

Supporting Information

Asymmetric Dearomatization of 1-Aminonaphthalene Derivatives by Gold-Catalyzed Intramolecular Double C–C Bond Formation

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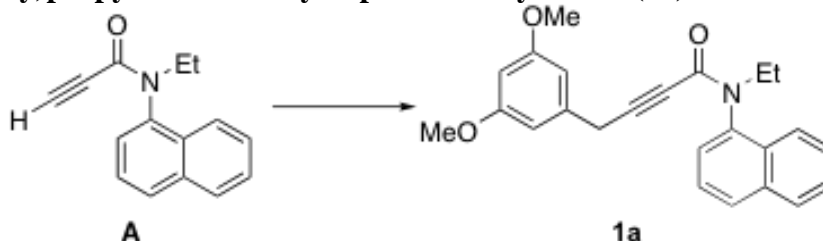
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I. General

Infrared spectra (IR) analyses were carried out on a JASCO FT/IR-6200. ¹H and ¹³C NMR data were collected on a JEOL AL-300 (300 MHz) and a JEOL JNM-ECA500 (500 MHz) at ambient temperature. HRMS data were obtained on a Bruker micrOTOF Focus II. Anhydrous (CH₂Cl)₂ (No. 28,450-5) and CH₃CN (No. 27,100-4) were obtained from Aldrich and used as received. Solvents for the synthesis of substrates were dried over Molecular Sieves 4A (Wako) prior to use. *N*-Benzylalkynylamido **4**¹ was already reported. All reagents were obtained from commercial sources and used as received. All reactions were carried out under an atmosphere of argon or nitrogen in oven-dried glassware with magnetic stirring.

II. Synthesis of *N*-Aryl Alkynylamides

3-(3,5-Dimethoxy)propynoic acid ethynaphthalen-1-ylamide (**1a**)



To a stirred solution of dicyclohexylcarbodiimide (DCC, 2.27 g, 11.0 mmol) and 4-dimethylaminopyridine (DMAP, 0.12 g, 1.0 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (20 mL) was added *N*-ethyl-1-naphthylamine (1.71 g, 10.0 mmol). After cooling to 0 °C, propiolic acid (0.770 g, 11.0 mmol) was added dropwise to the reaction mixture and the mixture was stirring at room temperature for overnight. Urea was removed by filtration through a paper and a short pad of silica gel

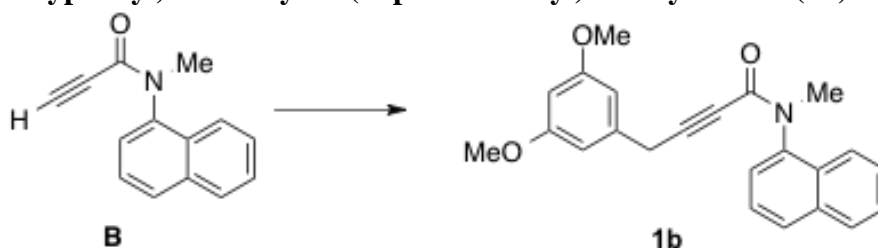
(hexane/EtOAc = 3:1). The residue was then submitted to column chromatography on silica gel (hexane/EtOAc = 3:1) to give propiolamide **A** (1.29 g, 7.5 mmol) as a pale yellow solid in 75% yield from *N*-ethyl-1-naphthylamine.

¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz) δ 7.96–7.91 (m, 2H), 7.89–7.81 (m, 0.9H), 7.74–7.71 (m, 0.1H), 7.62–7.49 (m, 3H), 7.41 (dd, *J* = 7.1, 0.9 Hz, 0.9H), 7.34 (dd, *J* = 7.1, 0.9 Hz, 0.1H), 4.29 (dq, *J* = 13.9, 7.1 Hz, 1H), 3.90 (dq, *J* = 13.9, 7.1 Hz, 0.1H), 3.41 (dq, *J* = 13.9, 7.1 Hz, 0.9H), 3.25 (s, 0.1H), 2.53 (s, 0.9H), 1.26 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 0.3H), 1.19 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2.7H).

Propiolamide **A** (135 mg, 0.600 mmol) was added to a mixture of 3,5-dimethoxybenzyl bromide (60.0 mg, 0.300 mmol), copper(I) iodide (57.1 mg, 0.300 mmol), potassium carbonate (41.5 mg, 0.300 mmol), and tetrabutylammonium iodide (72.7 mg, 0.300 mmol) in dry acetonitrile (4 mL). The resulting slurry was stirred at 40 °C for 4 d. The reaction mixture was then diluted with saturated aqueous ammonium chloride and extracted twice with diethyl ether. The combined organic layers were dried over Na₂SO₄ and passed through a filter to remove the drying agent. The filtrate was concentrated and purified on silica gel column chromatography (hexane/EtOAc/CH₂Cl₂ = 3:1:3) to afford **1a** in 57% yield from **A**.

Orange sticky oil; IR (KBr) 2970, 2936, 2232, 1634, 1597 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz) δ 7.88–7.82 (m, 3H), 7.56–7.34 (m, 4H), 6.57 (d, *J* = 2.2 Hz, 0.2H), 6.40 (t, *J* = 2.2 Hz, 0.1H), 6.21 (t, *J* = 2.2 Hz, 0.9H), 5.87 (d, *J* = 2.2 Hz, 1.8H), 4.29 (dq, *J* = 13.9, 6.9 Hz, 1H), 3.81 (s, 0.6H), 3.65 (s, 5.4H), 3.50 (dq, *J* = 13.9, 6.9 Hz, 1H), 3.25 (d, *J* = 18.7 Hz, 1H), 3.18 (d, *J* = 18.7 Hz, 1H), 1.24 (t, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 0.3H), 1.17 (t, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 2.7H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 125 MHz) δ 160.6, 154.6, 137.5, 136.5, 134.4, 130.8, 128.9, 128.4, 127.2, 127.0, 126.3, 125.2, 122.6, 105.7, 98.6, 89.9, 76.8, 55.1, 43.4, 25.1, 13.1; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₂₄H₂₃O₃NNa [M+Na]⁺ 396.1570, found 396.1584.

4-(3,5-Dimethoxyphenyl)-*N*-methyl-*N*-(naphthalen-1-yl)but-2-ynamide (**1b**)



N-1-Naphthalenylpropiolamide (0.586 g, 3.00 mmol) and iodomethane (0.28 mL, 4.5 mmol) was added to K₂CO₃ (0.456 g, 3.30 mmol) in CH₃CN (30 mL) at room temperature, and the mixture was stirred for overnight. The reaction was quenched with water and extracted with Et₂O. The organic layer was dried over Na₂SO₄, concentrated, and purified on silica gel column chromatography (hexane/EtOAc = 3:1) to afford propiolamide **B** as a pale yellow solid in 55% yield from *N*-1-naphthylpropiolamide.

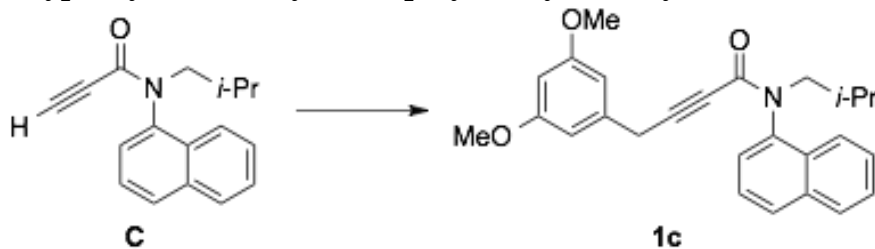
¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz) δ 7.96–7.90 (m, 2H), 7.83–7.79 (m, 1H), 7.61–7.54 (m, 2H), 7.51 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.45 (dd, *J* = 7.1, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 3.67 (s, 0.3H), 3.43 (s, 2.7H), 3.31 (s, 0.1H), 2.56 (s, 0.9H).

The title compound **1b** was prepared from propiolamide **B** and 3,5-dimethoxybenzyl bromide in 47% yield by the procedure used for **1a**.

Orange oil; IR (neat) 2937, 2838, 2232, 1640, 1597 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz) δ 7.90–7.79 (m, 3H), 7.58–7.48 (m, 2H), 7.47–7.39 (m, 1.9H), 7.37–7.35 (m, 0.1H), 6.57 (d, *J* = 2.2 Hz, 0.2H), 6.39 (t, *J* = 2.2 Hz, 0.1H), 6.21 (t, *J* = 2.2 Hz, 0.9H), 5.88 (d, *J* = 2.2 Hz, 1.8H), 3.82 (s, 0.6H), 3.65 (s, 5.4H), 3.42 (s, 2.7H), 3.32 (s, 0.3H), 3.27 (d, *J* = 19.1 Hz, 1H), 3.19 (d, *J* = 19.1 Hz, 1H), 2.17 (s, 0.1H), 1.66 (s, 0.9H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 125 MHz) δ 160.6, 155.0, 139.2, 136.4,

134.4, 130.3, 128.9, 128.5, 127.1, 126.4, 126.1, 125.4, 122.3, 105.6, 98.6, 90.3, 76.5, 55.1, 36.5, 25.1; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $C_{23}H_{21}O_3NNa$ $[M+Na]^+$ 382.1414, found 382.1406.

4-(3,5-Dimethoxyphenyl)-*N*-isobutyl-*N*-(naphthalen-1-yl)but-2-ynamide (**1c**)



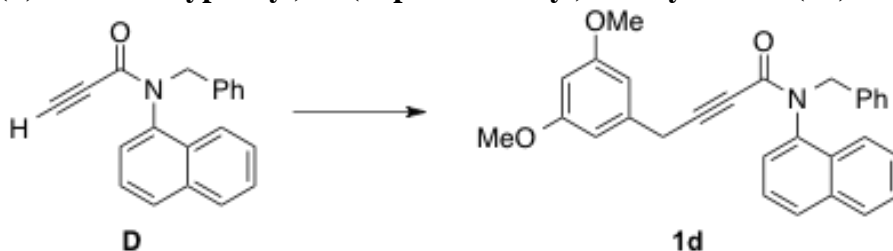
N-Isobutyl-*N*-(naphthalen-1-yl)propiolamide **C** was prepared from *N*-isobutylnaphthylamine with propiolic acid as a pale yellow solid in 65% yield by the procedure for propiolamide **A**.

1H NMR ($CDCl_3$, 300 MHz) δ 7.95–7.88 (m, 1.8H), 7.86–7.80 (m, 1H), 7.74–7.72 (m, 0.2H), 7.61–7.43 (m, 3.8H), 7.36–7.32 (m, 0.2H), 4.25 (dd, J = 13.3, 9.3 Hz, 0.9H), 4.12 (dd, J = 13.3, 9.3 Hz, 0.1 H), 3.65 (dd, J = 13.3, 5.3 Hz, 0.1H), 3.16 (dd, J = 13.3, 5.3 Hz, 0.9H), 2.56 (s, 0.9H), 2.05 (s, 0.1H), 1.94–1.80 (m, 1H), 1.08 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 0.3H), 1.04 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 2.7H), 0.93 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 0.3H), 0.90 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 2.7H).

The title compound **1d** was prepared from propiolamide **C** and 3,5-dimethoxybenzyl bromide in 63% yield from **C** by the procedure used for **1a**.

Orange sticky oil; IR (KBr) 2960, 2229, 1644, 1597 cm^{-1} ; 1H NMR ($CDCl_3$, 500 MHz) δ 7.90–7.79 (m, 2.8H), 7.74–7.73 (m, 0.1H), 7.55–7.47 (m, 2.2H), 7.44–7.39 (m, 1.8H), 7.33 (dd, J = 7.5, 1.2 Hz, 0.1H), 6.56 (d, J = 2.3 Hz, 0.2H), 6.39 (t, J = 2.3 Hz, 0.1H), 6.21 (t, J = 2.3 Hz, 0.9H), 5.86 (d, J = 2.3 Hz, 1.8H), 4.24 (dd, J = 13.3, 9.2 Hz, 0.9H), 4.08 (dd, J = 13.3, 9.2 Hz, 0.1H), 3.80 (s, 0.6H), 3.65 (s, 5.4H), 3.56 (dd, J = 13.3, 5.6 Hz, 0.1H), 3.24 (d, J = 19.0 Hz, 1H), 3.19 (d, J = 19.0 Hz, 1H), 3.14 (dd, J = 13.3, 5.6 Hz, 0.9H), 1.89–1.76 (m, 1H), 1.02 (d, J = 6.7 Hz, 2.7H), 1.01 (d, J = 6.7 Hz, 0.3H), 0.88 (d, J = 6.7 Hz, 2.7H), 0.86 (d, J = 6.7 Hz, 0.3H); ^{13}C NMR ($CDCl_3$, 75 MHz) δ 160.6, 155.3, 138.0, 136.6, 134.5, 130.5, 128.9, 128.5, 127.3, 127.0, 126.2, 125.1, 122.5, 105.7, 98.6, 90.4, 76.8, 55.2, 55.1, 27.5, 25.1, 20.3, 20.1; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $C_{26}H_{27}O_3NNa$ $[M+Na]^+$ 424.1883, found 424.1901.

N-Benzyl-4-(3,5-dimethoxyphenyl)-*N*-(naphthalen-1-yl)but-2-ynamide (**1d**)



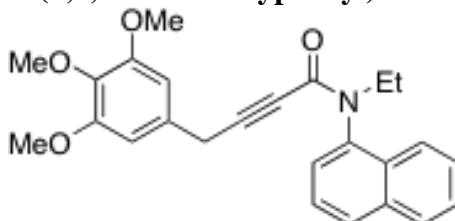
N-Benzyl-*N*-(naphthalen-1-yl)propiolamide **D** was obtained as a pale yellow solid in 81% yield from *N*-1-naphthalenylpropiolamide with benzyl iodide by the procedure for **B**.

1H NMR ($CDCl_3$, 300 MHz) δ 7.93–7.89 (m, 1H), 7.87 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.81–7.77 (m, 0.9 H), 7.68–7.67 (m, 0.1H), 7.57–7.53 (m, 1.8H), 7.51–7.49 (m, 0.2H), 7.37–7.32 (m, 1H), 7.28–7.17 (m, 5H), 7.00 (dd, J = 7.5, 1.2 Hz, 0.9H), 6.92 (dd, J = 7.5, 1.2 Hz, 0.1H), 5.68 (d, J = 14.3 Hz, 0.1H), 5.66 (d, J = 14.3 Hz, 0.9H), 4.72 (d, J = 14.3 Hz, 0.1H), 4.35 (d, J = 14.3 Hz, 0.9H), 3.35 (s, 0.1H), 2.54 (s, 0.9H).

The title compound **1d** was prepared from propiolamide **D** and 3,5-dimethoxybenzyl bromide in 21% yield from **D** by the procedure used for **1a**.

Orange sticky oil; IR (KBr) 2937, 2837, 2242, 1638, 1596 cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 500 MHz) δ 7.87–7.83 (m, 1H), 7.79–7.77 (m, 2H), 7.53–7.48 (m, 2H), 7.30–7.17 (m, 6H), 6.98 (d, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 0.9H), 6.93 (d, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 0.1H), 6.54 (d, $J = 2.3$ Hz, 0.2H), 6.37 (t, $J = 2.3$ Hz, 0.1H), 6.20 (t, $J = 2.3$ Hz, 0.9H), 5.84 (d, $J = 2.3$ Hz, 1.8H), 5.68 (d, $J = 14.3$ Hz, 0.9H), 5.67 (d, $J = 14.3$ Hz, 0.1H), 4.66 (d, $J = 14.3$ Hz, 0.1H), 4.31 (d, $J = 14.3$ Hz, 0.9H), 3.74 (s, 0.6H), 3.64 (s, 5.4H), 3.22 (d, $J = 18.9$ Hz, 1H), 3.17 (d, $J = 18.9$ Hz, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 125 MHz) δ 160.6, 137.2, 136.8, 136.4, 134.4, 130.5, 129.3, 129.0, 128.5, 128.4, 127.7, 127.6, 127.1, 126.3, 125.1, 122.4, 105.7, 98.6, 90.7, 76.5, 55.2, 51.9, 29.7, 25.2; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{29}\text{H}_{25}\text{O}_3\text{NNa}$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ 458.1727, found 458.1746.

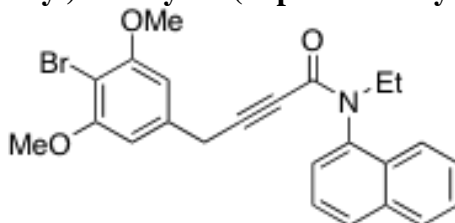
***N*-Ethyl-*N*-(naphthalen-1-yl)-4-(3,4,5-trimethoxyphenyl)but-2-ynamide (1e)**



The title compound **1e** was prepared from propiolamide **A** and 3,4,5-trimethoxybenzyl chloride in 94% yield from **A** by the procedure used for **1a**.

Orange sticky oil; IR (KBr) 2937, 2233, 1638, 1593 cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 500 MHz) δ 7.88–7.80 (m, 3H), 7.54–7.48 (m, 2H), 7.41–7.38 (m, 1H), 7.34 (dd, $J = 6.9, 1.2$ Hz, 1H), 6.62 (s, 0.2H), 5.96 (s, 1.8H), 4.27 (dq, $J = 14.3, 7.5$ Hz, 1H), 3.89 (s, 0.6H), 3.85 (s, 0.3H), 3.77 (s, 2.7H), 3.64 (s, 5.4H), 3.49 (dq, $J = 14.3, 7.5$ Hz, 1H), 3.22 (d, $J = 18.9$ Hz, 1H), 3.18 (d, $J = 18.9$ Hz, 1H), 1.23 (t, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 0.3H), 1.15 (t, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 2.7H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 125 MHz) δ 154.6, 153.0, 137.5, 136.6, 134.4, 130.8, 130.0, 128.8, 128.4, 127.1, 127.0, 126.4, 125.1, 122.6, 104.6, 90.1, 76.8, 60.8, 56.0, 43.4, 25.3, 13.1; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{25}\text{H}_{25}\text{O}_4\text{NNa}$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ 426.1676, found 426.1686.

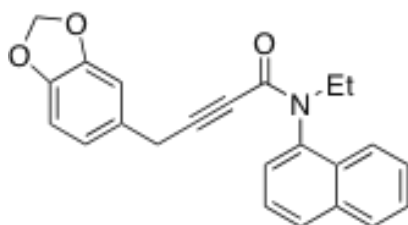
4-(4-Bromo-3,5-dimethoxyphenyl)-*N*-ethyl-*N*-(naphthalen-1-yl)but-2-ynamide (1f)



The title compound **1f** was prepared from amide **A** and 4-bromo-3,5-dimethoxybenzyl bromide in 24% yield from **A** by the procedure used for **1a**.

Yellow solid; Mp 113.0–113.6 $^{\circ}\text{C}$; IR (KBr) 2974, 2936, 2240, 1638, 1591 cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 500 MHz) δ 7.88–7.71 (m, 3H), 7.51–7.45 (m, 2H), 7.35 (t, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.31 (dd, $J = 7.5, 1.2$ Hz, 1H), 6.63 (s, 0.2H), 5.91 (s, 1.8H), 4.24 (dq, $J = 14.3, 7.5$ Hz, 1H), 3.92 (s, 0.6H), 3.65 (s, 5.4H), 3.51 (dq, $J = 14.3, 7.5$ Hz, 1H), 3.19 (s, 2H), 1.22 (t, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 0.3H), 1.15 (t, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 2.7H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 75 MHz) δ 156.7, 154.4, 137.4, 135.1, 134.3, 130.7, 128.8, 128.4, 126.9, 126.3, 125.0, 122.5, 104.2, 99.0, 89.4, 77.2, 56.2, 43.4, 25.3, 13.0; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{22}\text{O}_3\text{BrNNa}$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ 474.0675, found 474.0692.

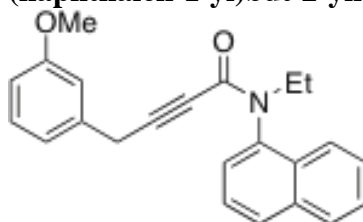
4-(Benzo[d][1,3]dioxol-5-yl)-*N*-ethyl-*N*-(naphthalen-1-yl)but-2-ynamide (1g)



The title compound **1g** was prepared from propiolamide **A** and 3,4-methylenedioxybenzyl bromide in 94% yield by the procedure used for **1a**.

Orange sticky oil; IR (KBr) 2977, 2893, 2239, 1634, 1595 cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 500 MHz) δ 7.93–7.85 (m, 3H), 7.57–7.39 (m, 3H), 7.40 (dd, $J = 7.4, 1.2$ Hz, 1H), 6.41 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 1H), 5.97–5.94 (m, 1H), 5.87 (s, 2H), 5.79 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 4.26 (dq, $J = 14.0, 7.0$ Hz, 1H), 3.80 (s, 0.2H), 3.57 (dq, $J = 14.0, 7.0$ Hz, 1H), 3.22 (s, 1.8H), 1.23 (t, $J = 7.0$ Hz, 0.3H), 1.19 (t, $J = 7.0$ Hz, 2.7H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 75 MHz) δ 154.6, 147.3, 146.0, 137.6, 134.4, 131.0, 128.9, 128.4, 127.8, 127.1, 127.1, 126.4, 125.3, 122.6, 120.1, 107.9, 107.8, 100.8, 90.0, 76.9, 43.4, 24.4, 13.1; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{19}\text{O}_3\text{NNa}$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ 380.1260, found 380.1257.

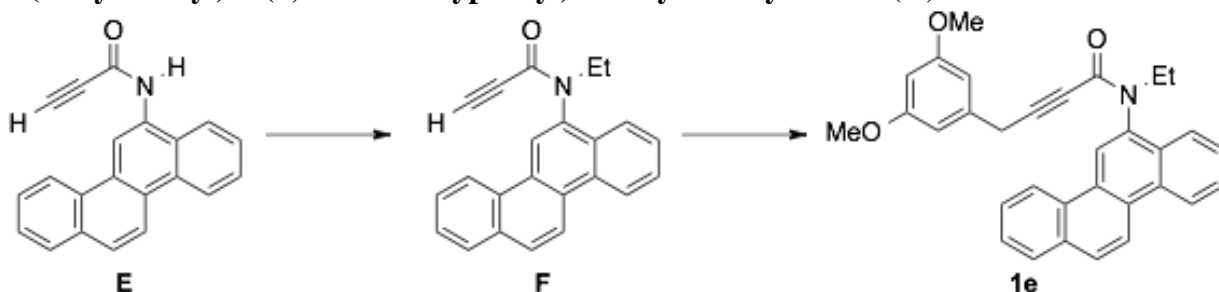
4-(3-Methoxyphenyl)-*N*-ethyl-*N*-(naphthalen-1-yl)but-2-ynamide (**1h**)



The title compound **1h** was prepared from amide **A** and 3-methoxybenzyl bromide in 27% yield from **A** by the procedure used for **1a**.

Orange oil; IR (neat) 2935, 2235, 1634, 1598 cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 500 MHz) δ 7.92–7.83 (m, 3H), 7.57–7.49 (m, 2H), 7.46–7.44 (m, 0.9H), 7.40–7.38 (m, 0.9H), 7.34–7.25 (m, 0.2H), 6.87 (t, $J = 8.3$ Hz, 1H), 6.62 (dd, $J = 8.3, 2.3$ Hz, 1H), 6.27 (s, 1H), 5.87 (d, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 1H), 4.27 (dq, $J = 14.3, 6.9$ Hz, 1H), 3.83 (s, 0.3H), 3.66 (s, 2.7H), 3.54 (dq, $J = 14.3, 6.9$ Hz, 1H), 3.29 (d, $J = 19.5$ Hz, 1H), 3.25 (d, $J = 19.5$ Hz, 1H), 1.23 (t, $J = 6.9$ Hz, 0.3H), 1.18 (t, $J = 6.9$ Hz, 2.7H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 125 MHz) δ 159.3, 154.6, 137.5, 135.6, 134.4, 130.9, 129.2, 128.9, 128.3, 127.2, 127.1, 126.4, 125.3, 122.6, 119.4, 113.0, 111.9, 90.0, 76.9, 55.0, 43.4, 24.8, 13.0; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{21}\text{O}_2\text{NNa}$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ 366.1465, found 366.1453.

N-(Chrysen-6-yl)-4-(3,5-dimethoxyphenyl)-*N*-ethylbut-2-ynamide (**1i**)



To a stirred solution of 2,3-dichloro-5,6-dicyano-*p*-benzoquinone (DDQ, 0.545 g, 2.40 mmol) and PPh_3 (0.630 g, 2.40 mmol) in CH_2Cl_2 (20 mL) was added 6-aminochrysene (0.500 g, 2.00 mmol). After cooling to 0 $^\circ\text{C}$, propiolic acid (0.140 g, 2.00 mmol) was added dropwise to this mixture and the resulting mixture was stirred at room temperature for overnight. The reaction was quenched with 0.4 N HCl and extracted with CH_2Cl_2 . The organic layer was dried over Na_2SO_4 , concentrated,

and purified on silica gel column chromatography (hexane/EtOAc/toluene = 3:1:2) to afford **E** as a pale yellow solid in 50% yield from 6-aminochrysene.

¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz) δ 9.3 (s, 1H), 8.87–8.84 (m, 1H), 8.77–8.73 (m, 1H), 8.70–8.65 (m, 1H), 8.05–7.97 (m, 3H), 7.78–7.61 (m, 4H), 3.08 (s, 0.9H), 2.36 (s, 0.1H).

N-(Chrysen-6-yl)-*N*-ethylpropiolamide **F** was prepared from propiolamide **E** and iodoethane as a pale yellow solid in 49% yield by the procedure for **B**.

¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz) δ 8.88–8.85 (m, 0.9H), 0.82–8.79 (m, 0.1H), 8.76–8.72 (m, 1.8H), 8.65 (s, 1H), 8.60–8.58 (m, 0.2H), 8.11–7.98 (m, 3H), 7.82–7.61 (m, 4H), 4.43 (dq, *J* = 13.9, 7.1 Hz, 1H), 3.61 (dq, *J* = 13.9, 7.1 Hz, 0.9H), 3.48 (dq, *J* = 13.9, 7.1 Hz, 0.1H), 2.45 (s, 0.9H), 2.36 (s, 0.1H), 1.36 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 0.3H), 1.29 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2.7H).

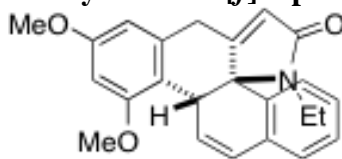
The title compound **1i** was prepared from propiolamide **F** and 3,5-dimethoxybenzyl bromide in 25% yield by the procedure used for **1a**.

Orange sticky oil; IR (KBr) 2965, 2934, 2236, 1637, 1597 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 500 MHz) δ 8.82 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 0.1H), 8.79 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 0.9H), 8.69 (d, *J* = 9.2 Hz, 1H), 8.65 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 8.59 (s, 0.9H), 8.57 (s, 0.1H), 8.05 (d, *J* = 9.2 Hz, 1H), 8.04–7.97 (m, 2H), 7.75–7.63 (m, 4H), 6.60 (d, *J* = 2.3 Hz, 0.2H), 6.41 (t, *J* = 2.3 Hz, 0.1H), 6.93 (t, *J* = 2.3 Hz, 0.9H), 5.68 (t, *J* = 2.3 Hz, 1.8H), 4.43 (m, 1H), 3.97 (dq, *J* = 14.3, 6.9 Hz, 0.1H), 3.83 (s, 0.6H), 3.60 (dq, *J* = 14.3, 6.9 Hz, 1H), 3.35 (s, 5.4H), 3.1 (s, 2H), 1.33 (t, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 0.3H), 1.25 (t, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 2.7H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 125 MHz) δ 160.3, 154.8, 136.6, 136.4, 132.2, 131.6, 130.3, 129.6, 128.6, 128.4, 128.2, 127.6, 127.2, 127.0, 126.7, 123.7, 123.4, 123.0, 122.7, 120.9, 105.2, 98.7, 90.5, 76.9, 54.8, 43.5, 25.2, 13.2; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₃₂H₂₇O₃NNa [M+Na]⁺ 496.1883, found 496.1866.

III. Gold-Catalyzed Dearomatization via Intramolecular Double C-C Bond Formation

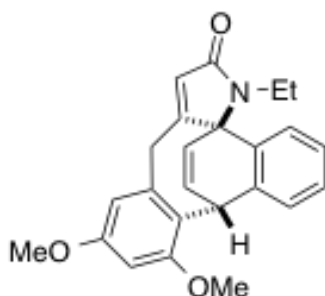
Representative procedure: (*R*)-Xyl-BINAP-(AuCl)₂ (12.0 mg, 0.010 mmol) and AgSbF₆ (6.9 mg, 0.020 mmol) were dissolved in (CH₂Cl)₂ (1.0 mL), which was added to a solution of **1a** (74.7 mg, 0.200 mmol) in (CH₂Cl)₂ (1.0 mL) at 0 °C. The mixture was stirred at 0 °C for 72 h. The resulting solution was concentrated and purified by preparative TLC (hexane/EtOAc = 1:1), which furnished (+)-**2a** (50.2 mg, 0.134 mmol, 67% yield, 87% ee) and (+)-**3a** (17.4 mg, 0.0466 mol, 23% yield, 44% ee).

(+)-5-Ethyl-10,12-dimethoxy-8,12b-dihydrobenzo[*f*]naphtho[2,1-*h*]indol-6(5*H*)-one [(+)-**2a**]



Colorless solid; Mp 209.7–211.0 °C; [α]_D²⁵ +742° (*c* 2.28, CHCl₃, 87% ee); IR (KBr) 2968, 2932, 1675, 1607, 1583 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 500 MHz) δ 7.23 (td, *J* = 7.5, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.27 (td, *J* = 7.5, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.07 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.00 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.90 (dd, *J* = 10.3, 5.7 Hz, 1H), 6.46 (d, *J* = 10.3 Hz, 1H), 6.29 (d, *J* = 2.3 Hz, 1H), 6.13 (d, *J* = 2.3 Hz, 1H), 6.10 (s, 1H), 3.92 (d, *J* = 5.7 Hz, 1H), 3.82 (s, 3H), 3.71 (s, 3H), 3.63 (s, 2H), 3.34 (dq, *J* = 14.3, 7.2 Hz, 1H), 3.11 (dq, *J* = 14.3, 7.2 Hz, 1H), 0.88 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 125 MHz) δ 169.7, 161.1, 159.2, 158.0, 135.4, 133.5, 130.3, 129.5, 128.9, 128.5, 126.8, 126.1, 124.9, 120.3, 118.1, 103.9, 97.5, 66.6, 55.3, 55.2, 44.7, 35.5, 31.4, 14.4; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₂₄H₂₃O₃NNa [M+Na]⁺ 396.1570, found 396.1554; CHIRALPAK AD-H, hexane/2-PrOH = 5:1, 1.0 mL/min, retention times: 13.2 min (major isomer) and 25.9 min (minor isomer).

(+)-1-Ethyl-6,8-dimethoxy-4,9-dihydro-9,13b-ethenodibenzo[4,5:7,8]cycloocta[1,2-*b*]pyrrol-2(1*H*)-one [(+)-3a**]**



Colorless solid; Mp 70.5–72.0 °C; $[\alpha]_D^{25} +85^\circ$ (*c* 0.315, CHCl₃, 44% ee); IR (KBr) 2936, 2838, 1692, 1602, 1581 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 500 MHz) δ 7.40–7.38 (m, 1H), 7.28–7.23 (m, 2H), 7.14–7.11 (m, 1H), 6.46 (dd, *J* = 9.0, 6.2 Hz, 1H), 6.42 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 6.21 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 5.78 (d, *J* = 1.7 Hz, 1H), 5.74 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 5.58 (d, *J* = 6.2 Hz, 1H), 3.92 (s, 3H), 3.74 (s, 3H), 3.57 (dq, *J* = 14.3, 7.3 Hz, 1H), 3.53 (d, *J* = 16.2 Hz, 1H), 3.44 (dq, *J* = 14.3, 7.3 Hz, 1H), 3.16 (dd, *J* = 16.2, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 1.35 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 125 MHz) δ 165.9, 156.7, 151.7, 150.6, 131.4, 130.4, 128.9, 128.1, 122.2, 121.2, 120.5, 120.3, 118.3, 115.4, 113.9, 102.8, 90.5, 66.5, 49.4, 48.5, 32.1, 31.4, 30.0, 7.8; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₂₄H₂₃O₃NNa [M+Na]⁺ 396.1570, found 396.1567; CHIRALPAK AD-H, hexane/2-PrOH = 5:1, 1.0 mL/min, retention times: 10.7 min (minor isomer) and 17.2 min (major isomer).

The structure of this unexpected eight-membered dearomatization product was determined by the X-ray crystallographic analysis of (±)-**3a** (Figure S-1).

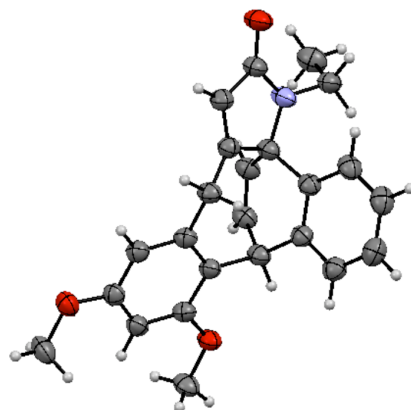
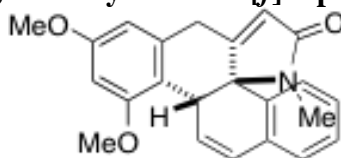


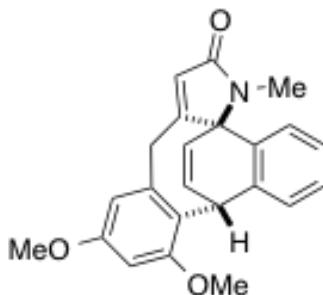
Figure S-1. ORTEP diagram of (±)-**3a** with ellipsoids at 30% probability.

(+)-10,12-Dimethoxy-5-methyl-8,12b-dihydrobenzo[*f*]naphtho[2,1-*h*]indol-6(5*H*)-one [(+)-2b**]**



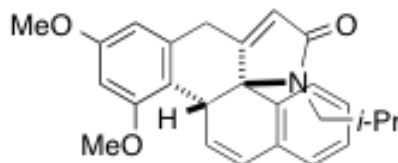
Colorless solid; Mp 173.1–175.0 °C; $[\alpha]_D^{25} +719^\circ$ (*c* 1.84, CHCl₃, 87% ee); IR (KBr) 2957, 2935, 1685, 1602, 1587 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 500 MHz) δ 7.25 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.18 (td, *J* = 7.5, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.08 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 6.98 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 6.86 (dd, *J* = 9.7, 5.9 Hz, 1H), 6.45 (d, *J* = 9.7 Hz, 1H), 6.29 (d, *J* = 2.3 Hz, 1H), 6.14 (d, *J* = 2.3 Hz, 1H), 6.1 (s, 1H), 3.83 (d, *J* = 5.9 Hz, 1H), 3.82 (s, 3H), 3.71 (s, 3H), 3.65 (s, 2H), 2.69 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 125 MHz) δ 169.5, 161.3, 159.3, 158.1, 135.7, 133.5, 129.6, 129.2, 128.9, 128.5, 126.8, 126.1, 124.8, 120.3, 118.0, 103.9, 97.5, 66.5, 55.3, 55.2, 44.1, 31.5, 25.4; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₂₂H₂₁O₃NNa [M+Na]⁺ 382.1414, found 382.1401; CHIRALPAK AD-H, hexane/2-PrOH = 5:1, 1.0 mL/min, retention times: 14.0 min (major isomer) and 30.5 min (minor isomer).

(-)-6,8-Dimethoxy-1-methyl-4,9-dihydro-9,13b-ethenodibenzo[4,5:7,8]cycloocta[1,2-*b*]-pyrrol-2(1*H*)-one [(-)-3b]



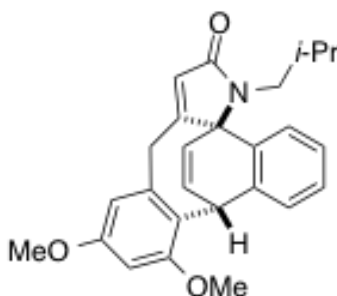
Yellow solid; Mp 224.5 °C (decomposition); $[\alpha]_D^{25} -59^\circ$ (*c* 0.38, CHCl₃, 48% ee); IR (KBr) 2964, 2938, 1694, 1597, 1568 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 500 MHz) δ 7.32–7.30 (m, 1H), 7.24–7.21 (m, 2H), 7.00–6.98 (m, 1H), 6.50 (d, *J* = 2.3 Hz, 1H), 6.30 (d, *J* = 2.3 Hz, 1H), 6.11 (dd, *J* = 9.2, 6.3 Hz, 1H), 6.04 (t, *J* = 2.3 Hz, 1H), 5.96 (d, *J* = 9.2 Hz, 1H), 5.67 (d, *J* = 6.3 Hz, 1H), 3.95 (s, 3H), 3.72 (s, 3H), 3.49–3.38 (m, 2H), 2.94 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 125 MHz) δ 172.8, 157.9, 157.4, 144.2, 137.0, 136.0, 134.6, 128.0, 127.7, 127.2, 126.9, 126.5, 124.2, 120.5, 112.1, 98.6, 67.8, 56.4, 55.2, 38.5, 36.0, 26.3; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₂₃H₂₁O₃NNa [M+Na]⁺ 382.1414, found 382.1420; CHIRALPAK AD-H, hexane/2-PrOH = 10:1, 1.0 mL/min, retention times: 14.5 min (major isomer) and 15.8 min (minor isomer).

(+)-5-Isobutyl-10,12-dimethoxy-8,12b-dihydrobenzo[*f*]naphtho[2,1-*h*]indol-6(5*H*)-one [(+)-2c]



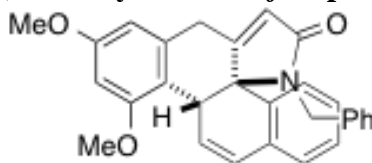
Yellow solid; Mp 71.0–72.5 °C; $[\alpha]_D^{25} +445^\circ$ (*c* 2.22, CHCl₃, 66% ee); IR (KBr) 2958, 1686, 1605, 1586 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 500 MHz) δ 7.23 (td, *J* = 7.5, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.17 (td, *J* = 7.5, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.05 (dd, *J* = 7.5, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.01 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 6.88 (dd, *J* = 10.0, 5.9 Hz, 1H), 6.44 (d, *J* = 10.0 Hz, 1H), 6.29 (d, *J* = 2.3 Hz, 1H), 6.13–6.11 (m, 2H), 3.90 (d, *J* = 5.9, 1H), 3.82 (s, 3H), 3.71 (s, 3H), 3.62 (s, 2H), 3.08 (dd, *J* = 13.8, 7.6 Hz, 1H), 2.87 (dd, *J* = 13.8, 7.6 Hz, 1H), 1.53–1.45 (m, 1H), 0.73 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 3H), 0.67 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 125 MHz) δ 170.6, 161.1, 159.3, 158.0, 135.4, 133.5, 130.6, 129.6, 128.9, 128.4, 126.7, 126.2, 124.7, 120.3, 118.2, 103.9, 97.5, 66.8, 55.3, 55.2, 48.3, 44.5, 31.5, 28.1, 20.4, 20.1; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₂₆H₂₇O₃NNa [M+Na]⁺ 424.1883, found 424.1885; CHIRALCEL OD-H, hexane/2-PrOH = 10:1, 1.0 mL/min, retention times: 11.4 min (minor isomer) and 31.1 min (major isomer).

(+)-1-Isobutyl-6,8-dimethoxy-4,9-dihydro-9,13b-ethenodibenzo[4,5:7,8]cycloocta[1,2-*b*]-pyrrol-2(1*H*)-one [(+)-3c]



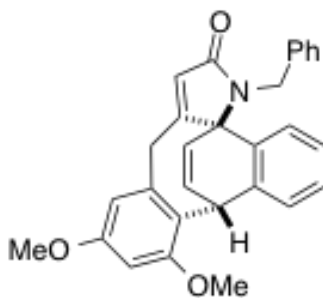
Yellow solid; Mp 73.5–75.0 °C; $[\alpha]_D^{25} +69^\circ$ (c 1.45, CHCl₃, 44% ee); IR (KBr) 2958, 1691, 1602, 1581 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz) δ 7.41–7.37 (m, 1H), 7.26–7.21 (m, 2H), 7.06–7.01 (m, 1H), 6.47–6.42 (m, 2H), 6.22 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 5.85–5.82 (m, 2H), 5.61 (d, *J* = 6.2 Hz, 1H), 3.93 (s, 3H), 3.74 (s, 3H), 3.66 (d, *J* = 16.3 Hz, 1H), 3.48 (dd, *J* = 13.9, 8.4 Hz, 1H), 3.23 (d, *J* = 16.3 Hz, 1H), 3.10 (dd, *J* = 13.9, 7.3 Hz, 1H), 2.20–2.05 (m, 1H), 0.98 (d, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 6H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 125 MHz) δ 173.1, 164.0, 158.4, 157.3, 138.0, 137.2, 135.6, 133.5, 128.4, 128.2, 127.1, 124.9, 122.5, 120.5, 109.5, 97.4, 73.0, 56.1, 55.2, 44.2, 49.1, 38.6, 38.2, 28.1, 20.7, 20.4; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₂₆H₂₇O₃NNa [M+Na]⁺ 424.1883, found 424.1886; CHIRALPAK AD-H, hexane/2-PrOH = 10:1, 1.0 mL/min, retention times: 14.6 min (major isomer) and 17.9 min (minor isomer).

(+)-5-Benzyl-10,12-dimethoxy-8,12b-dihydrobenzo[*f*]naphtho[2,1-*h*]indol-6(5*H*)-one [(+)-2d]



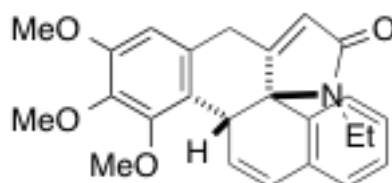
Yellow solid; Mp 173.0 °C (decomposition); $[\alpha]_D^{25} +78^\circ$ (c 0.86, CHCl₃, 52% ee); IR (KBr) 2939, 2836, 1698, 1604, 1581 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 500 MHz) δ 7.39–7.13 (m, 8H), 6.89–6.87 (m, 1H), 6.41 (s, 1H), 6.33–6.30 (m, 1H), 6.20 (s, 1H), 5.88 (s, 1H), 5.57–5.49 (m, 2H), 4.98–4.94 (m, 1H), 4.40–4.36 (m, 1H), 3.90 (s, 3H), 3.73 (s, 3H), 3.61 (d, *J* = 16.4 Hz, 1H), 3.44 (d, *J* = 16.4 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 125 MHz) δ 172.5, 164.4, 158.4, 157.3, 138.3, 137.8, 137.1, 135.5, 133.8, 128.8, 128.5, 128.3, 127.8, 127.7, 127.2, 127.1, 124.8, 122.4, 120.3, 109.4, 97.3, 73.3, 56.1, 55.2, 44.9, 38.7, 38.2; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₂₉H₂₅O₃NNa [M+Na]⁺ 458.1727, found 458.1721; CHIRALPAK AD-H, hexane/2-PrOH = 5:1, 1.0 mL/min, retention times: 13.4 min (major isomer) and 15.3 min (minor isomer).

(+)-1-Benzyl-6,8-dimethoxy-4,9-dihydro-9,13b-ethenodibenzo[4,5:7,8]cycloocta[1,2-*b*]pyrrol-2(1*H*)-one [(+)-3d]



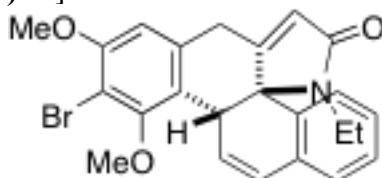
Colorless solid; Mp 172.5–173.4 °C; $[\alpha]_D^{25} +51^\circ$ (c 0.085, CHCl₃, 41% ee); IR (KBr) 2934, 2835, 1698, 1604, 1581 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 500 MHz) δ 7.39–7.38 (m, 1H), 7.34–7.33 (m, 2H), 7.27–7.20 (m, 4H), 7.13 (td, *J* = 7.5, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 6.87 (dd, *J* = 6.9, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 6.40 (d, *J* = 2.5 Hz, 1H), 6.31 (dd, *J* = 9.2, 6.3 Hz, 1H), 6.20 (d, *J* = 2.5 Hz, 1H), 5.88 (d, *J* = 1.2 Hz, 1H), 5.56 (d, *J* = 6.3 Hz, 1H), 5.49 (d, *J* = 9.1 Hz, 1H), 4.95 (d, *J* = 15.3 Hz, 1H), 4.38 (d, *J* = 15.3 Hz, 1H), 3.90 (s, 3H), 3.73 (s, 3H), 3.60 (d, *J* = 16.3 Hz, 1H), 3.22 (dd, *J* = 16.3, 1.2 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 125 MHz) δ 172.6, 164.4, 158.4, 157.4, 138.3, 137.8, 137.1, 135.5, 133.8, 128.8, 128.5, 128.3, 127.8, 127.7, 127.2, 127.1, 124.8, 122.4, 120.3, 109.4, 97.4, 73.3, 56.1, 55.2, 44.9, 38.7, 38.2; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₂₉H₂₅O₃NNa [M+Na]⁺ 458.1727, found 458.1731; CHIRALPAK AD-H, hexane/2-PrOH = 5:1, 1.0 mL/min, retention times: 19.2 min (major isomer) and 34.5 min (minor isomer).

(+)-5-Ethyl-10,11,12-trimethoxy-8,12b-dihydrobenzo[*f*]naphtho[2,1-*h*]indol-6(5*H*)-one [(+)-2e]



Colorless solid; Mp 230.5–231.8 °C; $[\alpha]_D^{25} +466^\circ$ (*c* 3.57, CHCl₃, 62% ee); IR (KBr) 2972, 2941, 1680, 1655, 1596 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 500 MHz) δ 7.22 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.15 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.08 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 6.97 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 6.88 (dd, *J* = 9.7, 6.3 Hz, 1H), 6.51 (d, *J* = 9.7 Hz, 1H), 6.27 (s, 1H), 6.12 (s, 1H), 3.90 (s, 3H), 3.83 (d, *J* = 5.7 Hz, 1H), 3.78 (s, 3H), 3.74 (s, 3H), 3.65 (d, *J* = 17.8 Hz, 1H), 3.62 (d, *J* = 17.8 Hz, 1H), 3.35 (dq, *J* = 14.3, 7.5 Hz, 1H), 3.10 (dq, *J* = 14.3, 7.5 Hz, 1H), 0.861 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 125 MHz) δ 169.6, 160.5, 152.4, 151.7, 141.0, 133.5, 130.3, 129.8, 128.9, 128.7, 128.5, 126.8, 126.1, 125.1, 122.8, 120.7, 106.5, 66.3, 60.6, 60.5, 55.7, 45.0, 35.5, 30.9, 14.4; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₂₅H₂₅O₄NNa [M+Na]⁺ 426.1676, found 426.1680; CHIRALPAK AD-H, hexane/2-PrOH = 5:1, 1.0 mL/min, retention times: 8.7 min (major isomer) and 10.8 min (minor isomer).

(4bS,12bR)-(+)-11-bromo-5-ethyl-10,12-dimethoxy-8,12b-dihydrobenzo[f]naphtho[2,1-h]indol-6(5H)-one [(4bS,12bR)-(+)-2f]



Colorless solid; Mp 269.6 °C (decomposition); $[\alpha]_D^{25} +468^\circ$ (*c* 2.25, CHCl₃, 45% ee); IR (KBr) 2969, 2939, 1681, 1659, 1585 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 500 MHz) δ 7.25 (td, *J* = 7.5, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.20 (td, *J* = 7.5, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.09 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 6.98 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 6.93 (dd, *J* = 9.7, 5.7 Hz, 1H), 6.52 (d, *J* = 9.7 Hz, 1H), 6.33 (s, 1H), 6.17 (d, *J* = 1.2 Hz, 1H), 3.85 (d, *J* = 5.7 Hz, 1H), 3.83 (s, 3H), 3.79 (s, 3H), 3.70 (d, *J* = 17.7 Hz, 1H), 3.65 (d, *J* = 17.7 Hz, 1H), 3.37 (dq, *J* = 14.3, 7.4 Hz, 1H), 3.13 (dq, *J* = 14.3, 7.4 Hz, 1H), 0.87 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 125 MHz) δ 169.6, 159.8, 156.3, 155.7, 134.4, 133.4, 130.0, 129.2, 128.9, 128.7, 127.0, 126.1, 125.6, 124.1, 121.2, 107.2, 106.2, 66.3, 60.2, 56.3, 45.2, 35.7, 31.1, 14.5; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₂₄H₂₂BrO₃NNa [M+Na]⁺ 474.0675, found 474.0686; CHIRALPAK AD-H, hexane/2-PrOH = 20:1, 1.0 mL/min, retention times: 38.7 min (minor isomer) and 43.5 min (major isomer).

The relative and absolute configurations of (+)-**2f** was determined by the X-ray crystallographic analysis (Figure S-2).

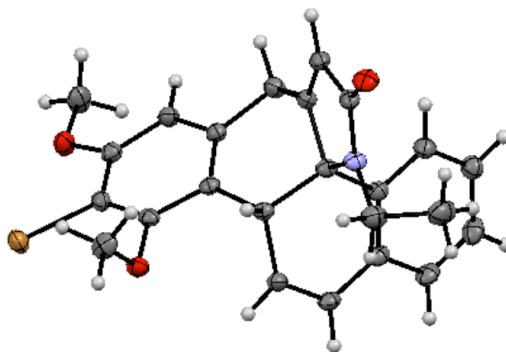
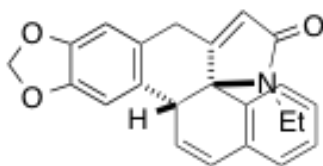


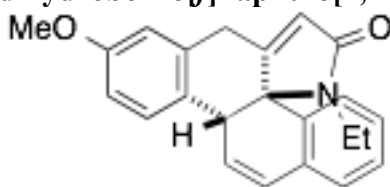
Figure S-2. ORTEP diagram of (+)-**2f** with ellipsoids at 30% probability.

(+)-5-Ethyl-8,13b-dihydro-[1,3]dioxolo[4',5':4,5]benzo[1,2-f]naphtho[2,1-h]indol-6(5H)-one [(+)-2g]



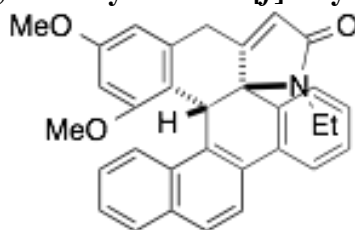
Orange solid; Mp 107.5–107.8 °C; $[\alpha]_D^{25} +308^\circ$ (*c* 2.66, CHCl₃, 51% ee); IR (KBr) 2981, 2882, 2234, 1650, 1505 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 500 MHz) δ 7.25 (td, *J* = 7.5, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.18 (td, *J* = 7.5, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.13–7.10 (m, 1H), 6.97 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 6.74 (s, 1H), 6.69–6.68 (m, 2H), 6.41–6.40 (m, 1H), 6.20 (d, *J* = 1.7 Hz, 1H), 5.86 (d, *J* = 1.4 Hz, 1H), 5.81 (d, *J* = 1.4 Hz, 1H), 3.79 (d, *J* = 18.3, 1H), 3.66 (d, *J* = 18.3 Hz, 1H), 3.59–3.54 (m, 1H), 3.37 (dq, *J* = 14.1, 7.0 Hz, 1H), 3.00 (dq, *J* = 14.1, 7.0 Hz, 1H), 0.86 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 125 MHz) δ 169.5, 159.2, 146.7, 146.7, 133.4, 130.3, 129.5, 129.12, 129.06, 129.0, 127.4, 127.2, 126.1, 125.8, 121.9, 107.4, 107.2, 101.1, 66.1, 45.5, 35.5, 30.6, 14.5; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₂₃H₁₉O₃NNa [M+Na]⁺ 380.1257, found 380.1247; CHIRALPAK AD-H, hexane/2-PrOH = 5:1, 1.0 mL/min, retention times: 13.7 min (major isomer) and 27.0 min (minor isomer).

(+)-5-Ethyl-10-methoxy-8,12b-dihydrobenzo[f]naphtho[2,1-h]indol-6(5H)-one [(+)-2h]



Colorless solid; Mp 243.2–244.8 °C; $[\alpha]_D^{25} +238^\circ$ (*c* 2.24 CHCl₃, 60% ee); IR (KBr) 2981, 2925, 1686, 1653, 1607 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 500 MHz) δ 7.25–7.16 (m, 3H), 7.10 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 6.99 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 6.77 (dd, *J* = 9.7, 6.3 Hz, 1H), 6.70 (dd, *J* = 8.8, 2.6 Hz, 1H), 6.67 (d, *J* = 9.7 Hz, 1H), 6.51 (d, *J* = 2.6 Hz, 1H), 6.22 (d, *J* = 2.1 Hz, 1H), 3.89 (d, *J* = 18.3 Hz, 1H), 3.75 (d, *J* = 18.3 Hz, 1H), 3.69 (s, 3H), 3.61 (d, *J* = 6.3 Hz, 1H), 3.39 (dq, *J* = 14.3, 6.9 Hz, 1H), 3.02 (dq, *J* = 14.3, 6.9 Hz, 1H), 0.88 (t, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 125 MHz) δ 169.5, 159.2, 158.2, 133.9, 133.6, 130.3, 129.9, 129.02, 128.97, 128.5, 127.2, 127.1, 126.2, 122.1, 113.2, 112.4, 66.3, 55.1, 45.2, 35.4, 30.8, 14.5; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₂₃H₂₁O₂NNa [M+Na]⁺ 366.1465, found 366.1447; CHIRALPAK AD-H, hexane/2-PrOH = 5:1, 1.0 mL/min, retention times: 10.3 min (major isomer) and 26.5 min (minor isomer).

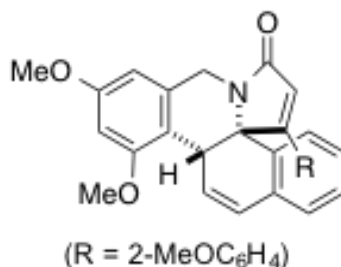
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Colorless solid; Mp 254.5–255.0 °C; $[\alpha]_D^{25} +101^\circ$ (*c* 0.59 CHCl₃, 40% ee); IR (KBr) 2952, 2933, 1678, 1606, 1578 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 500 MHz) δ 8.22 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 7.86–7.85 (m, 3H), 7.79 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 7.53–7.46 (m, 2H), 7.37 (td, *J* = 7.5, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.23 (dd, *J* = 7.5, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.06 (dd, *J* = 7.5, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 6.28 (d, *J* = 2.3 Hz, 1H), 6.12 (d, *J* = 2.3, 1H), 5.93 (d, *J* = 2.3 Hz, 1H), 4.99 (s, 1H), 4.05 (d, *J* = 20.1 Hz, 1H), 3.94 (d, *J* = 20.1, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 3.64 (s, 3H), 2.64 (dq, *J* = 14.3, 6.9 Hz, 1H), 2.55 (s, 3H), 2.33 (dq, *J* = 14.3, 6.9 Hz, 1H), 0.15 (t, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 125 MHz) δ 171.0, 160.1, 159.3, 159.2, 136.5, 135.9, 134.5, 132.4, 131.8, 129.4, 129.3, 128.4, 128.2, 128.0, 126.9, 125.9, 125.4, 125.1, 124.0, 122.6, 121.8, 117.4, 104.4, 98.4, 68.6, 55.0, 54.5, 44.6, 36.5, 31.5, 13.9; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₃₂H₂₇O₃NNa [M+Na]⁺ 496.1883, found

406.1885; CHIRALPAK IA, hexane/CHCl₃ = 1:1, 0.4 mL/min, retention times: 13.3 min (minor isomer) and 16.8 min (major isomer).

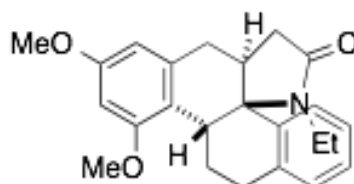
(–)-11,13-Dimethoxy-5-(2-methoxyphenyl)-9,13b-dihydro-7H-benzo[*c*]pyrrolo[2,1-*e*]-phenanthridin-7-one [(–)-5]¹



Colorless solid; $[\alpha]_D^{25} -145.7^\circ$ (*c* 3.90, CHCl₃, 29% ee); ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 500 MHz) δ 7.25–7.21 (m, 1H), 7.18–7.16 (m, 2H), 7.13–7.10 (m, 1H), 6.93–6.90 (m, 1H), 6.85 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 6.68 (dt, *J* = 7.5, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 6.53 (dd, *J* = 7.5, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 6.35 (s, 1H), 6.28–6.24 (m, 3H), 6.02 (d, *J* = 10.5 Hz, 1H), 5.01 (d, *J* = 16.5 Hz, 1H), 4.38 (d, *J* = 5.5 Hz, 1H), 4.03 (d, *J* = 16.5 Hz, 1H), 3.73 (s, 3H), 3.72 (s, 3H), 3.71 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 125 MHz) δ 170.1, 163.1, 158.9, 158.0, 157.5, 135.6, 133.6, 130.6, 129.8, 129.4, 129.2, 128.4, 128.1, 126.6, 125.2, 124.1, 123.1, 121.5, 119.7, 116.4, 110.5, 101.8, 97.8, 68.3, 55.24, 55.20, 39.4, 37.7; CHIRALCEL AD-H, hexane/2-PrOH = 5:1, 1.0 mL/min, retention times: 16.0 min (major isomer) and 21.0 min (minor isomer).

IV. Hydrogenation of 2a

5-Ethyl-10,12-dimethoxy-7,7a,8,12b,13,14-hexahydrobenzo[*f*]naphtha-[2,1-*h*]indol-6(5H)-one (6)



To a solution of **2a** (30.0 mg, 0.080 mmol) in MeOH (1 mL) was added 5% Pd/C (60.0 mg) in MeOH (1.0 mL). H₂ was introduced to the resulting solution in a Schlenk tube. After stirring at room temperature for 16 h, the reaction mixture was filtered, concentrated, and purified by preparative TLC (hexane/EtOAc = 1:1), which furnished **6** (28.4 mg, 0.075 mmol, 95% yield).

Colorless solid; Mp 159.3 °C (decomposition); IR (KBr) 2936, 1677, 1594 cm^{–1}; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz) δ 7.22 (dd, *J* = 6.6, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.18 (dd, *J* = 7.1, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.15–7.12 (m, 2H), 6.34 (d, *J* = 2.3 Hz, 1H), 6.32 (d, *J* = 2.3 Hz, 1H), 3.81 (s, 3H), 3.79 (s, 3H), 3.69 (dd, *J* = 13.2, 3.7 Hz, 1H), 3.23 (dd, *J* = 15.1, 5.8 Hz, 1H), 3.11 (dq, *J* = 14.2, 7.1 Hz, 1H), 3.06–2.94 (m, 2H), 2.85 (dd, *J* = 17.1, 10.8 Hz, 1H), 2.89–2.82 (m, 1H), 2.55 (dq, *J* = 14.2, 7.1 Hz, 1H), 2.43 (dd, *J* = 15.2, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 2.11 (dd, *J* = 17.1, 5.8 Hz, 1H), 1.99 (td, *J* = 12.9, 4.7 Hz, 1H), 1.84–1.77 (m, 2H), 0.96 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 125 MHz) δ 174.7, 159.2, 157.4, 141.8, 137.8, 136.4, 128.7, 127.7, 127.0, 127.0, 120.2, 105.6, 96.9, 69.8, 55.3, 55.2, 41.3, 37.7, 36.6, 35.7, 33.5, 29.9, 26.4, 13.0; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₂₄H₂₇O₃NNa [M+Na]⁺ 400.1883, found 400.1870.

The relative configuration of **6** was determined by the X-ray crystallographic analysis (Figure S-3).

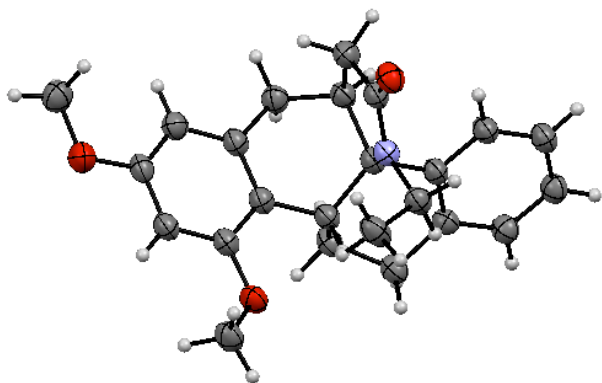


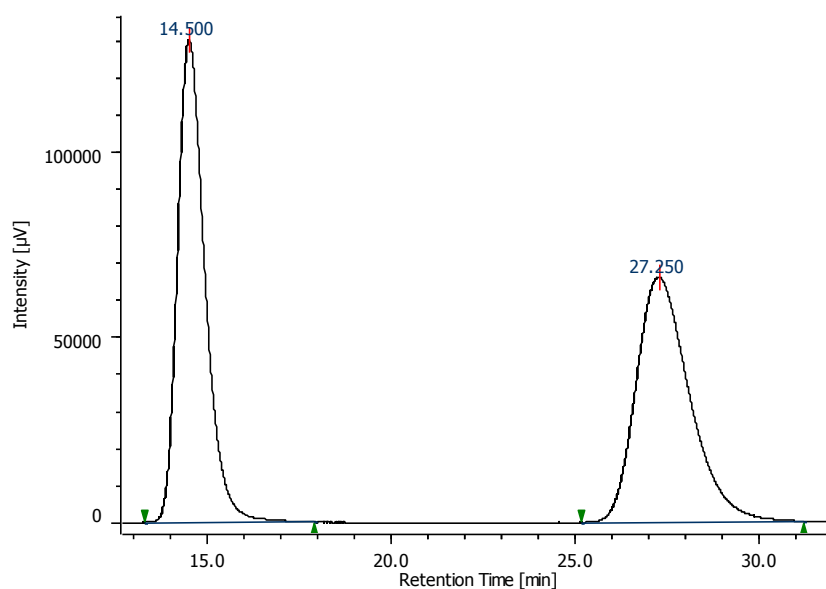
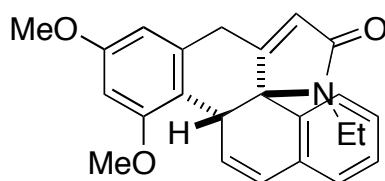
Figure S-3. ORTEP diagram of **6** with ellipsoids at 30% probability.

V. References

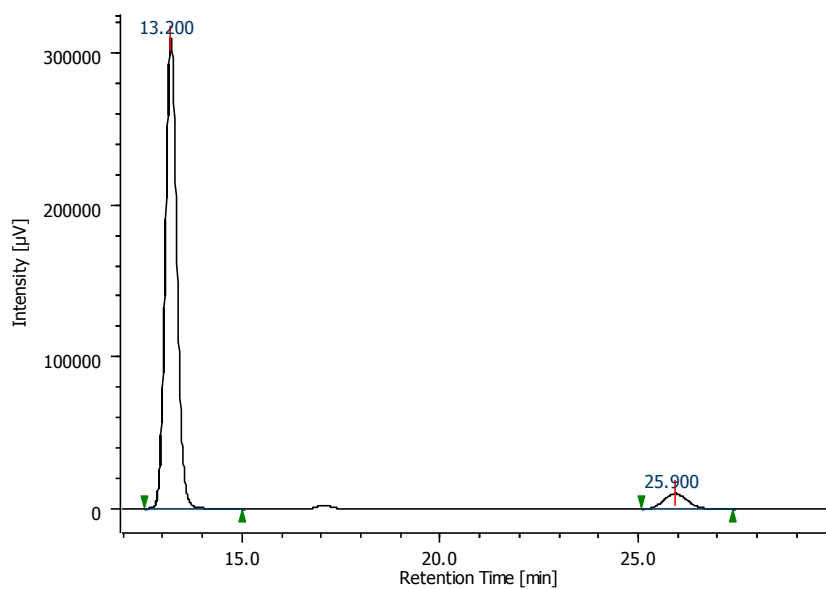
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VI. Chiral HPLC Charts

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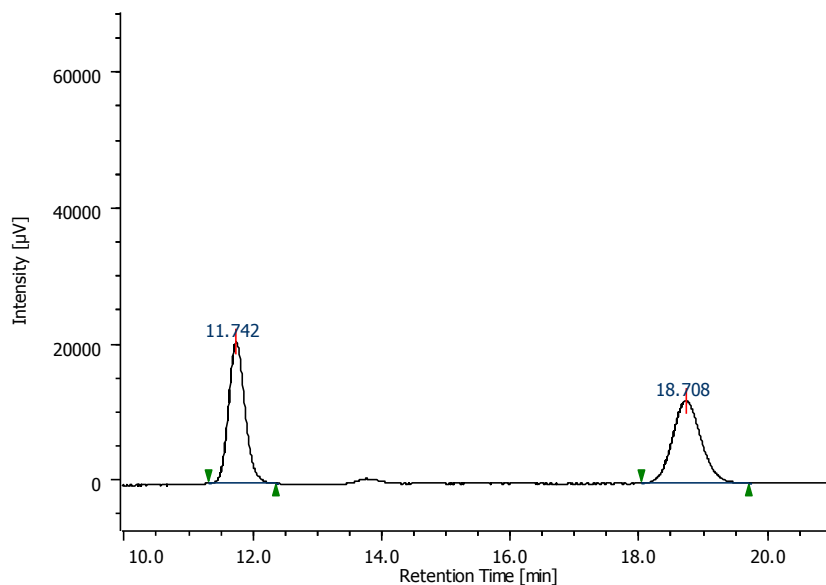
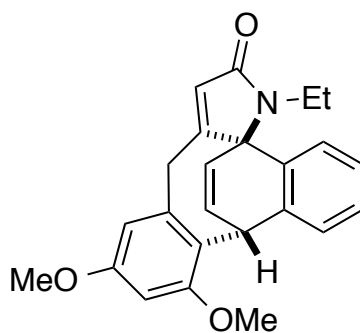


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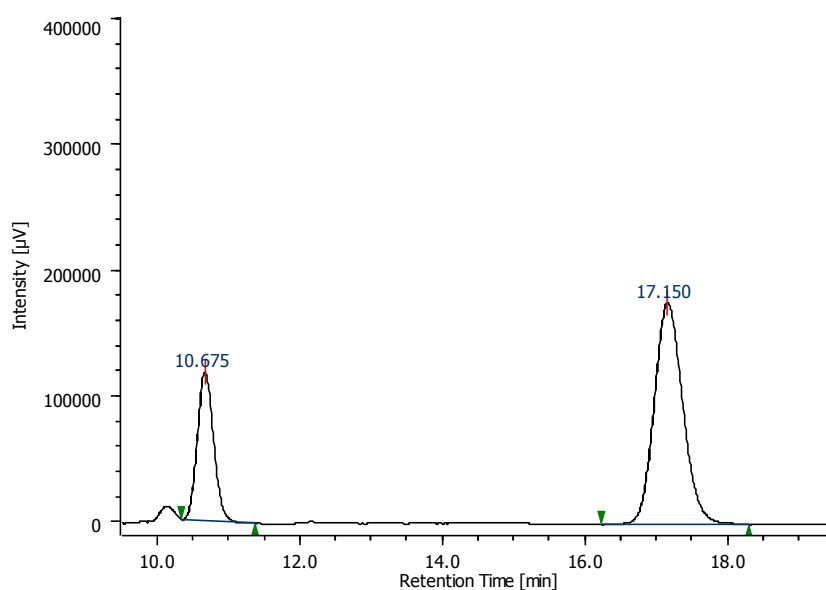


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(1*H*)-one [(+)-3a]**

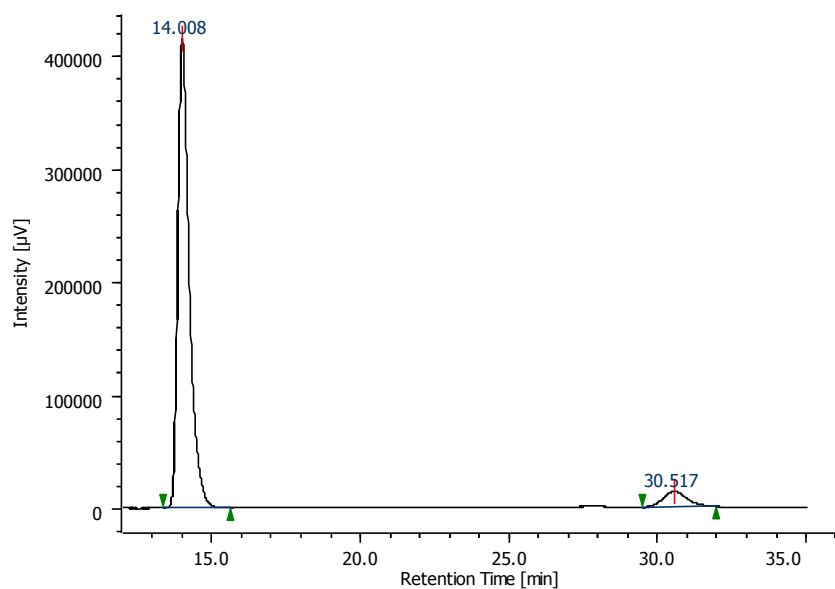
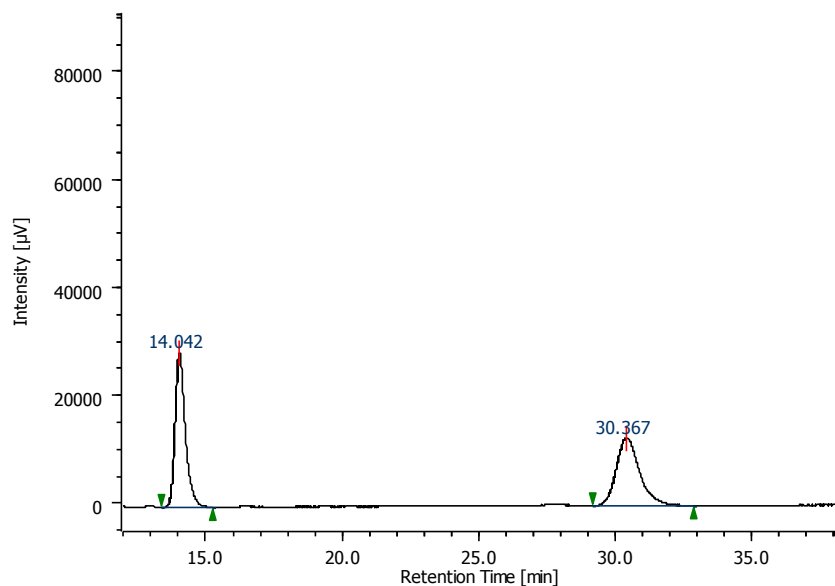
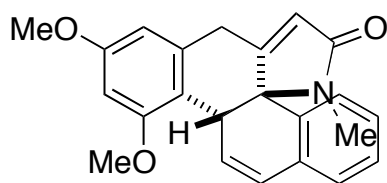


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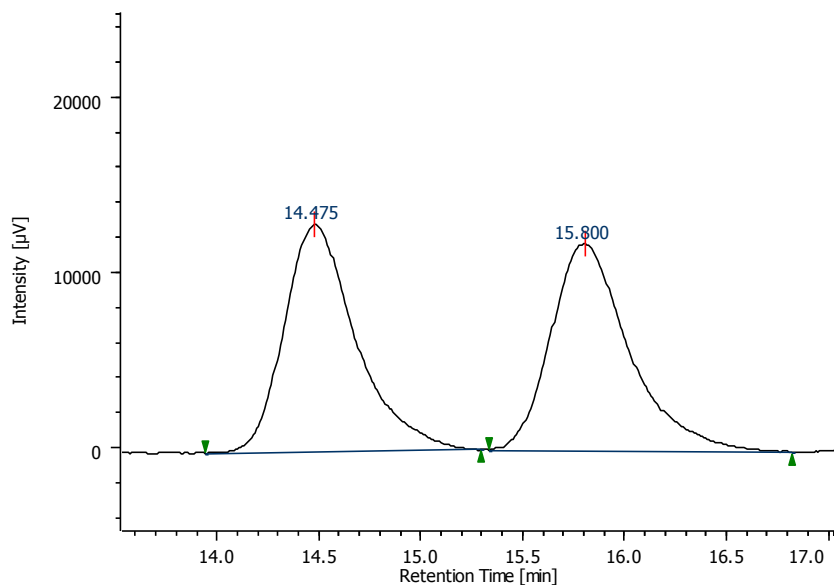
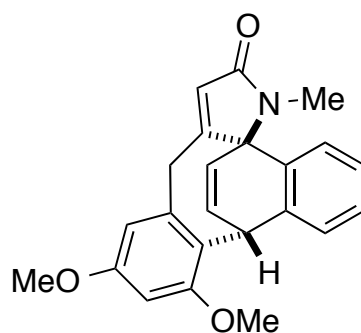


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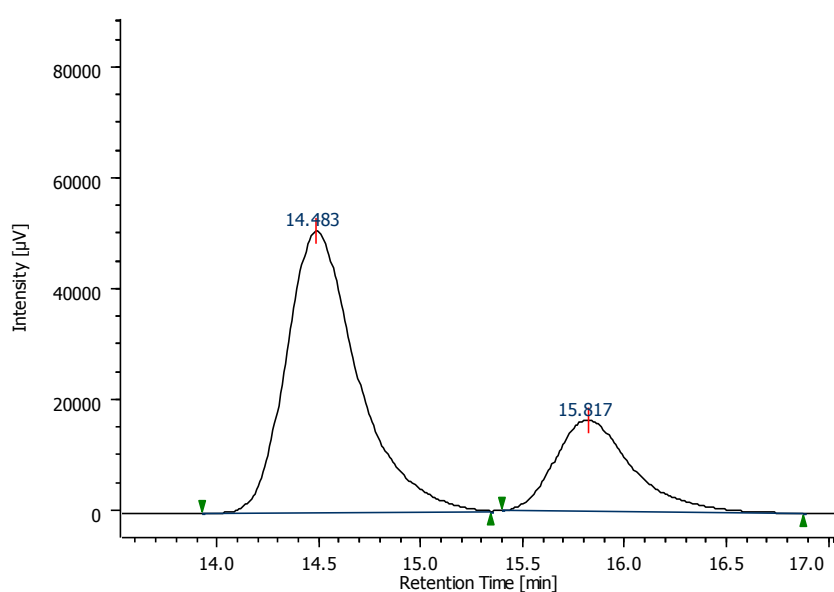
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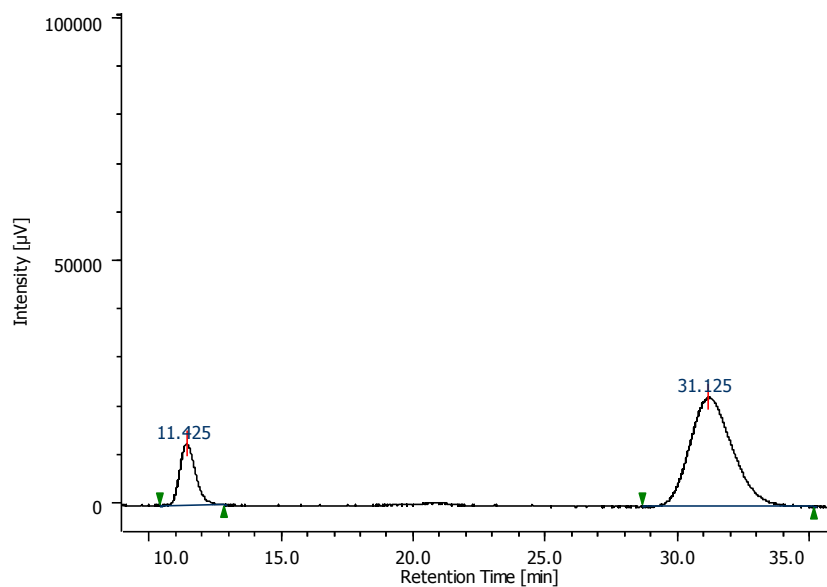
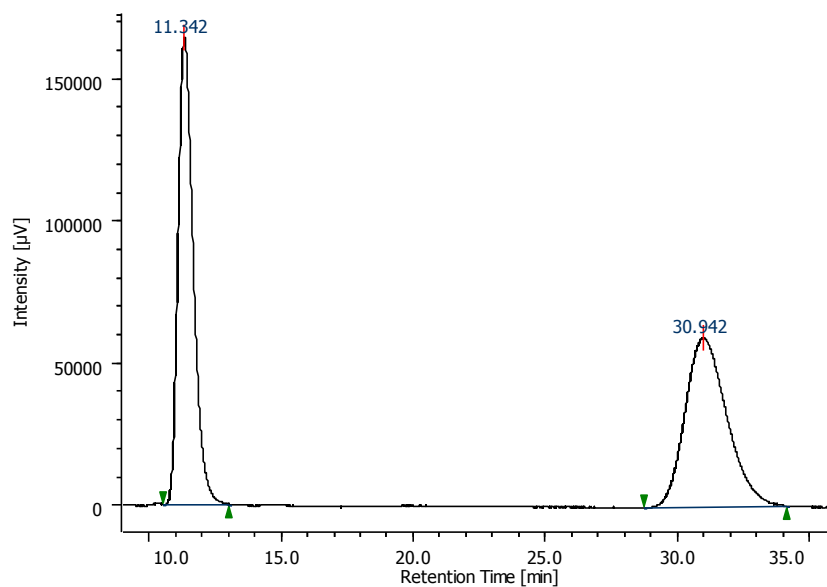
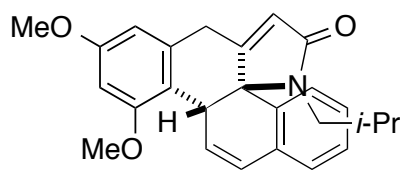


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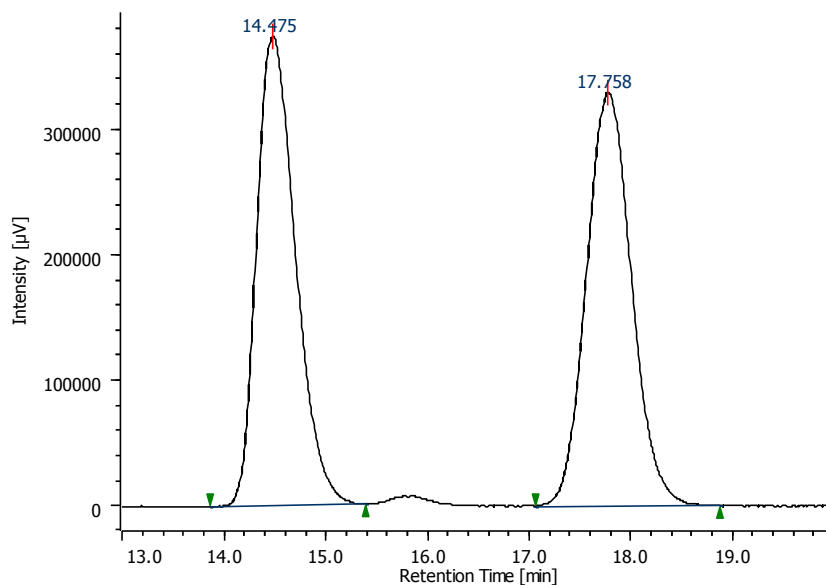
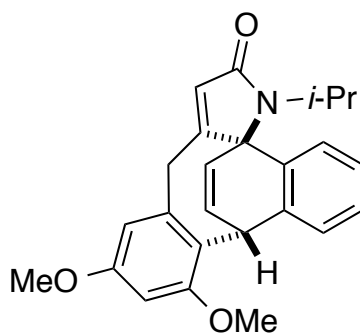


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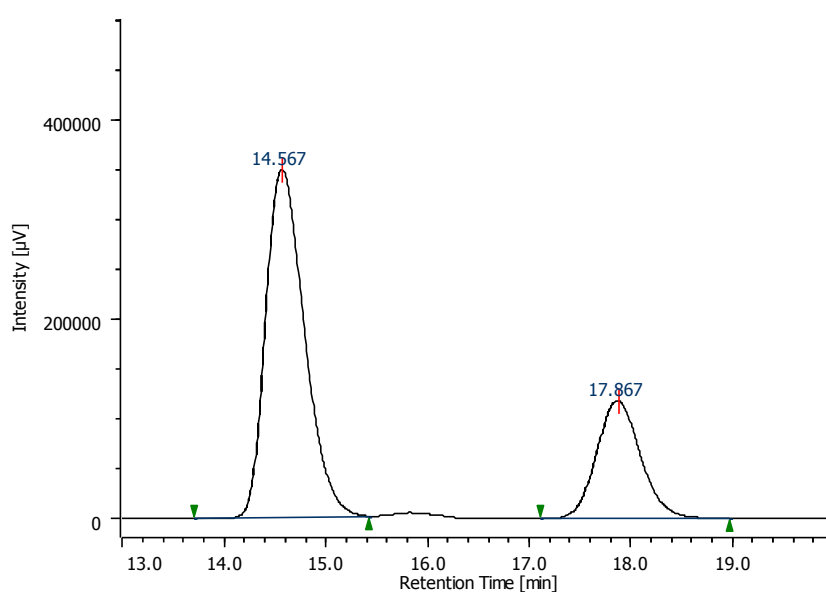
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[(+)-2c]



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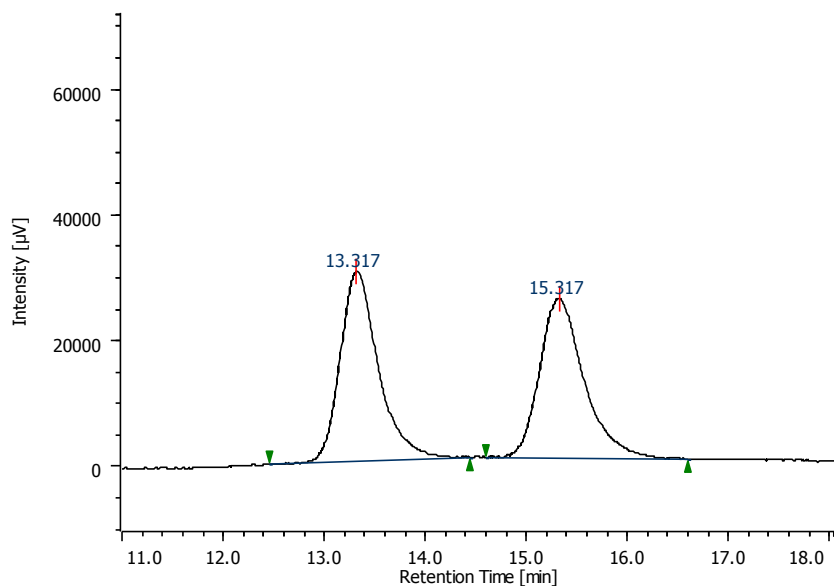
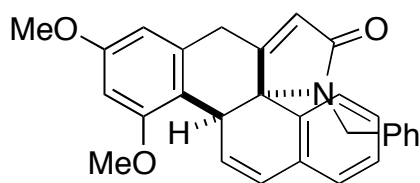


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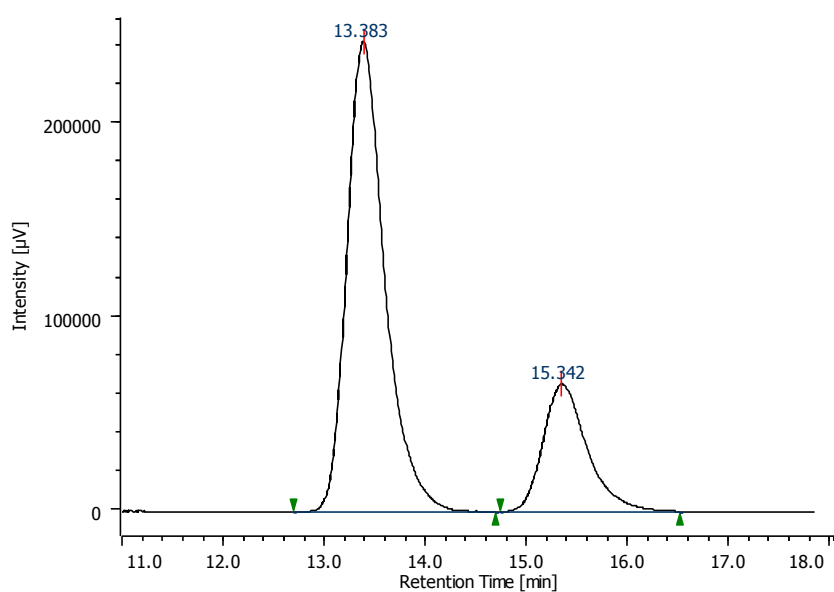


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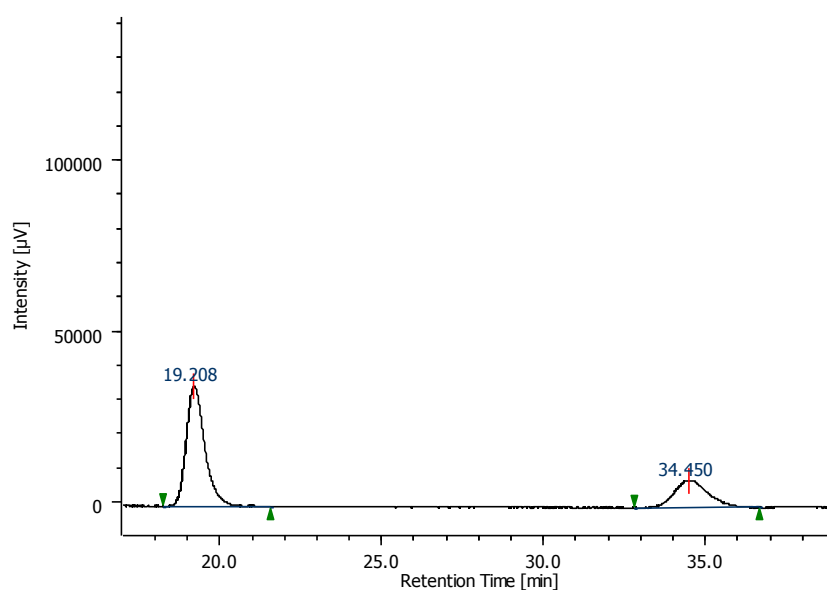
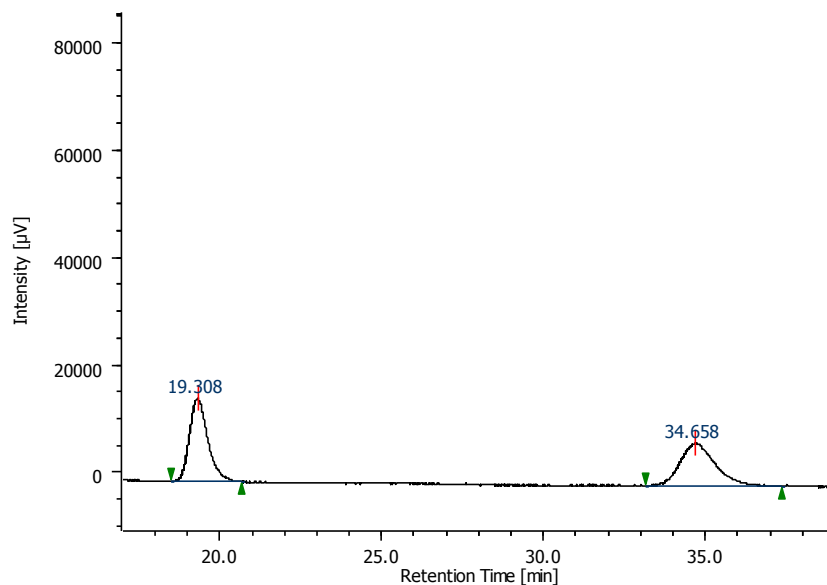
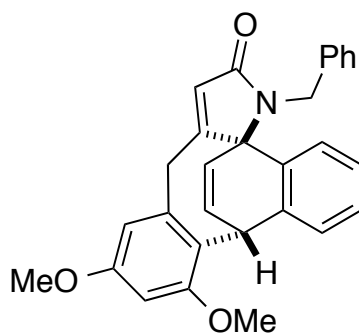


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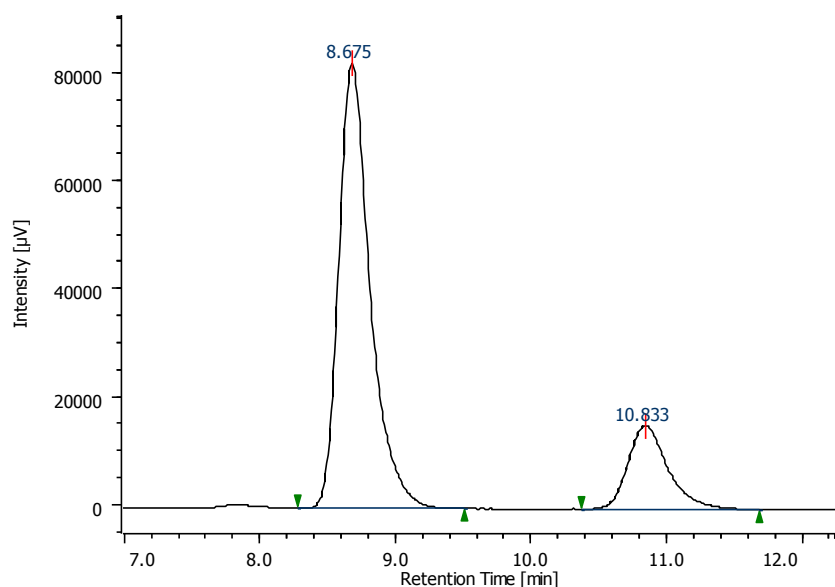
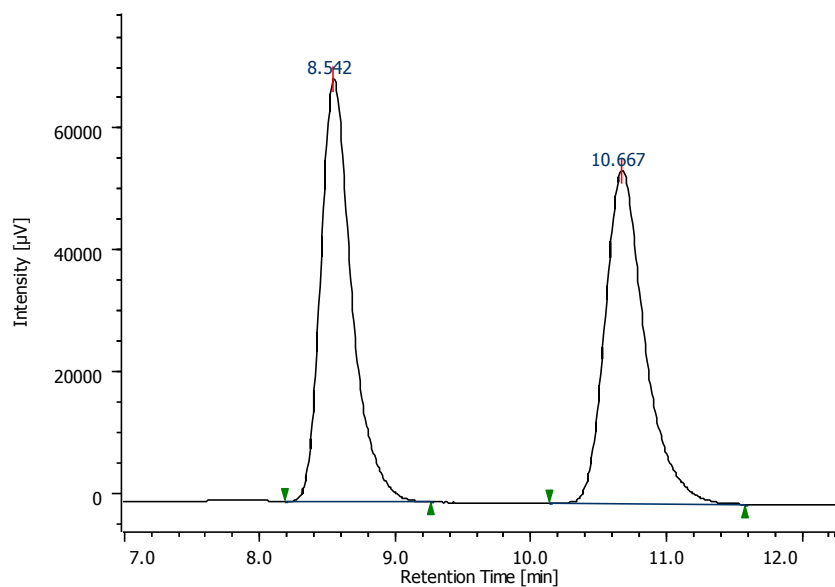
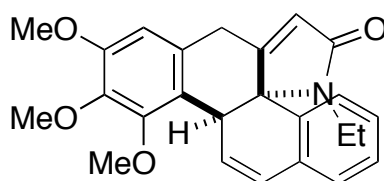


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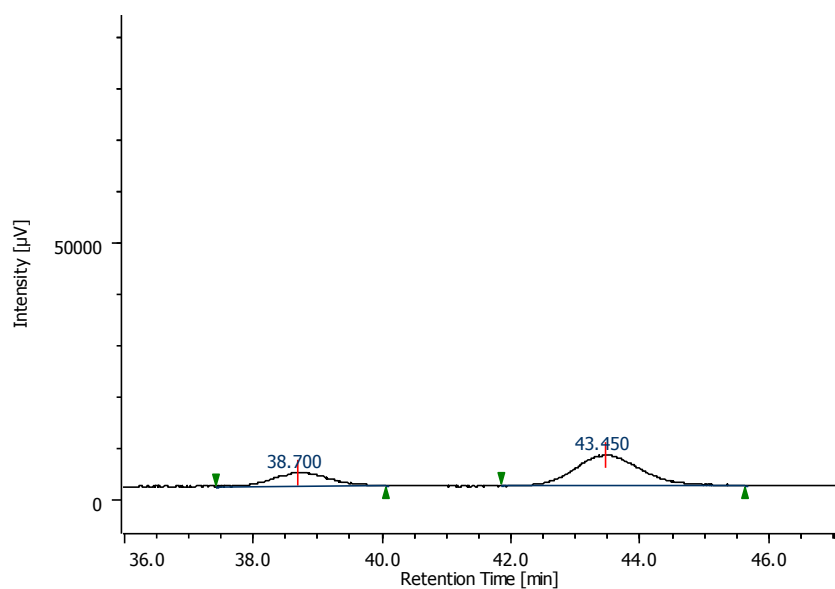
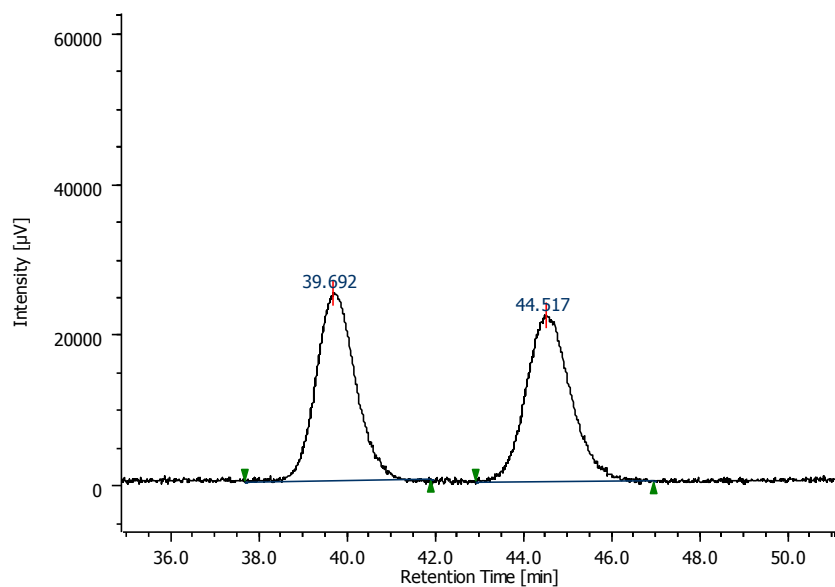
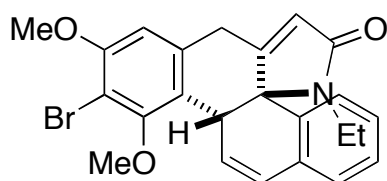
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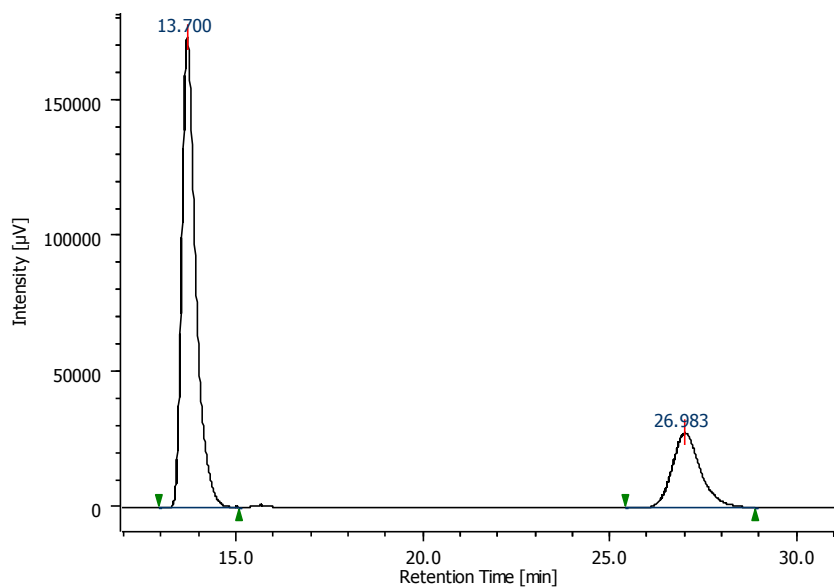
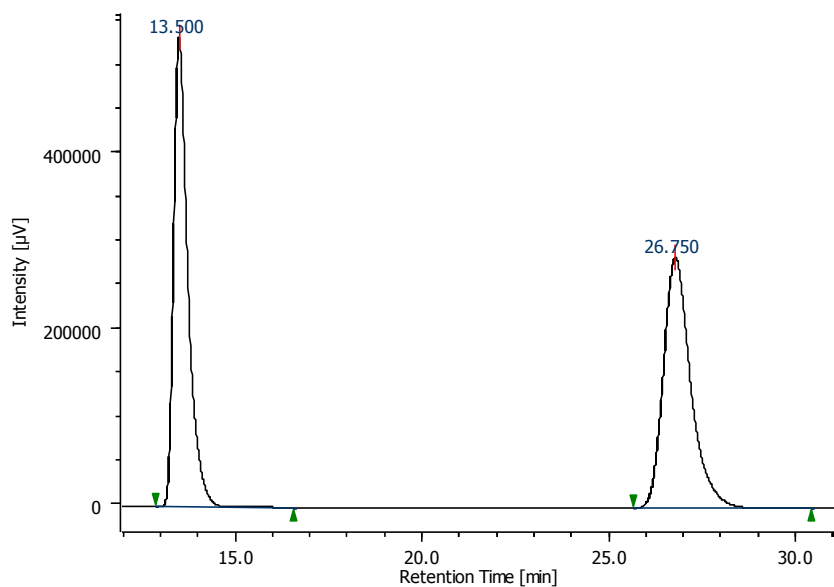
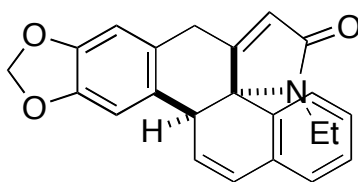
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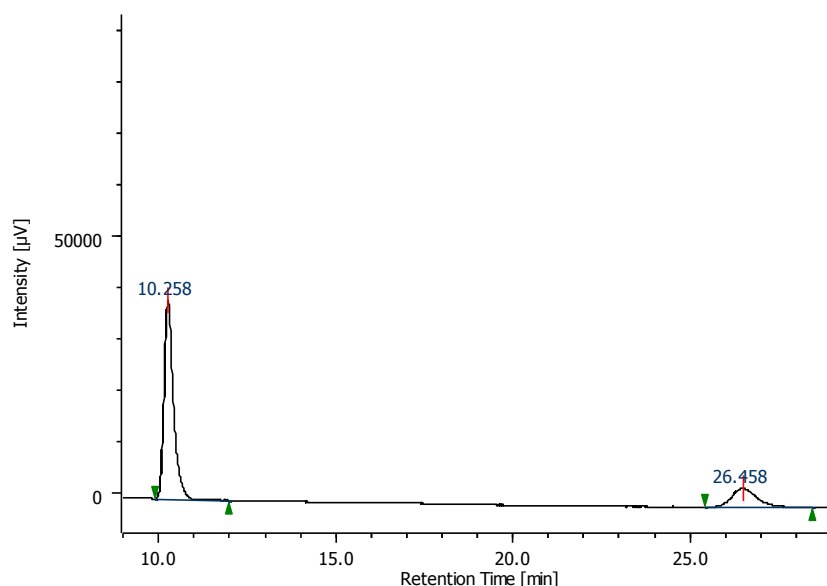
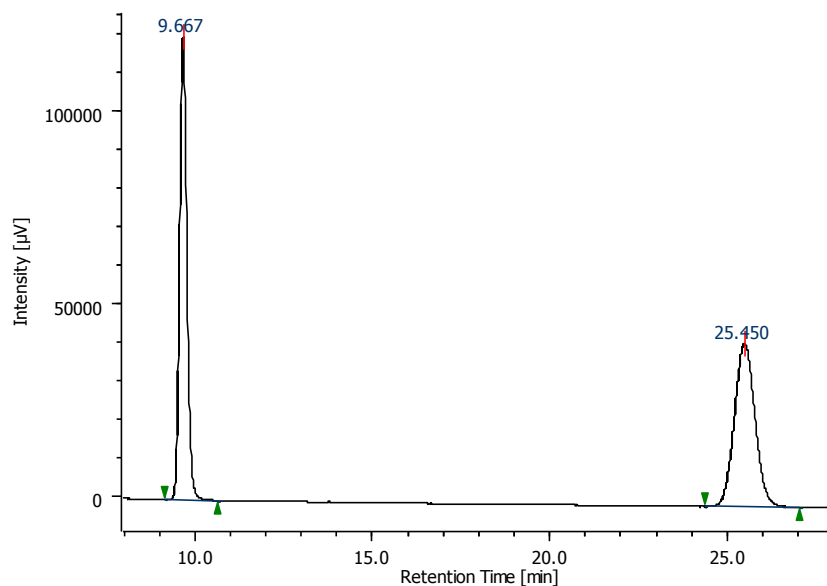
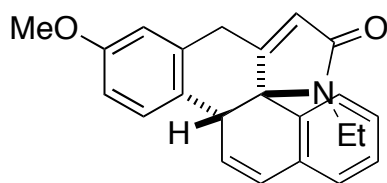
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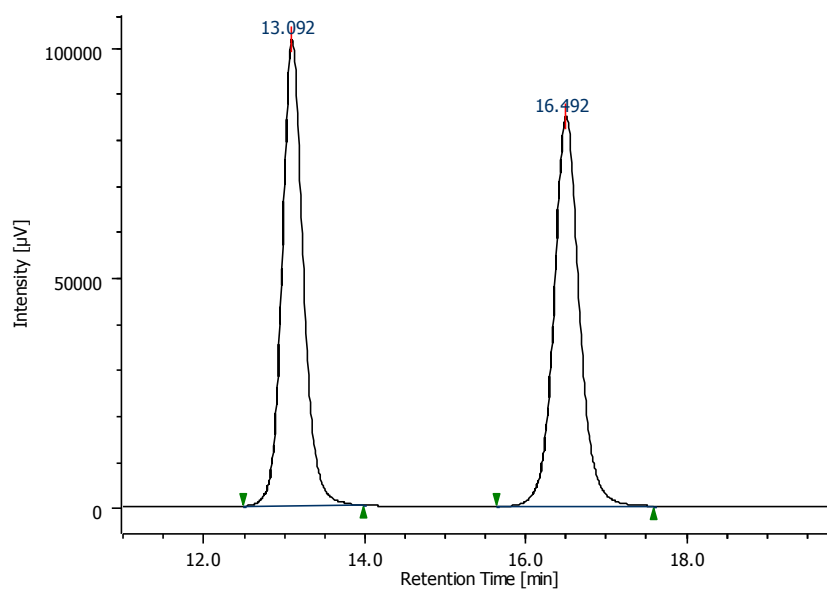
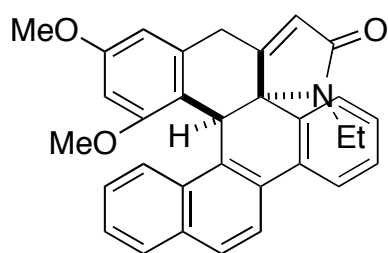
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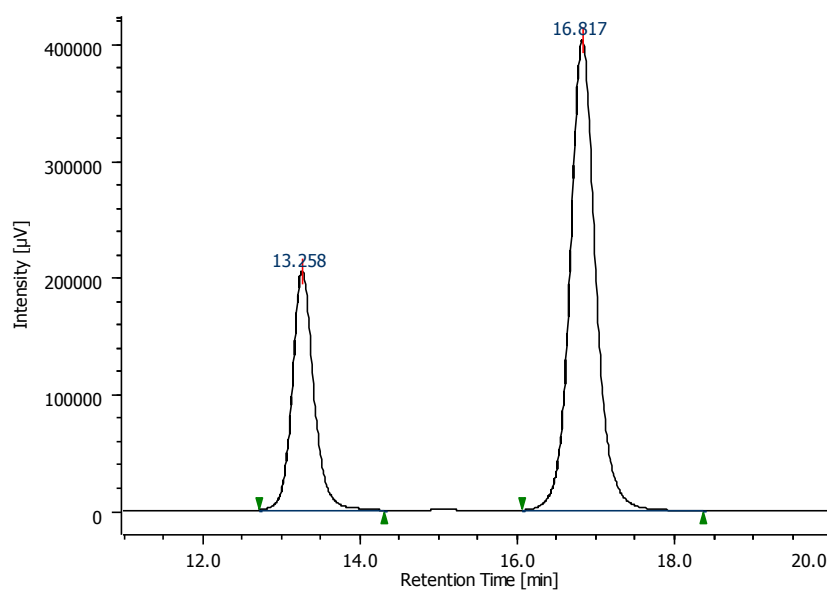
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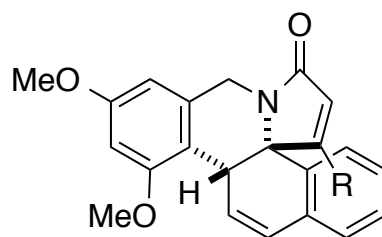


Peak No.	Retention Time (min)	Area (%)
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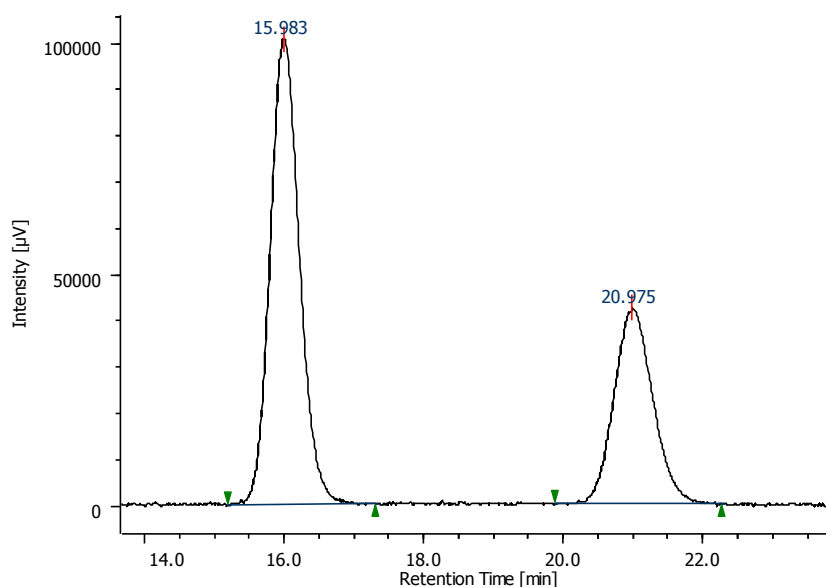


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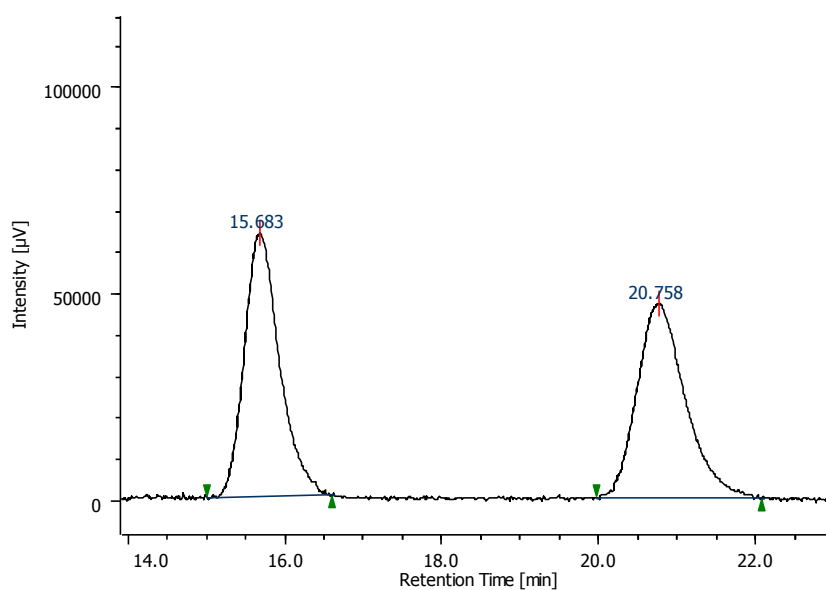
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(R = 2-MeOC₆H₄)



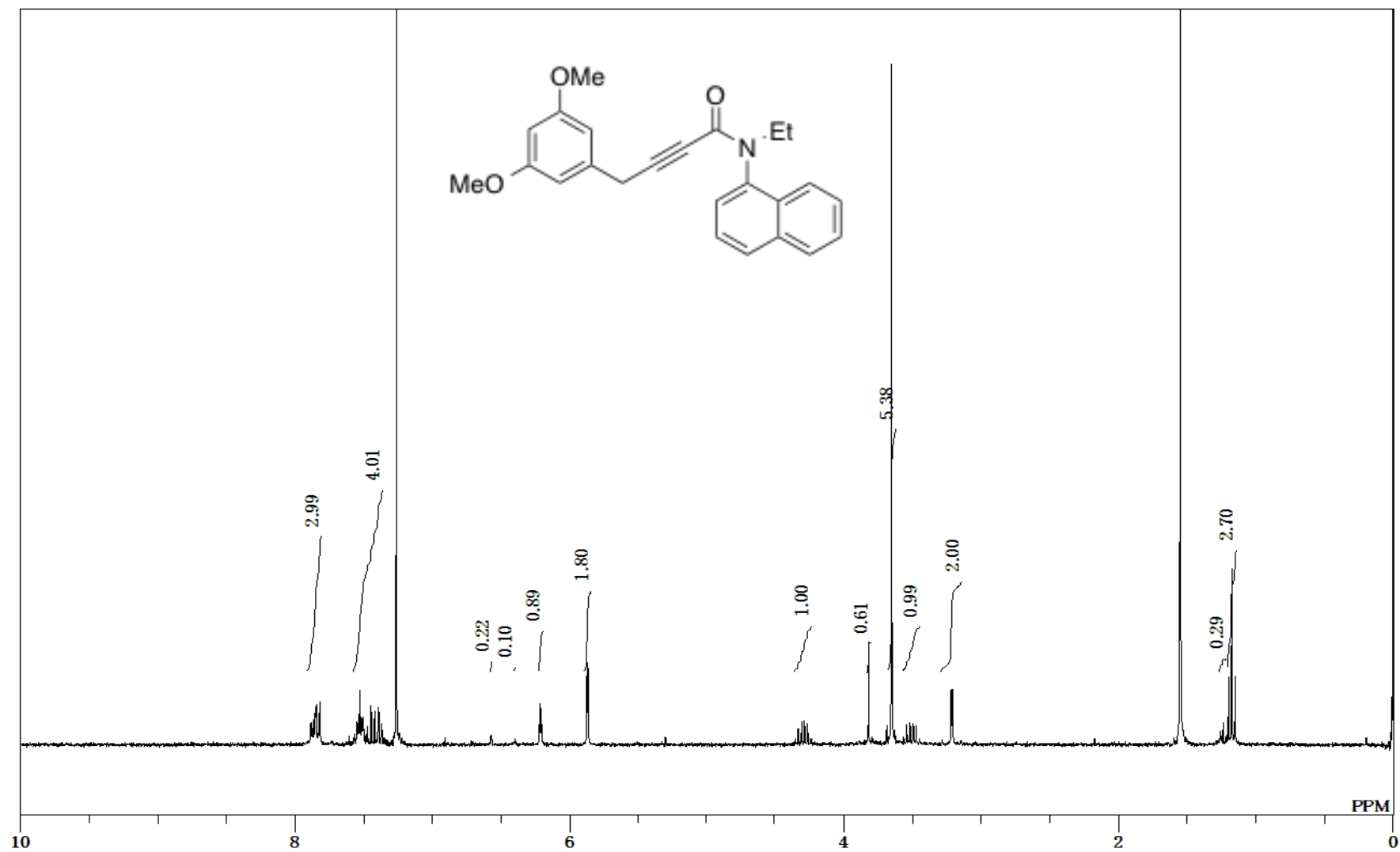
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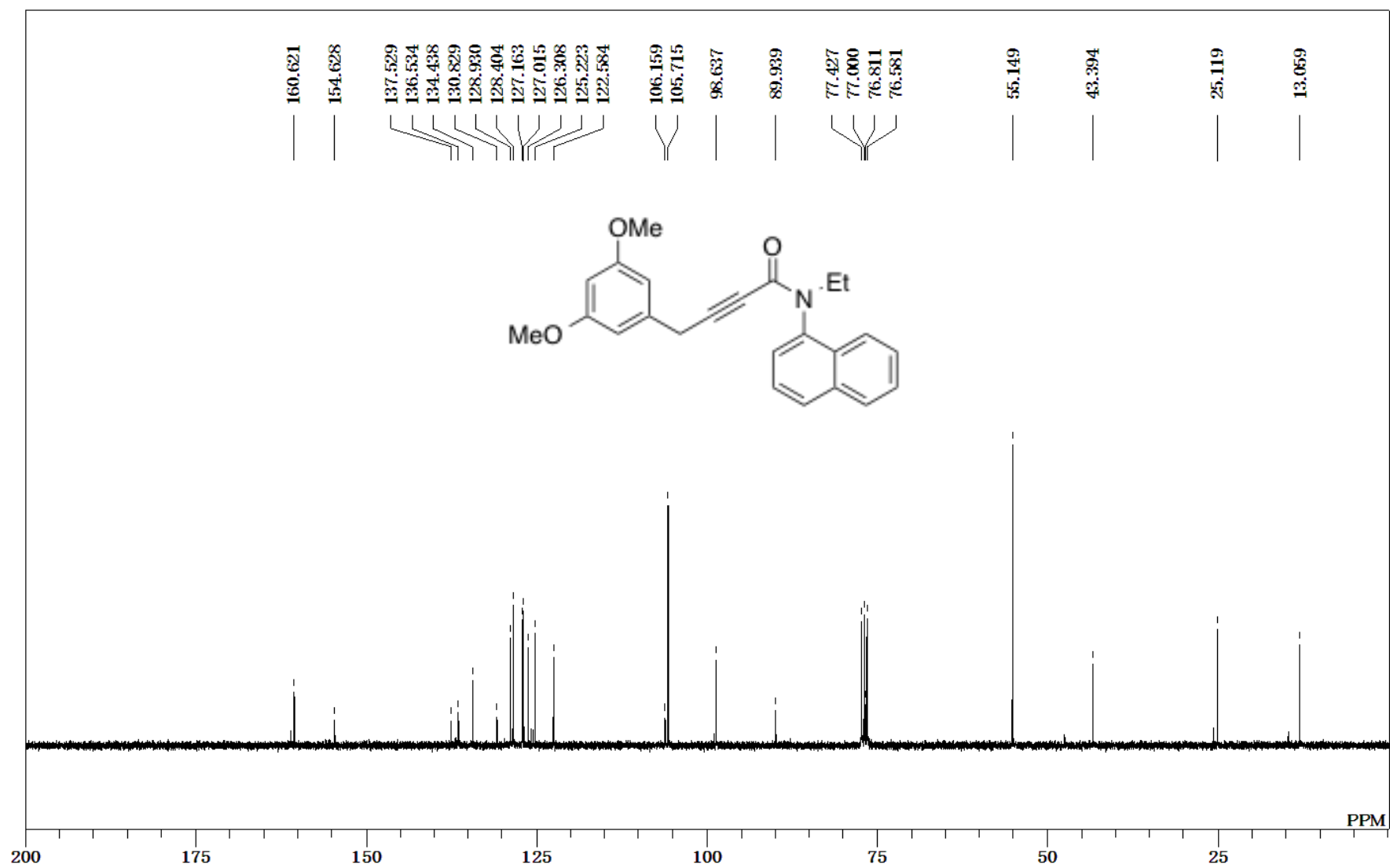


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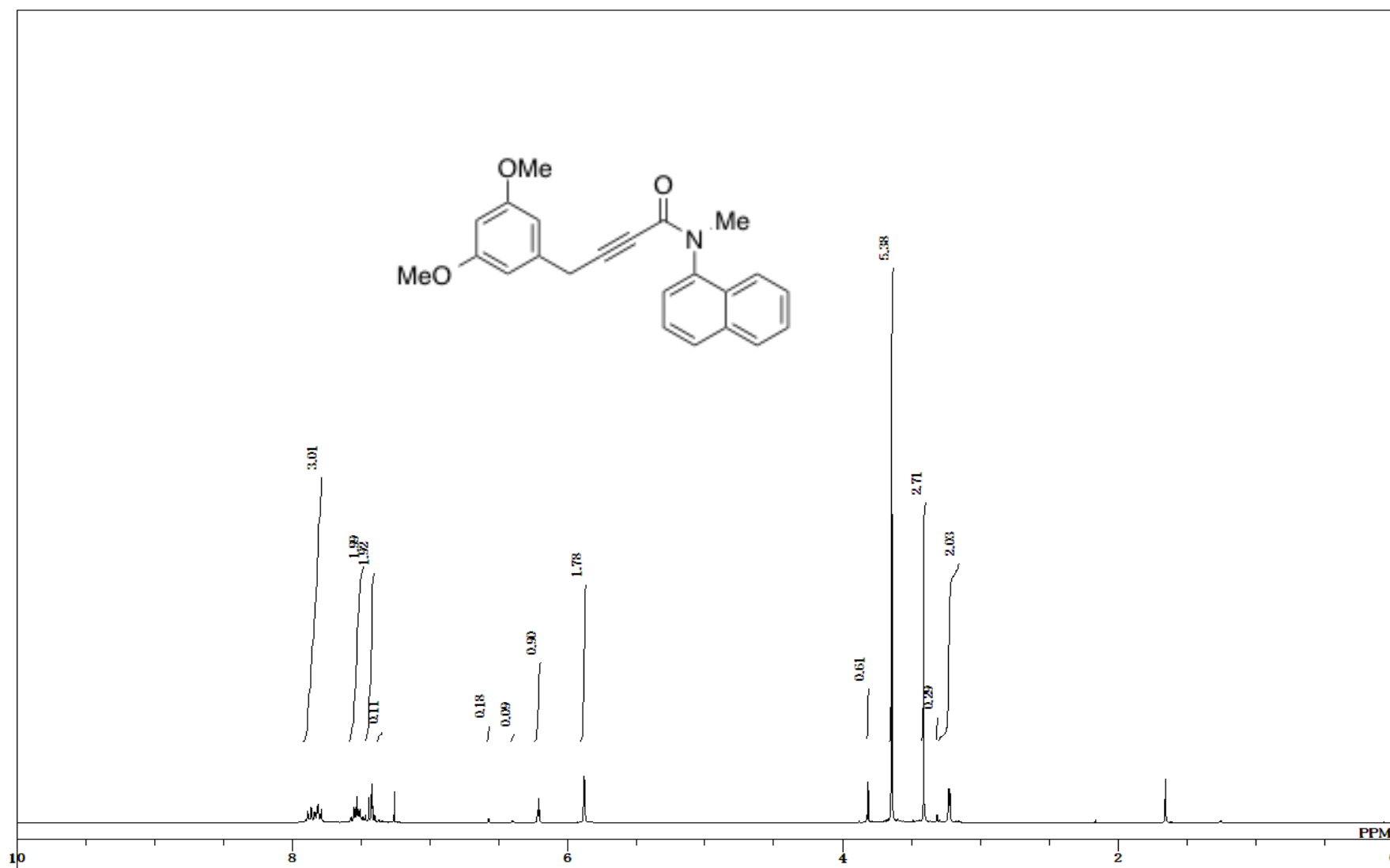
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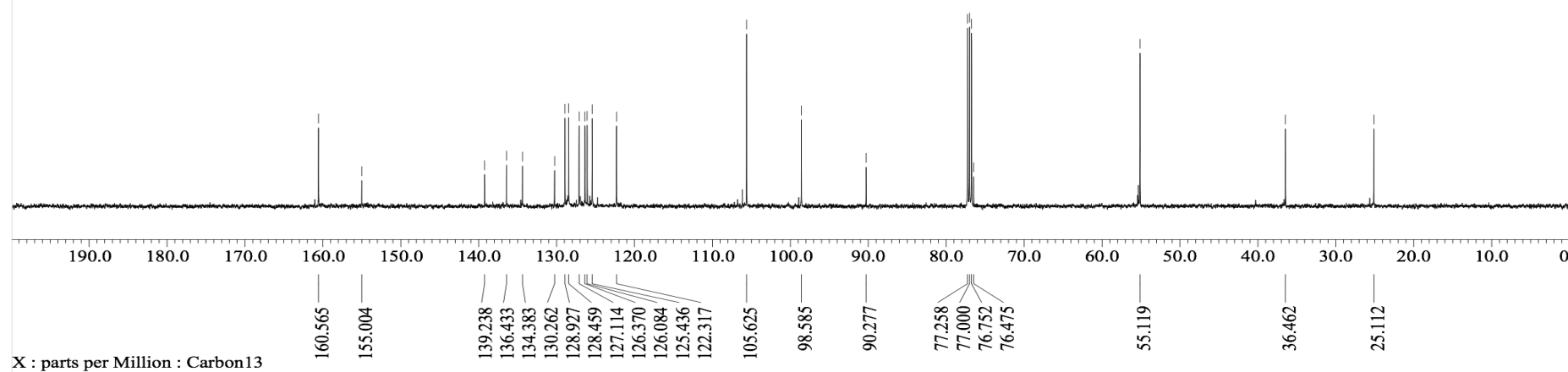
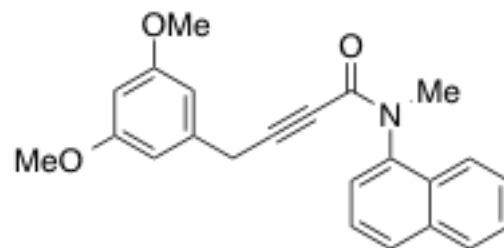
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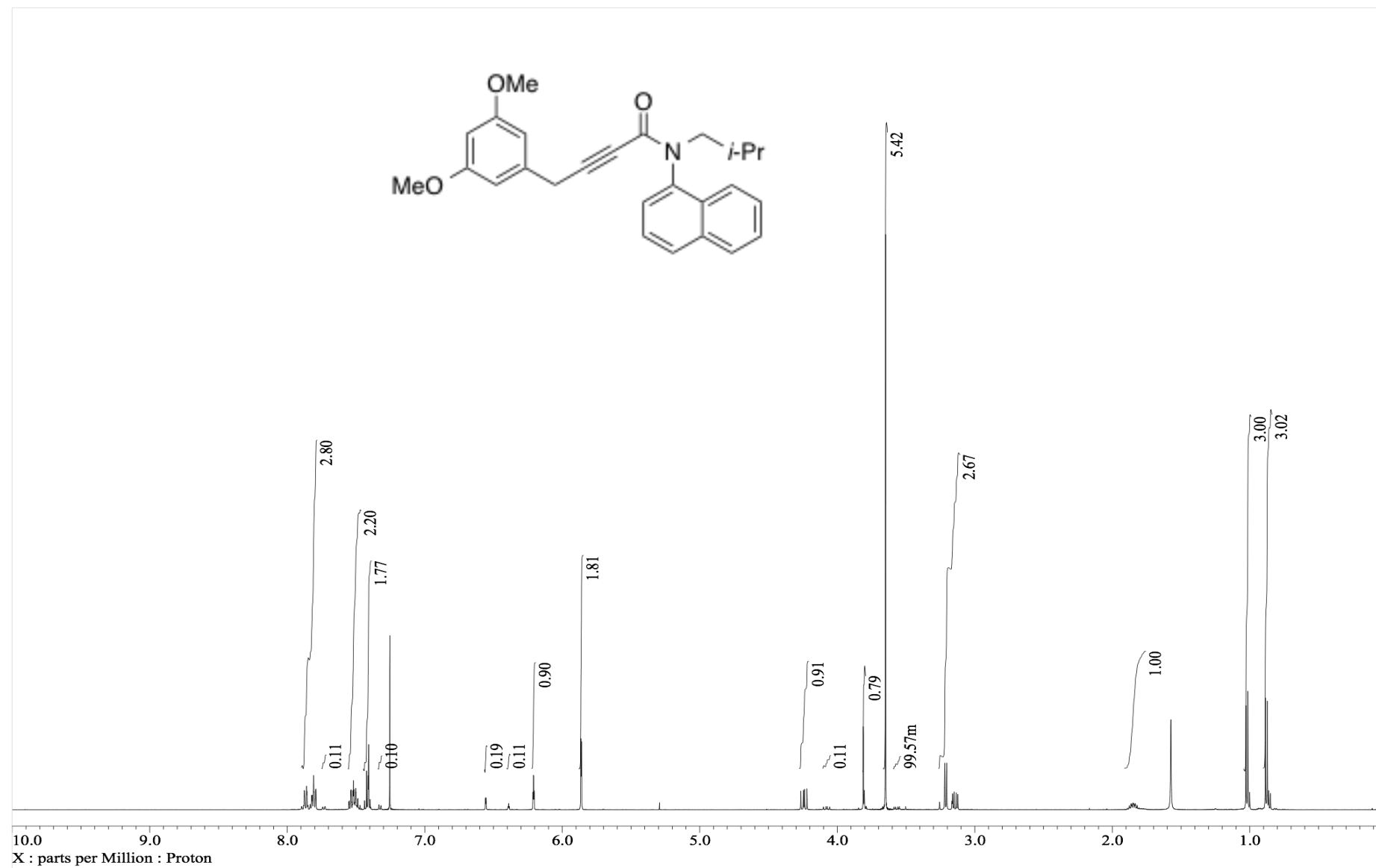


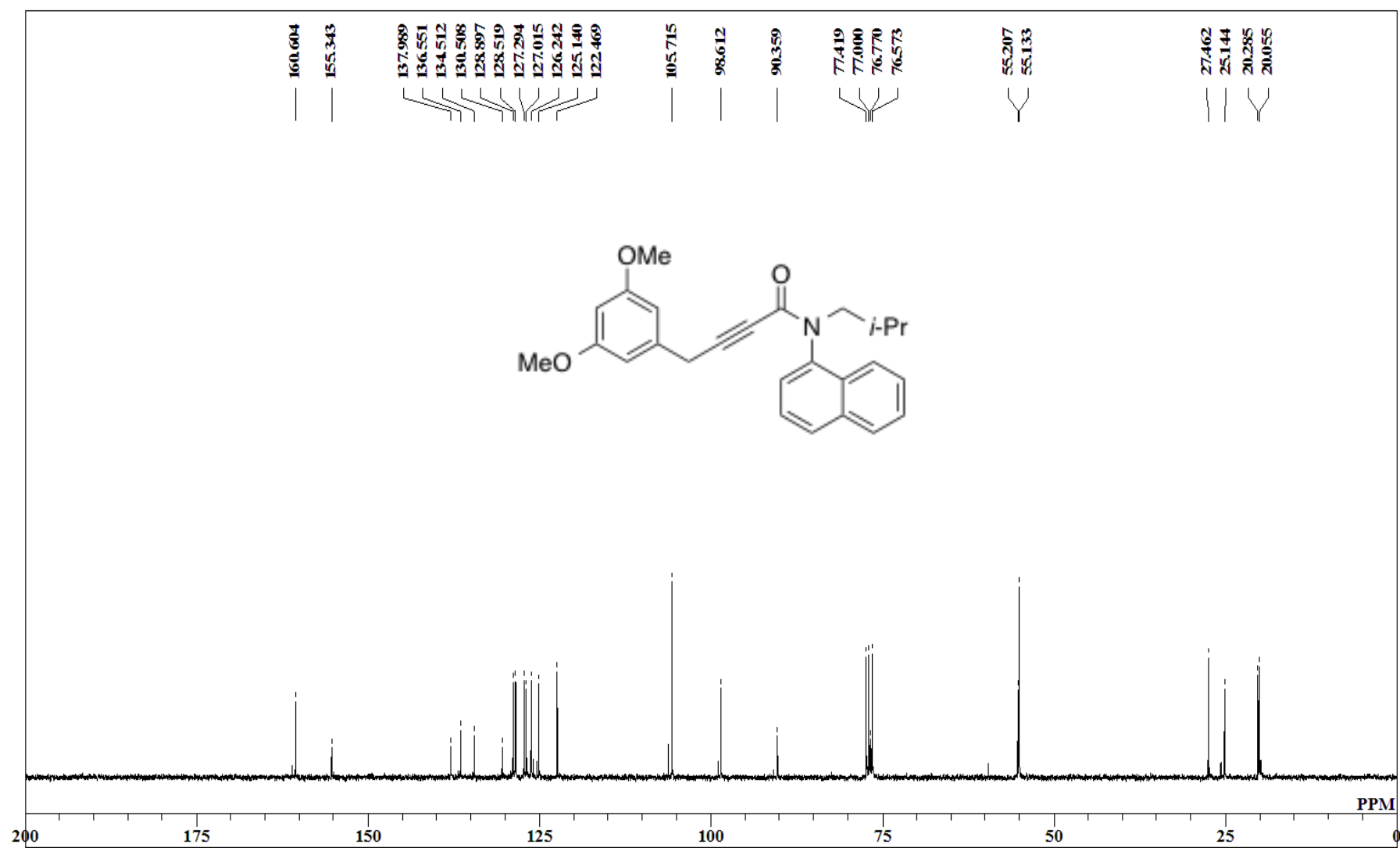
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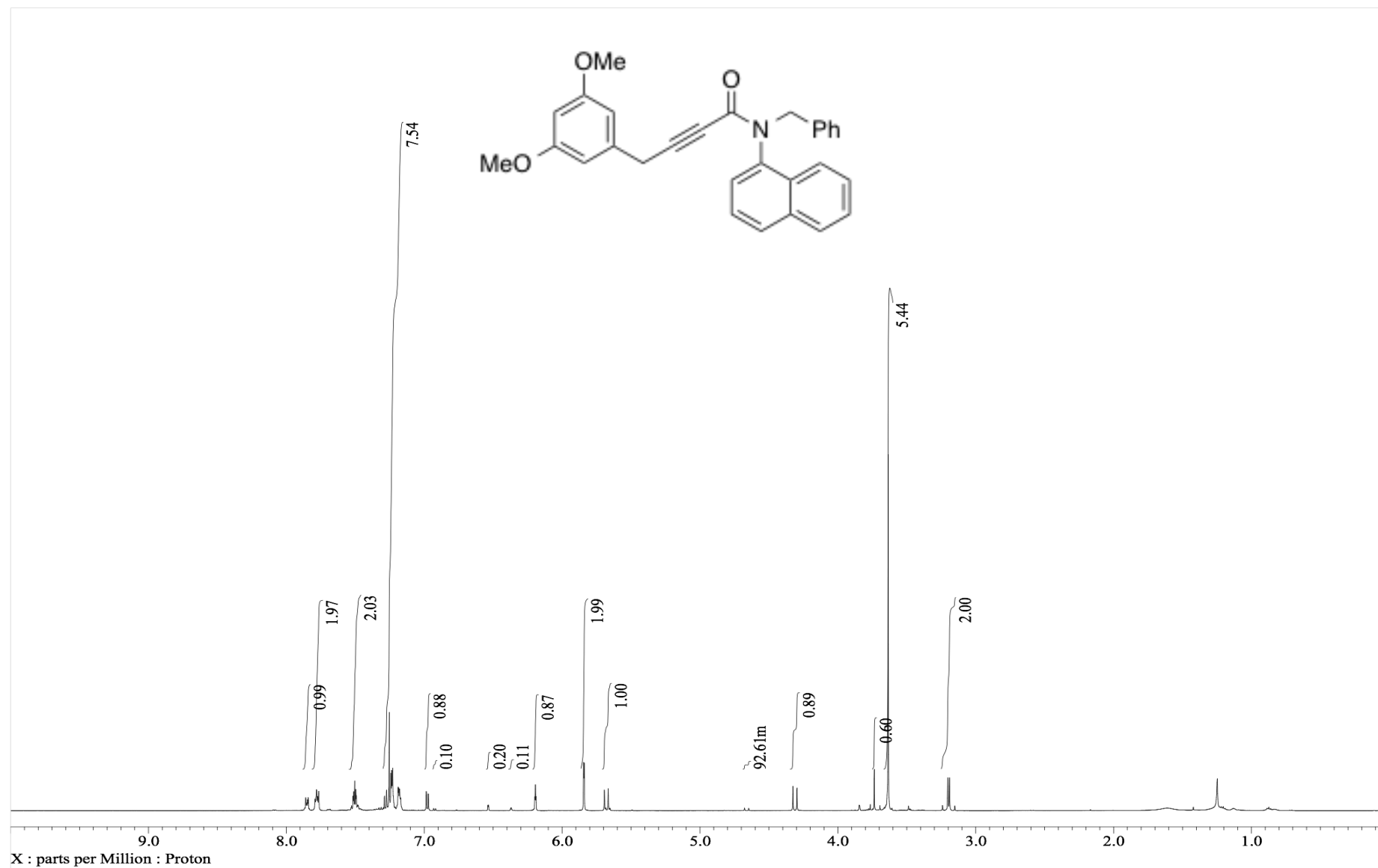


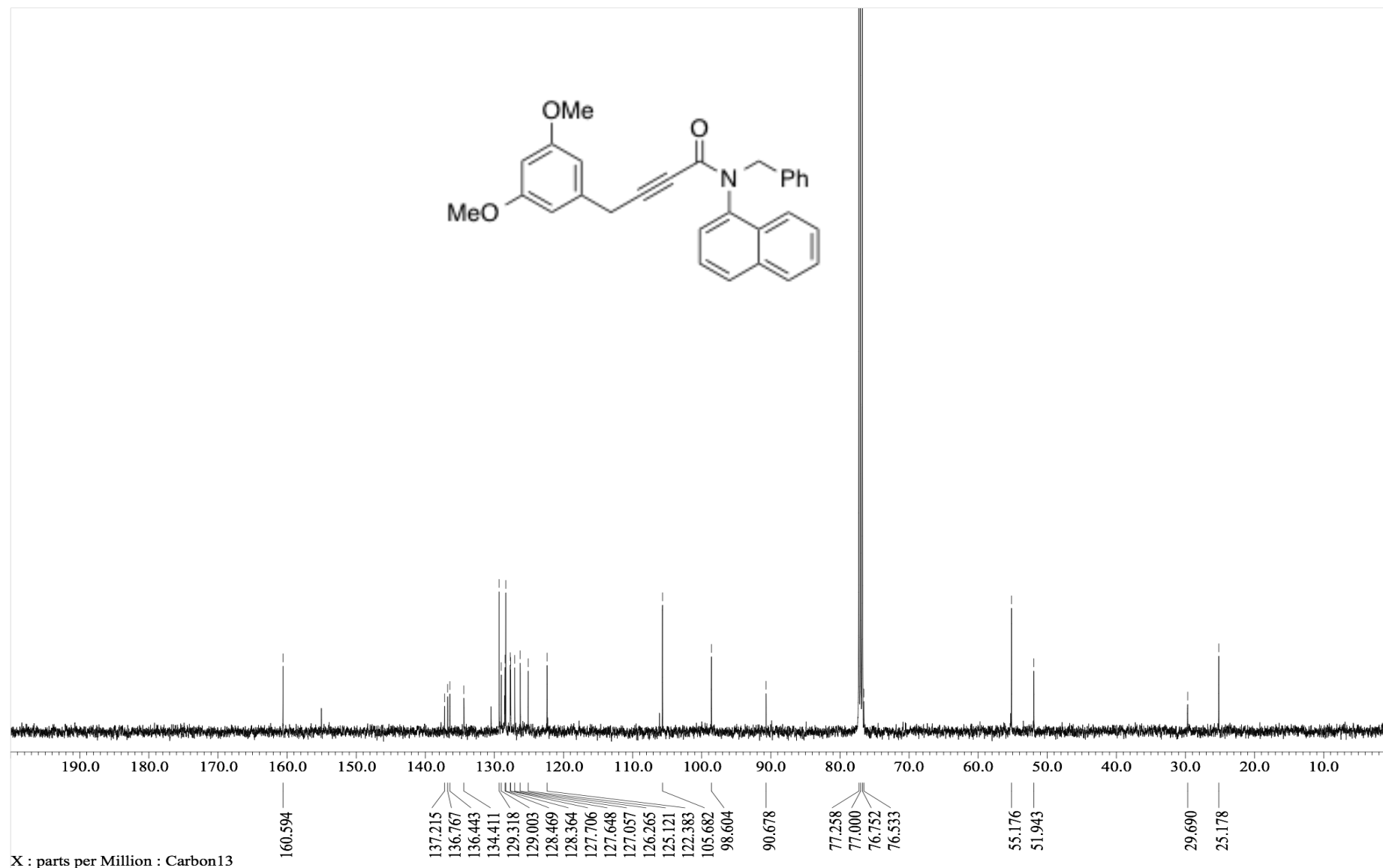
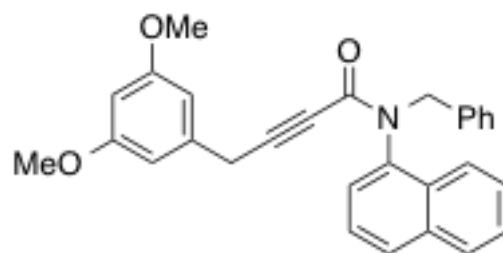
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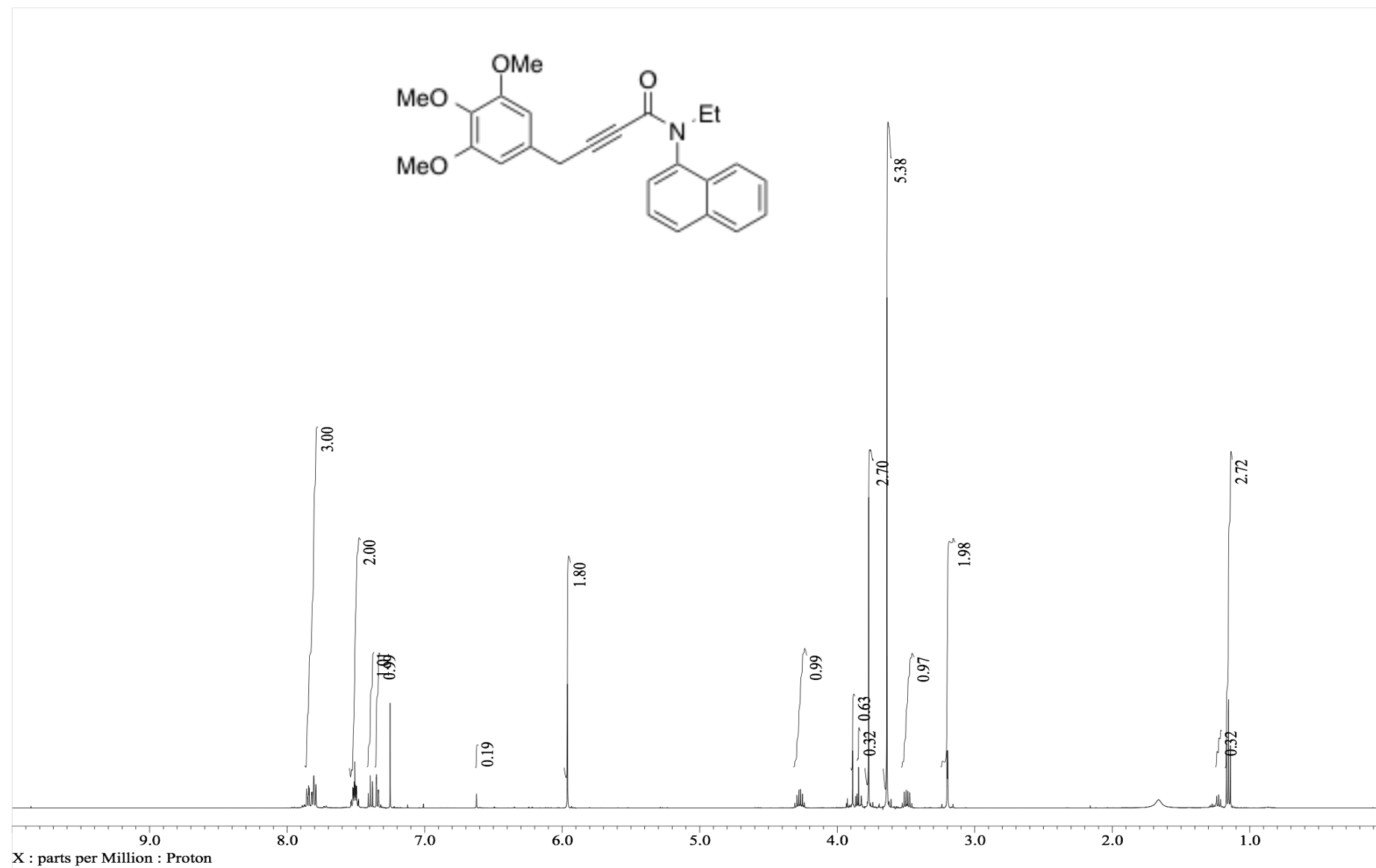


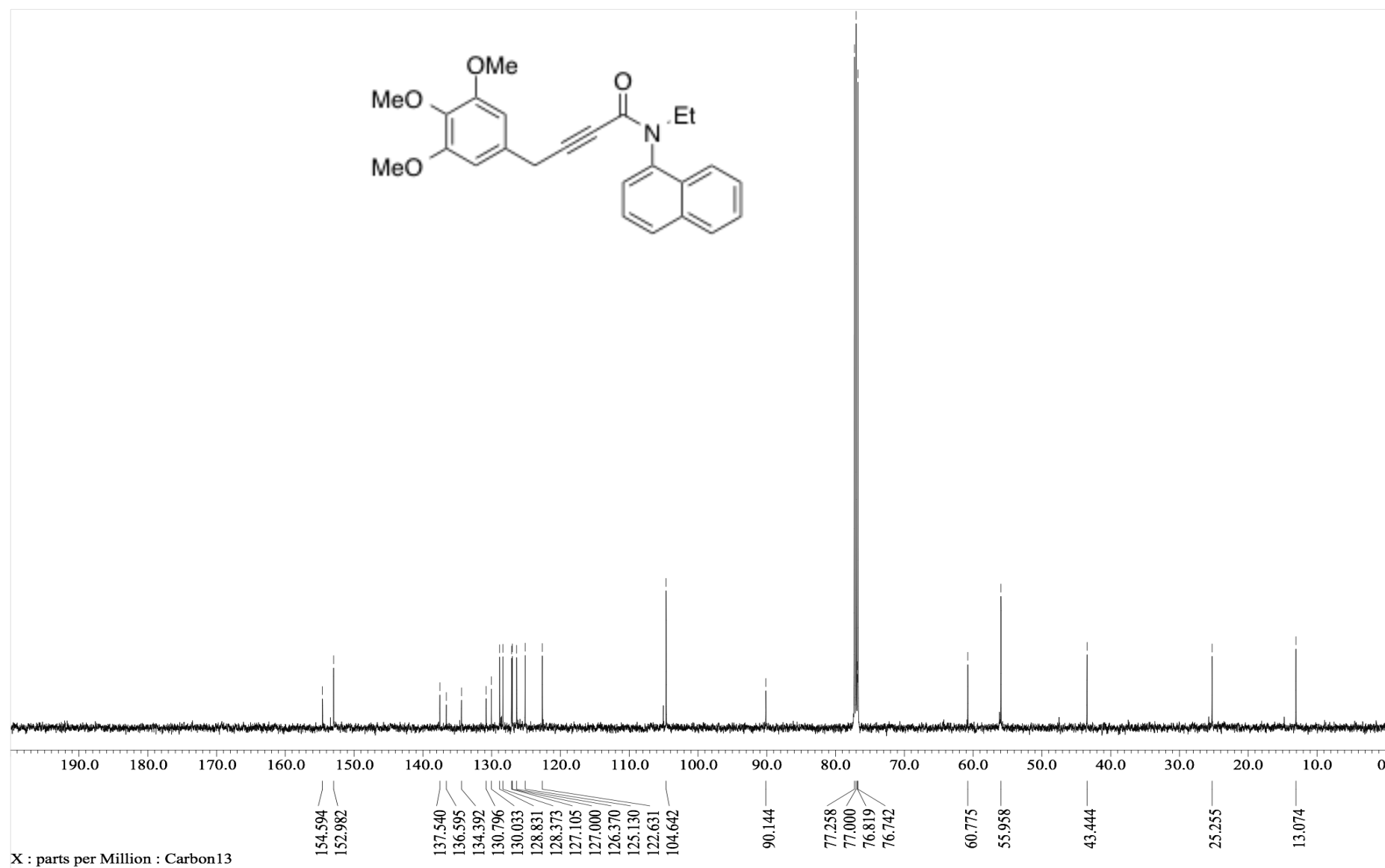
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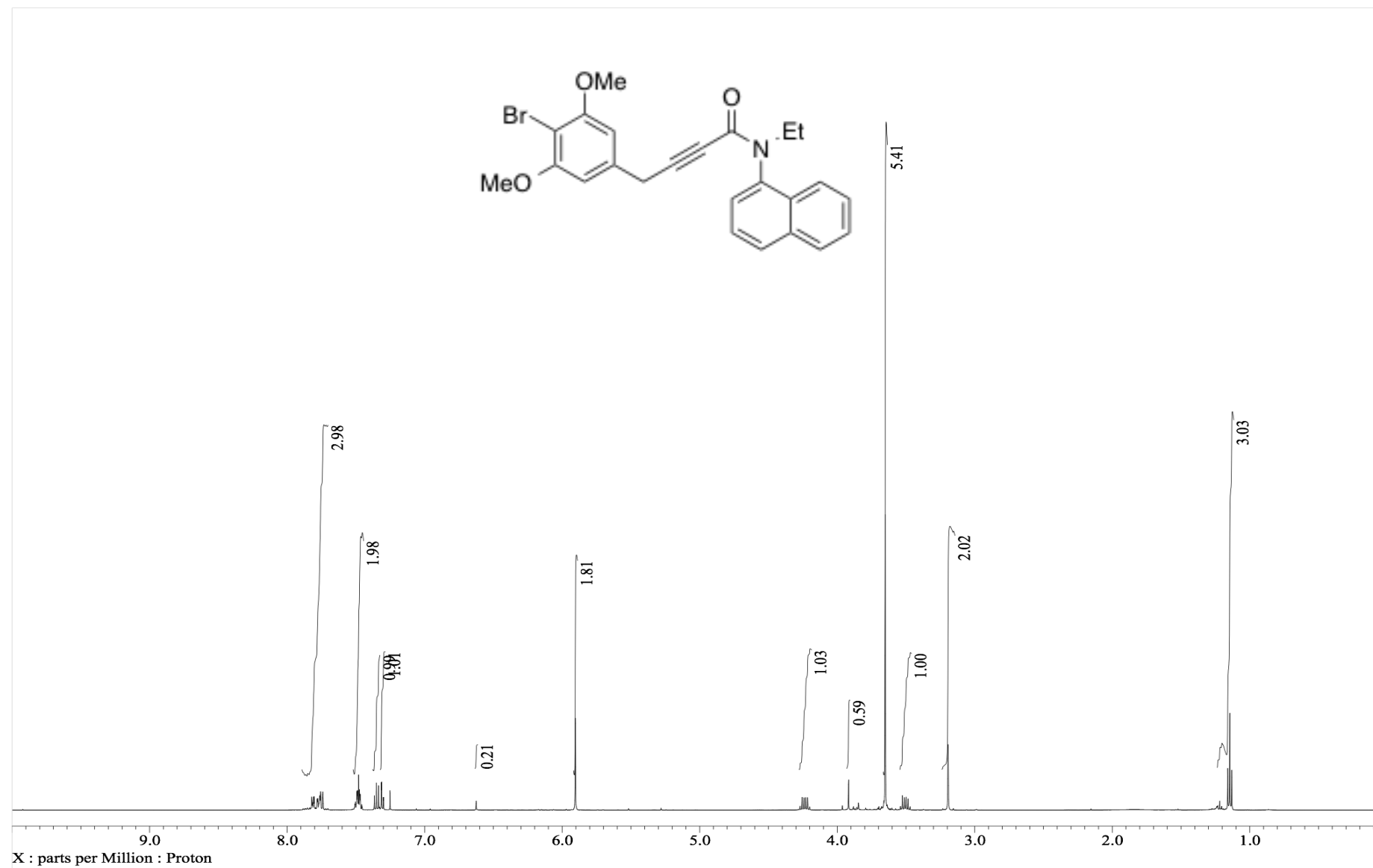


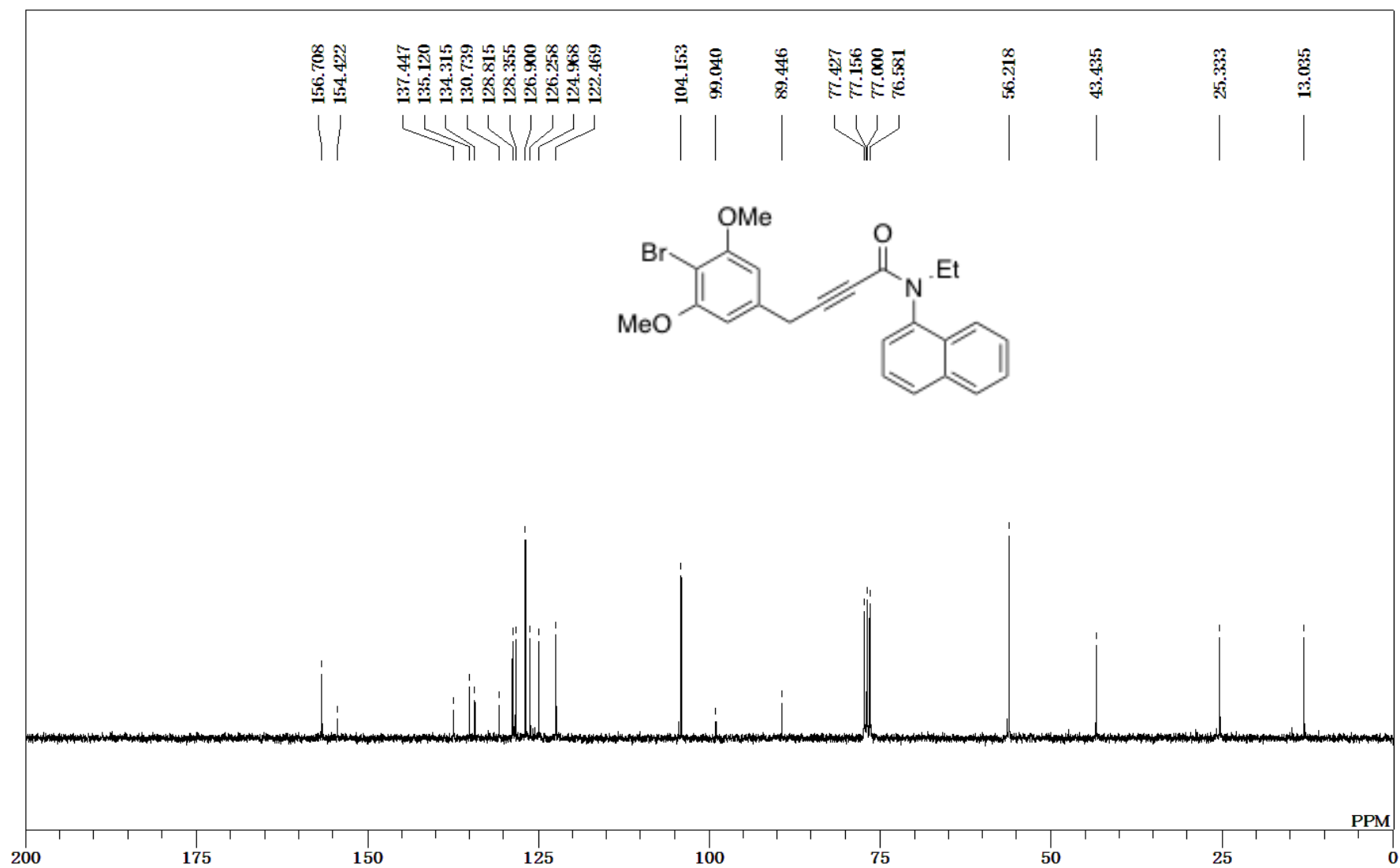
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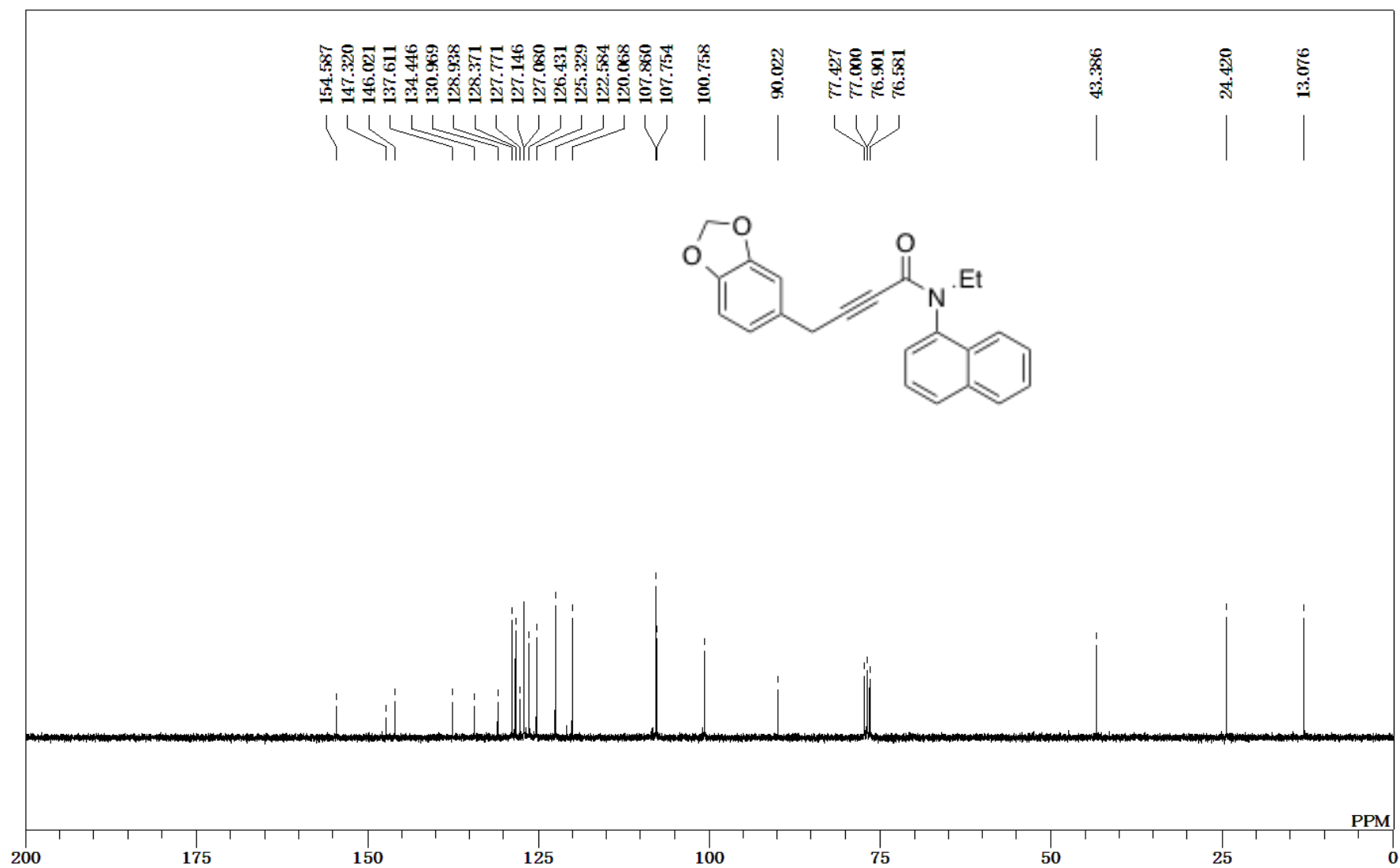
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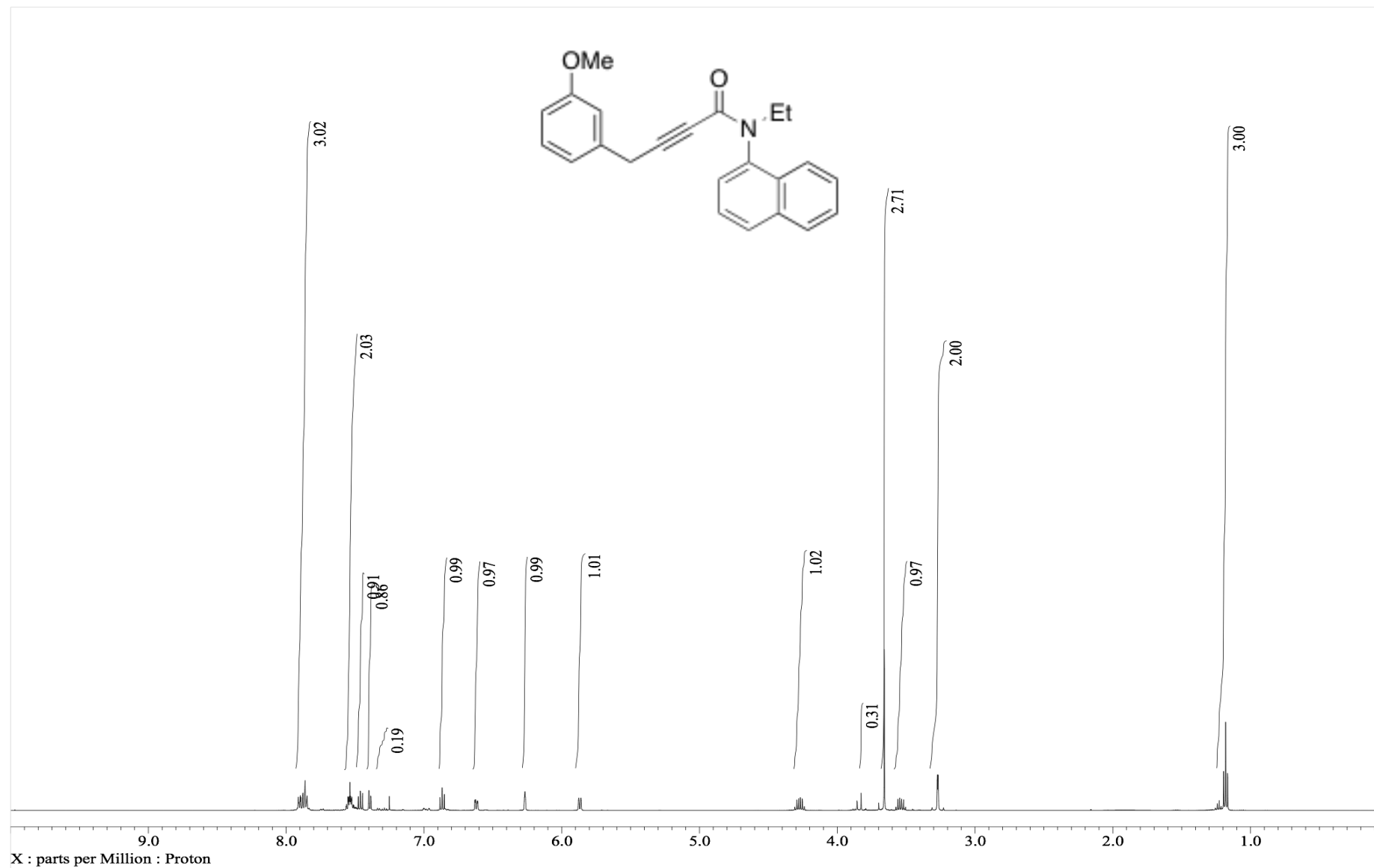


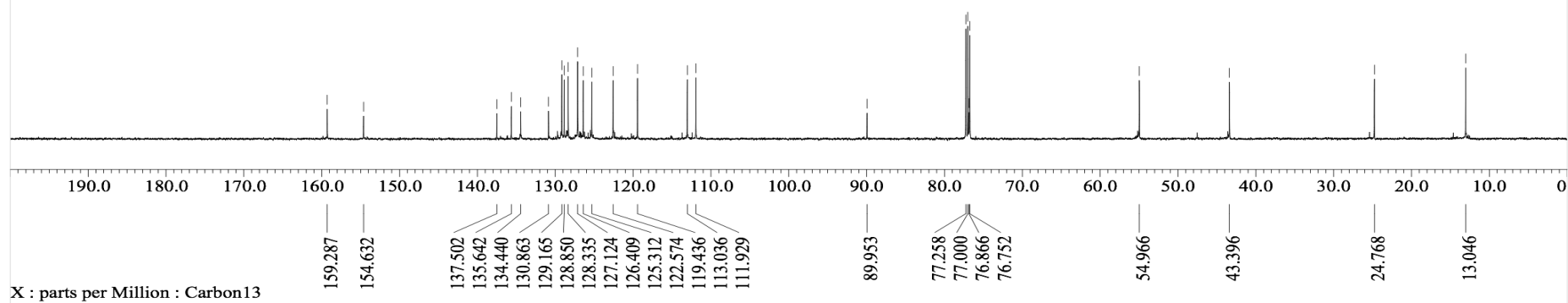
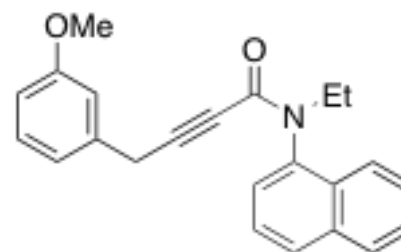
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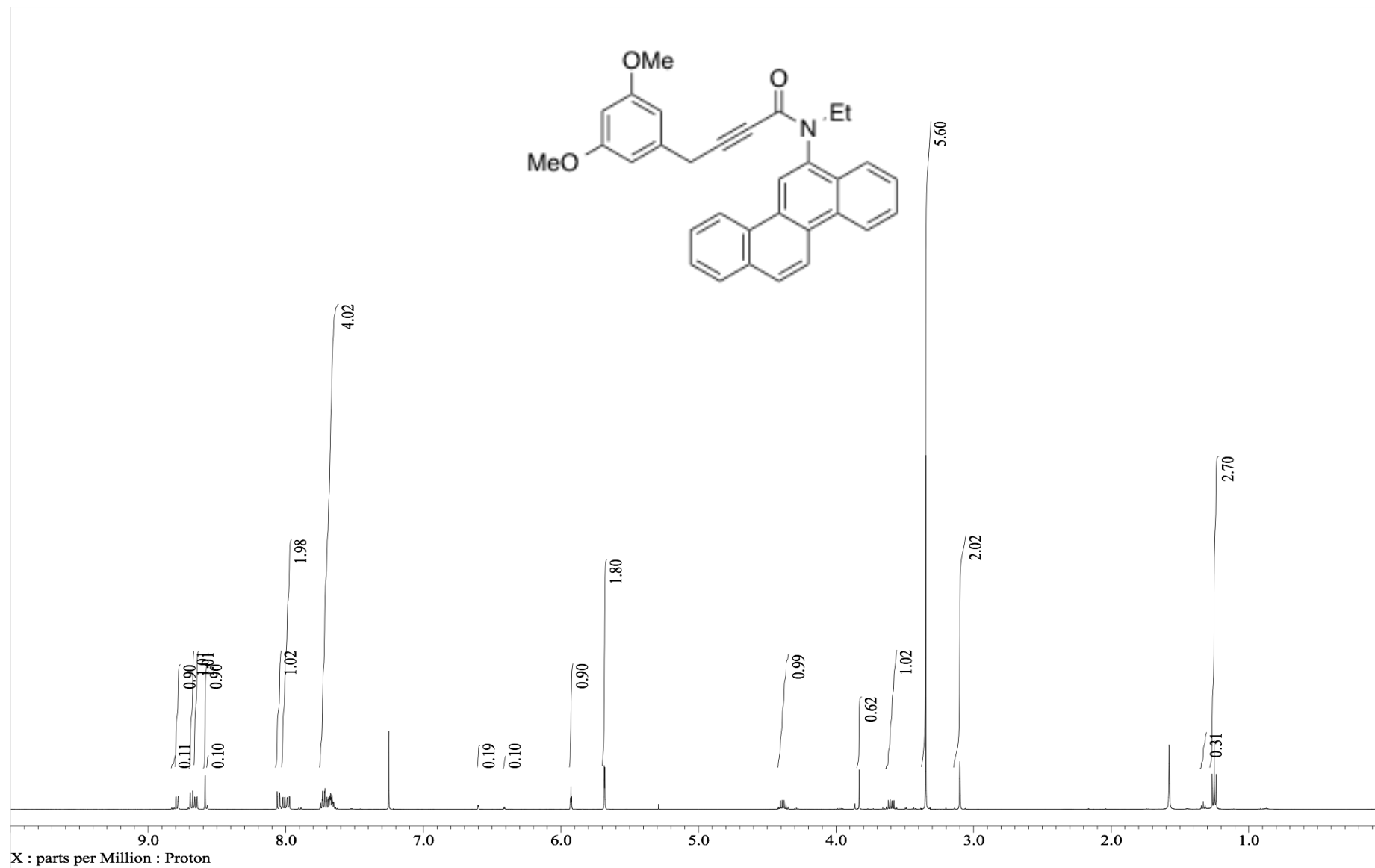


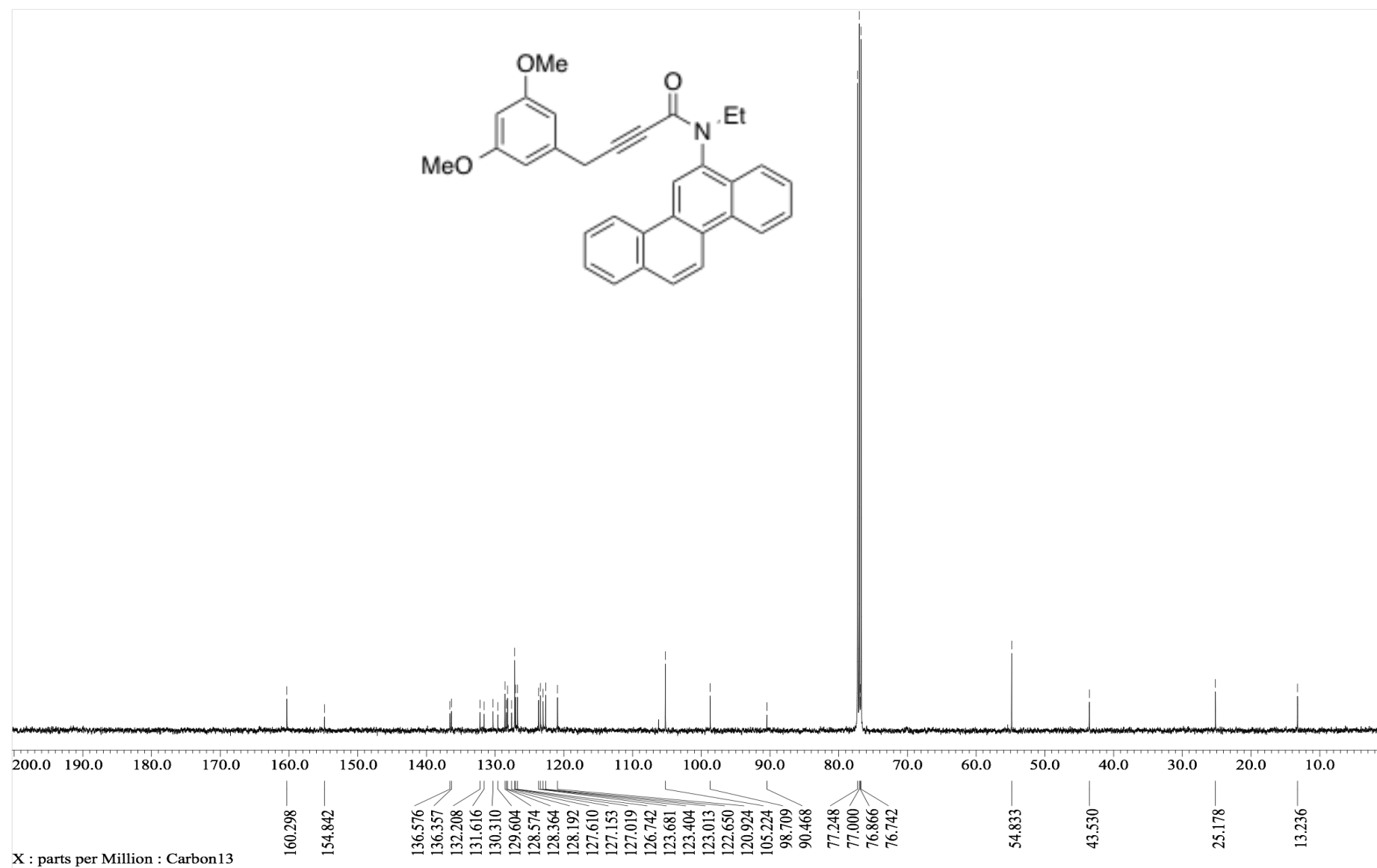
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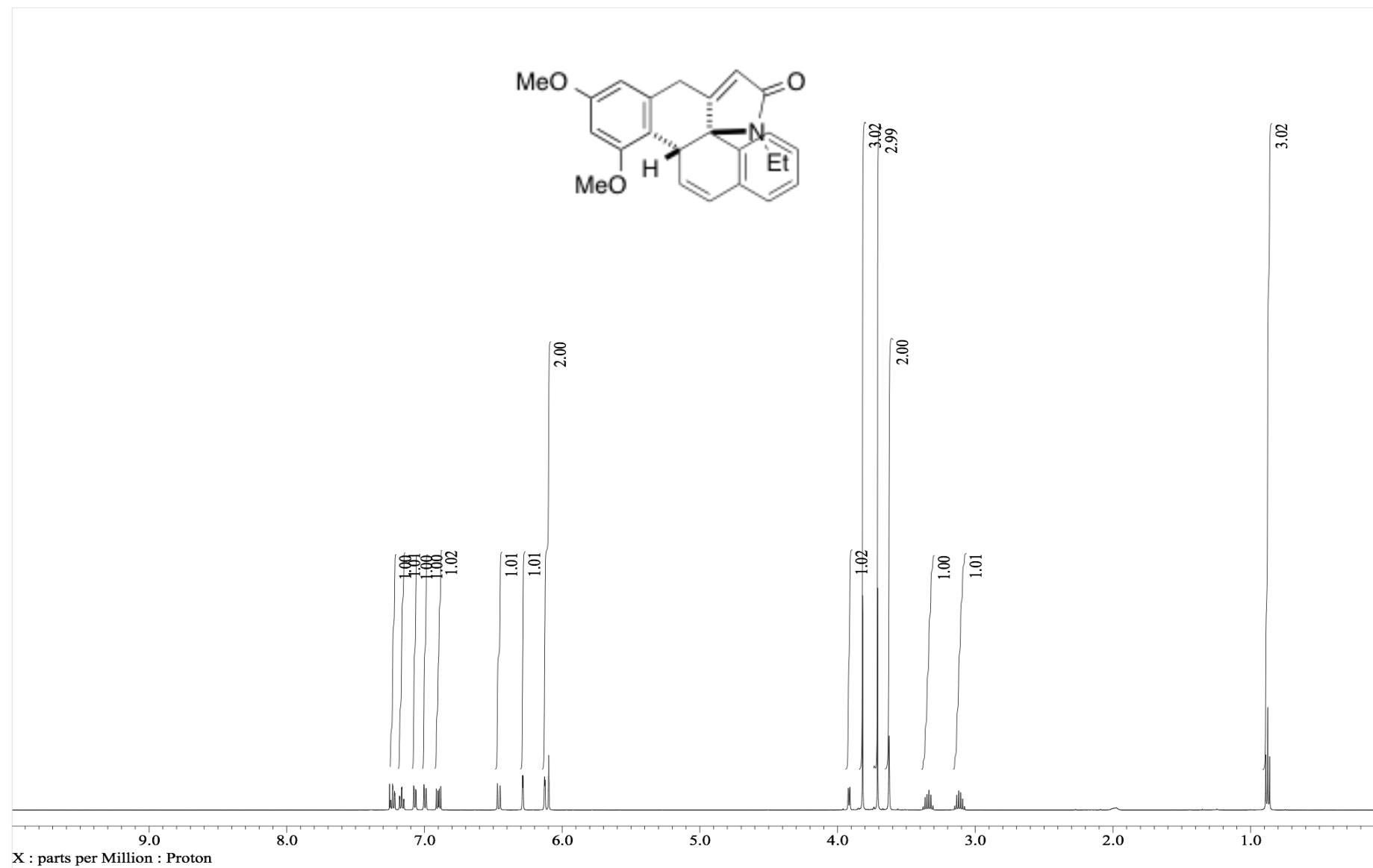


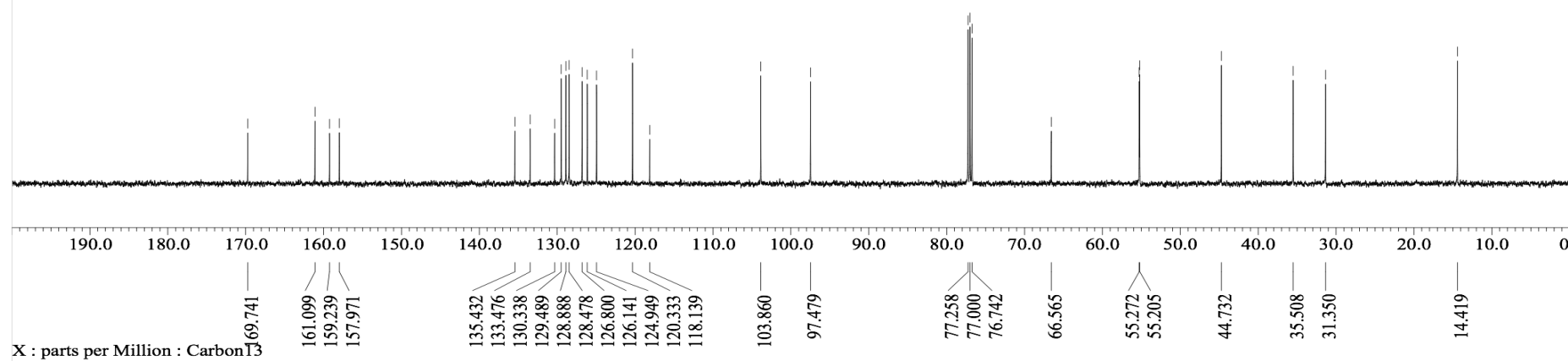
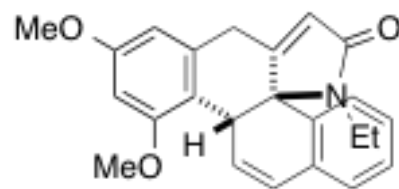
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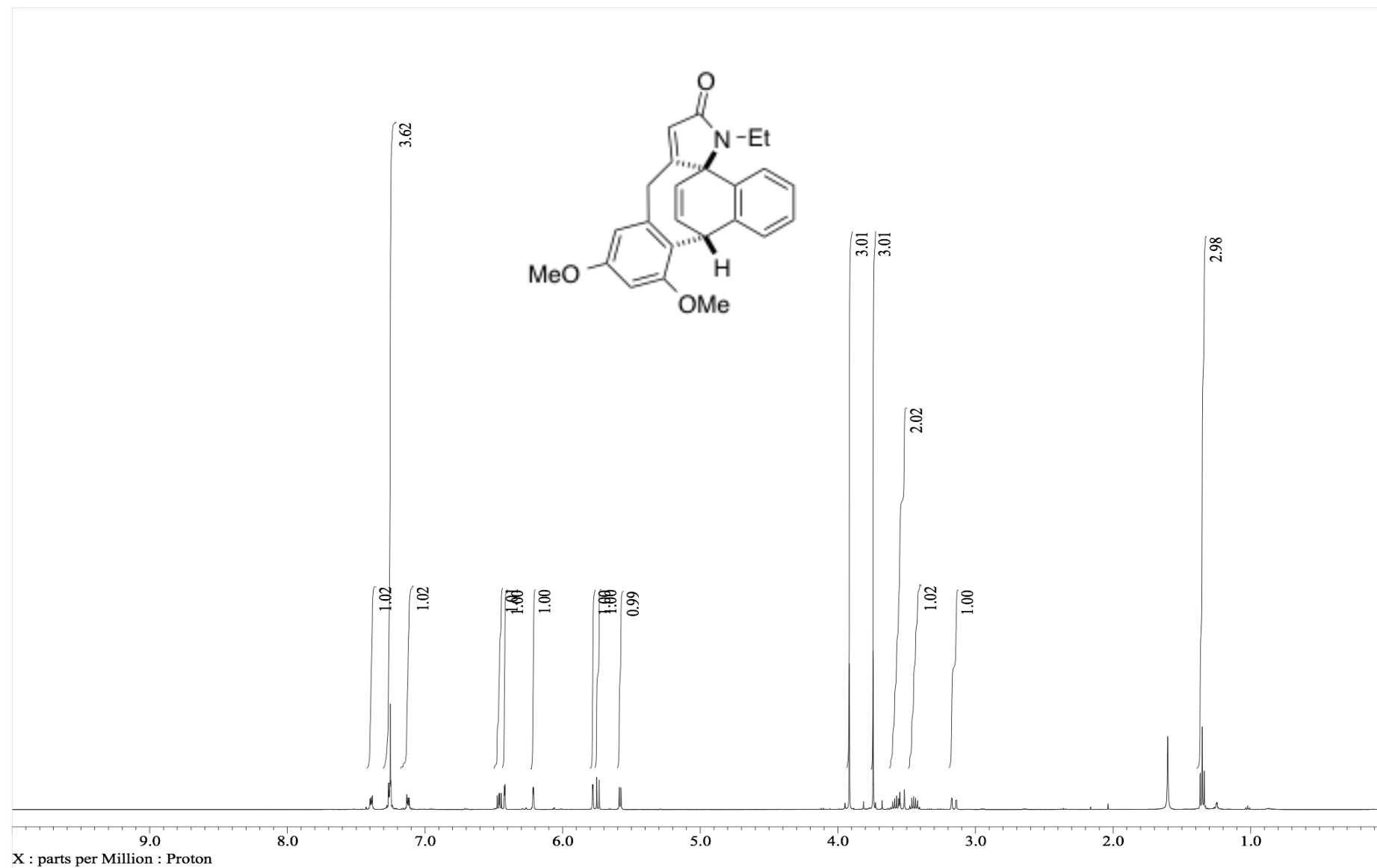


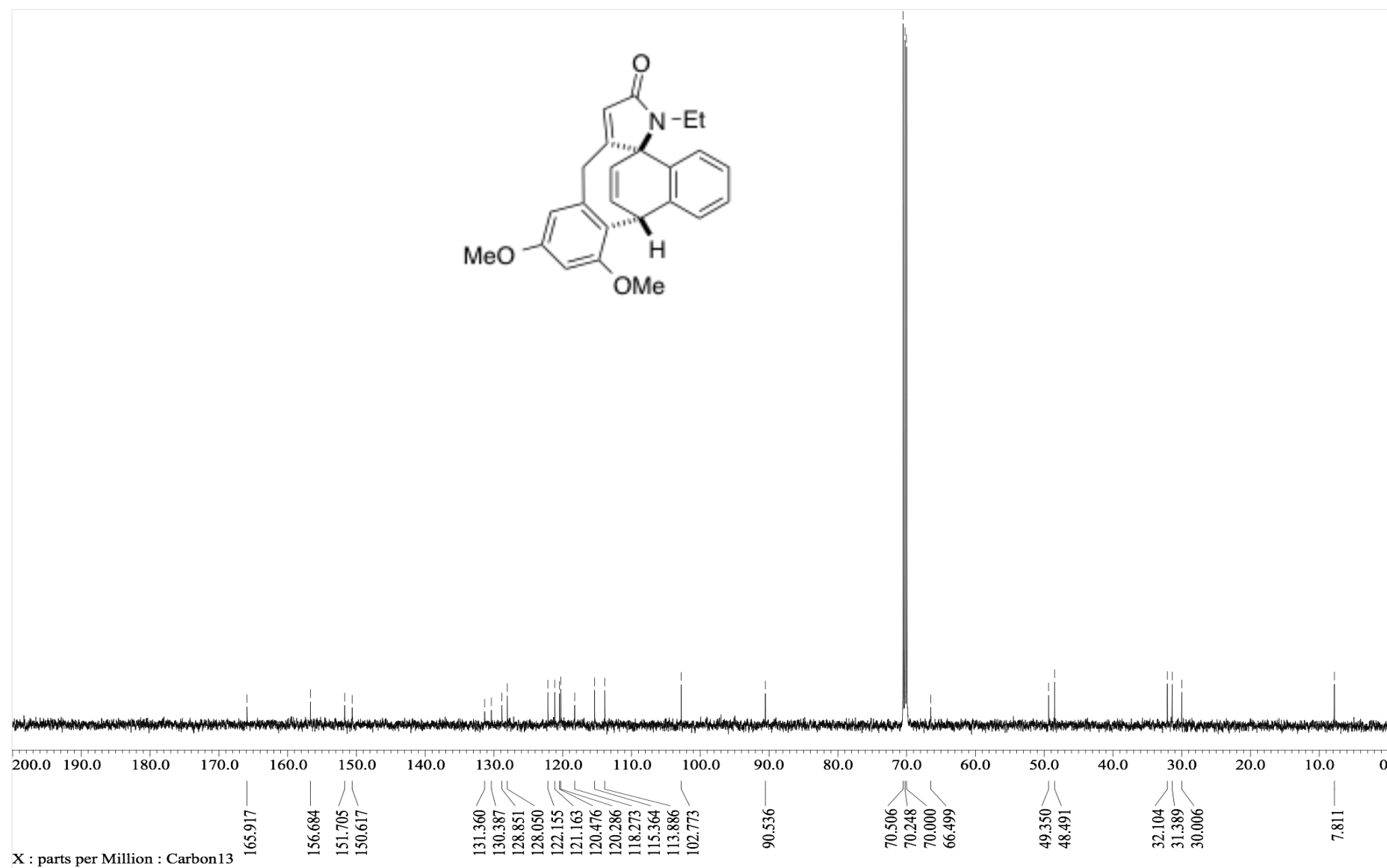
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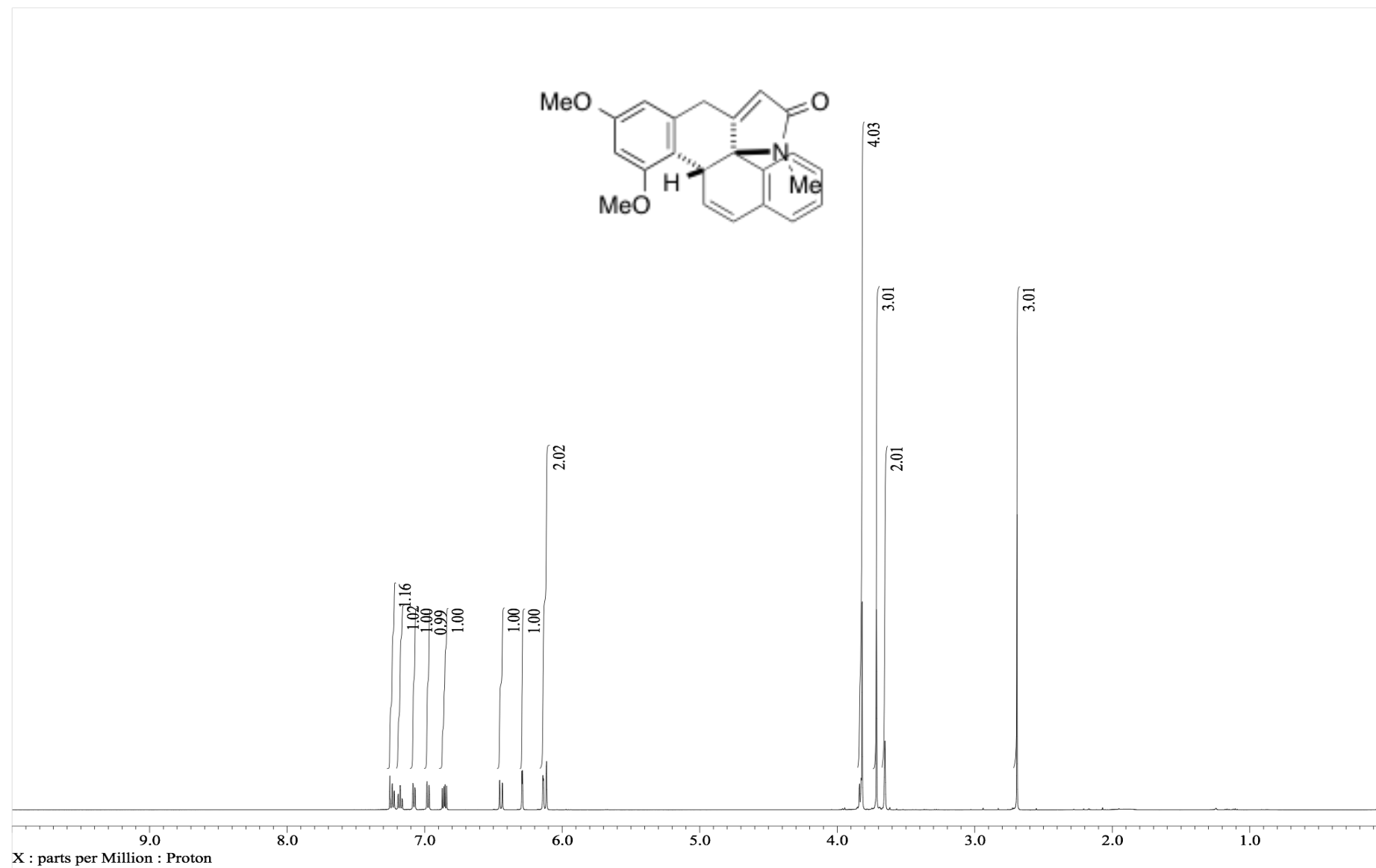


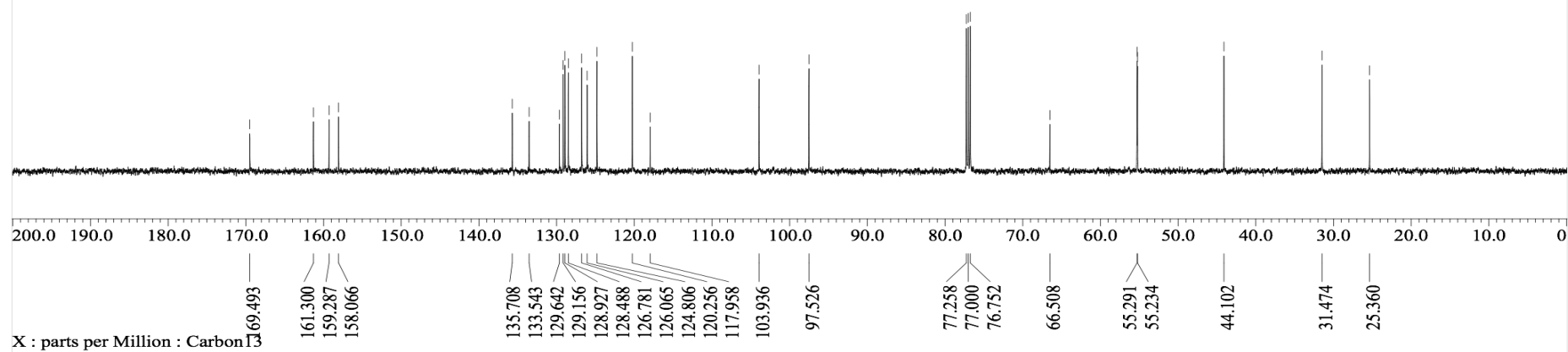
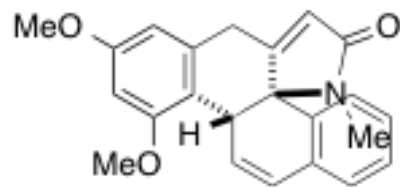
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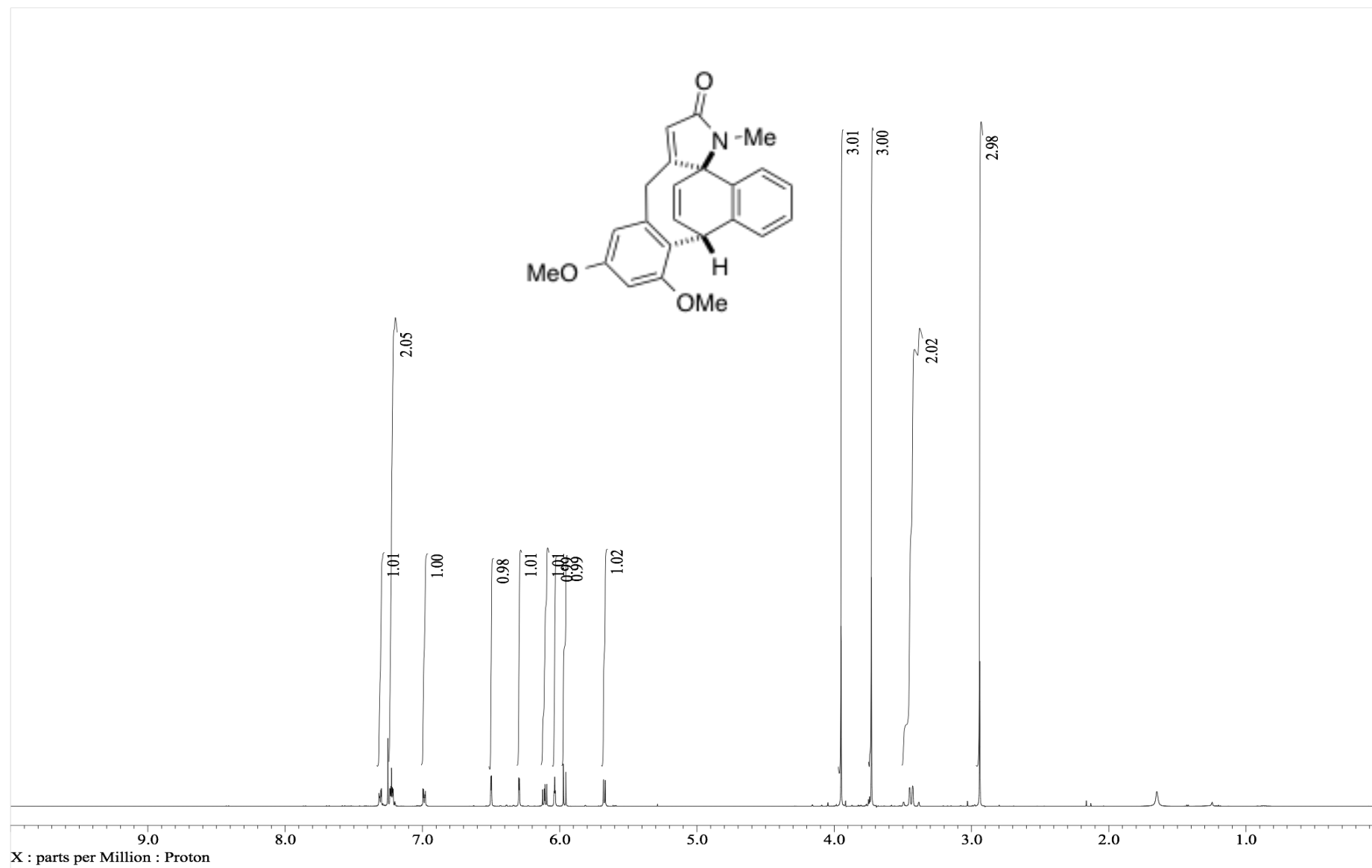
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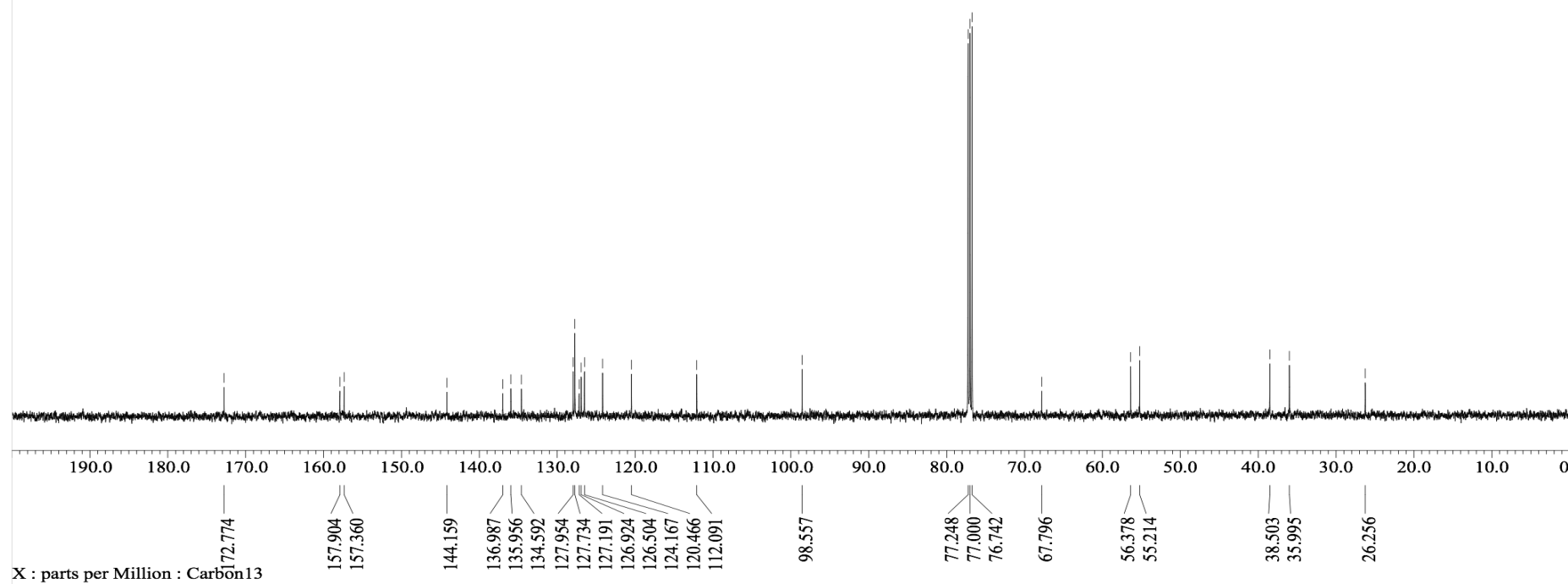
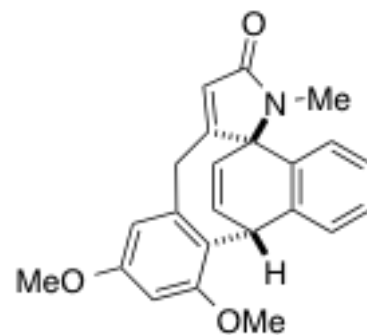




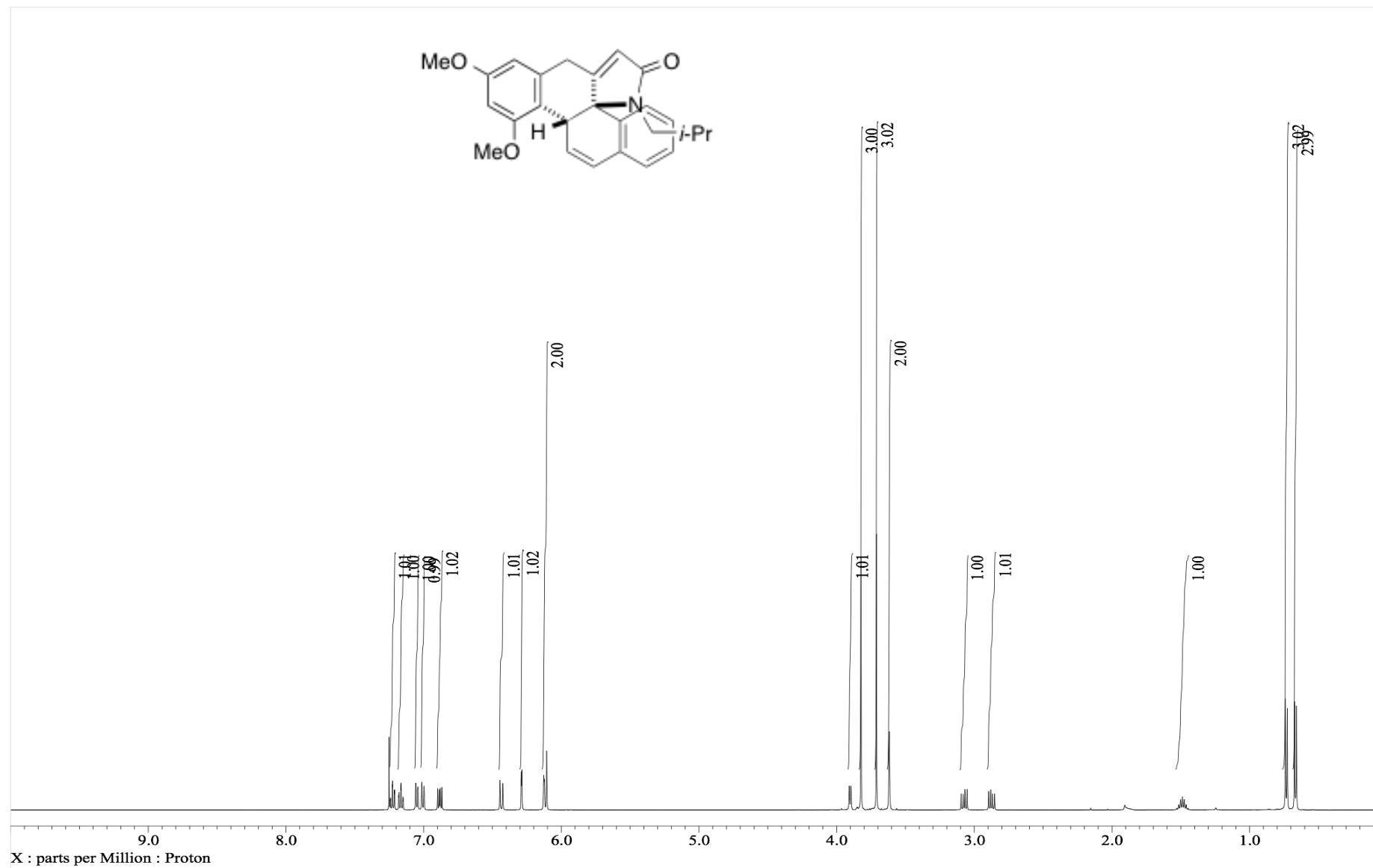
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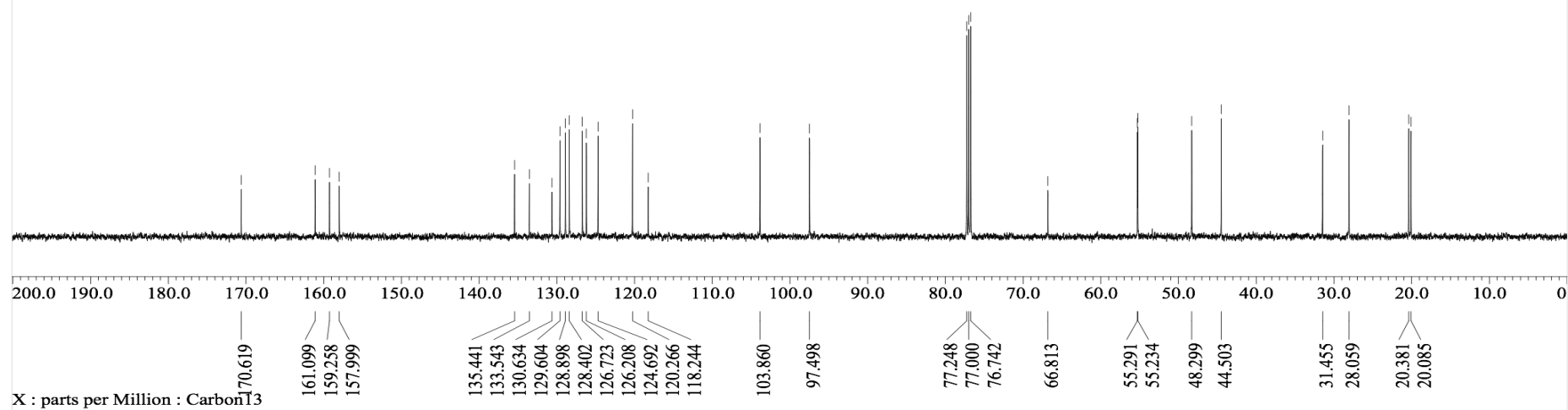
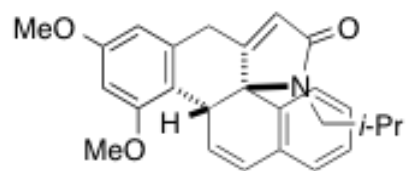
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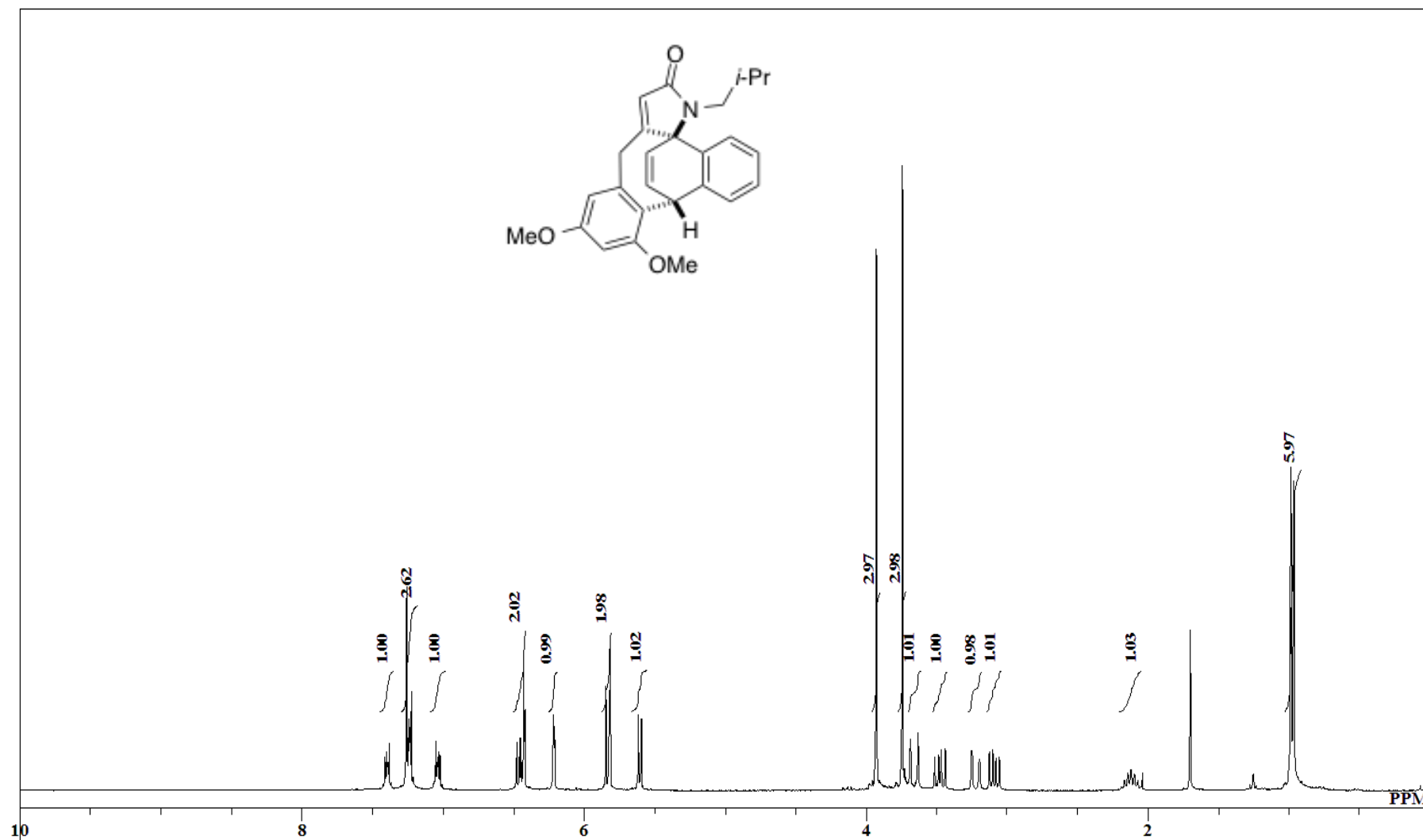


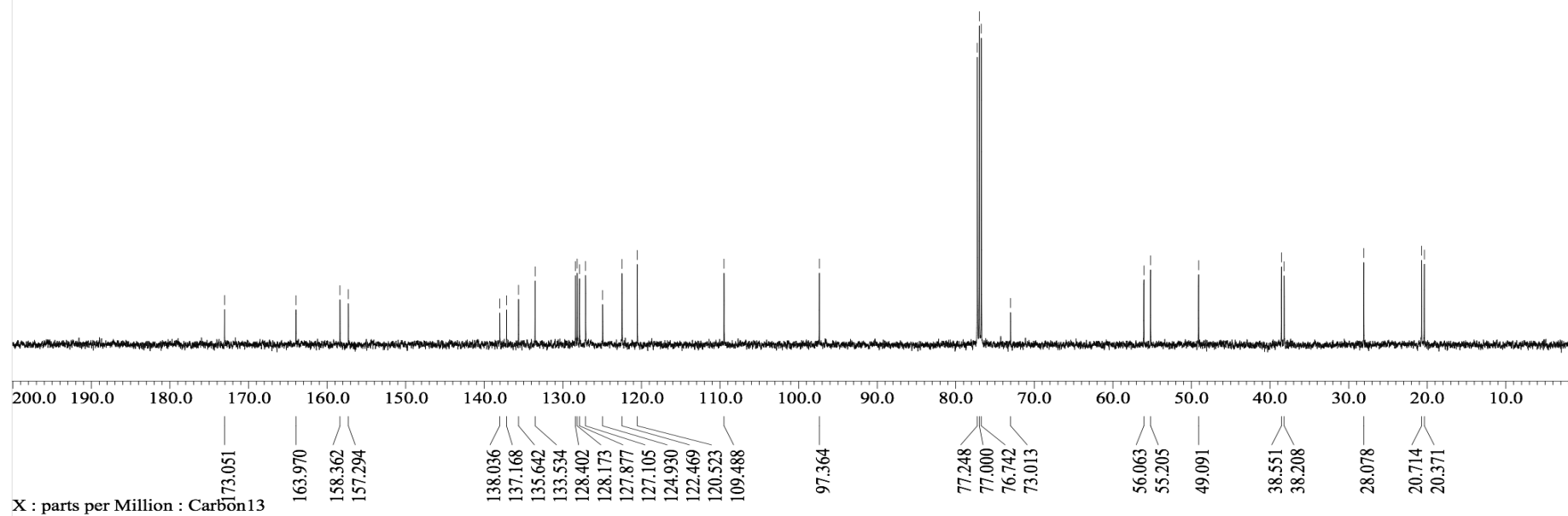
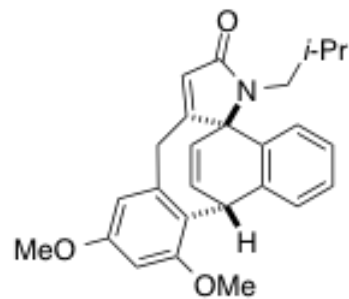
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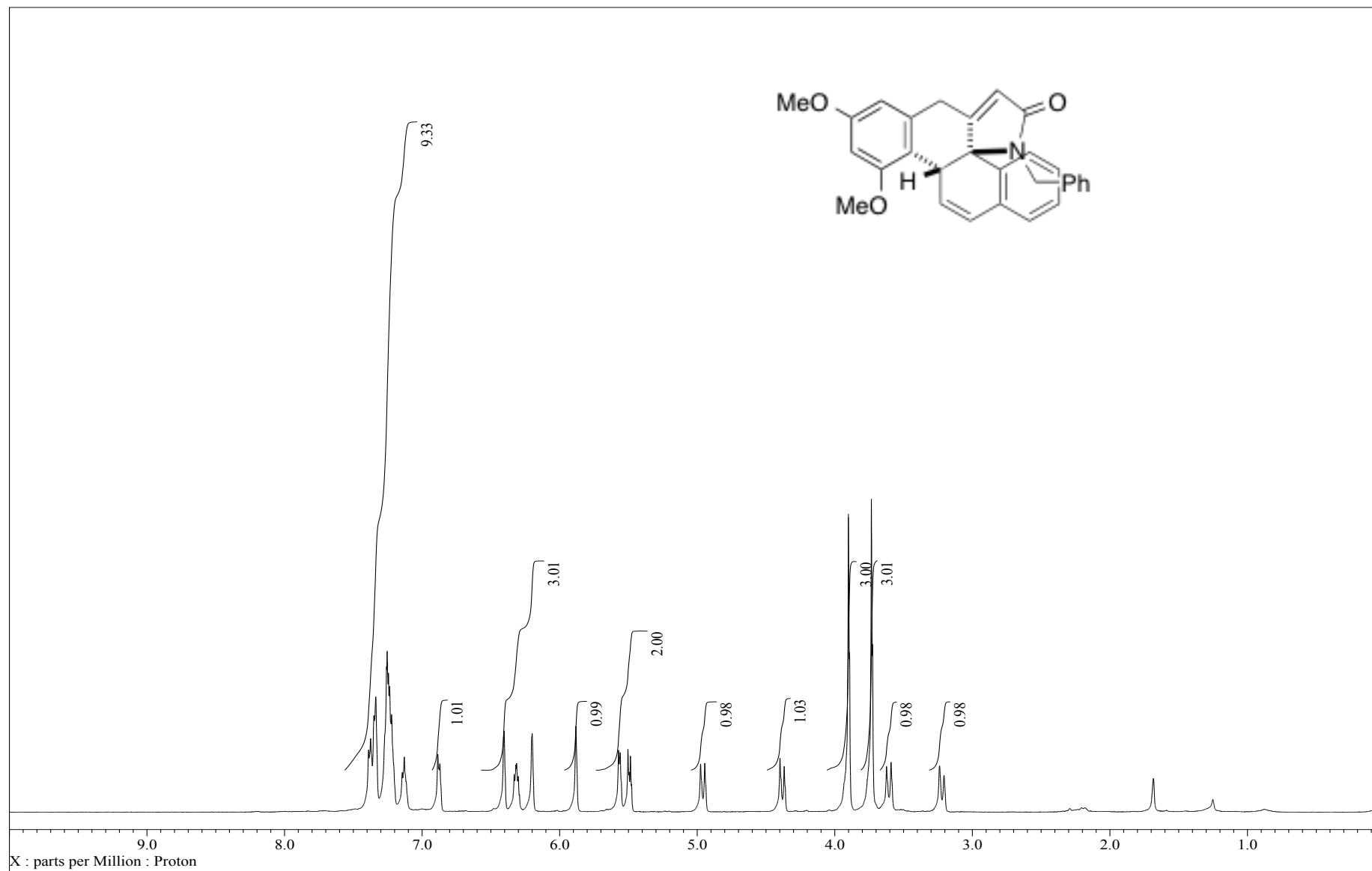


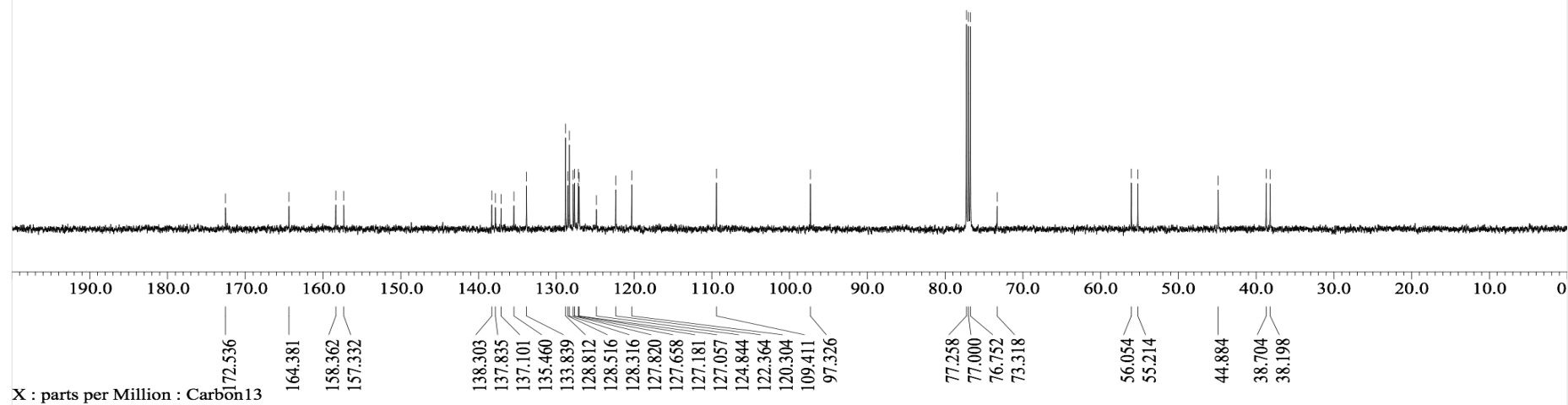
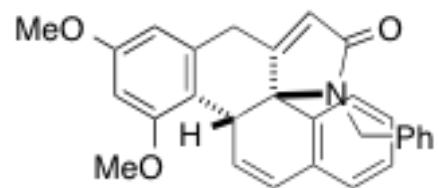
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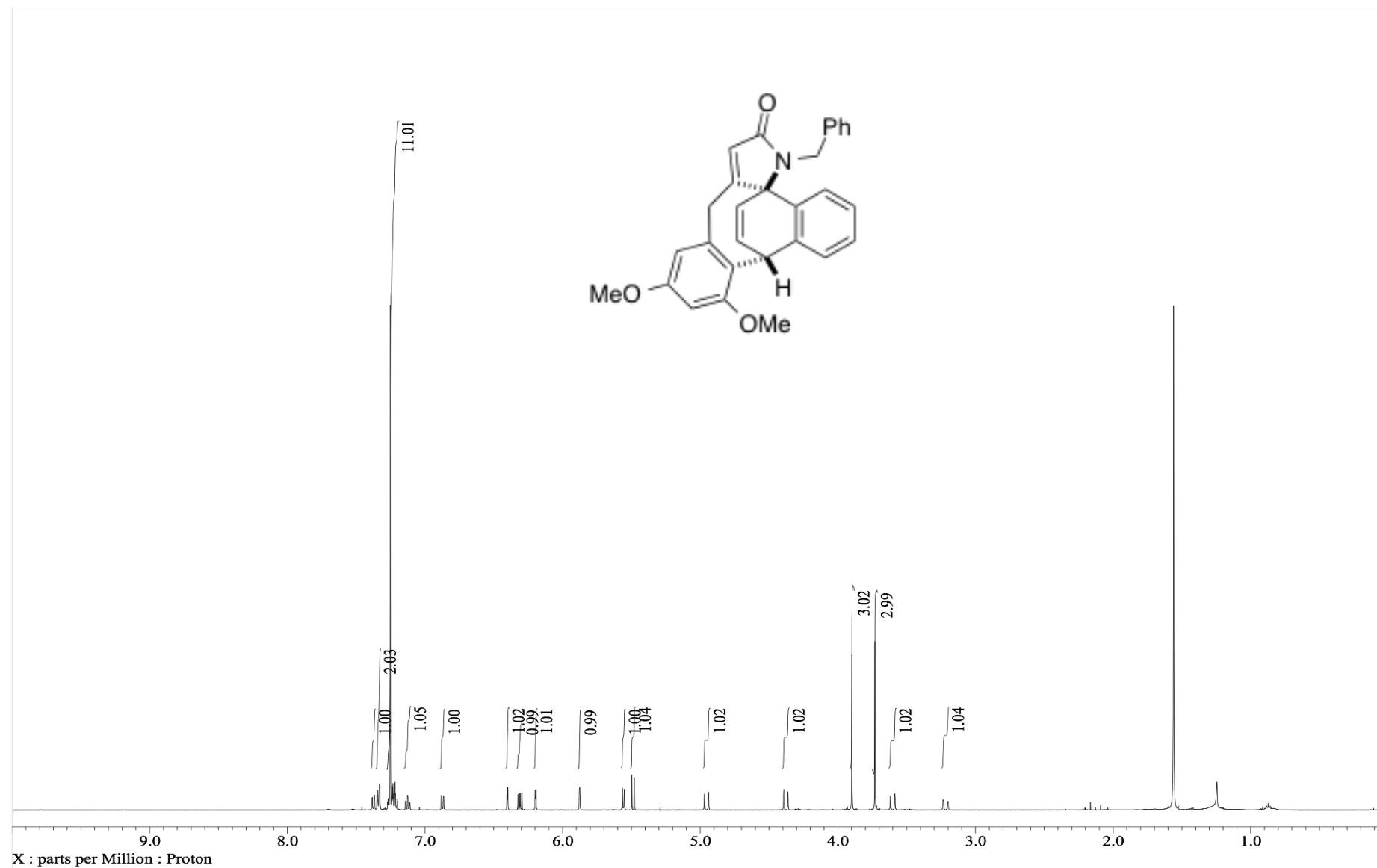


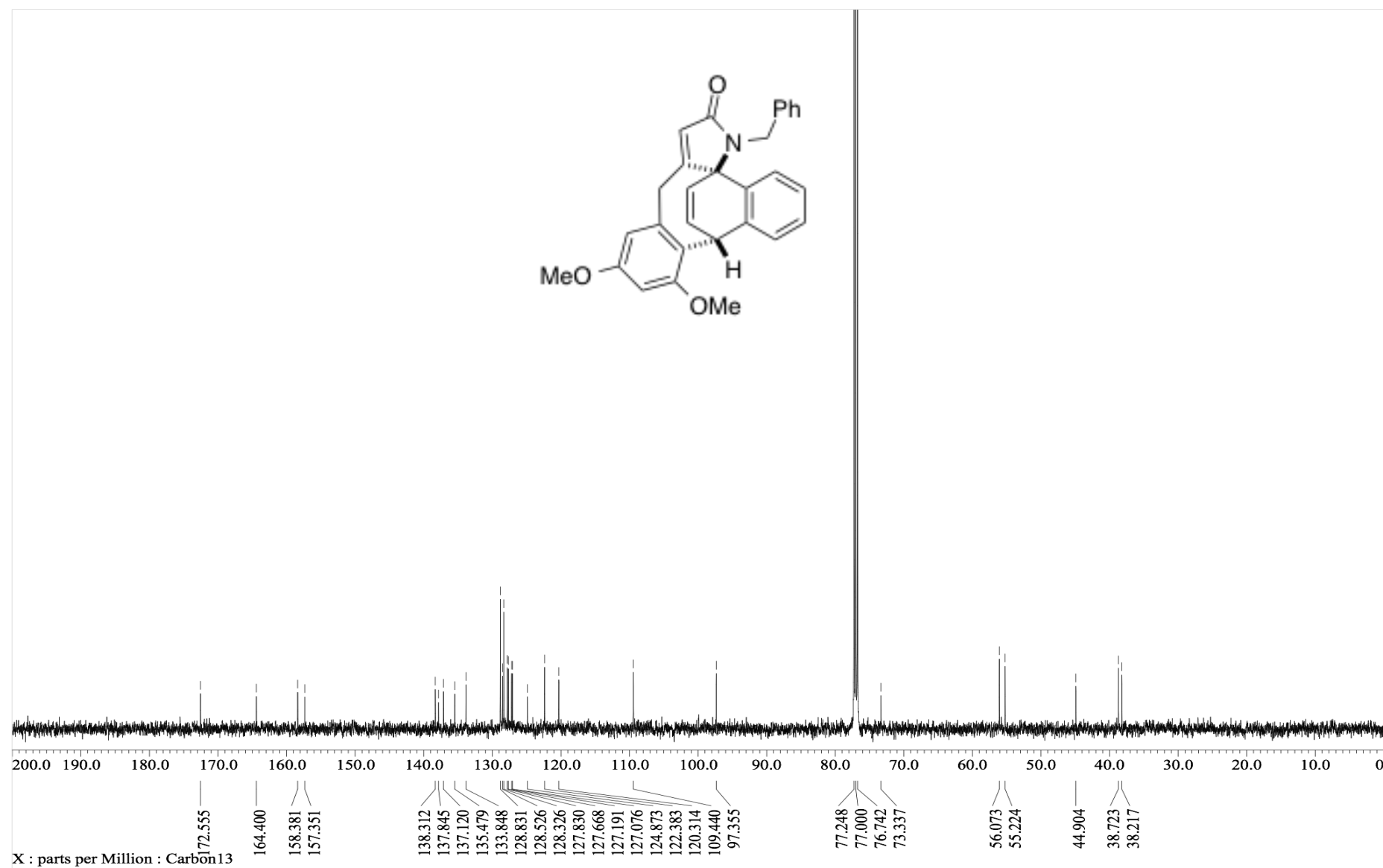
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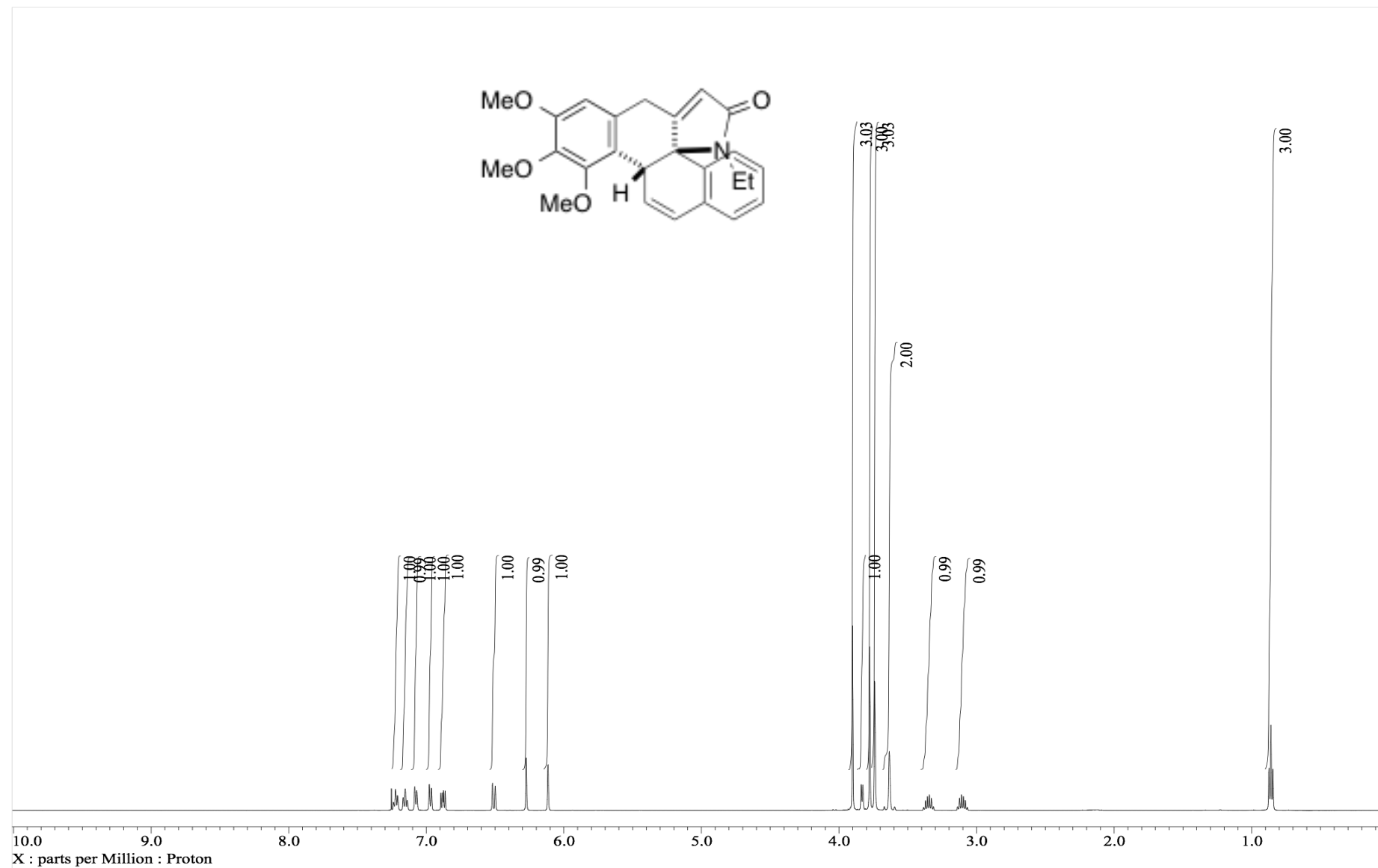


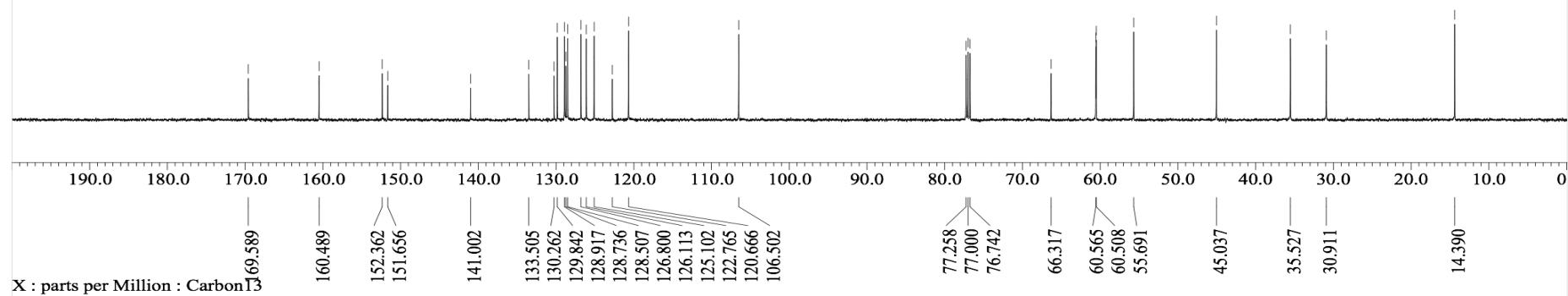
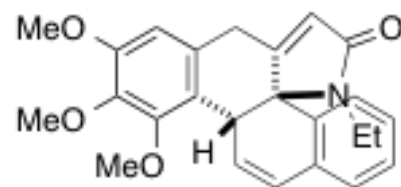
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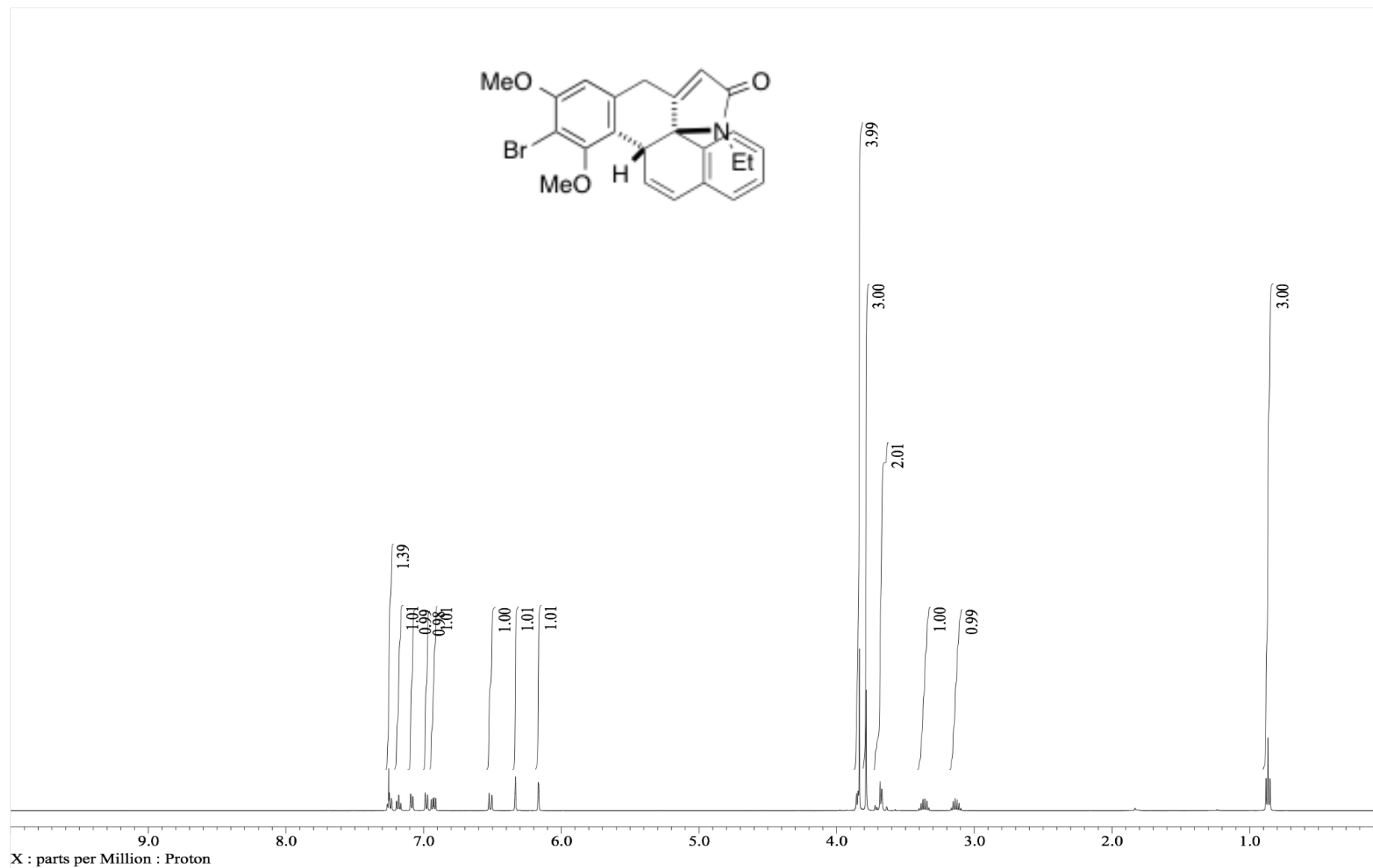


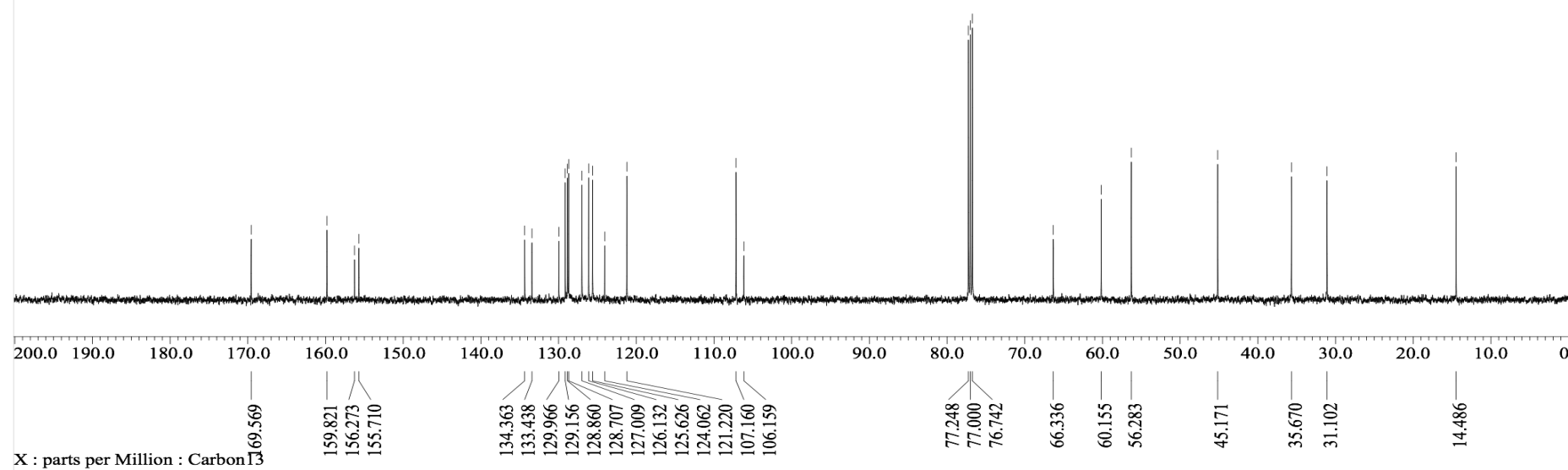
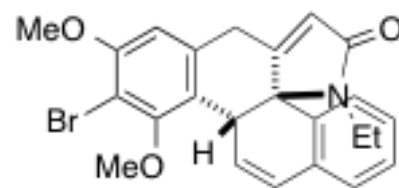
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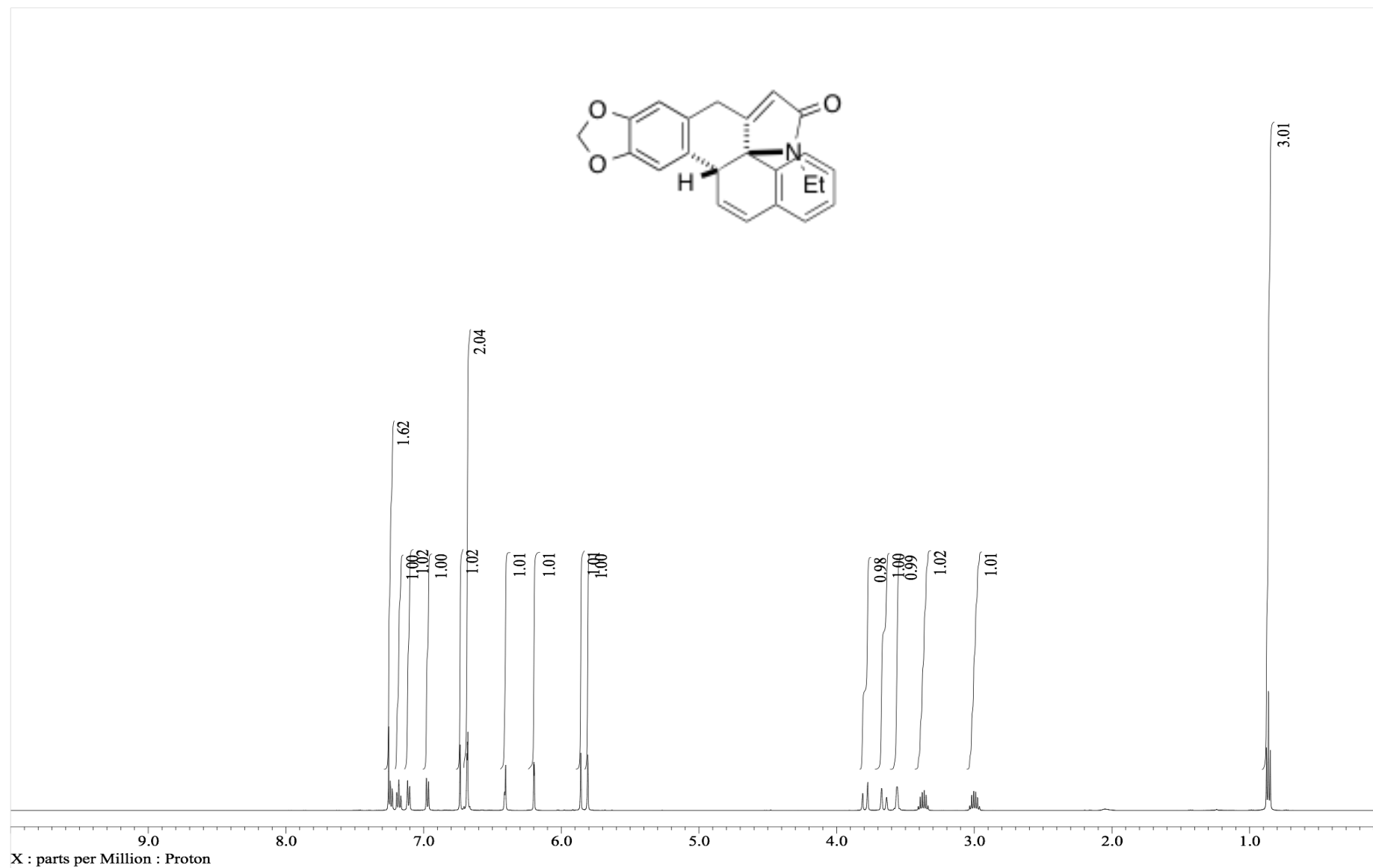


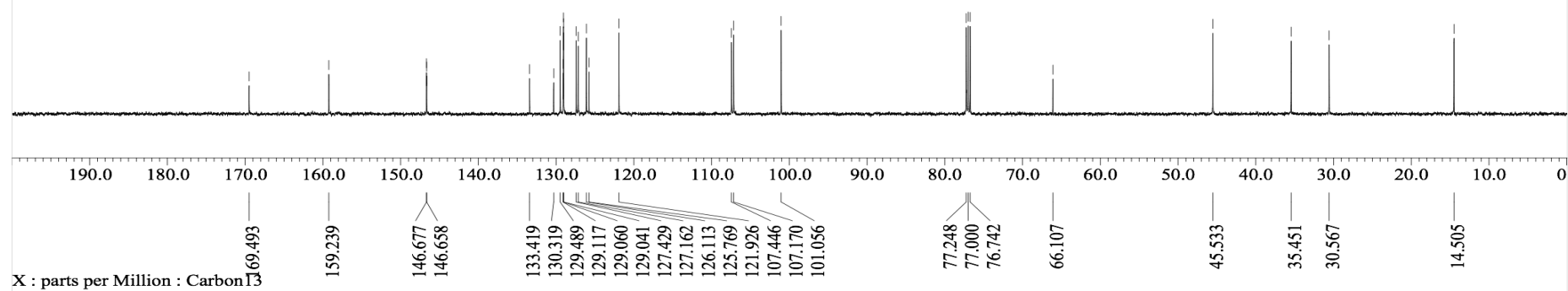
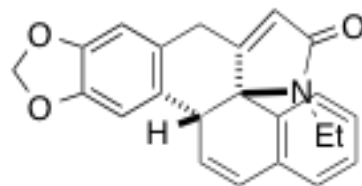
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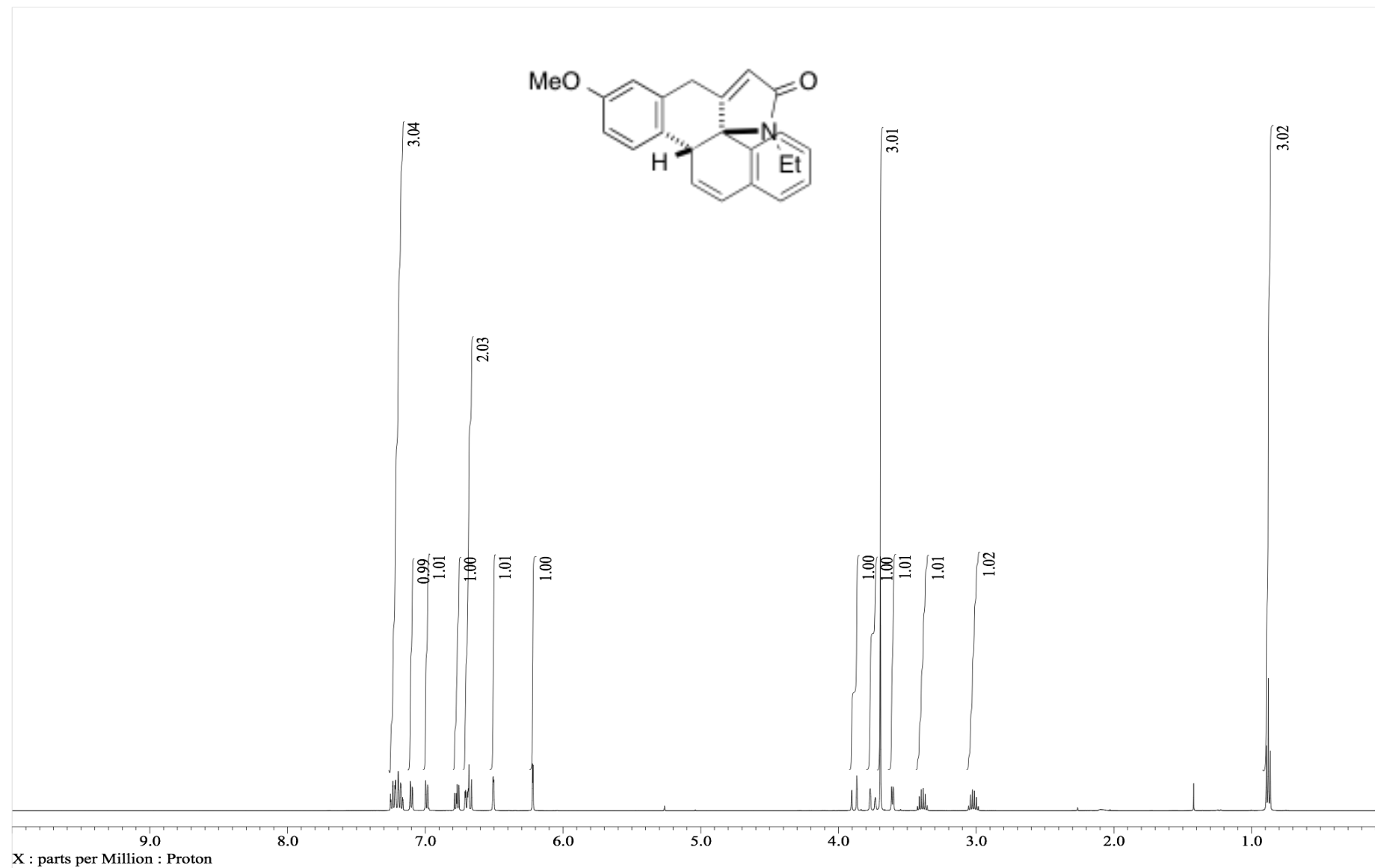
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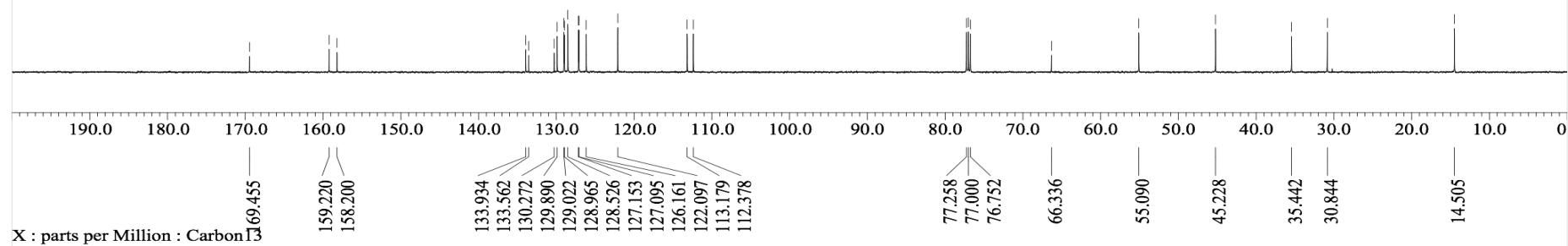
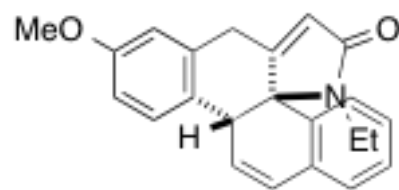




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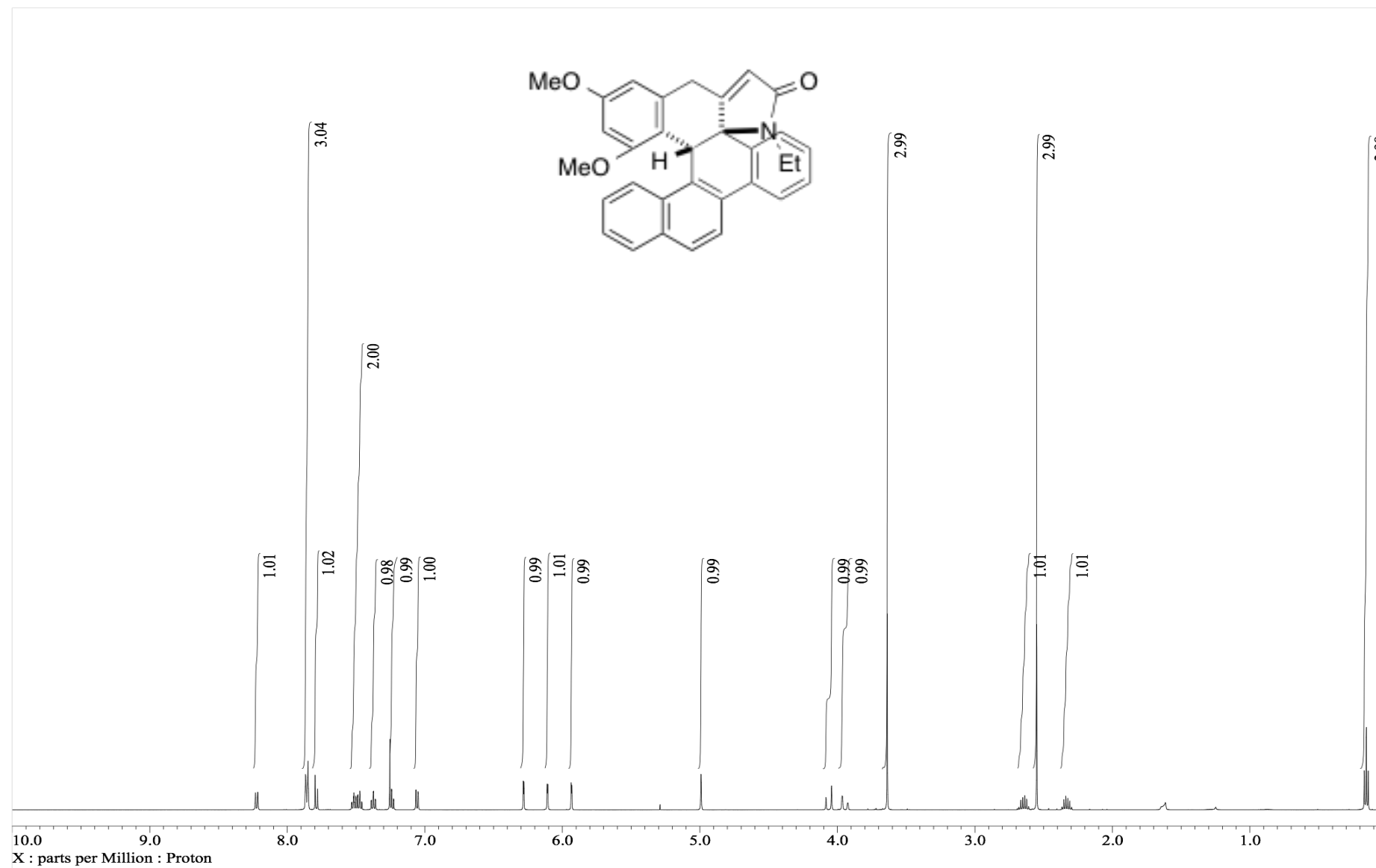
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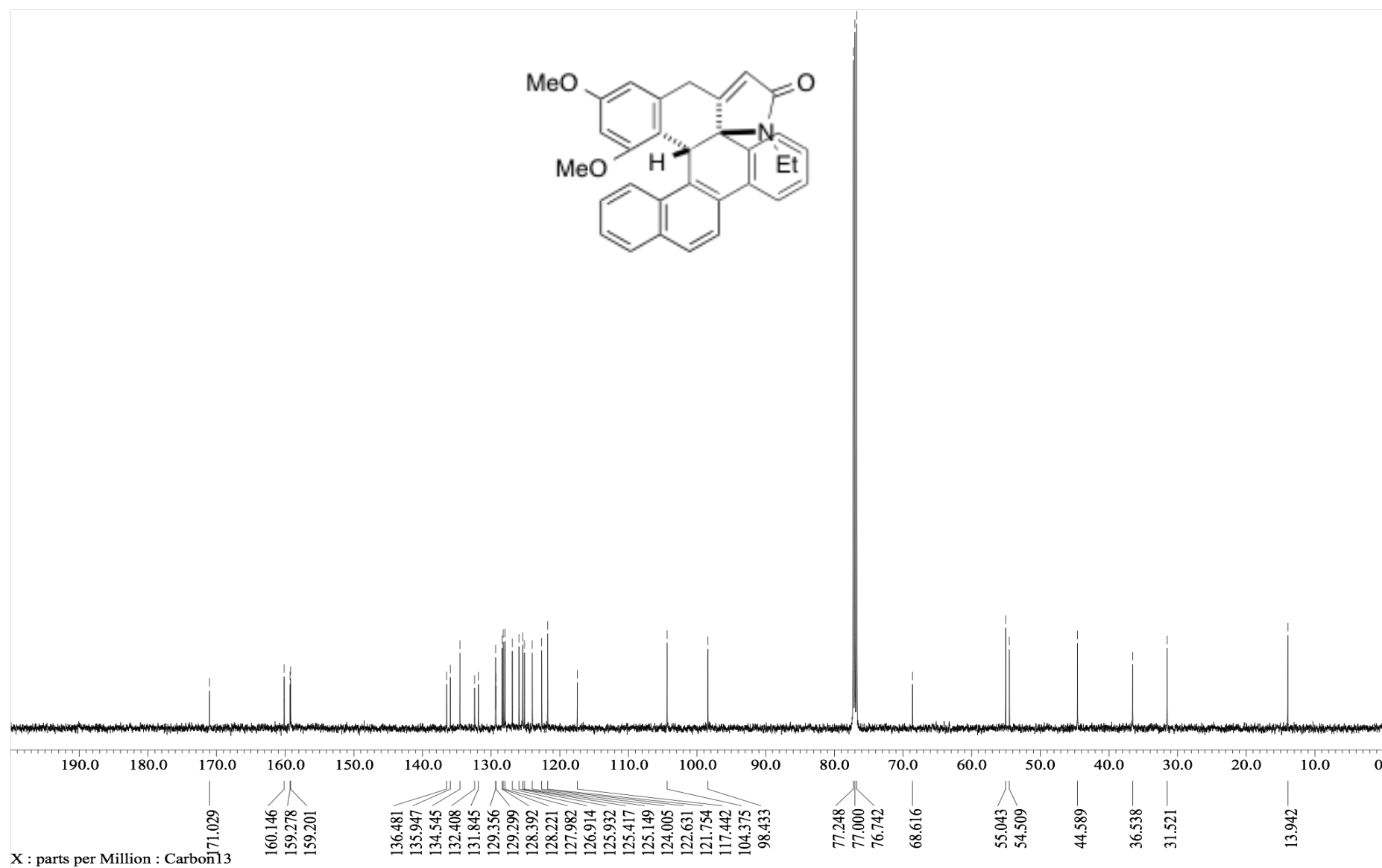




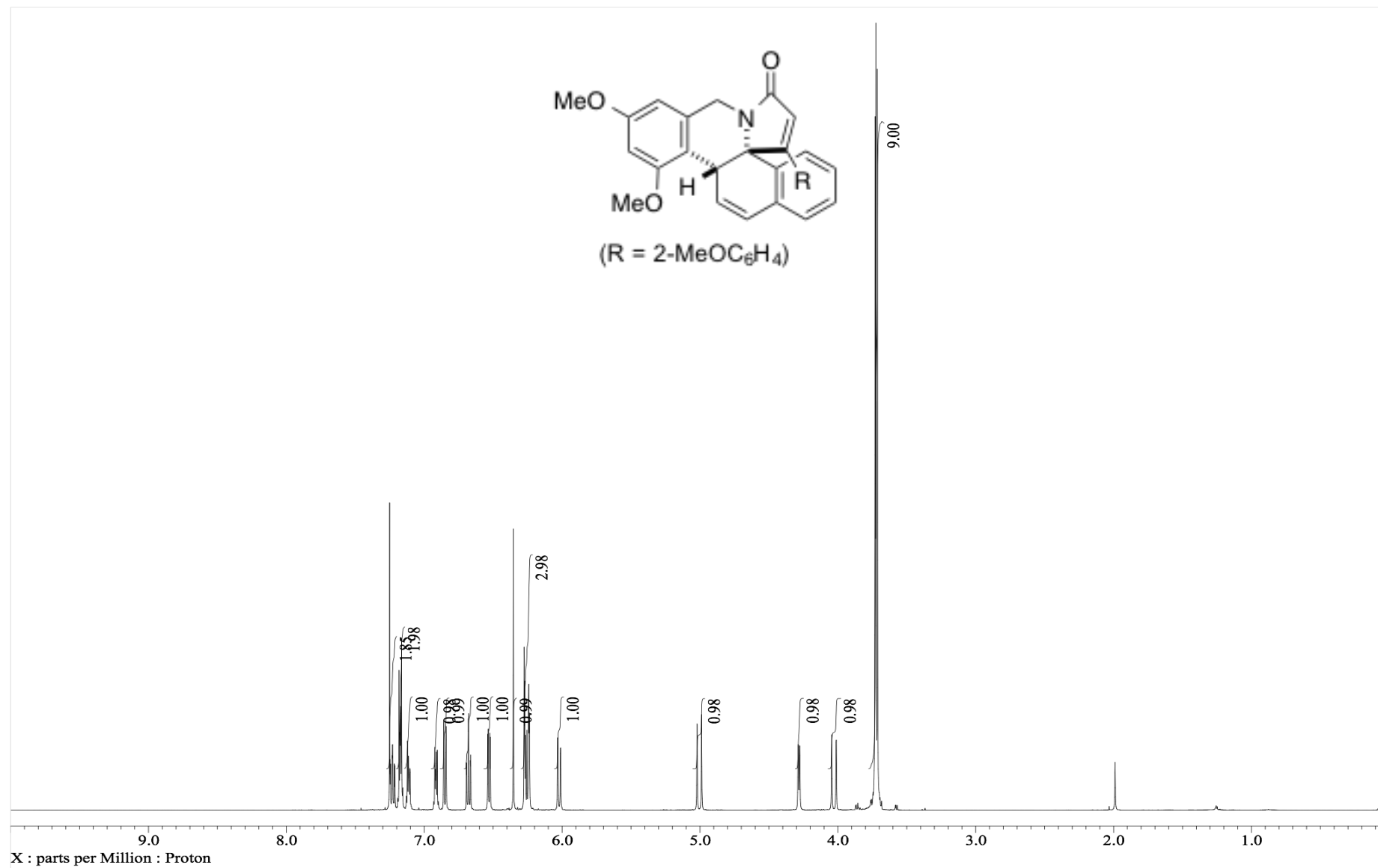
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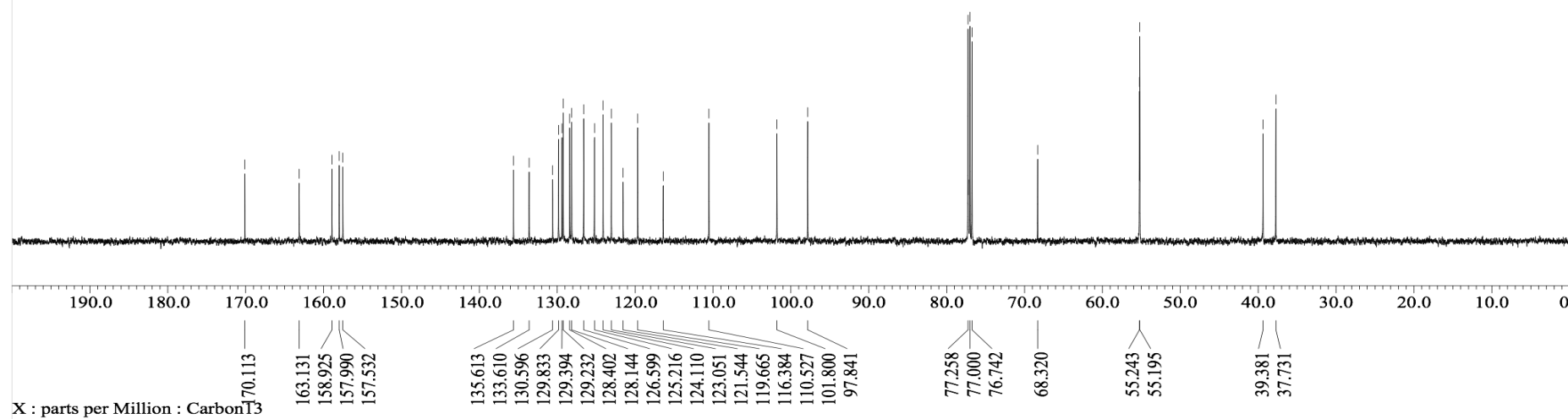
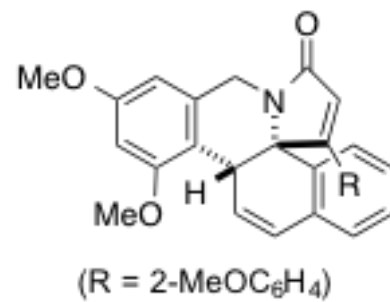
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11,13-Dimethoxy-5-(2-methoxyphenyl)-9,13b-dihydro-7H-benzo[c]pyrrolo[2,1-e]phenanthridin-7-one (5)





5-Ethyl-10,12-dimethoxy-7,7a,8,12b,13,14-hexahydrobenzo[f]naphtho[2,1-*h*]indol-6(5*H*)-one (6)

