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### **Microwave-Assisted, Catalyst and Solvent Free Synthesis of Tryptanthrin Derivatives and Their *in-vitro* Cytotoxic Activity on Prostate DU145 Cancer Cell Lines**

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## General Information

Melting points were measured with a Buchi B-540 melting point apparatus and are uncorrected. IR spectra were recorded on Elmer FT-IR-2000 spectrometer on a thin film using chloroform. NMR spectra were recorded on Bruker Avance III 500 MHz FT-NMR spectrometer using tetramethylsilane (TMS) as an internal standard. Mass spectra were recorded on Trace DSQ GCMS instrument. All the commercially available reagents were used as received. All experiments were monitored by thin layer chromatography (TLC). TLC was performed on pre-coated silica gel plates (Merck). Column chromatography was performed on silica gel (100-200 mesh, Merck). All MW reactions were carried out in a Synthos 3000 (Anton Paar) microwave reactor.

## Microwave Instrumentation

All microwave reactions were carried out in a Synthos 3000 (Anton Paar) microwave reactor. The multitude microwave has a twin magnetron (2.45 GHz) with maximum output power of 1400 W. The output power can be controlled in unpulsed control mode over whole power which is adjustable in 1 W increment. A Motorola 68xxx series microprocessor system control is used to measure power, pressure, time and temperature during the reaction. The temperature and pressure were monitored throughout the reaction by an infrared detector. The temperature can be measured from 0 to 280 °C with uncertainty  $\pm 1\%$ . The temperature during the MW reaction was monitored by an externally calibrated IR sensor. The pressure can be measured from 0 to 86 bar with uncertainty  $\pm 0.2$  bar. The MW power is initially set at 700 W and the reaction is run. However, during the course of the reaction, once the set temperature and pressure limit is reached, the reactor automatically adjusts the power by lowering it.

**General procedure for the synthesis of tryptanthrin derivatives (3):** A finely pulverized mixture of isatoic anhydride (**1**, 1.0 mmol) and isatin (**2**, 1.0 mmol) was irradiated in a closed vessel in a Synthos 3000 microwave reactor at 700 Watt (120 °C and 14 bar) for 15 minutes. After completion of the reaction, the crude product was directly loaded on silica gel column and purified using EtOAc/hexane as the eluent to afford tryptanthrin derivatives **3**.

*Indolo[2,1-*b*]quinazoline-6,12-dione (3aa)*<sup>1,2,3</sup>: Yellow solid (96%); m.p. 270 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 8.63 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 8.44 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 8.04 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.92 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.85 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.80 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.68 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.43 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 182.5, 158.0, 146.5, 146.2, 144.2, 138.2, 135.0, 130.6, 130.2, 127.44, 127.1, 125.31, 123.6, 121.8, 117.9. IR (film, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 1732, 1681, 1591, 1471, 1338, 1309, 1131, 1022, 921, 761, 673; MS (EI): 248. CHN estimated for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>8</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> is C, 72.58; H, 3.25; N, 11.28 and obtained C, 72.51; H, 3.13; N, 11.01.

*8-Methylindolo[2,1-*b*]quinazoline-6,12-dione (3ab)*<sup>2</sup>: Yellow solid (92%); m.p. 283 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 8.46 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 8.41 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 8.01 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.83 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.69 (s, 1H), 7.65 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.56 (d, *J* = 8.2, 1H), 2.45 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 182.5, 157.8, 146.52, 144.5, 144.2, 138.8, 137.3, 134.9, 130.5, 130.0, 127.3, 125.4, 123.7, 121.9, 117.5, 21.0. IR (film, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 1721, 1677, 1576, 1477, 1353, 1301, 1133, 1049, 819, 777. MS (EI): 262.0. CHN estimated for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>10</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> is C, 73.27; H, 3.84; N, 10.68 and found C, 73.21; H, 3.91; N, 10.53.

*8,10-Dimethyl-indolo[2,1-*b*]quinazoline-6,12-dione (3ac)*: Yellow solid (91%); m.p. 208 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 8.37 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.99 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.82 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.64 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.58 (s, 1H), 7.41 (s, 1H), 2.74 (s, 3H), 2.41 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 183.1, 157.5, 146.2, 145.4, 143.7, 142.9, 137.6, 134.7, 129.9, 129.9, 128.7, 128.0, 127.6, 124.2, 123.4, 23.1, 20.5. IR (film, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3043, 2934, 1726, 1630, 1056, 832, 771. MS (EI): 276. CHN estimated for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>12</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> is C, 73.90; H, 4.38; N, 10.14; and found C, 73.59; H, 4.43; N, 10.01.

*8-Methoxyindolo[2,1-*b*]quinazoline-6,12-dione (3ad)*: Yellow solid (87%); m.p. 268 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 8.50 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 8.41 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 8.01 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.83 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.66 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.37 (d, *J* = 2.7 Hz, 1H), 7.29 (dd, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2.8 Hz, 1H), 3.89 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 182.5, 158.6, 157.6, 146.5, 144.6, 140.3, 134.8, 130.6, 130.1, 127.3, 124.90, 123.8, 122.8, 119.0, 108.3, 55.9. IR (film, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 1745, 1695, 1591, 1487, 1279, 825, 776. MS (EI): 278.0. CHN estimated for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>10</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> is C, 69.06; H, 3.62; N, 10.07 and found C, 69.17; H, 3.51; N, 10.15.

*8-Fluoroindolo[2,1-*b*]quinazoline-6,12-dione (3ae)*<sup>2,3</sup>: Yellow solid (82%); m.p. 275 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 8.63 (dd, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 4.0 Hz, 1H), 8.43 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 8.03 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.86 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.69 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.58 (dd, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 2.7 Hz, 1H), 7.48 (dt, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2.7 Hz, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ

181.6, 162.0, 160.0, 157.7, 146.4, 142.4, 135.1, 130.7, 130.4, 127.4, 124.7 (d,  $J = 23.8$  Hz), 123.6, 123.2 (d,  $J = 8.8$  Hz), 119.6 (d,  $J = 7.5$  Hz), 112.0 (d,  $J = 23.8$  Hz). IR (film,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ): 3045, 1711, 1665, 1578, 1451, 838, 771. MS (EI): 266. CHN estimated for  $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_7\text{FN}_2\text{O}_2$  is C, 67.67; H, 2.65; N, 10.52 and found C, 67.58; H, 2.78; N, 10.41.

*8-Chloroindolo[2,1-*b*]quinazoline-6,12-dione (3af)*<sup>2</sup>: Yellow solid (83%); m.p. 295 °C.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  8.60 (d,  $J = 8.5$  Hz, 1H), 8.44 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1H), 8.04 (d,  $J = 8.2$  Hz, 1H), 7.91–7.84 (m, 2H), 7.74 (dd,  $J = 8.5$  Hz, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 7.70 (t,  $J = 7.7$  Hz, 1H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  181.3, 157.8, 146.4, 144.4, 137.6, 135.2, 133.2, 130.8, 130.5, 128.0, 127.5, 125.1, 123.5, 123.0, 119.1. IR (film,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ): 1725, 1669, 1461, 1328, 847, 776. MS (EI): 282.0. CHN estimated for  $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_7\text{ClN}_2\text{O}_2$  is C, 63.73; H, 2.50; N, 9.91 and found C, 63.65; H, 2.58; N, 10.15.

*8-Bromoindolo[2,1-*b*]quinazoline-6,12-dione (3ag)*<sup>2</sup>: Yellow solid (79%); m.p. 290 °C.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  8.52 (d,  $J = 8.5$  Hz, 1H), 8.42 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1H), 8.06–7.99 (m, 2H), 7.91–7.84 (m, 2H), 7.69 (t,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 1H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  181.2, 157.8, 146.4, 144.8, 143.6, 140.5, 135.2, 130.8, 130.4, 128.1, 127.5, 123.5, 123.3, 120.6, 119.4. IR (film,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ): 2927, 1721, 1685, 1588, 1445, 1284, 1172, 837, 776. MS (EI): 326.0. CHN estimated for  $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_7\text{BrN}_2\text{O}_2$  is C, 55.07; H, 2.16; N, 8.56 and found C, 55.17; H, 2.09; N, 8.48.

*8-Trifluoromethoxyindolo[2,1-*b*]quinazoline-6,12-dione (3ah)*: Yellow solid (81%); m.p. 239 °C.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  8.66 (d,  $J = 8.7$  Hz, 1H), 8.40 (d,  $J = 7.9$  Hz, 1H), 8.01 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1H), 7.86 (t,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 1H), 7.75 (s, 1H), 7.68 (t,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 1H), 7.62 (d,  $J = 8.8$  Hz, 1H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  181.3, 157.7, 147.6, 146.3, 144.2, 144.0, 135.3, 130.8, 130.5, 130.4, 127.5, 123.4, 123.0, 121.2, 119.3, 117.5. IR (film,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ): 2920, 1737, 1680, 1594, 1211, 1188, 1169, 773. MS (EI): 332.0. CHN estimated for  $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_7\text{F}_3\text{N}_2\text{O}_3$  is C, 57.84; H, 2.12; N, 8.43 and found C, 57.78; H, 2.23; N, 8.36.

*3-chloroindolo[2,1-*b*]quinazoline-6,12-dione (3ba)*: Yellow solid (78%); m.p. 269 °C.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.60 (d,  $J = 8.1$  Hz, 1H), 8.36 (d,  $J = 8.5$  Hz, 1H), 8.00 (s, 1H), 7.92 (d,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 1H), 7.80 (t,  $J = 7.8$  Hz, 1H), 7.62 (dd,  $J = 8.5$  Hz, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.45 (t,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 1H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  182.1, 157.4, 147.4, 146.0, 145.1, 141.4, 138.4, 130.5, 129.7, 128.6, 127.9, 127.4, 125.4, 121.9, 117.8. IR (film,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ): 2921, 1726, 1675, 1586, 1349, 1316, 756. MS (EI): 282. CHN estimated for  $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_7\text{ClN}_2\text{O}_2$  is C, 63.73; H, 2.50; N, 9.91 and found C, 63.77; H, 2.53; N, 9.87.

*2-chloroindolo[2,1-*b*]quinazoline-6,12-dione (3ca)*: Yellow solid (81%); m.p. 316 °C.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  8.62 (d,  $J = 8.1$  Hz, 1H), 8.41 (s, 1H), 7.97 (d,  $J = 9.0$  Hz, 1H), 7.93 (d,  $J = 7.5$  Hz, 1H), 7.85–7.76 (m, 2H), 7.45 (t,  $J = 7.5$  Hz, 1H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125

MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  182.5, 157.1, 146.1, 145.6, 138.2, 135.6, 134.7, 132.3, 129.7, 127.5, 126.4, 125.2, 123.8, 122.6, 117.4. IR (film,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ): 2923, 1727, 1685, 1591, 1463, 1354, 1314, 1112, 756. MS (EI): 282. CHN estimated for  $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_7\text{ClN}_2\text{O}_2$  is C, 63.73; H, 2.50; N, 9.91 and found C, 63.61; H, 2.55; N, 9.83.

*2-bromoindolo[2,1-*b*]quinazoline-6,12-dione (3da)*: Yellow solid (74%); m.p. 307 °C.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  8.61 (d,  $J = 8.5$  Hz, 1H), 8.57 (s, 1H), 7.96–7.87 (m, 3H), 7.81 (t,  $J = 7.7$  Hz, 1H), 7.45 (t,  $J = 7.7$  Hz, 1H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  182.1, 156.7, 145.9, 145.3, 138.3, 138.2, 132.0, 130.2, 127.4, 125.4, 125.0, 124.6, 121.8, 117.9. IR (film,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ): 2922, 1726, 1684, 1589, 1461, 1314, 1108, 756. MS (EI): 326. CHN estimated for  $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_7\text{BrN}_2\text{O}_2$  is C, 55.07; H, 2.16; N, 8.56 and found C, 55.21; H, 2.12; N, 8.59.

*3-chloro-8-methylindolo[2,1-*b*]quinazoline-6,12-dione (3bb)*: Yellow solid (78%); m.p. 265 °C.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  8.44 (d,  $J = 8.2$  Hz, 1H), 8.34 (d,  $J = 8.5$  Hz, 1H), 7.98 (s, 1H), 7.70 (s, 1H), 7.63–7.56 (m, 2H), 2.46 (s, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  182.2, 157.2, 147.6, 145.4, 141.2, 138.9, 137.7, 130.4, 129.9, 128.6, 125.6, 122.1, 121.8, 117.6, 21.0. IR (film,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ): 2923, 1729, 1687, 1589, 1487, 1311, 1224, 1072, 776. MS (EI): 296. CHN estimated for  $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_9\text{ClN}_2\text{O}_2$  is C, 64.77; H, 3.06; N, 9.44 and found C, 64.79; H, 3.12; N, 9.39.

*8-bromo-3-chloroindolo[2,1-*b*]quinazoline-6,12-dione (3bg)*: Yellow solid (81%); m.p. 280 °C.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  8.51 (d,  $J = 8.6$  Hz, 1H), 8.36 (d,  $J = 8.5$  Hz, 1H), 8.02 (d,  $J = 11.5$  Hz, 2H), 7.90 (dd,  $J = 8.5$  Hz, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.64 (dd,  $J = 8.5$  Hz, 1.9 Hz, 1H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  180.9, 157.2, 147.5, 144.7, 144.6, 141.6, 140.7, 130.9, 130.2, 128.8, 128.2, 123.1, 121.9, 120.9, 119.4. IR (film,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ): 2923, 1734, 1675, 1585, 1456, 1182, 1072, 777. MS (EI): 360. CHN estimated for  $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_6\text{BrClN}_2\text{O}_2$  is C, 49.83; H, 1.67; N, 7.75 and found C, 49.76; H, 1.61; N, 7.71.

*3-chloro-8-nitroindolo[2,1-*b*]quinazoline-6,12-dione (3bi)*: Yellow solid (74%); m.p. 281 °C.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  8.84 (d,  $J = 8.8$  Hz, 1H), 8.76 (d,  $J = 2.3$  Hz, 1H), 8.70 (dd,  $J = 8.8$  Hz, 2.3 Hz, 1H), 8.40 (d,  $J = 8.5$  Hz, 1H), 8.04 (d,  $J = 2.0$  Hz, 1H), 7.69 (dd,  $J = 8.5$  Hz, 2.0 Hz, 1H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  180.9, 157.7, 149.3, 147.7, 146.7, 146.1, 140.7, 133.0, 130.7, 129.6, 129.4, 123.4, 122.0, 120.0, 118.1. IR (film,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ): 2921, 1730, 1701, 1585, 1527, 1351, 1313, 850, 780. MS (EI): 327. CHN estimated for  $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_6\text{ClN}_3\text{O}_4$  is C, 54.98; H, 1.85; N, 12.82 and found C, 54.91; H, 1.88; N, 12.78.

*2,8-Dimethylindolo[2,1-*b*]quinazoline-6,12-dione (3eb)*: Yellow solid (90%); m.p. 251 °C.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  8.44 (d,  $J = 8.5$  Hz, 1H), 8.18 (s, 1H), 7.88 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1H), 7.67 (s, 1H), 7.63 (dd,  $J = 8.2$  Hz, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.55 (d,  $J = 8.2$  Hz, 1H), 2.54 (s,

3H), 2.44 (s, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  182.6, 157.8, 144.4, 144.1, 143.9, 141.0, 138.6, 137.2, 136.1, 130.4, 127.1, 125.3, 123.4, 122.0, 117.5, 21.5, 21.0. IR (film,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ): 3041, 2909, 1731, 1670, 1606, 1476, 1339, 1312, 1211, 1055, 827, 781. MS (EI): 276. CHN estimated for  $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{12}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2$  is C, 73.90; H, 4.38; N, 10.14 and found C, 73.89; H, 4.42; N, 10.23.

**2,8-Dimethoxyindolo[2,1-*b*]quinazoline-6,12-dione (3fd)**<sup>2,3</sup>: Yellow solid (89%); m.p. 285 °C.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  8.49 (d,  $J = 8.8$  Hz, 1H), 7.92 (d,  $J = 8.8$  Hz, 1H), 7.80 (d,  $J = 2.9$  Hz, 1H), 7.40–7.35 (m, 2H), 7.31–7.27 (m, 1H), 3.98 (s, 3H), 3.89 (s, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  182.4, 161.2, 158.6, 157.4, 142.9, 140.7, 140.1, 132.2, 125.2, 124.7, 124.0, 123.2, 119.0, 108.1, 107.9, 56.0, 55.9. IR (film,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ): 2920, 1730, 1669, 1602, 1488, 1287, 1078, 1020. MS (EI): 308.0. CHN estimated for  $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{12}\text{N}_2\text{O}_4$  is C, 66.23; H, 3.92; N, 9.09 and found C, 66.21; H, 3.98; N, 9.16.

**2,8-Bis-trifluoromethoxyindolo[2,1-*b*]quinazoline-6,12-dione(3gh)**: Yellow solid (82%); m.p. 230 °C.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  8.69 (d,  $J = 8.5$  Hz, 1H), 8.26 (s, 1H), 8.10 (d,  $J = 8.8$  Hz, 1H), 7.78 (s, 1H), 7.73–7.62 (m, 2H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  180.9, 156.8, 147.8, 144.6, 144.2, 143.9, 132.8, 130.6, 128.0, 127.8, 127.5, 124.9, 123.0, 121.2, 119.4, 118.5, 117.7. IR (film,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ): 2922, 1742, 1683, 1177, 1166, 863, 779. MS (EI): 416.0. CHN estimated for  $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_6\text{F}_6\text{N}_2\text{O}_4$  is C, 49.05; H, 1.45; N, 6.73 and found C, 49.17; H, 1.48; N, 6.61.

**2,8-Difluoroindolo[2,1-*b*]quinazoline-6,12-dione (3he)**: Yellow solid (76%); m.p. 295 °C.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  8.63 (dd,  $J = 8.8$  Hz, 4.1 Hz, 1H), 8.11–8.02 (m, 2H), 7.61–7.55 (m, 2H), 7.50 (dt,  $J = 8.6$  Hz, 2.7 Hz, 1H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  181.3, 164.2, 162.1, 160.1, 156.9, 143.0, 142.10, 133.2 (d,  $J = 8.7$  Hz), 127.8 (d,  $J = 56.6$  Hz), 125.5, 124.8 (d,  $J = 23.8$  Hz), 123.4 (d,  $J = 23.8$  Hz), 119.6 (d,  $J = 8.8$  Hz), 113.2 (d,  $J = 25.0$  Hz), 112.1 (d,  $J = 23.8$  Hz). IR (film,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ): 2911, 2845, 1731, 1684, 1487, 1305, 1277, 1143, 1043  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . MS (EI): 284. CHN estimated for  $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_6\text{F}_2\text{N}_2\text{O}_2$  is C, 63.39; H, 2.13; N, 9.86 and found C, 63.43; H, 2.17; N, 9.72.

**2,8-Dichloroindolo[2,1-*b*]quinazoline-6,12-dione (3cf)**<sup>2</sup>: Yellow solid (87%); m.p. 290 °C.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  8.58 (d,  $J = 8.5$  Hz, 1H), 8.39 (d,  $J = 2.5$  Hz, 1H), 7.97 (d,  $J = 8.5$  Hz, 1H), 7.88 (d,  $J = 2.5$  Hz, 1H), 7.80 (dd,  $J = 8.5$  Hz, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 7.76 (dd,  $J = 8.6$  Hz, 2.2 Hz, 1H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  181.0, 156.7, 144.9, 144.1, 137.7, 136.87, 135.6, 133.5, 132.1, 127.1, 125.2, 124.7, 123.0, 119.2. IR (film,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ): 2927, 1745, 1691, 1587, 1469, 1289, 1181, 1035. MS (EI): 315. CHN estimated for  $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_6\text{Cl}_2\text{N}_2\text{O}_2$  is C, 56.81; H, 1.91; N, 8.83 and found C, 56.68; H, 1.96; N, 8.76.

*3,9-dichloroindolo[2,1-b]quinazoline-6,12-dione (3bj)*: Yellow solid (87%); m.p. 267 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 8.67 (d, *J* = 1.7 Hz, 1H), 8.37 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 8.01 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.86 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.65 (dd, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.43 (dd, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1.7 Hz, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>) δ 181.3, 157.6, 147.9, 142.0, 140.3, 130.5, 129.5, 129.2, 127.5, 126.7, 122.2, 121.5, 117.5. IR (film, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 2920, 1718, 1685, 1580, 1352, 1113, 887, 778. MS (EI): 315. CHN estimated for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>6</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> is C, 56.81; H, 1.91; N, 8.83 and found C, 56.85; H, 1.87; N, 8.86.

*2,8-Dibromoindolo[2,1-b]quinazoline-6,12-dione (3dg)*: Yellow solid (73%), m.p. 328 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 8.56 (s, 1H), 8.51 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 8.03 (s, 1H), 7.97–7.87 (m, 3H). IR (film, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 2931, 1721, 1671, 1592, 1456, 1291, 1171, 851, 771. MS (EI): 403.9. CHN estimated for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>6</sub>Br<sub>2</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> is C, 44.37; H, 1.49; N, 6.90 and found C, 44.44; H, 1.58; N, 6.79.

#### **Reagents for biology:**

Minimum Essential Medium, penicillin-streptomycin, fetal bovine serum (FBS), 3-(4,5-Dimethylthiazol-2-yl)-2,5-diphenyltetrazolium bromide (MTT) were purchased from Himedia. Keratinocyte Serum Free Medium (K-SFM) was purchased from Invitrogen.

#### **Cell culture:**

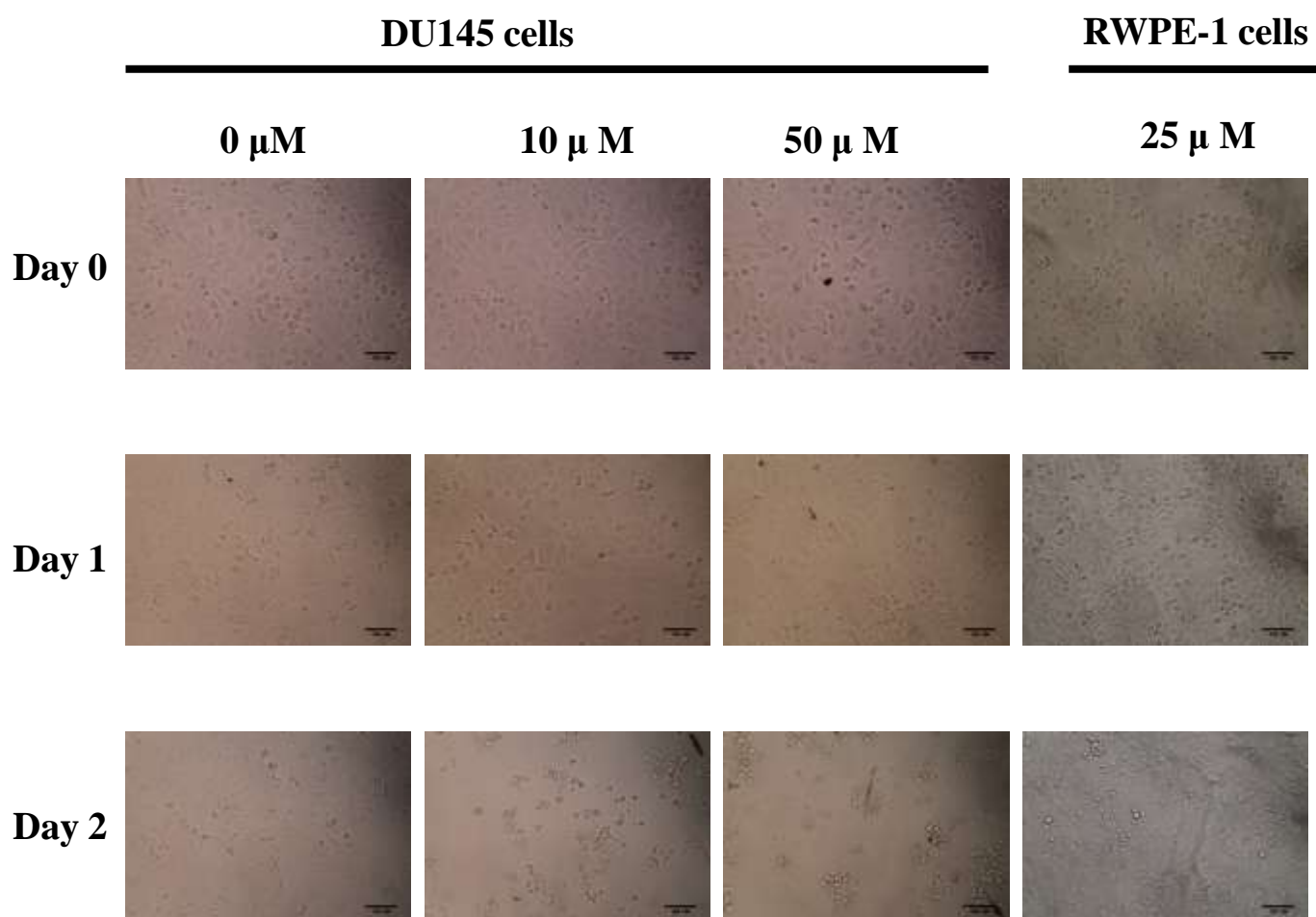
Prostate cancer cell lines (DU145) and normal prostate epithelial RWPE-1 cells were purchased from the National Centre for Cell sciences (NCCS), Pune, India and American Type Culture Collection (ATCC) respectively. These cell lines were grown and maintained using appropriate culture medium supplemented with 10 % fetal bovine serum, and 1 % penicillin streptomycin antibiotic solution at 37 °C in 5 % CO<sub>2</sub> incubator. Cells at a concentration of 5,000 cells/well were seeded separately in 96 well microlitre plates and exposed to various concentrations of those compounds (dissolved in DMSO). Cell survival fraction was determined using MTT assay. After treatment for 24 h, 48 h and 72 h, MTT (5 mg/ml) was added into each well and incubated for 4 h at 37 °C. The formazan crystals formed were dissolved with DMSO. The intensity of coloured formazan formed was determined by measuring the absorbance at 570 nm using ELISA reader (Dynex MRX, USA). The cytotoxic effect of those compounds on DU145 and RWPE-1 cells were determined by measuring the concentration that inhibits 50 % of the cancer cell population in comparison with the untreated control. The percentage of cell viability was obtained by dividing the absorbance value of the samples treated with different concentrations of compounds with the absorbance value of control and then multiplied by 100 % as previously



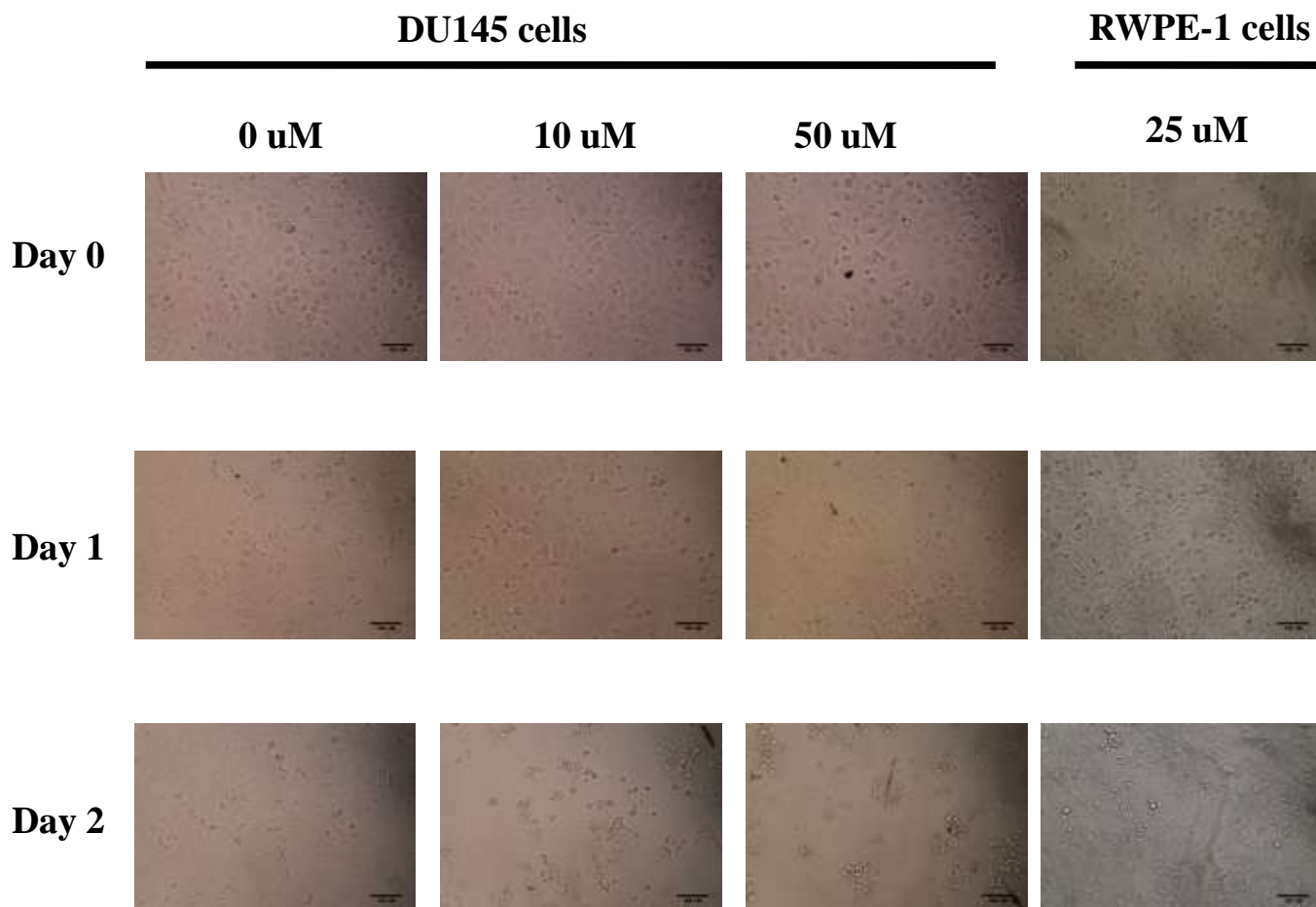
described. Dose - response curves of % cell viability versus compound concentration were constructed and IC<sub>50</sub> determined from the plots by interpolation.

The percentage cell viability was calculated by following formula:

$$\% \text{ Cell Viability} = (\text{Mean OD of Test} / \text{Mean OD of control}) \times 100$$



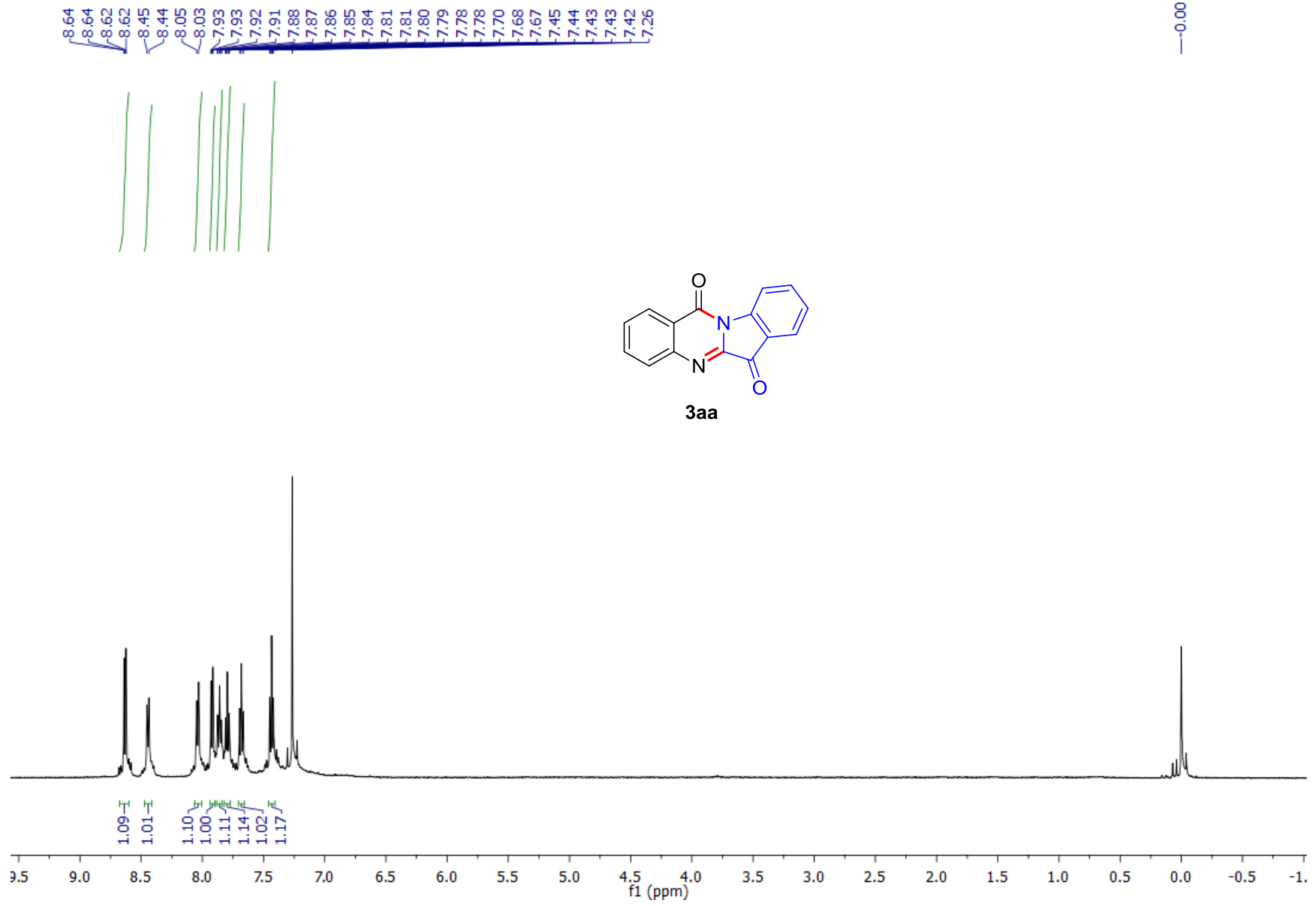
**Figure 1.** Representative phase contrast microscopic images of cytotoxic effect of **KR-T1** on prostate cancer DU145 cells at 0, 10 and 50  $\mu\text{M}$  concentrations after treatment at on Day 0, Day 1 and Day 2.

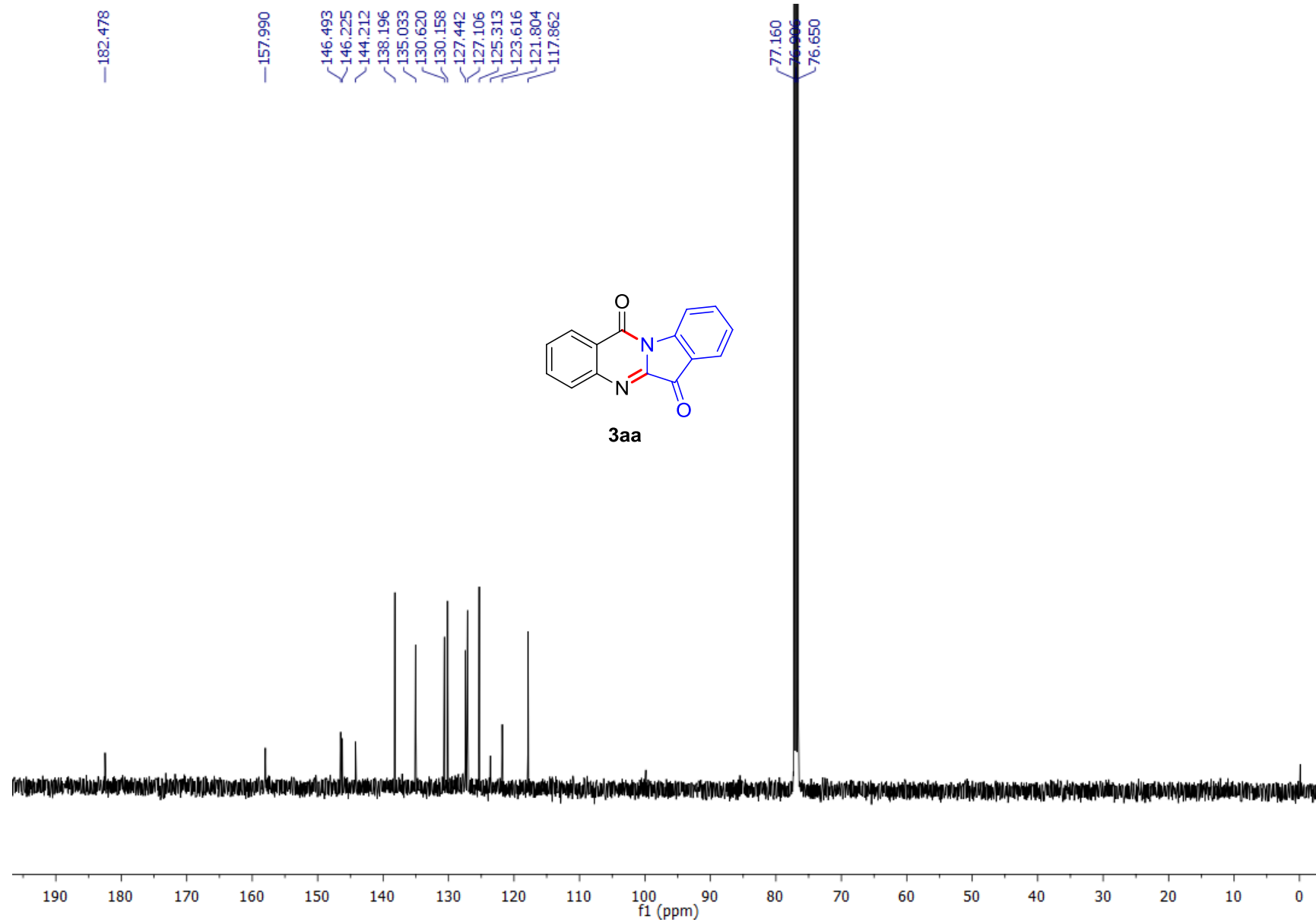


**Figure 2.** Representative phase contrast microscopic images of cytotoxic effect of **SB-34** on prostate cancer DU145 cells at 0, 10 and 50  $\mu$ M concentrations after treatment on Day 0, Day 1 and Day 2.

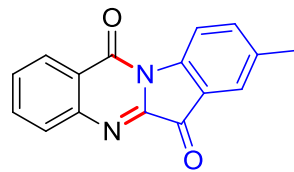
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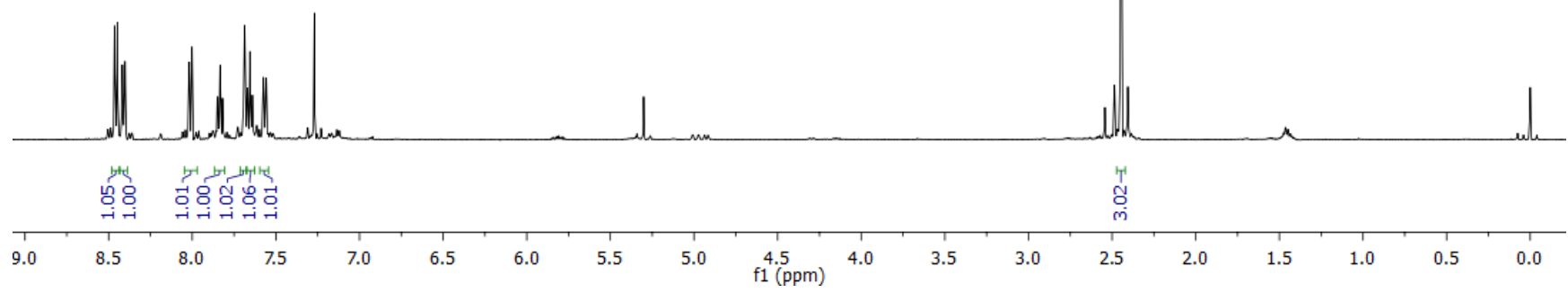




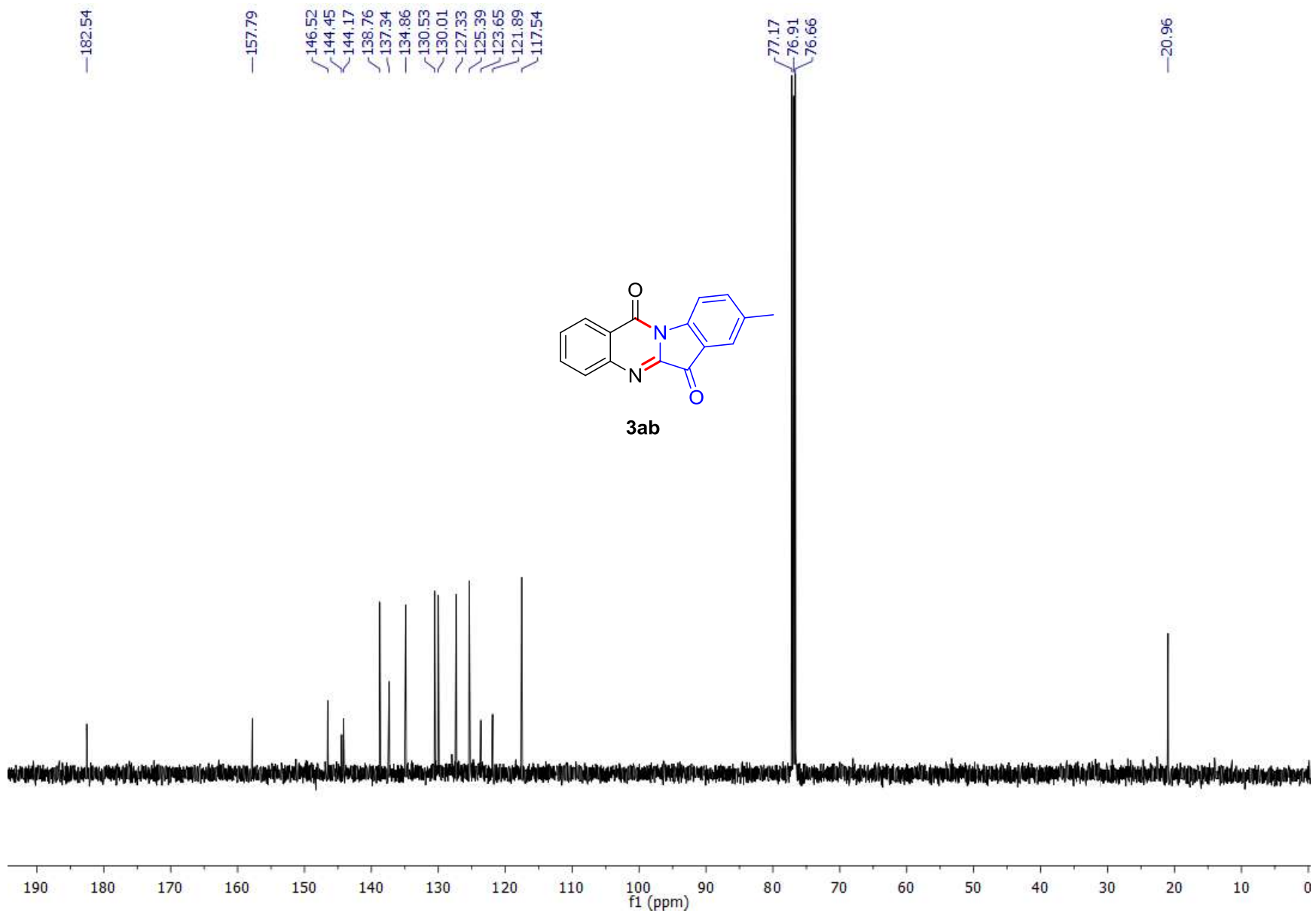
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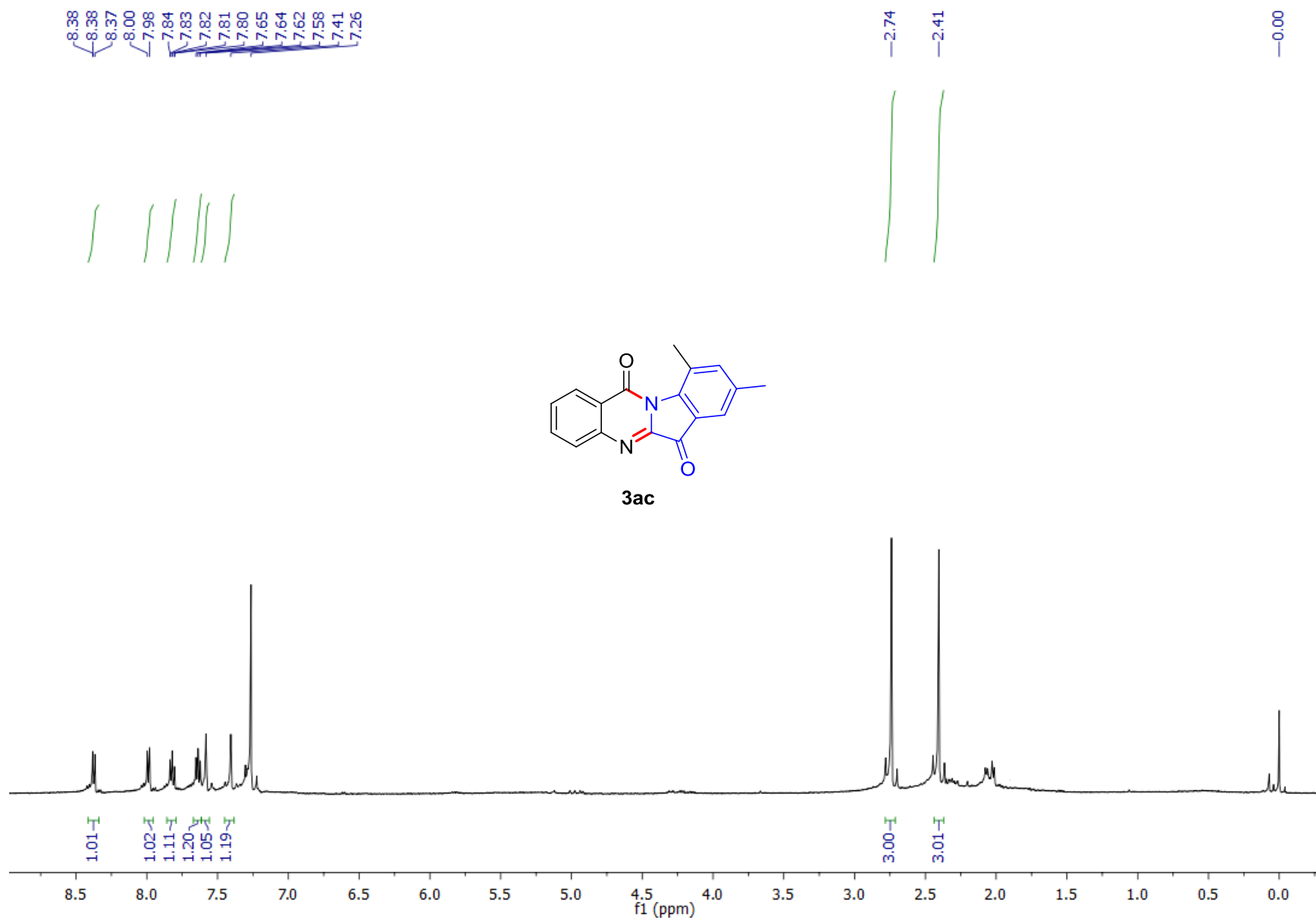


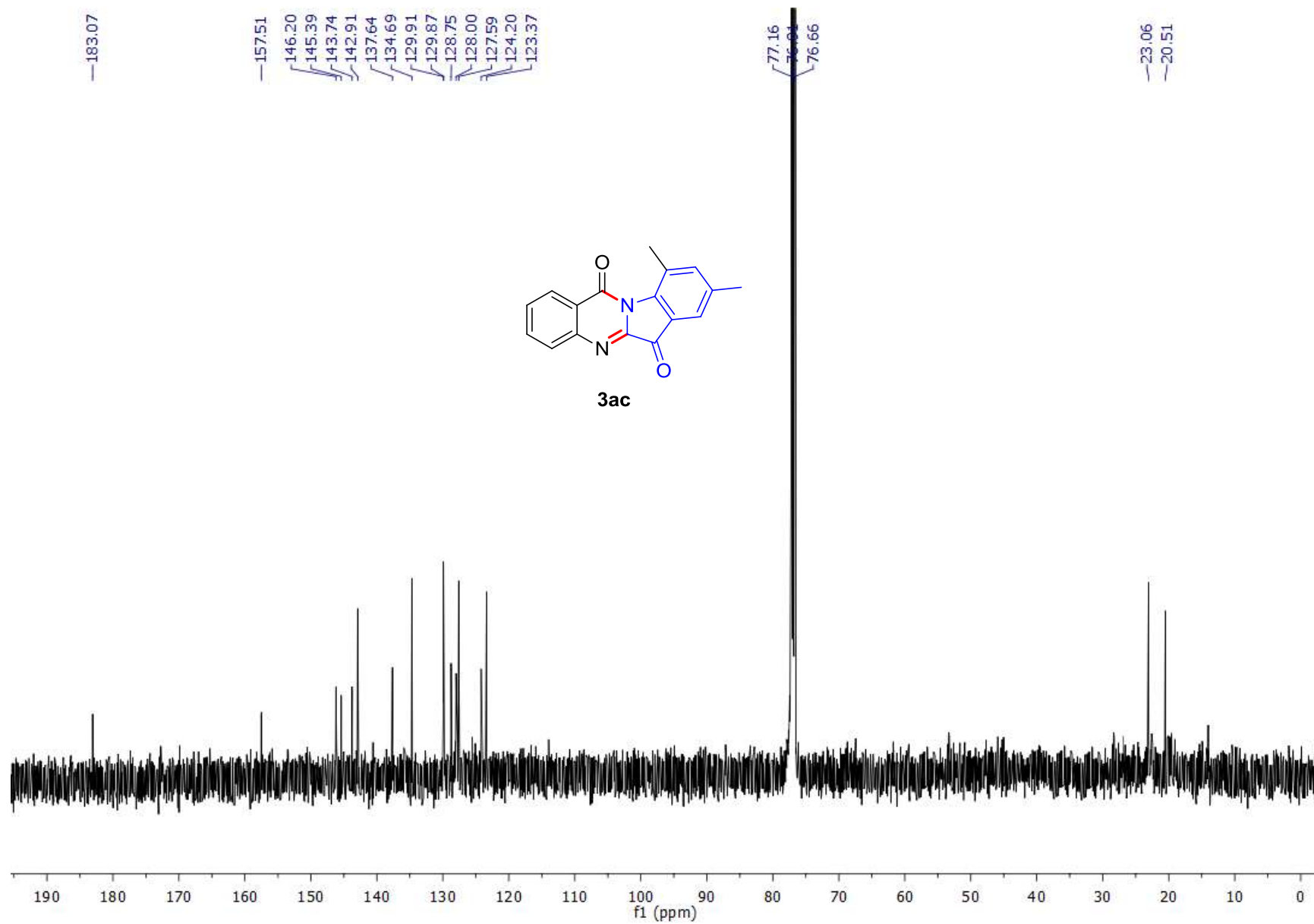
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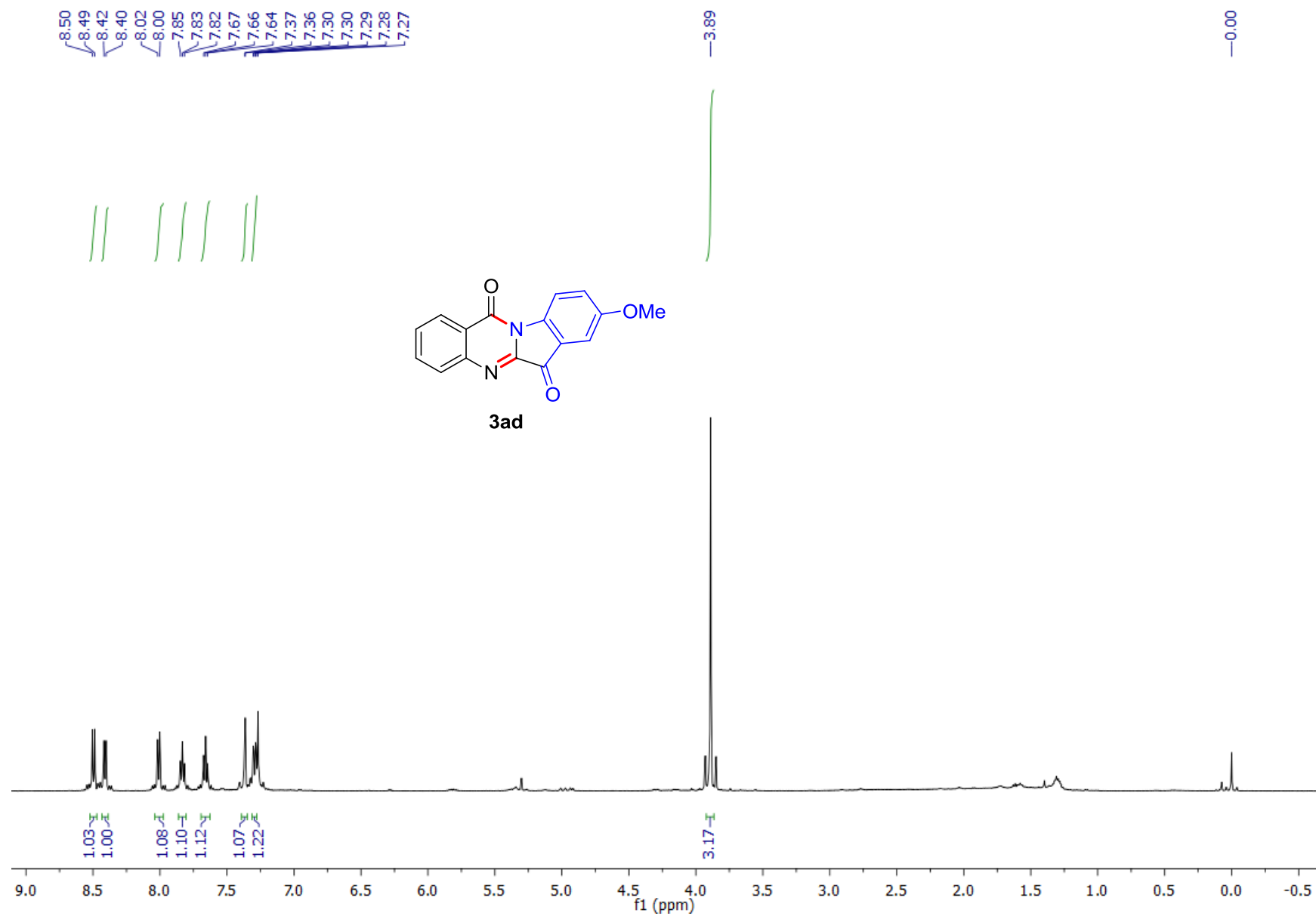
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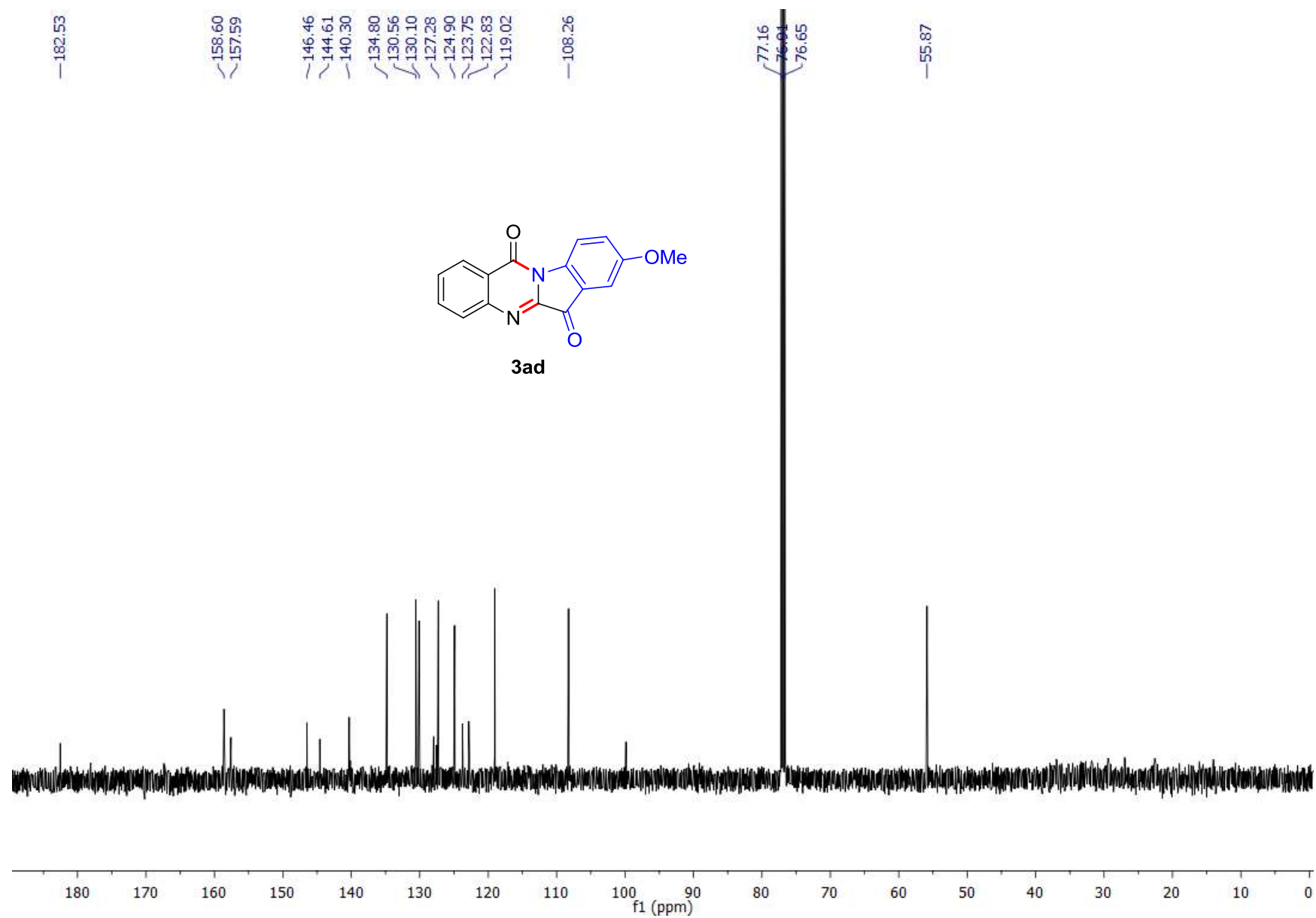


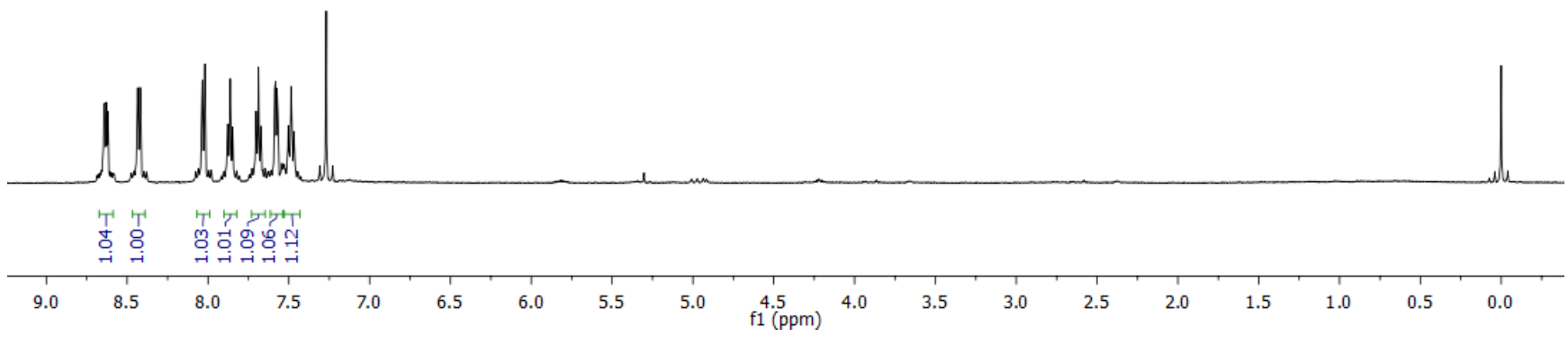
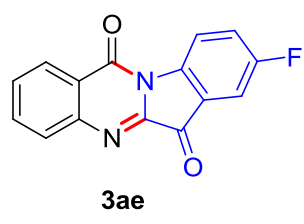
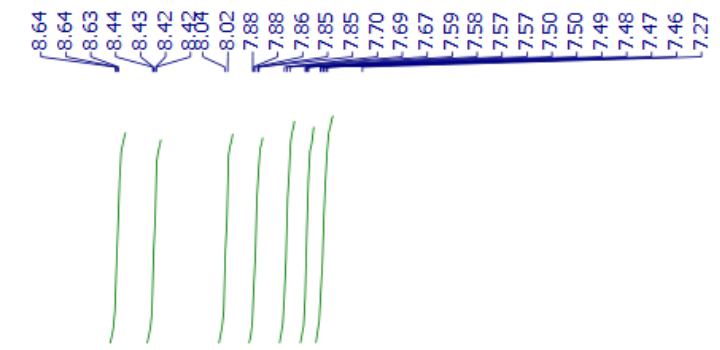


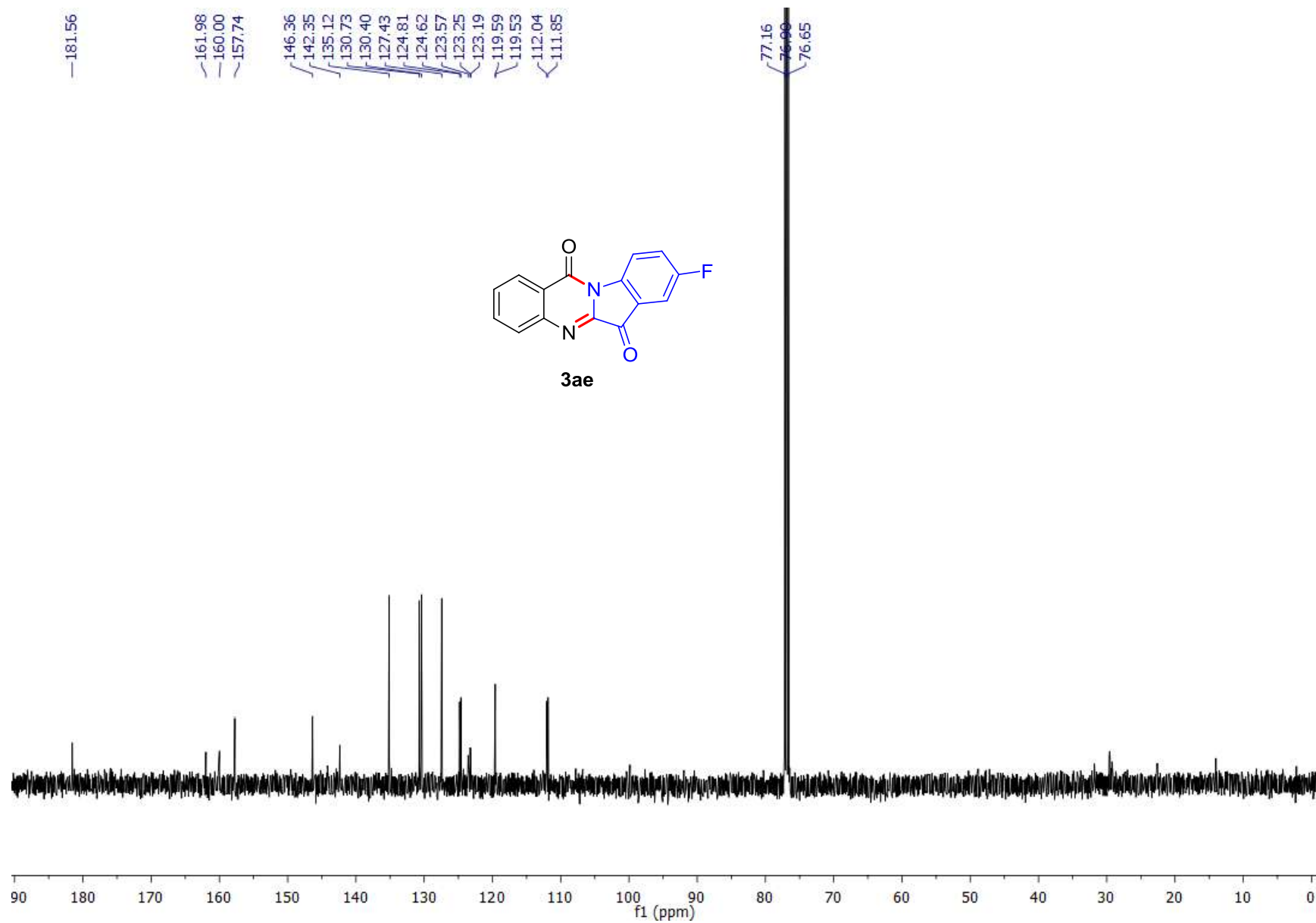


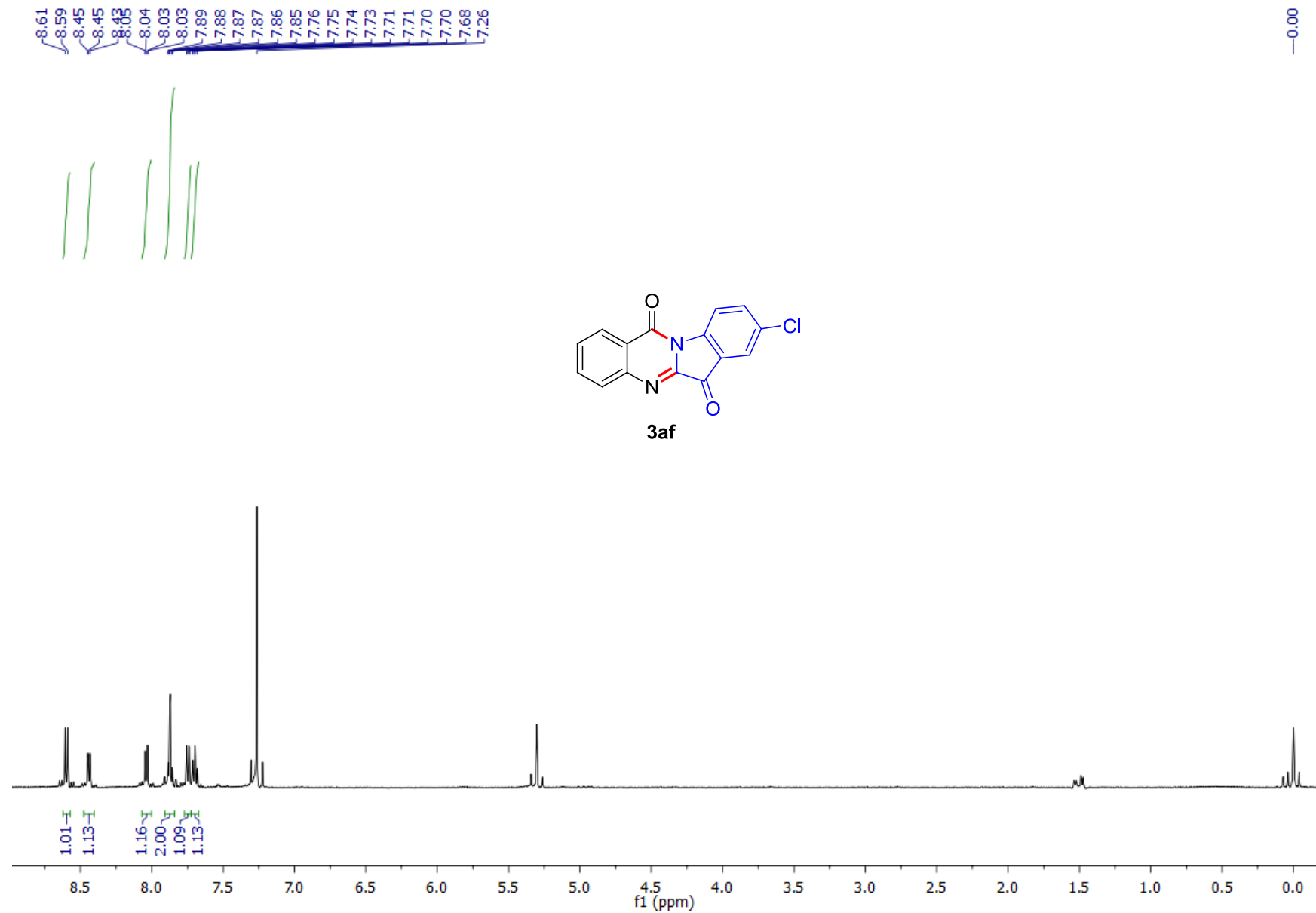


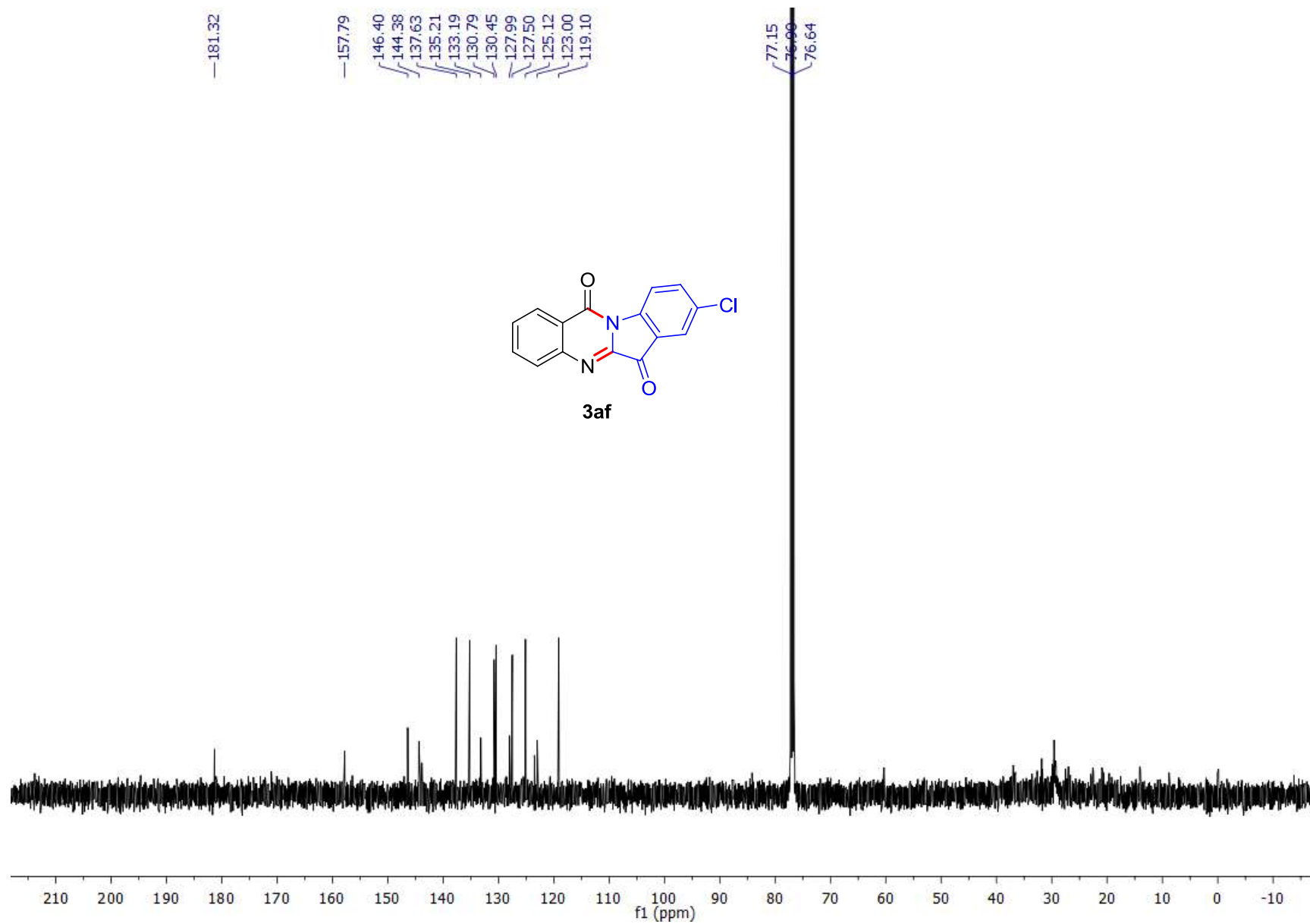






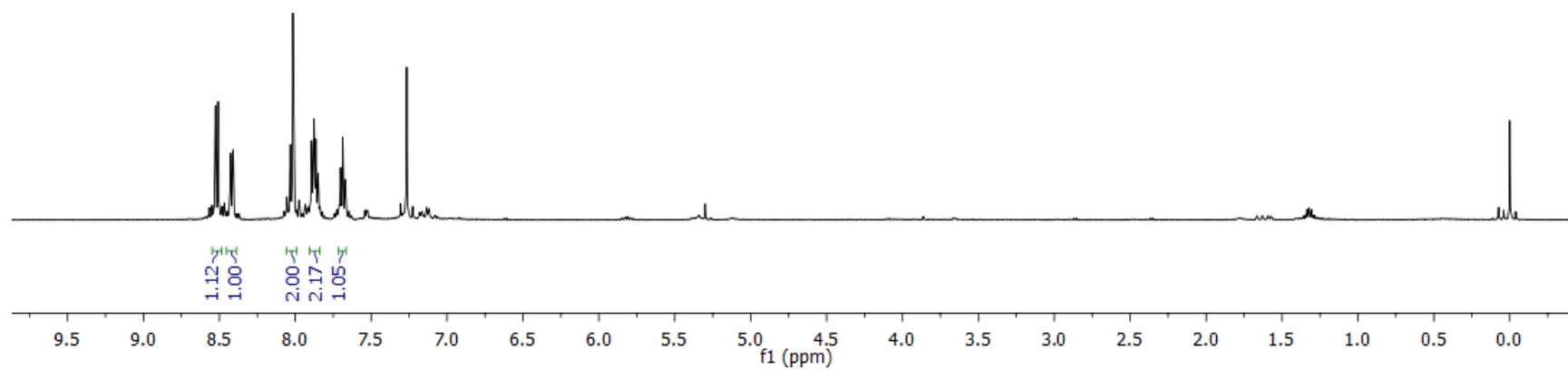
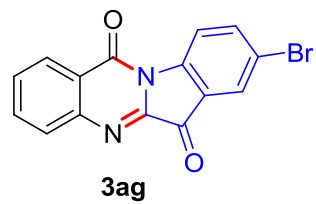


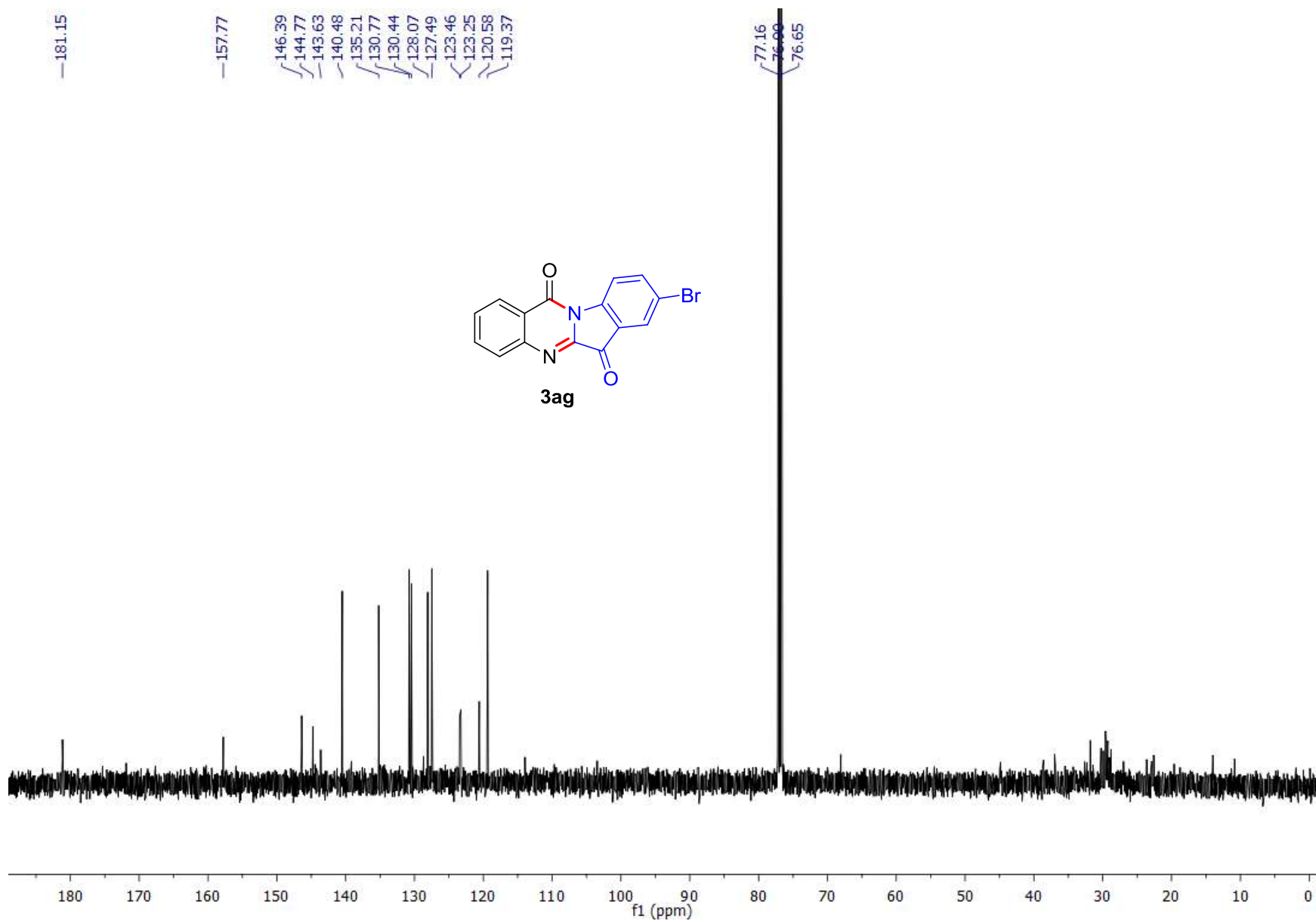




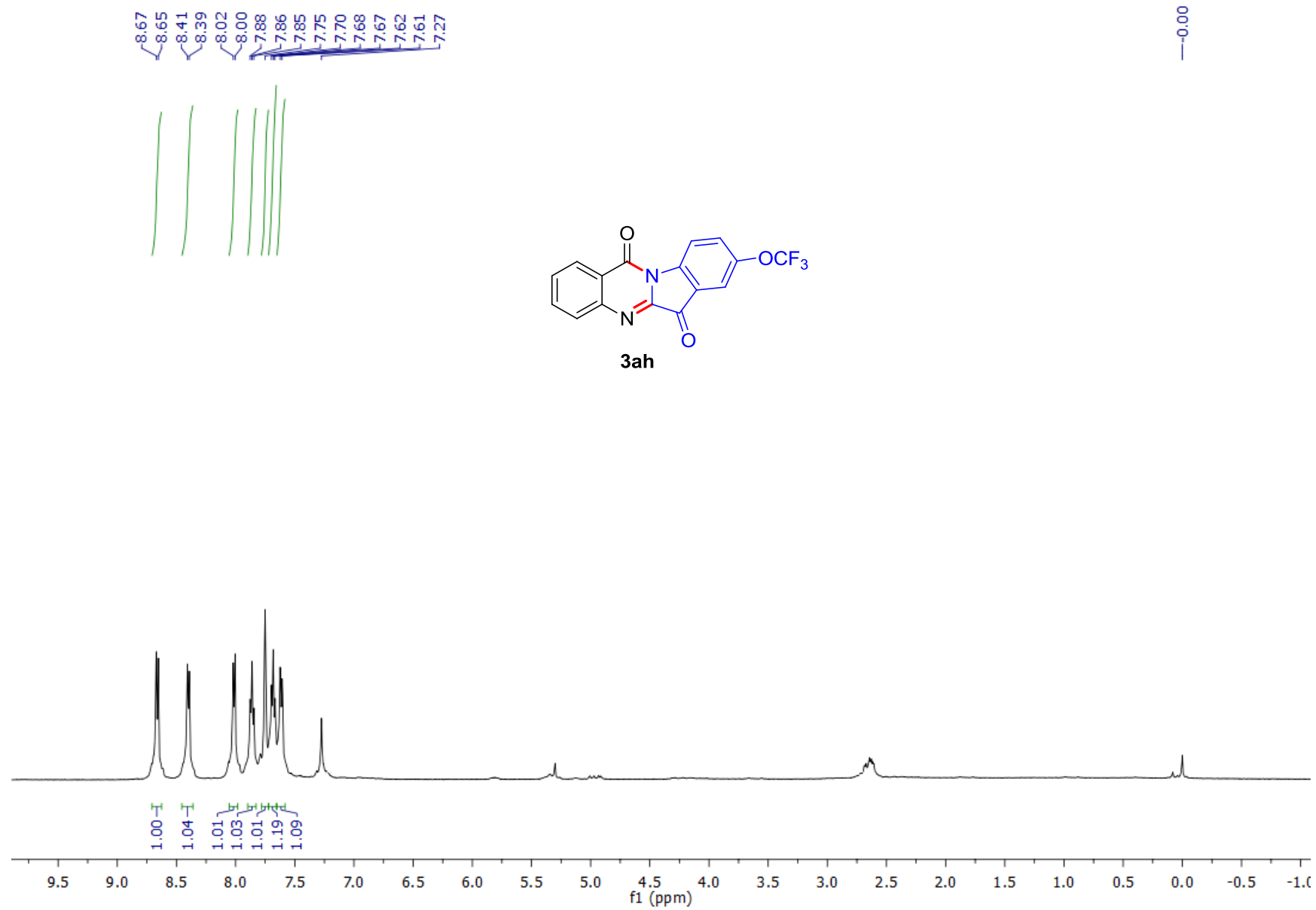
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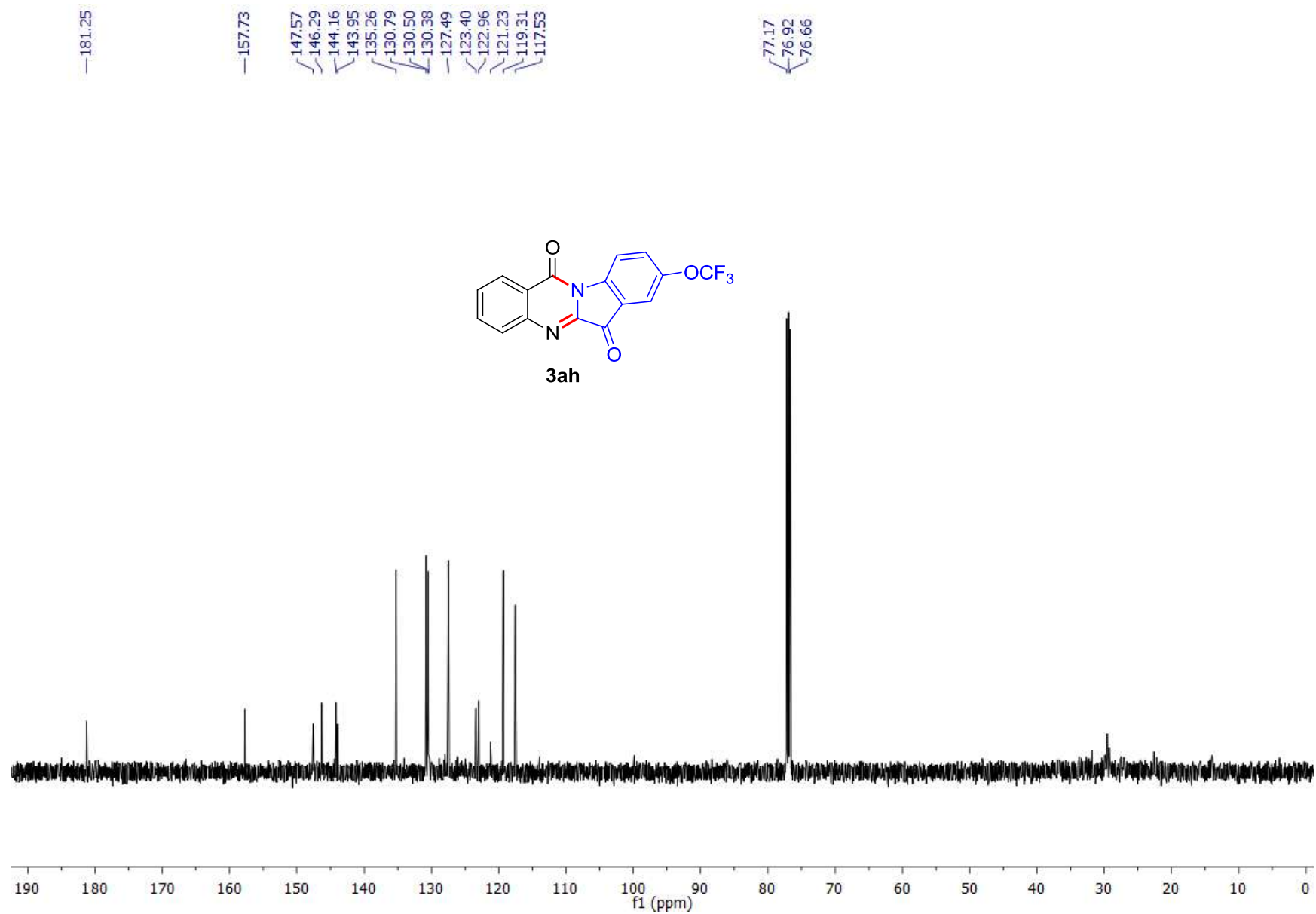
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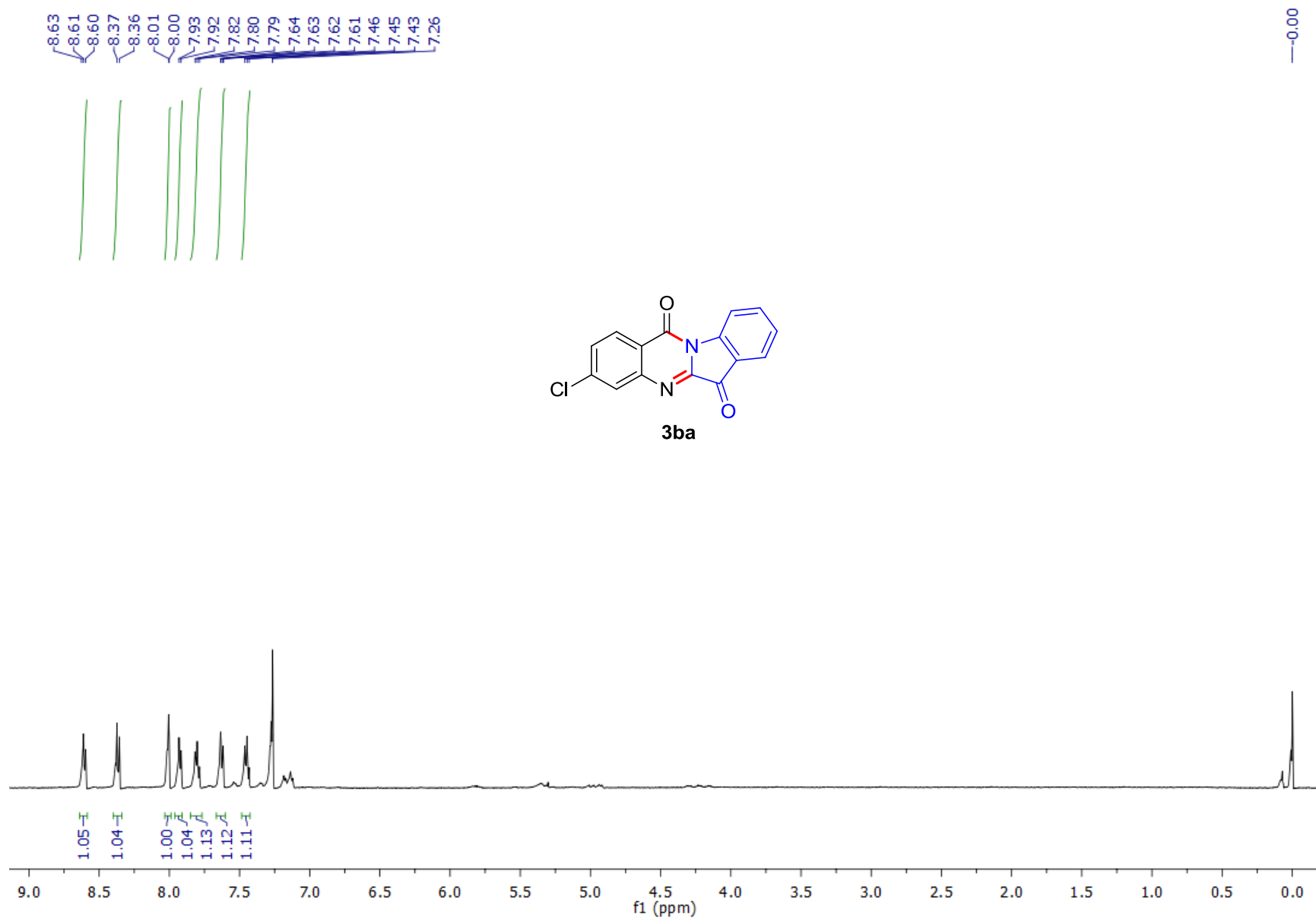


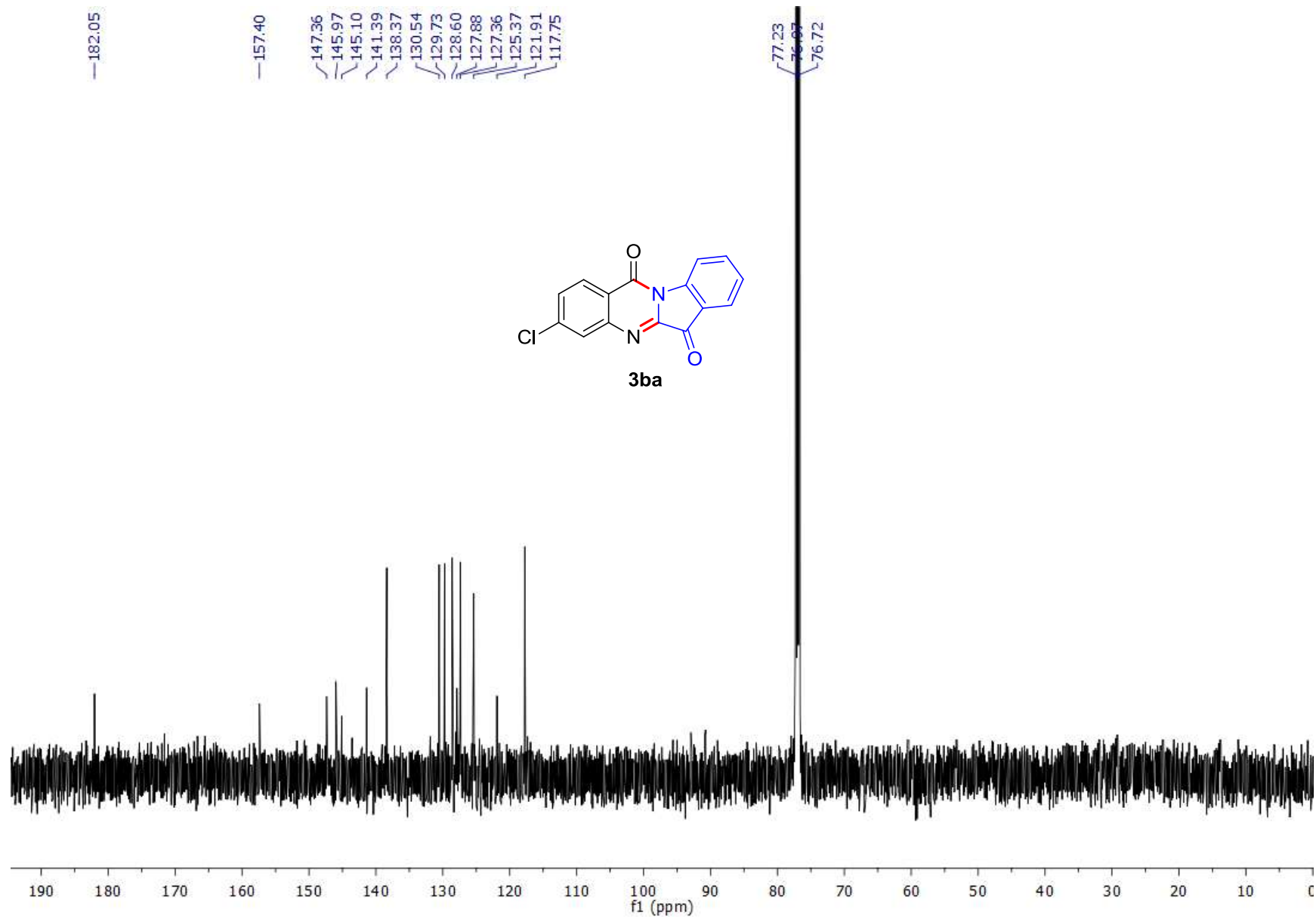


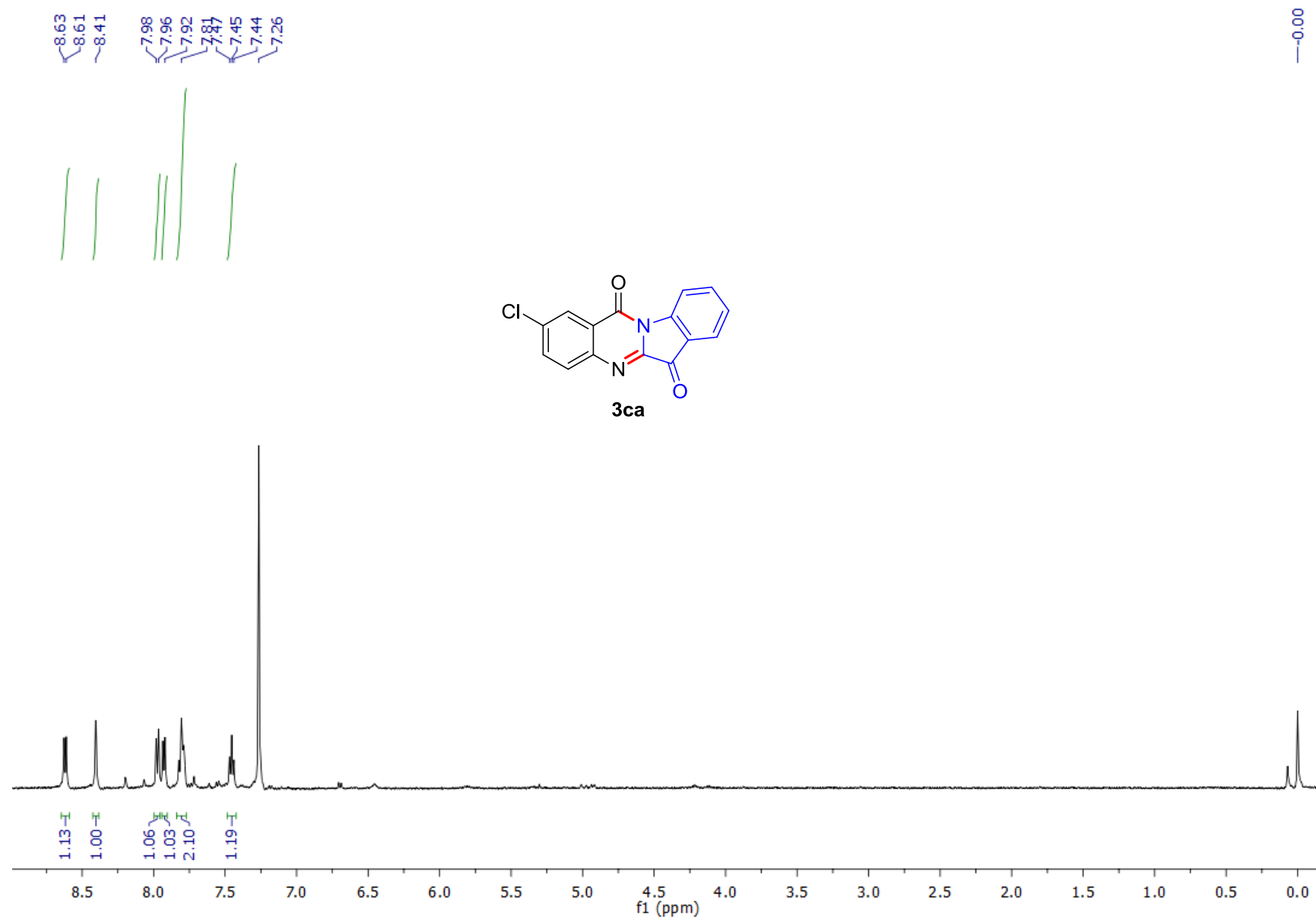


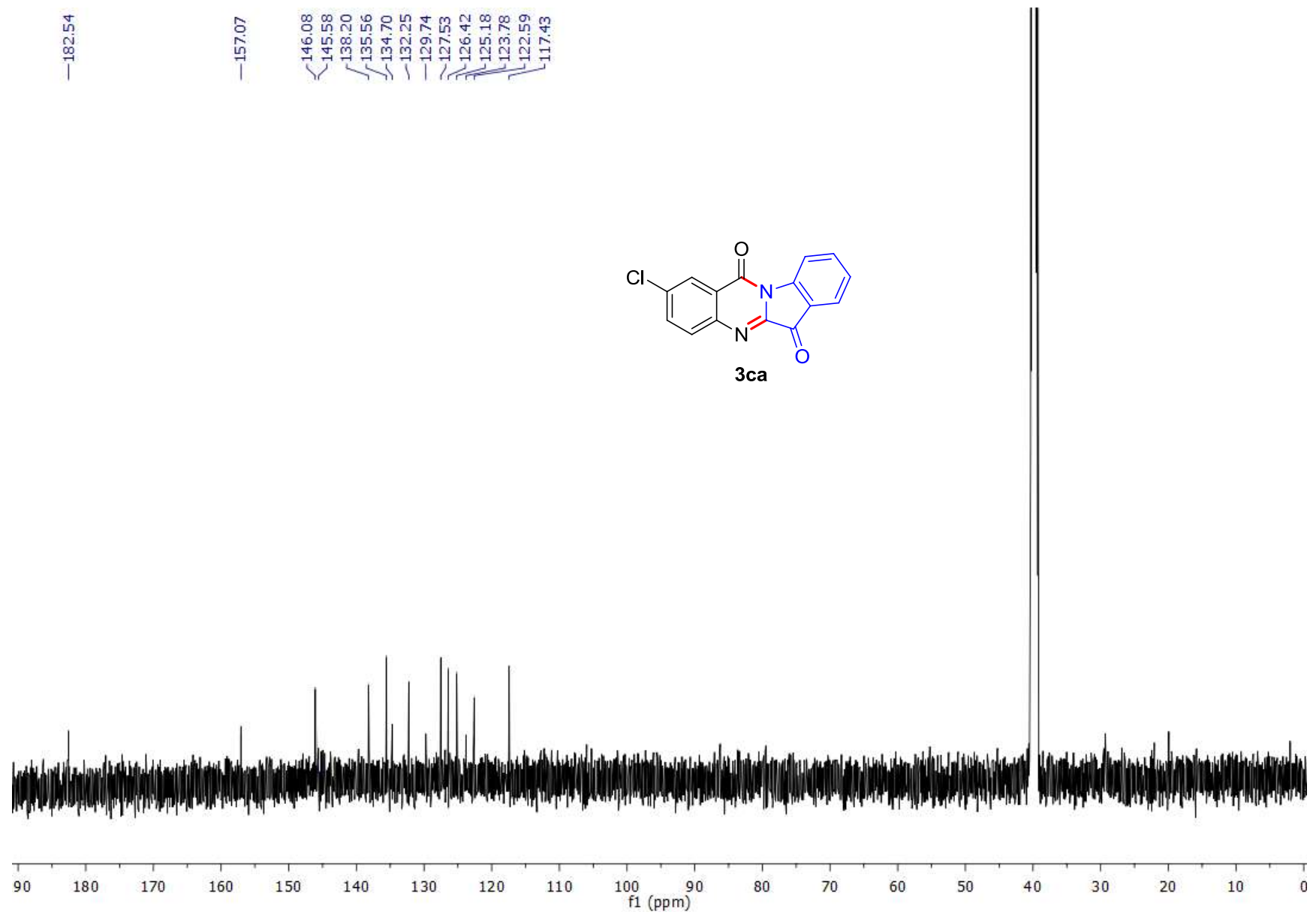


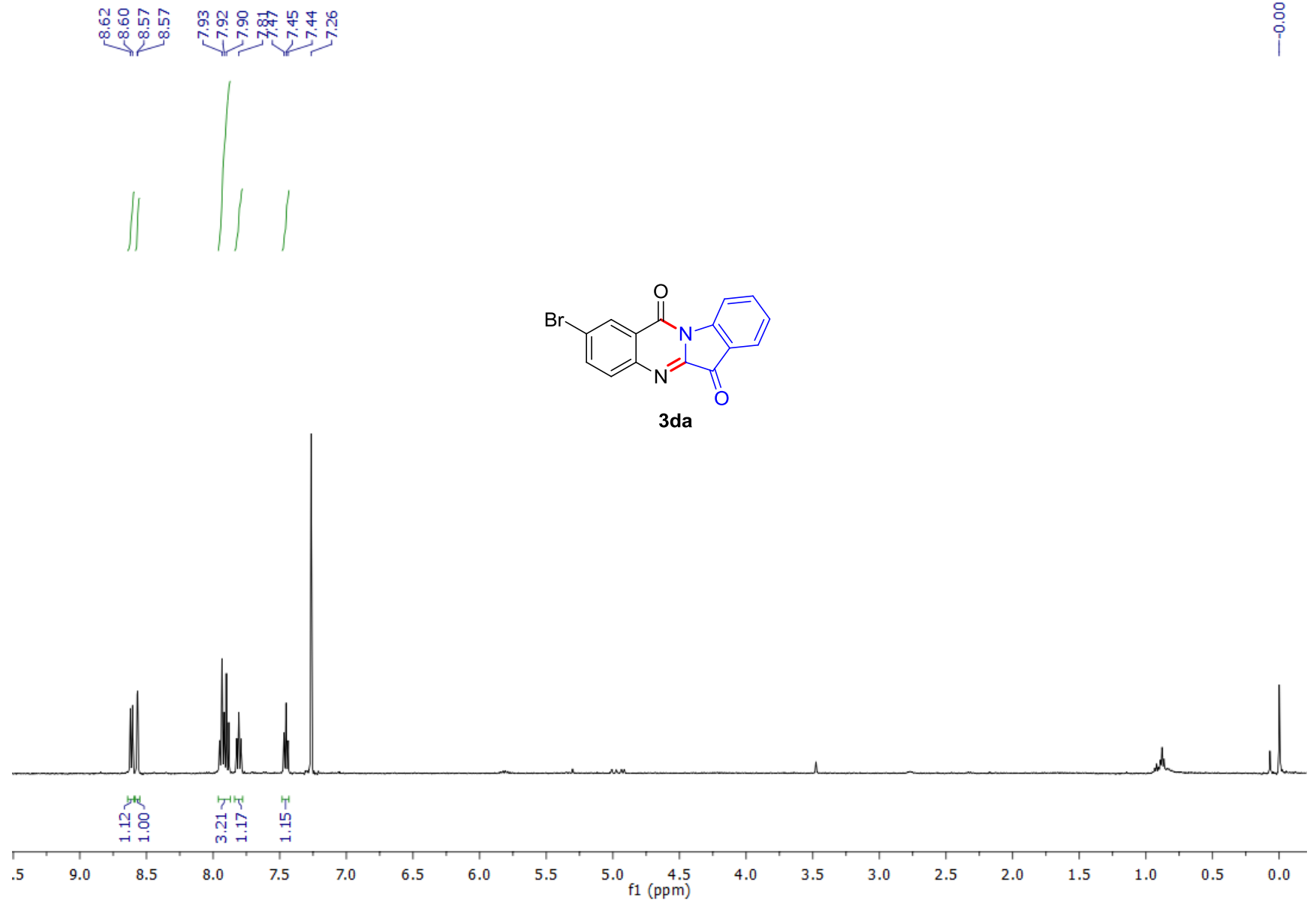


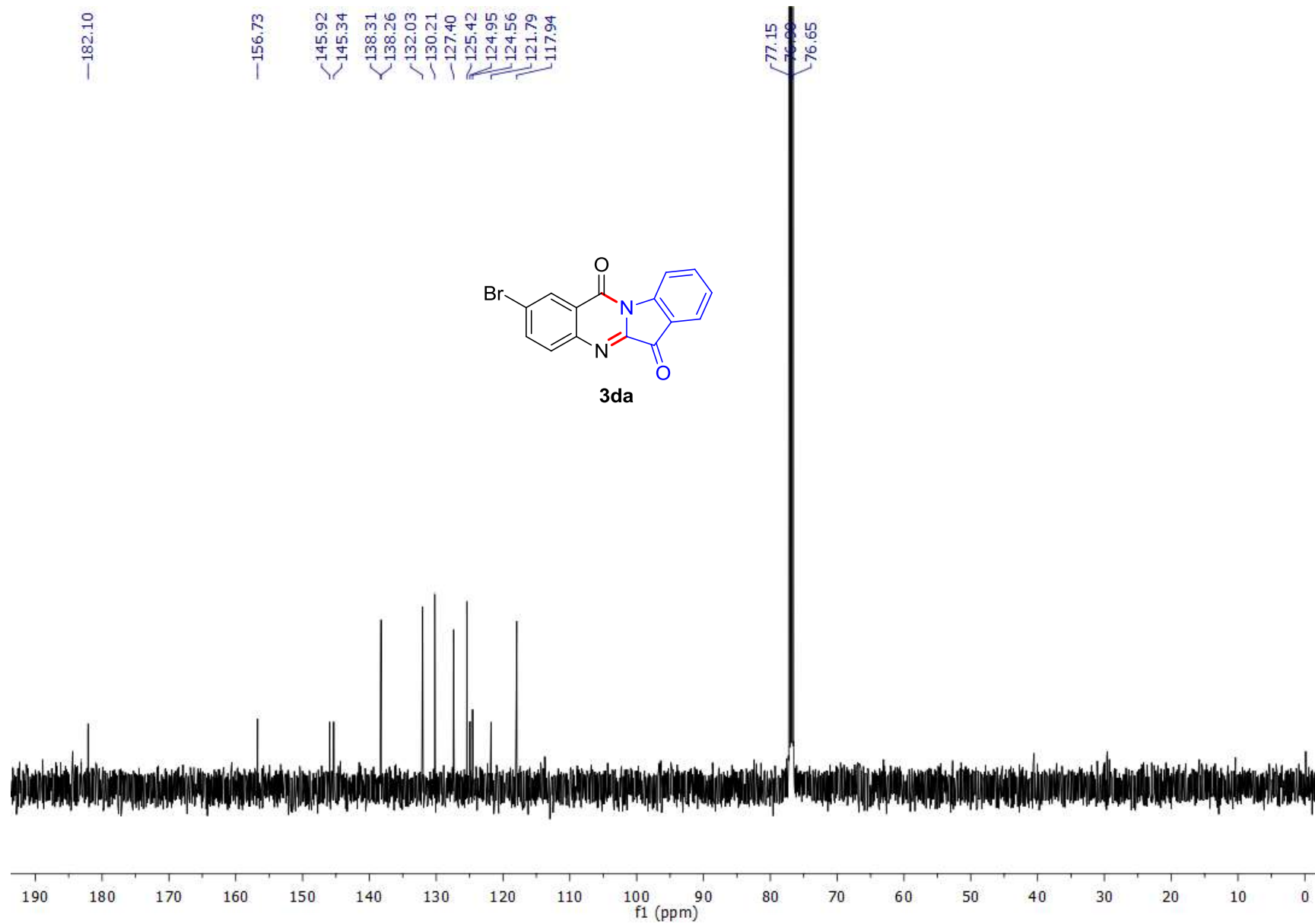




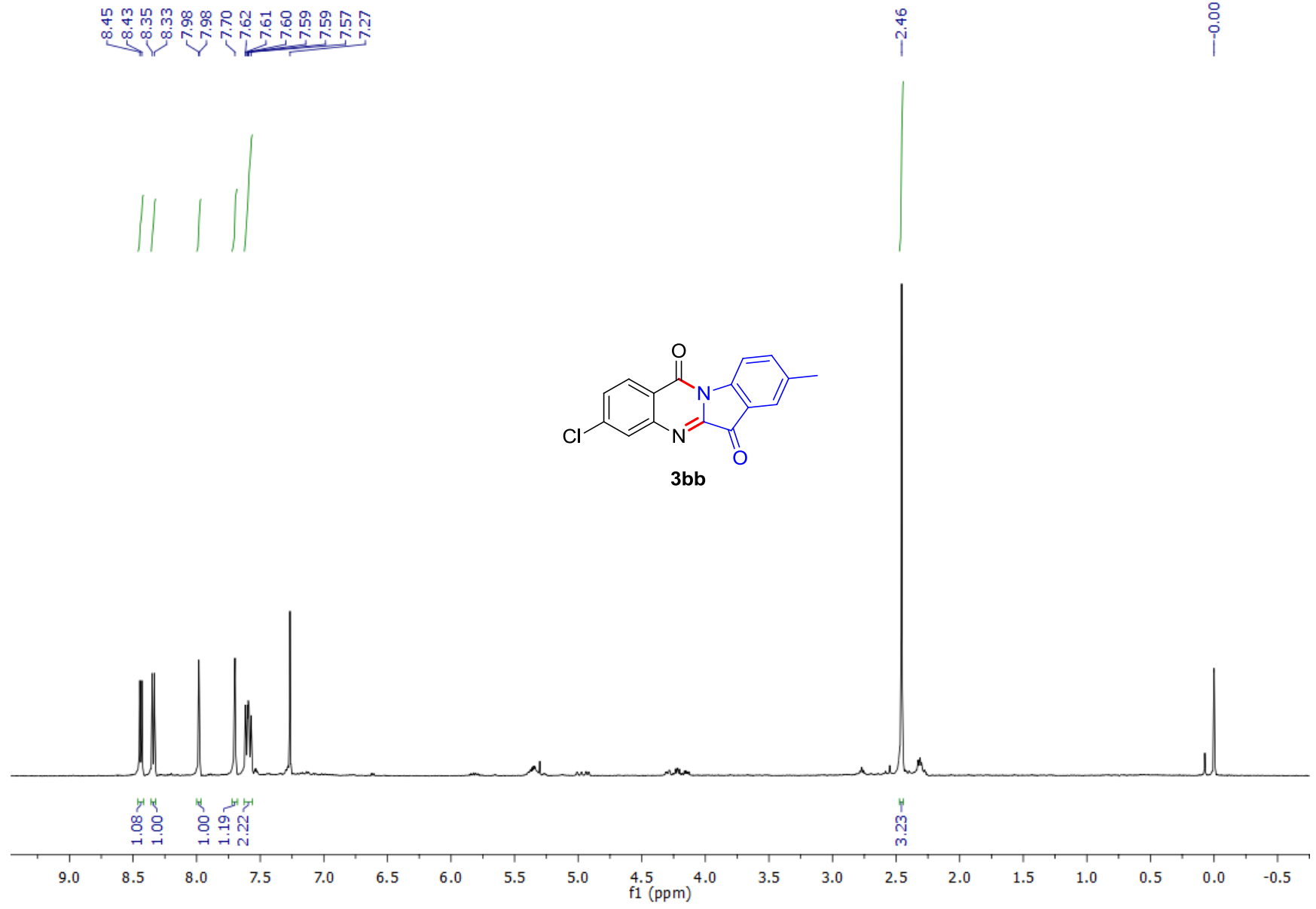


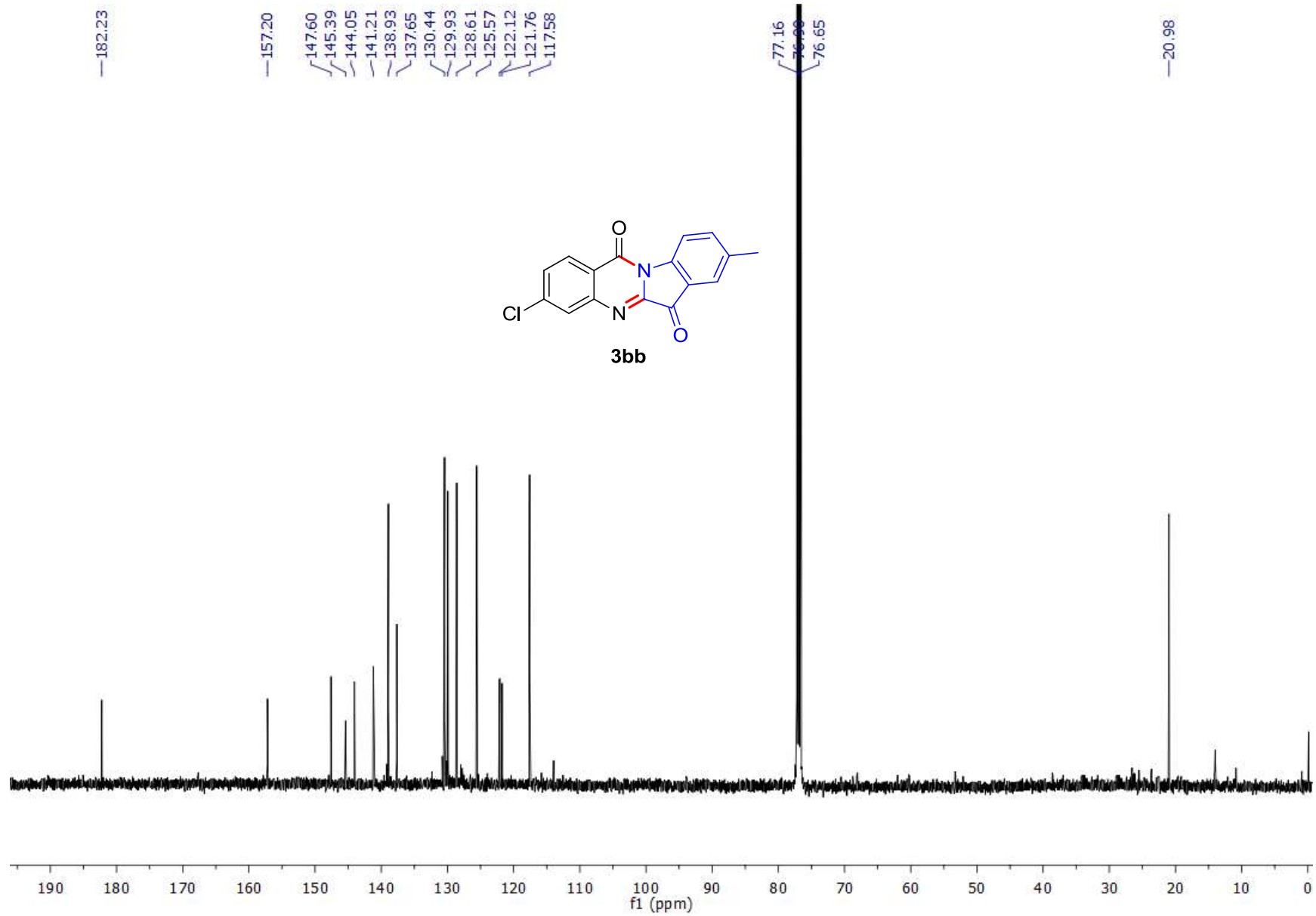


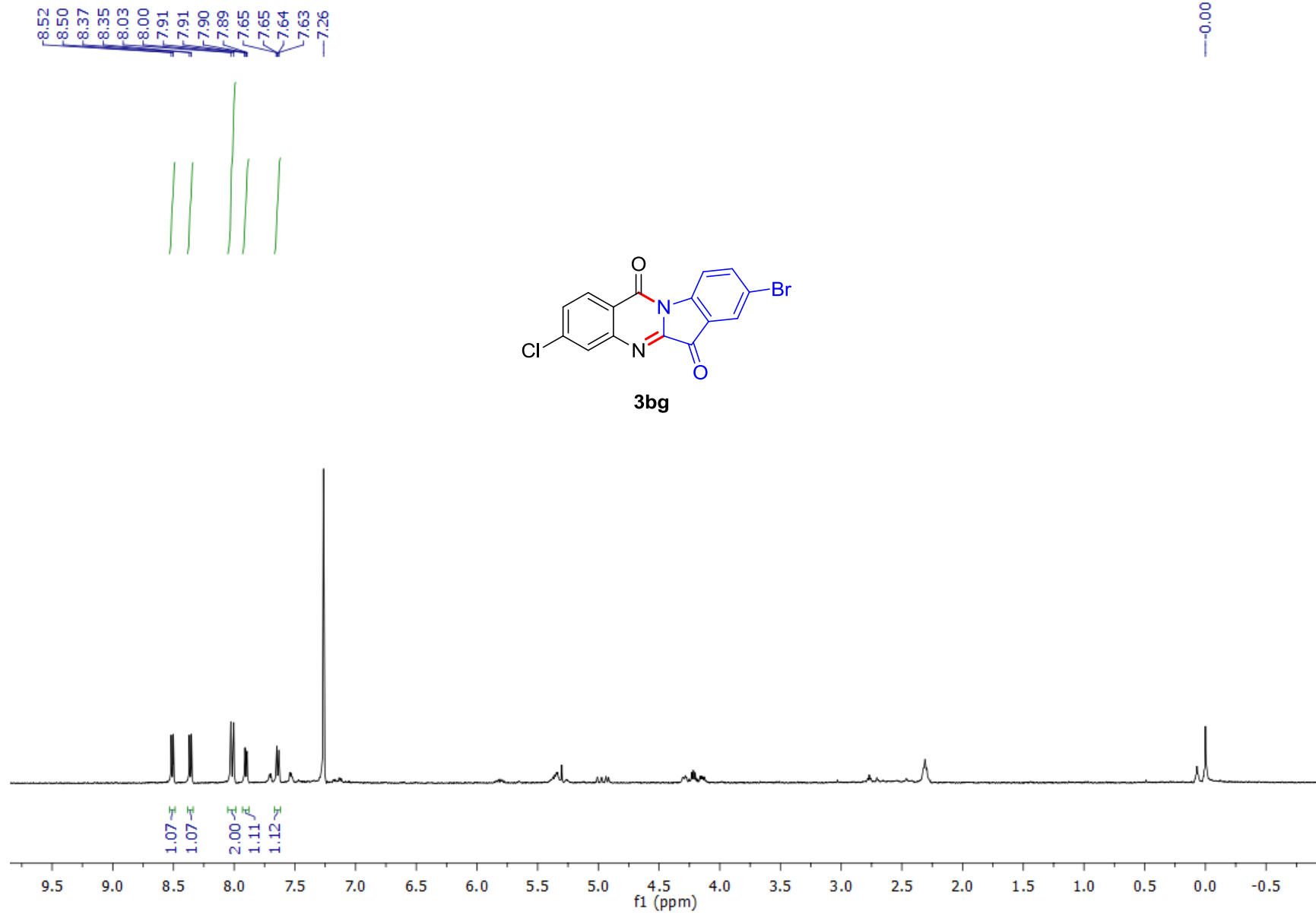




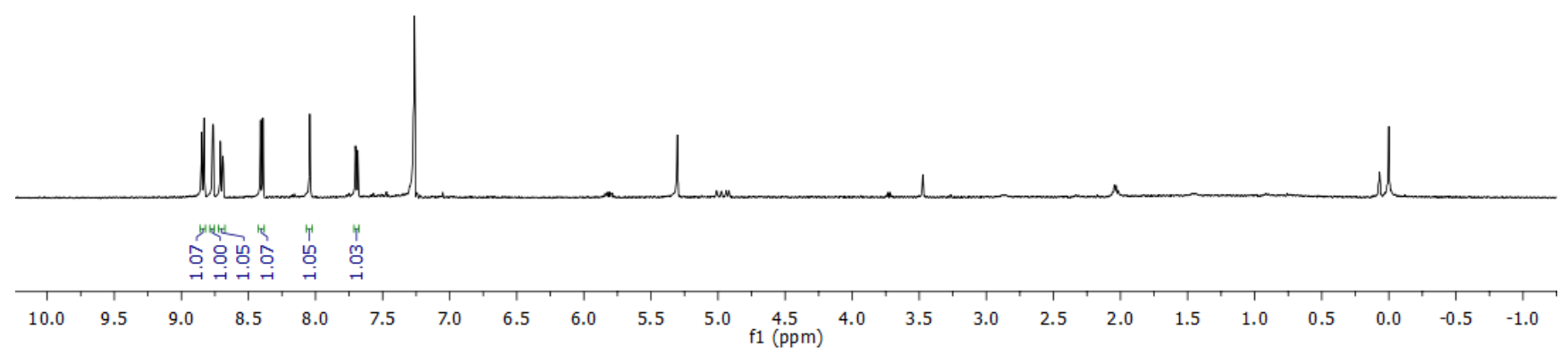
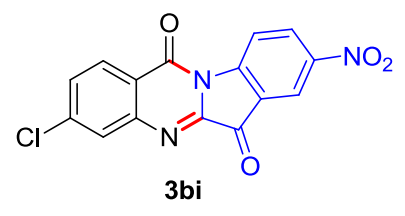
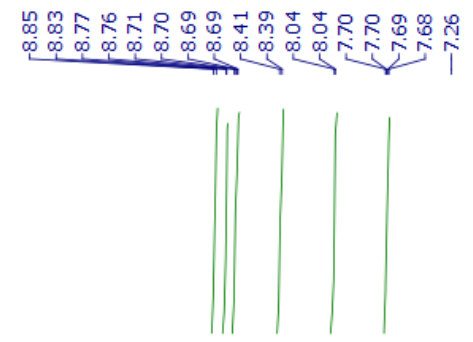


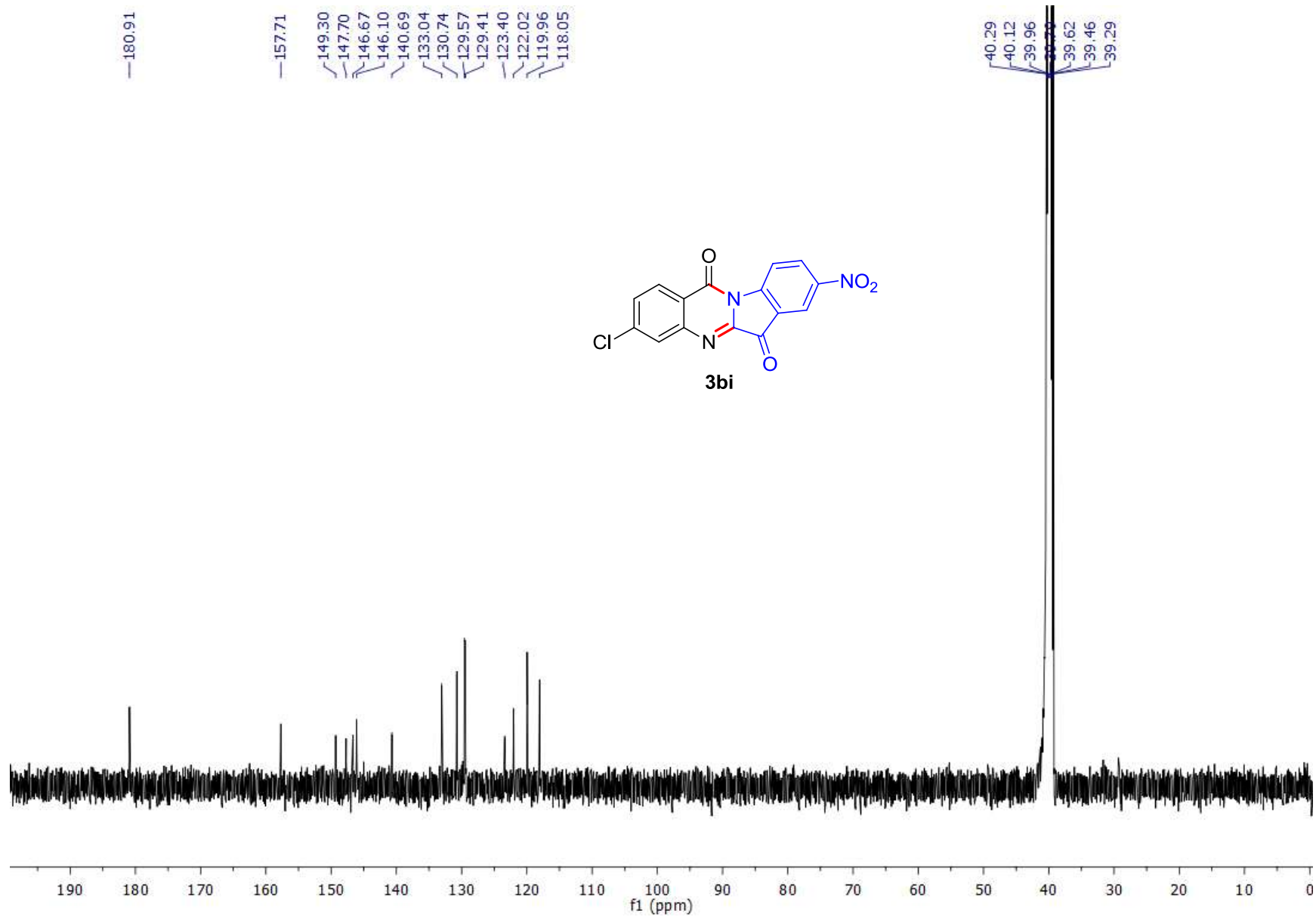


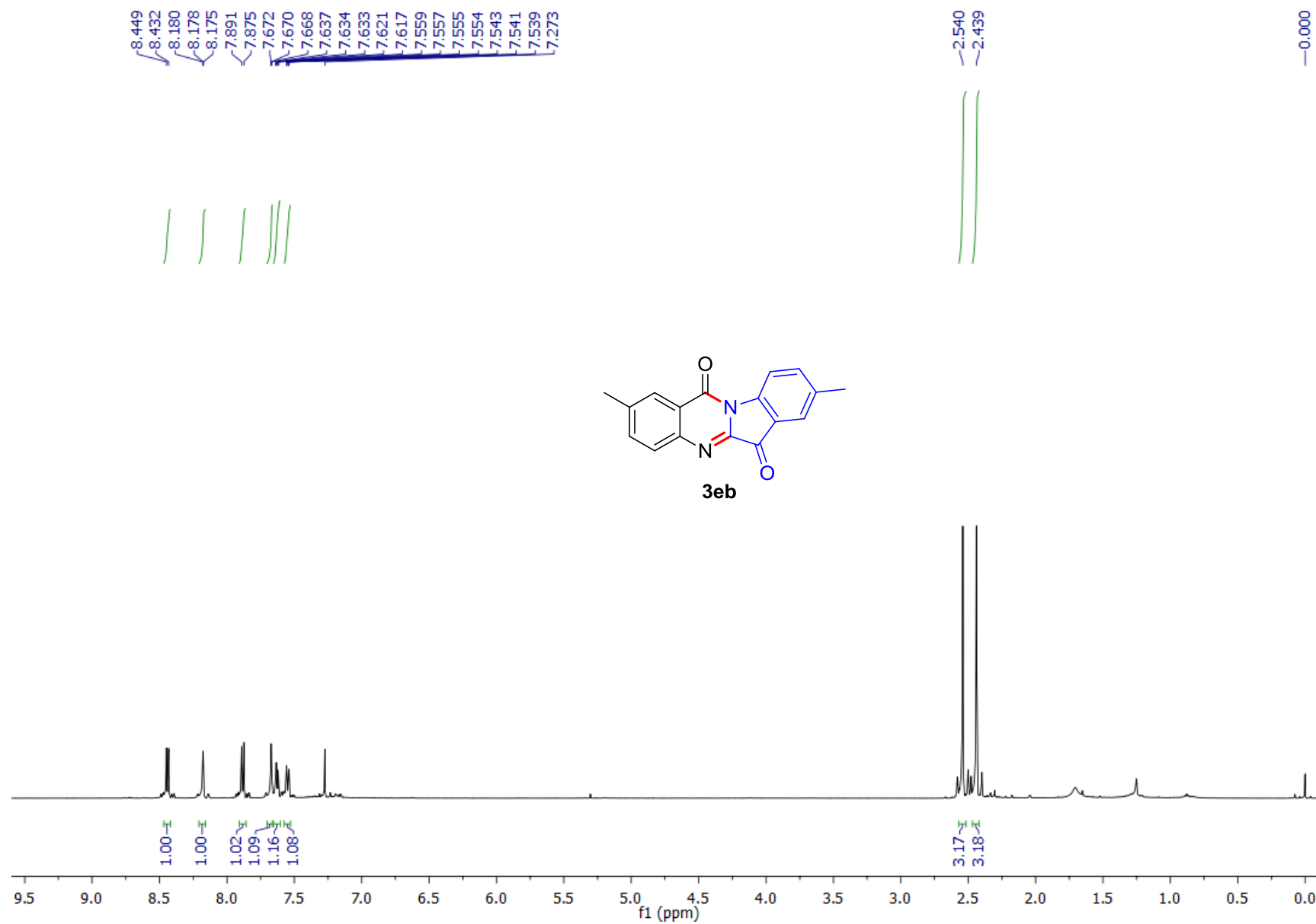


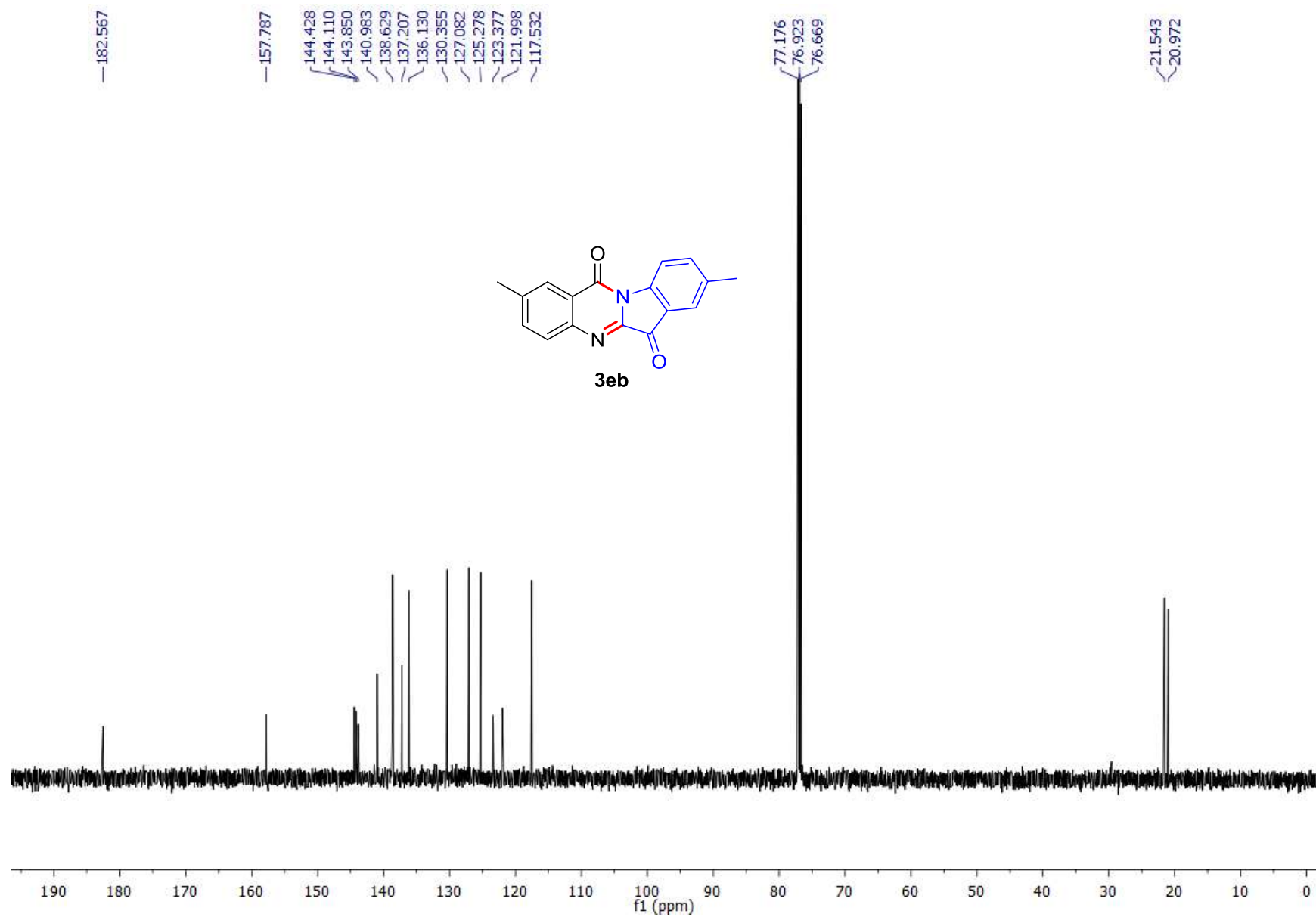




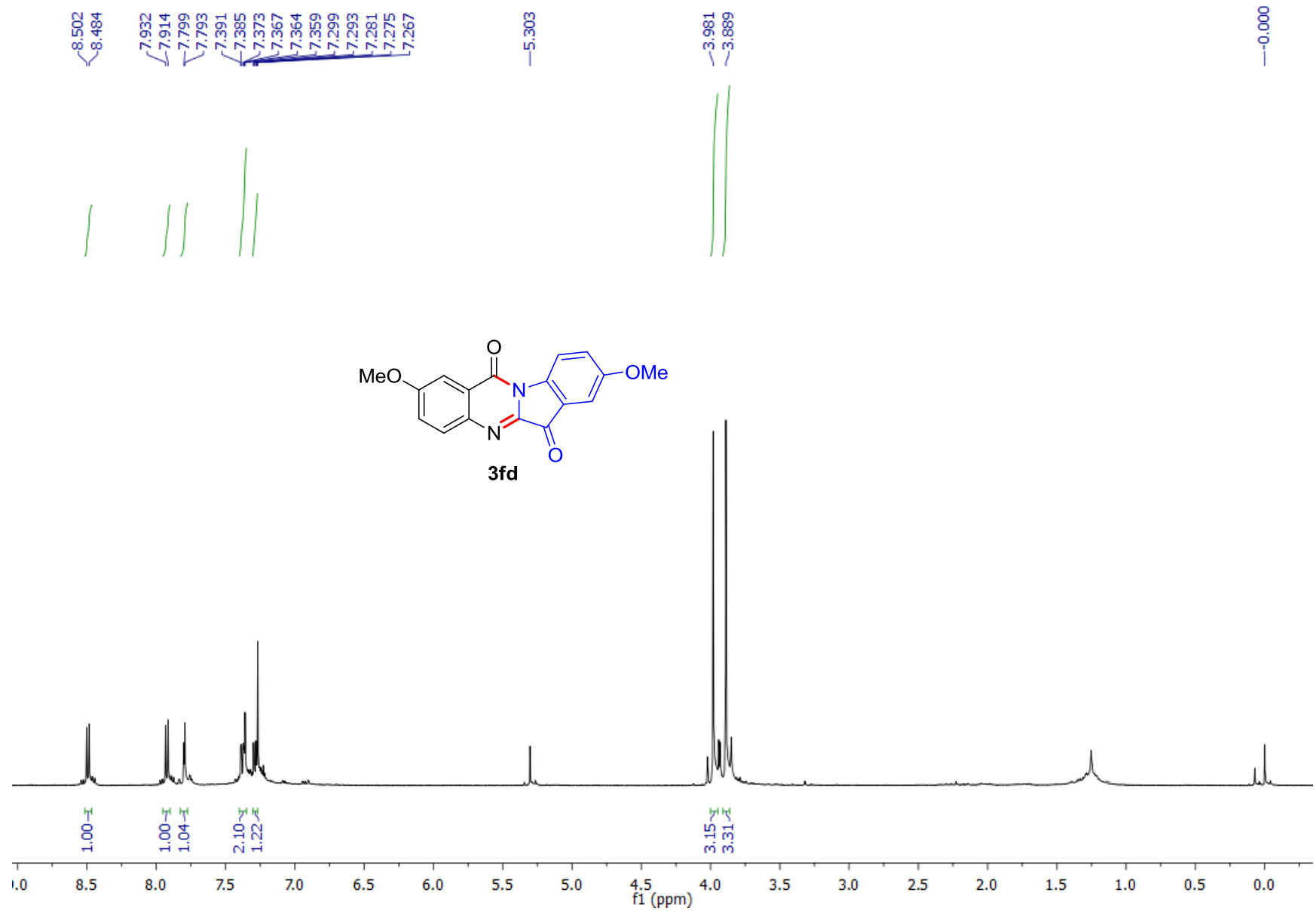


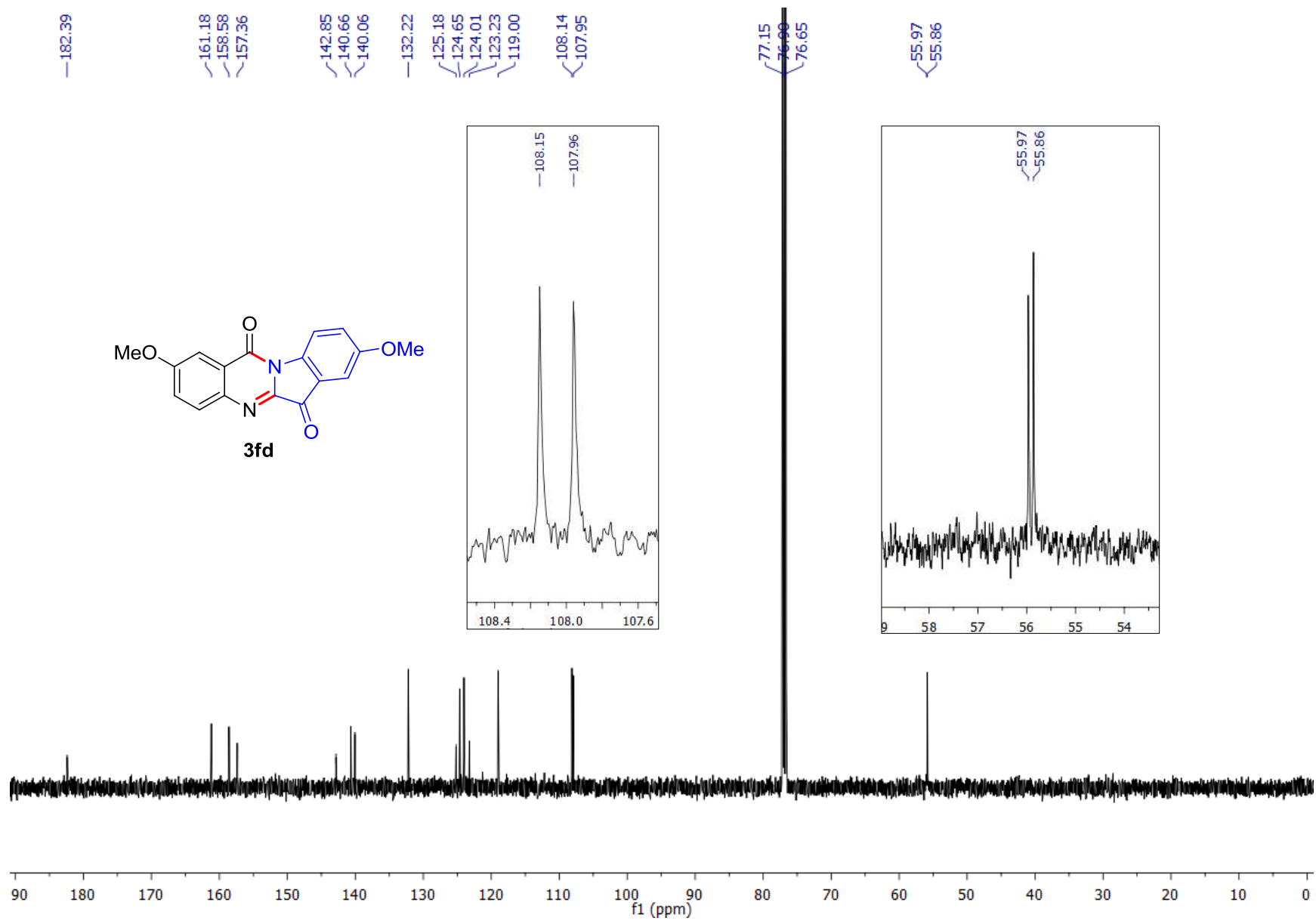


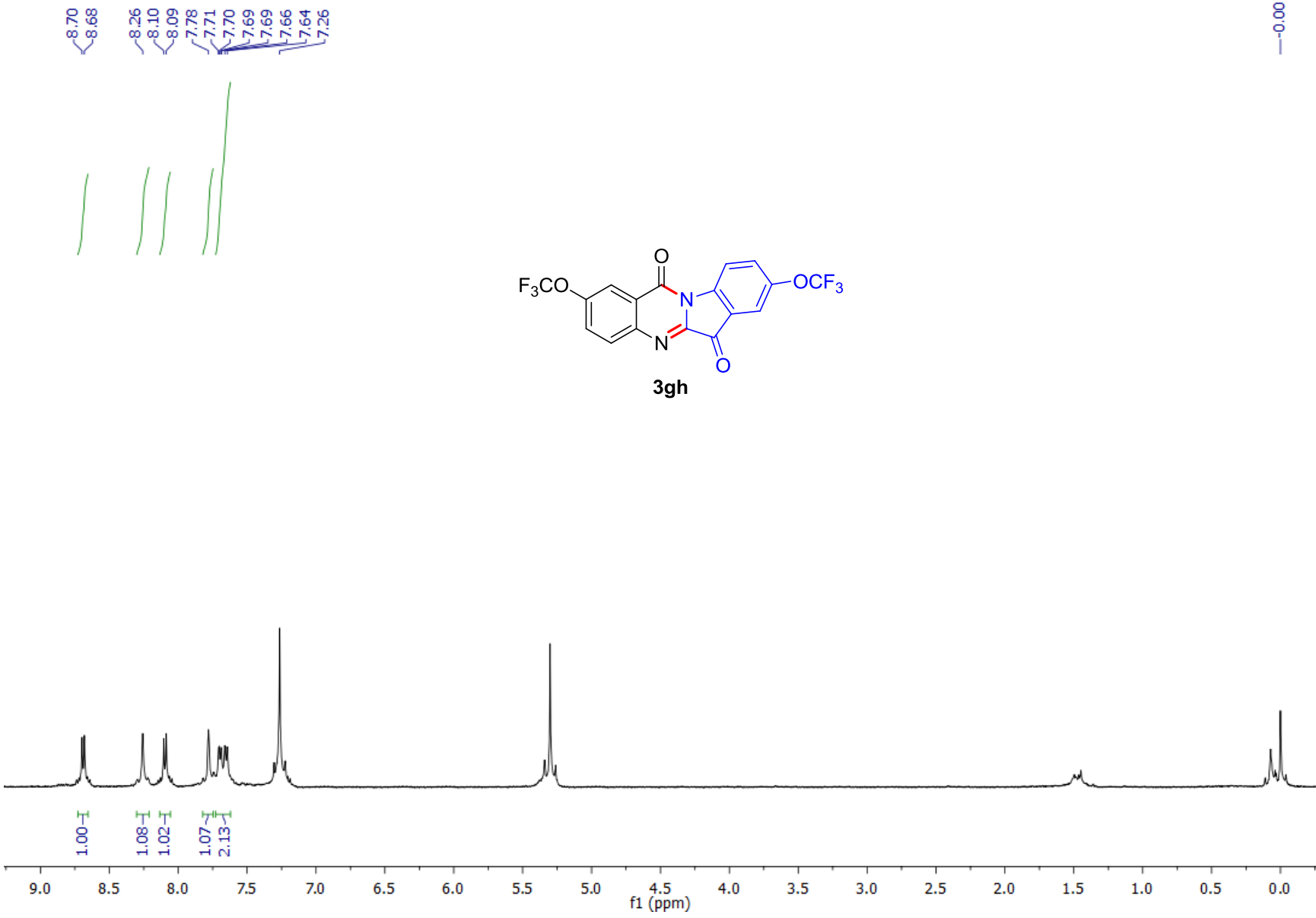


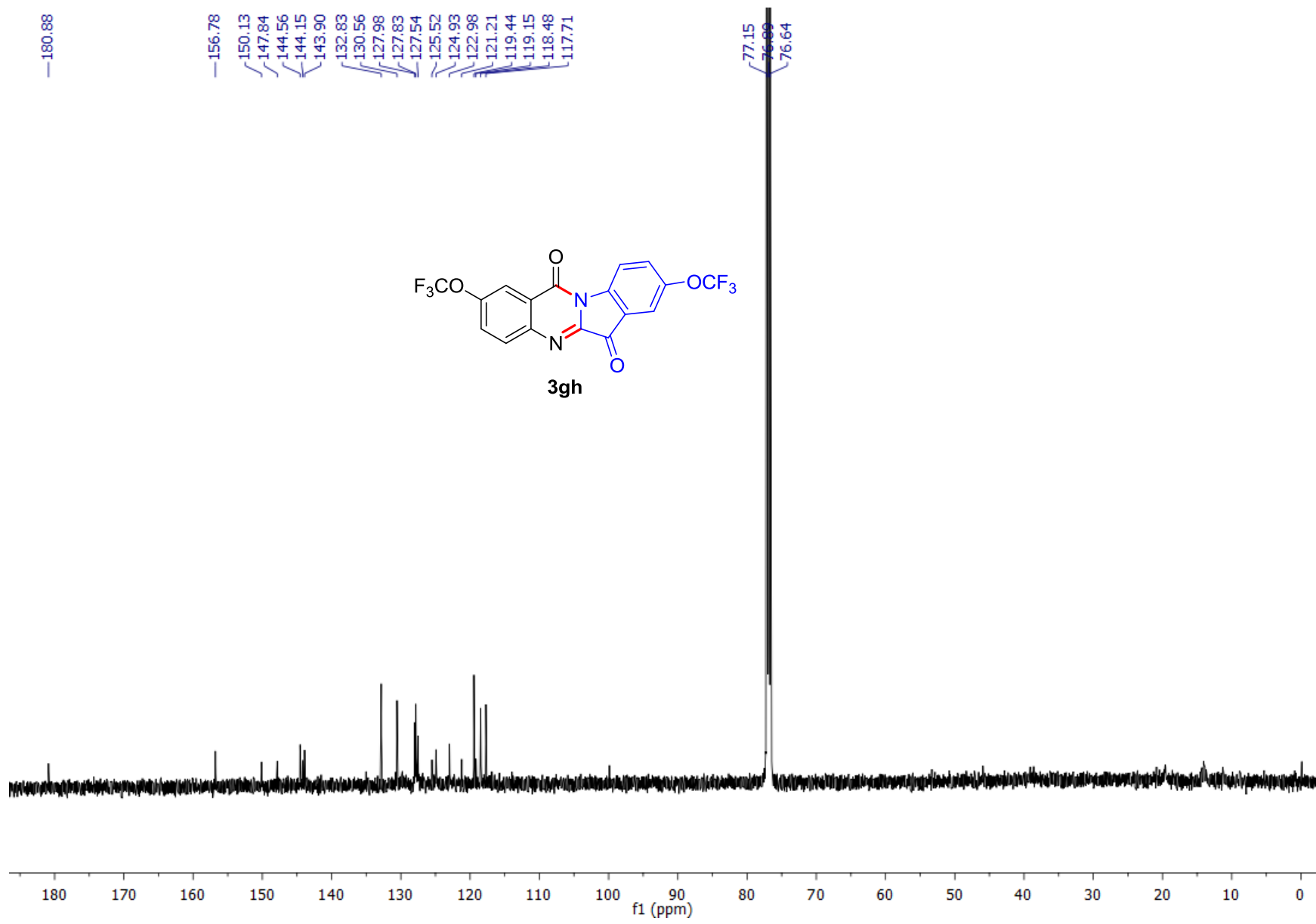












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