

**BF<sub>3</sub>·OEt<sub>2</sub> catalyzed decarbonylative arylation/C-H functionalization of diazoamides with arylaldehydes: Synthesis of substituted 3-aryloxindoles**

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## **General information**

Melting points were determined on a capillary melting point apparatus and uncorrected. IR spectra were recorded using ATR technique on a Bruker Alpha FT-IR spectrophotometer. All compounds were fully characterized. Proton nuclear magnetic resonance (<sup>1</sup>H NMR) spectra were recorded at 400 MHz using CDCl<sub>3</sub> in ppm ( $\delta$ ) related to tetramethylsilane ( $\delta$ =0.00) as an internal standard and are reported as follows; chemical shift (ppm), multiplicity (s = singlet, bs = broad singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, q = quartet, dd = doublet of doublet, ABq = AB quartet, m = multiplet) and coupling constant (Hz). Carbon-13 nuclear magnetic resonance (<sup>13</sup>C NMR) spectra were recorded at 100 MHz in CDCl<sub>3</sub>. Chemical shifts are reported in delta ( $\delta$ ) units, parts per million (ppm) relative to the center of the triplet at 77.7 ppm for CDCl<sub>3</sub>. Carbon types were determined from <sup>13</sup>C NMR and DEPT experiments. The residual solvent signals were used as references and the chemical shifts converted to the TMS scale (CDCl<sub>3</sub>:  $\delta_H$  = 7.26 ppm,  $\delta_C$  = 77.7 ppm). High resolution mass analyses were performed using electrospray ionization (ESI) technique on a Thermo Exactive Orbitrap mass spectrometer. All solvents were purified by distillation following standard procedure. Thin layer chromatography was performed on silica or alumina plates and components visualized by observation under iodine/UV light at 254 nm. Column chromatography was performed on silica gel (100-200 mesh). All the reactions were conducted in oven-dried glassware under a positive pressure of nitrogen with magnetic stirring. aldehyde and were purchased from M/s Aldrich and M/s Alfa Aesar used as provided. The diazoamides<sup>1</sup> was prepared according to the literature method.

## **Experimental Section**

### **General experimental procedure for the synthesis of $\alpha$ -aryloxindoles (3, 6 and 7)**

An oven-dried single neck round bottom flask (50 mL) containing a solution diazoamides **1** (1 equiv.) and appropriate aldehydes **2** or **5** (1 or 0.5 equiv.) in dichloromethane (DCM, 5 mL) under an open-air atmosphere and the reaction mixture was stirred at 0 °C. After 10 minutes, 20 mol% of BF<sub>3</sub>·OEt<sub>2</sub> was transferred using 100  $\mu$ L pipette to the reaction mixture. The reaction mixture was stirred and monitored using TLC until the disappearance of the diazoamide. After the appropriate period, the reaction mixture was allowed to room temperature and then DCM (20 mL) and water (20 mL) were added. The organic phase was separated and the aqueous layer was washed with DCM (20 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with brine solution and dried over sodium sulphate. The concentration of

the combined organic layers under reduced pressure afforded the crude product, which was purified by column chromatography using silica gel to afford the corresponding products **3**, **6** and **7**.

#### **General experimental procedure for reaction conditions of **3a** under inert atmosphere**

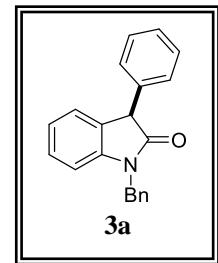
An oven-dried double neck round bottom flask (50 mL) was put under vacuum and flushed with an argon atmosphere for two times. Diazoamide **1a** (1 equiv.) and benzaldehyde **2a** (1.1 equiv.) were dissolved in 5 mL of dry DCM and added to the reaction mixture into the round bottom flask. After 10 minutes, 20 mol% was transferred using 100  $\mu$ L pipette to the reaction mixture. The reaction mixture was stirred and monitored using TLC until the disappearance of the diazoamide **1a**. After the appropriate period, the reaction mixture was allowed to room temperature and then DCM (20 mL) and water (20 mL) were added. The organic phase was separated and the aqueous layer was washed with DCM (20 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with brine solution and dried over sodium sulphate. The concentration of the combined organic layers under reduced pressure afforded the crude product, which was purified by column chromatography using silica gel to afford the corresponding product **3a**.

#### **General experimental procedure for gram scale experiments for **3b** and **3y****

An oven-dried double neck round bottom flask (100 mL) containing a solution of the appropriate aldehyde **2** (1.1 equiv) in dichloromethane (DCM, 5 mL) under an open-air atmosphere and the reaction mixture was stirred at 0 °C. After 10 minutes, 20 mol% of  $\text{BF}_3\cdot\text{OEt}_2$  was transferred using 100  $\mu$ L pipette to the reaction mixture. Then added a solution of 3-diazoindol-2-one **1** (1 equiv) in (DCM, 10 mL) using syringe pump with the rate of addition of 5 mL/h. The reaction mixture was stirred and monitored using TLC until the disappearance of the diazoamide. After the appropriate period, the reaction mixture was allowed to room temperature and then DCM (40 mL) and water (40 mL) were added. The organic phase was separated and the aqueous layer was washed with DCM (20 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with brine solution and dried over sodium sulphate. The concentration of the combined organic layers under reduced pressure afforded the crude product, which was purified by column chromatography using silica gel to afford the corresponding products **3b** and **3y**.

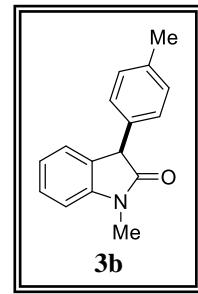
#### **Synthesis of 1-benzyl-3-phenyl-1,3-dihydro-2*H*-indol-2-one (**3a**)<sup>2</sup>**

To a solution of 1-benzyl-3-diazo-1,3-dihydro-2*H*-indol-2-one (**1a**) (100 mg, 0.40 mmol) and benzaldehyde (**2a**) (47 mg, 0.44 mmol) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (5 mL) was added 20 mol% of BF<sub>3</sub>·OEt<sub>2</sub>. The reaction mixture was stirred at 0°C under the open-air atmosphere to afford (**3a**) (106 mg, 88%) as a white solid according to general procedure. R<sub>f</sub> = 0.46 (EtOAc/hexane = 1:4, v/v); mp 114–115 °C; IR (neat):  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  3033, 1707, 1607, 1485, 1347, 1187, 744–746 cm<sup>−1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz) δ = 4.80 (s, 1H, CH), (ABq,  $\Delta\delta_{AB}$  = 0.10, J = 15.6 Hz, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 6.89 (d, J = 8 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.08–7.12 (m, 1H, ArH), 7.24–7.46 (m, 12H, ArH) ppm; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz) δ = 44.0, 52.2, 109.3, 122.9, 125.2, 127.5, 127.7, 127.8, 128.4, 128.6, 128.9, 129.0, 129.1, 136.0, 136.9, 143.6, 176.2 ppm; HRMS (ESI) Calculated for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>17</sub>NO(M+H)<sup>+</sup>: 300.1388 found: 300.1383.



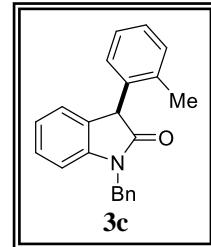
### Synthesis of 1-methyl-3-(4-methylphenyl)-1,3-dihydro-2*H*-indol-2-one (**3b**)<sup>2</sup>

To a solution of 3-diazo-1-methyl-1,3-dihydro-2*H*-indol-2-one (**1b**) (100 mg, 0.58 mmol) and 4-methylbenzaldehyde (**2b**) (70 mg, 0.64 mmol) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (5 mL) was added 20 mol% of BF<sub>3</sub>·OEt<sub>2</sub>. The reaction mixture was stirred at 0°C under the open-air atmosphere to afford (**3b**) (124 mg, 90%) as a white solid according to general procedure. R<sub>f</sub> = 0.41 (EtOAc/hexane = 1:4, v/v); mp 92–93 °C; IR (neat):  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  2920, 1703, 1601, 1485, 1350, 1015, 744 cm<sup>−1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz) δ = 2.31 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 3.23 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 4.56 (s, 1H, CH), 6.88 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.02–7.16 (m, 6H ArH), 7.31 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H, ArH) ppm; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz) δ = 21.2, 26.5, 51.7, 108.2, 122.7, 125.0, 128.3, 128.4, 129.1, 129.6, 133.7, 137.3, 144.5, 176.2 ppm; HRMS (ESI) Calculated for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>15</sub>NO(M+H)<sup>+</sup>: 238.1232 found: 238.1260.



### Synthesis of 1-benzyl-3-(2-methylphenyl)-1,3-dihydro-2*H*-indol-2-one (**3c**)<sup>3</sup>

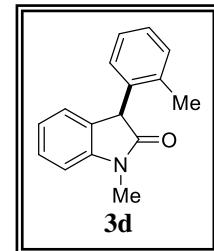
To a solution of 1-benzyl-3-diazo-1,3-dihydro-2*H*-indol-2-one (**1a**) (100 mg, 0.40 mmol) and 2-methylbenzaldehyde (**2c**) (53 mg, 0.44 mmol) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (5 mL) was added 20 mol% of BF<sub>3</sub>·OEt<sub>2</sub>. The reaction mixture was stirred at 0°C under the open-air atmosphere to afford (**3c**) (79 mg, 63%) as a white solid according to general procedure. R<sub>f</sub> = 0.5 (EtOAc/hexane = 1:4, v/v); mp 86–87 °C; IR (neat):  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  2923, 1711, 1610, 1487, 1350, 1187, 748 cm<sup>−1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz) δ = 2.49 (bs, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 4.96 (s, 3H, CH<sub>2</sub>/CH), 6.79–7.34 (m, 13H, ArH) ppm; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz) δ = 20.0, 44.0, 109.1, 122.8, 124.7, 126.4, 127.6,



127.7, 128.2, 128.8, 129.3, 131.1, 135.5, 136.0, 137.3, 143.5, 176.3 ppm; HRMS (ESI) Calculated for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>19</sub>NO(M+H)<sup>+</sup>: 314.1545 found: 314.1548.

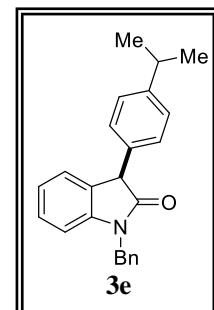
#### Synthesis of 1-methyl-3-(2-methylphenyl)-1,3-dihydro-2*H*-indol-2-one (**3d**)<sup>4</sup>

To a solution of 3-diazo-1-methyl-1,3-dihydro-2*H*-indol-2-one (**1b**) (100 mg, 0.58 mmol) and 1-methylbenzaldehyde (**2c**) (70 mg, 0.64 mmol) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (5 mL) was added 20 mol% of BF<sub>3</sub>·OEt<sub>2</sub>. The reaction mixture was stirred at 0°C under the open-air atmosphere to afford (**3d**) (84 mg, 61%) as a white solid according to general procedure. R<sub>f</sub> = 0.38 (EtOAc/hexane = 1:4, v/v); mp 131-132 °C; IR (neat):  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  2992, 1683, 1607, 1466, 1252, 1088, 739 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz) δ = 2.33 (bs, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 3.19 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 4.76 (s, 1H, CH), 6.81-6.85 (m, 1H, ArH), 6.93-7.26 (m, 7H, ArH) ppm; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz) δ = 19.8, 26.5, 108.1, 122.8, 124.6, 126.4, 127.7, 128.3, 129.3, 131.0, 135.5, 137.2, 144.4, 176.2 ppm; HRMS (ESI) Calculated for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>15</sub>NO(M+H)<sup>+</sup>: 238.1232 found: 238.1234.



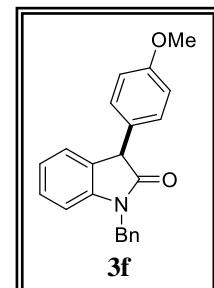
#### Synthesis of 1-benzyl-3-[4-(propan-2-yl)phenyl]-1,3-dihydro-2*H*-indol-2-one (**3e**)

To a solution of 1-benzyl-3-diazo-1,3-dihydro-2*H*-indol-2-one (**1a**) (100 mg, 0.40 mmol) and 4-isopropylbenzaldehyde (**2d**) (65 mg, 0.44 mmol) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (5 mL) was added 20 mol% of BF<sub>3</sub>·OEt<sub>2</sub>. The reaction mixture was stirred at 0°C under the open-air atmosphere to afford (**3e**) (110 mg, 81%) as a white solid according to general procedure. R<sub>f</sub> = 0.52 (EtOAc/hexane = 1:4, v/v); mp 146-147 °C; IR (neat):  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  2922, 1706, 1607, 1488, 1353, 1018, 746 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz) δ = 1.23 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 6H, 2CH<sub>3</sub>), 2.84-2.94 (m, 1H, CH), 4.68 (s, 1H, CH), 4.94 (ABq, Δδ<sub>AB</sub> = 0.10, J = 16 Hz, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 6.77 (d, J = 7.6, 1H, ArH), 7.00 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.13-7.21 (m, 6H, ArH), 7.24-7.32 (m, 5H, ArH) ppm; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz) δ = 23.99, 24.02, 33.9, 44.0, 51.8, 109.2, 122.8, 125.2, 127.1, 127.4, 127.7, 128.3, 128.4, 128.8, 129.1, 134.0, 136.0, 143.6, 148.2, 176.4 ppm; HRMS (ESI) Calculated for C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>23</sub>NO(M+H)<sup>+</sup>: 342.1858 found: 342.1862.



#### Synthesis of 1-benzyl-3-(4-methoxyphenyl)-1,3-dihydro-2*H*-indol-2-one (**3f**)<sup>5</sup>

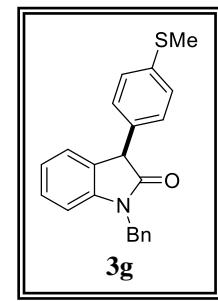
To a solution of 1-benzyl-3-diazo-1,3-dihydro-2*H*-indol-2-one (**1a**) (100 mg, 0.40 mmol) and 4-methoxybenzaldehyde (**2e**) (60 mg, 0.44 mmol) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (5 mL) was added 20 mol% of BF<sub>3</sub>·OEt<sub>2</sub>. The reaction mixture was stirred at 0°C under the open-air atmosphere to afford (**3f**) (112 mg, 85%) as a white solid according to general procedure. R<sub>f</sub> = 0.3 (EtOAc/hexane = 1:4, v/v); mp 108-109 °C; IR (neat):  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  2924, 1708, 1606, 1489, 1353,



1098, 747  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 400 MHz)  $\delta$  = 3.79 (s, 3H,  $\text{CH}_3$ ), 4.65 (s, 1H, CH), 4.93 (ABq,  $\Delta\delta_{AB}$  = 0.09,  $J$  = 15.6 Hz, 2H,  $\text{CH}_2$ ), 6.77 (d,  $J$  = 8 Hz, 1H, ArH), 6.87 (d,  $J$  = 8.8 Hz, 2H, ArH), 7.01 (t,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.13-7.21 (m, 4H, ArH), 7.24-7.31 (m, 5H, ArH) ppm;  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 100 MHz)  $\delta$  = 44.0, 51.3, 55.4, 109.2, 114.5, 122.8, 125.1, 127.4, 127.7, 128.3, 128.79, 128.83, 129.2, 129.5, 136.0, 143.6, 159.1, 176.5 ppm; HRMS (ESI) Calculated for  $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{19}\text{NO}_2(\text{M}+\text{H})^+$ : 330.1494 found: 330.1485.

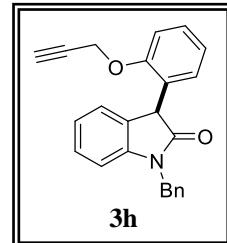
### Synthesis of 1-benzyl-3-[4-(methylsulfanyl)phenyl]-1,3-dihydro-2*H*-indol-2-one (3g)

To a solution of 1-benzyl-3-diazo-1,3-dihydro-2*H*-indol-2-one (**1a**) (100 mg, 0.40 mmol) and 4-(methylthio)benzaldehyde (**2f**) (67 mg, 0.44 mmol) in  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  (5 mL) was added 20 mol% of  $\text{BF}_3\cdot\text{OEt}_2$ . The reaction mixture was stirred at 0°C under the open-air atmosphere to afford (**3g**) (115 mg, 83%) as a white solid according to general procedure.  $R_f$  = 0.33 (EtOAc/hexane = 1:4, v/v); mp 123-124 °C; IR (neat):  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  2921, 1705, 1607, 1347, 1089, 1015, 737  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 400 MHz)  $\delta$  = 2.31 (s, 3H,  $\text{CH}_3$ ), 4.53 (s, 1H, CH), 4.80 (ABq,  $\Delta\delta_{AB}$  = 0.11,  $J$  = 15.6 Hz, 2H,  $\text{CH}_2$ ), 6.66 (d,  $J$  = 8 Hz, 1H, ArH), 6.88 (t,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.00-7.19 (m, 11H, ArH) ppm;  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 100 MHz)  $\delta$  = 15.9, 44.0, 51.6, 109.4, 122.9, 125.2, 127.2, 127.5, 127.8, 128.5, 128.8, 128.9, 129.0, 133.6, 136.0, 138.0, 143.6, 176.1 ppm; HRMS (ESI) Calculated for  $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{19}\text{NOS}(\text{M}+\text{H})^+$ : 346.1266 found: 346.1268.



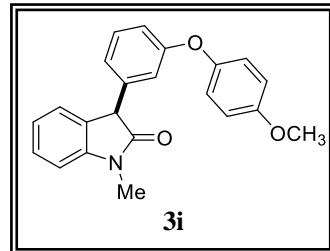
### Synthesis of 1-benzyl-3-{2-[(prop-2-yn-1-yl)oxy]phenyl}-1,3-dihydro-2*H*-indol-2-one (3h)

To a solution of 1-benzyl-3-diazo-1,3-dihydro-2*H*-indol-2-one (**1a**) (100 mg, 0.40 mmol) and 2-[(prop-2-yn-1-yl)oxy]benzaldehyde (**2g**) (70 mg, 0.44 mmol) in  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  (5 mL) was added 20 mol% of  $\text{BF}_3\cdot\text{OEt}_2$ . The reaction mixture was stirred at 0°C under the open-air atmosphere to afford (**3h**) (99 mg, 70%) as a white solid according to general procedure.  $R_f$  = 0.28 (EtOAc/hexane = 1:4, v/v); mp 121-122 °C; IR (neat):  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  3287, 2922, 2121, 1706, 1607, 1488, 1353, 1018, 746  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 400 MHz)  $\delta$  = 2.45 (t,  $J$  = 2.2 Hz, 1H, CH), 4.51 (s, 2H,  $\text{CH}_2$ ), 4.92-5.06 (m, 3H,  $\text{CH}_2/\text{CH}$ ), 6.76 (d,  $J$  = 7.6, 1H, ArH), 6.91-7.07 (m, 4H, ArH), 7.13-7.17 (m, 2H, ArH), 7.25-7.41 (m, 6H, ArH) ppm;  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 100 MHz)  $\delta$  = 44.1, 48.2, 56.5, 75.5, 78.6, 108.8, 113.3, 122.1, 122.5, 124.2, 126.7, 127.6, 127.8, 128.8, 128.9, 129.7, 130.6, 136.3, 143.4, 155.8, 176.6 ppm; HRMS (ESI) Calculated for  $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{19}\text{NO}_2(\text{M}+\text{H})^+$ : 354.1494 found: 354.2231.



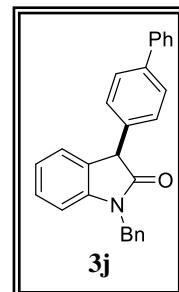
### Synthesis of 3-[3-(4-methoxyphenoxy)phenyl]-1-methyl-1,3-dihydro-2*H*-indol-2-one (**3i**)

To a solution of 3-diazo-1-methyl-1,3-dihydro-2*H*-indol-2-one (**1b**) (100 mg, 0.58 mmol) and 3-(4-methoxyphenoxy)benzaldehyde (**2h**) (145 mg, 0.64 mmol) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (5 mL) was added 20 mol% of BF<sub>3</sub>·OEt<sub>2</sub>. The reaction mixture was stirred at 0°C under the open-air atmosphere to afford (**3i**) (160 mg, 80%) as a white solid according to general procedure. R<sub>f</sub> = 0.27 (EtOAc/hexane = 1:4, v/v); mp 136-137 °C; IR (neat):  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  2928, 1683, 1607, 1466, 1343, 1088, 739 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz) δ = 3.25 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 3.80 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 4.56 (s, 1H, CH), 6.78-7.08 (m, 9H, ArH), 7.16-7.34 (m, 3H, ArH) ppm; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz) δ = 26.5, 51.9, 55.7, 108.2, 114.9, 116.3, 118.1, 120.9, 122.4, 122.8, 125.0, 128.5, 128.6, 130.0, 138.5, 144.5, 149.9, 160.0, 158.8, 175.7 ppm; HRMS (ESI) Calculated for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>19</sub>NO<sub>3</sub>(M+H)<sup>+</sup>: 346.1443 found: 346.1443.



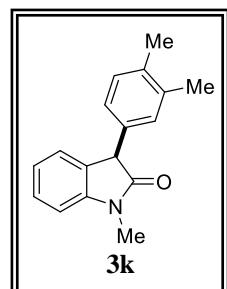
### Synthesis of 1-benzyl-3-([1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)-1,3-dihydro-2*H*-indol-2-one (**3j**)<sup>6</sup>

To a solution of 1-benzyl-3-diazo-1,3-dihydro-2*H*-indol-2-one (**1a**) (100 mg, 0.40 mmol) and [1,1'-biphenyl]-4-carbaldehyde (**2i**) (80 mg, 0.44 mmol) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (5 mL) was added 20 mol% of BF<sub>3</sub>·OEt<sub>2</sub>. The reaction mixture was stirred at 0°C under the open-air atmosphere to afford (**3j**) (99 mg, 66%) as a white solid according to general procedure. R<sub>f</sub> = 0.65 (EtOAc/hexane = 1:4, v/v); mp 118-119 °C; IR (neat):  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  2923, 1708, 1609, 1480, 1350, 1085, 736 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz) δ = 4.87-4.95 (m, 3H, CH<sub>2</sub>/CH), 6.71-7.62 (m, 18H, ArH) ppm; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz) δ = 44.0, 109.0, 122.7, 124.7, 127.3, 127.5, 127.7, 128.0, 128.1, 128.8, 129.9, 130.6, 130.9, 135.1, 136.1, 140.8, 143.4, 177.0 ppm; HRMS (ESI) Calculated for C<sub>27</sub>H<sub>21</sub>NO(M+H)<sup>+</sup>: 376.1701 found: 376.1696.



### Synthesis of 3-(3,4-dimethylphenyl)-1-methyl-1,3-dihydro-2*H*-indol-2-one (**3k**)<sup>7</sup>

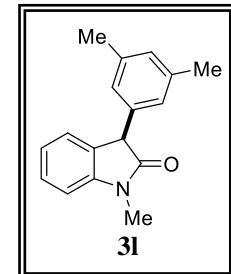
To a solution of 3-diazo-1-methyl-1,3-dihydro-2*H*-indol-2-one (**1b**) (100 mg, 0.58 mmol) and 3,4-dimethylbenzaldehyde (**2j**) (85 mg, 0.64 mmol) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (5 mL) was added 20 mol% of BF<sub>3</sub>·OEt<sub>2</sub>. The reaction mixture was stirred at 0°C under the open-air atmosphere to afford (**3k**) (121 mg, 83%) as a white solid according to general procedure. R<sub>f</sub> = 0.37 (EtOAc/hexane = 1:4, v/v); mp 94-95 °C; IR (neat):  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  2926, 1707, 1608, 1480, 1350, 1085, 736 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz) δ = 2.19 (s, 6H, 2CH<sub>3</sub>), 3.21 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 4.50 (s, 1H, CH), 6.84-6.94 (m, 3H, ArH), 7.00-7.06 (m, 2H, ArH), 7.12 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.26-7.30 (m, 1H, ArH) ppm; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz) δ = 19.5, 19.9, 26.5,



51.8, 108.2, 122.8, 125.0, 125.9, 128.4, 129.3, 129.7, 130.2, 134.1, 136.0, 137.2, 144.5, 176.4 ppm; HRMS (ESI) Calculated for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>17</sub>NO(M+H)<sup>+</sup>: 252.1388 found: 252.1383.

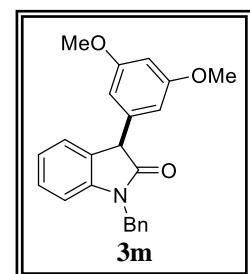
### Synthesis of 3-(3,5-dimethylphenyl)-1-methyl-1,3-dihydro-2*H*-indol-2-one (**3l**)<sup>7</sup>

To a solution of 3-diazo-1-methyl-1,3-dihydro-2*H*-indol-2-one (**1b**) (100 mg, 0.58 mmol) and 3,5-dimethylbenzaldehyde (**2k**) (85 mg, 0.64 mmol) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (5 mL) was added 20 mol% of BF<sub>3</sub>·OEt<sub>2</sub>. The reaction mixture was stirred at 0°C under the open-air atmosphere to afford (**3l**) (130 mg, 89%) as a white solid according to general procedure. R<sub>f</sub> = 0.38 (EtOAc/hexane = 1:4, v/v); mp 97-98 °C; IR (neat): ν<sub>max</sub> 2924, 1706, 1609, 1465, 1342, 1255, 1023, 747 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz) δ = 2.17 (s, 6H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 3.14 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 4.66 (s, 1H, CH), 6.76-6.81 (m, 2H, ArH), 6.89-6.95 (m, 4H, ArH), 7.17-7.21 (m, 1H, ArH) ppm; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz) δ = 19.7, 21.1, 26.4, 108.1, 122.8, 124.6, 127.1, 128.2, 129.5, 131.9, 132.5, 137.3, 144.4, 176.4 ppm; HRMS (ESI) Calculated for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>17</sub>NO (M+H)<sup>+</sup>: 252.1388 found: 252.1382.



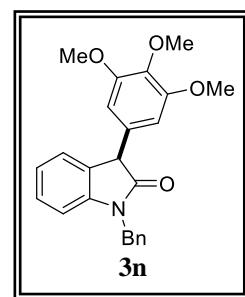
### Synthesis of 1-benzyl-3-(3,5-dimethoxyphenyl)-1,3-dihydro-2*H*-indol-2-one (**3m**)

To a solution of 1-benzyl-3-diazo-1,3-dihydro-2*H*-indol-2-one (**1a**) (100 mg, 0.40 mmol) and 3,5-dimethoxybenzaldehyde (**2l**) (73 mg, 0.44 mmol) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (5 mL) was added 20 mol% of BF<sub>3</sub>·OEt<sub>2</sub>. The reaction mixture was stirred at 0°C under the open-air atmosphere to afford (**3m**) (109 mg, 85%) as a white solid according to general procedure. R<sub>f</sub> = 0.17 (EtOAc/hexane = 1:4, v/v); mp 130-131 °C; IR (neat): ν<sub>max</sub> 2936, 1708, 1606, 1460, 1247, 1024, 731 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz) δ = 3.79 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 3.84 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 4.63 (s, 1H, CH), 4.93 (ABq, Δδ<sub>AB</sub> = 0.16, J = 15.6 Hz, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 6.71-6.84 (m, 4H, ArH), 7.01 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.16-7.33 (m, 7H, ArH) ppm; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz) δ = 43.9, 51.6, 55.9, 56.0, 109.2, 111.5, 120.7, 122.8, 125.2, 127.5, 127.7, 128.4, 128.8, 129.1, 129.2, 136.1, 143.5, 148.6, 149.3, 176.4 ppm; HRMS (ESI) Calculated for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>21</sub>NO<sub>3</sub> (M+H)<sup>+</sup>: 360.1600 found: 360.1595.



### Synthesis of 1-benzyl-3-(3,4,5-trimethoxyphenyl)-1,3-dihydro-2*H*-indol-2-one (**3n**)

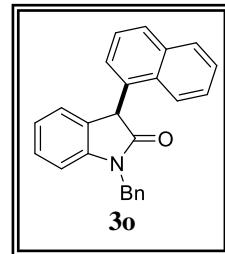
To a solution of 1-benzyl-3-diazo-1,3-dihydro-2*H*-indol-2-one (**1a**) (100 mg, 0.40 mmol) and 3,4,5-trimethoxybenzaldehyde (**2m**) (86 mg, 0.44 mmol) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (5 mL) was added 20 mol% of BF<sub>3</sub>·OEt<sub>2</sub>. The reaction mixture was stirred at 0°C under the open-air atmosphere to afford (**3n**)



(125 mg, 80%) as a white solid according to general procedure.  $R_f = 0.22$  (EtOAc/hexane = 1:4, v/v); mp 151-152 °C; IR (neat):  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  2922, 1708, 1609, 1480, 1350, 1085, 736 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz)  $\delta$  = 3.49 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 3.84 (d,  $J$  = 2.8 Hz, 6H, 2CH<sub>3</sub>), 4.73 (s, 1H, CH), 4.98 (ABq,  $\Delta\delta_{AB}$  = 0.16,  $J$  = 15.6 Hz, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 6.62-7.32 (m, 11H, ArH) ppm; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz)  $\delta$  = 44.0, 48.7, 56.1, 60.5, 60.7, 107.2, 108.9, 122.4, 123.6, 124.2, 124.9, 127.6, 127.9, 128.7, 130.2, 136.2, 142.5, 143.5, 152.1, 153.7, 176.9 ppm; HRMS (ESI) Calculated for C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>23</sub>NO<sub>4</sub>(M+H)<sup>+</sup>: 390.1705 found: 390.1700.

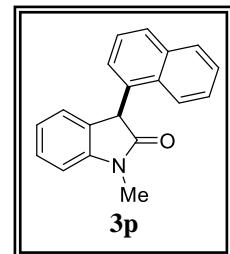
#### Synthesis of 1-benzyl-3-(naphthalen-1-yl)-1,3-dihydro-2H-indol-2-one (3o)<sup>8a</sup>

To a solution of 1-benzyl-3-diazo-1,3-dihydro-2H-indol-2-one (**1a**) (100 mg, 0.40 mmol) and 1-naphthaldehyde (**2n**) (70 mg, 0.44 mmol) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (5 mL) was added 20 mol% of BF<sub>3</sub>·OEt<sub>2</sub>. The reaction mixture was stirred at 0°C under the open-air atmosphere to afford (**3o**) (99 mg, 71%) as a white semi-solid according to general procedure.  $R_f$  = 0.43 (EtOAc/hexane = 1:4, v/v); mp 65-66 °C; IR (neat):  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  2926, 1706, 1607, 1346, 1170, 1017, 733 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz)  $\delta$  = 4.97-5.28 (m, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 5.68 (bs, 1H, CH), 6.92-7.18 (m, 4H, ArH), 7.25-7.74 (m, 9H, ArH), 7.86-7.95 (m, 2H, ArH), 8.45 (bs, 1H, ArH) ppm; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz)  $\delta$  = 44.2, 52.3, 109.4, 122.9, 124.2, 125.3, 125.6, 126.0, 126.2, 126.3, 126.6, 127.5, 127.8, 128.3, 128.9, 129.6, 132.9, 133.6, 134.3, 134.4, 136.1, 143.7, 176.2 ppm; HRMS (ESI) Calculated for C<sub>25</sub>H<sub>19</sub>NO (M+H)<sup>+</sup>: 350.1545 found: 350.1540.



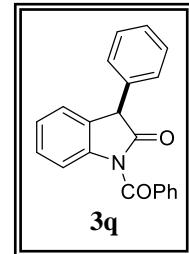
#### Synthesis of 1-Methyl-3-(naphthalen-1-yl)-1,3-dihydro-2H-indol-2-one (3p)<sup>8b</sup>

To a solution of 3-diazo-1-methyl-1,3-dihydro-2H-indol-2-one (**1b**) (100 mg, 0.58 mmol) and 1-naphthaldehyde (**2n**) (99 mg, 0.64 mmol) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (5 mL) was added 20 mol% of BF<sub>3</sub>·OEt<sub>2</sub>. The reaction mixture was stirred at 0°C under the open-air atmosphere to afford (**3p**) (101 mg, 64%) as a white semi-solid according to general procedure.  $R_f$  = 0.5.7 (EtOAc/hexane = 1:4, v/v); mp 153-154 °C; IR (neat):  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  3053, 1711, 1610, 1470, 1346, 752 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz)  $\delta$  = 3.39 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 5.57 (bs, 1H, CH), 6.98-7.69 (m, 10H, ArH), 7.76 (bs, 1H, ArH) ppm; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz)  $\delta$  = 26.6, 52.3, 108.4, 122.9, 124.1, 124.8, 125.6, 126.0, 126.6, 127.6, 127.7, 127.9, 128.4, 128.6, 129.0, 129.5, 134.4, 144.6, 176.2 ppm; HRMS (ESI) Calculated for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>15</sub>NO (M+Na)<sup>+</sup>: 296.1051 found: 296.1054.



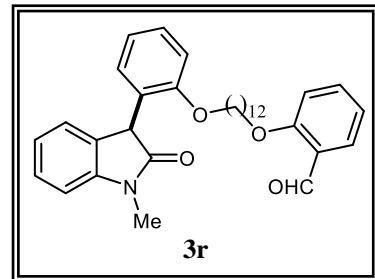
#### Synthesis of 1-benzoyl-3-phenyl-1,3-dihydro-2H-indol-2-one (3q)

To a solution of 1-benzoyl-3-diazo-1,3-dihydro-2*H*-indol-2-one (**1c**) (100 mg, 0.38 mmol) and benzaldehyde (**2a**) (44 mg, 0.42 mmol) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (5 mL) was added 20 mol% of BF<sub>3</sub>·OEt<sub>2</sub>. The reaction mixture was stirred at 0°C under the open-air atmosphere to afford (**3q**) (72 mg, 61%) as a white solid according to general procedure. R<sub>f</sub> = 0.43 (EtOAc/hexane = 1:4, v/v); mp 173-174 °C; IR (neat): ν<sub>max</sub> 2924, 1746, 1681, 1597, 1462, 1278, 1151, 730 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz) δ = 4.77 (s, 1H, CH), 7.17-7.37 (m, 10H, ArH), 7.45-7.50 (m, 1H, ArH), 7.60-7.62 (m, 2H, ArH), 7.86 (d, *J* = 8 Hz, 1H, ArH) ppm; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz) δ = 52.6, 115.2, 125.2, 125.3, 128.09, 128.12, 128.3, 128.5, 128.9, 129.1, 129.3, 132.9, 134.1, 136.0, 141.0, 169.6, 175.3 ppm; HRMS (ESI) Calculated for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>15</sub>NO<sub>2</sub> (M+H)<sup>+</sup>: 314.1181 found: 314.1178.



### Synthesis of 2-((12-(2-(1-methyl-2-oxoindolin-3-yl)phenoxy)dodecyl)oxy)benzaldehyde (**3r**)

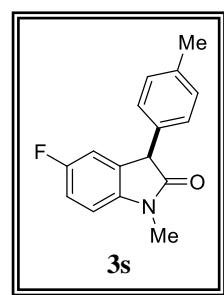
To a solution of 3-diazo-1-methyl-1,3-dihydro-2*H*-indol-2-one (**1b**) (100 mg, 0.58 mmol) and 2,2'-(dodecane-1,12-diylbis(oxy))dibenzaldehyde (**2o**) (119 mg, 0.29 mmol) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (5 mL) was added 20 mol% of BF<sub>3</sub>·OEt<sub>2</sub>. The reaction mixture was stirred at 0°C under the open-air atmosphere to afford (**3r**) (199 mg, 65%) as a white solid according to general procedure. R<sub>f</sub> = 0.1 (EtOAc/hexane = 1:4, v/v); mp 64-65 °C; IR (neat): ν<sub>max</sub> 2927, 1690, 1600, 1462, 1243, 753 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz) δ = 1.15-1.49 (m, 18H, 9CH<sub>2</sub>), 1.83-1.87 (m, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 3.28 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 3.72 (s, 1H, 1/2CH<sub>2</sub>), 3.86-3.88 (m, 1H, 1/2CH<sub>2</sub>), 4.06-4.09 (m, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 4.72 (s, 1H, CH), 6.81-7.01 (m, 6H, ArH), 7.18-7.26 (m, 4H, ArH), 7.51-7.55 (m, 1H, ArH), 7.83 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H, ArH), 10.52 (s, 1H, CHO) ppm; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz) δ = 25.9, 26.1, 26.4, 29.1, 29.2, 29.36, 29.43, 29.5, 29.58, 29.6, 68.0, 68.6, 107.5, 111.8, 112.5, 120.5, 120.6, 122.3, 123.8, 125.0, 125.6, 127.7, 128.3, 128.6, 129.0, 129.9, 131.0, 135.9, 144.3, 156.9, 161.6, 176.8, 189.9 ppm; HRMS (ESI) Calculated for C<sub>34</sub>H<sub>41</sub>NO<sub>4</sub> (M+H)<sup>+</sup>: 528.3114 found: 528.3109.



### Synthesis of 5-fluoro-1-methyl-3-(4-methylphenyl)-1,3-dihydro-2*H*-indol-2-one (**3s**)

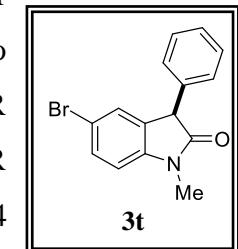
To a solution of 3-diazo-5-fluoro-1-methyl-1,3-dihydro-2*H*-indol-2-one (**1d**) (100 mg, 0.52 mmol) and 4-methylbenzaldehyde (**2b**) (69 mg, 0.58 mmol) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (5 mL) was added 20 mol% of BF<sub>3</sub>·OEt<sub>2</sub>. The reaction mixture was stirred at 0°C under the open-air atmosphere to afford (**3s**) (110 mg, 83%) as a white solid according to general procedure. R<sub>f</sub> = 0.2

(EtOAc/hexane = 1:4, v/v); mp 156-157 °C; IR (neat):  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  2925, 1703, 1612, 1489, 1345, 1268, 1123, 814 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz)  $\delta$  = 2.38 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 3.28 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 4.61 (s, 1H, CH), 6.84-6.87 (m, 1H, ArH), 6.95-6.97 (m, 1H, ArH), 7.04-7.21 (m, 5H, ArH) ppm; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz)  $\delta$  = 21.2, 26.6, 52.0, 108.6 (d, *J* = 8 Hz), 113.1 (d, *J* = 25 Hz), 114.6 (d, *J* = 24 Hz), 128.3, 129.7, 130.7 (d, *J* = 9 Hz), 133.1, 137.5, 140.5, 159.3 (d, *J* = 239 Hz), 175.8 ppm; HRMS (ESI) Calculated for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>14</sub>FNO (M+H)<sup>+</sup>: 256.1138 found: 256.1139.



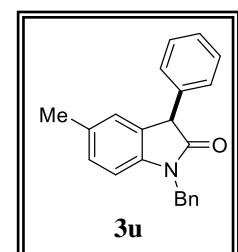
### Synthesis of 5-bromo-1-methyl-3-phenyl-1,3-dihydro-2H-indol-2-one (3t)

To a solution of 5-bromo-3-diazo-1-methyl-1,3-dihydro-2H-indol-2-one (**1e**) (100 mg, 0.40 mmol) and benzaldehyde (**2a**) (46 mg, 0.44 mmol) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (5 mL) was added 20 mol% of BF<sub>3</sub>·OEt<sub>2</sub>. The reaction mixture was stirred at 0°C under the open-air atmosphere to afford (**3t**) (94 mg, 78%) as a white solid according to general procedure. R<sub>f</sub> = 0.33 (EtOAc/hexane = 1:4, v/v); mp 177-178 °C; IR (neat):  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  2923, 1695, 1599, 1485, 1337, 1095, 725 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz)  $\delta$  = 3.28 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 4.64 (s, 1H, CH), 6.82 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.22-7.24 (m, 2H, ArH), 7.30-7.41 (m, 4H, ArH), 7.49 (dd, *J*<sub>1</sub> = 8.4 Hz, *J*<sub>2</sub> = 1.2 Hz, 1H, ArH) ppm; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz)  $\delta$  = 26.6, 52.0, 109.7, 115.4, 127.9, 128.2, 128.4, 129.1, 130.9, 131.3, 135.9, 143.5, 175.4 ppm; HRMS (ESI) Calculated for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>12</sub><sup>79</sup>BrNO (M+H)<sup>+</sup>: 302.0181 found: 302.0183.



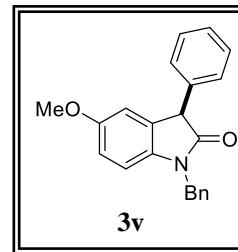
### Synthesis of 1-benzyl-5-methyl-3-phenyl-1,3-dihydro-2H-indol-2-one (3u)<sup>9</sup>

To a solution of 1-benzyl-3-diazo-5-methyl-1,3-dihydro-2H-indol-2-one (**1f**) (100 mg, 0.38 mmol) and benzaldehyde (**2a**) (44 mg, 0.42 mmol) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (5 mL) was added 20 mol% of BF<sub>3</sub>·OEt<sub>2</sub>. The reaction mixture was stirred at 0°C under the open-air atmosphere to afford (**3u**) (109 mg, 92%) as a white solid according to general procedure. R<sub>f</sub> = 0.49 (EtOAc/hexane = 1:4, v/v); mp 97-98 °C; IR (neat):  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  2920, 1705, 1606, 1493, 1341, 1283, 698 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz)  $\delta$  = 2.34 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 4.76 (s, 1H, CH), 5.01 (ABq,  $\Delta\delta_{AB}$  = 0.1, *J* = 15.6 Hz, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 6.76 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.06-7.09 (m, 2H, ArH), 7.32-7.44 (m, 10H, ArH) ppm; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz)  $\delta$  = 21.1, 44.0, 52.3, 109.0, 126.0, 127.4, 127.66, 127.67, 128.57, 128.64, 128.9, 129.0, 129.1, 132.4, 136.1, 137.1, 141.2, 176.2 ppm; HRMS (ESI) Calculated for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>19</sub>NO (M+H)<sup>+</sup>: 314.1545 found: 314.1546.



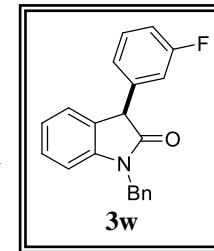
### Synthesis of 1-benzyl-5-methoxy-3-phenyl-1,3-dihydro-2H-indol-2-one (**3v**)<sup>9</sup>

To a solution of 1-benzyl-3-diazo-5-methoxy-1,3-dihydro-2H-indol-2-one (**1g**) (100 mg, 0.36 mmol) and benzaldehyde (**2a**) (42 mg, 0.40 mmol) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (5 mL) was added 20 mol% of BF<sub>3</sub>·OEt<sub>2</sub>. The reaction mixture was stirred at 0°C under the open-air atmosphere to afford (**3v**) (101 mg, 85%) as a white solid according to general procedure. R<sub>f</sub> = 0.31 (EtOAc/hexane = 1:4, v/v); mp 86-87 °C; IR (neat):  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  2926, 1702, 1600, 1489, 1341, 1176, 1027, 728 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz) δ = 3.76 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 4.75 (s, 1H, CH), 4.98 (ABq, Δδ<sub>AB</sub> = 0.09, J = 15.6 Hz, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 6.72-6.84 (m, 3H, ArH), 7.28-7.40 (m, 10H, ArH) ppm; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz) δ = 44.1, 52.6, 55.8, 109.6, 112.3, 112.9, 127.4, 127.7, 128.5, 128.8, 129.0, 130.3, 136.0, 136.8, 137.1, 156.2, 175.9 ppm; HRMS (ESI) Calculated for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>19</sub>NO<sub>2</sub> (M+H)<sup>+</sup>: 330.1494 found: 330.1484.



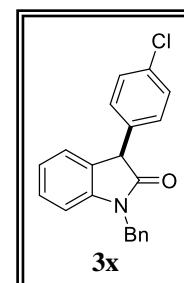
### Synthesis of 1-benzyl-3-(3-fluorophenyl)-1,3-dihydro-2H-indol-2-one (**3w**)

To a solution of 1-benzyl-3-diazo-1,3-dihydro-2H-indol-2-one (**1a**) (100 mg, 0.40 mmol) and 3-fluorobenzaldehyde (**2p**) (55 mg, 0.44 mmol) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (5 mL) was added 20 mol% of BF<sub>3</sub>·OEt<sub>2</sub>. The reaction mixture was stirred at 0°C under the open-air atmosphere to afford (**3w**) (84 mg, 66%) as a white solid according to general procedure. R<sub>f</sub> = 0.39 (EtOAc/hexane = 1:4, v/v); mp 141-142 °C; IR (neat):  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  2927, 1708, 1608, 1478, 1348, 1261, 1018, 734 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz) δ = 4.70 (s, 1H, CH), 4.94 (ABq, Δδ<sub>AB</sub> = 0.07, J = 15.6 Hz, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 6.80 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H, ArH), 6.92 (d, J = 9.6 Hz, 1H, ArH), 6.97-7.06 (m, 3H, ArH), 7.15-7.35 (m, 8H, ArH) ppm; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz) δ = 44.1, 51.7, 109.4, 114.7 (d, J = 21 Hz), 115.5 (d, J = 22 Hz), 122.9, 124.3 (d, J = 3 Hz) 125.2, 127.4, 127.8, 128.2, 128.6, 128.9, 130.4 (d, J = 9 Hz), 135.8, 139.0 (d, J = 7 Hz), 143.6, 163.1 (d, J = 245 Hz), 175.5 ppm; HRMS (ESI) Calculated for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>16</sub>FNO (M+H)<sup>+</sup>: 318.1294 found: 318.1297.



### Synthesis of 1-benzyl-3-(4-chlorophenyl)-1,3-dihydro-2H-indol-2-one (**3x**)<sup>8</sup>

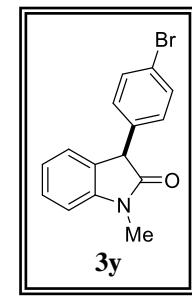
To a solution of 1-benzyl-3-diazo-1,3-dihydro-2H-indol-2-one (**1a**) (100 mg, 0.40 mmol) and 4-chlorobenzaldehyde (**2q**) (62 mg, 0.44 mmol) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (5 mL) was added 20 mol% of BF<sub>3</sub>·OEt<sub>2</sub>. The reaction mixture was stirred at 0°C under the open-air atmosphere to afford (**3x**) (93 mg, 70%) as a white solid according to general procedure. R<sub>f</sub> = 0.35 (EtOAc/hexane = 1:4, v/v); mp 125-126 °C; IR (neat):  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  2923, 1709, 1608, 1489, 1352, 1018, 748 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz) δ = 4.62 (s, 1H, CH), 4.85 (ABq, Δδ<sub>AB</sub> = 0.10, J = 15.6 Hz, 2H,



$\text{CH}_2$ ), 6.61 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.06-7.25 (m, 12H, ArH) ppm;  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 100 MHz)  $\delta = 44.1, 52.1, 110.2, 125.6, 127.3, 127.9, 128.0, 128.2, 128.35, 128.44, 128.9, 129.2, 130.6, 135.5, 136.0, 142.1, 175.7$  ppm; HRMS (ESI) Calculated for  $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{16}^{35}\text{ClNO} (\text{M}+\text{H})^+$ : 334.0999 found: 334.0999.

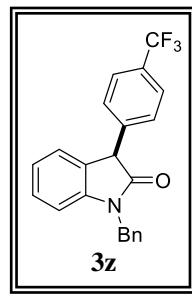
#### Synthesis of 3-(4-bromophenyl)-1-methyl-1,3-dihydro-2*H*-indol-2-one (3y)<sup>10</sup>

To a solution of 3-diazo-1-methyl-1,3-dihydro-2*H*-indol-2-one (**1b**) (100 mg, 0.58 mmol) and 4-bromobenzaldehyde (**2r**) (118 mg, 0.44 mmol) in  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  (5 mL) was added 20 mol% of  $\text{BF}_3\cdot\text{OEt}_2$ . The reaction mixture was stirred at 0°C under the open-air atmosphere to afford (**3y**) (125 mg, 72%) as a white solid according to general procedure.  $R_f = 0.26$  (EtOAc/hexane = 1:4, v/v); mp 167-168 °C; IR (neat):  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  2921, 1688, 1606, 1484, 1345, 1081, 750 cm<sup>-1</sup>;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 400 MHz)  $\delta = 3.22$  (s, 3H,  $\text{CH}_3$ ), 4.54 (s, 1H, CH), 6.89 (d,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.04-7.14 (m, 4H, ArH), 7.33 (t,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.43 (d,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 2H, ArH) ppm;  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 100 MHz)  $\delta = 26.6, 51.4, 108.4, 121.7, 122.9, 125.1, 128.2, 128.8, 130.2, 132.0, 135.7, 144.5, 175.4$  ppm; HRMS (ESI) Calculated for  $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{12}^{79}\text{BrNO} (\text{M}+\text{H})^+$ : 302.0181 found: 302.0179.



#### Synthesis of 1-benzyl-3-[4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]-1,3-dihydro-2*H*-indol-2-one (3z)<sup>11</sup>

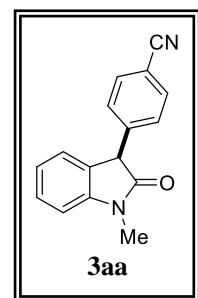
To a solution of 1-benzyl-3-diazo-1,3-dihydro-2*H*-indol-2-one (**1a**) (100 mg, 0.40 mmol) and 4-(trifluoromethyl)benzaldehyde (**2s**) (77 mg, 0.44 mmol) in  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  (5 mL) was added 20 mol% of  $\text{BF}_3\cdot\text{OEt}_2$ . The reaction mixture was stirred at 0°C under the open-air atmosphere to afford (**3z**) (110 mg, 75%) as a white solid according to general procedure.  $R_f = 0.43$  (EtOAc/hexane = 1:4, v/v); mp 110-111 °C; IR (neat):  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  2925, 1712, 1611, 1486, 1324, 1118, 745 cm<sup>-1</sup>;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 400 MHz)  $\delta = 4.77$  (s, 1H, CH), 4.95 (ABq,  $\Delta\delta_{AB} = 0.08$ ,  $J = 15.6$  Hz, 2H,  $\text{CH}_2$ ), 6.83 (d,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.03-7.07 (m, 1H, ArH), 7.15 (d,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.23-7.37 (m, 8H, ArH), 7.61 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2H, ArH) ppm;  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 100 MHz)  $\delta = 44.1, 51.8, 109.5, 123.0, 124.1$  (q,  $J = 270$  Hz,  $\text{CF}_3$ ), 125.2, 125.9 (q,  $J = 4$  Hz), 127.4, 127.8, 127.9, 128.8, 128.9, 130.0 (q,  $J = 32$  Hz), 135.7, 140.7, 143.6, 175.3 ppm; HRMS (ESI) Calculated for  $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{16}\text{F}_3\text{NO} (\text{M}+\text{H})^+$ : 368.1262 found: 368.1268.



#### Synthesis of 4-(1-methyl-2-oxo-2,3-dihydro-1*H*-indol-3-yl)benzonitrile (3aa)<sup>12</sup>

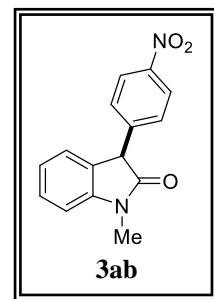
To a solution of 3-diazo-1-methyl-1,3-dihydro-2*H*-indol-2-one (**1b**) (100 mg, 0.58 mmol) and 4-formylbenzonitrile (**2t**) (84 mg, 0.64 mmol) in  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  (5 mL) was added 20 mol% of  $\text{BF}_3\cdot\text{OEt}_2$ . The reaction mixture was stirred at 0°C under the open-air atmosphere to afford

**(3aa)** (98 mg, 68%) as a white solid according to general procedure.  $R_f = 0.3$  (EtOAc/hexane = 1:4, v/v); mp 161-162 °C; IR (neat):  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  2918, 2221, 1695, 1607, 1469, 1344, 1080, 749 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz)  $\delta$  = 3.26 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 4.67 (s, 1H, CH), 6.93 (d,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.09-7.16 (m, 2H, ArH), 7.34-7.40 (m, 3H, ArH), 7.63 (d,  $J$  = 8.4 Hz, 2H, ArH) ppm; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz)  $\delta$  = 26.6, 51.8, 108.6, 111.6, 118.6, 123.1, 125.1, 127.3, 129.1, 129.3, 132.6, 141.9, 144.5, 174.6 ppm; HRMS (ESI) Calculated for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>12</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O (M-H)<sup>+</sup>: 247.0871 found: 247.0888.



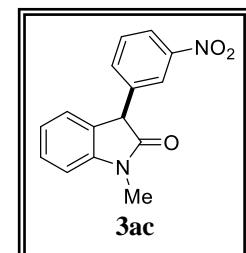
#### Synthesis of 1-methyl-3-(4-nitrophenyl)-1,3-dihydro-2H-indol-2-one (3ab)<sup>13</sup>

To a solution of 3-diazo-1-methyl-1,3-dihydro-2H-indol-2-one (**1b**) (100 mg, 0.58 mmol) and benzaldehyde (**2u**) (96 mg, 0.64 mmol) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (5 mL) was added 20 mol% of BF<sub>3</sub>·OEt<sub>2</sub>. The reaction mixture was stirred at 0°C under the open-air atmosphere to afford (**3ab**) (110 mg, 71%) as a white solid according to general procedure.  $R_f = 0.21$  (EtOAc/hexane = 1.5:3.5, v/v); mp 186-187 °C; IR (neat):  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  2922, 1706, 1607, 1488, 1353, 1018, 746 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz)  $\delta$  = 3.26 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 4.61 (s, 1H, CH), 6.90 (d,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.07 (t,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.16-7.21 (m, 3H, ArH), 7.28-7.35 (m, 3H, ArH) ppm; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz)  $\delta$  = 26.6, 66.1, 109.0, 122.7, 123.3, 125.5, 125.7, 129.0, 131.0, 143.3, 143.9, 147.9, 173.0 ppm; HRMS (ESI) Calculated for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>12</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> (M+H)<sup>+</sup>: 269.0926 found: 269.0921.



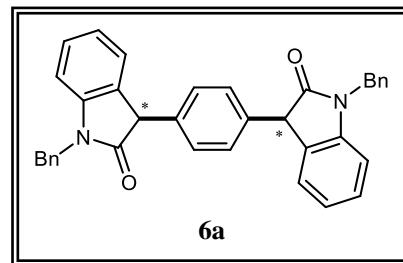
#### Synthesis of 1-methyl-3-(3-nitrophenyl)-1,3-dihydro-2H-indol-2-one (3ac)<sup>14</sup>

To a solution of 3-diazo-1-methyl-1,3-dihydro-2H-indol-2-one (**1a**) (100 mg, 0.58 mmol) and 3-nitrobenzaldehyde (**2v**) (96 mg, 0.64 mmol) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (5 mL) was added 20 mol% of BF<sub>3</sub>·OEt<sub>2</sub>. The reaction mixture was stirred at 0°C under the open-air atmosphere to afford (**3ac**) (98 mg, 63%) as a white solid according to general procedure.  $R_f = 0.21$  (EtOAc/hexane = 1.5:3.5, v/v); mp 150-151 °C; IR (neat):  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  2935, 1724, 1610, 1520, 1344, 1093, 1013, 737 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz)  $\delta$  = 3.32 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 4.77 (s, 1H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 6.99 (d,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.16-7.22 (m, 2H, ArH), 7.44 (t,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.56-7.60 (m, 1H, ArH), 7.66-7.68 (m, 1H, ArH), 8.09 (s, 1H, ArH), 8.21 (dd,  $J_1$  = 8.0 Hz,  $J_2$  = 0.8 Hz, 1H, ArH) ppm; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz)  $\delta$  = 26.7, 51.4, 108.7, 122.8, 123.2, 123.3, 125.1, 127.2, 129.2, 129.9, 135.0, 138.6, 144.5, 148.6, 174.8 ppm; HRMS (ESI) Calculated for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>12</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> (M+H)<sup>+</sup>: 269.0926 found: 269.0919.



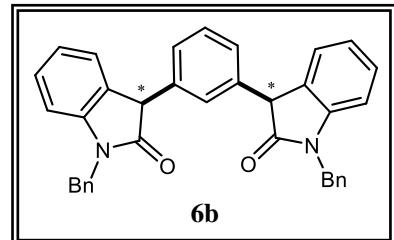
### Synthesis of 3,3'-(1,4-phenylene)bis(1-benzyl-1,3-dihydro-2H-indol-2-one) (**6a**)

To a solution of 1-benzyl-3-diazo-1,3-dihydro-2H-indol-2-one (**1a**) (100 mg, 0.40 mmol) and terephthalaldehyde (**5a**) (27 mg, 0.20 mmol) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (5 mL) was added 20 mol% of BF<sub>3</sub>·OEt<sub>2</sub>. The reaction mixture was stirred at 0°C under the open-air atmosphere to afford (**6a**) (71 mg, 68%) as a white solid according to general procedure. R<sub>f</sub> = 0.35 (EtOAc/hexane = 2:3, v/v); mp 207-209 °C; IR (neat):  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  2924, 1707, 1609, 1480, 1350, 741 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz) δ = 4.62-4.63 (m, 2H, 2CH), 4.78-4.94 (m, 4H, 2CH<sub>2</sub>), 6.69-6.72 (m, 2H, ArH), 6.93-6.96 (m, 2H, ArH), 7.08-7.25 (m, 18H, ArH) ppm; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz) δ = 44.0, 51.7, 109.2, 122.8, 125.27, 125.32, 127.4, 127.7, 128.4, 128.7, 128.8, 129.1, 135.88, 135.91, 136.04, 136.1, 143.56, 143.59, 175.97, 176.0 ppm; HRMS (ESI) Calculated for C<sub>36</sub>H<sub>28</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> (M+H)<sup>+</sup>: 521.2229 found: 521.2220.



### Synthesis of 3,3'-(1,3-phenylene)bis(1-benzyl-1,3-dihydro-2H-indol-2-one) (**6b**)

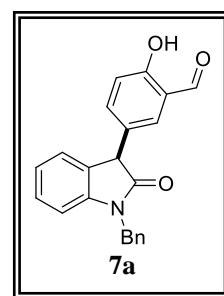
To a solution of 1-benzyl-3-diazo-1,3-dihydro-2H-indol-2-one (**1a**) (100 mg, 0.40 mmol) and isophthalaldehyde (**5b**) (27 mg, 0.20 mmol) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (5 mL) was added 20 mol% of BF<sub>3</sub>·OEt<sub>2</sub>. The reaction mixture was stirred at 0°C under the open-air atmosphere to afford (**6b**) (48 mg, 46%) as a white solid according to general procedure. R<sub>f</sub> = 0.35 (EtOAc/hexane = 2:3, v/v); mp 187-188 °C; IR (neat):  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  2924, 1705, 1609, 1489, 1352, 1174, 739 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz) δ = 4.72 (s, 1H, CH), 4.79 (s, 1H, CH), 4.92-5.06 (m, 4H, 2CH<sub>2</sub>), 6.82-6.85 (m, 2H, ArH), 7.06-7.09 (m, 2H, ArH), 7.19-7.37 (m, 18H, ArH) ppm; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz) δ = 44.0, 51.93, 51.94, 109.24, 109.28, 122.86, 122.92, 125.30, 125.33, 127.1, 127.36, 127.38, 127.67, 127.70, 127.73, 128.4, 128.5, 128.6, 128.9, 129.5, 129.6, 130.2, 135.86, 135.89, 137.31, 137.32, 143.5, 175.9, 176.0 ppm; HRMS (ESI) Calculated for C<sub>36</sub>H<sub>28</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> (M+Na)<sup>+</sup>: 543.2048 found: 543.2081.



### Synthesis of 5-(1-benzyl-2-oxo-2,3-dihydro-1H-indol-3-yl)-2-hydroxybenzaldehyde (**7a**)

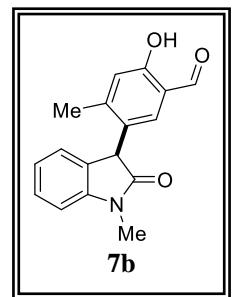
To a solution of 1-benzyl-3-diazo-1,3-dihydro-2H-indol-2-one (**1a**) (100 mg, 0.40 mmol) and 2-hydroxybenzaldehyde (**2x**) (54 mg, 0.44 mmol) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (5 mL) was added 20 mol% of BF<sub>3</sub>·OEt<sub>2</sub>. The reaction mixture was stirred at 0°C under the open-air atmosphere to afford (**7a**) (103 mg, 75%) as a white solid according to general procedure. R<sub>f</sub> = 0.41 (EtOAc/hexane = 2:3, v/v); mp 157-158 °C; IR (neat):  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  3057, 1707, 1655, 1609, 1482,

1350, 1278, 1195, 737 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz) δ = 4.75 (s, 1H, CH), 4.99 (ABq, Δδ<sub>AB</sub> = 0.05, J = 15.6 Hz, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 6.89 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.03 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.11 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.23 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.28-7.37 (m, 6H, ArH), 7.42-7.45 (m, 1H, ArH), 7.49 (d, J = 2.4 Hz, 1H, ArH), 9.88 (s, 1H, CHO), 11.05 (s, 1H, OH) ppm; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz) δ = 44.1, 50.8, 109.6, 118.5, 120.7, 123.1, 125.2, 127.5, 127.9, 128.0, 128.2, 128.8, 128.9, 133.4, 135.8, 137.0, 143.6, 161.2, 175.8, 196.5 ppm; HRMS (ESI) Calculated for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>17</sub>NO<sub>3</sub> (M+H)<sup>+</sup>: 344.1287 found: 344.1288.



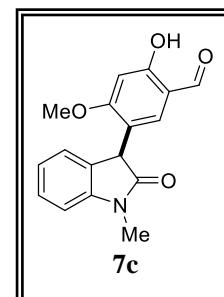
### Synthesis of 2-hydroxy-4-methyl-5-(1-methyl-2-oxo-2,3-dihydro-1H-indol-3-yl)benzaldehyde (7b)

To a solution of 3-diazo-1-methyl-1,3-dihydro-2*H*-indol-2-one (**1b**) (100 mg, 0.58 mmol) and 2-hydroxy-4-methylbenzaldehyde (**2y**) (87 mg, 0.64 mmol) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (5 mL) was added 20 mol% of BF<sub>3</sub>·OEt<sub>2</sub>. The reaction mixture was stirred at 0°C under the open-air atmosphere to afford (**7b**) (132 mg, 81%) as a white solid according to general procedure. R<sub>f</sub> = 0.22 (EtOAc/hexane = 2:3, v/v); mp 183-184 °C; IR (neat): ν<sub>max</sub> 2924, 1704, 1651, 1613, 1464, 1345, 1264, 740 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz) δ = 2.46 (bs, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 3.32 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 4.84 (s, 1H, CH), 6.91-7.13 (m, 5H, ArH), 7.30-7.43 (m, 1H, ArH), 9.74 (s, 1H, CHO), 10.97 (s, 1H, OH) ppm; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz) δ = 20.7, 26.5, 108.4, 119.1, 119.8, 123.0, 124.5, 127.5, 128.4, 128.7, 144.4, 148.4, 160.9, 175.8, 195.7 ppm; HRMS (ESI) Calculated for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>15</sub>NO<sub>3</sub> (M+H)<sup>+</sup>: 282.1130 found: 282.1124.



### Synthesis of 2-hydroxy-4-methoxy-5-(1-methyl-2-oxo-2,3-dihydro-1H-indol-3-yl)benzaldehyde (7c)

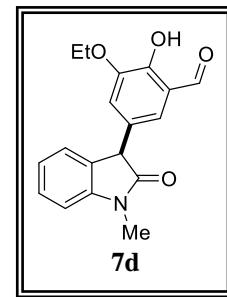
To a solution of 3-diazo-1-methyl-1,3-dihydro-2*H*-indol-2-one (**1b**) (100 mg, 0.58 mmol) and 2-hydroxy-4-methoxybenzaldehyde (**2z**) (97 mg, 0.64 mmol) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (5 mL) was added 20 mol% of BF<sub>3</sub>·OEt<sub>2</sub>. The reaction mixture was stirred at 0°C under the open-air atmosphere to afford (**7c**) (146 mg, 85%) as a white solid according to general procedure. R<sub>f</sub> = 0.33 (EtOAc/hexane = 2:3, v/v); mp 165-166 °C; IR (neat): ν<sub>max</sub> 2920, 1694, 1640, 1463, 1349, 1204, 745 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz) δ = 3.34 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 3.85 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 4.87 (s, 1H, CH), 6.50 (s, 1H, ArH), 6.92-7.11 (m, 3H, ArH), 7.26-7.36 (m, 2H, ArH), 9.69 (s, 1H, CHO), 11.57 (s, 1H, OH) ppm; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz) δ = 26.5,



47.0, 56.3, 99.7, 108.0, 114.7, 118.7, 122.7, 124.0, 128.2, 129.0, 134.9, 144.2, 164.3, 164.6, 176.2, 194.4 ppm; HRMS (ESI) Calculated for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>15</sub>NO<sub>4</sub> (M+H)<sup>+</sup>: 298.1079 found: 298.1055.

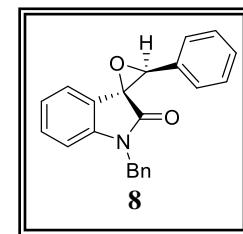
### Synthesis of 4-ethoxy-5-(1-ethyl-2-oxo-2,3-dihydro-1*H*-indol-3-yl)-2-hydroxybenzaldehyde (**7d**)

To a solution of 3-diazo-1-methyl-1,3-dihydro-2*H*-indol-2-one (**1b**) (100 mg, 0.58 mmol) and 3-ethoxy-2-hydroxybenzaldehyde (**2aa**) (106 mg, 0.64 mmol) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (5 mL) was added 20 mol% of BF<sub>3</sub>·OEt<sub>2</sub>. The reaction mixture was stirred at 0°C under the open-air atmosphere to afford (**7d**) (132 mg, 73%) as a white solid according to general procedure. R<sub>f</sub> = 0.30 (EtOAc/hexane = 2:3, v/v); mp 143-144 °C; IR (neat): ν<sub>max</sub> 2927, 1703, 1641, 1611, 1466, 1348, 1254, 739 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz) δ = 1.49 (t, J = 6.8 Hz, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 3.28 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 4.08-4.13 (m, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 5.22 (bs, 1H, CH), 6.45 (bs, 1H, ArH), 6.97-7.44 (m, 5H, ArH), 10.54 (bs, 1H, CHO), 12.36 (bs, 1H, OH) ppm; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz) δ = 14.7, 26.7, 46.0, 64.8, 108.7, 118.5, 118.6, 123.0, 125.4, 127.1, 128.9, 130.0, 144.3, 147.5, 154.4, 174.9, 176.8, 195.6 ppm; HRMS (ESI) Calculated for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>17</sub>NO<sub>4</sub> (M+H)<sup>+</sup>: 312.1236 found: 312.1214.



### Synthesis of 1-benzyl-3'-phenylspiro[indole-3,2'-oxiran]-2(1*H*)-one (**8**)

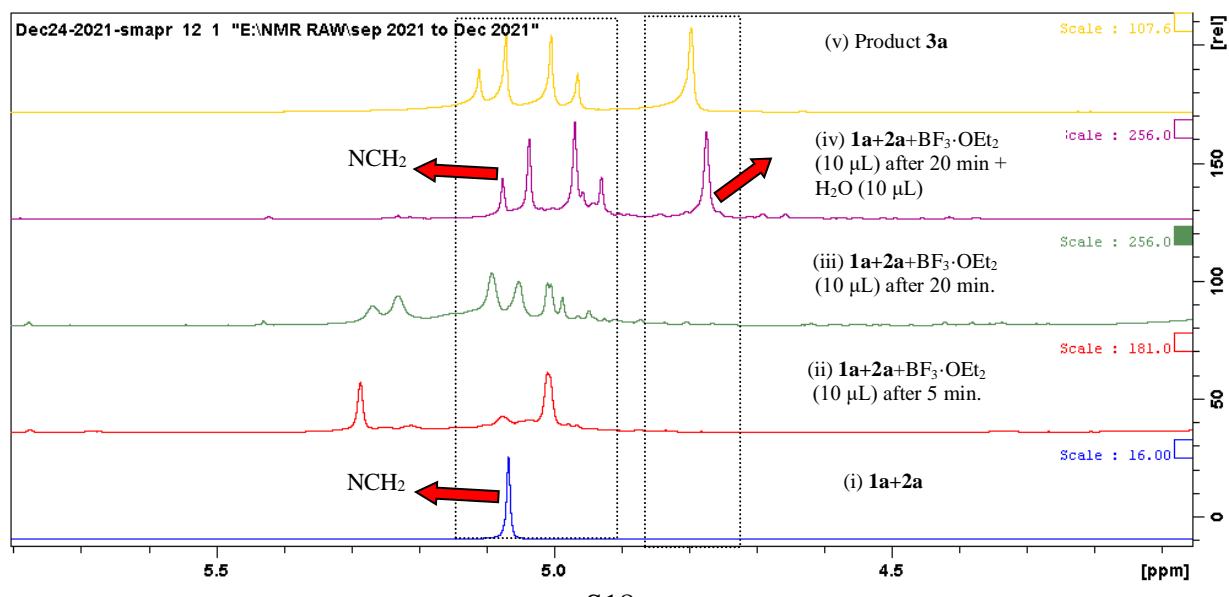
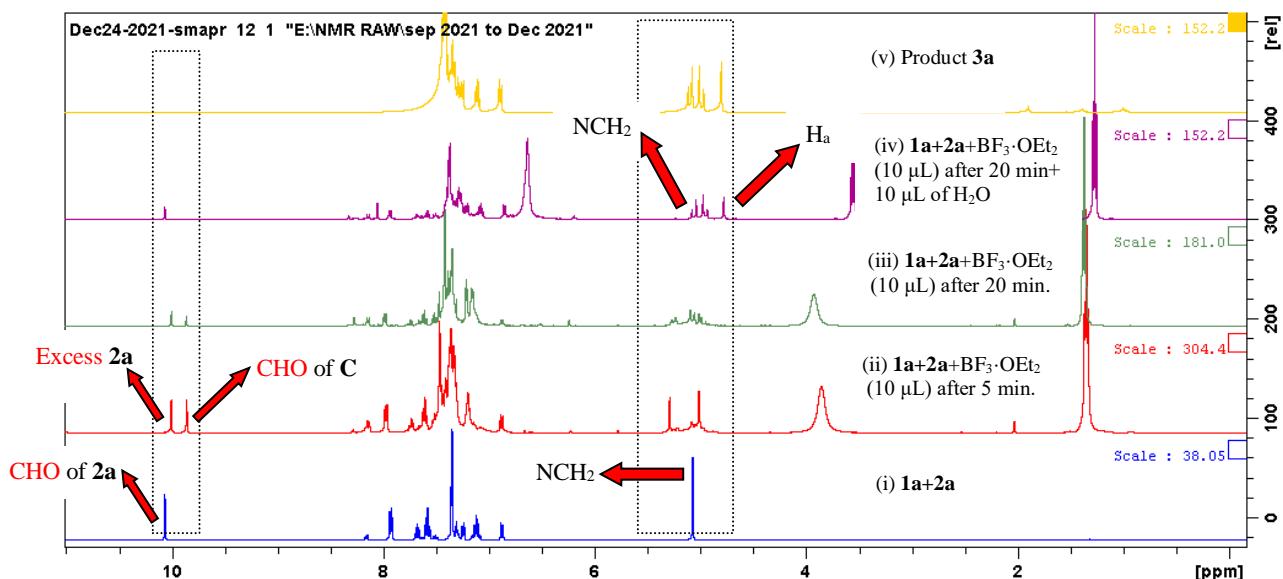
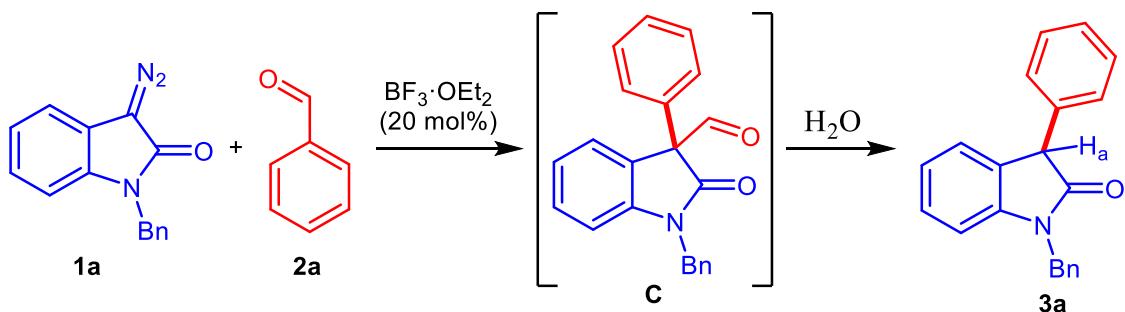
A solution of 1-benzyl-3-diazo-1,3-dihydro-2*H*-indol-2-one (**1a**) (100 mg, 0.40 mmol) in dry dichloroethane (5 mL) was added dropwise to a solution containing benzaldehyde (**2a**) (47 mg, 0.44 mmol) dissolved in dry DCE (5 mL) and rhodium(II) acetate (1 mol%) at 60 °C for the period of 2 h to afford (**8**) (120 mg, 92%) as a white solid. R<sub>f</sub> = 0.42 (EtOAc/hexane = 1:4, v/v); mp 123-124 °C; IR (neat): ν<sub>max</sub> 3054, 1726, 1614, 1461, 1354, 1176, 736 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz) δ = 4.60 (s, 1H, CH), 4.71 (ABq, Δδ<sub>AB</sub> = 0.15, J = 15.6 Hz, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 6.67 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H, ArH), 6.94-6.98 (m, 1H, ArH), 7.10-7.32 (m, 10H, ArH), 7.52-7.54 (m, 2H, ArH) ppm; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz) δ = 44.2, 62.0, 67.8, 109.8, 121.8, 122.8, 123.6, 127.5, 127.6, 127.8, 127.9, 128.87, 128.91, 130.2, 131.9, 135.6, 143.8, 170.1 ppm; HRMS (ESI) Calculated for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>17</sub>NO<sub>2</sub> (M+Na)<sup>+</sup>: 350.1157 found: 350.1158.



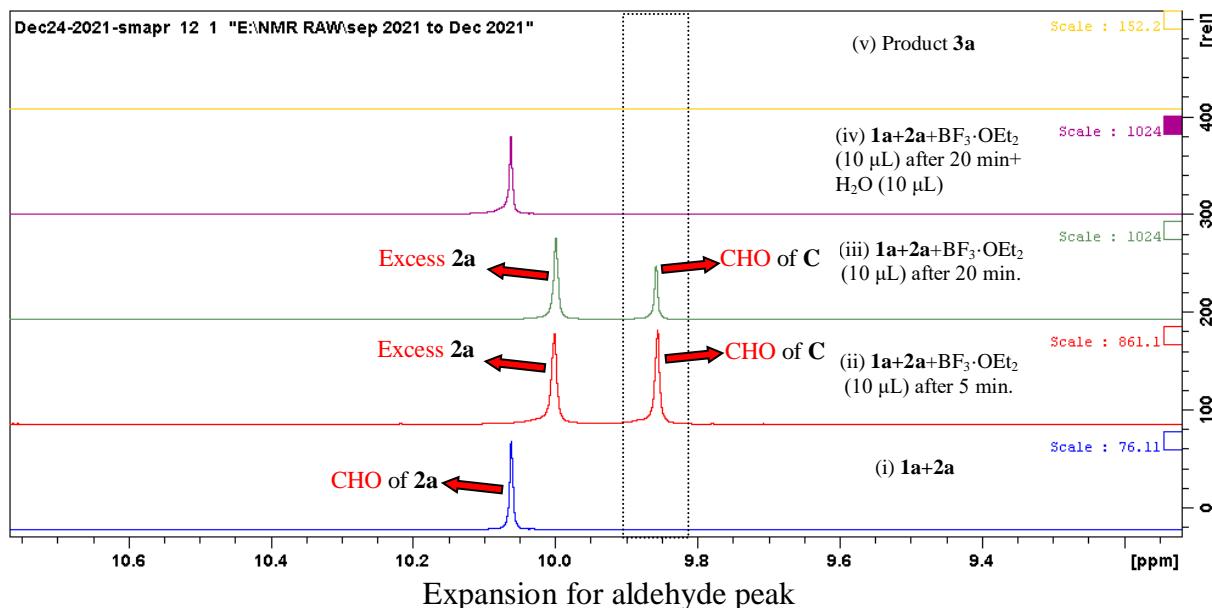
### NMR experiments for the reaction of **1a** and **2a**

To find out the insight into the mechanism, an experiment was planned in a NMR tube. Towards this, an equimolar amount of diazoamide **1a** and benzaldehyde **2a** was dissolved in CDCl<sub>3</sub> and the <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectrum was recorded at different time intervals. Initially, -NCH<sub>2</sub>

and -CHO protons appeared as a singlet at 5.07 and 10.06 ppm, respectively [Figure S1(i)]. A new aldehyde peak was observed at 9.85 ppm after the addition of 10  $\mu$ L of  $\text{BF}_3\cdot\text{OEt}_2$  into the NMR tube [Figure S1(ii), (iii)]. Then, the peak at 9.85 ppm disappeared after the addition of 10  $\mu$ L of water into the NMR tube and the formation of a singlet at 4.77 ppm [Figure S1(iv)] that is responsible for  $\text{H}_a$  proton of **3a**.



### Expansion for NCH<sub>2</sub> peak



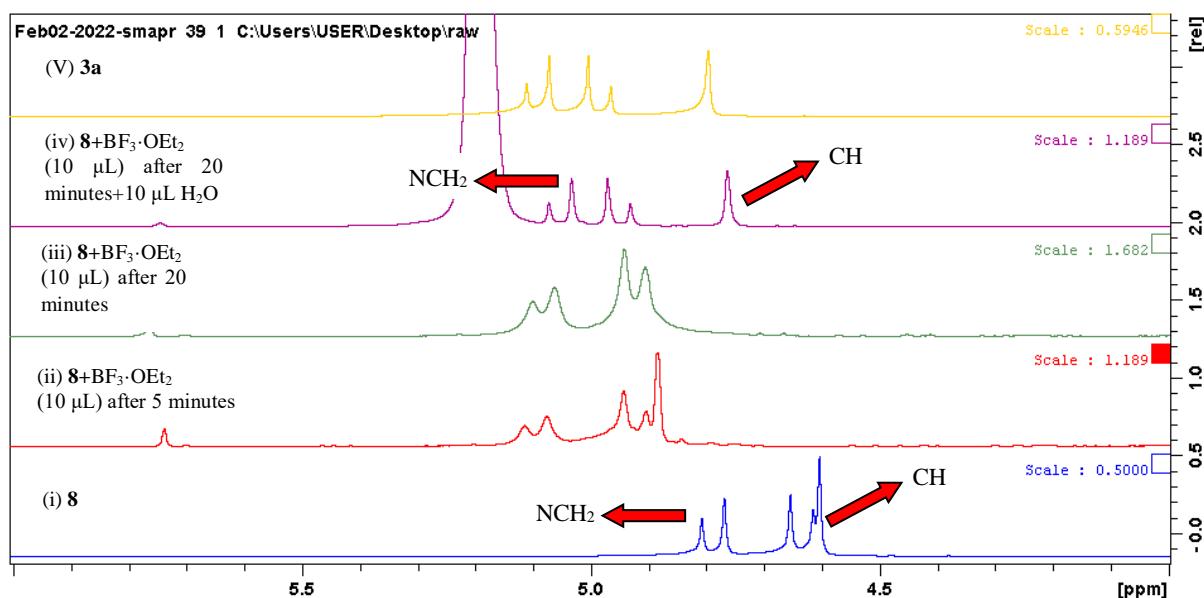
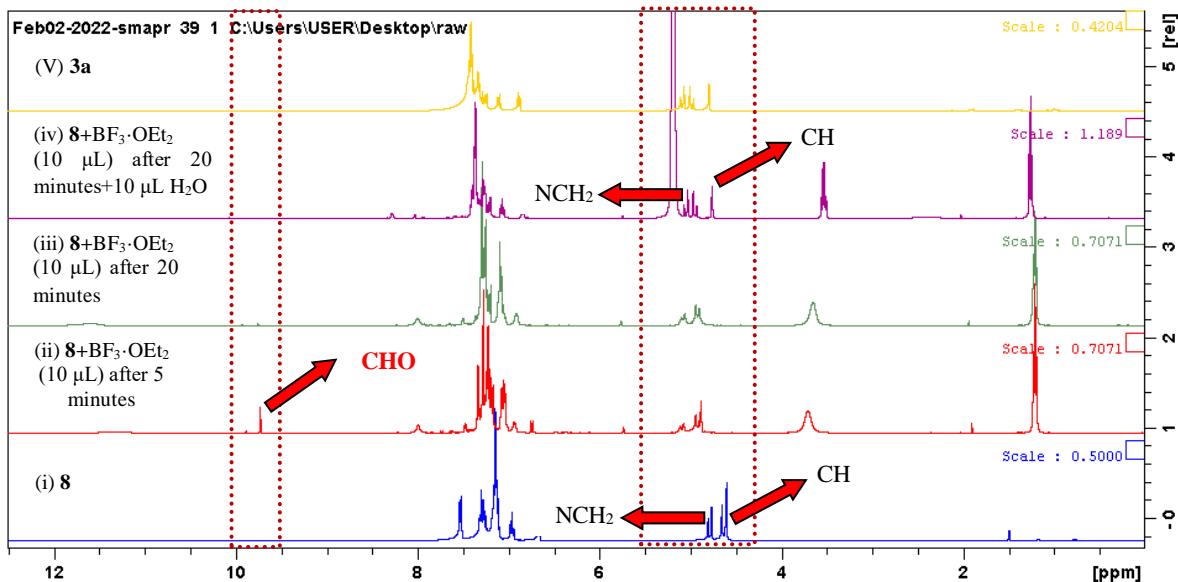
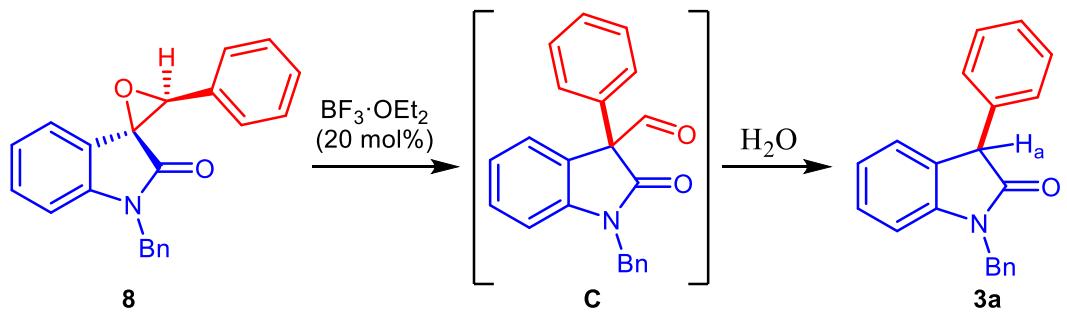
**Figure S1.** <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectra of reaction mixture **3a** signals in CDCl<sub>3</sub>

- (i) A mixture of diazoamide **1a** (10 mg) and benzaldehyde **2a** (5 mg)
- (ii) A mixture of diazoamide **1a** (10 mg), benzaldehyde **2a** (5 mg) and BF<sub>3</sub>·OEt<sub>2</sub> (10 μL) after 5 minutes
- (iii) A mixture of diazoamide **1a** (10 mg), and benzaldehyde **2a** (5 mg) and BF<sub>3</sub>·OEt<sub>2</sub> (10 μL) after 20 minutes
- (iv) A mixture of diazoamide **1a** (10 mg), benzaldehyde **2a** (5 mg), BF<sub>3</sub>·OEt<sub>2</sub> (10 μL) and H<sub>2</sub>O (10 μL)
- (v) Isolated product **3a**

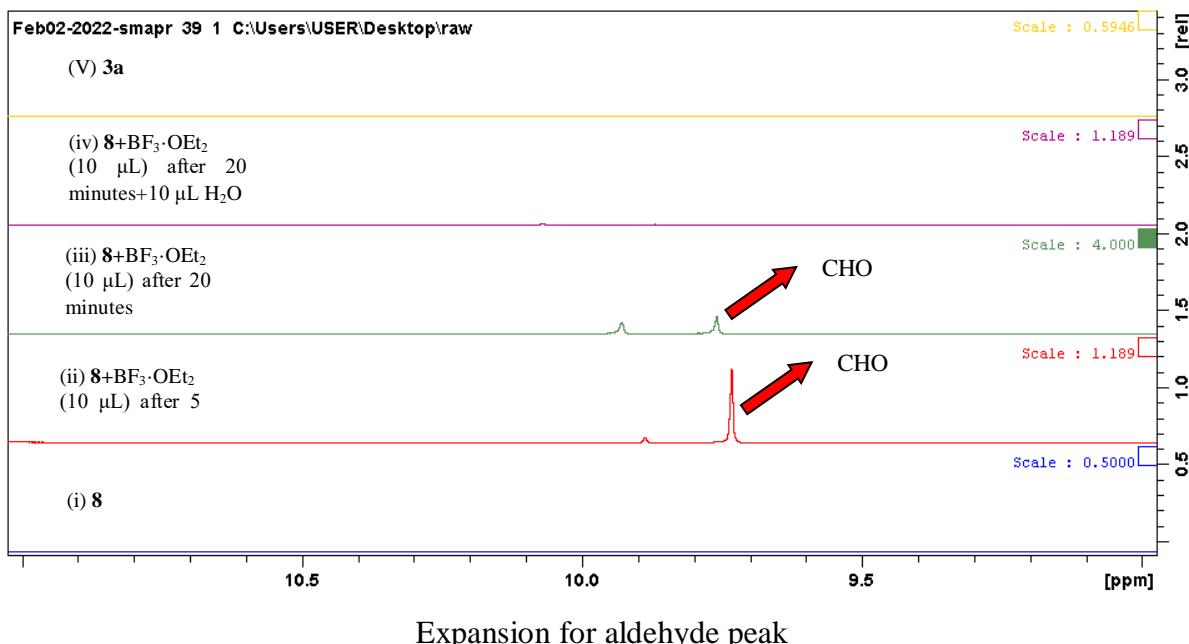
### NMR experiments for the reaction of epoxide **8**

To find out the insight into the mechanism, an experiment was planned in a NMR tube. Towards this, spiro-indolooxirane **8** was dissolved in CDCl<sub>3</sub> and the <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectrum was recorded at different time intervals. Initially, -NCH<sub>2</sub> and -CH protons appeared as an AB quartet and a singlet at 4.71 and 4.60 ppm, respectively [Figure S2(i)]. A new aldehyde peak was observed at 9.73 ppm after the addition of 10 μL of BF<sub>3</sub>·OEt<sub>2</sub> into the NMR tube [Figure S2(ii), (iii)]. Then, the peak at 9.73 ppm disappeared after the addition of 10 μL of water into the NMR tube and the formation of a singlet at 4.78 ppm [Figure S2(iv)] that is responsible for H<sub>a</sub> proton of **3a**.

H<sub>a</sub>



### Expansion for NCH<sub>2</sub> peak



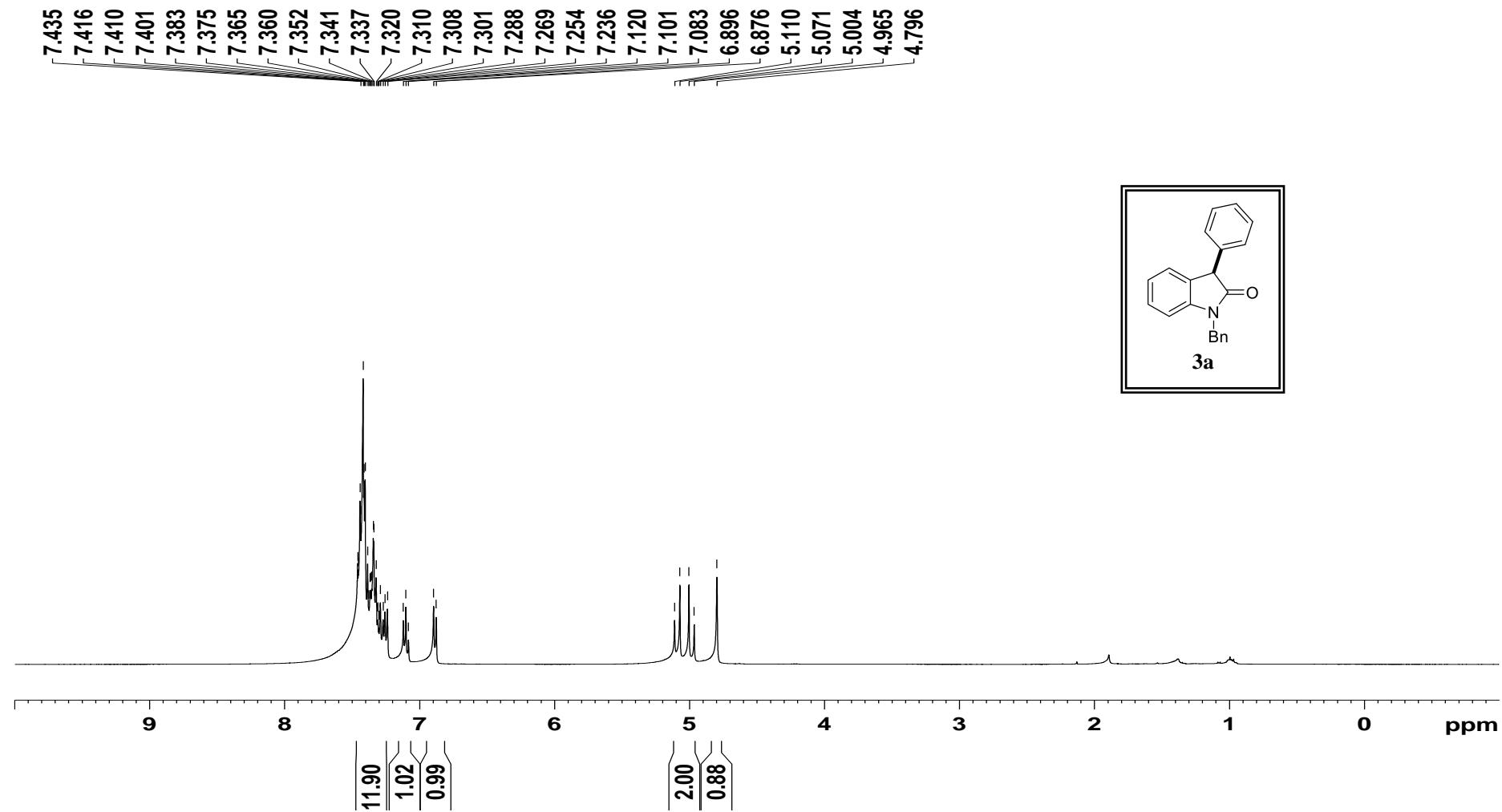
**Figure S2.**  $^1\text{H}$ -NMR spectra of reaction mixture **3a** signals in  $\text{CDCl}_3$

- (i) Epoxide **8**
- (ii) A mixture of epoxide **8** (20 mg) and  $\text{BF}_3\cdot\text{OEt}_2$  (10  $\mu$ L) after 5 minutes
- (iii) A mixture of epoxide **8** (20 mg) and  $\text{BF}_3\cdot\text{OEt}_2$  (10  $\mu$ L) after 20 minutes
- (iv) A mixture of epoxide **8** (20 mg) and  $\text{BF}_3\cdot\text{OEt}_2$  (10  $\mu$ L) after 20 minutes and  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  (10  $\mu$ L)
- (v) Isolated product **3a**

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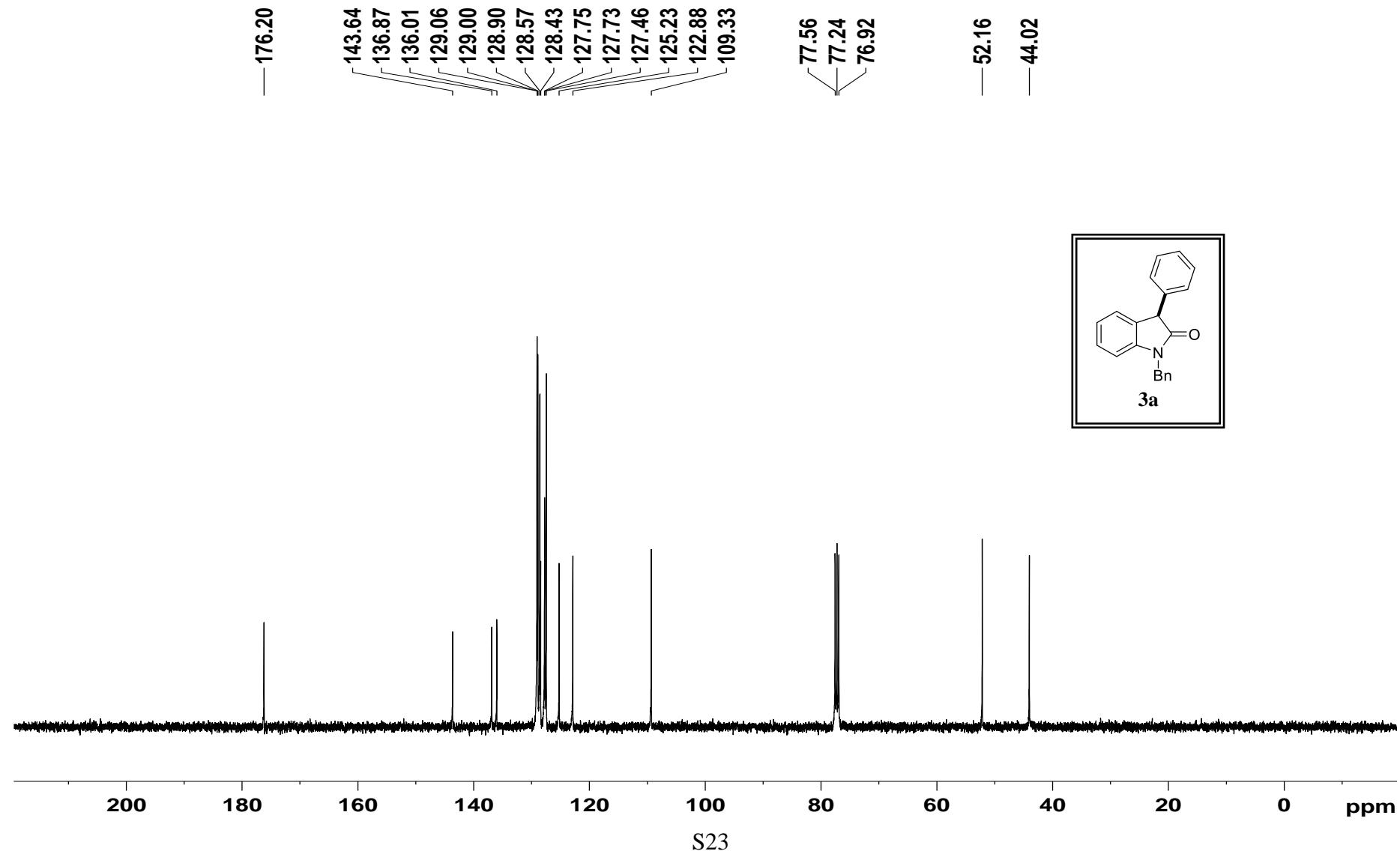
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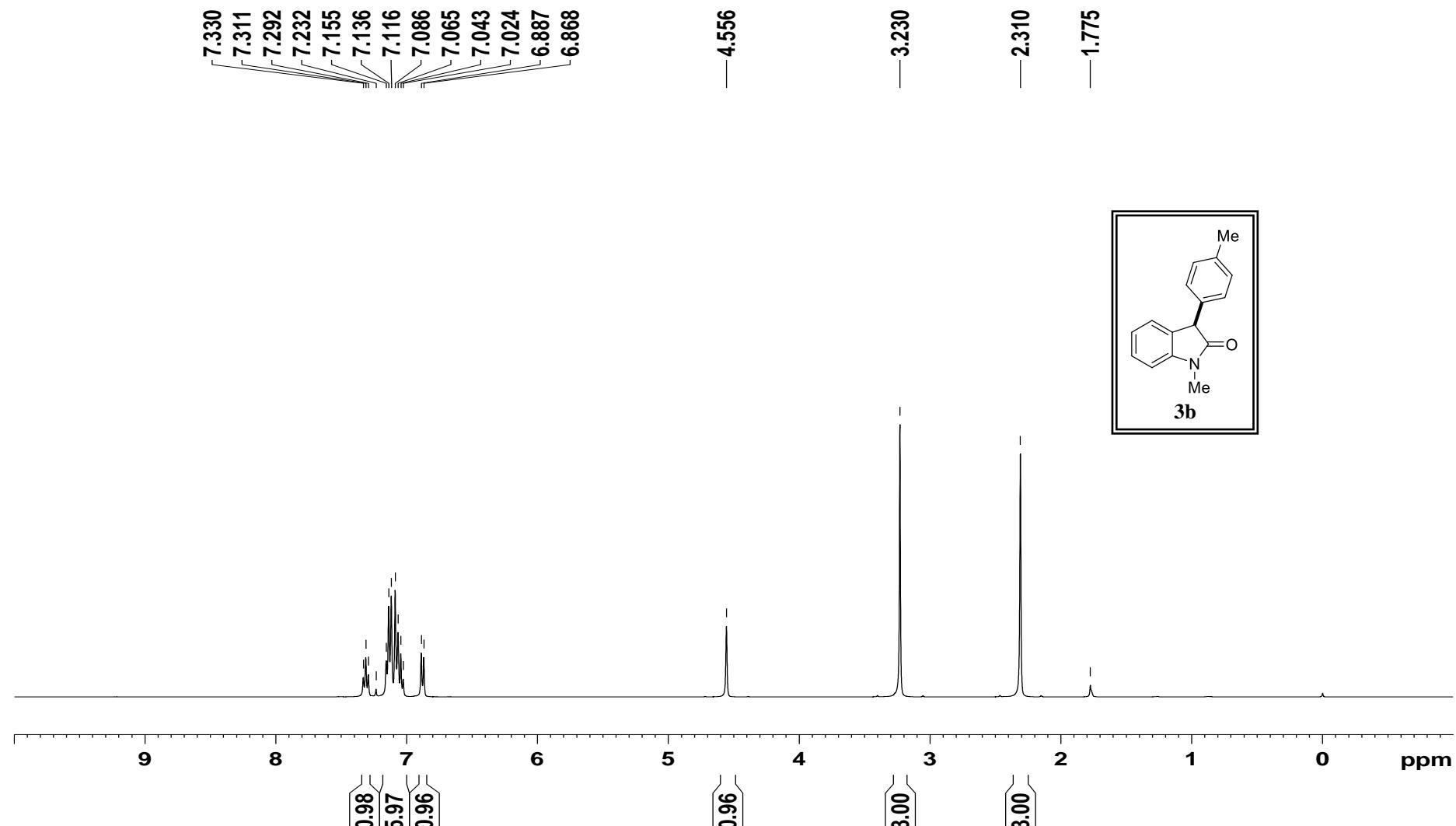
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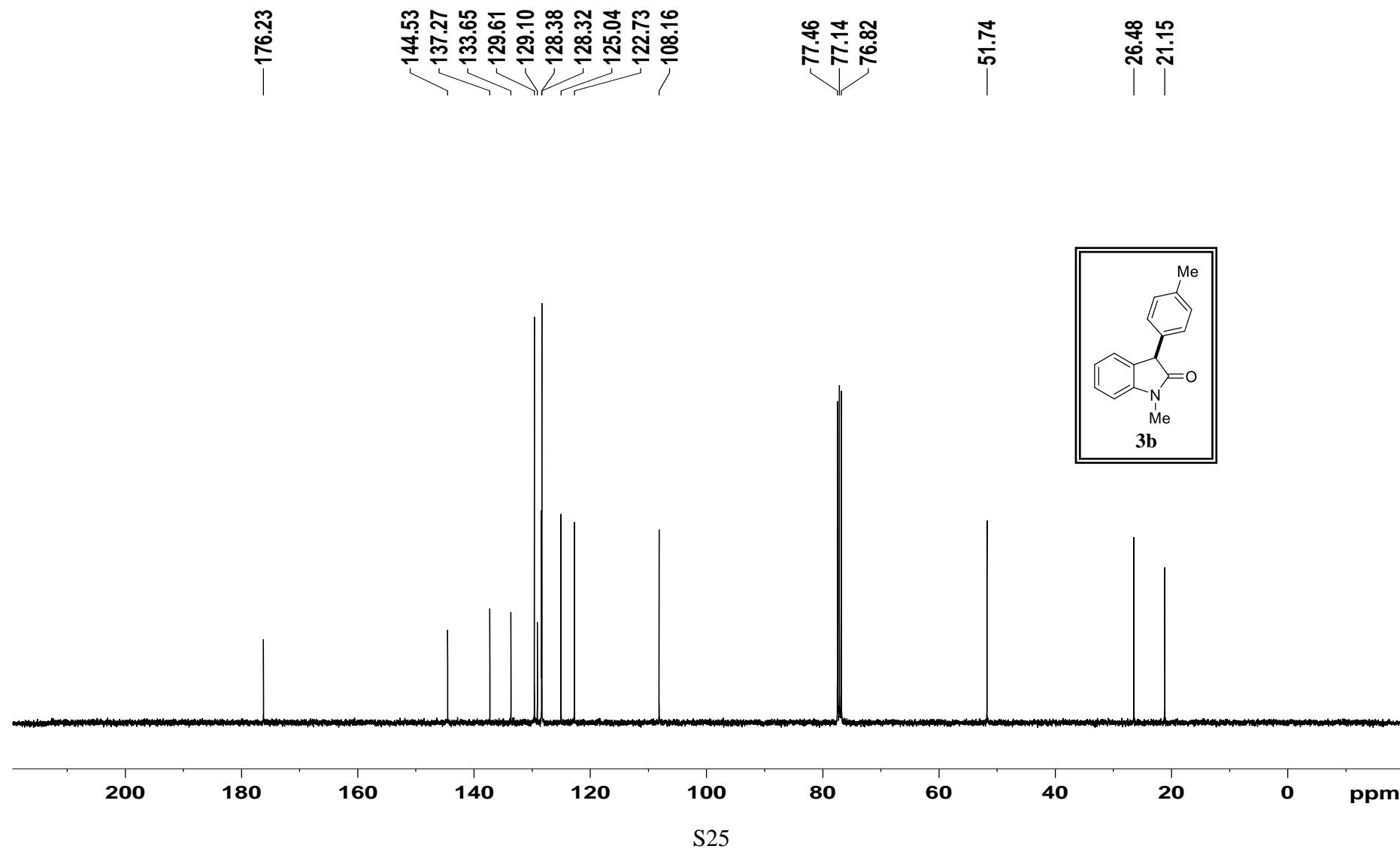
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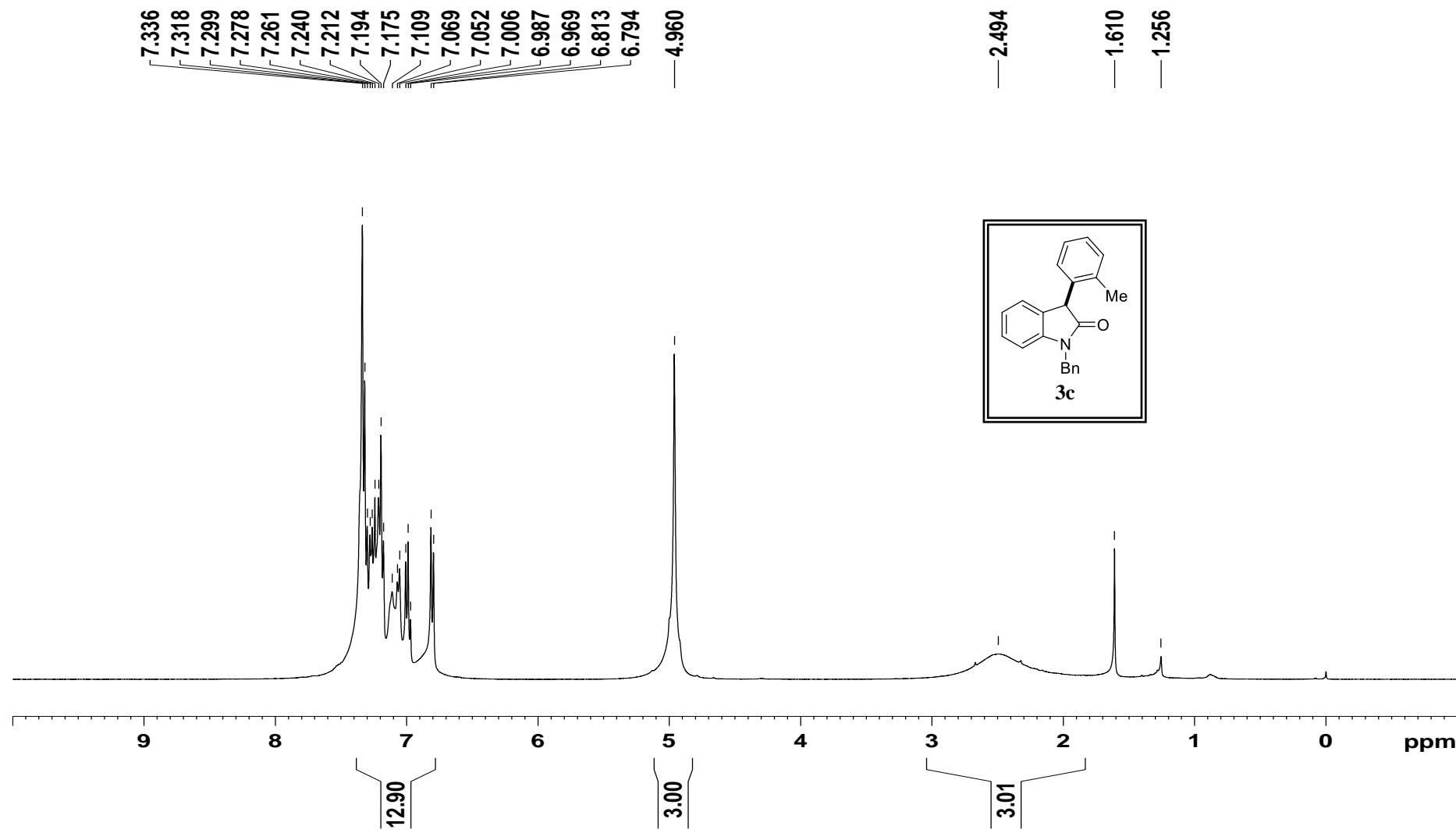
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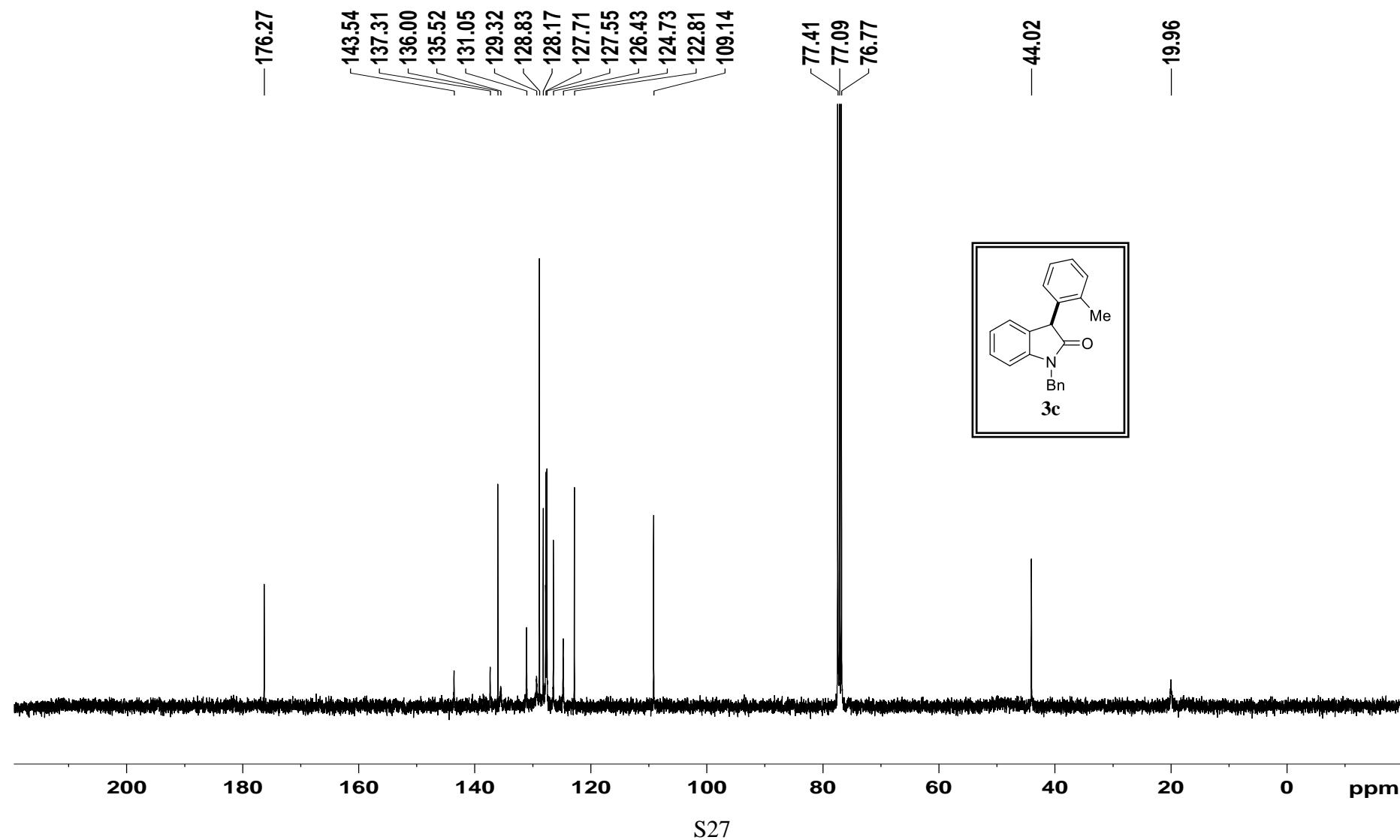
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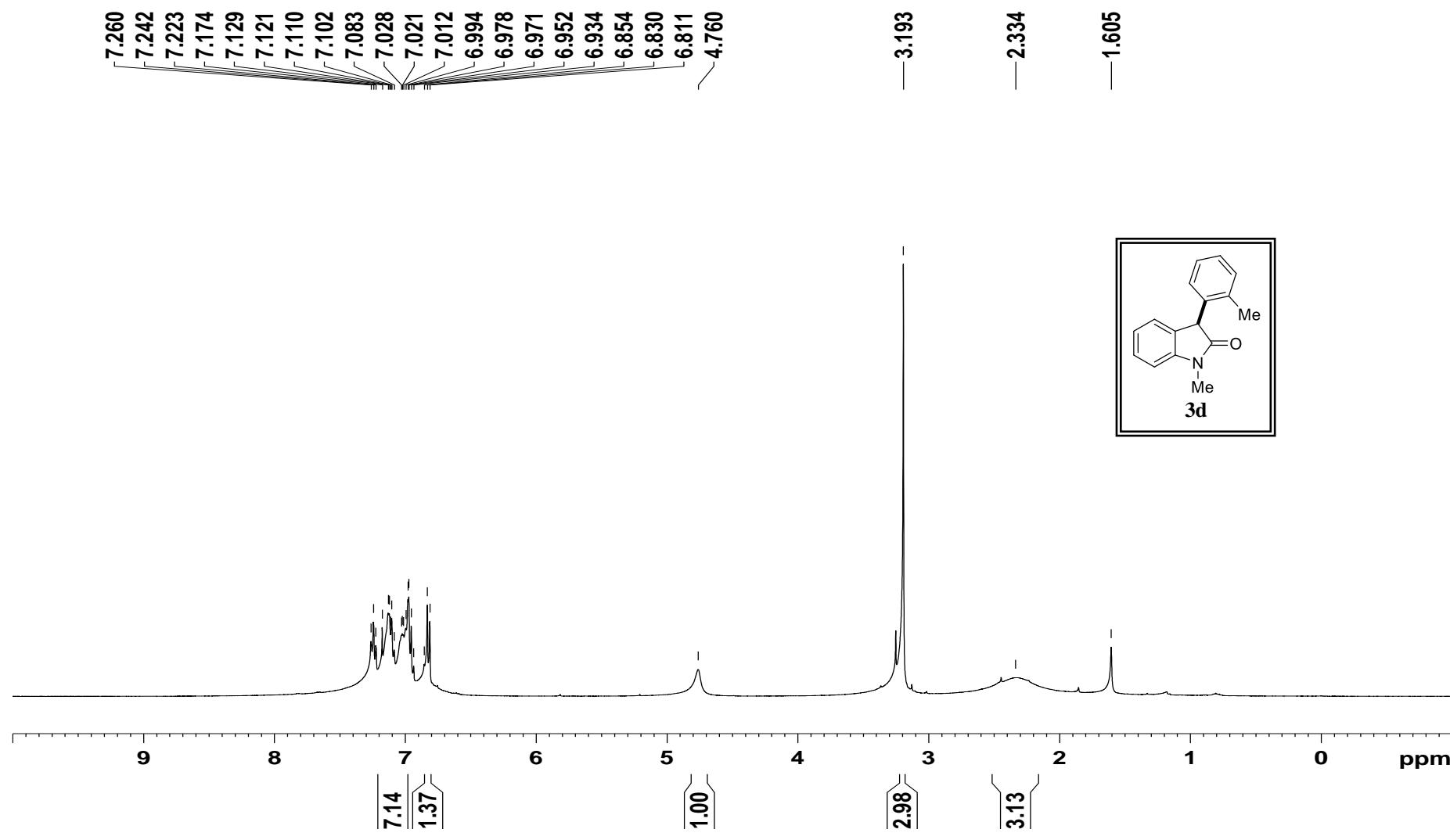
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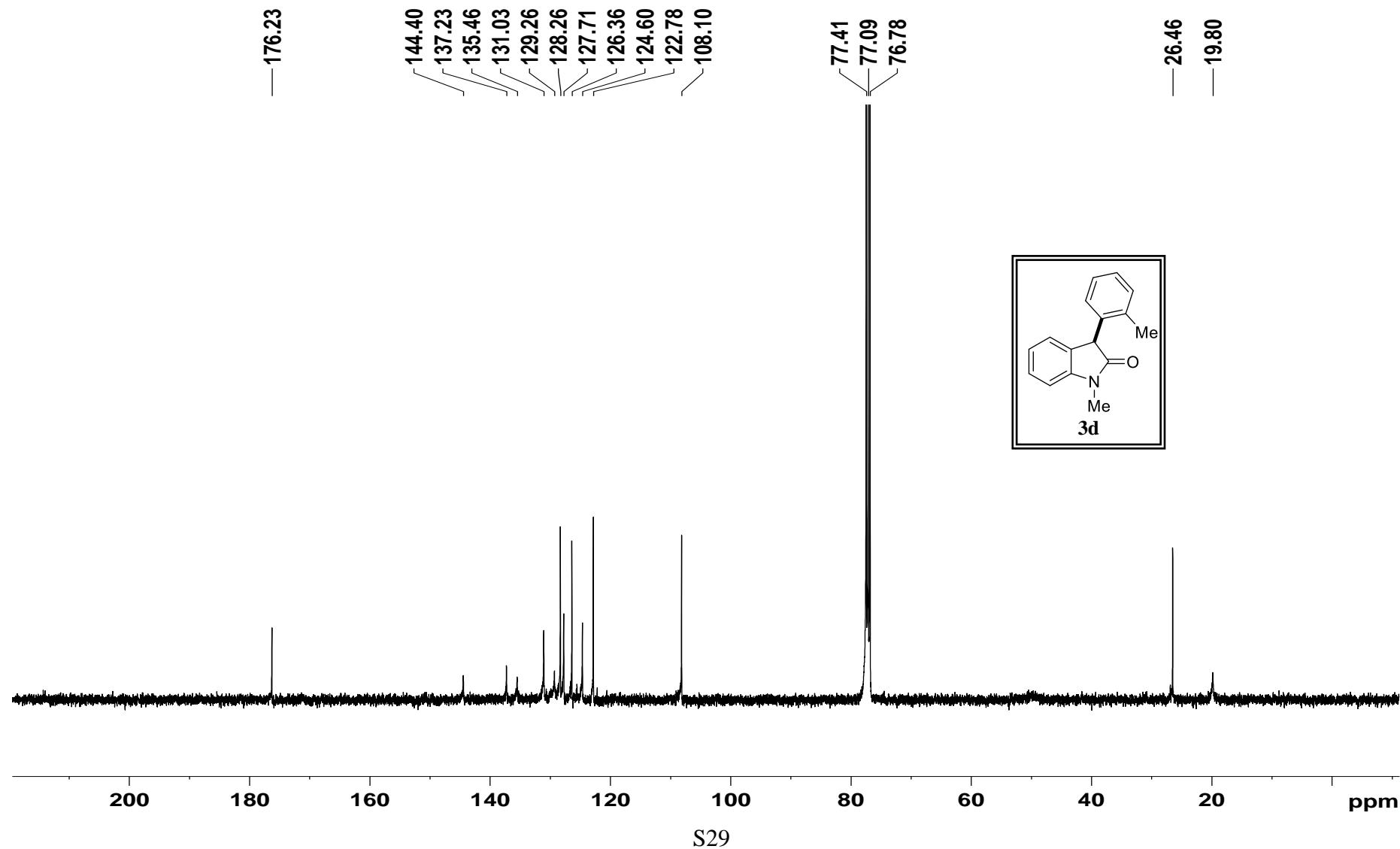
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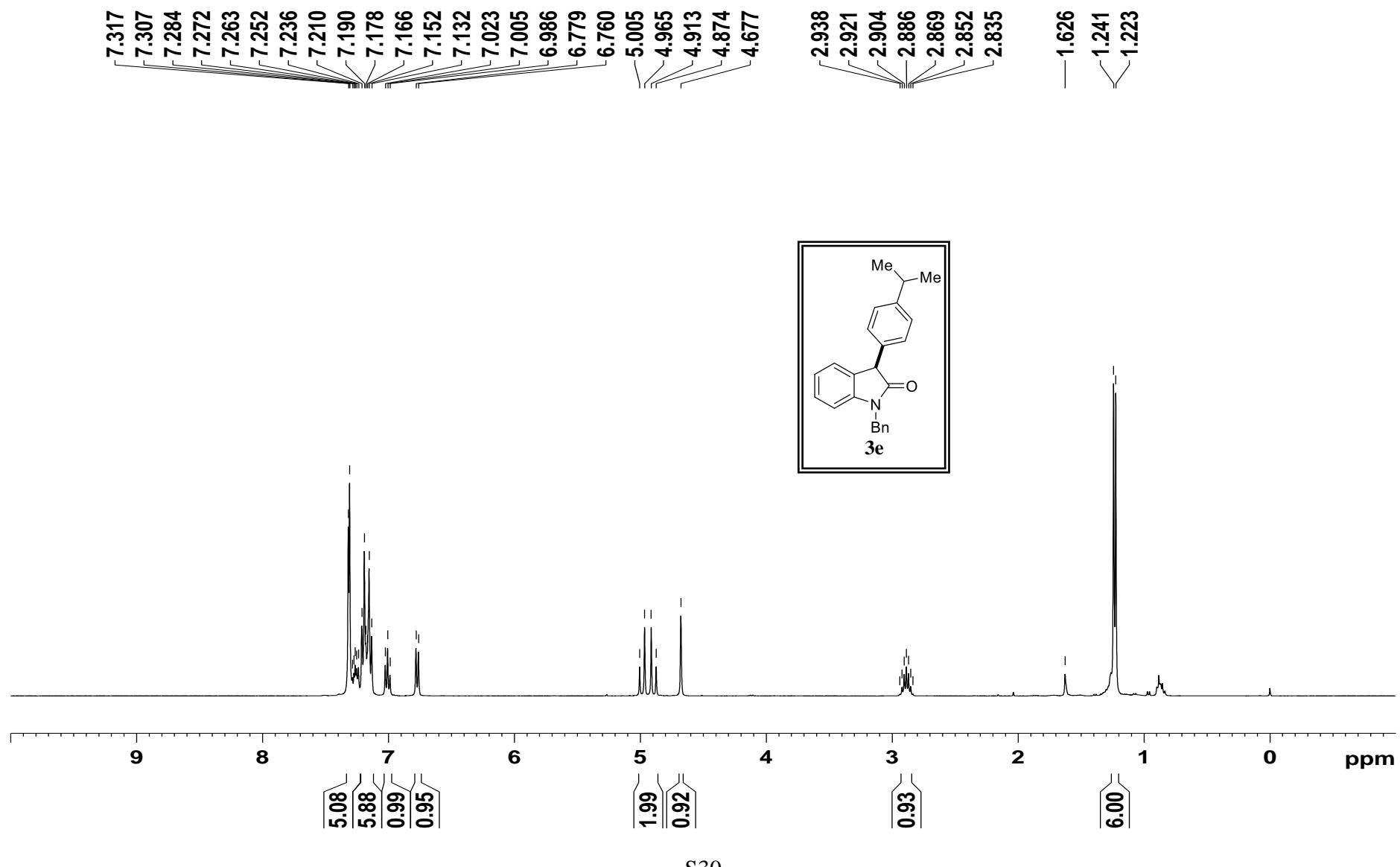


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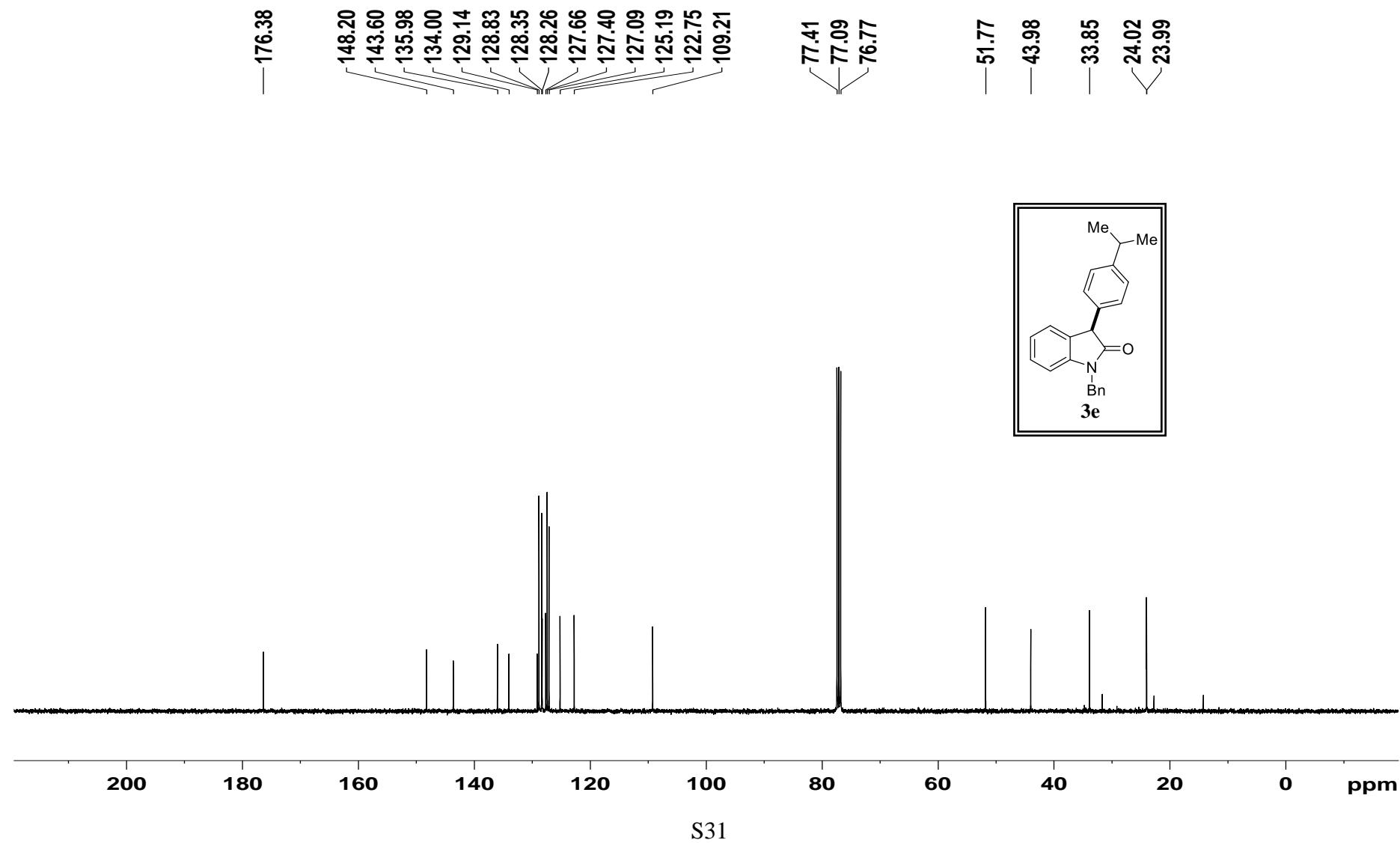


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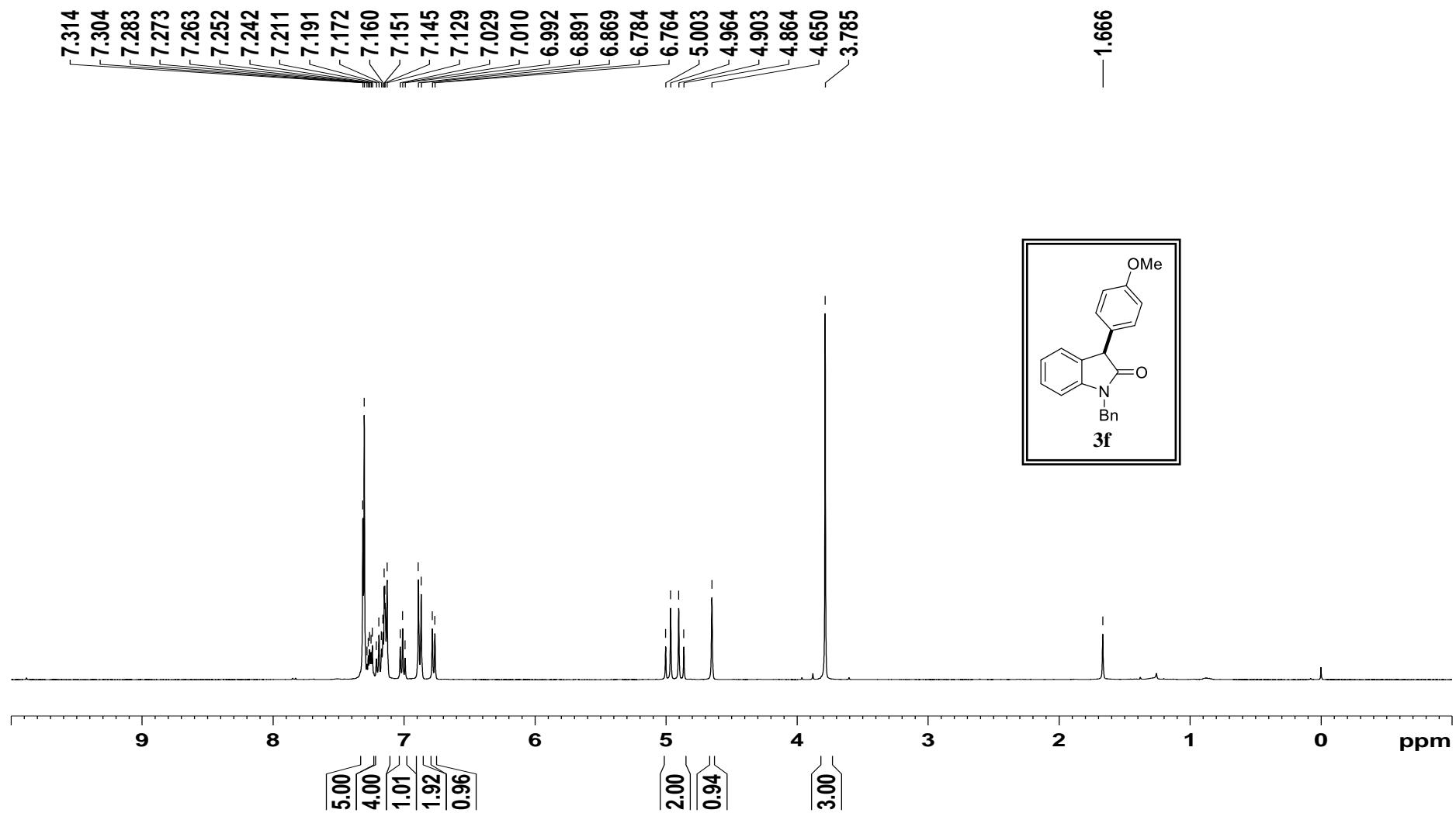
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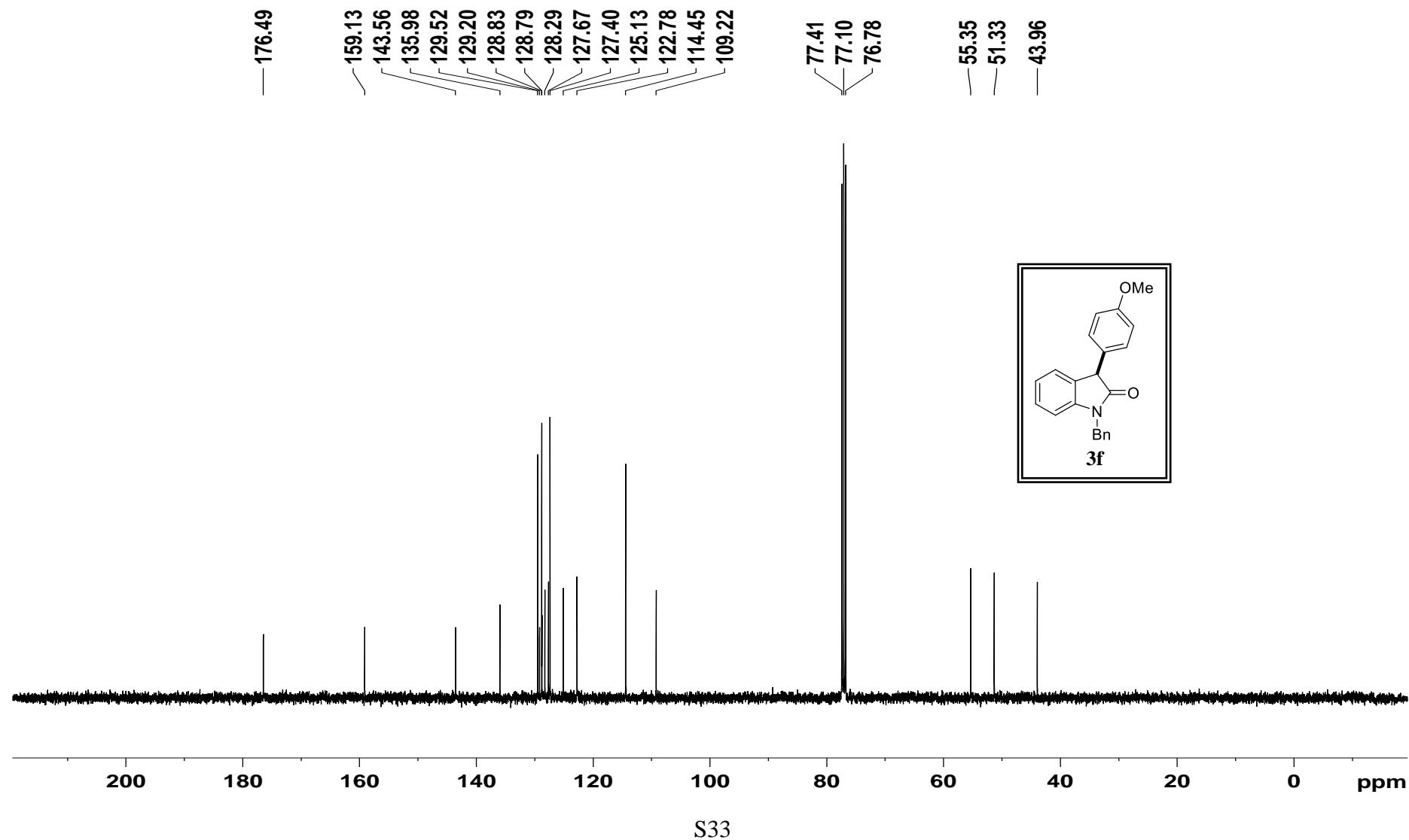
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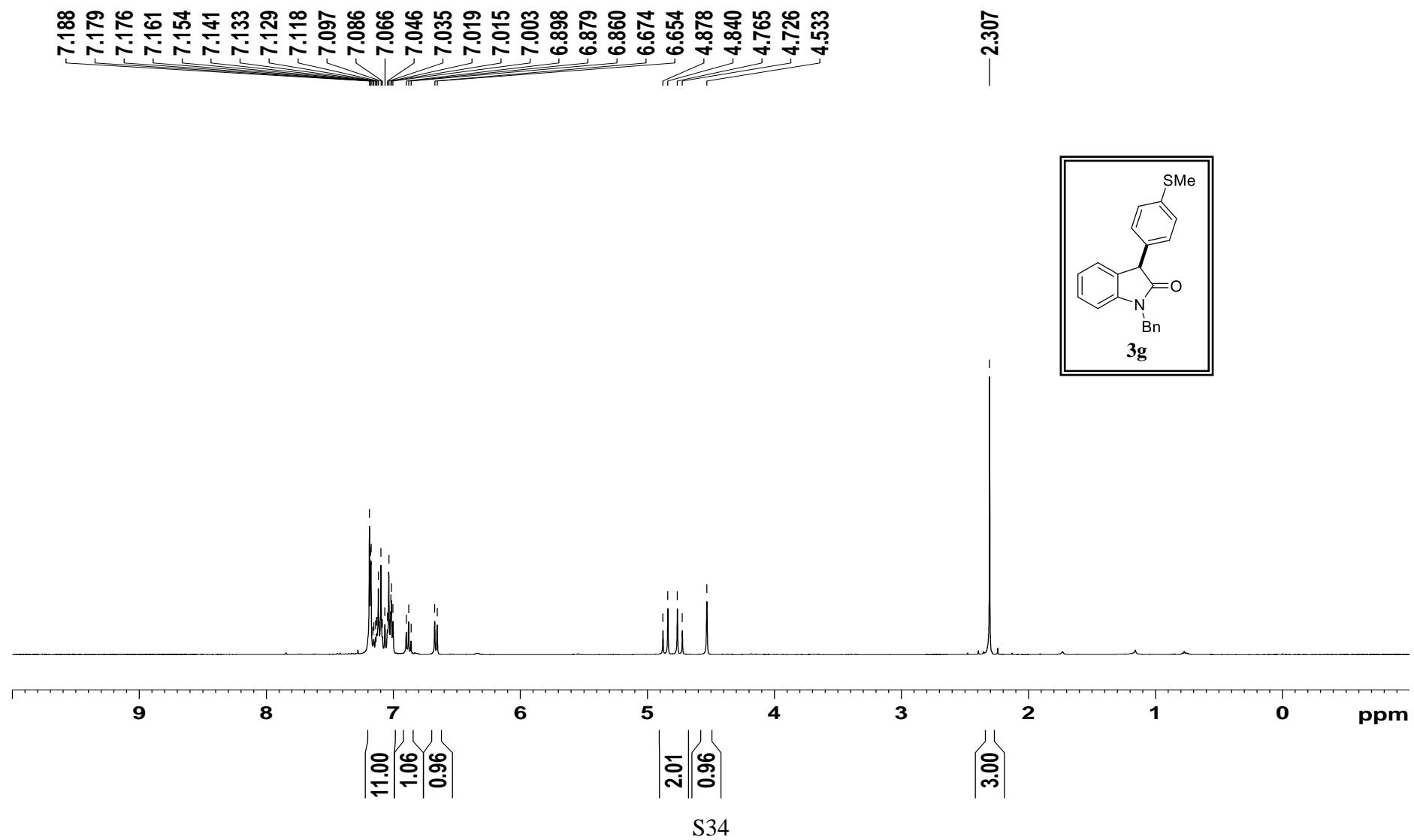
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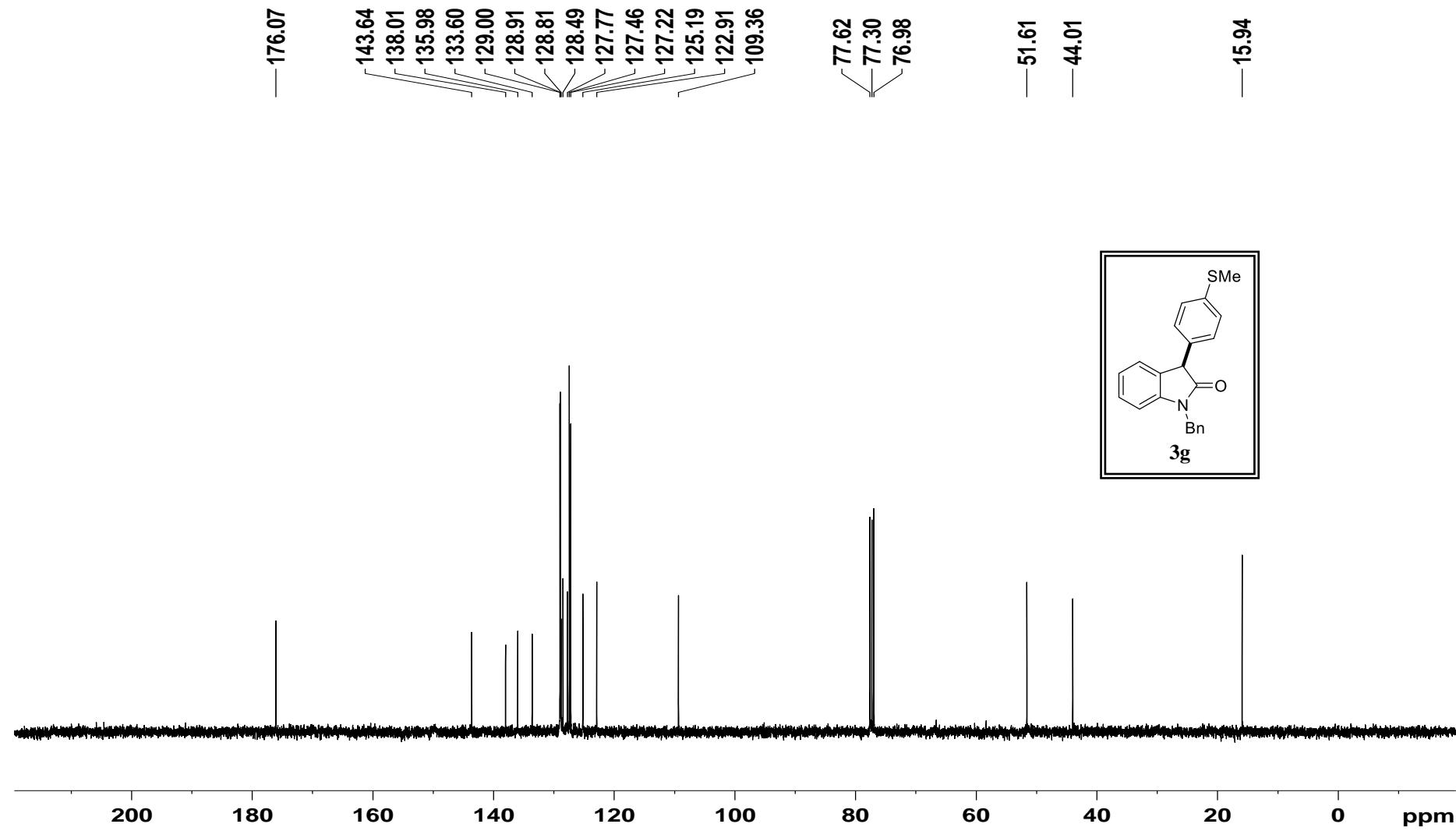
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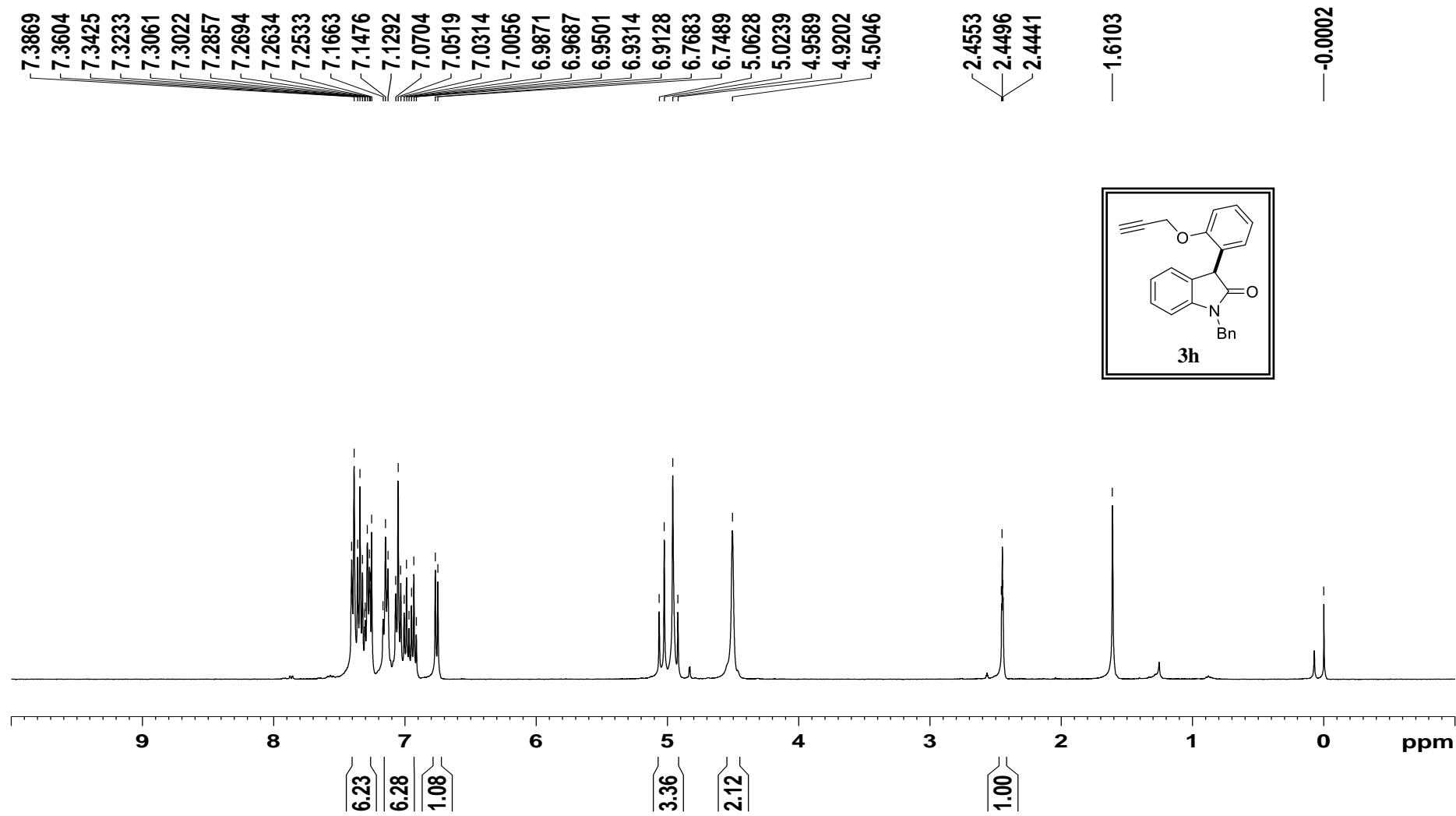
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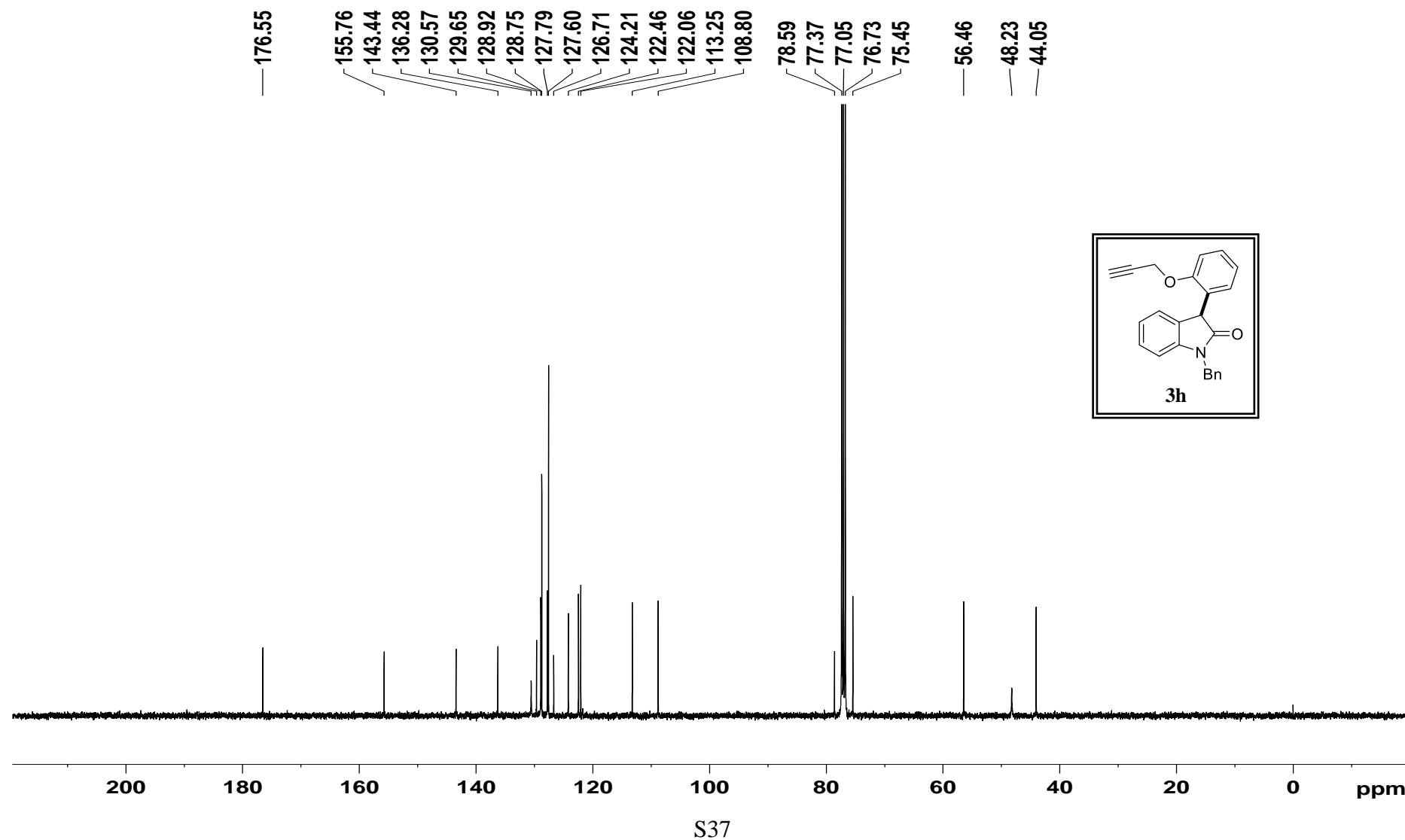
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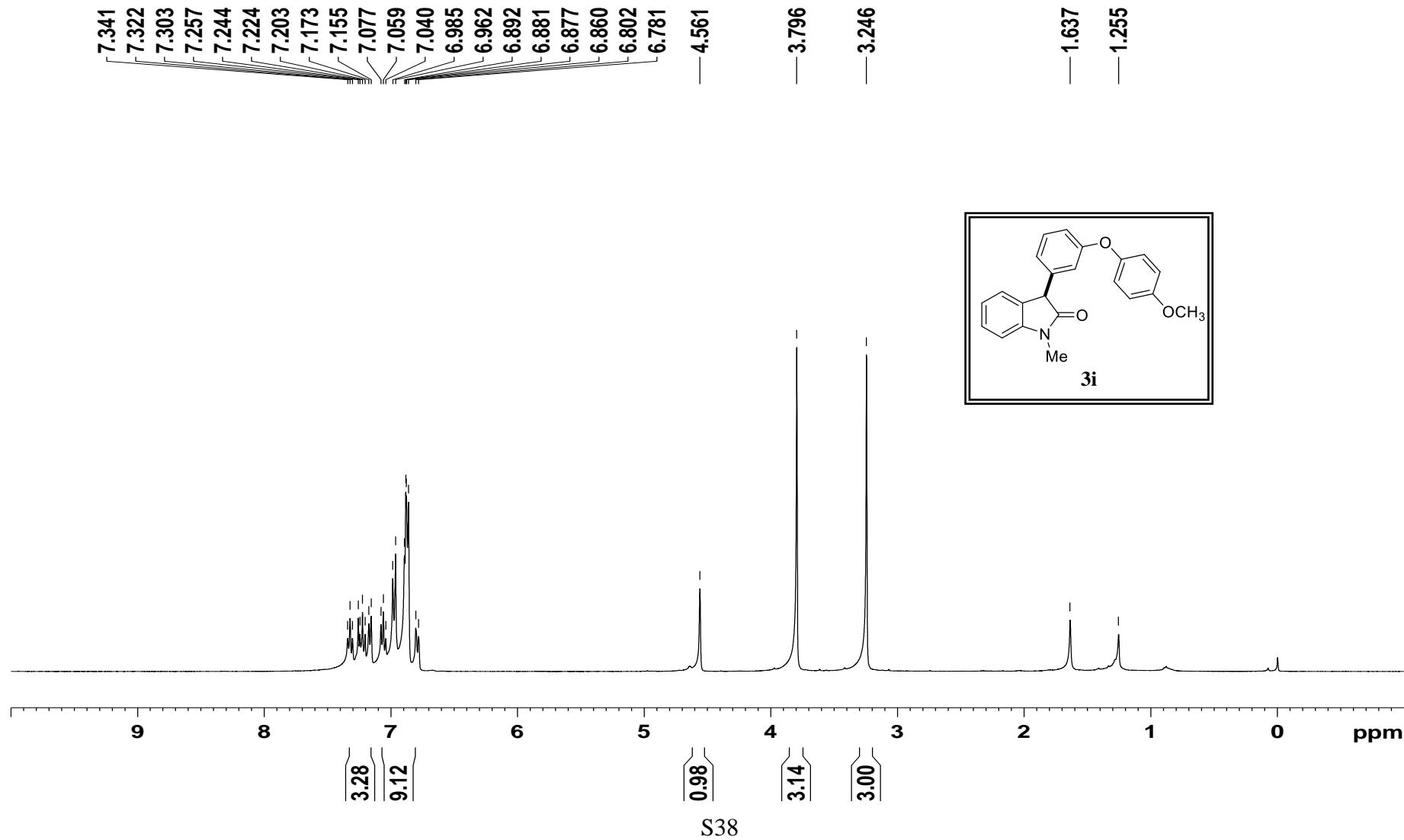
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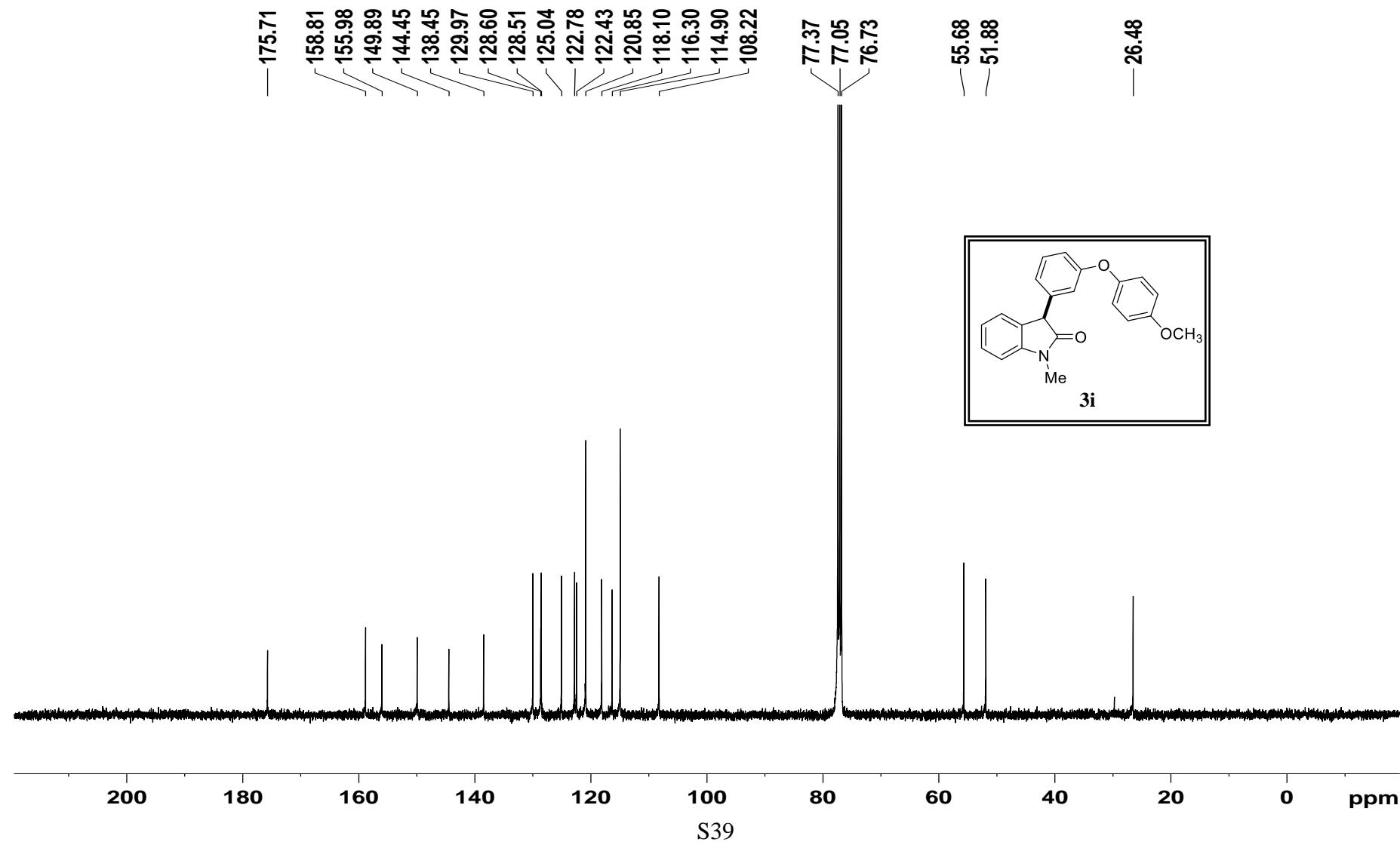
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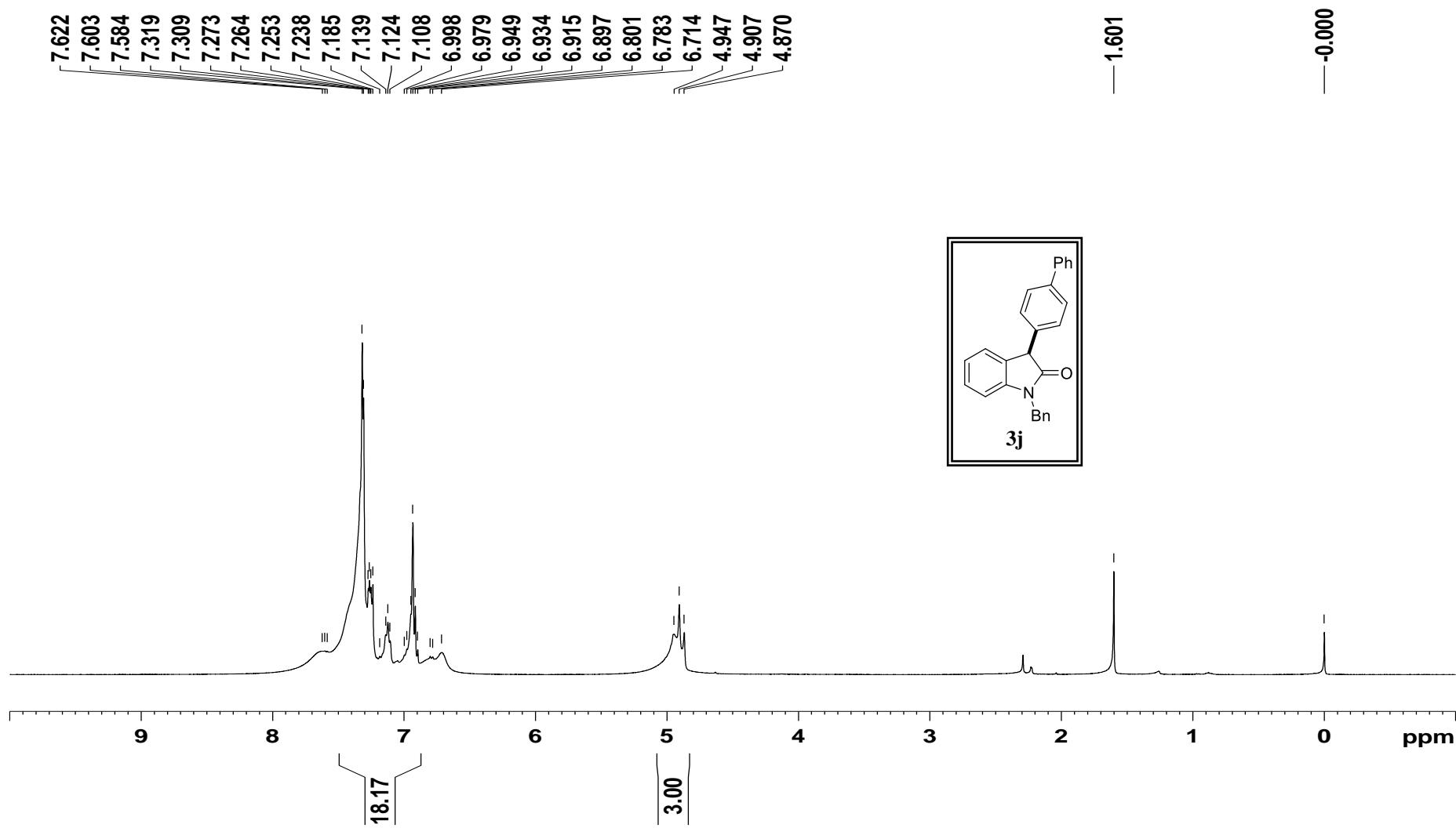
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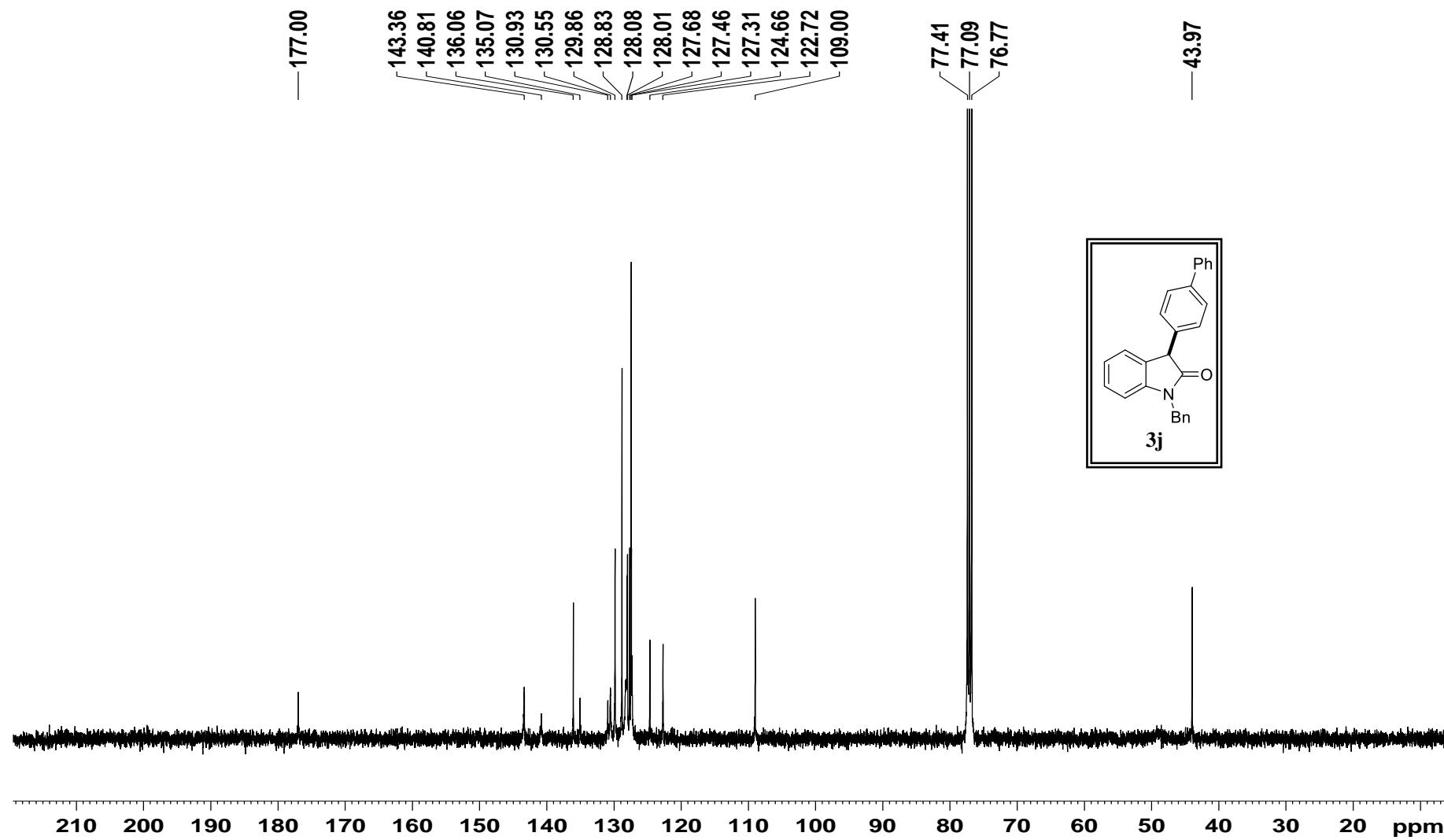
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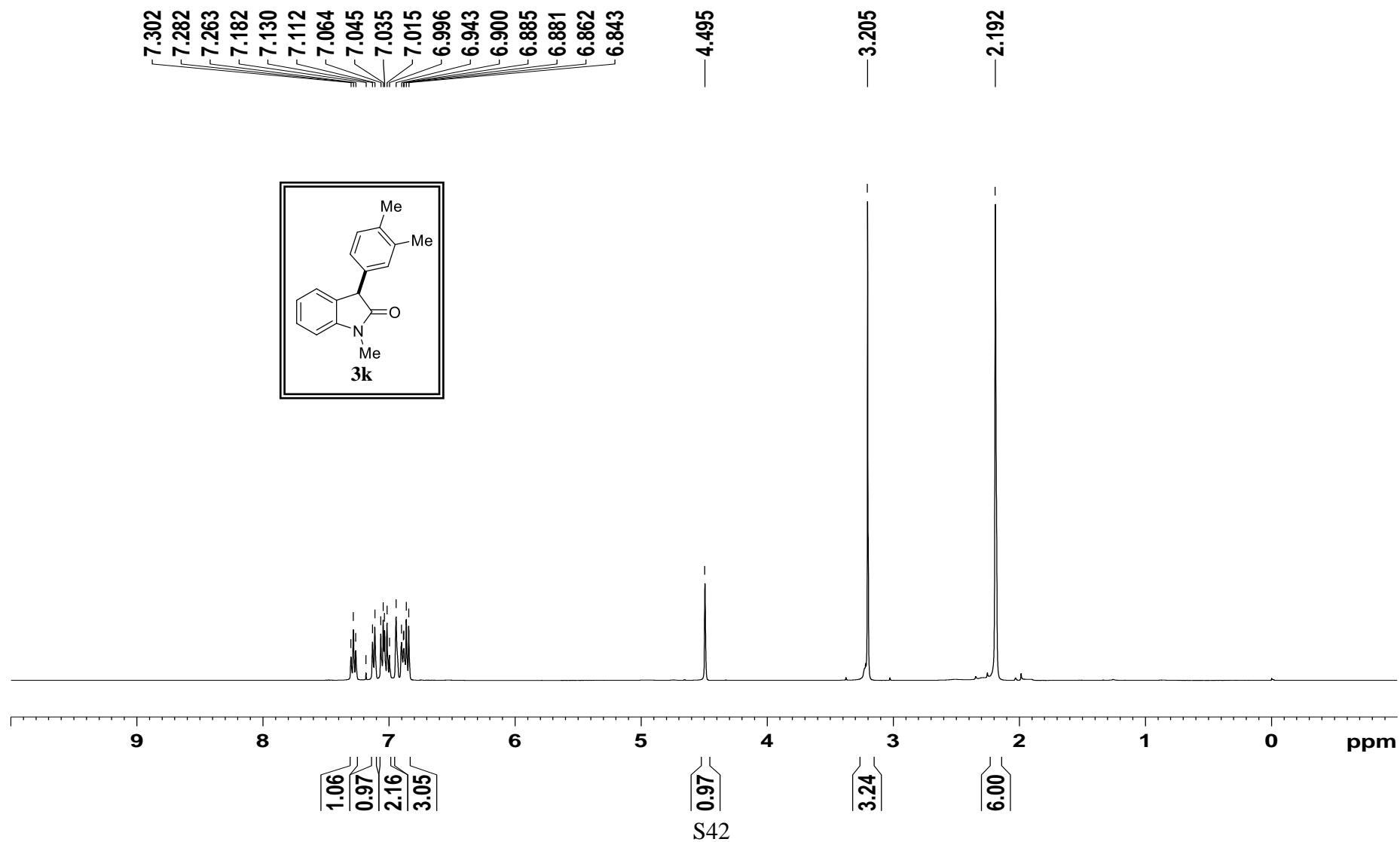
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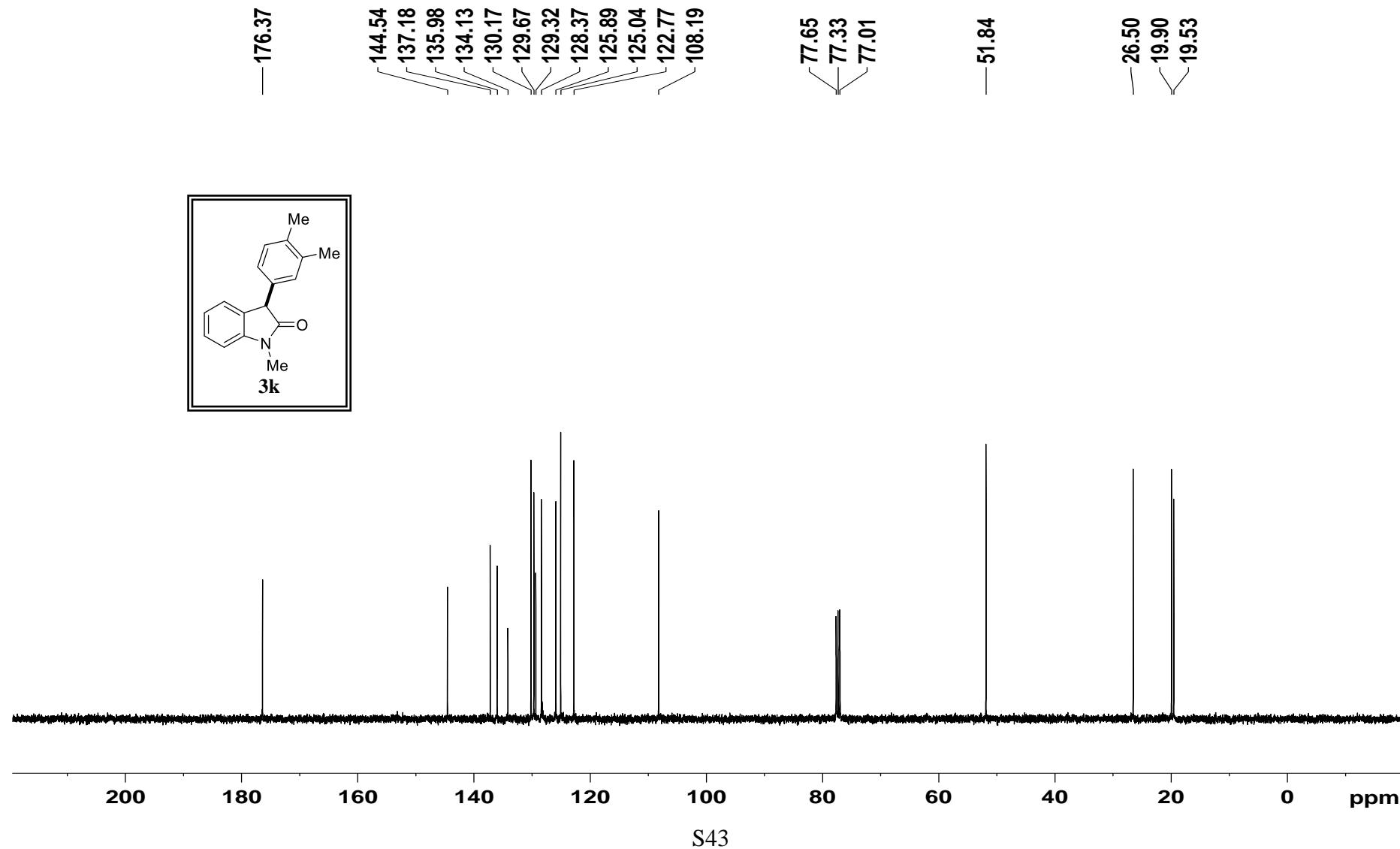
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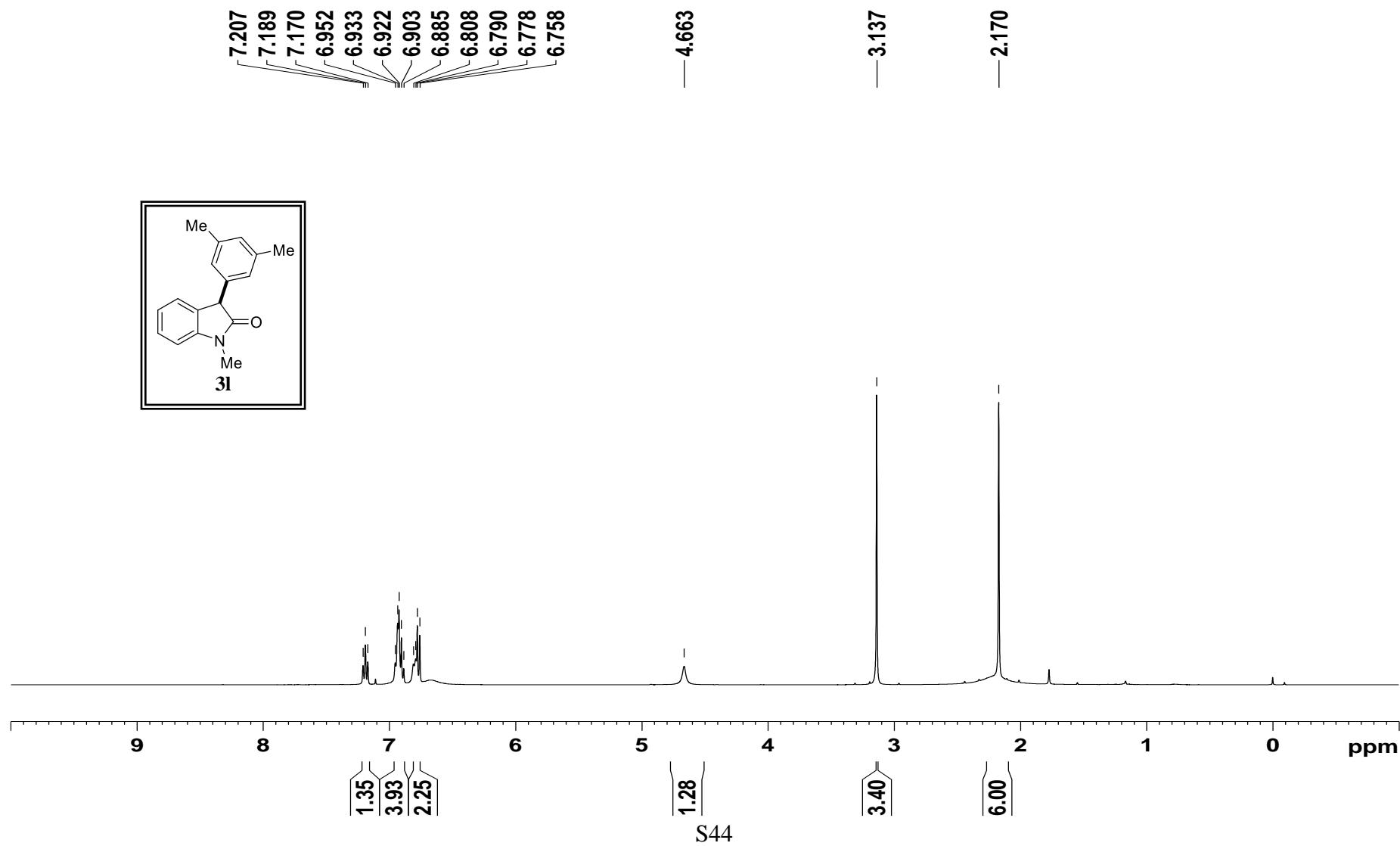
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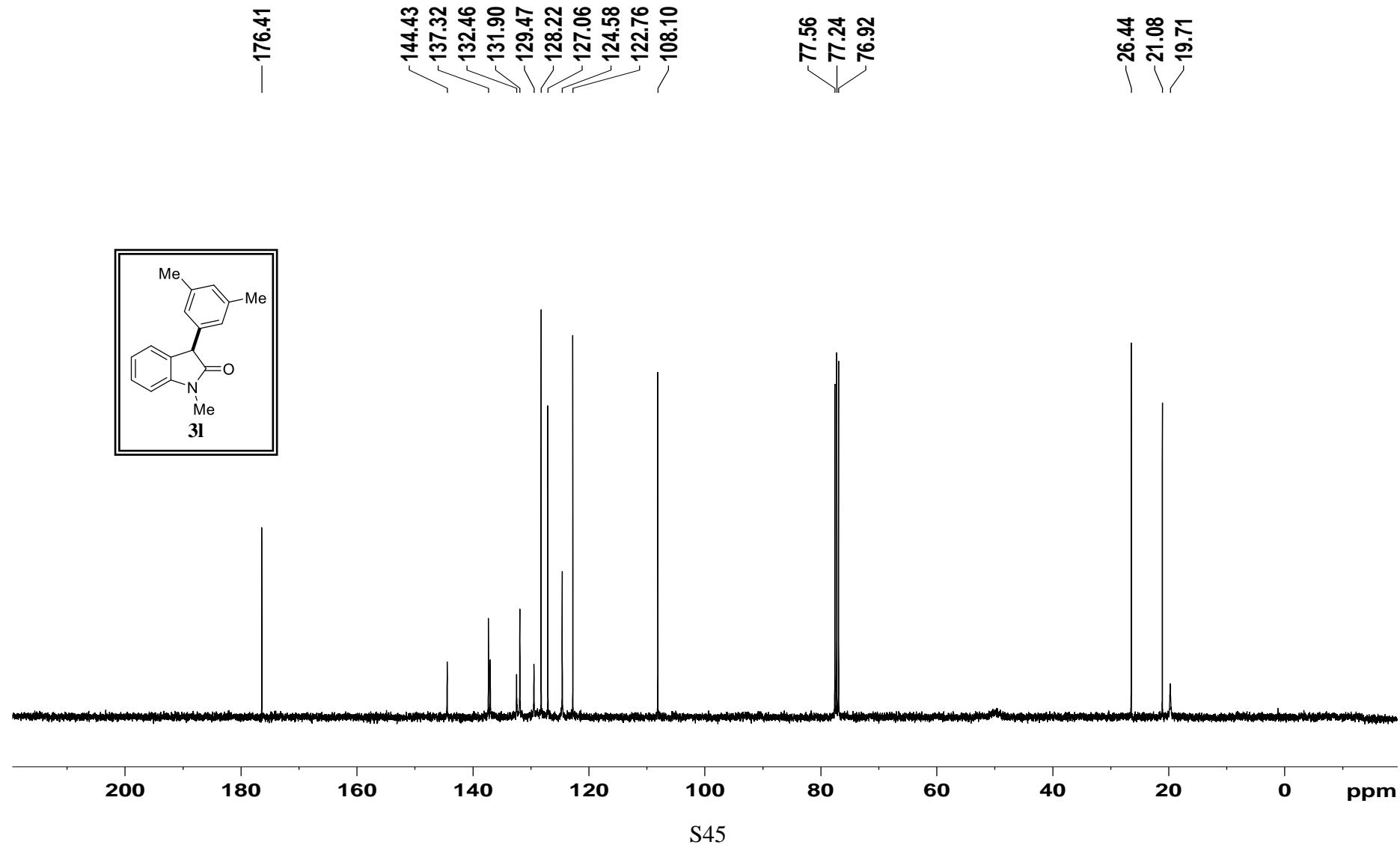
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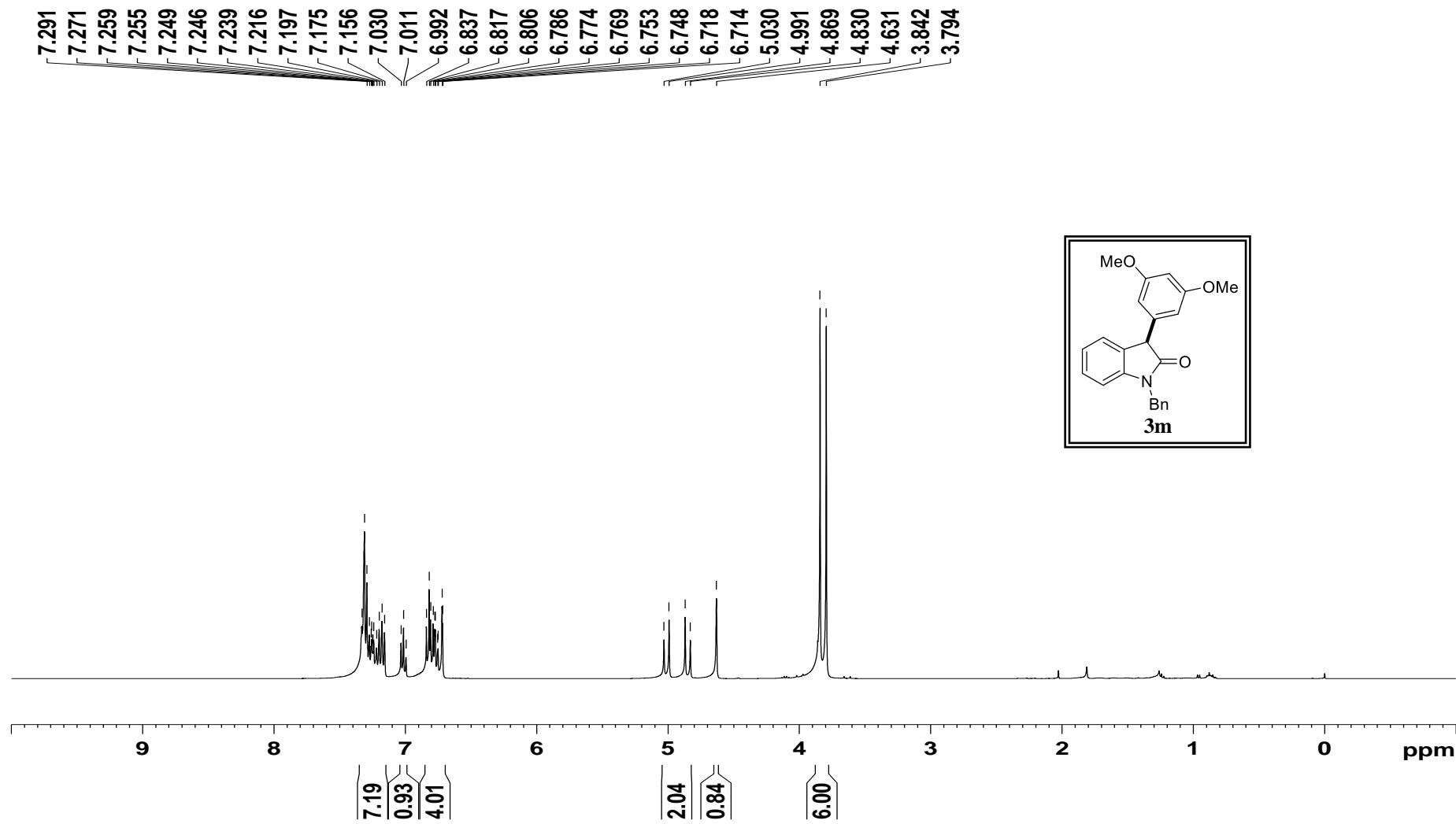
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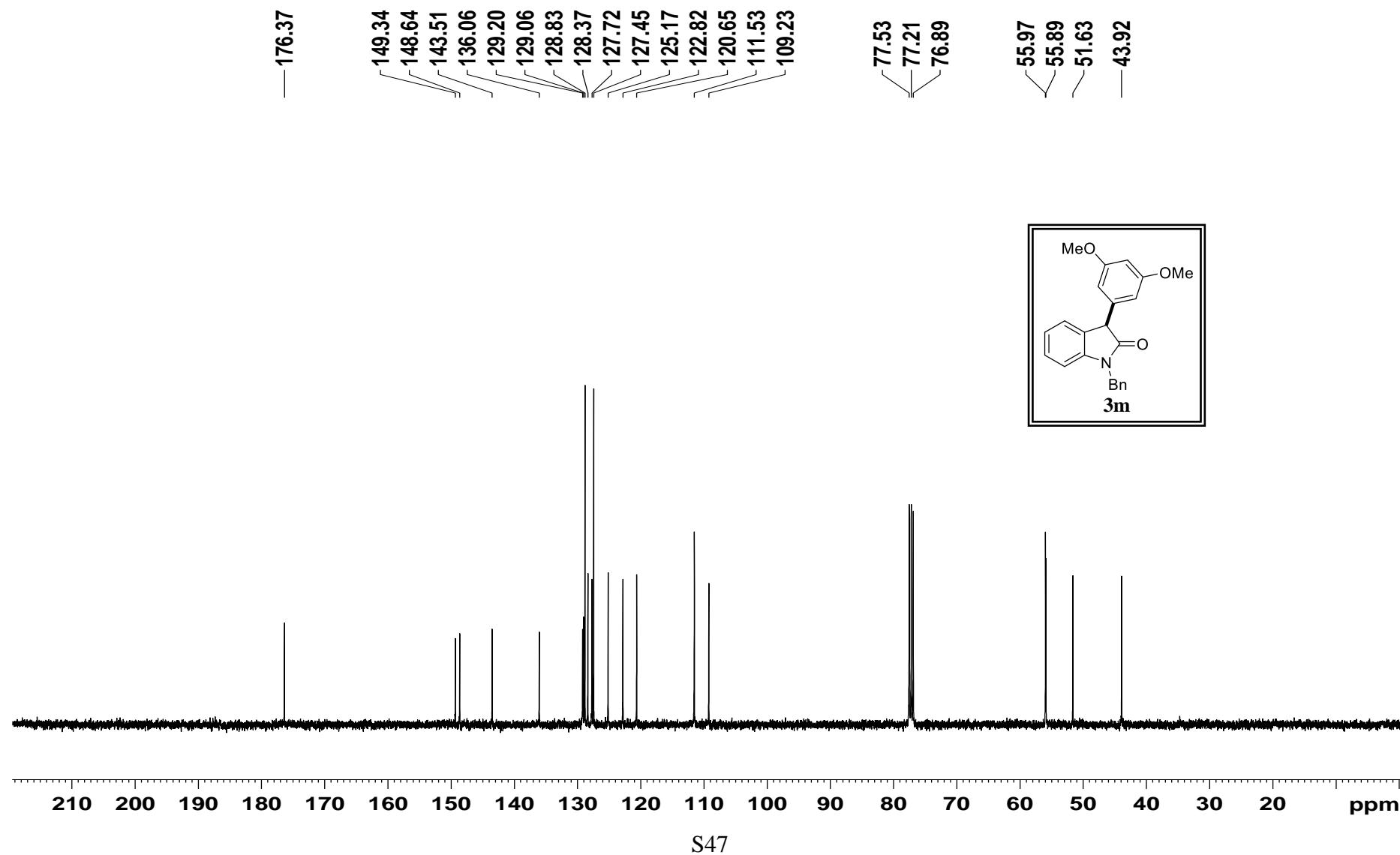
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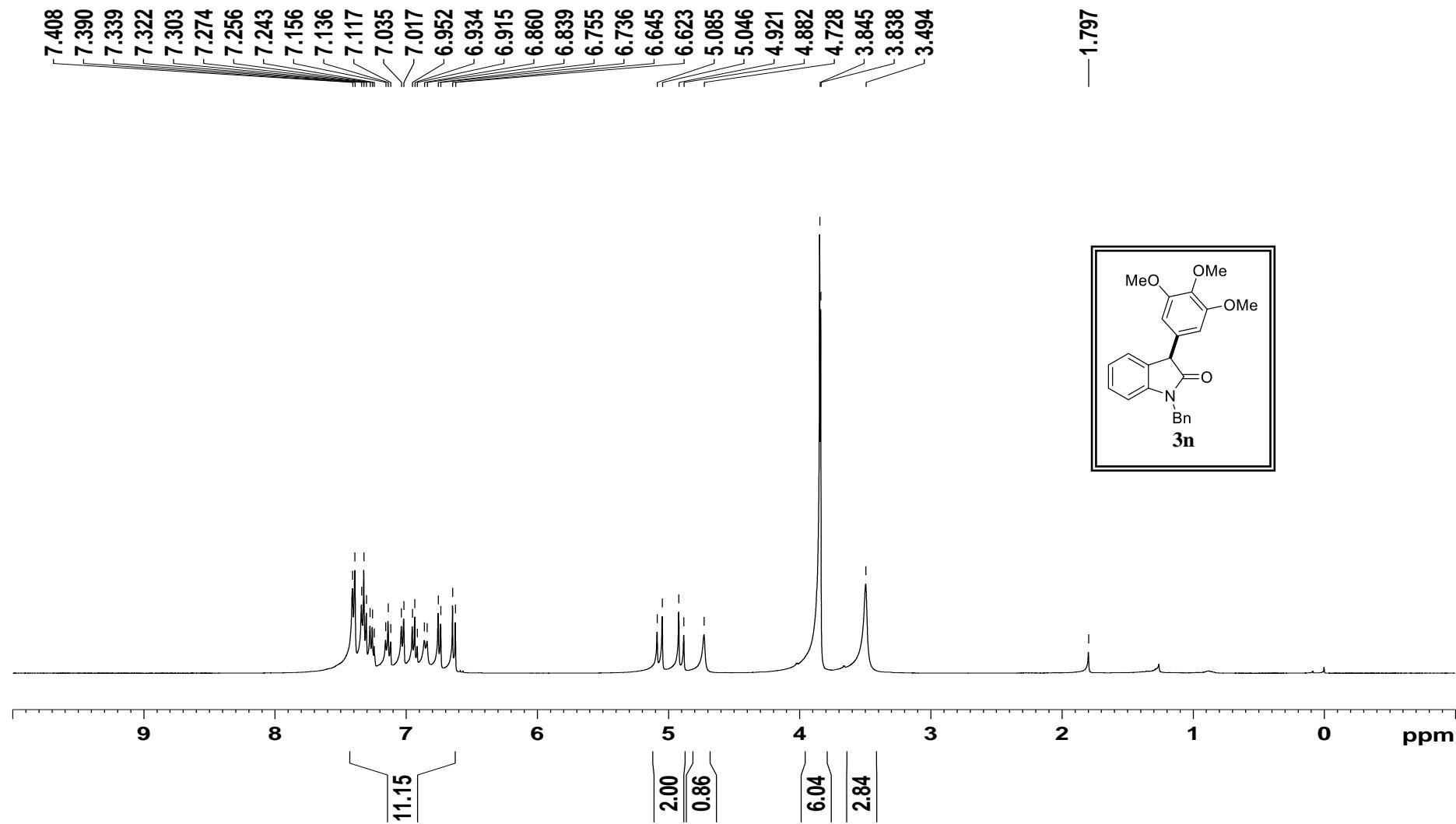
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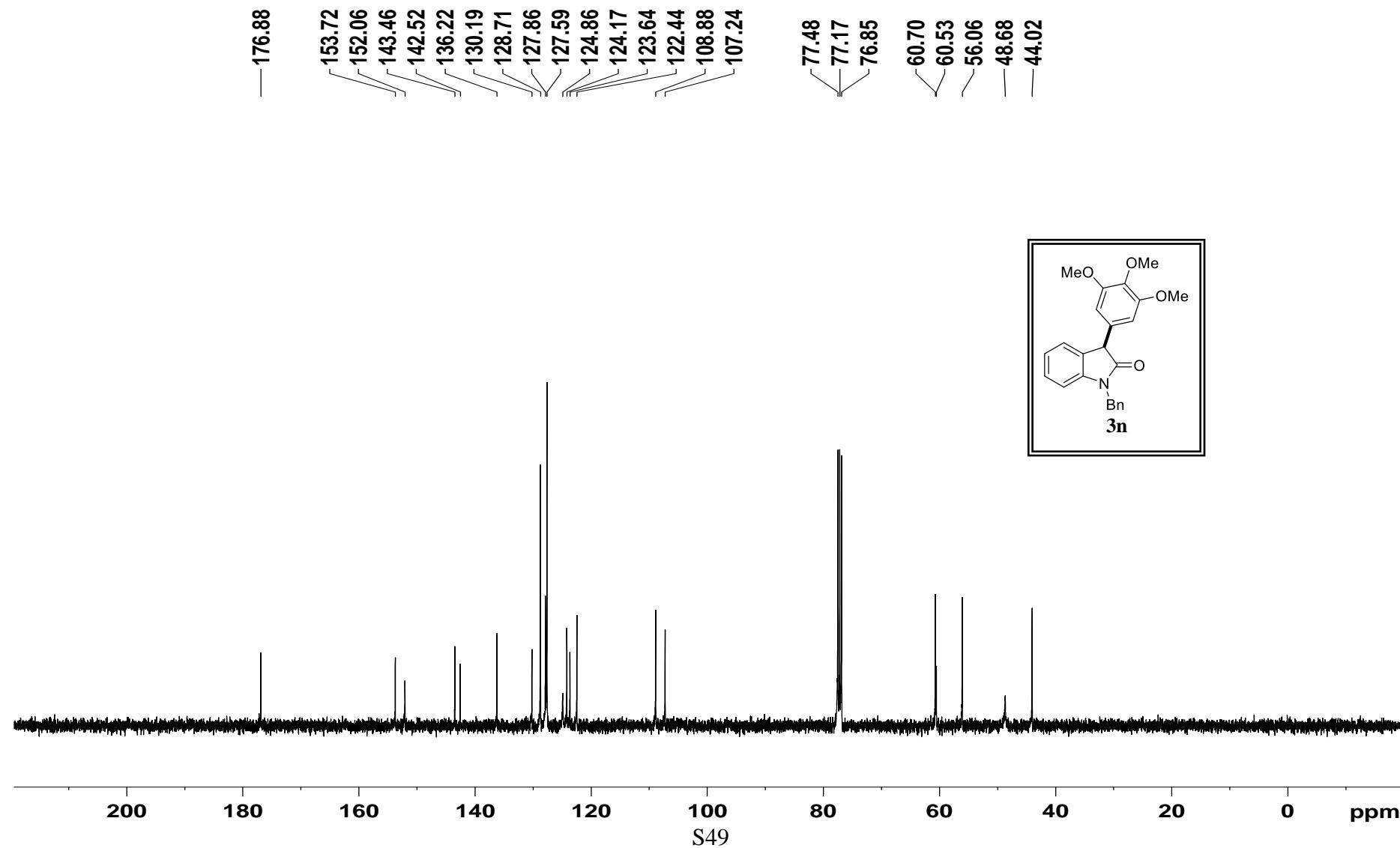
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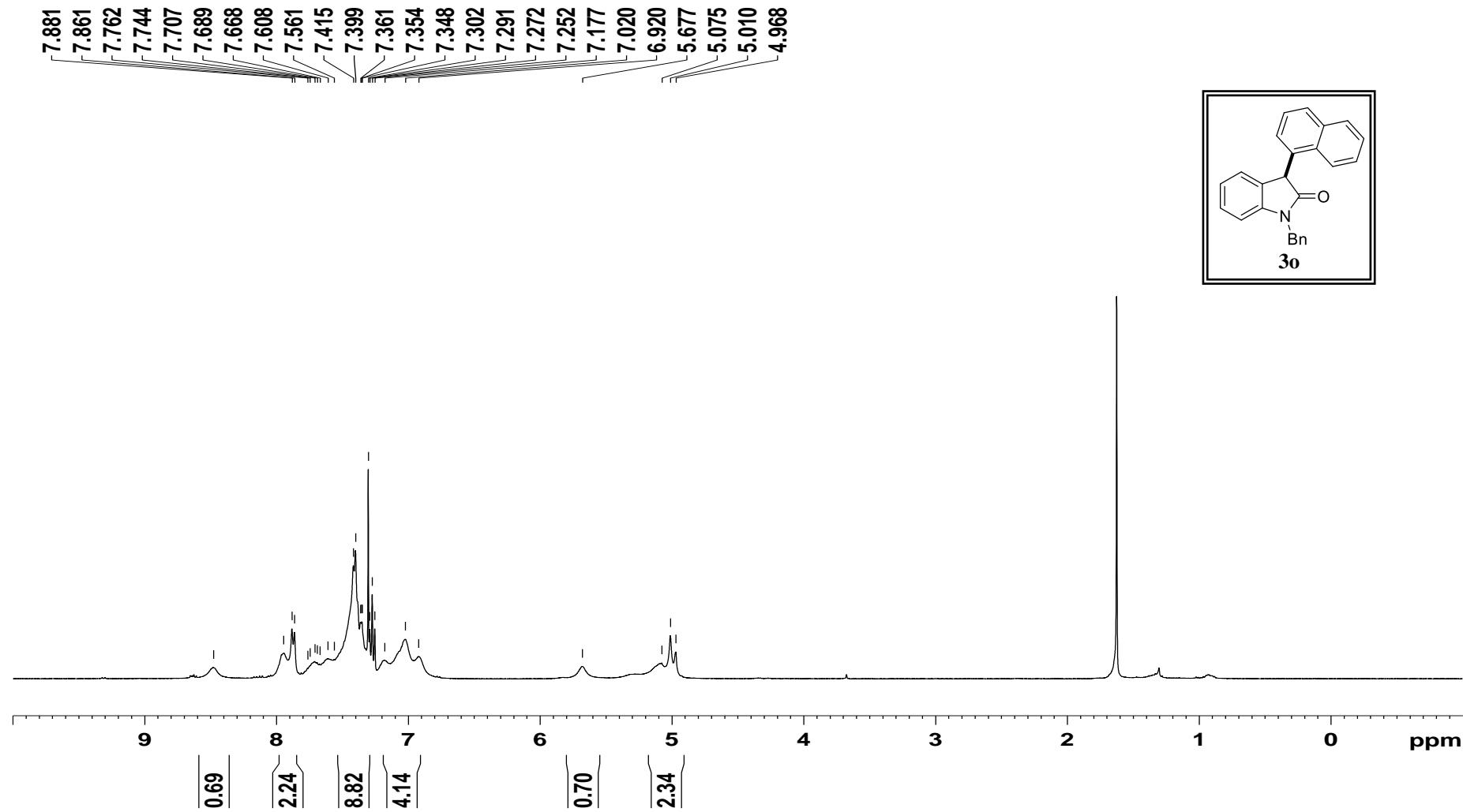
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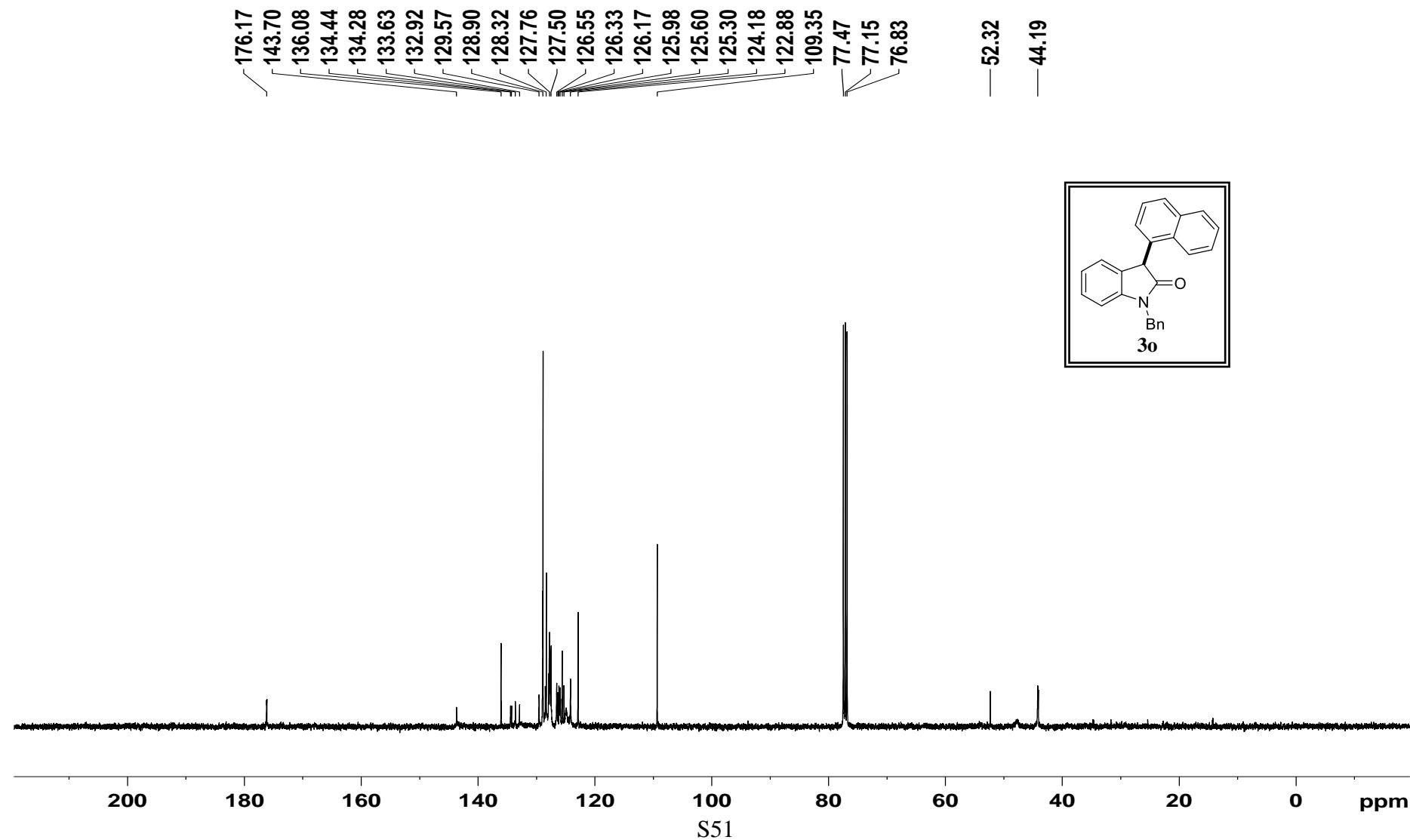
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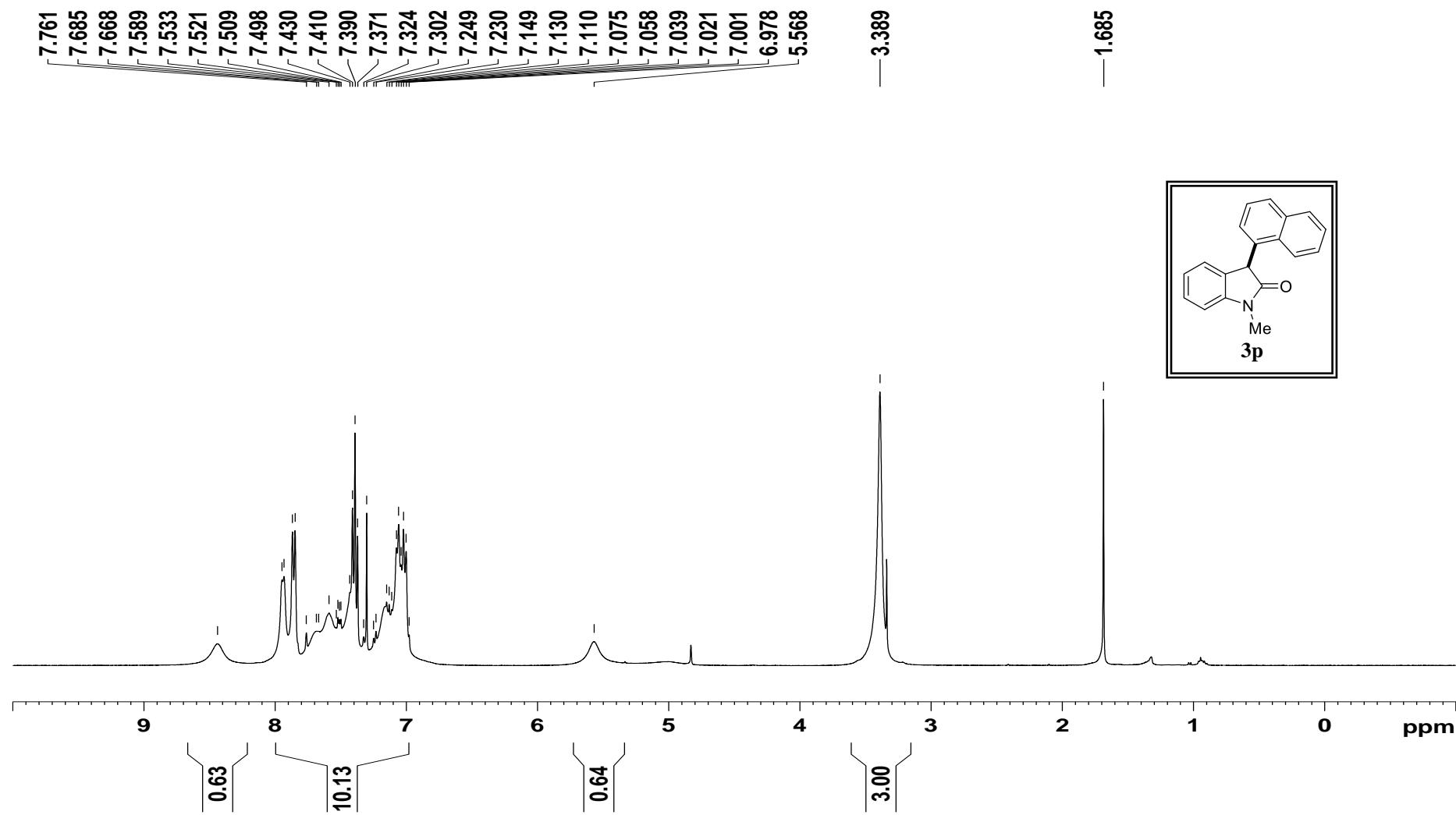
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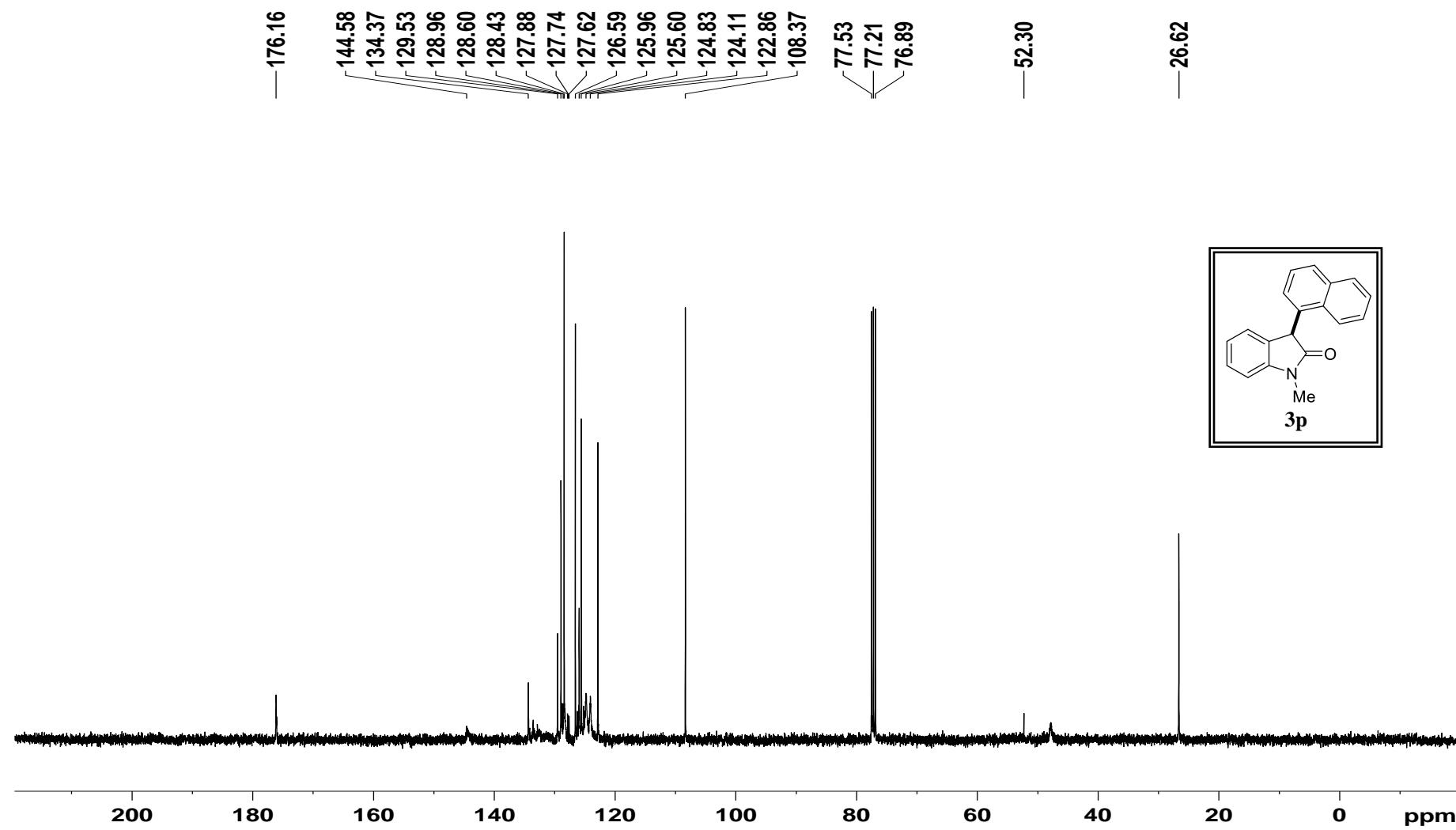
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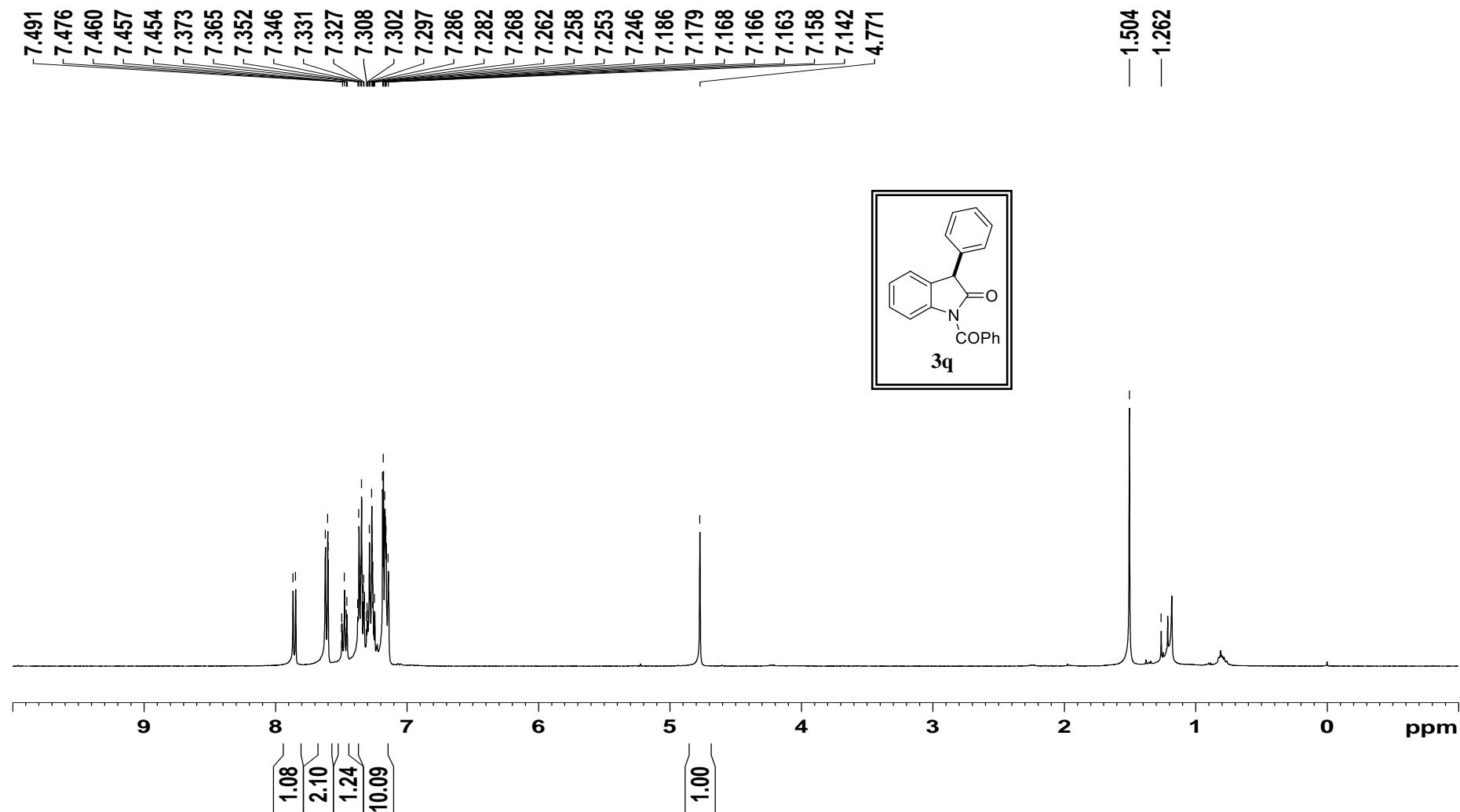
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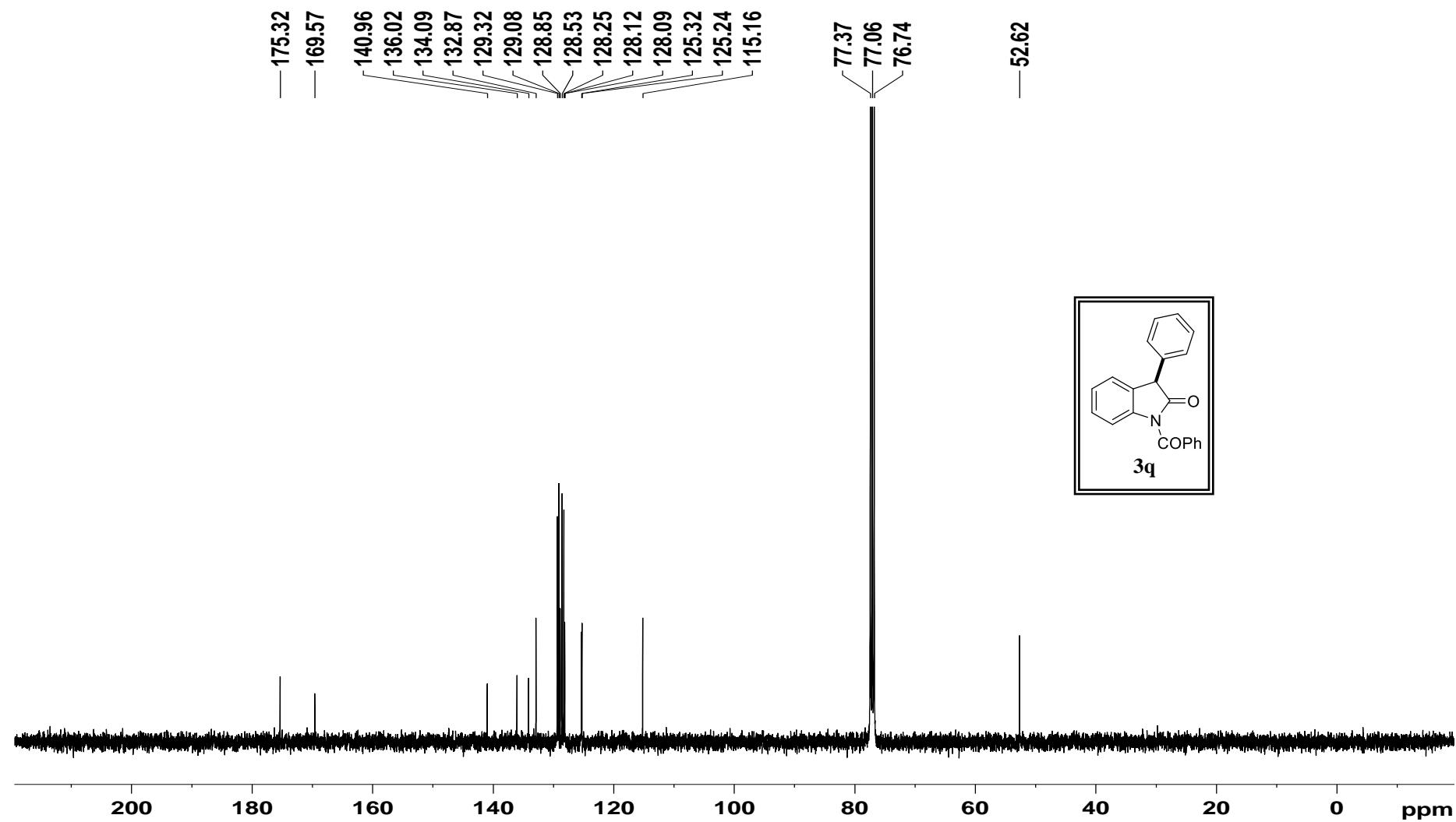
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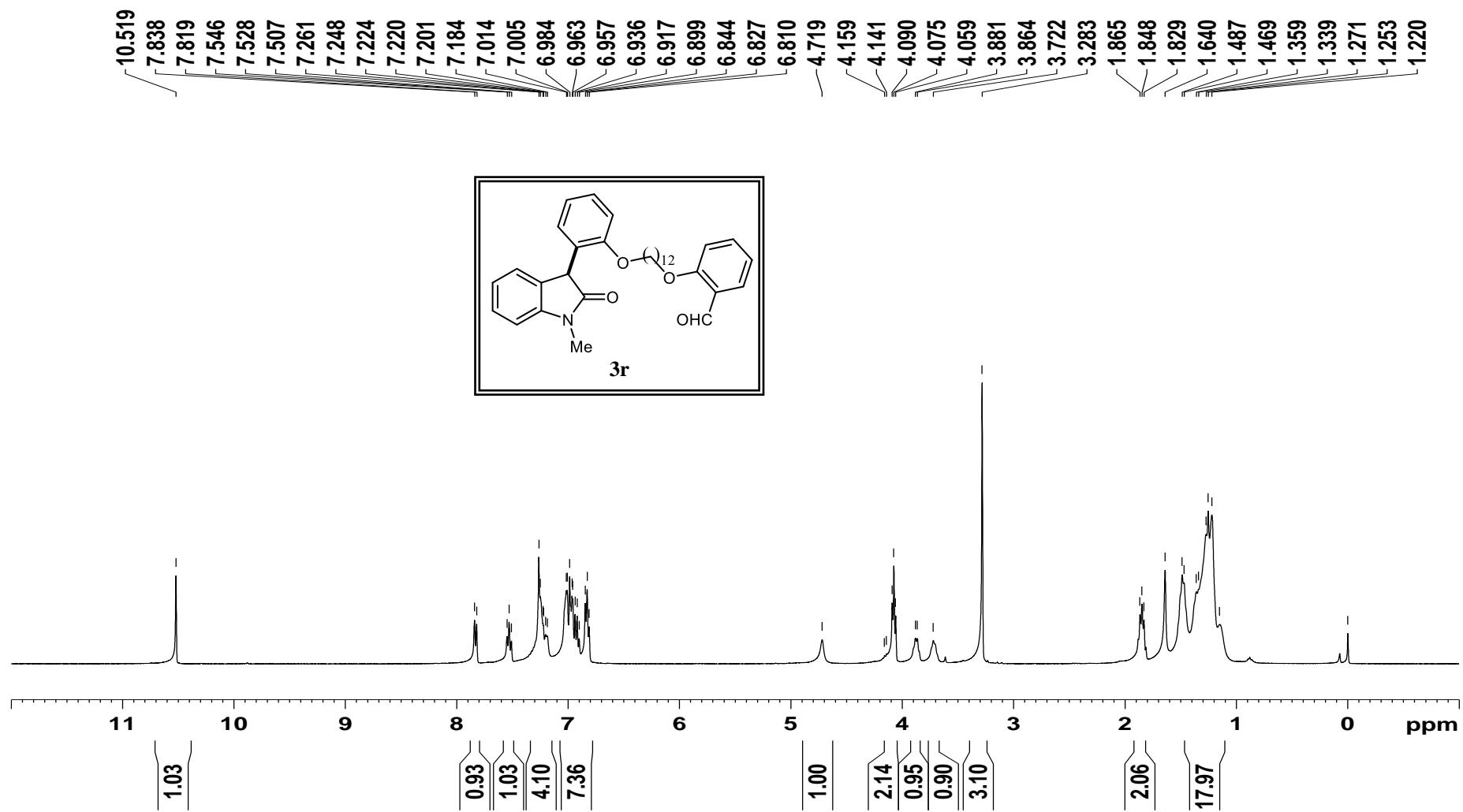
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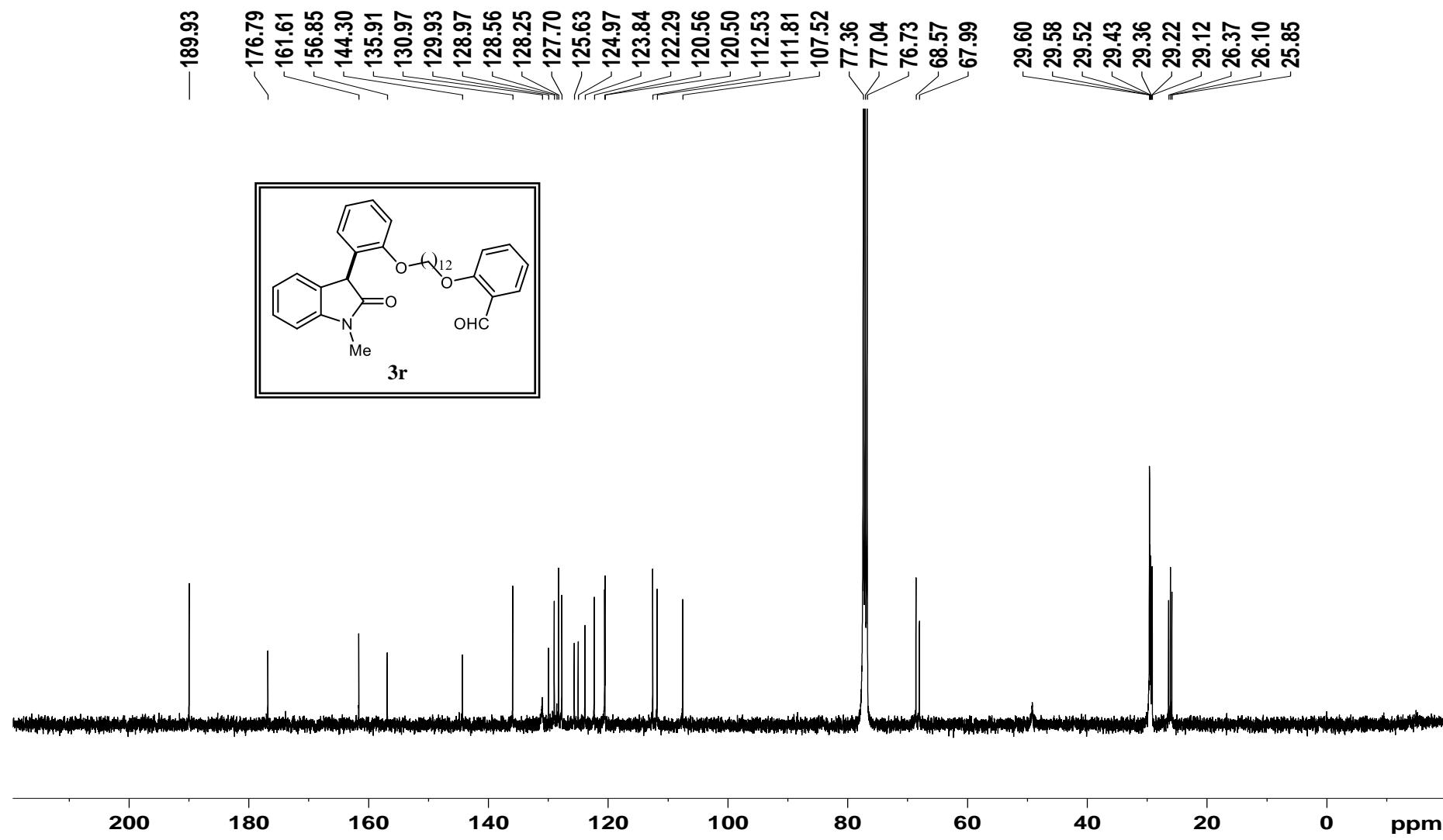
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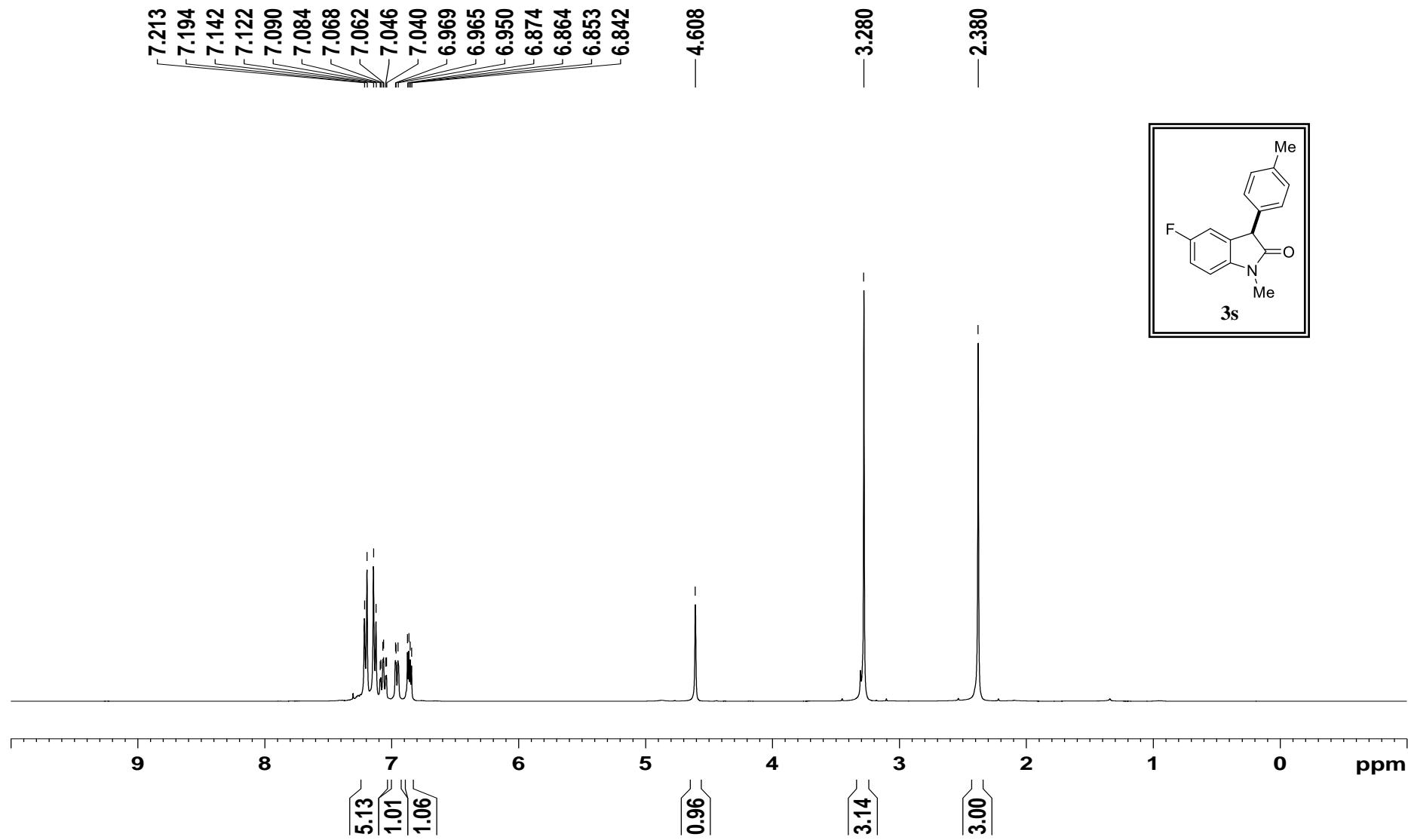


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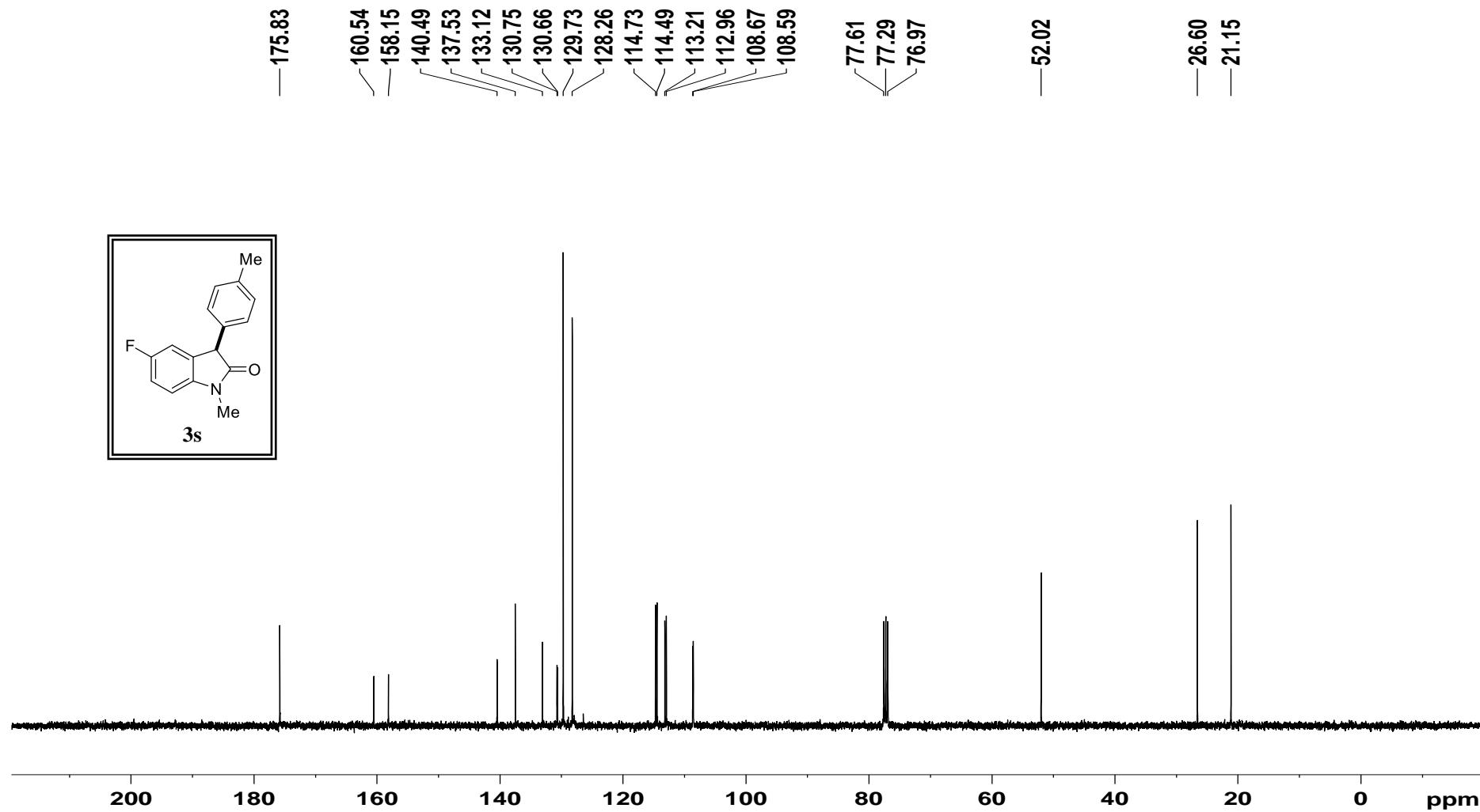


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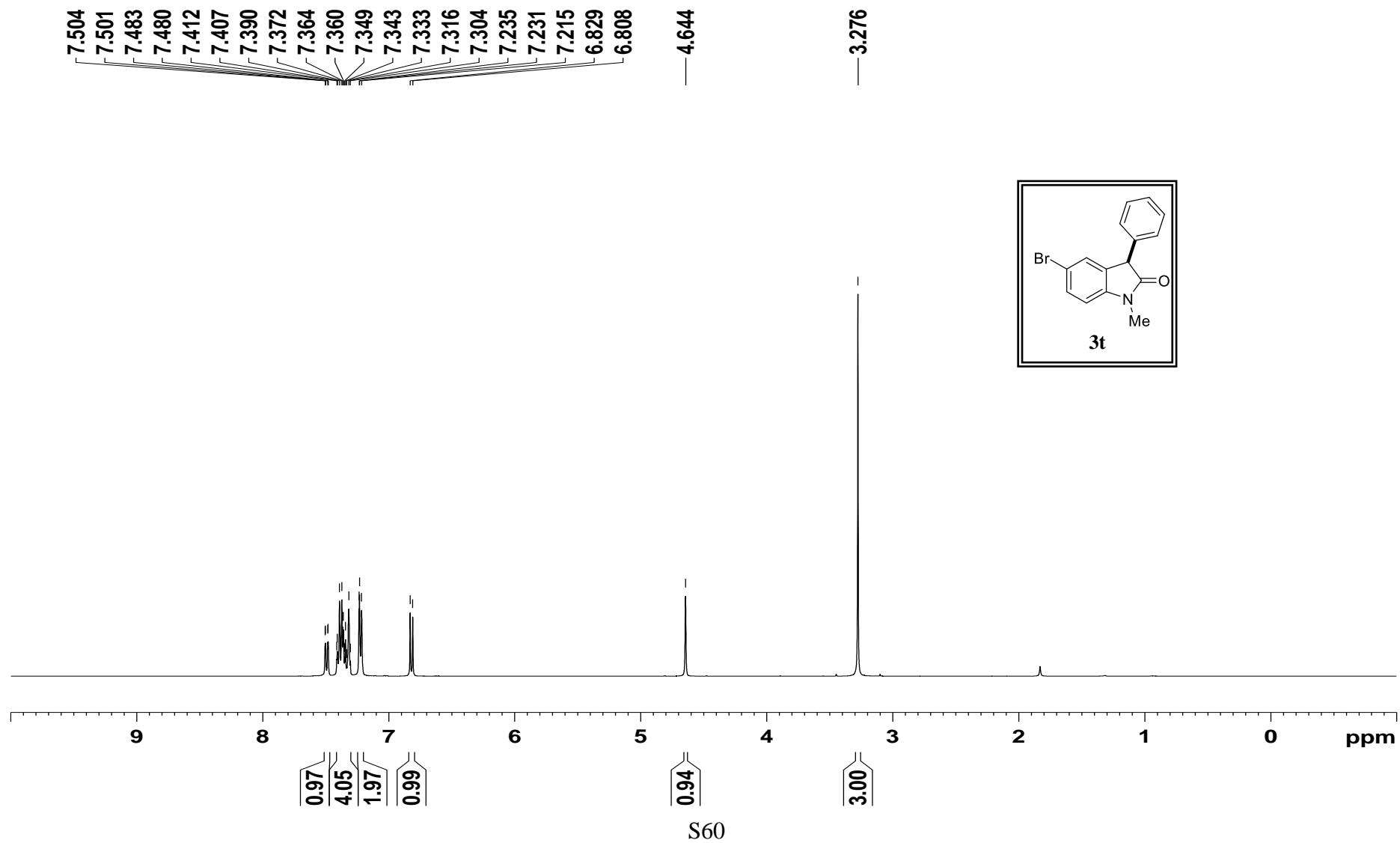
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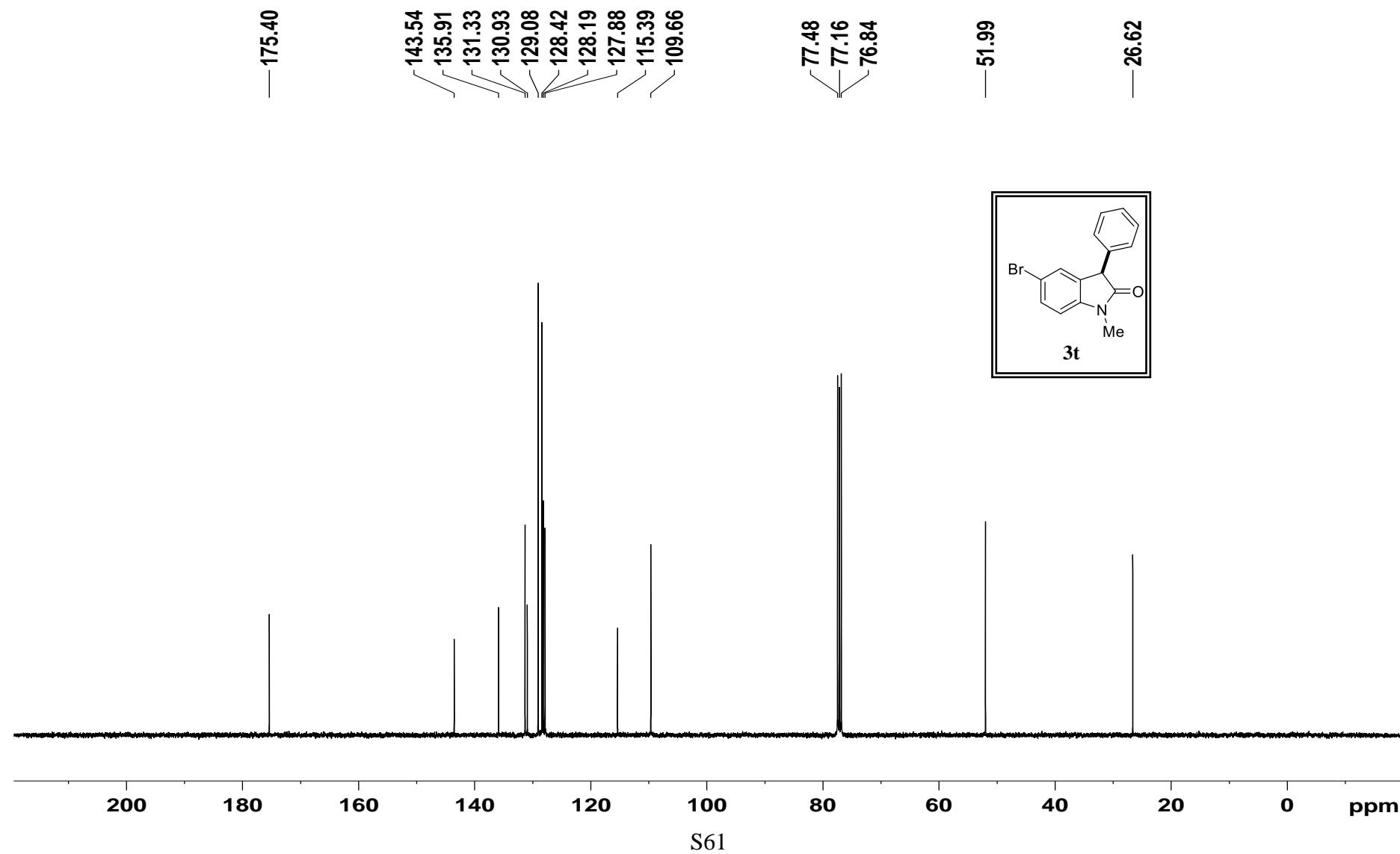
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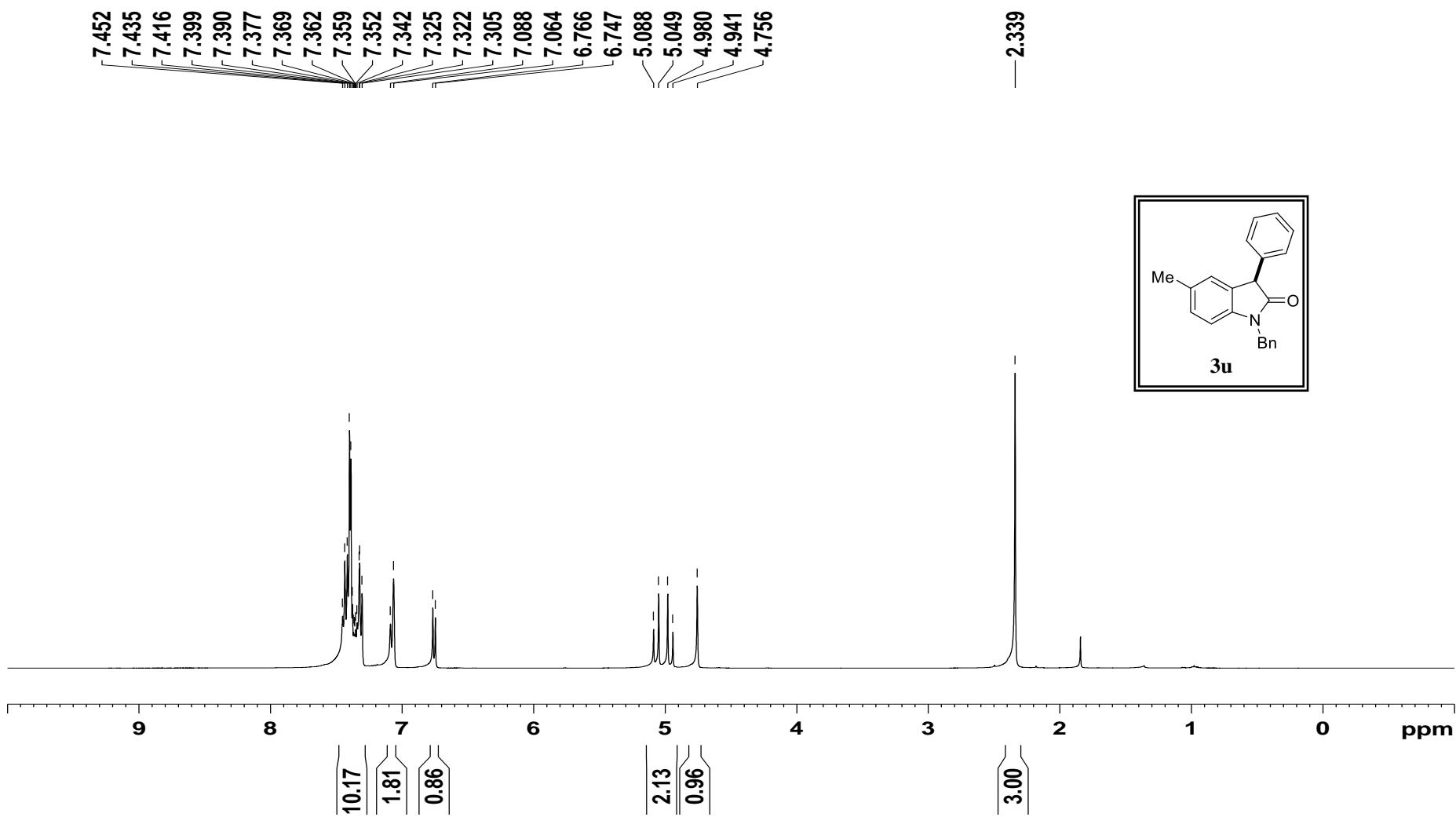
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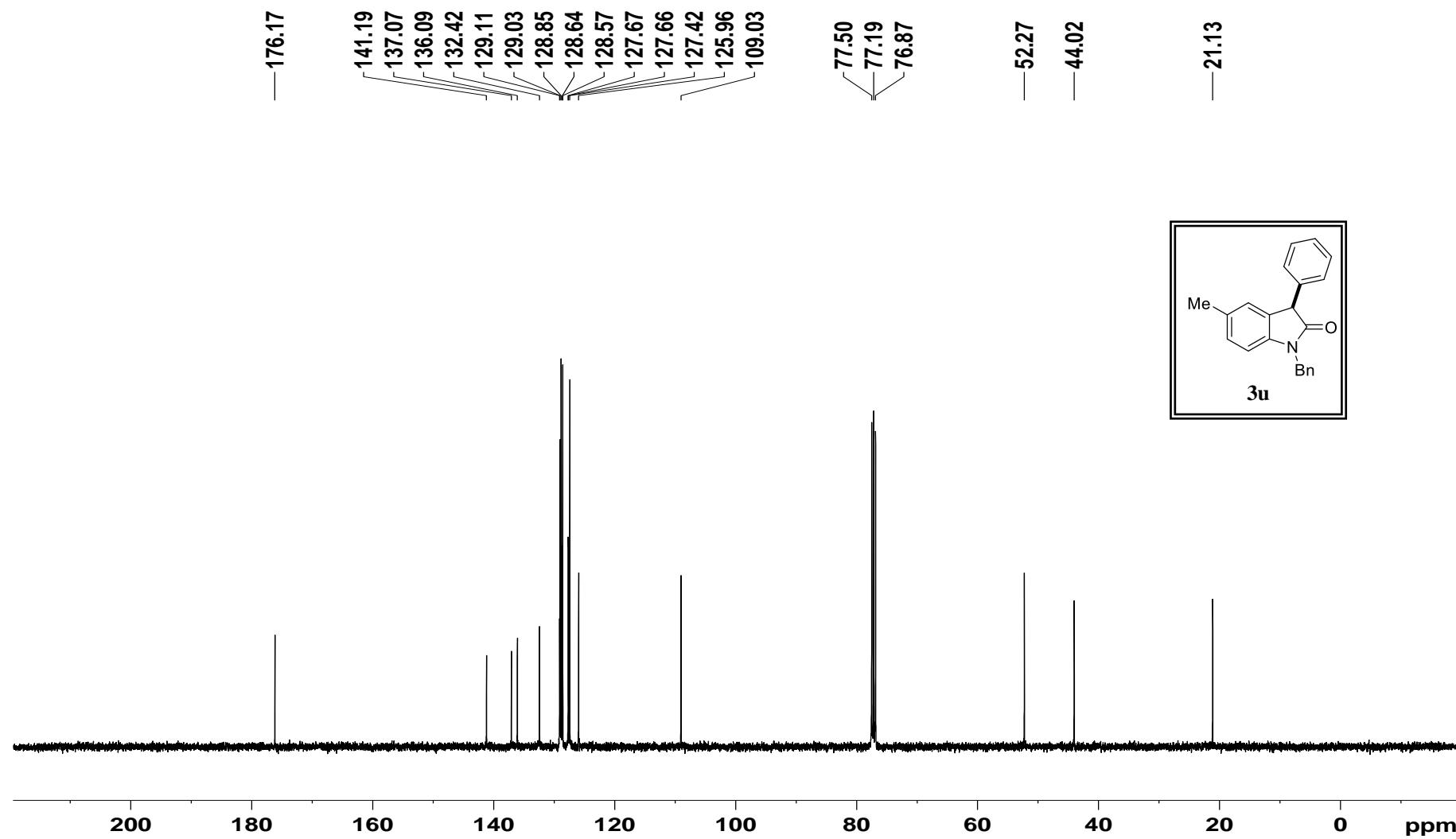
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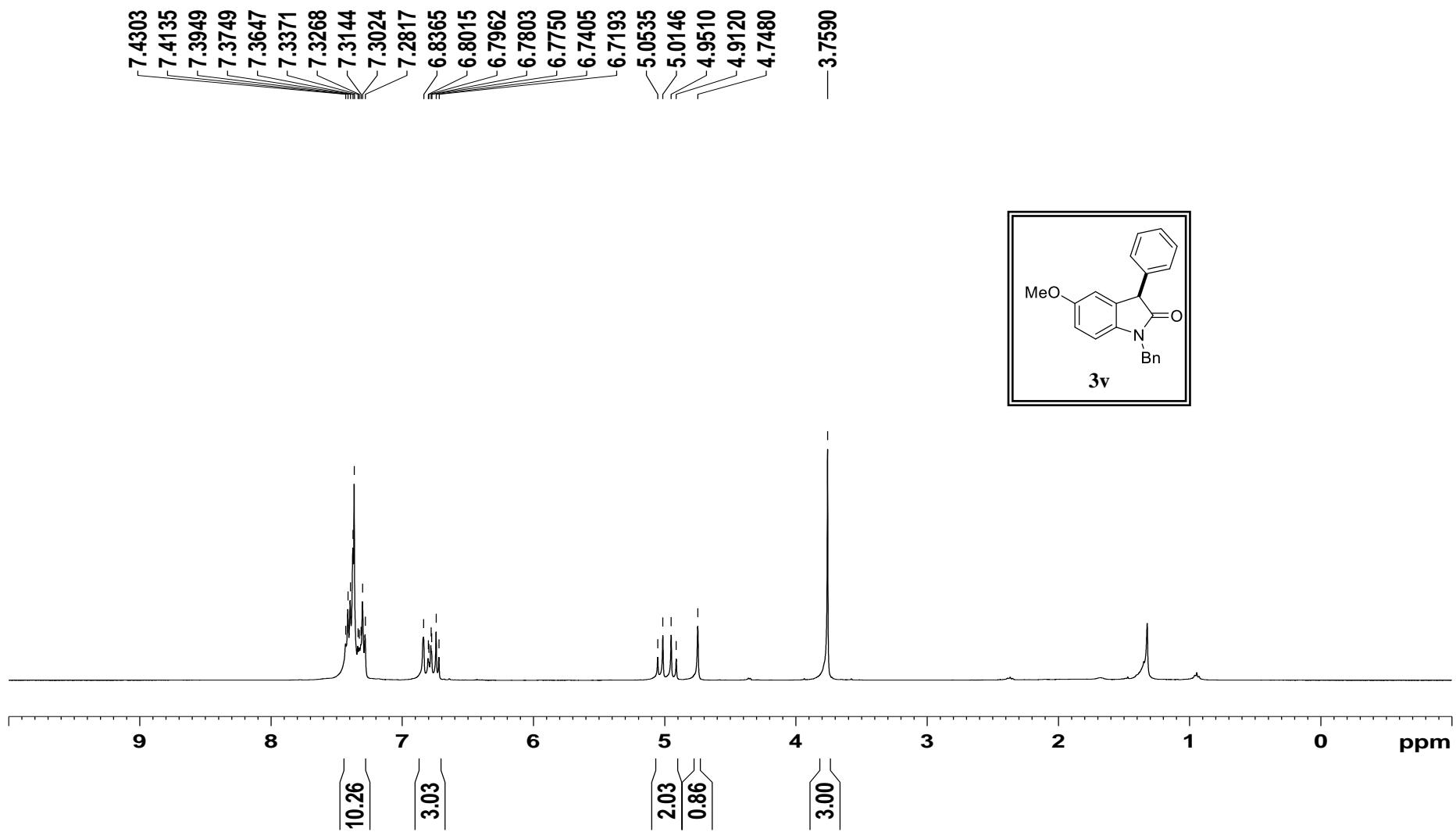
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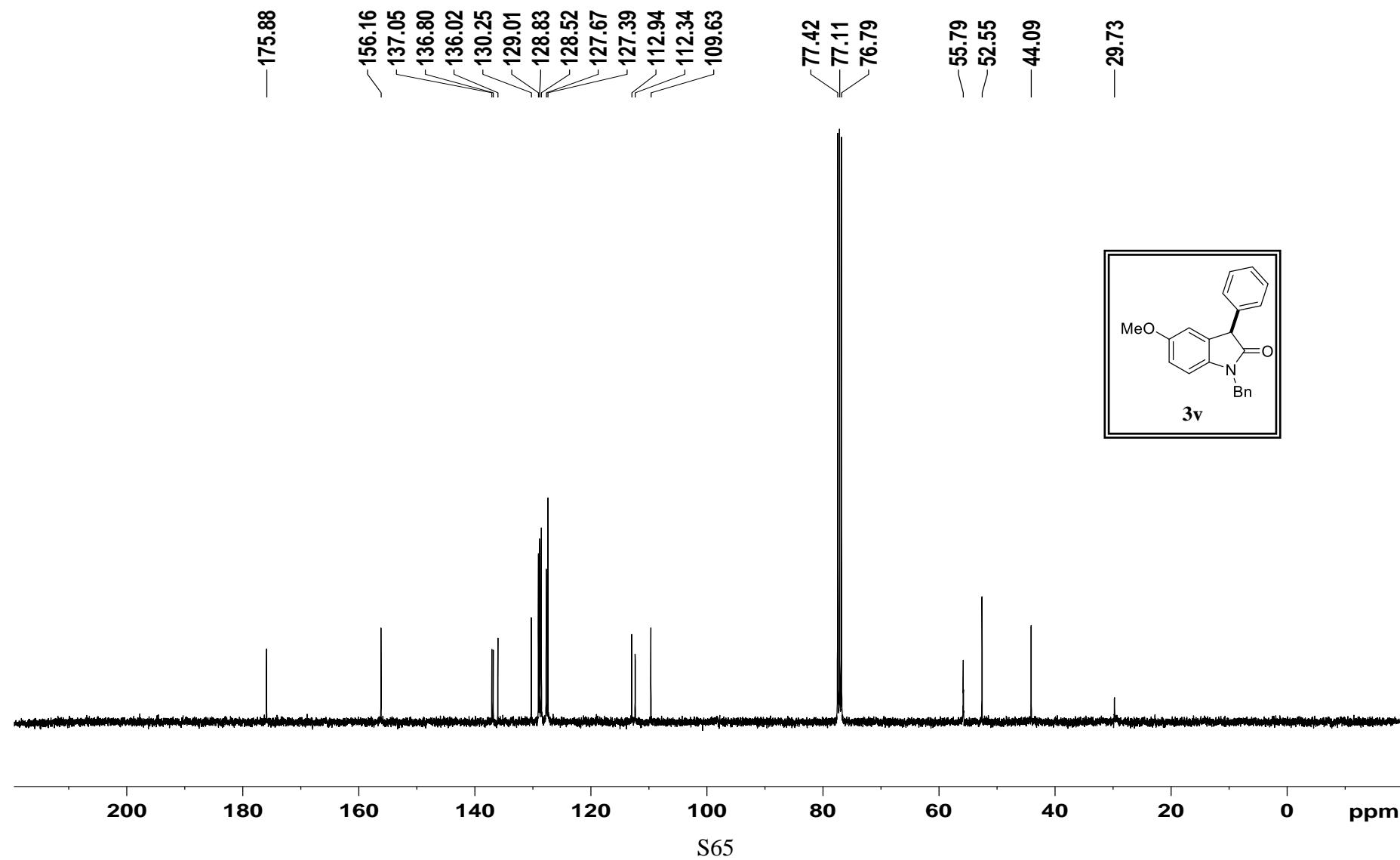
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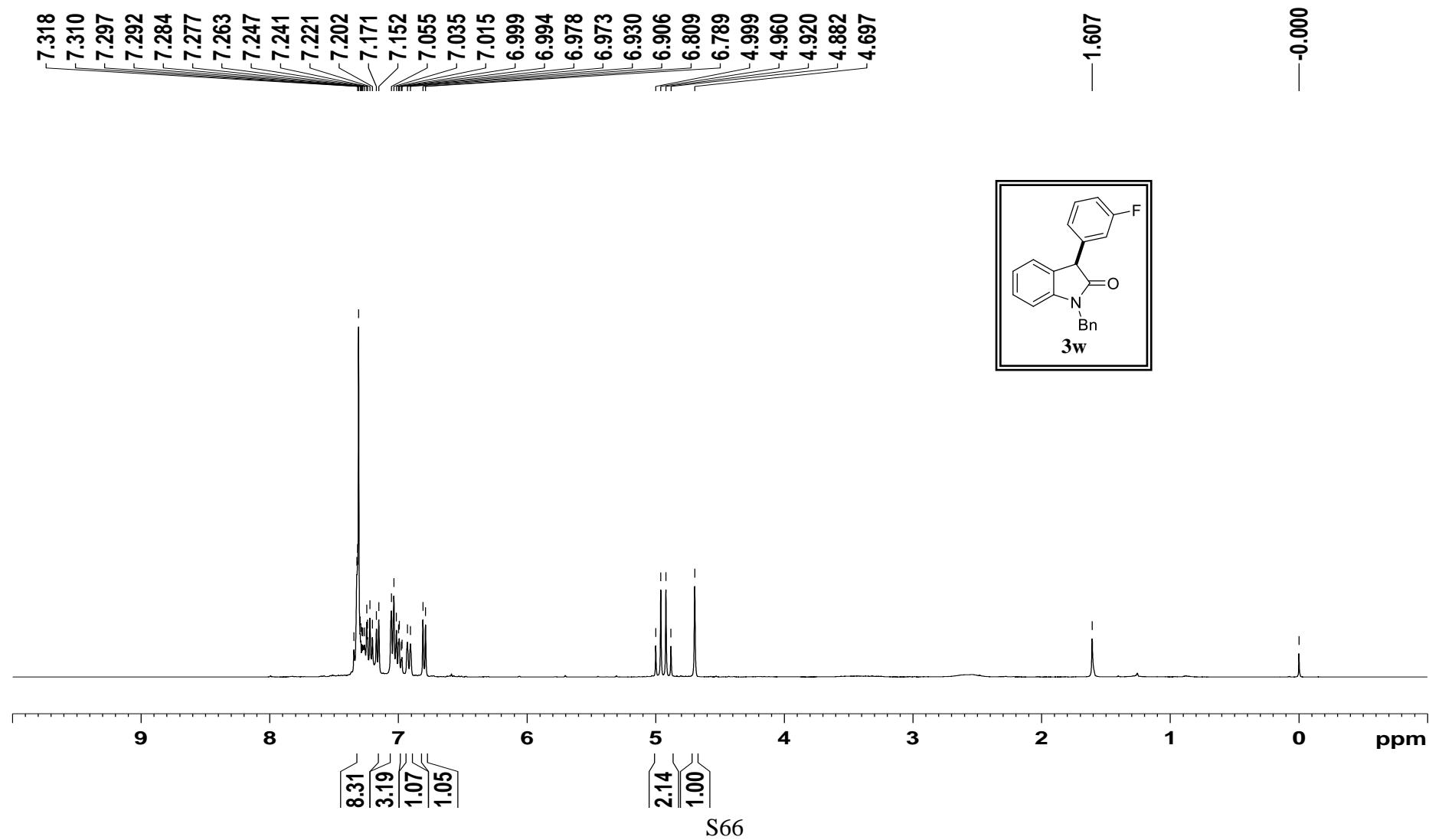
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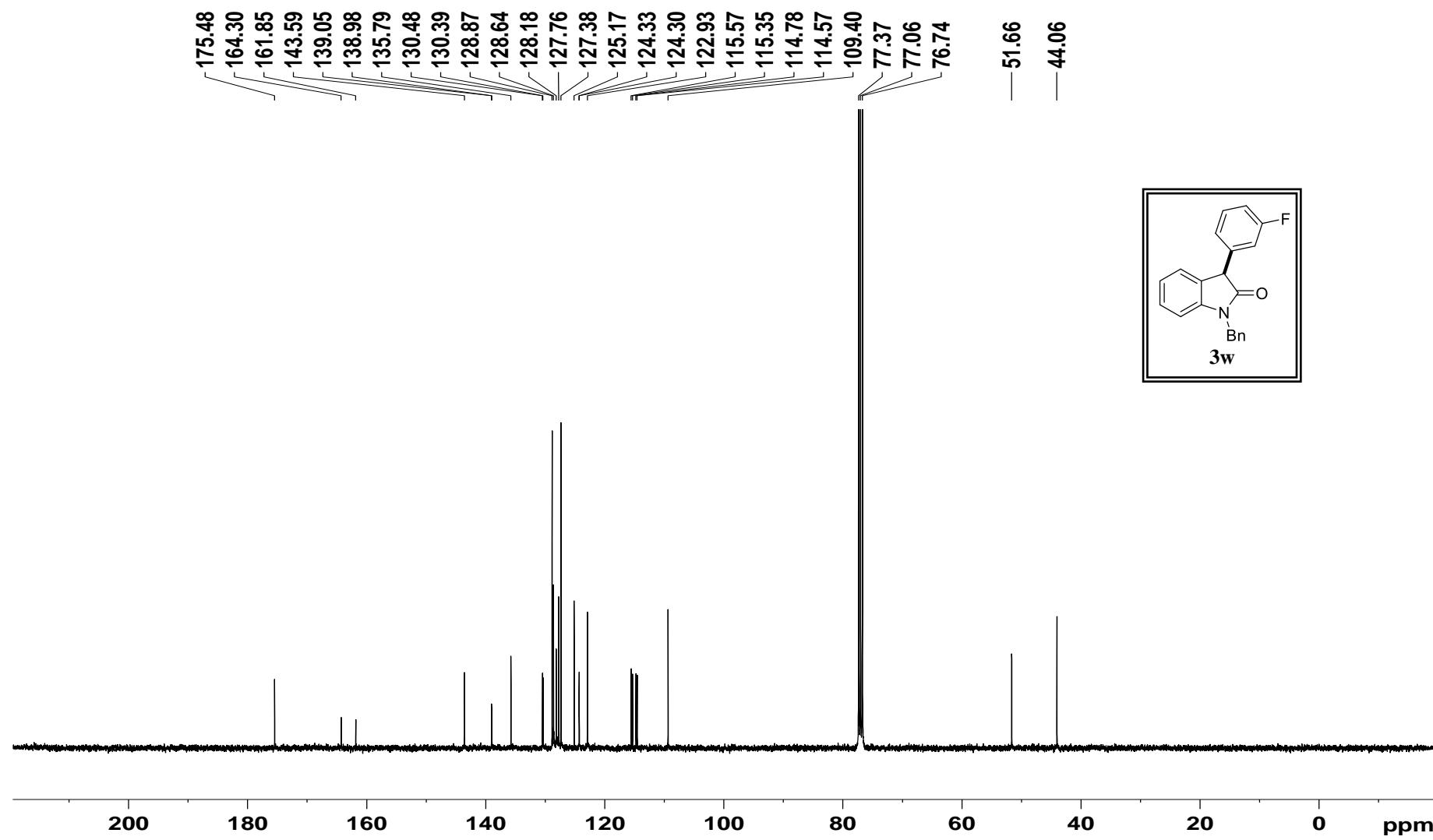
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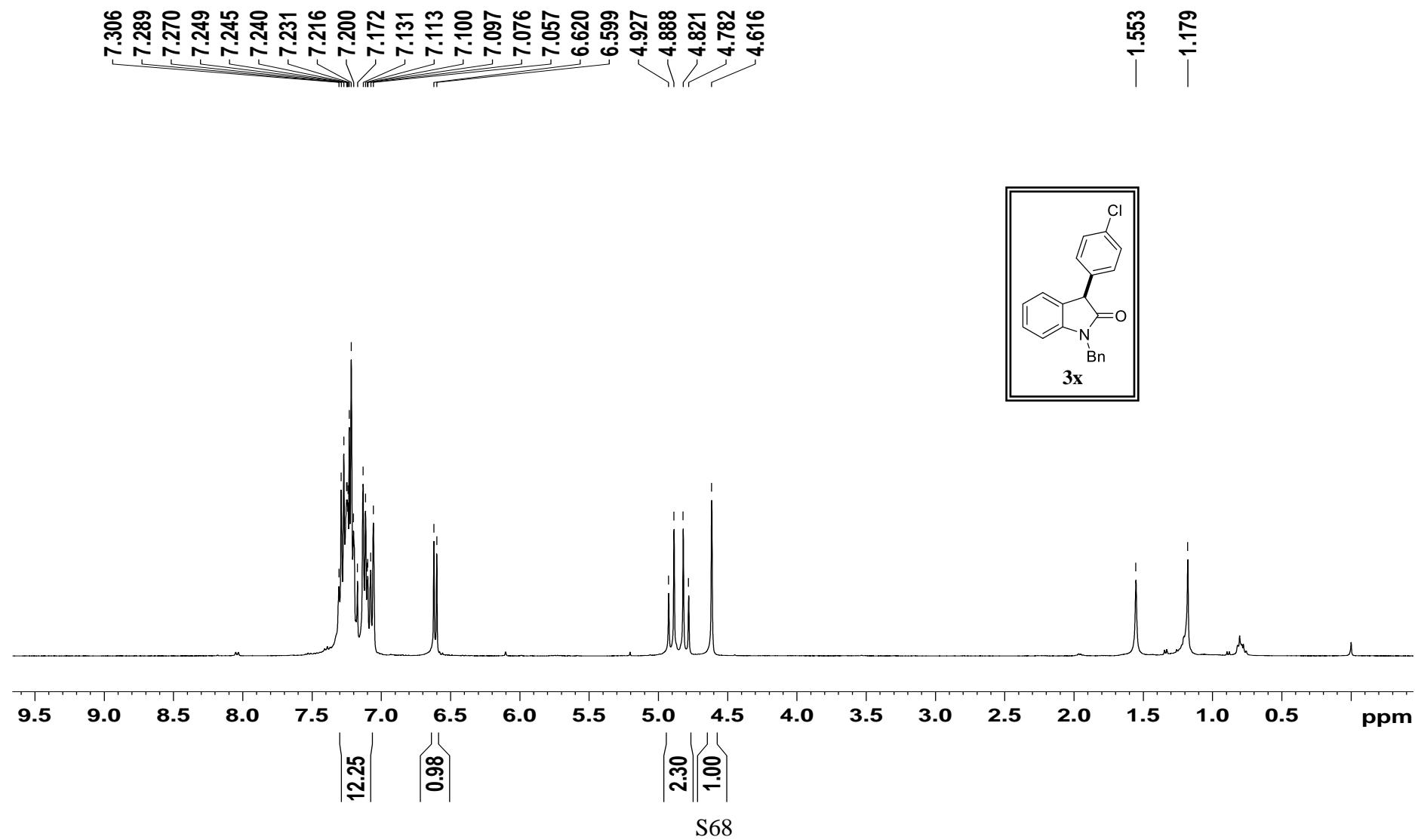
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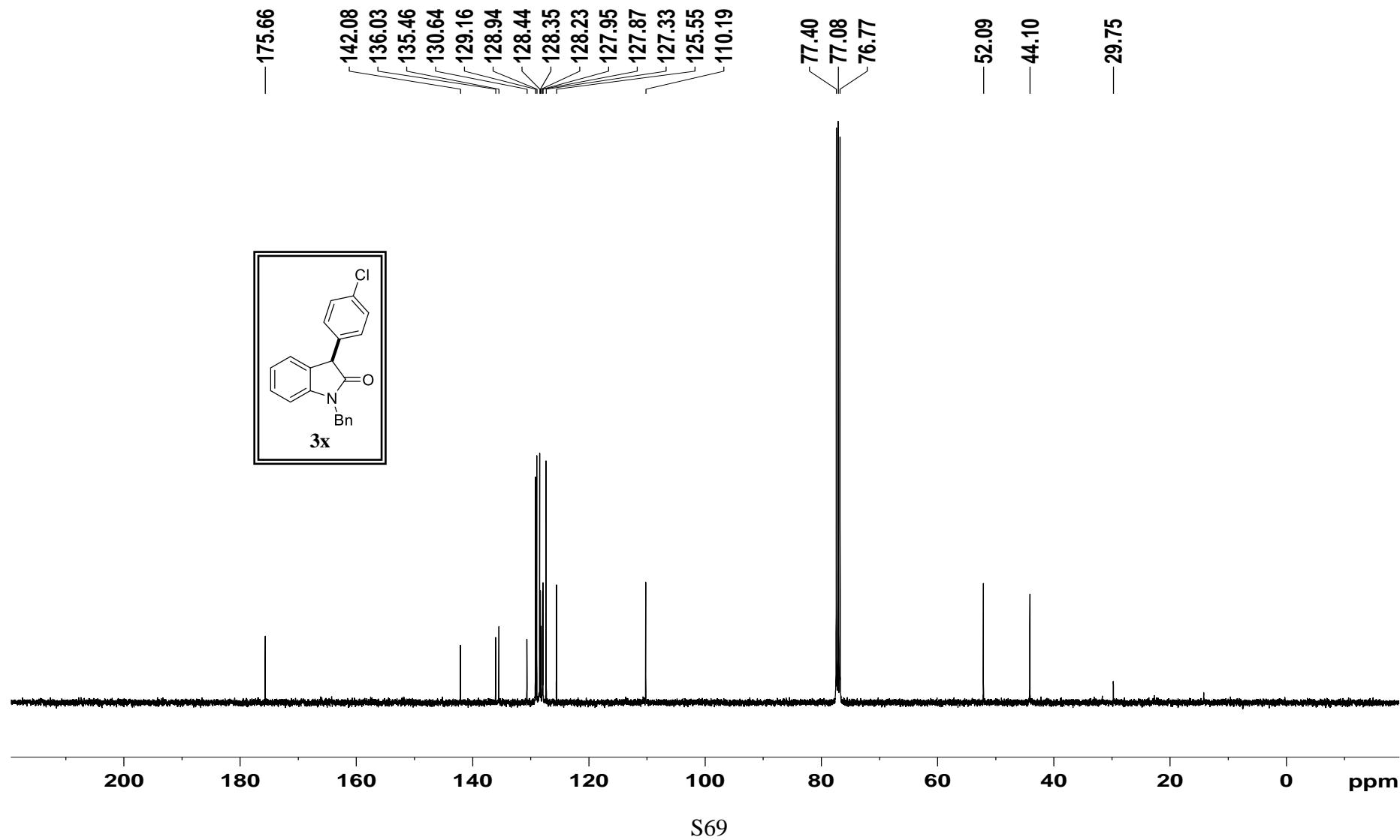
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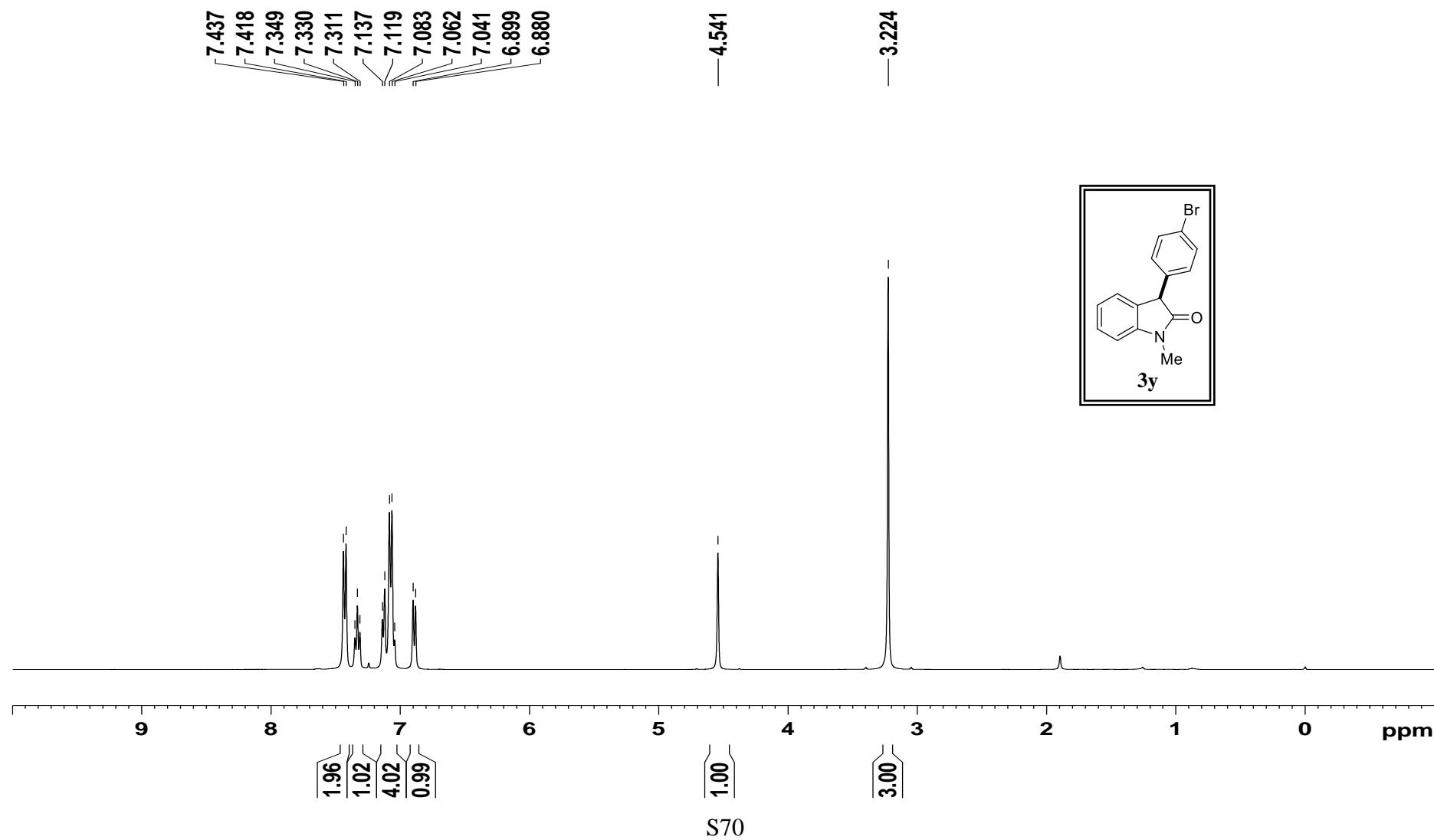
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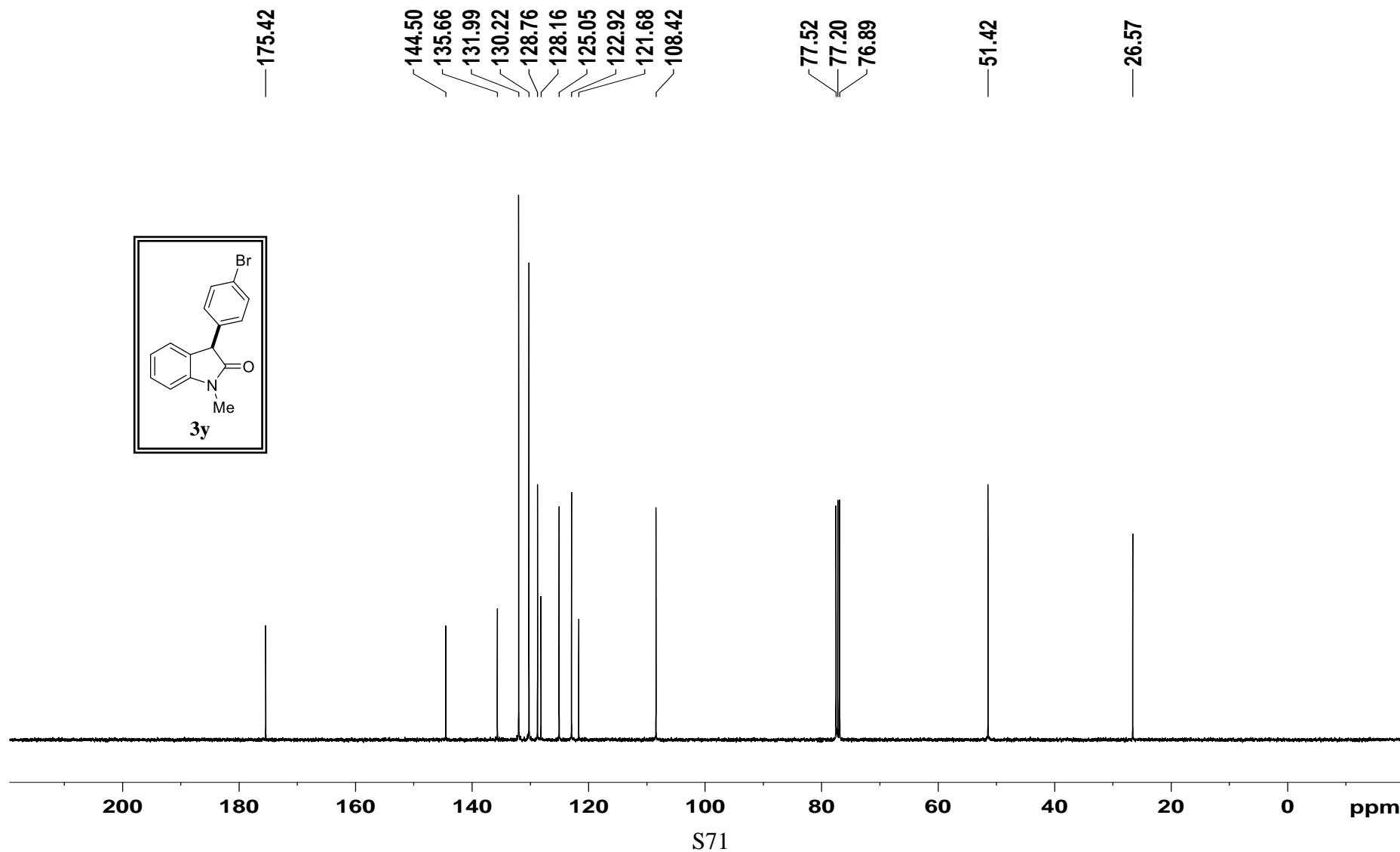
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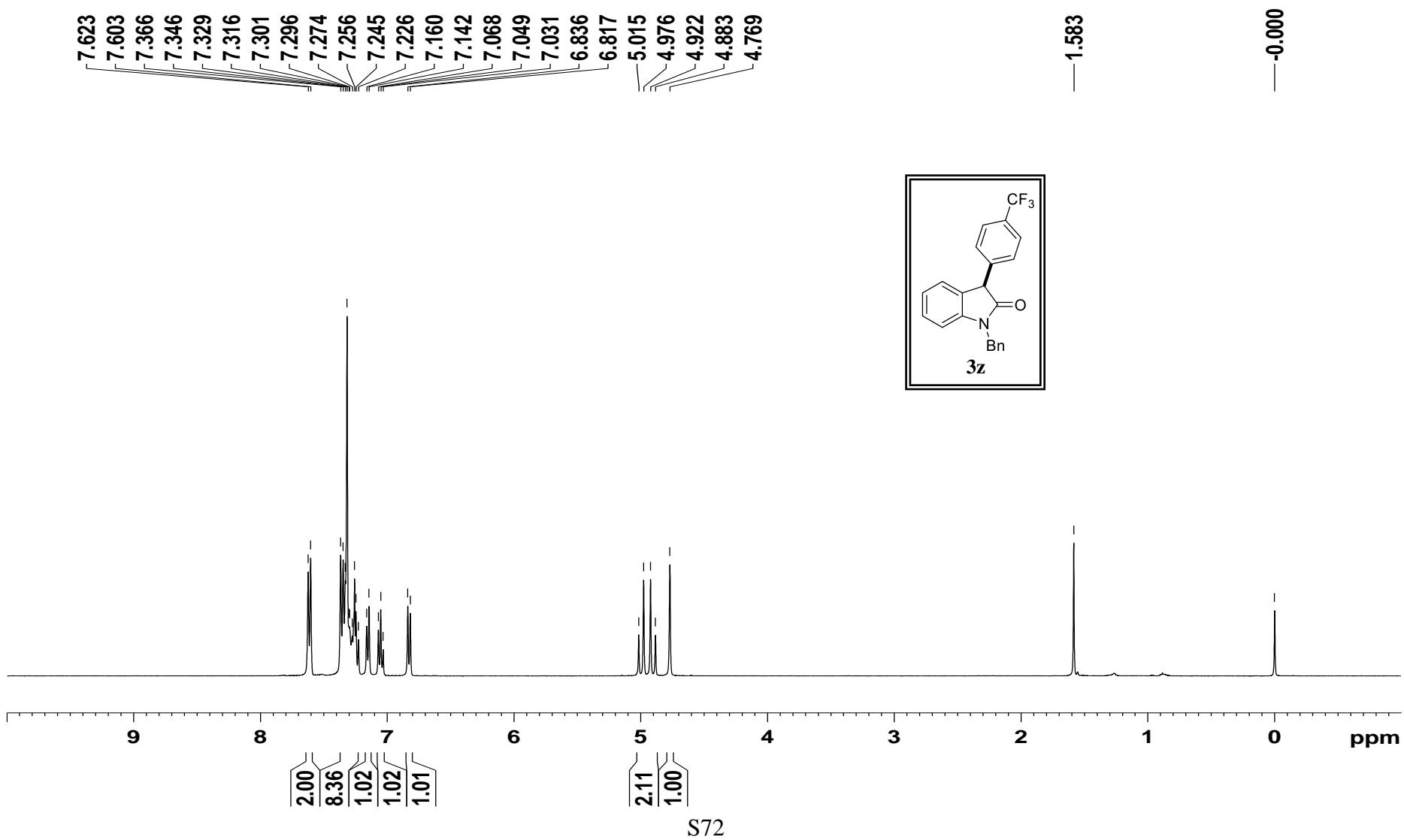
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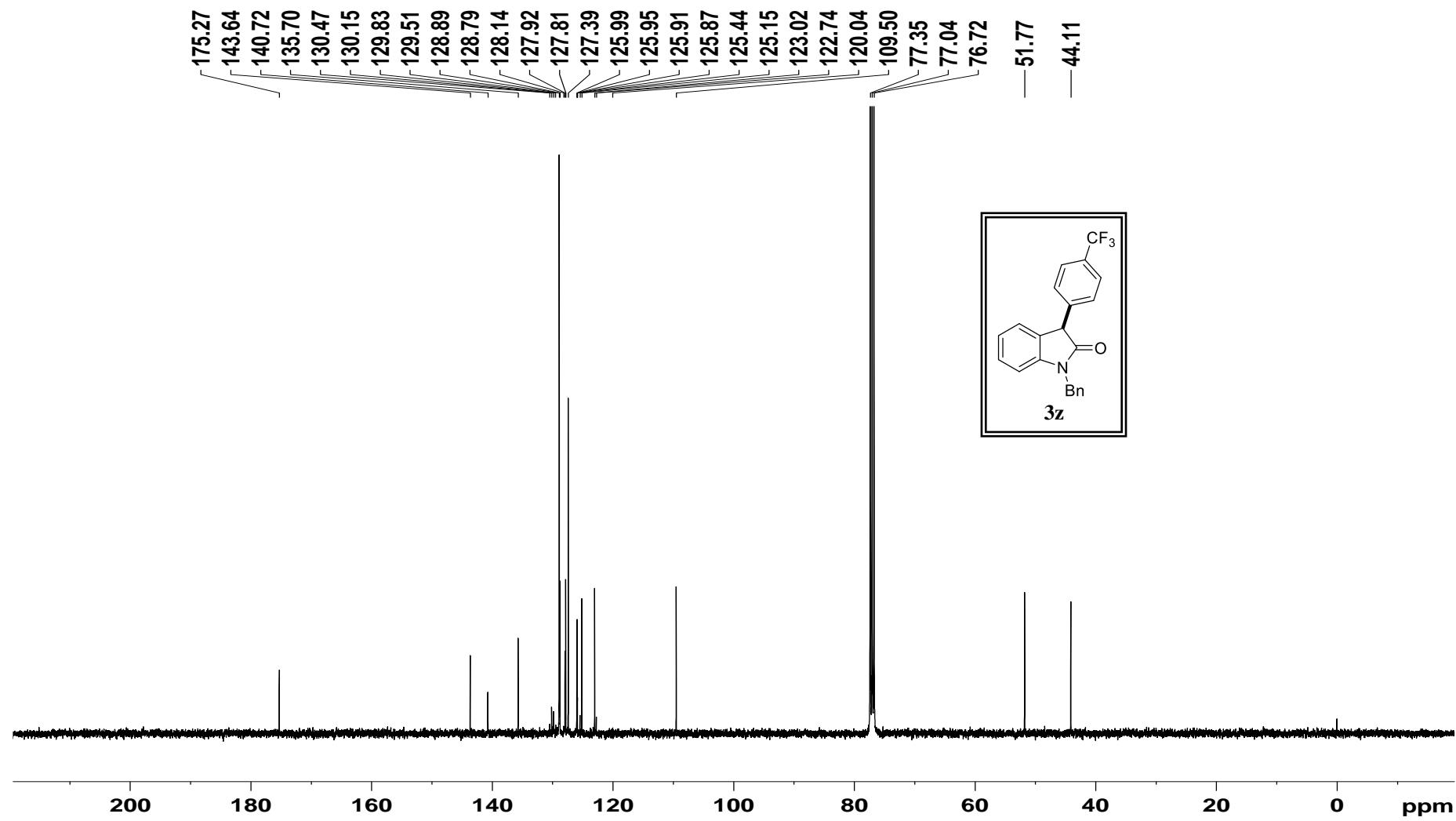
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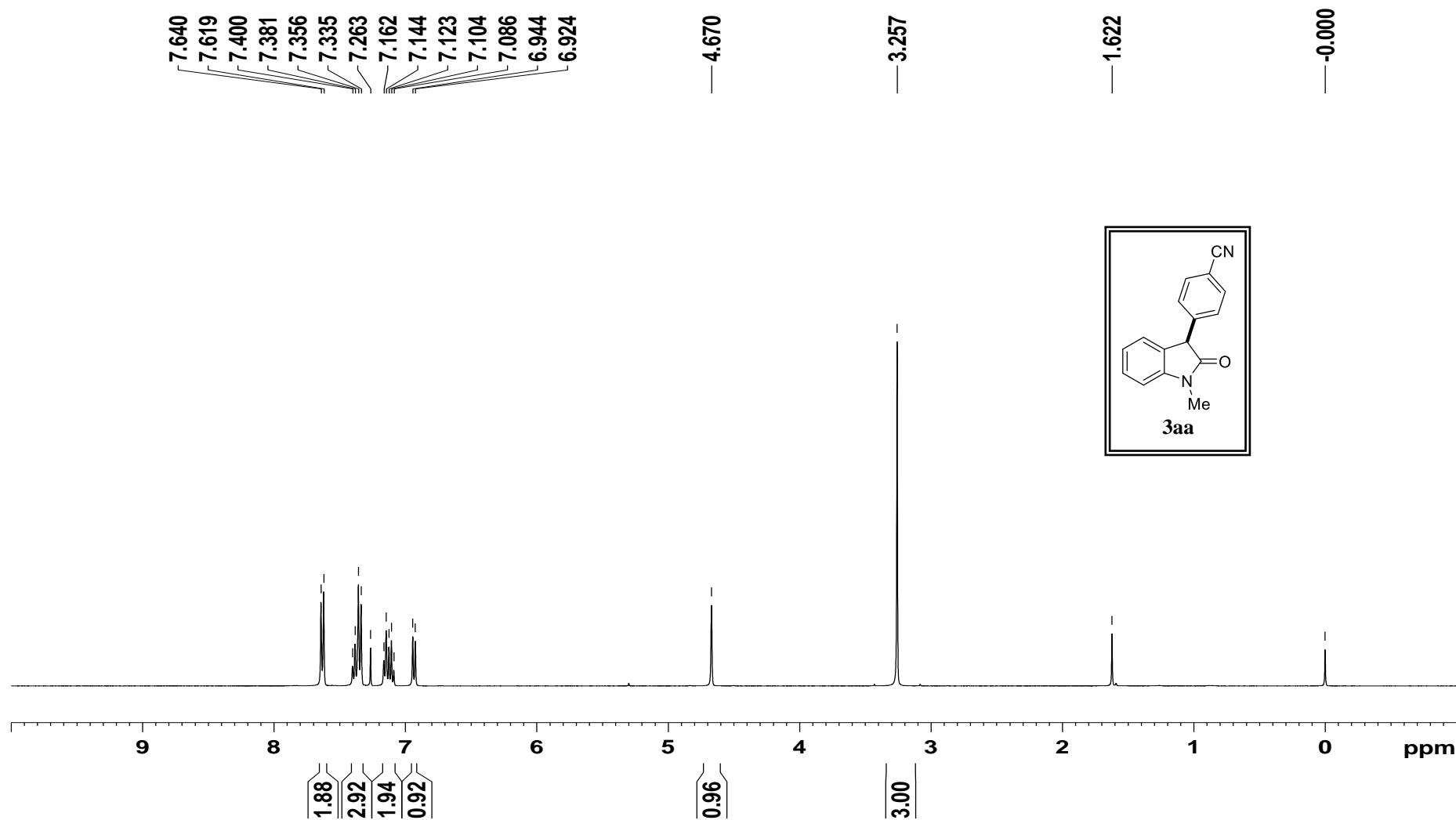
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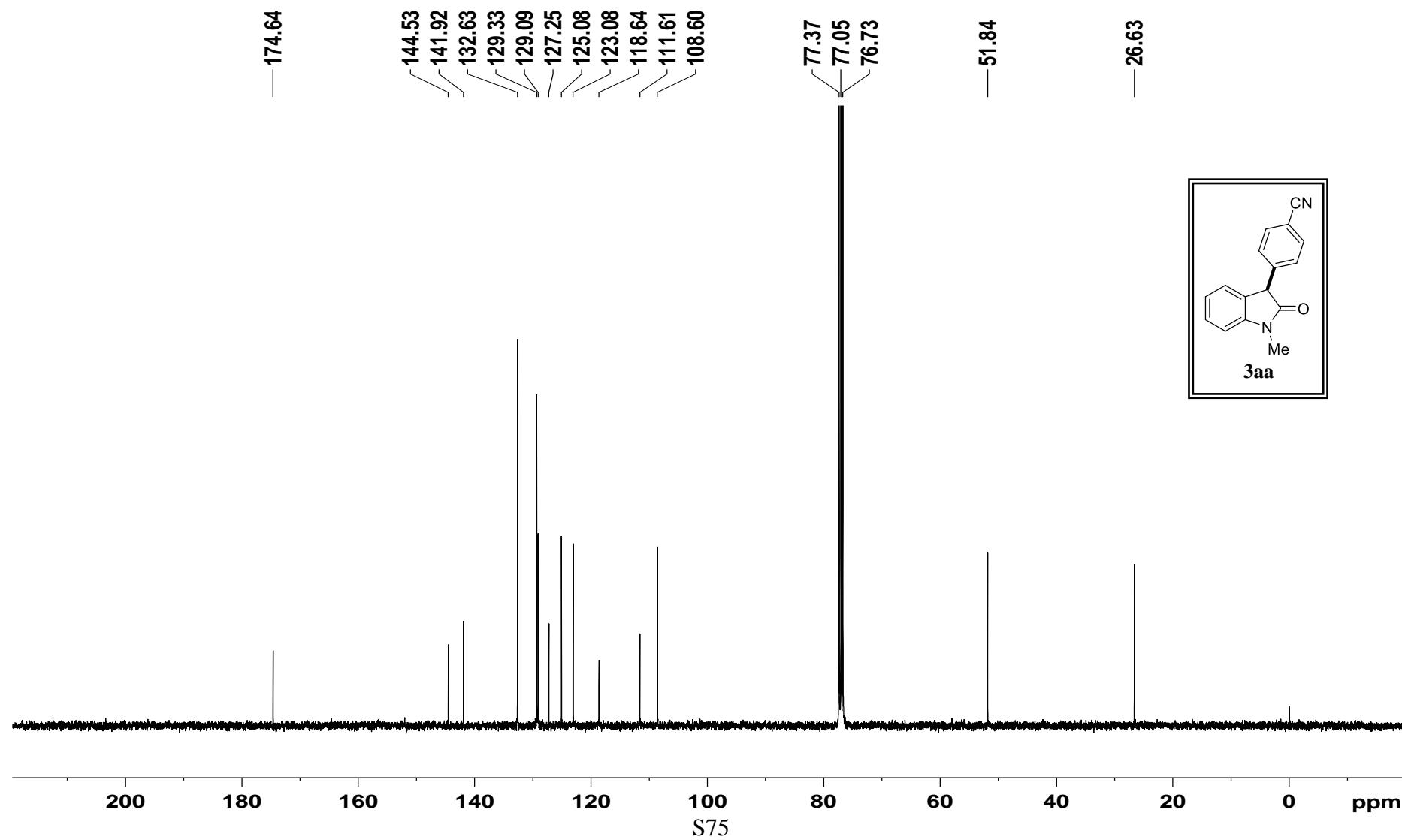
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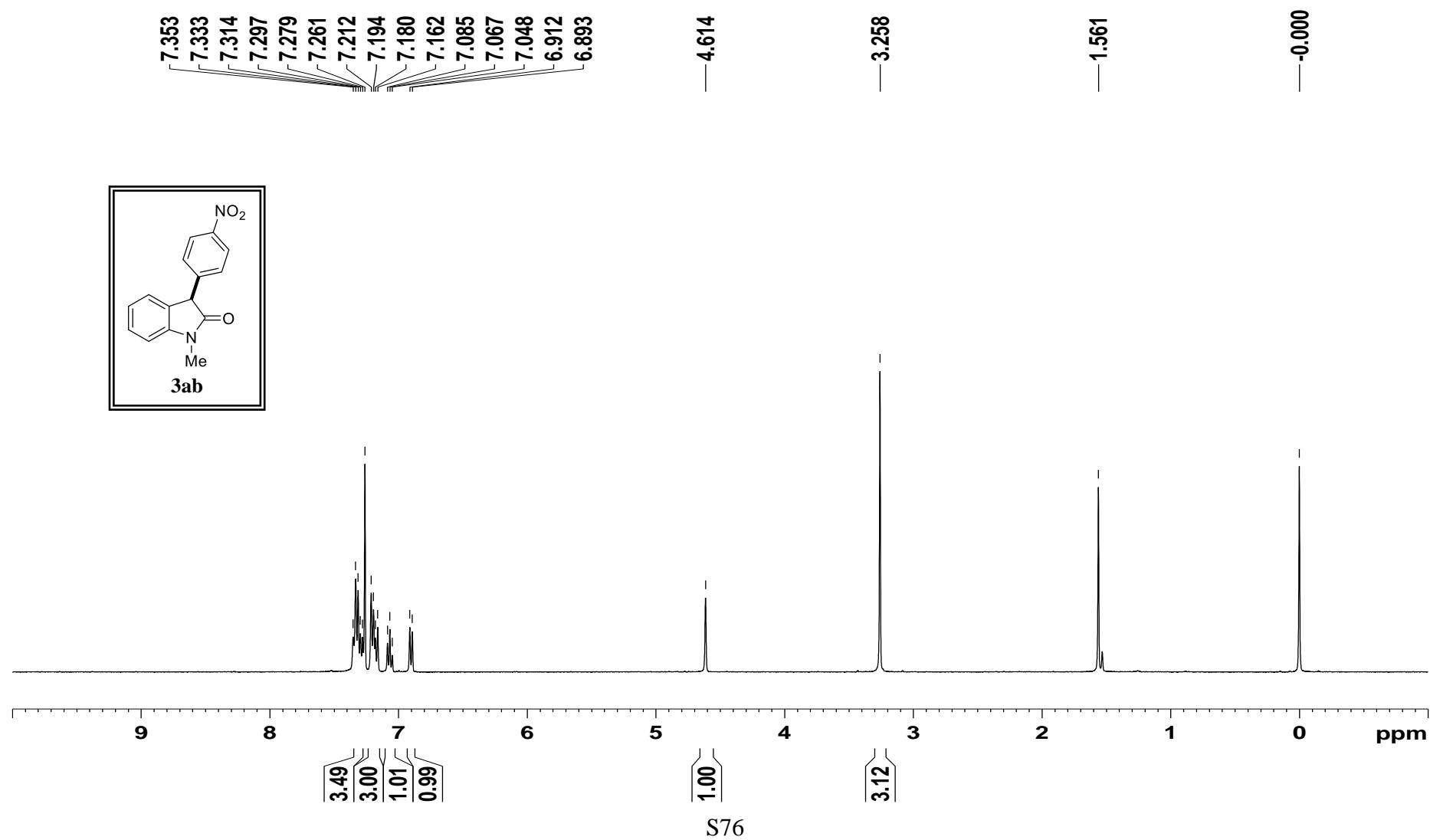
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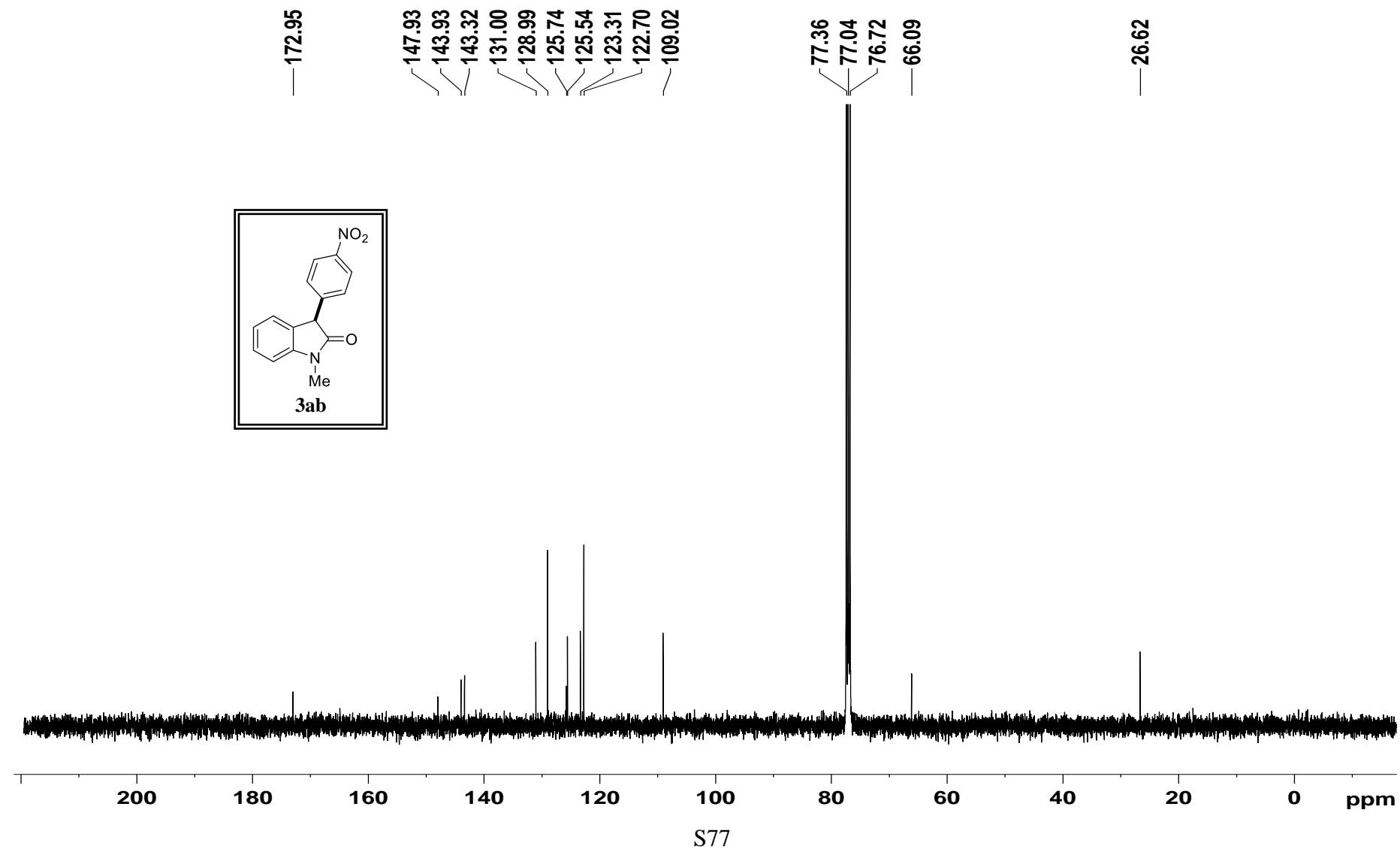
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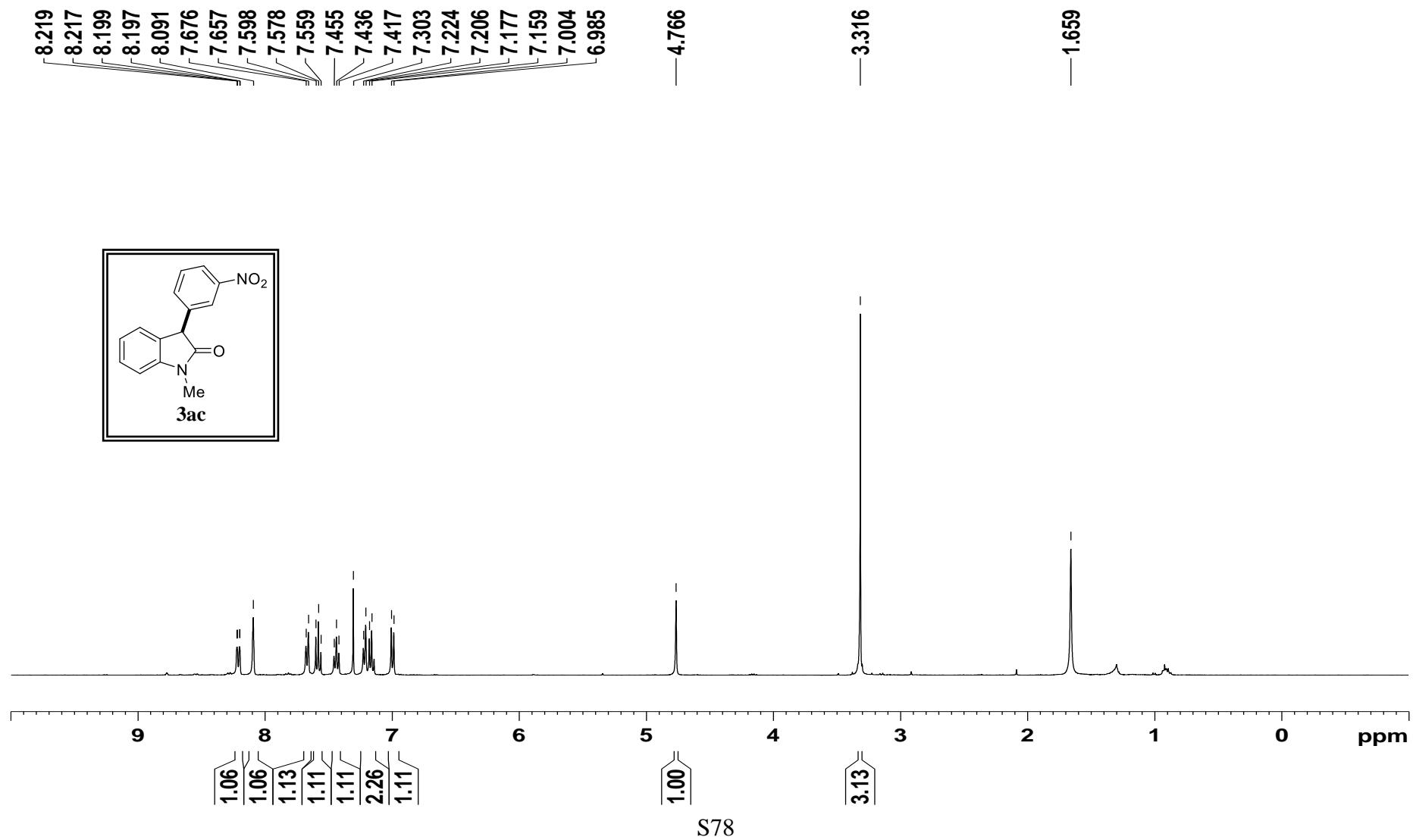
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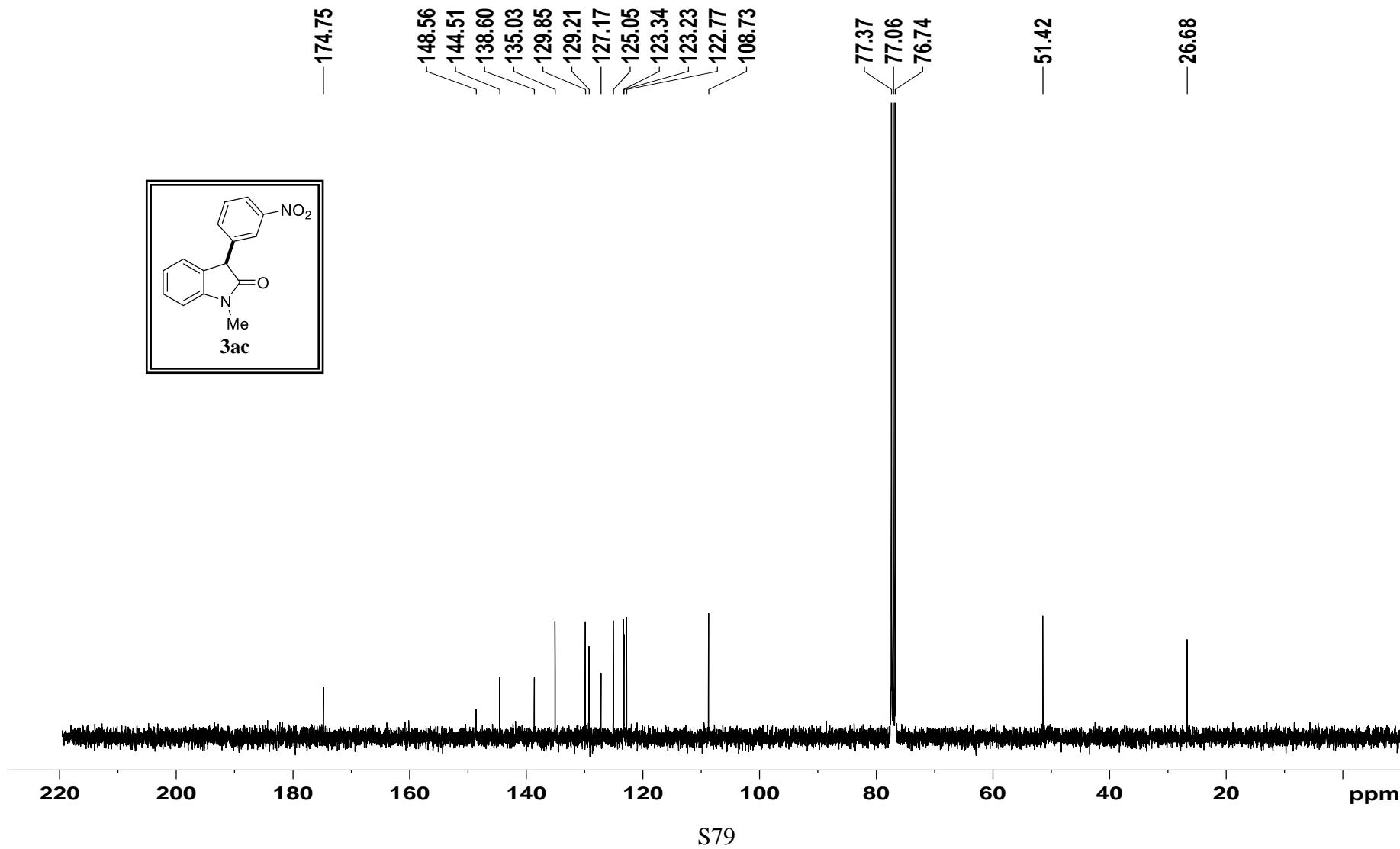
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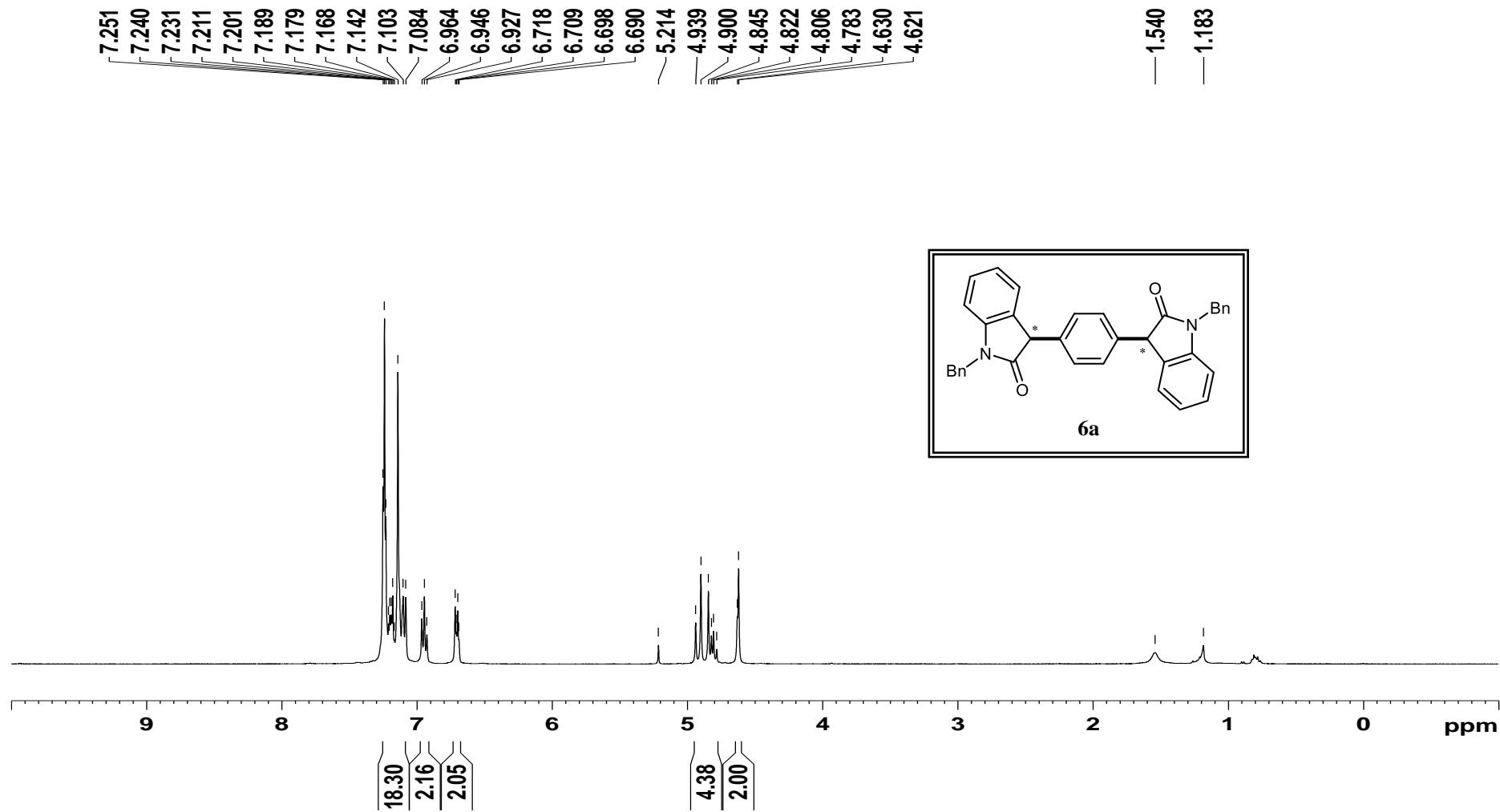
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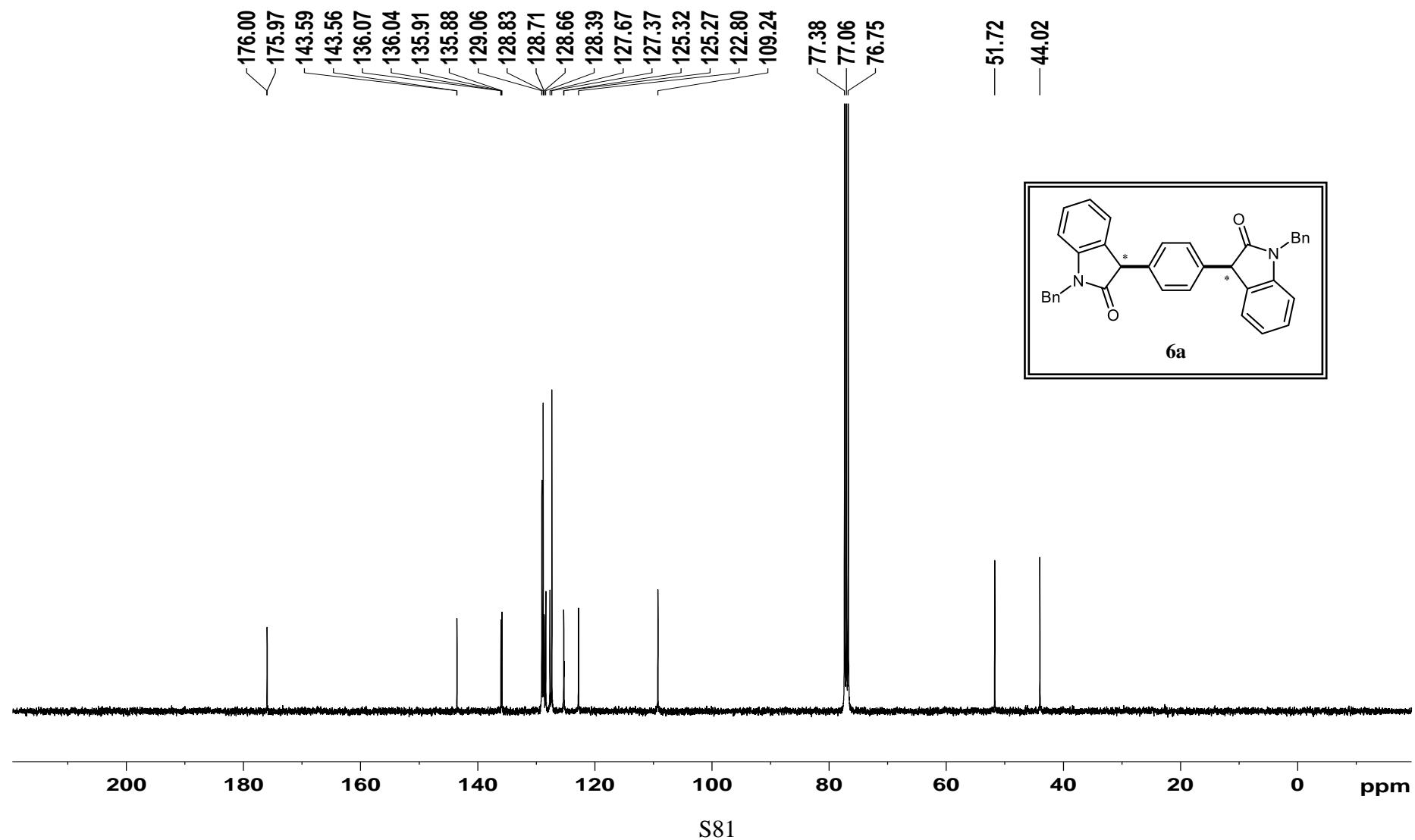
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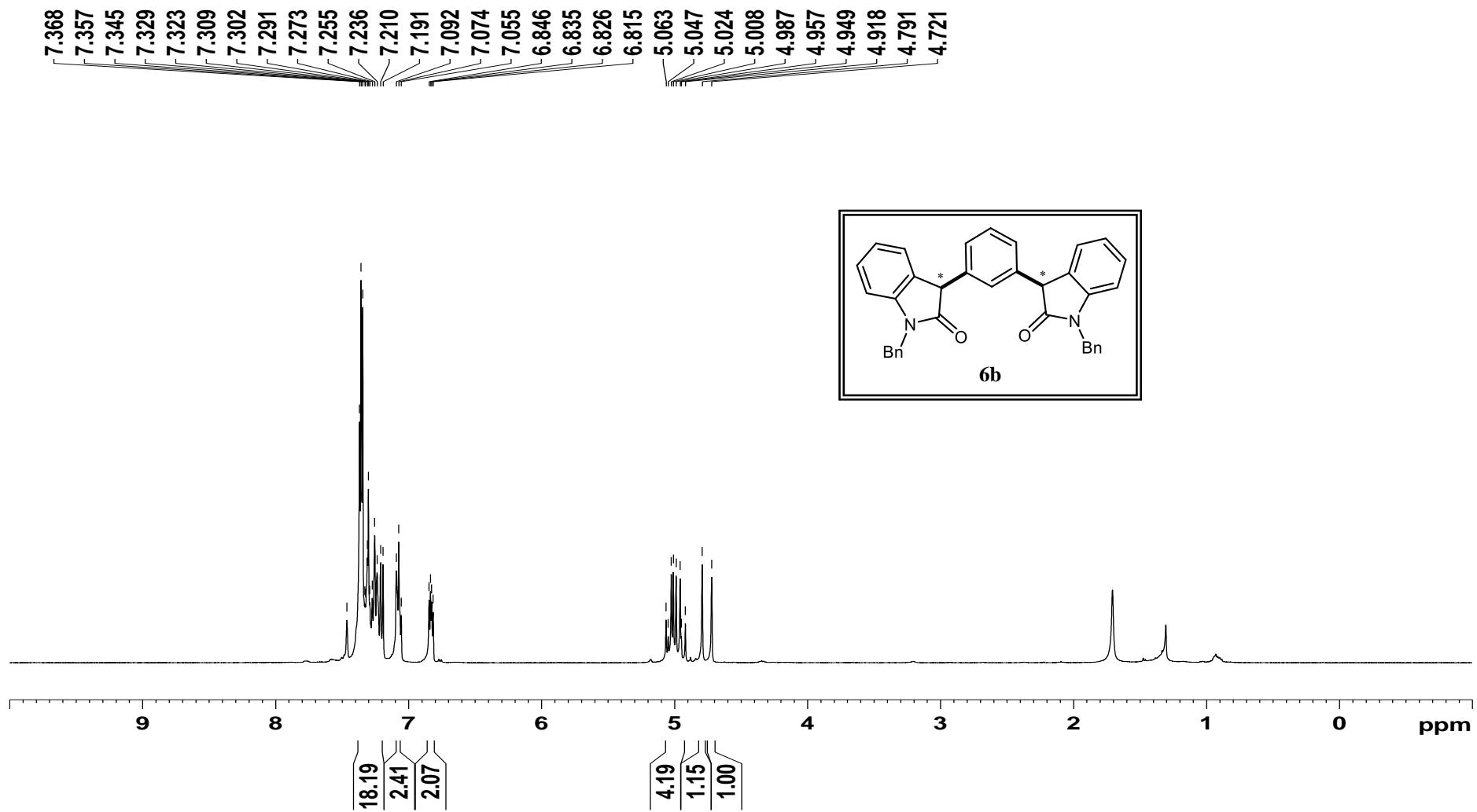
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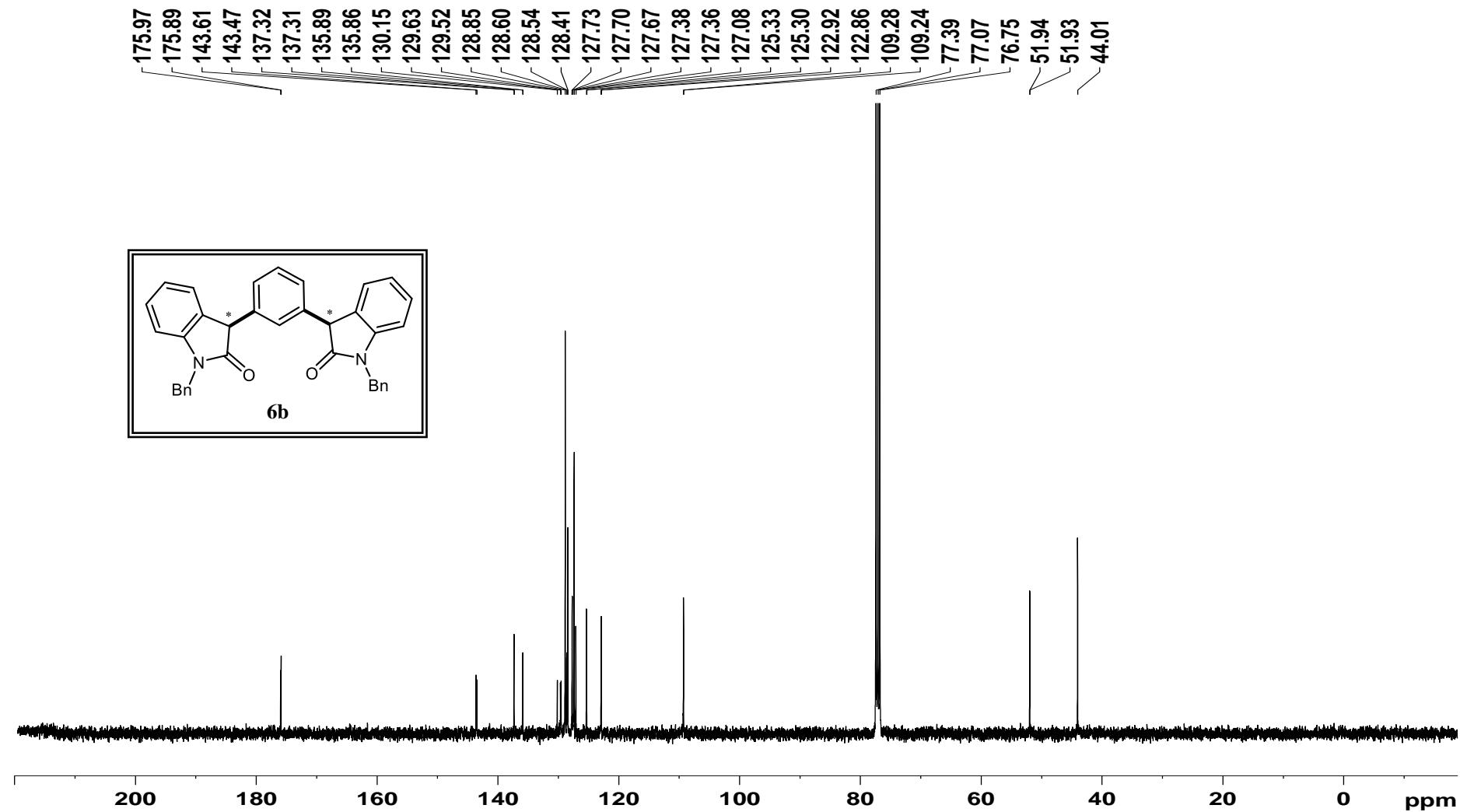
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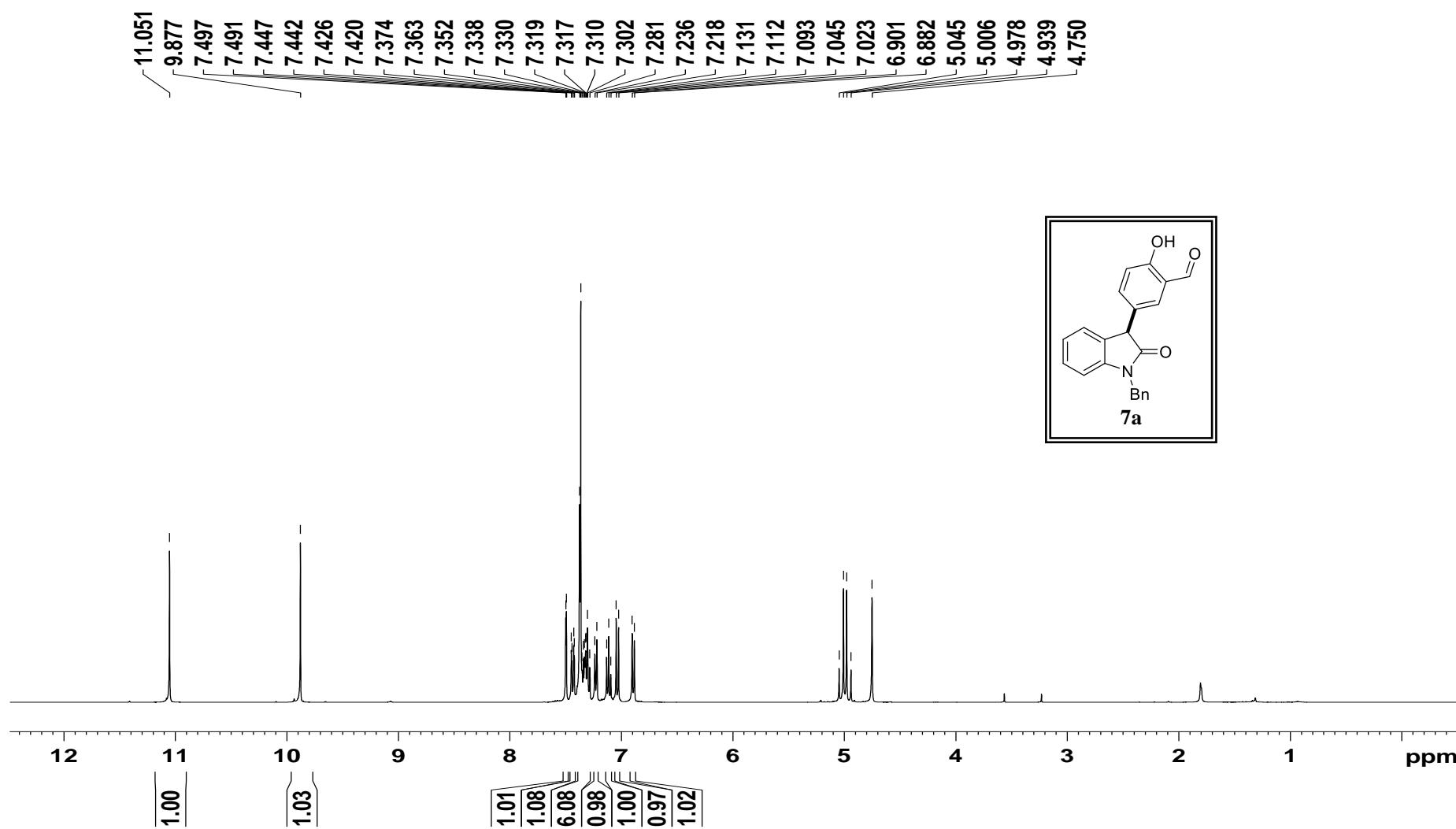
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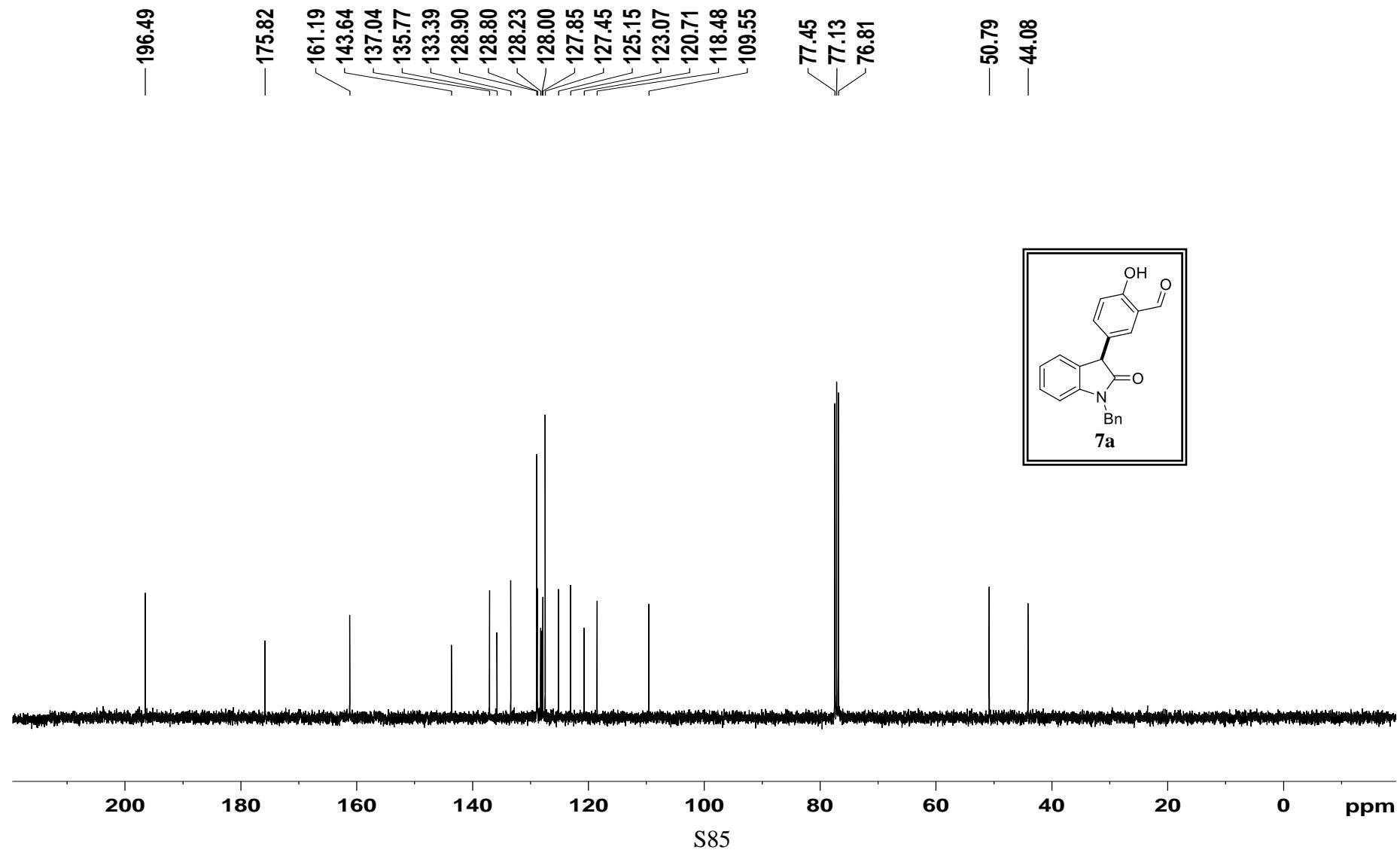
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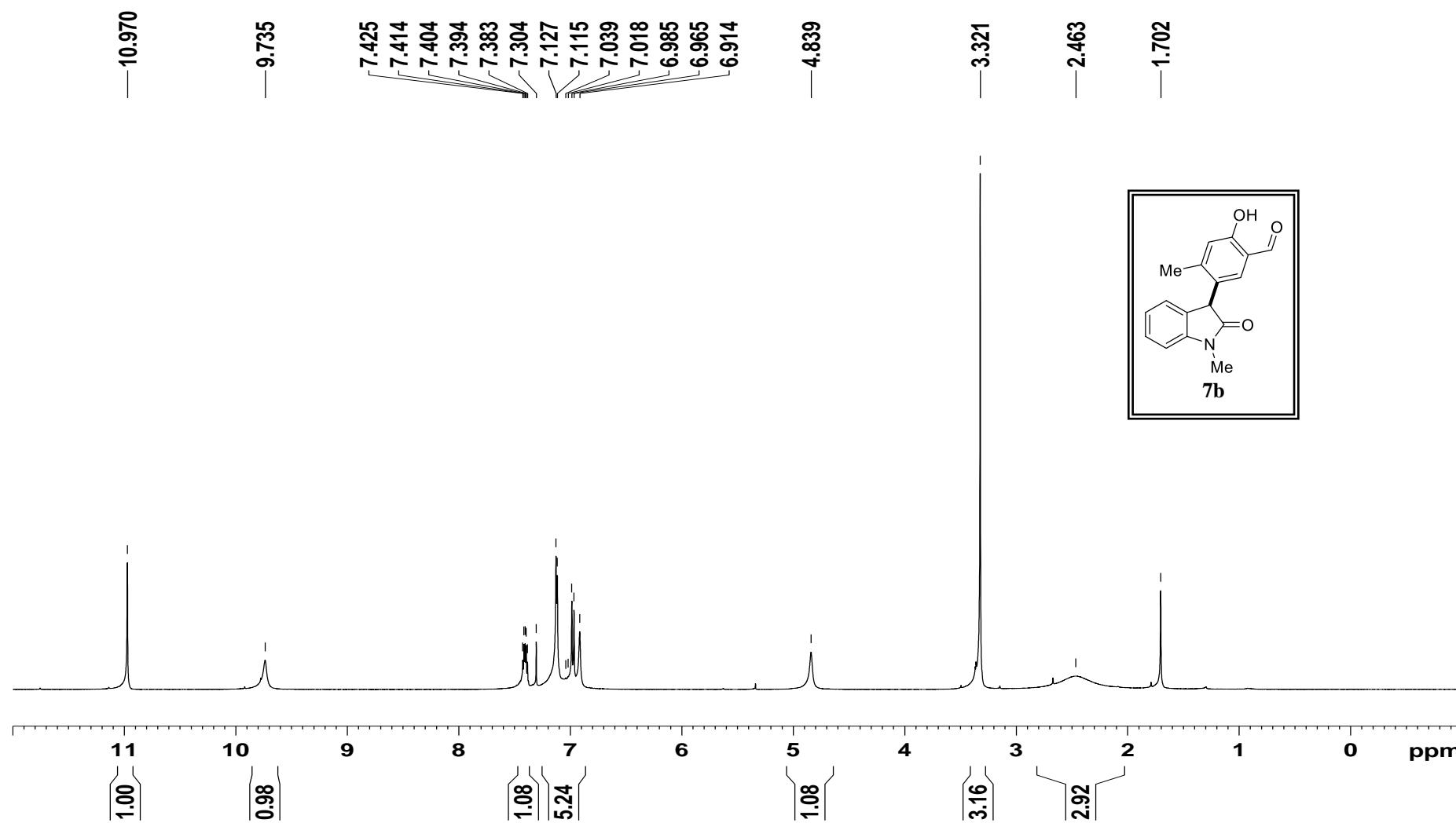
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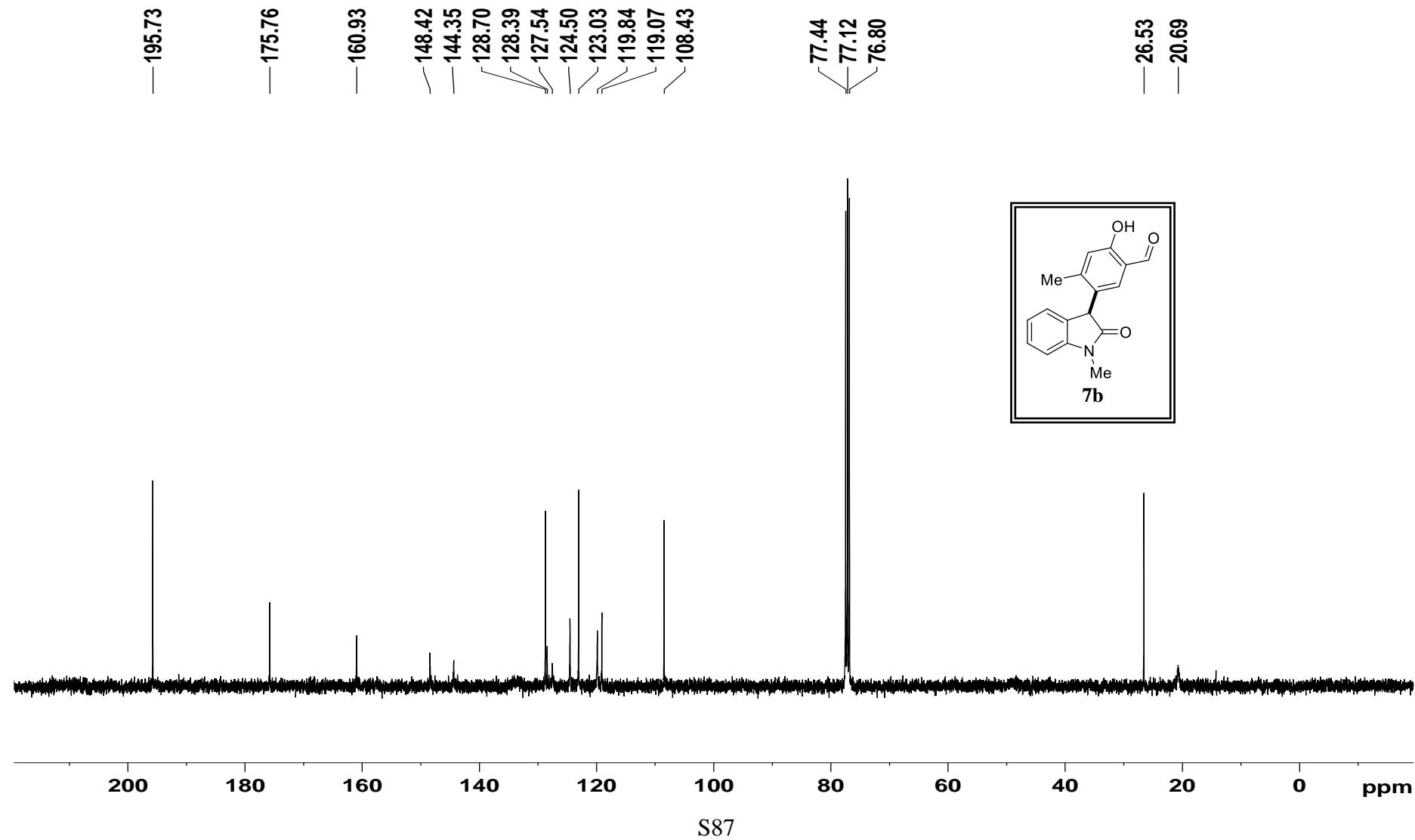
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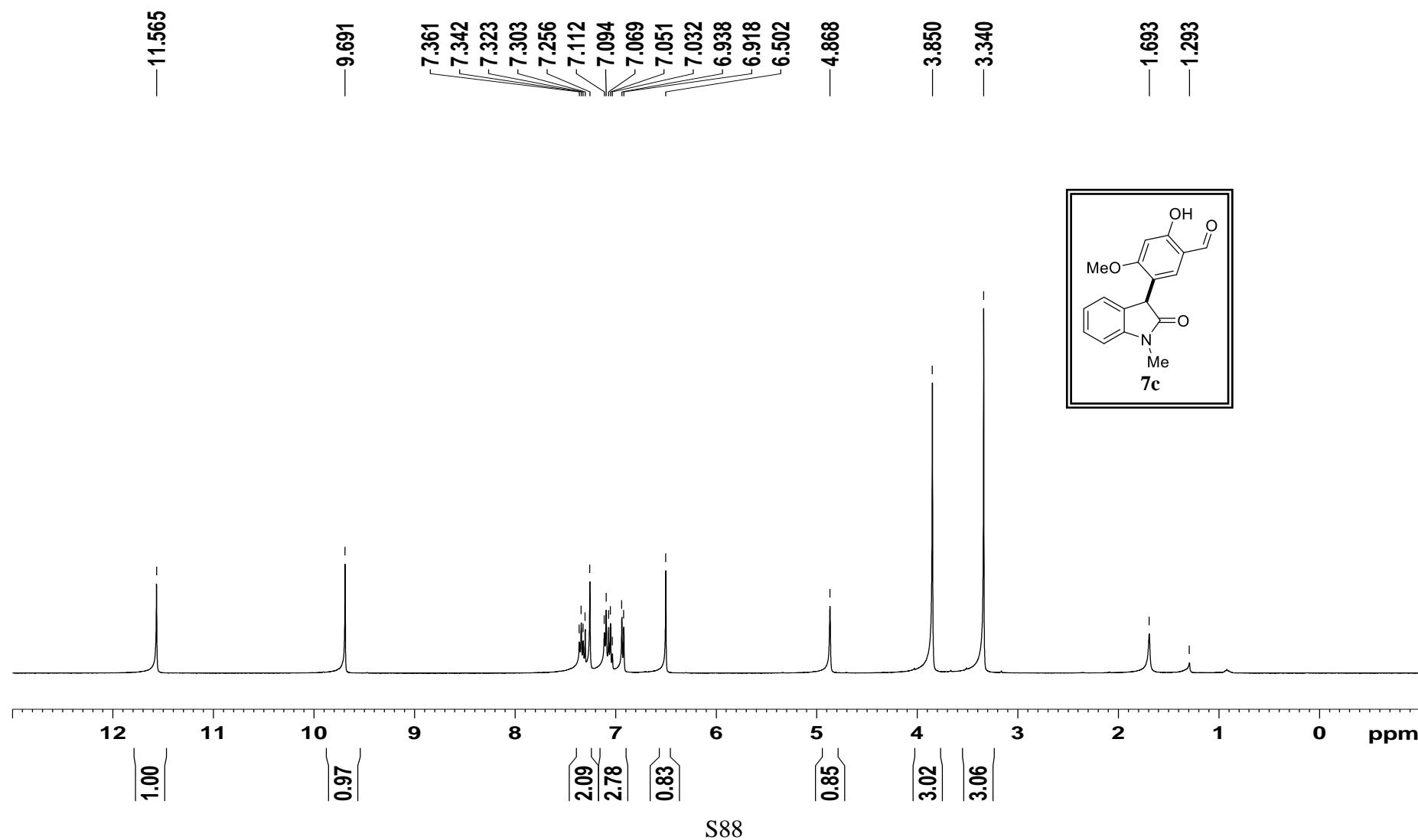
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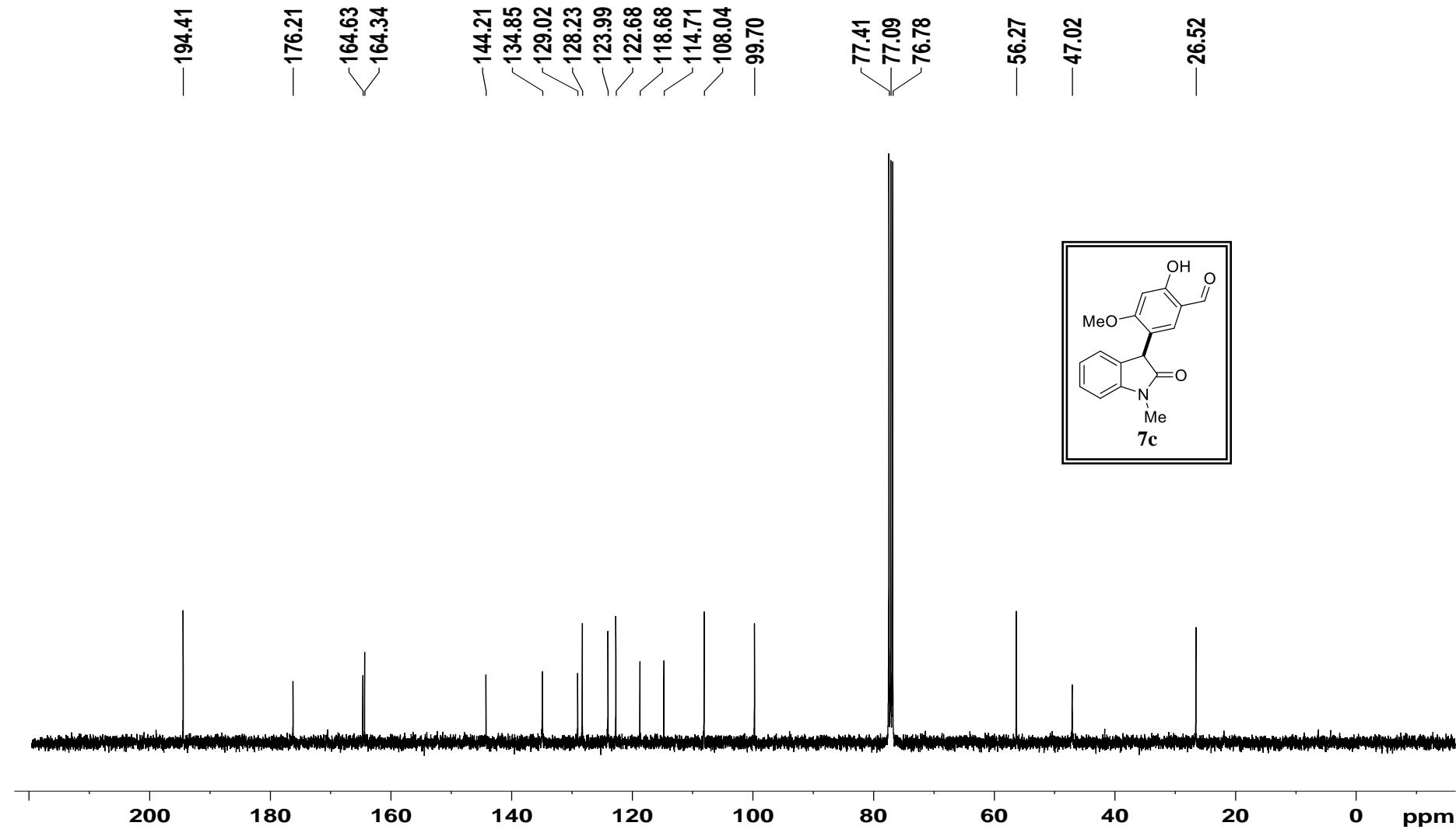
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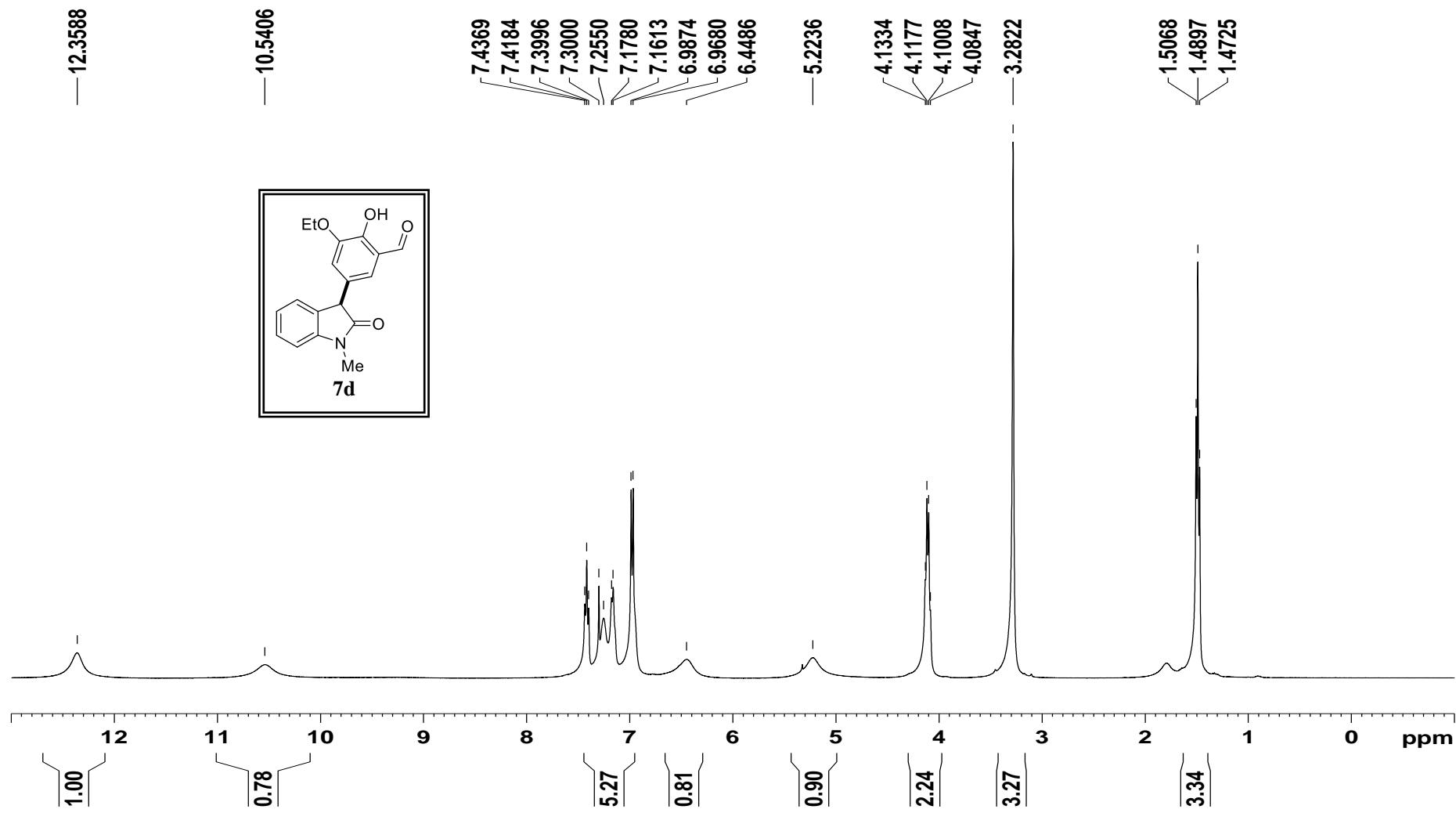
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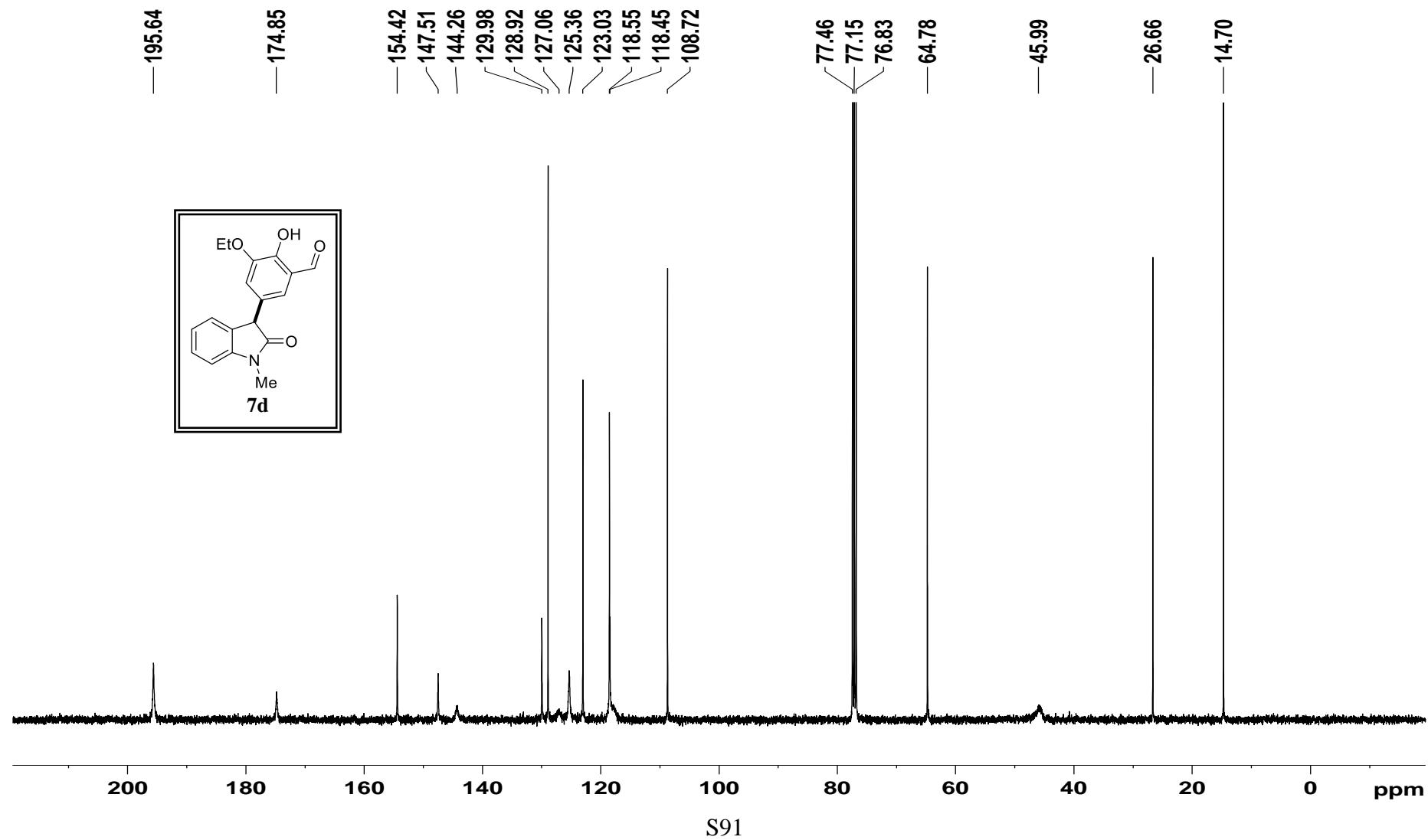
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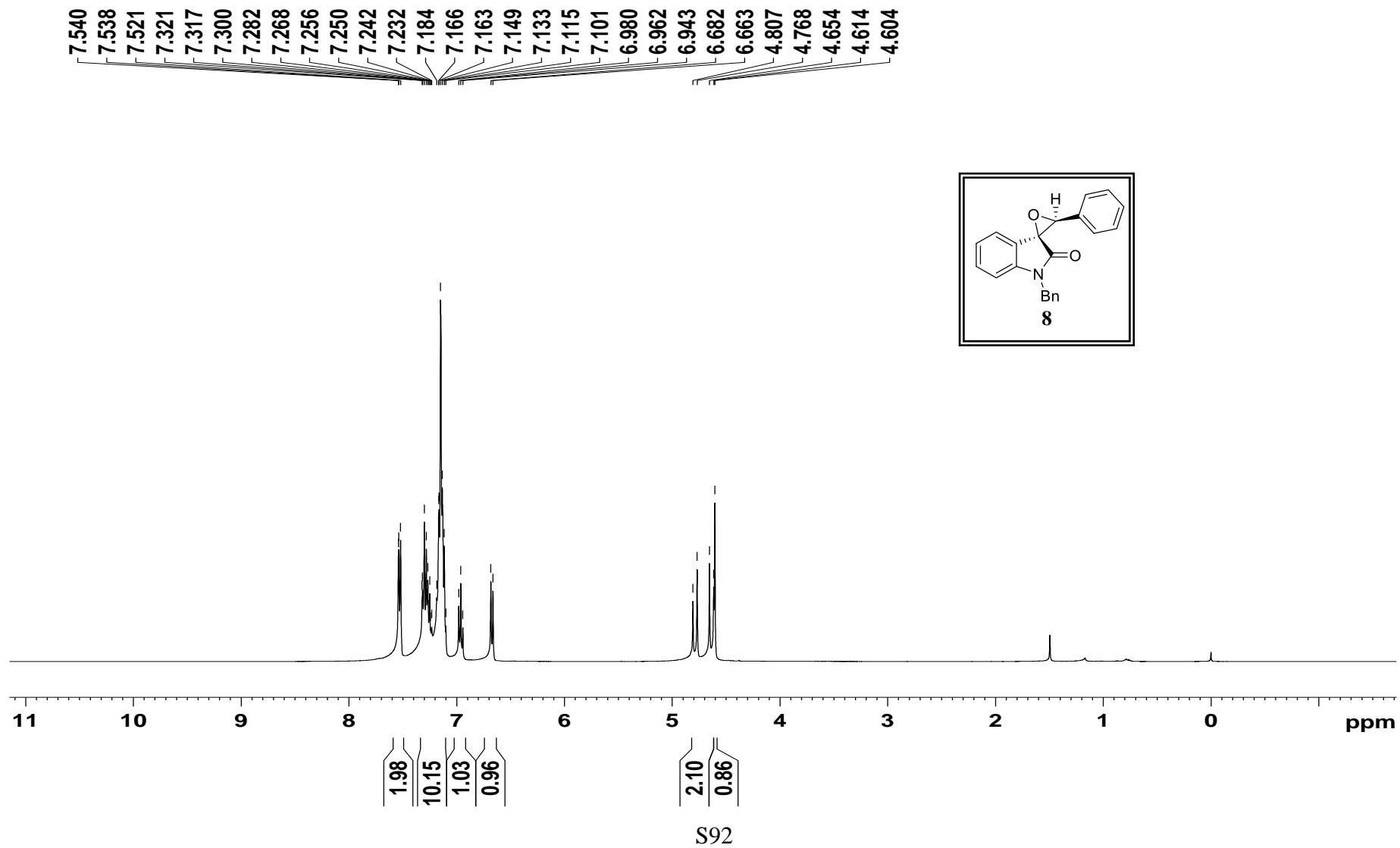
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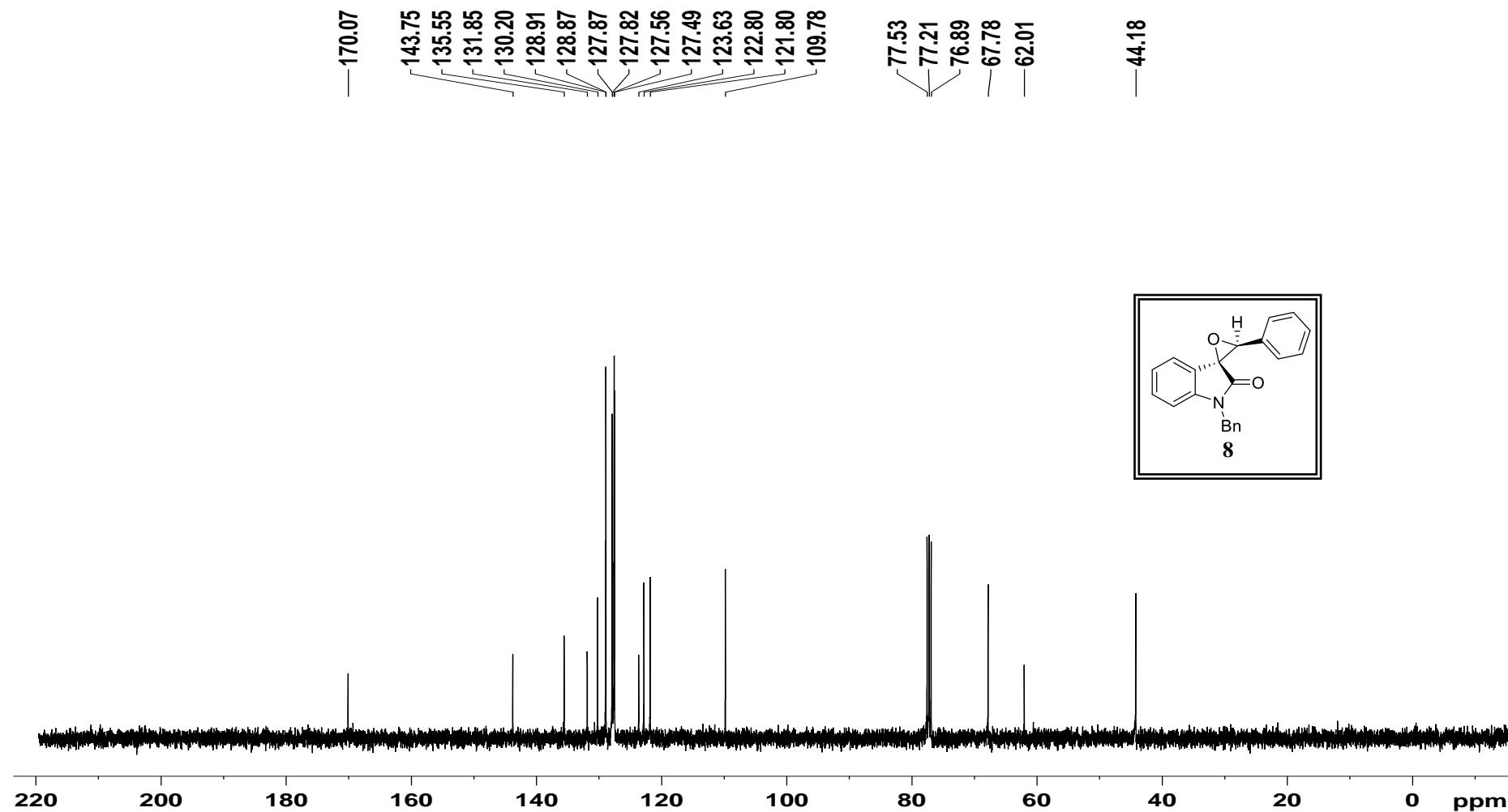
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<sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of **8**

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