

# Diastereoselective Synthesis of 2,8-Dioxabicyclo[3.3.1]nonane

## Derivatives via I<sub>2</sub>-mediated Cascade Reactions

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## 1. General Information

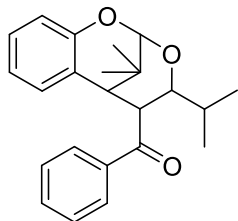
All  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz) and  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz) spectra were recorded on Bruker spectrometers in  $\text{CDCl}_3$ . Chemical shifts ( $\delta$ ) for NMR were quoted in ppm relative to the solvent peak (7.26 ppm for  $^1\text{H}$  and 77.16 ppm for  $^{13}\text{C}$  in  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ). Chemical shifts are reported in parts per million as follows: chemical shift, multiplicity (s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, q = quartet, m = multiplet). Coupling constants  $J$  are recorded in Hz. Melting points were determined with an X-4 apparatus and are uncorrected. IR spectra were recorded with a Shimadzu FTIR-8300 spectrophotometer. High-resolution mass spectra (HRMS) were obtained on a Waters G2-Xs with an ESI source (Waters, Manchester, UK). Unless otherwise noted, all reactions were carried out under the atmosphere in a sealed tube. Reactions were monitored by thin-layer chromatography (TLC) using pre-coated silica gel plates (GF254). Flash column chromatography was performed on silica gel (particle size 200-300 mesh) and eluted with petroleum ether/ dichloromethane.

## 2. Typical procedure for the preparation of 2,8-Dioxabicyclo[3.3.1]nonane Derivatives

2-methoxy chalcones **1** (0.5 mmol), aldehydes **2** (5.0 mL), and  $\text{I}_2$  (129.5 mg, 0.51 mmol) were loaded into a 10 mL sealed tube. The reaction mixture was stirred at  $70^\circ\text{C}$ . After completion, the reaction was quenched by the addition of saturated aqueous  $\text{Na}_2\text{S}_2\text{O}_3$  (15 mL) and extracted with EA ( $3 \times 10$  mL). The combined organic extracts were washed with  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  (20 mL) and brine (20 mL), dried with anhydrous  $\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_4$ , filtered, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (200-300 mesh) using PE/ EA to give the product.

### 3. Data for all products

(4-Isopropyl-11,11-dimethyl-5,6-dihydro-4H-2,6-methanobenzo[d][1,3]dioxocin-5-yl)(phenyl)methanone (**3a**)



A white solid; Mp: 182 – 186; 76% or 65% yield.

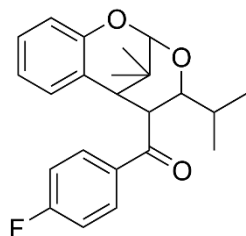
**<sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, Chloroform-d)**  $\delta$  8.02 – 7.83 (m, 2H), 7.64 (t,  $J = 7.4$  Hz, 1H), 7.56 (t,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 2H), 7.22 – 7.10 (m, 1H), 6.87 (d,  $J = 8.2$  Hz, 1H), 6.74 (t,  $J = 7.5$  Hz, 1H), 6.44 – 6.16 (m, 1H), 5.06 (d,  $J = 2.0$  Hz, 1H), 4.27 (dd,  $J = 10.9, 3.2$  Hz, 1H), 3.93 (dd,  $J = 10.9, 2.3$  Hz, 1H), 2.89 (t,  $J = 2.6$  Hz, 1H), 1.72 (qt,  $J = 7.0, 4.5$  Hz, 1H), 1.48 (s, 3H), 0.99 (d,  $J = 7.0$  Hz, 3H), 0.94 (d,  $J = 6.9$  Hz, 3H), 0.88 (s, 3H).

**<sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, Chloroform-d)**  $\delta$  198.90, 153.75, 136.49, 133.30, 129.66, 129.14, 128.81, 128.12, 121.18, 120.05, 114.46, 99.49, 71.85, 45.22, 44.01, 32.23, 29.40, 24.16, 23.38, 20.41, 15.52.

**IR (thin film):** 2957, 2873, 1679, 1583, 1527, 1486, 1221, 1076, 976.

**HRMS (ESI, m/z):** Calculated for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>26</sub>O<sub>3</sub>Na (M+Na) 373.1780, Measured 373.1784.

(4-Fluorophenyl)(4-isopropyl-11,11-dimethyl-5,6-dihydro-4H-2,6-methanobenzo[d][1,3]dioxocin-5-yl)methanone (**3b**)



A white solid; Mp: 168 – 171; 77% yield.

**<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-d)**  $\delta$  8.07 – 7.87 (m, 2H), 7.33 – 7.09 (m, 3H), 6.90 (dd,  $J = 8.2, 1.2$  Hz, 1H), 6.76 (td,  $J = 7.4, 1.2$  Hz, 1H), 6.33 (dd,  $J = 7.5, 1.6$  Hz, 1H),

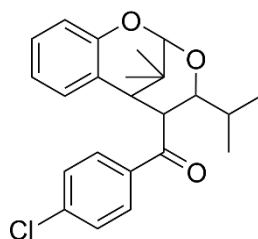
5.09 (d,  $J = 1.9$  Hz, 1H), 4.24 (dd,  $J = 10.9, 3.3$  Hz, 1H), 3.94 (dd,  $J = 10.9, 2.4$  Hz, 1H), 2.89 (dd,  $J = 3.3, 2.0$  Hz, 1H), 1.73 (pd,  $J = 6.9, 2.4$  Hz, 1H), 1.50 (s, 3H), 1.01 (d,  $J = 6.9$  Hz, 3H), 0.96 (d,  $J = 6.9$  Hz, 3H), 0.92 (s, 3H).

**$^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)**  $\delta$  197.28, 167.10 ( $J_{\text{C-F}} = 256.54$  Hz), 153.74, 132.88 ( $J_{\text{C-F}} = 3.03$  Hz), 130.76 ( $J_{\text{C-F}} = 9.09$  Hz), 129.56, 128.88, 121.06, 120.07, 116.39 ( $J_{\text{C-F}} = 22.22$  Hz), 114.52, 99.44, 71.78, 45.24, 44.13, 32.22, 29.43, 24.15, 23.39, 20.38, 15.53.

**IR (thin film):** 2971, 1684, 1599, 1486, 1221, 1095, 1039, 768.

**HRMS (ESI,  $m/z$ ):** Calculated for  $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{25}\text{FO}_3\text{Na}$  ( $\text{M}+\text{Na}$ ) 391.1685, Measured 391.1688.

(4-Chlorophenyl)(4-isopropyl-11,11-dimethyl-5,6-dihydro-4H-2,6-methanobenzo[d]-[1,3]dioxocin-5-yl)methanone (**3c**)



A white solid; Mp: 163 – 164; 72% yield.

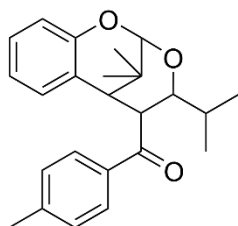
**$^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)**  $\delta$  8.12 – 7.78 (m, 2H), 7.72 – 7.38 (m, 2H), 7.20 (td,  $J = 7.7, 1.7$  Hz, 1H), 6.96 – 6.85 (m, 1H), 6.76 (td,  $J = 7.4, 1.2$  Hz, 1H), 6.33 (dd,  $J = 7.5, 1.7$  Hz, 1H), 5.08 (d,  $J = 2.0$  Hz, 1H), 4.22 (dd,  $J = 10.9, 3.3$  Hz, 1H), 3.94 (dd,  $J = 10.9, 2.4$  Hz, 1H), 2.88 (t,  $J = 2.6$  Hz, 1H), 1.72 (pd,  $J = 6.9, 2.4$  Hz, 1H), 1.49 (s, 3H), 1.02 (d,  $J = 7.0$  Hz, 3H), 0.96 (d,  $J = 6.9$  Hz, 3H), 0.91 (s, 3H).

**$^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)**  $\delta$  197.66, 153.76, 139.80, 134.77, 129.53, 129.51, 129.48, 128.90, 120.99, 120.08, 114.54, 99.43, 71.72, 45.35, 44.12, 32.22, 29.45, 24.14, 23.39, 20.37, 15.54.

**IR (thin film):** 2967, 2875, 1683, 1587, 1486, 1218, 978, 750.

**HRMS (ESI,  $m/z$ ):** Calculated for  $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{25}\text{ClO}_3\text{Na}$  ( $\text{M}+\text{Na}$ ) 407.1390, Measured 407.1394.

(4-Isopropyl-11,11-dimethyl-5,6-dihydro-4H-2,6-methanobenzo[d][1,3]dioxocin-5-yl)(p-tolyl)methanone (**3d**)



A white solid; Mp: 165 – 170; 61% yield.

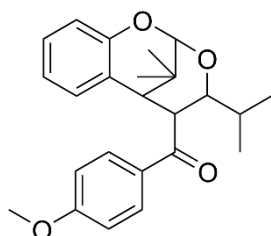
**<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)**  $\delta$  7.92 – 7.78 (m, 2H), 7.37 (d,  $J = 7.9$  Hz, 2H), 7.19 (ddd,  $J = 8.9, 7.4, 1.7$  Hz, 1H), 6.89 (dd,  $J = 8.1, 1.2$  Hz, 1H), 6.76 (td,  $J = 7.4, 1.2$  Hz, 1H), 6.36 (dd,  $J = 7.5, 1.7$  Hz, 1H), 5.08 (d,  $J = 2.0$  Hz, 1H), 4.26 (dd,  $J = 11.0, 3.3$  Hz, 1H), 3.95 (dd,  $J = 11.0, 2.4$  Hz, 1H), 3.02 – 2.72 (m, 1H), 2.91 – 2.90 (m, 1H), 2.49 (s, 3H), 1.75 (pd,  $J = 6.9, 2.4$  Hz, 1H), 1.50 (s, 3H), 1.01 (d,  $J = 6.9$  Hz, 3H), 0.96 (d,  $J = 6.8$  Hz, 3H), 0.90 (s, 3H).

**<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)**  $\delta$  198.48, 153.74, 144.09, 134.06, 129.78, 129.69, 128.74, 128.21, 121.29, 120.01, 114.40, 99.52, 71.89, 45.12, 44.14, 32.23, 29.40, 24.16, 23.38, 21.68, 20.38, 15.51.

**IR (thin film):** 2966, 1678, 1610, 1487, 1221, 1075, 750.

**HRMS (ESI, *m/z*):** Calculated for C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>28</sub>O<sub>3</sub>Na (M+Na) 387.1936, Measured 387.1936.

(4-Isopropyl-11,11-dimethyl-5,6-dihydro-4H-2,6-methanobenzo[d][1,3]dioxocin-5-yl)(4-methoxyphenyl)methanone (**3e**)



A white solid; Mp: 149 – 153; 53% yield.

**<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)**  $\delta$  8.04 – 7.78 (m, 2H), 7.19 (ddd,  $J = 8.8, 7.4, 1.7$  Hz, 1H), 7.10 – 6.97 (m, 2H), 6.88 (dd,  $J = 8.2, 1.1$  Hz, 1H), 6.75 (td,  $J = 7.4, 1.2$  Hz, 1H), 6.36 (dd,  $J = 7.6, 1.7$  Hz, 1H), 5.08 (d,  $J = 2.0$  Hz, 1H), 4.23 (dd,  $J = 10.9,$

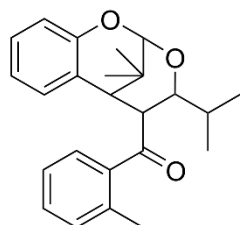
3.3 Hz, 1H), 3.96 – 3.93 (m, 4H), 2.99 – 2.80 (m, 1H), 1.74 (pd,  $J = 6.9, 2.4$  Hz, 1H), 1.49 (s, 3H), 1.01 (d,  $J = 6.9$  Hz, 3H), 0.96 (d,  $J = 6.9$  Hz, 3H), 0.91 (s, 3H).

**$^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)**  $\delta$  197.32, 163.59, 153.72, 130.31, 129.71, 129.54, 128.72, 121.36, 120.00, 114.38, 114.24, 99.53, 71.95, 55.56, 44.88, 44.27, 32.23, 29.39, 24.17, 23.39, 20.38, 15.51.

**IR (thin film):** 2967, 2906, 1673, 1601, 1486, 1264, 979, 750.

**HRMS (ESI,  $m/z$ ):** Calculated for  $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{28}\text{O}_4\text{Na}$  ( $\text{M}+\text{Na}$ ) 403.1885, Measured 403.1882.

(4-Isopropyl-11,11-dimethyl-5,6-dihydro-4H-2,6-methanobenzo[d][1,3]dioxocin-5-yl)(*o*-tolyl)methanone (**3f**)



A white solid; Mp: 147 – 149; 60% yield.

**$^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)**  $\delta$  7.86 (dd,  $J = 7.8, 1.4$  Hz, 1H), 7.50 (td,  $J = 7.5, 1.4$  Hz, 1H), 7.45 – 7.33 (m, 2H), 7.20 (ddd,  $J = 8.2, 7.4, 1.7$  Hz, 1H), 6.90 (dd,  $J = 8.2, 1.2$  Hz, 1H), 6.78 (td,  $J = 7.4, 1.2$  Hz, 1H), 6.40 (dd,  $J = 7.5, 1.7$  Hz, 1H), 5.08 (d,  $J = 2.0$  Hz, 1H), 4.25 (dd,  $J = 10.8, 3.4$  Hz, 1H), 3.96 (dd,  $J = 10.8, 2.2$  Hz, 1H), 2.94 (dd,  $J = 3.4, 2.0$  Hz, 1H), 2.53 (s, 3H), 1.84 (pd,  $J = 6.9, 2.2$  Hz, 1H), 1.46 (s, 3H), 1.06 (d,  $J = 7.0$  Hz, 3H), 1.01 (d,  $J = 6.8$  Hz, 3H), 0.88 (s, 3H).

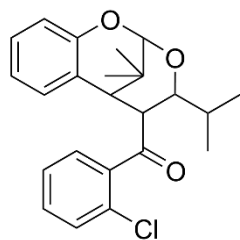
**$^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)**  $\delta$  201.65, 153.91, 140.59, 135.57, 133.29, 132.09, 129.49, 128.87, 128.73, 126.13, 121.36, 120.10, 114.55, 99.52, 71.96, 46.16, 44.04, 32.36, 29.22, 24.03, 23.27, 22.15, 20.54, 15.32.

**IR (thin film):** 2962, 2906, 1683, 1487, 1222, 1084, 769.

**HRMS (ESI,  $m/z$ ):** Calculated for  $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{28}\text{O}_3\text{Na}$  ( $\text{M}+\text{Na}$ ) 387.1936, Measured 387.1938.

(2-Chlorophenyl)(4-isopropyl-11,11-dimethyl-5,6-dihydro-4H-2,6-methanobenzo[d]-

[1,3]dioxocin-5-yl)methanone (**3g**)



A white solid; Mp: 120 – 122; 66% yield.

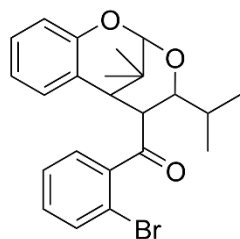
**<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)**  $\delta$  7.67 (dd,  $J = 7.5, 1.8$  Hz, 1H), 7.57 – 7.39 (m, 3H), 7.22 (td,  $J = 7.7, 1.6$  Hz, 1H), 6.96 – 6.87 (m, 1H), 6.83 (td,  $J = 7.4, 1.2$  Hz, 1H), 6.60 (dd,  $J = 7.6, 1.6$  Hz, 1H), 5.06 (d,  $J = 1.9$  Hz, 1H), 4.54 (dd,  $J = 10.9, 3.2$  Hz, 1H), 3.92 (dd,  $J = 10.9, 2.0$  Hz, 1H), 2.91 (t,  $J = 2.5$  Hz, 1H), 1.88 (pd,  $J = 6.9, 1.9$  Hz, 1H), 1.41 (s, 3H), 1.06 (d,  $J = 6.9$  Hz, 3H), 1.01 (d,  $J = 6.9$  Hz, 3H), 0.87 (s, 3H).

**<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)**  $\delta$  200.54, 154.05, 137.23, 132.76, 131.95, 131.53, 131.50, 129.75, 128.90, 127.35, 121.13, 120.11, 114.53, 99.44, 72.16, 48.64, 43.15, 32.26, 29.13, 24.07, 23.23, 20.60, 15.30.

**IR (thin film):** 2970, 2873, 1689, 1585, 1486, 1293, 970, 761.

**HRMS (ESI, *m/z*):** Calculated for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>25</sub>ClO<sub>3</sub>Na (M+Na) 407.1390, Measured 407.1396.

(2-Bromophenyl)(4-isopropyl-11,11-dimethyl-5,6-dihydro-4H-2,6-methanobenzo-  
[d][1,3]dioxocin-5-yl)methanone (**3h**)



A white solid; Mp: 162 – 163; 60% yield.

**<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)**  $\delta$  8.10 (t,  $J = 1.8$  Hz, 1H), 7.91 (dt,  $J = 7.8, 1.3$  Hz, 1H), 7.79 (ddd,  $J = 7.9, 2.0, 1.0$  Hz, 1H), 7.47 (t,  $J = 7.8$  Hz, 1H), 7.21 (ddd,  $J = 8.3, 7.4, 1.6$  Hz, 1H), 6.91 (dd,  $J = 8.1, 1.1$  Hz, 1H), 6.79 (td,  $J = 7.4, 1.2$  Hz, 1H), 6.35 (dd,  $J = 7.5, 1.6$  Hz, 1H), 5.09 (d,  $J = 1.9$  Hz, 1H), 4.23 (dd,  $J = 10.9, 3.3$  Hz, 1H), 3.94 (dd,  $J = 10.9, 2.5$  Hz, 1H), 2.91 (dd,  $J = 3.3, 1.9$  Hz, 1H), 1.72 (pd,  $J = 6.9,$

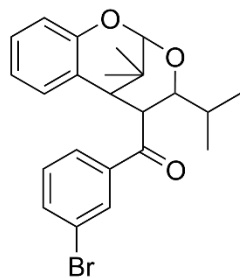
2.5 Hz, 1H), 1.50 (s, 3H), 1.02 (d,  $J = 6.9$  Hz, 3H), 0.97 (d,  $J = 6.9$  Hz, 3H), 0.92 (s, 3H).

**$^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)**  $\delta$  197.42, 153.77, 138.17, 136.24, 131.22, 130.75, 129.63, 128.94, 126.58, 123.64, 120.93, 120.16, 114.56, 99.41, 71.72, 45.50, 44.04, 32.24, 29.48, 24.15, 23.40, 20.40, 15.61.

**IR (thin film):** 2966, 2915, 2875, 1602, 1408, 1206, 970, 762.

**HRMS (ESI,  $m/z$ ):** Calculated for  $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{25}\text{BrO}_3\text{Na}$  ( $M+\text{Na}$ ) 451.0885, Measured 451.0881.

(3-Bromophenyl)(4-isopropyl-11,11-dimethyl-5,6-dihydro-4H-2,6-methanobenzo-[d][1,3]dioxocin-5-yl)methanone (**3i**)



A white solid; Mp: 142 – 145; 64% yield.

**$^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)**  $\delta$  8.09 (q,  $J = 1.6$  Hz, 1H), 7.90 (dd,  $J = 7.8, 1.6$  Hz, 1H), 7.83 – 7.73 (m, 1H), 7.47 (t,  $J = 7.8$  Hz, 1H), 7.26 – 7.14 (m, 1H), 6.90 (d,  $J = 8.1$  Hz, 1H), 6.84 – 6.70 (m, 1H), 6.34 (dd,  $J = 7.5, 1.6$  Hz, 1H), 5.08 (d,  $J = 2.0$  Hz, 1H), 4.21 (dd,  $J = 10.9, 3.2$  Hz, 1H), 3.93 (dd,  $J = 10.9, 2.5$  Hz, 1H), 2.89 (t,  $J = 2.6$  Hz, 1H), 1.71 (pd,  $J = 6.9, 2.3$  Hz, 1H), 1.50 (s, 3H), 1.01 (d,  $J = 6.9$  Hz, 3H), 0.96 (d,  $J = 6.8$  Hz, 3H), 0.92 (s, 3H).

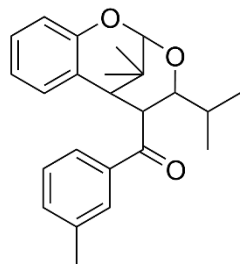
**$^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)**  $\delta$  197.39, 138.19, 136.20, 131.22, 130.70, 129.60, 128.93, 126.55, 123.61, 120.91, 120.13, 114.55, 99.41, 71.72, 45.50, 44.04, 32.23, 29.47, 24.13, 23.38, 20.35, 15.58.

**IR (thin film):** 2966, 2915, 1681, 1489, 1206, 978, 762.

**HRMS (ESI,  $m/z$ ):** Calculated for  $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{25}\text{BrO}_3\text{Na}$  ( $M+\text{Na}$ ) 451.0885, Measured 451.0890.



(4-Isopropyl-11,11-dimethyl-5,6-dihydro-4H-2,6-methanobenzo[d][1,3]dioxocin-5-yl)(m-tolyl)methanone (**3j**)



A white solid; Mp: 153 – 154; 59% yield.

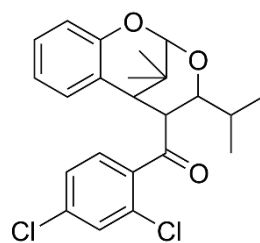
**<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)**  $\delta$  7.80 (d,  $J$  = 2.6 Hz, 2H), 7.48 (dd,  $J$  = 4.5, 1.8 Hz, 2H), 7.26 – 7.13 (m, 1H), 6.91 (d,  $J$  = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 6.79 (t,  $J$  = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 6.40 (d,  $J$  = 7.1 Hz, 1H), 5.10 (d,  $J$  = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 4.30 (dd,  $J$  = 11.0, 3.3 Hz, 1H), 3.98 (dd,  $J$  = 11.0, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 2.94 (t,  $J$  = 2.5 Hz, 1H), 2.51 (s, 3H), 1.77 (pd,  $J$  = 6.9, 2.3 Hz, 1H), 1.52 (s, 3H), 1.04 (d,  $J$  = 6.9 Hz, 3H), 0.99 (d,  $J$  = 6.9 Hz, 3H), 0.93 (s, 3H).

**<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)**  $\delta$  199.00, 153.80, 139.02, 136.59, 134.10, 129.78, 128.97, 128.76, 128.65, 125.28, 121.29, 120.05, 114.42, 99.53, 71.94, 45.29, 44.08, 32.25, 29.45, 24.18, 23.41, 21.57, 20.42, 15.60.

**IR (thin film):** 2960, 2873, 1673, 1486, 1218, 1075, 749, 891.

**HRMS (ESI,  $m/z$ ):** Calculated for C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>28</sub>O<sub>3</sub>Na (M+Na) 387.1936, Measured 387.1941.

(2,4-Dichlorophenyl)(4-isopropyl-11,11-dimethyl-5,6-dihydro-4H-2,6-methanobenzo[d][1,3]dioxocin-5-yl)methanone (**3k**)



A white solid; Mp: 166 – 167; 72% yield.

**<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)**  $\delta$  7.61 (d,  $J$  = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.55 (d,  $J$  = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.44 (dd,  $J$  = 8.4, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.21 (ddd,  $J$  = 8.2, 7.4, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 6.90 (dd,  $J$  = 8.2, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 6.81 (td,  $J$  = 7.4, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 6.52 (dd,  $J$  = 7.6, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 5.05 (d,

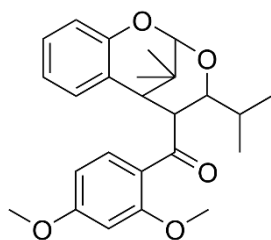
$J = 1.9$  Hz, 1H), 4.48 (dd,  $J = 10.8, 3.3$  Hz, 1H), 3.88 (dd,  $J = 10.8, 2.0$  Hz, 1H), 2.90 – 2.81 (m, 1H), 1.83 (pd,  $J = 6.9, 2.0$  Hz, 1H), 1.39 (s, 3H), 1.04 (d,  $J = 6.9$  Hz, 3H), 0.99 (d,  $J = 6.9$  Hz, 3H), 0.87 (s, 3H).

**$^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)**  $\delta$  199.41, 154.01, 138.50, 135.47, 132.84, 132.61, 131.27, 129.50, 128.99, 127.82, 120.94, 120.12, 114.64, 99.36, 72.00, 48.66, 43.17, 32.24, 29.12, 24.04, 23.20, 20.54, 15.28.

**IR (thin film):** 2974, 2906, 1701, 1617, 1585, 1486, 1221, 1093, 756.

**HRMS (ESI, *m/z*):** Calculated for  $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{24}\text{Cl}_2\text{O}_3\text{Na}$  ( $\text{M}+\text{Na}$ ) 441.1000, Measured 441.1099.

(2,4-Dimethoxyphenyl)(4-isopropyl-11,11-dimethyl-5,6-dihydro-4H-2,6-methanobenzo[d][1,3]dioxocin-5-yl)methanone (**31**)



A white solid; Mp: 156 – 159; 67% yield.

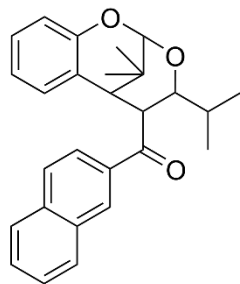
**$^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)**  $\delta$  7.80 (d,  $J = 8.7$  Hz, 1H), 7.17 (td,  $J = 7.7, 1.7$  Hz, 1H), 6.87 (d,  $J = 8.1$  Hz, 1H), 6.75 (td,  $J = 7.4, 1.2$  Hz, 1H), 6.64 (dd,  $J = 8.7, 2.3$  Hz, 1H), 6.56 (d,  $J = 2.3$  Hz, 1H), 6.43 (dd,  $J = 7.5, 1.7$  Hz, 1H), 5.05 (d,  $J = 2.0$  Hz, 1H), 4.55 (dd,  $J = 11.1, 3.2$  Hz, 1H), 4.01 (s, 3H), 3.92 – 3.88 (m, 4H), 2.89 (t,  $J = 2.6$  Hz, 1H), 1.83 (pd,  $J = 6.8, 2.1$  Hz, 1H), 1.40 (s, 3H), 1.02 (d,  $J = 6.9$  Hz, 3H), 0.96 (d,  $J = 6.9$  Hz, 3H), 0.88 (s, 3H).

**$^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)**  $\delta$  198.65, 164.63, 160.13, 154.00, 134.03, 129.63, 128.44, 121.99, 119.83, 114.27, 105.86, 99.69, 98.46, 72.27, 55.61, 55.50, 49.40, 42.87, 32.20, 29.15, 24.23, 23.23, 20.43, 15.30.

**IR (thin film):** 2963, 2907, 1657, 1601, 1257, 1214, 1027, 757.

**HRMS (ESI, *m/z*):** Calculated for  $\text{C}_{25}\text{H}_{30}\text{O}_5\text{Na}$  ( $\text{M}+\text{Na}$ ) 433.1991, Measured 433.1995.

(4-Isopropyl-11,11-dimethyl-5,6-dihydro-4H-2,6-methanobenzo[d][1,3]dioxocin-5-yl)(naphthalen-2-yl)methanone (**3m**)



A white solid; Mp: 180 – 181; 50% yield.

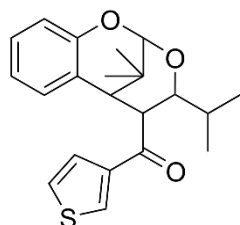
**<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)**  $\delta$  8.52 (s, 1H), 8.12 – 8.00 (m, 3H), 7.97 (d,  $J$  = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.67 (tt,  $J$  = 8.4, 6.2 Hz, 2H), 7.23 (td,  $J$  = 7.8, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 6.94 (d,  $J$  = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 6.79 (td,  $J$  = 7.4, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 6.39 (dd,  $J$  = 7.5, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 5.14 (d,  $J$  = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 4.48 (dd,  $J$  = 11.0, 3.3 Hz, 1H), 4.05 (dd,  $J$  = 11.0, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 3.03 (t,  $J$  = 2.6 Hz, 1H), 1.83 (pd,  $J$  = 6.9, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 1.59 (s, 3H), 1.08 (d,  $J$  = 6.9 Hz, 3H), 1.04 (d,  $J$  = 6.9 Hz, 3H), 0.94 (s, 3H).

**<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)**  $\delta$  198.83, 153.82, 133.84, 132.74, 129.78, 129.73, 129.43, 129.16, 128.83, 128.76, 127.92, 127.08, 124.05, 121.28, 120.11, 114.49, 99.56, 71.97, 45.45, 44.33, 32.33, 29.53, 24.19, 23.50, 20.46, 15.66.

**IR (thin film):** 2958, 2873, 1672, 1486, 1218, 1075, 981, 749.

**HRMS (ESI, *m/z*):** Calculated for C<sub>27</sub>H<sub>28</sub>O<sub>3</sub>Na (M+Na) 423.1936, Measured 423.1930.

(4-Isopropyl-11,11-dimethyl-5,6-dihydro-4H-2,6-methanobenzo[d][1,3]dioxocin-5-yl)(thiophen-3-yl)methanone (**3n**)



A white solid; Mp: 172 – 180; 42% yield.

**<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)**  $\delta$  8.11 (dd,  $J$  = 2.9, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.58 (dd,  $J$  = 5.0, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.44 (dd,  $J$  = 5.1, 2.9 Hz, 1H), 7.20 (ddd,  $J$  = 8.7, 7.4, 1.7 Hz, 1H),

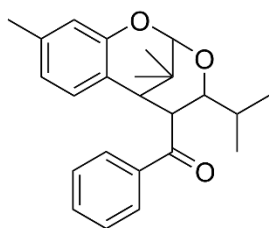
6.89 (dd,  $J = 8.2, 1.2$  Hz, 1H), 6.78 (td,  $J = 7.4, 1.2$  Hz, 1H), 6.43 (dd,  $J = 7.5, 1.7$  Hz, 1H), 5.08 (d,  $J = 2.0$  Hz, 1H), 4.06 (dd,  $J = 11.1, 3.3$  Hz, 1H), 3.92 (dd,  $J = 11.0, 2.4$  Hz, 1H), 2.97 (t,  $J = 2.7$  Hz, 1H), 1.74 (pd,  $J = 6.9, 2.4$  Hz, 1H), 1.48 (s, 3H), 1.01 (d,  $J = 7.0$  Hz, 3H), 0.96 (d,  $J = 6.8$  Hz, 3H), 0.93 (s, 3H).

**$^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)**  $\delta$  193.26, 153.74, 141.86, 131.58, 129.82, 128.80, 127.12, 127.00, 121.20, 120.10, 114.42, 99.46, 71.58, 47.44, 44.43, 32.19, 29.44, 24.17, 23.45, 20.37, 15.54.

**IR (thin film):** 2966, 2909, 1673, 1487, 1223, 1077, 975, 761.

**HRMS (ESI,  $m/z$ ):** Calculated for  $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{24}\text{SO}_3\text{Na}$  ( $M+\text{Na}$ ) 379.1344, Measured 379.1349.

(4-Isopropyl-9,11,11-trimethyl-5,6-dihydro-4H-2,6-methanobenzo[*d*][1,3]dioxocin-5-yl)(phenyl)methanone (**3o**)



A white solid; Mp: 159 – 166; 58% yield.

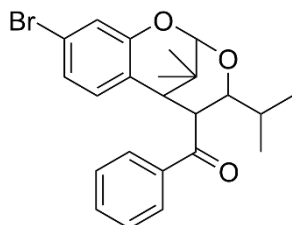
**$^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)**  $\delta$  7.98 (dt,  $J = 7.0, 1.4$  Hz, 2H), 7.71 – 7.61 (m, 1H), 7.58 (dd,  $J = 8.2, 6.7$  Hz, 2H), 6.72 (d,  $J = 1.7$  Hz, 1H), 6.58 (dd,  $J = 7.7, 1.7$  Hz, 1H), 6.24 (d,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 1H), 5.06 (d,  $J = 1.9$  Hz, 1H), 4.28 (dd,  $J = 10.9, 3.2$  Hz, 1H), 3.95 (dd,  $J = 11.0, 2.4$  Hz, 1H), 2.88 (t,  $J = 2.6$  Hz, 1H), 2.31 (s, 3H), 1.75 (pd,  $J = 6.9, 2.4$  Hz, 1H), 1.49 (s, 3H), 1.02 (d,  $J = 7.0$  Hz, 3H), 0.97 (d,  $J = 6.9$  Hz, 3H), 0.90 (s, 3H).

**$^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)**  $\delta$  199.00, 153.54, 138.74, 136.55, 133.23, 129.33, 129.10, 128.11, 120.97, 118.14, 115.05, 99.48, 71.90, 45.31, 43.74, 32.33, 29.42, 24.17, 23.42, 21.34, 20.38, 15.54.

**IR (thin film):** 2962, 2872, 1679, 1581, 1449, 1242, 1078, 1027, 785.

**HRMS (ESI,  $m/z$ ):** Calculated for  $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{28}\text{O}_3\text{Na}$  ( $M+\text{Na}$ ) 387.1936, Measured 387.1939.

(9-Bromo-4-isopropyl-11,11-dimethyl-5,6-dihydro-4H-2,6-methanobenzo[d][1,3]-dioxocin-5-yl)(phenyl)methanone (**3p**)



A white solid; Mp: 166 – 167; 62% yield.

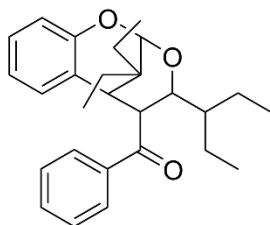
**<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)**  $\delta$  7.97 (dt,  $J = 7.1, 1.4$  Hz, 2H), 7.76 – 7.62 (m, 1H), 7.58 (dd,  $J = 8.2, 6.8$  Hz, 2H), 7.07 (d,  $J = 2.0$  Hz, 1H), 6.89 (dd,  $J = 8.1, 2.0$  Hz, 1H), 6.22 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1H), 5.08 (d,  $J = 2.0$  Hz, 1H), 4.28 (dd,  $J = 11.0, 3.3$  Hz, 1H), 3.91 (dd,  $J = 11.0, 2.4$  Hz, 1H), 2.95 – 2.71 (m, 1H), 1.74 (pd,  $J = 6.9, 2.5$  Hz, 1H), 1.49 (s, 3H), 1.02 (d,  $J = 6.9$  Hz, 3H), 0.96 (d,  $J = 6.9$  Hz, 3H), 0.89 (s, 3H).

**<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)**  $\delta$  198.65, 154.48, 136.25, 133.48, 130.75, 129.22, 128.08, 123.24, 121.73, 120.40, 117.83, 99.58, 71.88, 44.96, 43.64, 32.10, 29.38, 24.04, 23.28, 20.34, 15.49.

**IR (thin film):** 2994, 2960, 1682, 1598, 1480, 1214, 977, 710.

**HRMS (ESI, *m/z*):** Calculated for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>25</sub>BrO<sub>3</sub>Na (M+Na) 451.0885, Measured 451.0889.

(11,11-Diethyl-4-(pentan-3-yl)-5,6-dihydro-4H-2,6-methanobenzo[d][1,3]dioxocin-5-yl)(phenyl)methanone (**3q**)



white liquid; 56% yield.

**<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)**  $\delta$  8.09 – 7.92 (m, 2H), 7.66 (dd,  $J = 7.4, 1.5$  Hz, 1H), 7.63 – 7.55 (m, 2H), 7.21 (t,  $J = 7.7$  Hz, 1H), 6.91 (d,  $J = 8.2$  Hz, 1H), 6.78 (t,  $J = 7.4$  Hz, 1H), 6.40 (dd,  $J = 7.5, 1.7$  Hz, 1H),

5.20 (d, J = 1.9 Hz, 1H), 4.33 (dd, J = 11.0, 3.1 Hz, 1H), 4.22 (dd, J = 10.9, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 3.04 (t, J = 2.5 Hz, 1H), 2.00 (q, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 1.68 – 1.58 (m, 1H), 1.50 – 1.33 (m, 4H), 1.24 – 1.13 (m, 2H), 1.13 – 1.07 (m, 3H), 0.95 – 0.87 (m, 6H), 0.80 – 0.71 (m, 3H).

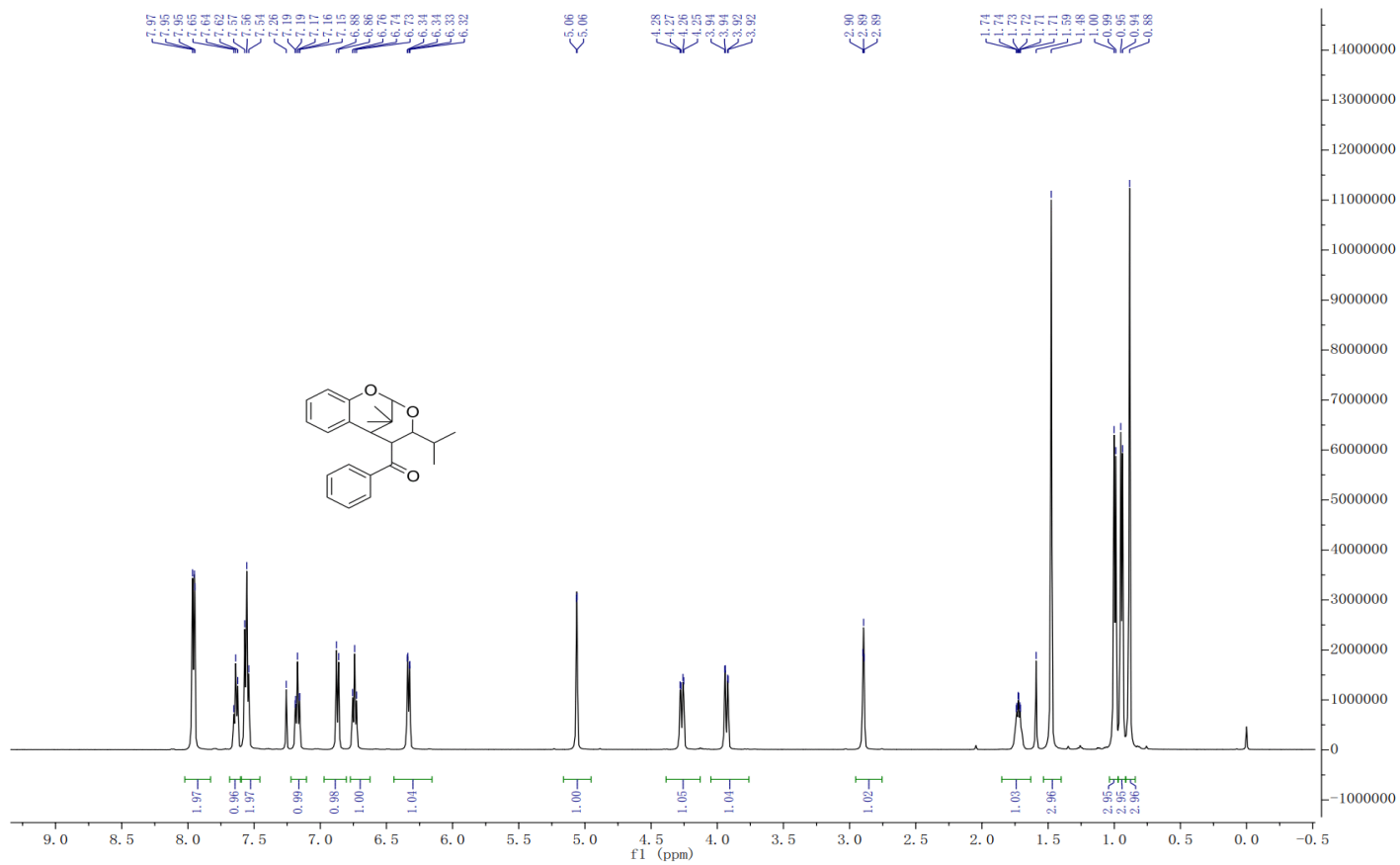
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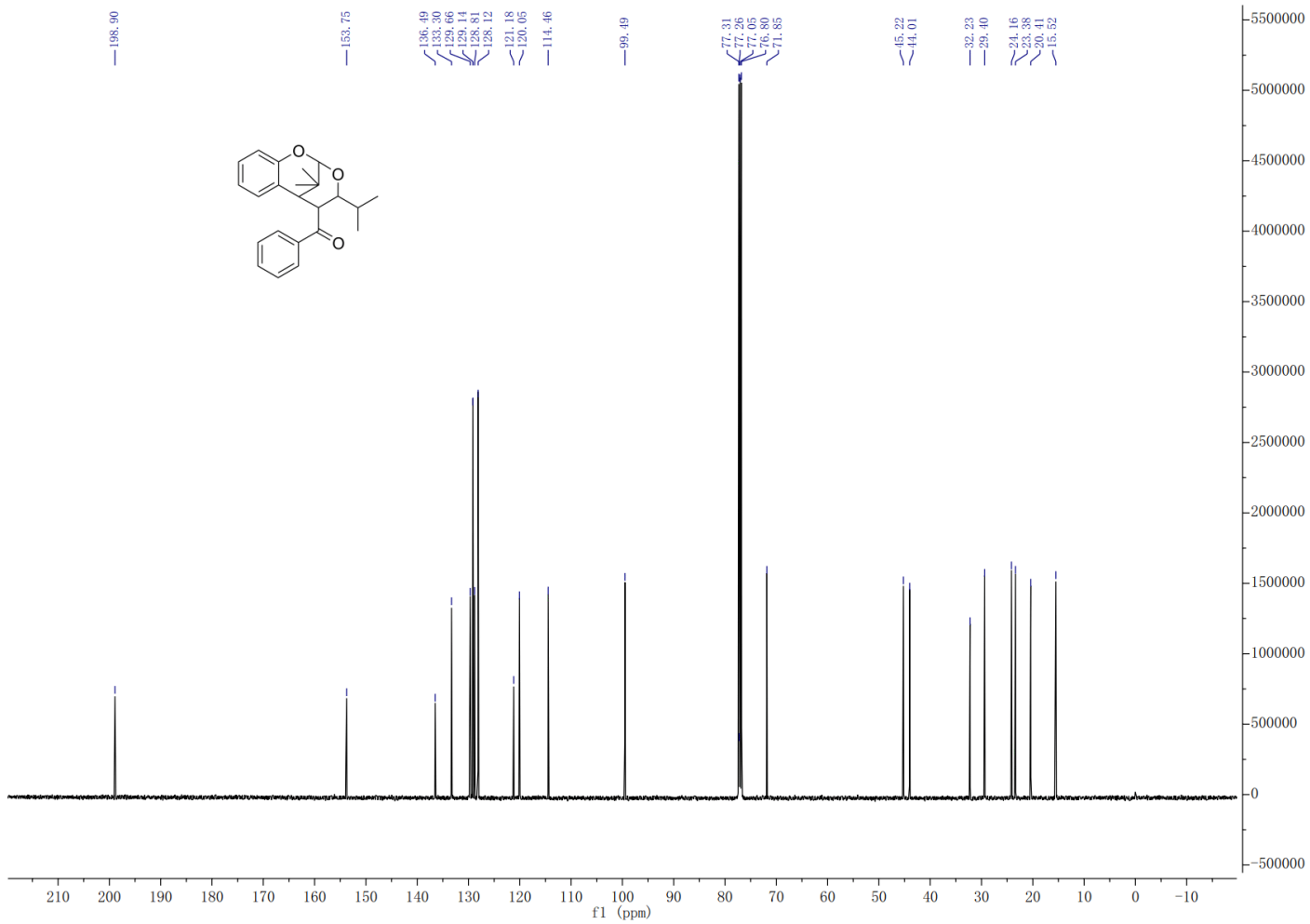
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**HRMS (ESI, m/z):** Calculated for C<sub>27</sub>H<sub>34</sub>O<sub>3</sub>Na (M+Na) 429.2406, Measured 429.2412.

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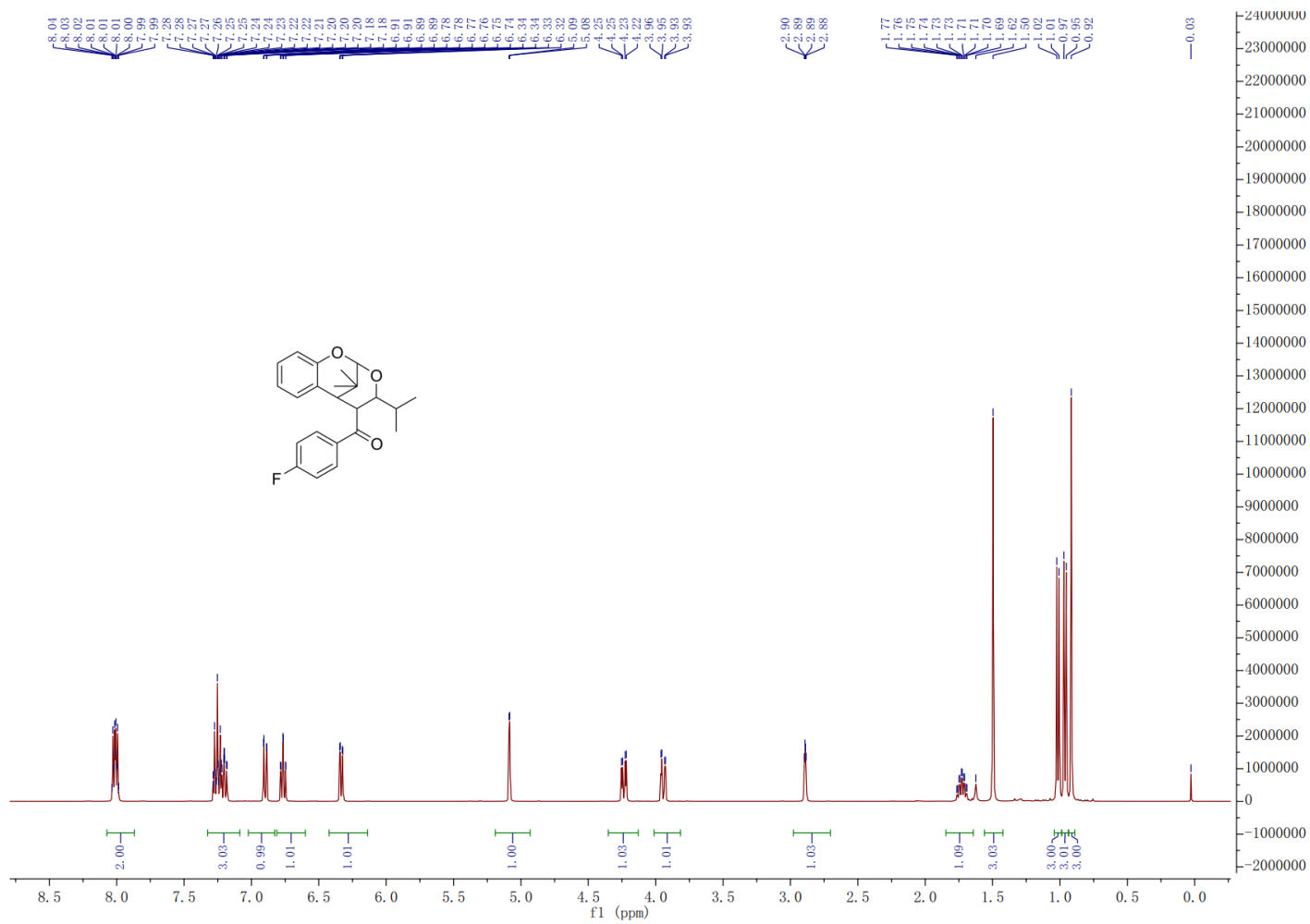
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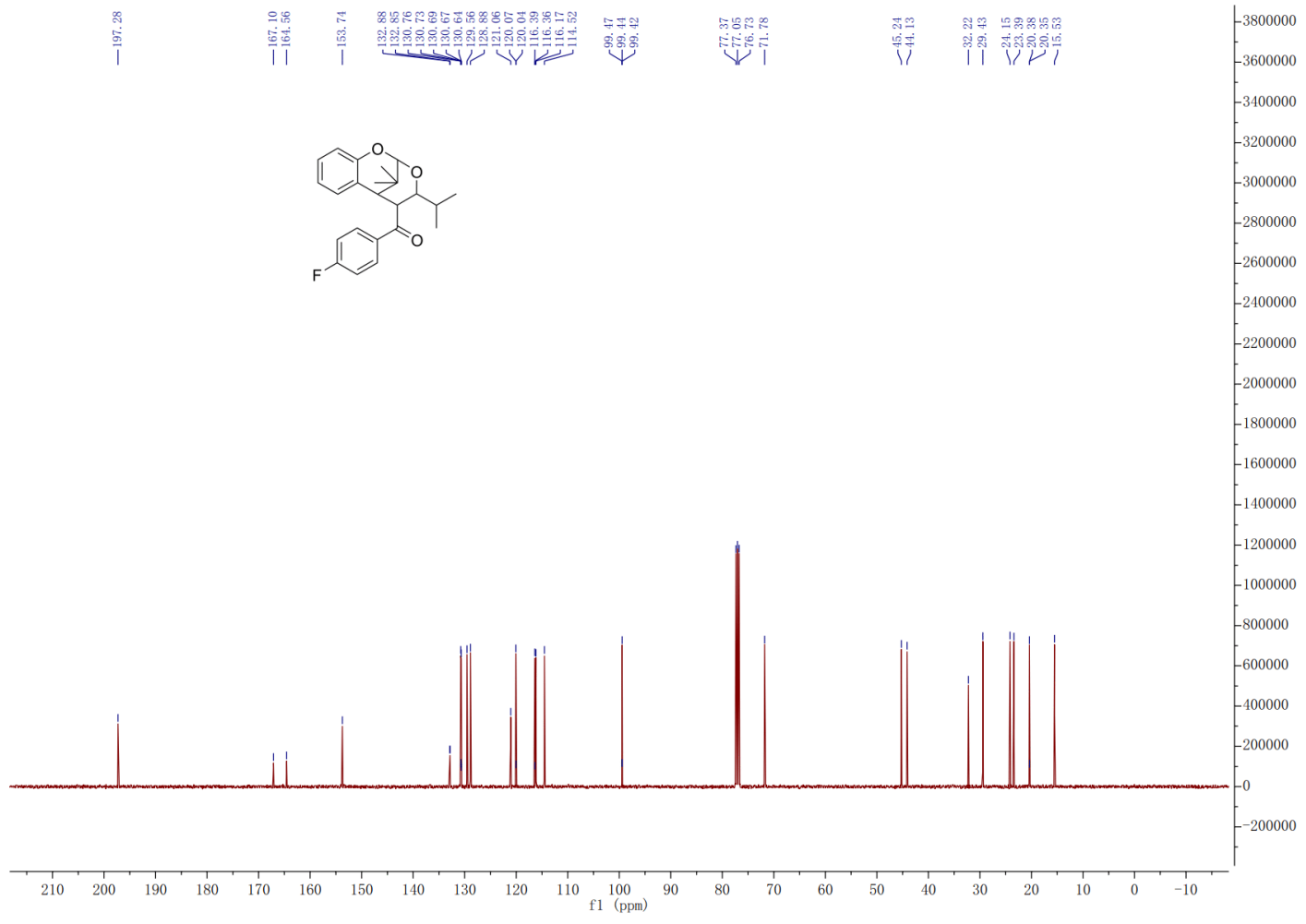




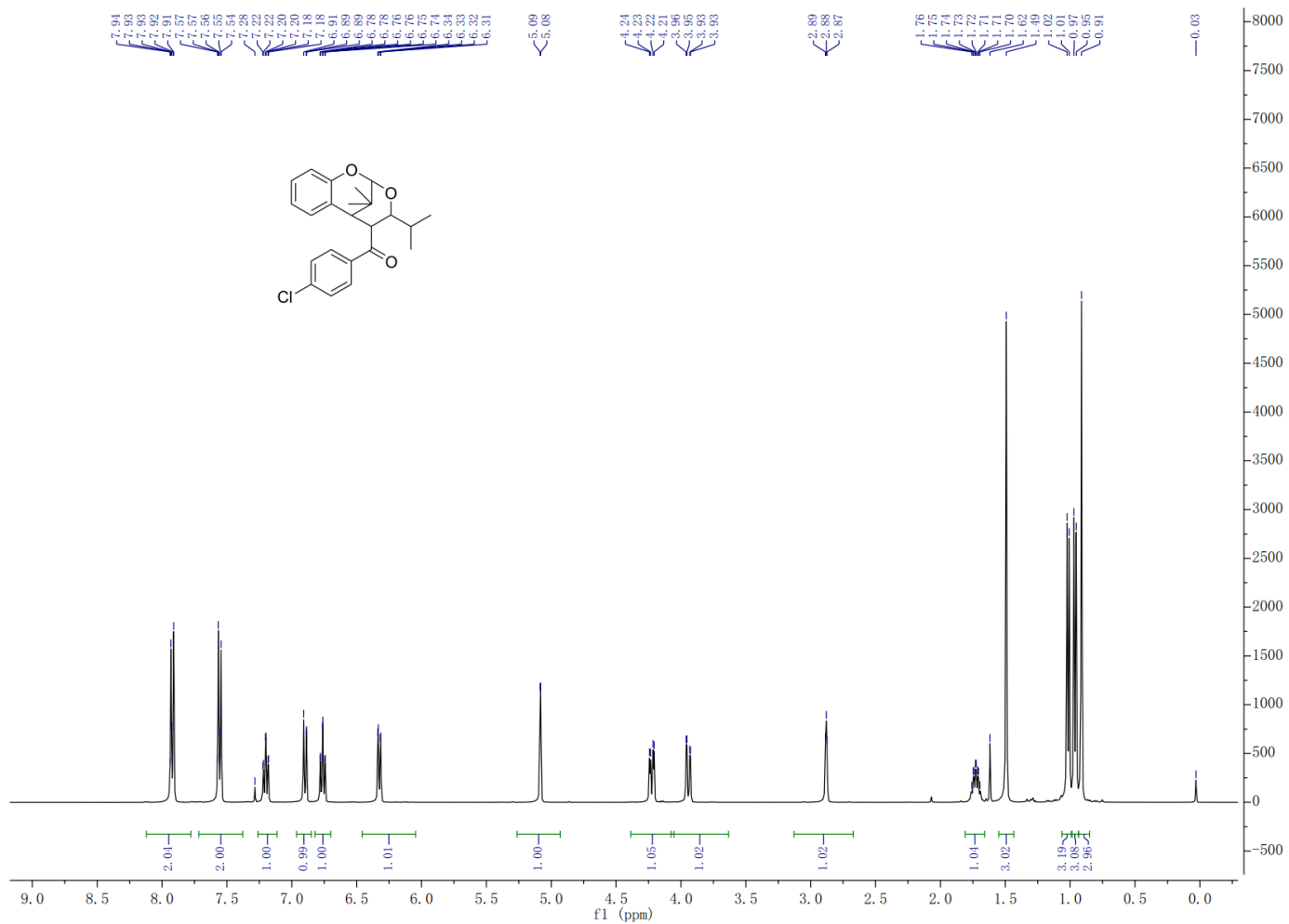


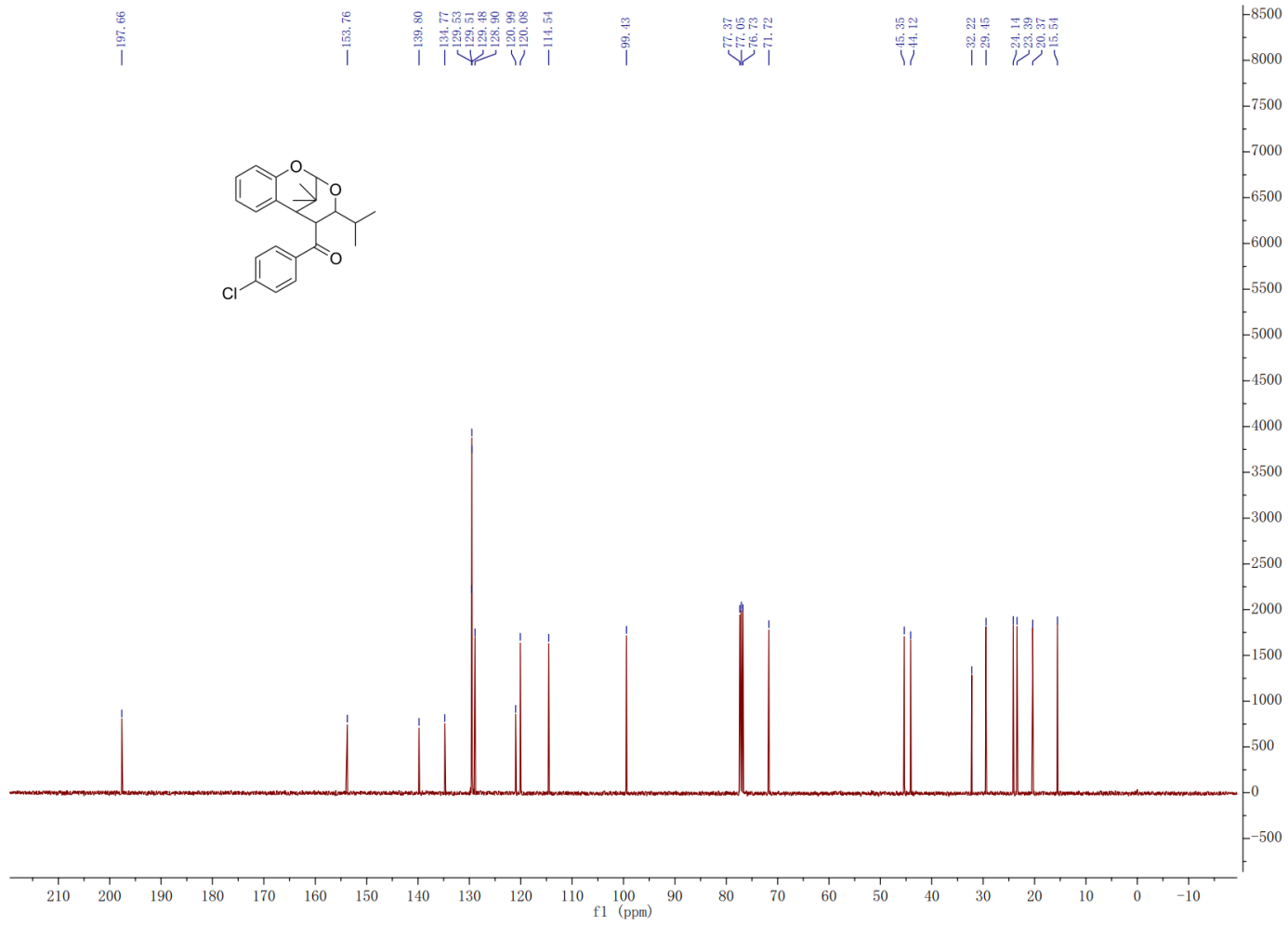
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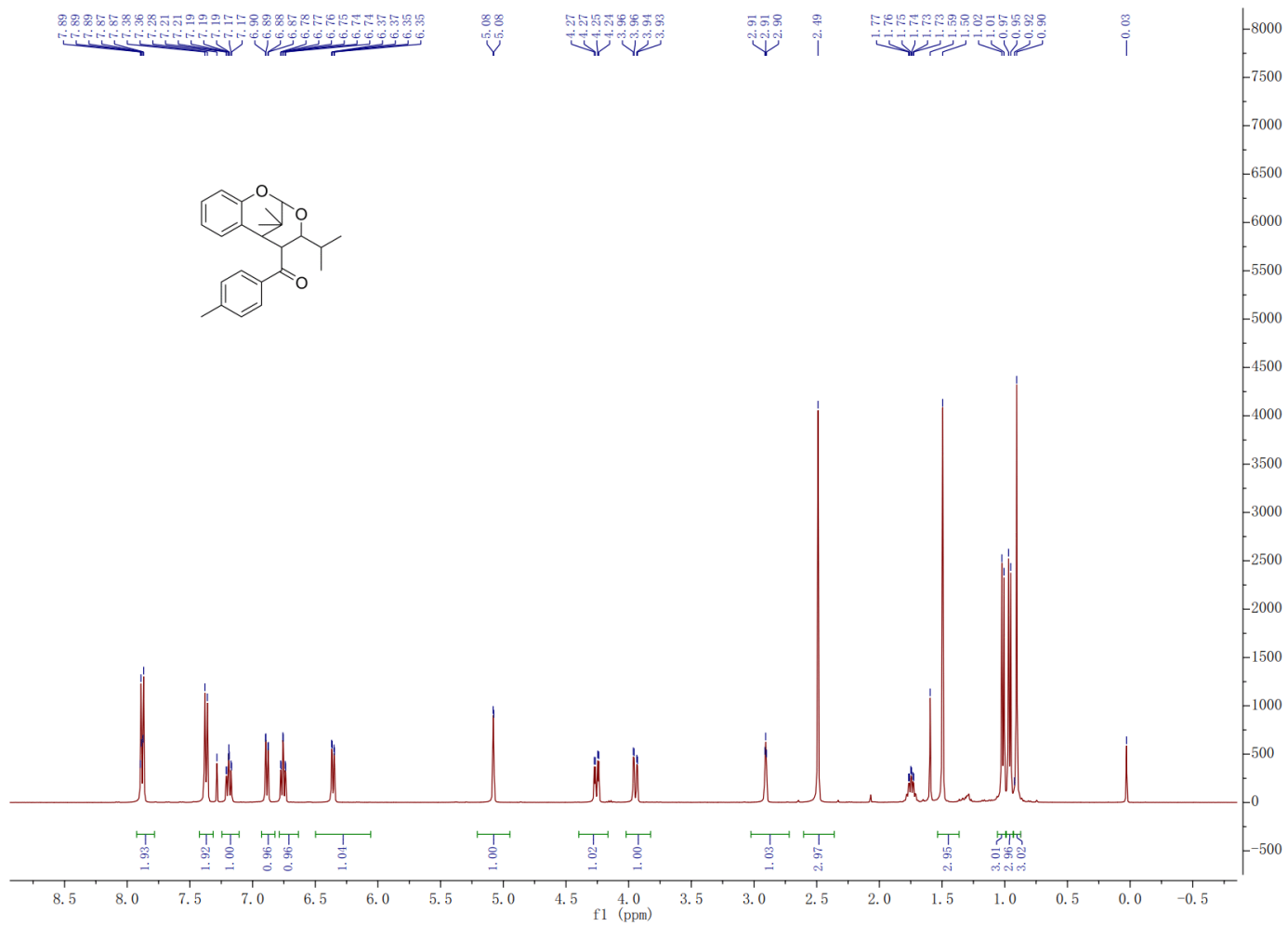


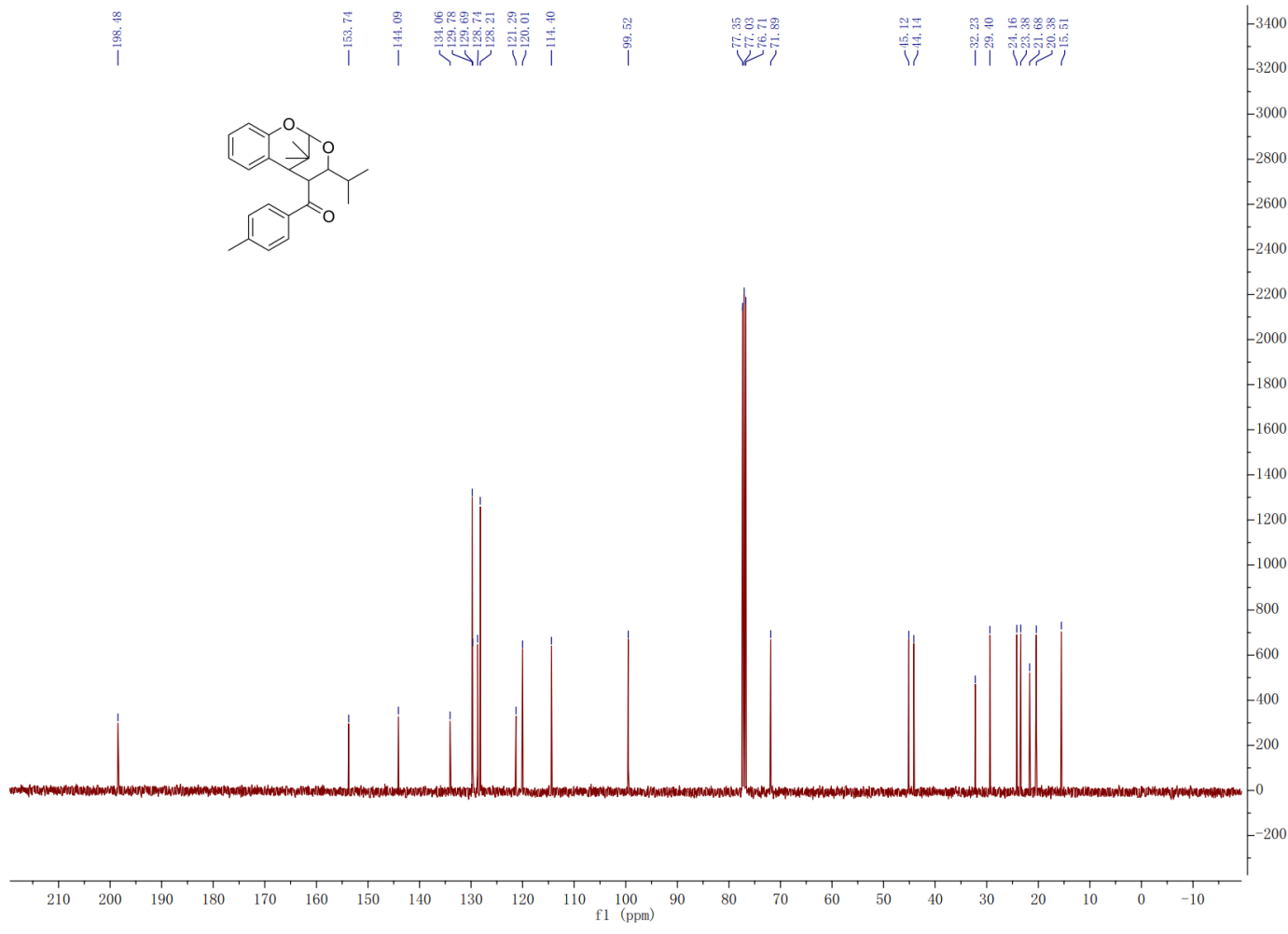
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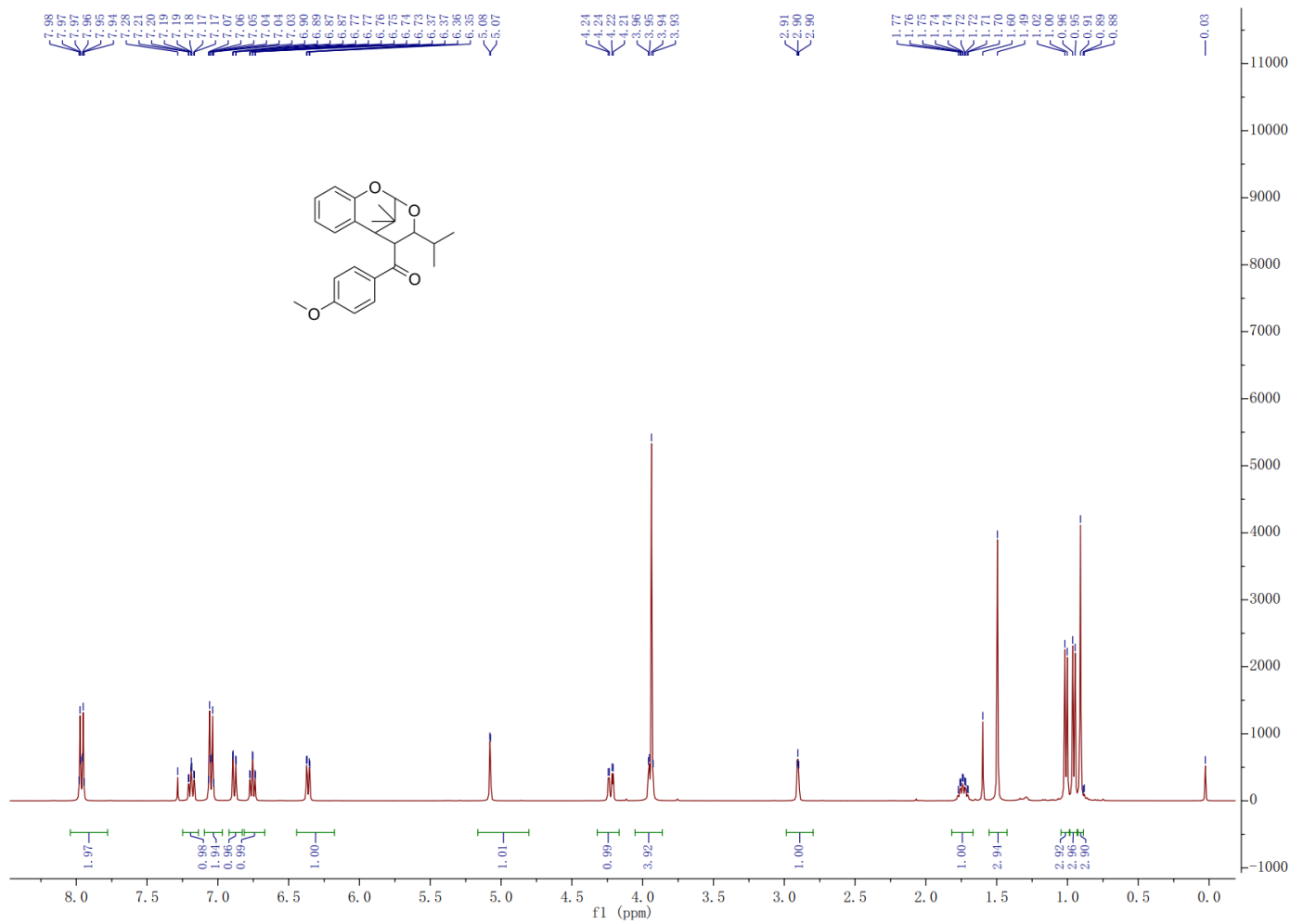


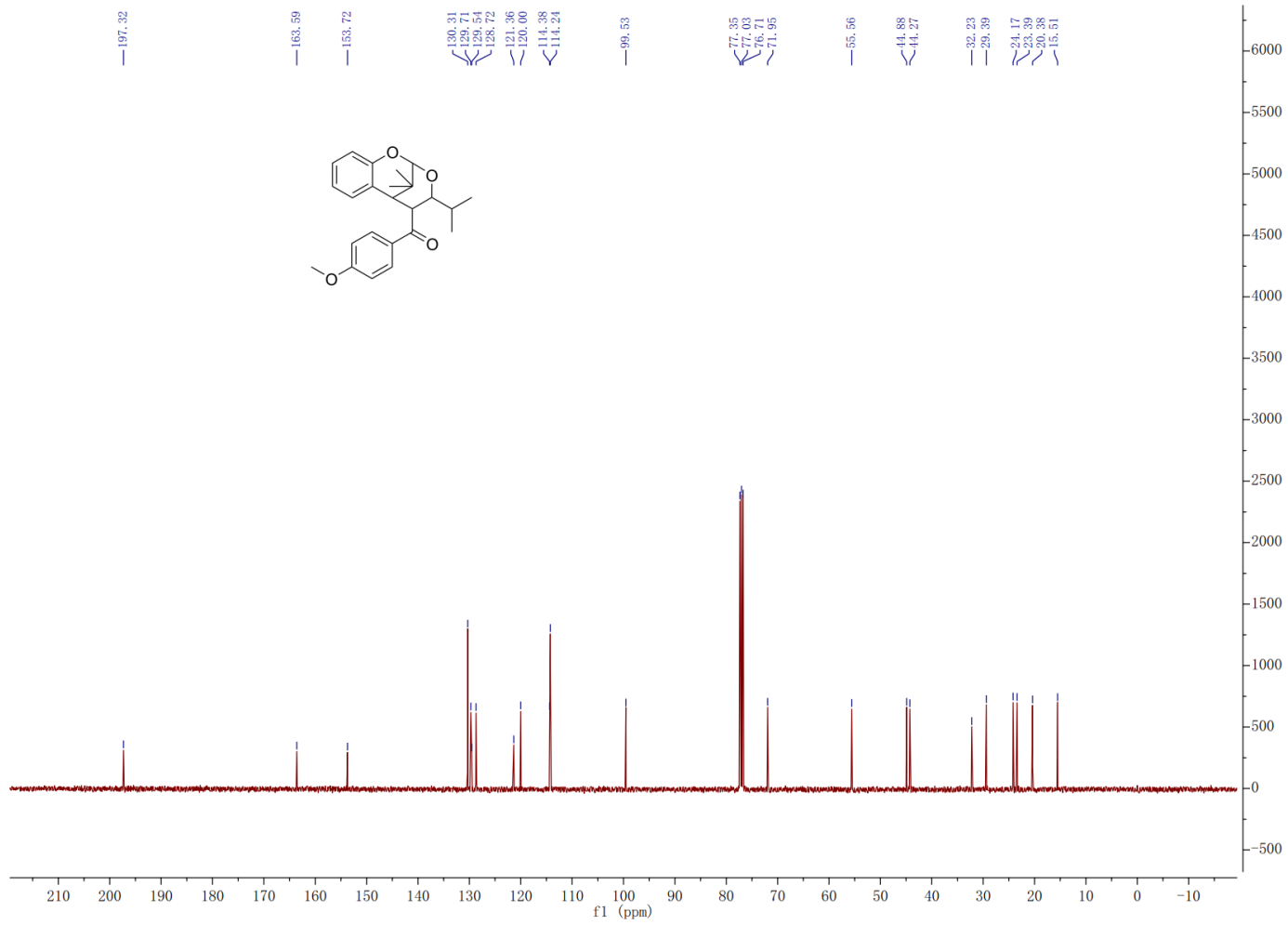
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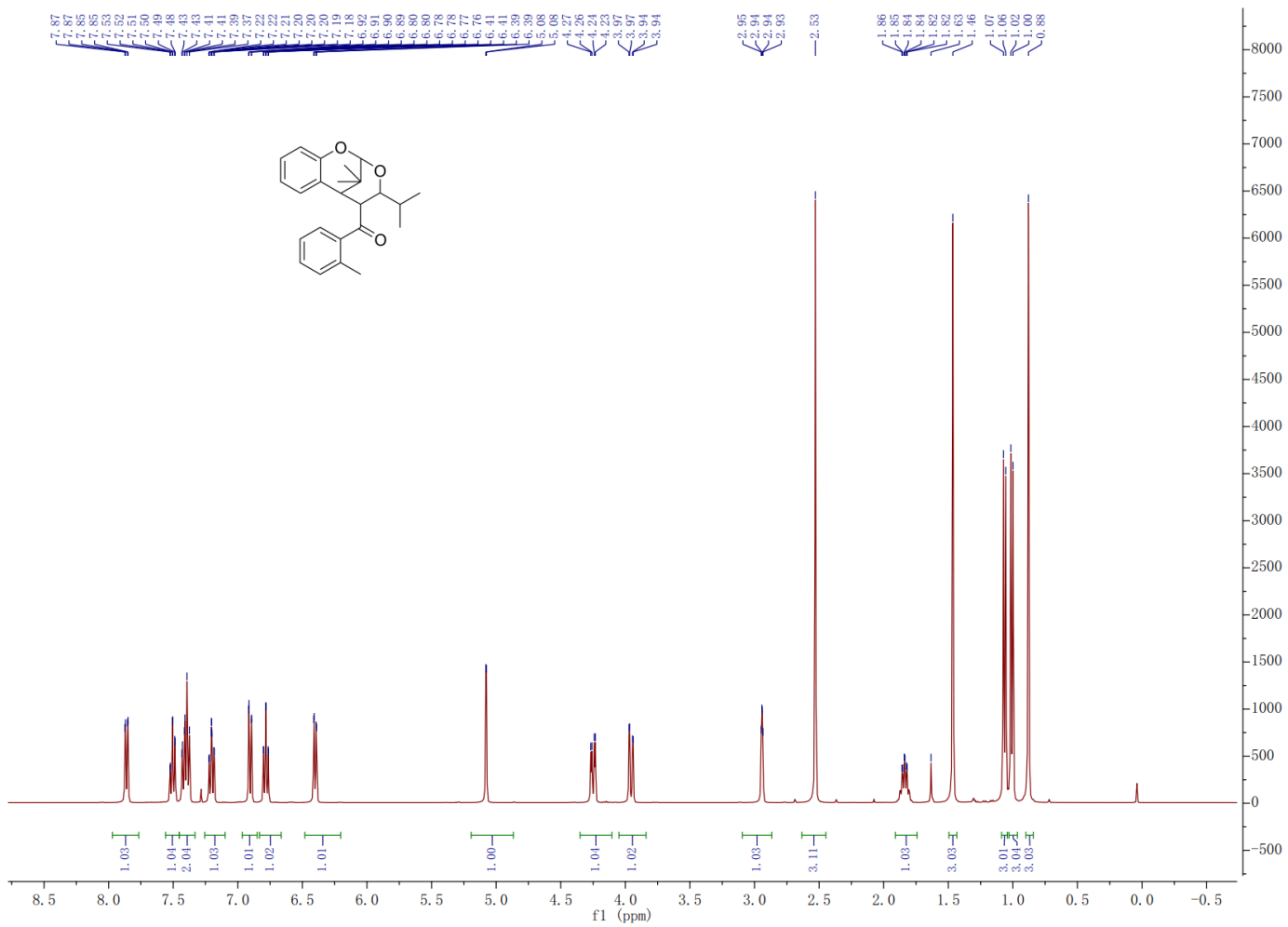
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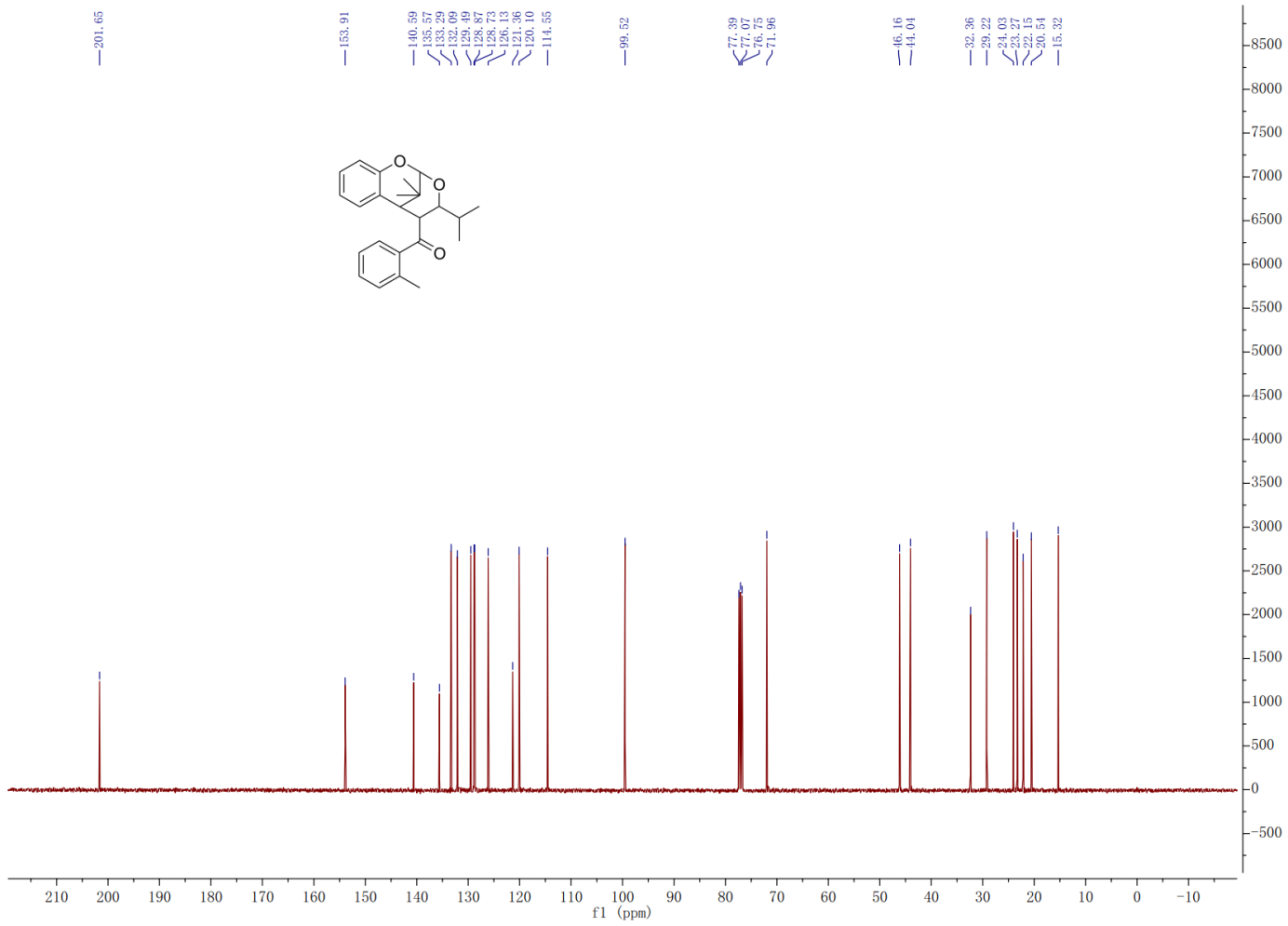




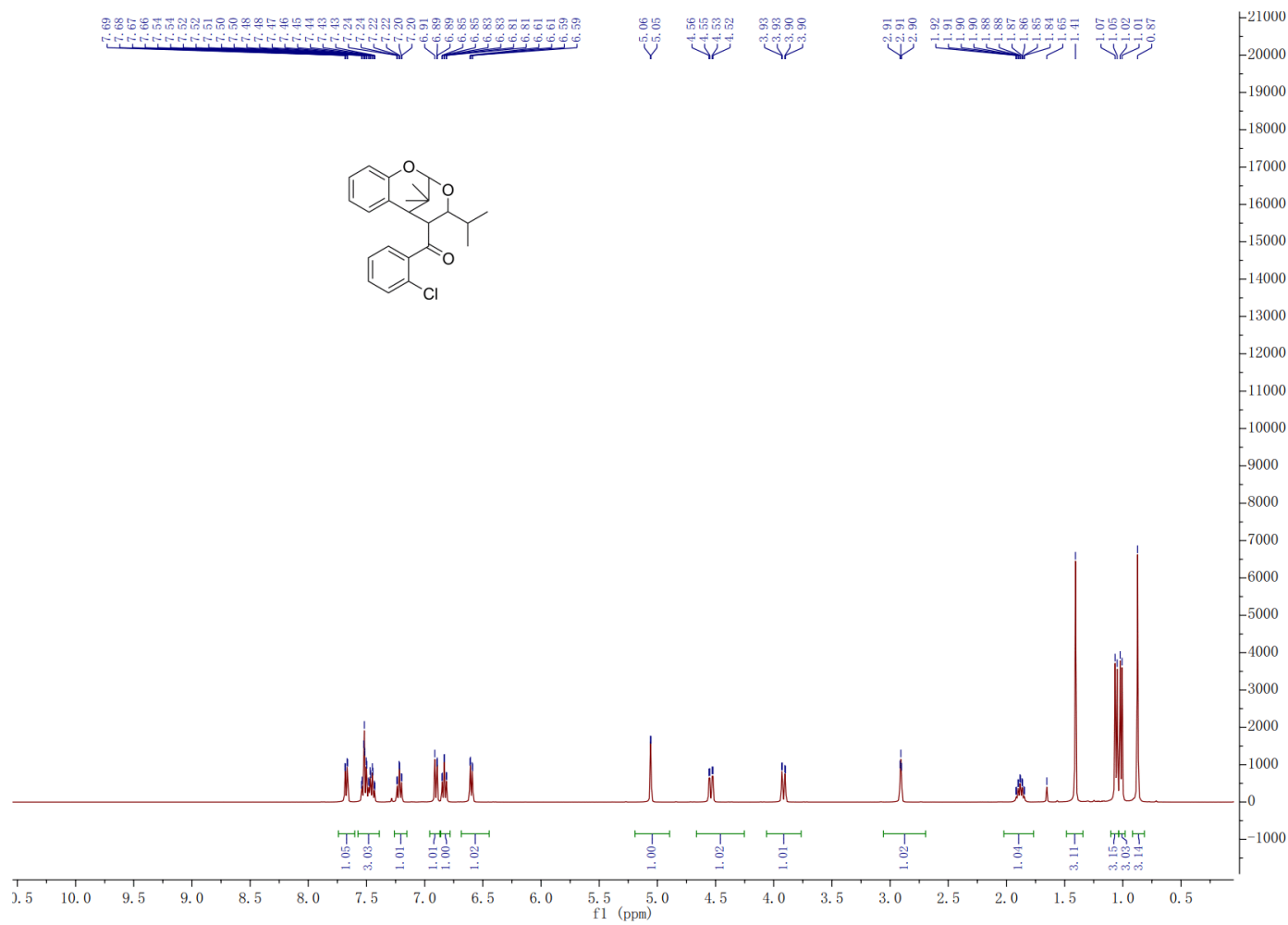


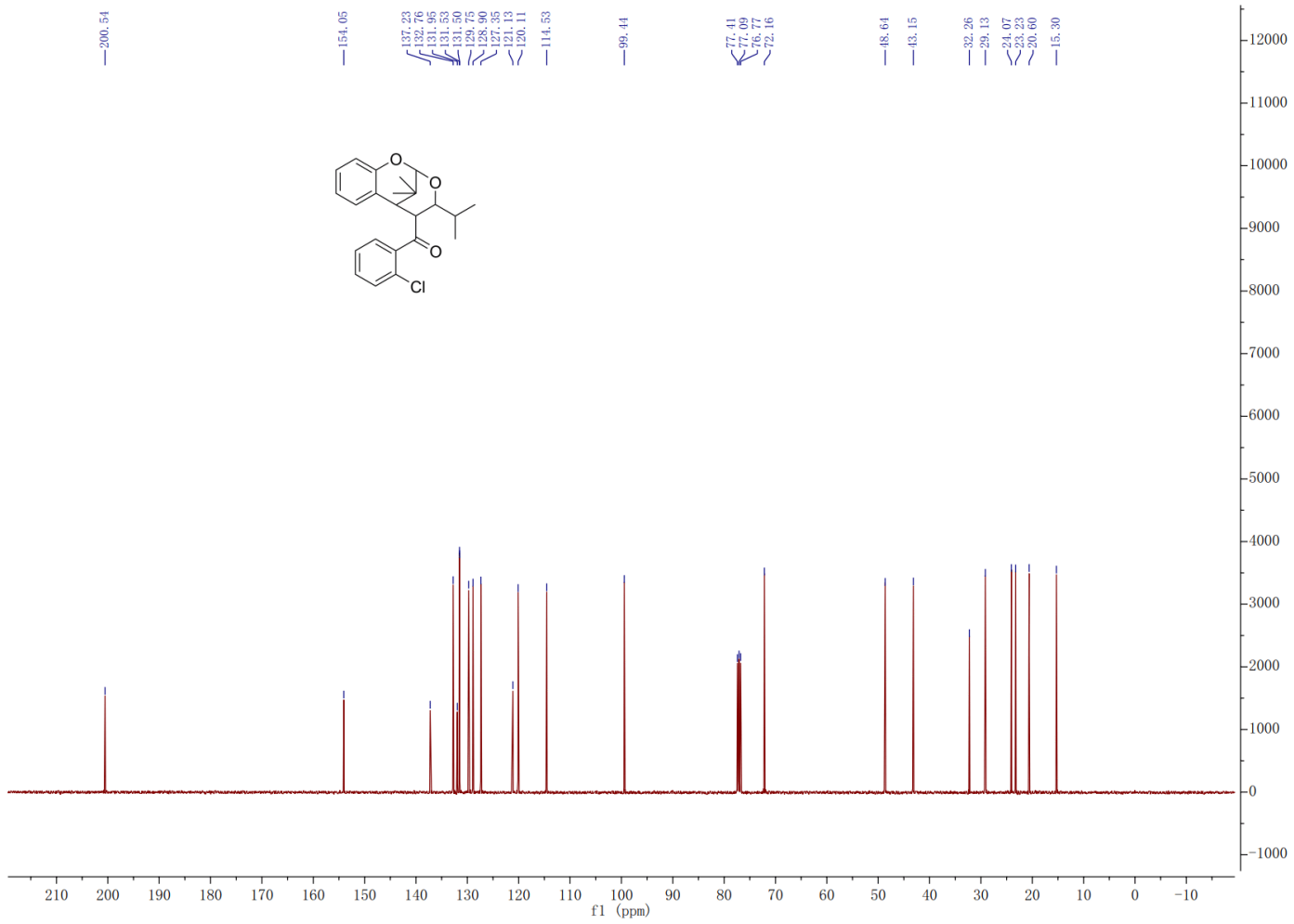
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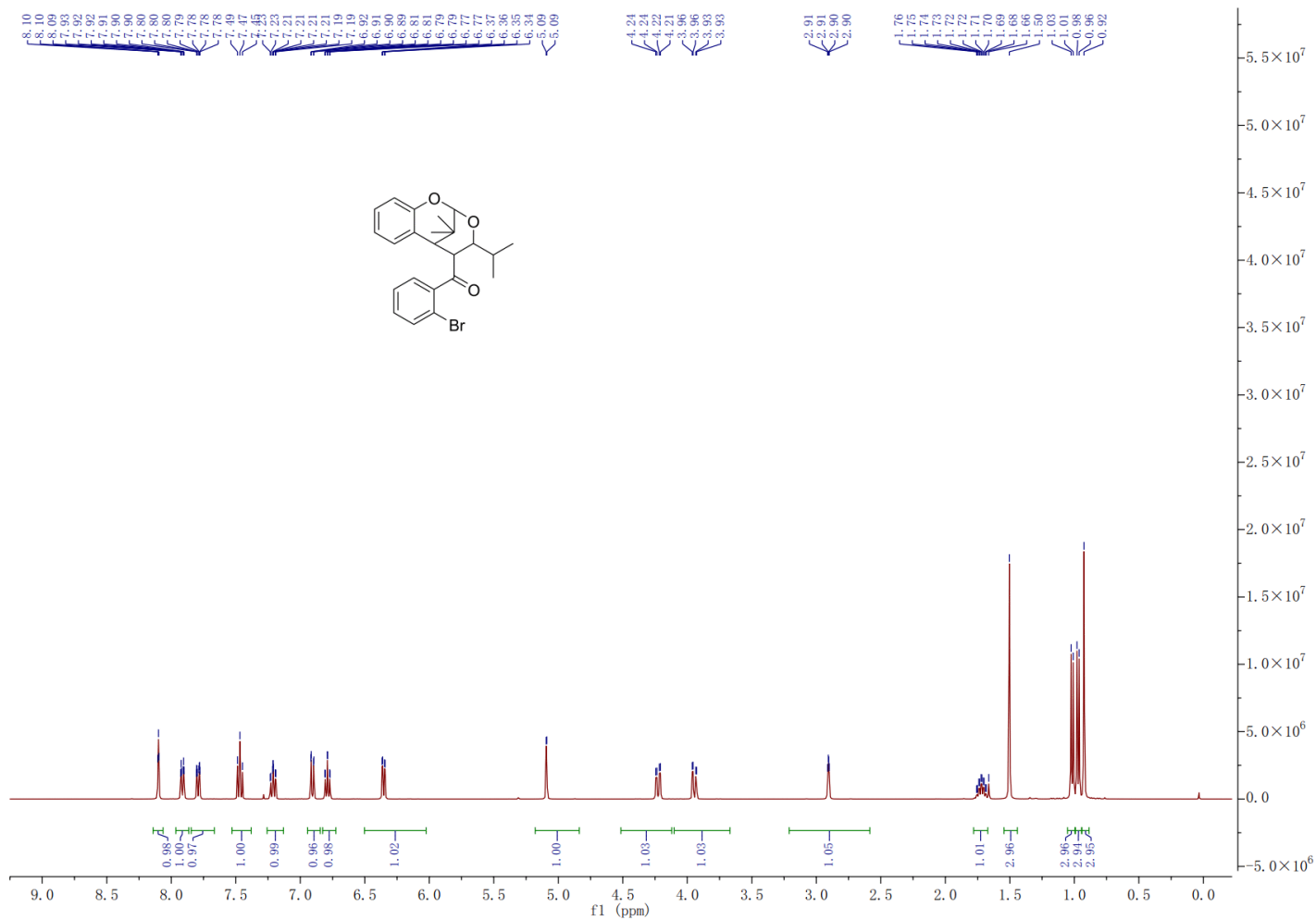


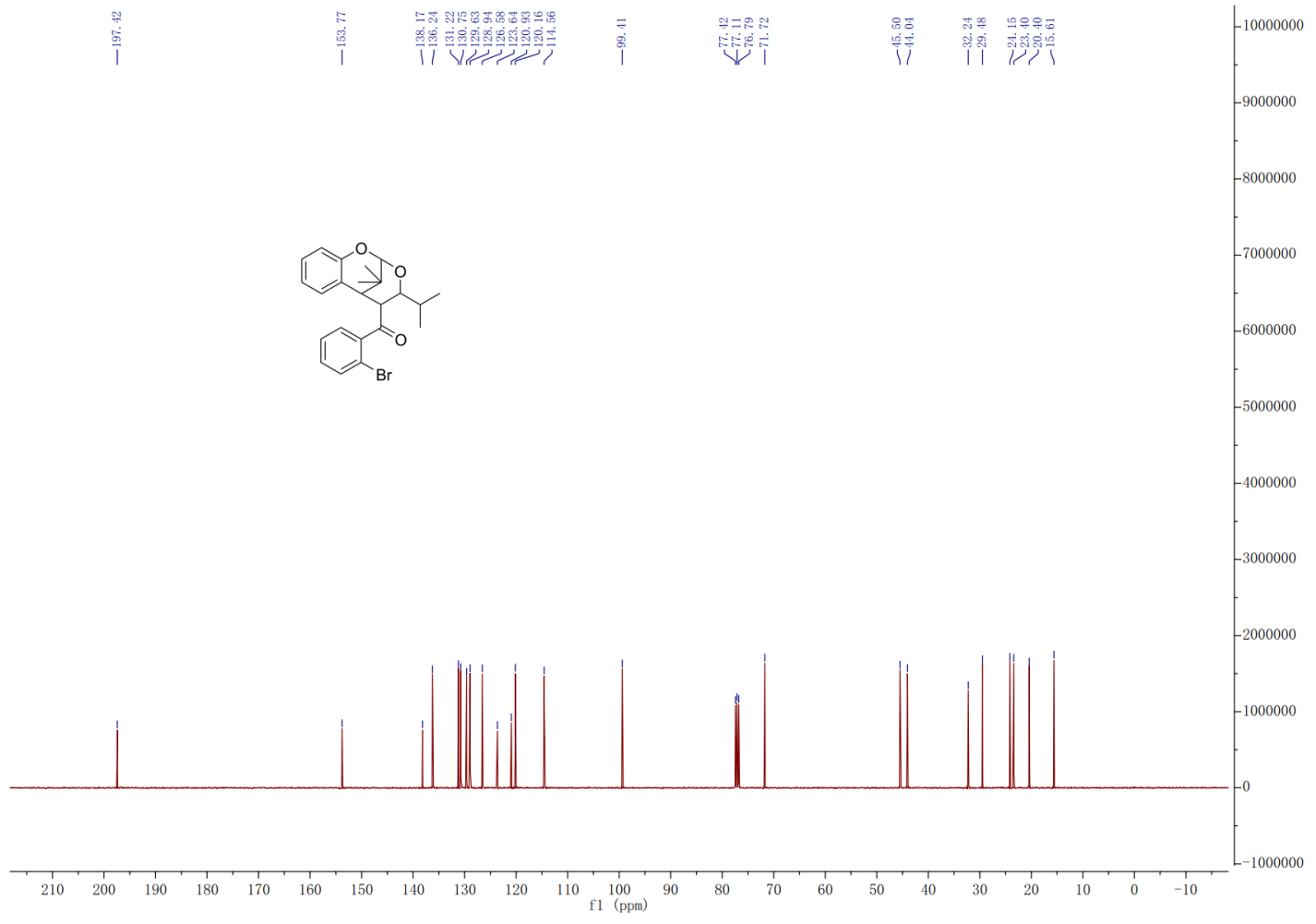
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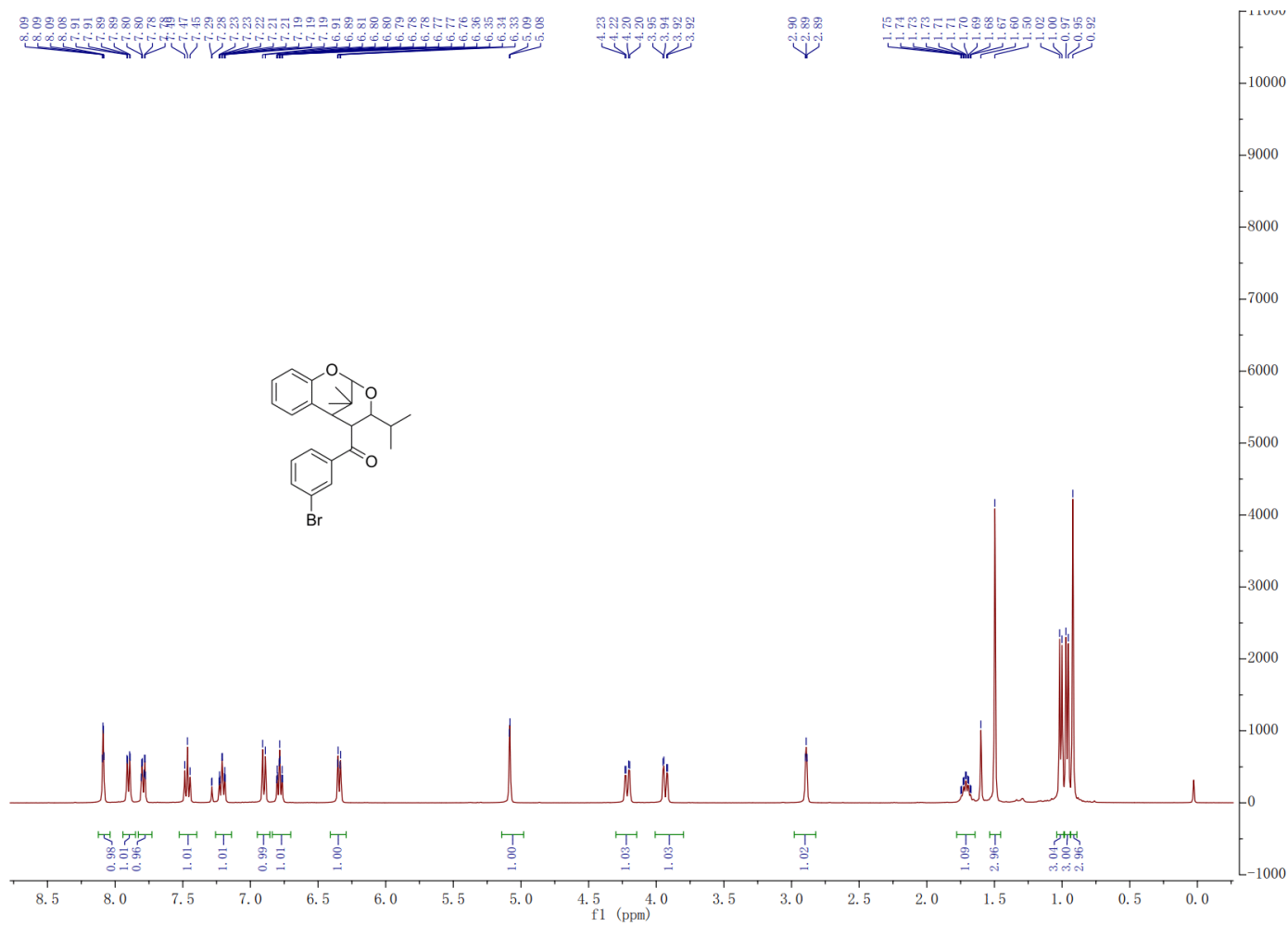


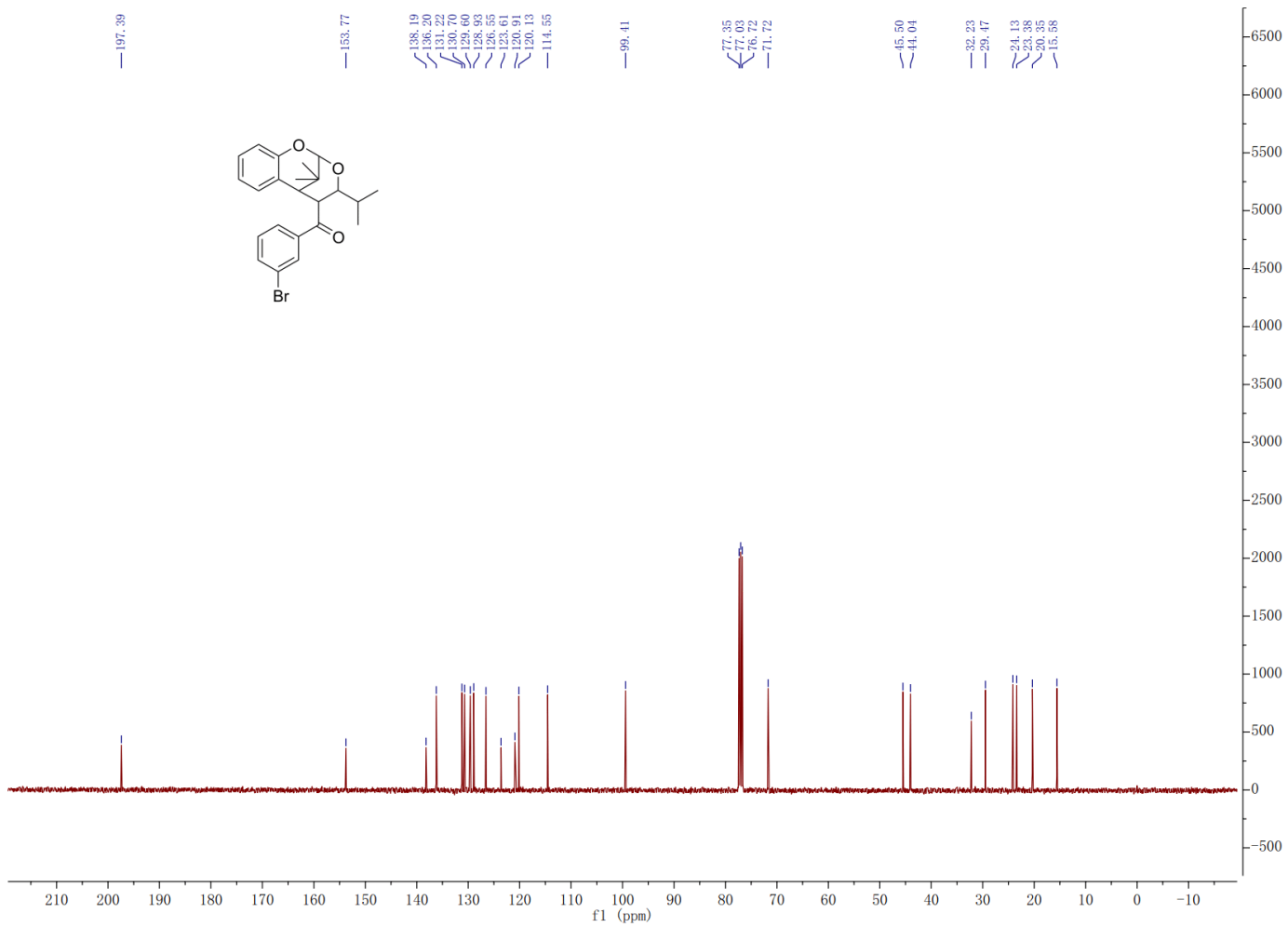
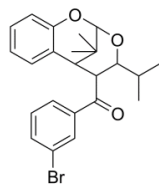
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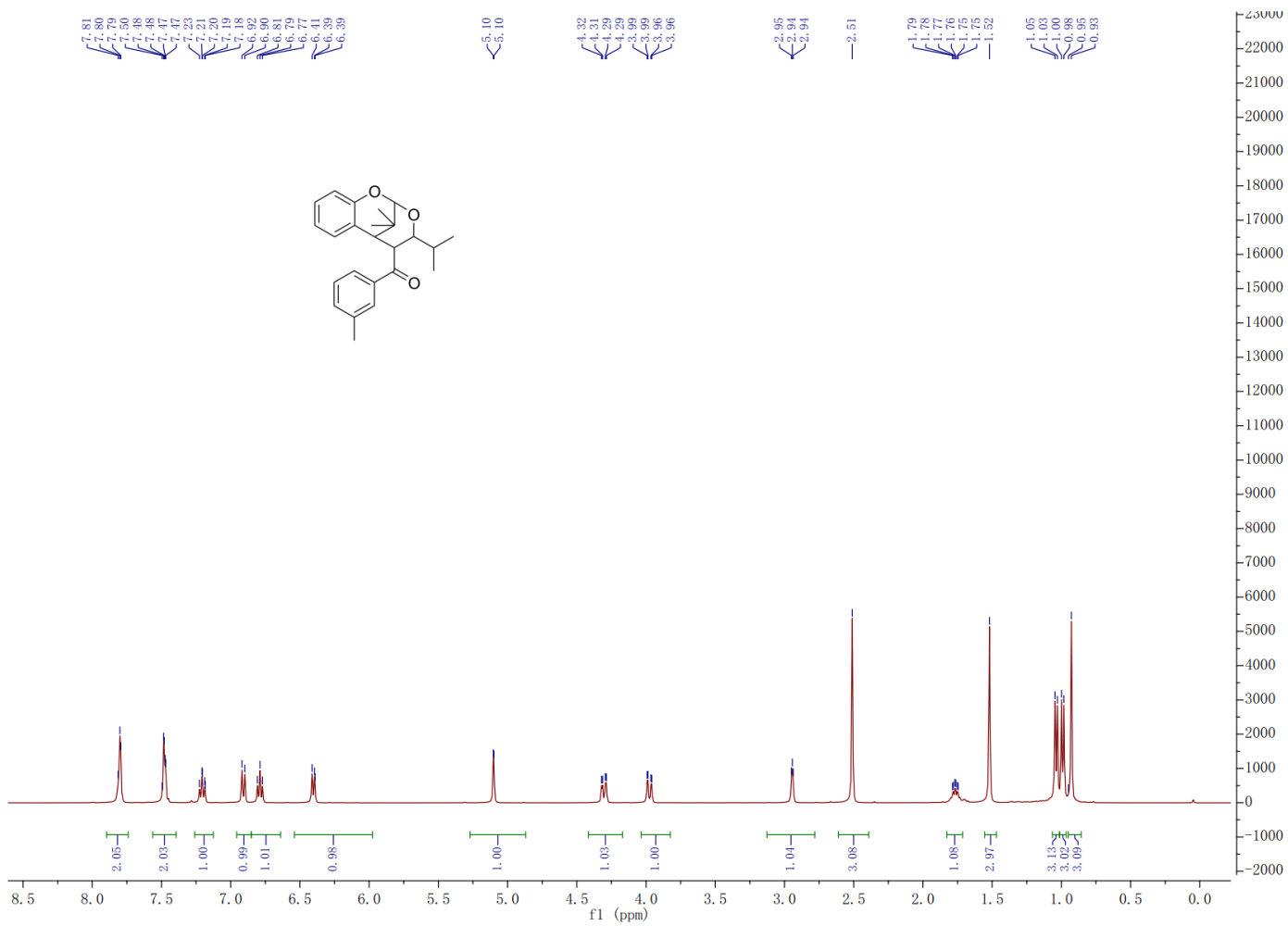
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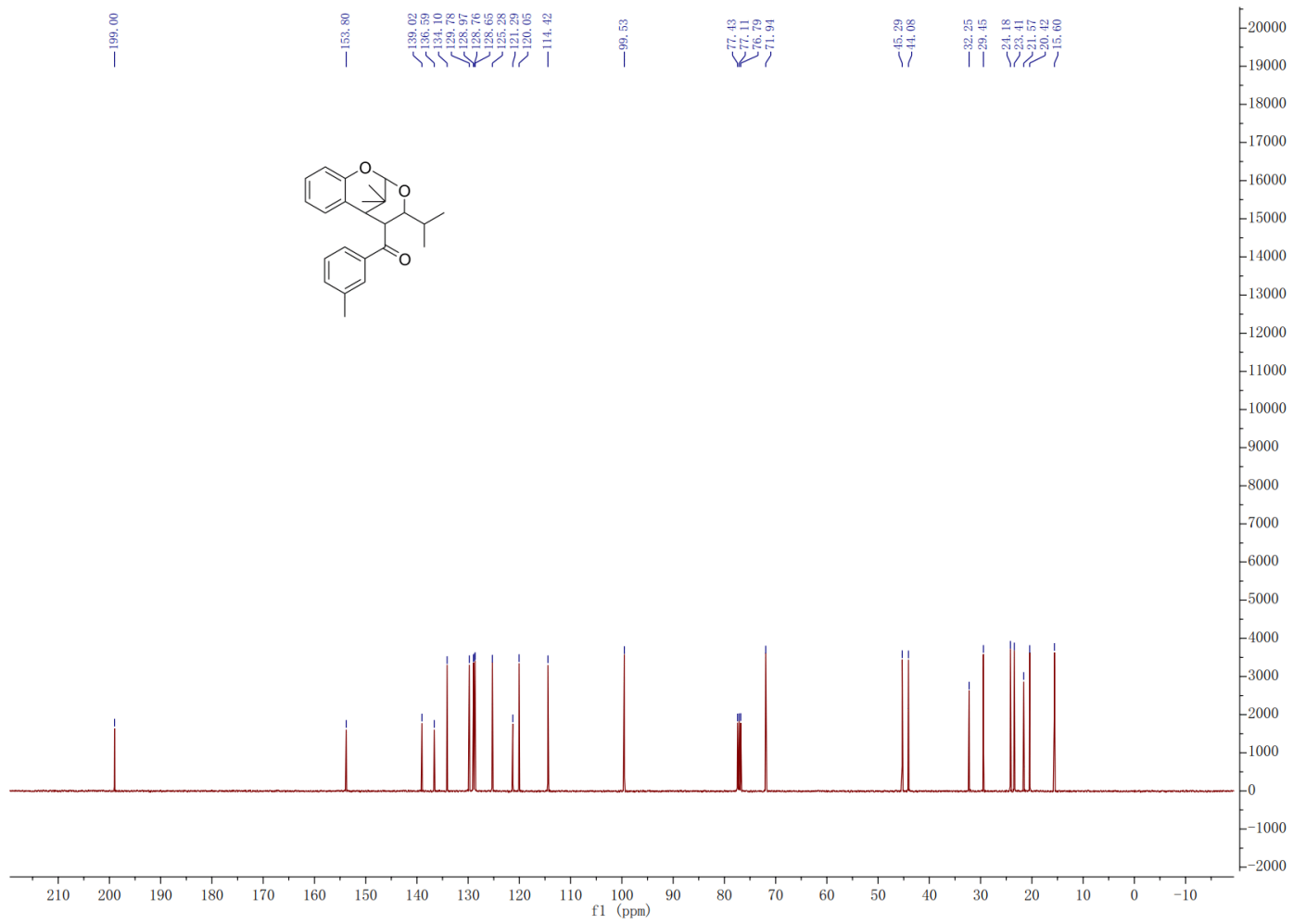




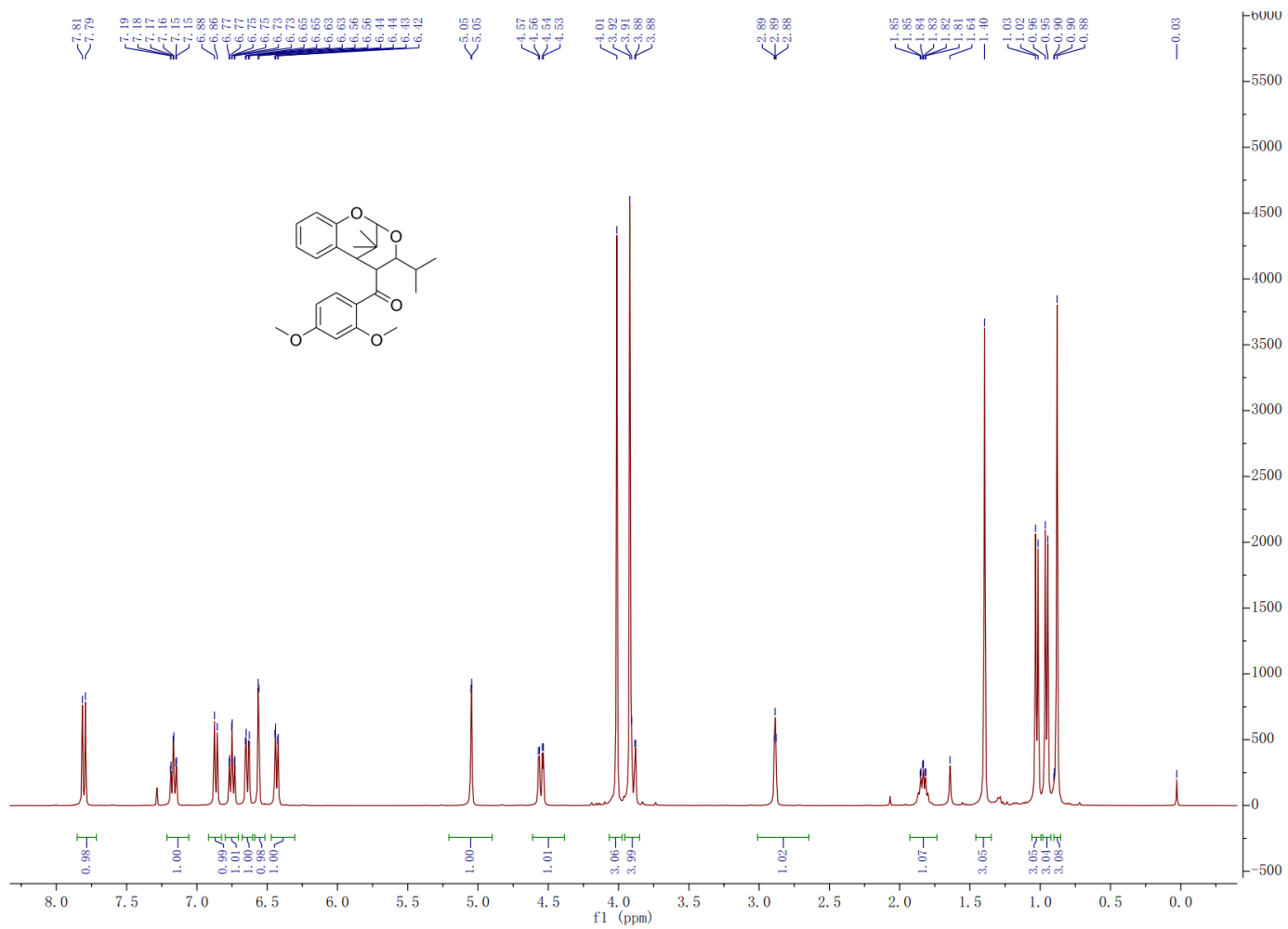


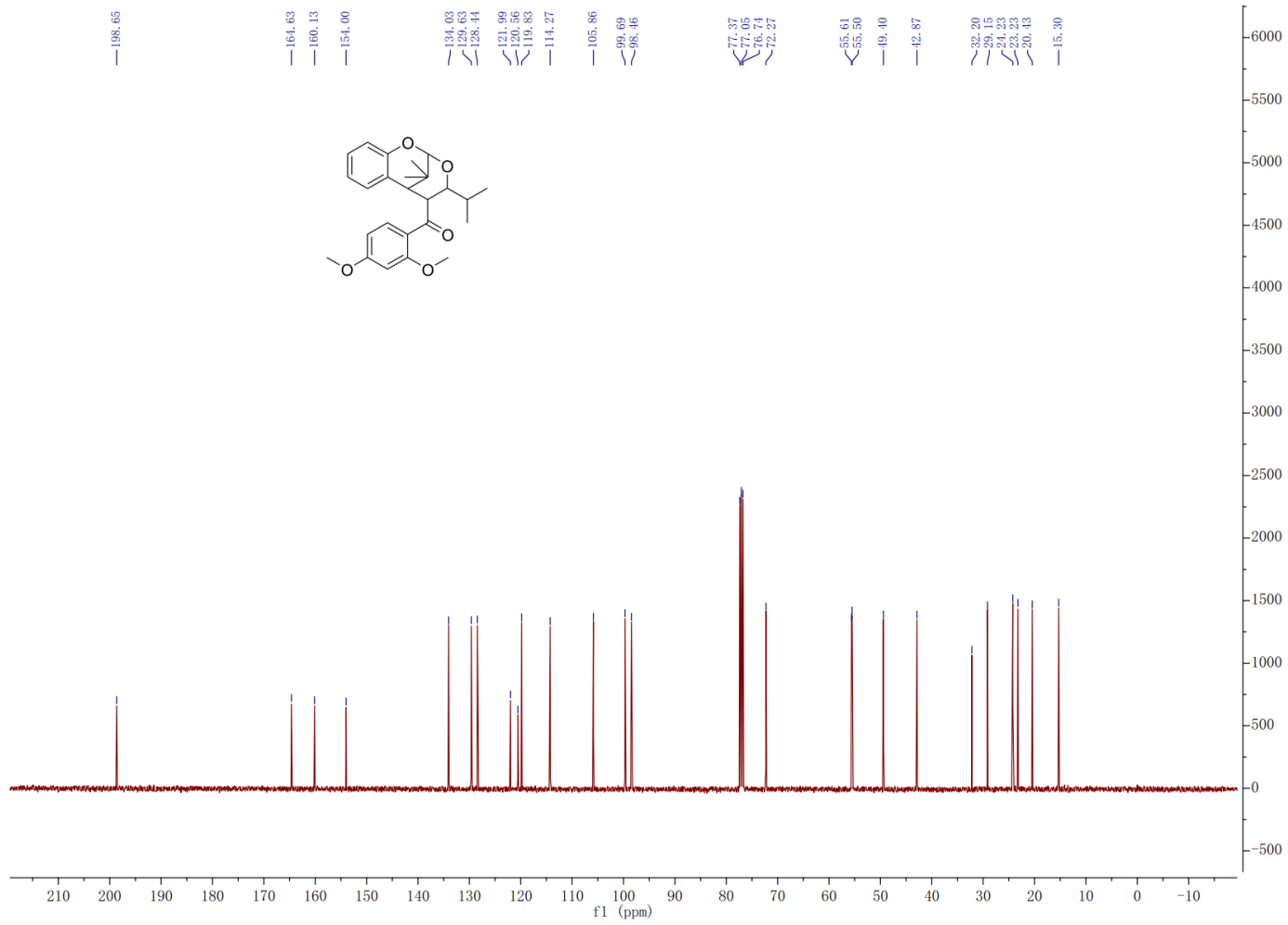
(4-isopropyl-11,11-dimethyl-5,6-dihydro-4H-2,6-methanobenzo[d][1,3]dioxocin-5-yl)(m-tolyl)methanone (**3j**)



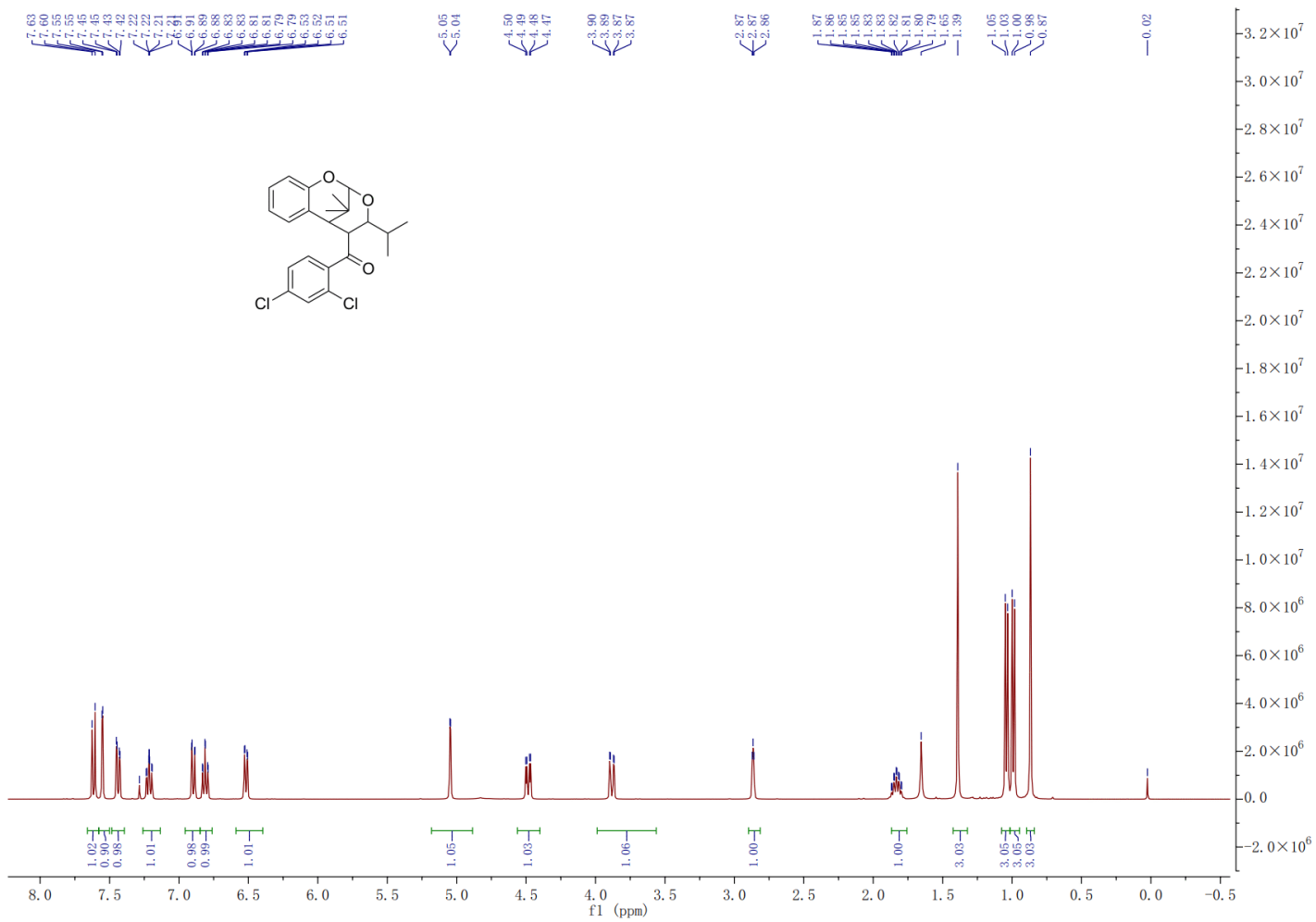


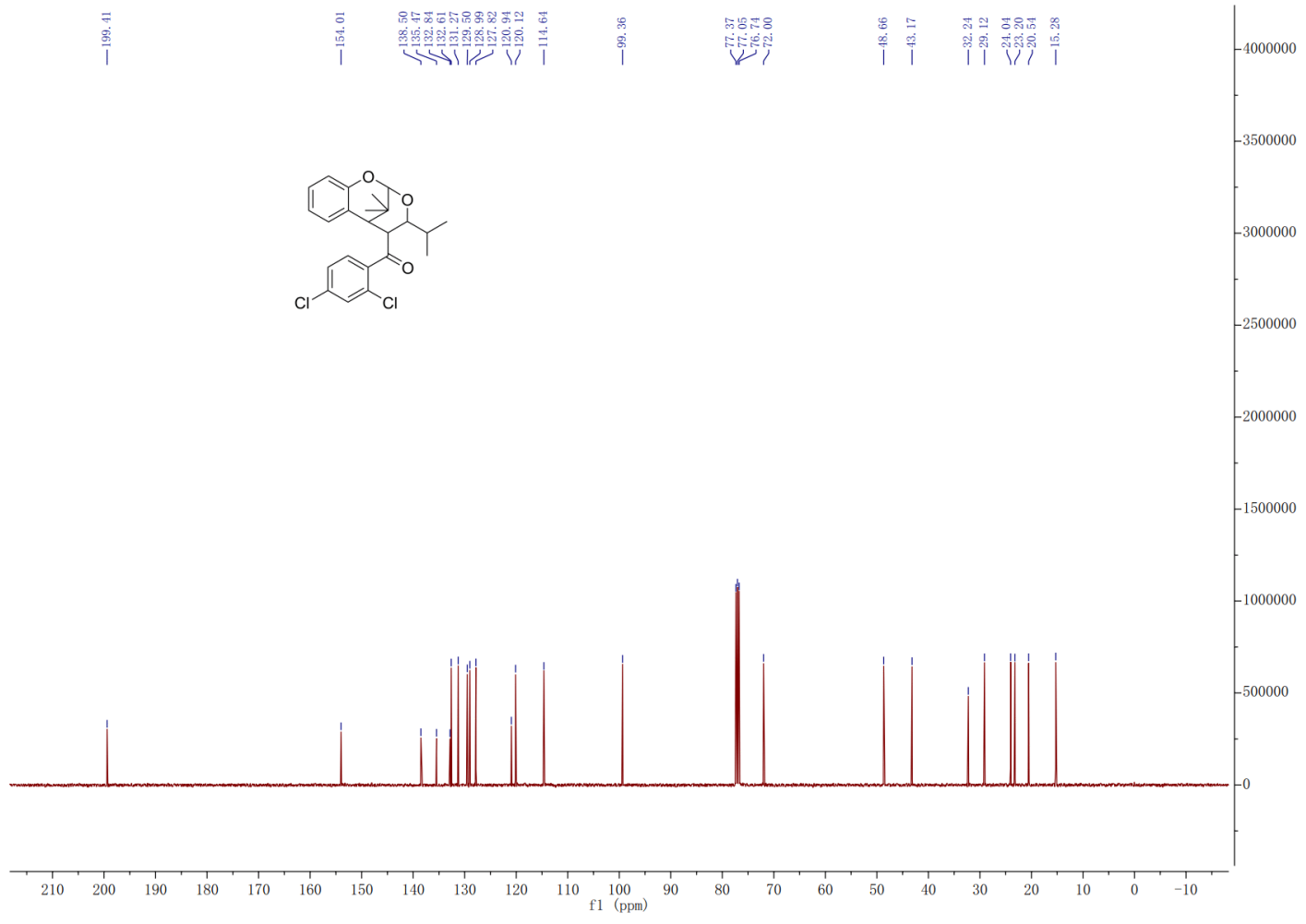
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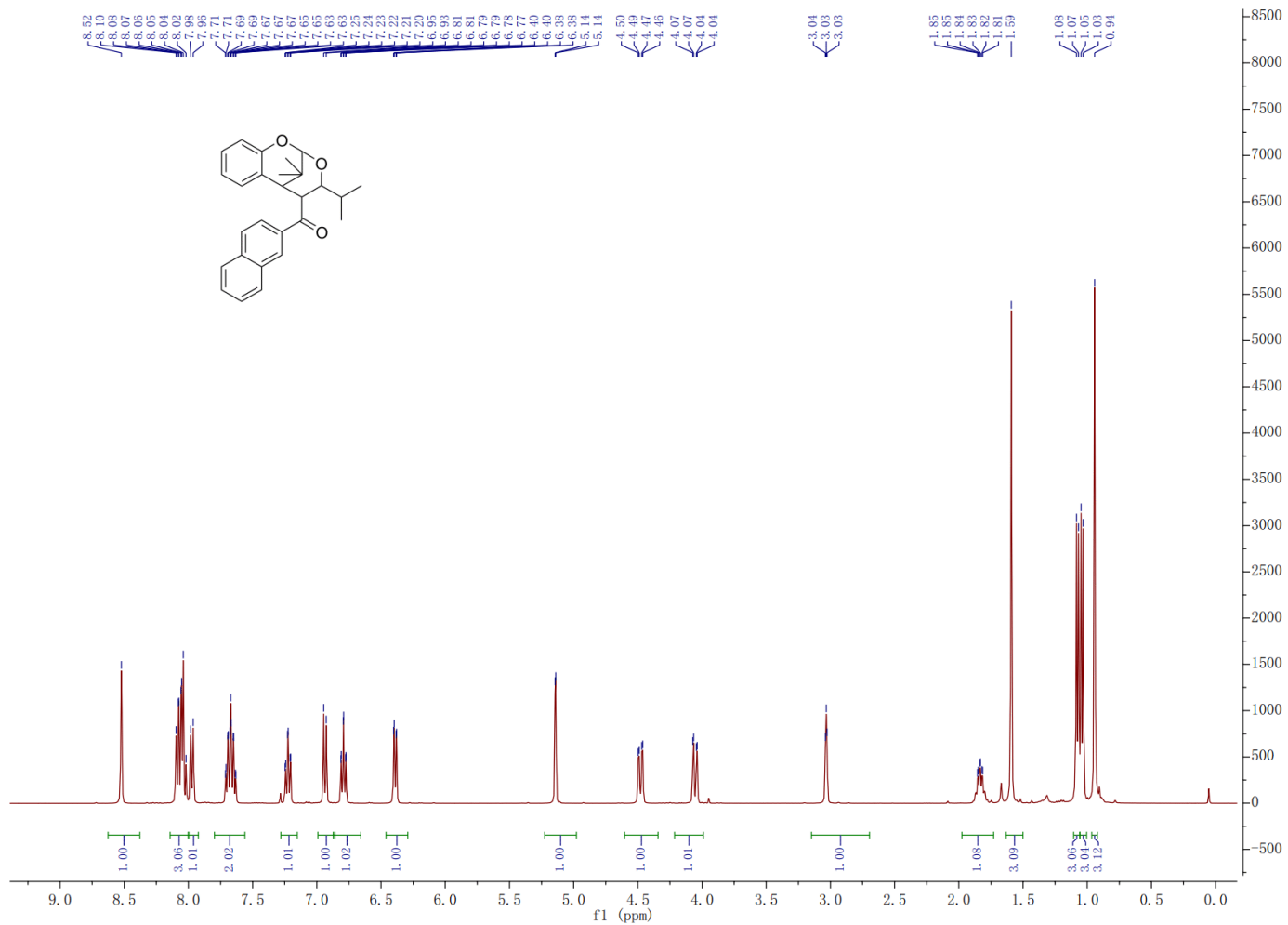


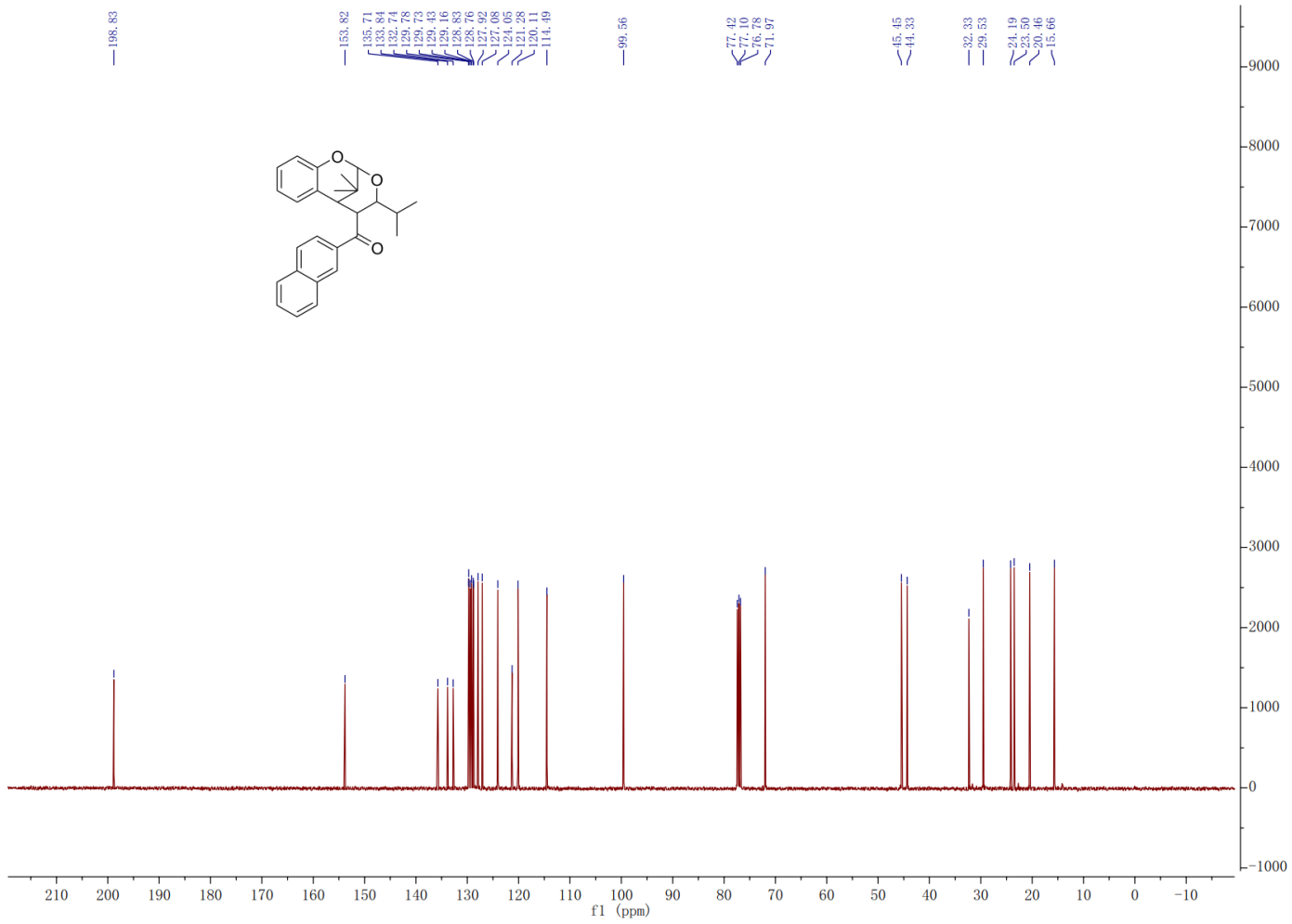
(2,4-dichlorophenyl)(4-isopropyl-11,11-dimethyl-5,6-dihydro-4H-2,6-methanobenzo[d][1,3]dioxocin-5-yl)methanone (**31**)





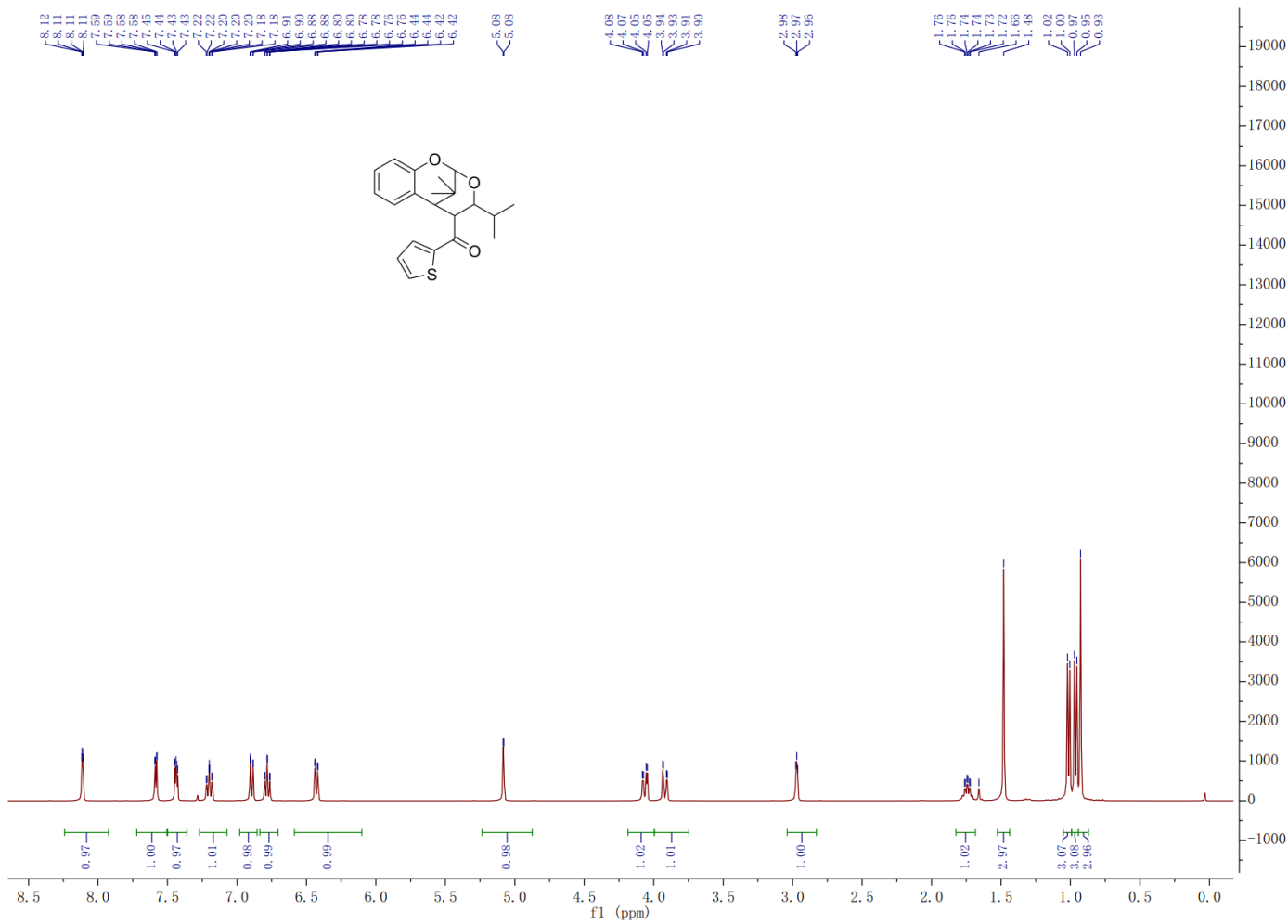
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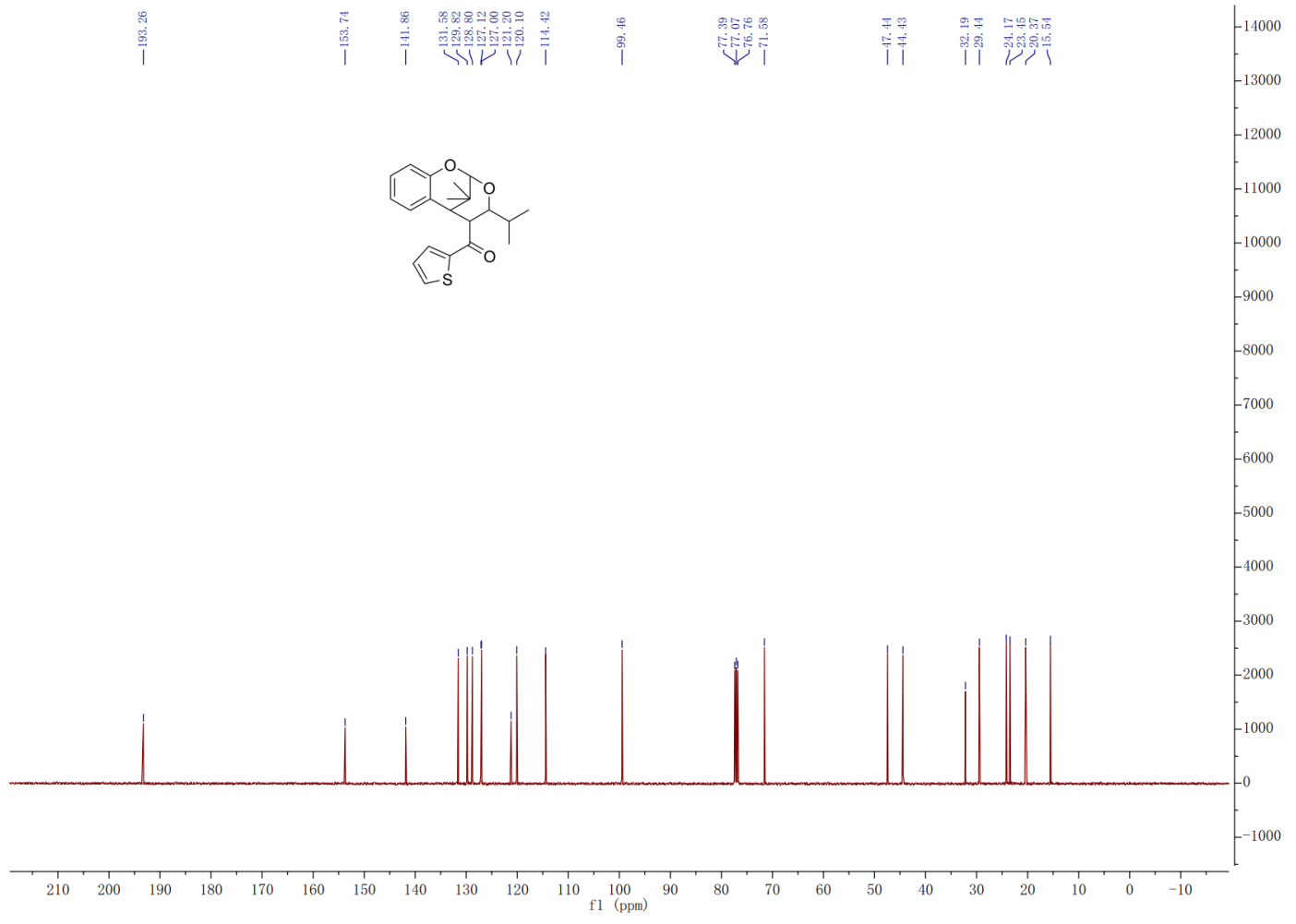




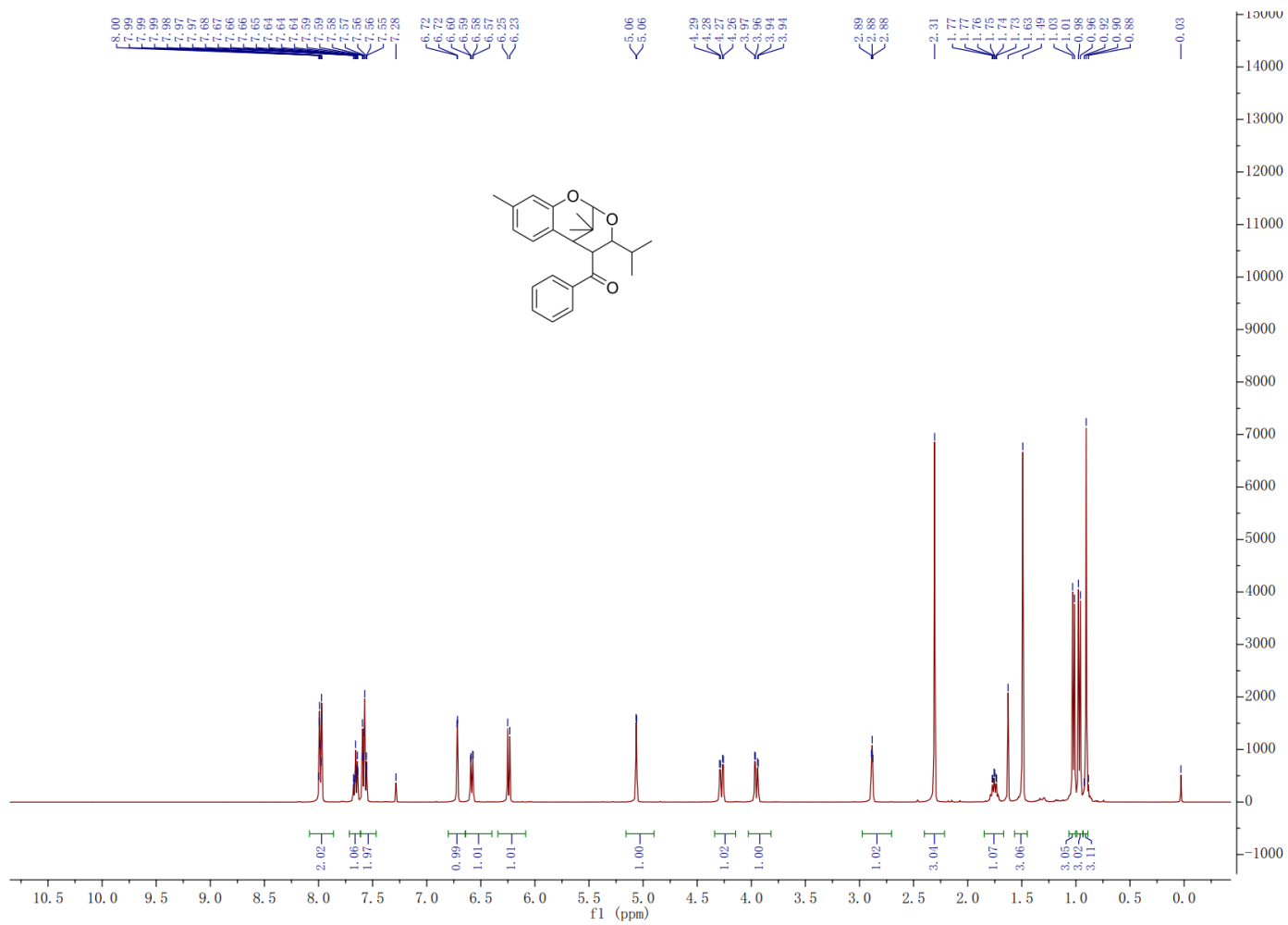


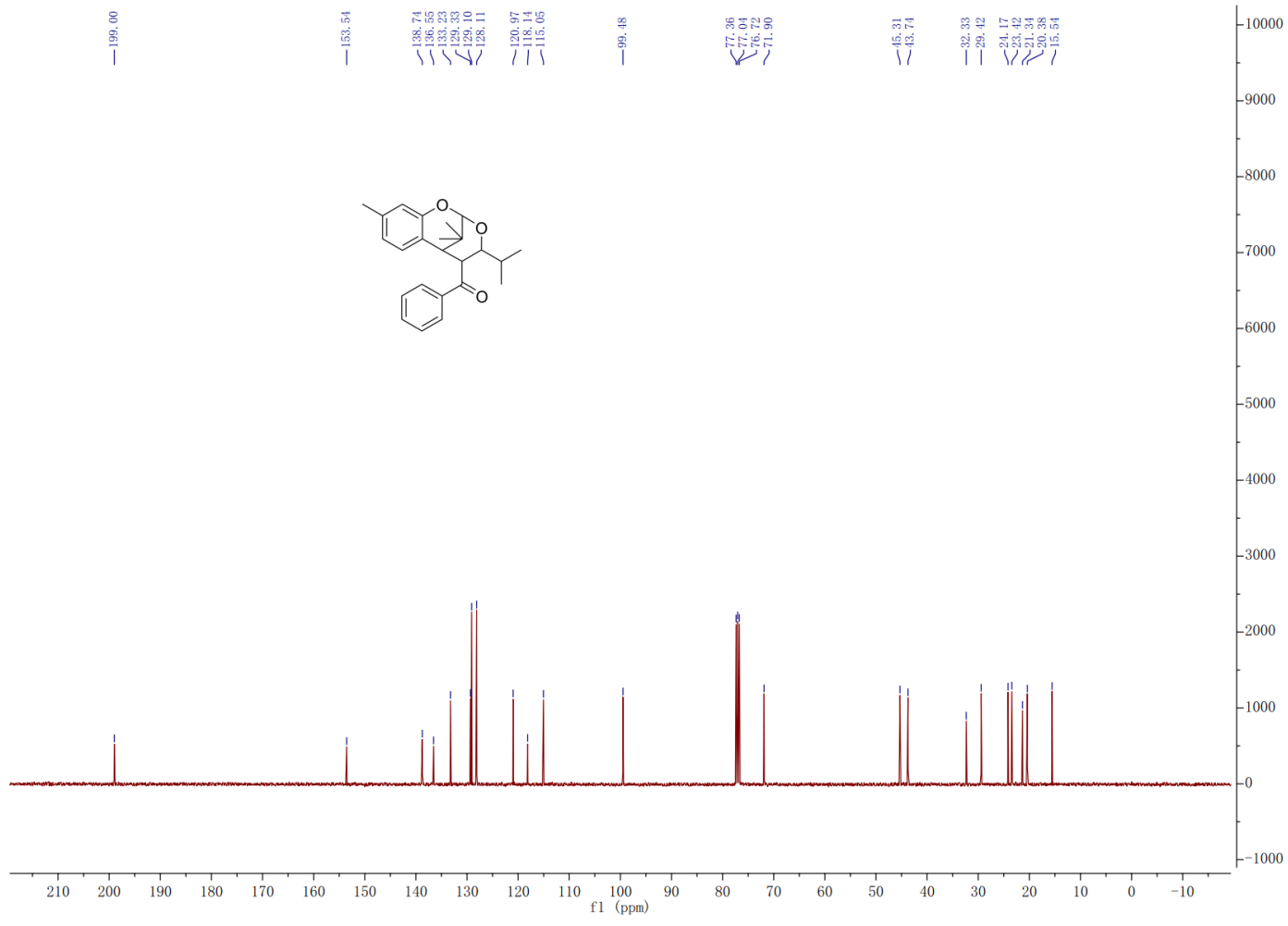
(4-isopropyl-11,11-dimethyl-5,6-dihydro-4H-2,6-methanobenzo[d][1,3]dioxocin-5-yl)(thiophen-3-yl)methanone (**3n**)



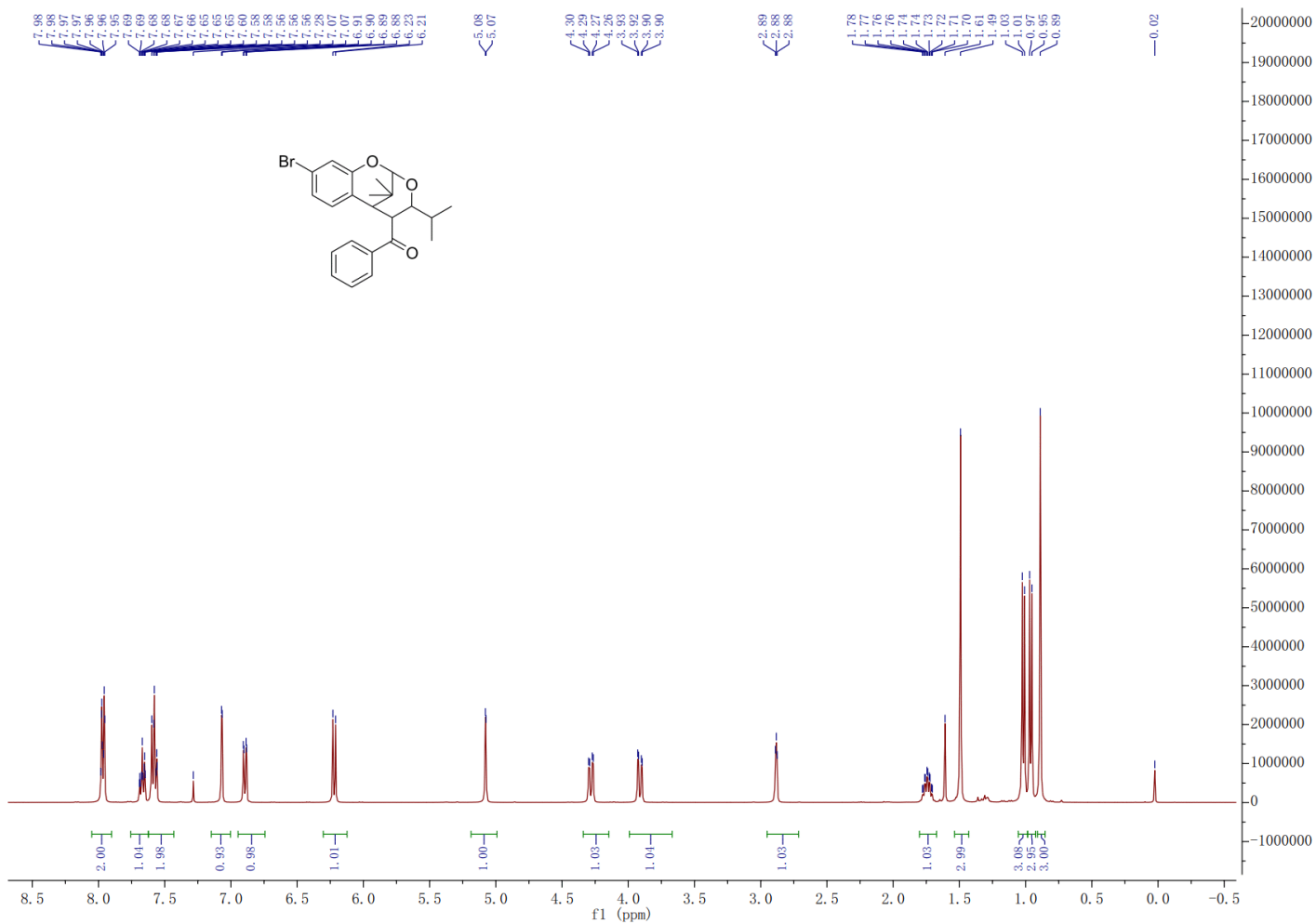


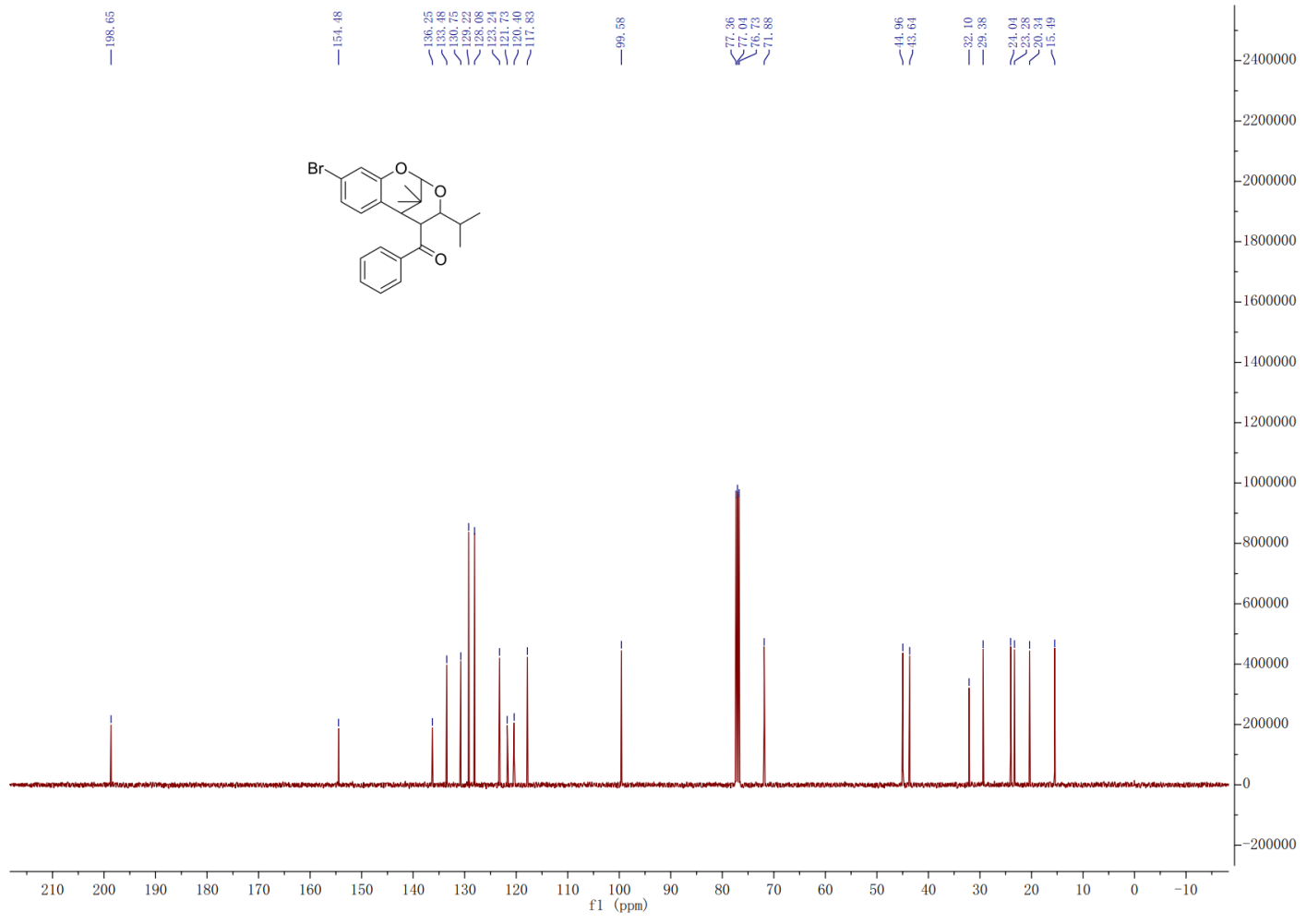
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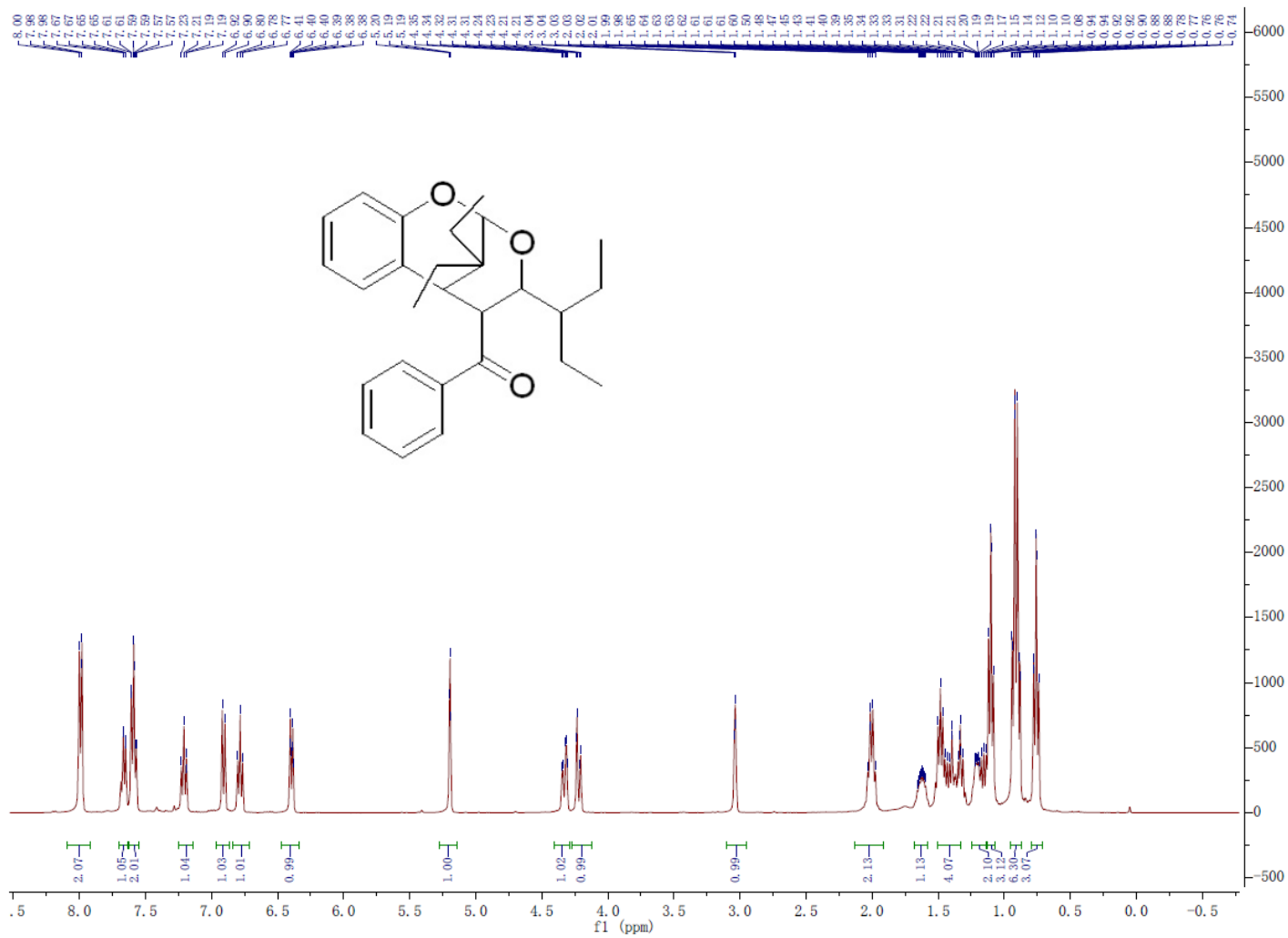


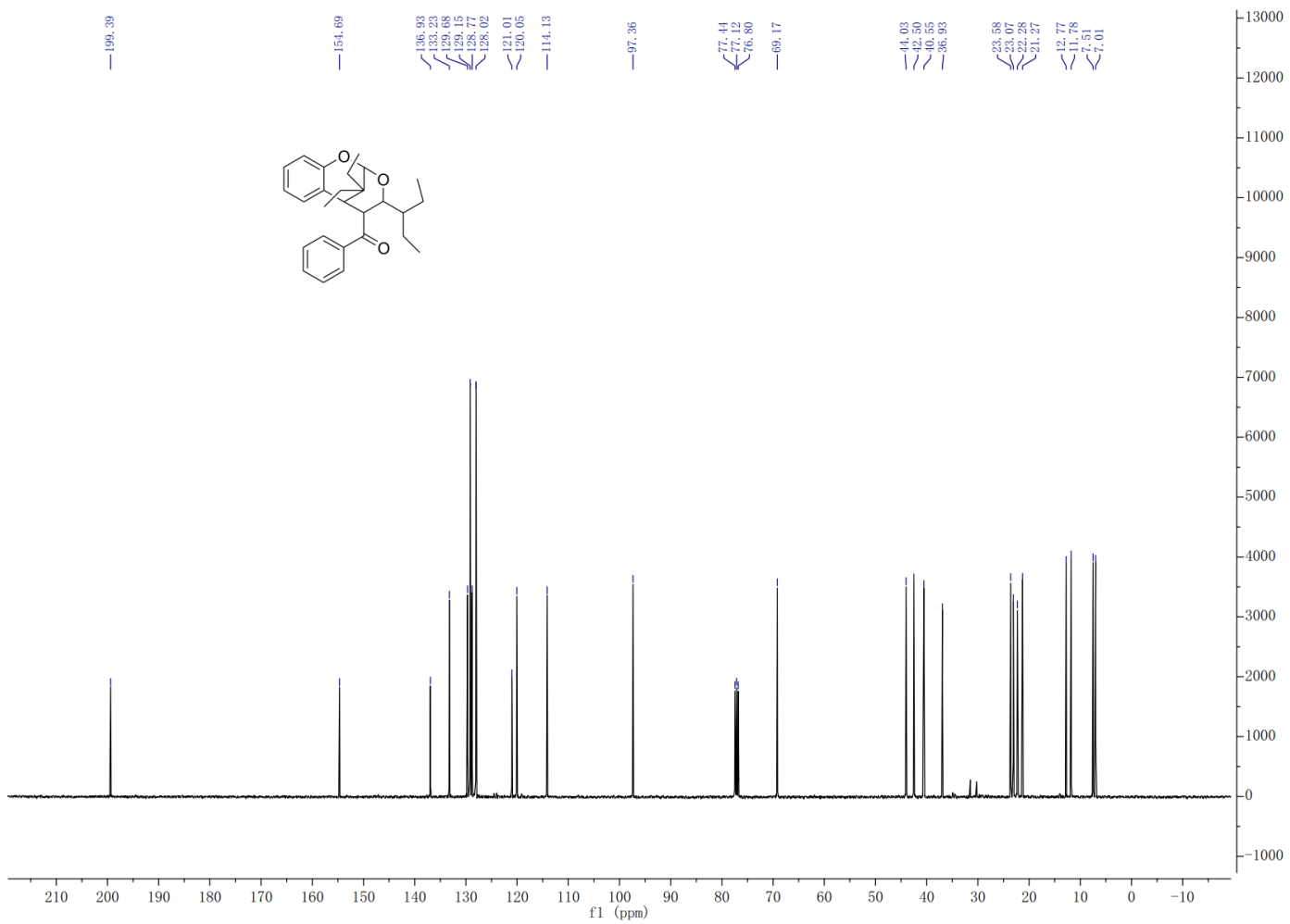
(9-bromo-4-isopropyl-11,11-dimethyl-5,6-dihydro-4H-2,6-methanobenzo[d][1,3]dioxocin-5-yl)(phenyl)methanone (**3p**)





(11,11-diethyl-4-isopropyl-5,6-dihydro-4H-2,6-methanobenzo[d][1,3]dioxocin-5-yl)(phenyl)methanone (**3q**)







## 5. X-Ray of **3a**

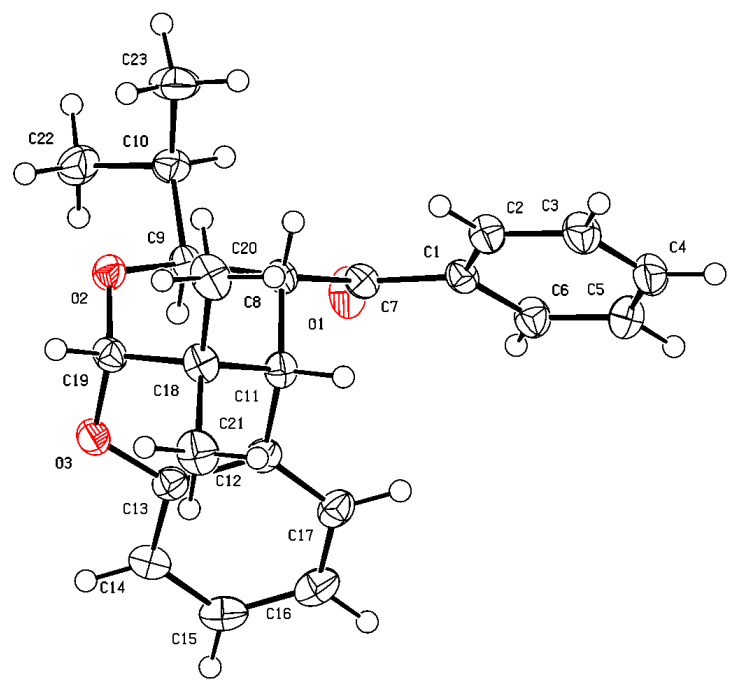
**Table 1** Crystal data and structure refinement for **3a**

Identification code	<b>3a</b>
Empirical formula	C <sub>23</sub> H <sub>26</sub> O <sub>3</sub>
Formula weight	350.44
Temperature/K	169.99(10)
Crystal system	orthorhombic
Space group	Pna2 <sub>1</sub>
a/Å	14.8060(3)
b/Å	10.0952(2)
c/Å	12.6164(2)
α/°	90
β/°	90
γ/°	90
Volume/Å <sup>3</sup>	1885.77(6)
Z	4
ρ <sub>calc</sub> /cm <sup>3</sup>	1.234
μ/mm <sup>-1</sup>	0.636
F(000)	752.0
Crystal size/mm <sup>3</sup>	0.13 × 0.1 × 0.08
Radiation	Cu Kα (λ = 1.54184)
2θ range for data collection/°	10.606 to 147.72
Index ranges	-18 ≤ h ≤ 17, -7 ≤ k ≤ 12, -15 ≤ l ≤ 15
Reflections collected	6459
Independent reflections	3263 [R <sub>int</sub> = 0.0252, R <sub>sigma</sub> = 0.0271]
Data/restraints/parameters	3263/1/239
Goodness-of-fit on F <sup>2</sup>	1.040
Final R indexes [I ≥ 2σ (I)]	R <sub>1</sub> = 0.0331, wR <sub>2</sub> = 0.0841
Final R indexes [all data]	R <sub>1</sub> = 0.0343, wR <sub>2</sub> = 0.0857
Largest diff. peak/hole / e Å <sup>-3</sup>	0.13/-0.18
Flack parameter	0.58(12)

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Prob = 50  
Temp = 170



Z -179 f

P n a 21

R = 0.03

RES= 0-102 X