

Supporting Information

Is Fe-catalyzed *ortho* C-H arylation of benzamides sensitive to steric hindrance and directing group?

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1. General experimental details

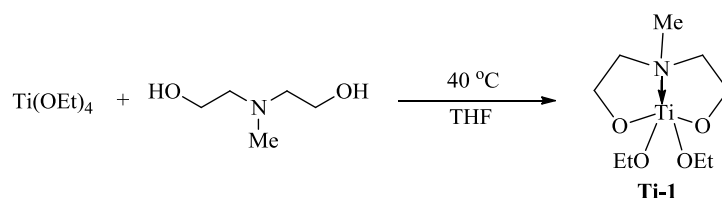
^1H NMR (400, 500 or 600 MHz) and ^{13}C NMR (100, 125 or 150 MHz) spectra were recorded on Bruke 400 Hz or 500 Hz and JNM-ECE 400R or 600R spectrometers unless otherwise noted. The chemical shifts (δ) were quoted in parts per million from tetramethylsilane for ^1H and CDCl_3 for ^{13}C spectroscopy. ESI mass spectra were recorded on TRACE MS spectrometer. High resolution mass spectra (HRMS) were obtained with a Bruker microTOF (ESI). Infrared data were acquired using an AVATAR 360 FT-IR spectrophotometer. Elemental analysis was carried out with an Elementar Vario instrument. Melting points were recorded on a TECH X-4 microscopic instrument and uncorrected.

2. General remarks for the preparation of aryl Grignard reagents

All reagents and solvents used for aryl magnesium reagents or lithium reagents and reactions were freshly dehydrated before use. The corresponding glassware was oven dried ($120\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$) and cooled under a stream of argon gas.

Common aryl Grignard reagents such as phenyl magnesium or 4-methoxyphenyl magnesium bromides were prepared according to standard procedure. Functionalized aryl Grignard reagents such as 2-cyanophenyl magnesium chloride or 4-(ethoxycarbonyl)phenyl magnesium chloride were prepared *via* iodine-magnesium exchange using *i*-PrMgCl·LiCl according to Knochel's method.^[1] All the Grignard reagents were titrated before use.^[2]

3. Preparation of Ti-1^[3]



Under Ar atmosphere, $\text{Ti}(\text{OEt})_4$ (34.2 g, 150 mmol) was dissolved in 100 mL THF. Under stirring, *N*-methyldiethanolamine (17.9 g, 150 mmol) was added dropwise. The mixture was stirred at $40\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ for 4–5 h and the solvent was removed by vacuum distillation. The residue was dissolved in hexane (20 mL) and frozen in the refrigerator to form a solid. After filtration and vacuum drying, the desired Ti-1 was obtained as a pale yellow solid (38.3g, 98%).

4. General Procedure for the Fe-catalyzed *ortho* C-H arylation of benzamides

4.1 Typical procedure for *ortho* arylation using common Grignard reagents (2a)

Under Ar atmosphere, **Ti-1** (306 mg; 1.2 mmol) was dissolved in 2 mL THF and stirred at room temperature for 20 to 30 min. A solution of 2-MeC₆H₄MgBr (2.4 mmol, 1.0 M in THF) was added dropwise through a syringe to the resulting mixture during 10–15 min, and then stirred at room temperature for 30 to 40 min. After that, a solution of TMPMgCl LiCl (1.0 M in THF, 2.4 mmol) was added dropwise through a syringe, and then stirred at room temperature for 30 min.

To another three-necked round-bottom flask were added *N*-methylbenzamide (270 mg, 2 mmol) and 2 mL THF. Under stirring, a solution of 2-MeC₆H₄MgBr or *i*-PrMgCl (2.0 mmol, 1.0 M in THF) was added dropwise through a syringe to the resulting mixture during 10–15 min, and then stirred at room temperature for 30 to 40 min. FeCl₃ (32.5 mg; 0.2 mmol) and TMEDA (47 mg, 0.4 mmol) were added to the resulting solution and stirred for 10 min at room temperature. The mixture was heated to 45 °C and the above-prepared mixed titanate was added. The stirring was continued at 45 °C for 1 h before 1,2-dichloroethane (238 mg, 2.4 mmol) was added. The progress of the reaction was monitored by TLC, and after the reaction finished (about 6 hr), the reaction was quenched by adding 100 mL distilled water. After being filtered, the solid and filtrate were extracted with CH₂Cl₂. The organic layer was dried over Na₂SO₄ and concentrated to yield the crude compound, which was purified by column chromatography to afford the desired product **2a** (388 mg, 86% yield).

4.2 Typical procedure for *ortho* arylation using functionalized Grignard reagents (2u)

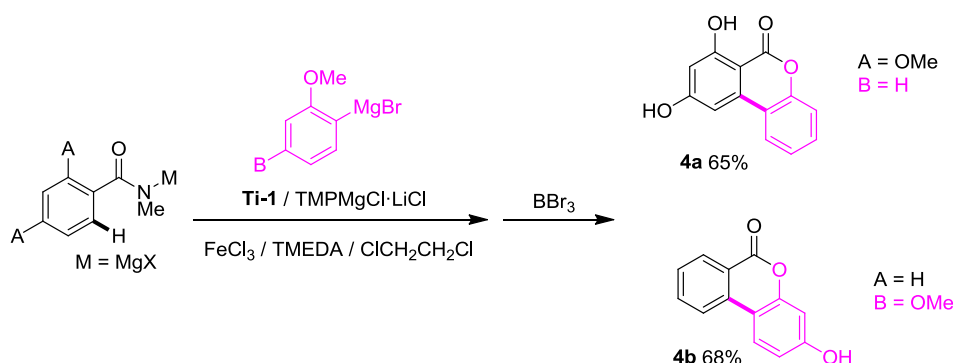
Under Ar atmosphere, the solution of 2-IC₆H₄CN (550 mg, 2.4 mmol) in 5 mL THF was cooled to -40 °C under stirring. To this solution was added *i*-PrMgCl LiCl (2.4 mmol, 1.0 M in THF) dropwise. The stirring was continued at that temperature until the exchange reaction was completed (monitored by TLC).

Under Ar atmosphere, THF (2 mL); **Ti-1** (306 mg; 1.2 mmol) were added to another round-bottom flask, and the mixture was stirred and cooled to -45~ -50 °C. To

this solution, the above-prepared Knochel-type functionalized Grignard reagent was added dropwise through a syringe during 10-15 min with the temperature being kept below $-40\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$. After the addition, the mixture was allowed to come to room temperature in 2 hr, and stirred at that temperature for 30 min. The solvent as well as *i*-PrI were removed under vacuum (about 10 mmHg) during which the temperature was below $20\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ until the mixture became a paste. THF (10 mL) was added to the paste and the stirring was continued until a solution was formed. After that, a solution of TMPMgCl LiCl (1.0 M in THF, 2.4 mmol) was added dropwise through a syringe, and then stirred at room temperature for 30 min.

To another three-necked round-bottom flask were added *N*-methylbenzamide (270 mg, 2 mmol) and 2 mL THF. Under stirring, a solution of *i*-PrMgCl (2.0 mmol, 1.0 M in THF) was added dropwise through a syringe to the resulting mixture during 10–15 min, and then stirred at room temperature for 30 to 40 min. FeCl_3 (32.5 mg; 0.2 mmol) and TMEDA (47 mg, 0.4 mmol) were added to the resulting solution and stirred for 10 min at room temperature. The mixture was heated to $45\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ and the above-prepared mixed titanate was added. The stirring was continued at $45\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ for 1 h before 1,2-dichloroethane (238 mg, 2.4 mmol) was added. The progress of the reaction was monitored by TLC, and after the reaction finished (about 6 hr), the reaction was quenched by adding 100 mL distilled water. After being filtered, the solid and filtrate were extracted with CH_2Cl_2 . The organic layer was dried over Na_2SO_4 and concentrated to yield the crude compound, which was purified by column chromatography to yield the desired product **2u** (321 mg, 68% yield).

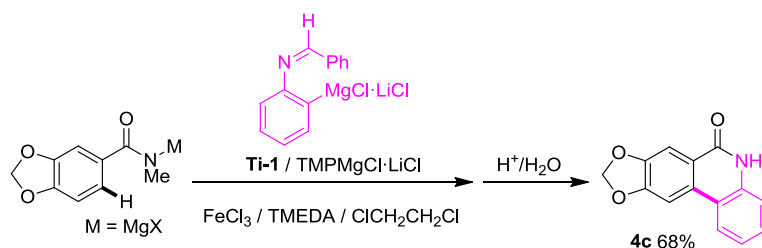
5. Preparations of **4a** and **4b**



According to typical procedure 4.1, the crude products of arylation reaction were obtained and dissolved in 20 mL CH_2Cl_2 . The mixture was stirred and cooled to $-78\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$, and BBr_3 (for **4a**: 3.0 g, 12 mmol; for **4b**: 2.0 g, 8 mmol) was added dropwise.

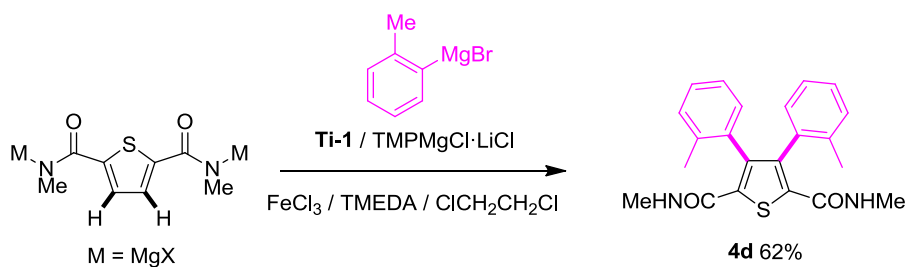
After addition, the mixture was allowed to come to room temperature and stirred for 24 h. The reaction was quenched with methanol (20 mL). The product was taken up with CH_2Cl_2 (4×50 mL) and washed with saturated NaCl aqueous solution (50 mL). After dried over Na_2SO_4 and concentrated by rotary evaporator, crude product was obtained, which was purified by column chromatography to afford the desired product (**4a**: 297 mg; **4b**: 289 mg).

6. Preparations of **4c**



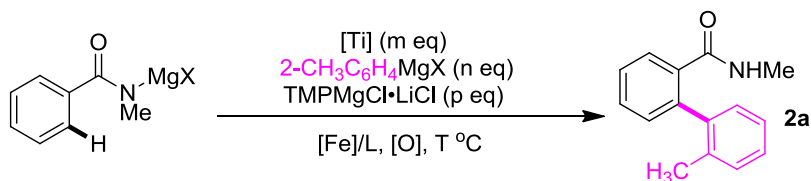
According to typical procedure 4.2, the crude product of arylation reaction was dissolved in 20 mL 2N HCl aqueous solution, and the mixture was stirred at 40 °C for 4 h. The product was taken up with CH_2Cl_2 (4×50 mL) and washed with saturated NaCl aqueous solution (50 mL). After dried over Na_2SO_4 and concentrated by rotary evaporator, crude product was obtained, which was purified by column chromatography to afford the desired product **4c** (325mg; 68%).

7. Preparations of **4d**



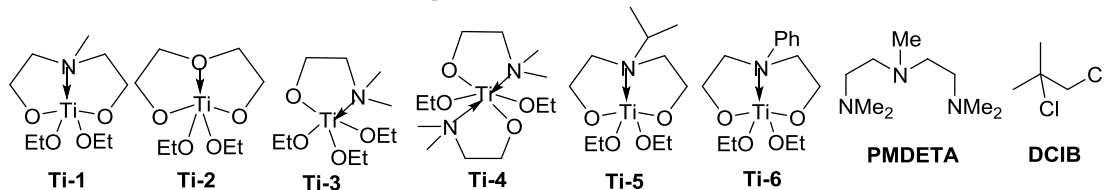
The reaction was conducted on a 2 mmol scale according to typical procedure 4.1. After the first part of mixed titanate [**Ti-1** (1.2 mmol) / 2-MeC₆H₄MgBr (2.4 mmol) / TMPMgCl LiCl (2.4 mmol)] and 1,2-dichloroethane (2.4 mmol) was added, the reaction mixture was stirred at 45 °C for 6h; then the second part of mixed titanate and 1,2-dichloroethane (with equal amount to the first part) was added and the reaction was continued for 6h. The reaction was post-treated and purified by the typical procedure to afford **4d** (469 mg; 62%).

8. Table S1 condition optimization^a

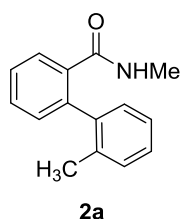


entry	[Ti]	n	m	p	[Fe]/L	[O]	T (°C)	yield ^b (2a, %)
1	--	1.2	0	1.2	FL1	DCE	45	trace
2	Ti(OEt) ₄	1.2	0.6	1.2	FL1 ^d	DCE ^e	45	42
3	Ti-1^c	1.2	0.6	1.2	FL1	DCE	45	86
4	Ti-2 ^c	1.2	0.6	1.2	FL1	DCE	45	46
5	Ti-3 ^c	1.2	0.6	1.2	FL1	DCE	45	47
6	Ti-4 ^c	1.2	0.6	1.2	FL1	DCE	45	52
7	Ti-5 ^c	1.2	0.6	1.2	FL1	DCE	45	59
8	Ti-6 ^c	1.2	0.6	1.2	FL1	DCE	45	30
9	Ti(OCH ₂ CH ₂ NMe ₂) ₄	1.2	0.6	1.2	FL1	DCE	45	trace
10	Ti-1	1.2	0.3	1.2	FL1	DCE	45	39
11	Ti-1	1.2	1.0	1.2	FL1	DCE	45	52
12	Ti-1	1.2	1.5	1.2	FL1	DCE	45	20
13	Ti-1	2.4	0.6	0	FL1	DCE	45	trace
14	Ti-1	1.6	0.6	0.8	FL1	DCE	45	43
15	Ti-1	1.2	0.6	1.6	FL1	DCE	45	86
16	Ti-1	1.6	0.6	1.2	FL1	DCE	45	85
17	Ti-1	2.0	0.6	1.2	FL1	DCE	45	83
18	Ti-1	1.2	0.6	1.2	FL1	DCE	25	33
19	Ti-1	1.2	0.6	1.2	FL1	DCE	65	75
20	Ti-1	1.2	0.6	1.2	FL1	DCE ^f	78	60
21	Ti-1	1.2	0.6	1.2	FeCl ₃	DCE	45	trace
22	Ti-1	1.2	0.6	1.2	FL2 ^d	DCE	45	48
23	Ti-1	1.2	0.6	1.2	FL3 ^d	DCE	45	44
24	Ti-1	1.2	0.6	1.2	FL4 ^d	DCE	45	trace
25	Ti-1	1.2	0.6	1.2	FL1	DCE ^g	45	40
26	Ti-1	1.2	0.6	1.2	FL1	DBE ^e	45	47
27	Ti-1	1.2	0.6	1.2	FL1	DCIB ^e	45	54
28	Ti-1	1.2	0.6	1.2	FL1	O ₂	45	52

^aThe reaction was carried out on a 1 mmol scale and 10 mol % Fe salts and 20 mol % Me₂NCH₂CH₂NMe₂ (TMEDA) were charged in unless indicated otherwise; and all the reactions were conducted in THF unless indicated otherwise. ^bIsolated yields. ^cThe structures of Ti-1, Ti-2, Ti-3, Ti-4, Ti-5, Ti-6 were outlined below. ^dFL1: 10 mol % FeCl₃/ 20 mol % TMEDA; FL2: 10 mol % FeCl₃/ 20 mol % PMDETA (outlined below); FL3: 10 mol % FeCl₃/ 20 mol % PBu₃; FL4: 10 mol % Fe(acac)₃/ 20 mol % TMEDA. ^eDCE: ClCH₂CH₂Cl; DBE: BrCH₂CH₂Br; DCIB: outlined below. These oxidants were charged in 1.2 equivalents unless indicated otherwise. ^fSolvent: THF/PhMe (3:1). ^g2.0 equivalents of DCE were used.



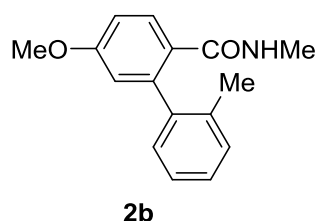
9. Characterization data



N, 2'-Dimethyl-[1,1'-biphenyl]-2-carboxamide^[4]

Yellow solid; 86% yield (388 mg); m.p. = 98 °C (lit. 95-96 °C); R_f = 0.30 (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 3:1, v/v).

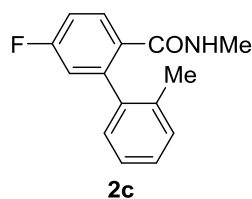
IR (cm⁻¹, KBr): 3296, 1648, 1531, 756, 740; ¹HNMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) δ (ppm) 7.91-7.89 (m, 1H), 7.47-7.42 (m, 2H), 7.28-7.25 (m, 3H), 7.20-7.18(m, 2H), 5.26 (br, 1H), 2.61 (d, J = 4.88 Hz, 3H), 2.10 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz) δ (ppm) 169.1, 140.3, 139.2, 136.2, 134.9, 130.51, 130.46, 130.39, 129.4, 129.2, 128.3, 127.8, 126.2, 26.8, 20.1.



5-Methoxy-*N*, 2'-dimethyl-[1,1'-biphenyl]-2-carboxamide

Yellow solid; 72% yield (368 mg); m.p. = 128-129 °C; R_f = 0.30 (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 2:1, v/v).

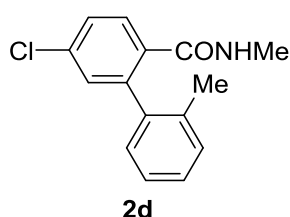
IR (cm⁻¹, KBr): 3300, 1651, 1601, 1223, 826, 764, 608; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) δ (ppm) 7.91 (d, J = 8.72 Hz, 1H), 7.26-7.22 (m, 3H), 7.16-7.14 (m, 1H), 6.91 (dd, J = 8.72, 2.64 Hz, 1H), 6.63 (d, J = 2.6 Hz, 1H), 5.16 (br, 1H), 3.78 (s, 3H), 2.54 (d, J = 4.80 Hz, 3H), 2.05 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz) δ (ppm) 168.3, 160.9, 140.9, 140.3, 136.2, 131.7, 130.4, 128.9, 128.3, 126.9, 126.3, 115.5, 113.0, 55.4, 26.7, 19.9; HRMS calcd for C₁₆H₁₈NO₂⁺ [M+H]⁺ 256.1338, Found 256.1331.



5-Fluoro-*N*, 2'-dimethyl-[1,1'-biphenyl]-2-carboxamide

Yellow oil; 85% yield (414 mg); R_f = 0.32 (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 3:1, v/v).

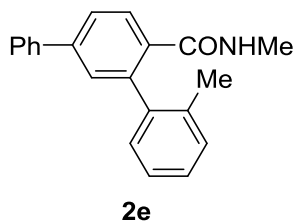
IR (cm^{-1} , KBr): 3297, 1658, 668, 568, 552; ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz) δ (ppm) 7.97-7.94 (m, 1H), 7.34-7.25 (m, 3H), 7.18 (d, J = 7.20 Hz, 1H), 7.13-7.11 (m, 1H), 6.89 (dd, J = 9.20, 2.64 Hz, 1H), 5.21 (br, 1H), 2.60 (d, J = 4.88 Hz, 3H), 2.11 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 100 MHz) δ (ppm) 167.9, 163.4 (d, J = 251.7 Hz, 1C), 141.7 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1C), 139.1, 136.0, 132.0 (d, J = 9.1 Hz, 1C), 131.0 (d, J = 3.3 Hz, 1C), 130.6, 128.9, 128.7, 126.4, 117.1 (d, J = 21.8 Hz, 1C), 114.7 (d, J = 21.2 Hz, 1C), 26.8, 20.0; HRMS calcd for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{15}\text{FNO}^+$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 244.1138, Found 244.1128.



5-Chloro-*N*, 2'-dimethyl-[1,1'-biphenyl]-2-carboxamide

Yellow oil; 73% yield (379 mg); R_f = 0.32 (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 3:1, v/v).

IR (cm^{-1} , KBr): 3285, 2926, 1655, 1589, 758, 673; ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz) δ (ppm) 7.89 (dd, J = 8.32, 1.20 Hz, 1H), 7.40 (dd, J = 8.52, 2.12 Hz, 1H), 7.33-7.26 (m, 3H), 7.20-7.17 (m, 2H), 5.25 (br, 1H), 2.60 (d, J = 4.84 Hz, 3H), 2.10 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 150 MHz) δ (ppm) 167.9, 140.9, 138.9, 136.4, 136.1, 133.2, 131.1, 130.7, 130.3, 129.0, 128.8, 128.0, 126.5, 26.8, 20.0; HRMS calcd for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{15}\text{ClNO}^+$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 260.0842, Found 260.0833.

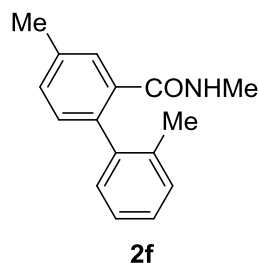


N, 2''-Dimethyl-[1,1':3',1''-terphenyl]-4'-carboxamide

Whitish solid; 75% yield (452 mg); m.p. = 152 $^{\circ}\text{C}$; R_f = 0.35 (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 3:1, v/v).

IR (cm^{-1} , KBr): 3275, 1653, 1559, 758, 744, 696; ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz) δ (ppm) 8.03 (d, J = 8.12 Hz, 1H), 7.68 (d, J = 8.12, 1.76 Hz, 1H), 7.63 (d, J = 7.28 Hz,

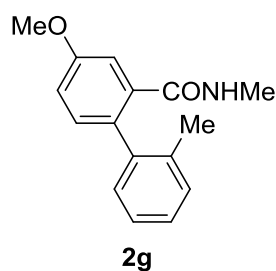
2H), 7.46-7.42 (m, 3H), 7.38-7.26 (m, 5H), 5.34 (br, 1H), 2.65 (d, $J = 4.88$ Hz, 3H), 2.16 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 100 MHz) δ (ppm) 168.6, 143.0, 140.2, 139.8, 139.6, 136.2, 133.4, 130.5, 130.1, 129.2, 129.0, 128.9, 128.3, 128.0, 127.2, 126.3, 126.2, 26.8, 20.1; HRMS calcd for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{20}\text{NO}^+$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 302.1545, Found 302.1543.



***N*,2',4-Trimethyl-[1,1'-biphenyl]-2-carboxamide**

Yellow oil; 72% yield (345 mg); $R_f = 0.34$ (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 3:1, v/v).

IR (cm^{-1} , KBr): 3292, 1656, 1539, 850, 750; ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz) δ (ppm) 7.71 (d, $J = 0.32$ Hz, 1H), 7.28-7.21 (m, 4H), 7.16 (d, $J = 7.04$ Hz, 2H), 7.07 (d, $J = 7.72$ Hz, 1H), 5.27 (br, 1H), 2.59 (d, $J = 4.88$ Hz), 2.41 (s, 3H), 2.10 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 100 MHz) δ (ppm) 169.2, 140.2, 137.5, 136.23, 136.21, 134.6, 131.0, 130.4, 130.3, 129.7, 129.3, 128.0, 126.1, 26.7, 21.0, 20.0; HRMS calcd for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{18}\text{NO}^+$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 240.1388, Found 240.1382.

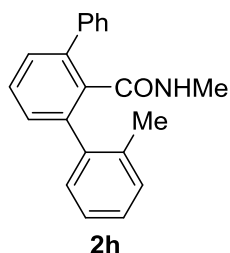


4-Methoxy-*N*,2'-dimethyl-[1,1'-biphenyl]-2-carboxamide

Yellow oil; 80% yield (408 mg); $R_f = 0.30$ (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 2:1, v/v).

IR (cm^{-1} , KBr): 3296, 2926, 1647, 1256, 786, 742; ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz) δ (ppm) 7.51 (d, $J = 2.72$ Hz, 1H), 7.32-7.26 (m, 3H), 7.21 (d, $J = 7.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.14 (d, $J = 8.40$ Hz, 1H), 7.05 (dd, $J = 8.40, 2.72$ Hz, 1H), 5.33 (br, 1H), 3.91 (s, 3H), 2.64 (d, $J = 4.88$ Hz), 2.14 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 100 MHz) δ (ppm) 168.7, 159.0,

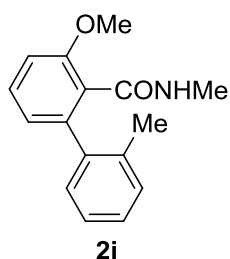
139.9, 136.5, 135.8, 131.6, 131.4, 130.4, 129.5, 128.0, 126.2, 117.1, 113.5, 55.5, 26.7, 20.0; HRMS calcd for $C_{16}H_{18}NO_2^+$ $[M+H]^+$ 256.1338, Found 256.1331.



***N*,2-Dimethyl-[1,1':3',1''-terphenyl]-2'-carboxamide**

Whitish solid; 76% yield (458 mg); m.p. = 161 °C; R_f = 0.38 (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 3:1, v/v).

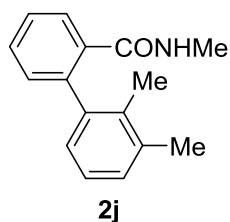
IR (cm^{-1} , KBr): 3280, 1646, 1540, 801, 744, 693; 1H NMR ($CDCl_3$, 400 MHz) δ (ppm) 7.52 (t, J = 8.01 Hz, 1H), 7.48-7.35 (m, 11H), 5.31 (br, 1H), 2.69 (d, J = 4.94 Hz, 3H), 2.06 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR ($CDCl_3$, 100 MHz) δ (ppm) 168.9, 142.3, 140.4, 140.2, 139.4, 138.3, 137.5, 129.7, 129.3, 128.6, 128.3, 128.1, 127.3, 126.2, 125.2, 124.6, 124.2, 26.7, 21.0; HRMS calcd for $C_{21}H_{20}NO^+$ $[M+H]^+$ 302.1545, Found 302.1533.



3-Methoxy-*N*,2'-dimethyl-[1,1'-biphenyl]-2-carboxamide

Whitish solid; 70% yield (357 mg); m.p. = 151 °C; R_f = 0.35 (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 2:1, v/v)

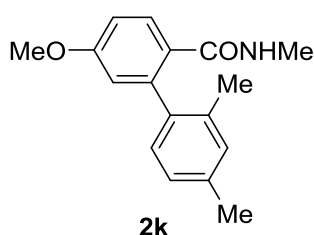
IR (cm^{-1} , KBr): 3306, 1649, 1466, 1256, 1020, 802, 760; 1H NMR ($CDCl_3$, 400 MHz) δ (ppm) 7.31 (t, J = 8.04 Hz, 1H), 7.22-7.17 (m, 2H), 7.14-7.09 (m, 2H), 6.88 (d, J = 7.70, 1H), 6.77 (d, J = 7.64, 1H), 5.30 (br, 1H), 3.83 (s, 3H), 2.59 (d, J = 4.92 Hz, 3H), 2.12 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR ($CDCl_3$, 100 MHz) δ (ppm) 167.7, 156.4, 141.1, 139.6, 135.8, 130.0, 129.7, 129.0, 127.6, 126.6, 125.2, 122.3, 109.8, 55.9, 26.3, 20.2; HRMS calcd for $C_{16}H_{18}NO_2^+$ $[M+H]^+$ 256.1332, Found 256.1328.



***N*,2',3'-Trimethyl-[1,1'-biphenyl]-2-carboxamide**

Whitish solid; 73% yield (349 mg); m.p. = 105 °C; R_f = 0.34 (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 3:1, v/v).

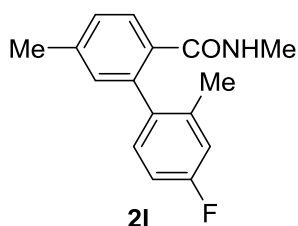
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5-Methoxy-*N*,2',4'-trimethyl-[1,1'-biphenyl]-2-carboxamide

Whitish solid; 71% yield (382 mg); m.p. = 145 °C; R_f = 0.34 (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 3:1, v/v).

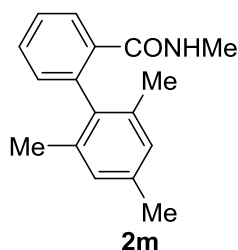
IR (cm⁻¹, KBr): 3304, 1658, 1221, 826, 610; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) δ (ppm) 7.95 (dd, J = 8.68, 2.68 Hz, 1H), 7.09-7.07 (m, 3H), 6.92 (dt, J = 8.68, 2.36 Hz, 1H), 6.64 (d, J = 2.44 Hz, 1H), 5.30 (br, 1H), 3.81 (d, J = 1.48 Hz, 3H), 2.60 (dd, J = 4.84, 0.80 Hz, 3H), 2.36 (s, 3H), 2.05 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz) δ (ppm) 168.4, 160.9, 141.0, 138.0, 137.3, 135.9, 131.6, 131.2, 128.9, 127.0, 115.7, 112.9, 55.4, 26.7, 21.2, 19.8; HRMS calcd for C₁₇H₂₀NO₂⁺ [M+H]⁺ 270.1494, Found 270.1485.



4'-Fluoro-N,2',5-trimethyl-[1,1'-biphenyl]-2-carboxamide

Whitish solid; 78% yield (401 mg); m.p. = 96-97 °C; R_f = 0.34 (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 3:1, v/v).

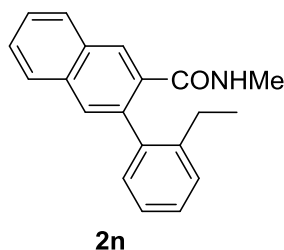
IR (cm⁻¹, KBr): 3289, 1653, 1474, 857, 802; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) δ (ppm) 7.56 (d, *J* = 7.80 Hz, 1H), 7.21 (d, *J* = 7.76 Hz, 1H), 7.14 (s, 1H), 6.98 (s, 1H), 6.91-6.86 (m, 2H), 5.28 (br, 1H), 2.71 (d, *J* = 4.88 Hz, 3H), 2.40-2.38 (m, 6H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz) δ (ppm) 170.0, 162.7 (d, *J* = 246.3 Hz, 1C), 142.3, 140.5, 140.3, 138.3, 132.9, 130.7, 128.9, 128.6, 125.1, 115.2 (d, *J* = 20.8 Hz, 1C), 112.5 (d, *J* = 22.3 Hz, 1C), 26.7, 21.4, 21.3; HRMS calcd for C₁₆H₁₇FNO⁺ [M+H]⁺ 258.1294, Found 258.1293.



***N*,2',4',6'-Tetramethyl-[1,1'-biphenyl]-2-carboxamide**

Whitish solid; 72% yield (365 mg); m.p. = 128 °C; R_f = 0.36 (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 3:1, v/v).

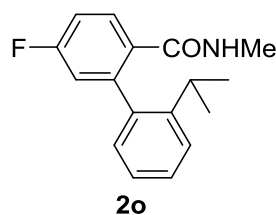
IR (cm⁻¹, KBr): 3288, 2910, 1689, 1548, 850, 770; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) δ (ppm) δ 8.02 (d, *J* = 7.49, 1H), 7.52-7.47 (m, 2H), 7.12-7.09 (m, 1H), 6.89 (s, 2H), 5.13 (br, 1H), 2.65 (d, *J* = 4.89 Hz, 3H), 2.32 (s, 3H), 1.95 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz) δ (ppm) 168.9, 141.3, 140.4, 139.3, 137.5, 130.9, 130.3, 129.4, 127.5, 126.3, 26.7, 21.1, 20.4; HRMS calcd for C₁₇H₁₈NO⁺ [M+H]⁺ 254.1545, Found 254.1537.



3-(2-Ethylphenyl)-N-methyl-2-naphthamide

Yellow oil; 75% yield (434 mg); $R_f = 0.35$ (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 3:1, v/v).

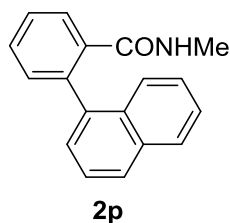
IR (cm⁻¹, KBr): 3308, 1654, 1537, 768, 665; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) δ (ppm) 8.51 (s, 1H), 7.97-7.95 (m, 1H), 7.83 (d, *J* = 7.20 Hz, 1H), 7.68 (s, 1H), 7.58-7.52 (m, 2H), 7.41-7.35 (m, 2H), 7.32-7.25 (m, 2H), 5.38 (br, 1H), 2.65 (d, *J* = 4.80 Hz, 3H), 2.54-2.39 (m, 2H), 1.02 (t, *J* = 7.52 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz) δ (ppm) 168.6, 142.6, 139.9, 136.2, 133.9, 132.9, 132.2, 130.1, 129.7, 129.6, 128.84, 128.79, 128.6, 127.8, 127.6, 126.7, 126.2, 26.9, 26.2, 14.9; HRMS calcd for C₂₀H₂₀NO⁺ [M+H]⁺ 290.1545, Found 290.1542.



5-Fluoro-2'-isopropyl-N-methyl-[1,1'-biphenyl]-2-carboxamide

Yellow oil; 79% yield (429 mg); *R_f* = 0.34 (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 3:1, v/v).

IR (cm⁻¹, KBr): 3302, 1646, 1180, 831, 752, 606; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) δ (ppm) 8.01 (dd, *J* = 8.58, 5.98 Hz, 1H), 7.42-7.41 (m, 2H), 7.28-7.25 (m, 1H), 7.15-7.11 (m, 2H), 6.90 (d, *J* = 8.96, 2.36 Hz, 1H), 5.25 (br, 1H), 2.76-2.72 (m, 1H), 2.59 (d, *J* = 4.68 Hz, 3H), 1.14 (d, *J* = 6.72 Hz, 3H), 1.04 (d, *J* = 6.72 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz) δ (ppm) 167.5, 163.4 (d, *J* = 252.1 Hz, 1C), 146.8, 141.7, 138.0, 132.1 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 1C), 130.7, 129.2, 128.9, 126.3, 126.2, 117.4 (d, *J* = 21.8 Hz, 1C), 114.8 (d, *J* = 20.9 Hz, 1C), 29.9, 26.7, 24.7, 23.1; HRMS calcd for C₁₇H₁₉FNO⁺ [M+H]⁺ 272.1451, Found 272.1452.

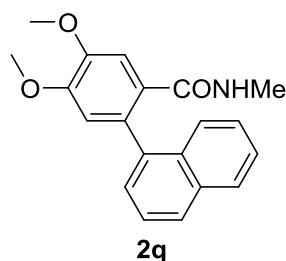


N-Methyl-2-(naphthalen-1-yl)benzamide

Whitish solid; 85% yield (444 mg); m.p. = 132 °C; *R_f* = 0.33 (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 3:1, v/v).

IR (cm⁻¹, KBr): 3296, 2957, 1645, 1539, 779, 669; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) δ (ppm) 7.94-7.88 (m, 3H), 7.61 (d, *J* = 8.32 Hz, 1H), 7.56-7.48 (m, 4H), 7.45-7.41

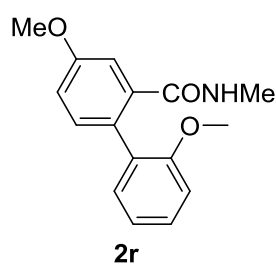
(m, 2H), 7.38-7.36 (m, 1H), 5.14 (br, 1H), 2.34 (d, $J = 4.92$ Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 100 MHz) δ (ppm) 169.1, 138.2, 137.6, 136.3, 133.6, 131.7, 131.3, 130.1, 129.2, 128.40, 128.36, 128.1, 126.9, 126.8, 126.2, 125.43, 125.38, 26.4; HRMS calcd for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{16}\text{NO}^+ [\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 262.1232, Found 262.1221.



4,5-Dimethoxy-*N*-methyl-2-(naphthalen-1-yl)benzamide

Yellow solid; 79% yield (508 mg); m.p. = 155 °C; R_f = 0.33 (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 2:1, v/v).

IR (cm^{-1} , KBr): 3293, 2934, 1647, 1506, 1211, 781, 623; ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz) δ (ppm) 7.91-7.88 (m, 2H), 7.62 (d, $J = 8.32$ Hz, 1H), 7.56 (s, 1H), 7.54-7.48 (m, 2H), 7.45-7.42 (m, 2H), 6.78 (s, 1H), 5.12 (br, 1H), 3.99 (s, 3H), 3.85 (s, 3H), 2.29 (d, $J = 4.88$ Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 100 MHz) δ (ppm) 168.4, 150.2, 148.5, 138.2, 133.6, 131.9, 130.7, 128.5, 128.4, 128.1, 127.0, 126.9, 126.4, 125.5, 113.7, 112.2, 56.08, 56.06, 26.5; HRMS calcd for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{20}\text{NO}_3^+ [\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 322.1443, Found 322.1440.

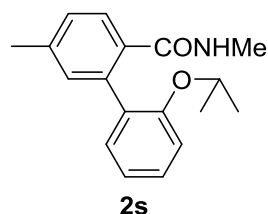


2',4-Dimethoxy-*N*-methyl-[1,1'-biphenyl]-2-carboxamide

Yellow solid; 80% yield (434 mg); m.p. = 133 °C; R_f = 0.28 (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 2:1, v/v).

IR (cm^{-1} , KBr): 3318, 2957, 1647, 1238, 1043, 752; ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 600 MHz) δ (ppm) 7.33-7.31 (m, 2H), 7.22-7.17 (m, 2H), 7.01-6.91 (m, 3H), 5.49 (br, 1H), 3.84-3.74 (m, 6H), 2.64 (d, $J = 4.80$ Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 150 MHz) δ (ppm)

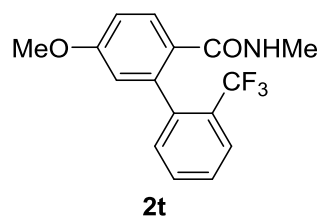
169.6, 159.1, 156.6, 137.3, 132.3, 130.9, 129.4, 129.2, 128.1, 121.1, 116.8, 113.1, 110.8, 55.5, 26.5; HRMS calcd for $C_{16}H_{18}NO_3^+$ $[M+H]^+$ 272.1287, Found 272.1284.



2'-Isopropoxy-N,5-dimethyl-[1,1'-biphenyl]-2-carboxamide

Yellow oil; 68% yield (385 mg); R_f = 0.35 (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 3:1, v/v).

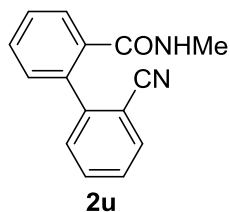
IR (cm^{-1} , KBr): 3293, 2920, 1648, 1535, 826, 752; 1H NMR ($CDCl_3$, 600 MHz) δ (ppm) 7.70 (d, J = 7.80 Hz, 1H), 7.31 (td, J = 7.86, 1.92 Hz, 1H), 7.22-7.20 (m, 2H), 7.03 (s, 1H), 7.01-6.98 (m, 1H), 6.93 (d, J = 8.22 Hz, 1H), 5.69 (br, 1H), 4.46-4.42 (m, 1H), 2.63 (d, J = 4.92 Hz, 3H), 2.38 (s, 3H), 1.20-1.19 (m, 6H); ^{13}C NMR ($CDCl_3$, 150 MHz) 169.7, 154.7, 140.0, 136.2, 133.4, 131.7, 131.1, 131.0, 129.3, 128.8, 128.2, 121.0, 113.8, 70.7, 26.5, 22.0, 21.4; HRMS calcd for $C_{18}H_{22}NO_2^+$ $[M+H]^+$ 284.1651, Found 284.1648.



5-Methoxy-N-methyl-2'-(trifluoromethyl)-[1,1'-biphenyl]-2-carboxamide

Yellow oil; 78% yield (483 mg); R_f = 0.33 (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 2:1, v/v).

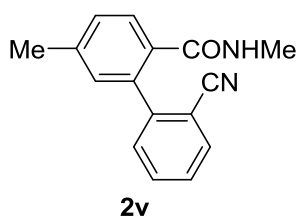
IR (cm^{-1} , KBr): 3298, 1653, 1559, 669; 1H NMR ($CDCl_3$, 400 MHz) δ (ppm) 7.74 (d, J = 7.80 Hz, 1H), 7.63 (d, J = 8.60 Hz, 1H), 7.56-7.52 (m, 1H), 7.49-7.46 (m, 1H), 7.30 (d, J = 7.48 Hz, 1H), 6.92 (dd, J = 8.60, 1.48 Hz, 1H), 6.74 (d, J = 1.88 Hz, 1H), 5.44 (br, 1H), 3.80 (s, 3H), 2.60 (d, J = 4.84 Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR ($CDCl_3$, 100 MHz) δ (ppm) 168.8, 159.9, 139.4, 138.8, 131.6, 131.5, 129.8, 128.1, 127.9, 127.6 (d, J = 3.5 Hz, 1C), 126.1 (d, J = 5.2 Hz, 1C), 125.5, 116.1, 113.5, 55.4, 26.5; HRMS calcd for $C_{16}H_{15}F_3NO_2^+$ $[M+H]^+$ 310.1055, Found 310.1052.



2'-Cyano-*N*-methyl-[1,1'-biphenyl]-2-carboxamide

Yellow solid; 68% yield (321 mg); m.p. = 124 °C; R_f = 0.25 (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 3:1, v/v).

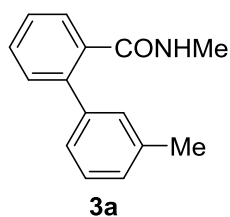
IR (cm⁻¹, KBr): 3308, 1653, 1541, 762; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) δ (ppm) 7.72 (d, J = 7.76 Hz, 1H), 7.65-7.60 (m, 2H), 7.56-7.44 (m, 4H), 7.38 (d, J = 7.33, 0.96 Hz, 1H), 5.72 (br, 1H), 2.81 (d, J = 4.88 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz) δ (ppm) 169.4, 144.7, 136.7, 136.5, 132.8, 132.6, 130.8, 130.5, 130.2, 128.9, 127.9, 127.6, 126.4, 118.2, 111.8, 26.8; HRMS calcd for C₁₅H₁₂N₂NaO⁺ [M+Na]⁺ 259.0847, Found 259.0846.



2'-Cyano-*N*,5-dimethyl-[1,1'-biphenyl]-2-carboxamide

Yellow oil; 66% yield (330 mg); R_f = 0.24 (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 3:1, v/v).

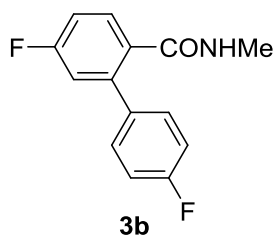
IR (cm⁻¹, KBr): 3300, 1648, 1420, 801, 735; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) δ (ppm) 7.56 (d, J = 7.85 Hz, 1H), 7.49-7.45 (m, 3H), 7.31-7.29 (m, 2H), 7.05 (d, J = 7.86 Hz, 1H), 6.81 (br, 1H), 2.73 (d, J = 4.7 Hz, 3H), 2.18 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz) δ (ppm) 169.6, 146.1, 145.0, 137.2, 132.9, 132.5, 132.2, 131.8, 130.9, 129.1, 128.3, 128.1, 127.5, 114.3, 26.8, 21.2; HRMS calcd for C₁₆H₁₅N₂O⁺ [M+H]⁺ 251.1184, Found 251.1182.



***N*,3'-Dimethyl-[1,1'-biphenyl]-2-carboxamide^[4]**

Yellow solid; 79% yield (356 mg); m.p. = 146-147 °C (lit. 144-146 °C); R_f = 0.30 (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 3:1, v/v).

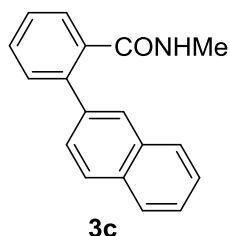
IR (cm⁻¹, KBr): 3279, 1634, 1314, 756, 700, 448; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) δ (ppm) 7.70 (d, J = 7.48 Hz, 1H), 7.46 (td, J = 7.48, 1.36 Hz, 1H), 7.42-7.35 (m, 2H), 7.31 (t, J = 7.48 Hz, 1H), 7.23-7.18 (m, 3H), 5.20 (br, 1H), 2.68 (d, J = 4.92 Hz, 3H), 2.40 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz) δ (ppm) 170.3, 140.1, 139.5, 138.3, 135.6, 130.1, 129.3, 128.9, 128.52, 128.46, 127.5, 125.7, 26.7, 21.4.



4',5-Difluoro-*N*-methyl-[1,1'-biphenyl]-2-carboxamide

Whitish solid; 78% yield (386 mg); m.p. = 200 °C; R_f = 0.32 (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 3:1, v/v).

IR (cm⁻¹, KBr): 3242, 1626, 1223, 843, 610, 419; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) δ (ppm) 7.66 (dd, J = 8.44, 8.44 Hz, 3H), 7.39-7.36 (m, 2H), 7.15-7.03 (m, 4H), 5.19 (s, 1H), 2.71 (d, J = 4.88 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz) δ (ppm) 169.2, 164.2(d, J = 45.7 Hz, 1C), 161.8(d, J = 43.6 Hz, 1C), 140.8(d, J = 8.3 Hz, 1C), 132.0(d, J = 3.3 Hz, 1C), 131.0(d, J = 8.9 Hz, 1C), 130.2(d, J = 8.13 Hz, 2C), 116.9(d, J = 22.1 Hz, 1C), 115.8(d, J = 21.8 Hz, 2C), 114.7(d, J = 21.5 Hz, 1C), 26.7; HRMS calcd for C₁₄H₁₂F₂NO⁺ [M+H]⁺ 248.0887, Found 248.0879.

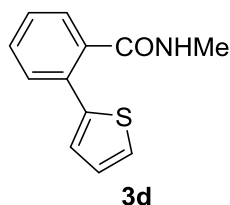


***N*-Methyl-2-(naphthalen-2-yl)benzamide**

Yellow solid; 73% yield (381 mg); m. p. = 106 °C; R_f = 0.31 (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 3:1, v/v).

IR (cm⁻¹, KBr): 3298, 2922, 1631, 1410, 760, 662, 478; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) δ (ppm) 7.91-7.87 (m, 4H), 7.74 (d, J = 7.56 Hz, 1H), 7.55-7.47 (m, 5H),

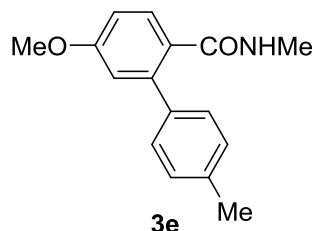
7.46-7.42 (m, 1H), 5.27 (br, 1H), 2.62 (d, $J = 4.88$, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 100 MHz) δ (ppm) 170.2, 139.2, 137.7, 135.9, 133.4, 132.7, 130.5, 130.2, 129.0, 128.1, 127.7, 127.4, 126.9, 126.5, 126.4, 26.7; HRMS calcd for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{15}\text{NNaO}^+ [\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ 284.1051, Found 284.1043.



***N*-Methyl-2-(thiophen-2-yl)benzamide^[5]**

Yellow solid; 69% yield (300 mg); m.p. = 141 °C; R_f = 0.32 (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 3:1).

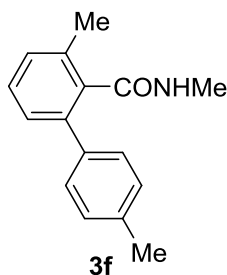
IR (cm^{-1} , KBr): 3318, 1628, 837, 818, 787, 770, 745; ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz) δ (ppm) 7.58 (d, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.45 (dtd, $J = 9.1, 7.7, 1.4$ Hz, 2H), 7.39-7.32 (m, 2H), 7.16 (dd, $J = 3.6, 1.1$ Hz, 1H), 7.07 (dd, $J = 5.1, 3.6$ Hz, 1H), 5.52 (br, 1H), 2.80 (d, $J = 4.9$ Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 100 MHz) δ (ppm) 170.3, 141.3, 136.1, 131.7, 130.4, 129.9, 128.5, 128.0, 127.7, 126.7, 126.3, 26.8.



5-Methoxy-*N*,4'-dimethyl-[1,1'-biphenyl]-2-carboxamide^[4]

Whitish solid; 73% yield (373 mg); m.p. = 130-131 °C (lit. 128-129 °C); R_f = 0.27 (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 2:1, v/v).

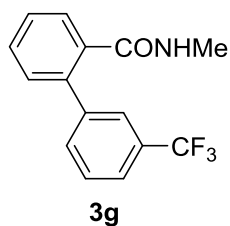
IR (cm^{-1} , KBr): 3293, 1647, 1559, 1221, 828; ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz) δ (ppm) 7.66 (d, $J = 8.46, 2.78$ Hz, 1H), 7.27-7.19 (m, 4H), 6.88 (d, $J = 8.52$ Hz, 1H), 6.80 (d, $J = 2.24$ Hz, 1H), 5.25 (br, 1H), 3.82 (s, 3H), 2.64 (d, $J = 4.80$ Hz, 3H), 2.38 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 100 MHz) δ (ppm) 169.9, 160.6, 141.3, 137.7, 137.3, 130.9, 129.3, 128.5, 127.9, 115.4, 112.8, 55.4, 26.7, 21.2.



***N*,3,4'-Trimethyl-[1,1'-biphenyl]-2-carboxamide^[4]**

Whitish solid; 75% yield (359 mg); m.p. = 187 °C (lit. 185-186 °C); R_f = 0.39 (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 3:1, v/v).

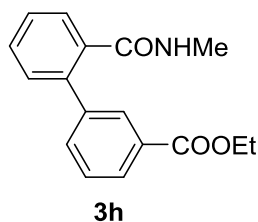
IR (cm⁻¹, KBr): 3231, 1624, 1458, 793, 714; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) δ (ppm) 7.34-7.28 (m, 3H), 7.20-7.18 (m, 4H), 5.23 (br, 1H), 2.66 (d, J = 4.92 Hz, 3H), 2.41 (s, 3H), 2.37 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz) δ (ppm) 170.8, 139.1, 137.6, 137.1, 136.4, 135.8, 129.11, 129.07, 128.9, 128.3, 127.2, 26.5, 21.1, 19.6.



***N*-Methyl-3'-(trifluoromethyl)-[1,1'-biphenyl]-2-carboxamide**

Whitish solid; 69% yield (385 mg); m.p. = 79 °C; R_f = 0.33 (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 3:1, v/v).

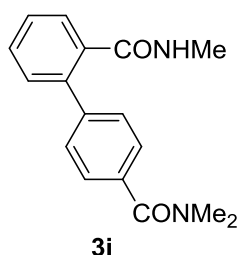
IR (cm⁻¹, KBr): 3264, 1645, 1335, 758, 702; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) δ (ppm) 7.67 (s, 1H), 7.62-7.60 (m, 3H), 7.54-7.37 (m, 4H), 5.32 (br, 1H), 2.72 (d, J = 4.88 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz) δ (ppm) 170.0, 141.0, 138.0, 136.2, 132.1, 131.1 (d, J = 32.3 Hz, 1C), 130.4, 130.2, 129.0, 128.6, 128.3, 125.4 (d, J = 3.6 Hz, 1C), 124.5 (d, J = 3.6 Hz, 1C), 122.7, 26.7; HRMS calcd for C₁₅H₁₃F₃NO⁺ [M+H]⁺ 280.0949, Found 280.0947.



Ethyl 2'-(methylcarbamoyl)-[1,1'-biphenyl]-3-carboxylate

Whitish oil; 69% yield (391 mg); $R_f = 0.30$ (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 3:1, v/v).

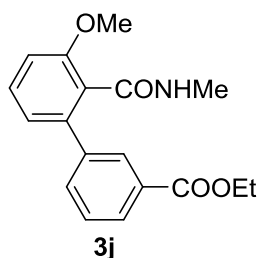
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***N*²,*N*^{4'},*N*^{4'}-Trimethyl-[1,1'-biphenyl]-2,4'-dicarboxamide**

Whitish oil; 67% yield (378 mg); $R_f = 0.12$ (ethyl acetate).

IR (cm^{-1} , KBr): 3286, 1682, 1650, 850, 755; ^1H NMR ($\text{DMSO}-d_6$, 400 MHz) δ (ppm) 8.06 (br, 1H), 7.50 (ddd, $J = 4.9, 4.5, 3.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.45-7.38 (m, 7H), 2.96 (d, $J = 18.4$ Hz, 6H), 2.57 (d, $J = 3.1$ Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR ($\text{DMSO}-d_6$, 100 MHz) δ (ppm) 170.5, 170.0, 141.7, 138.8, 137.8, 135.6, 130.3, 130.0, 128.6, 128.3, 128.0, 127.4, 35.3, 26.5; HRMS calcd for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{19}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2^+$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 283.1447, Found 283.1438.

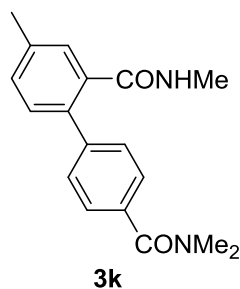


Ethyl 3'-methoxy-2'-(methylcarbamoyl)-[1,1'-biphenyl]-3-carboxylate

Whitish oil; 68% yield (426 mg); $R_f = 0.25$ (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 3:1, v/v).

IR (cm^{-1} , KBr): 3228, 1740, 1645, 1328, 1108, 891, 680; ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz) δ (ppm) 8.11 (td, $J = 1.9, 0.4$ Hz, 1H), 8.01 (ddd, $J = 7.8, 1.6, 1.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.70 (ddd, $J = 7.7, 1.9, 1.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.45 (td, $J = 7.8, 0.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.40 (dd, $J = 8.3, 7.8$ Hz,

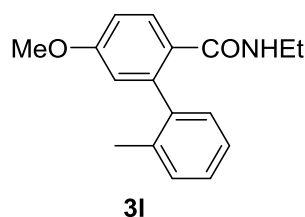
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$N^2,N^4',N^4,4$ -Tetramethyl-[1,1'-biphenyl]-2,4'-dicarboxamide

Brown oil; 66% yield (391 mg); $R_f = 0.11$ (ethyl acetate).

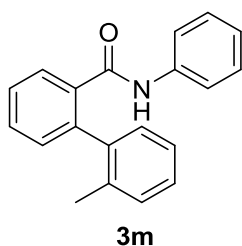
IR (cm^{-1} , KBr): 3290, 1680, 1645, 883, 822; ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz) δ (ppm) 7.39-7.34 (m, 5H), 7.21 (dt, $J = 12.0, 2.9$ Hz, 2H), 5.56 (br, 1H), 3.00 (d, $J = 34.9$ Hz, 6H), 2.61 (d, $J = 3.3$ Hz, 3H), 2.33 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 100 MHz) δ (ppm) 171.3, 170.5, 141.5, 138.0, 135.9, 135.6, 135.3, 130.9, 130.1, 129.3, 128.6, 127.4, 39.7, 35.5, 26.7, 21.0; HRMS calcd for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{21}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2^+$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 297.1603, Found 297.1601.



N -Ethyl-5-methoxy-2'-methyl-[1,1'-biphenyl]-2-carboxamide

Whitish solid; 73% yield (393 mg); m.p. = 141 $^{\circ}\text{C}$; $R_f = 0.34$ (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 2:1, v/v).

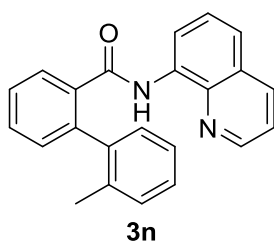
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2'-Methyl-N-phenyl-[1,1'-biphenyl]-2-carboxamide^[4]

Whitish solid; 76% yield (437 mg); m. p. = 138 °C (lit., 134-136 °C); R_f = 0.50 (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 10:1, v/v).

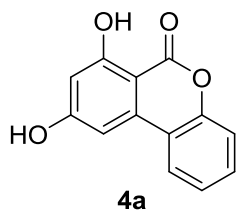
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2'-Methyl-N-(quinolin-8-yl)-[1,1'-biphenyl]-2-carboxamide

Yellow oil; 88% yield (596 mg); R_f = 0.32 (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 20:1, v/v)

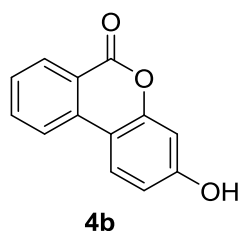
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7,9-Dihydroxy-6H-benzo[c]chromen-6-one^[6]

Whitish solid; 65% yield (297 mg); m.p. = 267-269 °C; R_f = 0.11 (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 5:1, v/v).

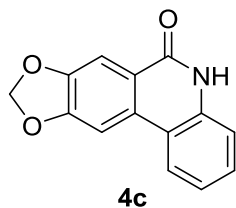
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3-Hydroxy-6H-benzo[c]chromen-6-one^[7]

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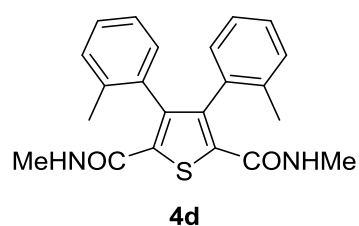
IR (cm⁻¹, KBr): 3260, 1690, 1620, 1604, 1322, 1278; ¹H NMR (DMSO-*d*₆, 400 MHz) δ (ppm) 10.31 (s, 1H), 8.23 (d, J = 5.4 Hz, 1H), 8.15 (dd, J = 8.5, 3.3 Hz, 2H), 7.85 (ddd, J = 5.5, 4.9, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 7.56-7.50 (m, 1H), 6.81 (dd, J = 5.8, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 6.72 (d, J = 1.6 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (DMSO-*d*₆, 150 MHz) δ (ppm) 161.2, 160.4, 152.7, 135.8, 135.7, 130.2, 128.2, 125.4, 122.2, 119.5, 113.7, 109.9, 103.5.



[1,3]Dioxolo[4,5-*j*]phenanthridin-6(5H)-one^[8]

Whitish solid; 68% yield (325 mg); m.p. >300 °C; R_f = 0.10 (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 1:1, v/v).

IR (cm⁻¹, KBr): 1660, 1580, 1471, 1422, 1248, 1009; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) δ (ppm) 11.61 (br, 1H), 8.28 (d, J = 5.0 Hz, 1H), 8.02 (s, 1H), 7.62 (s, 1H), 7.41 (t, J = 5.0 Hz, 1H), 7.32 (d, J = 5.4 Hz, 1H), 7.21 (t, J = 5.0 Hz, 1H), 6.21 (s, 2H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz) δ (ppm) 160.2, 152.2, 148.1, 135.9, 131.3, 128.7, 123.2, 122.1, 121.1, 117.8, 115.9, 105.1, 102.3, 101.6.



***N*²,*N*⁵-Dimethyl-3,4-di-*o*-tolylthiophene-2,5-dicarboxamide**

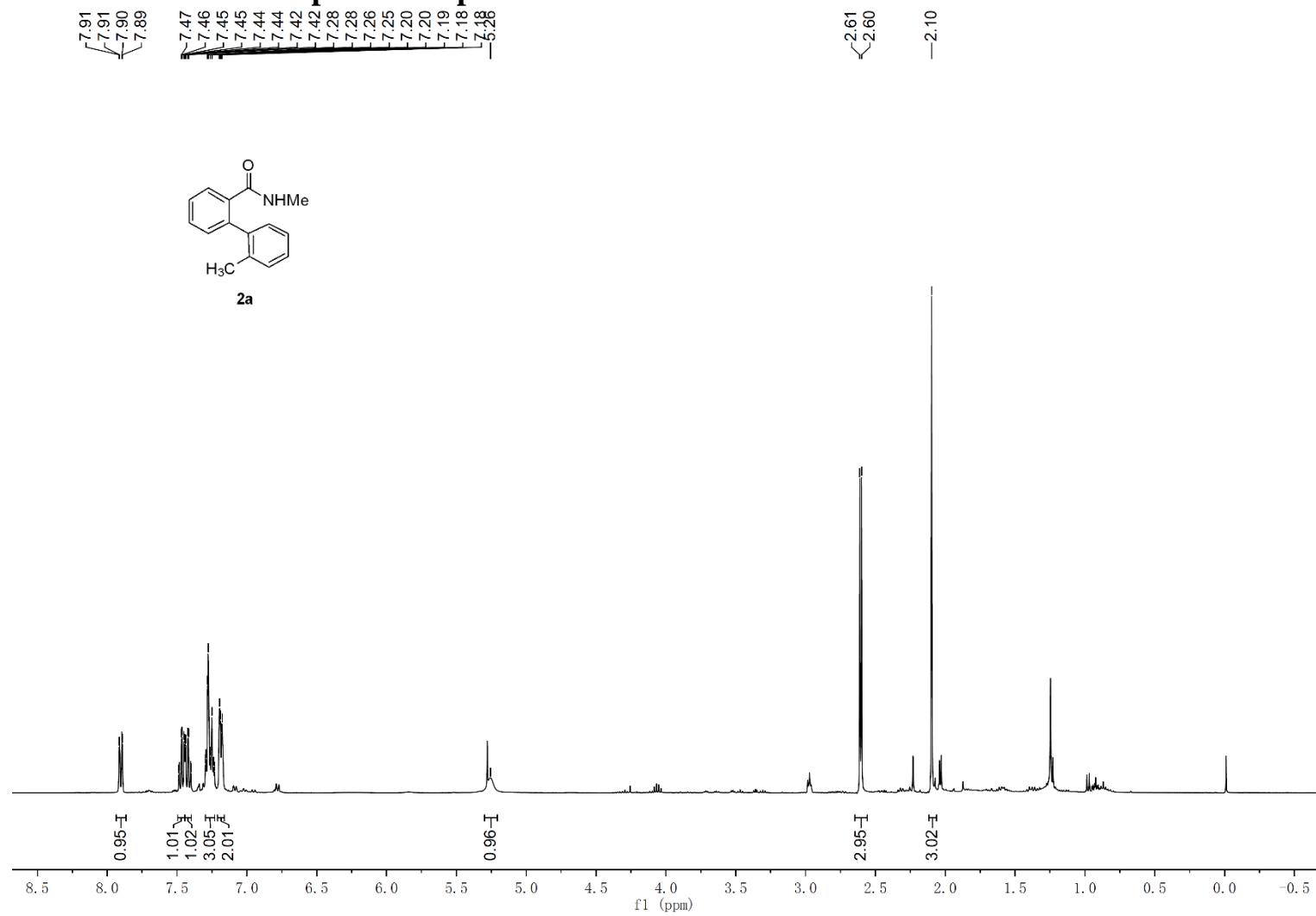
Yellow oil; 62% yield (469 mg); R_f = 0.12 (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 1:2, v/v).

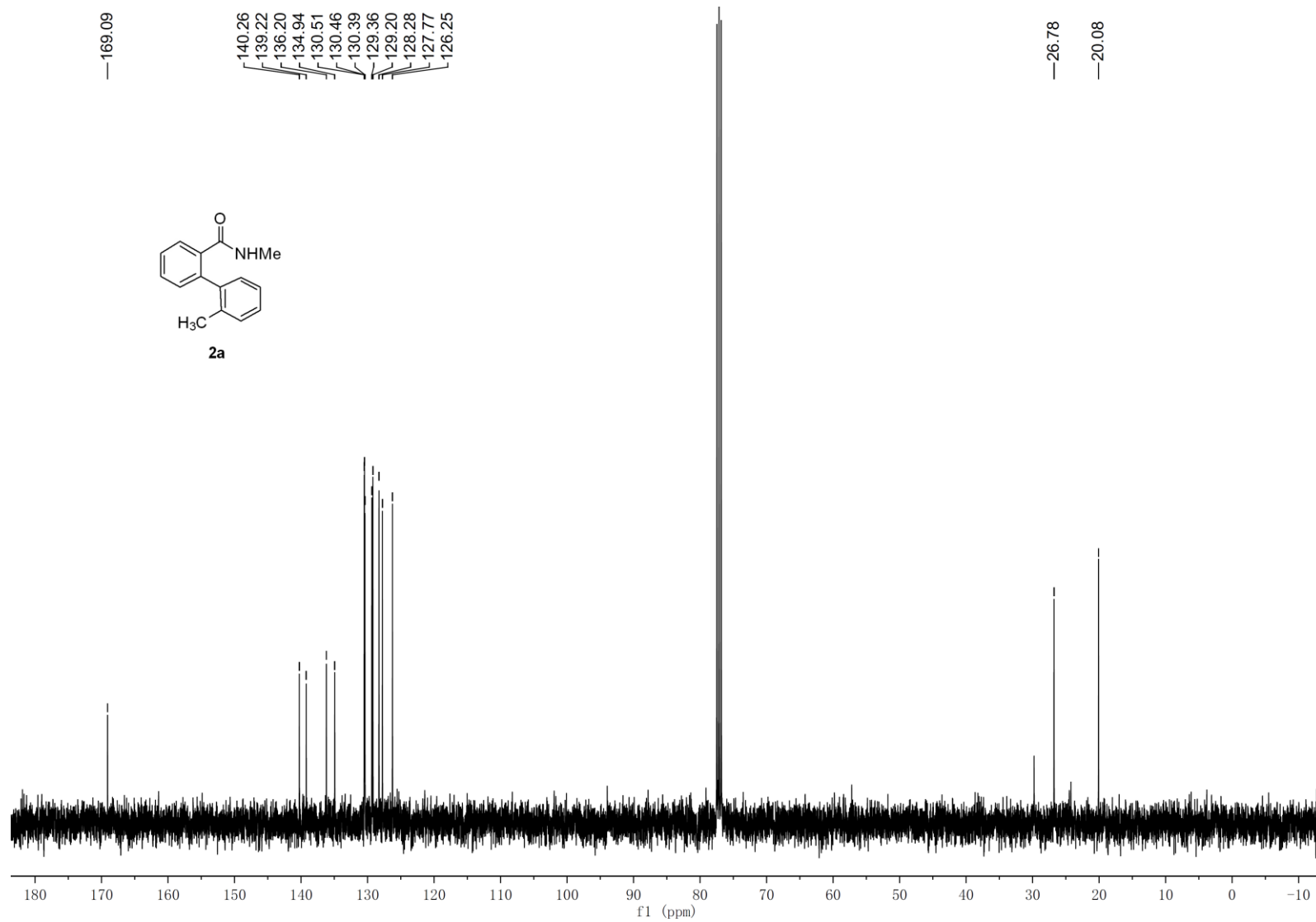
IR (cm⁻¹, KBr): 3300, 3120, 1650, 1537, 1414, 740, 695; ¹H NMR (DMSO-*d*₆, 400 MHz) δ (ppm) 8.14 (br, 2H), 7.31 (m, 4H), 7.26-7.17 (m, 4H), 2.74 (d, J = 4.8 Hz, 6H), 2.32 (s, 6H); ¹³C NMR (DMSO-*d*₆, 100 MHz) δ (ppm) 165.3, 145.6, 138.3, 136.5, 132.3, 130.7, 130.1, 127.8, 127.0, 27.2, 21.6; HRMS calcd for C₂₂H₂₃N₂O₂S⁺ [M+H]⁺ 379.1480, Found 379.1483.

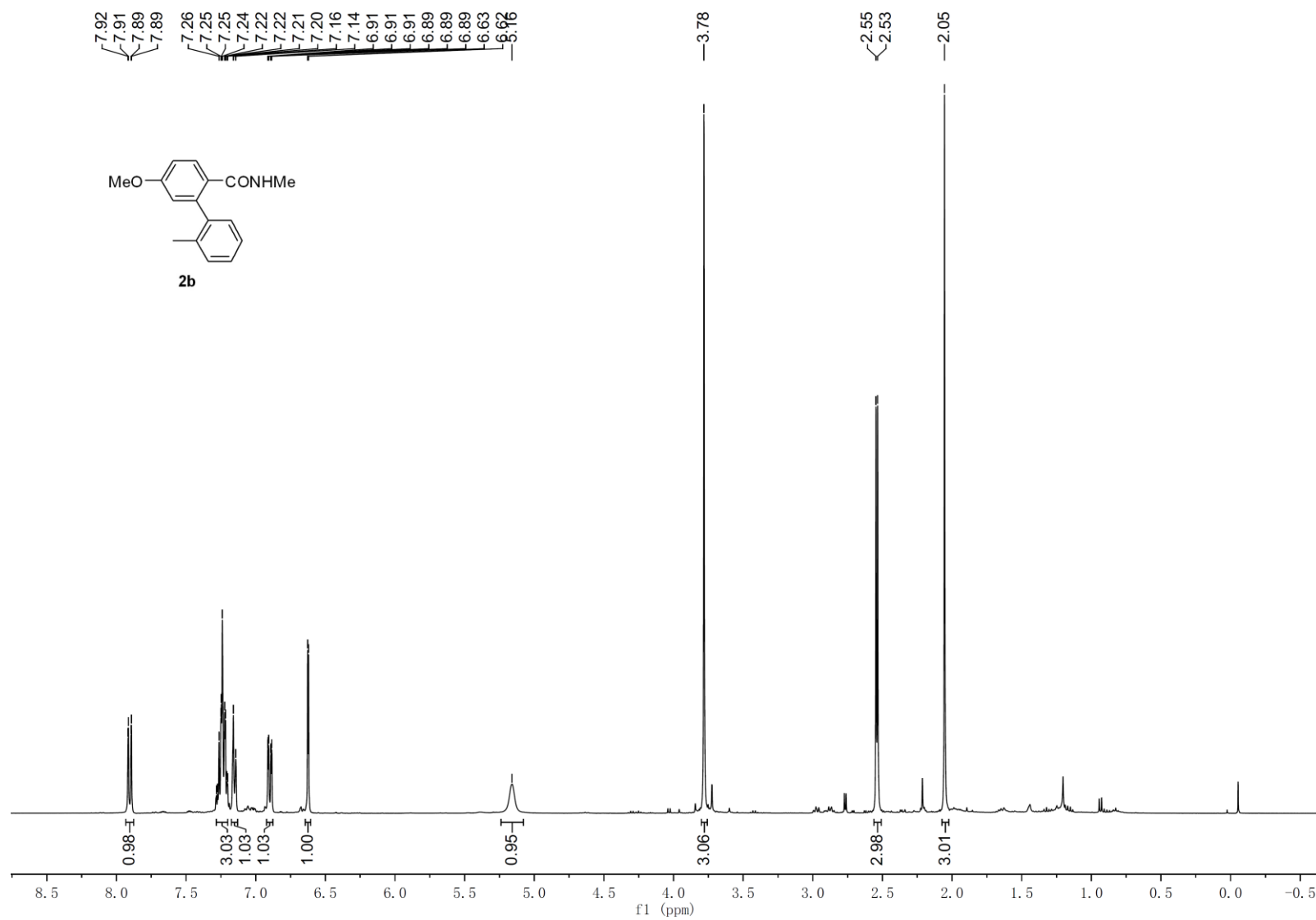
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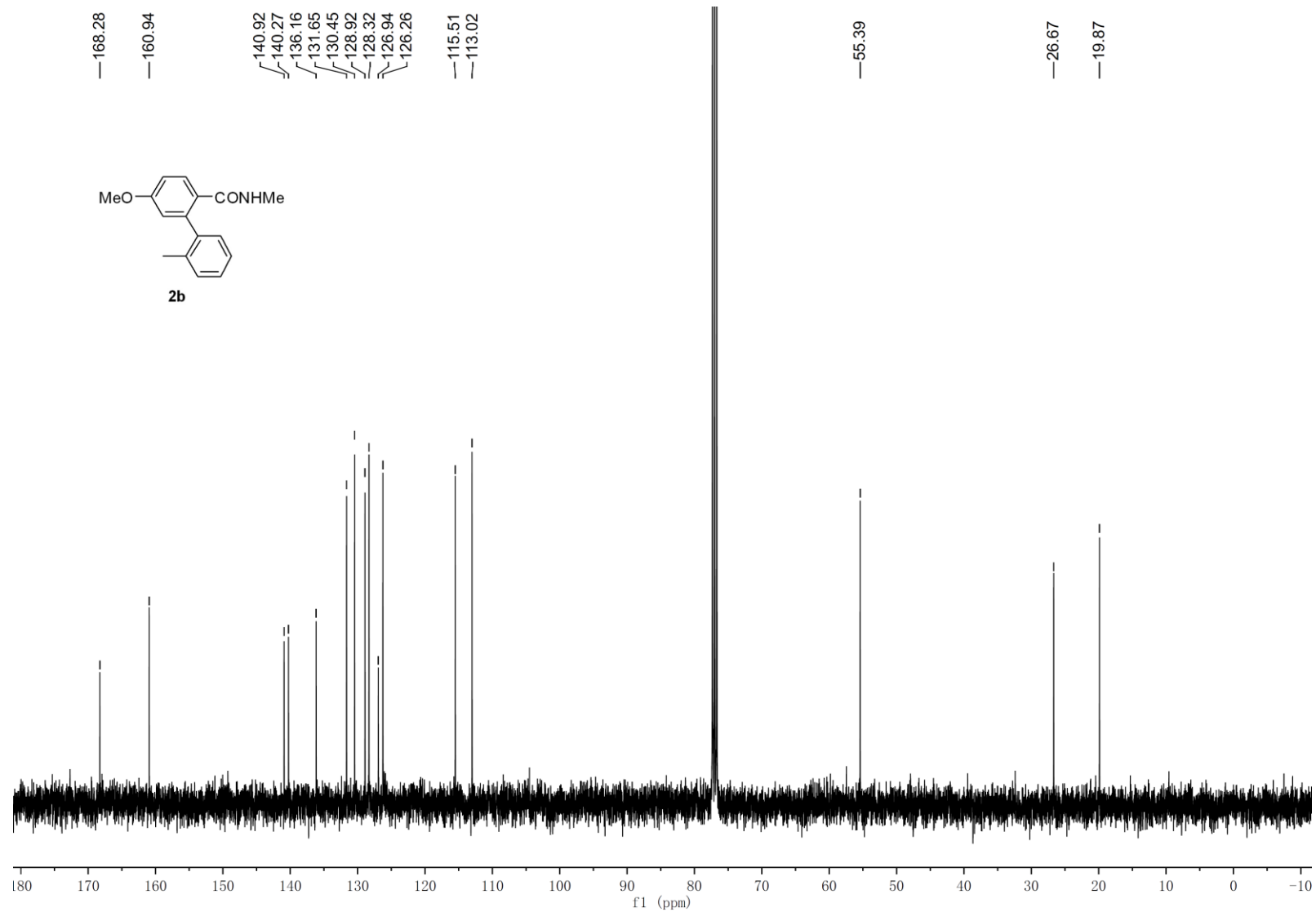
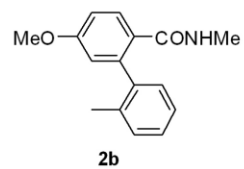
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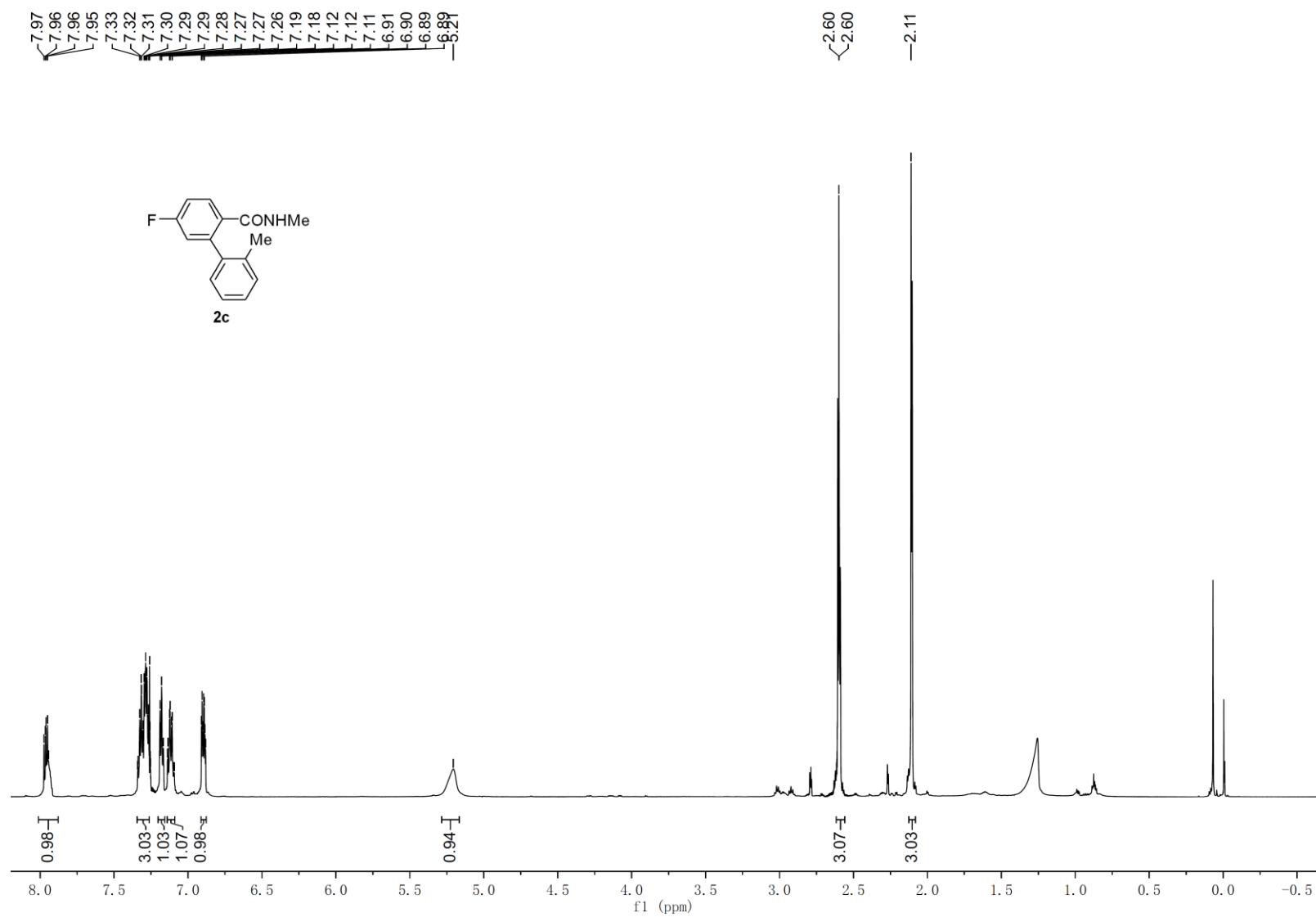
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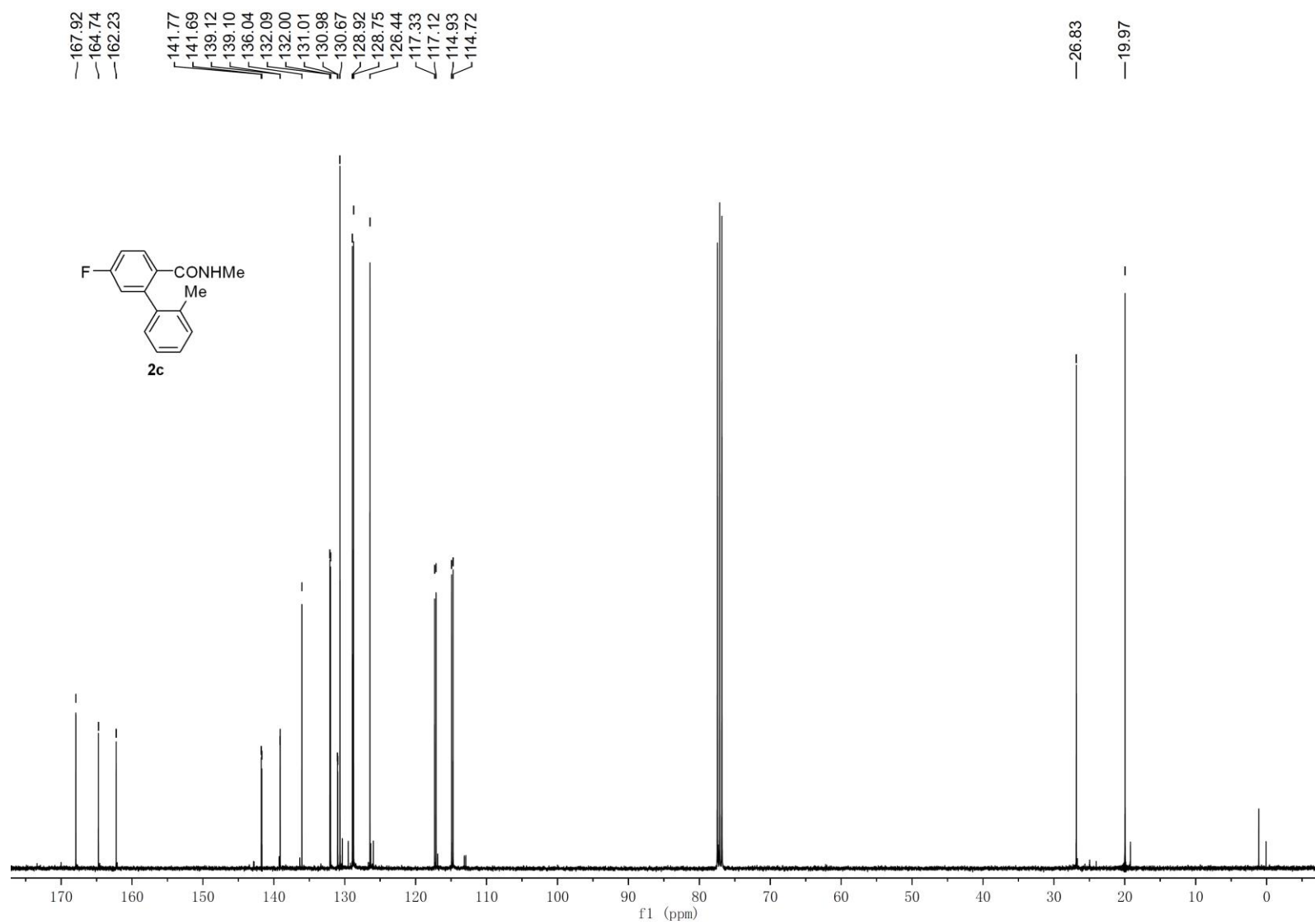


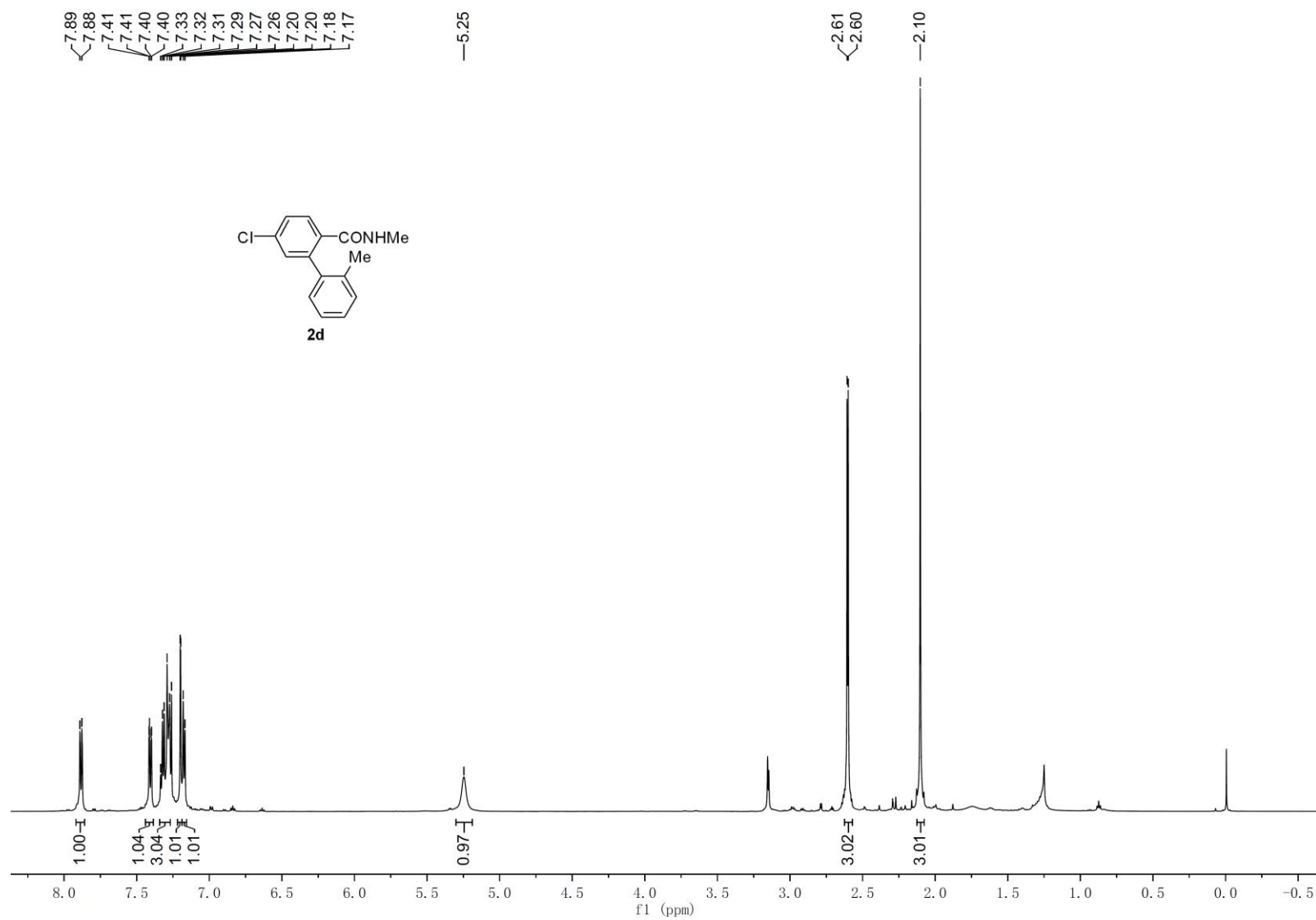


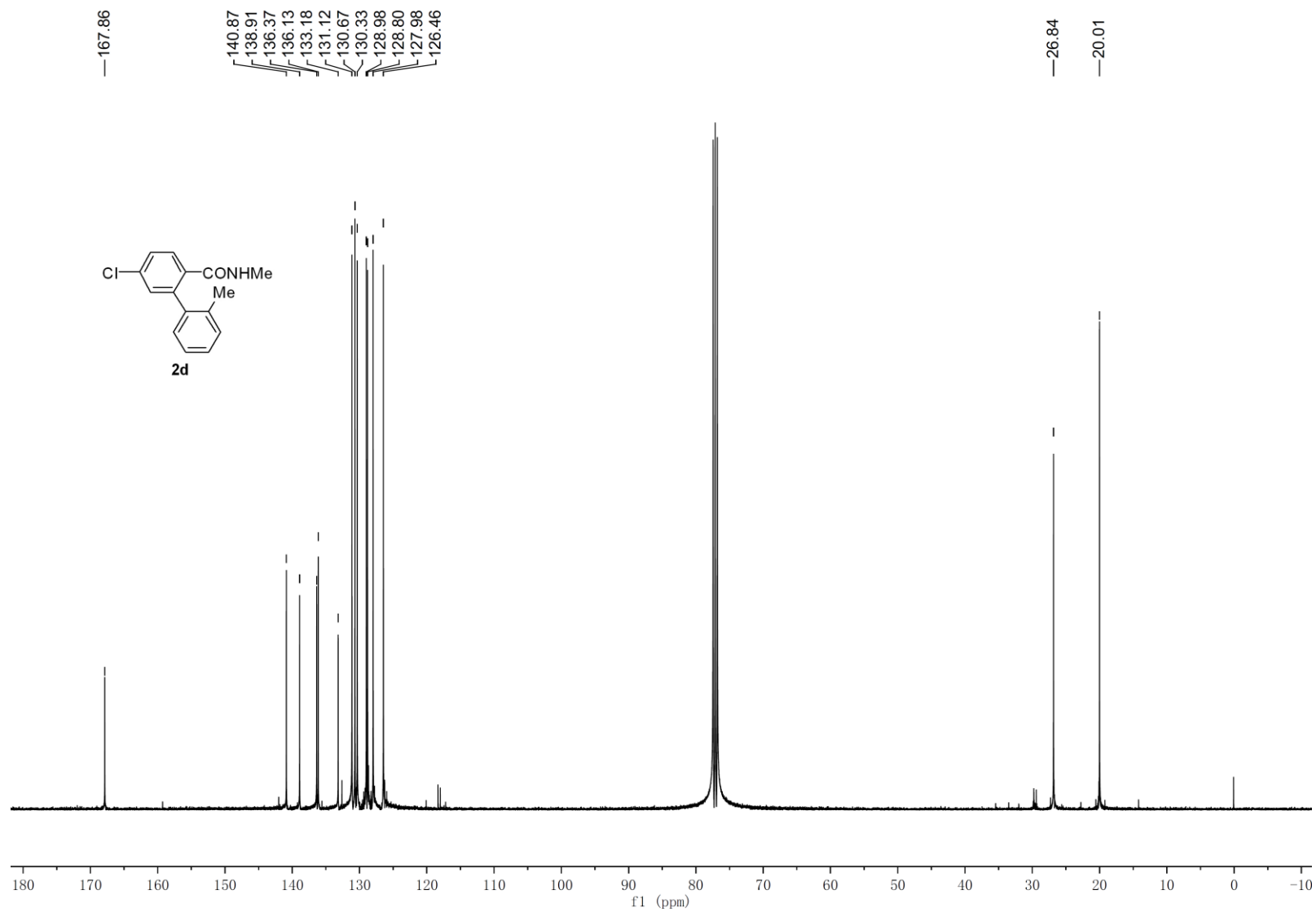


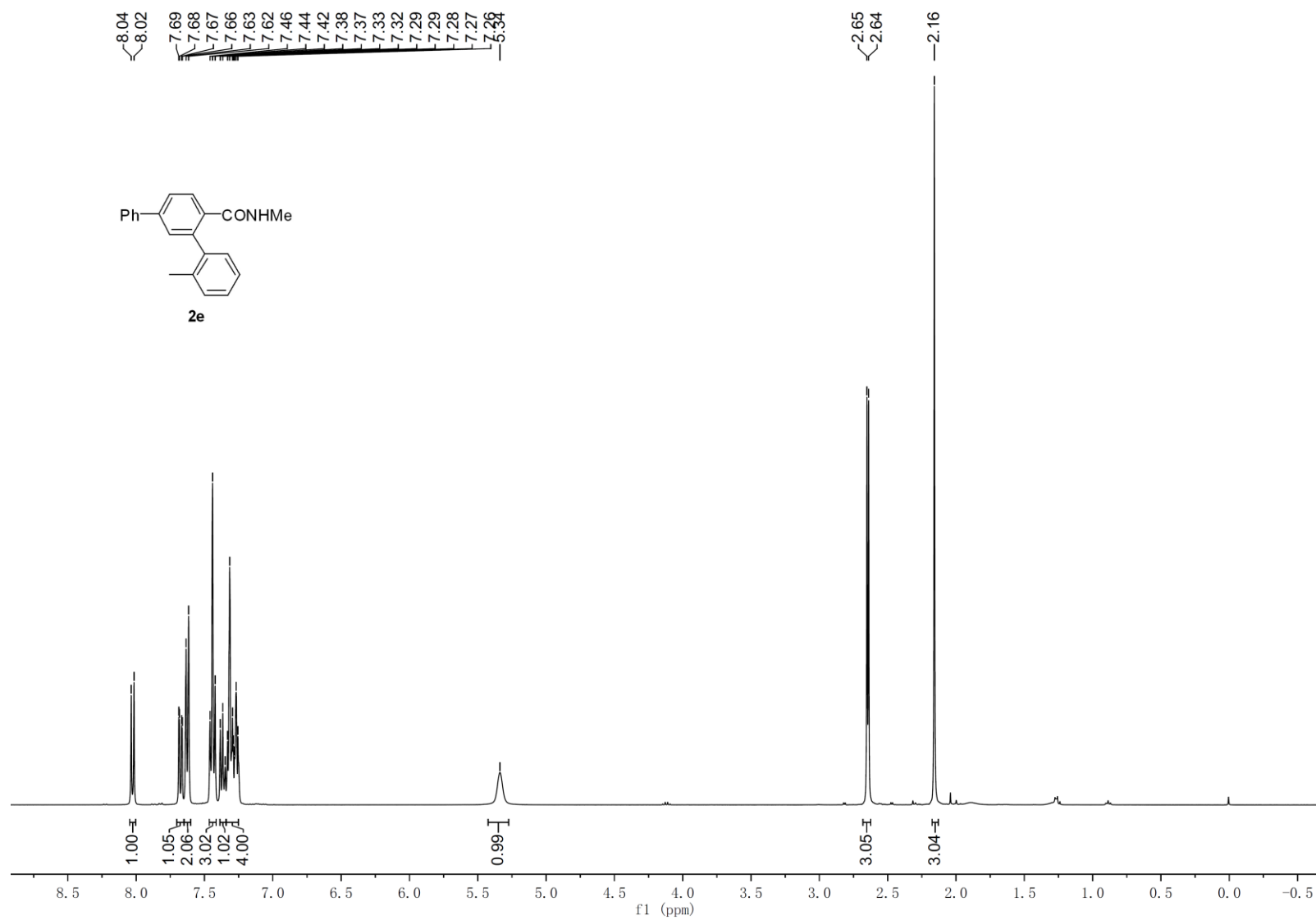


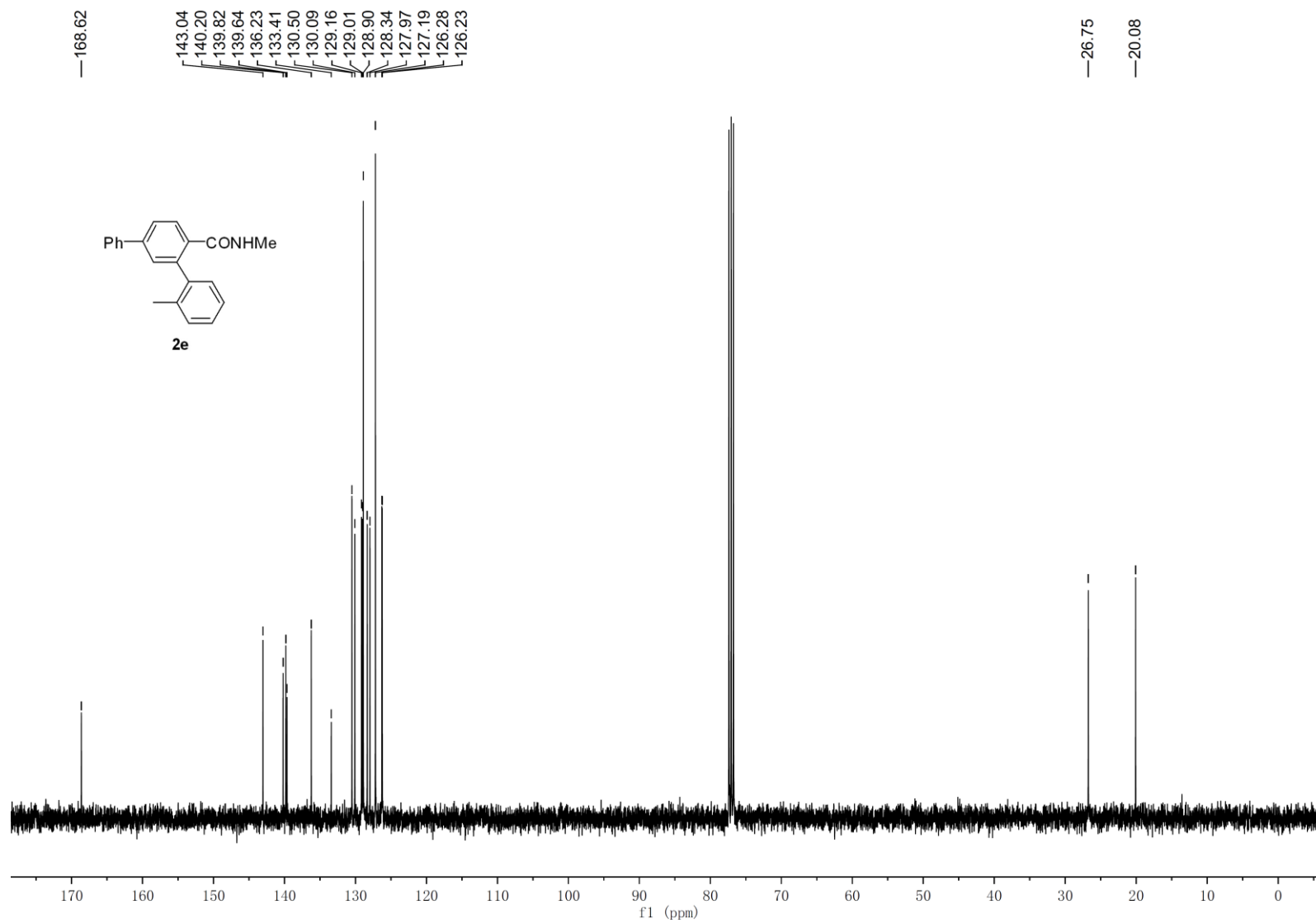


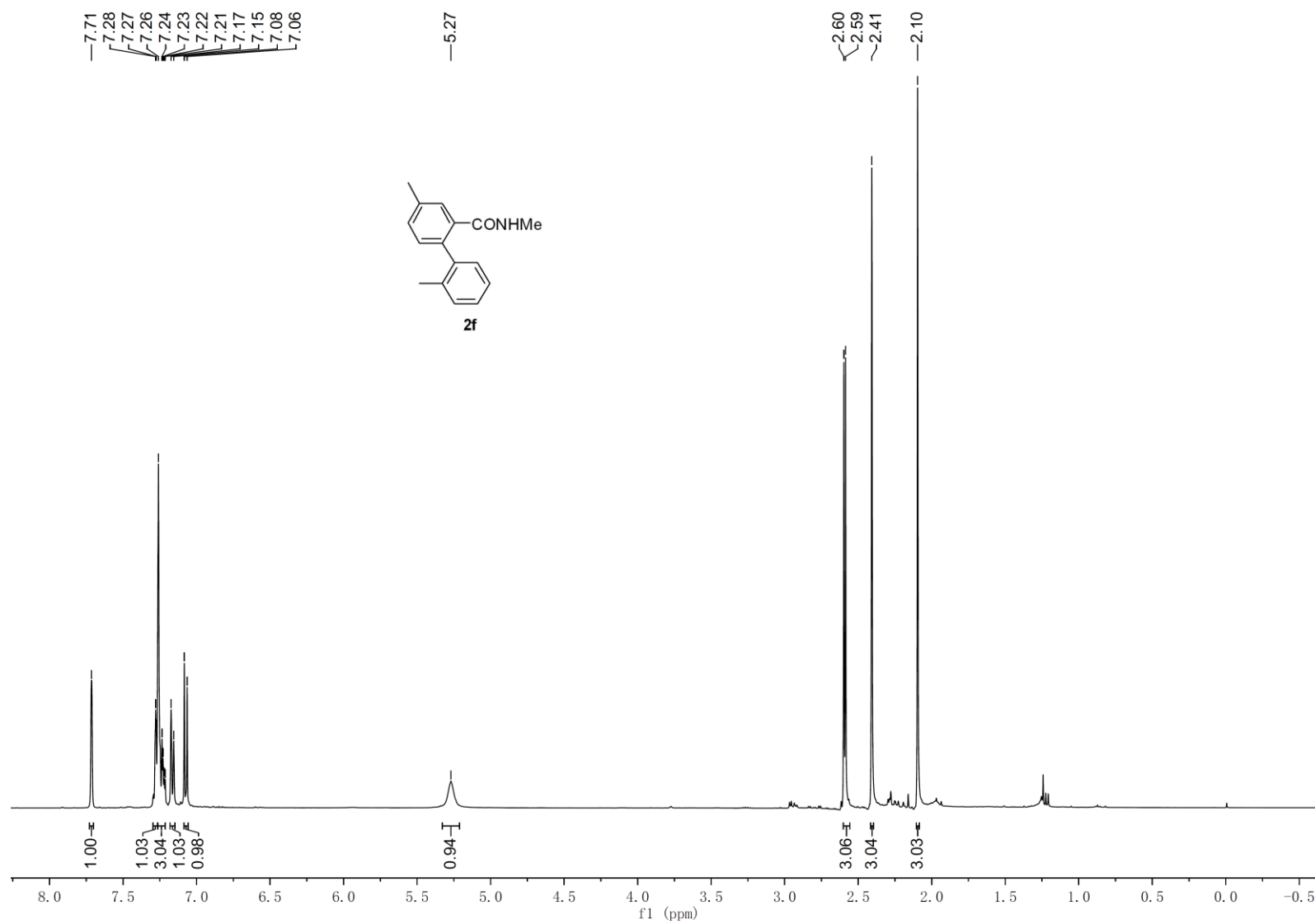


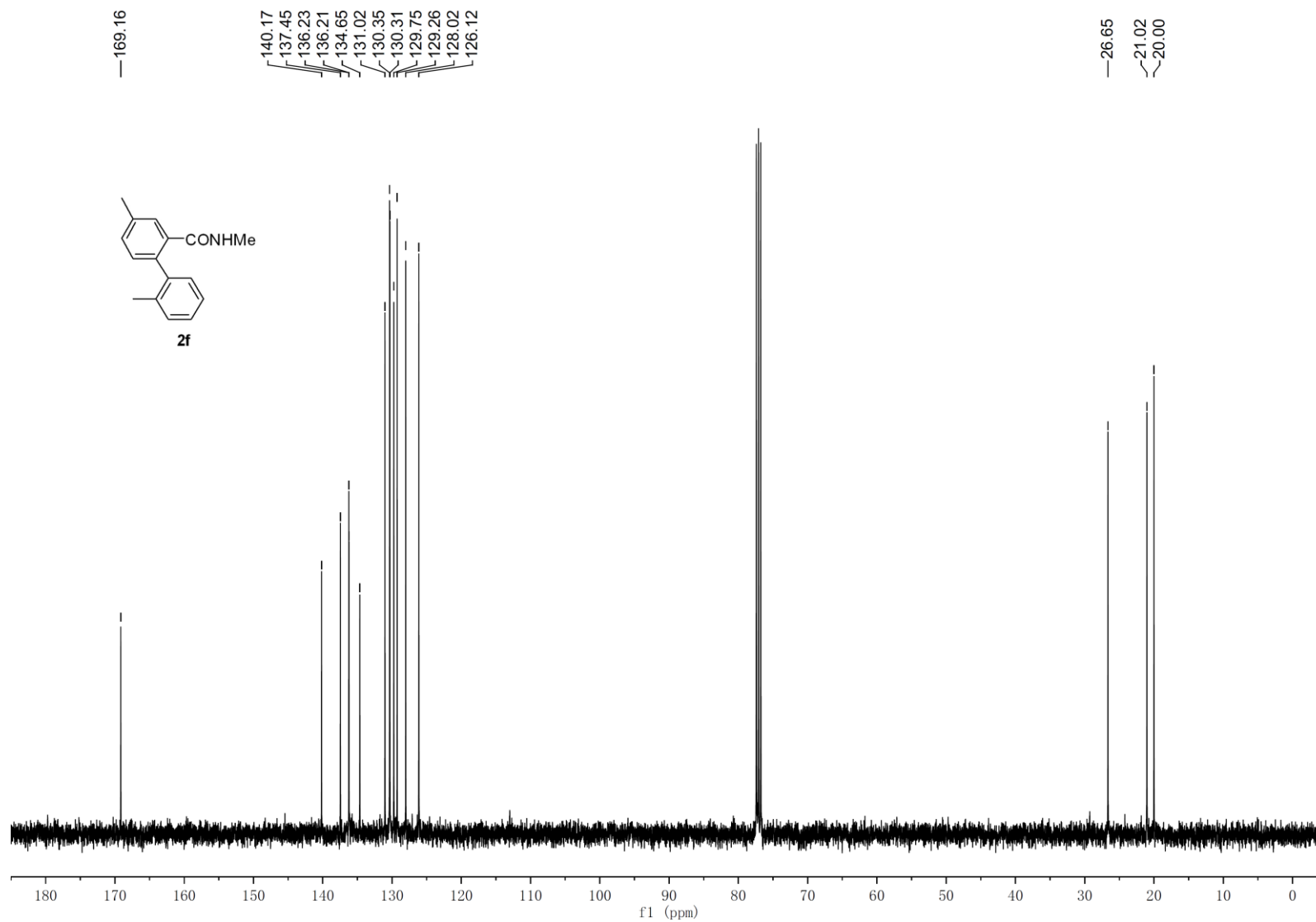


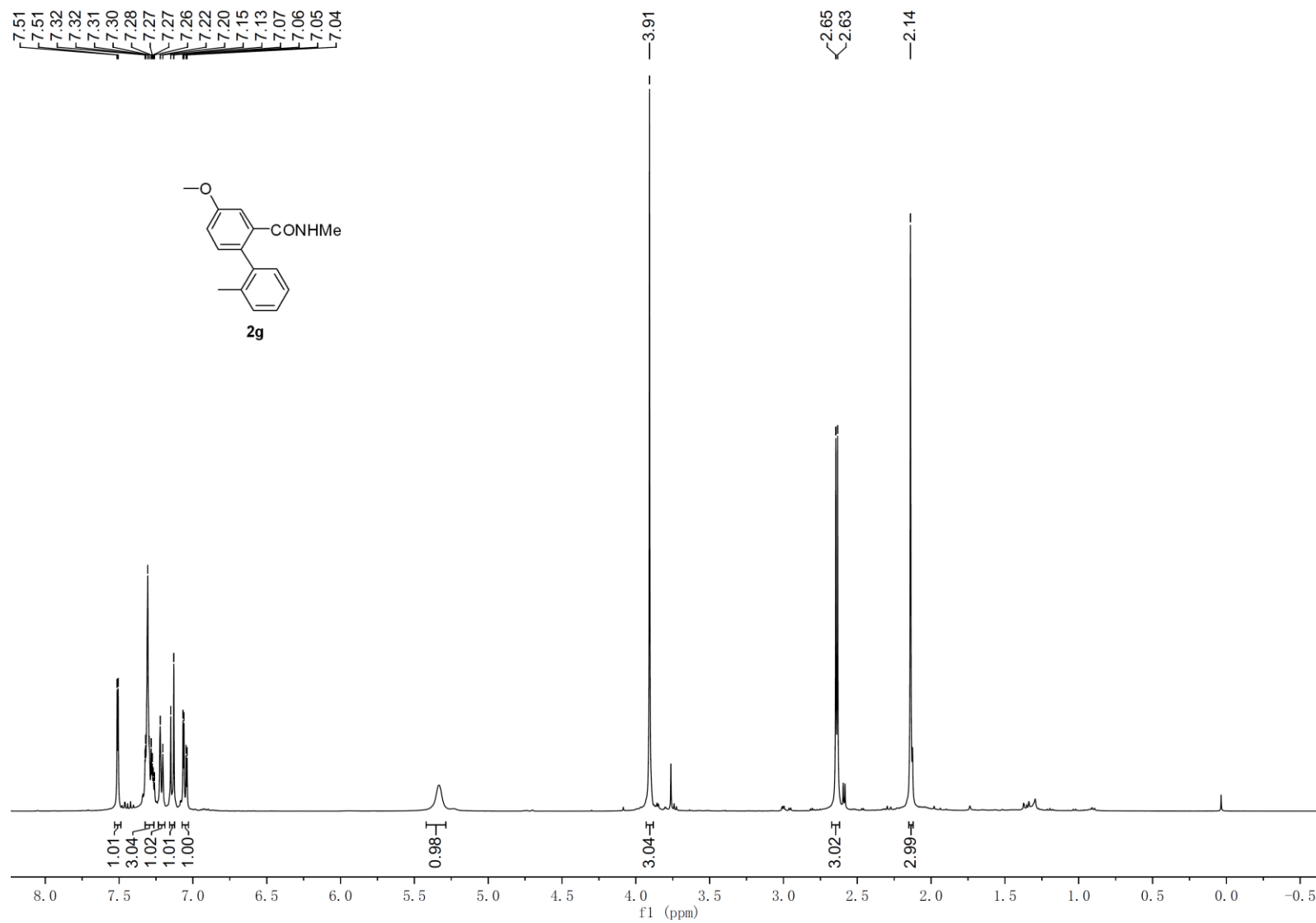


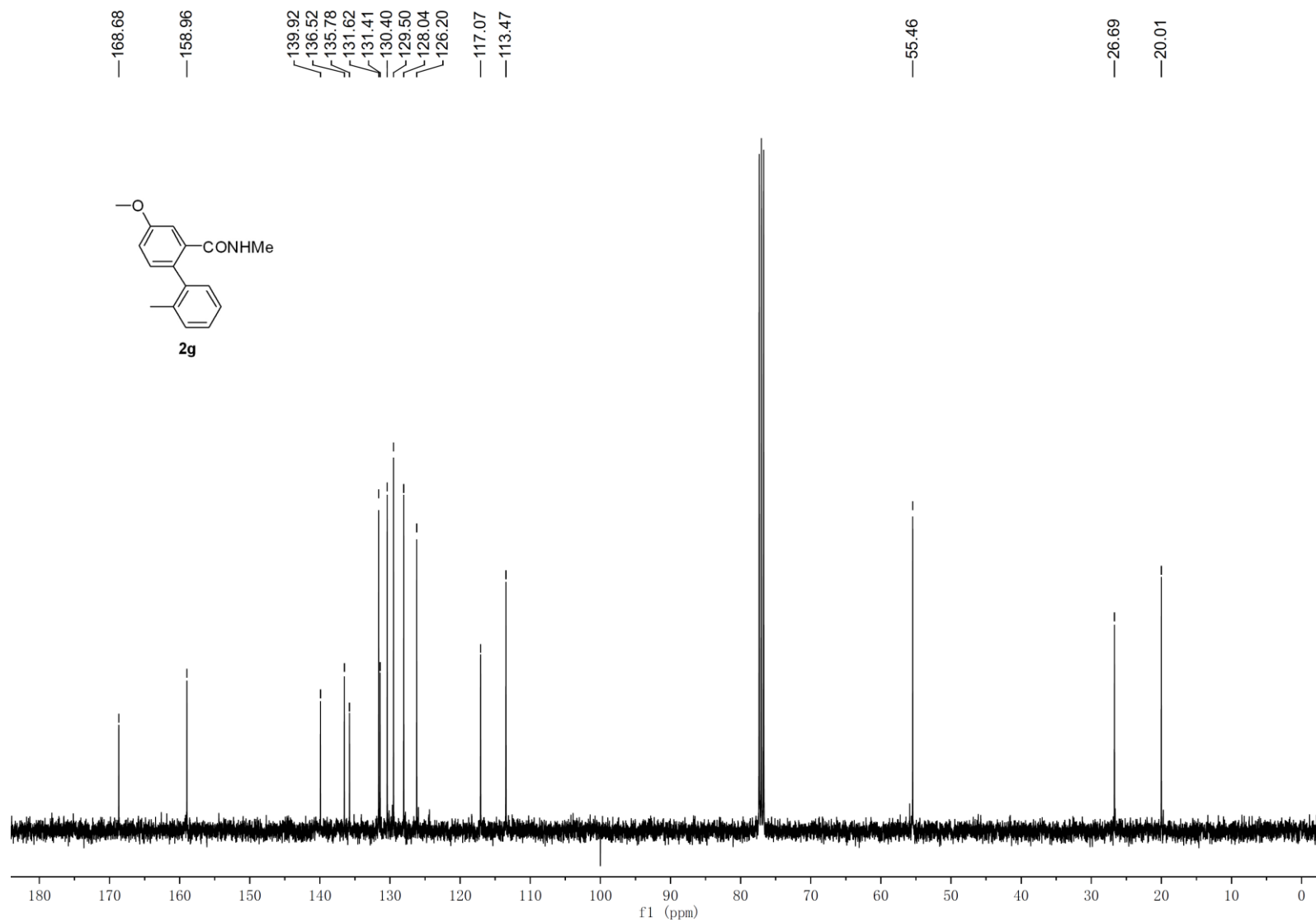


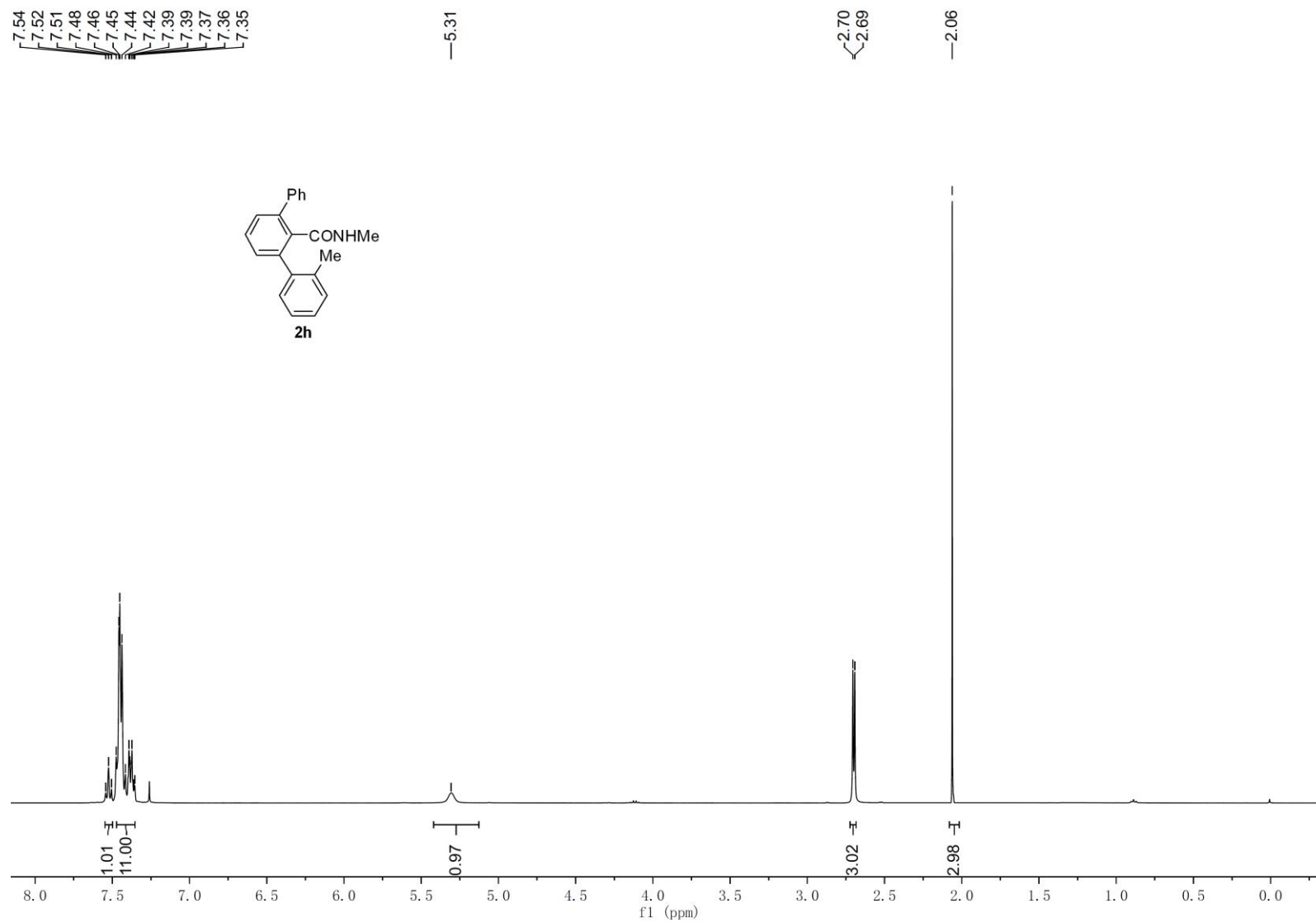


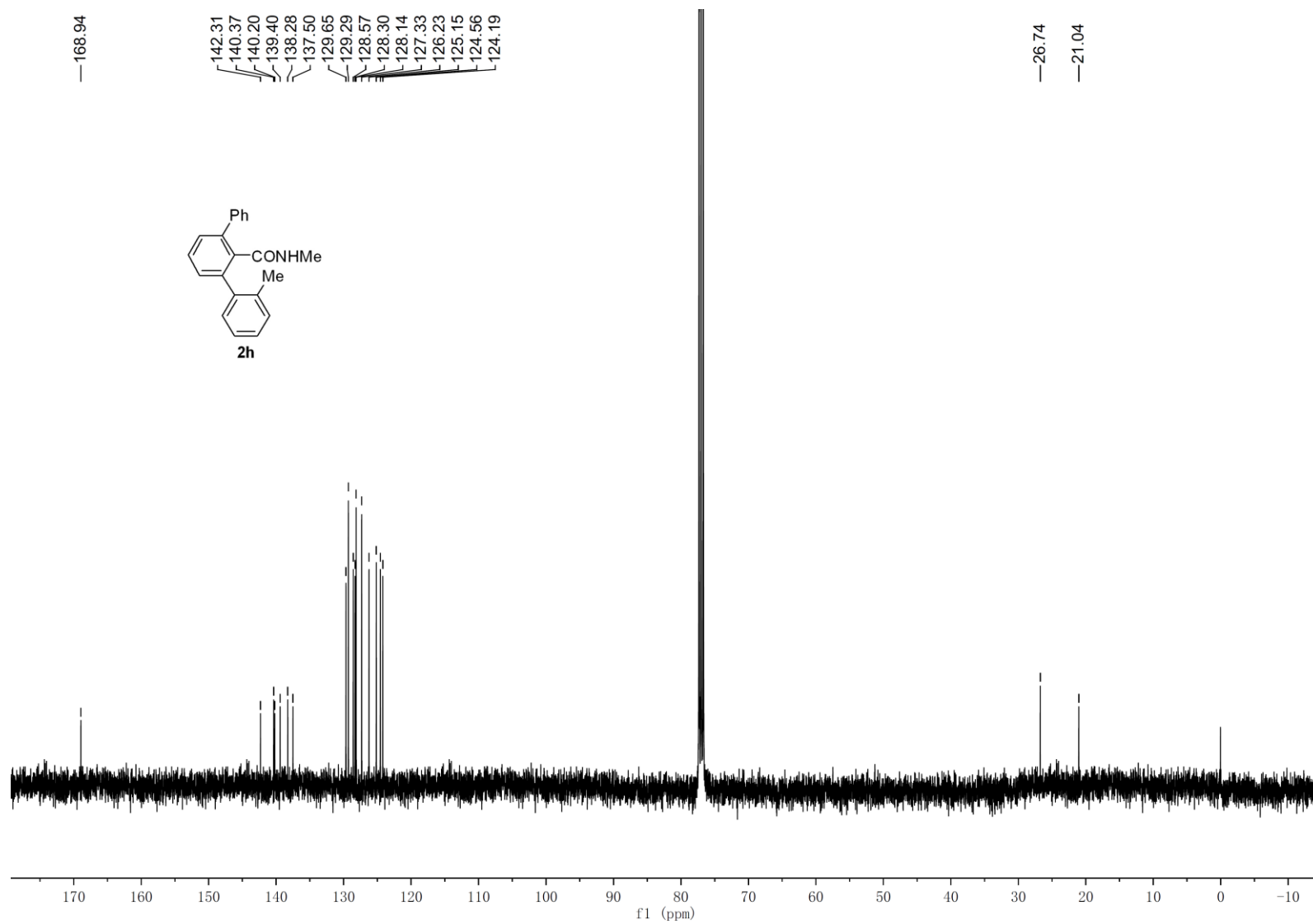


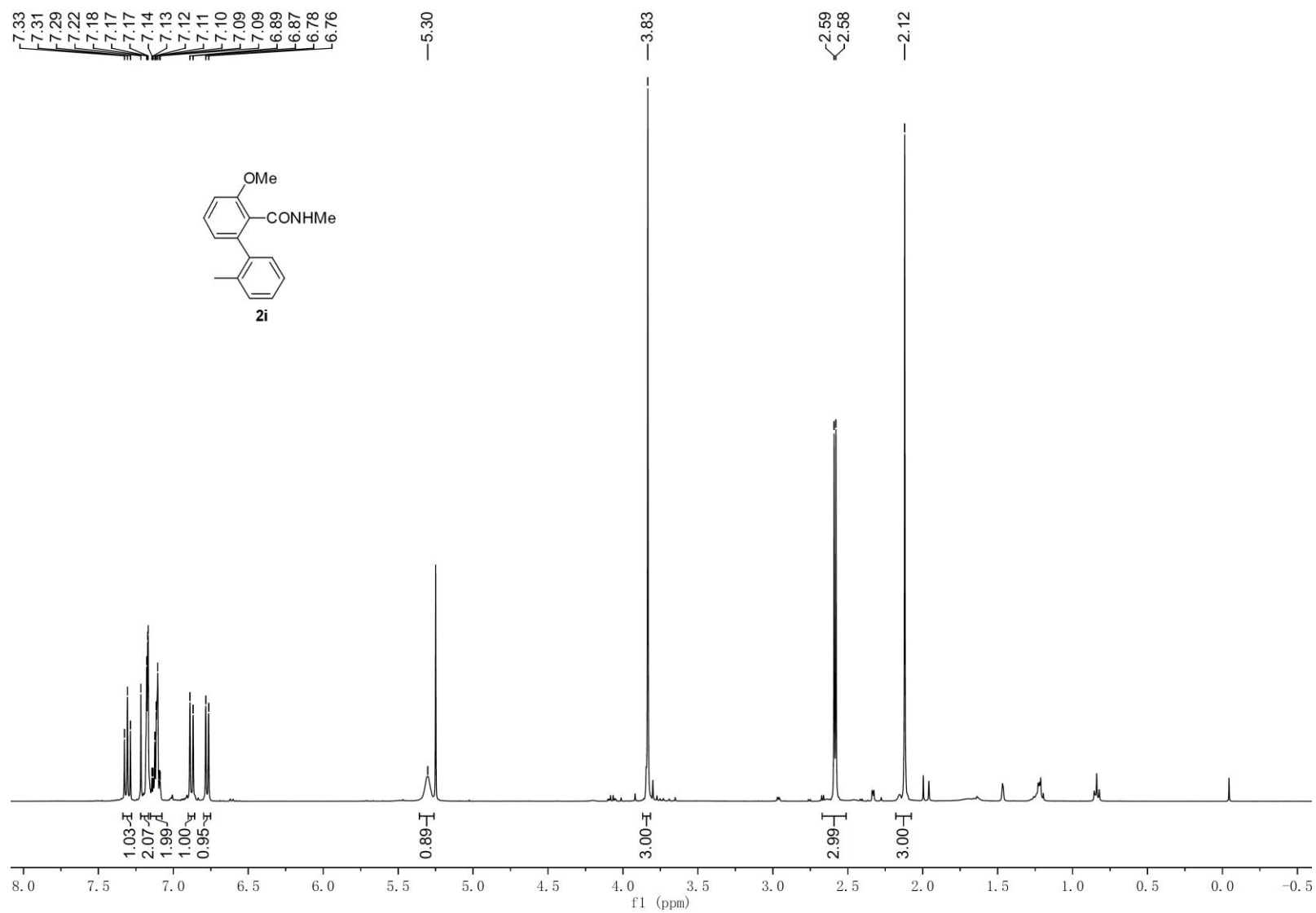


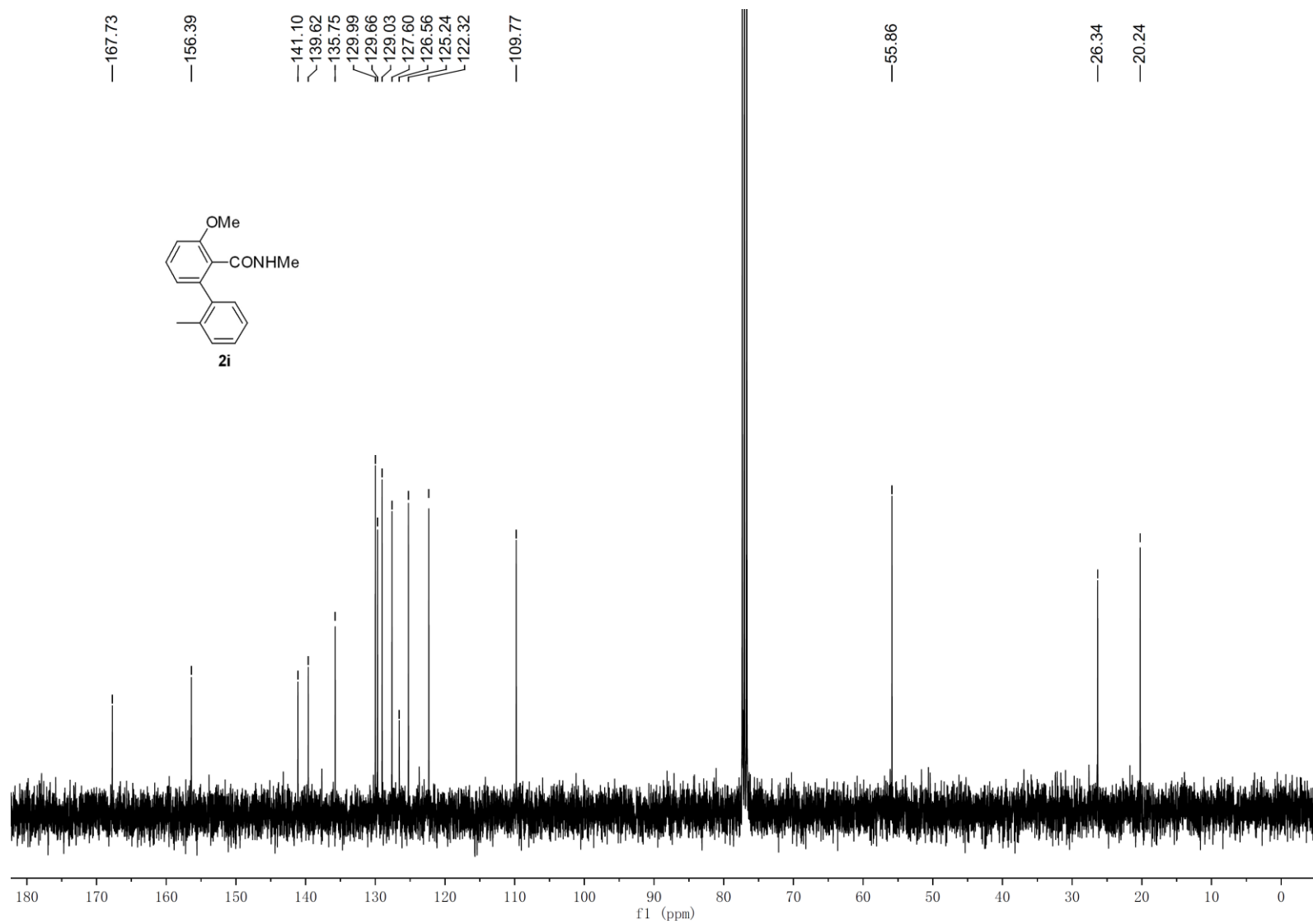


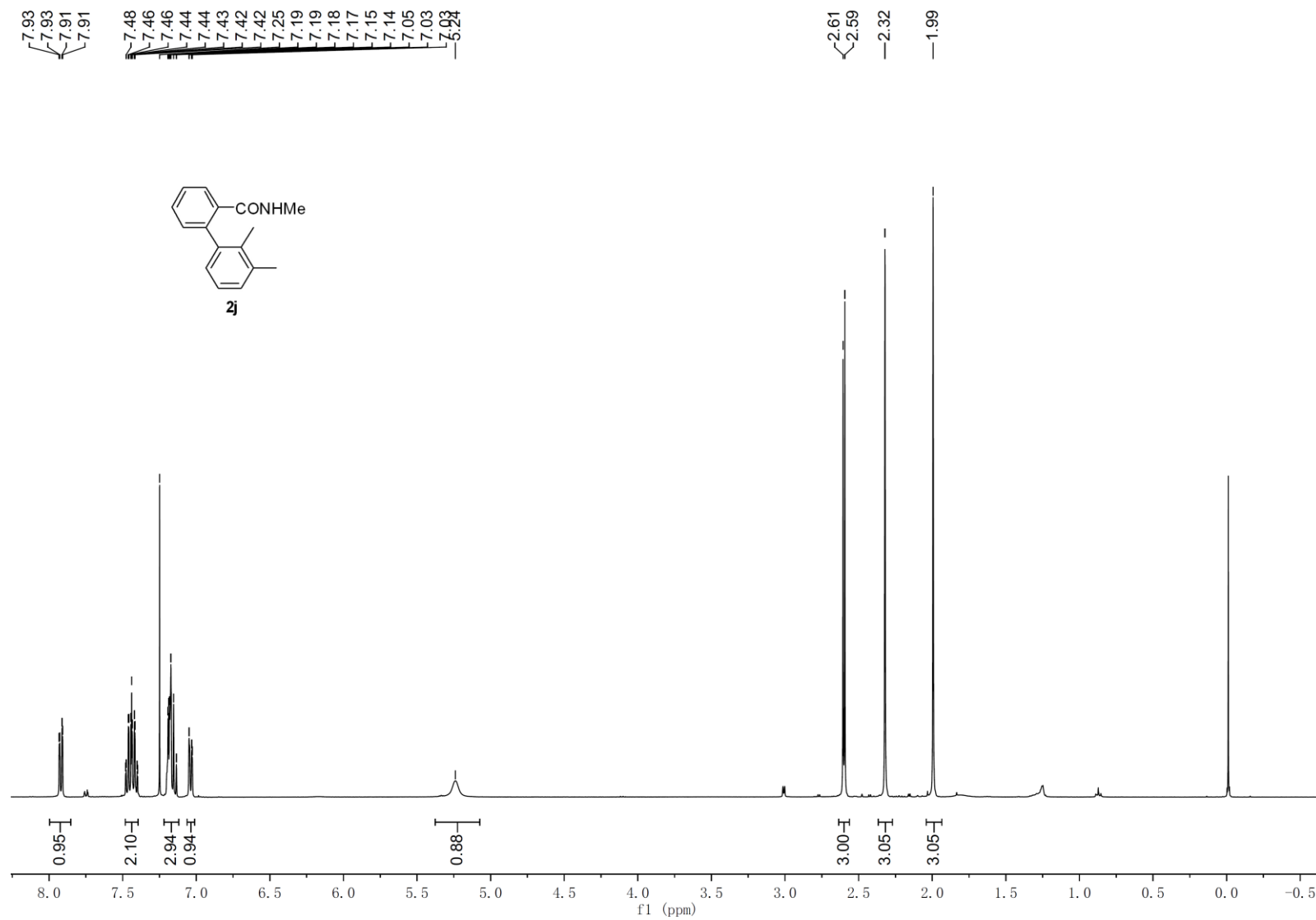


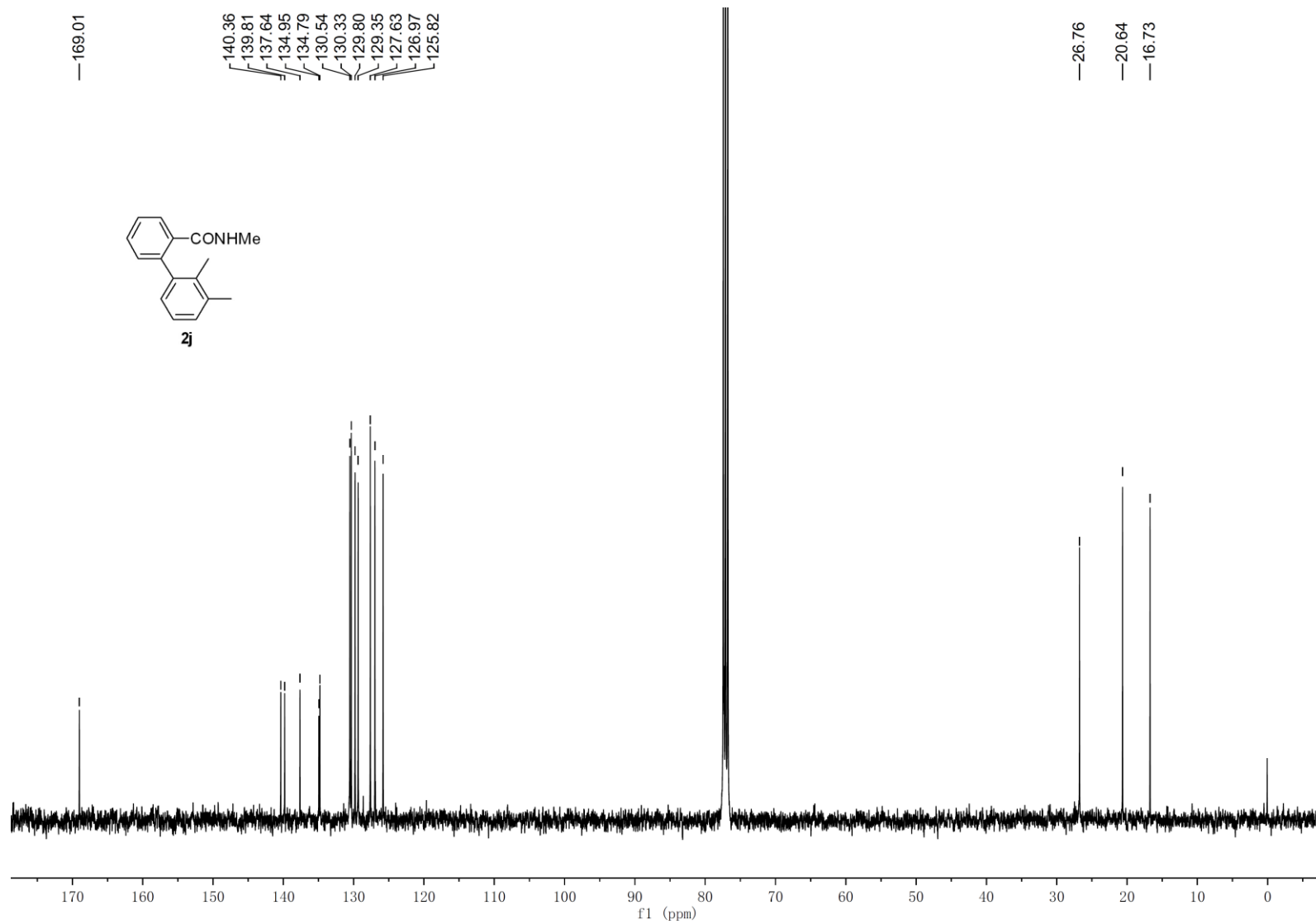


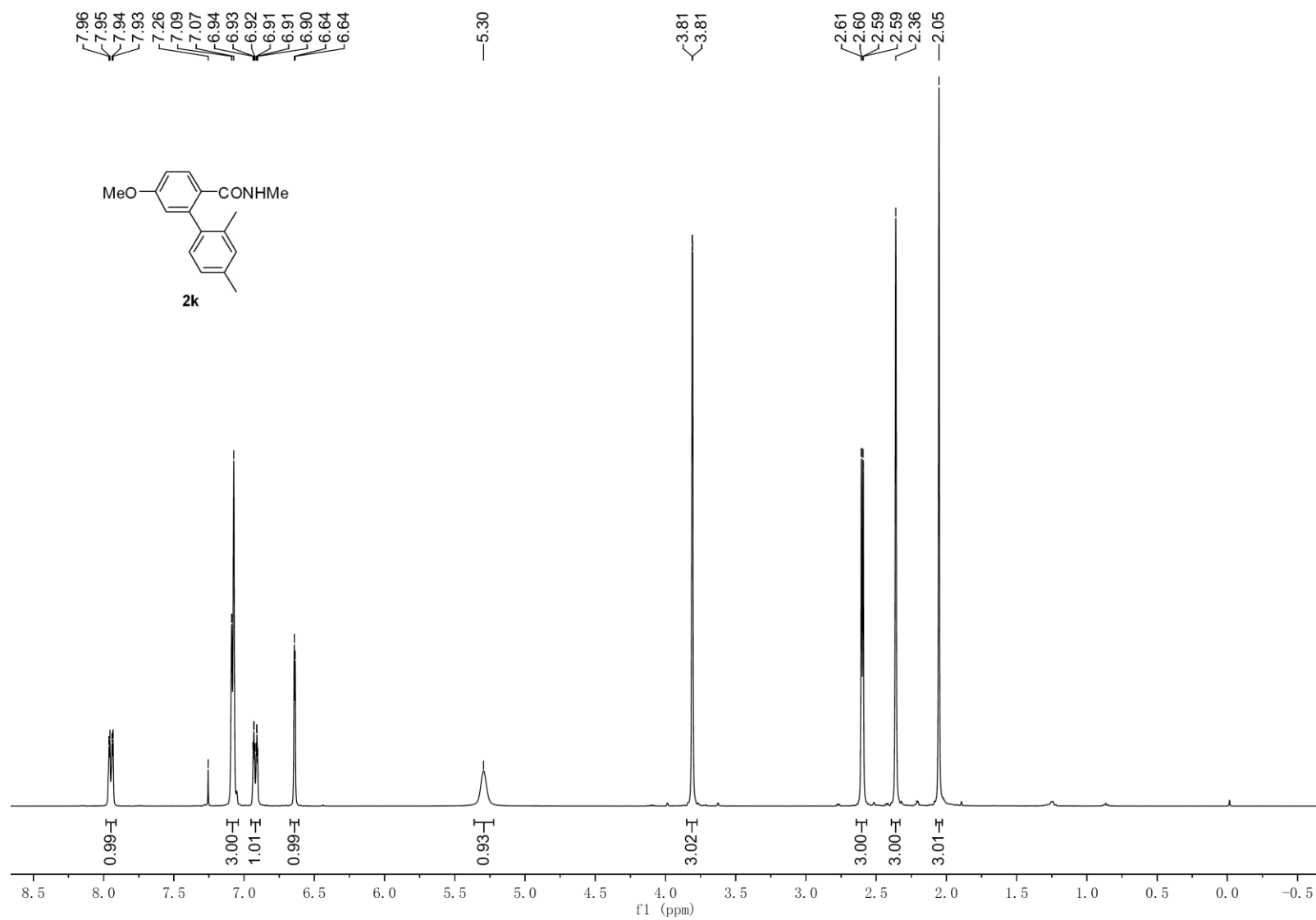


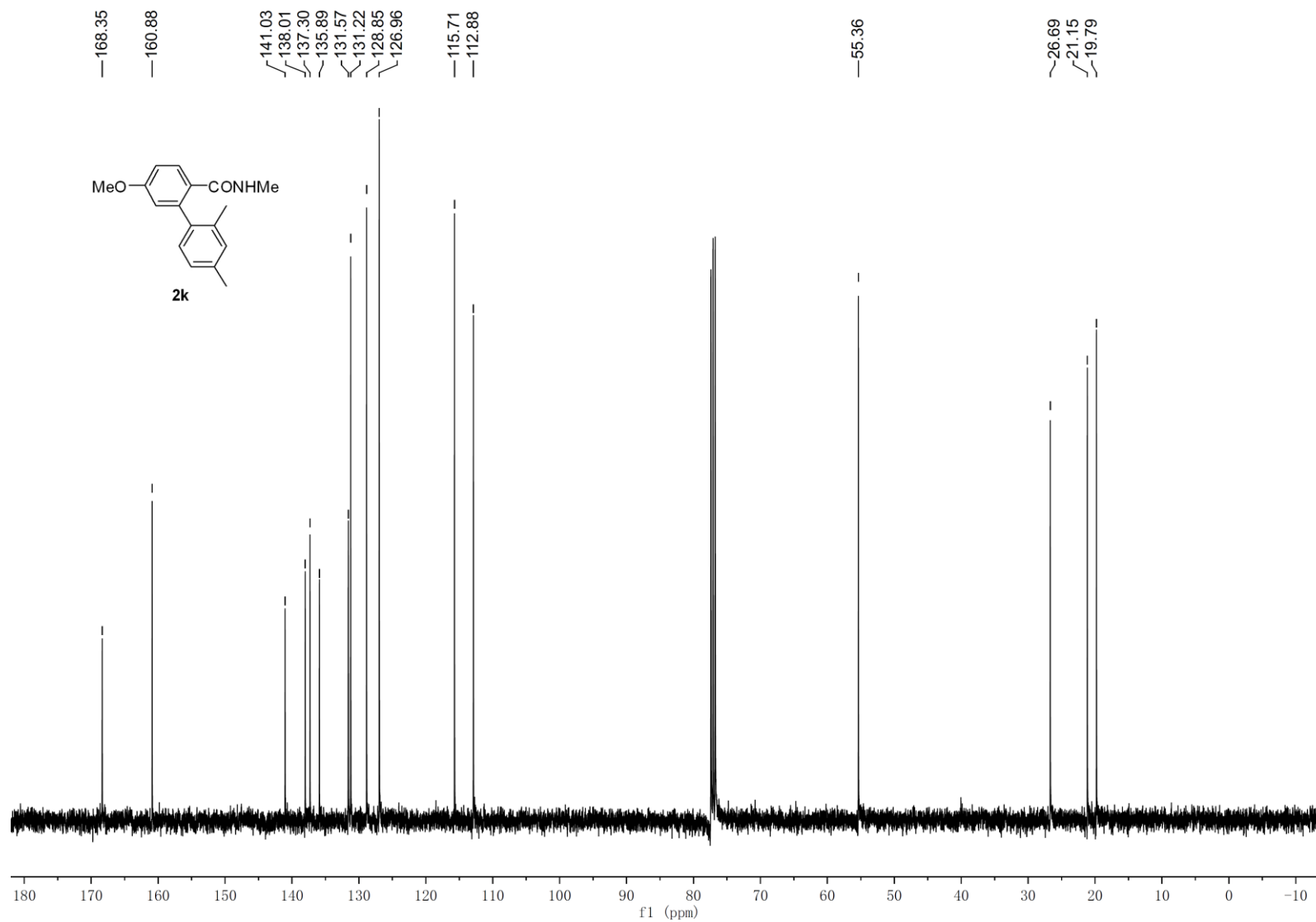


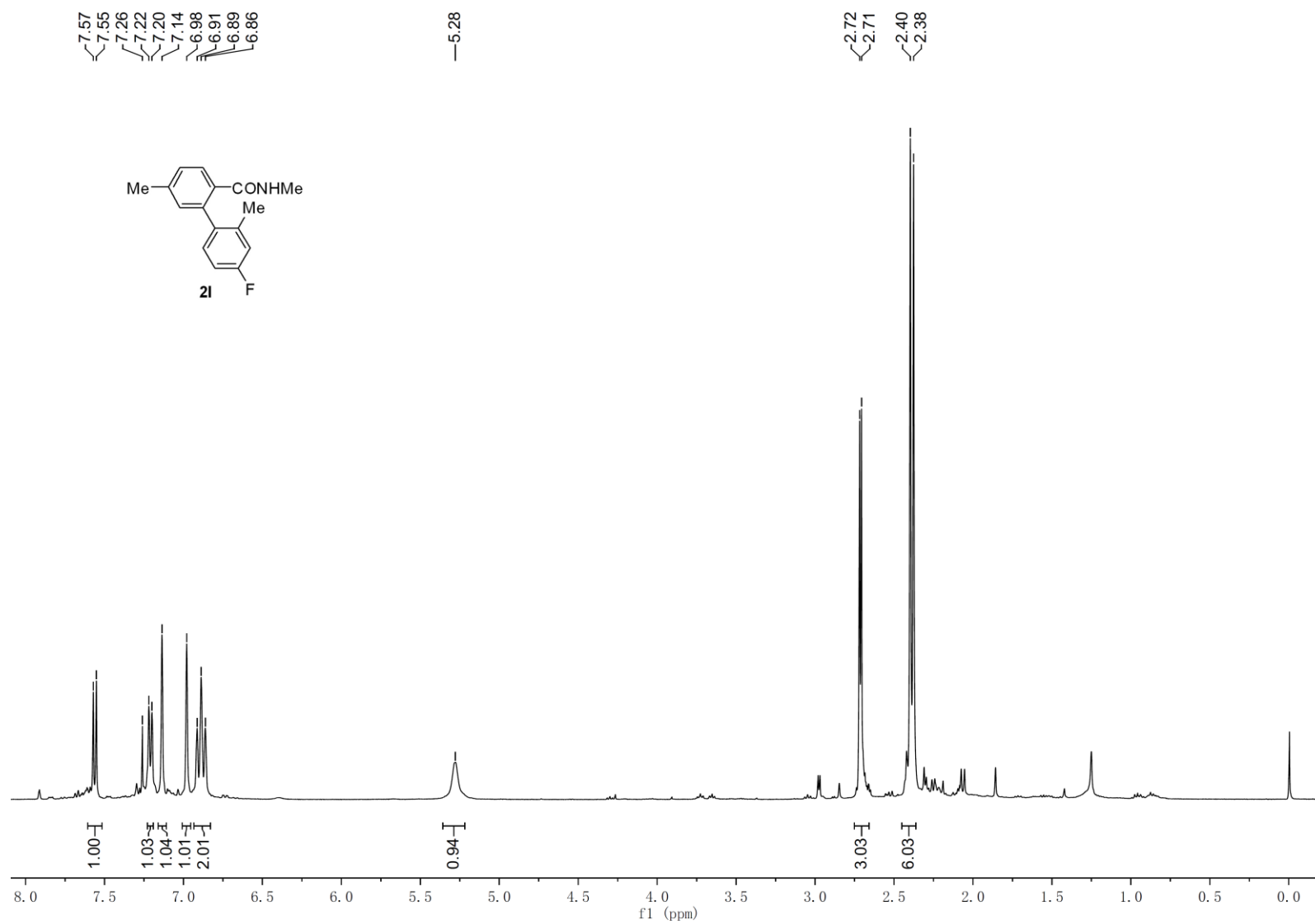


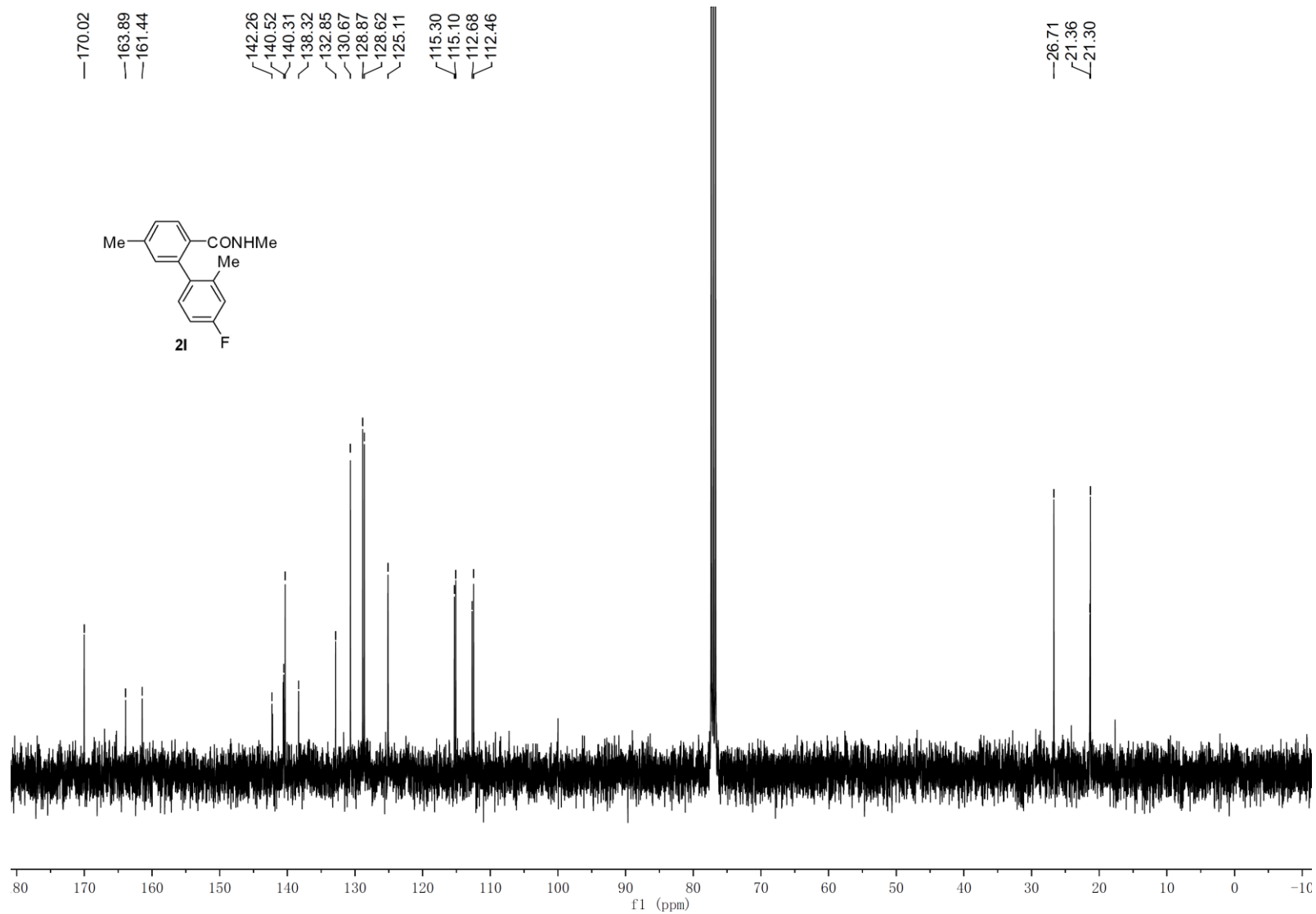
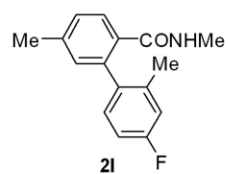


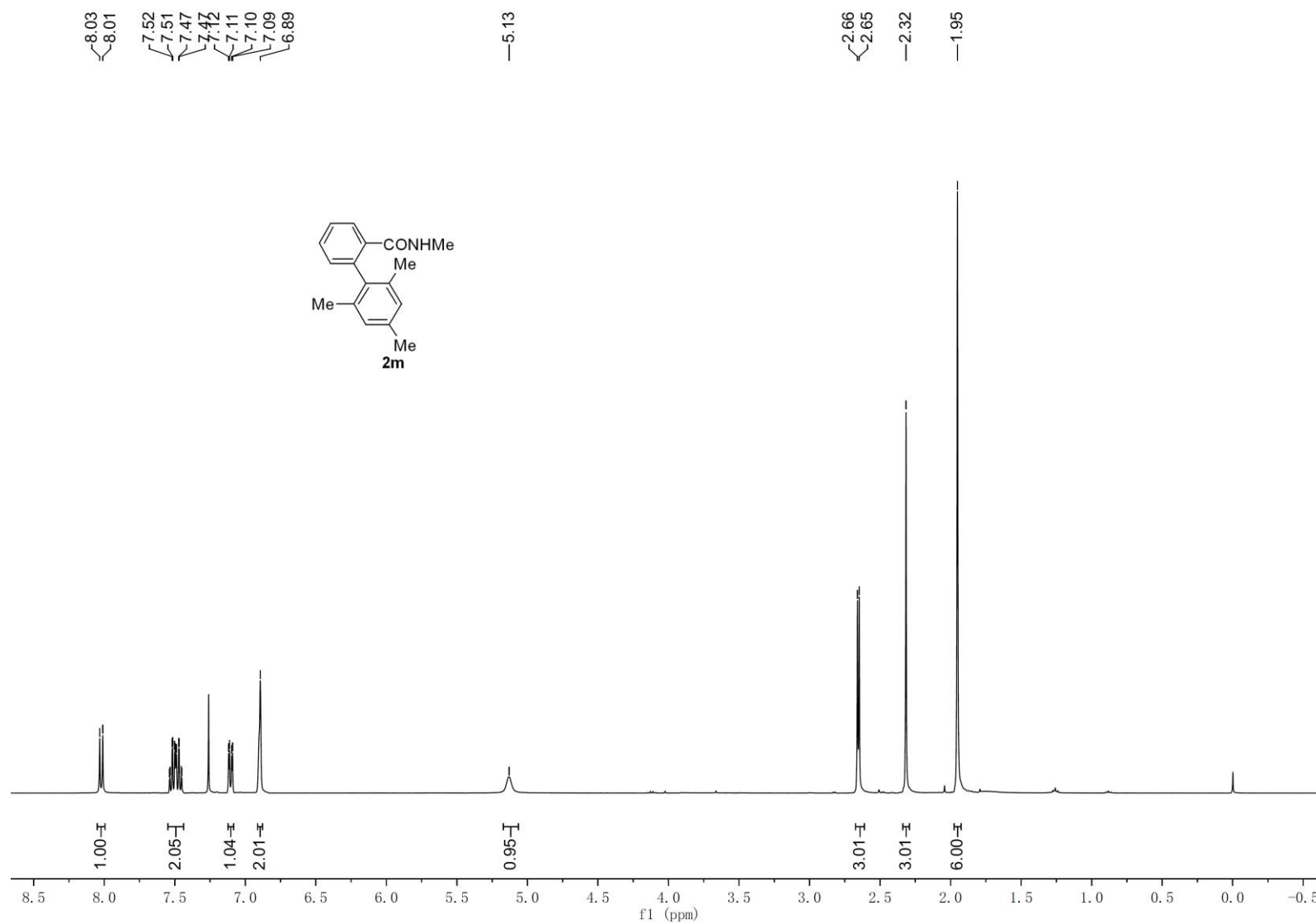


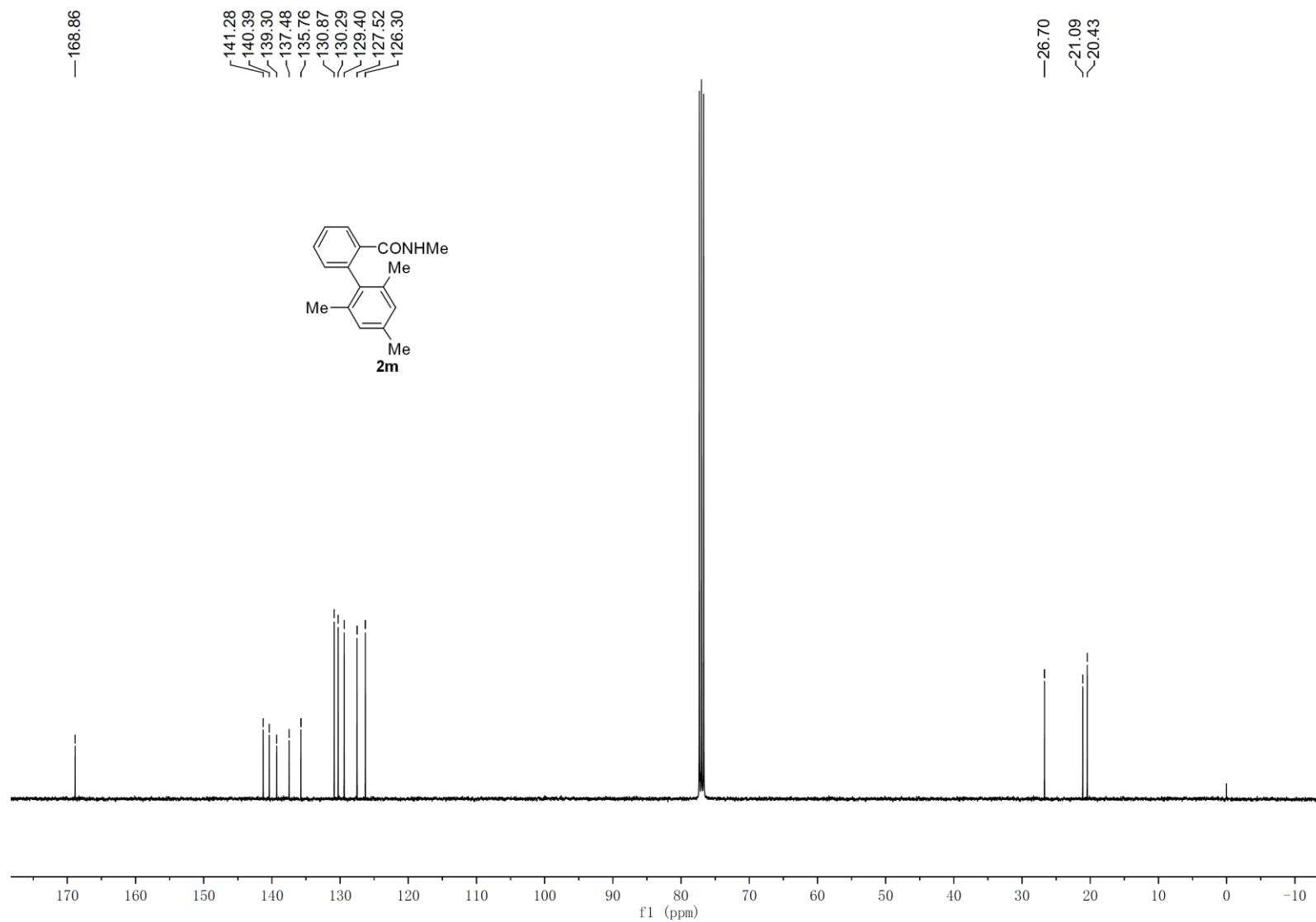


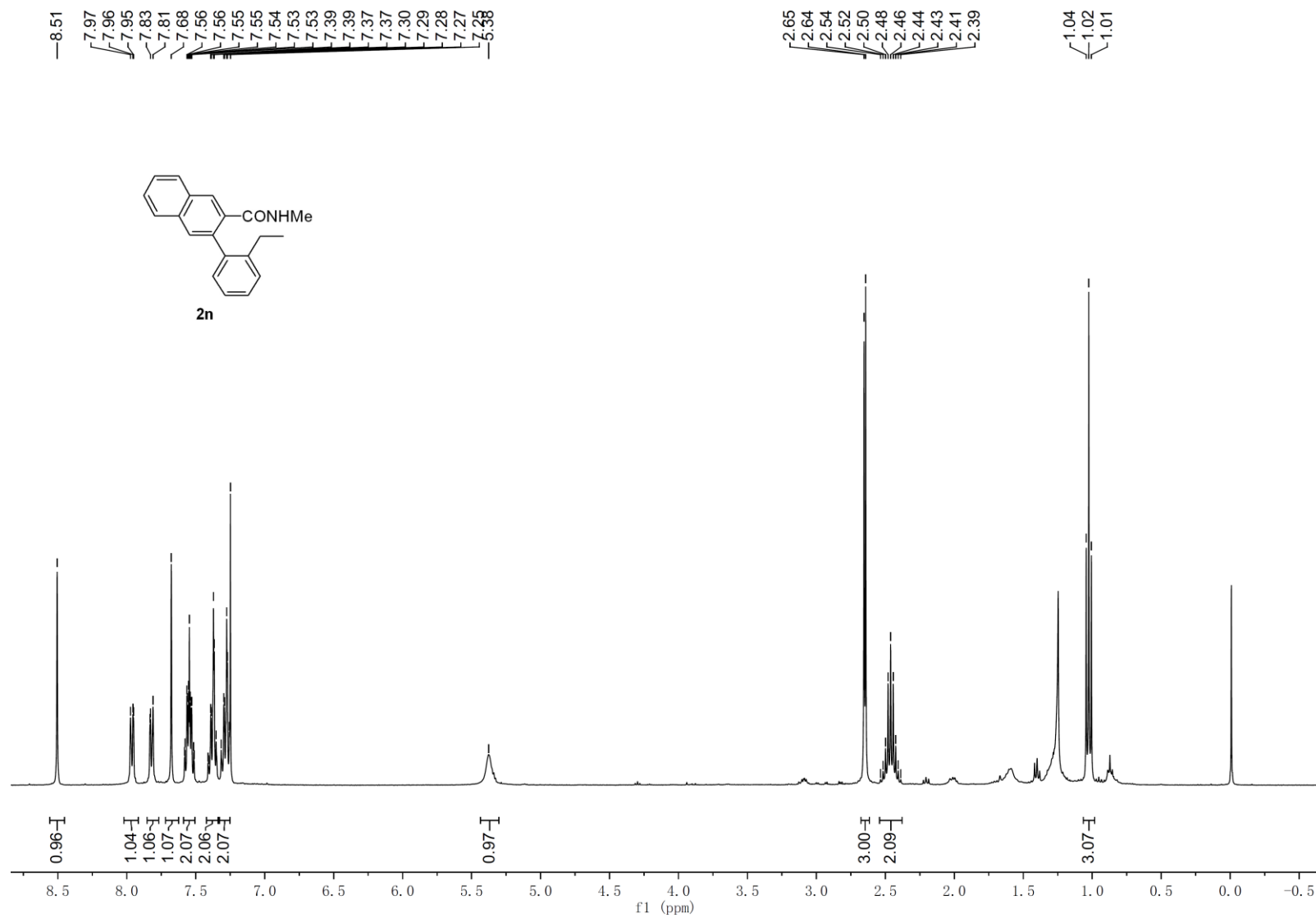


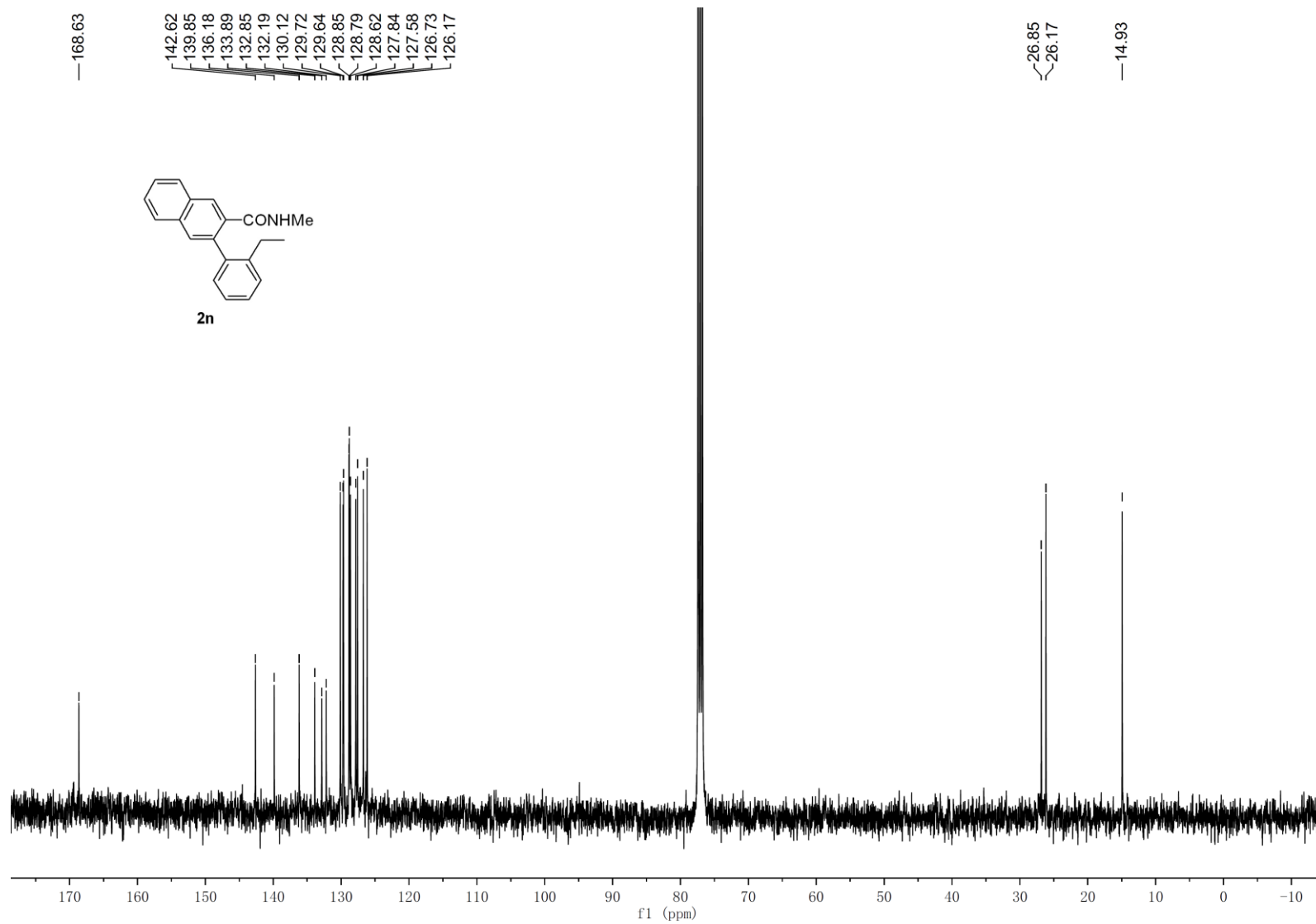


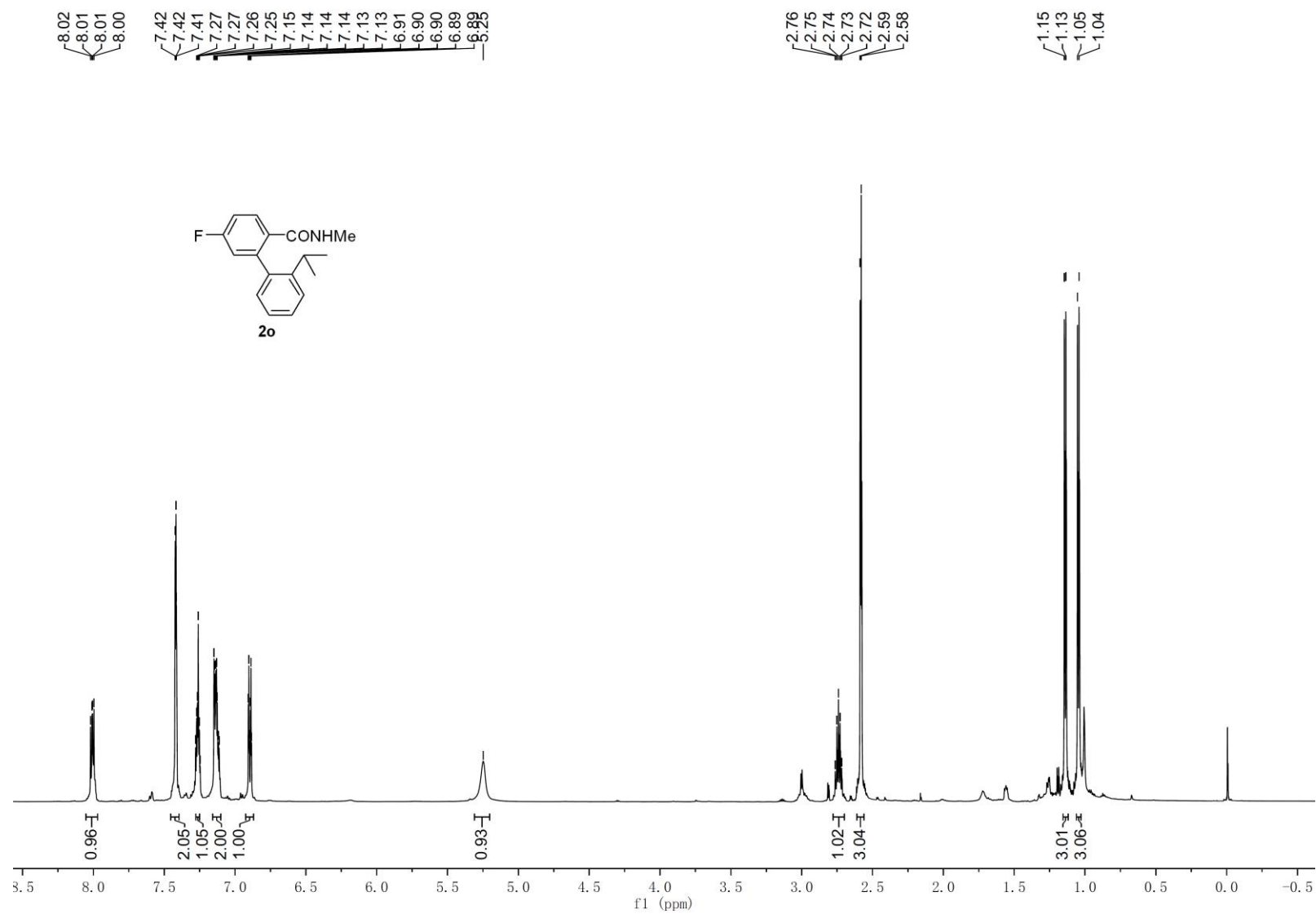


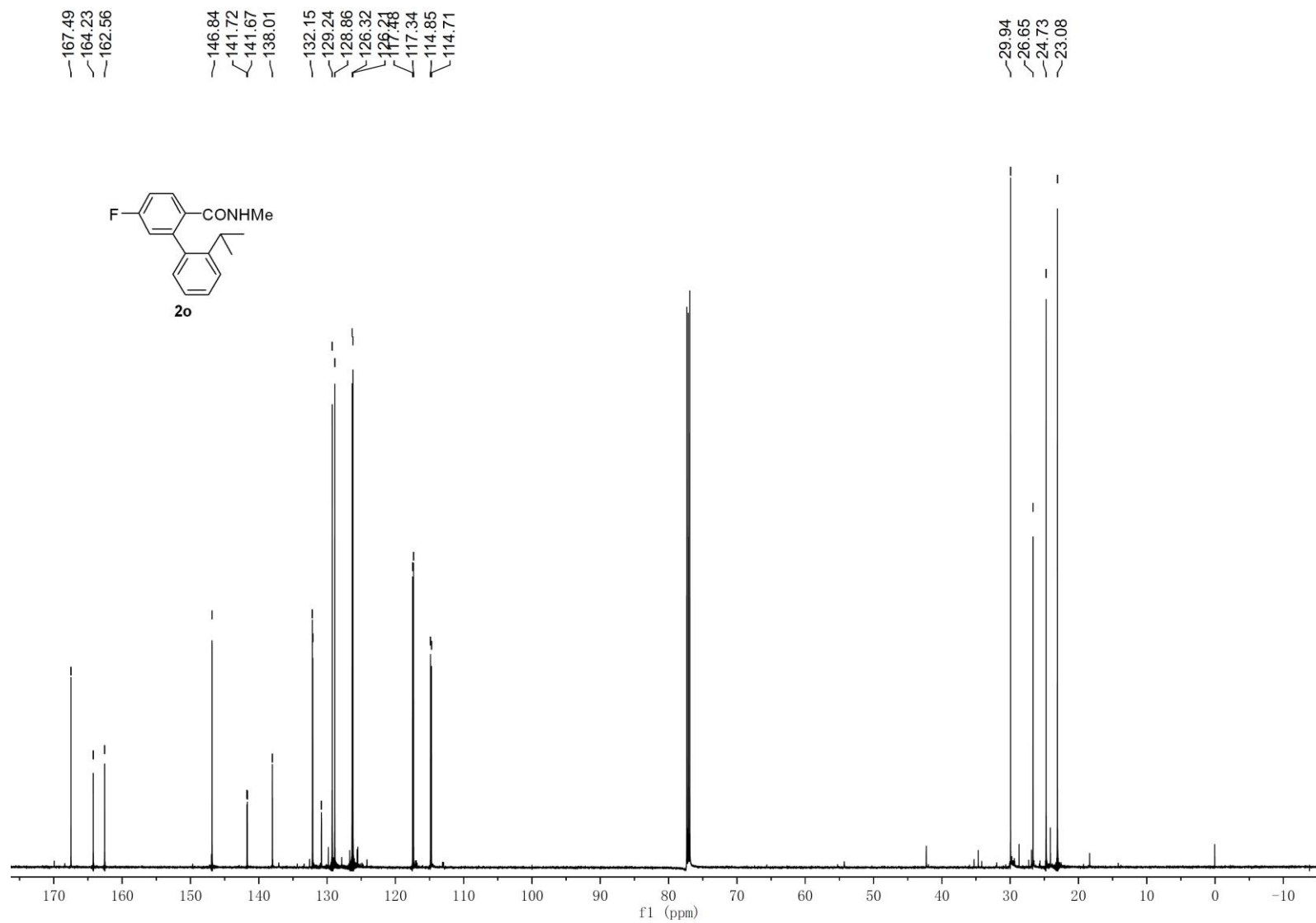


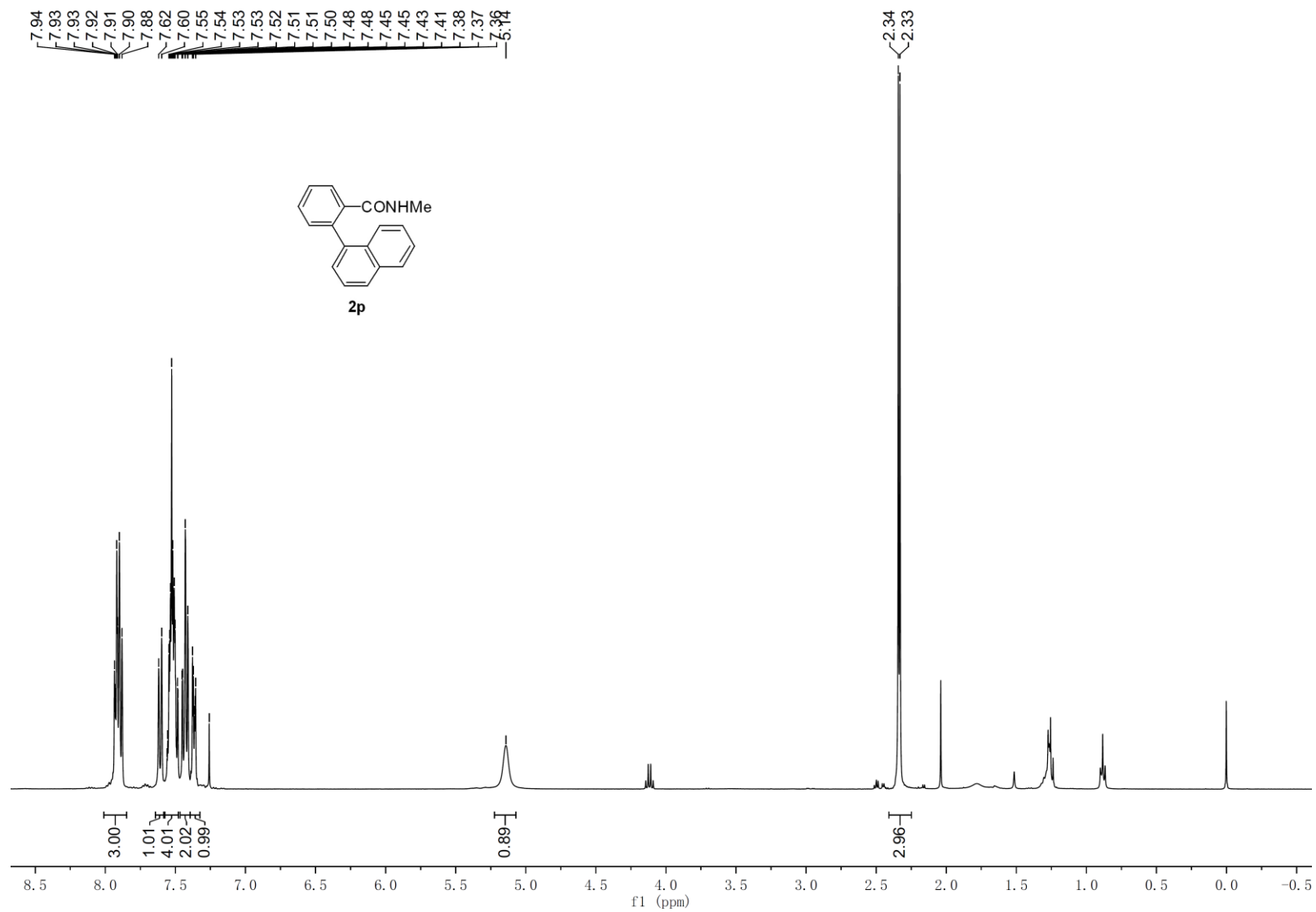


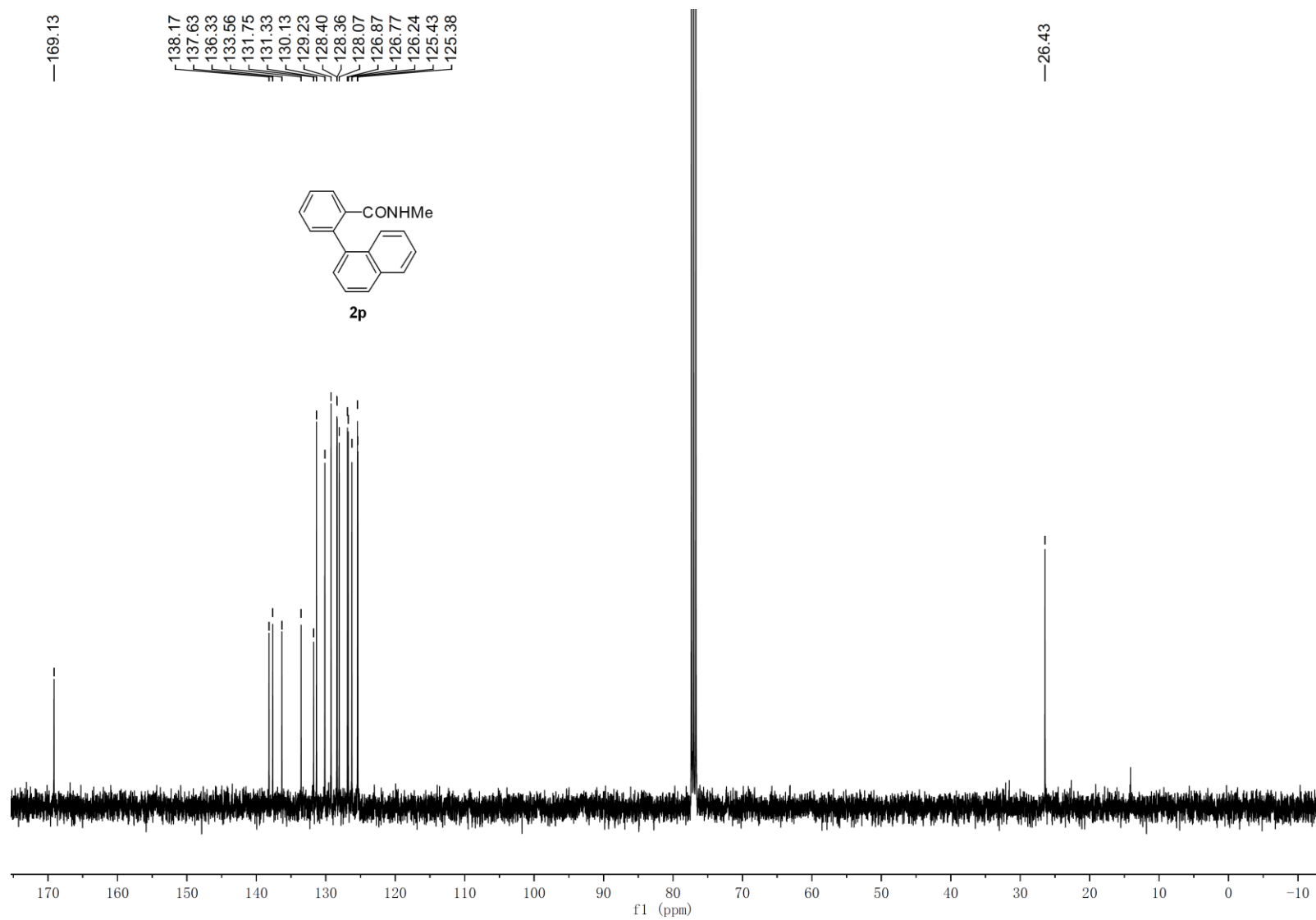


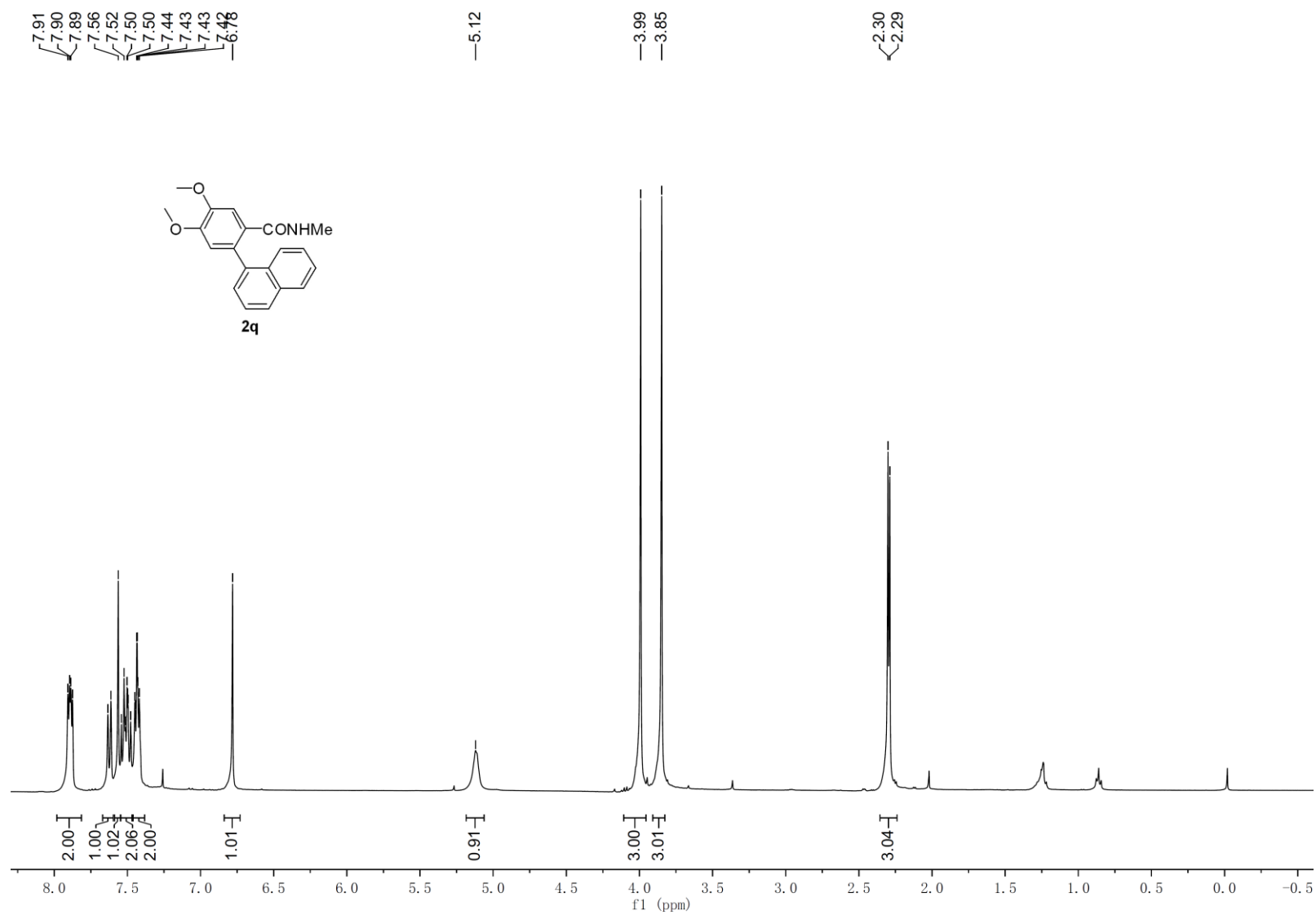


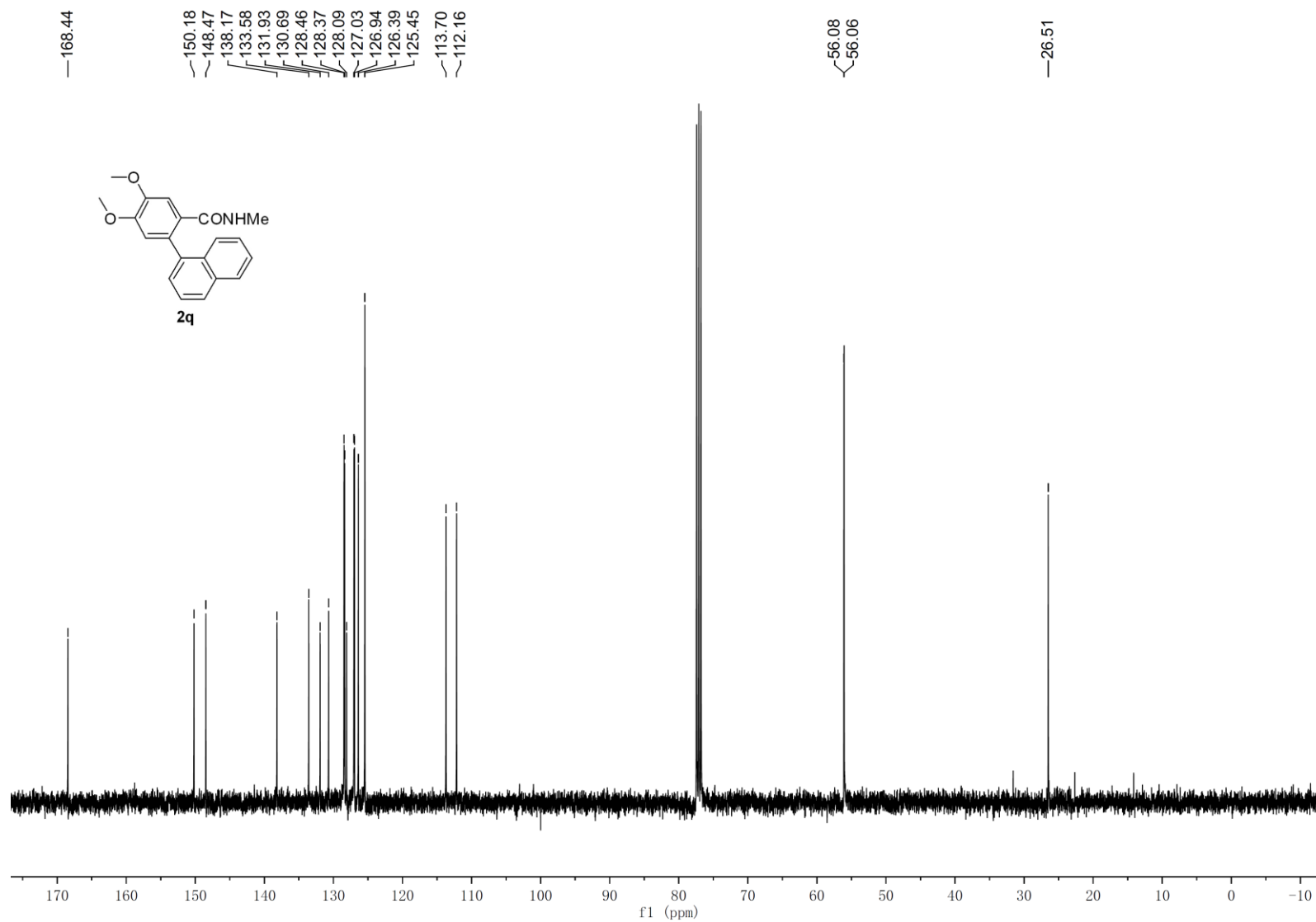


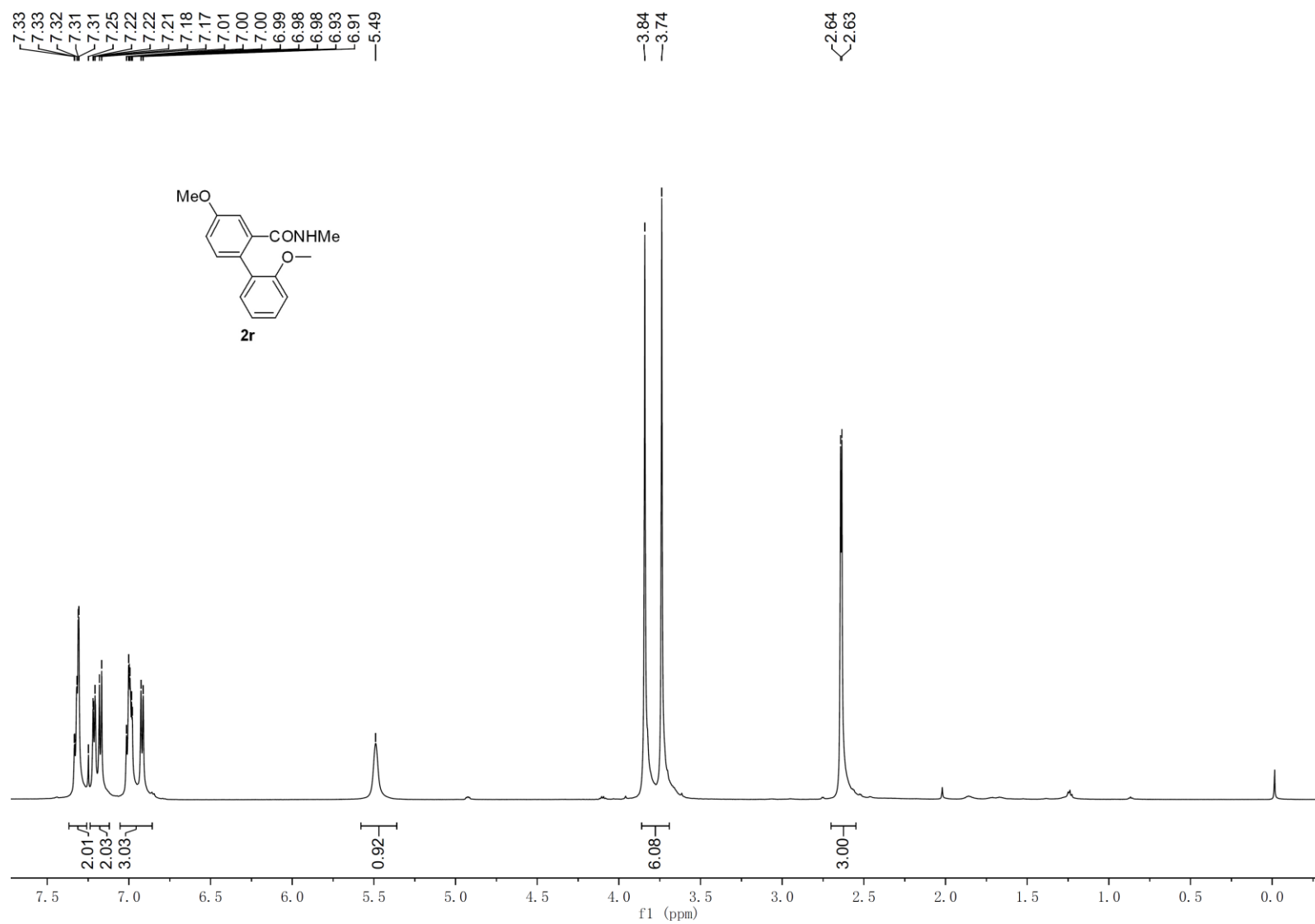


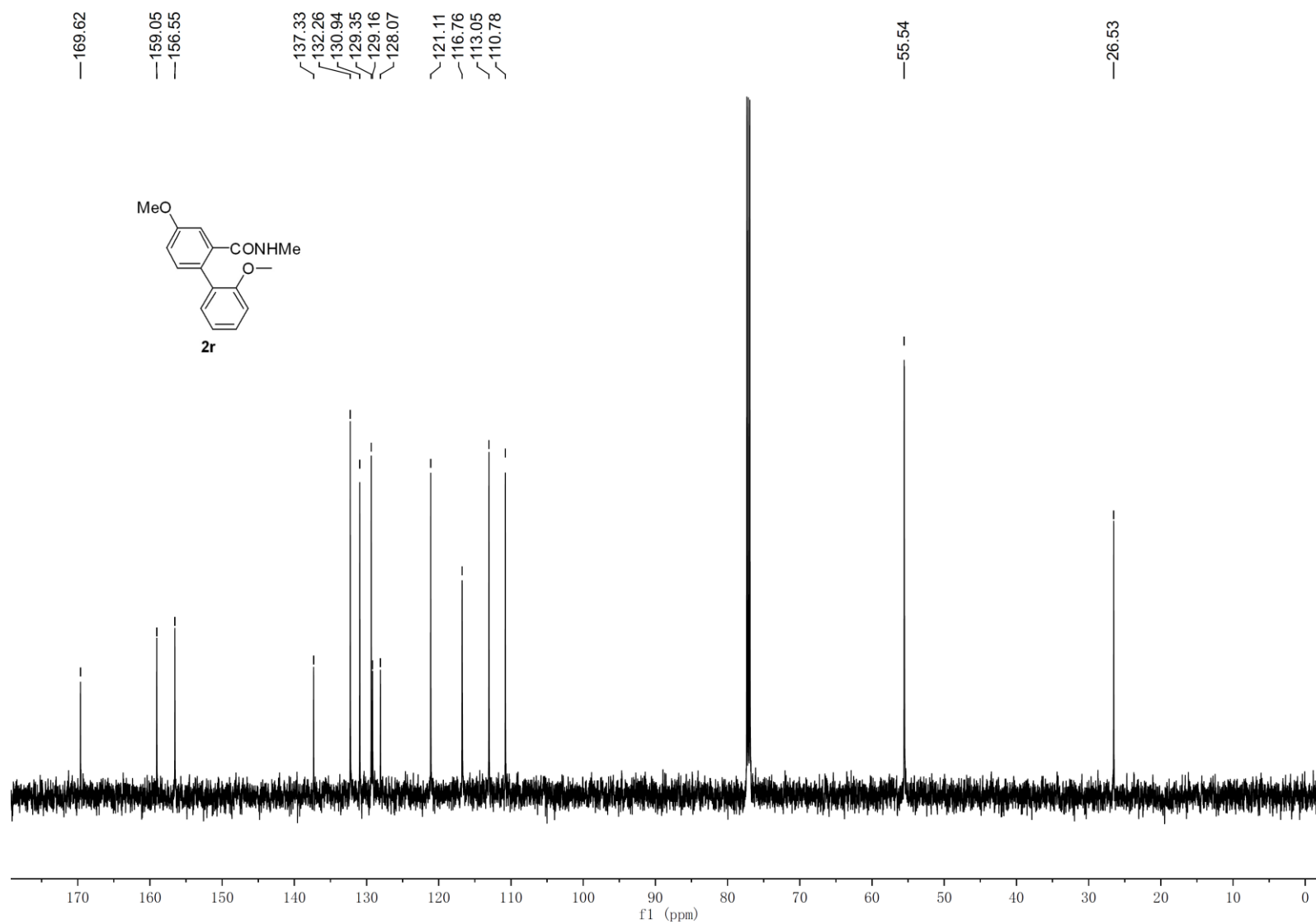


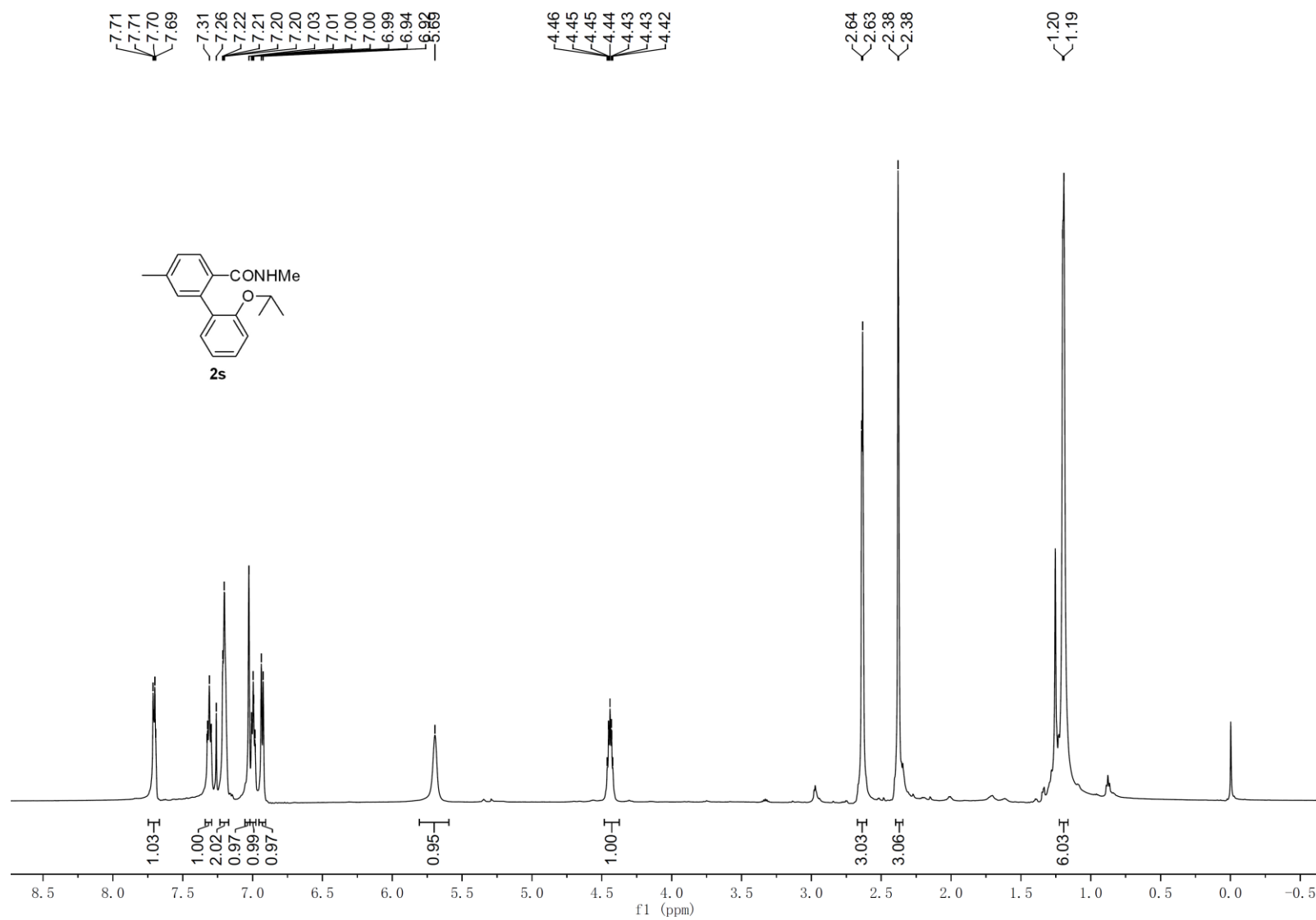


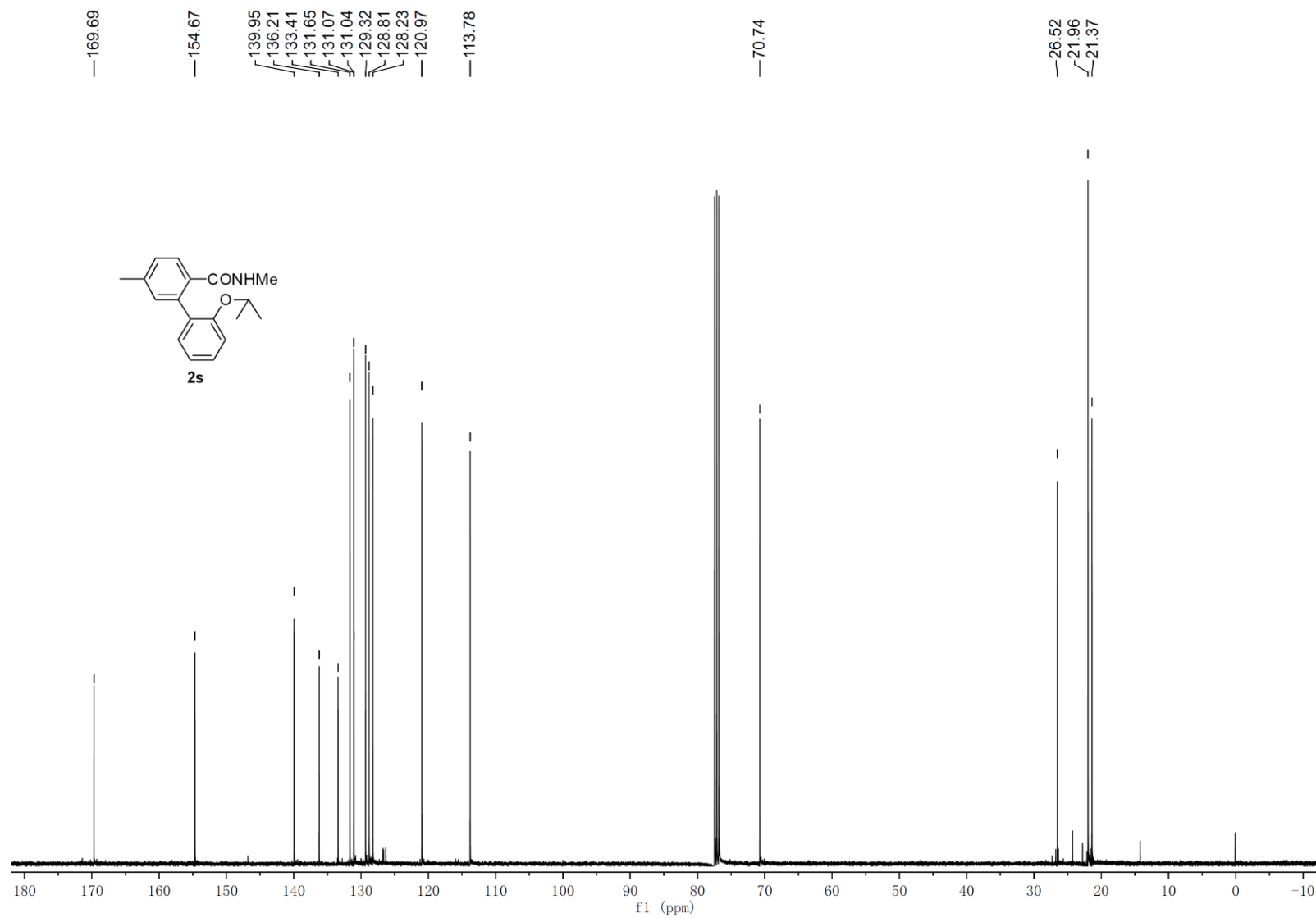


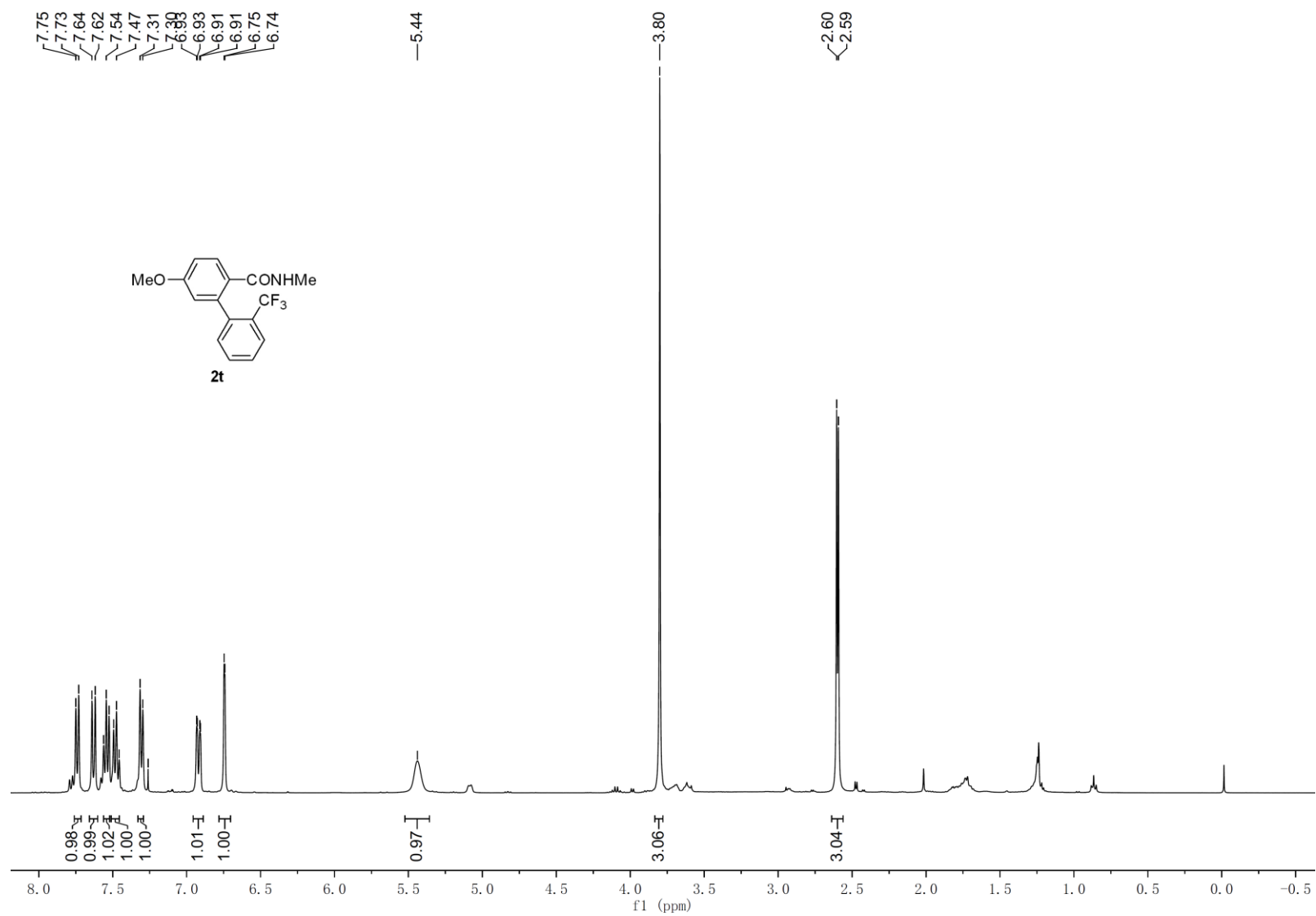


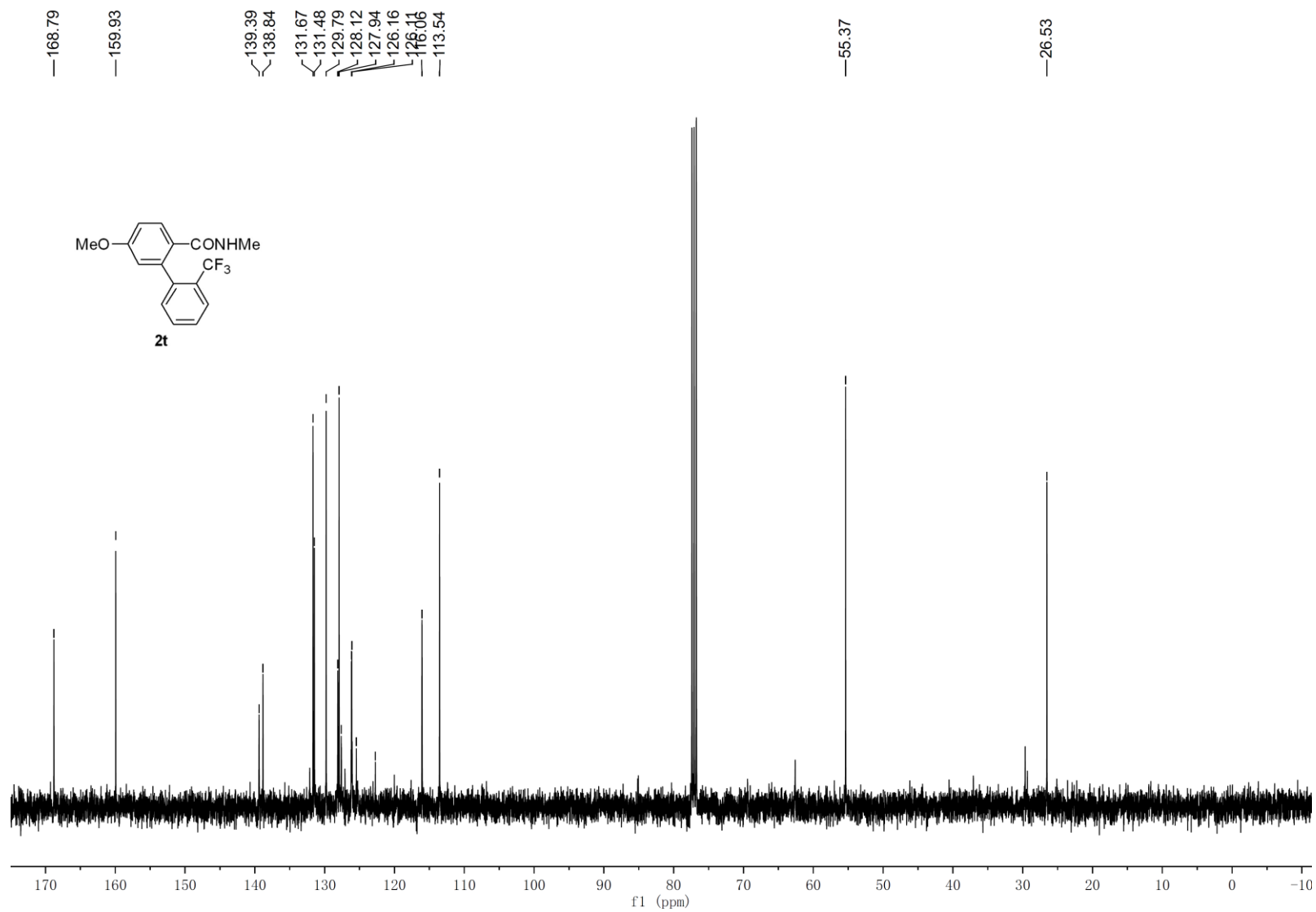


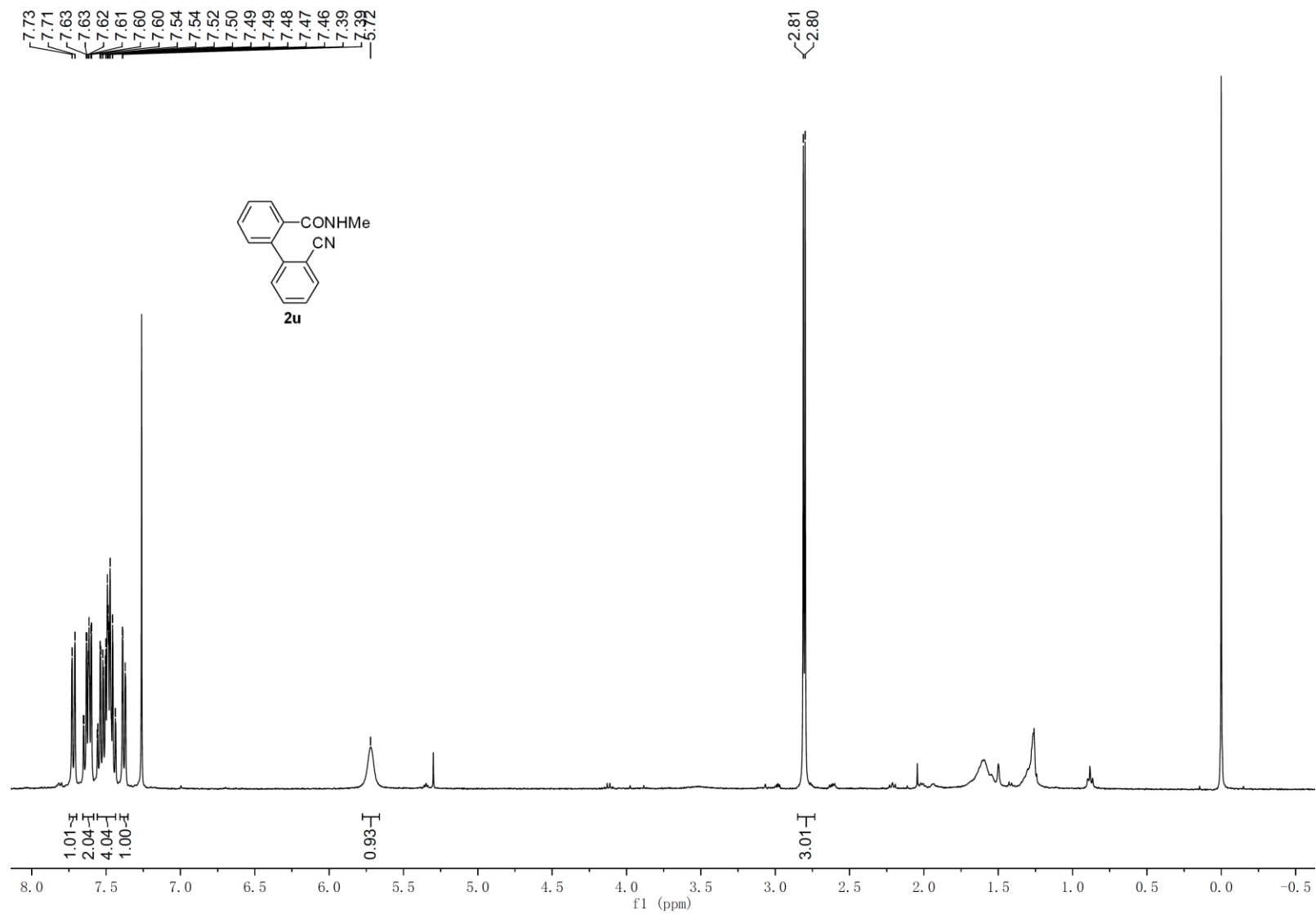


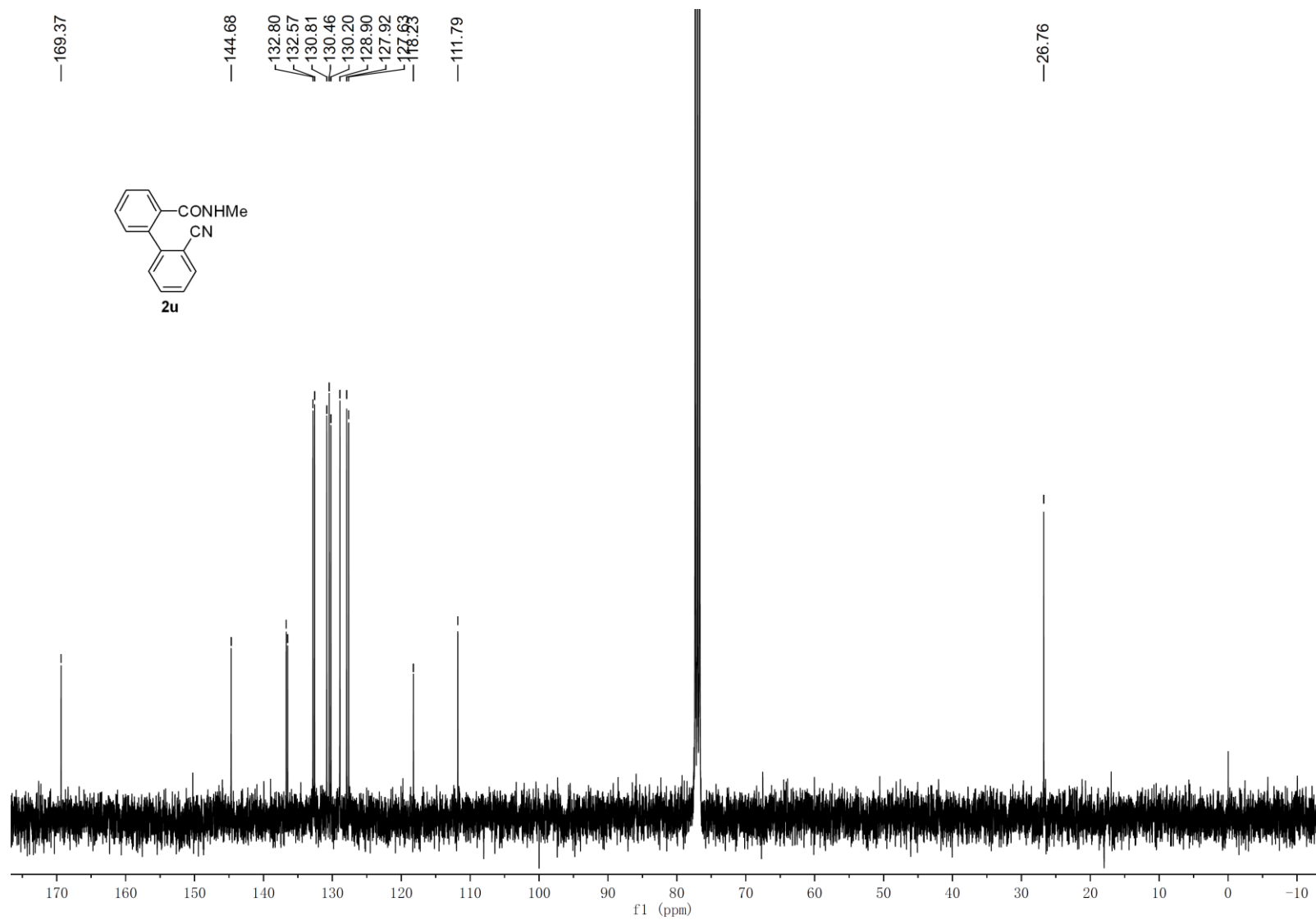


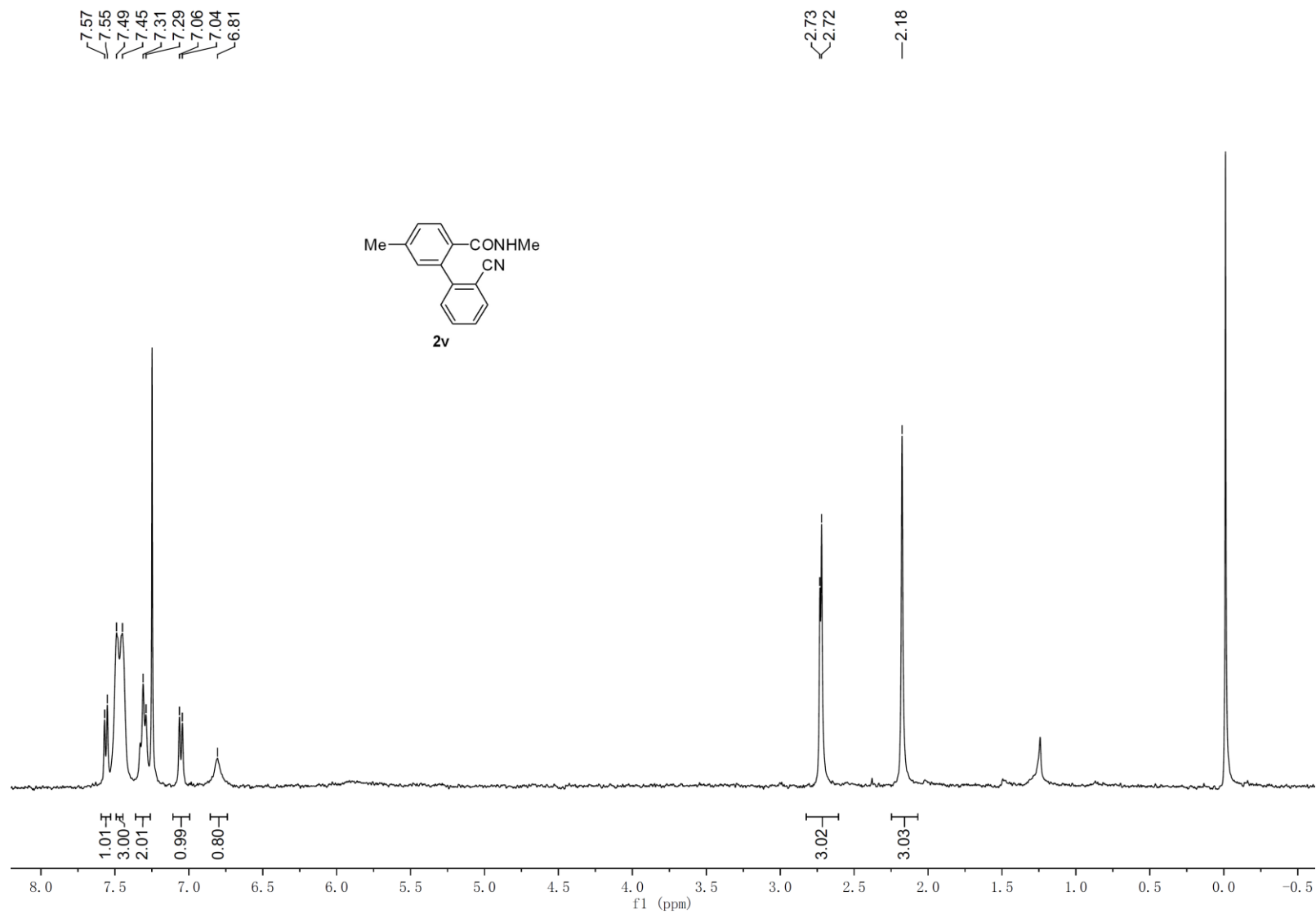


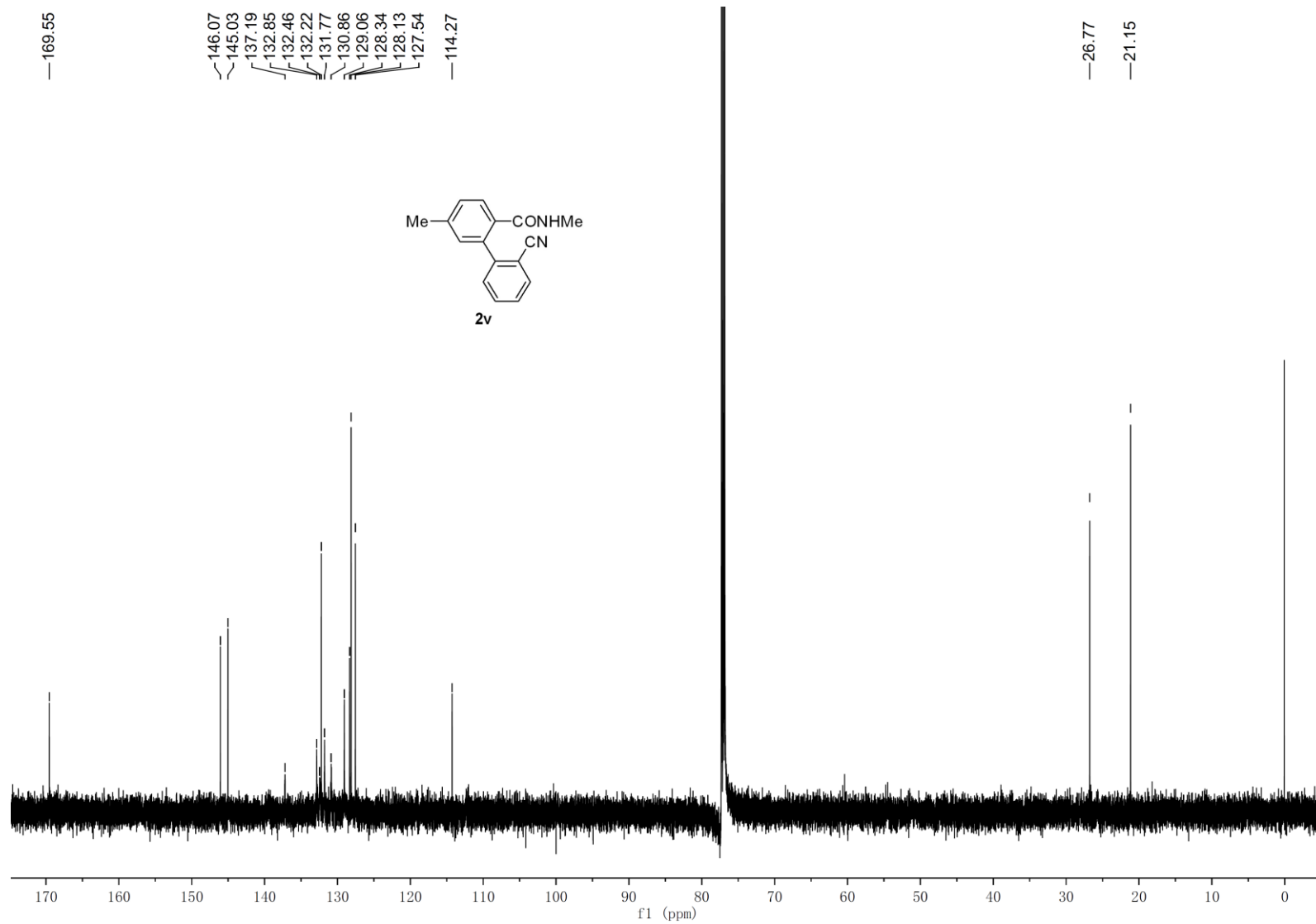


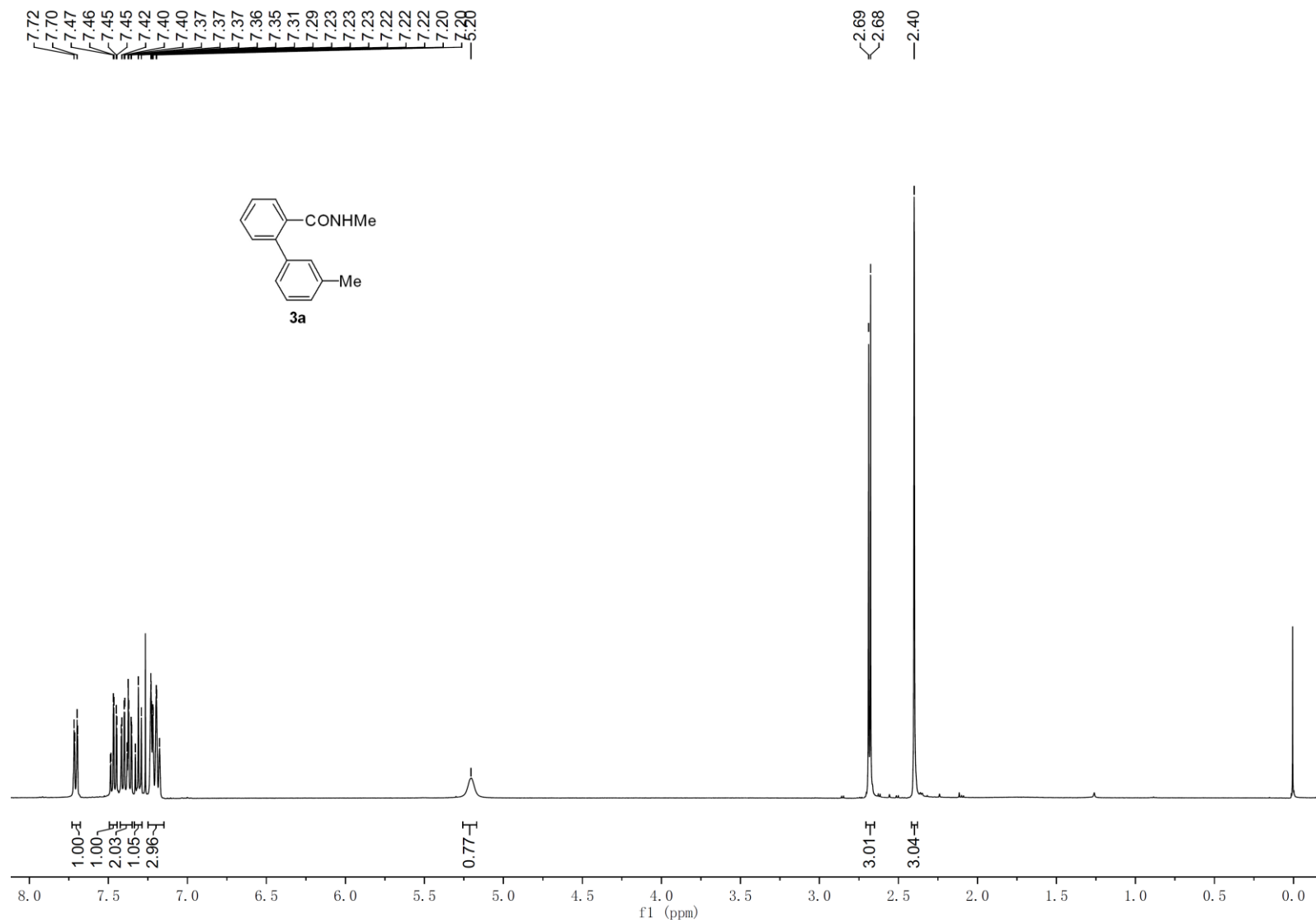


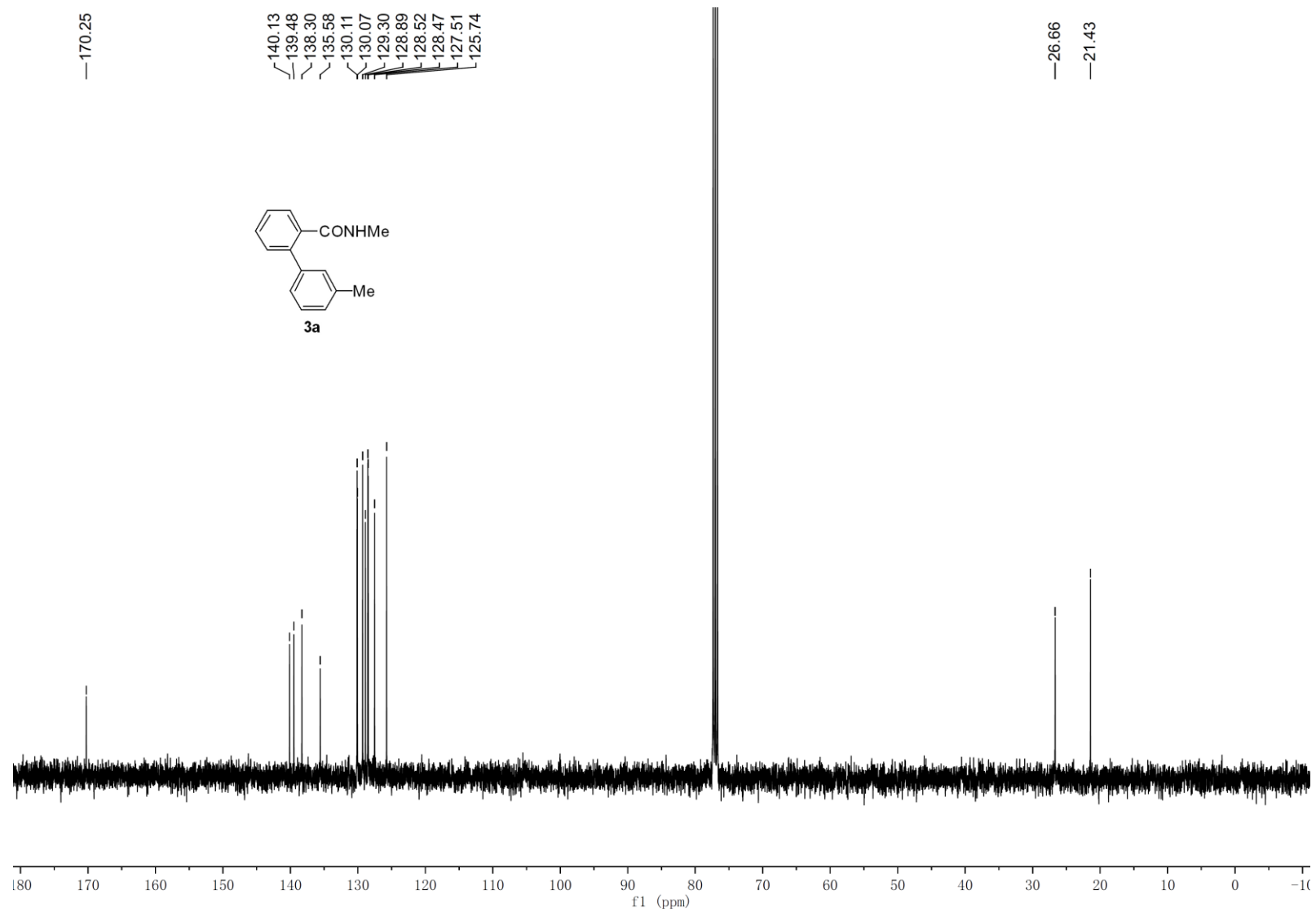


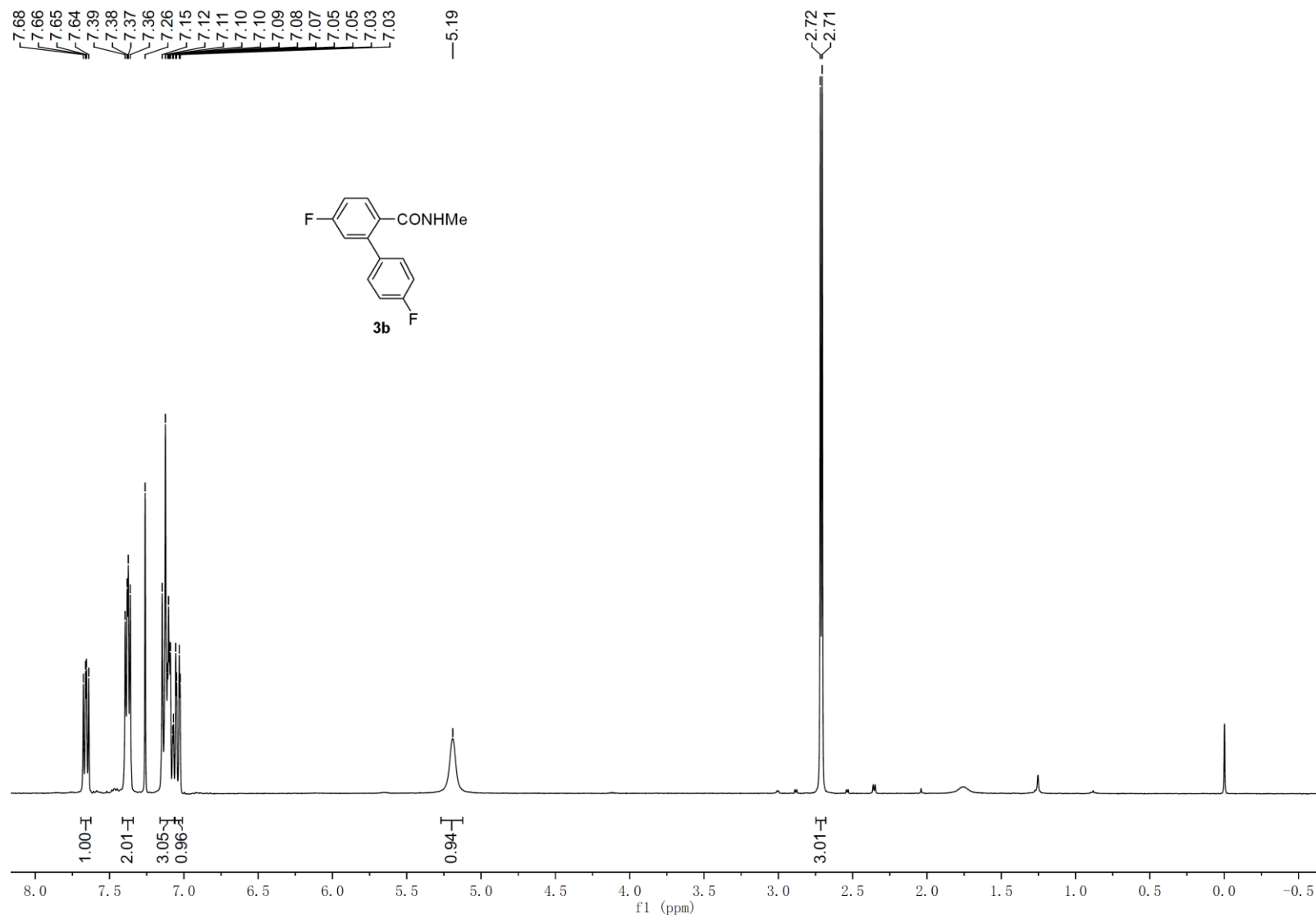


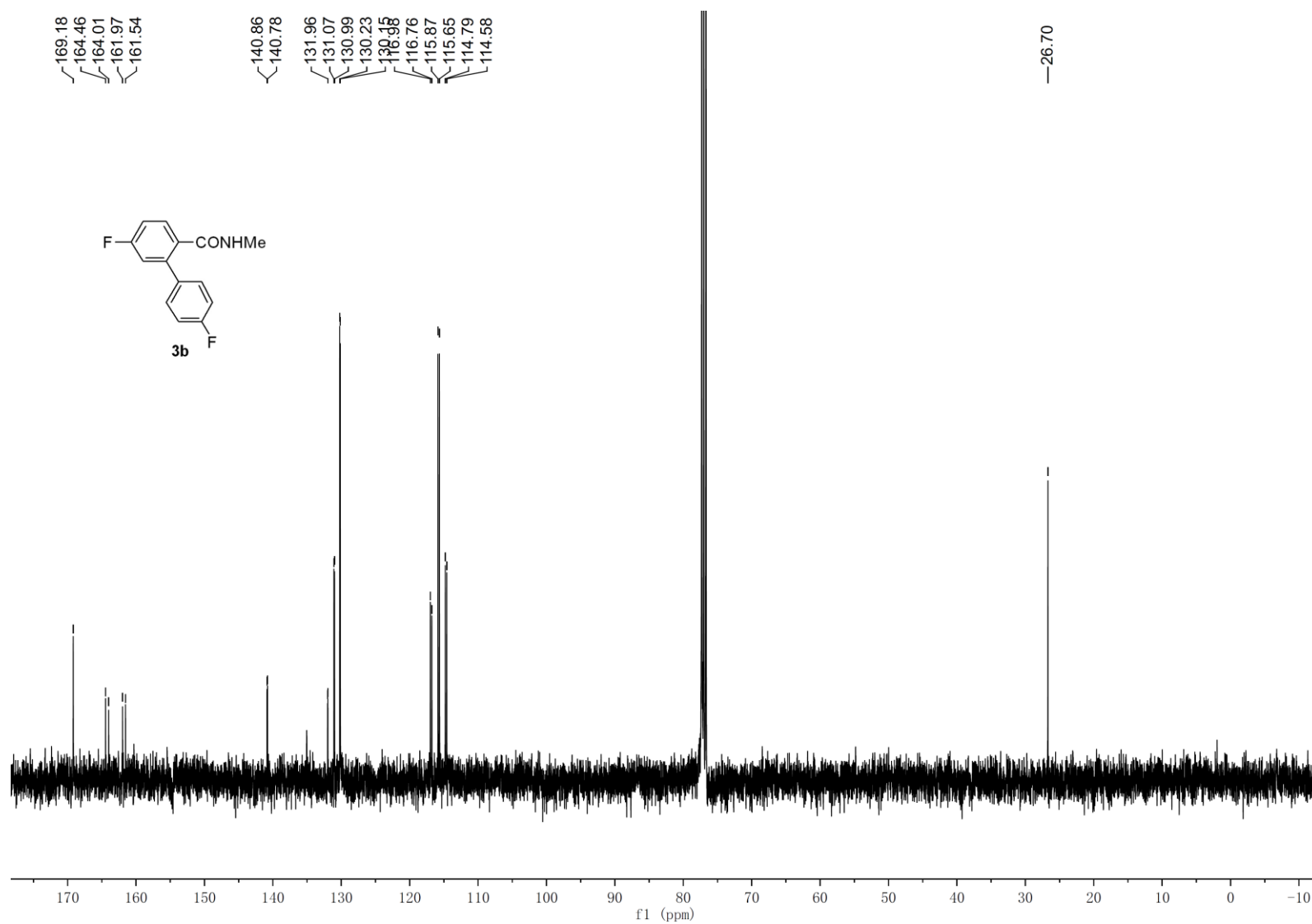


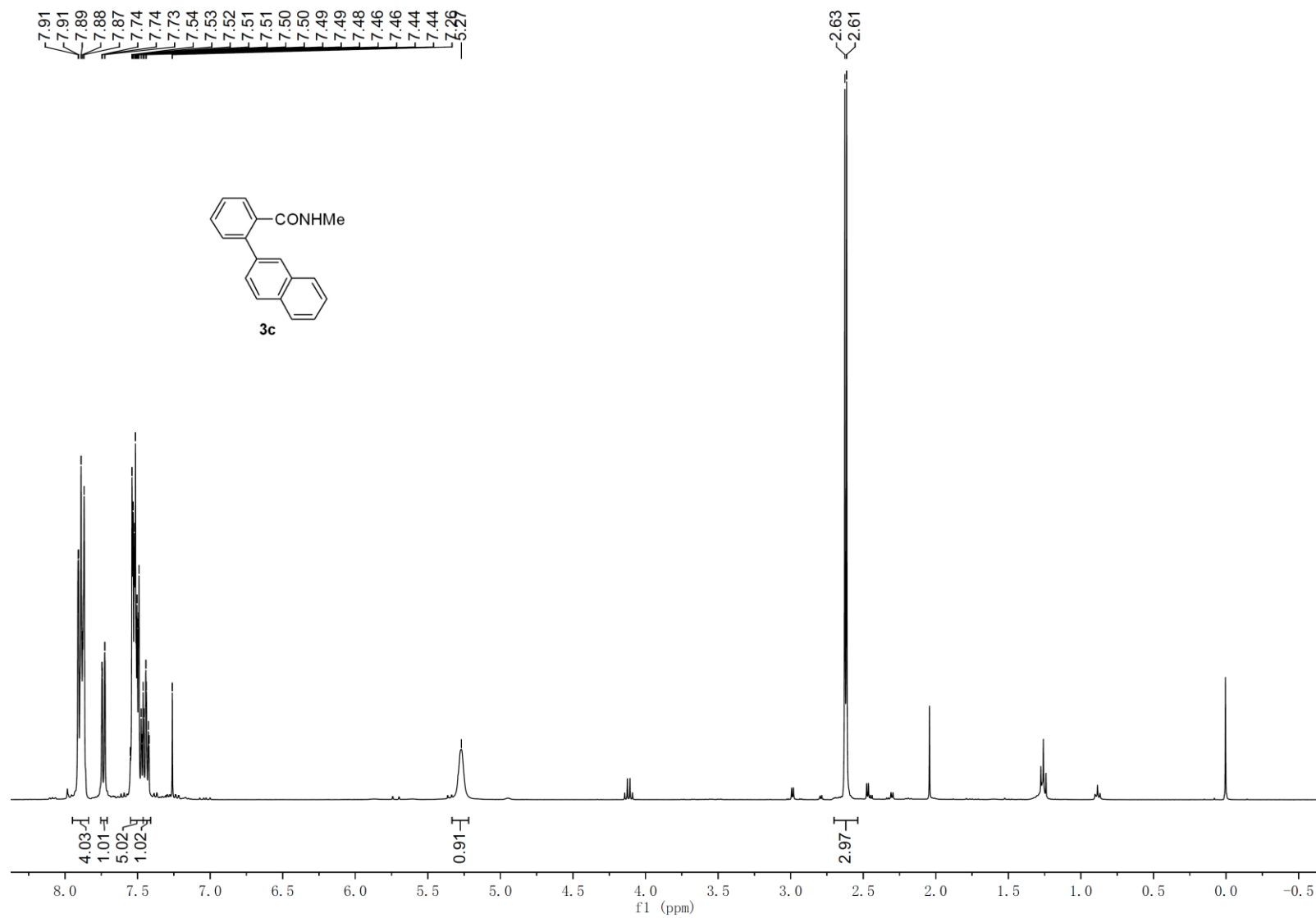


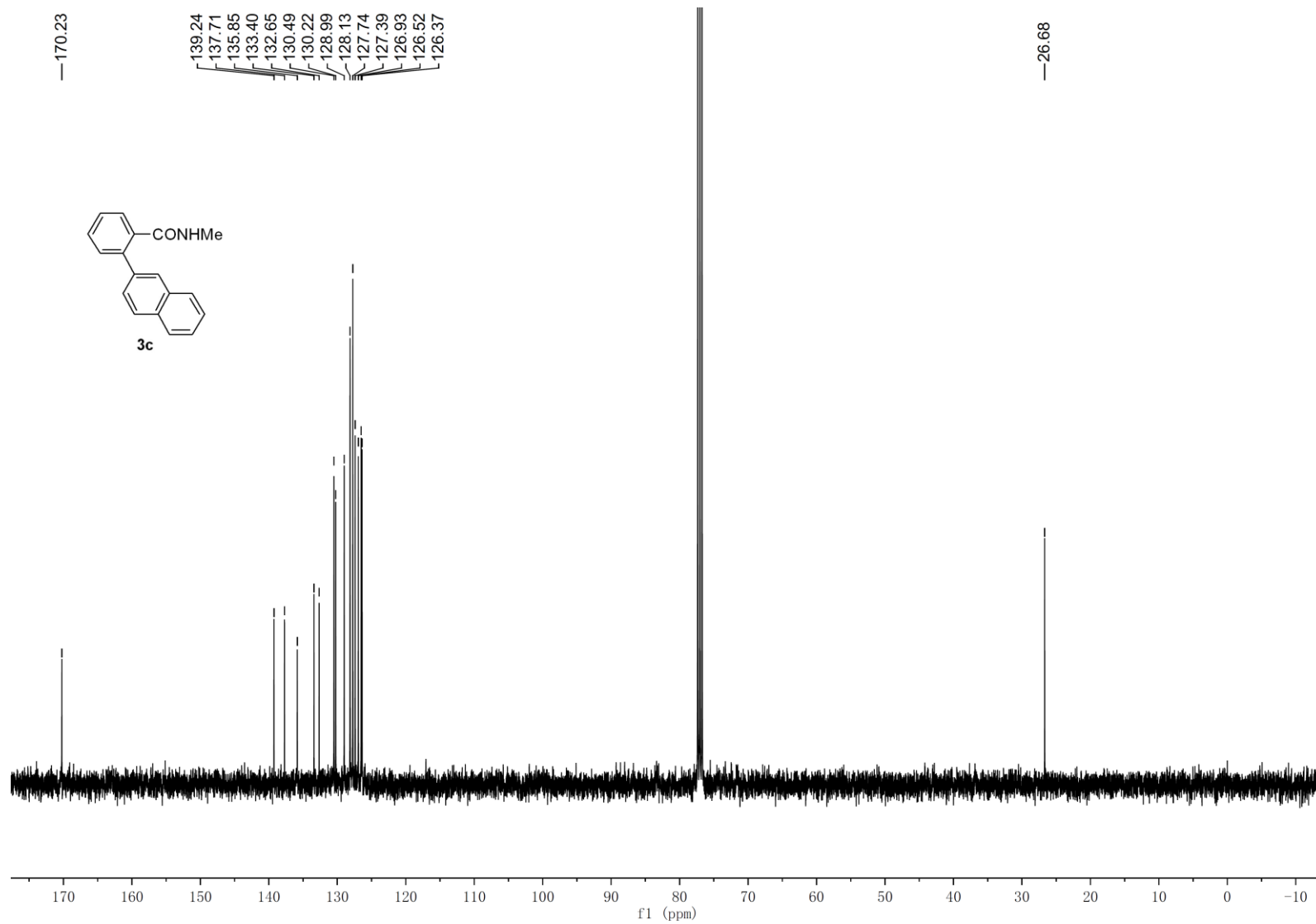


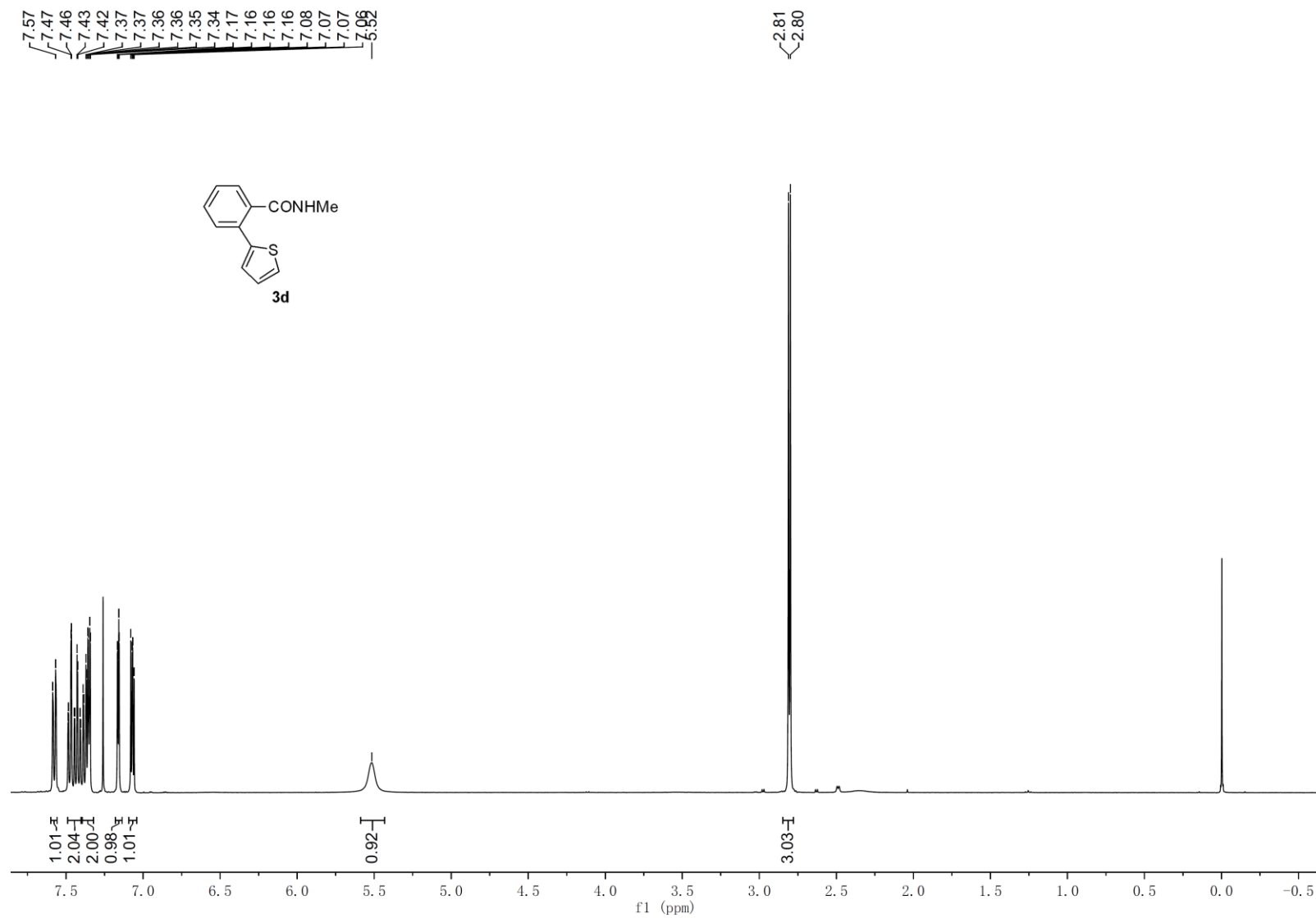


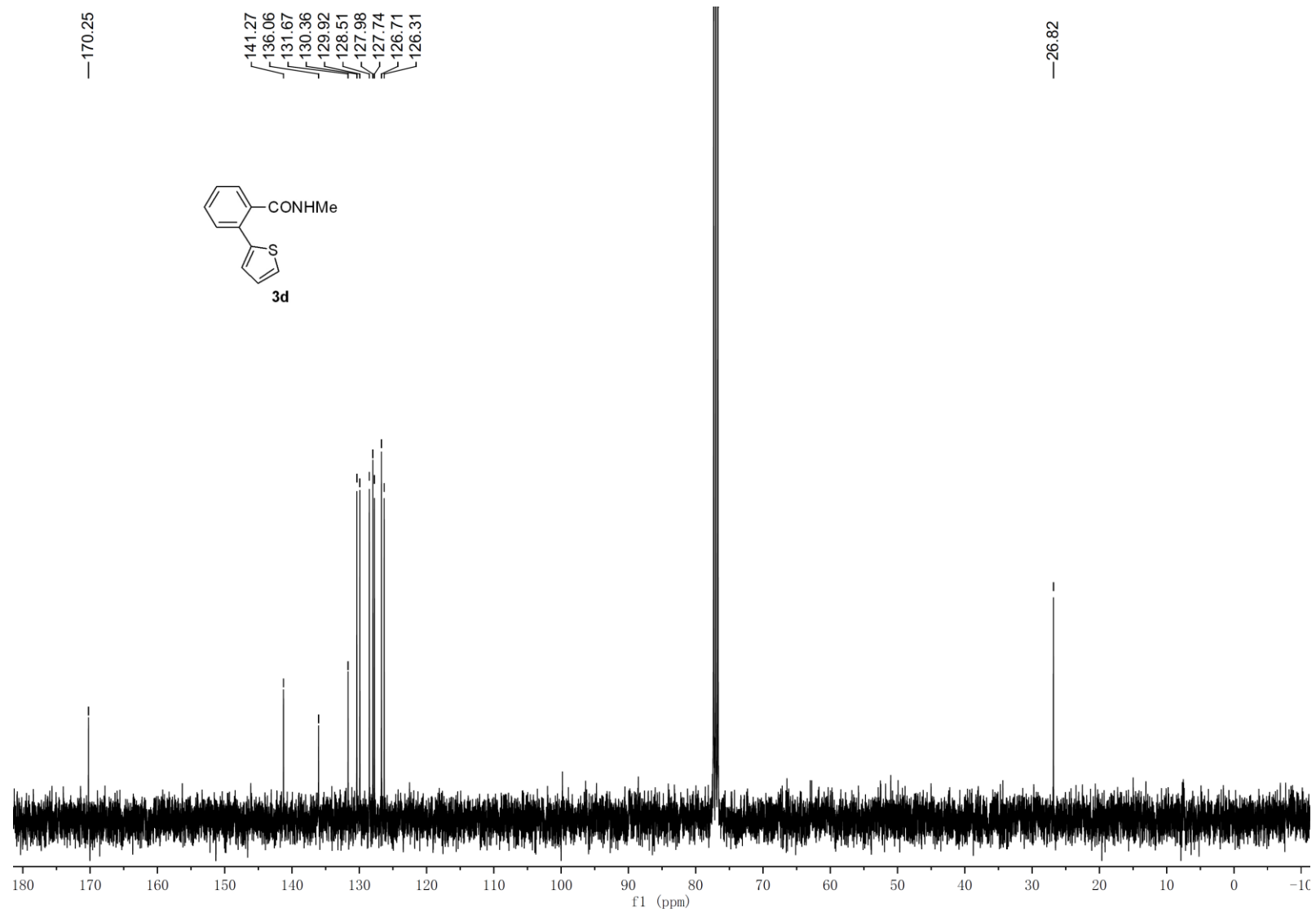


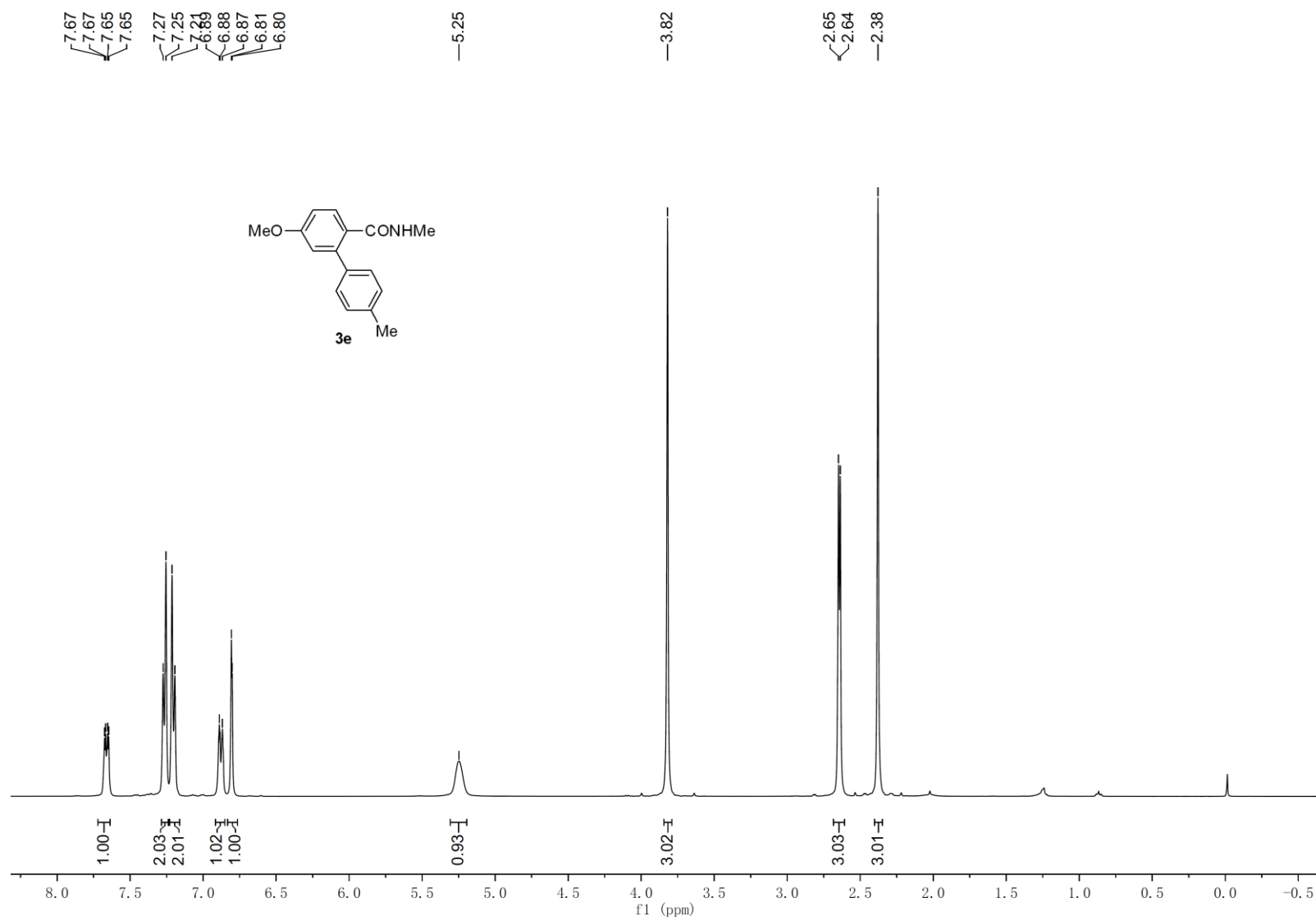


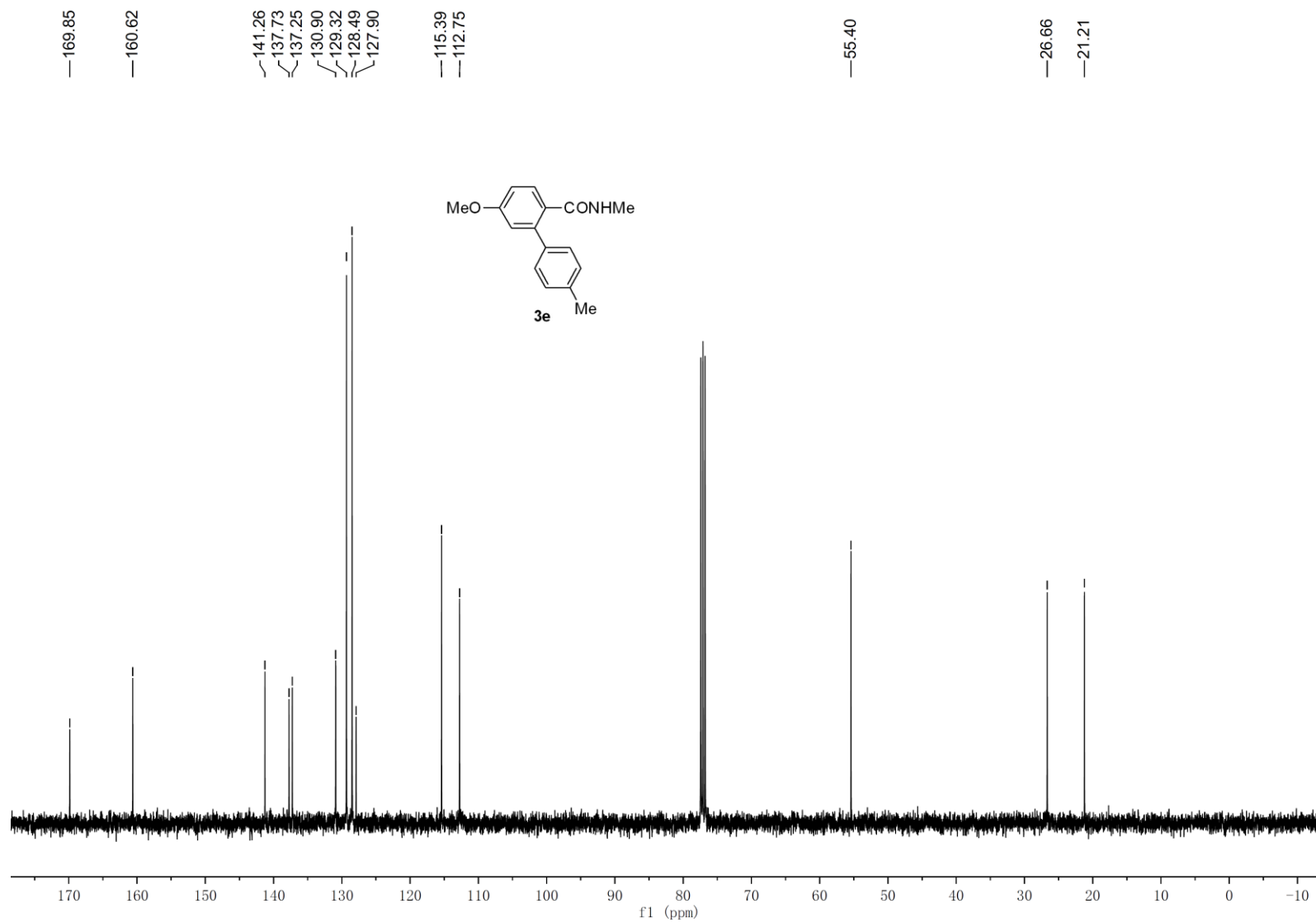


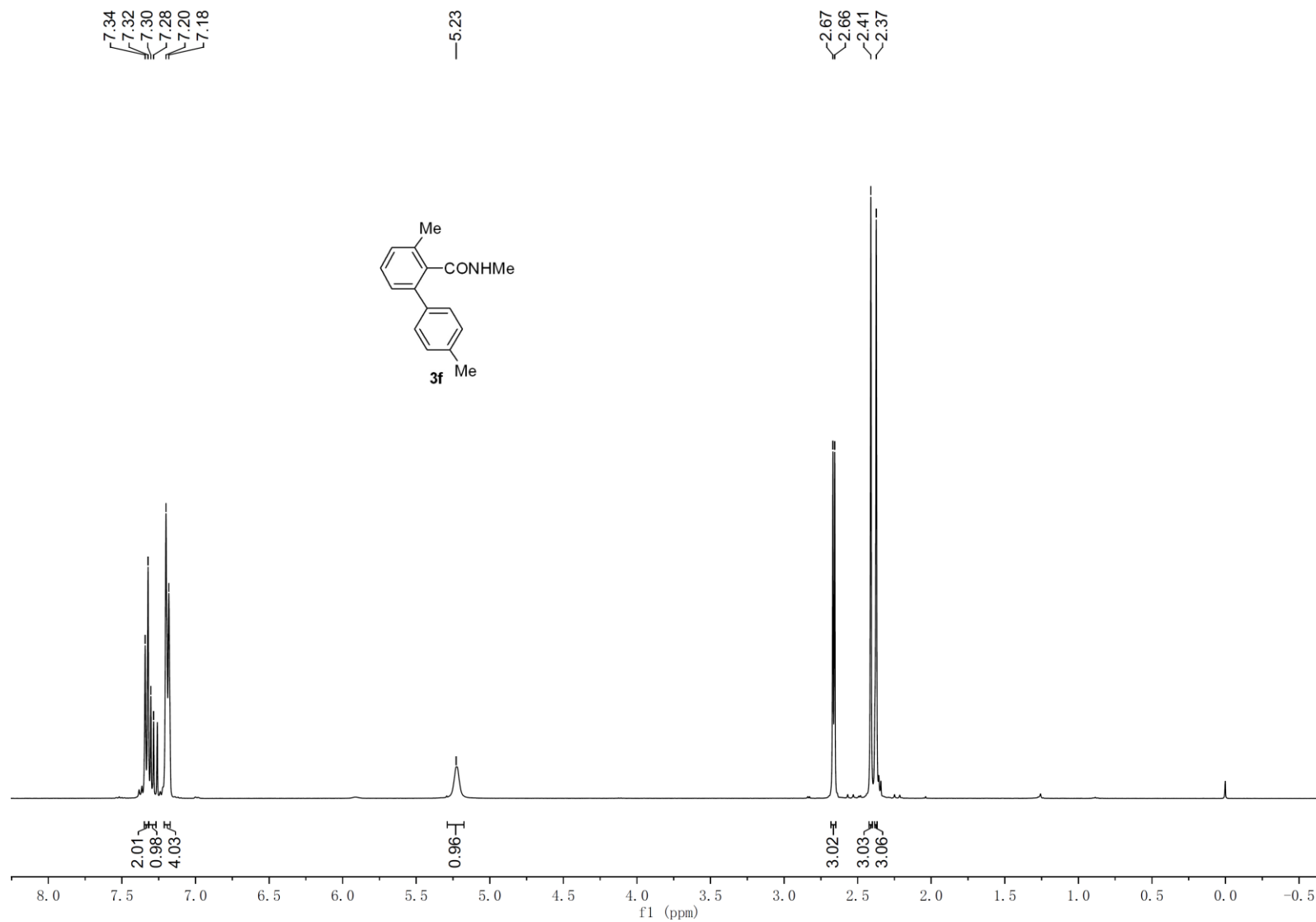


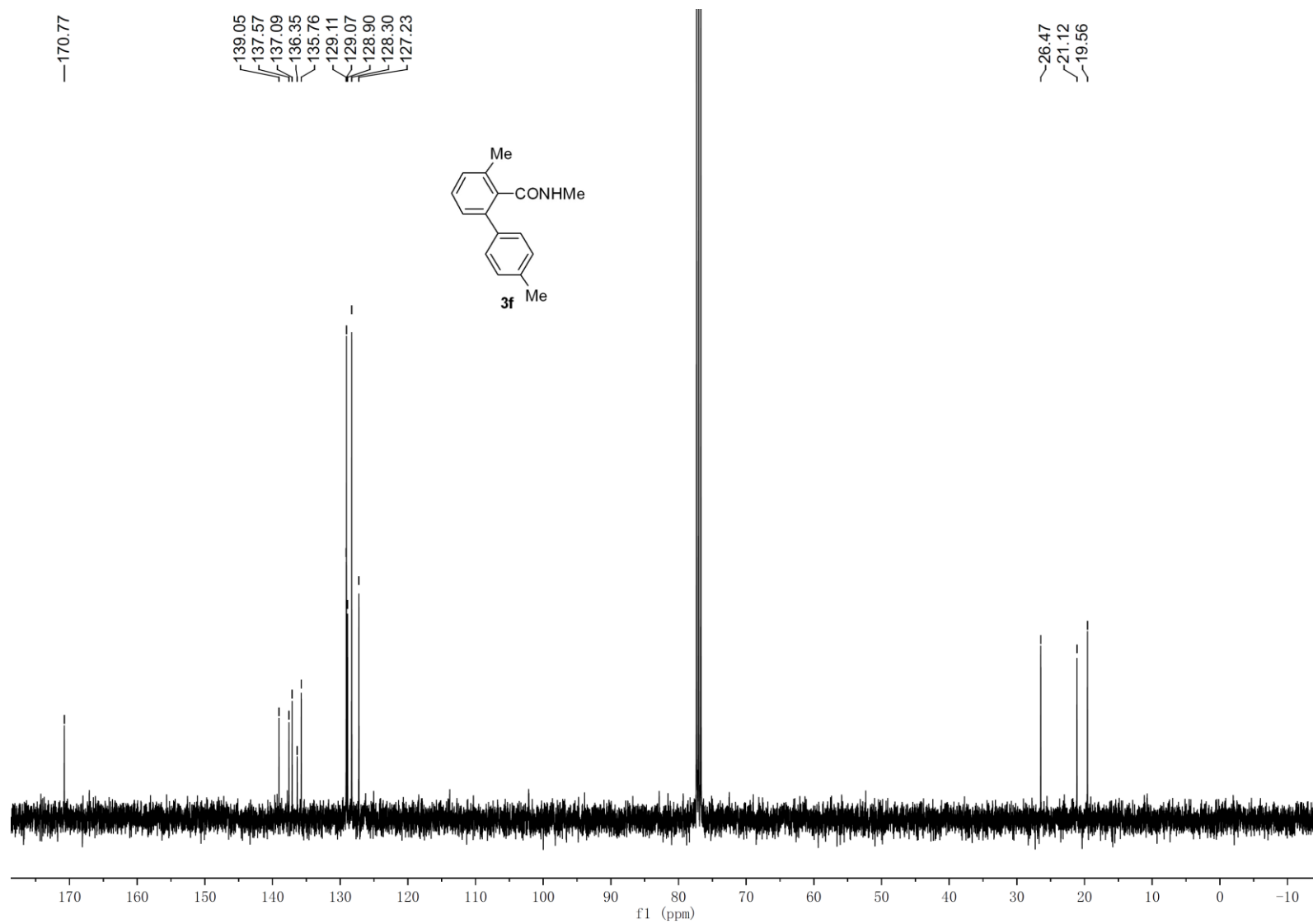


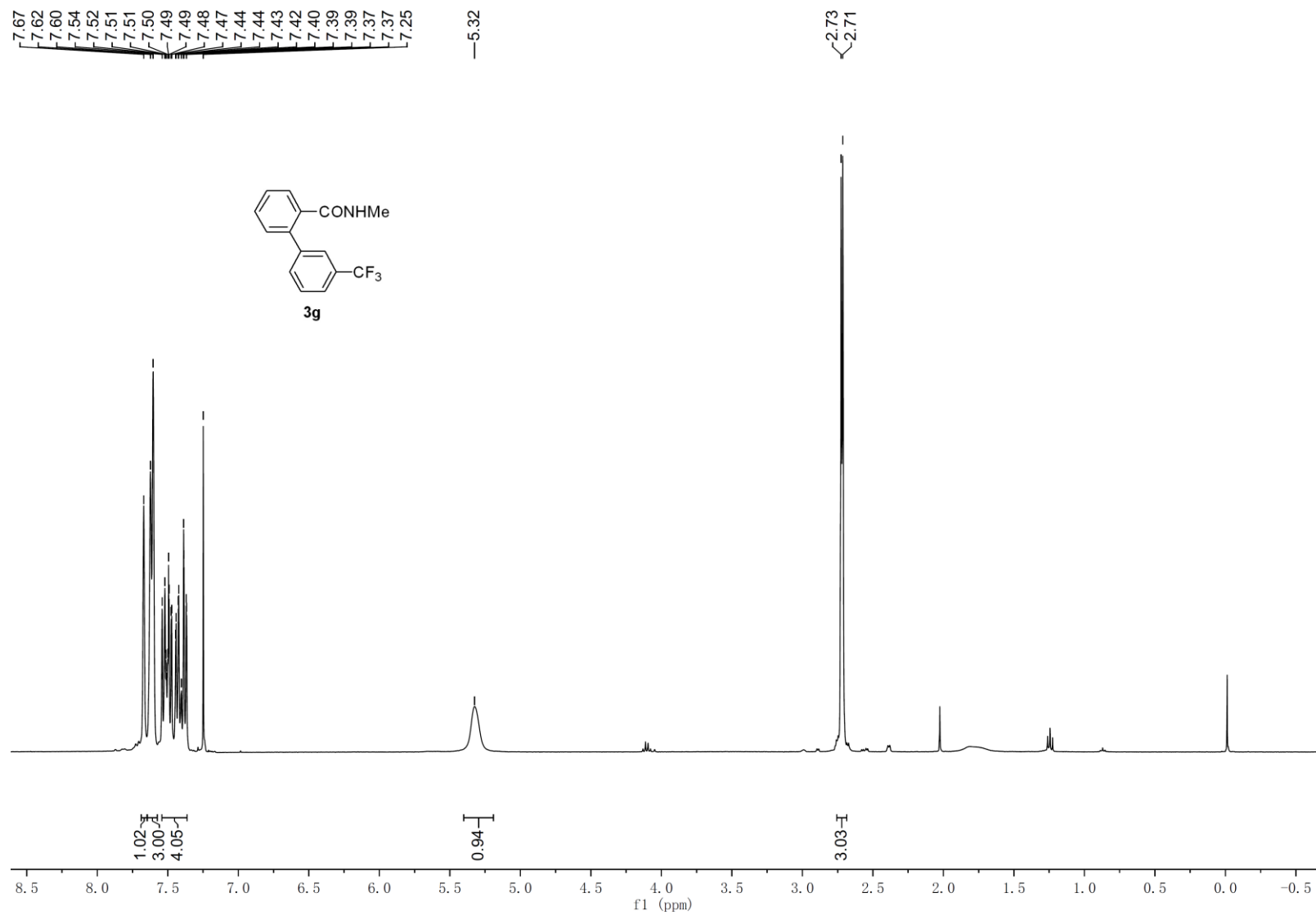


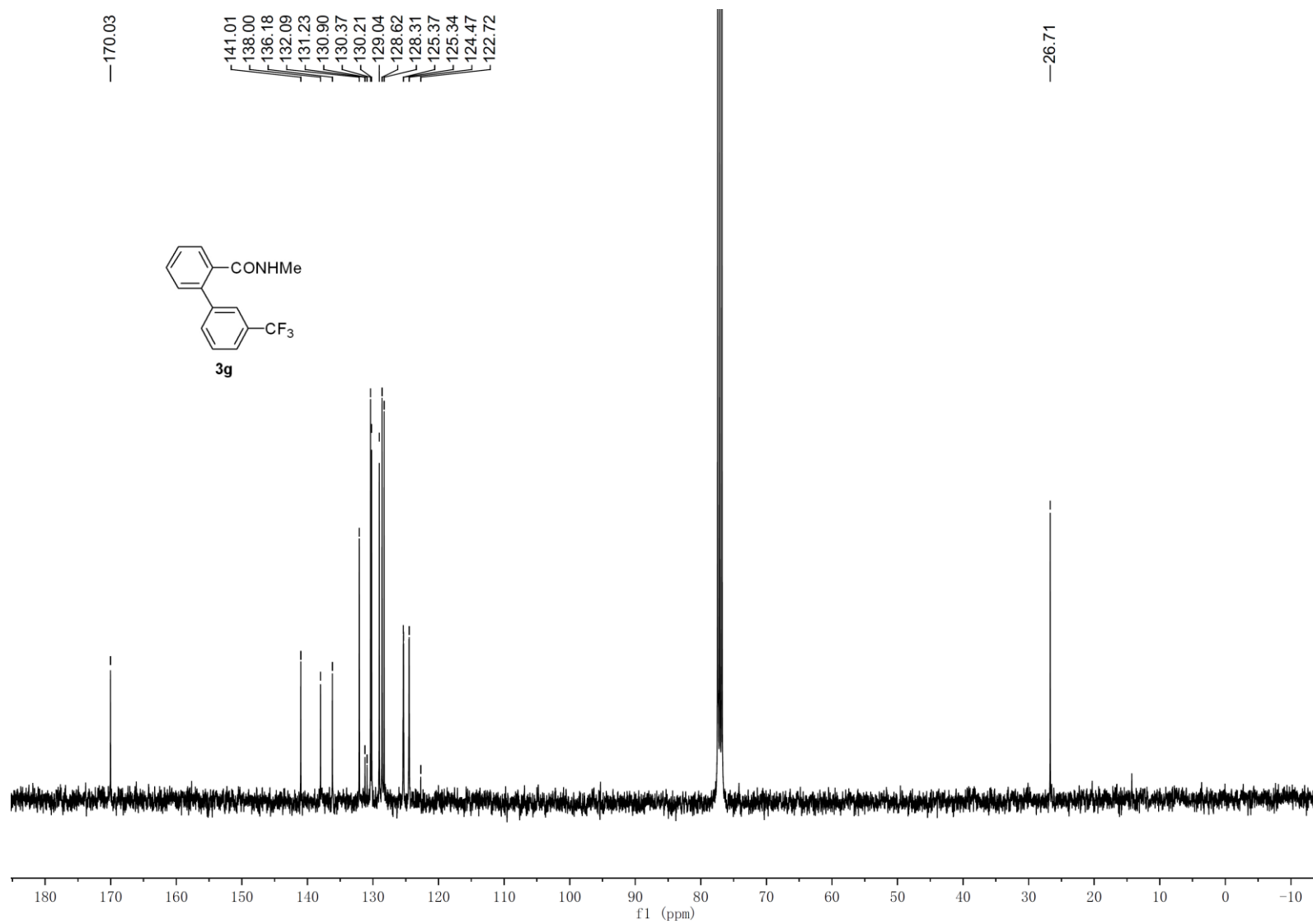


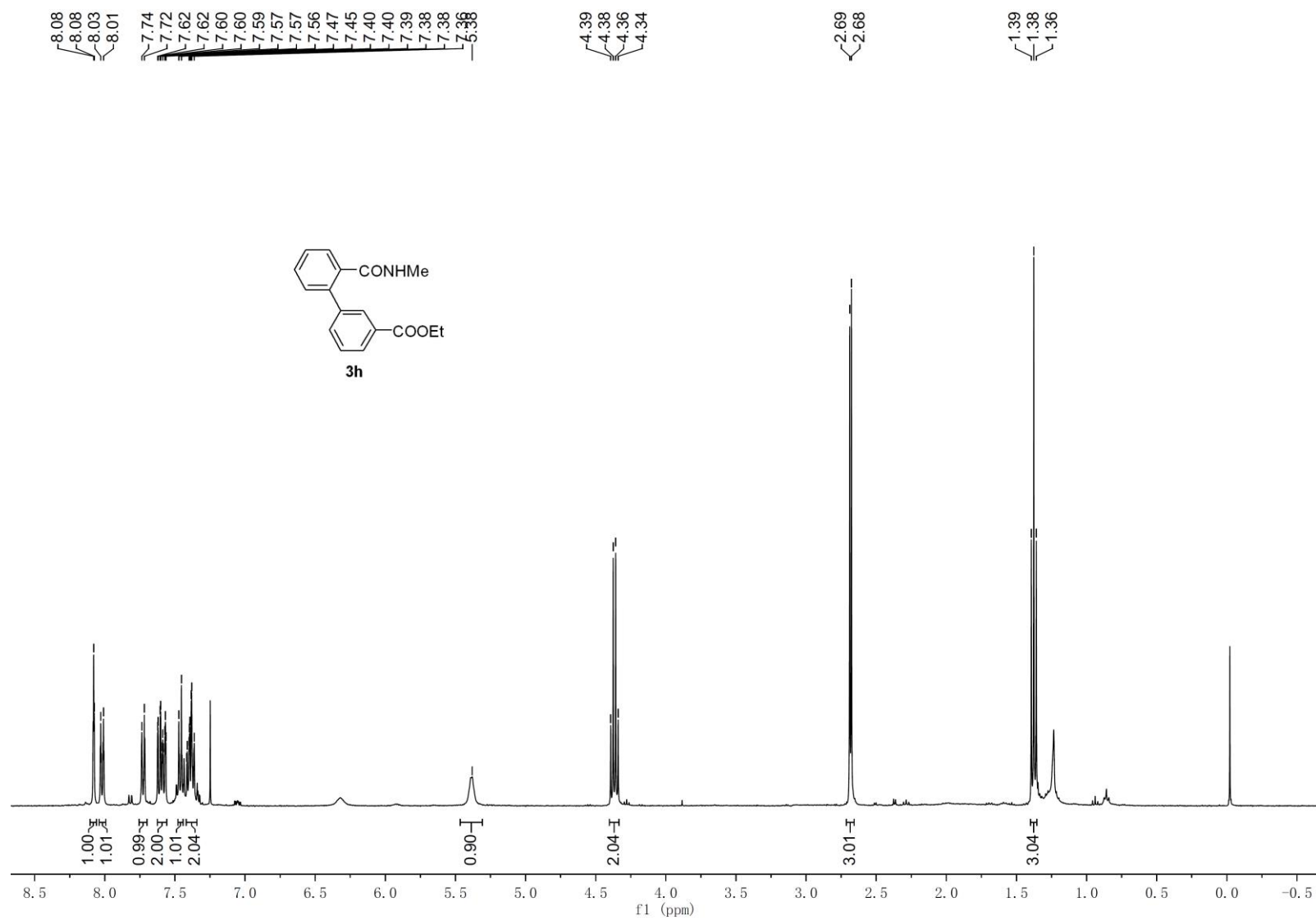


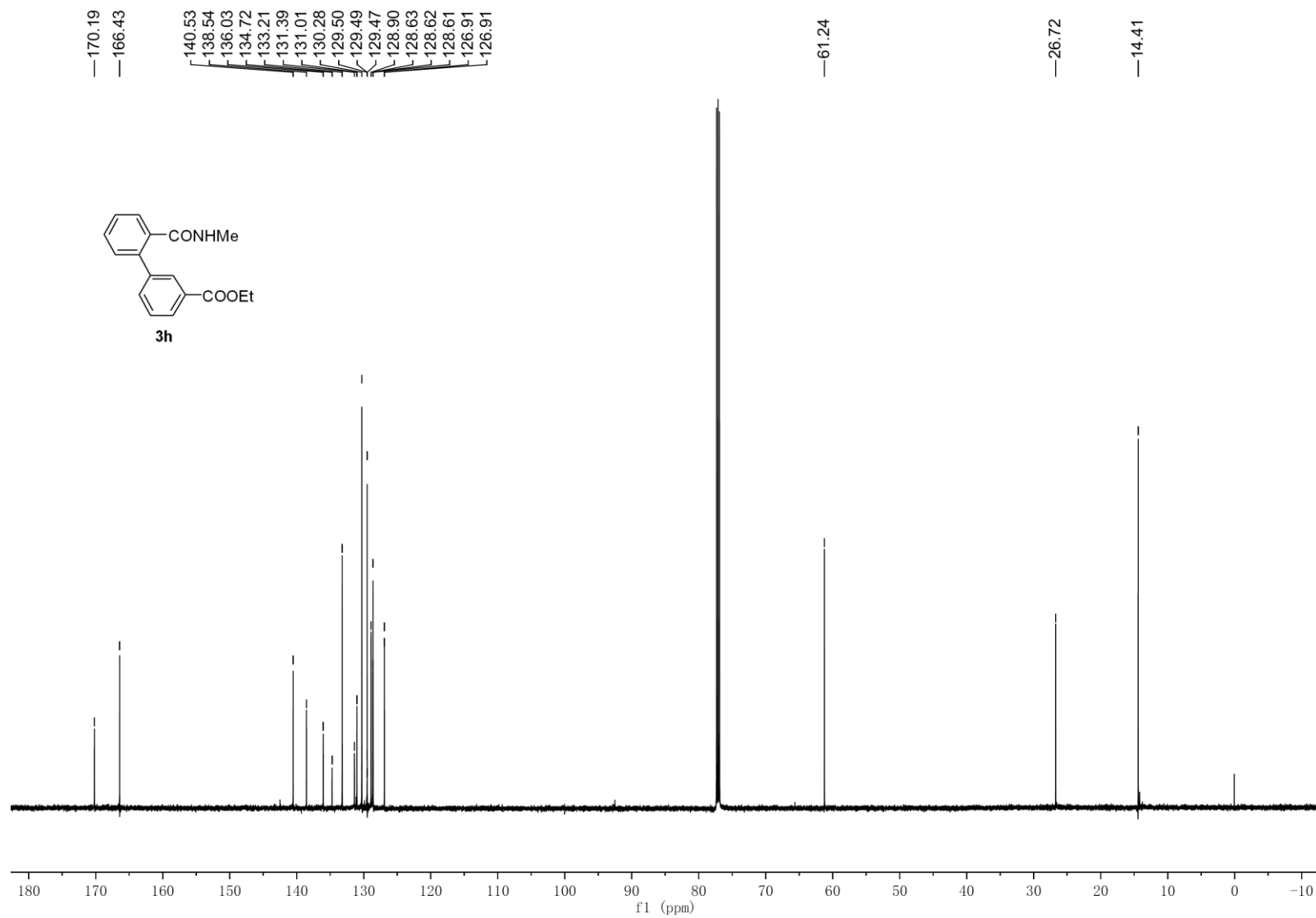


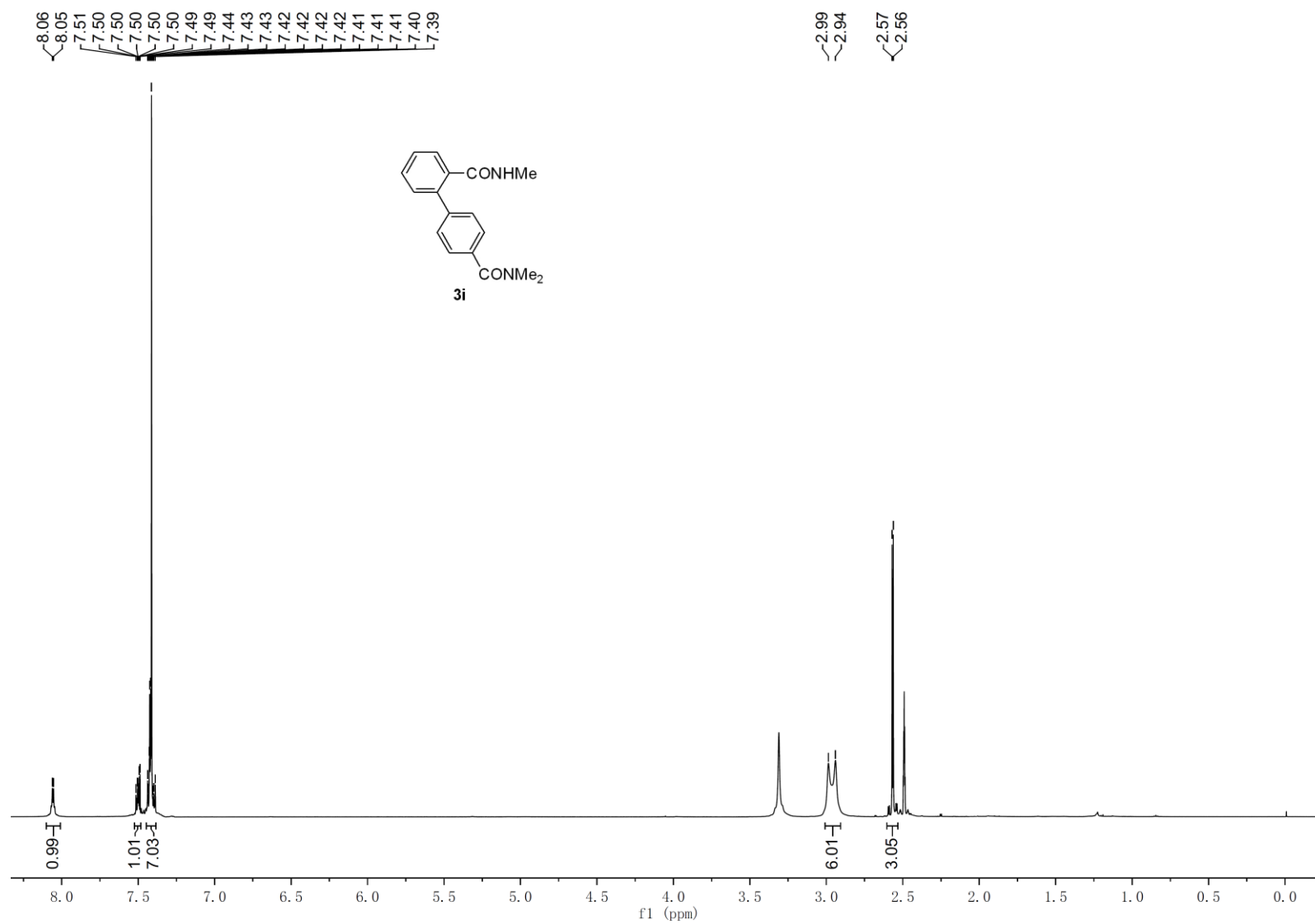


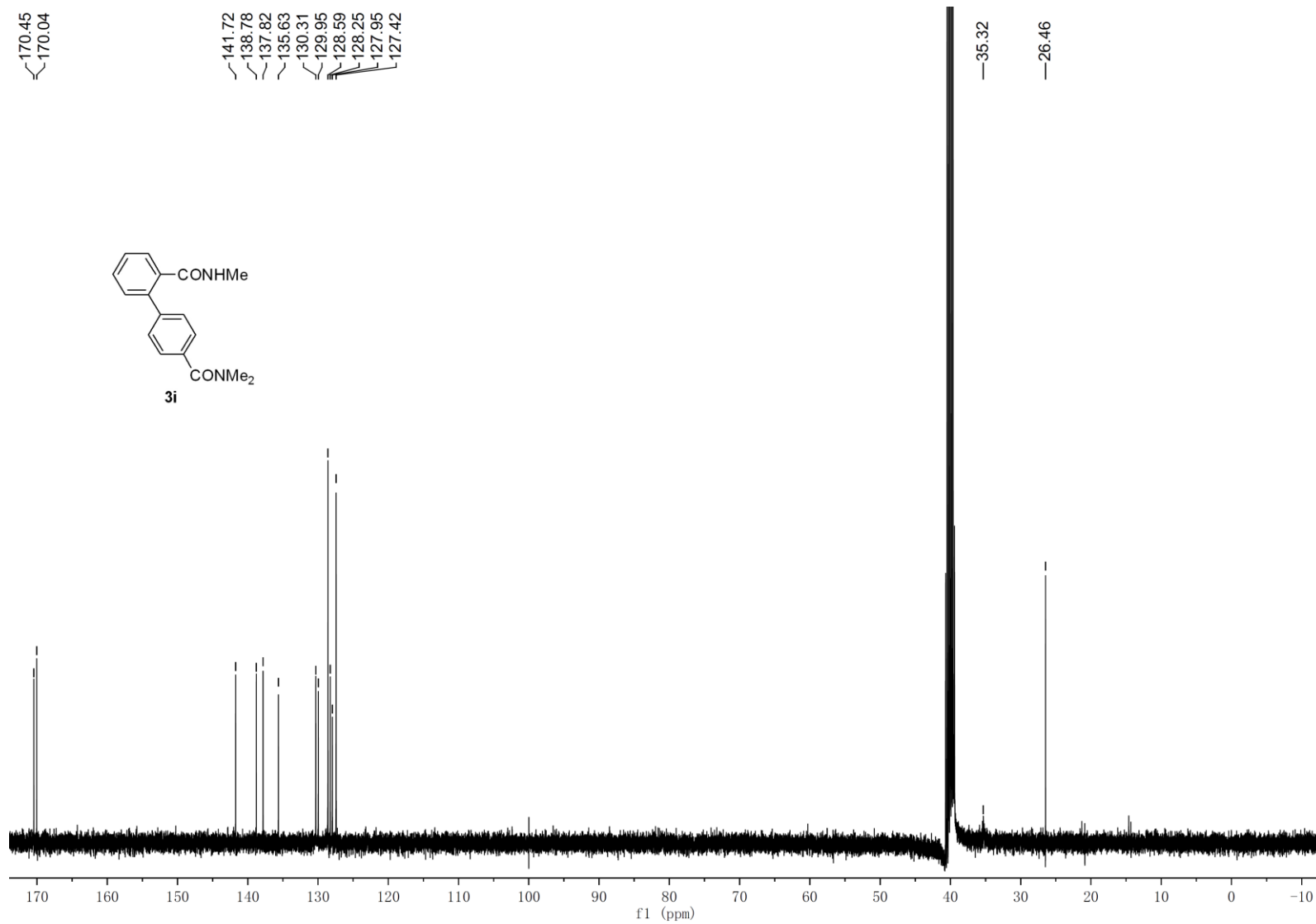


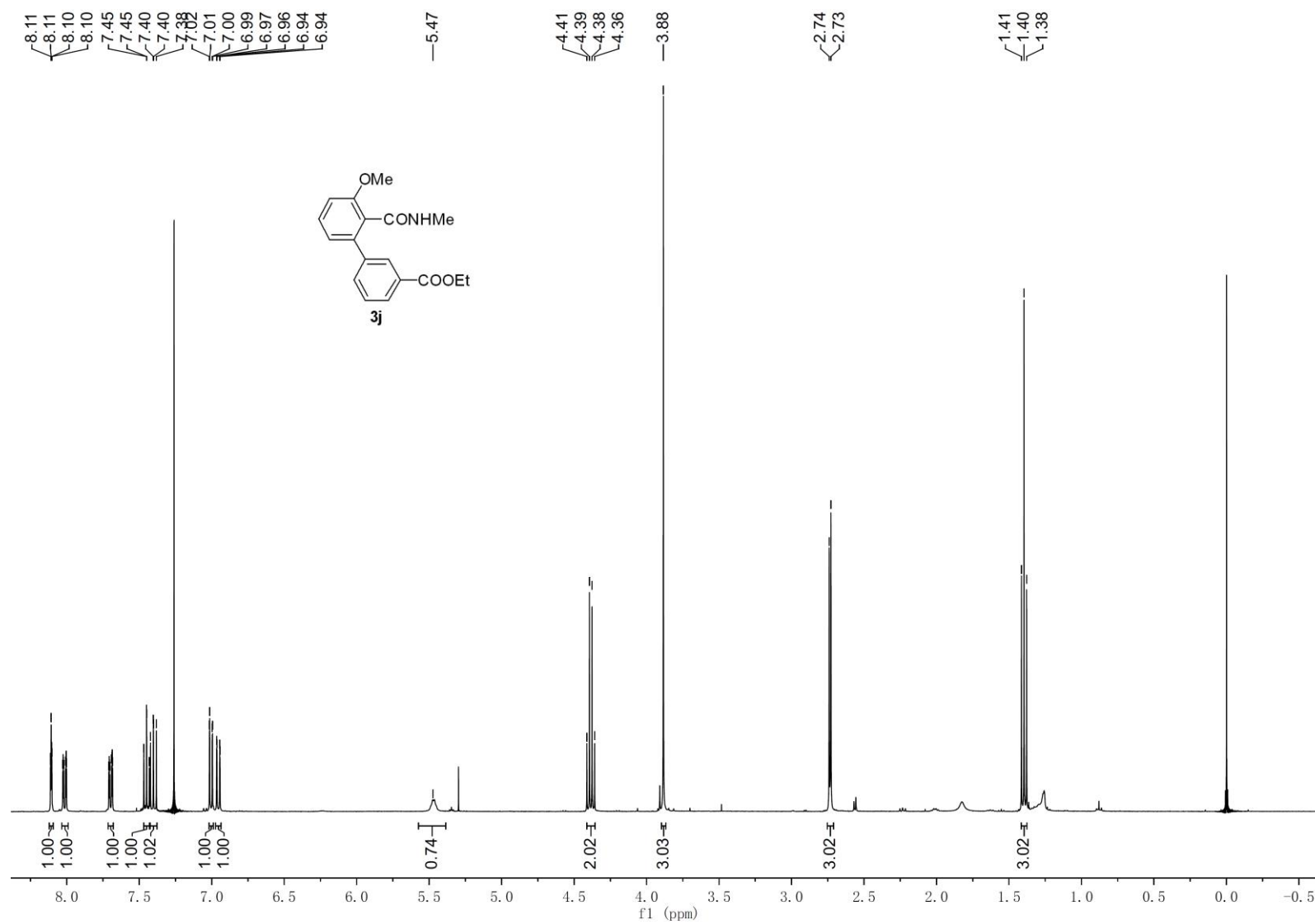


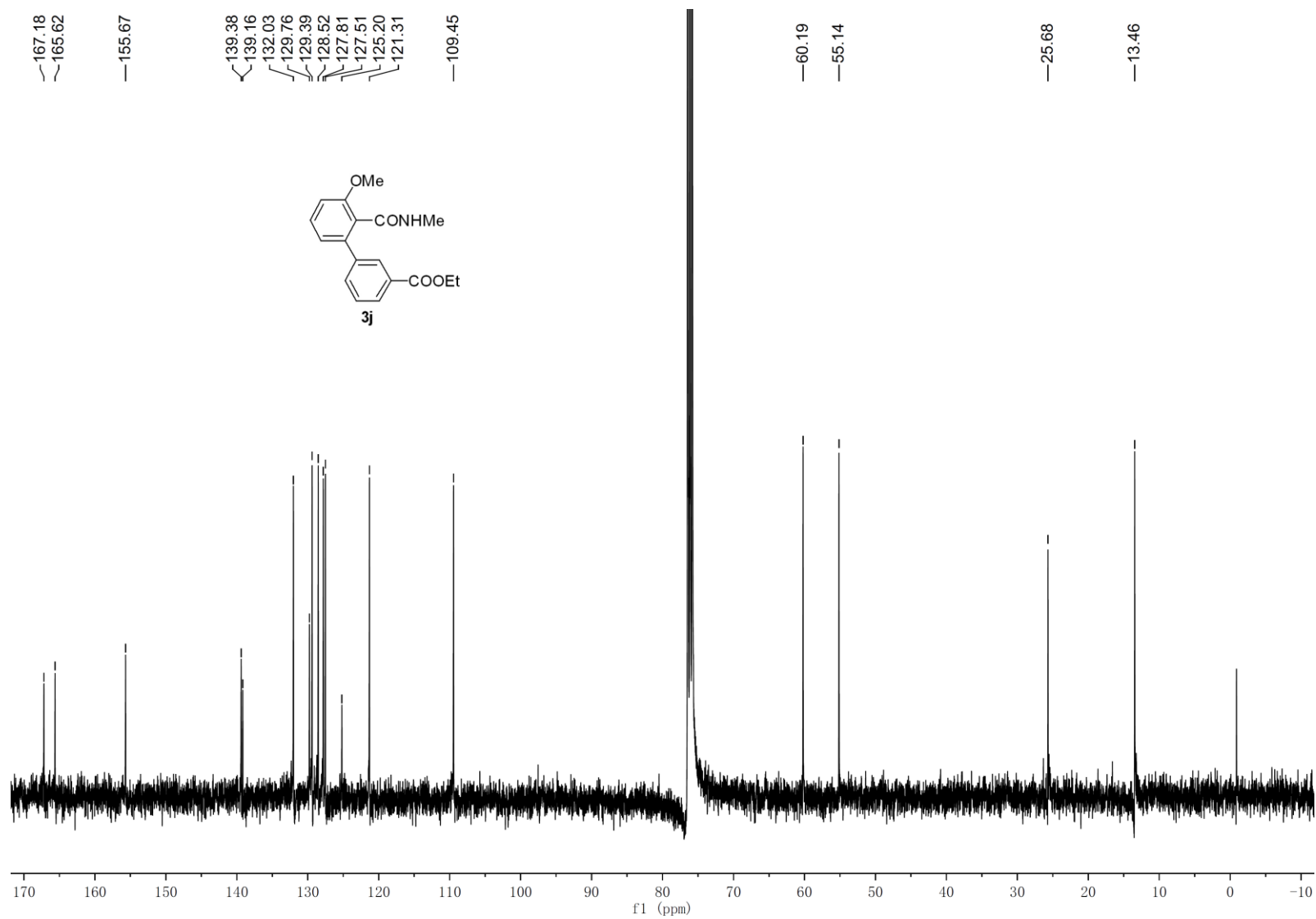


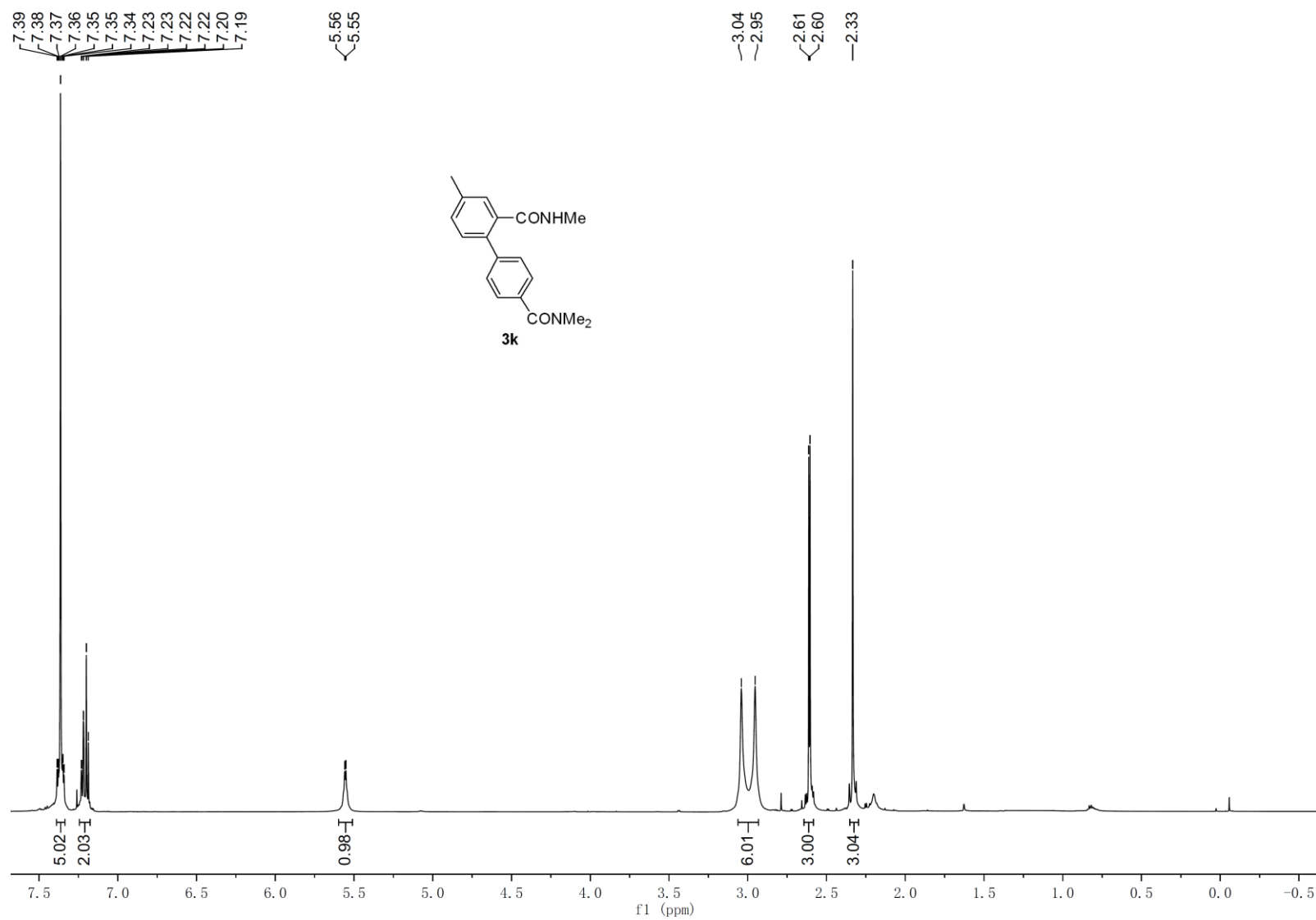


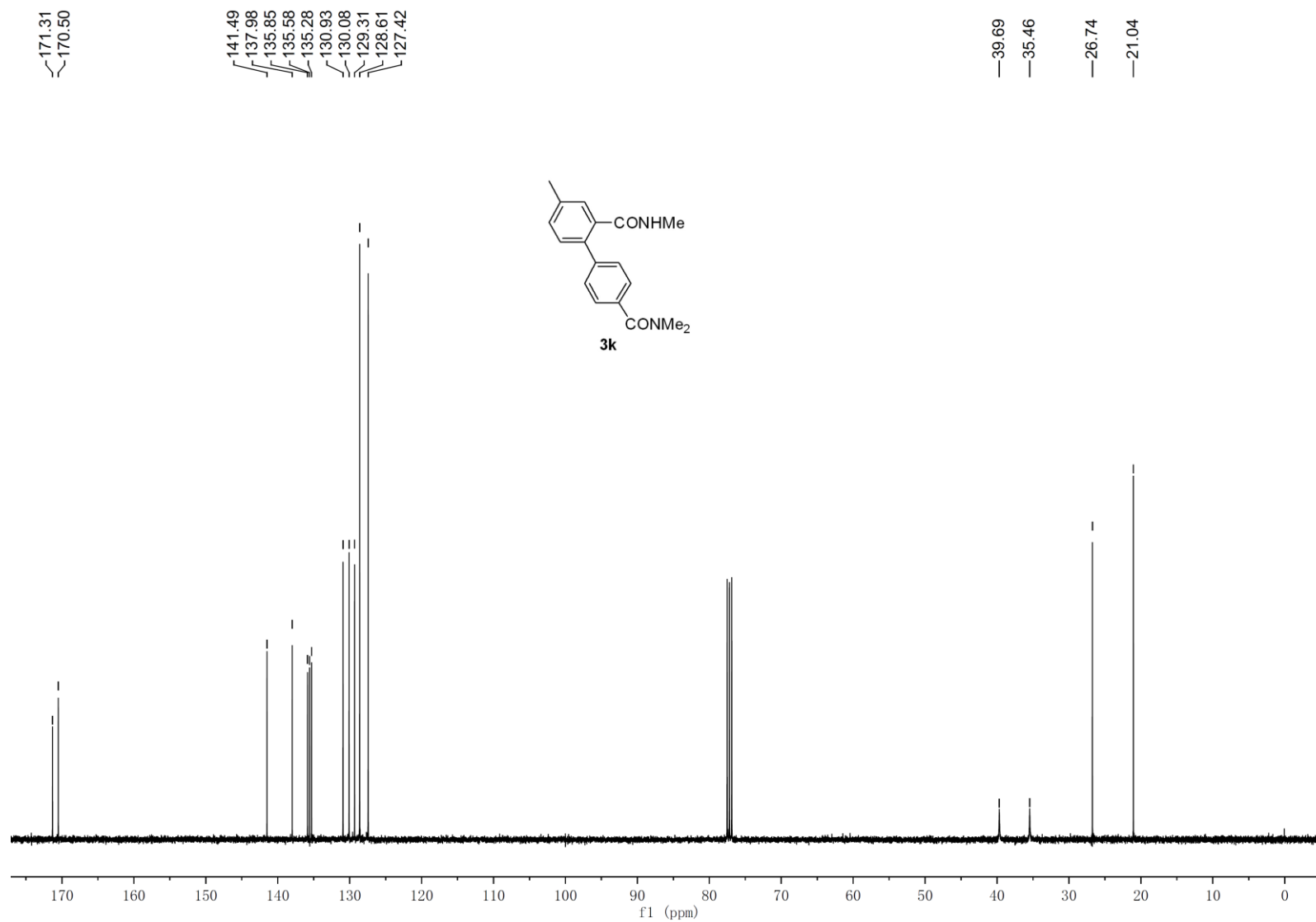


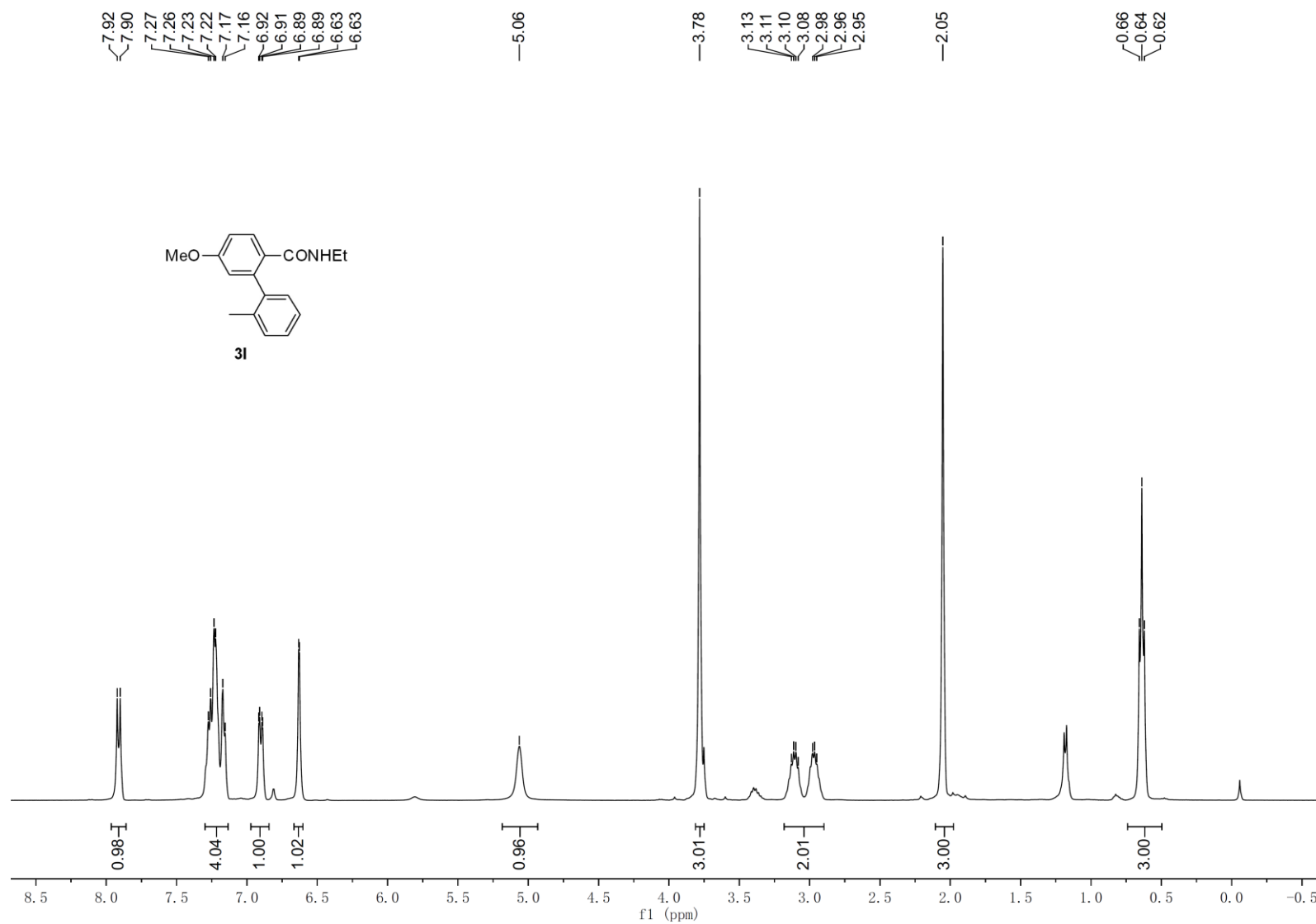


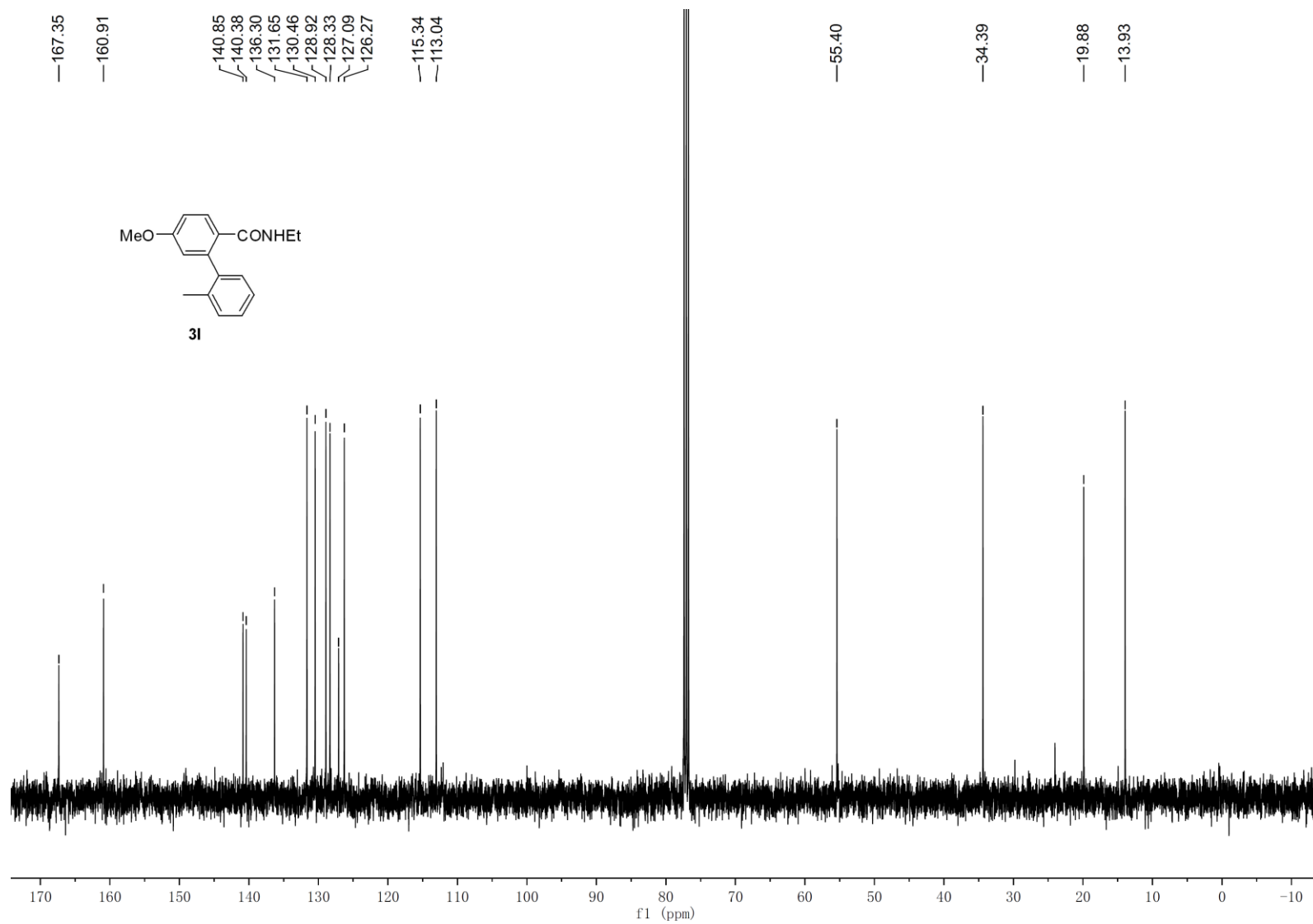


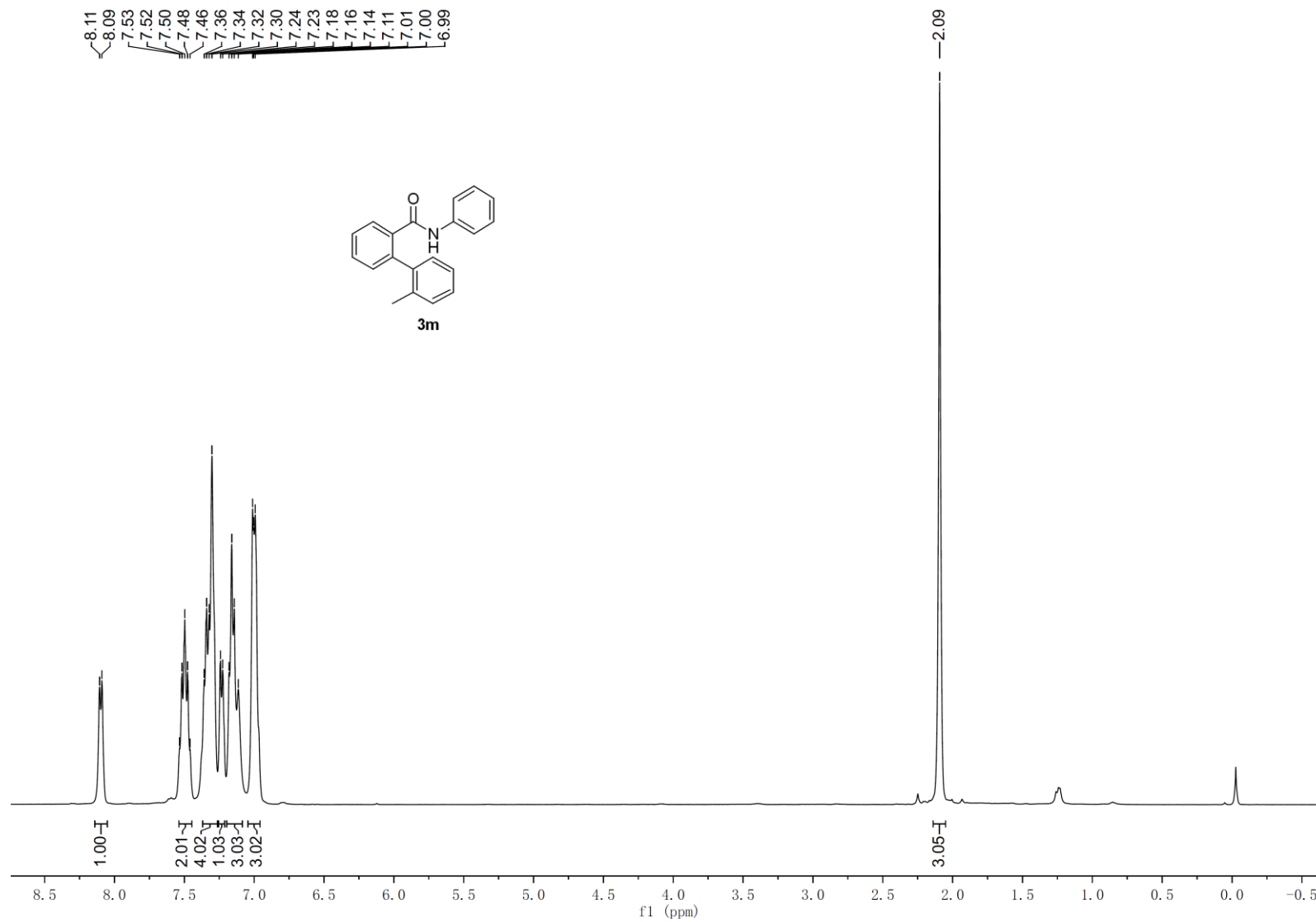


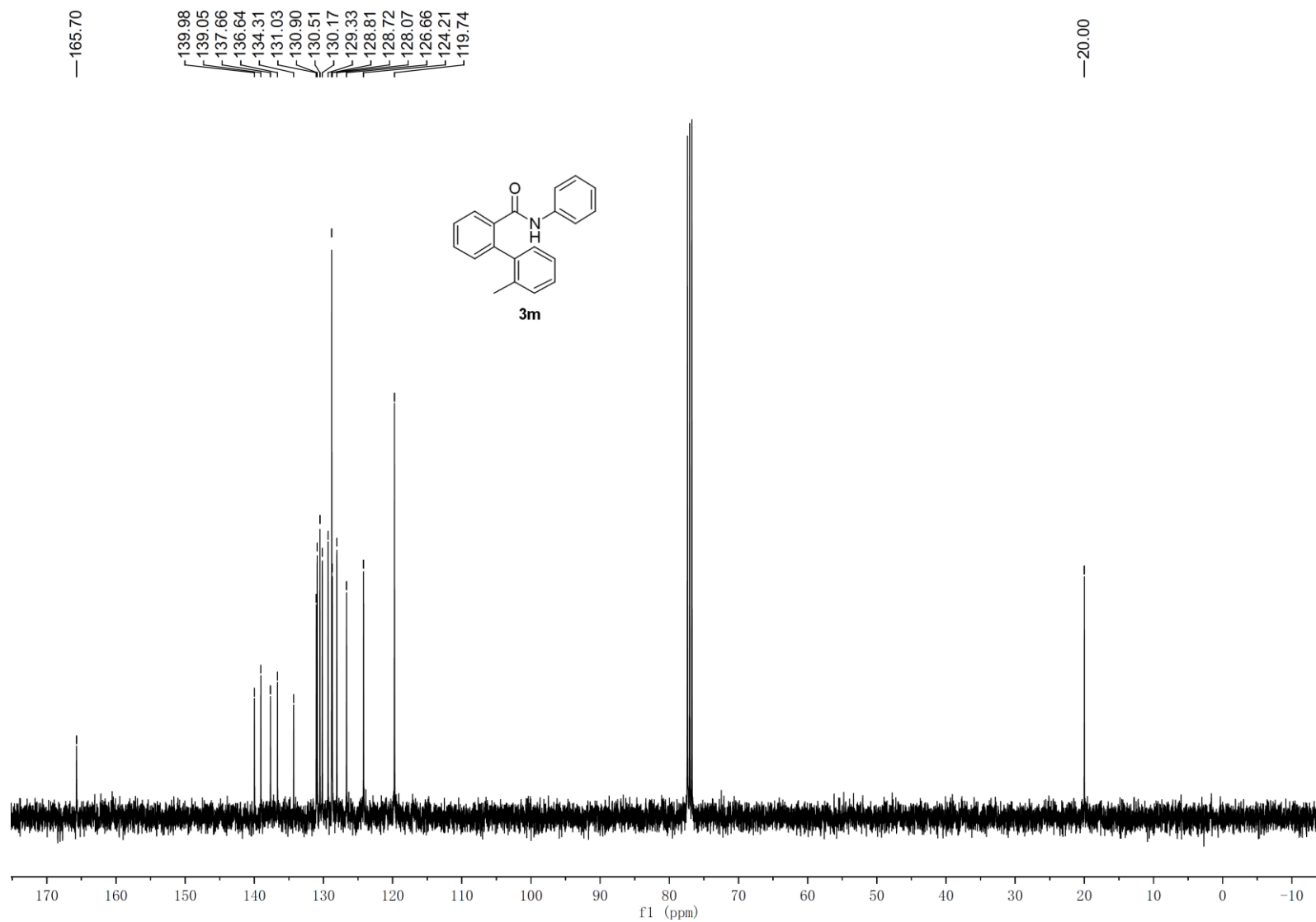


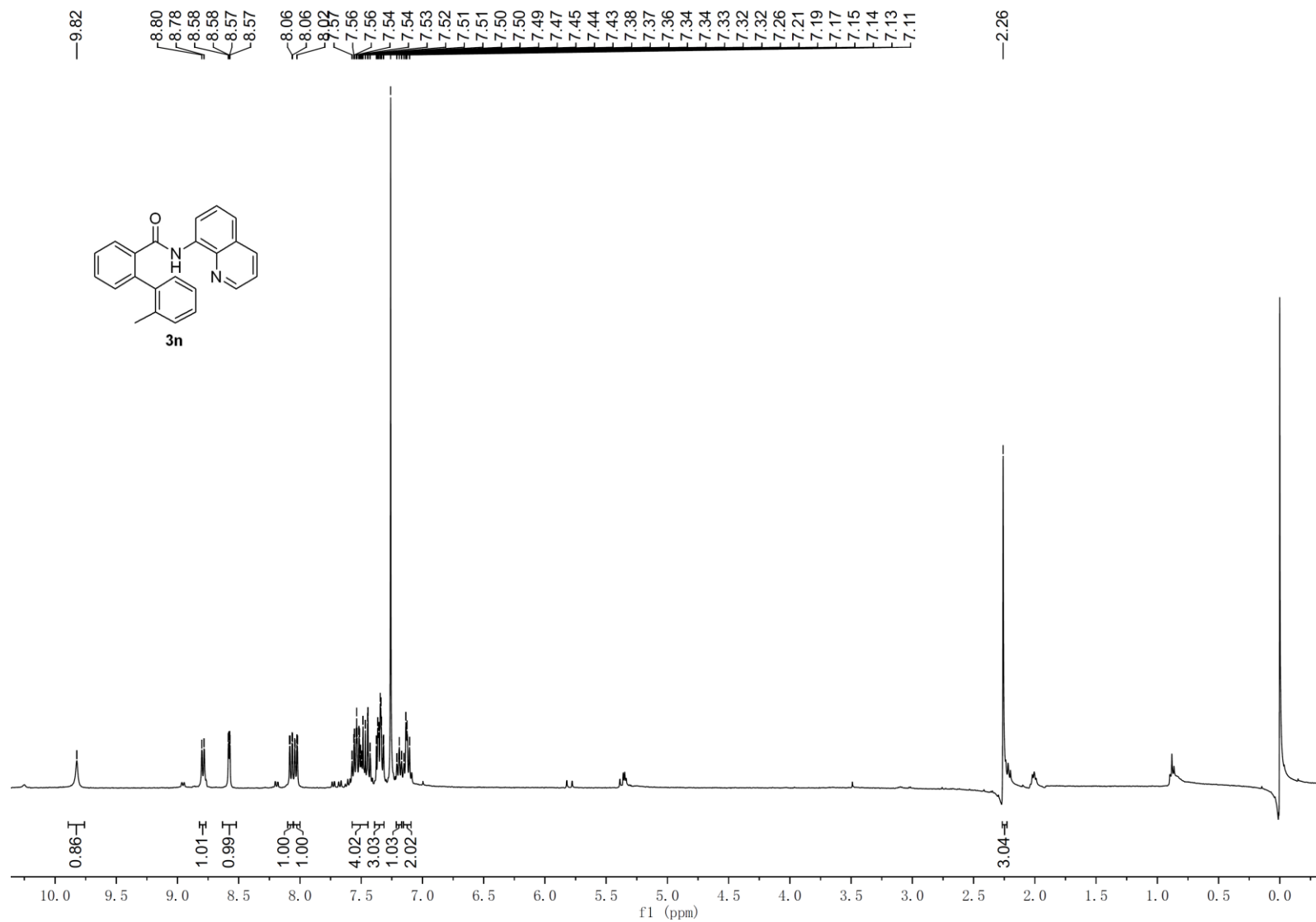


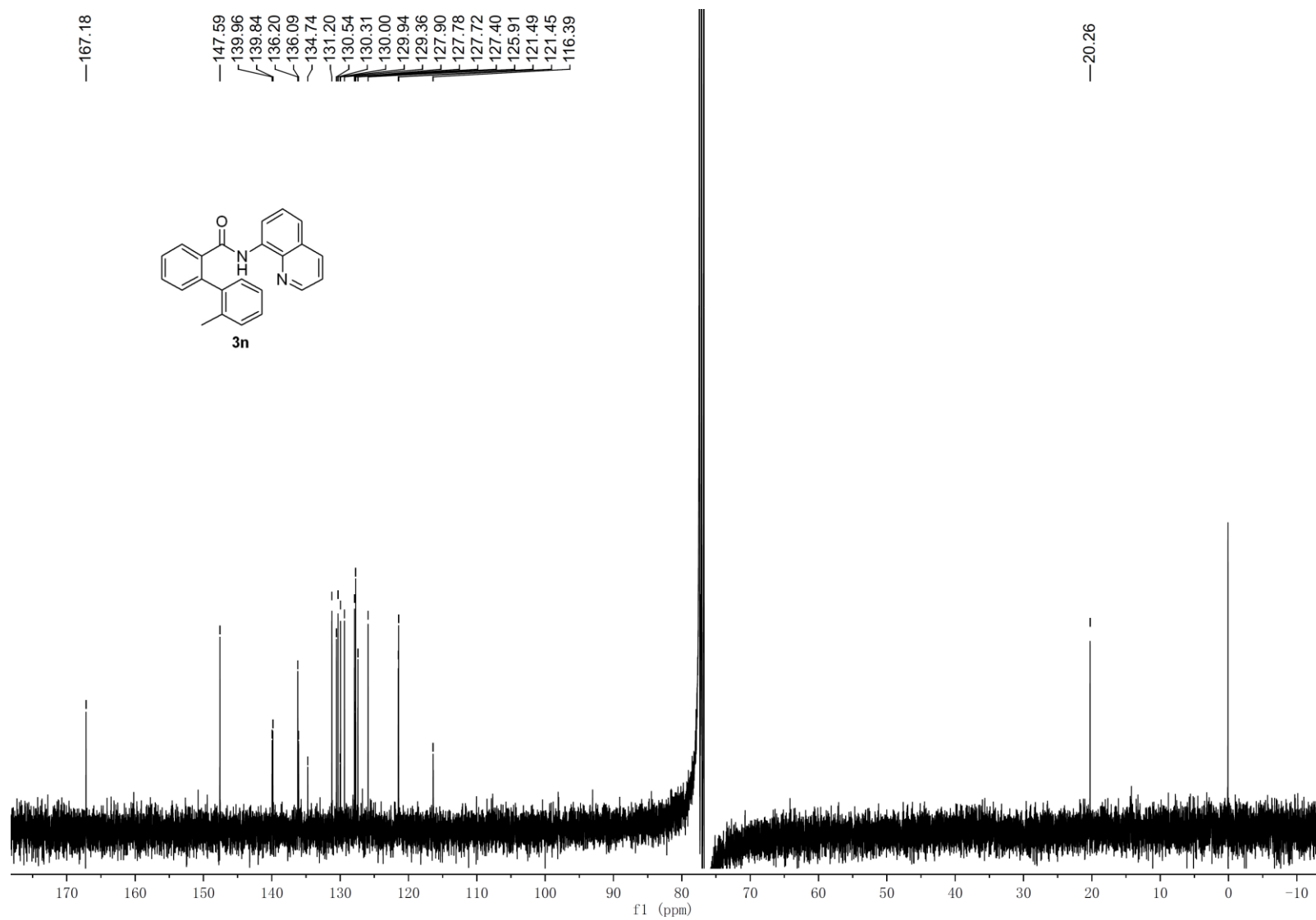


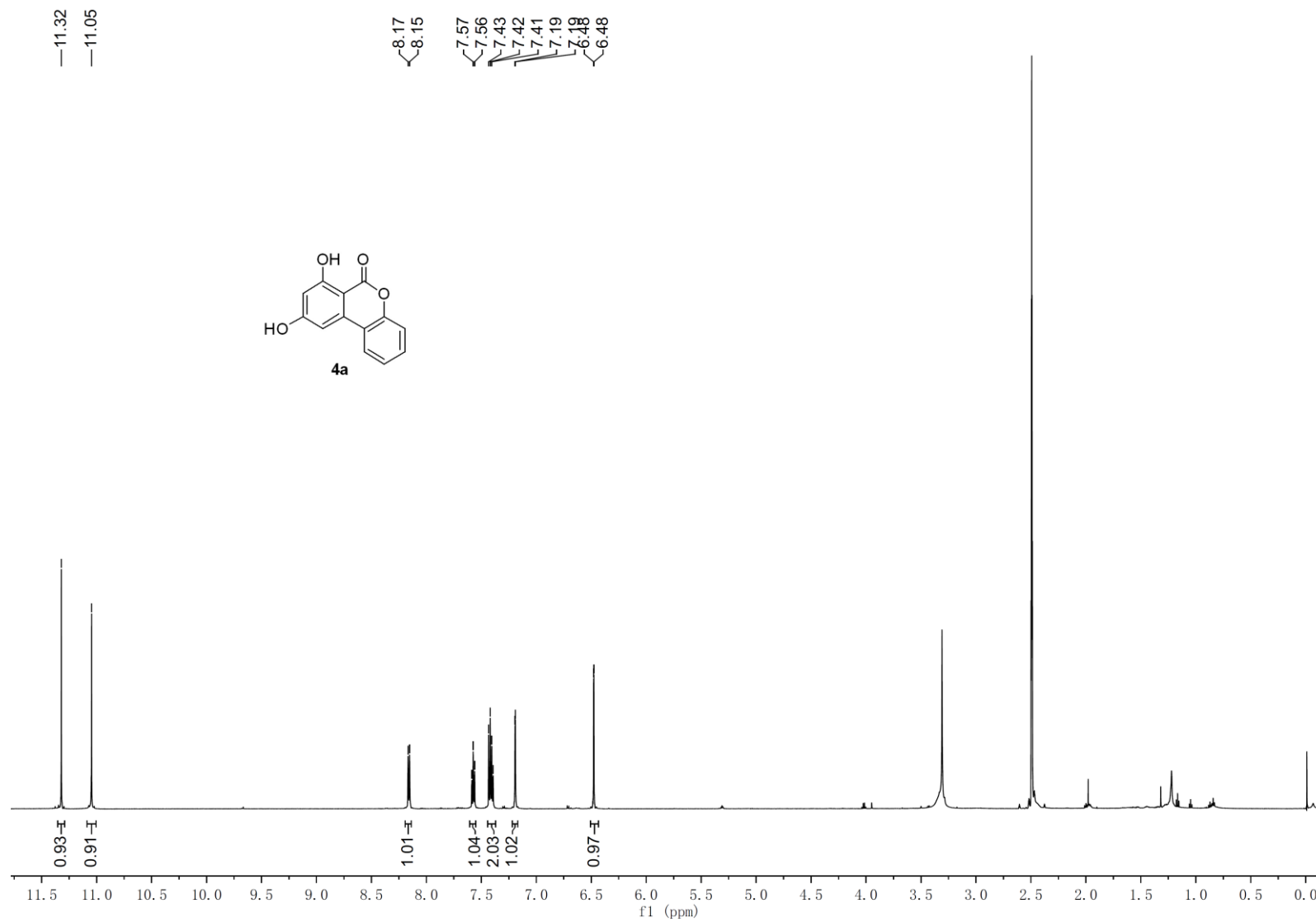


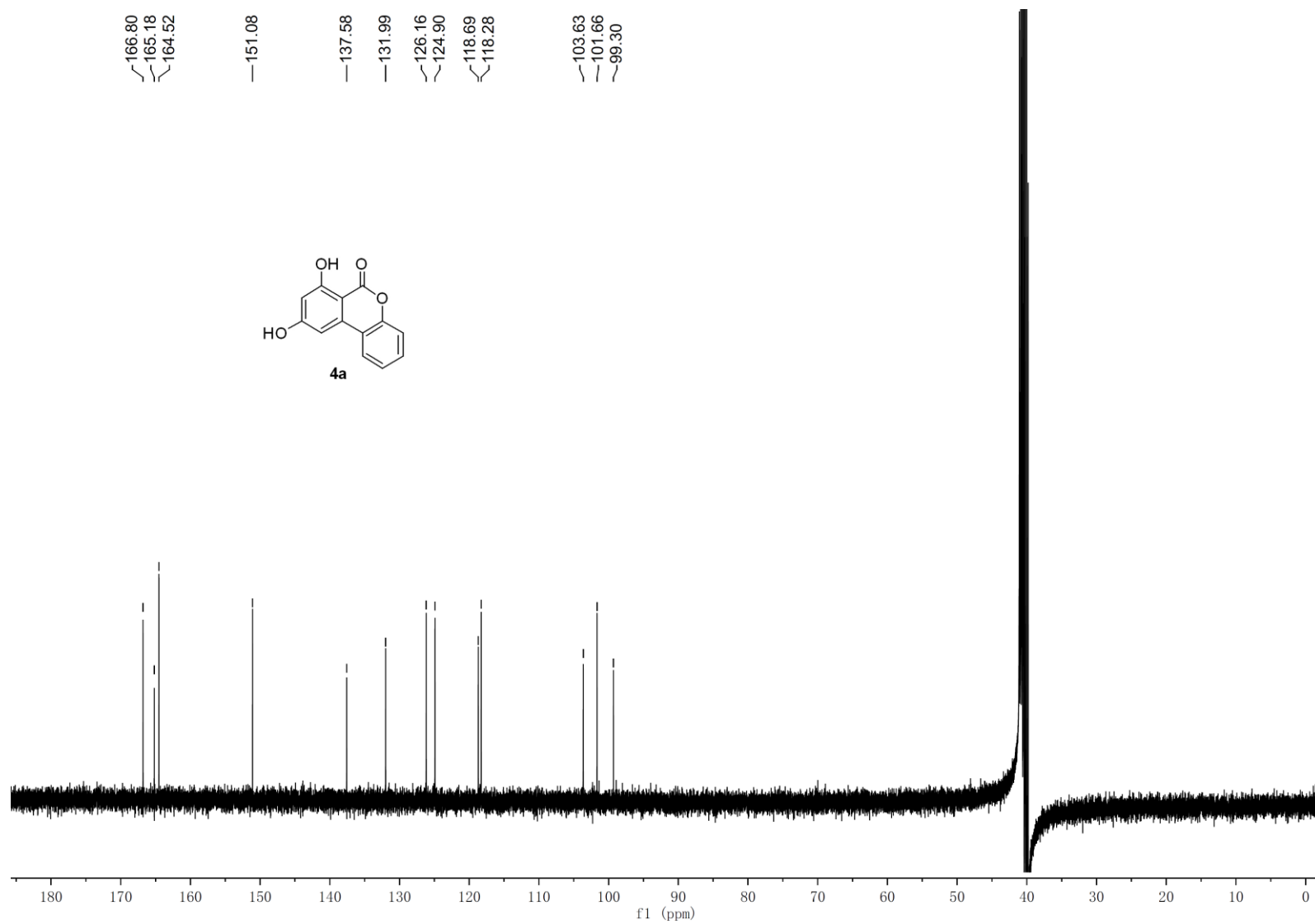


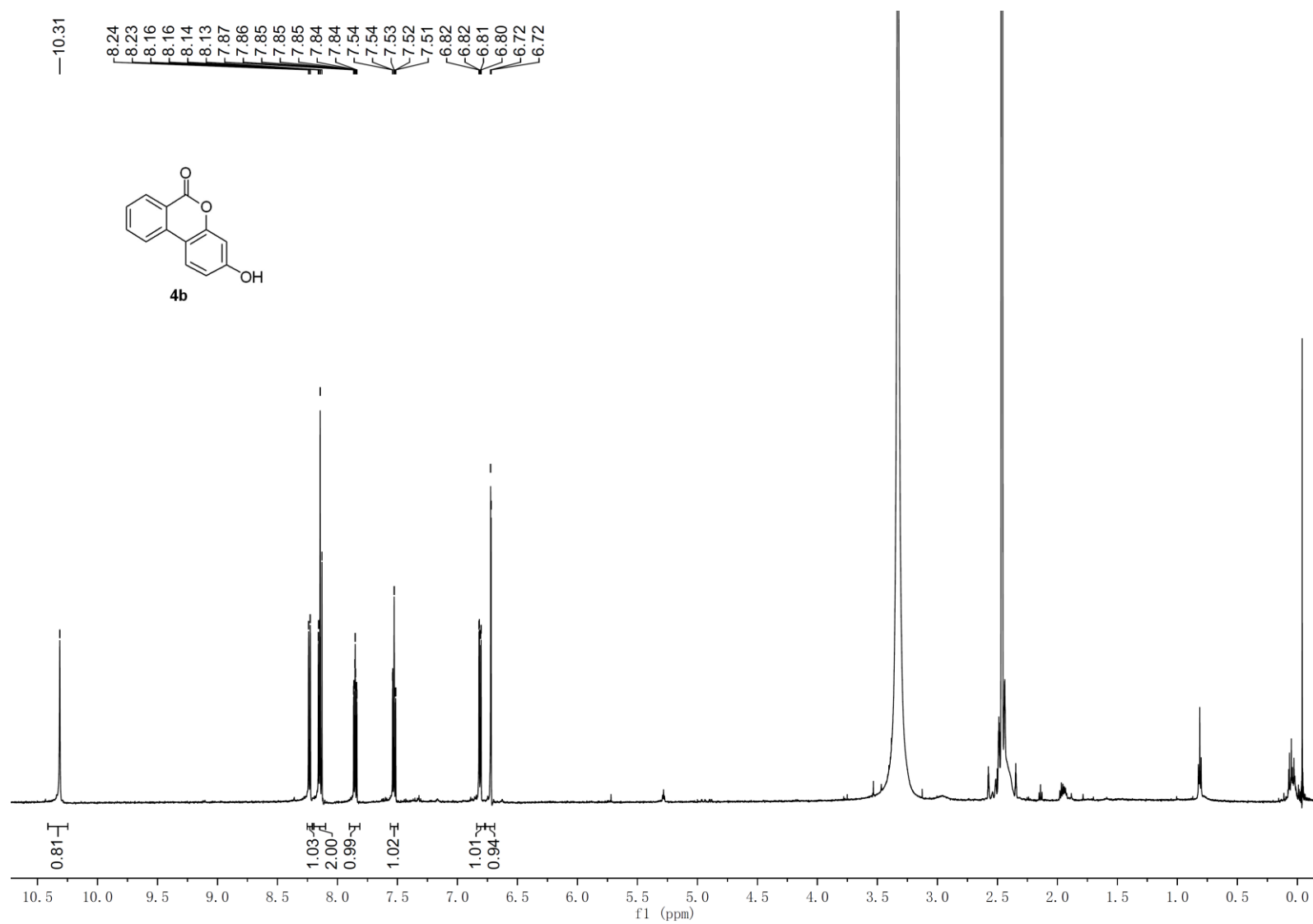


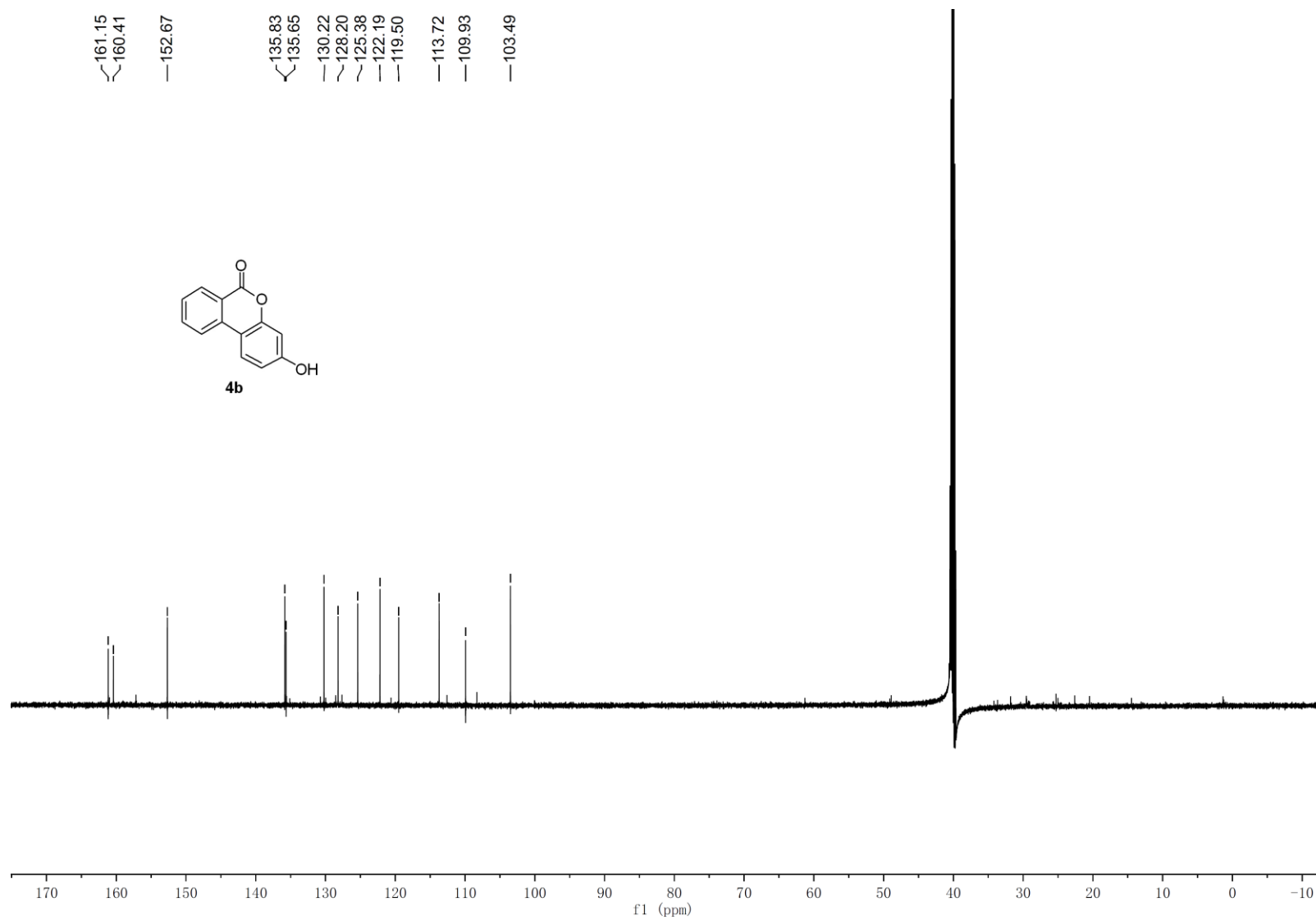


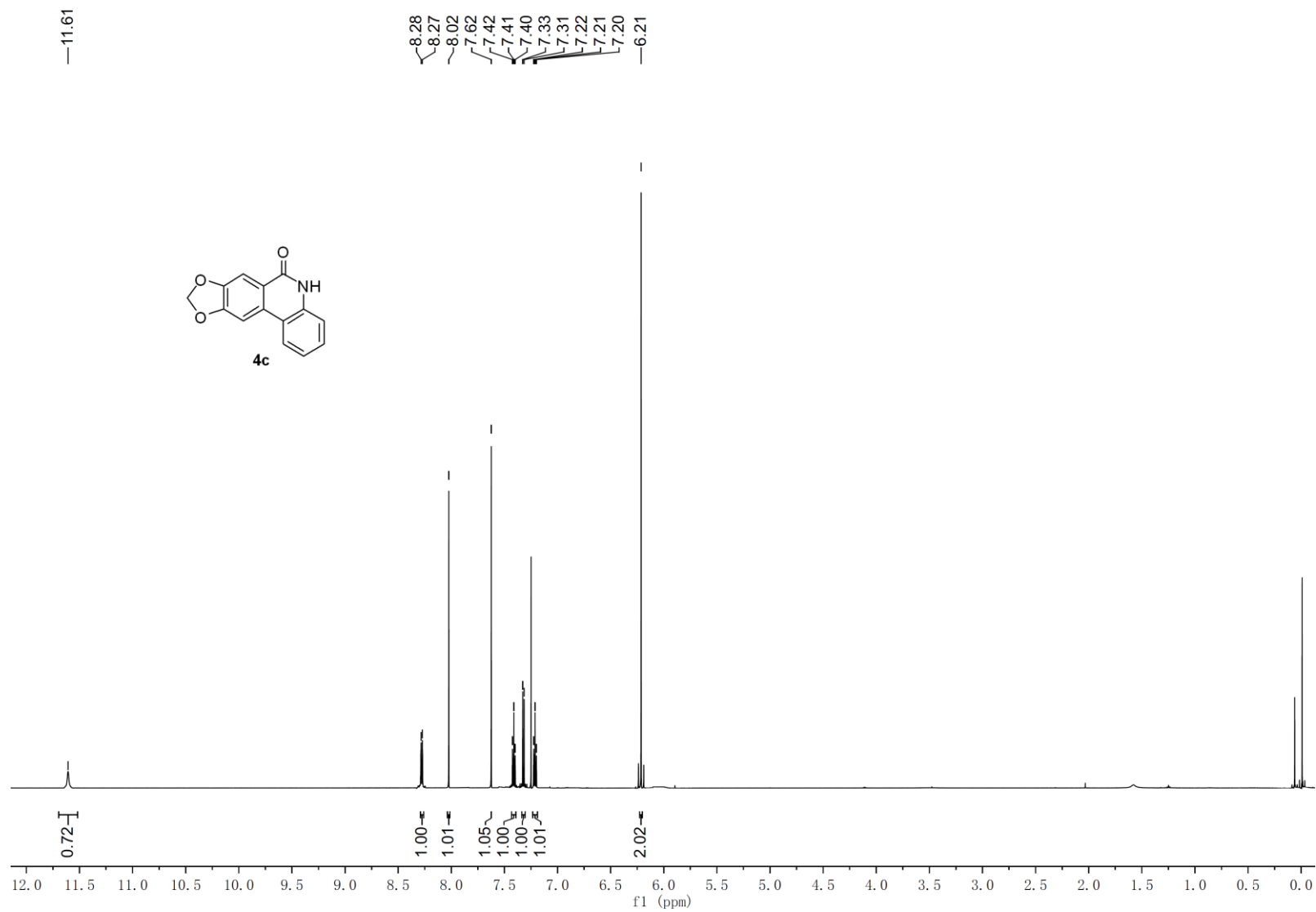












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