

Stereoselective Formation of β -Lactams with Acyl Ketenes Generated from 5-Acyl-Meldrum's Acids.

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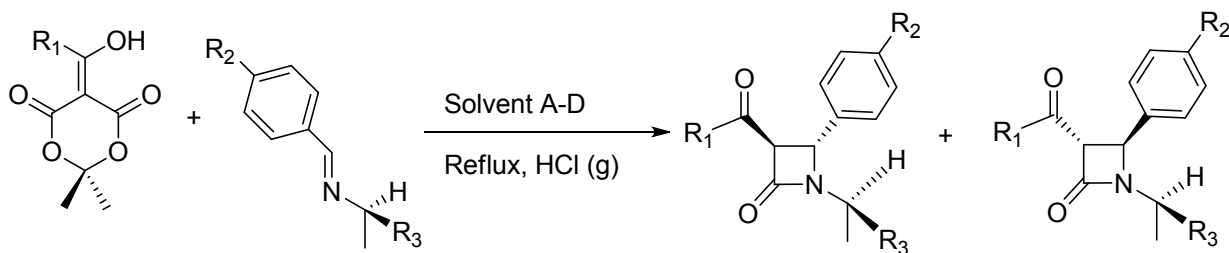
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General Information

Reagents were purchased from Sigma-Aldrich or Acros. Toluene was distilled from potassium under argon and stored over molecular sieves. Chlorobenzene, DCE and nitromethane were distilled over P₄O₁₀ and stored over molecular sieves. Commercially unavailable reagents were prepared according to literature procedures: 5-[hydroxy(phenyl)methylene]-2,2-dimethyl-1,3-dioxo-4,6-dione **1a** [1], 5-[hydroxy(1-naphthylmethyl)methylene]-2,2-dimethyl-1,3-dioxo-4,6-dione **1b** [2], (*R*)-*N*-benzylidene-1-phenylethanamine **2aa**, racemic *N*-benzylidenebutan-2-amine **2ab**, (*R*)-*N*-(4-chlorobenzylidene)-1-phenylethanamine **2ba**, (*R*)-*N*-benzylidene-1-(naphthalen-1-yl)ethanamine **2ac**, (*R*)-*N*-benzylidene-1-(naphthalen-2-yl)ethanamine **2ad** [3]. Analytical TLC was performed on aluminum sheets of silica gel UV-254 Merck. Flash chromatography was performed using 40-63 microns of Zeochem silica gel. The ¹H, ¹³C were recorded on Varian Gemini 200 and Varian Unity Plus 500, chemical shifts (δ) in ppm rel. to internal Me₄Si; coupling constants *J* in Hz. High-resolution (HRMS) was recorded on *MicroMas Quattro LCT* mass spectrometer. Melting points were determined with *Warsztat Elektromechaniczny W-wa* apparatus and are not corrected. Ratio of diastereoisomers was determined based on isolated yields as well as by integration of ¹H spectra.

Experimental Procedures and Characterization Data

Stereoselective preparation of azetidin-2-ones. General Procedure



To a solution of **1a-b** (1 mmol) in dry solvent (toluene (A), DCE (B), chlorobenzene (C) or nitromethane (D)) was added aldimine **2aa-bd** (1.5 mmol). The reaction mixture was cooled to 0°C and saturated with dry HCl over 20 min. The resulting mixture was stirred and heated to reflux for the time specified in Table 1 and 2. After completion of the reaction, the solvent was removed under vacuum, and the residue was purified as specified below.

3-Benzoyl-4-phenyl-1-(1-phenylethyl)azetidin-2-one (**3aaa**), (**4aaa**)

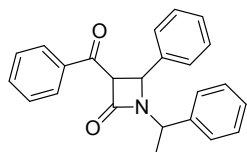


Table 2, Entry 1. Purification with flash chromatography R_f 0.30 (EtOAc:Hex 1:8, SiO₂) gave (71 mg, 0.20 mmol, 20%) as three fractions respectively, I diastereoisomer (**3aaa**) (9 mg, 0.03 mmol, 3%, yellow oil), mixture of two diastereoisomers (51 mg, 0.14 mmol, 14%, ratio **3aaa** : **4aaa**, 13:87, yellow oil) and II diastereoisomer (**4aaa**) (11 mg, 0.03 mmol, 3%, yellow oil). Overall *de* = 54%. Table 2, Entry 2.

Purification with flash chromatography R_f 0.30 (EtOAc:Hex 1:8, SiO₂) gave one fraction, mixture of two diastereoisomers (89 mg, 0.25 mmol, 25%, ratio **3aaa** : **4aaa**, 65:35, yellow oil). Overall *de* = 30%. **I diastereoisomer (3aaa)** ¹H-NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 8.08-8.07 (m, 2H, ArH), 7.60-7.57 (m, 1H, ArH), 7.50-7.47 (m, 2H, ArH), 7.35-7.31 (m, 3H, ArH), 7.30-7.23 (m, 5H, ArH), 7.23-7.18 (m, 2H, ArH), 5.09 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 1H, H-4), 4.74 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 1H, H-4), 4.41 (q, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H, CH₃CH), 1.81 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H, CH₃); ¹³C-NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 191.6, 163.3, 140.8, 137.3, 136.2, 134.0, 129.4, 129.2, 128.9, 127.9, 127.4, 127.3, 127.1, 127.0, 68.3, 55.5, 55.1, 20.1; **HRMS** (ESI⁺): *m/z* calcd for C₂₄H₂₁NO₂Na [M+Na]⁺ 378.1470, found. 378.1478. **II diastereoisomer (4aaa)** ¹H-NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 8.06-8.04 (m, 2H, ArH), 7.58-7.55 (m, 1H, ArH), 7.48-7.45 (m, 2H, ArH), 7.36-7.30 (m, 7H, ArH), 7.29-7.24 (m, 3H, ArH), 5.10 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 1H, H-4), 4.93 (q, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H, CH₃CH), 4.74 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 1H, H-3), 1.41 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H, CH₃); ¹³C-NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 191.4, 163.3, 139.8, 138.4, 136.2, 134.0, 129.4, 129.2, 129.1, 129.0, 128.8, 128.1, 127.5, 127.2, 68.2, 55.9, 53.6, 19.5; **HRMS** (ESI⁺): *m/z* calcd for C₂₄H₂₁NO₂Na [M+Na]⁺ 378.1470, found. 378.1478

2,6-diphenyl-3-(1-phenylethyl)-2H-1,3-oxazin-4(3H)-one (**5aaa**), (**6aaa**)

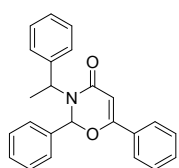


Table 1, Entry 5. Purification with flash chromatography R_f 0.30 (EtOAc:Hex 1:4, SiO₂) gave (78 mg, 0.22 mmol, 22%) as two fractions respectively, I diastereoisomer (**5aaa**) (28 mg, 0.08 mmol, 22%, yellow oil), II diastereoisomer (**6aaa**) (50 mg, 0.14 mmol, 14%, white solid). **I diastereoisomer (5aaa)** ¹H-NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 7.56-7.52 (m, 5H, ArH), 7.42-7.26 (m, 10H, ArH), 6.29 (s, 1H, NCHO), 6.14 (q, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H, CH₃CH), 5.97 (s, 1H, CH), 1.47 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 3H, CH₃); ¹³C-NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 163.6, 160.5, 141.0, 137.6, 132.1, 131.3, 129.5, 129.0, 128.7, 128.6, 127.9, 127.6, 127.3, 126.6, 98.7, 84.8, 50.5, 17.9; **HRMS** (ESI⁺): *m/z* calcd for

$C_{24}H_{21}NO_2Na$ $[M+Na]^+$ 378.1470, found. 378.1473. **II diastereoisomer (6aaa)** 1H -NMR (500 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ : 7.82-7.75 (m, 1H, ArH), δ : 7.59 (d, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H, ArH), 7.50-7.33 (m, 6H, ArH), 7.19-7.09 (m, 6H), 6.50 (s, 1H, NCHO), 5.94 (q, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 1H, CH_3CH), 5.93 (s, 1H, CH), 1.76 (d, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 3H, CH_3); ^{13}C -NMR (125 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ : 163.7, 160.7, 139.2, 136.6, 132.1, 131.3, 128.9, 128.8, 128.6, 128.4, 128.0, 127.9, 127.3, 126.6, 99.3, 85.1, 52.1, 18.0; **HRMS** (ESI+): m/z calcd for $C_{24}H_{21}NO_2Na$ $[M+Na]^+$ 378.1470, found. 378.1473.

3-Benzoyl-1-(sec-butyl)-4-phenylazetidin-2-one (3aab), (4aab)

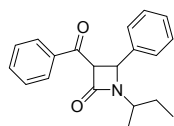


Table 1, Entry 7. Purification with flash chromatography R_f 0.31 (EtOAc:Hex 1:8, SiO_2) gave one fraction, mixture of two diastereoisomers (89 mg, 0.32 mmol, 32%, ratio 55:45, yellow oil). Overall $de = 10$ %. 1H -NMR (500 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ : 8.08-8.06 (m, 2H, ArH), 7.58-7.55 (m, 1H, ArH), 7.49-7.45 (m, 4H, ArH), 7.42-7.33 (m, 3H, ArH), 5.28-5.27 (m, 1H, H-4), 4.74-7.73 (m, 1H, H-3), 3.66-3.60 (m, 0.55H, NCH), 3.46-3.42 (m, 0.45H, NCH), 1.82-1.73 (m, 0.55H, CH_2), 1.60-1.49 (m, 0.9H, CH_2), 1.39-1.32 (m, 1.9H, CH_2+CH_3), 0.99-0.95 (m, 3.3H, CH_3), 0.92-0.89 (m, 1.35H, CH_3); ^{13}C -NMR (125 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ : 191.8, 163.4, 163.3, 138.7 (min), 138.4 (maj), 136.3, 134.0, 129.5 (maj), 129.3 (min), 129.2, 129.1 (min), 129.0 (maj), 128.8, 127.3, 127.1, 68.2 (maj), 68.1 (min), 55.5 (min), 54.6 (maj), 52.3 (min), 51.7 (maj), 28.4 (min), 27.8 (maj), 19.3 (maj), 18.0 (min), 11.3 (maj), 11.0 (min); **HRMS** (ESI+): m/z calcd for $C_{20}H_{21}NO_2Na$ $[M+Na]^+$ 330.1470, found. 330.1466.

3-benzoyl-4-(4-chlorophenyl)-1-(1-phenylethyl)azetidin-2-one (3aba), (4aba)

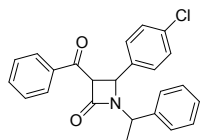


Table 2, Entry 3. Purification with flash chromatography R_f 0.31 (EtOAc:Hex 1:7, SiO_2) gave 109 mg, 0.28 mmol, 28% as two fractions respectively, mixture of two diastereoisomers (45 mg, 0.11 mmol, 11%, ratio **3aba** : **4aba**, 63:37, yellow oil) and II diastereoisomer (**4aba**) (64 mg, 0.17 mmol, 17%, yellow oil). Overall $de = 48$ %. Table 2, Entry 4. Purification with flash chromatography R_f 0.31 (EtOAc:Hex 1:7, SiO_2) gave one fraction, mixture of two diastereoisomers (109 mg, 0.28 mmol, 28%, ratio **3aba** : **4aba**, 64:36, yellow oil). Overall $de = 28$ %. **Mixture of diastereoisomers (3aba), (4aba)**, 1H -NMR (500 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ : 8.07 (d, $J = 8.3$ Hz 1.26H, ArH), 8.04 (d, $J = 8.3$ Hz 0.74H, ArH), 7.58 (q, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.55-7.44 (m, 3H, ArH), 7.38-7.22 (m, 6H, ArH), 7.17 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 2H, ArH), 5.09-5.08 (m, 1H, H-4), 4.90 (q, $J = 7.3$ Hz, 0.37H, CH_3CH), 4.70-4.68 (m, 1H, H-3), 4.45 (q, $J = 7.3$ Hz, 0.63H, CH_3CH), 1.78 (d, $J = 7.3$ Hz, 1.89H, CH_3), 1.43 (d, $J = 7.3$ Hz, 1.11H, CH_3); ^{13}C -NMR (125 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ : 191.3 (maj), 191.1 (min), 163.1 (min), 163.0 (maj), 142.1 (maj), 140.4 (maj), 139.6 (min), 137.0 (min), 136.0 (min), 135.8 (maj), 134.7 (min), 134.6 (maj), 134.1 (min), 129.7 (maj), 129.6 (maj), 129.5 (min), 129.4 (maj), 129.3 (min), 129.3 (maj), 129.0 (min), 128.9 (min), 128.6 (min), 128.5 (maj), 128.2 (min), 128.0 (maj), 127.4 (min), 127.0 (maj), 68.4 (min), 68.3 (maj), 55.3 (min), 55.0 (maj), 54.7 (maj), 53.7 (min), 20.1 (maj), 19.5 (min); **HRMS** (ESI+): m/z calcd for $C_{24}H_{20}ClNO_2Na$ $[M+Na]^+$ 412.1080, found. 412.1090. **II diastereoisomer (4aba)** 1H -NMR (500 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ : 8.04 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 2H, ArH), 7.57 (t, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.47 (t, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 2H, ArH), 7.44-7.26 (m, 7H, ArH), 7.22 (d, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 2H, ArH), 5.08 (d, $J = 1.9$ Hz, 1H, H-4), 4.90 (q, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 1H, CH_3CH), 4.70 (d, $J = 1.9$ Hz, 1H, H-3), 1.43 (d, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 3H, CH_3); ^{13}C -NMR (125 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ : 191.3, 163.1, 139.6, 137.0, 136.0, 134.7, 134.1, 129.5, 129.3, 129.0, 128.9, 128.6, 128.2, 127.4, 68.4, 55.3, 53.7, 19.5; **HRMS** (ESI+): m/z calcd for $C_{24}H_{20}ClNO_2Na$ $[M+Na]^+$ 412.1080, found. 412.1090

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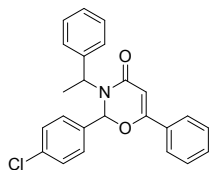


Table 2, Entry 4. Purification with flash chromatography R_f 0.30 (EtOAc:Hex 1:3, SiO₂) gave one fraction, mixture of two diastereoisomers (109 mg, 0.28 mmol, 28%, white solid). **¹H-NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 7.89-7.83 (m, 1H, ArH), 7.61-7.50 (m, 1H, ArH), 7.49-7.40 (m, 1H, ArH), 7.39-7.24 (m, 6H, ArH), 7.23-7.16 (m, 1H, ArH), 7.14-7.07 (m, 4H, ArH), 6.46 (s, 0.56H, NCHO), 6.23 (s, 0.44H, NCHO), 6.12 (q, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 0.44H, CH₃CH), 6.00 (q, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 0.56H, CH₃CH), 5.97 (s, 0.44H, CH), 5.93 (s, 0.56H, CH), 1.75 (d, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 1.32H, CH₃), 1.50 (d, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 1.68H, CH₃); **¹³C-NMR** (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 163.4 (maj), 163.3 (min), 160.6 (min), 160.4 (maj), 140.7 (maj), 138.9 (min), 136.2 (maj), 135.6 (min), 135.4 (min), 135.3 (maj), 131.9 (min), 131.5 (maj), 131.4 (min), 129.1 (maj), 129.0 (min), 128.9 (min), 128.8 (maj), 128.8 (maj), 128.7 (min), 128.5 (maj), 128.4 (min), 128.3 (min), 128.2 (maj), 128.0 (min), 127.3 (maj), 127.1 (min), 126.5 (maj), 126.4 (min), 99.3 (min), 98.6 (maj), 84.2, 52.0 (min), 50.8 (maj), 18.0 (min), 17.9 (maj); **HRMS** (ESI⁺): m/z calcd for C₂₄H₂₀ClNO₂Na [M+Na]⁺ 412.1080, found. 412.1085.

3-Benzoyl-1-(1-(naphthalen-1-yl)ethyl)-4-phenylazetidin-2-one (3aac), (4aac)

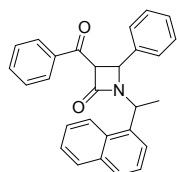


Table 2, Entry 6. Purification with flash chromatography R_f 0.30 (EtOAc:Hex 1:6, SiO₂) gave one fraction, mixture of two diastereoisomers (105 mg, 0.26 mmol, 26%, ratio **3aac** : **4aac**, 63:37, yellow oil). Overall $de = 26\%$. Table 2, Entry 5. Purification with flash chromatography R_f 0.30 (EtOAc:Hex 1:6, SiO₂) gave one fraction, mixture of two diastereoisomers (97 mg, 0.24 mmol, 24%, ratio **3aac** : **4aac**, 58:42, yellow oil). Overall $de = 16\%$. **¹H-NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 8.09-8.07 (m, 1H, ArH), 8.04-8.03 (m, 0.65H, ArH), 8.00-7.99 (m, 1.35H, ArH), 7.90-7.89 (m, 0.65H, ArH), 7.83-7.82 (m, 1H, ArH), 7.69-7.67 (m, 0.35H, ArH), 7.60-7.23 (m, 10.35H, ArH), 7.16-7.13 (m, 0.35H, ArH), 7.08 (t, $J = 7.3$ Hz, 0.65H, ArH), 7.03 (d, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 0.65H, ArH), 5.82 (q, $J = 7.3$ Hz, 0.65H, CH₃CH), 5.44 (q, $J = 7.3$ Hz, 0.35H, CH₃CH), 5.17 (d, $J = 1.9$ Hz, 0.35H, H-4), 4.77 (d, $J = 2.4$ Hz, 0.65H, H-4), 4.76 (d, $J = 2.4$ Hz, 0.35H, H-3), 4.68 (d, $J = 1.9$ Hz, 0.65H, H-3), 1.95 (d, $J = 7.3$ Hz, 1.05H, CH₃), 1.58 (d, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 1.95H, CH₃); **¹³C-NMR** (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 191.7 (min), 191.1 (maj), 163.6 (min), 163.4 (maj), 138.3 (maj), 136.8 (min), 136.3 (min), 136.2 (maj), 135.2, 134.0 (maj), 133.9 (min), 131.3 (maj), 130.9 (min), 129.5 (min), 129.3 (maj), 129.2 (min), 129.1 (maj), 129.0 (min), 129.0 (maj), 128.9 (min), 128.8 (maj), 128.7 (maj), 128.6 (min), 128.6, 127.5 (maj), 127.2 (min), 126.9 (maj), 126.7 (min), 126.2 (maj), 125.9 (min), 125.5 (min), 125.1 (maj), 124.6 (maj), 124.3 (min), 123.0, 122.9, 68.3 (min), 67.8 (maj), 56.0 (maj), 55.3 (min), 49.9 (min), 48.5 (maj), 19.4 (min), 19.3 (maj); **HRMS** (ESI⁺): m/z calcd for C₂₈H₂₃NO₂Na [M+Na]⁺ 428.1626, found. 428.1638.

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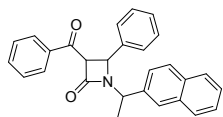


Table 2, Entry 7. Purification with flash chromatography R_f 0.30 (EtOAc:Hex 1:6, SiO₂) gave one fraction, mixture of two diastereoisomers (73 mg, 0.18 mmol, 18%, ratio **3aad** : **4aad**, 68:32, yellow oil). overall $de = 36\%$. Table 2, Entry 8. Purification with flash chromatography R_f 0.30 (EtOAc:Hex 1:6, SiO₂) gave (102 mg, 0.25 mmol, 25%) as three fractions respectively, I diastereoisomer **3aad** (28 mg, 0.07 mmol, 7%, yellow oil), mixture of two diastereoisomers (46 mg, 0.11 mmol, 11%, ratio **3aad** : **4aad**, 42:58, yellow oil) and II diastereoisomer **4aad** (28 mg, 0.07 mmol, 7%, yellow oil). Overall $de = 6\%$. **I diastereoisomer (3aad)** **¹H-NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 8.04 (d, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 2H, ArH), 7.84-7.82 (m, 2H, ArH), 7.78-7.76 (m, 1H, ArH), 7.63 (s, 1H, ArH), 7.56 (t, $J = 7.7$ Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.49-7.42 (m, 4H, ArH), 7.36-7.32 (m, 5H,

ArH), 7.28-7.26 (m, 1H, ArH), 5.12 (q, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H, CH₃CH), 5.11 (d, J = 2.0 Hz, 1H, H-4), 4.78 (d, J = 2.0 Hz, 1H, H-3), 1.51 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H, CH₃); **II diastereoisomer (4aad)** ¹H-NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 8.08 (d, J = 7.4 Hz 2H, ArH), 7.82-7.78 (m, 2H, ArH), 7.75-7.73 (m, 1H, ArH), 7.60-7.50 (m, 2H, ArH), 7.48-7.45 (m, 4H, ArH), 7.41-7.38 (m, 1H, ArH), 7.33-7.26 (m, 5H, ArH), 5.11 (d, J = 2.2 Hz, 1H, H-4), 4.77 (d, J = 2.2 Hz, 1H, H-3), 4.58 (q, J = 7.1 Hz, 1H, CH₃CH), 1.91 (d, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H, CH₃); **Mixture of diastereoisomers (3aad), (4aad)** ¹H-NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 8.08 (d, J = 7.4 Hz 0.84H, ArH), 8.04 (d, J = 7.4 Hz 1.16H, ArH), 7.85-7.82 (m, 1.16H, ArH), 7.82-7.78 (m, 0.84H, ArH), 7.78-7.76 (m, 0.58H, ArH), 7.76-7.73 (m, 0.42H, ArH), 7.64 (s, 0.58H, ArH), 7.60-7.54 (m, 1.42H, ArH), 7.49-7.42 (m, 4H, ArH), 7.41-7.33 (m, 3.32H, ArH), 7.33-7.26 (m, 2.68H, ArH), 5.14-5.10 (m, 1.58H, CH₃CH+H₄), 4.79-4.78 (m, 1H, H-3), 4.58 (q, J = 6.9 Hz, 0.42H, CH₃CH), 1.91 (d, J = 6.9 Hz, 1.26H, CH₃), 1.51 (d, J = 6.9 Hz, 1.74H, CH₃); ¹³C-NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 191.7 (min), 191.4 (maj), 163.5, 163.4 (maj), 138.4 (maj), 138.2 (min), 137.3 (min), 137.2 (maj), 136.2 (min), 136.1 (maj), 134.0, 133.4, 133.1, 129.5 (min), 129.4 (maj), 129.2 (min), 129.1 (maj), 129.0, 128.9 (min), 128.9 (maj), 128.8, 128.3 (maj), 128.2 (min), 127.9 (maj), 127.8 (min), 127.3 (maj), 127.2 (min), 126.4 (maj), 126.3 (min), 126.2 (min), 126.1 (maj), 125.9 (min), 125.7 (maj), 125.0, 68.3 (maj), 68.2 (min), 56.0 (maj), 55.5 (min), 55.3 (min), 53.6 (maj), 20.3 (min), 19.4 (maj); **HRMS** (ESI+): m/z calcd for C₂₈H₂₃NO₂Na [M+Na]⁺ 428.1626, found. 428.1630.

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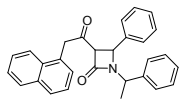


Table 2, Entry 9. Purification with flash chromatography R_f 0.30 (EtOAc:Hex 1:3, SiO₂) gave one fraction, mixture of two diastereoisomers (176 mg, 0.42 mmol, 42%, ratio **3baa** : **4baa**, 52:48, yellow oil). Overall *de* = 4%. Table 2, Entry 10. Purification with flash chromatography R_f 0.30 (EtOAc:Hex 1:3, SiO₂) gave one fraction, mixture of two diastereoisomers (185 mg, 0.44 mmol, 44%, ratio **3baa** : **4baa** 67:33, yellow oil). Overall *de* = 34%. Table 2, Entry 11. Purification with flash chromatography R_f 0.30 (EtOAc:Hex 1:3, SiO₂) gave one fraction, mixture of two diastereoisomers (147 mg, 0.35 mmol, 35%, ratio **3baa** : **4baa**, 67:33, yellow oil). Overall *de* = 34%. ¹H-NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 7.93-7.83 (m, 2.33H, ArH), 7.78-7.75 (m, 1H, ArH), 7.56-7.46 (m, 2.67H, ArH), 7.45-7.38 (m, 1.67H, ArH), 7.34-7.22 (m, 6.66H, ArH), 7.17-7.14 (m, 2H, ArH), 7.06-7.04 (m, 0.67H, ArH), 4.94 (q, J = 7.3 Hz, 0.67H, CH₃CH), 4.79 (d, J = 2.0 Hz, 0.67H, H-4), 4.78 (d, J = 2.0 Hz, 0.33H, H-4), 4.48 (d, J = 16.1 Hz, 0.33H, CH₂), 4.33 (d, J = 16.1 Hz, 0.67H, CH₂), 4.36 (q, J = 7.3 Hz, 0.33H, CH₃CH), 4.28 (d, J = 16.1 Hz, 0.33H, CH₂), 4.25 (d, J = 16.1 Hz, 0.67H, CH₂), 4.19 (d, J = 2.0 Hz, 0.67H, H-3), 4.17 (d, J = 2.0 Hz, 0.33H, H-3), 1.80 (d, J = 7.3 Hz, 0.99H, CH₃), 1.37 (d, J = 7.3 Hz, 2.01H, CH₃); ¹³C-NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 199.8 (maj), 199.5 (min), 163.6, 140.8 (maj), 139.7 (min), 137.9 (min), 136.7 (maj) 134.1, 132.5 (maj), 132.4 (min), 129.9, 129.1, 129.0 (min), 128.9 (maj), 128.9 (maj), 128.8 (min), 128.5, 128.1 (min), 127.9 (maj), 127.4, 127.2, 127.1, 126.9, 126.8 (maj), 126.8 (min), 126.1 (maj), 126.1 (min), 125.8 (maj), 125.8 (min), 124.2, 69.5 (min), 69.4 (maj), 55.9 (min), 55.5 (maj), 55.1 (maj), 53.5 (min), 48.1 (maj), 48.0 (min), 20.4 (maj), 19.4 (min); **HRMS** (ESI+): m/z calcd for C₂₉H₂₅NO₂Na [M+Na]⁺ 442.1783, found. 442.1786.

4-(4-Chlorophenyl)-3-((naphthalen-1-yl)acetyl)-1-(1-phenylethyl)azetid-2-one (3bba), (4bba)

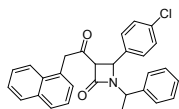


Table 2, Entry 12. Purification with flash chromatography R_f 0.32 (EtOAc:Hex 1:3, SiO₂) gave one fraction, mixture of two diastereoisomers (222 mg, 0.49 mmol, 49%, ratio **3bba** : **4bba**, 66:34, yellow oil). Overall *de* = 32%. ¹H-NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 7.90-7.89 (m, 0.33H, ArH), 7.86-7.82 (m, 1.66H, ArH), 7.77-7.74 (m, 1H, ArH), 7.53-7.32 (m, 4H, ArH), 7.32-7.23 (m, 3H, ArH), 7.20-7.20 (m, 4H, ArH), 7.00 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 1.33H, ArH), 6.90 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 0.66H, ArH), 4.89 (q, J = 6.8 Hz, 0.66H, CH₃CH), 4.70 (d, J = 2.4 Hz, 0.33H, H-4), 4.68 (d, J = 2.4 Hz, 0.66H, H-4), 4.46-4.36 (m, 1.33H, CH₃CH + CH₂), 4.27-4.20 (m, 1H, CH₂), 4.09 (d, J = 2.4 Hz, 0.66H, H-3), 4.08 (d, J = 2.4 Hz, 0.33H, H-3), 1.75 (d, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H, CH₃), 1.37 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 2H, CH₃); ¹³C-NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 199.7 (min), 199.4 (maj), 163.4 (maj),

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3-((Naphthalen-1-yl)acetyl)-1-(1-(naphthalen-1-yl)ethyl)-4-phenylazetidin-2-one (3bac), (4bac)

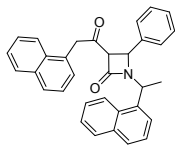


Table 2, Entry 13. Purification with flash chromatography R_f 0.29 (EtOAc:Hex 1:3, SiO_2) gave one fraction, mixture of two diastereoisomers (174 mg, 0.37 mmol, 37%, ratio **3bac** : **4bac**, 61:39). Overall de = 22%. **1H -NMR** (500 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ : 8.09 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 0.61H, ArH), 8.04 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 0.39H, ArH), 7.94-7.73 (m, 4.61H, ArH), 7.67 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 0.39H, ArH), 7.57-7.33 (m, 7H, ArH), 7.29-7.20 (m, 3H, ArH), 7.10 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 0.39H, ArH), 7.00 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H, ArH), 6.81 (d, J = 7.3 Hz, 0.61H, ArH), 5.84 (q, J = 7.3 Hz, 0.61H, CH_3CH), 5.37 (q, J = 6.8 Hz, 0.39H, CH_3CH), 4.83 (d, J = 2.0 Hz, 0.39H, H-4), 4.51 (d, J = 16.1 Hz, 0.39H, CH_2), 4.37 (d, J = 16.1 Hz, 0.61H, CH_2), 4.33 (d, J = 2.0 Hz, 0.61H, H-4), 4.28 (d, J = 16.1 Hz, 0.39H, CH_2), 4.21 (d, J = 16.1 Hz, 0.61H, CH_2), 4.20 (d, J = 2.0 Hz, 0.39H, H-3), 4.19 (d, J = 2.0 Hz, 0.61H, H-3), 1.93 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 1.17H, CH_3), 1.52 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 1.83H, CH_3); **^{13}C -NMR** (125 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ : 199.8 (min), 199.0 (maj), 163.8 (min), 163.6 (maj), 137.8 (maj), 136.2 (min), 135.2 (min), 134.1 (maj), 134.1, 134.0, 133.9, 132.5 (min), 132.4 (maj), 131.2 (maj), 130.9 (min), 129.8, 129.2, 129.1 (min), 129.0 (maj), 128.9, 128.8 (maj), 128.7 (min), 128.6 (maj), 128.6 (min), 128.5 (min), 128.4 (maj), 127.3 (maj), 127.2 (min), 126.9 (min), 126.8 (maj), 126.7 (maj), 126.6 (min), 126.3 (maj), 126.1 (min), 126.0 (maj), 125.9 (min), 125.8 (min), 125.7 (maj), 125.5 (min), 125.1 (maj), 124.5, 124.2 (min), 124.1 (maj), 122.9 (maj), 122.8 (min), 69.5 (min), 69.0 (maj), 55.9 (maj), 55.3 (min), 48.4, 48.2 (min), 47.7 (maj), 19.4 (min), 19.2 (maj); **HRMS** (ESI+): m/z calcd for $C_{33}H_{27}NO_2Na$ $[M+Na]^+$ 492.1939, found. 492.1938.

3-((Naphthalen-1-yl)acetyl)-1-(1-(naphthalen-2-yl)ethyl)-4-phenylazetidin-2-one (3bad), (4bad)

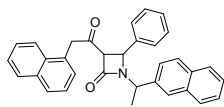
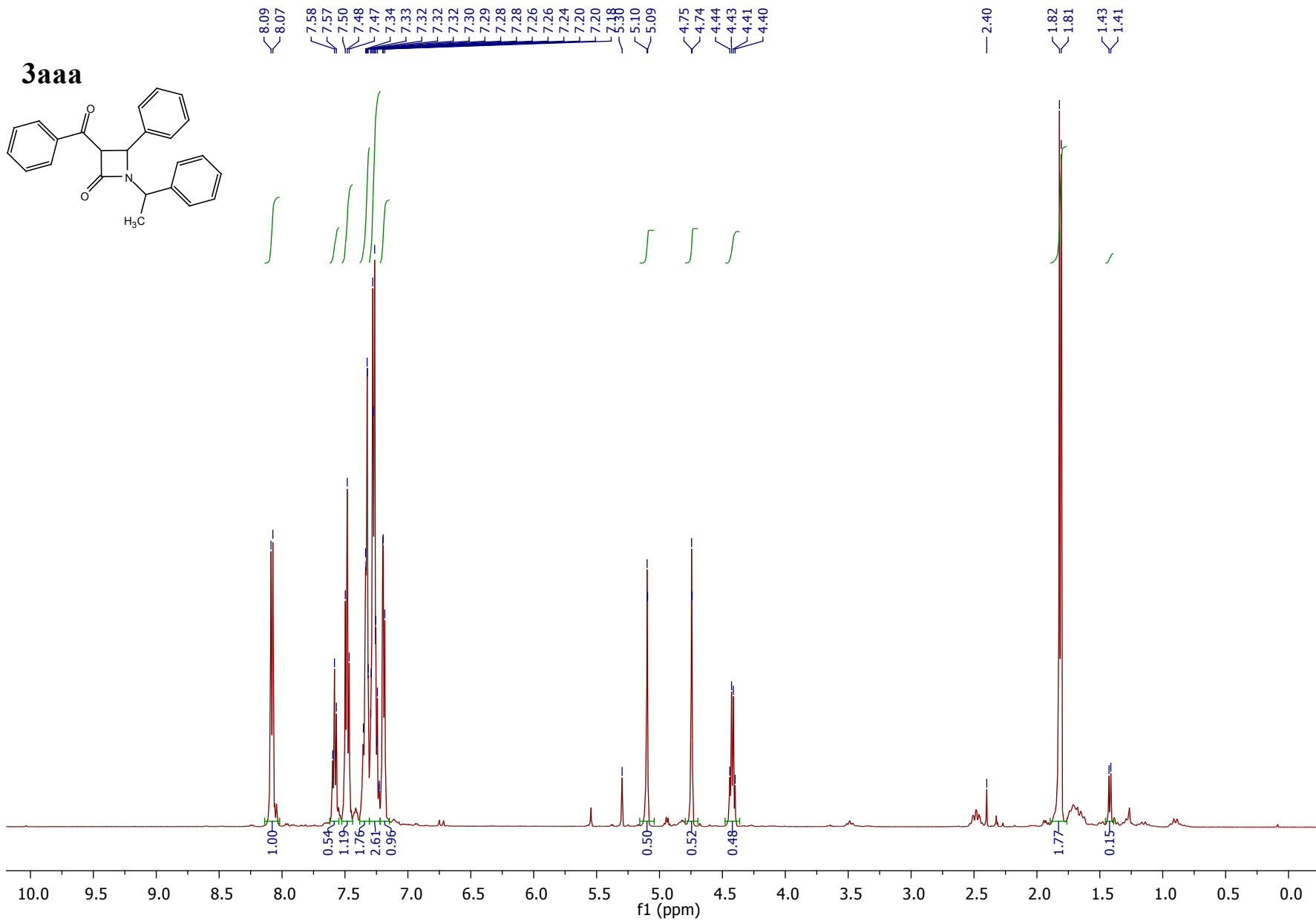
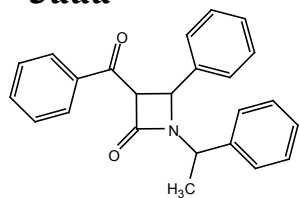
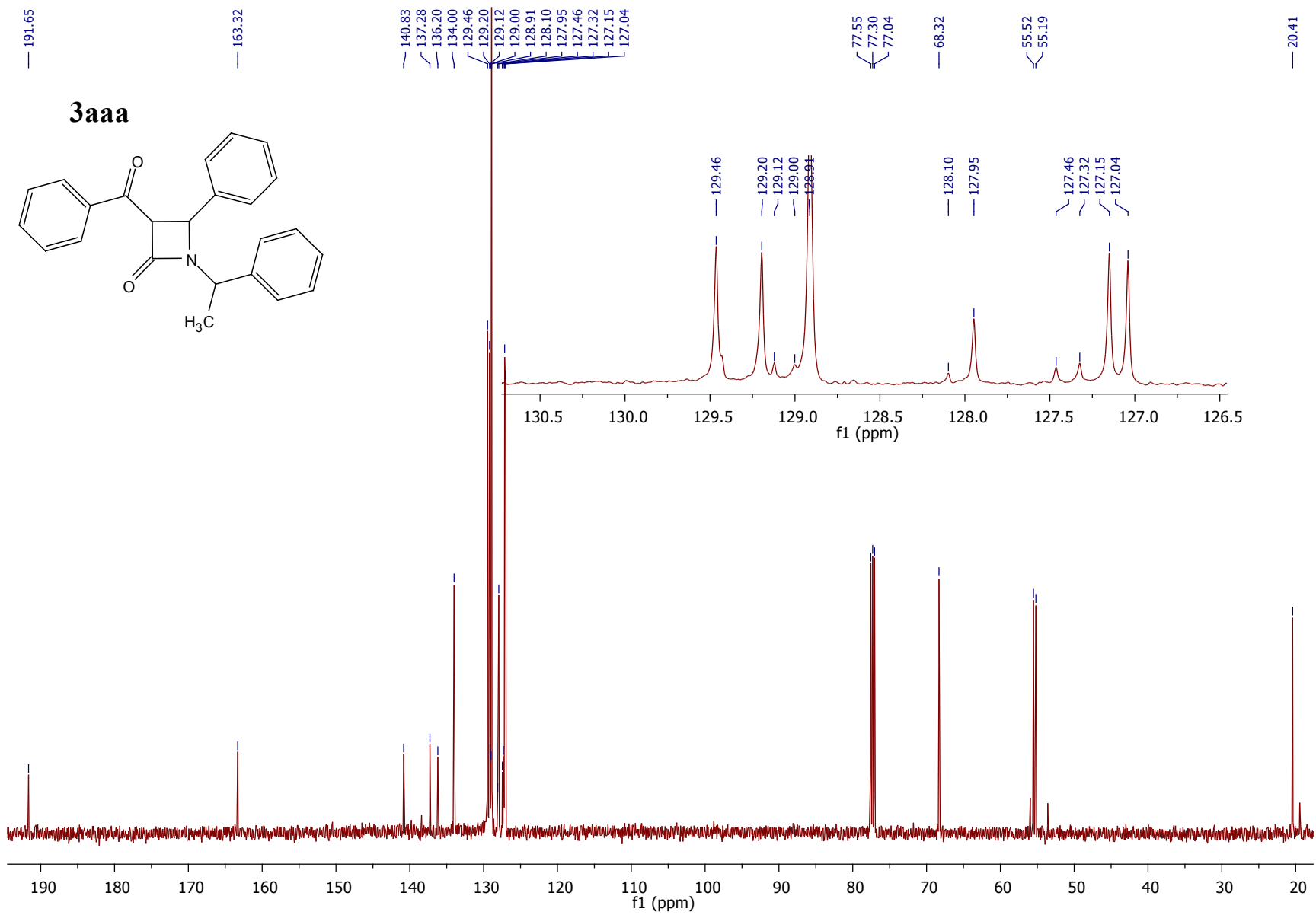


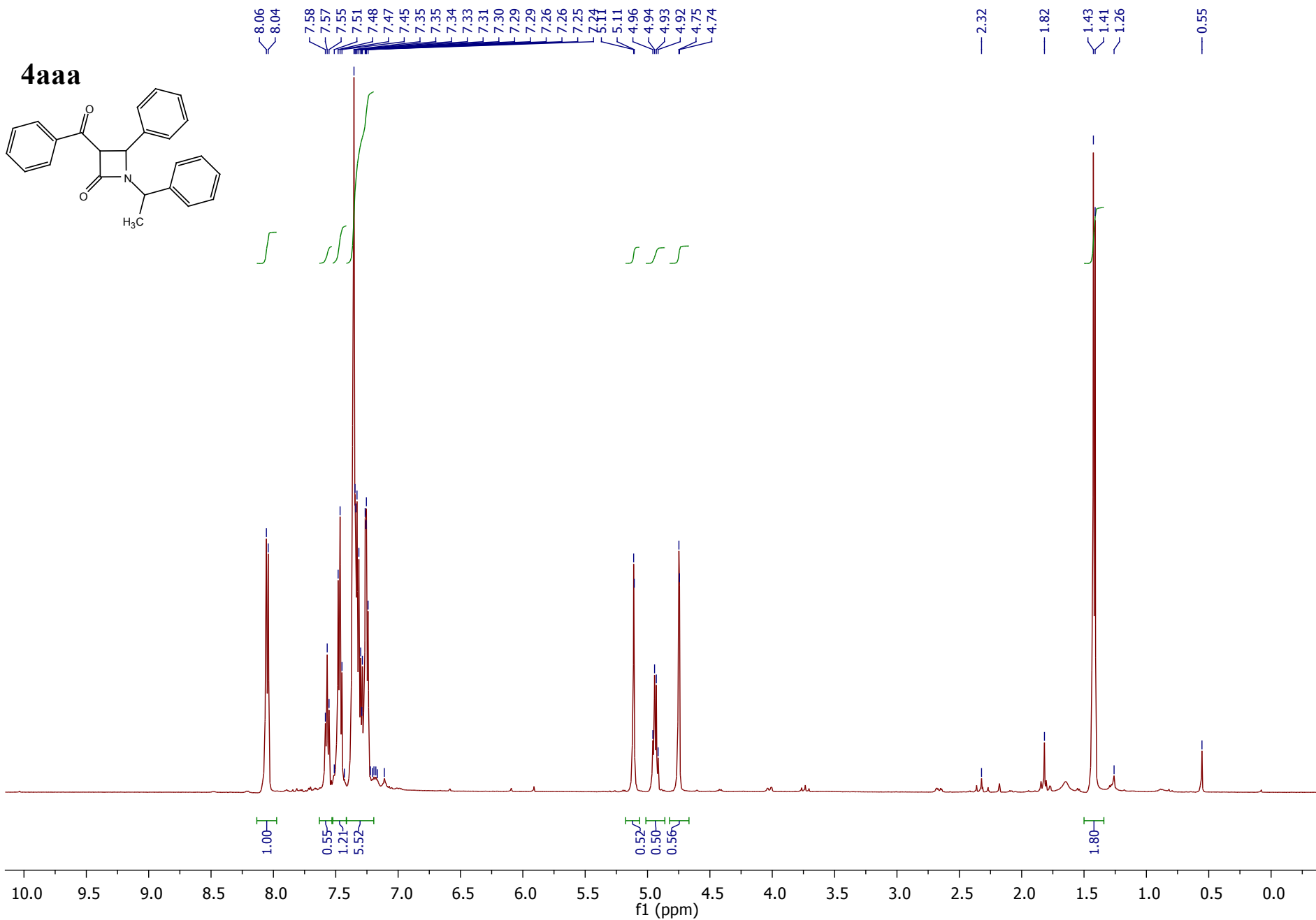
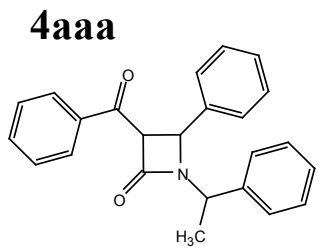
Table 2, Entry 14. Purification with flash chromatography R_f 0.29 (EtOAc:Hex 1:3, SiO_2) gave one fraction, mixture of two diastereoisomers (206 mg, 0.48 mmol, 48%, ratio **3bad** : **4bad**, 62:38, yellow oil). Overall de = 24%. **1H -NMR** (500 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ : 7.93-7.00 (m, 6H, ArH), 7.59 (s, 0.62H, ArH), 7.52-7.42 (m, 4.38H, ArH), 7.42-7.34 (m, 2.62H, ArH), 7.28-7.13 (m, 3.38H, ArH), 7.11 (d, J = 1.5 Hz, 1.38H, ArH), 7.04-7.02 (m, 0.62H, ArH), 5.10 (q, J = 7.3 Hz, 0.62H, CH_3CH), 4.79-4.77 (m, 1H, H-4), 4.51 (q, J = 7.3 Hz, 0.38H, CH_3CH), 4.38 (d, J = 16.1 Hz, 0.38H, CH_2), 4.42 (d, J = 16.1 Hz, 0.62H, CH_2), 4.28 (d, J = 16.1 Hz, 0.38H, CH_2), 4.25 (d, J = 16.1 Hz, 0.62H, CH_2), 4.20 (d, J = 1.9 Hz, 0.62H, H-3), 4.18 (d, J = 1.9 Hz, 0.38H, H-3), 1.87 (d, J = 7.3 Hz, 1.14H, CH_3), 1.45 (d, J = 7.3 Hz, 1.86H, CH_3); **^{13}C -NMR** (125 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ : 199.8 (min), 199.6 (maj), 163.7 (maj), 163.6 (min), 138.2 (min), 137.9 (maj), 137.2 (maj), 136.7 (min), 134.1 (min), 134.0 (maj), 133.4, 133.2 (maj), 133.1 (min), 132.5 (min), 132.4 (maj), 129.9 (min), 129.8 (maj), 129.1 (min), 129.0 (maj), 128.9 (min), 128.9 (maj), 128.5, 128.3 (maj), 128.2 (min), 127.9 (maj), 127.8 (min), 127.3 (maj), 127.1 (min), 126.8 (min), 126.8 (maj), 126.5 (maj), 126.5 (min), 126.4, 126.3, 126.2 (min), 126.1 (maj), 126.0, 125.9 (maj), 125.8 (min), 125.7, 125.6, 124.9, 124.2, 69.5 (maj), 69.4 (min), 56.0 (maj), 55.6 (min), 55.3 (min), 53.5 (maj), 48.2 (min), 48.0 (maj), 20.4 (min), 19.4 (maj); **HRMS** (ESI+): m/z calcd for $C_{33}H_{27}NO_2Na$ $[M+Na]^+$ 492.1939, found. 492.1942.

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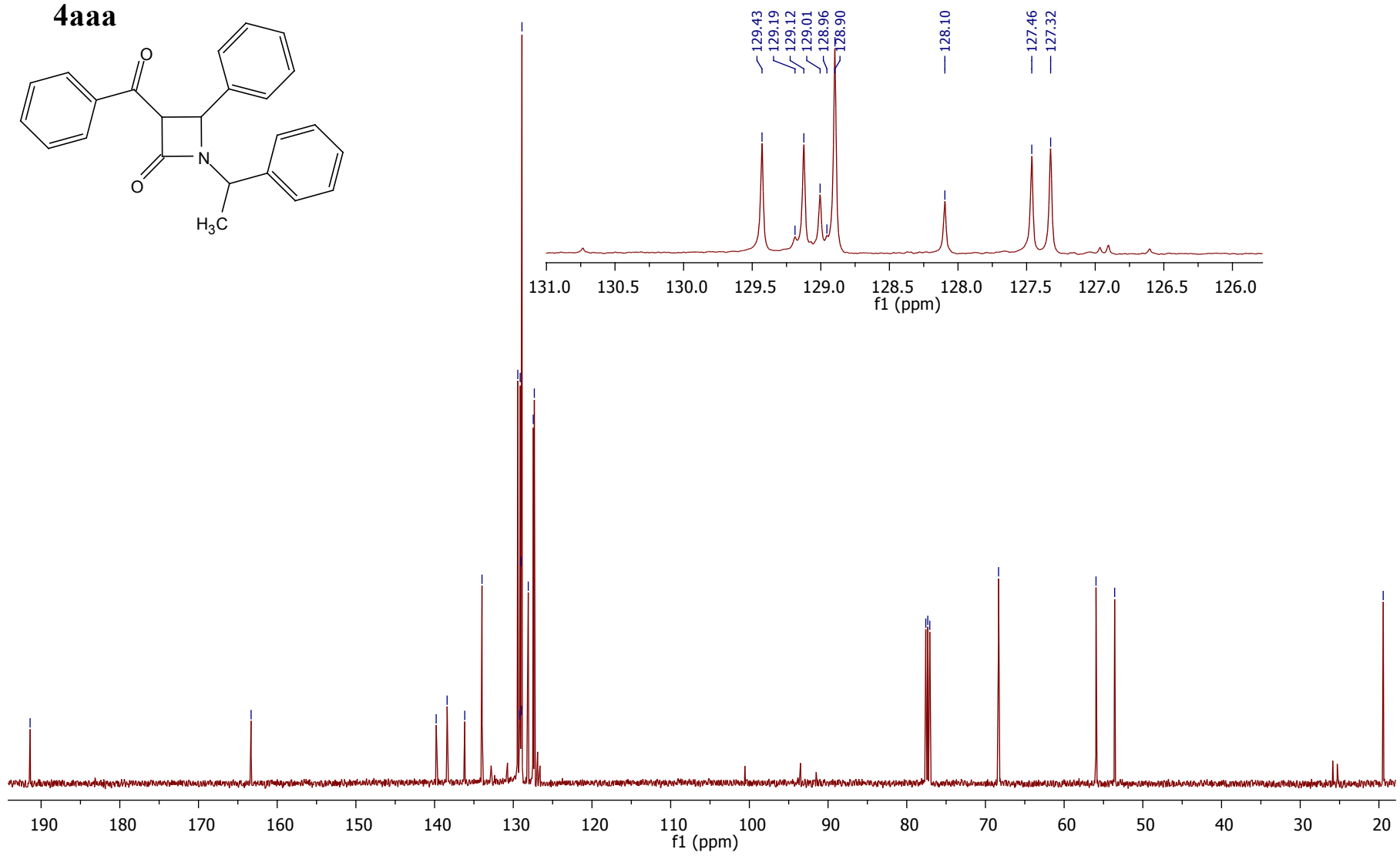
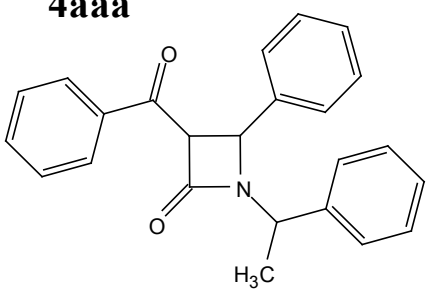
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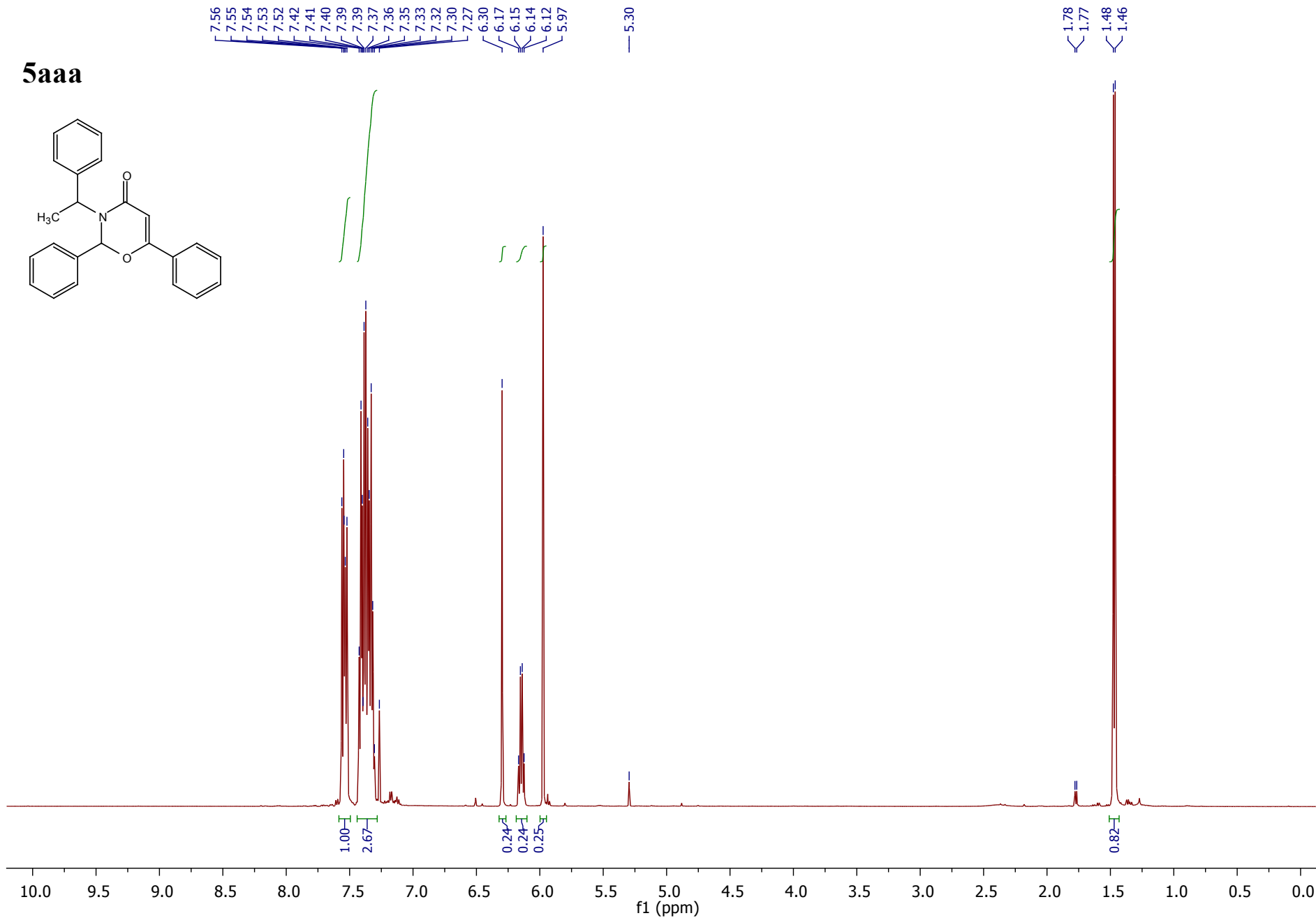
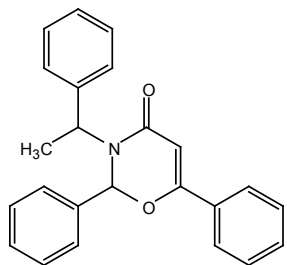
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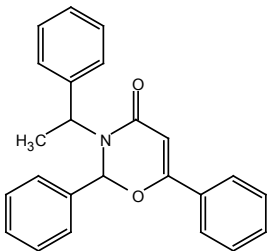
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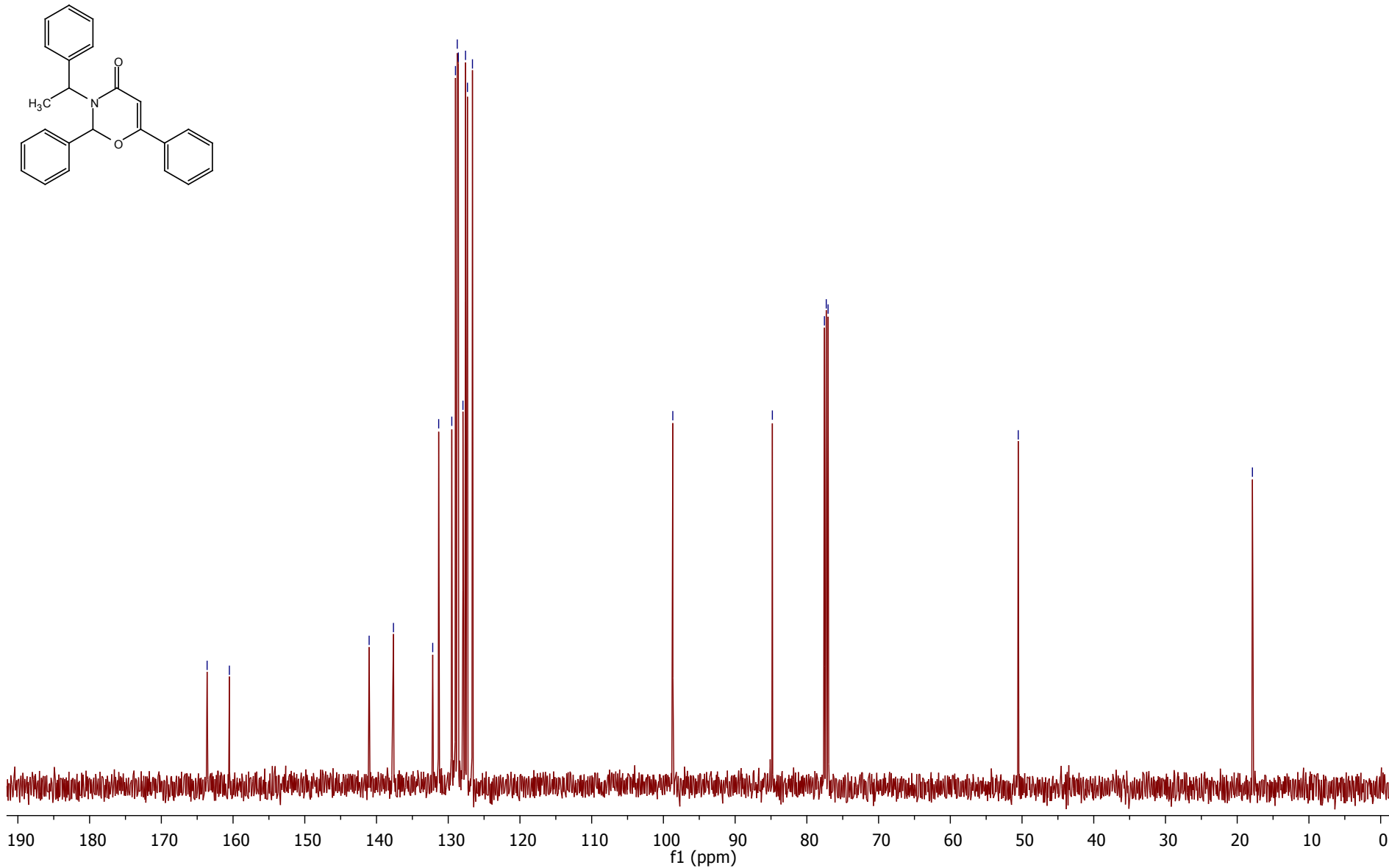
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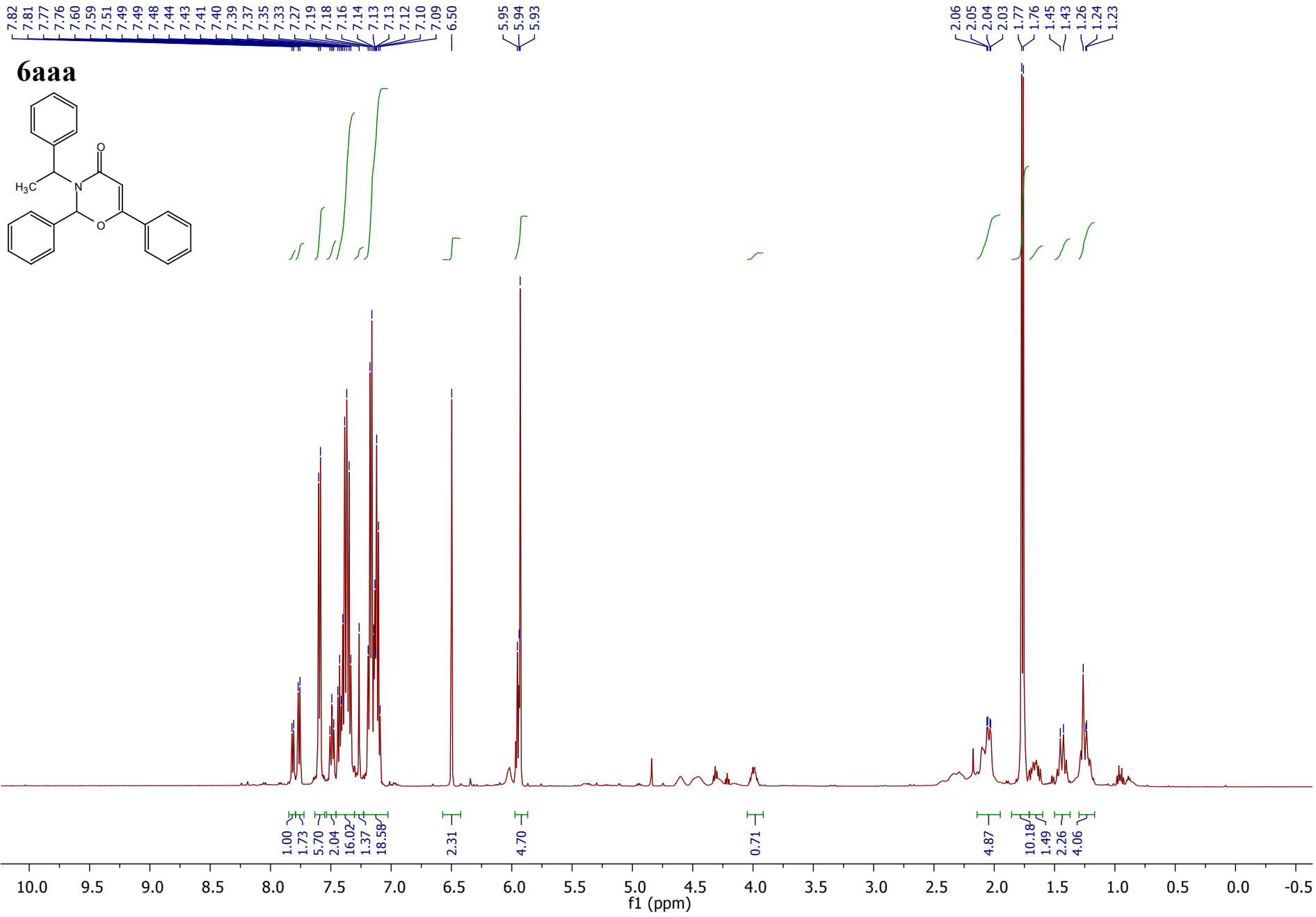
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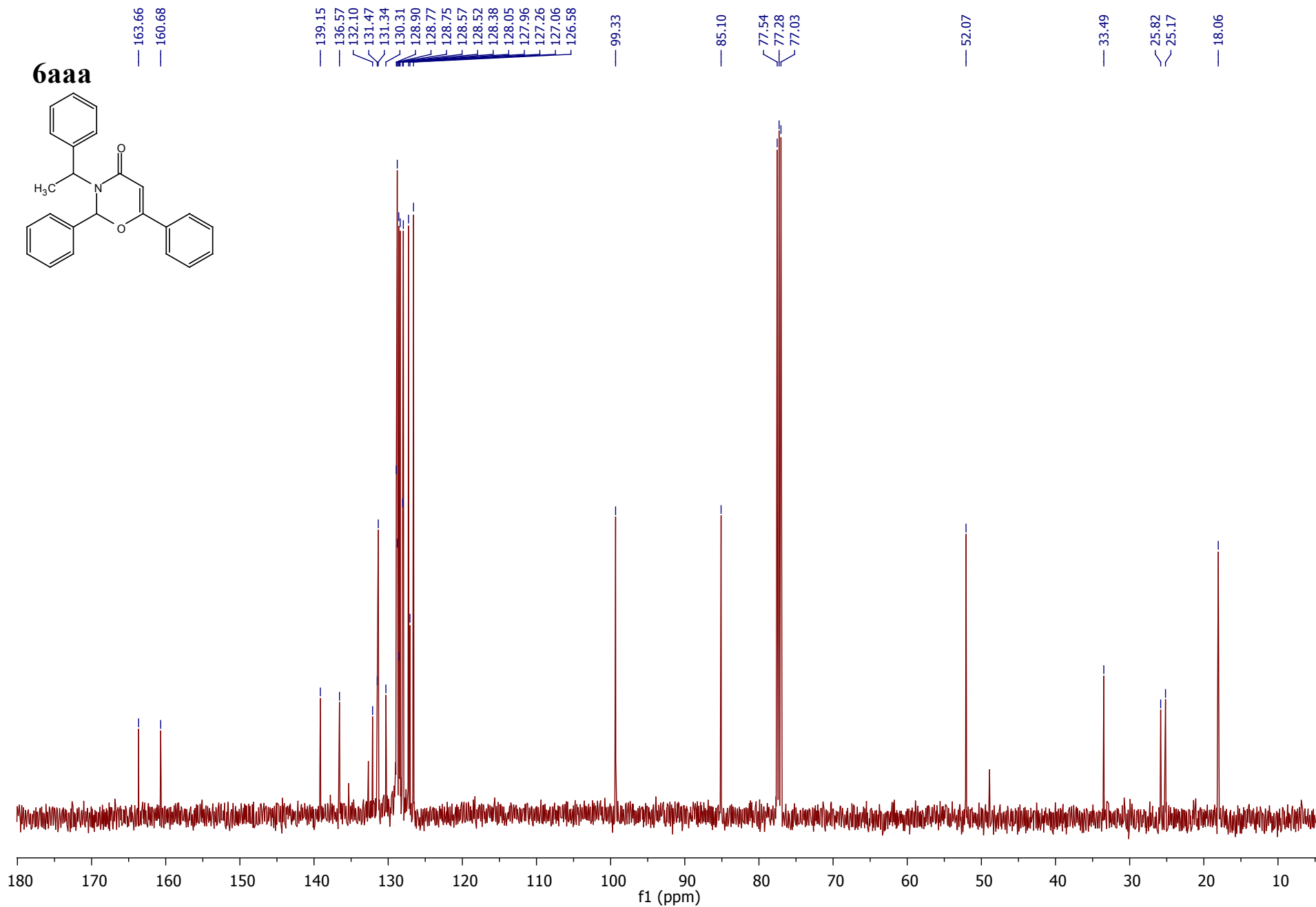
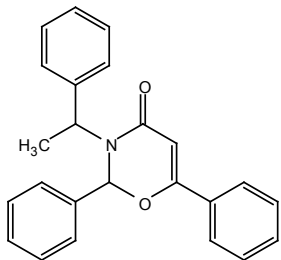
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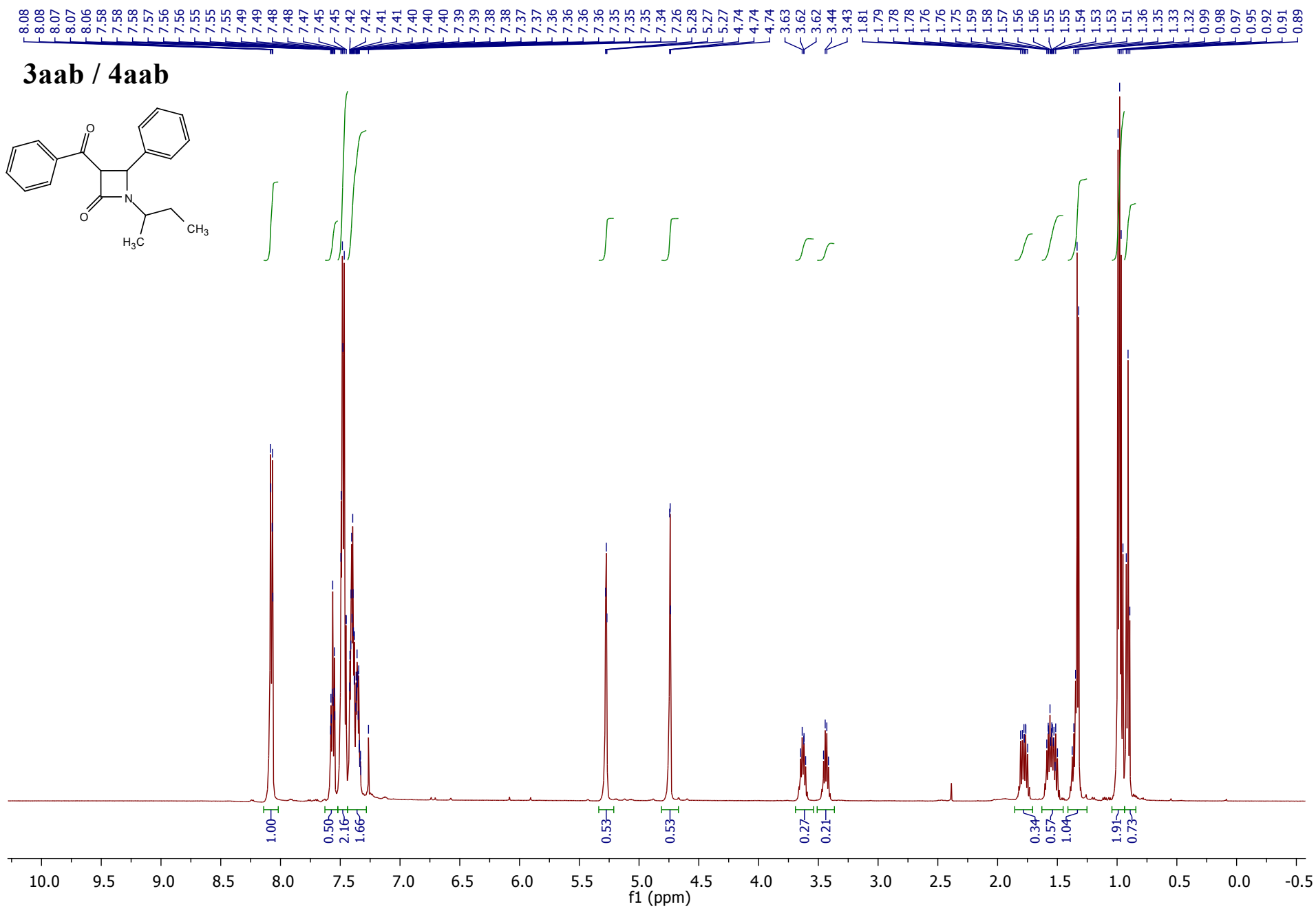
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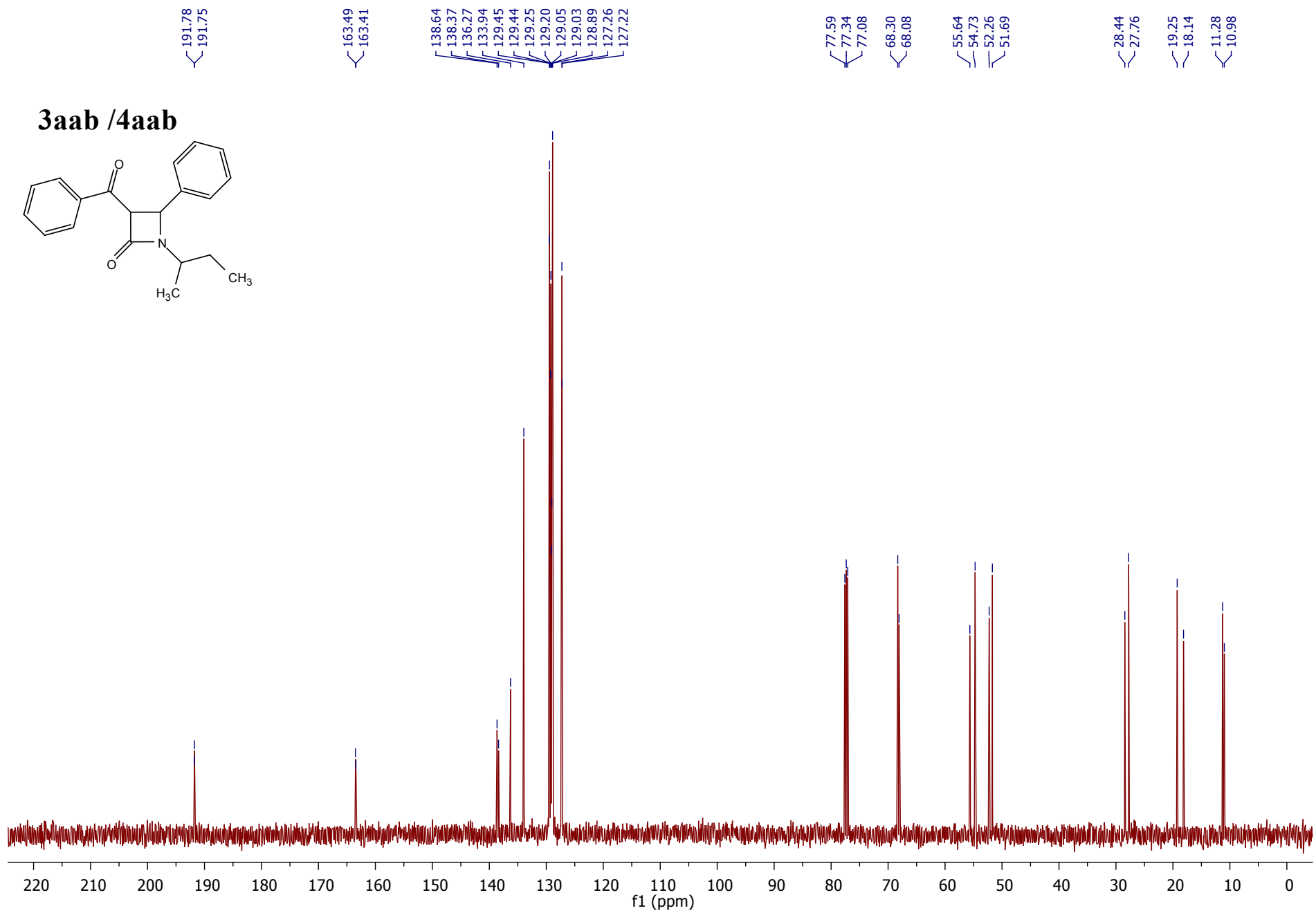
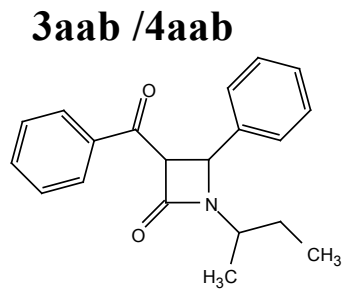


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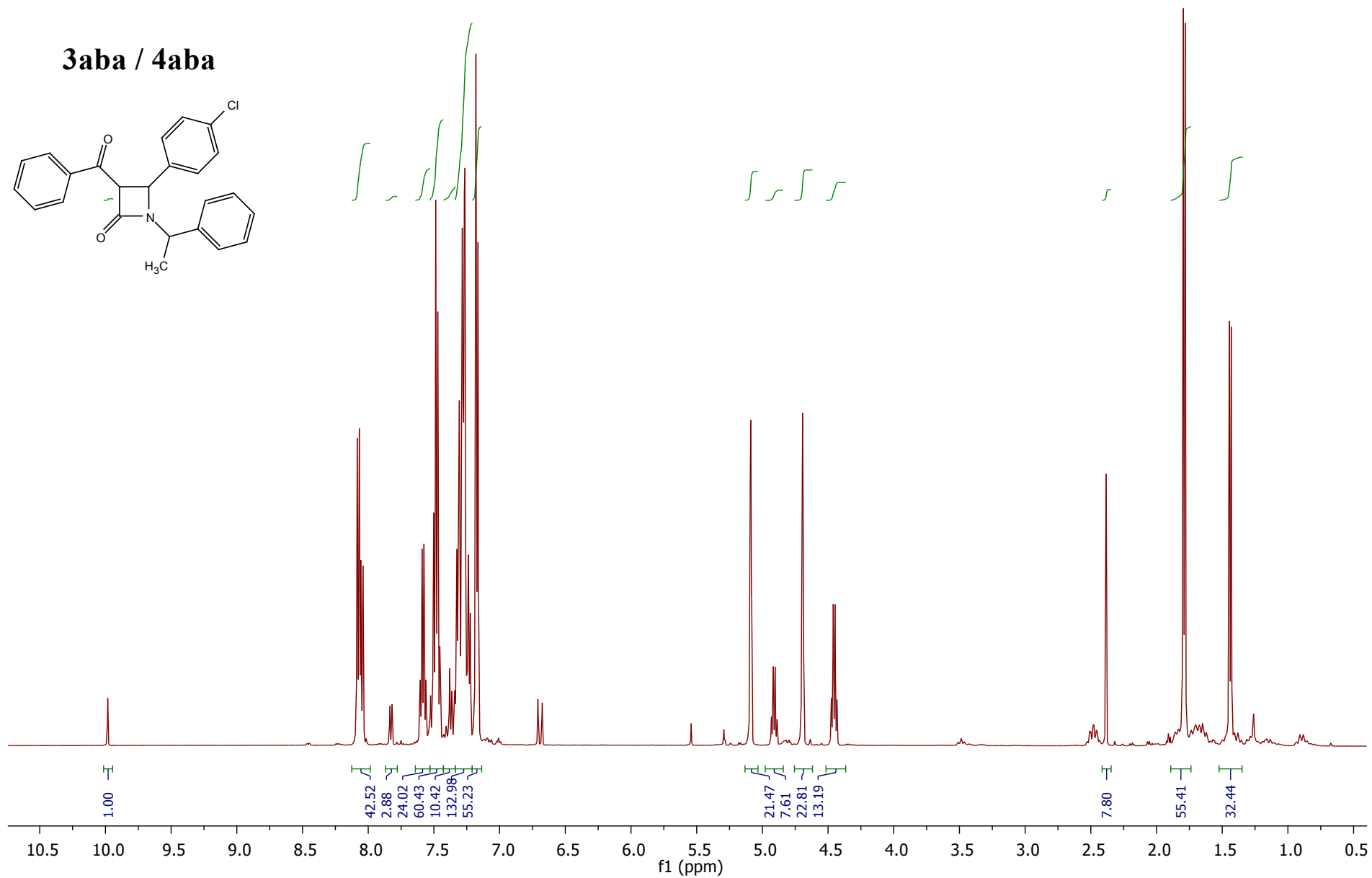
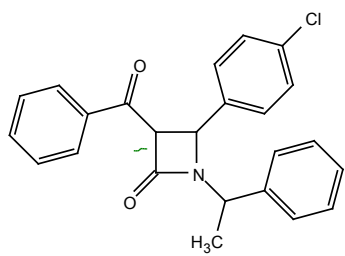


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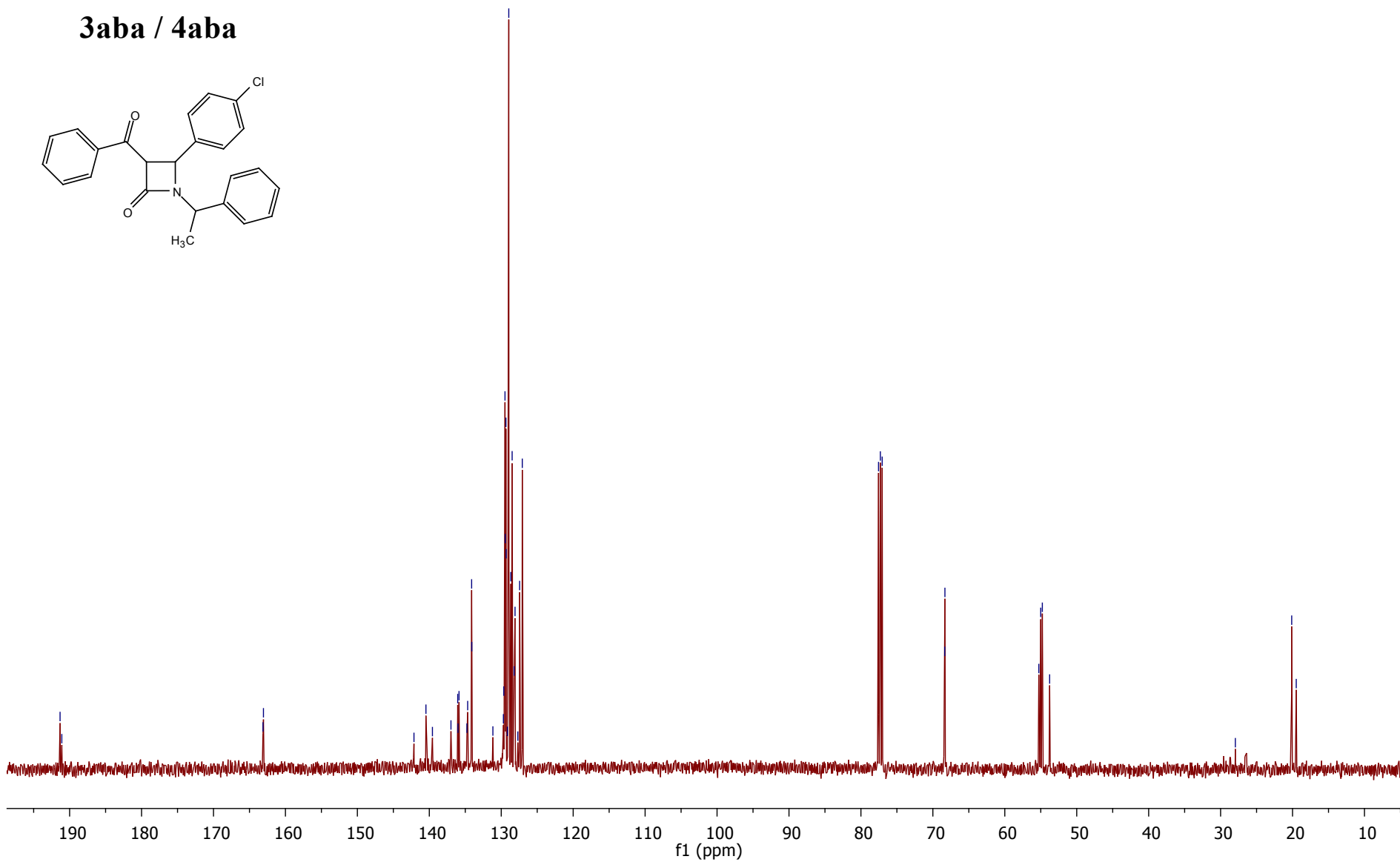
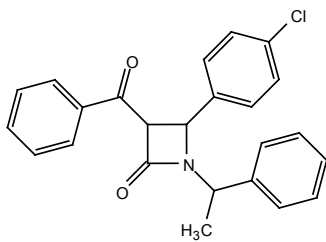
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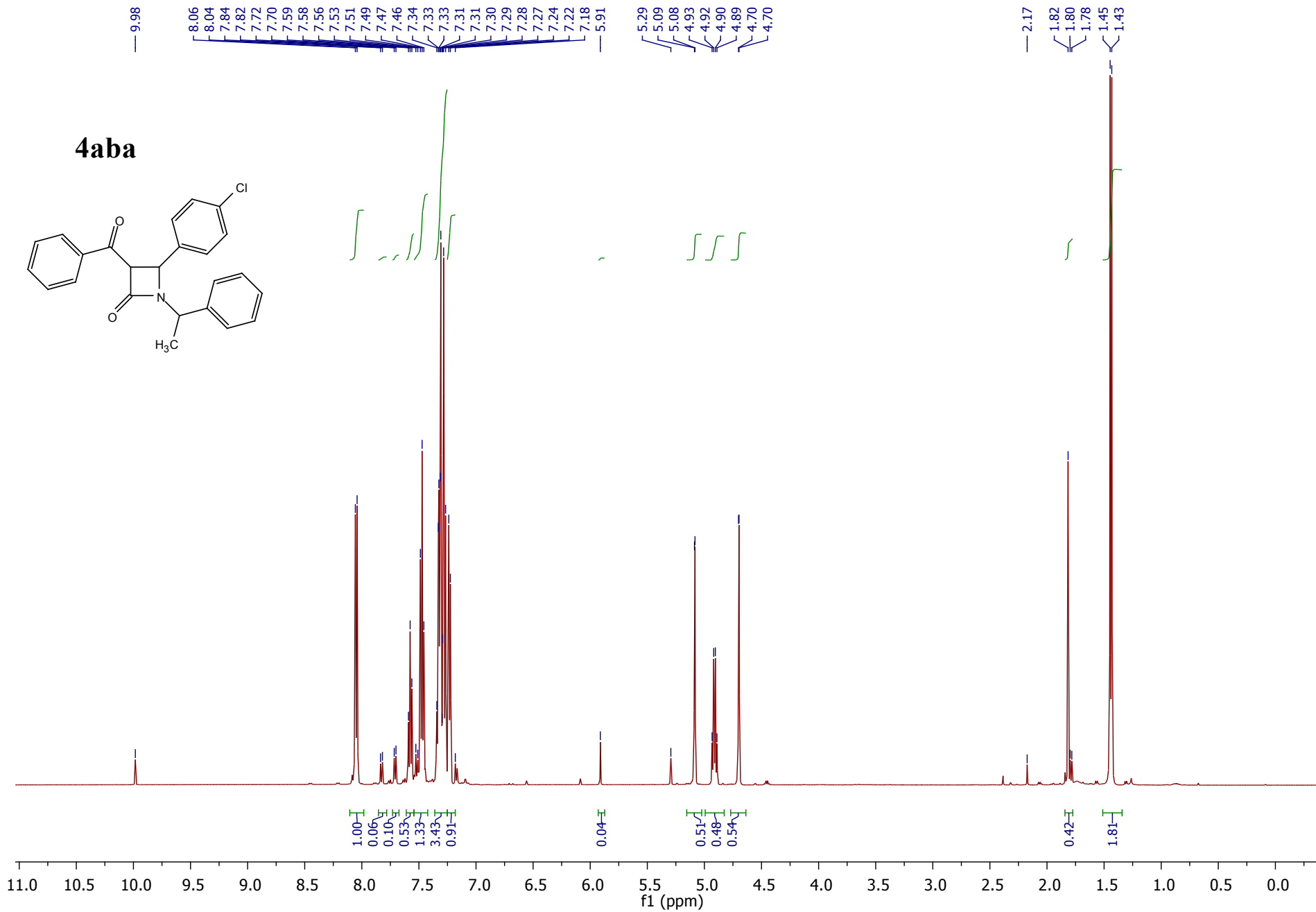
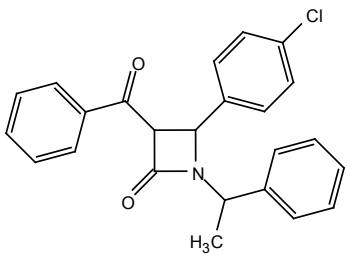
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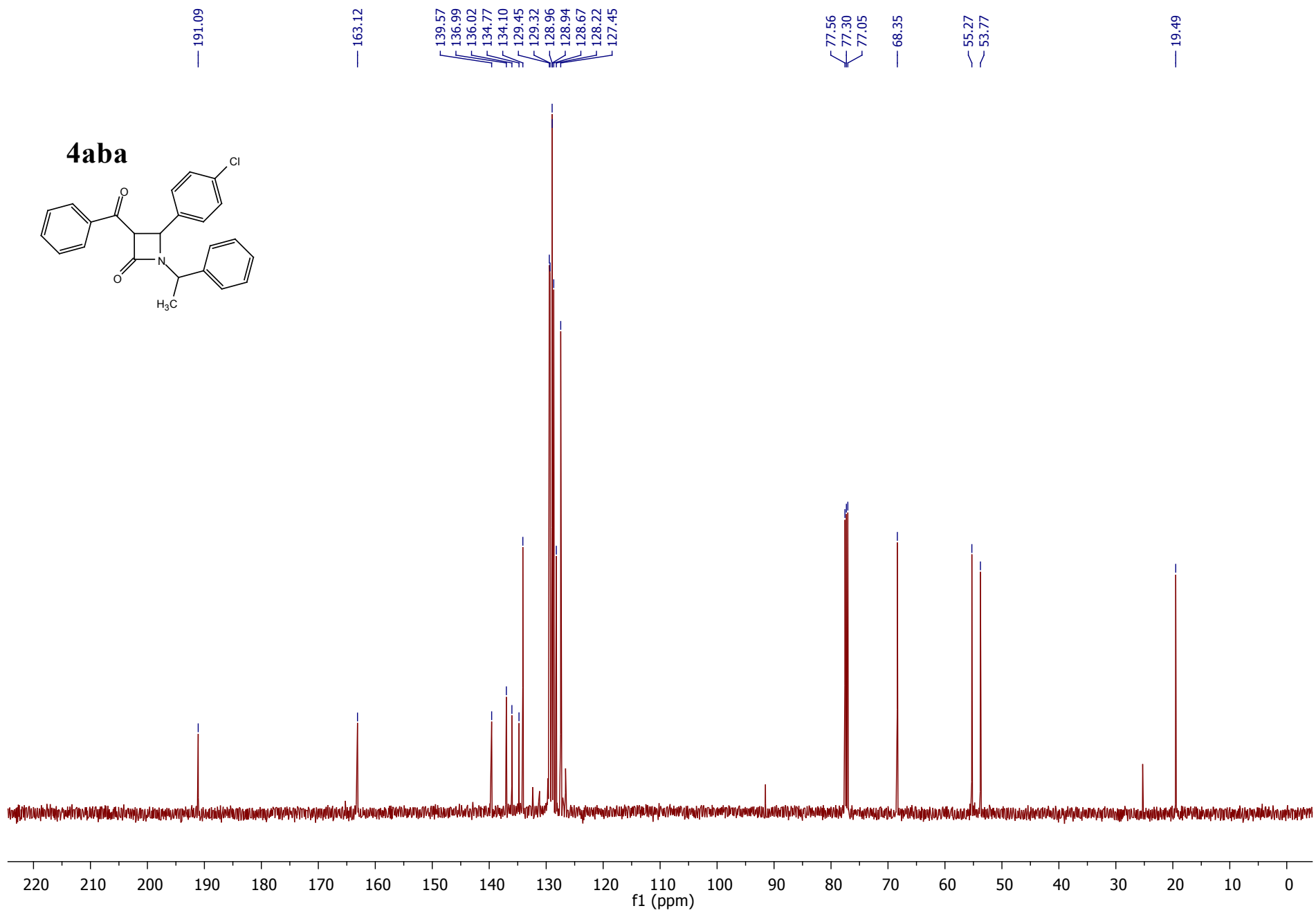
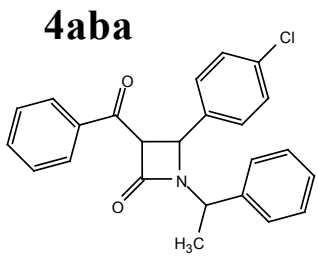
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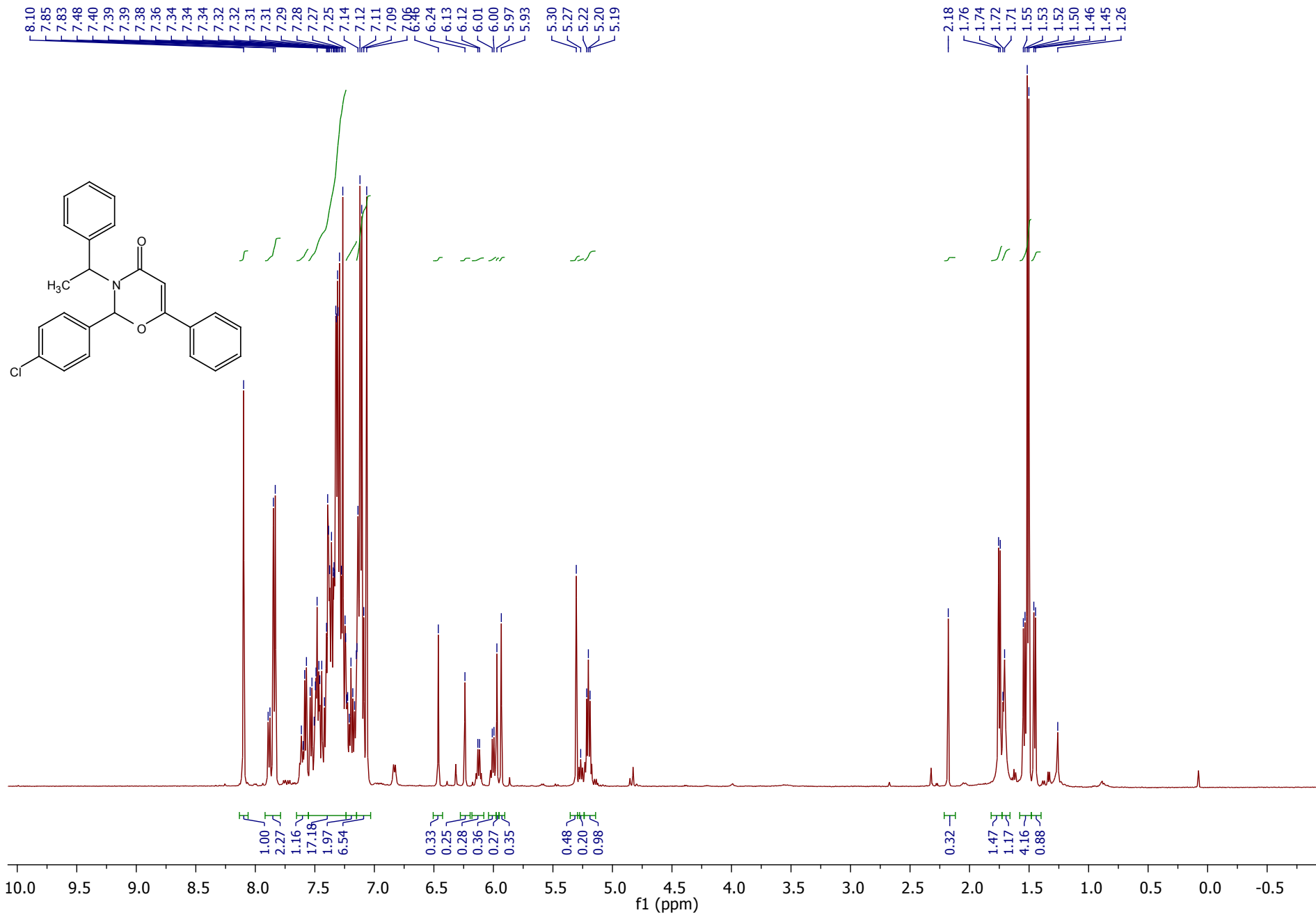
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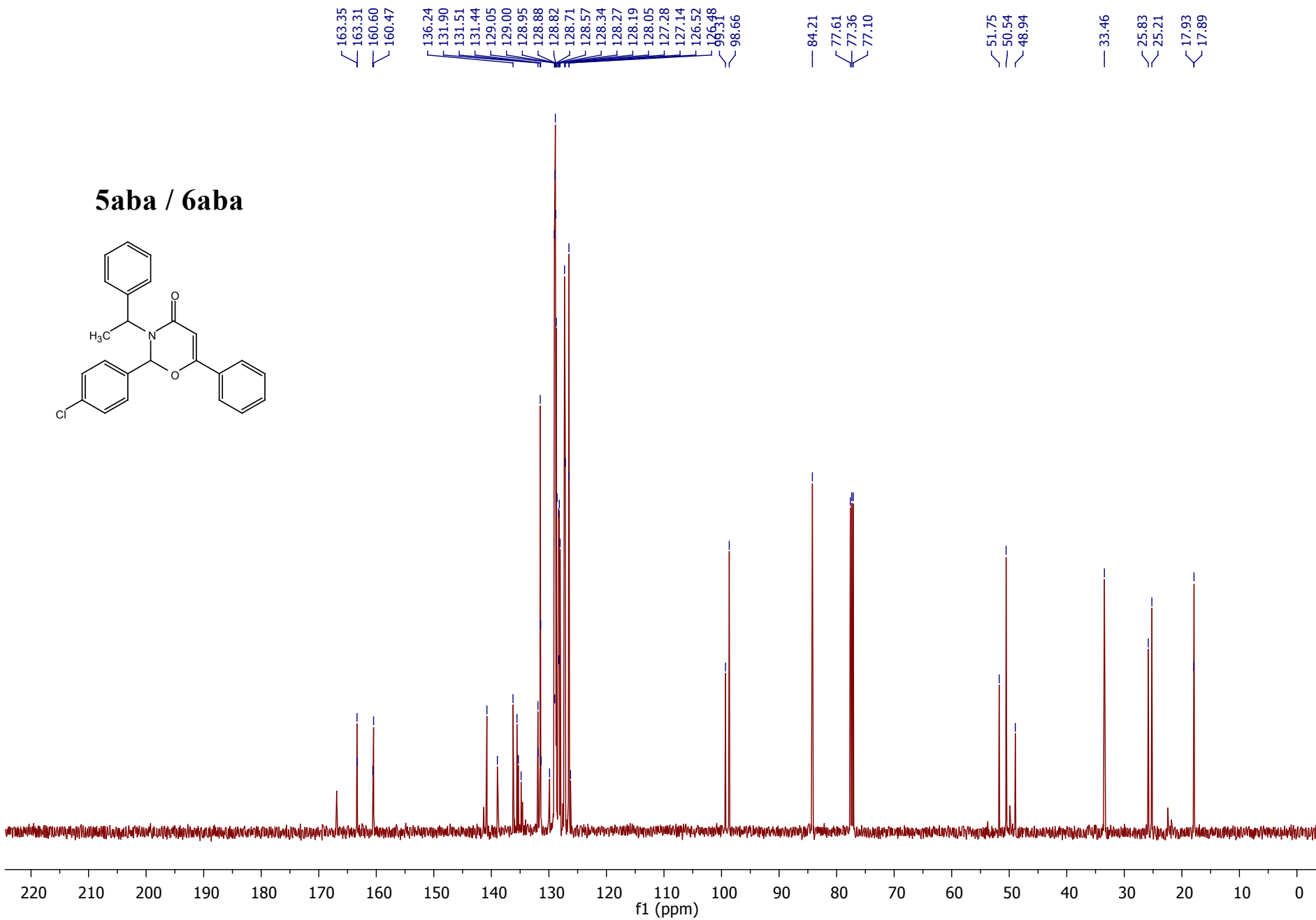
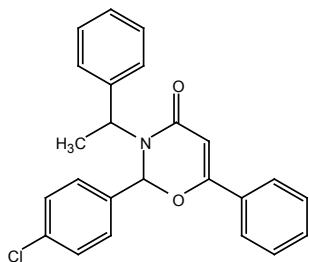


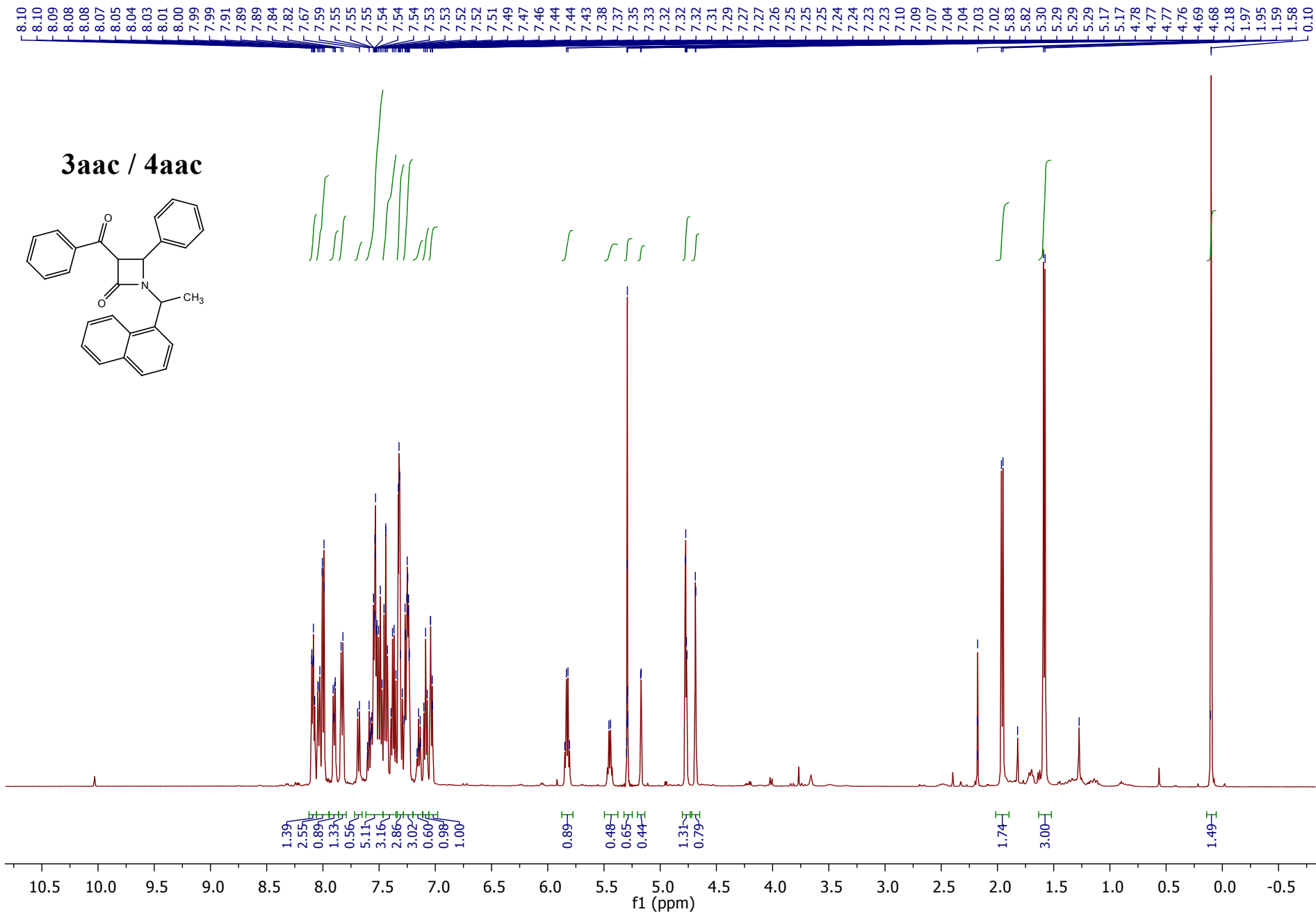




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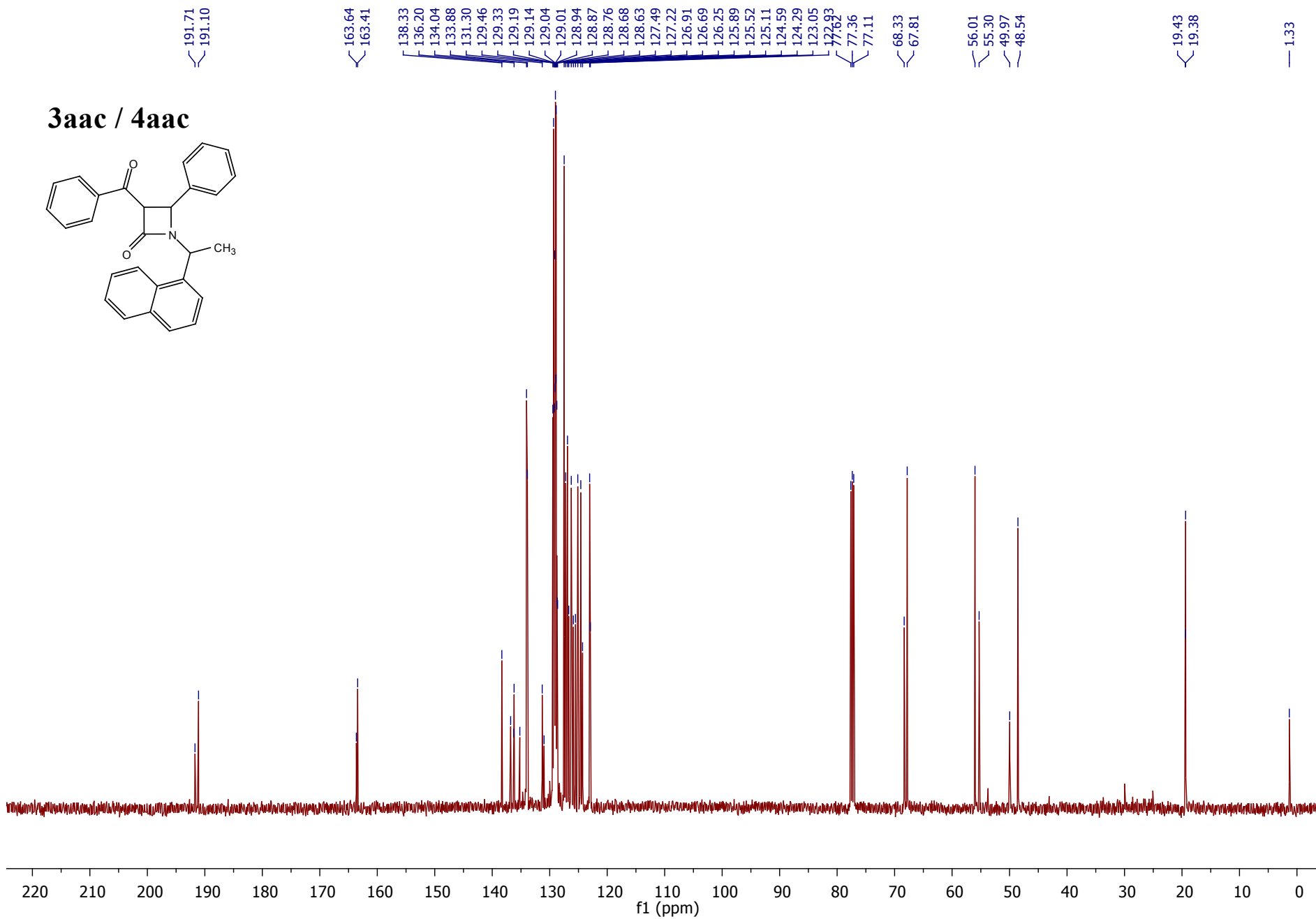
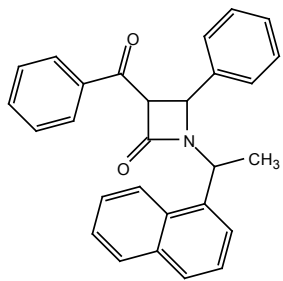
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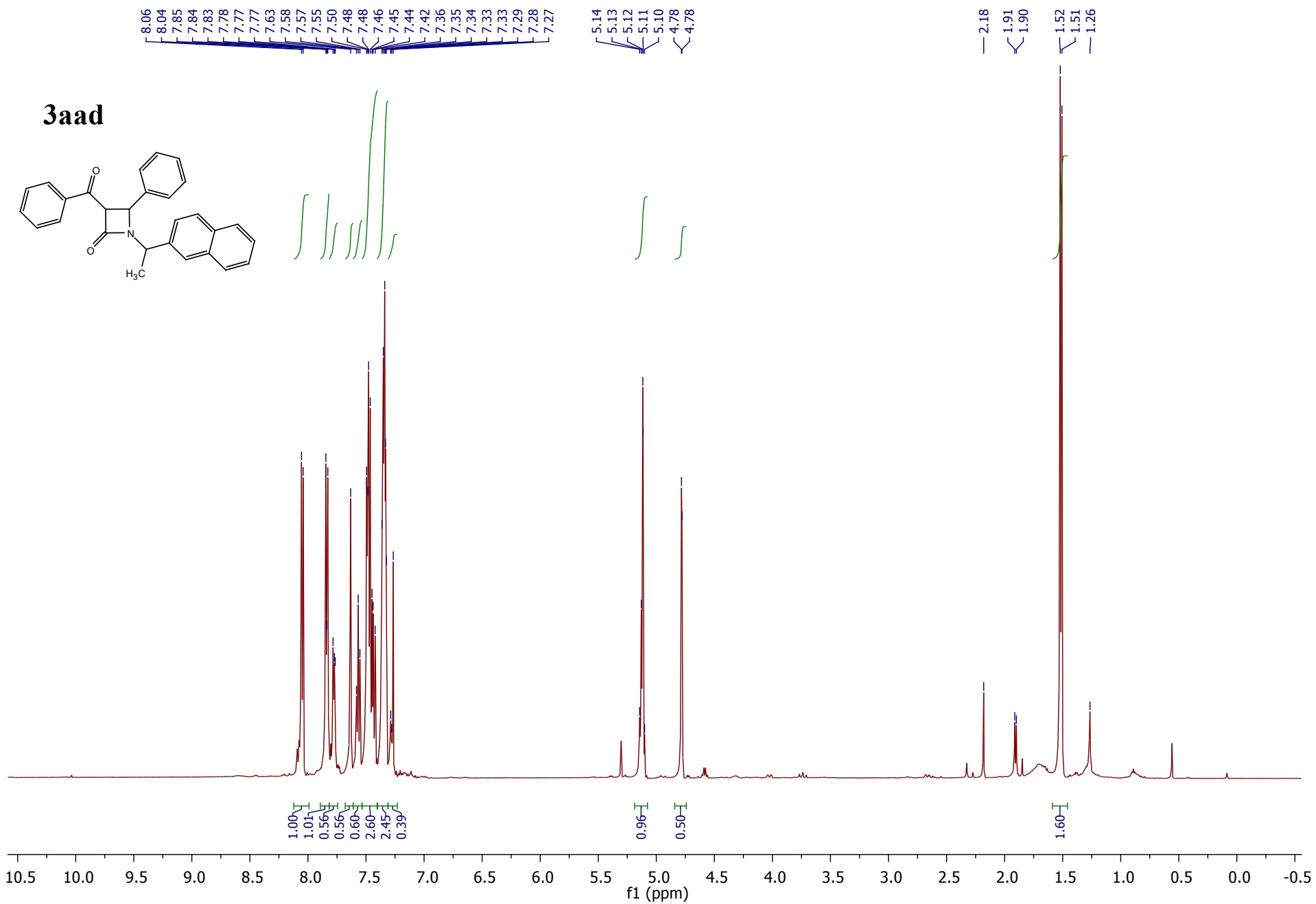


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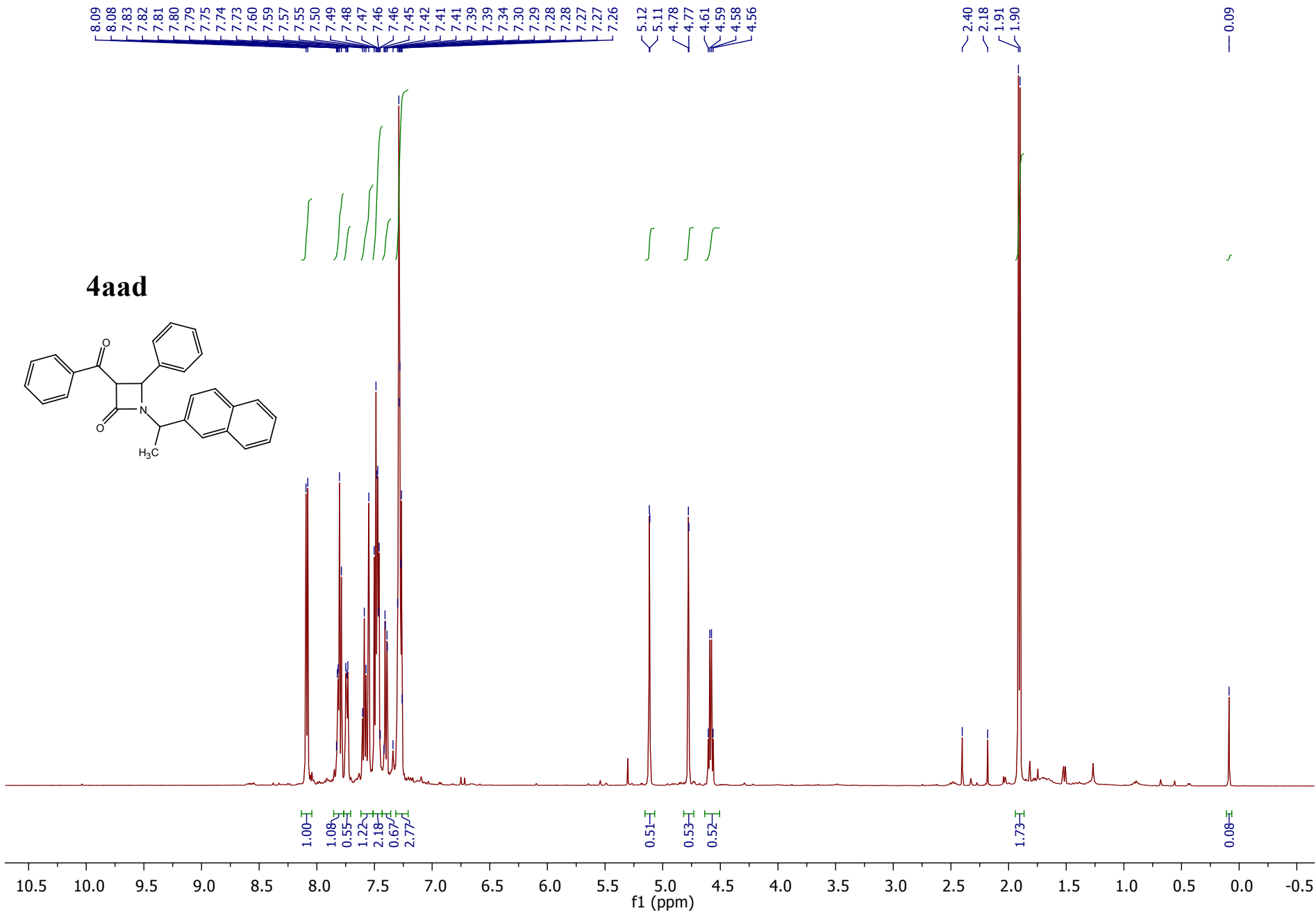
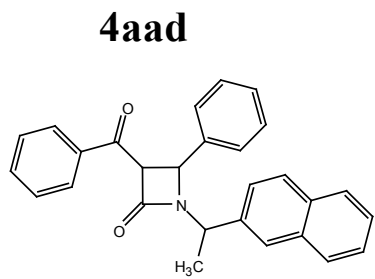
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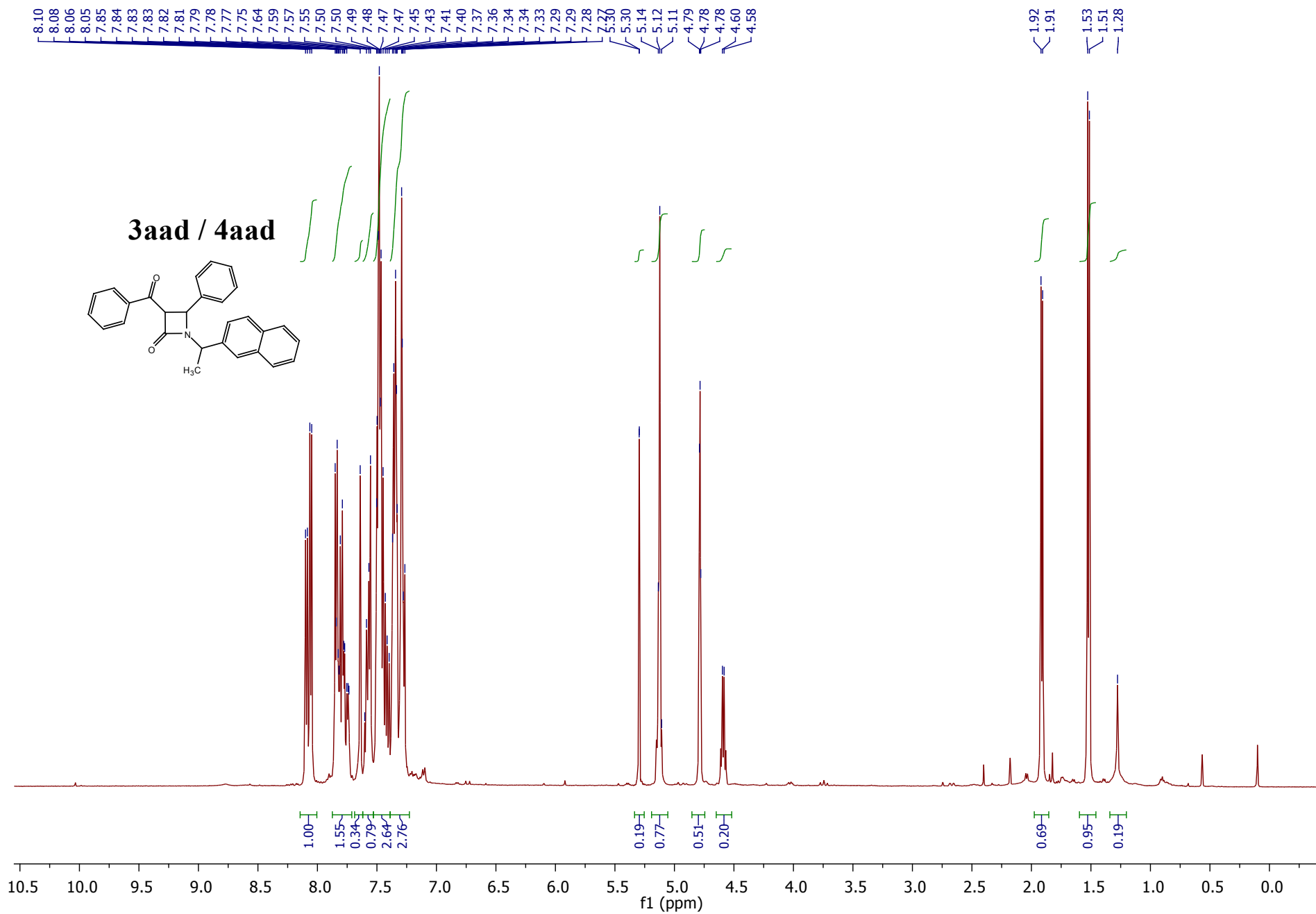


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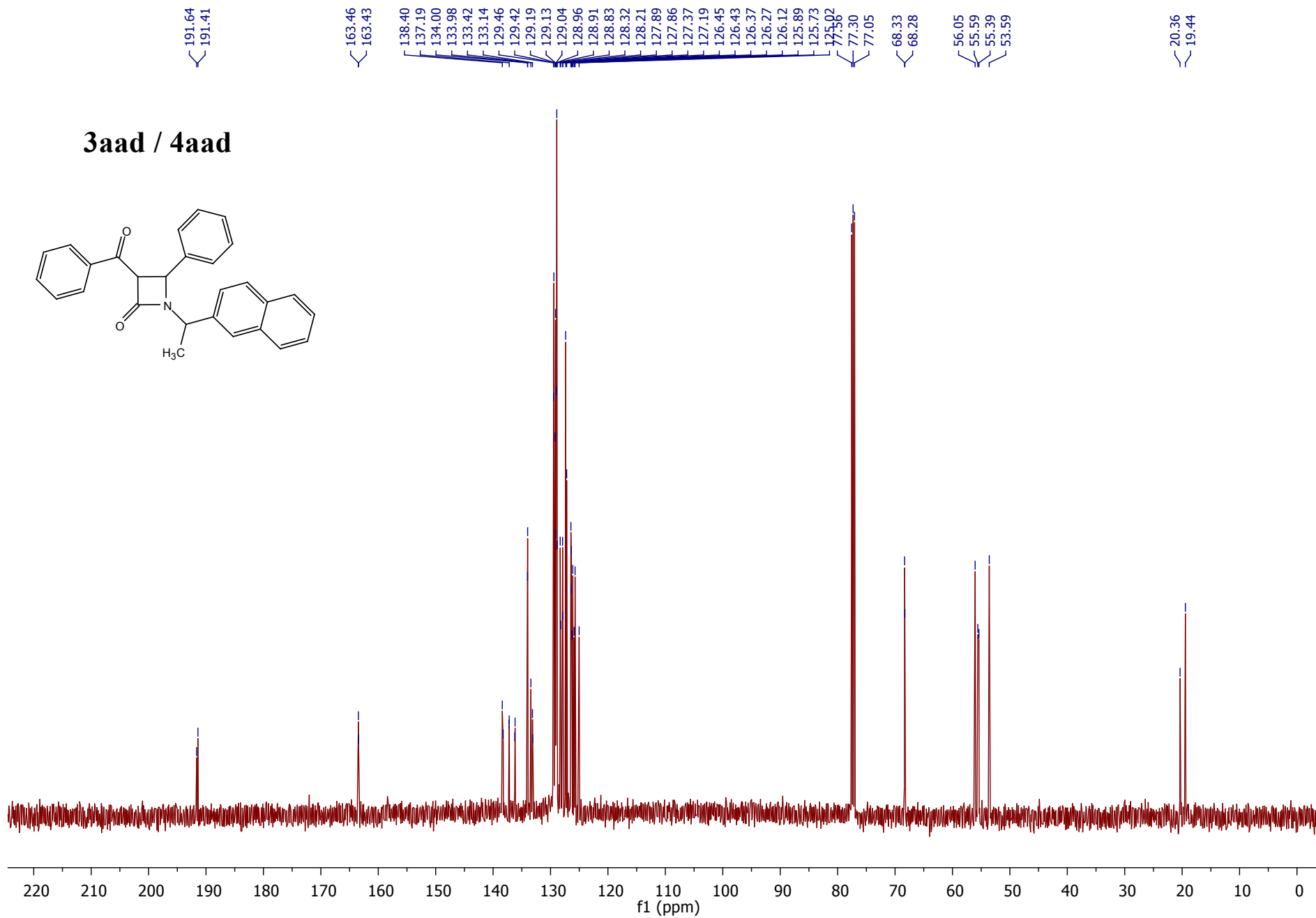
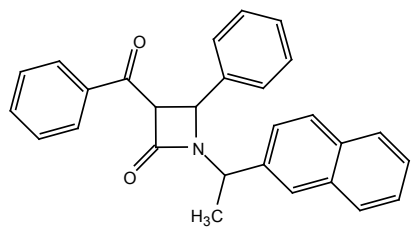
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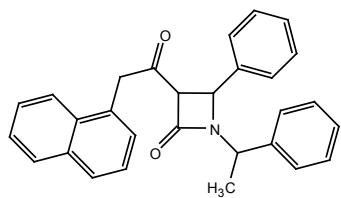


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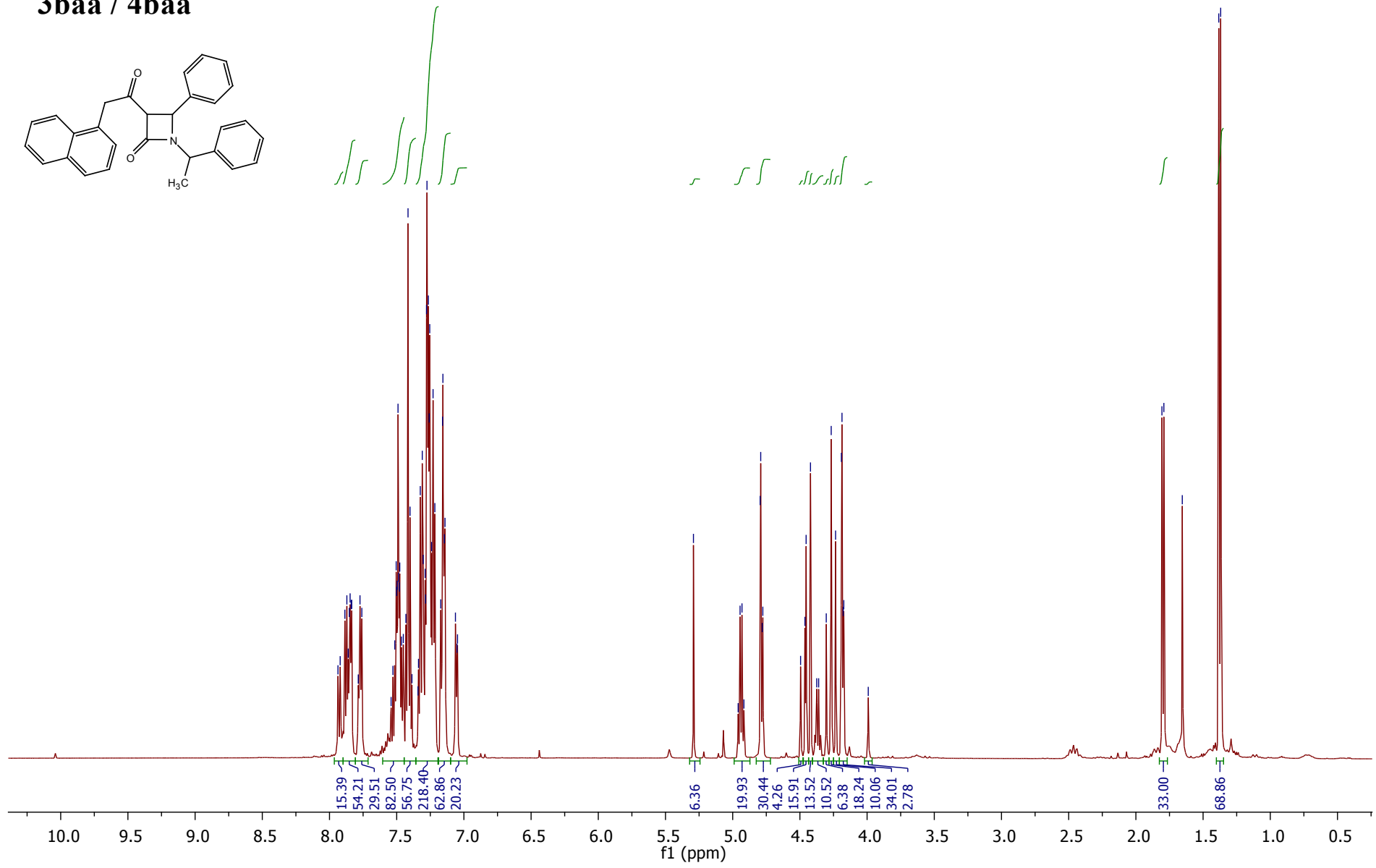
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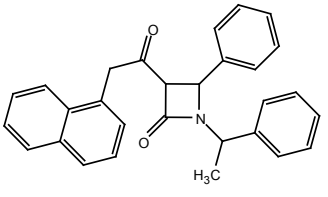
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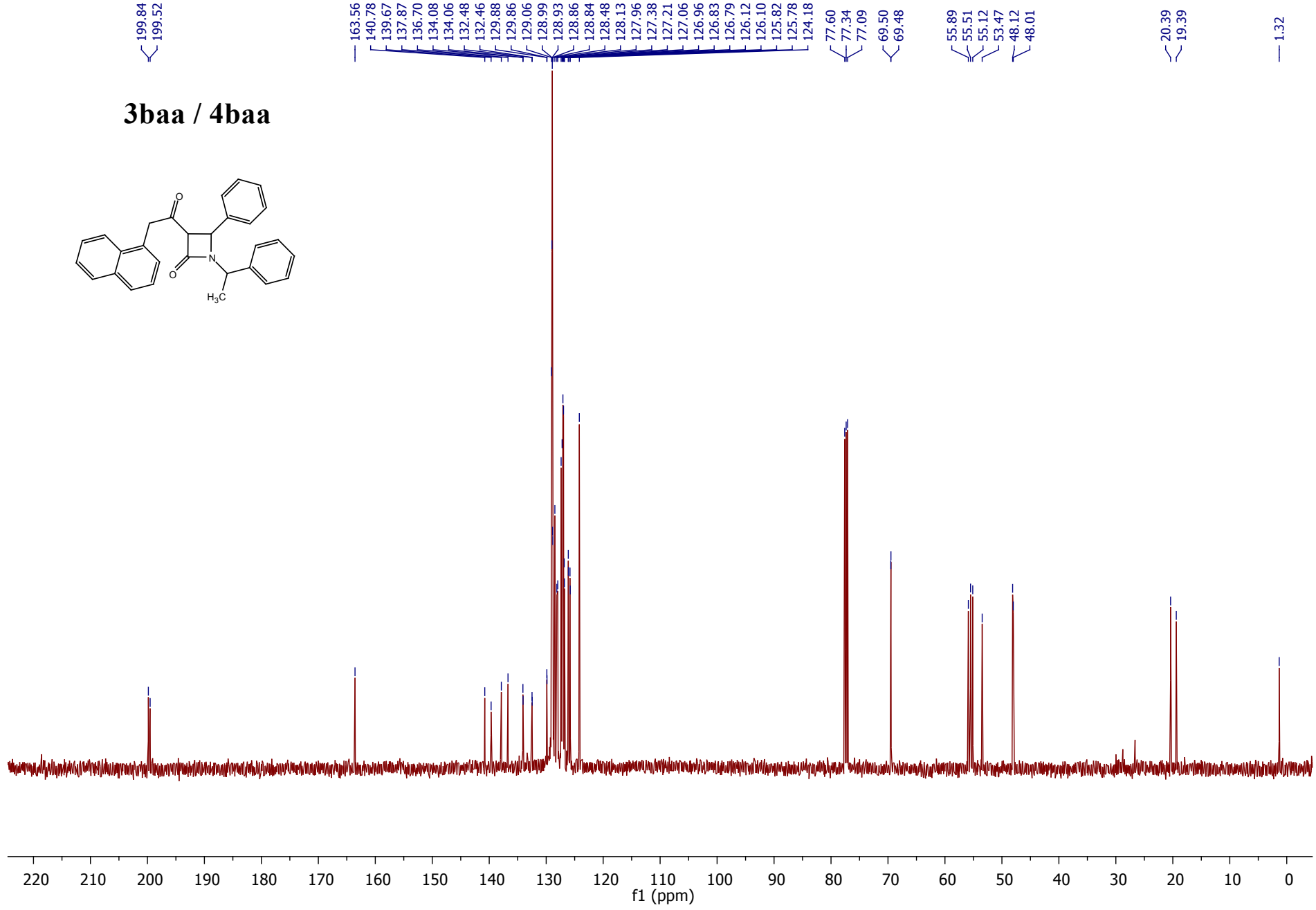
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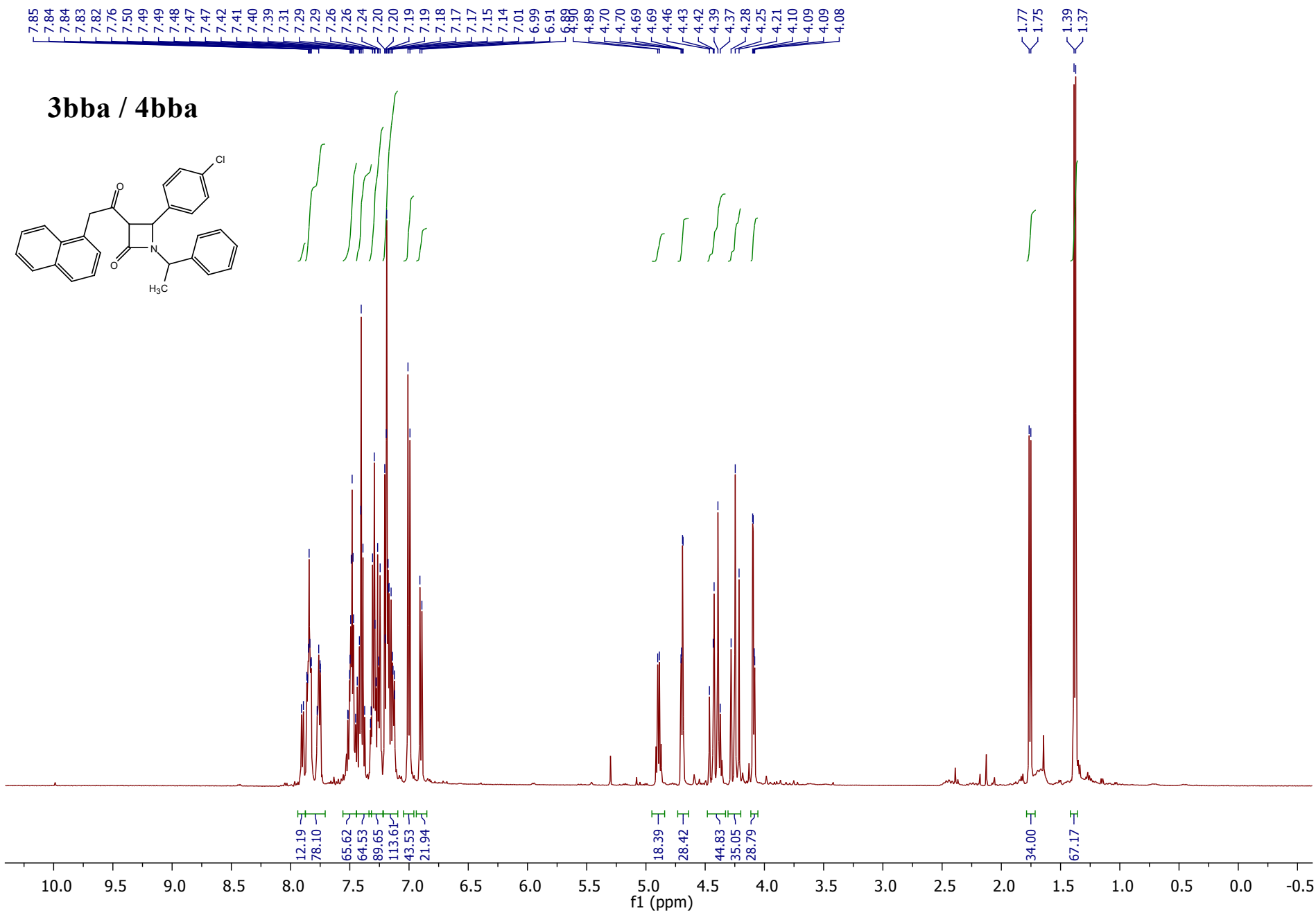
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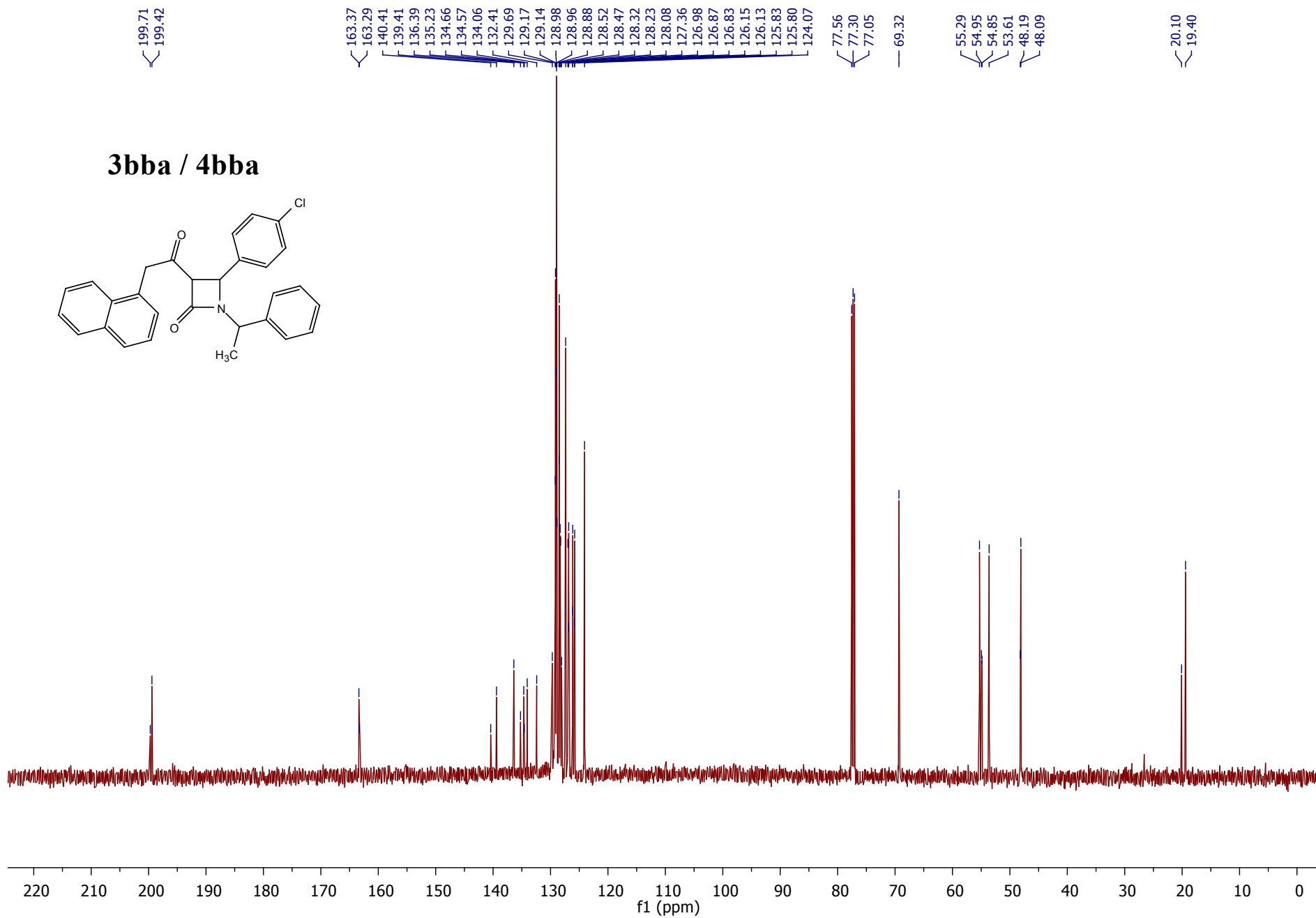
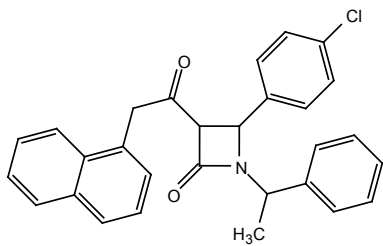
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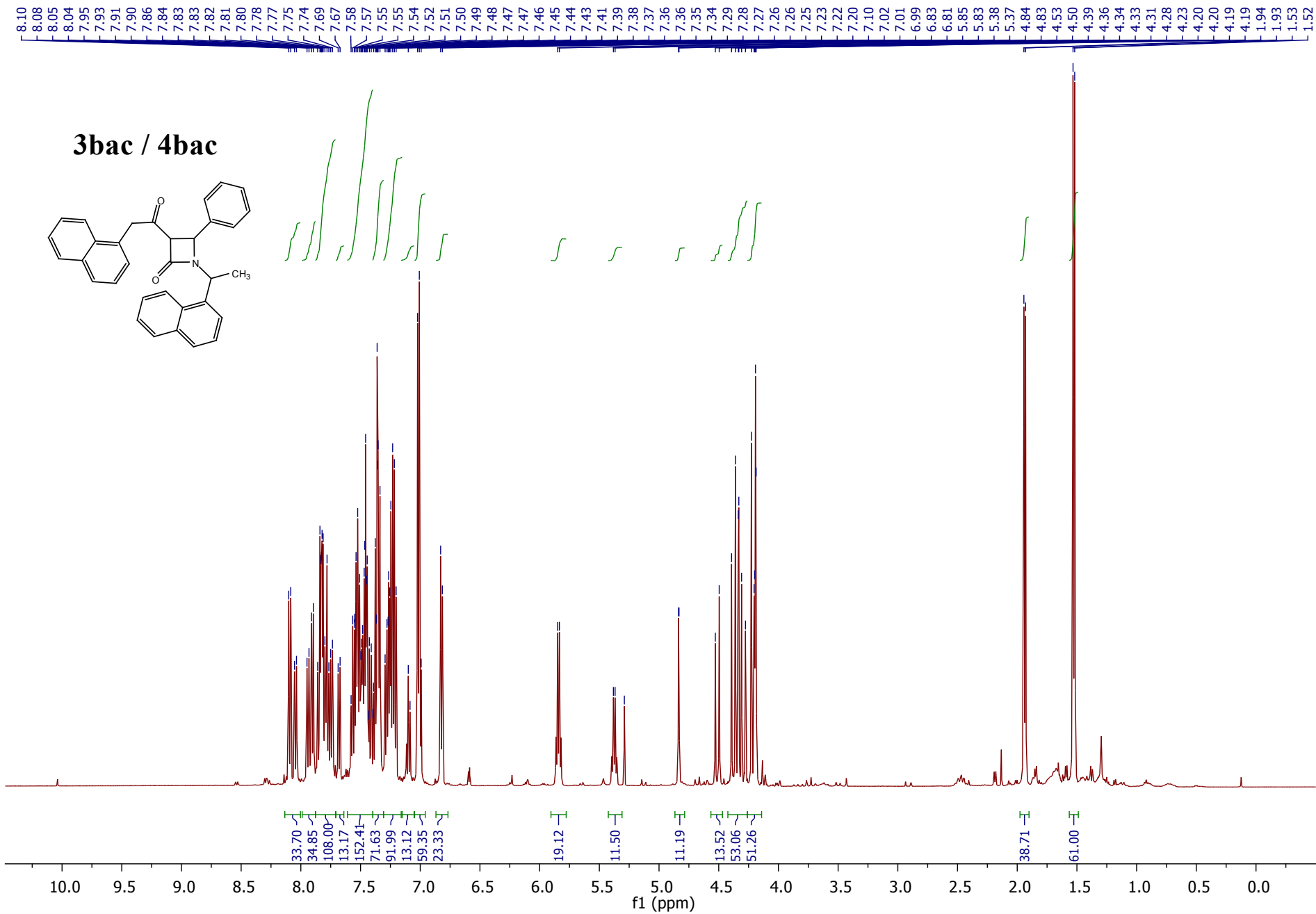
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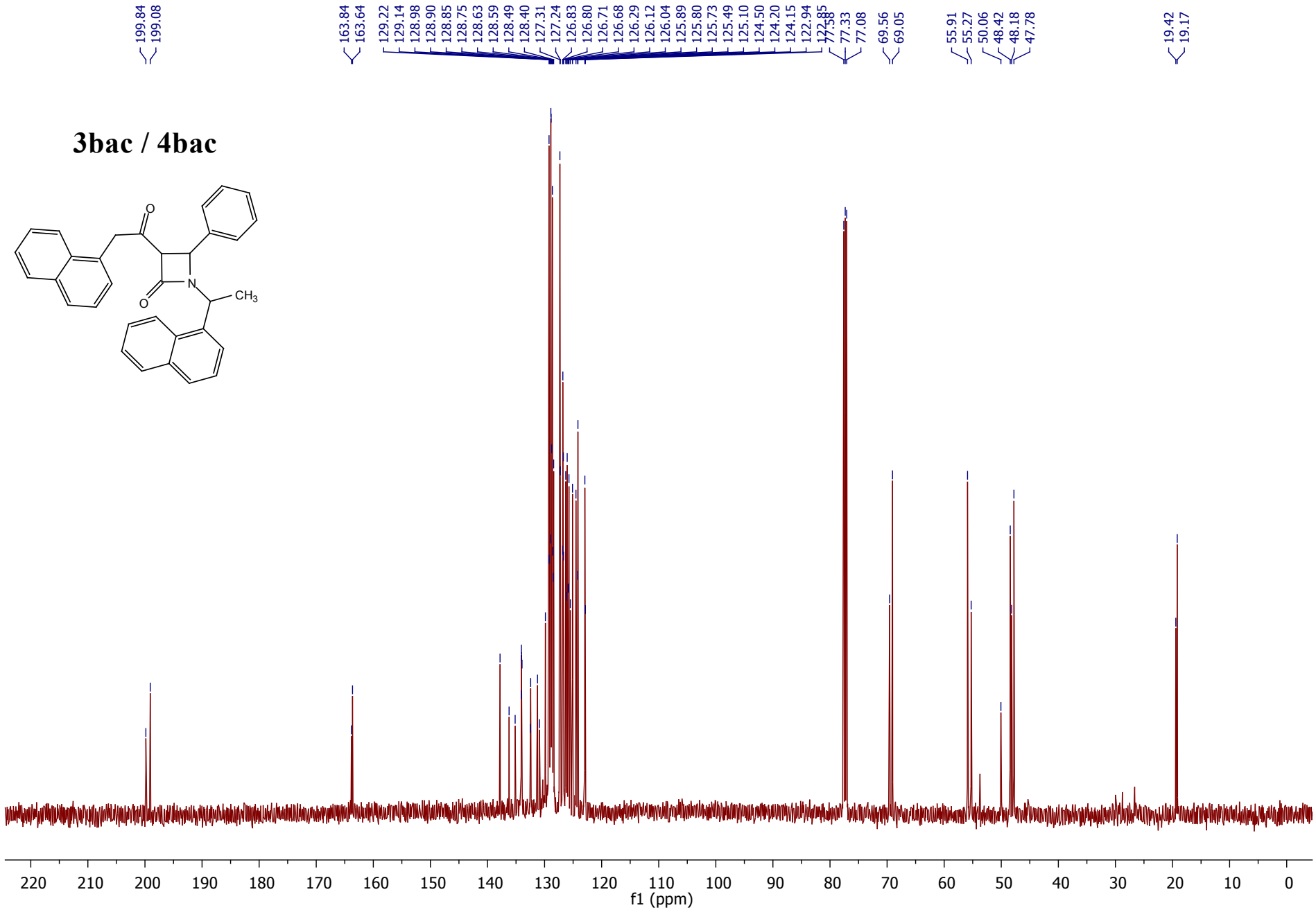
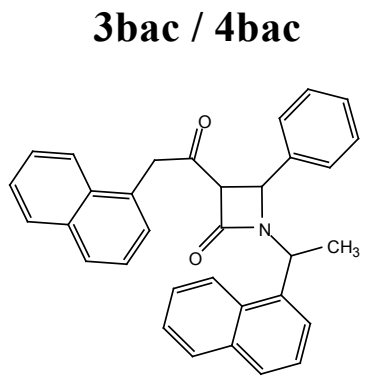


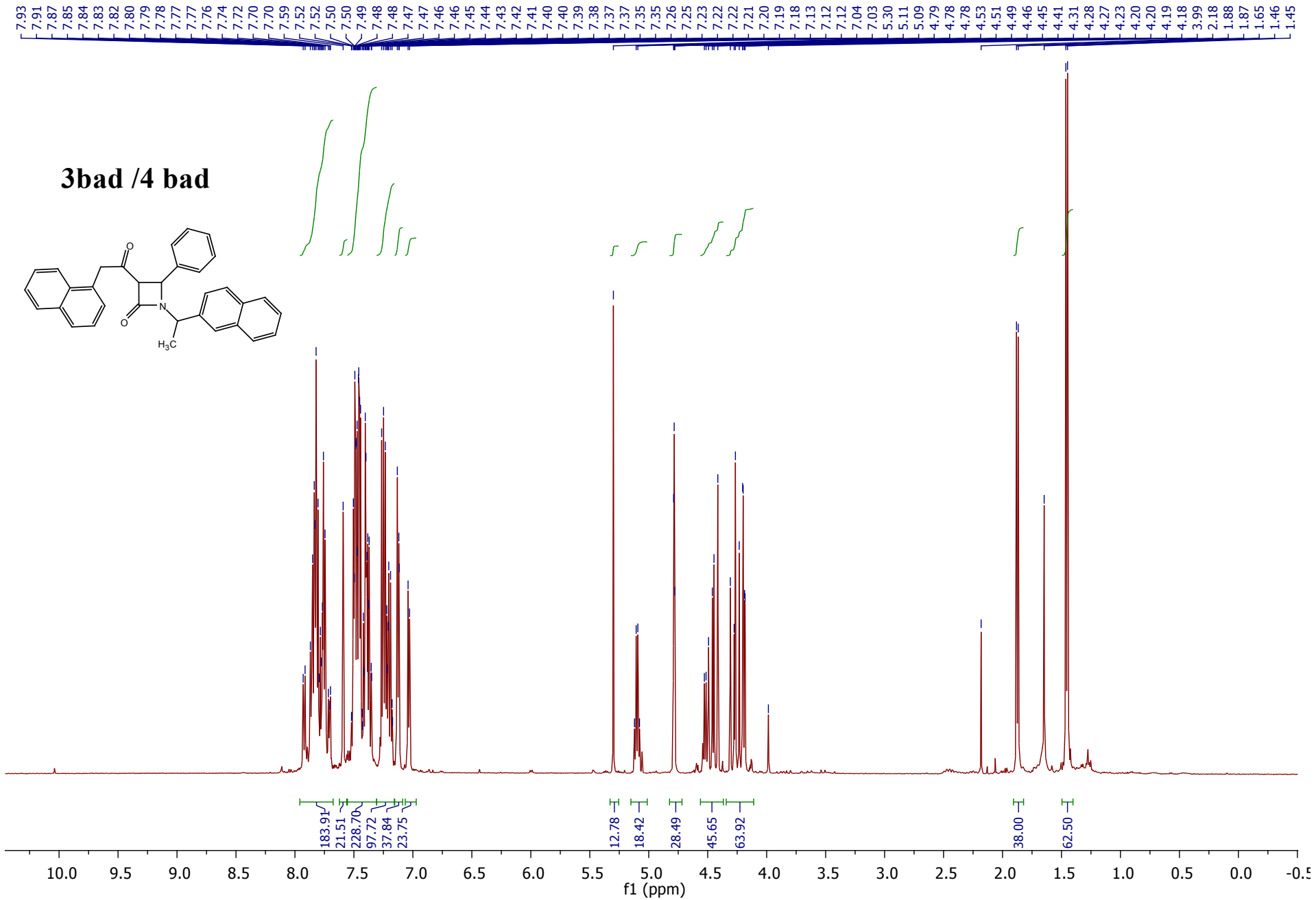
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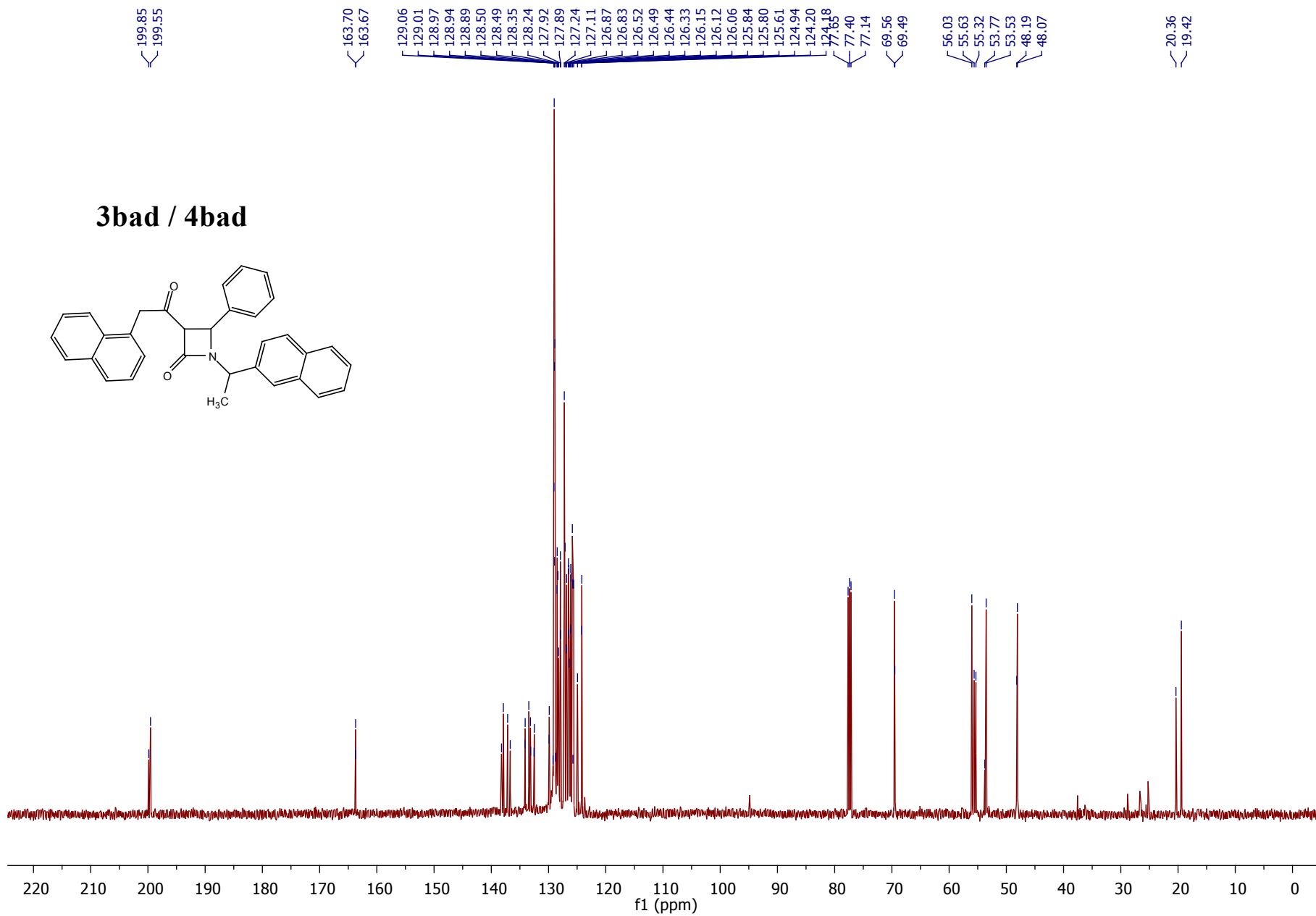
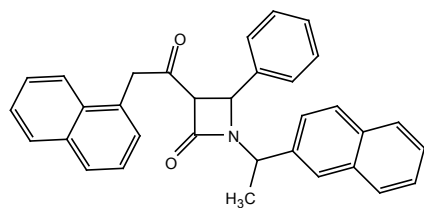


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