

Organocatalytic Enantioselective Synthesis of Metabotropic Glutamate Receptor Ligands

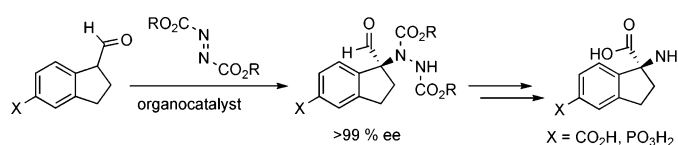
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ABSTRACT



(*R*)-Proline catalyzes the amination reaction of functionalized indane carboxaldehydes and allows for the efficient enantioselective synthesis (>99% ee) of the metabotropic glutamate receptor ligands (*S*)-AIDA and (*S*)-APICA.

The catalytic asymmetric synthesis of chiral-nonracemic drugs has become an important focus for chemists in academia and industry.¹ New methodologies that limit the use of toxic substances and that are recognized as atom efficient are highly desirable. In this context, organocatalysis continues to attract attention.² Asymmetric organocatalysis utilizes organic molecules to induce chirality in various C–C, C–N, and C–O bond-forming reactions.³ Many important chiral synthons have been obtained via organocatalysis. For example, efficient and stereoselective preparations of α - and β -amino acids,⁴ amino alcohols,⁵ diols,⁶ and carbohydrates⁷

have been reported. In continuation of our work in this area⁸ we sought to demonstrate that organocatalysis can be useful in the preparation of various medicinally important compounds. In many cases, the syntheses of chiral ligands that show therapeutic potential need to be reevaluated in light of modern asymmetric techniques, especially when the molecules are prepared via chiral pool approaches.⁹ Thus, with organocatalysis in mind, a more efficient route to the amino acids listed in Figure 1 was realized. AIDA and APICA

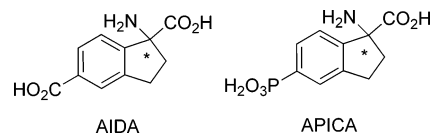


Figure 1. Metabotropic glutamate receptor ligands.

(Figure 1) are known antagonists of metabotropic glutamate receptors (mGluRs), G-protein-coupled receptors associated

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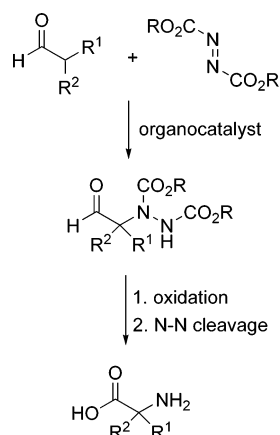
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with various neurodegenerative diseases.¹⁰ Their bioactivities have recently rendered them potential drugs of the future.¹¹ Both (*S*)-AIDA and (*S*)-APICA were found to be the active isomers in various biological assays.^{12,13} Although the asymmetric synthesis of these compounds has been reported using chiral pool¹² and chiral ligand-exchange chromatography¹³ approaches, there is still a need for a more direct asymmetric route that allows for the multigram preparation of these compounds and their analogues.

The (*S*)-proline-catalyzed amination of aldehydes has recently been reported as an efficient way to prepare chiral amino aldehydes.¹⁴ As outlined in Scheme 1, the correspond-

Scheme 1. Organocatalysis in the Preparation of Amino Acids



ing amino acids can be prepared by simple oxidation and N–N bond cleavage of the amino aldehyde adducts. Thus, utilizing this amination sequence, (*S*)-AIDA and (*S*)-APICA could be prepared via organocatalysis. Herein we report a practical and efficient organocatalytic enantioselective synthesis of (*S*)-AIDA and (*S*)-APICA where the amination of branched aldehyde donors is used as a key step.

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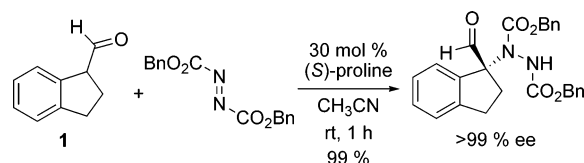
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Brase and co-workers demonstrated that (*S*)-proline can catalyze the reaction of 2-phenylpropionaldehyde with diethylazodicarboxylate to give the corresponding amino aldehyde in 86% ee after 60 h in CH₂Cl₂.^{14c} Although this substrate gave good ee, the reaction was fairly substrate dependent, and ees varied from 32 to 86% ee. One substrate that was not tested that was of particular interest to us was indane carboxyaldehyde **1**. Previously, we had found **1** to be a very reactive donor in the quaternary Mannich reaction, where it gave excellent enantio- and diastereoselectivity.⁴ Because **1** contains the core structure of AIDA and APICA, the amination of **1** would provide the precursor amino aldehyde, which upon further elaboration would yield the corresponding amino acid.

As indicated in Scheme 2, the coupling of **1** to dibenzyl-

Scheme 2. (*S*)-Proline Catalyzed Amination of Indane Carboxaldehyde **1**



azodicarboxylate (DBAD) is efficiently and selectively catalyzed by (*S*)-proline giving only one enantiomer in quantitative yield. Having demonstrated that high ees could be obtained using indane **1** as the donor, we devised syntheses of (*S*)-AIDA and (*S*)-APICA according to Schemes 3 and 4.

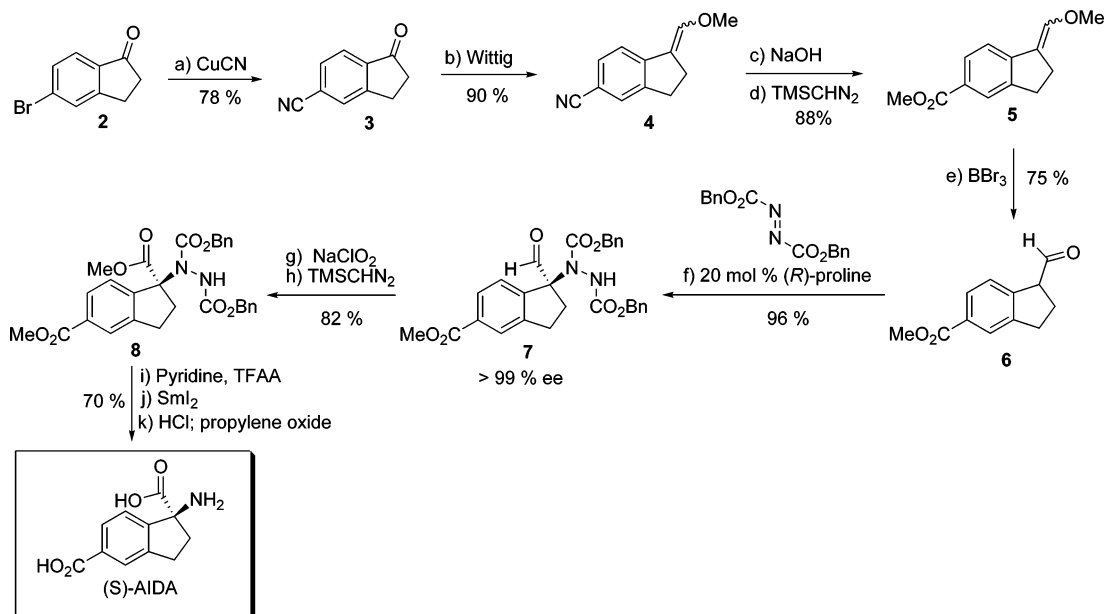
The synthesis of (*S*)-AIDA began with cyanation of commercially available 5-bromoindanone giving **3** in 78%.¹⁵ Wittig olefination afforded **4** as a mixture of *E* and *Z* isomers, and upon hydrolysis of the cyano group and subsequent esterification, **5** was obtained in excellent yield. Various attempts to hydrolyze the enol ether **5** using mineral acids or PTSA resulted in low yields. However, when boron tribromide was used, the demethylation of **5** ensued without affecting the ester functionality,¹⁶ thus providing indane aldehyde **6** in good yield. The functionalized indane **6** proved to be a good substrate for the amination reaction. When a slight excess of aldehyde was reacted with DBAD with 20 mol % (*R*)-proline at ambient temperature, the amination product was obtained in >99% ee and 96% yield in less than 4 h. Subsequent oxidation and esterification gave precursor **7**.

Initially, high-pressure hydrogenation over Ra–Ni was attempted in order to cleave the N–N bond.¹⁴ Because yields were low (less than 10%), an alternative route was carried out utilizing Sml₂. We first applied a one-pot trifluoroacetylation–selective benzyloxycarbonyl deprotection protocol¹⁷

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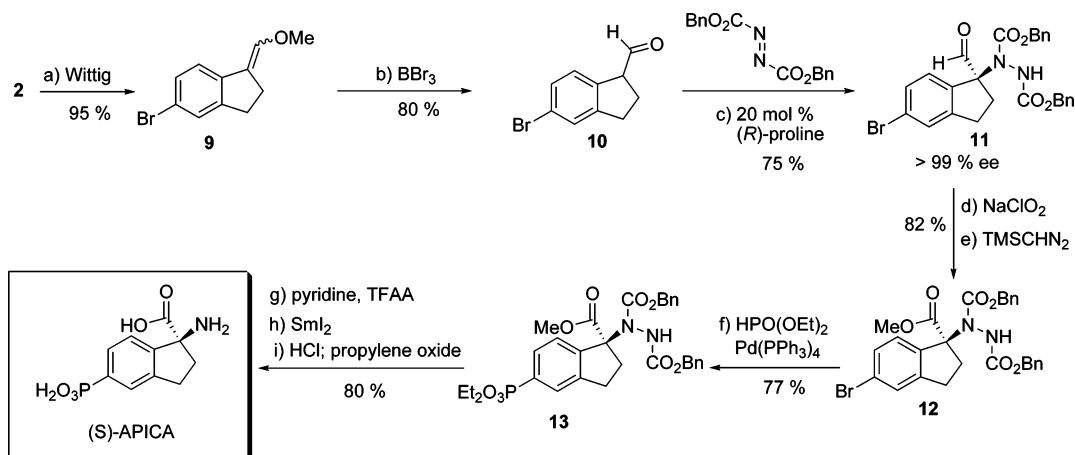
Scheme 3^a

^a Conditions: (a) CuCN, DMF, reflux, 12 h, 78%; (b) Ph₃PCH₂OMeCl, ^tKOBu, THF, −20 °C, 1 h, 90%; (c) NaOH, EtOH/H₂O, reflux, 4 h; (d) TMSCHN₂, MeOH/toluene, 10 min, 88%; (e) 2 equiv of BBr₃, CH₂Cl₂, −78 °C, 4 h, 75%; (f) DBAD, 20 mol % (*R*)-proline, CH₃CN, 4 h, 96%, >99% ee; (g) NaClO₂, 2-methyl-2-butene, ^tBuOH/H₂O; (h) TMSCHN₂, MeOH/toluene, 10 min, 82%; (i) pyridine, 40 °C, 15 h, then trifluoroacetic anhydride, 48 h; (j) SmI₂, THF/MeOH, 30 min; (k) 6 M HCl, reflux, 48 h, then propylene oxide, 70%.

to provide the trifluoromethyl hydrazine. Cleavage of the N–N bond was then carried out with SmI₂ using a procedure slightly modified from that originally reported by Friestad.¹⁸ Subsequent deprotection afforded (*S*)-AIDA.

The reaction sequence presented here was found to be very flexible and allowed for the preparation of the phosphonate analogue (*S*)-APICA from **2** (Scheme 4). After Wittig olefination and subsequent generation of aldehyde **10**, the

(*R*)-proline-catalyzed amination furnished **11** in optically pure form. Oxidation to the acid followed by esterification afforded bromo-indane **12**, which underwent Pd(0)-catalyzed phosphonate coupling^{12c} to give intermediate **13**. Transformation into the trifluoromethylacetyl-protected hydrazine allowed for the samarium-induced cleavage of the N–N bond.¹⁹ Subsequent hydrolysis of the ester functionalities afforded (*S*)-APICA.

Scheme 4^a

^a Conditions: (a) Ph₃PCH₂OMeCl, ^tKOBu, THF, −20 °C, 1 h, 95%; (b) 2 equiv of BBr₃, CH₂Cl₂, −78 °C, 4 h, 80%; (c) DBAD, 20 mol % (*R*)-proline, CH₃CN, 4 h, 75%, >99% ee; (d) NaClO₂, 2-methyl-2-butene, ^tBuOH/H₂O; (e) TMSCHN₂, MeOH/toluene, 10 min, 82%; (f) diethyl phosphite, 10 mol % Pd(PPh₃)₄, toluene, reflux, 72 h, 77%; (g) pyridine, 40 °C, 15 h, then trifluoroacetic anhydride, 48 h; (h) SmI₂, THF/MeOH, 30 min; (i) 6 M HCl, reflux, 48 h, then propylene oxide, 80%.

In summary, organocatalysis was found to be an effective strategy that allowed for the enantioselective preparation of metabotropic glutamate receptor ligands (*S*)-AIDA and (*S*)-APICA in >99% ee. The synthetic route is general and should allow for the preparation of other analogues in optically pure form.²⁰ Importantly, the organocatalytic route can be readily scaled up, and either (*R*)- or (*S*)-products can be obtained using (*S*)- or (*R*)-proline, respectively, thus demonstrating the potential for organocatalysis in the preparation of other quaternary amino acids. With organocatalysis

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still in its infancy, its utility in the preparation of drugs and drug candidates has only recently become apparent;³ further work in this area from our lab will be reported in due course.

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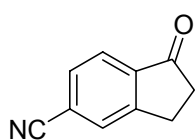
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Supporting Information

General. Chemicals and solvents were either purchased *puriss p.A.* from commercial suppliers or purified by standard techniques. For thin-layer chromatography (TLC), silica gel plates Merck 60 F254 were used and compounds were visualized by irradiation with UV light and/or by treatment with a solution of *p*-anisaldehyde (23 mL), conc. H₂SO₄ (35 mL), acetic acid (10 mL), and ethanol (900 mL) followed by heating; or with a solution of ninhydrin in EtOH followed by heating. Flash chromatography was performed using silica gel Merck 60 (particle size 0.040-0.063 mm), ¹H NMR and ¹³C NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker DRX-500 MHz instrument and were referenced internally to the residual solvent peak. HPLC was carried out using an Hitachi organizer consisting of a D-2500 Chromato-Integrator, a L-4000 UV-Detector, and a L-6200A Intelligent Pump. Optical rotations were recorded on a Perkin Elemer 241 Polarimeter (λ=589 nm, 1 dm cell). High-resolution mass spectra were recorded on an IonSpec TOF mass spectrometer.

5-cyano-indanone (3). Prepared using a modified literature procedure.¹

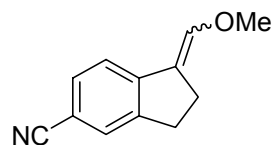


A dry 100 mL round bottom flask containing a magnetic stir bar was charged with copper cyanide (56 mmol, 5.1 g), 5-bromoindanone (47 mmol, 10 g), and DMF (40 mL). The round bottom flask was fitted with a condenser, placed under nitrogen and heated to 140 °C for 16 hours. The reaction mixture was cooled to room temperature and diluted with 500 mL of dichloromethane. The solid was removed by vacuum filtration and the mother liquor washed with 2 × 150 mL saturated NH₄Ac and 150 mL brine. The organic layer was dried over MgSO₄, filtered and concentrated with silica and dry loaded onto an open faced silica column. Column was eluted with 500 mL of 30% ethyl acetate/hexane

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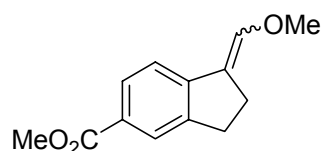
and 1000 mL of 40% ethyl acetate/hexane. Combined fractions were concentrated to yield 5.7 g of a pale yellow solid (37 mmol, 78% yield).

1-(methoxymethylene)-5-cyano-2,3-dihydro-1H-indene (4).



A suspension of methoxymethyl(triphenylphosphonium)chloride (179 mmols, 62 g) in THF (250 mL) was cooled to -20 °C and *t*BuOK (149 mmols, 149 mL of 1.0 M solution in THF) was slowly added dropwise to give an orange solution. After 10 minutes a solution of **3** (74.4 mmols, 11.7 g) in THF (200 mL) was added dropwise and the mixture was stirred for 30 minutes and then was warmed to ambient temperature and stirred for an additional hour. The mixture was filtered through a fritted funnel and the filtrate concentrated *in vacuo*. The residue was precipitated with EtOAc/hexane (1:2, 150 mL) and filtered. The filtrate was concentrated and the residue purified by flash chromatography (5-20 % EtOAc in hexane gradient elution) to give **4** as a colorless oil which solidified at -20 °C. Yield: 90 %. NMR showed a 2:1 mixture of E and Z isomers. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 500 MHz) δ 7.85 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 0.34H), 7.43 (m, 1.3H), 7.37 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 0.69H), 7.28 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz 0.66H), 6.76 (t, *J* = 2.6 Hz, 0.69H), 6.29 (t, *J* = 1.89 Hz, 0.35H), 3.78 (s, 1.8H), 3.77 (s, 0.93H), 2.98 (m, 2H), 2.77 (m, 1.29H), 2.72 (m, 0.64H). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 125 MHz) δ 145.9, 145.8, 145.4, 144.8, 144.3, 143.1, 130.7, 130.6, 129.6, 128.6, 127.8, 125.1, 120.5, 119.9, 119.8, 118.6, 115.3, 108.9, 108.6. HRMS for C₁₂H₁₂NO [MH]⁺: calcd 186.0919, obsd 186.0916.

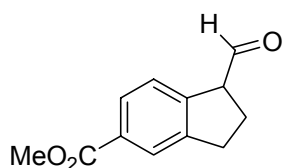
Methyl 1-(methoxymethylene)-2,3-dihydro-1H-indene-5-carboxylate (5). Cyano ether **4**



(24.3 mmols, 4.5284 g) dissolved in EtOH/H₂O (1:1, 100 mL) was treated with NaOH (121.5 mmols, 4.86 g) and heated to reflux for 4h. The reaction mixture was concentrated under vacuum, and the residue dissolved in ice H₂O (20 mL). The pH was carefully adjusted to pH 3 with conc. HCl. The aqueous layer was extracted with EtOAc (4 × 50 mL), dried over MgSO₄, filtered, and the filtrate concentrated *in vacuo*. The residue was dissolved in toluene/MeOH (1:2, 40 mL), cooled to 0 °C, and TMSCHN₂ (*ca.* 64 mmols, 32 mL of 2.0 M solution in diethyl ether) was added dropwise over 10 minutes. The solution was warmed to ambient temperature and stirred for 10

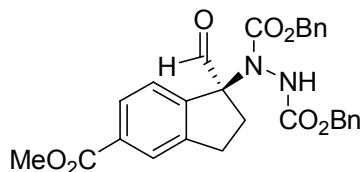
minutes and then quenched with AcOH (until bubbling subsided). The solvent was removed *in vacuo* and the residue subjected to flash chromatography (dry loaded, 10-25 % EtOAc in hexane gradient elution) to give **5** as a separable mixture (foam). Yield: 88 %. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 500 MHz), Z isomer: δ 7.83 (m, 3H), 6.20 (t, *J* = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 3.86 (s, 3H), 3.71 (s, 3H), 2.95 (m, 2H), 3.76 (dt, *J*₁ = 1.9 Hz, *J*₂ = 7.6 Hz, 2H). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 125 MHz) δ 167.1, 145.2, 144.7, 143.2, 128.0, 127.5, 125.4, 124.1, 118.4, 60.2, 51.6, 30.0, 27.0. HRMS for C₁₃H₁₅O₃ [MH]⁺: calcd 219.1016, obsd 219.1009.

Methyl 1-formyl-2,3-dihydro-1H-indene-5-carboxylate (6). Ether **5** (3.99 mmols, 0.8703 g)



was dissolved in CH₂Cl₂ (20 mL) and cooled to -78 °C under argon. BBr₃ (8.0 mmols, 8 mL of 1.0 M solution in hexane) was added dropwise over 10 minutes and the mixture was stirred for 4 h. The mixture was carefully quenched with aqueous NaHCO₃ (30 mL, sat. solution) and allowed to reach ambient temperature. The organic layer was separated and the aqueous layer extracted with CH₂Cl₂ (3 × 20 mL). The combined organic layers were dried over MgSO₄ and filtered. The filtrate was eluted through a plug of silica gel and the fractions were combined and concentrated *in vacuo* to give **6** as a foam. Yield: 94 %. The product was > 75 % pure by proton NMR and was used in the next step without further purification. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 500 MHz), δ 9.69 (d, *J* = 2.1 Hz, 1H), 7.94 (m, 3H), 3.90 (s, 3H), 3.02 (m, 2H), 3.02 (m, 2H), 2.47 (m, 1H), 2.38 (m, 1H). HRMS for C₁₂H₁₃O₃ [MH]⁺: calcd 205.0859, obsd 205.0854.

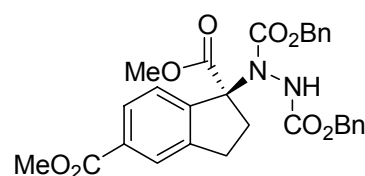
(S)-methyl 1-formyl-1-[1,2-hydrazinedicarboxylic acid-bis(phenylmethyl)ester]-2,3-dihydro-1H-indene-5-carboxylate (7). To a suspension of (*R*)- proline (0.4 mmols, 46.1 mg)



in CH₃CN (5 mL) was added dibenzylidiazodicarboxylate (DBAD, 2 mmols, 0.597 g) and aldehyde **6** (2.8 mmols, 0.597 g). The reaction was carefully monitored by TLC (30 % EtOAc/hexane) and after consumption of DBAD (4 h) the reaction mixture was treated with sat. NH₄Cl (10 mL), extracted with EtOAc, dried over MgSO₄, and filtered. The solvent was removed *in vacuo* and the residue was purified by flash chromatography (10-30 %

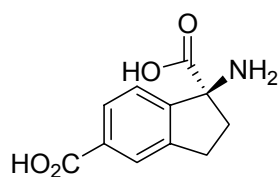
EtOAc in hexane gradient elution) to give **7** as a foam. Yield: 96%. ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 500 MHz), mixture of rotamers: δ 9.89-9.58 (m, 1H), 7.96-7.10 (m, 13H), 5.26-5.04 (m, 4H), 3.95 (s, 3H), 3.28-2.26 (m, 4H). ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 125 MHz) δ 193.1, 166.1, 155.9, 141.6, 135.4, 135.2, 131.2, 128.5, 128.4, 120.3, 128.1, 127.8, 126.7, 125.5, 81.6, 68.8, 67.7, 60.3, 52.1, 31.4, 30.1. HRMS for $\text{C}_{28}\text{H}_{27}\text{N}_2\text{O}_7$ $[\text{MH}]^+$: calcd 503.1813, obsd 503.1813; $[\alpha]_{\text{D}} = +15.75^\circ$ ($c = 2.4$, CHCl_3); HPLC (Daicel Chirapak AD, hexane/isopropanol = 80:20, flow rate 1.0 mL/min, $\lambda = 254$ nm): $t_{\text{R}} = 15.16$ min (major), $t_{\text{R}} = 24.58$ min (minor), > 99 % ee.

(S)-methyl 1-formyl-1-[1,2-hydrazinedicarboxylic acid-bis(phenylmethyl)ester]-2,3-dihydro-1H-indene-5-carboxylate (8). Aldehyde **7** (2.2 mmols, 1.0934 g) was dissolved in



$t\text{BuOH}/\text{H}_2\text{O}$ (5:1, 44 mL) along with NaH_2PO_4 (4.4 mmols, 0.528 g) and 2-methyl-2butene (15.4 mmols, 7.7 mL of 2.0 M solution in THF). The solution was cooled to 4°C and NaClO_2 (8.8 mmols, 0.796 g) was added. After 12 h reaction mixture was concentrated and extracted with EtOAc. The organic layer was dried over MgSO_4 , filtered, and the solvent was removed *in vacuo*. The residue was dissolved in toluene:MeOH (1:2, 15 mL mL) and TMSCHN_2 (3 mL of 2.0 M solution in diethyl ether) was added dropwise until bubbling subsided. The excess TMSCHN_2 was quenched with a few drops of AcOH. The solvent was removed *in vacuo* and the residue purified by flash chromatography (10-30 % EtOAc in hexane gradient elution) to give **8** as a white foam. Yield: 82 %. ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 500 MHz), mixture of rotamers: δ 7.88-7.00 (m, 13H), 5.16-4.86 (m, 4H), 3.89 (s, 3H), 3.60 (bs, 3H), 3.27-3.18 (m, 4H). ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 125 MHz) δ 171.4, 166.7, 155.4, 146.6, 142.4, 135.4, 131.1, 128.4, 128.2, 128.0, 127.9, 127.6, 126.3, 126.1, 78.1, 68.4, 68.3, 68.2, 67.6, 67.5, 67.1, 60.3, 52.8, 52.1, 35.2, 35.1, 30.2, 30.0. HRMS for $\text{C}_{29}\text{H}_{29}\text{N}_2\text{O}_8$ $[\text{MH}]^+$: calcd 533.1918, obsd 533.1900; $[\alpha]_{\text{D}} = +94.11^\circ$ ($c = 1.26$, CHCl_3).

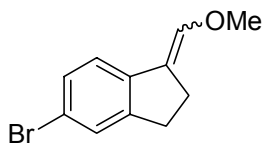
(S)-AIDA. Ester **8** (1.5 mmols, 0.8234 g) was dissolved in pyridine (10 mL) and heated at 40



°C for 15 h. The solution was cooled to 0 °C and trifluoroacetic anhydride (6 mmols, 1.26 g) was slowly added. The mixture was stirred at ambient temperature for 48 h and the solvent was removed *in vacuo*.

The residue was dissolved in water and extracted with EtOAc, dried over MgSO₄, and filtered. The filtrate was eluted through a plug of silica gel and the fractions collected and concentrated *in vacuo*. The residue was dissolved in MeOH (10 mL) and argon was bubbled through the solution for 5 minutes. SmI₂ (40 mL of 0.1 M solution in THF) was carefully added under argon until the blue color persisted for more than 2 minutes and the solution was stirred for 30 minutes. The solvent was removed *in vacuo* and the residue was dissolved in NH₄Cl (sat.) and extracted with EtOAc. The organic layers were dried over MgSO₄ and filtered through a plug of celite. The filtrate was concentrated *in vacuo* to give an orange foam that was dissolved in 6 M HCl (10 mL) and heated to reflux for 48 h. The solvent was removed *in vacuo* and the residue was dissolved in EtOH (10 mL) and propylene oxide (2 mL). The mixture was heated to 60 °C for 30 minutes and then concentrated *in vacuo*. The residue was purified by column chromatography (CHCl₃:MeOH:AcOH, 5:3:1) to give a yellow glass. Yield: 70 % over 4 steps. NMR was in accordance with the literature.² ¹H NMR (D₂O, 500 MHz) δ 8.03 (s, 1H), 7.97 (d, *J* = 5.6 Hz, 1H), 7.53 (d, *J* = 5.9 Hz, 1H), 3.27 (m, 2H), 2.94 (m, 1H), 2.48 (m, 1H); HRMS for C₁₁H₁₂NO₄ [MH]⁺: calcd 222.0761, obsd 222.0767; [α]_D = + 86.1 ° (c = 0.44, 6 M HCl), lit. + 86.3 ° (c = 0.8, 6 M HCl).²

5-bromo-1-(methoxymethylene)-2,3-dihydro-1H-indene (9) A suspension of

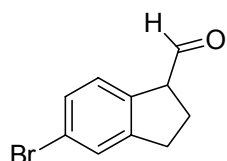


methoxymethyl(triphenylphosphoniumchloride) (110 mmols, 37.8 g) in THF (250 mL) was cooled to -20 °C and ^tBuOK (90 mmols, 90 mL of 1.0 M solution in THF) was slowly added dropwise to give an orange solution. After 10 minutes a solution of **2** (45 mmols, 9.498 g) in THF (200 mL) was added dropwise and the mixture was stirred for 30 minutes and then was warmed to ambient temperature and stirred for an additional hour. The mixture was filtered through a fritted funnel and the filtrate concentrated *in vacuo*. The residue was precipitated with EtOAc/hexane (1:2,

150 mL) and filtered. The filtrate was concentrated and the residue purified by flash chromatography (0-5 % EtOAc in hexane gradient elution) to give **9** as a yellow oil which solidified at -20 °C. Yield: 95 %. Gave a 2:1 mixture of E and Z isomers.

¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 500 MHz) δ 7.66 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 0.41H), 7.31 (m, 1.6H), 7.21 (dd, *J*₁ = 1.8 Hz, *J*₂ = 8.1 Hz, 0.61H), 7.10 (d, *J* = 8.2, Hz, 0.64H), 6.63 (t, *J* = 2.6 Hz, 0.66H), 6.18 (t, *J* = 1.83, 0.3H), 3.73 (s, 3H), 2.94 (m, 2H), 2.75 (m, 1H), 2.68, (dt, *J*₁ = 1.8 Hz, *J*₂ = 7.5 Hz). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 125 MHz) δ 147.6, 147.0, 141.6, 140.4, 139.5, 139.1, 133.8, 133.6, 129.4, 129.3, 128.7, 128.5, 128.4, 128.2, 127.6, 126.1, 120.7, 119.8, 119.5, 119.2, 60.3, 60.2, 30.4, 30.2, 27.2, 26.0. HRMS for C₁₁H₁₂BrO [MH]⁺: calcd 239.0066, obsd 239.0071.

Methyl 1-formyl-2,3-dihydro-1H-indene-5-carboxylate (10). Ether **9** (21.49 mmols, 5.14 g)

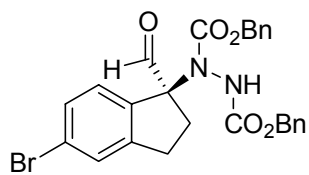


was dissolved in CH₂Cl₂ (100 mL) and cooled to -78 °C under argon. BBr₃ (50 mmols, 50 mL of 1.0 M solution in hexane) was added dropwise over 10 minutes and the mixture was stirred for 4 h. The mixture was carefully poured into an ice-slurry of aqueous NaHCO₃ (200 mL, sat. solution), stirred

vigorously and allowed to reach ambient temperature. The organic layer was separated and the aqueous layer extracted with CH₂Cl₂ (3 × 25 mL). The combined organic layers were dried over MgSO₄ and filtered. The filtrate was concentrated *in vacuo* and the residue quickly subjected to flash chromatography (1-10% EtOAc in hexane gradient elution) to give **10** as a foam. Yield: 3.87 g, 80 %. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 500 MHz) δ 9.65 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 7.427 (s, 2H), 7.35 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.17 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz 1H), 3.89 (t, *J* = 6.2 Hz, 1H), 3.01 (m, 2H), 2.45 (m, 1H), 2.35 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 125 MHz) δ 199.9, 147.0, 137.4, 129.8, 128.3, 126.3, 122.0, 57.2, 31.5, 25.6. HRMS for C₁₀H₁₀BrO [MH]⁺: calcd 224.9915, obsd 224.9911.

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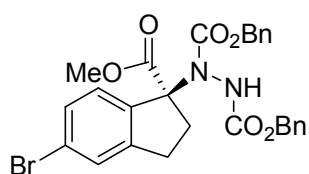
(S)-methyl 1-formyl-1-[1,2-hydrazinedicarboxylic acid-bis(phenylmethyl)ester]-2,3-dihydro-1H-indene-5-carboxylate (11). To a suspension of (R)-proline (2.6 mmols, 0.3 g) in



CH₃CN (30 mL) was added dibenzylidiazodicarboxylate (DBAD, 10.3 mmols, 3.07 g) and aldehyde **9** (15.4 mmols, 3.465 g). The reaction was carefully monitored by TLC (30 % EtOAc/hexane) and after consumption of DBAD (4 h) the reaction mixture was concentrated to

ca. 10 mL, treated with sat. NH₄Cl (10 mL), extracted with EtOAc, dried over MgSO₄, and filtered. The solvent was removed *in vacuo* and the residue was purified by flash chromatography (10-40 % EtOAc in hexane gradient elution) to give **11** as a foam. Yield: 4.04 g, 75 %. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 500 MHz) mixture of rotamers, δ 9.78 – 9.47 (m, 2H), 7.39 – 7.01 (m, 13H), 5.21 – 5.01 (m, 4H), 3.11 – 2.71 (m, 4H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 125 MHz) δ 193.4, 192.8, 171.2, 155.78, 148.1, 136.1, 135.45, 135.3, 134.75, 129.8, 128.7, 128.3, 128.2, 127.8, 127.6, 127.0, 126.7, 123.8, , 81.3, 68.6, 67.9, 67.5, 60.3, 31.3, 30.1; HRMS for C₂₆H₂₄BrN₂O₅ [MH]⁺: calcd 523.0863, obsd 523.0871. [α]_D = + 20.90 ° (c = 2.45, CHCl₃); HPLC (Daicel Chirapak OD-H, hexane/isopropanol = 90:10, flow rate 1.0 mL/min, λ = 254 nm): t_R = 23.48 min (minor), t_R = 29.19 min (major), > 99 % ee.

(S)-methyl 1-formyl-1-[1,2-hydrazinedicarboxylic acid-bis(phenylmethyl)ester]-2,3-dihydro-1H-indene-5-carboxylate (12). Aldehyde **11** (3.4 g, 6.5 mmols) was dissolved in

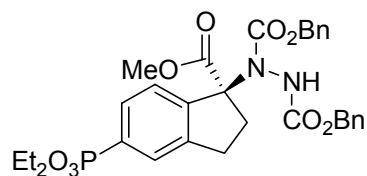


^tBuOH/H₂O (5:1, 120 mL) along with NaH₂PO₄ (13 mmols, 1.56 g) and 2-methyl-2butene (46 mmols, 23 mL of 2.0 M solution in THF). The solution was cooled to 4 deg and NaClO₂ (26 mmols, 2.35 g) was added. After 12 h the reaction mixture was concentrated and extracted

with EtOAc. The organic layer was dried over MgSO₄, filtered, and the solvent was removed *in vacuo*. The residue was dissolved in toluene:MeOH (30 mL, 1:2) and TMSCHN₂ (13 mmols, 6.5 mL of 2.0 M solution in ether) was added slowly. The reaction mixture was quenched with AcOH (ca. 0.5 mL) until bubbling subsided. The solvent was removed *in vacuo* and the residue purified by flash chromatography (10-40 % EtOAc in hexane gradient elution) to give **12** as a colorless foam. Yield: 2.906 g, 81 % over two steps. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 500 MHz) δ 7.47 – 7.14

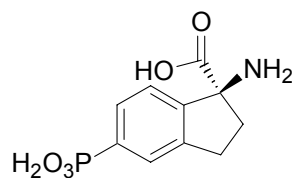
(m, 13H), 5.26 – 4.96 (m, 4H), 3.70 (s, 3H), 3.33 – 2.82 (m, 4H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 125 MHz) δ 171.7, 171.1, 155.5, 148.8, 136.8, 135.5, 129.5, 128.5, 128.3, 128.2, 128.0, 127.7, 123.9, 77.9, 68.4, 68.3, 67.3, 60.4, 52.9, 35.3, 30.3, 30.1; HRMS for $\text{C}_{27}\text{H}_{26}\text{BrN}_2\text{O}_6$ $[\text{MH}]^+$: calcd 553.0969, obsd 553.0968; $[\alpha]_{\text{D}} = +49.48^\circ$ ($c = 2.45$, CHCl_3).

(S)-methyl 1-formyl-1-[1,2-hydrazinedicarboxylic acid-bis(phenylmethyl)ester]-2,3-dihydro-1H-indene-5-carboxylate (13). In a pressure tube, ester **12** (2.419 g, 4.37 mmols) was



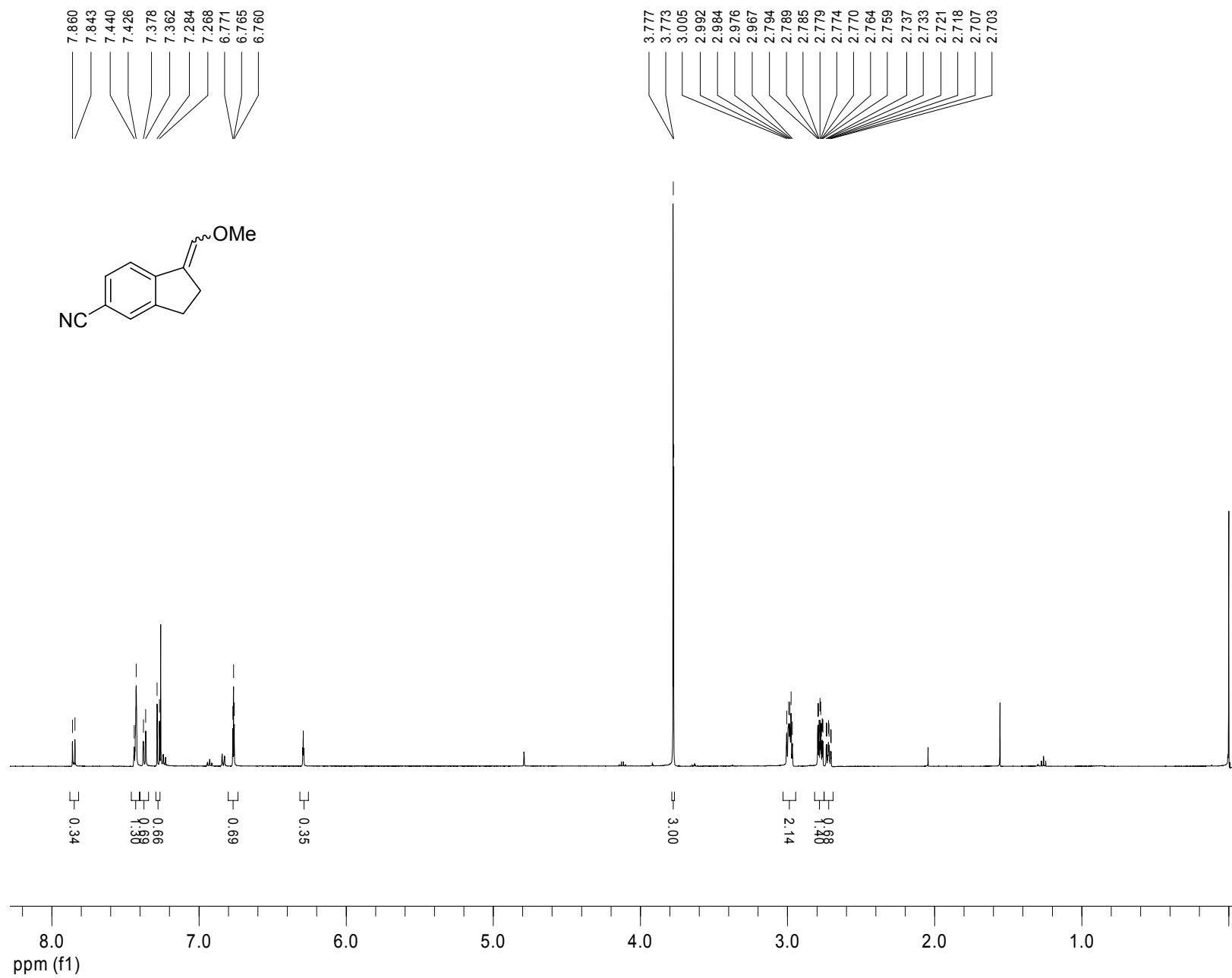
dissolved in toluene (10 mL) along with diethyl phosphite (22 mmols, 2.81 mL), $\text{Pd}(\text{PPh}_3)_4$ (0.437 mmols, 0.505 g), and triethylamine (22, 3.1 mL). The mixture was degassed with argon for 2 minutes, the tube was sealed, and the mixture heated to 115°C for 72 h. The solvent was removed *in vacuo* and the residue purified by flash chromatography (30-80 % EtOAc in hexane gradient elution) to give **13** as a colorless foam. Yield: 1.966 g, 74 %. Starting material was also recovered (0.1 g); yield based on recovered starting material: 77 %. ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 500 MHz) δ 7.69 – 7.07 (m, 13H), 5.16 – 4.79 (m, 4H), 4.13 – 4.02 (m, 4H), 3.61 (bs, 3H), 3.23 – 2.84 (m, 4H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 125 MHz) δ 171.3, 155.7, 155.4, 146.5, 142.2, 135.4, 132.0, 131.9, 131.8, 129.7, 129.6, 128.7, 128.4, 128.1, 127.9, 127.6, 126.6, 78.2, 68.4, 67.3, 62.1, 52.8, 35.1, 30.4; ^{31}P (CDCl_3) δ 29.7, 19.4; HRMS for $\text{C}_{31}\text{H}_{36}\text{N}_2\text{O}_9\text{P}$ $[\text{MH}]^+$: calcd 611.2153, obsd 611.2139; $[\alpha]_{\text{D}} = +44.21^\circ$ ($c = 2.98$, CHCl_3).

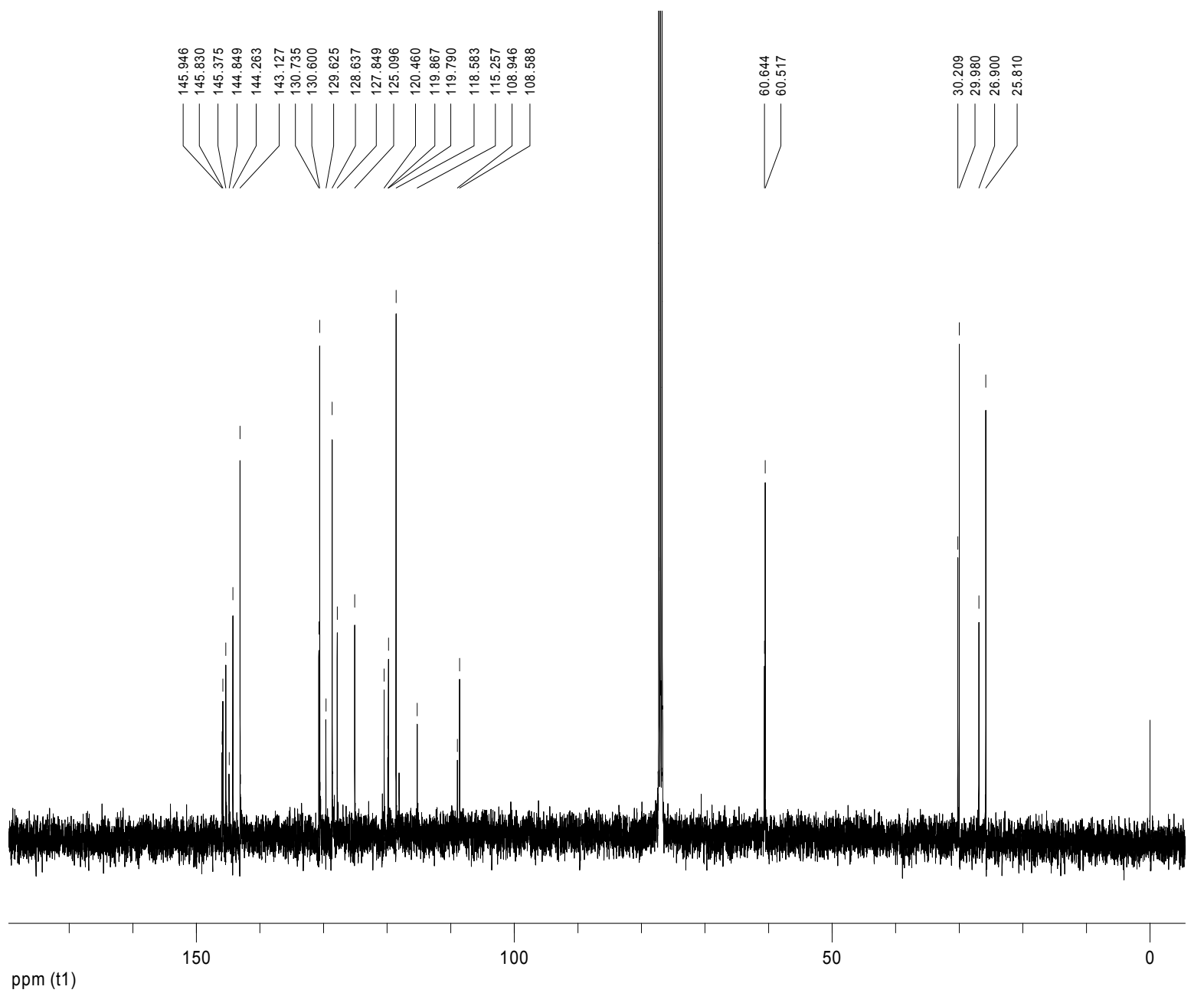
(S)-APICA. Ester **13** (2.9 mmols, 1.76 g) was dissolved in pyridine (20 mL) and heated at 40°C



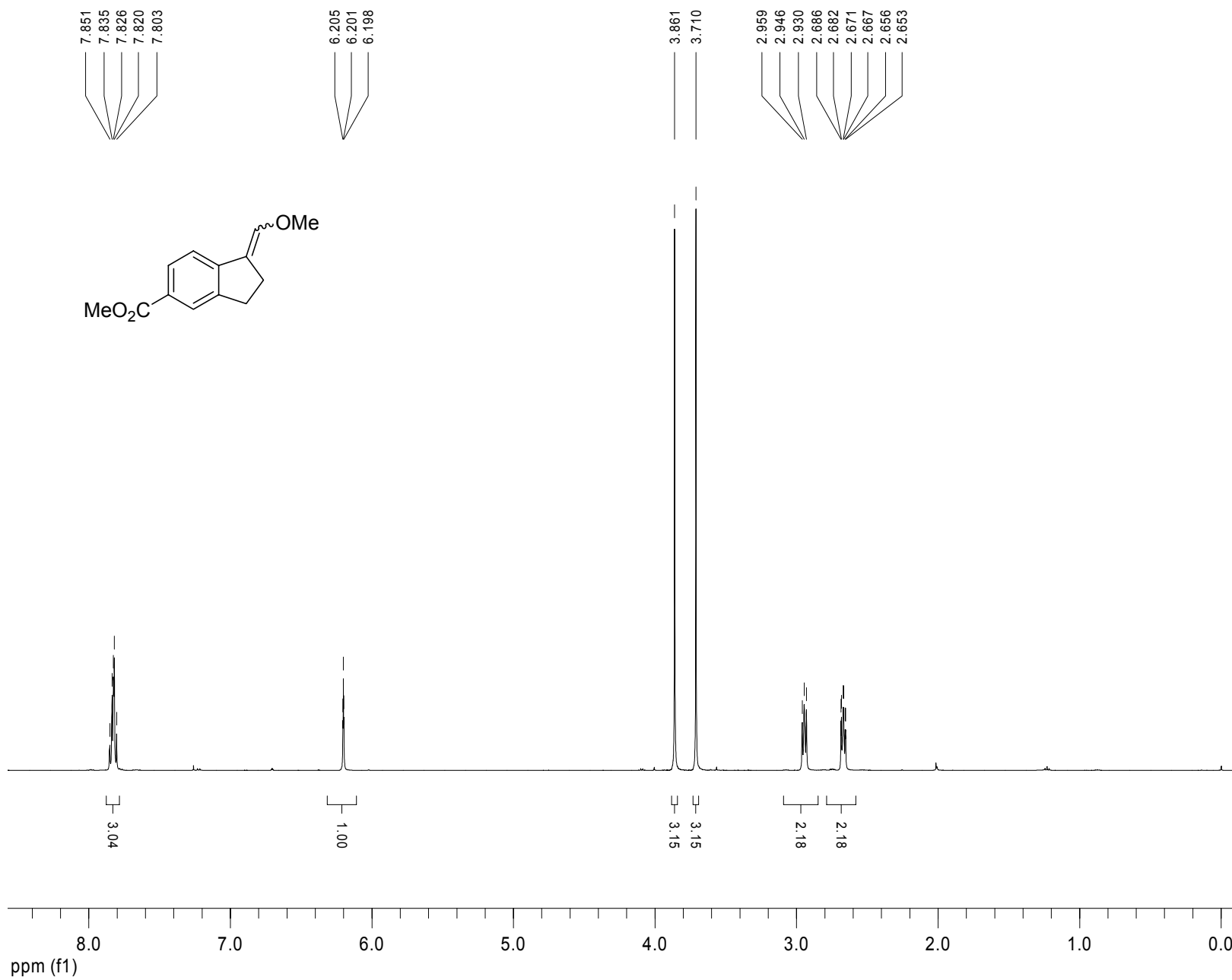
40°C for 15 h. The solution was cooled to 0°C and trifluoroacetic acid (11.6 mmols, 2.44 g) was slowly added. The mixture was stirred at ambient temperature for 48 h and the solvent was removed *in vacuo*. The residue was dissolved in water and extracted with EtOAc, dried over MgSO_4 , and filtered. The filtrate was eluted through a plug of silica gel and the fractions collected and concentrated *in vacuo*. The residue was dissolved in MeOH (20 mL) and argon was bubbled through the solution for 5 minutes. SmI_2 (80 mL of 0.1 M solution in THF) was carefully added under argon until the blue color persisted for more than 2 minutes and the

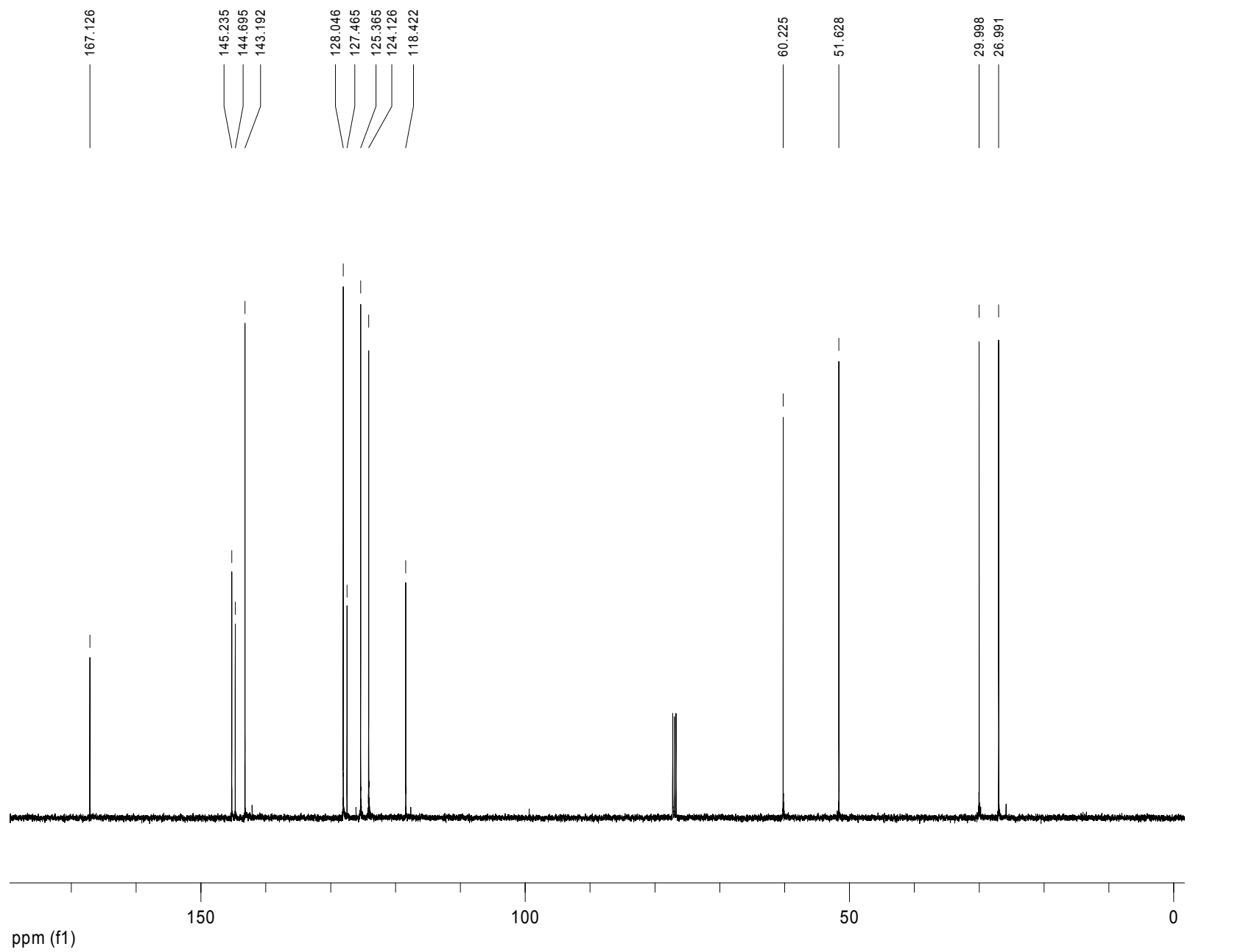
solution was stirred for 30 minutes. The solvent was removed *in vacuo* and the residue was dissolved in NH₄Cl (sat.) and extracted with EtOAc. The organic layers were dried over MgSO₄ and filtered through a plug of celite. The filtrate was concentrated *in vacuo* to give an orange foam that was dissolved in 6 M HCl (20 mL) and heated to reflux for 48 h. The solvent was removed *in vacuo* and the residue was dissolved in EtOH (20 mL) and propylene oxide (2 mL). The mixture was heated to 60 °C for 30 minutes and then cooled. The precipitate was collected and washed with EtOH to give a yellow powder. Yield: 80 % over 4 steps. NMR was in accordance with the literature.² ¹H NMR (D₂O, 500 MHz) δ 7.72 (d, *J* = 12.7 Hz, 1H), 7.67 (m, 1H), 7.43 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 3.22 (m, 2H), 2.82 (dt, *J*₁ = 7.4 Hz, *J*₂ = 14.4 Hz, 1H), 2.41 (dt, *J*₁ = 6.7 Hz, *J*₂ = 13.8 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (D₂O, 125 MHz) δ 33.2, 38.0, 72.8, 125.9, 126.0, 130.1, 132.3, 139.0, 140.7, 144.9, 147.7, 178.7; ³¹P (D₂O) δ 6.0; HRMS for C₁₀H₁₃NO₅P [MH]⁺: calcd 258.0526, obsd 258.0516; [α]_D = + 65.7 ° (c = 1.7, 6 M HCl), lit. + 66.8 ° (c = 1.7, 6 M HCl).²



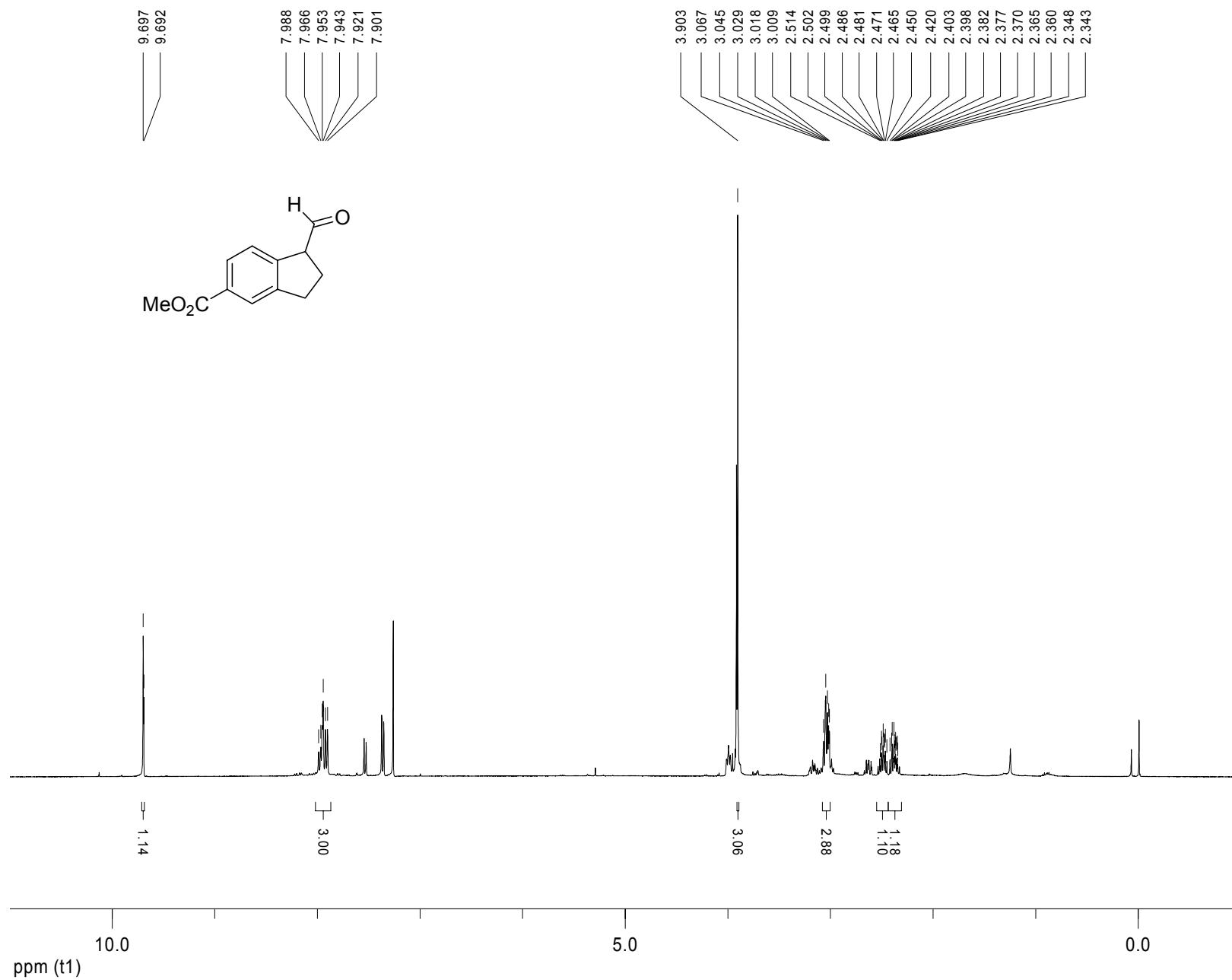


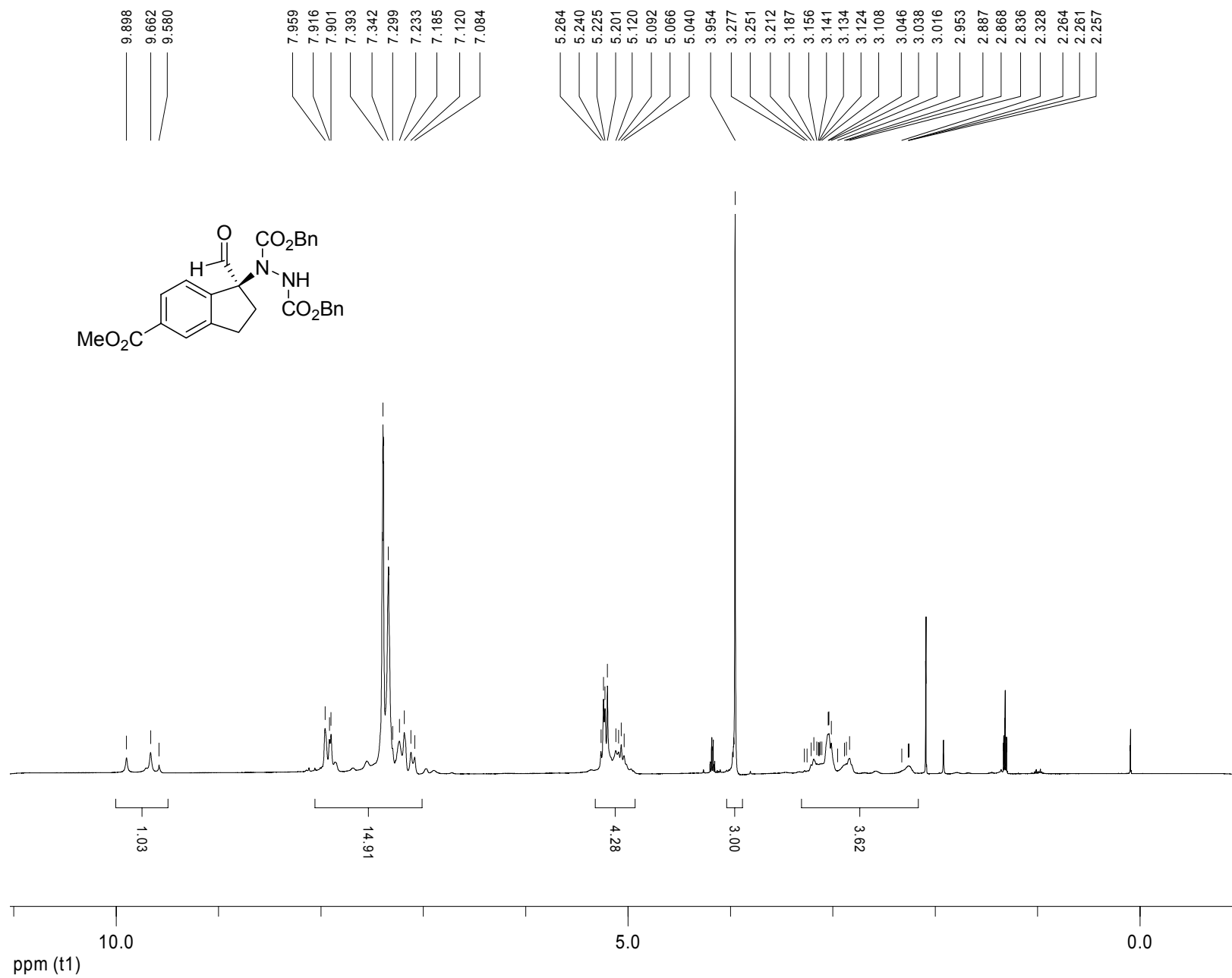
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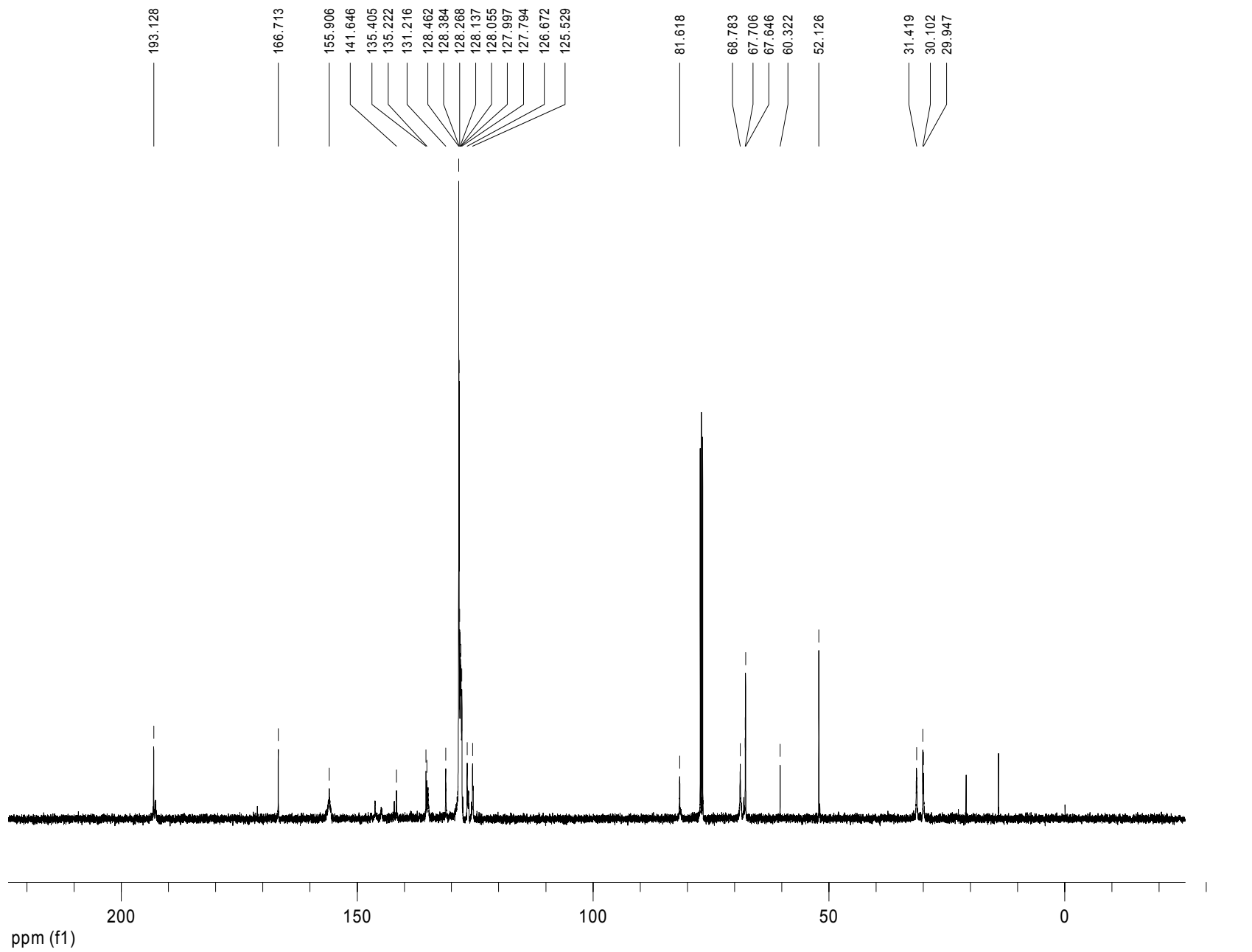


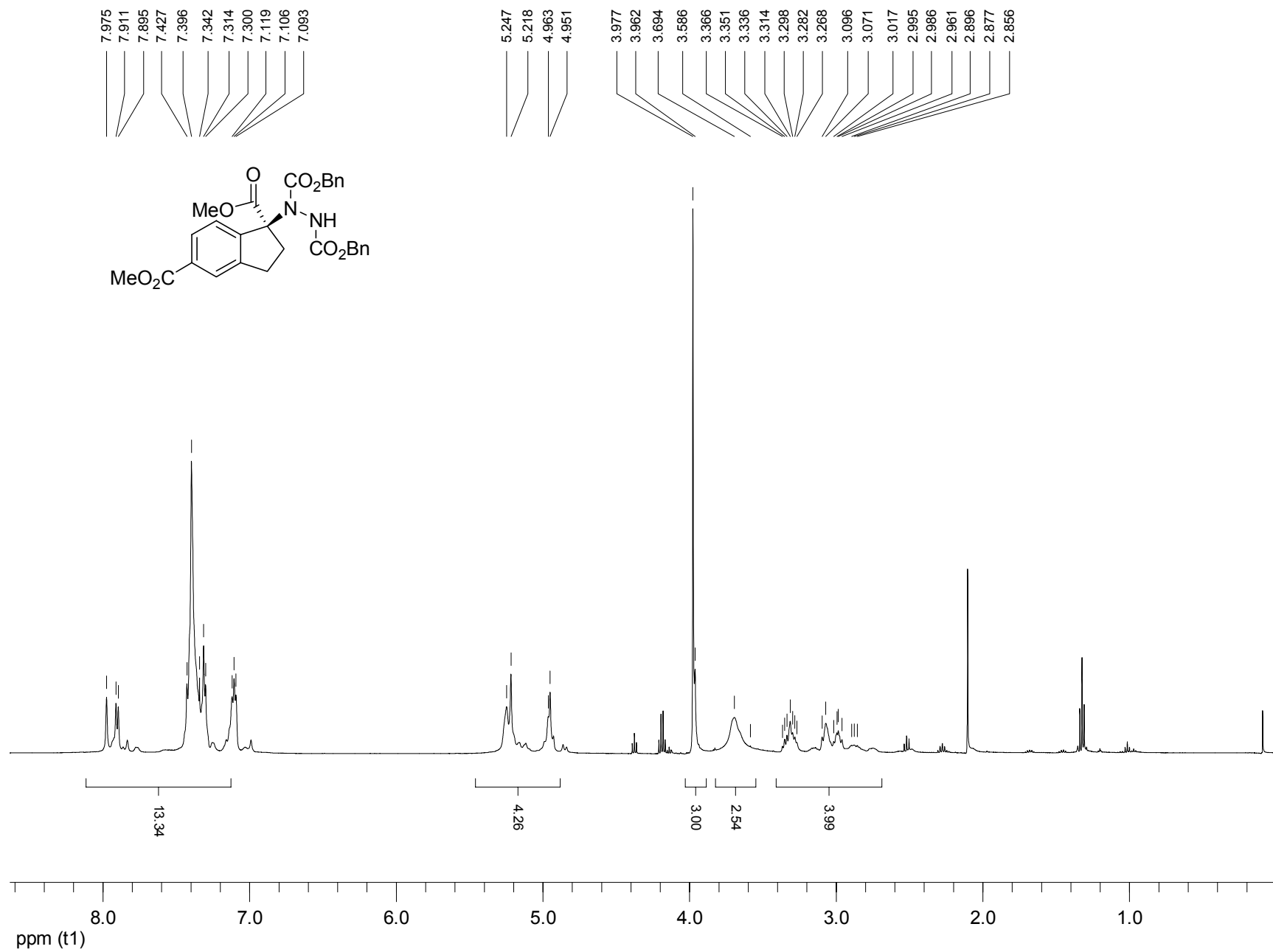


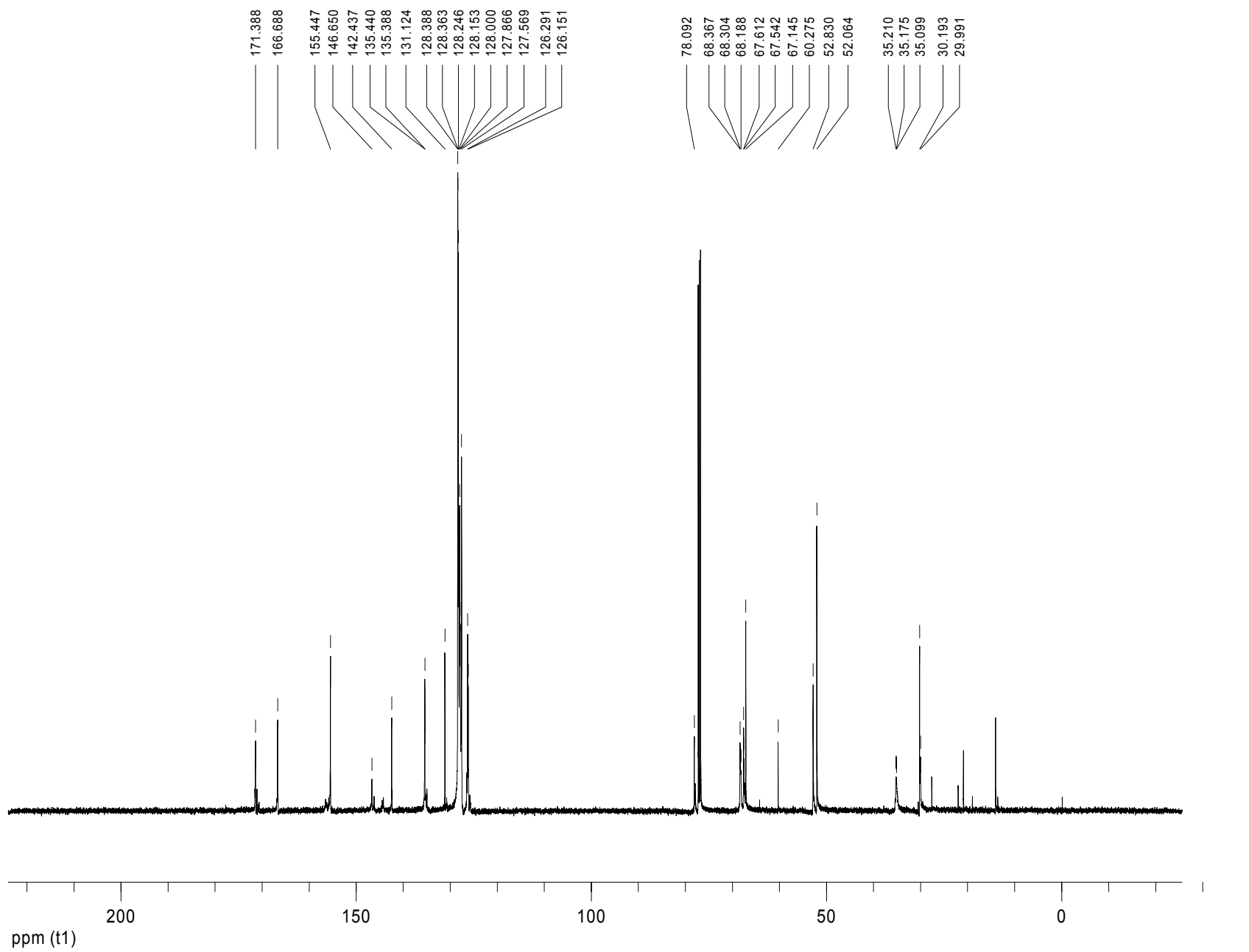
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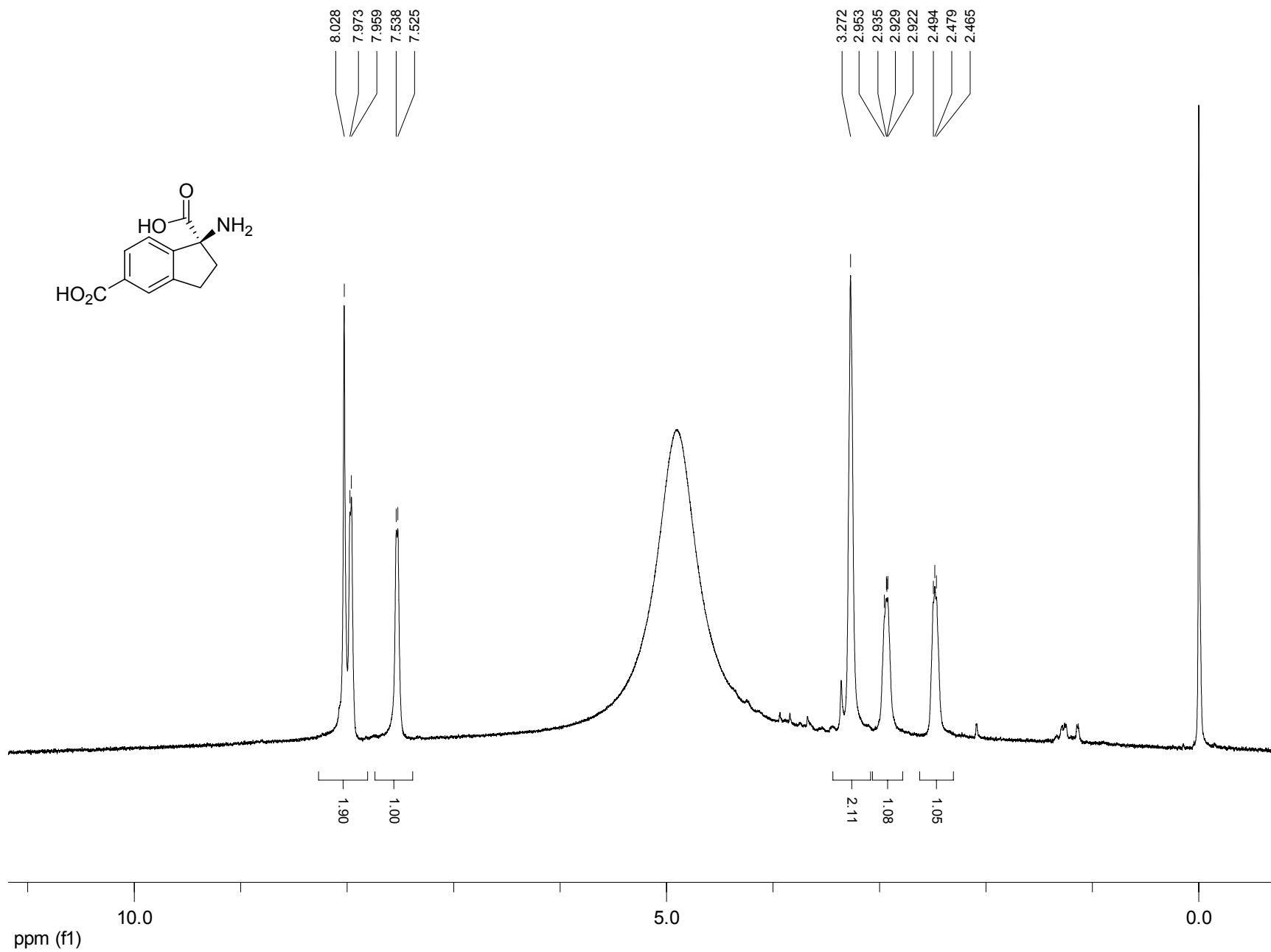
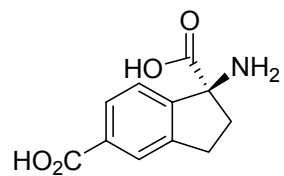


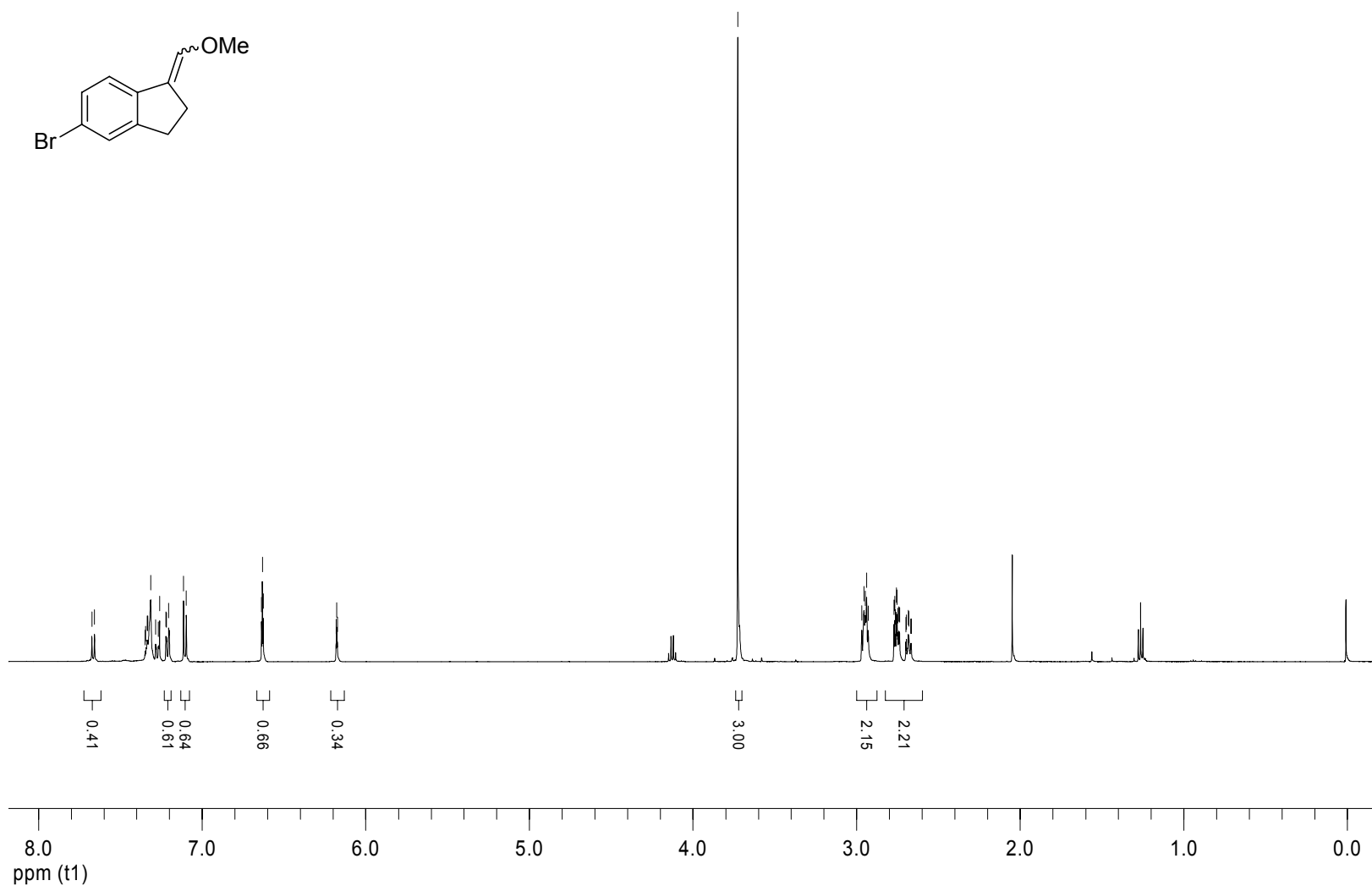
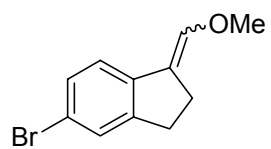
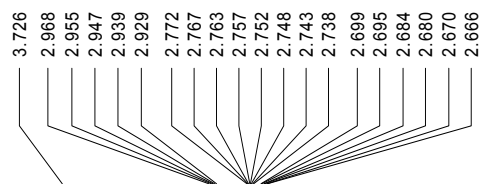
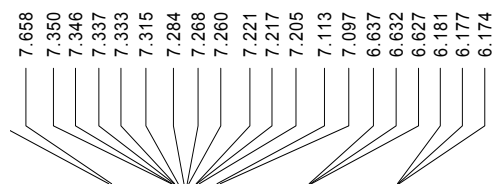


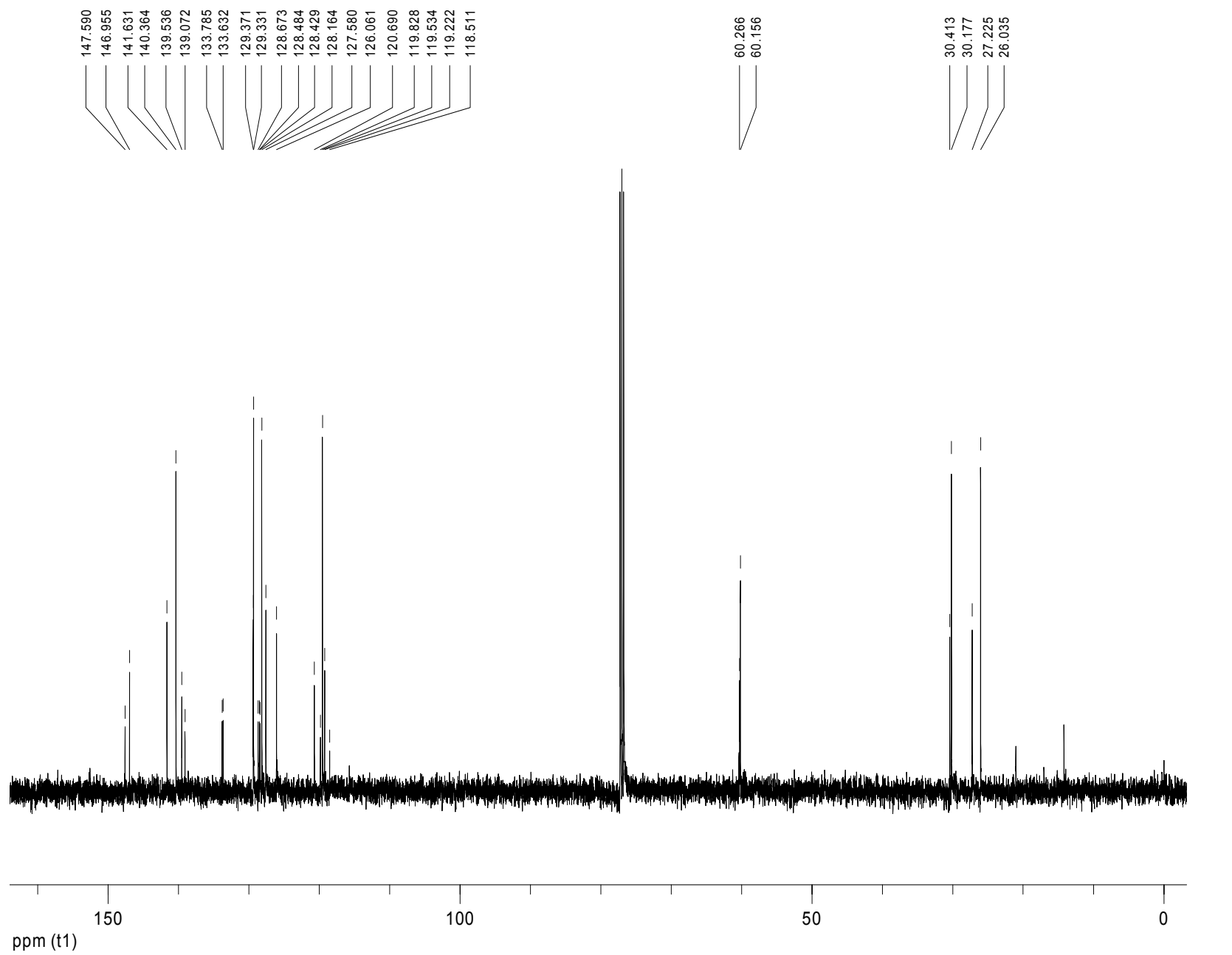


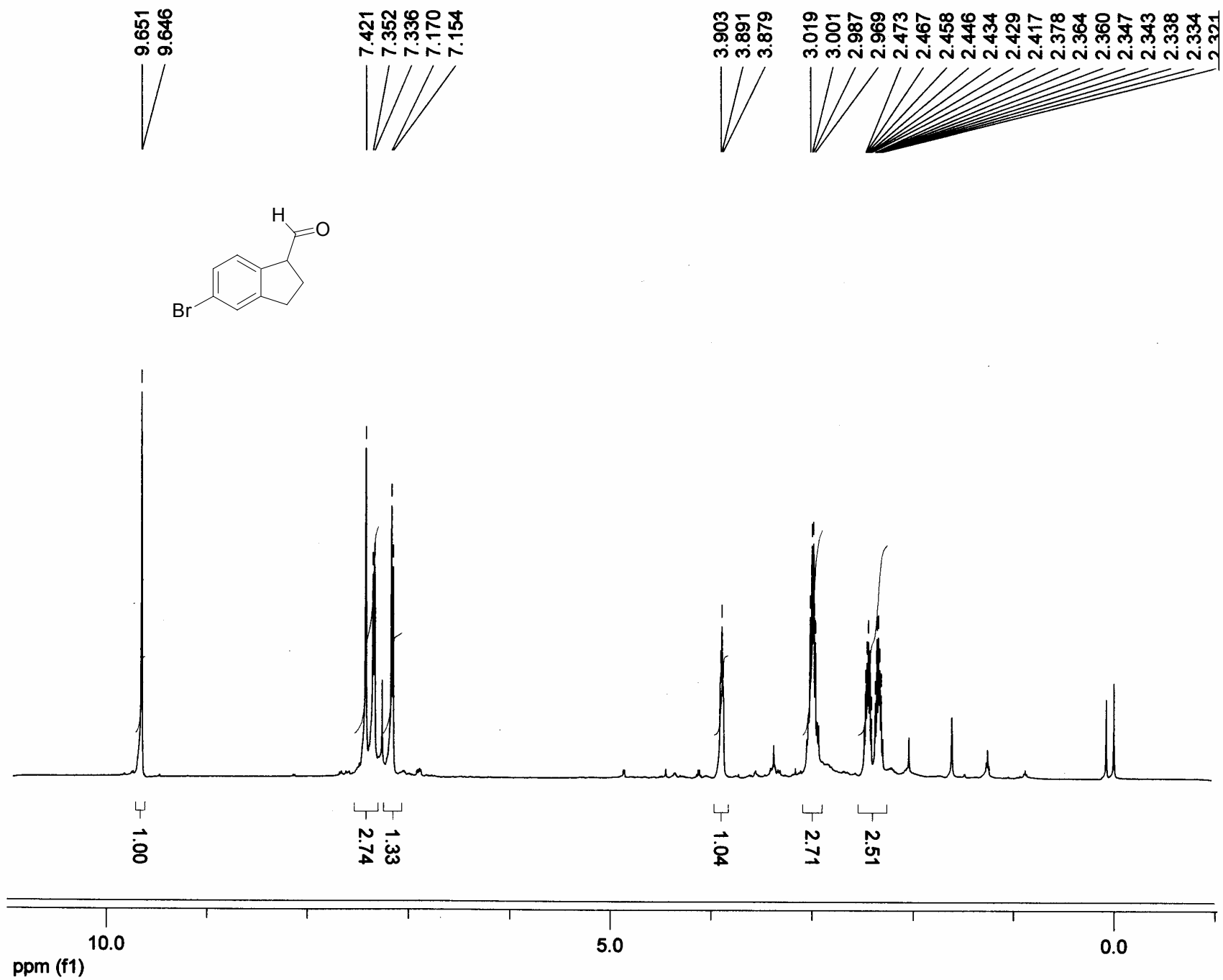
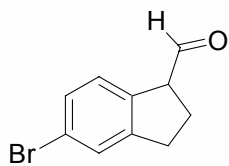


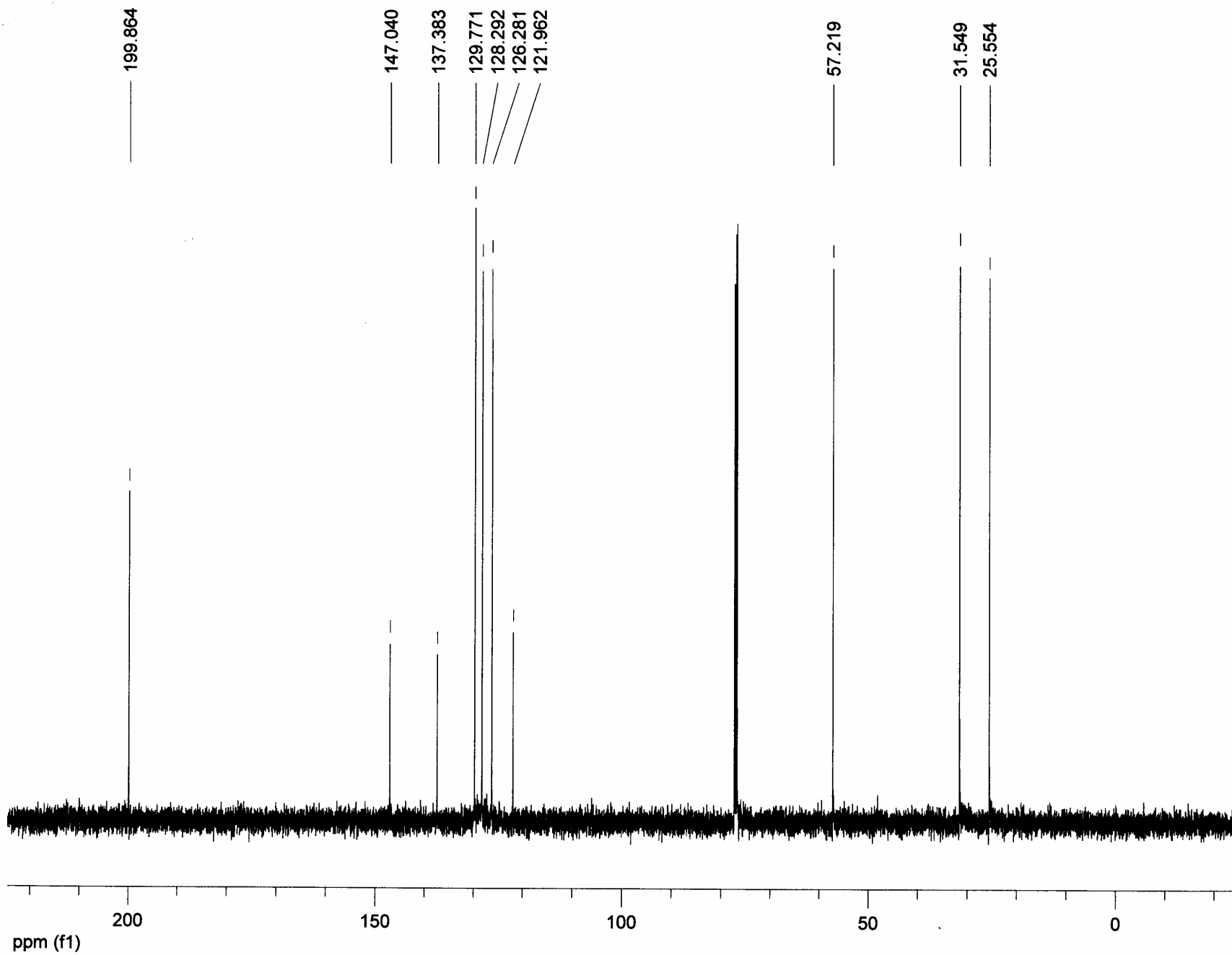


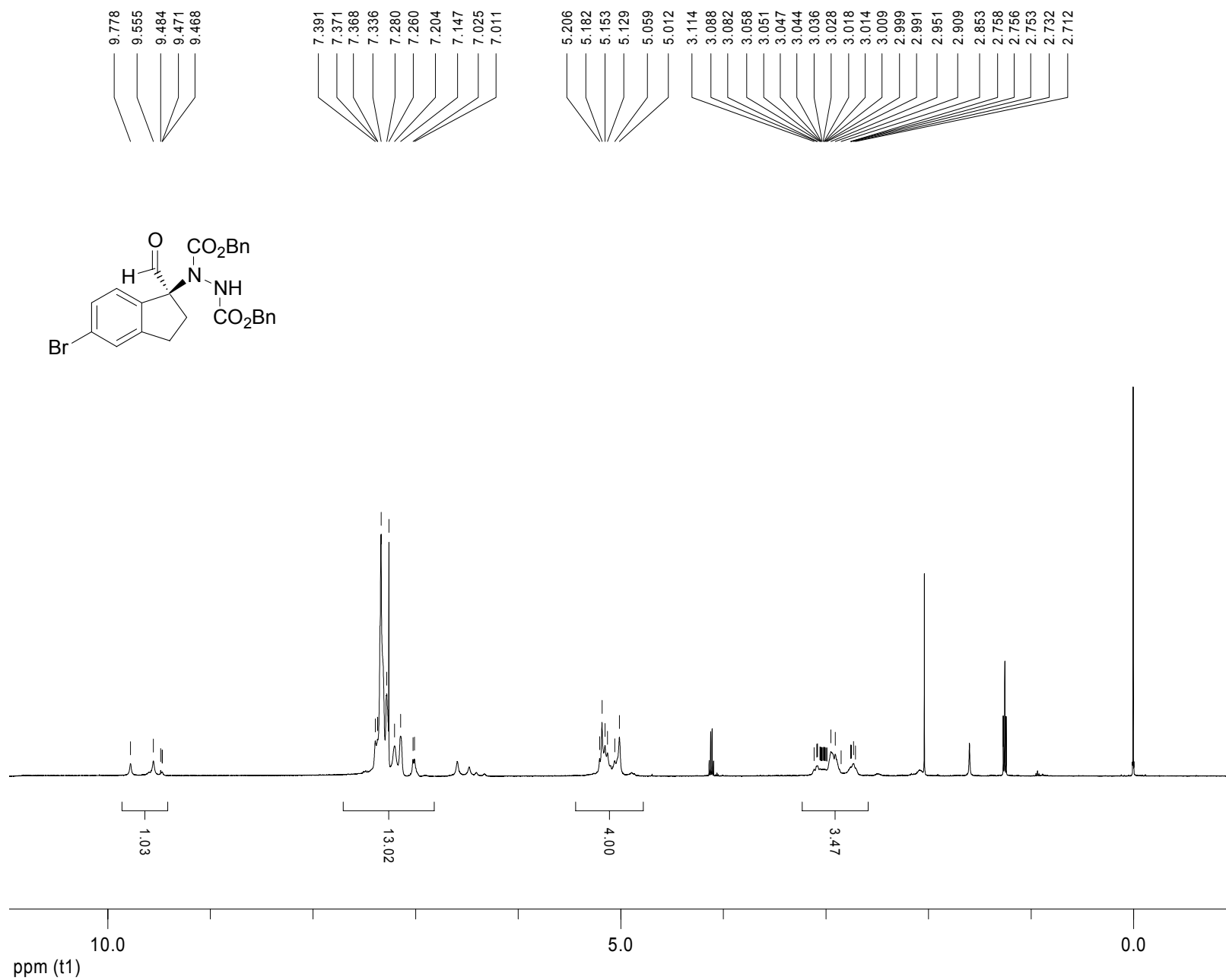
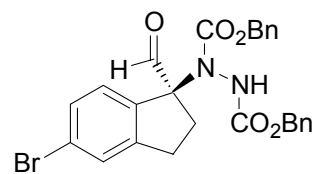


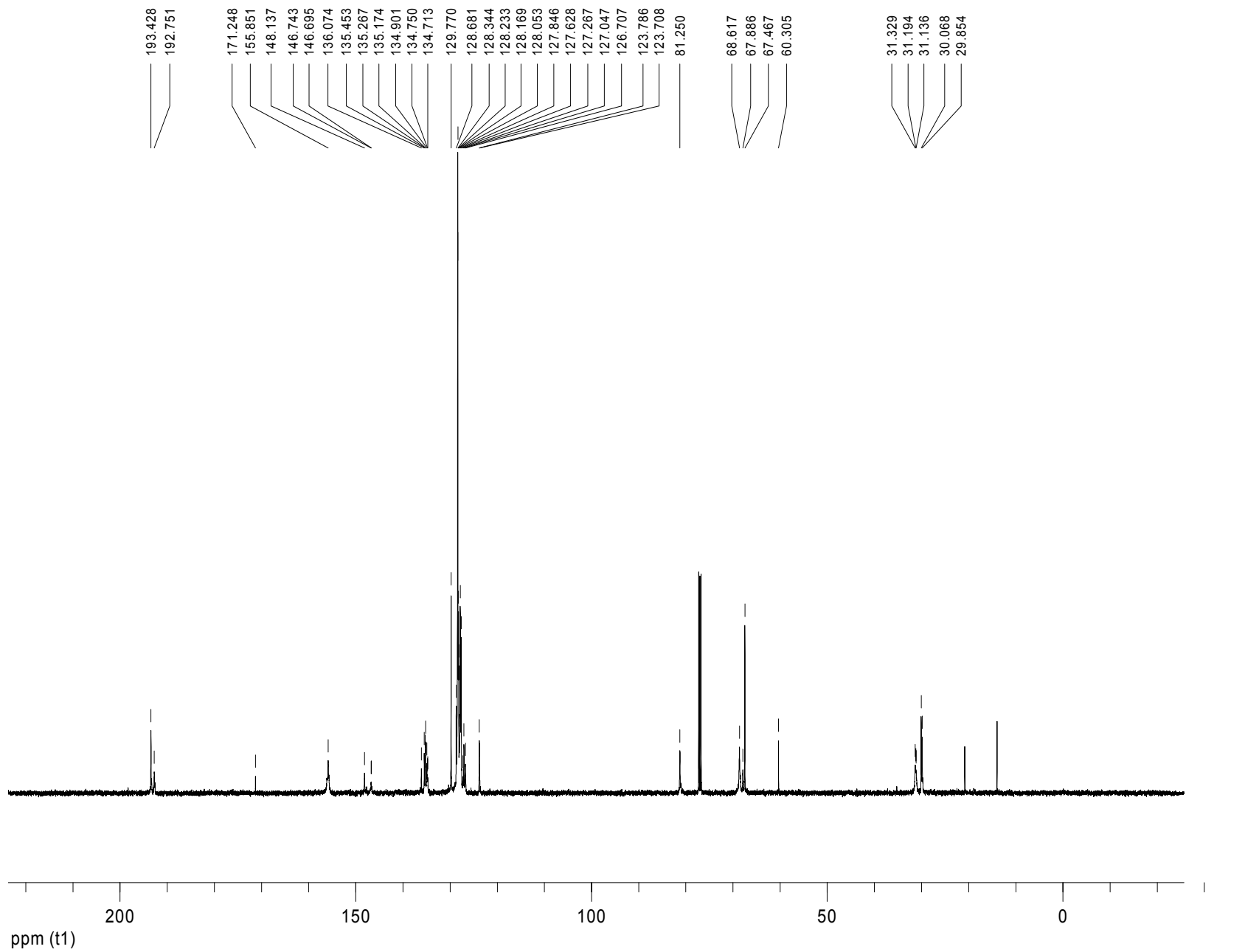




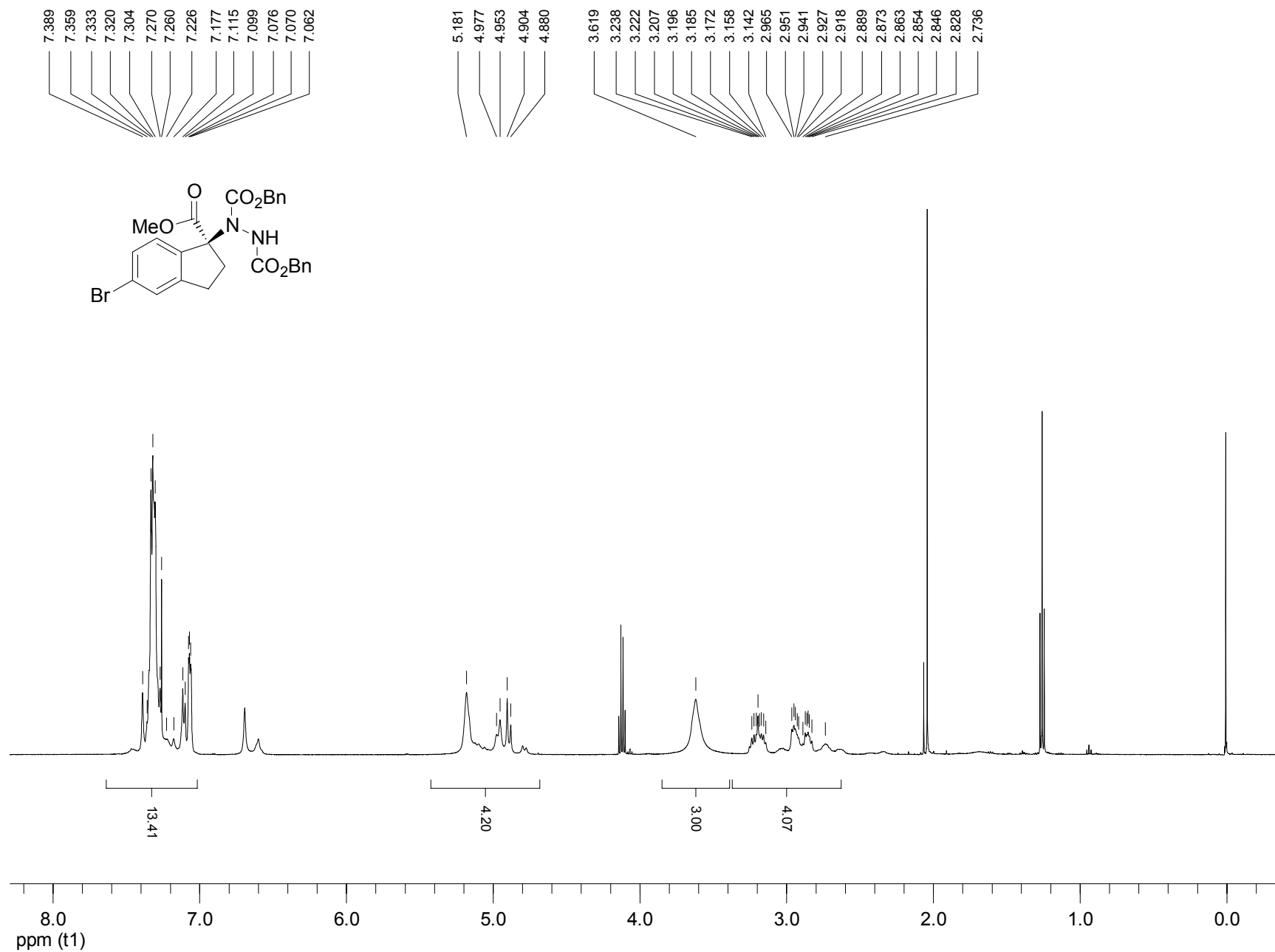


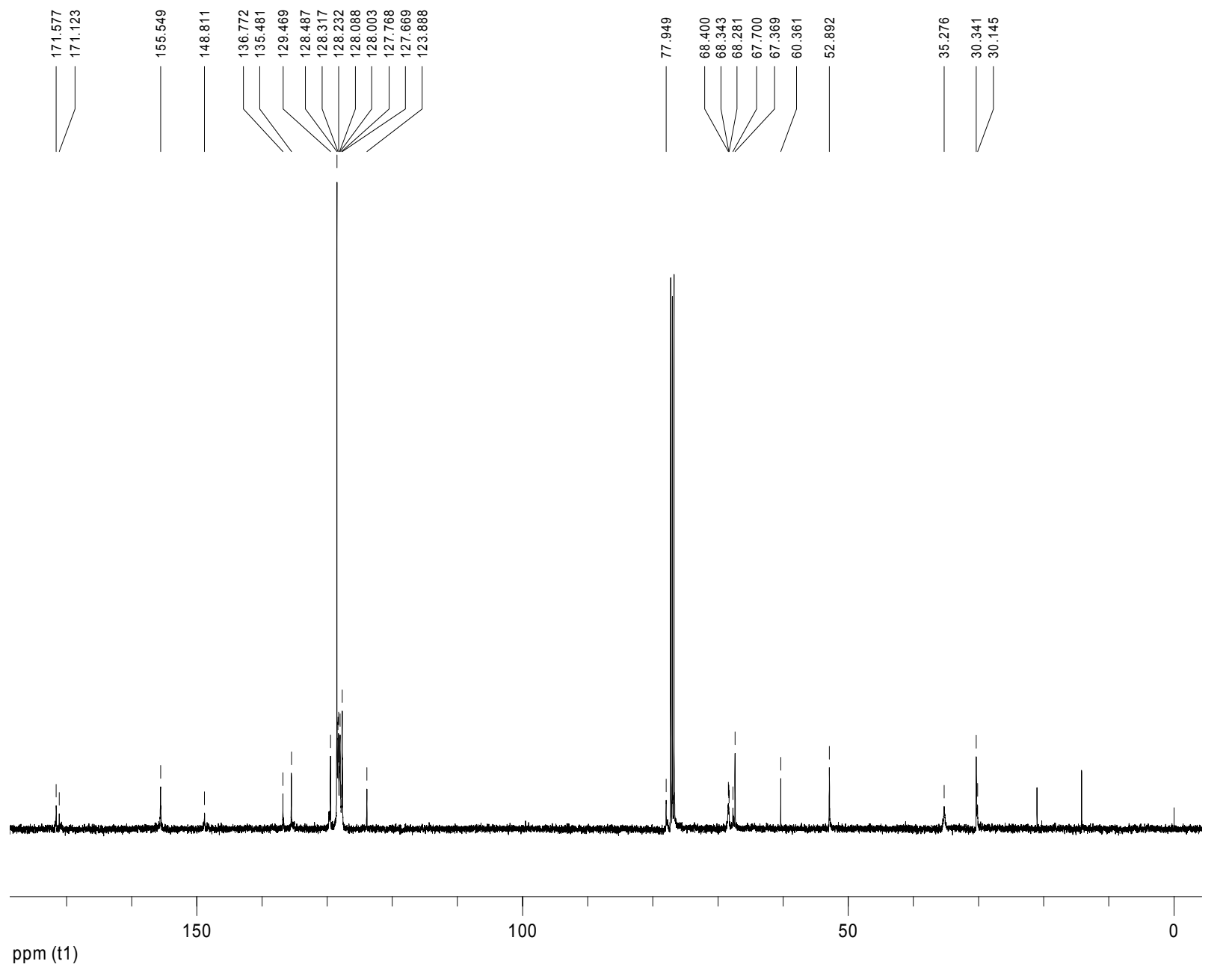


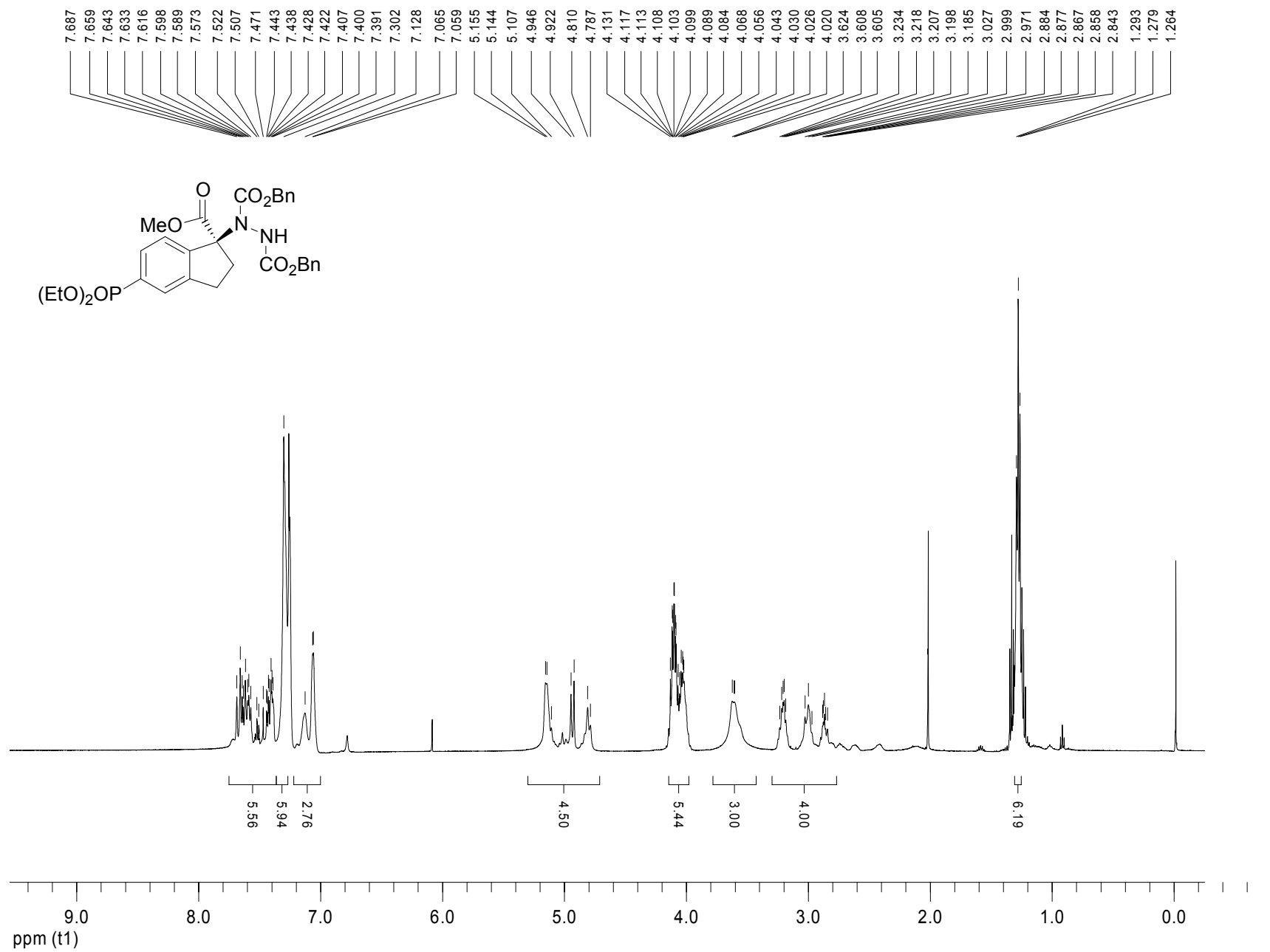


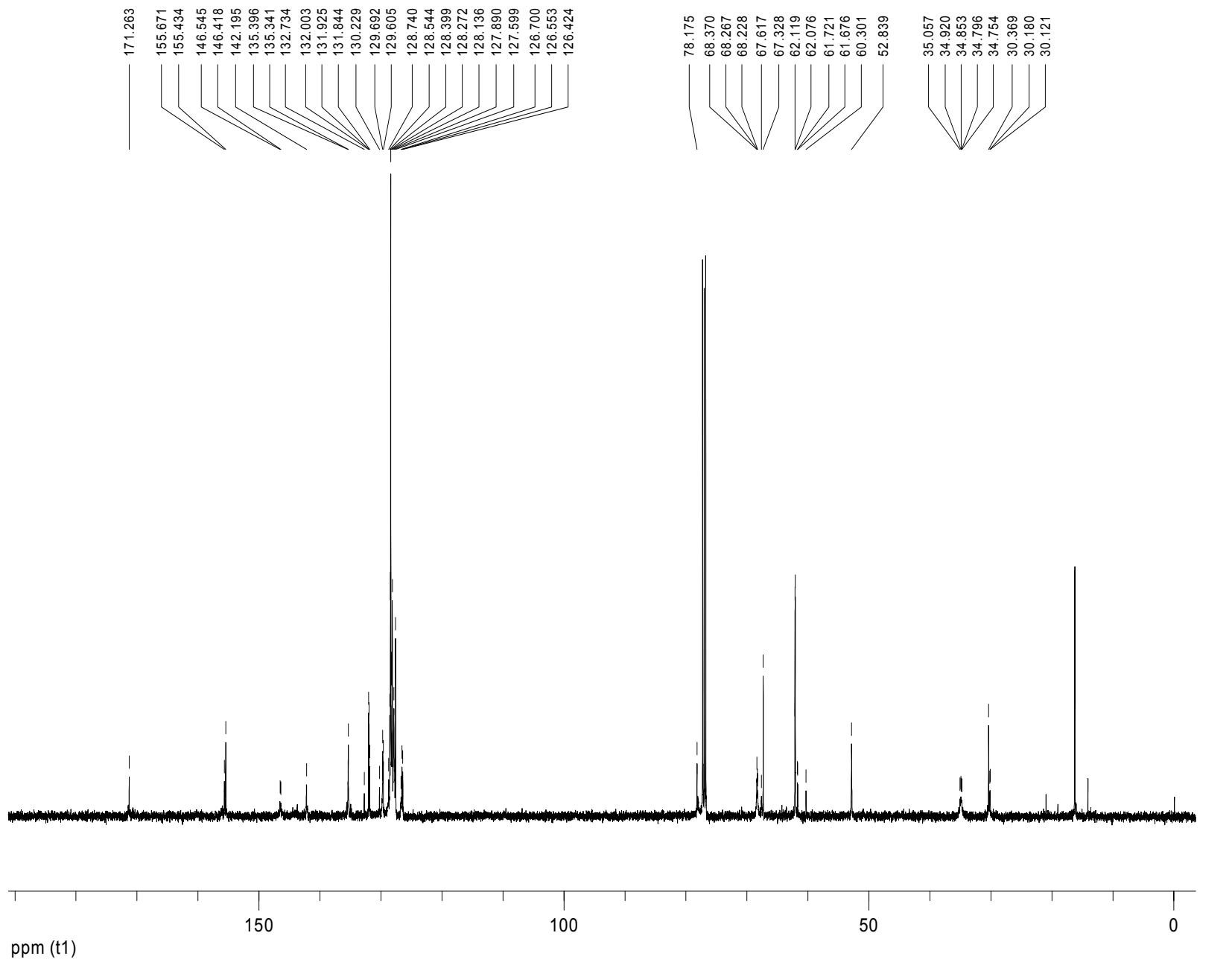


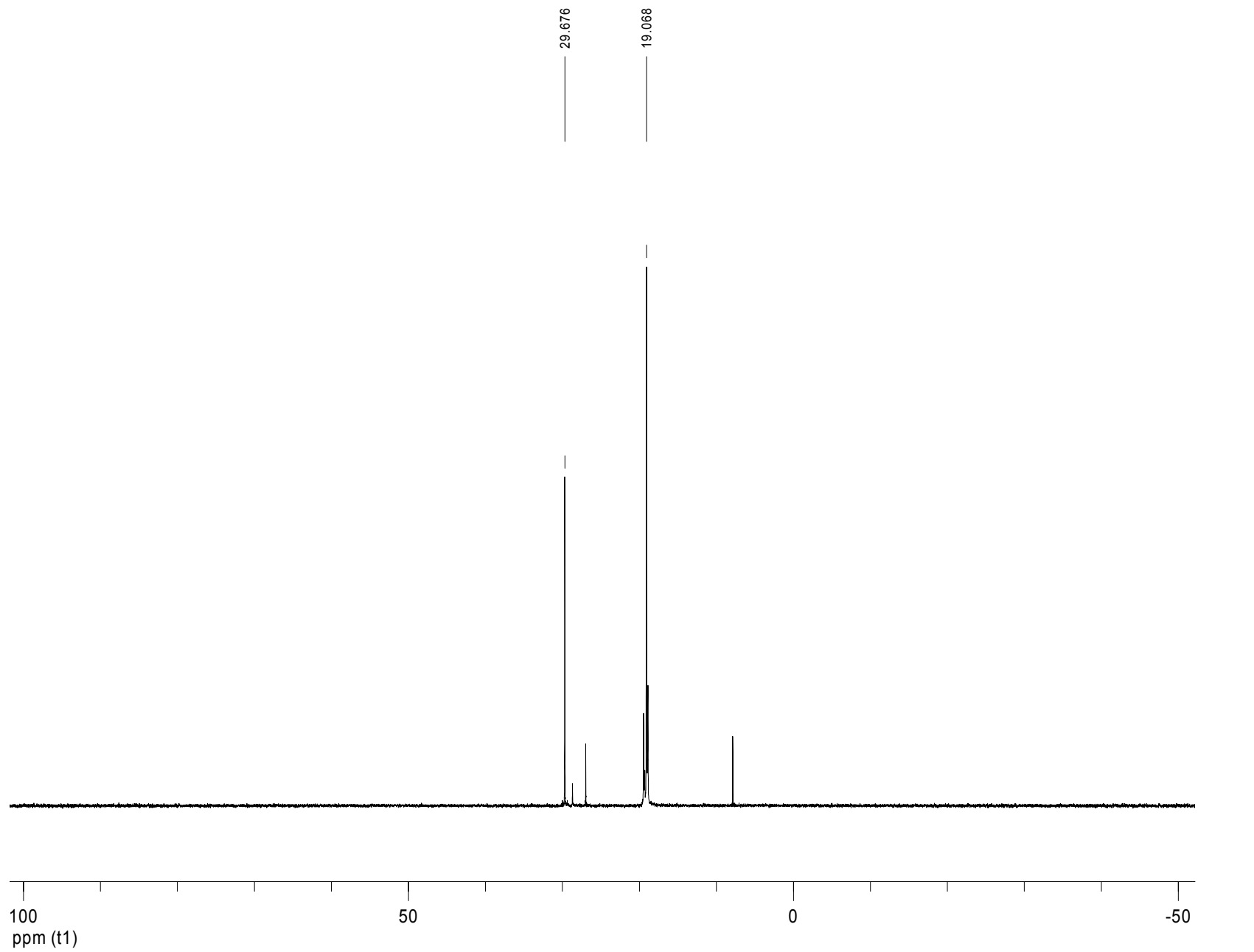
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