

Supporting Information
for

**Synthesis of Substituted Indoles from
2-Azidoacrylates and *ortho*-Silyl Aryl triflates**

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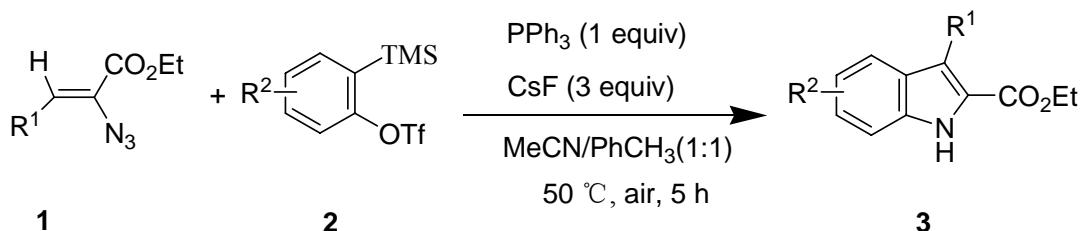
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General Information:

Infrared spectra were obtained on a FTIR spectrometer. ^1H NMR spectra were recorded on 500 MHz spectrometer in CDCl_3 solution and the chemical shifts were reported relative to internal standard TMS (0 ppm). The following abbreviations are used to describe peak patterns where appropriate: s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, q = quartet, m = multiplet. Coupling constants are reported in Hertz (Hz). ^{13}C NMR were recorded on 125 MHz and referenced to the internal solvent signals (central peak is 77.0 ppm). ^{31}P NMR were recorded on 200 MHz in toluene- d_8 / CD_3CN (1:1) solution. MS and HRMS were obtained using ESI ionization. Melting points were measured with micro melting point apparatus.

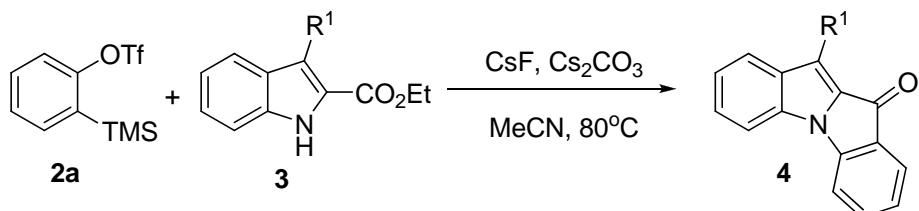
The 2-azidoacrylates and *ortho*-silyl aryltriflates were prepared according to the literature.^{1,2} PPh_3 , CsF and Cs_2CO_3 were commercial available. Toluene and CH_3CN were distilled over phosphorous pentoxide.

General Procedure for the Synthesis of 3:



To a suspension of PPh_3 (0.5 mmol) and CsF (1.5 mmol) in MeCN/PhMe (1:1, 5 mL) was added a solution of **1** (0.5 mmol) and **2** (0.75 mmol) in MeCN/PhMe (1:1, 5 mL) over 30 min at 50°C under air. The reaction mixture was stirred at 50°C for 5 h and then filtered through a Celite plug. The filtrate was concentrated in vacuum, and the residue was purified by chromatography on silica gel column using hexane/EtOAc (5:1) as the eluent to afford **3**.

General Procedure for the Synthesis of 4:



The **3** (0.5 mmol), Cs_2CO_3 (1.0 mmol) and CsF (1.5 mmol) were added to a dried round bottom flask and put under dried air. CH_3CN (4 mL) were added and the suspension was stirred and heated to 80°C . Then, a solution of **2a** (0.75 mmol) in CH_3CN (6 mL) was added over 10 min. The reaction mixture was stirred at 80°C for 1 h and then filtered through a Celite plug. The filtrate was concentrated in vacuum, and the residue was purified by chromatography on silica gel column using hexane/EtOAc (5:1) as the eluent to afford **4**.

Procedure and Data for ^{31}P NMR Trapping Experiment

To a dried round bottom flask were added PPh₃ (0.5 mmol), CsF (1.5 mmol), toluene-*d*₈ (2.5 mL) and CD₃CN (2.5 mL) under N₂ atmosphere. A solution of **1a** (0.5 mmol) and **2a** (0.75 mmol) in toluene-*d*₈ and CD₃CN (1:1, 5 mL) was added to the stirring mixture over 30 min at 50 °C. The reaction mixture was stirred at 50 °C for 10 h, then D₂O (0.5 mL) and silica gel (0.5 g) were added to stop the reaction. The reaction was detected after 2 h, 5 h, 10 h and addition of D₂O using ^{31}P NMR (under N₂ atmosphere). The LRMS and HRMS (ESI) detections for intermediates **B** were performed after 10 h. The ^{31}P NMR spectra of pure compounds of PPh₃, **A** and Ph₃PO were recorded in toluene-*d*₈ and CD₃CN (1:1) solution.

Characterization data:

^{31}P NMR data (toluene-*d*₈/CD₃CN (1:1), 200 MHz) for PPh₃: δ -4.9 ppm;

^{31}P NMR data (toluene-*d*₈/CD₃CN (1:1), 200 MHz) for Ph₃PO: δ 26.4 ppm;

^{31}P NMR data (toluene-*d*₈/CD₃CN (1:1), 200 MHz) for **A**: δ 7.7 ppm;

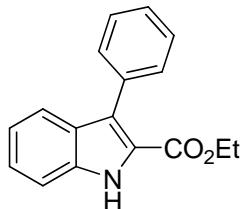
^{31}P NMR data (toluene-*d*₈/CD₃CN (1:1), 200 MHz) for **B** (two possible stereoisomers): δ 23.45, 23.42 ppm;

LRMS (ESI) of **B**: m/z 528 ([M+H]⁺);

HRMS (ESI) of **B** calcd for ([C₃₅H₃₀NO₂P+H]⁺): 528.2087, found:528.2094.

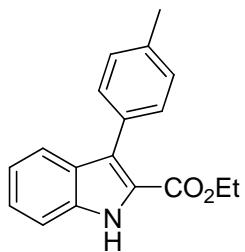
Characterization of 3

Ethyl 3-phenyl-1*H*-indole-2-carboxylate (3a).³



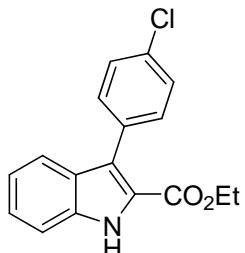
White solid, m.p. 132-133 °C; IR (KBr): 3320, 1677, 1450, 1384, 1145, 1019, 745 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 9.09 (s, 1 H), 7.63 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1 H), 7.57-7.55 (m, 2 H), 7.46-7.43 (m, 3 H), 7.39-7.34 (m, 2 H), 7.16-7.13 (m, 1 H), 4.29 (q, J = 7.1 Hz, 2 H), 1.23 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3 H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 162.3, 136.0, 133.8, 130.9, 128.2, 128.0, 127.5, 126.0, 124.5, 123.0, 122.0, 121.1, 111.9, 61.1, 14.3 ppm; MS (ESI): m/z ([M+Na]⁺) 288; HRMS (ESI) calcd for ([C₁₇H₁₅NO₂+Na]⁺): 288.0995; found: 288.0990.

Ethyl 3-p-tolyl-1*H*-indole-2-carboxylate (3b).



Yellow solid, m.p. 142-143 °C; IR (KBr): 3321, 1677, 1440, 1384, 1141, 1016, 743 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 9.09 (s, 1 H), 7.65-7.63 (m, 1 H), 7.46 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2 H), 7.42 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1 H), 7.35-7.32 (m, 1 H), 7.26-7.23 (m, 2 H), 7.15-7.11 (m, 1 H), 4.30 (q, J = 7.1 Hz, 2 H), 2.42 (s, 3 H), 1.25 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3 H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 162.3, 137.1, 136.0, 130.8, 130.7, 128.8, 128.2, 126.0, 124.6, 122.9, 122.1, 121.0, 111.9, 61.1, 21.6, 14.4 ppm; MS (ESI): m/z ([M+Na]⁺) 302; HRMS (ESI) calcd for ([C₁₈H₁₇NO₂+Na]⁺): 302.1151; found: 302.1147.

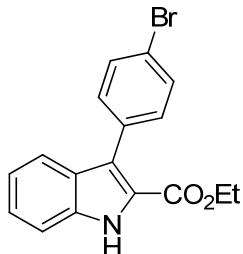
Ethyl 3-(4-chlorophenyl)-1*H*-indole-2-carboxylate (3c).⁴



Light yellow solid, m.p. 143-144 °C; IR (KBr): 3320, 1676, 1439, 1382, 1141, 1017, 744 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 9.14 (s, 1 H), 7.58 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1 H), 7.50-7.48 (m, 2 H), 7.45-7.41 (m, 3 H), 7.38-7.36 (m, 1 H), 7.17-7.14 (m, 1 H), 4.31 (q, J = 7.1 Hz, 2 H), 1.26 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3 H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 162.1, 135.9, 133.4, 132.2, 128.2, 128.0, 126.2, 123.1,

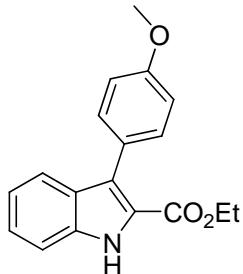
121.7, 121.3, 112.1, 61.3, 14.4 ppm; MS (ESI): m/z ([M+Na]⁺) 322; HRMS (ESI) calcd for ([C₁₇H₁₄ClNO₂+Na]⁺): 322.0605; found: 322.0604.

Ethyl 3-(4-bromophenyl)-1*H*-indole-2-carboxylate (3d).



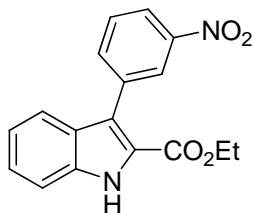
White solid, m.p. 163-164 °C; IR (KBr): 3339, 1673, 1439, 1381, 1144, 1007, 743 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 9.06 (s, 1 H), 7.59-7.56 (m, 3 H), 7.46-7.42 (m, 3 H), 7.38-7.35 (m, 1 H), 7.18-7.15 (m, 1 H), 4.31 (q, J = 7.1 Hz, 2 H), 1.26 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3 H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 162.0, 135.9, 132.7, 132.5, 131.2, 127.9, 126.2, 123.12, 123.08, 121.7, 121.4, 112.0, 61.3, 14.4 ppm; MS (ESI): m/z ([M-H]⁻) 342; HRMS (ESI) calcd for ([C₁₇H₁₄BrNO₂-H]⁻): 342.0135; found: 342.0120.

Ethyl 3-(4-methoxyphenyl)-1*H*-indole-2-carboxylate (3e).⁵



White solid, m.p. 115-116 °C; IR (KBr): 3345, 1696, 1453, 1378, 1144, 1032, 748 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 9.09 (s, 1 H), 7.65-7.63 (m, 1 H), 7.51-7.49 (m, 2 H), 7.42 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1 H), 7.36-7.34 (m, 1 H), 7.15-7.12 (m, 1 H), 7.01-6.99 (m, 2 H), 4.31 (q, J = 7.1 Hz, 2 H), 3.87 (s, 3 H), 1.26 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3 H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 162.3, 159.1, 136.0, 132.0, 128.2, 126.0, 125.3, 124.3, 122.8, 122.0, 120.9, 113.5, 111.9, 61.1, 55.5, 14.4 ppm; MS (ESI): m/z ([M+Na]⁺) 318; HRMS (ESI) calcd for ([C₁₈H₁₇NO₃+Na]⁺): 318.1101; found: 318.1095.

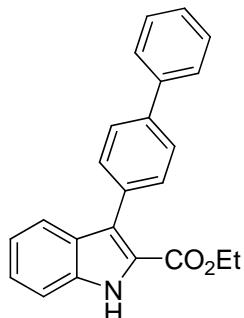
Ethyl 3-(3-nitrophenyl)-1*H*-indole-2-carboxylate (3f).



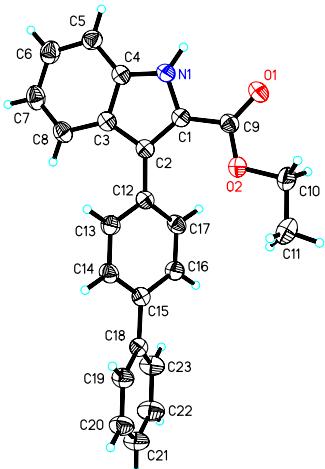
Yellow solid, m.p. 149-150 °C; IR (KBr): 3398, 1714, 1431, 1349, 1160, 1038, 737 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 9.37 (s, 1 H), 8.47-8.46 (m, 1 H), 8.25-8.23 (m, 1 H), 7.90 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 1 H), 7.63-7.57 (m, 2 H), 7.49 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1 H), 7.41-7.38 (m, 1 H), 7.21-7.18 (m, 1 H), 4.32 (q, J = 7.1 Hz, 2 H), 1.23 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3 H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 161.9, 148.2, 137.0,

135.9, 135.7, 128.9, 127.6, 126.4, 126.0, 123.5, 122.3, 121.8, 121.4, 121.1, 112.3, 61.6, 29.9, 14.2 ppm; MS (ESI): m/z ([M-H]⁻) 309; HRMS (ESI) calcd for ([C₁₇H₁₄N₂O₄-H]⁻): 309.0881; found: 309.0872.

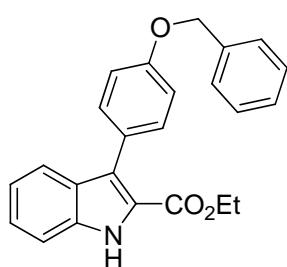
Ethyl 3-(biphenyl-4-yl)-1*H*-indole-2-carboxylate (3g).



Colorless crystal, m.p. 227-228 °C; IR (KBr): 3309, 1678, 1453, 1376, 1145, 1011, 752 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 9.09 (s, 1 H), 7.71-7.64 (m, 7 H), 7.49-7.45 (m, 3 H), 7.39-7.36 (m, 2 H), 7.19-7.17 (m, 1 H), 4.33 (q, J = 7.1 Hz, 2 H), 1.27 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3 H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 162.2, 141.3, 140.2, 136.0, 132.8, 131.3, 129.0, 128.2, 127.5, 127.4, 126.7, 126.1, 124.1, 123.1, 122.0, 121.2, 112.0, 61.2, 14.4 ppm; MS (ESI): m/z ([M+Na]⁺) 364; HRMS (ESI) calcd for ([C₂₃H₁₉NO₂+Na]⁺): 364.1308; found: 364.1300.



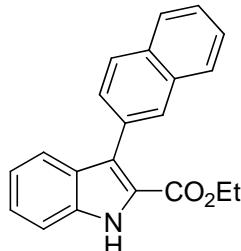
Ethyl 3-(4-(benzylxy)phenyl)-1*H*-indole-2-carboxylate (3h).



Yellow solid, m.p. 134-135 °C; IR (KBr): 3305, 1669, 1454, 1384, 1179, 1014, 747 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 9.03 (s, 1 H), 7.64 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 1 H), 7.50-7.47 (m, 4 H), 7.42-7.38 (m, 3 H), 7.35-7.33 (m, 2 H), 7.14-7.13 (m, 1 H), 7.07-7.06 (m, 2 H), 5.13 (s, 2 H), 4.30 (q, J = 7.1 Hz, 2

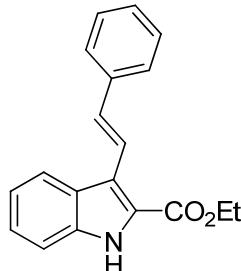
H), 1.24 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3 H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 162.3, 158.4, 137.4, 136.0, 132.0, 128.8, 128.3, 128.2, 127.8, 126.3, 126.0, 124.3, 122.8, 122.0, 121.0, 114.5, 111.9, 70.3, 61.1, 14.4 ppm; MS (ESI): m/z ([M+Na] $^+$) 394; HRMS (ESI) calcd for ([$\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{21}\text{NO}_3+\text{Na}^+$]): 394.1414; found: 394.1409.

Ethyl 3-(naphthalen-2-yl)-1*H*-indole-2-carboxylate (3i).



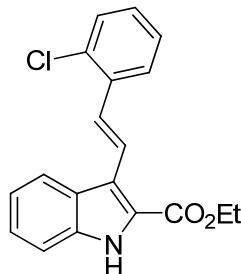
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(E)-Ethyl 3-styryl-1*H*-indole-2-carboxylate (3j).⁶



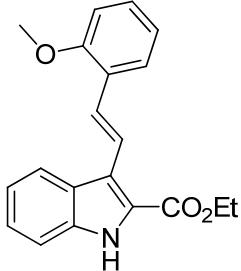
Light yellow solid, m.p. 159-160 °C; IR (KBr): 3306, 1679, 1460, 1380, 1196, 1022, 740 cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 8.96 (s, 1 H), 8.14 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1 H), 8.06 (d, J = 16.8 Hz, 1 H), 7.59 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 2 H), 7.42-7.36 (m, 5 H), 7.28-7.22 (m, 2 H), 4.47 (q, J = 7.1 Hz, 2 H), 1.47 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3 H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 162.3, 138.4, 136.6, 131.2, 128.9, 127.7, 126.6, 126.1, 126.0, 124.3, 122.9, 122.1, 121.5, 121.1, 112.3, 61.4, 14.7 ppm; MS (ESI): m/z ([M-H] $^-$) 290; HRMS (ESI) calcd for ([$\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{17}\text{NO}_2-\text{H}^-$]): 290.1187; found: 290.1177.

(E)-Ethyl 3-(2-chlorostyryl)-1*H*-indole-2-carboxylate (3k).



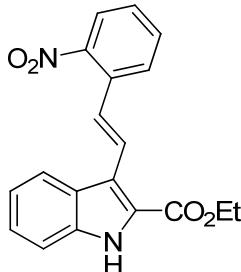
Light yellow solid, m.p. 176-177 °C; IR (KBr): 3319, 1675, 1454, 1380, 1197, 1023, 738 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.96 (s, 1 H), 8.19 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1 H), 8.05 (d, J = 16.7 Hz, 1 H), 7.80-7.76 (m, 2 H), 7.43-7.38 (m, 3 H), 7.29-7.25 (m, 2 H), 7.19-7.18 (m, 1 H), 4.47 (q, J = 7.1 Hz, 2 H), 1.47 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3 H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 162.1, 136.6, 136.4, 133.5, 130.0, 128.5, 127.2, 127.0, 126.3, 126.2, 125.9, 124.5, 124.3, 122.9, 121.9, 121.0, 112.3, 61.5, 14.7 ppm; MS (ESI): m/z ([M-H]⁻) 324; HRMS (ESI) calcd for ([C₁₉H₁₆ClNO₂-H]⁻): 324.0797; found: 324.0785.

(E)-Ethyl 3-(2-methoxystyryl)-1*H*-indole-2-carboxylate (3l).



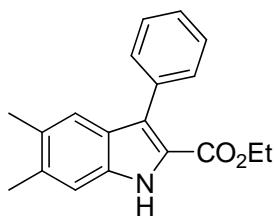
Yellow solid, m.p. 187-188 °C; IR (KBr): 3331, 1674, 1459, 1381, 1189, 1025, 741 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.89 (s, 1 H), 8.19 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1 H), 8.02 (d, J = 17.0 Hz, 1 H), 7.76 (d, J = 16.9 Hz, 1 H), 7.71-7.69 (m, 1 H), 7.42-7.35 (m, 2 H), 7.25-7.22 (m, 2 H), 7.01-6.98 (m, 1 H), 6.92 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1 H), 4.46 (q, J = 7.1 Hz, 2 H), 3.92 (s, 3 H), 1.46 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3 H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 162.4, 157.1, 136.6, 128.7, 127.6, 126.3, 126.03, 126.01, 124.1, 123.2, 122.2, 121.9, 121.4, 121.1, 112.2, 111.2, 61.3, 55.9, 14.7 ppm; MS (ESI): m/z ([M-H]⁻) 320; HRMS (ESI) calcd for ([C₂₀H₁₉NO₃-H]⁻): 320.1292; found: 320.1282.

(E)-Ethyl 3-(2-nitrostyryl)-1*H*-indole-2-carboxylate (3m).



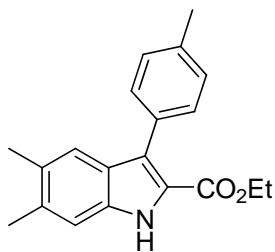
Yellow solid, m.p. 209-210 °C; IR (KBr): 3323, 1676, 1456, 1379, 1202, 1027, 737 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.95 (s, 1 H), 8.19 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1 H), 8.12 (d, J = 16.5 Hz, 1 H), 8.01-7.99 (m, 1 H), 7.93-7.90 (m, 2 H), 7.62-7.61 (m, 1 H), 7.45-7.38 (m, 3 H), 7.31-7.28 (m, 1 H), 4.48 (q, J = 7.1 Hz, 2 H), 1.48 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3 H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 161.9, 148.0, 136.4, 134.2, 133.4, 128.1, 127.9, 127.2, 126.4, 125.8, 125.4, 125.1, 124.9, 122.8, 122.3, 120.6, 112.3, 61.5, 14.7 ppm; MS (ESI): m/z ([M+Na]⁺) 359; HRMS (ESI) calcd for ([C₁₉H₁₆N₂O₄+Na]⁺): 359.1002; found: 359.0995.

Ethyl 5,6-dimethyl-3-phenyl-1*H*-indole-2-carboxylate (3n).



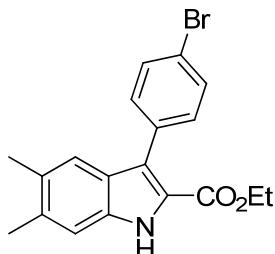
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Ethyl 5,6-dimethyl-3-p-tolyl-1H-indole-2-carboxylate (3o).



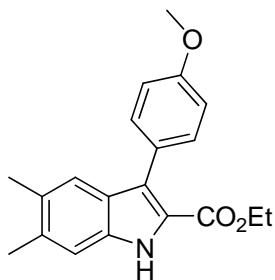
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Ethyl 3-(4-bromophenyl)-5,6-dimethyl-1H-indole-2-carboxylate (3p).



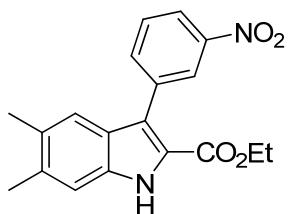
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Ethyl 3-(4-methoxyphenyl)-5,6-dimethyl-1H-indole-2-carboxylate (3q).



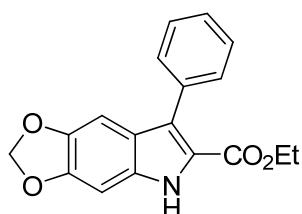
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Ethyl 5,6-dimethyl-3-(3-nitrophenyl)-1H-indole-2-carboxylate (3r).



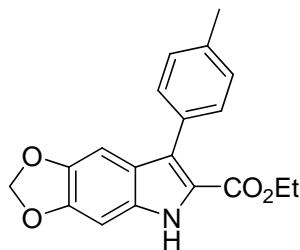
Yellow solid, m.p. 174-175 °C; IR (KBr): 3339, 1676, 1442, 1369, 1157, 1001, 779 cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 9.04 (s, 1 H), 8.45-8.44 (m, 1 H), 8.24-8.22 (m, 1 H), 7.90-7.88 (m, 1 H), 7.62-7.59 (m, 1 H), 7.30 (s, 1 H), 7.25-7.24 (m, 1 H), 4.29 (q, J = 7.1 Hz, 2 H), 2.39 (s, 3 H), 2.32 (s, 3 H), 1.22 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3 H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 161.9, 148.2, 137.0, 136.5, 136.1, 135.1, 131.1, 128.8, 126.1, 126.0, 122.7, 122.1, 121.0, 120.5, 112.3, 61.3, 21.0, 20.4, 14.3 ppm; MS (ESI): m/z ([$\text{M}-\text{H}^-$]) 337; HRMS (ESI) calcd for ($[\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{18}\text{N}_2\text{O}_4-\text{H}^-]$): 337.1194; found: 337.1179.

Ethyl 7-phenyl-5H-[1,3]dioxolo[4,5-f]indole-6-carboxylate (3s).⁷



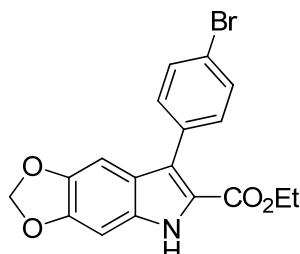
White solid, m.p. 210-211 °C; IR (KBr): 3320, 1675, 1461, 1259, 1180, 1038, 957 cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 9.09 (s, 1 H), 7.52-7.50 (m, 2 H), 7.44-7.41 (m, 2 H), 7.37-7.35 (m, 1 H), 6.93 (s, 1 H), 6.83 (s, 1 H), 5.95 (s, 2 H), 4.26 (q, J = 7.1 Hz, 2 H), 1.21 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3 H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 162.1, 148.5, 144.6, 133.9, 131.9, 130.7, 128.0, 127.4, 124.9, 122.5, 121.9, 101.3, 99.3, 91.8, 60.9, 14.3 ppm; MS (ESI): m/z ([$\text{M}+\text{Na}^+$]) 332; HRMS (ESI) calcd for ($[\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{15}\text{NO}_4+\text{Na}]^+$): 332.0893; found: 332.0889.

Ethyl 7-p-tolyl-5H-[1,3]dioxolo[4,5-f]indole-6-carboxylate (3t).



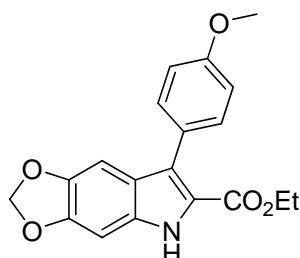
White solid, m.p. 181-182 °C; IR (KBr): 3320, 1673, 1464, 1259, 1181, 1039, 951 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 9.03 (s, 1 H), 7.41 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 2 H), 7.24 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2 H), 6.94 (s, 1 H), 6.82 (s, 1 H), 5.94 (s, 2 H), 4.27 (q, J = 7.1 Hz, 2 H), 2.41 (s, 3 H), 1.23 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3 H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 162.0, 148.4, 144.5, 137.1, 131.9, 130.8, 130.6, 128.8, 125.0, 122.5, 121.8, 101.3, 99.4, 91.8, 60.8, 21.6, 14.4 ppm; MS (ESI): m/z ([M+Na]⁺) 346; HRMS (ESI) calcd for ([C₁₉H₁₇NO₄+Na]⁺): 346.1050; found: 346.1045.

Ethyl 7-(4-bromophenyl)-5H-[1,3]dioxolo[4,5-f]indole-6-carboxylate (3u).



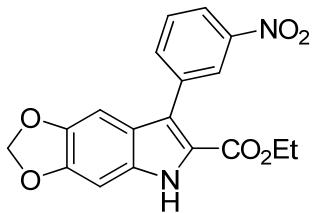
Light yellow solid, m.p. 223-224 °C; IR (KBr): 3309, 1668, 1465, 1256, 1181, 1038, 949 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 9.11 (s, 1 H), 7.56-7.54 (m, 2 H), 7.39-7.37 (m, 2 H), 6.87 (s, 1 H), 6.83 (s, 1 H), 5.96 (s, 2 H), 4.27 (q, J = 7.1 Hz, 2 H), 1.24 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3 H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 161.7, 148.4, 144.6, 132.7, 132.2, 131.7, 131.0, 123.3, 122.0, 121.7, 121.3, 101.2, 98.7, 91.7, 60.8, 14.2 ppm; MS (ESI): m/z ([M+Na]⁺) 410; HRMS (ESI) calcd for ([C₁₈H₁₄BrNO₄+Na]⁺): 409.9998; found: 409.9998.

Ethyl 7-(4-methoxyphenyl)-5H-[1,3]dioxolo[4,5-f]indole-6-carboxylate (3v).⁸



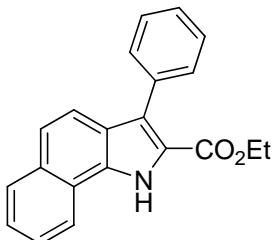
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Ethyl 7-(3-nitrophenyl)-5*H*-[1,3]dioxolo[4,5-*f*]indole-6-carboxylate (3w).

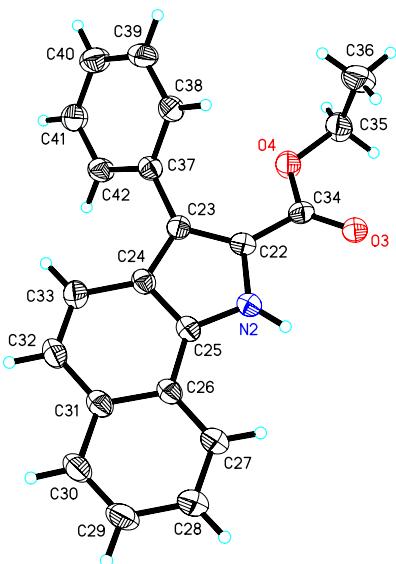


Yellow solid, m.p. 182-183 °C; IR (KBr): 3353, 1677, 1477, 1257, 1179, 1036, 951 cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 9.25 (s, 1 H), 8.42-8.41 (m, 1 H), 8.23-8.21 (m, 1 H), 7.85 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 1 H), 7.62-7.58 (m, 1 H), 6.87-6.86 (m, 2 H), 5.98 (s, 2 H), 4.28 (q, J = 7.1 Hz, 2 H), 1.21 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3 H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 161.7, 148.8, 148.2, 145.2, 136.8, 135.9, 131.9, 128.9, 125.9, 122.3, 122.0, 121.9, 101.6, 98.4, 92.1, 61.2, 14.3 ppm; MS (ESI): m/z ([$\text{M}+\text{Na}^+$]) 377; HRMS (ESI) calcd for ($[\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{14}\text{N}_2\text{O}_6+\text{Na}]^+$): 377.0744; found: 377.0743.

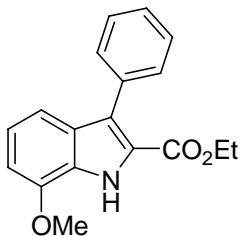
Ethyl 3-phenyl-1*H*-benzo[g]indole-2-carboxylate (3x).⁹



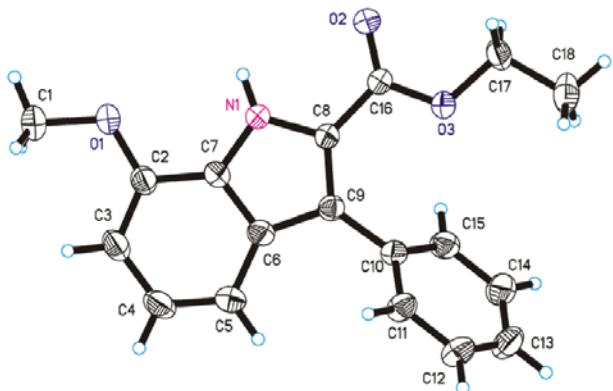
Colorless crystal, m.p. 185-186 °C; IR (KBr): 3323, 1674, 1450, 1365, 1180, 1034, 810 cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 9.96 (s, 1 H), 8.22 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1 H), 7.91 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 1 H), 7.62-7.58 (m, 4 H), 7.54-7.46 (m, 4 H), 7.41-7.40 (m, 1 H), 4.34 (q, J = 7.1 Hz, 2 H), 1.25 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3 H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 162.5, 133.9, 132.5, 132.0, 131.0, 129.1, 128.0, 127.5, 126.3, 126.1, 124.3, 122.4, 121.8, 121.7, 120.9, 120.5, 61.2, 14.4 ppm; MS (ESI): m/z ([$\text{M}-\text{H}^-$]) 314; HRMS (ESI) calcd for ($[\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{17}\text{NO}_2-\text{H}]^-$): 314.1187; found: 314.1175.



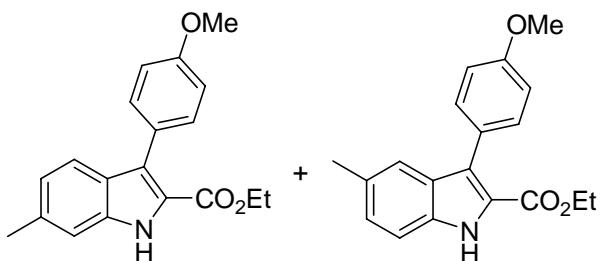
Ethyl 7-methoxy-3-phenyl-1H-indole-2-carboxylate (3y)



Colorless solid, m.p. 97-98 °C IR (KBr): 3294, 1697, 1443, 1390, 1328, 1261, 1094, 781, 695 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 9.20 (s, 1 H), 7.59 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 2 H), 7.47 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2 H), 7.39 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1 H), 7.25 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1 H), 7.08 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1 H), 6.78 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1 H), 4.32 (q, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2 H), 4.02 (s, 3 H), 1.27 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 3 H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 162.0, 146.6, 133.9, 130.9, 129.3, 127.9, 127.4, 127.2, 124.7, 122.8, 121.5, 114.1, 104.7, 61.0, 55.7, 14.3 ppm; MS (ESI): m/z ([M+H]⁺) 296; HRMS (ESI) calcd for ([C₁₈H₁₇NO₃ +Na]⁺): 318.1101; found: 318.1090.



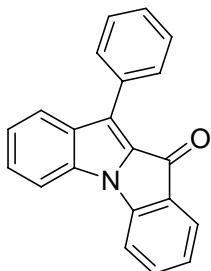
**Ethyl 3-(4-methoxyphenyl)-6-methyl-1H-indole-2-carboxylate +
Ethyl 3-(4-methoxyphenyl)-5-methyl-1H-indole-2-carboxylate (3z)**



White solid, m.p. 134-137 °C IR (KBr): 3329, 1672, 1547, 1505, 1383, 1333, 1263, 1179, 1039, 833 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.95 (s, 0.69 H), 8.80 (s, 0.27 H), 7.54-7.50 (m, 2.24 H), 7.42 (s, 0.71 H), 7.34 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 0.73 H), 7.22-7.19 (m, 1 H), 7.03-7.00 (m, 2.25 H), 4.31 (q, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 2 H), 3.89 (s, 3 H), 2.49 (s, 0.83 H), 2.43 (s, 2.14 H), 1.28 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3 H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 162.3, 159.1, 136.4, 136.3, 134.4, 132.0, 130.4, 128.5, 127.9, 126.1, 123.8, 123.1, 122.9, 121.7, 121.2, 113.5, 111.6, 111.5, 60.9, 55.5, 22.2, 21.7, 14.4 ppm; MS (ESI): m/z ([M-H]⁻) 308; HRMS (ESI) calcd for ([C₁₉H₁₉NO₃ +Na]⁺): 332.1257; found: 332.1246.

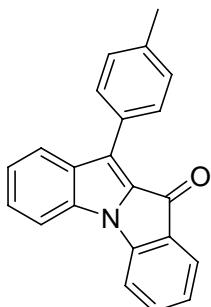
Characterization of 4

5-phenyl-iodolo[1,2-*a*]indol-5-one (**4a**)



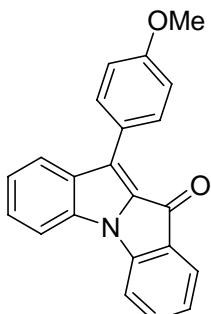
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5-p-tolyl-iodolo[1,2-*a*]indol-5-one (**4b**)



Yellow solid m.p. 152-154 °C IR (KBr): 1688, 1620, 1554, 1508, 1475, 1385, 1323, 1176, 935, 733, 706 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.92 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 3 H), 7.68 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1 H), 7.55 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1 H), 7.51 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1 H), 7.45 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1 H), 7.39 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1 H), 7.36 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2 H), 7.17 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1 H), 7.09 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1 H), 2.46 (s, 3 H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 181.0, 144.9, 139.2, 135.2, 134.9, 131.5, 131.3, 130.2, 129.6, 129.3, 128.7, 128.6, 126.3, 125.2, 124.6, 123.8, 122.3, 111.7, 111.5, 21.8 ppm; ; MS (ESI): m/z ([M+H]⁺) 310; HRMS (ESI) calcd for ([C₂₂H₁₅NO +H]⁺): 310.1226; found: 310.1225.

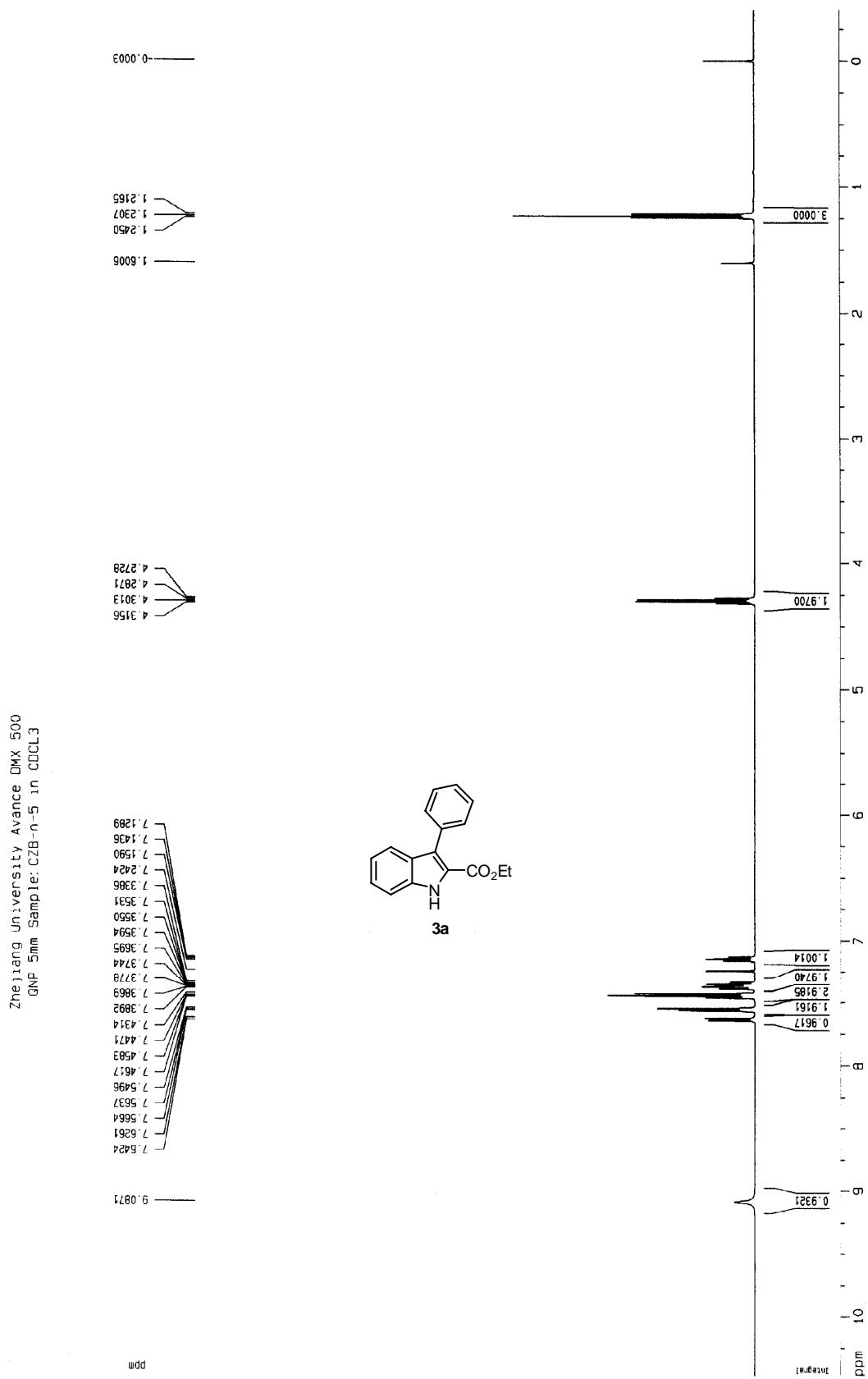
5-(4-methoxyphenyl)-iodolo[1,2-*a*]indol-5-one (**4c**)



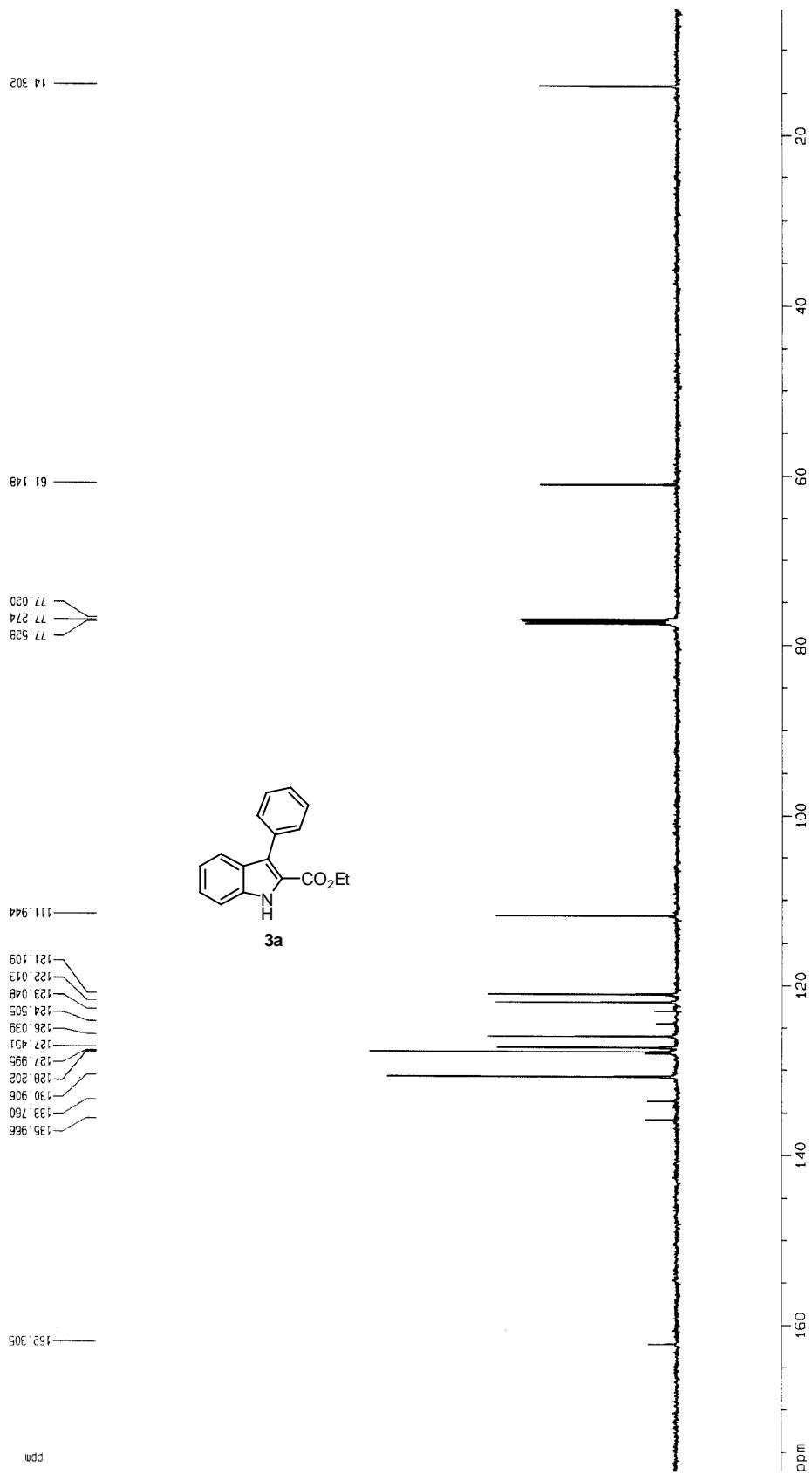
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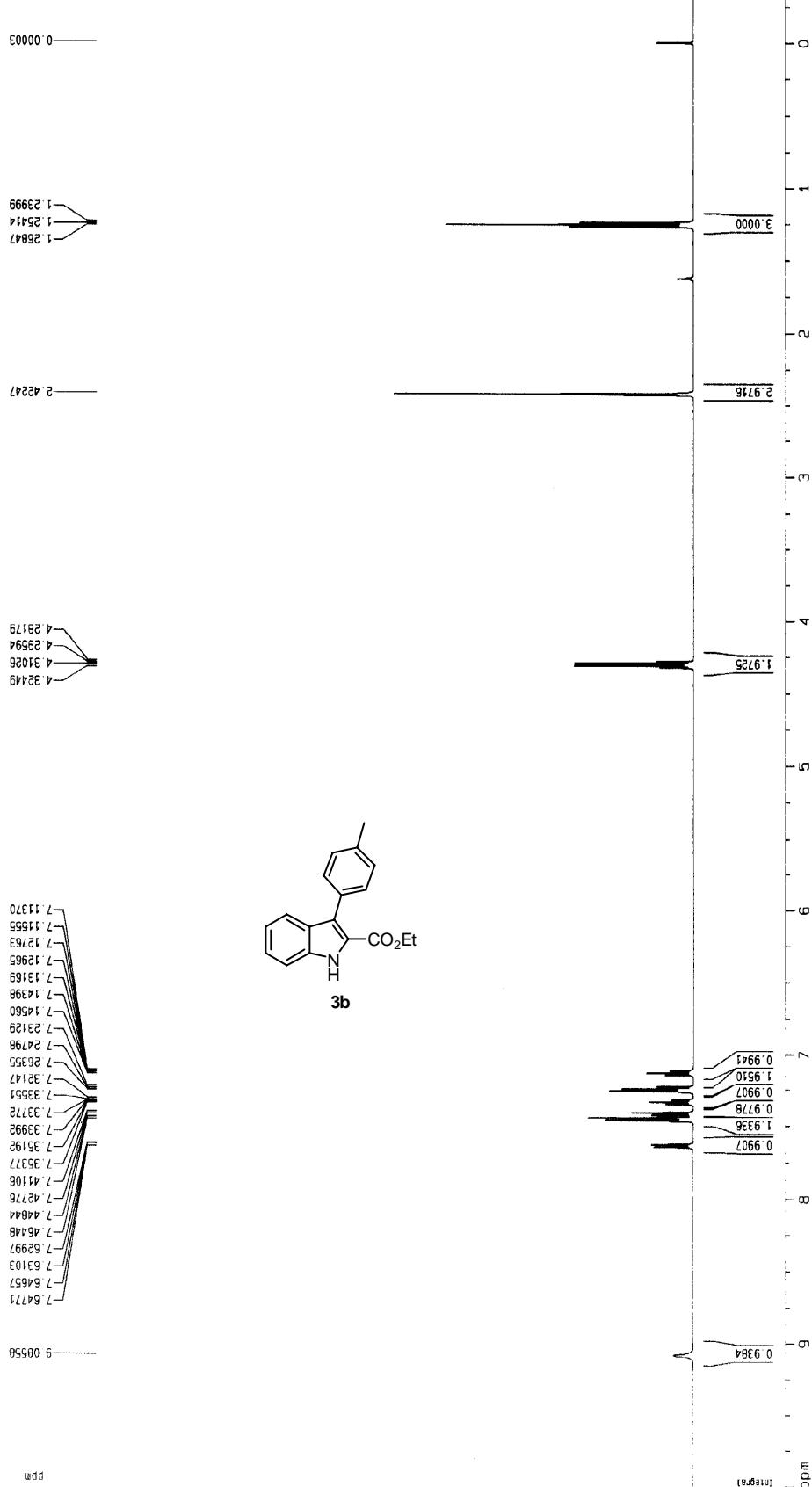
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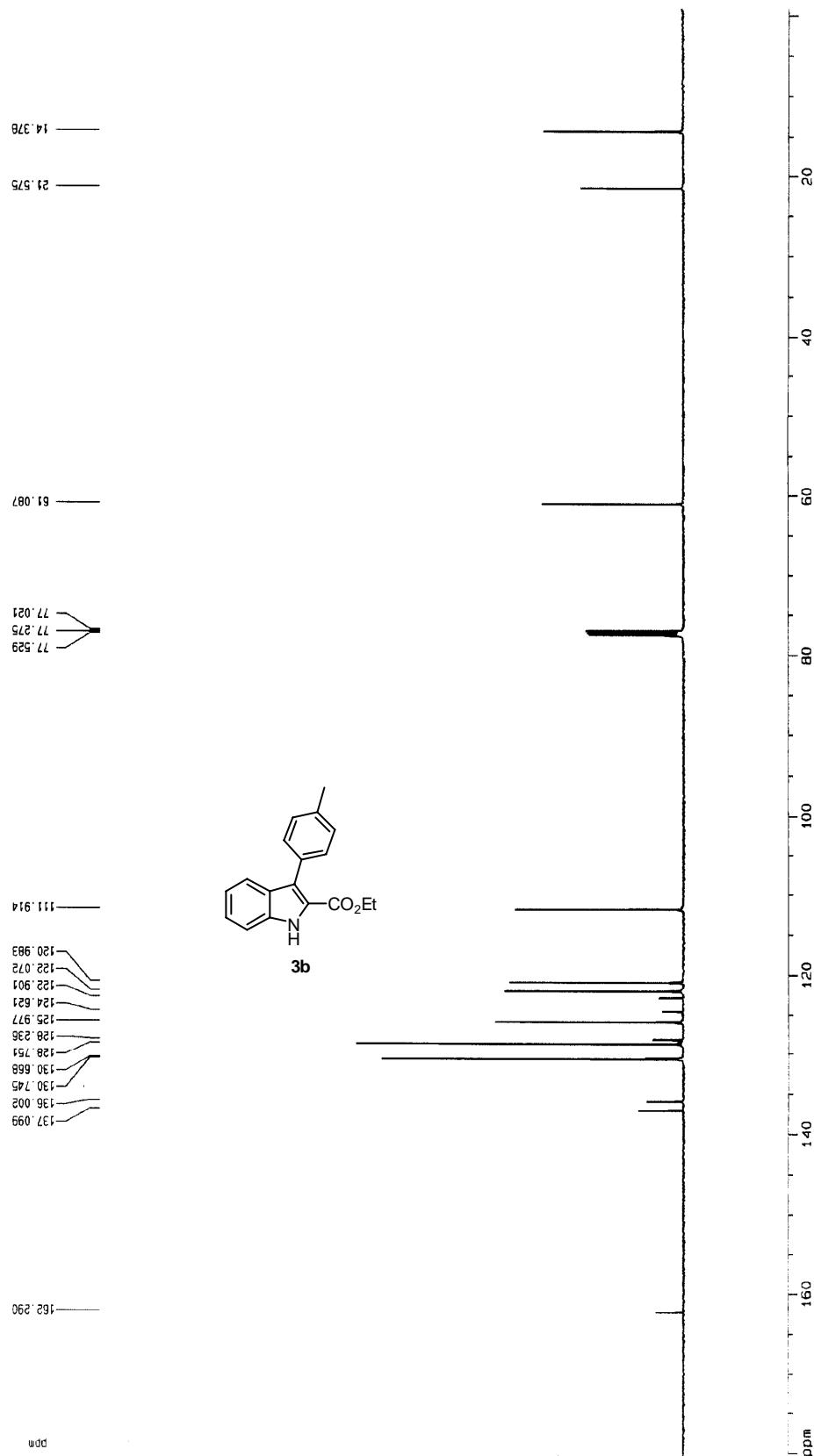
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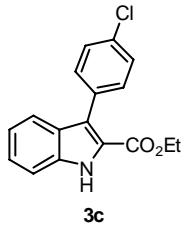
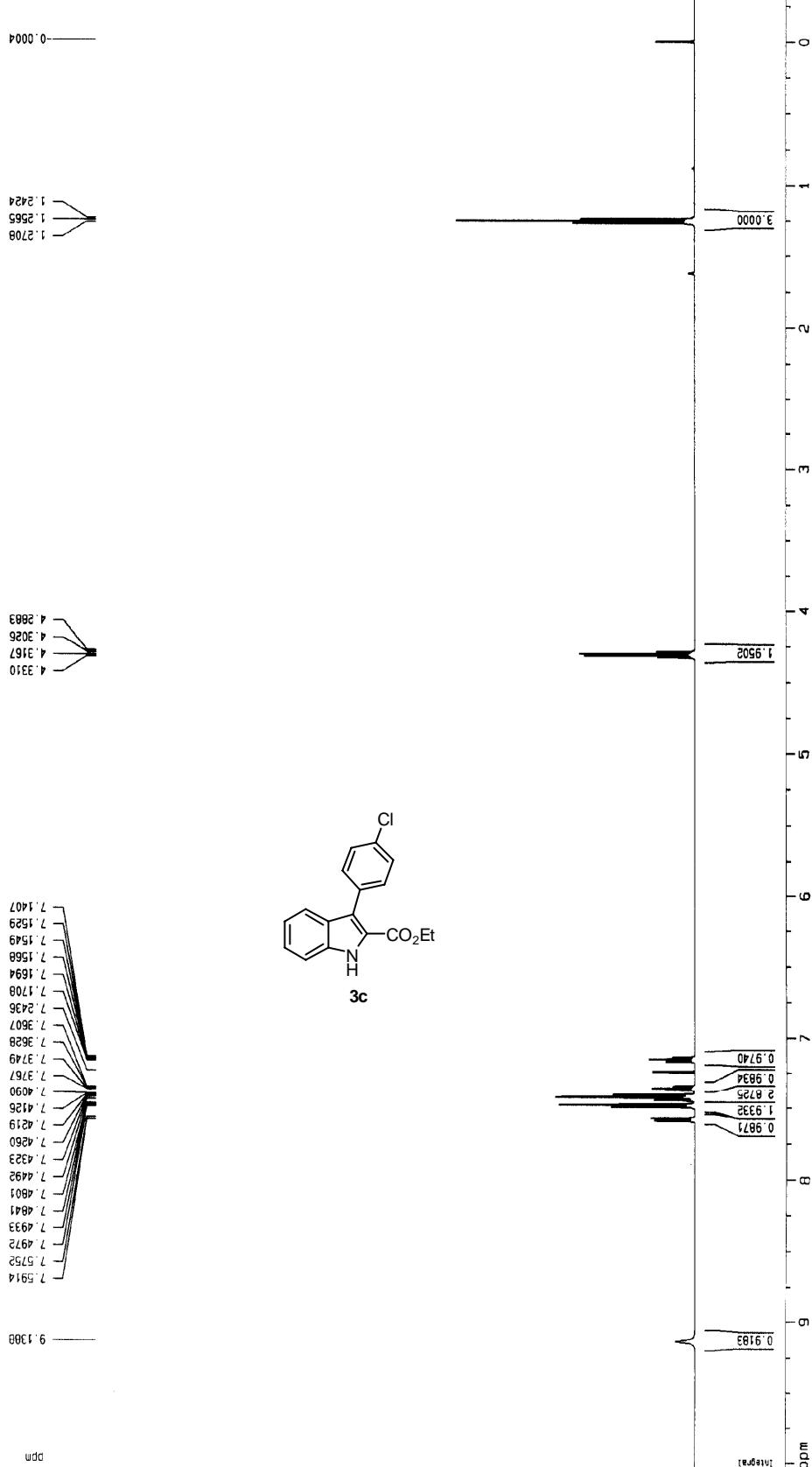
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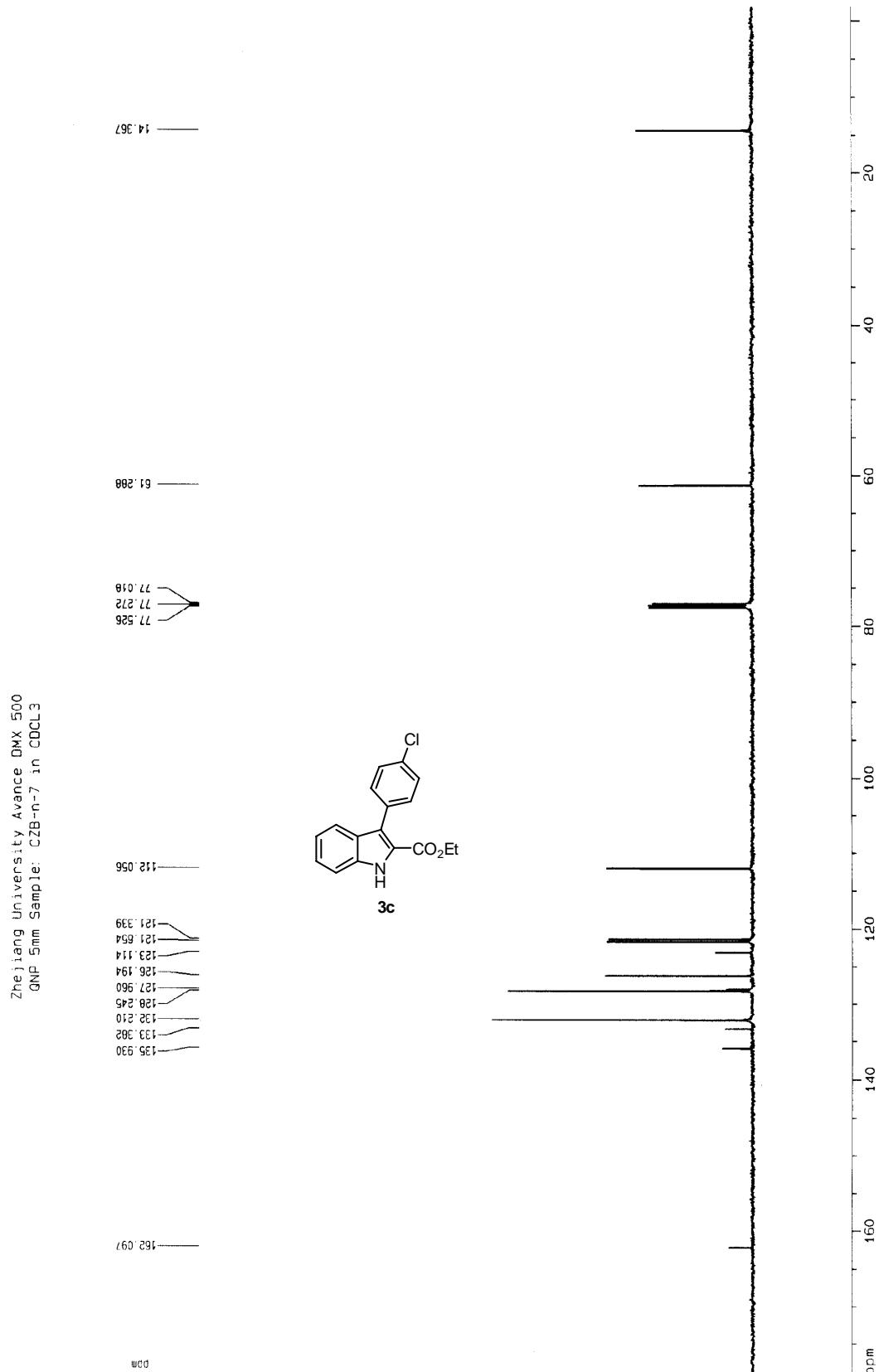


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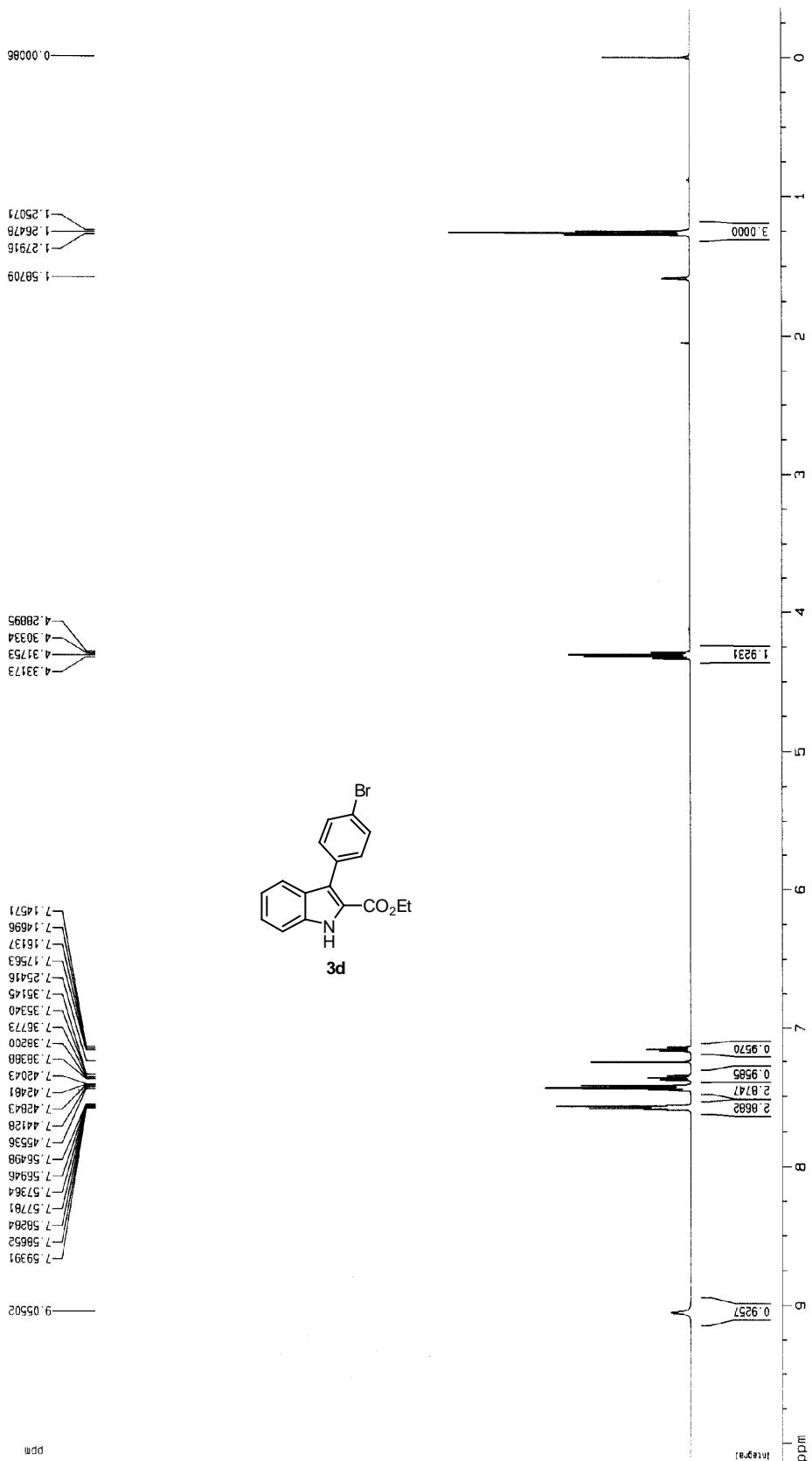


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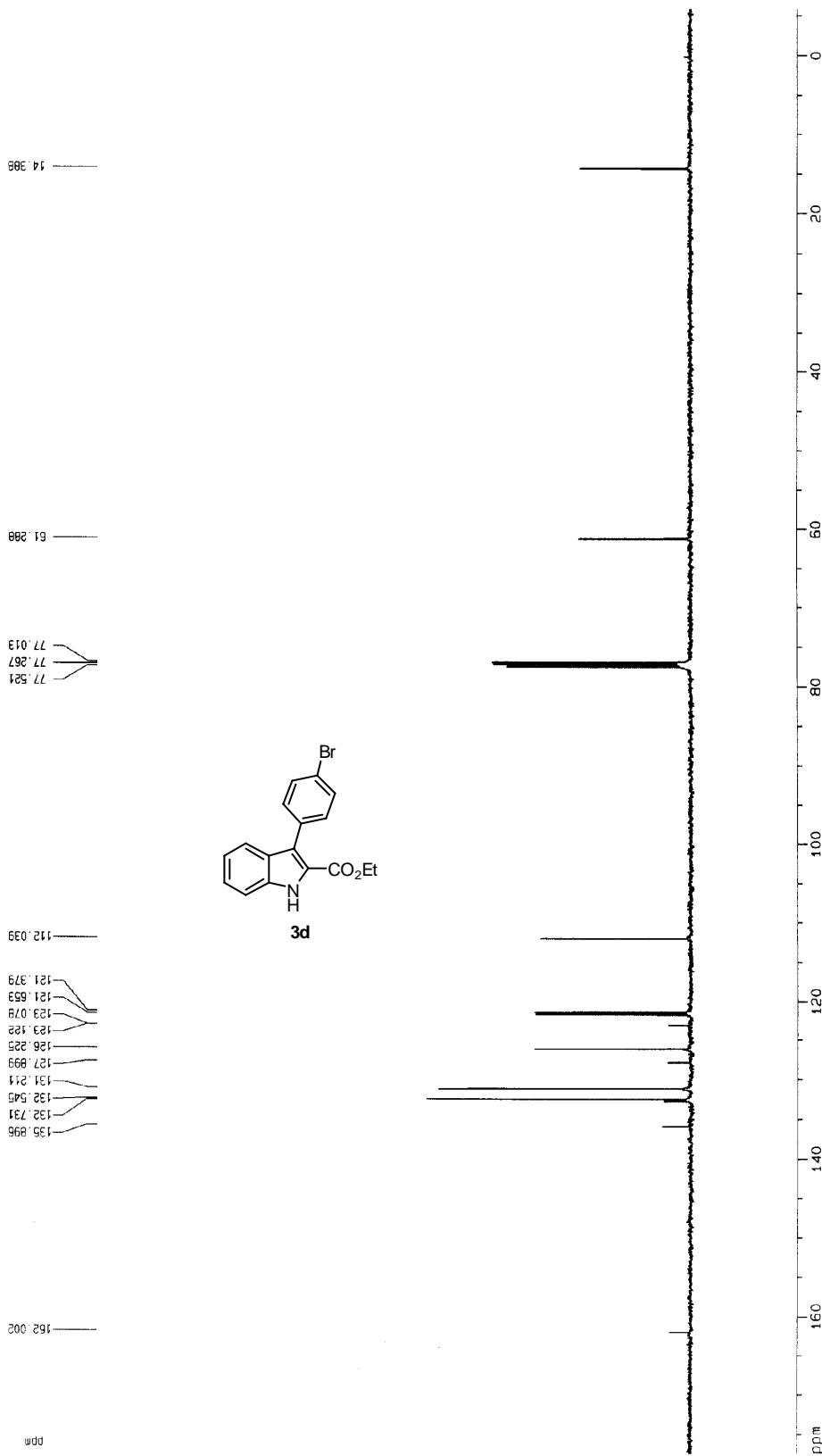


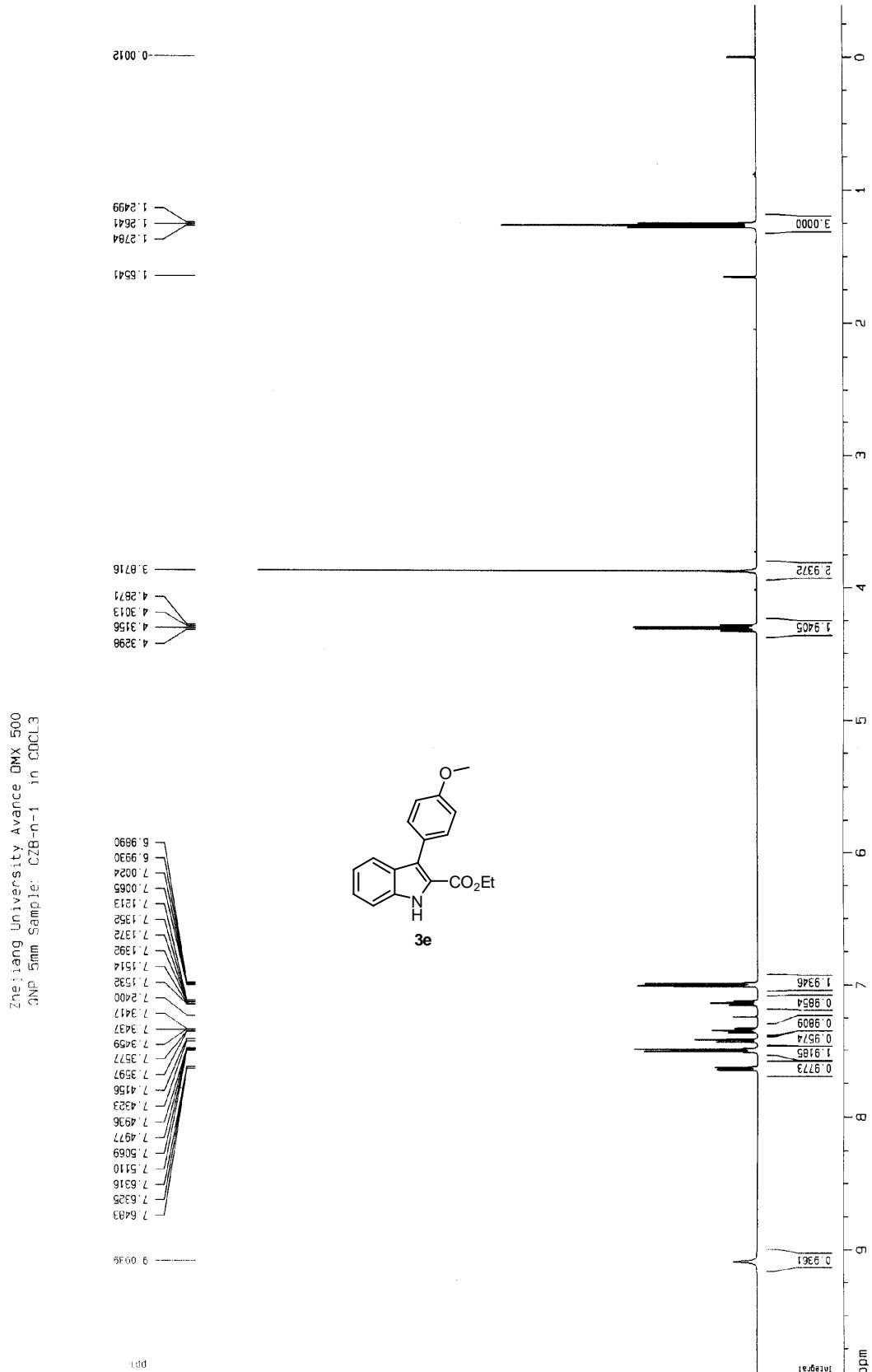


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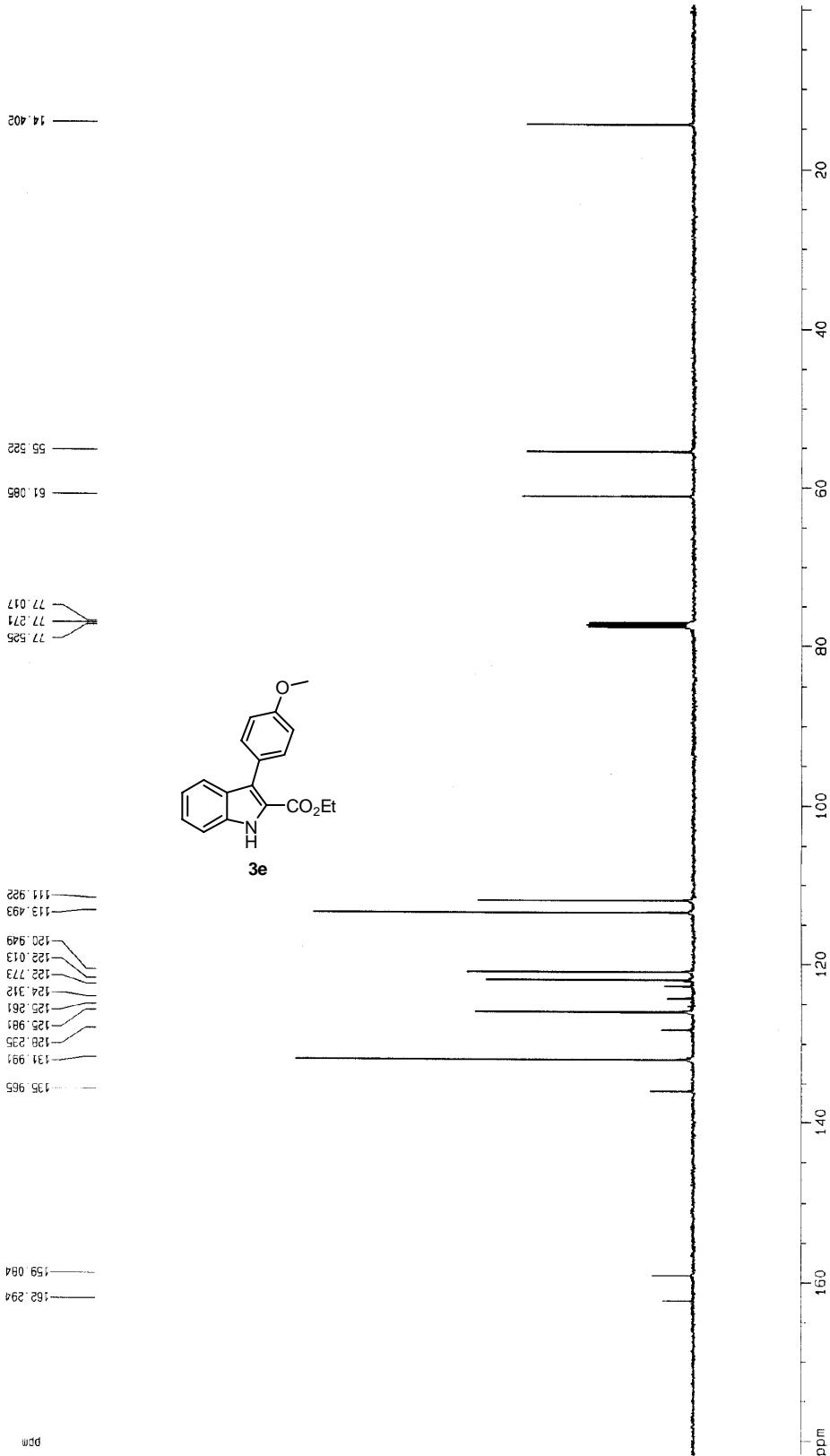


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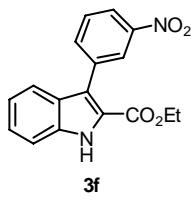
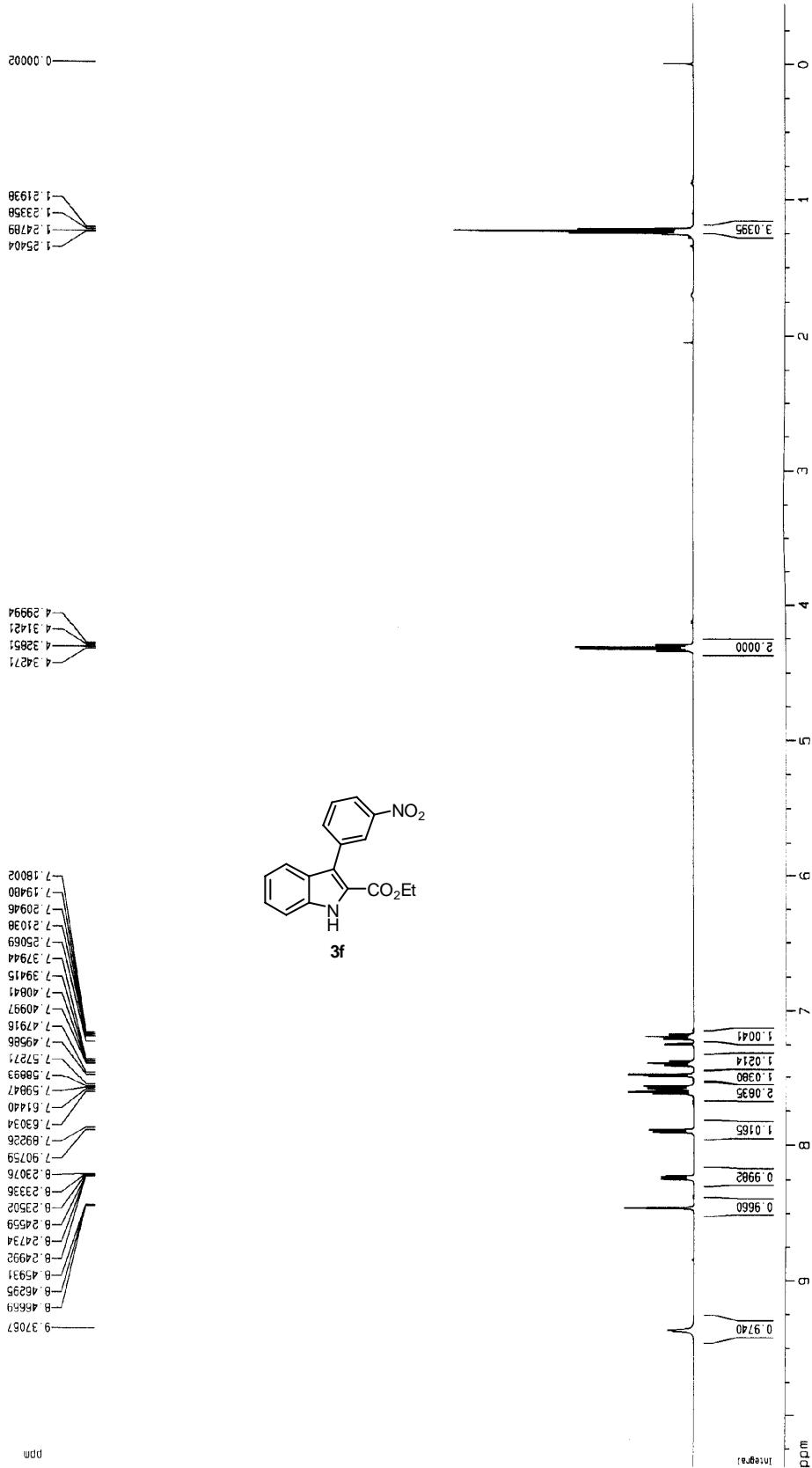




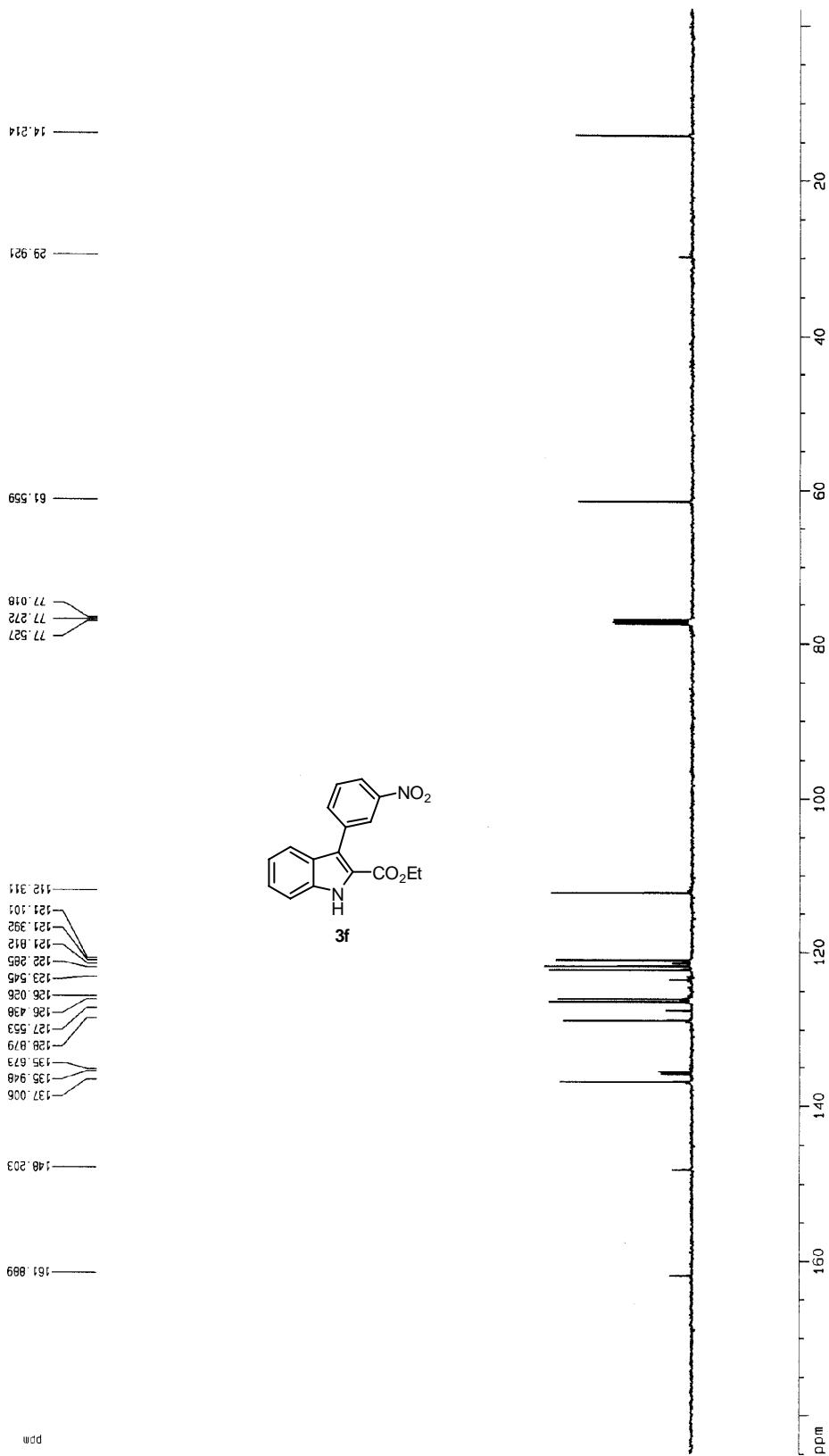
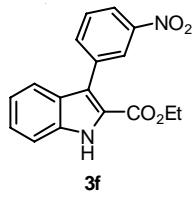
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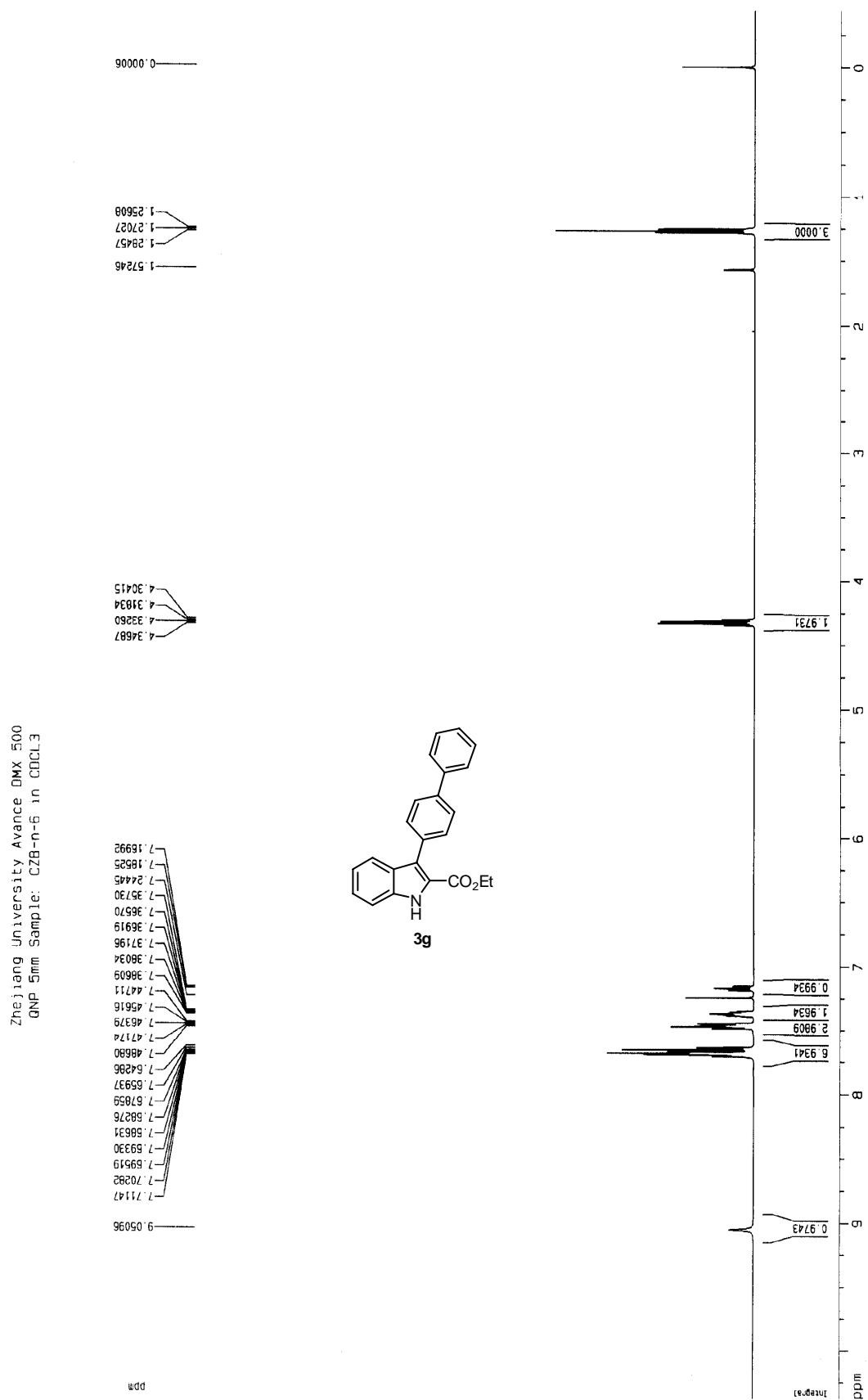


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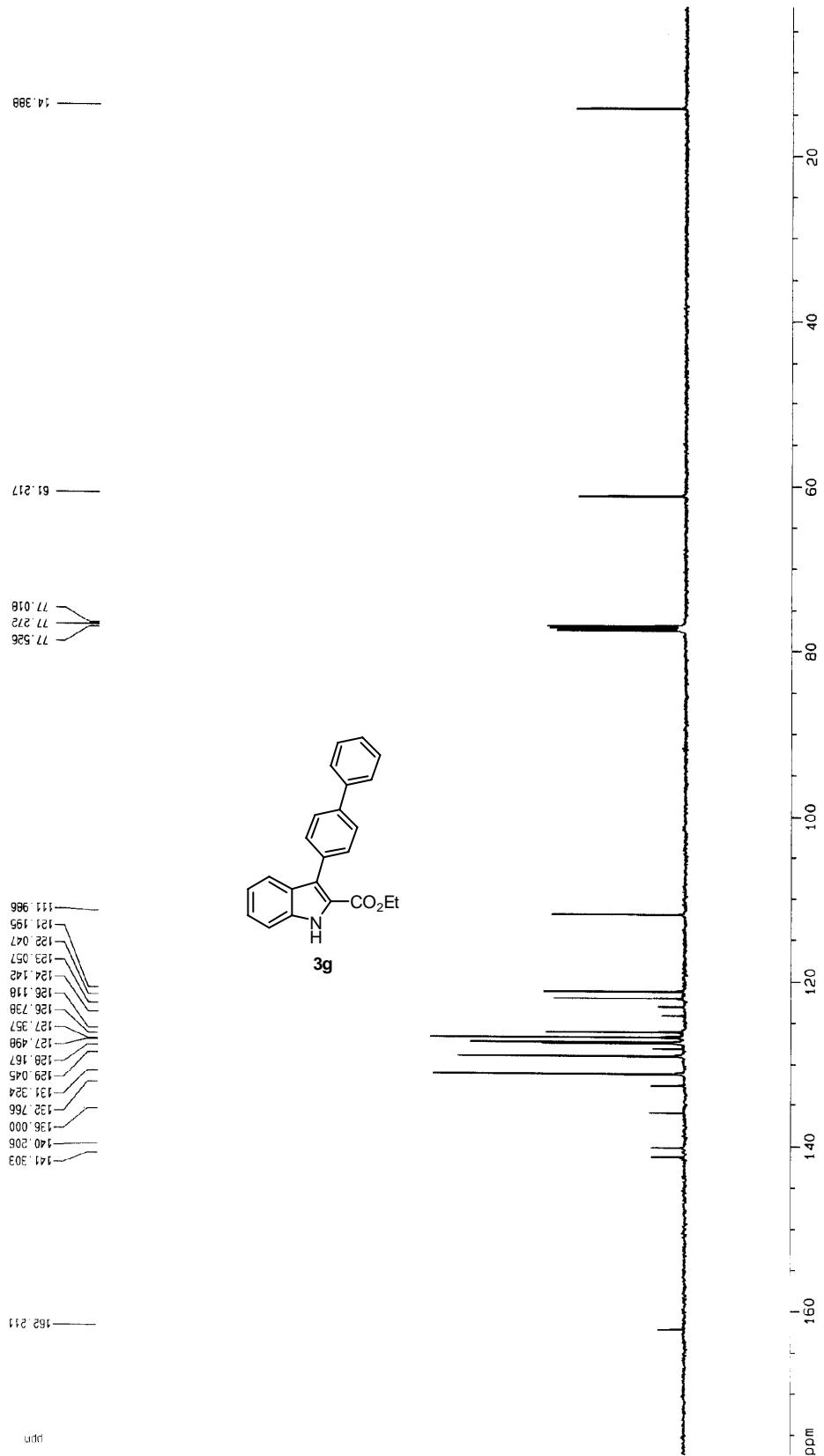


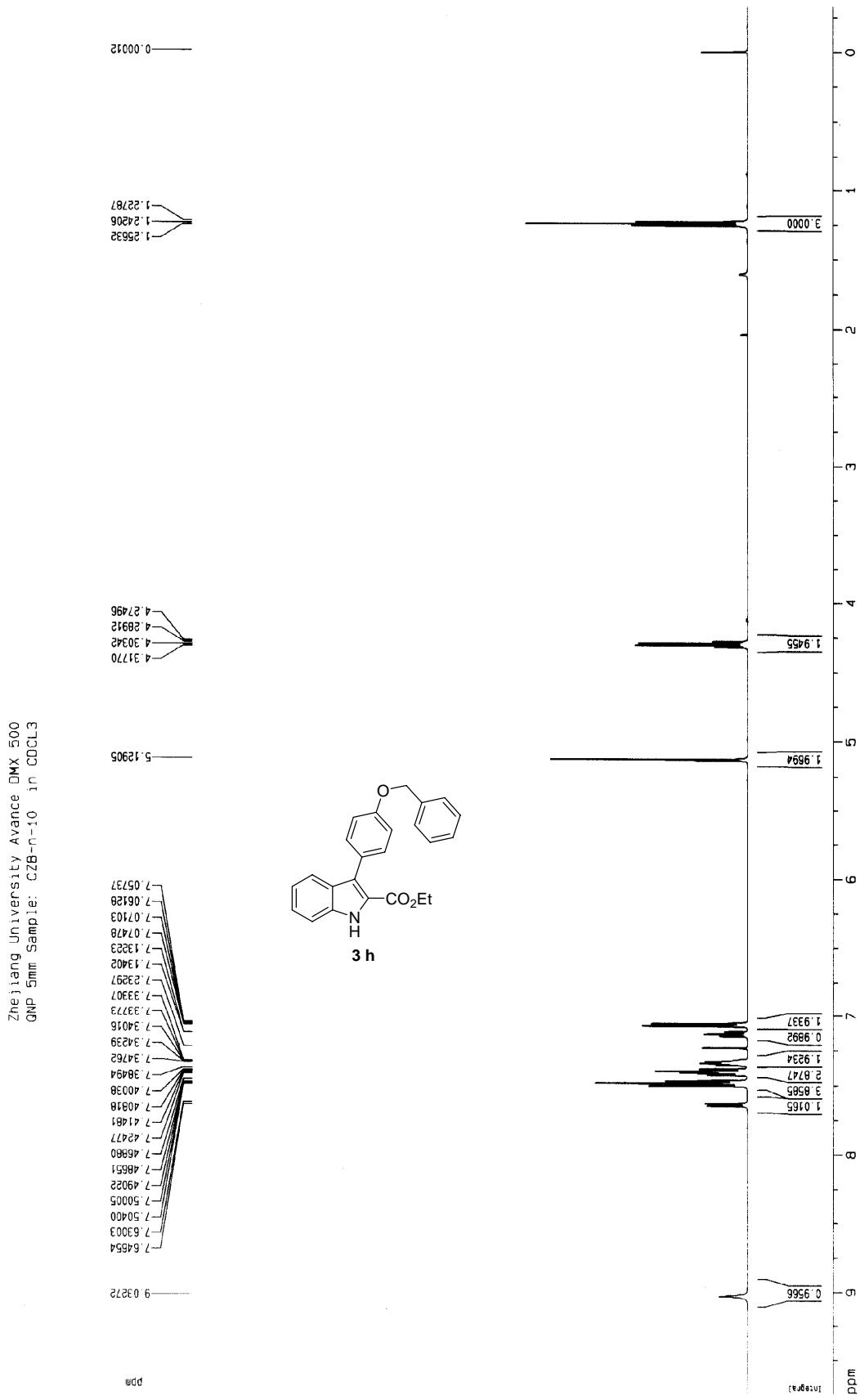
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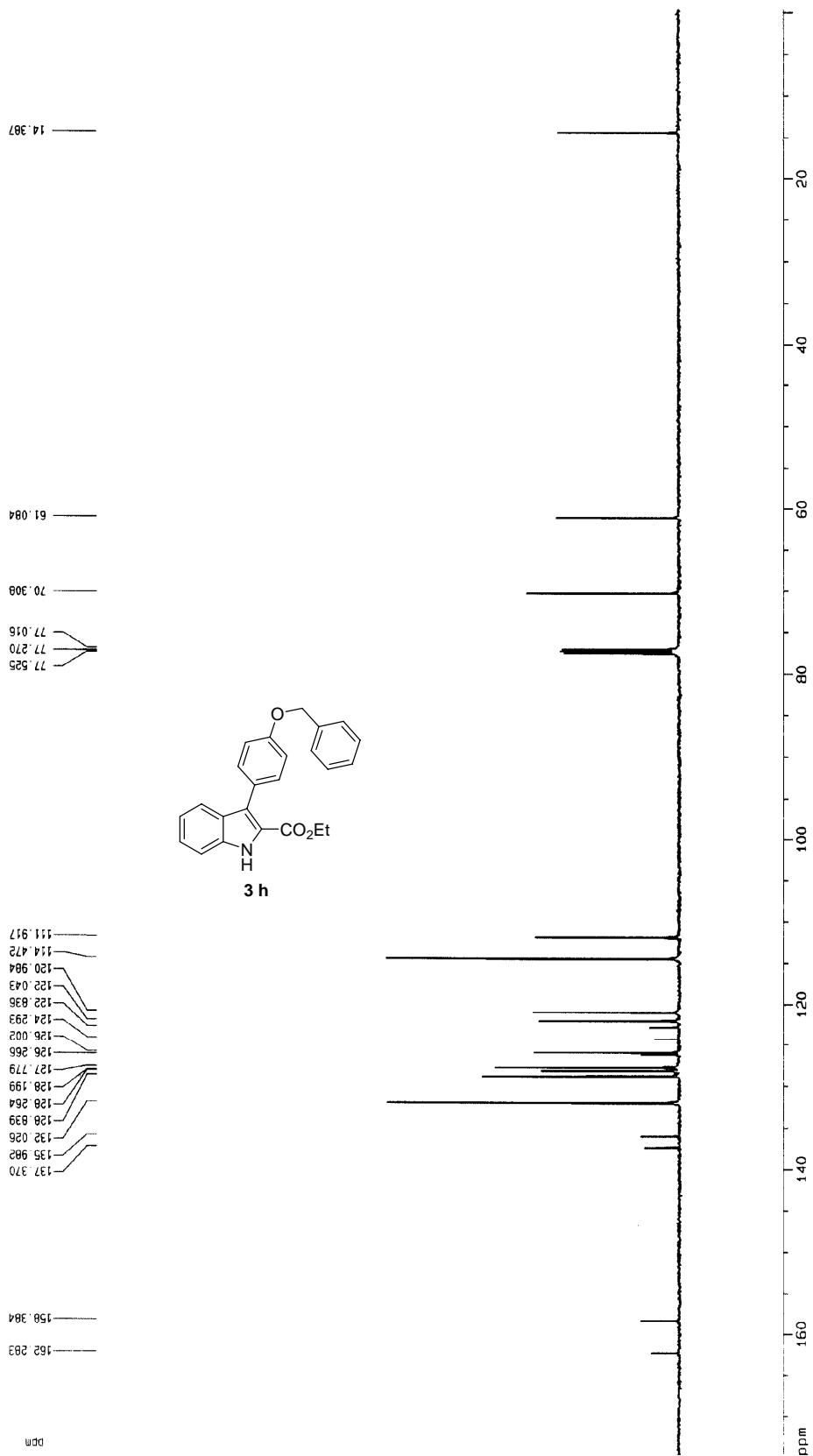


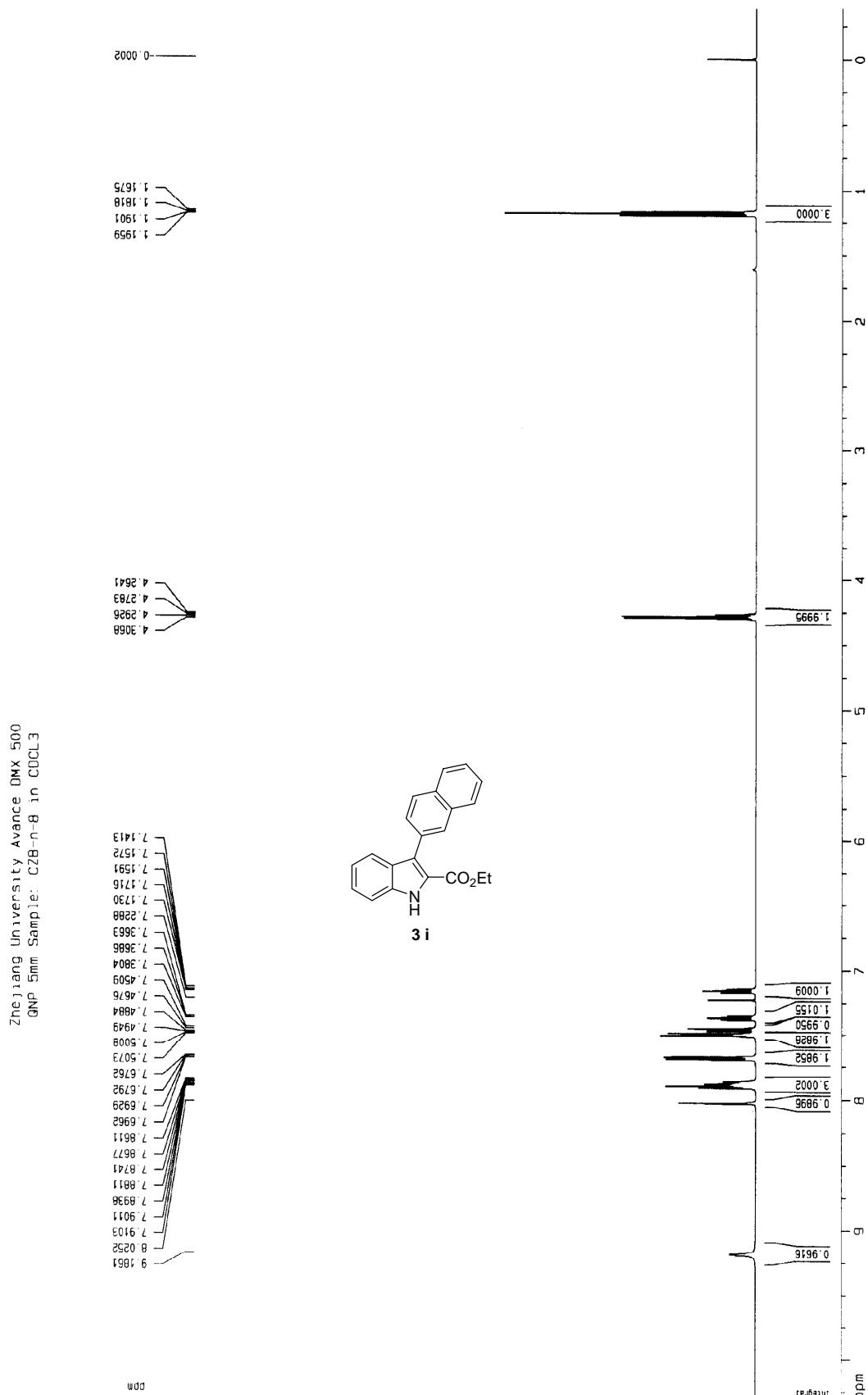
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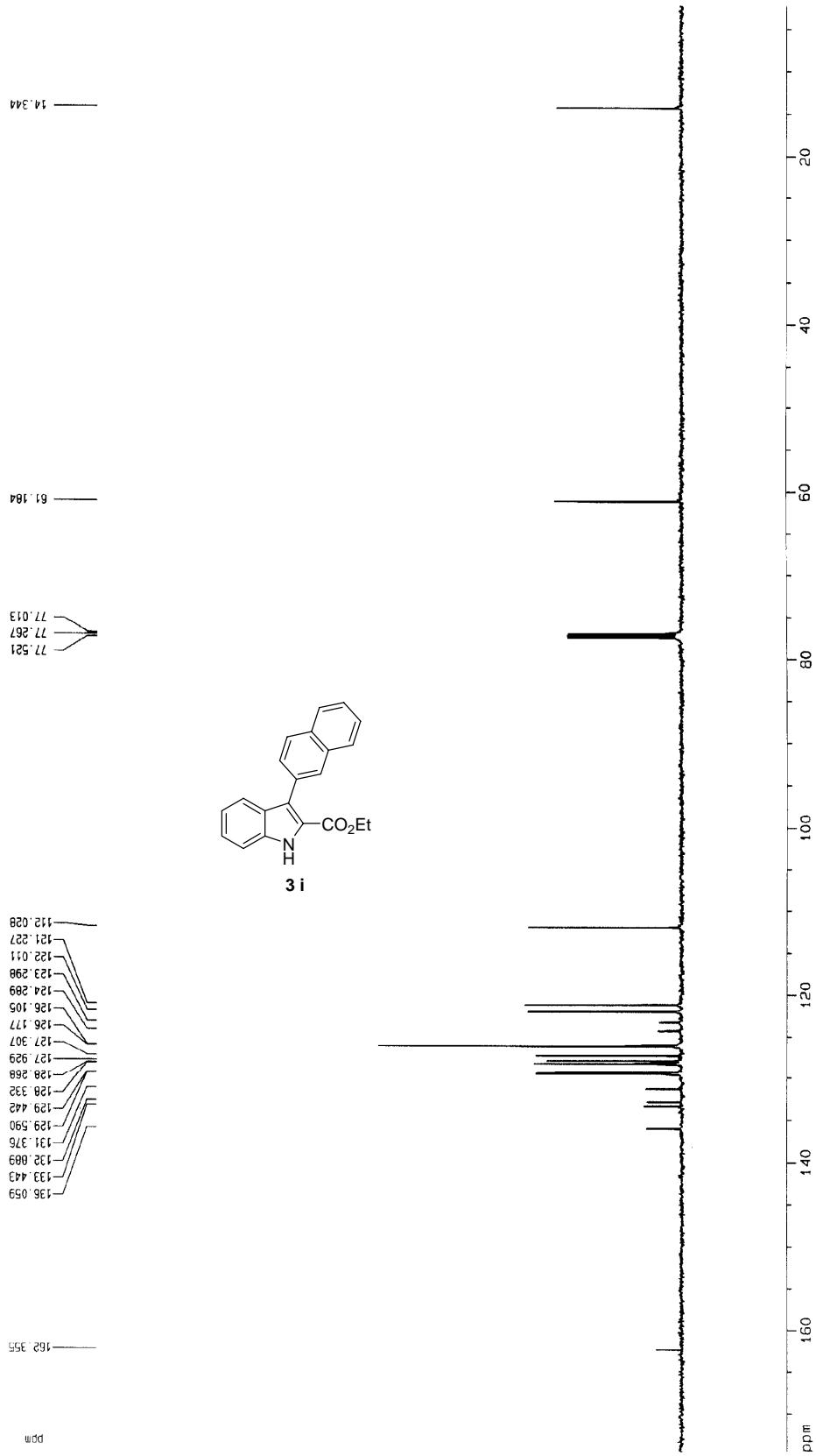


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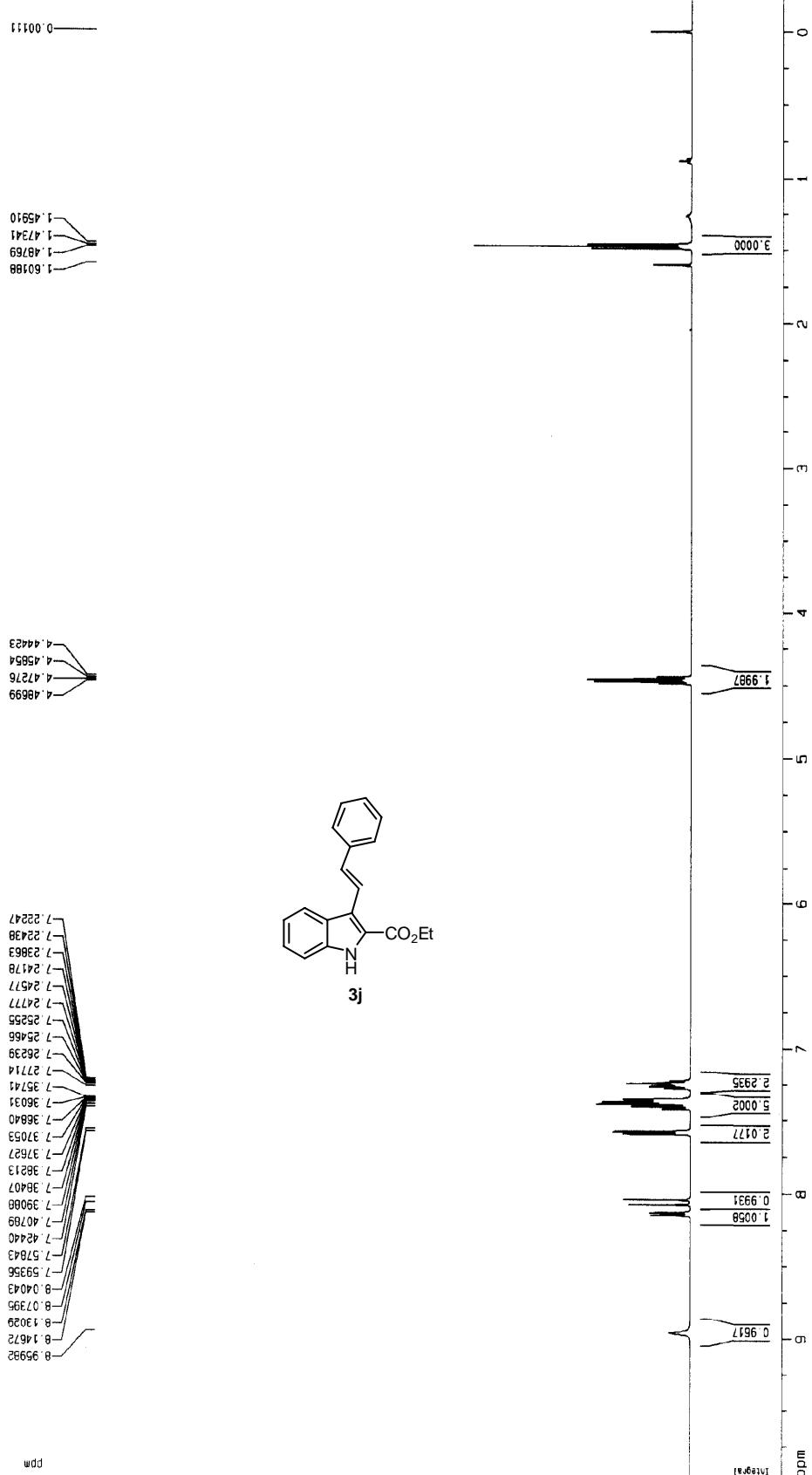




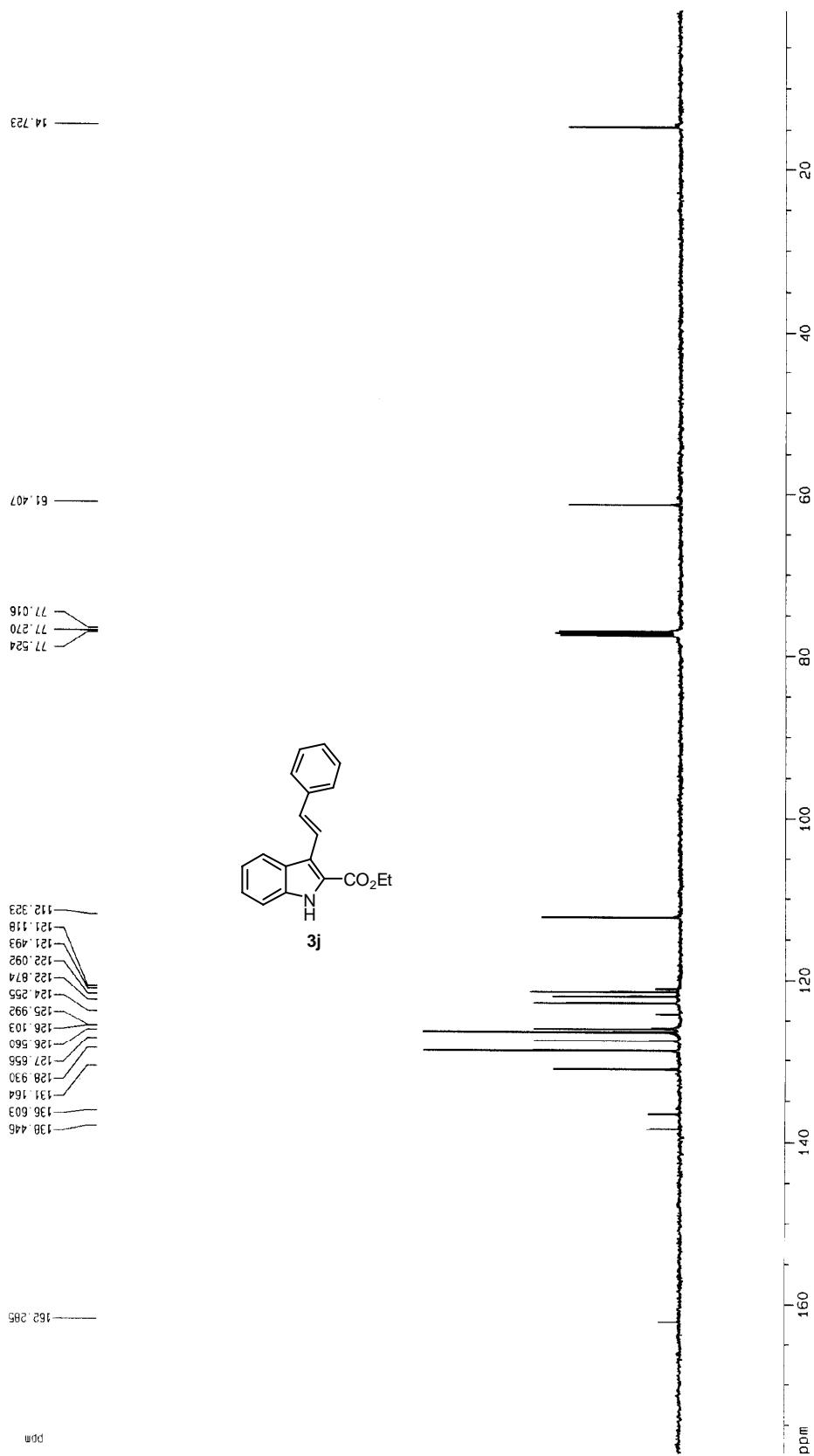
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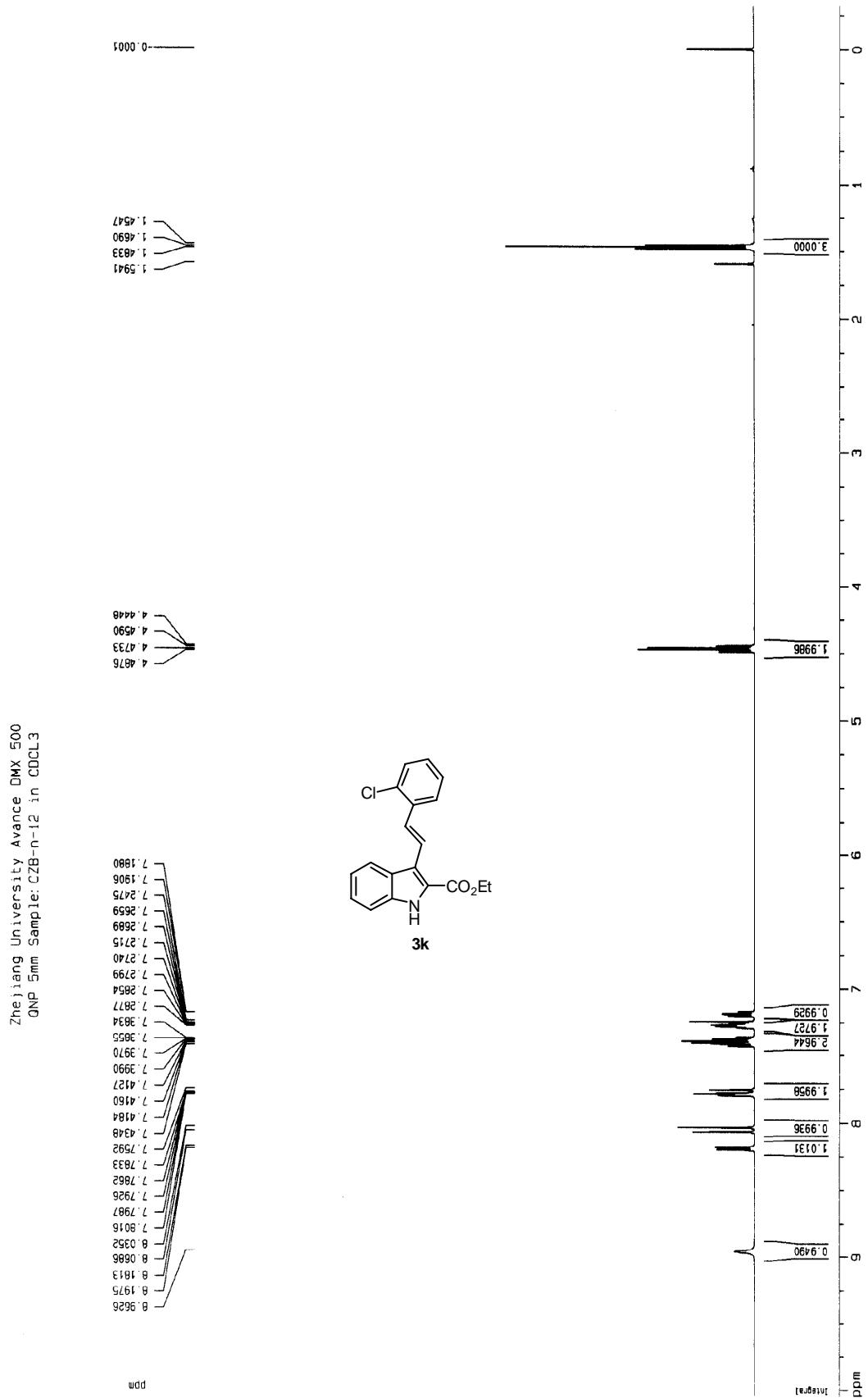


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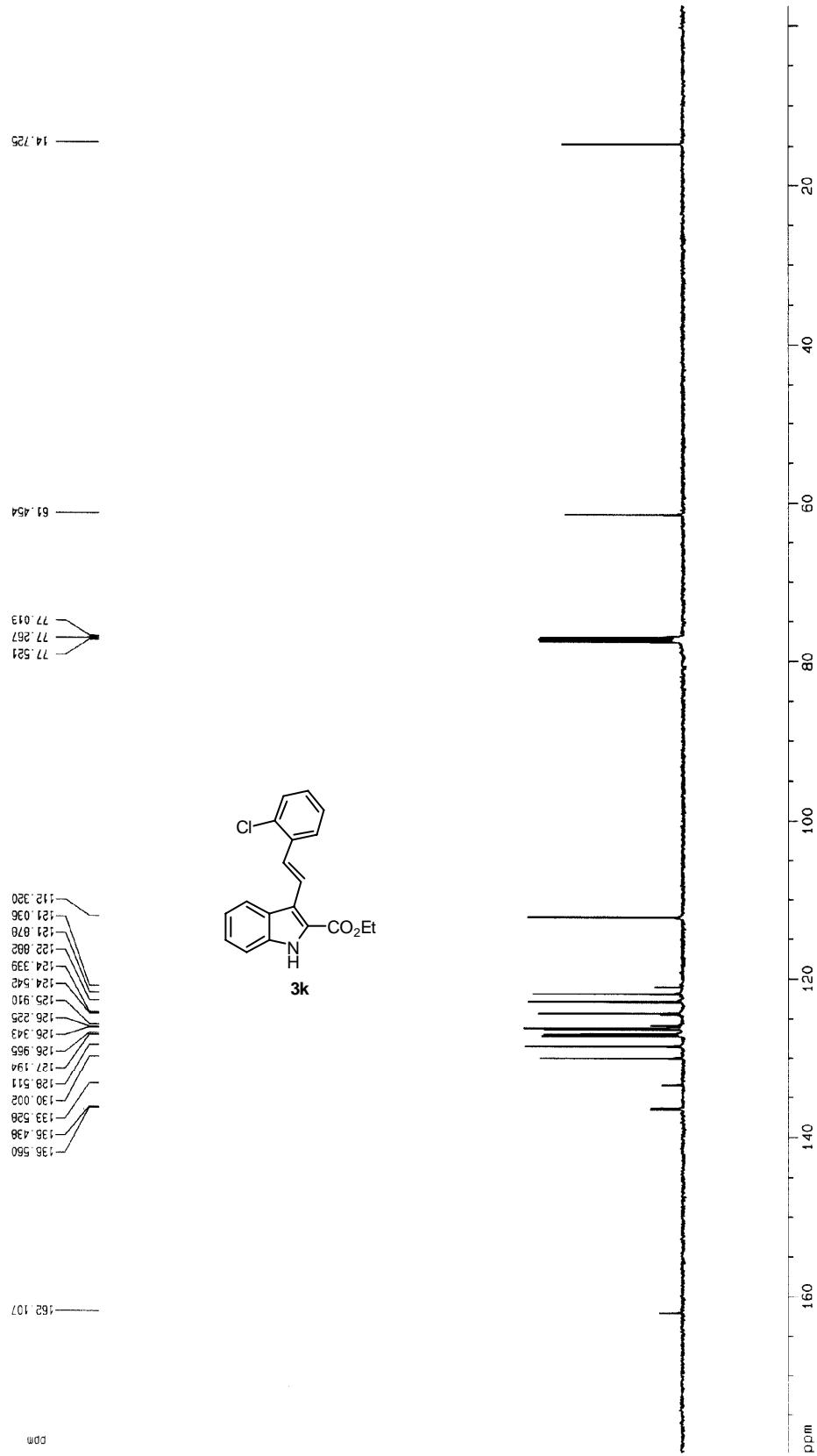


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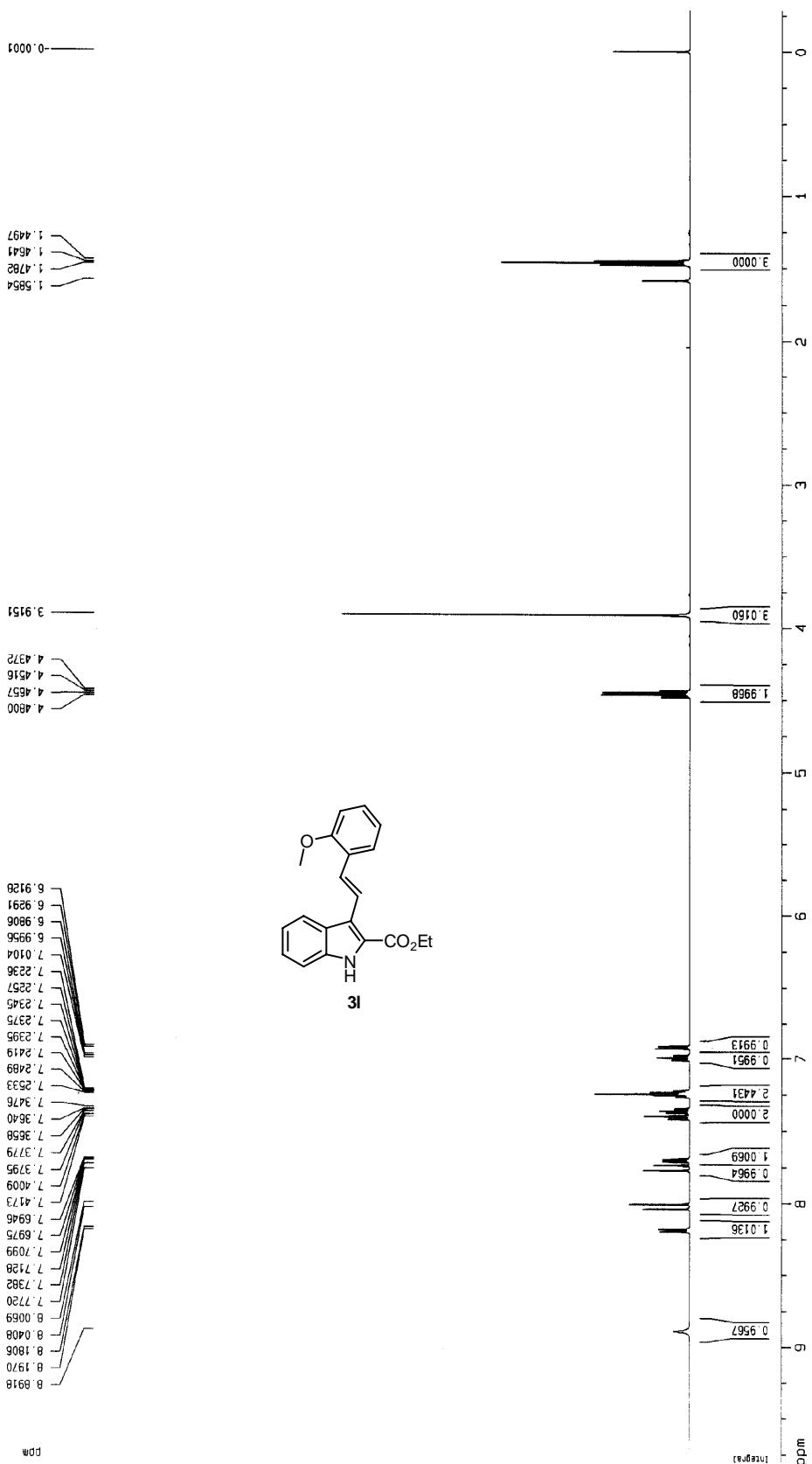


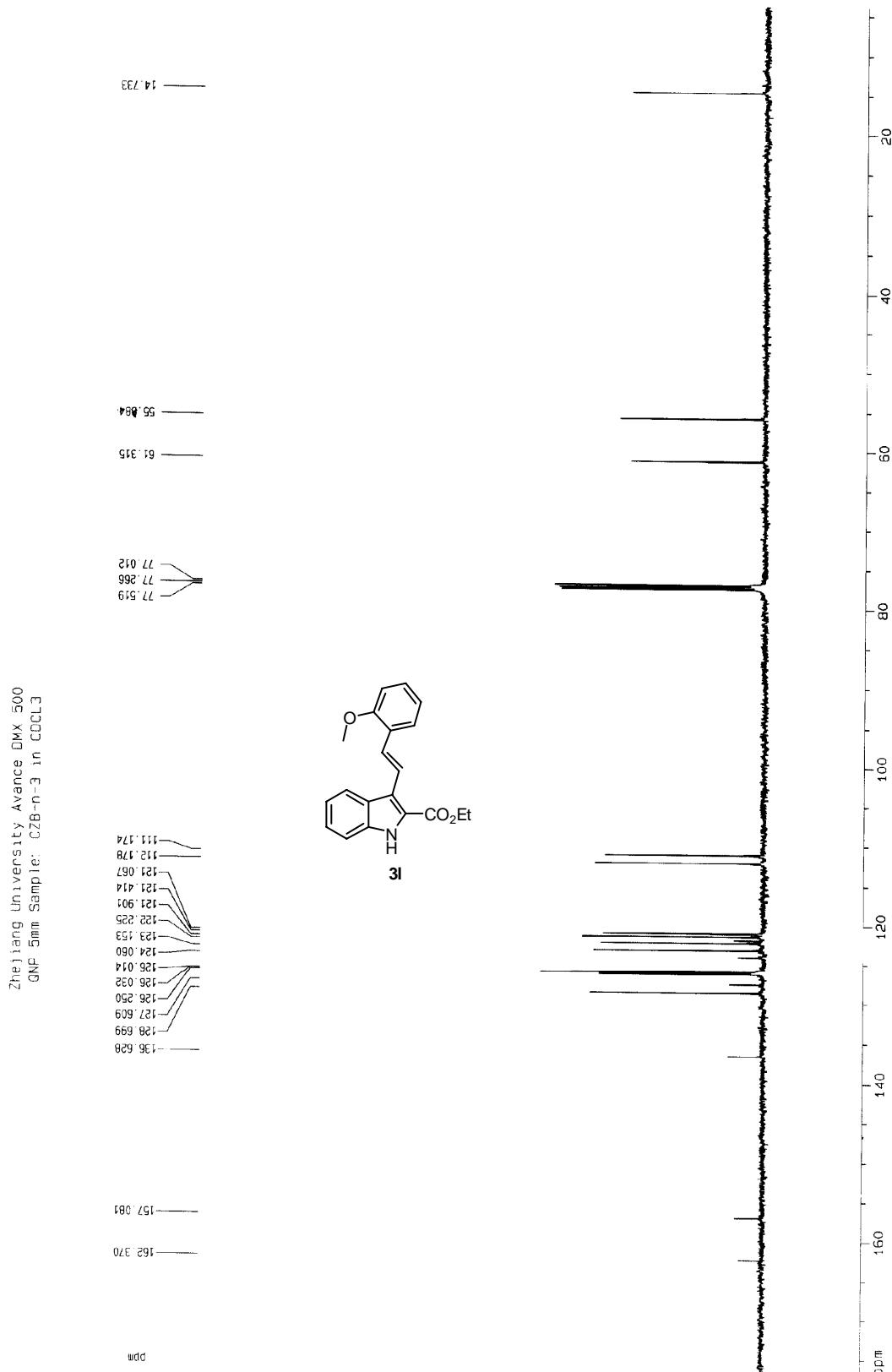


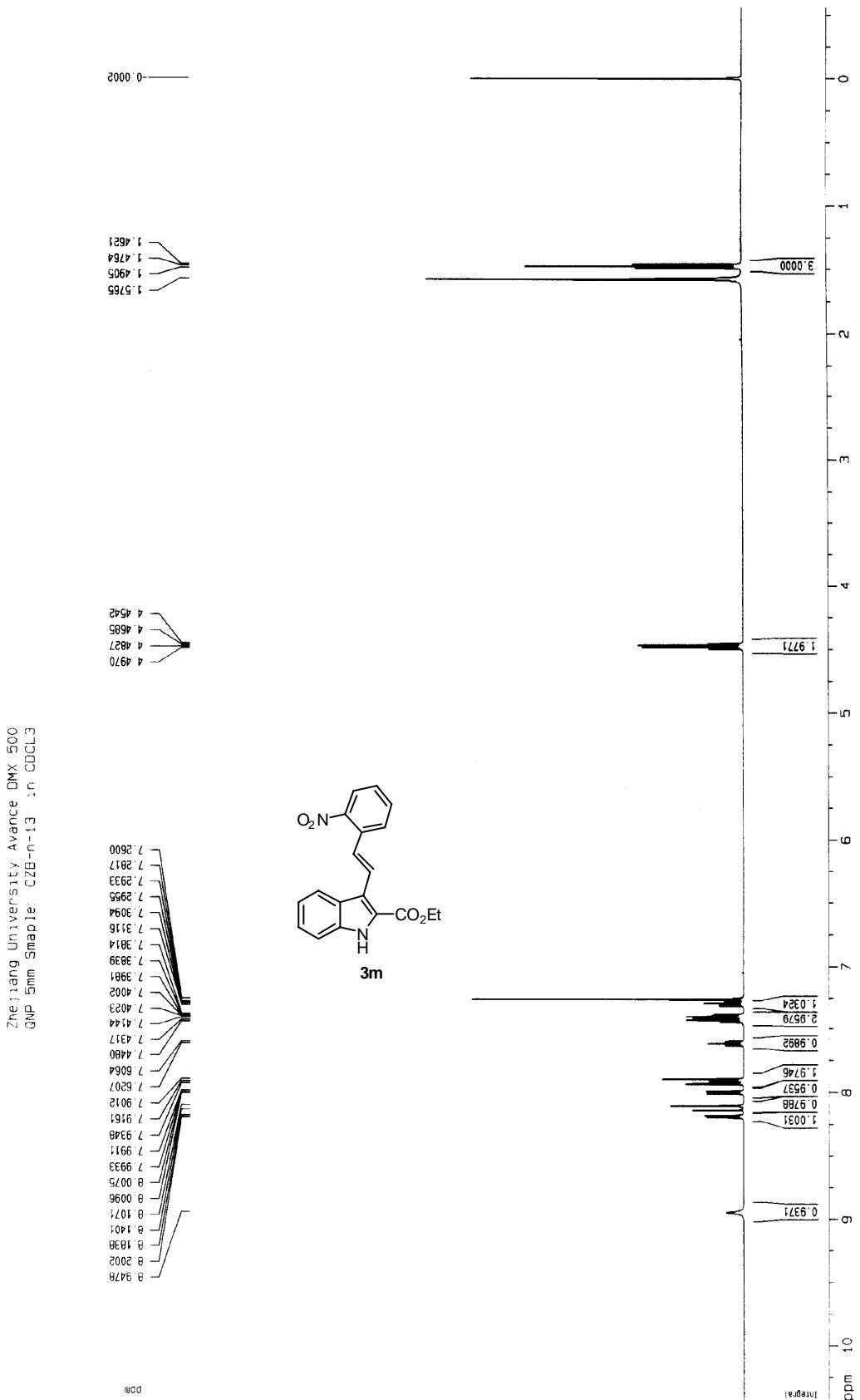
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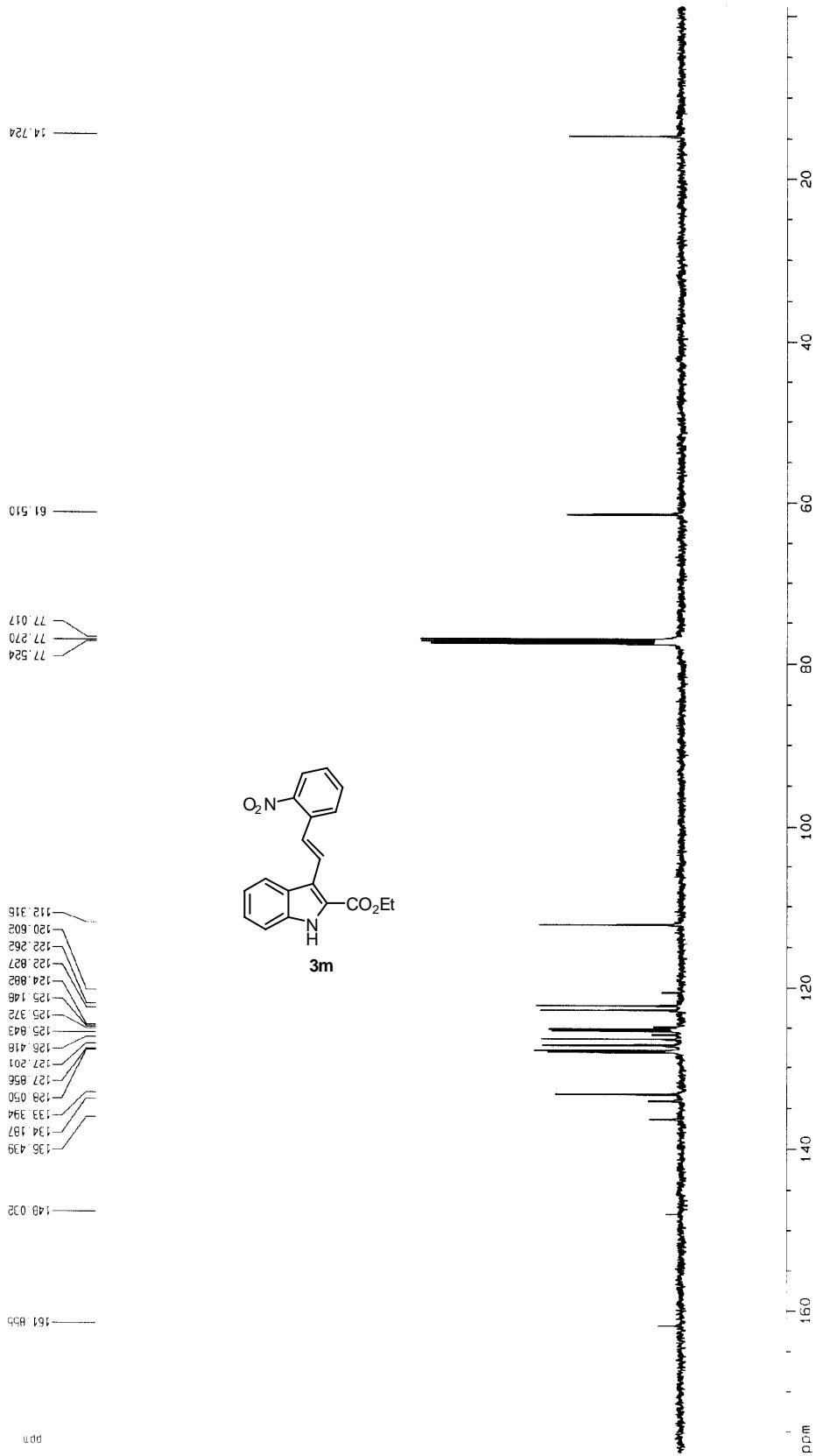
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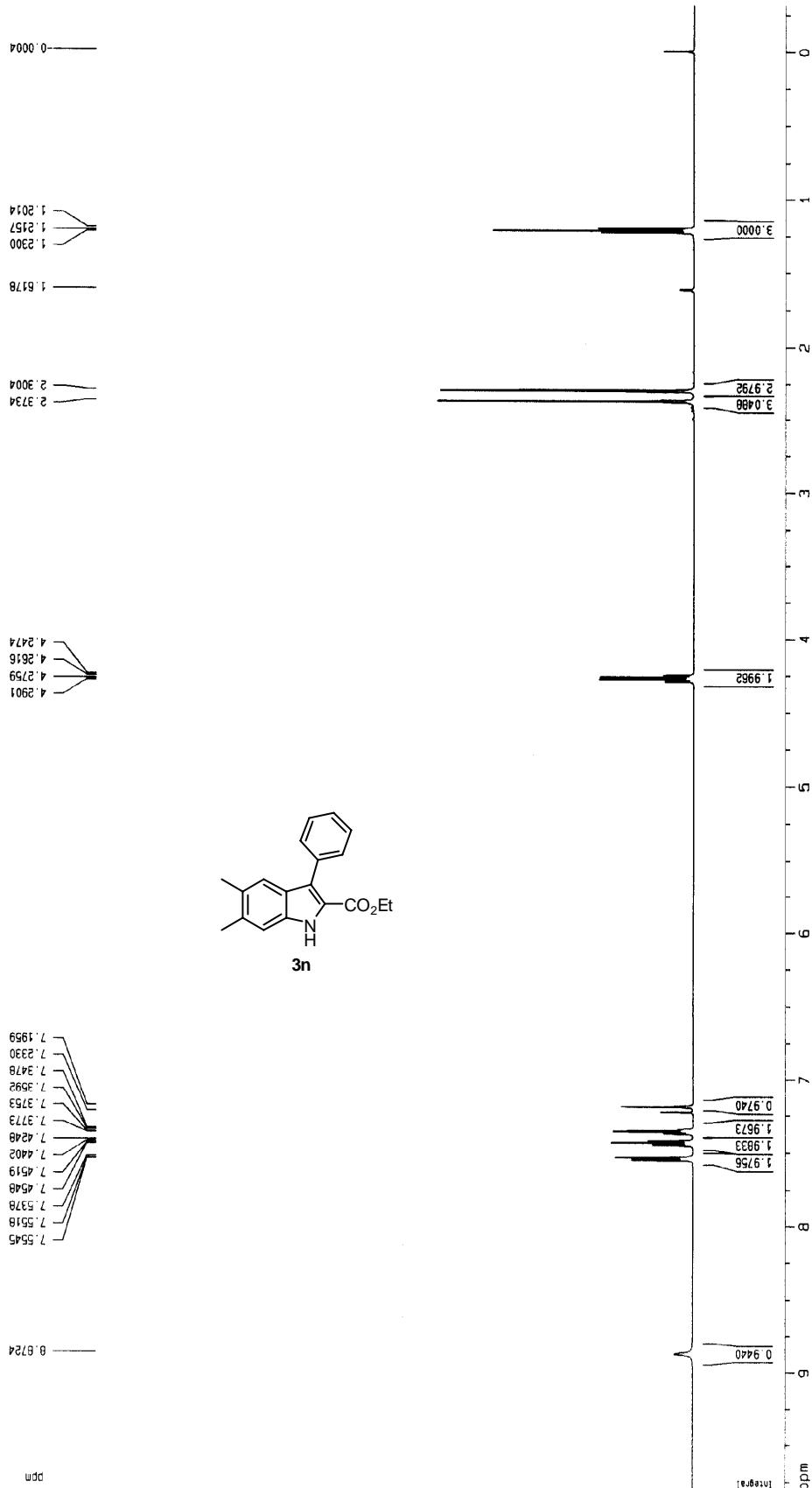




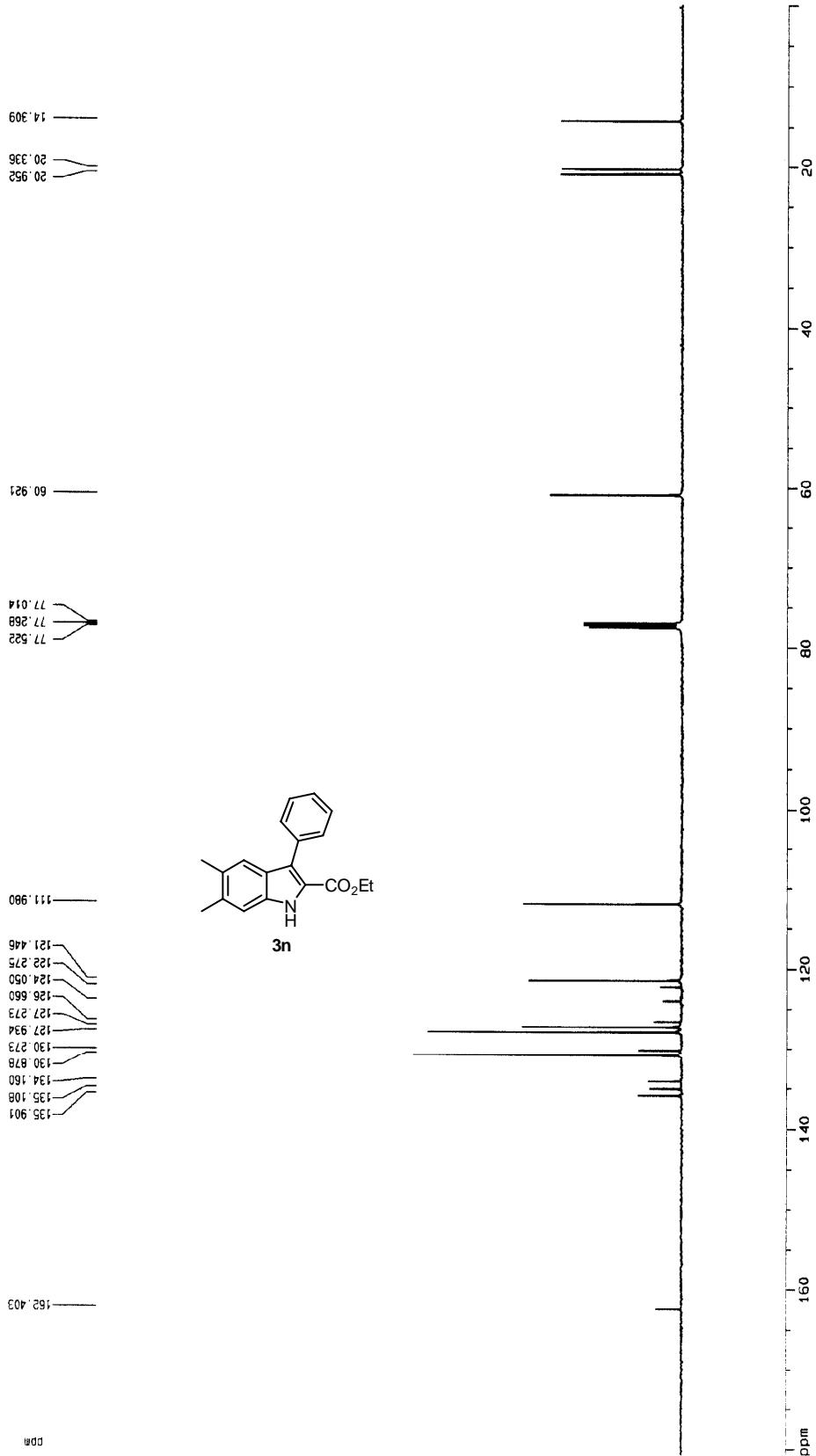
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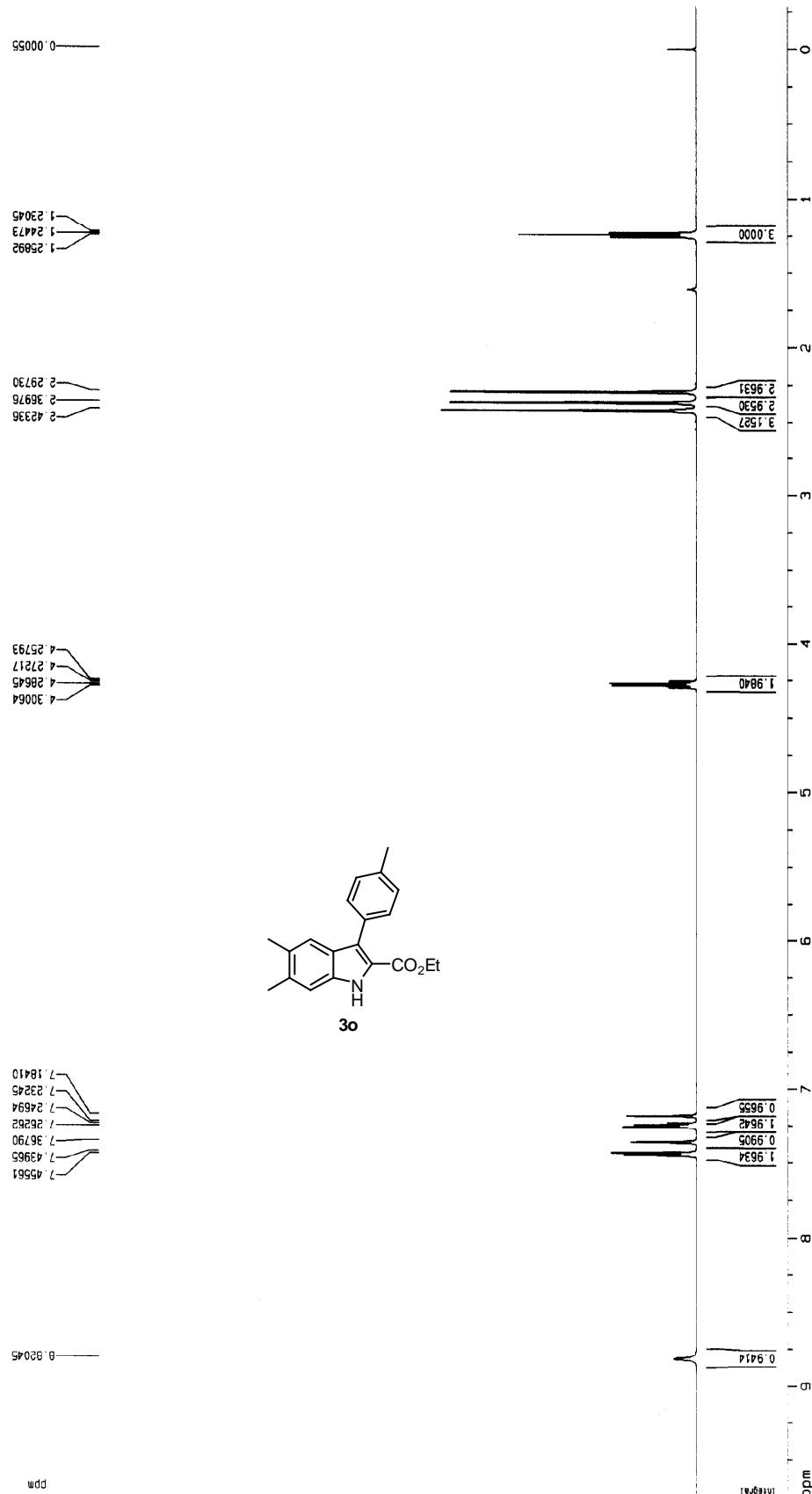
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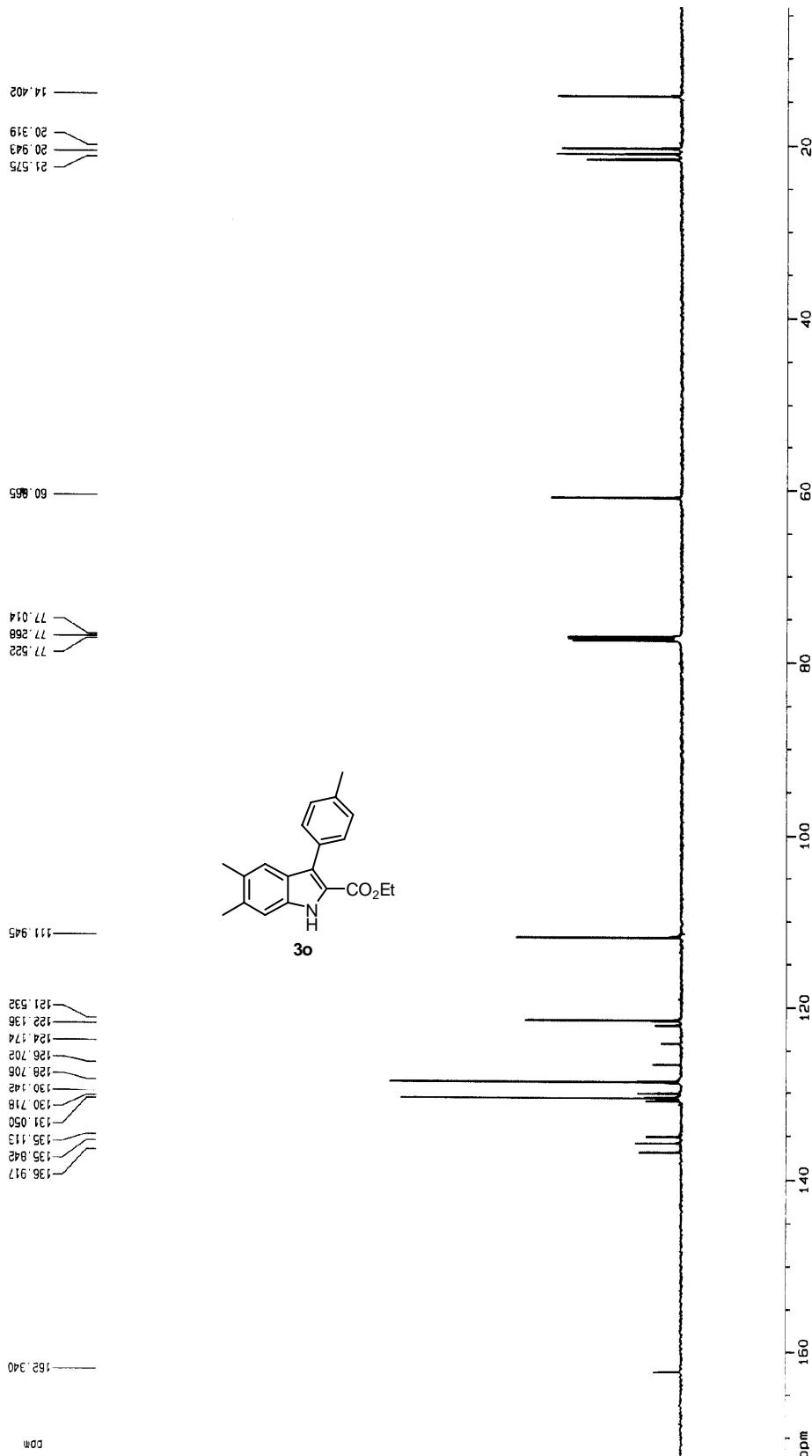
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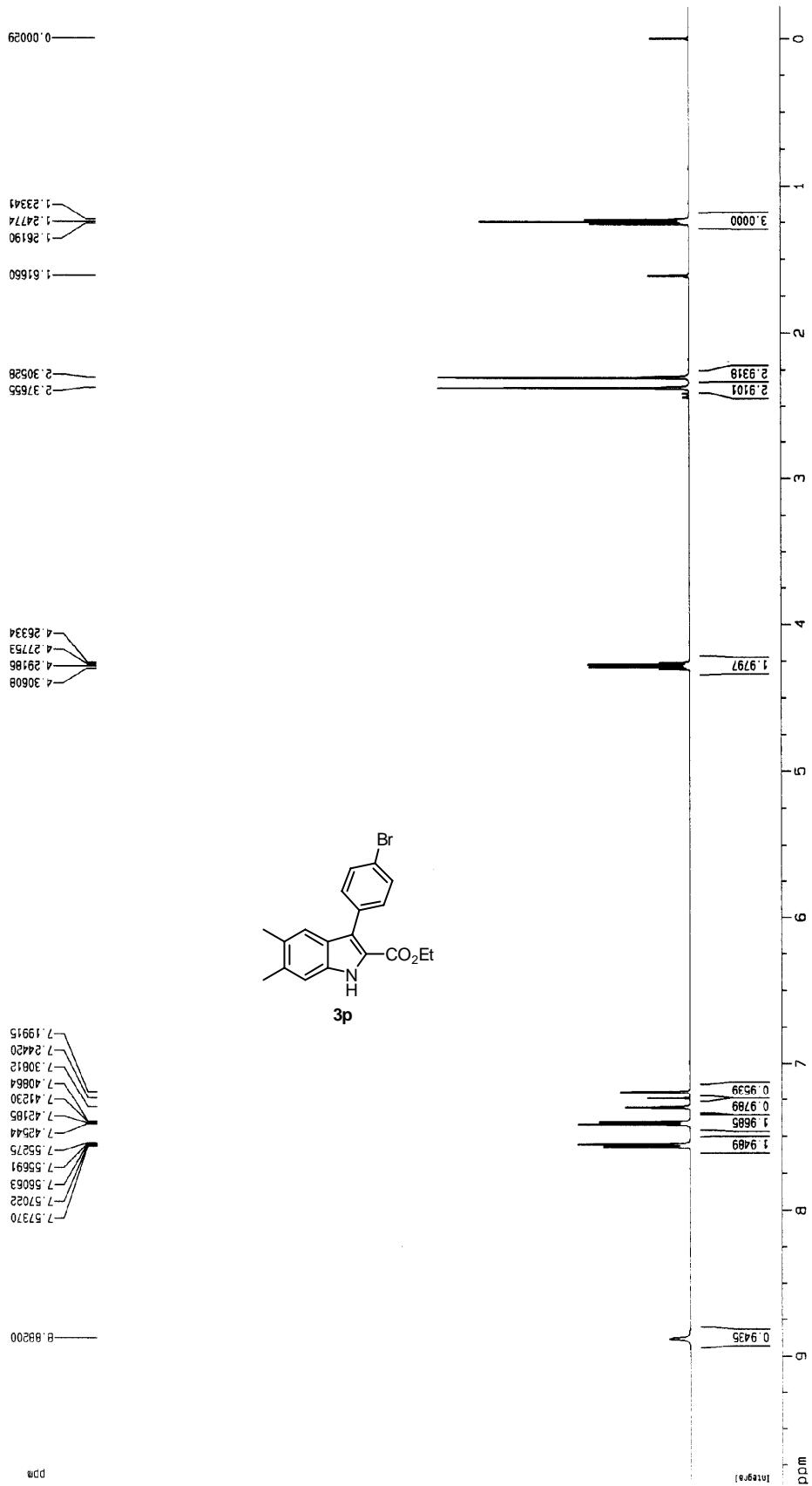
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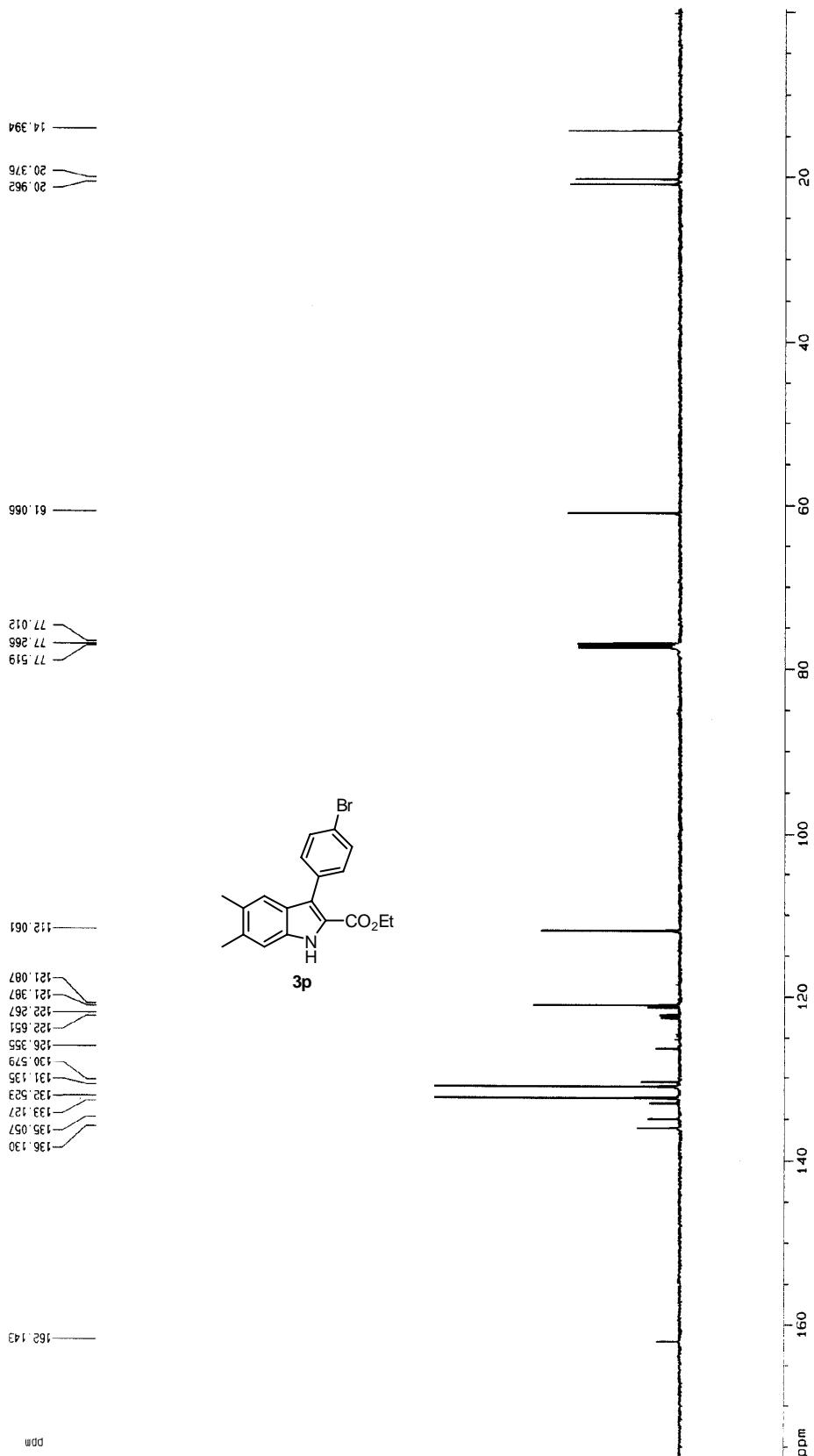
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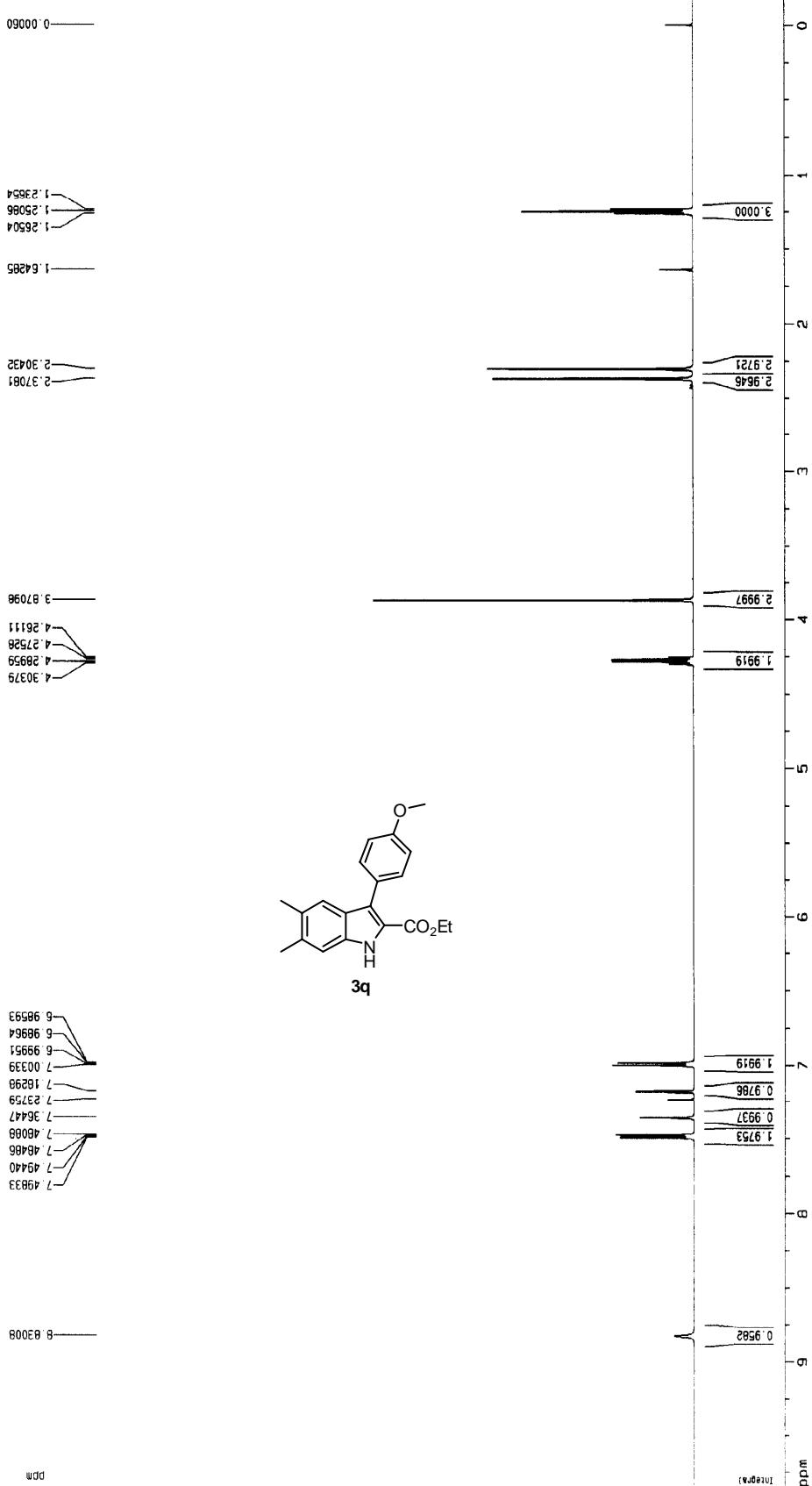
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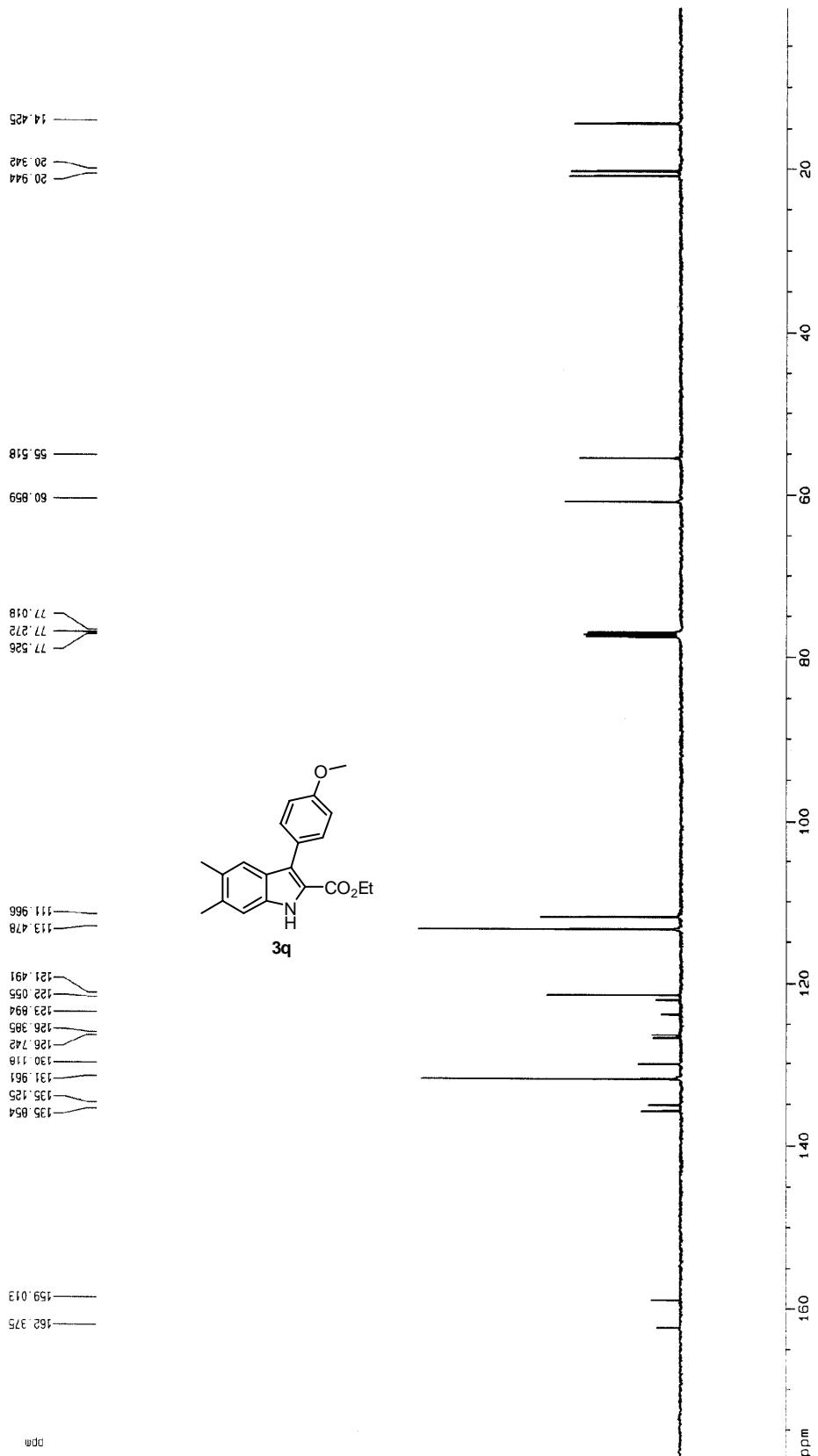
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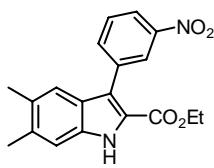
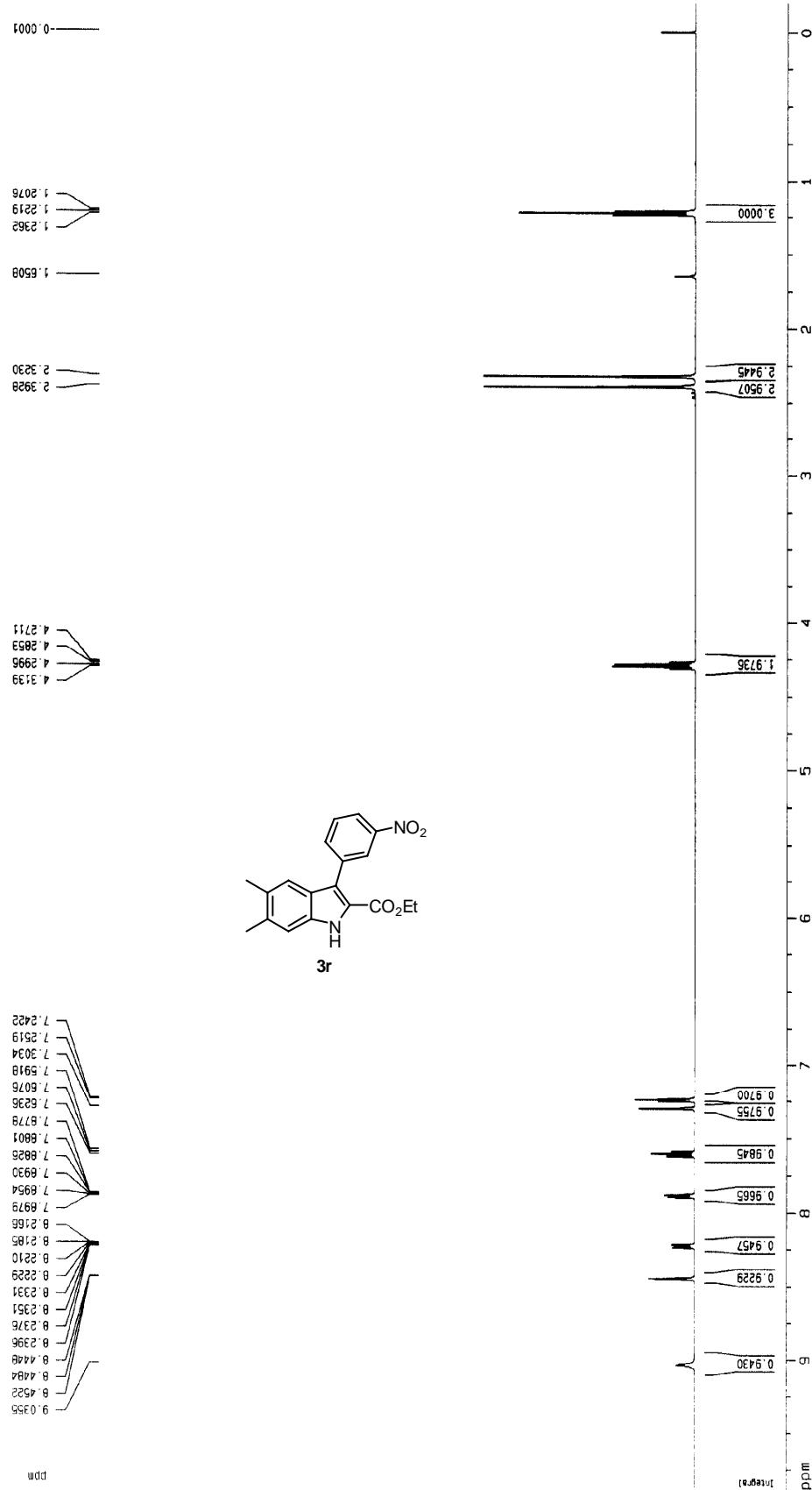
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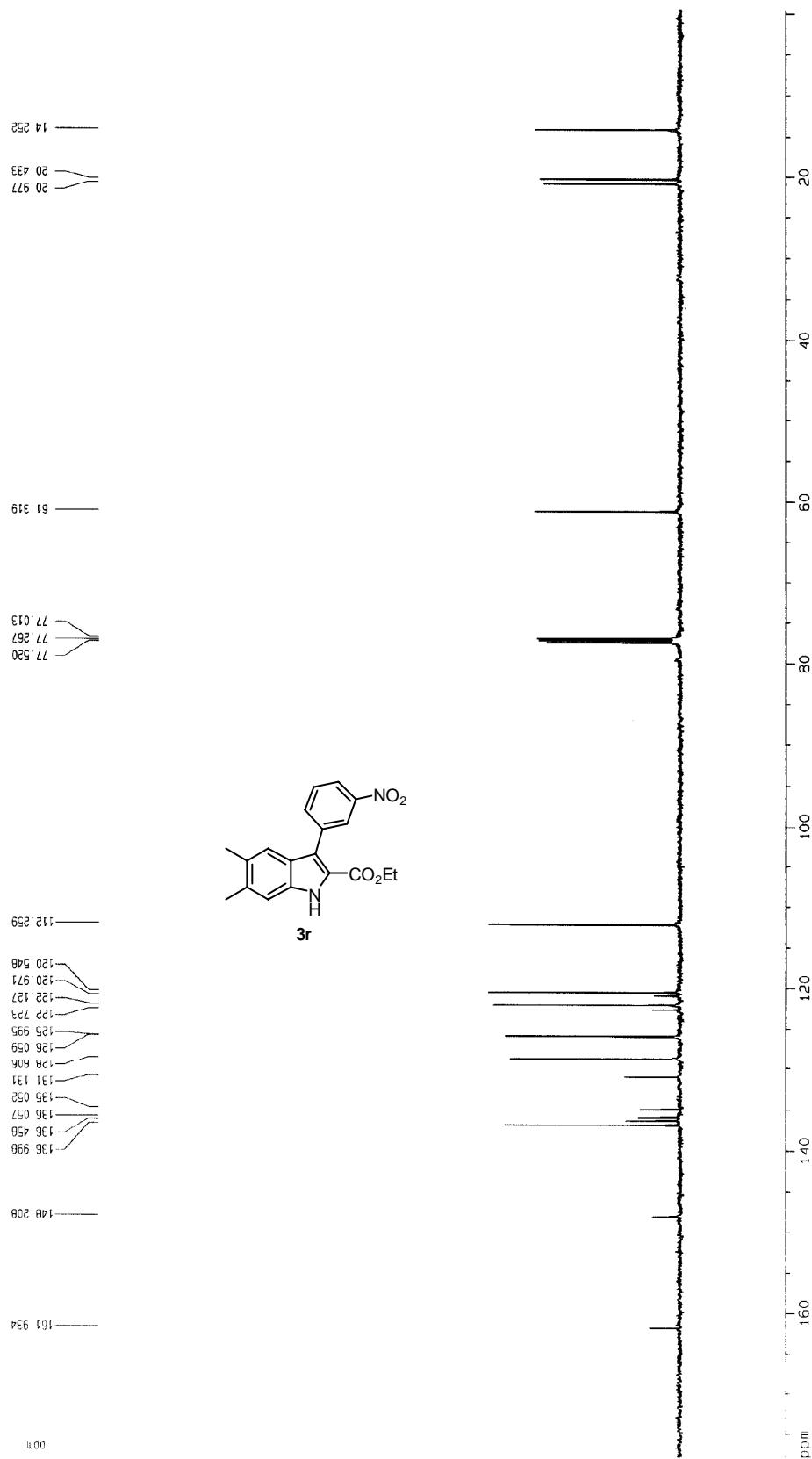


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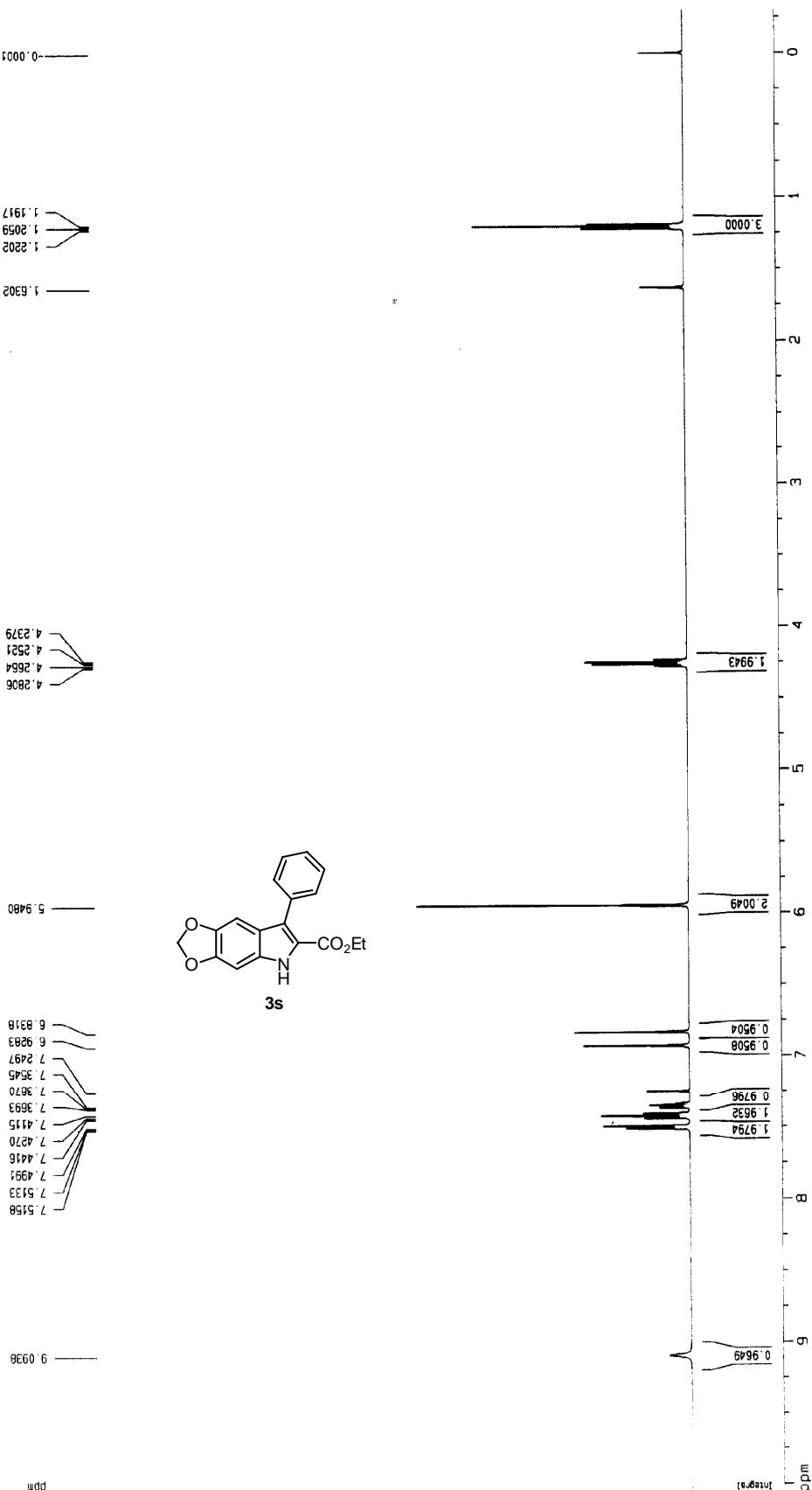


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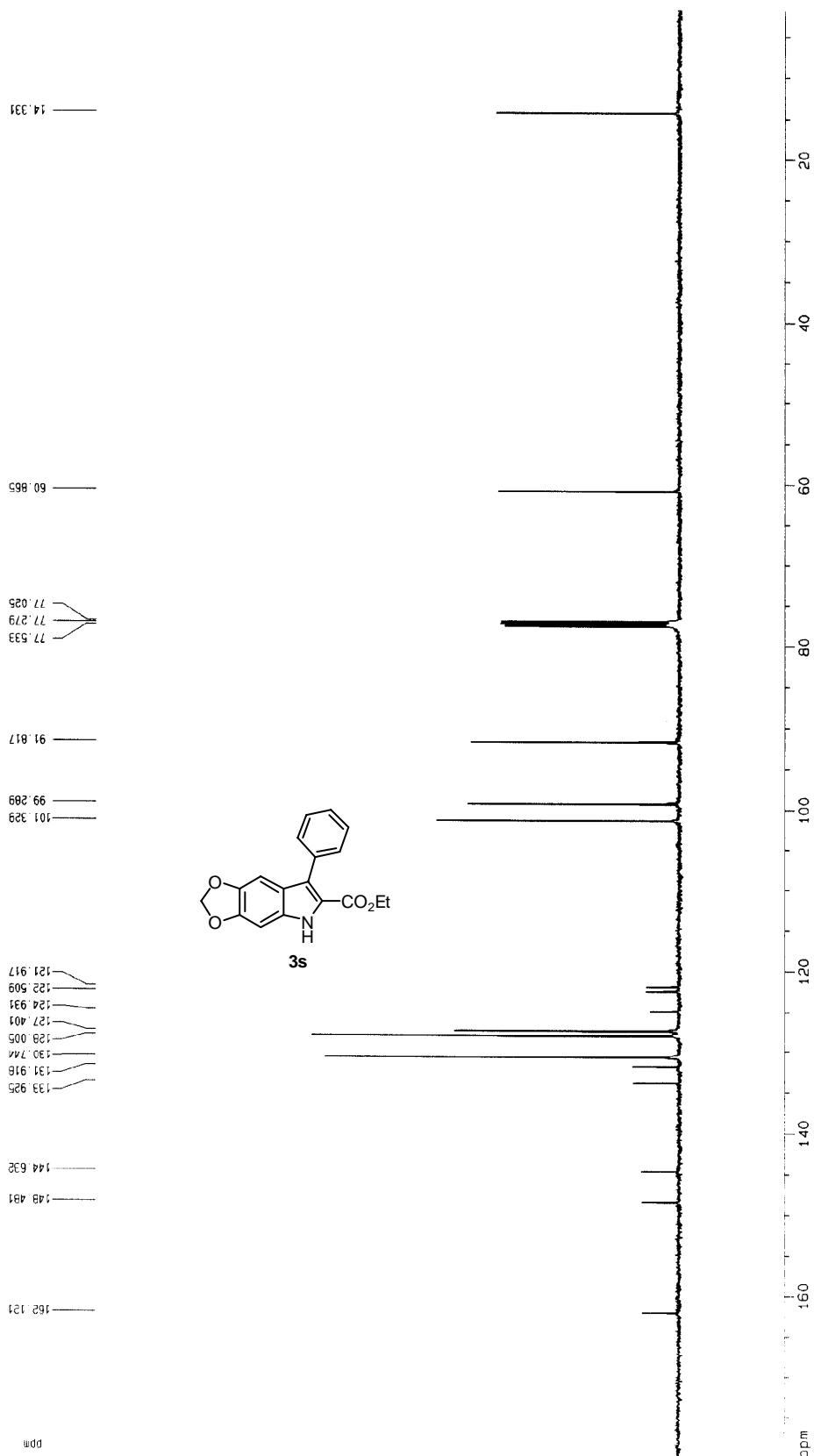
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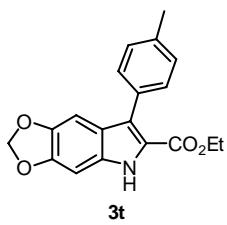
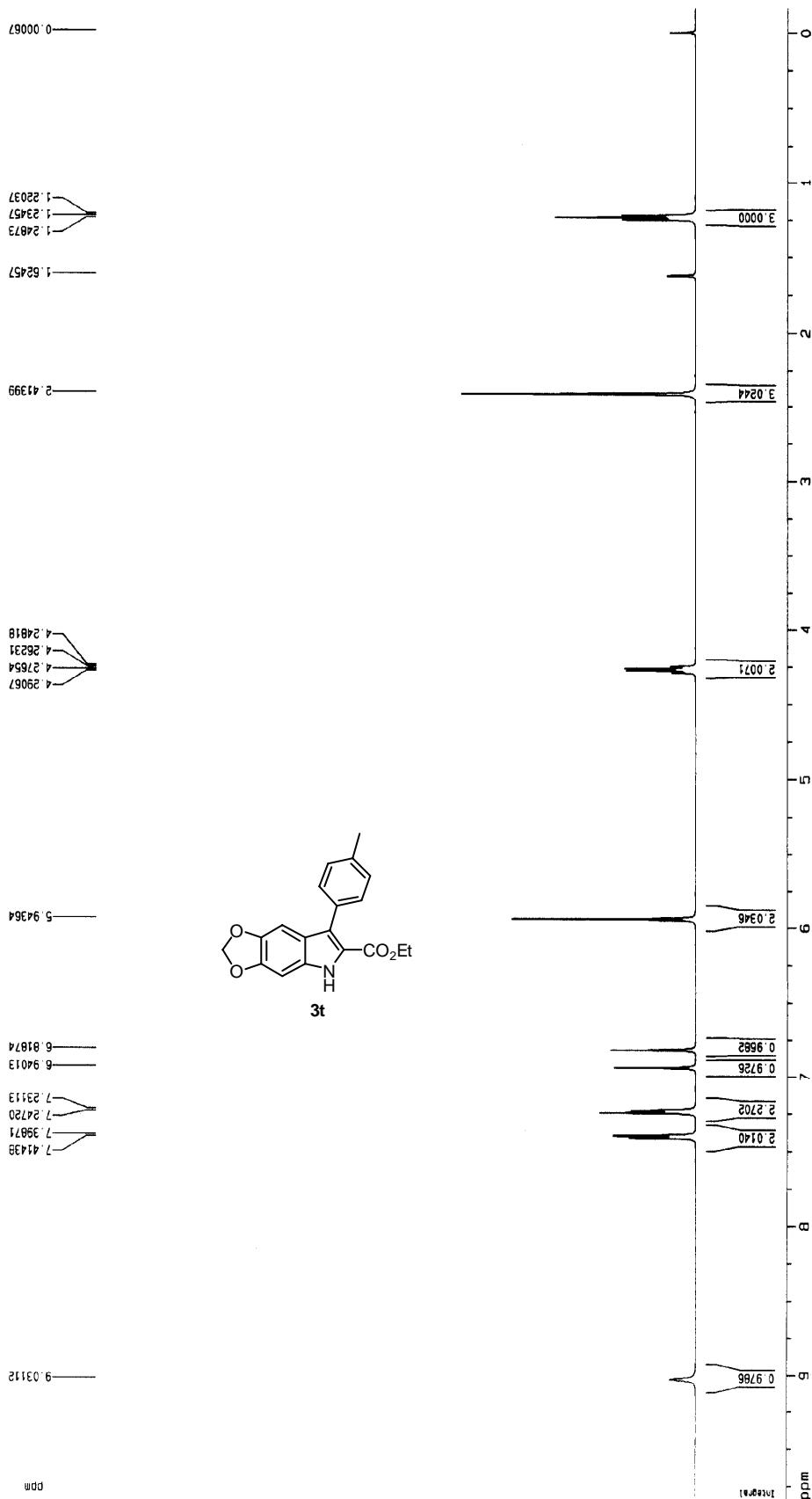
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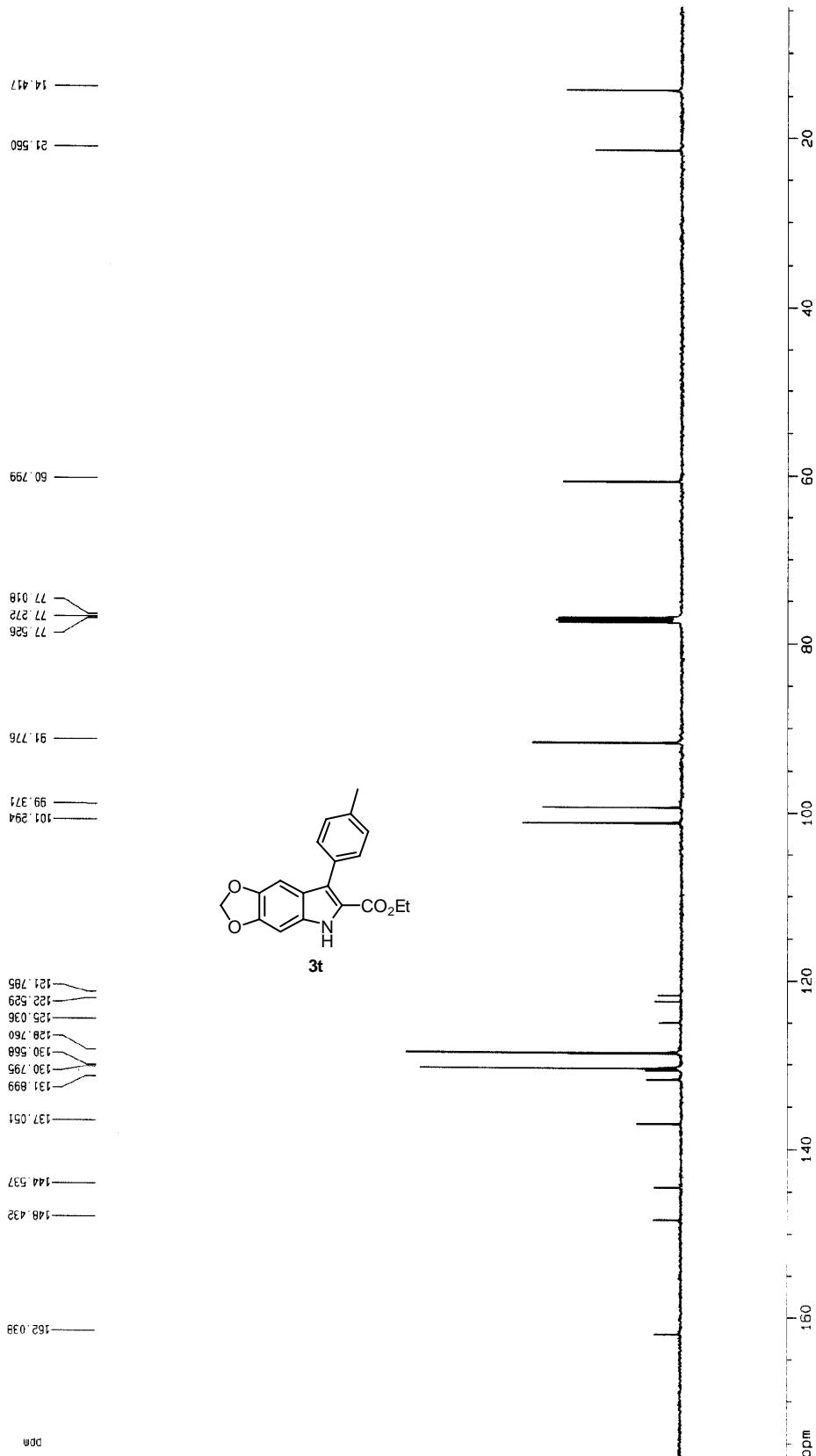
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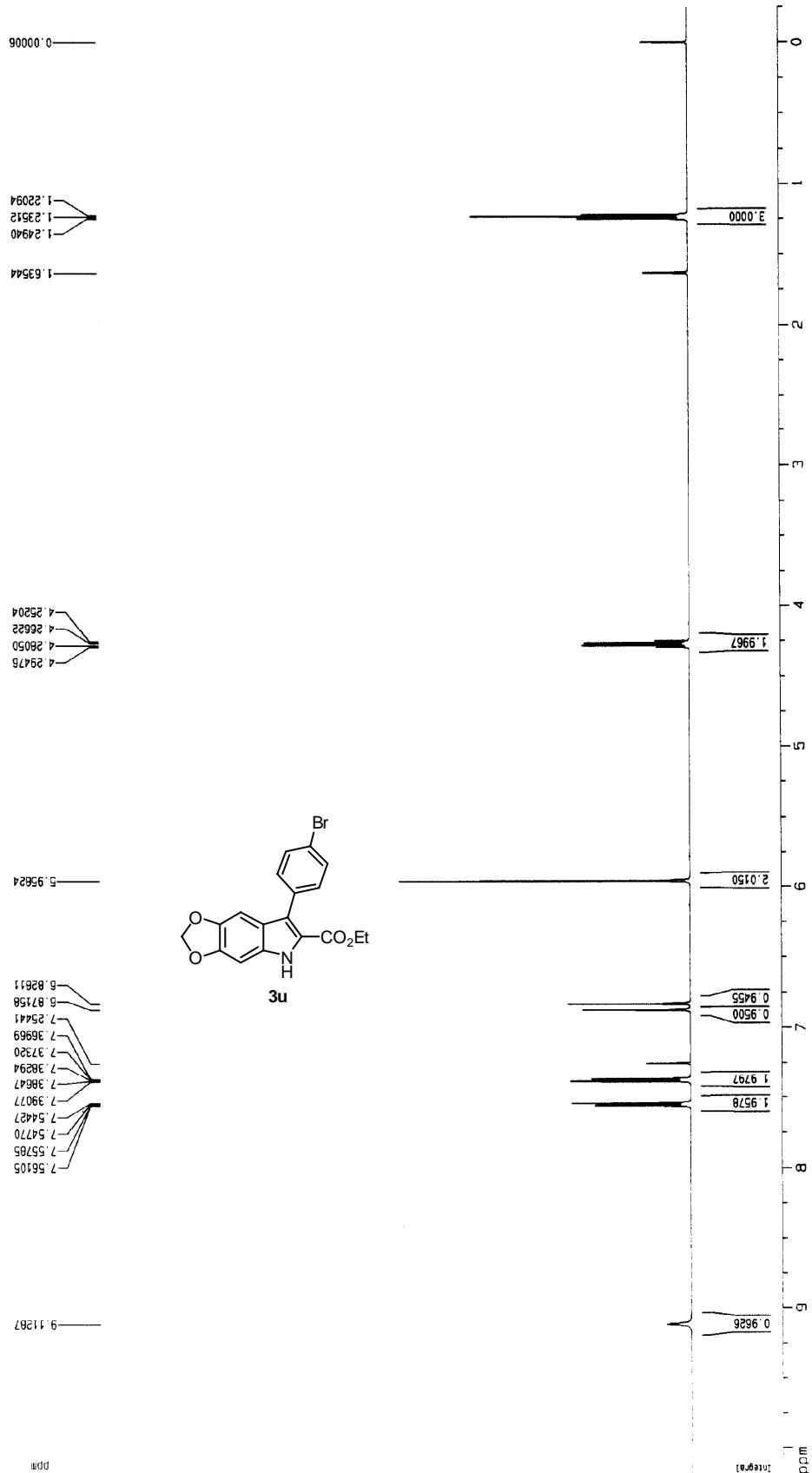
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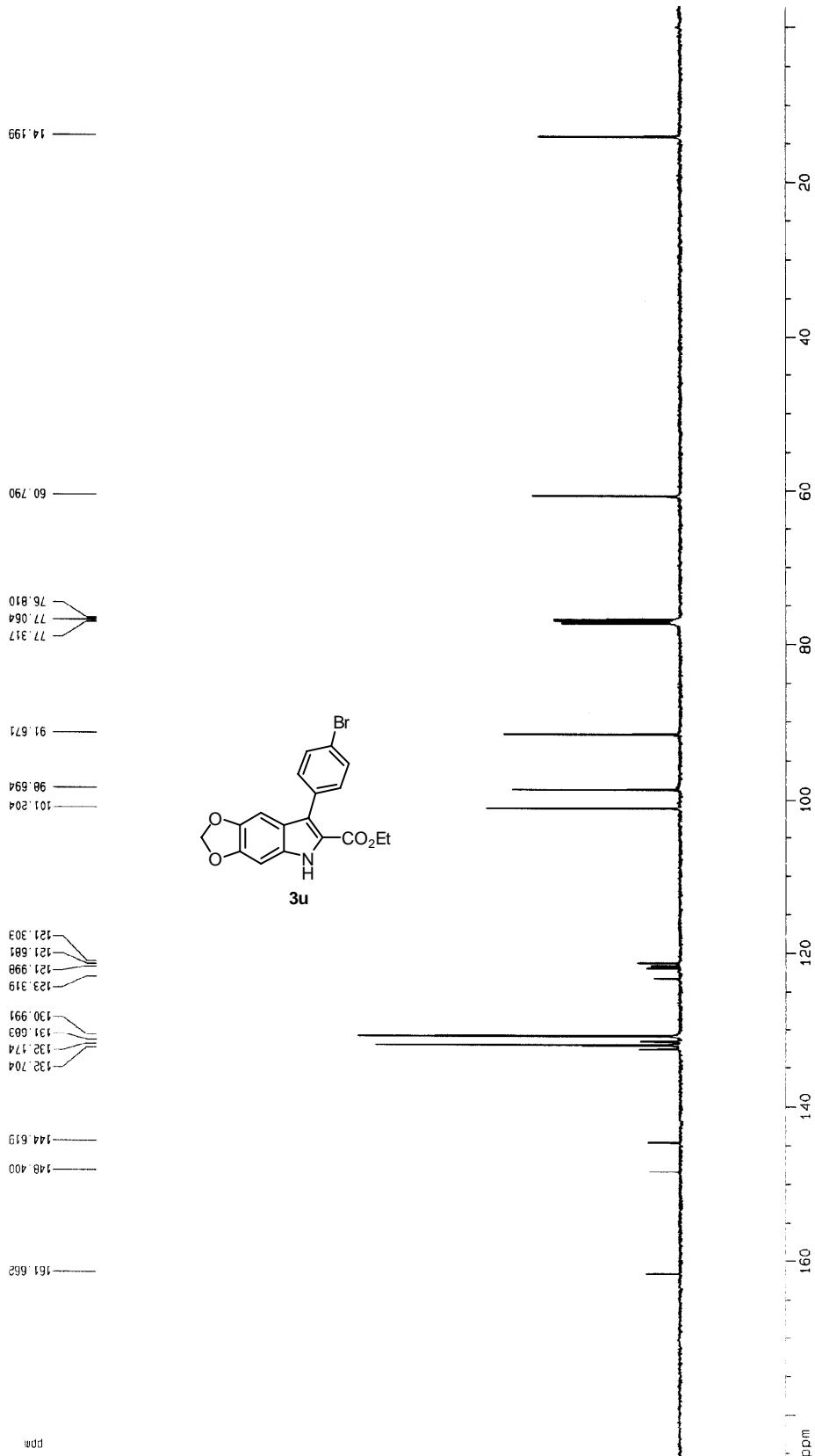
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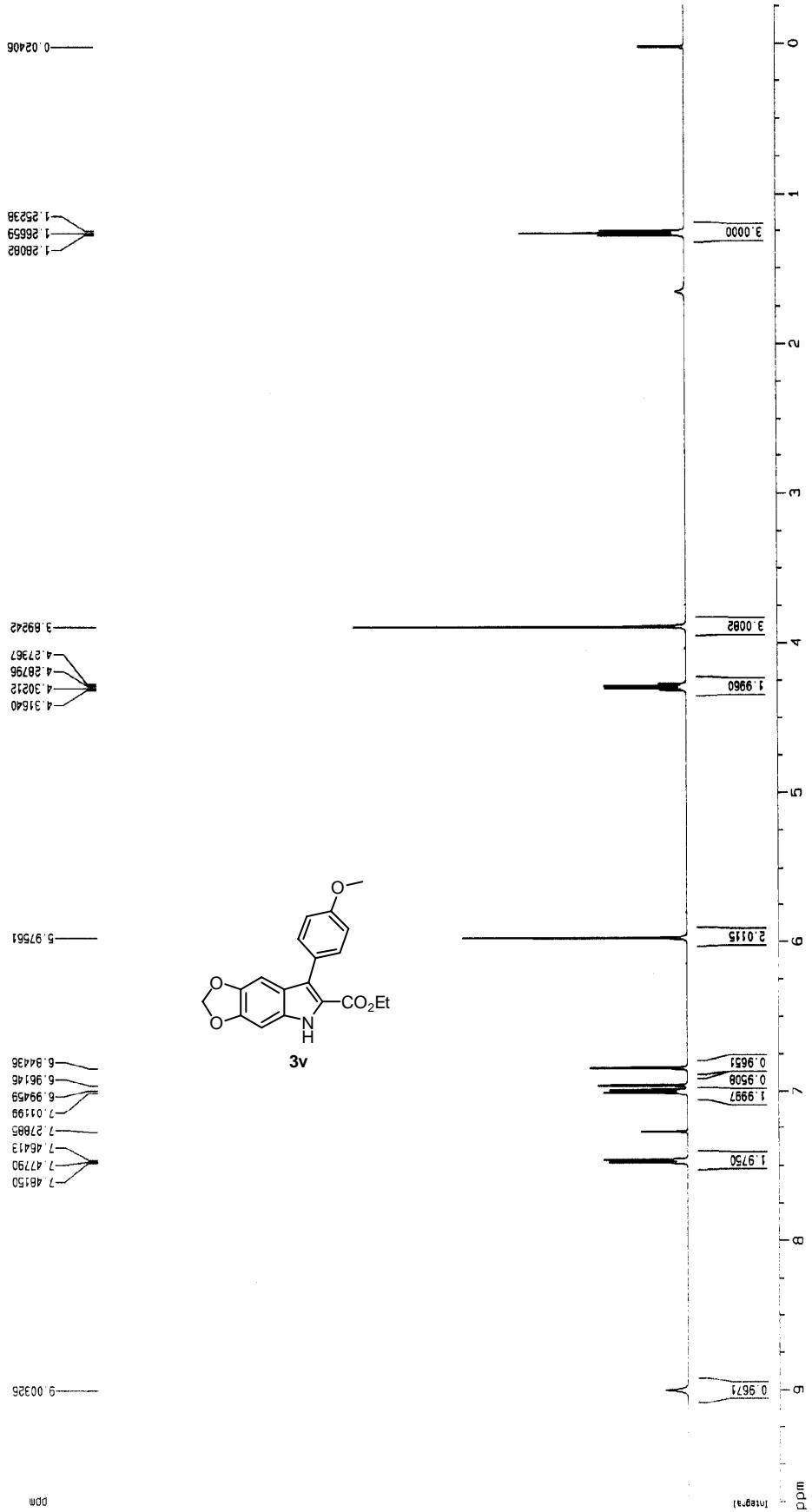
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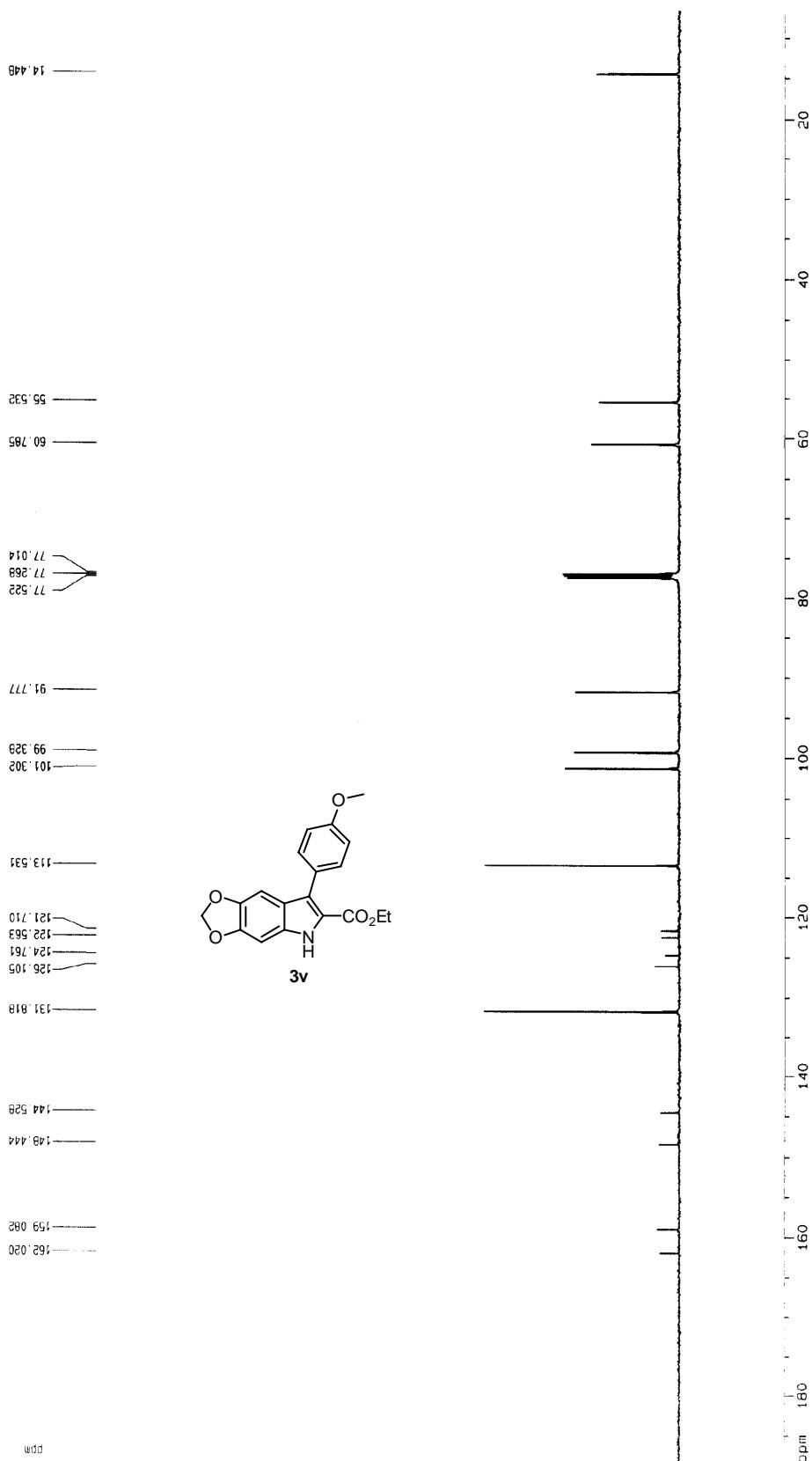
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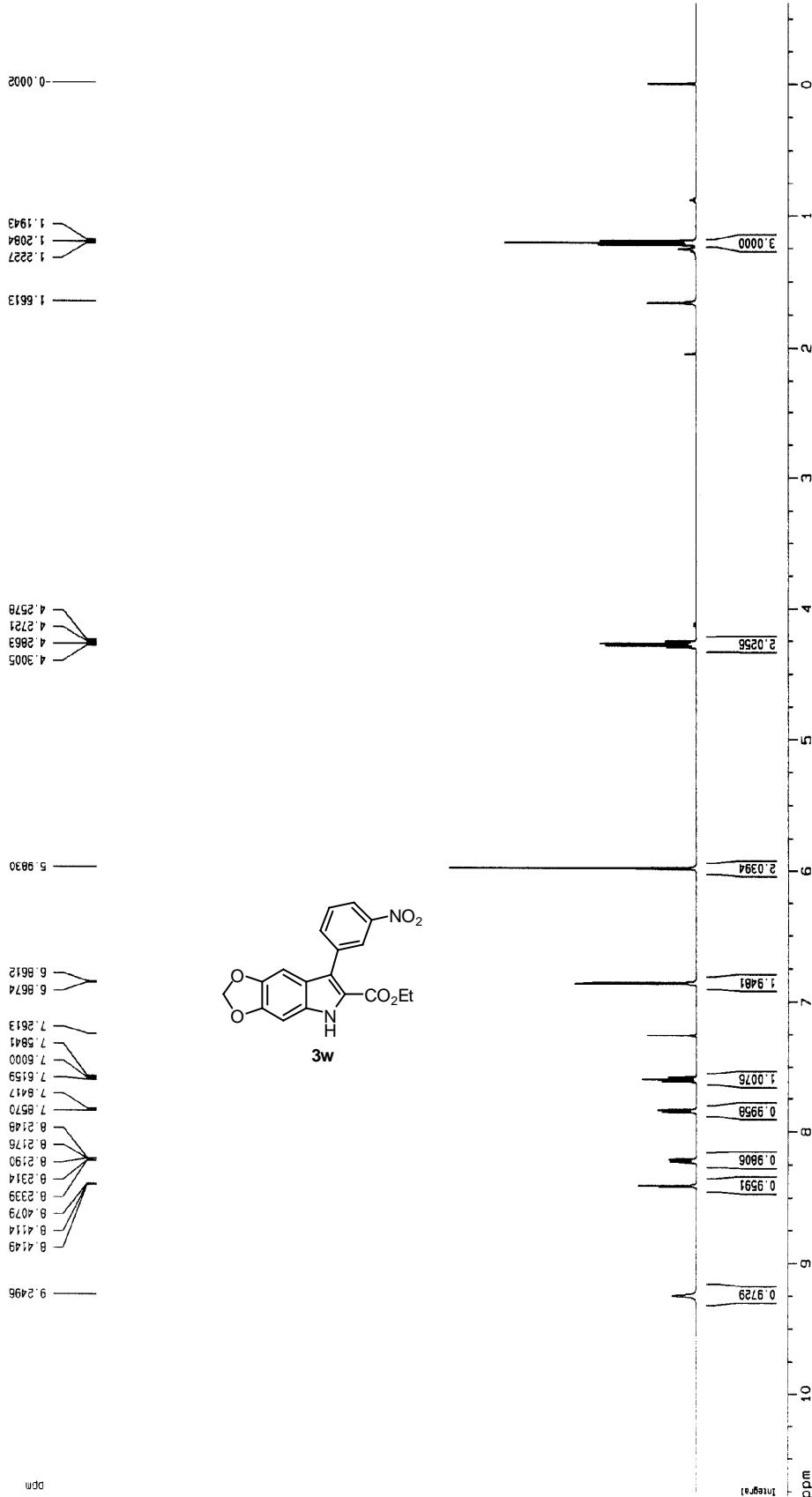
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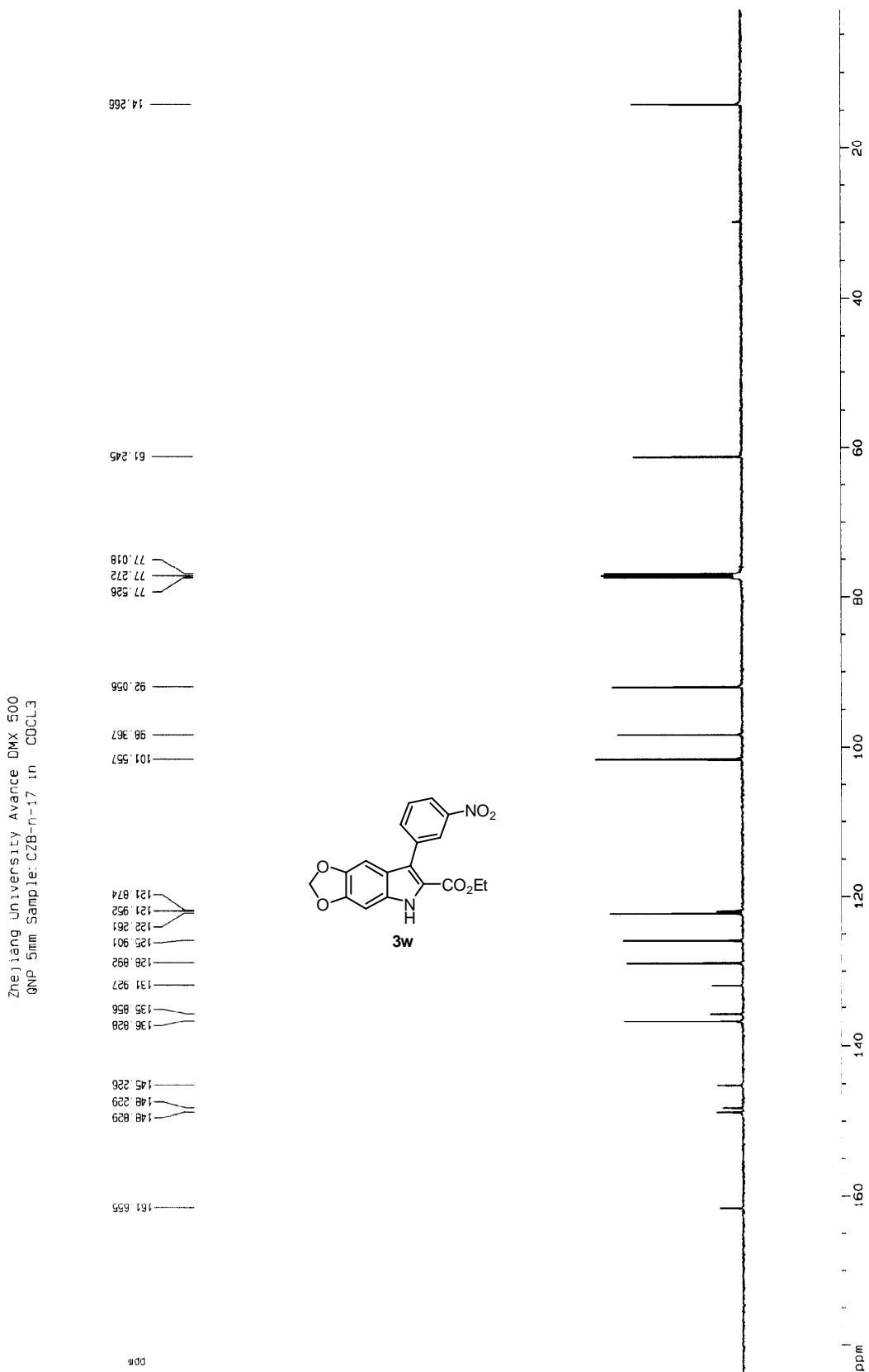


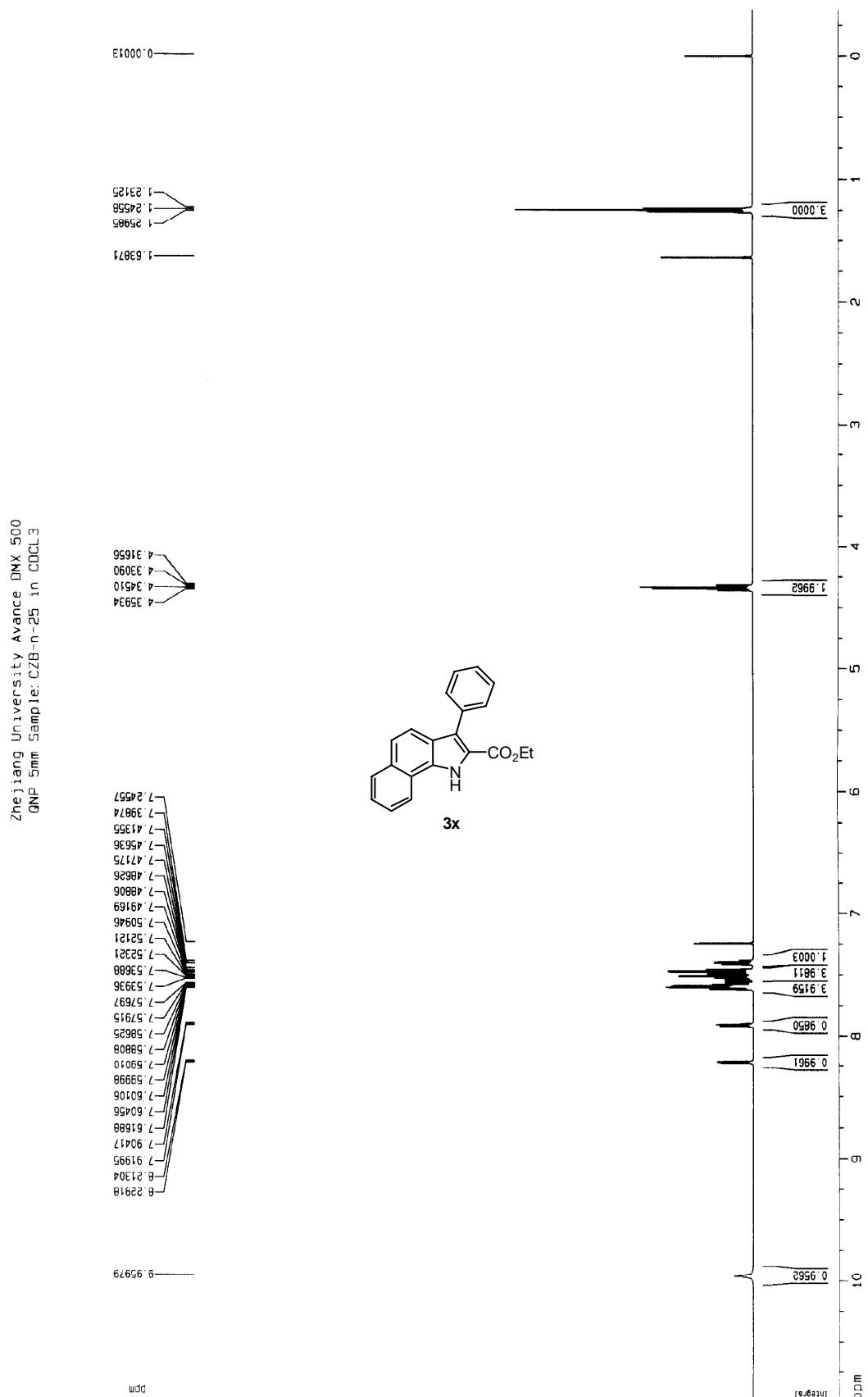
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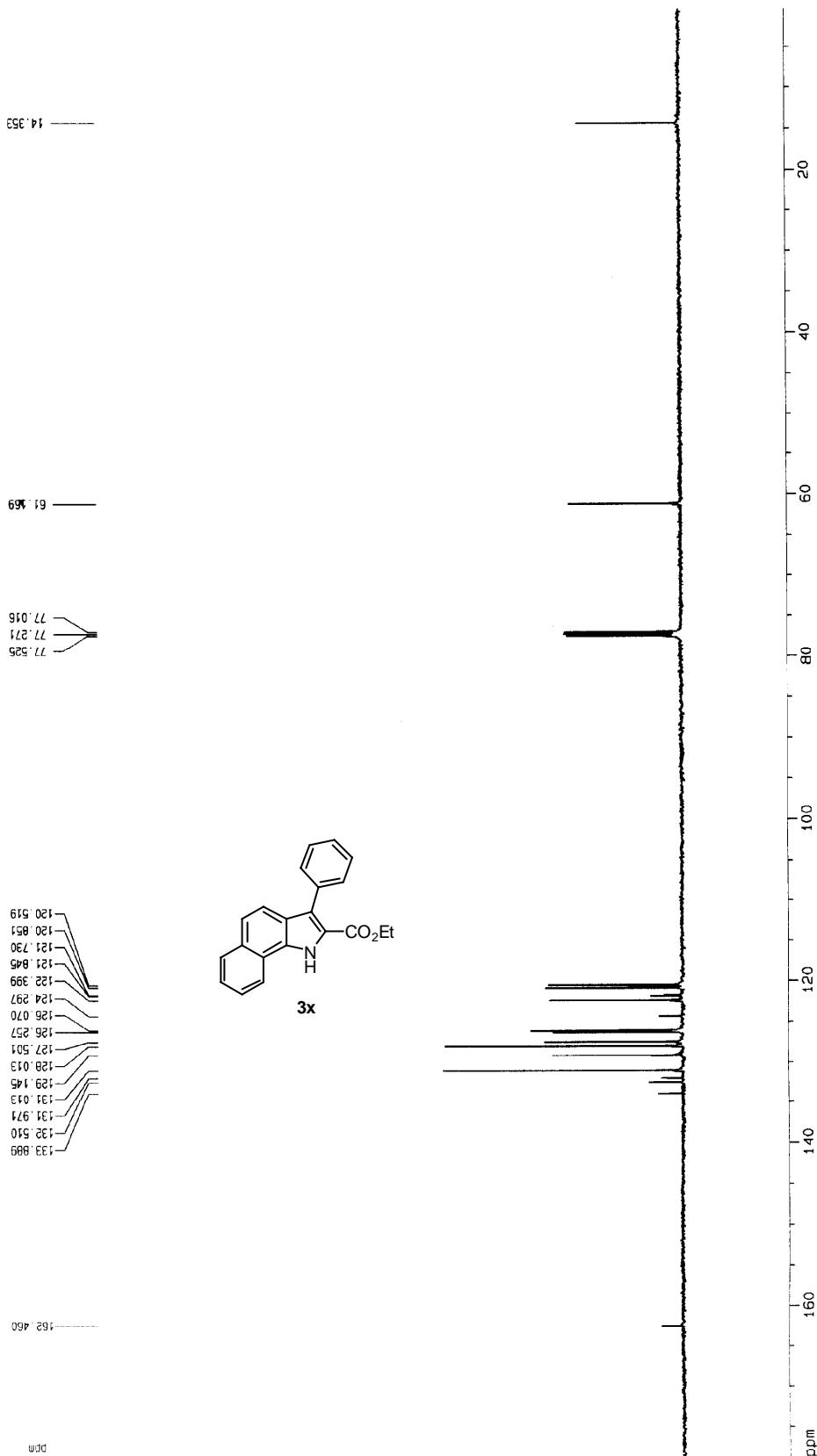
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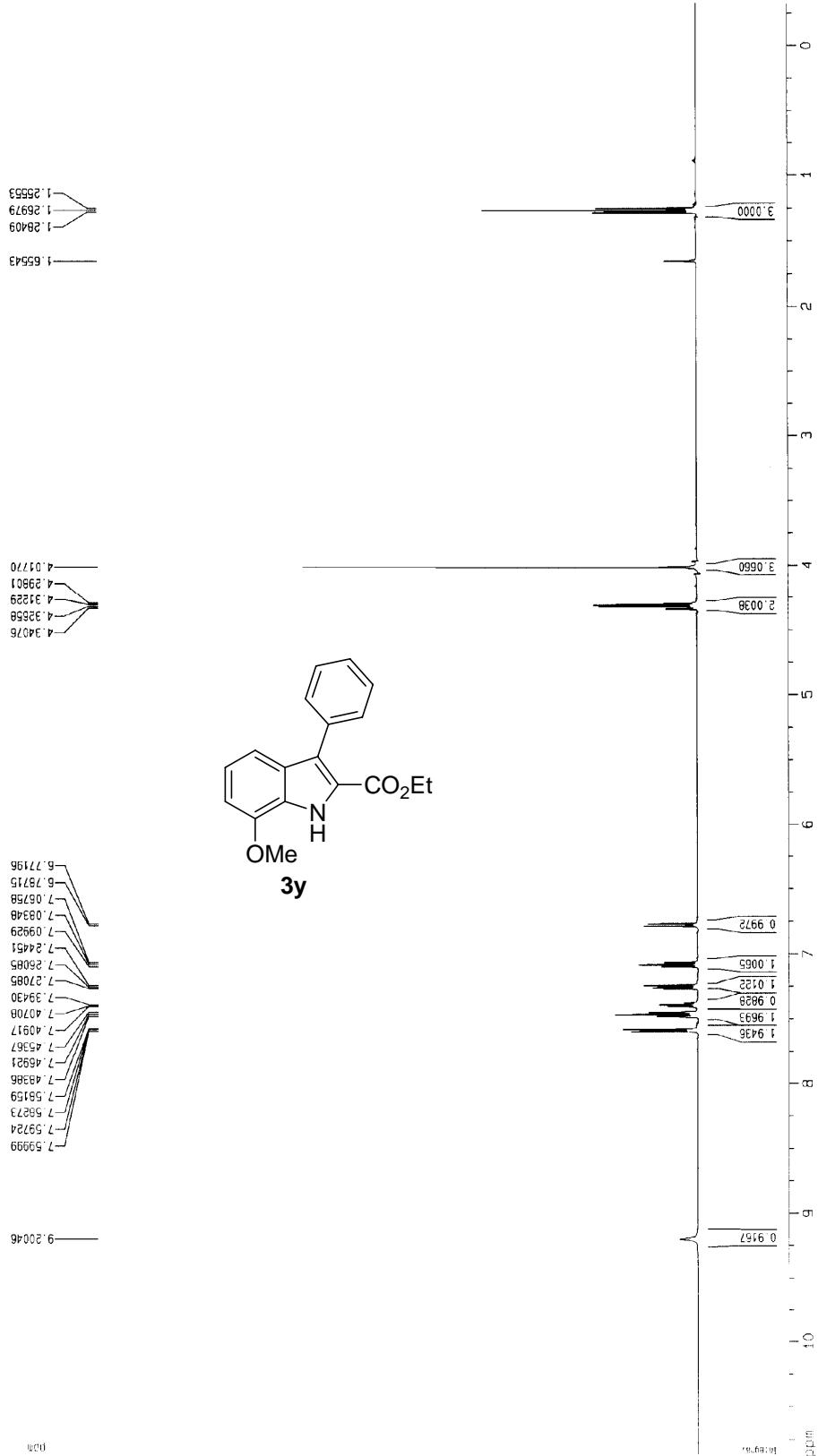




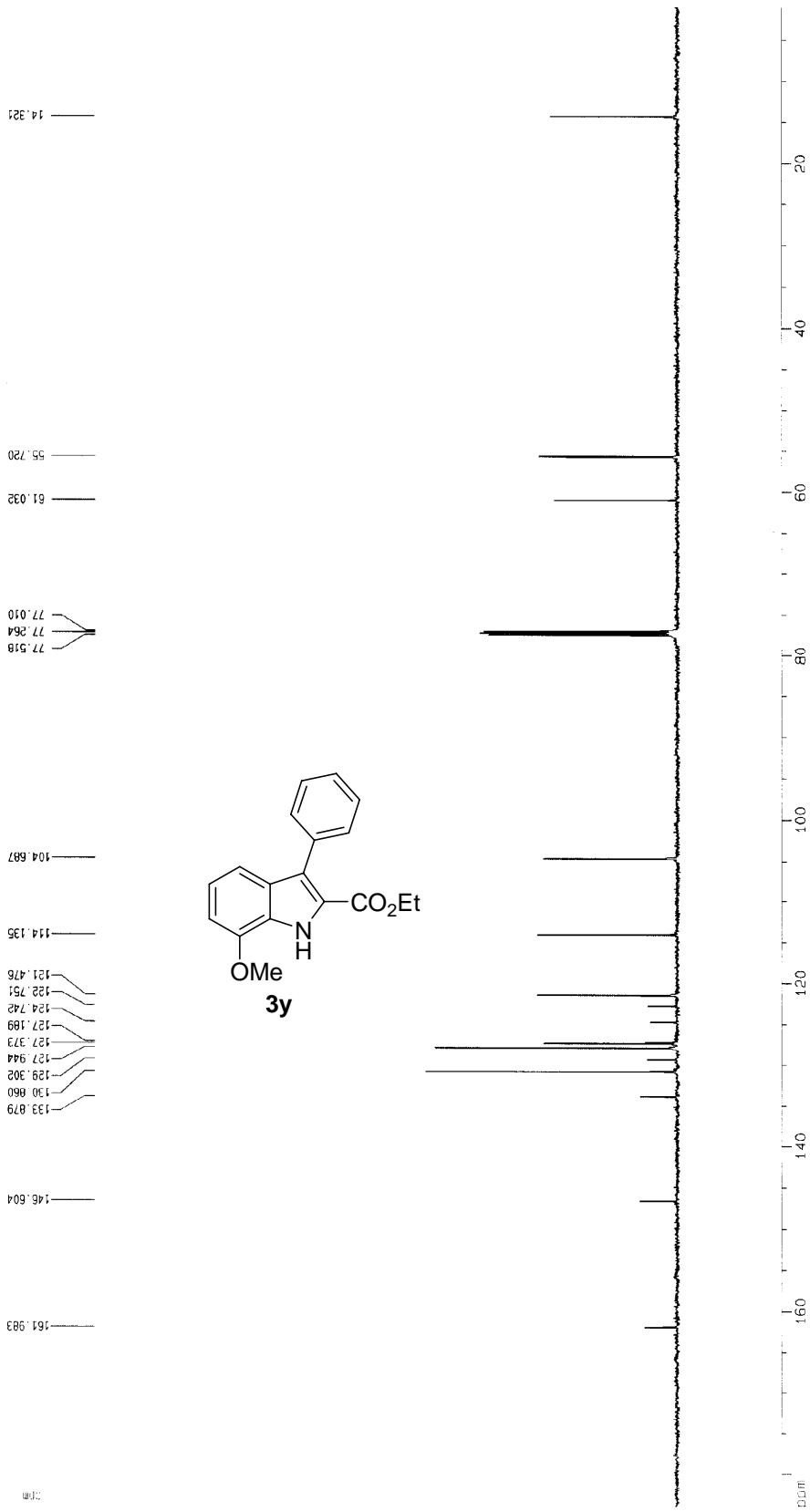
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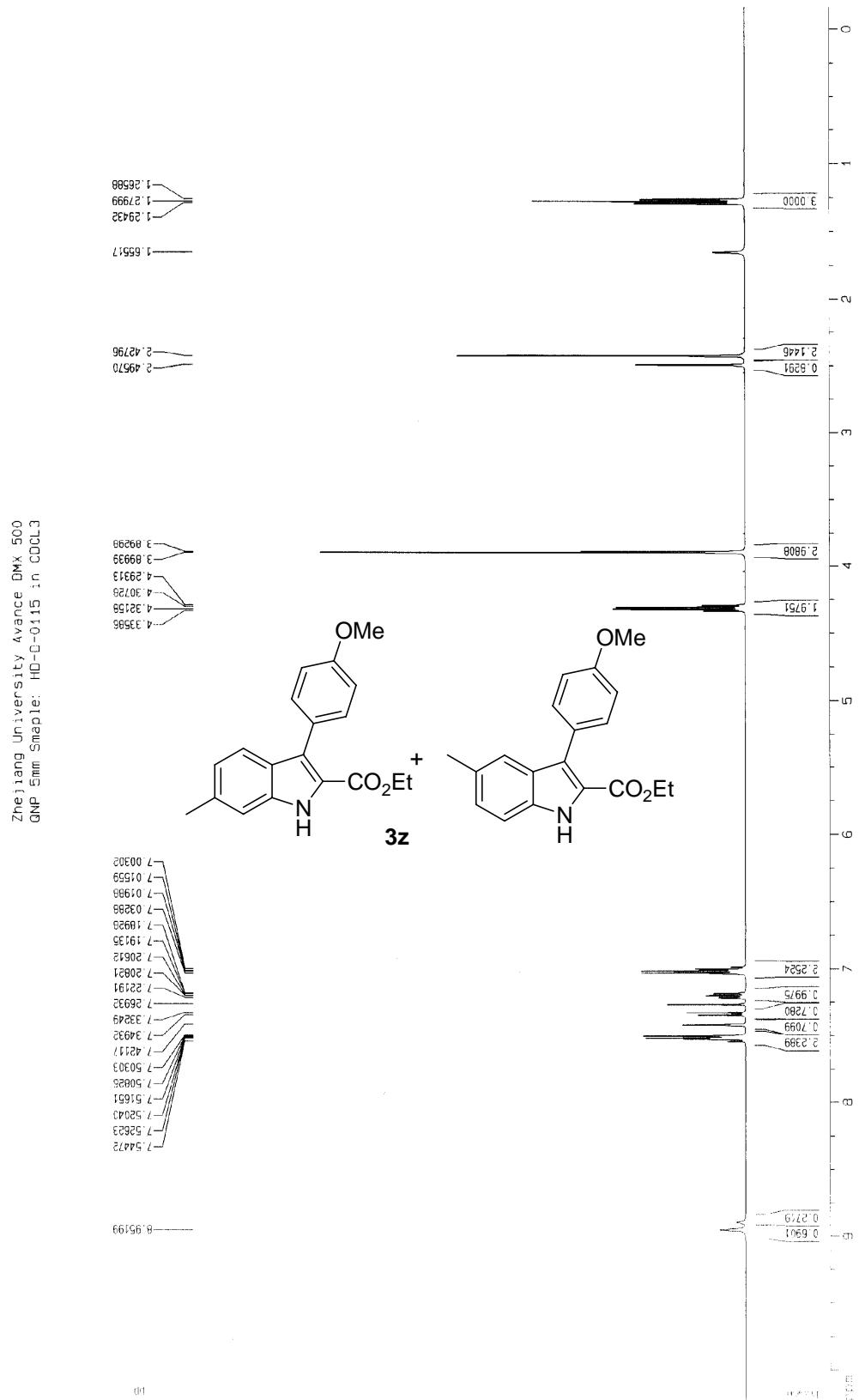


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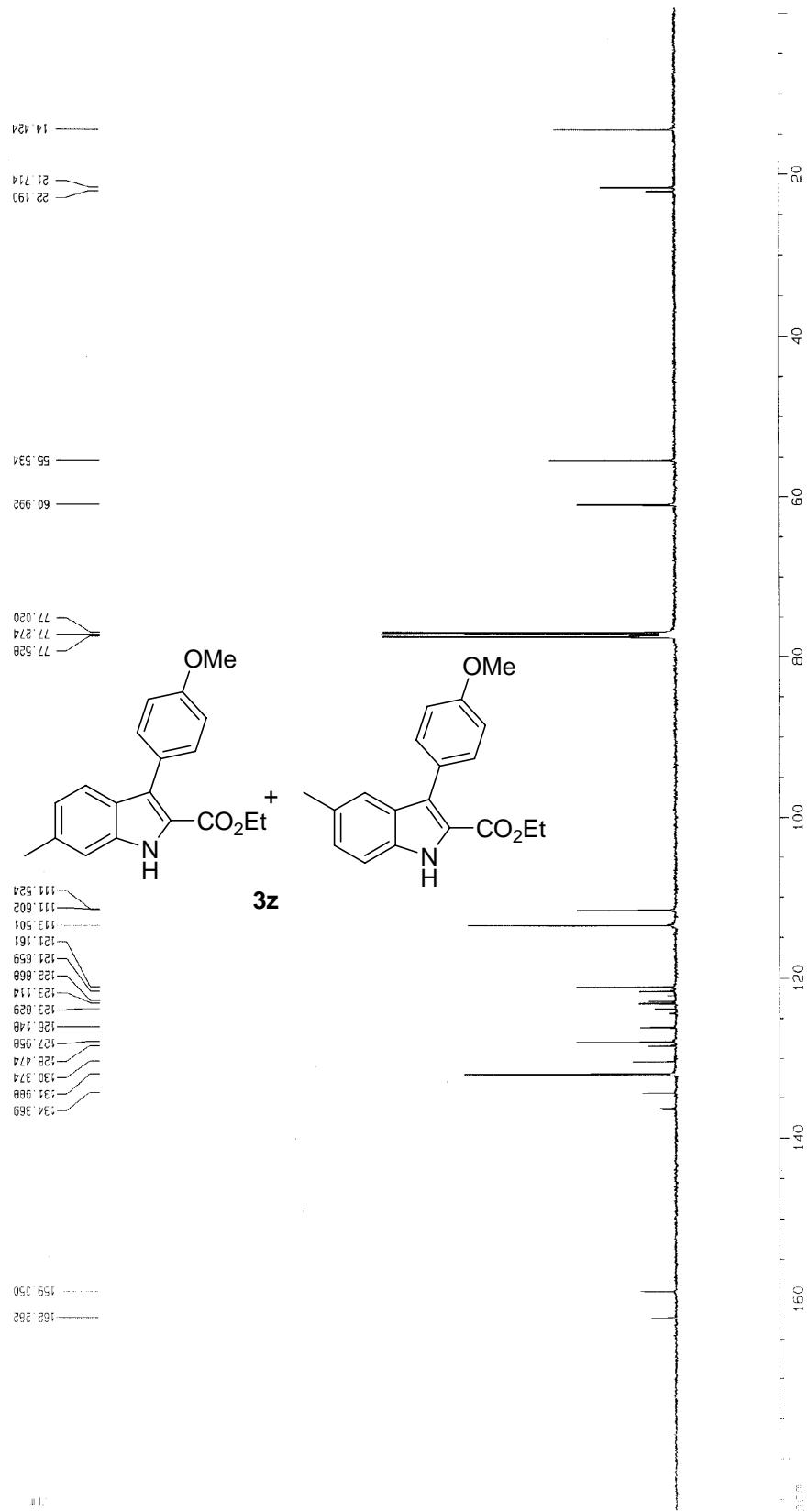


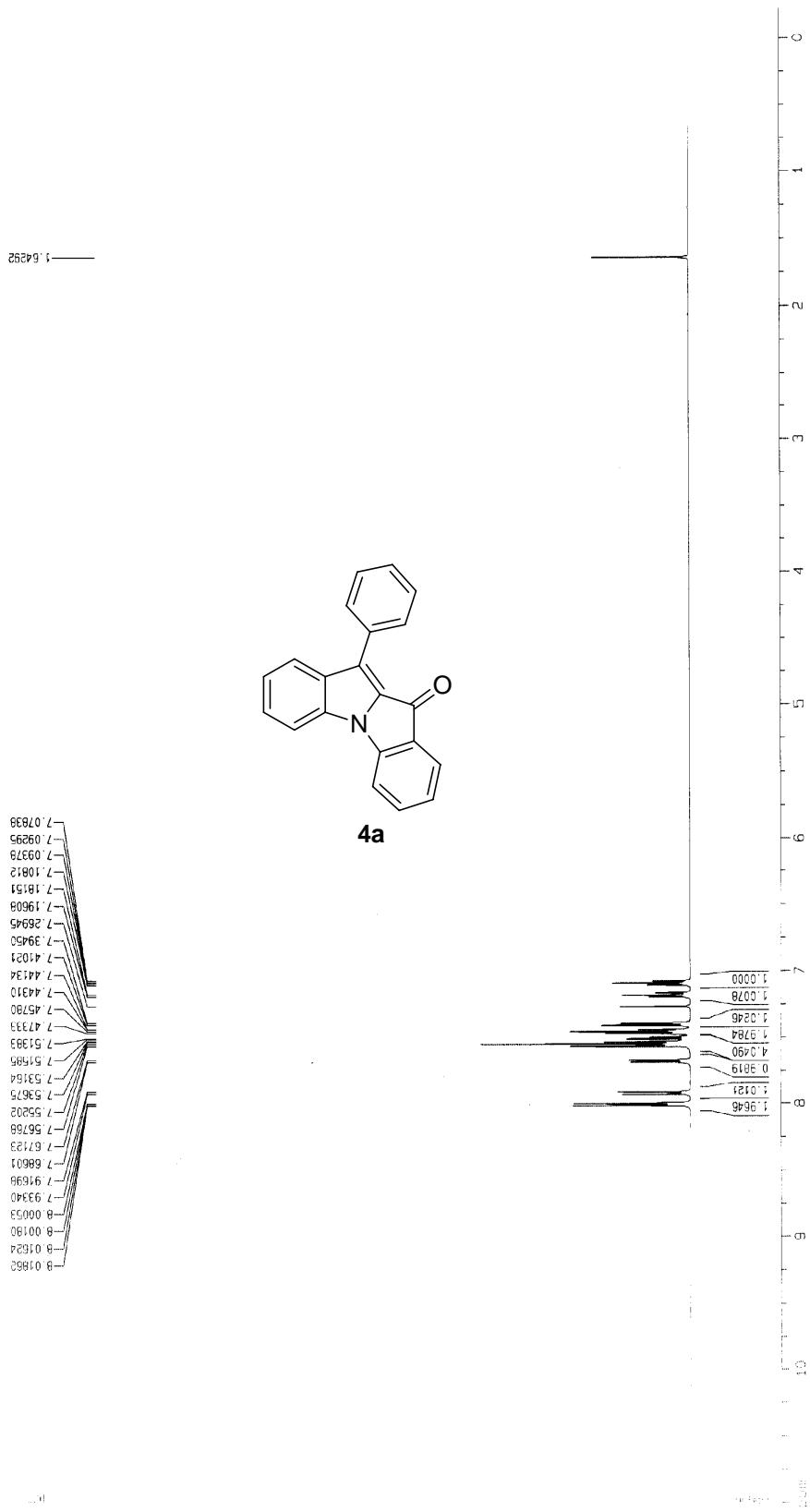
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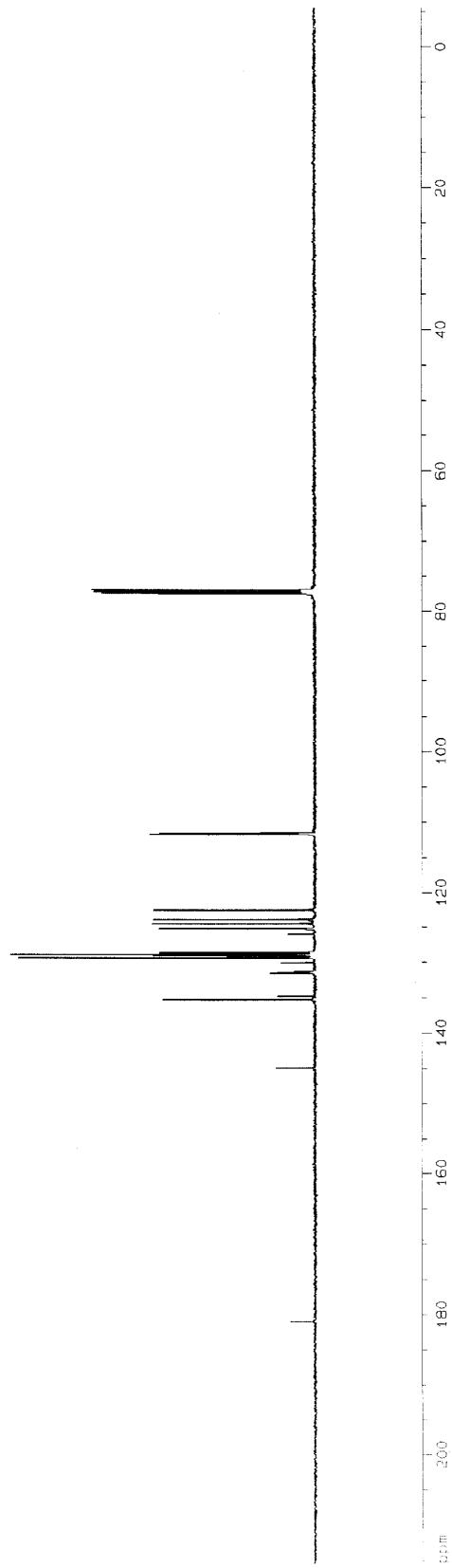
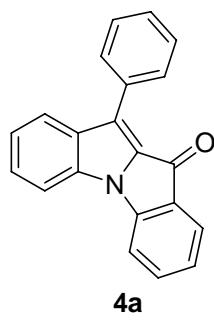


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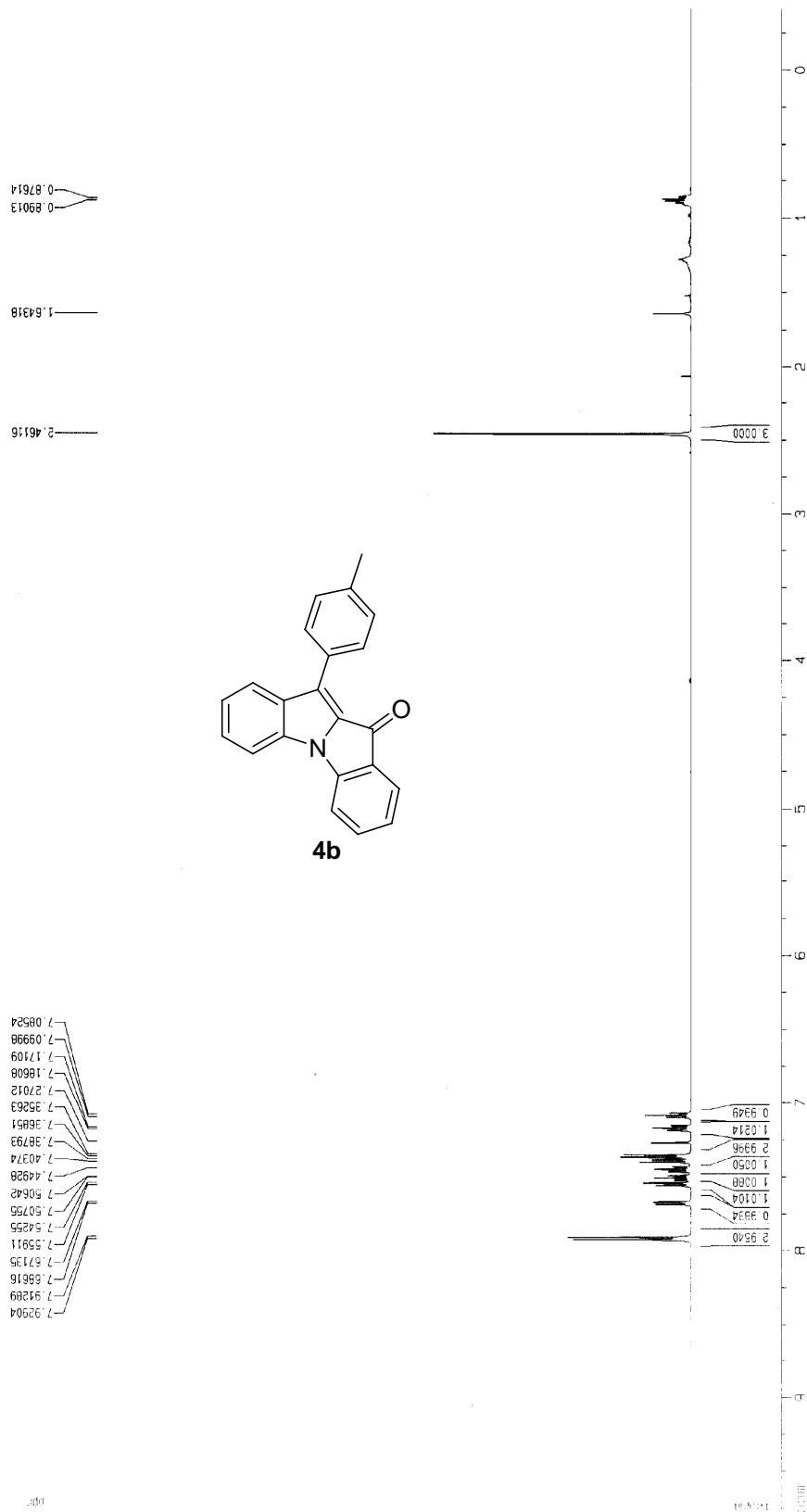




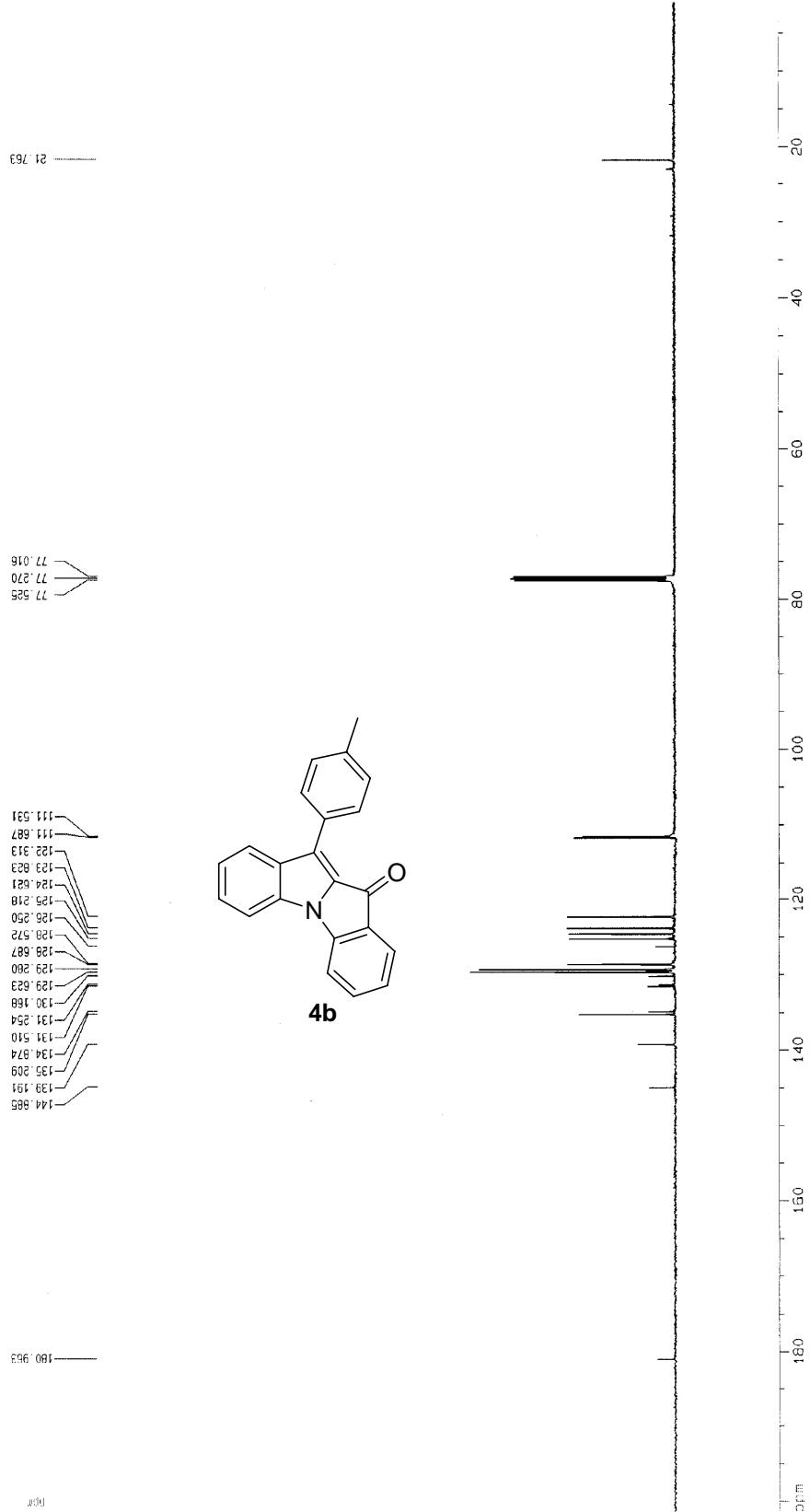
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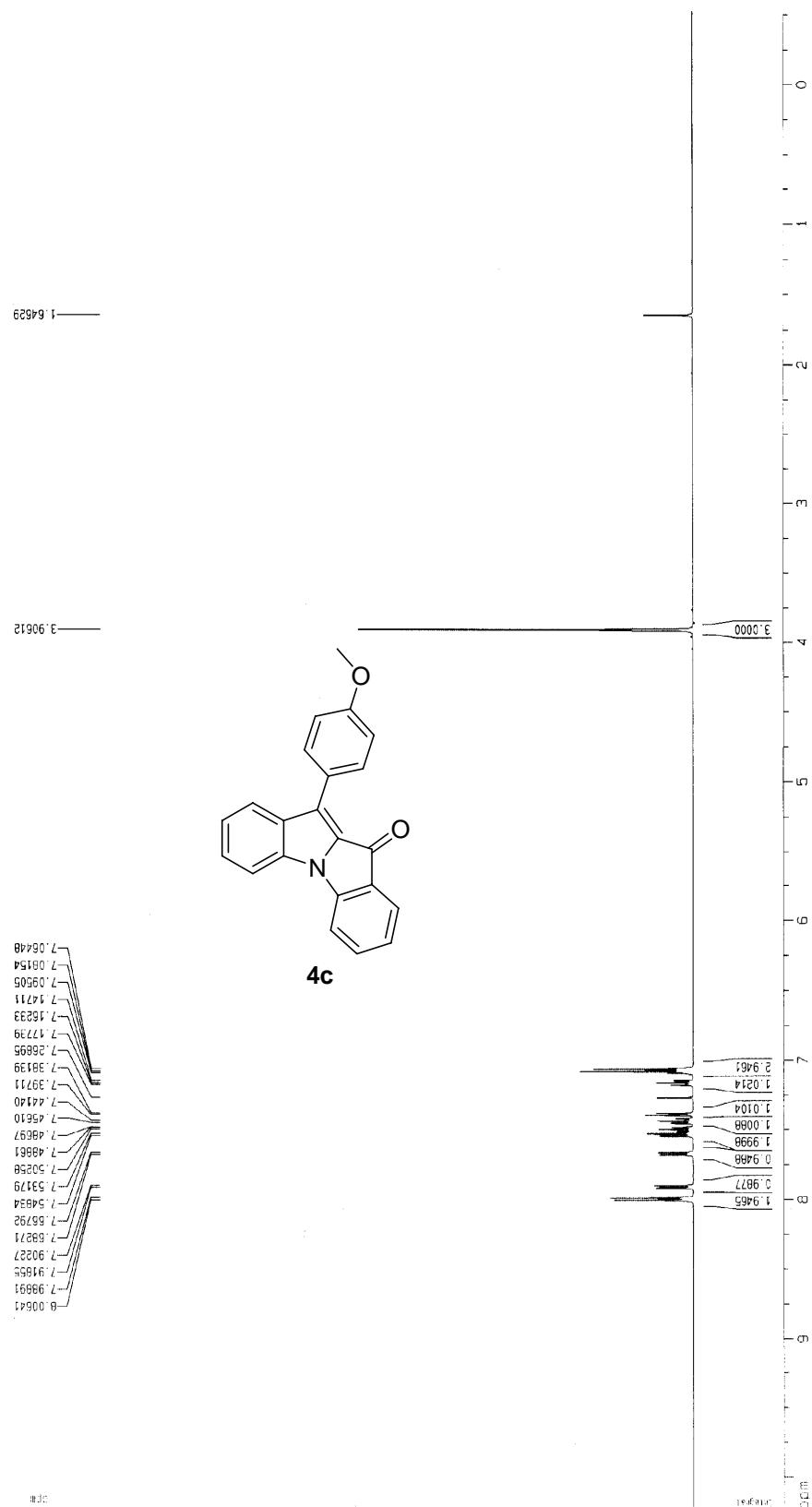
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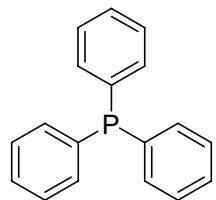


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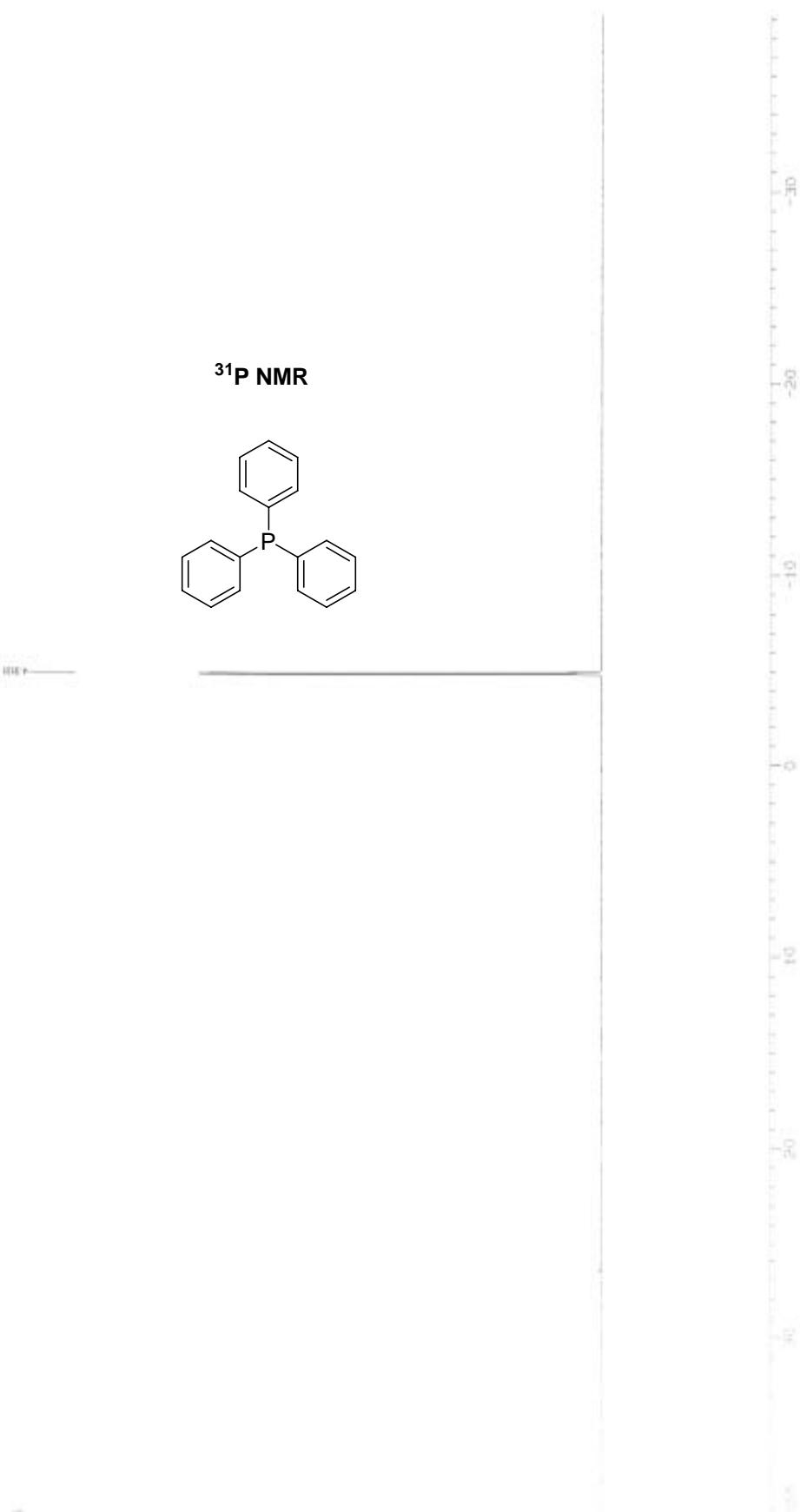


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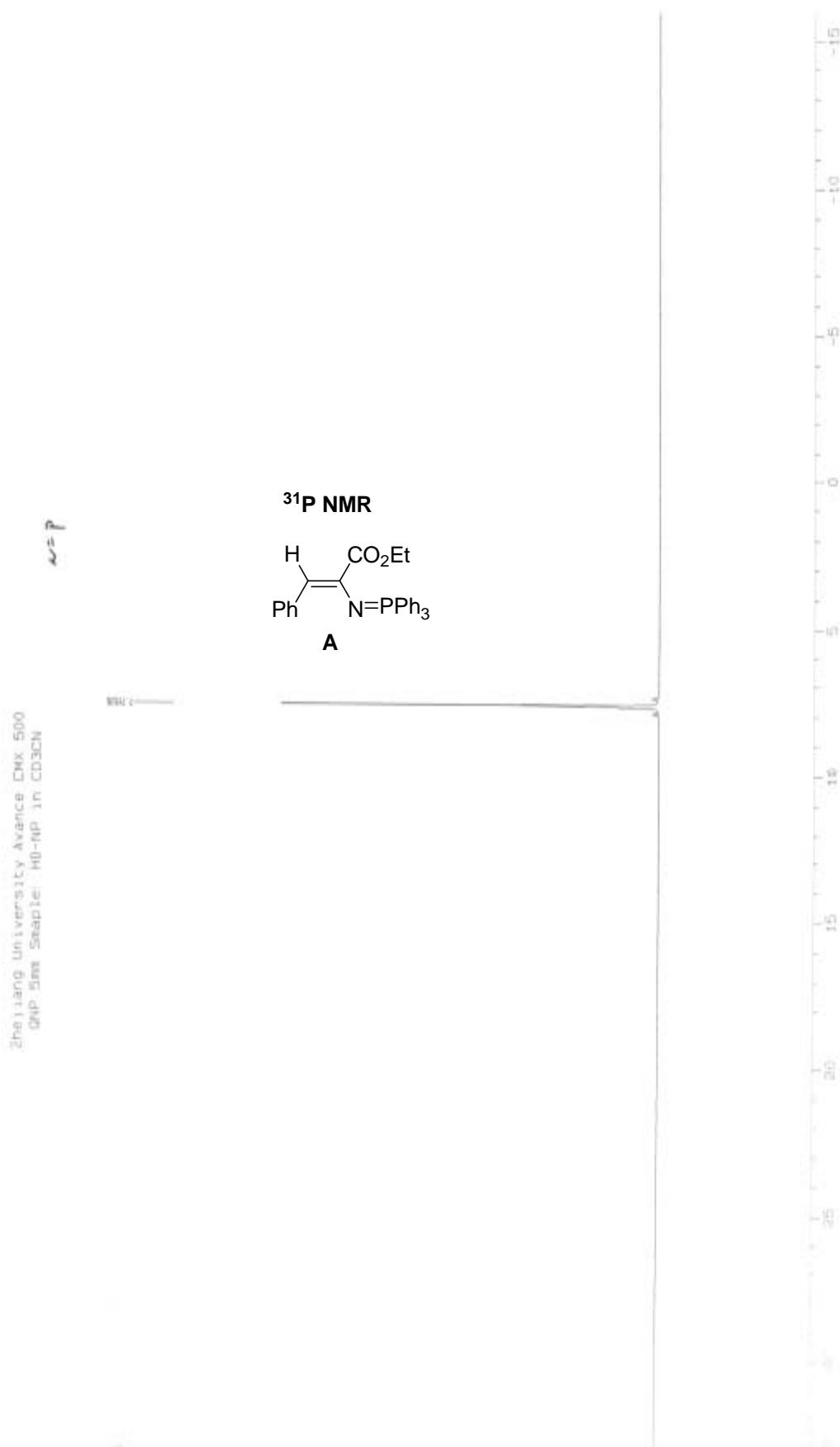
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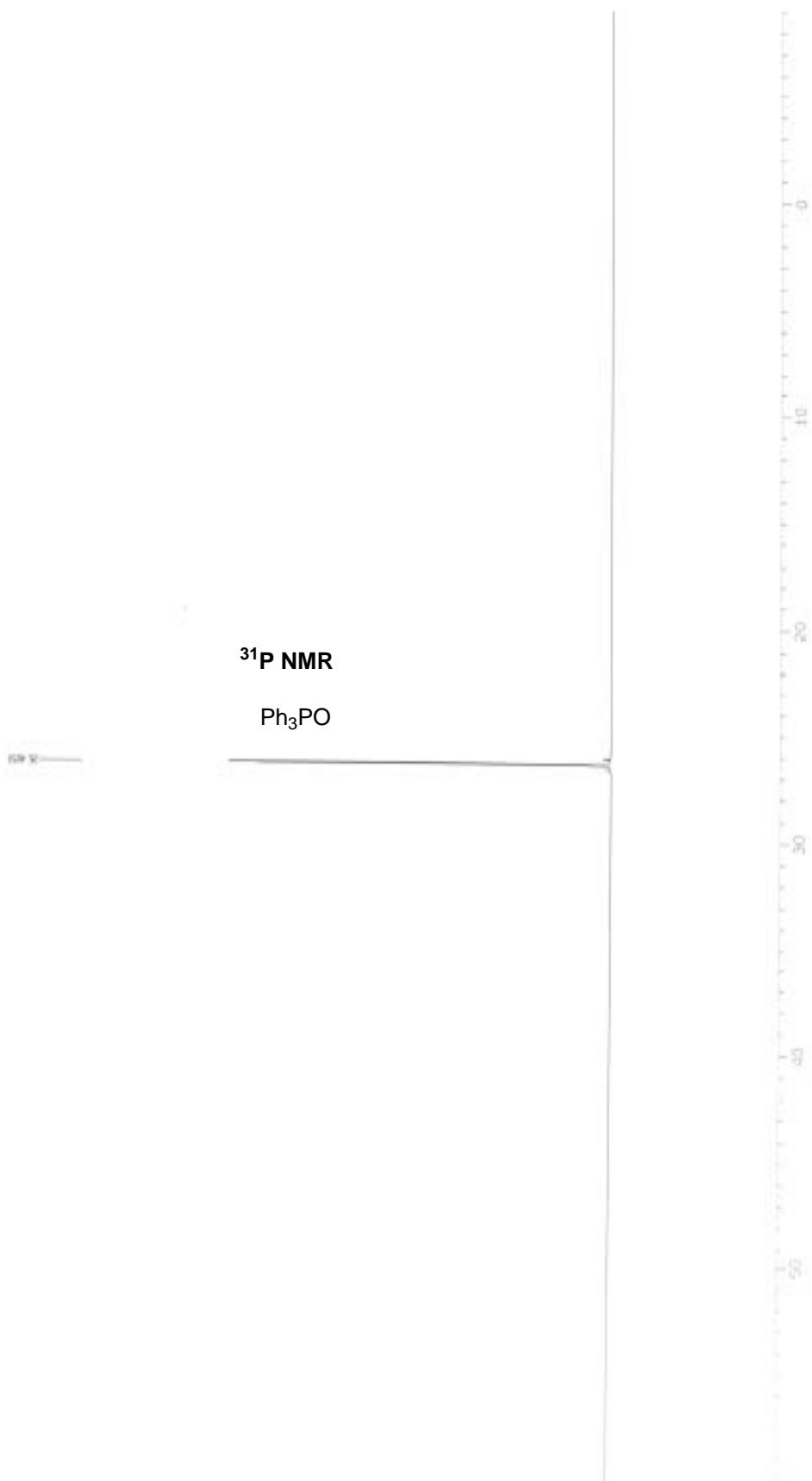


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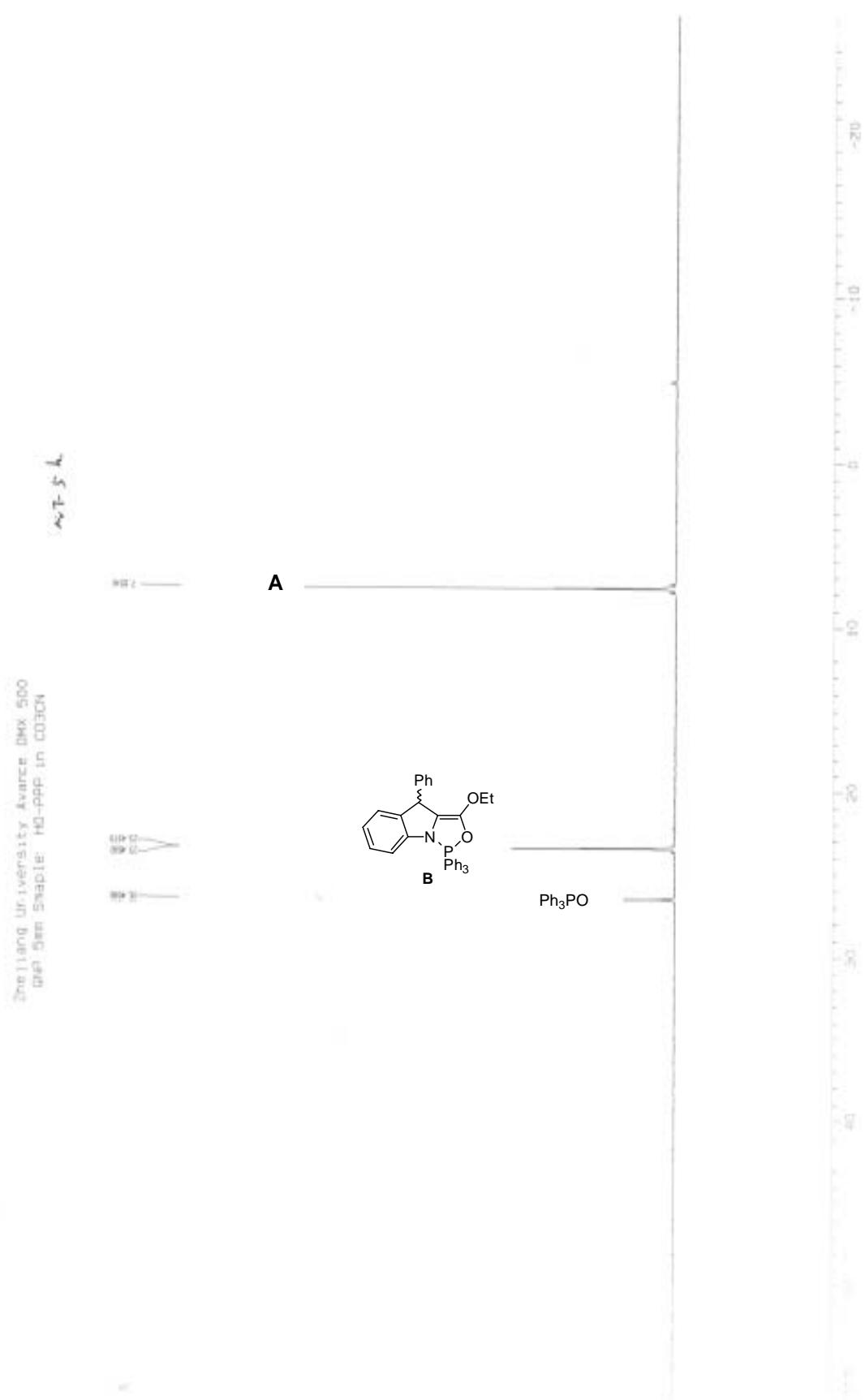


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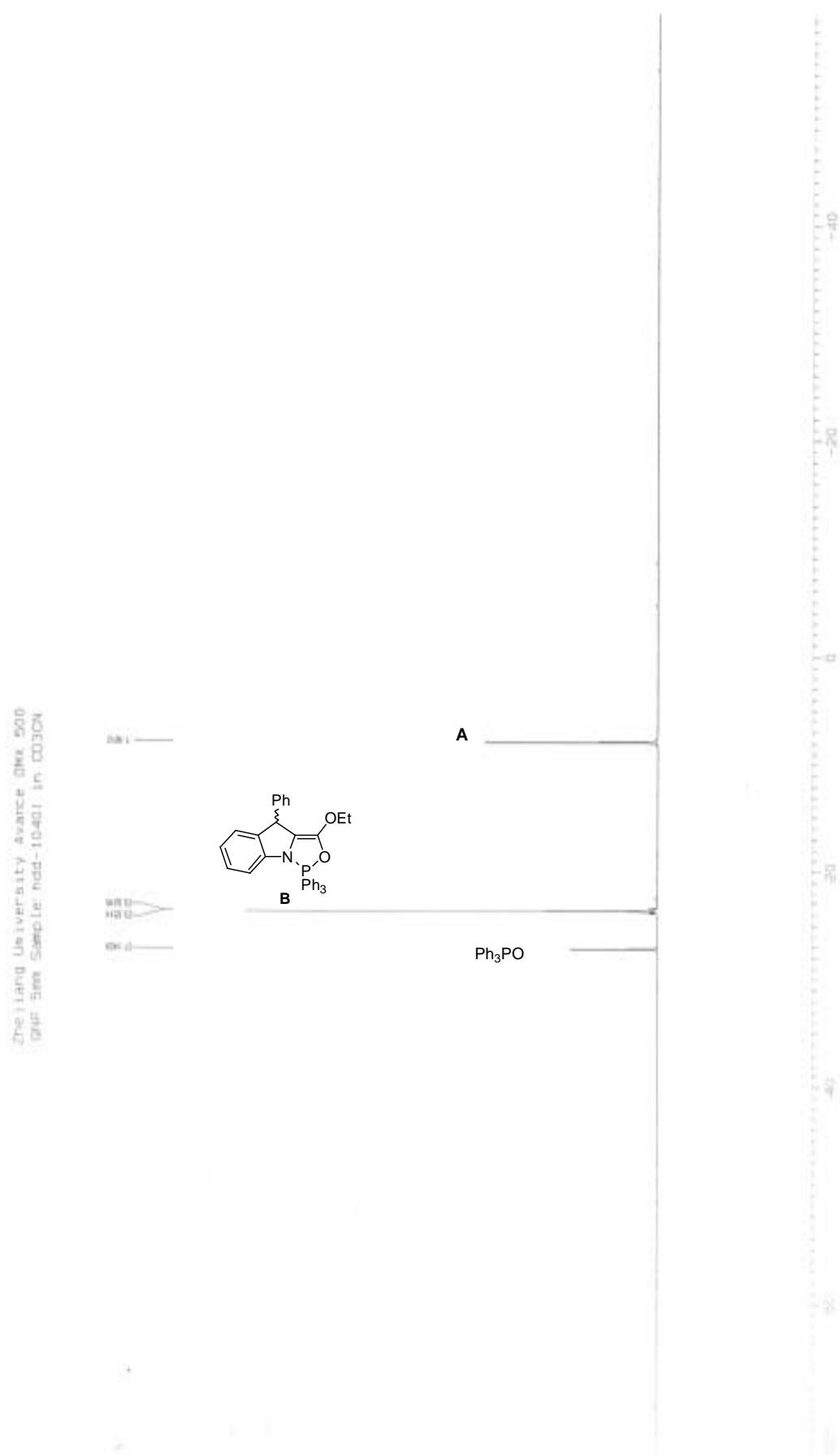
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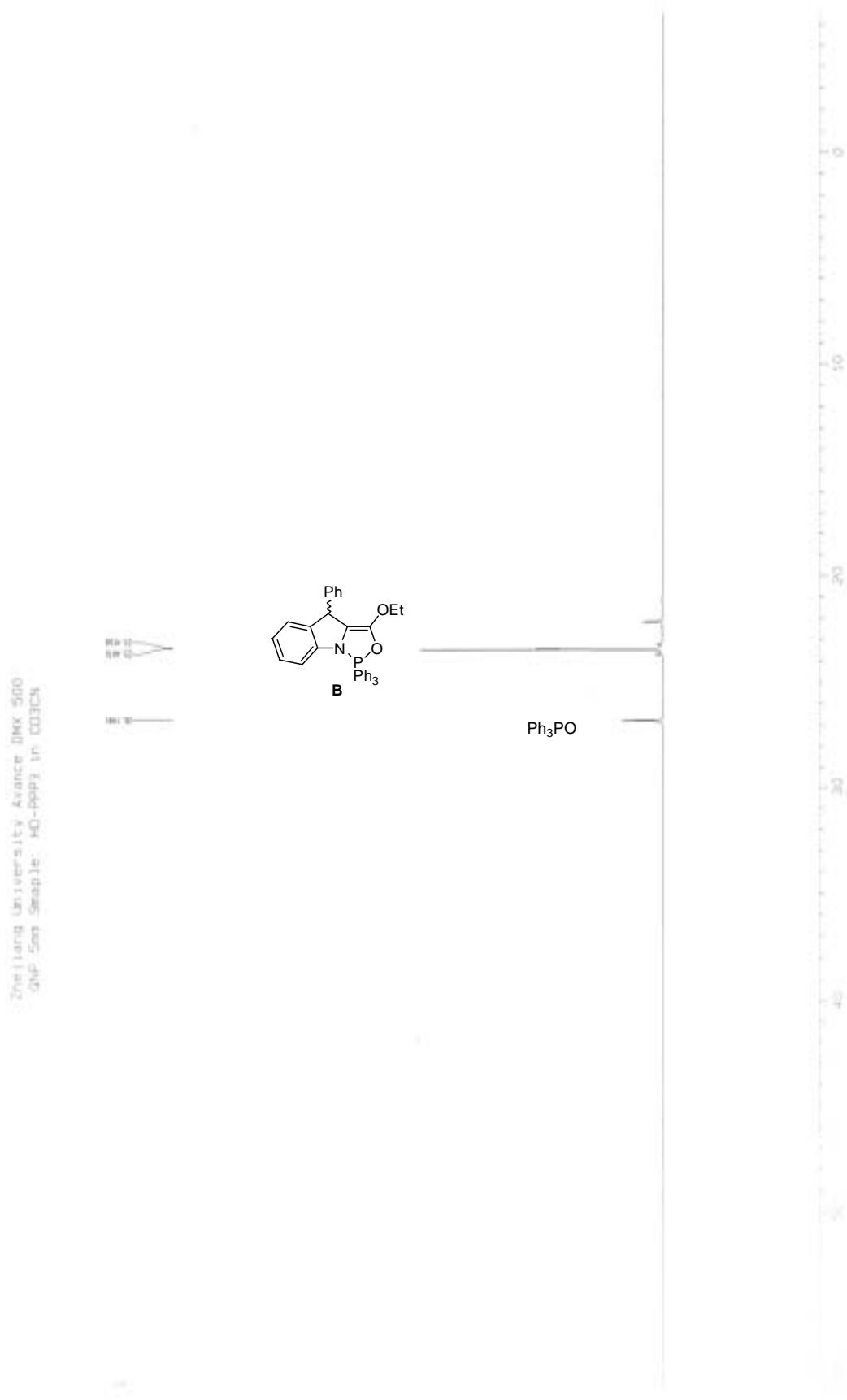
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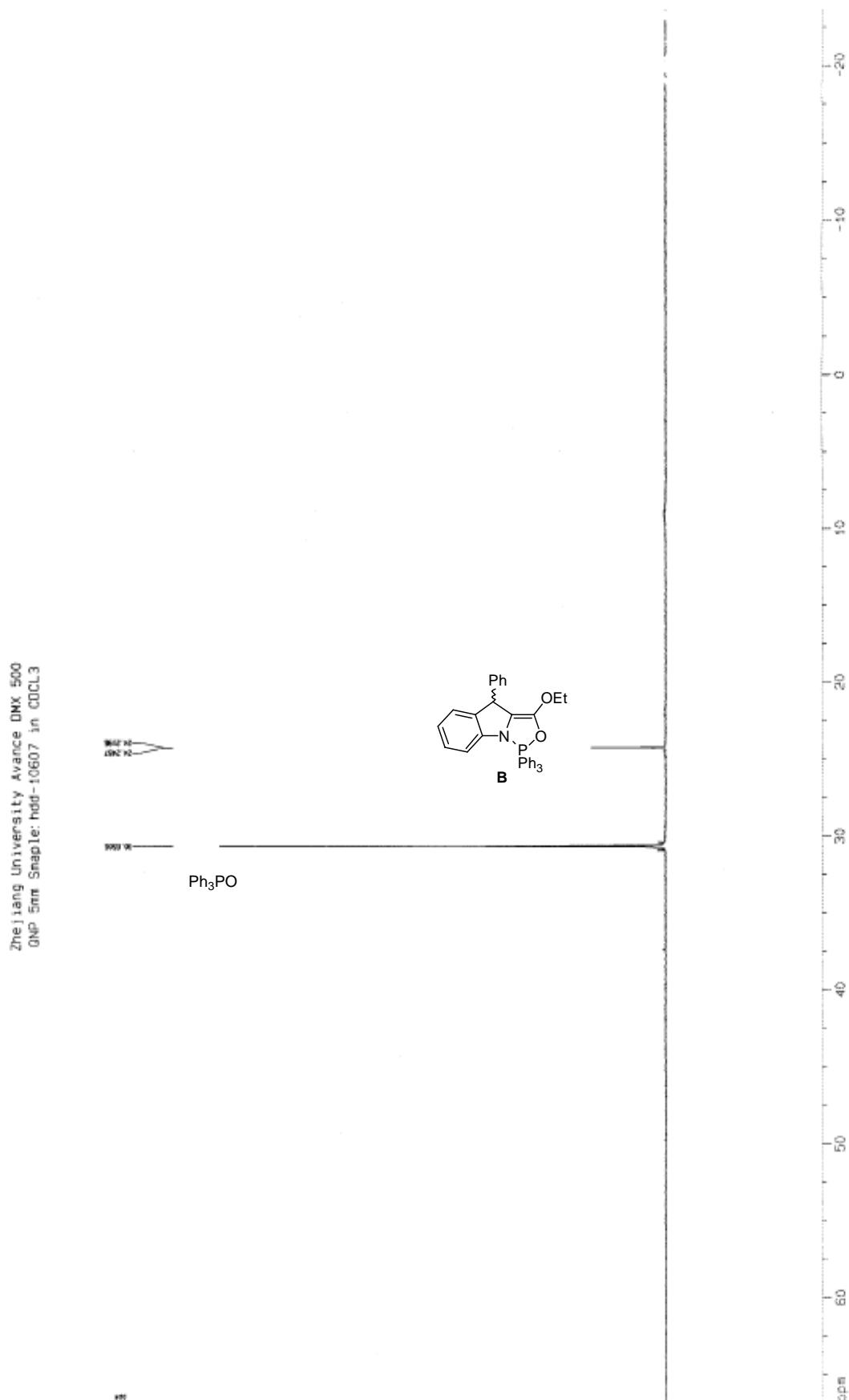
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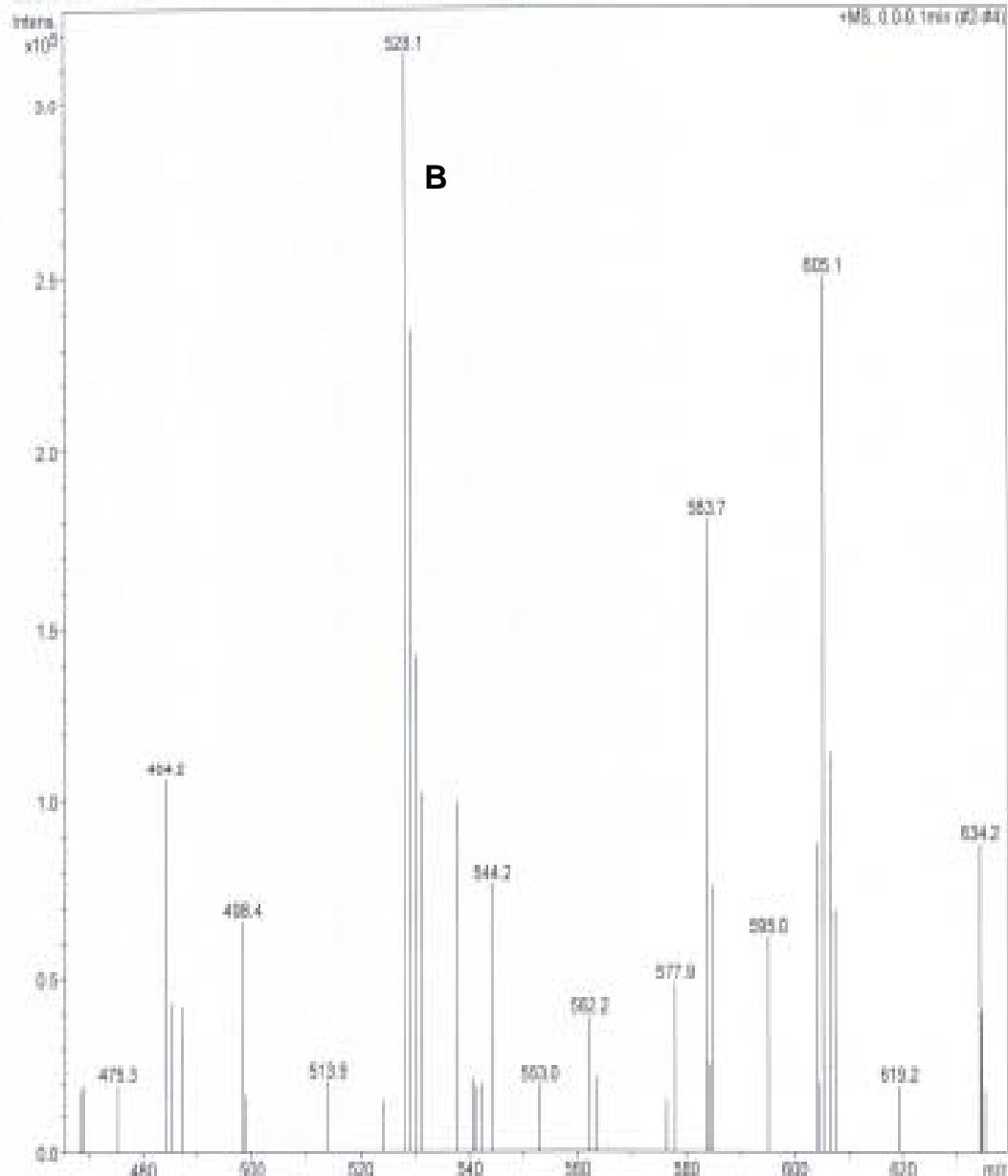
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