

# Deuteration of Indole Compounds: Synthesis of Deuterated Auxins, Indole-3-acetic Acid-d5 and Indole-3-butyric Acid-d5

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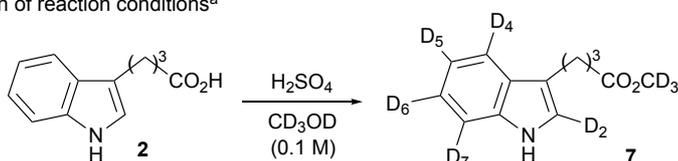
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### 1. Details of Results

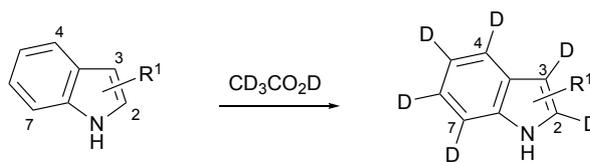
**Table S1.** Optimization of reaction conditions<sup>a</sup>



Entry	Acid	Temp. (°C)	Time (h)	Deuterium content (%) <sup>b</sup>					Ave. D <sup>c</sup>	Isolated yield (%)
				D2	D4	D5	D6	D7		
1	2.4 wt% H <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub>	rt	3	26 <sup>d</sup>	3	26 <sup>d</sup>	6	7	14	n.d. <sup>e</sup>
2	2.4 wt% H <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub>	60	65	89 <sup>d</sup>	55	89 <sup>d</sup>	87	68	77	n.d. <sup>e</sup>
3	9.7 wt% H <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub>	rt	9	91	5	15	12	7	26	n.d. <sup>e</sup>
4	9.7 wt% H <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub>	60	110	91	88	91	92	91	91	n.d. <sup>e</sup>
5	20 wt% H <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub>	60	45	83 <sup>f</sup>	81 <sup>f</sup>	82 <sup>f</sup>	83 <sup>f</sup>	81 <sup>f</sup>	82 <sup>f</sup>	98
6 <sup>g</sup>	20 wt% H <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub>	60	45	82	82	80	81	82	81	n.d. <sup>e</sup>
7	20 wt% D <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub>	60	18	98 <sup>f</sup>	95 <sup>f</sup>	98 <sup>f</sup>	98 <sup>f</sup>	97 <sup>f</sup>	97 <sup>f</sup>	99
8 <sup>h</sup>	20 wt% D <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub>	60	18	94 <sup>f</sup>	91 <sup>f</sup>	94 <sup>f</sup>	93 <sup>f</sup>	94 <sup>f</sup>	93 <sup>f</sup>	93

<sup>a</sup> Reactions were performed in CD<sub>3</sub>OD (0.1 M) at 60 °C. <sup>b</sup> Calculated based on <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra of reaction mixture. <sup>c</sup> Indicated as the average D content of D2 and D4-D7. <sup>d</sup> Indicated as the average D content of D2 and D5. <sup>e</sup> Not determined. <sup>f</sup> Calculated based on <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra of isolated product. <sup>g</sup> With light shielding. <sup>h</sup> The reaction was performed in 0.3 M solution

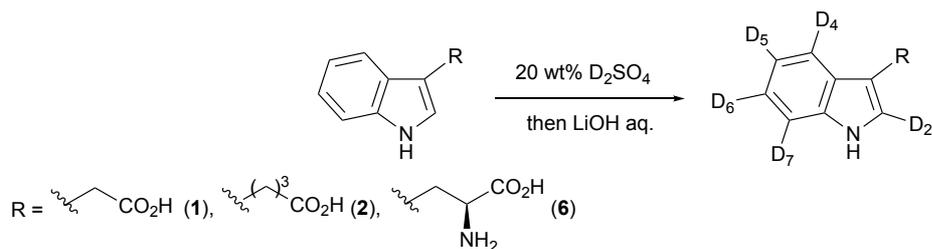
**Table S2.** H-D exchange reaction of 3-unsubstituted indoles<sup>a</sup>



Entry	Temp.	Time	D Content (%) <sup>b</sup>	Yield	Entry	Temp.	Time	D Content (%) <sup>b</sup>	Yield
1	rt	5 min	(0) (0) (99) (0)	n.d. <sup>c</sup>	6	150 °C	110 h	96 47 (97) 95 <sup>e</sup>	96%
2	80 °C	100 min	(0) (0) (99) (70)	n.d. <sup>c</sup>	7	150 °C	110 h	93 72 (97) 98 67 28	56%
3	150 °C	110 h	96 66 0 (97) 96	92%	8	150 °C	110 h	87 <sup>e</sup> 84 56 (97) 87 <sup>e</sup> 97 29	78%
4 <sup>d</sup>	150 °C	110 h	43 14 61 (98) 28 32 98 24	77%	9	100 °C	17 h	(0) (0) (99) (0)	n.d. <sup>c</sup>
5	150 °C	110 h	74 26 19 (98) 51 47 88 25	81%					

<sup>a</sup> Reactions were performed in CD<sub>3</sub>CO<sub>2</sub>D (0.1 M) in a sealed tube. <sup>b</sup> D content was calculated based on <sup>1</sup>H NMR of isolated product. A number in parentheses is a D content of product in reaction mixture. <sup>c</sup> Not determined. <sup>d</sup> D content was calculated based on <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectroscopy after *N*-methylation. <sup>e</sup> Indicated as average D content.

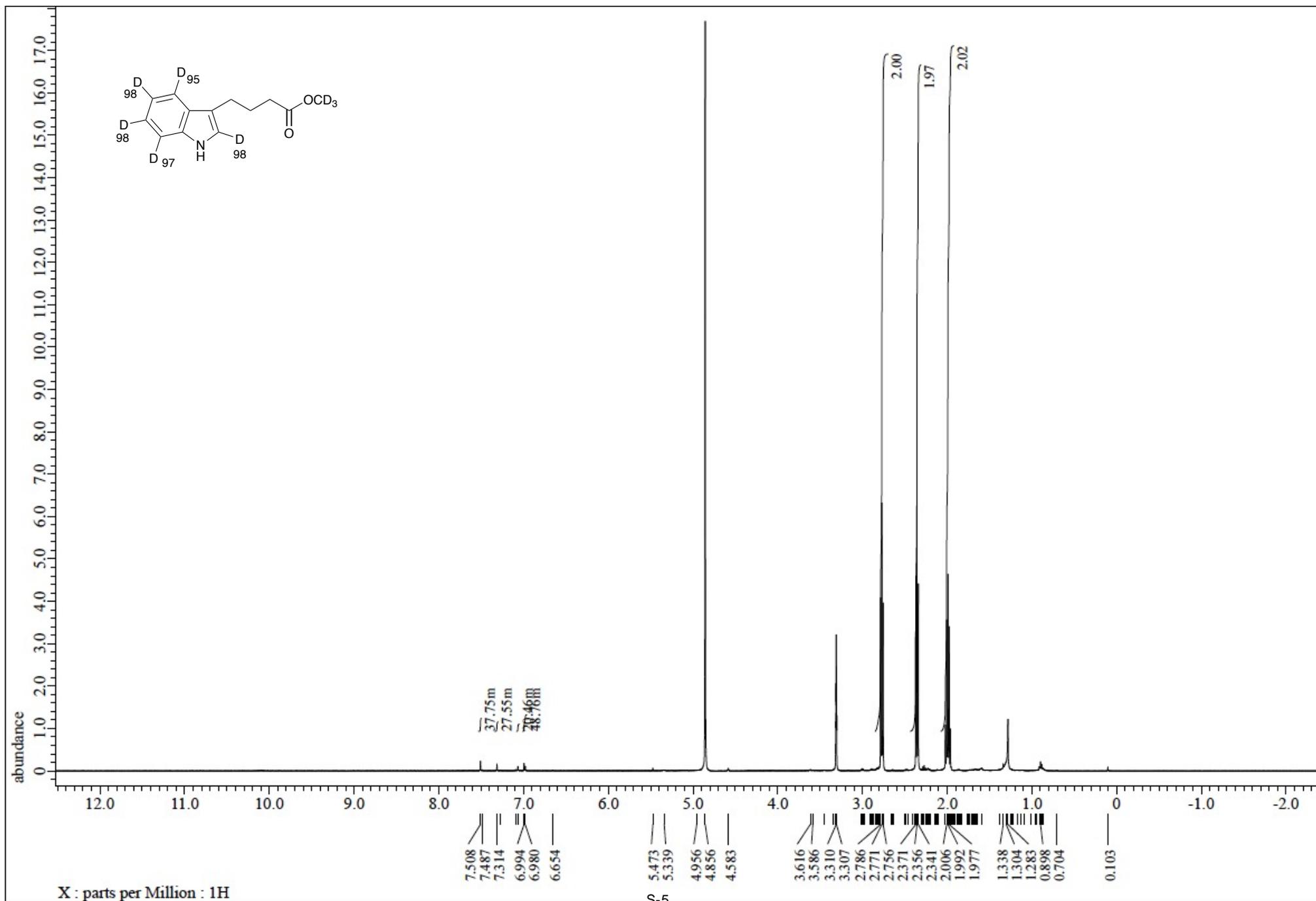
**Table S3.** Synthesis of polydeuterated IAA, IBA and Trp as an economical way.<sup>a</sup>



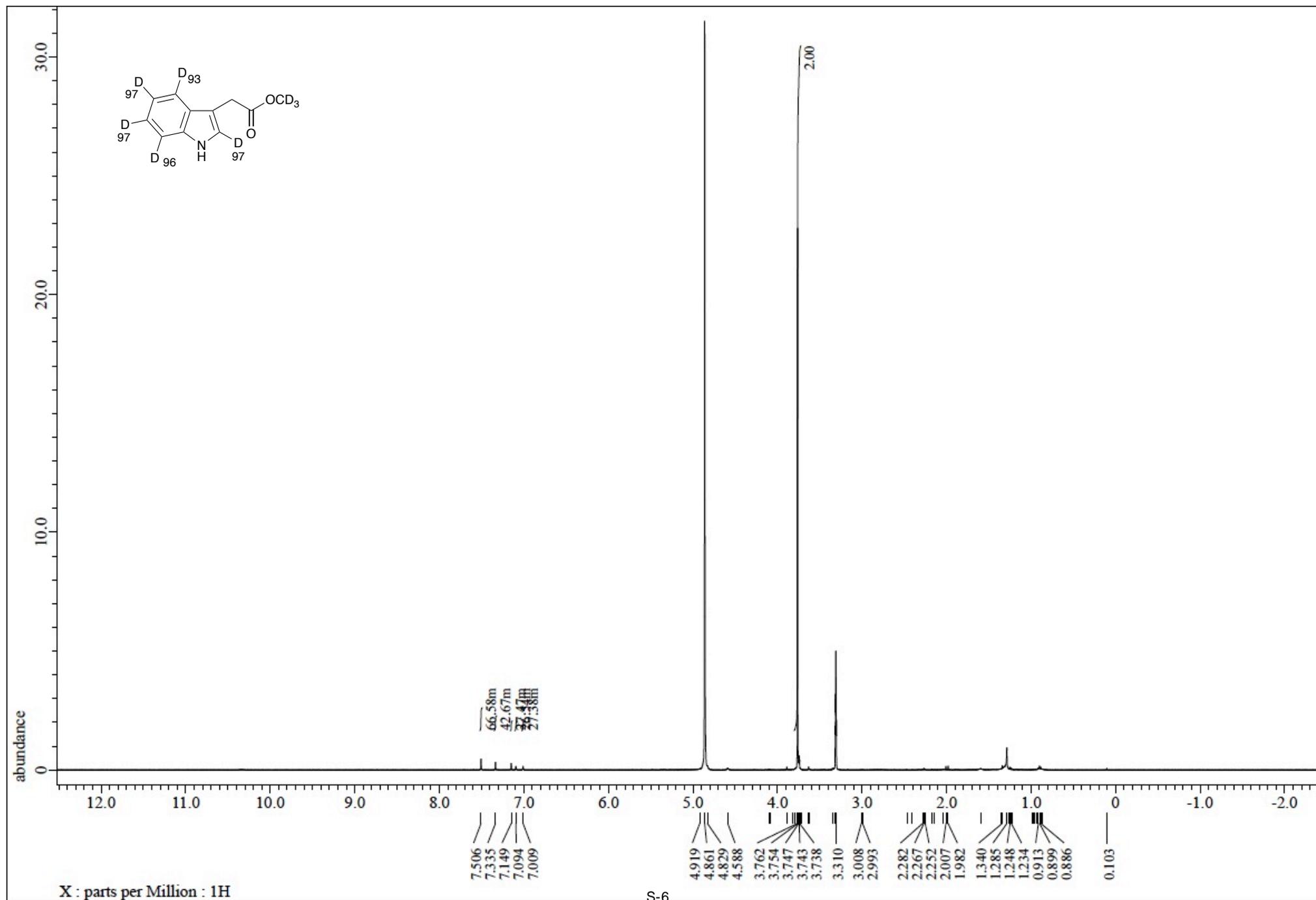
Entry	substrate	Solvent	Conc. (M)	Temp. (°C)	Time (h)	Deuterium content (%)					Ave. D <sup>b</sup>	Isolated yield (%)
						D2	D4	D5	D6	D7		
1 <sup>c</sup>	<b>2</b>	40% CD <sub>3</sub> OD/D <sub>2</sub> O	0.1	60	38	99	92	93 <sup>d</sup>	93 <sup>d</sup>	93	94	n.d. <sup>e</sup>
2 <sup>c</sup>	<b>2</b>	40% CD <sub>3</sub> OD/D <sub>2</sub> O	0.2	60	38	99	52	59 <sup>d</sup>	59 <sup>d</sup>	55	65	n.d. <sup>e</sup>
3 <sup>c</sup>	<b>2</b>	70% CD <sub>3</sub> OD/D <sub>2</sub> O	0.2	60	38	- <sup>f</sup>	86	- <sup>f</sup>	97	95	-	n.d. <sup>e</sup>
4 <sup>g</sup>	<b>2</b>	70% CD <sub>3</sub> OD/D <sub>2</sub> O	0.2	95	5	99	97	97	97	97	97	99
5 <sup>g</sup>	<b>2</b>	CH(OCH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> /D <sub>2</sub> O <sup>h,i</sup>	0.2	95	5	97	95	97	97	97	97	95
6 <sup>g</sup>	<b>2</b>	CH(OEt) <sub>3</sub> /D <sub>2</sub> O <sup>j</sup>	0.1	60	19	71	34	98	98	31	66	71
7 <sup>g</sup>	<b>1</b>	70% CD <sub>3</sub> OD/D <sub>2</sub> O	0.2	95	14	98	96	96	95	96	96	99
8 <sup>g</sup>	<b>1</b>	CH(OCH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> /D <sub>2</sub> O <sup>h,i</sup>	0.2	95	14	97	97	98	97	97	97	95
9 <sup>c</sup>	<b>6</b>	70% CD <sub>3</sub> OD/D <sub>2</sub> O	0.2	95	18	96	96	96	96	96	96	n.d. <sup>e</sup>

<sup>a</sup> Reactions were performed in 20 wt% D<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> in CD<sub>3</sub>OD/D<sub>2</sub>O solution. After the reaction completed, the reaction mixture was poured into an aqueous LiOH to hydrolyze. <sup>b</sup> Indicated as the average D content at C2, C4-C7. <sup>c</sup> D content was calculated based on <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra of product in reaction mixture. <sup>d</sup> Indicated as average D content at C5 and C6. <sup>e</sup> Not determined. <sup>f</sup> Not determined due to overlapped with D<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> residual peak. <sup>g</sup> D content was calculated based on <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra of isolated product. <sup>h</sup> In situ preparation of 20 wt% D<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> in CH<sub>3</sub>OD/D<sub>2</sub>O (7/3). <sup>i</sup> Reactions were performed on 1 gram scale of substrate. <sup>j</sup> In situ preparation of a mixture of D<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>5</sub>OD, D<sub>2</sub>O, and HCO<sub>2</sub>C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>5</sub>.

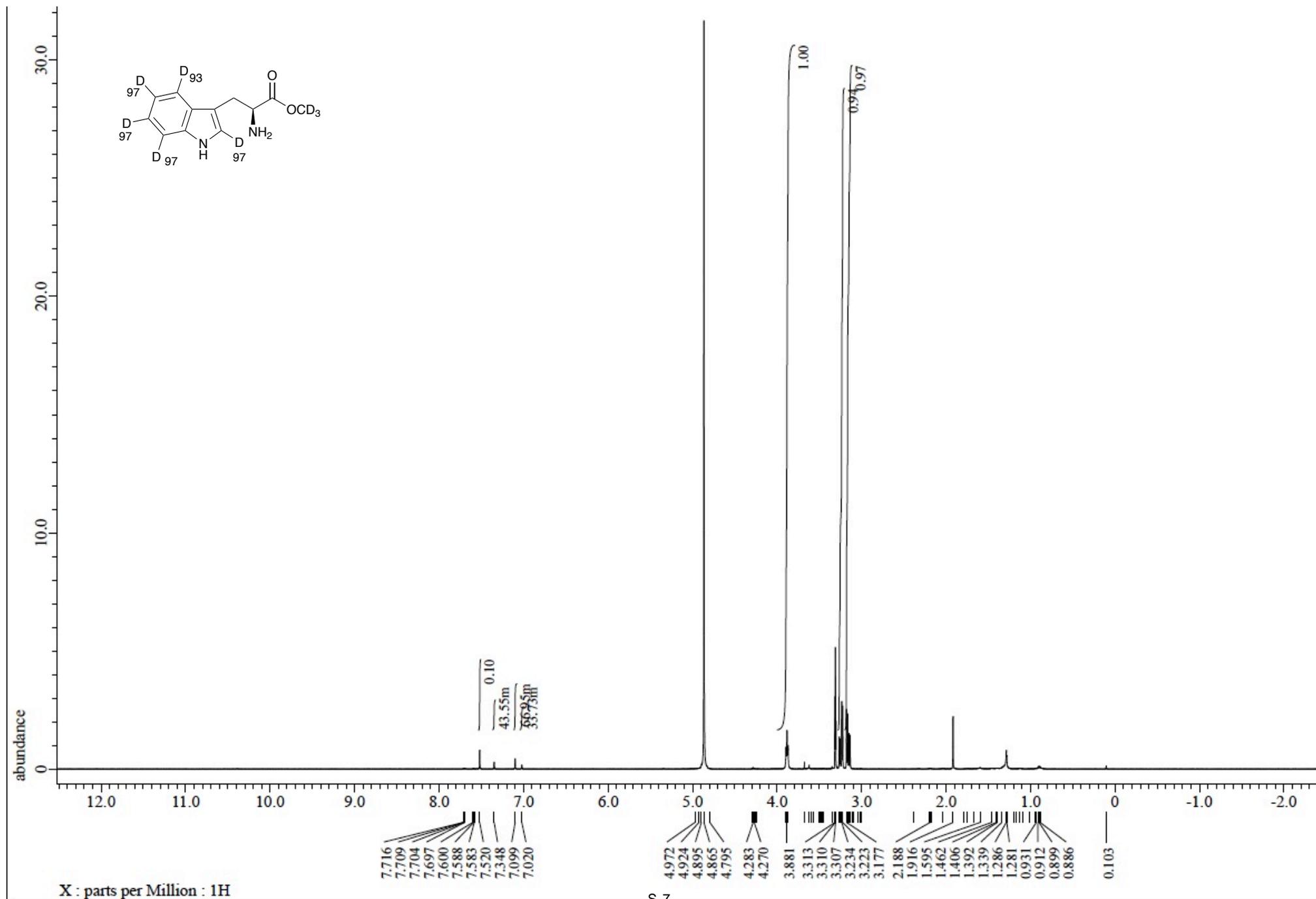
**Figure S1.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz) spectra of deuterated IBA  $\text{CD}_3$  ester (**7**) in  $\text{CD}_3\text{OD}$



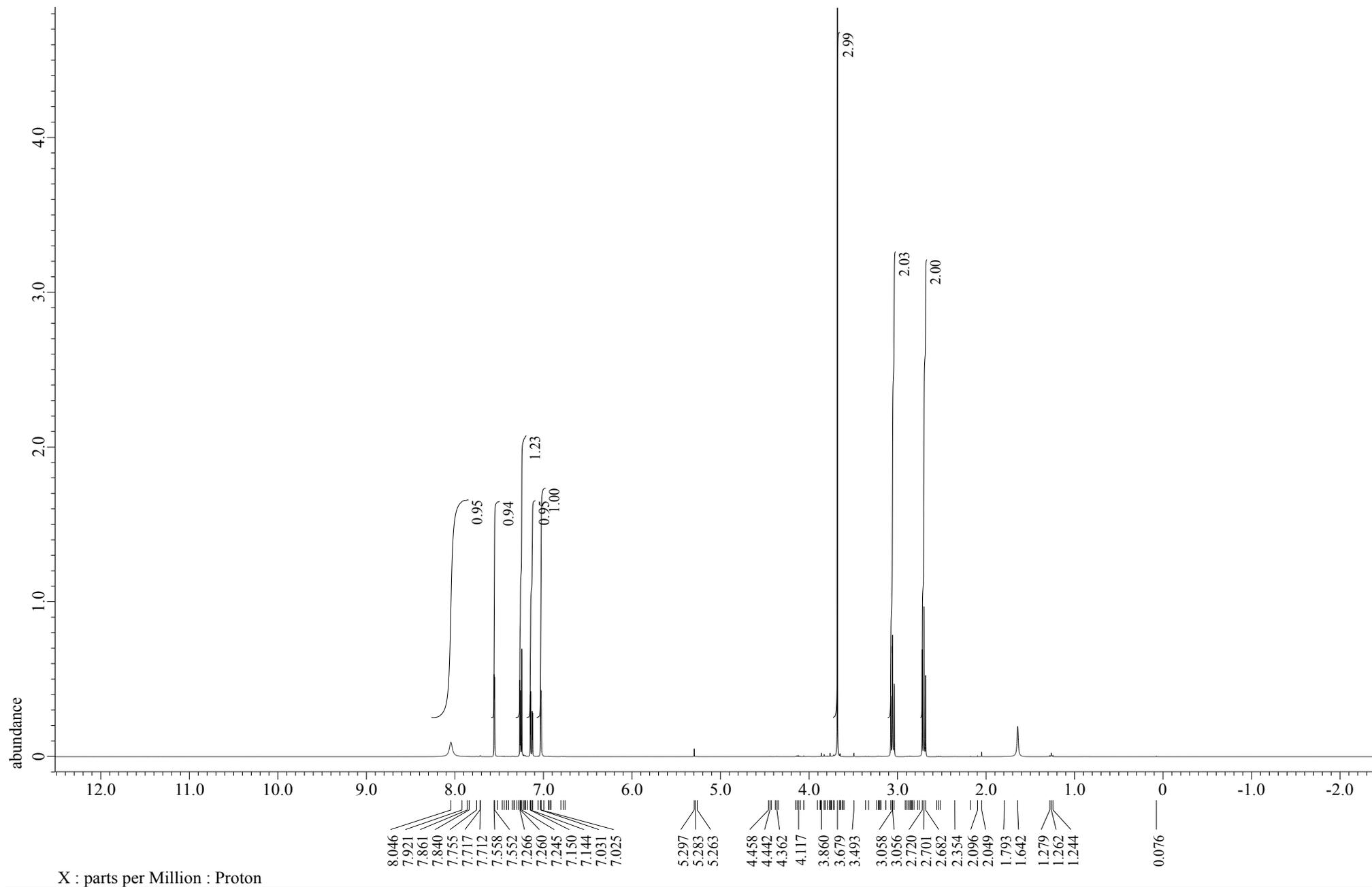
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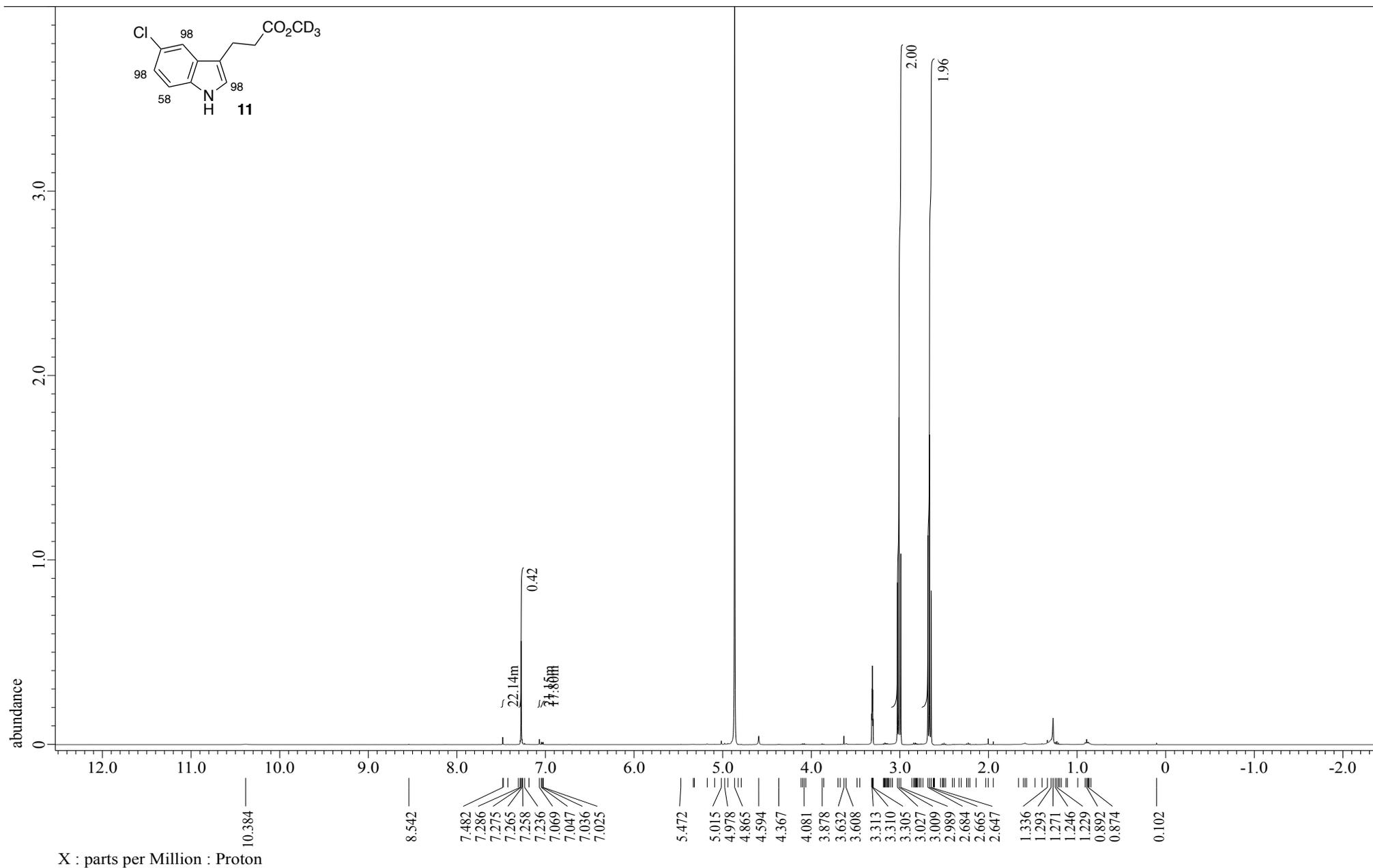
**Figure S3.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz) spectra of deuterated L-Trp- $\text{CD}_3$  ester (**9**) in  $\text{CD}_3\text{OD}$



**Figure S4.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz) spectra of 3-(5-Chloroindolyl)propanoic acid methyl ester (**10**) in  $\text{CDCl}_3$



**Figure S5.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz) spectra of deuterated 3-(5-Chloroindolyl)propanoic acid  $\text{CD}_3$  ester (**11**) in  $\text{CD}_3\text{OD}$



**Figure S6.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (600 MHz) spectra of deuterated *N*-methyl-IBA  $\text{CD}_3$  ester (**13**) in  $\text{CD}_3\text{OD}$

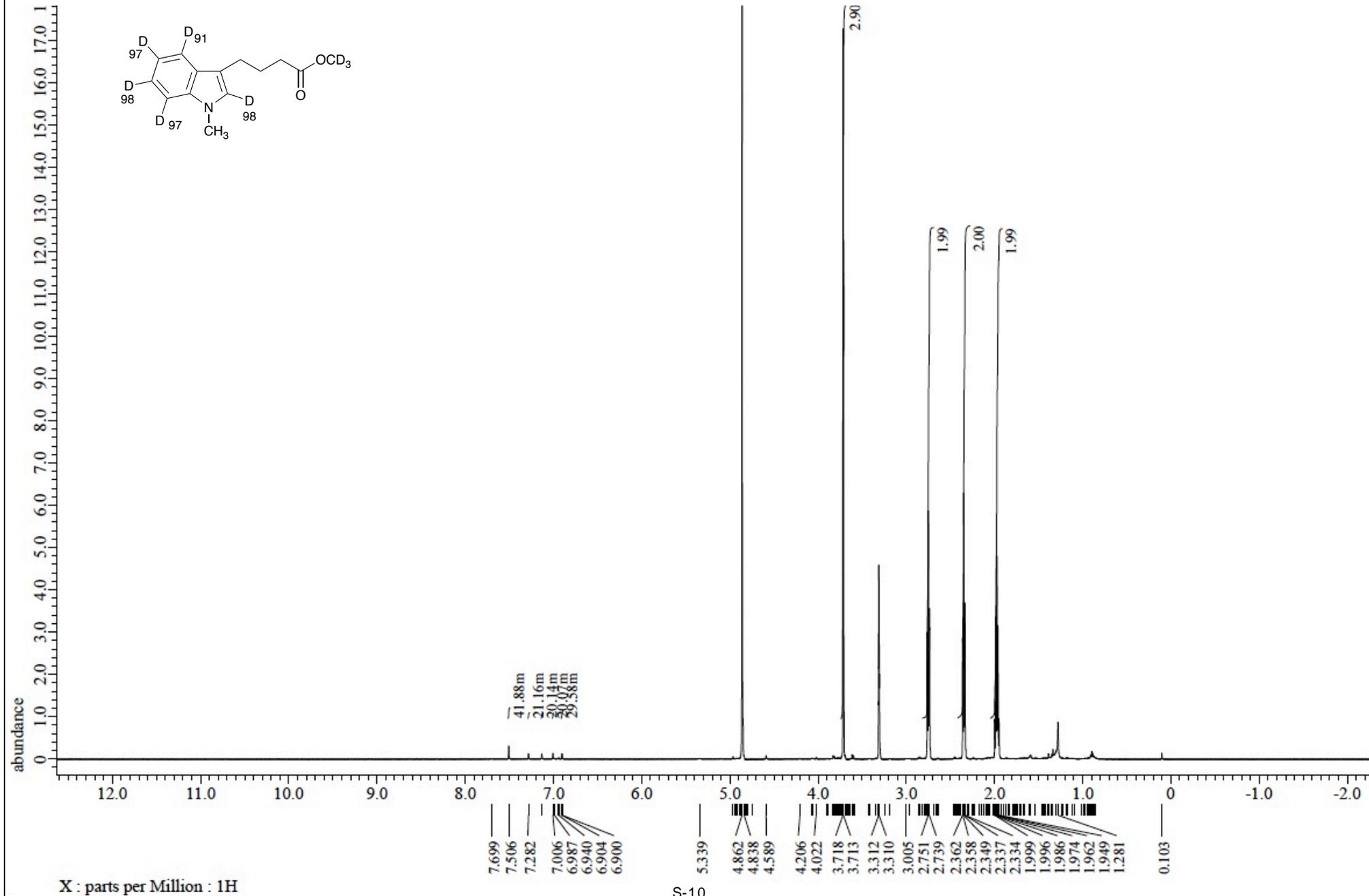
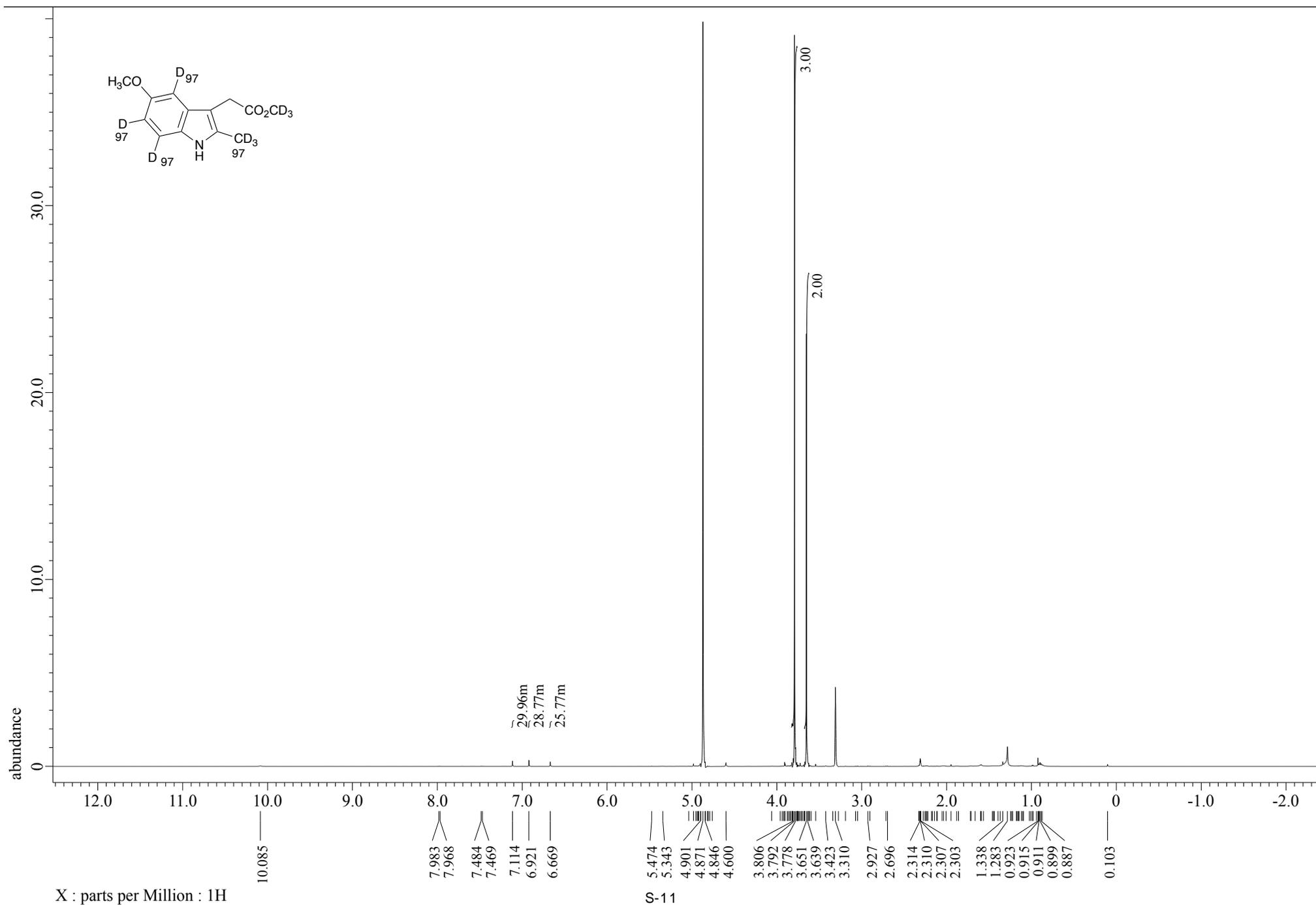
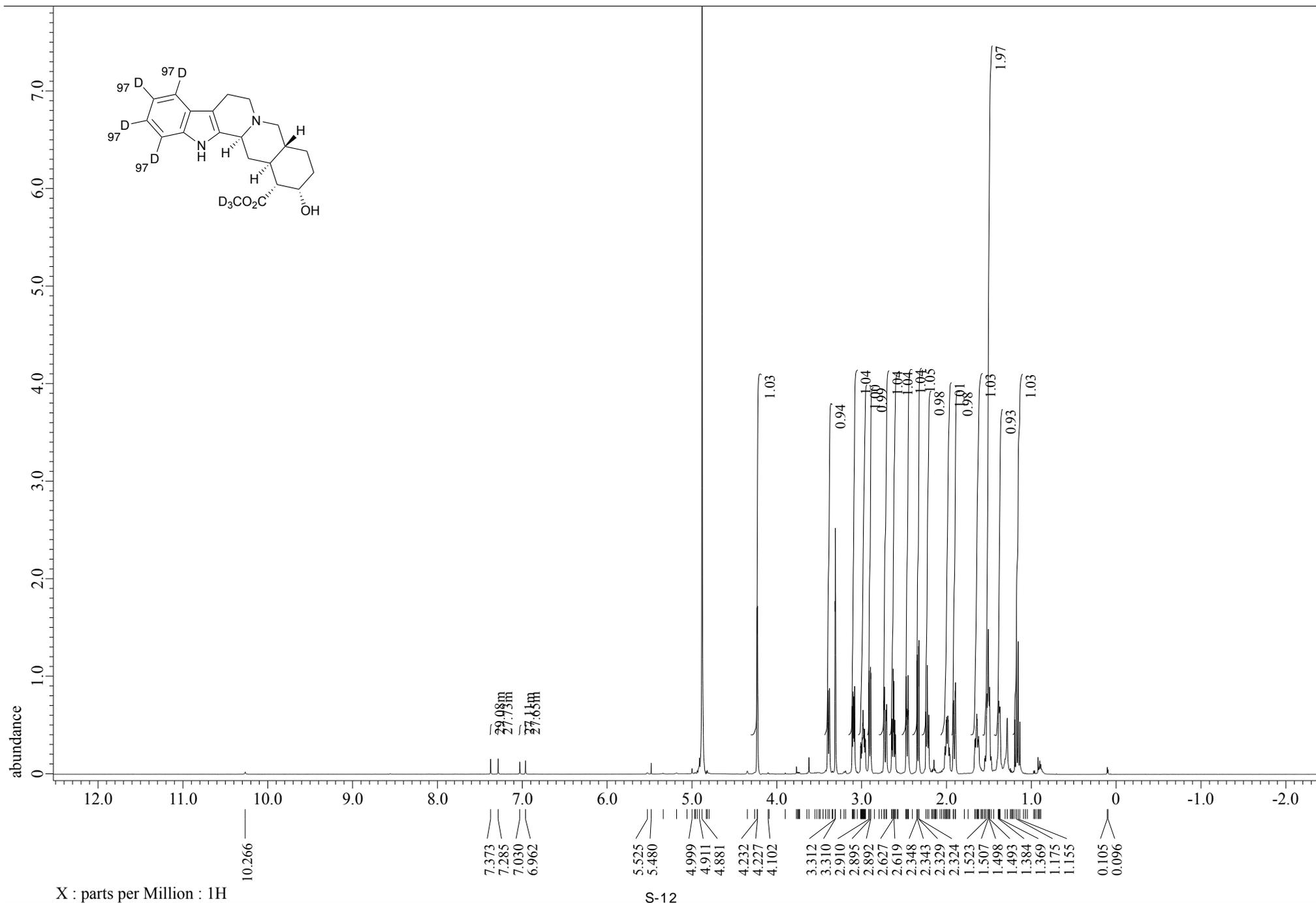


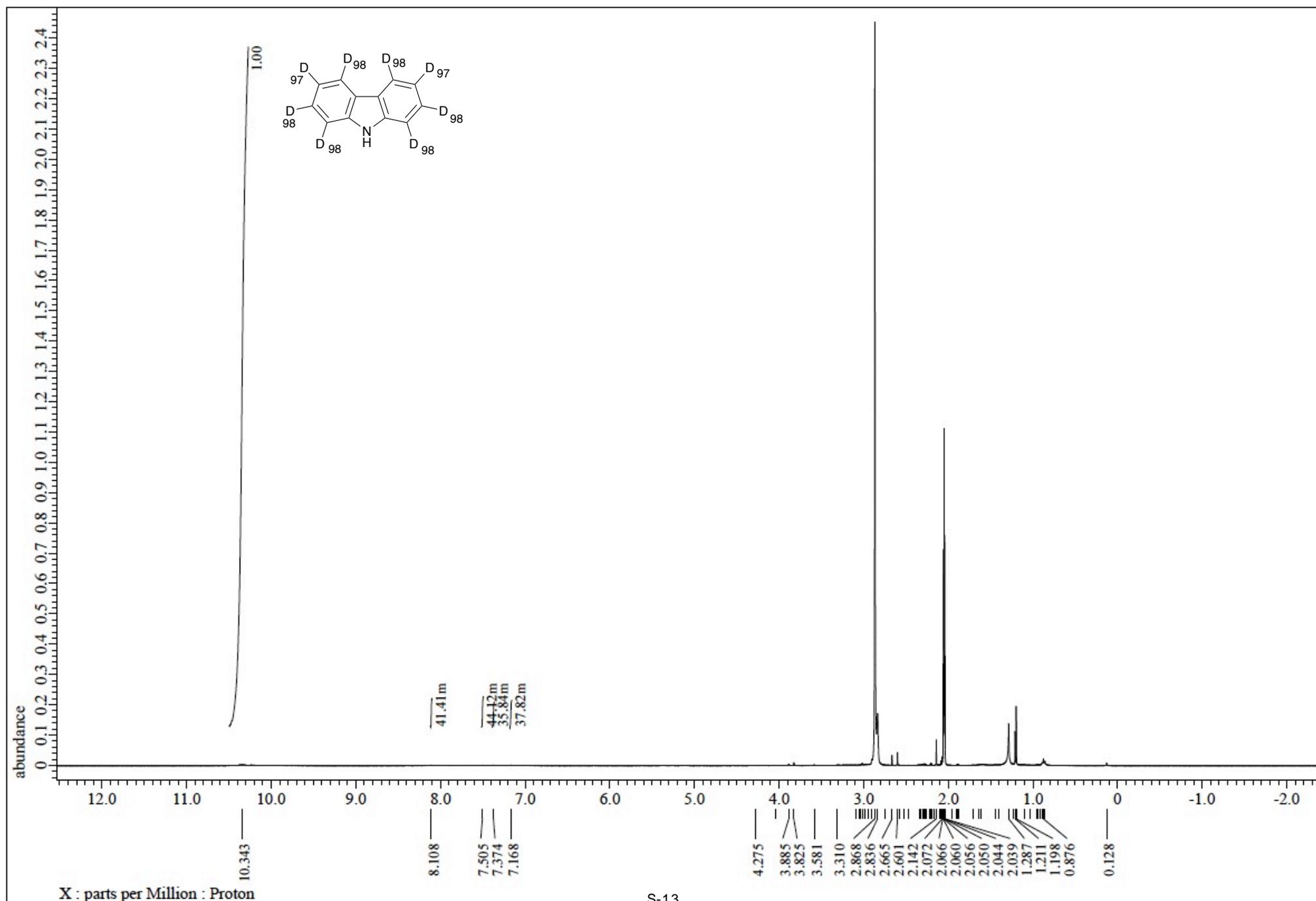
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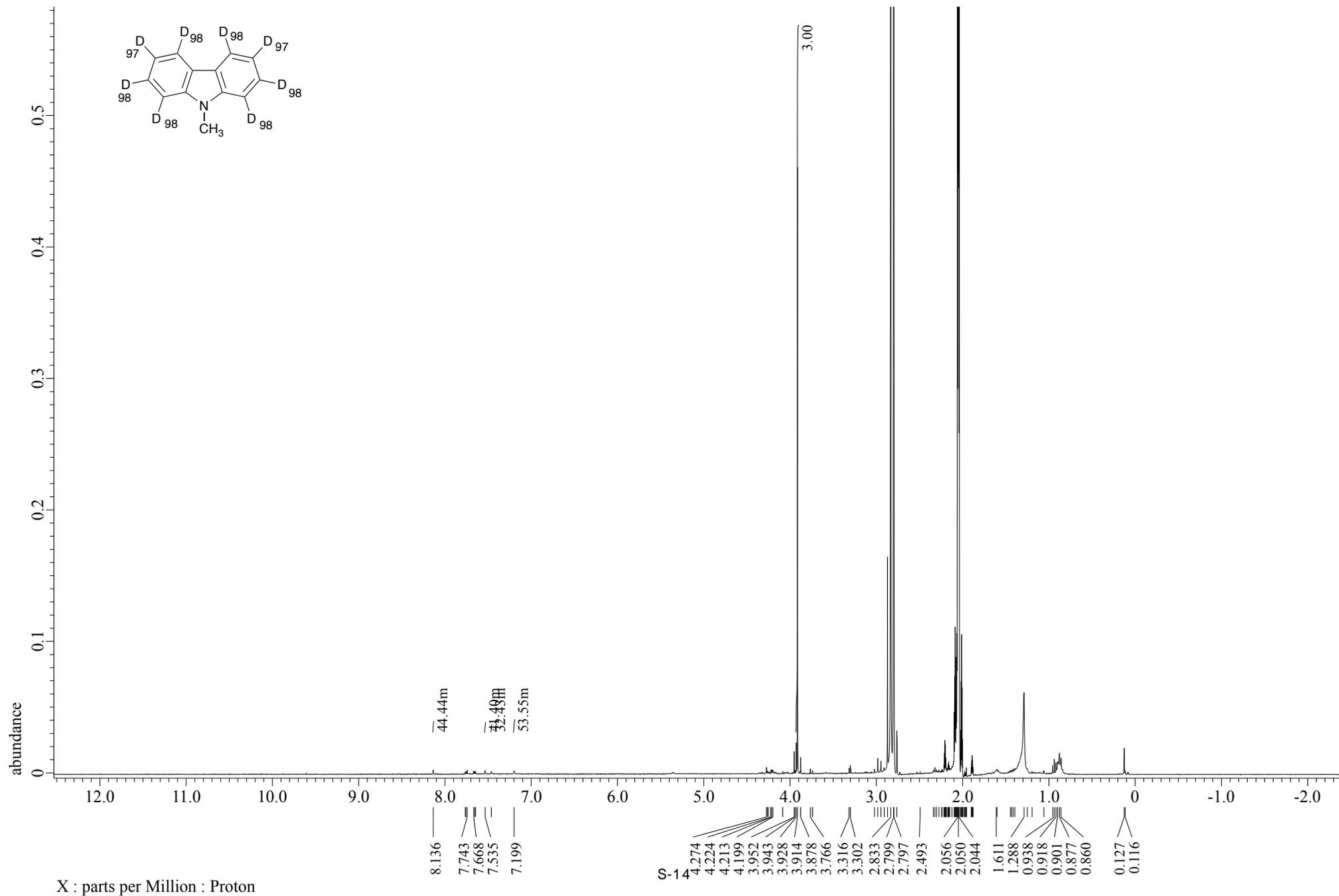
**Figure S8.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (600 MHz) spectra of deuterated yohimbine (**17**) in  $\text{CD}_3\text{OD}$



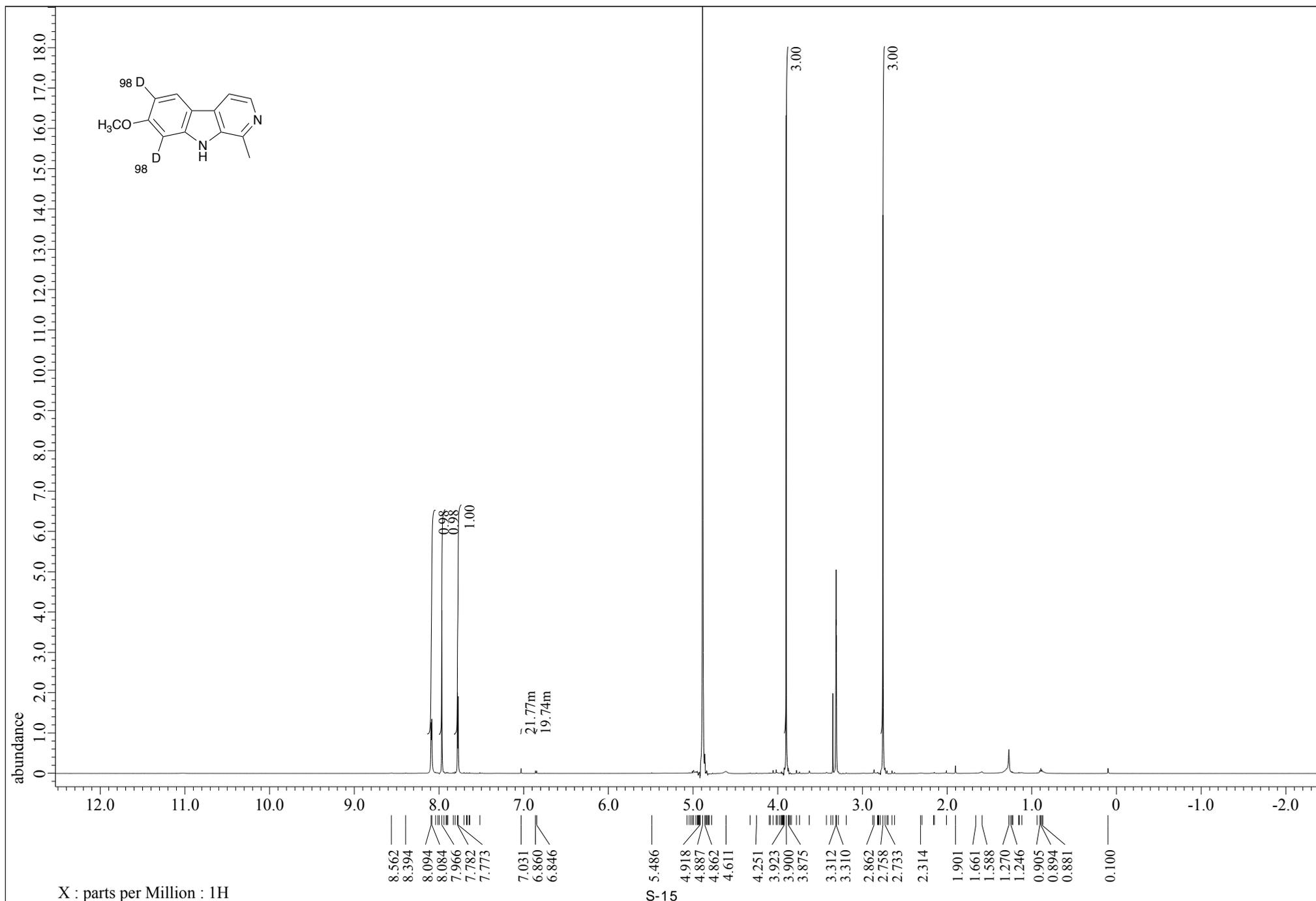
**Figure S9.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz) spectra of deuterated carbazole (**19**) in acetone- $\text{d}_6$



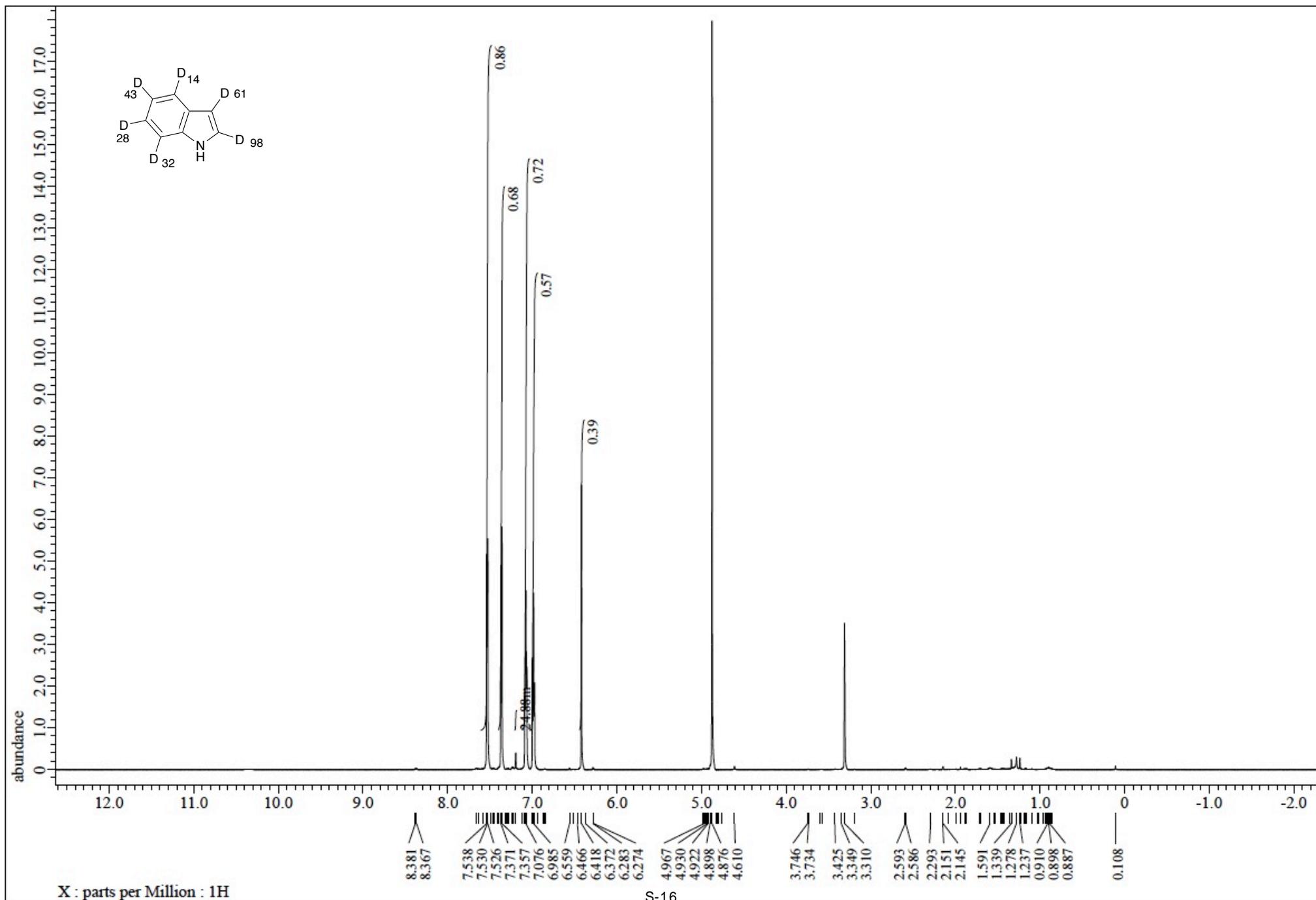
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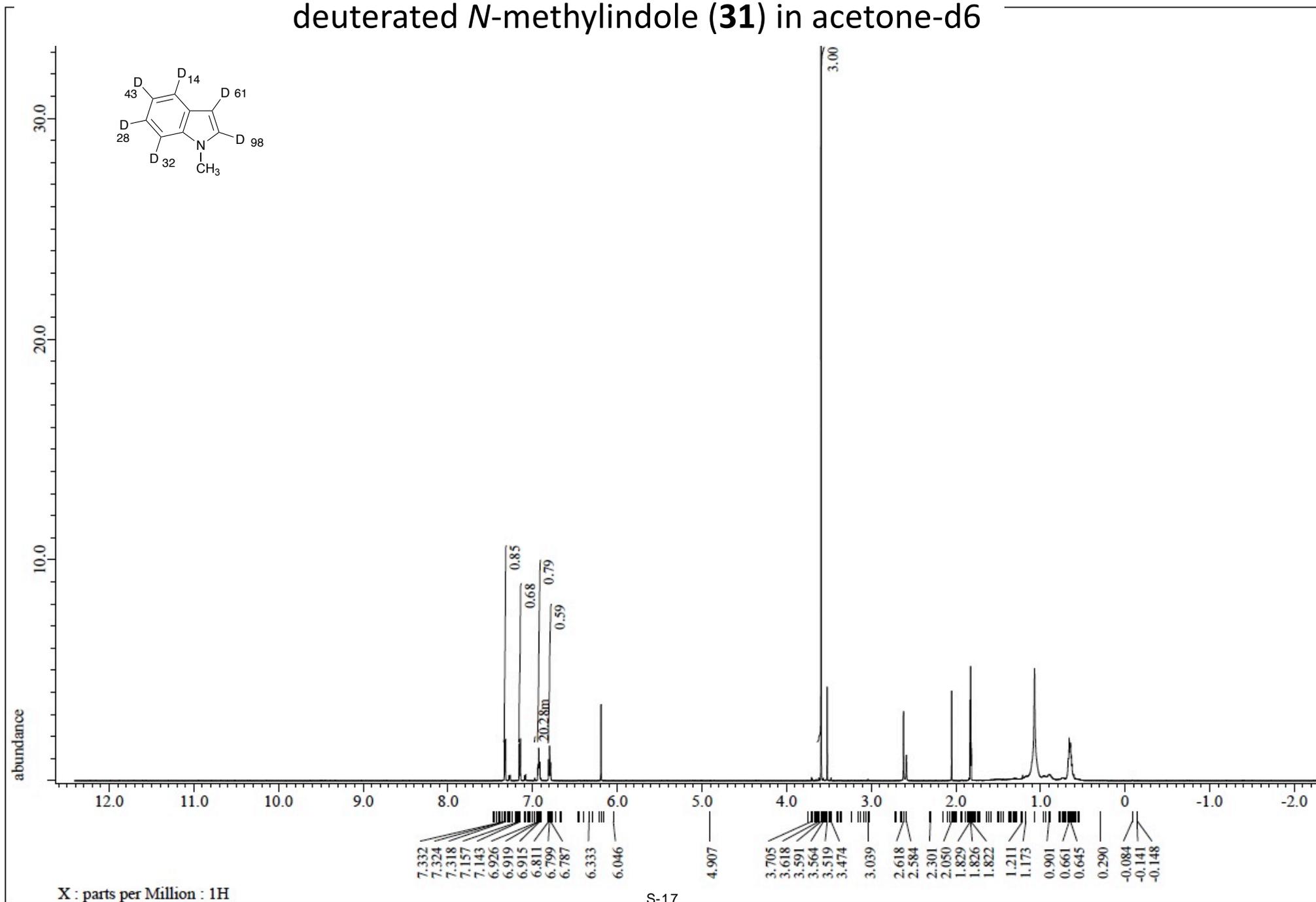
**Figure S11.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (600 MHz) spectra of deuterated harmine (**21**) in  $\text{CD}_3\text{OD}$



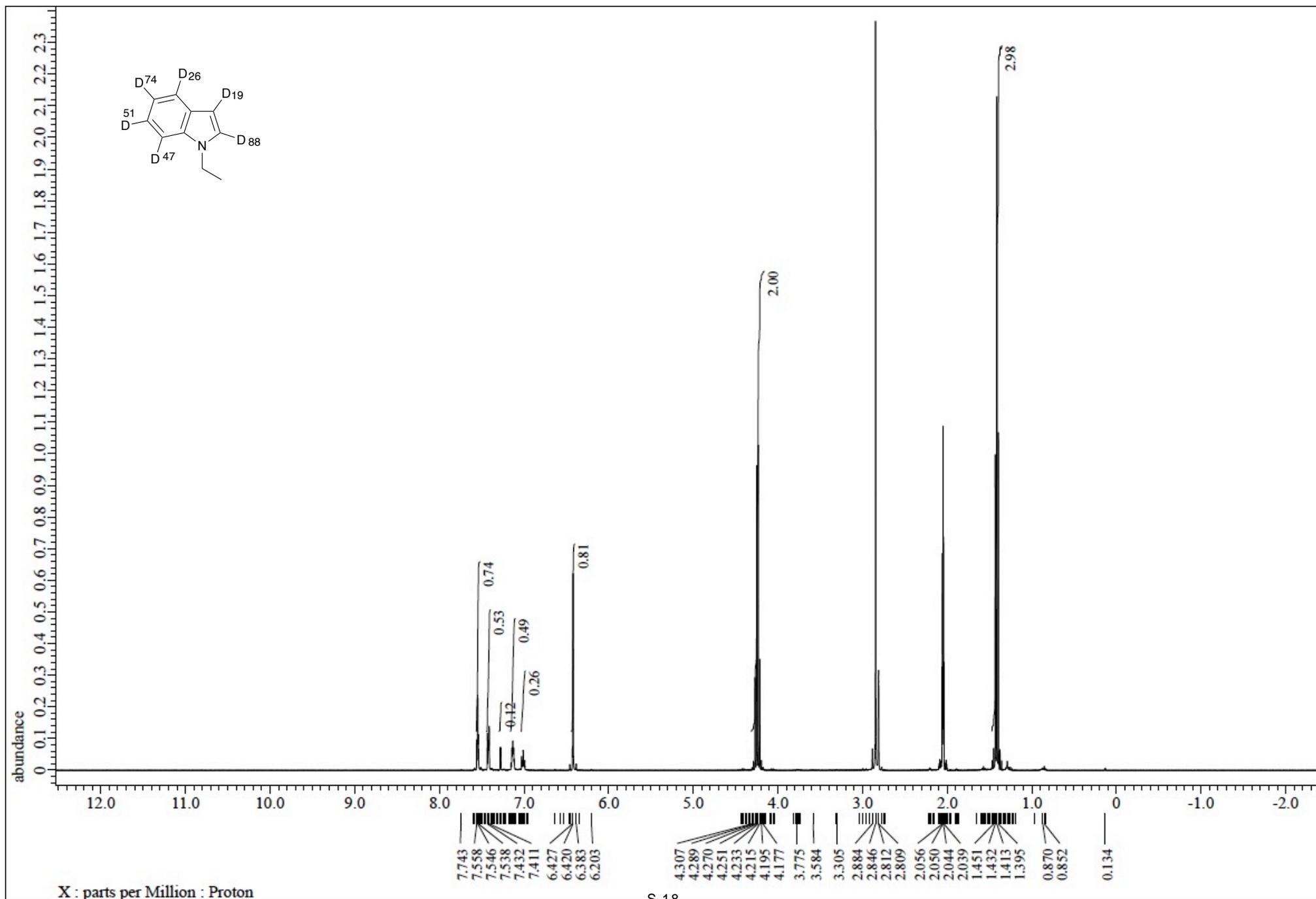
**Figure S12.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (600 MHz) spectra of deuterated indole (**24**) in  $\text{CD}_3\text{OD}$



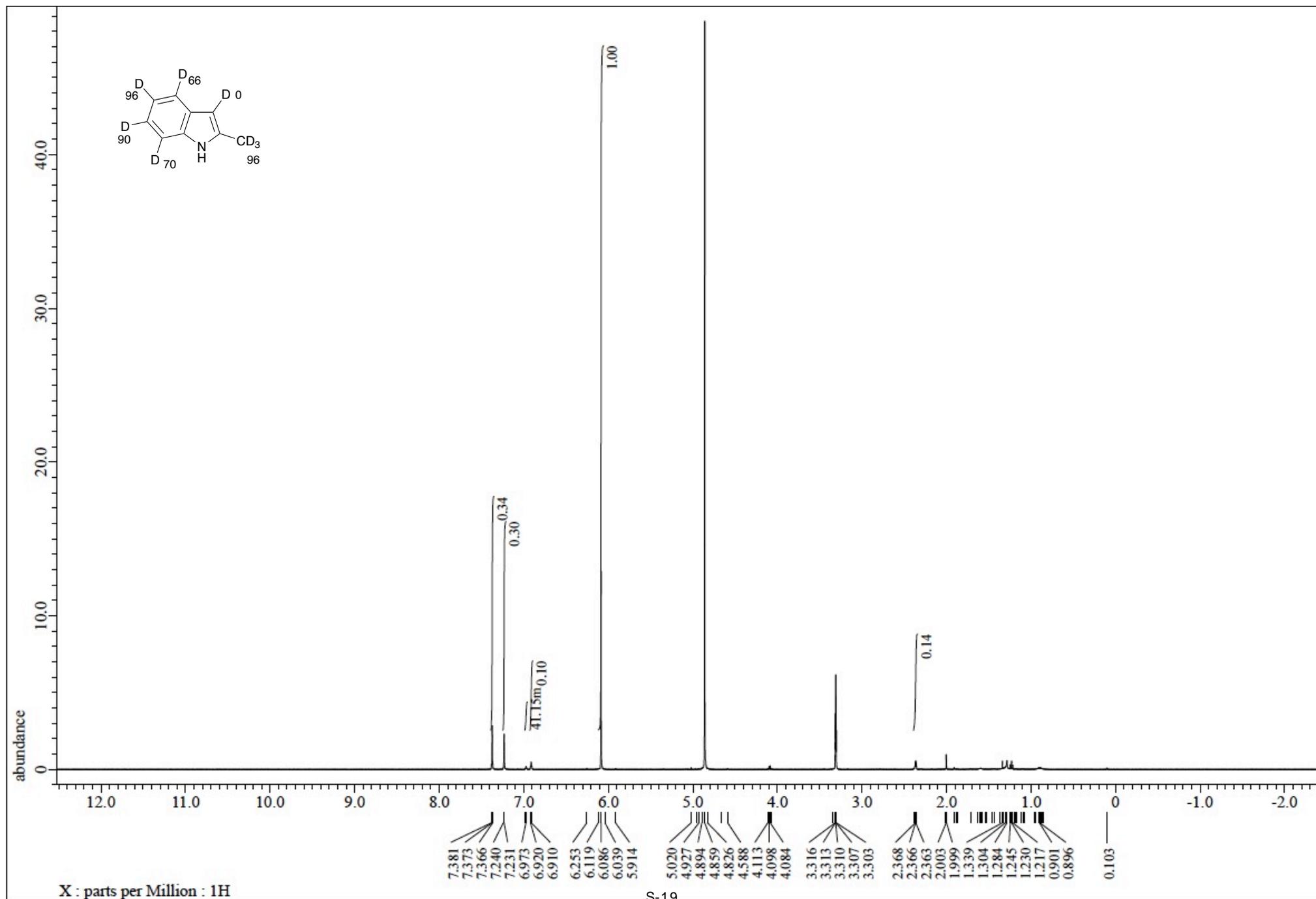
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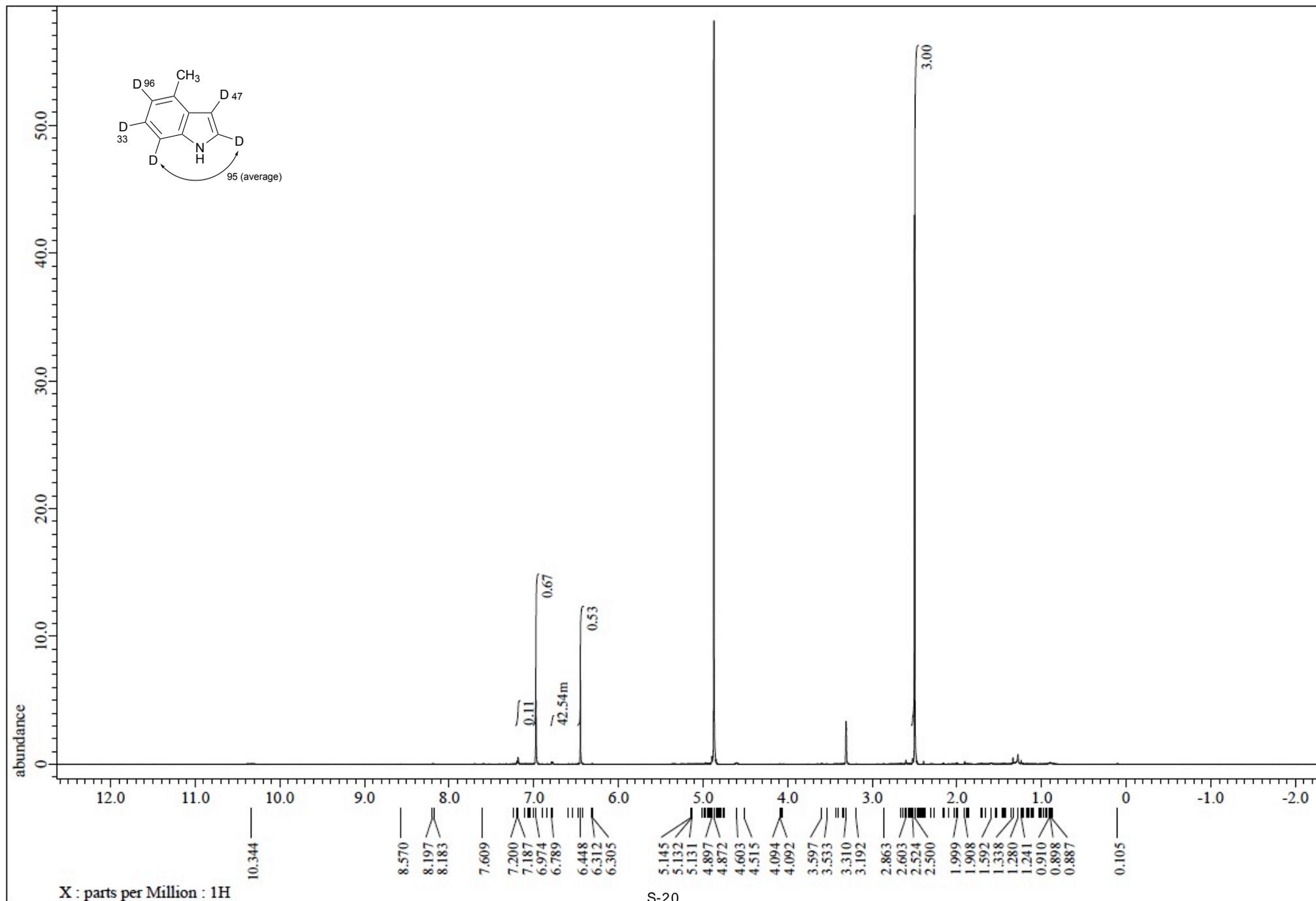
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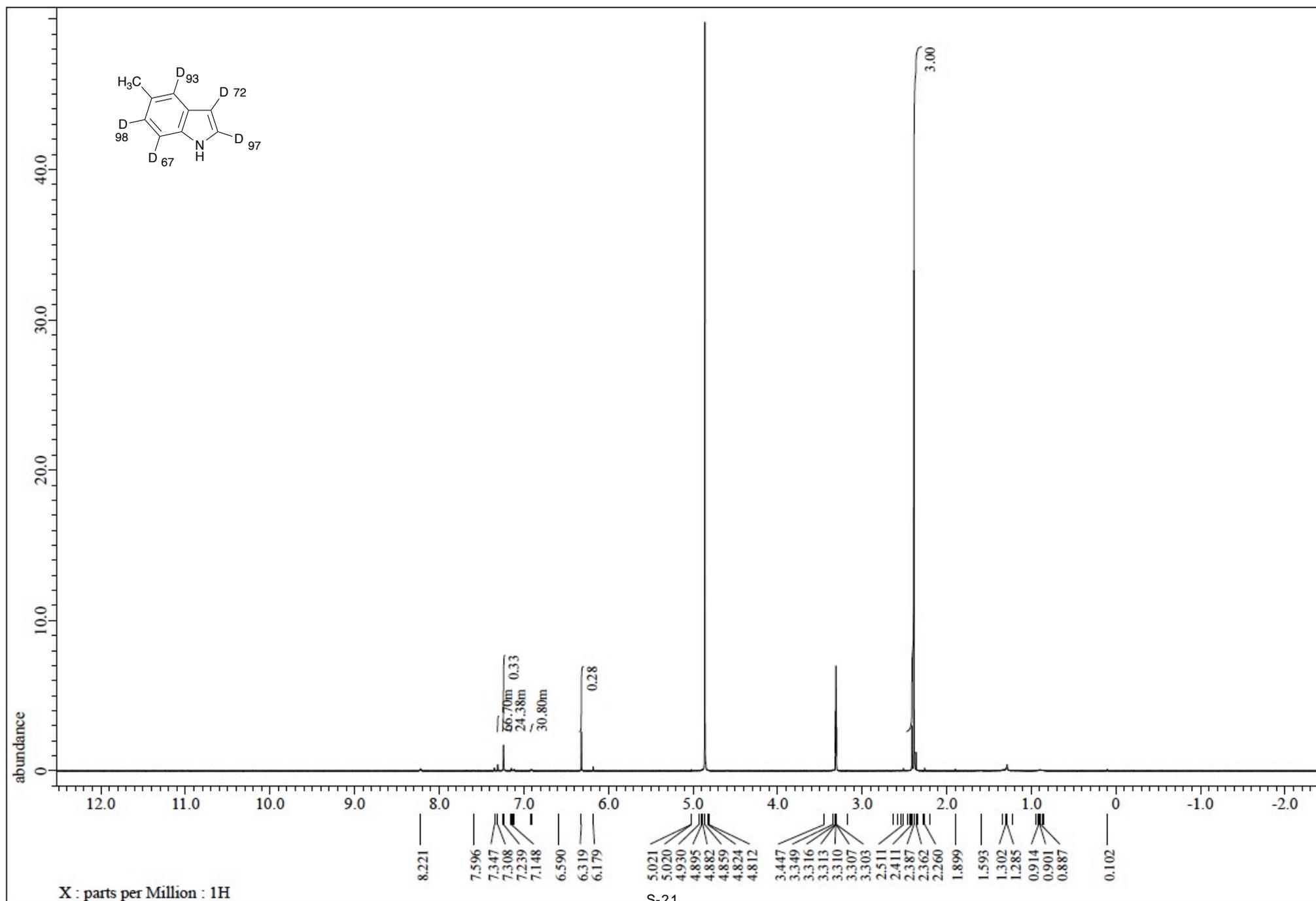
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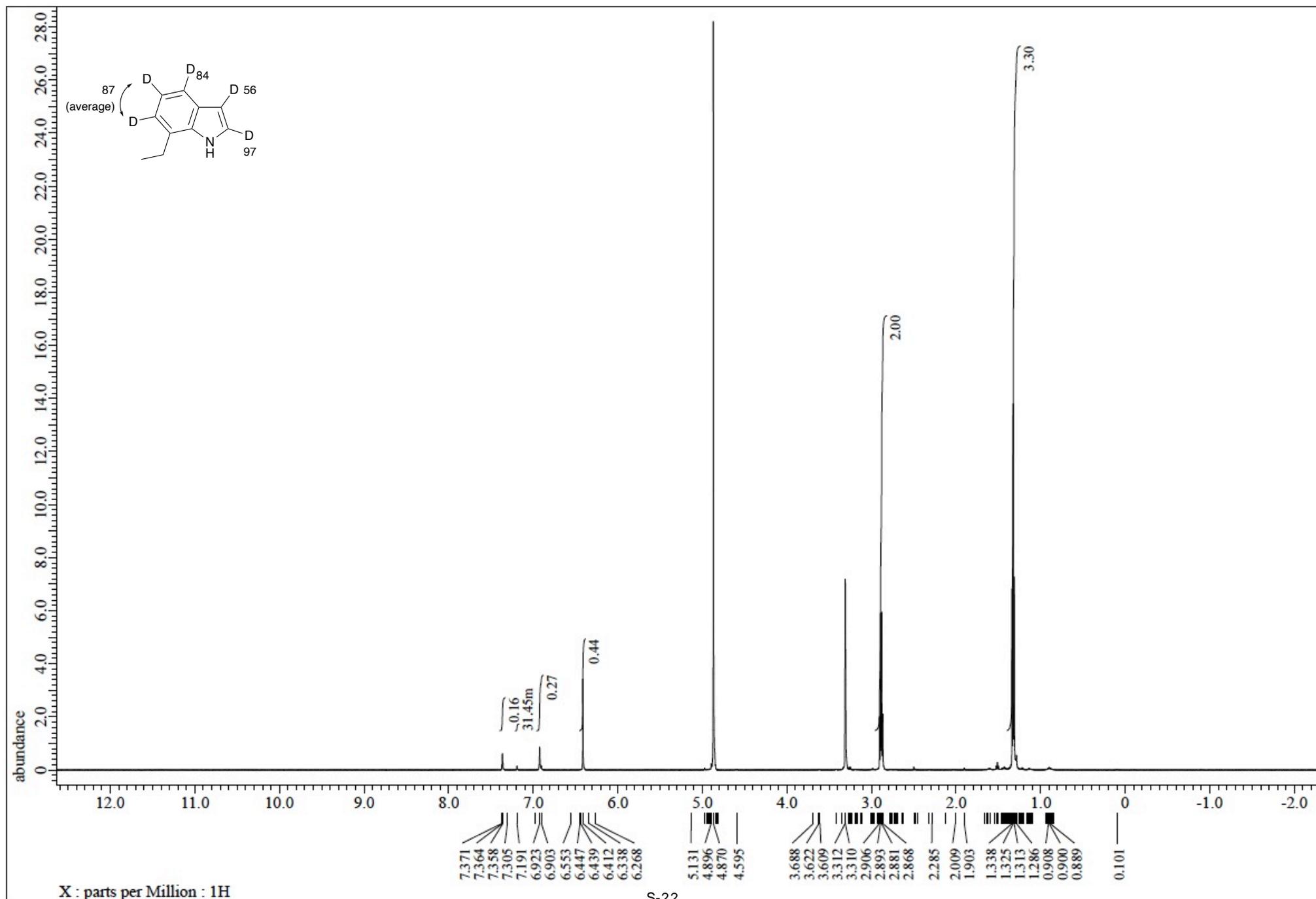
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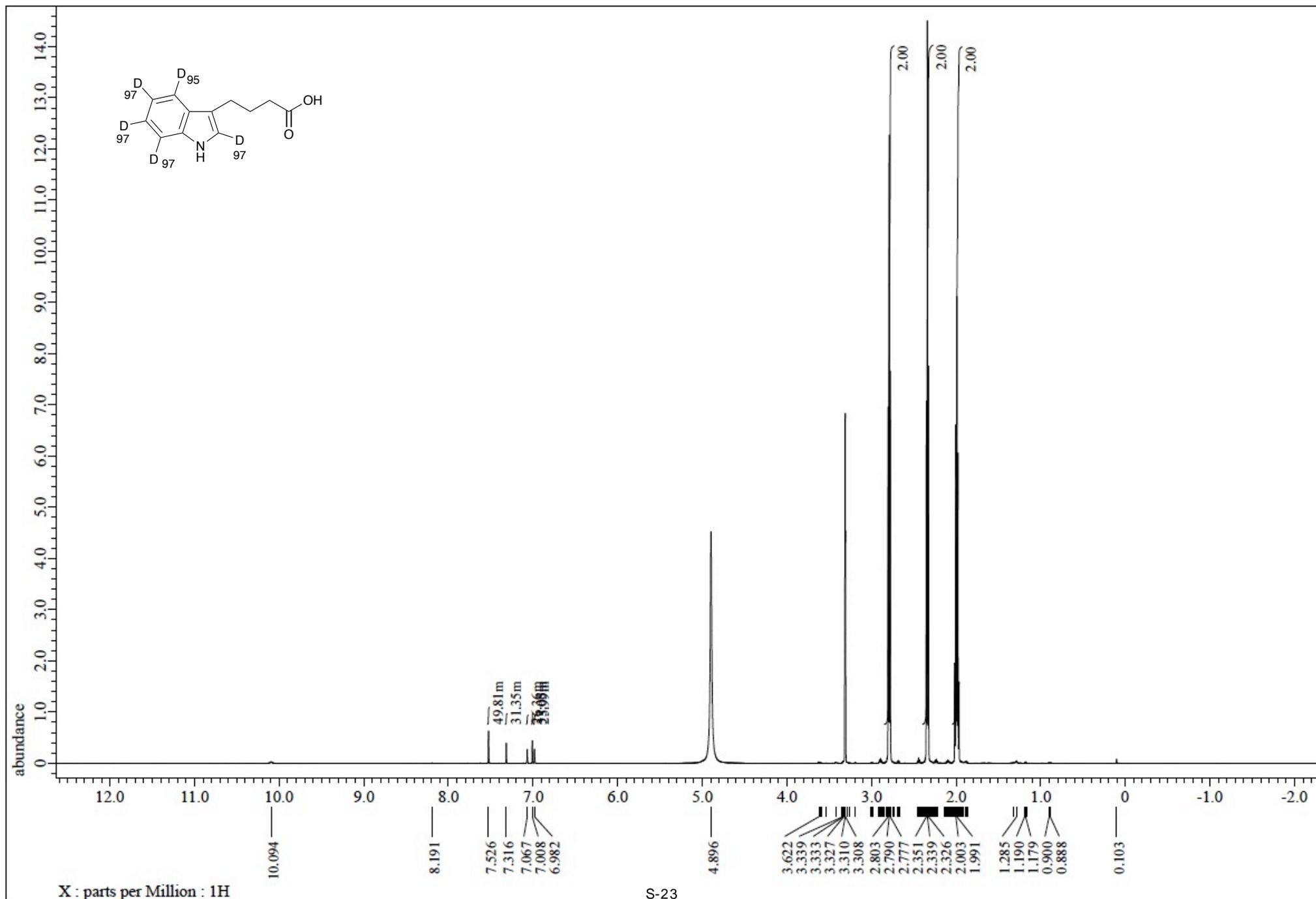
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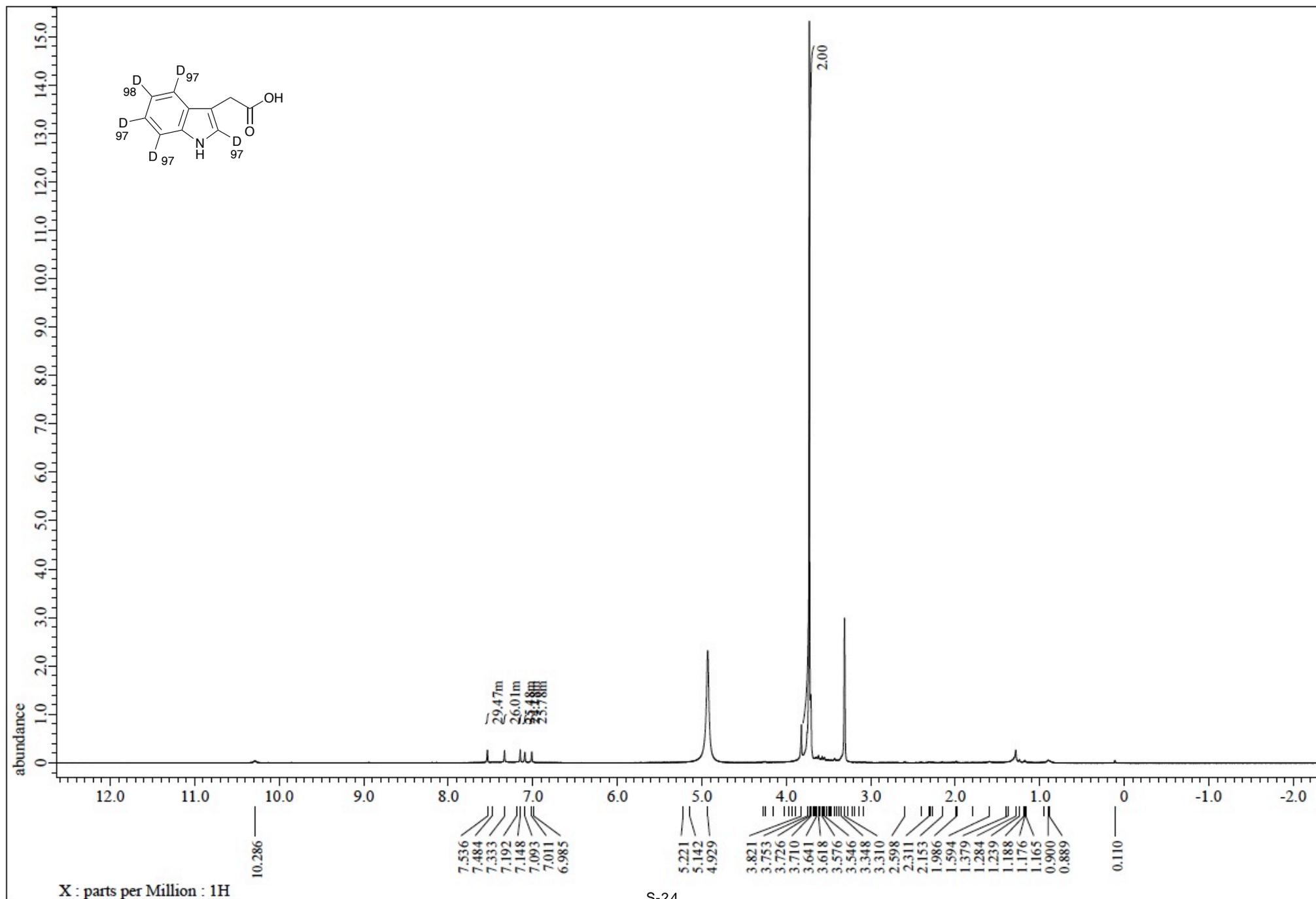
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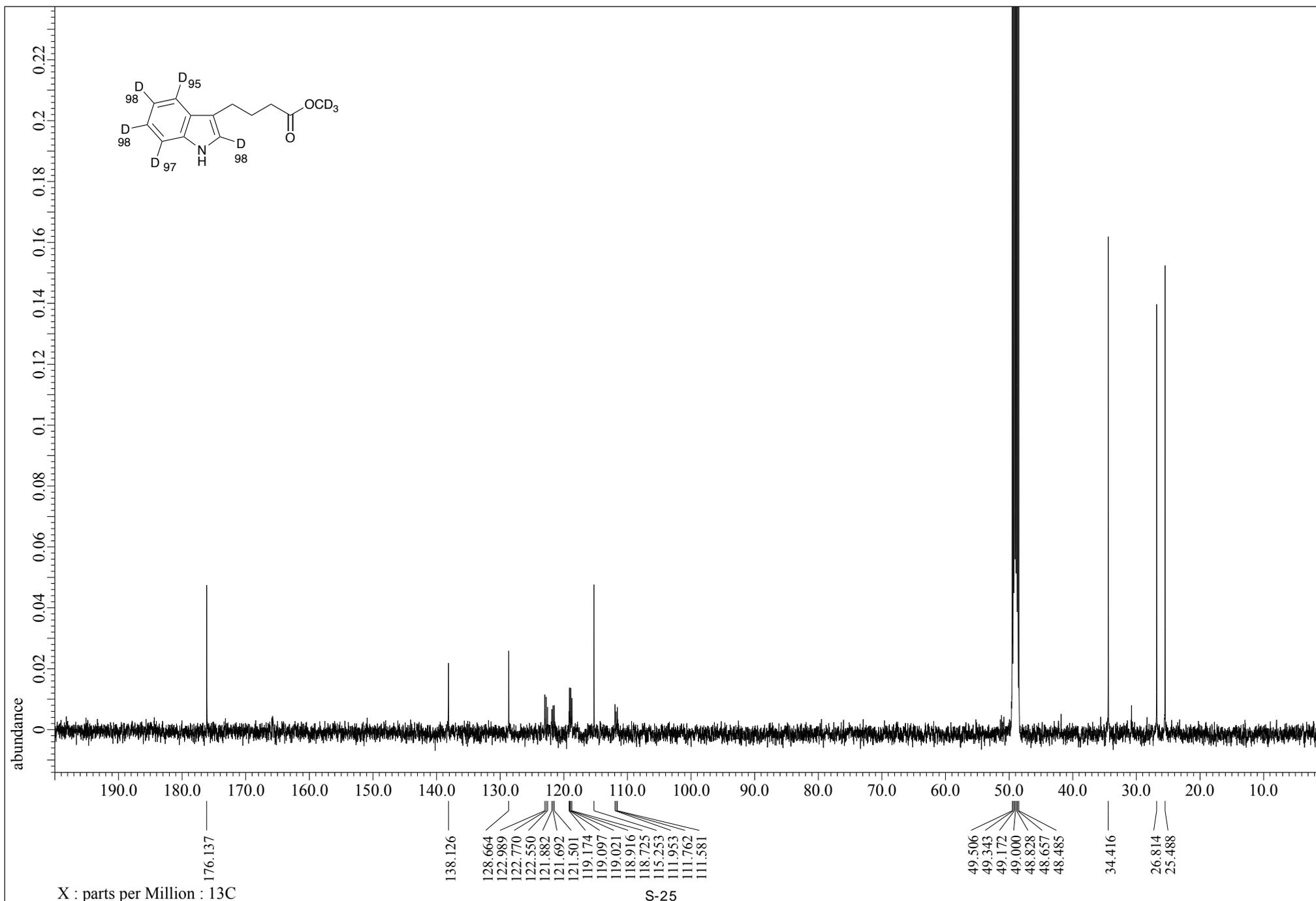
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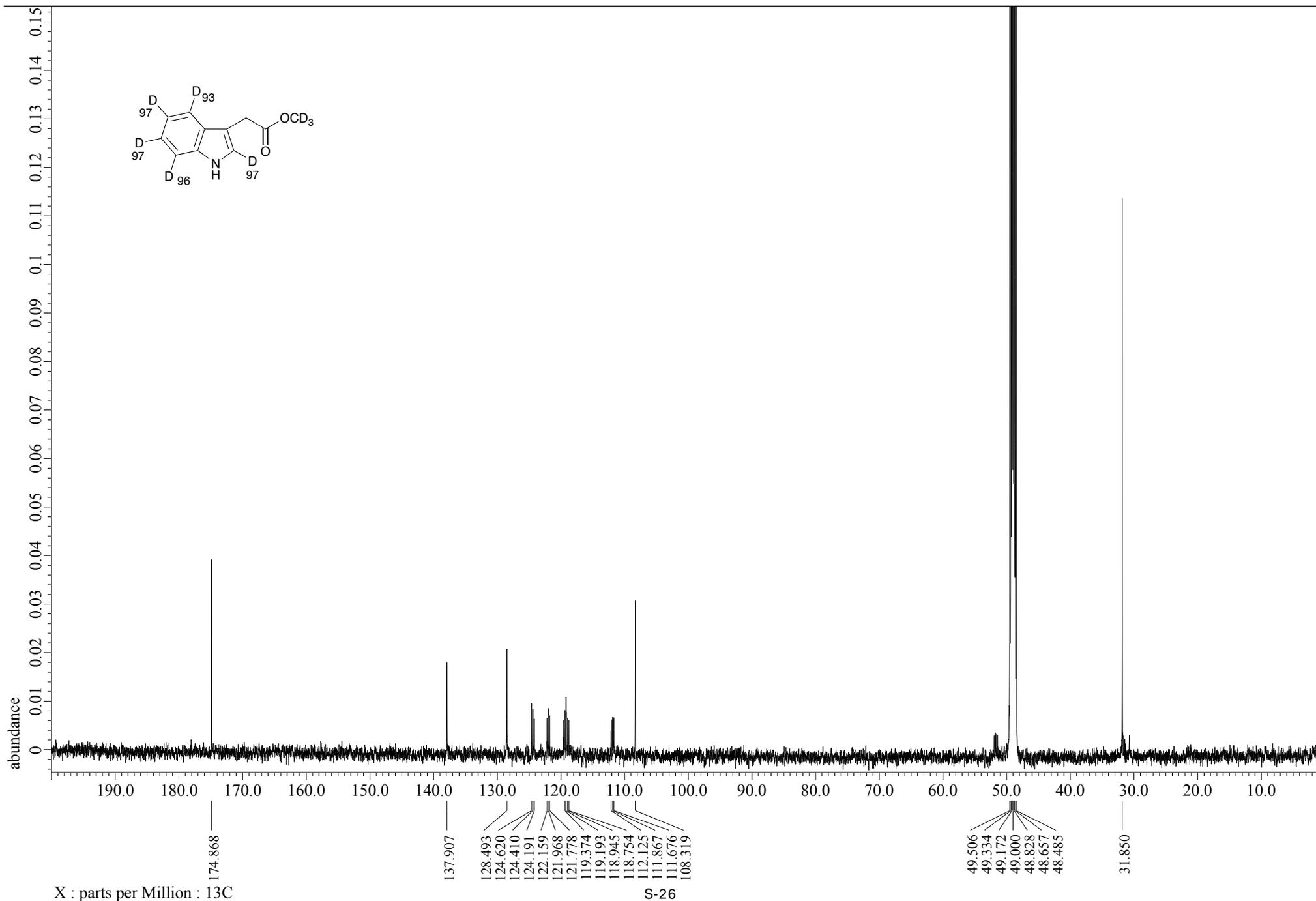
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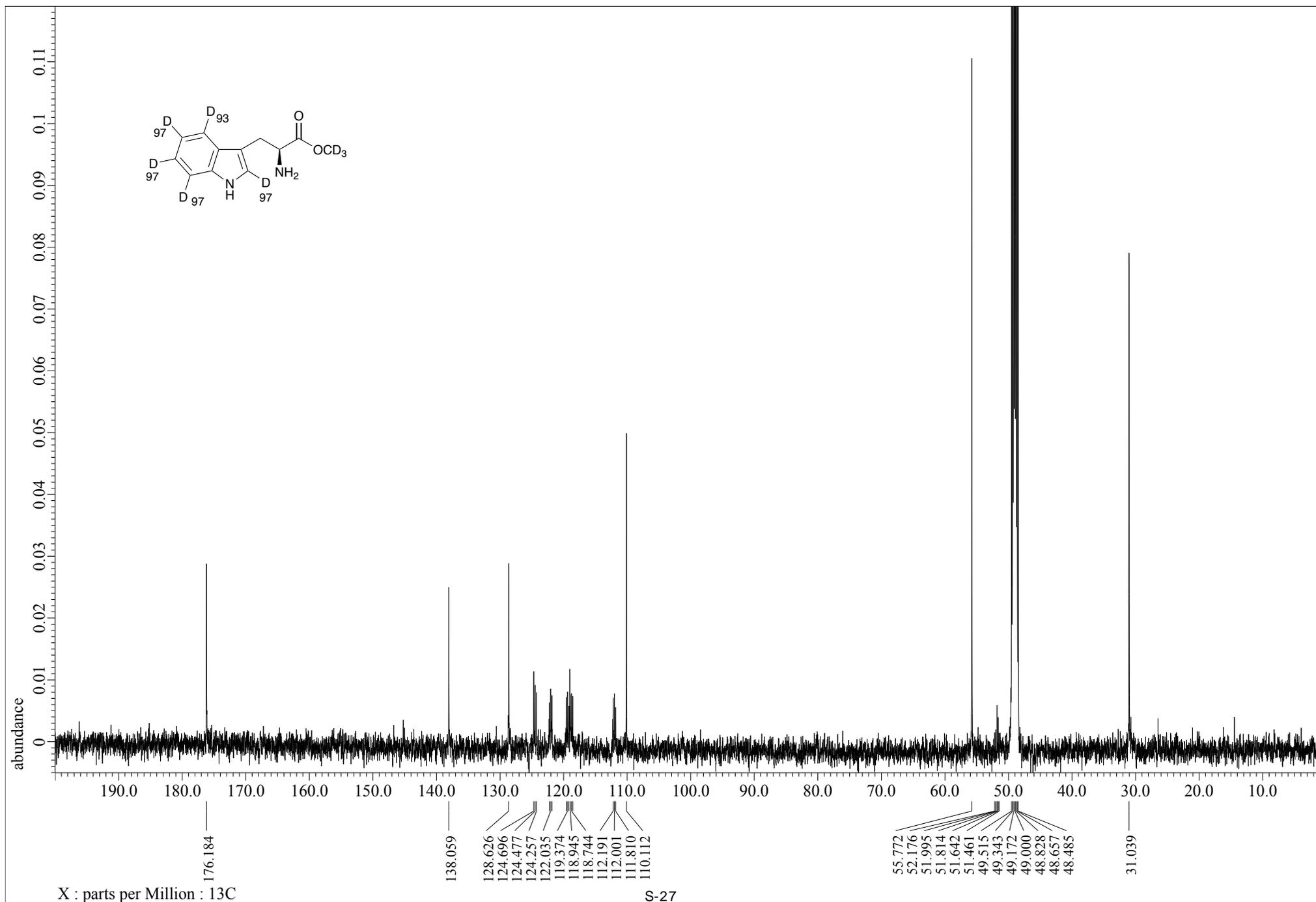
**Figure S21.**  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz) spectra of deuterated IBA  $\text{CD}_3$  ester (**7**) in  $\text{CD}_3\text{OD}$



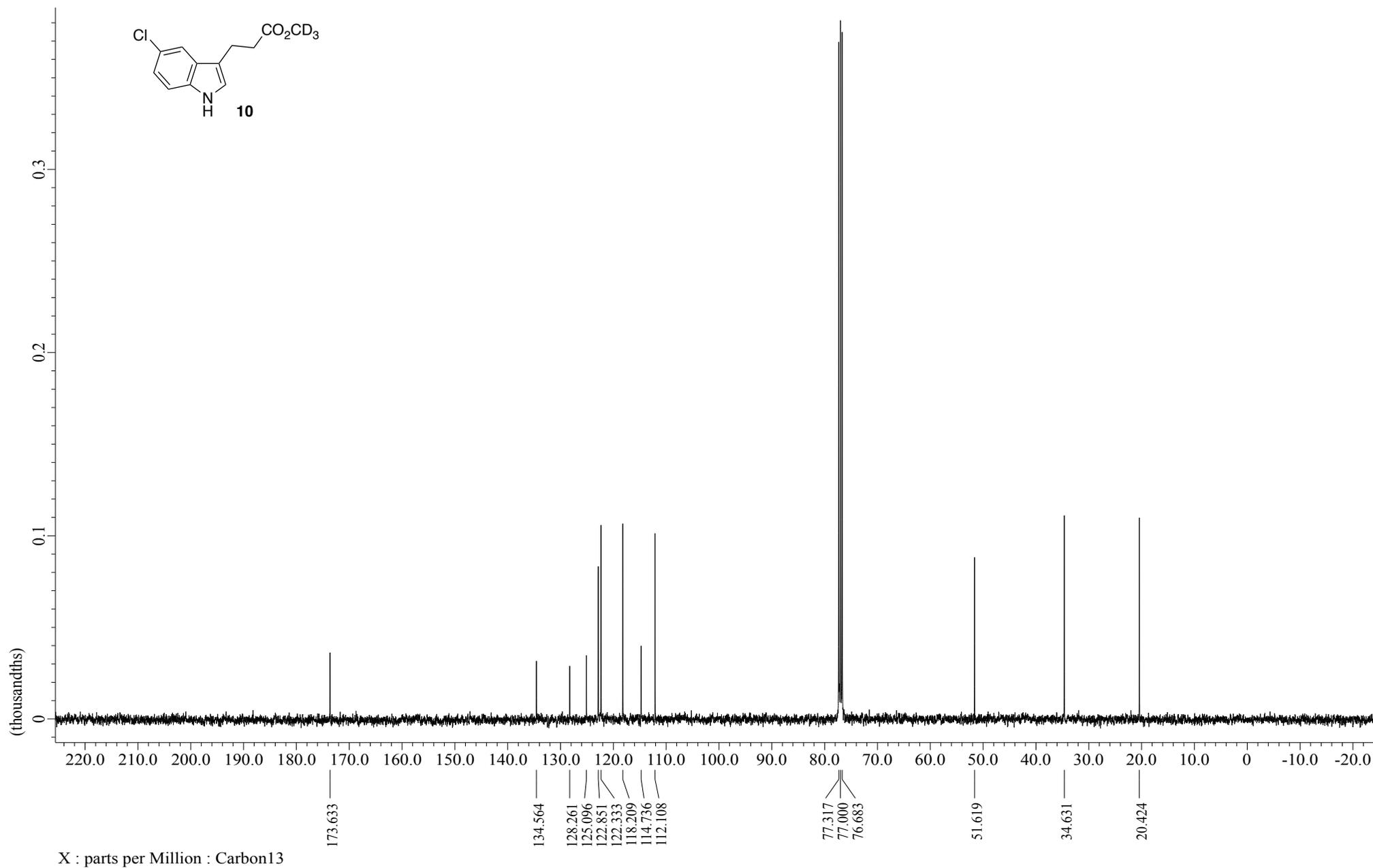
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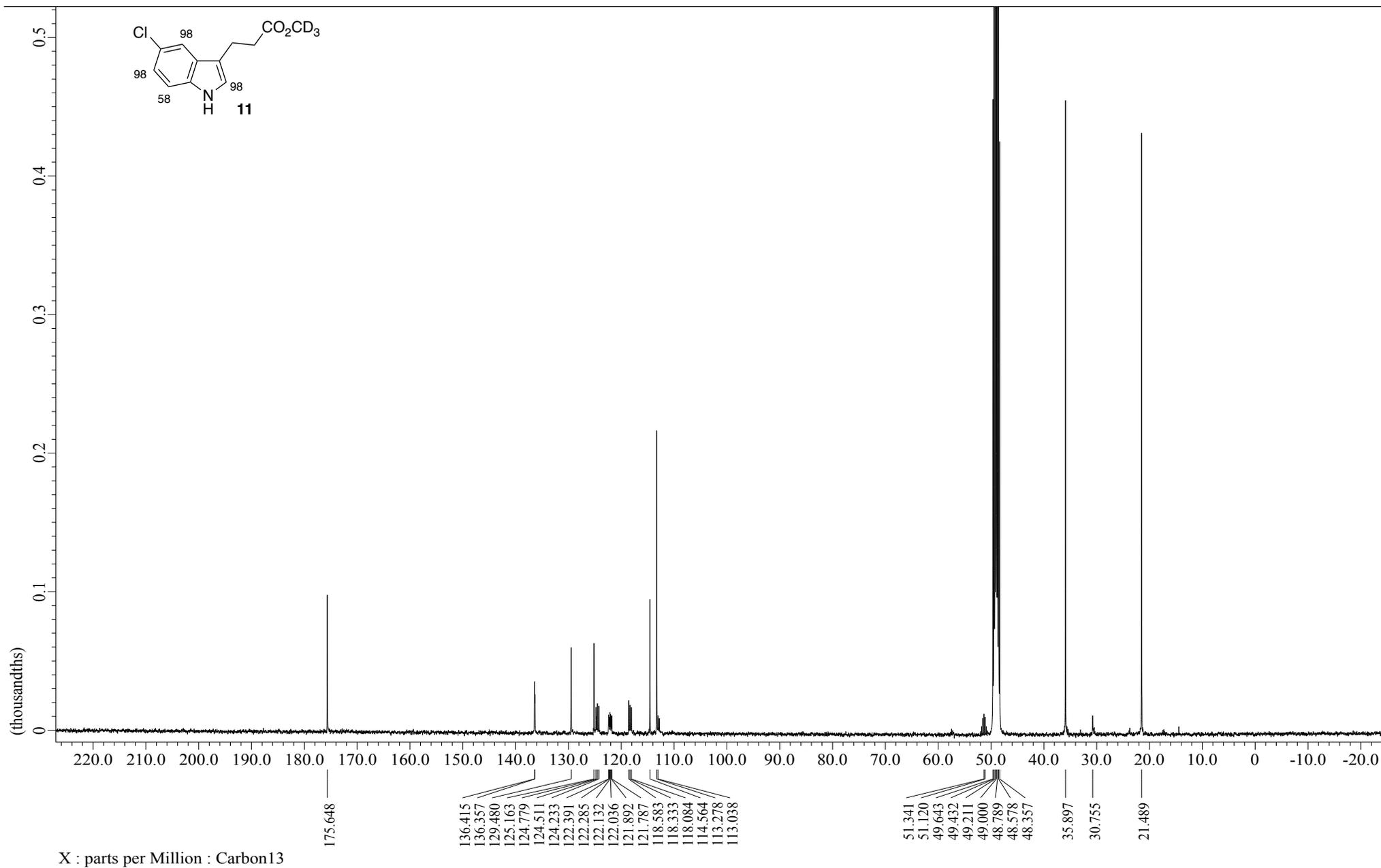
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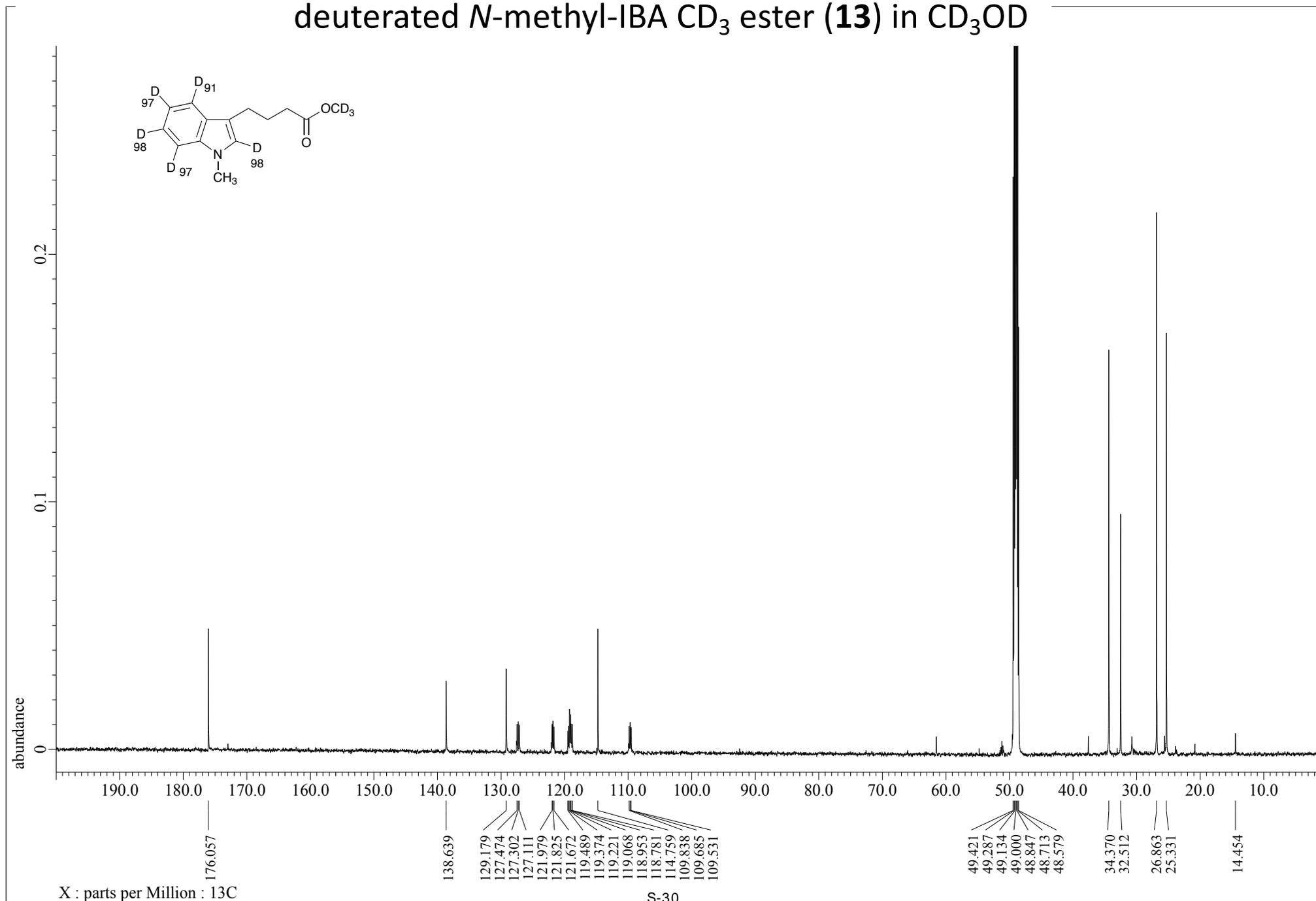
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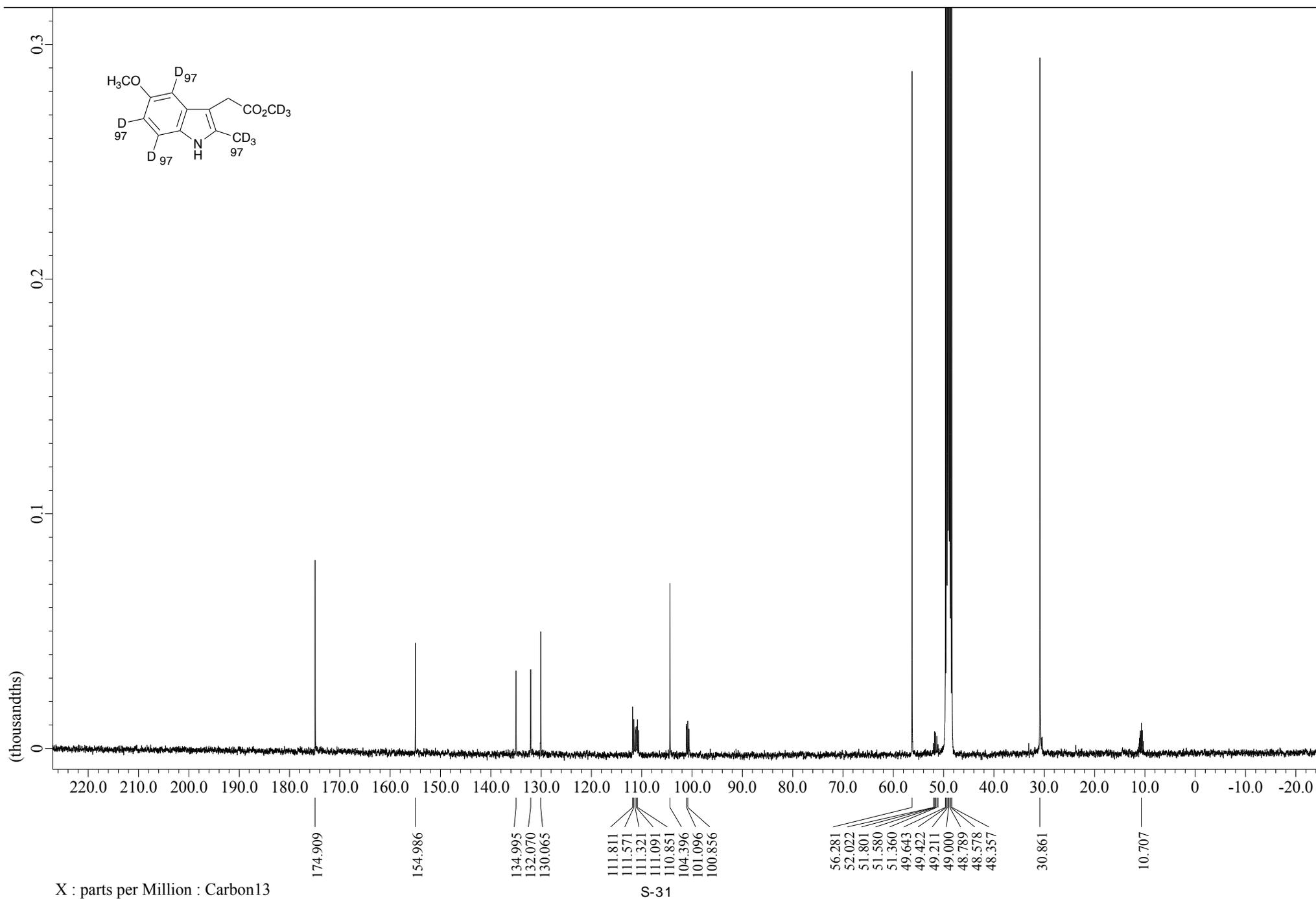
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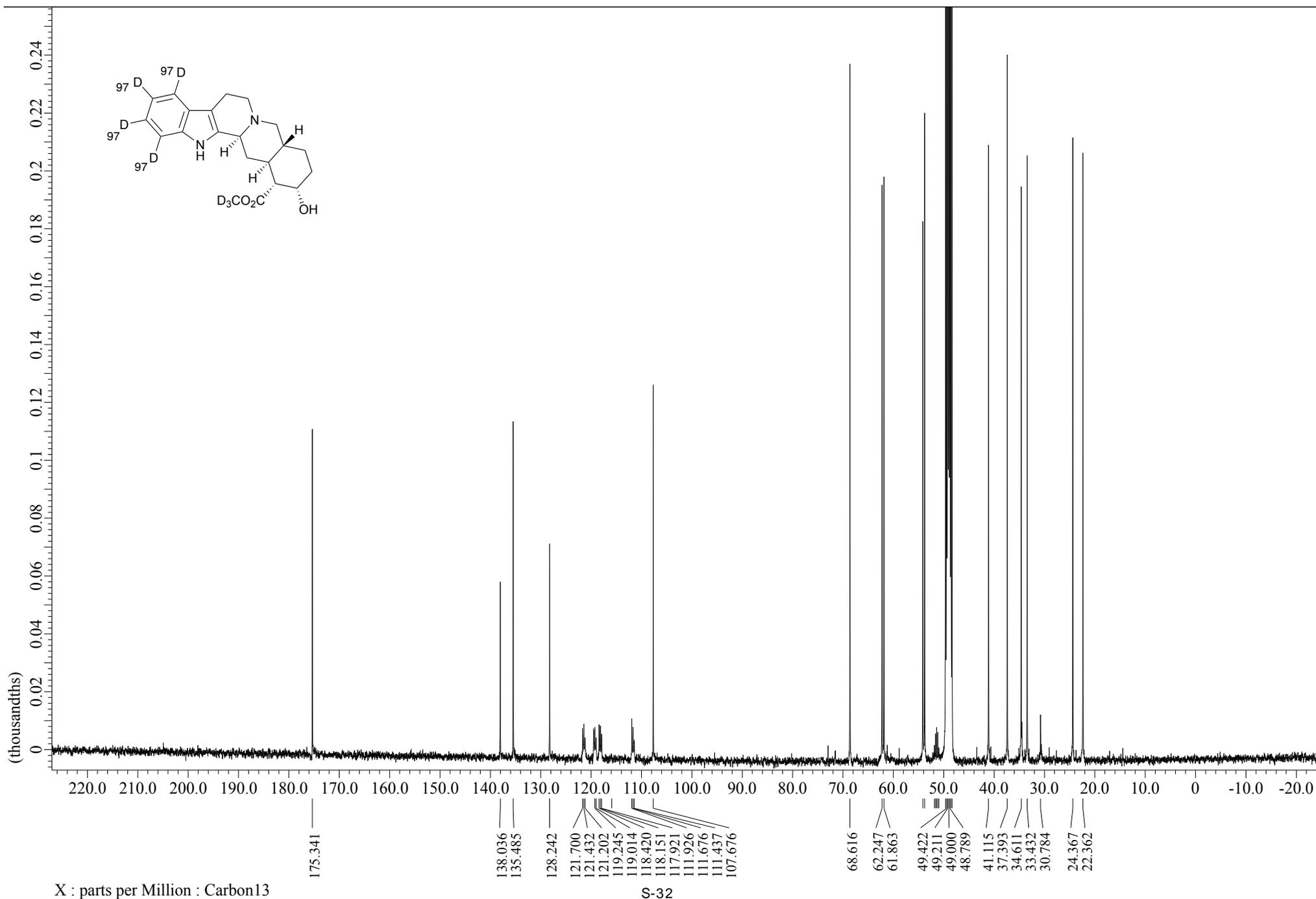
**Figure S26.**  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (150 MHz) spectra of deuterated *N*-methyl-IBA  $\text{CD}_3$  ester (**13**) in  $\text{CD}_3\text{OD}$



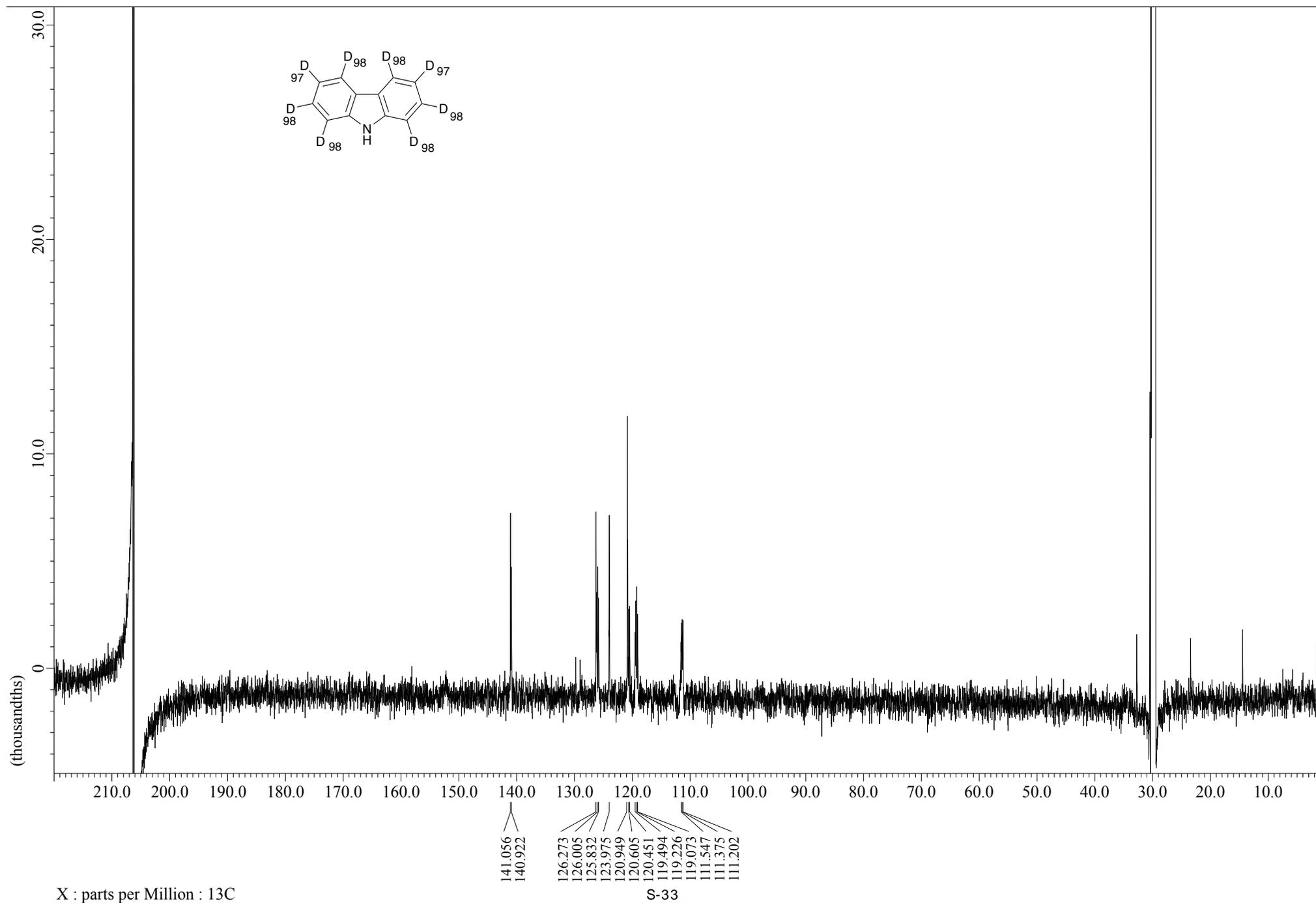
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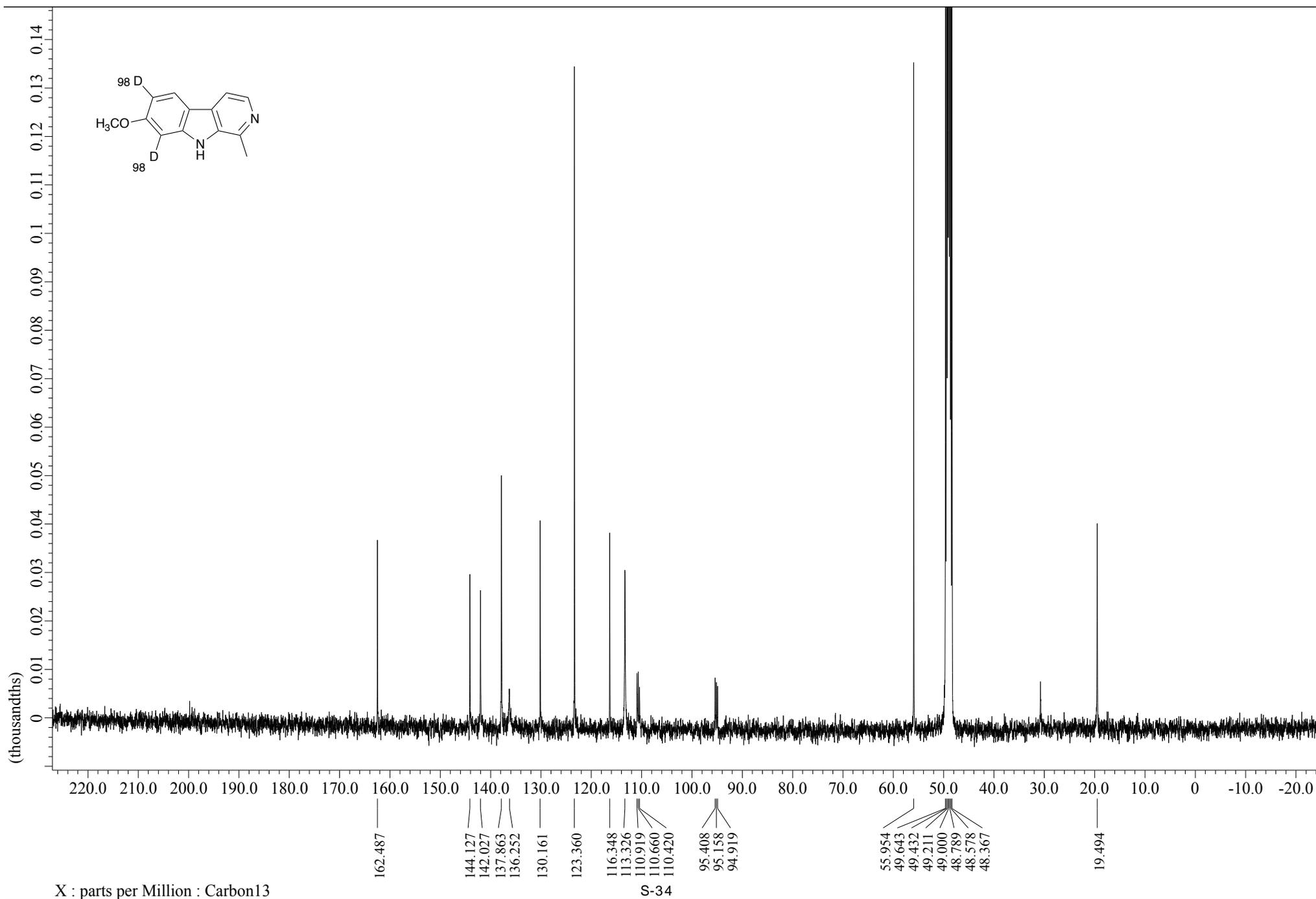
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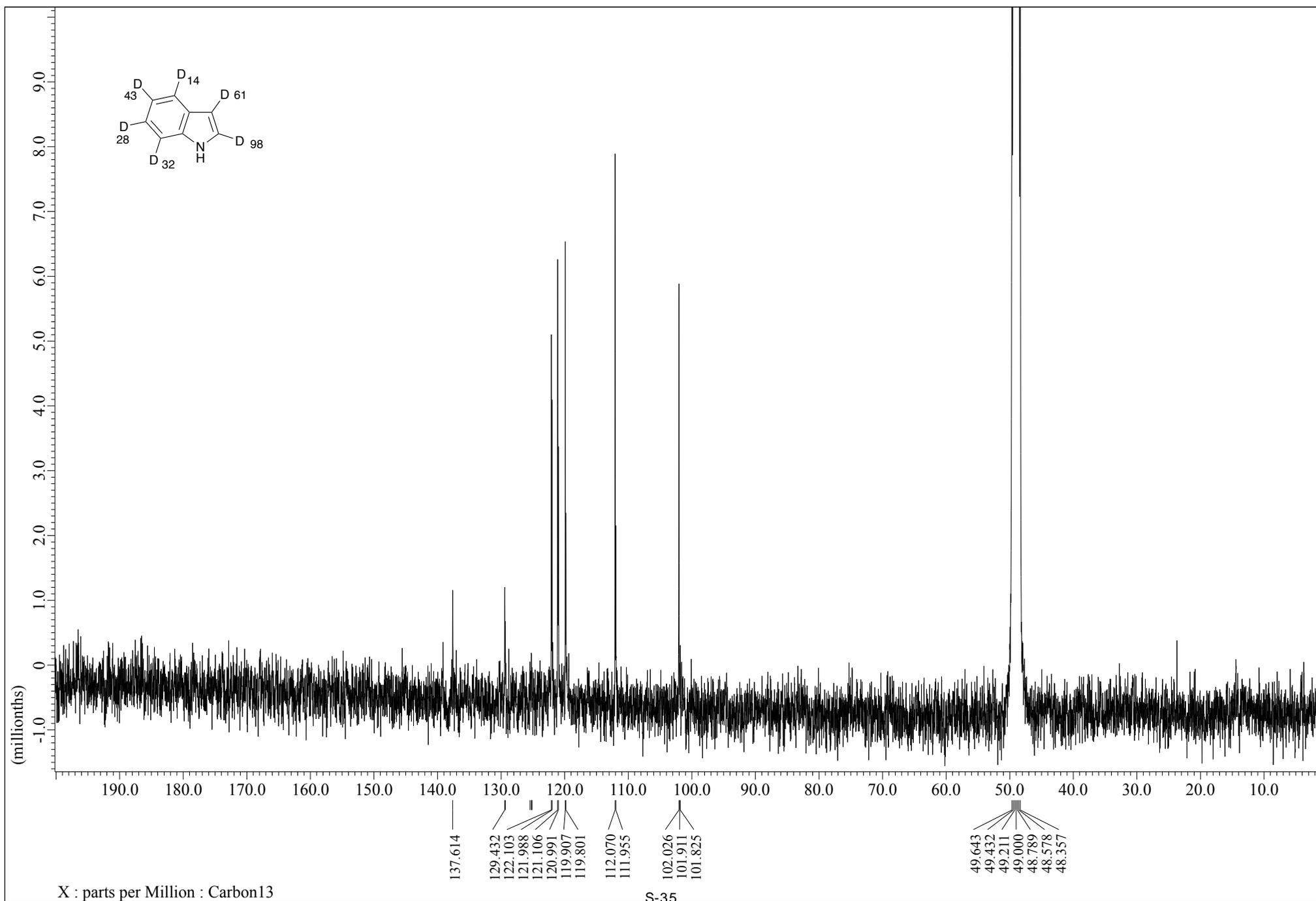
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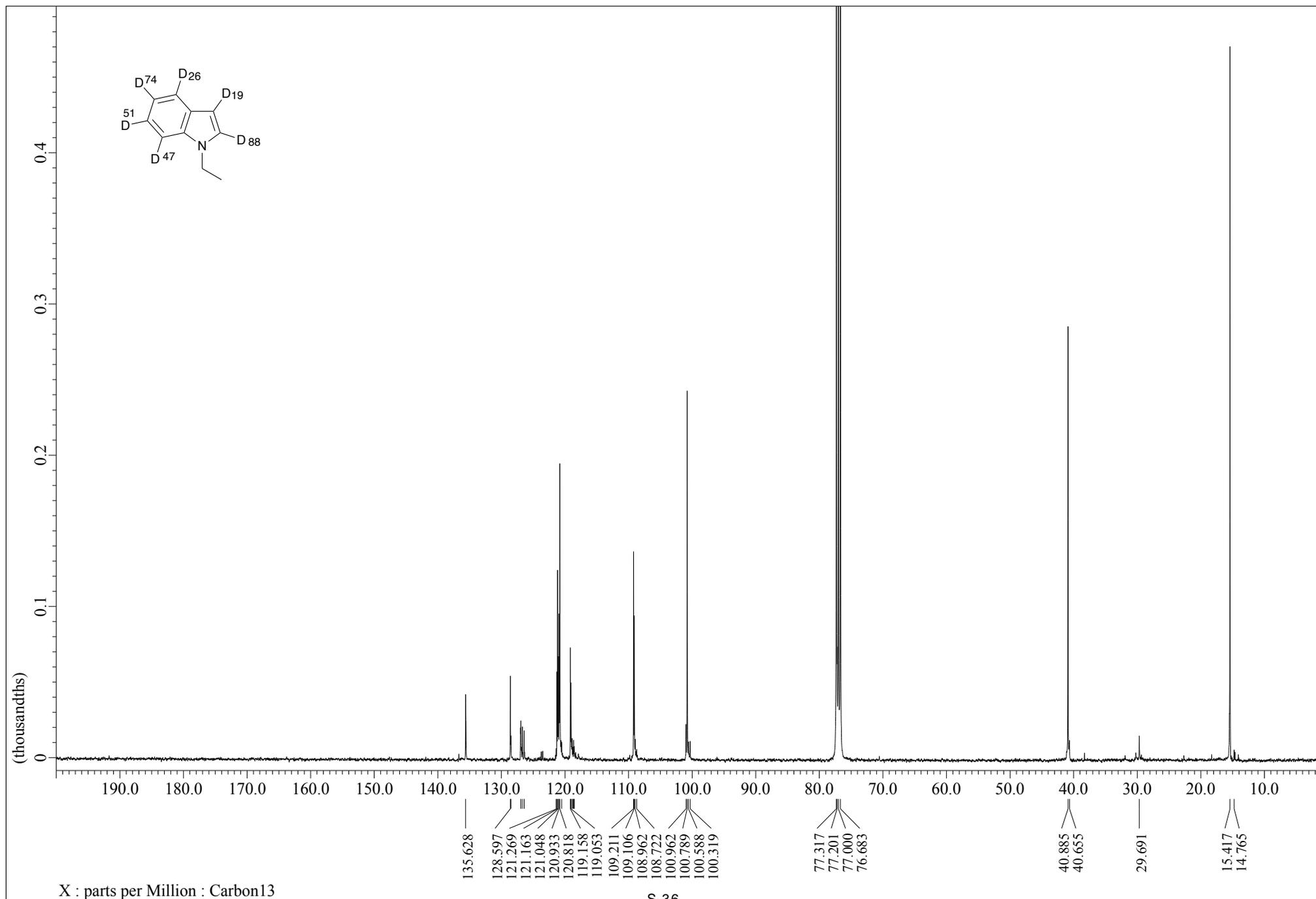
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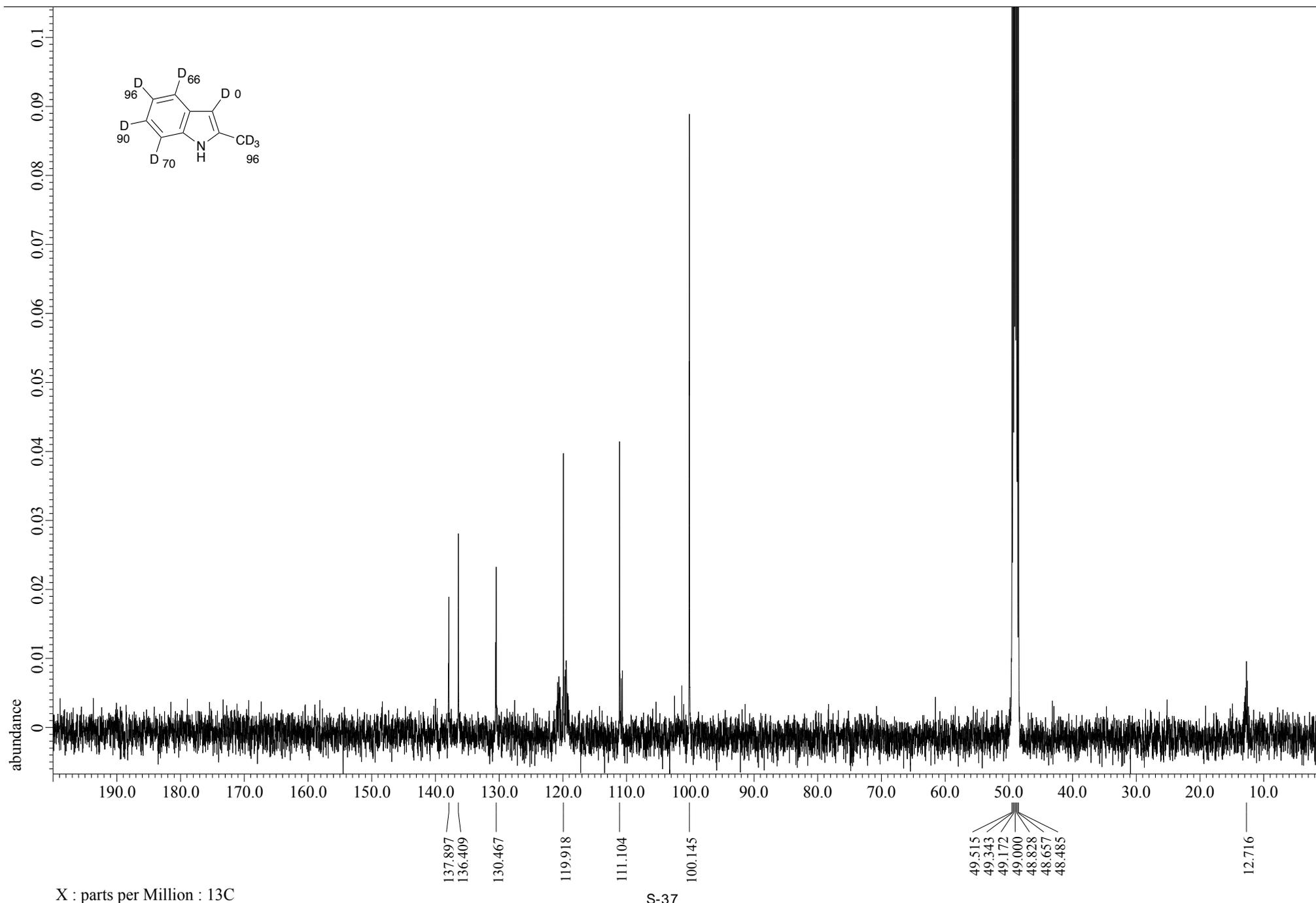
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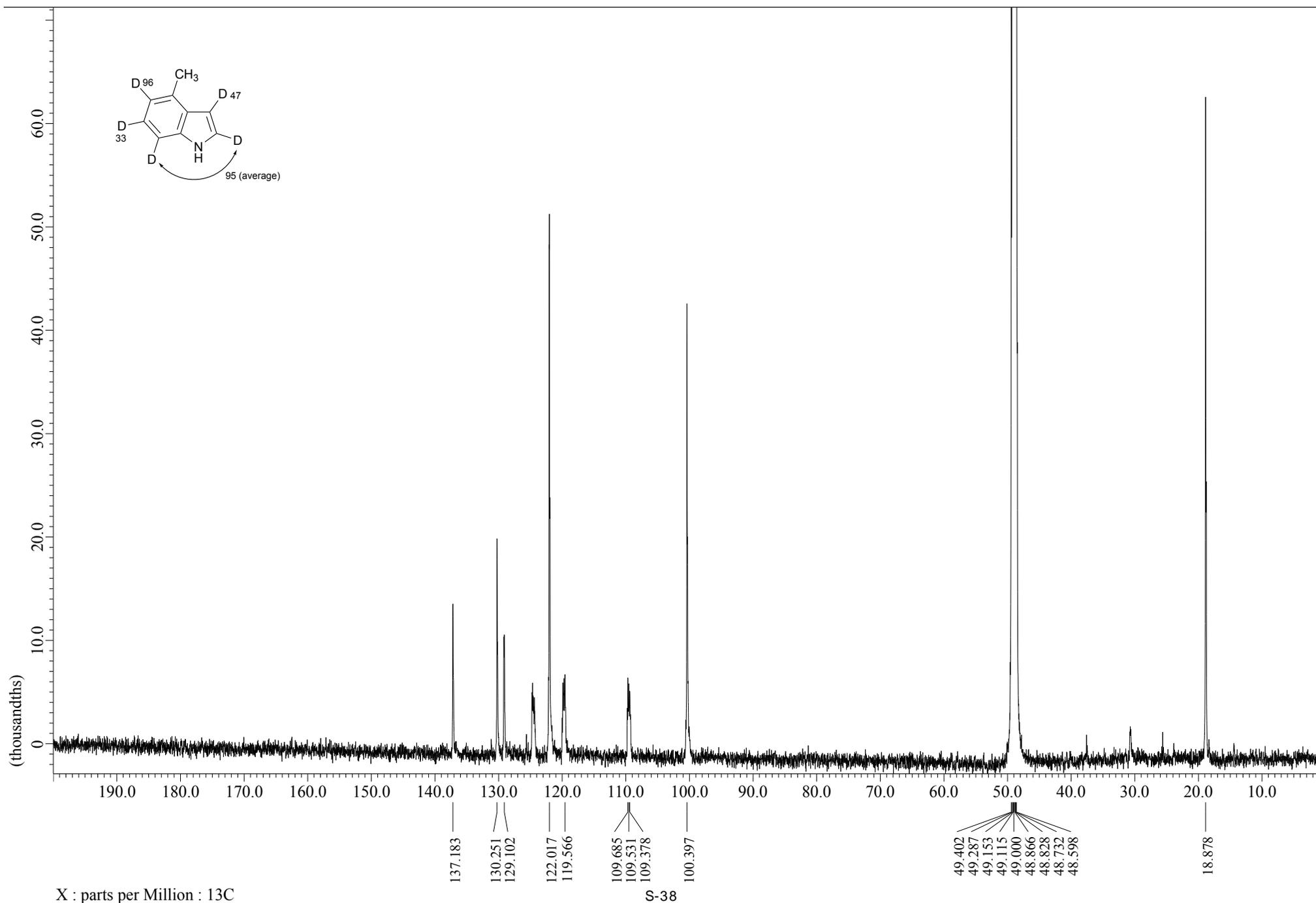
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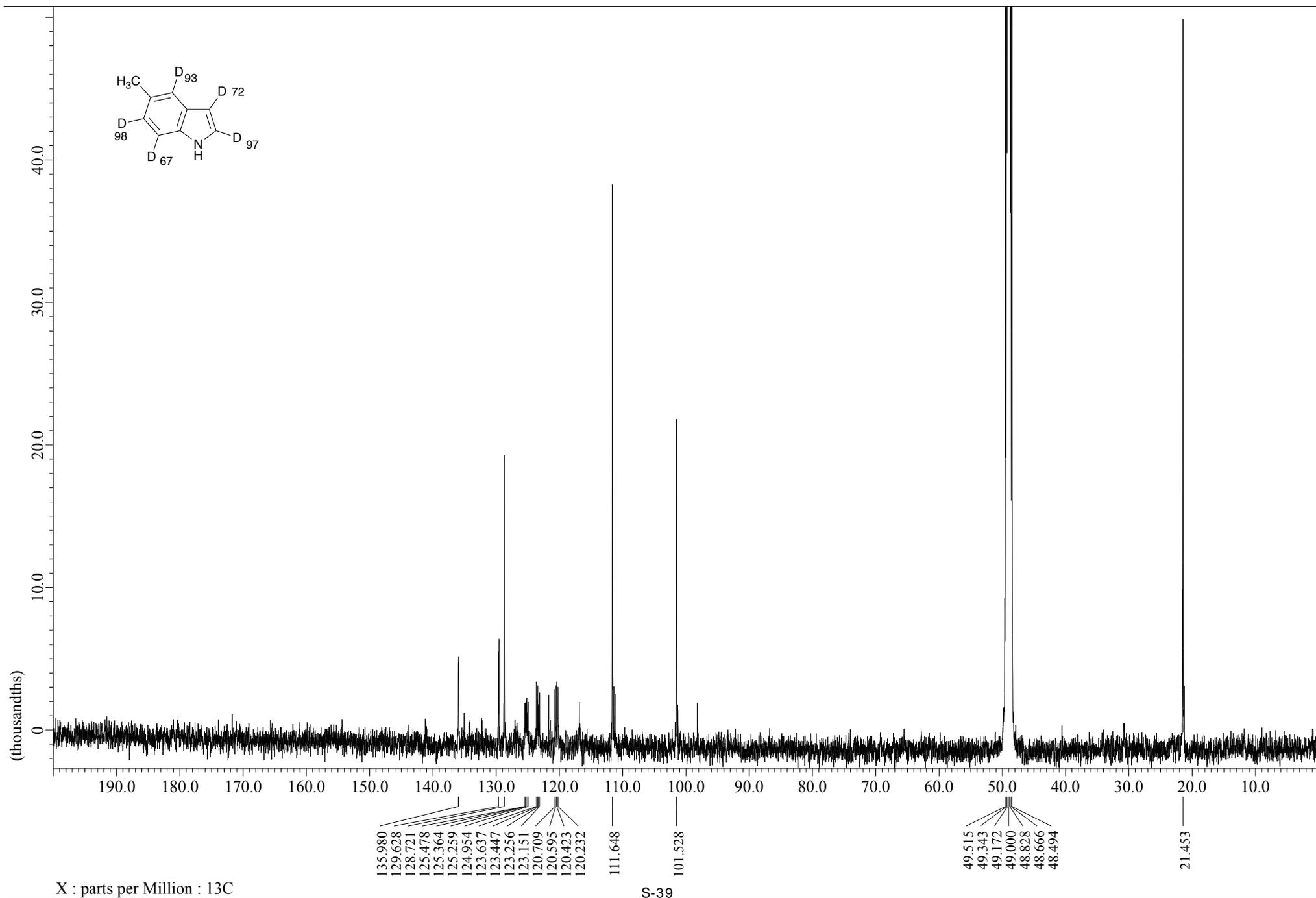
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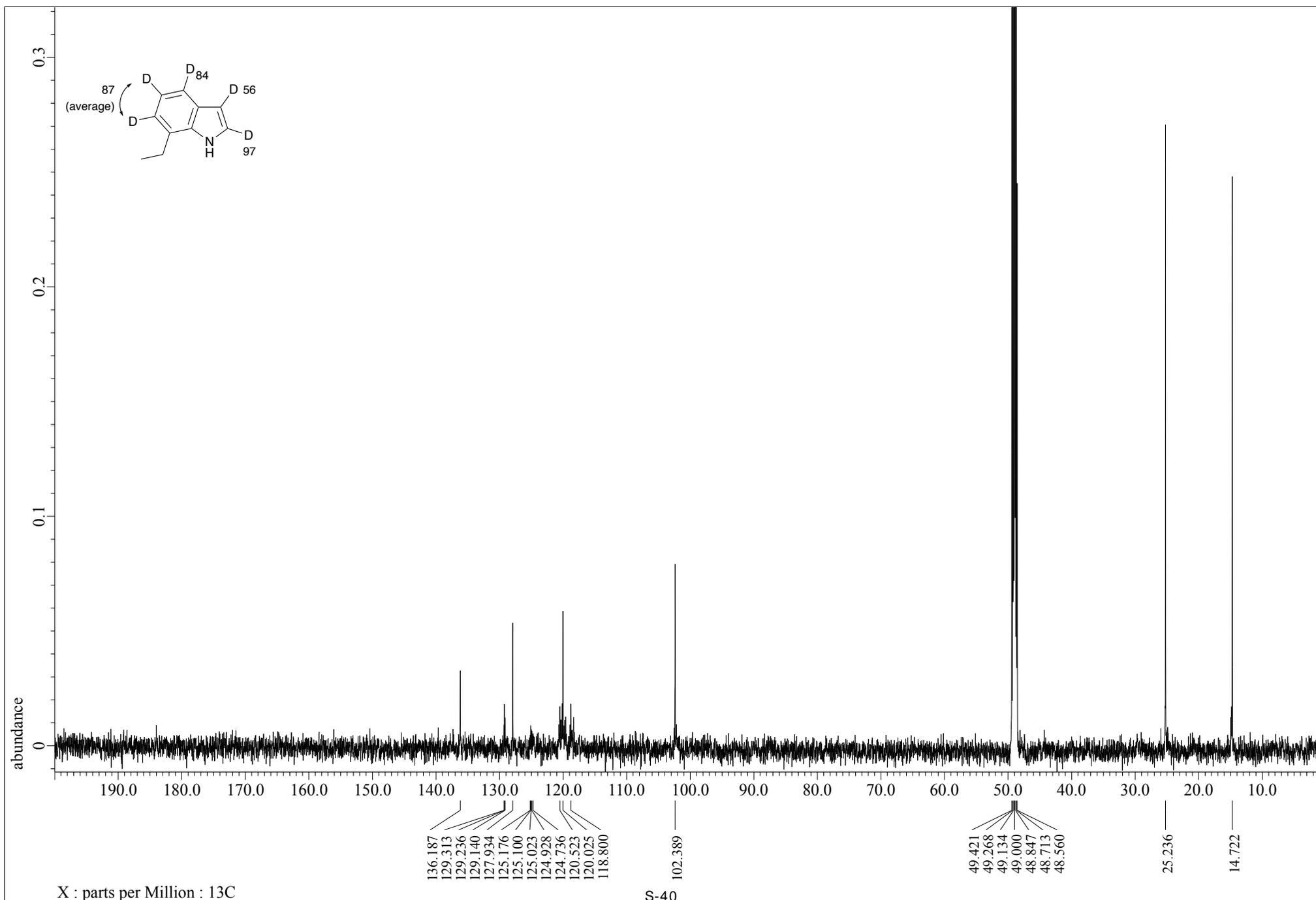


**Figure S35.**  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz) spectra of deuterated 5-methylindole (**28**) in  $\text{CD}_3\text{OD}$

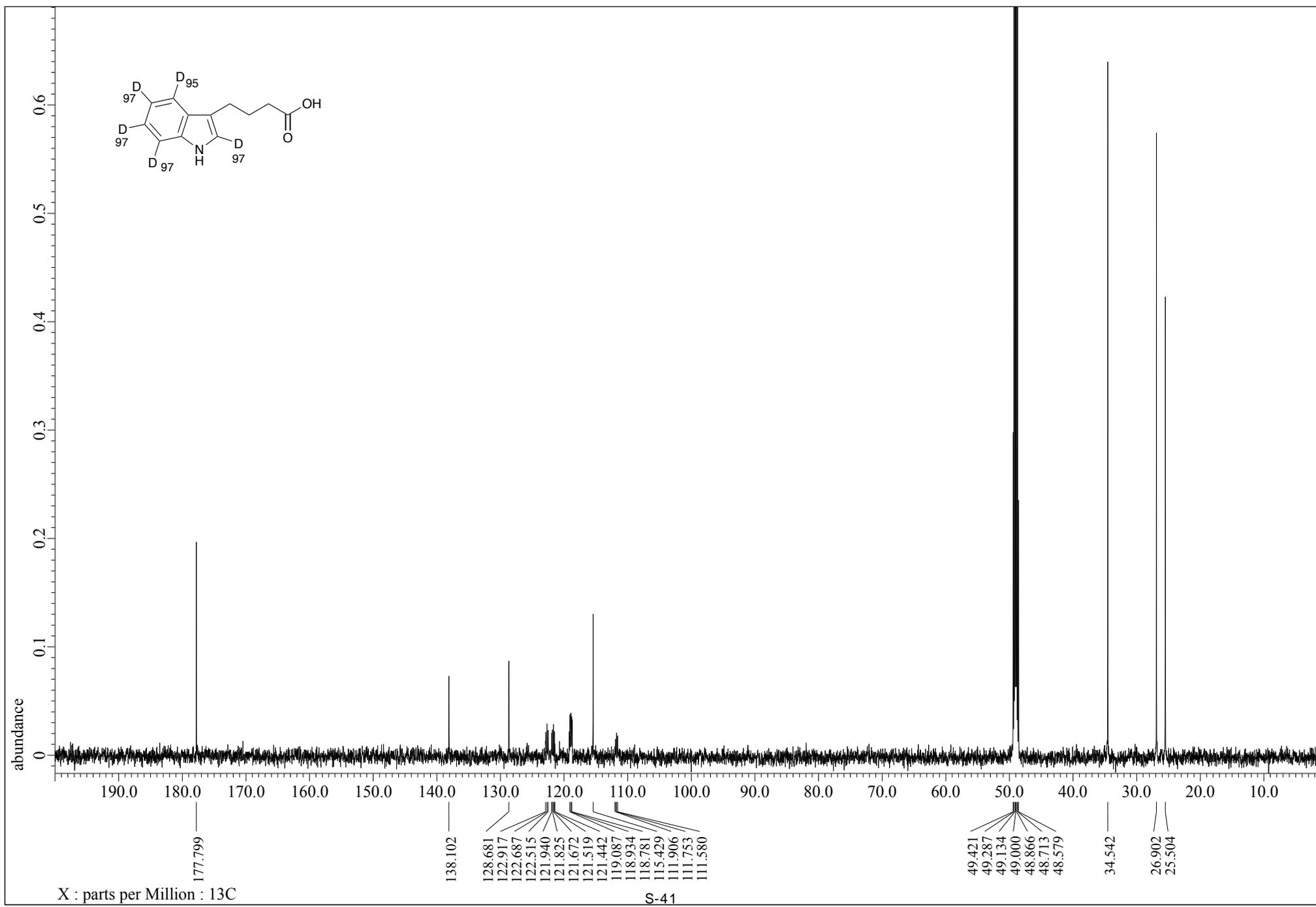


X : parts per Million :  $^{13}\text{C}$

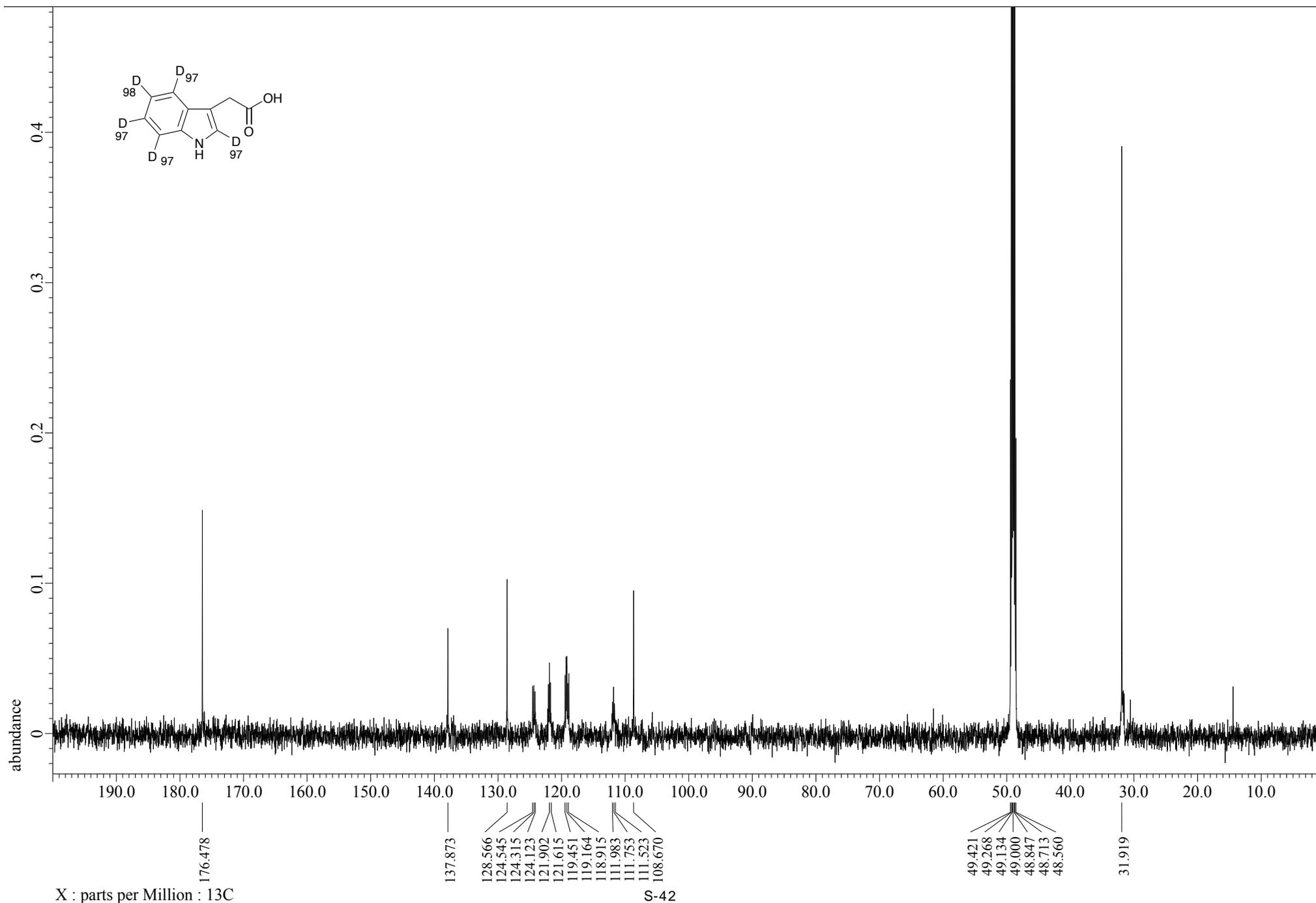
**Figure S36.**  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (150 MHz) spectra of deuterated 7-ethylindole (**29**) in  $\text{CD}_3\text{OD}$



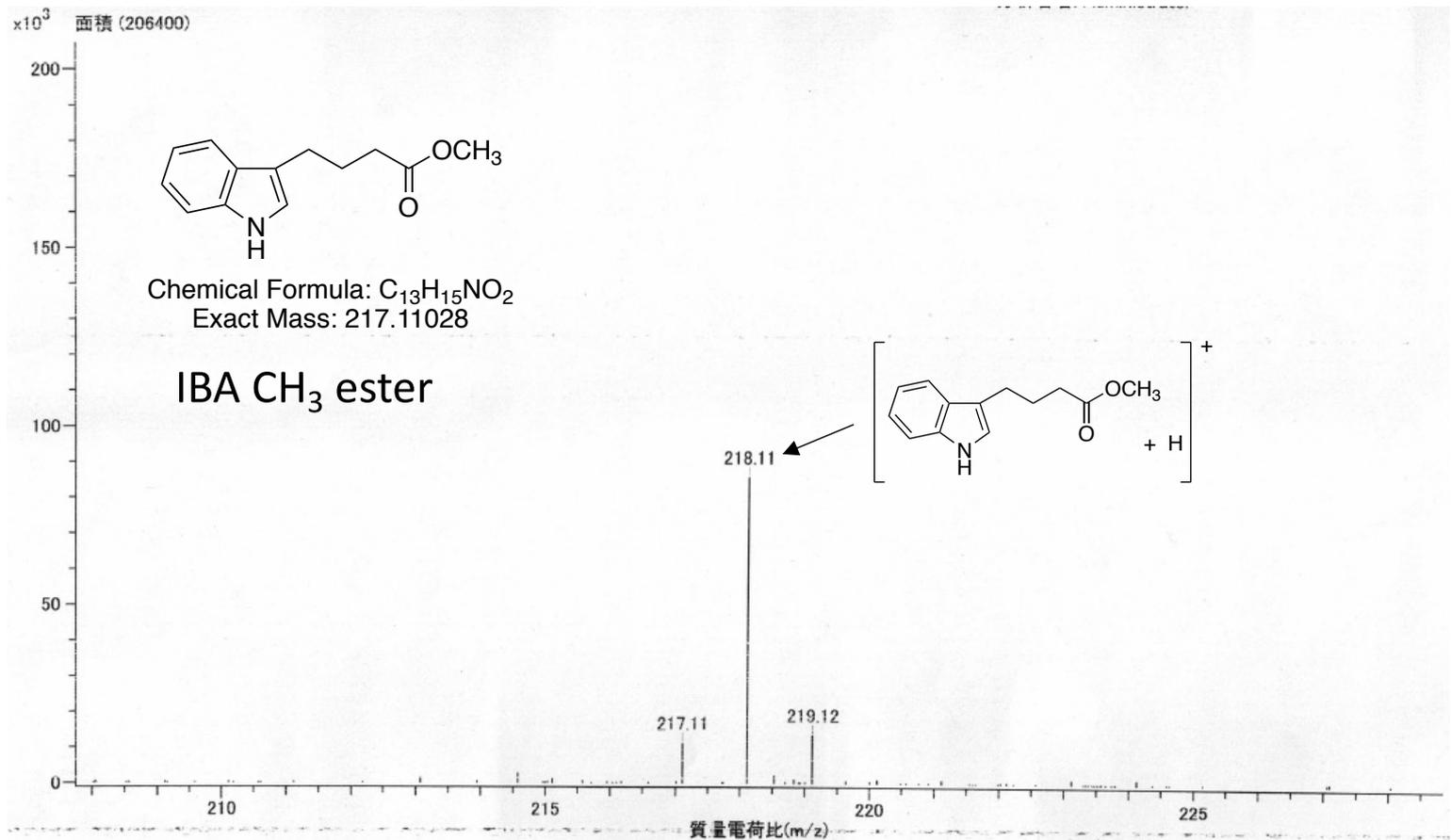
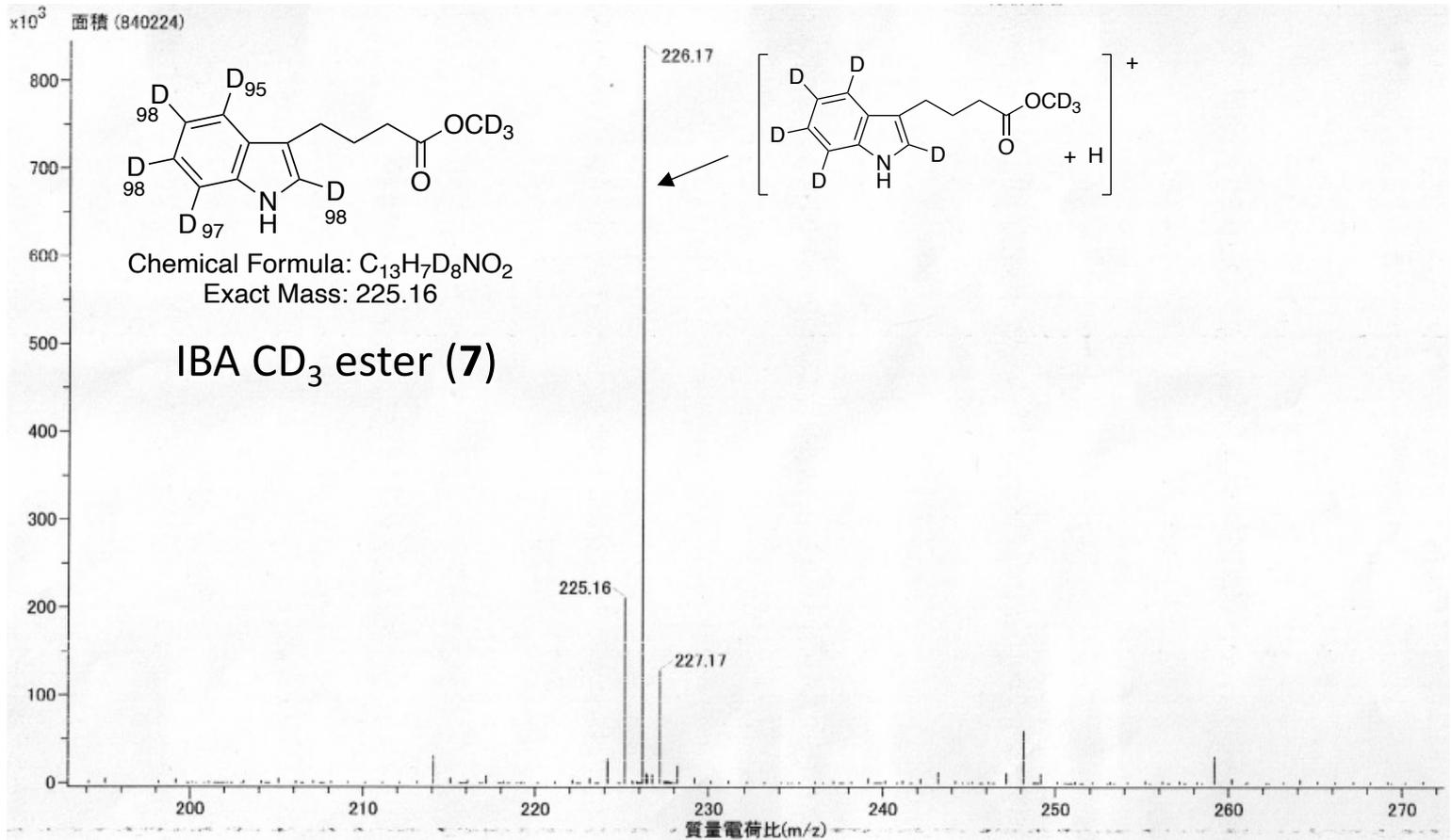
**Figure S37.**  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (150 MHz) spectra of deuterated IBA (**4**) in  $\text{CD}_3\text{OD}$



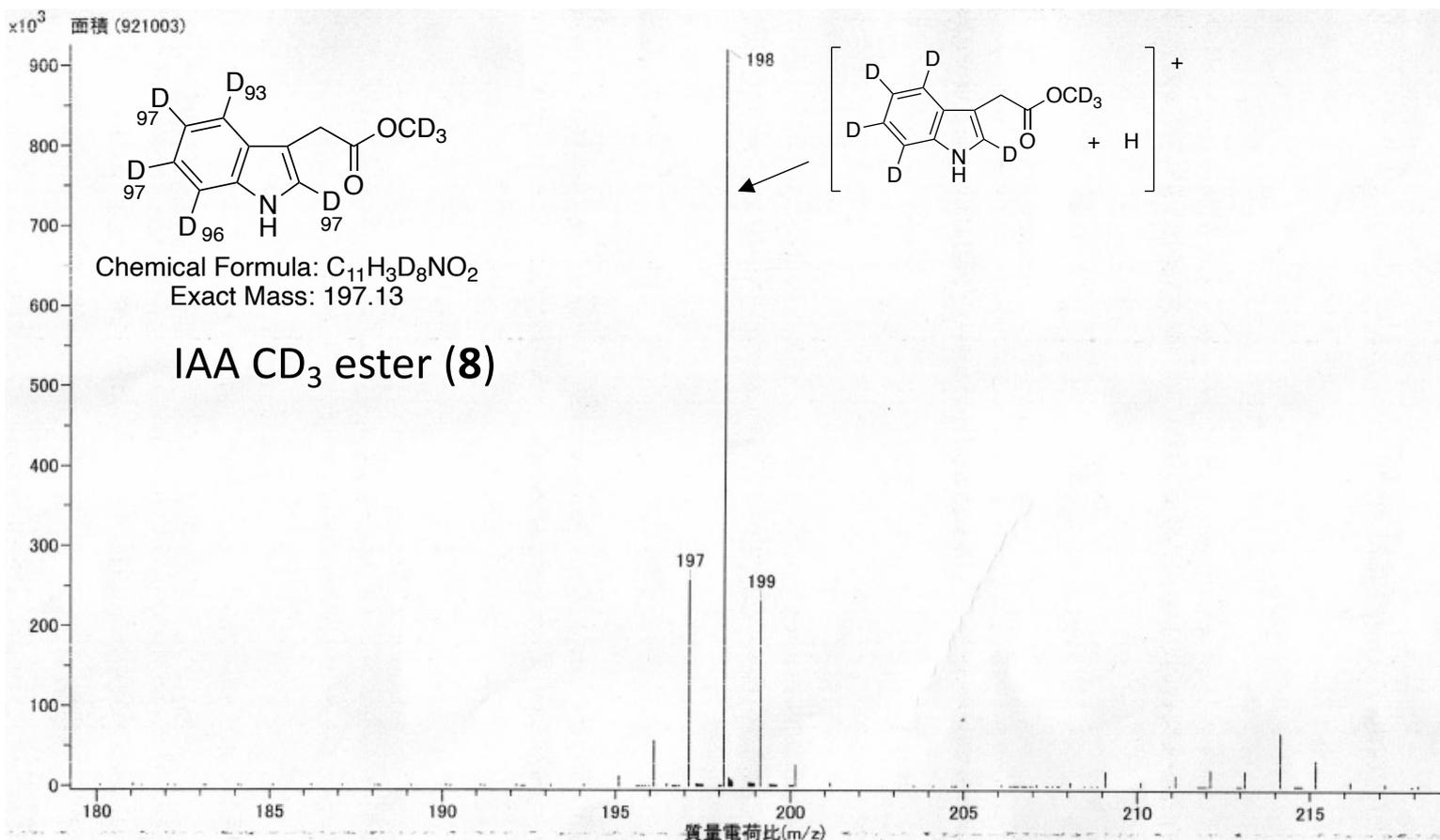
**Figure S38.**  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (150 MHz) spectra of deuterated IAA (3) in  $\text{CD}_3\text{OD}$



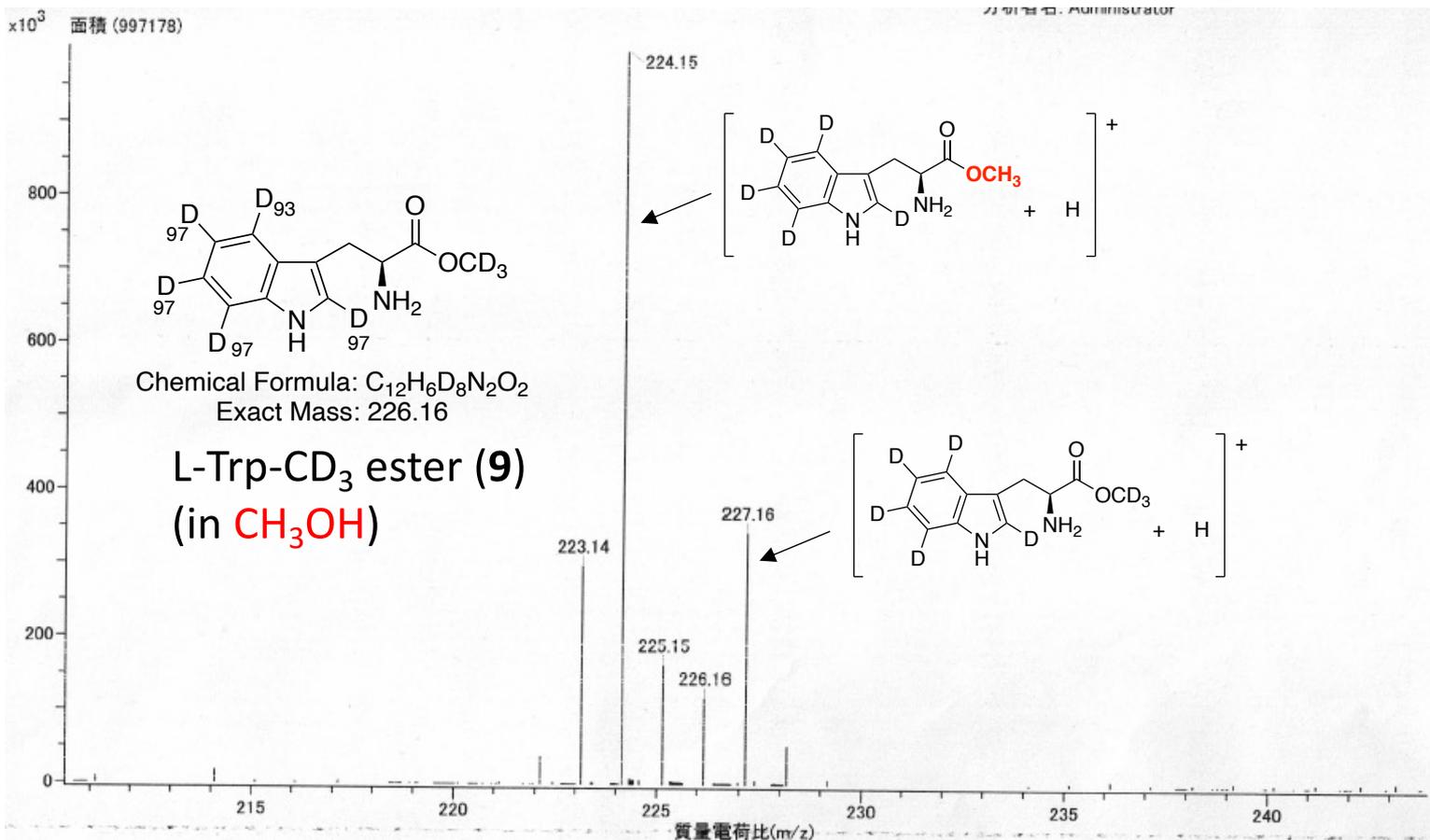
**Figure S39.** TOF-MS (ESI<sup>+</sup>) spectra of deuterated IBA CD<sub>3</sub> ester (**7**)



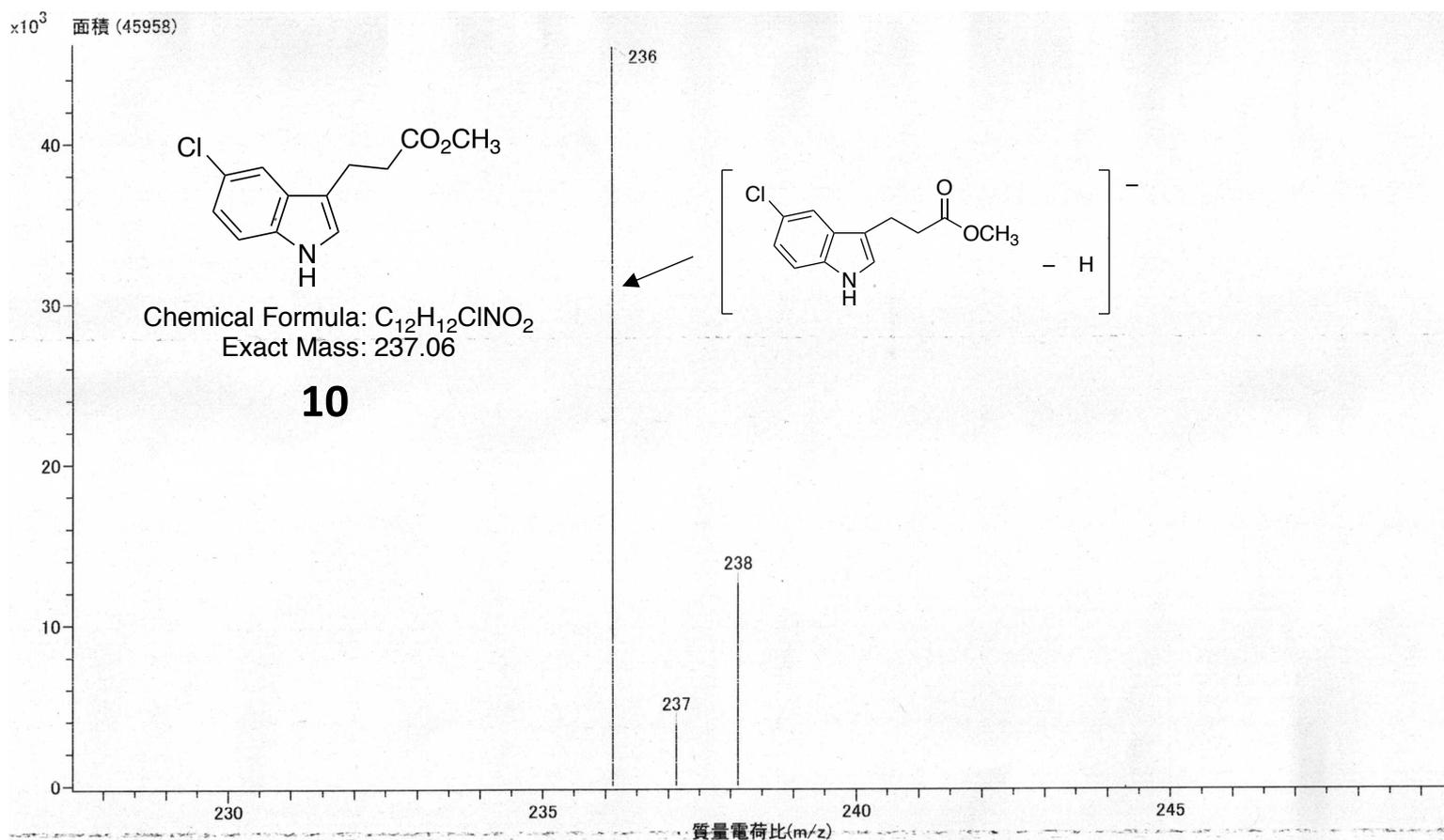
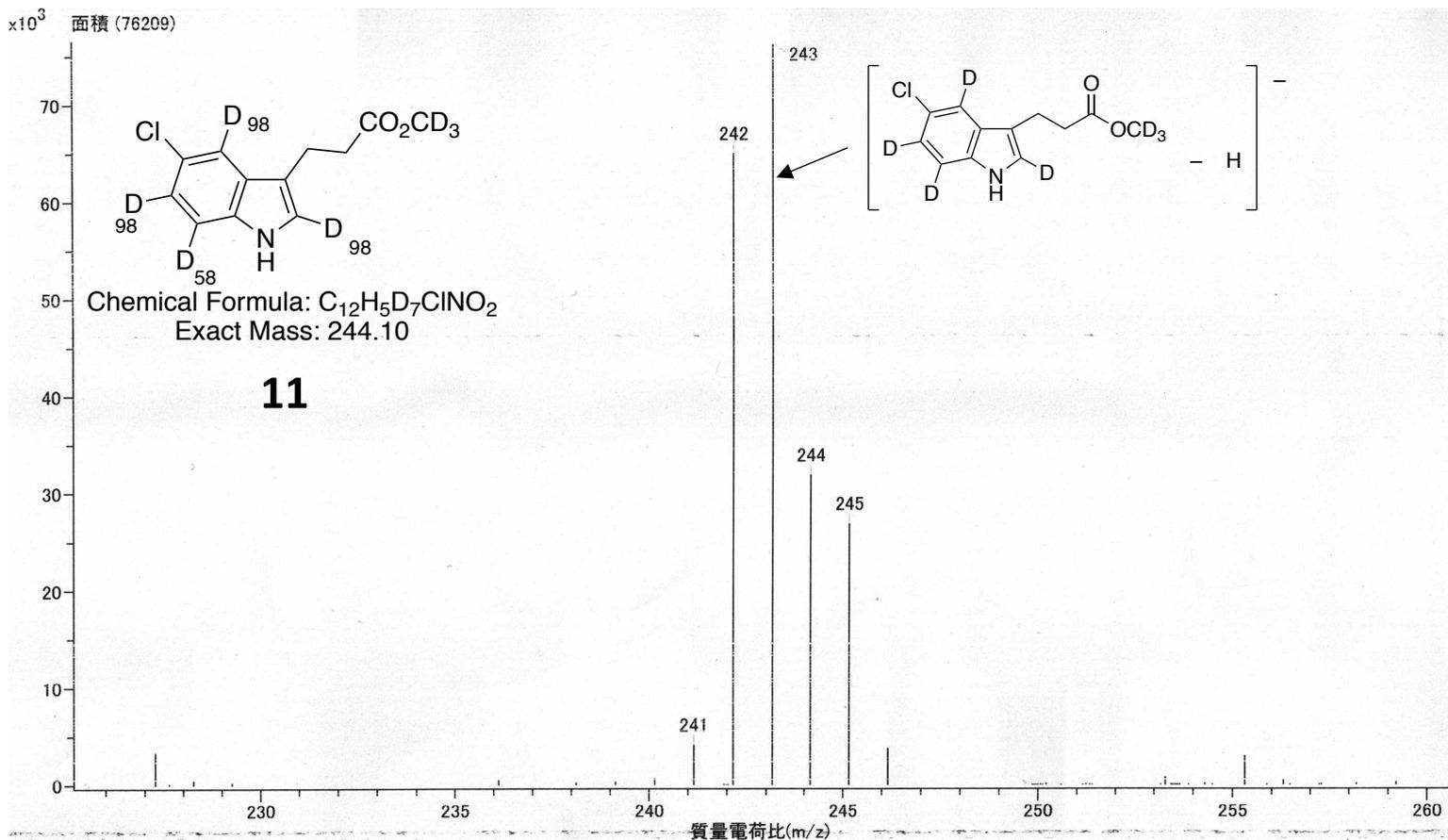
**Figure S40.** TOF-MS (ESI<sup>+</sup>) spectra of deuterated IBA CD<sub>3</sub> ester (**8**)



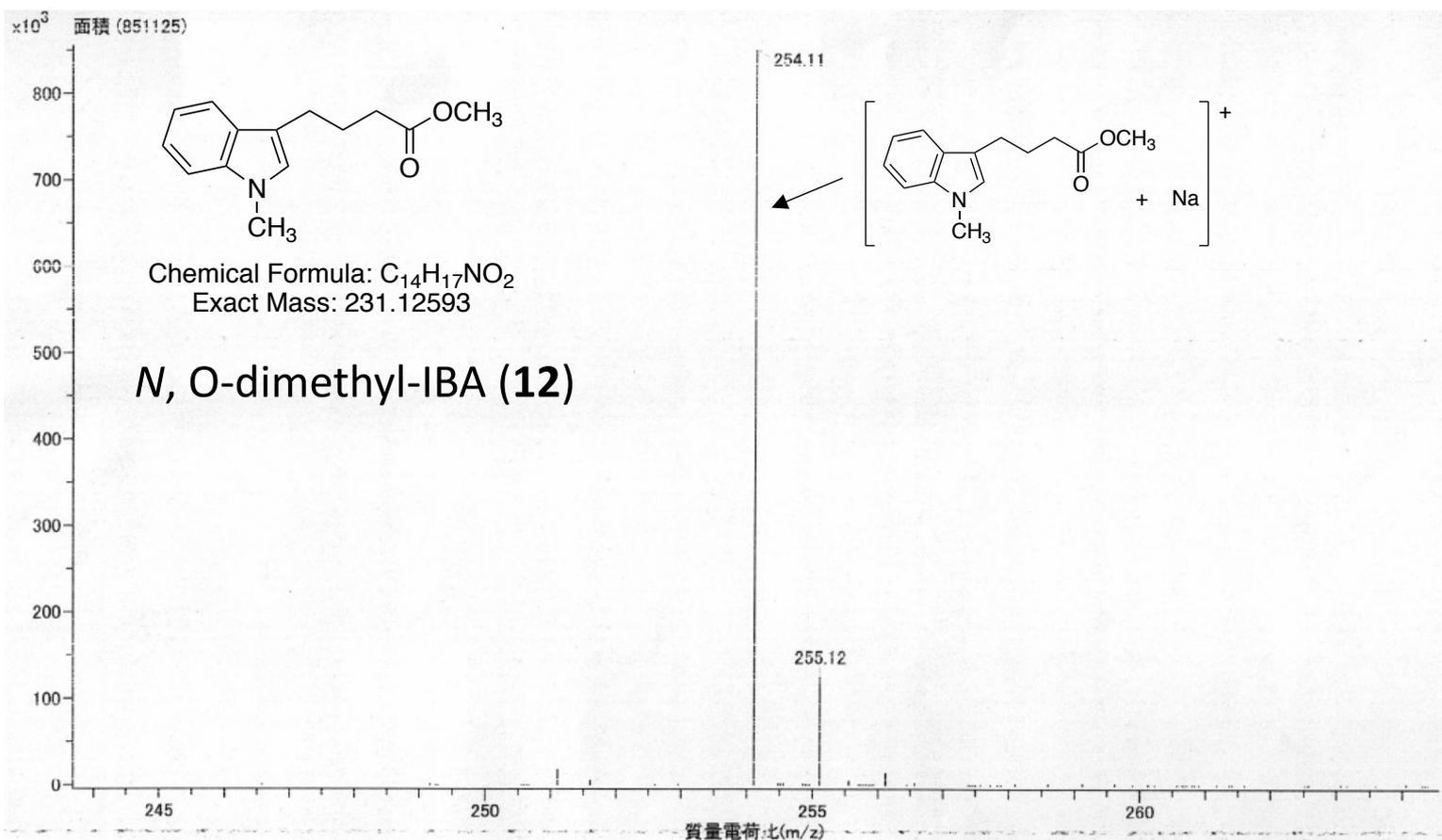
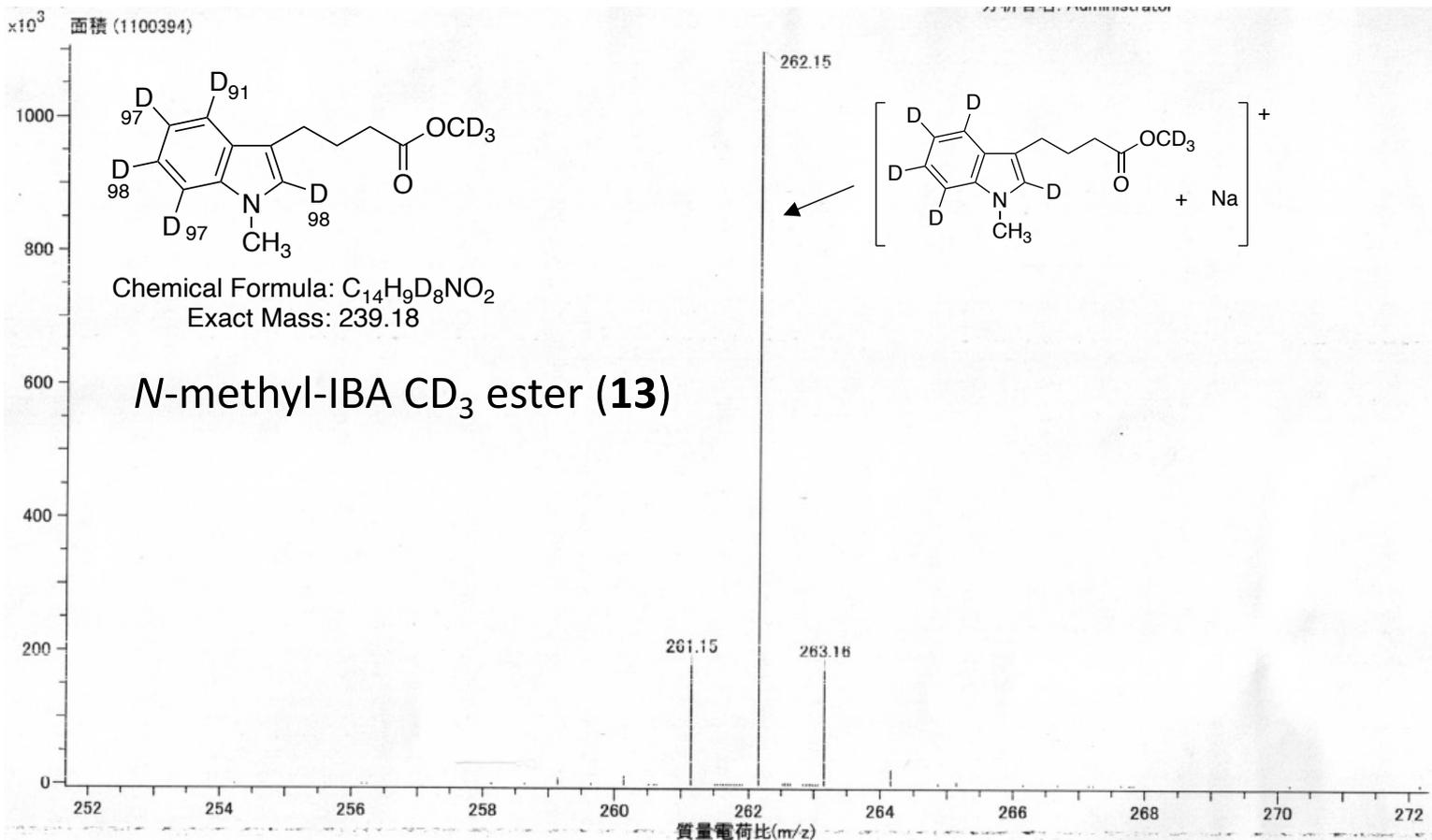
**Figure S41.** TOF-MS (ESI<sup>+</sup>) spectra of deuterated Trp CD<sub>3</sub> ester (**9**)



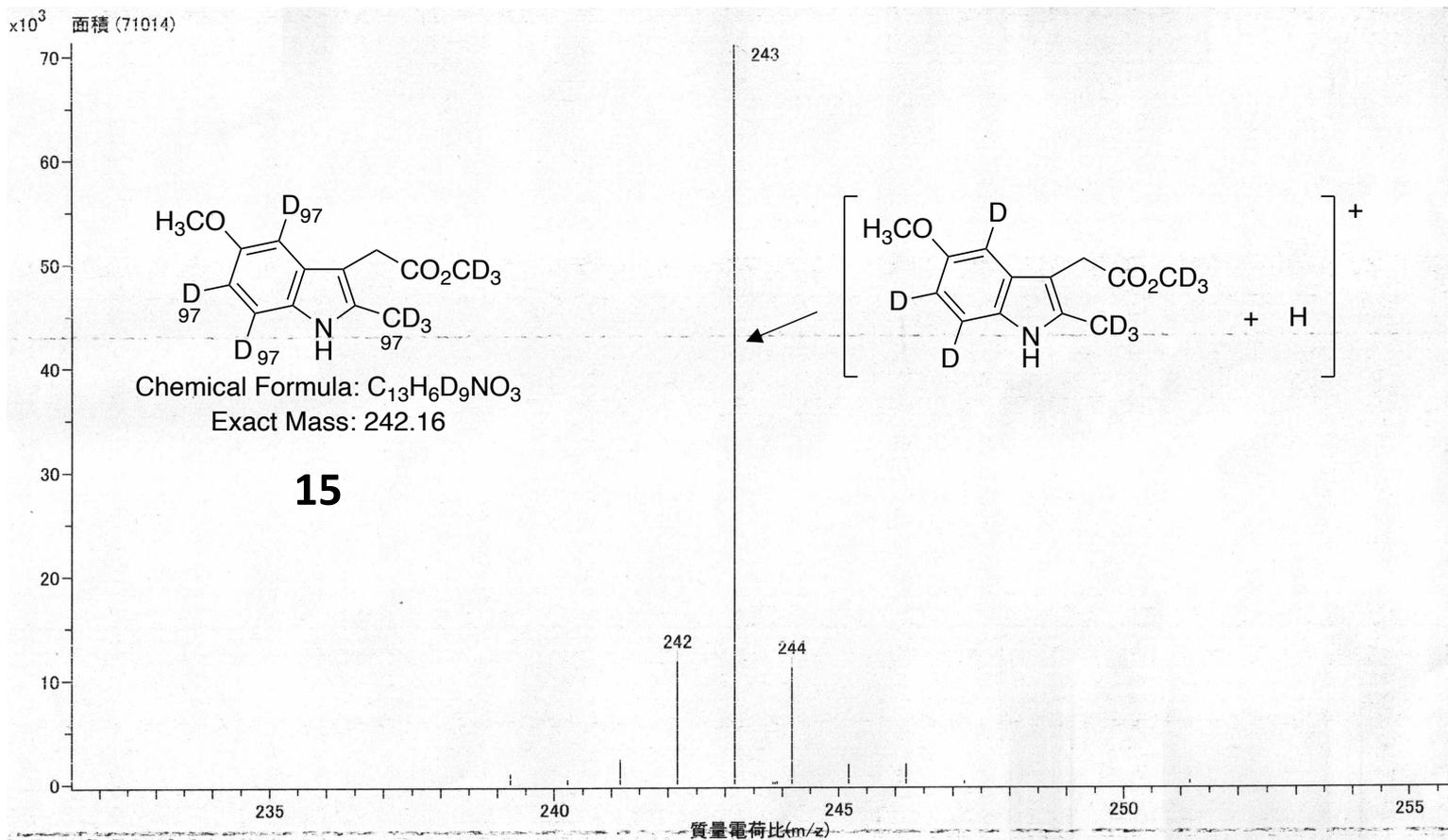
**Figure S42. TOF-MS (ESI<sup>-</sup>) spectra of **11****



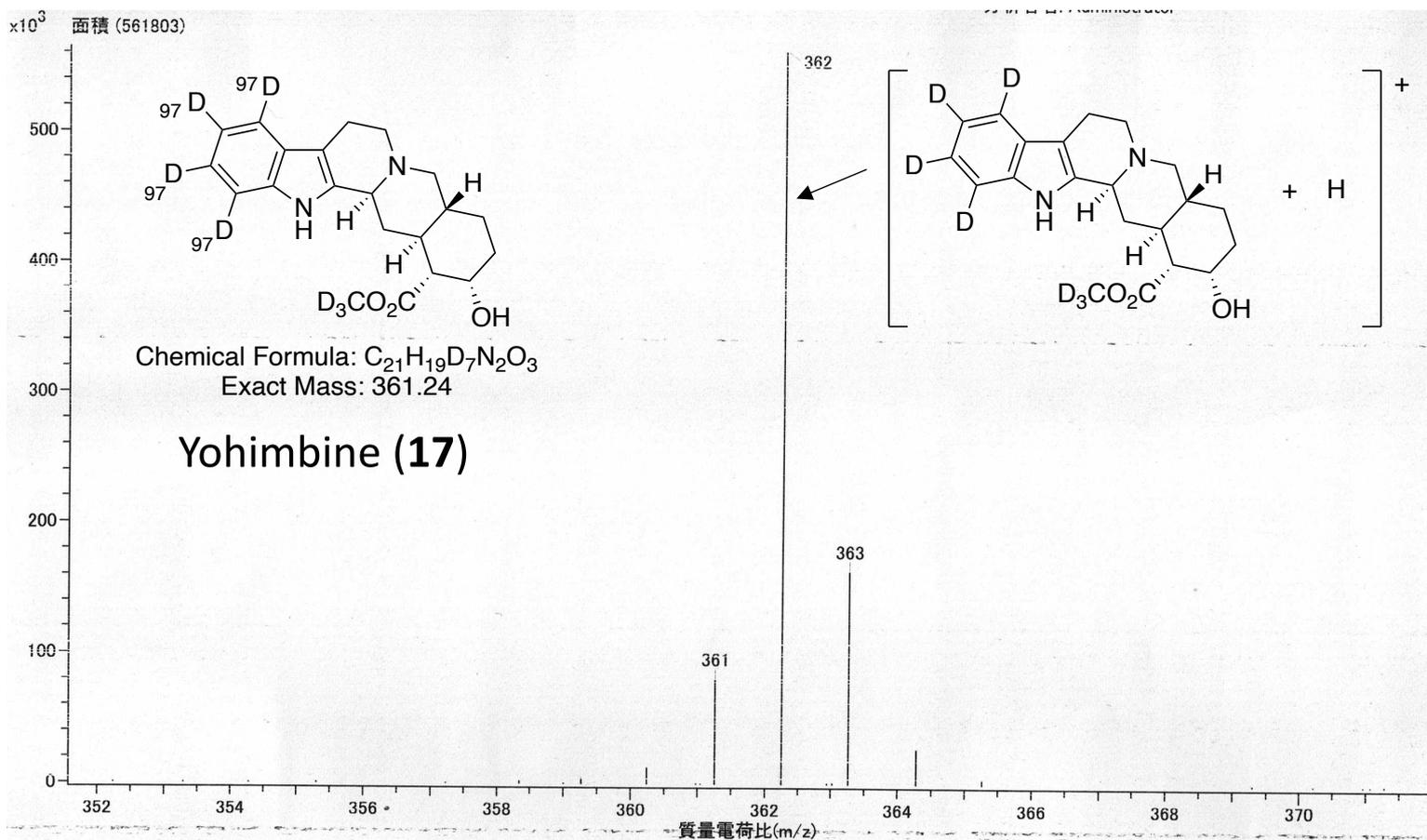
**Figure S43.** TOF-MS (ESI<sup>+</sup>) spectra of deuterated *N*-methyl-IBA CD<sub>3</sub> ester (**13**)



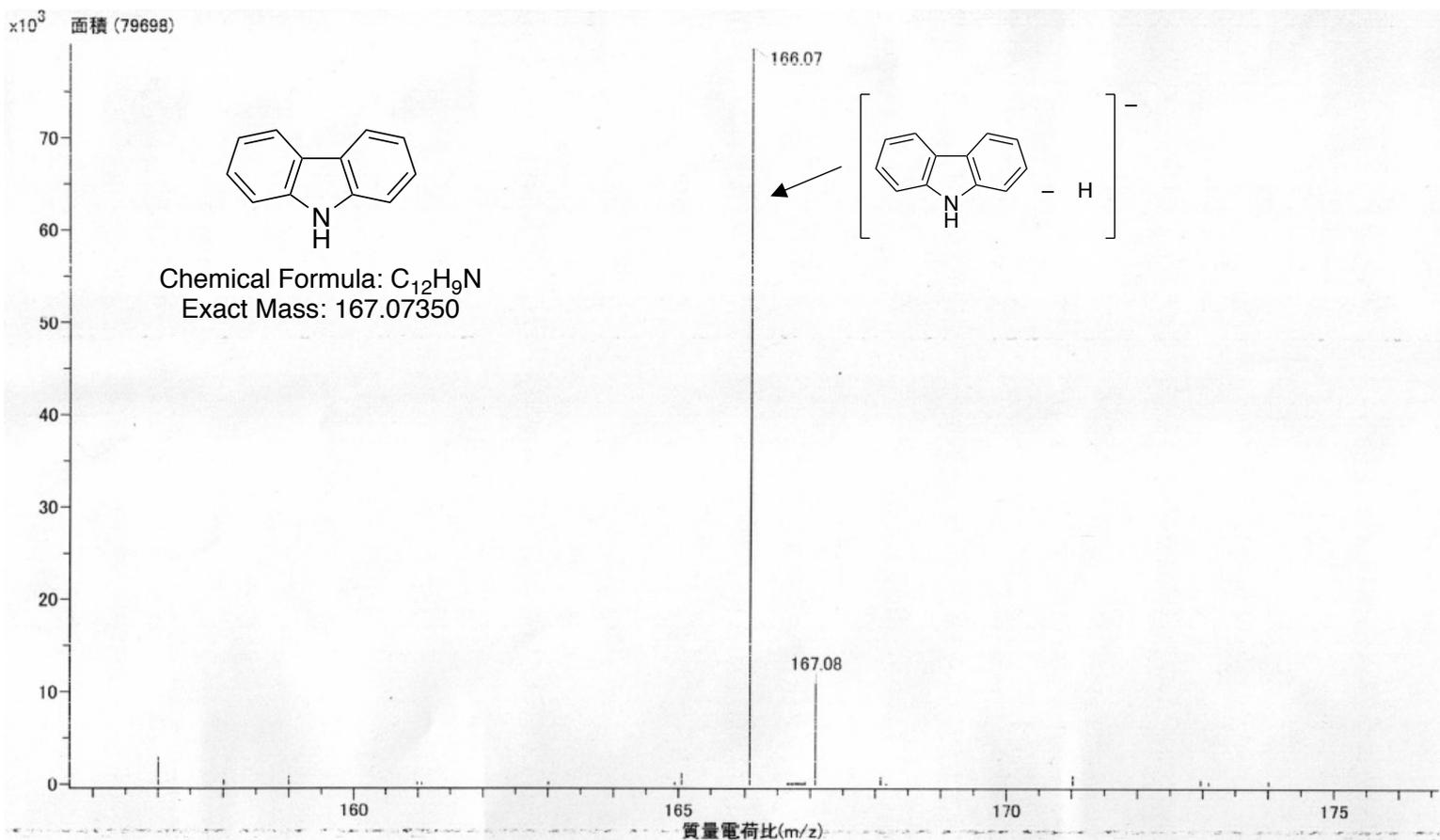
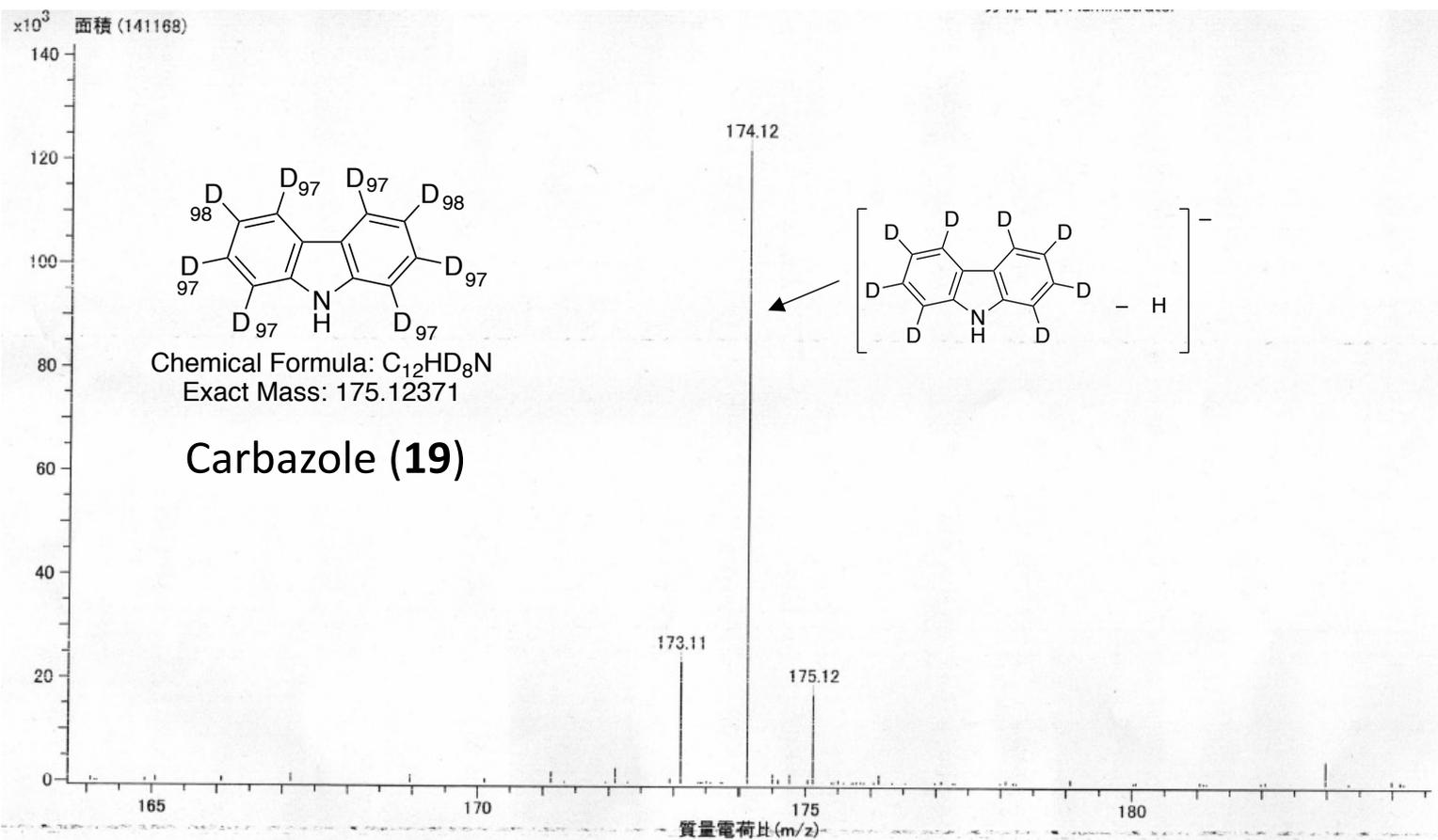
**Figure S44. TOF-MS (ESI<sup>+</sup>) spectra of **15****



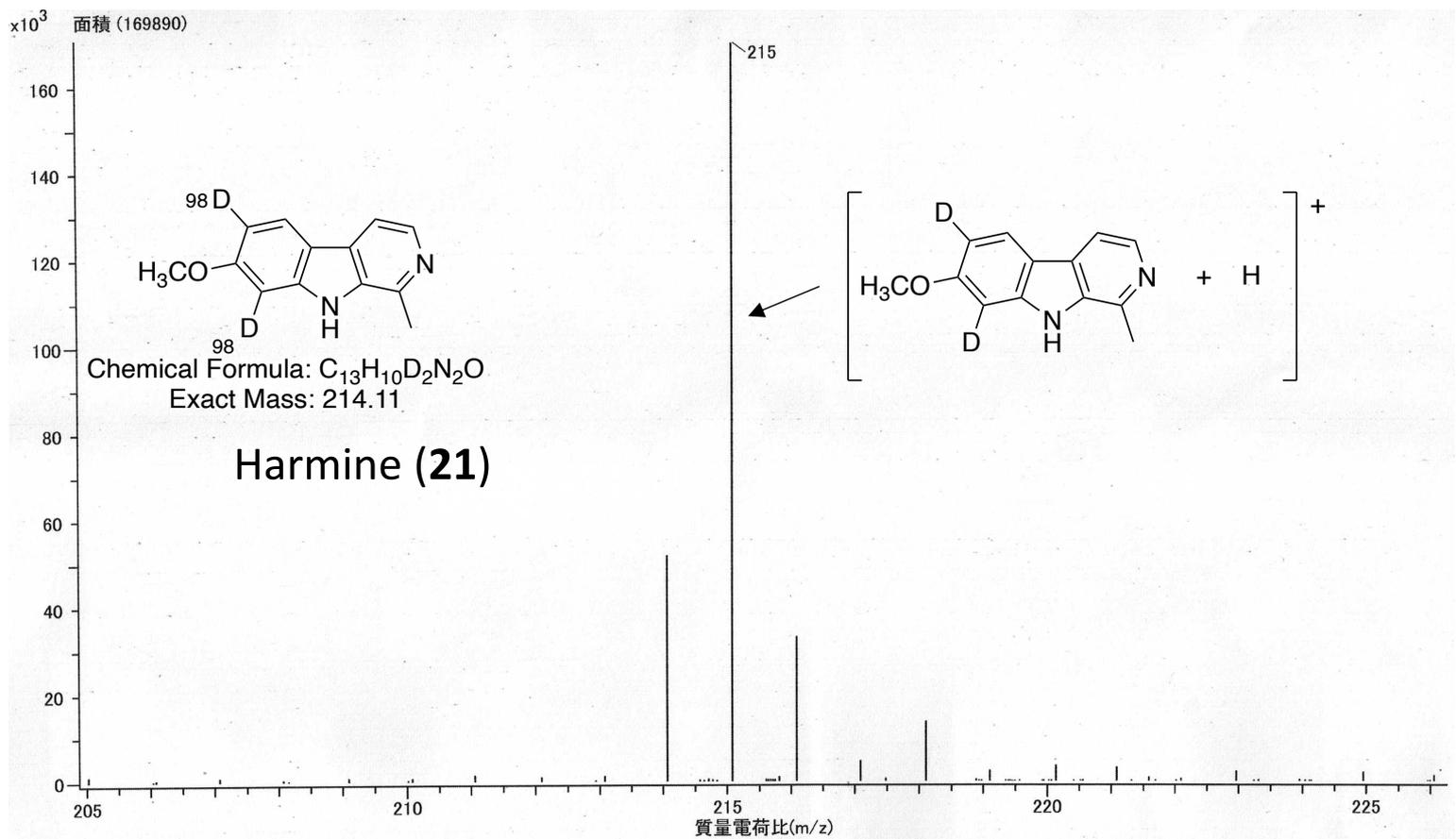
**Figure S45. TOF-MS (ESI<sup>+</sup>) spectra of deuterated yohimbine (**17**)**



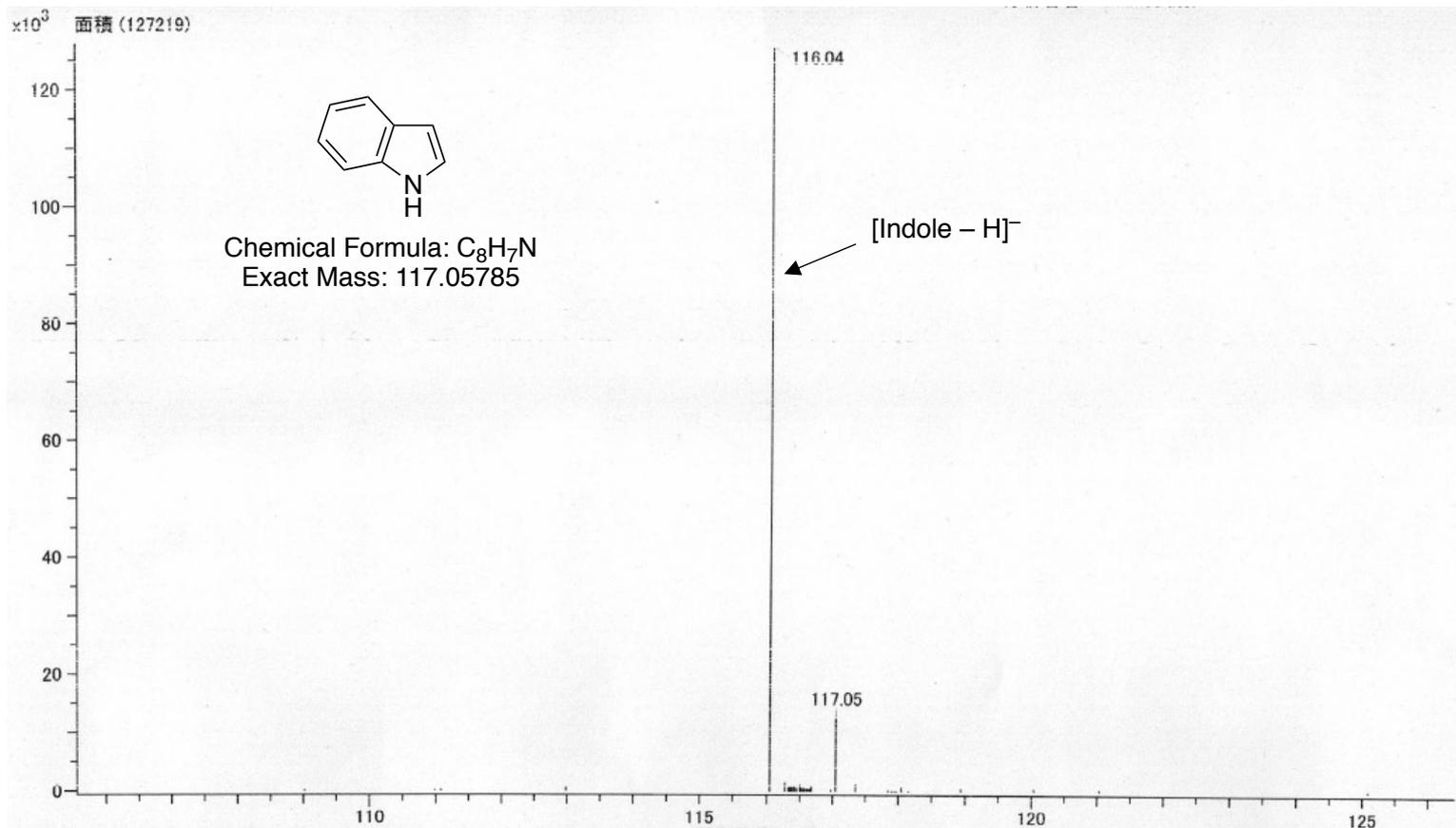
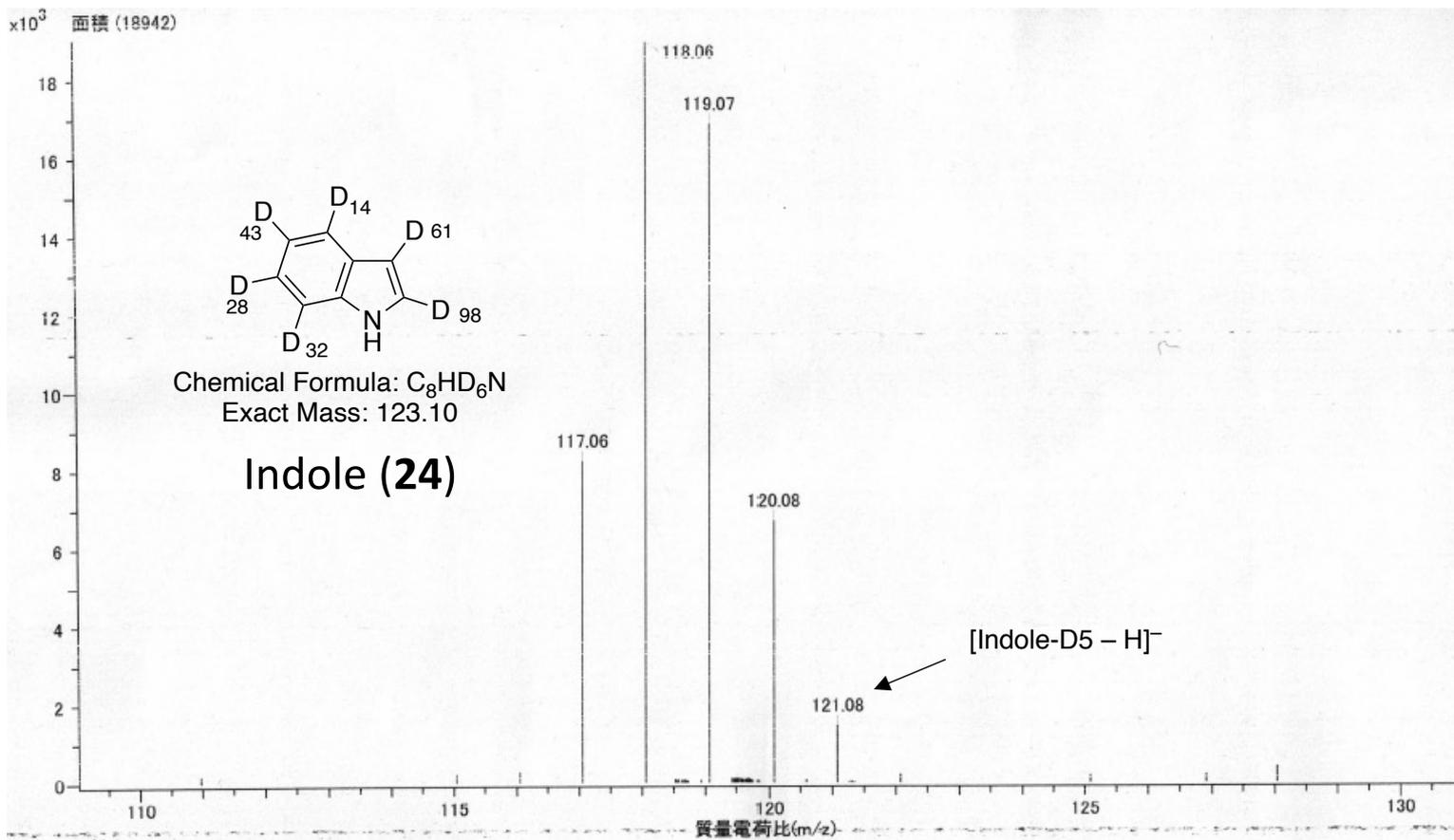
**Figure S46.** TOF-MS (ESI<sup>-</sup>) spectra of deuterated carbazole (**19**)



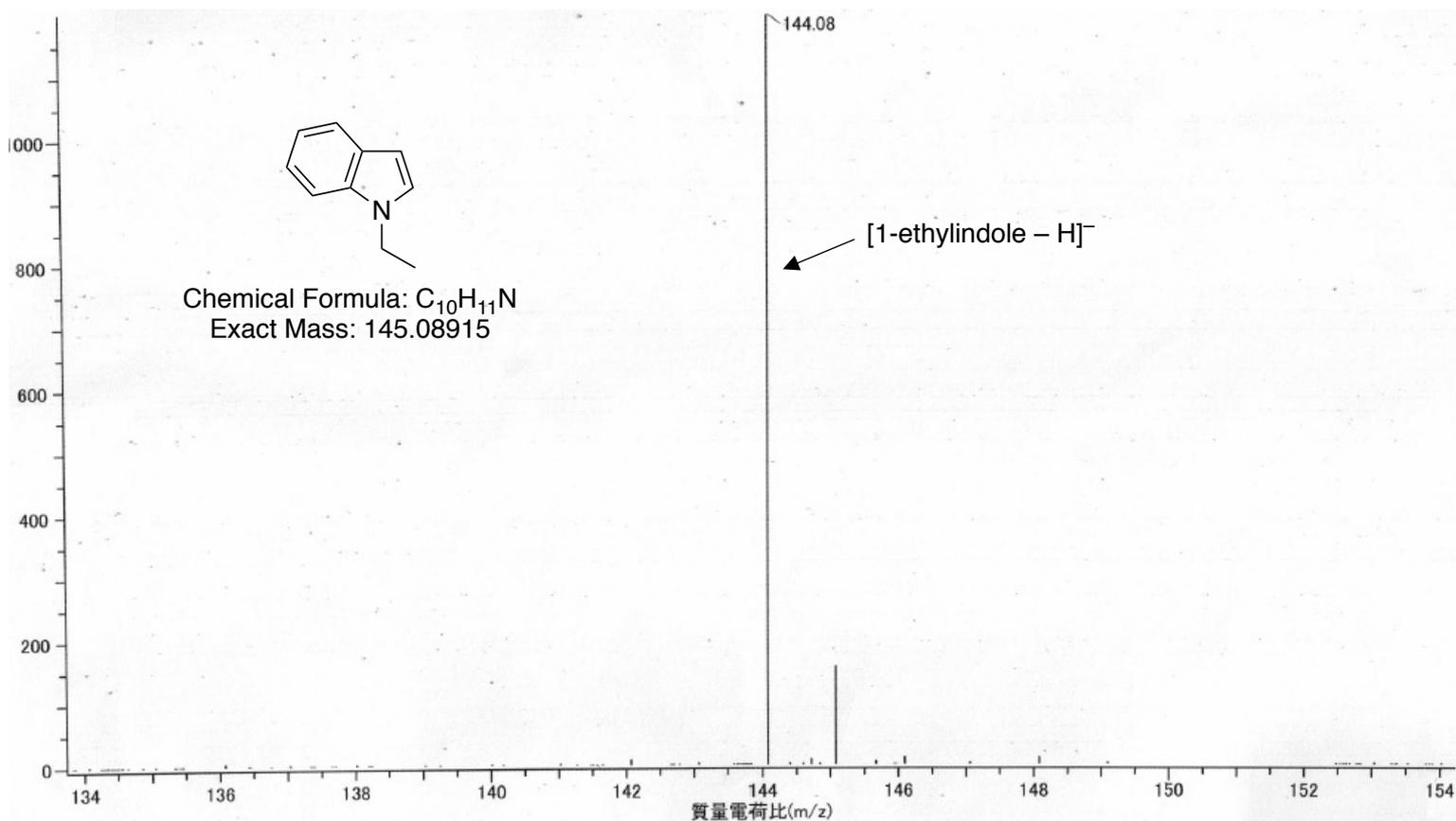
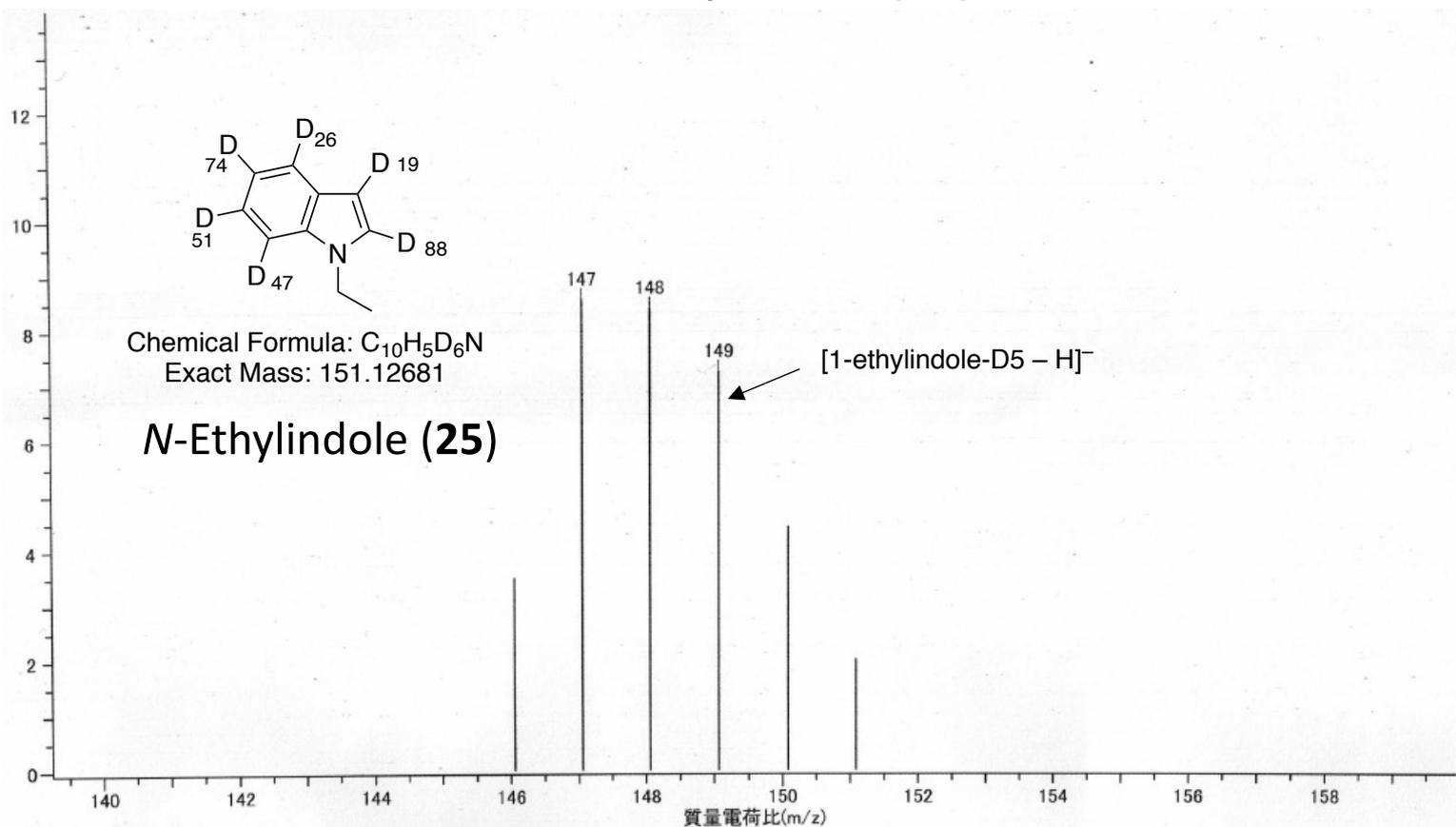
**Figure S47.** TOF-MS (ESI<sup>+</sup>) spectra of deuterated harmine (**21**)



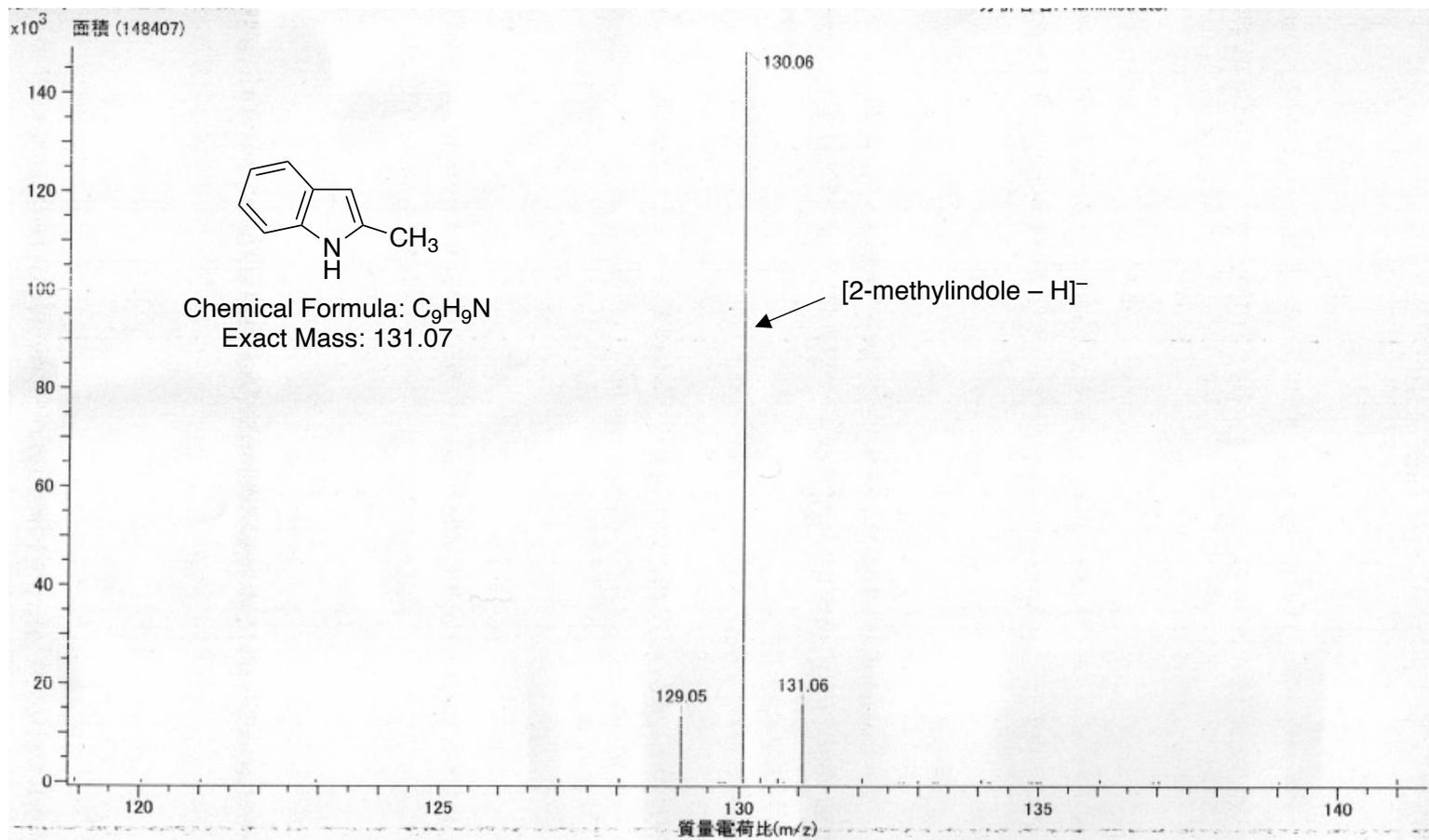
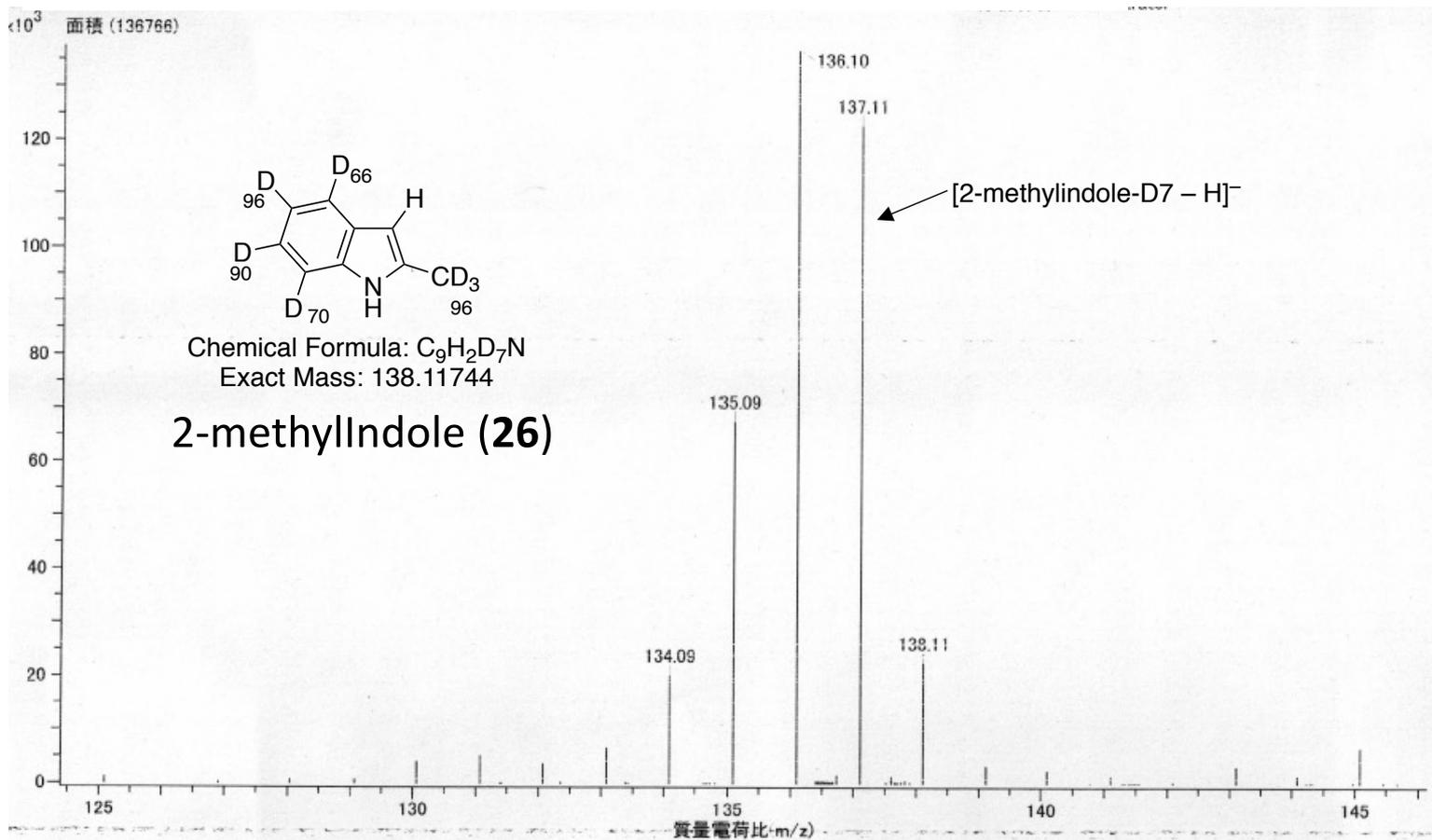
**Figure S48.** TOF-MS (ESI<sup>-</sup>) spectra of deuterated indole (**24**)



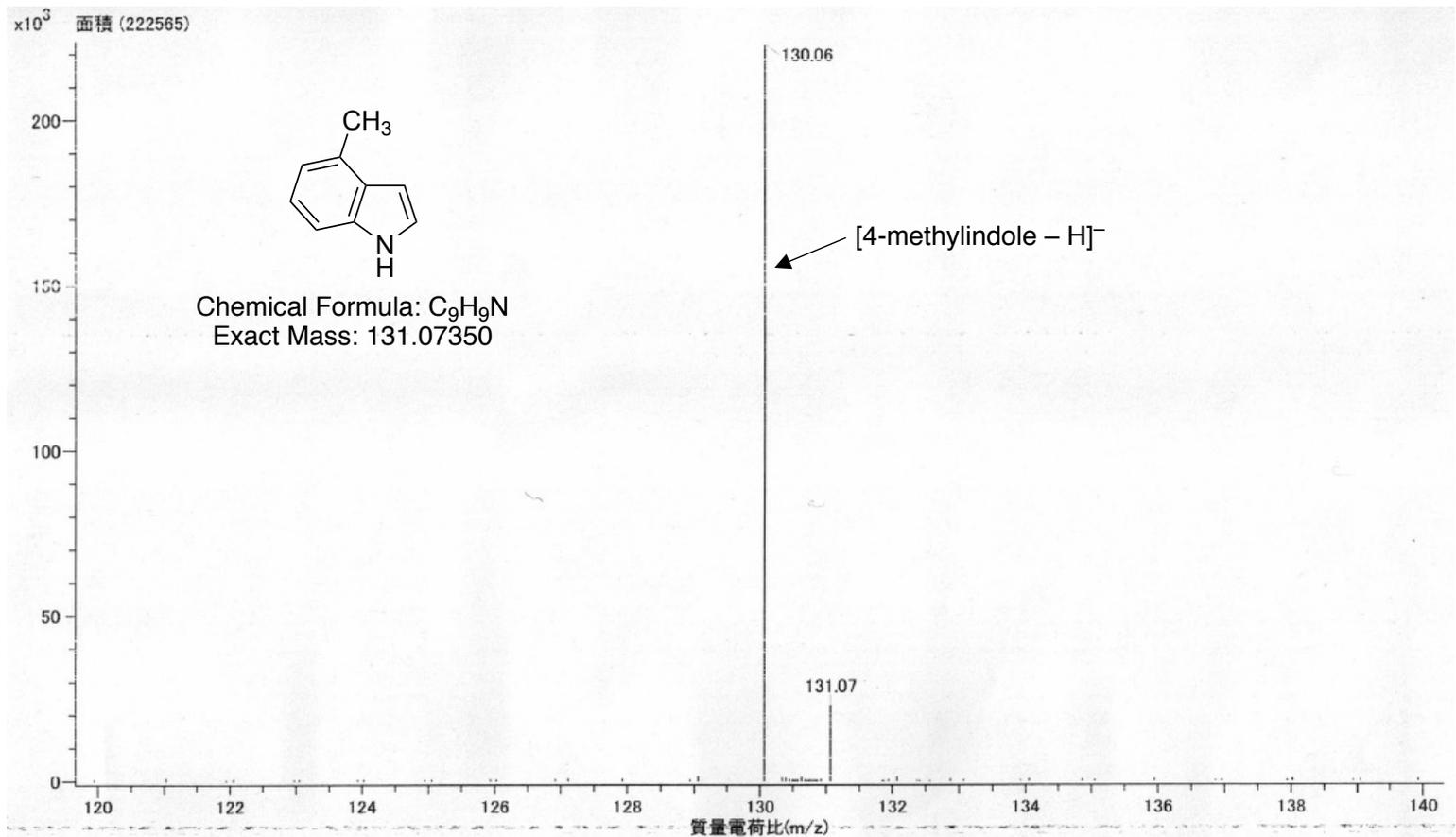
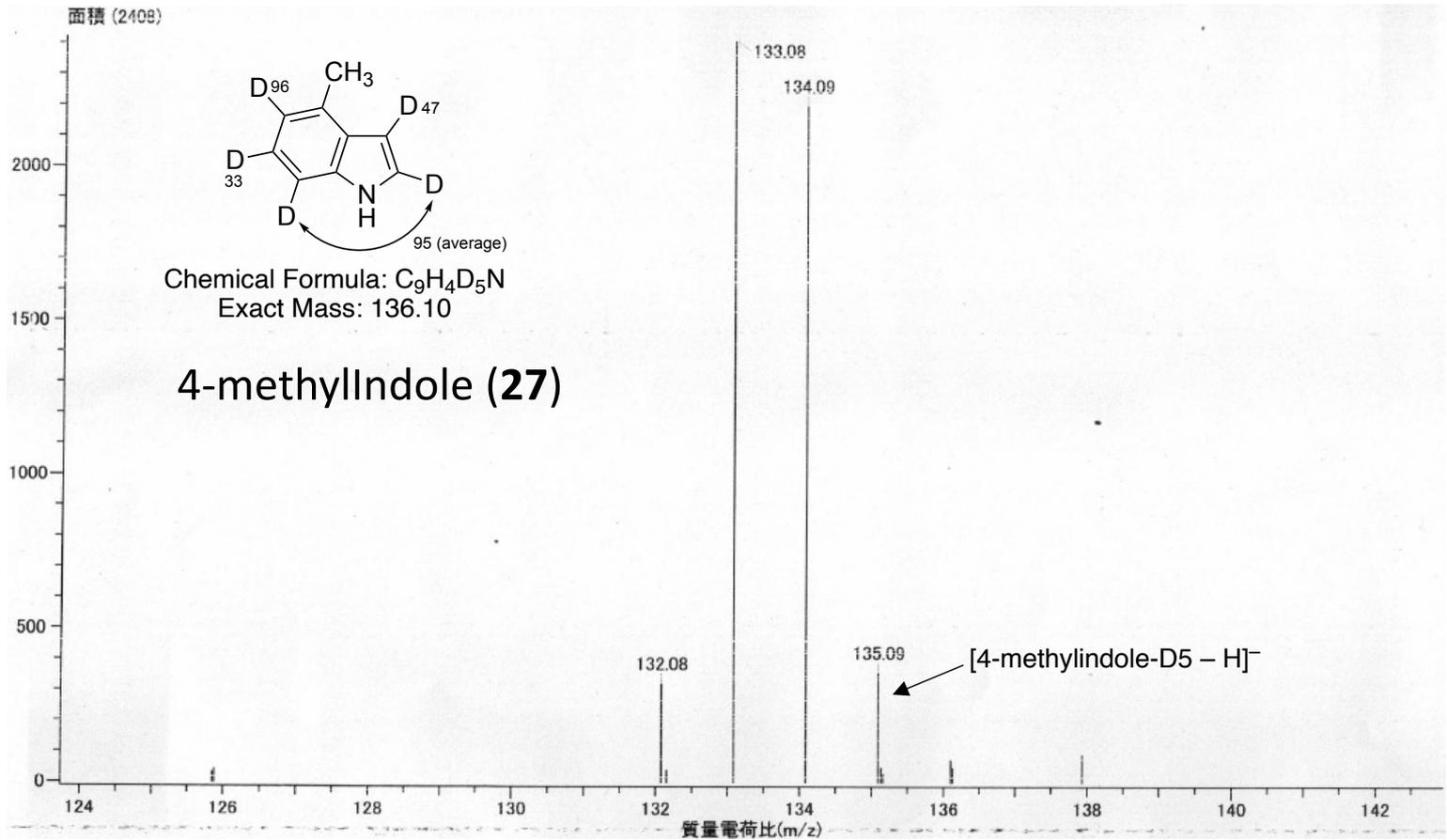
**Figure S49.** TOF-MS (ESI<sup>-</sup>) spectra of deuterated 1-ethylindole (**25**)



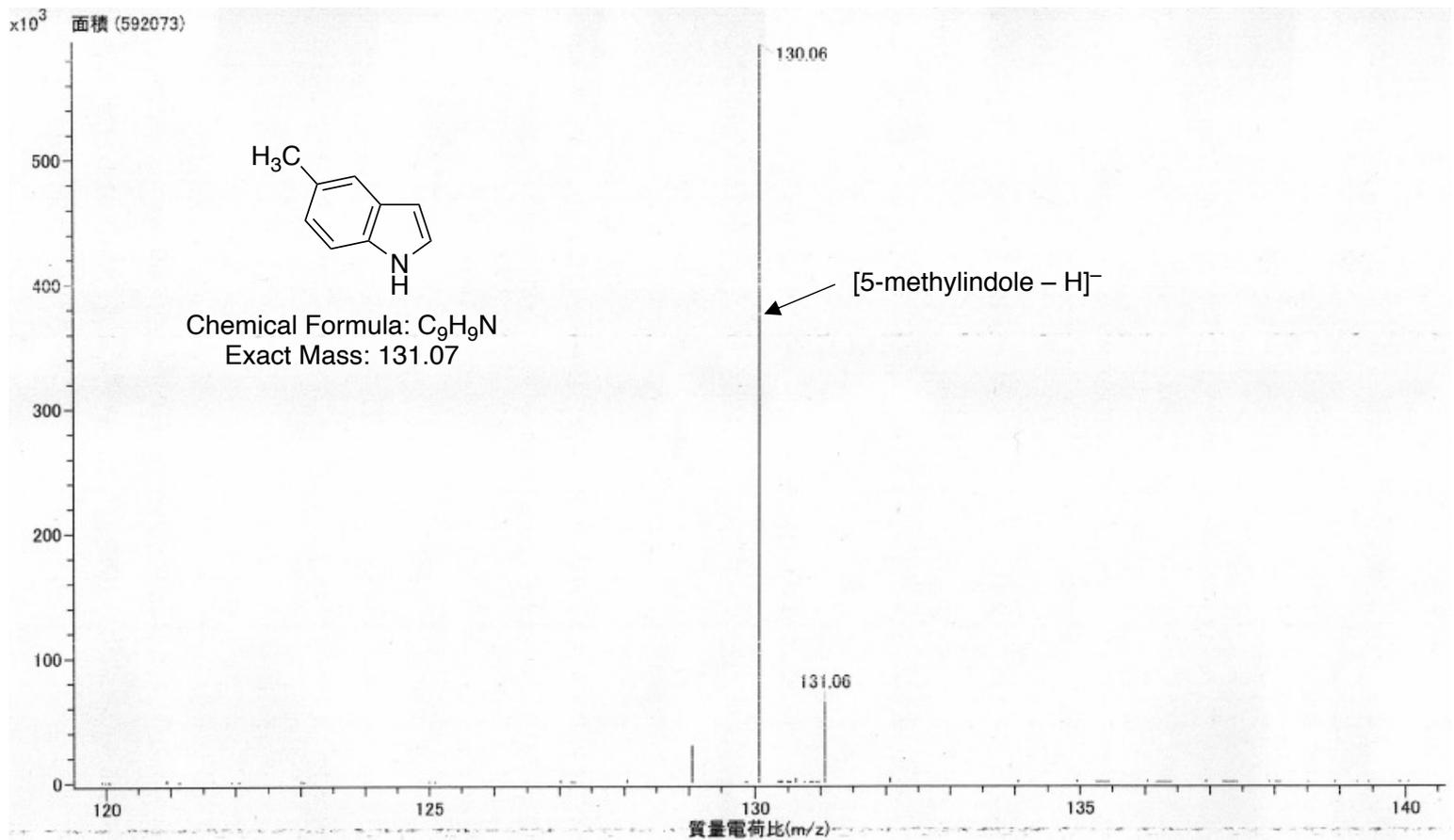
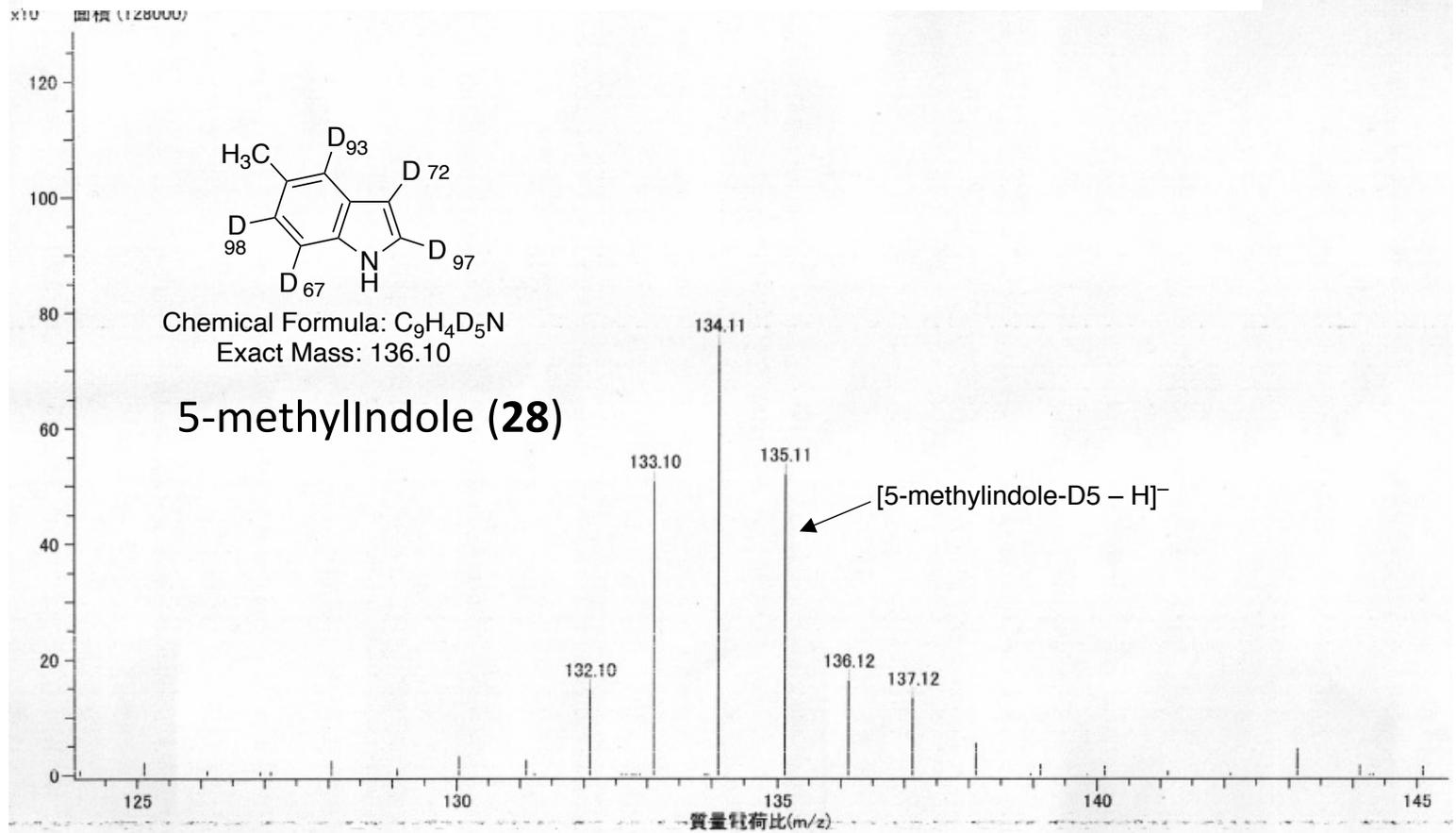
**Figure S50.** TOF-MS (ESI<sup>-</sup>) spectra of deuterated 2-methylindole (**26**)



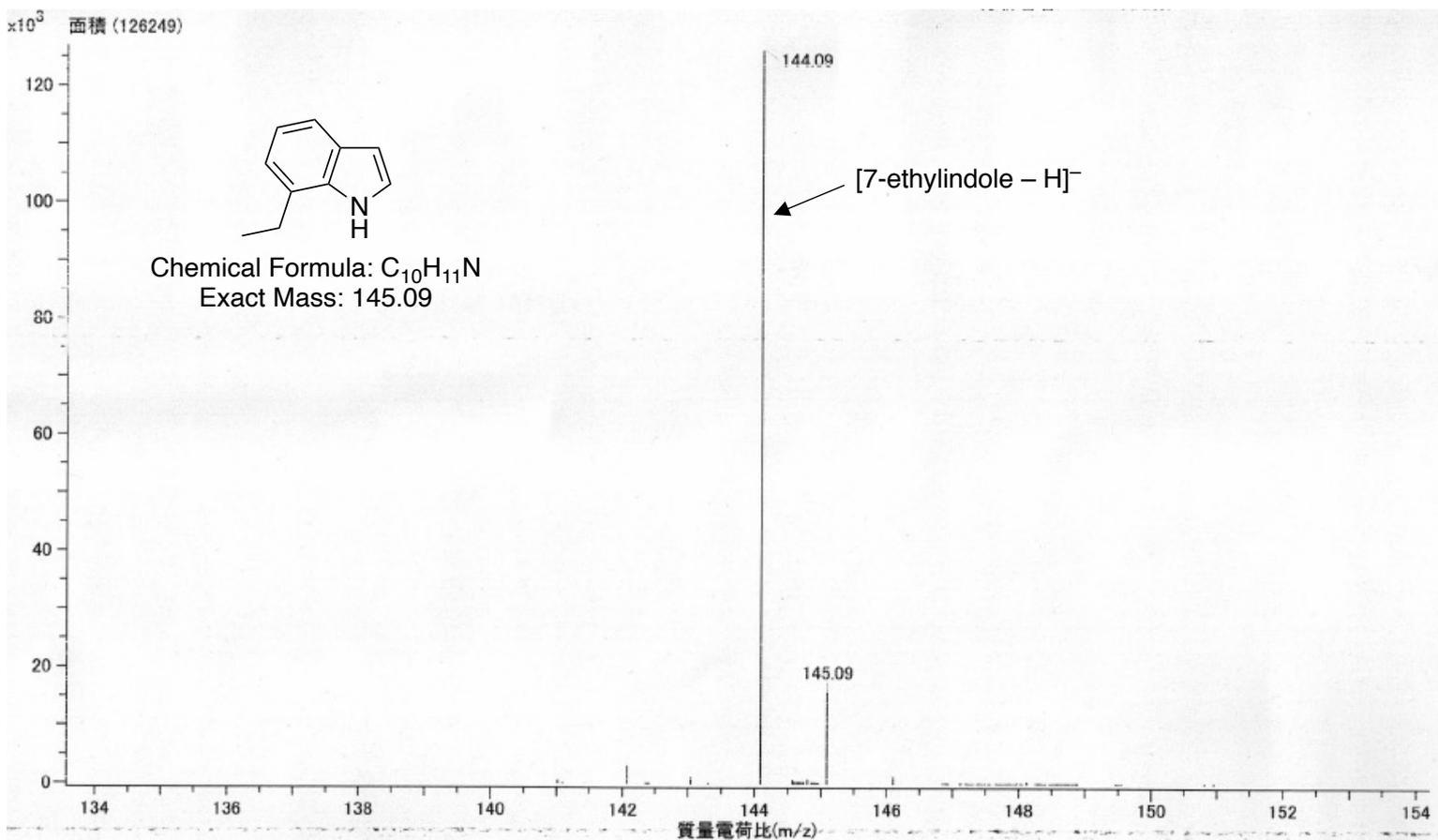
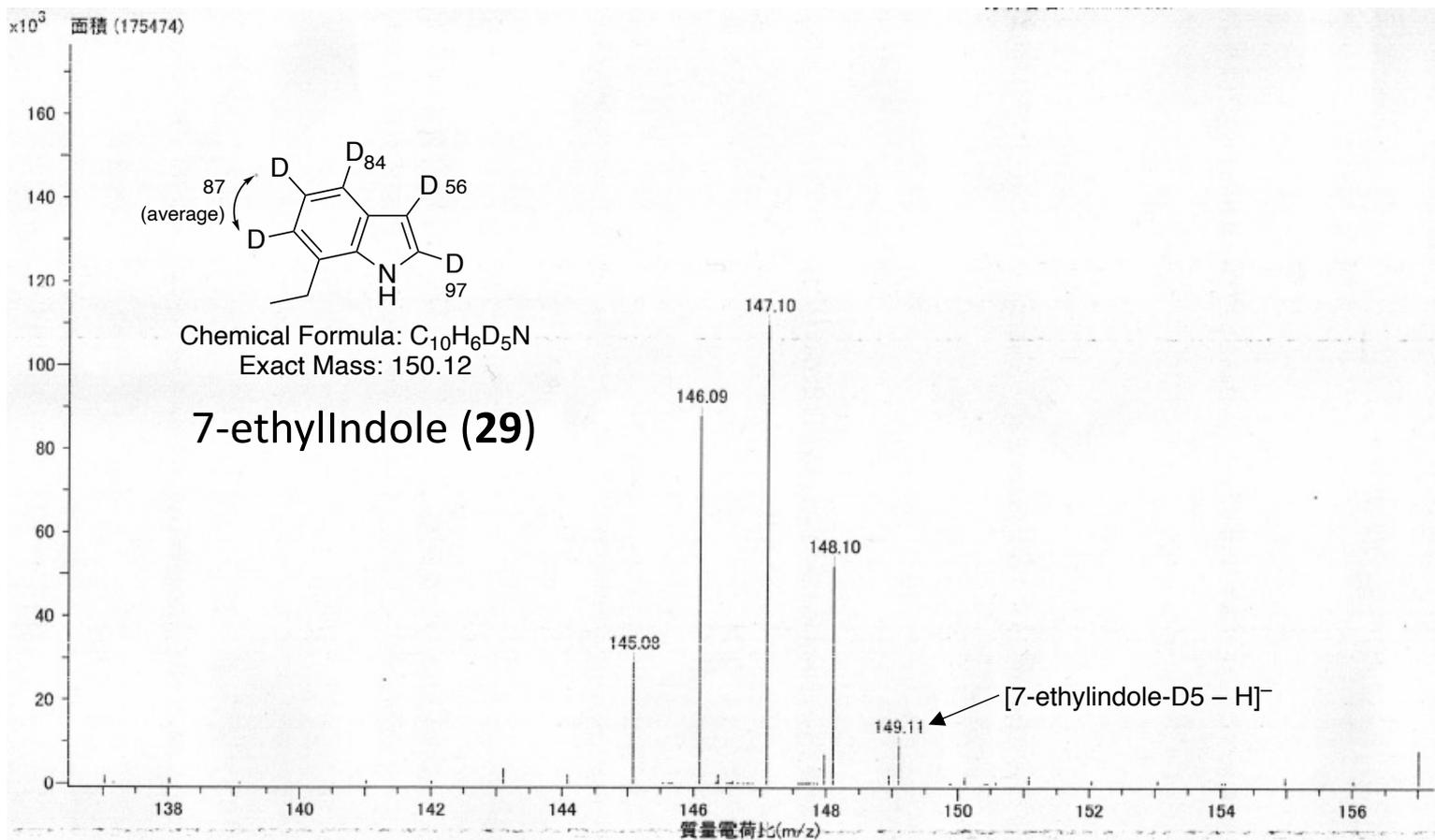
**Figure S51.** TOF-MS (ESI<sup>-</sup>) spectra of deuterated 4-methylindole (**27**)



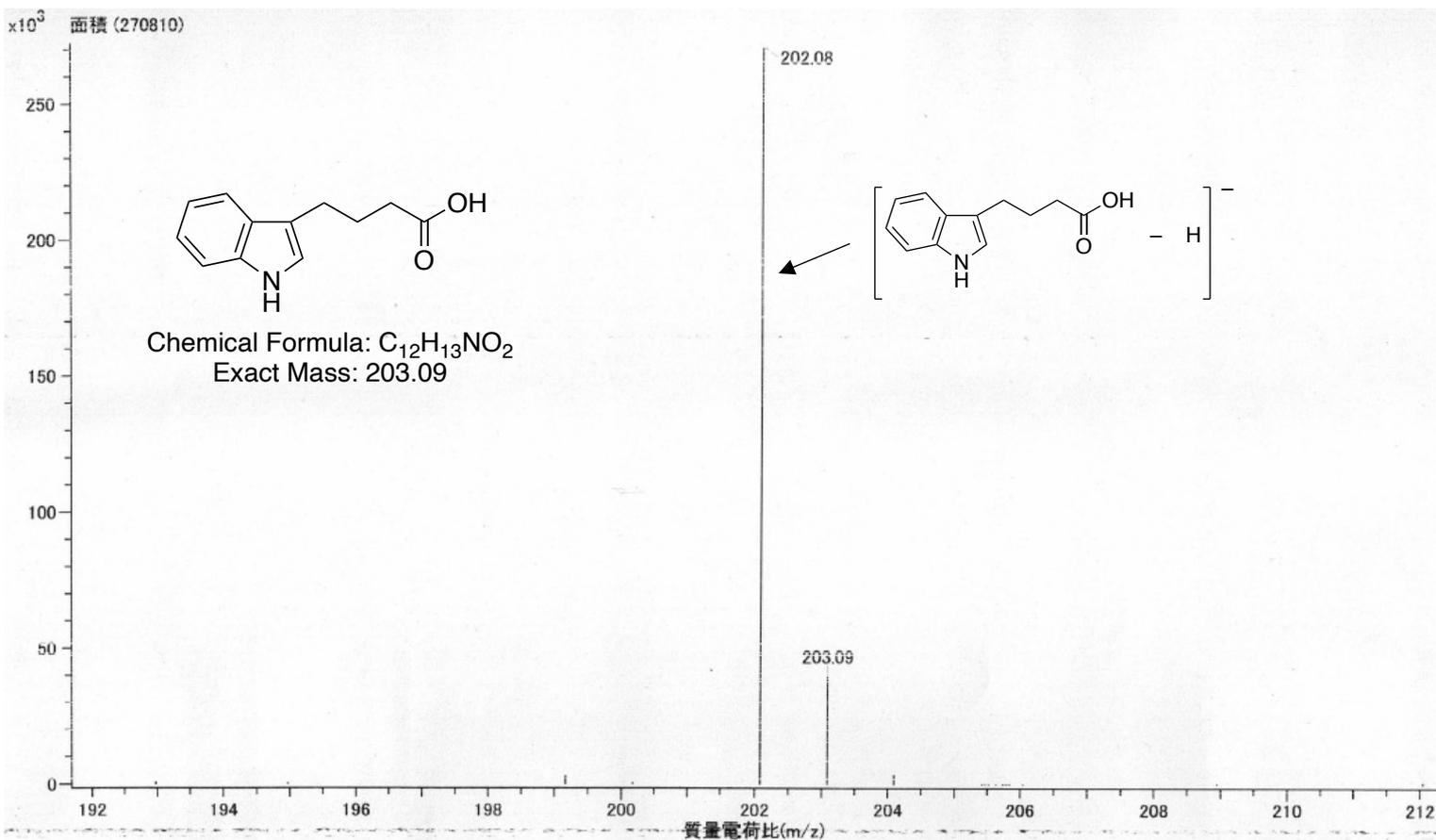
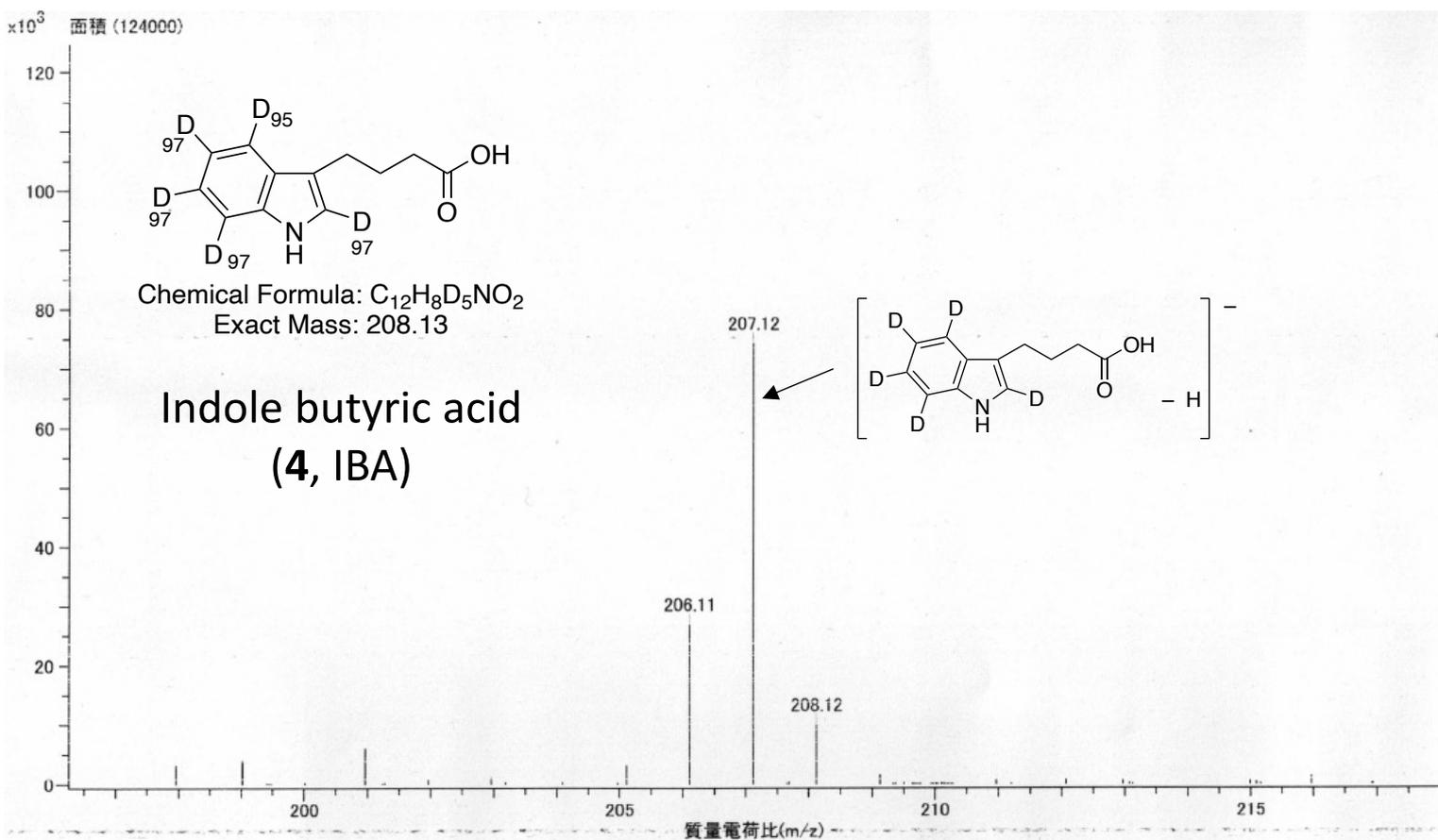
**Figure S52.** TOF-MS (ESI<sup>-</sup>) spectra of deuterated 5-methylindole (**28**)



**Figure S53.** TOF-MS (ESI<sup>-</sup>) spectra of deuterated 7-ethylindole (**29**)



**Figure S54.** TOF-MS (ESI<sup>-</sup>) spectra of deuterated IBA (**4**)



**Figure S55.** TOF-MS (ESI<sup>-</sup>) spectra of deuterated IAA (**3**)

