

## Supporting Information

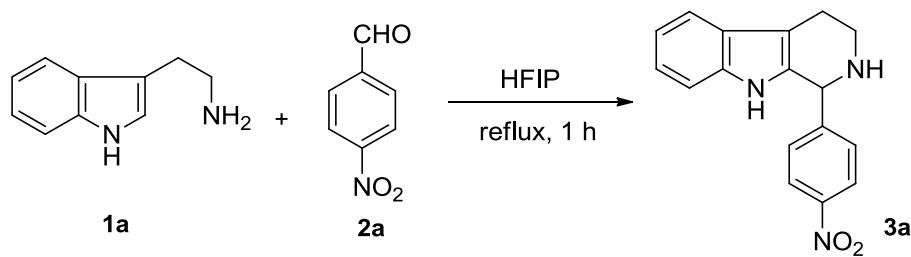
### Simple and Efficient Synthesis of Tetrahydro- $\beta$ -Carbolines via the Pictet–Spengler Reaction in 1,1,1,3,3,3-Hexafluoro-2-Propanol (HFIP)

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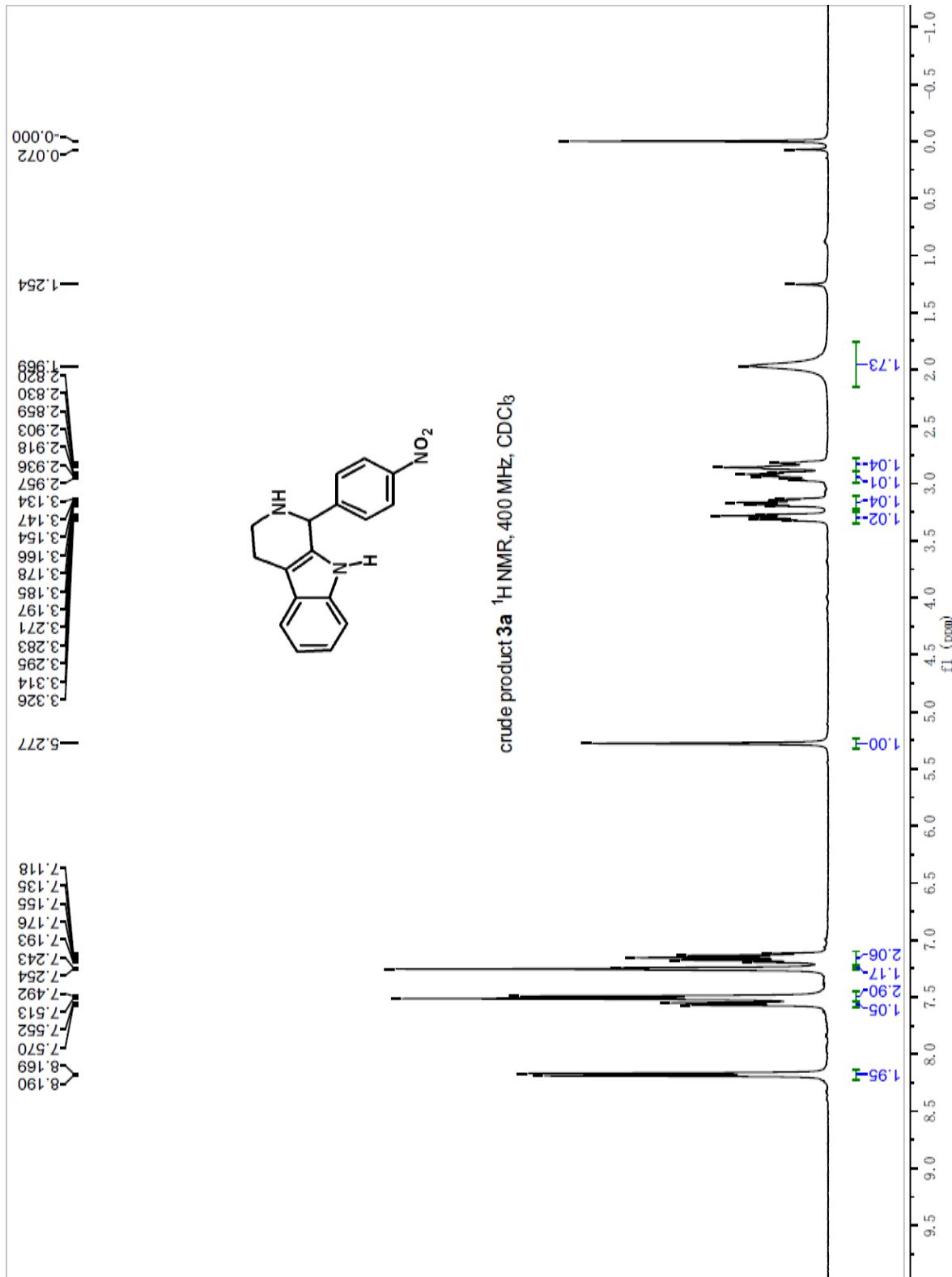
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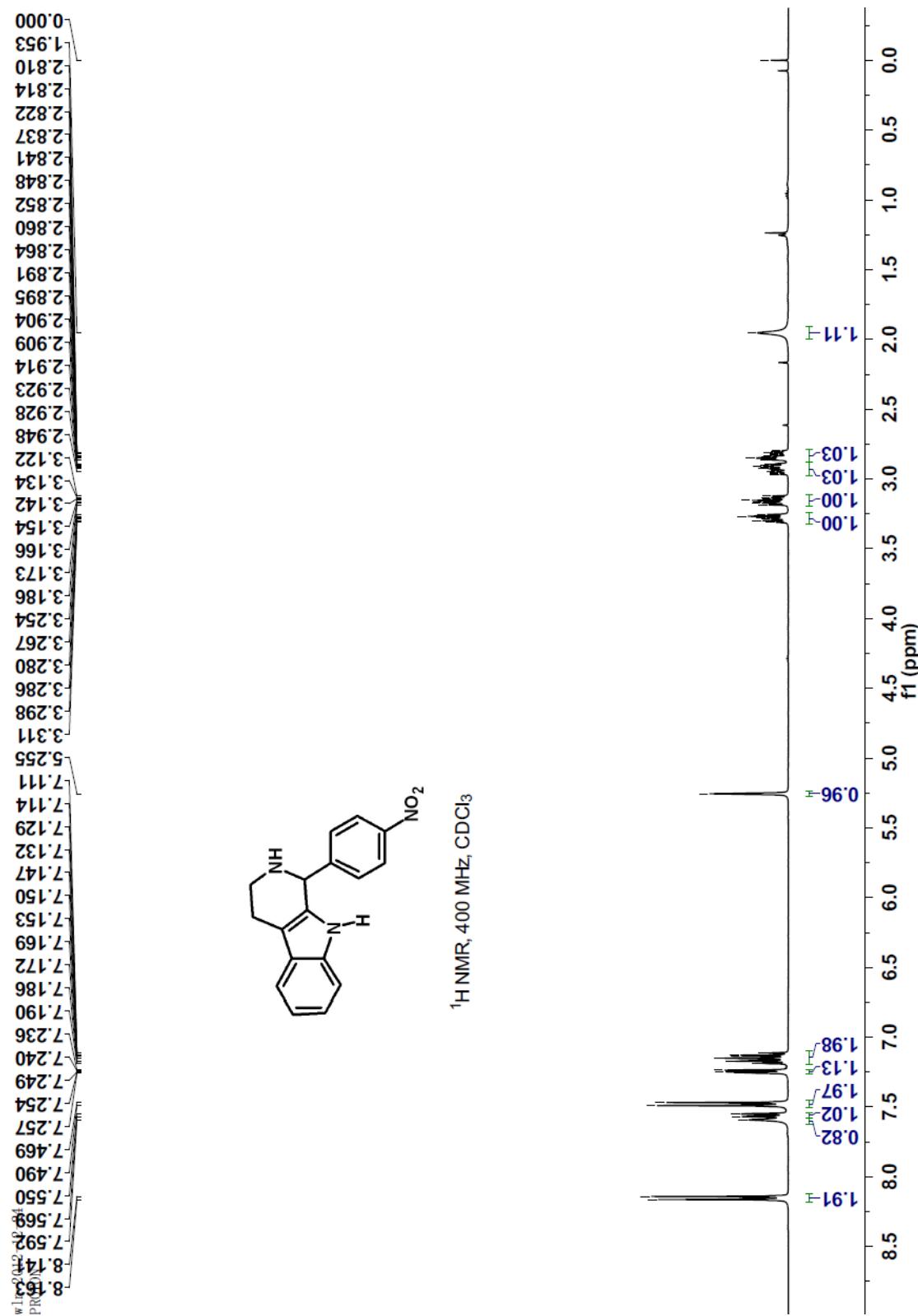


The  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of the crude product after removal of solvent HFIP.

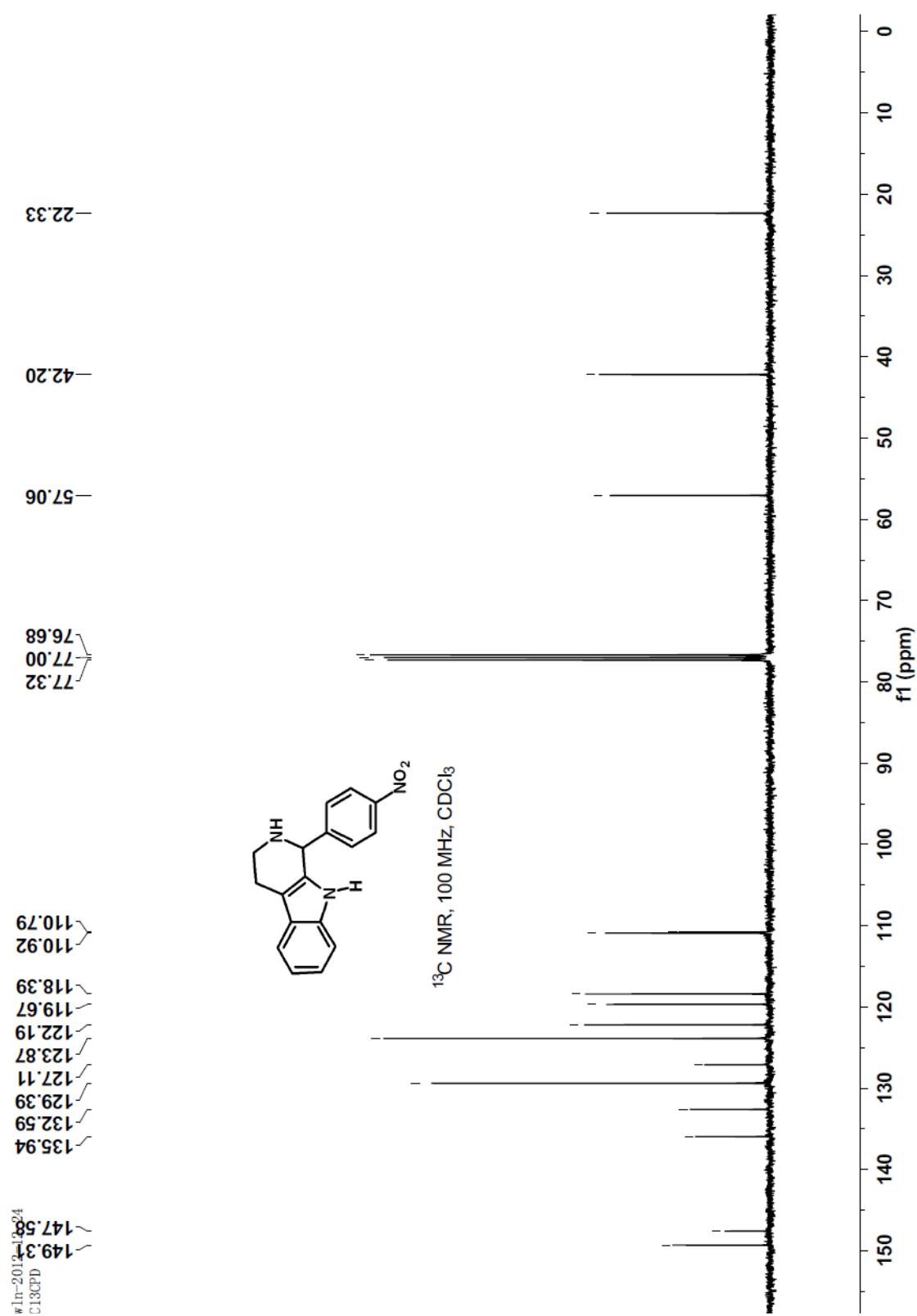


## NMR spectra

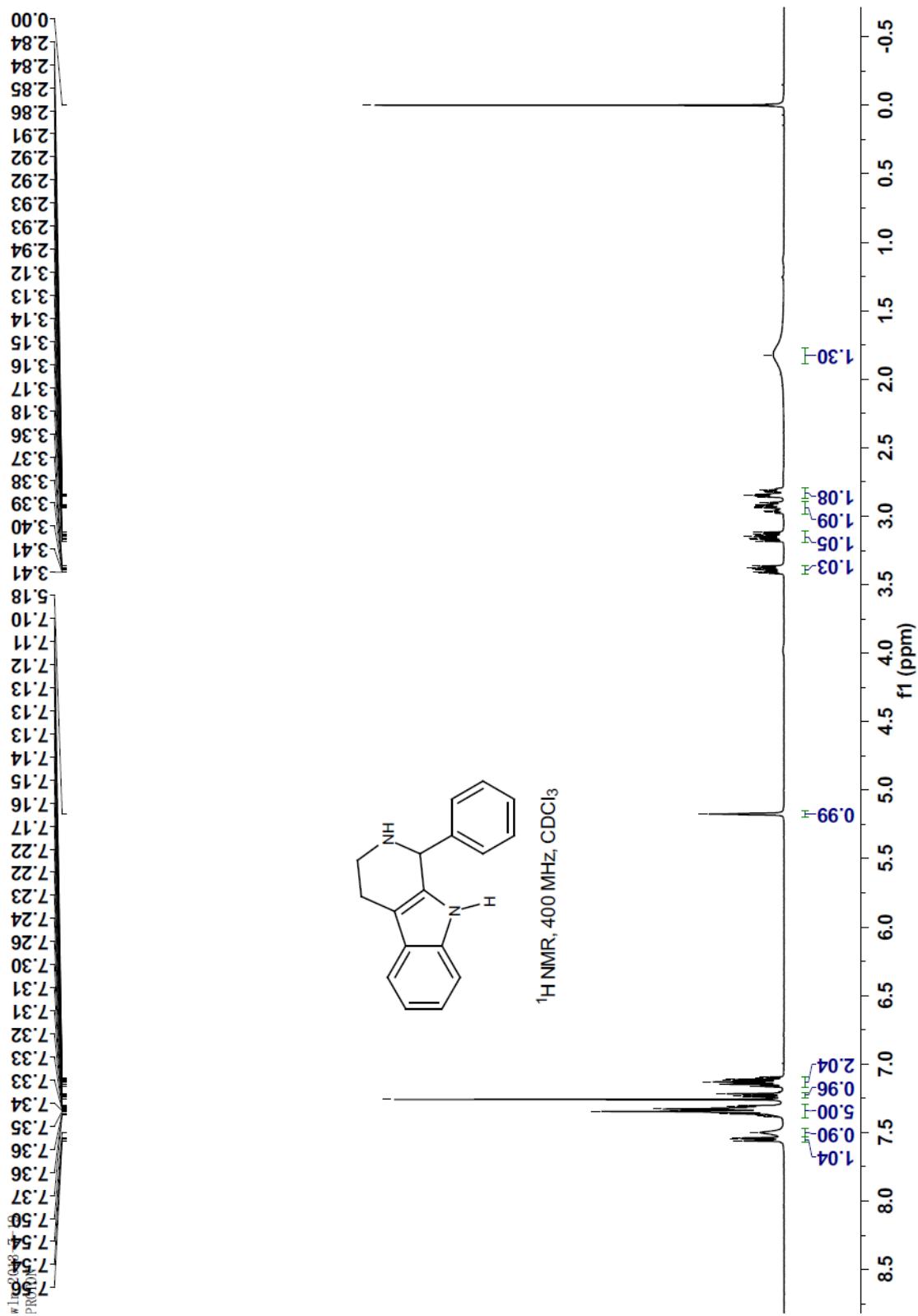
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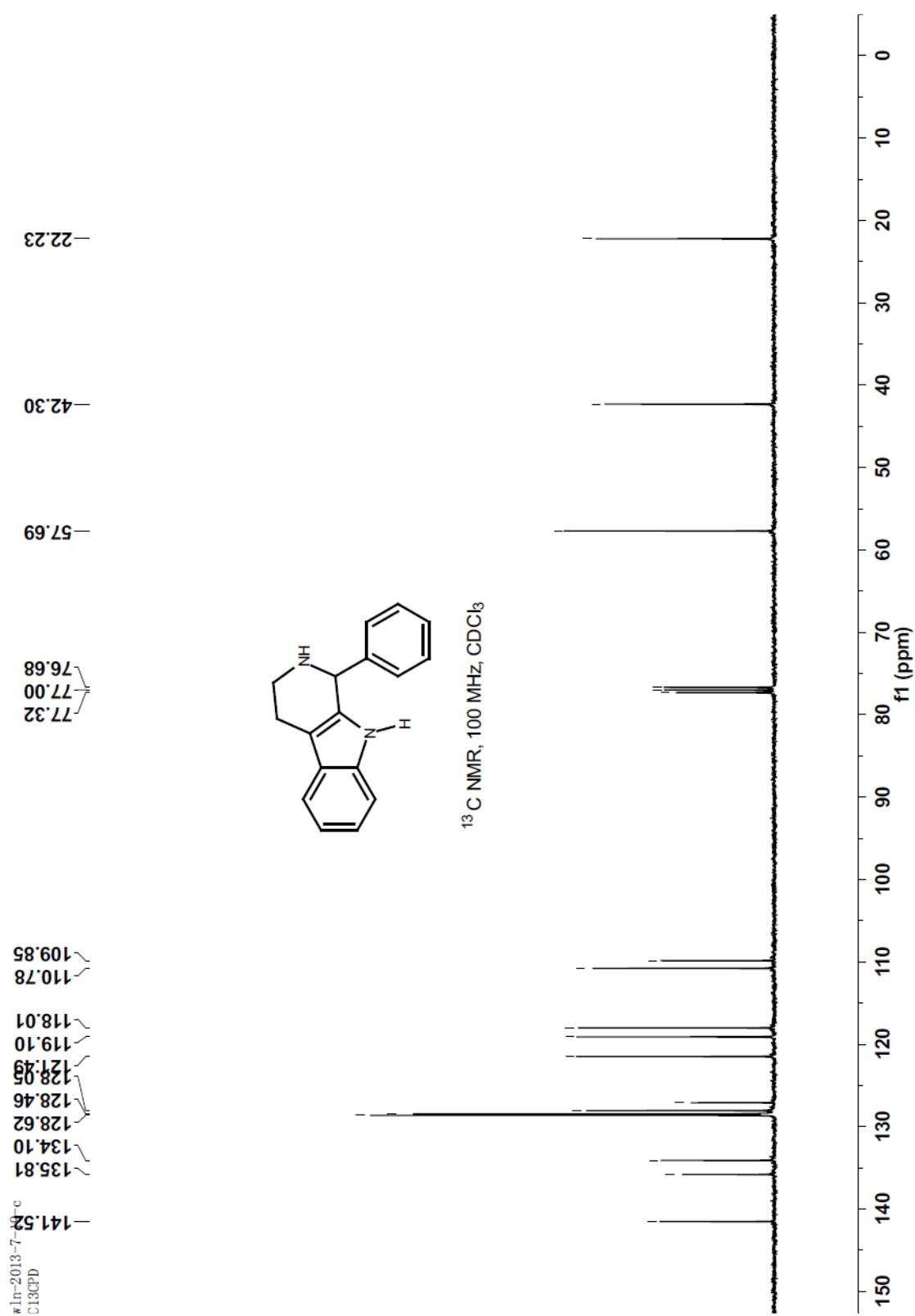
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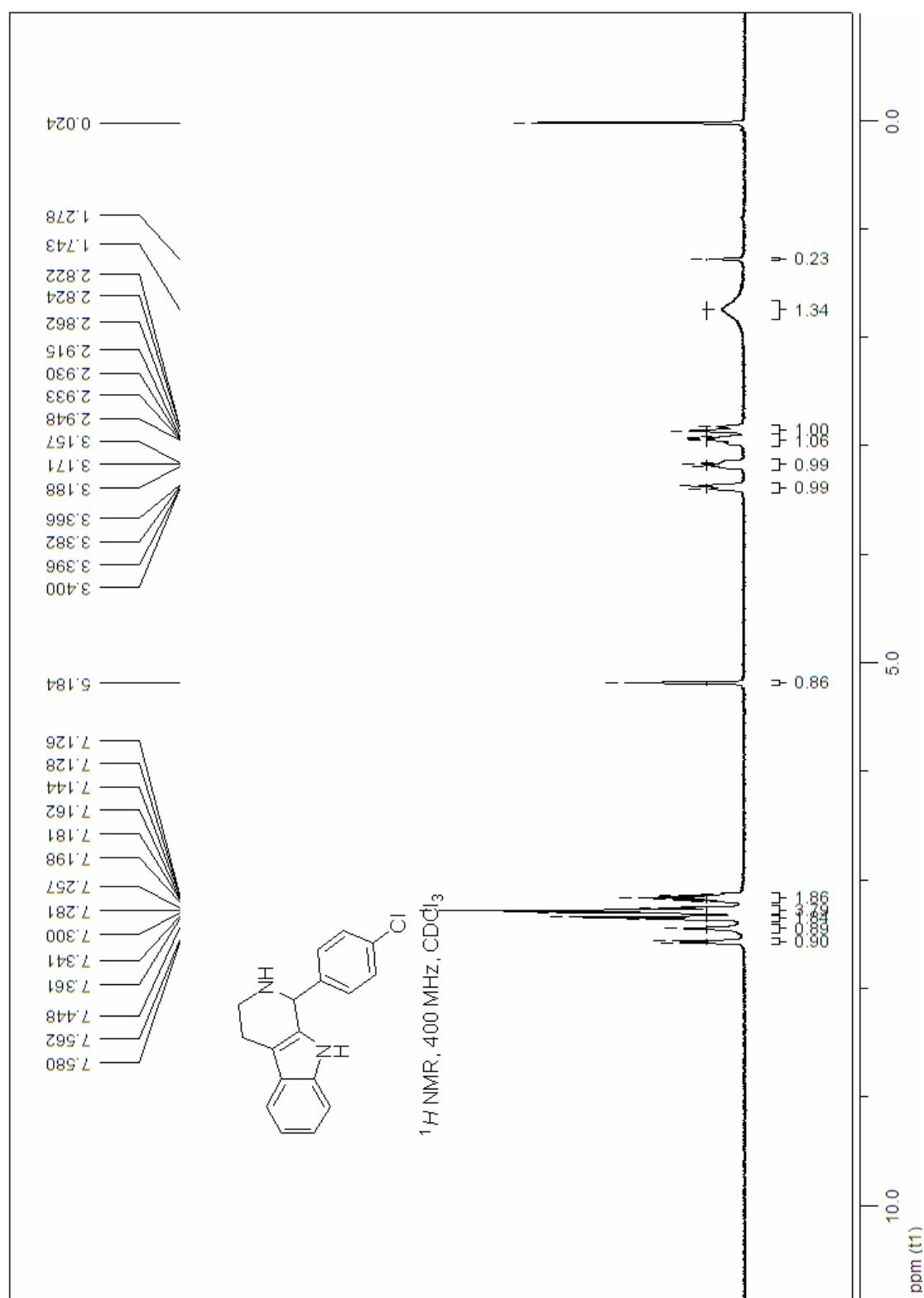
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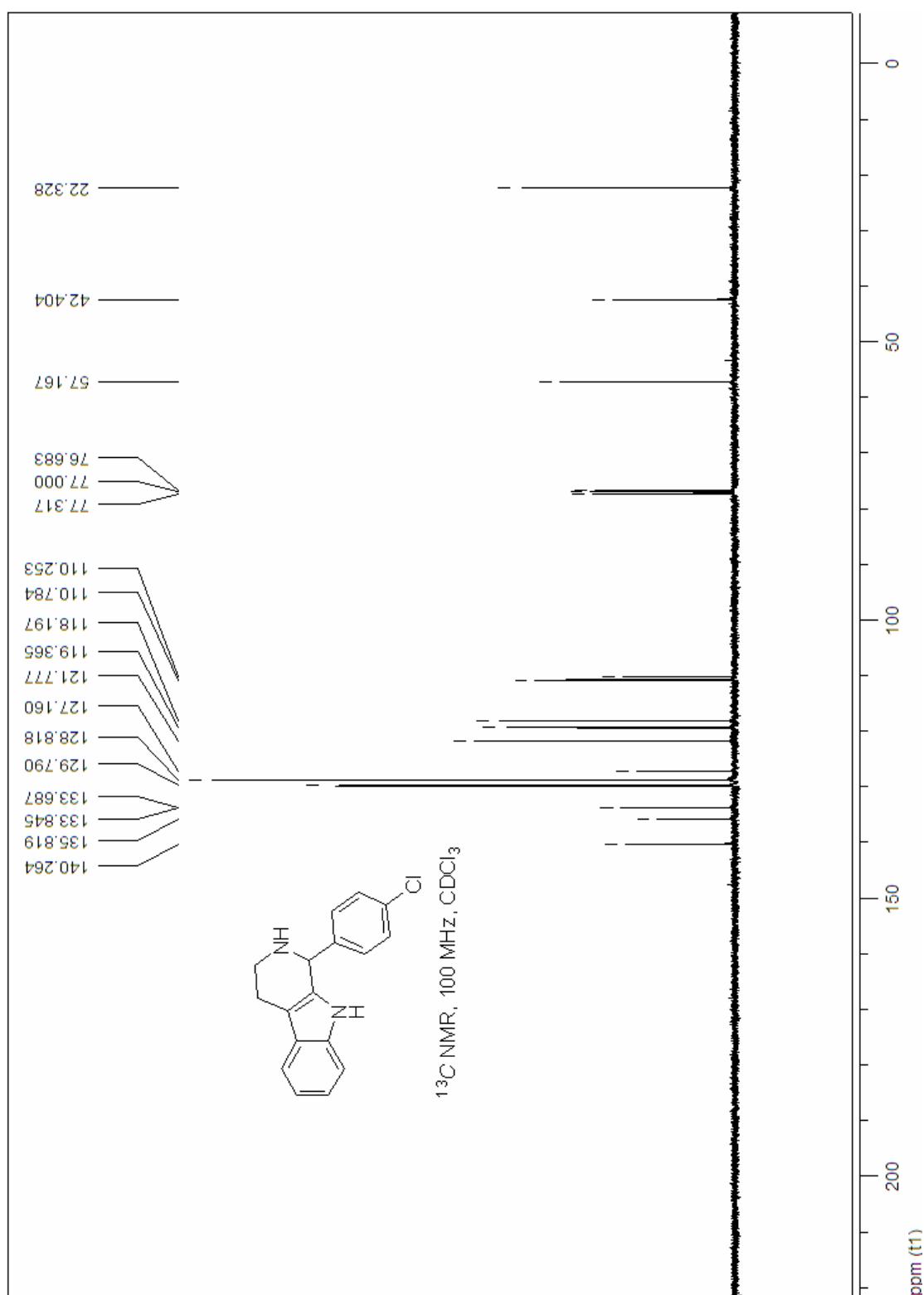
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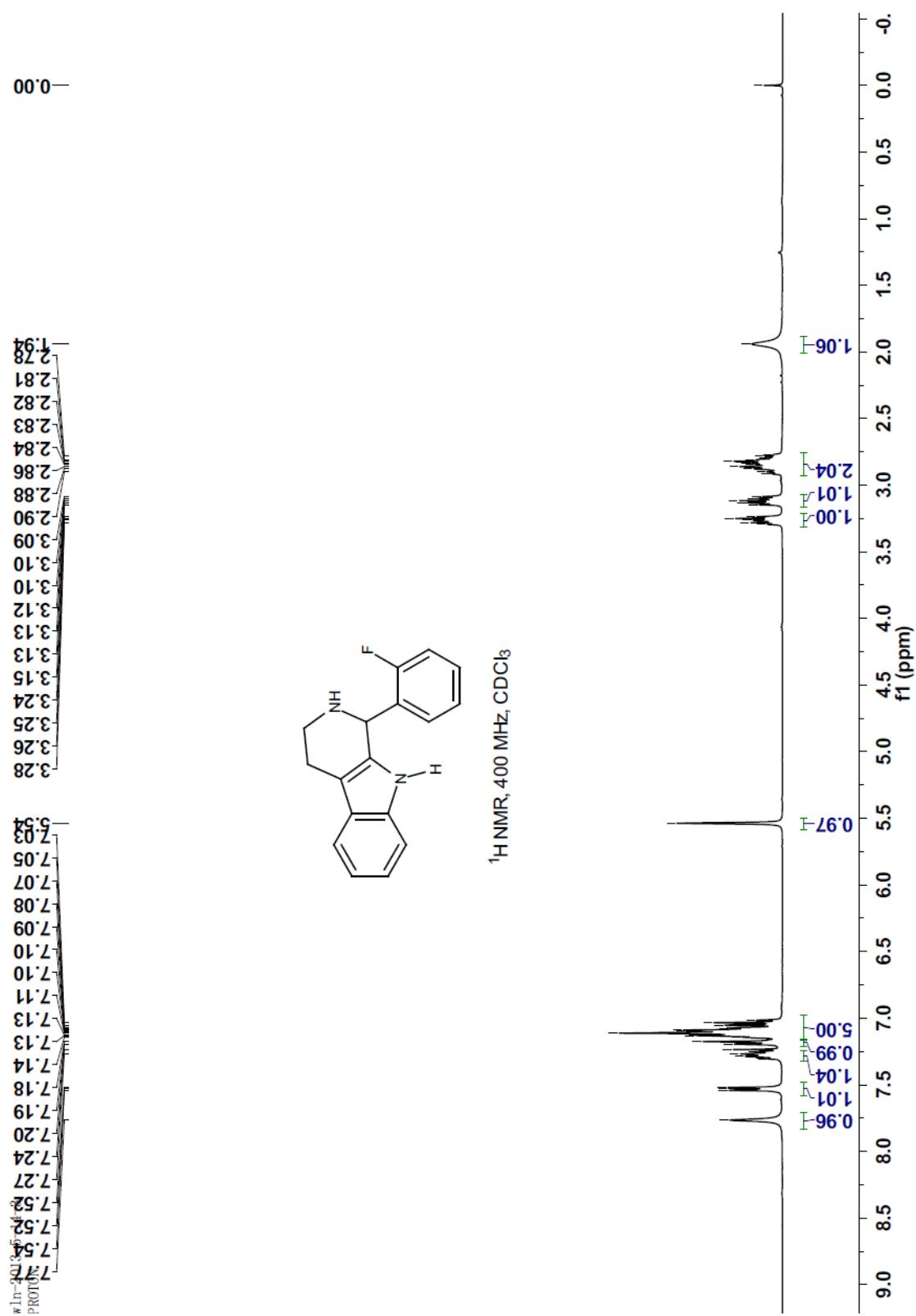
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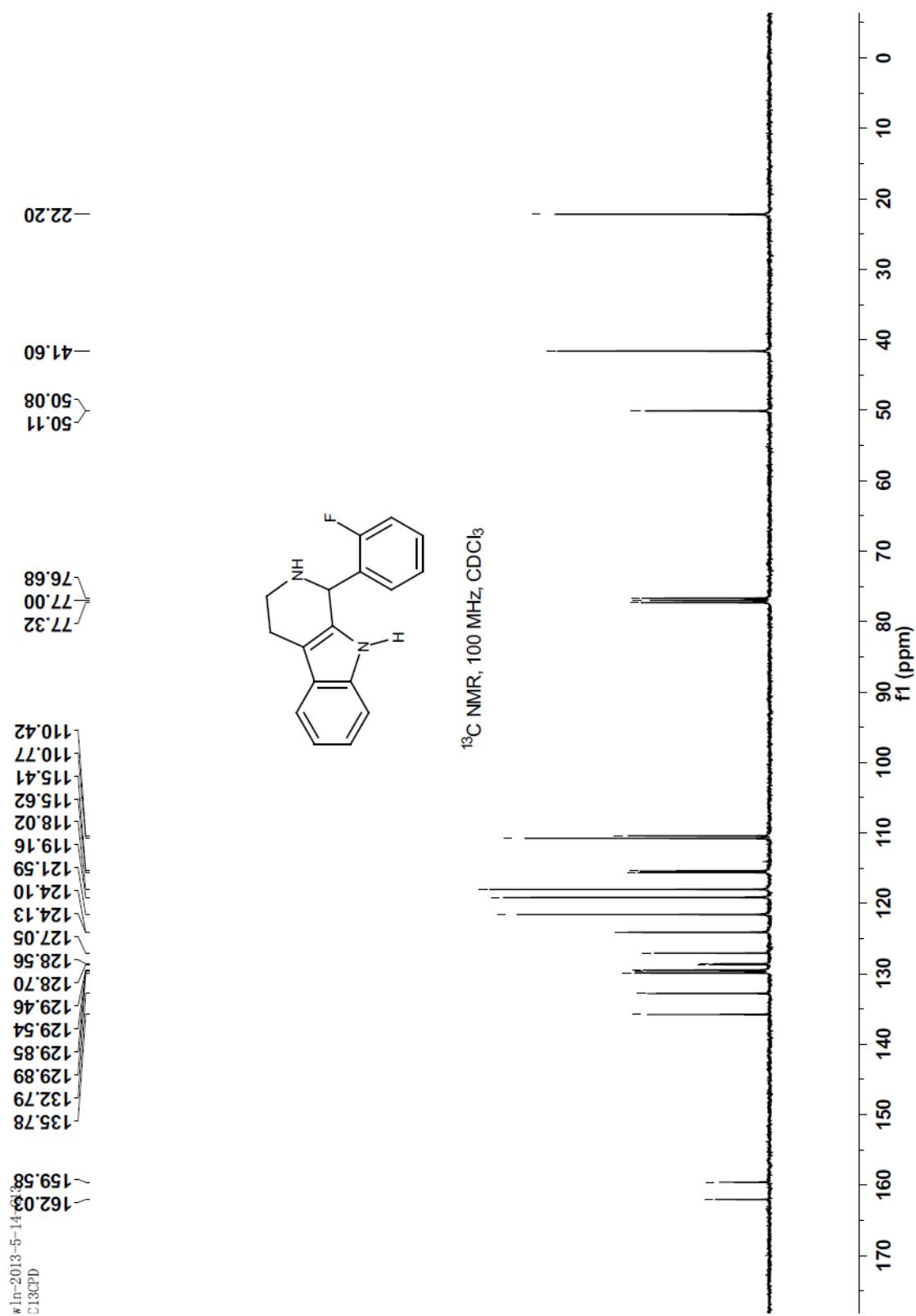
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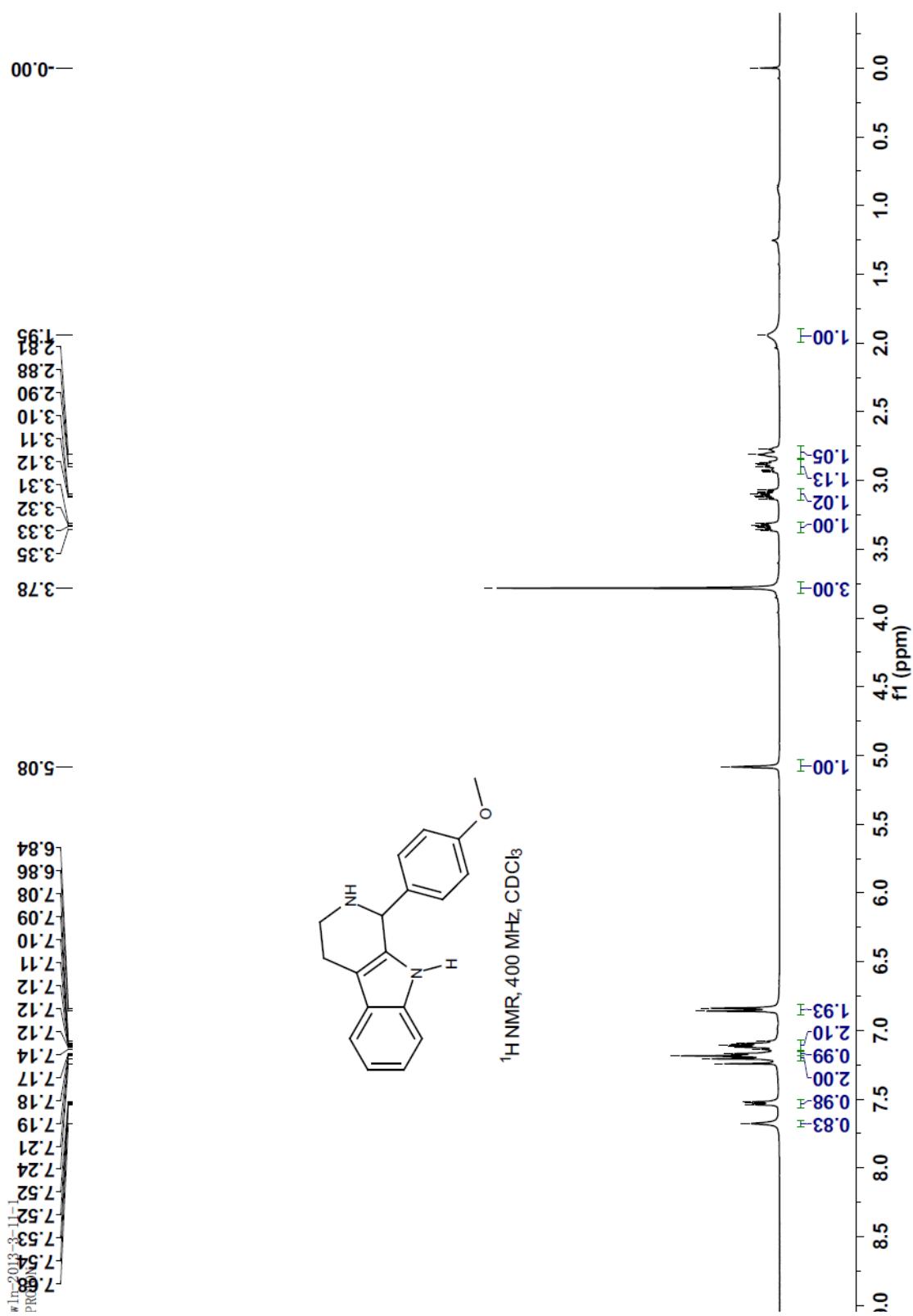
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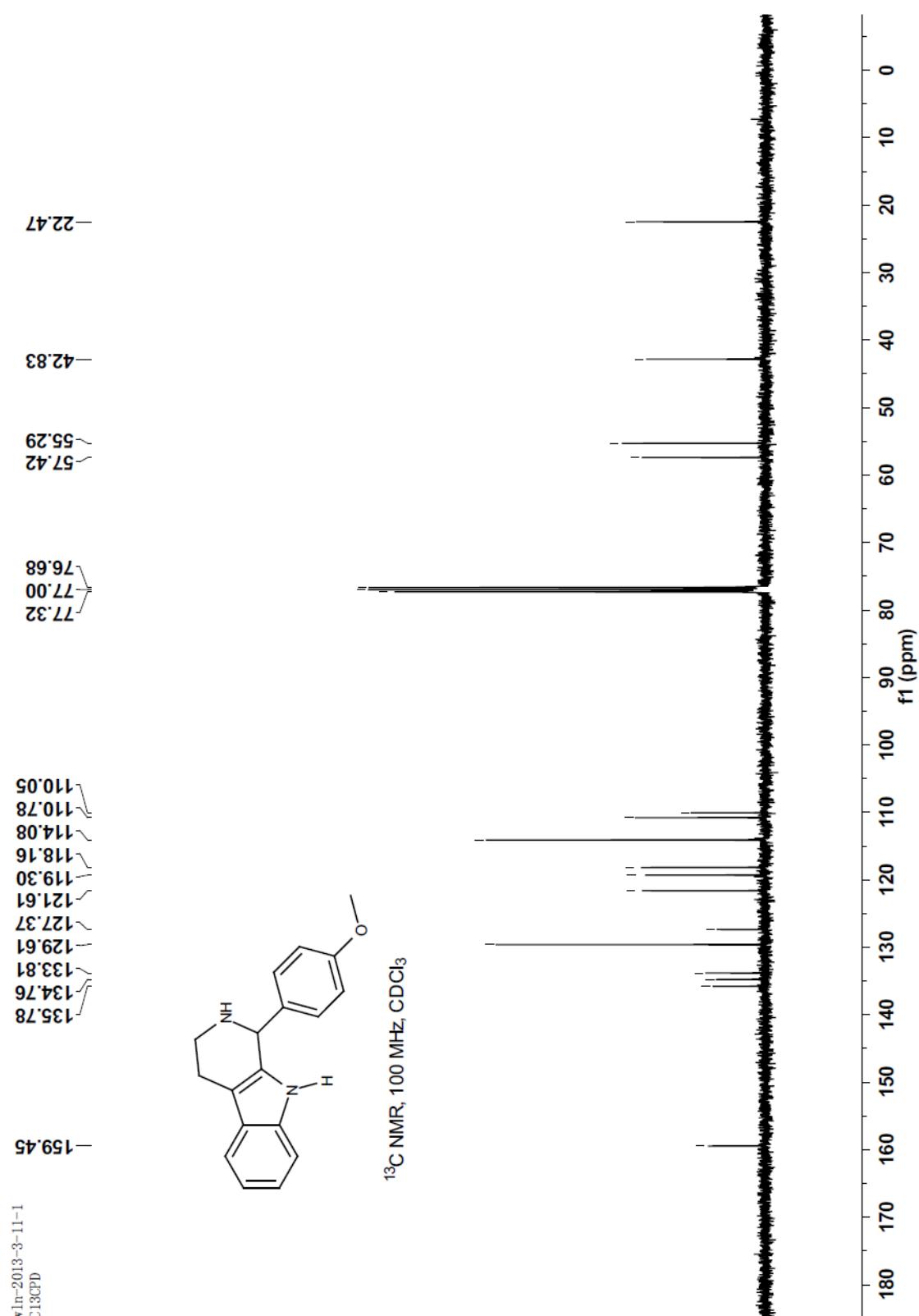
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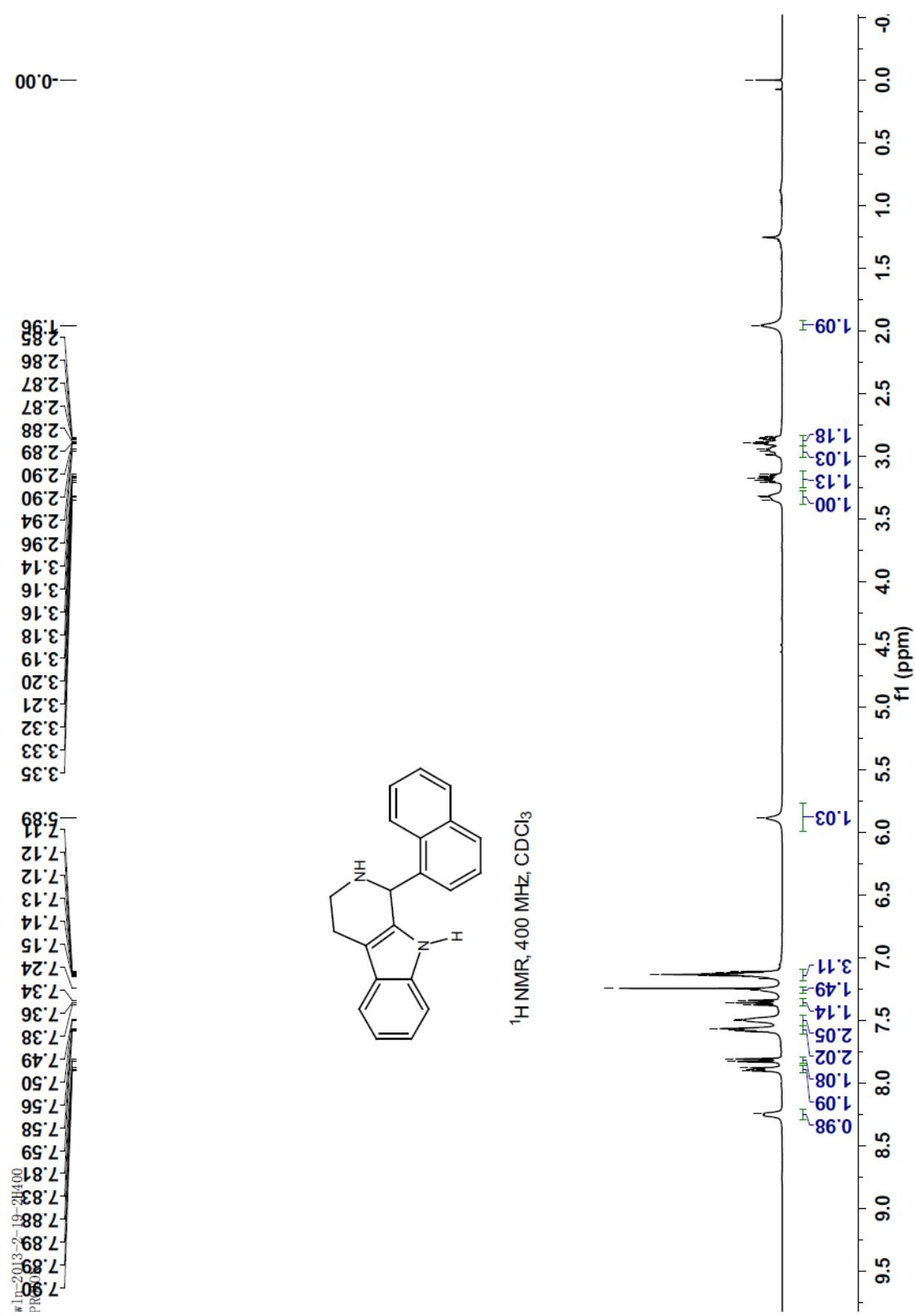


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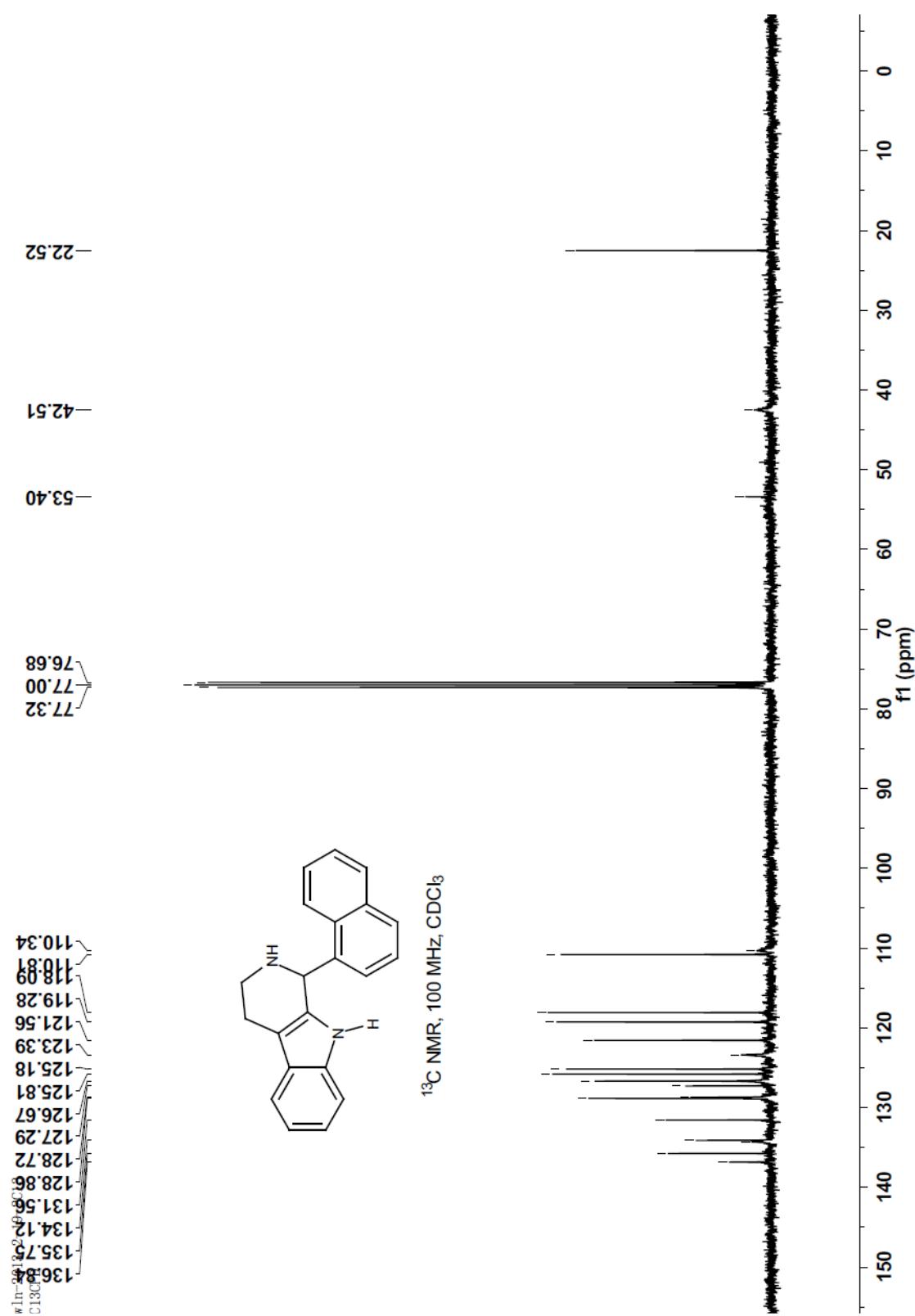


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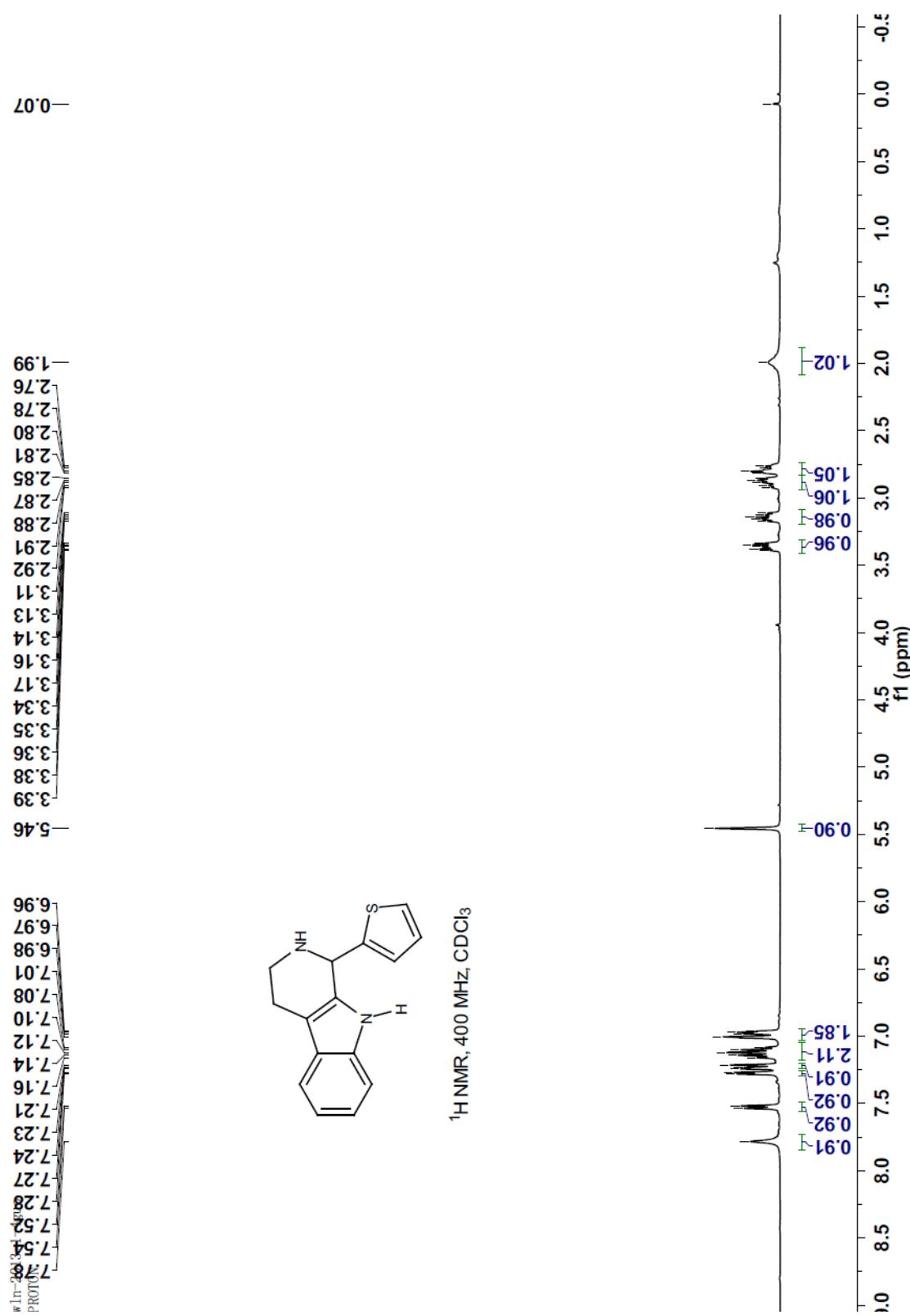
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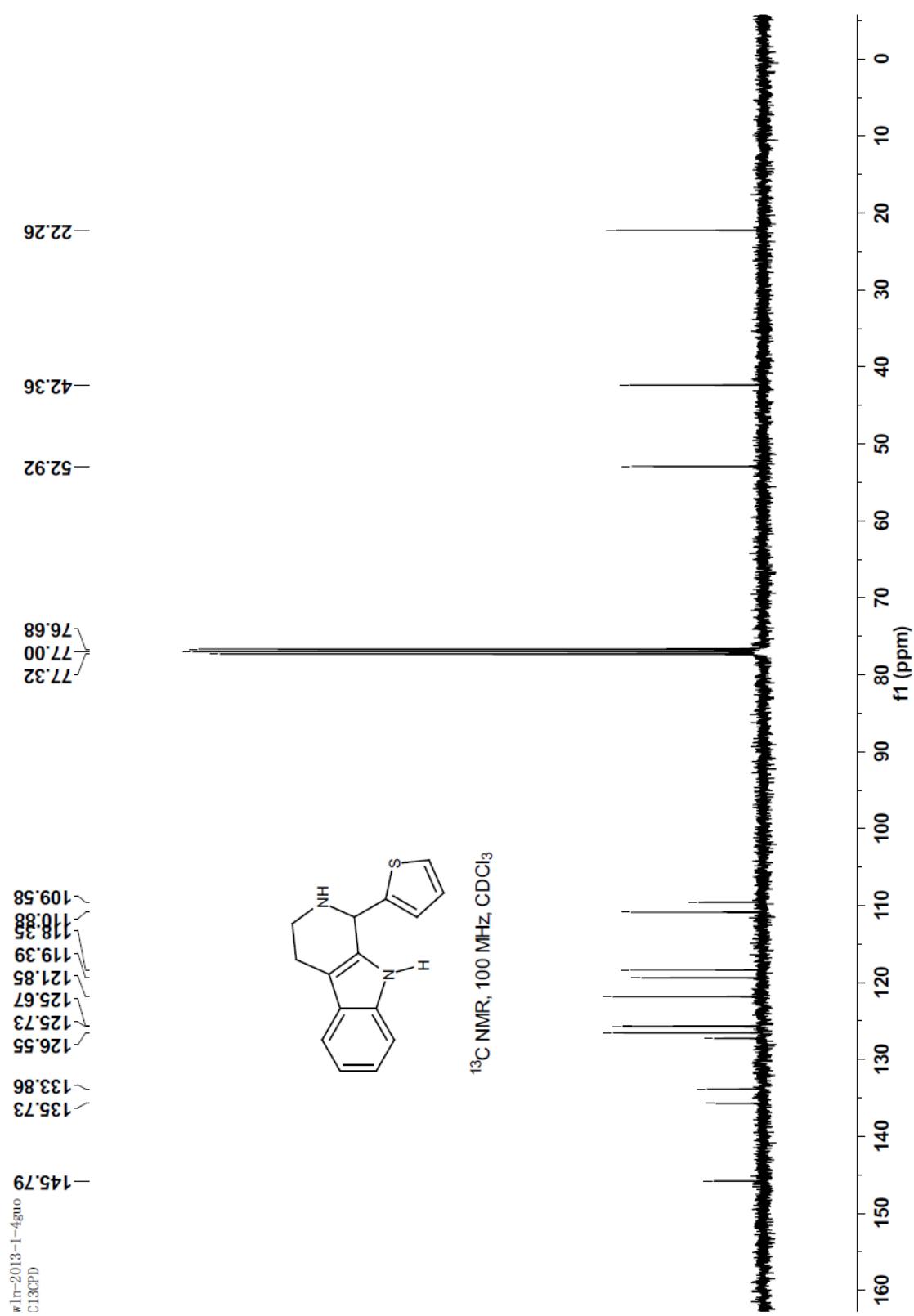
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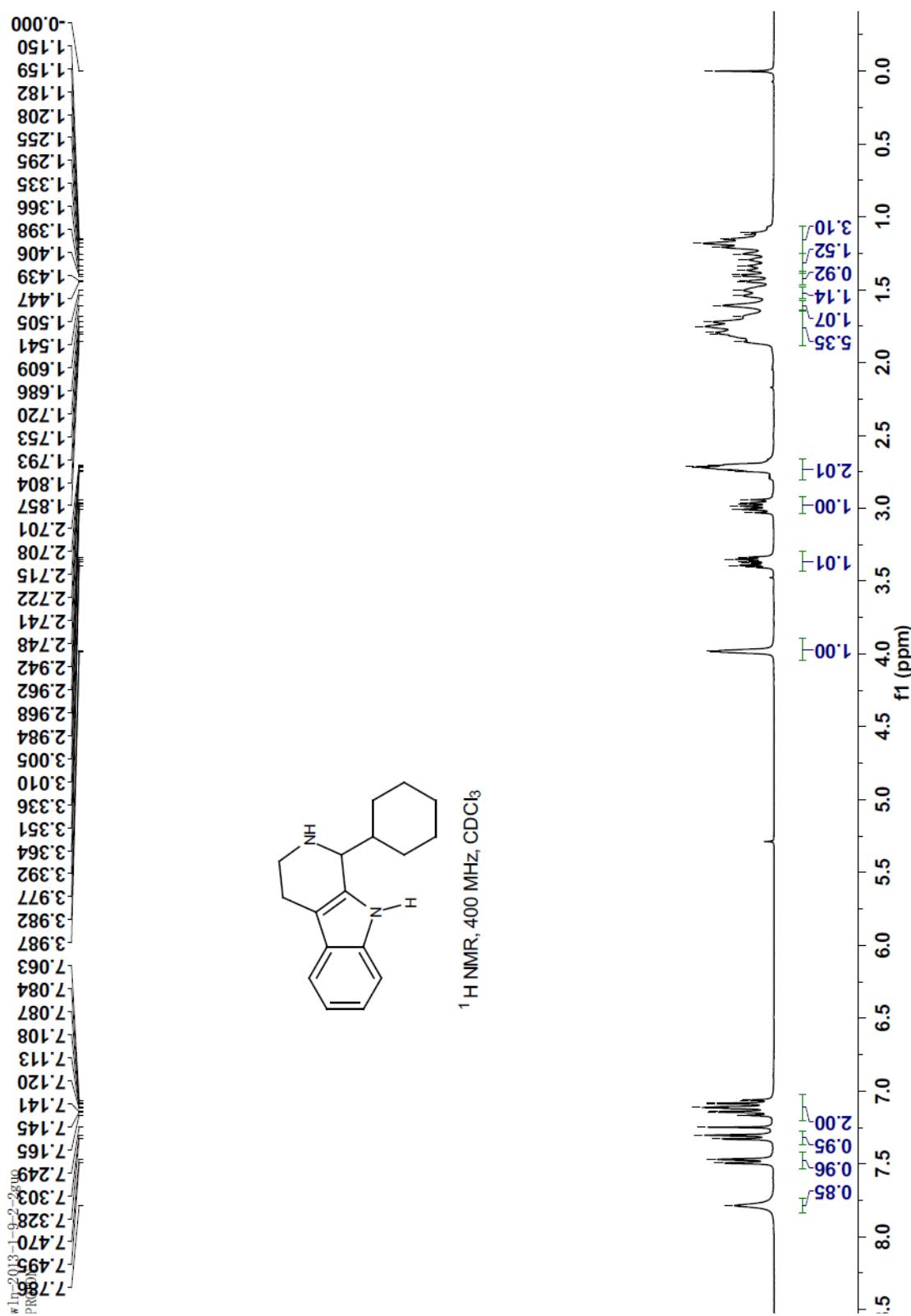
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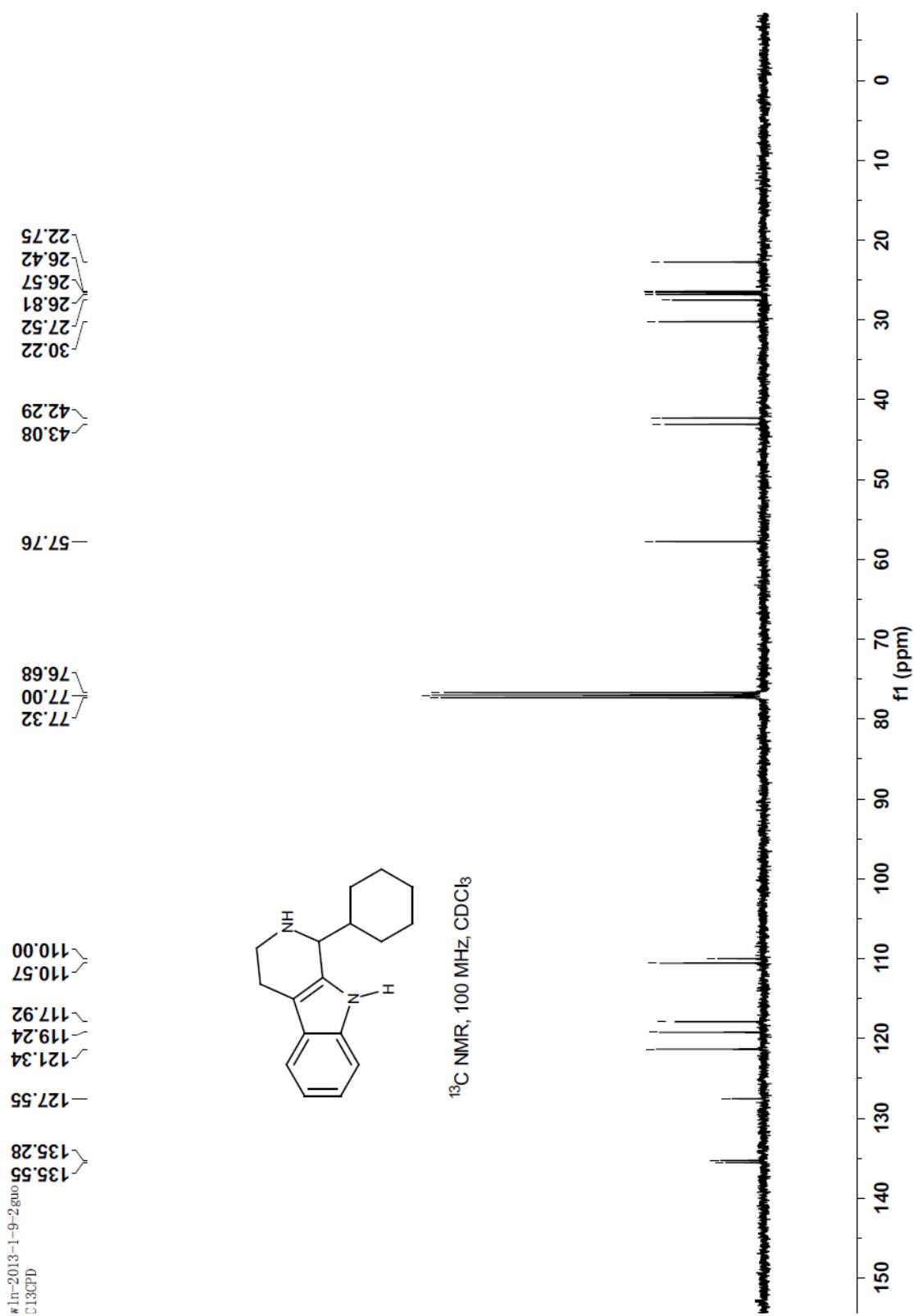
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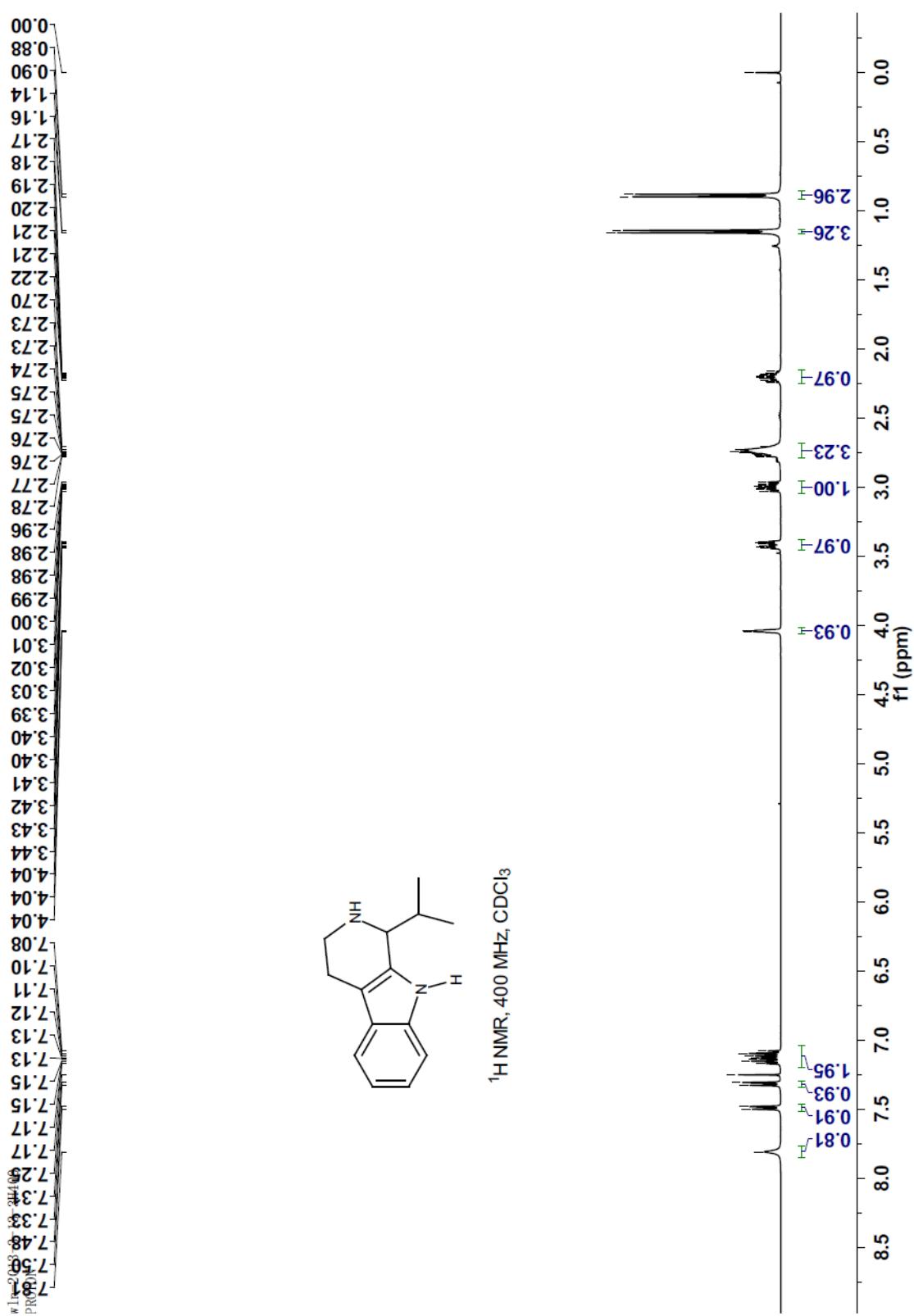
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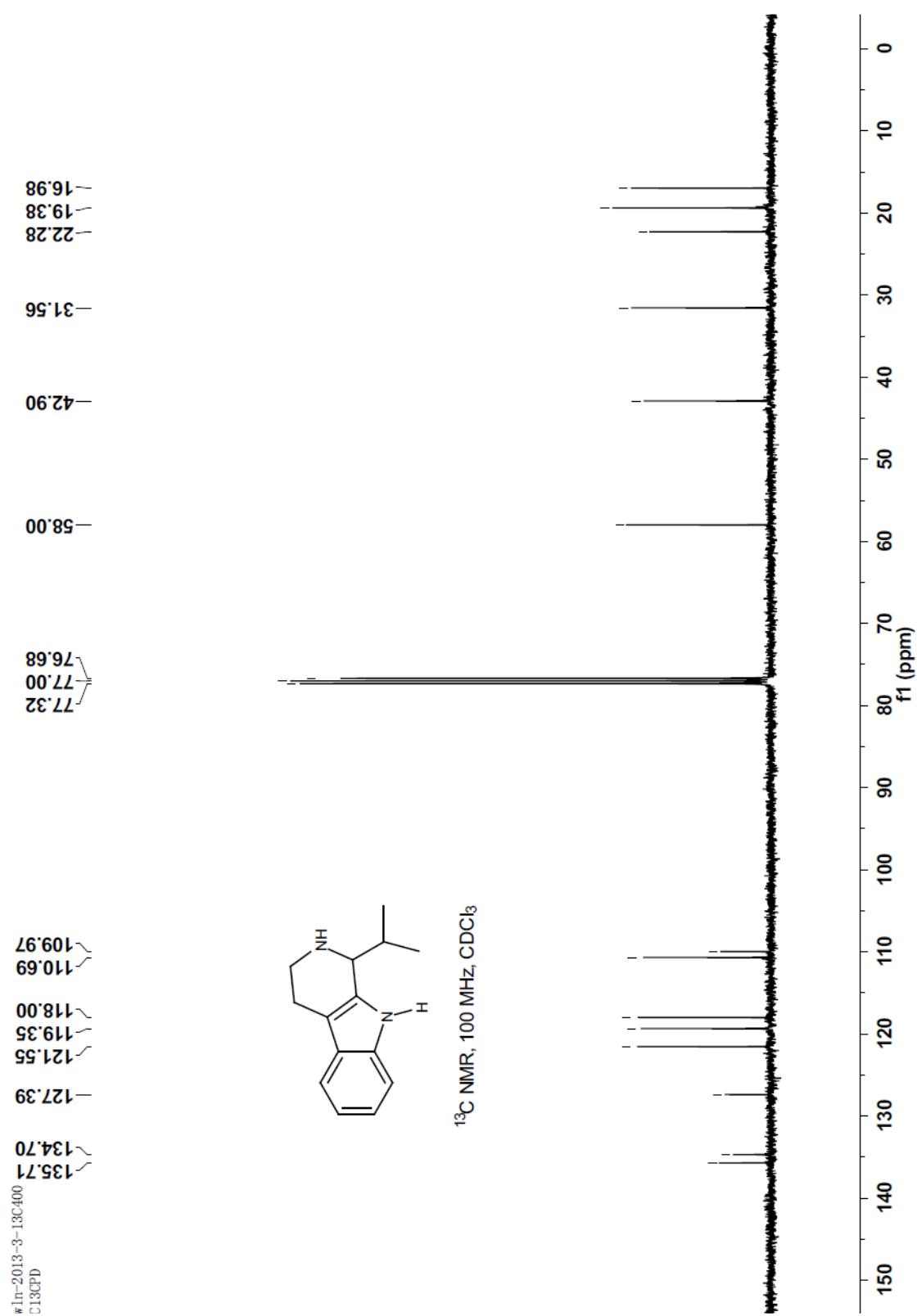
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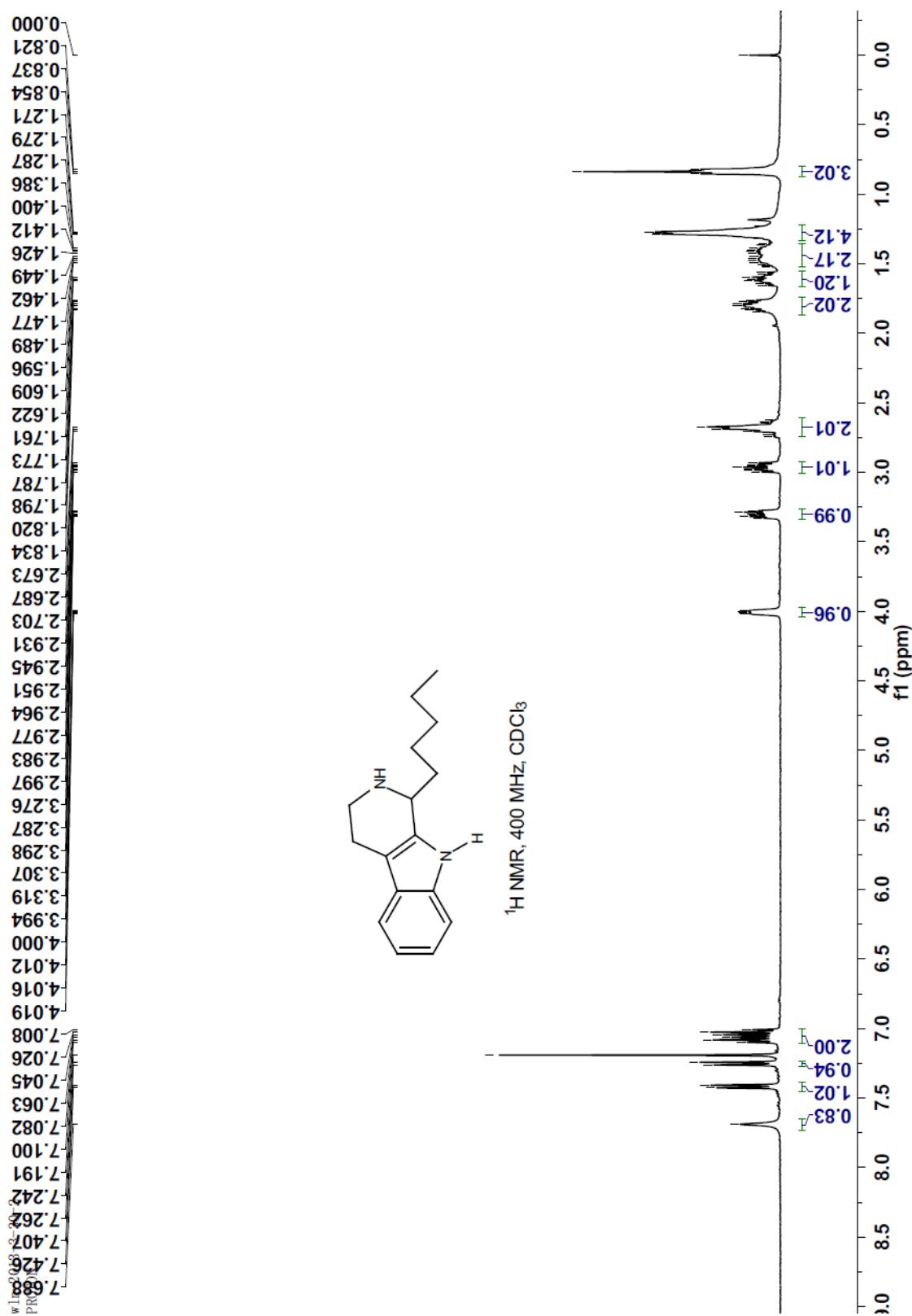
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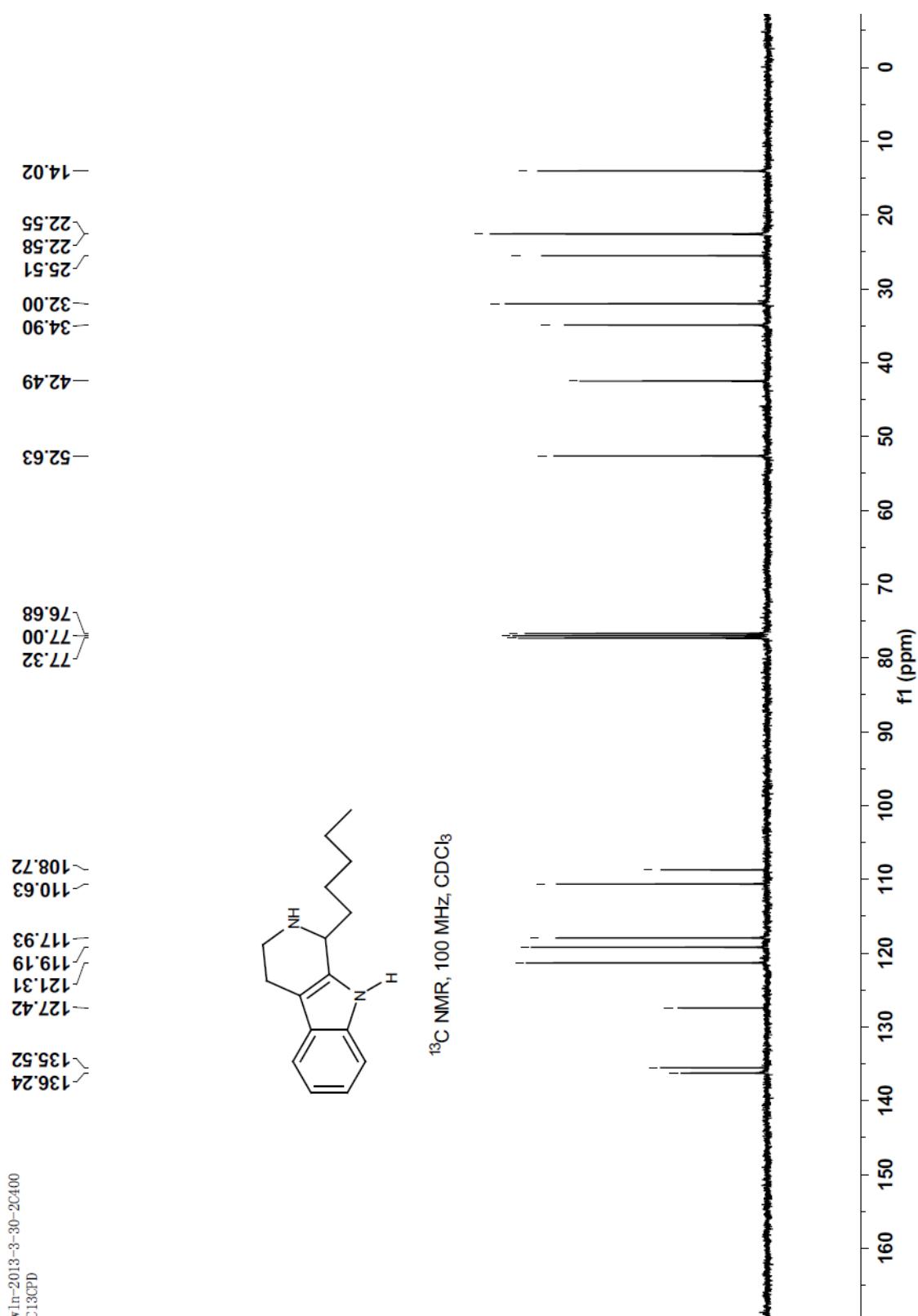
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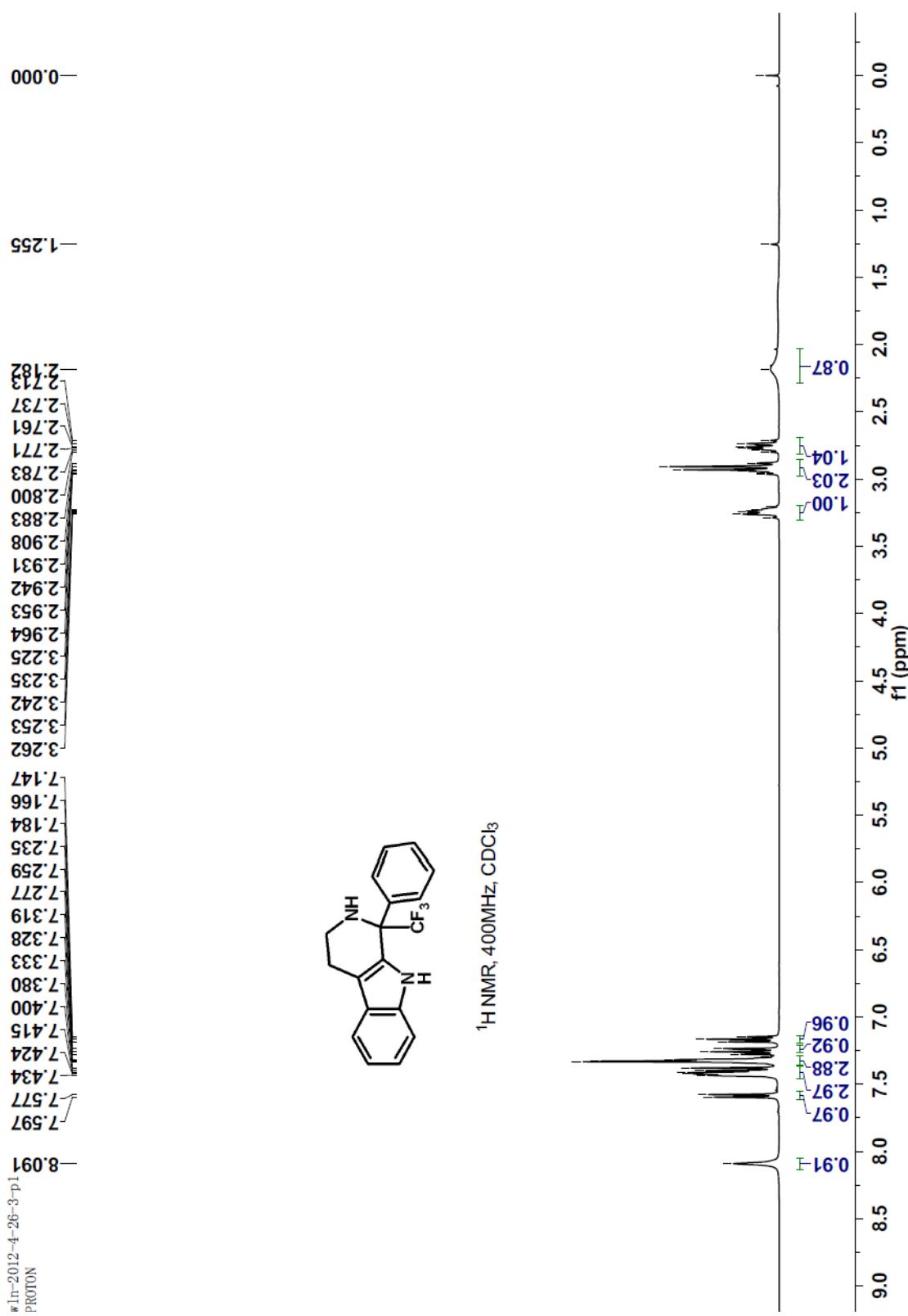
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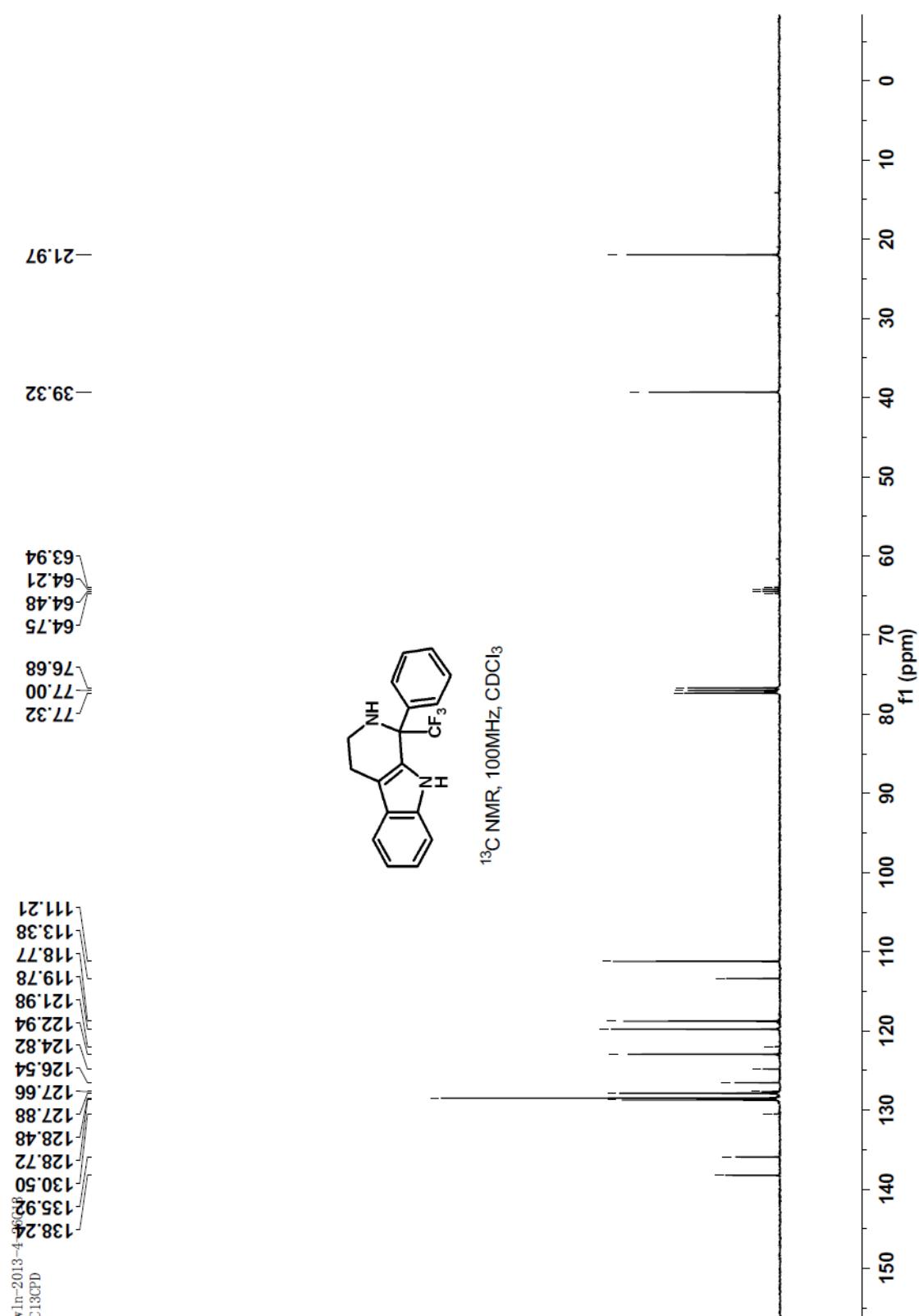
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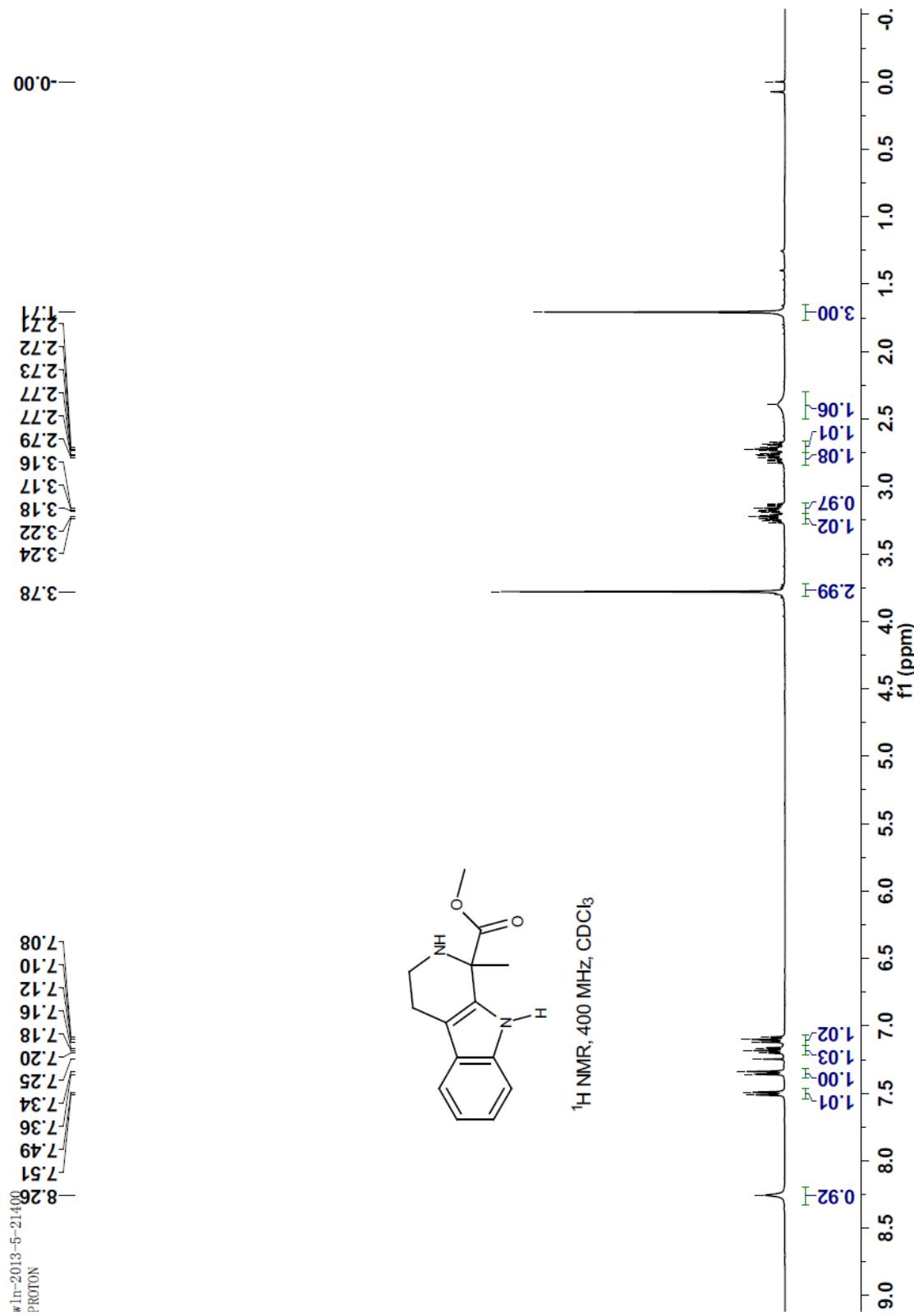
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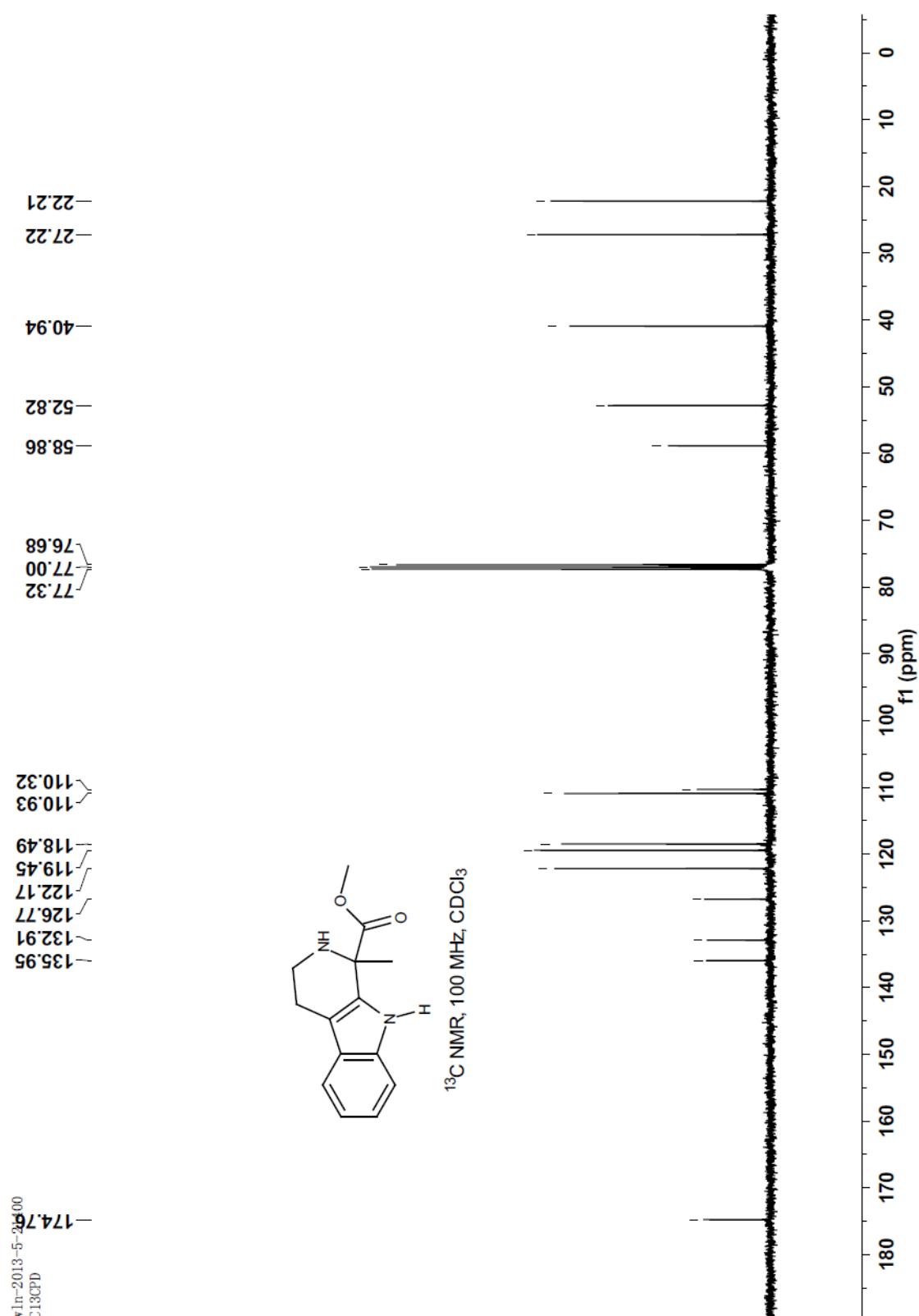
**1-Phenyl-1-trifluoromethyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro- $\beta$ -carboline (3k):  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR**



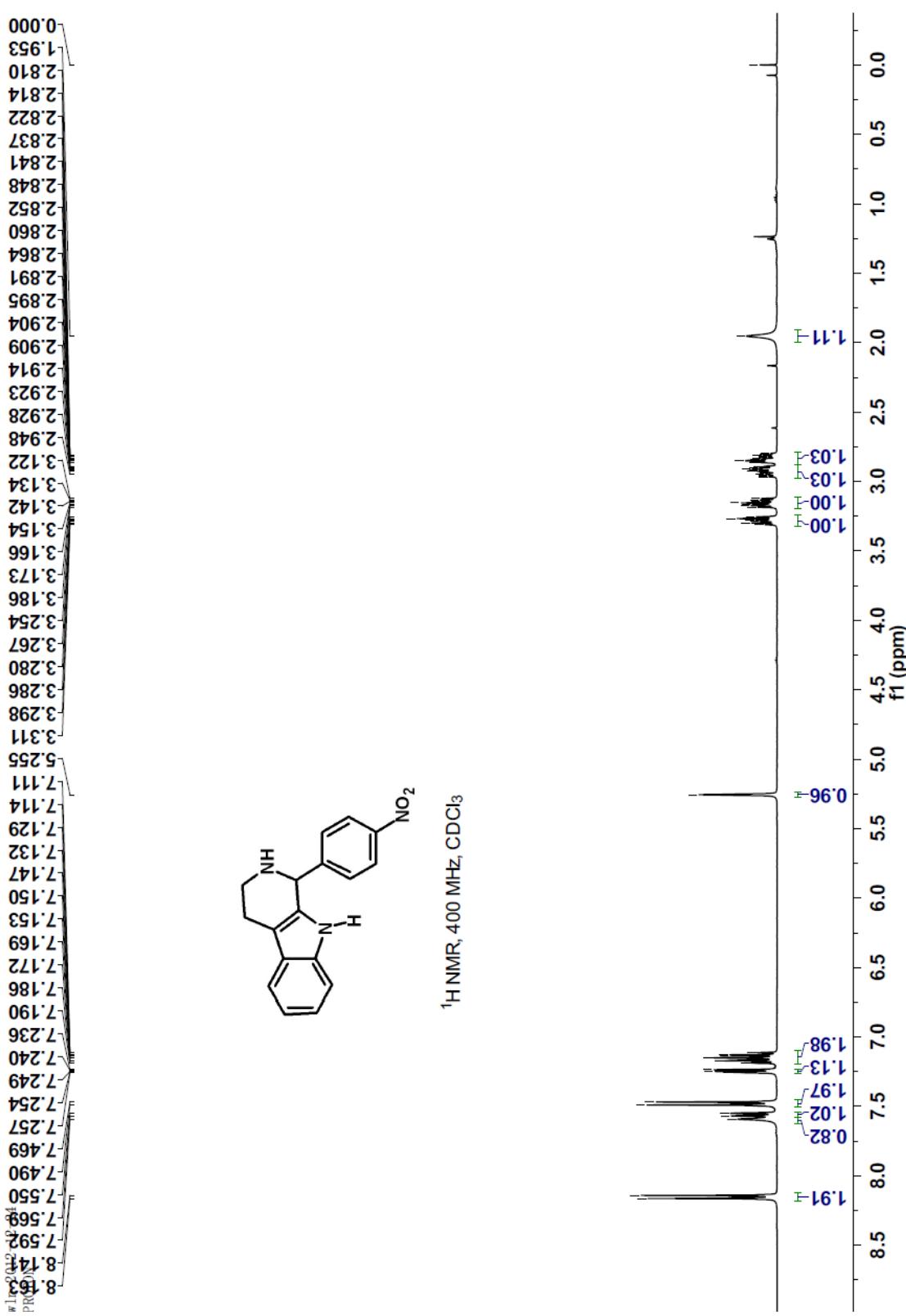
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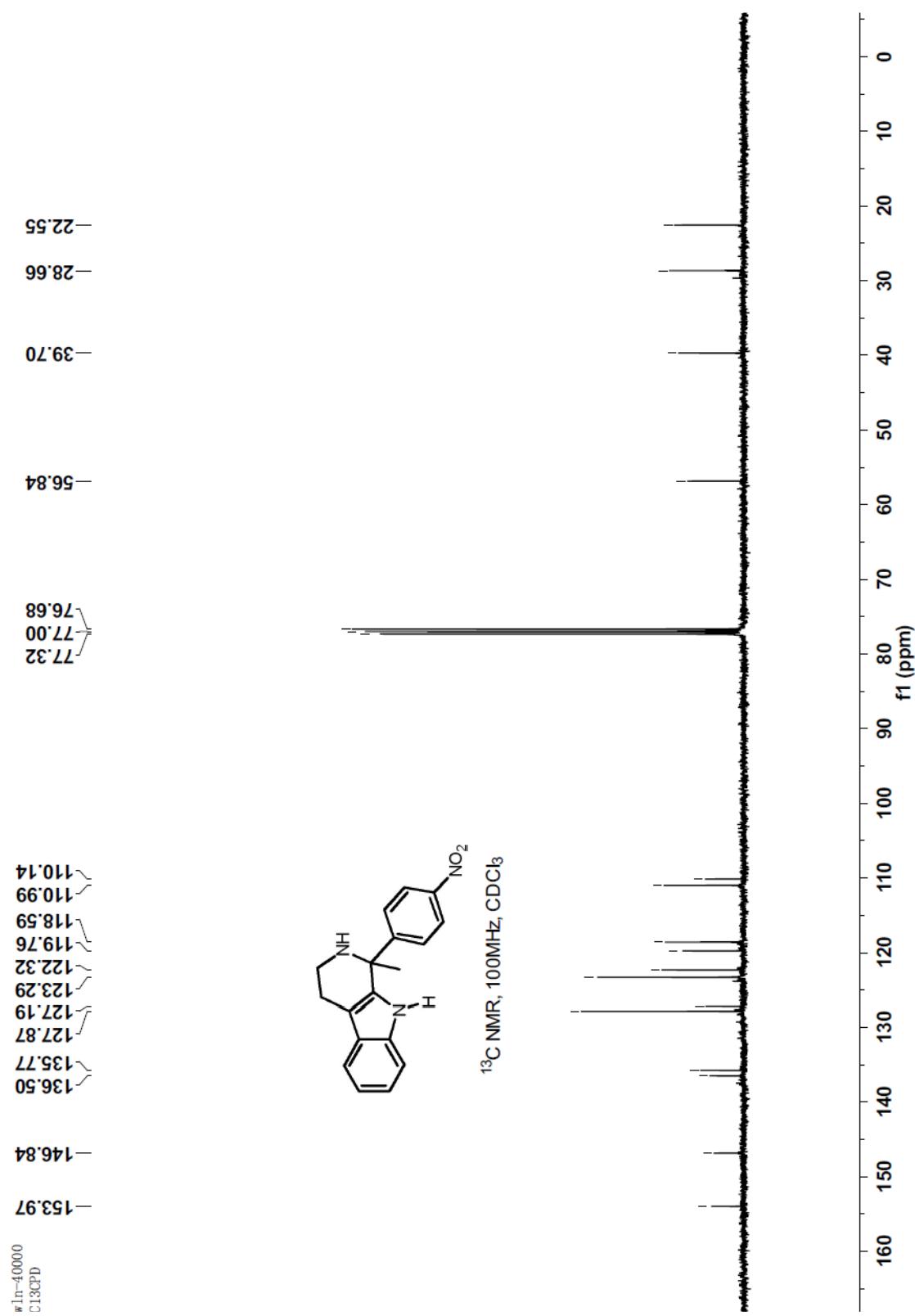
**Methyl-(1-methyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro- $\beta$ -carboline-1-yl) carboxylate (3l):  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR**



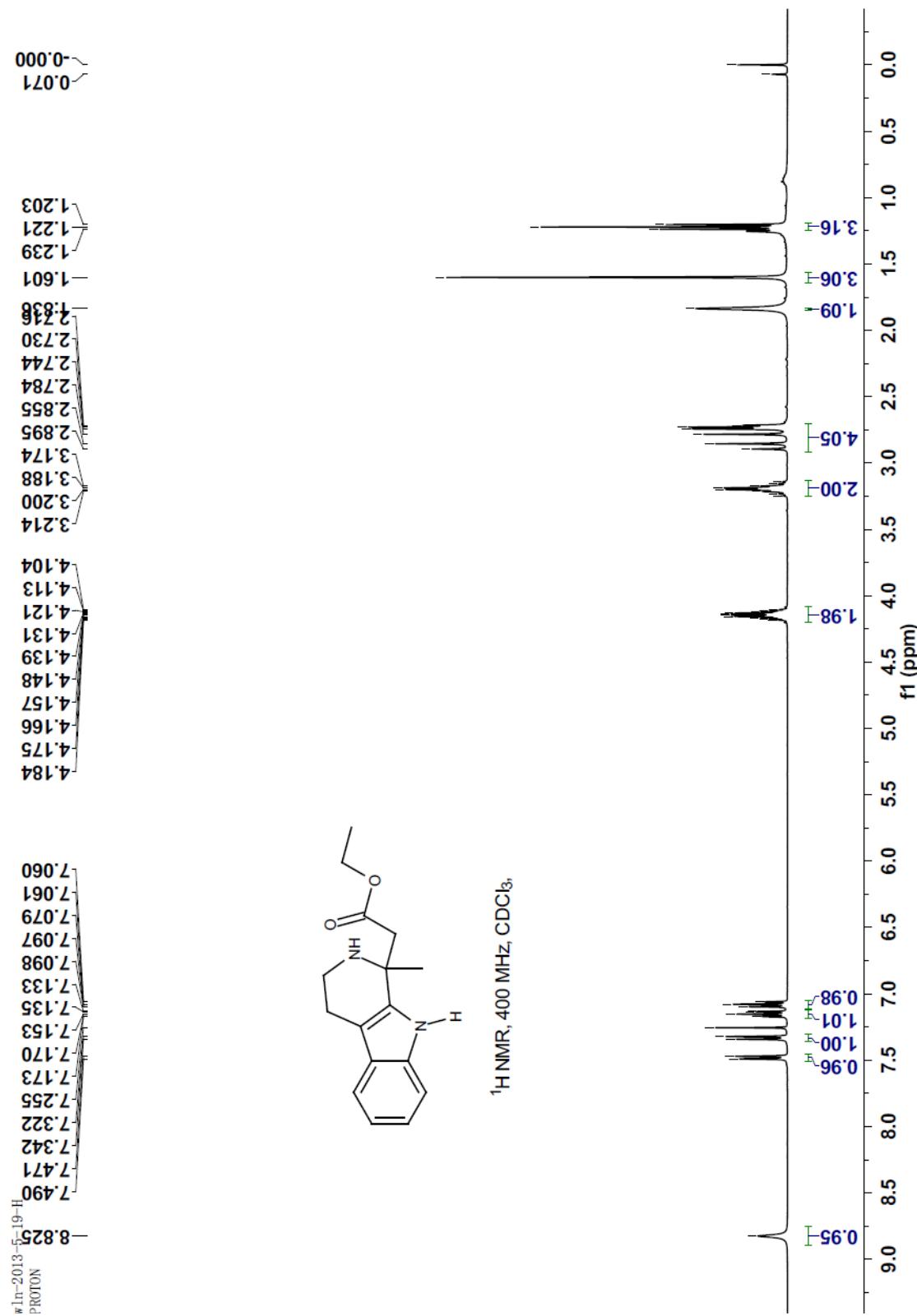
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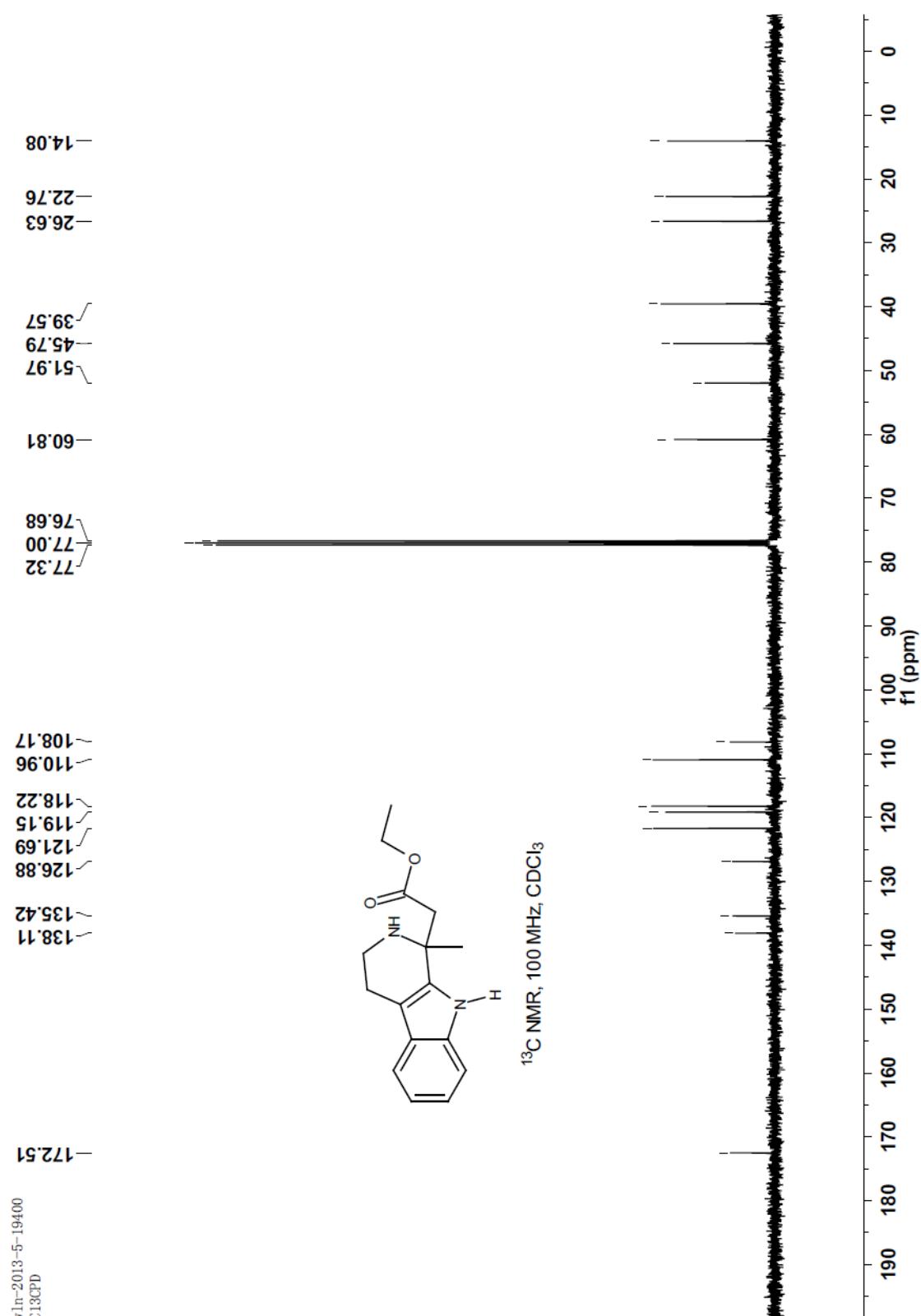
**1-Methyl-1-(4-nitrophenyl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro- $\beta$ -carboline (3m):  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR**



Ethyl-2-(1-methyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro- $\beta$ -carboline-1-yl) acetate (3n):  $^1\text{H}$  NMR

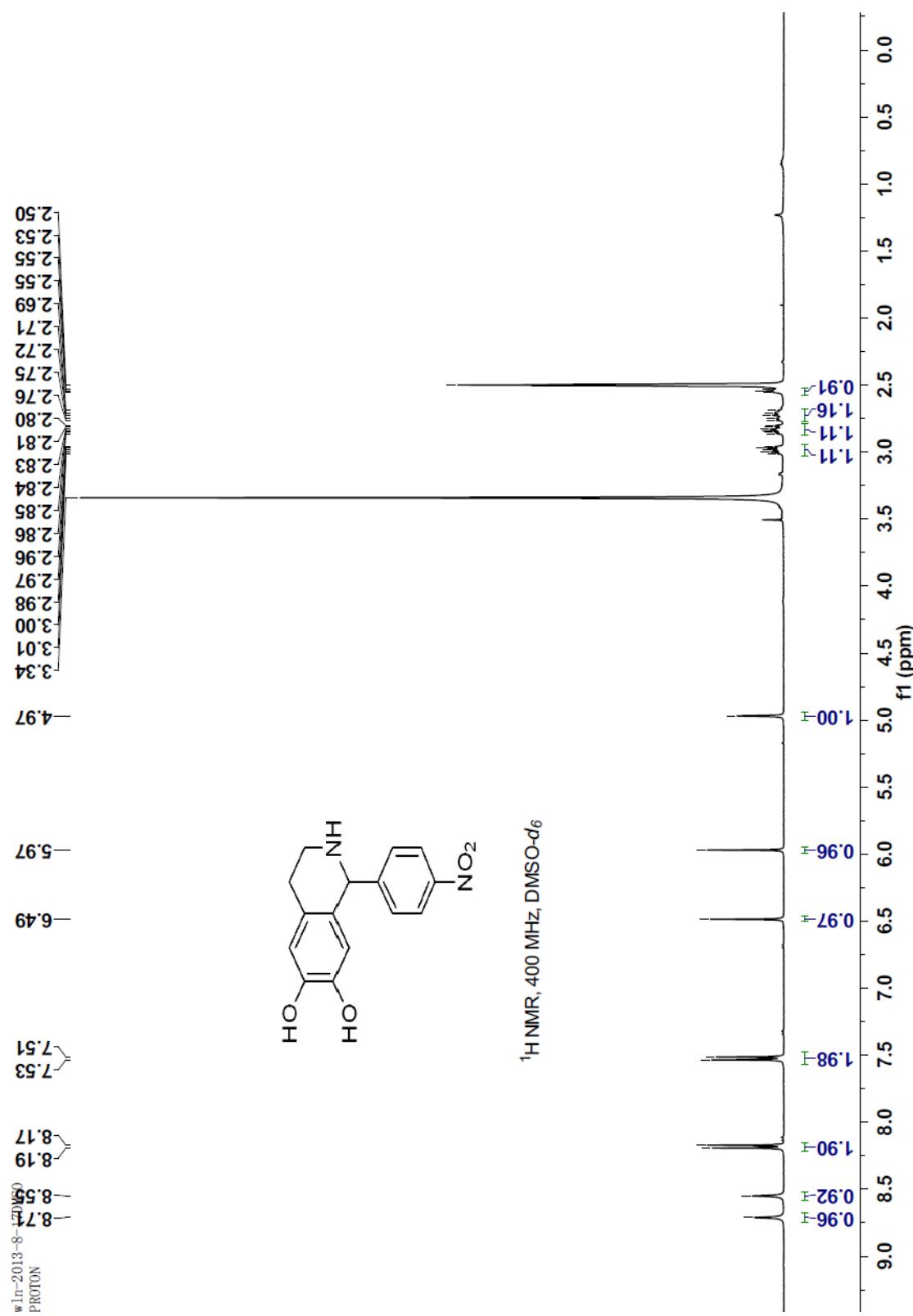


Ethyl-2-(1-methyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro- $\beta$ -carboline-1-yl) acetate (**3n**):  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR



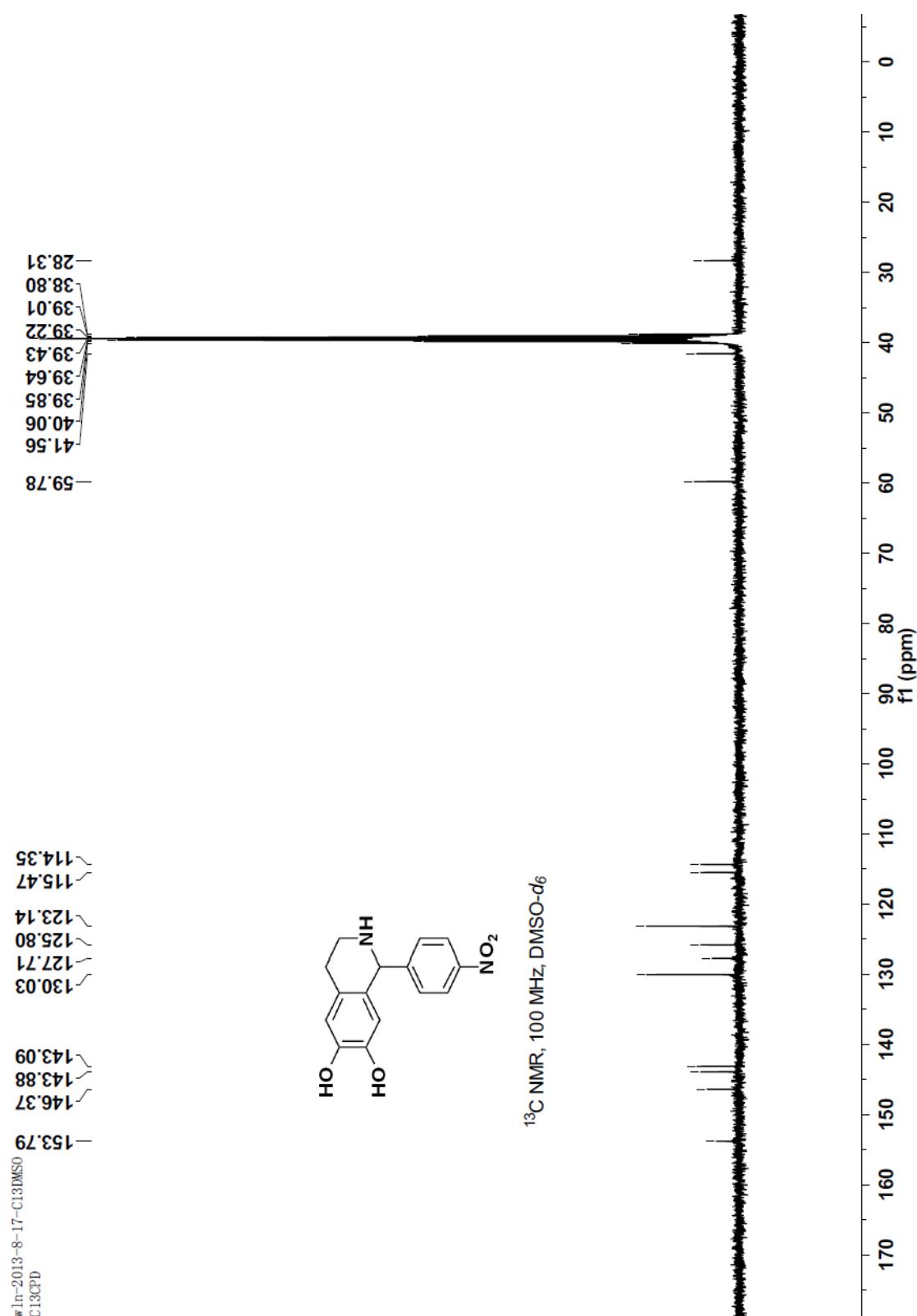
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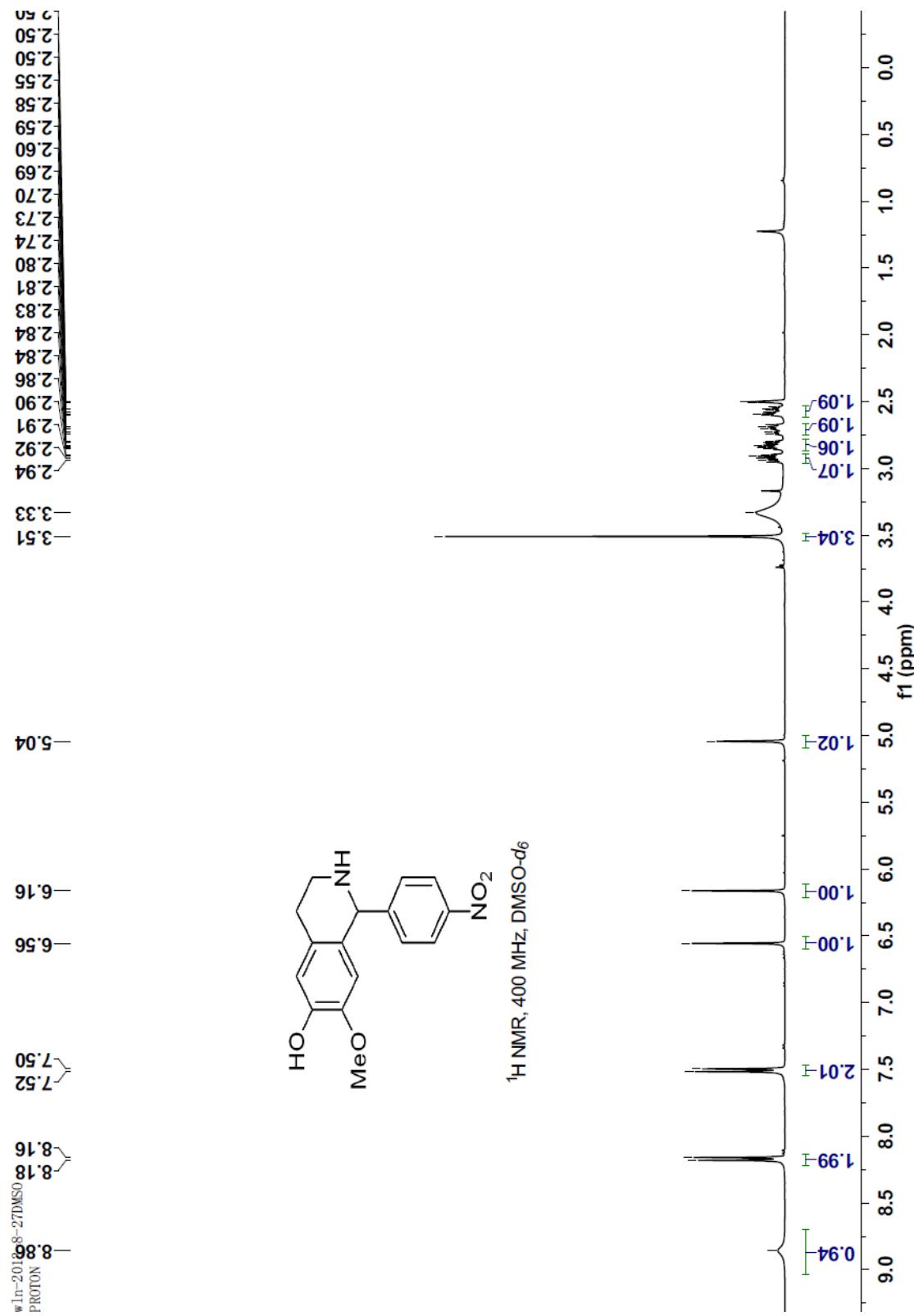


$^1\text{H}$  NMR, 400 MHz,  $\text{DMSO}-d_6$

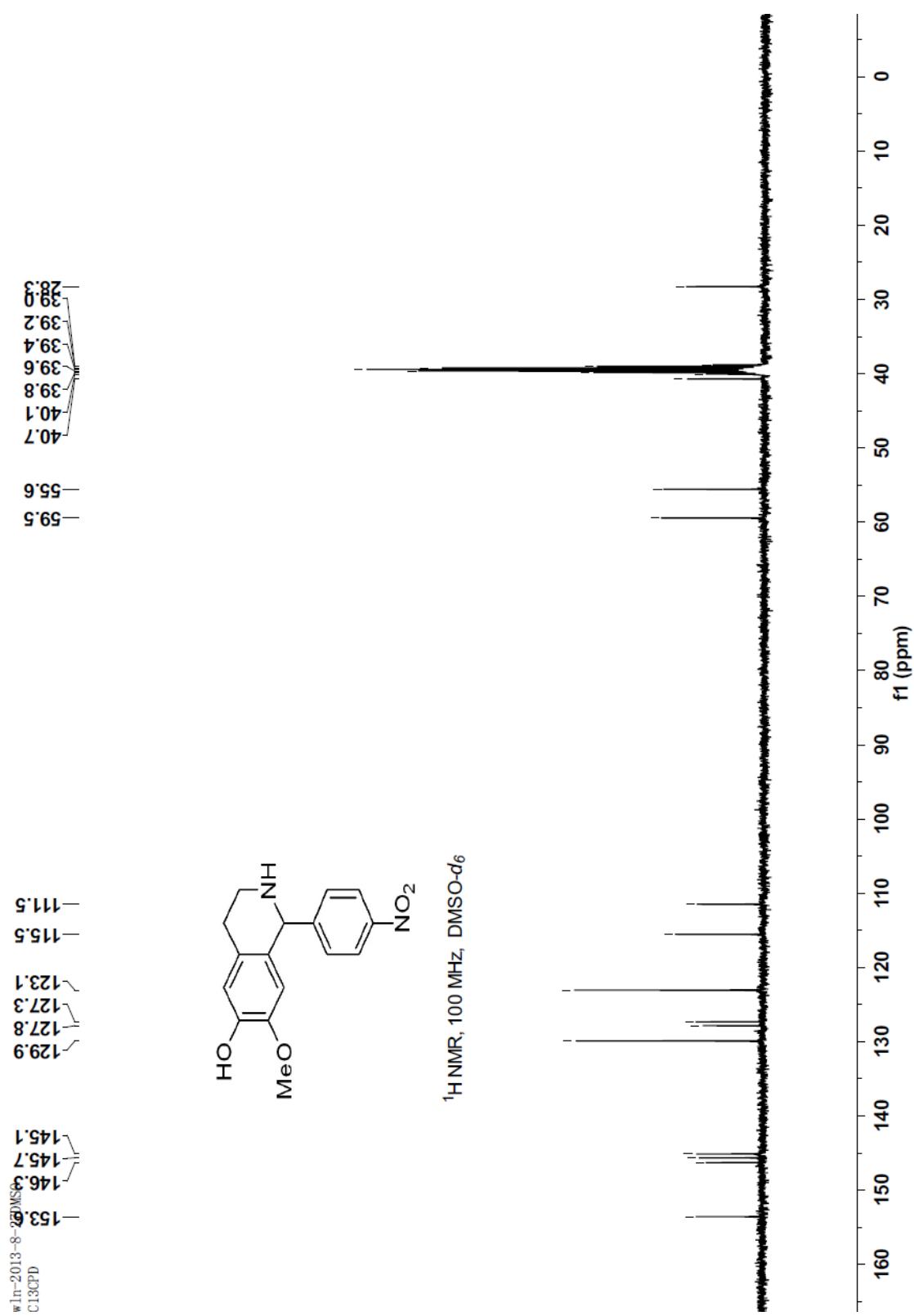
**1-(4-Nitrophenyl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline-6,7-diol (3o) :  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR**



**1-(4-Nitrophenyl)-6-hydroxy-7-methoxy-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline (3p):  $^1\text{H}$  NMR**

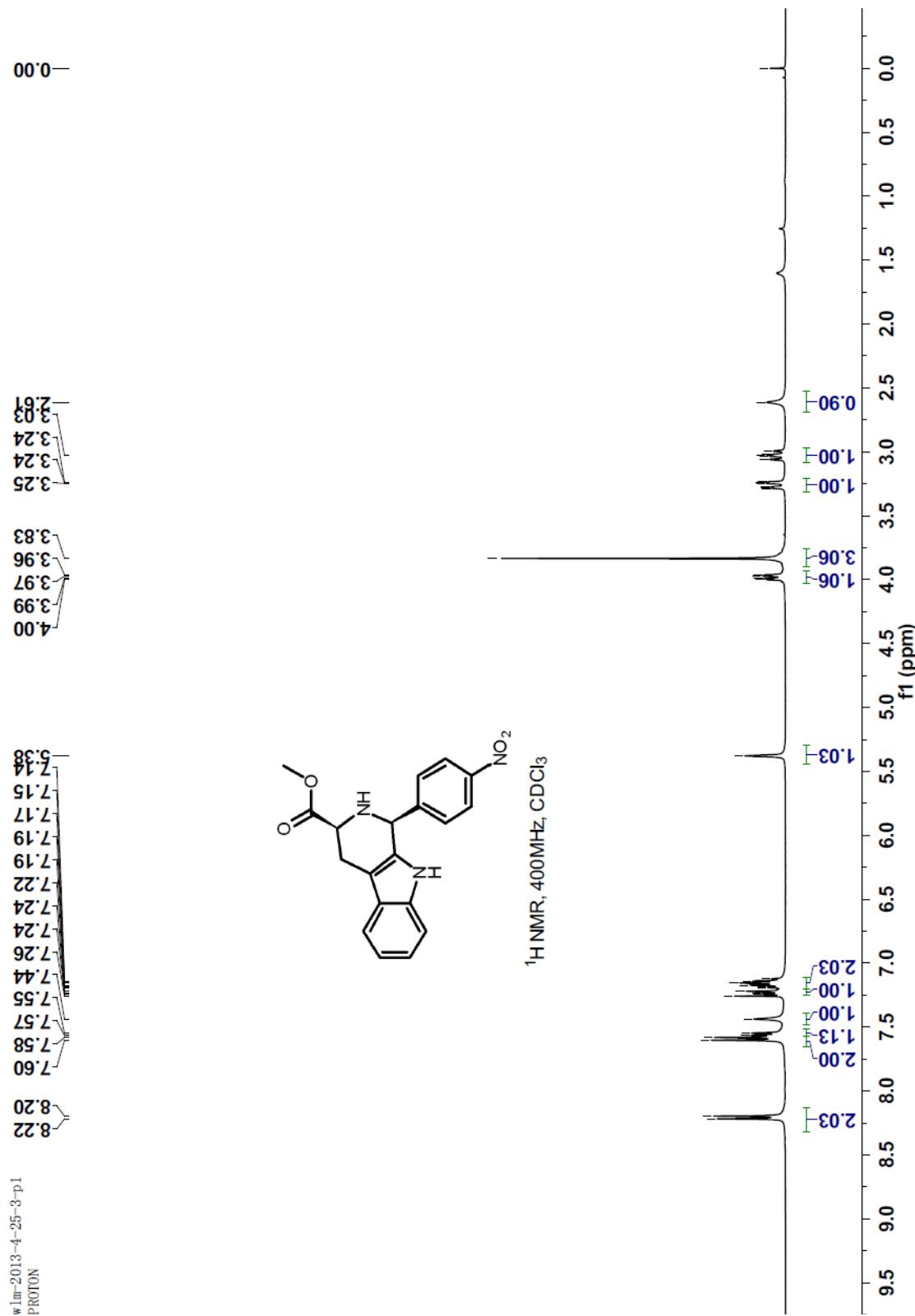


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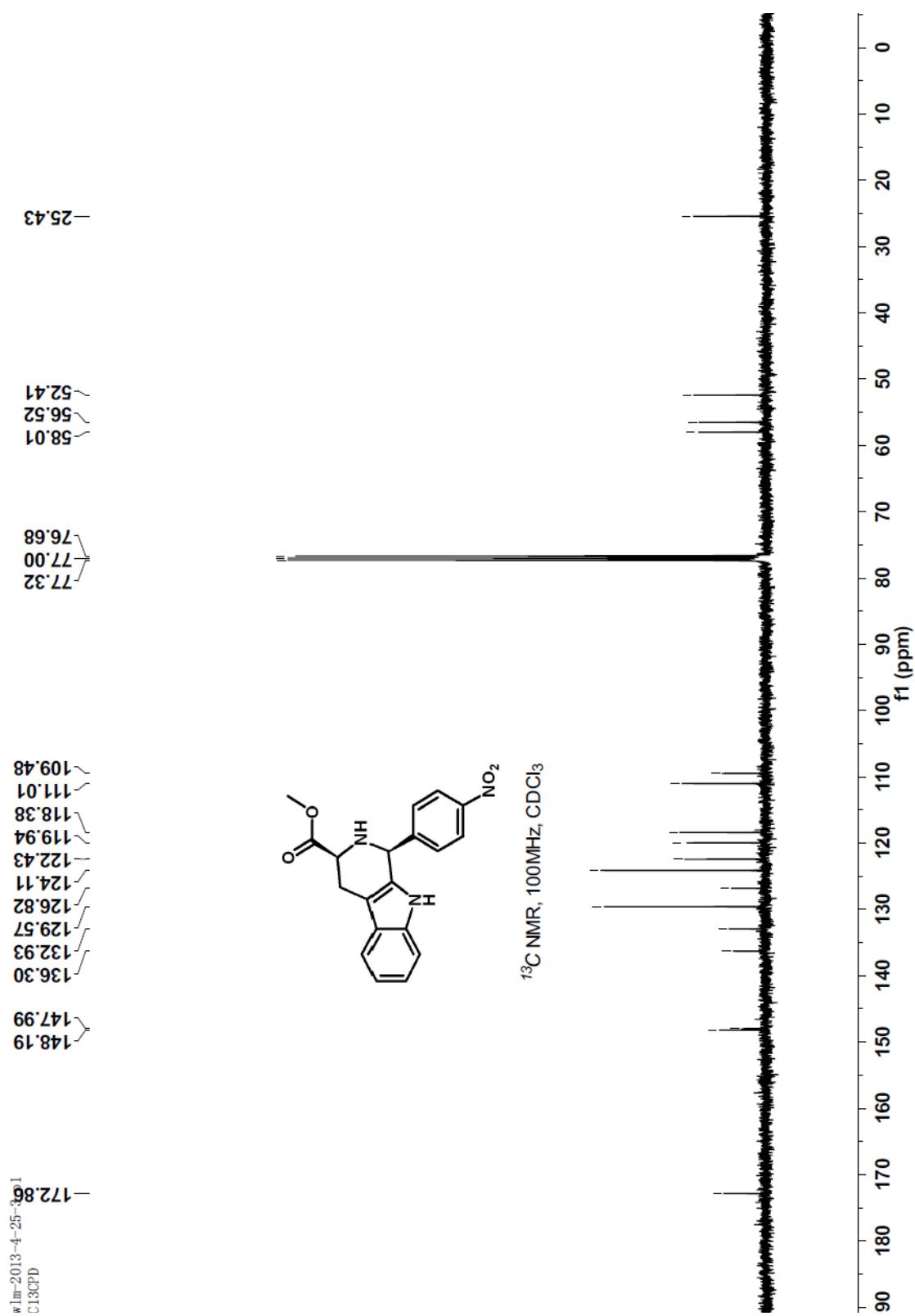


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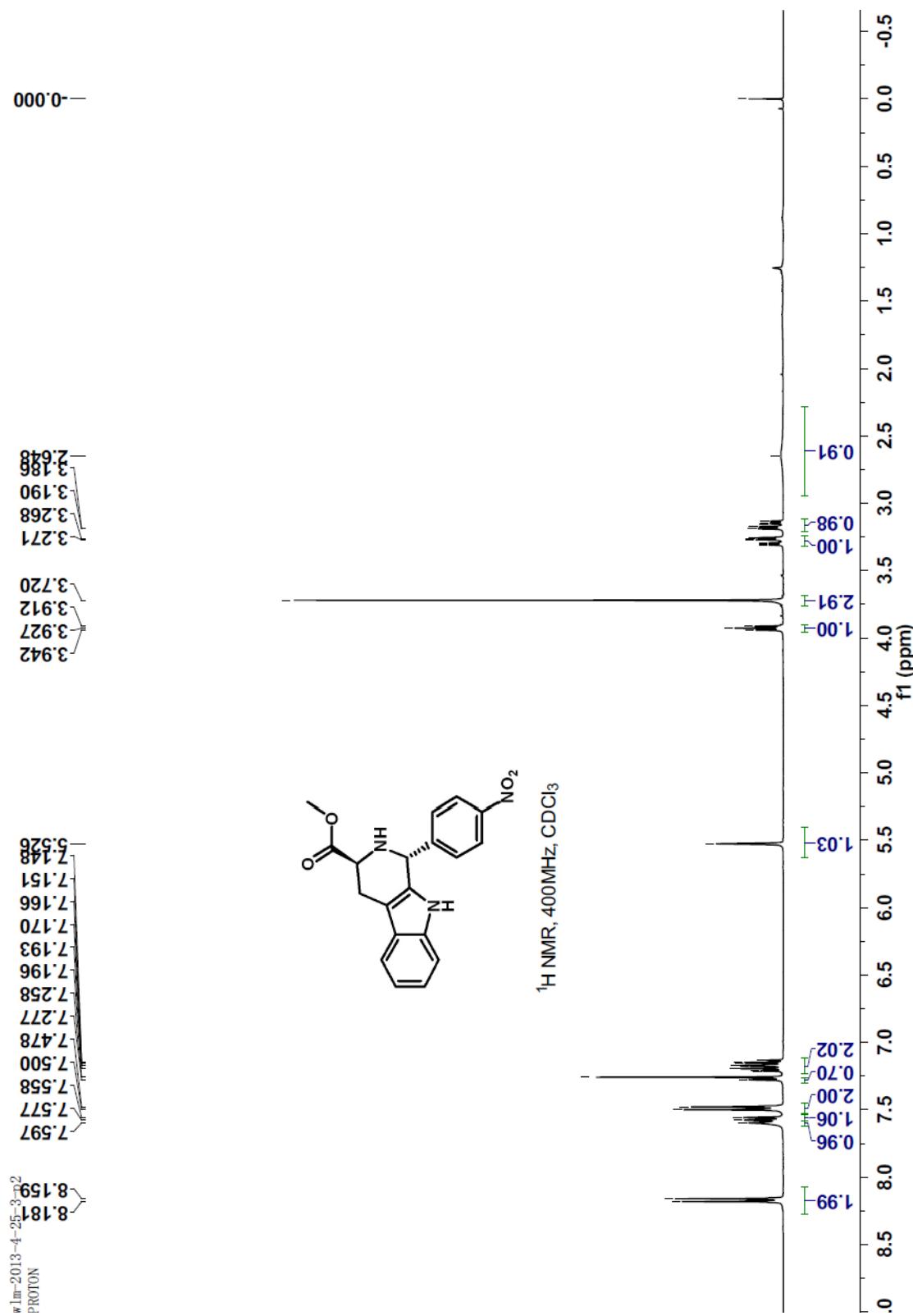
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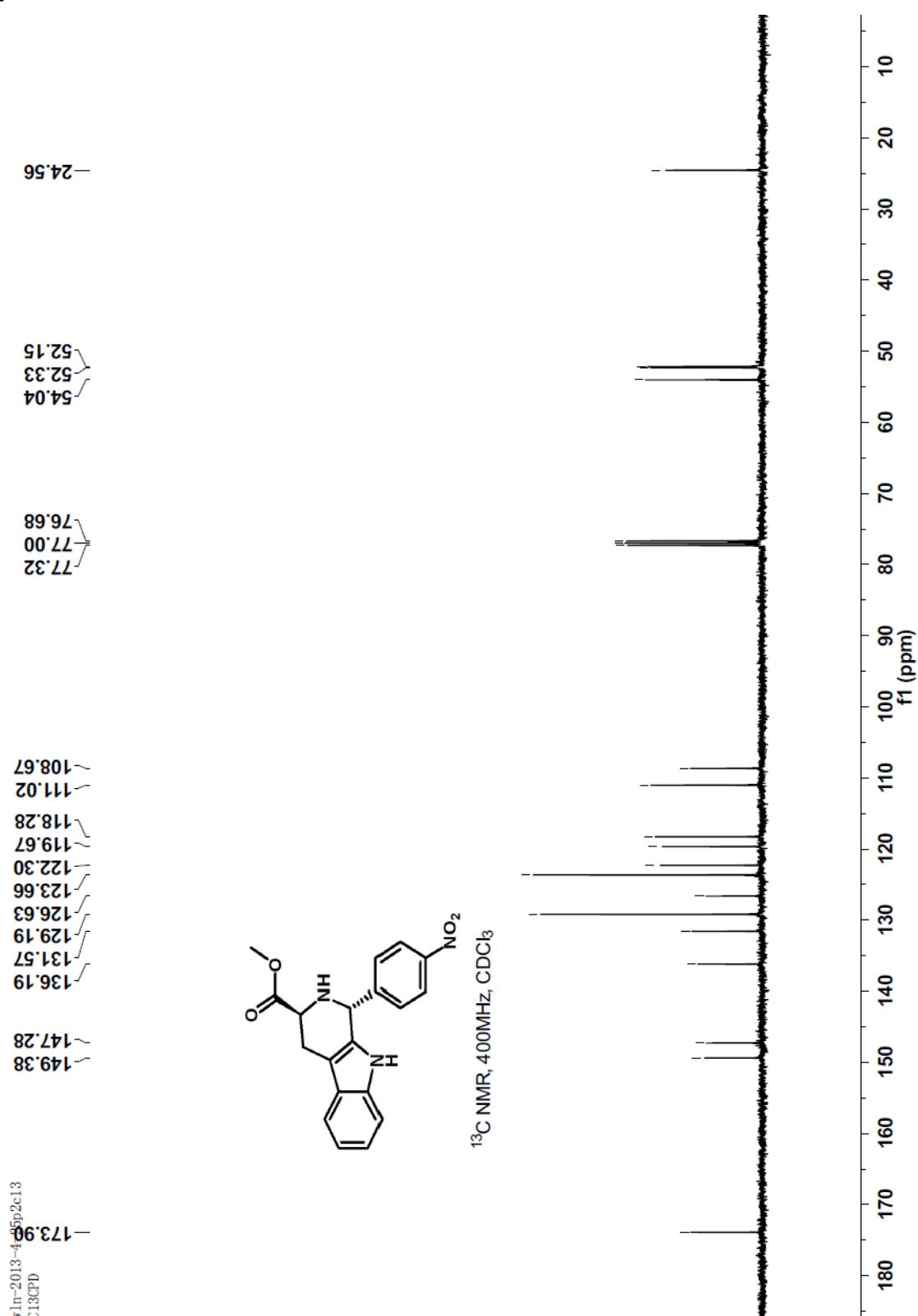
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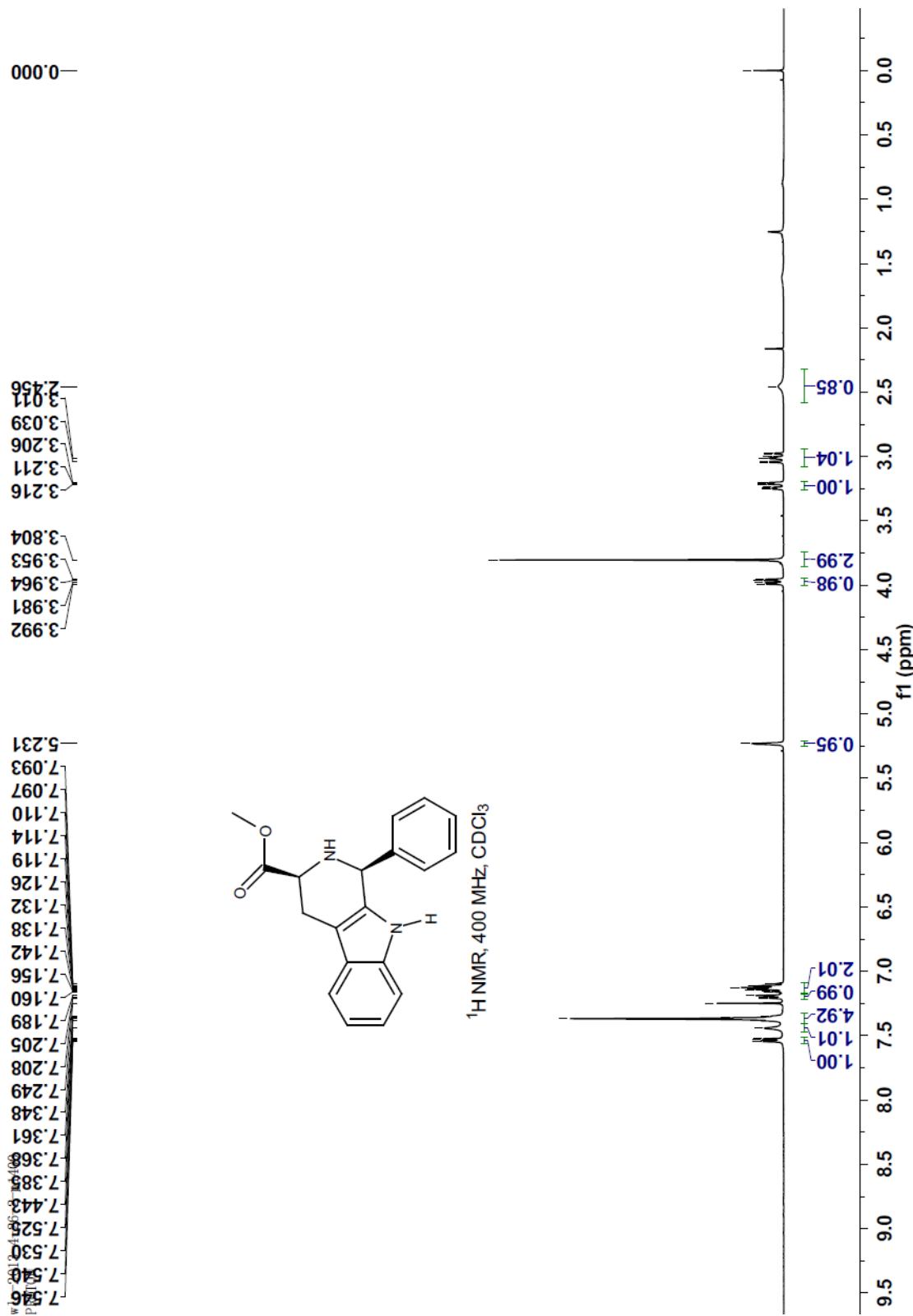


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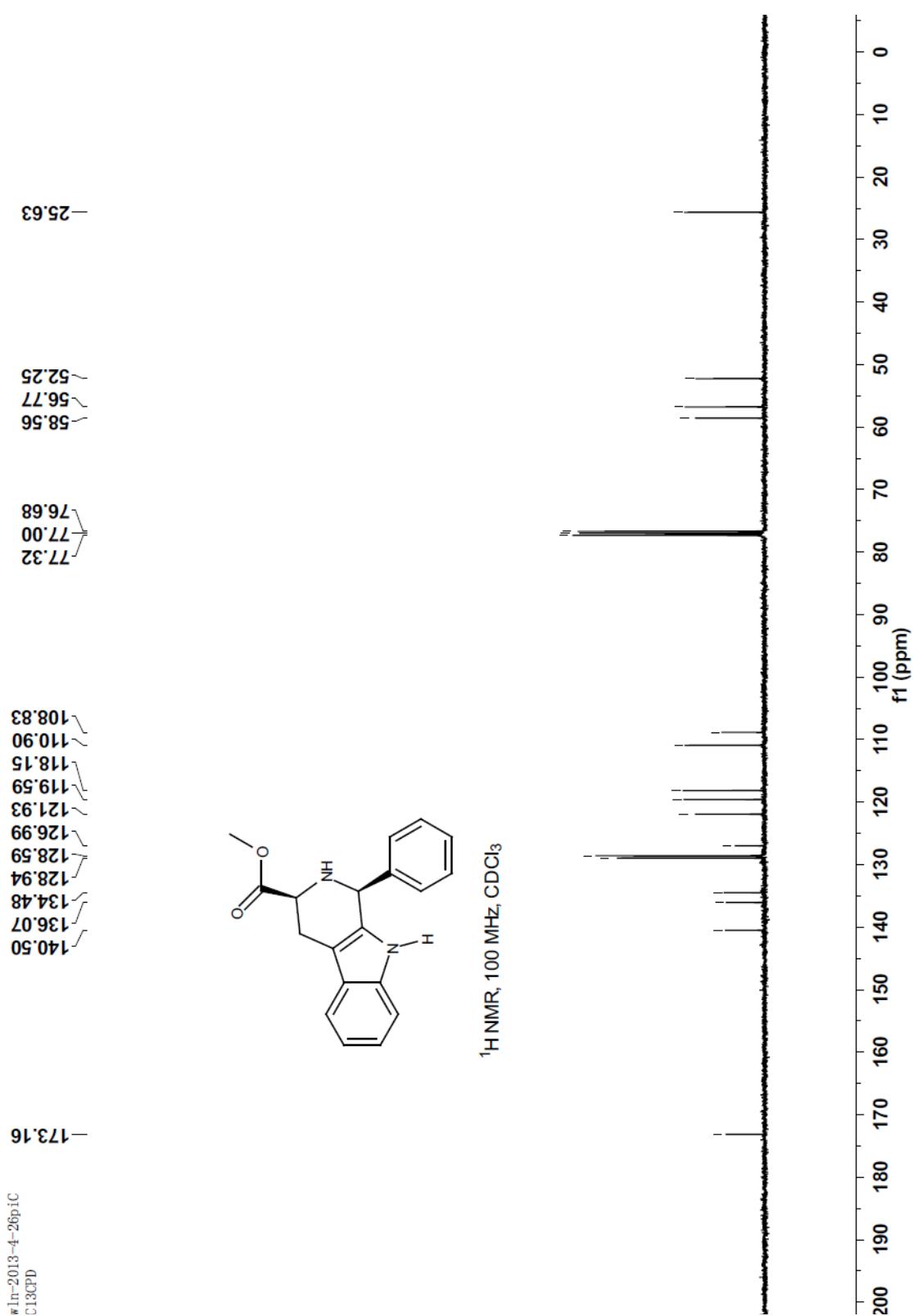


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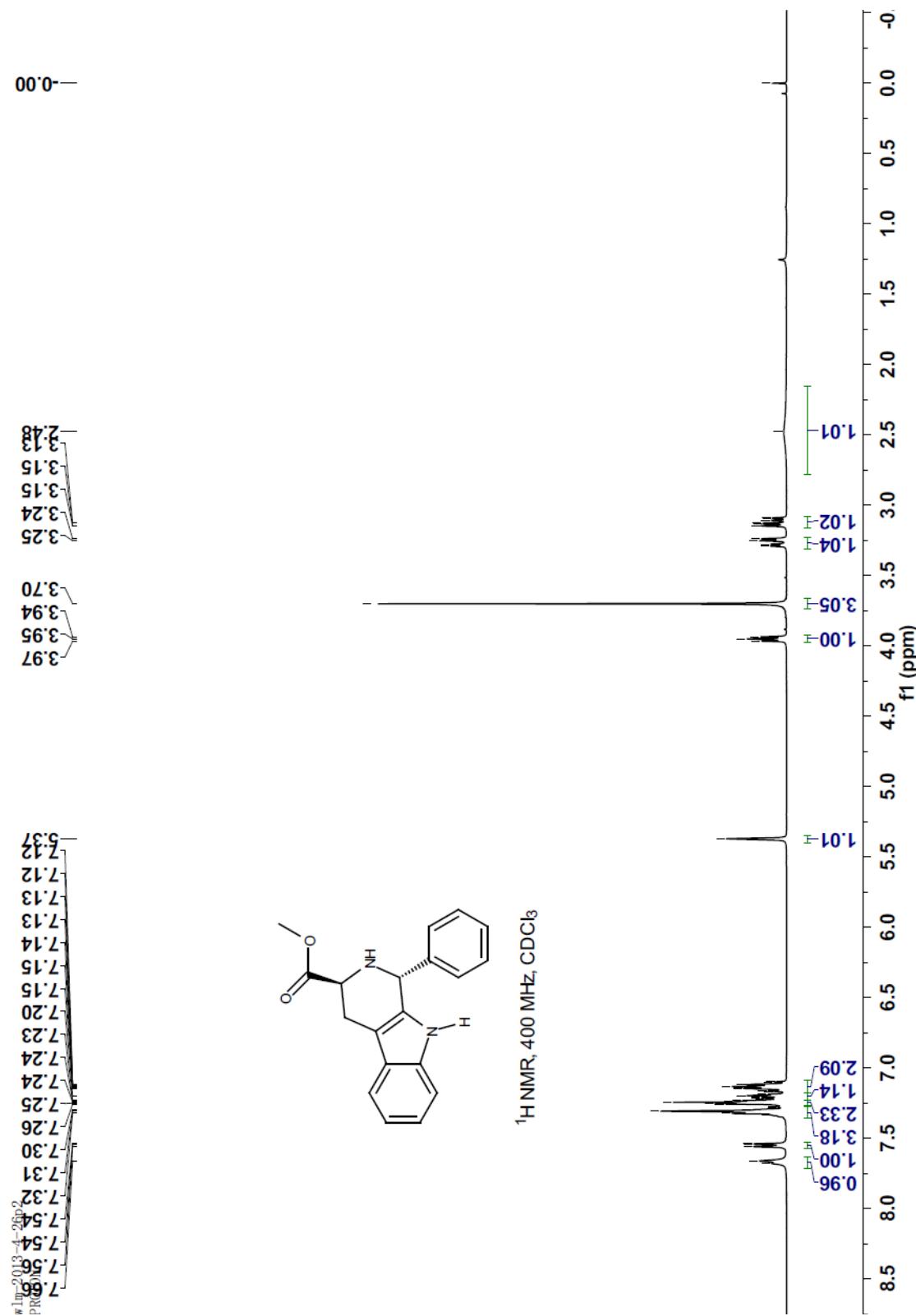
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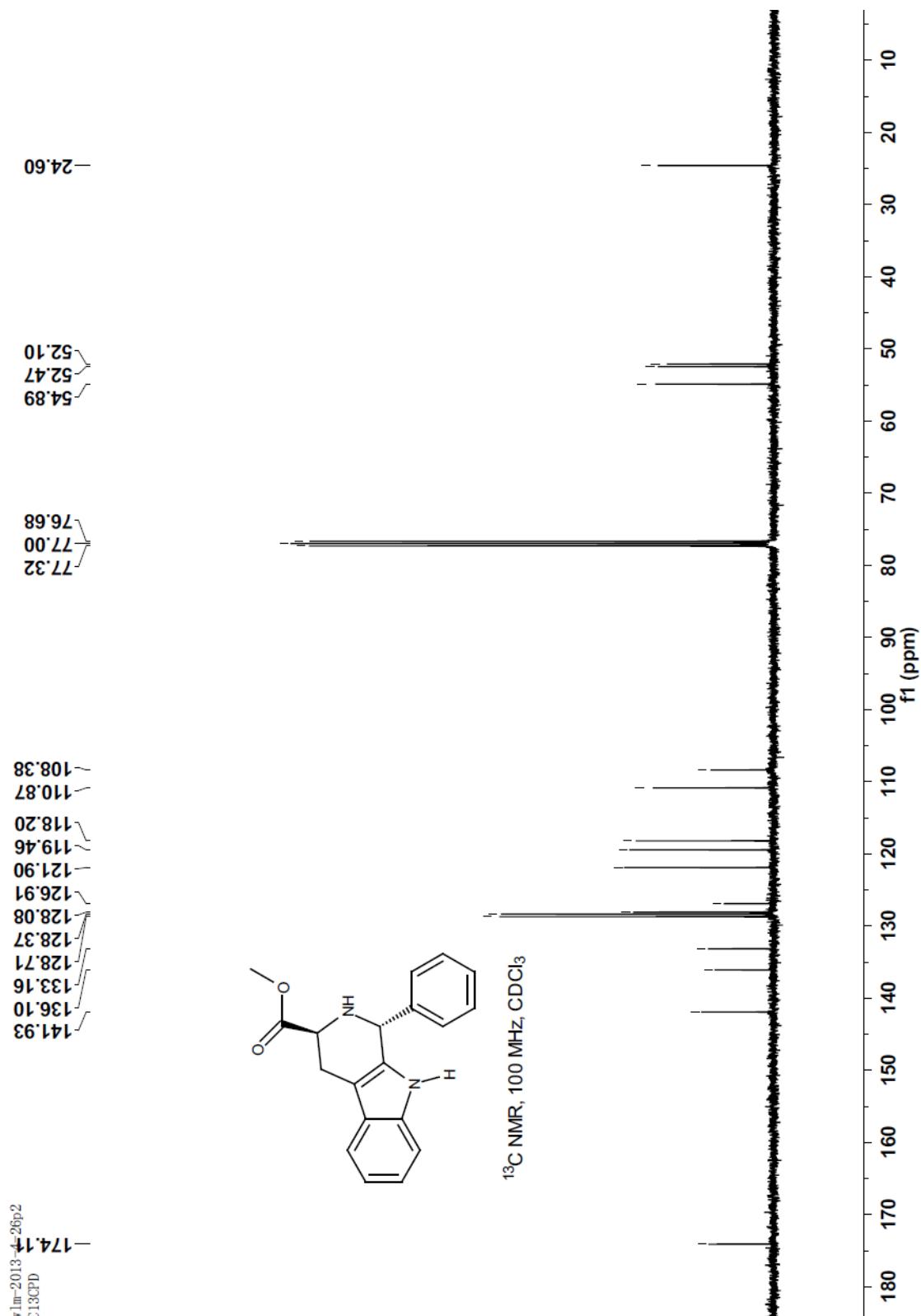
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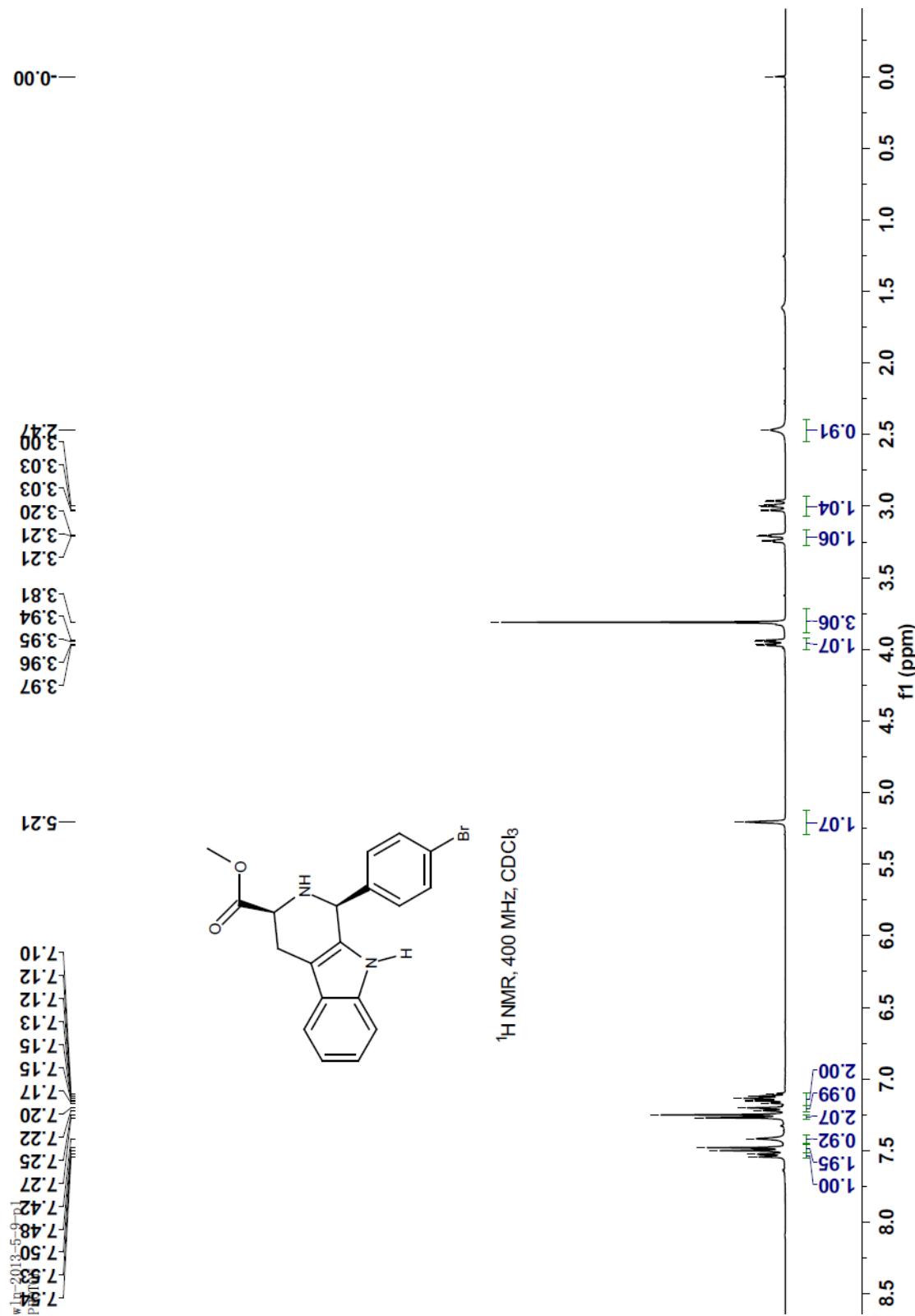


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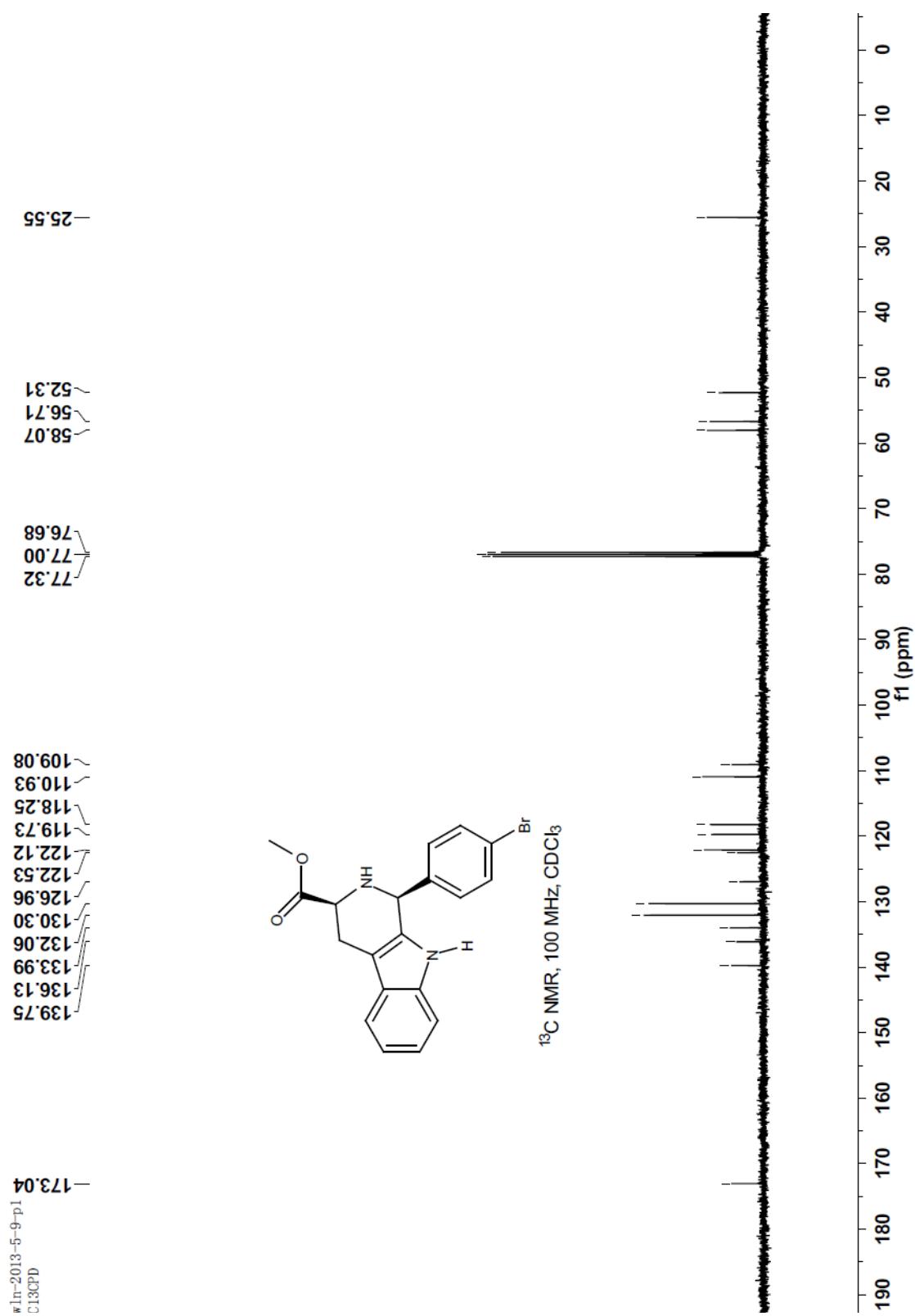


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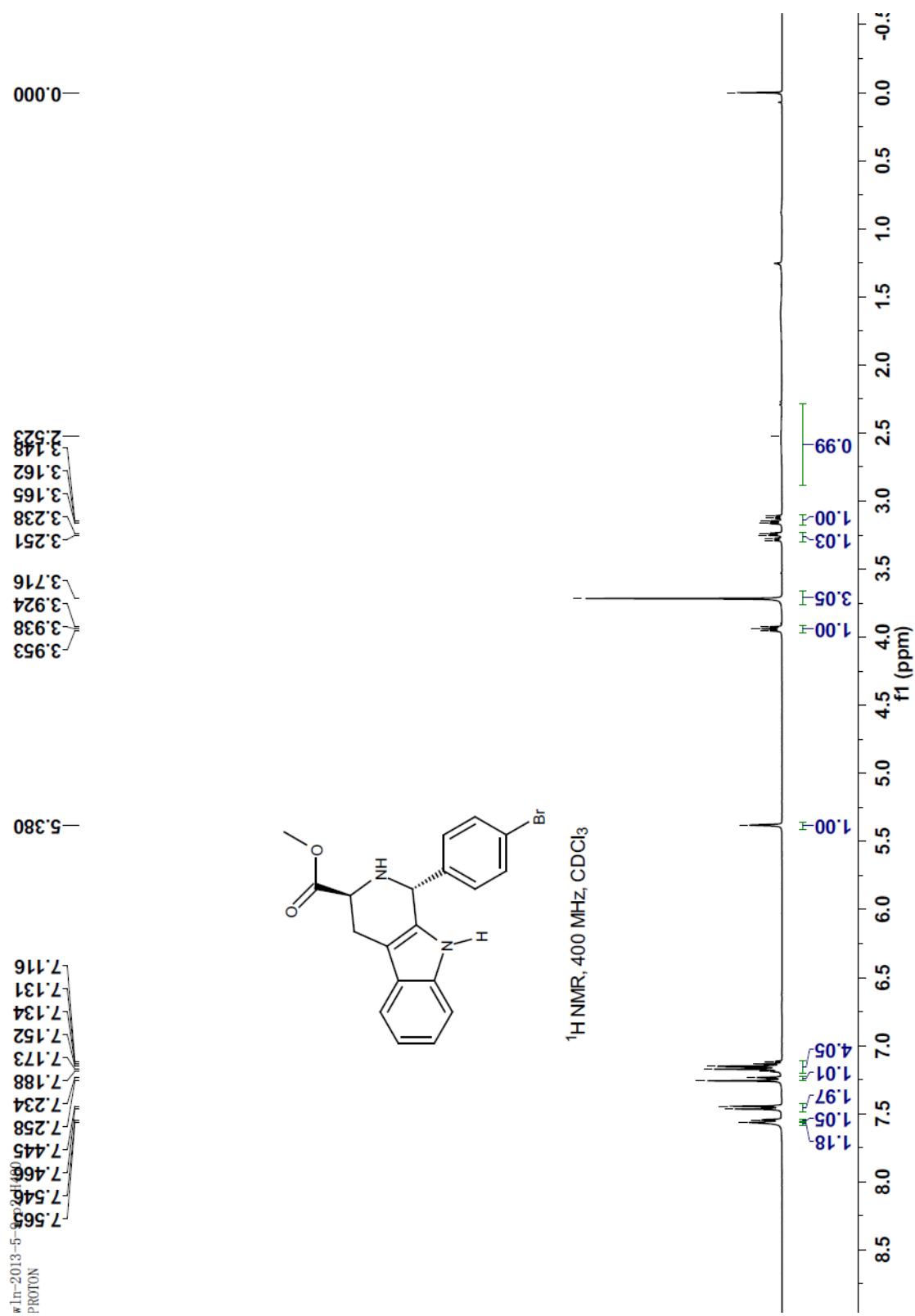
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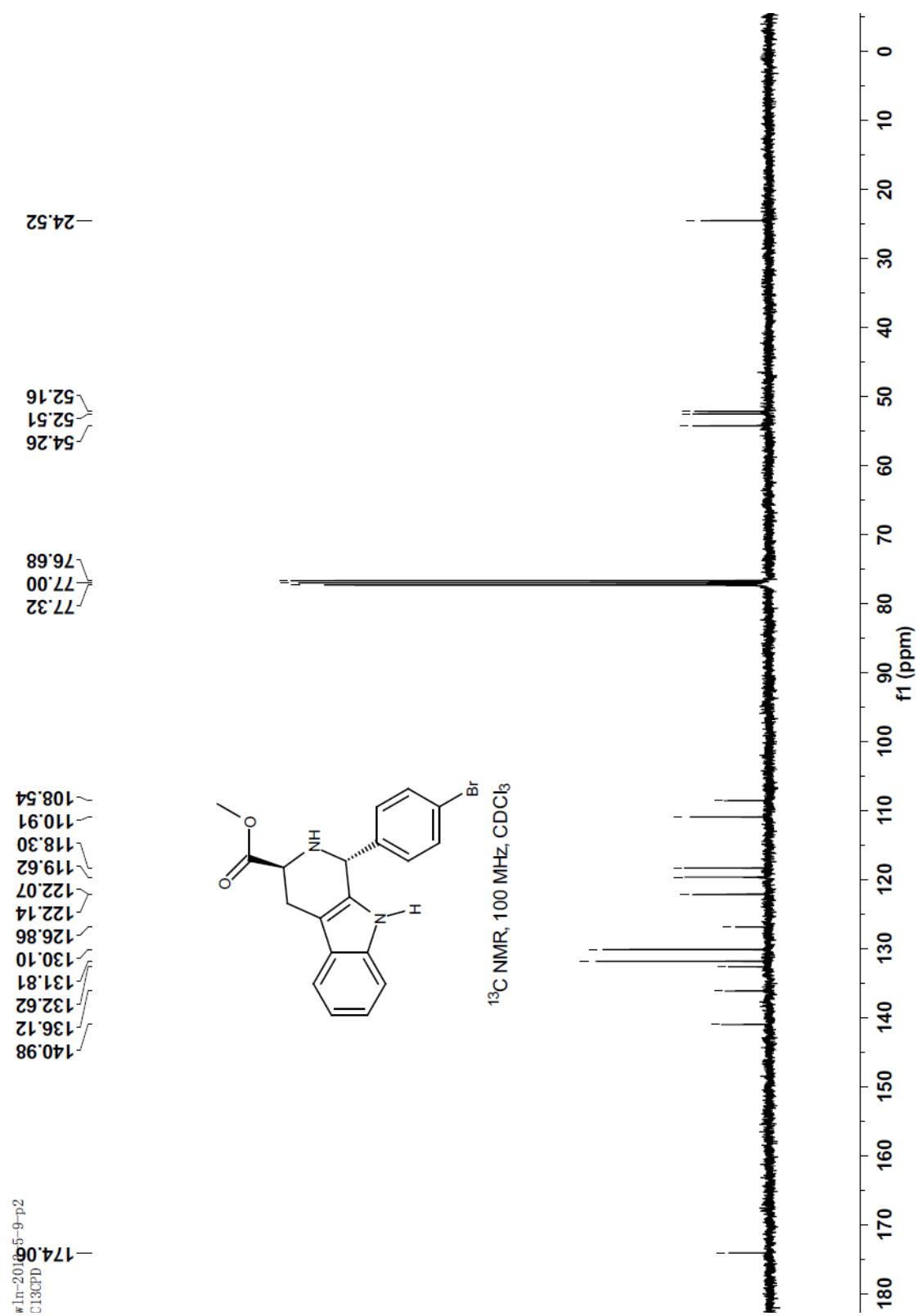
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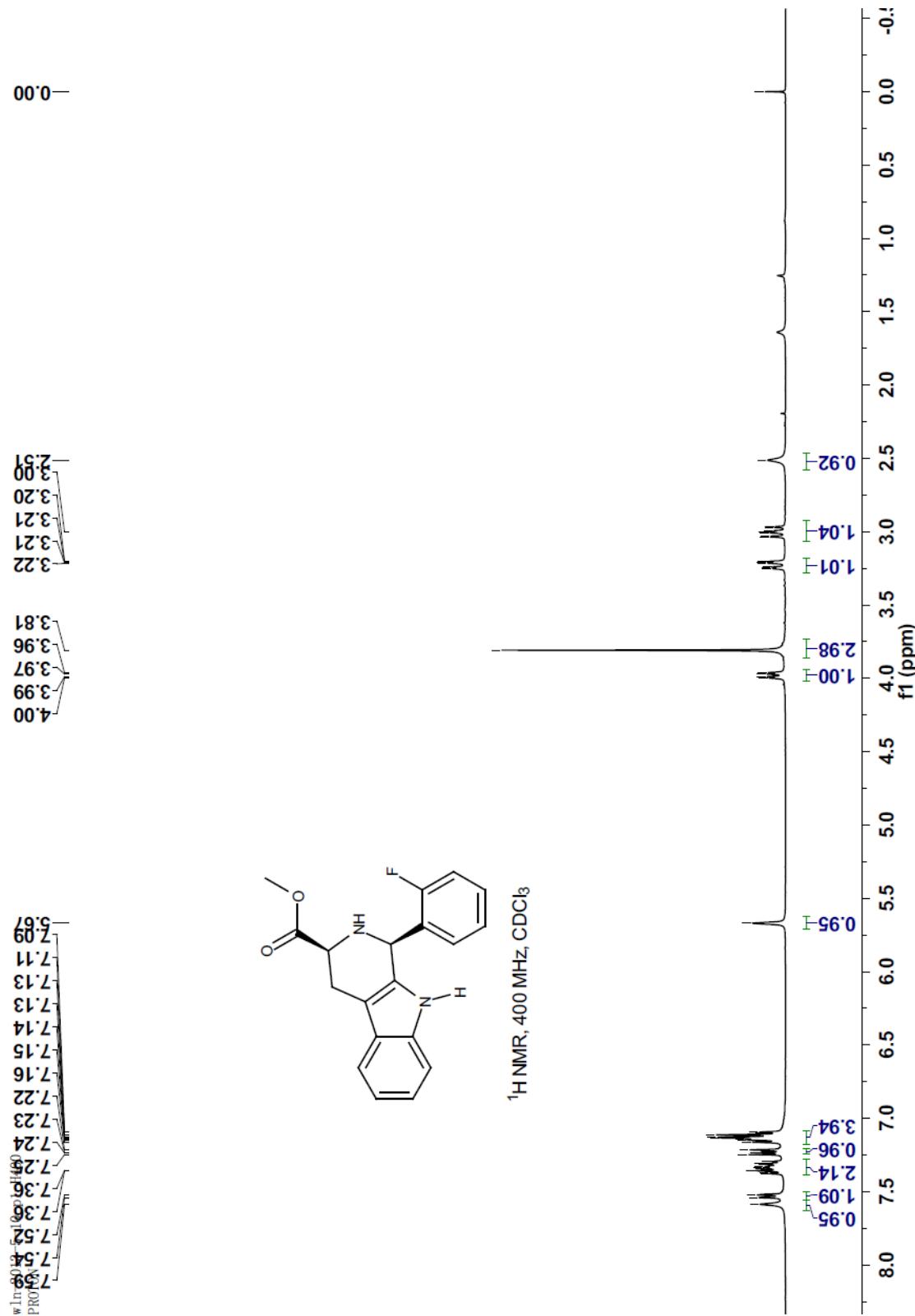


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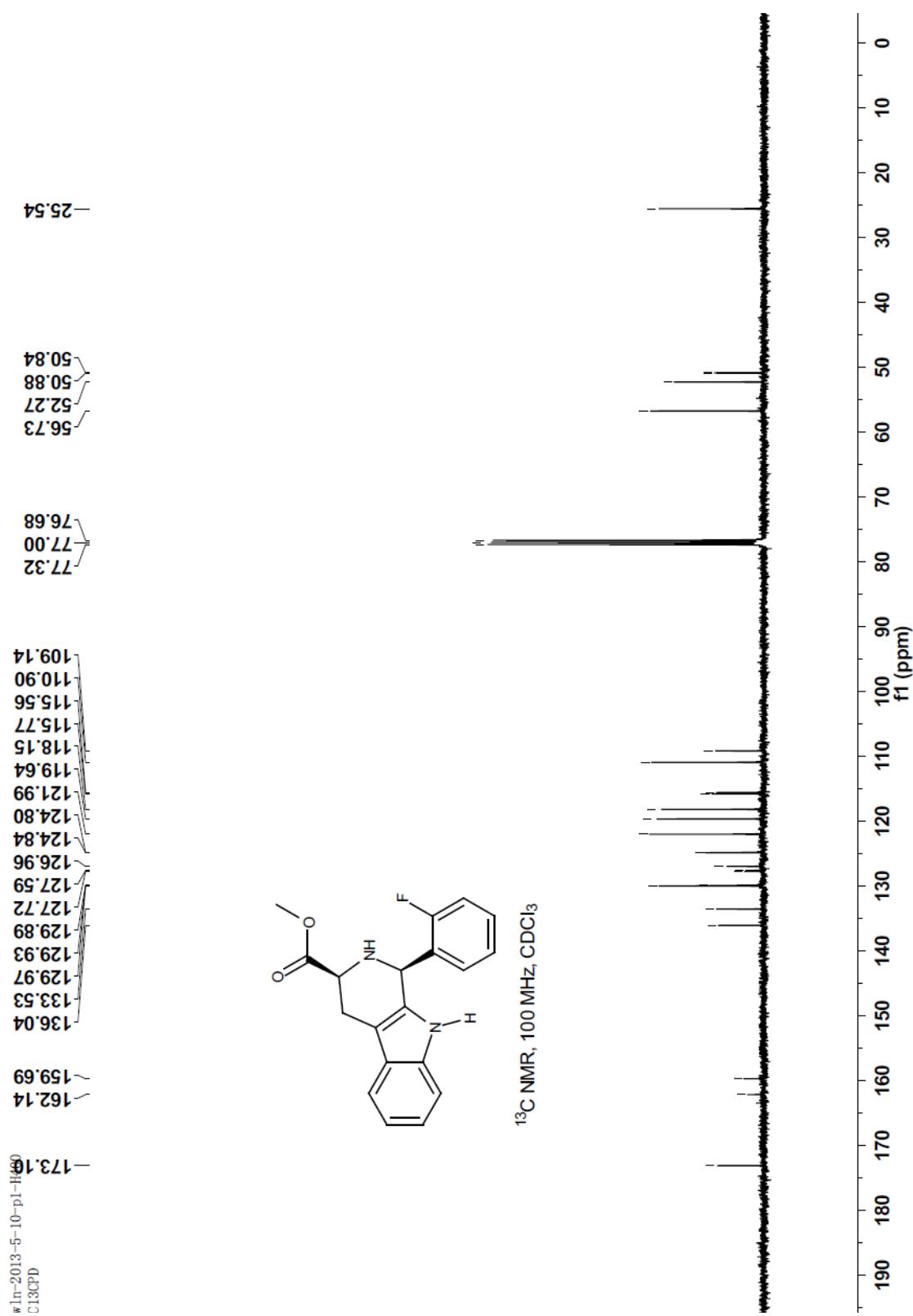


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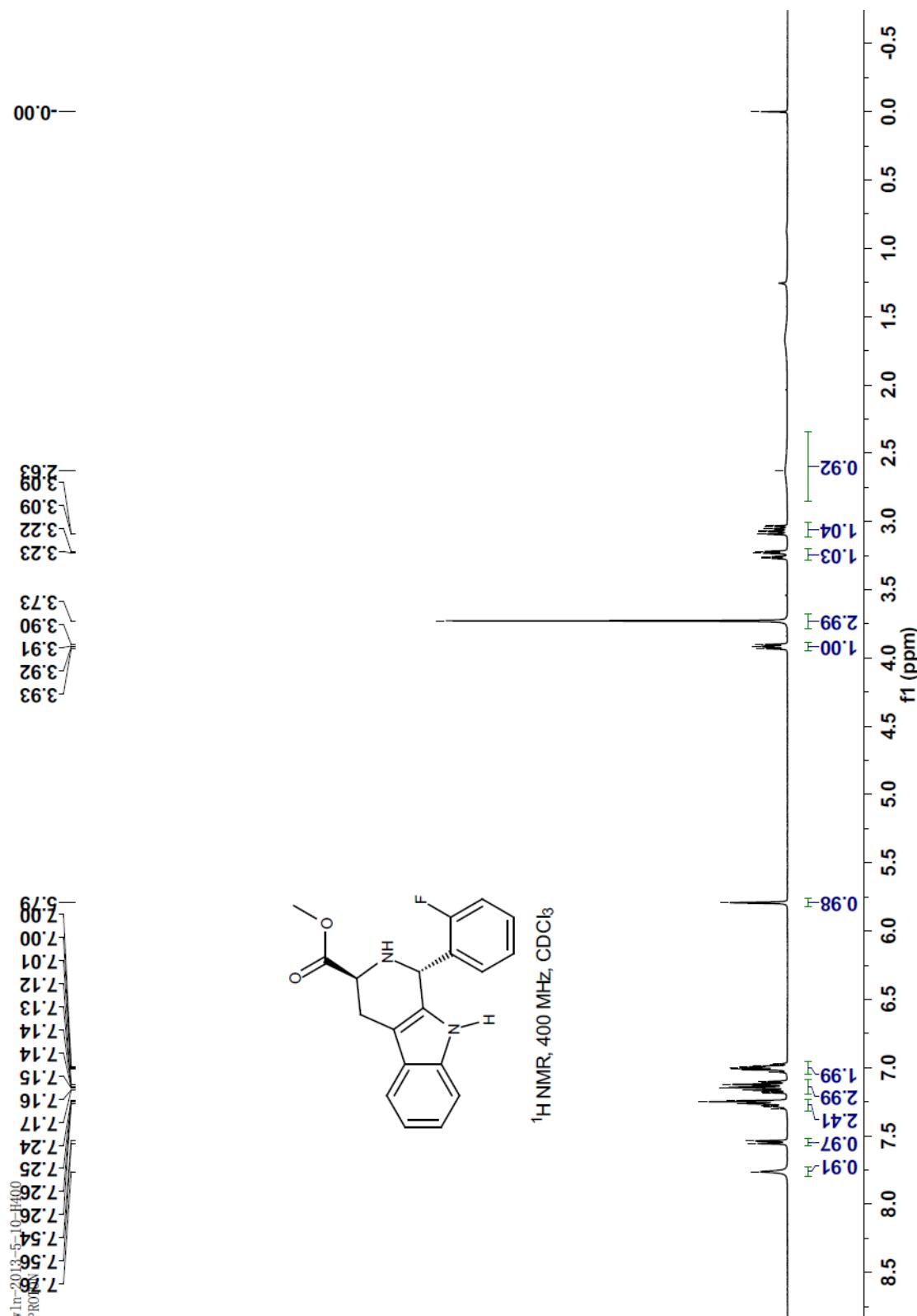
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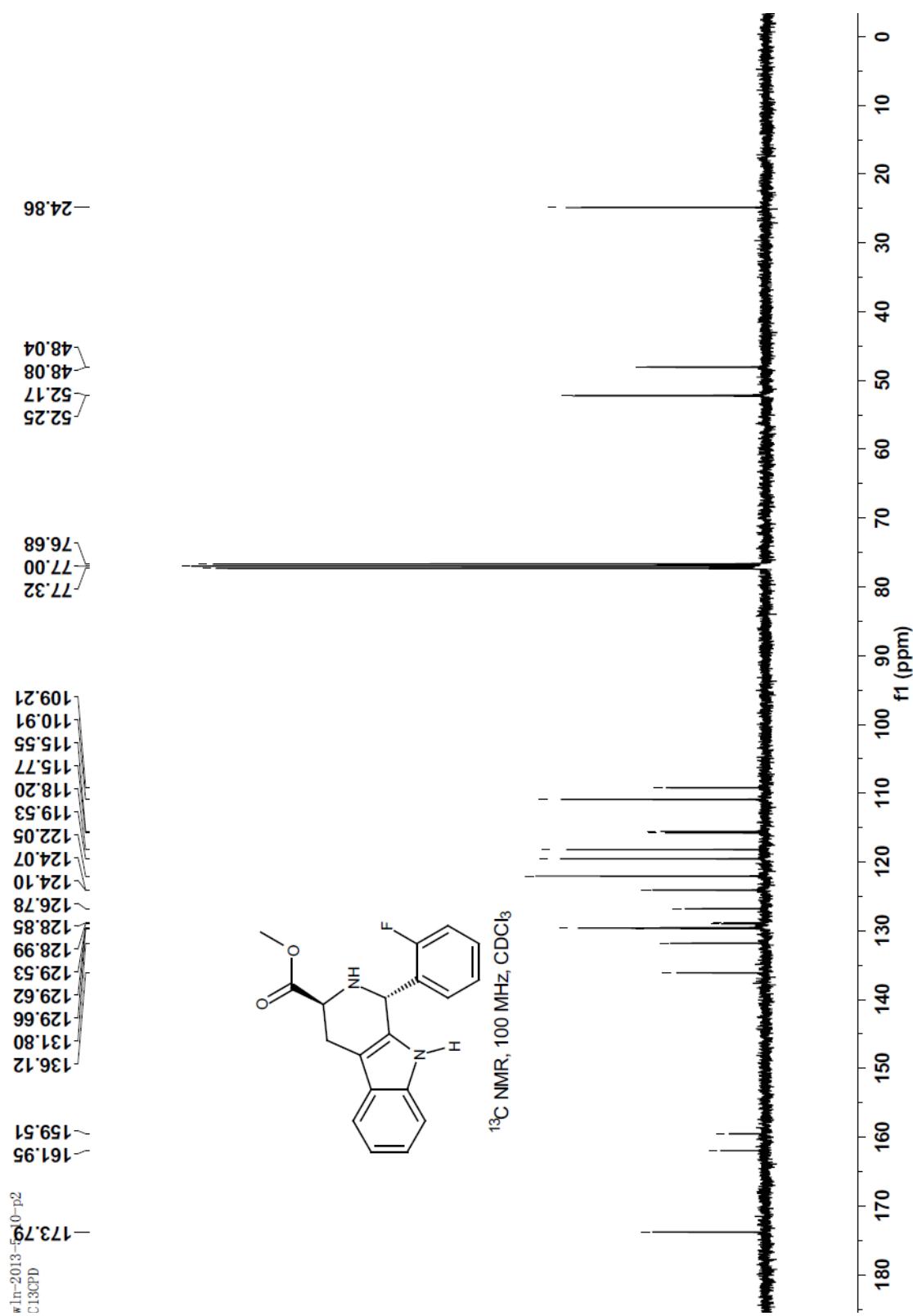
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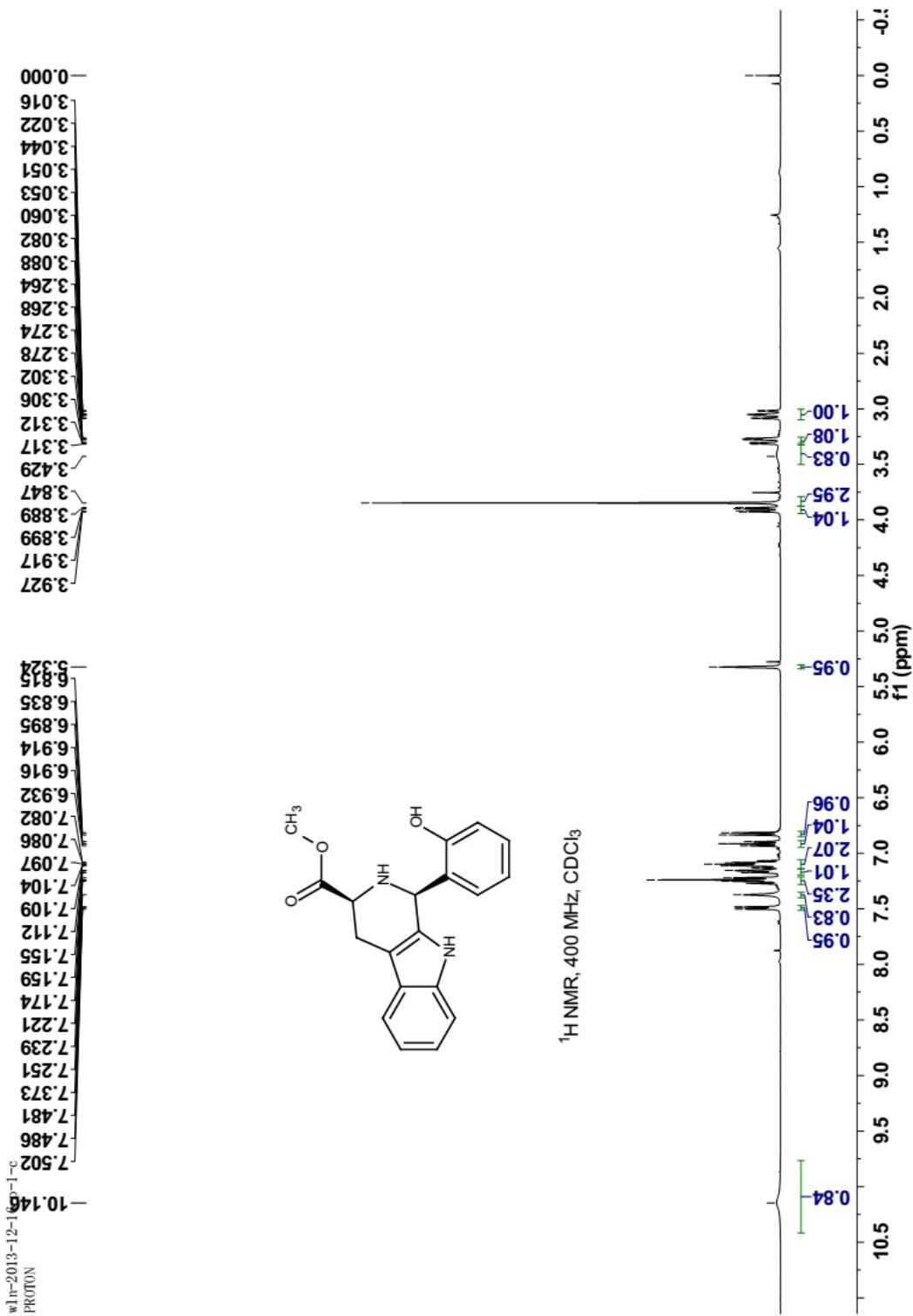


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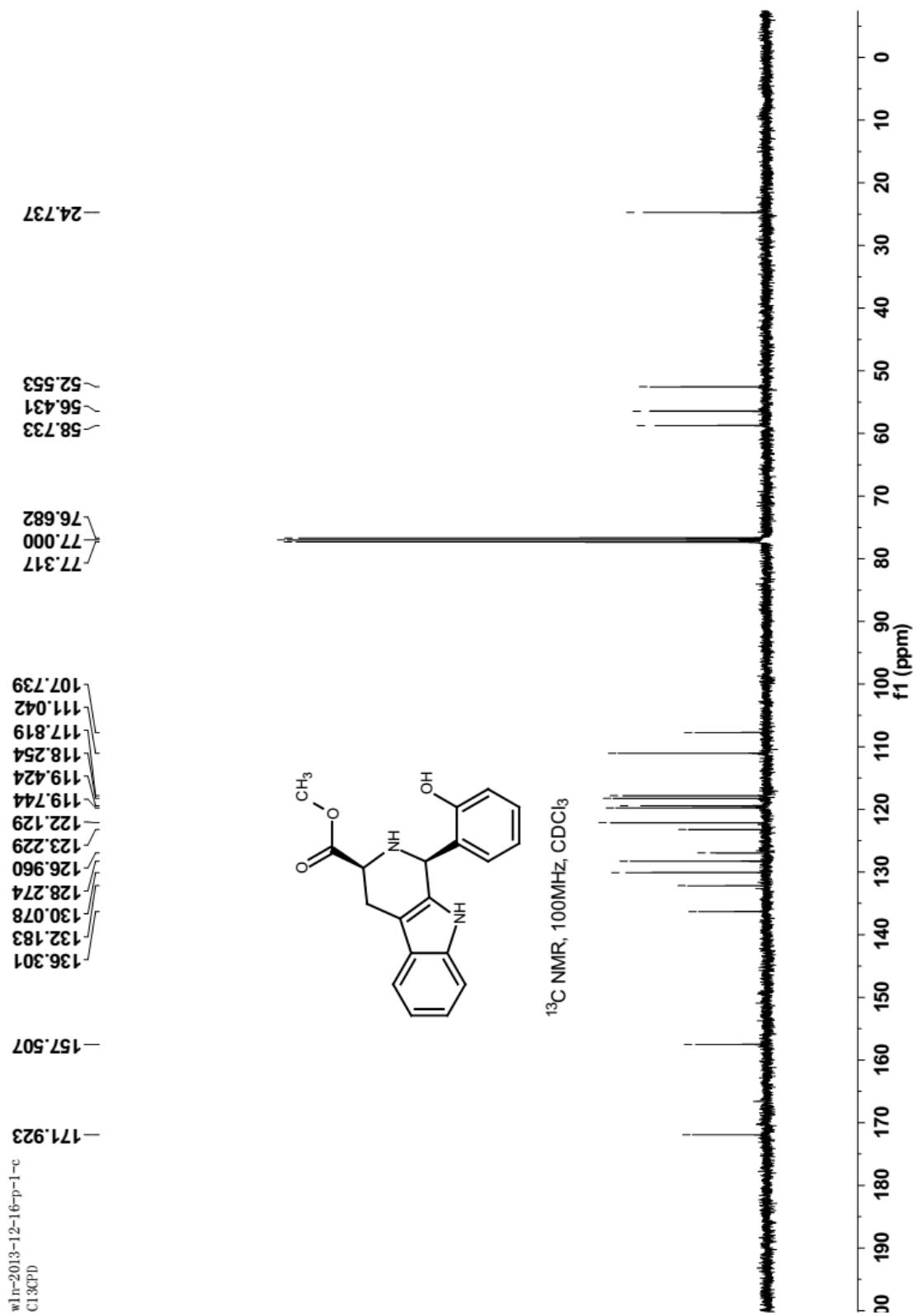


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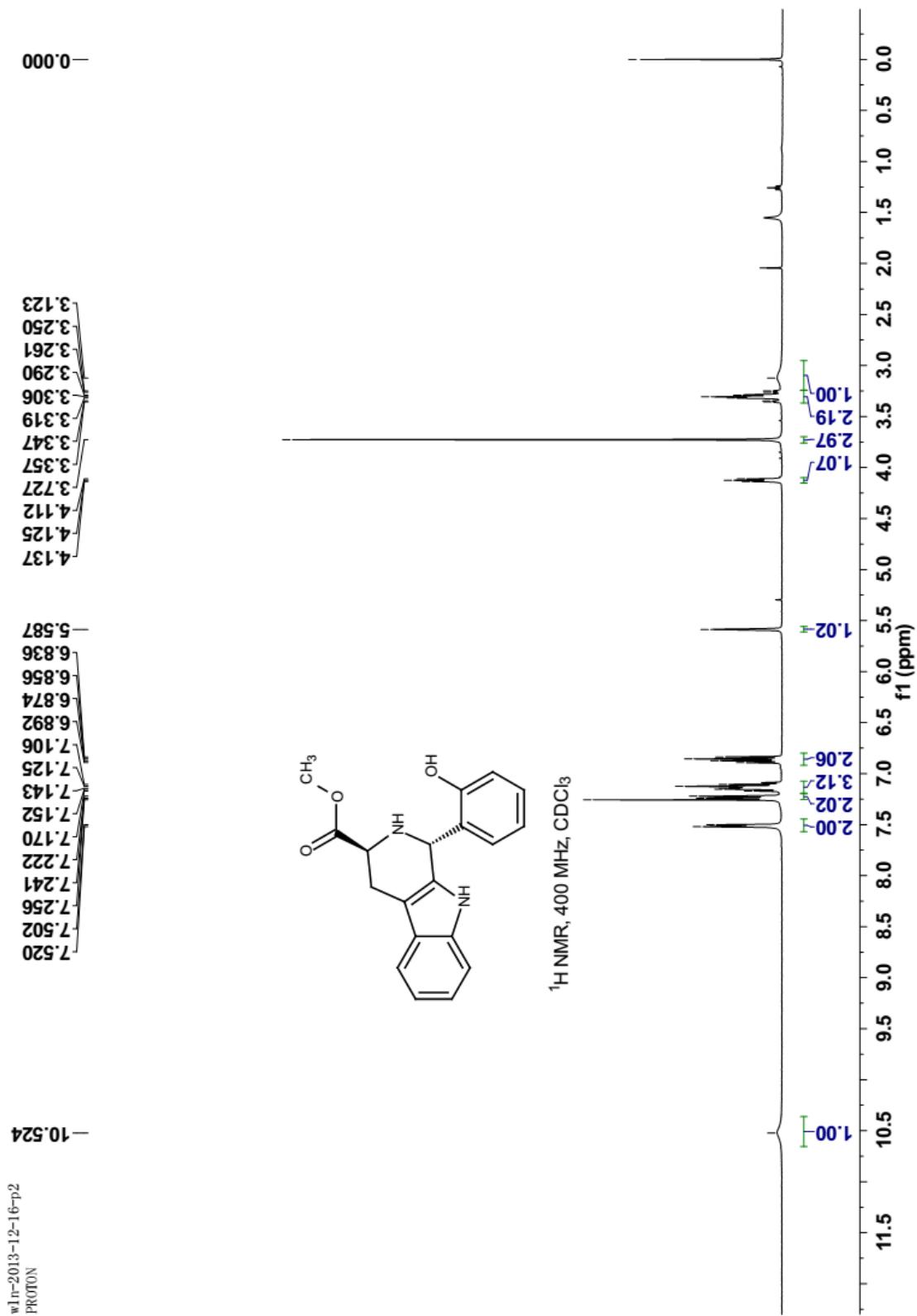
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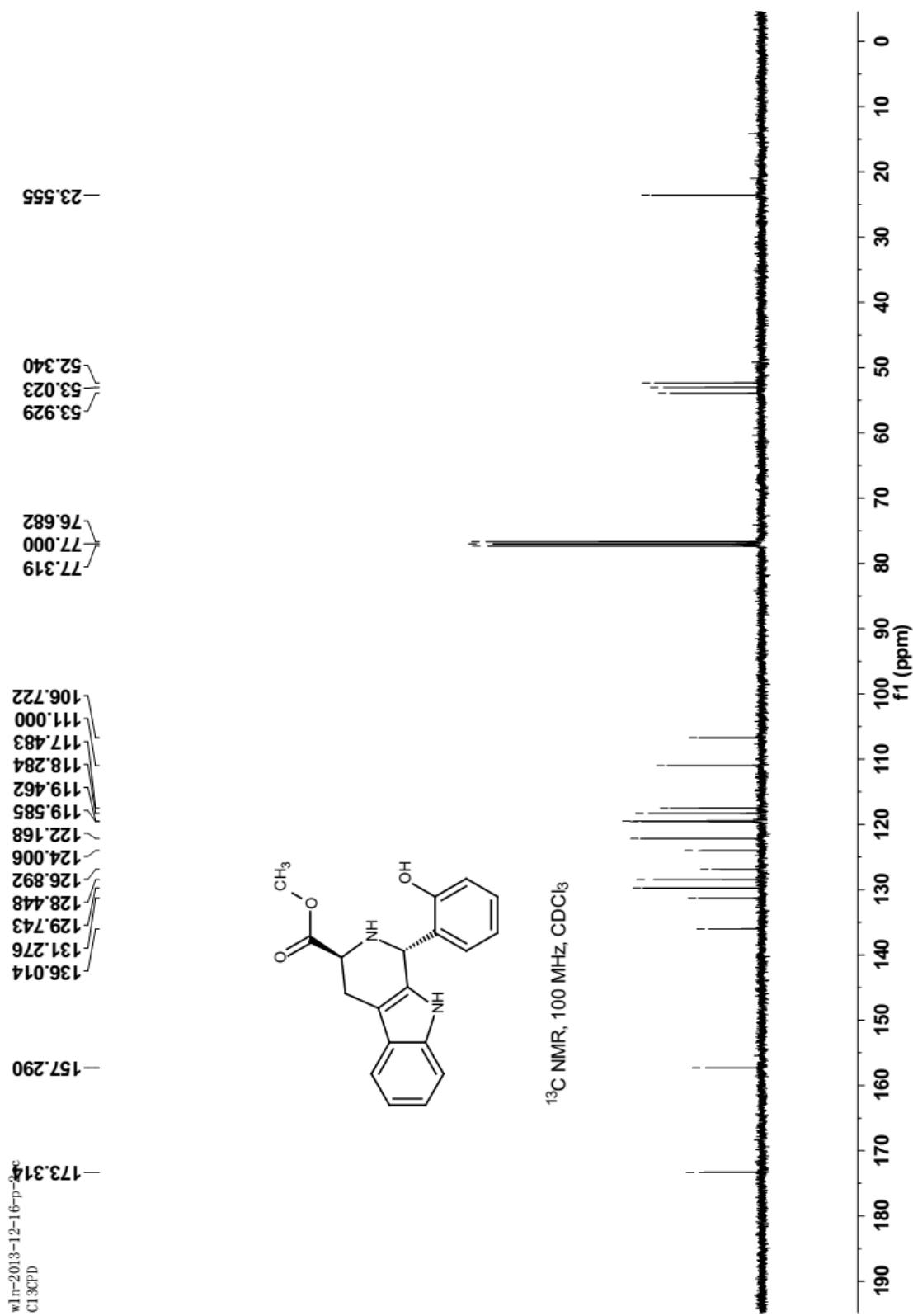
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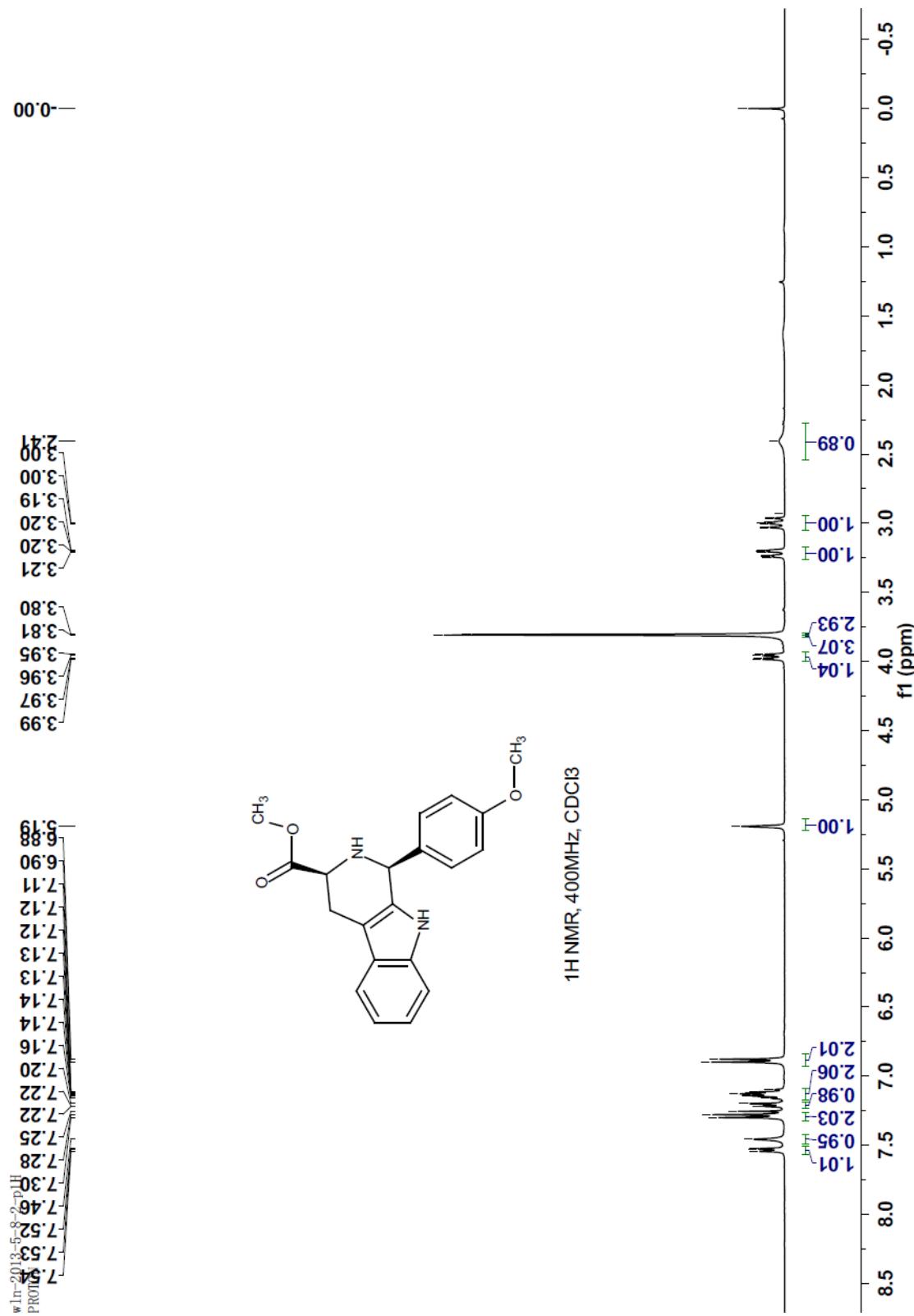


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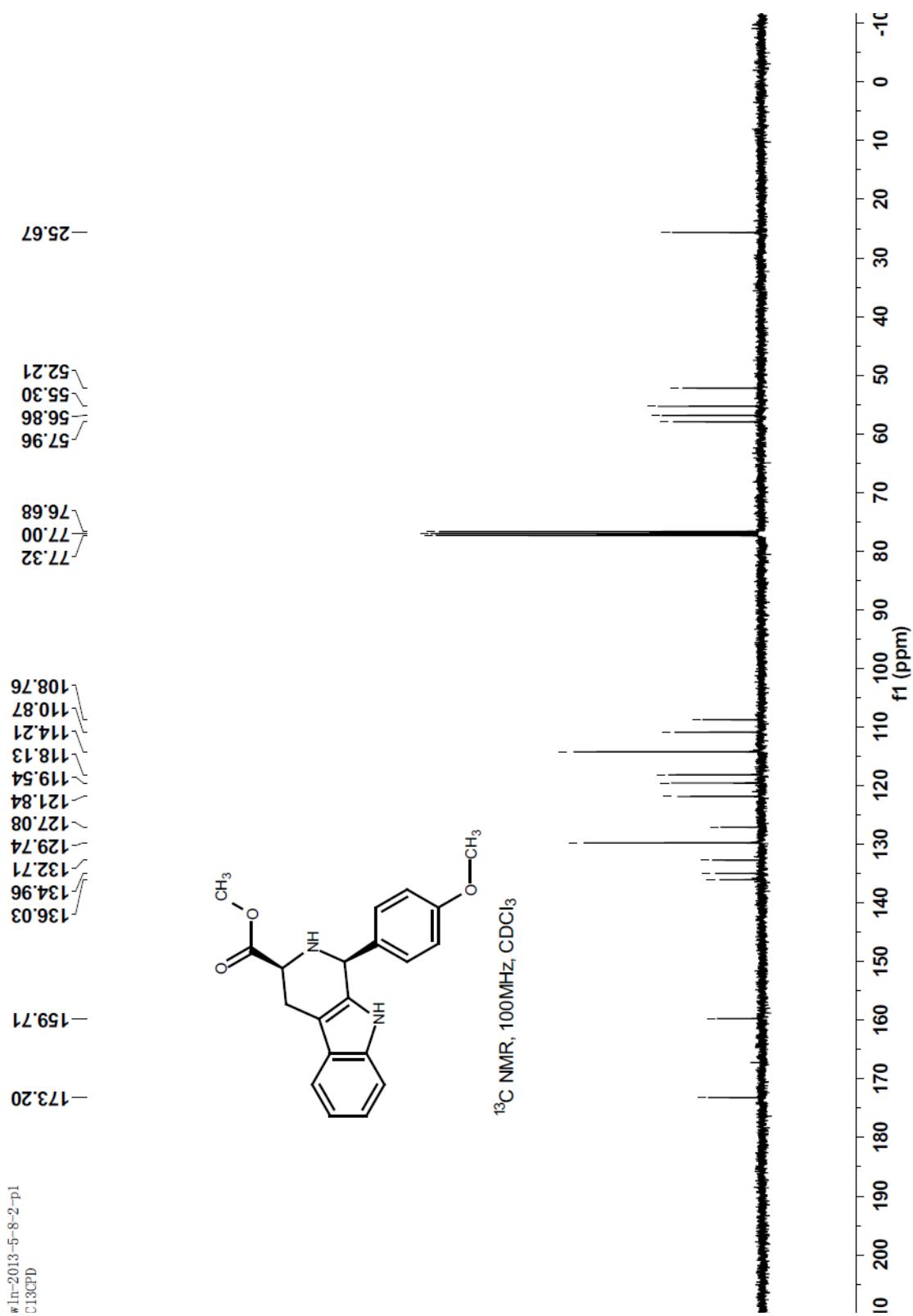
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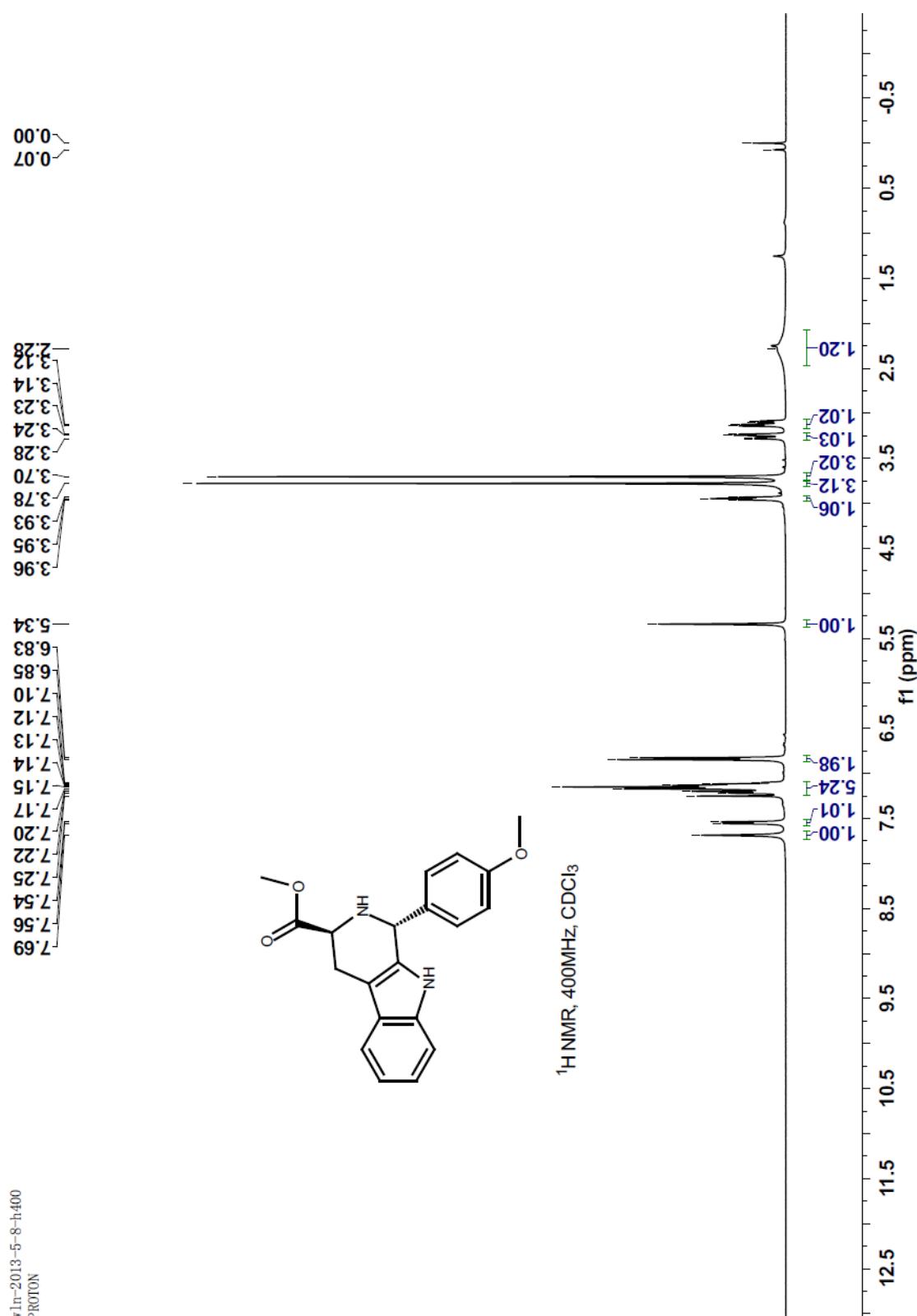


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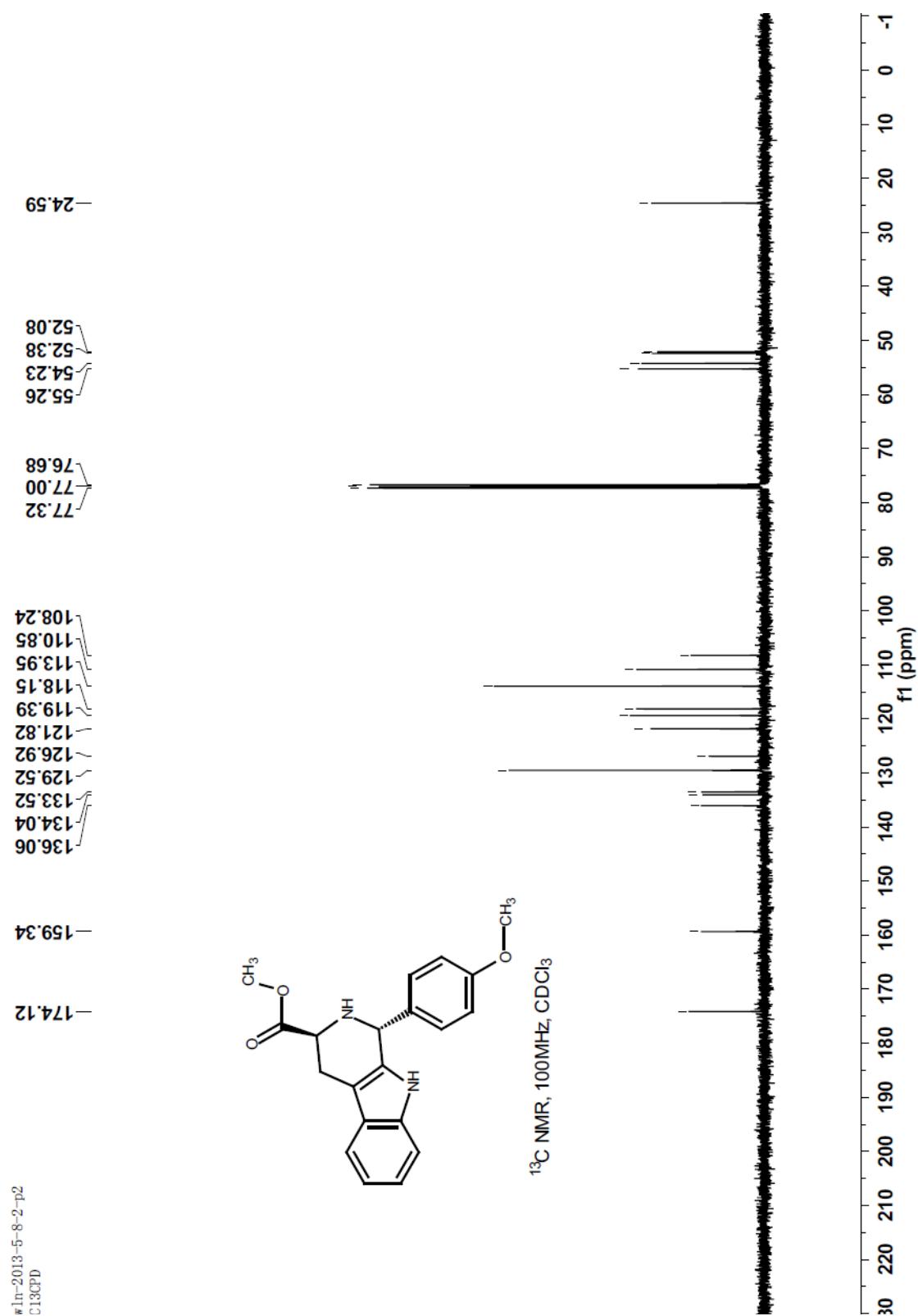
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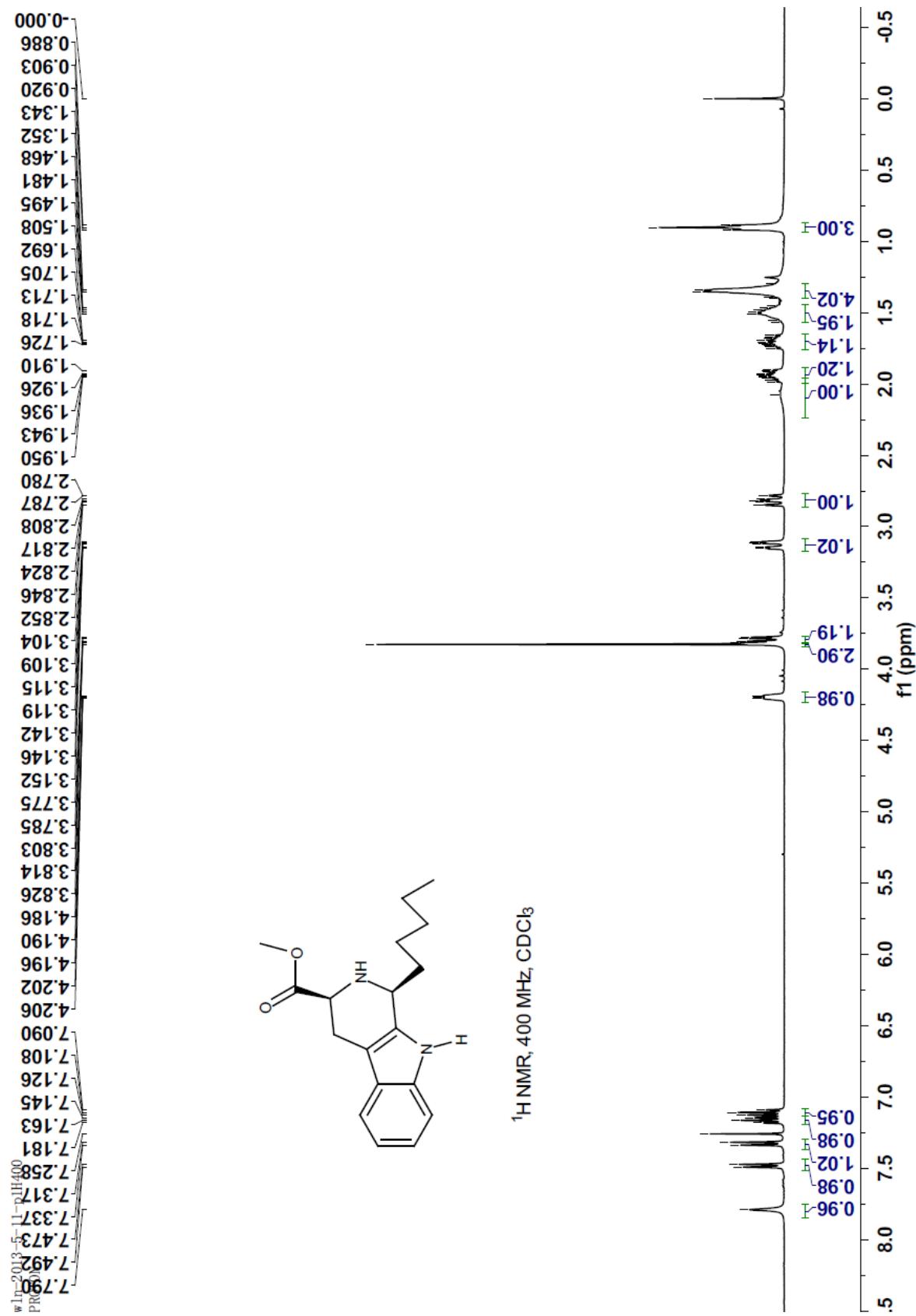


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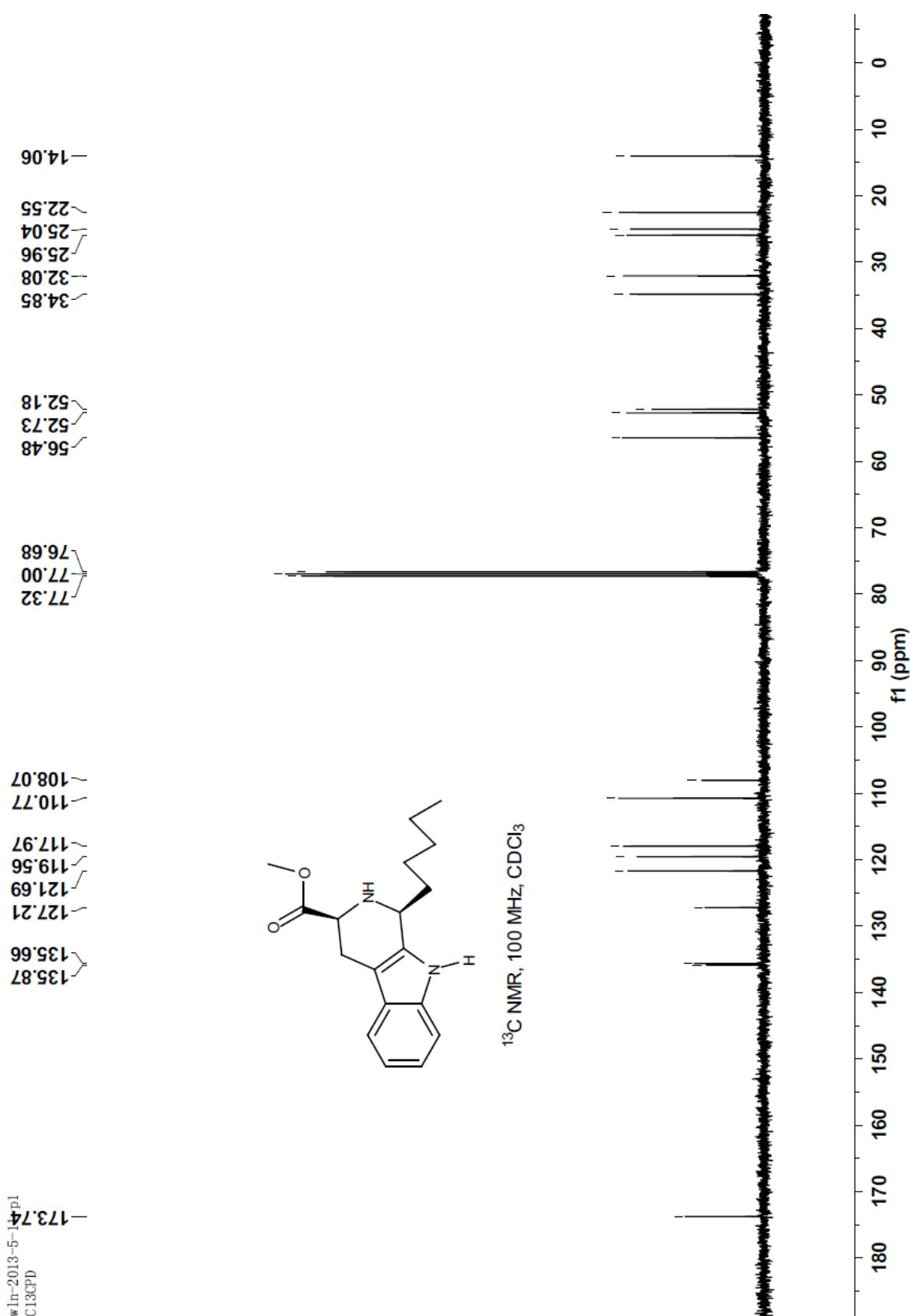


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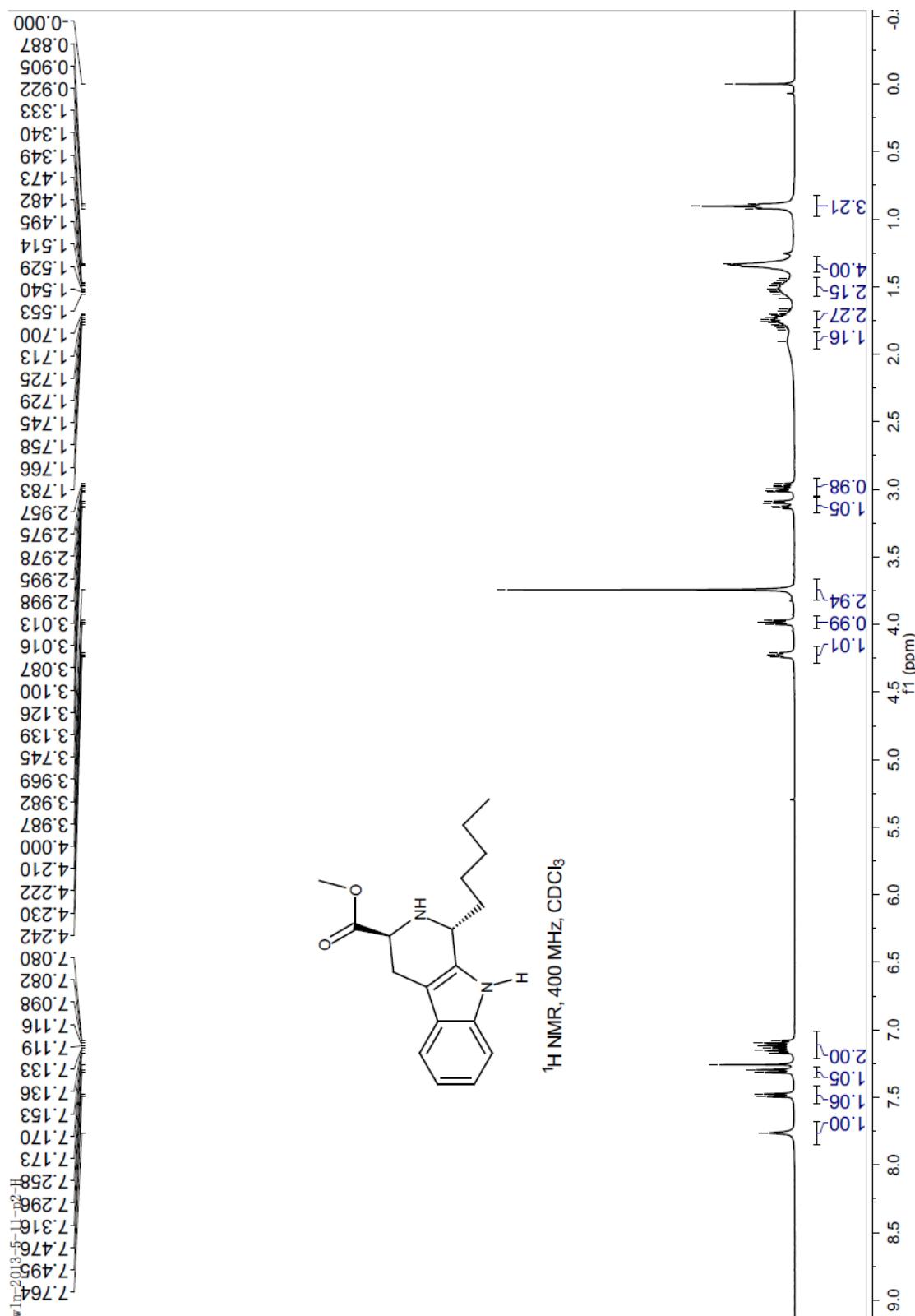
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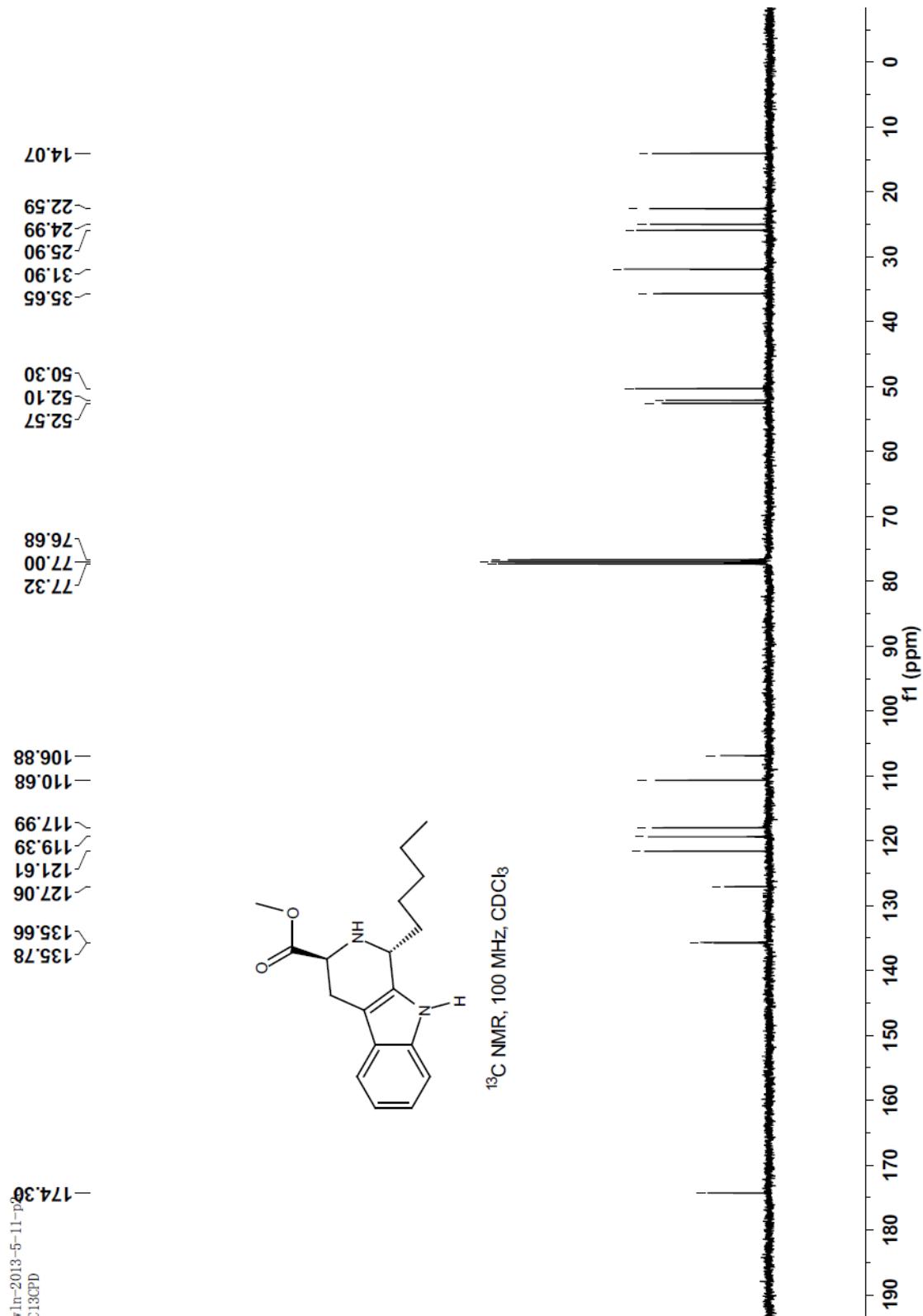
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*trans*-3w:  $^1\text{H}$  NMR



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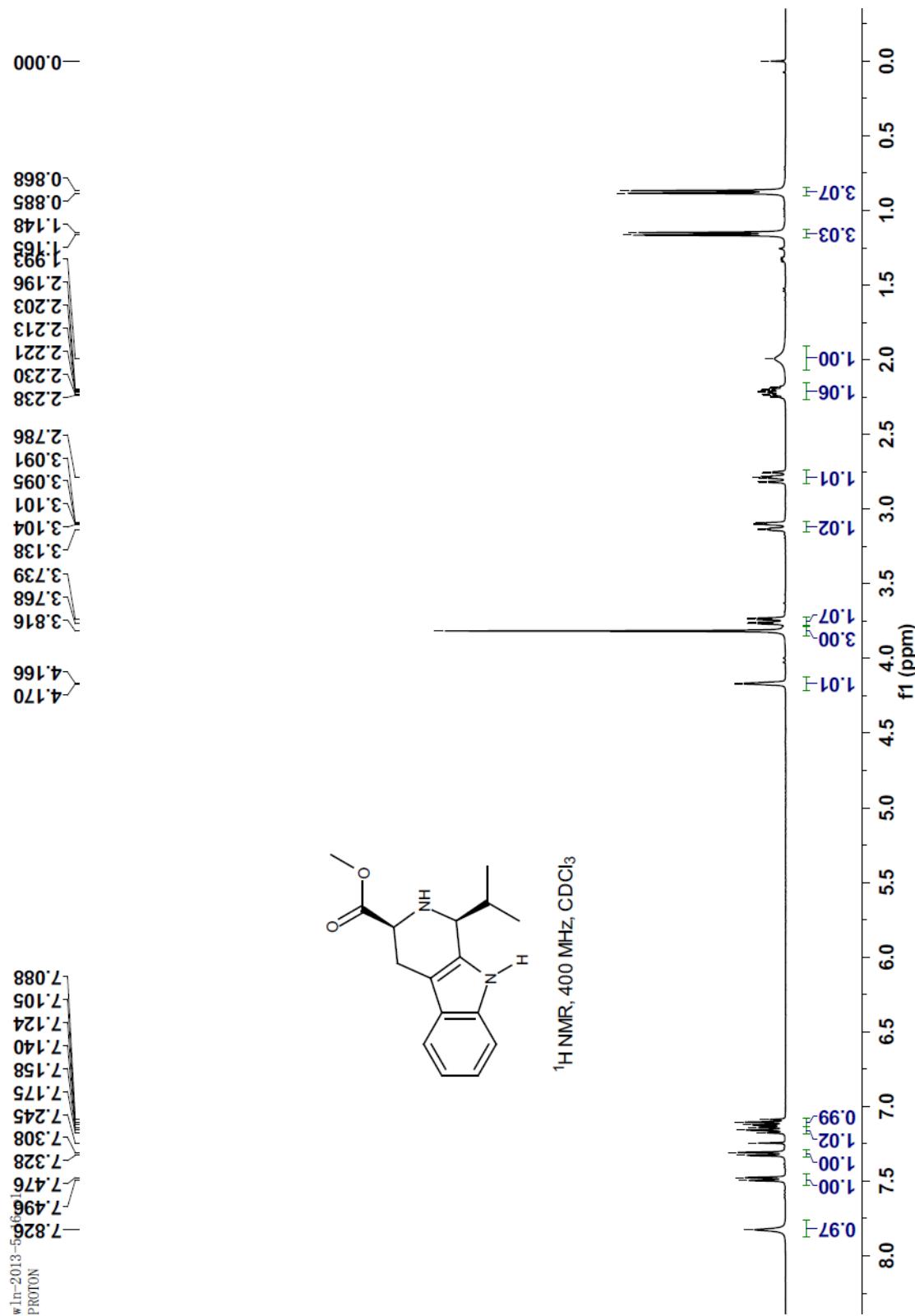


$^{13}\text{C}$  NMR, 100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$

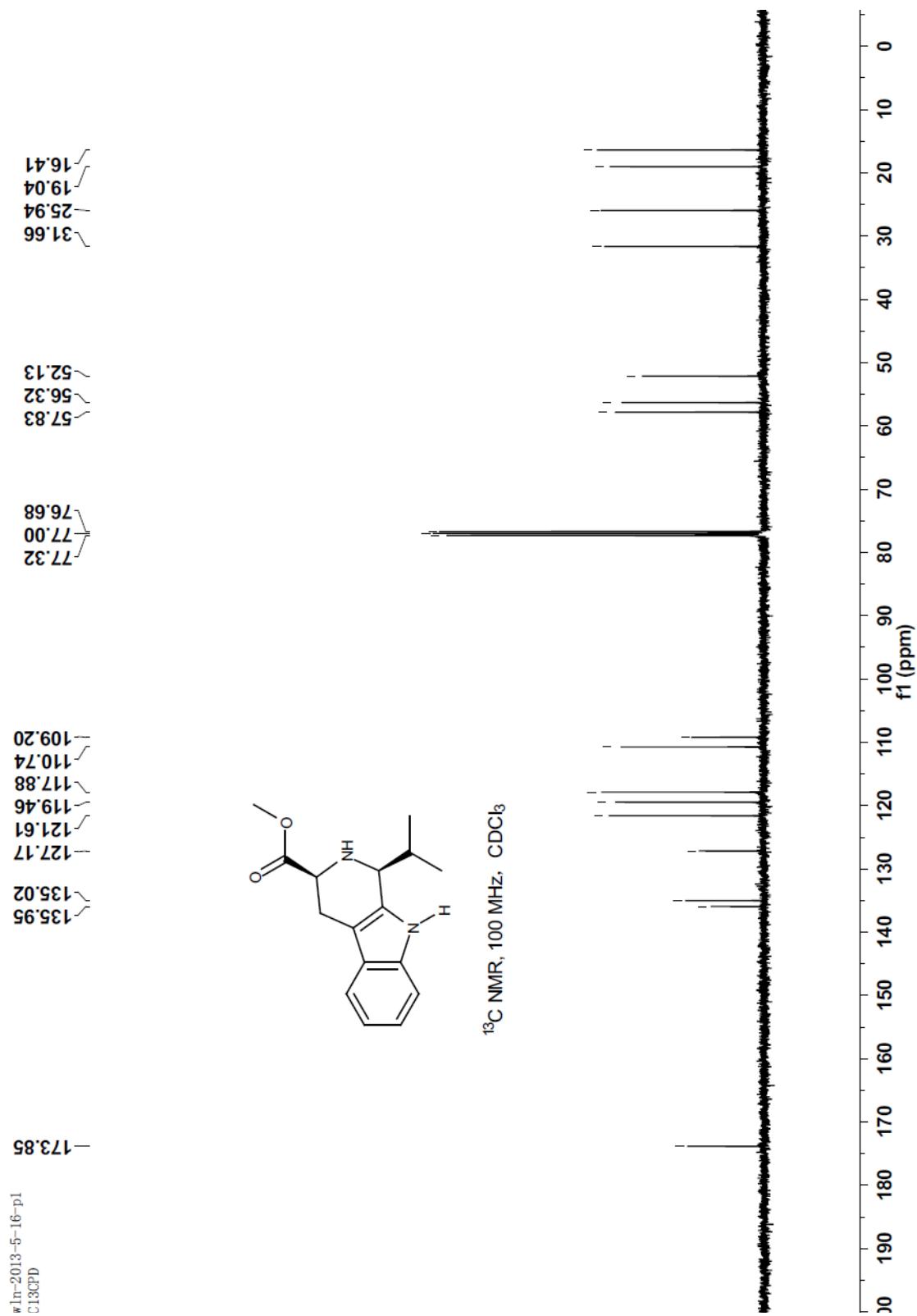
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**1-Isopropyl-3-methoxycarbonyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro- $\beta$ -carboline (3x):**

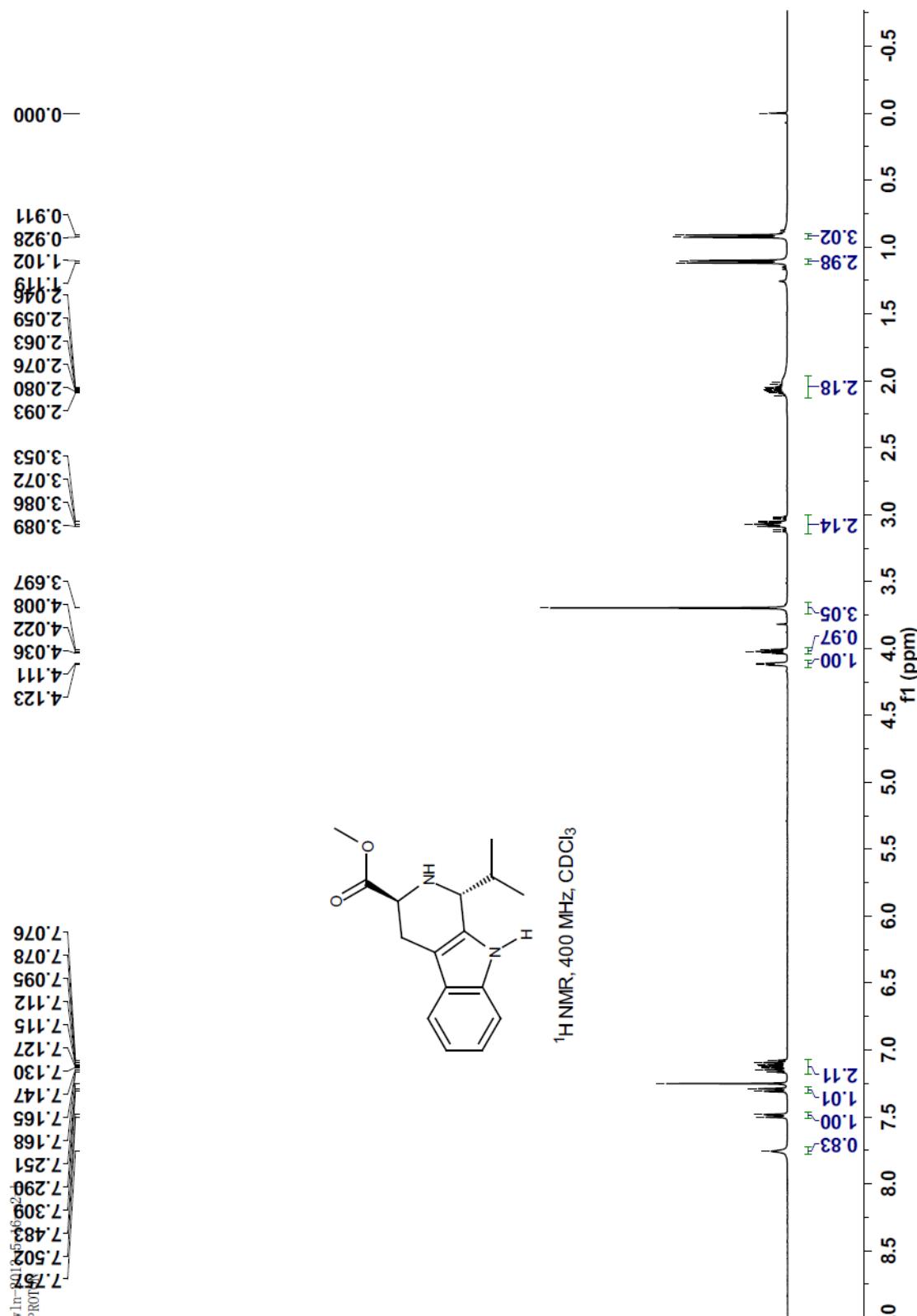
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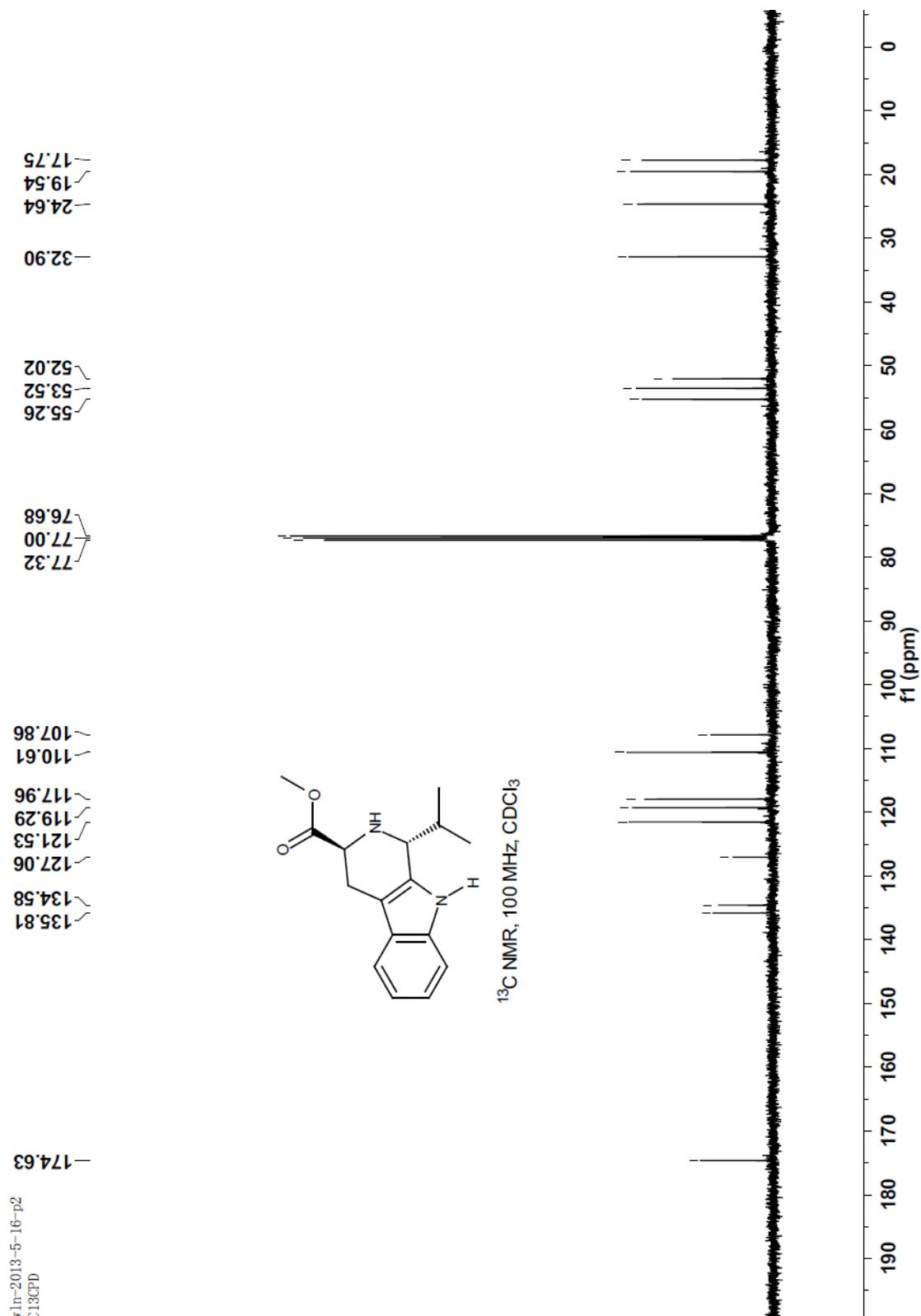
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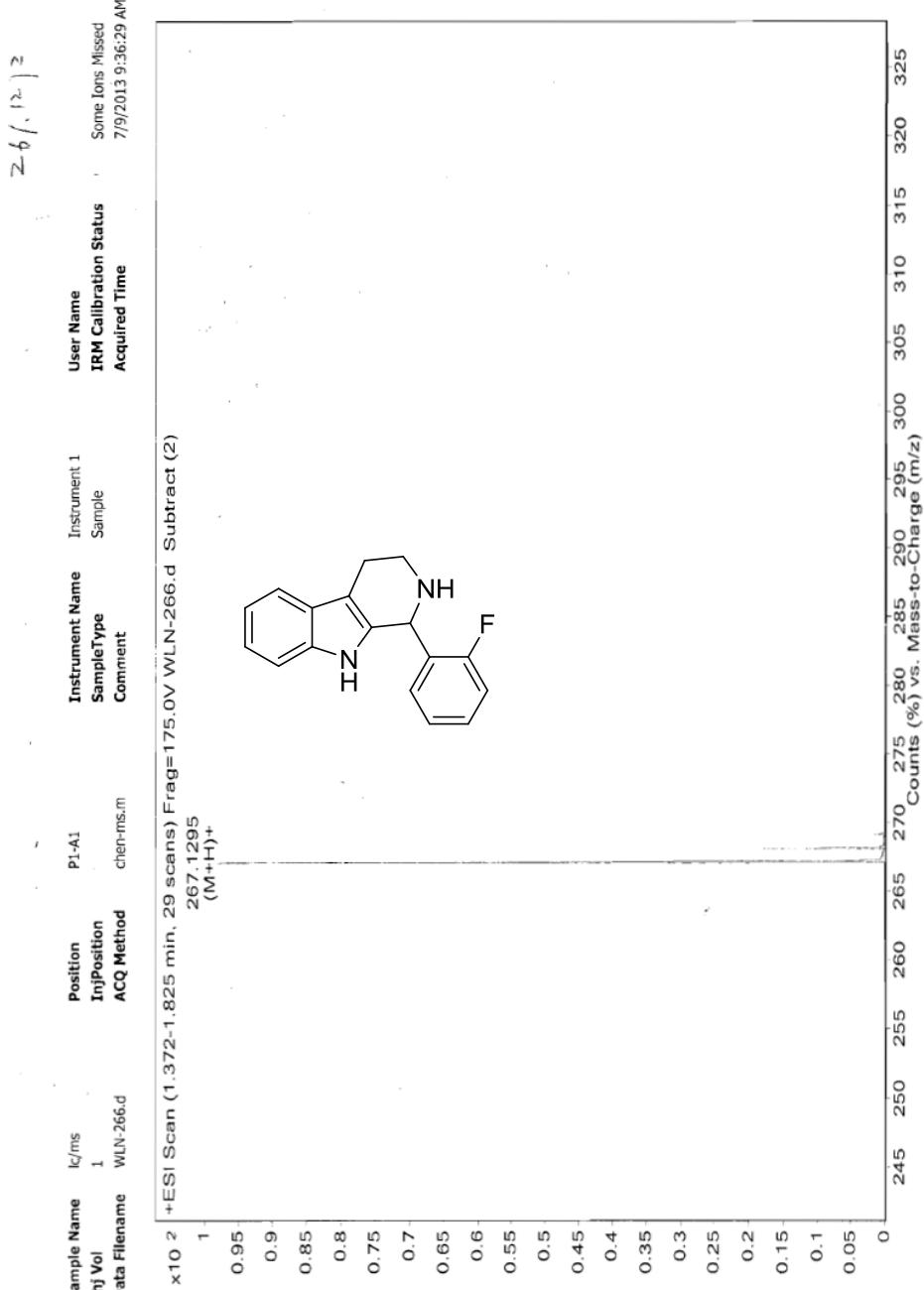
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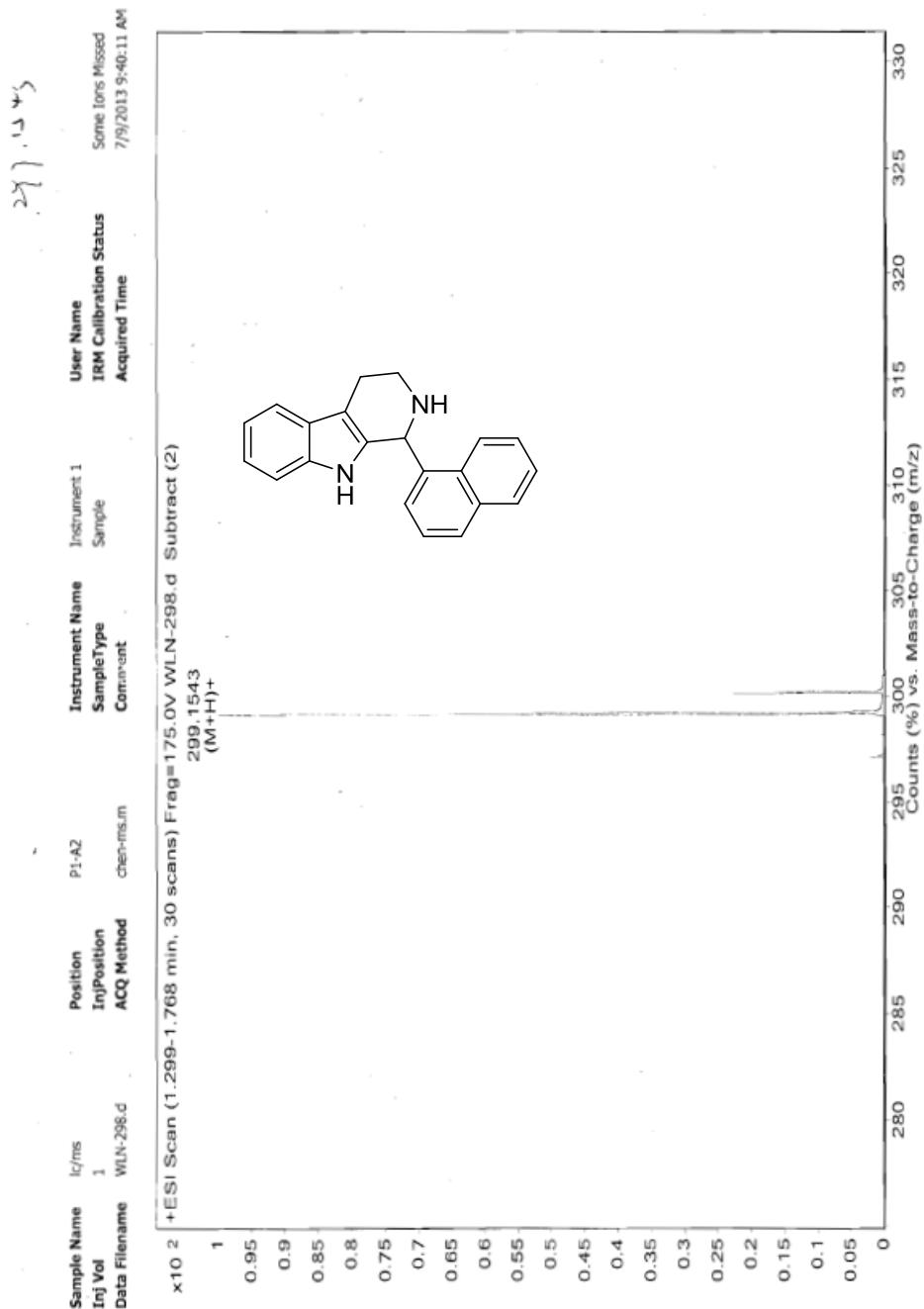
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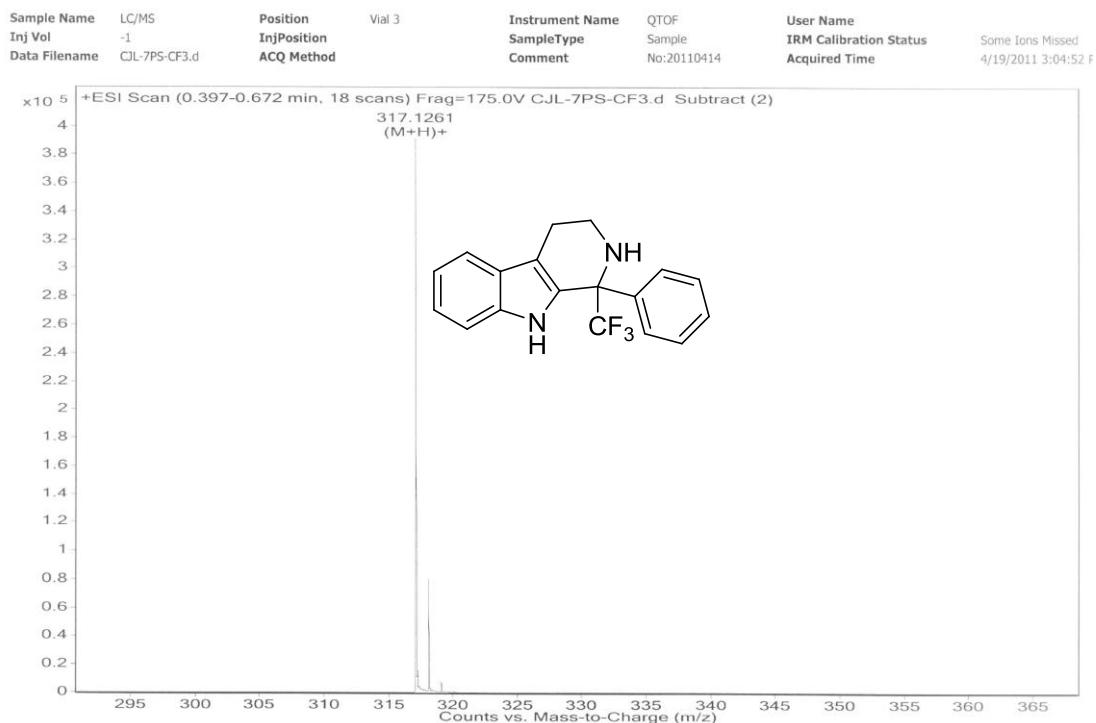
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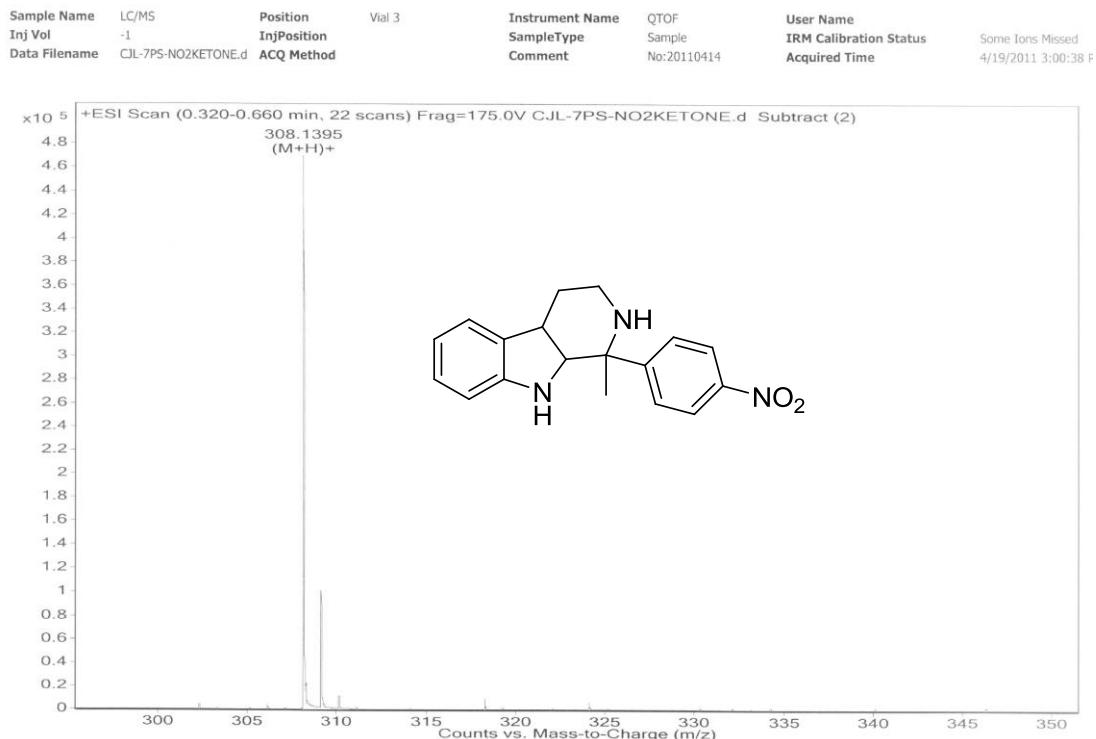
1-(Naphthyl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro- $\beta$ -carboline (3f): HRMS



## 1-Phenyl-1-trifluoromethyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro- $\beta$ -carboline (3k): HRMS



## 1-Methyl-1-(4-nitrophenyl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro- $\beta$ -carboline (3m): HRMS



## Ethyl-2-(1-methyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro- $\beta$ -carboline-1-yl) acetate (3n): HRMS

Sample Name	LC/MS	Position	Vial 3	Instrument Name	QTOF	User Name
Inj Vol	-1	InjPosition		SampleType	Sample	IRM Calibration Status
Data Filename	CJL-7-PS-CH2CO2ET.d	ACQ Method		Comment		Acquired Time

