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Design, Synthesis and Structure–Activity Relationship Studies on Erianin Analogues
as Pyruvate Carboxylase (PC) Inhibitors Against Hepatocellular Carcinoma Cells

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Synthesis of 2-methoxy-5-(3-(3,4,5-trimethoxyphenyl)propyl)phenol 4¹

The obtained ketone **3** (150.0 mg, 0.43 mmol) was dissolved in acetic acid (2 mL), 10% palladium on carbon (25.2 mg) was added to the solution. The reaction vessel was evacuated and backfilled with hydrogenation (H₂) for 3 times. The mixture was stirred at 25 °C for 12 h and then filtration through celite gave a filtrate. This filtrate was evaporated to oil, which was purified by chromatography on silica gel (ethyl acetate: hexane = 1: 10) to give **15** (130.6 mg, 91.4%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 6.77 (d, *J* = 2.24 Hz, 1H), 6.76 (d, *J* = 8.36 Hz, 1H), 6.67 (dd, *J* = 2.00, 8.20 Hz, 1H), 6.39 (s, 2 H), 3.87 (s, 3H), 3.85 (s, 3 H), 3.83 (s, 3H), 2.61 (t, *J* = 7.76 Hz, 4H), 1.89 - 1.95 (m, 2 H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 153.07, 145.50, 144.78, 138.17, 136.05, 135.54, 119.75, 114.71, 110.63, 105.33, 60.86, 56.07, 35.76, 34.82, 33.02.

Synthesis of compound 5² and 14³

The synthesis of compound **5** and **7** followed the synthesis procedure of compound **15** in scheme 3.

2-(3-hydroxy-4-methoxyphenyl)-1-(3,4,5-trimethoxyphenyl)ethan-1-one (**5**) ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.26 (s, 2H), 6.84 (d, *J* = 2.00 Hz, 1H), 6.81 (d, *J* = 8.20 Hz, 1H), 6.75 (dd, *J* = 2.00 Hz, 8.20 Hz, 1H), 5.64 (s, 1H), 4.14 (s, 2H), 3.40 (s, 3H), 3.88 (s, 6H), 3.85 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 196.61, 153.01, 145.82, 145.62, 142.57, 131.70, 127.97, 120.73, 115.54, 110.94, 106.32, 60.91, 56.26, 55.95, 45.03.

1-(4-hydroxy-3-methoxyphenyl)-2-(3,4,5-trimethoxyphenyl)ethan-1-one (**14**). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.63 (dd, *J* = 1.92 Hz, 8.28 Hz, 1H), 7.57 (d, *J* = 1.92 Hz, 1H), 6.96 (d, *J* = 8.28 Hz, 1H), 6.48 (s, 2H), 6.13 (br s, 1H), 4.17 (s, 2H), 3.94 (s, 3H), 3.83 (s, 3 H), (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 196.19, 153.32, 150.60, 146.77, 136.91, 130.57, 129.48, 124.07, 113.86, 110.33, 106.45, 60.82, 56.11, 56.03, 45.26, 29.69.

Synthesis of compound 6 and 7⁴

The synthesis of compound **6** and **7** followed the synthesis procedure of compound **8** and **9** in scheme 4. 2-methoxy-5-((methyl(3,4,5- trimethoxyphenyl)amino)methyl)-

phenol (**6**). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 6.84 (s, 1H), 6.81 (d, $J = 10.52$, 1H), 6.76 (d, $J = 8.04$, 1H), 6.00 (s, 2H), 5.64 (s, 1H), 4.38 (s, 2H), 3.88 (s, 3H), 3.80 (s, 6H), 3.77 (s, 3H), 2.97 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 153.68, 145.79, 145.64, 118.41, 113.25, 110.70, 90.90, 61.09, 57.04, 56.01, 55.99, 38.97.

2-methoxy-5-(methyl(3,4,5-trimethoxybenzyl)amino)phenol (**7**). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3), δ 6.77 (d, $J = 8.8\text{Hz}$, 1H), 6.48 (d, $J = 2.92\text{Hz}$, 1H), 6.47 (s, 2H), 6.26 (dd, $J = 2.92\text{Hz}$, 8.8Hz, 1H), 5.63 (s, 1H), 4.34 (s, 2H), 3.83 (s, 3H), 3.82 (s, 3H), 3.80 (s, 6H), 2.90 (s, 3H), ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 153.40, 146.42, 145.92, 138.94, 136.76, 135.06, 112.27, 104.45, 103.70, 101.25, 60.85, 58.11, 56.78, 56.09, 38.96.

Figure S1. IC_{50} values of the erianin analogues 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 on cell growth inhibition in HCCLM3

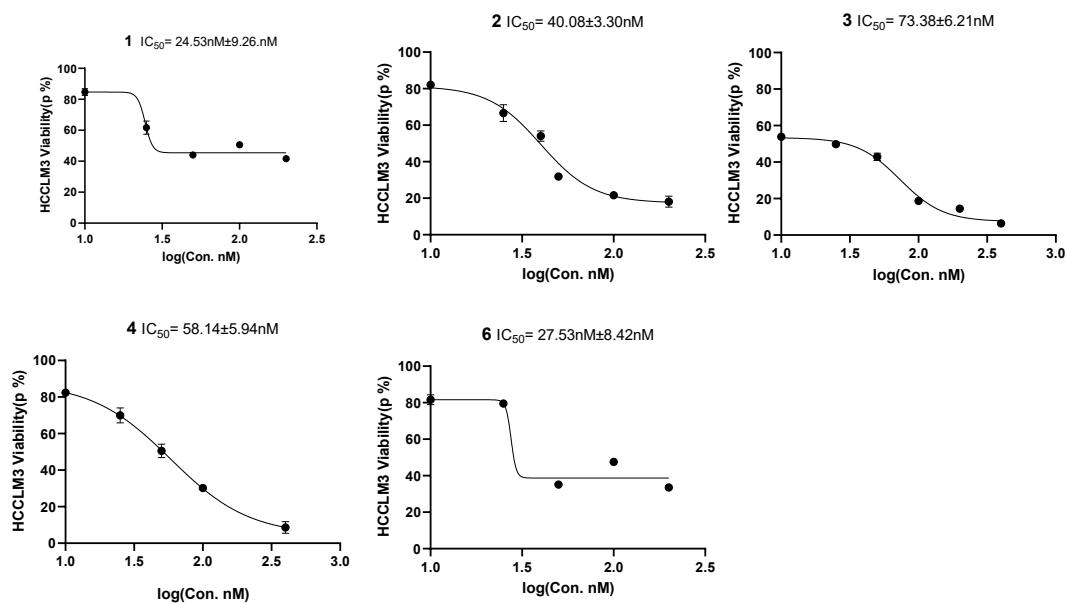


Figure S2 Compound 34 and human PC (PDB ID:3BG3) binding modes

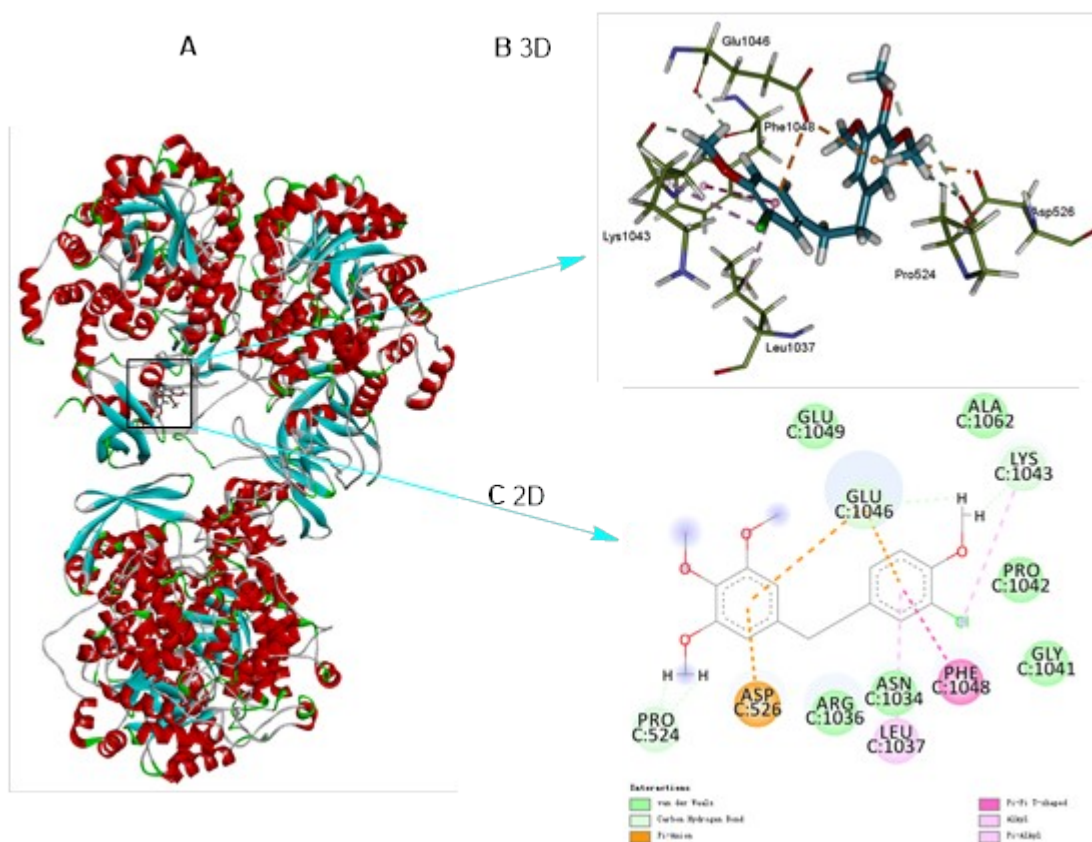


Fig. S2 Binding conformations of **34** with human pyruvate carboxylase (PDB ID: 3BG3). Panel A: binding site of compound **34** in the 3BG3; panel B: binding 3D modes of compound **34** in the active site of 3BG; panel C, binding 2D modes of compound **34** the active site of 3BG3.

Figure S3 Compound 35 and human PC (PDB ID:3BG3) binding modes

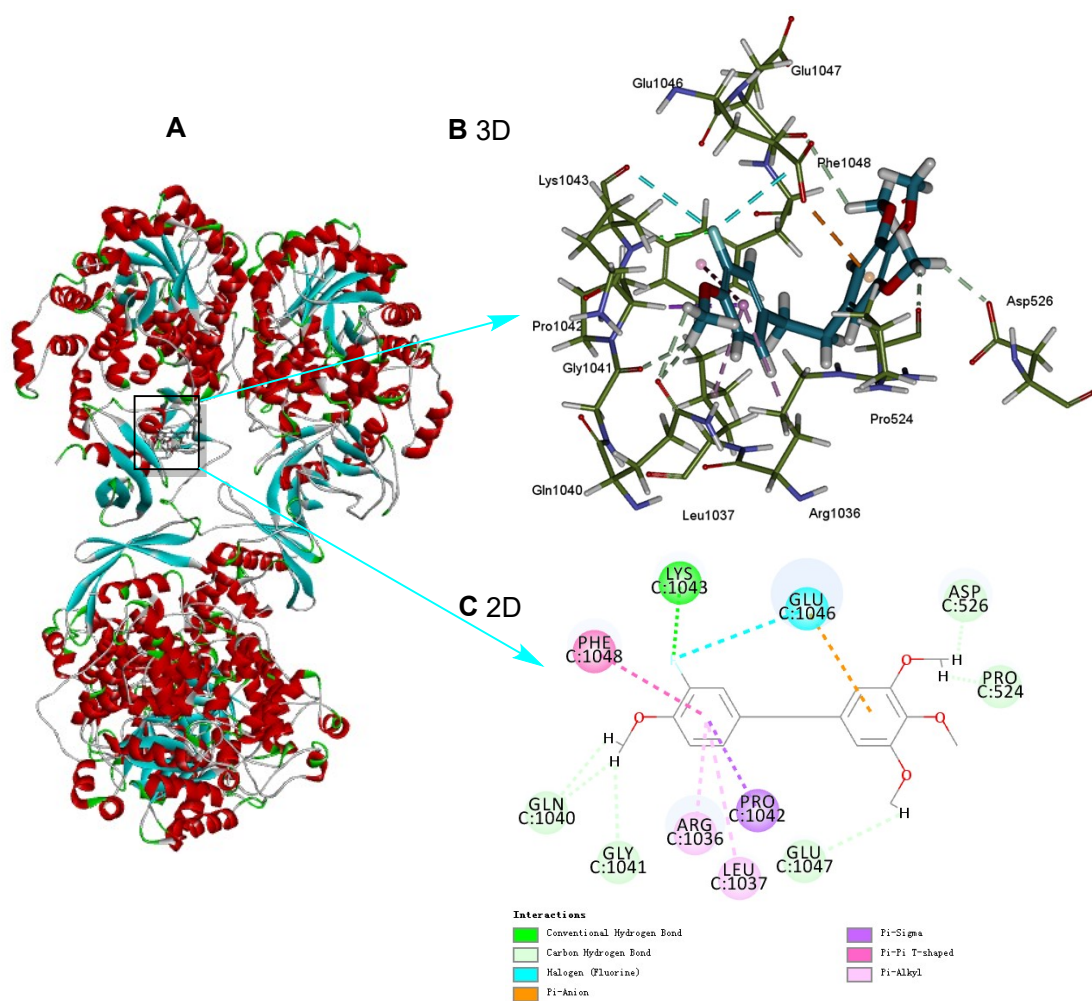


Fig. S3 Binding conformations of **35** with human pyruvate carboxylase (PDB ID: 3BG3). Panel A: binding site of compound **35** in the 3BG3; panel B: binding 3D modes of compound **35** in the active site of 3BG; panel C, binding 2D modes of compound **35** the active site of 3BG3.

Figure S4 Erianin and human PC (PDB ID:3BG3) binding modes

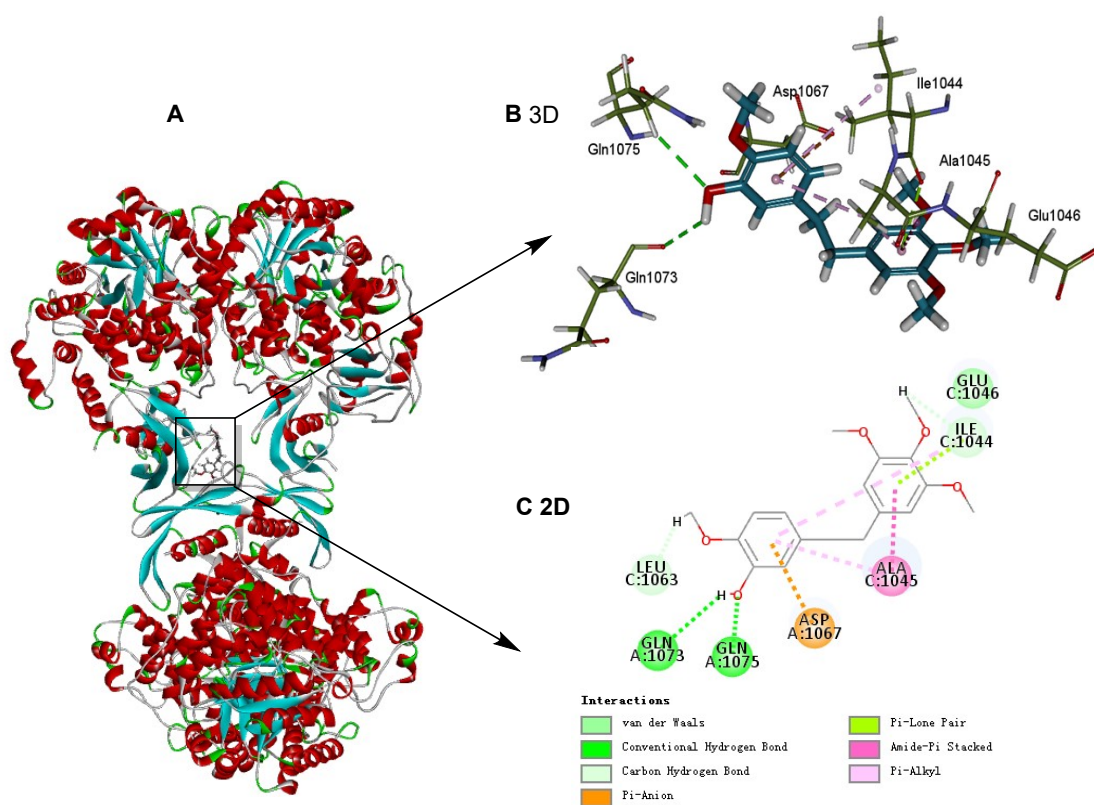


Fig. S4 Binding conformations of erianin with human pyruvate carboxylase (PDB ID: 3BG3). Panel A: binding site of compound erianin in the 3BG3; panel B: binding 3D modes of compound erianin in the active site of 3BG; panel C, binding 2D modes of compound erianin the active site of 3BG3.

Figure S5. ¹H NMR of Compound 4

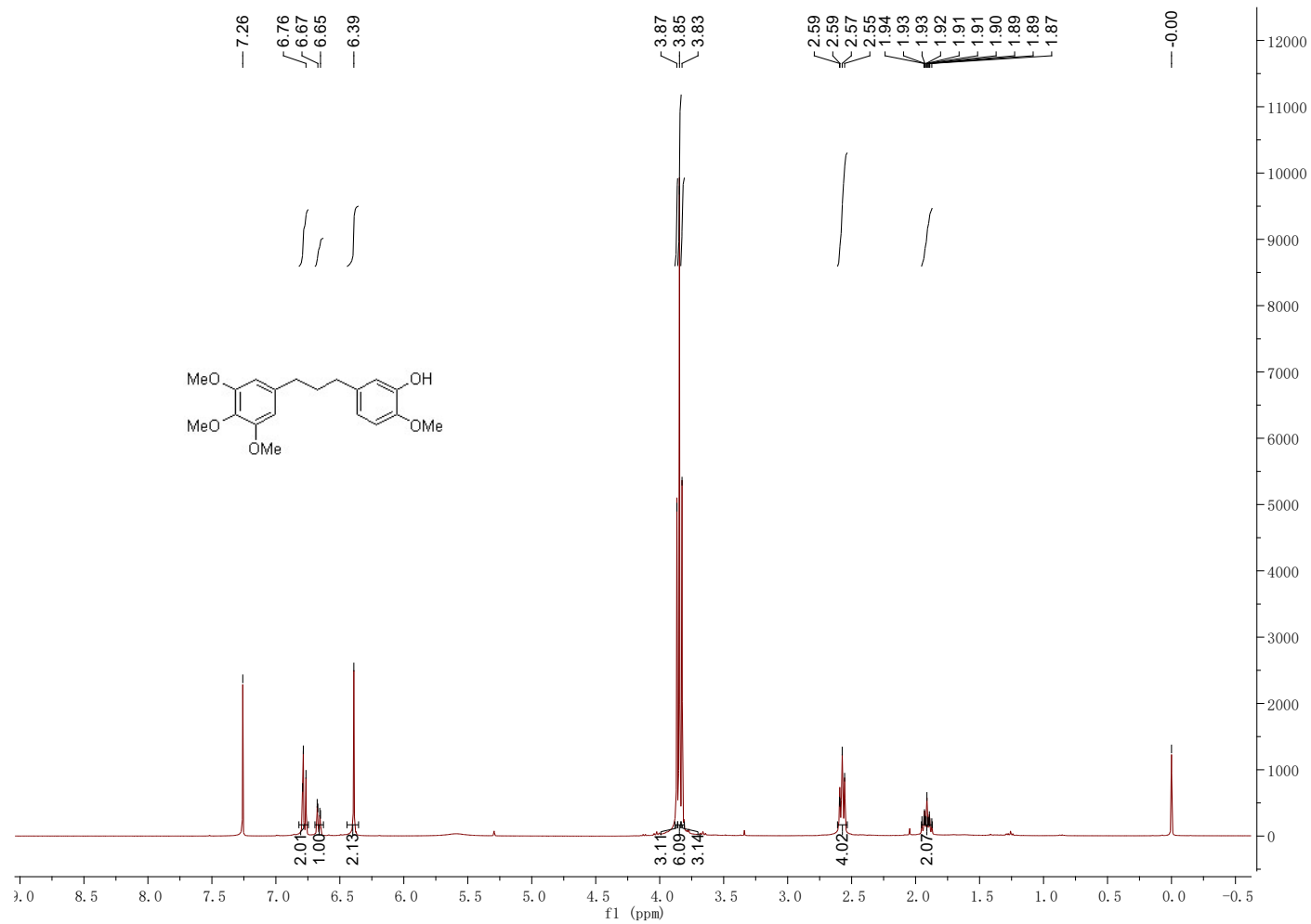


Figure S6. ^{13}C NMR of Compound 4

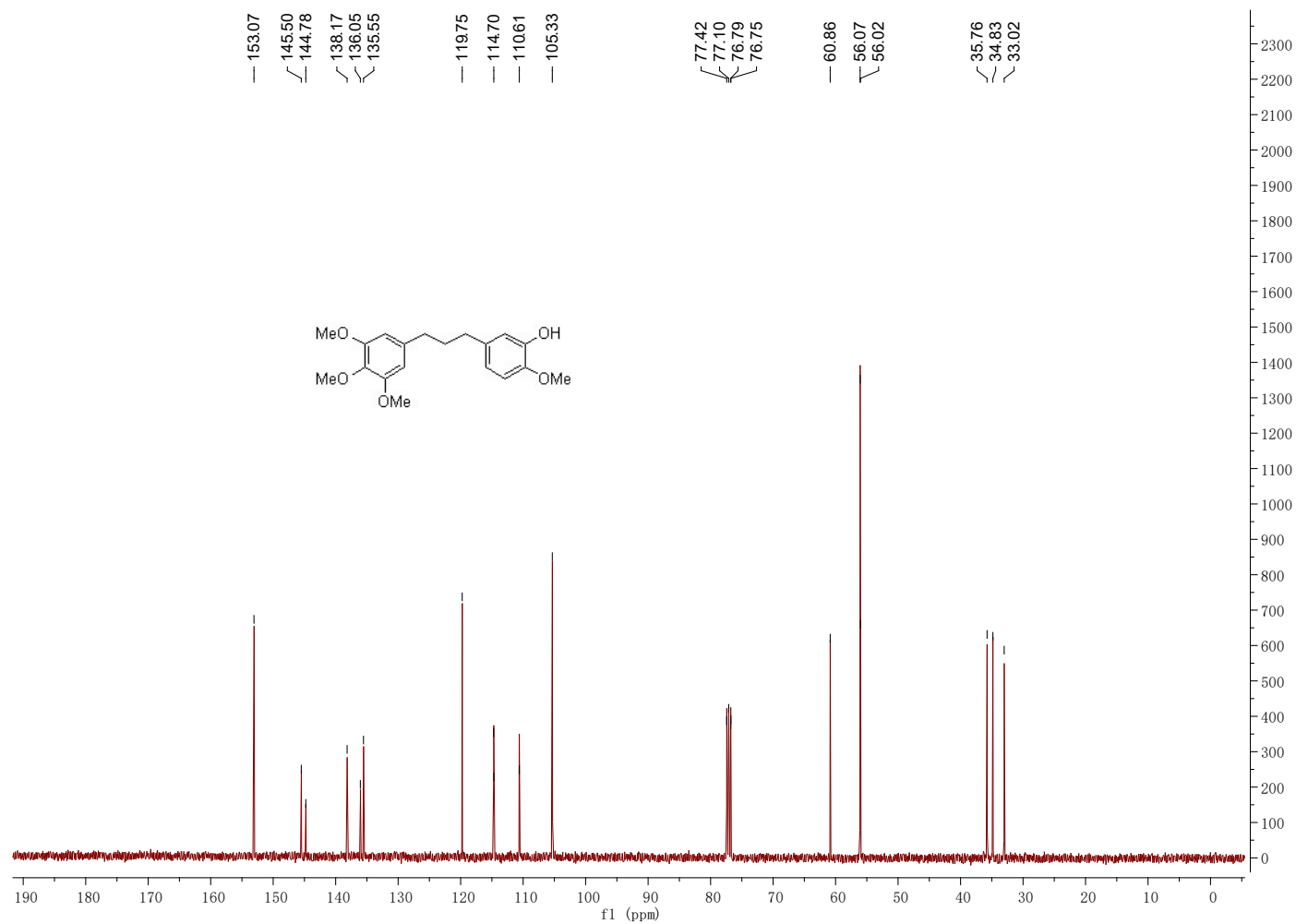


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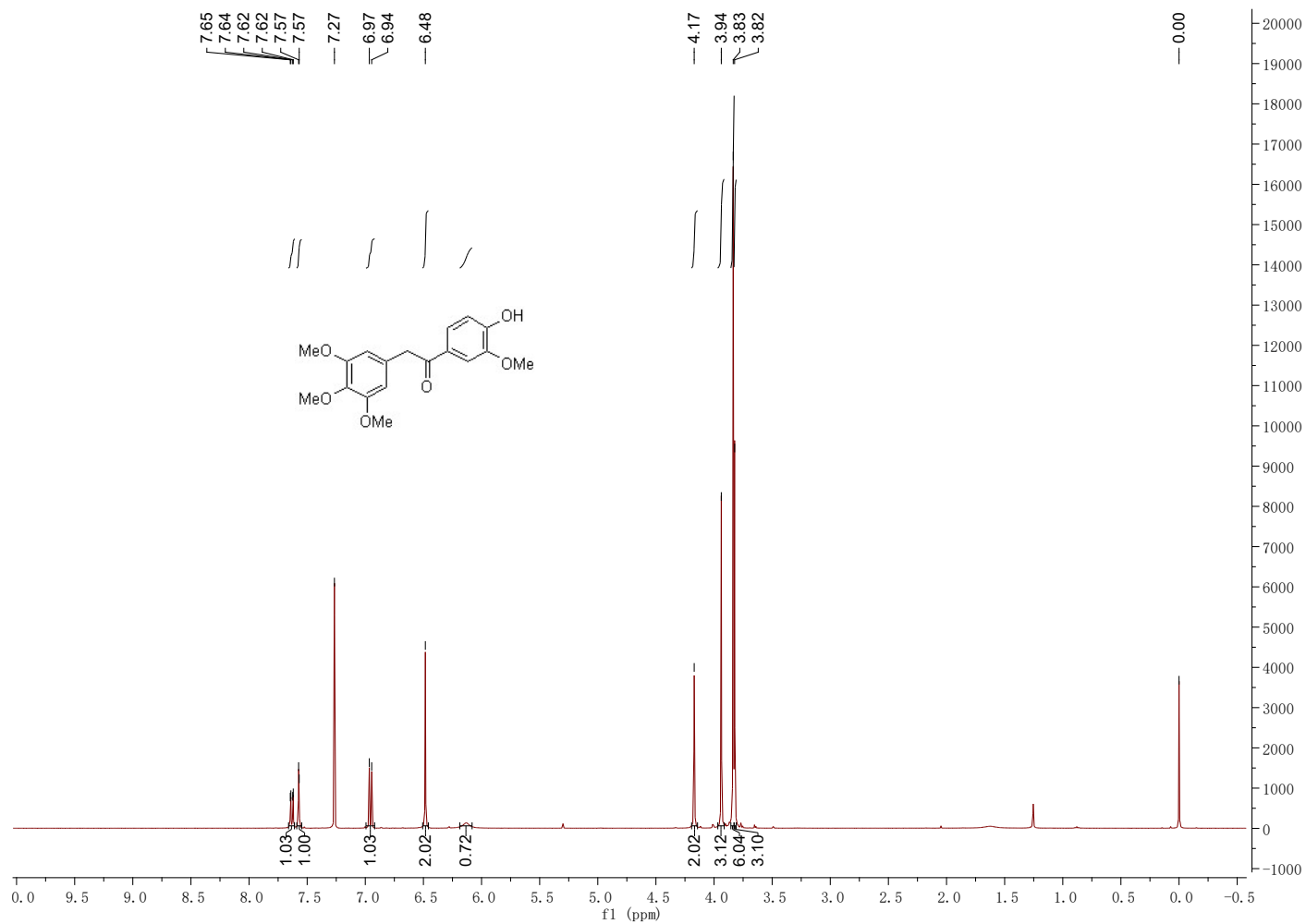


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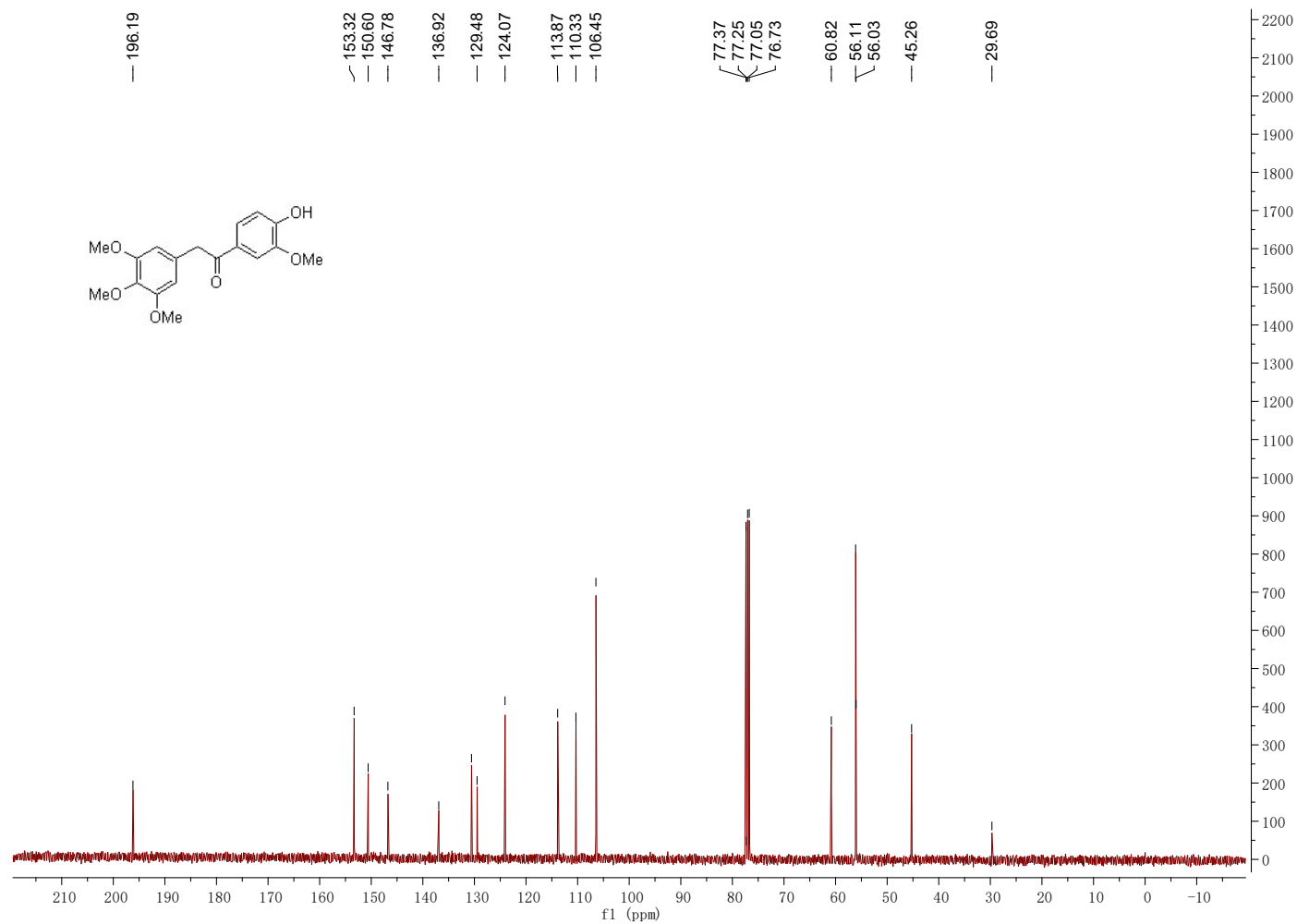


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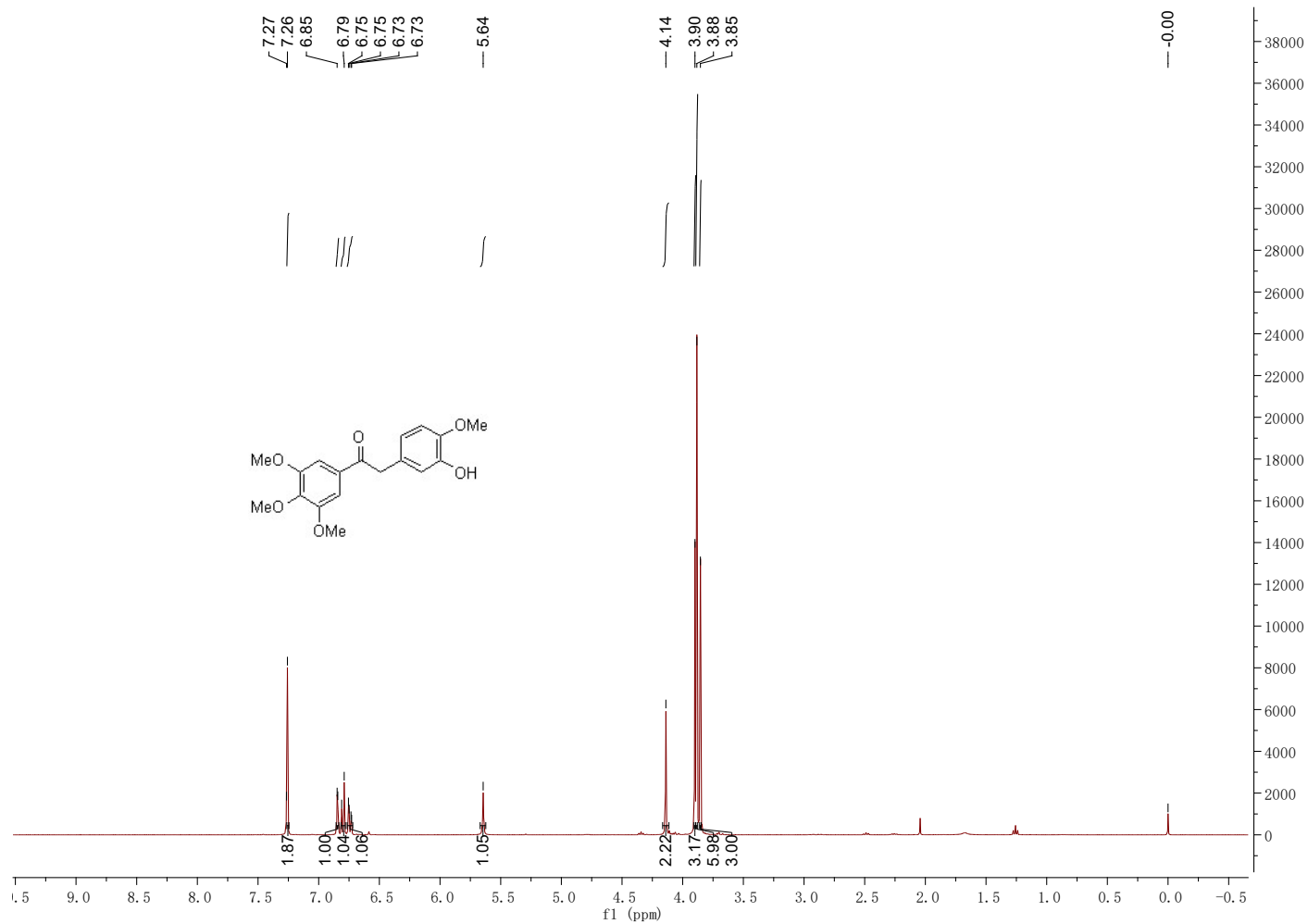


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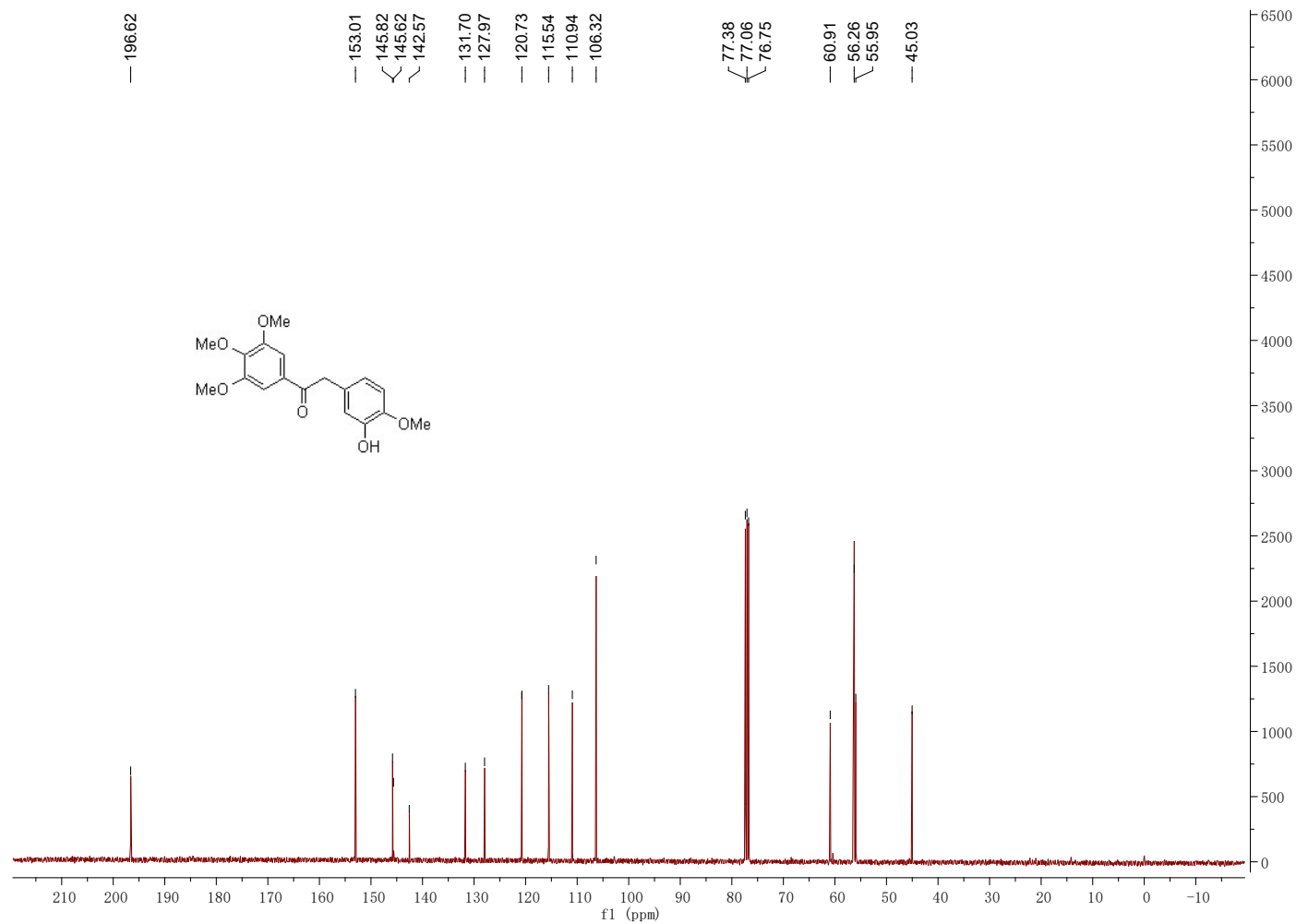


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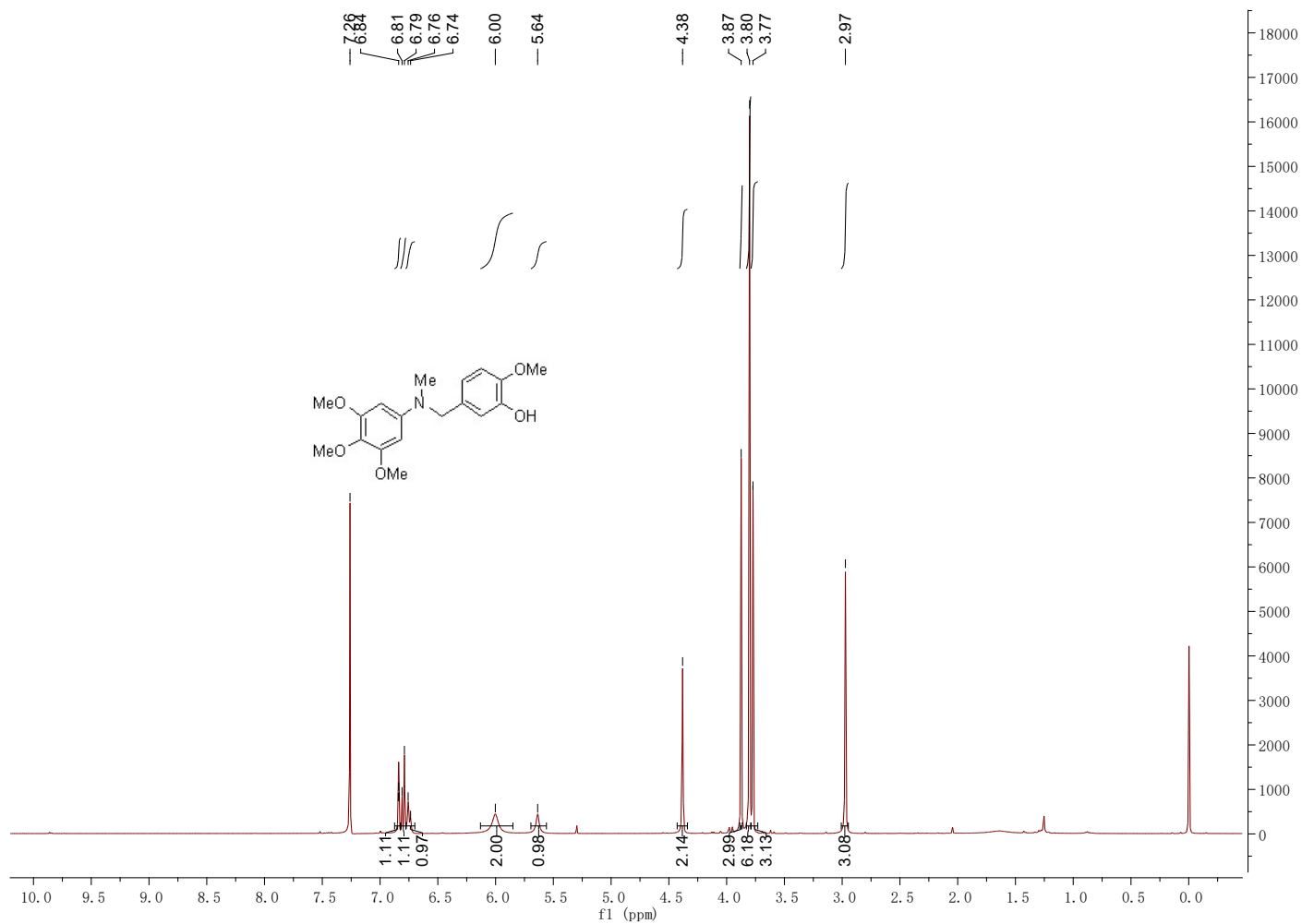


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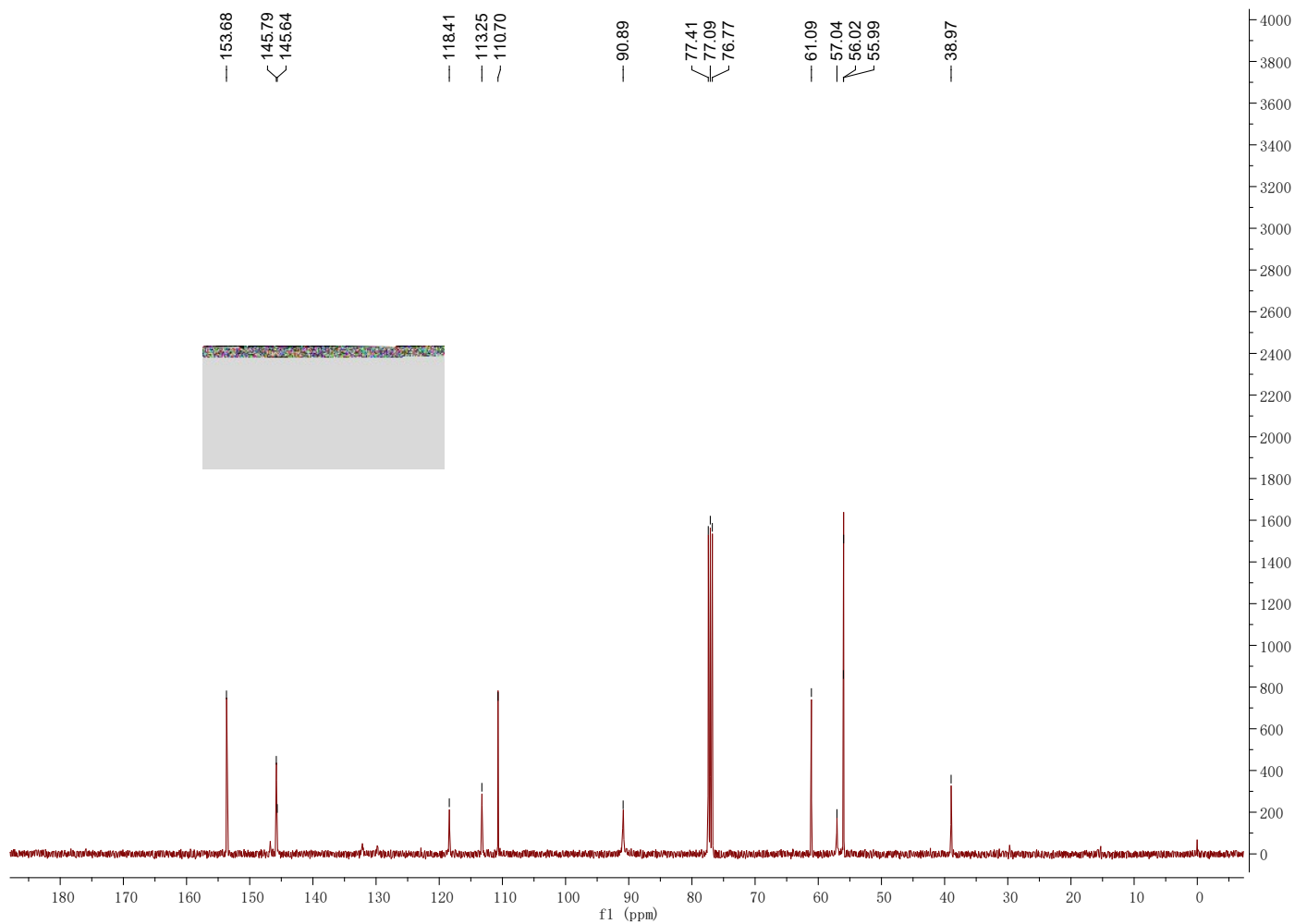


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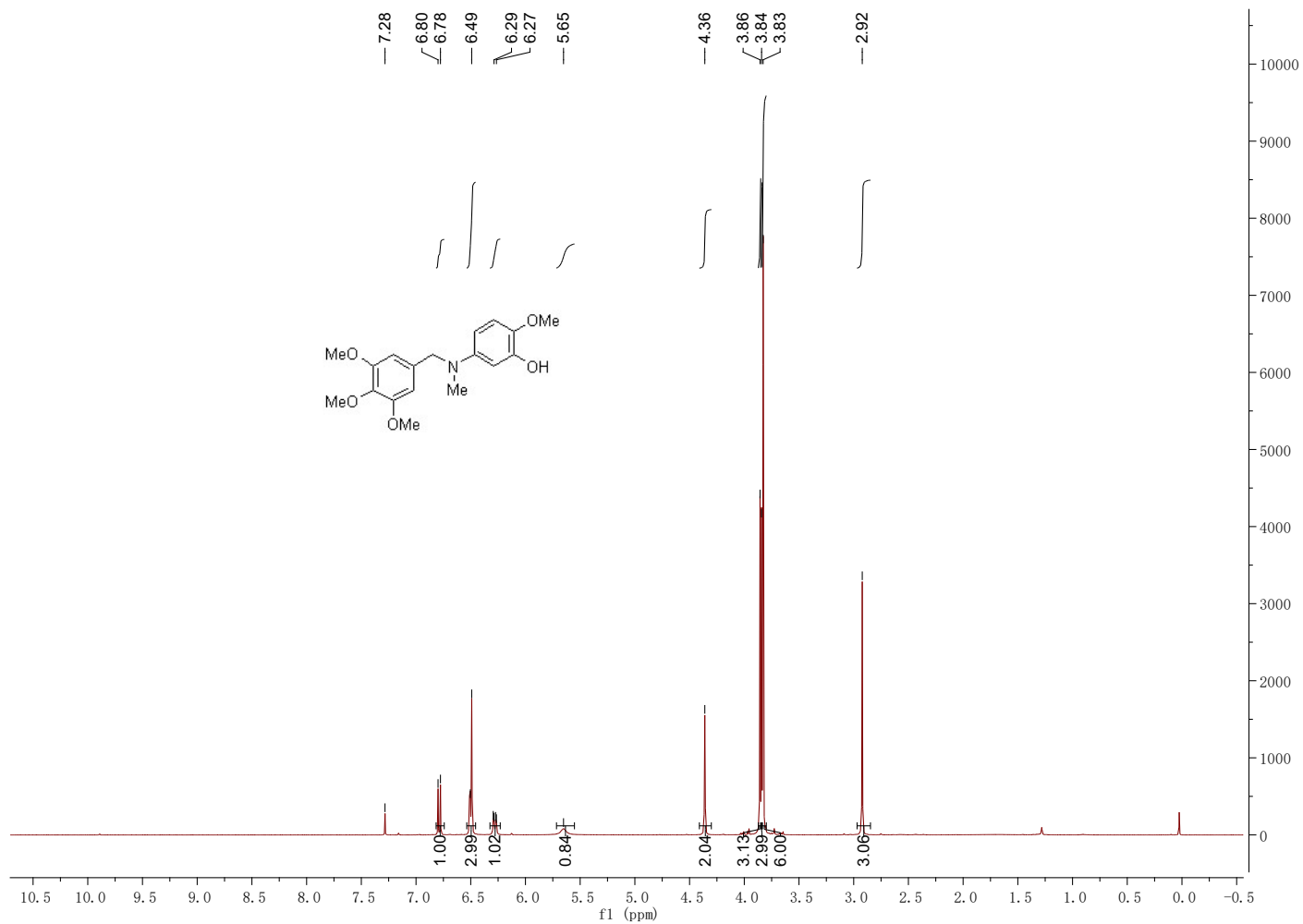


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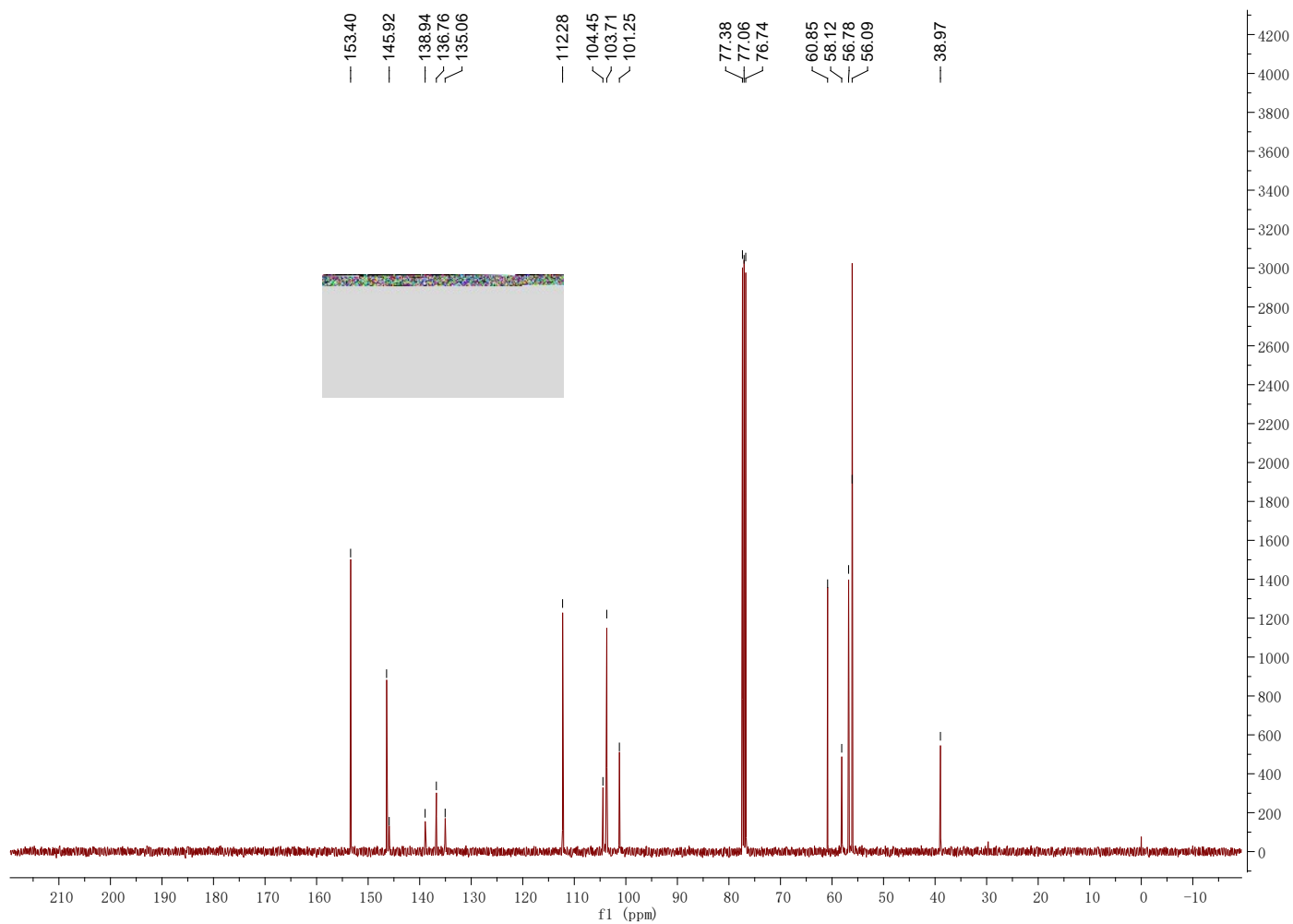


Figure S15. ¹H NMR of Compound 8

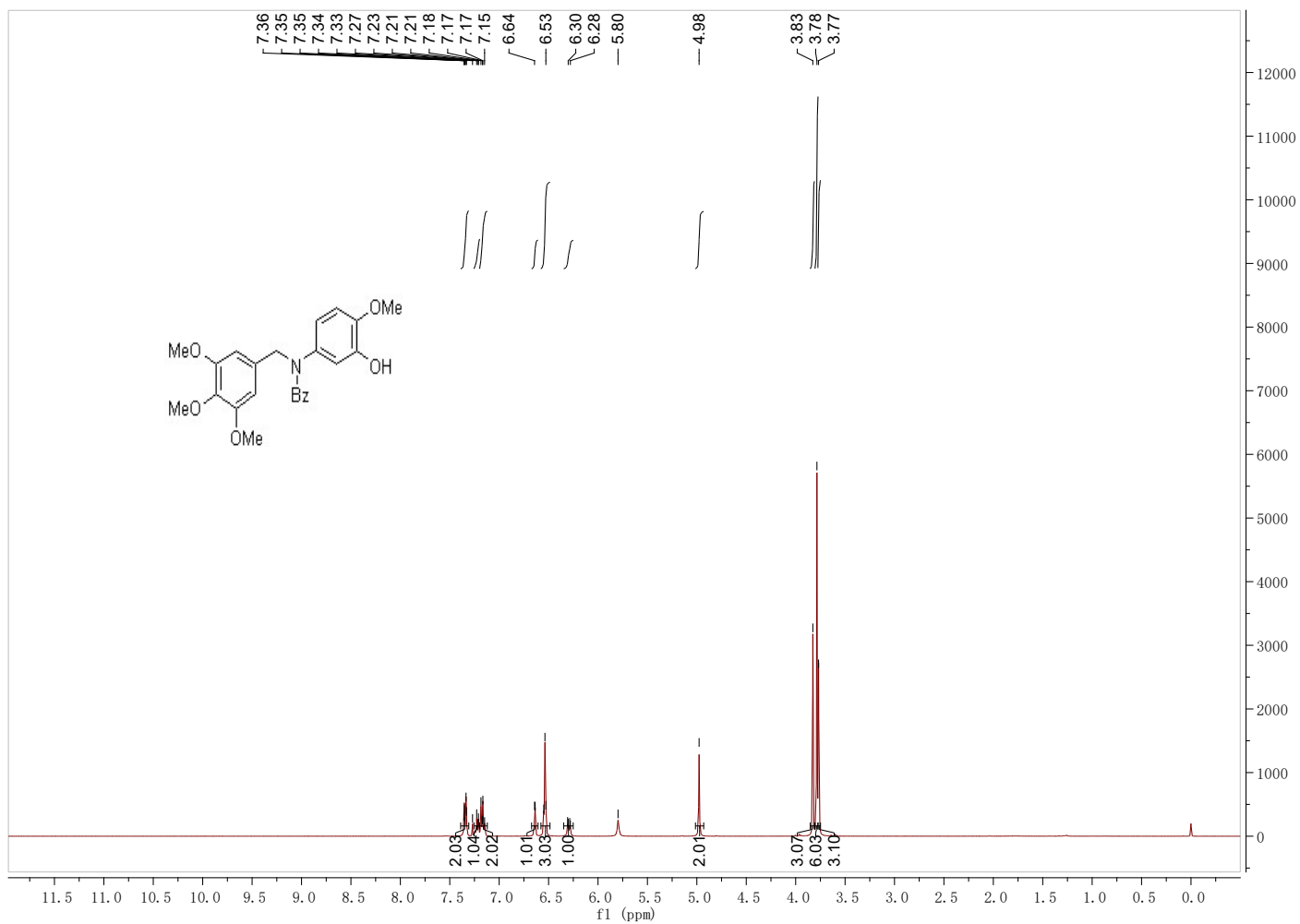


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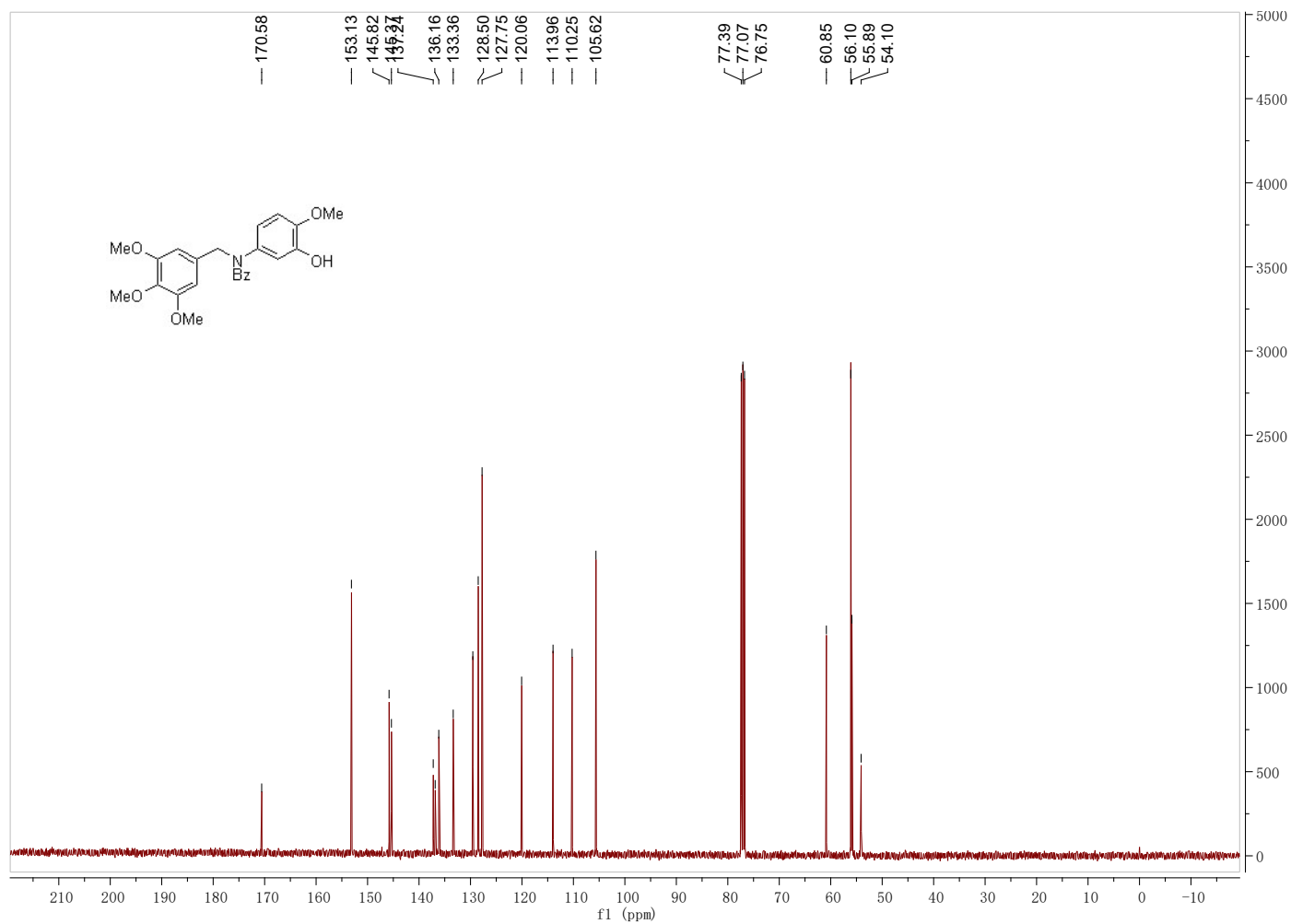


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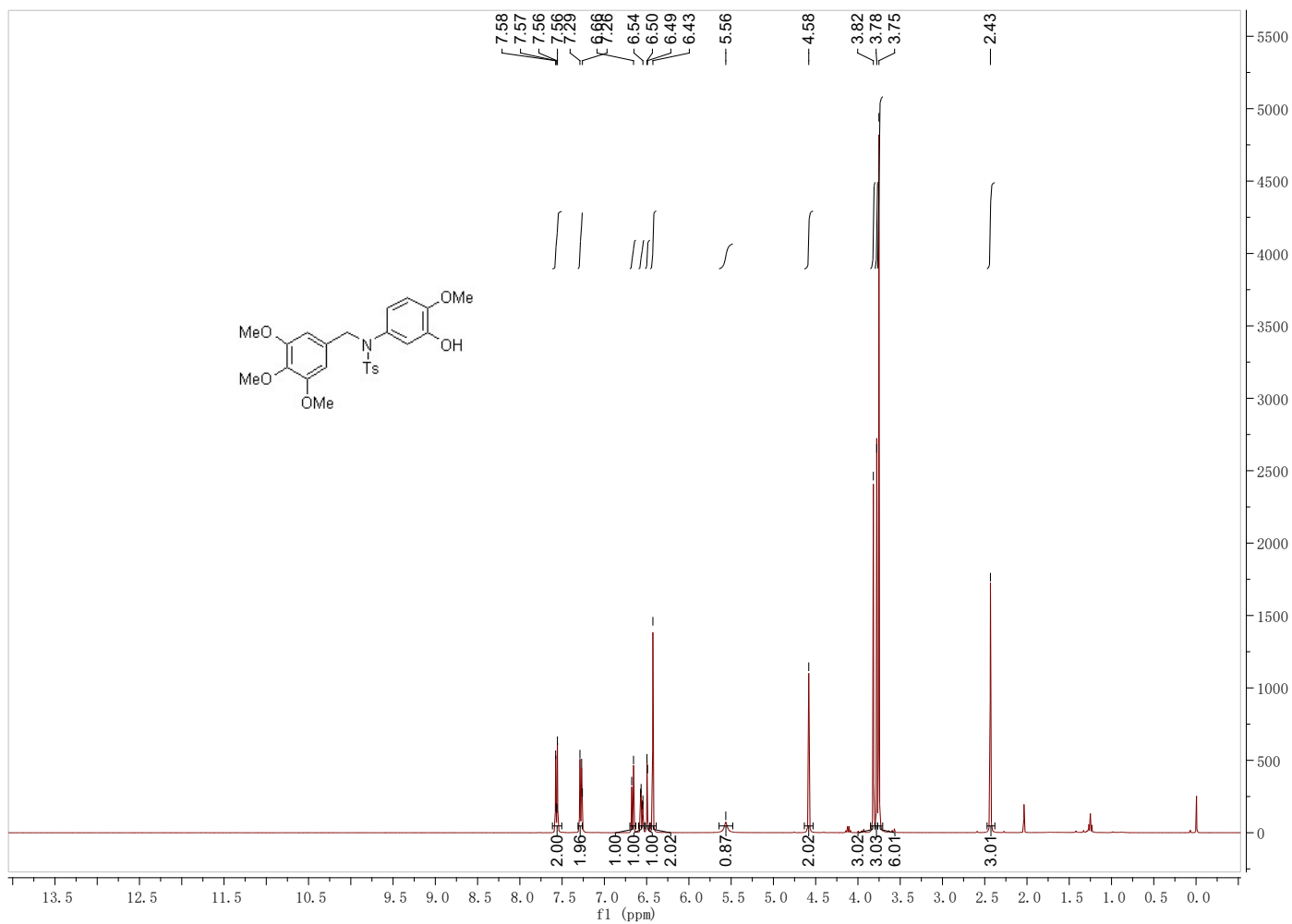


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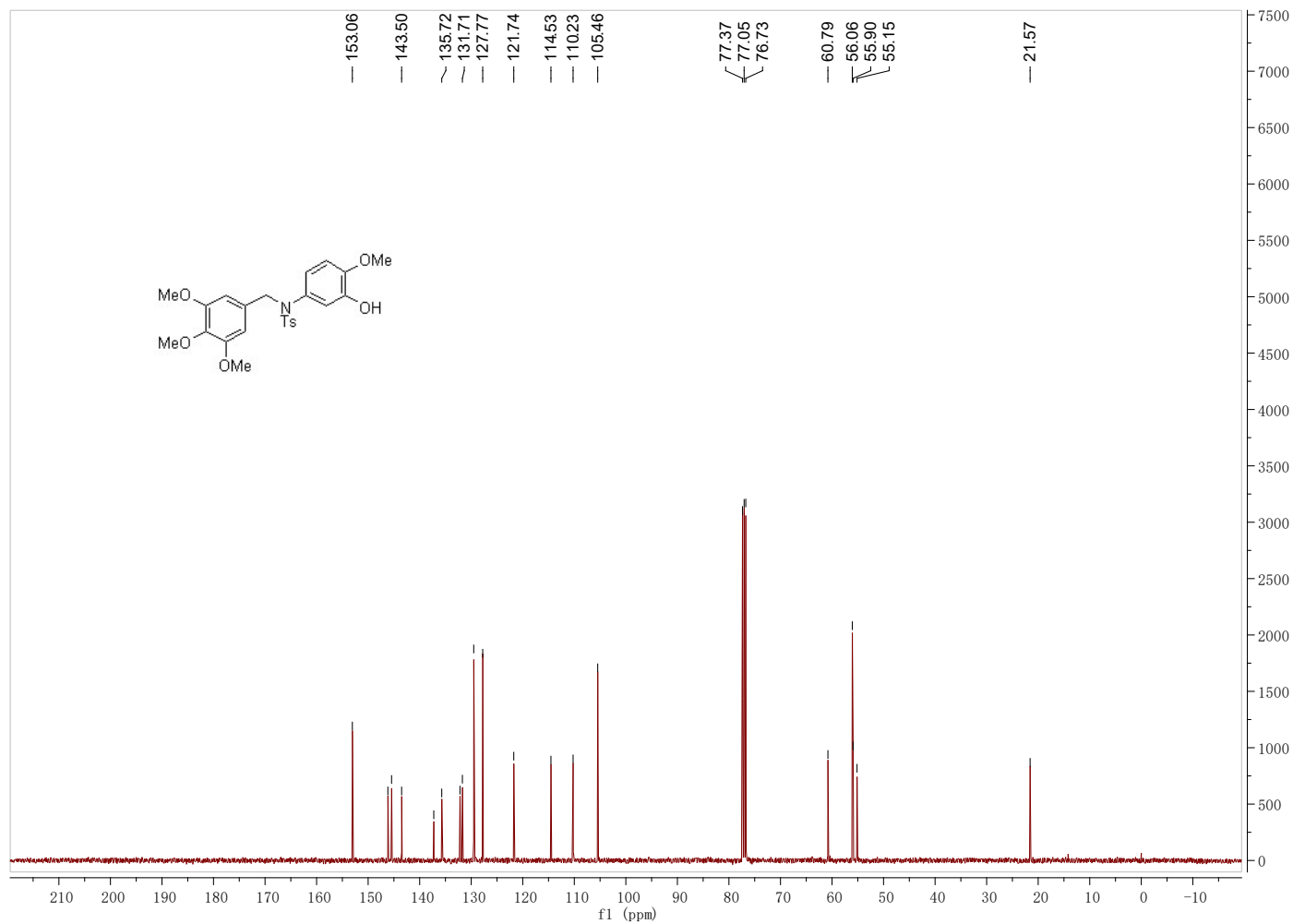


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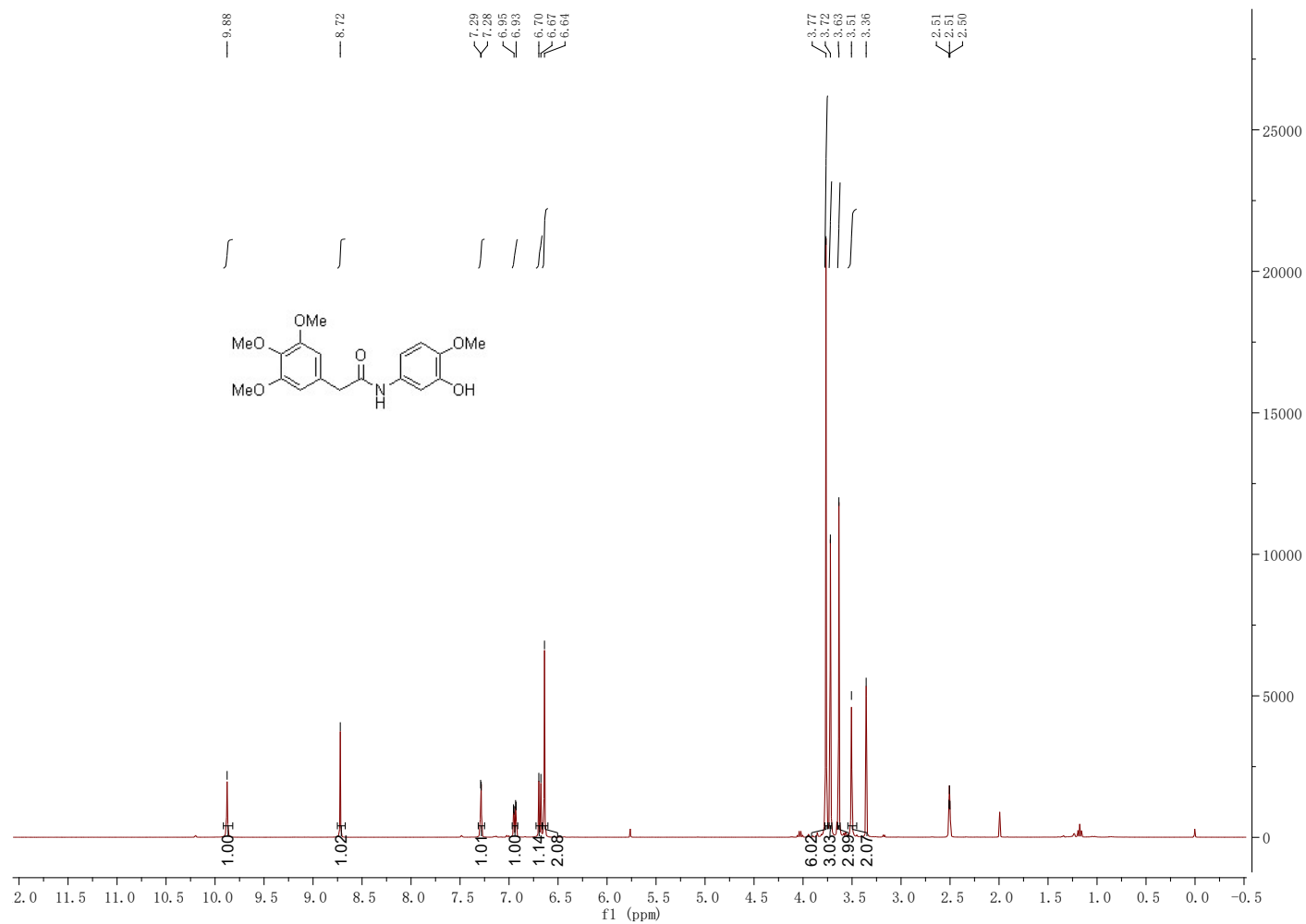


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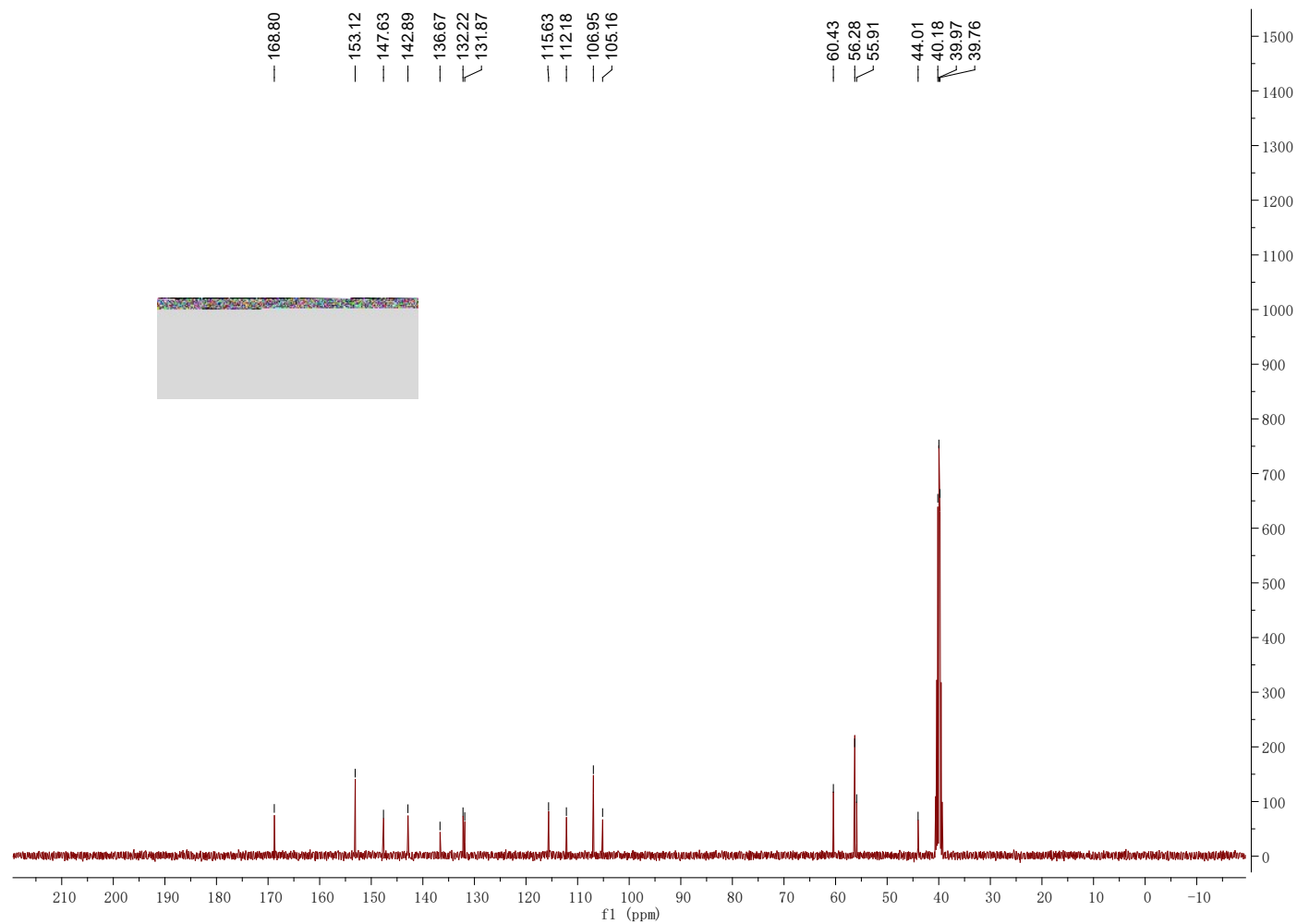


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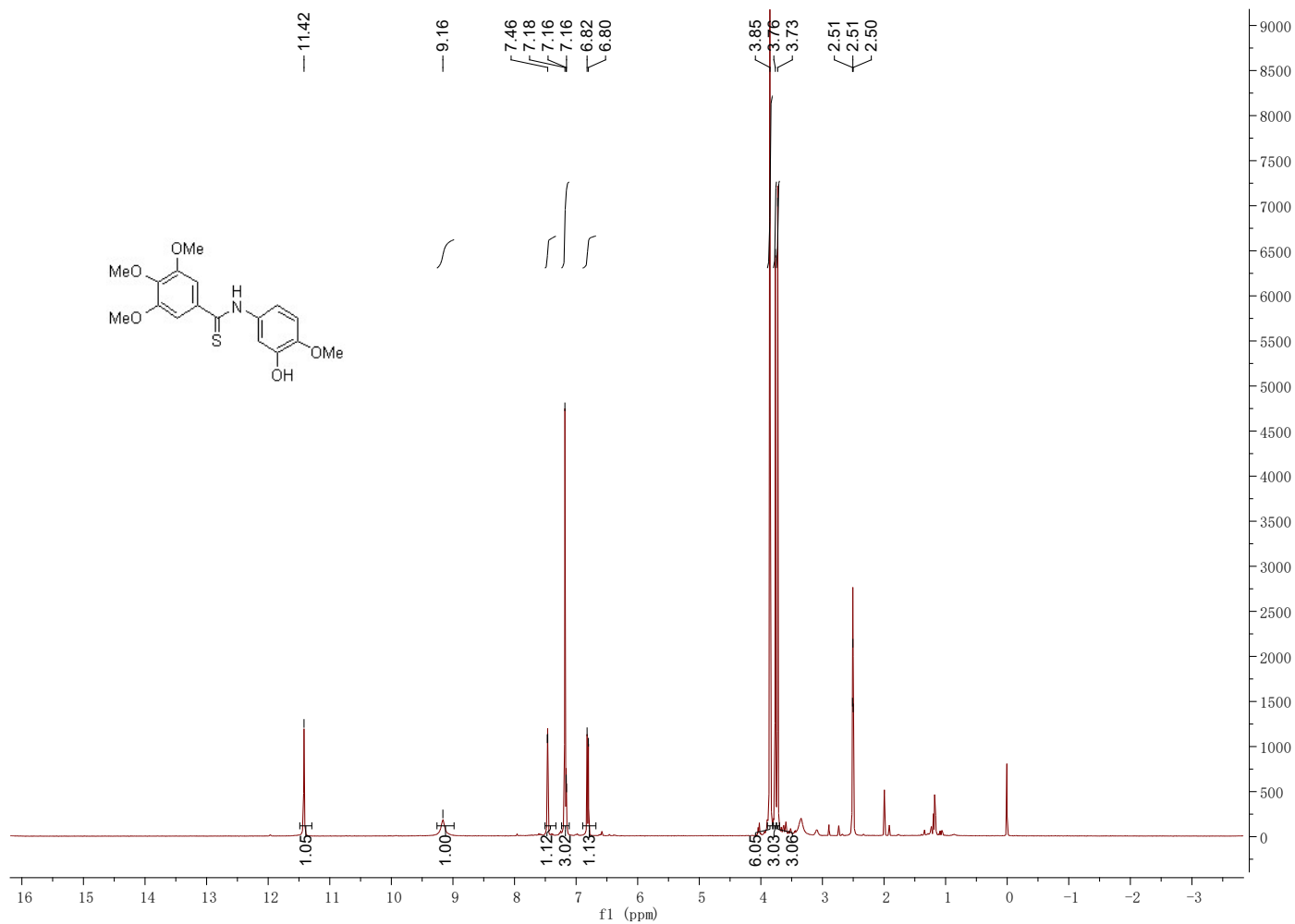


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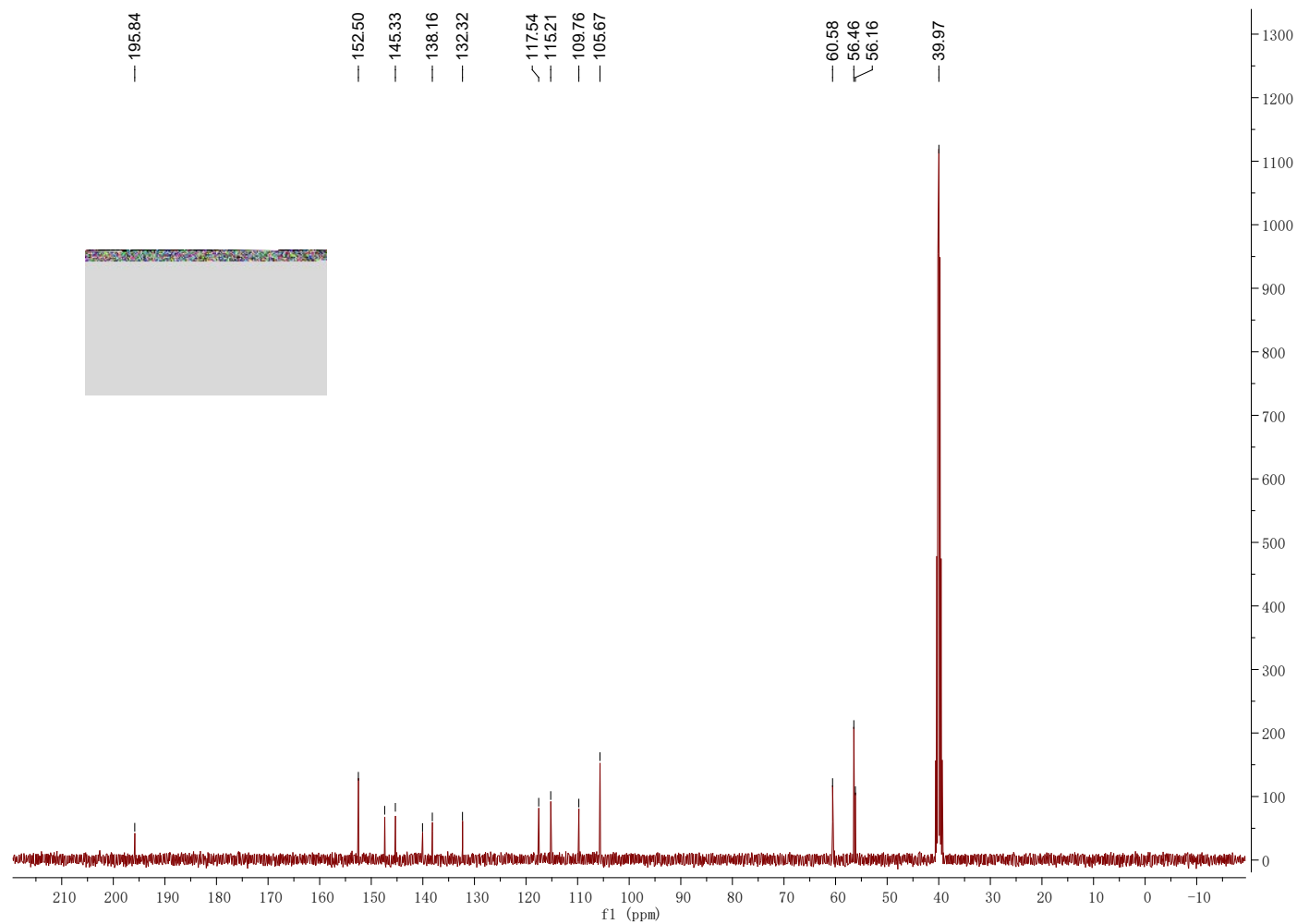


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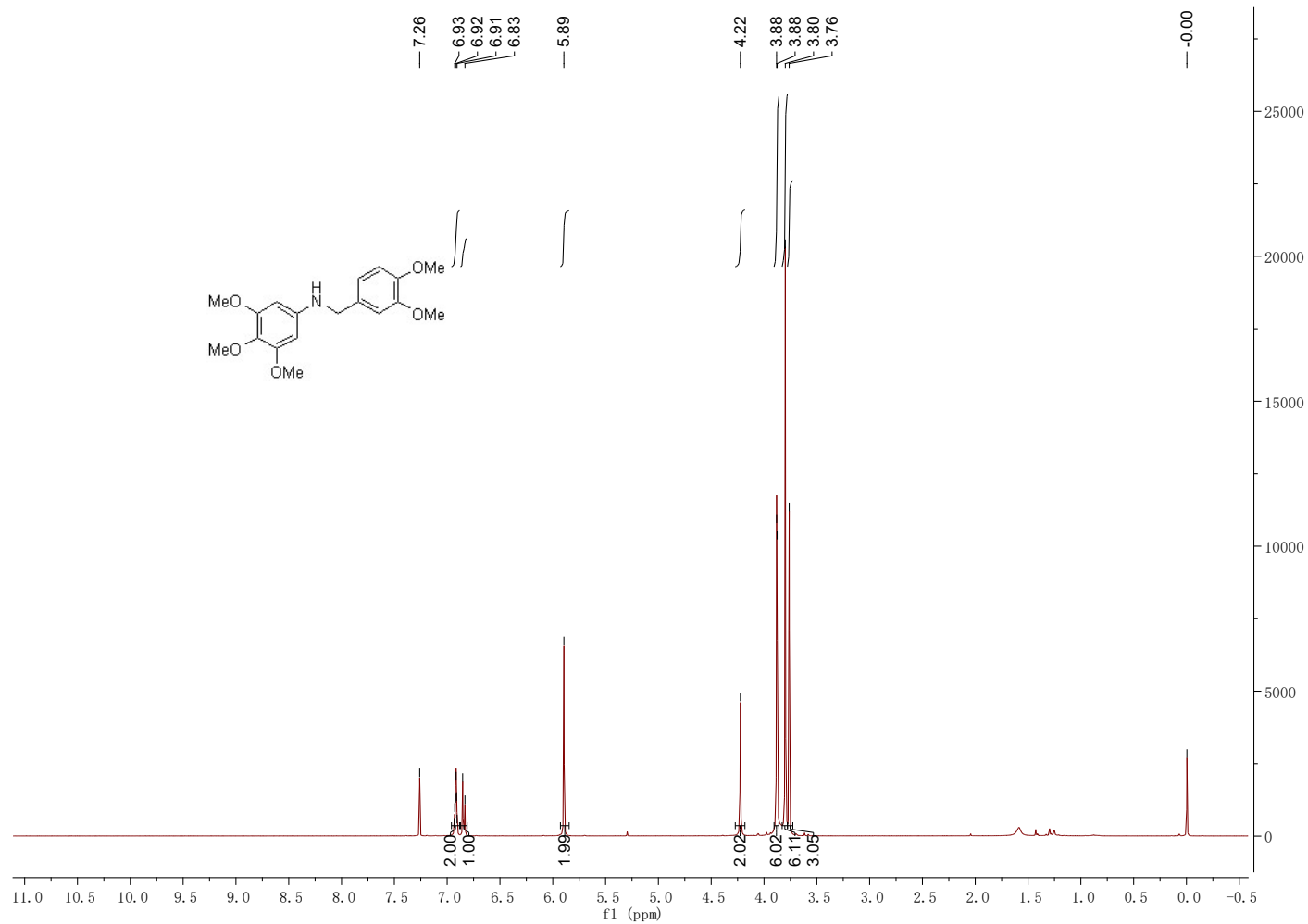


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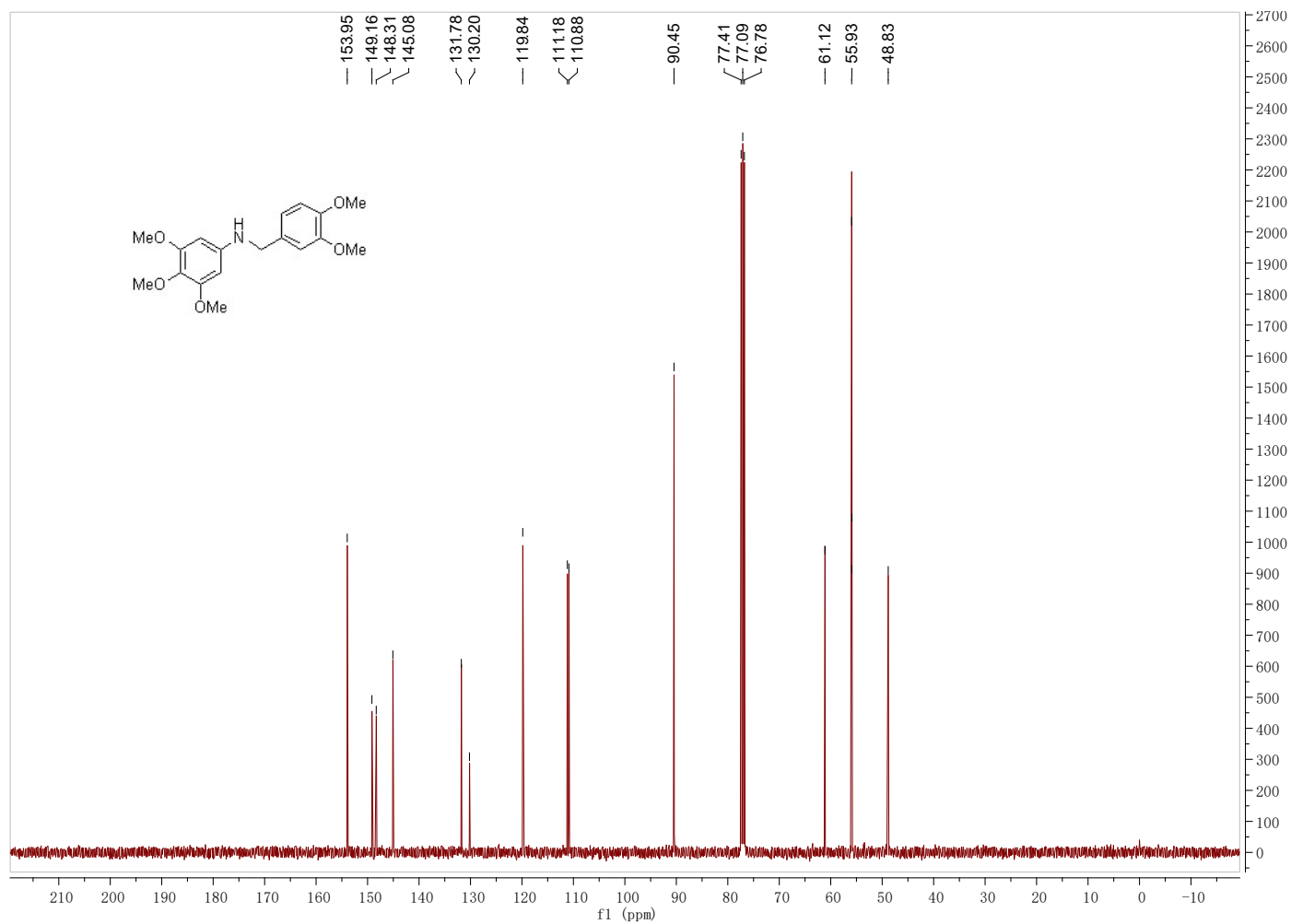


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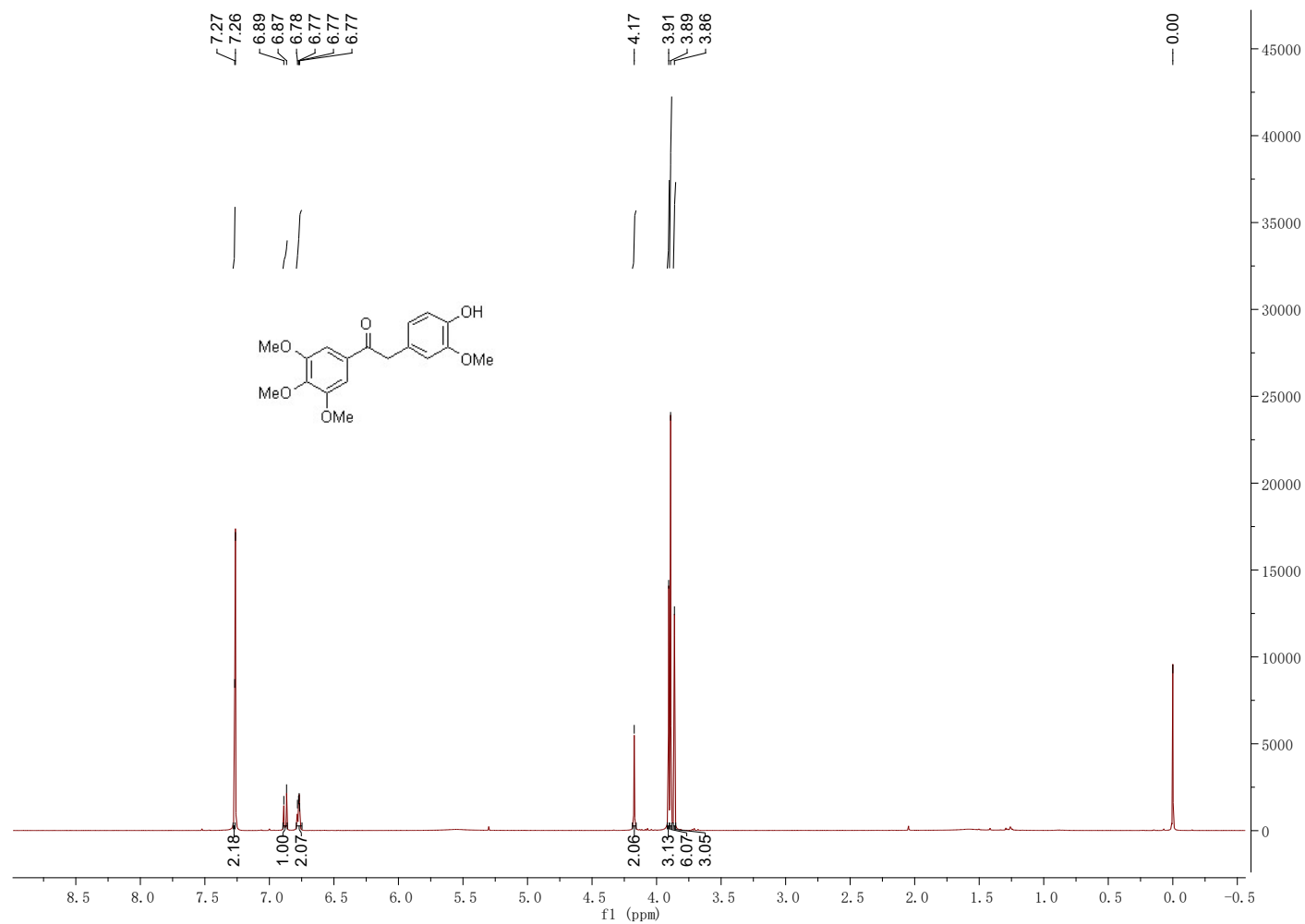


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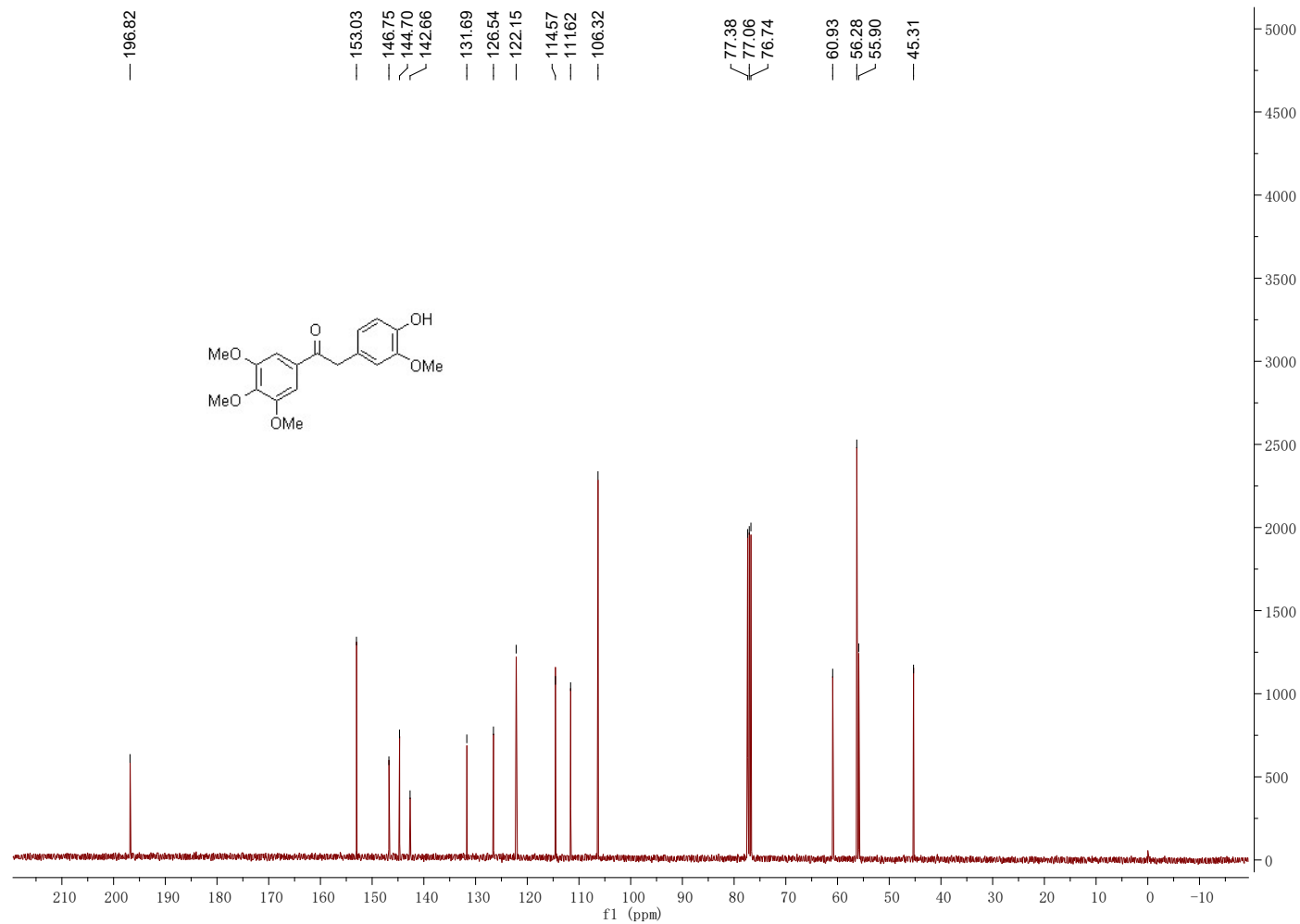


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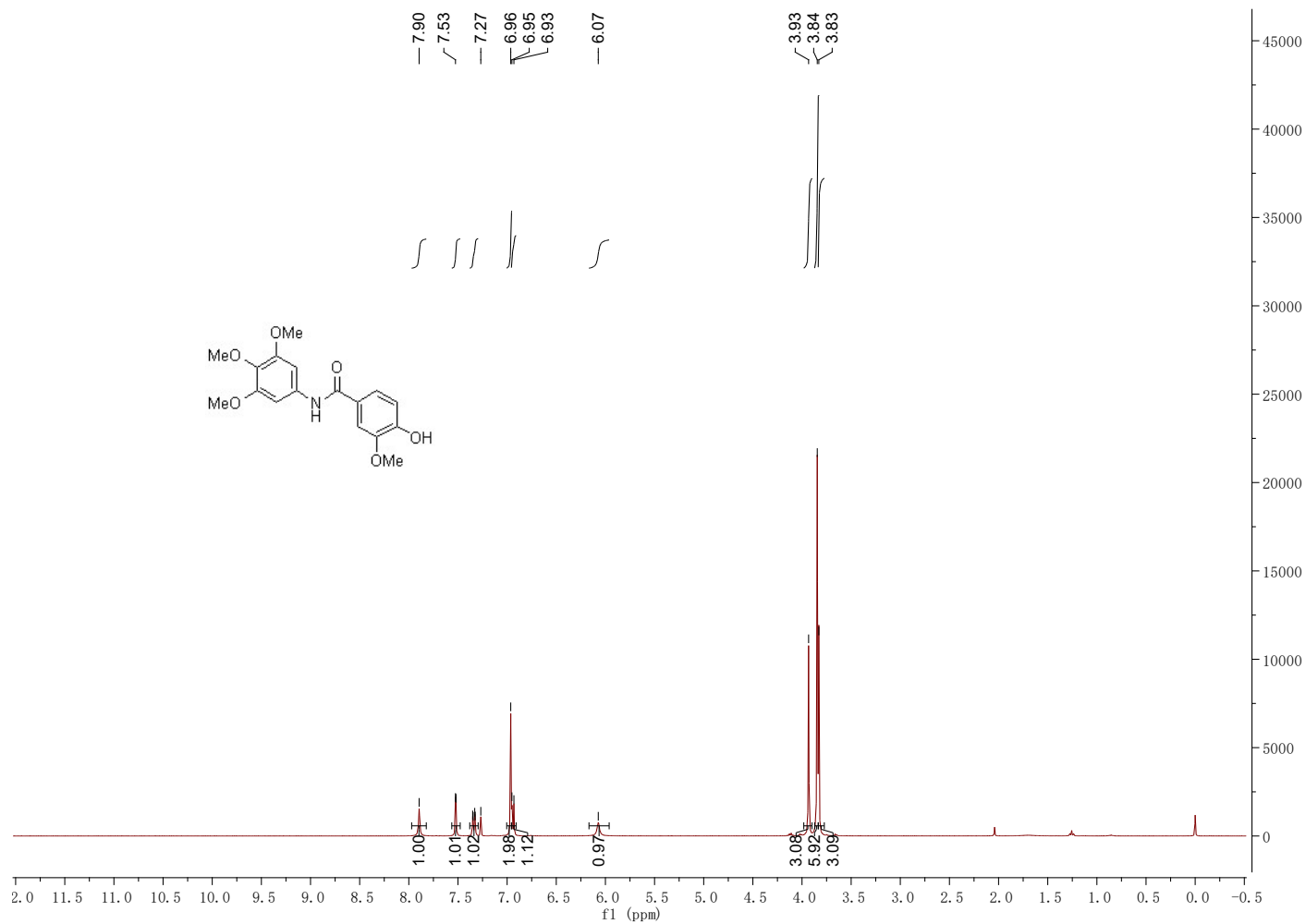


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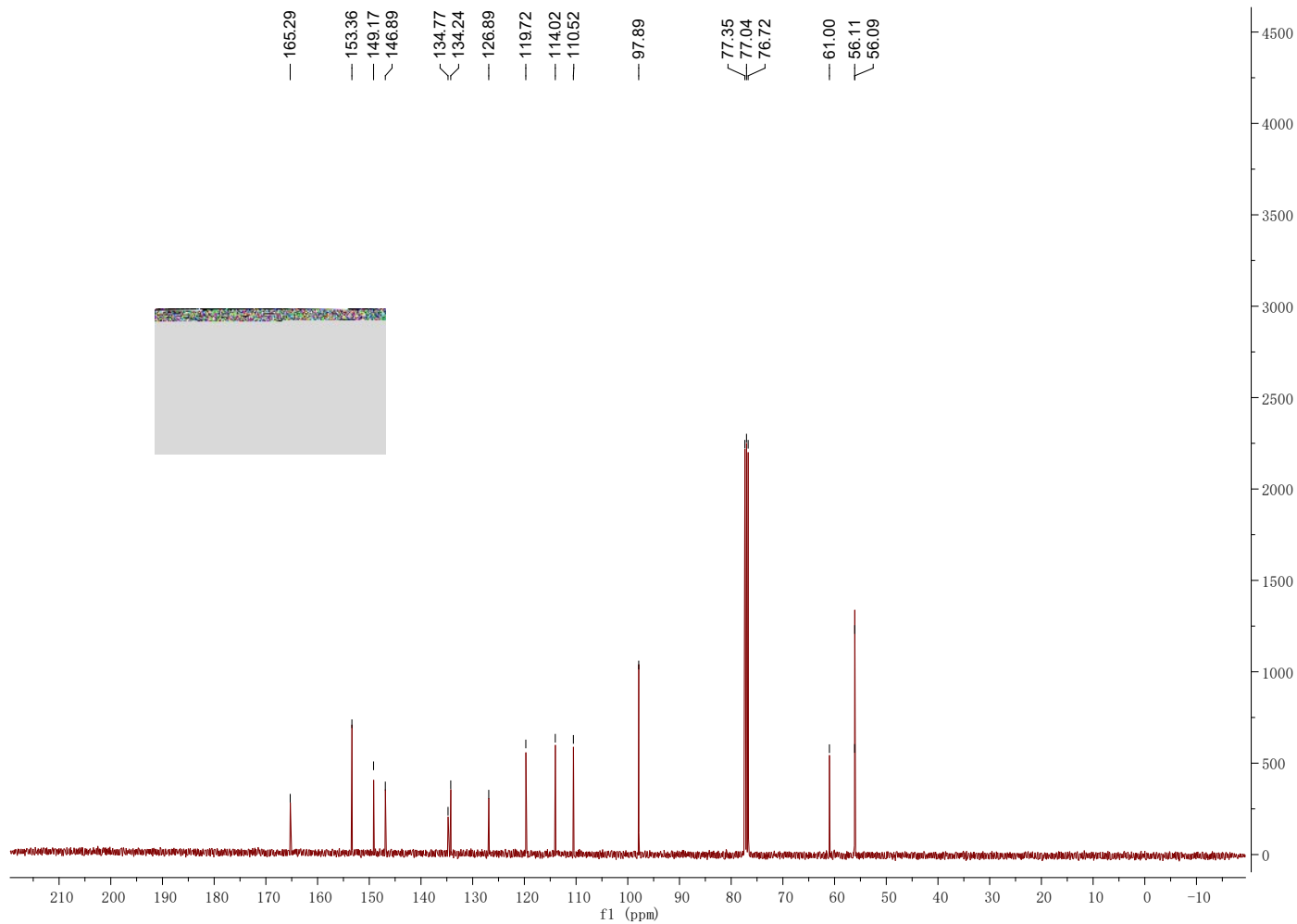


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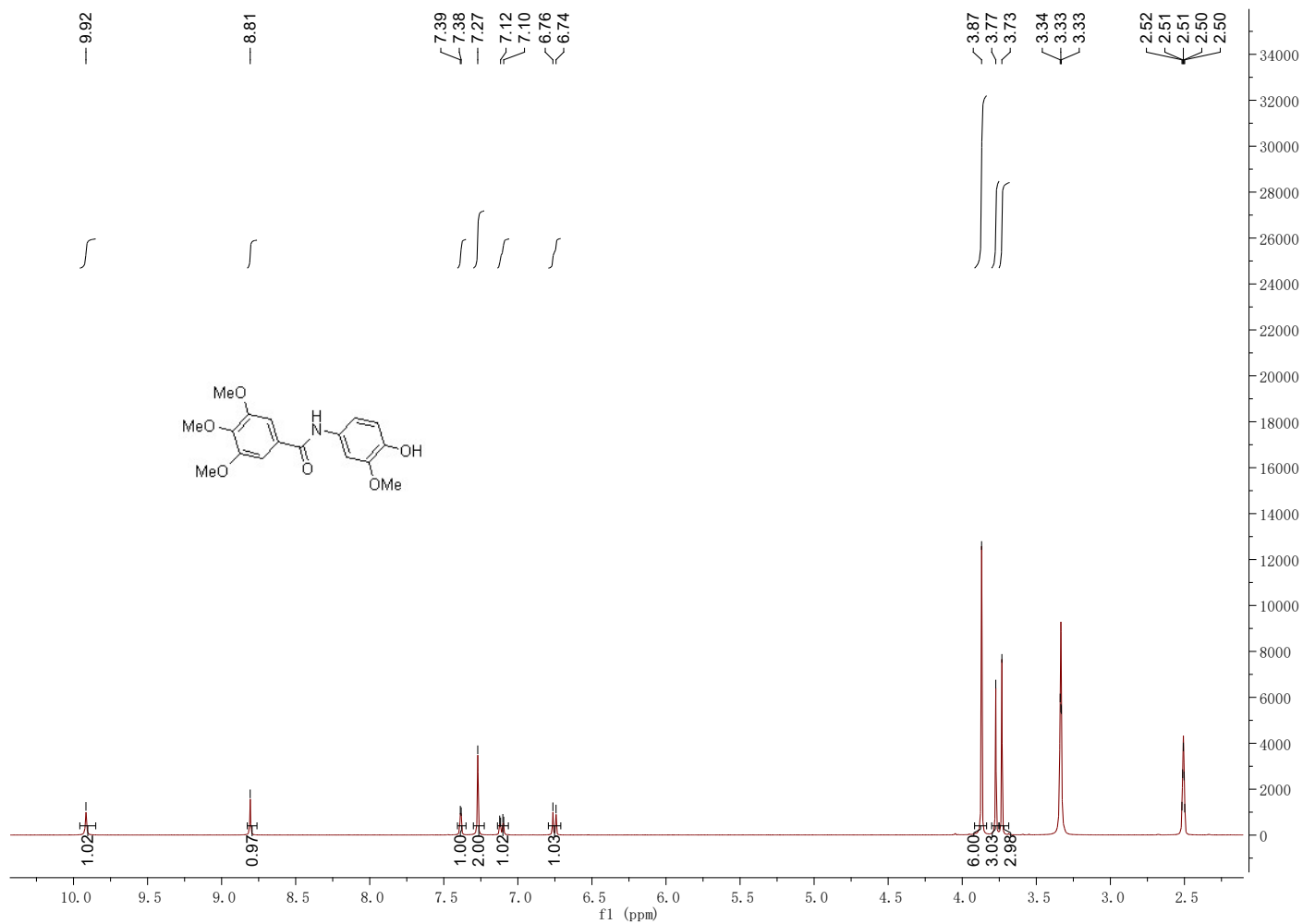


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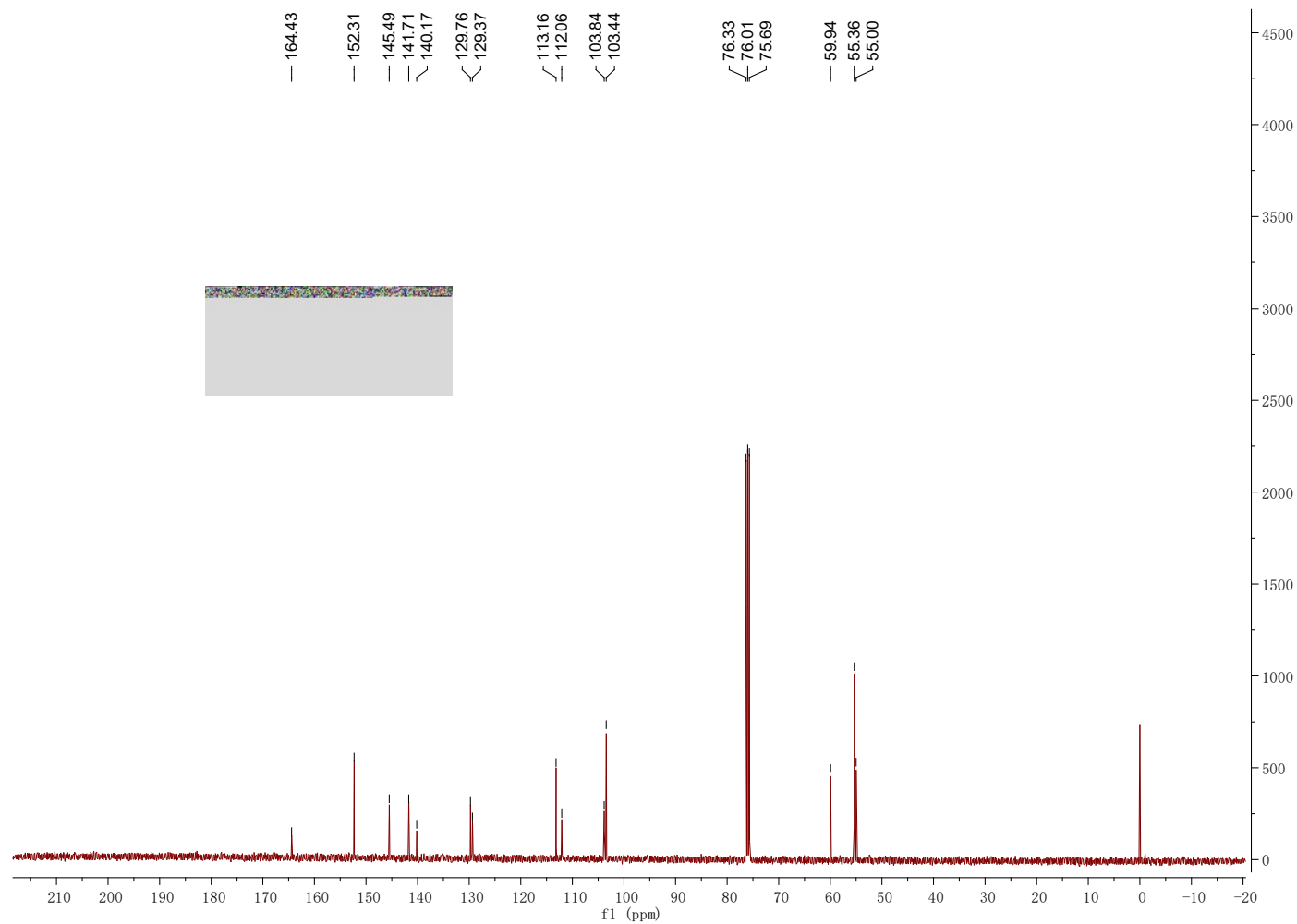


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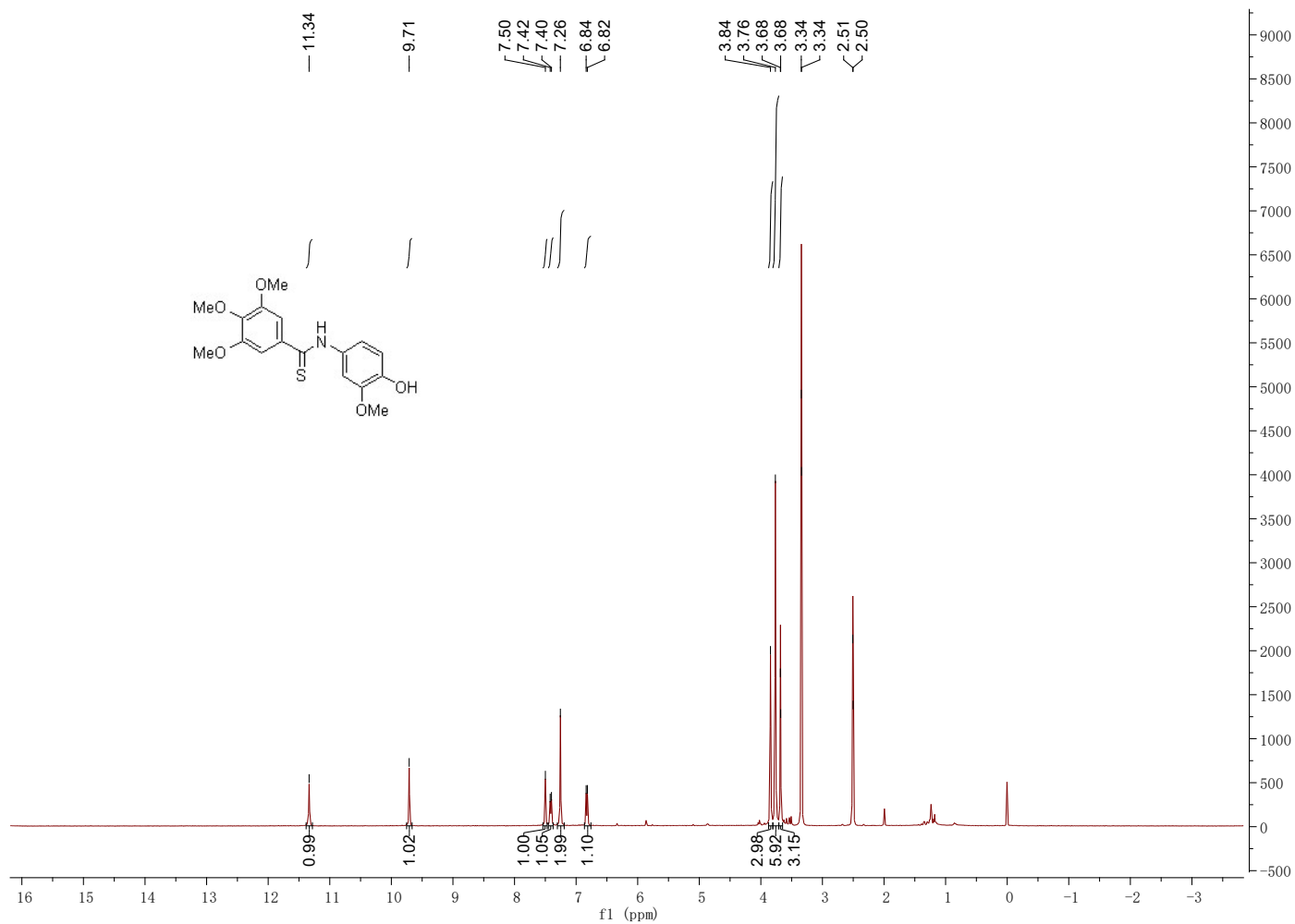


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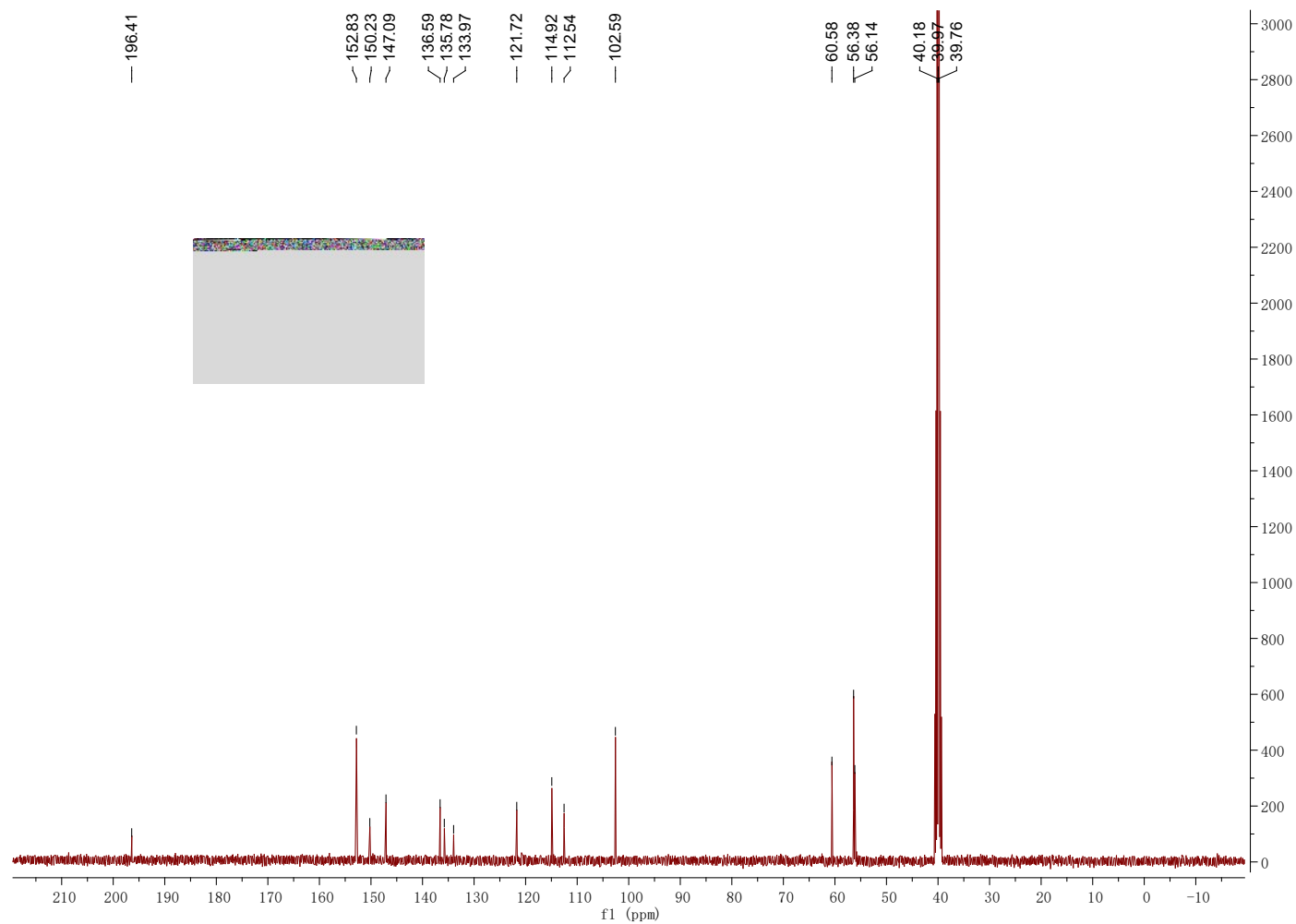


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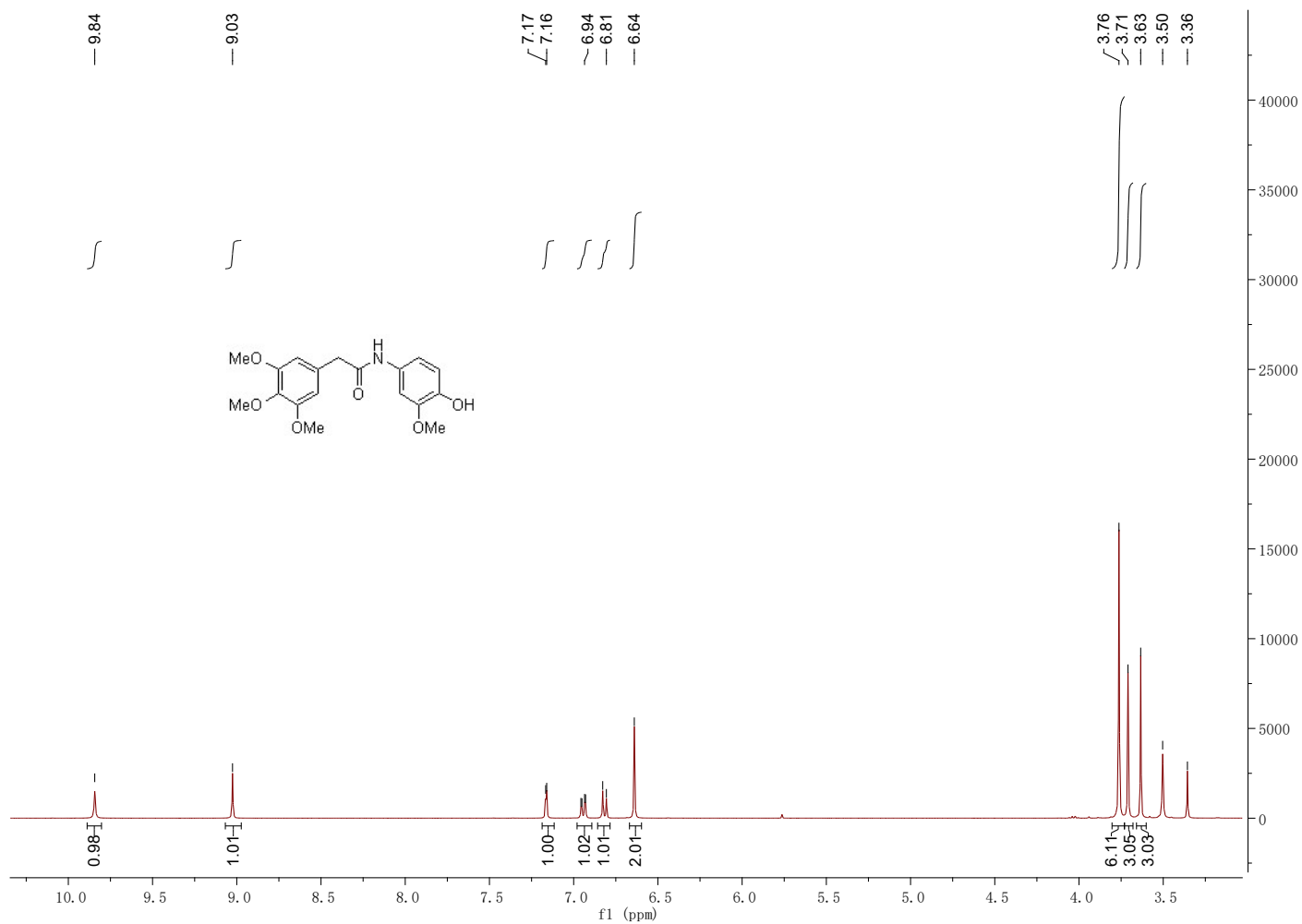


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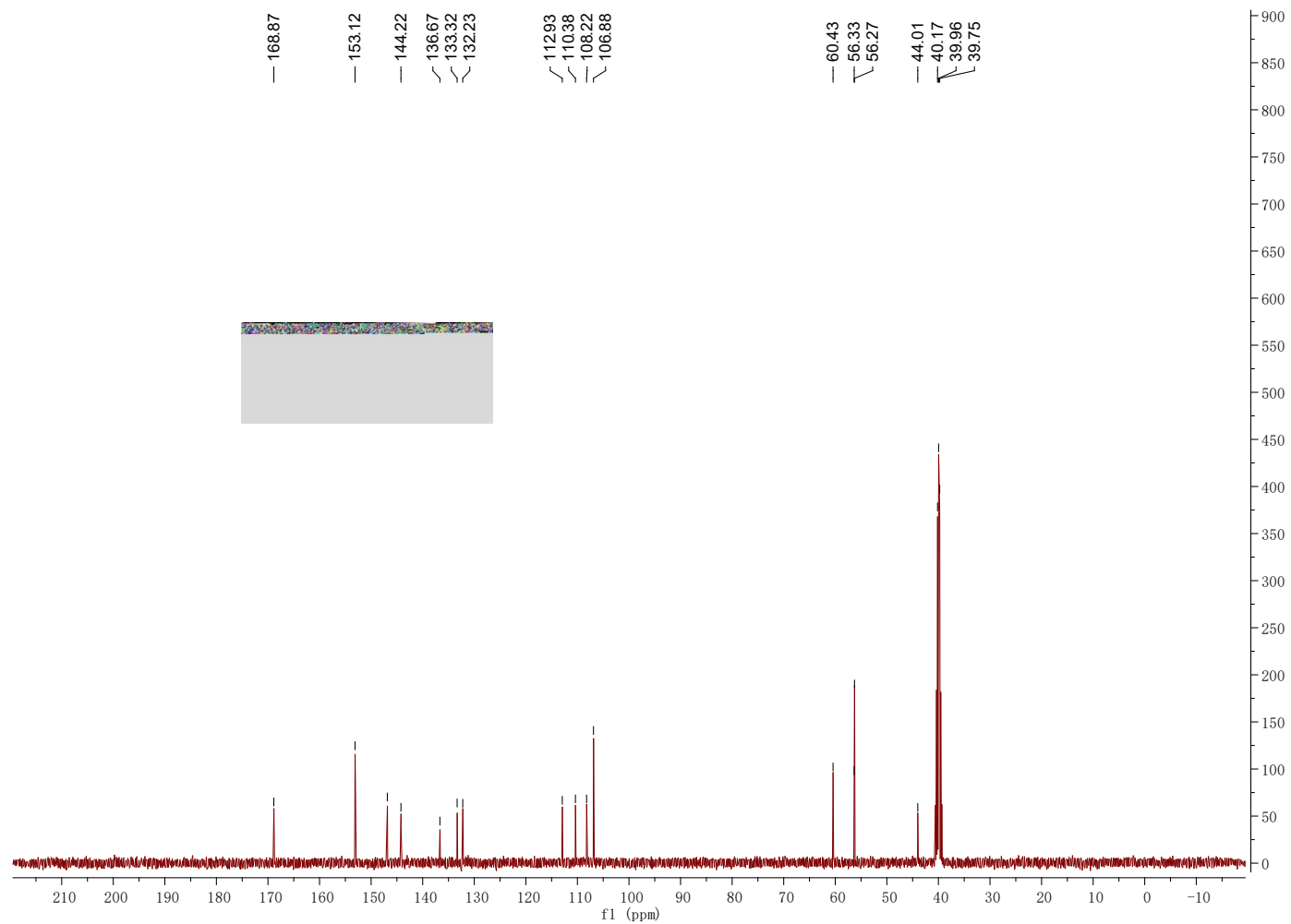


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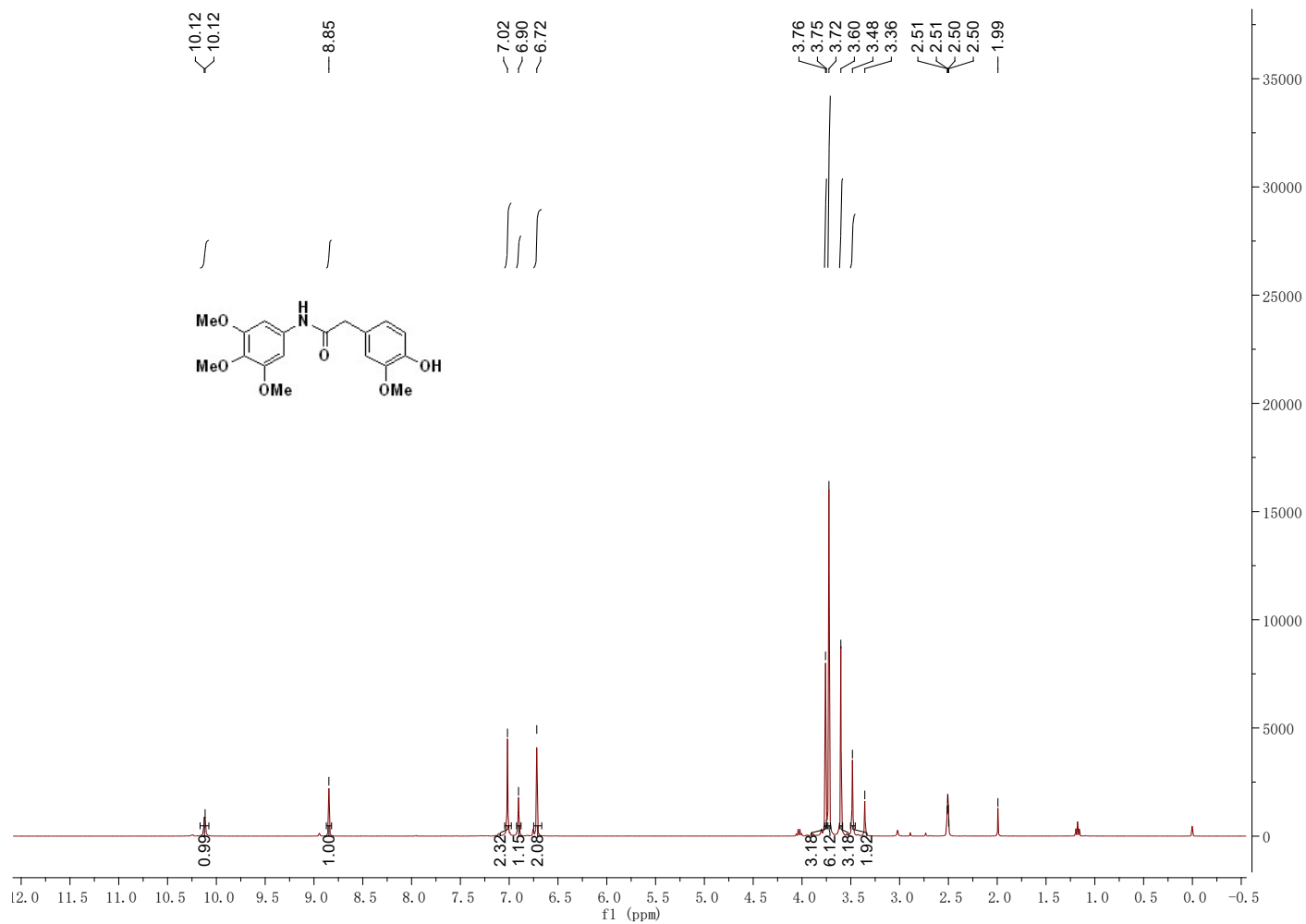


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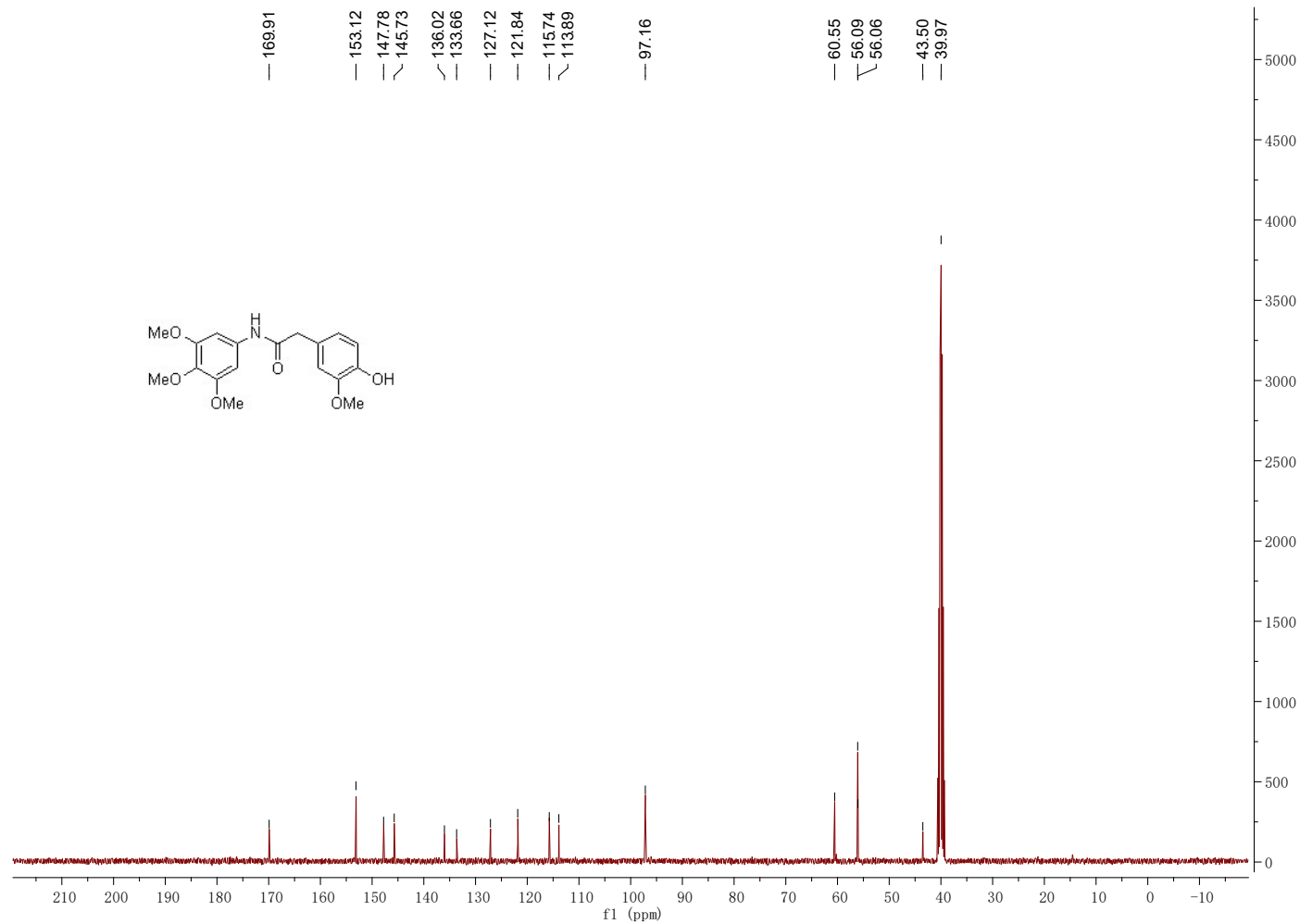


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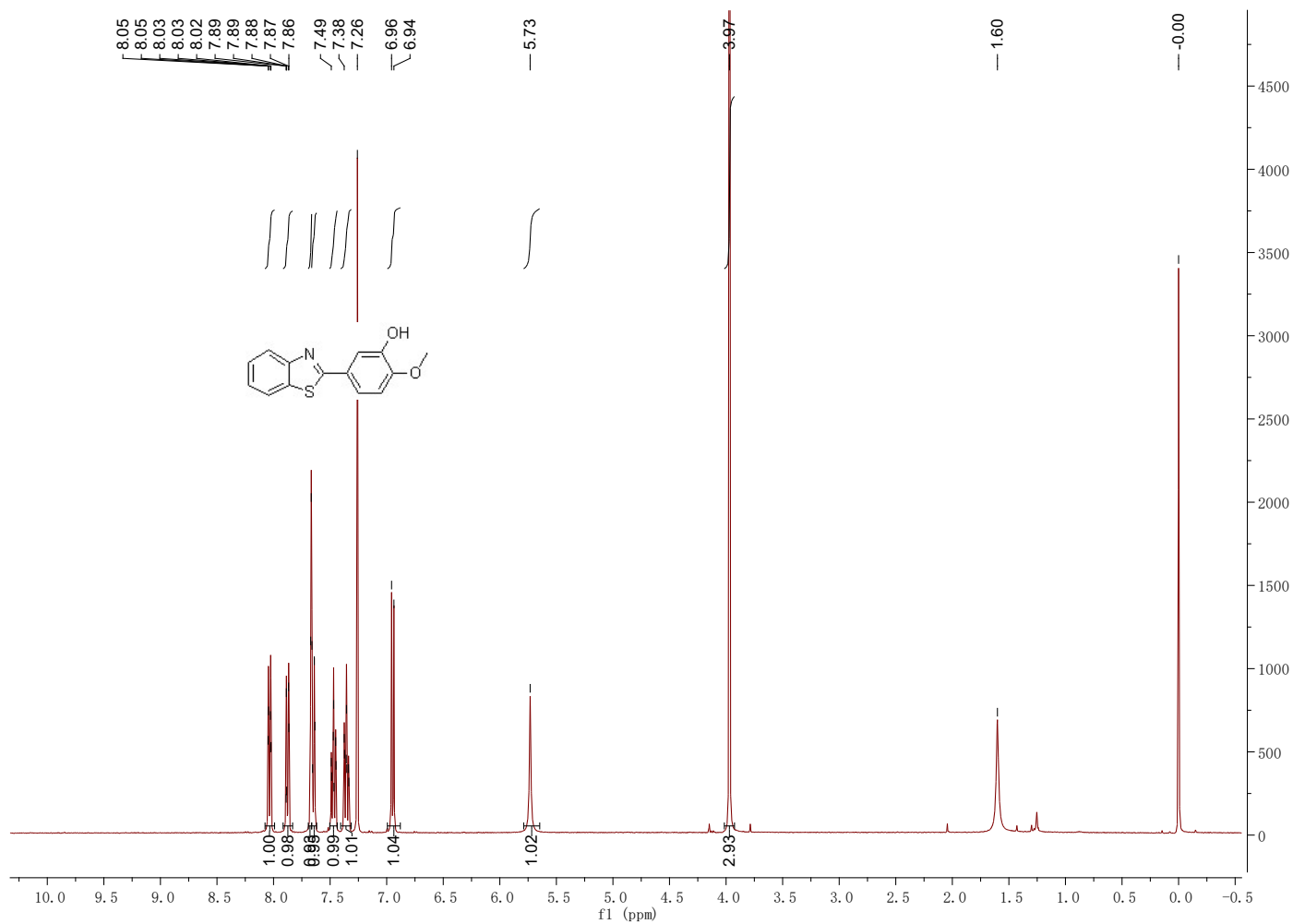


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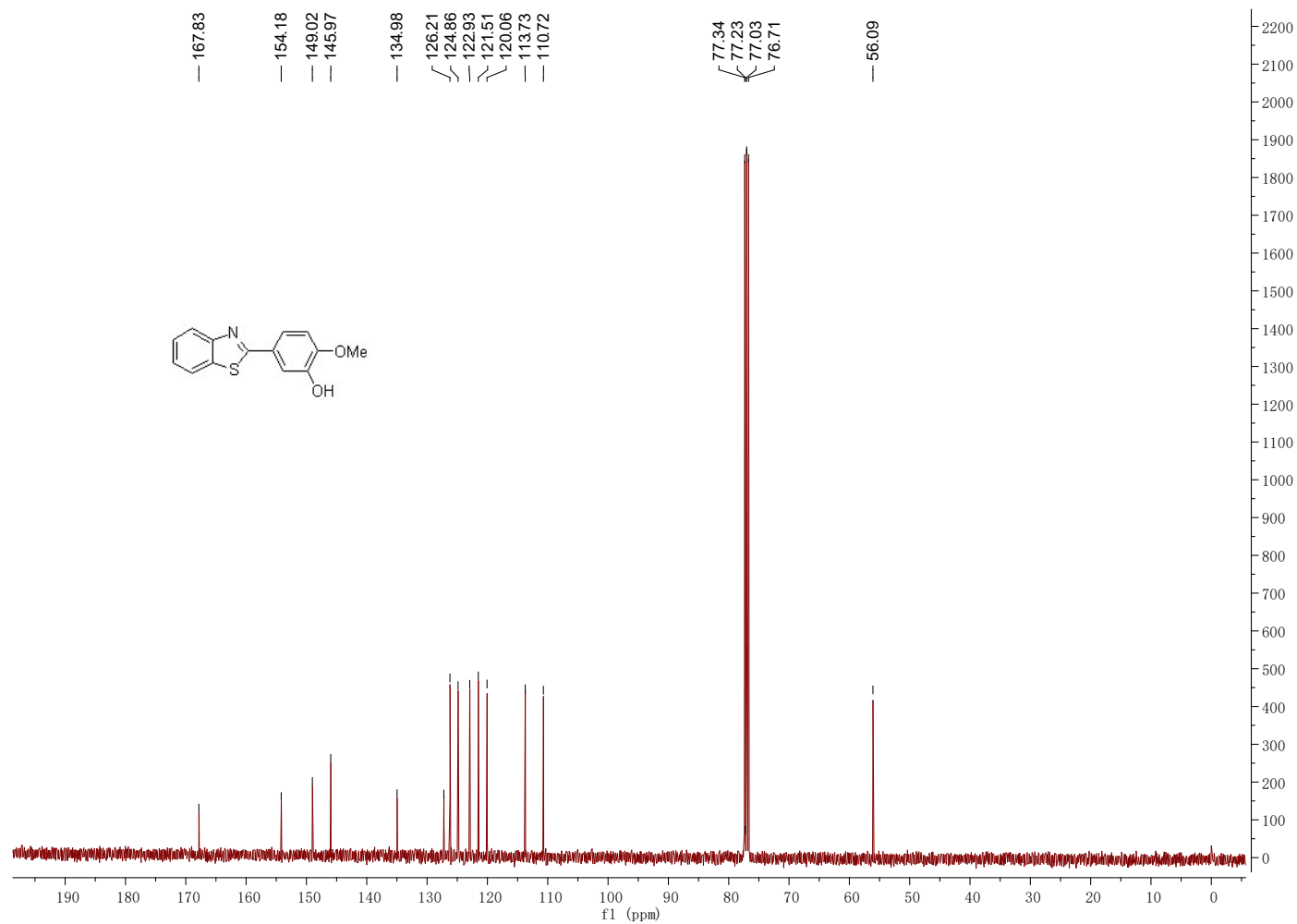


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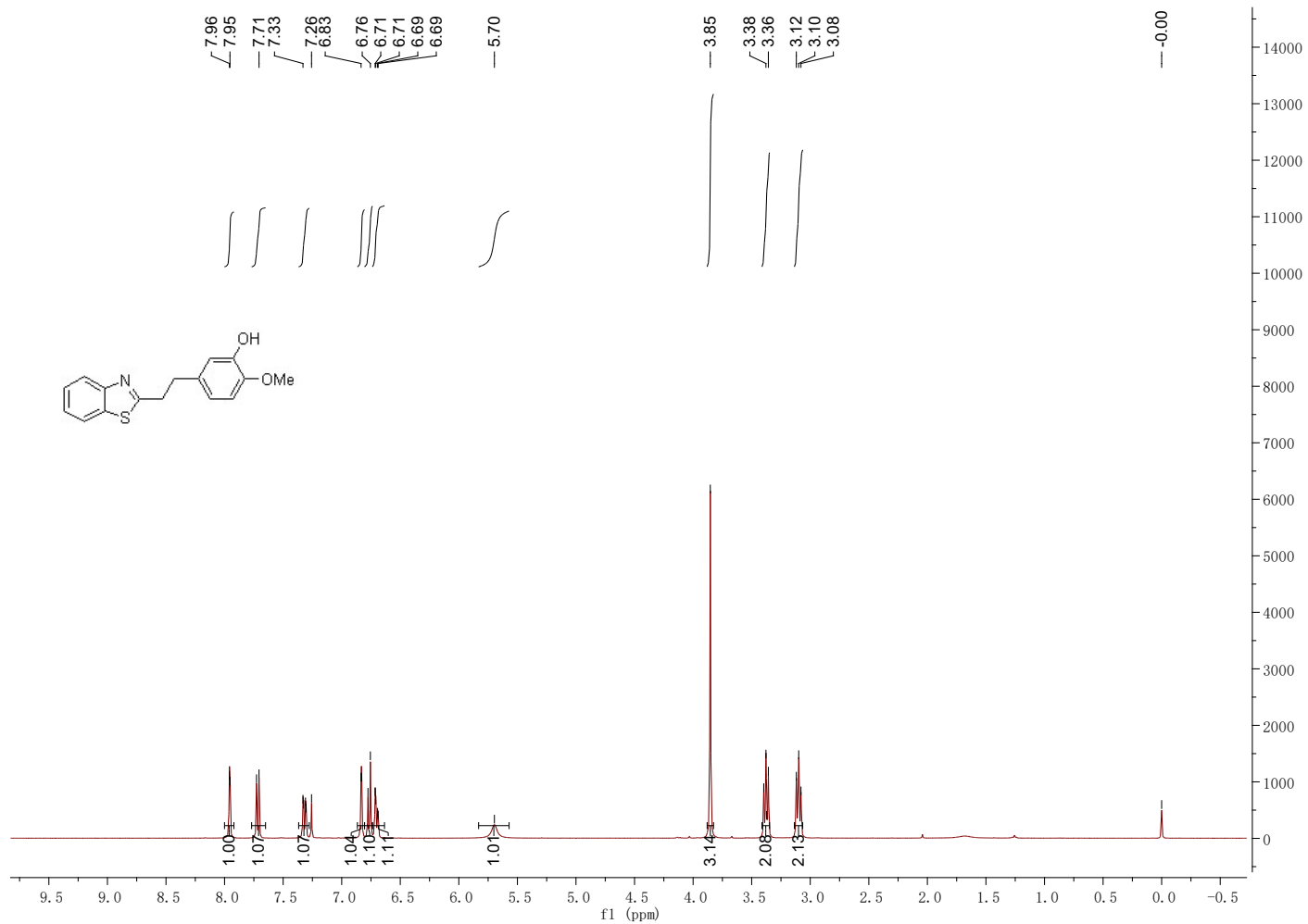


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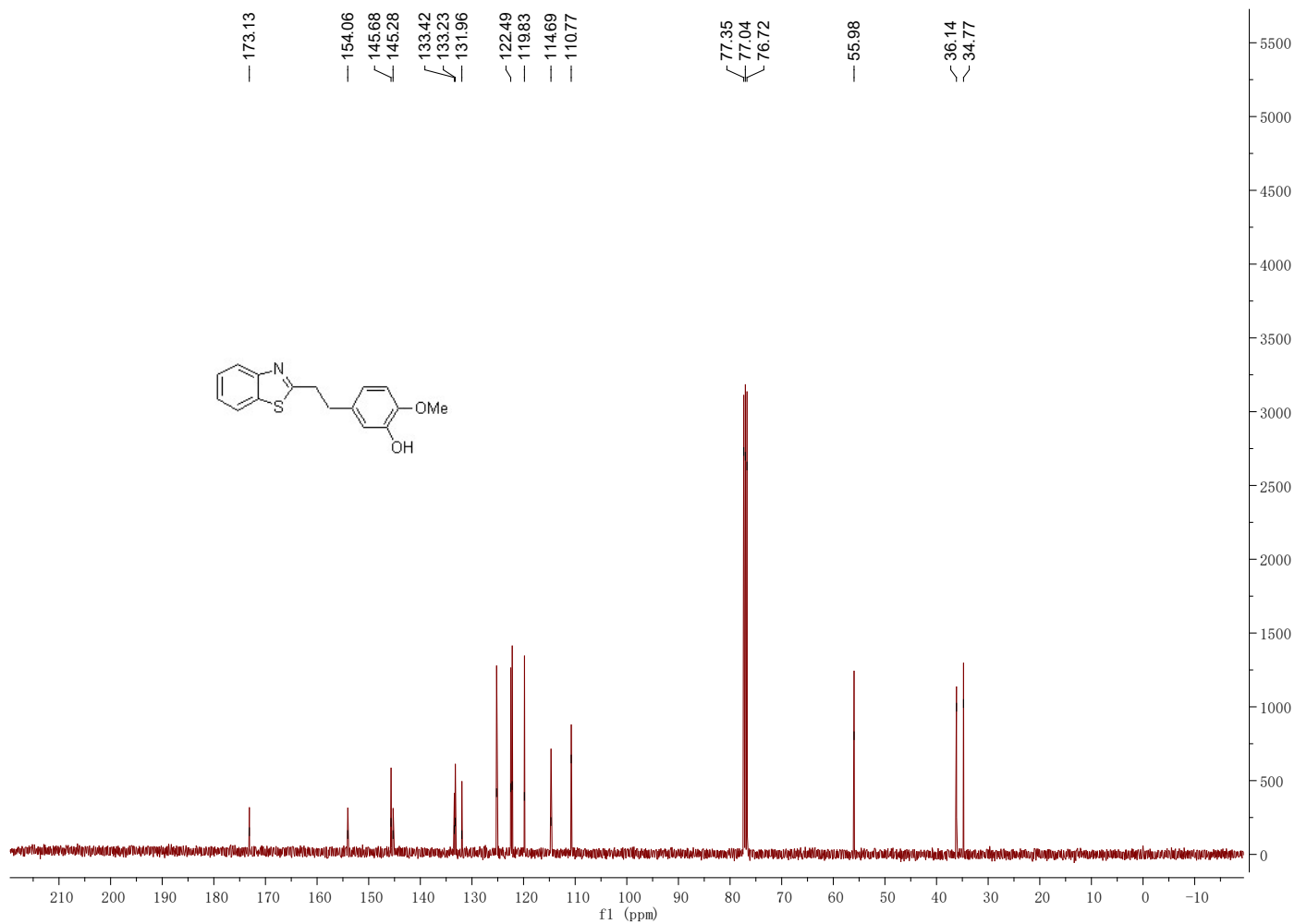


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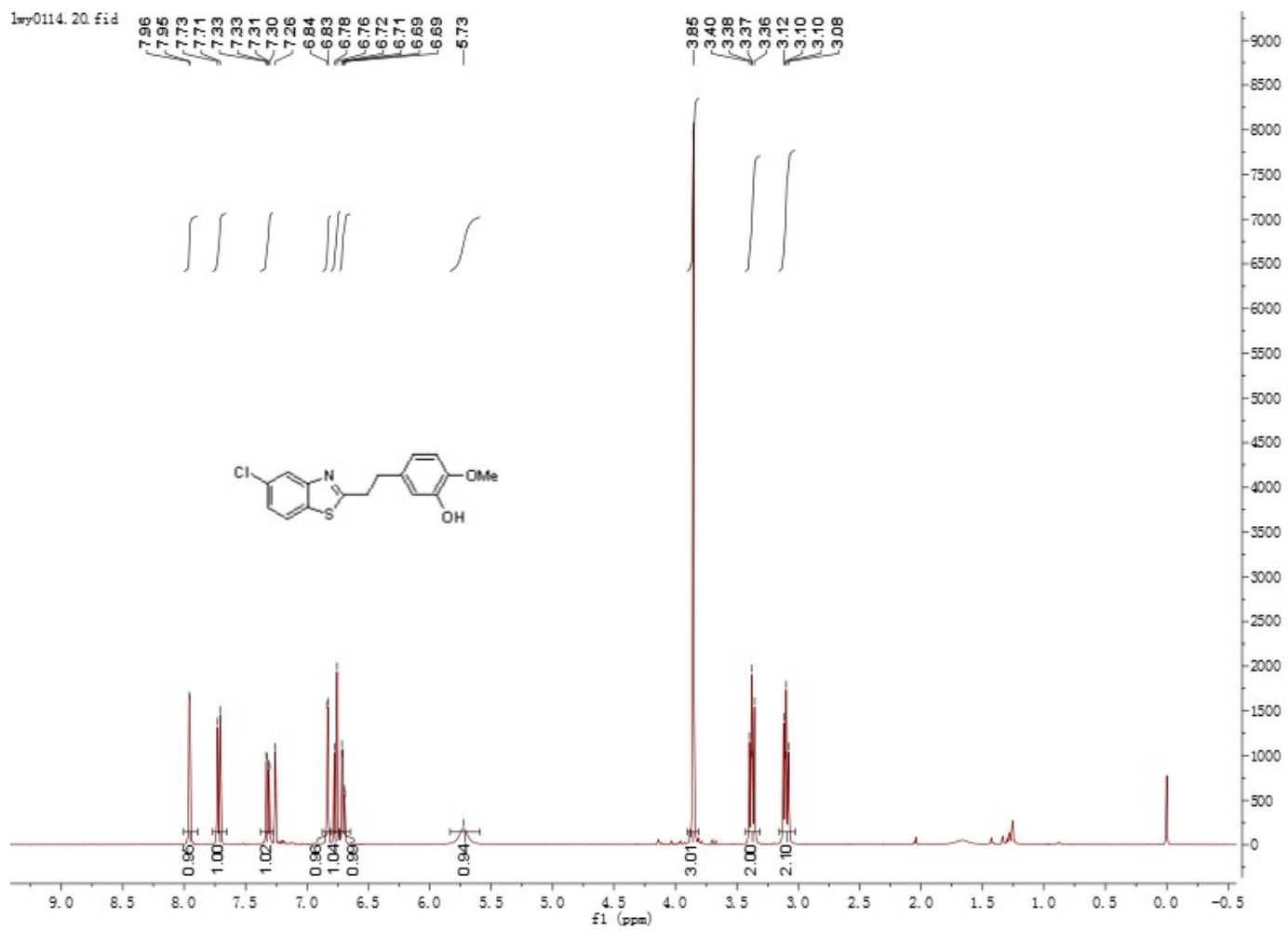


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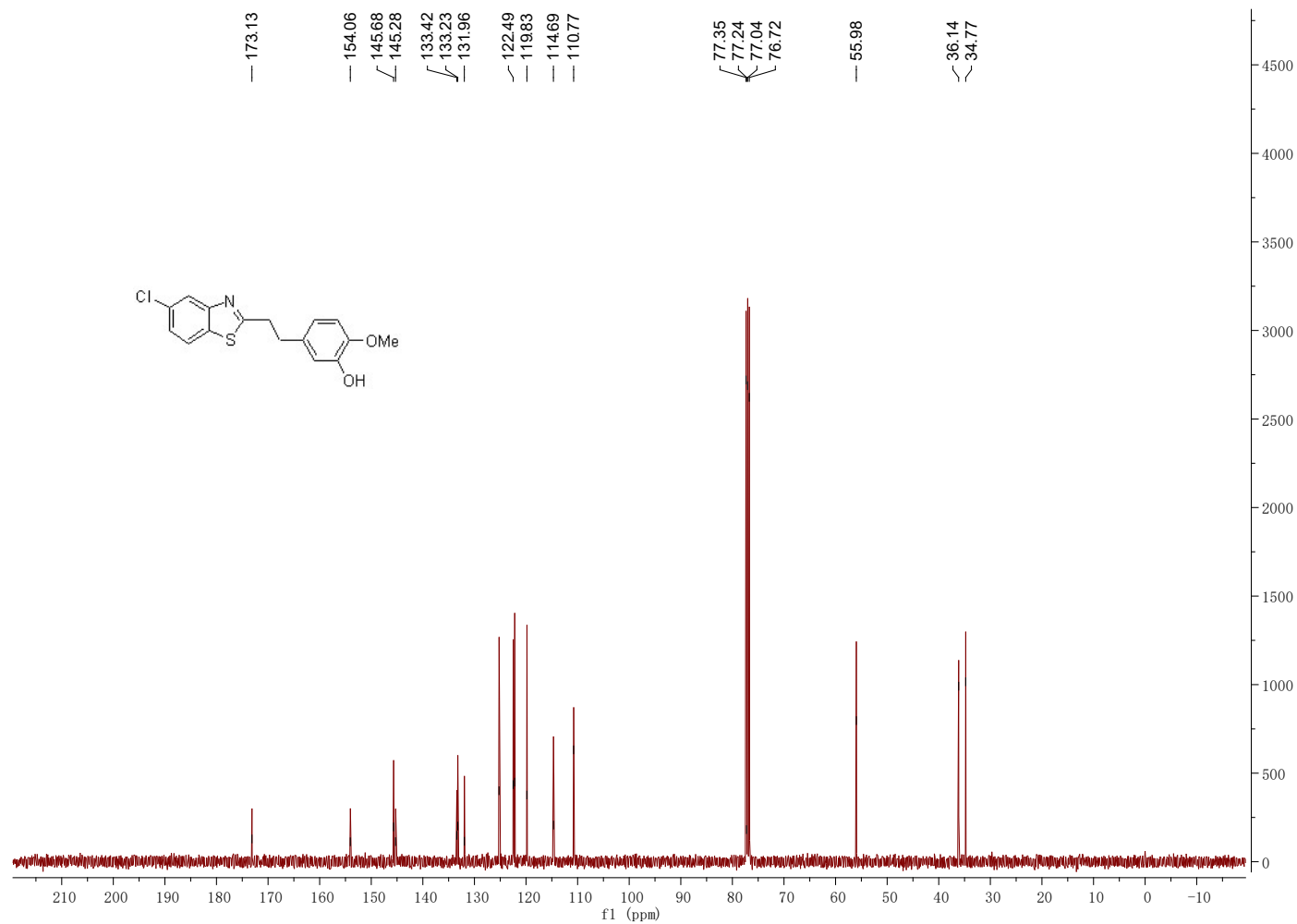


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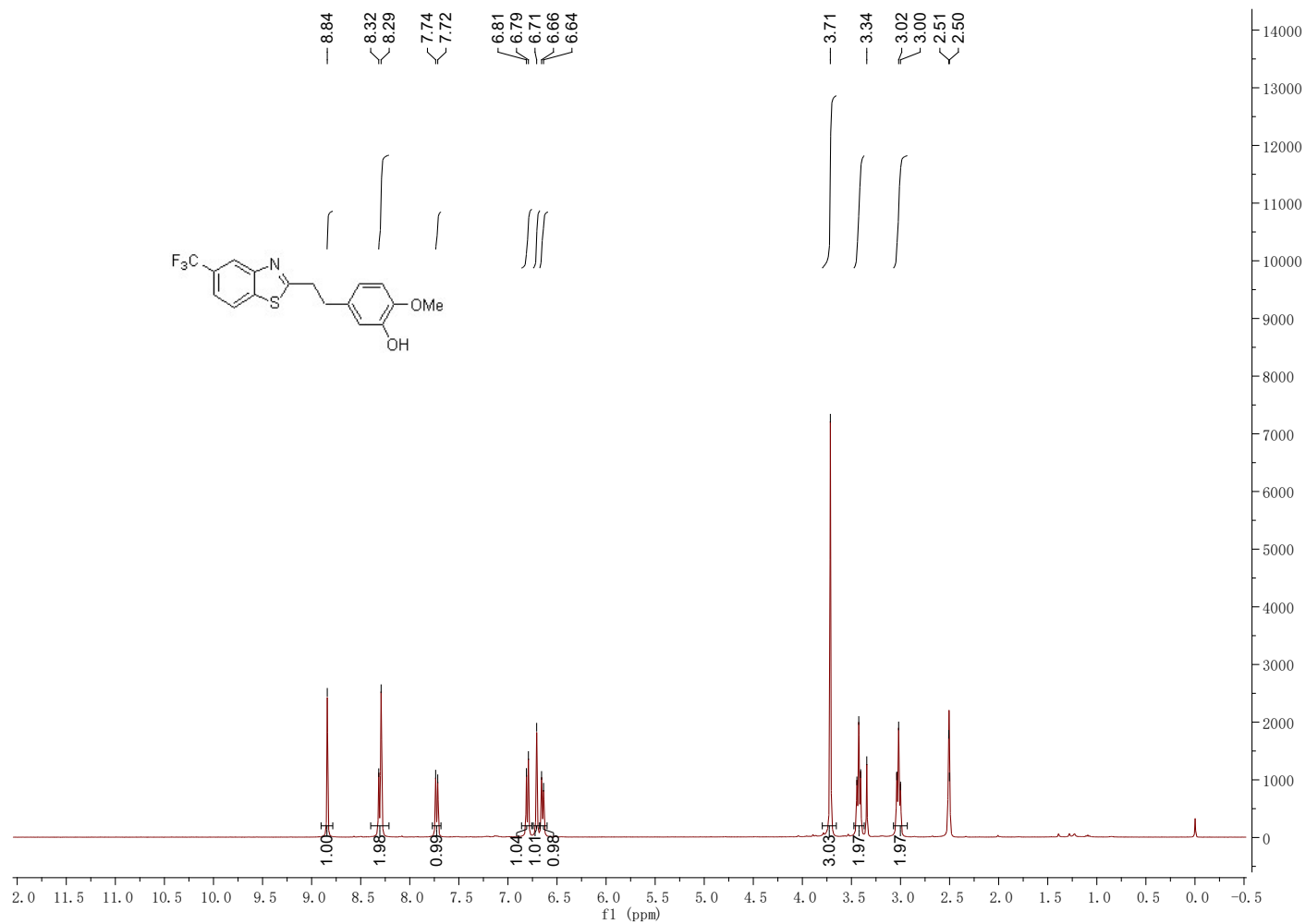


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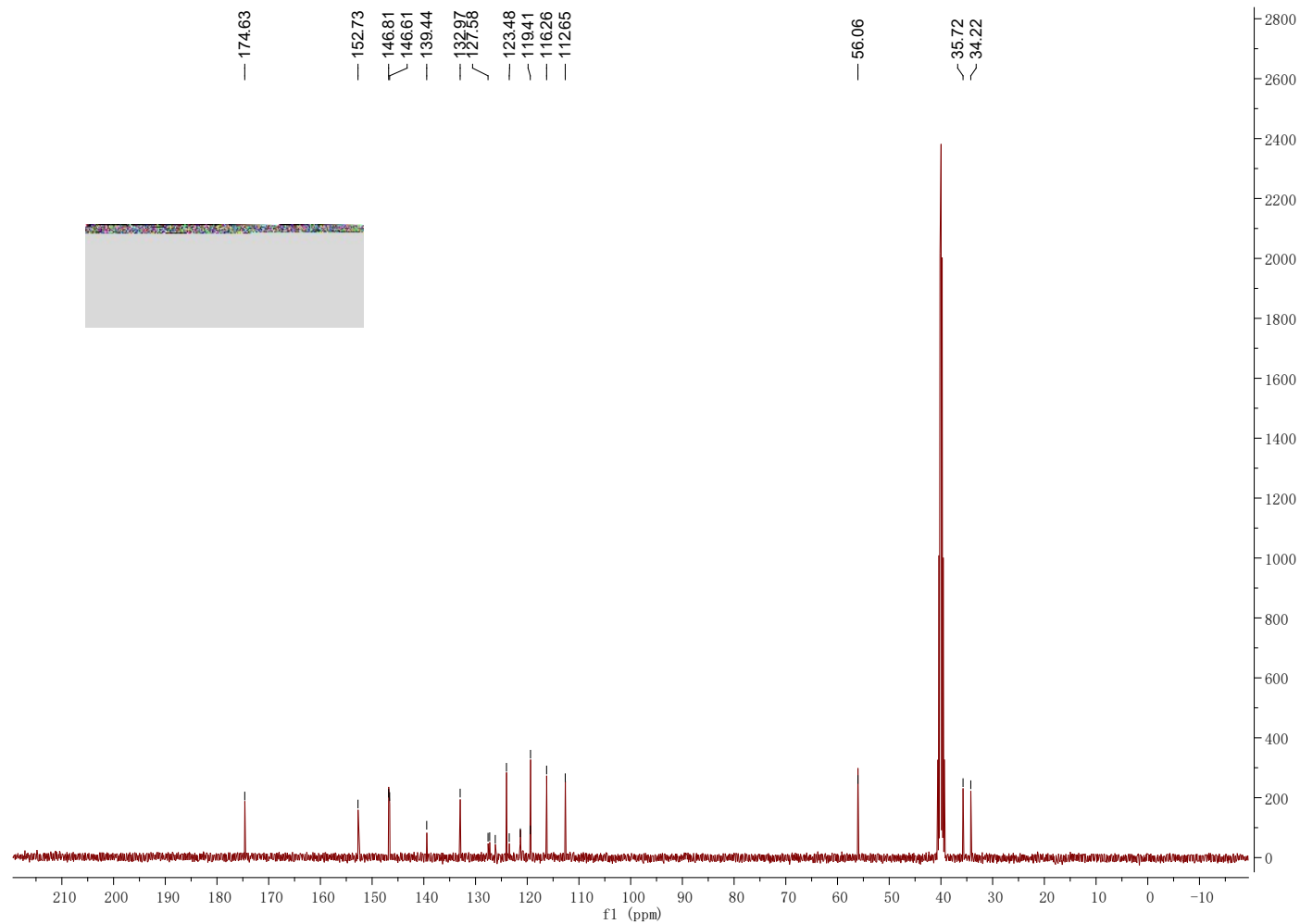


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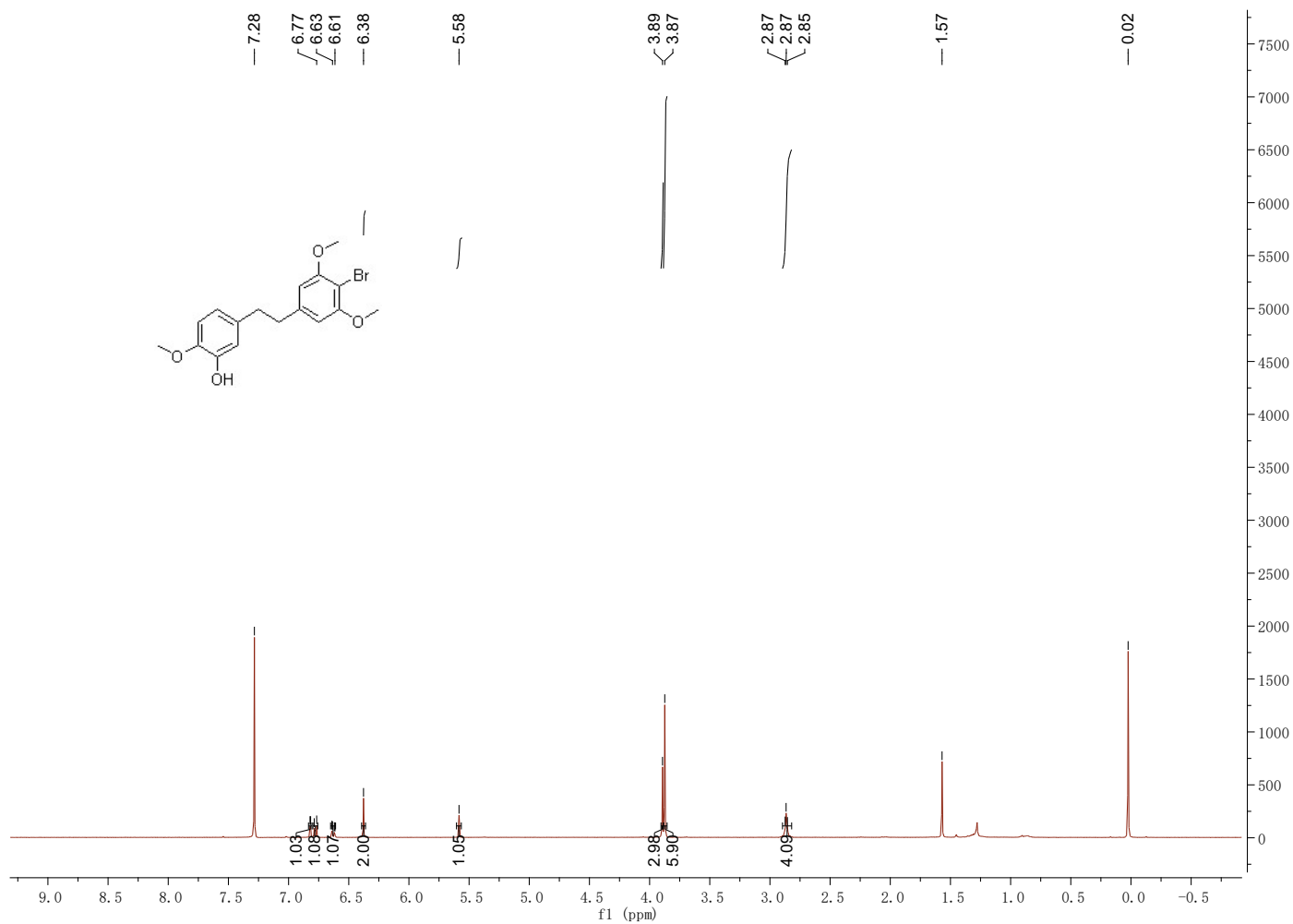


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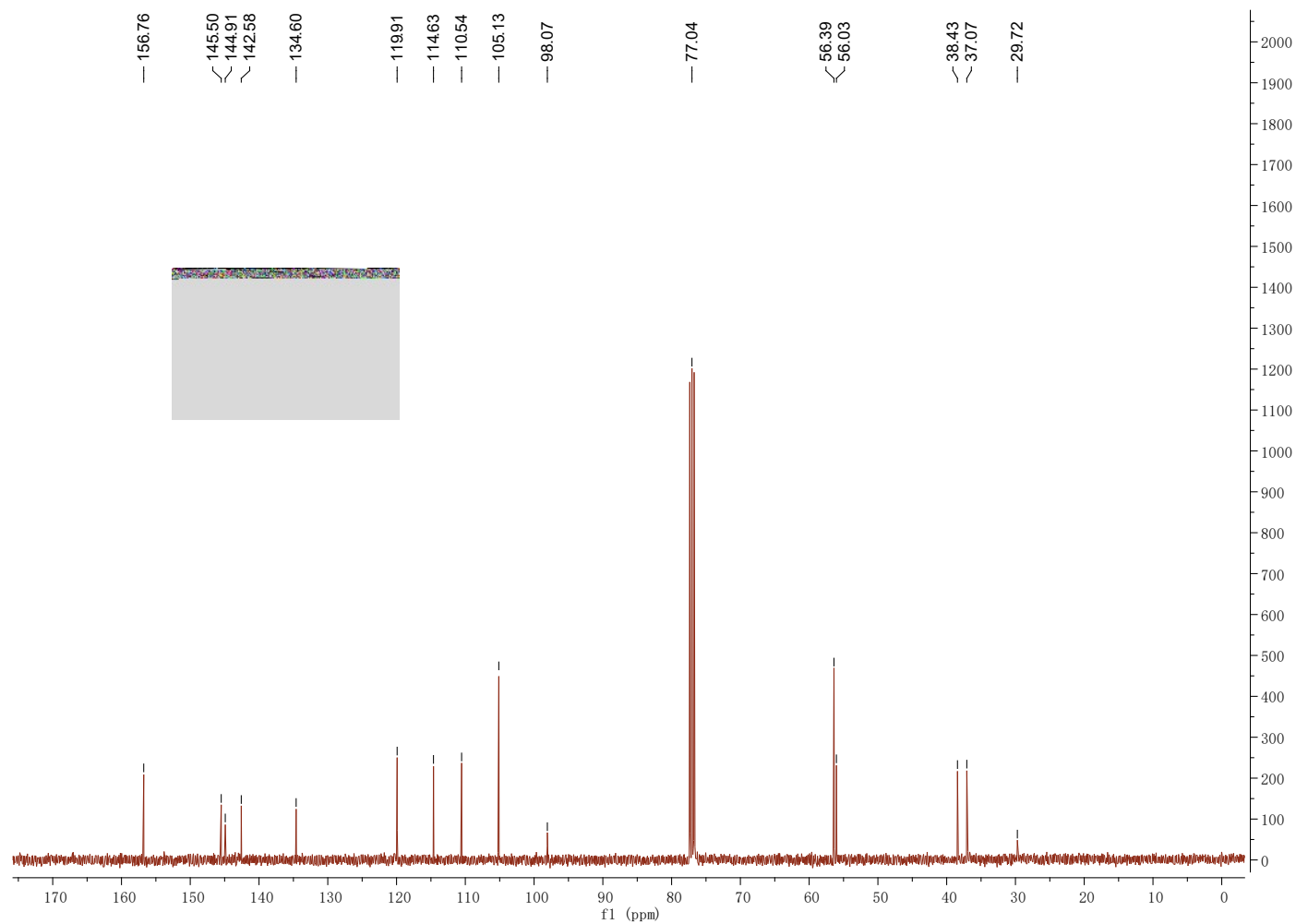


Figure S47. ¹H NMR of Compound 27

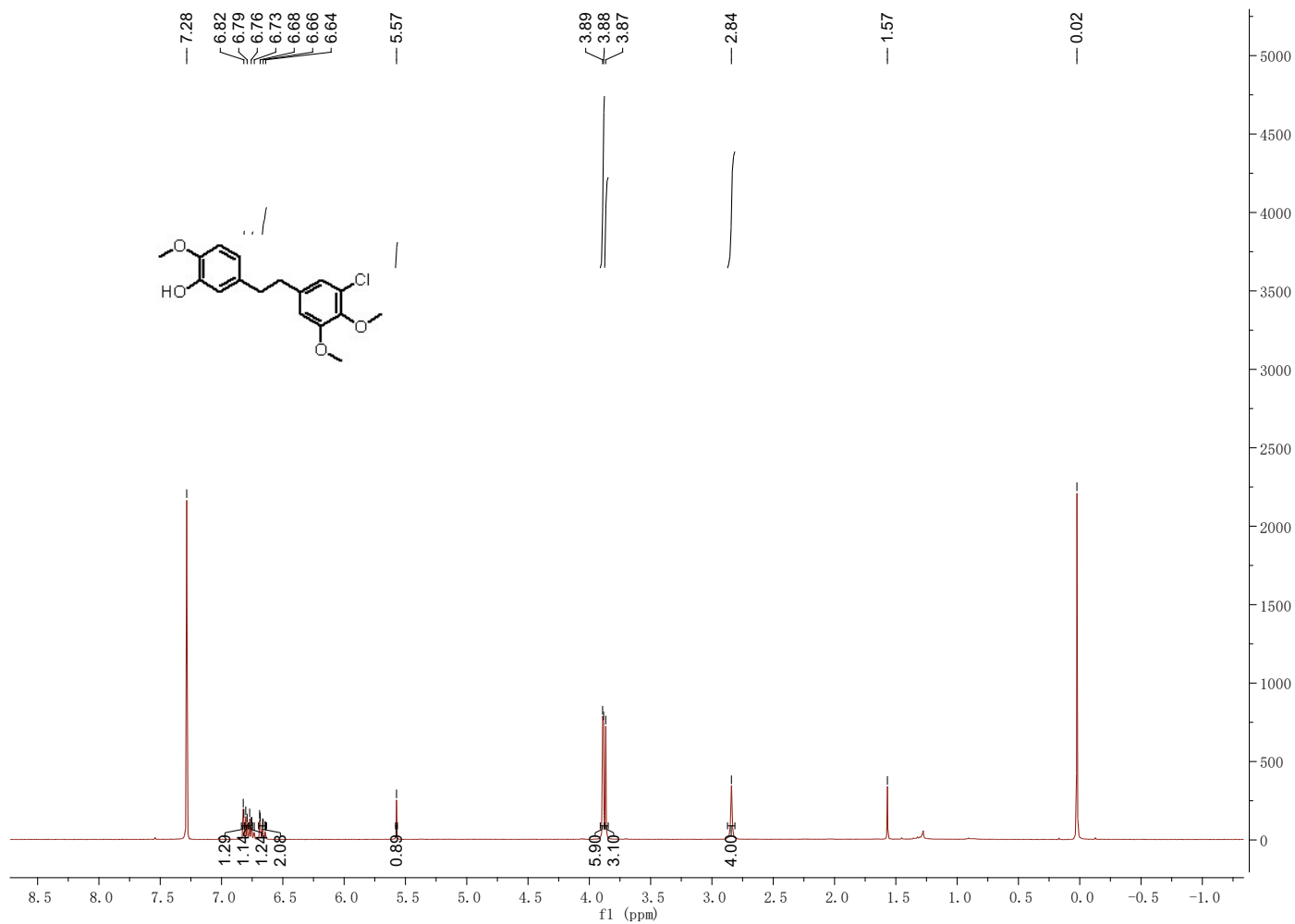


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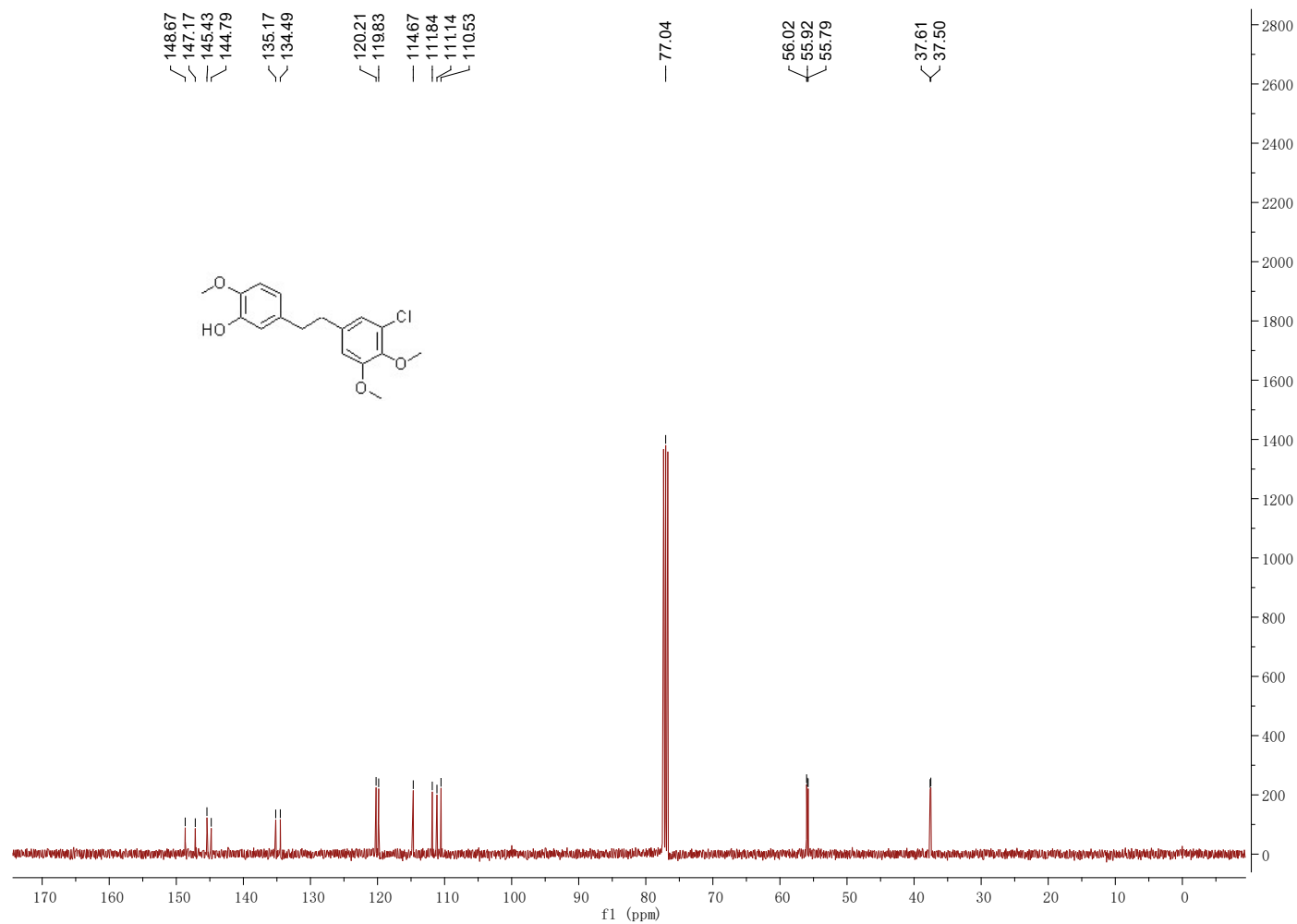


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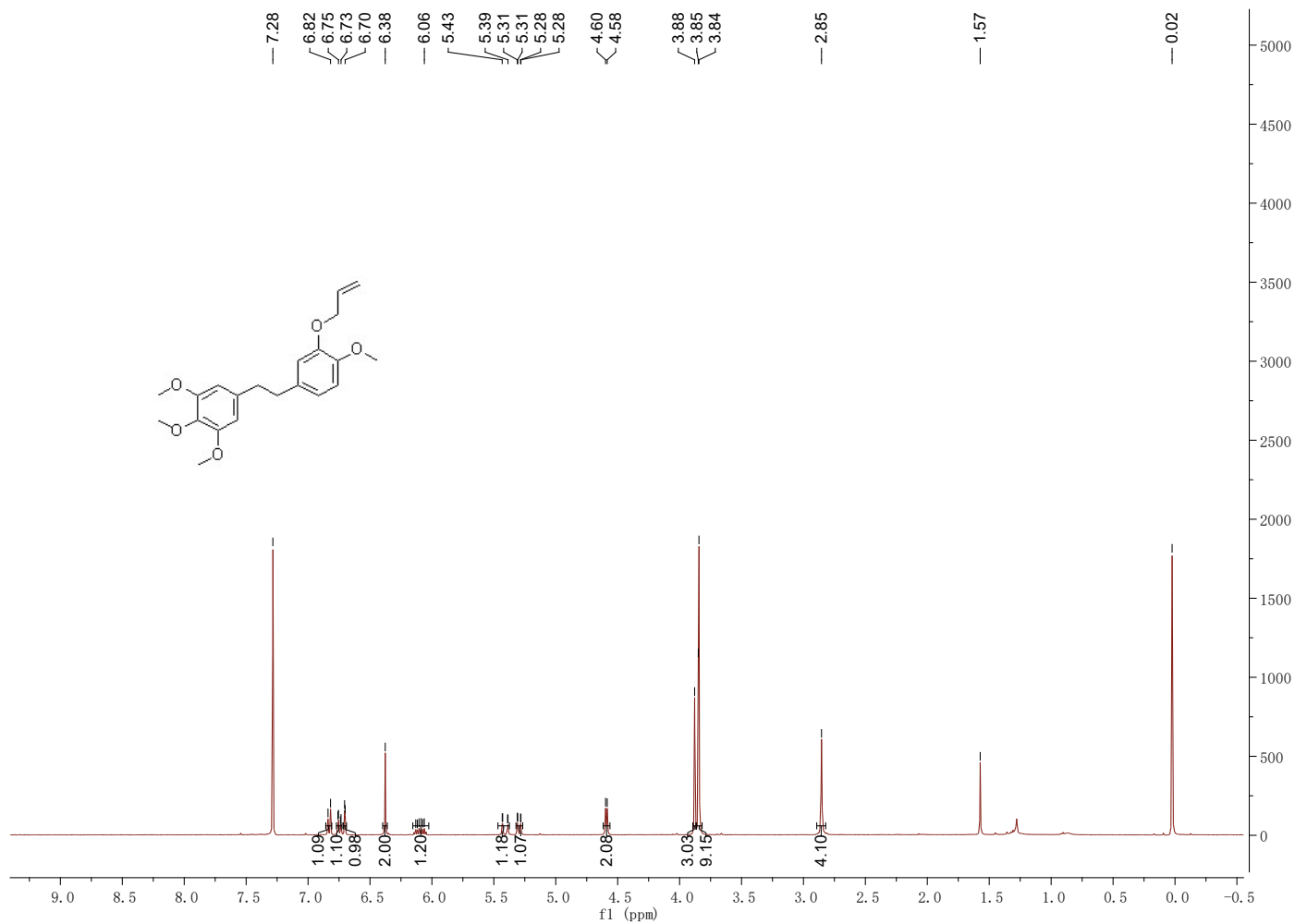


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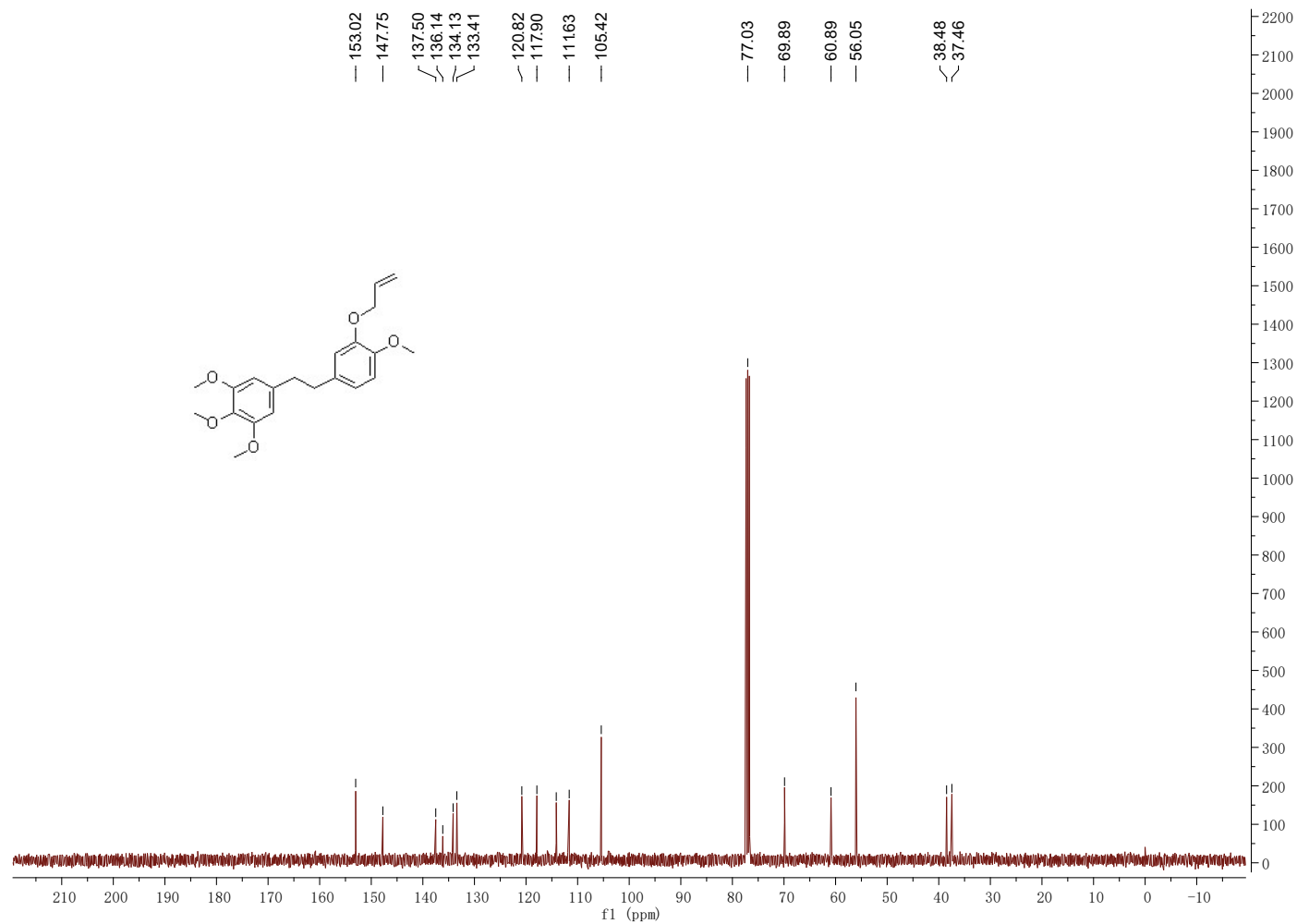


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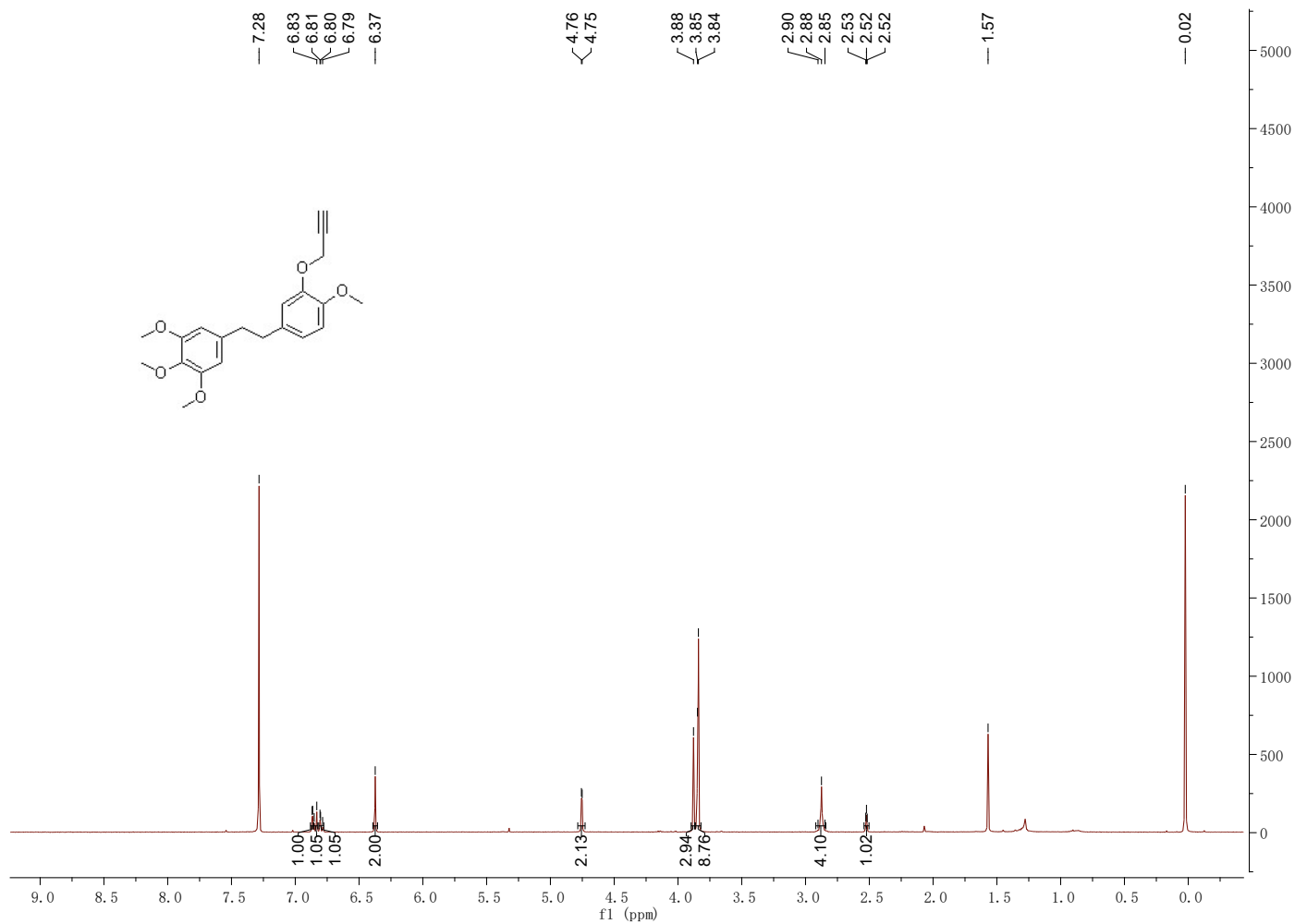


Figure S52. ¹³C-NMR of Compound 29

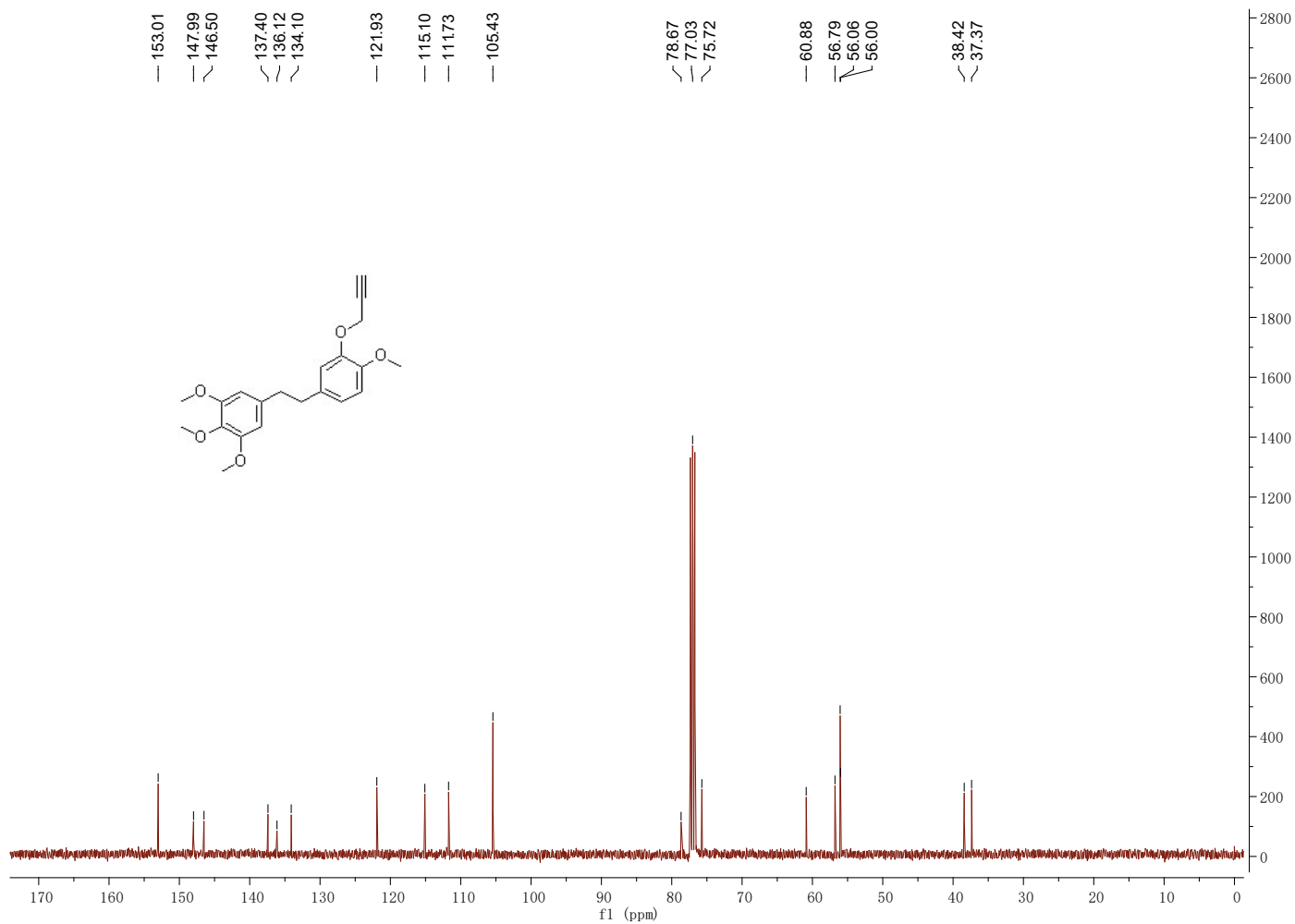


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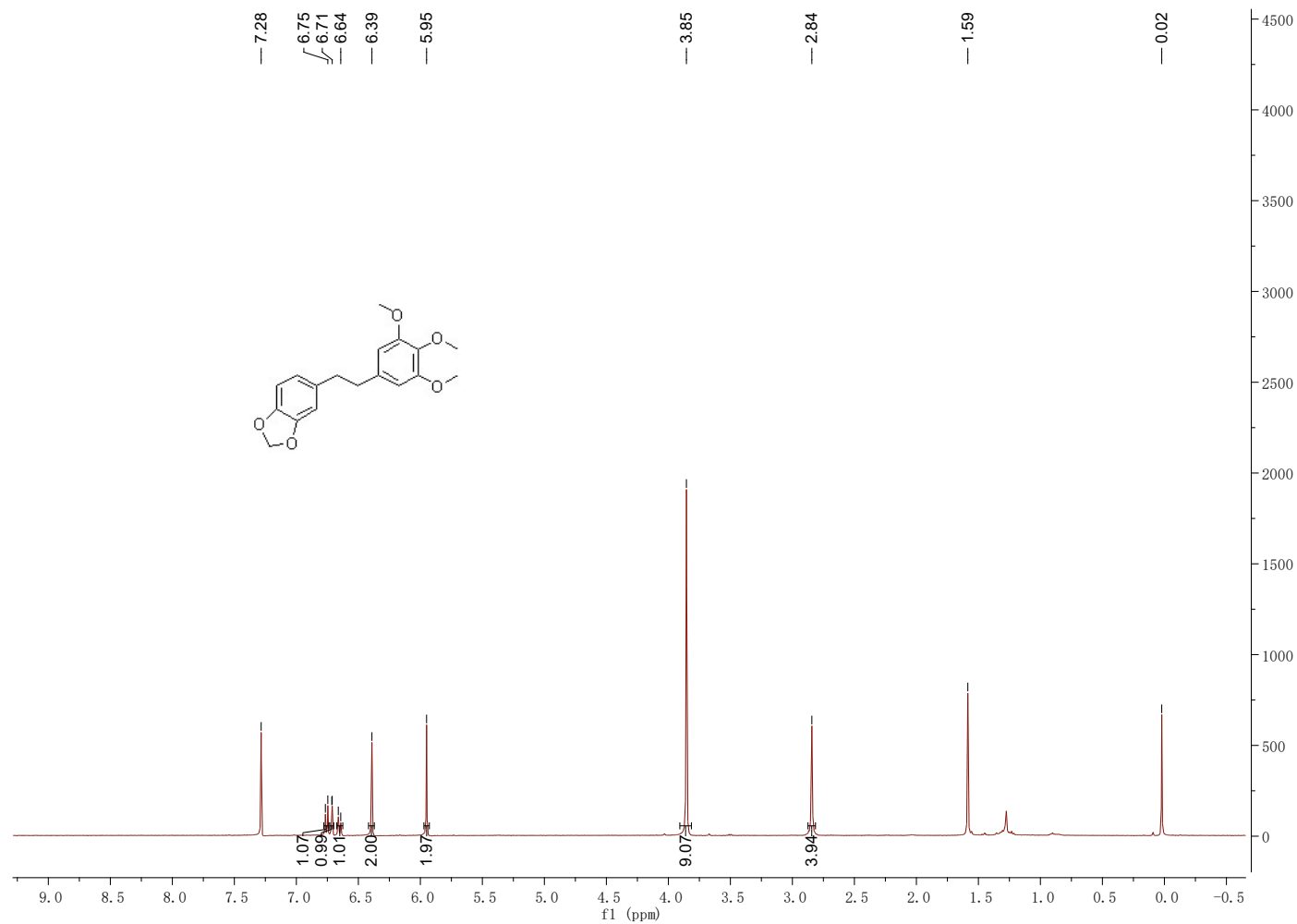


Figure S54. ^{13}C -NMR of Compound 30

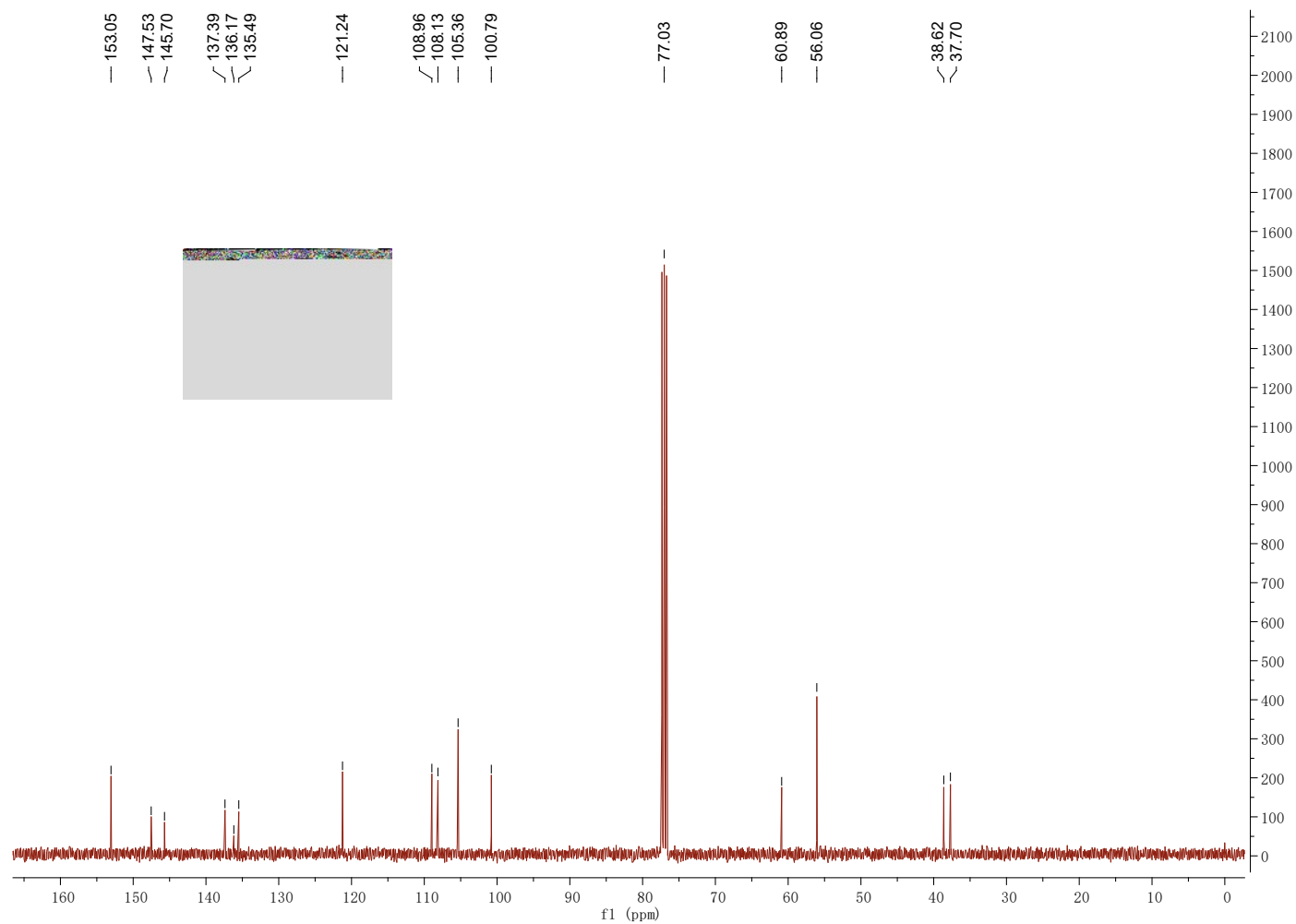


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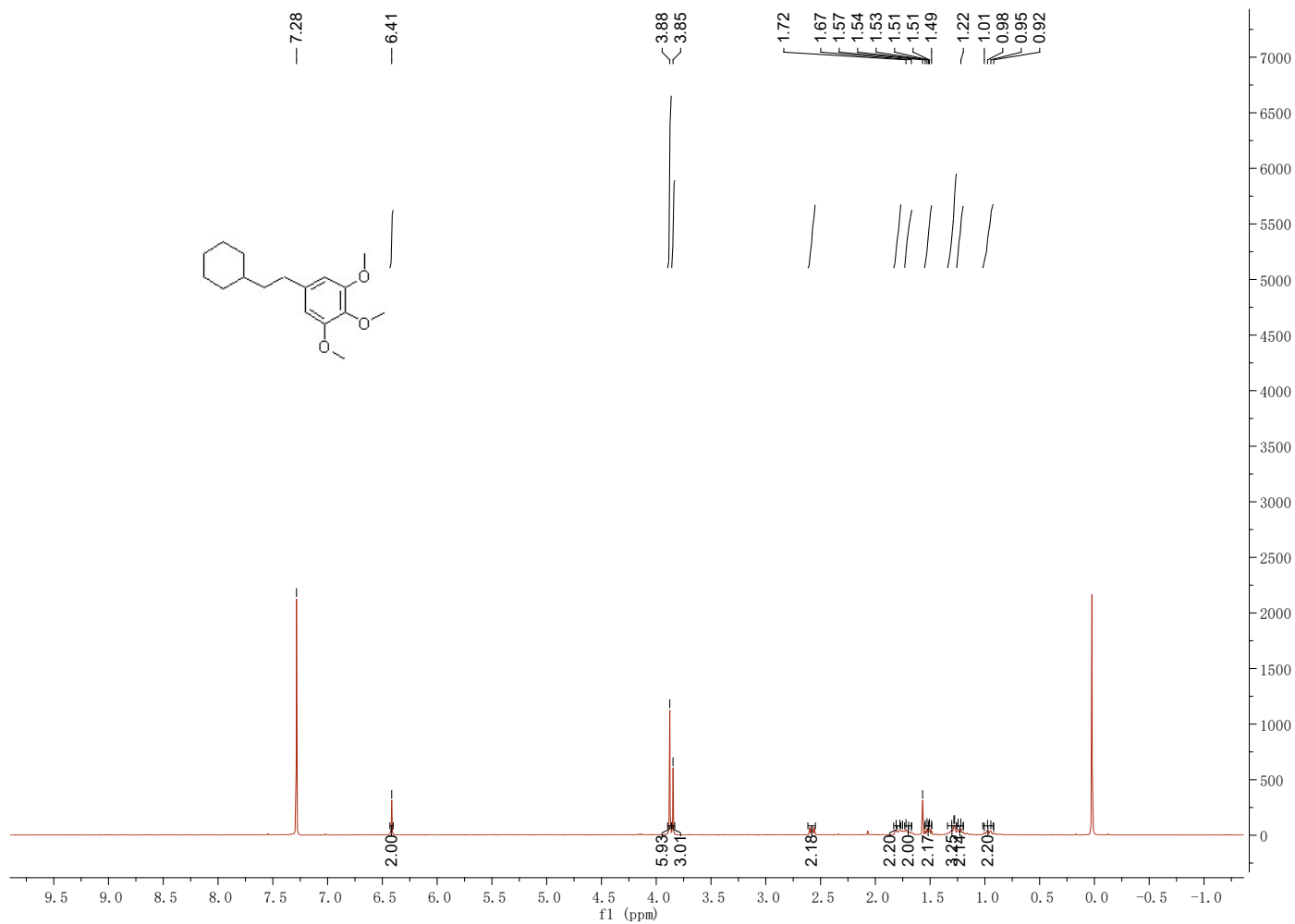


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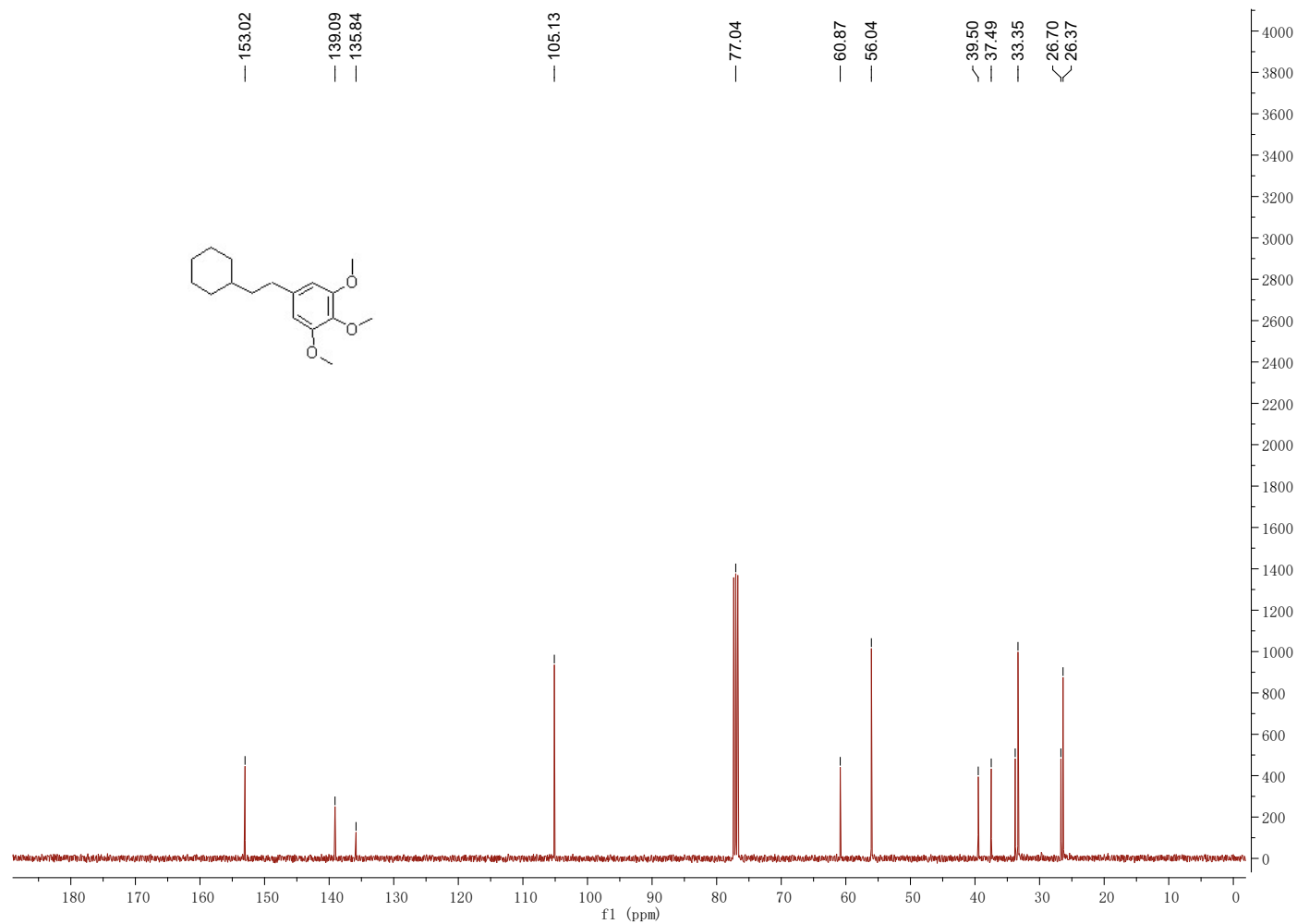


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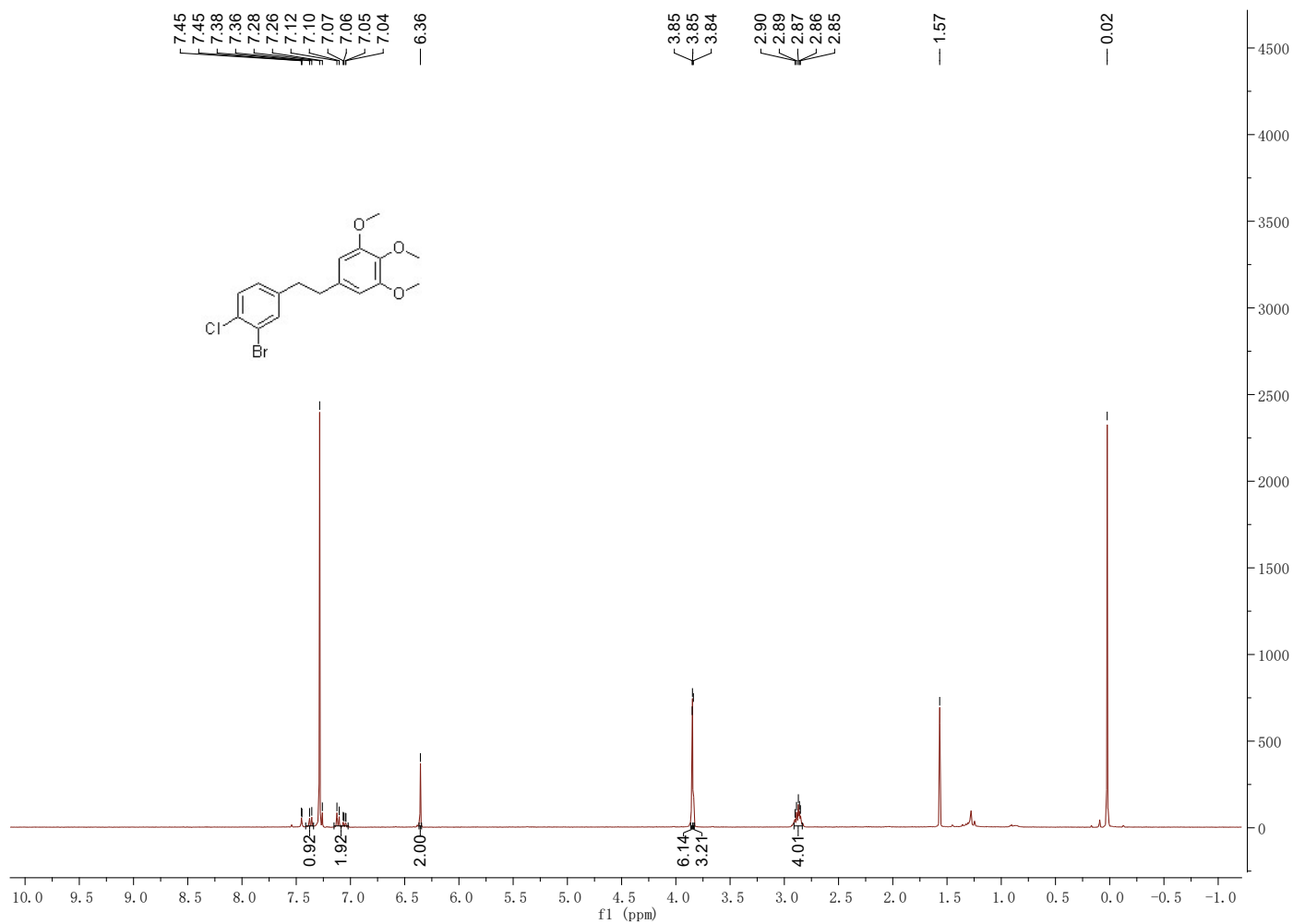


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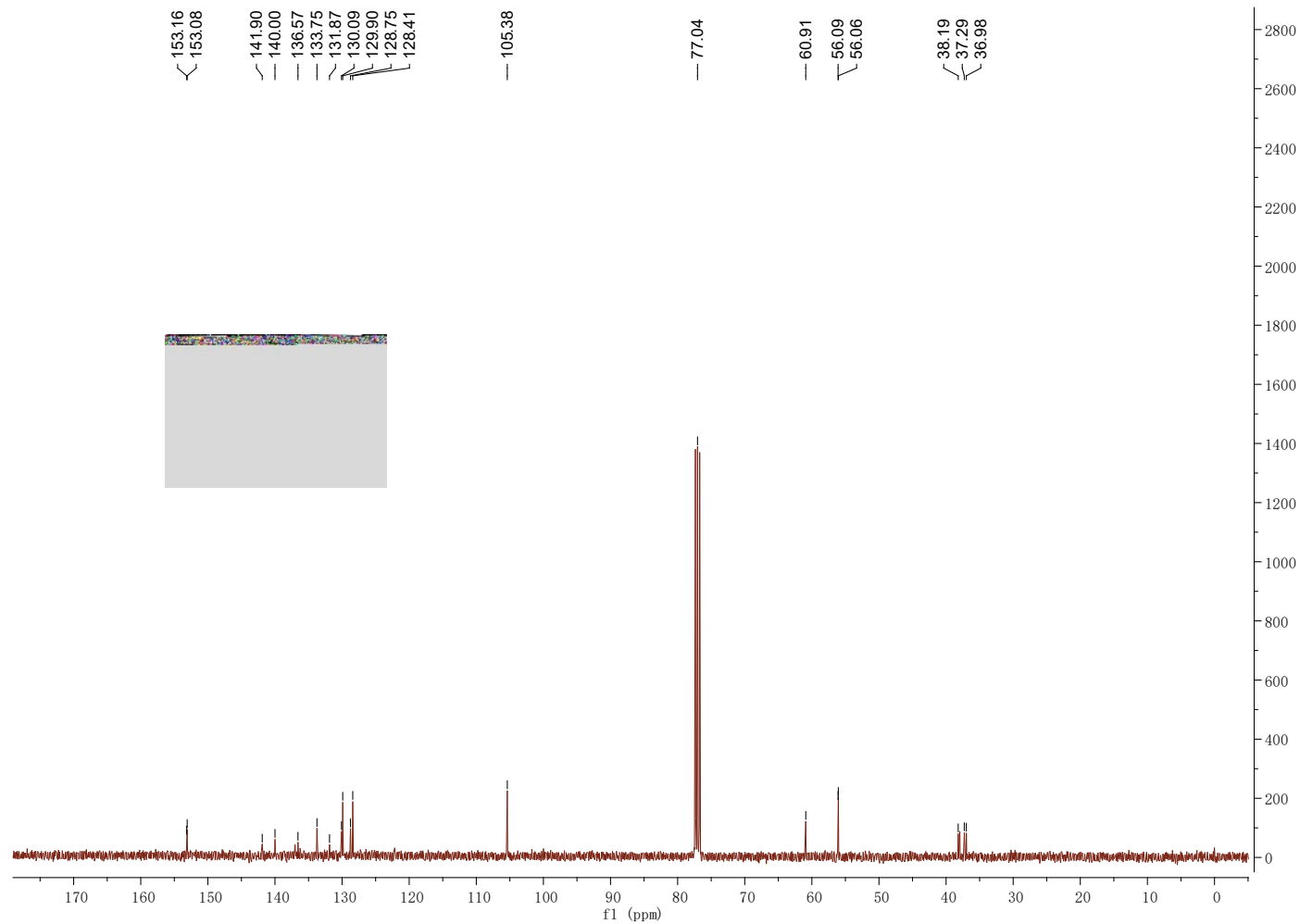


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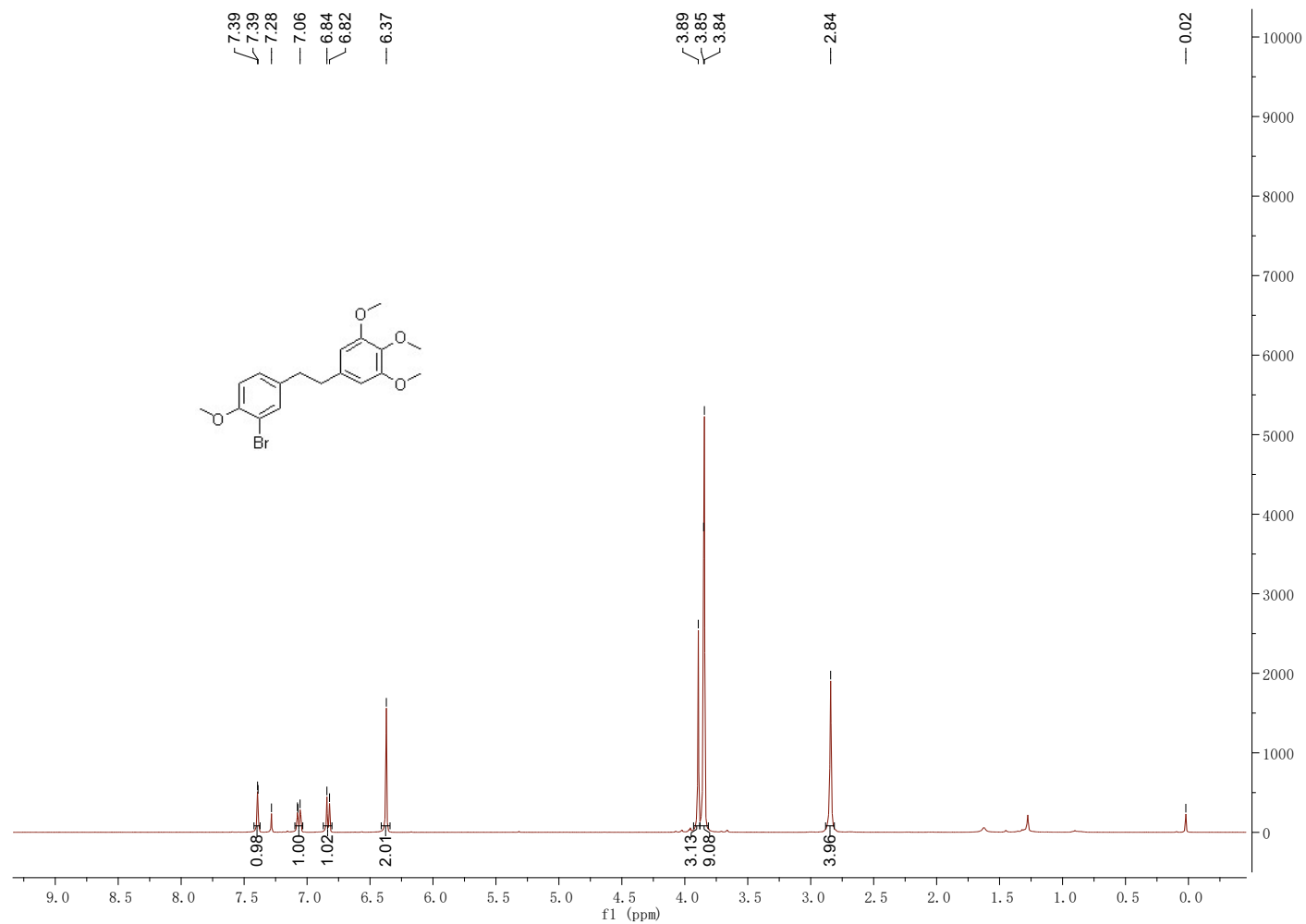


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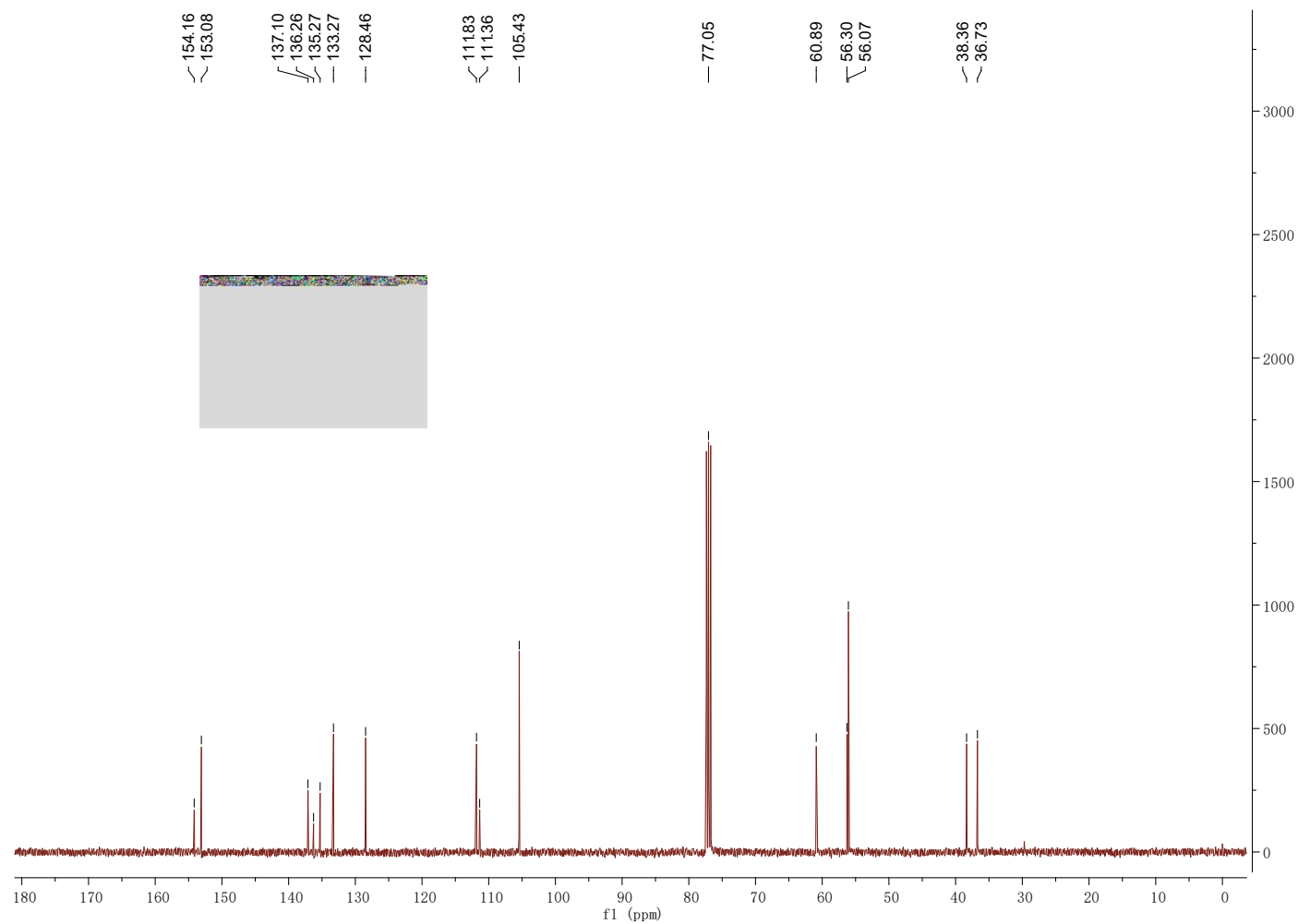


Figure S61. ¹H NMR of Compound 34

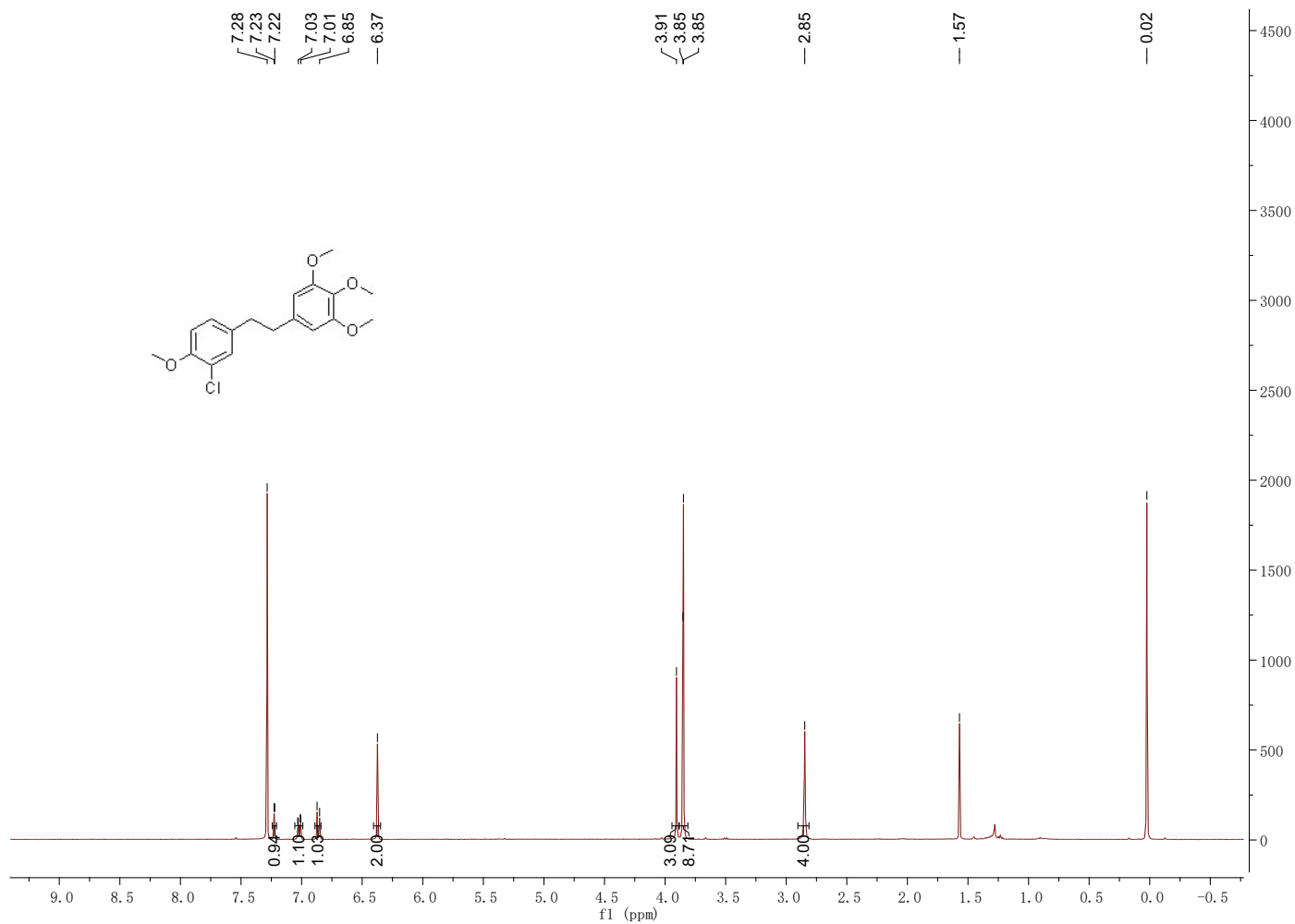


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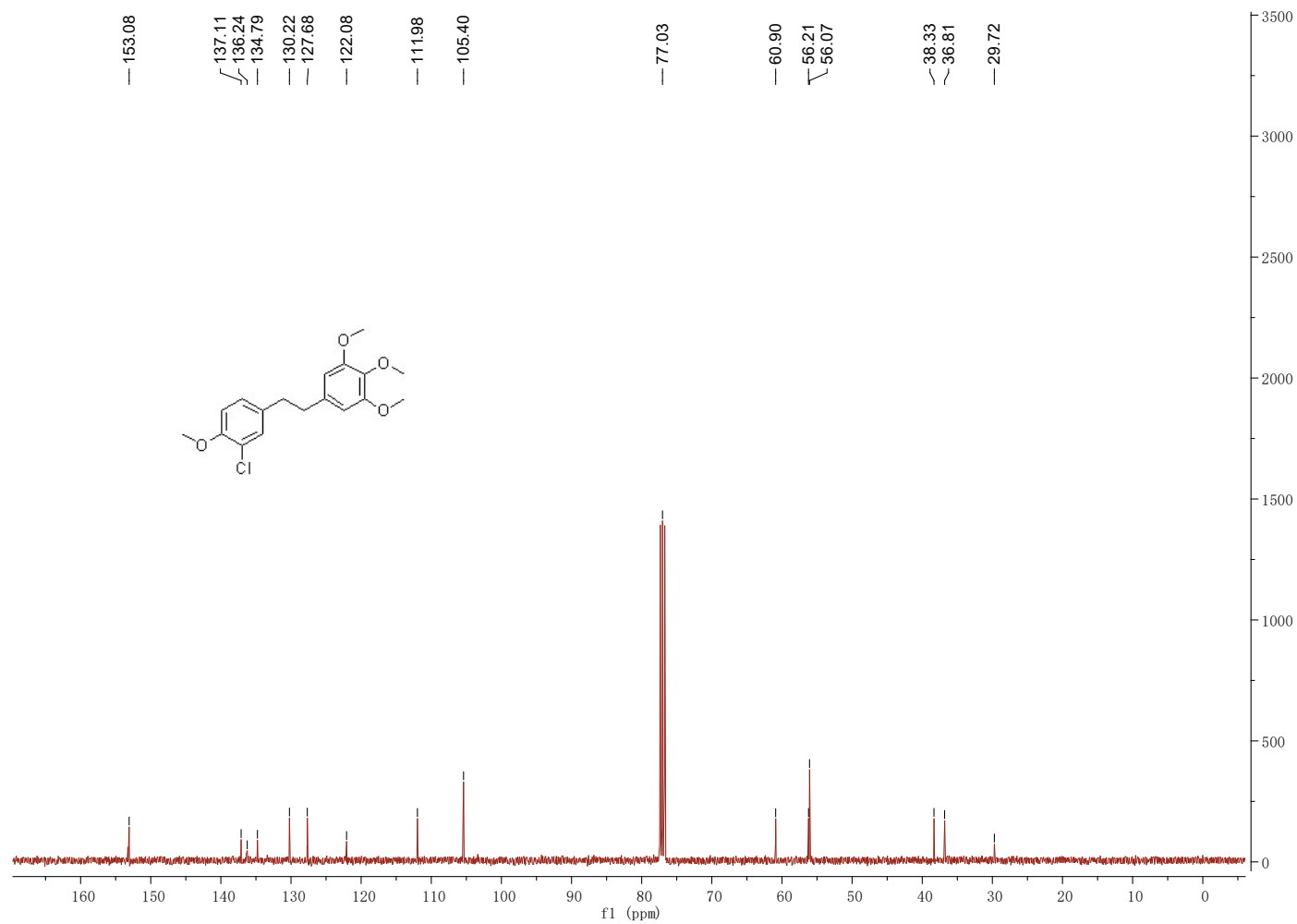


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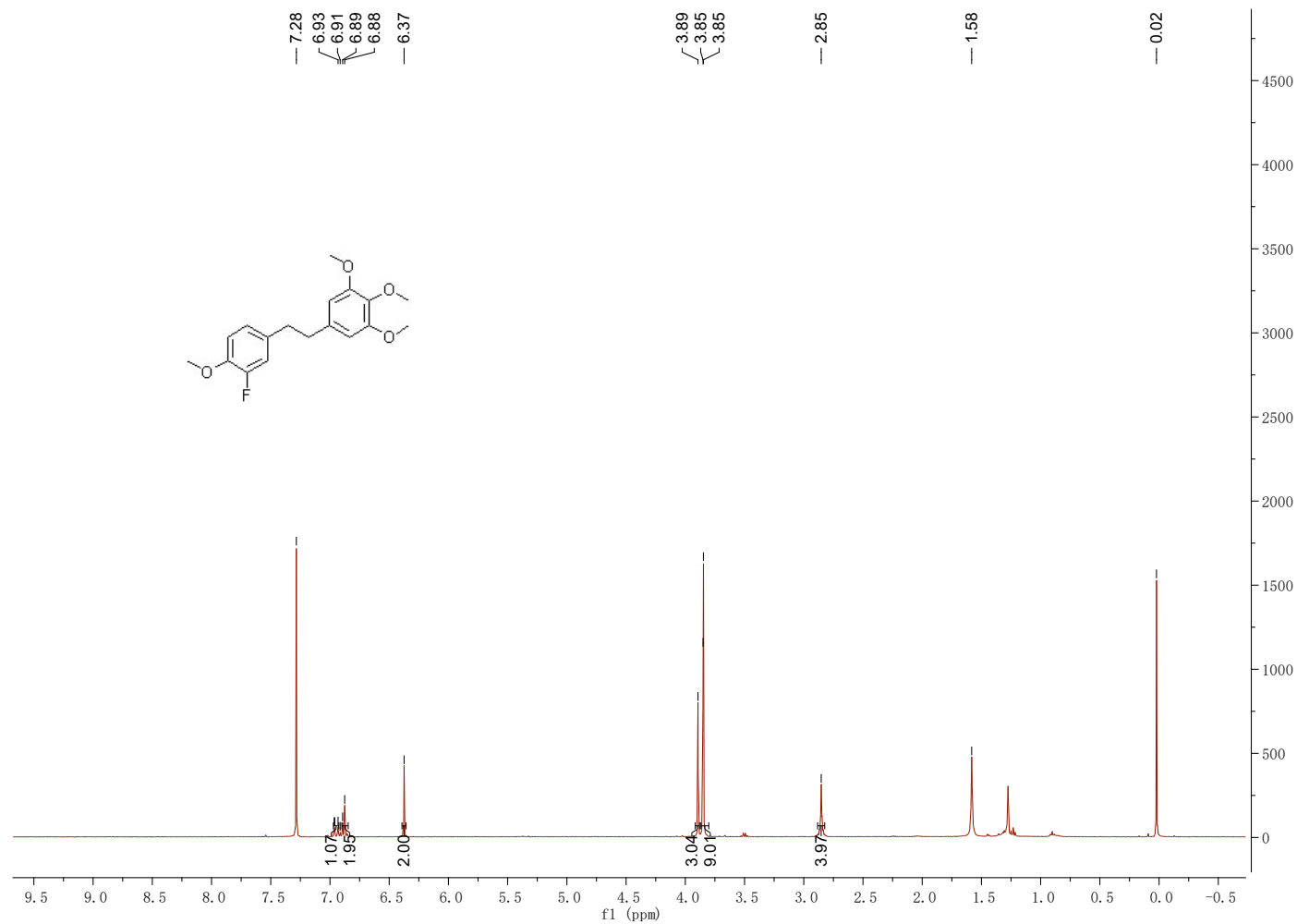


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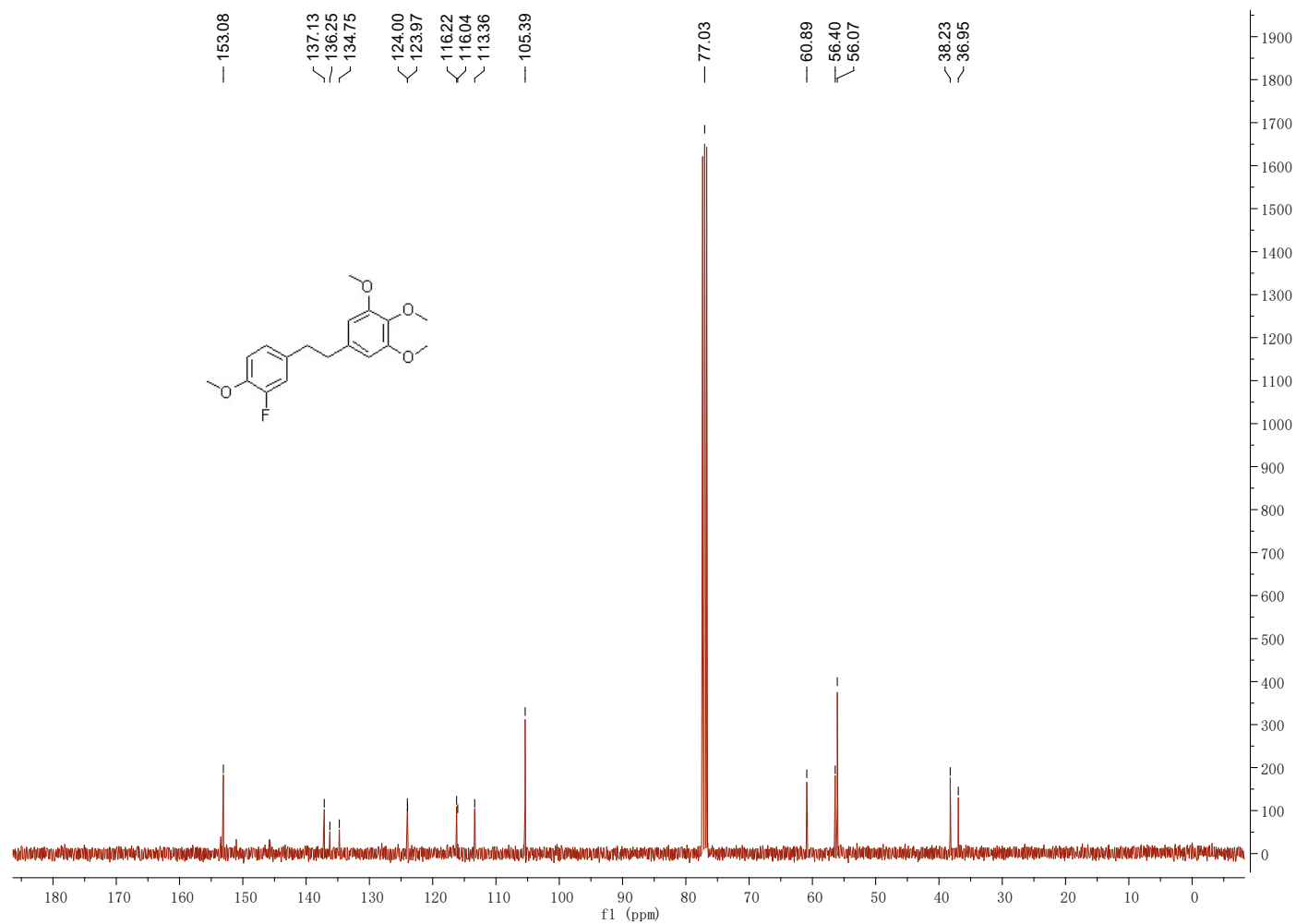


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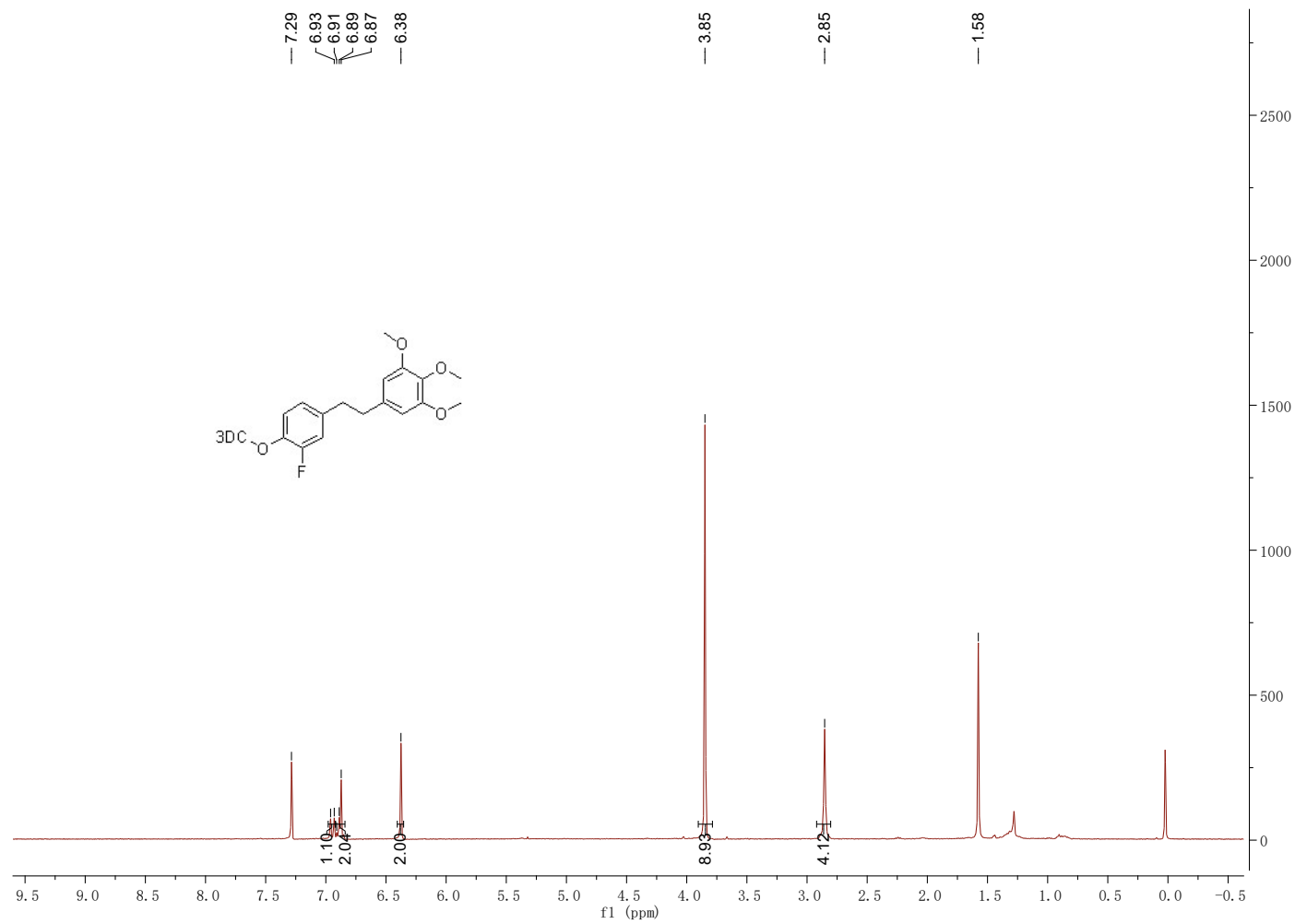


Figure S66. ¹³C-NMR of Compound 36

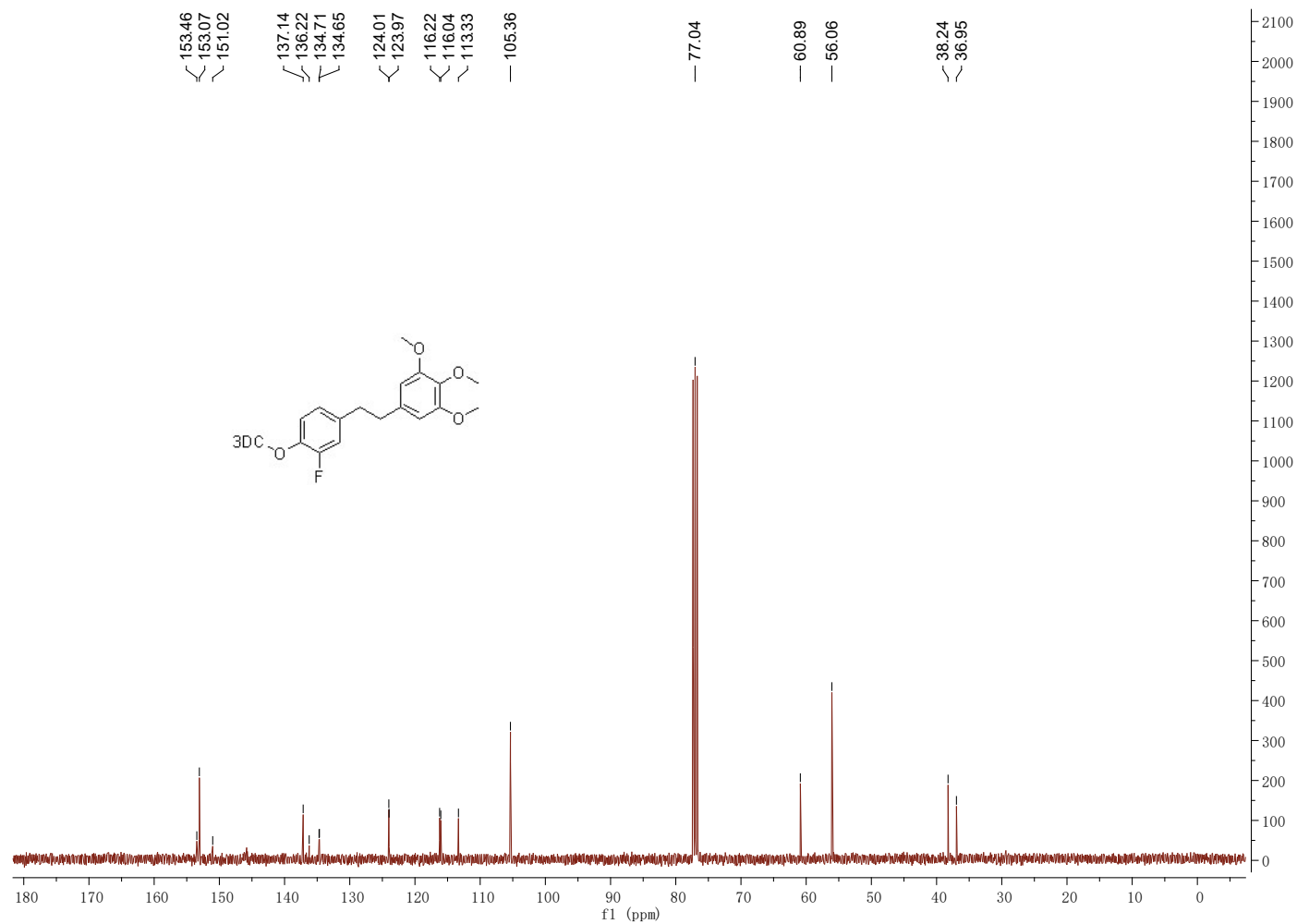


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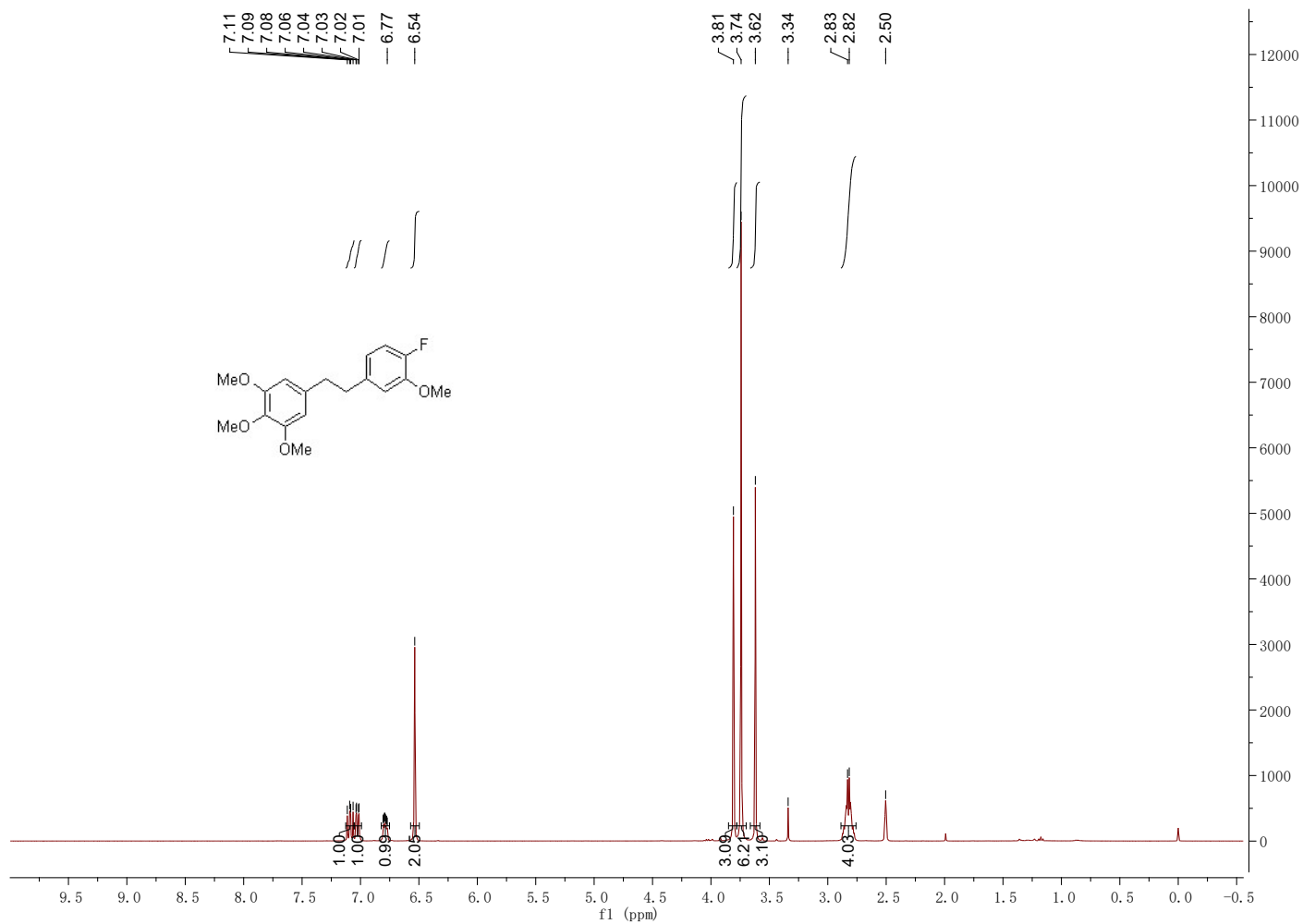


Figure S68. ^{13}C -NMR of Compound 37

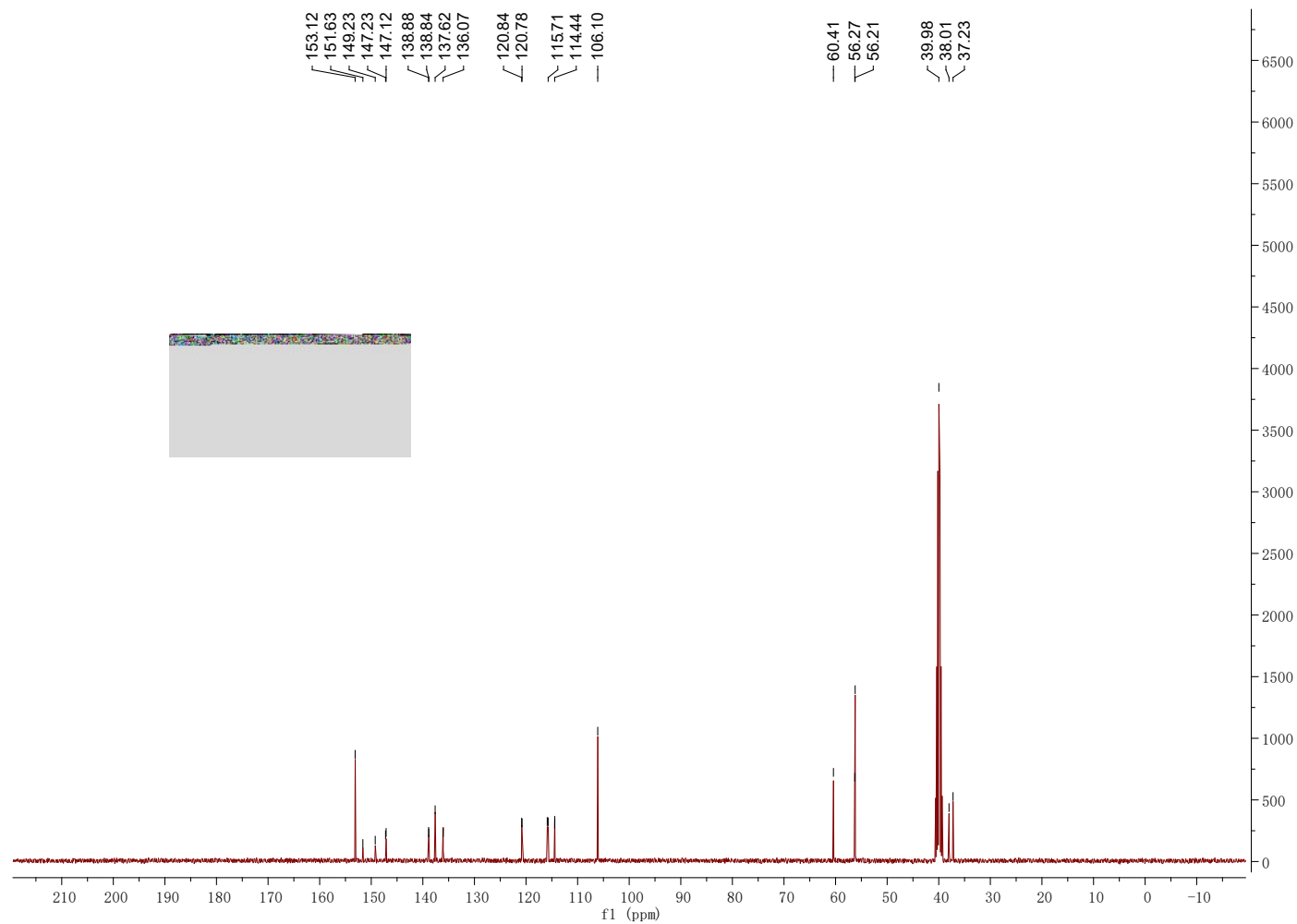


Figure S69. ¹H NMR of Compound 38

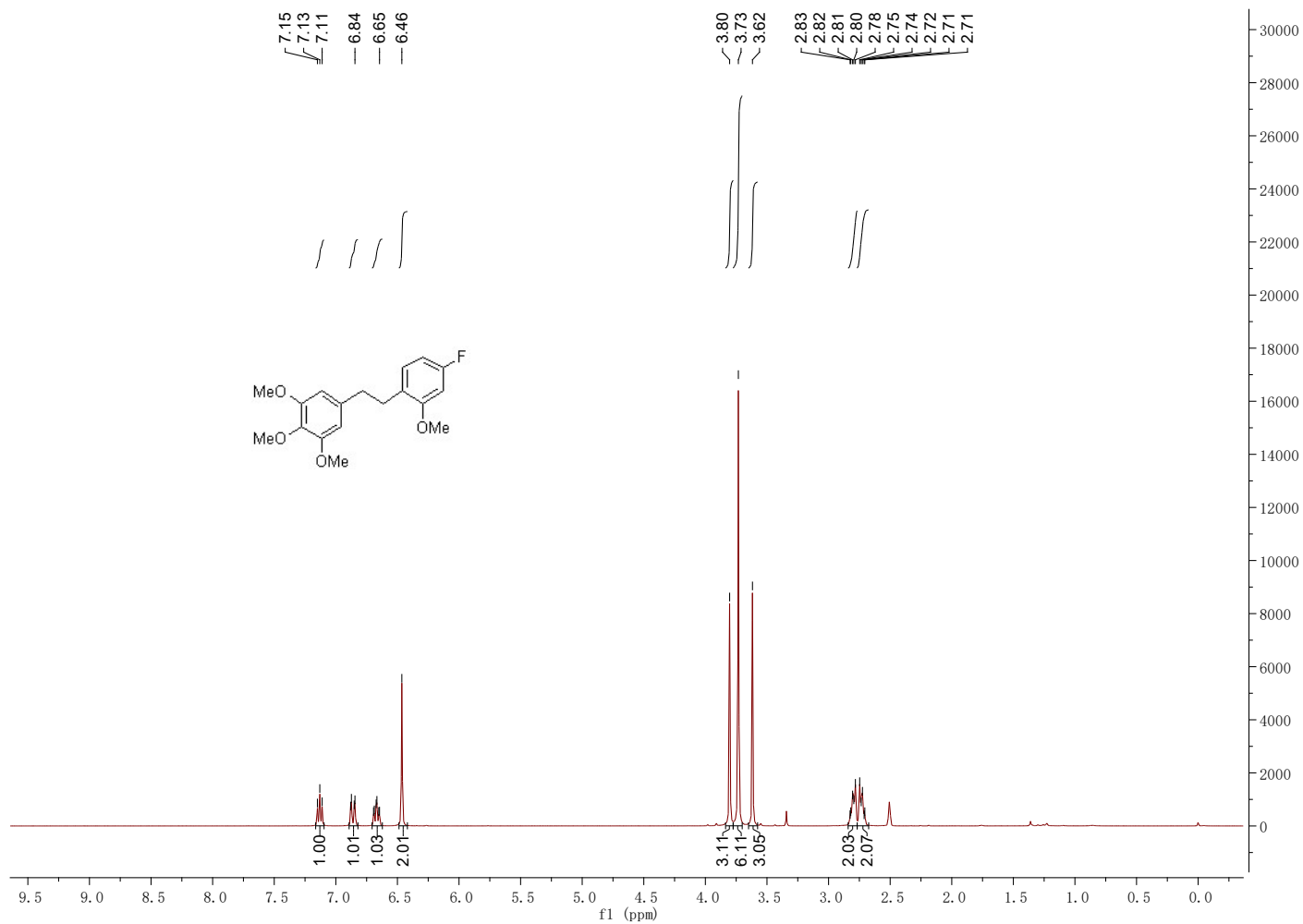


Figure S70. ^{13}C -NMR of Compound 38

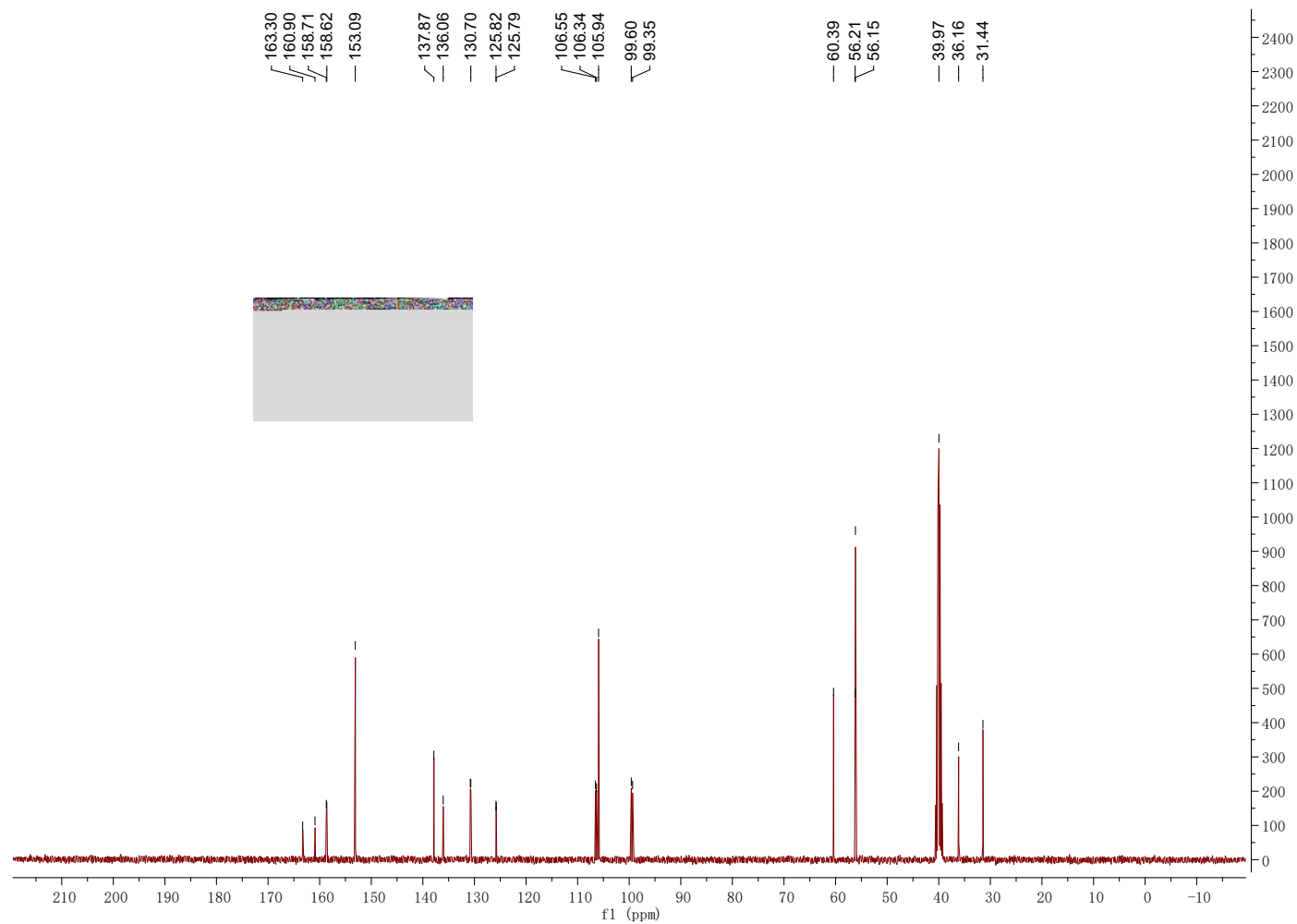


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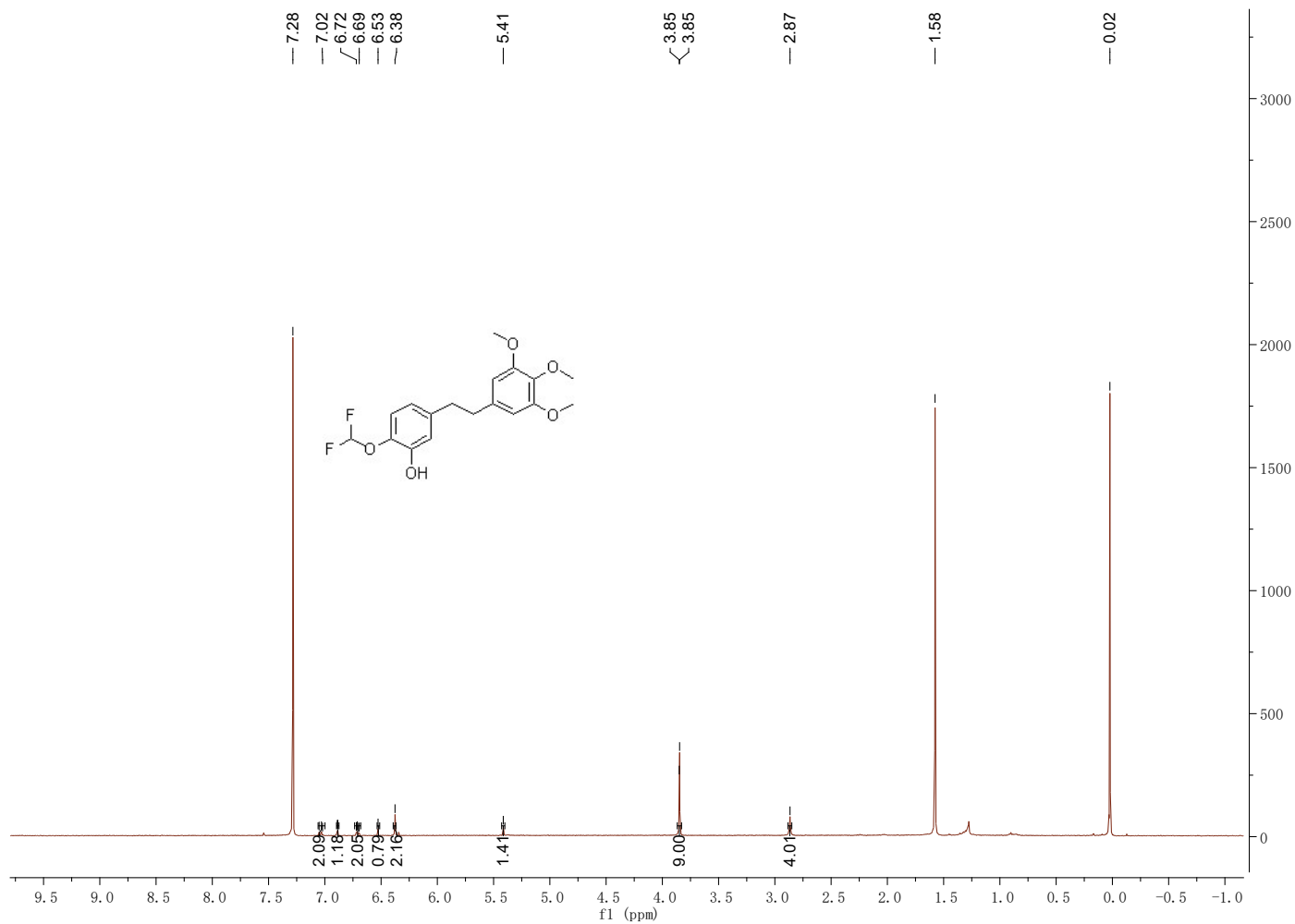


Figure S72. ^{13}C -NMR of Compound 39

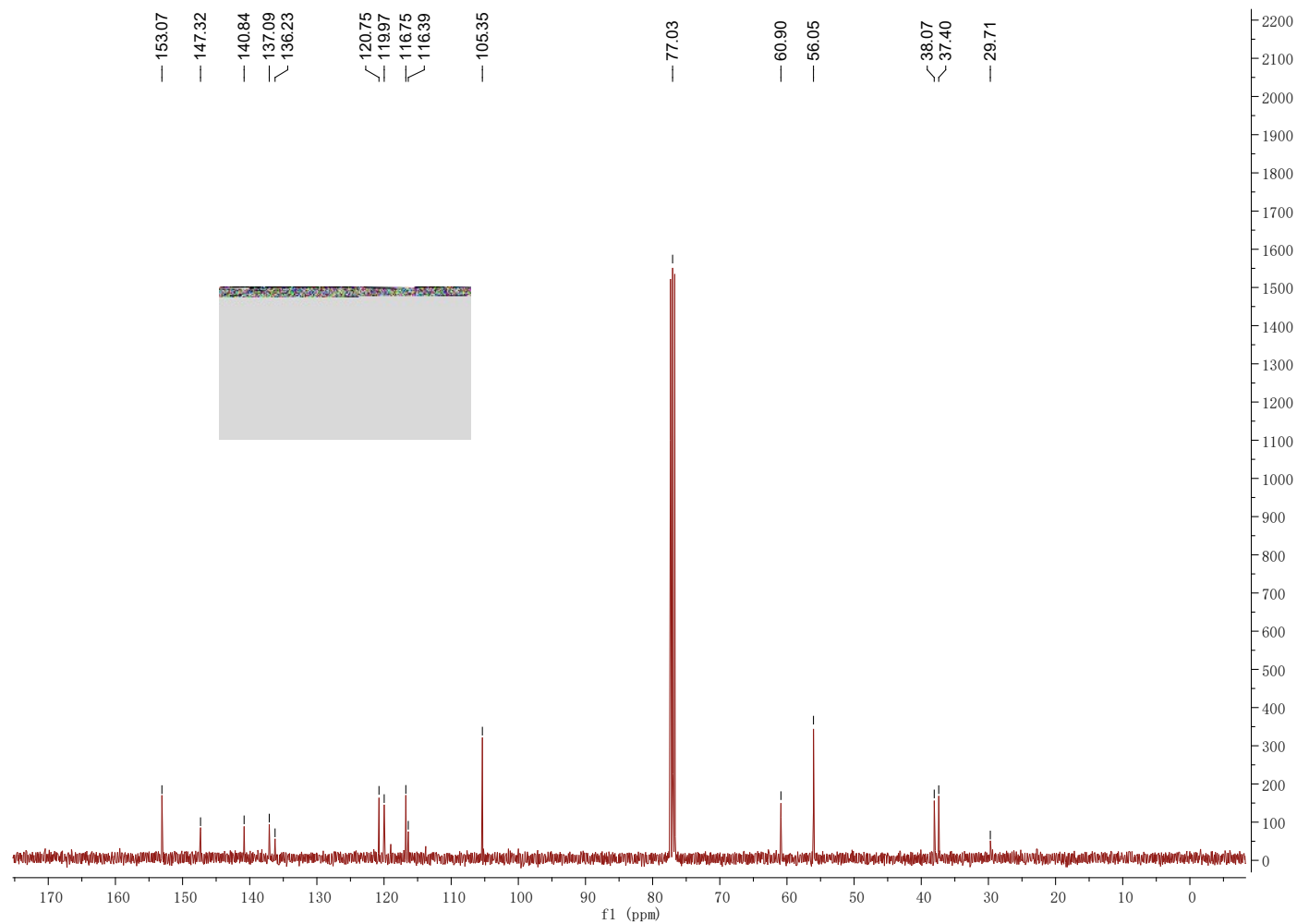


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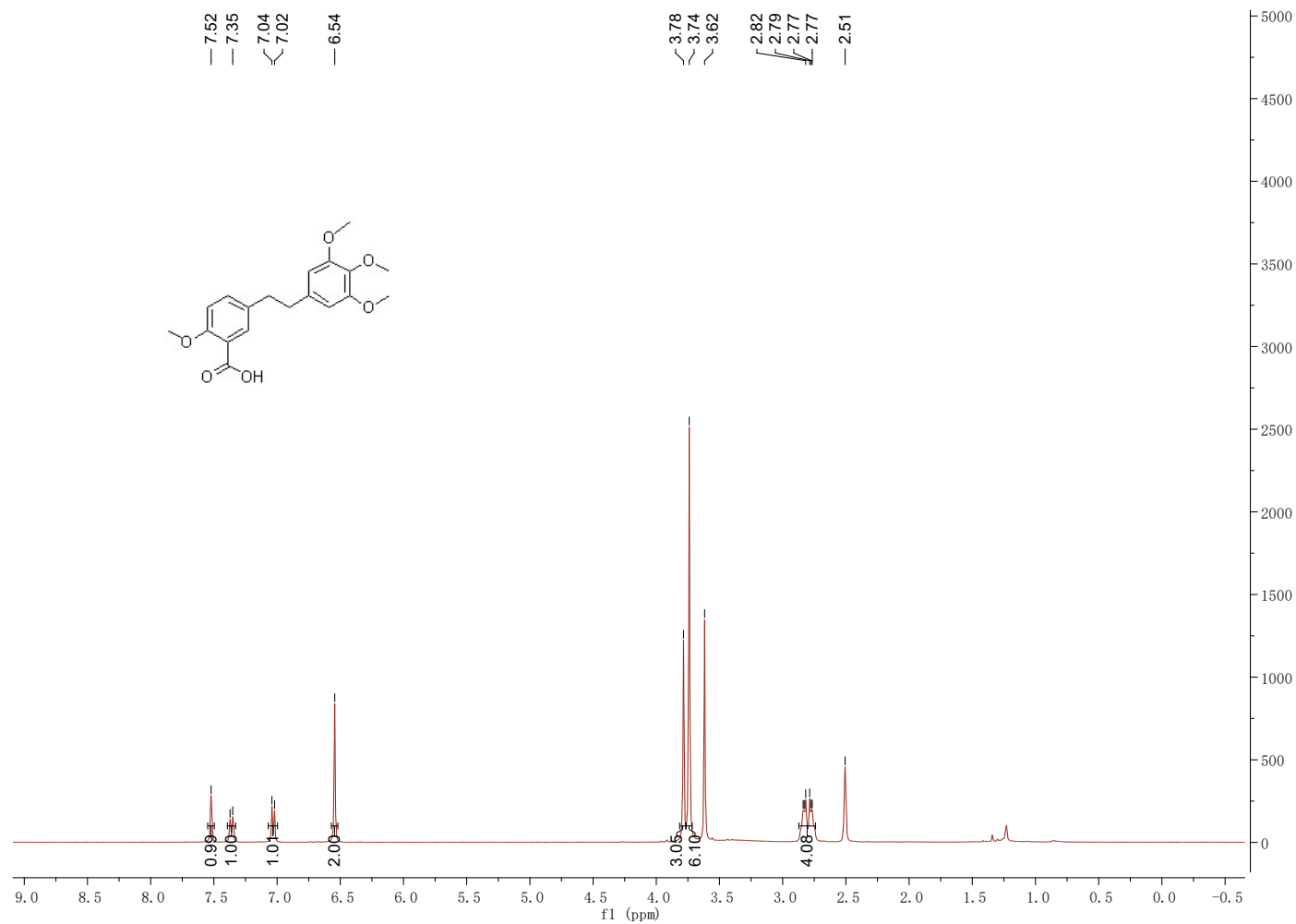


Figure S74. ^{13}C -NMR of Compound 41

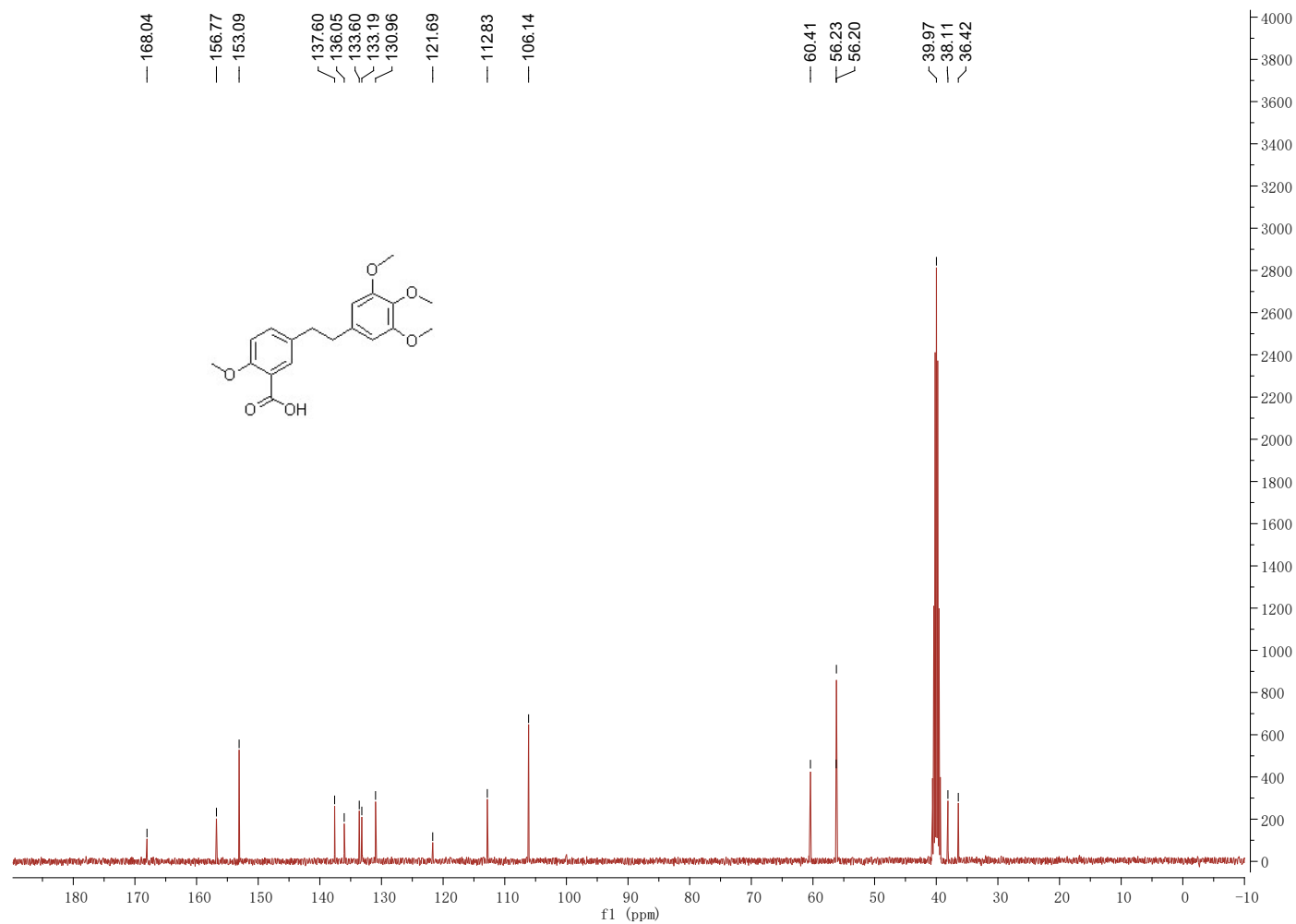


Figure S75. ¹H NMR of Compound 42

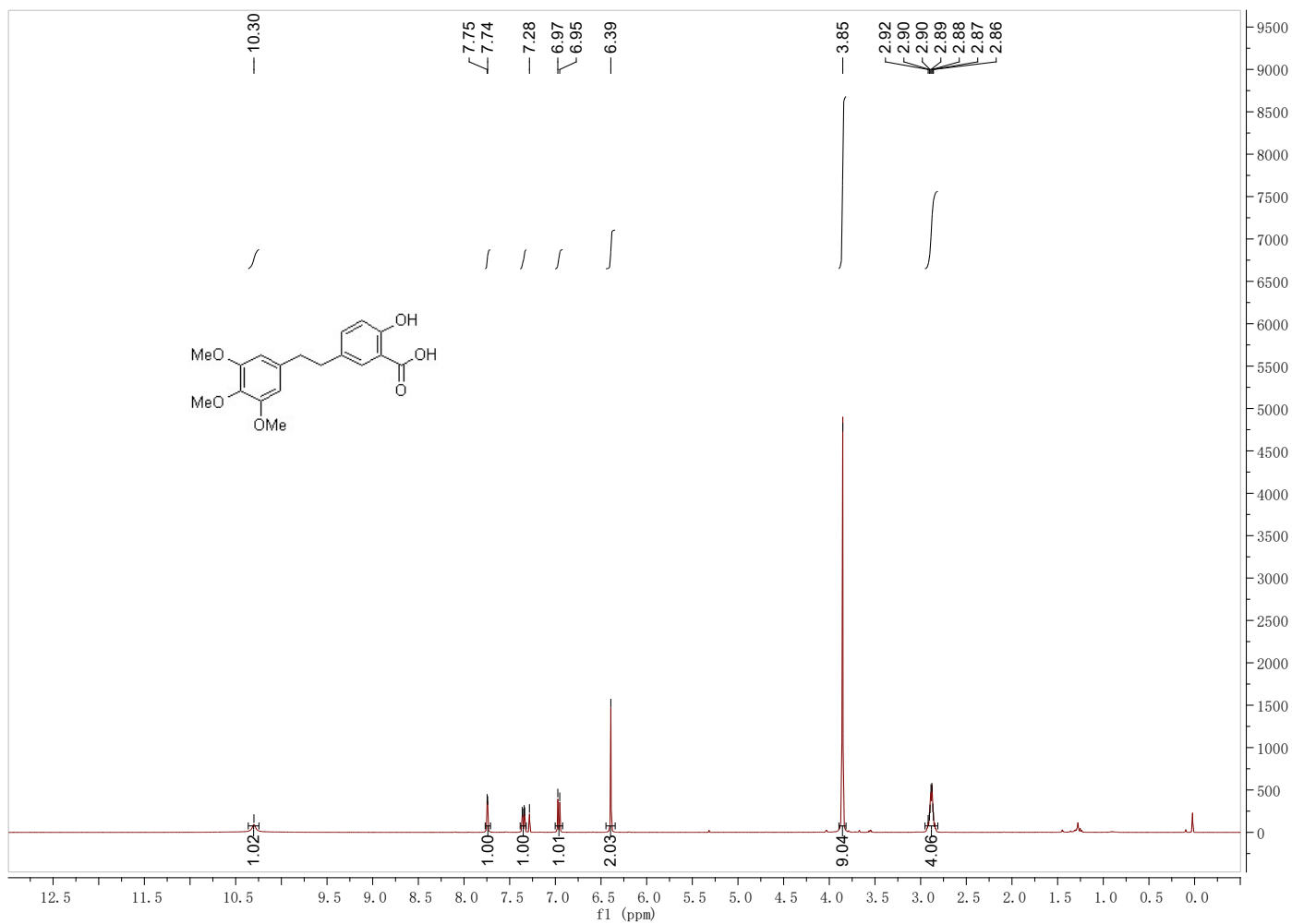


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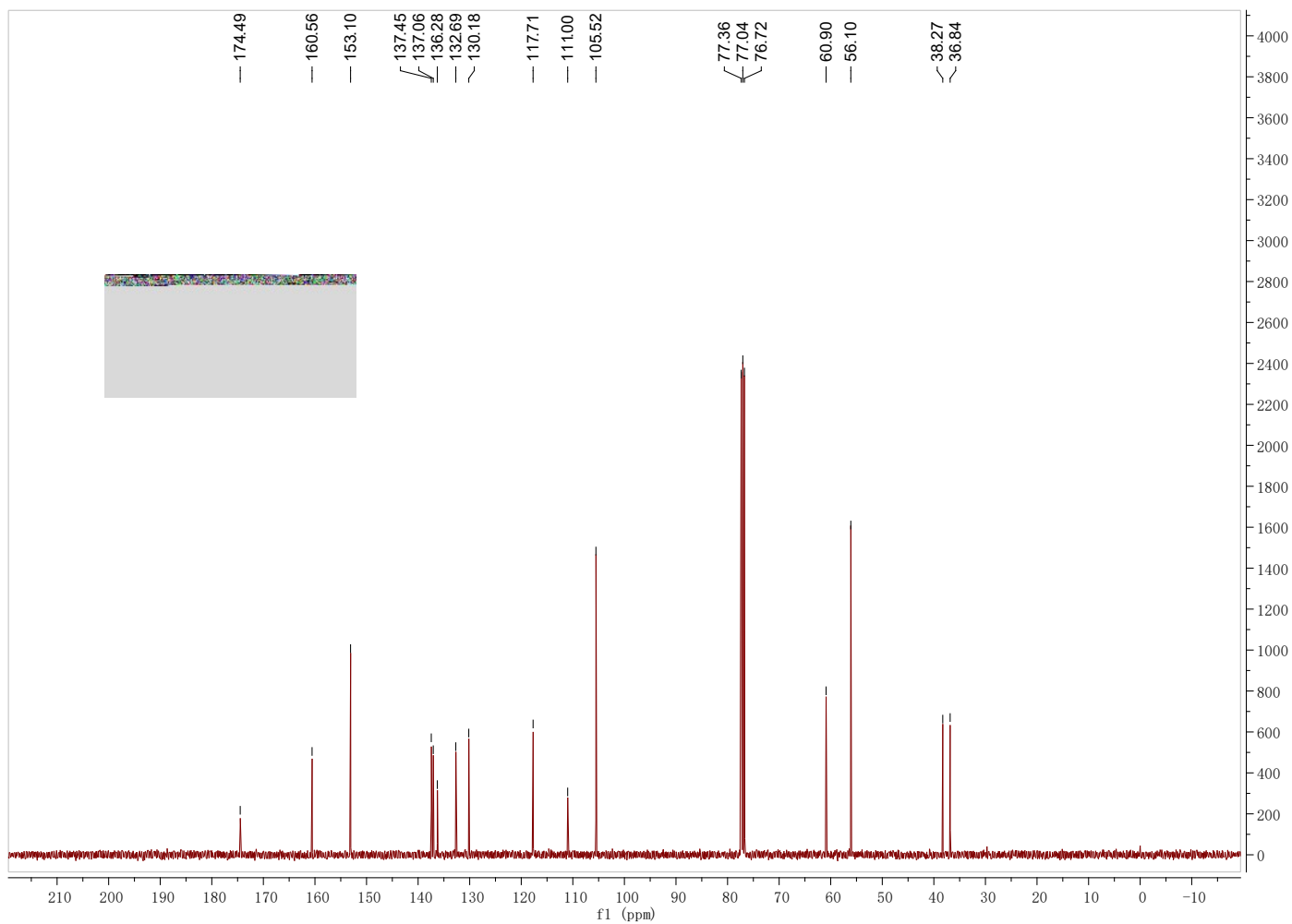


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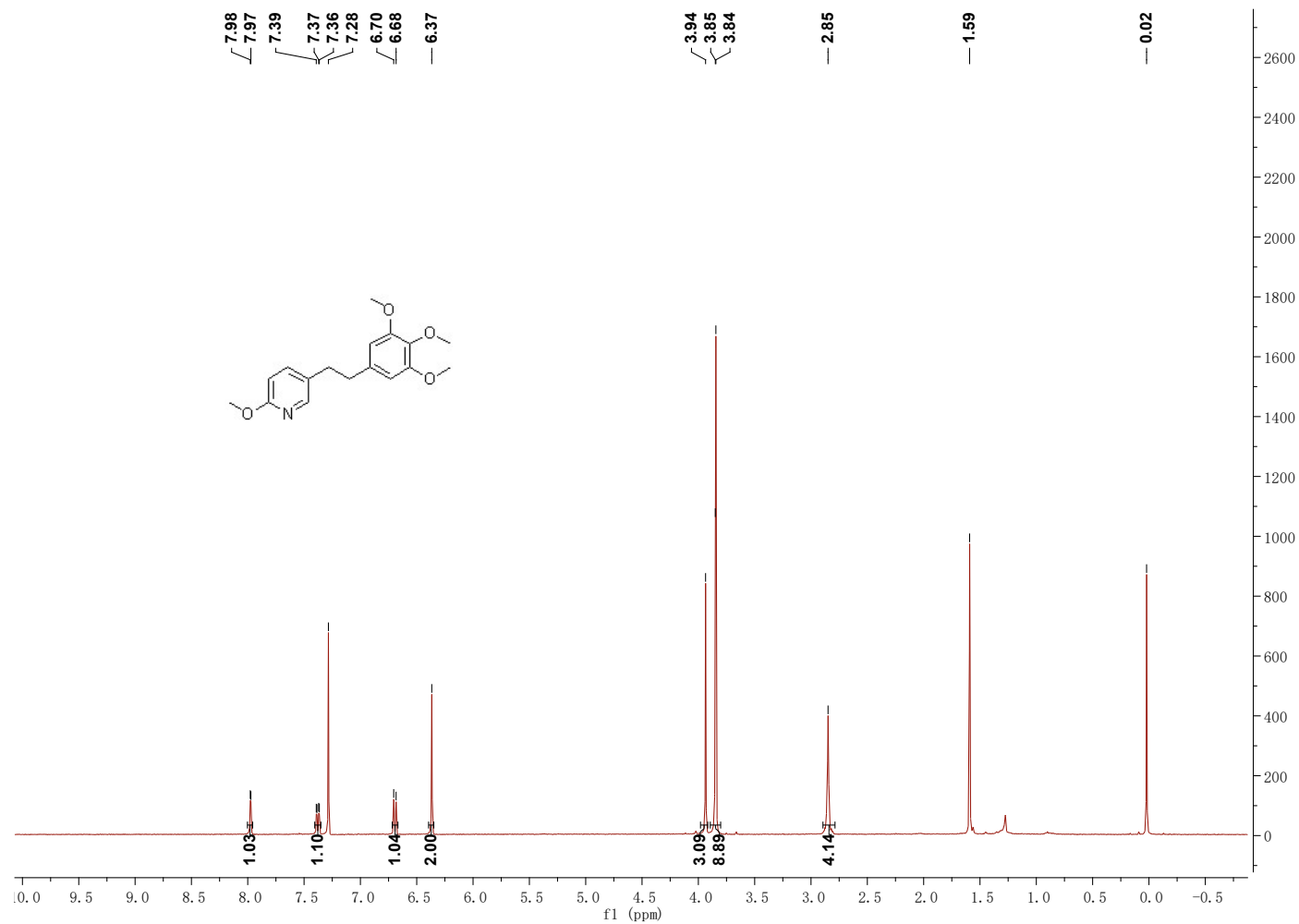


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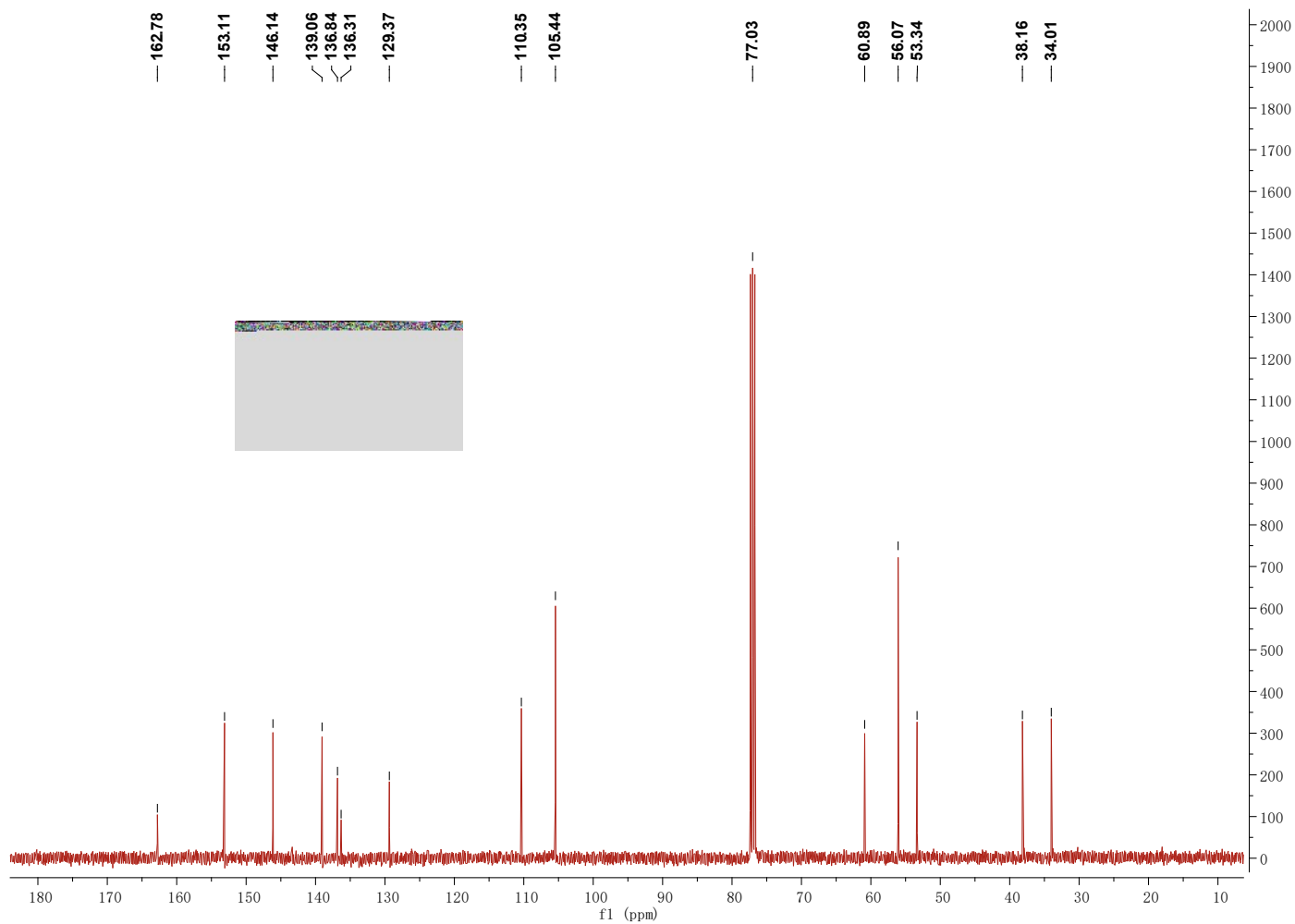


Figure S79. ¹H NMR of Compound 44



Figure S80. ^{13}C -NMR of Compound 44

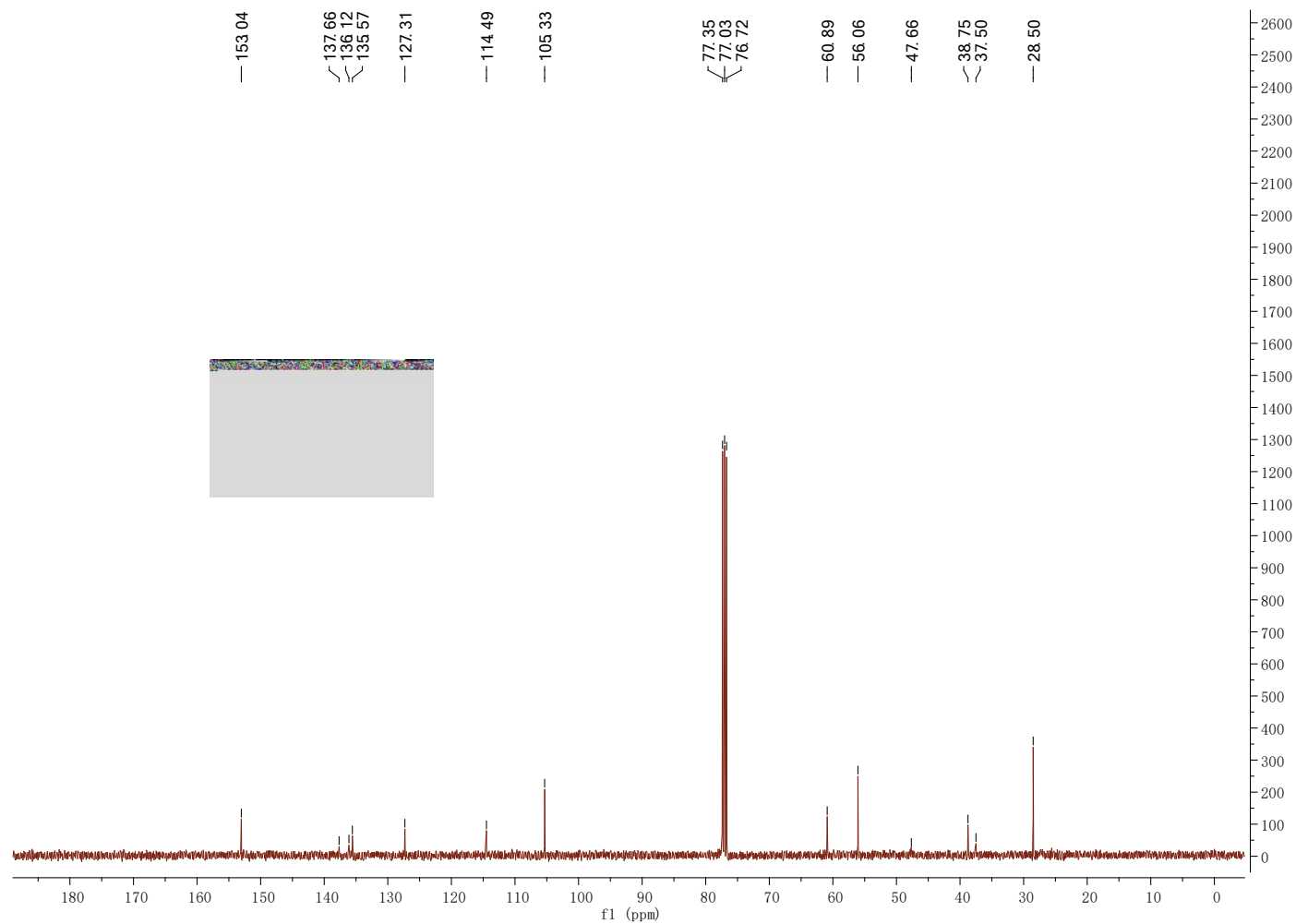


Figure S81. ¹H NMR of Compound 45

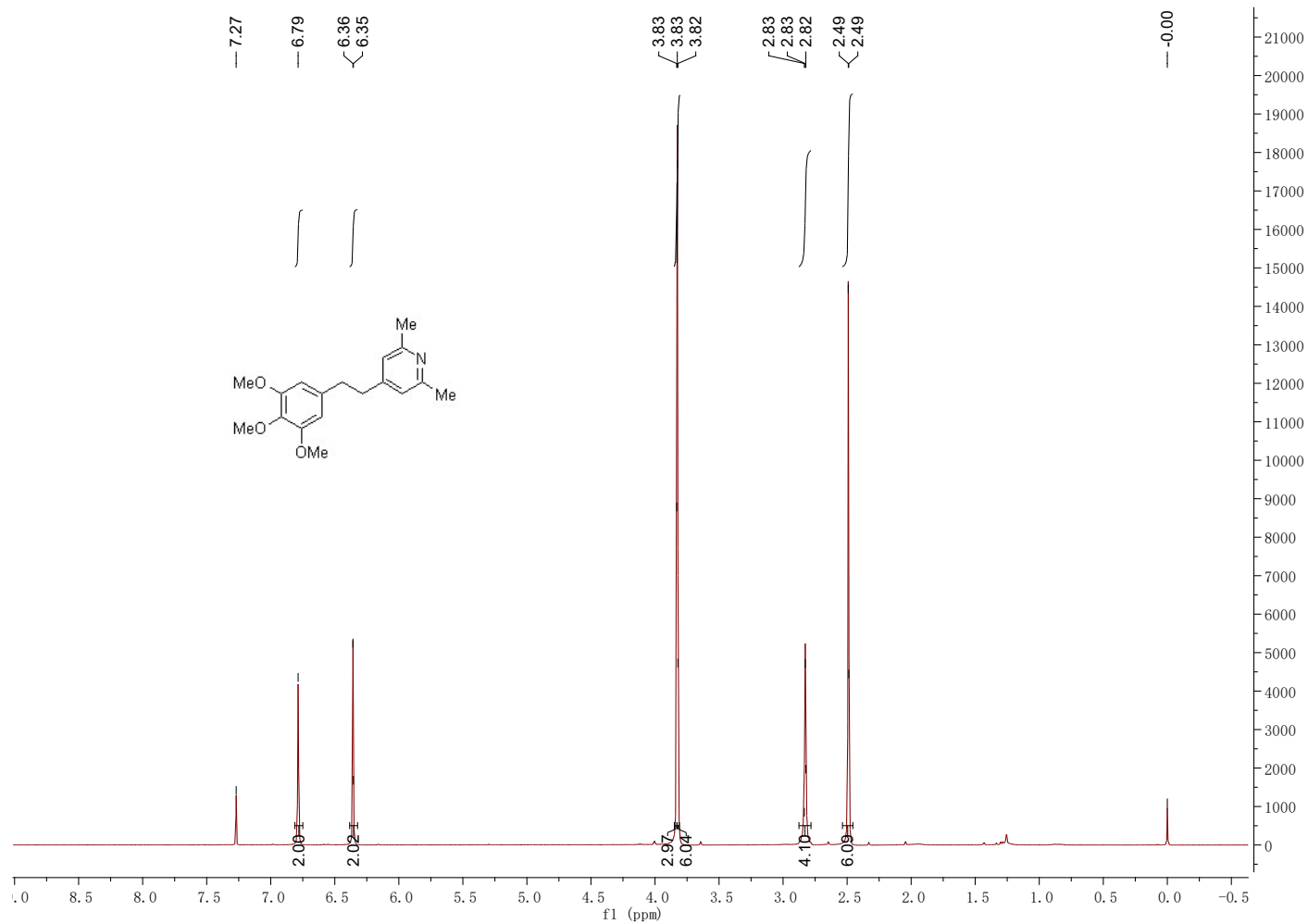


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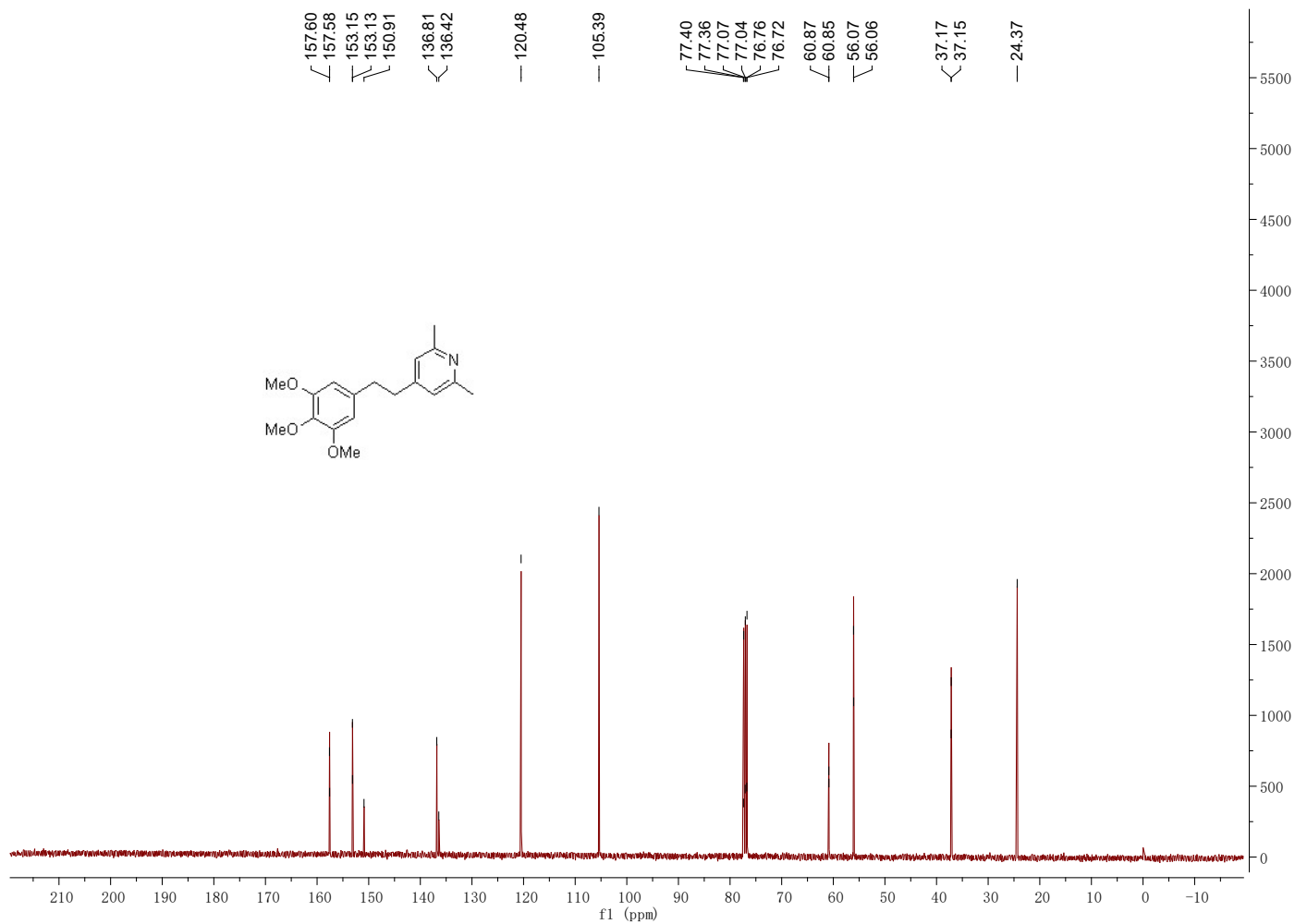


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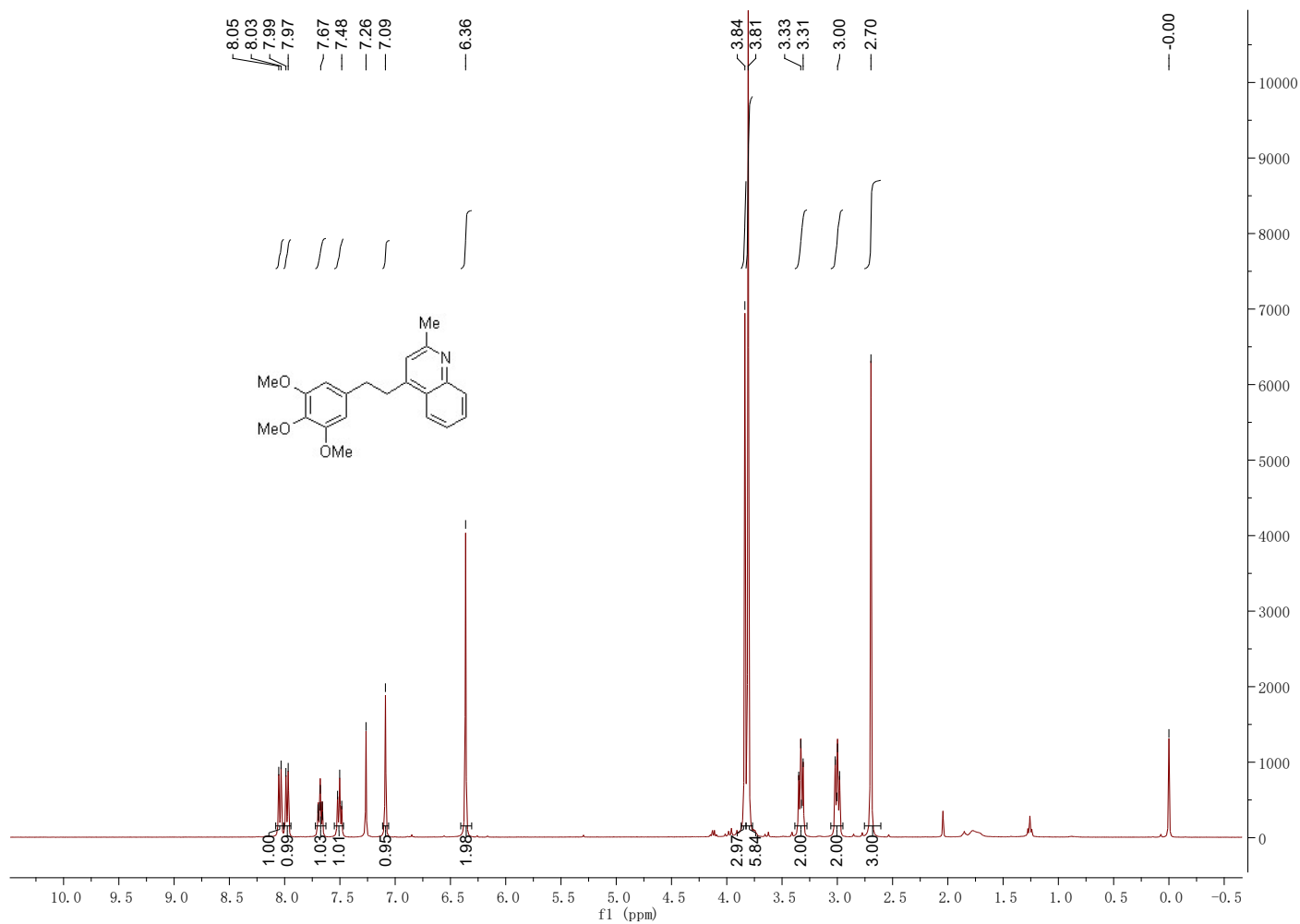


Figure S84. ^{13}C -NMR of Compound 46

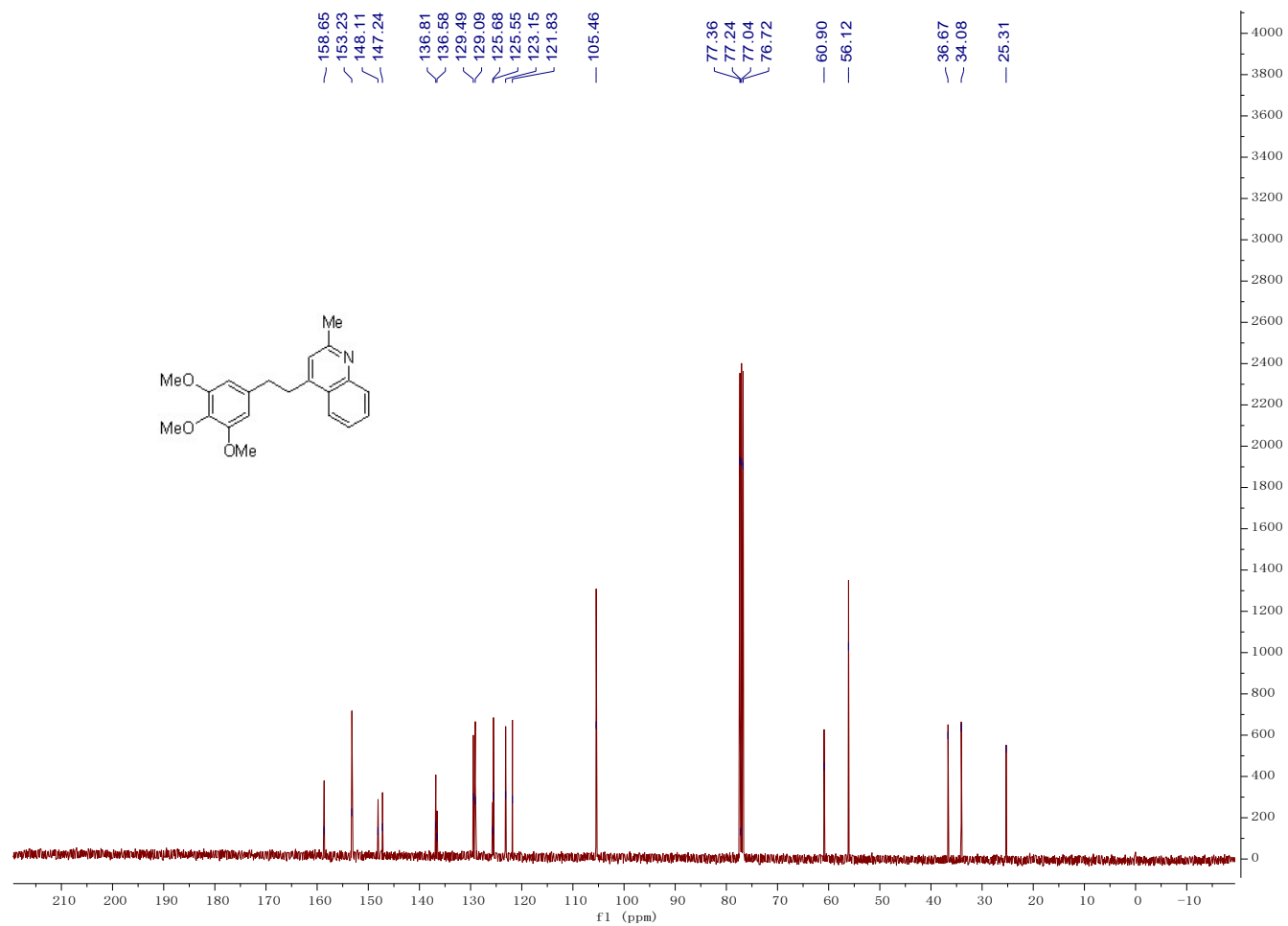


Figure S85. ^1H NMR of Compound 47

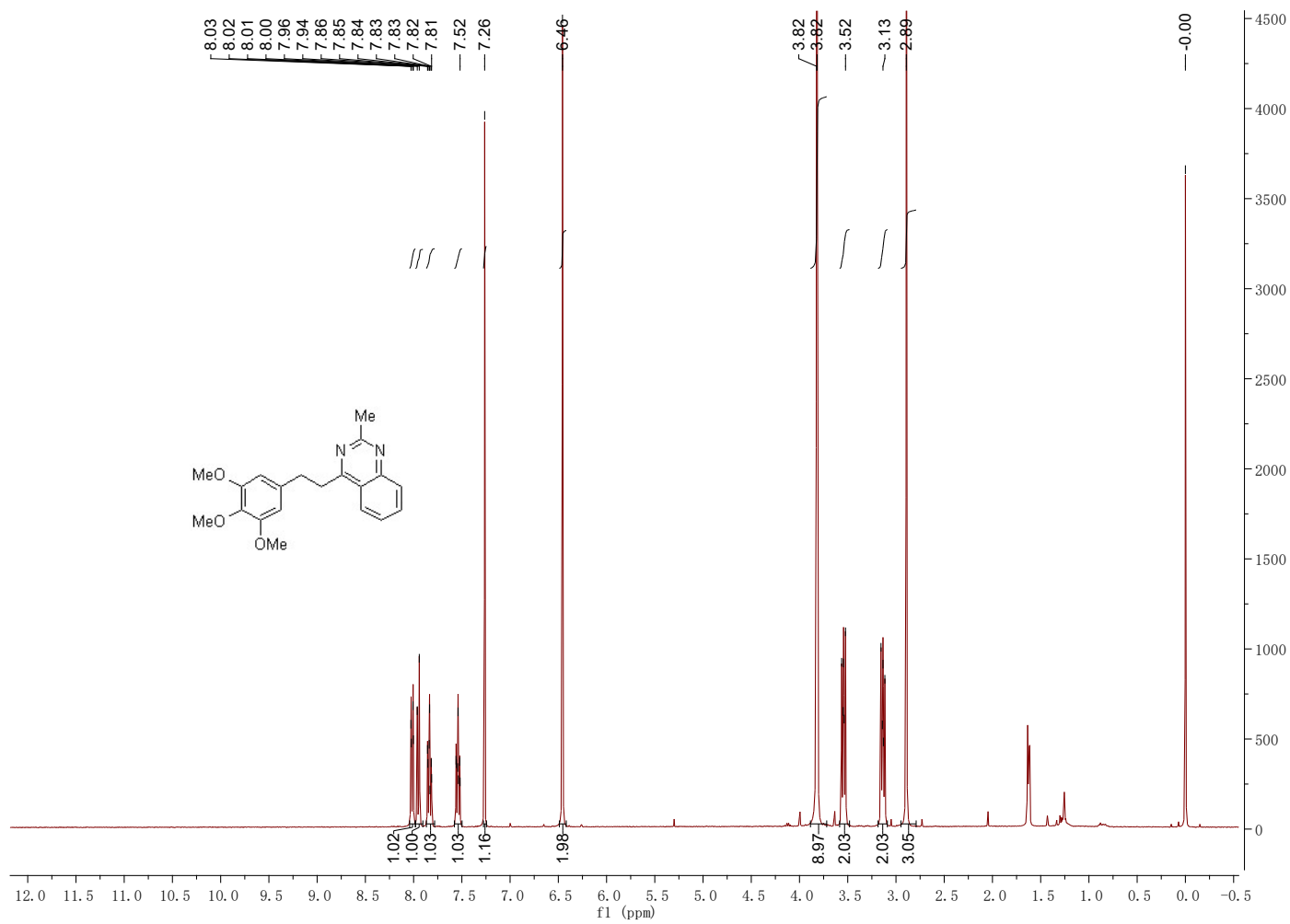
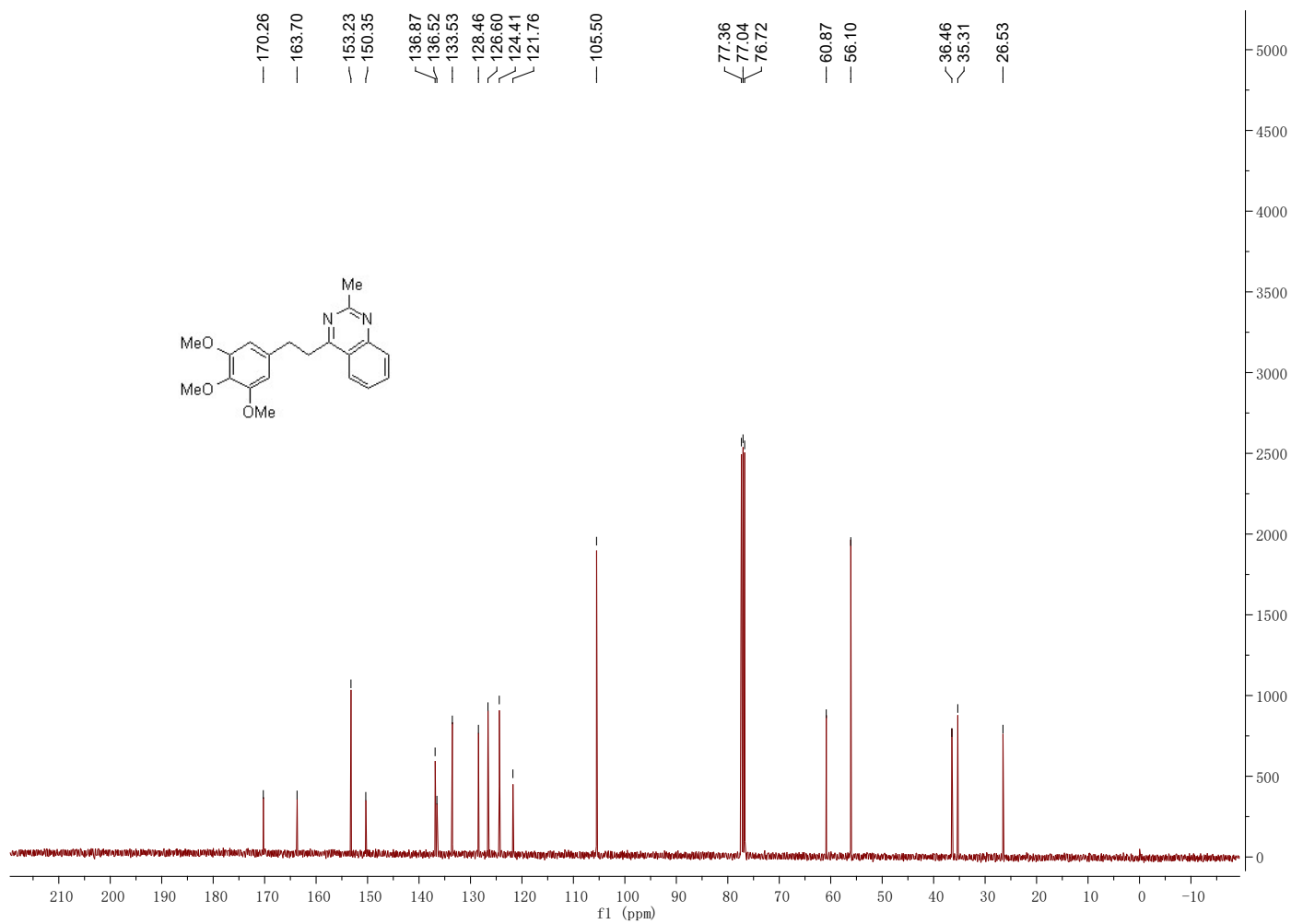


Figure S86. ^{13}C -NMR of Compound 47



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