

## Supporting Information

For

### Ring-Closing Metathesis/Isomerization/Pictet-Spengler Cascade *via* Ruthenium/ Chiral Phosphoric Acid Sequential Catalysis

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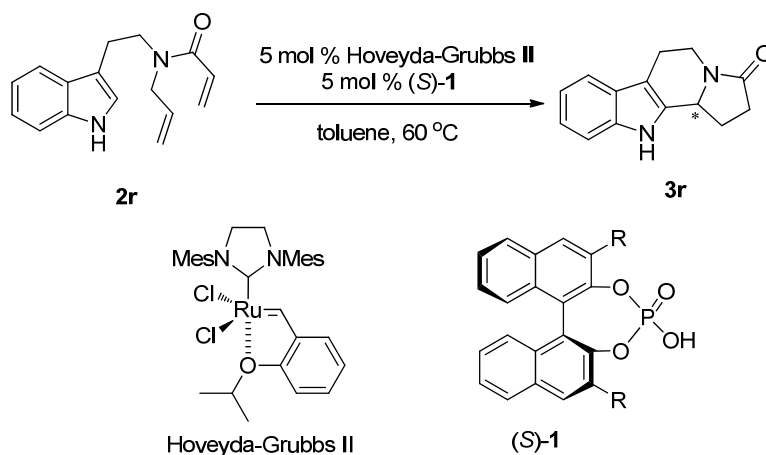
**1. General methods.** Unless stated otherwise, all reactions were carried out in flame-dried glassware under a dry argon atmosphere. All solvents were purified and dried according to standard methods prior to use.  $^1\text{H}$  and  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectra were recorded on a Varian instrument (300 MHz and 75 MHz, 400 MHz and 100 MHz, respectively) and internally referenced to tetramethylsilane signal or residual protio solvent signals. Data for  $^1\text{H}$  NMR are recorded as follows: chemical shift ( $\delta$ , ppm), multiplicity (s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, m = multiplet or unresolved, br = broad singlet, coupling constant(s) in Hz, integration). Data for  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR are reported in terms of chemical shift ( $\delta$ , ppm).

## 2. Experimental sections

### 2.1 Initial investigation

For the initial investigation, we studied the tandem RCM/isomerization/PS reaction of **2r** with various chiral phosphoric acids (Table S-1). To our delight, in the presence of catalytic amount of chiral phosphoric acid, the cascade reaction went on smoothly to afford product **3r**, but with only moderate enantioselectivity (entry 10).

**Table S-1** Screening chiral phosphoric acids for the tandem reaction of **2r**.<sup>a</sup>

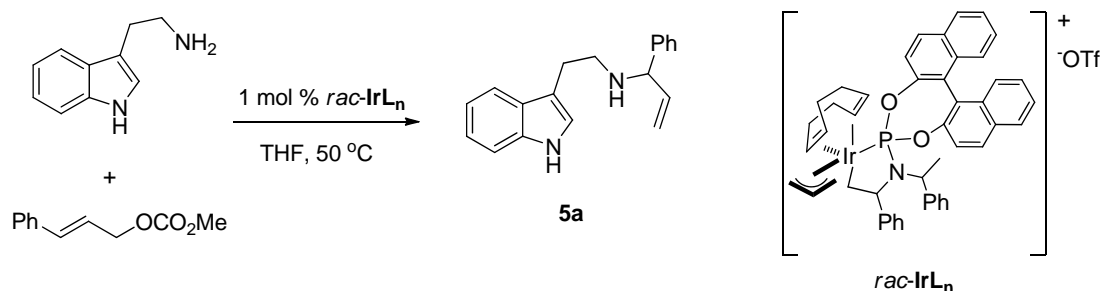


entry <sup>a</sup>	<b>1</b>	R	yield (%) <sup>b</sup>	ee (%) <sup>c</sup>
1	<b>1a</b>	1-naphthyl	62	8
2	<b>1c</b>	4-NO <sub>2</sub> -C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub>	80	0
3	<b>1d</b>	4-biphenyl	87	11
4	<b>1e</b>	9-anthryl	87	-1
6	<b>1f</b>	9-phenanthryl	80	6

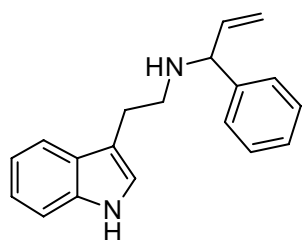
7	<b>1h</b>	2,4,6- <sup>t</sup> Pr <sub>3</sub> -C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>2</sub>	68	22
8	<b>1i</b>	4- <sup>t</sup> Bu-2,6-( <sup>t</sup> Pr) <sub>2</sub> -C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>2</sub>	82	18
9	<b>1j</b>	SiPh <sub>3</sub>	87	22
10	<b>1k</b>	4-anthryl-2,6-( <sup>t</sup> Pr) <sub>2</sub> -C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>2</sub>	84	56

<sup>a</sup> Reaction conditions: 5 mol % (S)-**1**, 5 mol % Hoveyda-Grubbs II, 0.1 mol/L of **2r** in toluene at 60 °C. <sup>b</sup> Isolated yield of **3r**. <sup>c</sup> Determined by HPLC analysis.

## 2.2 General method for the preparation of 5a-5q



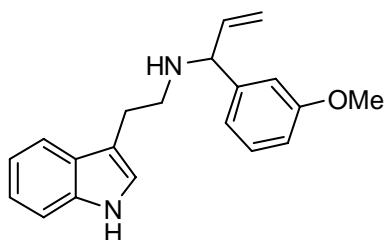
*rac*-IrL<sub>n</sub><sup>[1]</sup> (30.9 mg, 0.03 mmol, 1 mol %) and tryptamine (528 mg, 3.3 mmol) were dissolved in THF (5 mL) in a dry Schelenk tube filled with argon. Then cinnamyl methyl carbonate (576 mg, 3.0 mmol) was added slowly. The reaction mixture was heated at 50 °C for 30 min. After the reaction was complete (monitored by TLC), water (5 mL) was added. The aqueous layer was extracted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (3 × 5 mL). The combined organic phase was washed with brine, separated, dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, filtrated, and evaporated under reduced pressure. The ratio of regioisomers (branch to linear b/l) was determined by <sup>1</sup>H NMR of the crude reaction mixture. The residue was purified by flash chromatography to afford product **5a**.



### *N*-(2-(1H-Indol-3-yl)ethyl)-1-phenylprop-2-en-1-amine (**5a**)

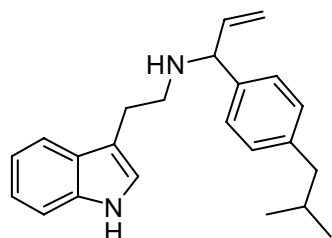
Viscous oil (89% yield, b/l > 95/5) following silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate/DCM/Et<sub>3</sub>N = 250/100/100/2.5, v/v). Analytical data for **5a**: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 1.72 (br, 1H), 2.83-3.00 (m, 4H), 4.20 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 5.06 (ddd, *J* = 0.8, 1.2, 10.4 Hz, 1H), 5.17 (ddd, *J* = 1.2, 2.4, 17.2 Hz, 1H), 5.90 (ddd, *J* = 6.8, 10.0, 17.2 Hz, 1H), 6.94 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.07-7.11 (m, 1H), 7.15-7.19 (m, 1H), 7.20-7.24 (m, 1H), 7.27-7.31 (m, 5H), 7.57 (dd, *J* = 7.6, 0.4 Hz, 1H), 8.12 (br, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 25.7, 47.5, 66.0, 111.1, 113.8, 115.0, 118.9, 119.1, 121.9, 127.1, 127.2, 127.4, 128.5, 136.3, 141.0, 142.8; IR (film) 3416, 2929,

1454, 1340, 1228, 1093, 991, 922, 739, 700  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS (EI): Exact mass calcd for  $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{20}\text{N}_2$  requires  $m/z$  276.1626. Found  $m/z$  276.1629.



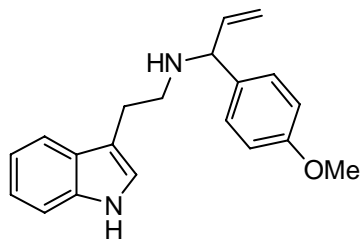
***N*-(2-(1H-Indol-3-yl)ethyl)-1-(3-methoxyphenyl)prop-2-en-1-amine (5b)**

Viscous oil (84% yield, b/l > 95/5) following silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether /ethyl acetate/DCM/ $\text{Et}_3\text{N}$  = 250/100/100/2.5, v/v). Analytical data for **5b**:  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  1.64 (br, 1H), 2.82-3.00 (m, 4H), 3.72 (s, 3H), 4.17 (d,  $J$  = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 5.06 (d,  $J$  = 10.5 Hz, 1H), 5.17 (d,  $J$  = 17.1 Hz, 1H), 5.89 (ddd,  $J$  = 7.2, 10.5, 17.1 Hz, 1H), 6.76 (dd,  $J$  = 1.2, 7.5 Hz, 1H), 6.86-6.88 (m, 2H), 6.93 (d,  $J$  = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.06-7.22 (m, 3H), 7.28 (d,  $J$  = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.57 (d,  $J$  = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 8.22 (br, 1H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (75 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  25.6, 47.4, 55.1, 66.0, 111.1, 112.4, 112.6, 113.7, 115.0, 118.8, 119.1, 119.5, 121.8, 121.9, 127.3, 129.4, 136.2, 140.8, 144.5, 159.7; IR (film) 3416, 2834, 1731, 1597, 1454, 1251, 1042, 738  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS (EI): Exact mass calcd for  $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{22}\text{N}_2\text{O}$  requires  $m/z$  306.1732. Found  $m/z$  306.1730.



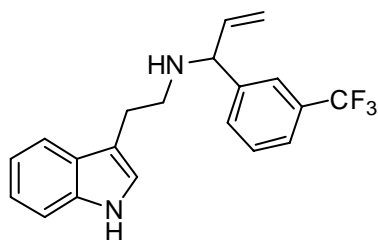
***N*-(2-(1H-Indol-3-yl)ethyl)-1-(4-isobutylphenyl)prop-2-en-1-amine (5c)**

White solid (91% yield, b/l > 95/5) following silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate/DCM/ $\text{Et}_3\text{N}$  = 400/100/100/4, v/v). Analytical data for **5c**: Mp = 90-92  $^\circ\text{C}$ ;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  0.88 (d,  $J$  = 6.6 Hz, 6H), 1.78 (br, 1H), 1.80-1.87 (m, 1H), 2.43 (d,  $J$  = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 2.84-3.00 (m, 4H), 4.17 (d,  $J$  = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 5.05 (d,  $J$  = 9.9 Hz, 1H), 5.16 (d,  $J$  = 17.1 Hz, 1H), 5.91 (ddd,  $J$  = 7.2, 9.9, 17.1 Hz, 1H), 6.93 (d,  $J$  = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.05-7.10 (m, 3H), 7.14-7.19 (m, 3H), 7.29 (d,  $J$  = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.57 (d,  $J$  = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 8.18 (br, 1H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (75 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  22.4, 25.7, 30.1, 45.0, 47.5, 65.7, 111.1, 113.8, 114.8, 118.9, 119.1, 121.9, 121.9, 126.9, 127.4, 129.2, 136.3, 140.0, 140.5, 141.1; IR (film) 3293, 2918, 1727, 1643, 1453, 1352, 1260, 1042, 1103, 739  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS (EI): Exact mass calcd for  $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{28}\text{N}_2$  requires  $m/z$  332.2252. Found  $m/z$  332.2247.



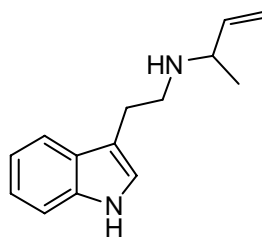
***N*-(2-(1H-Indol-3-yl)ethyl)-1-(4-methoxyphenyl)prop-2-en-1-amine (5d)**

Viscous oil (78% yield, b/l > 95/5) following silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate/DCM/Et<sub>3</sub>N = 400/100/100/4, v/v). Analytical data for **5d**: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 1.58 (br, 1H), 2.81-3.00 (m, 4H), 3.75 (s, 3H), 4.15 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 5.04 (d, *J* = 10.2 Hz, 1H), 5.14 (d, *J* = 17.1 Hz, 1H), 5.89 (ddd, *J* = 7.2, 10.2, 17.1 Hz, 1H), 6.82 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 6.92 (d, *J* = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.06-7.21 (m, 4H), 7.28 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.57 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 8.27 (br, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 25.6, 47.4, 55.2, 65.3, 111.1, 113.7, 113.8, 114.6, 118.8, 119.1, 121.8, 121.9, 127.3, 128.2, 134.9, 136.3, 141.1, 158.6; IR (film) 3416, 2834, 1731, 1597, 1454, 1251, 1042, 738 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (EI): Exact mass calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>22</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O requires m/z 306.1732. Found m/z 306.1727.



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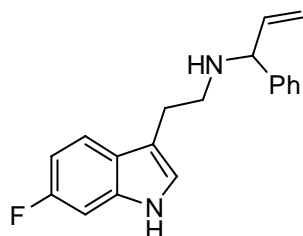
Viscous oil (86% yield, b/l > 95/5) following silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate/DCM/Et<sub>3</sub>N = 300/100/100/3, v/v). Analytical data for **5e**: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 1.71 (br, 1H), 2.78-2.83 (m, 1H), 2.90-3.00 (m, 3H), 4.24 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 5.09 (d, *J* = 9.9 Hz, 1H), 5.17 (d, *J* = 17.1 Hz, 1H), 5.84 (ddd, *J* = 7.5, 10.2, 17.1 Hz, 1H), 6.96 (d, *J* = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.07-7.20 (m, 2H), 7.29-7.39 (m, 2H), 7.45-7.49 (m, 2H), 7.57-7.59 (m, 2H), 8.07 (br, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 25.6, 47.5, 65.6, 111.1, 113.7, 115.7, 118.8, 119.2, 121.9, 122.0, 123.9, 127.3, 128.9, 130.6, 136.3, 140.2, 143.9; IR (film) 3414, 1455, 1326, 1260, 1162, 1120, 1071, 924, 802, 740, 703 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (EI): Exact mass calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>19</sub>N<sub>2</sub>F<sub>3</sub> requires m/z 344.1500. Found m/z 344.1502.



***N*-(2-(1H-Indol-3-yl)ethyl)but-3-en-2-amine (5f)**

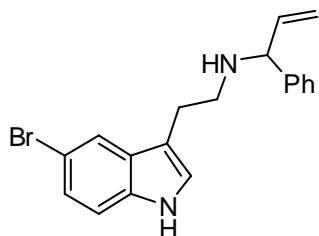
White solid (82% yield, b/l > 95/5) following silica gel column chromatography (DCM/MeOH//Et<sub>3</sub>N = 100/1/1, v/v). Analytical data for **5f**: Mp = 70-72 °C, <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 1.13 (d, *J* = 6.3 Hz, 3H), 1.45 (br, 1H), 2.87-2.98 (m, 4H), 3.16-3.24 (m, 1H), 5.02 (d, *J* = 10.2 Hz, 1H), 5.07 (d, *J* = 17.1 Hz, 1H), 5.66 (ddd, *J* = 7.8, 10.2, 17.1 Hz, 1H), 6.96 (d, *J* = 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.07-7.20 (m, 2H),

7.31 (d,  $J = 7.8$  Hz, 1H), 7.61 (d,  $J = 7.8$  Hz, 1H), 8.72 (br, 1H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (75 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  21.5, 25.7, 47.3, 56.6, 111.1, 113.5, 114.6, 118.8, 119.0, 121.7, 122.0, 127.3, 136.3, 142.3; IR (film) 3271, 2973, 2857, 1620, 1452, 1228, 1102, 913, 870, 742  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS (EI): Exact mass calcd for  $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{18}\text{N}_2$  requires  $m/z$  214.1470. Found  $m/z$  214.1466.



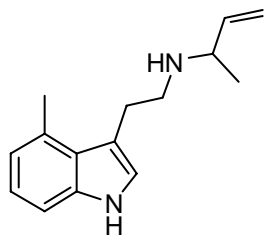
***N*-(2-(6-Fluoro-1H-indol-3-yl)ethyl)-1-phenylprop-2-en-1-amine (5g)**

Viscous oil (53% yield, b/l > 95/5, 50 °C) following silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate/DCM/ $\text{Et}_3\text{N}$  = 400/100/100/4, v/v). Analytical data for **5g**:  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  1.64 (br, 1H), 2.81-2.96 (m, 4H), 4.20 (d,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 1H), 5.07 (d,  $J = 10.2$  Hz, 1H), 5.17 (d,  $J = 17.1$  Hz, 1H), 5.90 (ddd,  $J = 7.2, 10.2, 17.1$  Hz, 1H), 6.82-6.99 (m, 3H), 7.20-7.32 (m, 5H), 7.44 (dd,  $J = 5.4, 8.7$  Hz, 1H), 8.27 (br, 1H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (75 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  25.6, 47.3, 66.0, 97.3 (d,  $J = 25.5$  Hz), 107.8 (d,  $J = 24.8$  Hz), 113.8, 115.1, 119.5 (d,  $J = 10.1$  Hz), 122.1 (d,  $J = 3.8$  Hz), 127.1, 128.5, 136.1 (d,  $J = 12.5$  Hz), 140.8, 142.6, 159.9 (d,  $J = 235.5$  Hz); IR (film) 3428, 2914, 2839, 1727, 1627, 1454, 1250, 1139, 922, 800, 700  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS (EI): Exact mass calcd for  $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{19}\text{N}_2\text{F}$  requires  $m/z$  294.1532. Found  $m/z$  294.1528.



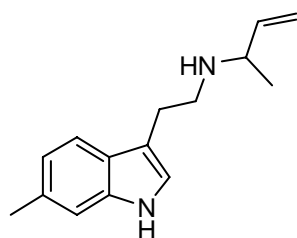
***N*-(2-(5-Bromo-1H-indol-3-yl)ethyl)-1-phenylprop-2-en-1-amine (5h)**

White solid (65% yield, b/l > 95/5) following silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate/DCM/ $\text{Et}_3\text{N}$  = 400/100/100/4, v/v). Analytical data for **5h**: Mp = 96-98 °C;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  1.48 (br, 1H), 2.77-2.94 (m, 4H), 4.20 (d,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 1H), 5.07 (d,  $J = 9.9$  Hz, 1H), 5.18 (d,  $J = 17.1$  Hz, 1H), 5.90 (ddd,  $J = 6.9, 9.9, 17.1$  Hz, 1H), 6.91 (d,  $J = 1.8$  Hz, 1H), 7.12 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 1H), 7.21-7.33 (m, 6H), 7.68 (s, 1H), 8.39 (br, 1H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (75 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  25.5, 47.3, 66.0, 112.4, 112.5, 113.4, 115.1, 121.4, 123.2, 124.6, 127.1, 127.2, 128.5, 129.1, 134.8, 140.8, 142.6; IR (film) 3289, 3120, 3022, 2852, 1639, 1455, 1230, 1102, 919, 791, 703, 657  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS (EI): Exact mass calcd for  $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{19}\text{N}_2\text{Br}$  requires  $m/z$  354.0732. Found  $m/z$  354.0735.



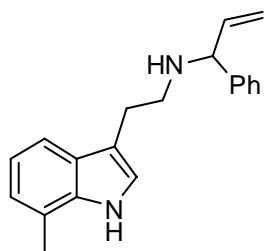
***N*-(2-(4-Methyl-1H-indol-3-yl)ethyl)but-3-en-2-amine (5i)**

Viscous oil (79% yield, b/l > 95/5) following silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate/DCM/Et<sub>3</sub>N = 250/100/100/2.5, v/v). Analytical data for **5i**: Mp = 69-70 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 1.16 (d, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 3H), 1.62 (br, 1H), 2.69 (s, 3H), 2.81-3.00 (m, 2H), 3.09-3.23 (m, 3H), 5.02 (dd, *J* = 1.2, 10.2 Hz, 1H), 5.09 (d, *J* = 17.1 Hz, 1H), 5.69 (ddd, *J* = 7.8, 10.2, 17.7 Hz, 1H), 6.83 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 6.93 (d, *J* = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.05 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.16 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 8.52 (br, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 20.3, 21.6, 27.5, 48.6, 56.8, 109.0, 114.4, 114.7, 120.8, 121.8, 122.1, 125.7, 130.8, 136.7, 142.3; IR (film) 3270, 2855, 1744, 1616, 1517, 1462, 1342, 1245, 918, 745, 719; HRMS (EI): Exact mass calcd for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>20</sub>N<sub>2</sub> requires m/z 228.1626. Found m/z 228.1625.



***N*-(2-(6-Methyl-1H-indol-3-yl)ethyl)but-3-en-2-amine (5j)**

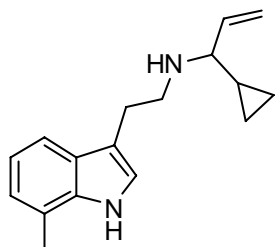
Viscous oil (77% yield, b/l > 95/5) following silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate/DCM/Et<sub>3</sub>N = 400/100/100/4, v/v). Analytical data for **5j**: Mp = 89-90 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 1.13 (d, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 3H), 1.76 (br, 1H), 2.45 (s, 3H), 2.85-2.98 (m, 4H), 3.17-3.22 (m, 1H), 5.02 (d, *J* = 10.2 Hz, 1H), 5.07 (d, *J* = 17.7 Hz, 1H), 5.67 (ddd, *J* = 7.8, 10.2, 17.4 Hz, 1H), 6.92-6.96 (m, 2H), 7.11 (s, 1H), 7.50 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 8.28 (br, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 21.5, 21.6, 25.7, 47.3, 56.6, 111.1, 113.5, 114.6, 118.5, 120.9, 121.3, 125.2, 131.6, 136.8, 142.3; IR (film) 3267, 2916, 1629, 1452, 1337, 1227, 1106, 911, 793 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (EI): Exact mass calcd for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>20</sub>N<sub>2</sub> requires m/z 228.1626. Found m/z 228.1631.



***N*-(2-(7-Methyl-1H-indol-3-yl)ethyl)-1-phenylprop-2-en-1-amine (5k)**

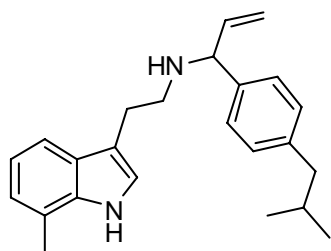
Viscous oil (94% yield, b/l > 95/5) following silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate/DCM/Et<sub>3</sub>N = 400/100/100/4, v/v). Analytical data for **5k**: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 1.82 (br, 1H), 2.41 (s, 3H), 2.80-2.99 (m, 4H), 4.18 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 5.05 (d, *J* = 10.2 Hz, 1H), 5.16 (d, *J* = 17.1 Hz, 1H), 5.90 (ddd, *J* = 6.9, 10.8, 17.1 Hz, 1H), 6.92-7.05 (m, 3H), 7.18-7.29 (m, 5H), 7.43 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.95 (br, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz,

CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  16.5, 25.7, 47.5, 66.0, 114.2, 115.0, 116.6, 119.4, 120.2, 121.6, 122.4, 126.9, 127.1, 127.2, 128.4, 135.8, 140.9, 142.7; IR (film) 3420, 2916, 1727, 1492, 1244, 1092, 1044, 920, 781, 744, 700 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (EI): Exact mass calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>22</sub>N<sub>2</sub> requires m/z 290.1783. Found m/z 290.1781.



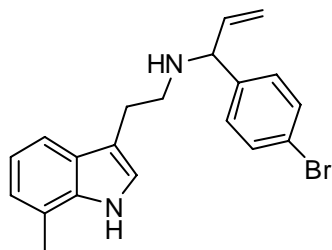
**1-Cyclopropyl-N-(2-(7-methyl-1H-indol-3-yl)ethyl)prop-2-en-1-amine (5l)**

Viscous oil (63% yield, b/l > 95/5) following silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate/DCM/Et<sub>3</sub>N = 250/100/100/2.5, v/v). Analytical data for **5l**: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  0.12-0.17 (m, 2H), 0.43-0.50 (m, 2H), 0.84-0.96 (m, 1H), 1.86 (br, 1H), 2.31 (t, *J* = 6.3 Hz, 1H), 2.47 (s, 3H), 2.90-2.99 (m, 4H), 5.04-5.10 (m, 2H), 5.72-5.81 (m, 1H), 6.98-7.06 (m, 3H), 7.47 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 8.08 (br, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  2.0, 4.2, 16.3, 16.6, 25.9, 47.5, 66.8, 114.4, 115.3, 116.6, 119.4, 120.3, 121.6, 122.4, 126.9, 135.9, 140.3; IR (film) 3418, 2918, 2848, 1720, 1617, 1451, 1342, 1287, 1096, 919, 781, 743 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (EI): Exact mass calcd for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>22</sub>N<sub>2</sub> requires m/z 254.1783. Found m/z 254.1779.



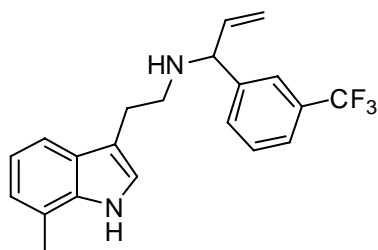
**1-(4-Isobutylphenyl)-N-(2-(7-methyl-1H-indol-3-yl)ethyl)prop-2-en-1-amine (5m)**

Viscous oil (78% yield, b/l > 95/5) following silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate/DCM/Et<sub>3</sub>N = 400/100/100/4, v/v). Analytical data for **5m**: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  0.88 (d, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 6H), 1.69 (br, 1H), 1.79-1.86 (m, 1H), 2.42-2.43 (m, 5H), 2.82-2.99 (m, 4H), 4.17 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 5.05 (dd, *J* = 10.0, 0.8 Hz, 1H), 5.16 (dt, *J* = 16.9, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 5.90 (ddd, *J* = 7.2, 10.0, 17.2 Hz, 1H), 6.96-7.07 (m, 4H), 7.17-7.21 (m, 2H), 7.42 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.91 (br, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  16.6, 22.4, 25.8, 30.2, 45.0, 47.5, 65.8, 114.5, 114.7, 116.6, 119.4, 120.2, 121.6, 122.4, 126.9, 126.9, 129.2, 135.9, 140.1, 140.5, 141.2; IR (film) 3422, 2953, 2921, 1616, 1453, 1382, 1341, 1092, 920, 782, 745 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (EI): Exact mass calcd for C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>30</sub>N<sub>2</sub> requires m/z 346.2409. Found m/z 346.2411.



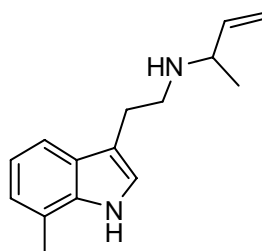
**1-(4-Bromophenyl)-N-(2-(7-methyl-1H-indol-3-yl)ethyl)prop-2-en-1-amine (5n)**

Viscous oil (87% yield, b/l > 95/5) following silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate/DCM/Et<sub>3</sub>N = 400/100/100/4, v/v). Analytical data for **5n**: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 1.68 (br, 1H), 2.46 (s, 3H), 2.78-2.98 (m, 4H), 4.15 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 5.06 (d, *J* = 10.2 Hz, 1H), 5.14 (d, *J* = 17.1 Hz, 1H), 5.83 (ddd, *J* = 7.5, 10.5, 17.1 Hz, 1H), 6.98-7.06 (m, 3H), 7.16 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.42 (t, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 3H), 7.93 (br, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 16.6, 25.8, 47.4, 65.4, 114.3, 115.3, 115.3, 116.6, 119.5, 120.3, 120.8, 121.6, 122.5, 126.8, 129.0, 131.5, 135.9, 140.6, 141.9; IR (film) 3419, 2916, 1589, 1485, 1453, 1070, 1010, 922, 817, 782, 745; HRMS (EI): Exact mass calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>21</sub>N<sub>2</sub>Br requires m/z 368.0888. Found m/z 368.0887.



**N-(2-(7-Methyl-1H-indol-3-yl)ethyl)-1-(3-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)prop-2-en-1-amine (5o)**

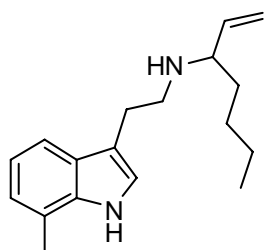
Viscous oil (86% yield, b/l > 95/5) following silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate/DCM/Et<sub>3</sub>N = 300/100/100/3, v/v). Analytical data for **5o**: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 1.61 (br, 1H), 2.44 (s, 3H), 2.78-2.83 (m, 1H), 2.90-2.99 (m, 3H), 4.23 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 5.09 (ddd, *J* = 0.8, 1.2, 10.0 Hz, 1H), 5.17 (ddd, *J* = 1.2, 1.2, 16.9 Hz, 1H), 5.84 (ddd, *J* = 7.2, 10.0, 16.8 Hz, 1H), 6.97-7.05 (m, 3H), 7.37 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.43-7.58 (m, 3H), 7.58 (s, 1H), 7.89 (br, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 16.5, 25.8, 47.5, 65.7, 114.3, 115.7, 116.6, 119.5, 120.3, 121.6, 122.5, 124.2 (q, *J* = 271 Hz), 124.0 (q, *J* = 2.7 Hz), 126.9, 130.6, 130.7 (q, *J* = 32.0 Hz), 135.9, 140.3, 144.0; IR (film) 3420, 2918, 2849, 1444, 1327, 1162, 1121, 1070, 924, 803, 745, 704 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (EI): Exact mass calcd for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>21</sub>N<sub>2</sub>F<sub>3</sub> requires m/z 358.1657. Found m/z 358.1661.



**N-(2-(7-Methyl-1H-indol-3-yl)ethyl)but-3-en-2-amine (5p)**

Viscous oil (78% yield, b/l > 95/5) following silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate/DCM/Et<sub>3</sub>N =

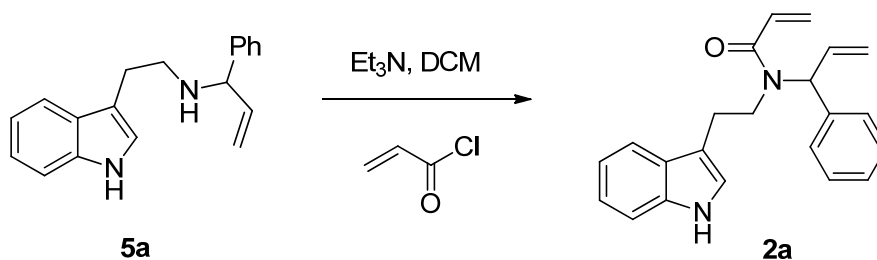
200/100/100/2, v/v). Analytical data for **5p**:  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  1.12 (d,  $J = 6.6$  Hz, 3H), 1.38 (br, 1H), 2.45 (s, 3H), 2.85-2.99 (m, 4H), 3.16-3.20 (m, 1H), 5.01 (d,  $J = 10.2$  Hz, 1H), 5.07 (d,  $J = 17.4$  Hz, 1H), 5.66 (ddd,  $J = 8.1, 10.2, 17.7$  Hz, 1H), 7.00-7.07 (m, 3H), 7.47 (d,  $J = 7.5$  Hz, 1H), 8.12 (br, 1H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (75 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  16.6, 21.6, 25.9, 47.3, 56.6, 114.1, 114.5, 116.5, 119.3, 120.3, 121.7, 122.3, 126.8, 135.9, 142.5; IR (film) 3282, 2918, 1617, 1499, 1349, 1233, 1106, 922, 783, 747  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS (EI): Exact mass calcd for  $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{20}\text{N}_2$  requires  $m/z$  228.1626. Found  $m/z$  228.1623.



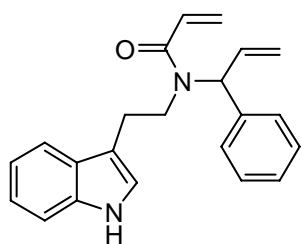
***N*-(2-(7-Methyl-1H-indol-3-yl)ethyl)hept-1-en-3-amine (**5q**)**

Purification following silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate/DCM/ $\text{Et}_3\text{N} = 250/100/100/2.5$ , v/v). Clean NMR data are difficult to be obtained, and the sample can be utilized directly in the next step without any problem. Analytical data for **5q**: IR (film) 3419, 2927, 2856, 1617, 1453, 1342, 1231, 1104, 995, 919, 781, 743  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS (EI): Exact mass calcd for  $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{18}\text{N}_2$  requires  $m/z$  214.1470. Found  $m/z$  214.1466.

**2.3 General procedure for the preparation of 2a-2q**



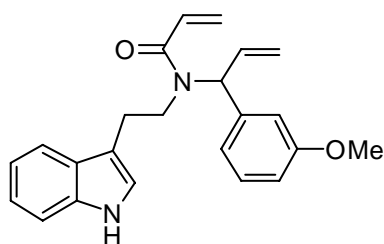
A three-necked flask was charged with **5a** (654 mg, 2.37 mmol), triethyl amine (479 mg, 2.84 mmol) and DCM (20 mL). Then acryloyl chloride (256 mg, 2.84 mmol) was added dropwise. The mixture was stirred at room temperature. After the reaction was complete (monitored by TLC), water (10 mL) was added. The aqueous layer was extracted with  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  ( $3 \times 5$  mL). The combined organic phase was washed with brine, separated, dried over  $\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_4$ , filtrated, and evaporated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by flash chromatography to afford product **2a**.



***N*-(2-(1H-Indol-3-yl)ethyl)-*N*-(1-phenylallyl)acrylamide (**2a**)**

White solid (82% yield) following silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate/DCM = 3/1/1, v/v). Analytical data for

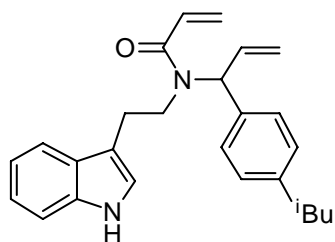
**2a**: Mp = 87-88 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 60 °C) δ 2.54 (br, 1H), 2.90 (br, 1H), 3.47-3.63 (m, 2H), 5.23 (d, *J* = 16.8 Hz, 1H), 5.36 (d, *J* = 10.0 Hz, 1H), 5.67 (d, *J* = 10.0 Hz, 1H), 6.13-6.22 (m, 1H), 6.40 (d, *J* = 16.8 Hz, 1H), 6.67 (dd, *J* = 10.4, 16.4 Hz, 1H), 5.21-6.64 (NCH, br, 1H), 6.78 (s, 1H), 7.04 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.12 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.21-7.34 (m, 7H), 8.14 (br, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 60 °C) δ 24.7-26.7, 46.2, 60.1-63.5, 111.2, 112.8, 118.2, 118.6, 119.2, 121.9, 127.3, 127.8, 128.3, 128.6, 135.1, 136.4, 139.1, 167.0; IR (film) 3236, 3057, 2924, 2869, 1633, 1581, 1441, 1422, 1237, 1001, 921, 753, 702 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (ESI): Exact mass calcd for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>22</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O requires m/z 330.1732. Found m/z 330.1735.



***N*-(2-(1H-Indol-3-yl)ethyl)-*N*-(1-(3-methoxyphenyl)allyl)acrylamide (**2b**)**

Viscous oil (72% yield) following silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate/DCM = 3/1/1, v/v). Analytical data for **2b**:

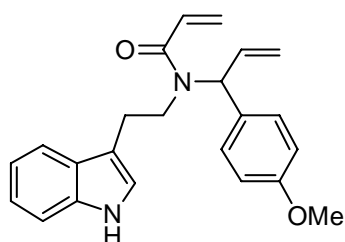
<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 60 °C) δ 2.57 (br, 1H), 2.91 (br, 1H), 3.50-3.62 (m, 2H), 3.76 (s, 3H), 5.24 (d, *J* = 16.8 Hz, 1H), 5.35 (d, *J* = 10.0 Hz, 1H), 5.67 (d, *J* = 10.0 Hz, 1H), 6.11-6.20 (m, 1H), 6.40 (d, *J* = 16.4 Hz, 1H), 6.63 (dd, *J* = 10.0, 16.8 Hz, 1H), 5.22-6.67 (NCH, br, 1H), 6.79 (s, 1H), 6.84 (dd, *J* = 2.0, 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.89-6.94 (m, 2H), 7.04 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.12 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.24-7.28 (m, 2H), 7.37 (s, 1H), 8.23 (br, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 60 °C) δ 26.8, 46.3, 55.3, 60.2, 111.2, 112.9, 113.3, 114.4, 118.3, 118.6, 119.3, 120.7, 121.9, 121.9, 127.3, 127.8, 128.6, 129.7, 135.1, 136.4, 140.8, 160.1, 167.0; IR (film) 3287, 2936, 1644, 1602, 1489, 1430, 1269, 1165, 1049, 977, 744, 701 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (ESI): Exact mass calcd for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>24</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> requires m/z 360.1838. Found m/z 360.1844.



***N*-(2-(1H-Indol-3-yl)ethyl)-*N*-(1-(4-isobutylphenyl)allyl)acrylamide (2c).**

Viscous oil (80% yield) following silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate/DCM = 3/1/1, v/v).

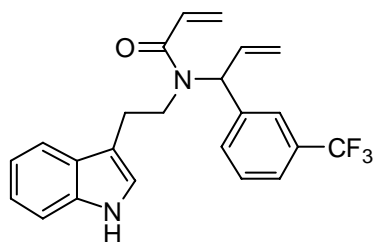
Analytical data for **2c**:  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 60 °C)  $\delta$  0.87 (d,  $J = 2.0$ , 3H), 0.88 (d,  $J = 2.0$ , 3H), 1.80-1.90 (m, 1H), 2.45-2.47 (br, 3H), 2.88 (br, 1H), 3.44-3.51 (m, 1H), 3.57-3.62 (m, 1H), 5.20 (d,  $J = 16.8$  Hz, 1H), 5.32 (d,  $J = 10.4$  Hz, 1H), 5.62 (d,  $J = 10.4$  Hz, 1H), 6.10-6.19 (m, 1H), 6.39 (d,  $J = 16.4$  Hz, 1H), 6.64 (dd,  $J = 10.4$ , 16.8 Hz, 1H), 5.18-6.67 (NCH, br, 1H), 6.73 (s, 1H), 6.99-7.03 (m, 1H), 7.07-7.13 (m, 3H), 7.22-7.24 (m, 3H), 7.35 (br, 1H), 8.59 (br, 1H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 60 °C)  $\delta$  22.2, 24.6-26.7, 29.9, 44.9, 46.1, 59.7, 63.2, 111.2, 112.5, 117.8, 118.4, 118.6, 121.6, 121.9, 127.2, 128.1, 129.3, 135.2, 136.1, 136.4, 141.4, 166.8; IR (film) 3288, 2955, 2925, 2867, 1645, 1604, 1457, 1425, 1271, 1183, 977, 928, 742  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS (ESI): Exact mass calcd for  $\text{C}_{26}\text{H}_{30}\text{N}_2\text{O}$  requires  $m/z$  386.2358. Found  $m/z$  386.2361.



***N*-(2-(1H-Indol-3-yl)ethyl)-*N*-(1-(4-methoxyphenyl)allyl)acrylamide (2d)**

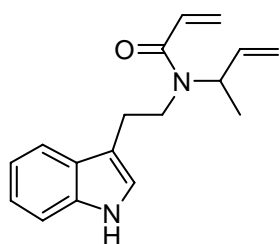
White solid (30% yield) following silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate/DCM = 3/1/1, v/v).

Analytical data for **2d**: Mp = 111-112 °C;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 60 °C)  $\delta$  2.51 (br, 1H), 2.89 (br, 1H), 3.42-3.50 (m, 1H), 3.55-3.63 (m, 1H), 3.77 (s, 3H), 5.21 (d,  $J = 17.2$  Hz, 1H), 5.33 (d,  $J = 7.8$  Hz, 1H), 5.67 (d,  $J = 7.8$  Hz, 1H), 6.10-6.18 (m, 1H), 6.40 (d,  $J = 16.8$  Hz, 1H), 6.63 (dd,  $J = 7.8$ , 16.4 Hz 1H), 5.18-6.67 (NCH, br, 1H), 6.78 (s, 1H), 6.88 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 2H), 7.03 (t,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 1H), 7.11 (t,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 1H), 7.21-7.37 (m, 4H), 8.29 (br, 1H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 60 °C)  $\delta$  24.9-26.5, 46.0, 55.3, 59.7, 63.0, 111.2, 112.9, 114.2, 117.7, 118.6, 119.2, 121.8, 127.3, 127.6, 128.7, 129.6, 131.1, 135.5, 136.4, 159.5, 166.9; IR (film) 3239, 2955, 1636, 1583, 1510, 1456, 1423, 1249, 1178, 1035, 923, 816, 753, 598  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS (ESI): Exact mass calcd for  $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{24}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2$  requires  $m/z$  360.1838. Found  $m/z$  360.1844.



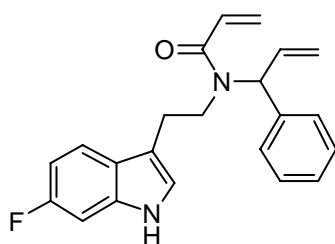
***N*-(2-(1H-Indol-3-yl)ethyl)-*N*-(1-(3-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)allyl)acrylamide (2e)**

Viscous oil (84% yield) following silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate/DCM = 3/1/1, v/v). Analytical data for **2e**:  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 60  $^\circ\text{C}$ )  $\delta$  2.58-2.65 (m, 1H), 2.94 (br, 1H), 3.51-3.62 (m, 2H), 5.28 (d,  $J = 16.8$  Hz, 1H), 5.42 (d,  $J = 10.0$  Hz, 1H), 5.69 (d,  $J = 10.4$  Hz, 1H), 6.14-6.22 (m, 1H), 6.41 (d,  $J = 16.8$  Hz, 1H), 6.62 (d,  $J = 10.4, 16.4$  Hz, 1H), 5.26-6.65 (NCH, br, 1H), 6.79 (s, 1H), 7.05 (t,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 1H), 7.13 (t,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 1H), 7.27 (d,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 1H), 7.35-7.50 (m, 2H), 7.54-7.56 (m, 2H), 7.59 (s, 1H), 8.25 (s, 1H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 60  $^\circ\text{C}$ )  $\delta$  46.4, 111.3, 112.5, 118.4, 119.5, 119.5, 121.9, 122.1, 124.1 (q,  $J = 271$  Hz), 124.6, 124.7 (q,  $J = 4.2$  Hz), 127.2, 128.3, 129.2, 131.3 (q,  $J = 31$  Hz), 131.6, 134.4, 136.5, 140.6, 166.9; IR (film) 3295, 3059, 2967, 2869, 1644, 1608, 1427, 1331, 1167, 1128, 1075, 977, 797, 745, 704  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS (ESI): Exact mass calcd for  $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{21}\text{F}_3\text{N}_2\text{O}$  requires  $m/z$  398.1606. Found  $m/z$  398.1609.



***N*-(2-(1H-Indol-3-yl)ethyl)-*N*-(but-3-en-2-yl)acrylamide (2f)**

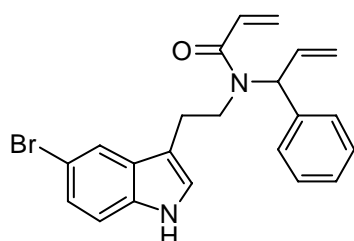
Viscous oil (84% yield) following silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate/DCM = 3/1/1, v/v). Analytical data for **2f**:  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 60  $^\circ\text{C}$ )  $\delta$  1.33 (d,  $J = 6.8$  Hz, 3H), 3.00-3.04 (m, 2H), 3.43-3.56 (m, 2H), 4.57, 5.14-5.24 (m, 3H), 5.62 (dd,  $J = 2.0, 10.4$  Hz, 1H), 5.89 (br, 1H), 6.34 (d,  $J = 16.8$  Hz, 1H), 6.58 (dd,  $J = 10.8, 16.8$  Hz, 1H), 6.92 (d,  $J = 2.0$  Hz, 1H), 7.07-7.20 (m, 2H), 7.30 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1H), 7.59 (br, 1H), 8.62 (br, 1H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 60  $^\circ\text{C}$ )  $\delta$  17.0-17.9, 25.2-27.5, 44.6, 51.8, 54.6, 111.3, 112.3, 115.9, 118.5, 119.2, 121.8, 122.0, 127.4, 128.8, 136.5, 138.5, 166.5; IR (film) 3412, 3274, 2978, 1641, 1603, 1457, 1429, 1169, 978, 927, 742  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS (ESI): Exact mass calcd for  $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{20}\text{N}_2\text{O}$  requires  $m/z$  268.1576. Found  $m/z$  268.1581.



***N*-(2-(6-Fluoro-1H-indol-3-yl)ethyl)-*N*-(1-phenylallyl)acrylamide (2g)**

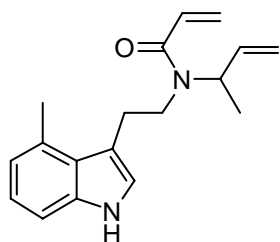
White solid (86% yield) following silica gel column

chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate/DCM = 3/1/1, v/v). Analytical data for **2g**: Mp = 117-118 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 60 °C) δ 2.49-2.51 (m, 1H), 2.87 (br, 1H), 3.44-3.62 (m, 2H), 5.23 (d, *J* = 17.2 Hz, 1H), 5.36 (d, *J* = 10.4 Hz, 1H), 5.66 (d, *J* = 10.8 Hz, 1H), 6.11-6.19 (m, 1H), 6.38 (d, *J* = 16.8 Hz, 1H), 6.62 (dd, *J* = 10.4, 16.8 Hz, 1H), 5.25-6.65 (NCH, br, 1H), 6.73 (s, 1H), 6.78 (t, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 6.92 (d, *J* = 9.2 Hz, 1H), 7.19-7.34 (m, 6H), 8.65 (s, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 60 °C) δ 24.6-26.1, 46.1, 60.2-63.2, 97.4 (d, *J* = 25.7 Hz), 107.8 (d, *J* = 24.6 Hz), 112.8, 118.3, 119.2, 122.2 (d, *J* = 3.3 Hz), 123.9, 127.9, 128.3, 128.7, 135.0, 136.3 (*J* = 12.7 Hz), 138.9, 160.0 (d, *J* = 236 Hz), 167.1; IR (film) 3277, 2926, 1640, 1605, 1496, 1454, 1425, 1344, 1140, 951, 802, 754, 702 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (ESI): Exact mass calcd for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>21</sub>FN<sub>2</sub>NaO<sup>+</sup>(M+Na<sup>+</sup>) requires m/z 348.1638. Found m/z 348.1647.



***N*-(2-(5-Bromo-1H-indol-3-yl)ethyl)-*N*-(1-phenylallyl)acrylamide (**2h**)**

Pale yellow solid (86% yield) following silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate/DCM = 3/1/1, v/v). Analytical data for **2h**: Mp = 93-94 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 60 °C) δ 2.41 (br, 1H), 2.85 (br, 1H), 3.43-3.55 (m, 2H), 5.22 (d, *J* = 16.8 Hz, 1H), 5.36 (d, *J* = 9.6 Hz, 1H), 5.68 (d, *J* = 10.0 Hz, 1H), 6.12-6.19 (m, 1H), 6.38 (d, *J* = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 6.59-6.66 (m, 1H), 5.20-6.66 (NCH, br, 1H), 6.78 (s, 1H), 7.10-7.38 (m, 8H), 8.60 (br, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 60 °C) δ 24.3-26.2, 46.1, 60.0-63.3, 112.5, 112.7, 118.2, 121.1, 123.2, 123.3, 124.7, 128.1, 128.4, 128.8, 129.0, 135.0, 138.8, 167.1; IR (film) 3246, 2930, 1638, 1603, 1452, 1419, 1274, 795, 701, 611 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (ESI): Exact mass calcd for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>21</sub>BrN<sub>2</sub>O requires m/z 408.0837. Found m/z 408.0842.

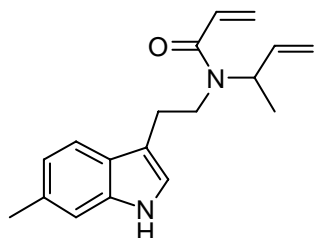


***N*-(But-3-en-2-yl)-*N*-(2-(4-methyl-1H-indol-3-yl)ethyl)acrylamide (**2i**)**

Viscous oil (99% yield) following silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate/DCM = 3/1/1, v/v). Analytical data for **2i**: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 60 °C) δ 1.32 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 3H), 2.70 (s, 3H), 3.16-3.26 (m, 2H), 3.49-3.57 (m, 2H), 4.59, 5.14-5.17 (m, 3H), 5.15 (d, *J* = 12.0 Hz, 1H), 5.86-5.89 (m, 1H), 6.31 (d,

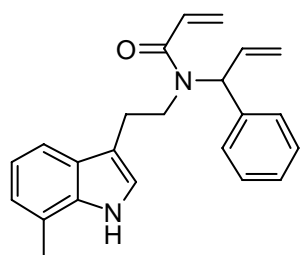
$J = 16.4$  Hz, 1H), 6.50-6.53 (m, 1H), 6.81 (d,  $J = 6.8$  Hz, 1H), 6.91 (s, 1H), 7.01 (t,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 1H), 7.14 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1H), 8.41 (br, 1H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 60 °C)  $\delta$  17.4, 20.2, 26.8-29.1, 45.8, 51.7-54.4, 109.2, 113.7, 115.9, 121.1, 122.0, 122.2, 125.8, 127.0, 128.8, 130.3, 136.9, 138.6, 166.7; IR (film) 3277, 2975, 2942, 1641, 1603, 1431, 1343, 1153, 978, 749  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ;

HRMS (ESI): Exact mass calcd for  $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{22}\text{N}_2\text{O}$  requires  $m/z$  282.1732. Found  $m/z$  282.1739.



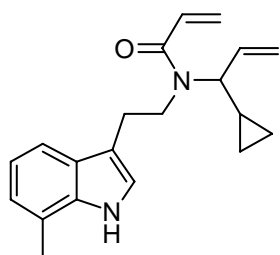
***N*-(2-(6-methyl-1H-indol-3-yl)ethyl)-*N*-(2-methylbut-3-en-2-yl)acrylamide (2j)**

Viscous oil (78% yield) following silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate/DCM = 3/1/1, v/v). Analytical data for **2j**:  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 60 °C) 1.32 (d,  $J = 6.8$  Hz, 3H), 2.42 (s, 3H), 2.99-3.01 (m, 2H), 3.45-3.54 (m, 2H), 4.59, 5.14-5.18 (m, 3H), 5.62 (dd,  $J = 1.6, 10.4$  Hz, 1H), 5.90 (br, 1H), 6.34 (d,  $J = 16.4$  Hz, 1H), 6.58 (dd,  $J = 16.8, 10.4$  Hz, 1H), 6.85 (s, 1H), 6.93 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1H), 7.09 (s, 1H), 7.47 (br, 1H), 8.46 (br, 1H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 60 °C)  $\delta$  17.1-17.8, 21.5, 25.2-27.6, 44.7, 51.7-54.3, 111.3, 112.3, 115.8, 118.2, 121.1, 121.3, 125.2, 127.3, 128.8, 131.6, 137.0, 138.5, 166.5; IR (film) 3407, 3281, 2918, 1640, 1602, 1428, 1370, 1156, 978, 927, 797, 590  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS (ESI): Exact mass calcd for  $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{22}\text{N}_2\text{O}$  requires  $m/z$  282.1732. Found  $m/z$  282.1737.



***N*-(2-(7-Methyl-1H-indol-3-yl)ethyl)-*N*-(1-phenylallyl)acrylamide (2k)**

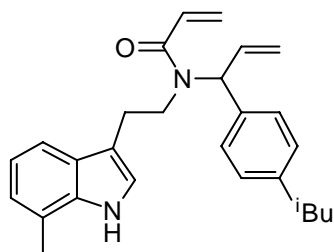
Viscous oil (82% yield) following silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate/DCM = 3/1/1, v/v). Analytical data for **2k**:  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 60 °C)  $\delta$  2.40 (s, 3H), 2.53 (br, 1H), 2.90 (br, 1H), 3.46-3.63 (m, 2H), 5.23 (dd,  $J = 14.7, 1.2$  Hz, 1H), 5.35 (d,  $J = 10.4$  Hz, 1H), 5.66 (d,  $J = 10.4$  Hz, 1H), 6.13-6.21 (m, 1H), 6.40 (d,  $J = 16.4$  Hz, 1H), 6.64 (dd,  $J = 16.8, 10.8$  Hz, 1H), 5.21-6.67 (NCH, br, 1H), 6.77 (s, 1H), 6.91-6.98 (m, 2H), 7.20-7.34 (m, 6H), 8.16 (s, 1H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 60 °C)  $\delta$  16.4, 26.8, 46.3, 59.8-63.2, 113.4, 116.3, 118.2, 119.5, 120.3, 121.6, 122.5, 126.9, 127.8, 128.3, 128.6, 135.2, 136.0, 139.2, 167.0; IR (film) 3407, 3296, 1640, 1605, 1453, 1425, 1193, 977, 931, 799, 753, 701, 589  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS (ESI): Exact mass calcd for  $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{24}\text{N}_2\text{O}$  requires  $m/z$  344.1889. Found  $m/z$  344.1894.



***N*-(1-Cyclopropylallyl)-*N*-(2-(7-methyl-1H-indol-3-yl)ethyl)acrylamide (2l)**

Viscous oil (72% yield) following silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate/DCM = 3/1/1, v/v). Analytical data for **2l**:

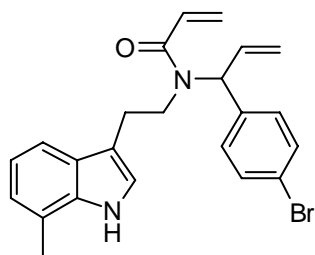
$^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 60 °C)  $\delta$  0.36-0.54 (m, 3H), 0.73 (br, 1H), 1.15 (br, 1H), 2.43 (s, 3H), 3.13 (br, 2H), 3.53-3.71, 4.46 (m, 3H), 5.18 (d,  $J$  = 10.4 Hz, 1H), 5.28 (d,  $J$  = 16.8 Hz, 1H), 5.61 (d,  $J$  = 10.0 Hz, 1H), 5.86-5.89 (m, 1H), 6.33 (d,  $J$  = 15.2 Hz, 1H), 6.56 (br, 1H), 6.95-7.02 (m, 3H), 7.43 (br, 1H), 8.56 (br, 1H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 60 °C)  $\delta$  3.7, 5.6, 13.0, 16.4, 25.1, 27.5, 45.3, 61.3, 65.0, 112.9, 116.3, 119.5, 120.5, 121.7, 122.4, 126.9, 127.4, 128.5, 136.1, 136.8, 166.5; IR (film) 3417, 3280, 2921, 1639, 1600, 1427, 1155, 976, 925, 782, 744  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS (ESI): Exact mass calcd for  $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{24}\text{N}_2\text{O}$  requires  $m/z$  308.1889. Found  $m/z$  308.1893.



***N*-(1-(4-Isobutylphenyl)allyl)-*N*-(2-(7-methyl-1H-indol-3-yl)ethyl)acrylamide (2m)**

Viscous oil (72% yield) following silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate/DCM = 3/1/1, v/v).

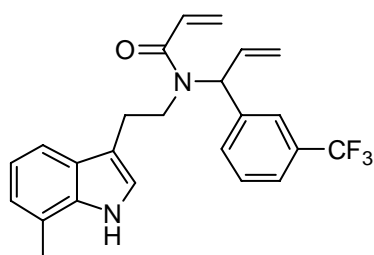
Analytical data for **2m**:  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 60 °C)  $\delta$  0.88 (dd,  $J$  = 2.8, 6.8 Hz, 6H), 1.80-1.91 (m, 1H), 2.39 (s, 3H), 2.45-2.54 (m, 3H), 2.87 (br, 1H), 3.44-3.52 (m, 1H), 3.55-3.63 (m, 1H), 5.21 (dt,  $J$  = 1.2 Hz, 17.2 Hz, 1H), 5.33 (d,  $J$  = 10.4 Hz, 1H), 5.65 (dd,  $J$  = 1.2 Hz, 10.4 Hz, 1H), 6.16 (m, 1H), 6.40 (d,  $J$  = 16.4 Hz, 1H), 6.65 (dd,  $J$  = 10.4, 16.8 Hz, 1H), 5.19-6.68 (NCH, br, 1H), 6.77 (s, 1H), 6.90-6.97 (m, 2H), 7.12-7.16 (m, 2H), 7.20-7.25 (m, 3H), 8.31 (s, 1H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 60 °C)  $\delta$  16.3, 22.3, 24.6, 26.7, 30.0, 45.0, 46.2, 59.6-63.2, 113.3, 116.3, 117.8, 119.4, 120.3, 121.6, 122.4, 126.9, 127.7, 128.1, 128.6, 129.4, 135.3, 136.0, 136.2, 141.4, 166.8; IR (film) 3294, 2953, 1639, 1603, 1423, 1269, 1160, 1066, 976, 926, 780, 744  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS (ESI): Exact mass calcd for  $\text{C}_{27}\text{H}_{32}\text{N}_2\text{O}$  requires  $m/z$  400.2515. Found  $m/z$  400.2519.



***N*-(1-(4-Bromophenyl)allyl)-*N*-(2-(7-methyl-1H-indol-3-yl)ethyl)acrylamide (2n)**

Viscous oil (61% yield) following silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate/DCM = 3/1/1, v/v).

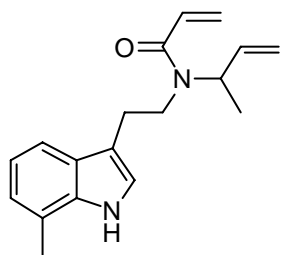
Analytical data for **2n**:  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 60  $^\circ\text{C}$ )  $\delta$  2.41 (s, 3H), 2.62 (br, 1H), 2.93 (br, 1H), 3.46-3.61 (m, 2H), 5.24 (d,  $J = 16.4$  Hz, 1H), 5.37 (d,  $J = 10.0$  Hz, 1H), 5.68 (d,  $J = 10.0$  Hz, 1H), 6.10-6.17 (m, 1H), 6.40 (d,  $J = 16.4$  Hz, 1H), 6.61 (dd,  $J = 10.8, 16.8$  Hz, 1H), 5.22-6.65 (NCH, br, 1H), 6.80 (s, 1H), 6.94-7.02 (m, 2H), 7.16-7.22 (m, 3H), 7.45 (d,  $J = 10.0$  Hz, 2H), 8.14 (s, 1H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 60  $^\circ\text{C}$ )  $\delta$  16.4, 26.2, 46.3, 60.2, 113.2, 116.2, 118.8, 119.7, 120.4, 121.6, 121.8, 122.6, 126.8, 128.1, 128.4, 129.9, 131.8, 134.7, 136.0, 138.3, 166.8; IR (film) 3417, 3294, 1640, 1603, 1423, 1266, 1071, 1010, 781, 729  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS (ESI): Exact mass calcd for  $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{23}\text{BrN}_2\text{O}$  requires  $m/z$  422.0994. Found  $m/z$  422.0985.



***N*-(2-(7-Methyl-1H-indol-3-yl)ethyl)-*N*-(1-(3-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)allyl)acrylamide (2o)**

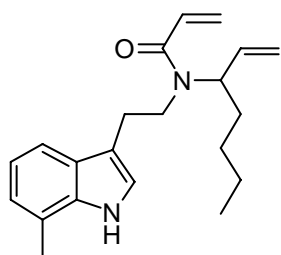
Viscous oil (80% yield) following silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate/DCM = 3/1/1, v/v).

Analytical data for **2o**:  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 60  $^\circ\text{C}$ )  $\delta$  2.40 (s, 3H), 2.60-2.65 (m, 1H), 2.94 (br, 1H), 3.54-3.60 (m, 2H), 5.28 (dd,  $J_1 = 1.2, 16.0$  Hz, 1H), 5.42 (d,  $J = 10.0$  Hz, 1H), 5.69 (dd,  $J = 2.0, 10.4$  Hz, 1H), 6.14-6.22 (m, 1H), 6.41 (d,  $J = 16.0$  Hz, 1H), 6.62 (dd,  $J = 16.8, 10.4$  Hz, 1H), 5.21-6.66 (NCH, br, 1H), 6.80 (d,  $J = 2.4$  Hz, 1H), 6.92-7.00 (m, 2H), 7.20 (t,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 1H), 7.42 (t,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 1H), 7.49-7.54 (m, 2H), 7.59 (s, 1H), 8.19 (br, 1H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 60  $^\circ\text{C}$ )  $\delta$  16.3, 26.8, 46.5, 60.4, 113.0, 116.1, 119.4, 119.7, 120.5, 121.6, 122.6, 122.7, 124.6, 124.7 (q,  $J = 3.7$  Hz), 125.4, 128.3, 129.1, 131.3 (q,  $J = 32$  Hz), 131.5, 134.4, 136.0, 140.6, 166.9; IR (film) 3419, 2927, 2856, 1617, 1454, 1342, 1105, 919, 781, 743  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS (ESI): Exact mass calcd for  $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{23}\text{F}_3\text{N}_2\text{O}$  requires  $m/z$  412.1762. Found  $m/z$  412.1761.



***N*-(But-3-en-2-yl)-*N*-(2-(7-methyl-1H-indol-3-yl)ethyl)acrylamide  
(2p)**

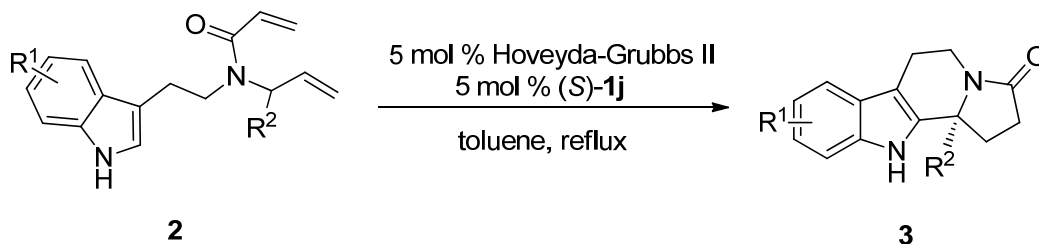
Viscous oil (77% yield) following silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate/DCM = 3/1/1, v/v). Analytical data for **2p**:  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 60 °C) 1.33 (d,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 3H), 2.44 (s, 3H), 2.99-3.03 (m, 2H), 3.43-3.55 (m, 2H), 4.59, 5.14-5.18 (m, 3H), 5.62 (dd,  $J = 2.0, 10.8$  Hz, 1H), 5.90 (br, 1H), 6.33 (d,  $J = 16.8$  Hz, 1H), 6.56 (dd,  $J = 16.8, 10.4$  Hz, 1H), 6.93-7.04 (m, 3H), 7.44 (br, 1H), 8.54 (s, 1H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 60 °C)  $\delta$  16.3, 17.0, 25.3-27.8, 44.6, 51.7, 113.0, 115.8, 116.2, 119.5, 120.5, 121.8, 122.4, 126.9, 128.8, 136.1, 138.5, 166.5; IR (film) 3416, 3282, 2976, 2936, 1640, 1602, 1431, 1371, 1271, 1232, 1163, 1065, 978, 928, 782, 746  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS (ESI): Exact mass calcd for  $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{22}\text{N}_2\text{O}$  requires  $m/z$  282.1732. Found  $m/z$  282.1733.



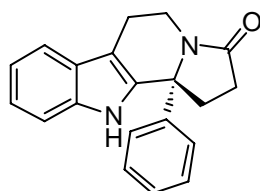
***N*-(Hept-1-en-3-yl)-*N*-(2-(7-methyl-1H-indol-3-yl)ethyl)acrylamide  
(2q)**

Viscous oil (68% yield) following silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate/DCM = 3/1/1, v/v). Analytical data for **2q**:  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 60 °C) 0.88 (t,  $J = 6.8$  Hz, 3H), 1.31 (br, 4H), 1.70 (br, 2H), 2.44 (s, 3H), 3.05 (br, 2H), 3.53 (t,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 2H), 4.35, 5.02 (1H), 5.17-5.20 (m, 2H), 5.63 (dd,  $J = 2.0, 10.4$  Hz, 1H), 5.90 (br, 1H), 6.33 (d,  $J = 14.4$  Hz, 1H), 6.60 (dd,  $J = 16.8$  Hz, 10.4 Hz, 1H), 6.95-7.04 (m, 3H), 7.44 (br, 1H), 8.52-8.63 (m, 1H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 60 °C)  $\delta$  13.7, 16.4, 22.4, 24.9-27.5, 28.5, 31.4-32.1, 44.7-45.4, 57.2-60.1, 112.8, 116.0, 116.7, 119.5, 120.5, 121.8, 122.4, 126.5, 126.9, 127.3, 128.7, 129.1, 136.1, 137.5, 166.5; IR (film) 3292, 2930, 2859, 1640, 1602, 1427, 1343, 1267, 1128, 1104, 925, 783, 744  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS (ESI): Exact mass calcd for  $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{28}\text{N}_2\text{O}$  requires  $m/z$  324.2202. Found  $m/z$  324.2202.

#### 2.4 General procedure for the RCM/Pictet-Spengler cascade reaction



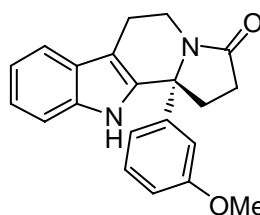
In a dry Schlenk tube, substrate **2** (0.2 mmol) was dissolved in toluene (4 mL) under argon. The solution was heated to reflux, and then chiral phosphoric acid (8.7 mg, 0.01 mmol) and Hoveyda-Grubbs II (6.3 mg, 0.01 mmol) were added in one portion. After the reaction was complete (monitored by TLC or  $^1\text{H}$  NMR), the solvent was removed to leave about 2 mL under reduced pressure and the residue was purified by flash chromatography to afford product **3**.



**(R)-11b-Phenyl-5,6,11,11b-tetrahydro-1H-indolizino[8,7-b]indol-3(2H)-one (3a)**

White solid (95% yield, 84% *ee*) following silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate/DCM = 2/1/1, v/v).

Analytical data for **3a**:  $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{20} = -58.2$  ( $c = 0.9$ , acetone);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  2.49-2.64 (m, 2H), 2.66-2.82 (m, 3H), 2.90-4.01 (m, 2H), 4.36-4.41 (m, 1H), 7.13-7.17 (m, 1H), 7.20-7.33 (m, 6H), 7.38-7.40 (m, 1H), 7.51 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1H), 8.51 (s, 1H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  20.8, 31.1, 33.6, 35.3, 65.4, 109.2, 111.1, 118.6, 119.9, 122.4, 126.1, 126.6, 128.0, 128.7, 135.1, 136.2, 143.4, 173.6; IR (film) 3250, 2924, 1661, 1492, 1446, 1448, 1295, 1235, 930, 876, 743, 699  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS (MALDI/DHB): Exact mass calcd for  $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{18}\text{N}_2\text{O}$  requires  $m/z$  302.1419. Found  $m/z$  302.1434. The enantiomeric excess was determined by Daicel Chiralpak AD-H (25 cm), Hexanes / IPA = 90 / 10, 1.0  $\text{mL}/\text{min}^{-1}$ ,  $\lambda = 254$  nm,  $t_{\text{R}}$  (major) = 21.24 min,  $t_{\text{R}}$  (minor) = 10.68 min.

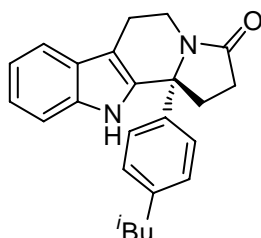


**(R)-11b-(3-Methoxyphenyl)-5,6,11,11b-tetrahydro-1H-indolizino[8,7-b]indol-3(2H)-one (3b)**

White solid (93% yield, 80% *ee*) following silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate/DCM = 2/1/1, v/v).

Analytical data for **3b**:  $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{20} = +11.1$  ( $c = 0.58$ , acetone);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  2.42-2.73

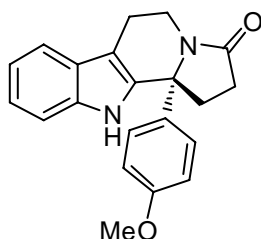
(m, 5H), 2.85-2.99 (m, 2H), 3.68 (s, 3H), 4.29-4.39 (m, 1H), 6.74 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 1H), 6.79-6.85 (m, 2H), 7.09-7.28 (m, 3H), 7.34-7.40 (m, 1H), 7.43-7.50 (m, 1H), 9.17-9.20 (br, 1H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (75 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  20.7, 31.0, 33.6, 35.4, 55.1, 65.4, 108.6, 111.2, 112.0, 113.0, 118.2, 118.5, 119.6, 122.2, 126.4, 129.7, 135.1, 136.3, 145.1, 159.7, 173.9; IR (film) 3230, 1662, 1594, 1398, 1258, 1184, 1035, 743  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS (MALDI/DHB): Exact mass calcd for  $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{21}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2^{+1}$  (M+H) requires  $m/z$  333.1598. Found  $m/z$  333.1594. The enantiomeric excess was determined by Daicel Chiralpak AD-H (25 cm), Hexanes / IPA = 90 / 10, 1.0  $\text{mL}/\text{min}^{-1}$ ,  $\lambda = 254$  nm,  $t_{\text{R}}$  (major) = 32.11 min,  $t_{\text{R}}$  (minor) = 11.85 min.



**(R)-11b-(4-Isobutylphenyl)-5,6,11,11b-tetrahydro-1H-indolizino[8,7-b]indol-3(2H)-one (3c)**

White solid (92% yield, 91% *ee*) following silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate/DCM = 2/1/1, v/v).

Analytical data for **3c**:  $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{20} = +7.7$  ( $c = 1.08$ , acetone);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  0.85 (d,  $J = 4.8$  Hz, 6H), 1.75-1.82 (m, 1H), 2.39 (d,  $J = 5.4$  Hz, 2H), 2.47-2.67 (m, 2H), 2.72-2.77 (m, 3H), 2.90-2.96 (m, 2H), 4.34-4.38 (m, 1H), 7.04 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 2H), 7.11-7.23 (m, 4H), 7.37 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1H), 7.50 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1H), 8.88 (s, 1H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  20.8, 22.3, 30.1, 31.2, 33.6, 35.3, 44.7, 65.3, 108.7, 111.2, 118.5, 119.7, 122.2, 125.9, 126.5, 129.3, 135.5, 136.3, 140.6, 141.6, 173.6; IR (film) 2952, 1654, 1421, 1290, 1232, 932, 731, 670  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS (MALDI/DHB): Exact mass calcd for  $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{27}\text{N}_2\text{O}^{+1}$  (M+H) requires  $m/z$  359.2118. Found  $m/z$  359.2118. The enantiomeric excess was determined by Daicel Chiralpak AD-H (25 cm), Hexanes / IPA = 90 / 10, 1.0  $\text{mL}/\text{min}^{-1}$ ,  $\lambda = 254$  nm,  $t_{\text{R}}$  (major) = 12.10 min,  $t_{\text{R}}$  (minor) = 7.13 min.

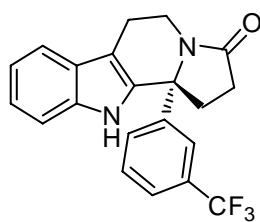


**(R)-11b-(4-Methoxyphenyl)-5,6,11,11b-tetrahydro-1H-indolizino[8,7-b]indol-3(2H)-one (3d)**

White solid (93% yield, 86% *ee*) following silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate/DCM = 2/1/1, v/v).

Analytical data for **3d**:  $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{20} = -50.0$  ( $c = 0.50$ , acetone);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  2.44-2.78 (m, 5H), 2.82-2.99 (m, 2H), 3.72 (s, 3H), 4.27-4.33 (m, 1H), 6.78 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 2H), 7.11-7.25 (m, 4H), 7.37 (d,  $J = 7.8$  Hz, 1H), 7.50 (d,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 1H), 8.88 (s, 1H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (75 MHz,

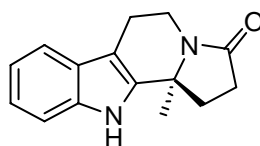
CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  20.8, 31.2, 33.5, 35.1, 55.2, 65.0, 108.7, 111.2, 113.8, 118.5, 119.7, 122.3, 126.5, 127.5, 135.4, 136.2, 159.1, 173.5; IR (film) 2925, 1651, 1509, 1446, 1419, 1253, 1178, 1022, 825, 746, 664 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (MALDI/DHB): Exact mass calcd for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>21</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub><sup>+</sup> (M+H) requires m/z 333.1598. Found m/z 333.1603. The enantiomeric excess was determined by Daicel Chiralpak AD-H (25 cm), Hexanes / IPA = 90 / 10, 1.0 mL/min<sup>-1</sup>,  $\lambda$  = 254 nm, t<sub>R</sub> (major) = 38.34 min, t<sub>R</sub> (minor) = 11.81 min.



**(R)-11b-(3-(Trifluoromethyl)phenyl)-5,6,11,11b-tetrahydro-1H-indolizino[8,7-b]indol-3(2H)-one (3e)**

White solid (95% yield, 82% ee) following silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate/DCM = 2/1/1, v/v).

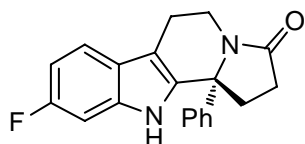
Analytical data for **3e**:  $[\alpha]_D^{20}$  = -5.5 (*c* = 0.50, acetone); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  2.44-2.57 (m, 1H), 2.60-2.86 (m, 4H), 2.87-3.04 (m, 2H), 4.36-4.49 (m, 1H), 7.15-7.25 (m, 2H), 7.25-7.63 (m, 6H), 9.23 (s, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  20.6, 30.9, 33.3, 35.3, 65.2, 108.8, 111.2, 118.5, 119.8, 122.0, 122.4, 126.4, 127.9, 131.7, 134.4, 136.3, 142.6, 173.8; IR (film) 3286, 1668, 1414, 1329, 1237, 1116, 1074, 801, 744, 701 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (MALDI/DHB): Exact mass calcd for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>18</sub>N<sub>2</sub>OF<sub>3</sub><sup>+</sup> (M+H) requires m/z 371.1366. Found m/z 371.1361. The enantiomeric excess was determined by Daicel Chiralpak AD-H (25 cm), Hexanes / IPA = 90 / 10, 1.0 mL/min<sup>-1</sup>,  $\lambda$  = 254 nm, t<sub>R</sub> (major) = 9.98 min, t<sub>R</sub> (minor) = 6.09 min.



**(S)-11b-Methyl-5,6,11,11b-tetrahydro-1H-indolizino[8,7-b]indol-3(2H)-one (3f)**

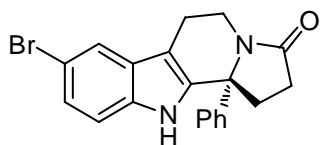
White solid (82% yield, 74% ee) following silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate/DCM = 1/1/1, v/v). Analytical data for **3f**:  $[\alpha]_D^{20}$  = -78.6 (*c* = 0.50, acetone); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  1.61 (s, 3H), 2.17-2.34 (m, 2H), 2.41-2.51 (m, 1H), 2.63-2.85 (m, 3H), 3.06-3.16 (m, 1H), 4.45-4.50 (m, 1H), 7.09-7.21 (m, 2H), 7.33 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.48 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 8.47 (s, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  21.2, 25.4, 30.7, 32.8, 35.0, 59.5, 106.7, 111.0, 118.5, 119.7, 122.1, 126.6, 136.1, 137.7, 172.8; IR (film) 3264, 1659, 1435, 1416, 1291, 1172, 748, 704 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (MALDI/DHB): Exact mass calcd for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>17</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sup>+</sup> (M+H) requires m/z 241.1335. Found m/z 241.1341. The enantiomeric excess was

determined by Daicel Chiralpak AD-H (25 cm), Hexanes / IPA = 90 / 10, 1.0 mL/min<sup>-1</sup>,  $\lambda$  = 254 nm,  $t_R$  (major) = 21.34 min,  $t_R$  (minor) = 8.10 min.



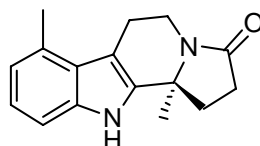
**(R)-9-Fluoro-11b-phenyl-5,6,11,11b-tetrahydro-1H-indolizino[8,7-b]indol-3(2H)-one (3g)**

White solid (95% yield, 82% *ee*) following silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate/DCM = 2/1/1, v/v). Analytical data for **3h**:  $[\alpha]_D^{20}$  = -44.0 (*c* = 0.50, acetone); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  2.42-2.55 (m, 1H), 2.60-2.79 (m, 4H), 2.82-2.95 (m, 2H), 4.30-4.34 (m, 1H), 6.89 (dt, *J* = 2.1, 9.6 Hz, 1H), 7.09 (dd, *J* = 2.1, 9.6 Hz, 1H), 7.21-7.30 (m, 5H), 7.30-7.42 (m, 1H), 9.29 (s, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  20.7, 31.1, 33.5, 35.3, 65.4, 97.7 (d, *J* = 26.0 Hz), 108.1, 108.4, 108.5 (d, *J* = 15.8 Hz), 119.2 (d, *J* = 10.2 Hz), 123.1, 126.0, 128.0, 128.7, 135.4 (d, *J* = 3.5 Hz), 136.3 (d, *J* = 12.5 Hz), 143.2, 160.0 (d, *J* = 236.0 Hz), 173.8; IR (film) 3269, 1675, 1395, 1250, 1132, 1107, 843, 803, 702 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (ESI): Exact mass calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>17</sub>FN<sub>2</sub>O requires *m/z* 320.1325. Found *m/z* 320.1321. The enantiomeric excess was determined by Daicel Chiralpak AD-H (25 cm), Hexanes / IPA = 90 / 10, 1.0 mL/min<sup>-1</sup>,  $\lambda$  = 254 nm,  $t_R$  (major) = 20.71 min,  $t_R$  (minor) = 12.09 min.



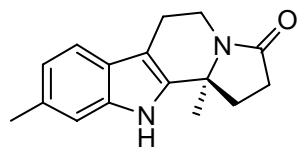
**(R)-8-Bromo-11b-phenyl-5,6,11,11b-tetrahydro-1H-indolizino[8,7-b]indol-3(2H)-one (3h)**

White solid (95% yield, 83% *ee*) following silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate/DCM = 2/1/1, v/v). Analytical data for **3i**:  $[\alpha]_D^{20}$  = -56.0 (*c* = 0.50, acetone); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  2.43-2.76 (m, 5H), 2.79-2.92 (m, 2H), 4.30-4.33 (m, 1H), 7.18-7.30 (m, 7H), 7.61 (s, 1H), 9.37 (s, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  20.6, 31.0, 33.4, 35.2, 65.4, 108.3, 112.7, 112.8, 121.1, 125.0, 125.9, 128.0, 128.2, 128.7, 134.9, 136.5, 143.0, 173.7; IR (film) 3311, 2923, 1679, 1445, 1396, 1312, 1144, 802, 697 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (ESI): Exact mass calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>17</sub>BrN<sub>2</sub>O requires *m/z* 380.0524. Found *m/z* 380.0527. The enantiomeric excess was determined by Daicel Chiralpak AD-H (25 cm), Hexanes / IPA = 90 / 10, 1.0 mL/min<sup>-1</sup>,  $\lambda$  = 254 nm,  $t_R$  (major) = 23.11 min,  $t_R$  (minor) = 26.27 min.



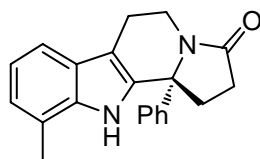
**(S)-7,11b-Dimethyl-5,6,11,11b-tetrahydro-1H-indolizino[8,7-b]indol-3(2H)-one (3i)**

White solid (94% yield, 69% *ee*) following silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate/DCM = 1/1/1, v/v). Analytical data for **3i**:  $[\alpha]_D^{20} = -119$  ( $c = 0.50$ , acetone);  $^1\text{H NMR}$  (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  1.61 (s, 3H), 2.15-2.22 (m, 1H), 2.27-2.35 (m, 1H), 2.42-2.51 (m, 1H), 2.63-2.74 (m, 4H), 3.05-3.13 (m, 3H), 4.41-4.45 (m, 1H), 6.83 (d,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 1H), 7.04 (t,  $J = 7.8$  Hz, 1H), 7.16 (d,  $J = 8.1$  Hz, 1H), 8.55 (s, 1H);  $^{13}\text{C NMR}$  (75 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  19.8, 23.6, 25.4, 30.7, 32.8, 35.1, 59.3, 106.9, 108.8, 120.9, 122.0, 125.6, 130.7, 136.1, 137.3, 172.8; IR (film) 3216, 2924, 1657, 1454, 1417, 1295, 773, 745  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS (ESI): Exact mass calcd for  $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{18}\text{N}_2\text{O}$  requires  $m/z$  254.1419. Found  $m/z$  254.1418. The enantiomeric excess was determined by Daicel Chiralpak AD-H (25 cm), Hexanes / IPA = 90 / 10, 1.0  $\text{mL}/\text{min}^{-1}$ ,  $\lambda = 254$  nm,  $t_R$  (major) = 14.63 min,  $t_R$  (minor) = 8.69 min.



**(S)-9,11b-Dimethyl-5,6,11,11b-tetrahydro-1H-indolizino[8,7-b]indol-3(2H)-one (3j)**

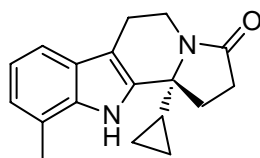
White solid (98% yield, 68% *ee*) following silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate/DCM = 1/1/1, v/v). Analytical data for **3j**:  $[\alpha]_D^{20} = -137$  ( $c = 0.50$ , acetone);  $^1\text{H NMR}$  (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  1.58 (s, 3H), 1.78-2.33 (m, 2H), 2.40-2.48 (m, 4H), 2.60-2.88 (m, 3H), 3.04-3.14 (m, 1H), 4.42-4.48 (m, 1H), 6.94 (d,  $J = 8.1$  Hz, 1H), 7.12 (s, 1H), 7.35 (d,  $J = 8.1$  Hz, 1H), 8.52 (s, 1H);  $^{13}\text{C NMR}$  (75 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  21.2, 21.7, 25.3, 30.7, 32.7, 35.0, 59.6, 106.3, 111.0, 118.0, 121.3, 124.4, 131.8, 136.5, 137.0, 172.9; IR (film) 3256, 2921, 1660, 1417, 1303, 1181, 801, 751, 661  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS (MALDI/DHB): Exact mass calcd for  $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{19}\text{N}_2\text{O}^+$  (M+H) requires  $m/z$  255.1492. Found  $m/z$  255.1497. The enantiomeric excess was determined by Daicel Chiralpak AD-H (25 cm), Hexanes / IPA = 90 / 10, 1.0  $\text{mL}/\text{min}^{-1}$ ,  $\lambda = 254$  nm,  $t_R$  (major) = 23.65 min,  $t_R$  (minor) = 7.81 min.



**(R)-10-Methyl-11b-phenyl-5,6,11,11b-tetrahydro-1H-indolizino[8,7-b]indol-3(2H)-one (3k)**

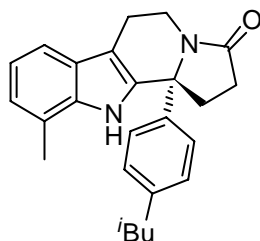
White solid (94% yield, 99% *ee*) following silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate/DCM = 2/1/1, v/v). Analytical data for **3k**:  $[\alpha]_D^{20} =$

-38.0 ( $c = 0.50$ , acetone);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  2.40-2.53 (m, 4H), 2.56-2.83 (m, 4H), 2.87-2.97 (m, 2H), 4.25-4.31 (m, 1H), 7.01-7.10 (m, 2H), 7.19-7.29 (m, 5H), 7.36 (d,  $J = 7.5$  Hz, 1H), 8.86 (s, 1H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (75 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  16.8, 20.8, 31.1, 33.3, 35.2, 65.4, 109.4, 116.1, 120.0, 120.5, 123.0, 126.1, 126.2, 127.9, 128.6, 134.9, 135.8, 143.6, 173.5; IR (film) 3175, 1661, 1450, 1412, 1298, 1071, 859, 776, 761, 701, 675  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS (MALDI/DHB): Exact mass calcd for  $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{21}\text{N}_2\text{O}^+$  (M+H) requires  $m/z$  317.1648. Found  $m/z$  317.1652. The enantiomeric excess was determined by Daicel Chiralpak AD-H (25 cm), Hexanes / IPA = 90 / 10, 1.0  $\text{mL}/\text{min}^{-1}$ ,  $\lambda = 254$  nm,  $t_{\text{R}}$  (major) = 8.37 min,  $t_{\text{R}}$  (minor) = 6.75 min.



**(R)-11b-Cyclopropyl-10-methyl-5,6,11,11b-tetrahydro-1H-indolizino[8,7-b]indol-3(2H)-one (3l)**

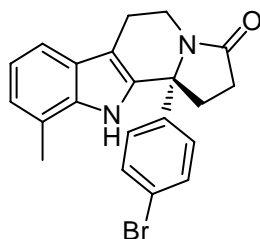
White solid (96% yield, 95% *ee*) following silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate/DCM = 1/1/1, v/v). Analytical data for **3l**:  $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{20} = -217$  ( $c = 0.50$ , acetone);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  0.38-0.53 (m, 3H), 0.57-0.63 (m, 1H), 1.32-1.39 (m, 1H), 2.17-2.25 (m, 1H), 2.31-2.45 (m, 2H), 2.49 (s, 3H), 2.63-2.70 (m, 1H), 2.73-2.91 (m, 2H), 3.33-3.41 (m, 1H), 4.45-4.50 (m, 1H), 6.97-7.06 (m, 2H), 7.33 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1H), 8.38 (s, 1H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  0.60, 2.24, 16.8, 19.5, 20.9, 30.3, 30.9, 35.4, 63.1, 108.6, 116.0, 119.8, 120.3, 122.8, 126.0, 134.6, 135.6, 173.1; IR (film) 3257, 2960, 1726, 1659, 1432, 1282, 1165, 1073, 952, 781, 748, 666  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS (ESI): Exact mass calcd for  $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{20}\text{N}_2\text{O}$  requires  $m/z$  280.1576. Found  $m/z$  280.1565. The enantiomeric excess was determined by Daicel Chiralpak AD-H (25 cm), Hexanes / IPA = 90 / 10, 1.0  $\text{mL}/\text{min}^{-1}$ ,  $\lambda = 254$  nm,  $t_{\text{R}}$  (major) = 12.60 min,  $t_{\text{R}}$  (minor) = 7.99 min.



**(R)-11b-(4-Isobutylphenyl)-10-methyl-5,6,11,11b-tetrahydro-1H-indolizino[8,7-b]indol-3(2H)-one (3m)**

White solid (91% yield, 94% *ee*) following silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate/DCM = 2/1/1, v/v). Analytical data for **3m**:  $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{20} = -37.0$  ( $c = 0.50$ , acetone);  $^1\text{H}$  MR (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  0.87 (d,  $J = 6.6$  Hz, 6H), 1.75-1.83 (m, 1H), 2.41 (d,  $J = 6.9$  Hz, 2H), 2.48-2.62 (m, 5H), 2.71-2.01 (m, 5H), 4.32-4.36 (m, 1H), 7.02-7.15 (m, 6H), 7.37 (d,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 1H), 8.30 (s, 1H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (75 MHz,

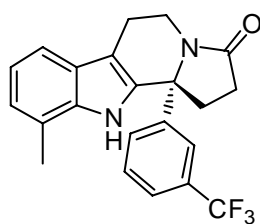
CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  16.8, 20.9, 22.3, 30.1, 31.3, 33.4, 35.2, 44.8, 65.2, 109.6, 116.3, 120.1, 120.4, 123.1, 126.1, 126.2, 129.3, 135.2, 135.7, 140.8, 141.7, 173.4; IR (film) 3304, 2957, 1726, 1658, 1414, 1283, 1123, 1073, 743 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (ESI): Exact mass calcd for C<sub>25</sub>H<sub>28</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O requires m/z 372.2202. Found m/z 372.2193. The enantiomeric excess was determined by Daicel Chiralpak AD-H (25 cm), Hexanes / IPA = 90 / 10, 1.0 mL/min<sup>-1</sup>,  $\lambda$  = 254 nm, t<sub>R</sub> (major) = 7.32 min, t<sub>R</sub> (minor) = 6.27 min.



**(R)-11b-(4-Bromophenyl)-10-methyl-5,6,11,11b-tetrahydro-1H-indolizino[8,7-b]indol-3(2H)-one (3n)**

White solid (95% yield, 99% *ee*) following silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate/DCM = 2/1/1, v/v).

Analytical data for **3o**:  $[\alpha]_D^{20}$  = -22.0 (*c* = 0.50, acetone); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  2.47-2.55 (m, 4H), 2.62-2.86 (m, 5H), 2.91-2.99 (m, 1H), 4.30-4.35 (m, 1H), 7.04-7.12 (m, 4H), 7.36-7.43 (m, 3H), 8.34 (s, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  16.8, 20.8, 31.0, 33.2, 35.2, 65.0, 110.1, 116.4, 120.3, 120.5, 122.2, 123.4, 126.1, 128.1, 131.8, 134.1, 135.8, 142.8, 173.5; IR (film) 3257, 1663, 1411, 1292, 1170, 1073, 1007, 881, 821, 779, 745 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (ESI): Exact mass calcd for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>19</sub>N<sub>2</sub>OBr requires m/z 394.0681. Found m/z 394.0680. The enantiomeric excess was determined by Daicel Chiralpak AD-H (25 cm), Hexanes / IPA = 90 / 10, 1.0 mL/min<sup>-1</sup>,  $\lambda$  = 254 nm, t<sub>R</sub> (major) = 12.68 min, t<sub>R</sub> (minor) = 9.84 min.

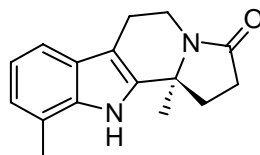


**(R)-10-Methyl-11b-(3-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)-5,6,11,11b-tetrahydro-1H-indolizino[8,7-b]indol-3(2H)-one (3o)**

White solid (96% yield, 97% *ee*) following silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate/DCM = 2/1/1, v/v).

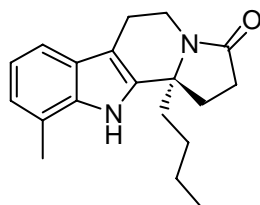
Analytical data for **3o**:  $[\alpha]_D^{20}$  = -17.3 (*c* = 0.50, acetone); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  1.93-2.97 (m, 10H), 4.29-4.34 (m, 1H), 7.04-7.11 (m, 2H), 7.35-7.41 (m, 3H), 7.47-7.52 (m, 1H), 7.61 (s, 1H), 9.02 (s, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  16.8, 20.6, 30.8, 33.5, 35.5, 65.4, 109.9, 116.3, 120.2, 120.6, 122.7-122.8, 123.3, 123.8 (q, *J* = 272 Hz), 126.1, 129.2, 129.8, 131.1 (q, *J* = 32 Hz), 133.8, 136.0, 144.9, 174.0; IR (film) 3276, 2929, 1666, 1439, 1411, 1328, 1165, 1121, 1073, 803, 780, 754, 702 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (ESI): Exact mass calcd for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>19</sub>N<sub>2</sub>OF<sub>3</sub> requires m/z 384.1449. Found m/z 384.1443. The enantiomeric excess was determined by Daicel Chiralpak AD-H (25

cm), Hexanes / IPA = 90 / 10, 1.0 mL/min<sup>-1</sup>,  $\lambda$  = 254 nm,  $t_R$  (major) = 7.84 min,  $t_R$  (minor) = 6.21 min.



**(S)-10,11b-Dimethyl-5,6,11,11b-tetrahydro-1H-indolizino[8,7-b]indol-3(2H)-one (3p)**

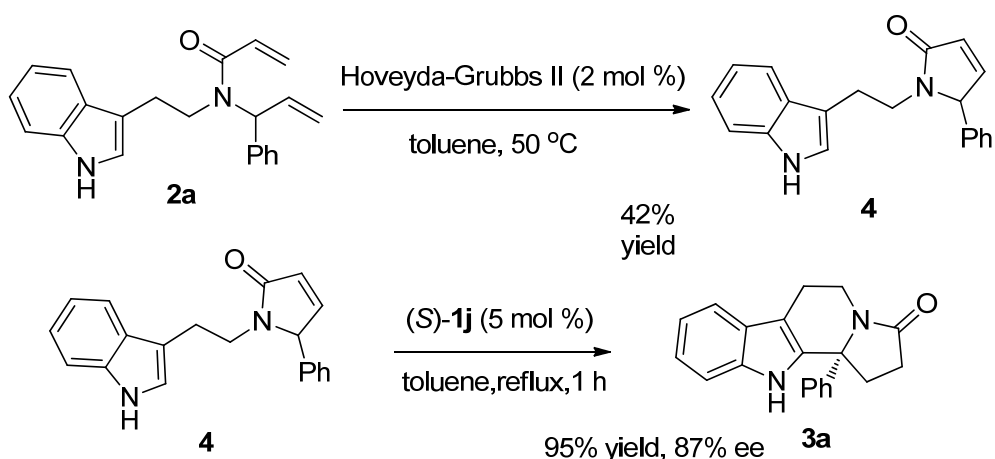
White solid (96% yield, 93% *ee*) following silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate/DCM = 1/1/1, v/v). Analytical data for **3p**:  $[\alpha]_D^{20} = -208$  ( $c = 0.50$ , acetone); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  1.64 (s, 3H), 2.16-2.27 (m, 1H), 2.33-2.39 (m, 1H), 2.43-2.50 (m, 4H), 2.63-2.84 (m, 3H), 3.06-3.16 (m, 1H), 4.44-4.50 (m, 1H), 6.97-7.07 (m, 2H), 7.33 (d,  $J = 7.5$  Hz, 1H), 8.65 (s, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  16.8, 21.3, 25.3, 30.7, 32.9, 35.0, 59.6, 107.2, 116.1, 119.9, 120.3, 122.8, 126.2, 135.6, 137.5, 172.8; IR (film) 3244, 1666, 1450, 1296, 1178, 1063, 778, 737, 710, 666 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (MALDI/DHB): Exact mass calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>19</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sup>+</sup> (M+H) requires  $m/z$  255.1492. Found  $m/z$  255.1498. The enantiomeric excess was determined by Daicel Chiralpak AD-H (25 cm), Hexanes / IPA = 90 / 10, 1.0 mL/min<sup>-1</sup>,  $\lambda$  = 254 nm,  $t_R$  (major) = 7.39 min,  $t_R$  (minor) = 5.61 min.



**(S)-11b-Butyl-10-methyl-5,6,11,11b-tetrahydro-1H-indolizino[8,7-b]indol-3(2H)-one (3q)**

White solid (93% yield, 95% *ee*) following silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate/DCM = 1/1/1, v/v). Analytical data for **3q**:  $[\alpha]_D^{20} = -142.7$  ( $c = 0.50$ , acetone); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  0.89 (t,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 3H), 1.19-1.43 (m, 5H), 1.93-2.05 (m, 2H), 2.18-2.26 (m, 1H), 2.37-2.50 (m, 4H), 2.61-2.90 (m, 3H), 3.11-3.17 (m, 1H), 4.47-4.52 (m, 1H), 6.98 (d,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 1H), 7.05 (t,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 1H), 7.33 (d,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 1H), 8.41 (s, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  13.9, 16.8, 21.1, 22.9, 26.3, 30.5, 31.2, 35.6, 39.7, 62.6, 107.2, 116.0, 119.9, 120.2, 122.7, 126.2, 135.5, 137.5, 173.6; IR (film) 3259, 2926, 1661, 1413, 1347, 1268, 1162, 1065, 778, 747, 704, 648 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (ESI): Exact mass calcd for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>24</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O requires  $m/z$  296.1889. Found  $m/z$  296.1881. The enantiomeric excess was determined by Daicel Chiralpak AD-H (25 cm), Hexanes / IPA = 90 / 10, 1.0 mL/min<sup>-1</sup>,  $\lambda$  = 254 nm,  $t_R$  (major) = 5.70 min,  $t_R$  (minor) = 4.59 min.

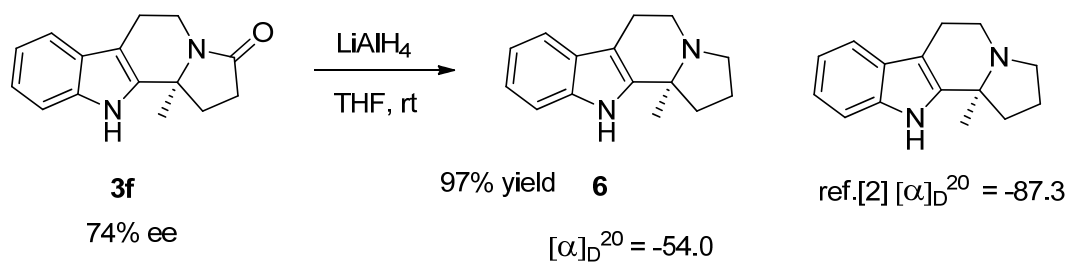
## 2.5 Investigation of the reaction mechanism



In a dry Schlenk tube, the readily available tryptamine derivative **2a** (250.0 mg, 0.76 mmol) was added to toluene (7 mL) under argon. The solution was heated to 50 °C, then Hoveyda-Grubbs II (9.5 mg, 0.015 mmol) were added in one portion. After the reaction mixture was stirred for 7 hours, the solvent was removed to leave about 2 mL under reduced pressure and the residue was purified by flash chromatography (ethyl acetate/DCM/petroleum ether= 1/1/1) to afford product **4**. Analytical data for **4**:  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  2.83-2.93 (m, 1H), 2.97-3.11 (m, 2H), 4.01-4.10 (m, 1H), 4.77 (s, 1H), 6.21 (dd,  $J = 1.2, 7.6$  Hz, 1H), 6.89-6.95 (m, 4H), 7.05 (t,  $J = 7.5$  Hz, 1H), 7.17 (d,  $J = 7.5$  Hz, 1H), 7.29-7.38 (m, 5H), 8.51 (s, 1H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (75 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  24.4, 40.2, 67.3, 111.2, 112.5, 118.5, 119.1, 121.9, 122.0, 126.3, 127.2, 127.4, 128.7, 128.9, 134.2, 136.2, 148.0, 171.5; IR (film) 3223, 2963, 1674, 1417, 1261, 1093, 1020, 799  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS (ESI): Exact mass calcd for  $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{18}\text{N}_2\text{O}$  requires  $m/z$  302.1419. Found  $m/z$  302.1416.

In a dry Schlenk tube, compound **5** (30.2 mg, 0.1 mmol) was dissolved in toluene (2 mL) under argon. After the solution was heated to reflux, chiral phosphoric acid (S)-**1j** (8.7 mg, 0.01 mmol) was added. After the reaction was complete (monitored by TLC), the solvent was removed and the residue was purified by flash chromatography to afford product **3a** (95% yield, 87% ee).

## 2.6 The determination of the absolute configuration

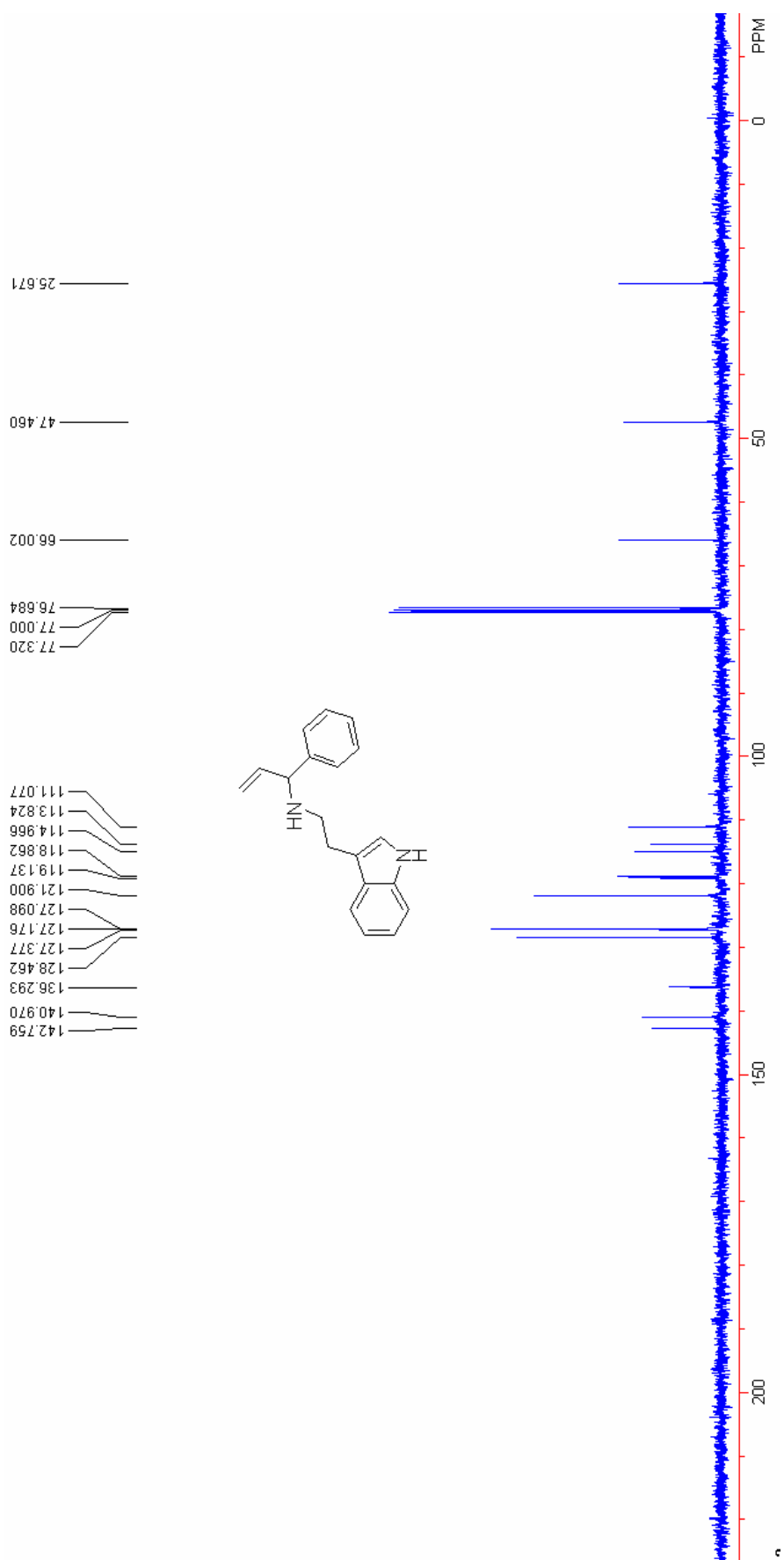


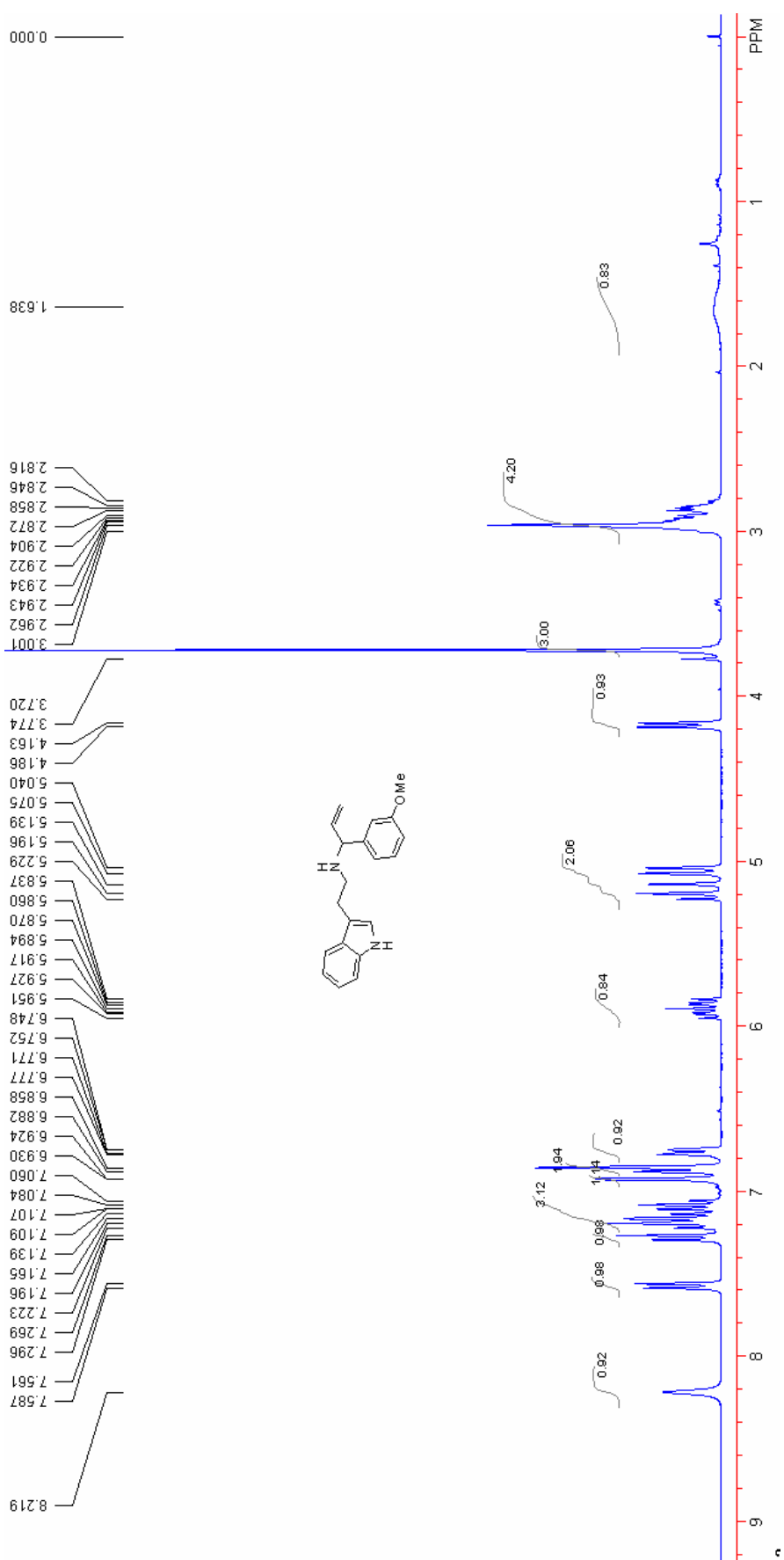
A flame-dried 25 mL round-bottom flask was charged with **3f** (43.2 mg, 0.18 mmol, 74% ee) and anhydrous THF (4 mL). Then LiAlH<sub>4</sub> (40 mg, 1.08 mmol) was added portionwise. After stirring at room temperature for 16 h. the reaction mixture was cooled to 0 °C, and then slowly quenched by dropwise addition of H<sub>2</sub>O (40 μL), NaOH (80 mg) and H<sub>2</sub>O (120 μL). The reaction was stirred at 0 °C for 30 min, and then filtered through a pad of Celite, the solid was washed with DCM. The combined organic filtrates were washed with DCM. The combined organic phase was washed with brine, separated, dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, filtrated, and evaporated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by flash chromatography (MeOH/Et<sub>3</sub>N/DCM = 5/1/100) to afford product **6** (39.5 mg, 97% yield). The sample showed identical characterization to that of the previously reported synthesis<sup>[2]</sup> with a same observed optical rotation, allowing us to assign the absolute stereochemistry as (*S*). Analytical data for **6**:  $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{20} = -54.0$  (*c* = 1.00, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  1.52 (s, 3H), 1.59-1.66 (m, 1H), 1.84-2.16 (m, 3H), 2.49-2.55 (m, 1H), 2.87-3.06 (m, 3H), 3.24-3.28 (m, 2H), 7.07-7.17 (m, 2H), 7.30 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.48 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.73 (s, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  16.1, 22.2, 27.9, 38.0, 42.2, 49.1, 59.7, 106.7, 110.6, 118.1, 119.3, 121.4, 127.1, 135.7, 138.9; IR (film) 3405, 3220, 2926, 1452, 1347, 1319, 1294, 1259, 1235, 1010, 797, 744 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (ESI): Exact mass calcd for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>18</sub>N<sub>2</sub> requires *m/z* 226.1470. Found *m/z* 226.1463.

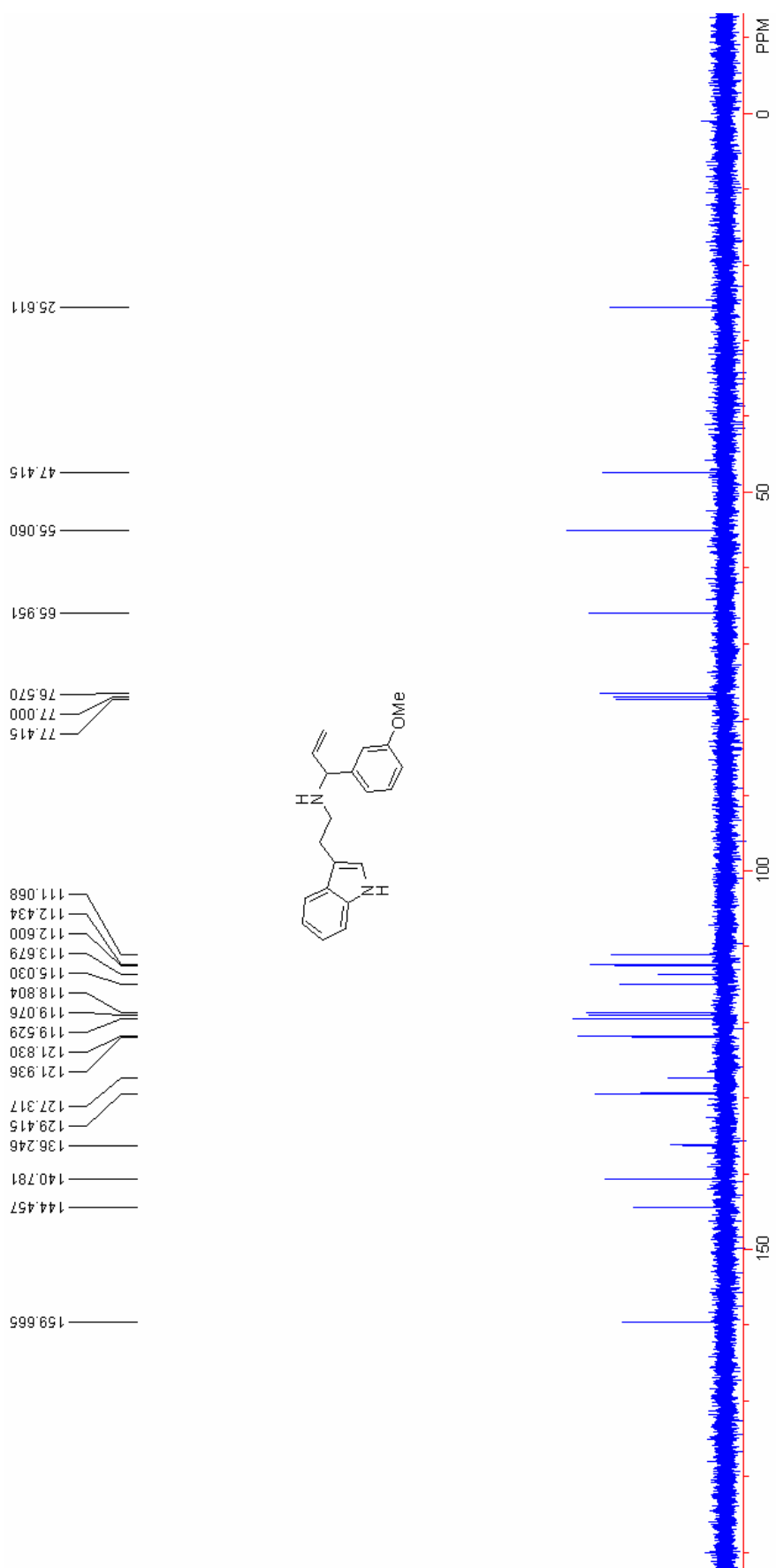
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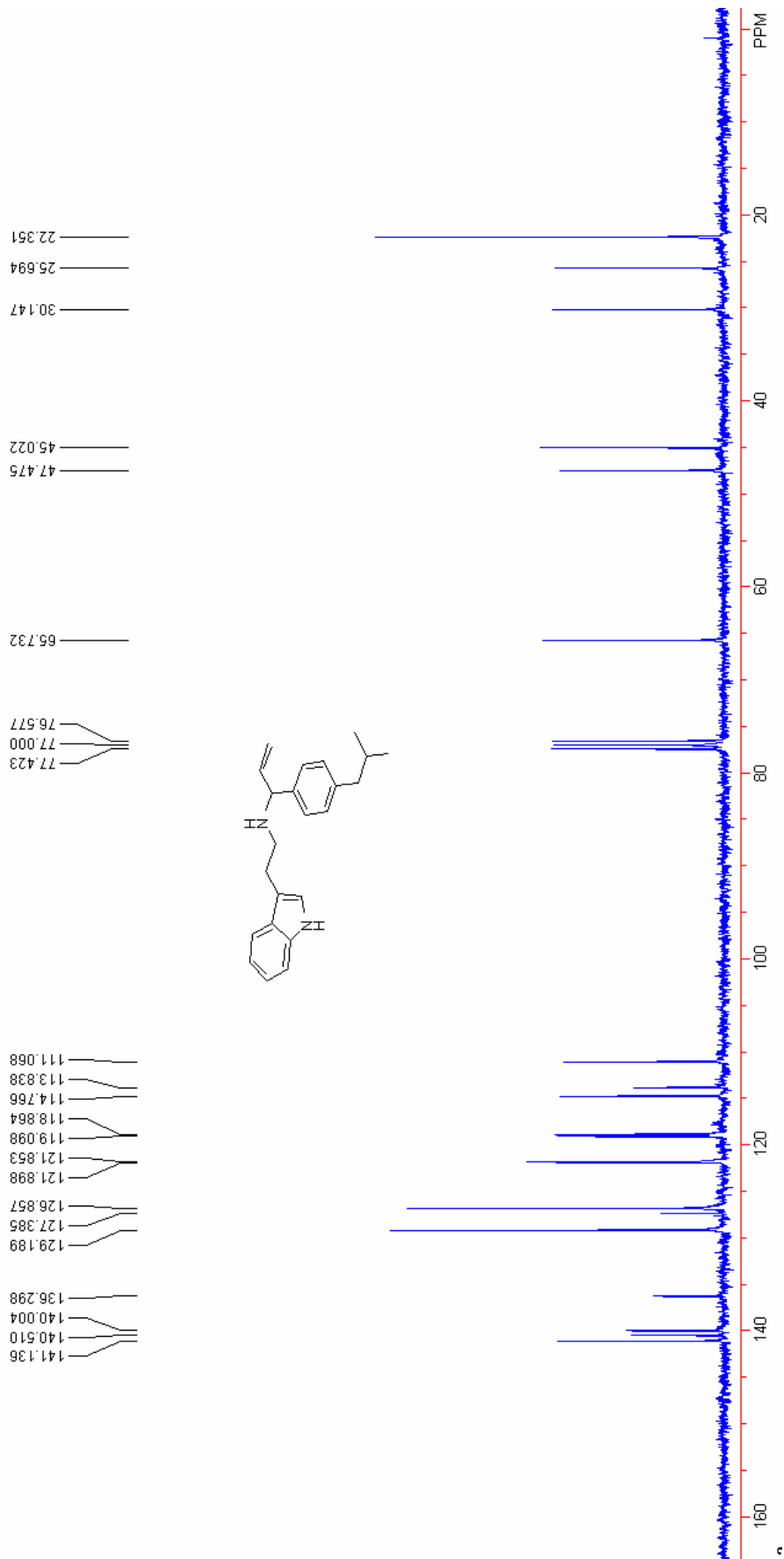


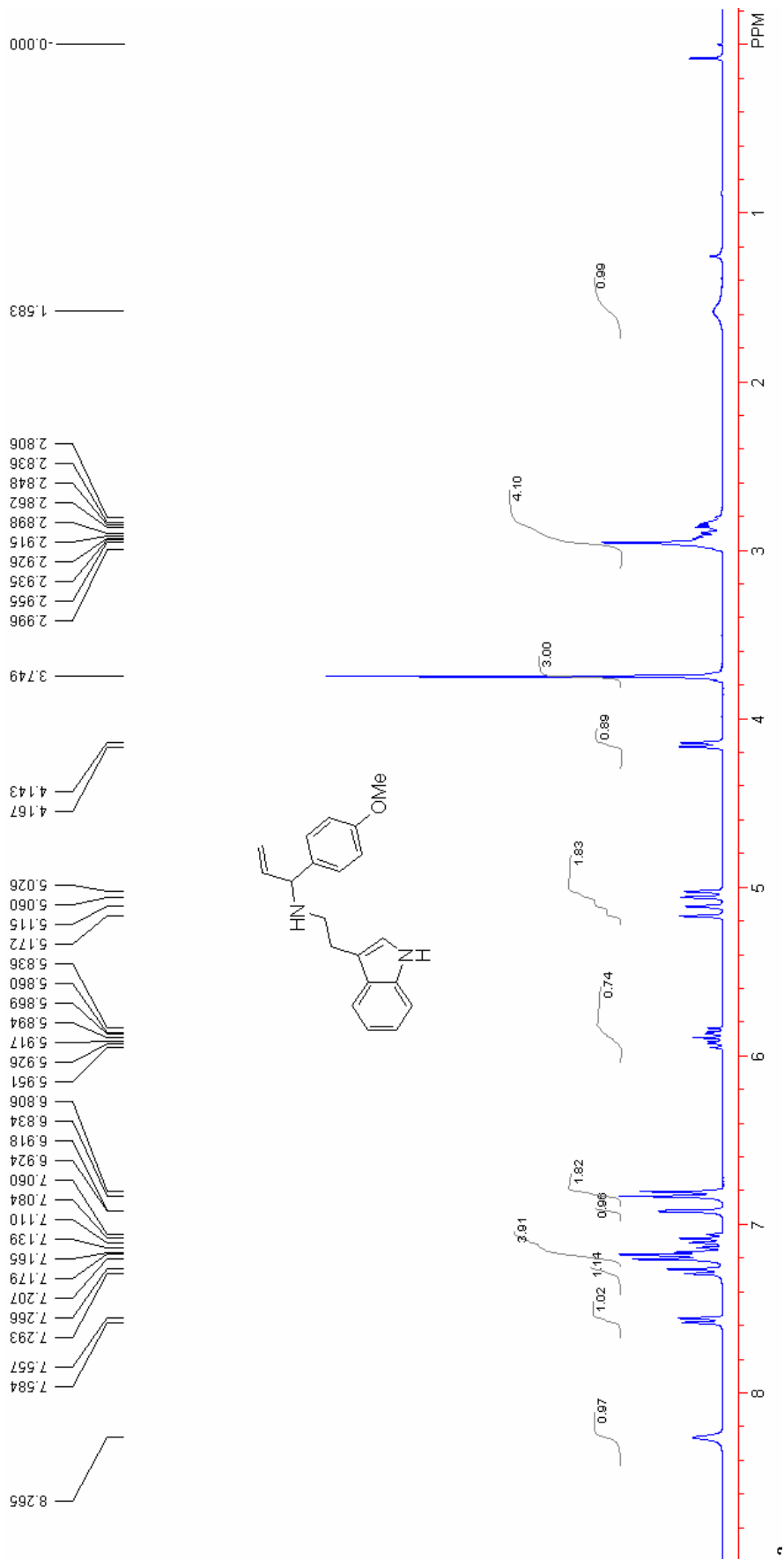


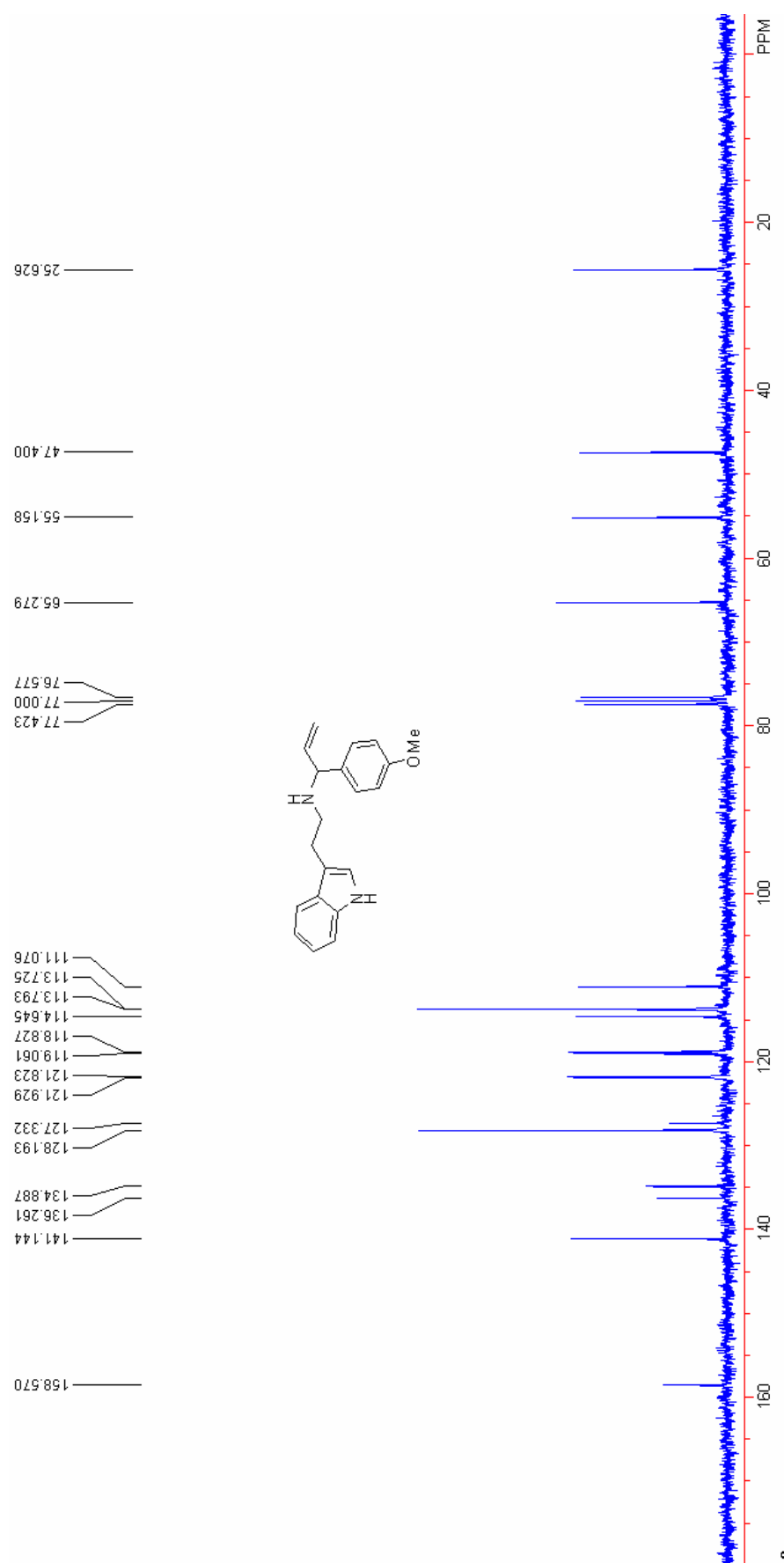


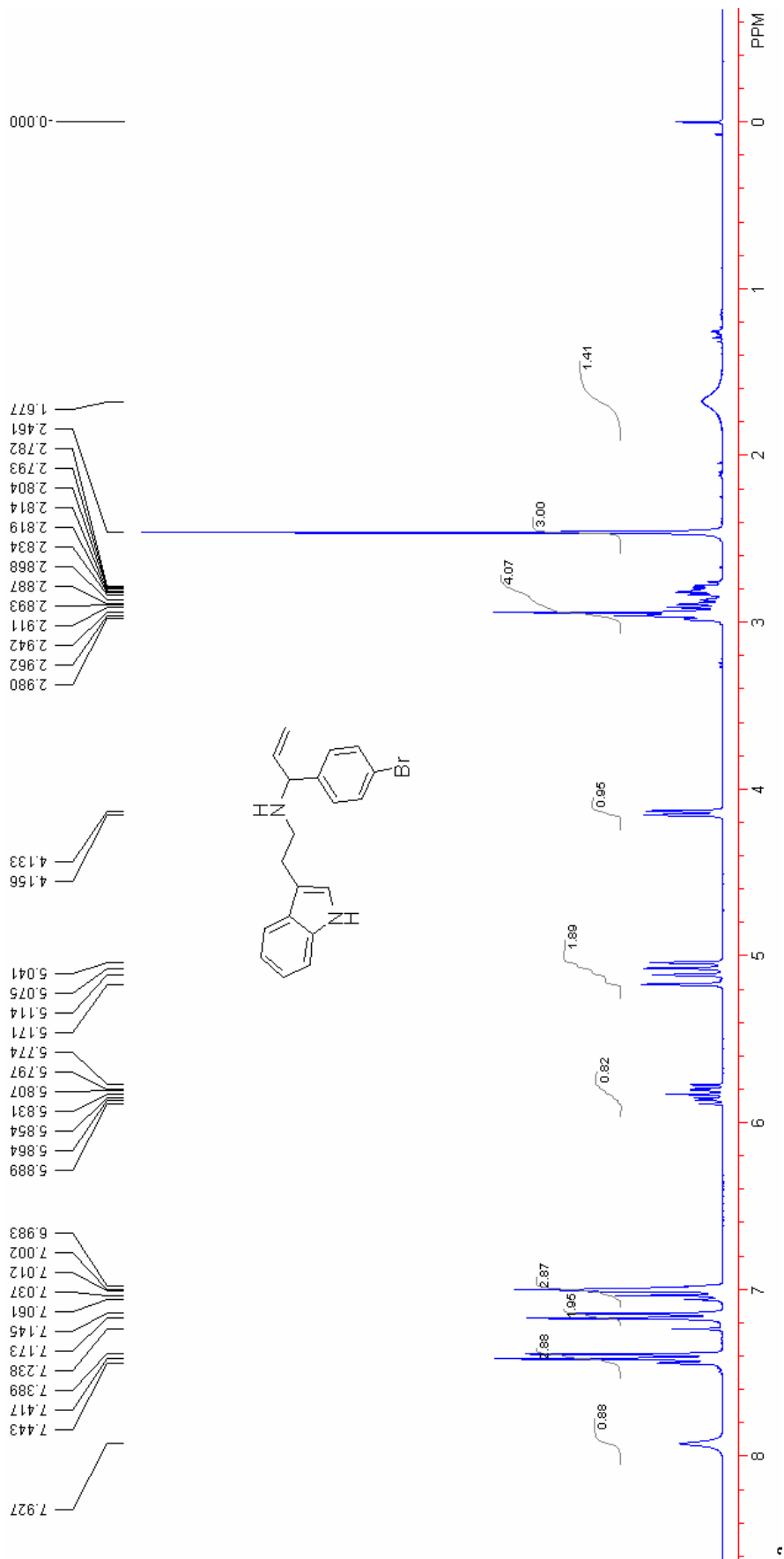


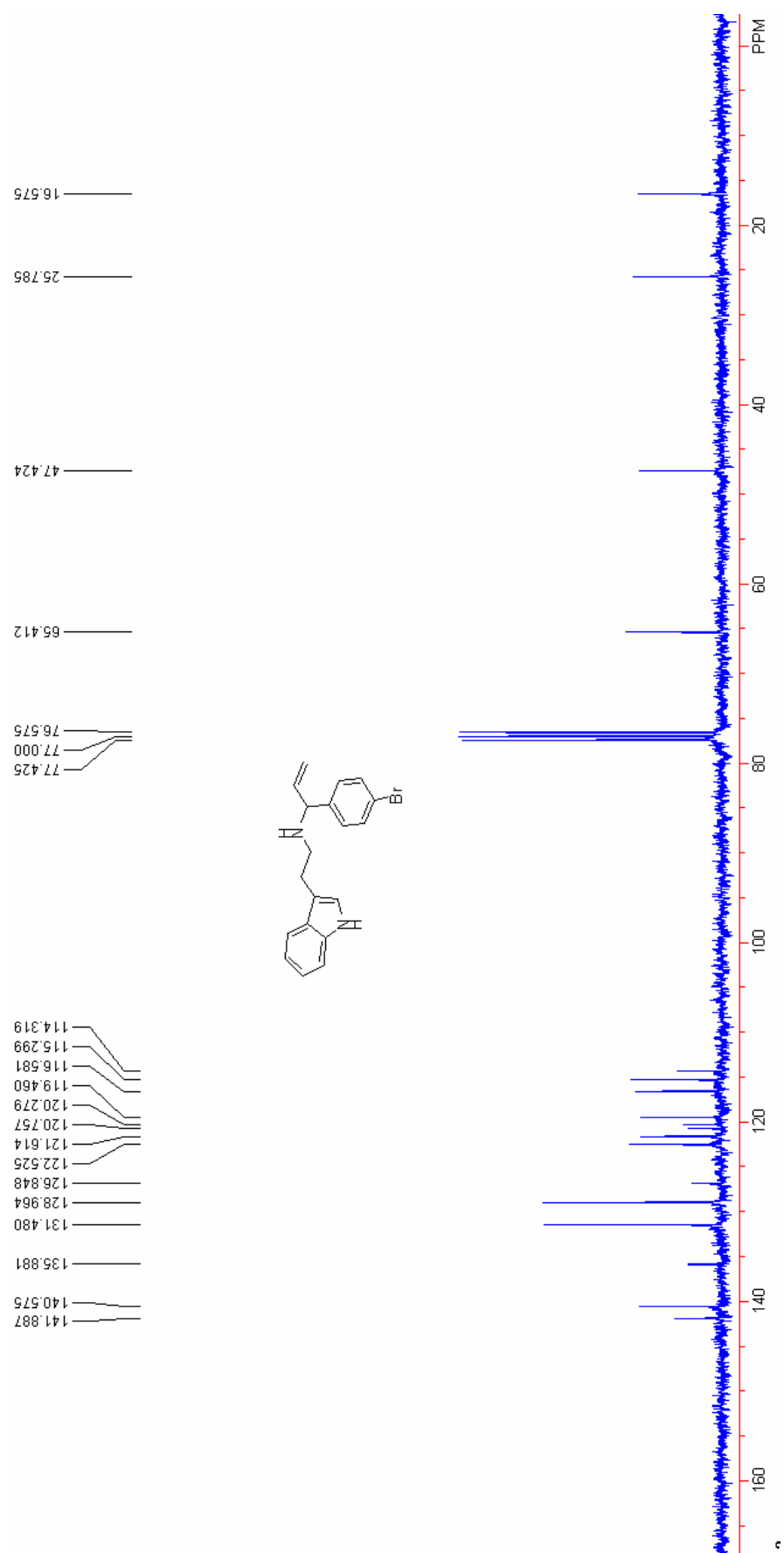


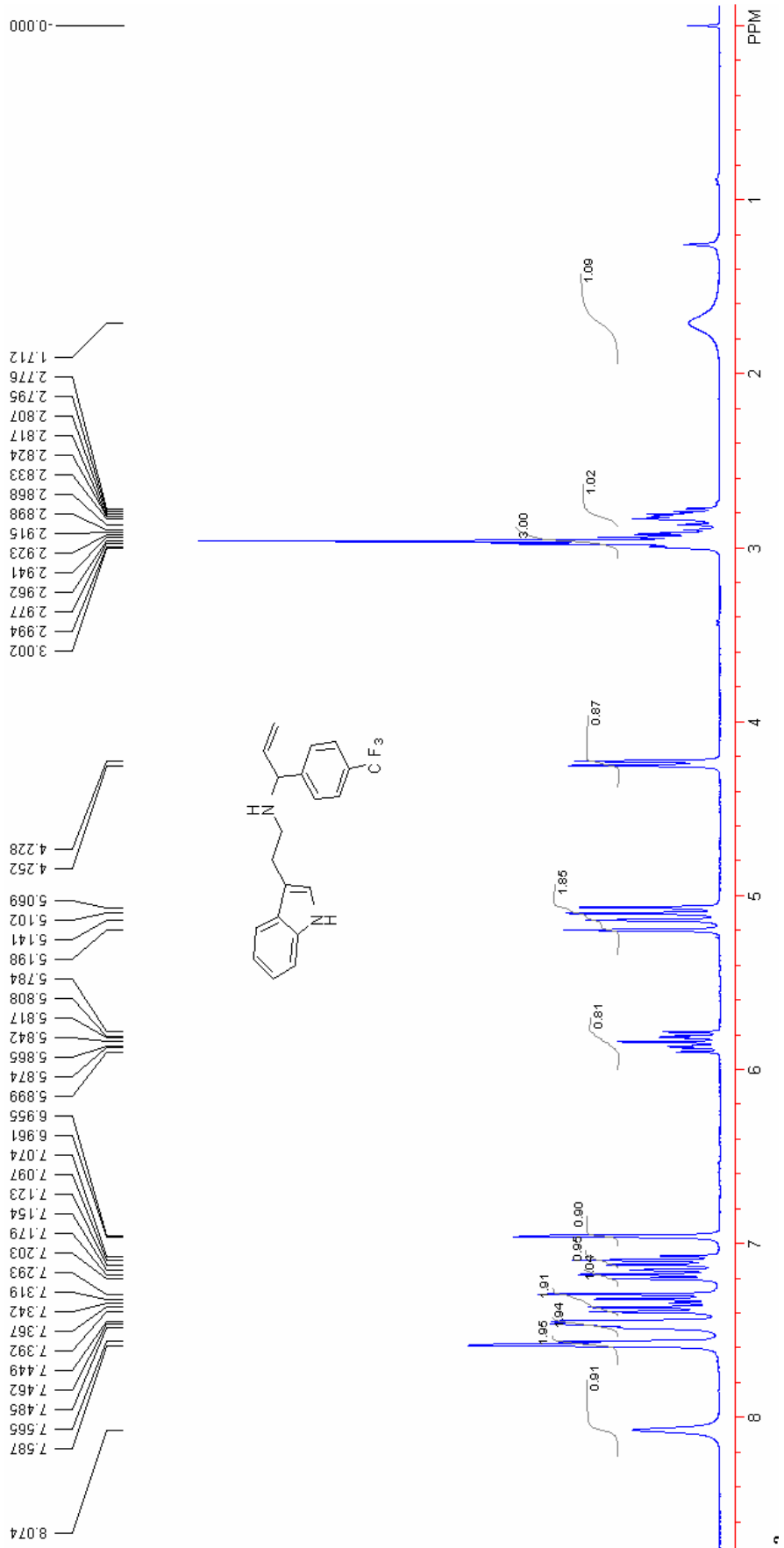


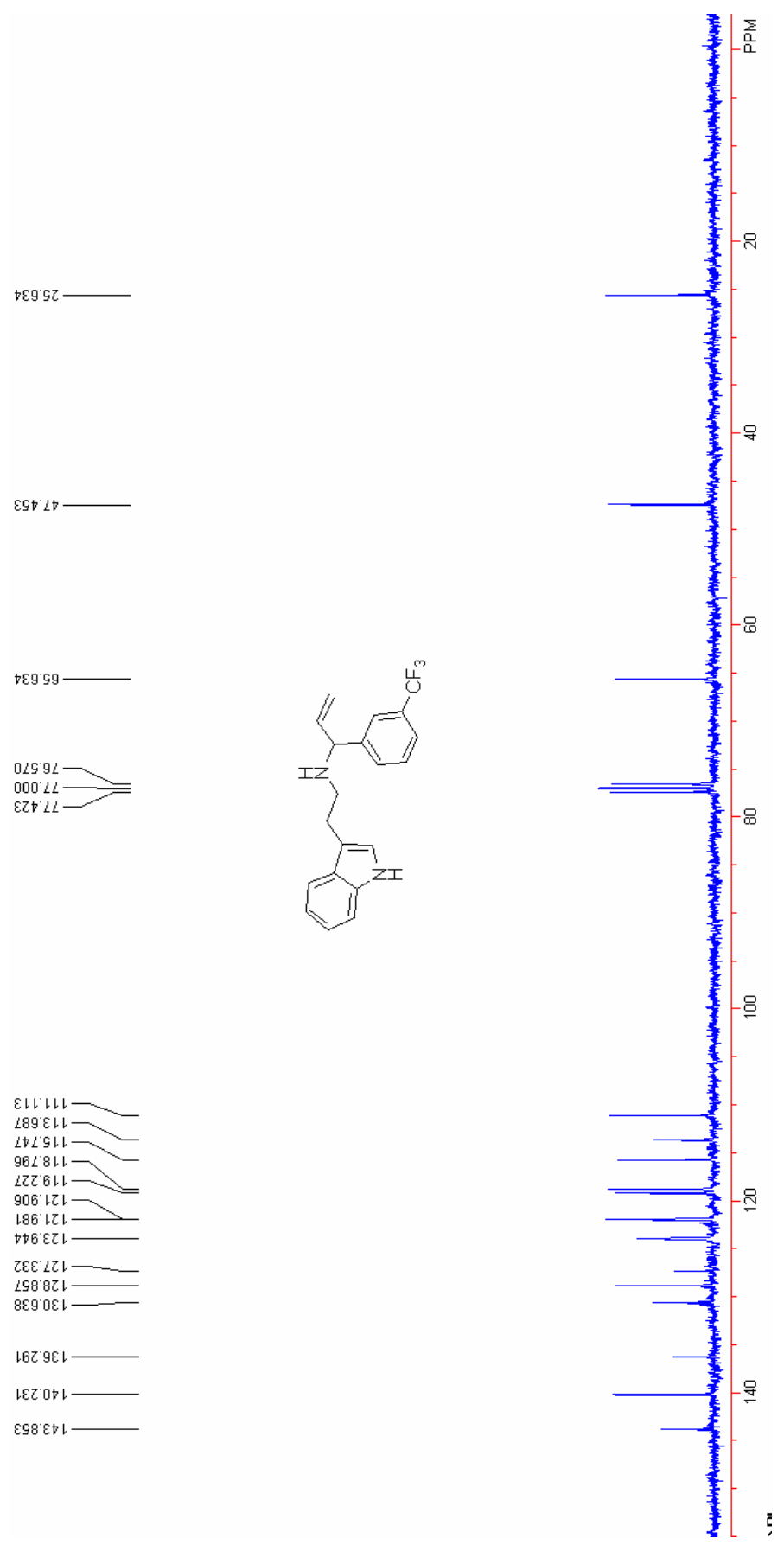


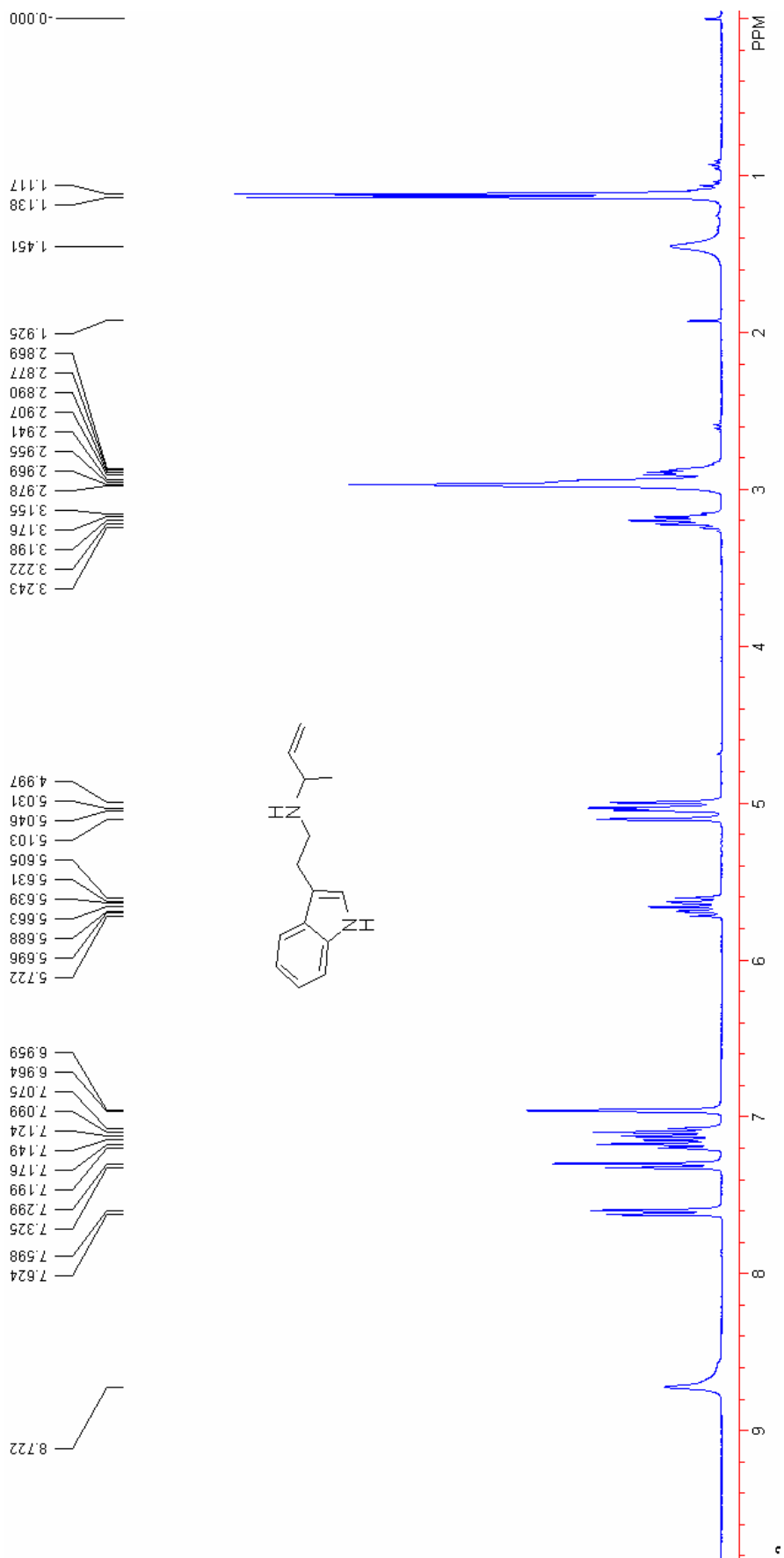


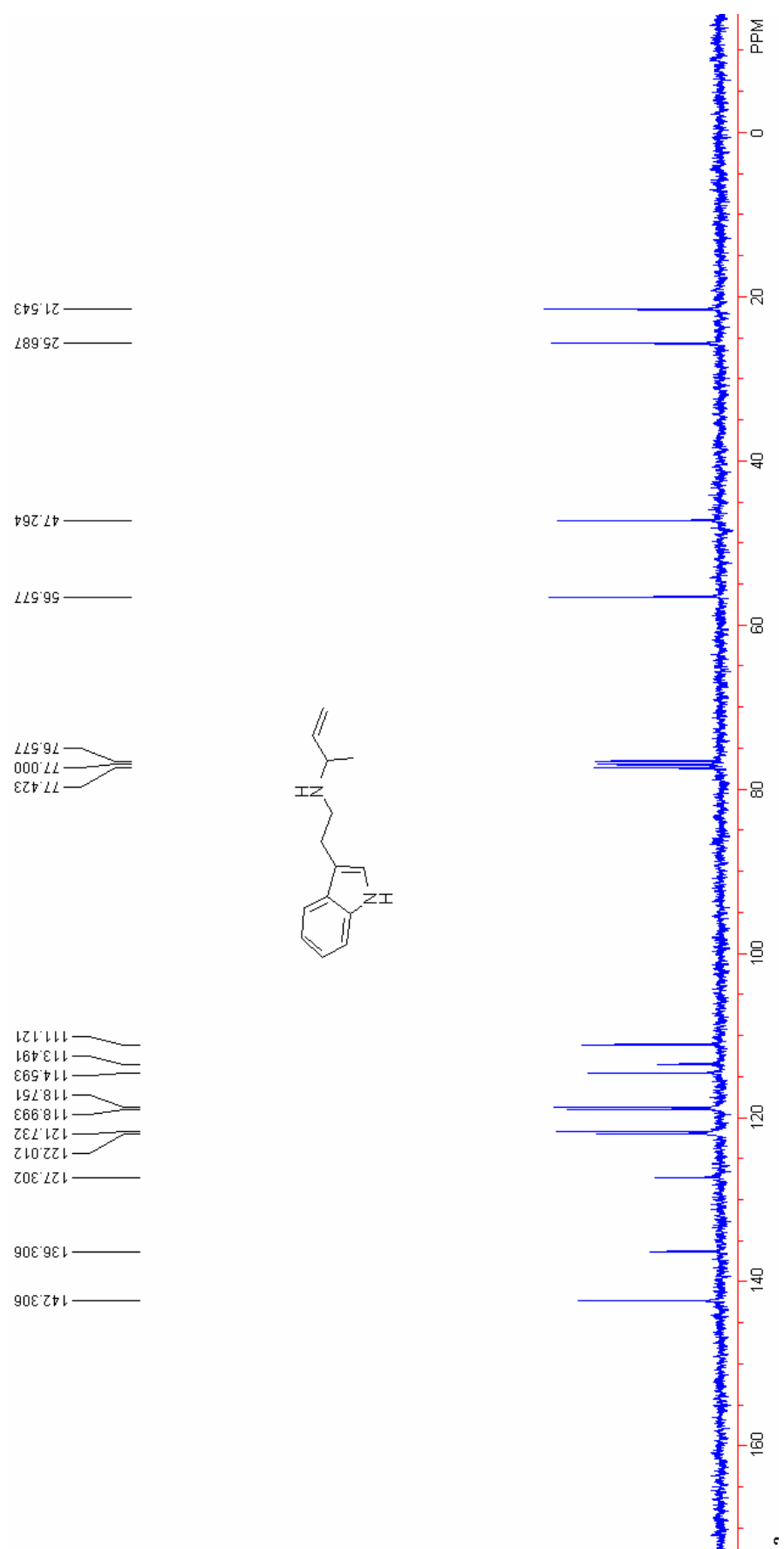


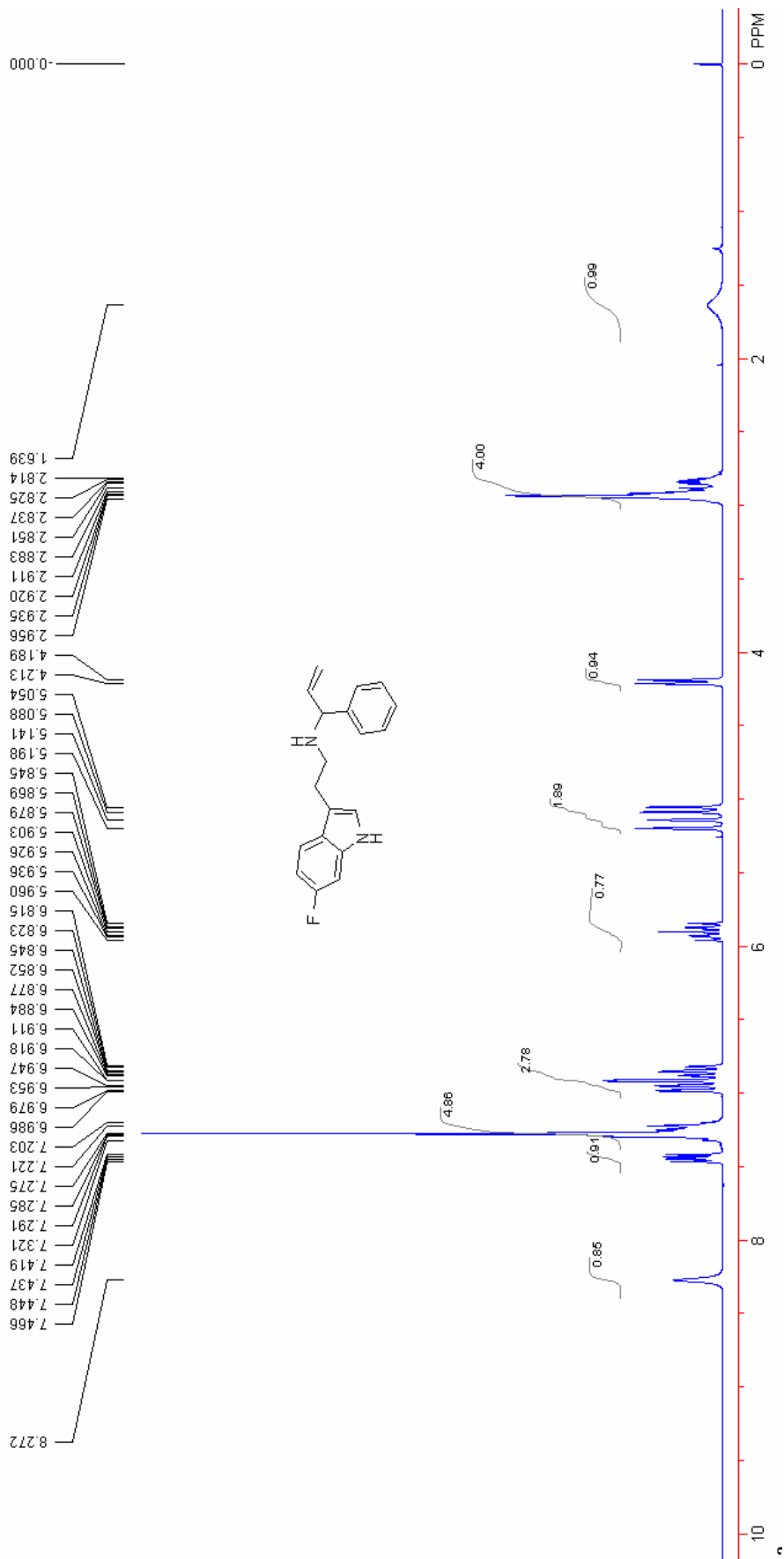


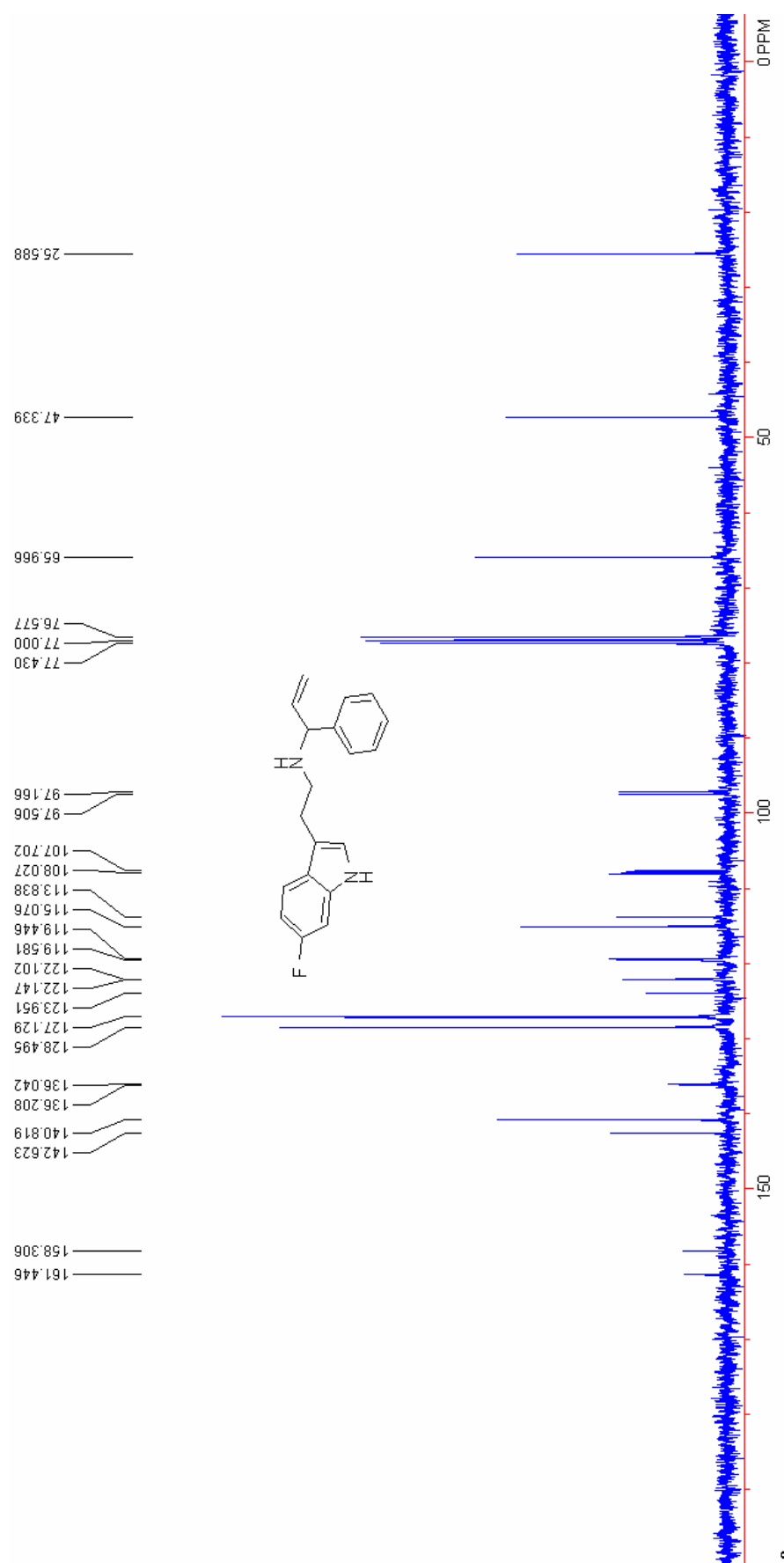


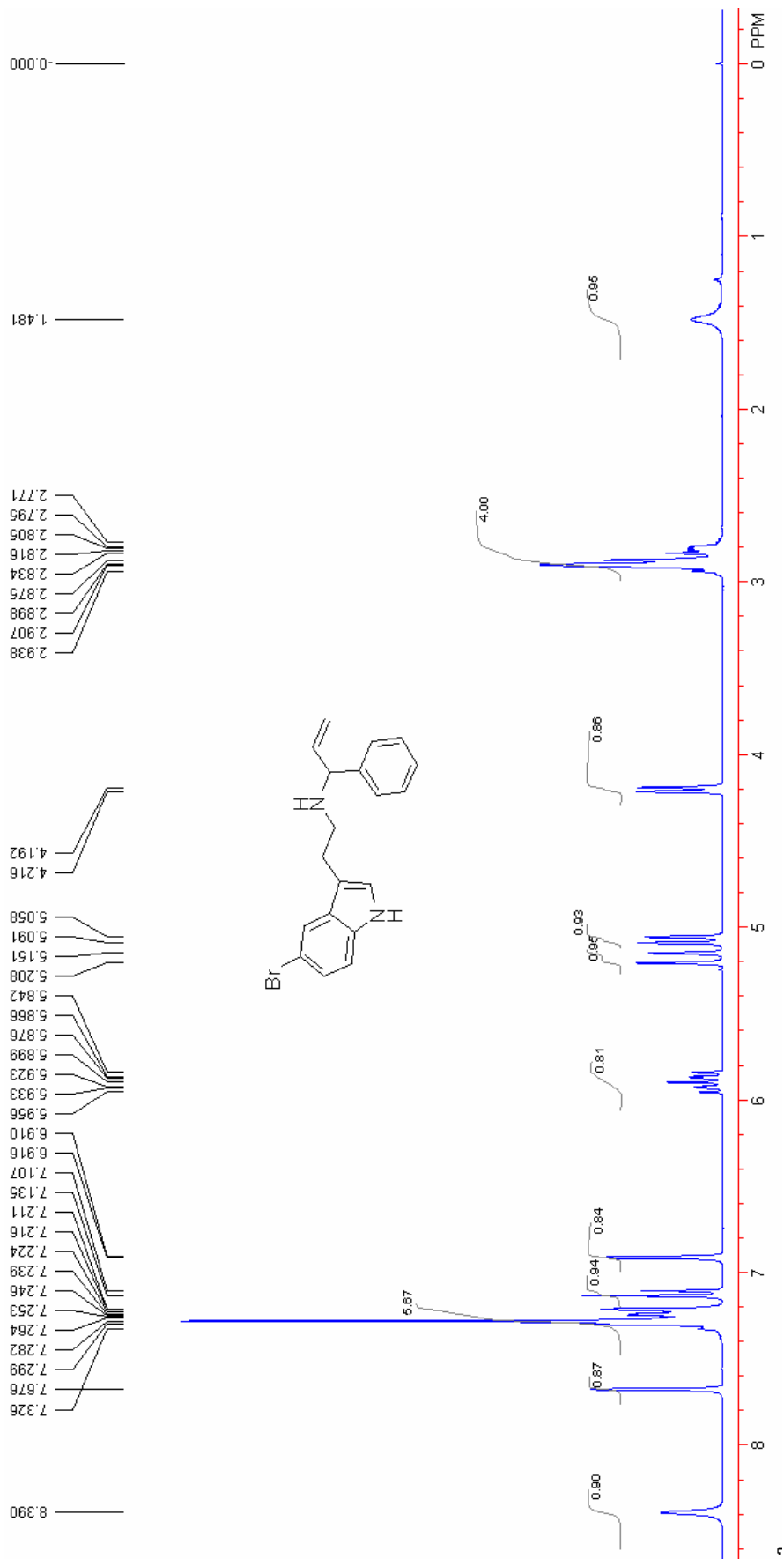


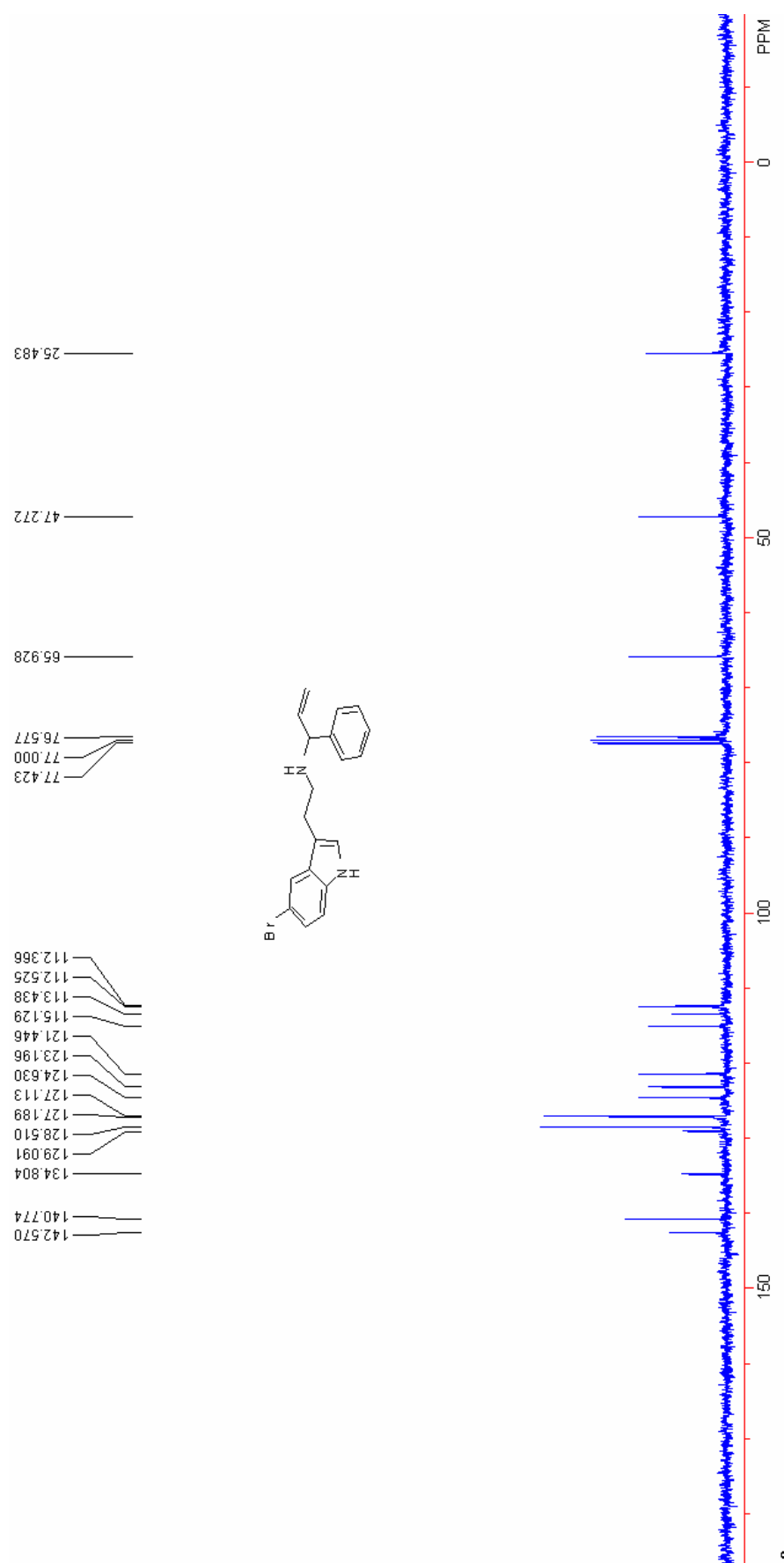


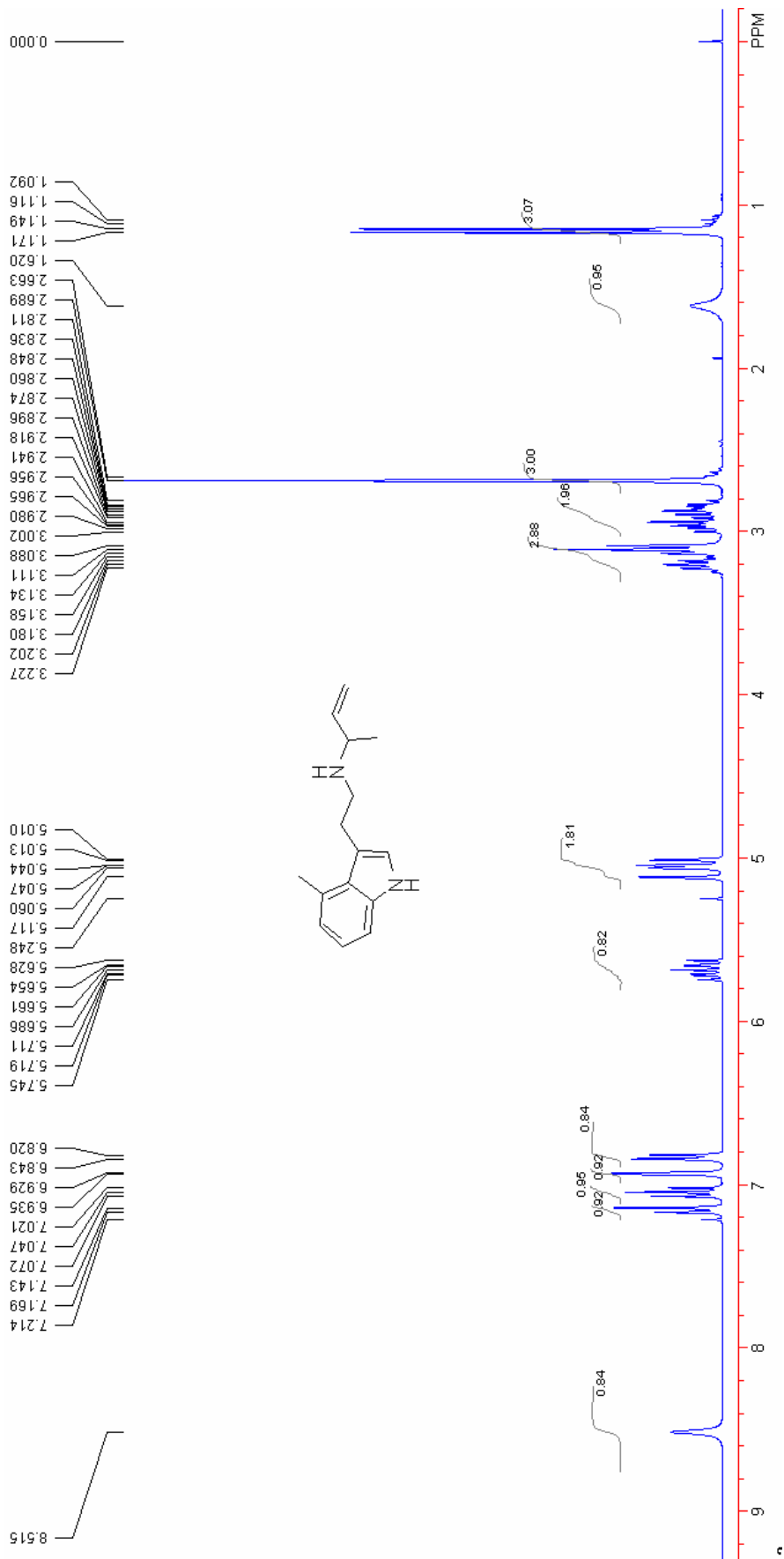


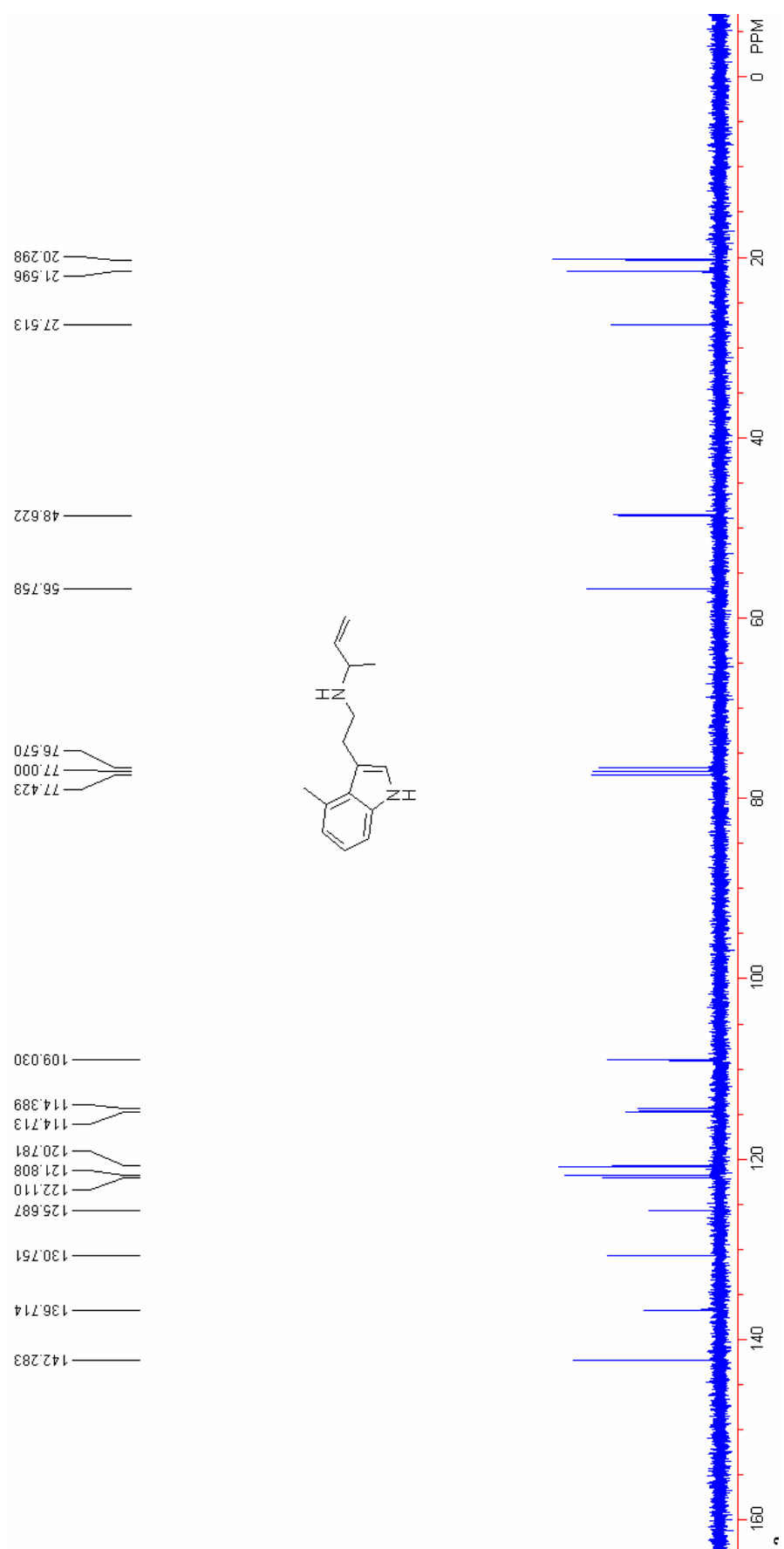


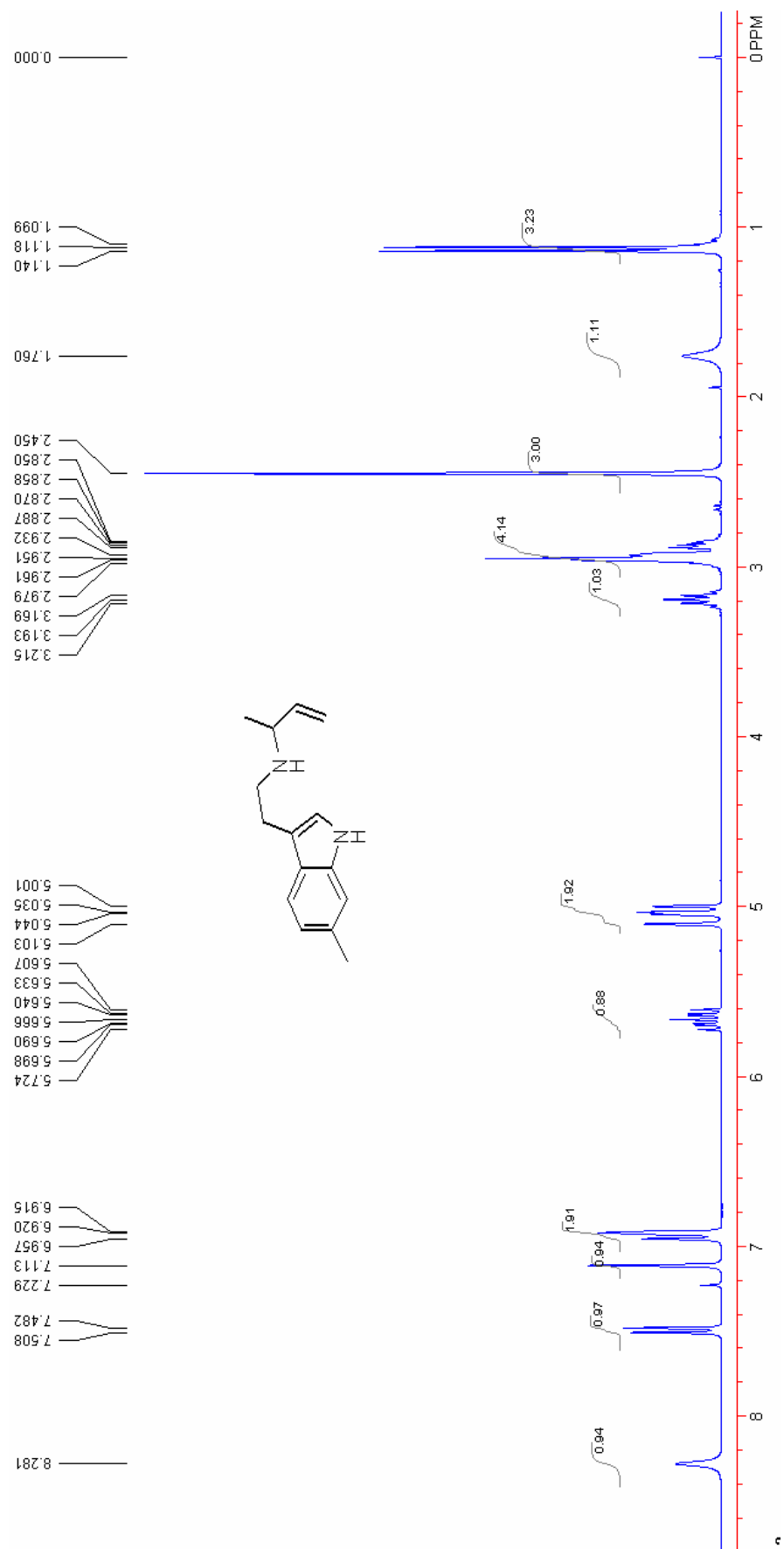


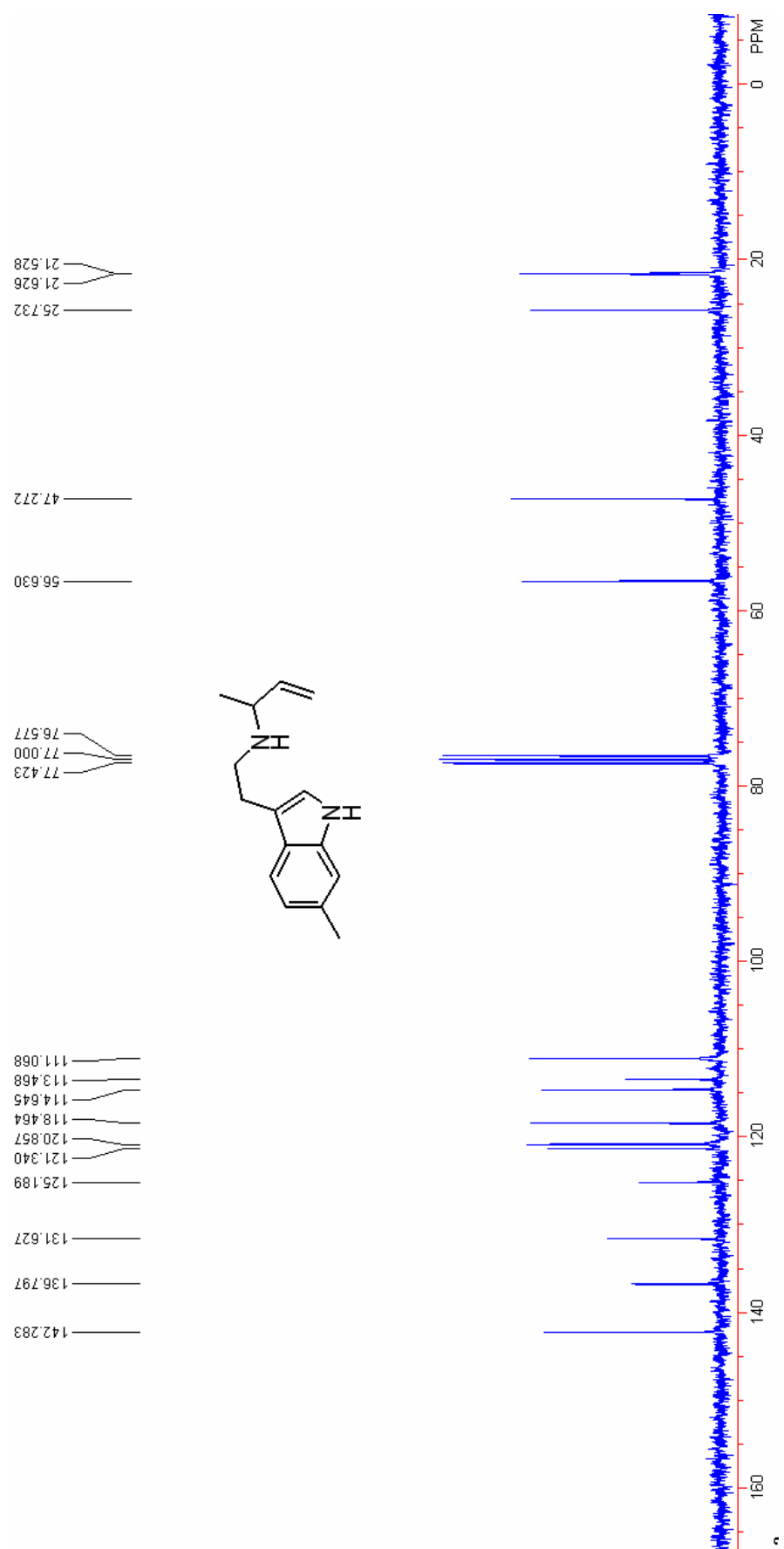


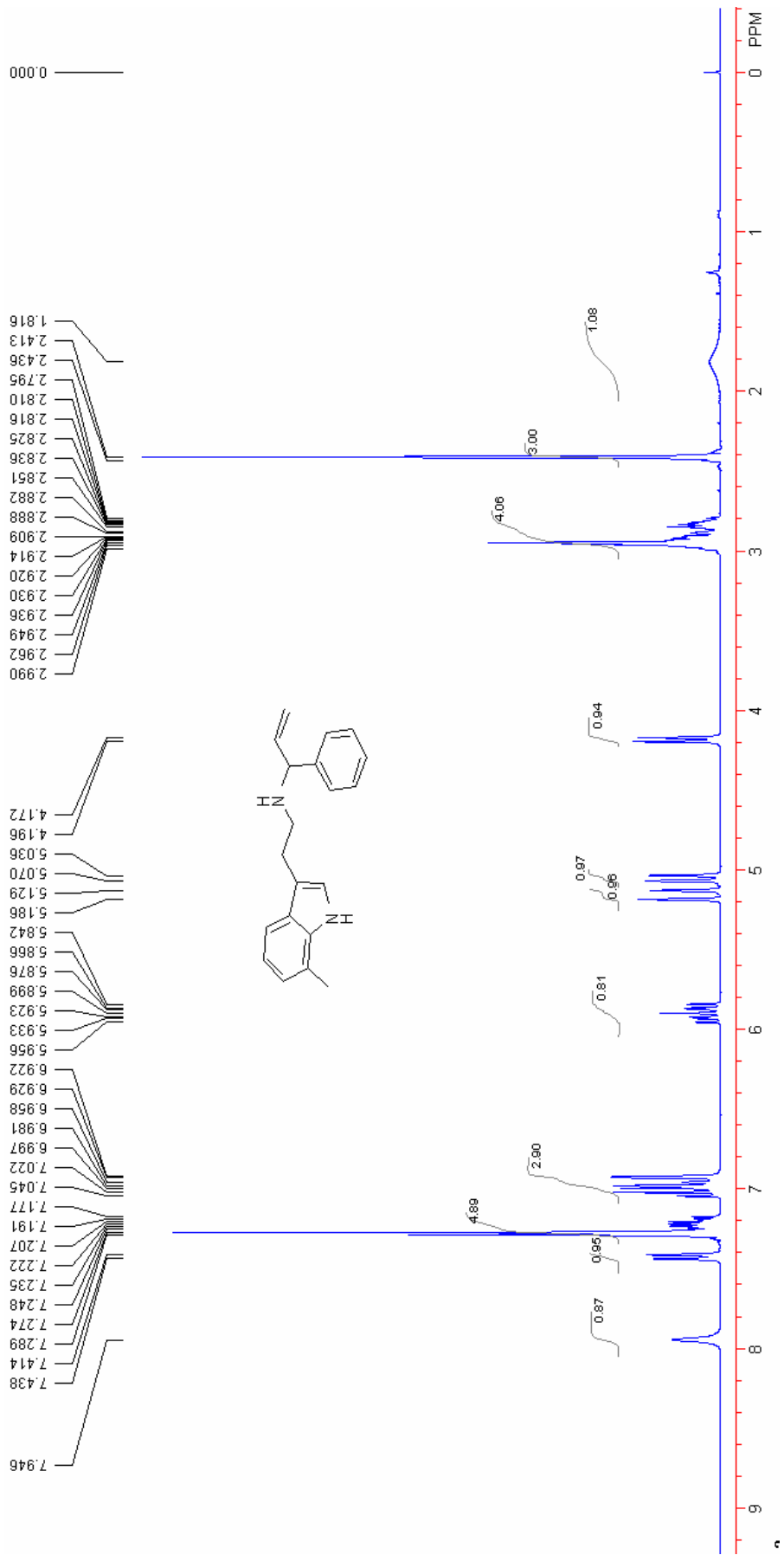


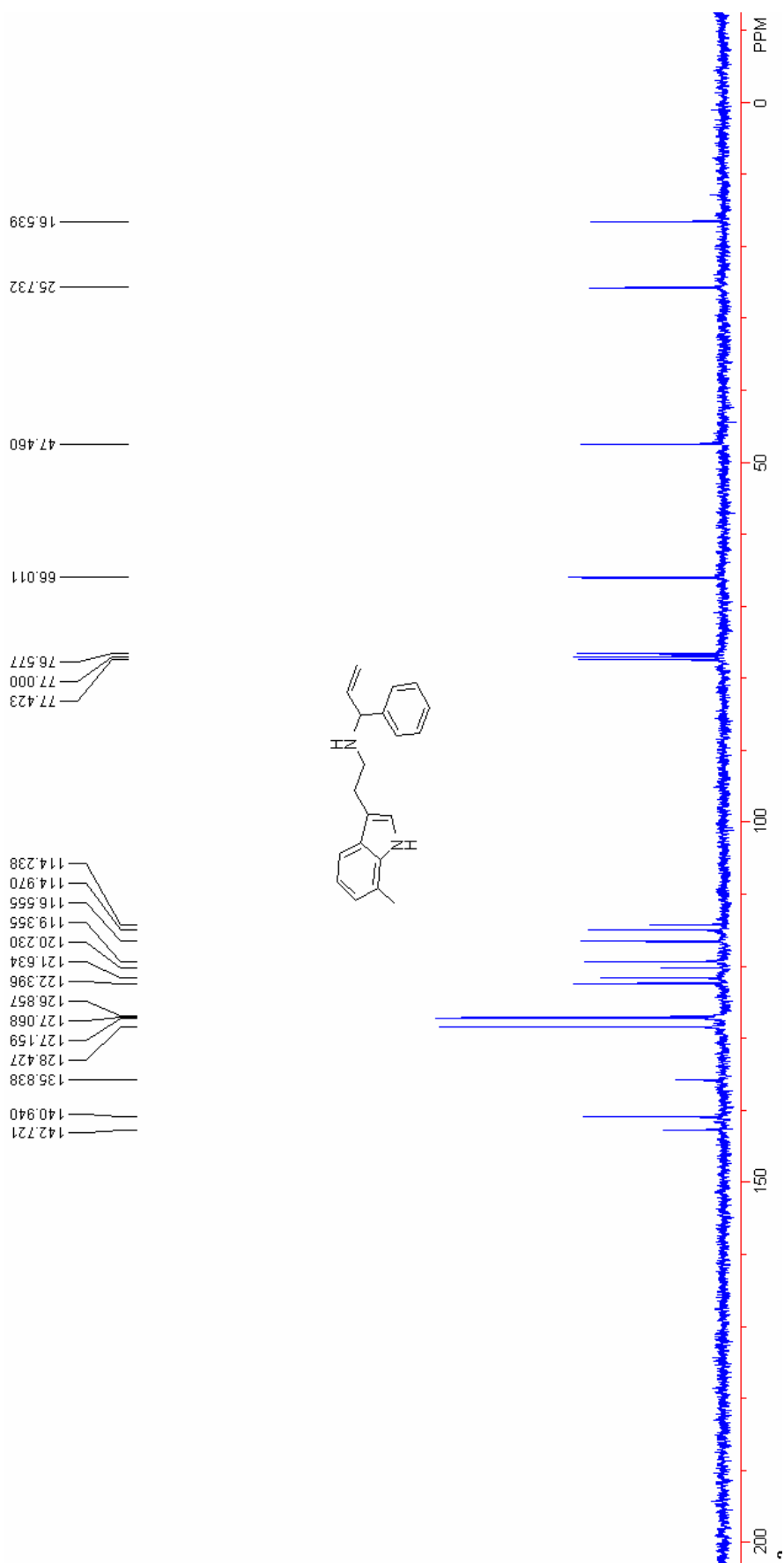


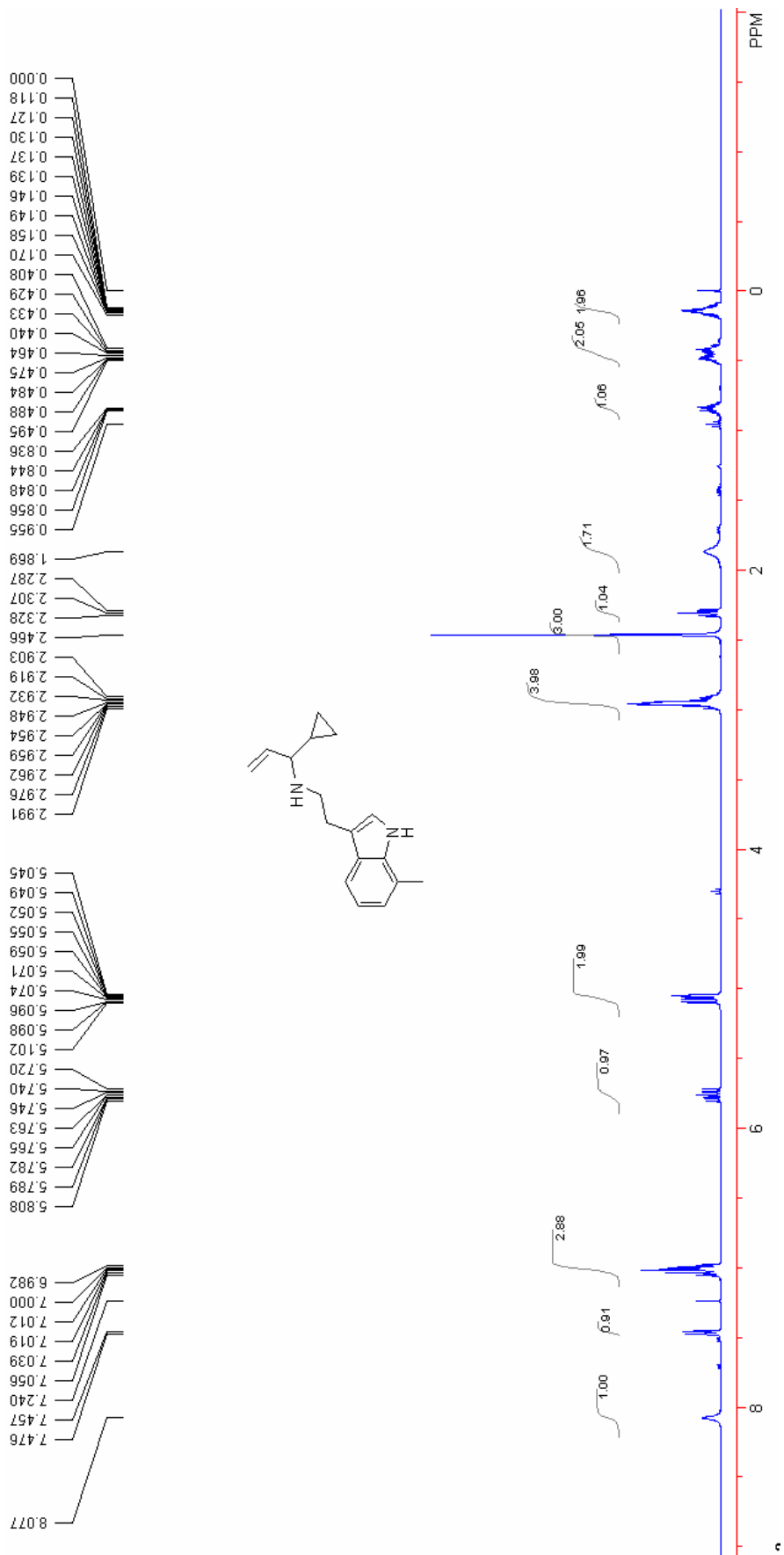


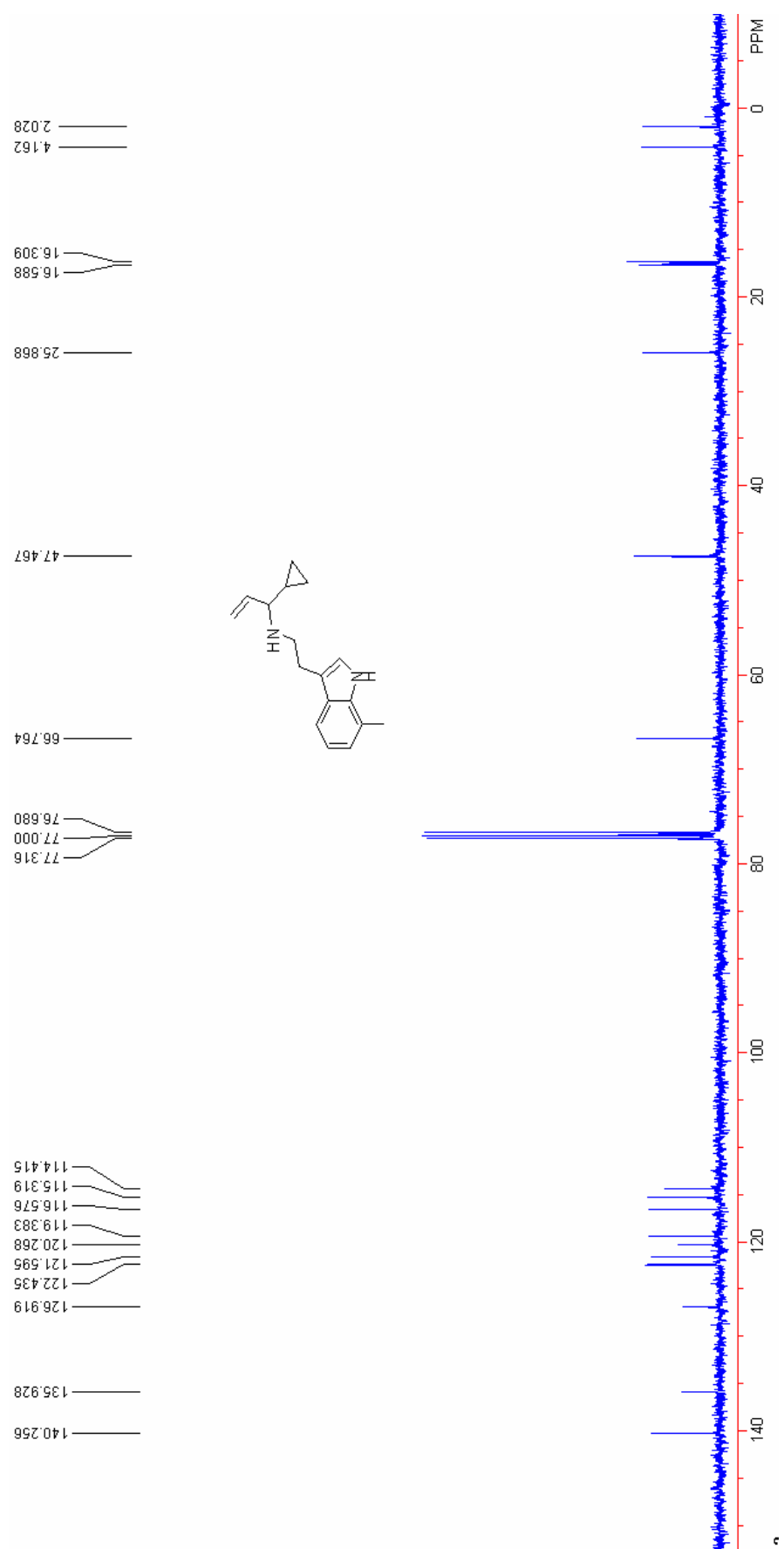


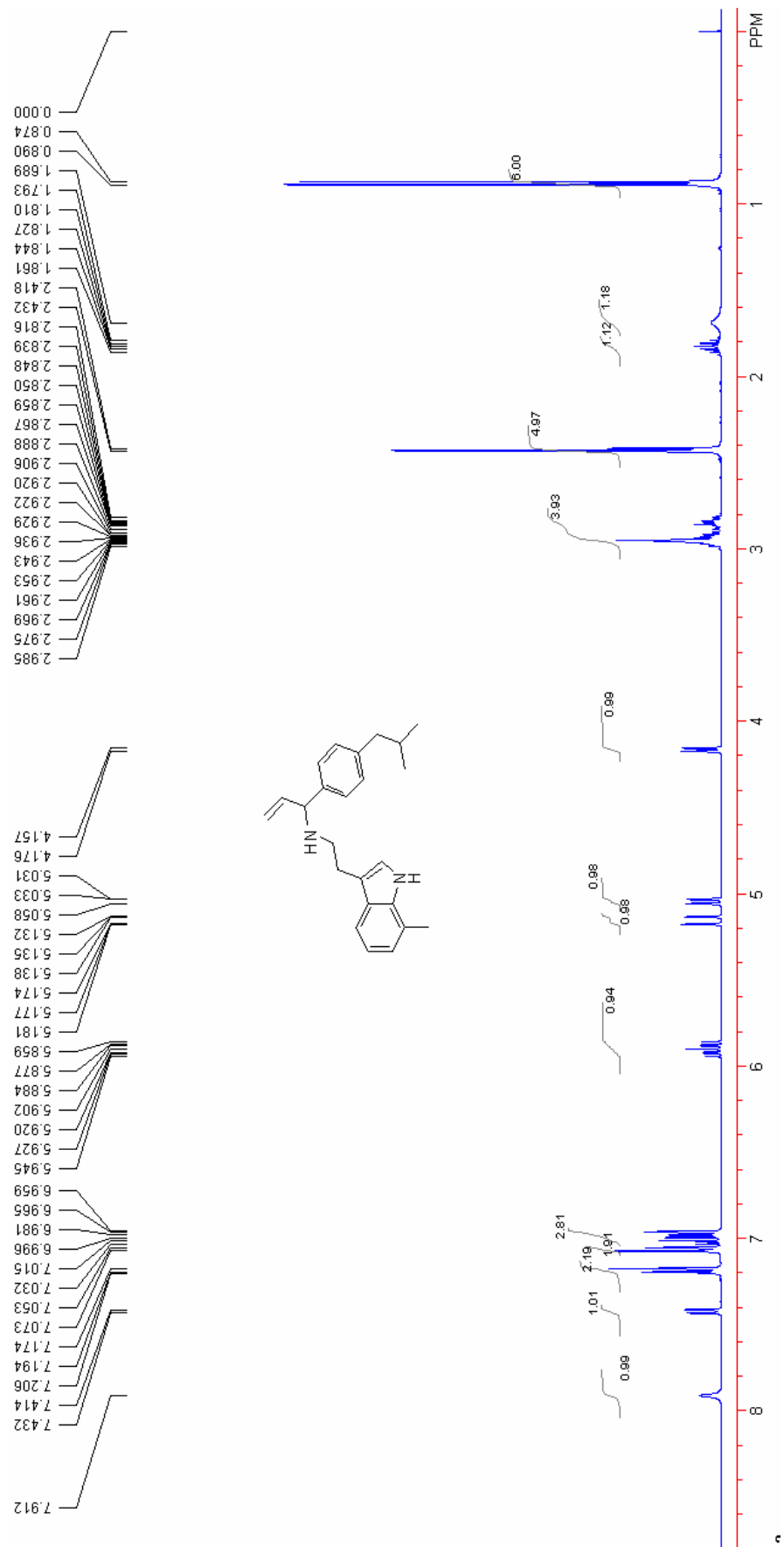


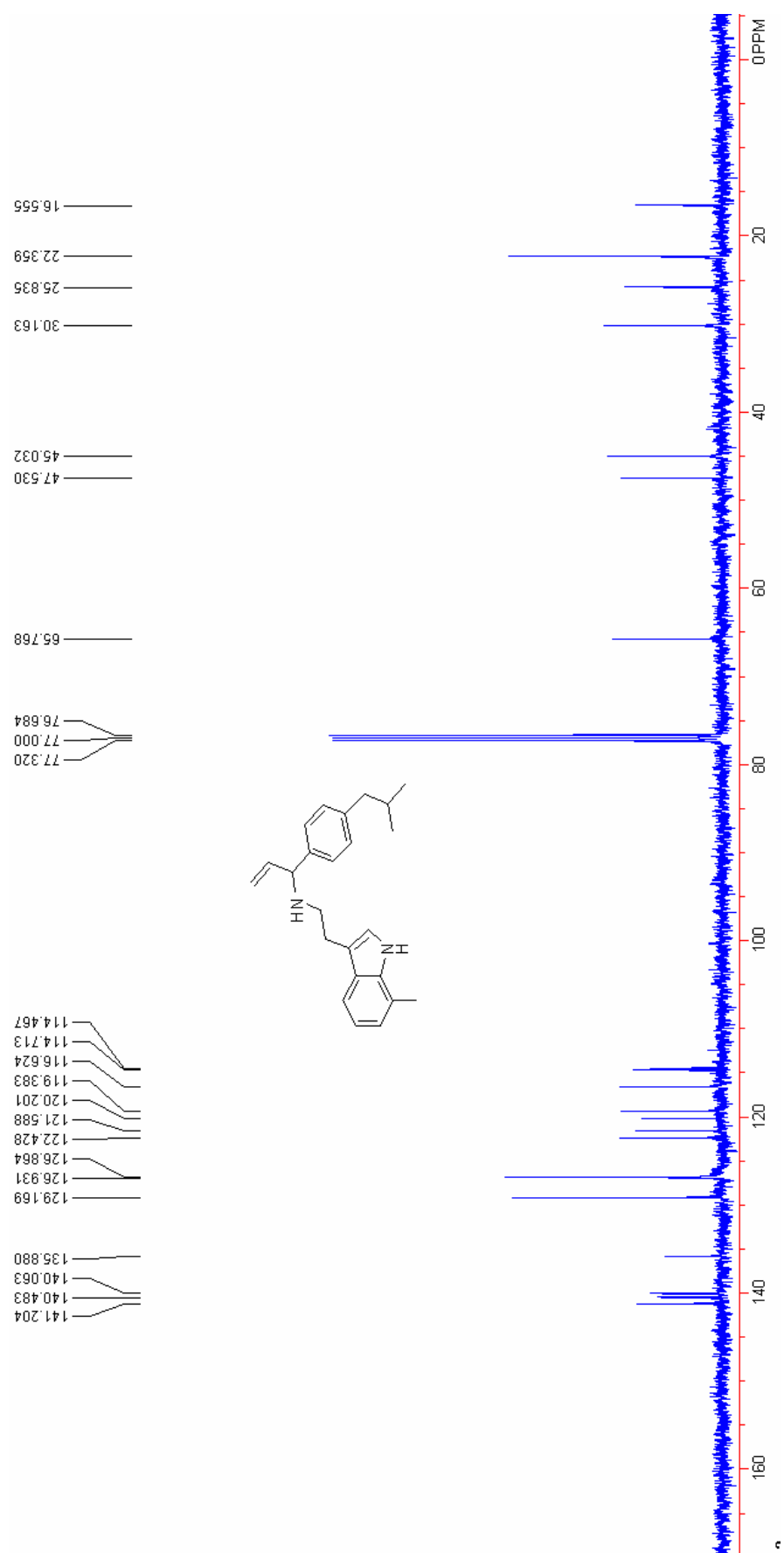


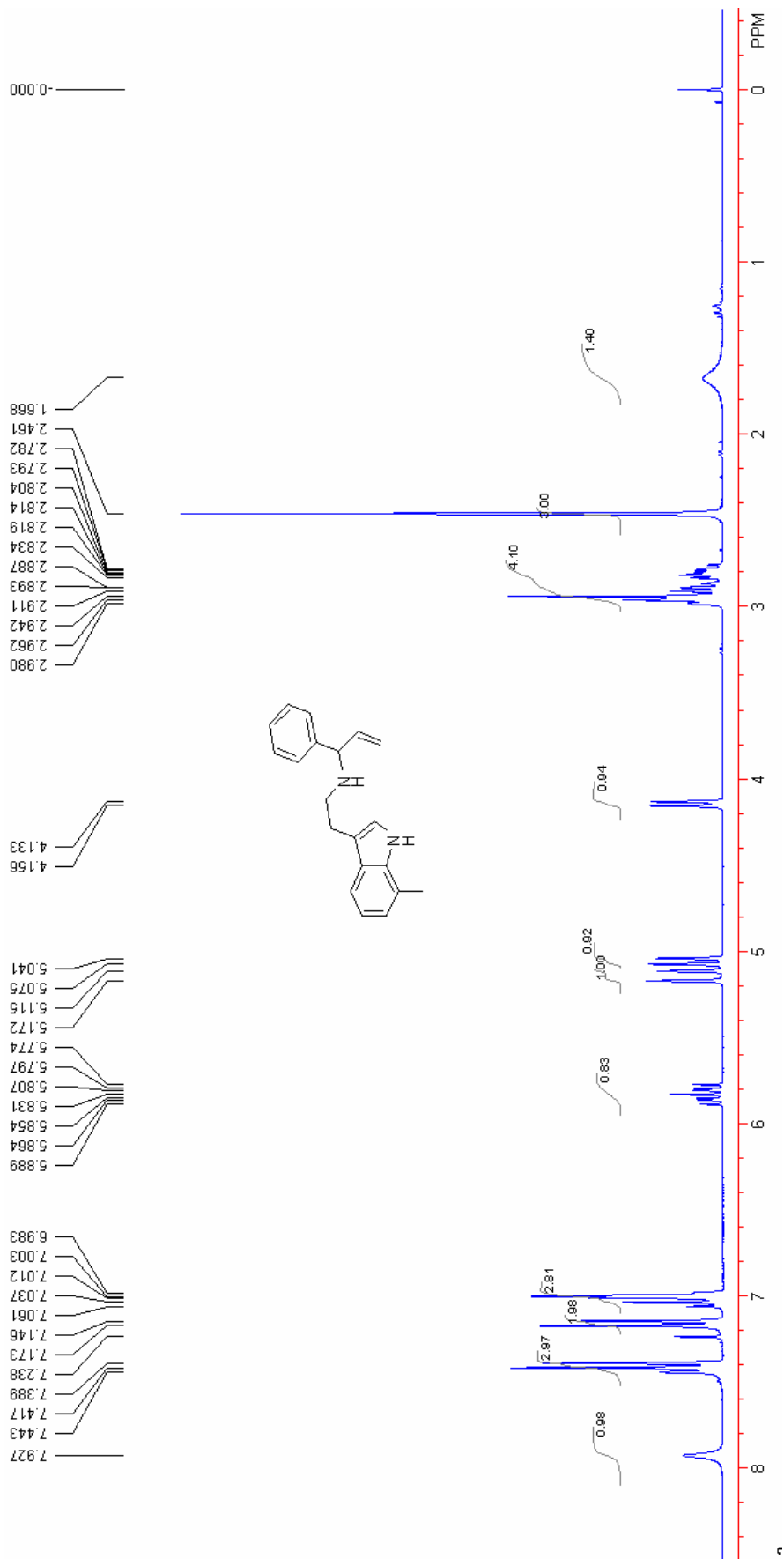


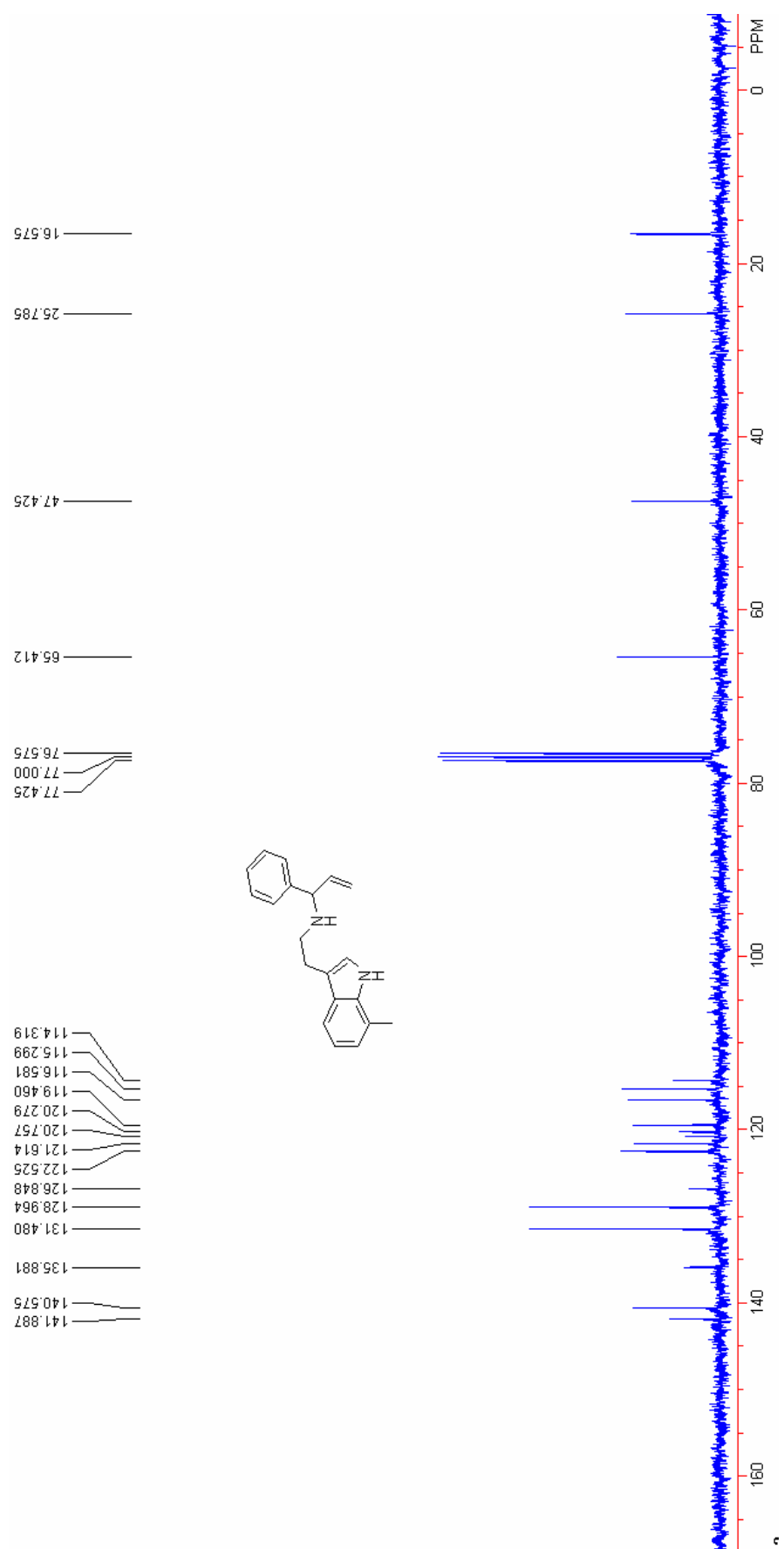


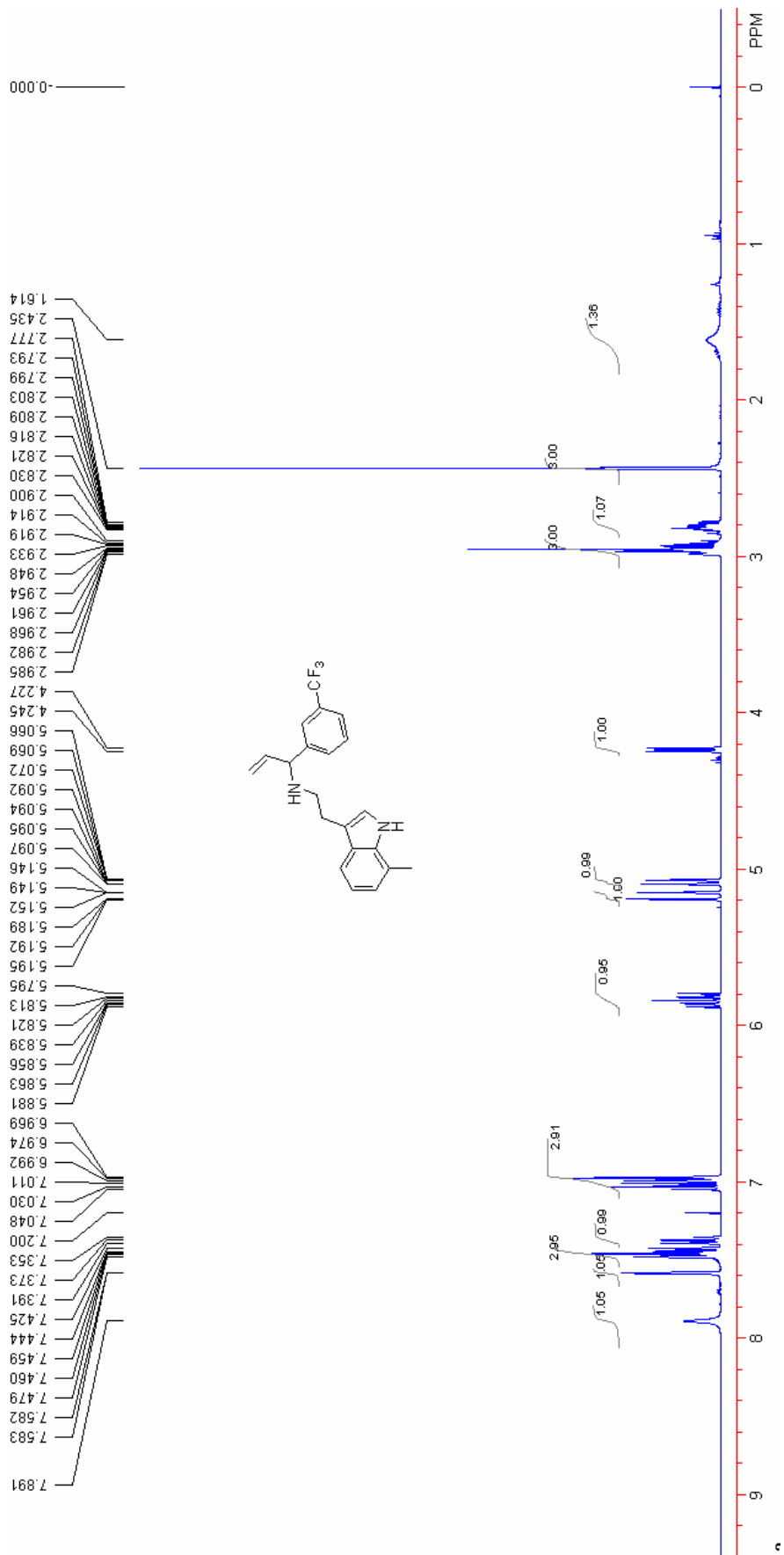


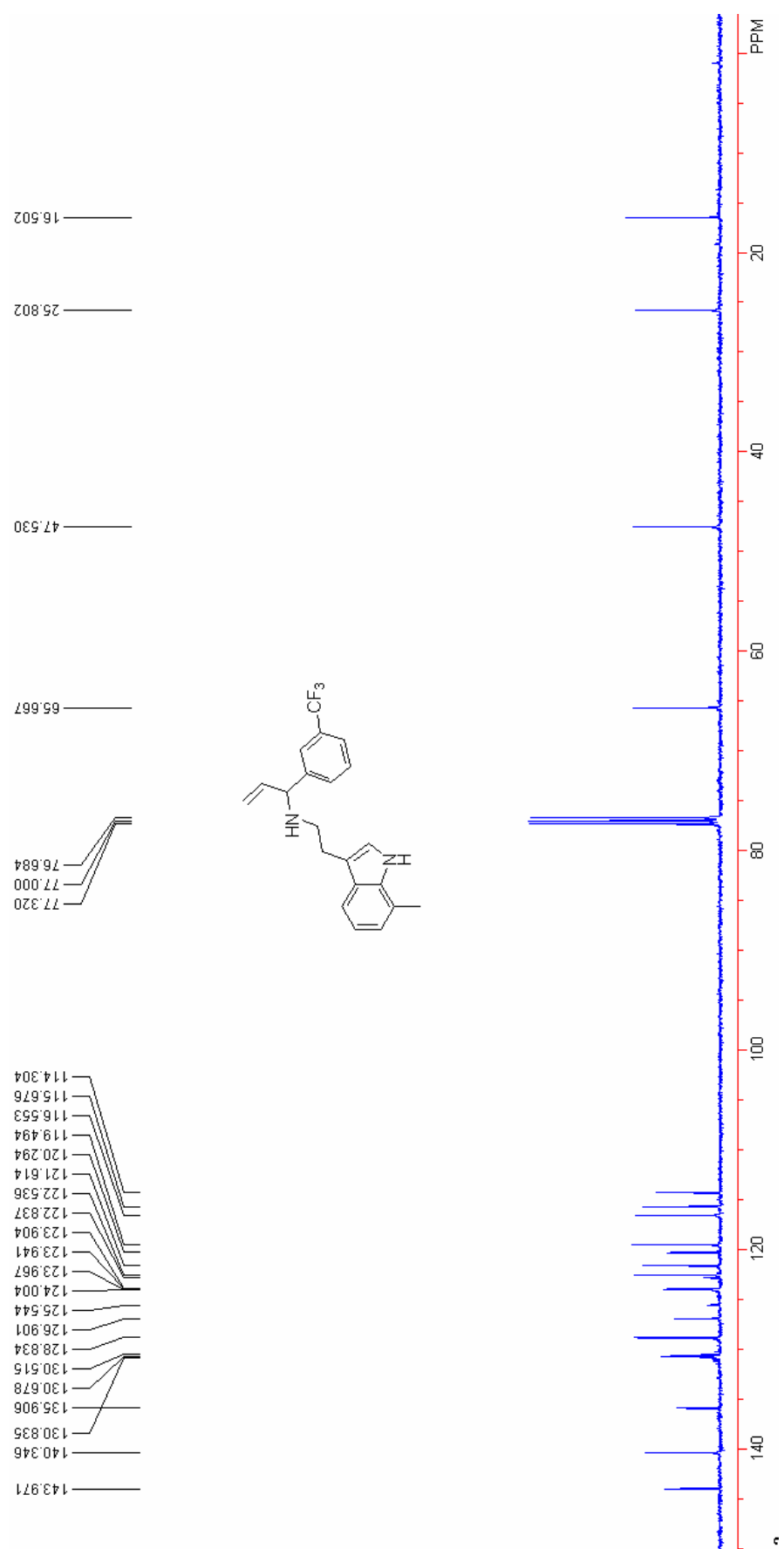


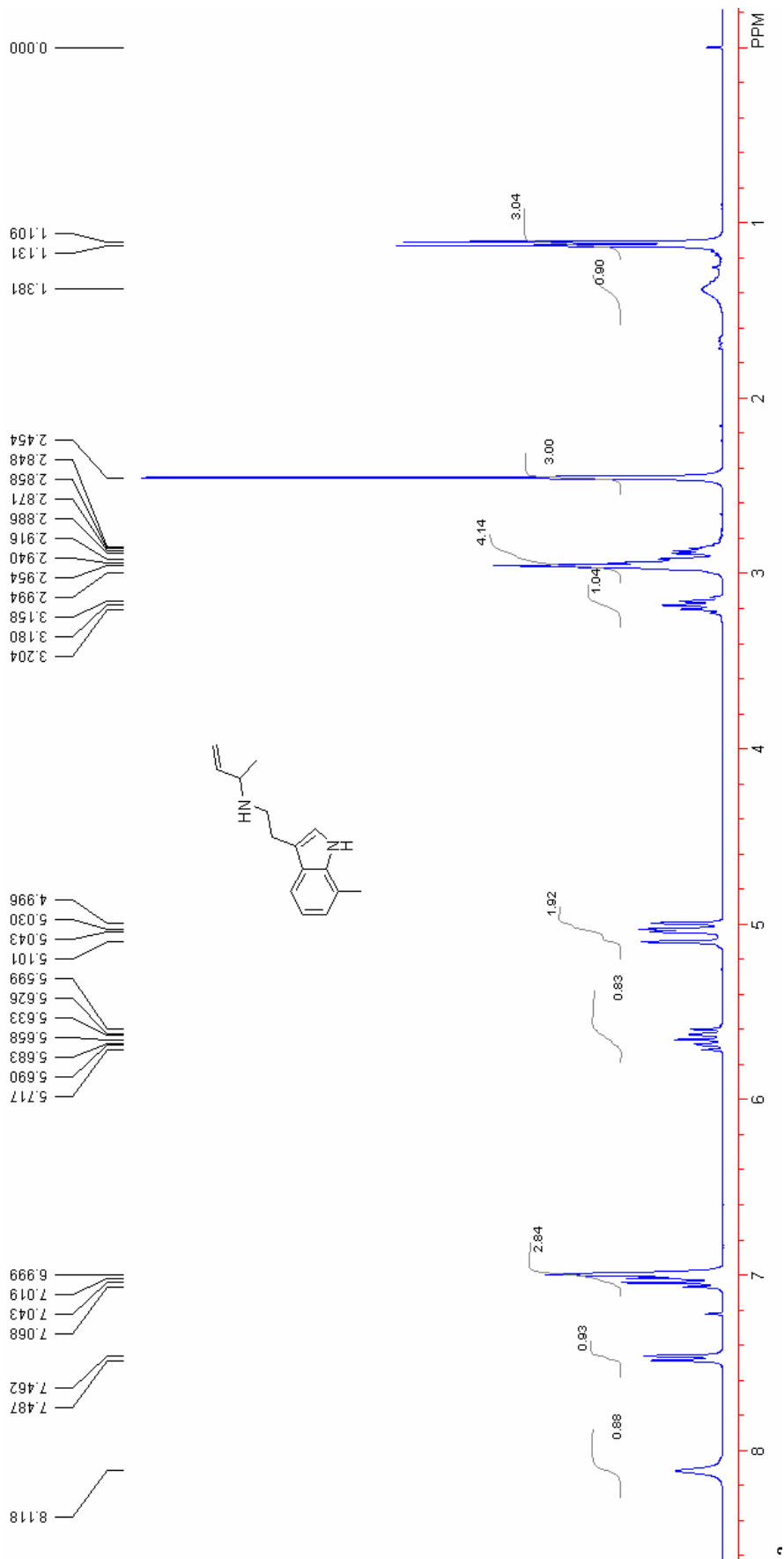


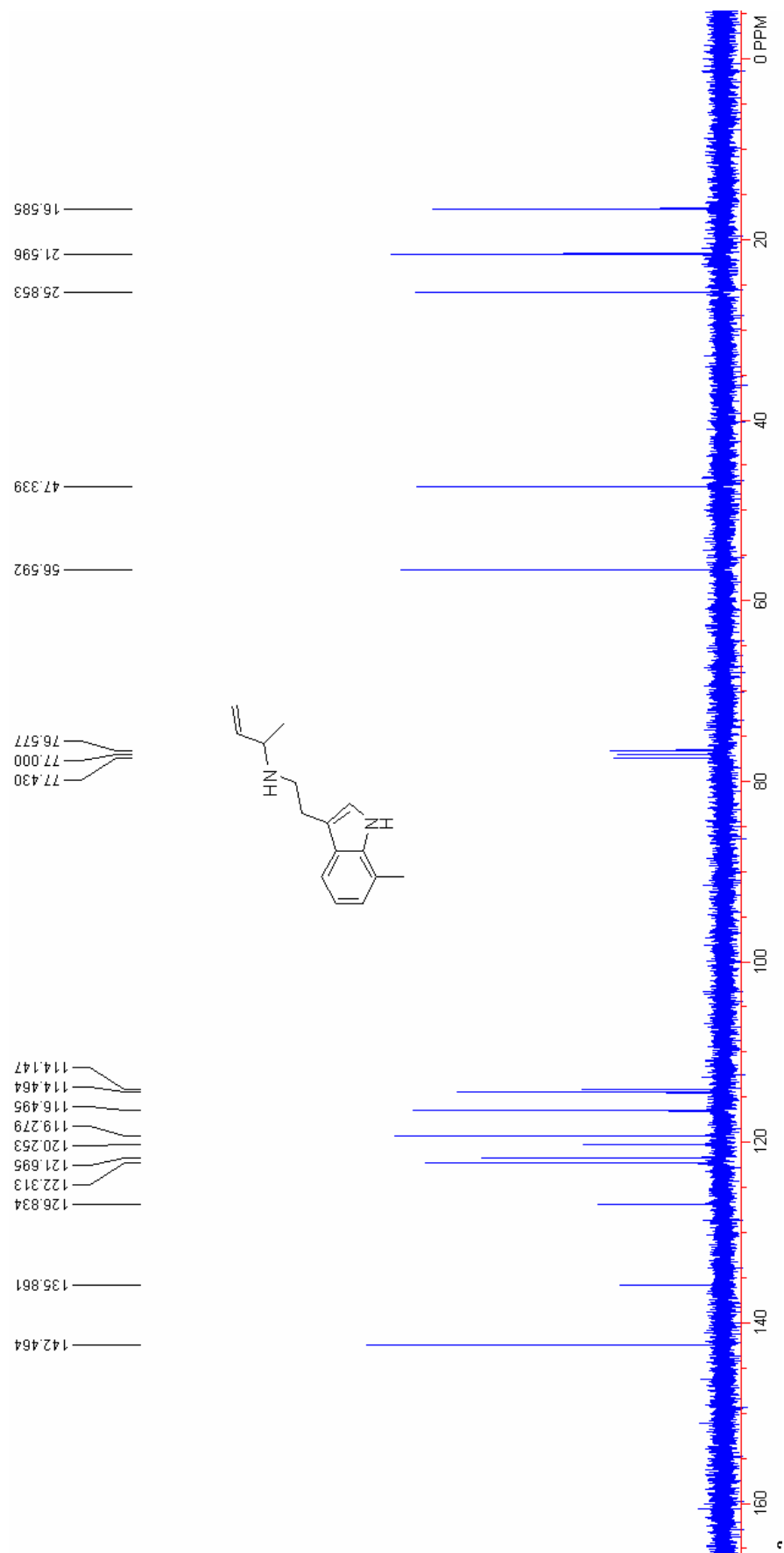


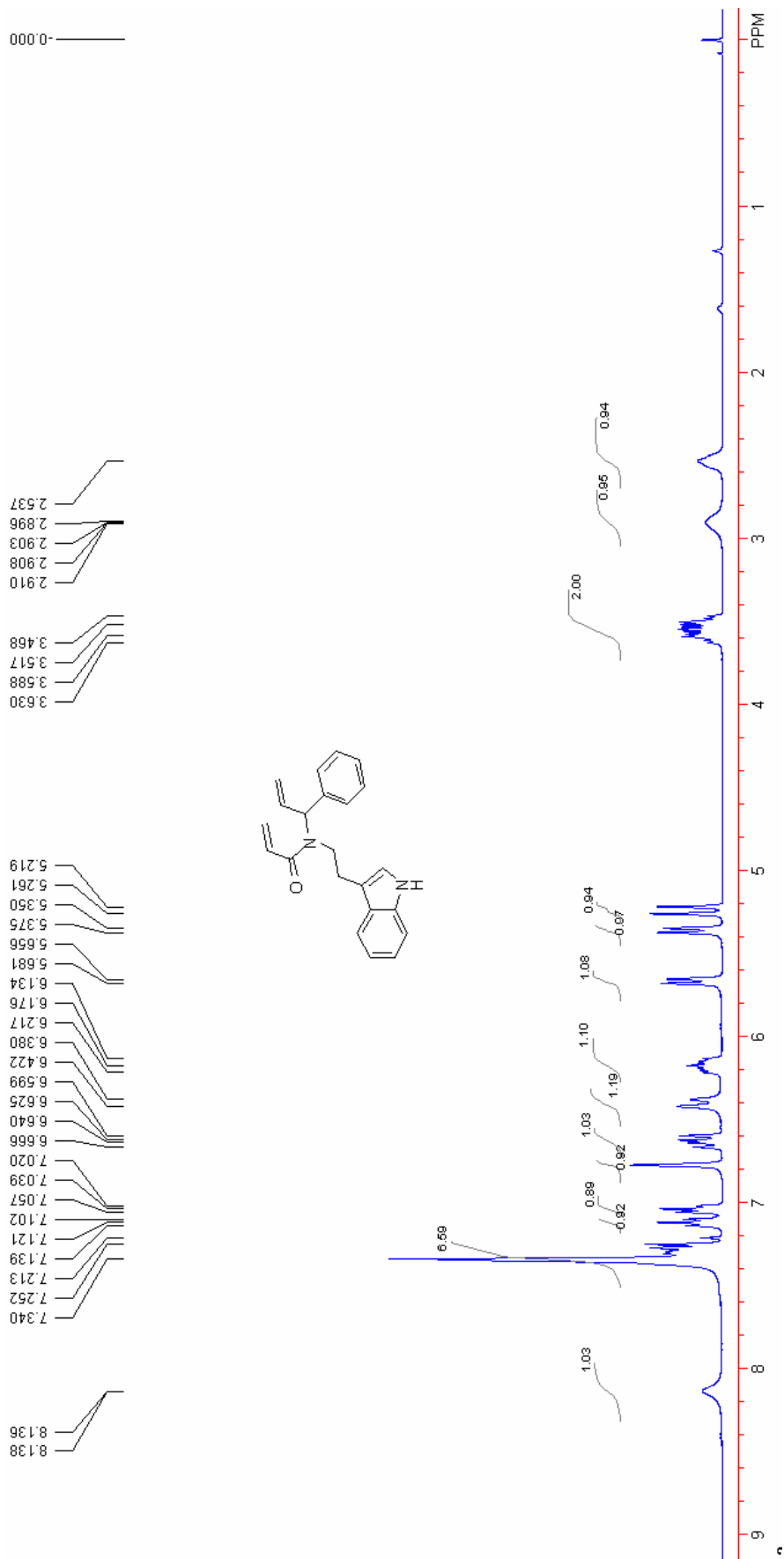


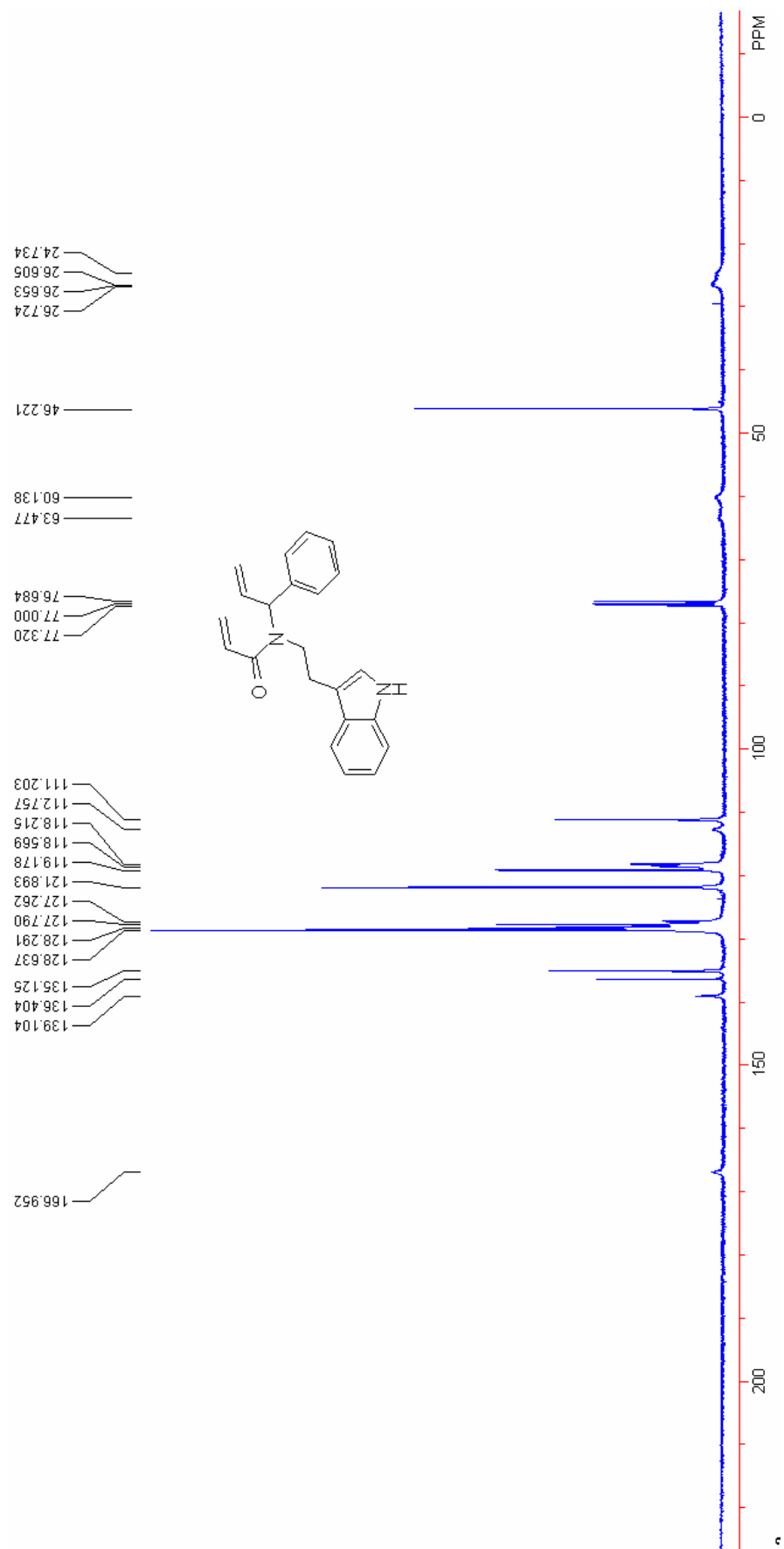


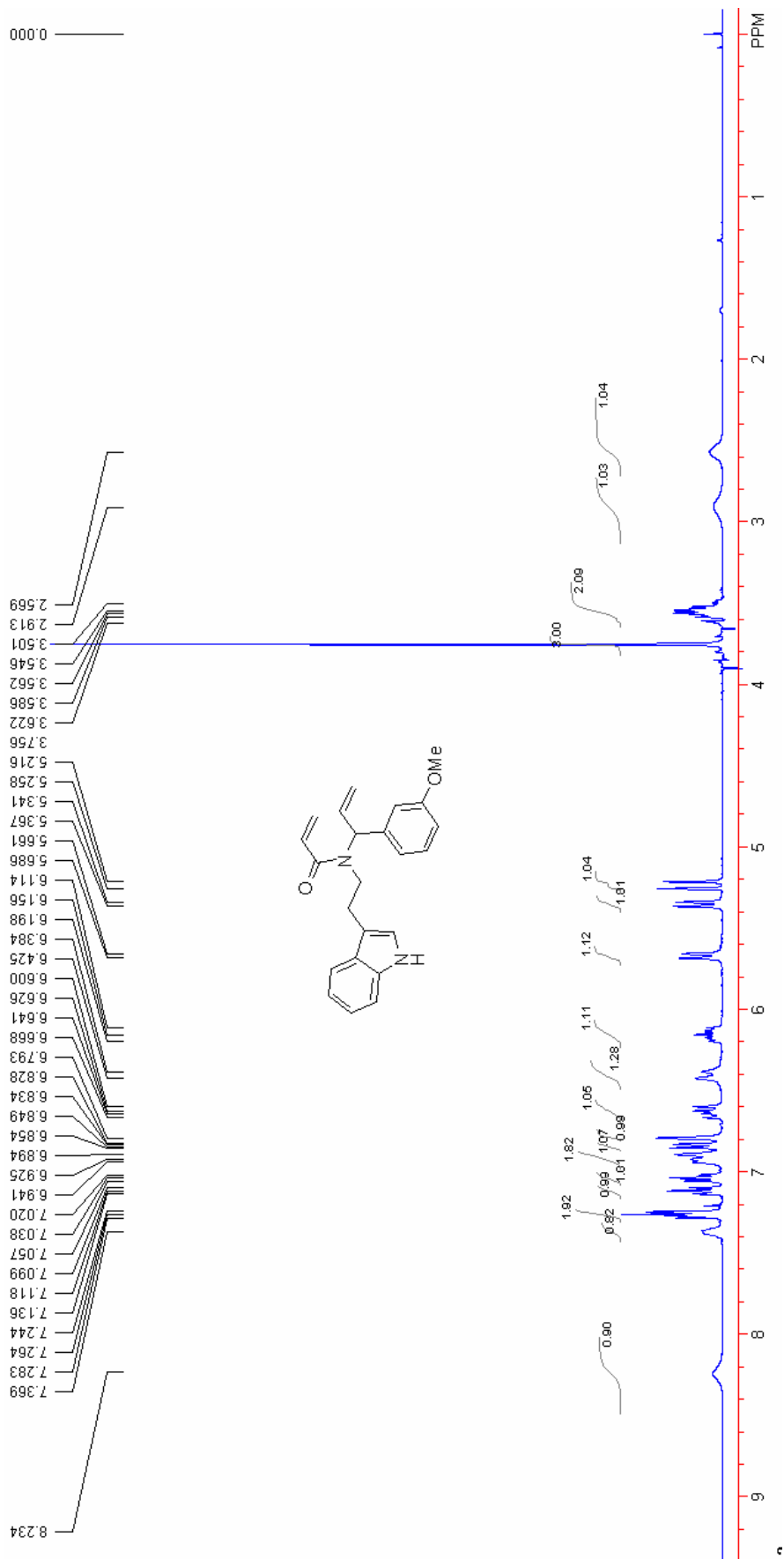


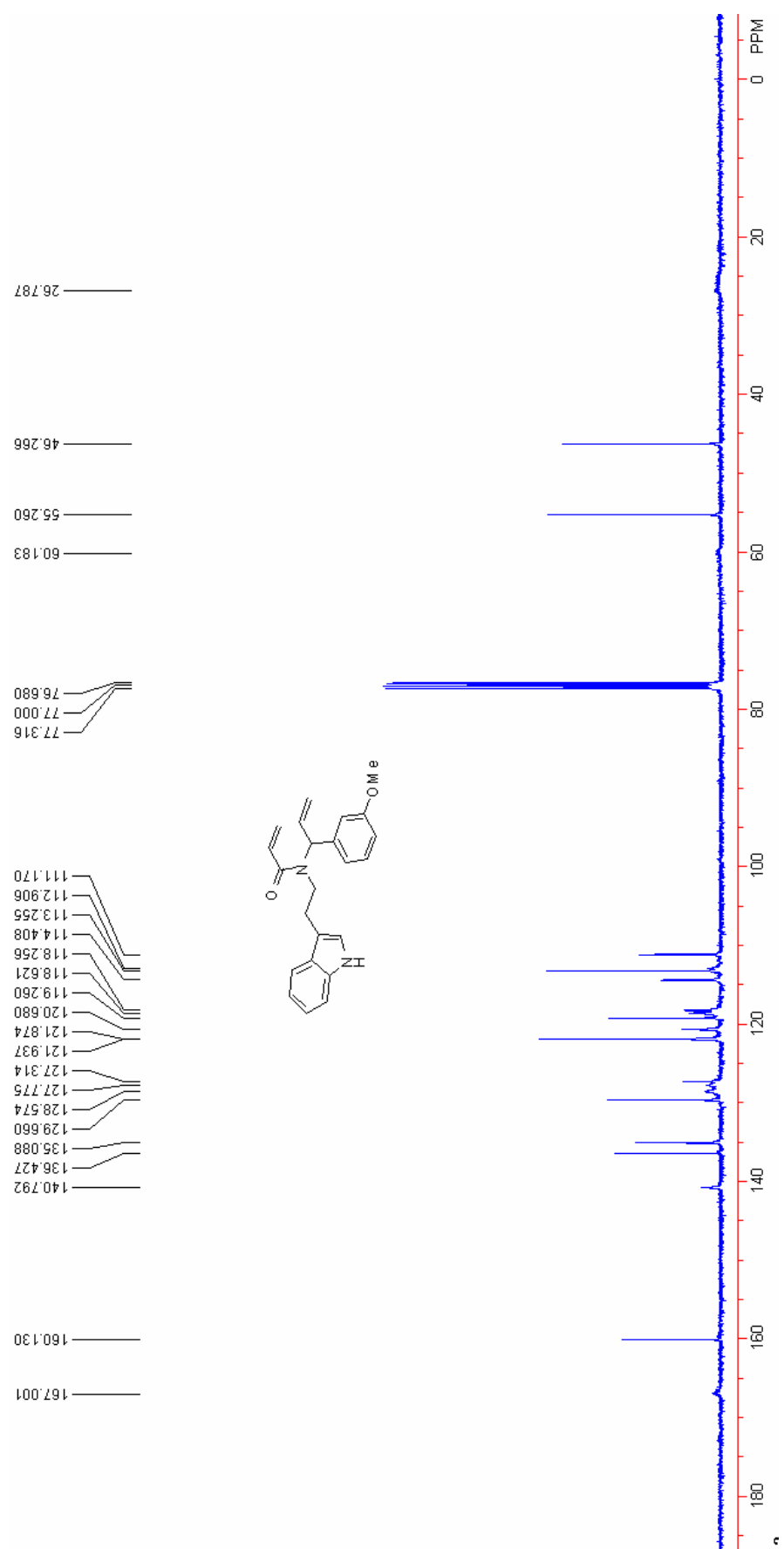


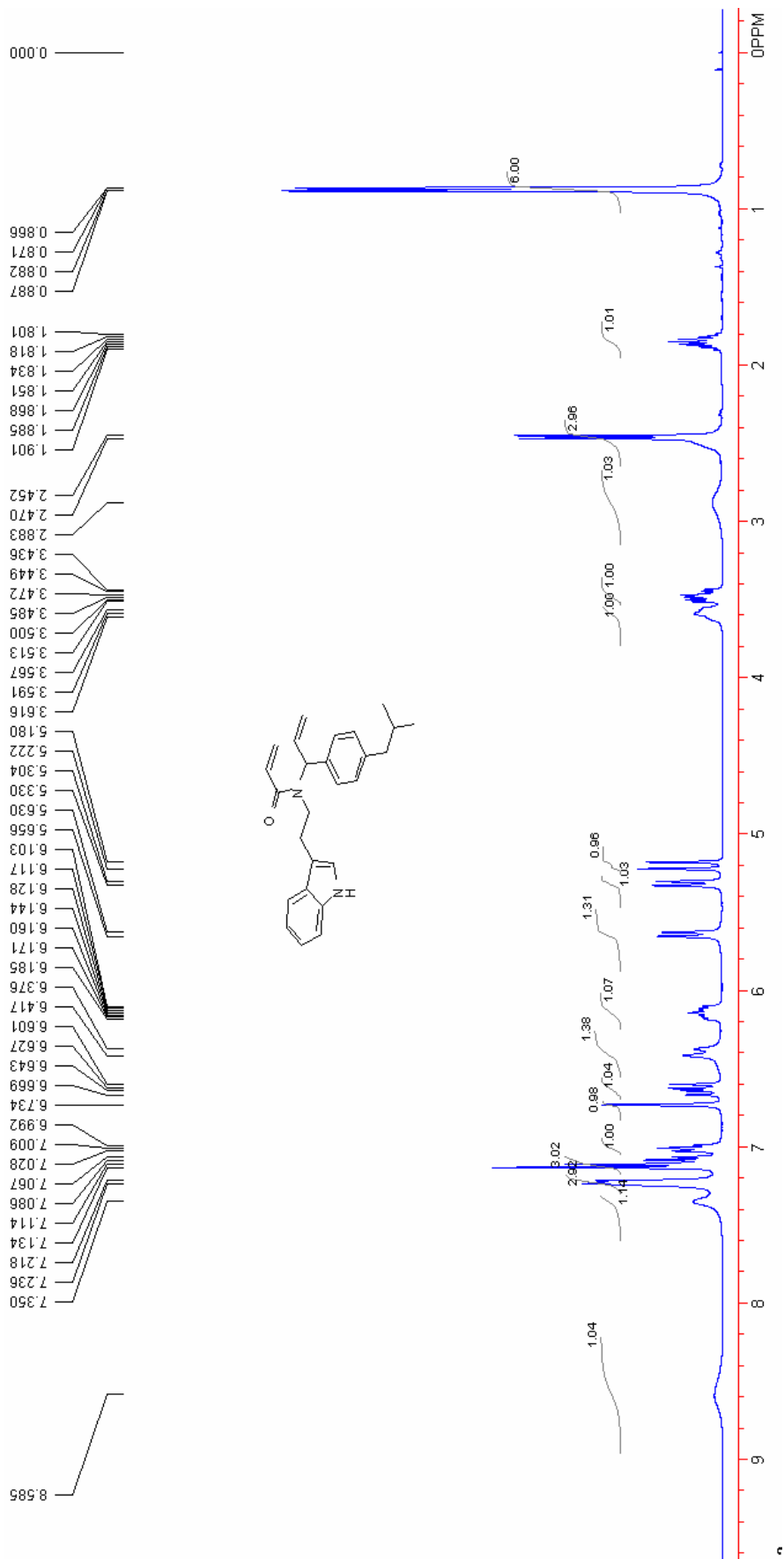


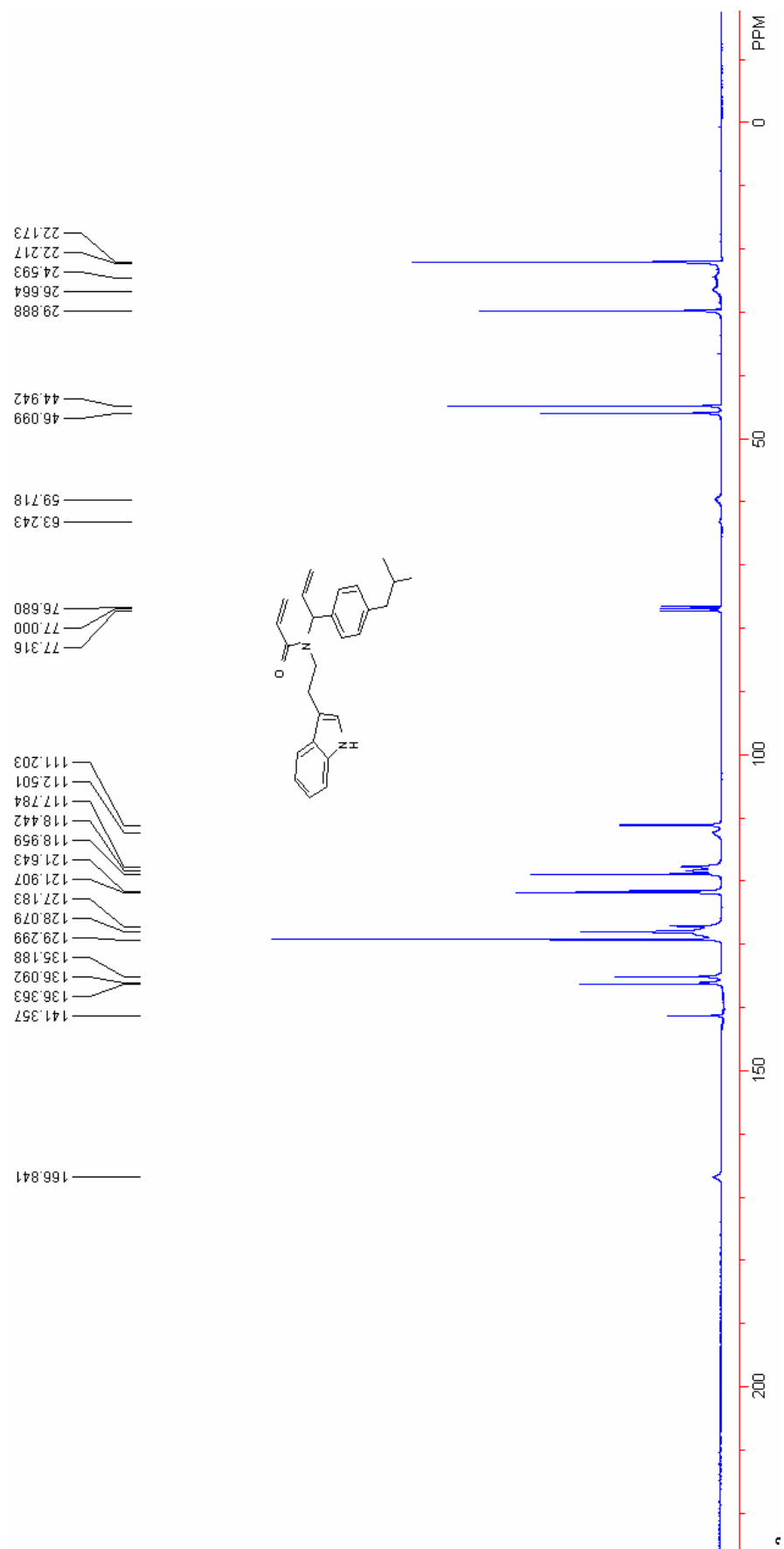


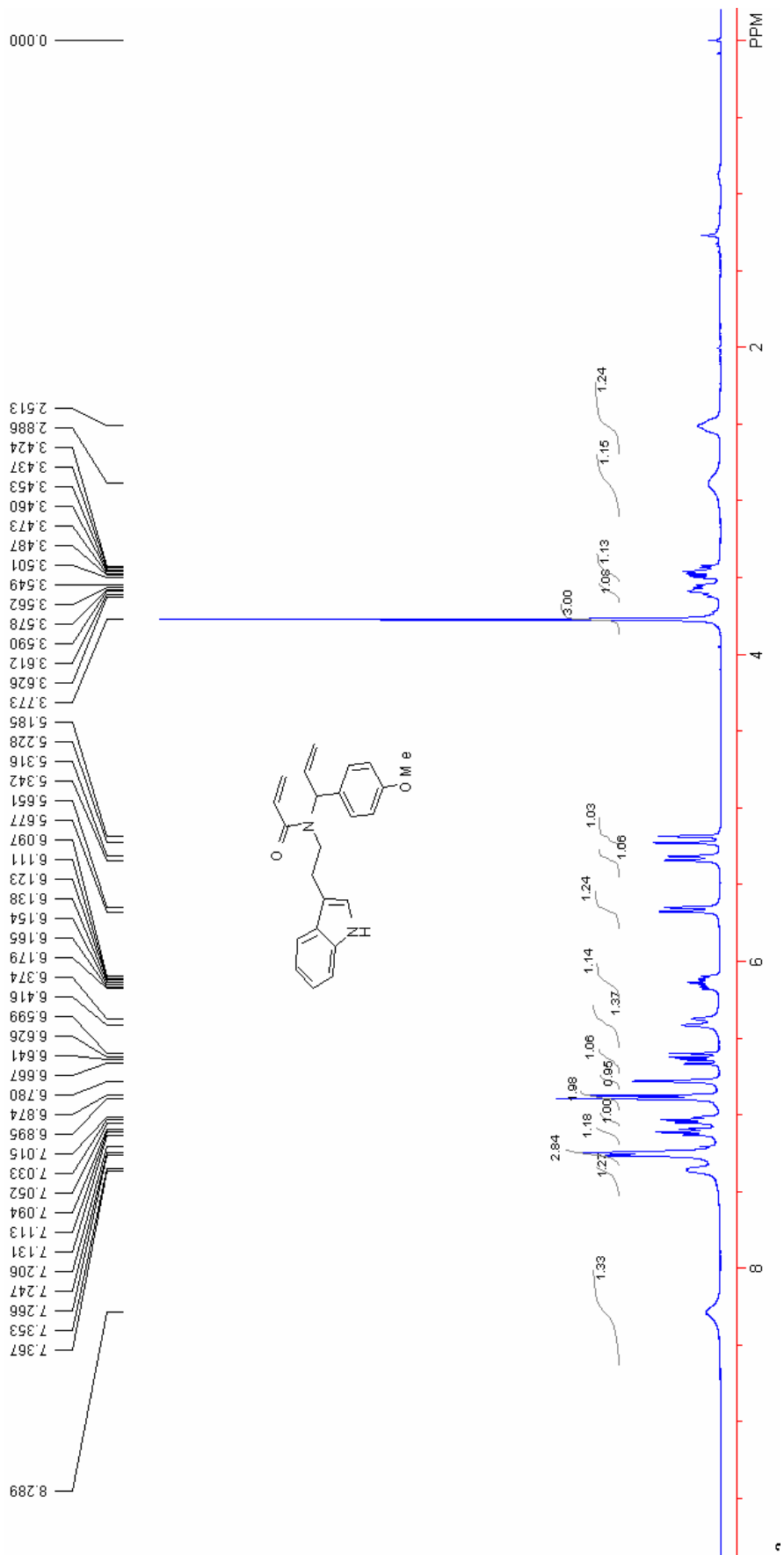


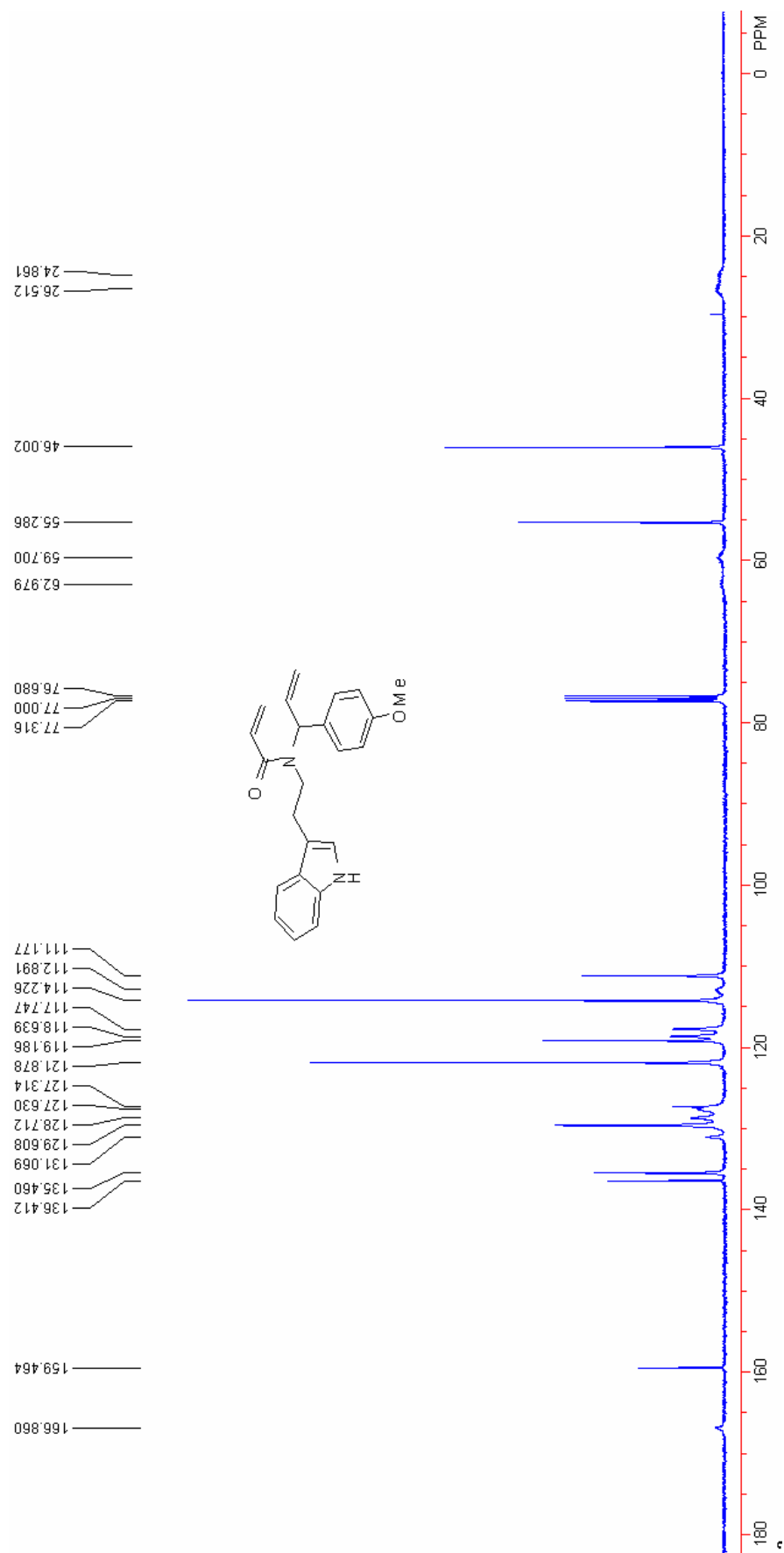


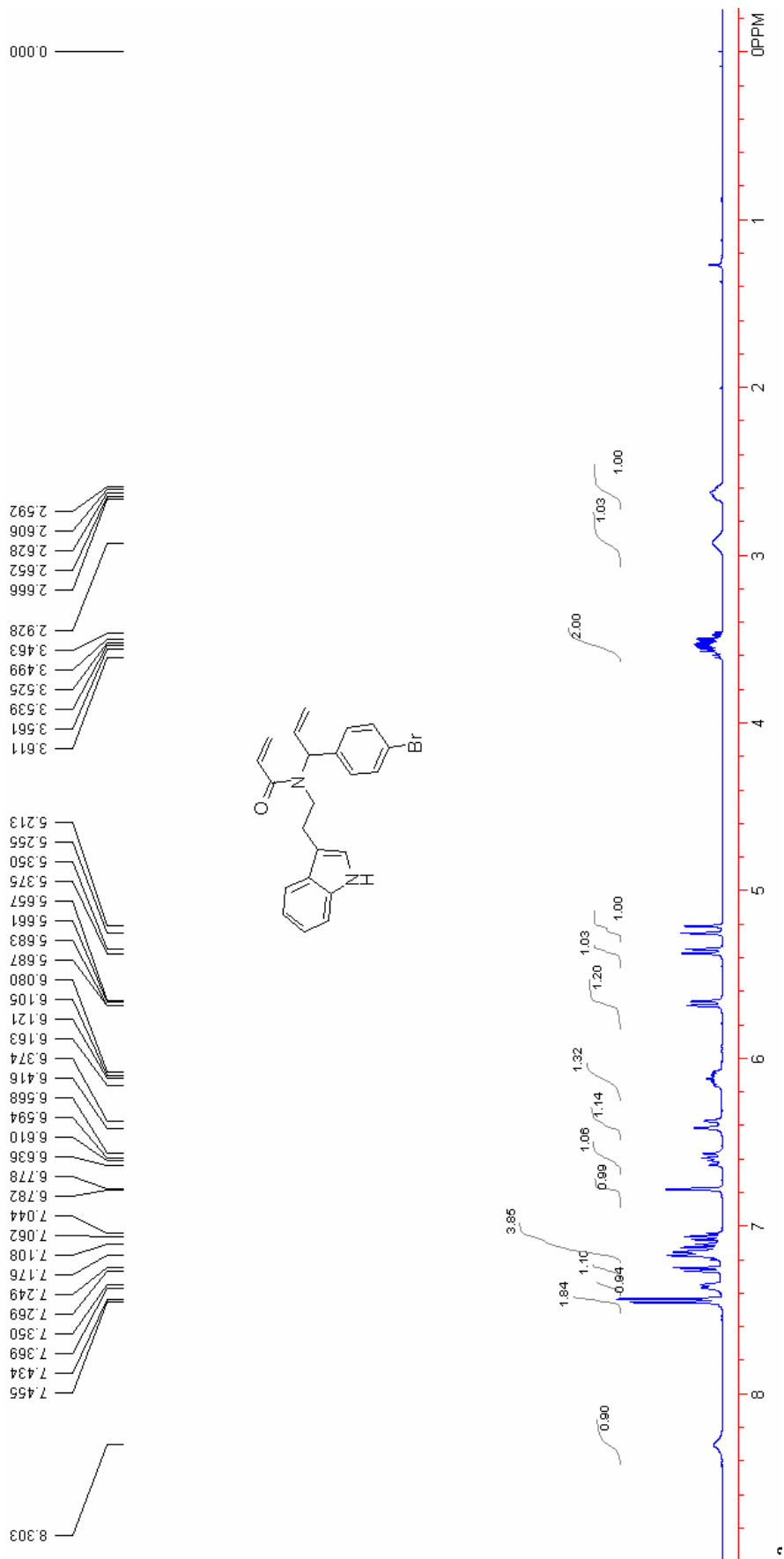


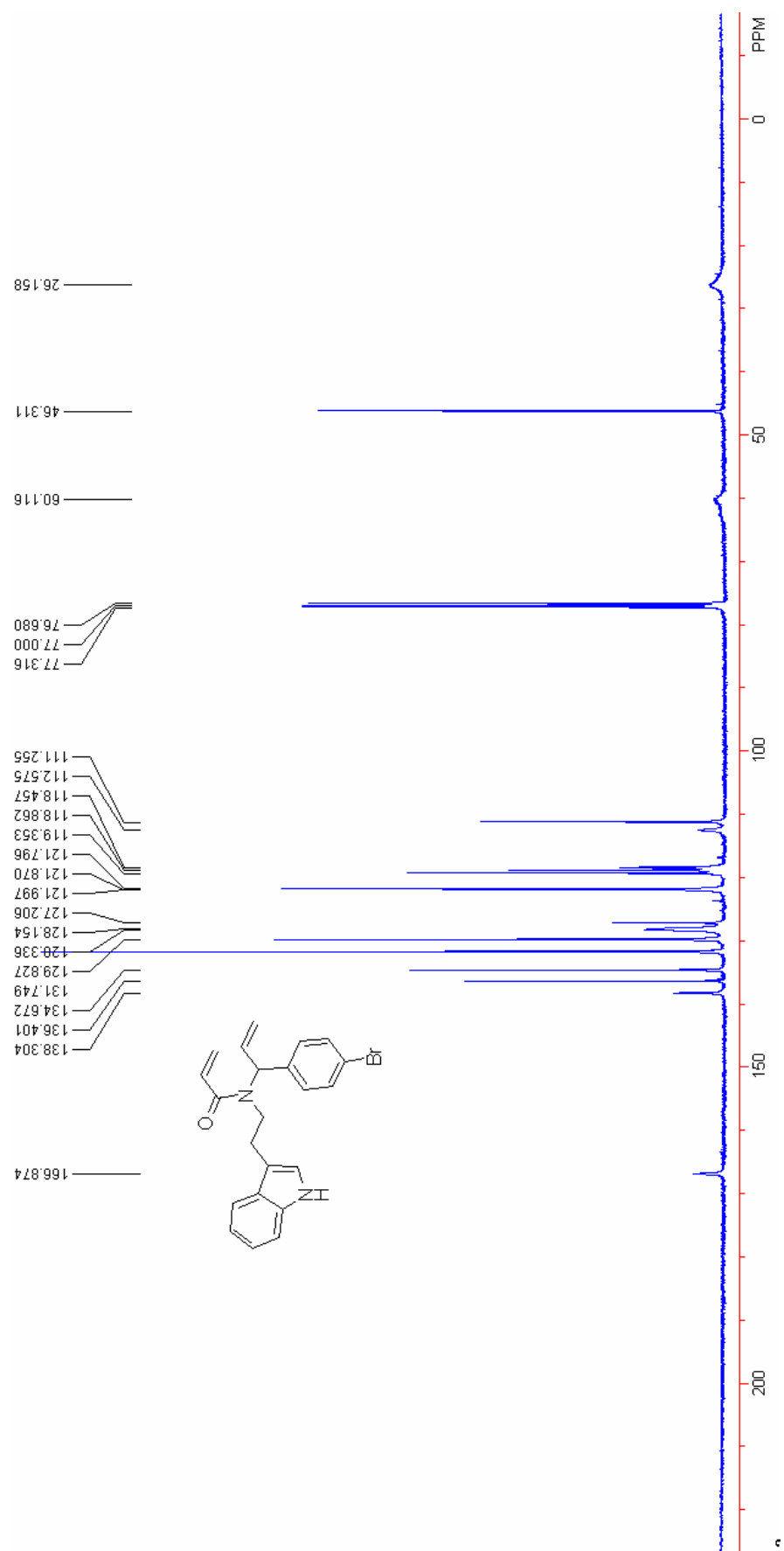


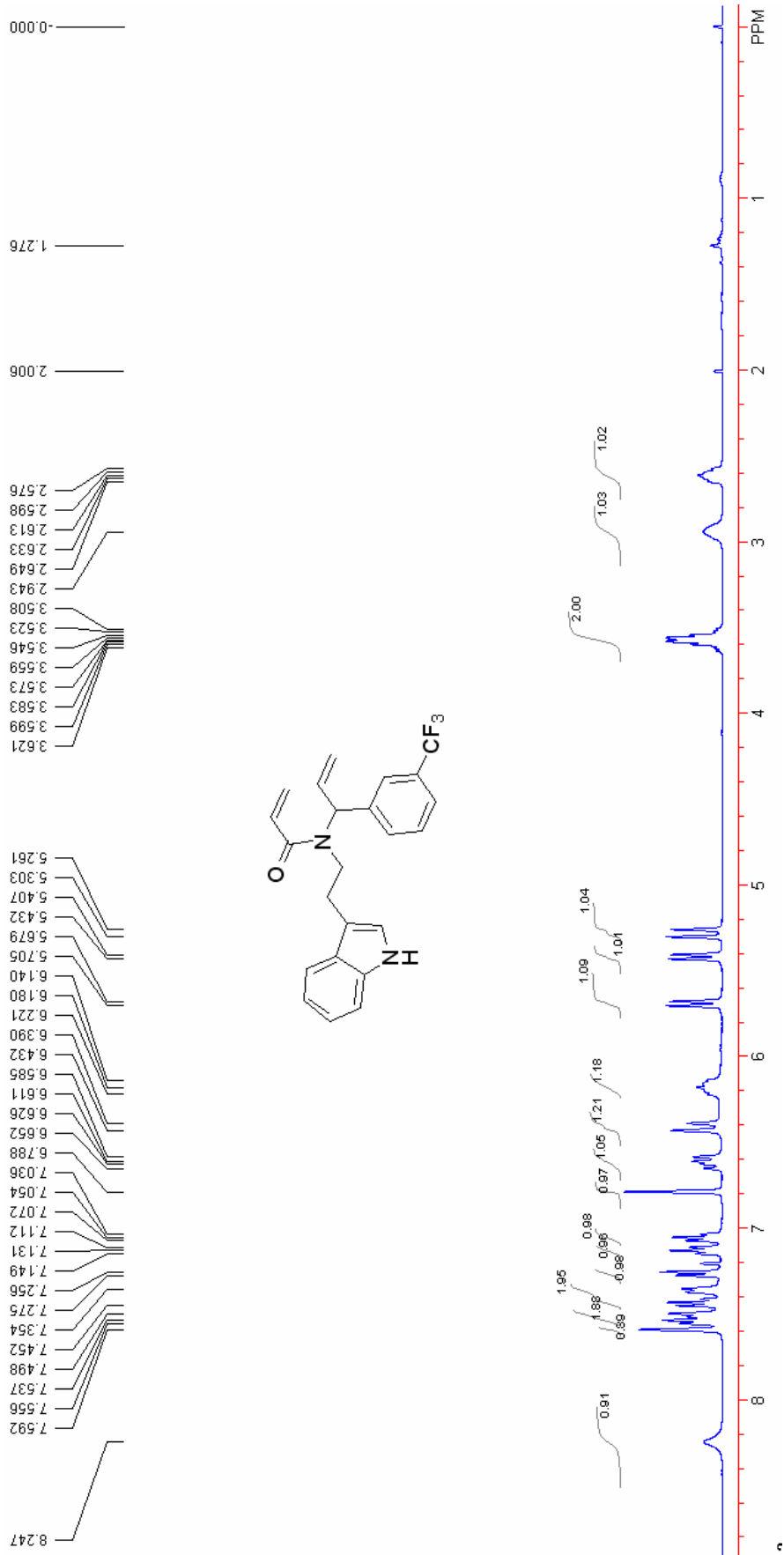


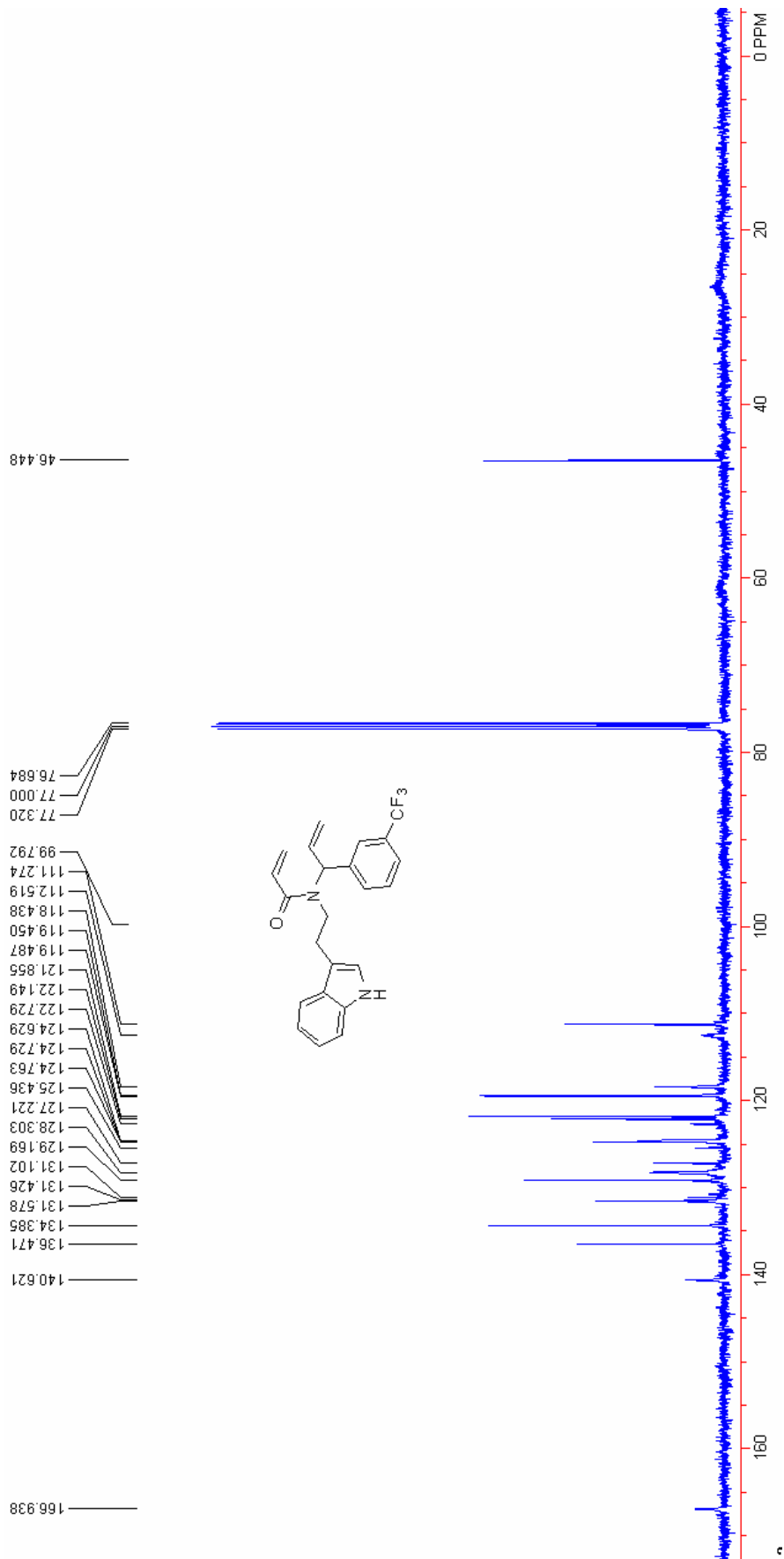


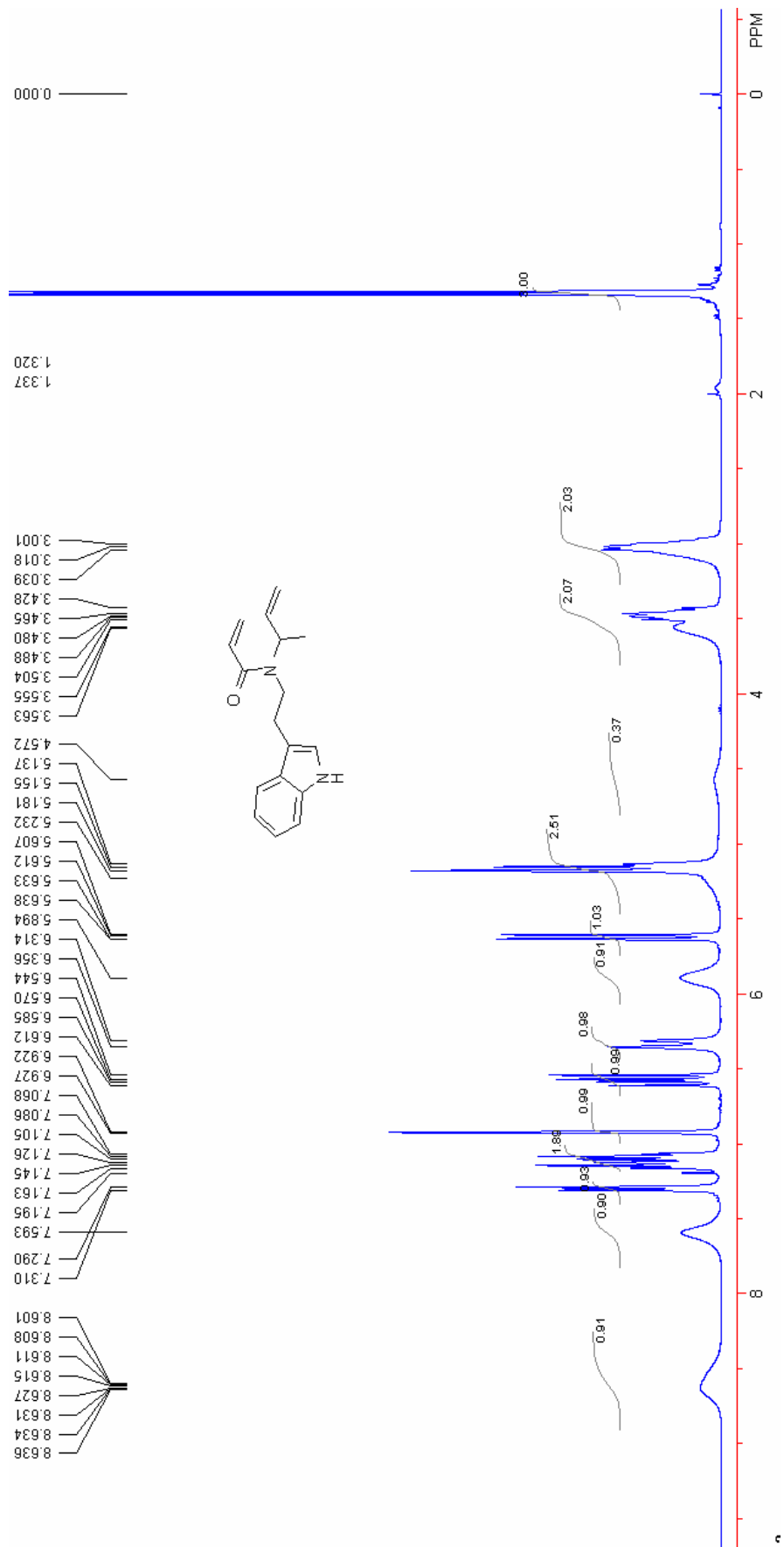


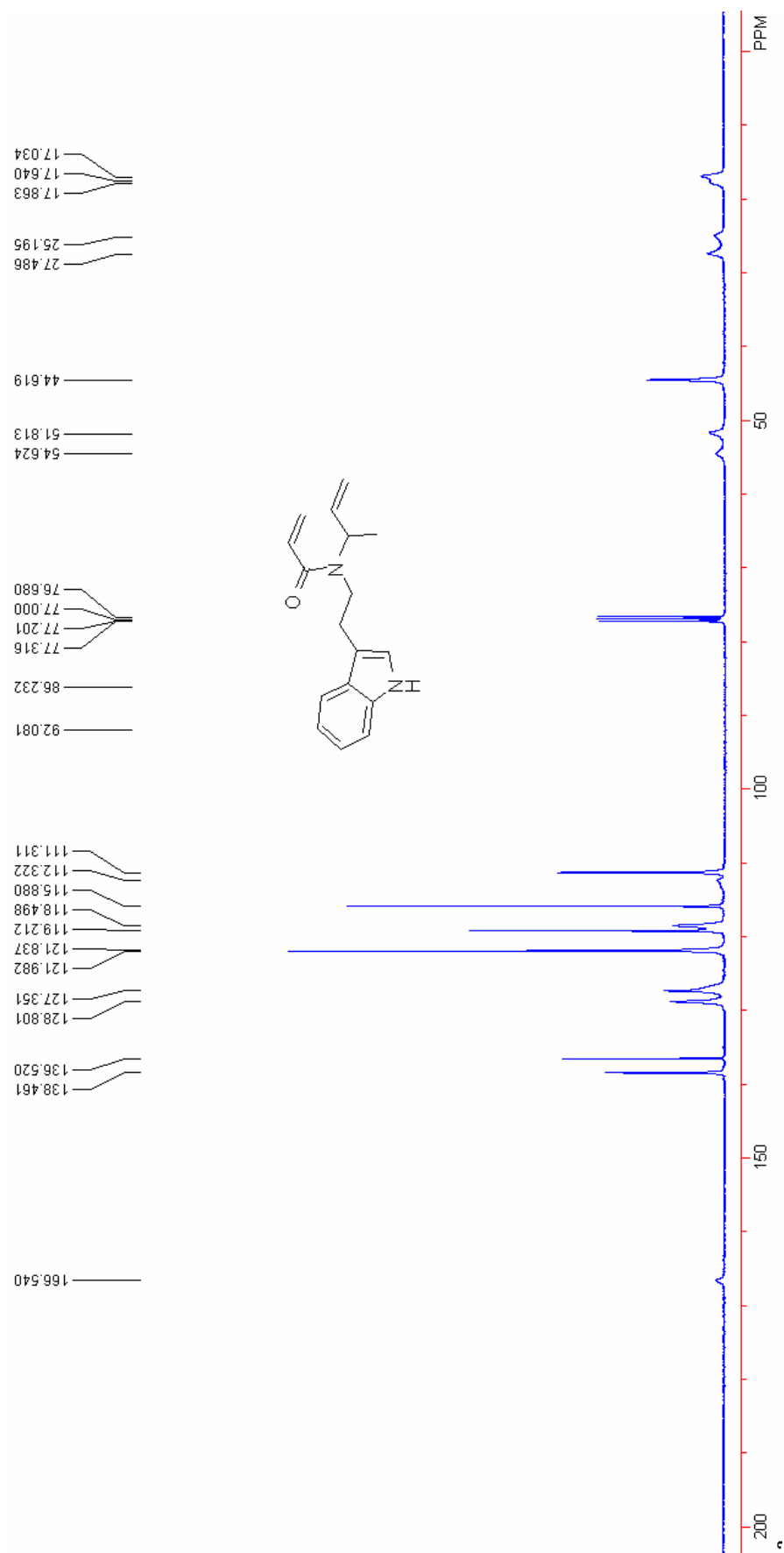


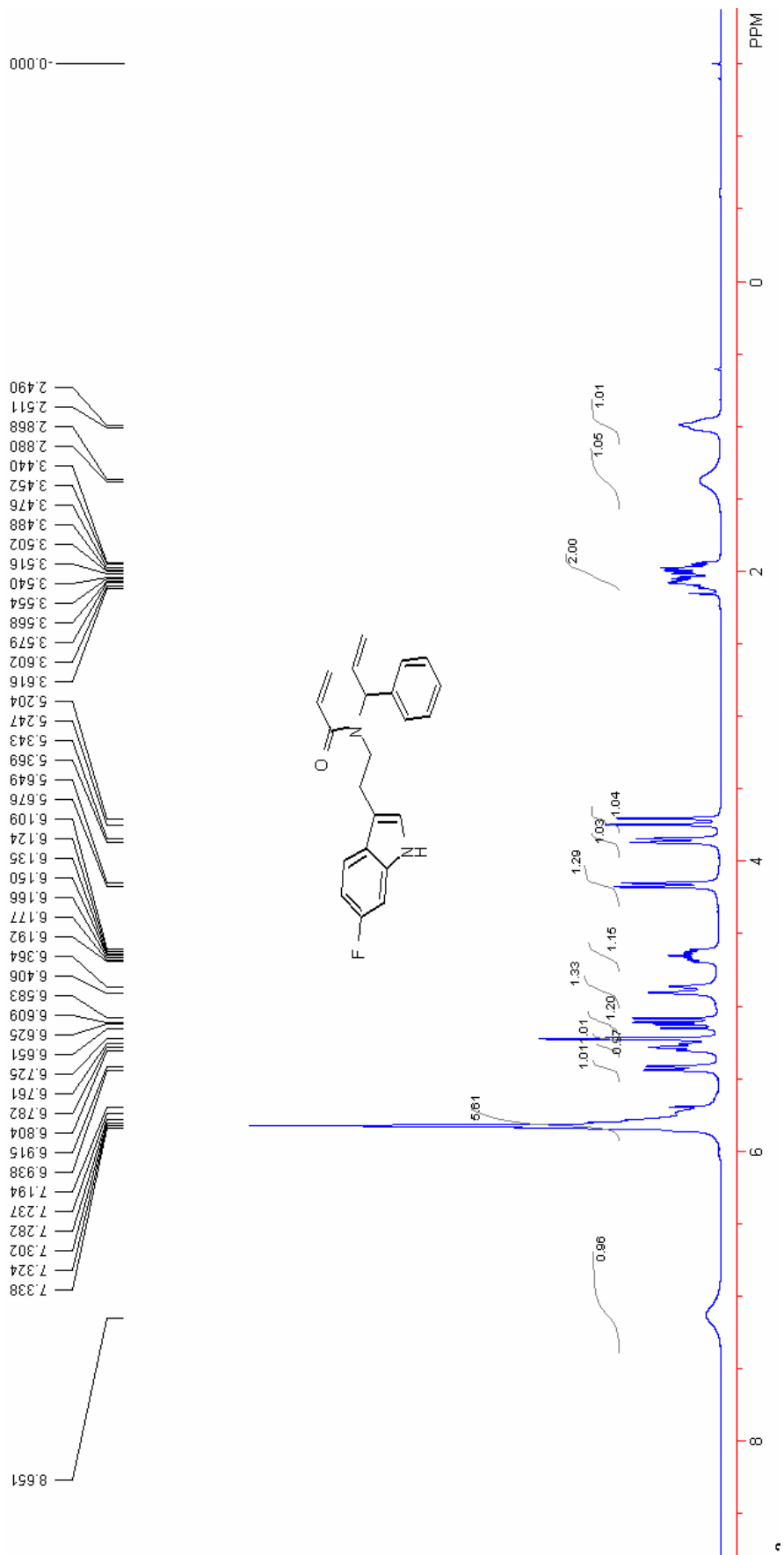


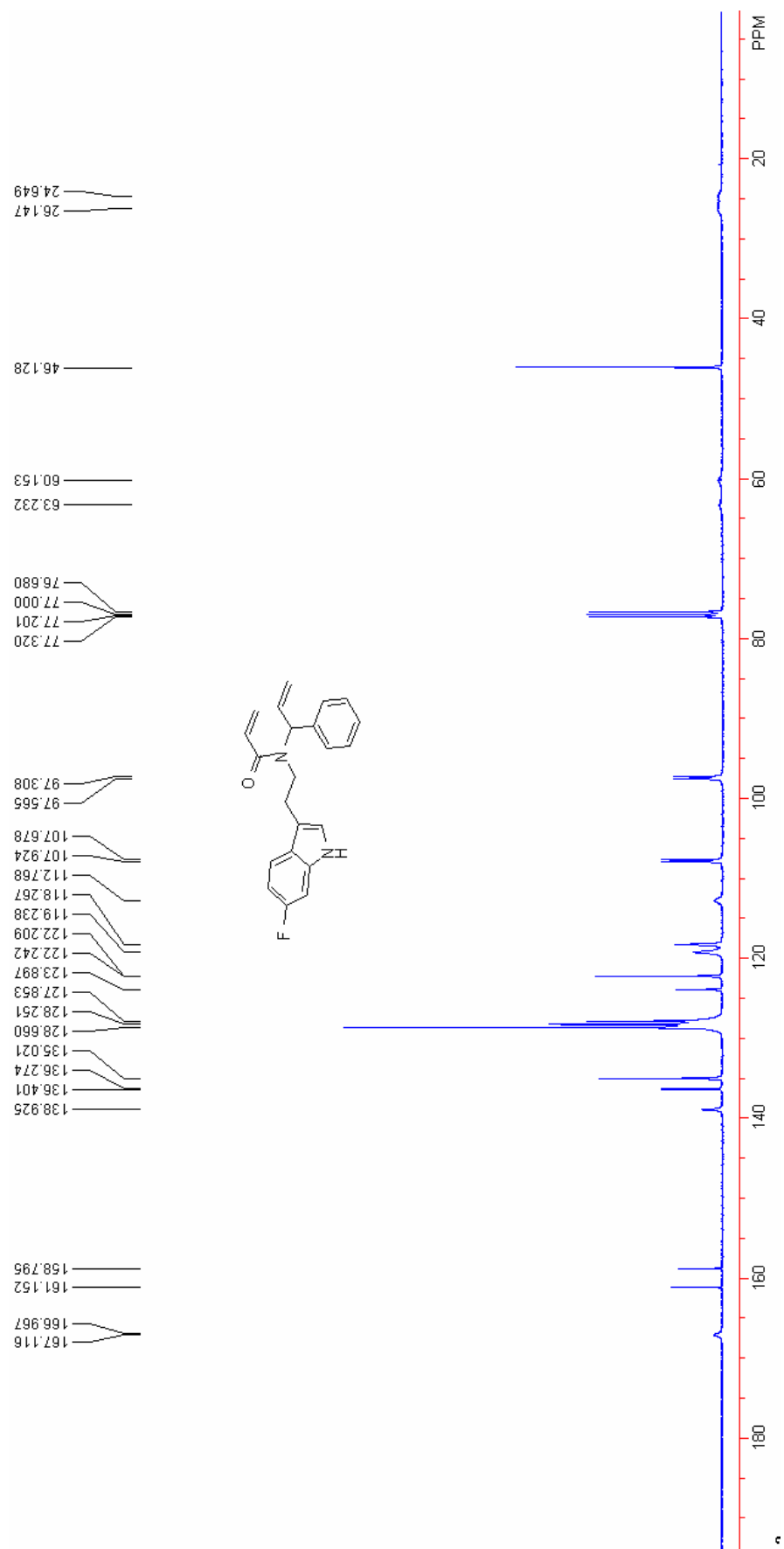


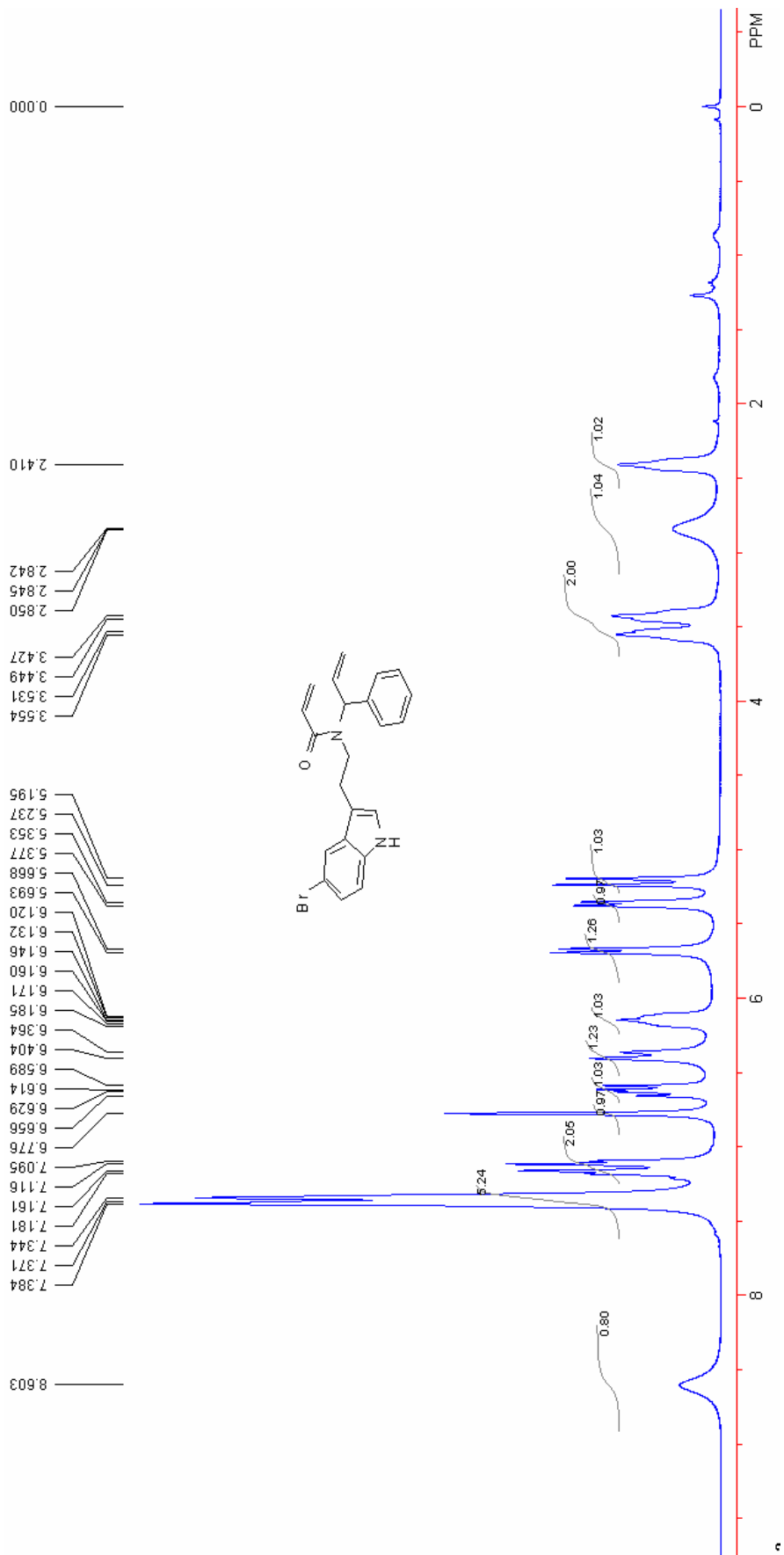


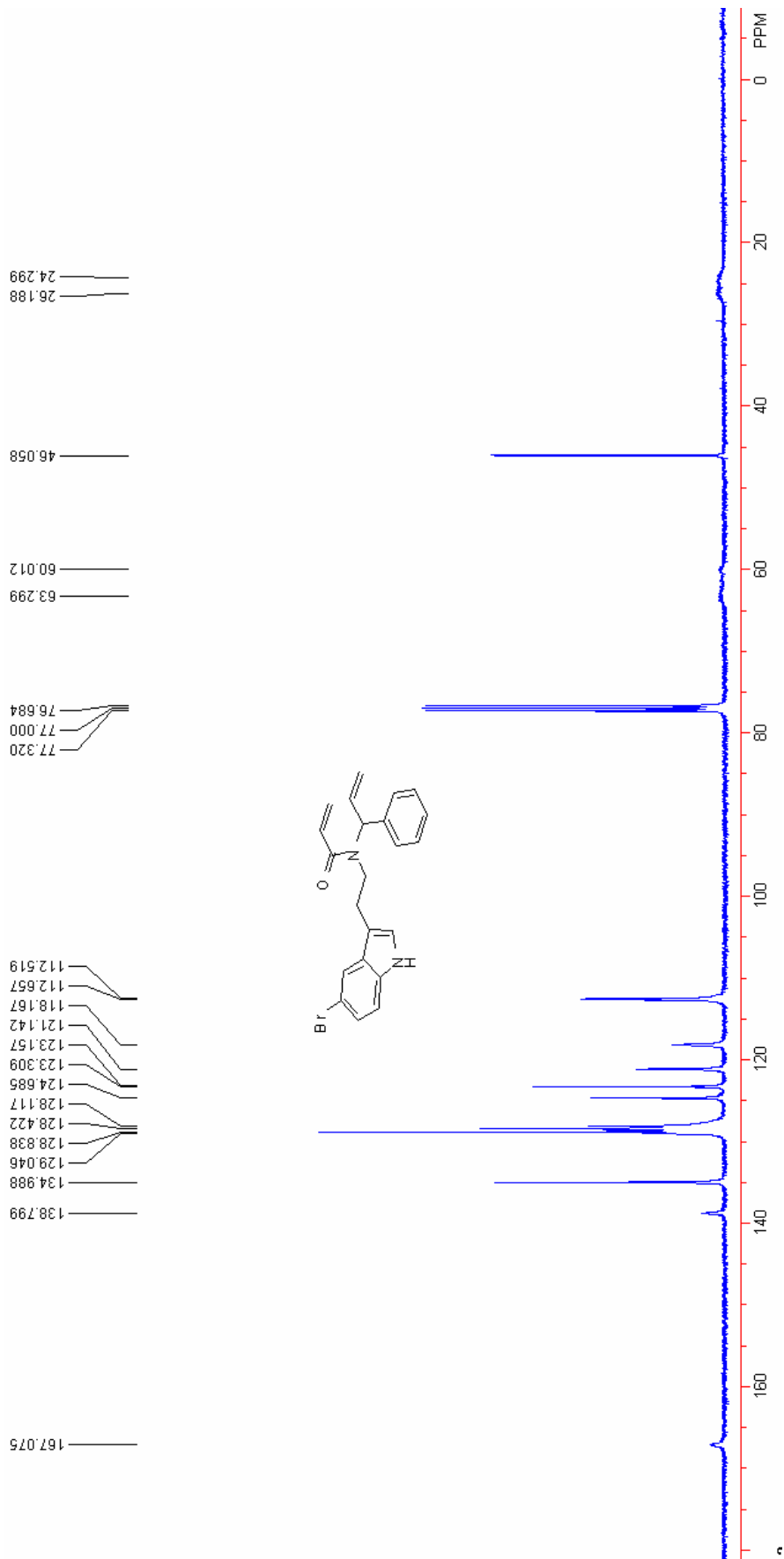


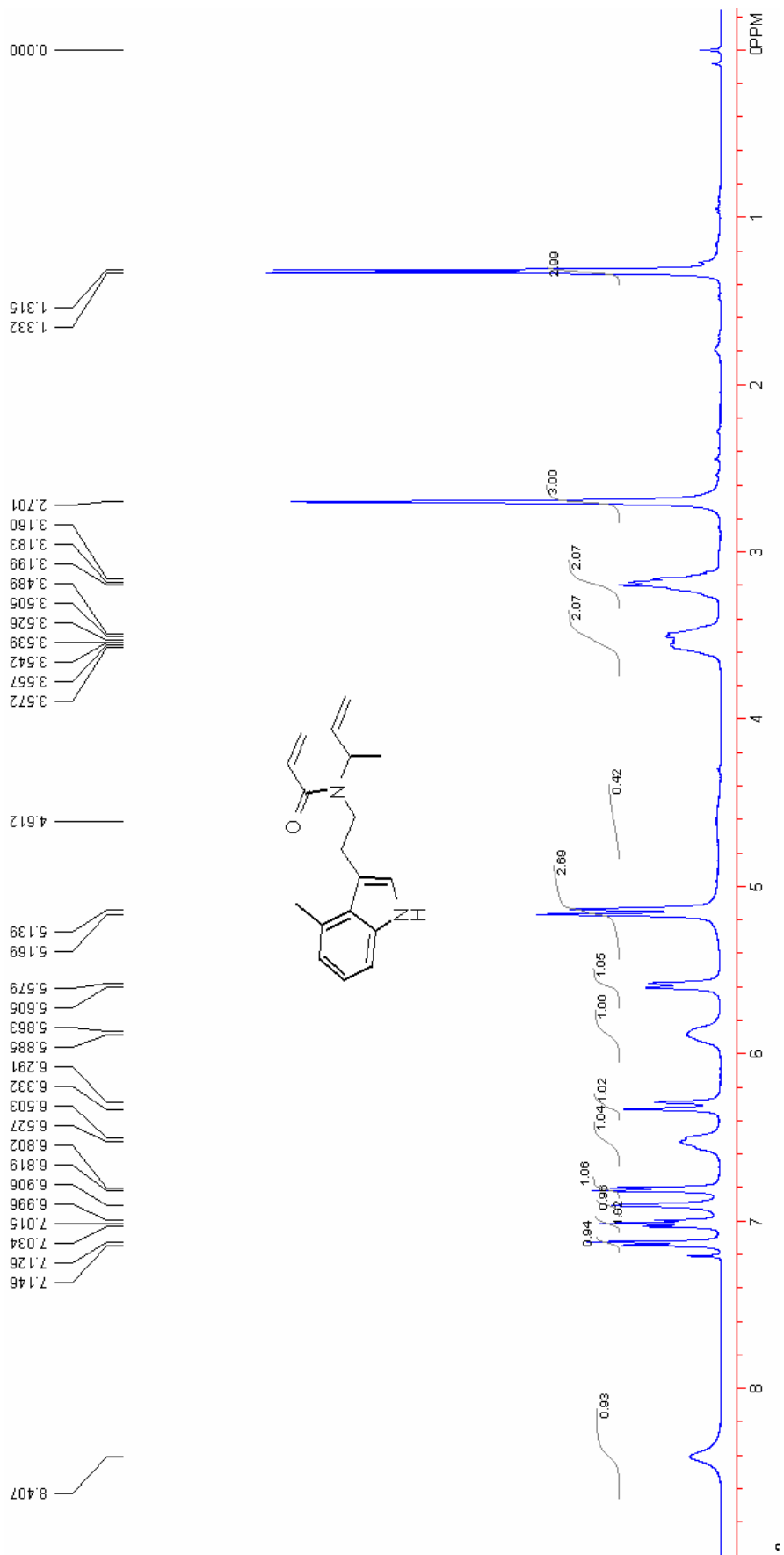


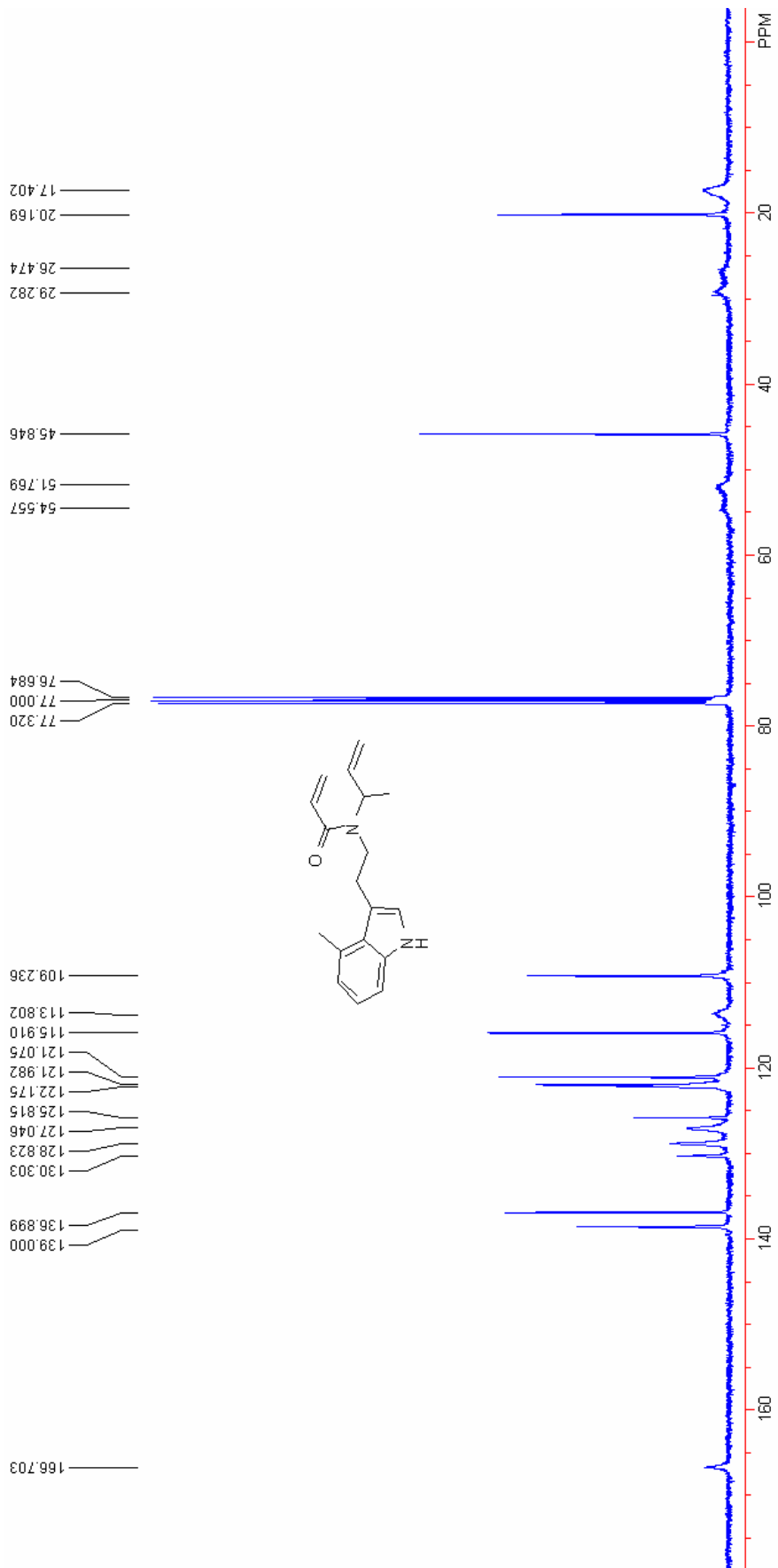


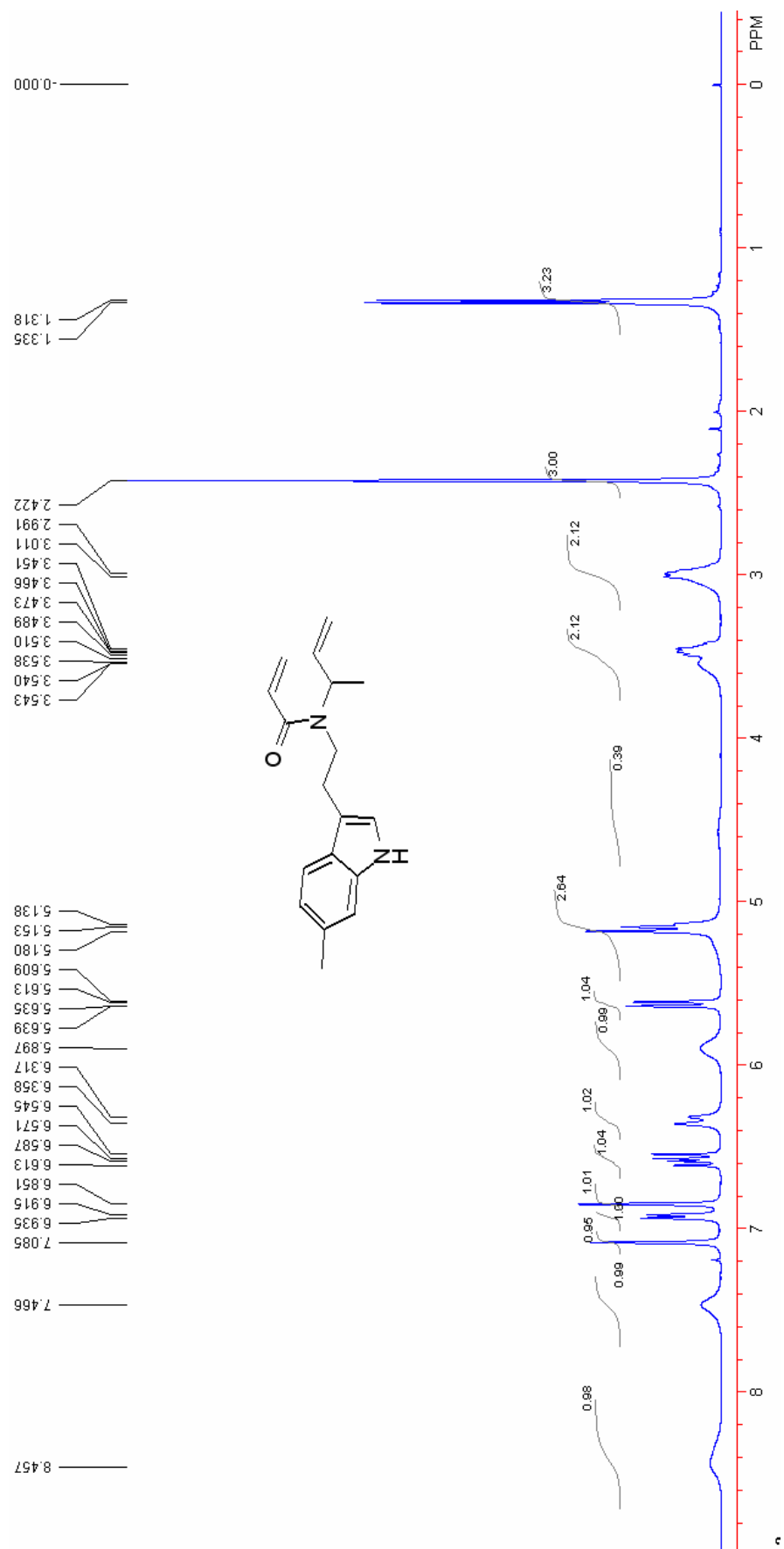


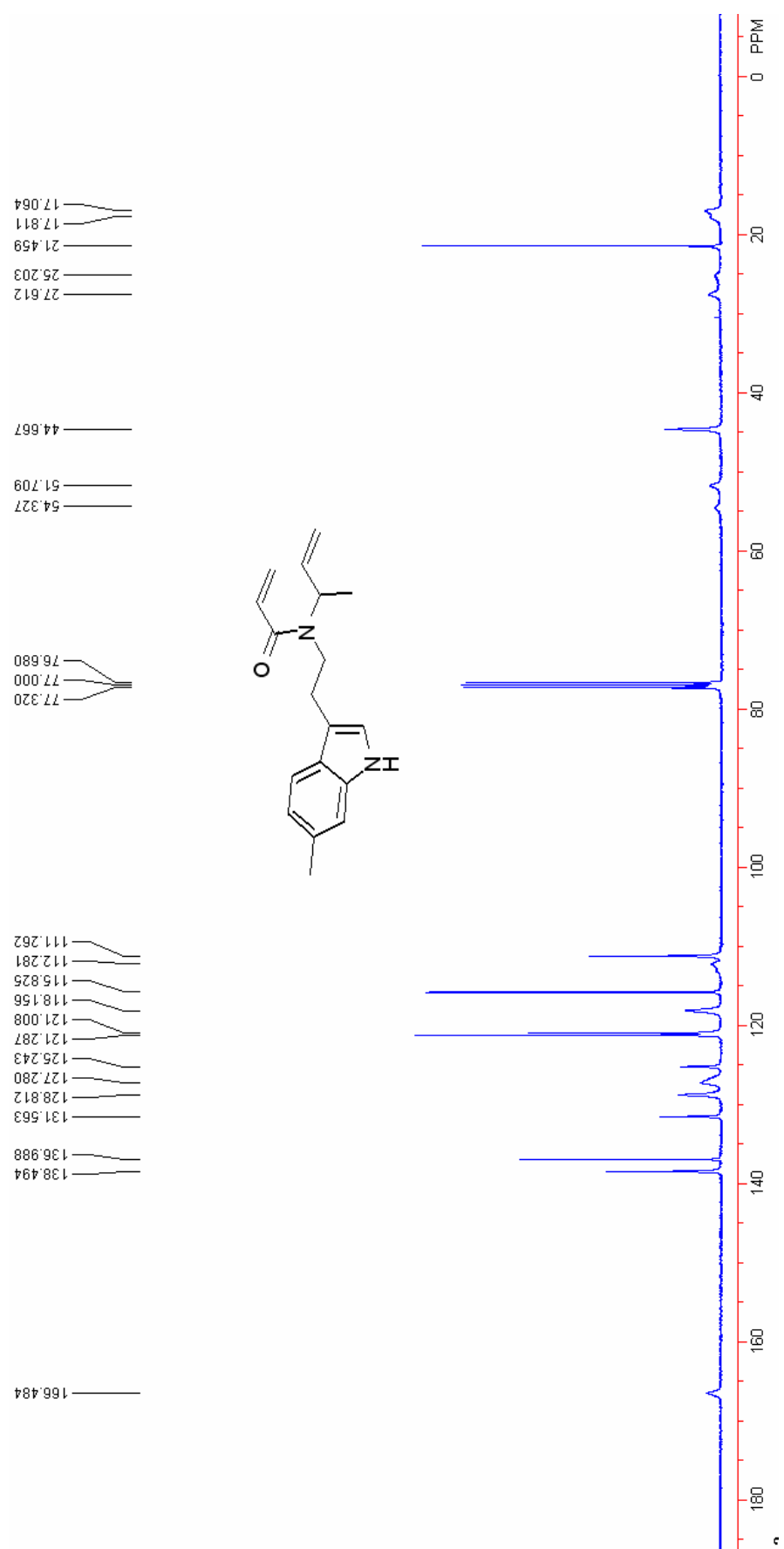


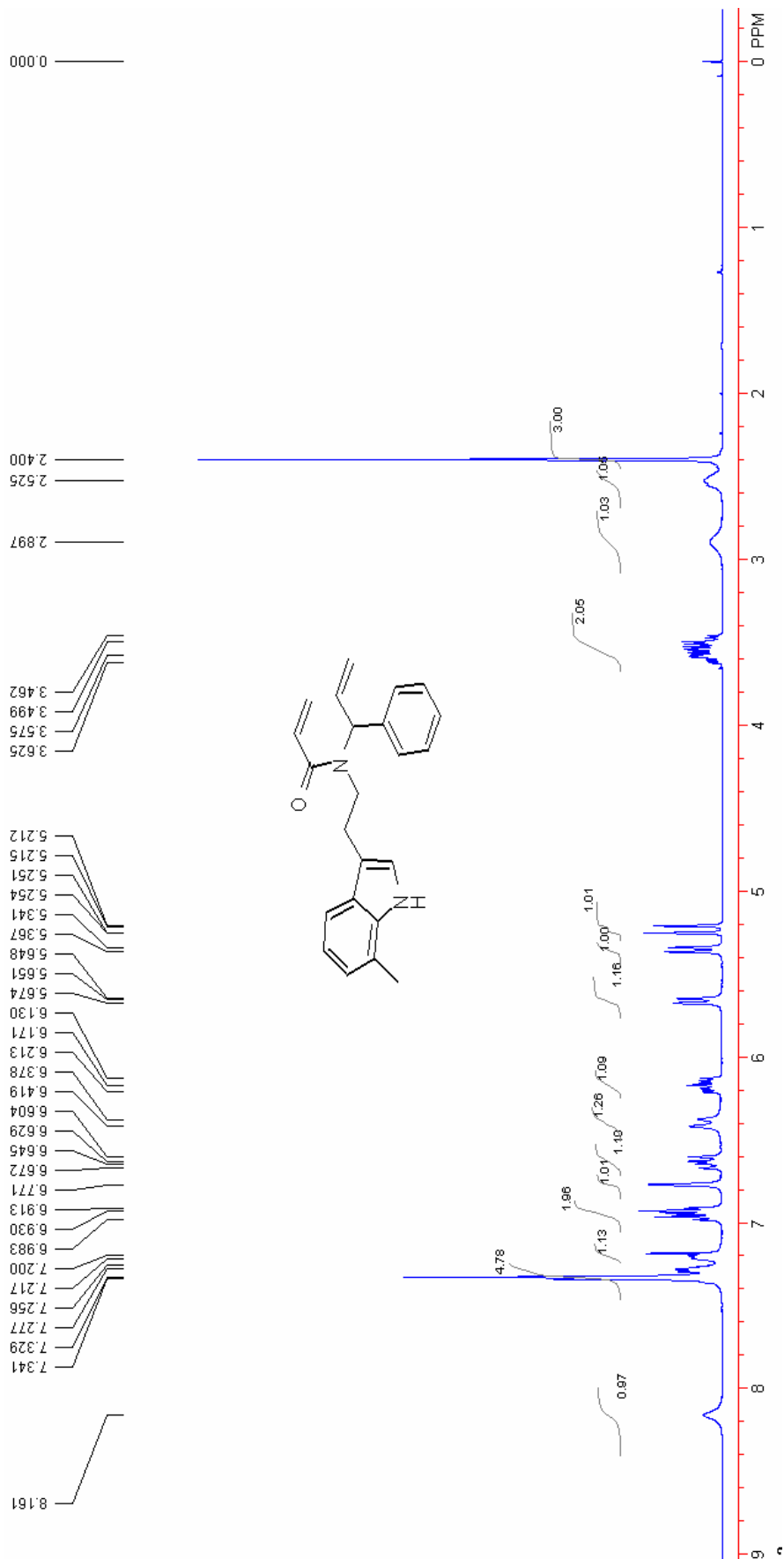


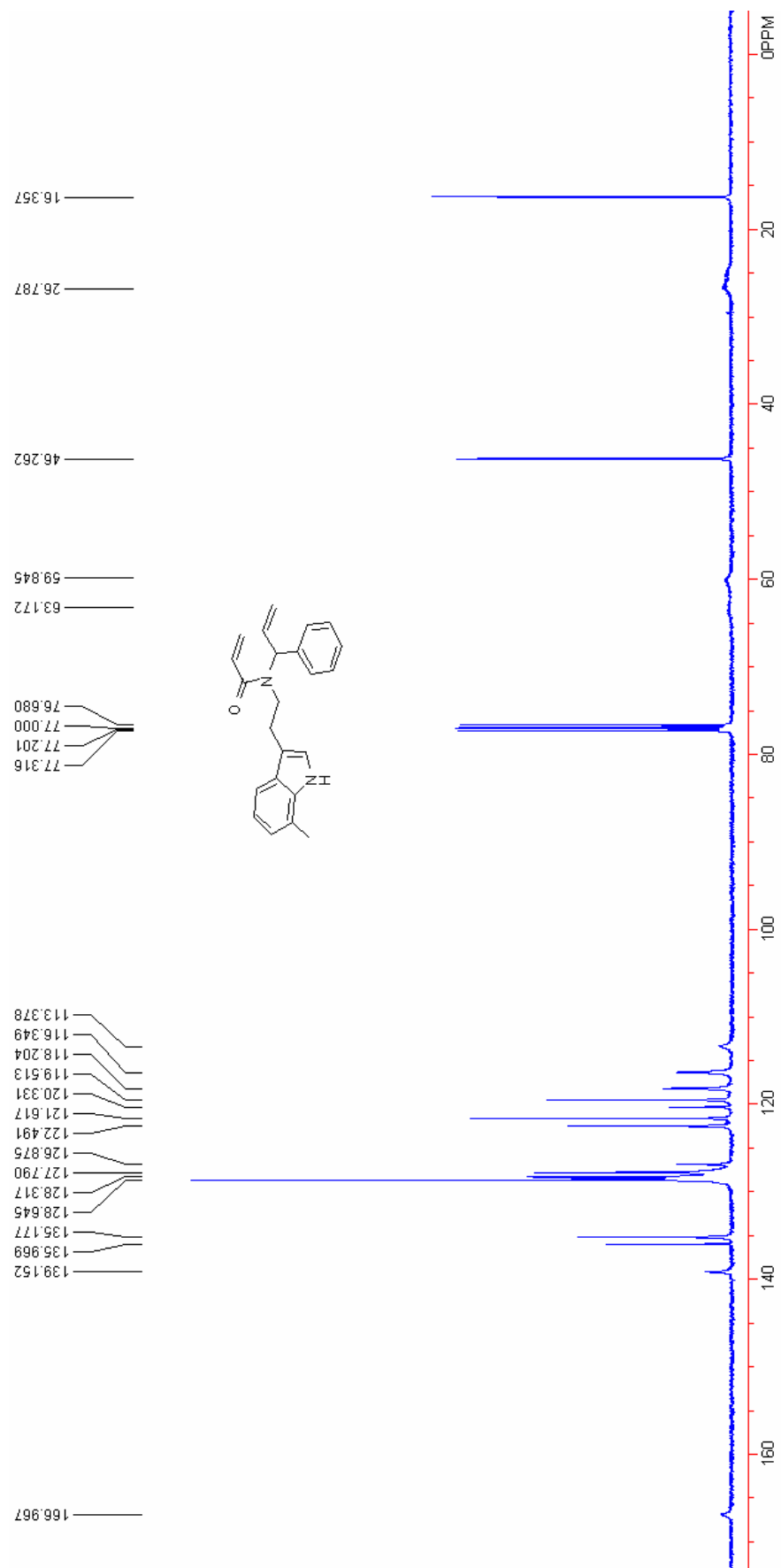


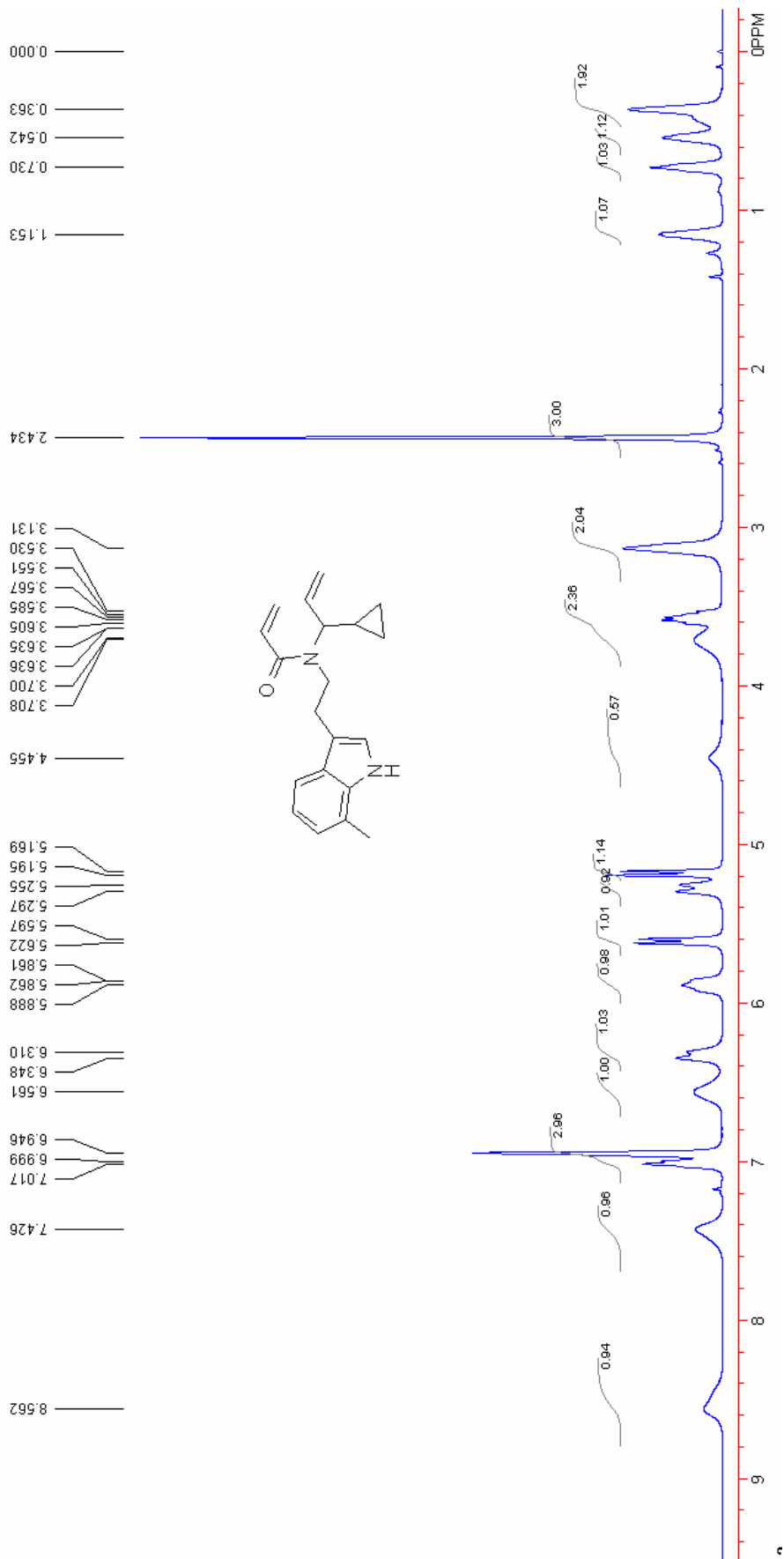


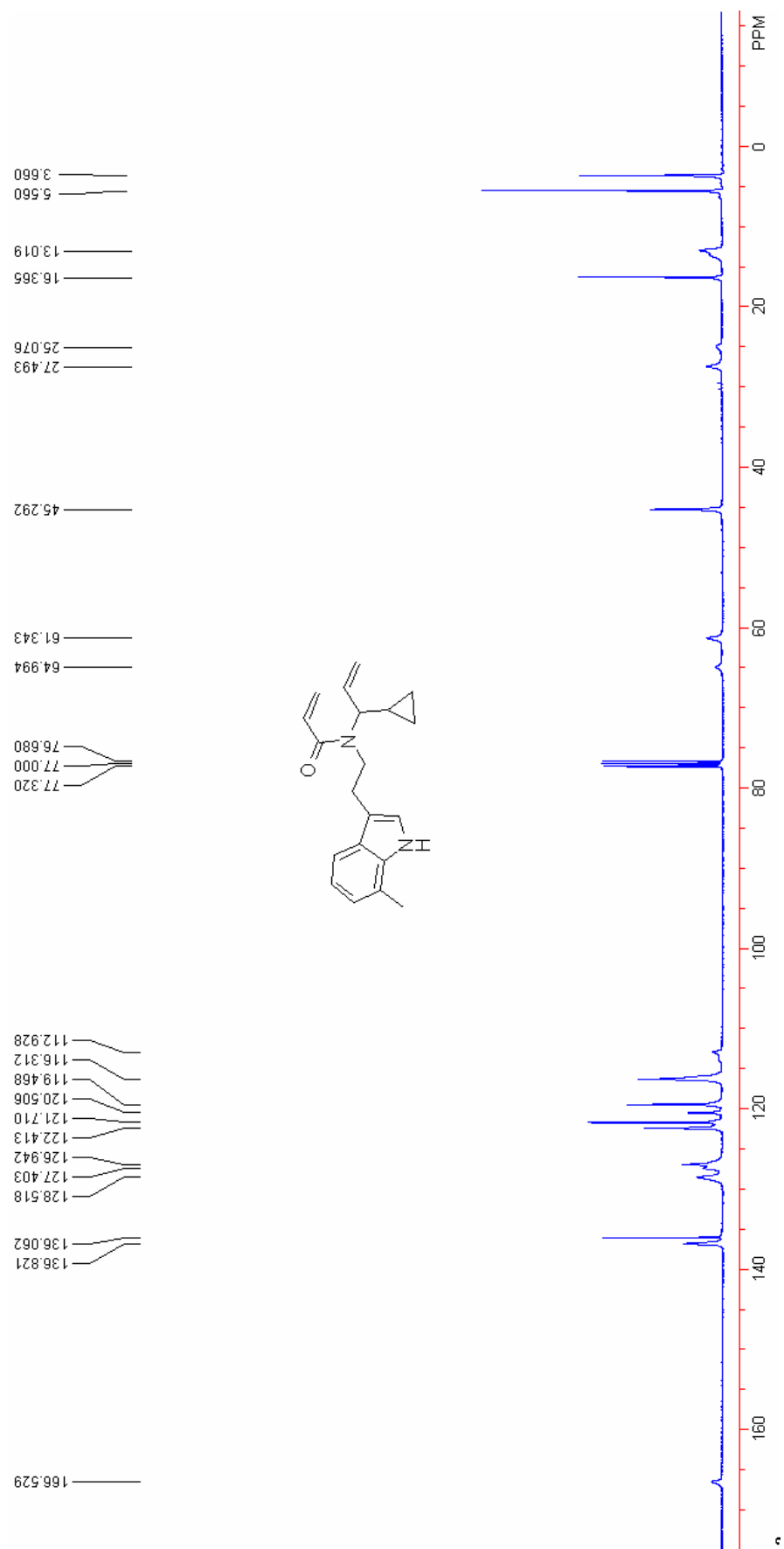




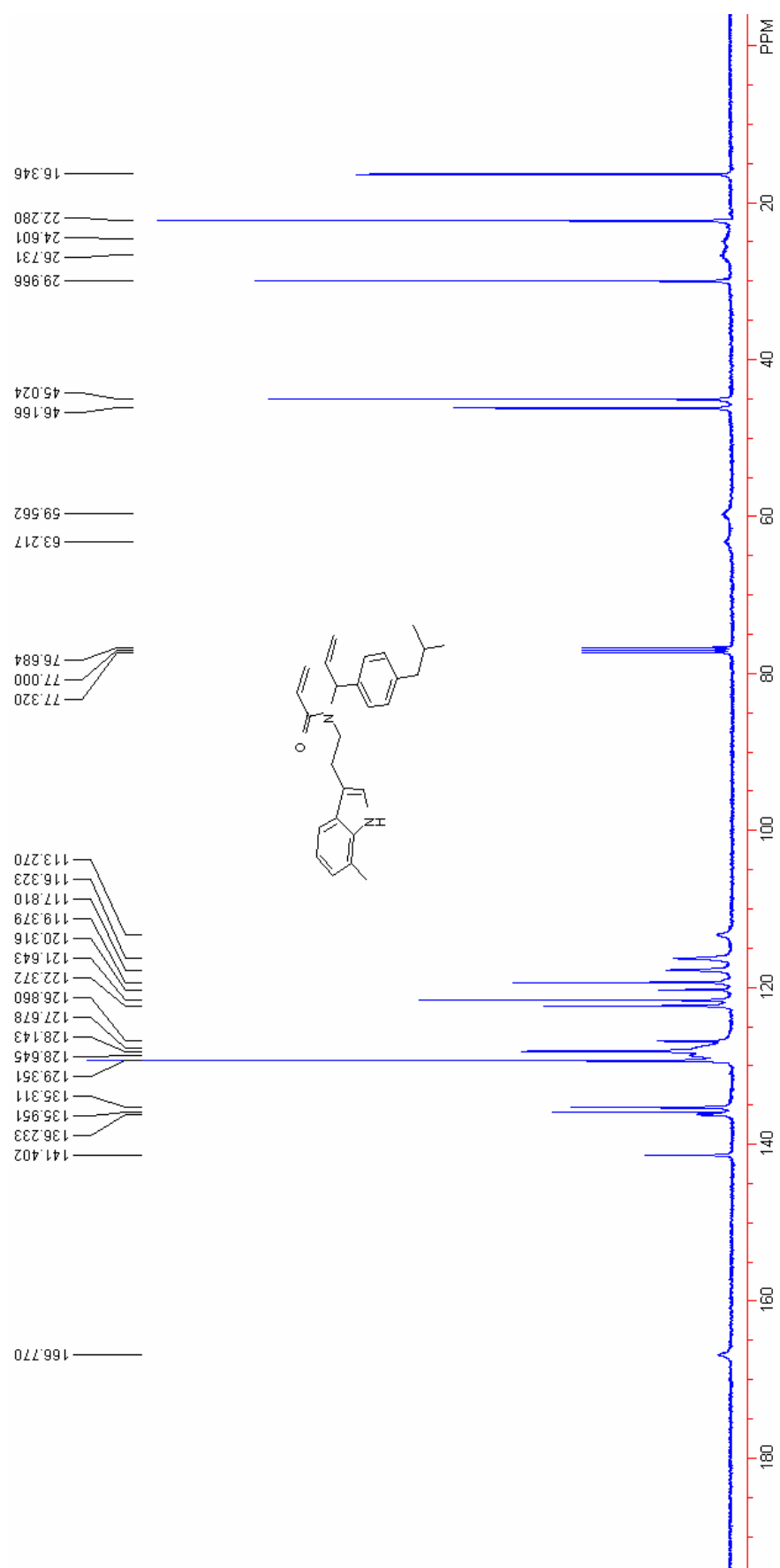


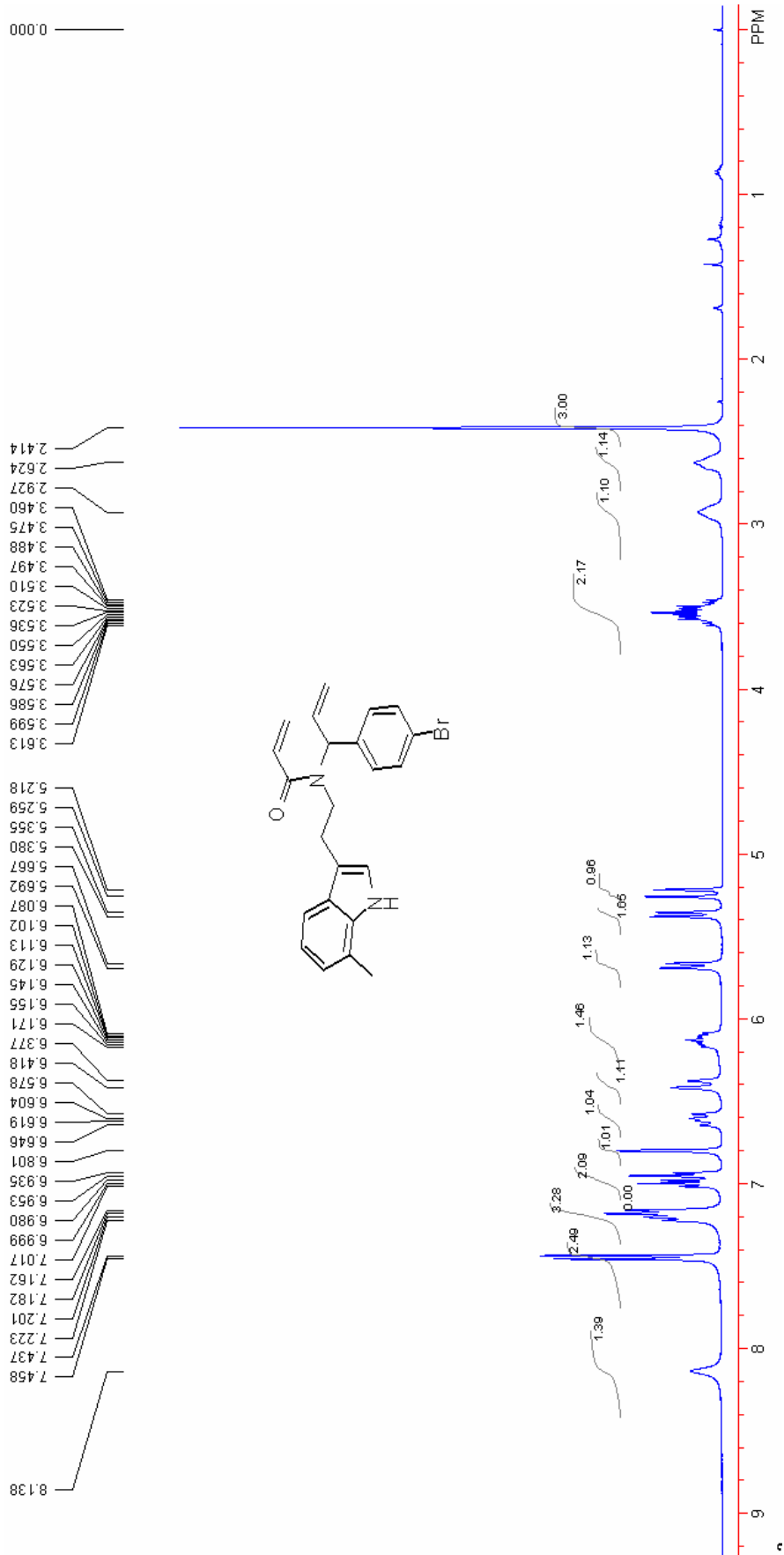


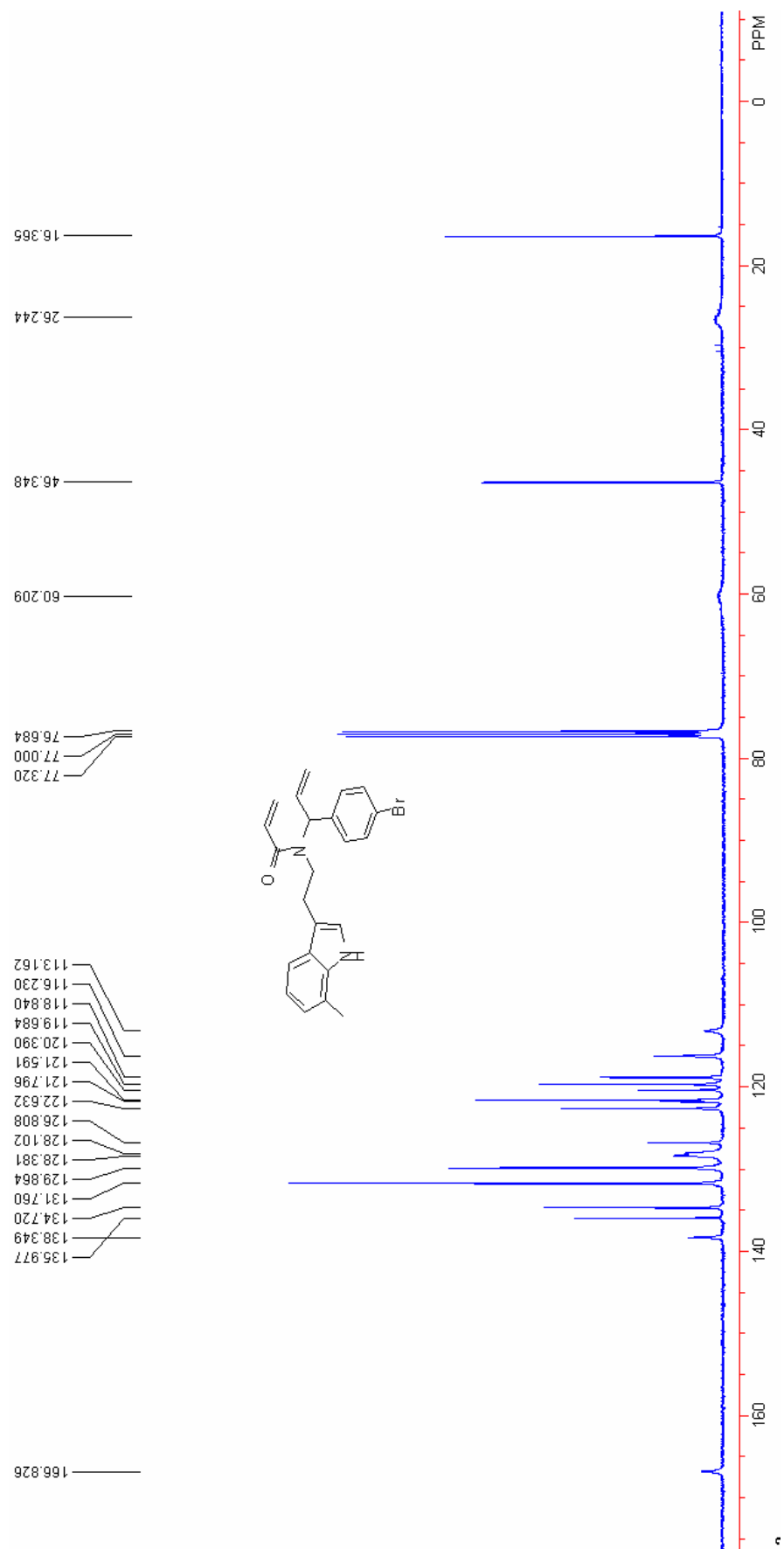


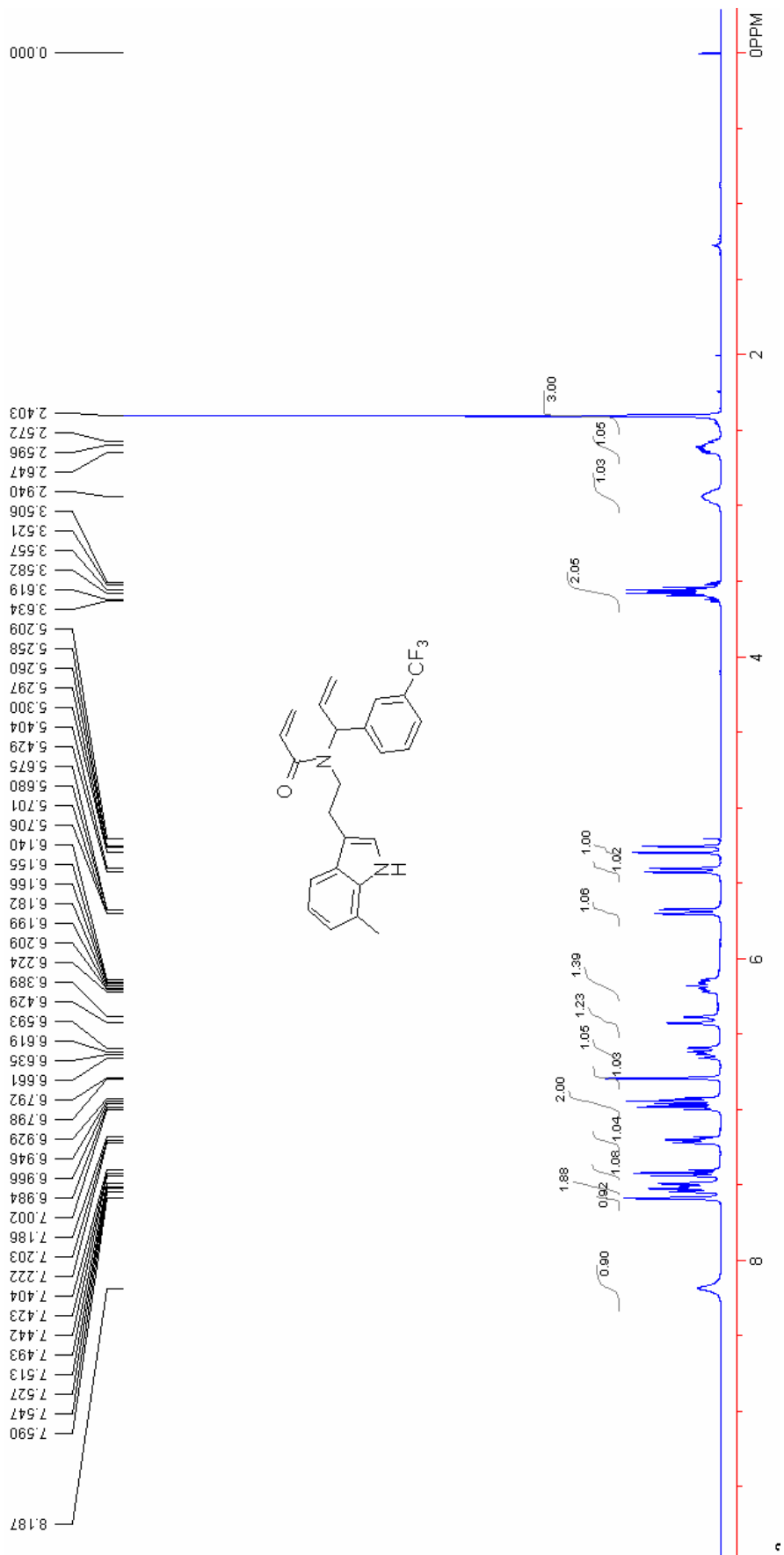


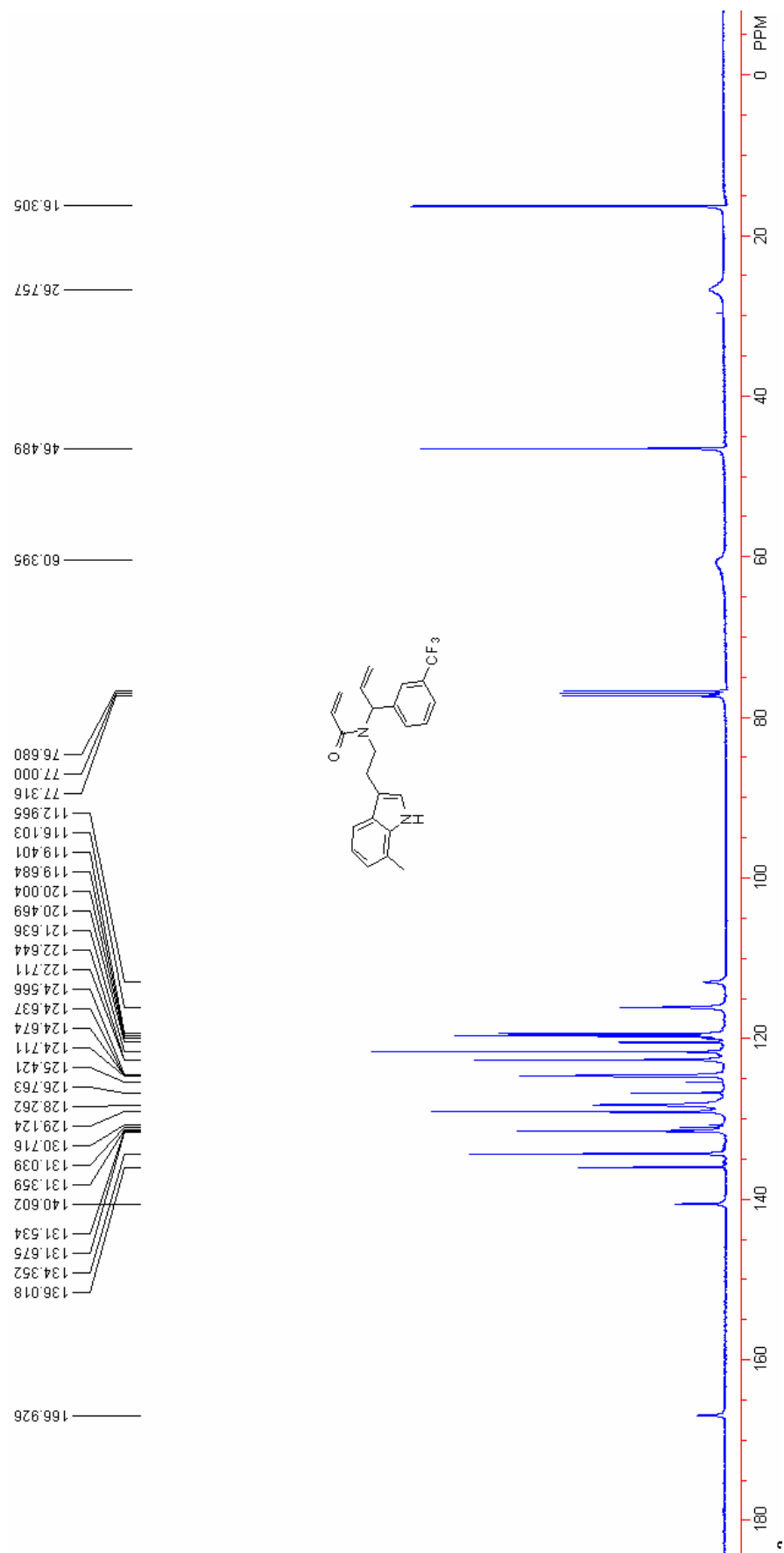


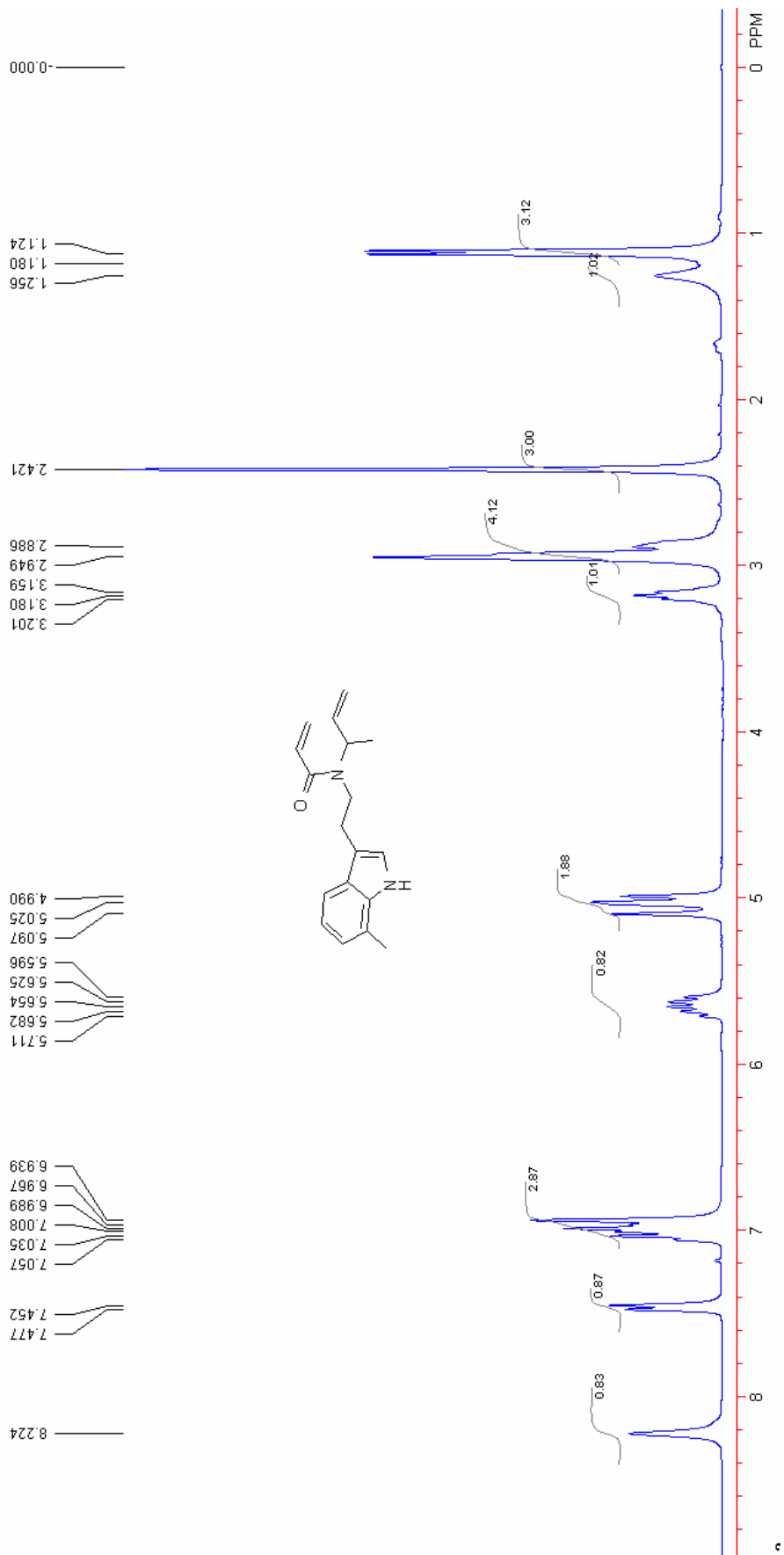


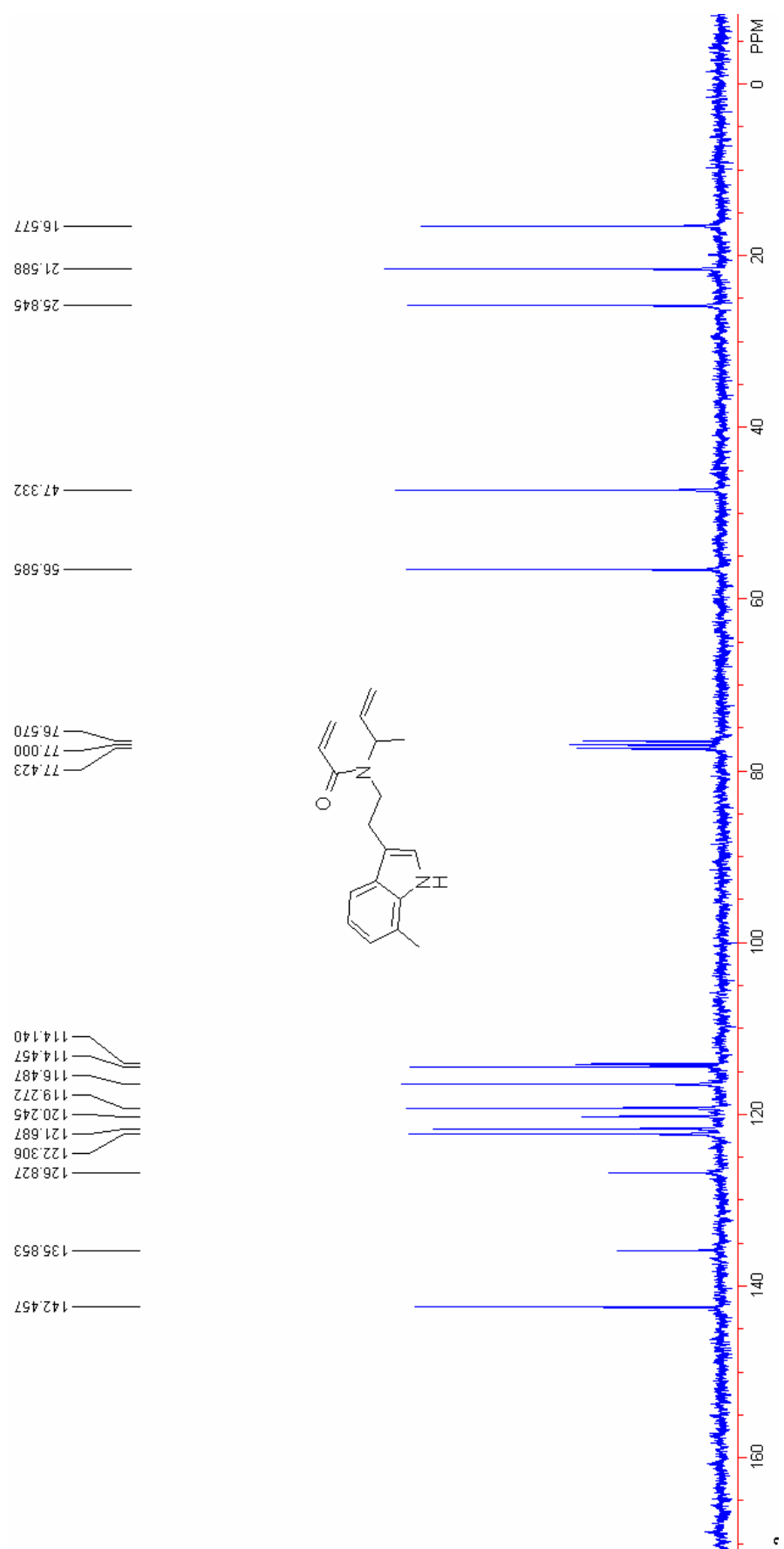


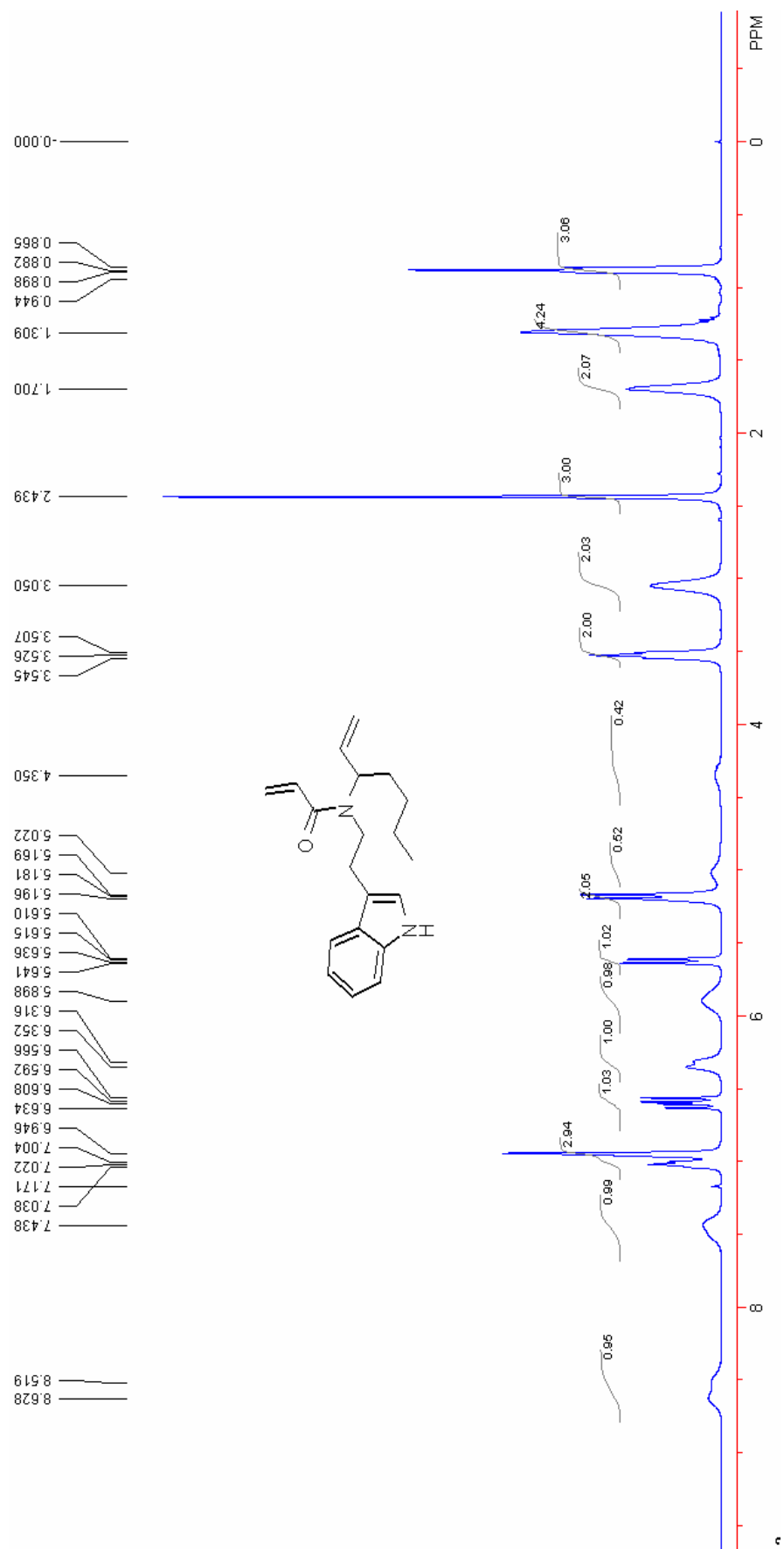


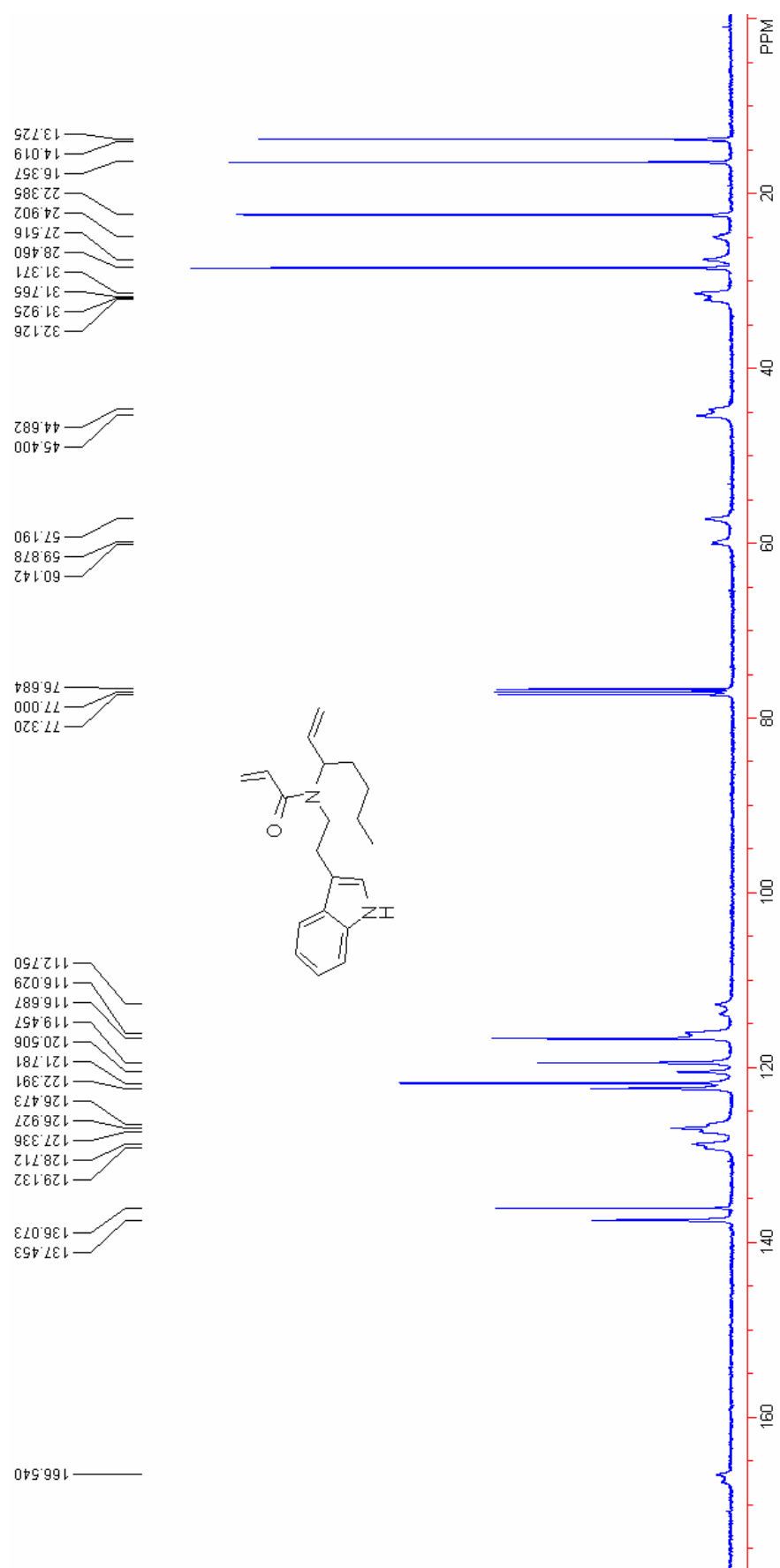


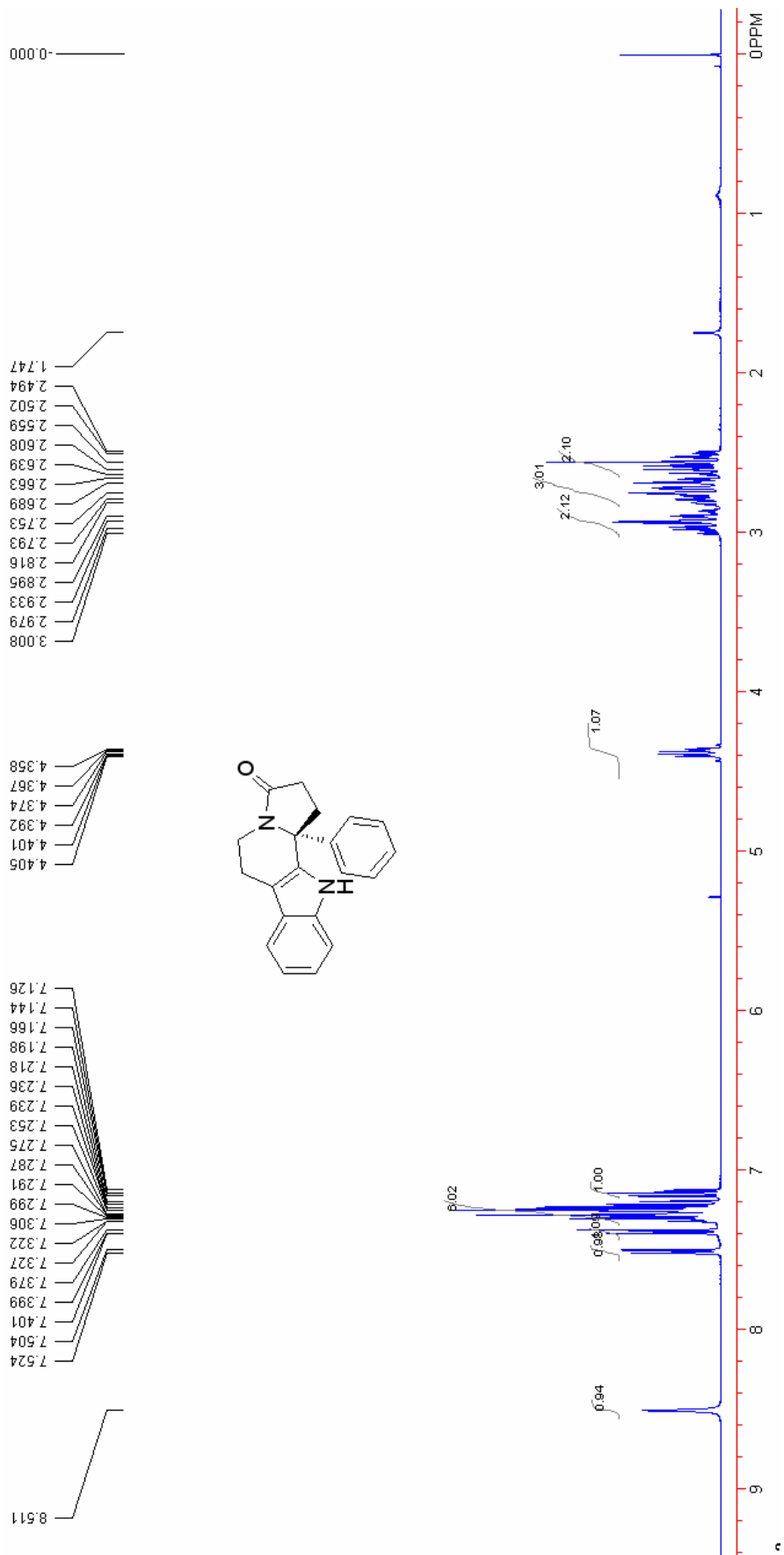


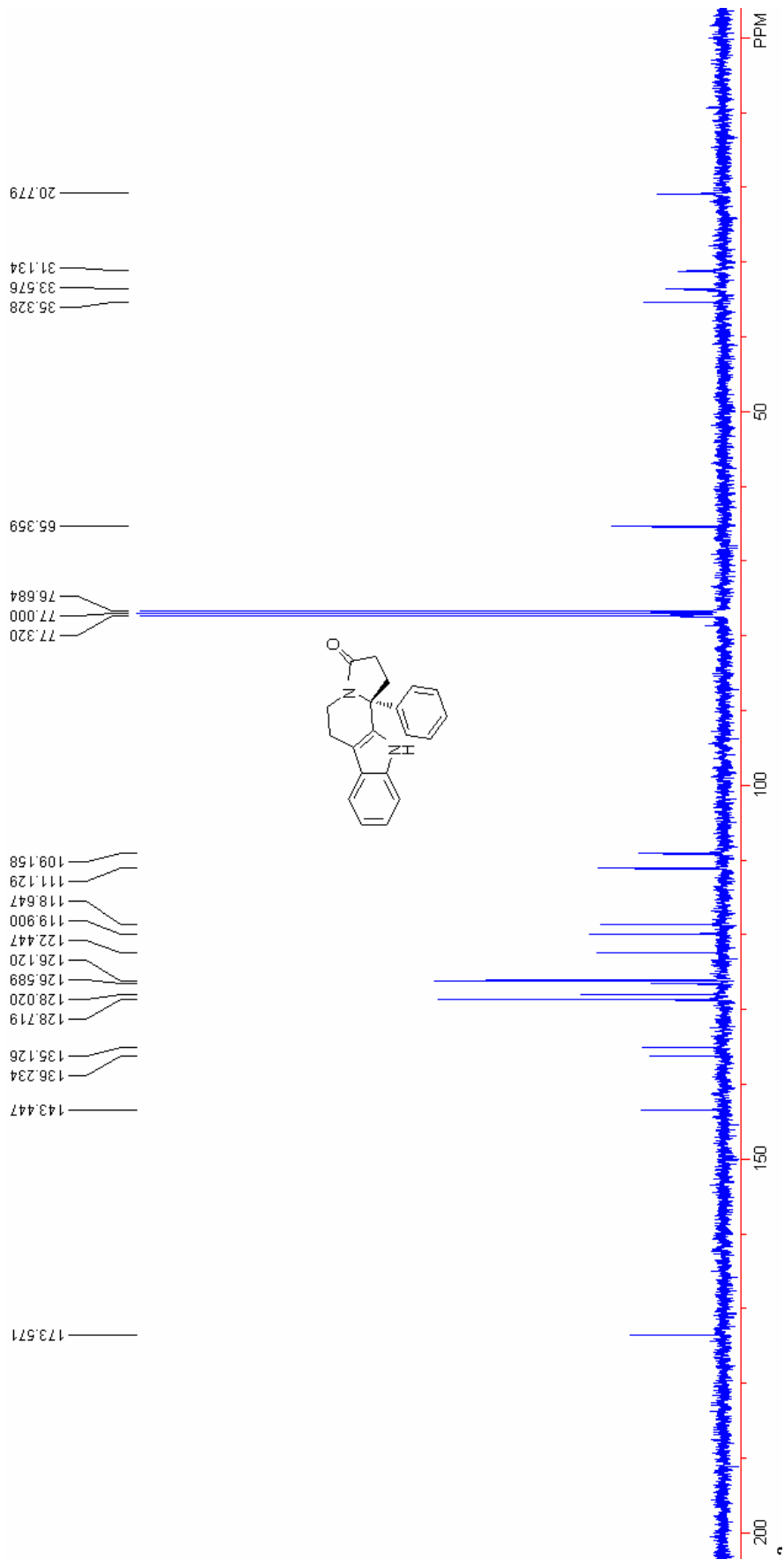


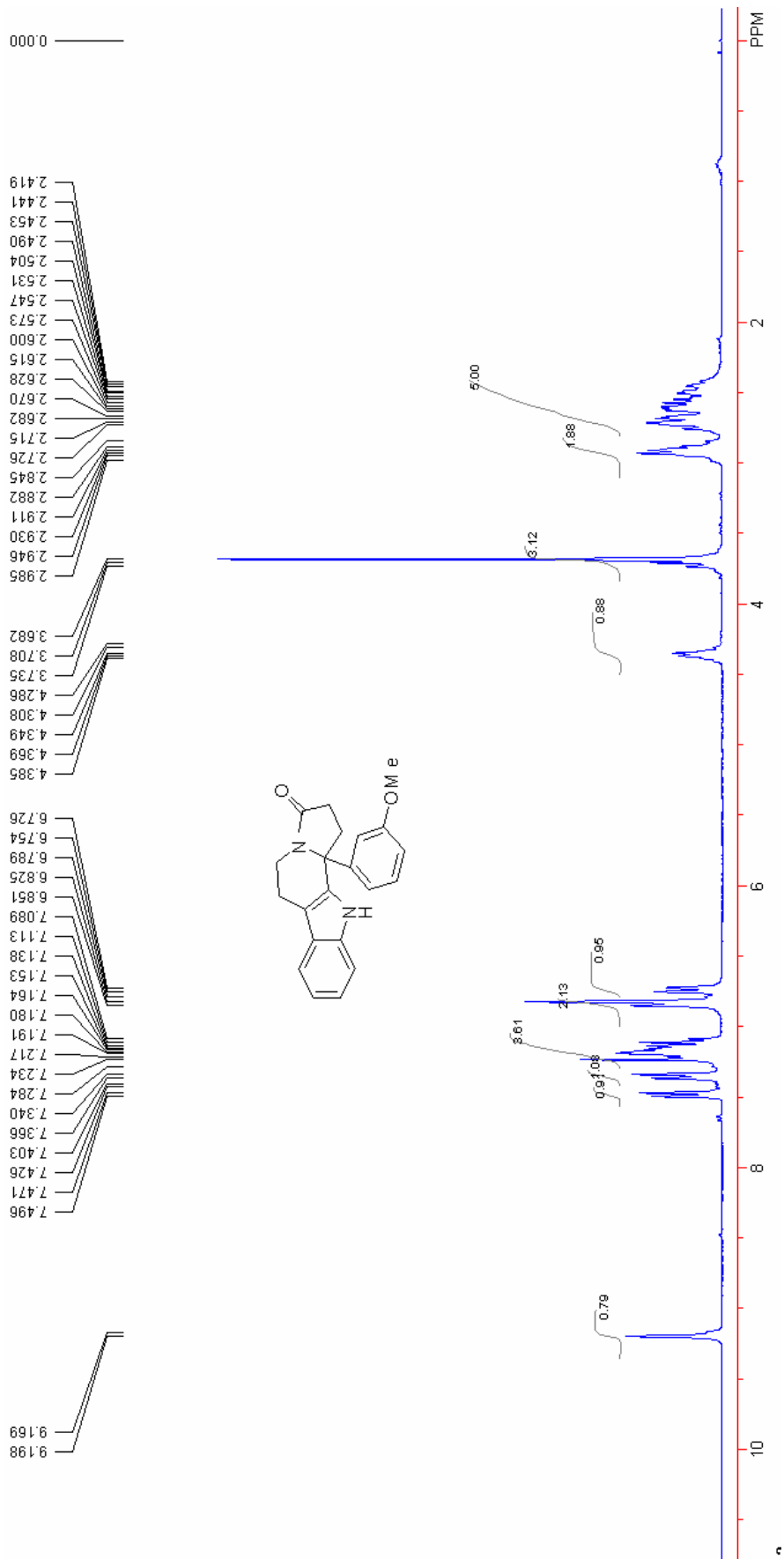


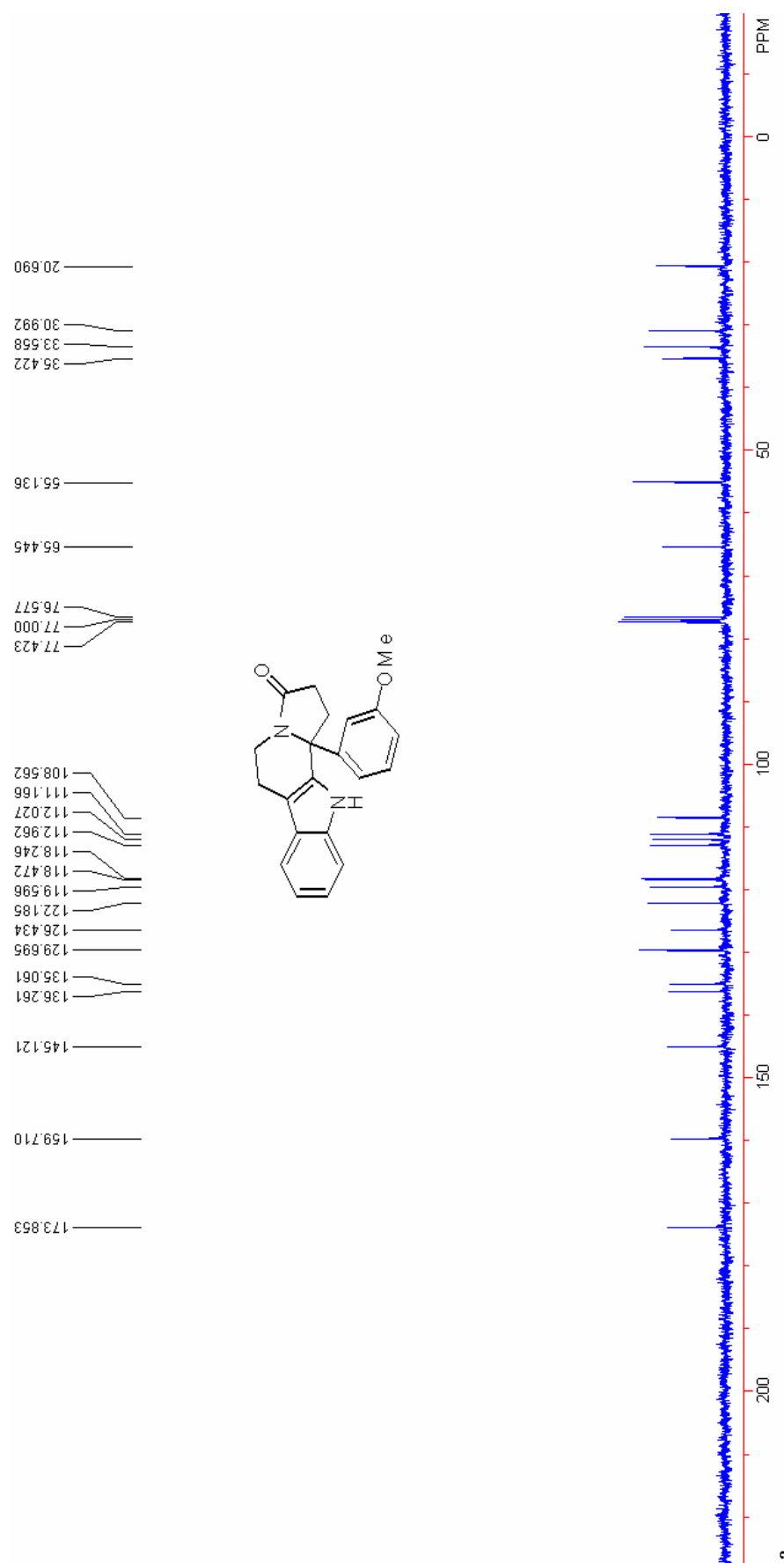


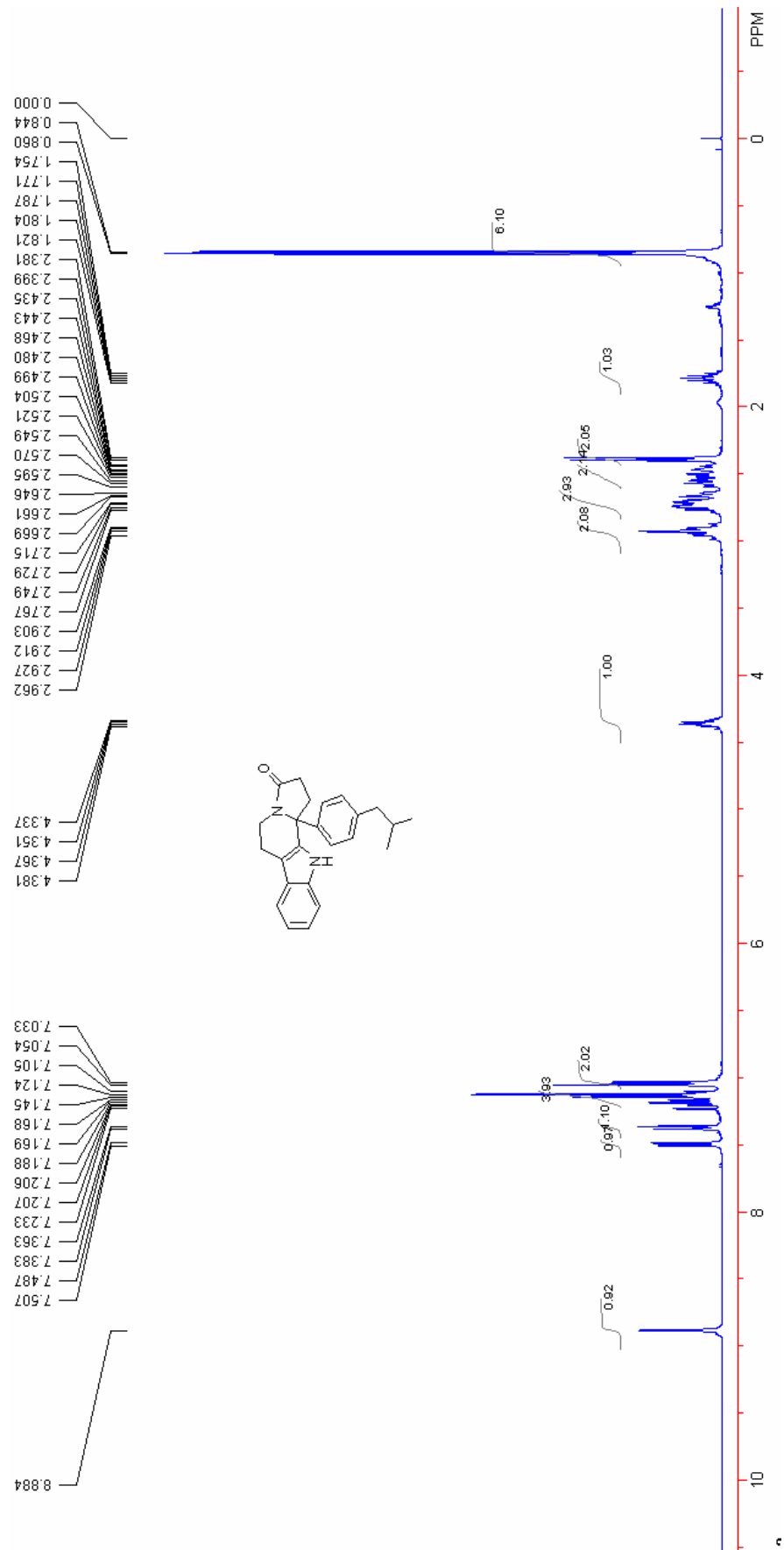


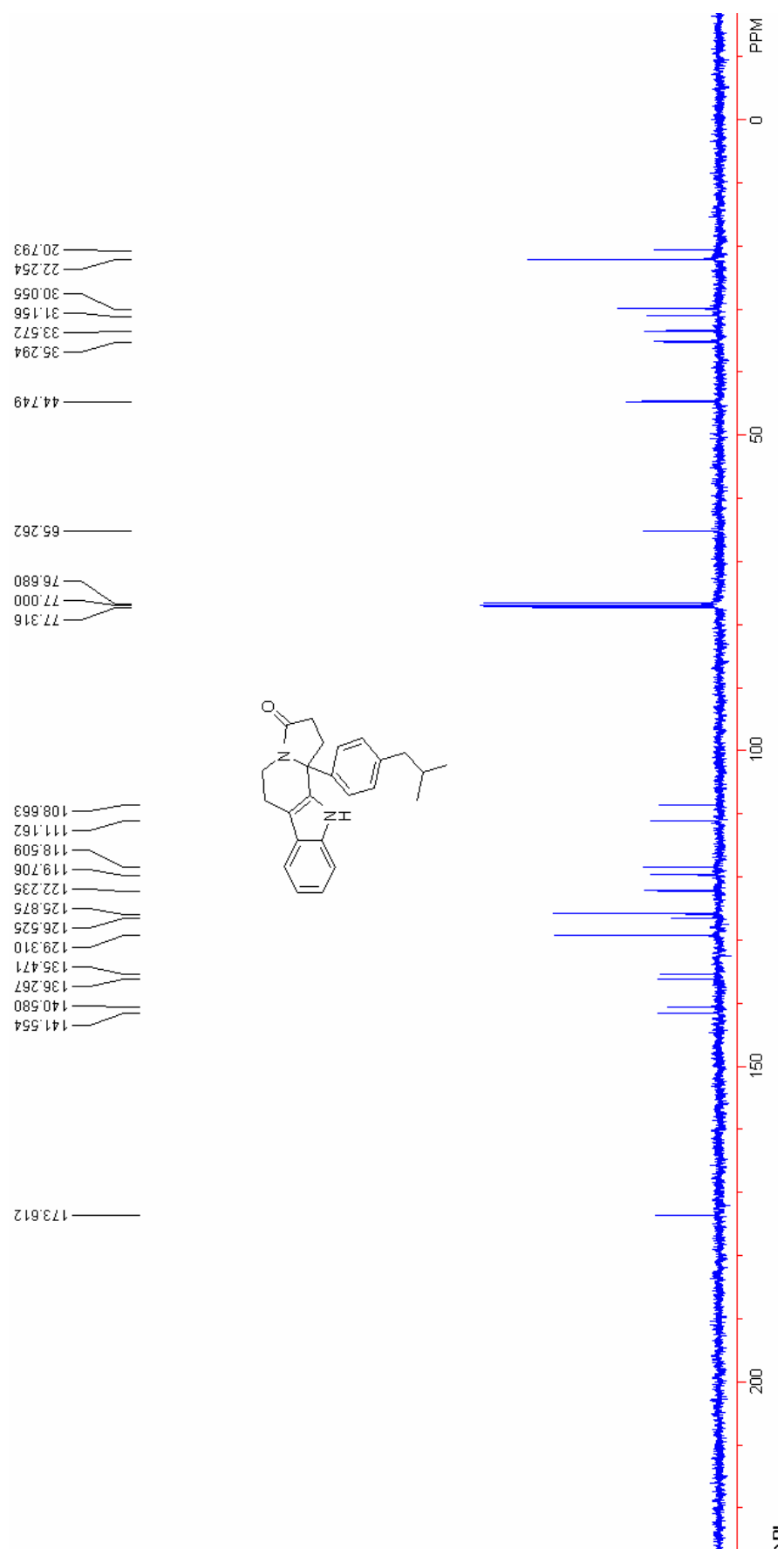


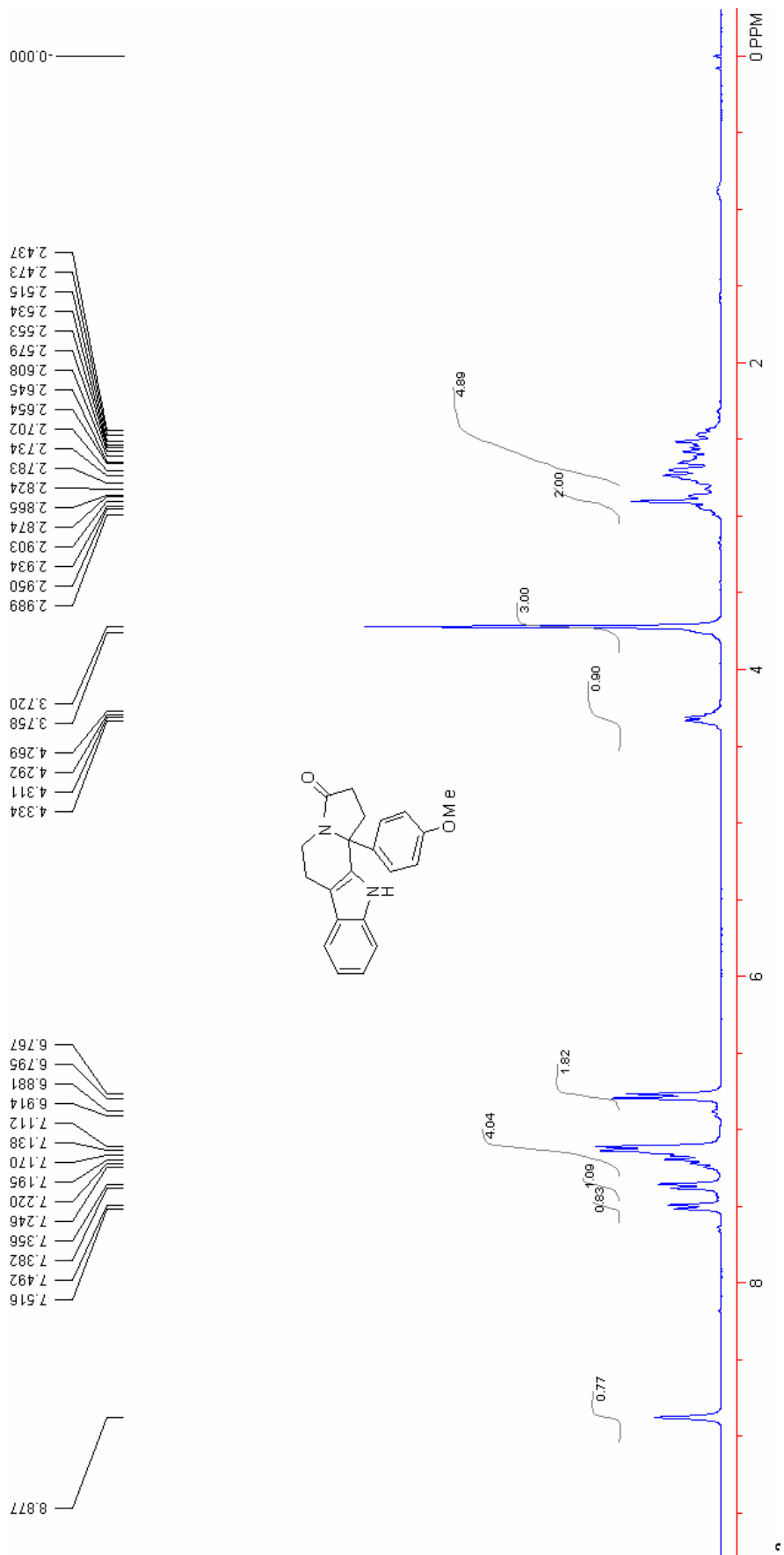


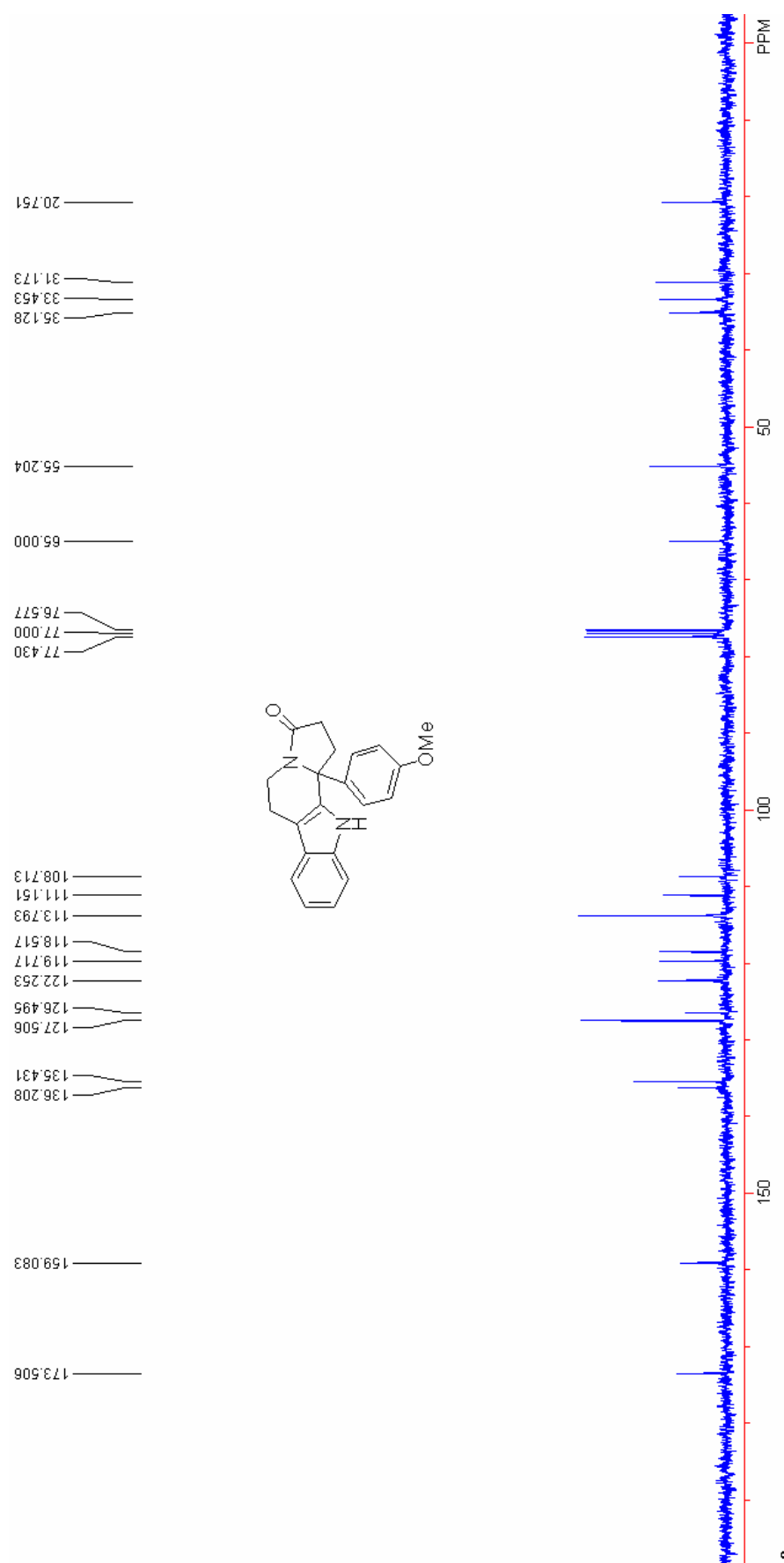


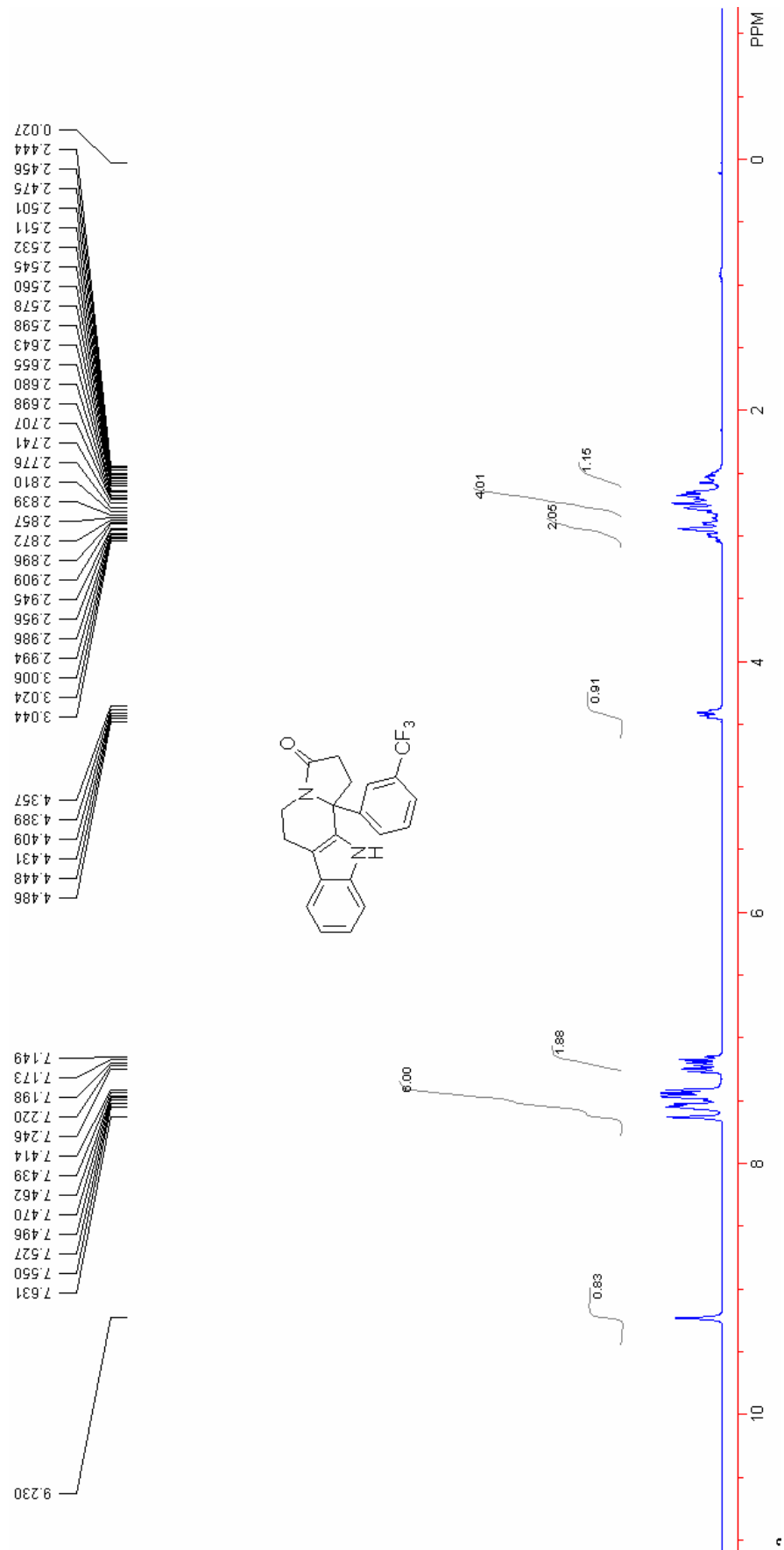


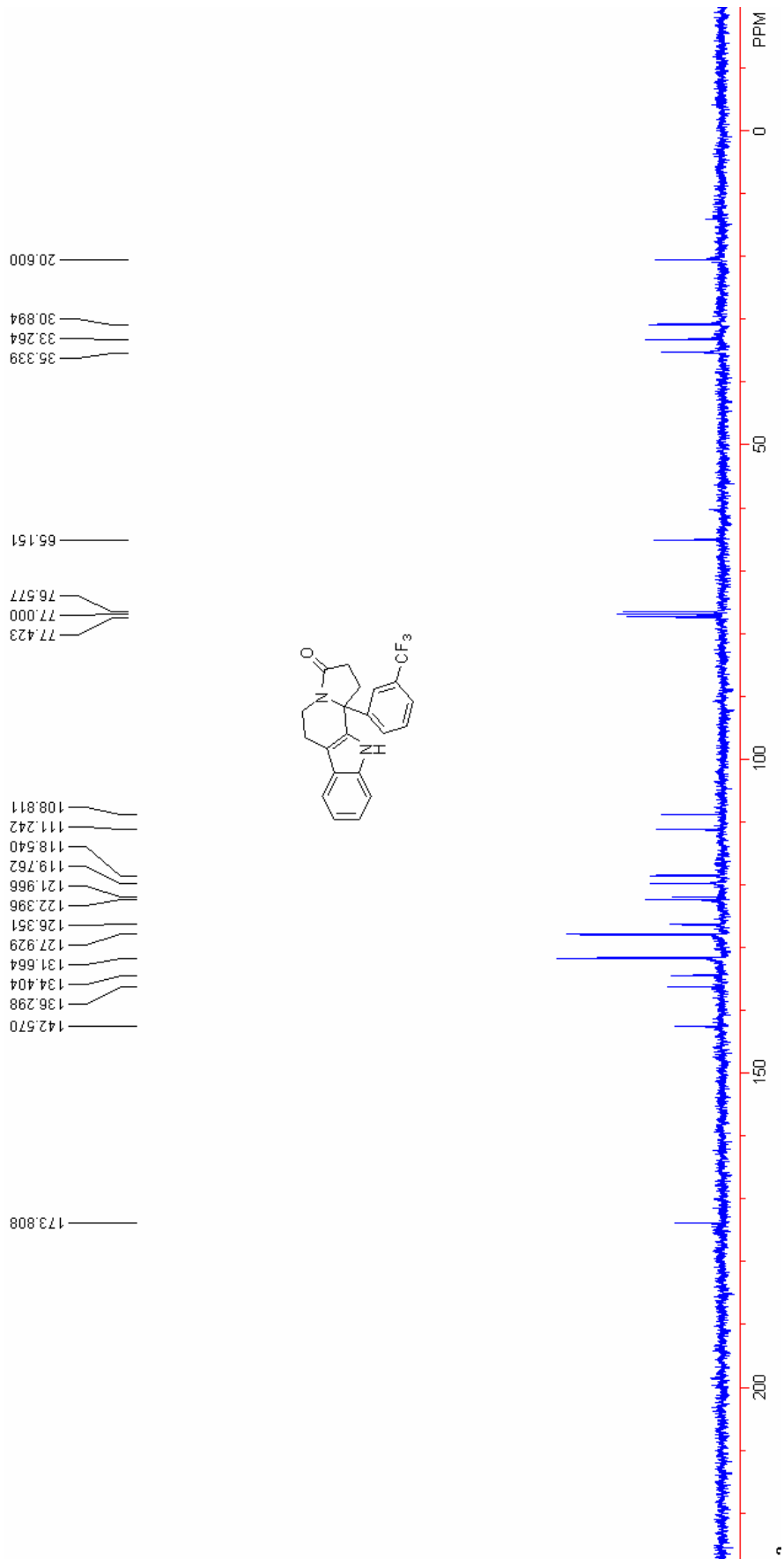


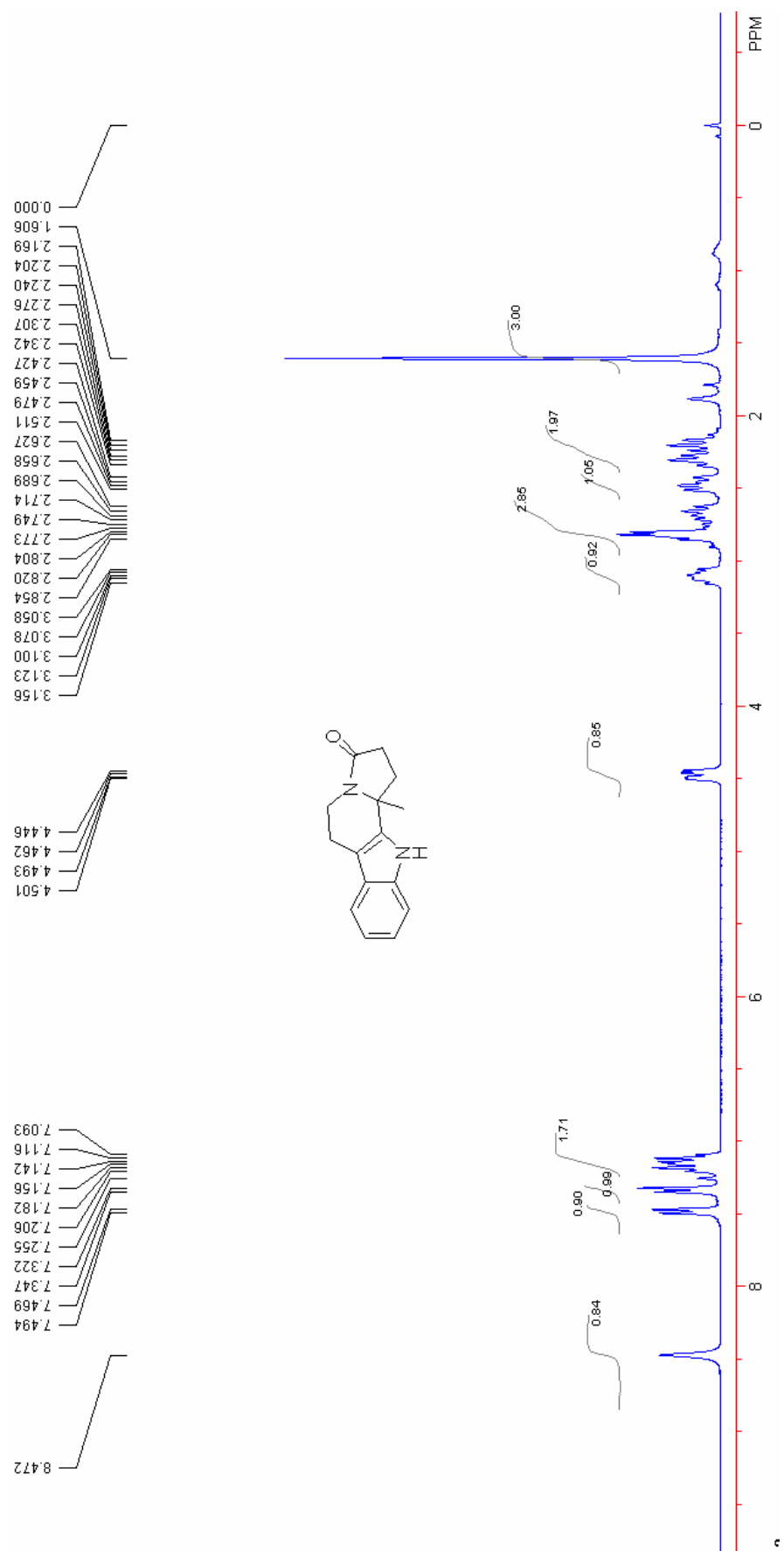


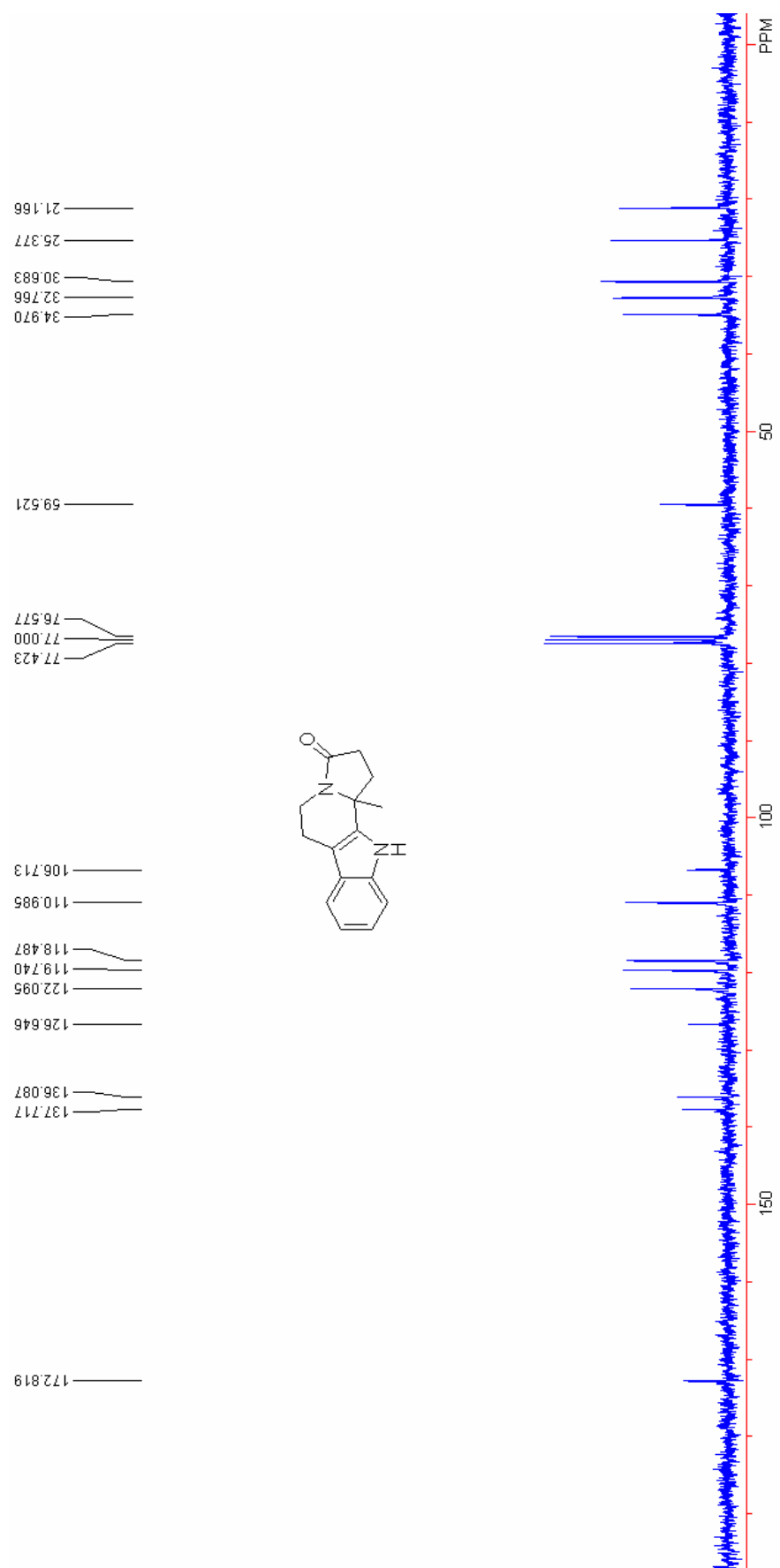


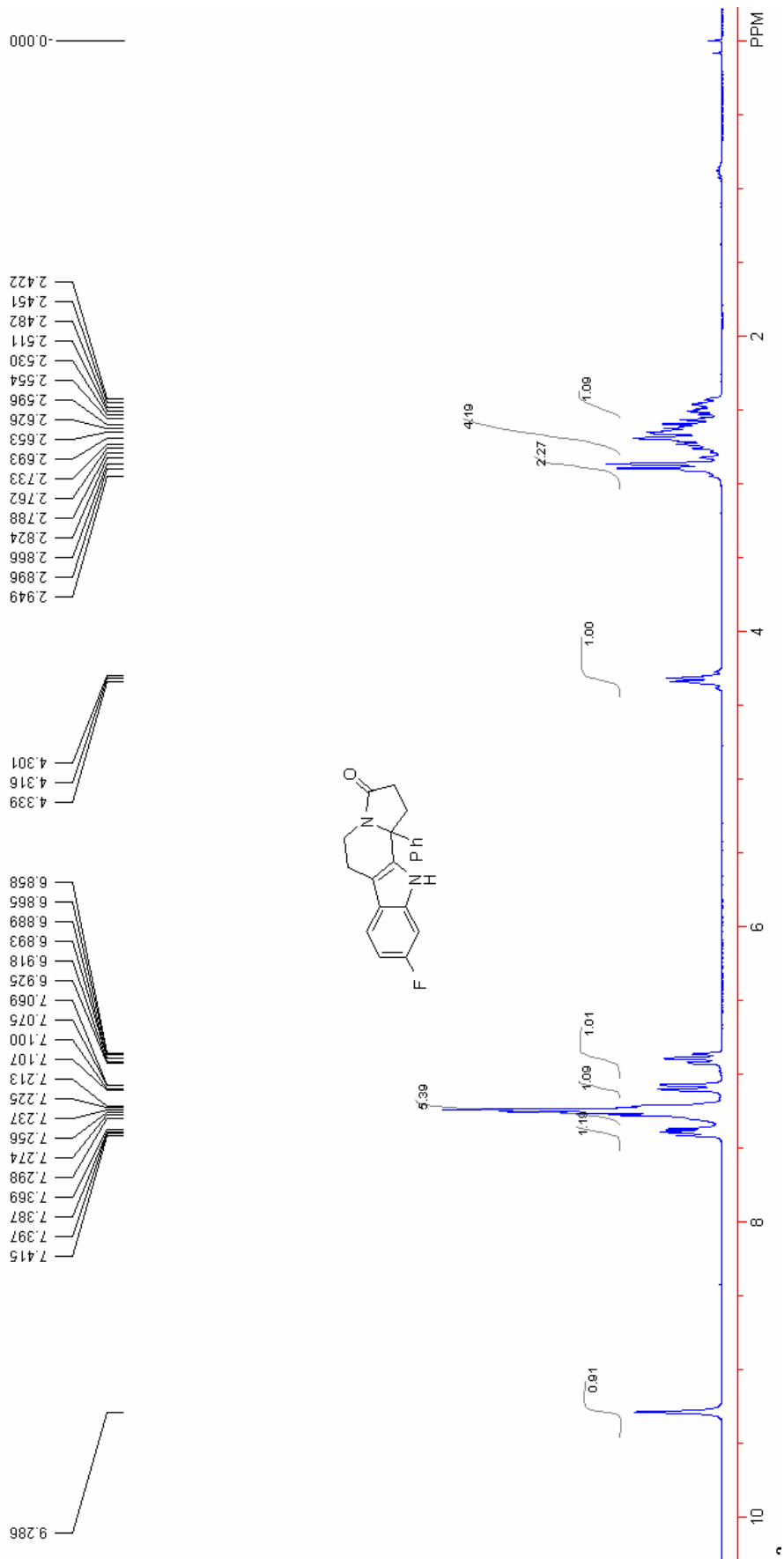


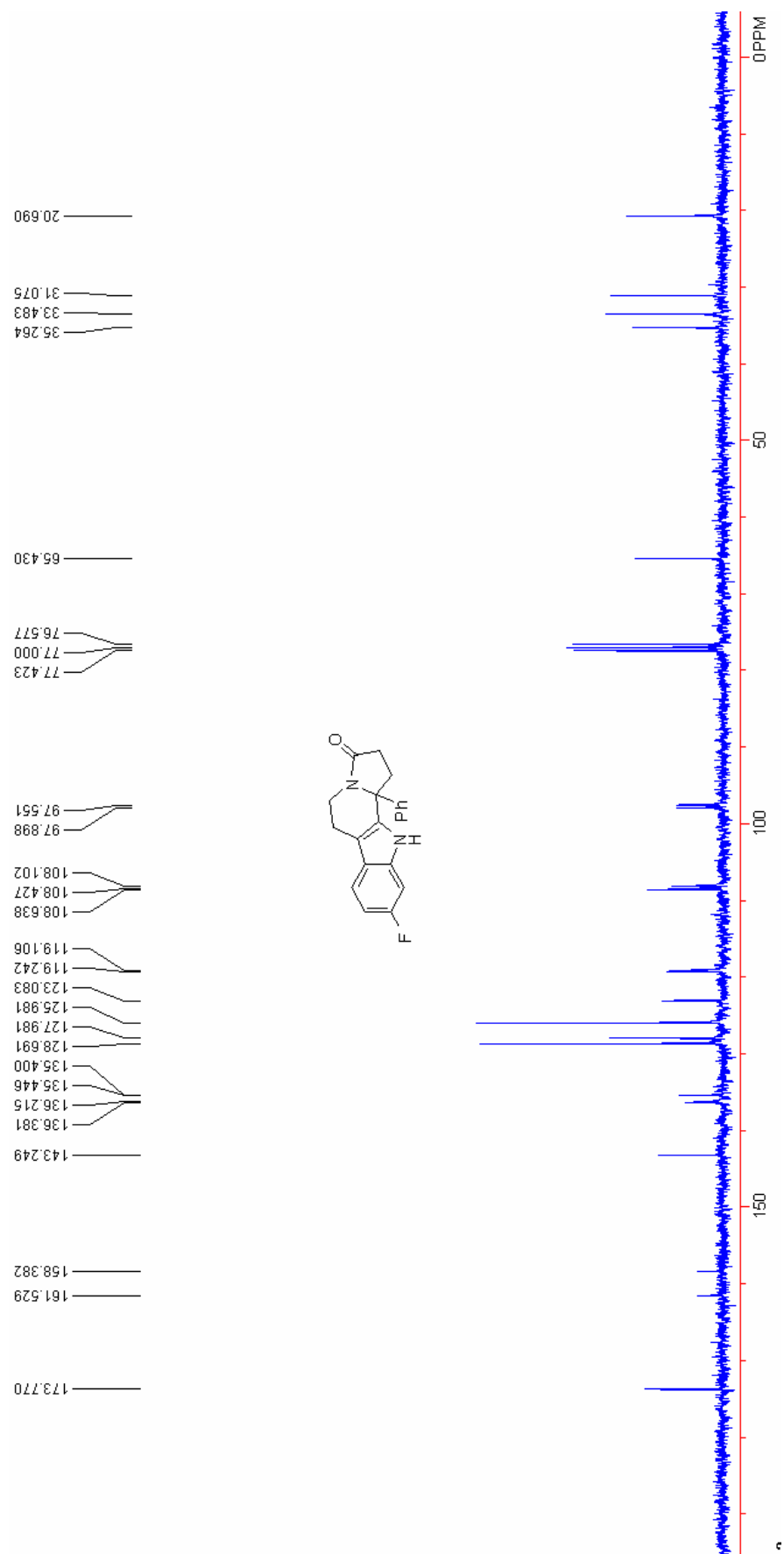


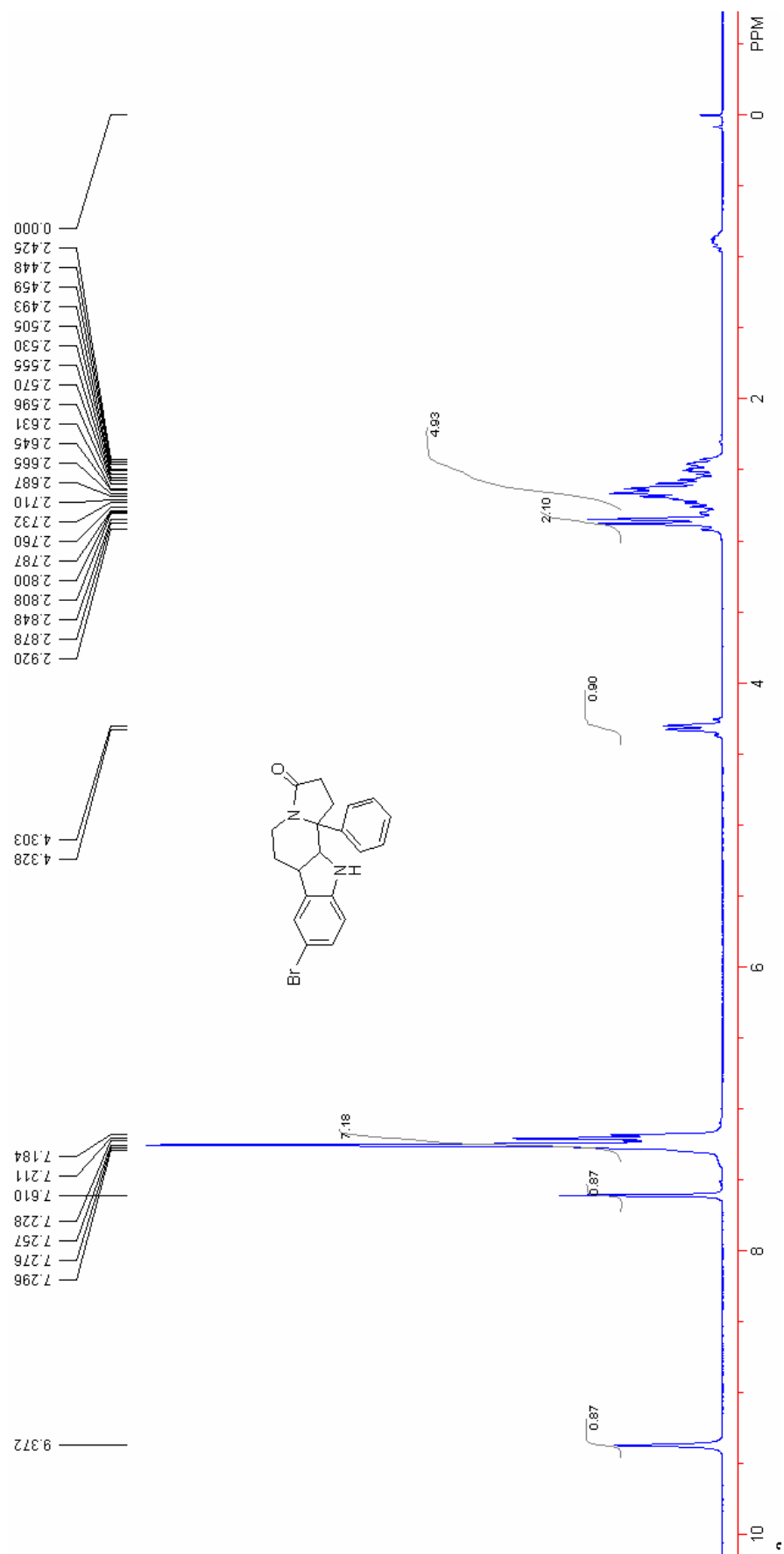


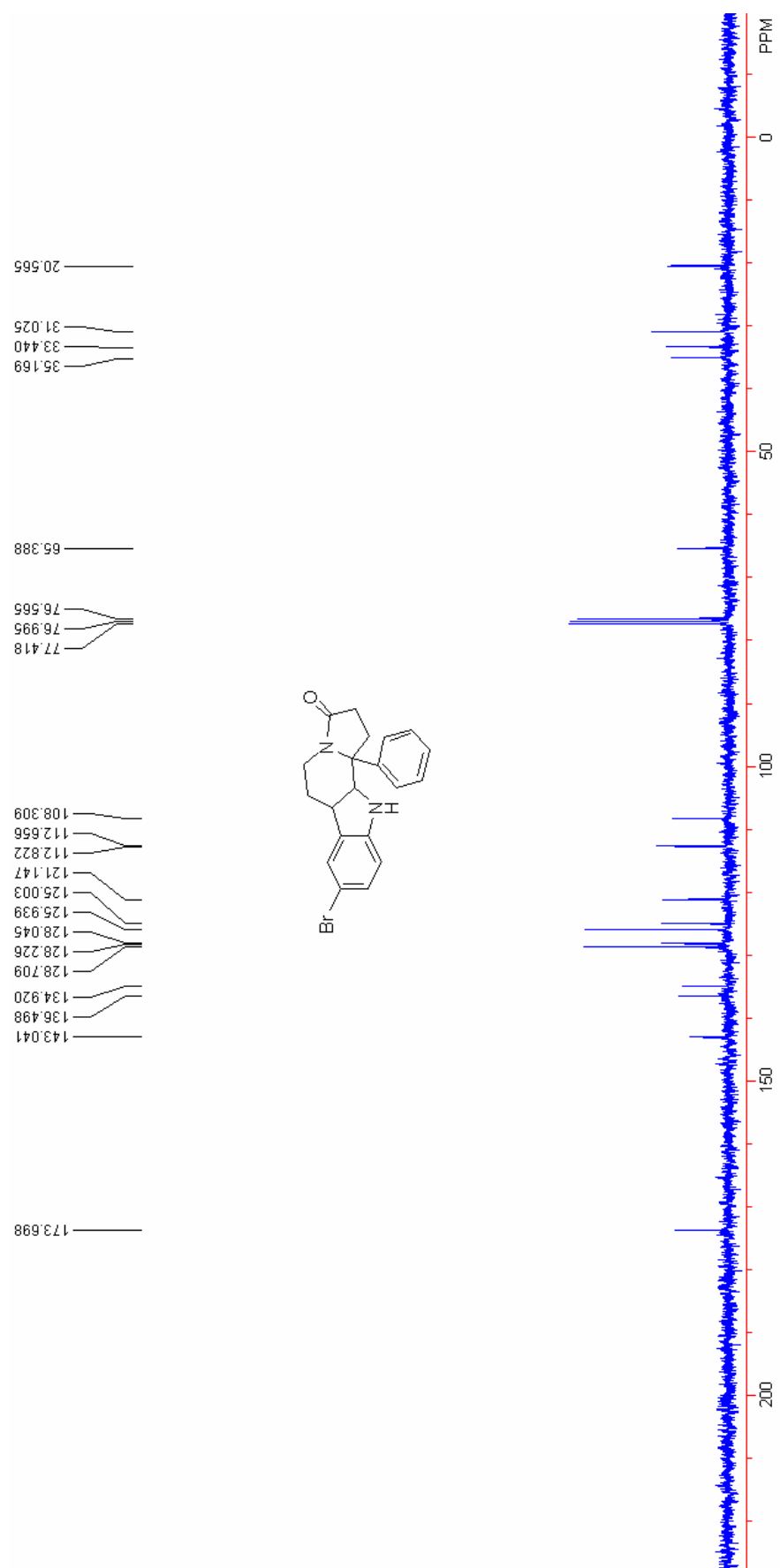


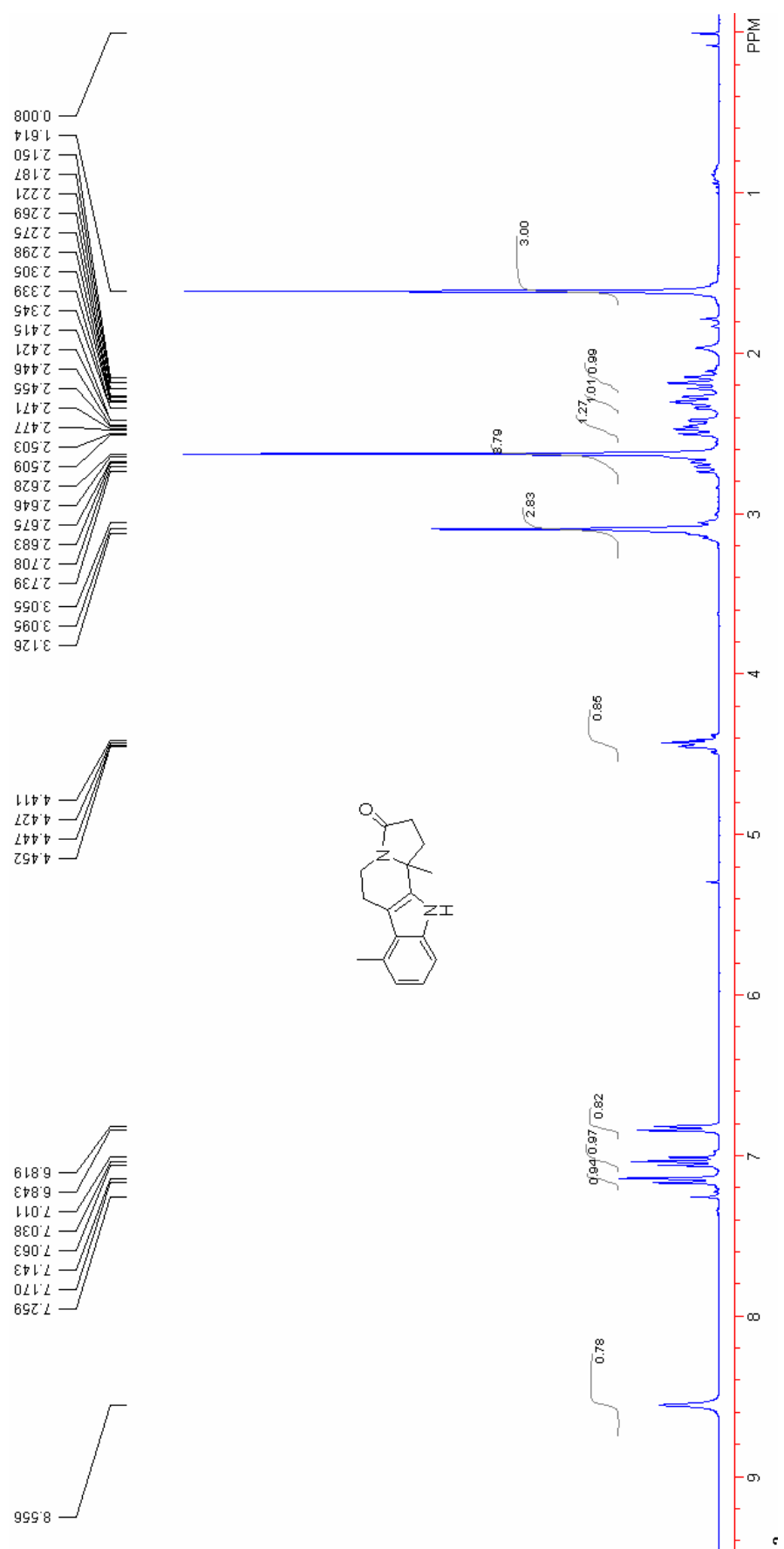


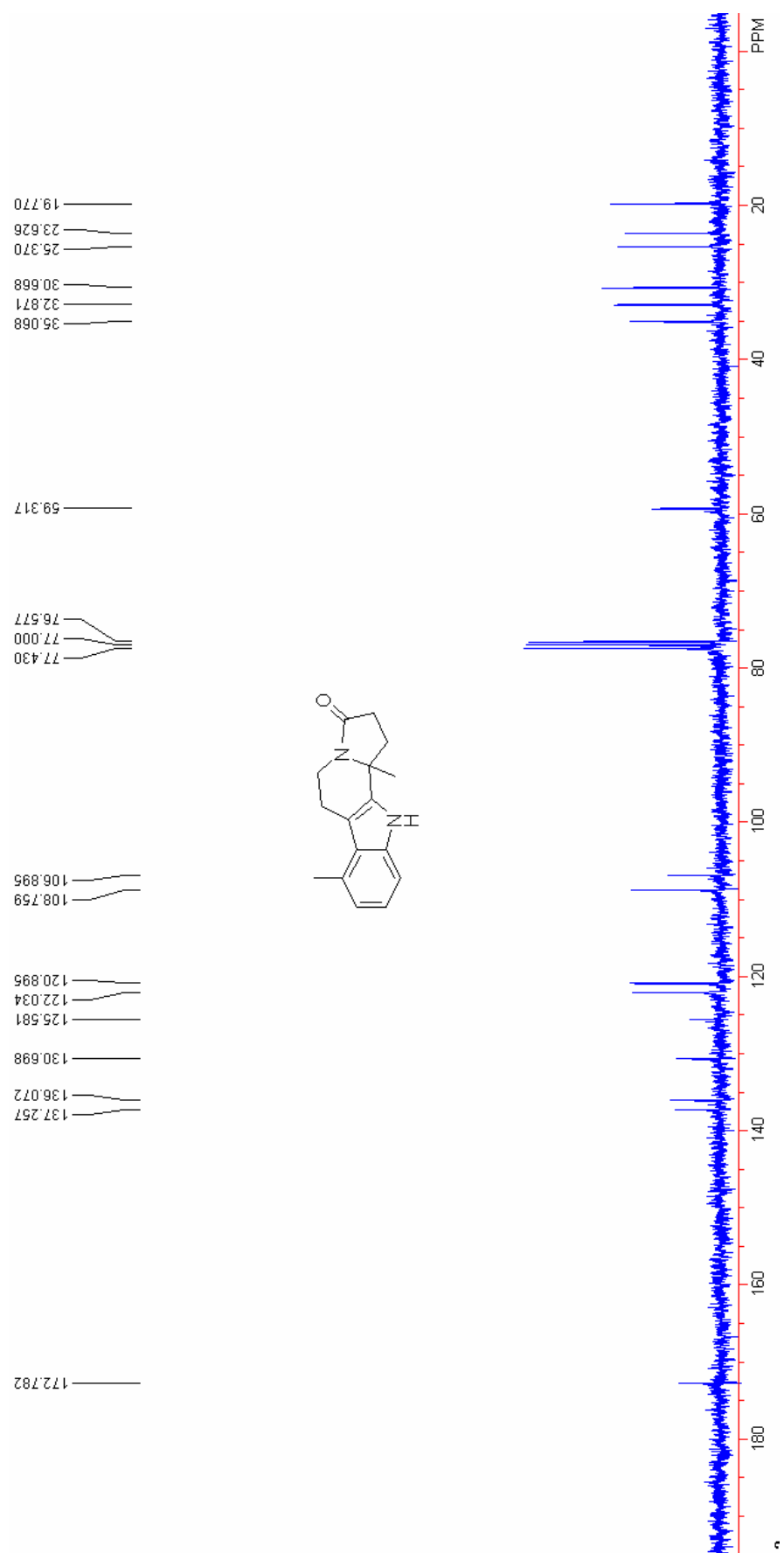


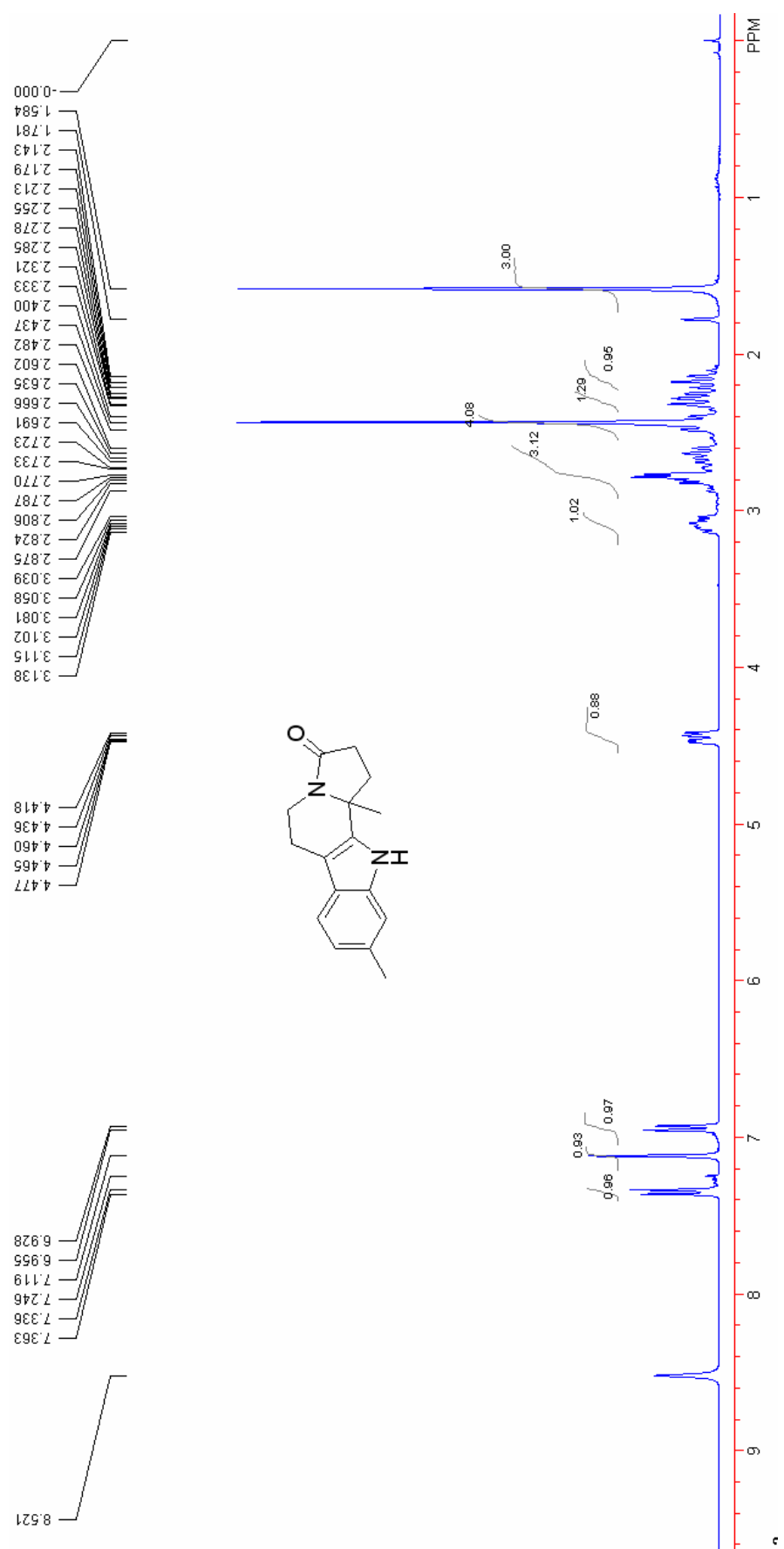


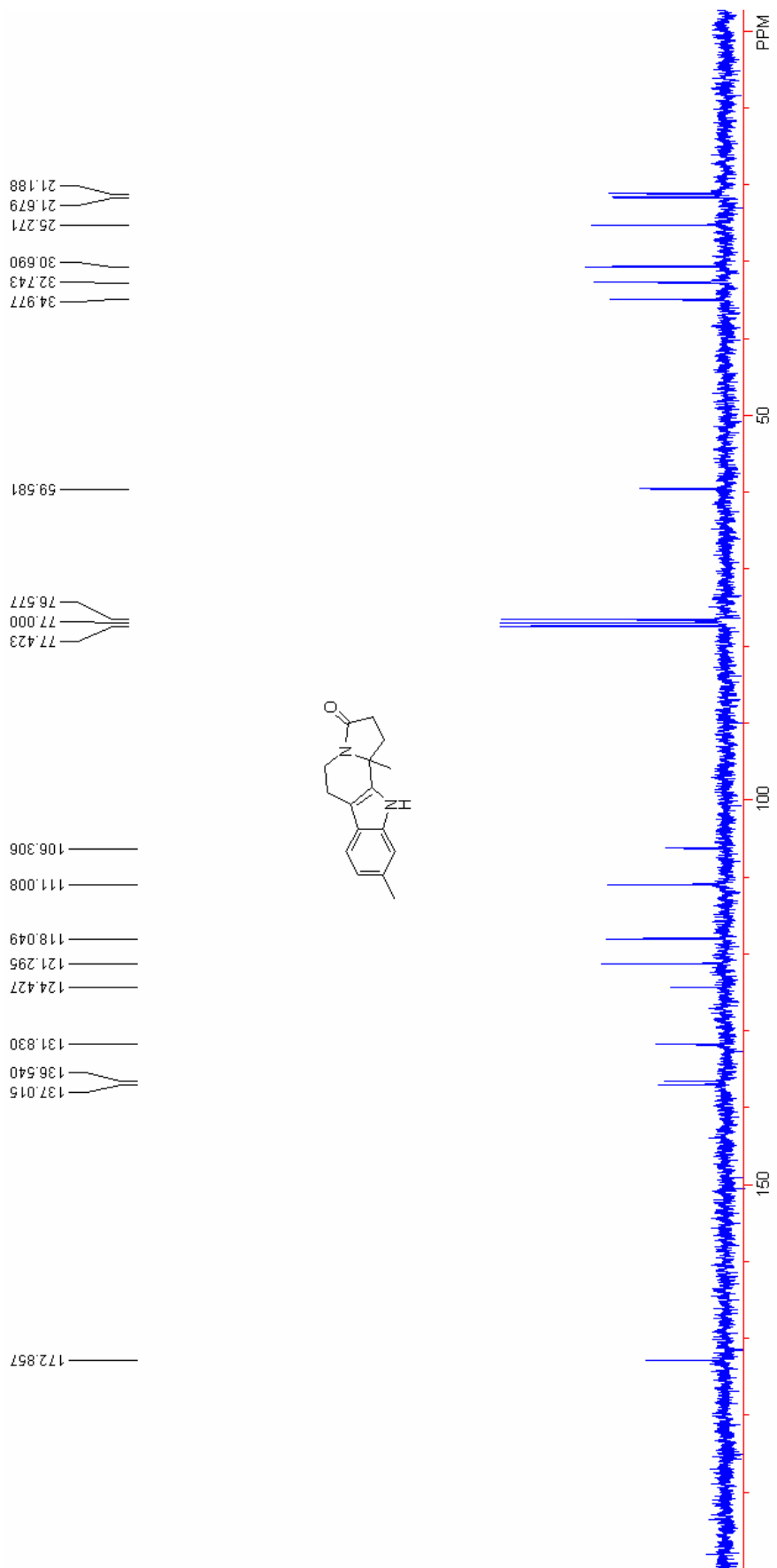


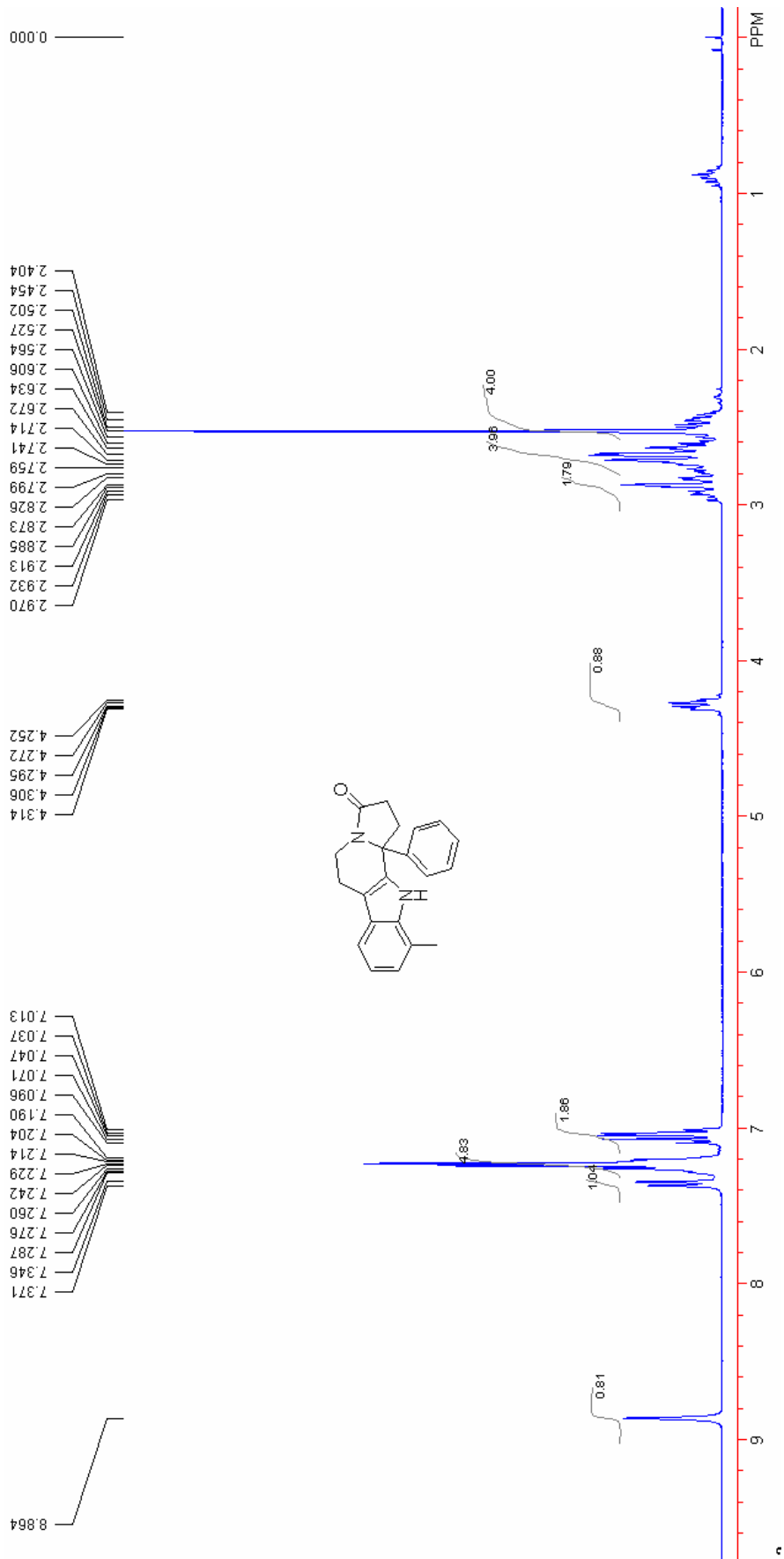


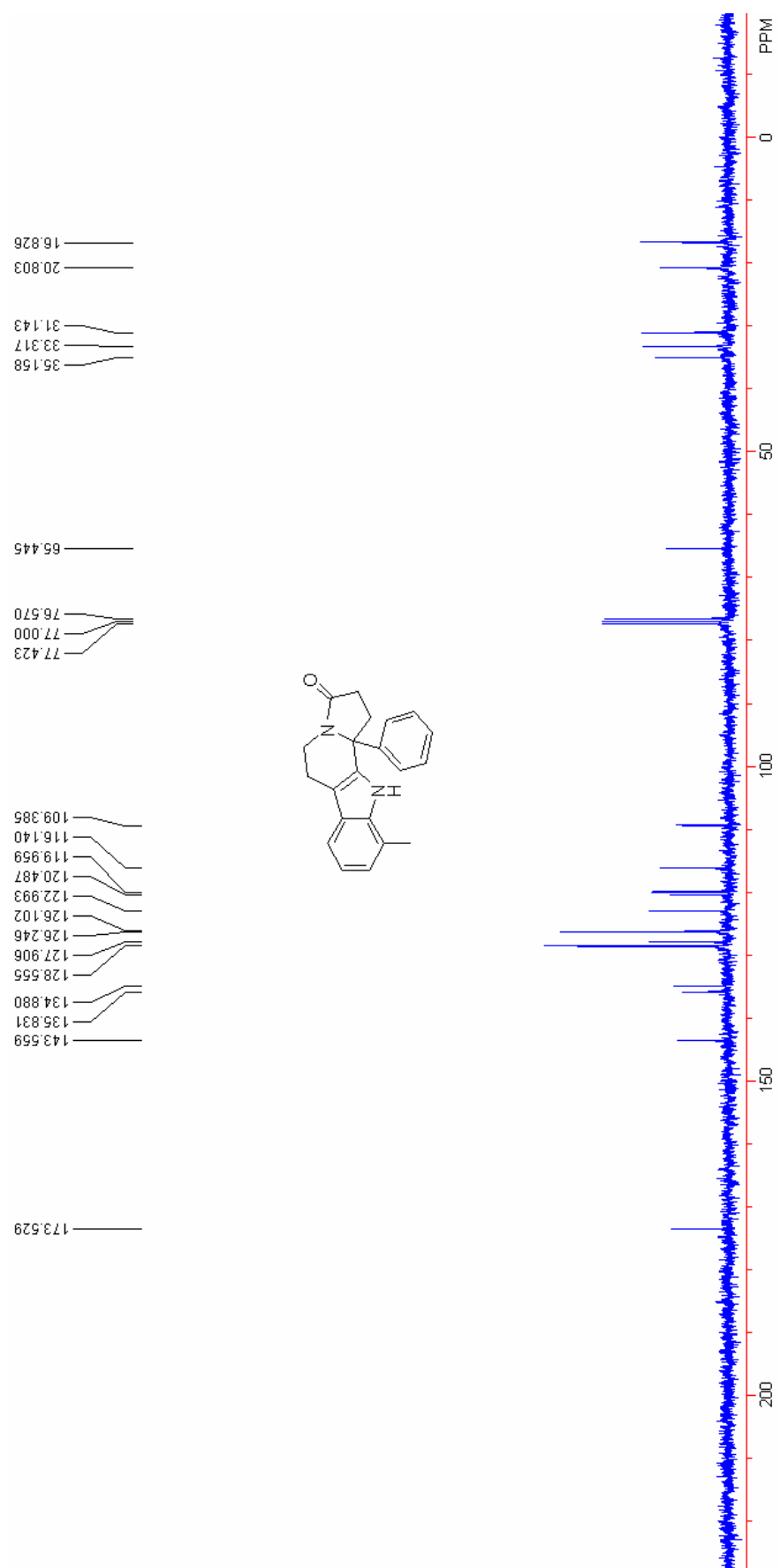


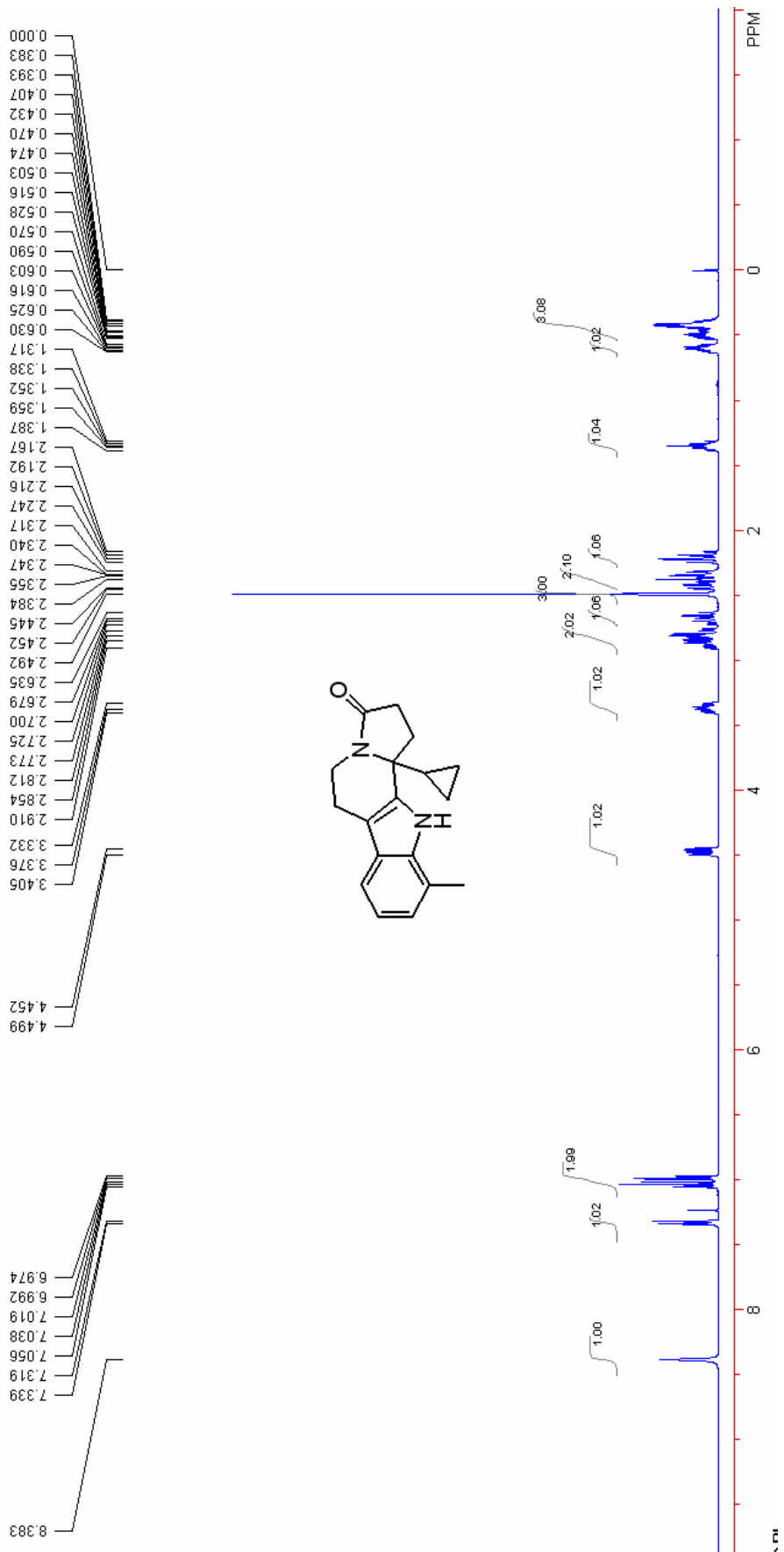


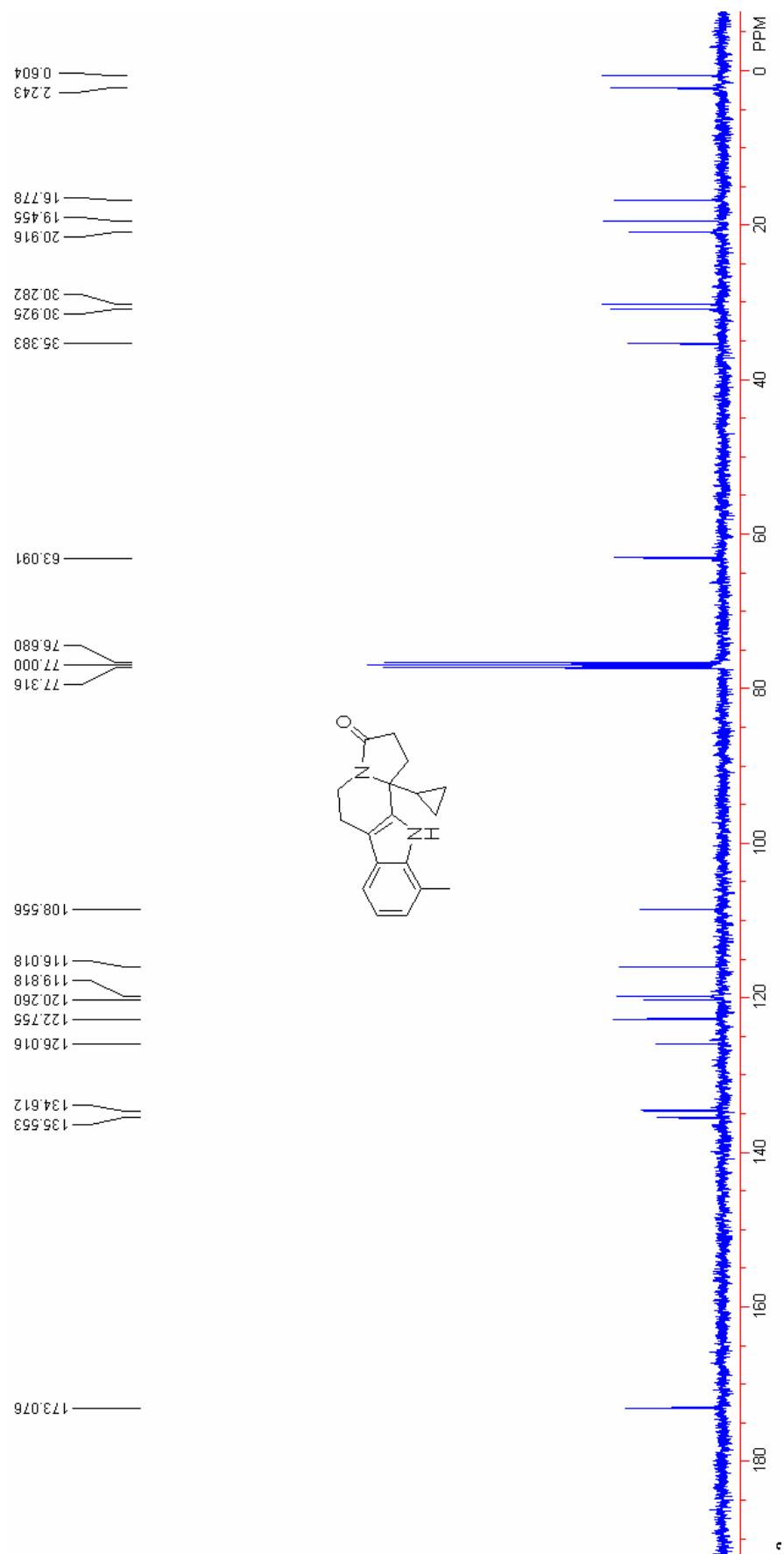


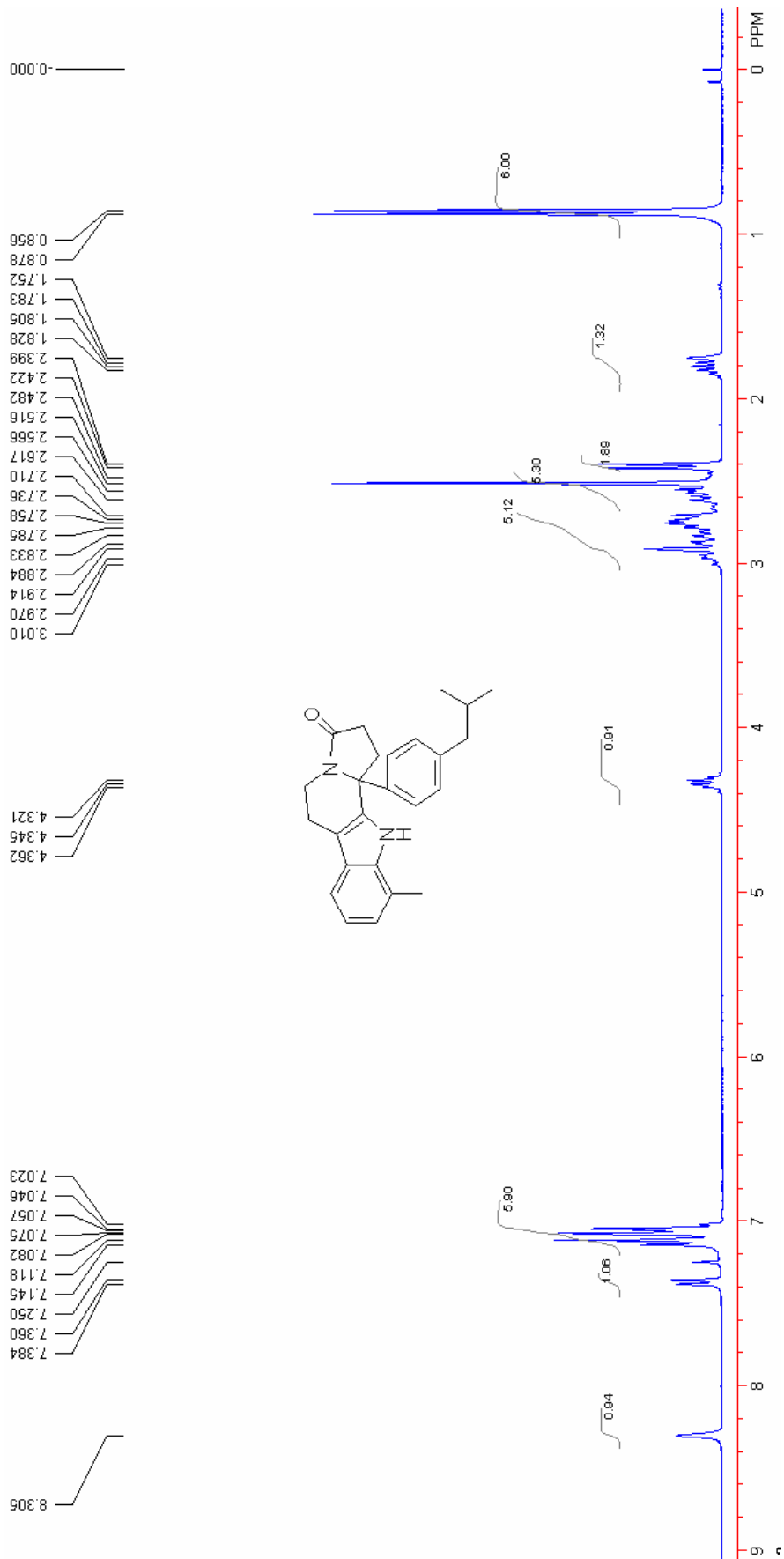


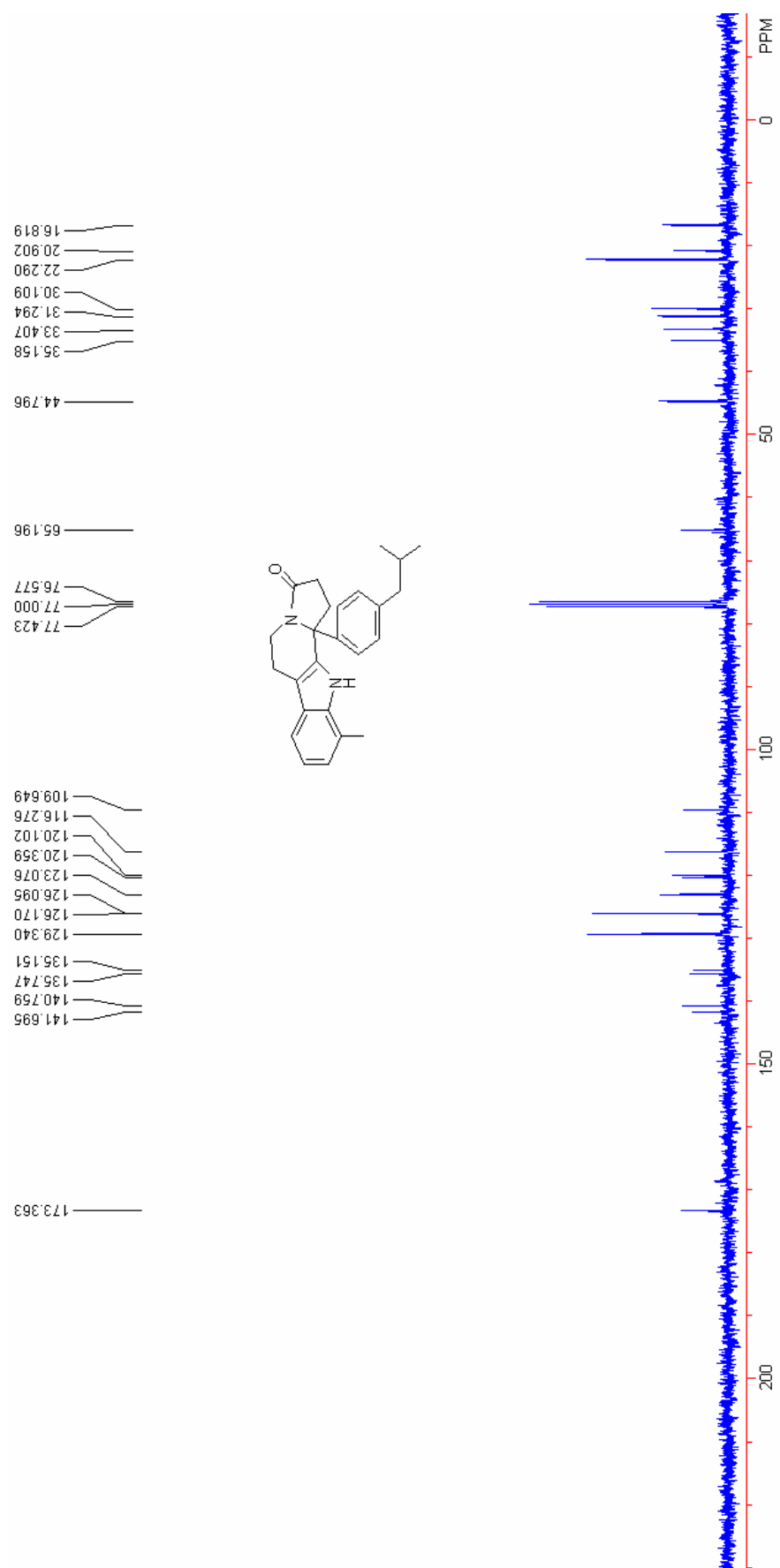


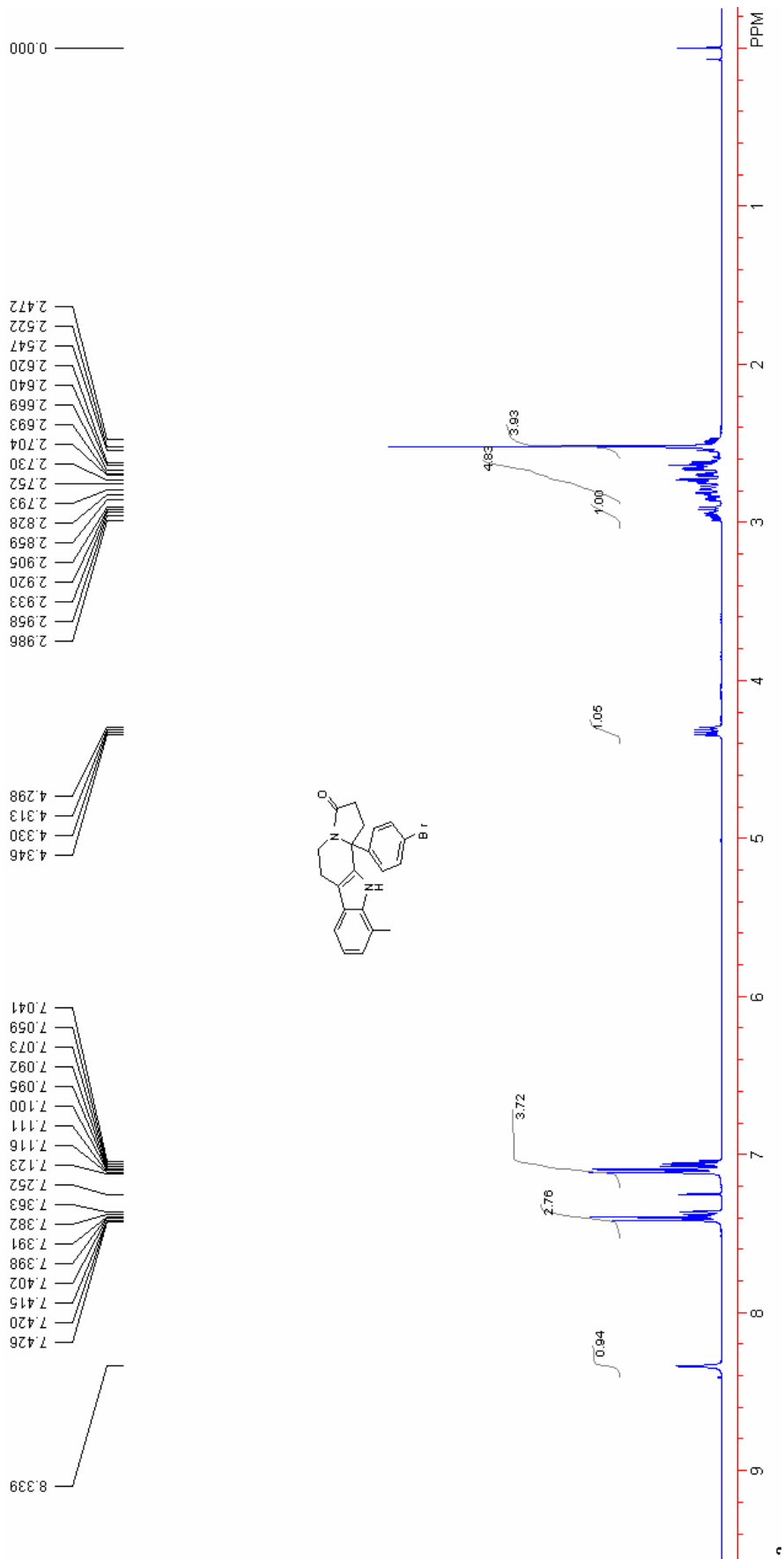


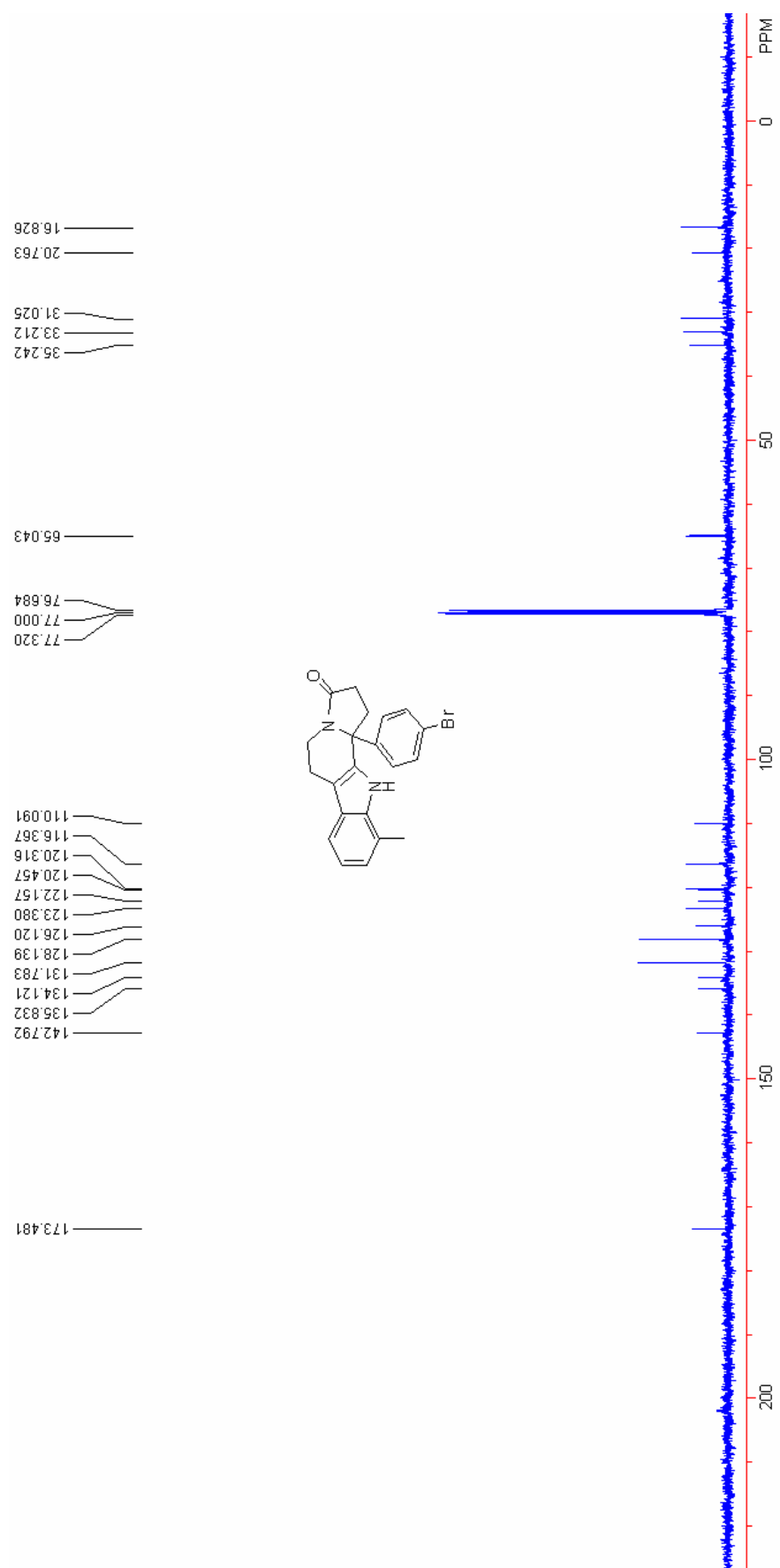


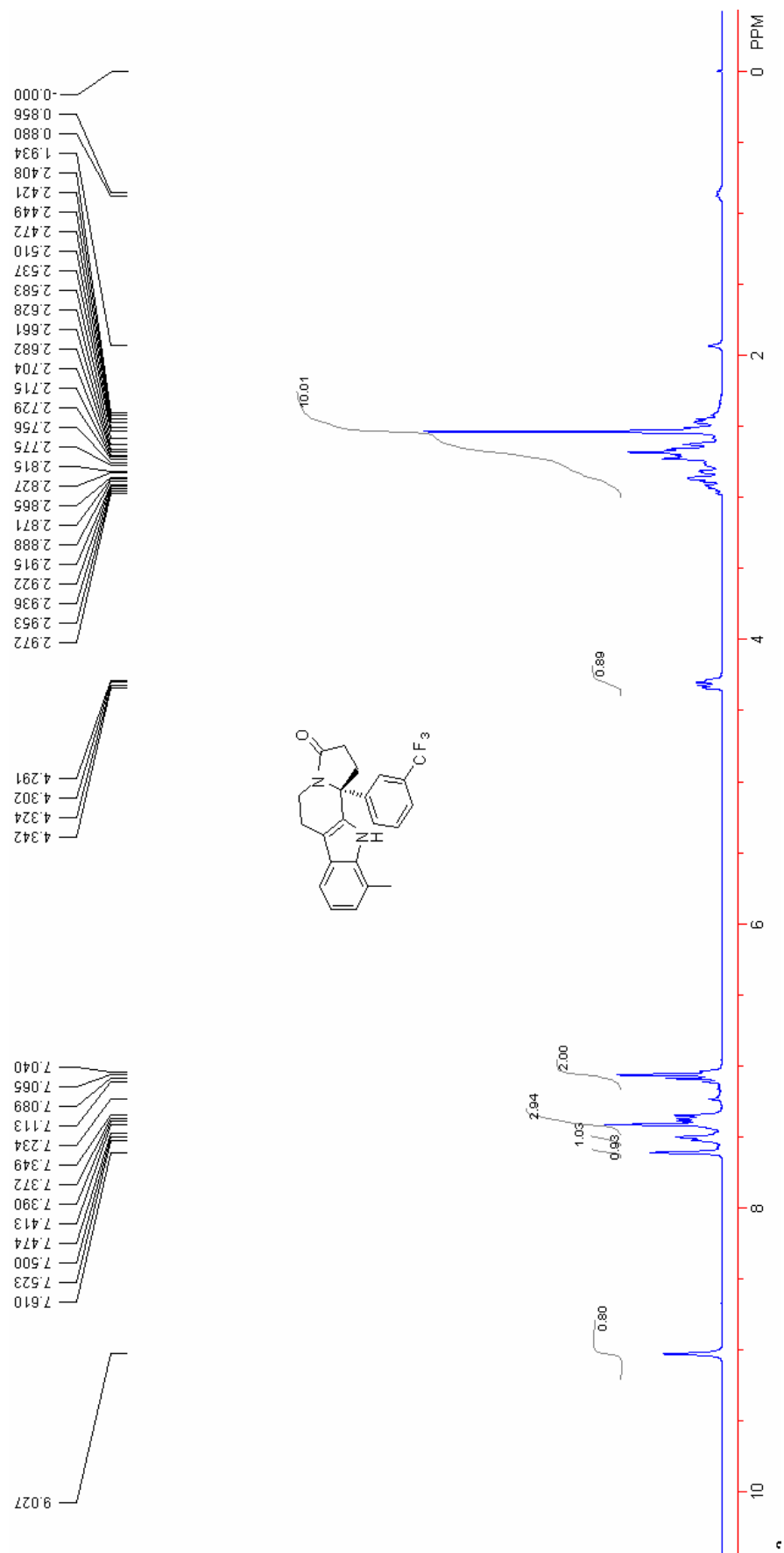


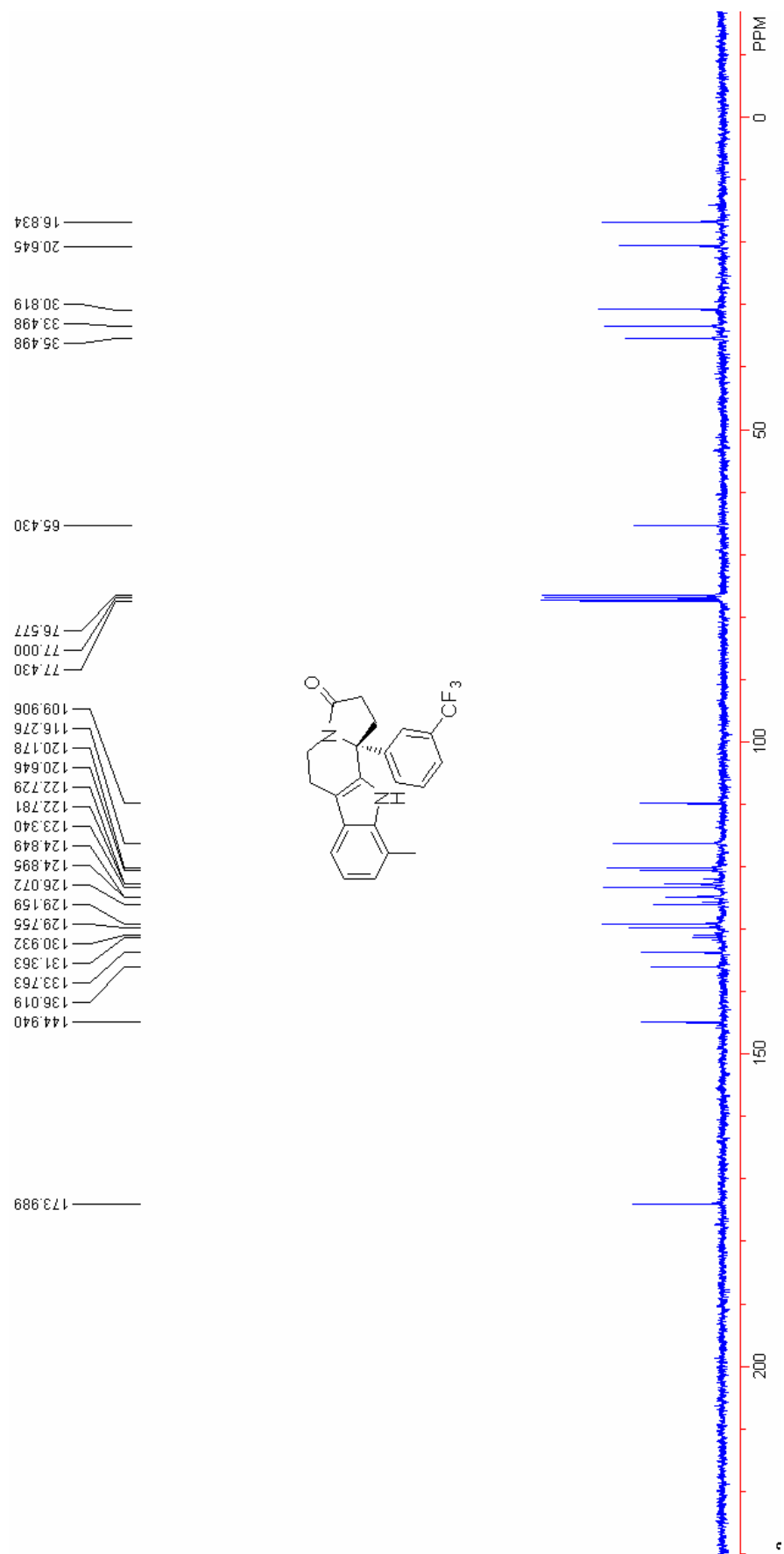


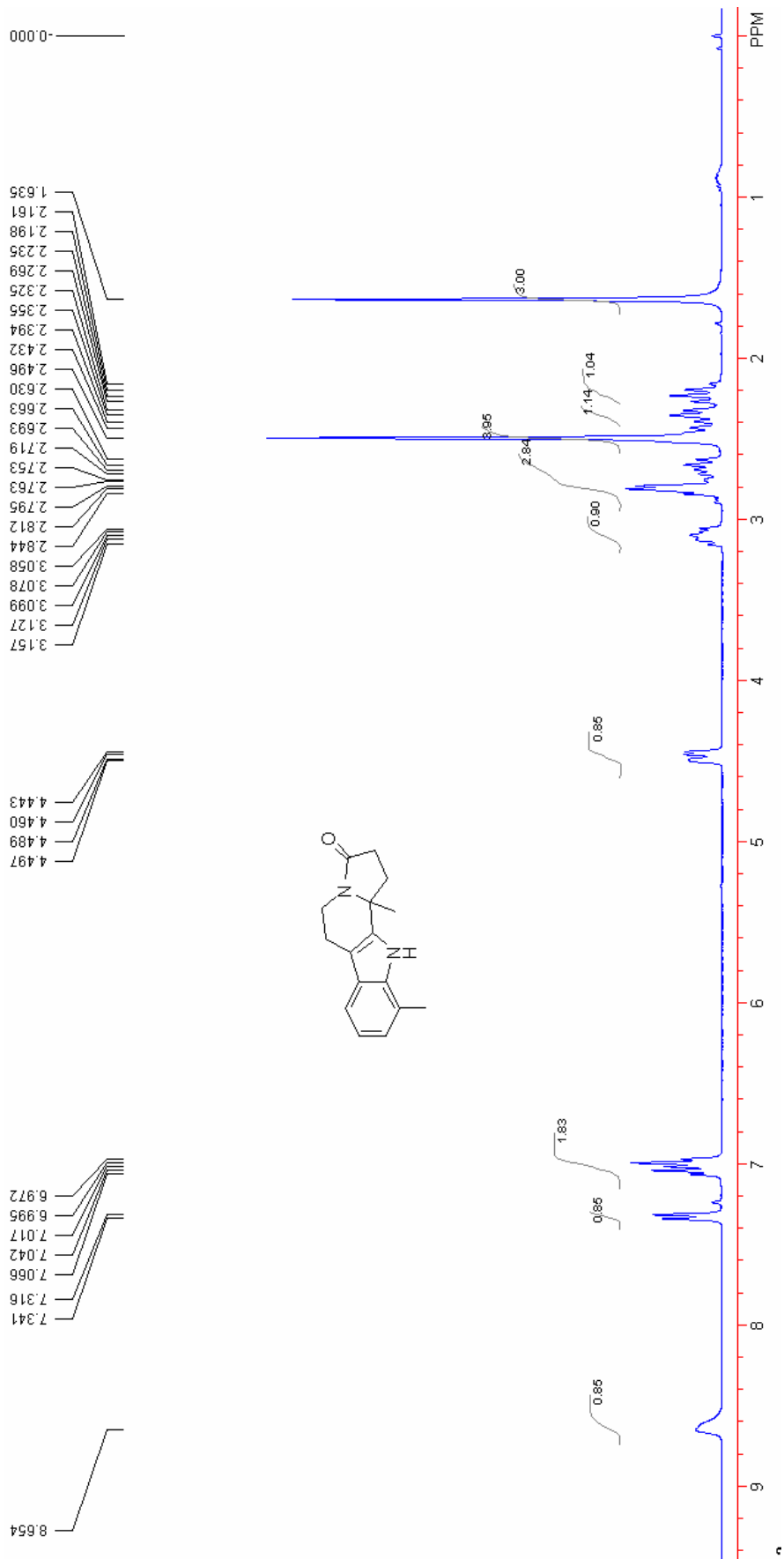


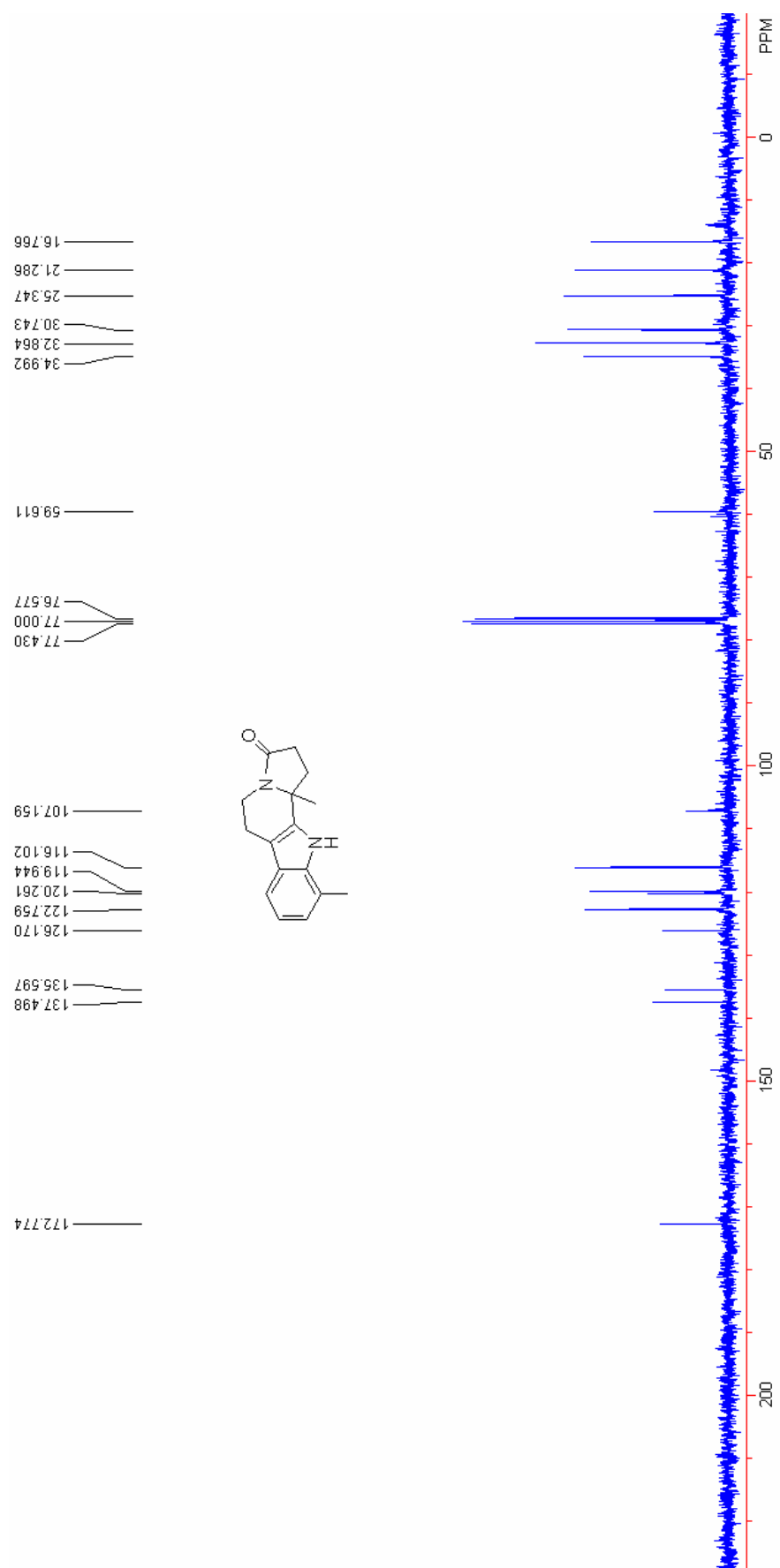


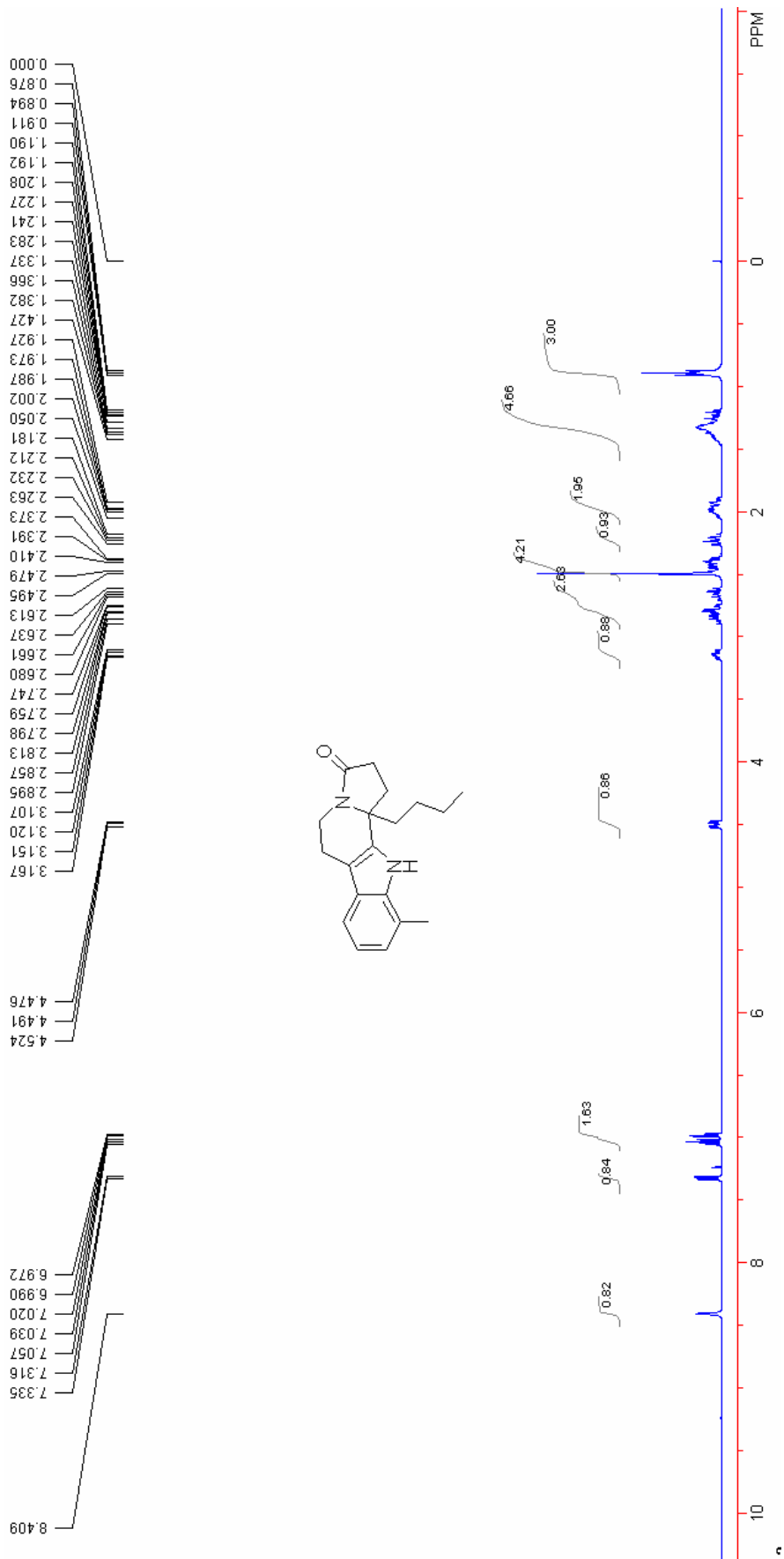


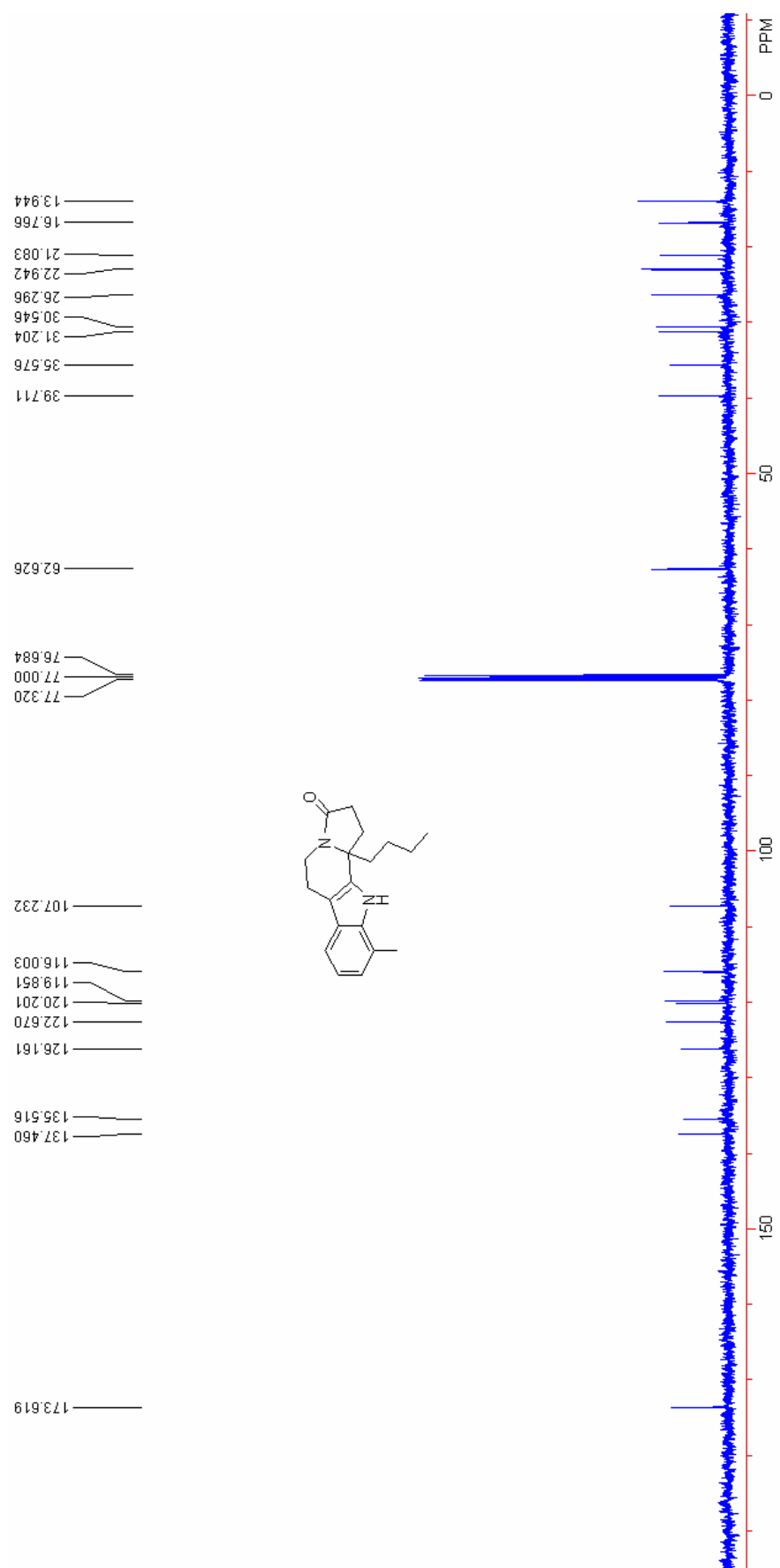


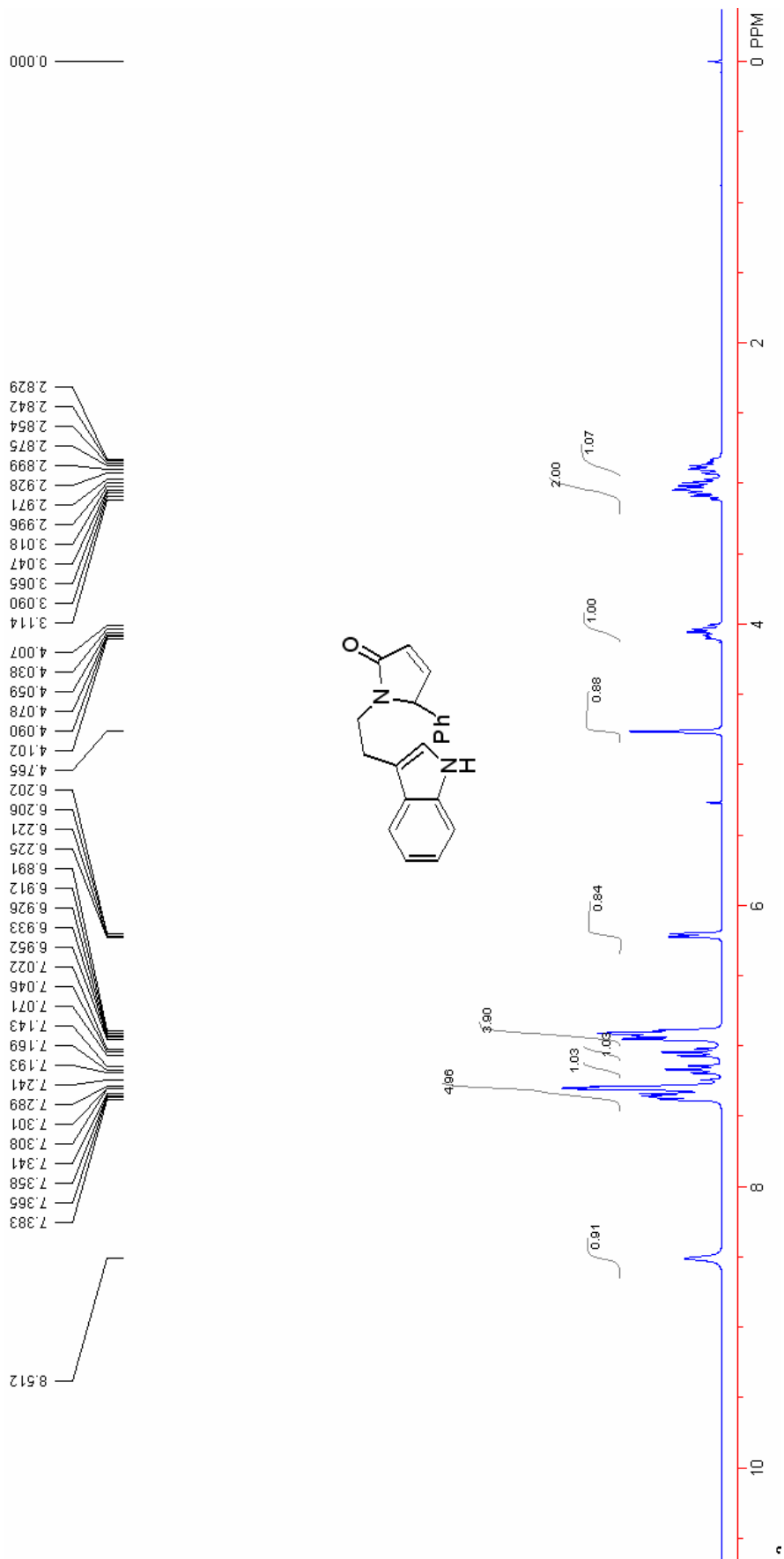


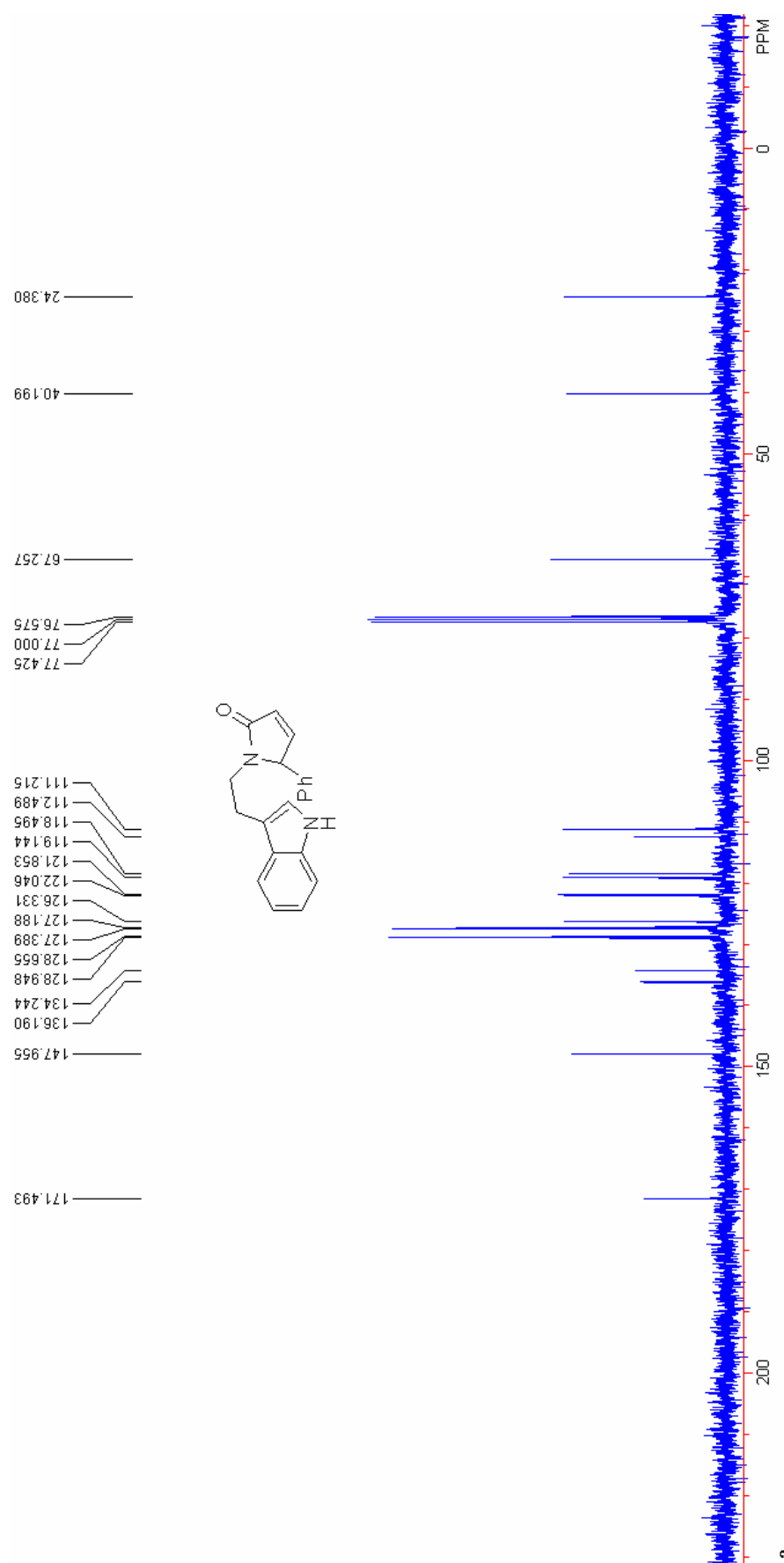


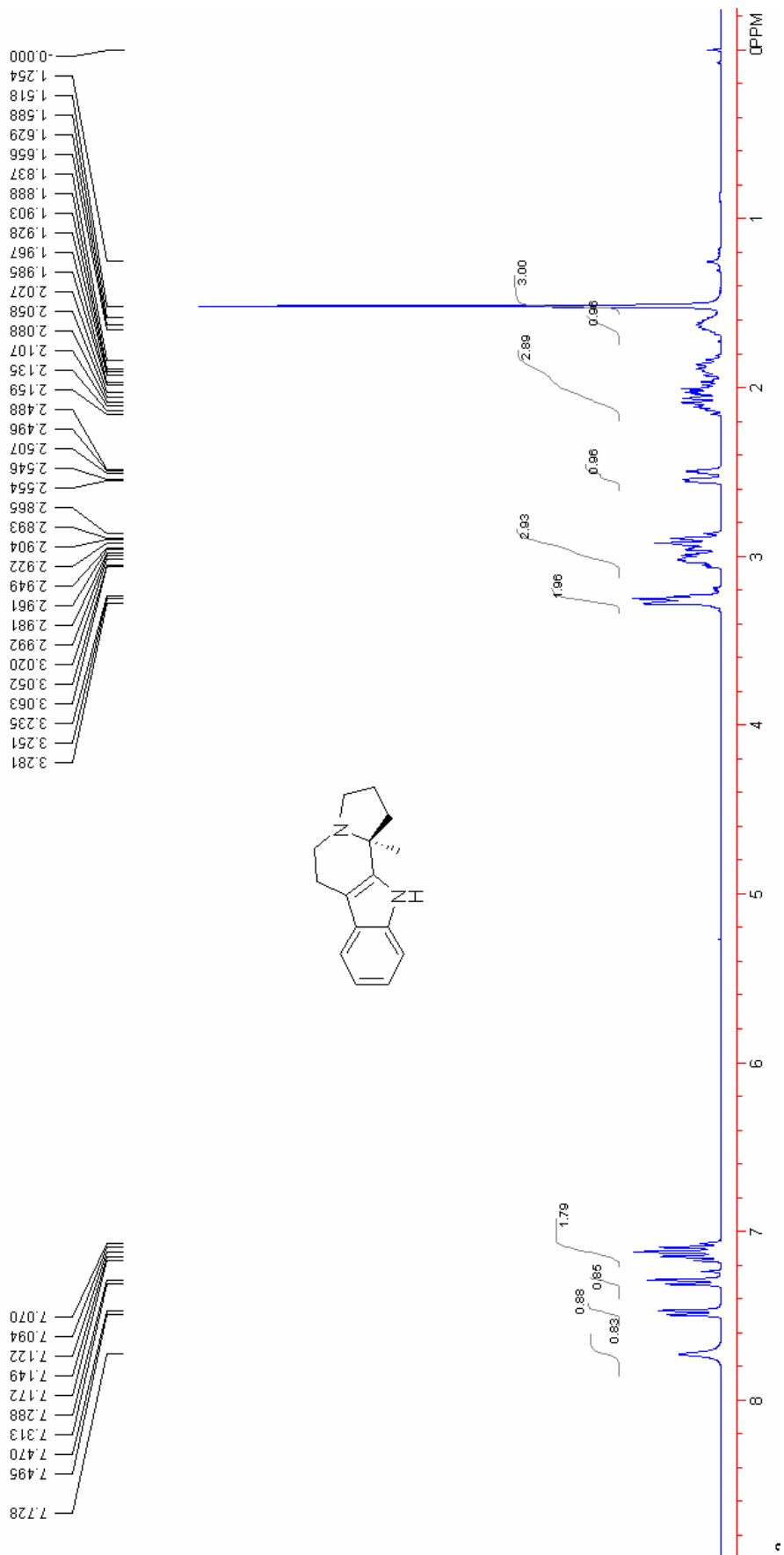


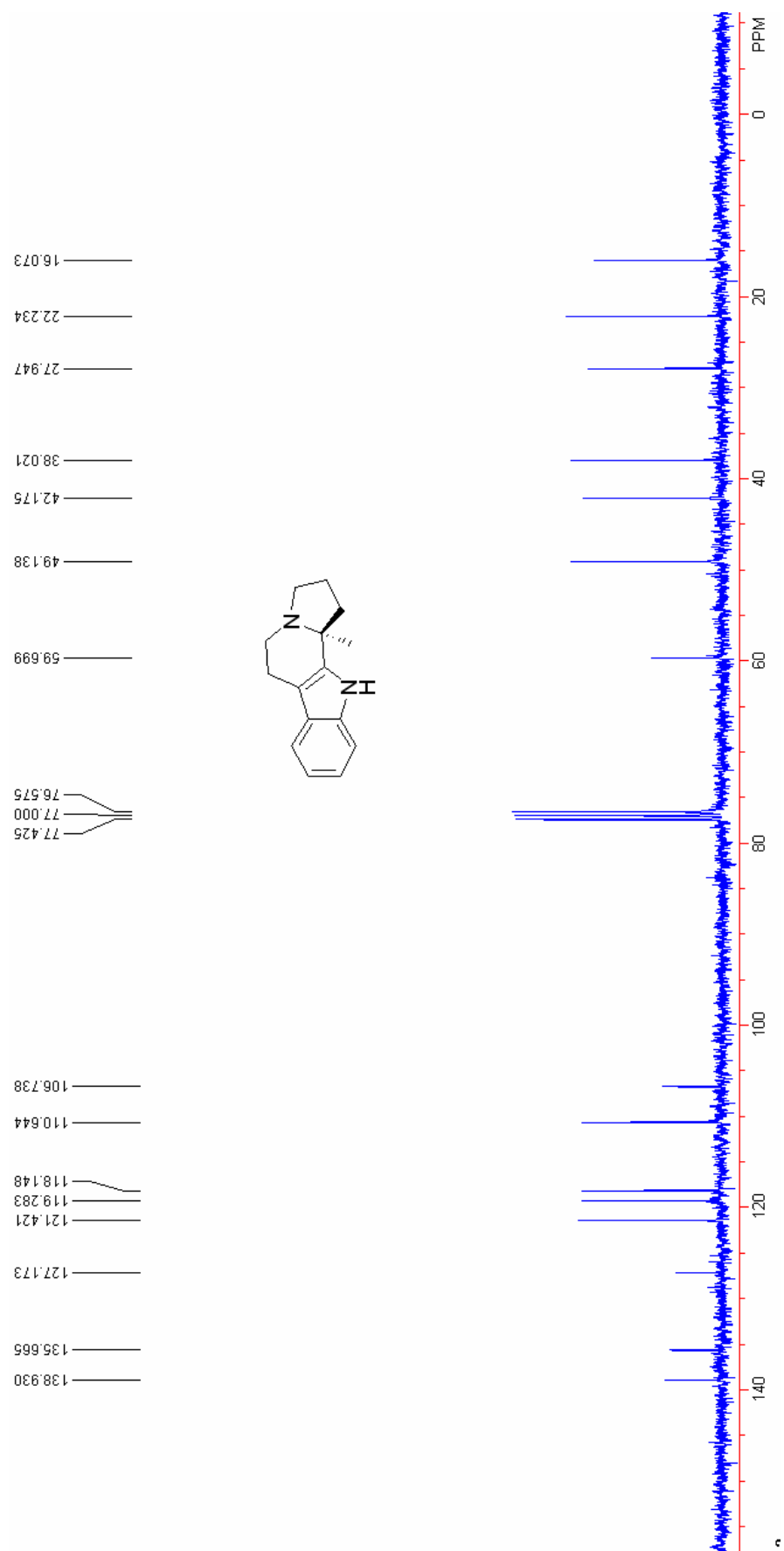




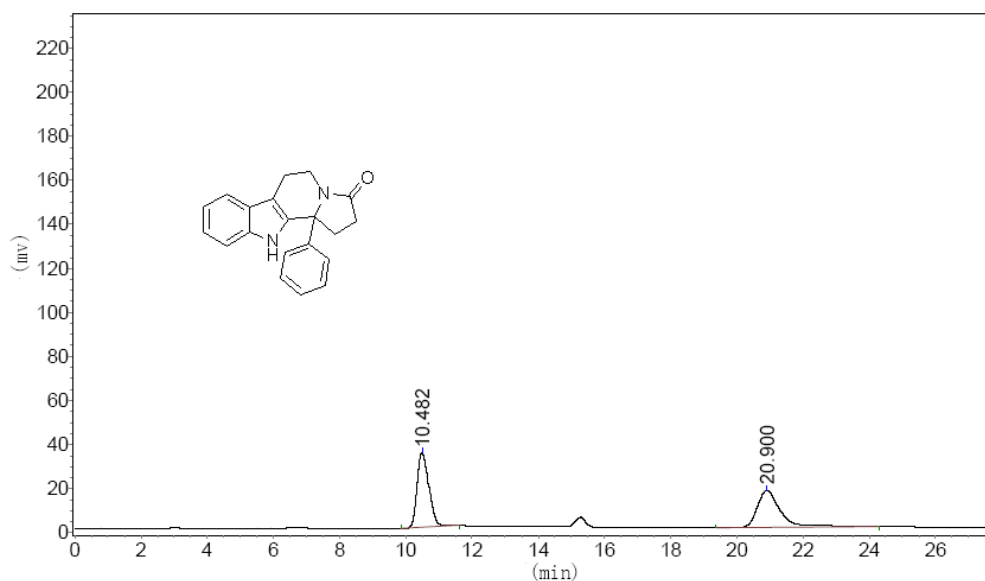




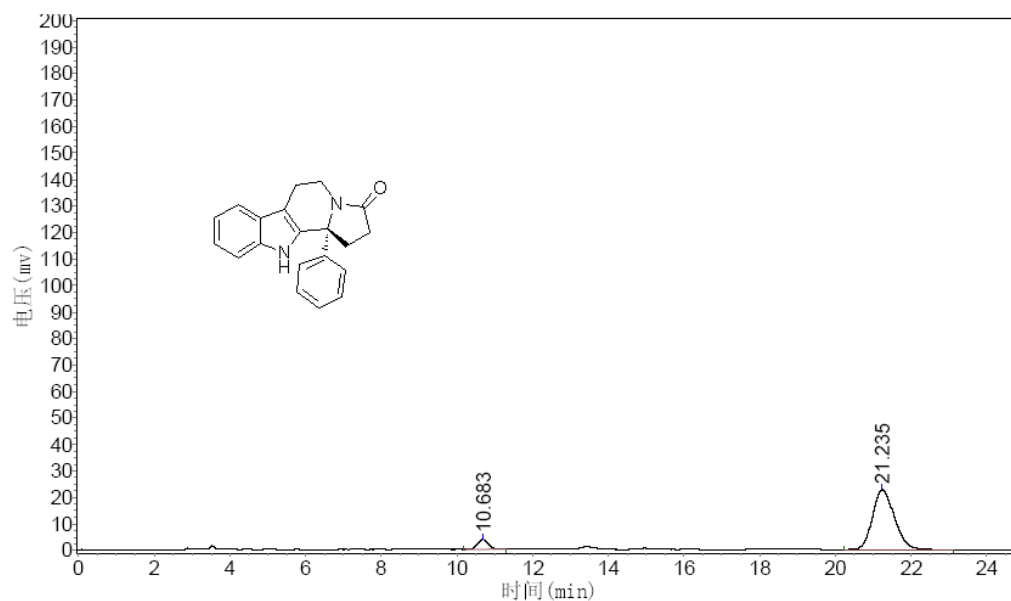




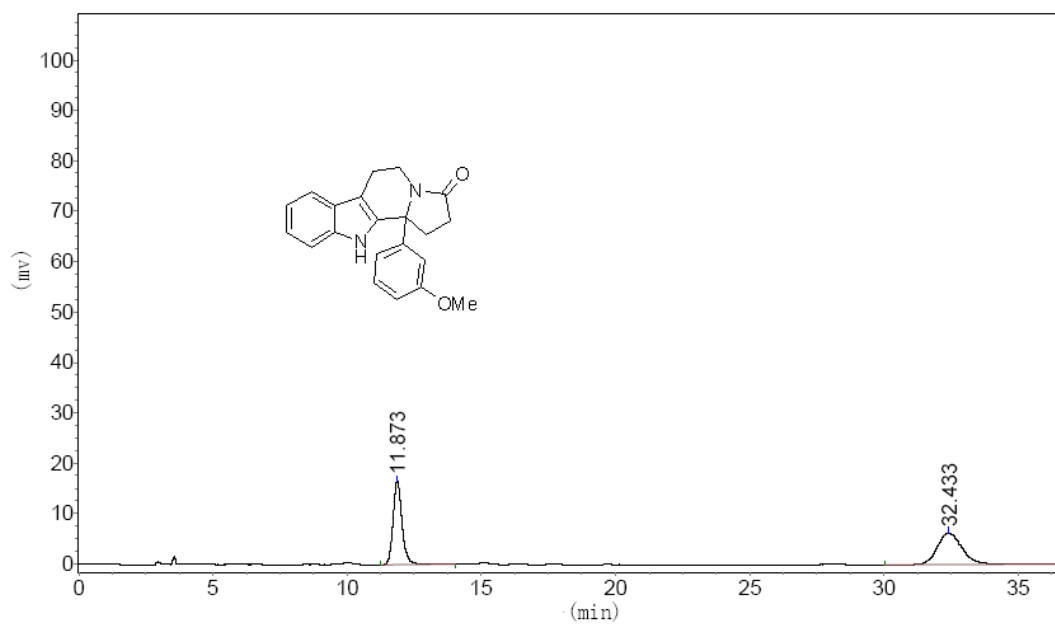
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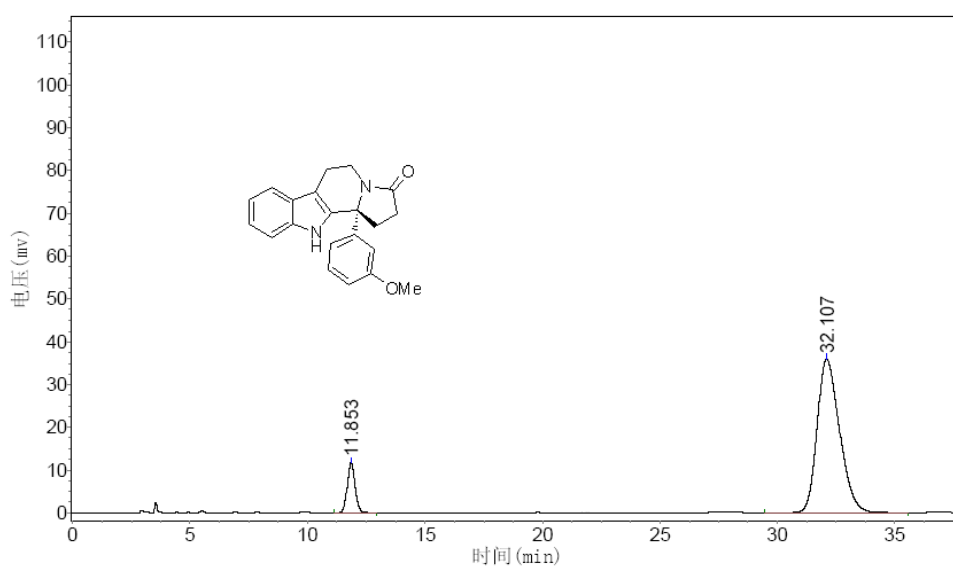
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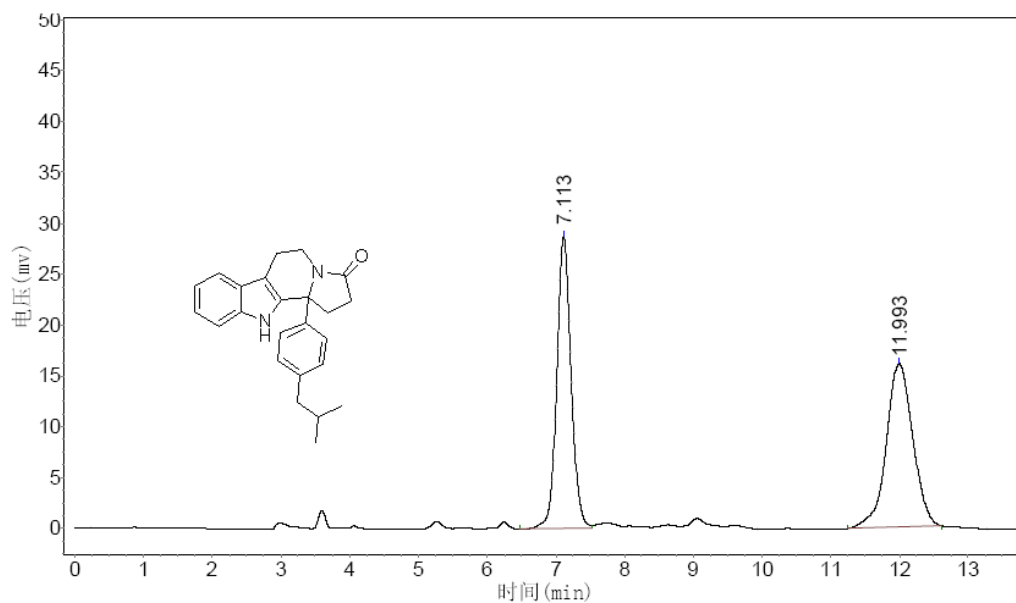
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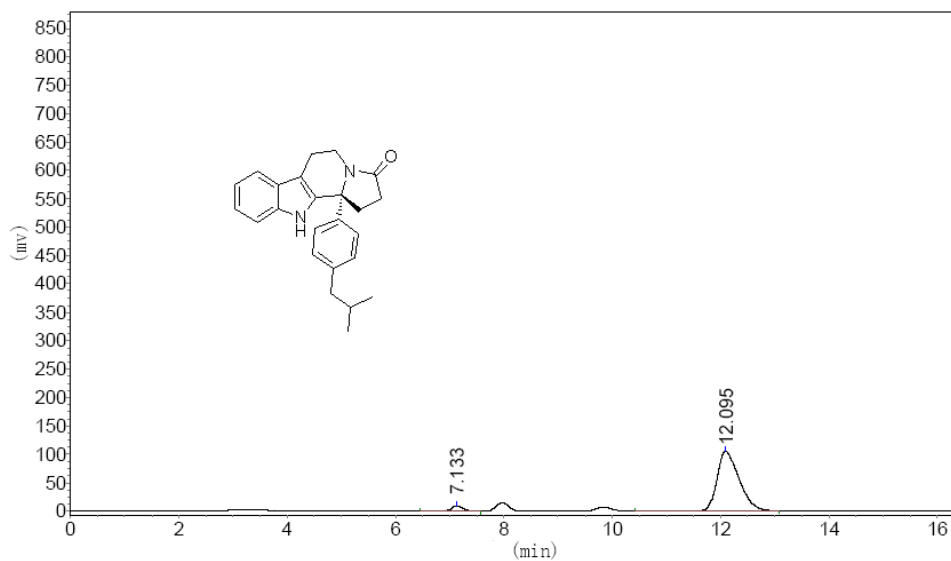
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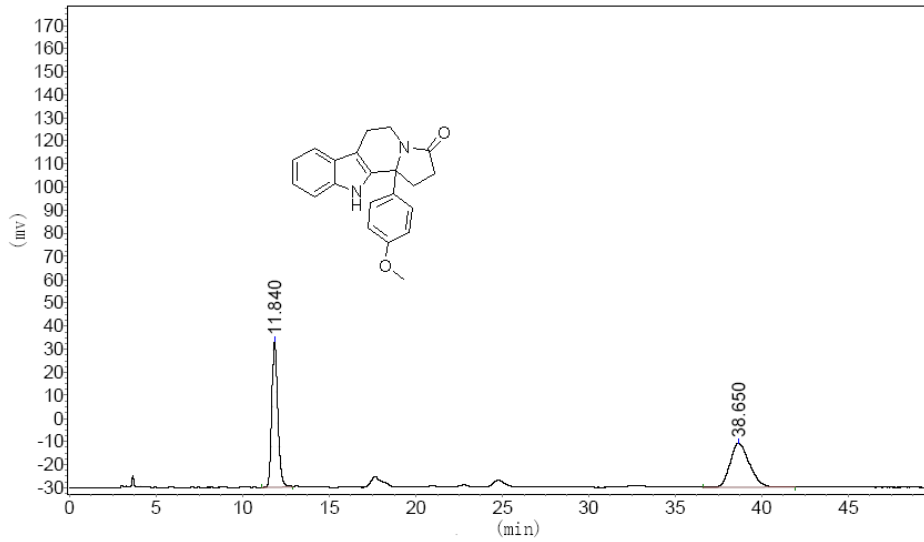
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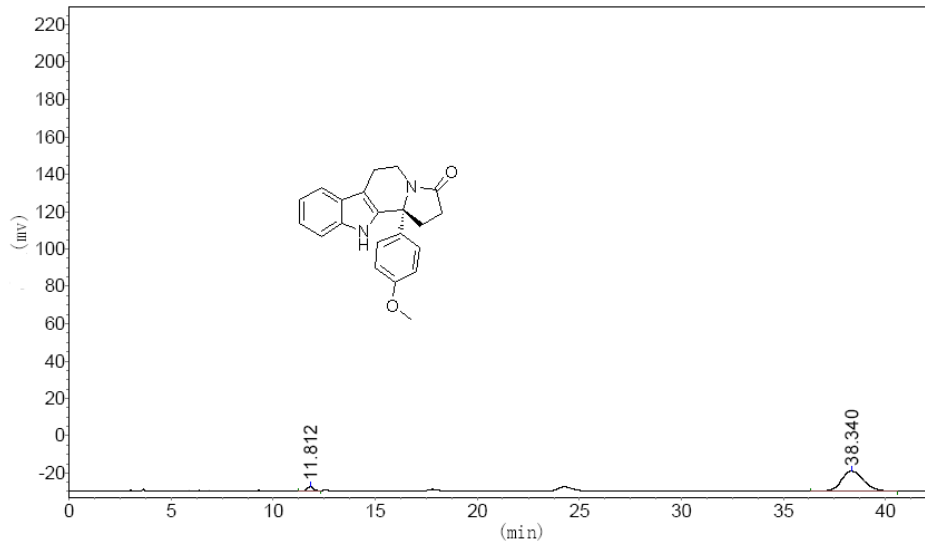
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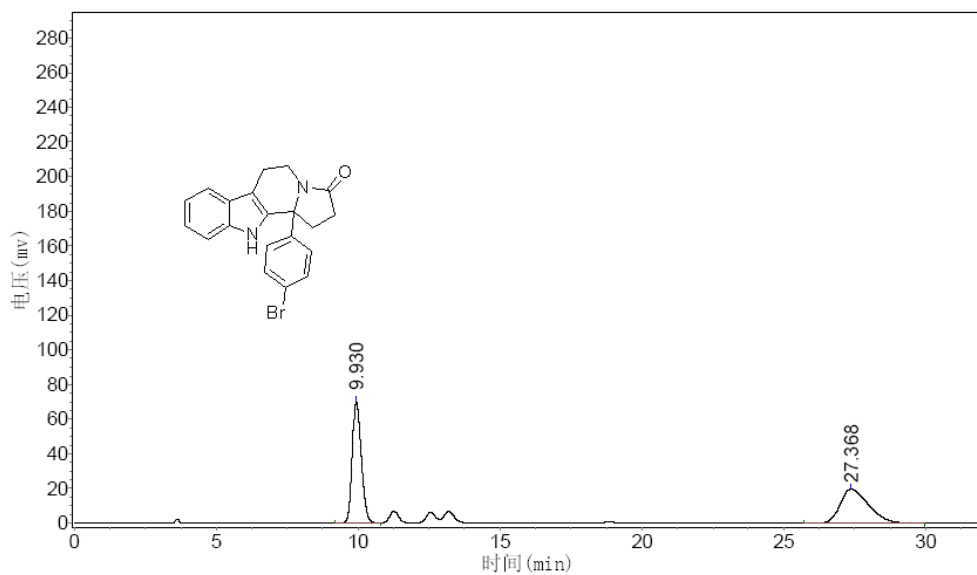
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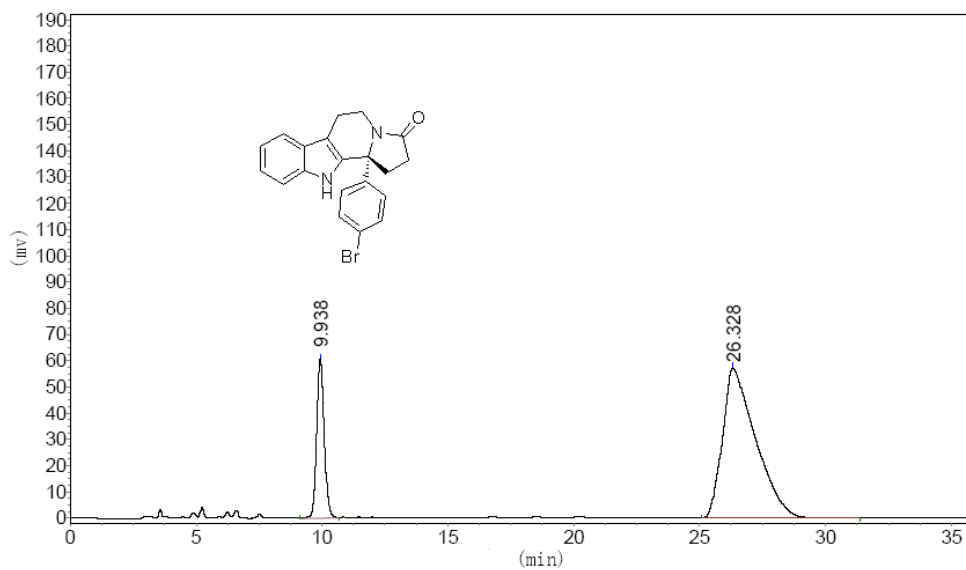
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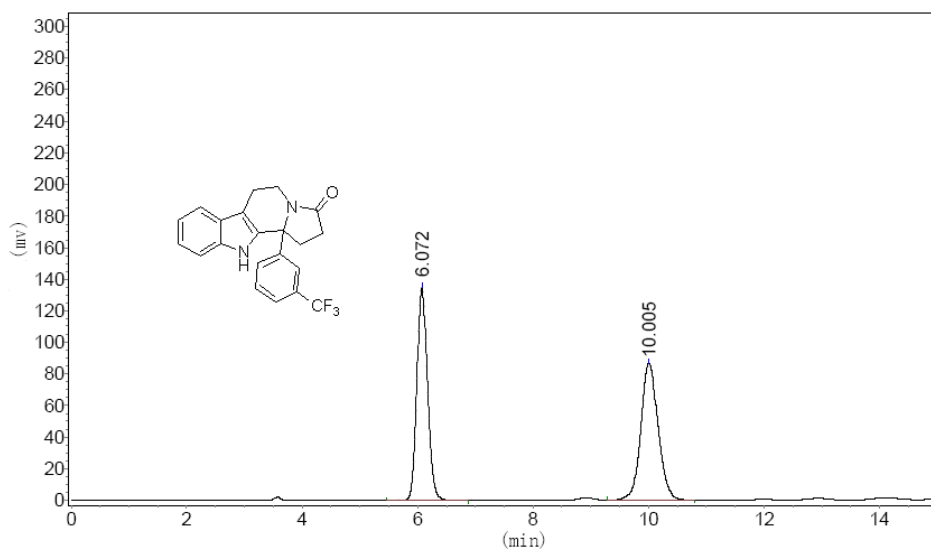
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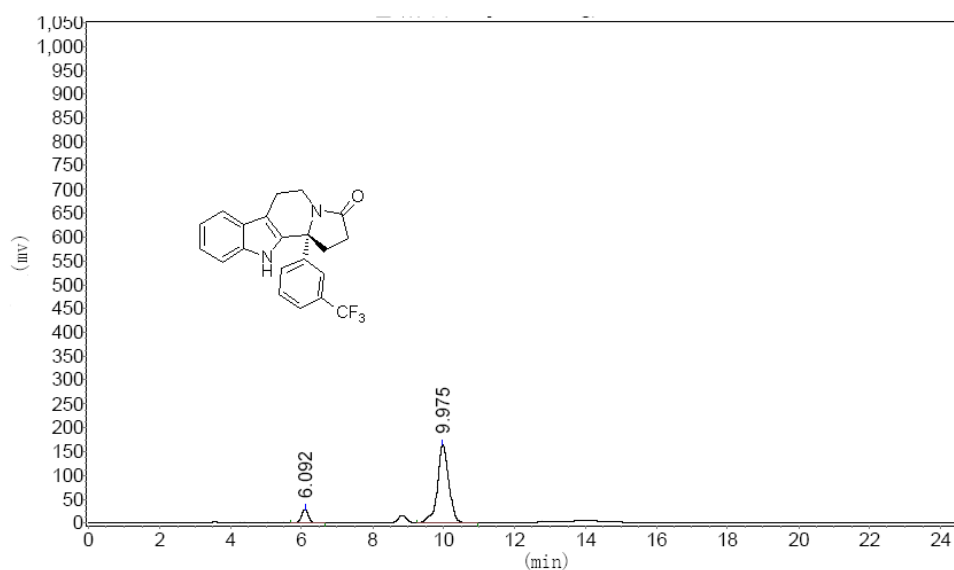
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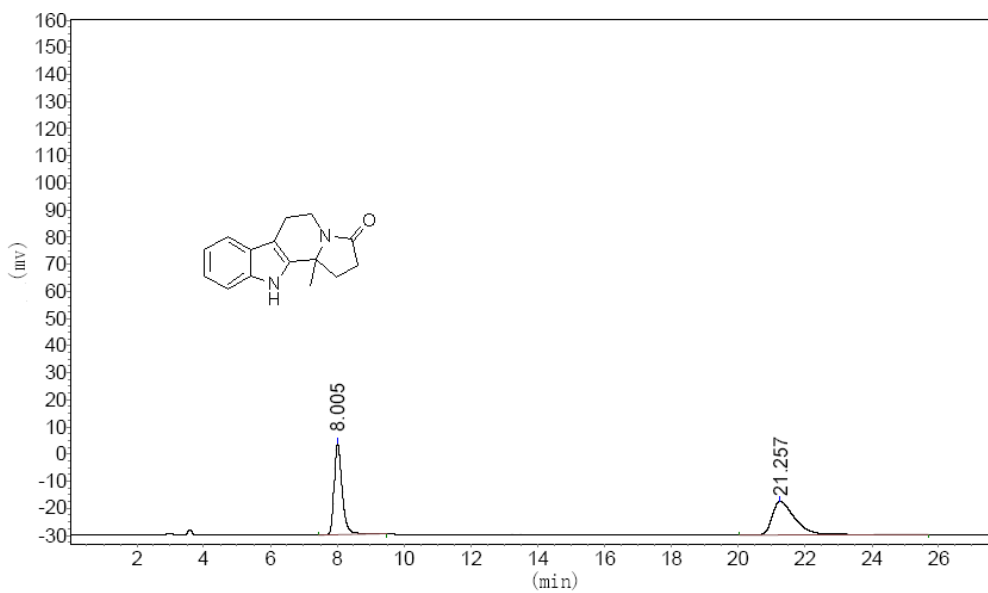
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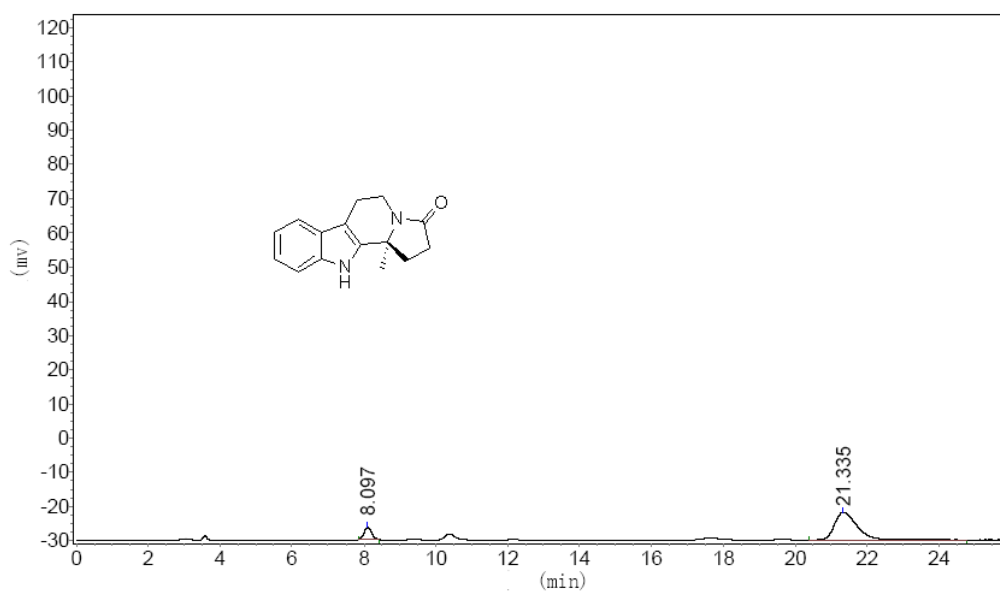
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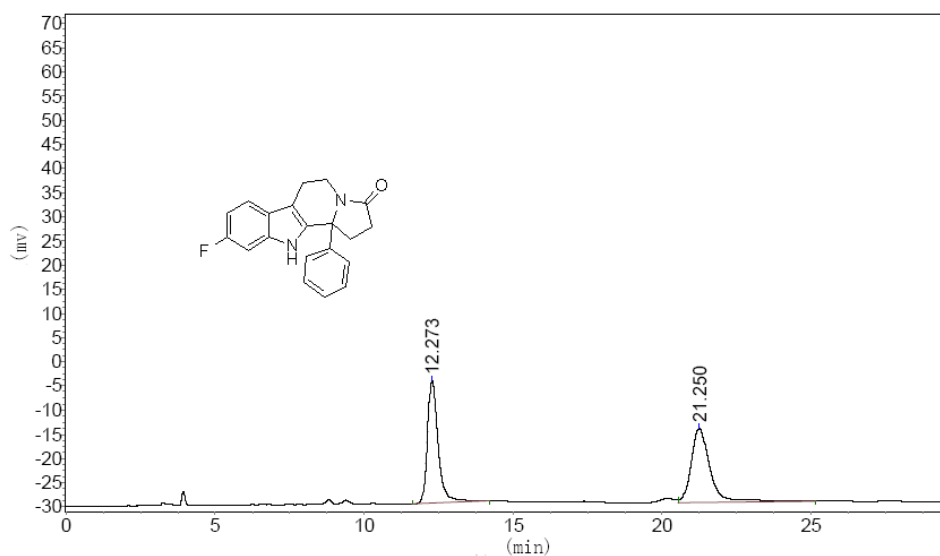
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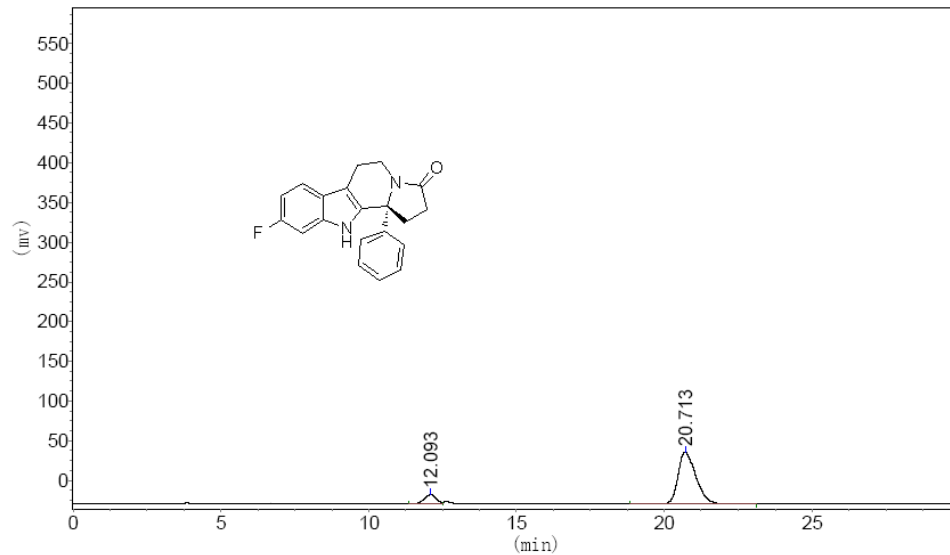
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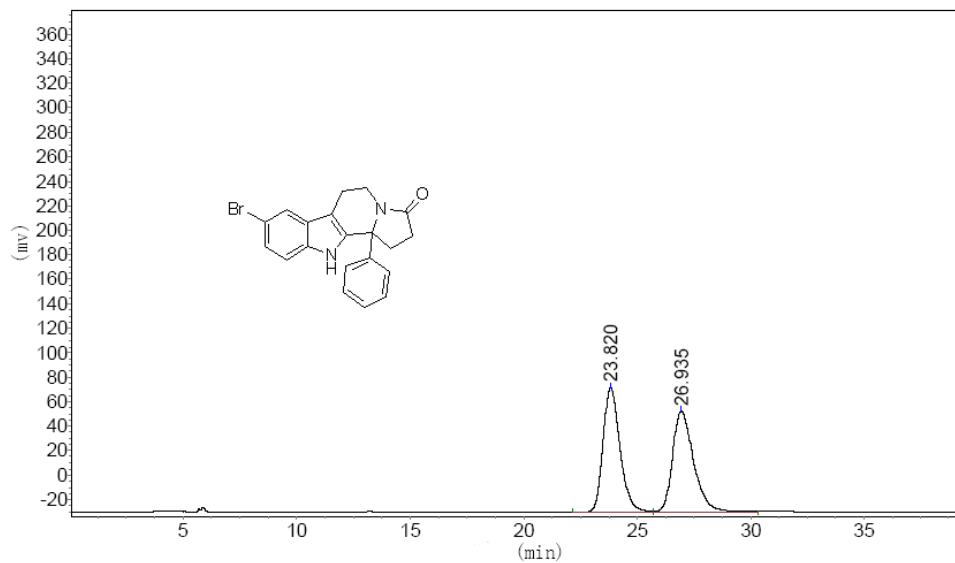
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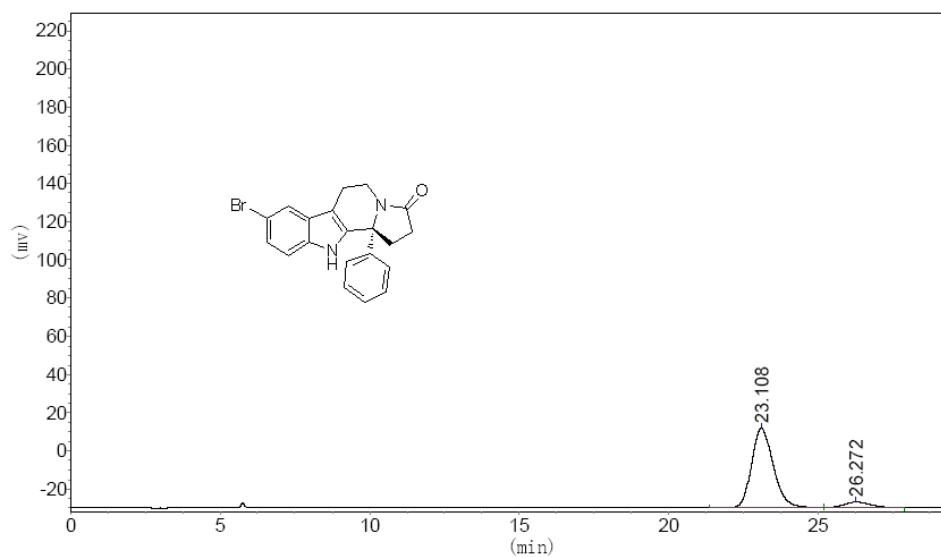
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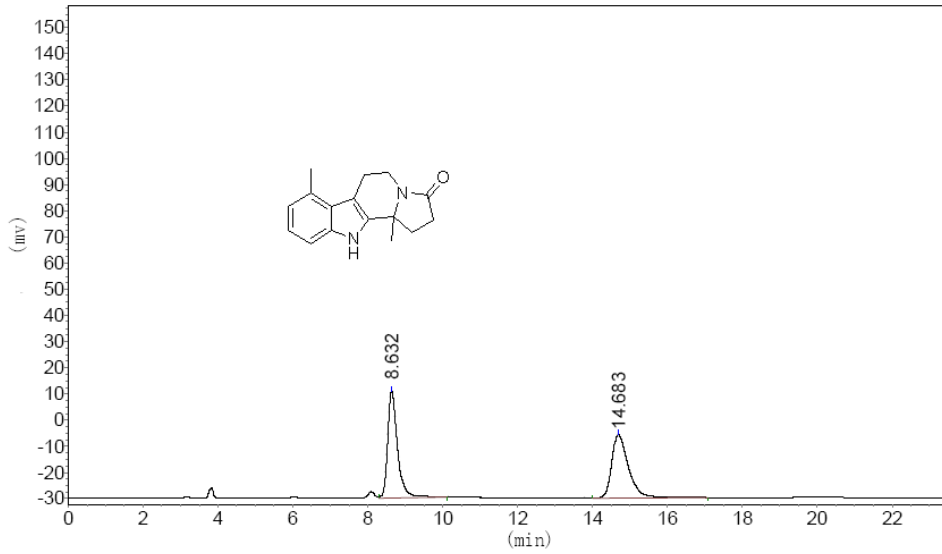
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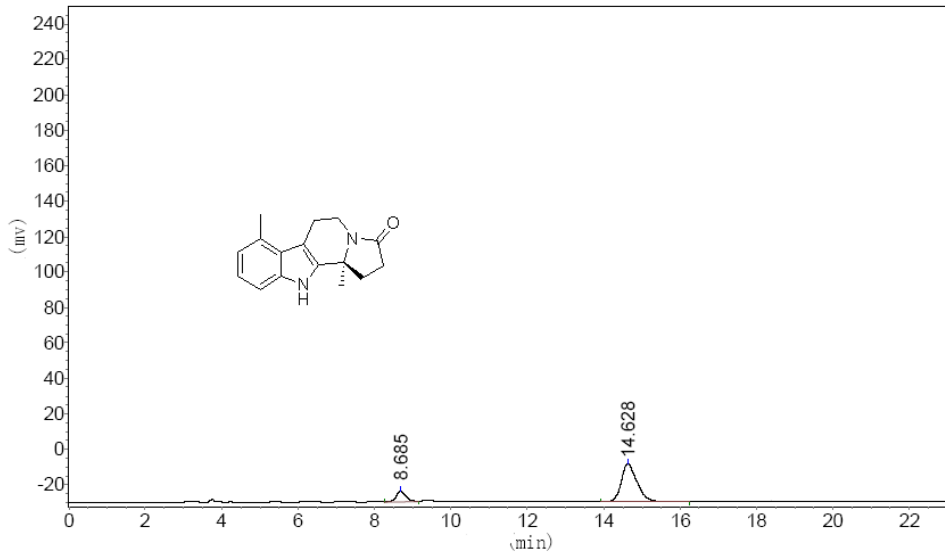
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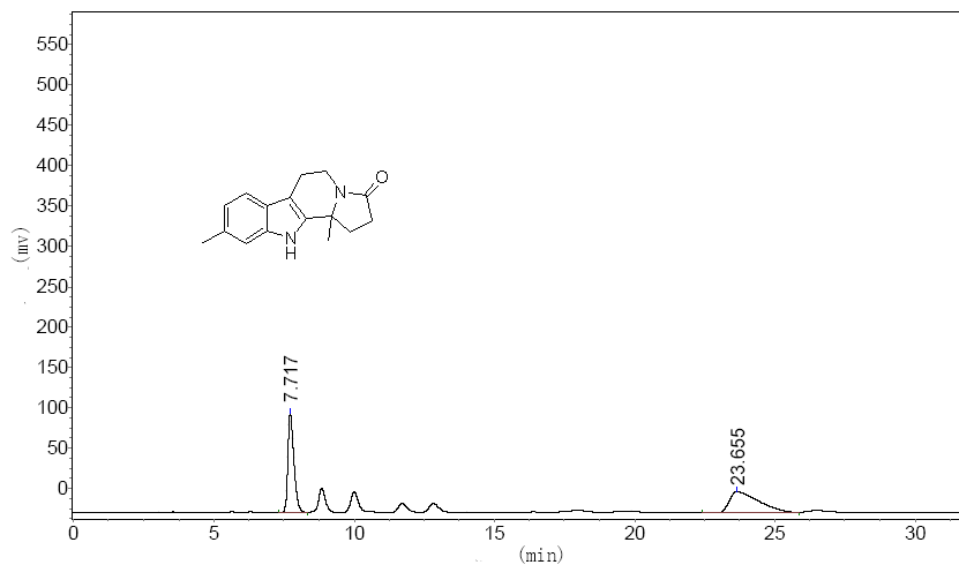
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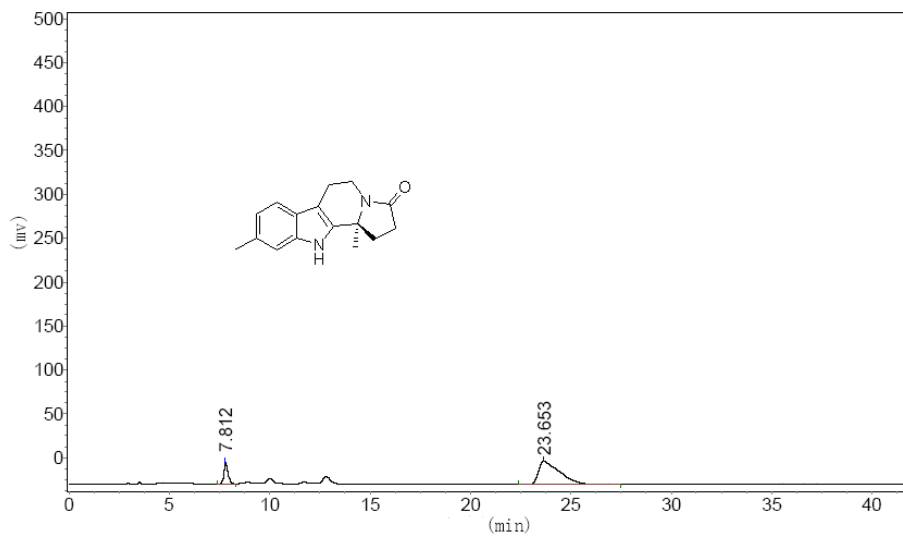
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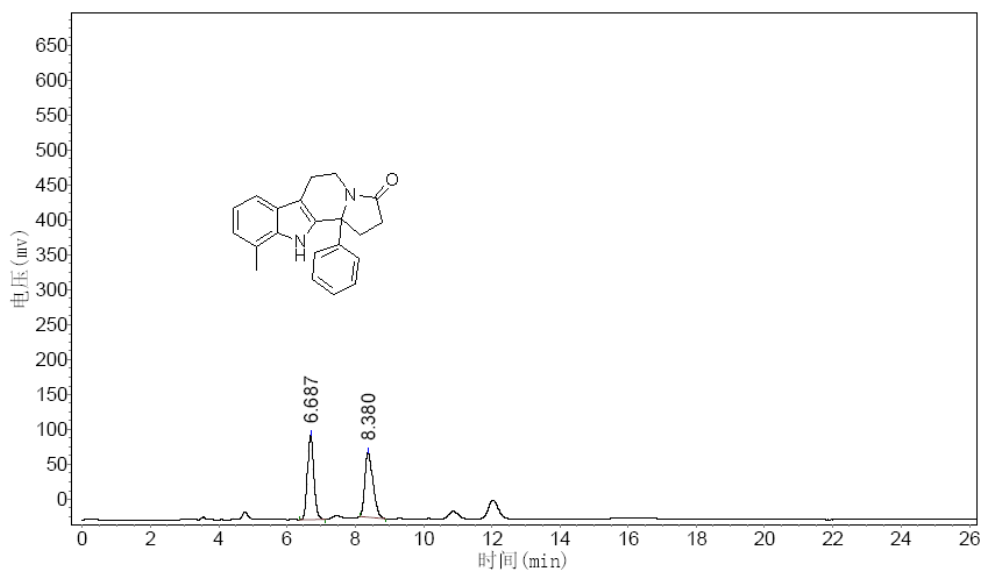
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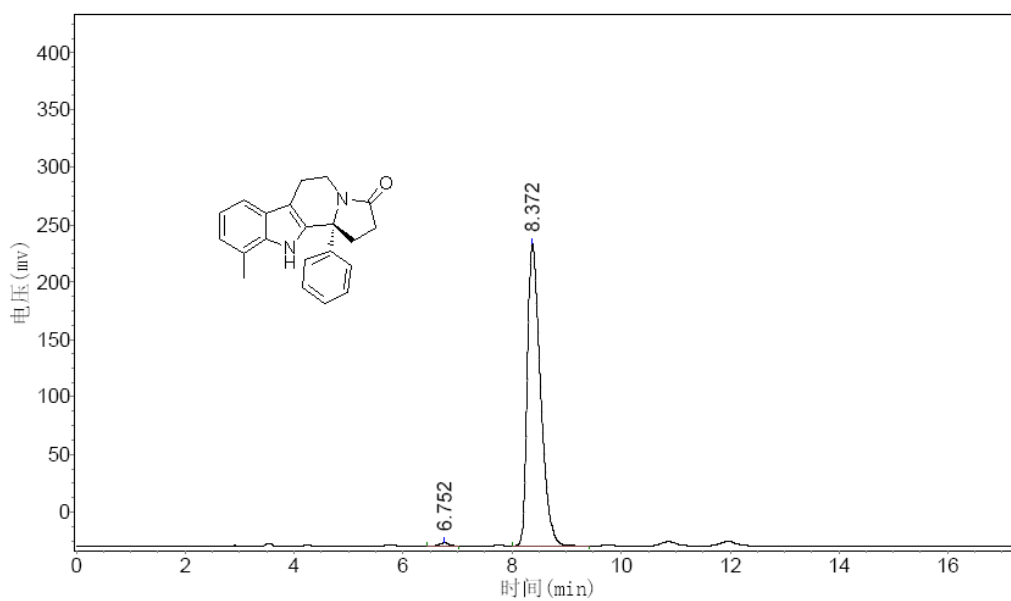
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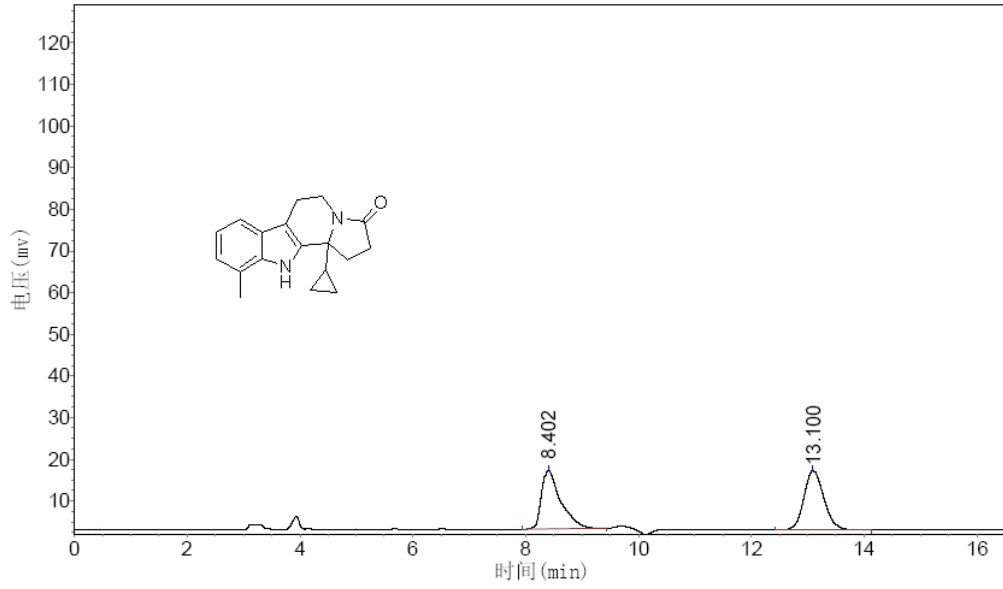
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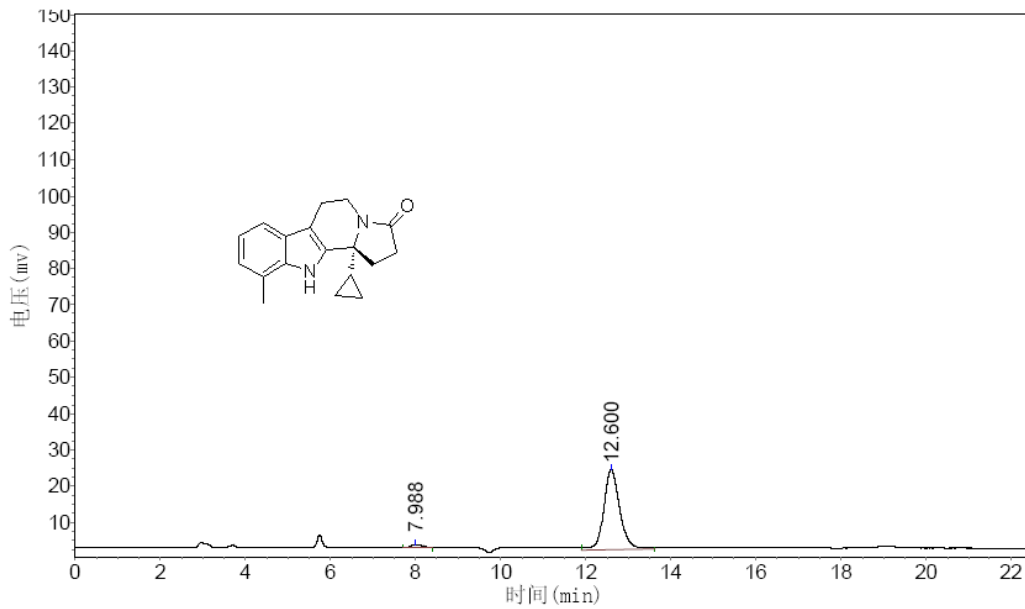
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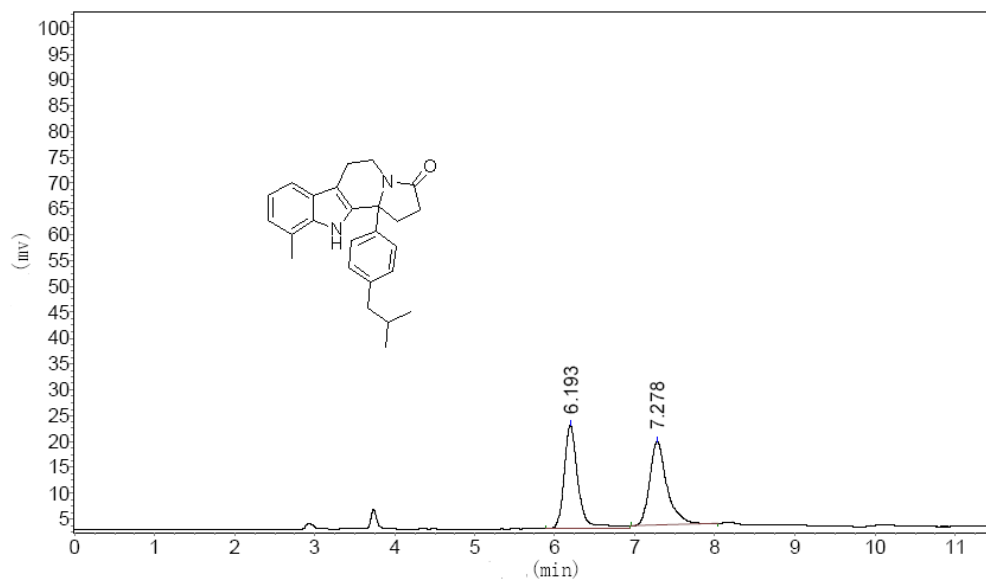
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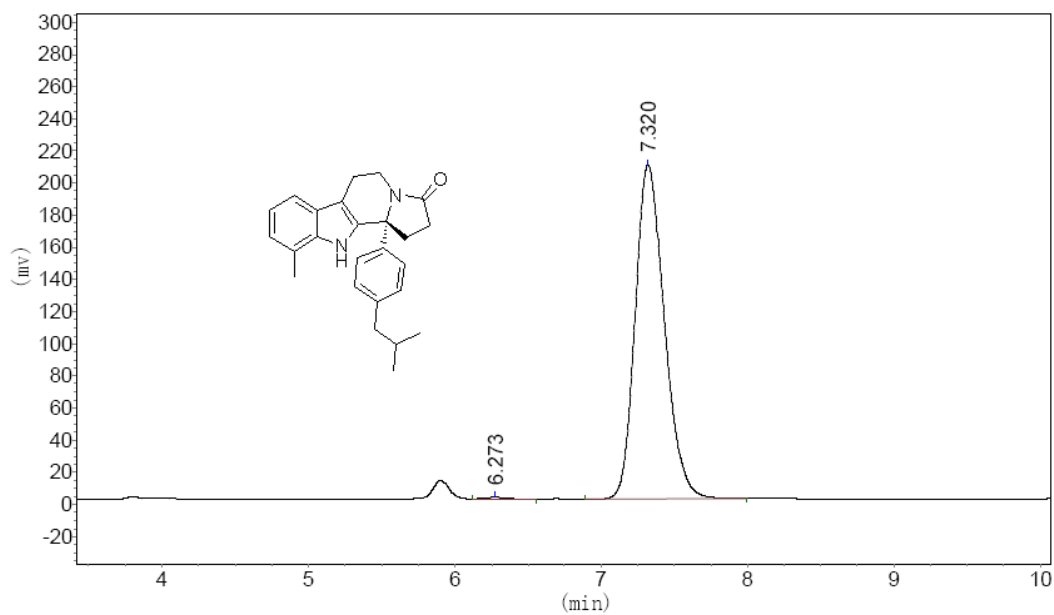
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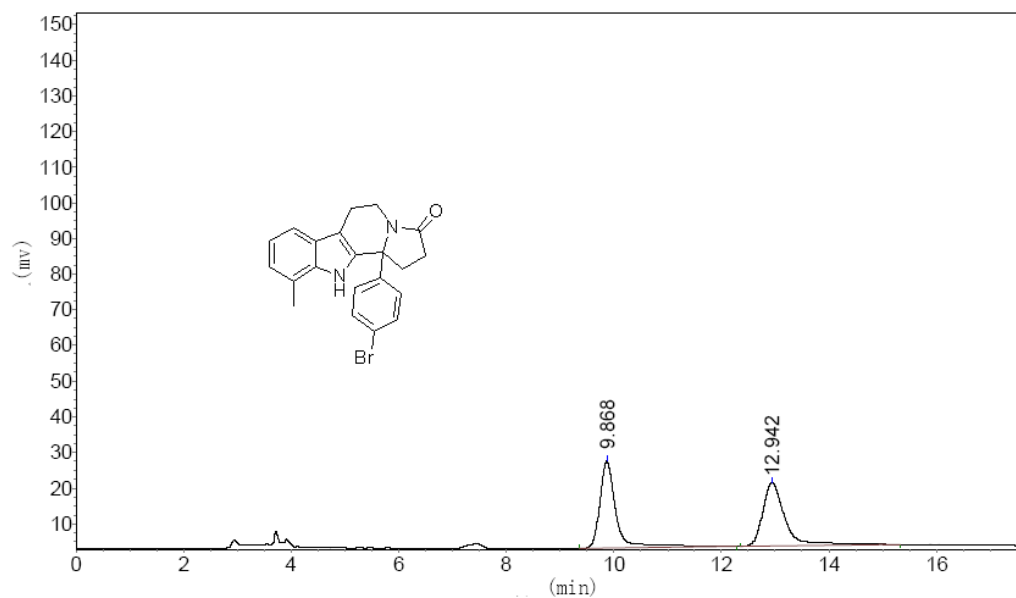
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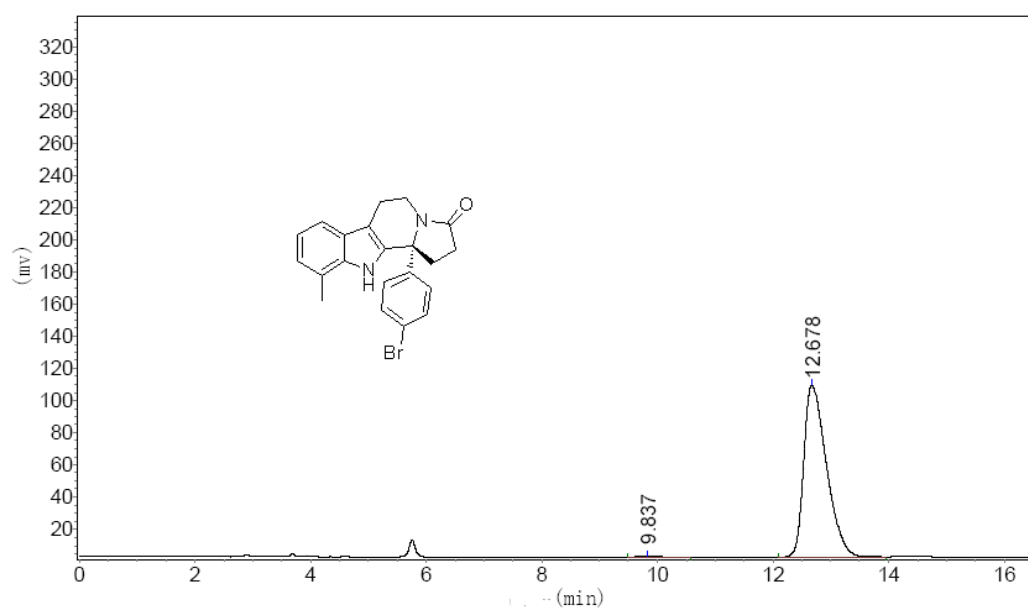
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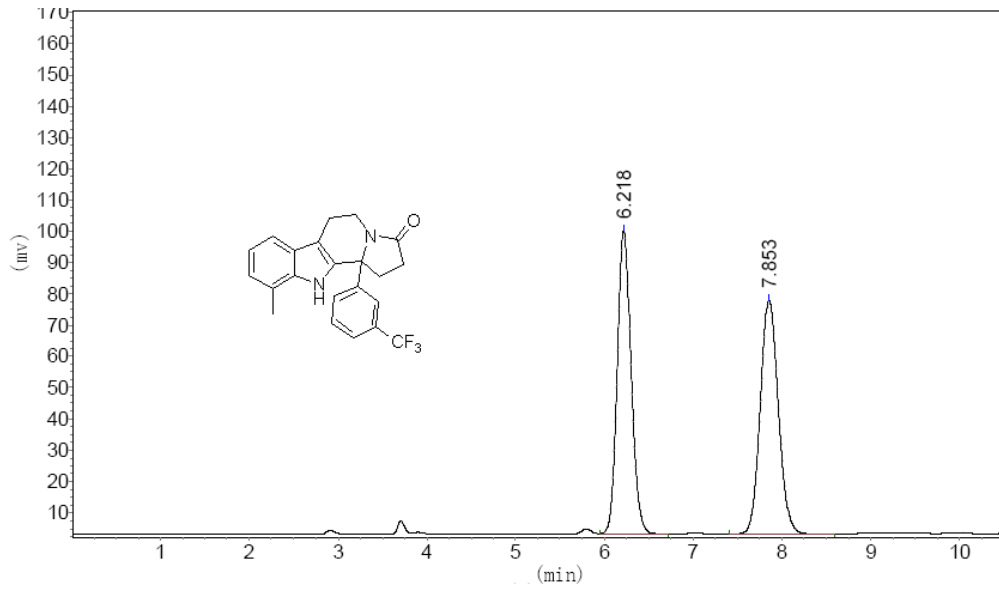
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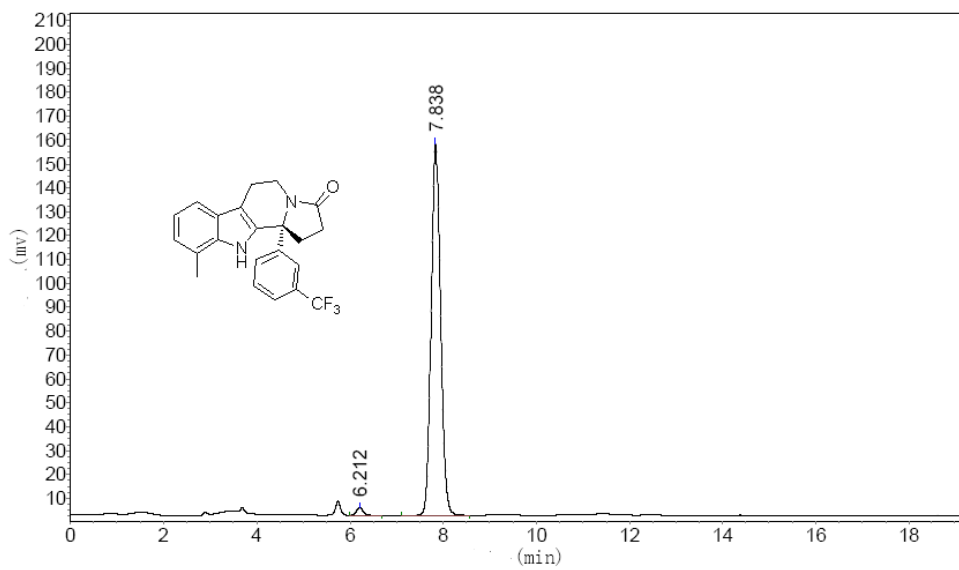
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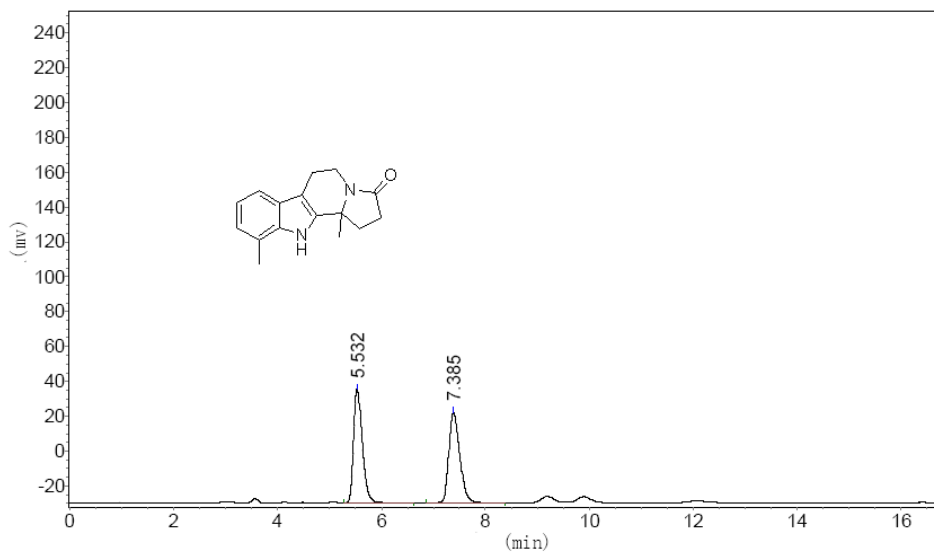
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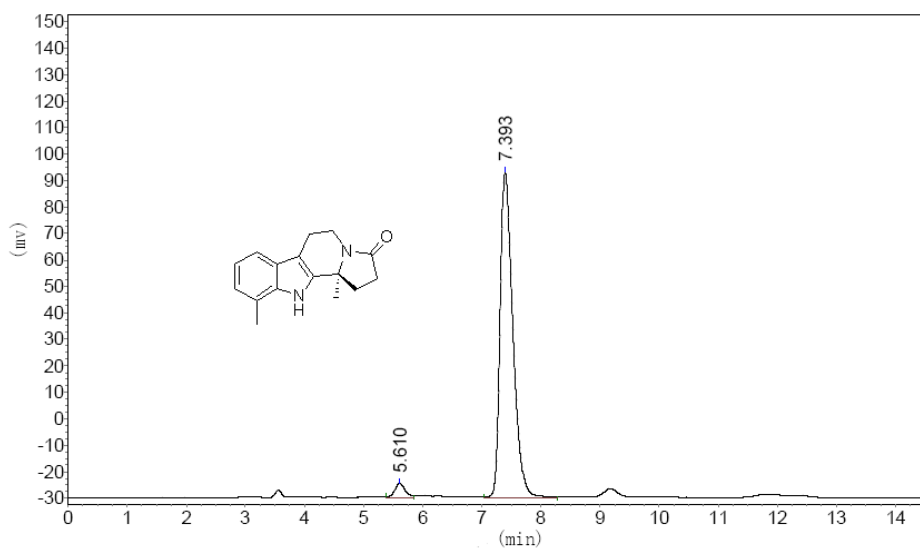
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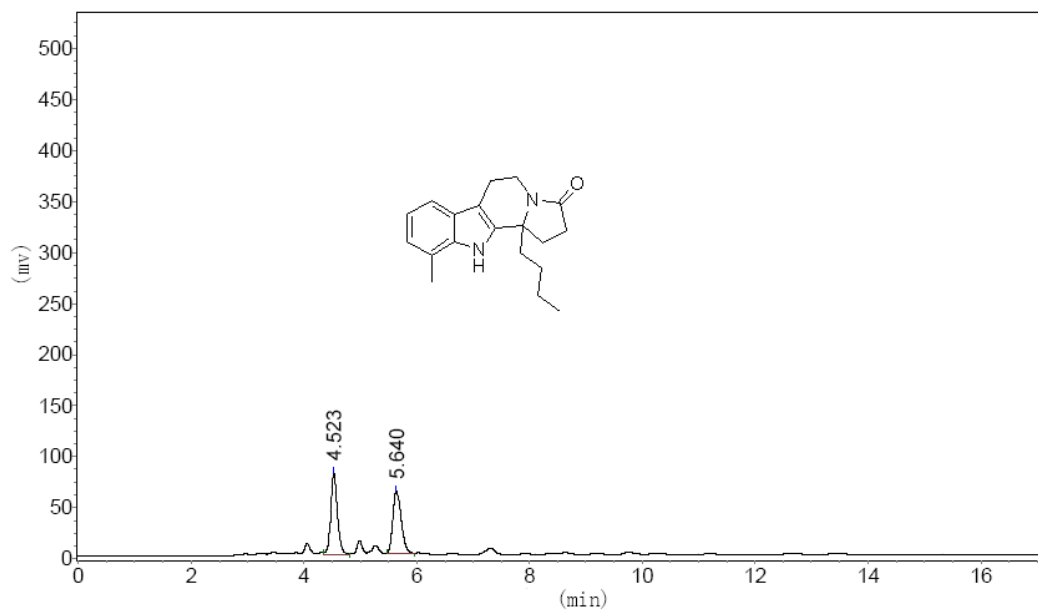
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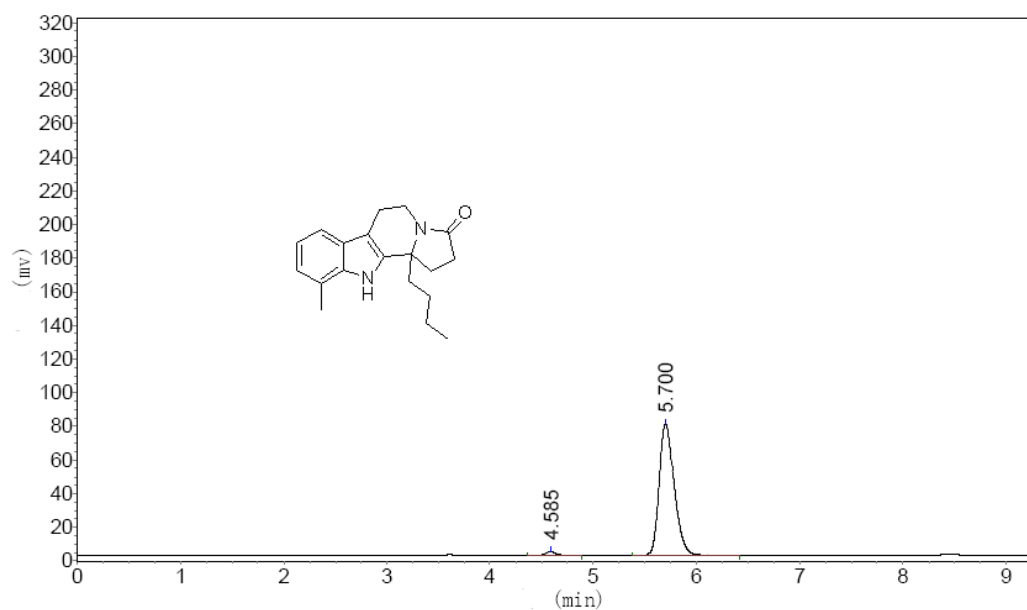
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