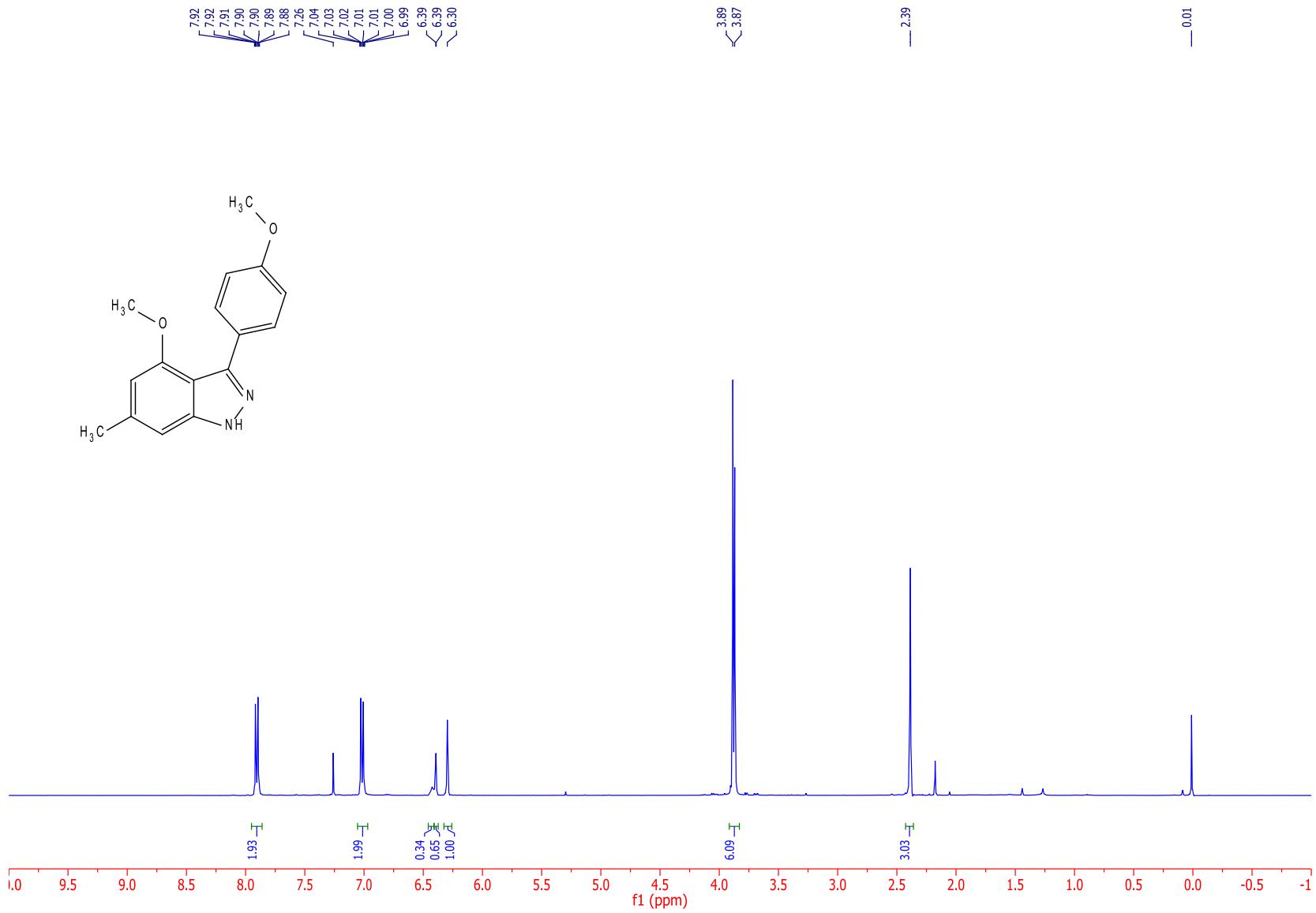


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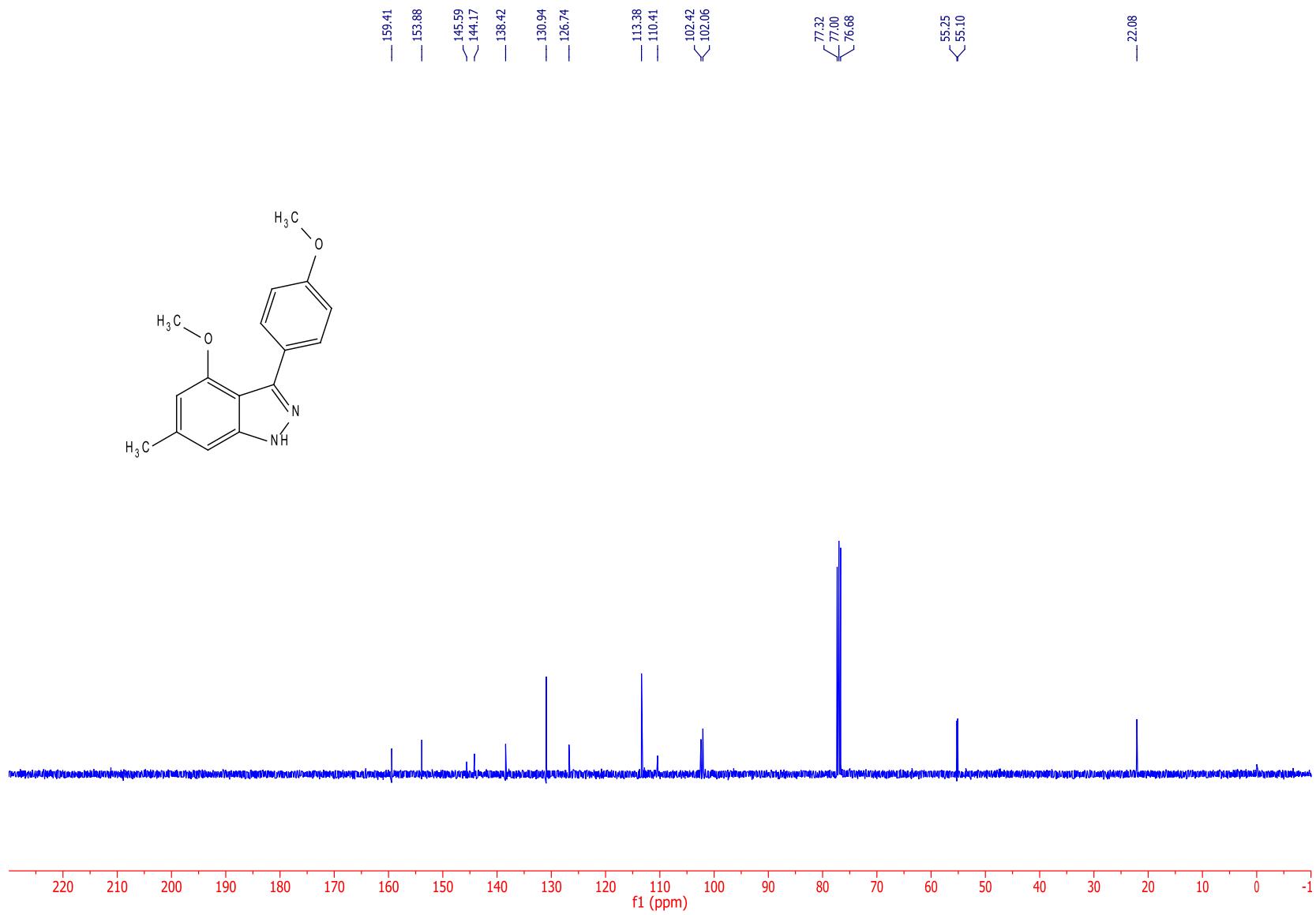


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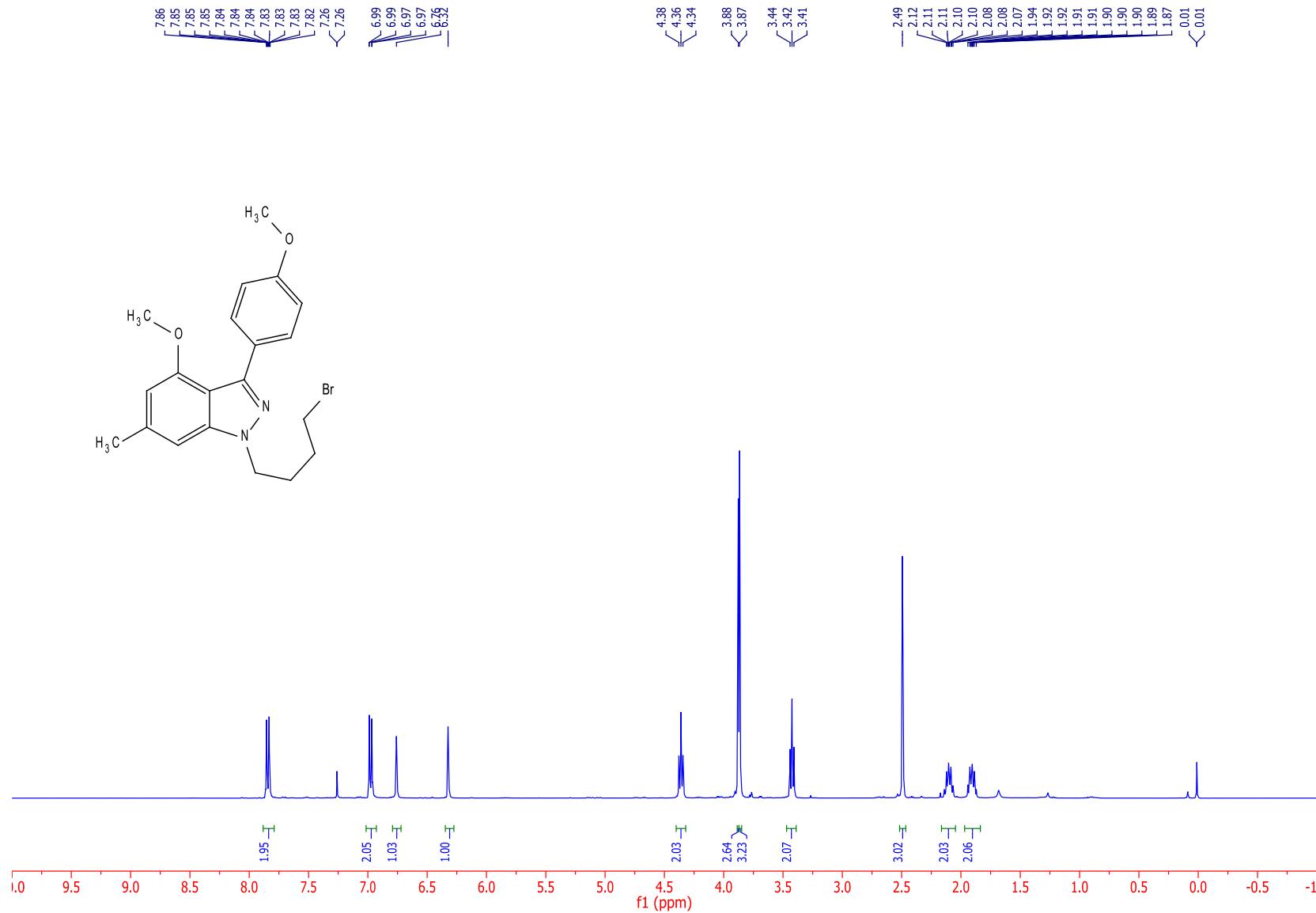
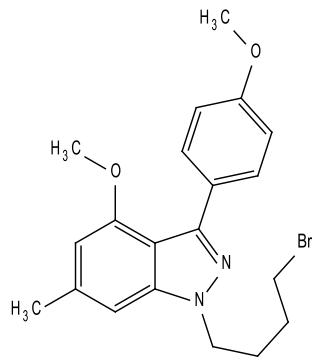




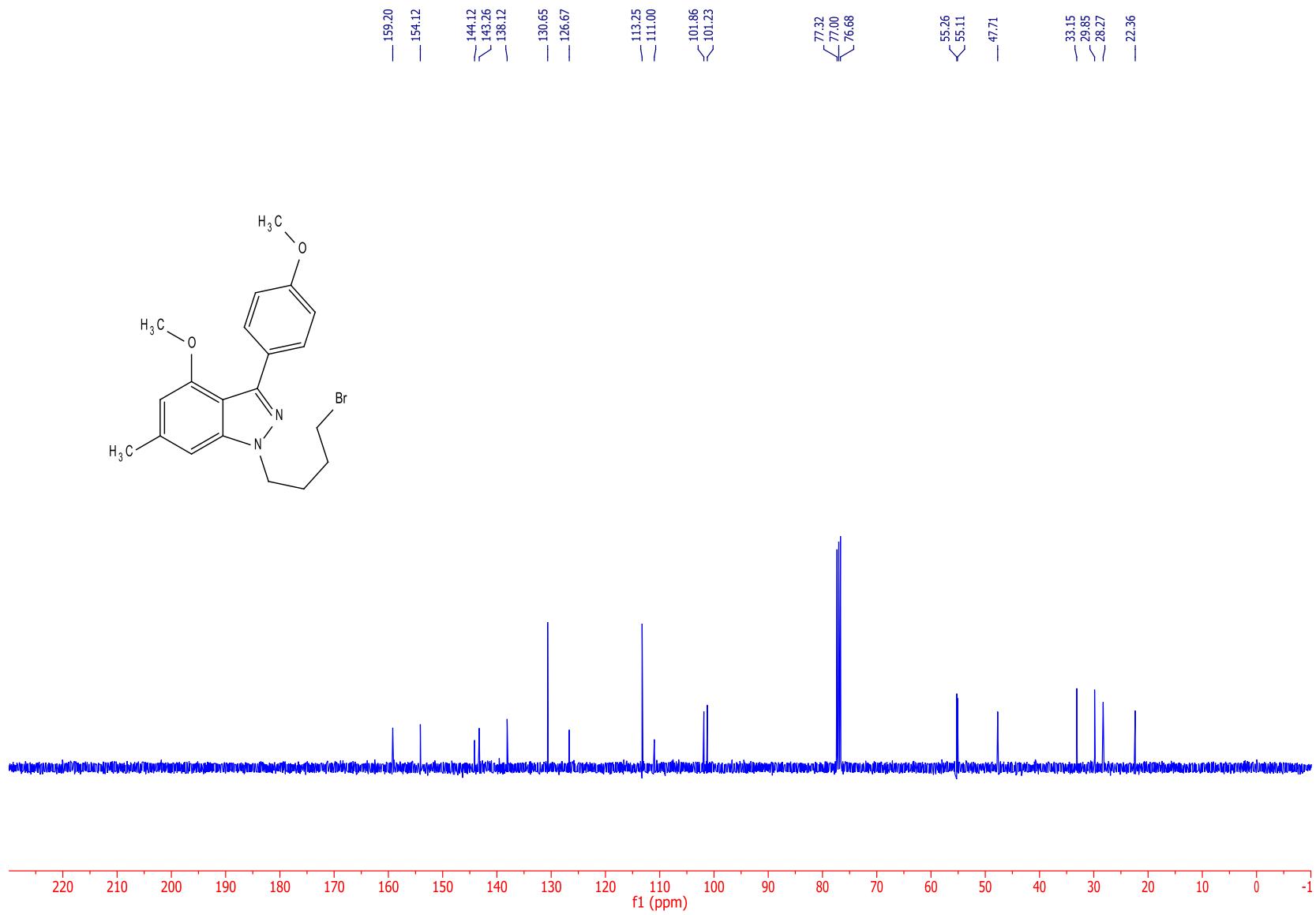
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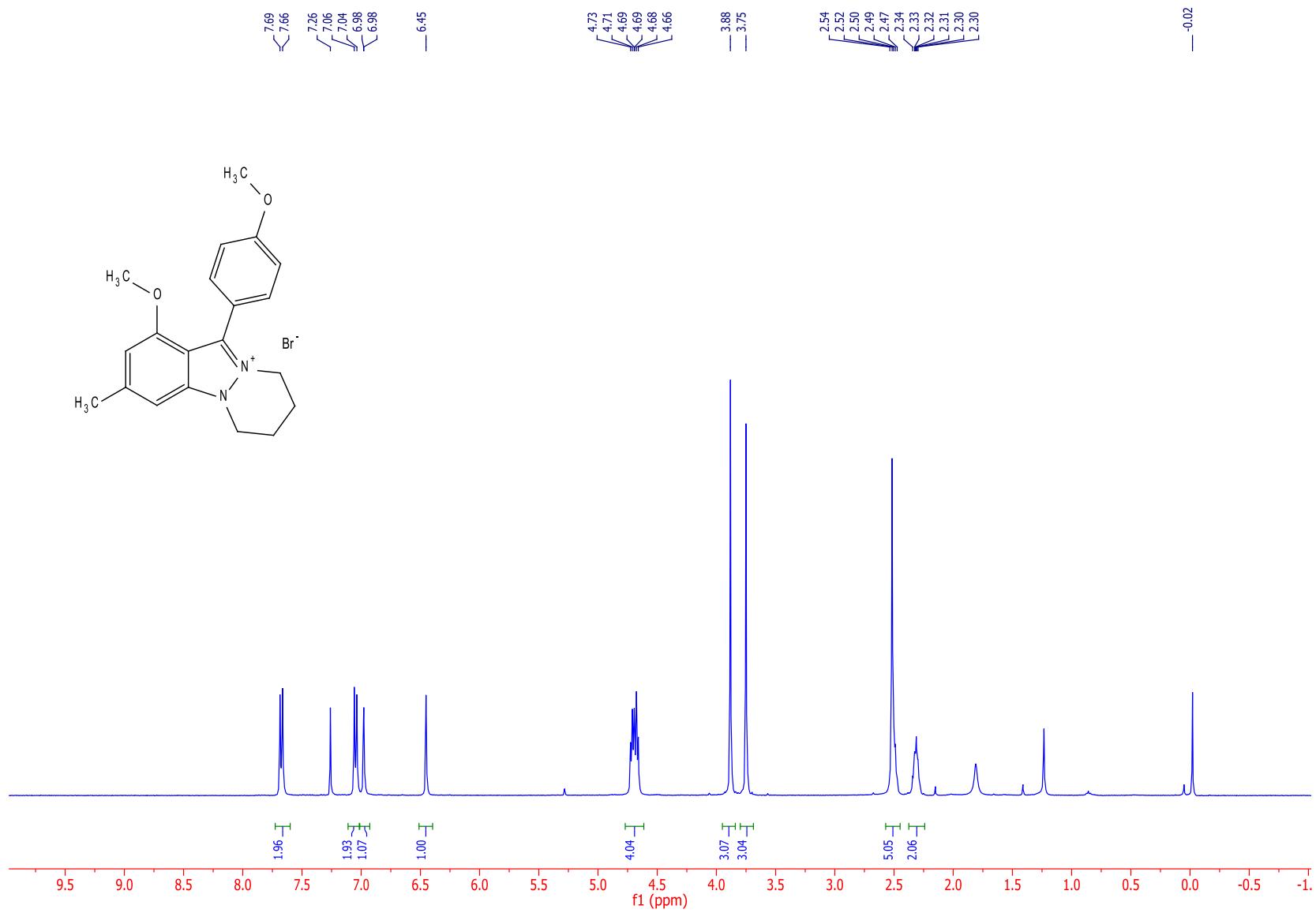
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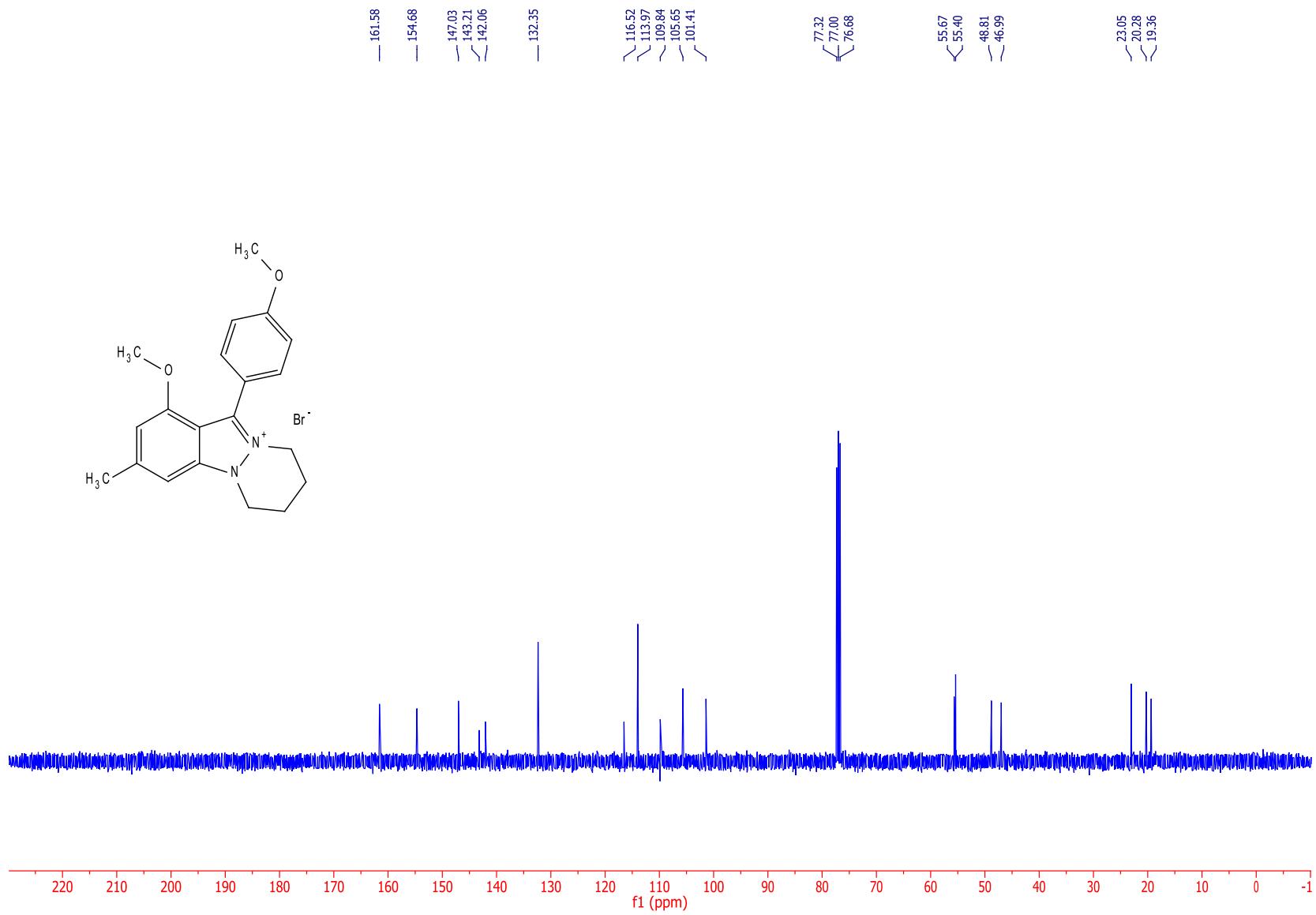
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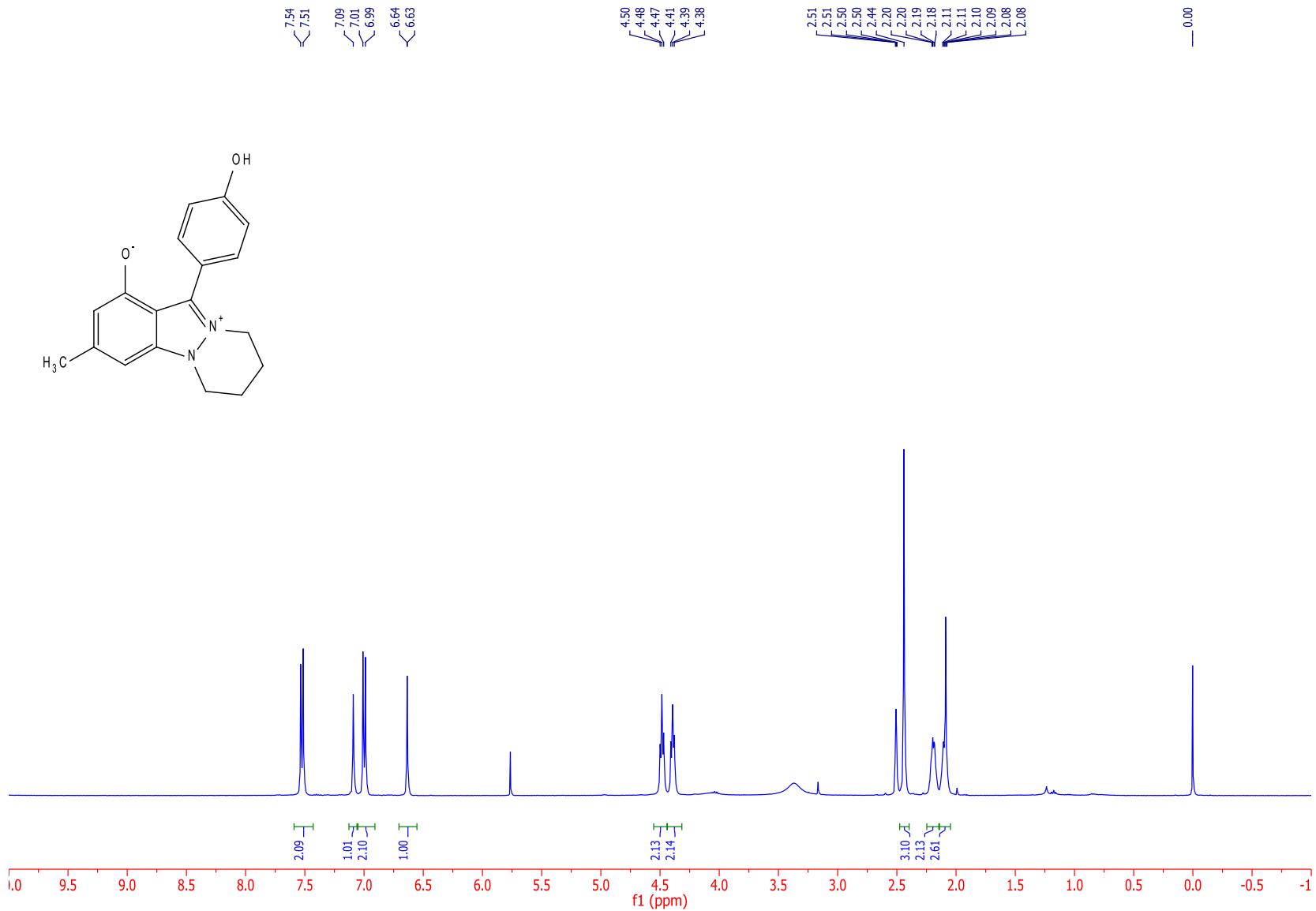
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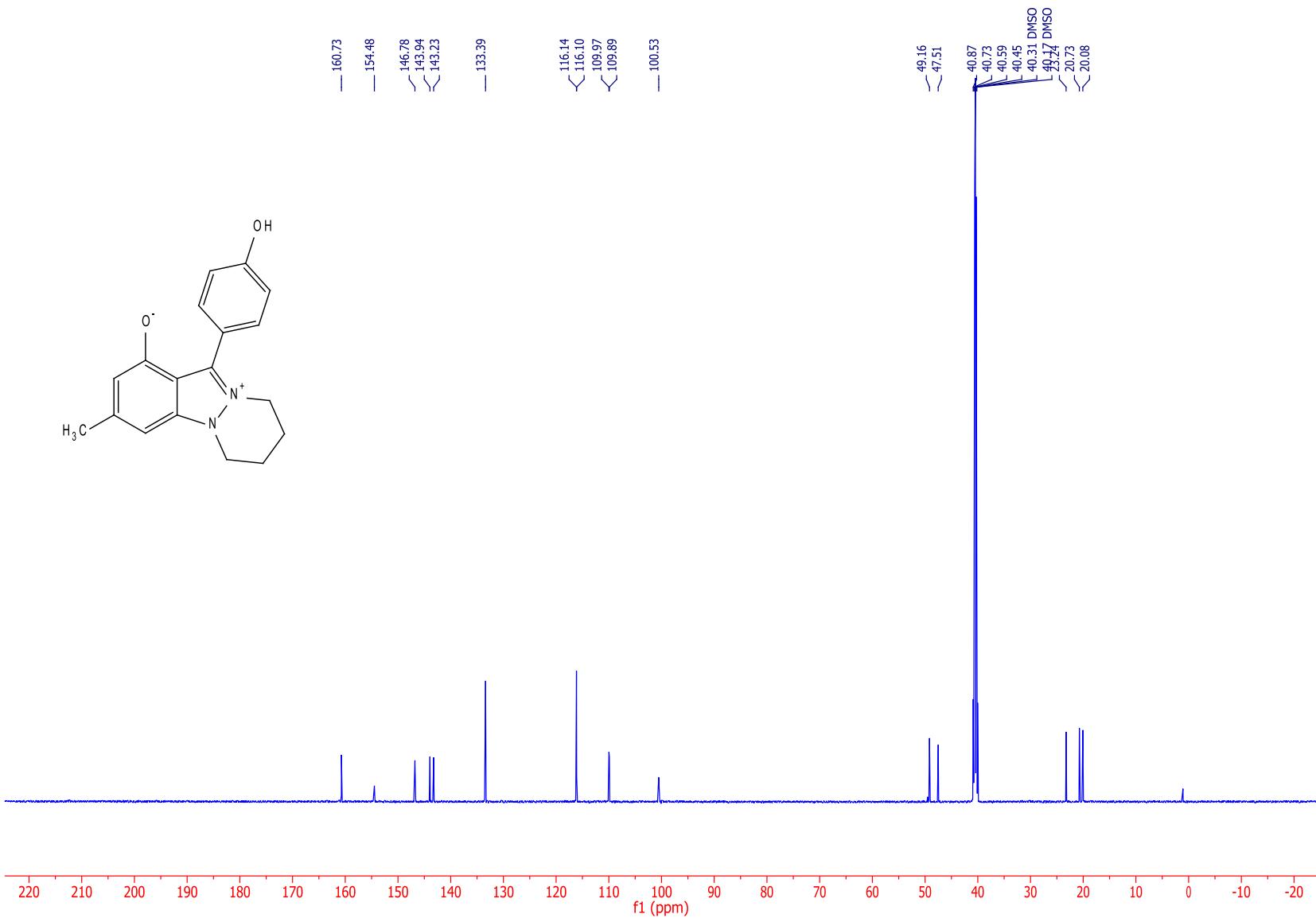
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