

Supporting Information

Organocatalytic asymmetric synthesis of 3-chlorooxindoles bearing adjacent quaternary – tertiary centers

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General

Full assignment of ^1H and ^{13}C chemical shifts is based on the 1D and 2D FT NMR spectra on a 400 MHz instrument. Solvent peaks (CHCl_3 $\delta=7.26/77.16$) were used as chemical shift references. Chiral HPLC was performed using Chiralcel OD-H, Chiralpak AD-H and Lux 3u Amylose-2 columns. Precoated silica gel 60 F₂₅₄ plates were used for TLC, whereas for column chromatography Merck silica gel was used. Commercial reagents were generally used as received. DCM and EtOAc were distilled from P_2O_5 .

Synthesis of catalysts

Catalysts **5**,¹ **6**,² **7**,³ **9**⁴ and **10**⁵ were prepared according to literature procedures. Catalyst **8**⁶ was commercially available from Strem and used as received. Catalyst **4** was prepared analogously to catalyst **5**.

1-(2,6-diisopropylphenyl)-3-((1S)-((2S,4S,5R)-5-ethylquinuclidin-2-yl)(6-methoxyquinolin-4-yl)methyl)thiourea 4. 9-*epi*-9-Amino-9-deoxydihydroquinine (2 mmol, 650 mg) and 1,3-diisopropyl-2-isothiocyanatobenzene (2 mmol, 439 mg) were dissolved in THF (3 mL) and left stirring at ambient temperature until TLC showed full conversion. The mixture was concentrated and directly purified by silica gel column chromatography (DCM/MeOH 20/1 to 10/1) to yield 848 mg of product (78%) as white crystals. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 8.67 (d, $J = 4.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.98 (d, $J = 9.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.88 (s, 1H), 7.42 – 7.33 (m, 3H), 7.28 – 7.20 (m, 2H), 7.07 (s, 1H), 6.54 (s, 1H), 5.81 (d, $J = 10.7$ Hz, 1H), 4.02 (s, 3H), 3.19 (p, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 1H), 3.09 (s, 1H), 2.97 (t, $J = 11.5$ Hz, 2H), 2.69 (s, 1H), 2.55 (ddd, $J = 15.1, 11.8, 5.1$ Hz, 1H), 2.14 – 2.04 (m, 1H), 1.65 – 1.51 (m, 2H), 1.50 – 1.40 (m, 1H), 1.30 (d, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 6H), 1.17 (d, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 6H), 1.13 – 1.08 (m, 2H), 1.04 (d, $J = 6.7$ Hz, 2H),

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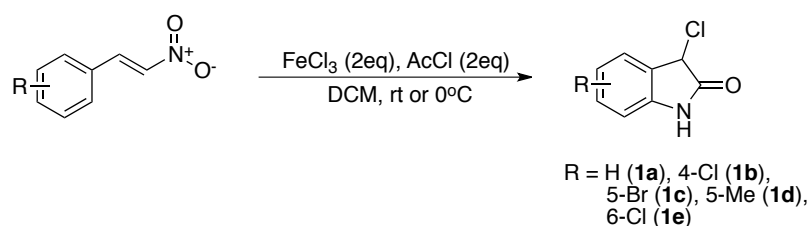
⁶ McCooney, S. H.; Connon, S. J. *Angew. Chem. Int. Ed.* **2005**, 44, 6367–6370.

0.95 – 0.86 (m, 1H), 0.72 (t, $J = 7.3$ Hz, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 181.69, 157.87, 148.03, 147.42, 144.77, 131.52, 130.52, 129.95, 124.41, 124.14, 122.04, 118.71, 102.59, 61.56, 57.40, 55.90, 55.65, 41.15, 37.30, 28.77, 28.45, 27.43, 25.44, 25.29, 25.03, 24.79, 22.73, 22.35, 12.02. IR $\nu = 3168, 2959, 2866, 1622, 1509, 1473, 1361, 1263, 1227, 1031, 797\text{ cm}^{-1}$; Mp = 120 – 121°C; HRMS (ESI): calcd for $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ ($\text{C}_{33}\text{H}_{45}\text{N}_4\text{OS}$) $^+$ requires m/z 545.3309, found 545.3306.

Synthesis of starting materials

Nitroolefines β -nitrostyren **2a**, (*E*)-1-bromo-4-(2-nitrovinyl)benzene **2b**, (*E*)-1-(2-nitrovinyl)-4-(trifluoromethoxy)benzene **2c** and (*E*)-1-methoxy-4-(2-nitrovinyl)benzene **2k** were commercially available from Aldrich or Alfa Aesar and used as received. Nitroalkenes (*E*)-1-nitro-4-(2-nitrovinyl)benzene **2d**, (*E*)-2-(2-nitrovinyl)thiophene **2e**, (*E*)-2-(2-nitrovinyl)naphthalene **2f**, (*E*)-3-(2-nitrovinyl)pyridine **2g**, (*E*)-1-bromo-3-(2-nitrovinyl)benzene **2h**, (*E*)-1-methyl-3-(2-nitrovinyl)benzene **2i**, (*E*)-2-(2-nitrovinyl)furan **2j** and (*E*)-(2-nitrovinyl)cyclohexane **2l** were prepared according to literature procedures.⁷ 3-chlorooxindols **1a**, **1b**, **1c** and **1e** were prepared as described by Guillaumel *et al* (Scheme 1)⁸ and **1e** was prepared analogously.

Scheme 1. Synthesis of 3-chlorooxindoles.



5-bromo-3-chloroindolin-2-one (1e). (*E*)-1-bromo-3-(2-nitrovinyl)benzene (1.14 g, 5 mmol) was dissolved in DCM (25 mL) and AcCl (0.7 mL, 10 mmol) was added at

⁷ (a) Cheng, P.; Chen, J.-J.; Huang, N.; Wang, R.-R.; Zheng, Y.-T.; Liang, Y.-Z. Synthesis and Anti-Human Immunodeficiency Virus Type 1 Activity of (*E*)-*N*-Phenylstyryl-*N*-alkylacetamide Derivatives. *Molecules* **2009**, *14*, 3176-3186. (b) Cheng, P., Jiang, Z.-Y., Wang, R.-R., Zhang, X.-M., Wang, Q., Zheng, Y.-T., Zhan, J., Chen, J.-J. *Bioorg. Med. Chem. Lett.* **2007**, *17*, 4476-4480. (c) Kuster, G. .; Steeghs, R. .; Scheeren, H. *Eur. J. Org. Chem.* **2001**, *2001*, 553-560. Rodríguez, J. M.; Dolores Pujol, M. *Tetrahedron Letters* **2011**, *52*, 2629-2632. (d) Trost, B. M.; Müller, C. *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **2008**, *130*, 2438-2439.

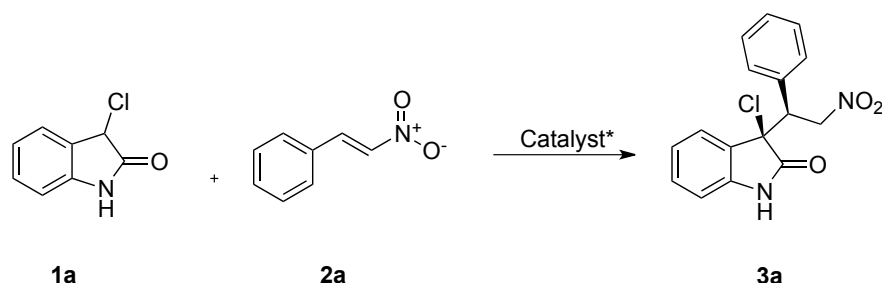
⁸ Guillaumel, J., Demerseman, P., Clavel, J.-M., Royer, R. *J. Heterocyclic Chem.* **1980**, *17*, 1531.

once. Then FeCl₃ (1.6 g, 10 mmol) was added at 0 °C and stirring was maintained for 5 hours. Mixture was poured into 100 mL of aq 1N AcOH solution, extracted with DCM (2 x 50 mL) and dried over MgSO₄. Reaction mixture was filtered, concentrated and purified by silica gel column chromatography using DCM as eluent to yield 318 mg (26%) of product as white solid. IR ν = 3142, 1744, 1683, 1619, 1473, 755 cm⁻¹. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ 10.90 (s, 1H), 7.58 – 7.51 (m, 1H), 7.48 (ddd, *J* = 8.3, 2.1, 0.7 Hz, 1H), 6.84 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 5.59 (s, 1H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO) δ 172.71, 141.71, 132.98, 128.87, 128.36, 113.71, 112.13, 51.61. HRMS (ESI): calcd for [M+H]⁺ (C₈H₅BrClNO)⁺ requires *m/z* 245.9316, found 245.9315.

Reaction optimization studies

Our initial studies were focused on the reaction of 3-chlorooxindole **1a** with β -nitrostyrene **2a** (Scheme 2) catalyzed by thiourea or squaramide catalyst (Scheme 2).

Scheme 2. Model reaction between 3-chlorooxindole and β -nitrostyrene.



Preliminary screening of catalysts was conducted in chloroform at ambient temperature using 10 mol % of the appropriate catalyst (**4** – **10**, Figure 1). Although, catalyst **4** provided the product with 70% yield within 5 hours, both diastereo – and enantioselectivities remained moderate (Table 1, entry 1).

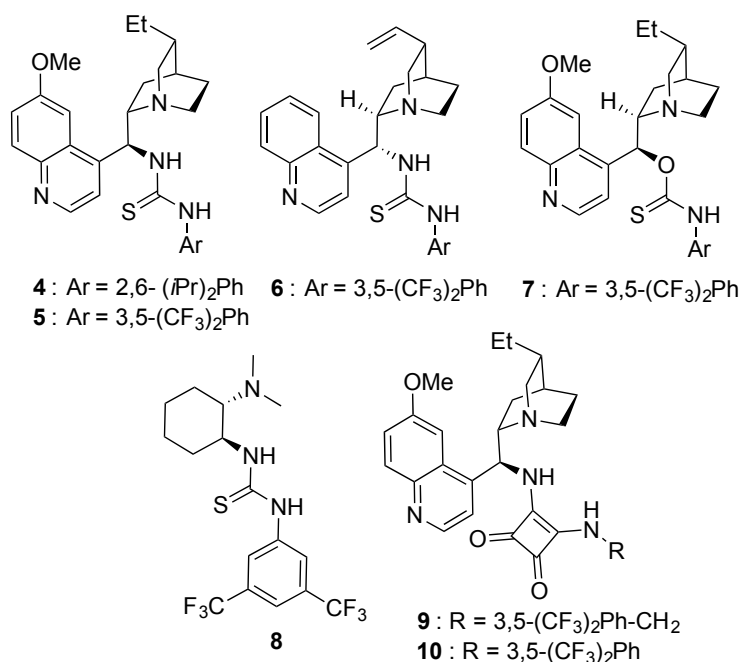


Figure 1. Catalysts used in the screening.

More traditional thiourea **5**, derived from dihydroquinine, yielded the product with superior stereocontrol (Table 1, entry 2). Slight modification in the catalyst structure (double bond) resulted in the formation of the product with higher level of diastereoselectivity but with opposite and lower enantioselectivity (catalyst derived from cinchonidine) (Table 1, entry 3). When thiocarbamate **7** was used as catalyst, no product was isolated, confirming that activation of nitroolefin by two hydrogen bonds was necessary to provide sufficient level of activation. Takemoto's bifunctional chiral thiourea **8** enhanced enantiocontrol with good diastereoselectivity (Table 1, entry 5).

Table 1. Reaction optimization studies. ^a

Entry	Catalyst (mol %)	Solvent	Temp (°C)	Time (h)	Yield (%)	dr ^b	ee (%) ^c
1	4 (10 mol %)	CHCl ₃	rt	5	70	3.5:1	24
2	5 (10 mol %)	CHCl ₃	rt	2	88	4:1	63
3	6 (10 mol %)	CHCl ₃	rt	8	70	4.5:1	-54
4	7 (10 mol %)	CHCl ₃	rt	24	traces	-	-
5	8 (10 mol %)	CHCl ₃	rt	5	79	4:1	-71
6	9 (10 mol %)	CHCl ₃	rt	1	92	3:1	93
7	10 (10 mol %)	CHCl ₃	rt	0.5	95	6:1	90
8	10 (3 mol %)	CHCl ₃	-20	72	44	13:1	90
9	10 (5 mol %)	CHCl ₃	4	15	95	10:1	91
10	10 (5 mol %)	Toluene	4	16	76	9:1	84
11	10 (5 mol %)	MTBE	4	16	95	8:1	79

^a Reaction conditions: 0.10 mmol (1eq) of **1a**, 0.12 mmol (1.2eq) of **2a** and catalyst were dissolved in 0.5 mL of solvent and stirred at temperature indicated and monitoring the reaction progress by TLC analysis; ^b Determined by ¹H NMR; ^c Determined by chiral HPLC analysis;

Chiral squaramides (**9** and **10**) are known to have higher catalytic activity in hydrogen bond activated reaction than their thiourea counterparts.⁹ Squaramide functionality differs from ureas and thioureas in having more rigid structure, more flexible hydrogen bond angles, longer spacing between NH hydrogen's, duality in binding and significantly different pK_a of NH hydrogen's. Those factors all contribute to the increased reactivity associated with squaramide catalyzed reactions.

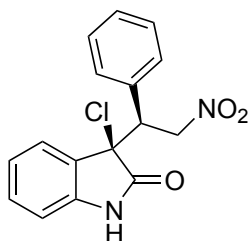
To our delight, the same tendency was observed when catalyst **9** was used as product **3a** was isolated with 92% yield and 93% *ee* just after 1 hour at room temperature (Table 1, entry 6). Due to moderate diastereoselectivity, however, it was envisioned that shortening the linker between NH and aryl group of the catalyst by one carbon could increase diastereocontrol, as a result of amplified steric influence closer to the reaction center. Indeed, under otherwise same reaction conditions catalyst **10** provided the product with twofold increase in diastereoselectivity (6:1) and with high *ee* (Table 1, entry 7). To further improve upon the diastereoselectivity, reaction temperature was lowered as well as catalyst loading reduced as squaramide **10** showed extremely high reactivity at ambient temperature. Although, by far the highest diastereoselectivity was observed at -20°C (Table 1, entry 8), with no changes in enantioselectivity, the reaction rate was significantly decreased. This last tendency can partially be explained by the low solubility of 3-chlorooxindole **1a** in chloroform, that was further reduced by lowering the reaction temperature as well as decreased reactivity of the catalyst. As a middle ground, catalyst loading was increased to 5 mol % and reaction conducted at 4°C. Under those conditions product was obtained with 95% yield, 91% *ee* and dr 10:1 (Table 1, entry 9). Switching solvent from chloroform to toluene or MTBE did not improve diastereo- or enantioselectivity (Table 1, entry 10 – 11).

General procedure for the synthesis of 3-chlorooxindoles **3**

3-chlorooxindole **1a-e** (0.1 mmol, 1 eq), nitroolefine **2** (0.12 mmol, 1.2eq) and squaramide **10** (0.05 mmol, 3.2 mg, 5 mol %) were dissolved in chloroform (0.5 mL) precooled to 0°C and stirred at 4°C until TLC showed full conversion. Reaction

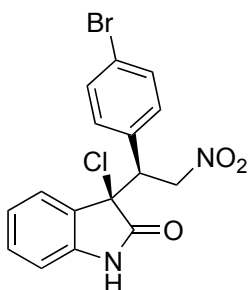
⁹ Alemán, J.; Parra, A.; Jiang, H.; Jørgensen, K. A. *Chem. Eur. J.* **2011**, *17*, 6890–6899.

mixture was directly purified by silica gel column chromatography using DCM.



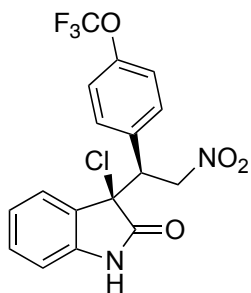
(R)-3-chloro-3-((S)-2-nitro-1-phenylethyl)indolin-2-one

3a. Synthesized according to the general procedure from 3-chloroindolin-2-one **1a** and β -nitrostyrene **2a**. Product was isolated in 95% yield (30 mg) as white solid with dr 10:1 by ^1H NMR and *ee* 91% (Chiralcel OD-H, Hex/*i*PrOH 85/15, 1 mL/min, 230 nm; major (10.9 min) and minor (8.7 min)). IR ν = 2254, 1731, 1620, 1559, 1473, 1377, 1326 cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 8.28 (s, 1H), 7.31 (td, J = 7.8, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.27 – 7.22 (m, 1H), 7.19 – 7.13 (m, 2H), 7.04 (td, J = 7.7, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 7.00 – 6.95 (m, 2H), 6.87 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 6.81 (dt, J = 7.8, 0.7 Hz, 1H), 5.67 (dd, J = 13.4, 3.6 Hz, 1H), 5.14 (dd, J = 13.3, 11.3 Hz, 1H), 4.27 (dd, J = 11.2, 3.7 Hz, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 174.31, 139.98, 132.66, 131.17, 129.48, 129.17, 128.71, 128.64, 127.26, 126.02, 123.47, 110.96, 75.63, 66.23, 50.68. HRMS (ESI): calcd for $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ ($\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{14}\text{ClN}_2\text{O}_3$) $^+$ requires m/z 317.0687, found 317.0684.



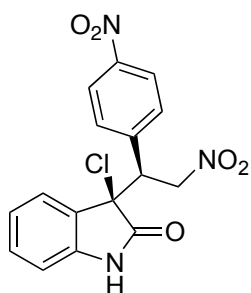
(R)-3-((S)-1-(4-bromophenyl)-2-nitroethyl)-3-chloroindolin-2-one

3b. Synthesized according to the general procedure from 3-chloroindolin-2-one **1a** and (*E*)-1-bromo-4-(2-nitrovinyl)benzene **2b**. Product was isolated in 96% yield (38 mg) as white solid with dr 11:1 by ^1H NMR and *ee* 90% (Chiralcel OD-H, Hex/*i*PrOH 90/10, 1 mL/min, 230 nm; major (16.5 min) and minor (11.6 min)). IR ν = 3248, 1732, 1619, 1556, 1473, 1377, 1328, 754 cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 8.21 (s, 1H), 7.35 – 7.29 (m, 3H), 7.08 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.95 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 6.87 – 6.80 (m, 3H), 5.64 (dd, J = 13.4, 3.6 Hz, 1H), 5.08 (dd, J = 13.4, 11.4 Hz, 1H), 4.27 (dd, J = 11.3, 3.6 Hz, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 173.91, 139.97, 131.89, 131.68, 131.38, 131.07, 126.85, 125.88, 123.65, 123.53, 111.16, 75.38, 65.84, 50.22. HRMS (ESI): calcd for $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ ($\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{13}\text{BrClN}_2\text{O}_3$) $^+$ requires m/z 394.9793, found 394.9784.



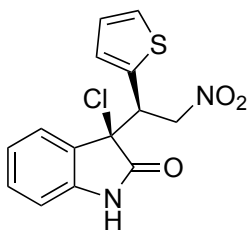
(R)-3-chloro-3-((S)-2-nitro-1-(4-(trifluoromethoxy)phenyl)ethyl)indolin-2-one 3c.

Synthesized according to the general procedure from 3-chloroindolin-2-one **1a** and (*E*)-1-(2-nitrovinyl)-4-(trifluoromethoxy)benzene **2c**. Product was isolated in 90% yield (36 mg) as white solid with dr 7.7:1 by ¹H NMR and *ee* 86% (Chiralcel OD-H, Hex/*i*PrOH 90/10, 1 mL/min, 230 nm; major (14.4 min) and minor (10.0 min). IR ν = 3259, 1734, 1620, 1558, 1511, 1474, 1272, 1217, 1167, 754 cm^{-1} ; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 8.18 (s, 1H), 7.33 (td, *J* = 7.8, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.07 (td, *J* = 7.7, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 7.03 (s, 4H), 6.90 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.84 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 5.67 (dd, *J* = 13.5, 3.7 Hz, 1H), 5.10 (dd, *J* = 13.5, 11.3 Hz, 1H), 4.32 (dd, *J* = 11.3, 3.6 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 173.93, 149.73 (q, *J* = 1.8 Hz), 139.93, 131.44, 131.31, 131.03, 126.86, 125.90, 123.66, 120.81, 120.40 (d, *J* = 258.0 Hz), 111.11, 75.42, 65.92, 50.03. HRMS (ESI): calcd for [M+H]⁺ (C₁₇H₁₃ClF₃N₂O₄)⁺ requires *m/z* 401.0510, found 401.0511.



(R)-3-chloro-3-((S)-2-nitro-1-(4-nitrophenyl)ethyl)indolin-2-one 3d.

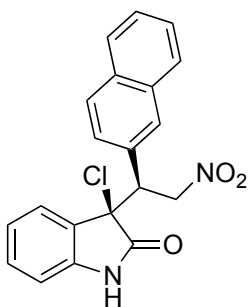
Synthesized according to the general procedure from 3-chloroindolin-2-one **1a** and (*E*)-1-nitro-4-(2-nitrovinyl)benzene **2d**. Product was isolated in 91% yield (33 mg) as white solid with dr 6.7:1 by ¹H NMR and *ee* 87% (Chiralcel OD-H, Hex/*i*PrOH 90/10, 1 mL/min, 230 nm; major (33.2 min) and minor (26.6 min). IR ν = 3387, 1735, 1619, 1558, 1524, 1473, 1377, 1350, 857, 756 cm^{-1} ; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 8.05 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 2H), 7.35 (td, *J* = 7.8, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.19 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.12 (td, *J* = 7.7, 1.0 Hz, 2H), 7.01 – 6.97 (m, 1H), 6.79 (dt, *J* = 8.0, 0.8 Hz, 1H), 5.70 (dd, *J* = 13.7, 3.5 Hz, 1H), 5.15 (dd, *J* = 13.7, 11.6 Hz, 1H), 4.45 (dd, *J* = 11.6, 3.5 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 173.49, 148.31, 140.06, 139.87, 131.71, 130.61, 126.41, 125.80, 123.88, 123.72, 111.32, 75.05, 65.52, 50.35. HRMS (ESI): calcd for [M+H]⁺ (C₁₆H₁₃ClN₃O₅)⁺ requires *m/z* 362.0538, found 362.0541.



(R)-3-chloro-3-((R)-2-nitro-1-(thiophen-2-

yl)ethyl)indolin-2-one 3e. Synthesized according to the general procedure from 3-chloroindolin-2-one **1a** and (*E*)-2-(2-nitrovinyl)thiophene **2e**. Product was isolated in 96% yield (31

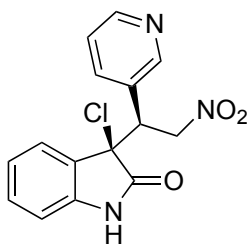
mg) as yellow syrup with dr 10:1 by ¹H NMR and *ee* 90% (Chiralpak AD-H, Hex/*i*PrOH 90/10, 1 mL/min, 230 nm; major (15.2 min) and minor (16.3 min). IR ν = 3092, 1727, 1619, 1556, 1473, 1423, 1371, 1338, 1237, 881, 852, 754, 708 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 8.48 (s, 1H), 7.34 (td, *J* = 7.7, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.18 (ddd, *J* = 5.1, 1.3, 0.6 Hz, 1H), 7.07 (td, *J* = 7.7, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 6.94 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.88 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.84 (dd, *J* = 5.1, 3.6 Hz, 1H), 6.80 (dd, *J* = 3.7, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 5.70 (dd, *J* = 13.2, 3.4 Hz, 1H), 5.02 (dd, *J* = 13.2, 11.1 Hz, 1H), 4.62 (dd, *J* = 11.1, 3.4 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 174.17, 140.34, 134.54, 131.44, 129.47, 127.05, 126.90, 126.80, 125.95, 123.67, 111.11, 77.10, 65.70, 46.69. HRMS (ESI): calcd for [M+H]⁺ (C₁₄H₁₂ClN₂O₃S)⁺ requires *m/z* 323.0252, found 323.0247.



(R)-3-chloro-3-((S)-1-(naphthalen-2-yl)-2-

nitroethyl)indolin-2-one 3f. Synthesized according to the general procedure from 3-chloroindolin-2-one **1a** and (*E*)-2-(2-nitrovinyl)naphthalene **2f**. Product was isolated in 95% yield (35 mg) as white solid with dr 10:1 by ¹H NMR and *ee* 90%

(Chiralcel OD-H, Hex/*i*PrOH 90/10, 1 mL/min, 230 nm; major (30.3 min) and minor (16.4 min). IR ν = 3260, 1730, 1619, 1556, 1472, 1377, 1327, 1232, 750 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 8.15 (s, 1H), 7.77 – 7.72 (m, 1H), 7.65 – 7.59 (m, 2H), 7.48 – 7.38 (m, 3H), 7.28 (td, *J* = 7.8, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.06 – 6.99 (m, 2H), 6.94 – 6.90 (m, 1H), 6.74 (dt, *J* = 7.8, 0.8 Hz, 1H), 5.71 (dd, *J* = 13.3, 3.6 Hz, 1H), 5.23 (dd, *J* = 13.3, 11.3 Hz, 1H), 4.43 (dd, *J* = 11.2, 3.7 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 174.11, 140.01, 133.32, 132.92, 131.17, 130.11, 129.46, 128.35, 128.26, 127.68, 127.26, 126.90, 126.53, 126.31, 126.01, 123.47, 111.01, 75.74, 66.25, 50.81. HRMS (ESI): calcd for [M+H]⁺ (C₂₀H₁₆ClN₂O₃)⁺ requires *m/z* 367.0844, found 367.0843.

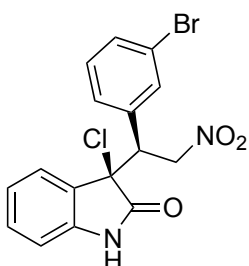


(R)-3-chloro-3-((S)-2-nitro-1-(pyridin-3-yl)ethyl)indolin-2-one 3g.

Synthesized according to the general procedure from 3-chloroindolin-2-one **1a** and (*E*)-3-(2-nitrovinyl)pyridine **2g**.

Product was isolated in 91% yield (29mg) as yellow syrup with dr 9.1:1 by ¹H NMR and *ee* 90% (Chiralcel OD-H, Hex/*i*PrOH

85/15, 1 mL/min, 230 nm; major (18.8 min) and minor (16.0 min). IR ν = 3066, 1735, 1620, 1555, 1472, 1430, 1377, 1327, 1186, 755 cm^{-1} ; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 8.97 (s, 1H), 8.50 (dd, *J* = 4.9, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 8.24 (dd, *J* = 2.4, 0.8 Hz, 1H), 7.37 (dt, *J* = 8.0, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.32 (td, *J* = 7.8, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.16 (ddd, *J* = 8.0, 4.8, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 7.09 – 7.03 (m, 1H), 6.95 – 6.89 (m, 1H), 6.80 (dt, *J* = 8.0, 0.7 Hz, 1H), 5.69 (dd, *J* = 13.6, 3.6 Hz, 1H), 5.14 (dd, *J* = 13.6, 11.4 Hz, 1H), 4.34 (dd, *J* = 11.4, 3.6 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 173.70, 150.63, 150.12, 140.24, 136.74, 131.57, 129.03, 126.57, 125.77, 123.66, 123.54, 111.26, 74.91, 65.83, 48.51. HRMS (ESI): calcd for [M+H]⁺ (C₁₅H₁₃ClN₃O₃)⁺ requires *m/z* 318.0640, found 318.0644.

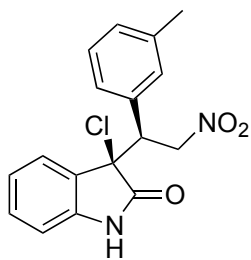


(R)-3-((S)-1-(3-bromophenyl)-2-nitroethyl)-3-chloroindolin-2-one 3h.

Synthesized according to the general procedure from 3-chloroindolin-2-one **1a** and (*E*)-1-bromo-3-(2-nitrovinyl)benzene **2h**.

Product was isolated in 96% yield (38 mg) as white solid with dr 11:1 by ¹H NMR and *ee* 90%

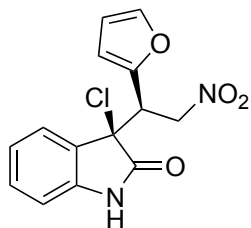
(Chiralcel OD-H, Hex/*i*PrOH 90/10, 1 mL/min, 230 nm; major (16.2 min) and minor (11.4 min). IR ν = 3164, 1727, 1621, 1560, 1474, 1373, 754 cm^{-1} ; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 8.22 (s, 1H), 7.34 (ddd, *J* = 7.9, 2.0, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 7.27 (td, *J* = 7.8, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.05 (t, *J* = 1.9 Hz, 1H), 7.03 – 6.95 (m, 2H), 6.87 (dt, *J* = 7.9, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 6.80 (dd, *J* = 13.4, 7.7 Hz, 2H), 5.59 (dd, *J* = 13.6, 3.6 Hz, 1H), 5.01 (dd, *J* = 13.6, 11.2 Hz, 1H), 4.17 (dd, *J* = 11.2, 3.6 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 173.98, 139.92, 135.03, 132.49, 132.40, 131.44, 130.16, 128.15, 126.84, 125.93, 123.64, 122.57, 111.14, 75.29, 65.89, 50.25. HRMS (ESI): calcd for [M-HCl+H]⁺ (C₁₆H₁₂BrN₂O₃)⁺ requires *m/z* 359.0026, found 359.0021.



(R)-3-chloro-3-((S)-2-nitro-1-(m-tolyl)ethyl)indolin-2-one

3i. Synthesized according to the general procedure from 3-chloroindolin-2-one **1a** and (*E*)-1-methyl-3-(2-nitrovinyl)benzene **2i**. Product was isolated in 91% yield (30 mg) as white solid with dr 11:1 by ¹H NMR and *ee* 91%

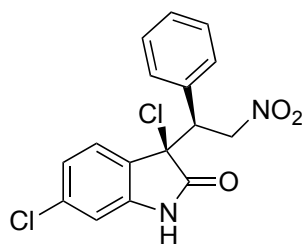
(Chiralpak AD-H, Hex/*i*PrOH 95/5, 1 mL/min, 230 nm; major (18.5 min) and minor (21.0 min). IR ν = 3093, 130, 1620, 1556, 1473, 1375, 1331, 1236, 1187, 907, 754 cm^{-1} ; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 8.18 (s, 1H), 7.30 (td, *J* = 7.8, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.07 – 7.00 (m, 3H), 6.91 – 6.86 (m, 1H), 6.81 (dt, *J* = 7.9, 0.7 Hz, 1H), 6.78 – 6.74 (m, 2H), 5.65 (dd, *J* = 13.3, 3.6 Hz, 1H), 5.12 (dd, *J* = 13.3, 11.2 Hz, 1H), 4.23 (dd, *J* = 11.2, 3.6 Hz, 1H), 2.17 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 174.25, 140.00, 138.29, 132.55, 131.09, 130.29, 129.89, 128.43, 127.39, 126.38, 126.07, 123.38, 110.84, 75.70, 66.25, 50.66, 21.44. HRMS (ESI): calcd for [M+H]⁺ (C₁₇H₁₆ClN₂O₃)⁺ requires *m/z* 331.0844, found 331.0846.



(R)-3-chloro-3-((R)-1-(furan-2-yl)-2-nitroethyl)indolin-2-one

3j. Synthesized according to the general procedure from 3-chloroindolin-2-one **1a** and (*E*)-2-(2-nitrovinyl)furan **2j**.

Product was isolated in 95% yield (29 mg) as yellow syrup with dr 5.6:1 by ¹H NMR and *ee* 88% (Chiralpak AD-H, Hex/*i*PrOH 95/5, 1 mL/min, 230 nm; major (33.3 min) and minor (50.4 min). IR ν = 3257, 1732, 1620, 1557, 1473, 1376, 1330, 744 cm^{-1} ; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 8.81 (s, 1H), 7.30 (td, *J* = 7.8, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.28 – 7.23 (m, 1H), 7.04 (td, *J* = 7.7, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 6.92 – 6.88 (m, 1H), 6.81 (dt, *J* = 7.7, 2.9 Hz, 1H), 6.25 (ddd, *J* = 18.8, 3.4, 1.3 Hz, 2H), 5.64 (dd, *J* = 13.6, 3.5 Hz, 1H), 5.15 (dd, *J* = 13.5, 10.9 Hz, 1H), 4.44 (dd, *J* = 10.9, 3.5 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 174.65, 146.94, 143.20, 139.68, 131.15, 127.55, 125.71, 123.62, 111.03, 110.92, 110.88, 73.88, 65.08, 44.49. HRMS (ESI): calcd for [M+H]⁺ (C₁₄H₁₂ClN₂O₄)⁺ requires *m/z* 307.0480, found 307.0480.

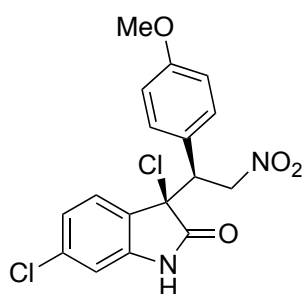


(R)-3,6-dichloro-3-((S)-2-nitro-1-phenylethyl)indolin-2-one 3k.

Synthesized according to the general procedure from 3,6-dichloroindolin-2-one **1b** and β -nitrostyrene **2a**.

Product was isolated in 97% yield (34 mg) as white solid with dr 5:1 by ^1H NMR and *ee* 90% (Lux 3u Amylose-2,

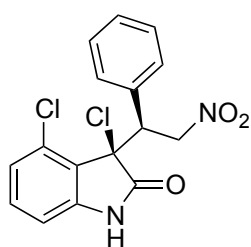
Hex/*i*PrOH 90/10, 1 mL/min, 230 nm; major (16.8 min) and minor (14.4 min). IR ν = 3153, 1732, 1618, 1558, 1486, 1454, 1376, 1325, 701 cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 8.65 (s, 1H), 7.32 – 7.27 (m, 1H), 7.25 – 7.18 (m, 2H), 7.07 – 7.01 (m, 2H), 6.99 (dd, *J* = 8.2, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 6.88 (d, *J* = 1.9 Hz, 1H), 6.65 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 5.67 (dd, *J* = 13.5, 3.7 Hz, 1H), 5.11 (dd, *J* = 13.4, 11.1 Hz, 1H), 4.22 (dd, *J* = 11.0, 3.7 Hz, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 174.53, 140.89, 136.95, 132.43, 129.39, 128.72, 127.02, 125.64, 123.46, 111.58, 75.29, 65.57, 50.20. HRMS (ESI): calcd for $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ ($\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{13}\text{Cl}_2\text{N}_2\text{O}_3$) $^+$ requires *m/z* 351.0298, found 351.0299.



(R)-3,6-dichloro-3-((S)-1-(4-methoxyphenyl)-2-nitroethyl)indolin-2-one 3l.

Synthesized according to the general procedure from 3,6-dichloroindolin-2-one **1b** and (*E*)-1-methoxy-4-(2-nitrovinyl)benzene **2k**. Product was isolated in 99% yield (38 mg) as white solid with dr 6.3:1 by ^1H NMR and *ee* 90% (Chiralpak AD-H, Hex/*i*PrOH

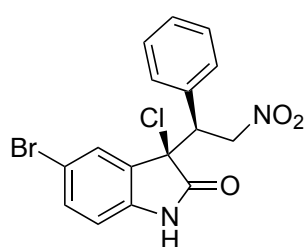
90/10, 1 mL/min, 230 nm; major (21.2 min) and minor (23.0 min). IR ν = 3256, 1737, 1614, 1556, 1513, 1254, 1182 cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 8.33 (s, 1H), 7.01 (dd, *J* = 8.2, 1.9 Hz, 1H), 6.96 – 6.91 (m, 2H), 6.86 (d, *J* = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 6.76 – 6.71 (m, 3H), 5.63 (dd, *J* = 13.2, 3.7 Hz, 1H), 5.06 (dd, *J* = 13.2, 11.2 Hz, 1H), 4.18 (dd, *J* = 11.2, 3.8 Hz, 1H), 3.75 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 174.40, 160.14, 141.02, 136.99, 130.64, 127.13, 125.84, 124.19, 123.54, 114.18, 111.60, 75.57, 65.71, 55.34, 49.74. HRMS (ESI): calcd for $[\text{M}-\text{HCl}+\text{H}]^+$ ($\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{14}\text{ClN}_2\text{O}_4$) $^+$ requires *m/z* 345.0637, found 345.0635.



(R)-3,4-dichloro-3-((S)-2-nitro-1-phenylethyl)indolin-2-one 3m.

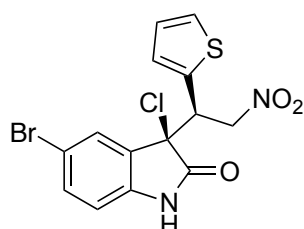
Synthesized according to the general procedure from 3,4-dichloroindolin-2-one **1c** and β -nitrostyrene **2a**. Product

was isolated in 99% yield (35 mg) as white solid with dr 8.3:1 by ^1H NMR and *ee* 76% (Chiralpak AD-H, Hex/*i*PrOH 95/5, 1 mL/min, 230 nm; major (24.0 min) and minor (21.0 min). IR ν = 3187, 1748, 1618, 1587, 1558, 1448, 1376, 1175, 785, 735, 700 cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 8.44 (s, 1H), 7.30 – 7.03 (m, 5H), 6.98 – 6.89 (m, 2H), 6.65 (dd, J = 7.8, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 5.50 (dd, J = 13.5, 3.2 Hz, 1H), 5.37 (dd, J = 13.4, 11.6 Hz, 1H), 4.55 (dd, J = 11.6, 3.3 Hz, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 173.65, 142.06, 132.18, 132.15, 131.79, 129.08, 128.98, 128.54, 125.04, 124.08, 109.47, 77.68, 66.85, 52.16. HRMS (ESI): calcd for $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ ($\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{13}\text{Cl}_2\text{N}_2\text{O}_3$) $^+$ requires m/z 351.0298, found 351.0297.



(*R*)-5-bromo-3-chloro-3-((*S*)-2-nitro-1-phenylethyl)indolin-2-one 3n. Synthesized according to the general procedure from 5-bromo-3-chloroindolin-2-one **1d** and β -nitrostyrene **2a** with the exception that reaction was conducted at room temperature. Product was isolated in

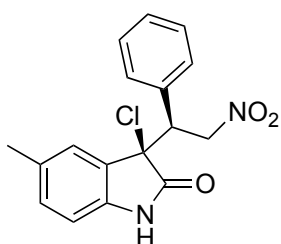
99% yield (39 mg) as white solid with dr 9.1:1 by ^1H NMR and *ee* 92% (Chiralcel OD-H, Hex/*i*PrOH 90/10, 1 mL/min, 230 nm; major (13.9 min) and minor (11.3 min). IR ν = 3100, 1728, 1618, 1556, 1473, 1372, 1179, 699 cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 8.41 (s, 1H), 7.43 (dd, J = 8.4, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.33 – 7.28 (m, 1H), 7.27 – 7.19 (m, 2H), 7.07 – 6.99 (m, 2H), 6.80 (d, J = 1.9 Hz, 1H), 6.73 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 5.65 (dd, J = 13.5, 3.7 Hz, 1H), 5.12 (dd, J = 13.4, 11.0 Hz, 1H), 4.22 (dd, J = 11.0, 3.7 Hz, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 173.89, 138.70, 133.89, 132.25, 129.40, 129.36, 129.24, 129.14, 128.70, 115.81, 112.26, 75.13, 65.62, 50.20. HRMS (ESI): calcd for $[\text{M}-\text{HCl}+\text{H}]^+$ ($\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{12}\text{BrN}_2\text{O}_3$) $^+$ requires m/z 359.0026, found 359.0029.



(*R*)-5-bromo-3-chloro-3-((*R*)-2-nitro-1-(thiophen-2-yl)ethyl)indolin-2-one 3o. Synthesized according to the general procedure from 5-bromo-3-chloroindolin-2-one **1d** and (*E*)-2-(2-nitrovinyl)thiophene **2e** with the exception that

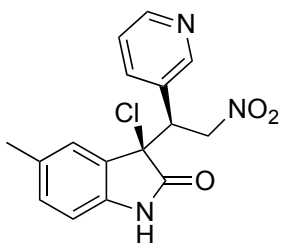
reaction was conducted at room temperature. Product was isolated in 97% yield (39 mg) as yellow syrup with dr 7.1:1 by ^1H NMR and *ee* 87% (Chiralpak AD-H, Hex/*i*PrOH/EtOH 90/4/6, 1 mL/min, 230 nm; major (16.4 min) and minor (13.7 min).

IR ν = 3249, 1733, 1618, 1557, 1474, 1435, 1376, 1179, 706 cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform- d) δ 8.53 (s, 1H), 7.47 (dd, J = 8.4, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.24 (ddd, J = 5.1, 1.3, 0.6 Hz, 1H), 6.92 (d, J = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 6.90 (dd, J = 5.1, 3.6 Hz, 1H), 6.85 (ddd, J = 3.6, 1.2, 0.4 Hz, 1H), 6.78 (dd, J = 8.3, 0.4 Hz, 1H), 5.67 (dd, J = 13.3, 3.4 Hz, 1H), 5.00 (dd, J = 13.3, 10.9 Hz, 1H), 4.57 (dd, J = 10.9, 3.4 Hz, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 173.86, 139.15, 134.27, 134.18, 129.62, 129.17, 129.05, 127.07, 126.96, 116.13, 112.52, 76.75, 65.27, 46.34. HRMS (ESI): calcd for $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ ($\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{11}\text{BrClN}_2\text{O}_3\text{S}$) $^+$ requires m/z 400.9357, found 400.9352.



(R)-3-chloro-5-methyl-3-((S)-2-nitro-1-phenylethyl)indolin-2-one 3p. Synthesized according to the general procedure from 3-chloro-5-methylindolin-2-one **1e** and β -nitrostyrene **2a**. Product was isolated in 94% yield (31 mg) as white solid with dr 10:1 by ^1H NMR and *ee* 92%

(Chiralcel OD-H, Hex/*i*PrOH 90/10 1 mL/min, 230 nm; major (10.6 min) and minor (8.6 min). IR ν = 3246, 1730, 1625, 1556, 1493, 1377, 1211, 908, 733, 699 cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform- d) δ 8.22 (s, 1H), 7.29 – 7.22 (m, 1H), 7.19 – 7.13 (m, 2H), 7.10 (ddd, J = 7.9, 1.8, 0.8 Hz, 1H), 7.00 – 6.95 (m, 2H), 6.70 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.66 (s, 1H), 5.65 (dd, J = 13.3, 3.6 Hz, 1H), 5.14 (dd, J = 13.3, 11.3 Hz, 1H), 4.26 (dd, J = 11.3, 3.6 Hz, 1H), 2.29 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 174.31, 137.53, 133.17, 132.72, 131.56, 129.51, 129.11, 128.57, 127.21, 126.59, 110.67, 75.67, 66.44, 50.76, 21.27. HRMS (ESI): calcd for $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ ($\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{16}\text{ClN}_2\text{O}_3$) $^+$ requires m/z 331.0844, found 331.0843.



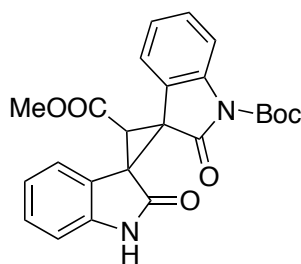
(R)-3-chloro-5-methyl-3-((S)-2-nitro-1-(pyridin-3-yl)ethyl)indolin-2-one 3r. Synthesized according to the general procedure from 3-chloro-5-methylindolin-2-one **1e** and (*E*)-1-nitro-4-(2-nitrovinyl)benzene **2d**. Product was isolated in 90% yield (30 mg) as yellow syrup with dr 8.3:1

by ^1H NMR and *ee* 91% (Chiralcel OD-H, Hex/*i*PrOH 90/10, 1 mL/min, 230 nm; major (21.9 min) and minor (18.3 min). IR ν = 2922, 1733, 1626, 1555, 1492, 1430, 1377, 1211, 909, 732 cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform- d) δ 8.84 (s, 1H), 8.50 (dd, J = 4.9, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 8.23 (dd, J = 2.3, 0.8 Hz, 1H), 7.37 (dt, J = 8.0, 2.0 Hz, 1H),

7.16 (ddd, $J = 8.0, 4.8, 0.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.12 (ddd, $J = 8.0, 1.8, 0.8$ Hz, 1H), 6.76 – 6.74 (m, 1H), 6.70 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 5.66 (dd, $J = 13.6, 3.6$ Hz, 1H), 5.14 (dd, $J = 13.6, 11.5$ Hz, 1H), 4.33 (dd, $J = 11.5, 3.6$ Hz, 1H), 2.31 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 173.70, 150.49, 149.97, 137.75, 136.95, 133.49, 132.03, 129.12, 126.49, 126.25, 123.53, 111.04, 74.97, 66.02, 48.62, 21.28. HRMS (ESI): calcd for $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ ($\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{15}\text{ClN}_3\text{O}_3$) $^+$ requires m/z 332.0796, found 332.0799.

General procedure for the synthesis of spiro-bisoxindoles 12

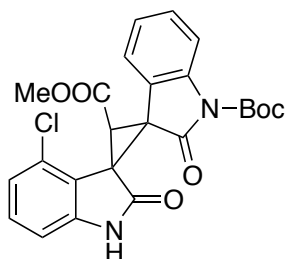
3-chlorooxindole **1** (0.1 mmol, 1eq), tert-butyl (*E*)-3-(2-methoxy-2-oxoethylidene)-2-oxoindoline-1-carboxylate **11** (0.12 mmol, 1 eq), sodium hydrogen carbonate (8.4 mg, 0.10 mmol, 1 eq) and squaramide **10** were dissolved in chloroform (0.5 mL) and stirred at ambient temperature until TLC showed full conversion. Mixture was directly purified by silica gel column chromatography using a mixture of heptane – EtOAc as eluent.



1-(tert-butyl)-3'-methyl-2,2''-dioxodispiro[indoline-3,1'-cyclopropane-2',3''-indoline]-1,3'-dicarboxylate **12a.** Synthesized according to the general procedure from 3-chloroindolin-2-one **1a** and (*E*)-3-(2-methoxy-2-oxoethylidene)-2-oxoindoline-1-carboxylate **11**. Product

was isolated in 99% yield (43 mg) as white solid with dr 1.4:1 by ^1H NMR and *ee* 96/96% respectively (Chiralcel OD-H, Hex/*i*PrOH 95/5, 1 mL/min, 230 nm; for major isomer: major (20.9 min) and minor (24.9 min) and for minor isomer: major (17.7 min) and minor (11.9 min). IR $\nu = 3308, 1786, 1734, 1620, 1467, 1151, 751$ cm^{-1} ; NMR for the mixture of isomers (normalized to minor isomer): ^1H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform- d) δ 8.49 (s, 1H), 8.46 (s, 1.2H), 7.87 (ddd, $J = 8.0, 2.9, 1.3$ Hz, 2.4H), 7.75 – 7.71 (m, 2.4H), 7.31 (tt, $J = 8.0, 1.6$ Hz, 2.4H), 7.25 – 7.20 (m, 2.4H), 7.15 (tdd, $J = 7.8, 3.1, 1.1$ Hz, 2.4H), 7.03 (tt, $J = 7.8, 1.1$ Hz, 2.4H), 6.87 – 6.80 (m, 2.4H), 3.93 (s, 1H), 3.87 (s, 1.4H), 3.82 (s, 3.8H), 3.81 (s, 2.7H), 1.58 (s, 9H), 1.57 (s, 11H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 171.69, 171.01, 168.79, 167.71, 164.79, 164.70, 148.50, 148.39, 141.52, 141.43, 140.31, 140.13, 129.05, 128.95, 128.92, 128.83, 128.29, 127.79, 125.56, 125.01, 123.67, 123.43, 123.38, 122.27, 122.15, 121.92, 120.88, 119.68, 114.34, 114.03, 109.64, 109.53, 84.79, 84.73, 52.71, 52.62, 47.09,

46.37, 46.07, 45.76, 36.86, 36.64, 28.07. HRMS (ESI): calcd for $[M+Na]^+$ ($C_{24}H_{22}N_2O_6Na$)⁺ requires m/z 457.1370, found 457.1370.



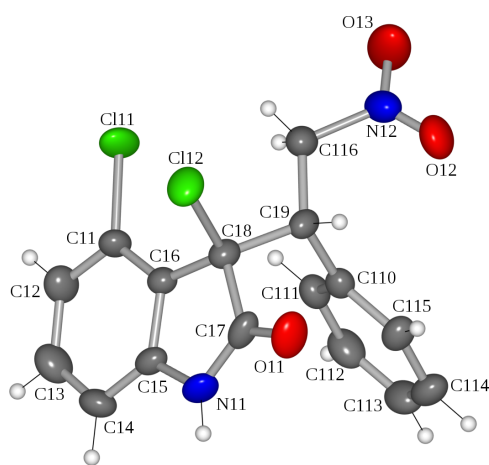
1-(tert-butyl)-3'-methyl-4''-chloro-2,2''-dioxodispiro[indoline-3,1'-cyclopropane-2',3''-indoline]-1,3'-dicarboxylate **12b.** Synthesized according to the general procedure from 3,4-dichloroindolin-2-one **2c** and (*E*)-3-(2-methoxy-2-oxoethylidene)-2-oxoindoline-1-

carboxylate **11**. Product was isolated in 96% yield (45 mg) as white solid with dr 14:1 by ¹H NMR and *ee* 95% for the major isomer (Chiralcel OD-H, Hex/*i*PrOH 95/5, 1 mL/min, 230 nm; major (16.6 min) and minor (18.0 min). IR ν = 3303, 1789, 1740, 1615, 1150 cm^{-1} ; For the main isomer: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.77 – 7.73 (m, 1H), 7.65 – 7.48 (m, 2H), 7.33 (tt, J = 8.0, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.17 – 7.08 (m, 2H), 6.99 (ddd, J = 8.3, 2.2, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 6.68 (dd, J = 7.7, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 5.02 (s, 1H), 3.85 (s, 3H), 1.56 (s, 9H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 169.99, 168.53, 164.27, 148.58, 143.42, 140.55, 133.95, 129.82, 129.36, 127.74, 124.96, 123.32, 118.97, 118.93, 114.05, 108.27, 84.88, 52.82, 49.73, 47.40, 34.34, 28.16. HRMS (ESI): calcd for $[M+Na]^+$ ($C_{24}H_{21}ClN_2O_6Na$)⁺ requires m/z 491.0980, found 491.0980.

***x-ray* analysis of 3-chlorooxindole 3m**

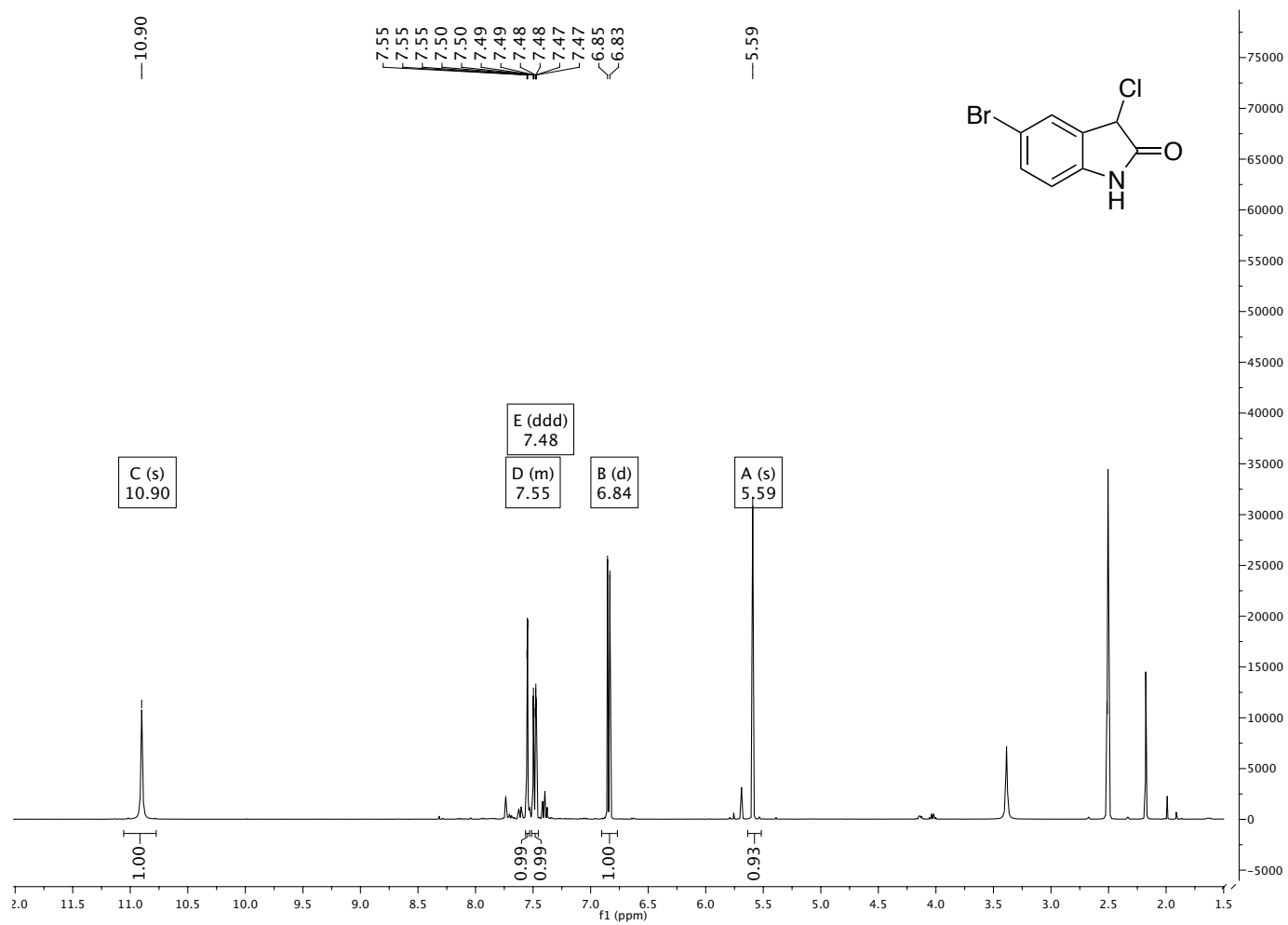
Single crystals of oxindole **3m** were grown by solvent diffusion of hexane into a solution of the compound in CH₂Cl₂ at 4°C (volume ratio hexane/CH₂Cl₂ ≈ 2 : 1). Diffraction data was collected on a Bruker SMART X2S at 200 K. The crystallographic data were deposited with the Cambridge Crystallographic Data Centre (CCDC 891526) and are included in the supporting information.

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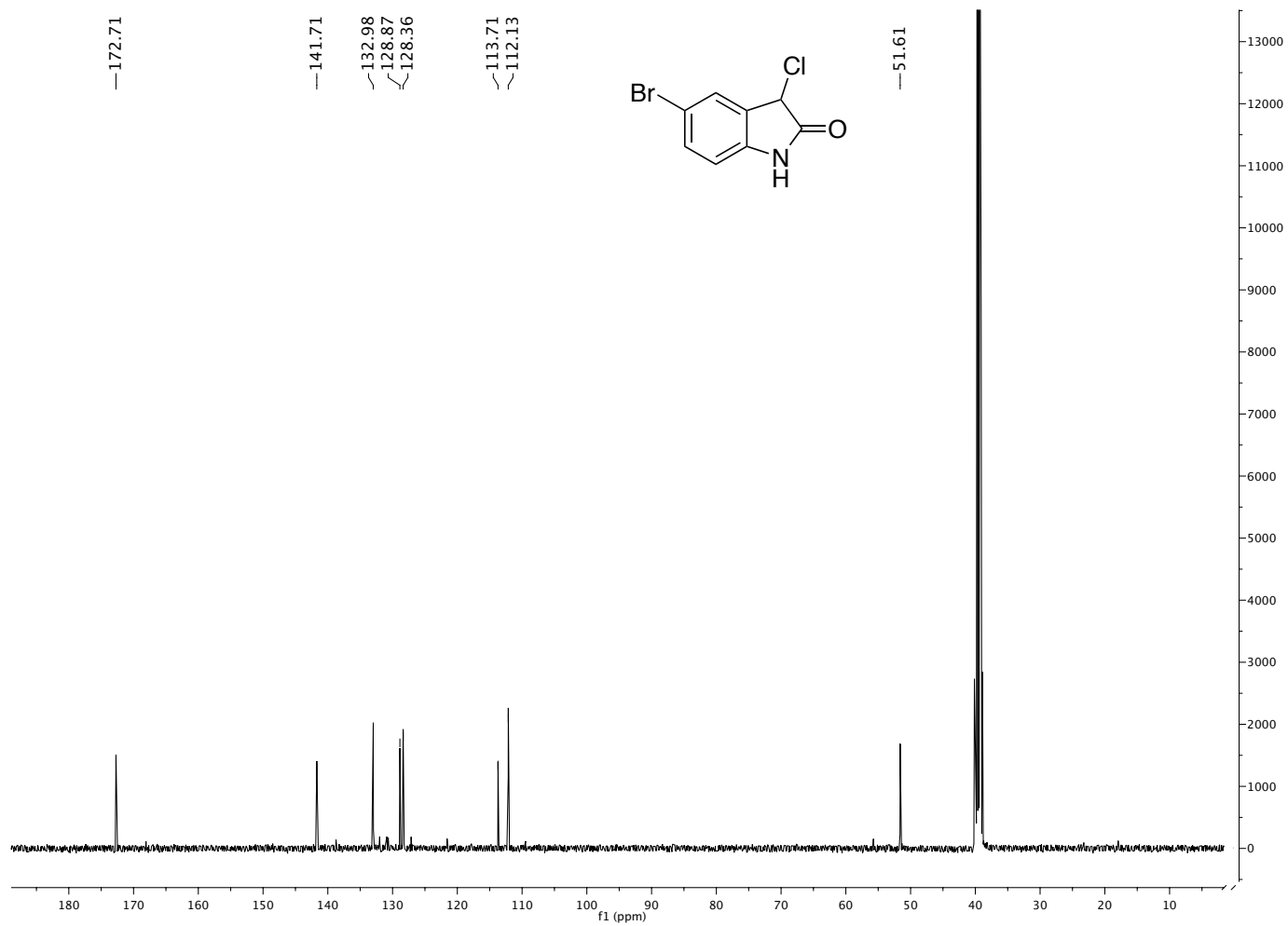


$\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{12}\text{Cl}_2\text{N}_2\text{O}_3$, $M = 351.18$, monoclinic, $a = 8.2024(6)$, $b = 13.1986(9)$, $c = 22.0399(16)$ Å, $\beta = 90.798(3)^\circ$, $V = 2385.8(3)$ Å³, $T = 200$ K, space group $P2_1$ (no. 4), $Z = 6$, $Z' = 3$, reflections measured 15411, unique 8239 ($R_{\text{int}} = 0.0364$), Flack parameter $x = -0.02(4)$, final $R1 = 0.0457$ and $wR2 = 0.0901$ for all data.

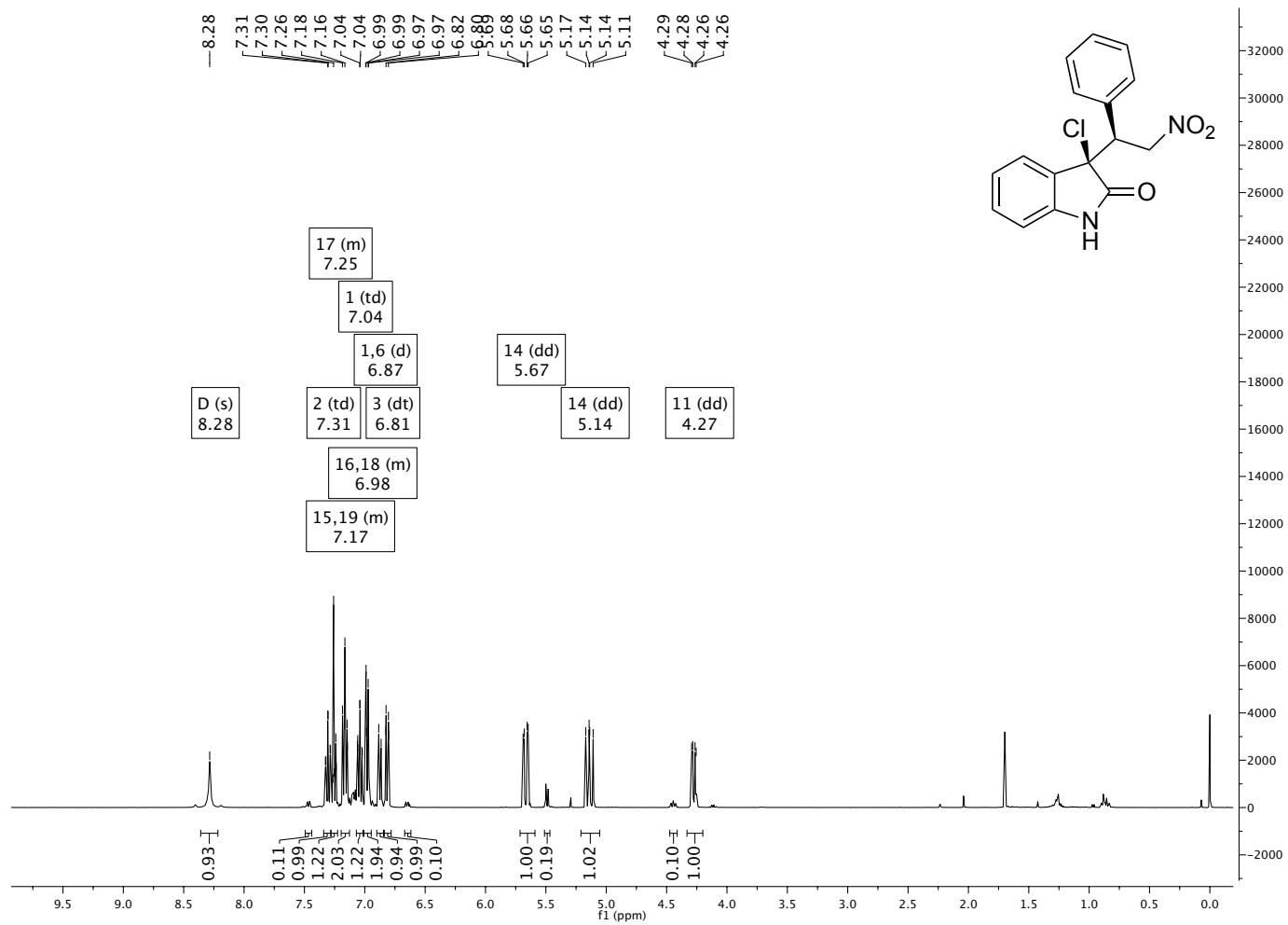
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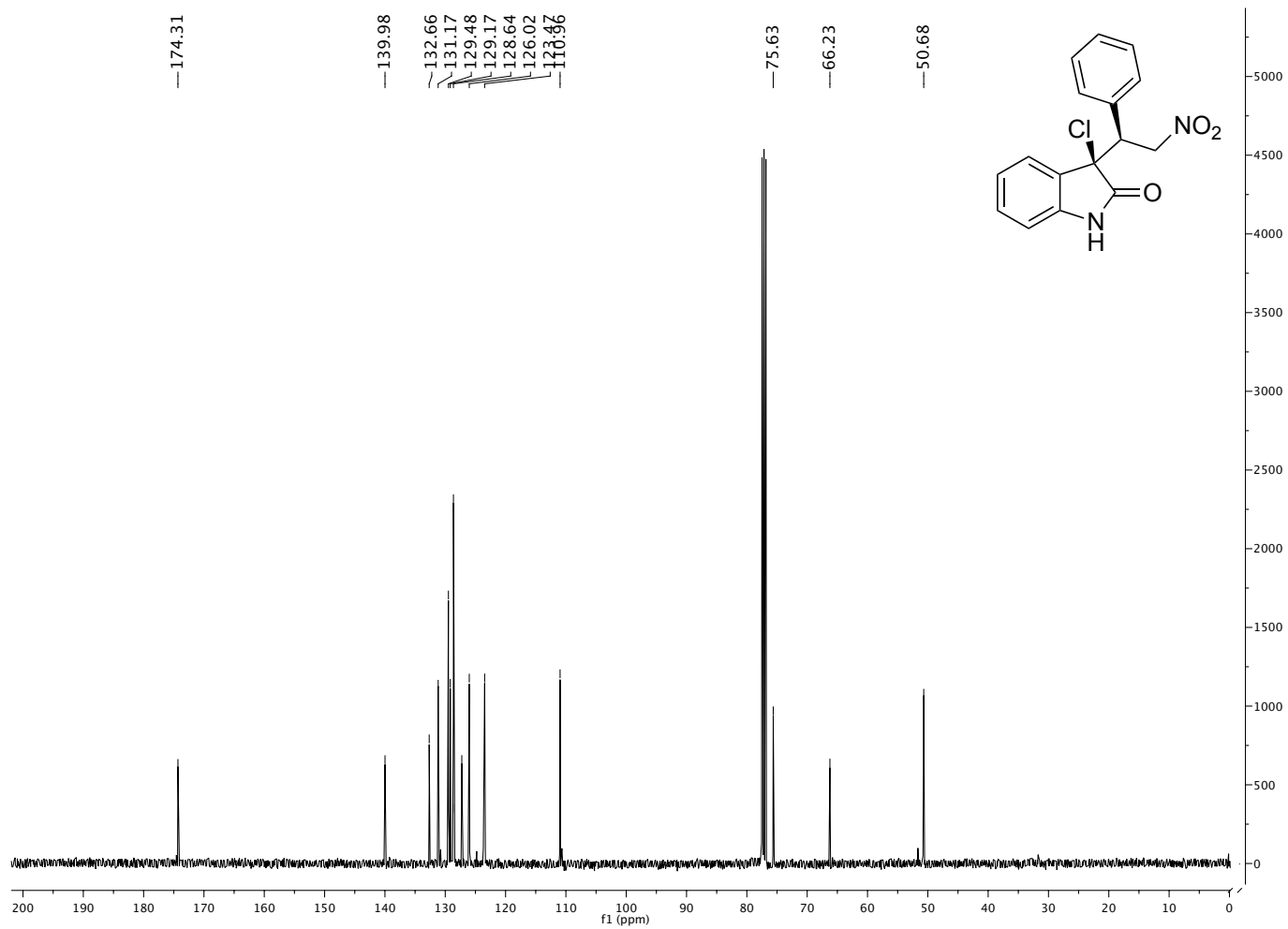
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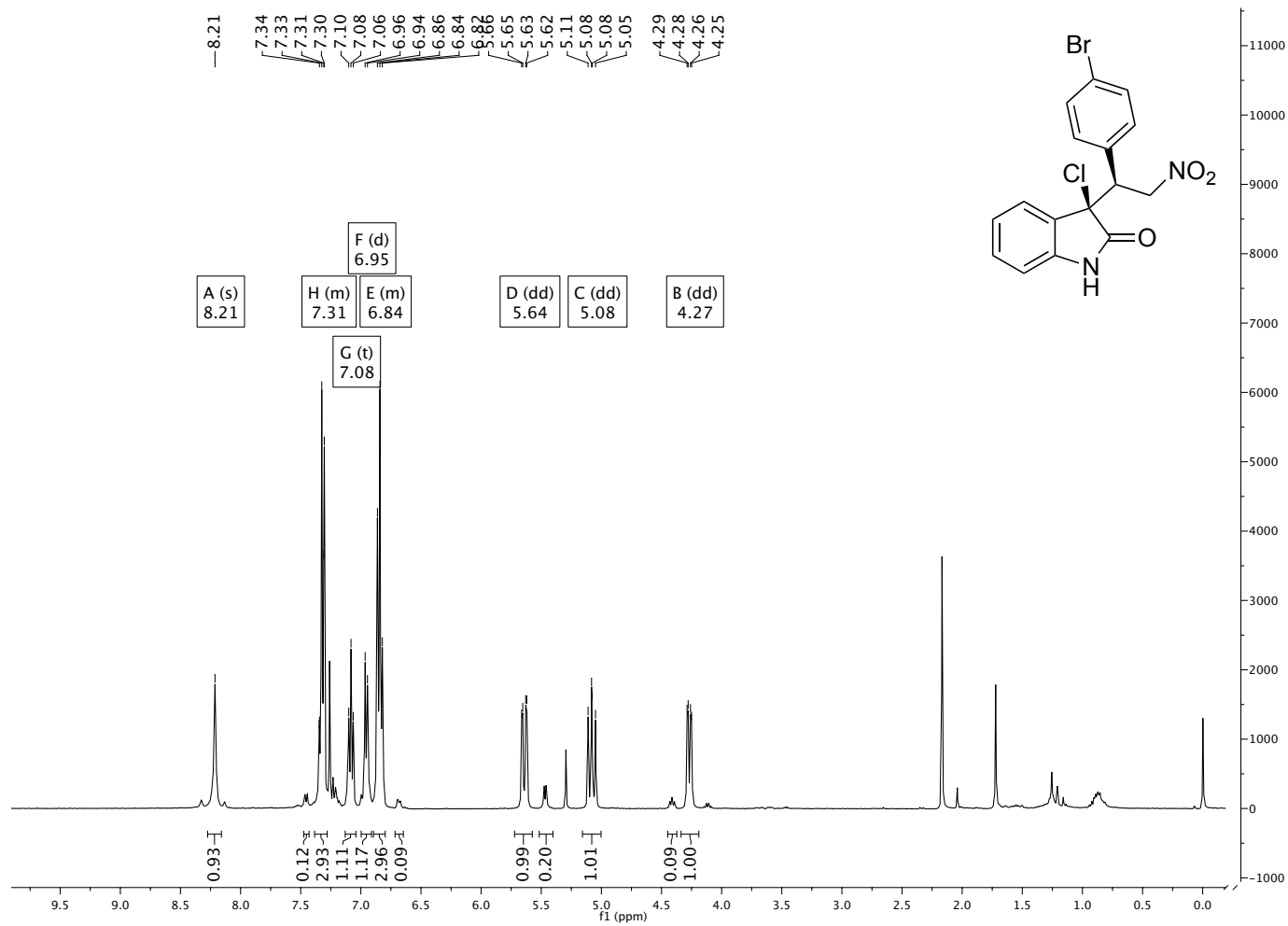
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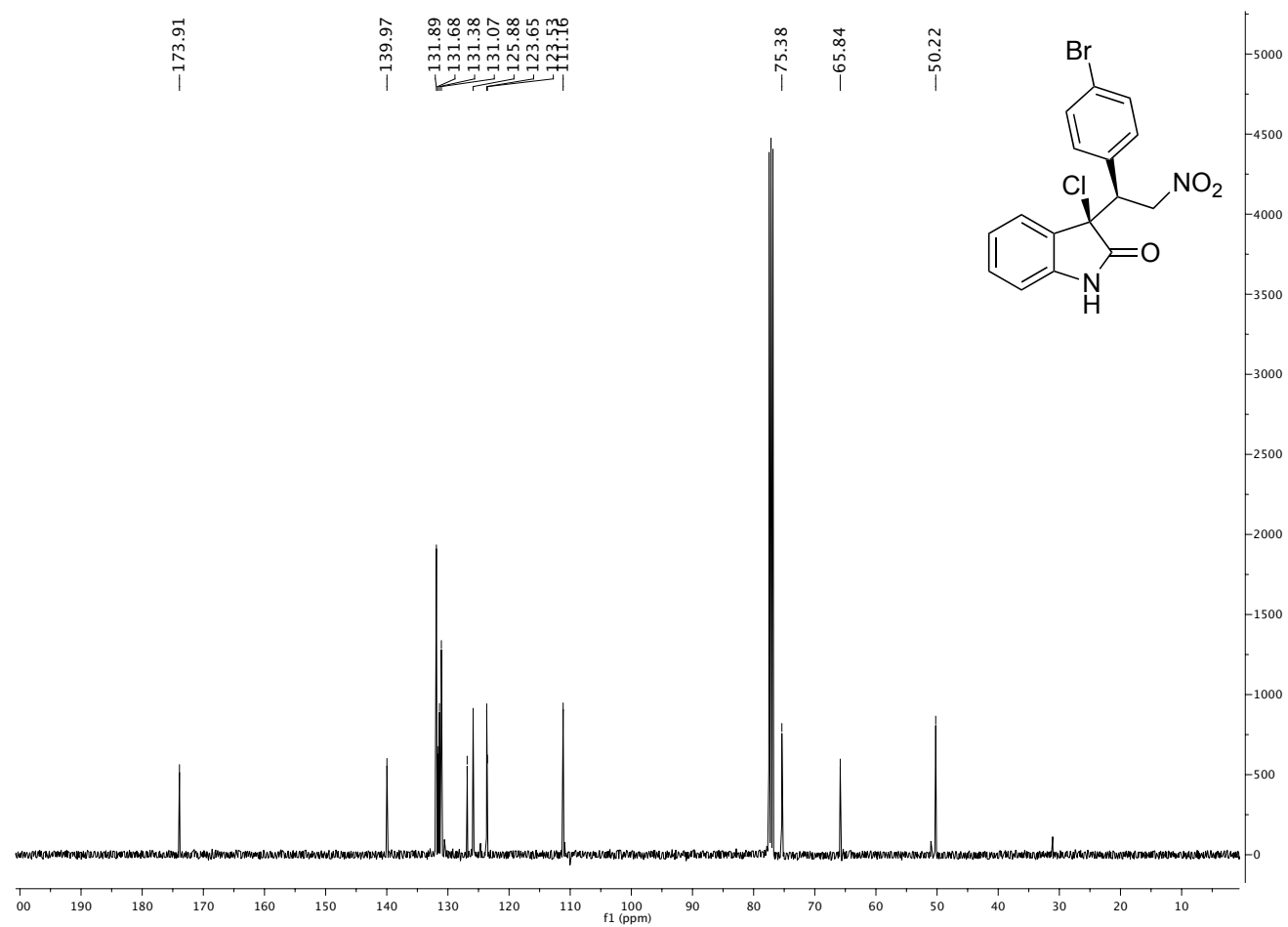
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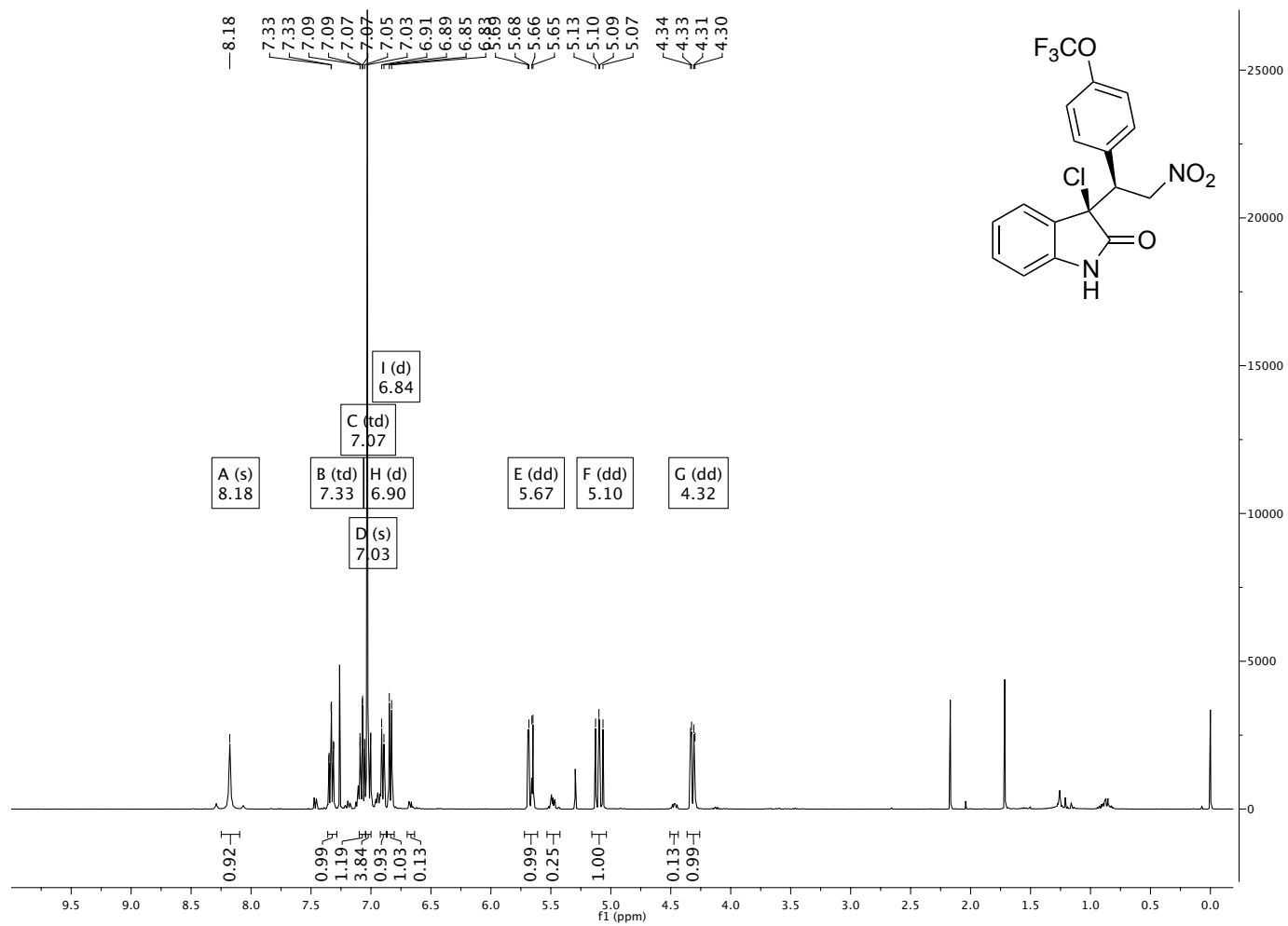
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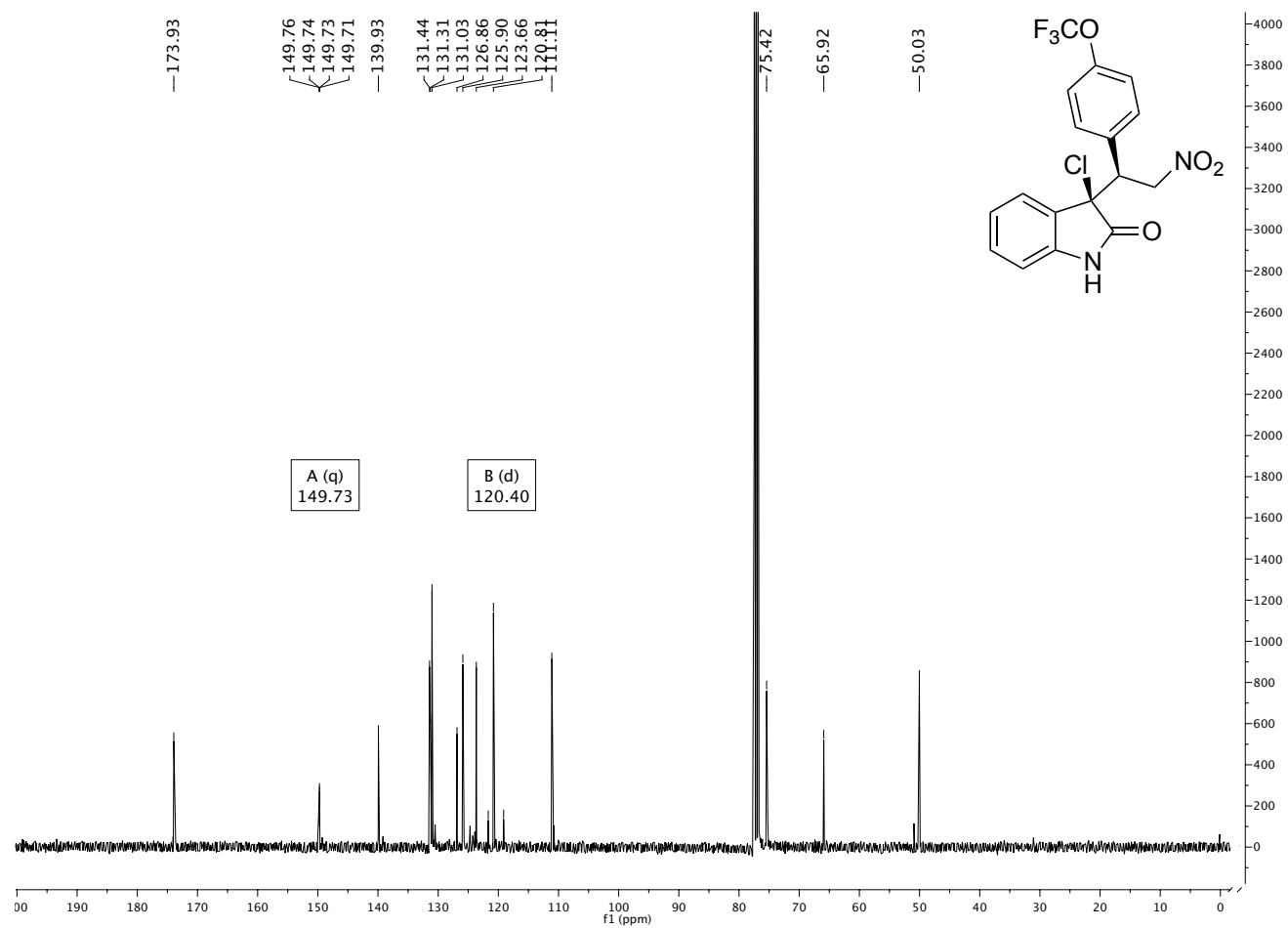
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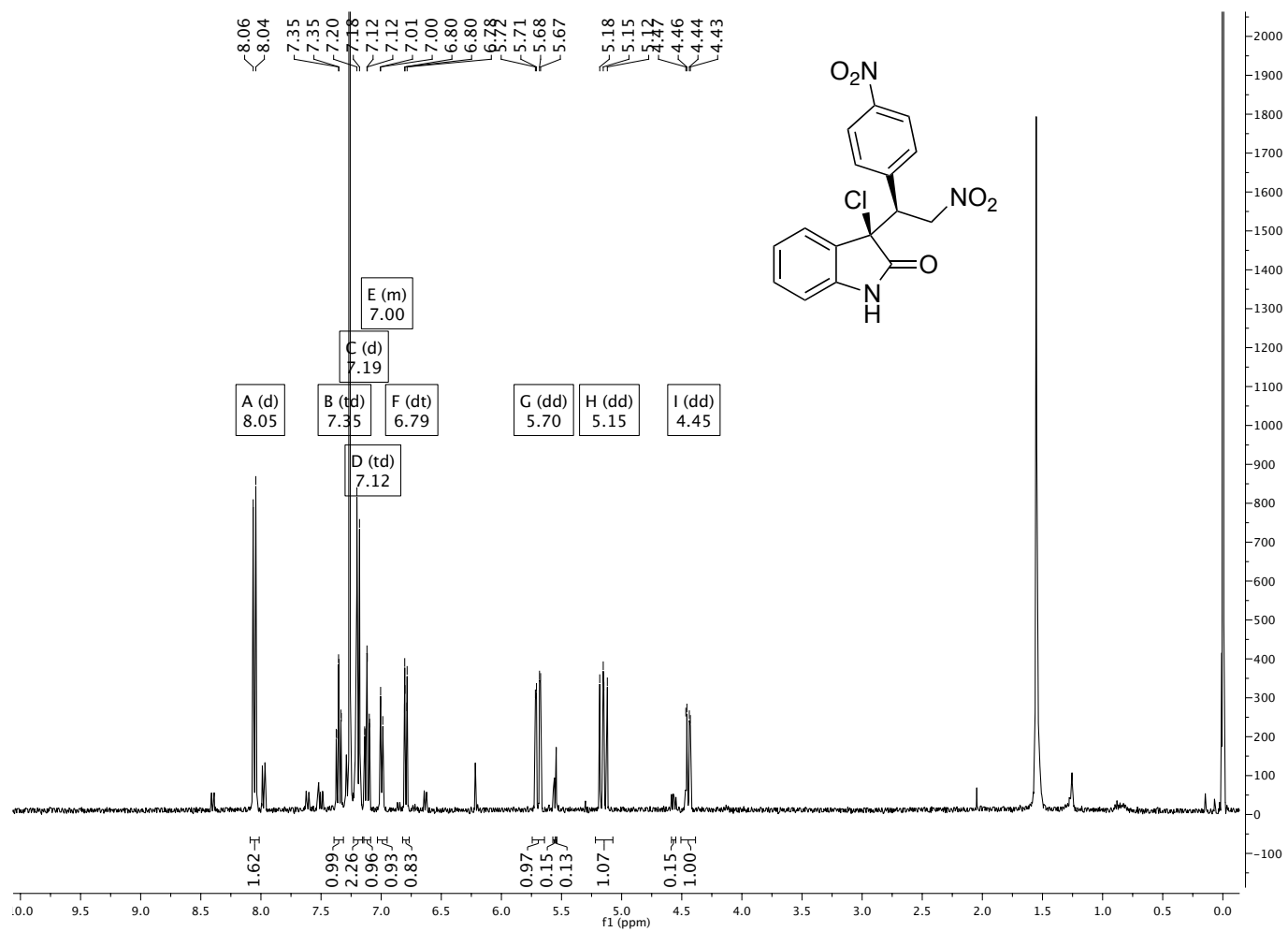
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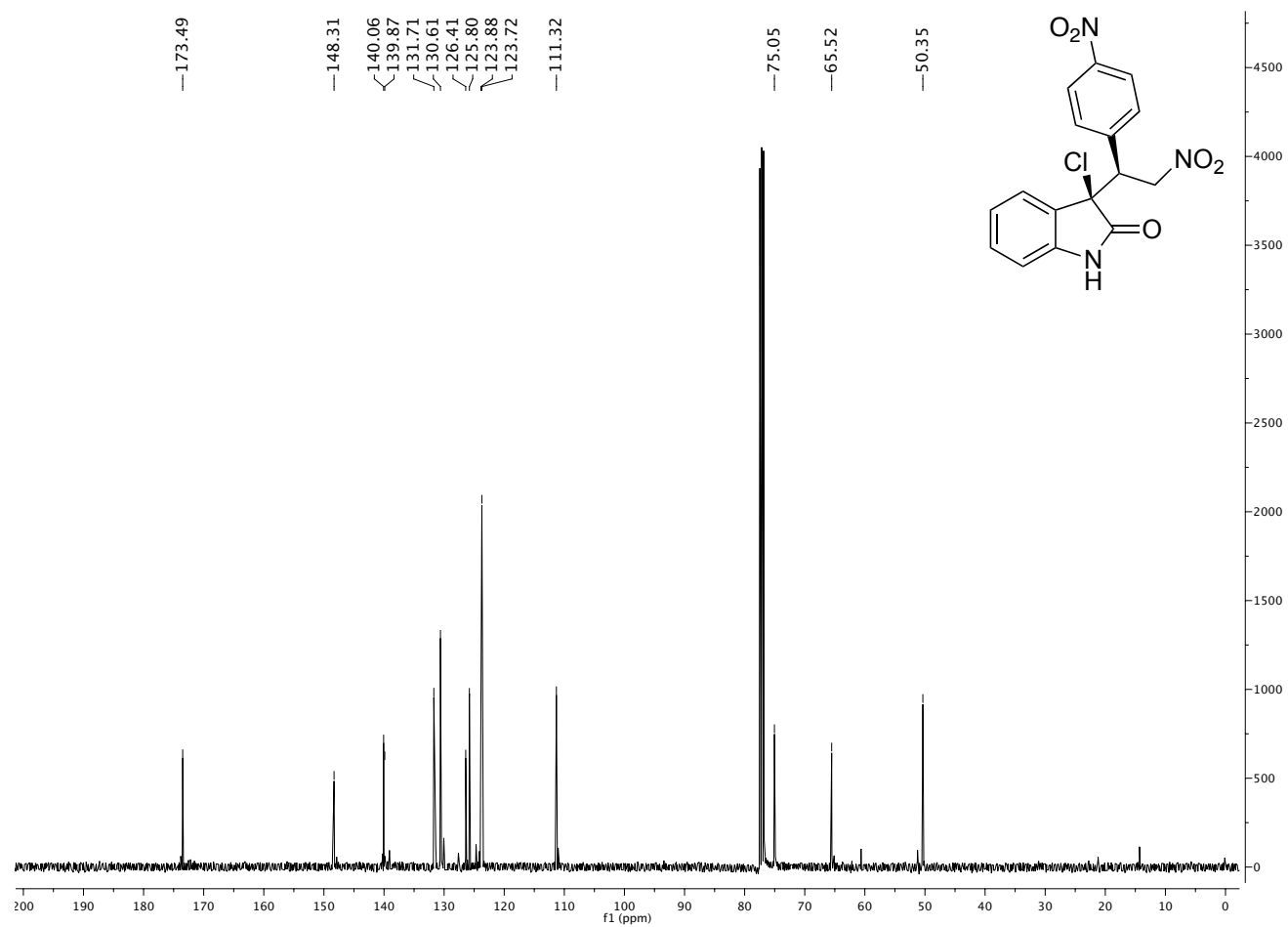
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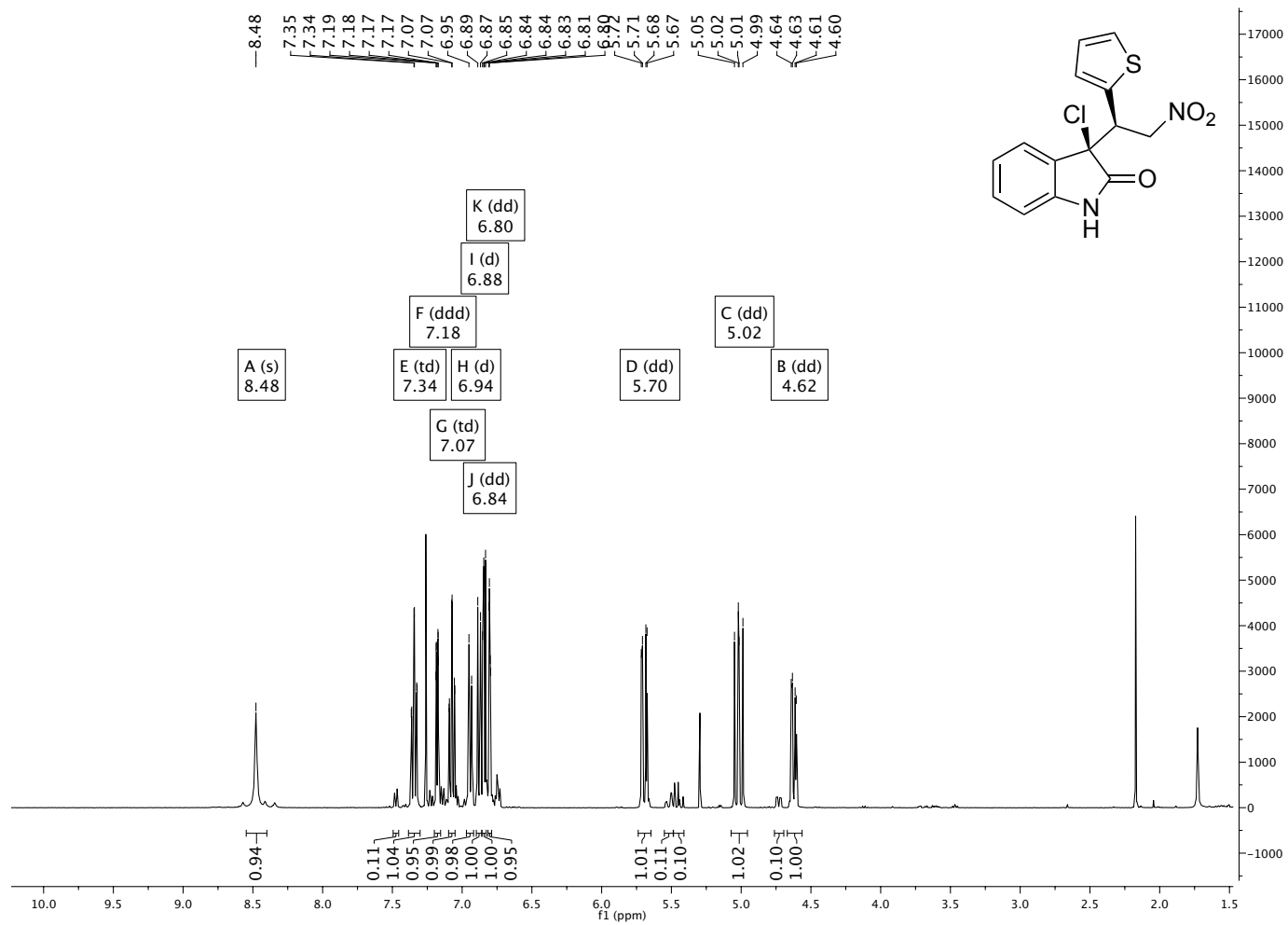
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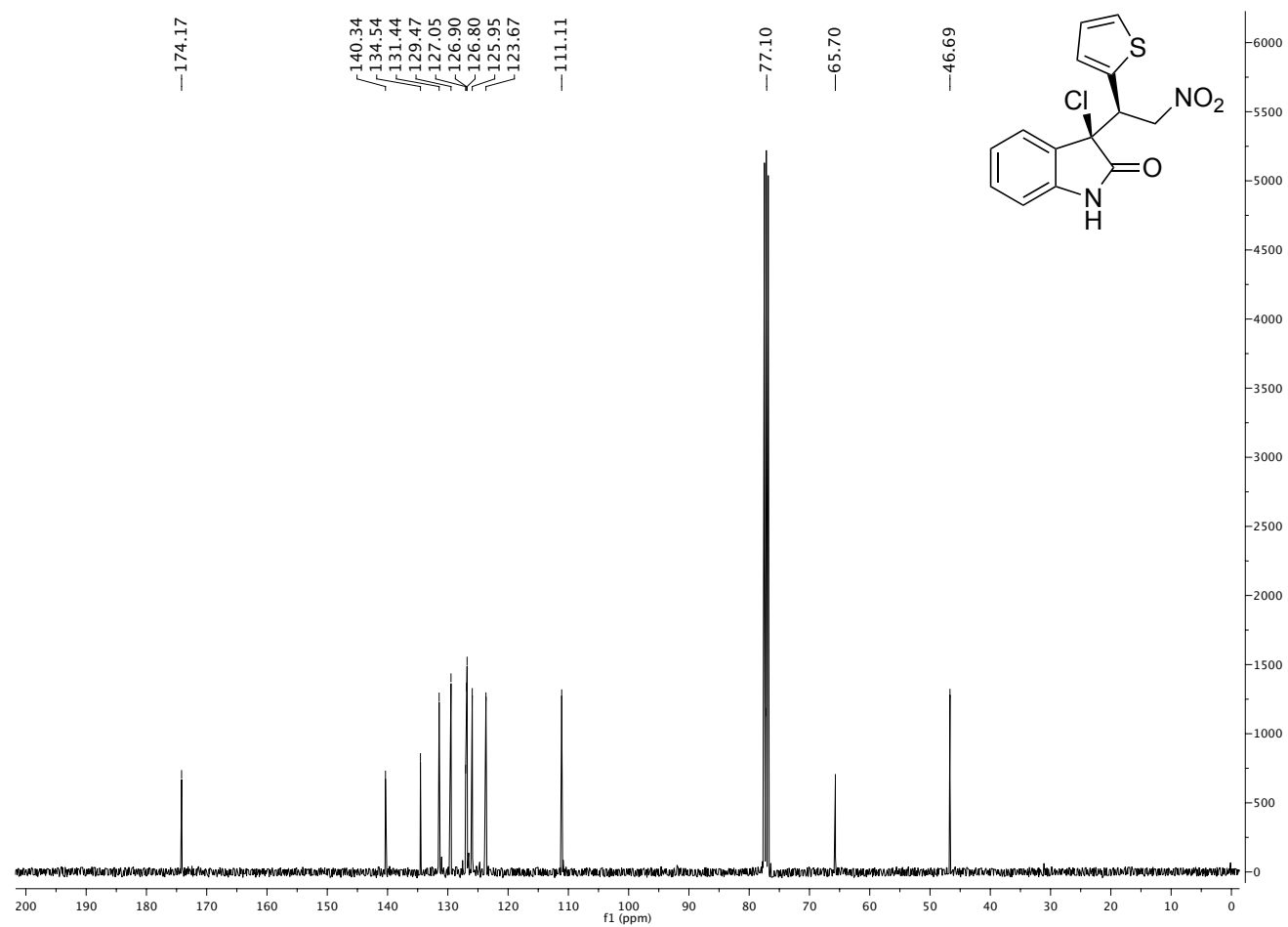
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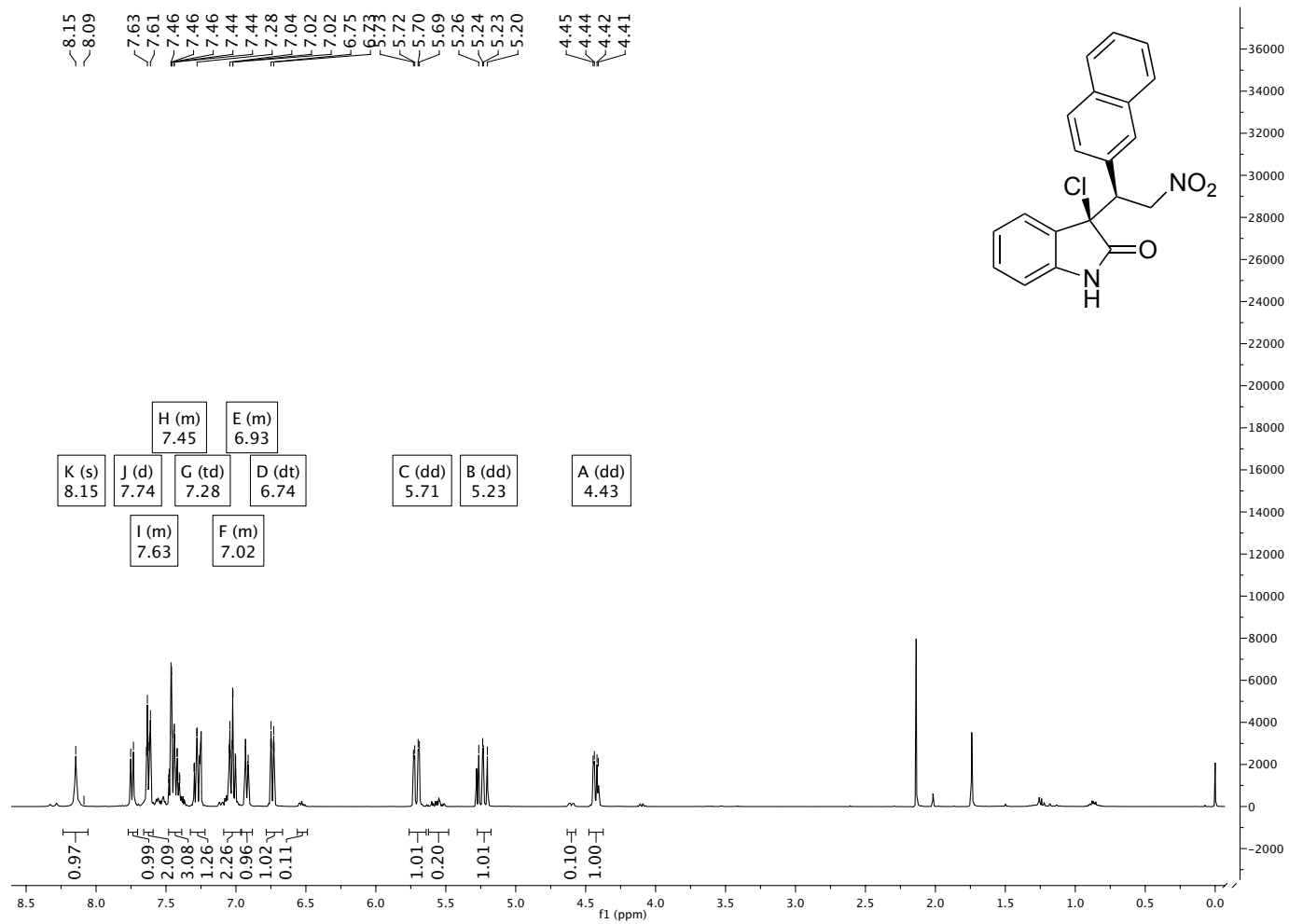
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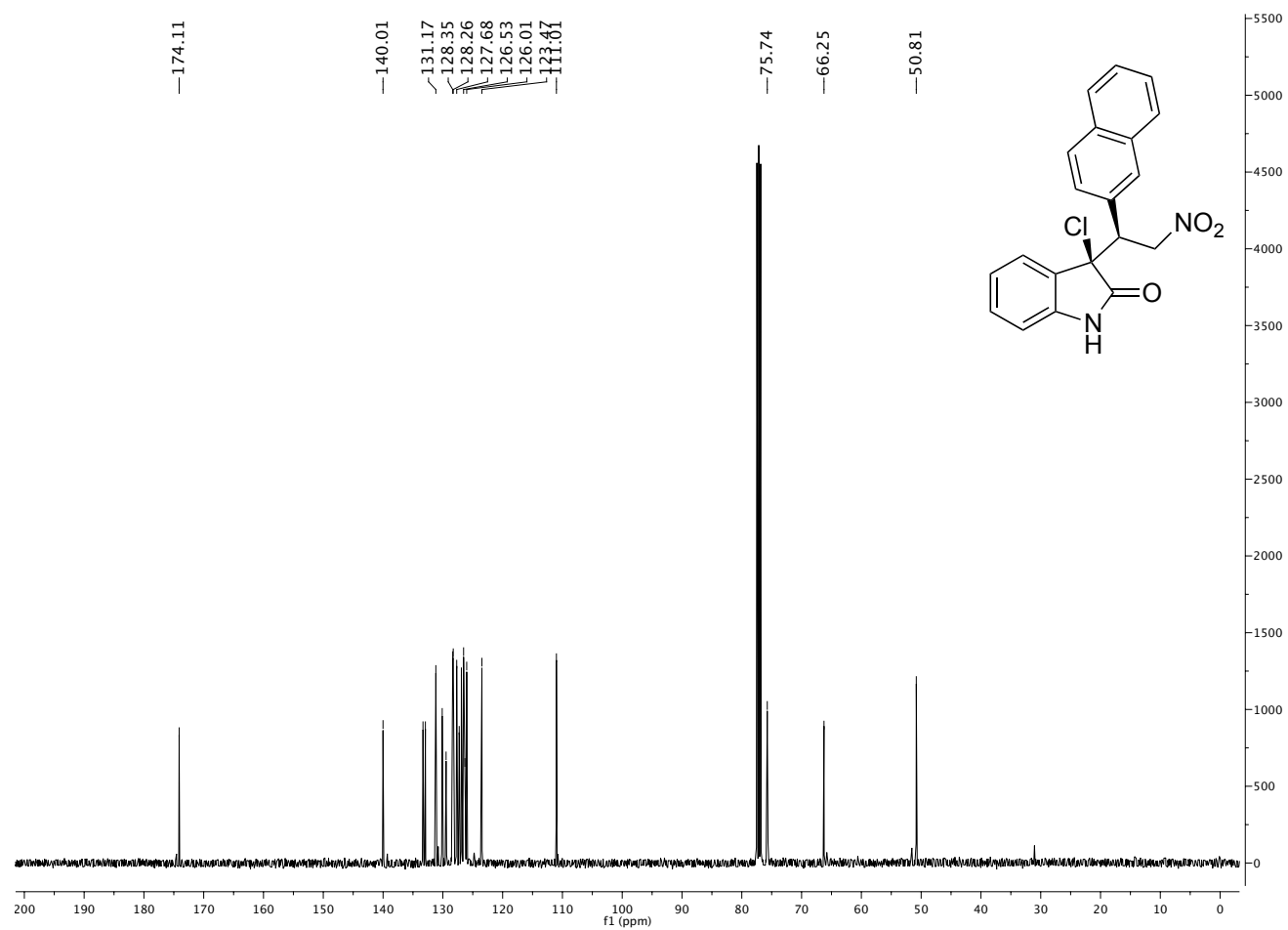
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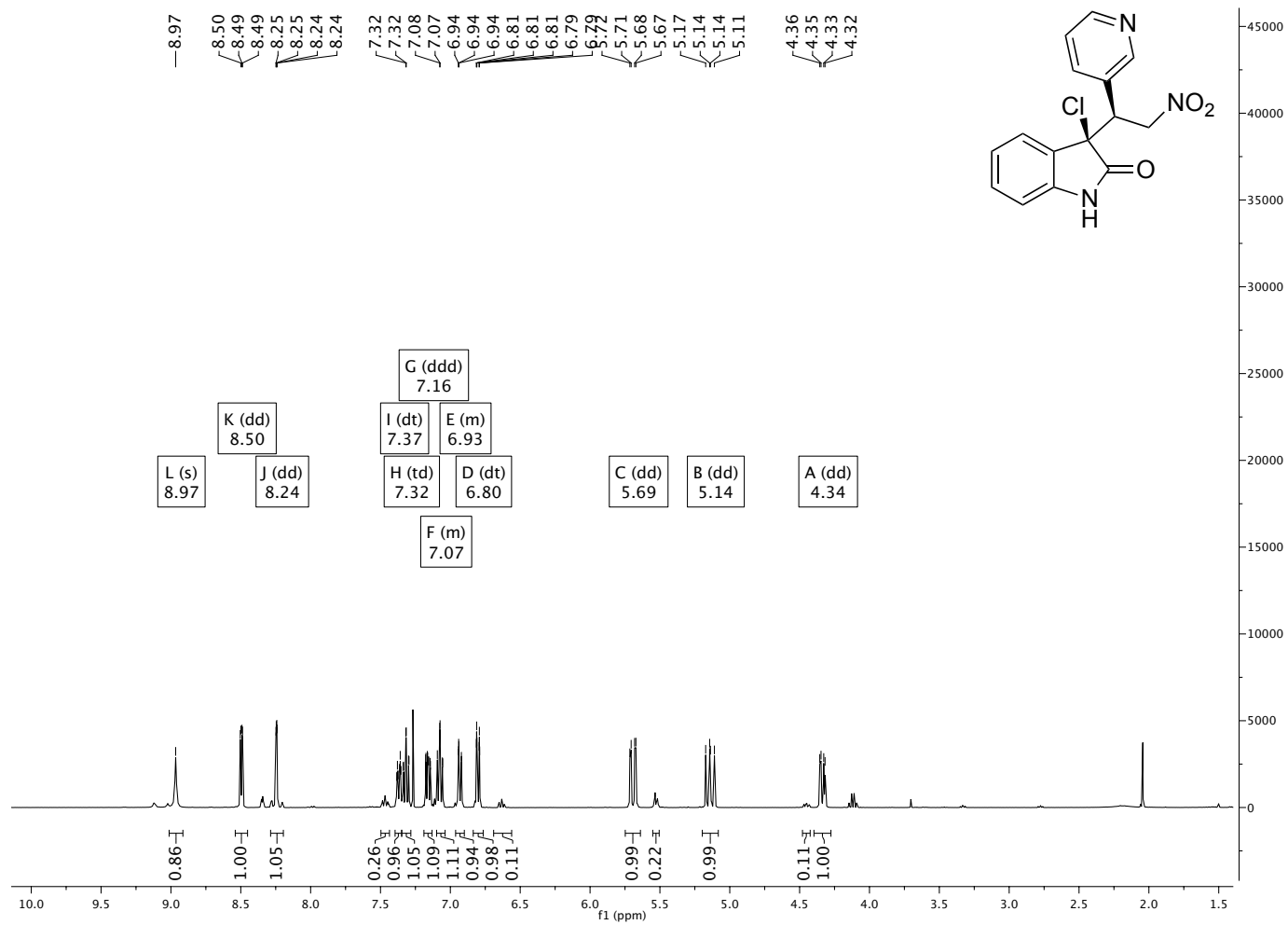
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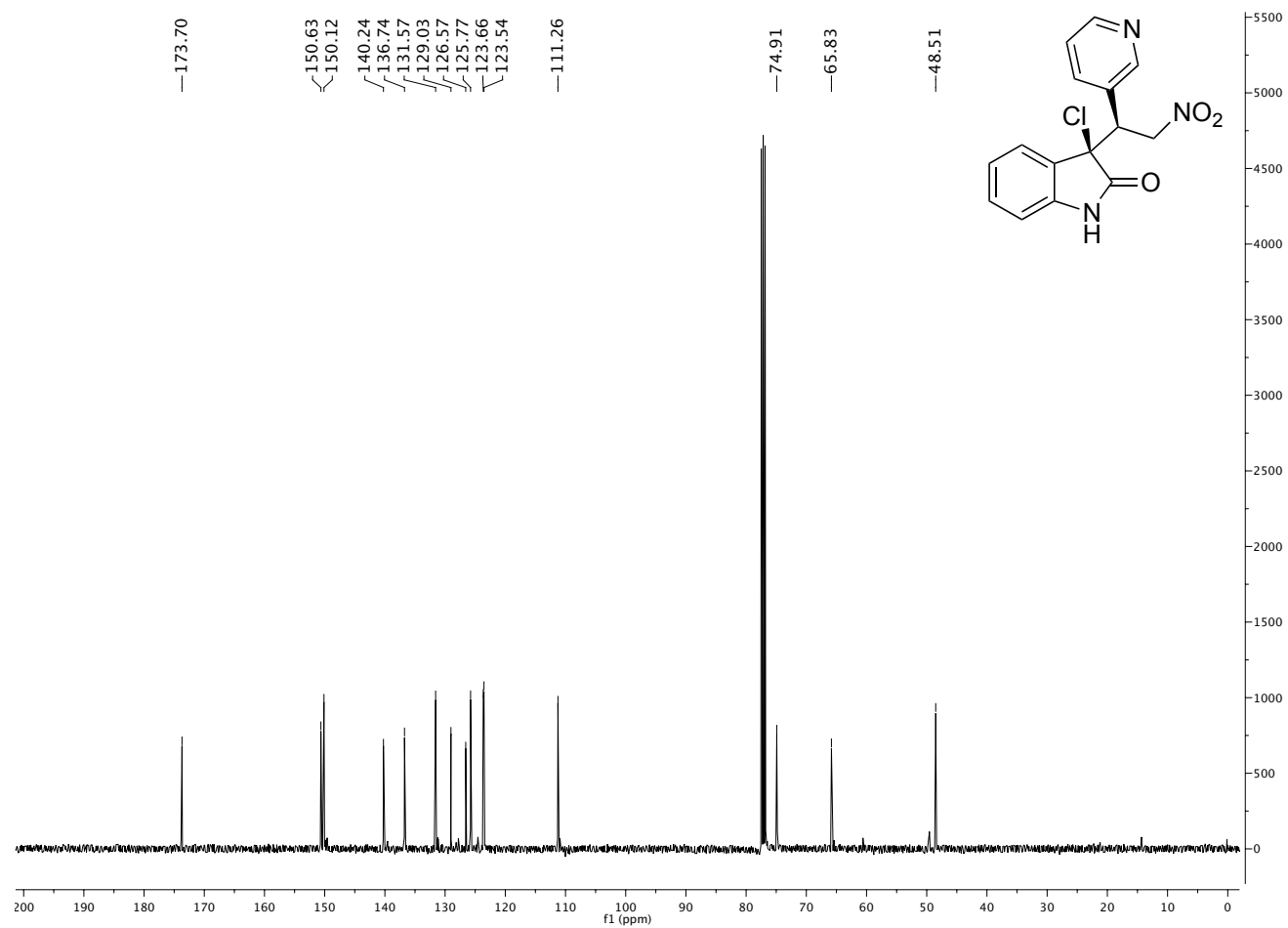
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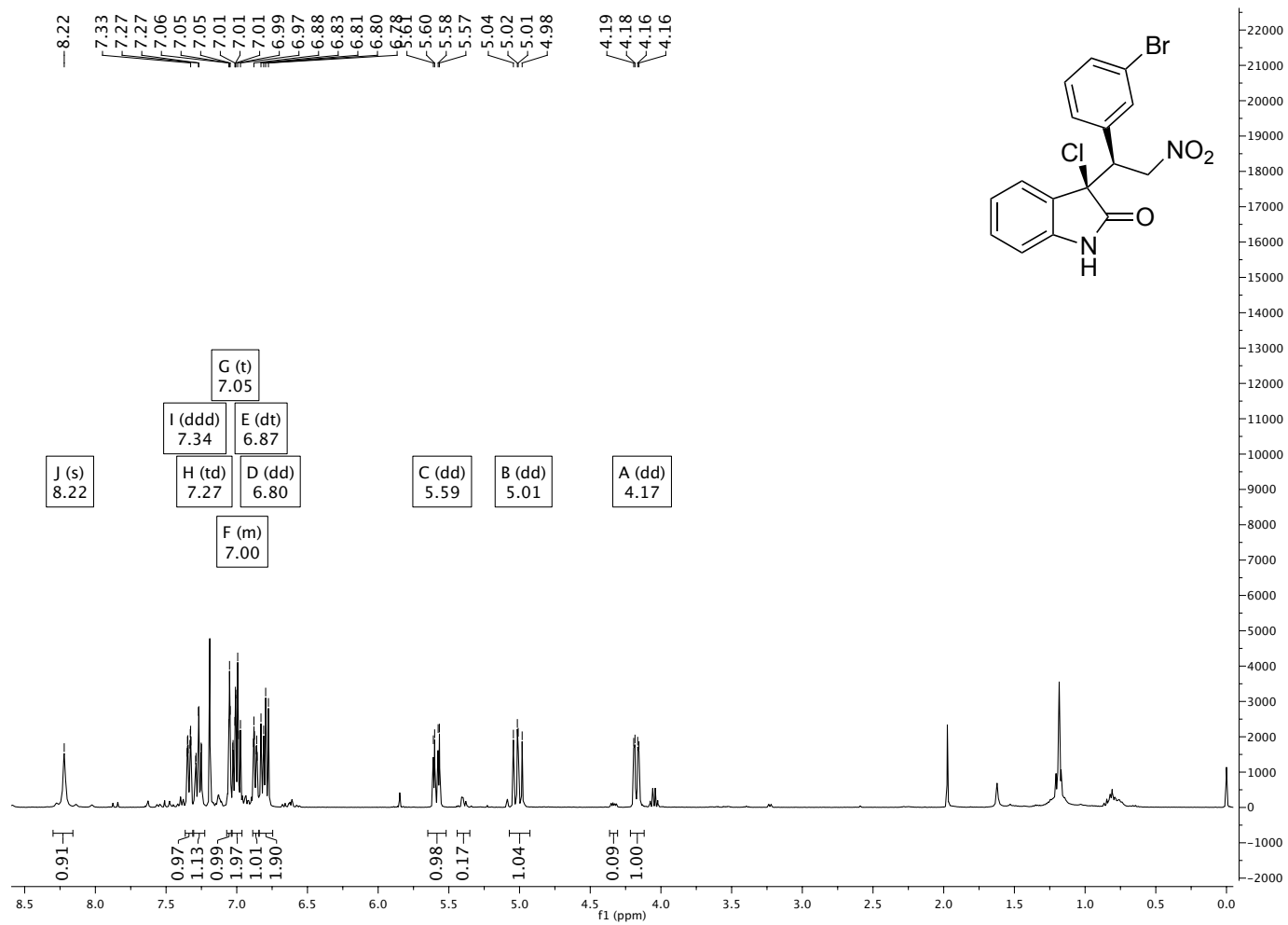
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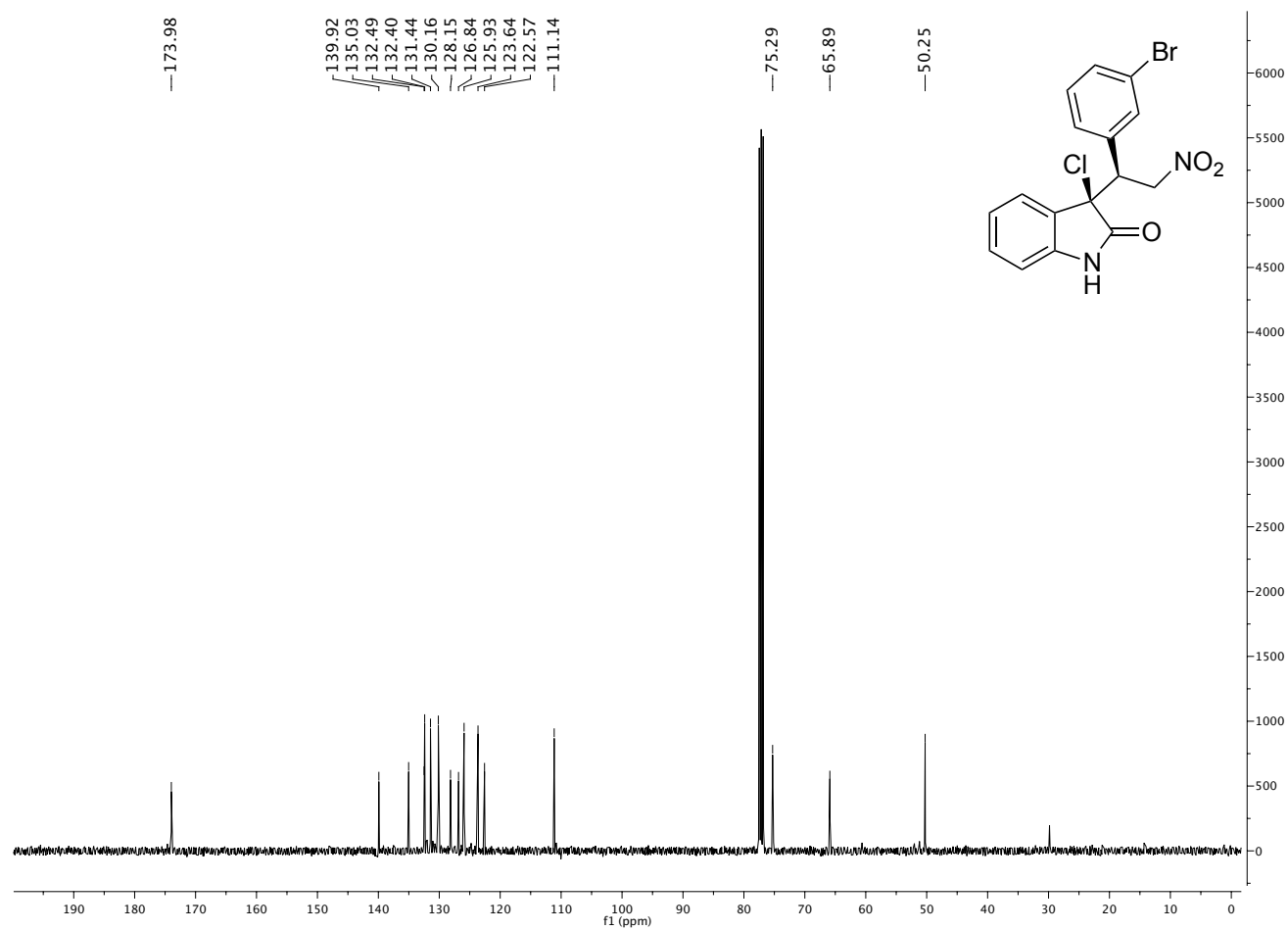
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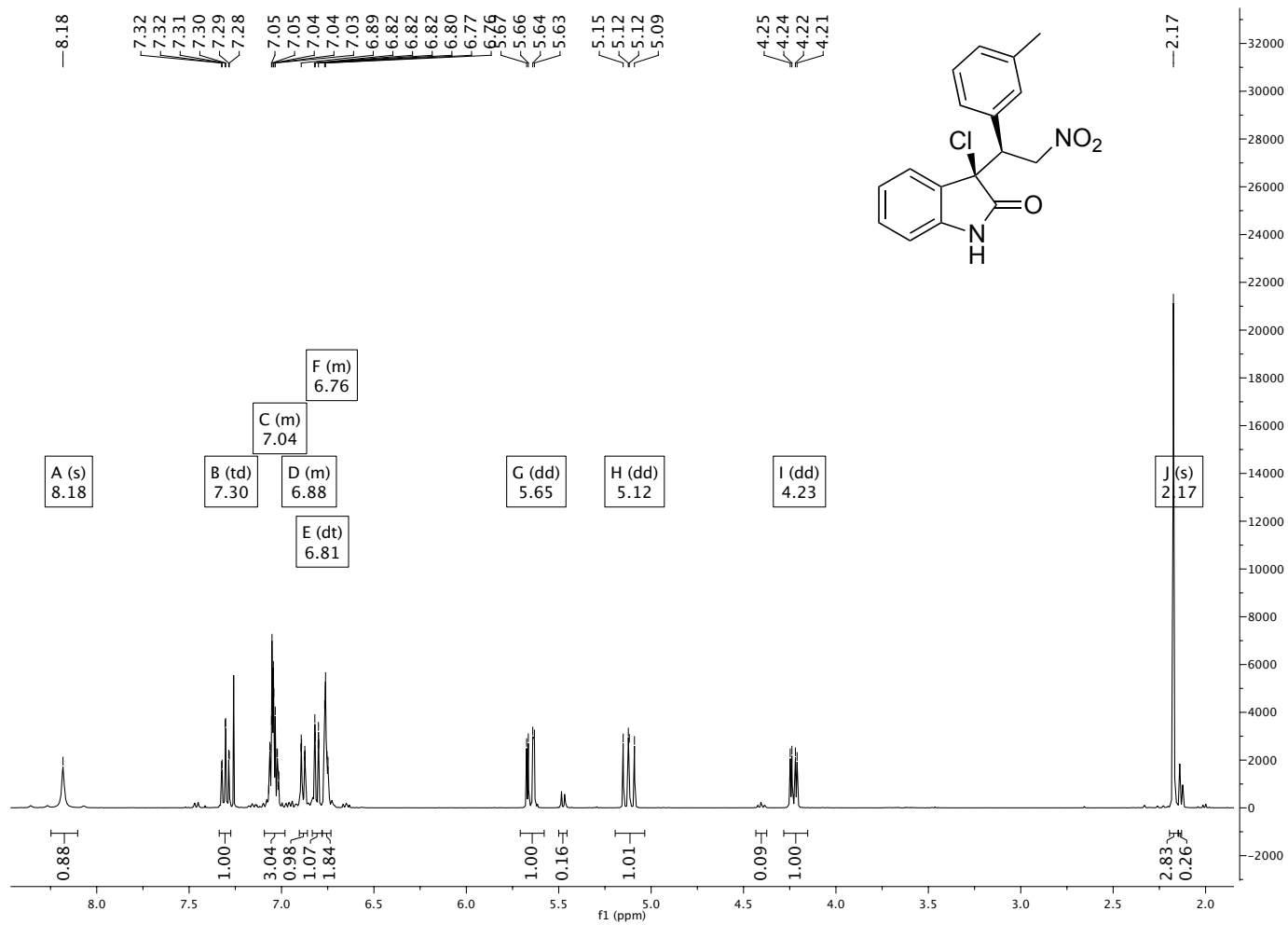
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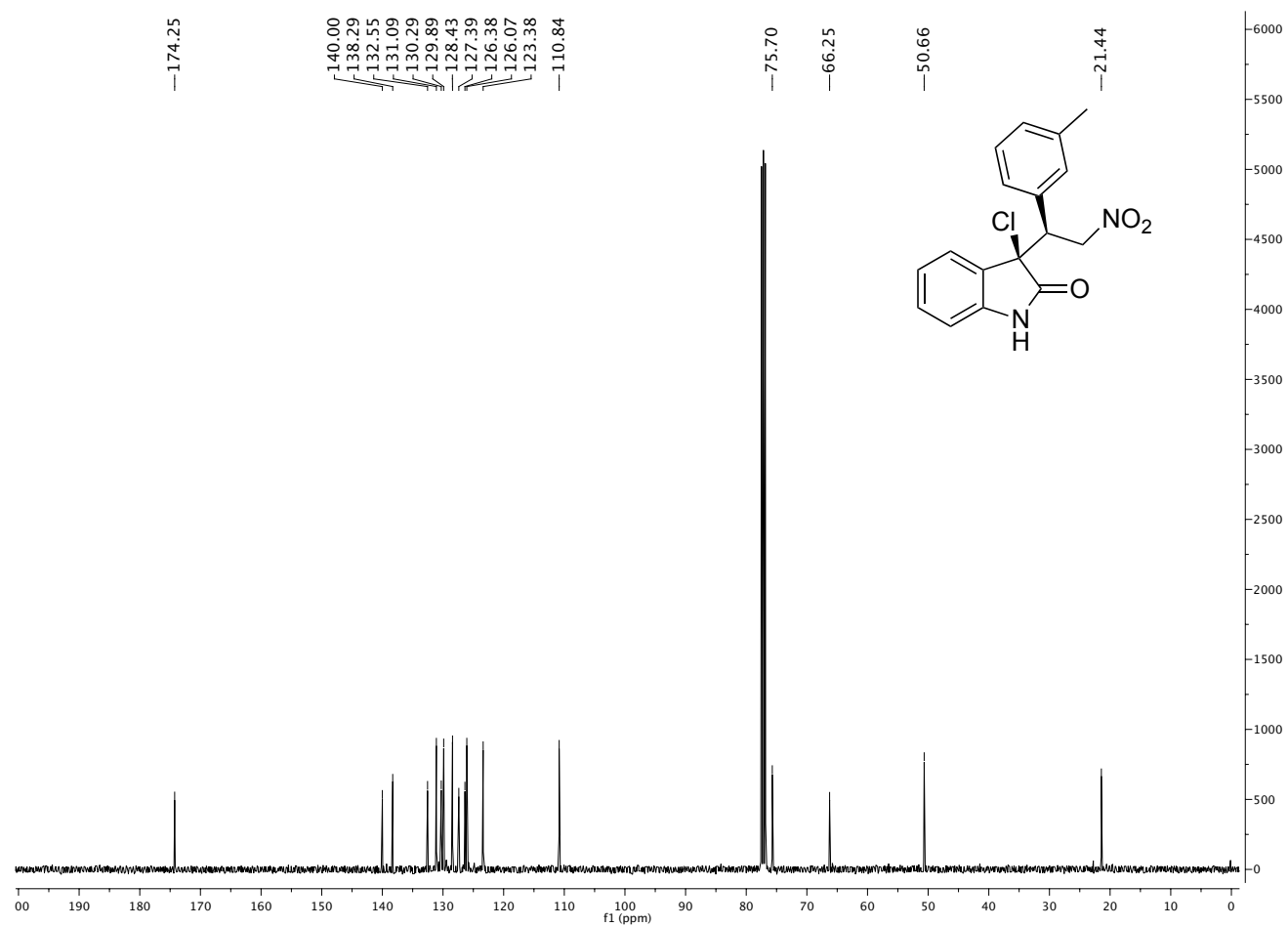
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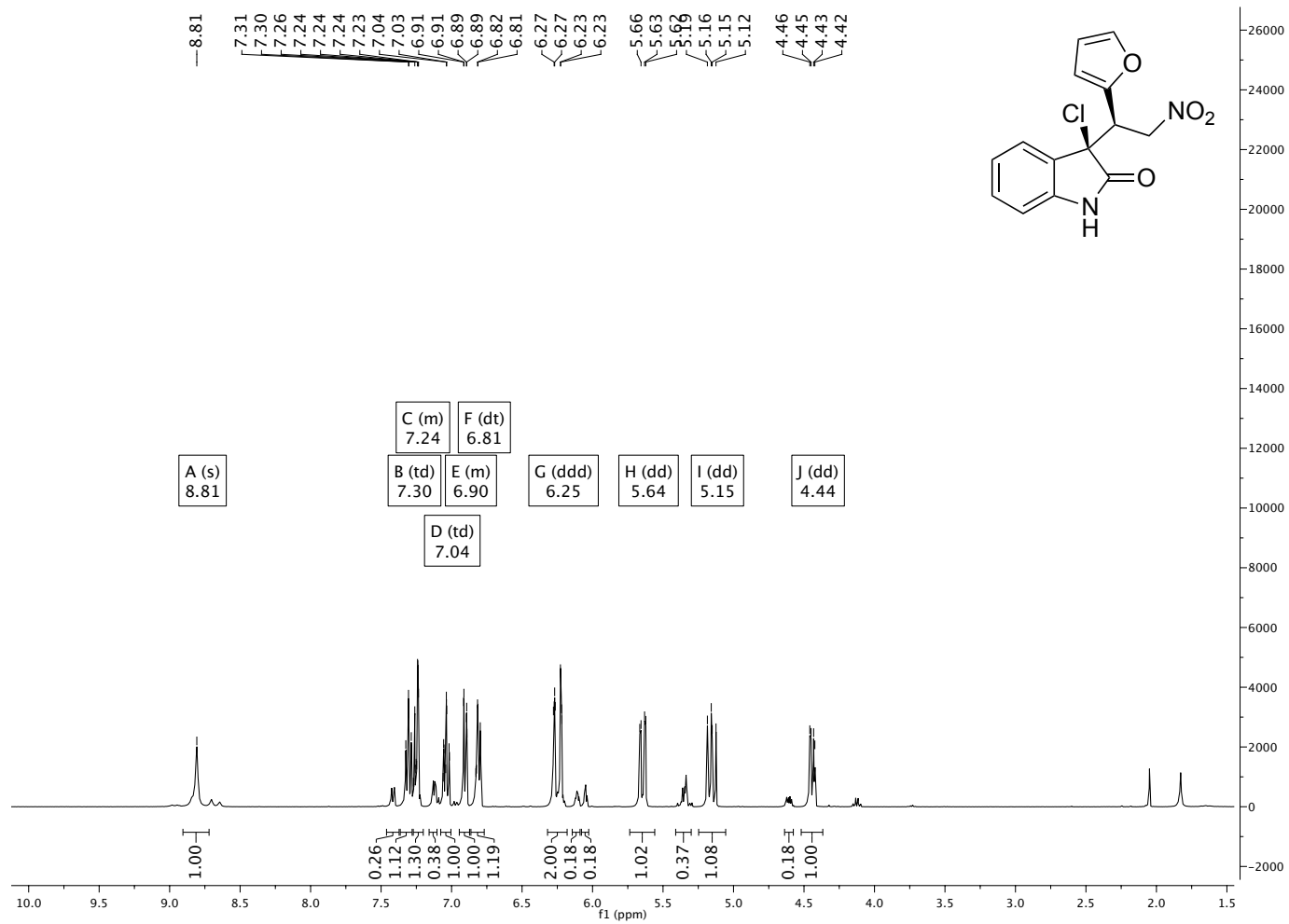
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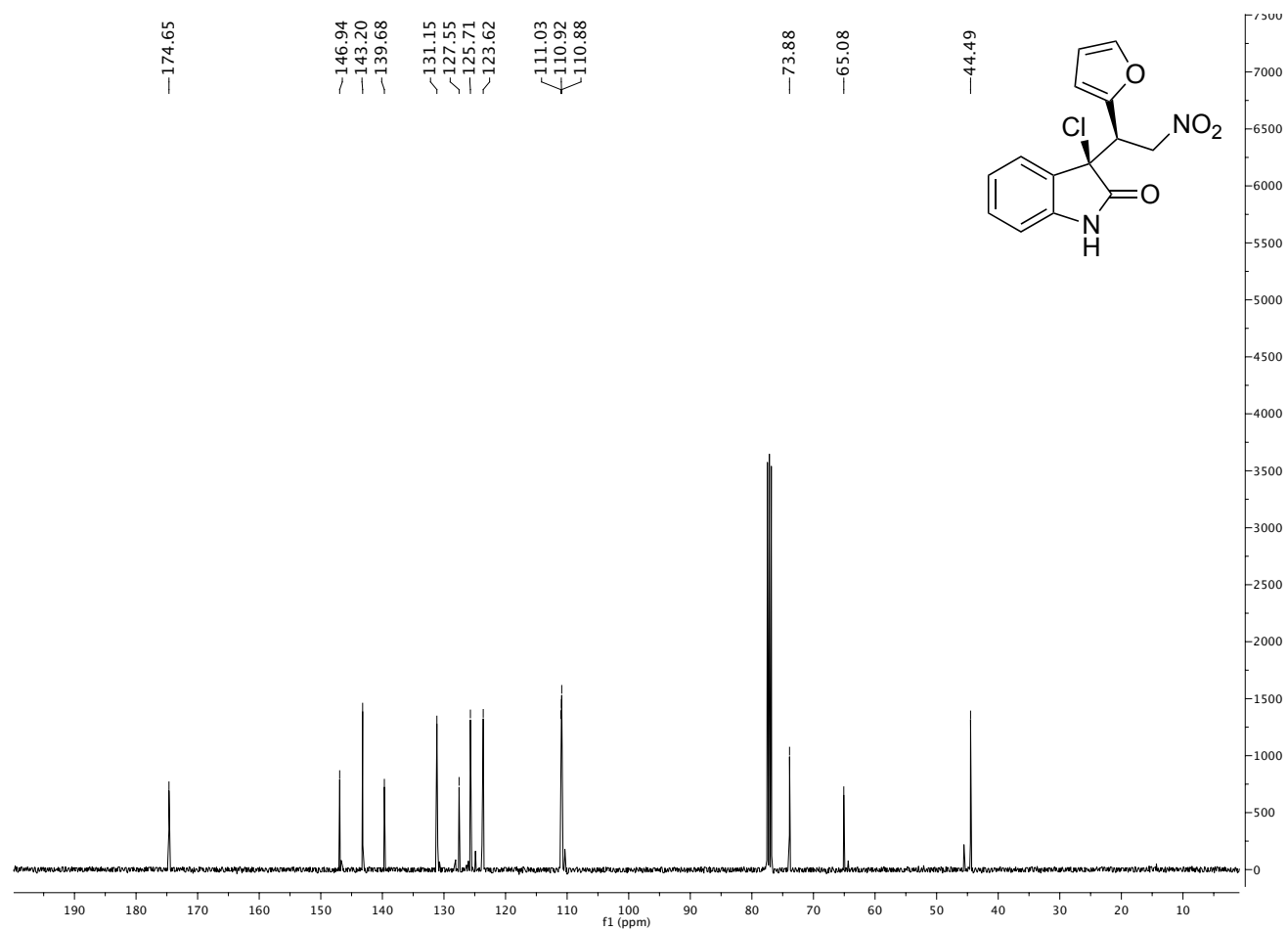
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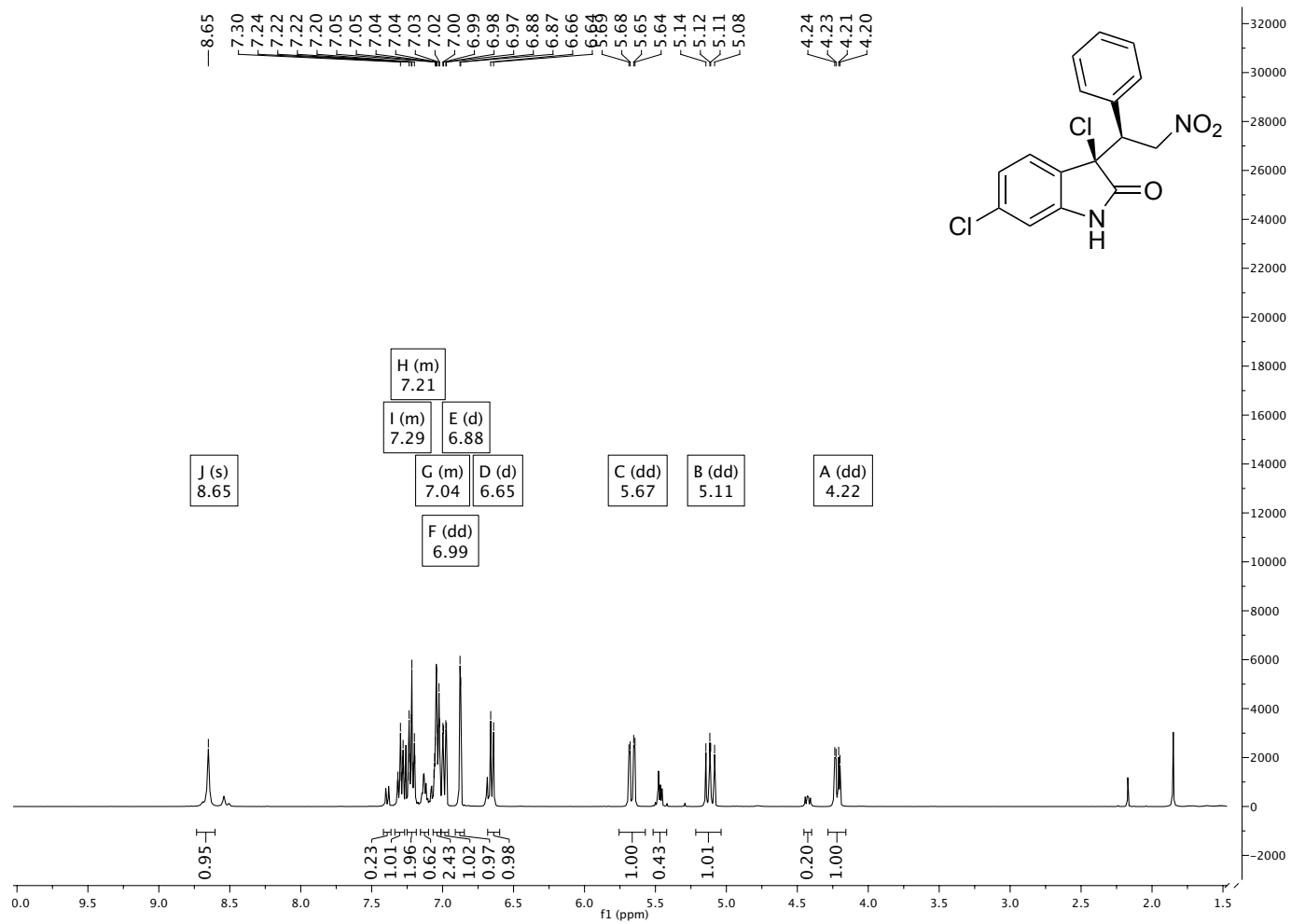
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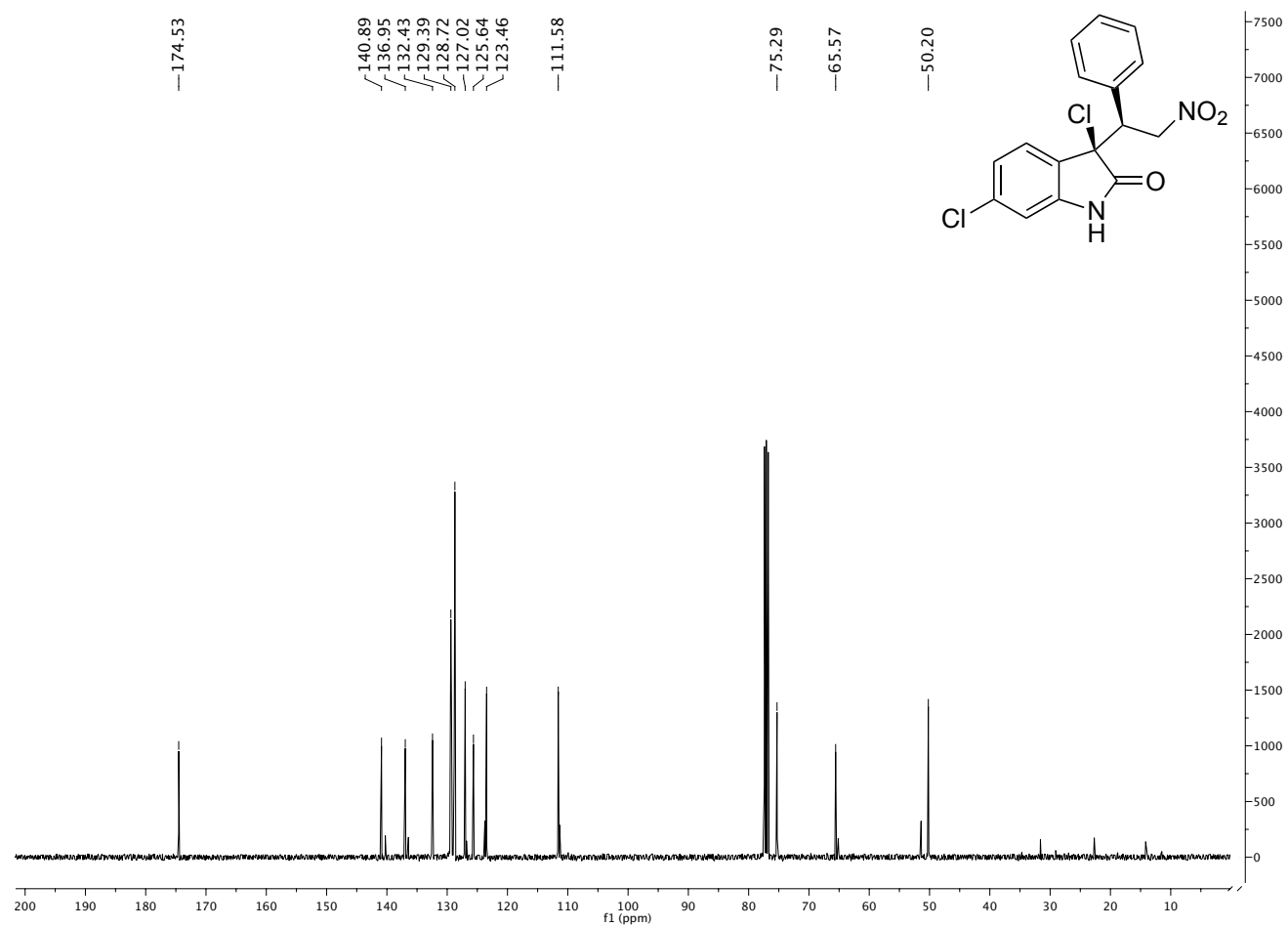
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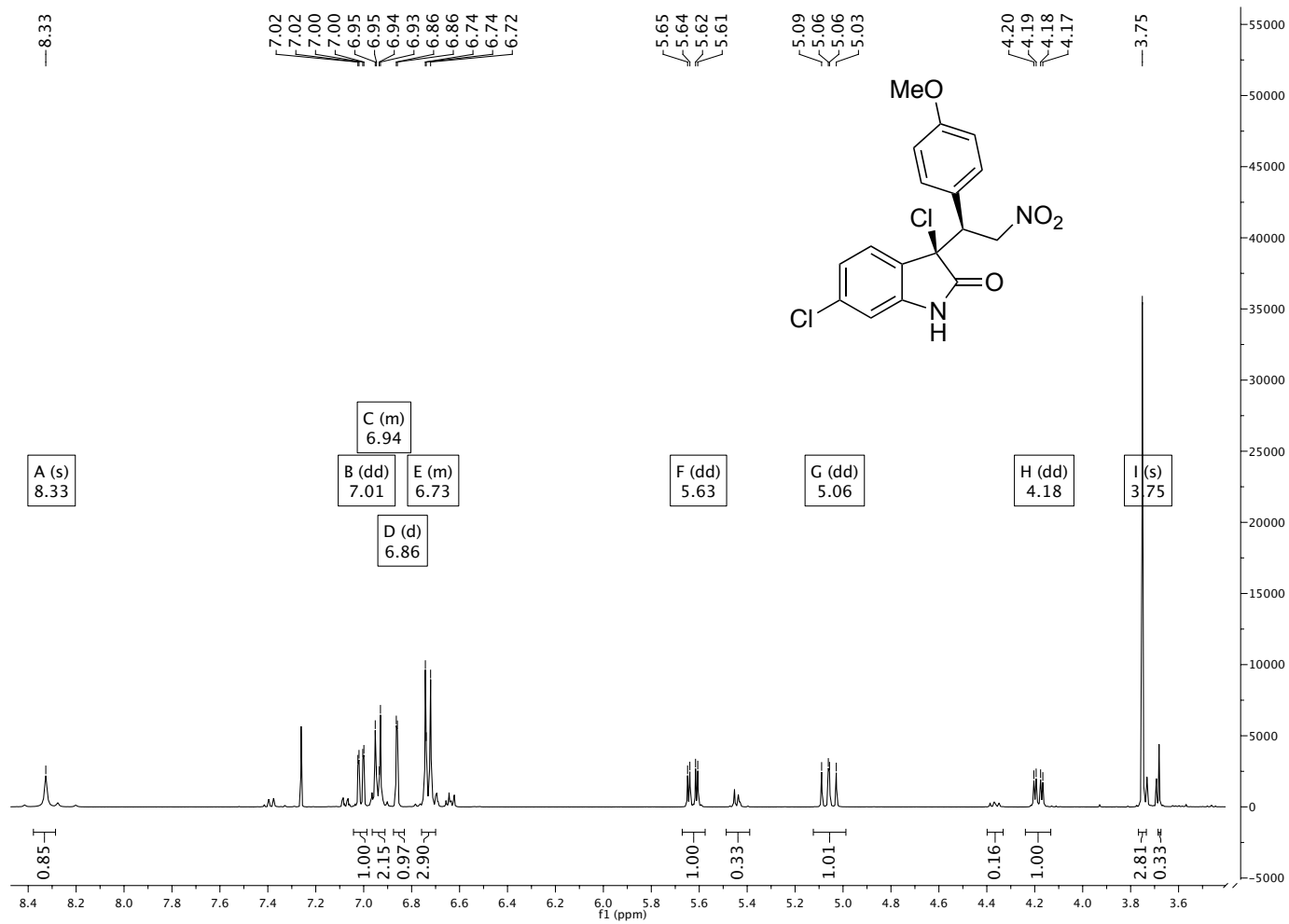
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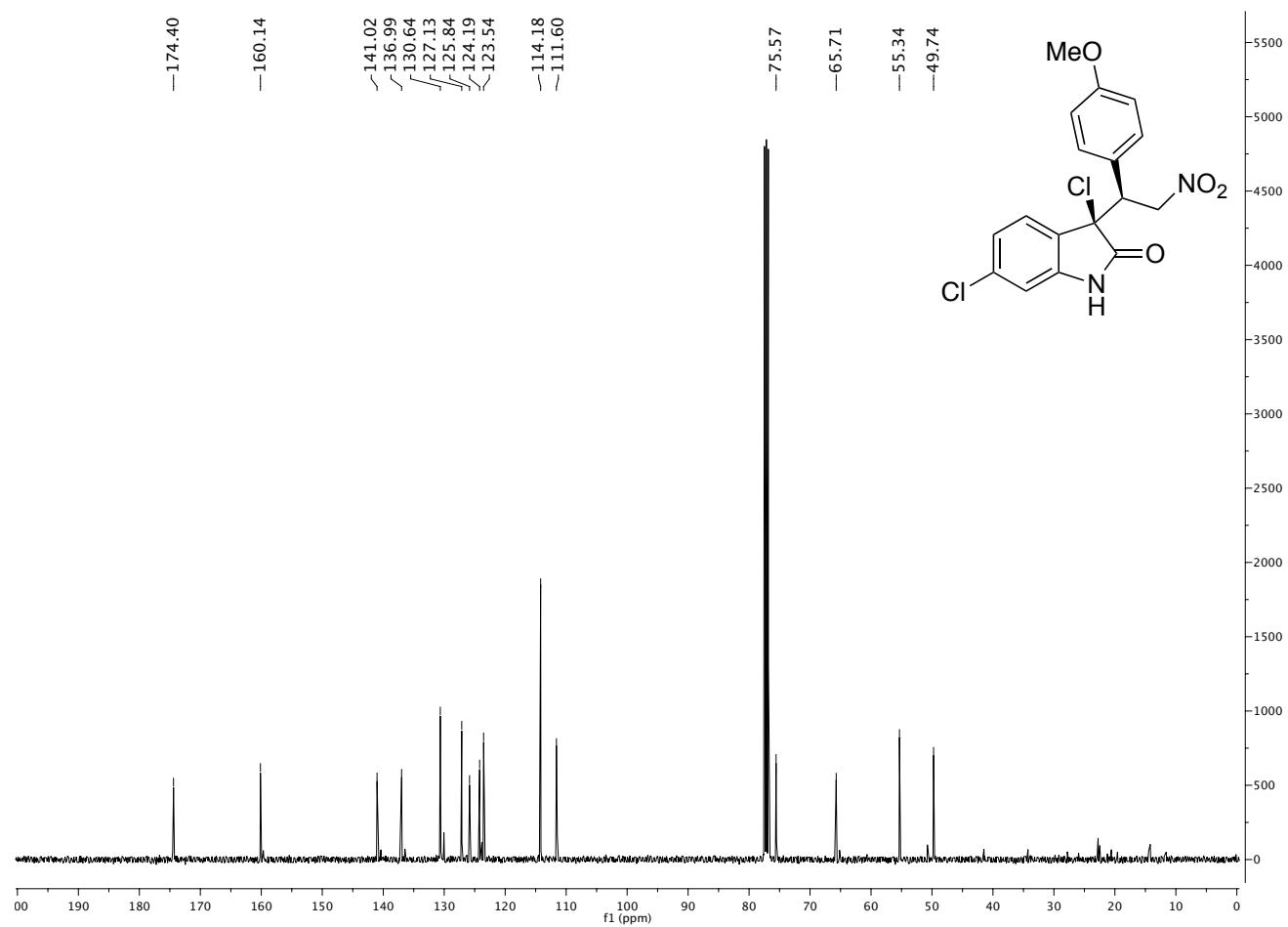
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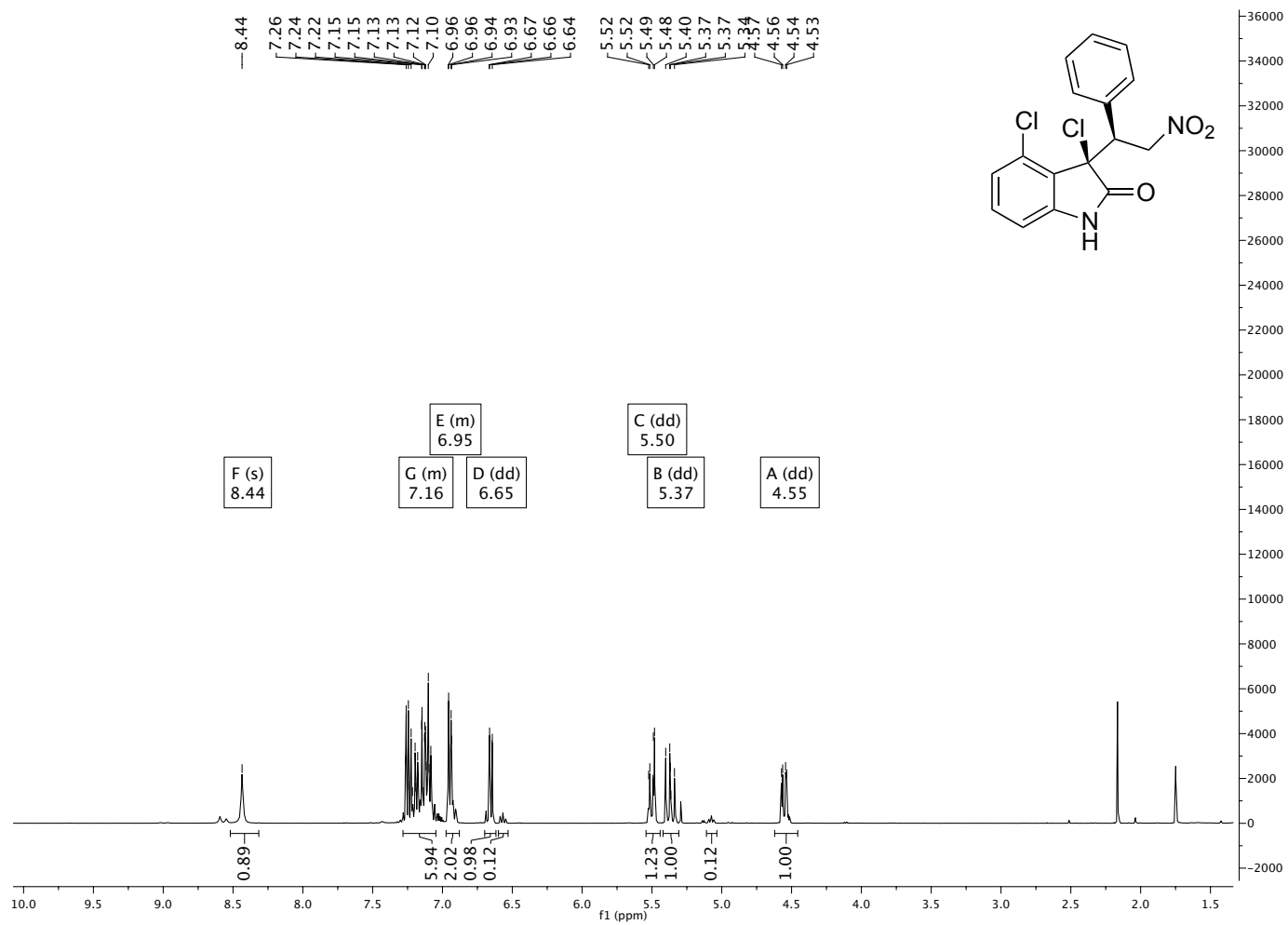
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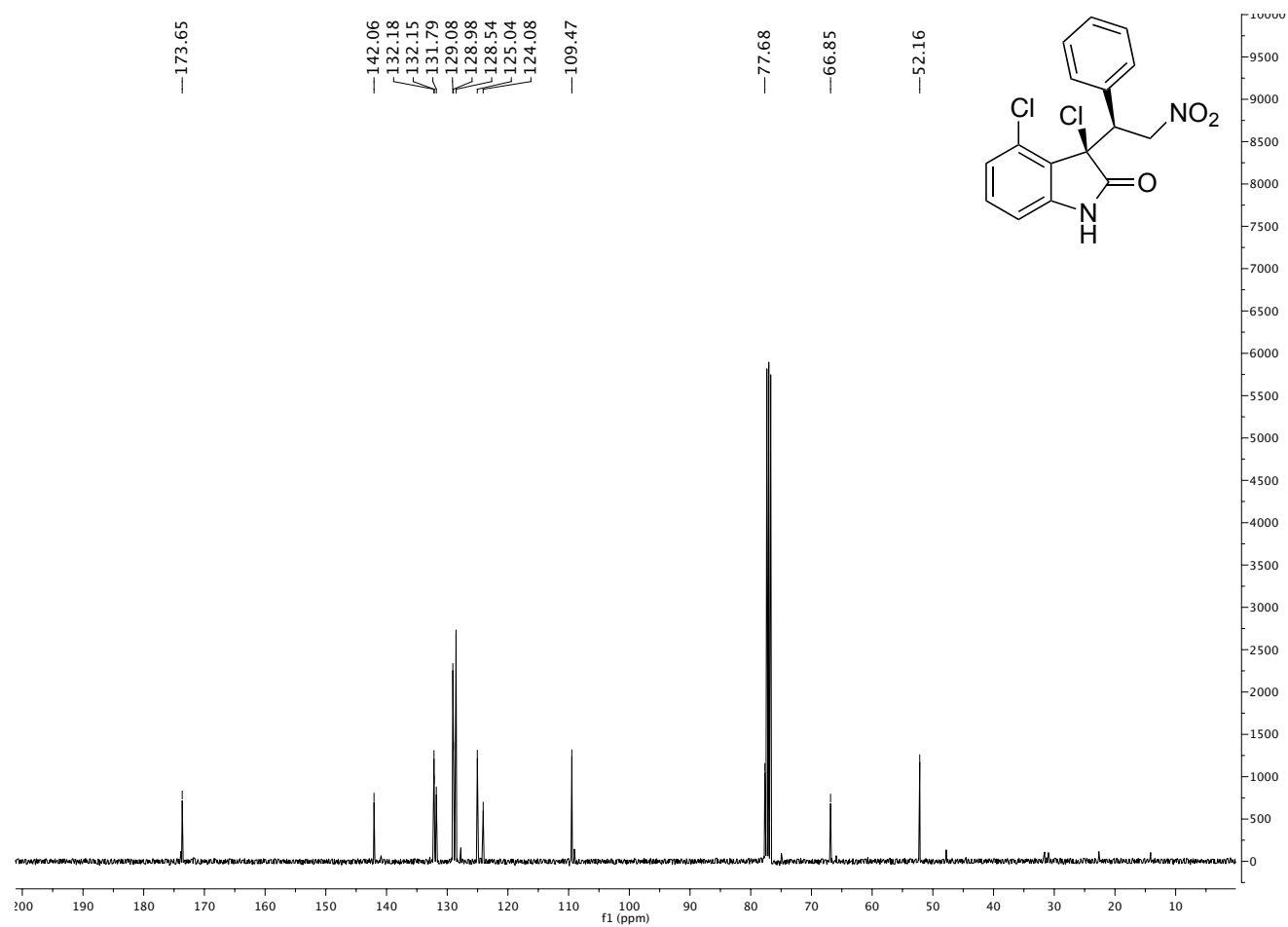
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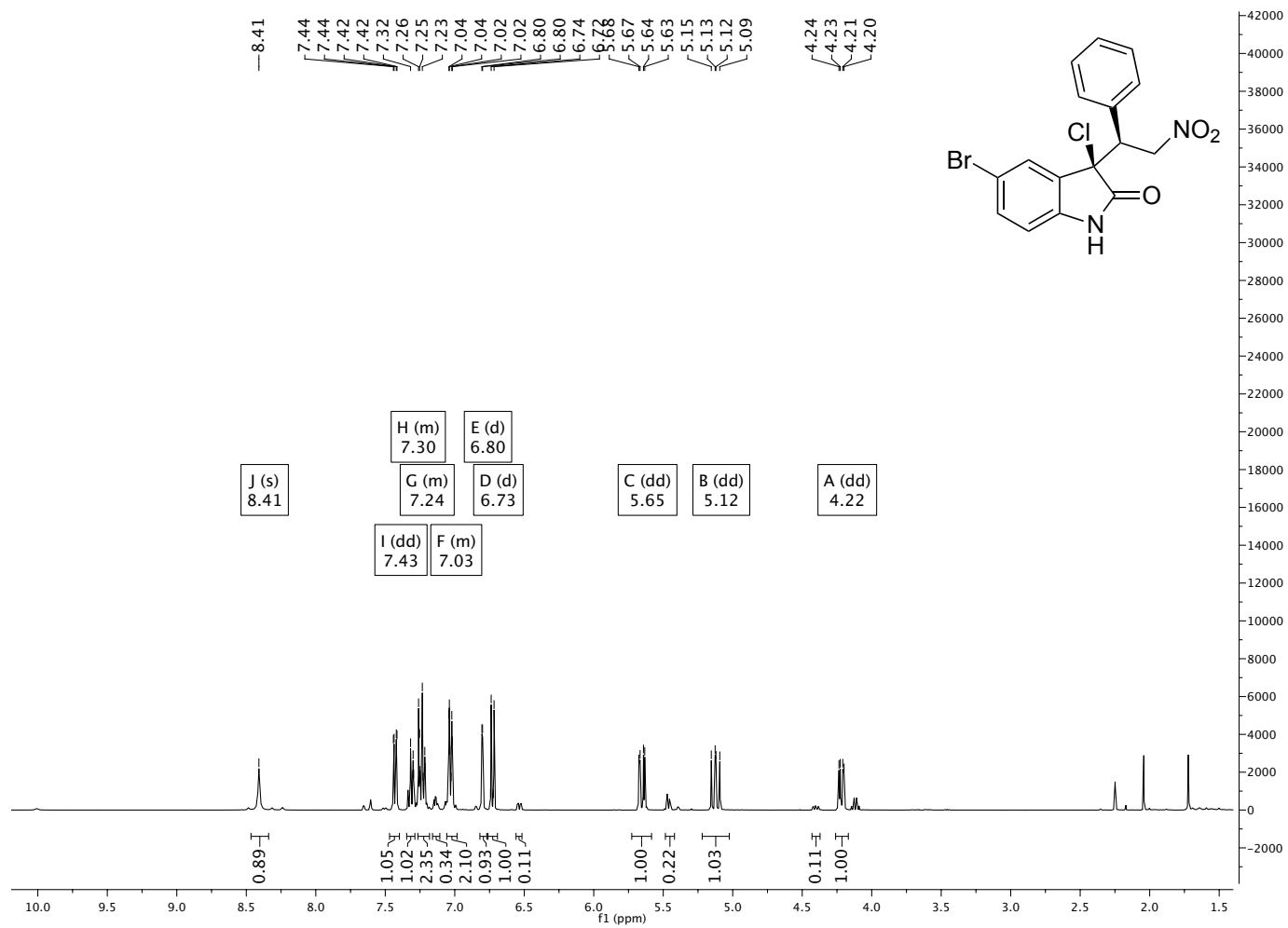
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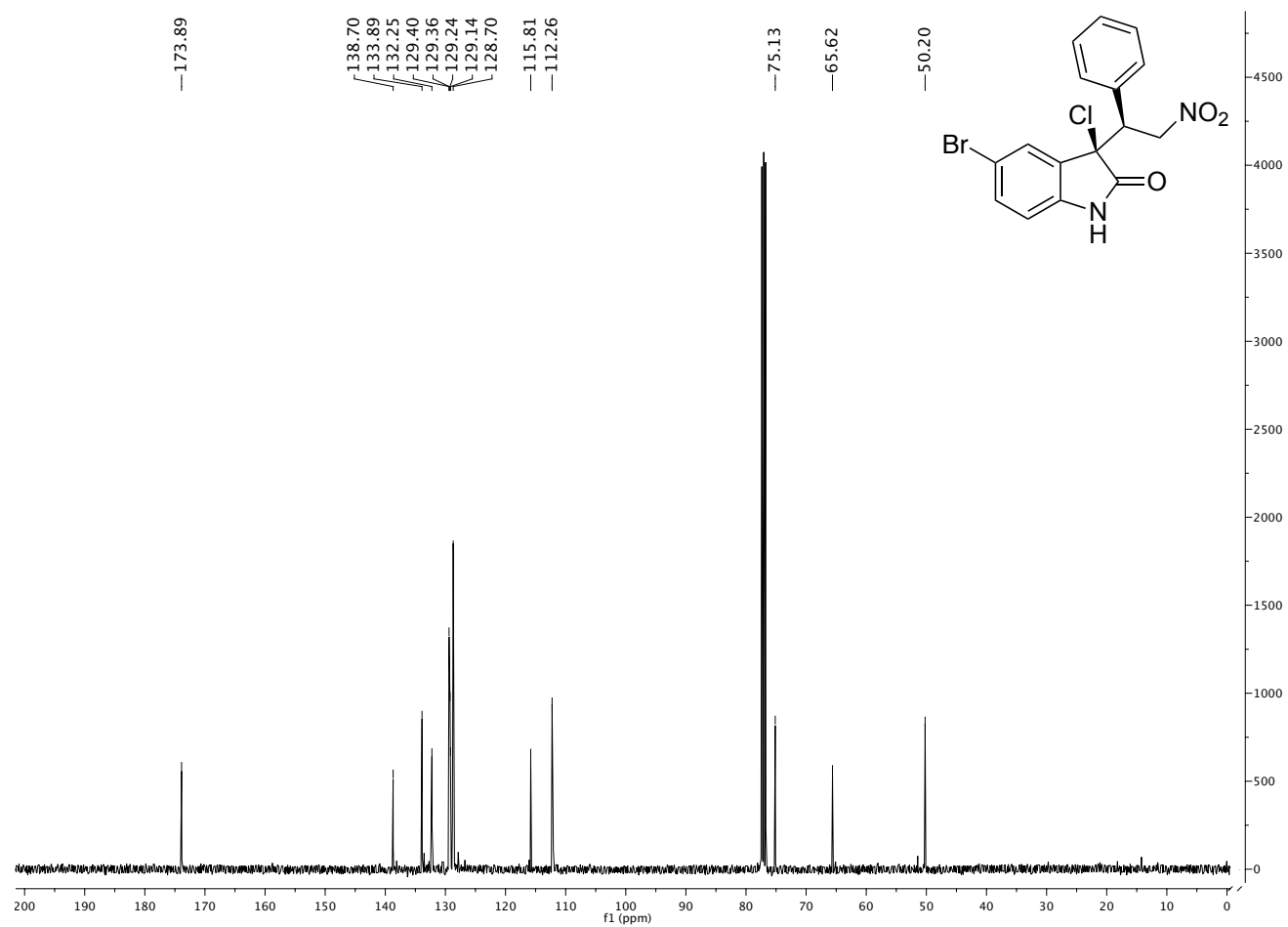
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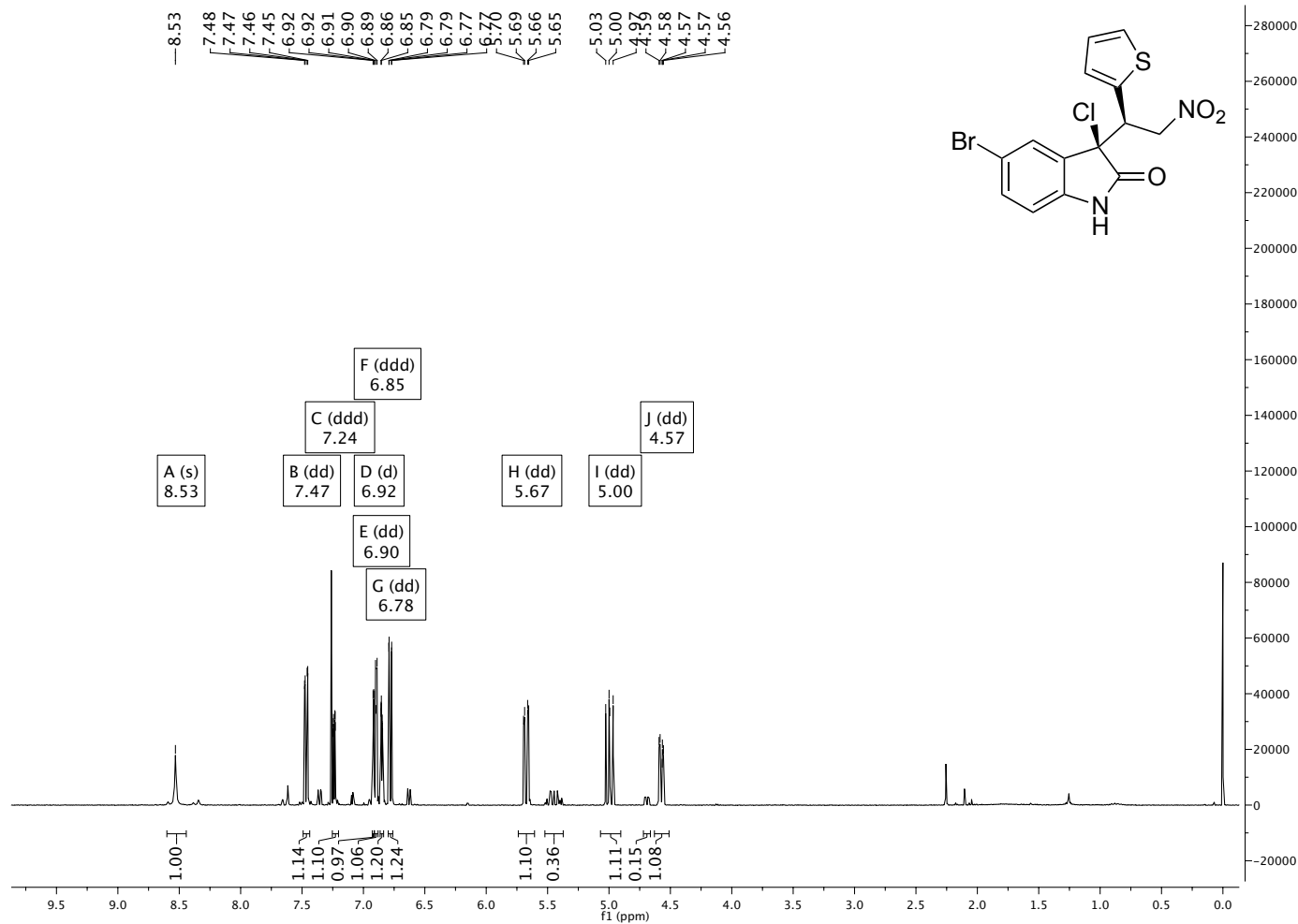
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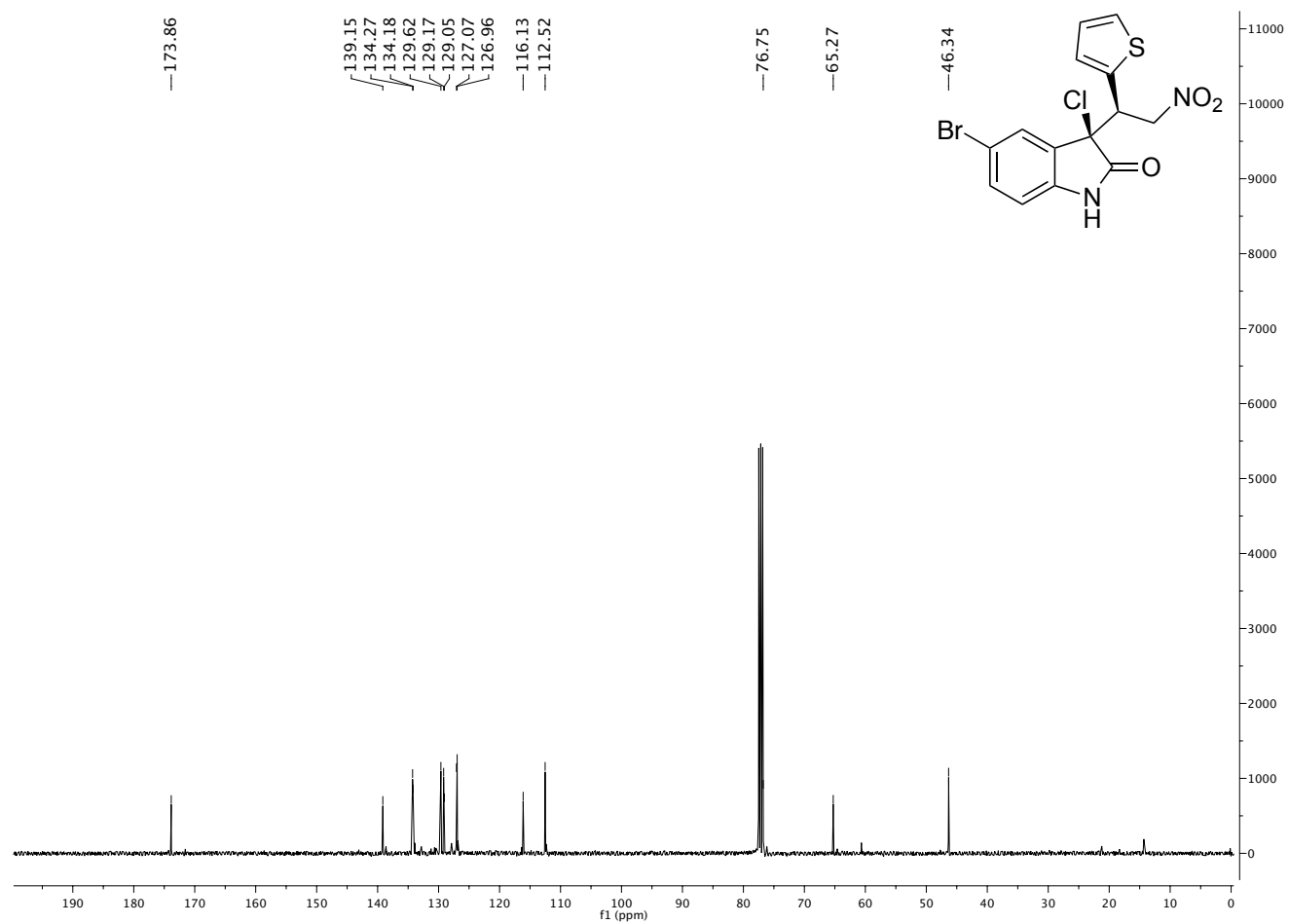
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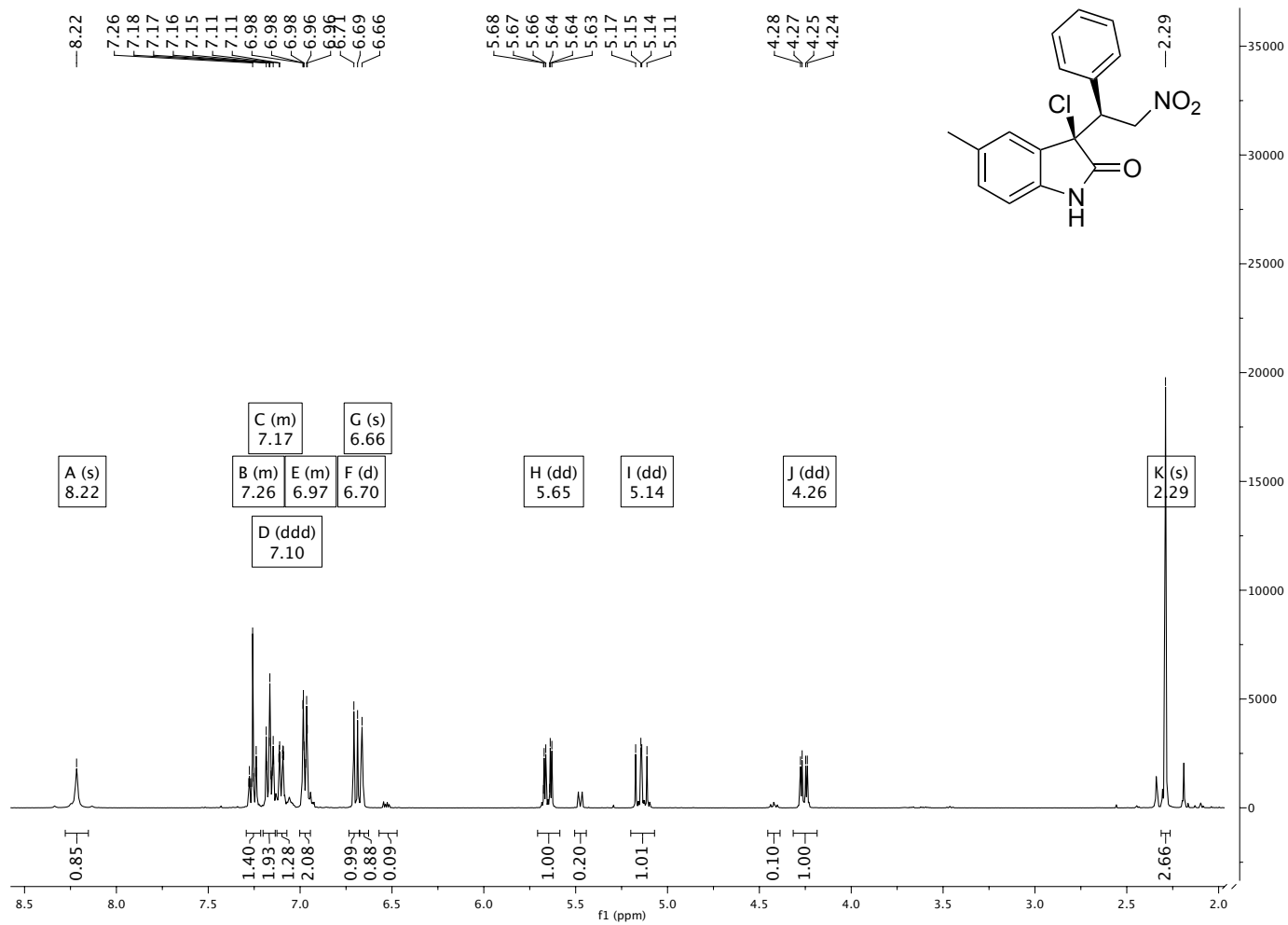
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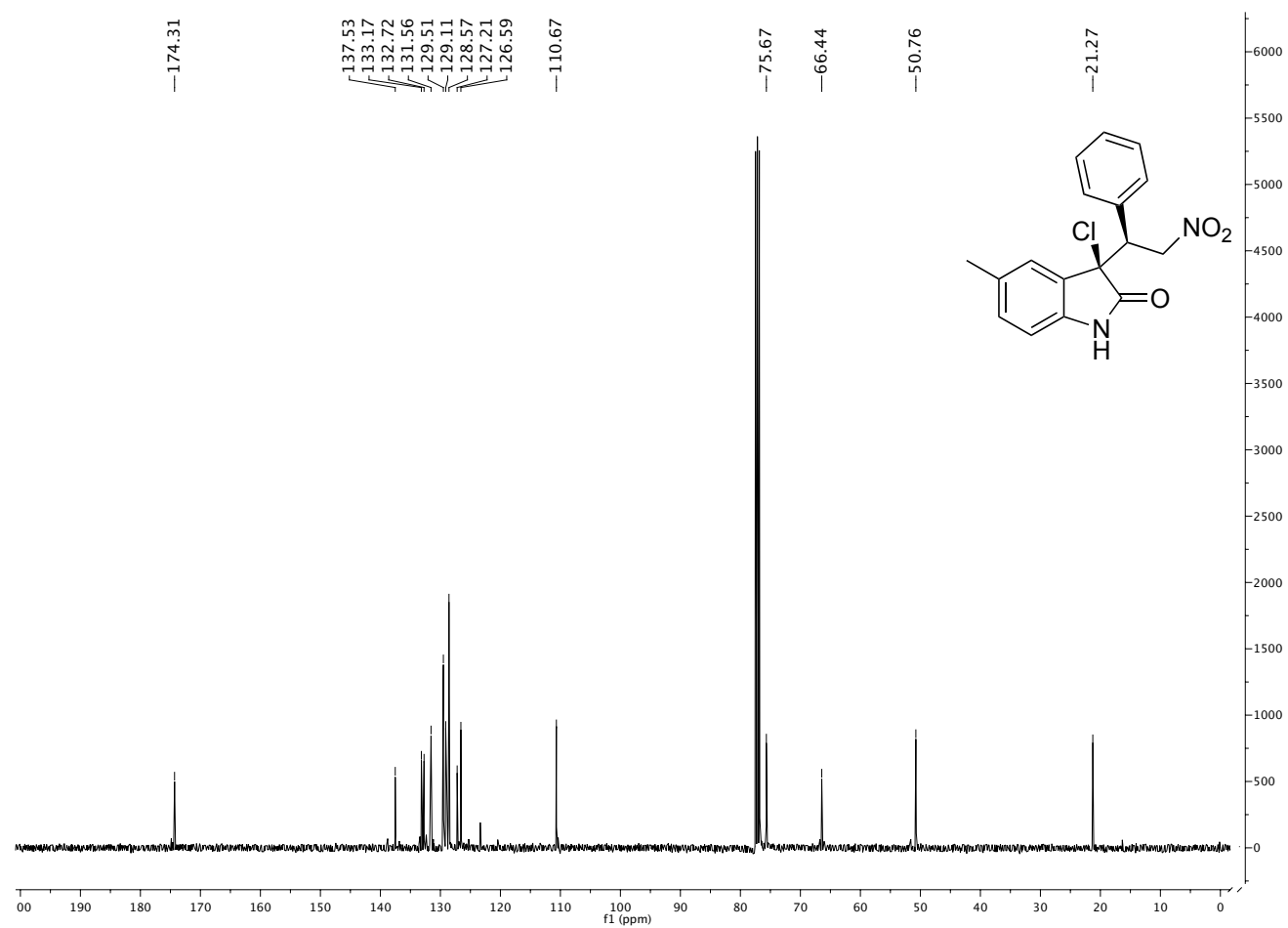
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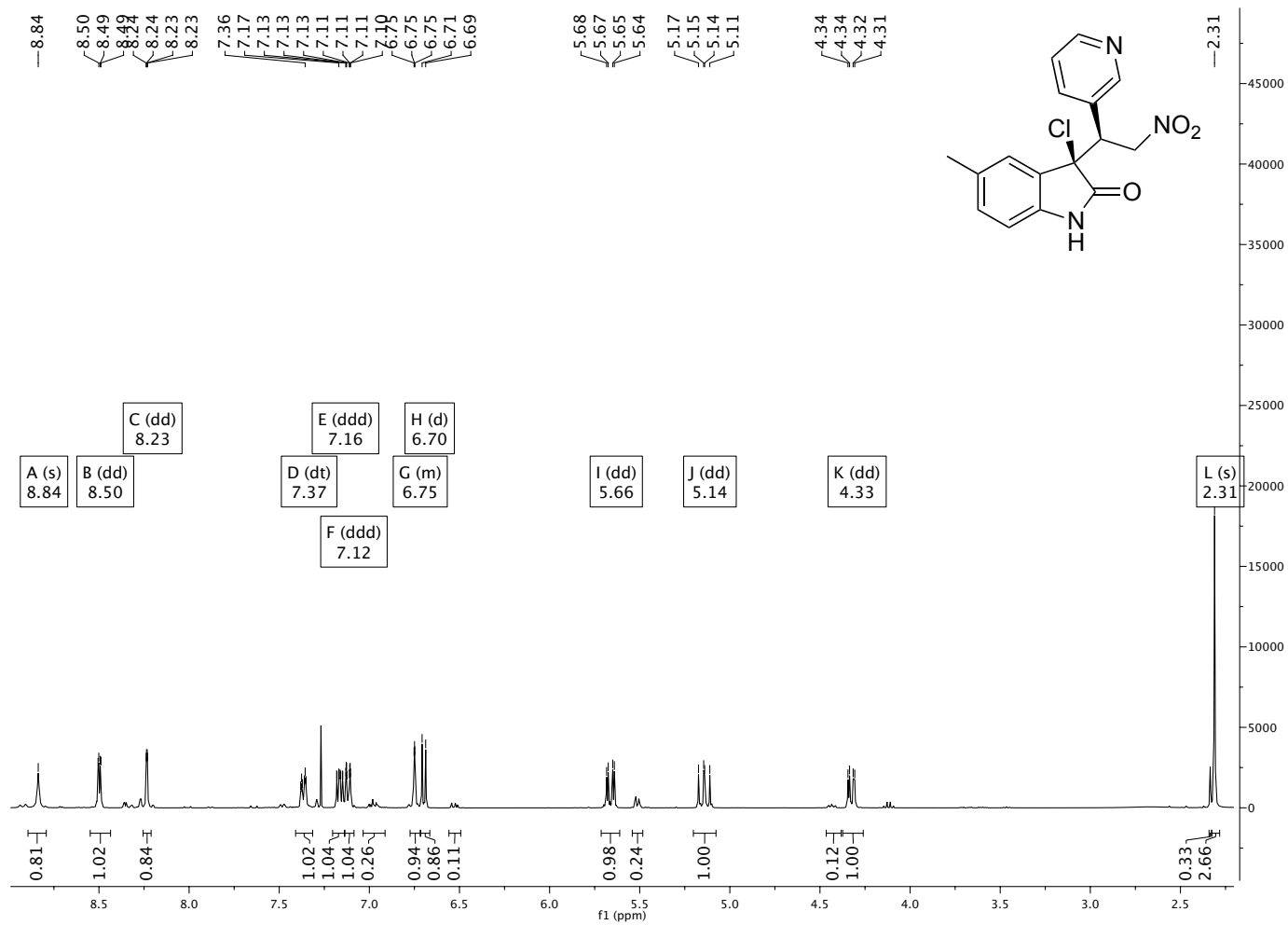
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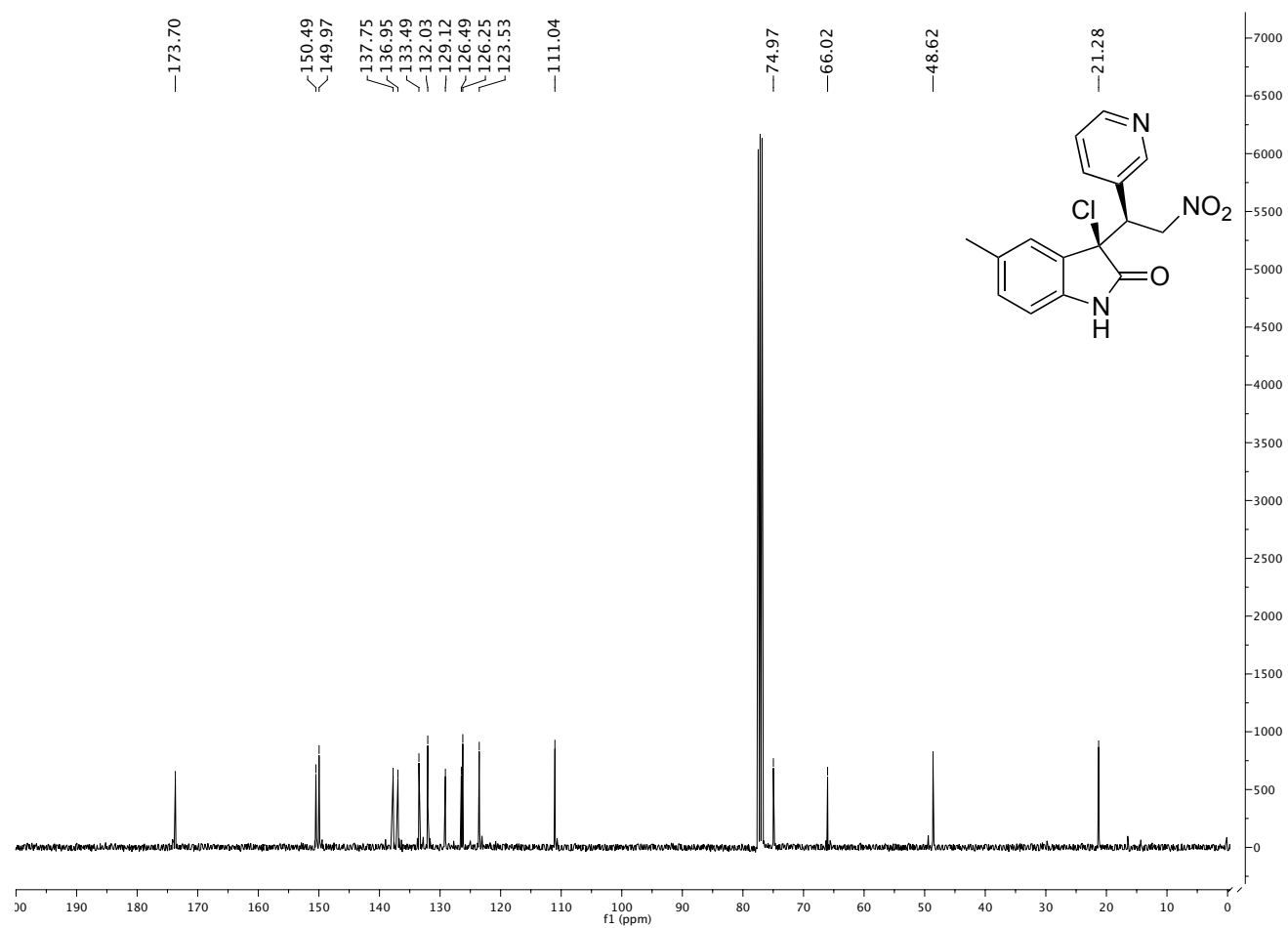
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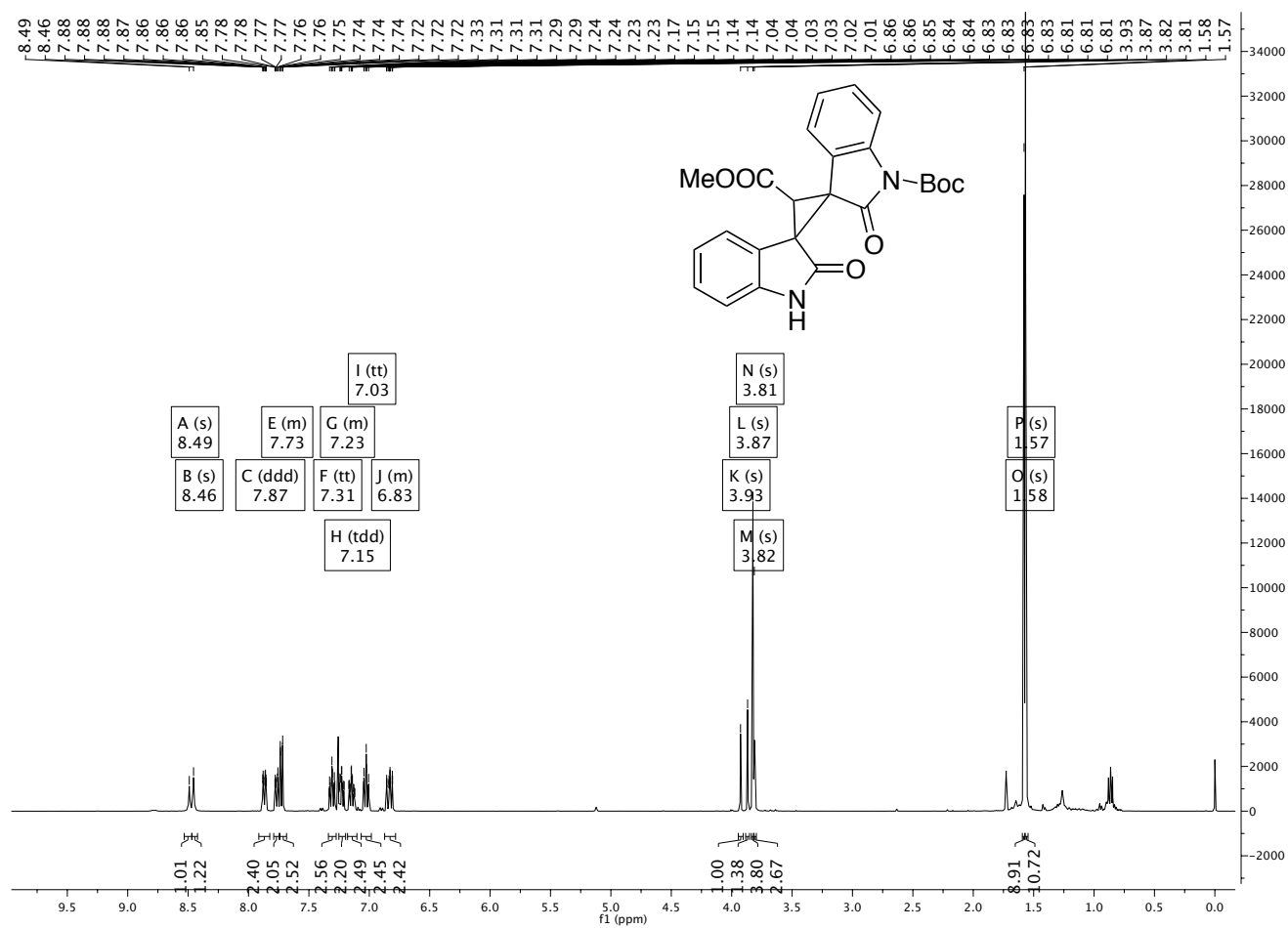
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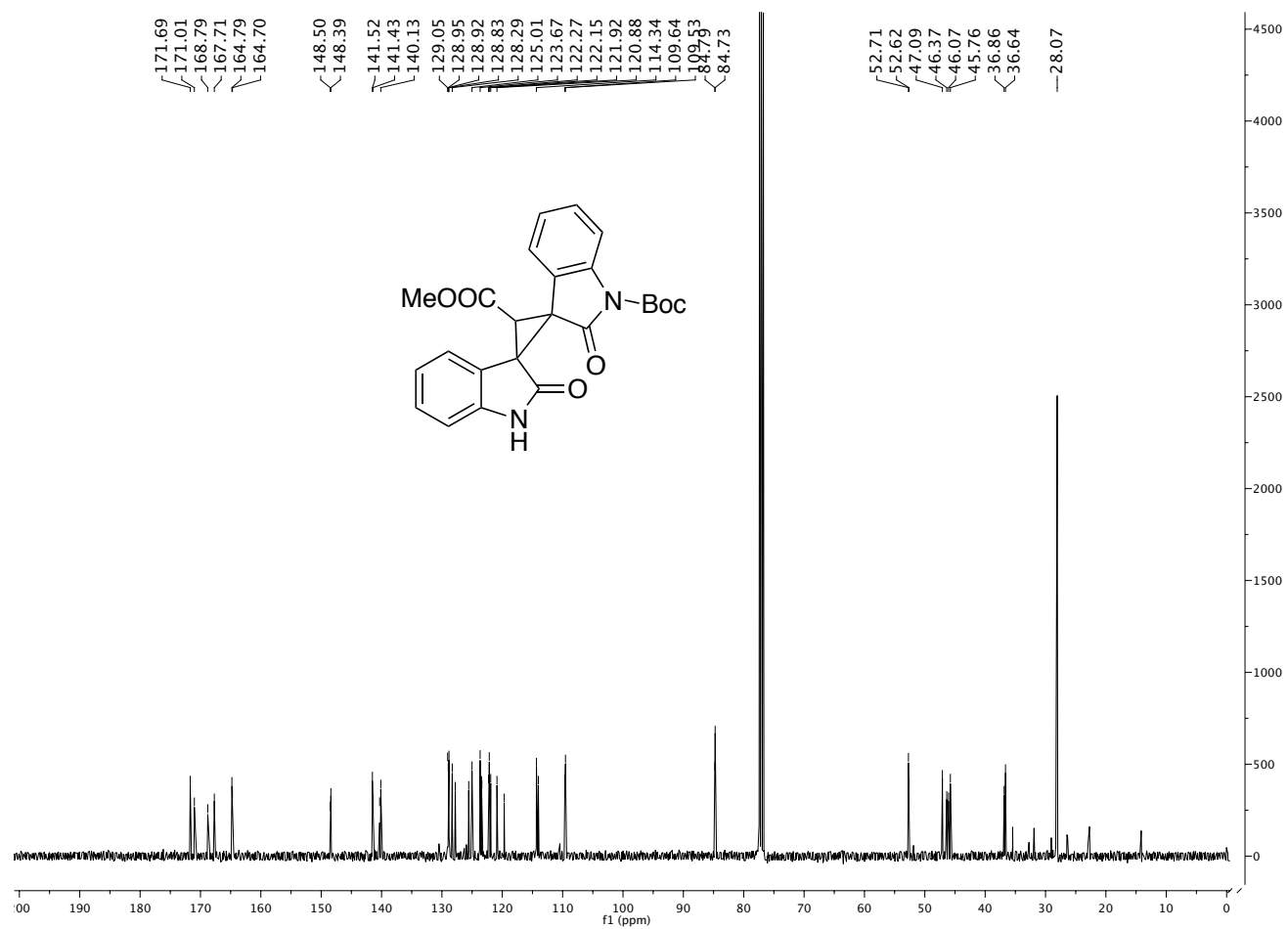
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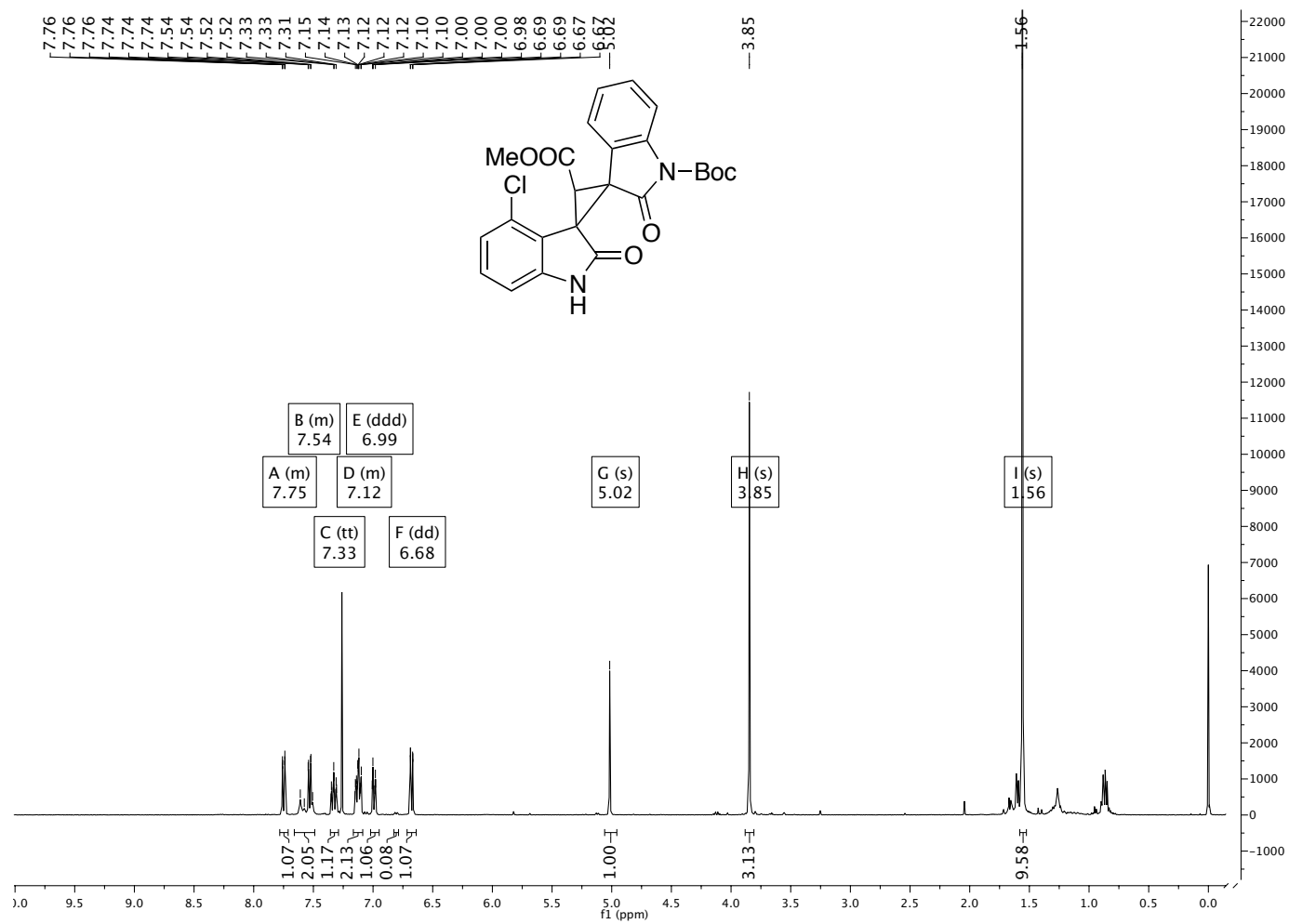
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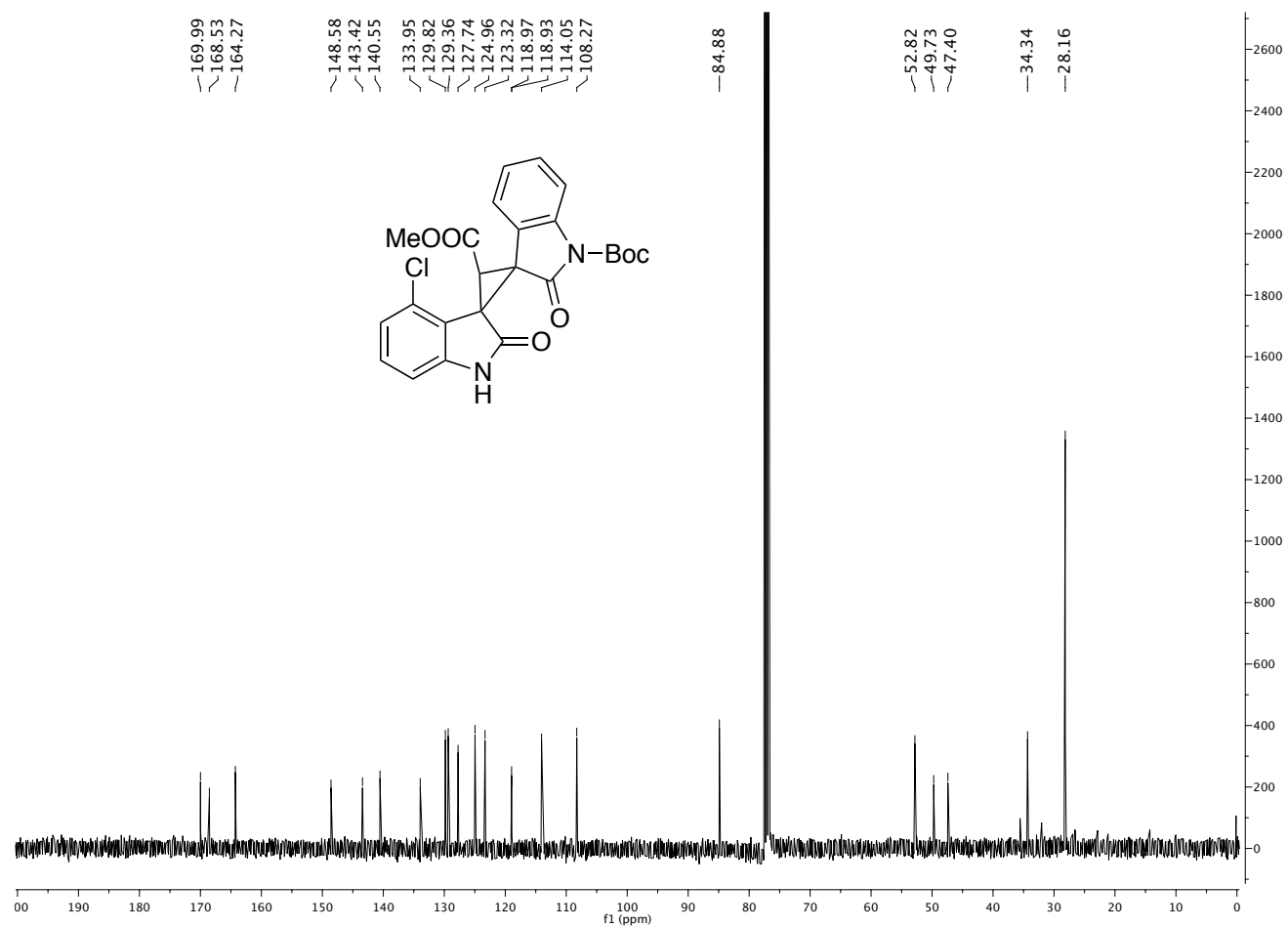
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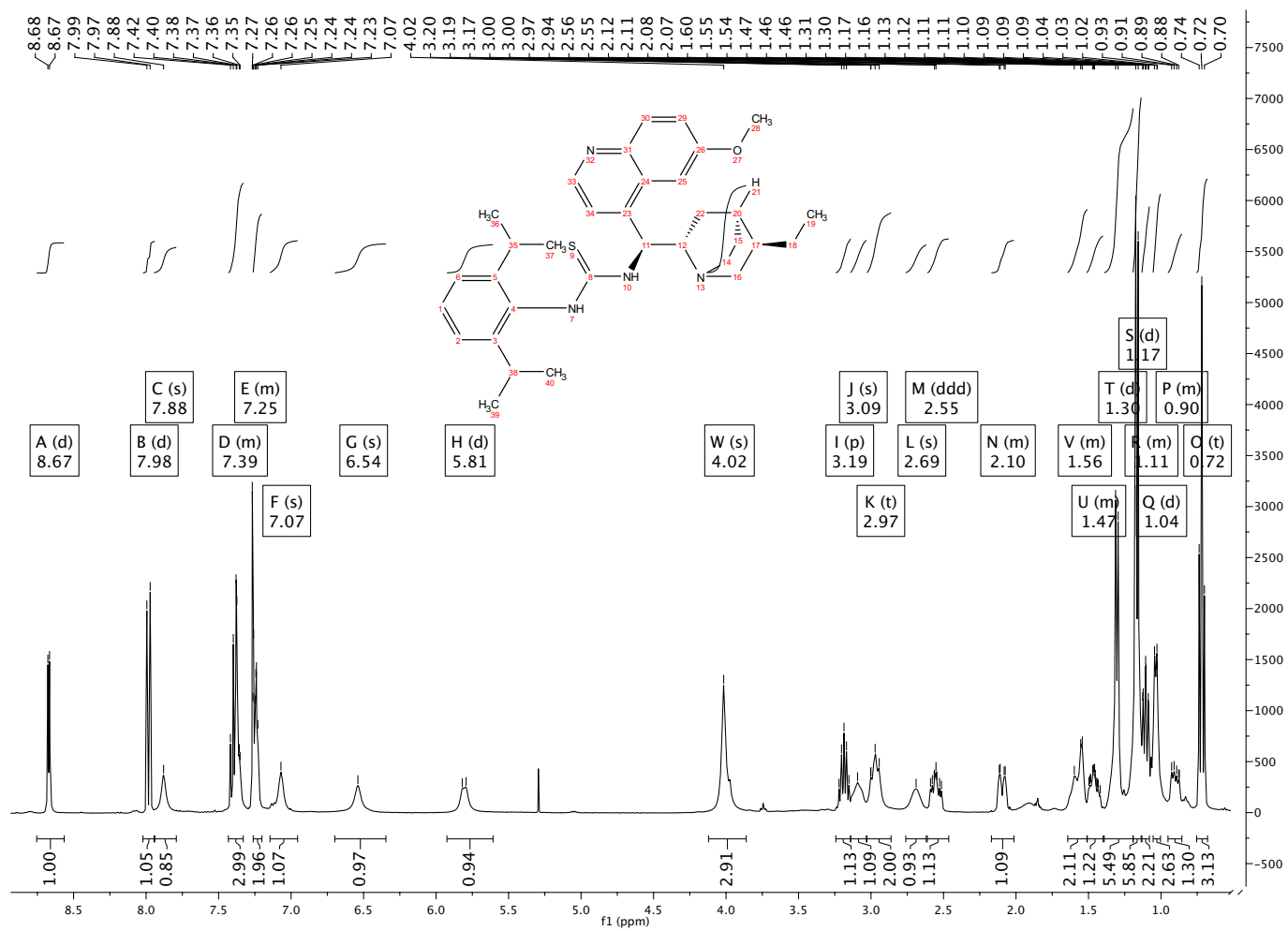
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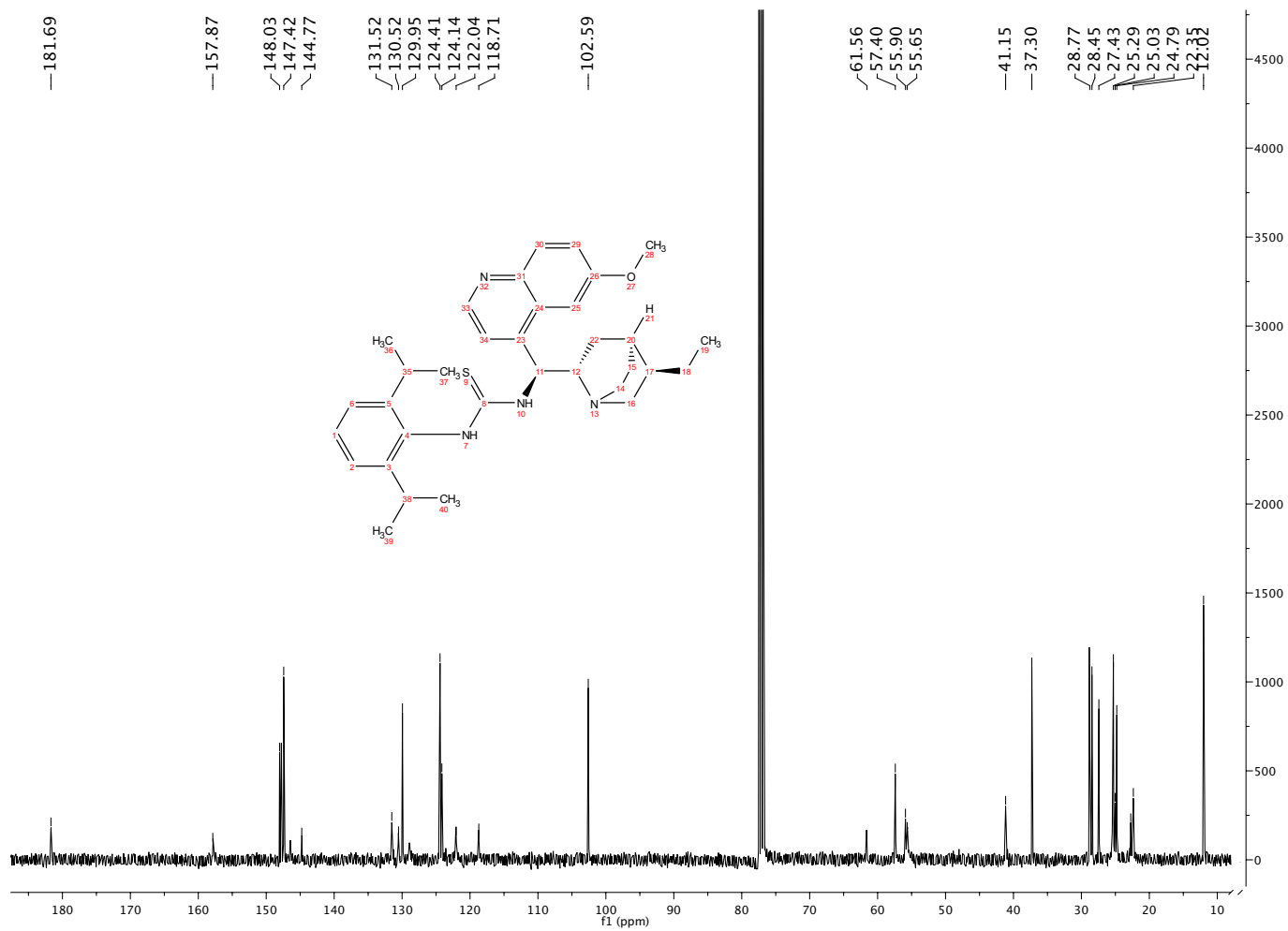
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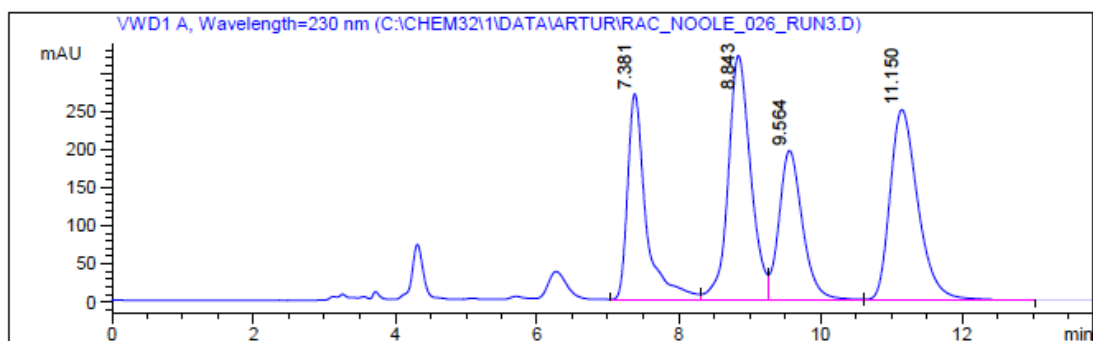
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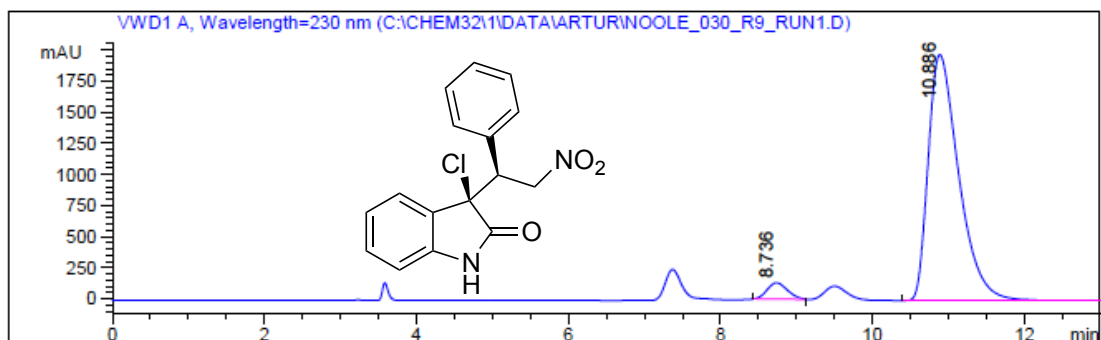


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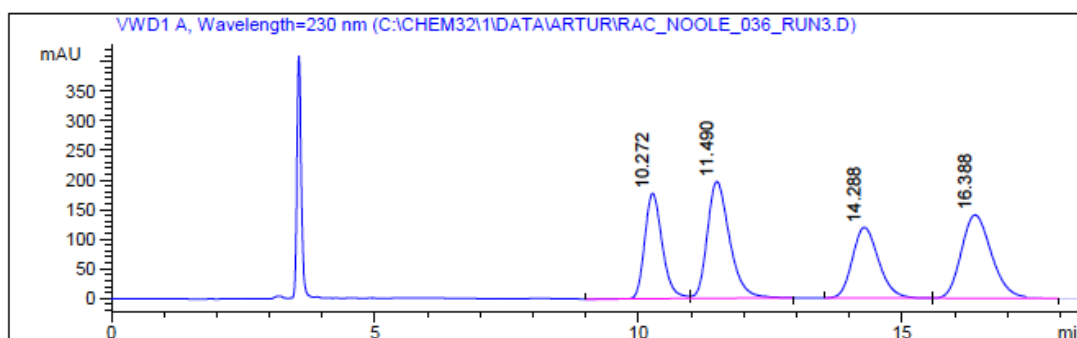
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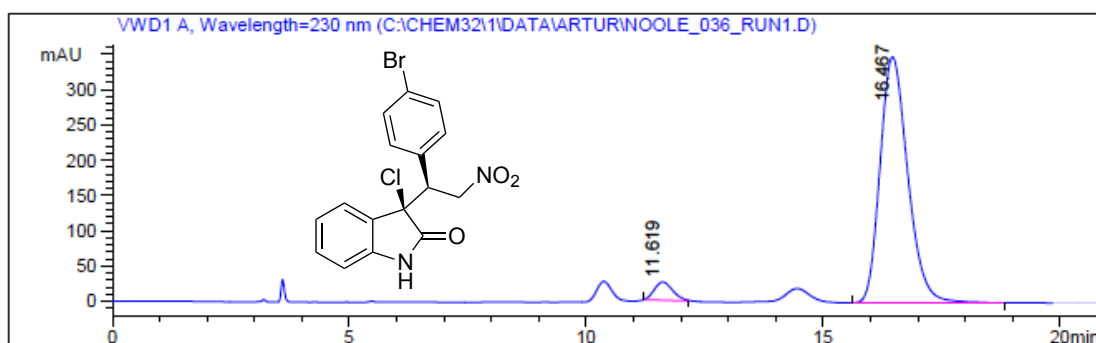


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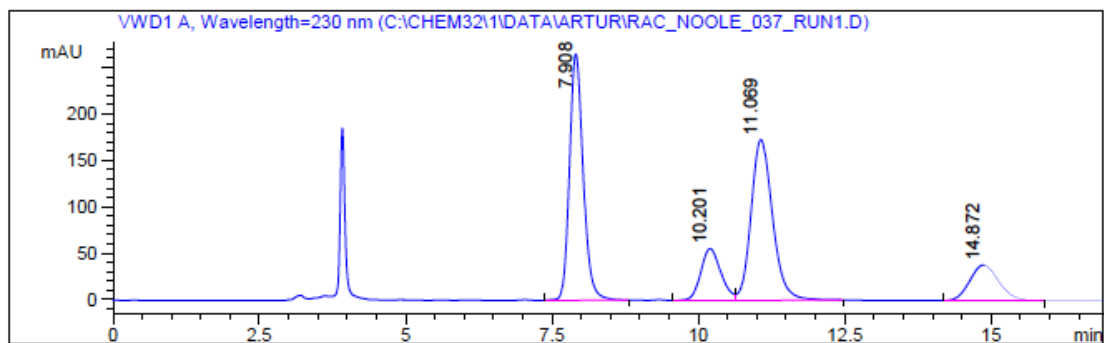
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3b

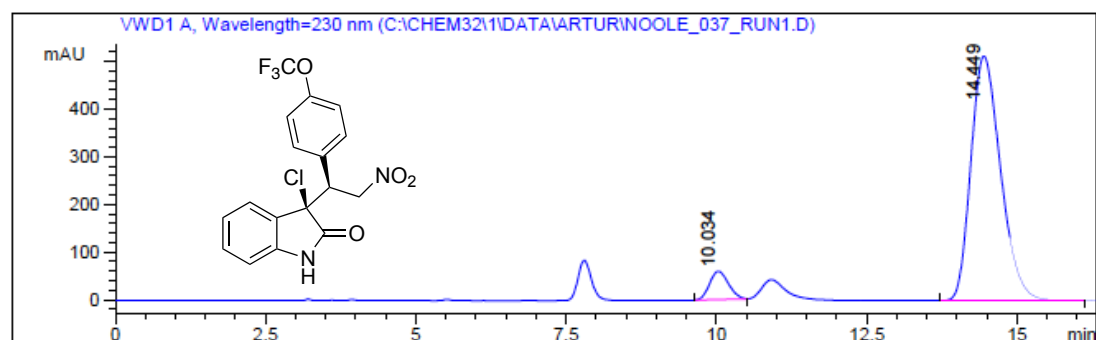


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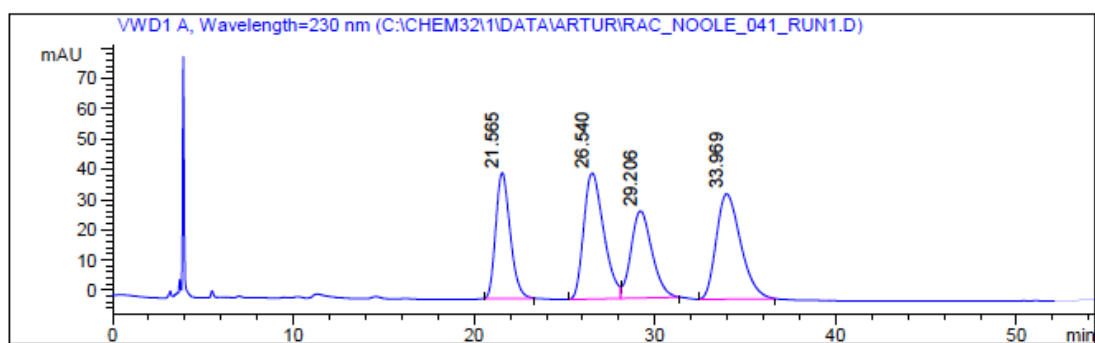
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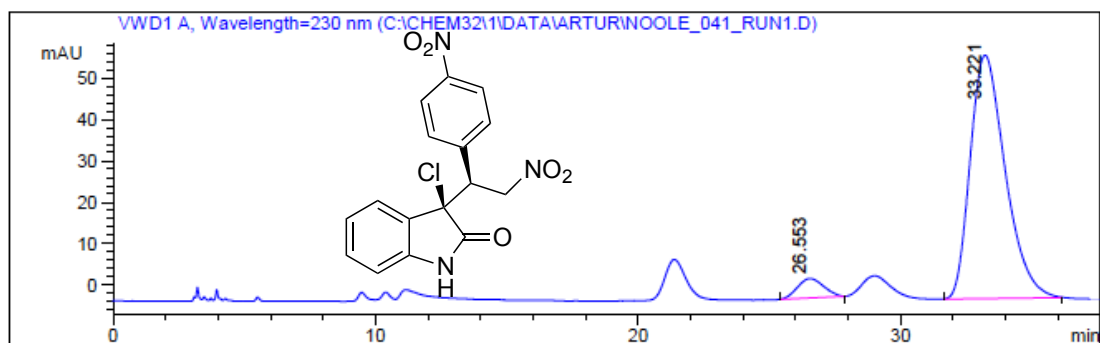
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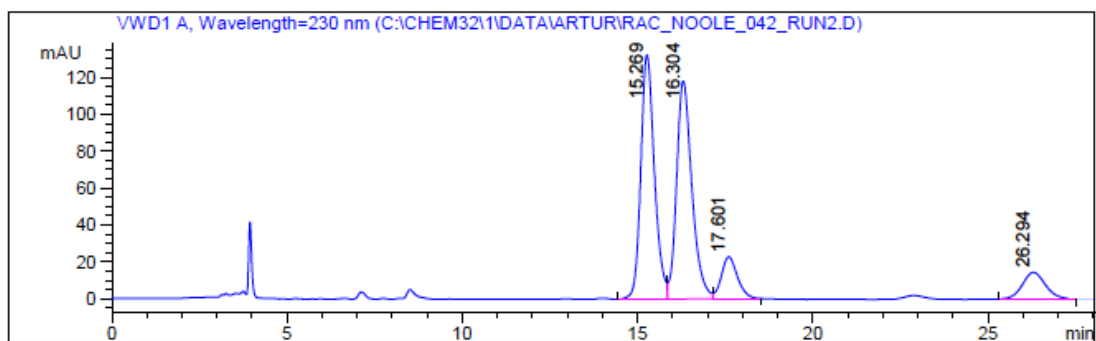
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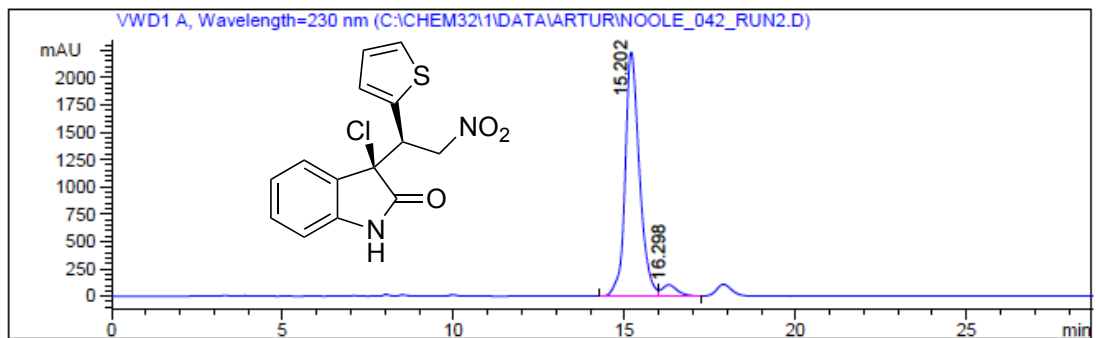
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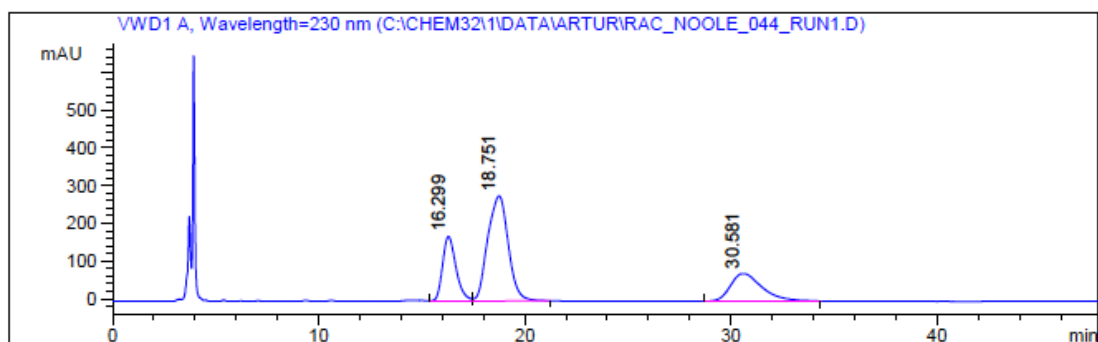
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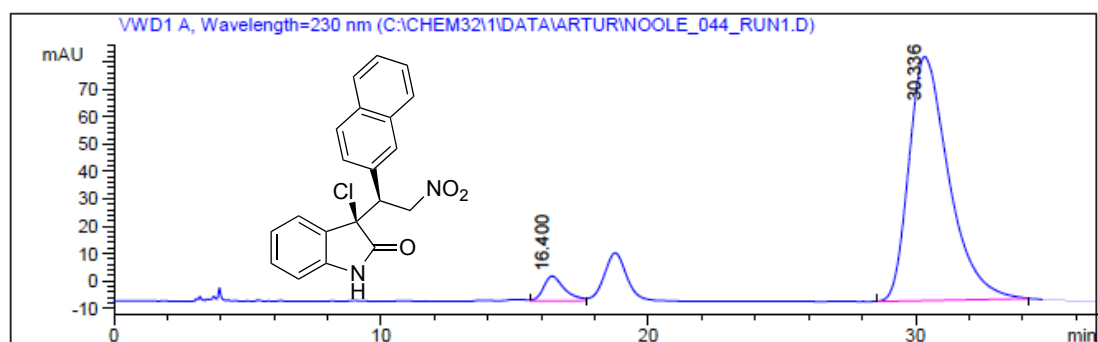
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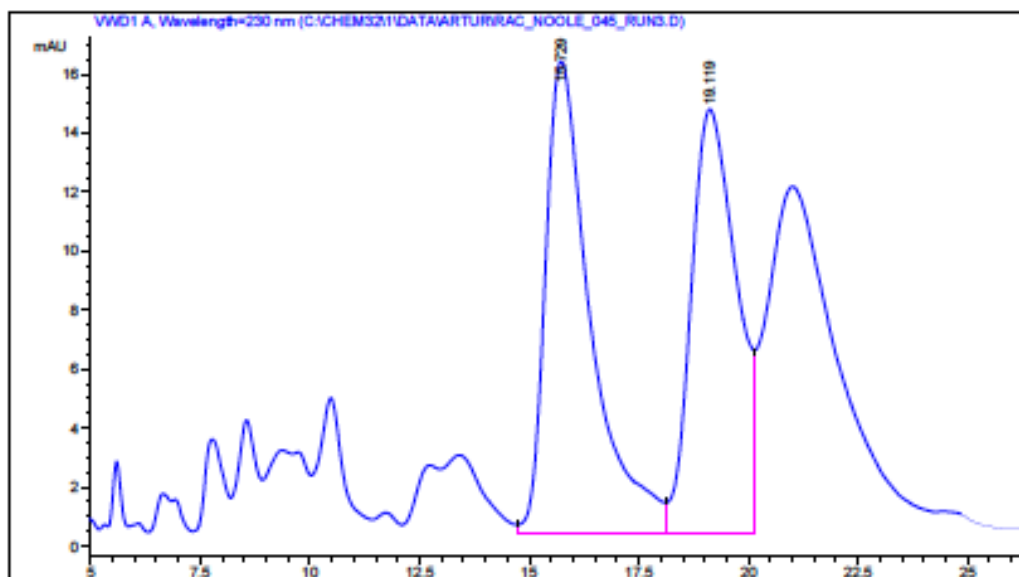
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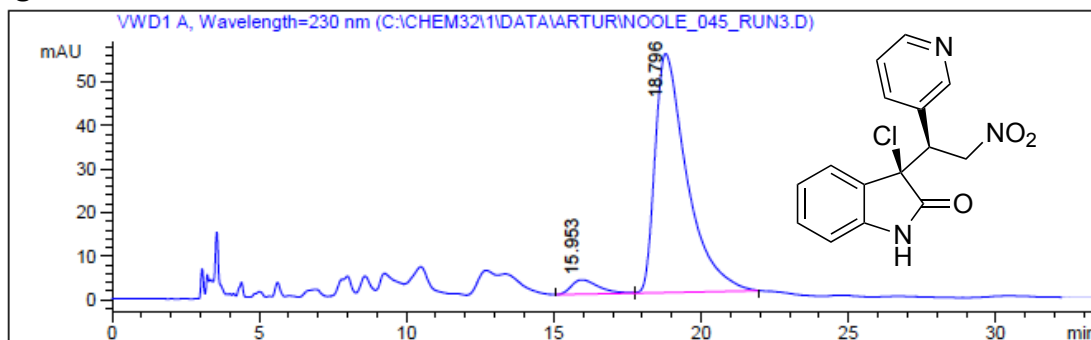
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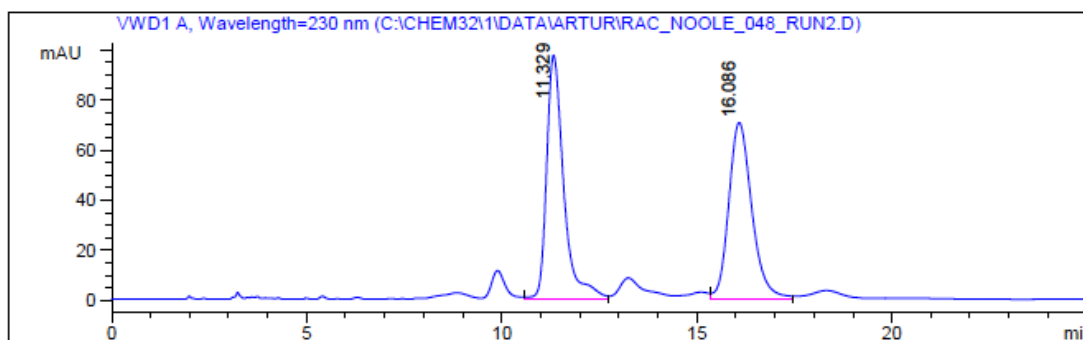
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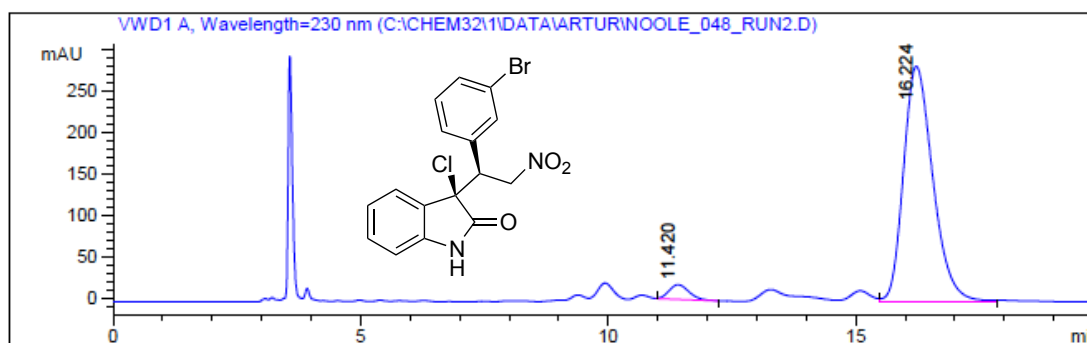
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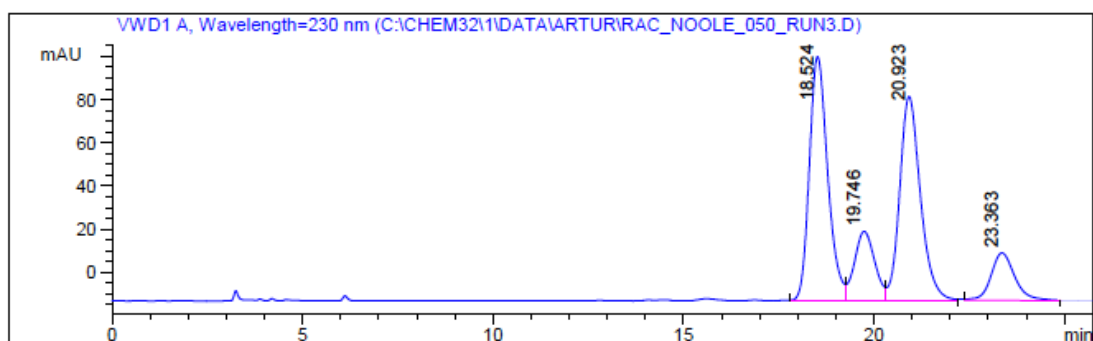
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Signaal 1 VWD1 A, Wavelength=230 nm

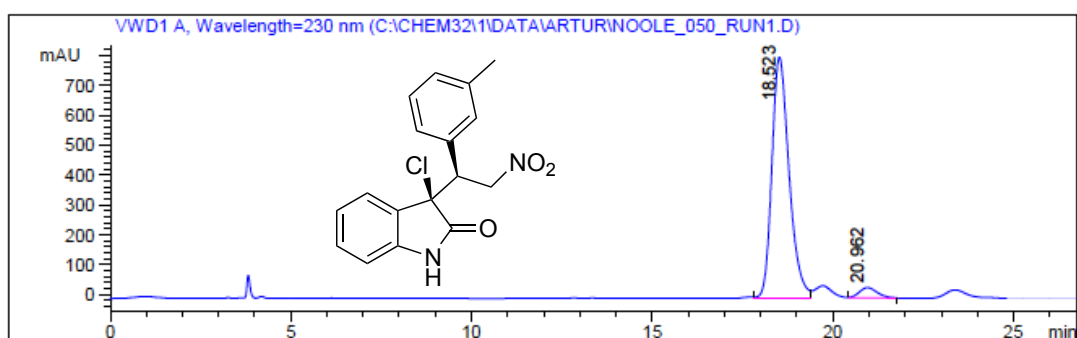
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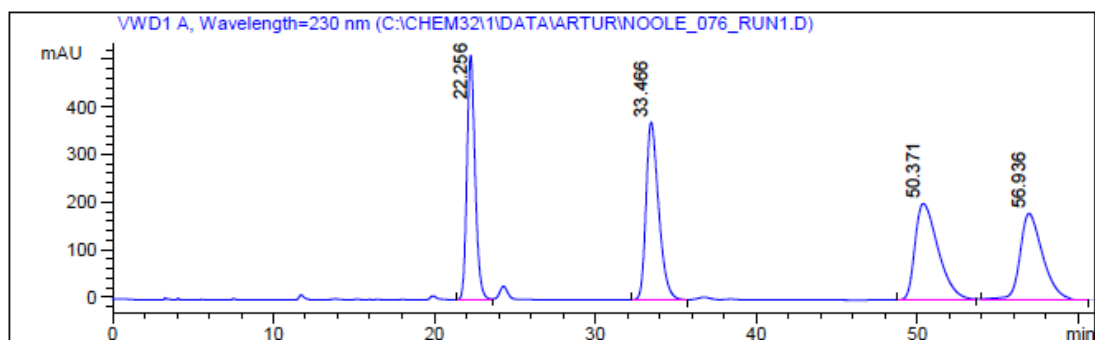
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1	18.524	BV	0.513	3776.388	39.695	
2	19.746	VV	0.568	1188.948	12.497	
3	20.923	VB	0.577	3585.893	37.693	
4	23.363	BB	0.657	962.310	10.115	

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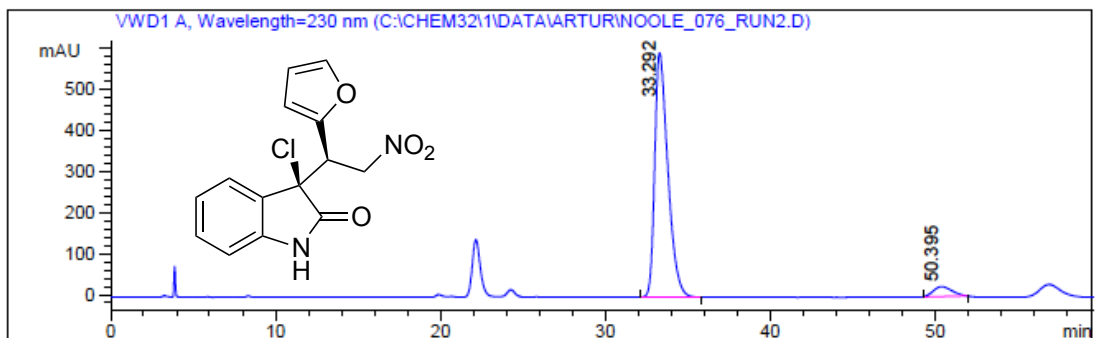
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2	20.962	MM	0.567	1154.795	4.120	

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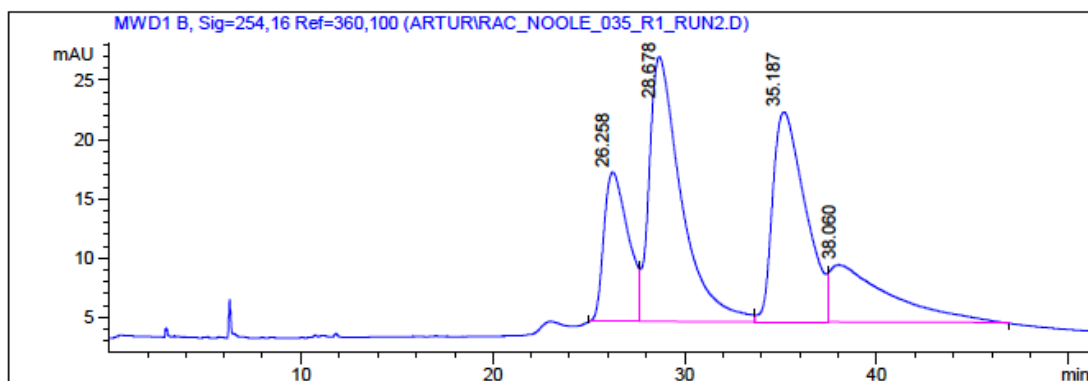
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1	22.256	BV	0.539	1.815e4	23.578	
2	33.466	BB	0.834	2.040e4	26.508	
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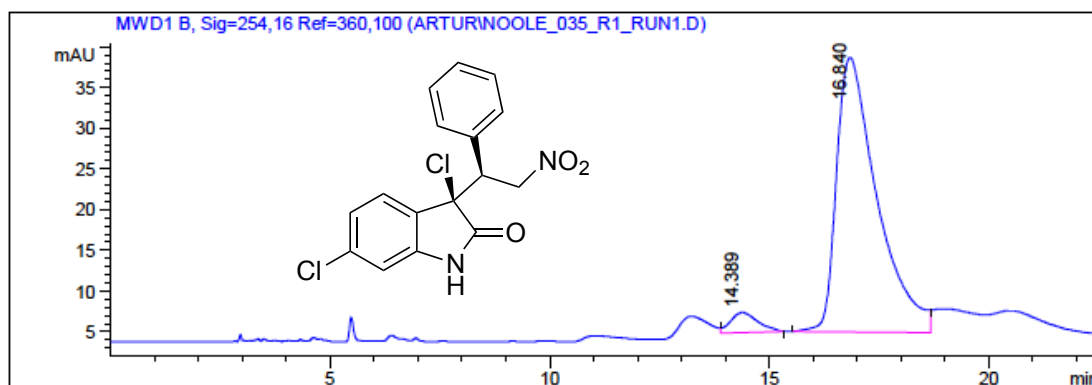
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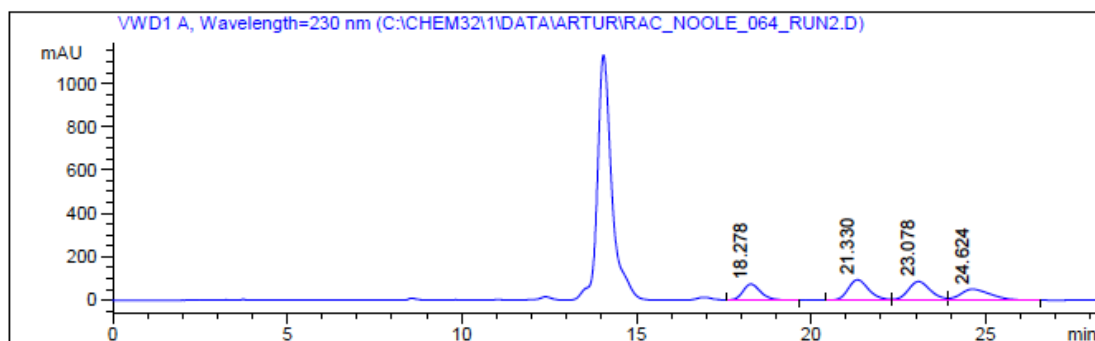
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nr	[min]		[min]		%	
1	26.258	MF	1.453	1094.388	15.957	
2	28.678	MF	1.950	2607.111	38.015	
3	35.187	MF	1.989	2106.812	30.720	
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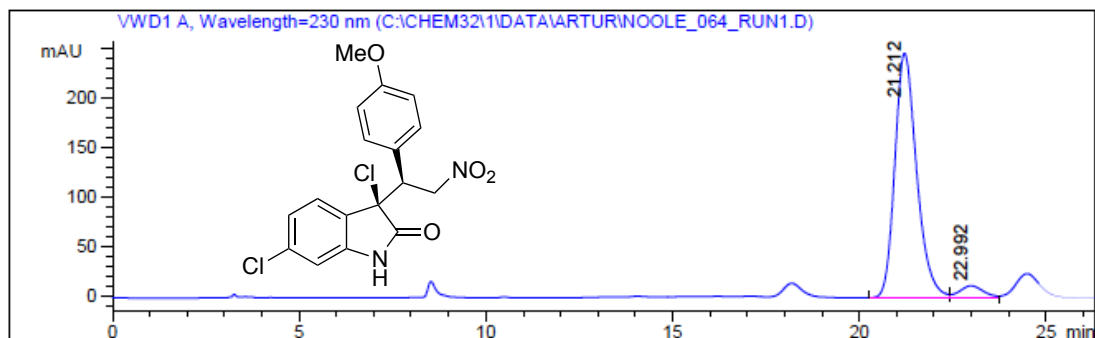
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Piigil	RT	Tüüp	Laius	Pindala	Pindala	Nimi
nr	[min]		[min]		%	
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2	16.840	MF	1.073	2170.496	95.312	

rac 3I



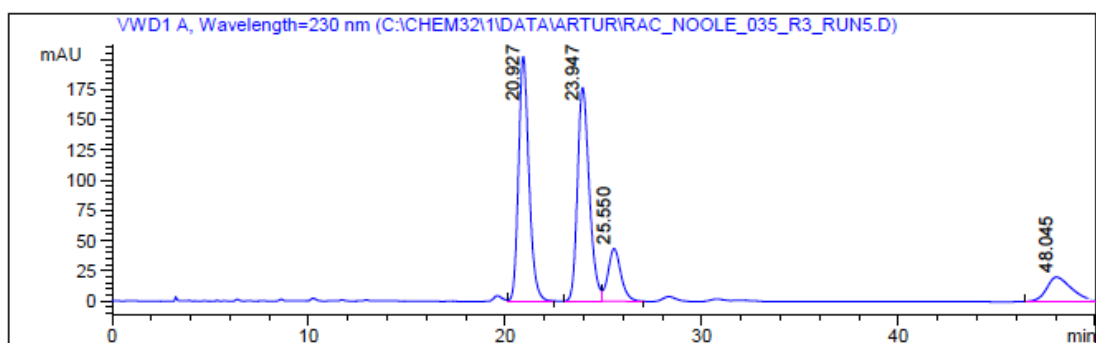
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1	18.278	VB	0.549	2694.115	19.788	
2	21.330	BV	0.635	3927.852	28.850	
3	23.078	VV	0.686	3889.834	28.570	
4	24.624	VB	0.909	3103.149	22.792	

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Signaal 1 VWD1 A, Wavelength=230 nm						
Piigi nr	RT [min]	Tüüp	Laius [min]	Pindala	Pindala %	Nimi
1	21.212	BV	0.620	1.004e4	94.833	
2	22.992	VV	0.686	547.059	5.167	

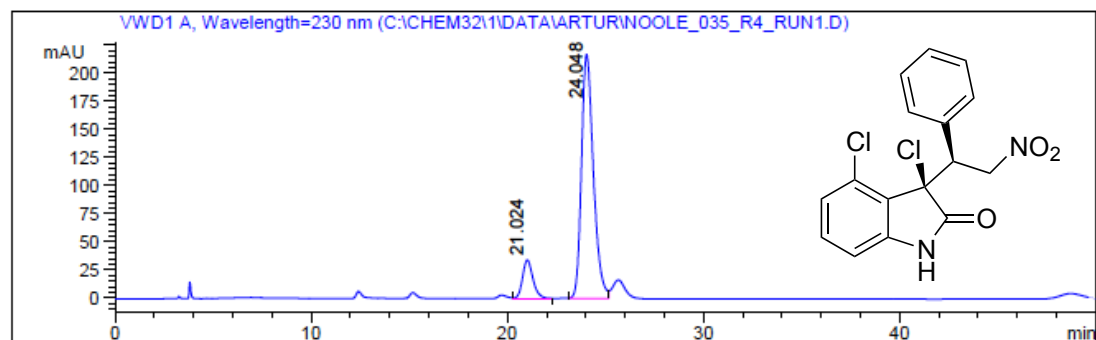
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Signaal 1 VWD1 A, Wavelength=230 nm

Piigi nr	RT [min]	Tüüp	Laius [min]	Pindala	Pindala %	Nimi
1	20.927	VB	0.564	7473.975	39.894	
2	23.947	BV	0.641	7411.341	39.559	
3	25.550	VB	0.689	2003.663	10.695	
4	48.045	BBA	1.285	1845.740	9.852	

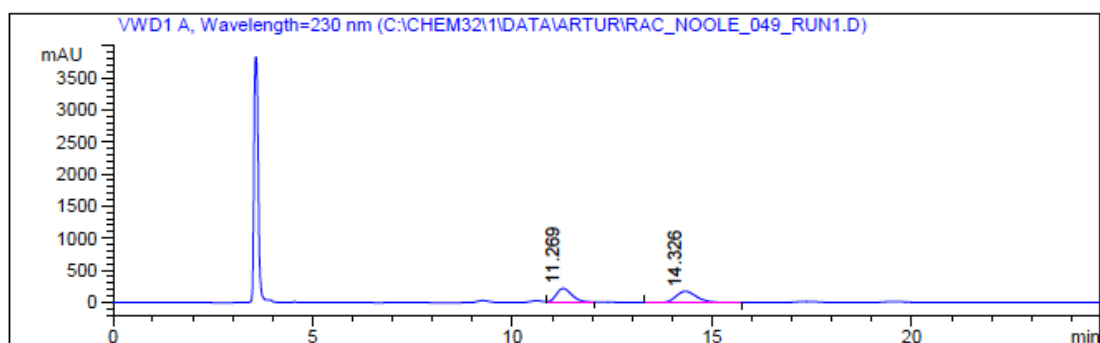
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Signaal 1 VWD1 A, Wavelength=230 nm

Piigi nr	RT [min]	Tüüp	Laius [min]	Pindala	Pindala %	Nimi
1	21.024	VB	0.566	1265.532	12.129	
2	24.048	BV	0.644	9168.277	87.871	

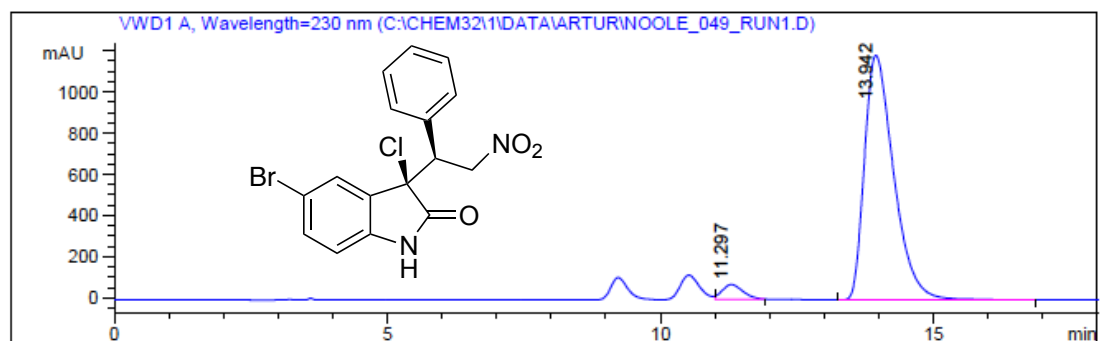
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Signaal 1 VWD1 A, Wavelength=230 nm

Peigil nr	RT [min]	Tüüp	Laius [min]	Pindala	Pindala %	Nimi
1	11.269	VV	0.438	6398.707	49.964	
2	14.326	VB	0.562	6408.038	50.036	

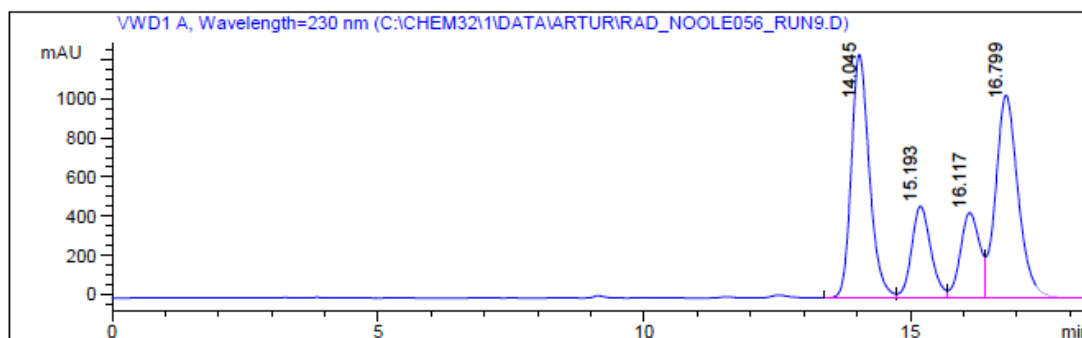
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Signaal 1 VWD1 A, Wavelength=230 nm

Peigil nr	RT [min]	Tüüp	Laius [min]	Pindala	Pindala %	Nimi
1	11.297	FM	0.442	1905.535	4.120	
2	13.942	VB	0.572	4.435e4	95.880	

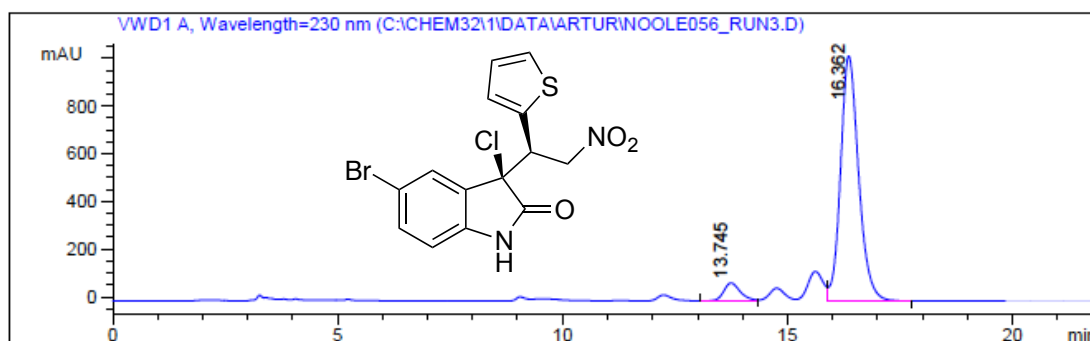
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Signaal 1 VWD1 A, Wavelength=230 nm

Piigi nr	RT [min]	Tüüp	Laius [min]	Pindala	Pindala %	Nimi
1	14.045	BV	0.362	2.942e4	35.550	
2	15.193	VV	0.385	1.186e4	14.336	
3	16.117	VV	0.387	1.101e4	13.305	
4	16.799	VBA	0.446	3.046e4	36.809	

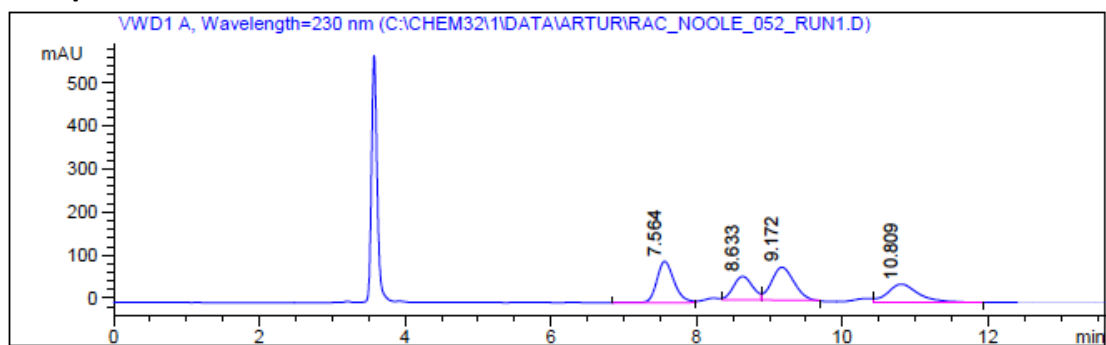
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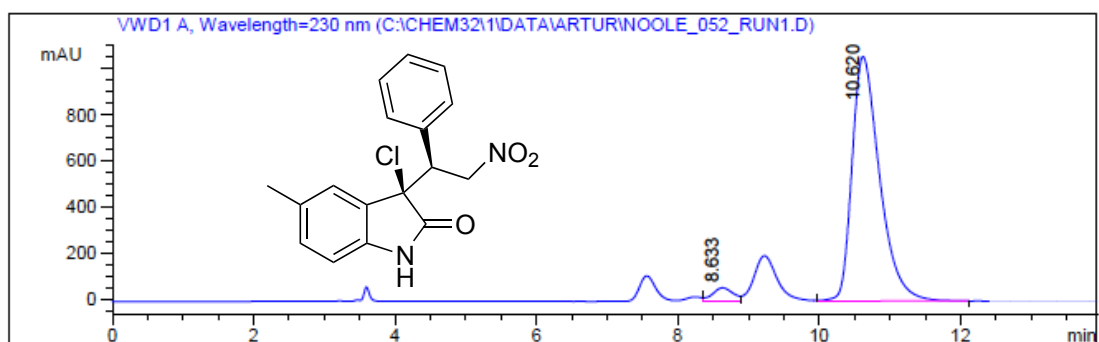
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1	13.745	VV	0.393	1975.905	6.456	
2	16.362	VB	0.425	2.863e4	93.544	

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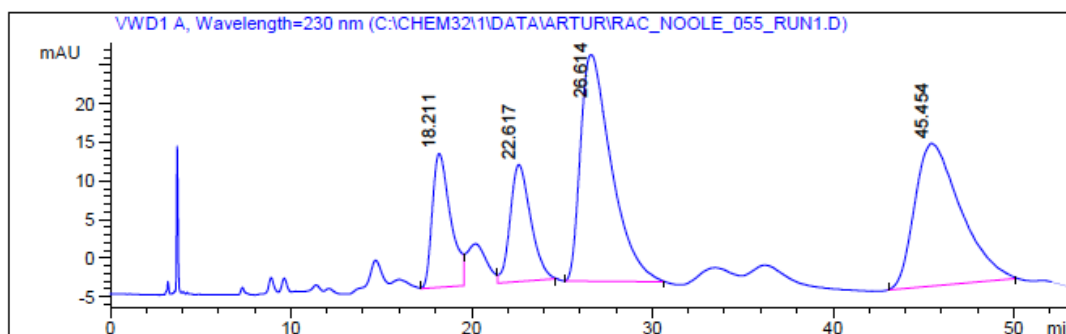
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Piigi nr	RT [min]	Tüüp	Laius [min]	Pindala	Pindala %	Nimi
1	7.564	BV	0.254	1580.974	28.955	
2	8.633	MF	0.305	994.484	18.214	
3	9.172	FM	0.355	1626.193	29.783	
4	10.809	VB	0.440	1258.437	23.048	

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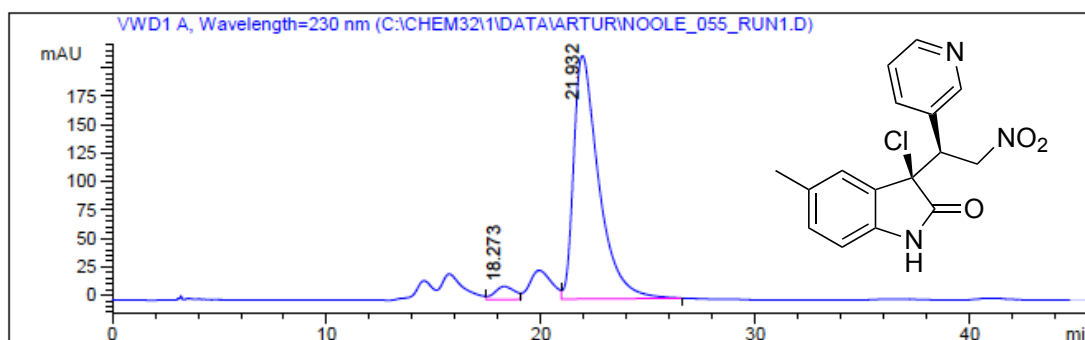
Signaal 1 VWD1 A, Wavelength=230 nm						
Piigi nr	RT [min]	Tüüp	Laius [min]	Pindala	Pindala %	Nimi
1	8.633	VV	0.306	1188.079	3.949	
2	10.620	VB	0.414	2.890e4	96.051	

rac 3r



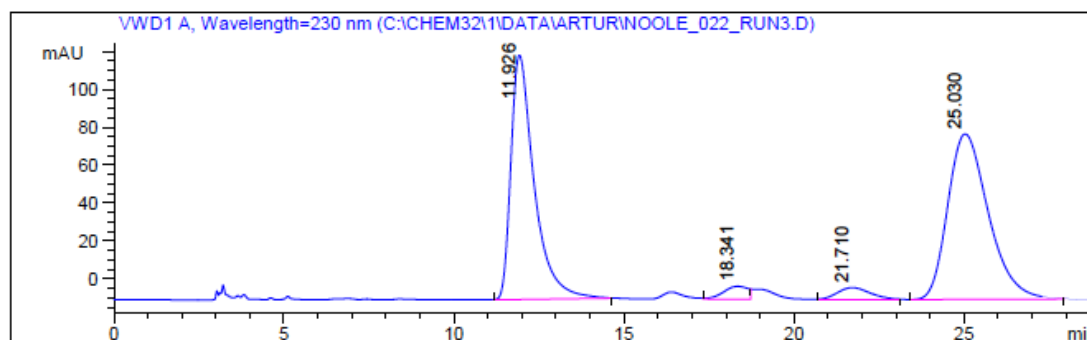
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Piigi nr	RT [min]	Tüüp	Laius [min]	Pindala	Pindala %	Nimi
1	18.211	BV	1.050	1224.820	13.317	
2	22.617	VB	1.162	1198.934	13.036	
3	26.614	BB	1.659	3506.743	38.128	
4	45.454	BB	2.154	3266.812	35.519	

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Signaal 1 VWD1 A, Wavelength=230 nm						
Piigi nr	RT [min]	Tüüp	Laius [min]	Pindala	Pindala %	Nimi
1	18.273	VV	0.966	743.870	4.097	
2	21.932	VB	1.186	1.741e4	95.903	

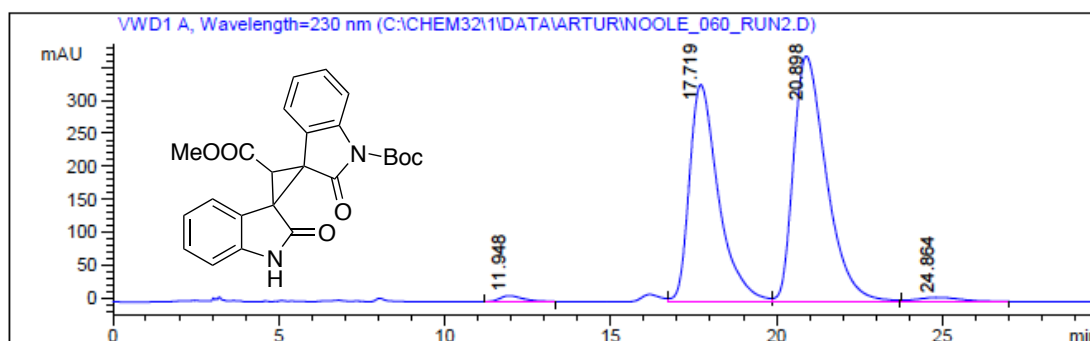
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Signaal 1 VWD1 A, Wavelength=230 nm

Piigi nr	RT [min]	Tüüp	Laius [min]	Pindala	Pindala %	Nimi
1	11.926	BB	0.709	6154.739	43.383	
2	18.341	MF	0.832	338.693	2.387	
3	21.710	MM	1.138	429.360	3.026	
4	25.030	VB	1.258	7264.125	51.203	

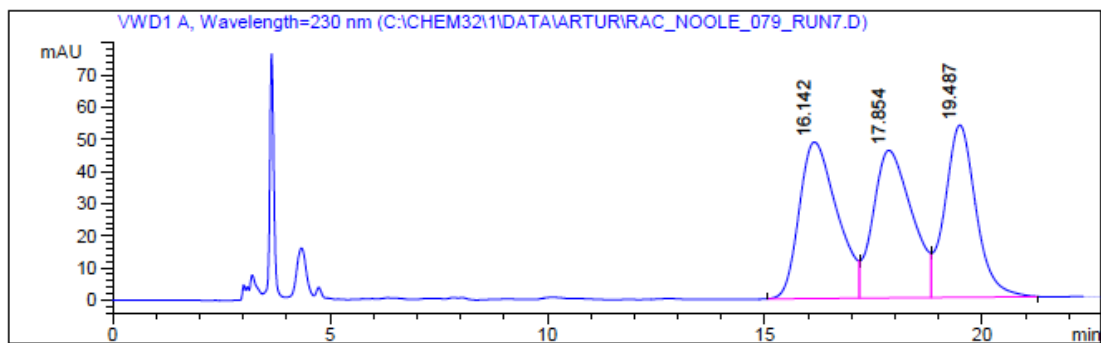
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Signaal 1 VWD1 A, Wavelength=230 nm

Piigi nr	RT [min]	Tüüp	Laius [min]	Pindala	Pindala %	Nimi
1	11.948	BB	0.719	430.246	0.917	
2	17.719	VV	0.924	2.014e4	42.941	
3	20.898	VB	1.056	2.574e4	54.886	
4	24.864	BB	1.234	589.110	1.256	

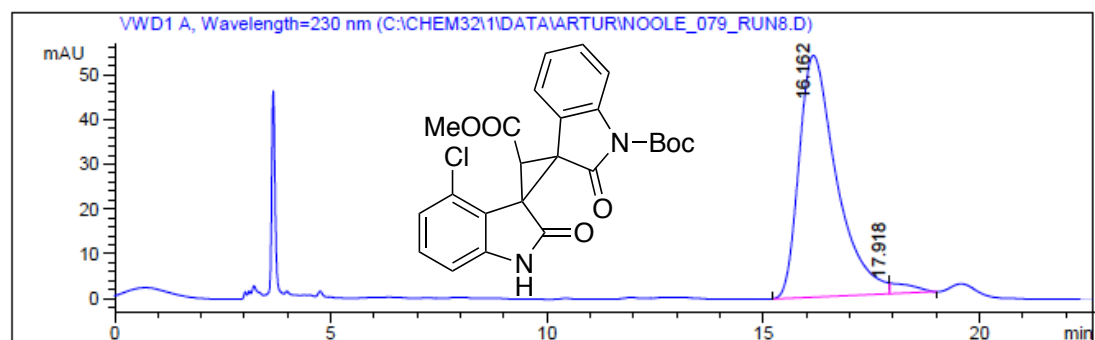
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Signaal 1 VWD1 A, Wavelength=230 nm

Piigi nr	RT [min]	Tüüp	Laius [min]	Pindala	Pindala %	Nimi
1	16.142	BV	0.922	2958.678	34.720	
2	17.854	VV	0.939	2873.118	33.716	
3	19.487	VB	0.758	2689.834	31.565	

12b



Signaal 1 VWD1 A, Wavelength=230 nm

Piigi nr	RT [min]	Tüüp	Laius [min]	Pindala	Pindala %	Nimi
1	16.162	MF	1.003	3243.150	97.473	
2	17.918	FM	0.584	84.071	2.527	