

Supporting Information for:

Intramolecular Oxycyanation of Alkenes by Cooperative Pd/BPh₃ Catalysis

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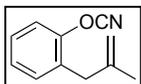
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General. All manipulations of oxygen- and moisture-sensitive materials were conducted with a standard Schlenk technique or in a dry box under an argon or nitrogen atmosphere. Medium pressure chromatography was performed using Kanto Chemical silica gel (spherical, 40–50 μm). Analytical thin layer chromatography (TLC) was performed on Merck Kieselgel 60 F₂₅₄ (0.25 mm) plates. Visualization was accomplished with UV light (254 nm) and/or an aqueous alkaline KMnO₄ solution followed by heating.

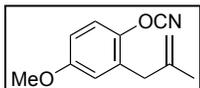
Apparatus. Proton and carbon nuclear magnetic resonance spectra (¹H NMR and ¹³C NMR) were recorded on a Varian Mercury 400 (¹H NMR, 400 MHz; ¹³C NMR, 100 MHz) spectrometer or a Varian Mercury 300 (¹H NMR, 300 MHz; ¹³C NMR, 75.4 MHz) spectrometer with Me₄Si or solvent resonance as the internal standard (¹H NMR, Me₄Si at 0 ppm, CHCl₃ at 7.26 ppm; ¹³C NMR, CDCl₃ at 77.16 ppm). ¹H NMR data are reported as follows: chemical shift, multiplicity (s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, q = quartet, quint = quintet, sext = sextet, sept = septet, br = broad, m = multiplet), coupling constants (Hz), and integration. High-resolution mass spectra were obtained with a Thermo Scientific Exactive (APCI, ESI). Elemental analyses were performed by Elemental Analysis Center of Kyoto University. Medium pressure liquid chromatography (MPLC) was performed with a SHOKO Scientific Purif-espoir 2 chromatograph using hexane–ethyl acetate with gradient as an eluent. GC analysis was performed on a Shimadzu GC 2014 equipped with an ENV-1 column (Kanto Chemical, 0.25 mm x 30 m, pressure = 31.7 kPa, detector = FID, 290 °C) with helium gas as a carrier.

Chemicals. Unless otherwise noted, commercially available chemicals were used without further purification. Anhydrous hexane, diethyl ether, and THF were purchased from Kanto Chemical and degassed by purging vigorously with argon for 30 min and further purified by passage through activated alumina under positive argon pressure as described by Grubbs et al.¹ Pd[P(*o*-tol)₃]₂ was prepared according to the literature procedure.²

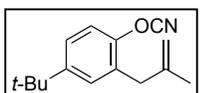
Preparation of 1. *Caution! All operations must be carried out in a well-ventilated fume hood because cyanogen bromide is highly toxic and can generate hydrogen cyanide upon hydrolysis. A general procedure.* The respective phenol derivative (1.00 equiv) prepared according to the literature procedures³ was dissolved in a mixture of anhydrous hexane and diethyl ether (5:2) under an argon atmosphere. The solution was cooled to 0 °C, and cyanogen bromide (1.20 equiv.) was added in one portion. Subsequently, triethylamine (1.20 equiv) was added dropwise to the resulting reaction mixture. The reaction mixture was maintained at 0 °C for 3 h. The precipitate was filtered through a pad of Celite and washed with hexane for several times. The solvent was removed by rotary evaporation and the crude product was pure enough to be used for the catalytic reaction without further purification.



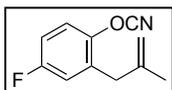
1-Cyanato-2-(2-methylallyl)benzene (1a). The procedure on a 10 mmol-scale gave **1a** (1.73 g, quant.) as a pale yellow oil, R_f 0.63 (hexane–ethyl acetate = 4:1). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 1.72 (s, 3H), 3.34 (s, 2H), 4.60 (s, 1H), 4.84 (s, 1H), 7.24–7.27 (m, 2H), 7.33 (dd, $J = 6.2, 3.3$ Hz, 1H), 7.45 (d, $J = 8.3$ Hz, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 22.3, 37.4, 109.0, 112.6, 114.5, 126.8, 128.0, 128.3, 131.9, 142.6, 151.3; HRMS (APCI) Calcd for $\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_{12}\text{NO}$: $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$, 174.0913. Found: m/z 174.0906.



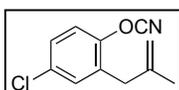
1-Cyanato-4-methoxy-2-(2-methylallyl)benzene (1b). The procedure on a 20 mmol-scale gave **1b** (2.5 g, 61%) as a colorless oil, R_f 0.54 (hexane–ethyl acetate = 4:1). ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 1.72 (s, 3H), 3.31 (s, 2H), 3.80 (s, 3H), 4.65 (s, 1H), 4.86 (s, 1H), 6.72–6.82 (m, 2H), 7.35 (d, $J = 9.3$ Hz, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 22.2, 37.6, 55.6, 109.6, 112.5, 112.8, 115.8, 116.9, 129.3, 142.4, 145.4, 157.8; HRMS (APCI) Calcd for $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{14}\text{NO}_2$: $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$, 204.1019. Found: m/z 204.1009.



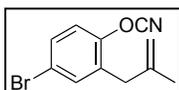
4-(tert-Butyl)-1-cyanato-2-(2-methylallyl)benzene (1c). The procedure on a 51 mmol-scale gave **1c** (10.4 g, 89%) as a colorless oil, R_f 0.62 (hexane–ethyl acetate = 4:1). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 1.31 (s, 9H), 1.73 (s, 3H), 3.33 (s, 2H), 4.60 (s, 1H), 4.84 (s, 1H), 7.24–7.25 (m, 1H), 7.31–7.37 (m, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 22.2, 31.2, 34.4, 37.6, 109.2, 112.4, 114.0, 125.0, 127.1, 128.9, 142.7, 149.2, 149.9; HRMS (APCI) Calcd for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{20}\text{NO}$: $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$, 230.1539. Found: m/z 230.1528.



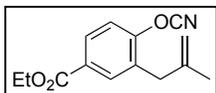
1-Cyanato-4-fluoro-2-(2-methylallyl)benzene (1d). The procedure on a 5.0 mmol-scale gave **1d** (0.94 g, 98%) as a pale yellow oil, R_f 0.59 (hexane–ethyl acetate = 4:1). ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 1.73 (s, 3H), 3.33 (s, 2H), 4.66 (s, 1H), 4.90 (s, 1H), 6.97–7.06 (m, 2H), 7.43 (dd, $J = 8.9, 4.4$ Hz, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 22.2, 37.5, 109.0, 113.4, 114.9 (d, $J = 25$ Hz), 116.3 (d, $J = 10$ Hz), 118.2 (d, $J = 25$ Hz), 130.6 (d, $J = 10$ Hz), 141.8, 147.2, 160.6 (d, $J = 250$ Hz); HRMS (APCI) Calcd for $\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_{11}\text{FNO}$: $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$, 192.0819. Found: m/z 192.0817.



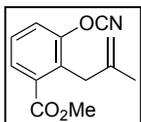
4-Chloro-1-cyanato-2-(2-methylallyl)benzene (1e). The procedure on a 5.0 mmol-scale gave **1e** (1.02 g, 99%) as a yellowish oil, R_f 0.63 (hexane–ethyl acetate = 4:1). ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 1.72 (s, 3H), 3.31 (s, 2H), 4.64 (s, 1H), 4.89 (s, 1H), 7.25–7.42 (m, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 22.2, 37.3, 108.6, 113.4, 116.0, 128.2, 130.0, 131.6, 132.3, 141.8, 149.8; HRMS (APCI) Calcd for $\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_{11}\text{ClNO}$: $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$, 208.0524. Found: m/z 208.0522.



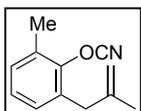
4-Bromo-1-cyanato-2-(2-methylallyl)benzene (1f). The procedure on a 5.0 mmol-scale gave **1f** (1.25 g, 99%) as a pale yellow oil, R_f 0.64 (hexane–ethyl acetate = 4:1). ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 1.72 (s, 3H), 3.31 (s, 2H), 4.64 (s, 1H), 4.89 (s, 1H), 7.33–7.48 (m, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 22.3, 37.2, 108.5, 113.4, 116.3, 119.9, 130.3, 131.2, 134.6, 141.8, 150.4; HRMS (APCI) Calcd for $\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_{11}\text{BrNO}$: $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$, 252.0019. Found: m/z 252.0015.



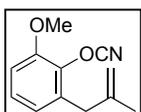
Ethyl 4-cyano-3-(2-methylallyl)benzoate (1g). The procedure on a 25 mmol-scale gave **1g** (5.7 g, 93%) as a colorless oil, R_f 0.34 (hexane–ethyl acetate = 4:1). $^1\text{H NMR}$ (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 1.40 (t, $J = 6.9$ Hz, 3H), 1.73 (s, 3H), 3.38 (s, 2H), 4.39 (q, $J = 6.9$ Hz, 2H), 4.60 (s, 1H), 4.87 (s, 1H), 7.52 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.97 (d, $J = 2.5$ Hz, 1H), 8.04 (dd, $J = 8.8, 2.5$ Hz, 1H); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 14.3, 22.4, 37.4, 61.5, 108.2, 113.1, 114.4, 128.3, 129.2, 130.0, 133.5, 142.0, 154.1, 165.1; HRMS (APCI) Calcd for $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{14}\text{NO}_3$: $[\text{M}-\text{H}]^-$, 244.0979. Found: m/z 244.0975.



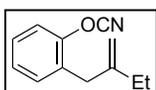
Methyl 3-cyano-2-(2-methylallyl)benzoate (1h). The procedure on a 3.9 mmol-scale gave **1h** (0.71 g, 78%) as a colorless solid, R_f 0.39 (hexane–ethyl acetate = 4:1). $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 1.80 (s, 3H), 3.73 (s, 2H), 3.88 (s, 3H), 4.22 (s, 1H), 4.75 (s, 1H), 7.43 (t, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.66 (dd, $J = 8.4, 1.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.82 (dd, $J = 8.4, 1.2$ Hz, 1H); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (75 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 23.1, 33.3, 52.5, 108.7, 110.8, 117.8, 127.8, 128.9, 129.7, 133.3, 143.1, 151.9, 166.5; HRMS (APCI) Calcd for $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{12}\text{NO}_3$: $[\text{M}-\text{H}]^-$, 230.0823. Found: m/z 230.0819.



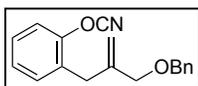
2-Cyano-1-methyl-3-(2-methylallyl)benzene (1i). The procedure on a 3.0 mmol-scale gave **1i** (0.55 g, 97%) as a yellowish oil, R_f 0.55 (hexane–ethyl acetate = 4:1). $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 1.75 (s, 3H), 2.45 (s, 3H), 3.44 (s, 2H), 4.68 (s, 1H), 4.90 (s, 1H), 7.10–7.19 (m, 3H); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 15.8, 22.3, 38.1, 110.4, 113.0, 127.8, 129.0, 129.5, 130.4, 130.7, 142.6, 151.2; HRMS (APCI) Calcd for $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{14}\text{NO}$: $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$, 188.1070. Found: m/z 188.1067.



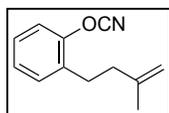
2-Cyano-1-methoxy-3-(2-methylallyl)benzene (1j). The procedure on a 4.0 mmol-scale gave **1j** (0.82 g, quant.) as a colorless oil, R_f 0.38 (hexane–ethyl acetate = 4:1). $^1\text{H NMR}$ (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 1.73 (s, 3H), 3.39 (s, 2H), 3.96 (s, 3H), 4.67 (s, 1H), 4.88 (s, 1H), 6.82 (dd, $J = 8.0, 1.5$ Hz, 1H), 6.90 (dd, $J = 8.0, 1.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.18–7.26 (m, 1H); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 22.3, 37.9, 56.3, 110.4, 111.2, 112.8, 122.5, 127.8, 131.6, 141.0, 142.6, 150.1; HRMS (APCI) Calcd for $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{14}\text{NO}_2$: $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$, 204.1019. Found: m/z 204.1010.



1-Cyano-2-(2-methylenbutyl)benzene (1k). The procedure on a 3.0 mmol-scale gave **1k** (0.49 g, 86%) as a colorless oil, R_f 0.52 (hexane–ethyl acetate = 4:1). $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 1.06 (t, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 3H), 1.99–2.06 (m, 2H), 3.37 (s, 2H), 4.59 (s, 1H), 4.86 (s, 1H), 7.22–7.47 (m, 4H); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 12.1, 28.6, 36.1, 109.0, 110.4, 114.6, 126.8, 128.2, 128.3, 132.0, 148.3, 151.4; HRMS (APCI) Calcd for $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{12}\text{NO}$: $[\text{M}-\text{H}]^-$, 186.0924. Found: m/z 186.0922.



1-{2-[(Benzyloxy)methyl]allyl}-2-cyanatobenzene (1l). The procedure on a 1.16 mmol-scale gave **1l** (0.31 g, 96%) as a pale yellow oil, R_f 0.12 (hexane–ethyl acetate = 4:1). $^1\text{H NMR}$ (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 3.45 (s, 2H), 3.95 (s, 2H), 4.49 (s, 2H), 4.81 (s, 1H), 5.17 (s, 1H), 7.24–7.48 (m, 9H); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 33.1, 72.0, 72.6, 108.9, 114.5, 114.6, 126.9, 127.5, 127.67, 127.72, 128.4, 128.5, 132.2, 138.0, 143.2, 151.4; HRMS (APCI) Calcd for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{18}\text{NO}_2$: $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$, 280.1332. Found: m/z 280.1318.



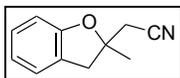
1-Cyano-2-(3-methylenbut-3-en-1-yl)benzene (1m). The procedure on a 9.3 mmol-scale gave **1m** (1.69 g, 90%) as a colorless oil, R_f 0.65 (hexane–ethyl acetate = 4:1). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 1.78 (s, 3H), 2.28 (d, $J = 9.2$ Hz, 2H), 2.77–2.81 (m, 2H), 4.67 (s, 1H), 4.76 (s, 1H), 7.21–7.33 (m, 3H), 7.44 (dd, $J = 8.3, 1.0$ Hz, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 22.4, 27.8, 37.9, 109.0, 110.9, 114.4, 126.8, 127.9, 130.2, 131.2, 144.2, 151.2; HRMS (APCI) Calcd for $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{14}\text{NO}$: $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$, 188.1070. Found: m/z 188.1061.

Intramolecular oxycyanation of alkenes catalyzed by Pd/BPh₃. A general procedure. The respective cyanate (1.0 equiv) was measured in a 3 mL-vial and transferred into a dry box. It was dissolved in THF (4 mL per 1.00 mmol), and dodecane (0.11–0.66 equiv) was added to the mixture as an internal GC-standard. Xantphos (10 mol % unless otherwise stated), a palladium complex (10 mol % unless otherwise stated), and then BPh₃ (20 mol % unless otherwise stated) were added sequentially to the vial. The reaction mixture was sealed with a screw-cap, taken outside the dry box, and heated with a heating block at the temperature for the time both specified in Table 1. The reaction mixture was flushed through a pad of silica gel, and the residue was purified by MPLC on silica gel to give the products in yields listed in Table 1.

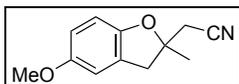
Table S1. Optimization of Reaction Conditions for the Reaction of **1c**

| entry | scale | n | metal complex | ligand ^a | Lewis acid | solvent | temp (°C) | time (h) | conv. of 1c (%) ^b | yield of 2c (%) ^c |
|-------|-------|----|--|---|--|---------|-----------|----------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 1 | 0.20 | 10 | Ni(cod) ₂ | Xantphos | BPh ₃ | toluene | 100 | 24 | 75 | <5 |
| 2 | 0.20 | 10 | CpPd(allyl) | none | BPh ₃ | toluene | 100 | 18 | >95 | <5 |
| 3 | 0.20 | 10 | CpPd(allyl) | P(4-CF ₃ -C ₆ H ₄) ₃ | BPh ₃ | toluene | 100 | 18 | >95 | <5 |
| 4 | 0.20 | 10 | CpPd(allyl) | P(4-MeO-C ₆ H ₄) ₃ | BPh ₃ | toluene | 100 | 18 | >95 | <5 |
| 5 | 0.20 | 10 | CpPd(allyl) | PMe ₃ | BPh ₃ | toluene | 100 | 18 | >95 | <5 |
| 6 | 0.20 | 10 | CpPd(allyl) | PCy ₃ | BPh ₃ | toluene | 100 | 18 | >95 | <5 |
| 7 | 0.20 | 10 | CpPd(allyl) | Pr-t-Bu ₃ | BPh ₃ | toluene | 100 | 18 | >95 | <5 |
| 8 | 0.20 | 10 | CpPd(allyl) | Dppp | BPh ₃ | toluene | 100 | 18 | >95 | <5 |
| 9 | 0.50 | 5 | CpPd(allyl) | Xantphos | BPh ₃ | toluene | 80 | 9 | >95 | 67 |
| 10 | 0.50 | 5 | Pd(OAc) ₂ | Xantphos | BPh ₃ | toluene | 80 | 3 | >95 | 46 |
| 11 | 0.50 | 5 | Pd ₂ [P(<i>o</i> -tol) ₃] ₂ | Xantphos | BPh ₃ | toluene | 80 | 3 | >95 | 73 |
| 12 | 0.50 | 5 | Pd ₂ (dba) ₃ | Xantphos | BPh ₃ | toluene | 80 | 3 | >95 | 91 |
| 13 | 0.50 | 5 | Pd ₂ (dba) ₃ | Xantphos | BPh ₃ | toluene | 50 | 3 | >95 | 77 |
| 14 | 0.50 | 5 | Pd ₂ (dba) ₃ | DPEphos | BPh ₃ | toluene | 50 | 3 | 12 | <5 |
| 15 | 0.50 | 5 | Pd ₂ (dba) ₃ | Dpph | BPh ₃ | toluene | 50 | 3 | <5 | <5 |
| 16 | 0.50 | 5 | Pd ₂ (dba) ₃ | Dppf | BPh ₃ | toluene | 50 | 3 | <5 | <5 |
| 17 | 0.50 | 5 | Pd ₂ (dba) ₃ | Binap | BPh ₃ | toluene | 50 | 3 | 25 | <5 |
| 18 | 0.50 | 5 | CpPd(allyl) | Xantphos | B(C ₆ F ₅) ₃ | toluene | 80 | 9 | >95 | 3 |
| 19 | 0.50 | 5 | CpPd(allyl) | Xantphos | BEt ₃ | toluene | 80 | 9 | 62 | 5 |
| 20 | 0.50 | 5 | CpPd(allyl) | Xantphos | AlPh ₃ | toluene | 80 | 9 | >95 | <5 |
| 21 | 0.50 | 5 | CpPd(allyl) | Xantphos | AlEt ₃ | toluene | 80 | 9 | >95 | 38 |
| 22 | 0.50 | 5 | Pd ₂ (dba) ₃ | Xantphos | BPh ₃ | THF | 80 | 8 | >95 | >95 |
| 23 | 0.50 | 5 | Pd ₂ (dba) ₃ | Xantphos | BPh ₃ | THF | 50 | 8 | >95 | >95 |
| 24 | 0.50 | 5 | Pd ₂ (dba) ₃ | Xantphos | none | THF | 50 | 8 | 13 | <5 |
| 25 | 0.50 | 5 | Pd ₂ (dba) ₃ | Xantphos | BPh ₃ | NMP | 80 | 8 | 25 | <5 |

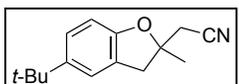
^an mol % for bidentate phosphines and 2n mol % for monodentate phosphines. ^bEstimated by GC. ^cEstimated by ^1H NMR.



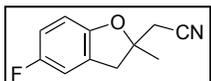
2-(2-Methyl-2,3-dihydrobenzofuran-2-yl)acetonitrile (2a). The procedure on a 1.00 mmol-scale followed by purification by MPLC (hexane–ethyl acetate = 100:0 to 90:10) gave **2a** (147 mg, 85%) as a yellow solid, R_f 0.36 (hexane–ethyl acetate = 4:1). $^1\text{H-NMR}$ (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 1.67 (s, 3H), 2.71 (d, $J = 16.5$ Hz, 1H), 2.77 (d, $J = 16.5$ Hz, 1H), 3.14 (d, $J = 16.4$ Hz, 1H), 3.23 (d, $J = 16.4$ Hz, 1H), 6.79 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 6.89 (td, $J = 7.5, 1.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.13–7.18 (m, 2H); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (75 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 25.9, 29.7, 41.2, 84.6, 110.0, 116.8, 121.1, 125.2, 128.6, 157.9; HRMS (APCI) Calcd for $\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_{12}\text{NO}$: $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$, 174.0913. Found: m/z 174.0907.



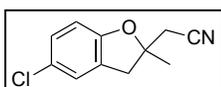
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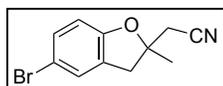
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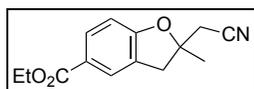
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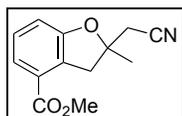
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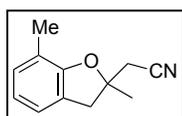
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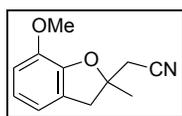
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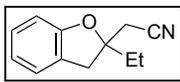
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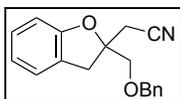
2-(2,7-Dimethyl-2,3-dihydrobenzofuran-2-yl)acetonitrile (2i). The procedure on a 0.50 mmol-scale followed by purification by MPLC (hexane–ethyl acetate = 100:0 to 87:13) gave **2i** (84 mg, 90%) as a yellow oil, R_f 0.35 (hexane–ethyl acetate = 4:1). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 1.67 (s, 3H), 2.19 (s, 3H), 2.71 (d, $J = 16.6$ Hz, 1H), 2.76 (d, $J = 16.6$ Hz, 1H), 3.13 (d, $J = 16.3$ Hz, 1H), 3.21 (d, $J = 16.3$ Hz, 1H), 6.78–6.81 (m, 1H), 6.96–7.01 (m, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 15.2, 26.0, 29.7, 41.5, 84.1, 116.9, 120.2, 120.9, 122.5, 124.5, 129.7, 156.4; HRMS (APCI) Calcd for $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{14}\text{NO}$: $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$, 188.1070. Found: m/z 188.1061.



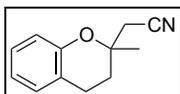
2-(7-Methoxy-2-methyl-2,3-dihydrobenzofuran-2-yl)acetonitrile (2j). The procedure on a 0.50 mmol-scale followed by purification by MPLC (hexane–ethyl acetate = 100:0 to 85:15) gave **2j** (65 mg, 64%) as a pale red solid, R_f 0.22 (hexane–ethyl acetate = 4:1). ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 1.70 (s, 3H), 2.60 (s, 2H), 3.16 (d, $J = 16.2$ Hz, 1H), 3.31 (d, $J = 16.2$ Hz, 1H), 3.87 (s, 3H), 6.76–6.89 (m, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 26.0, 29.6, 41.4, 55.9, 85.5, 111.3, 116.7, 117.2, 121.8, 126.3, 144.6, 146.1; HRMS (APCI) Calcd for $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{14}\text{NO}_2$: $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$, 204.1019. Found: m/z 204.1010.



2-(2-Ethyl-2,3-dihydrobenzofuran-2-yl)acetonitrile (2k). The procedure on a 0.50 mmol-scale followed by purification by MPLC (hexane–ethyl acetate = 100:0 to 87:13) gave **2k** (66 mg, 71%) as a colorless oil, R_f 0.44 (hexane–ethyl acetate = 4:1). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 1.03 (t, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 3H), 1.98 (qd, $J = 7.4, 2.1$ Hz, 2H), 2.71 (d, $J = 16.7$ Hz, 1H), 2.76 (d, $J = 16.7$ Hz, 1H), 3.12 (d, $J = 16.6$ Hz, 1H), 3.21 (d, $J = 16.6$ Hz, 1H), 6.79 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 6.88 (td, $J = 7.5, 0.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.09–7.22 (m, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.9, 27.8, 31.4, 38.8, 87.1, 109.8, 116.7, 121.0, 125.1, 125.2, 128.5, 158.2; HRMS (APCI) Calcd for $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{13}\text{NO}$: $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$, 188.1070. Found: m/z 188.1063.



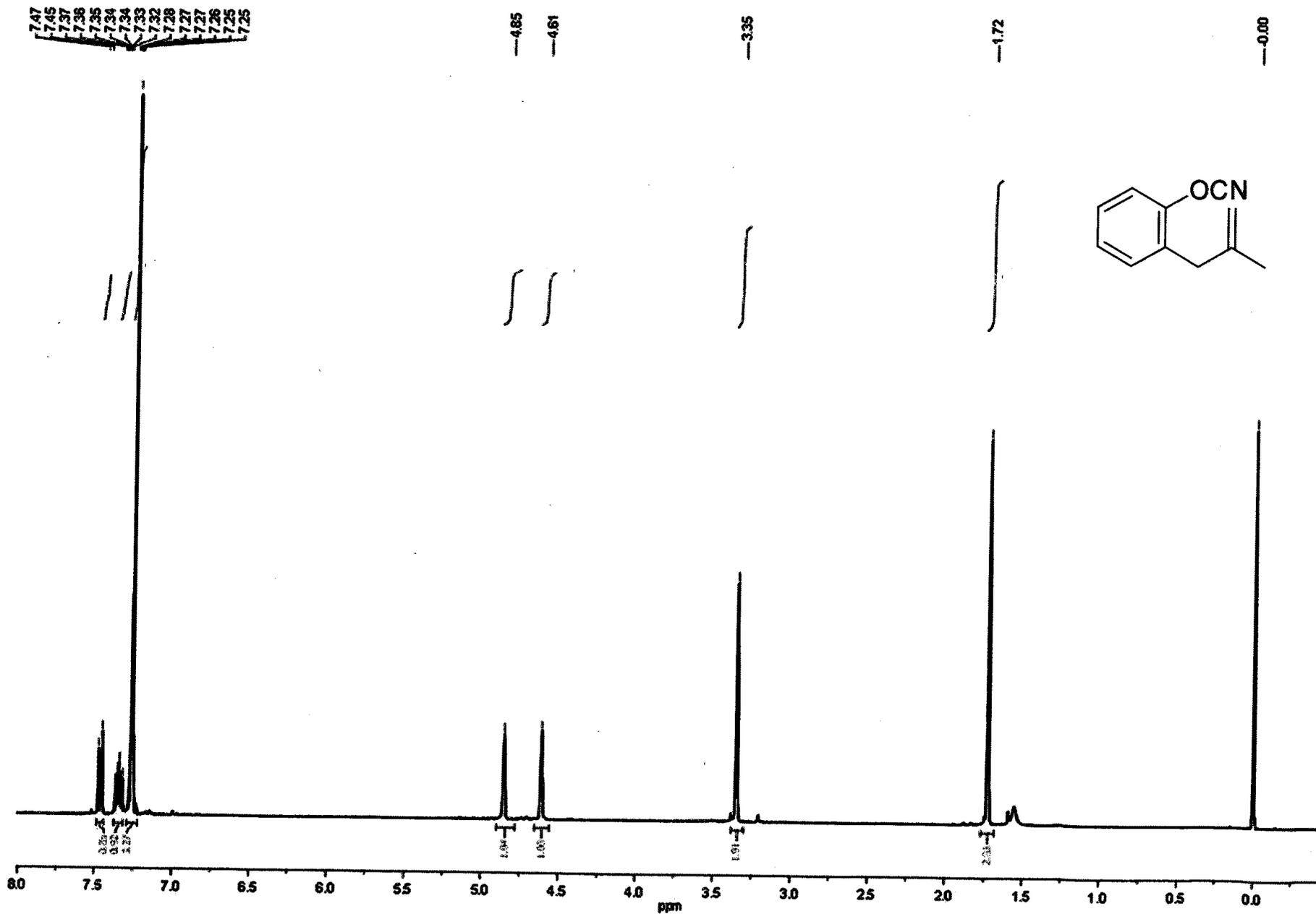
2-(2-((Benzyloxy)methyl)-2,3-dihydrobenzofuran-2-yl)acetonitrile (2l). The procedure on a 0.20 mmol-scale followed by purification by MPLC (hexane–ethyl acetate = 100:0 to 87:13) gave **2l** (34 mg, 60%) as a yellowish oil, R_f 0.30 (hexane–ethyl acetate = 4:1). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 2.98 (d, $J = 16.0$ Hz, 1H), 2.96 (d, $J = 16.0$ Hz, 1H), 3.16 (d, $J = 17.0$ Hz, 1H), 3.25 (d, $J = 17.0$ Hz, 1H), 3.64 (d, $J = 10.0$ Hz, 1H), 3.73 (d, $J = 10.3$ Hz, 1H), 4.60 (d, $J = 11.7$ Hz, 1H), 4.68 (d, $J = 11.7$ Hz, 1H), 6.83 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 6.90 (t, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.12–7.20 (m, 2H), 7.29–7.40 (m, 5H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 25.7, 37.6, 72.5, 73.8, 85.9, 110.0, 116.5, 121.3, 124.7, 125.2, 127.8, 128.0, 128.5, 128.6, 137.3, 158.0; HRMS (APCI) Calcd for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{16}\text{NO}_2$: $[\text{M}-\text{H}]^-$, 278.1187. Found: m/z 278.1182.

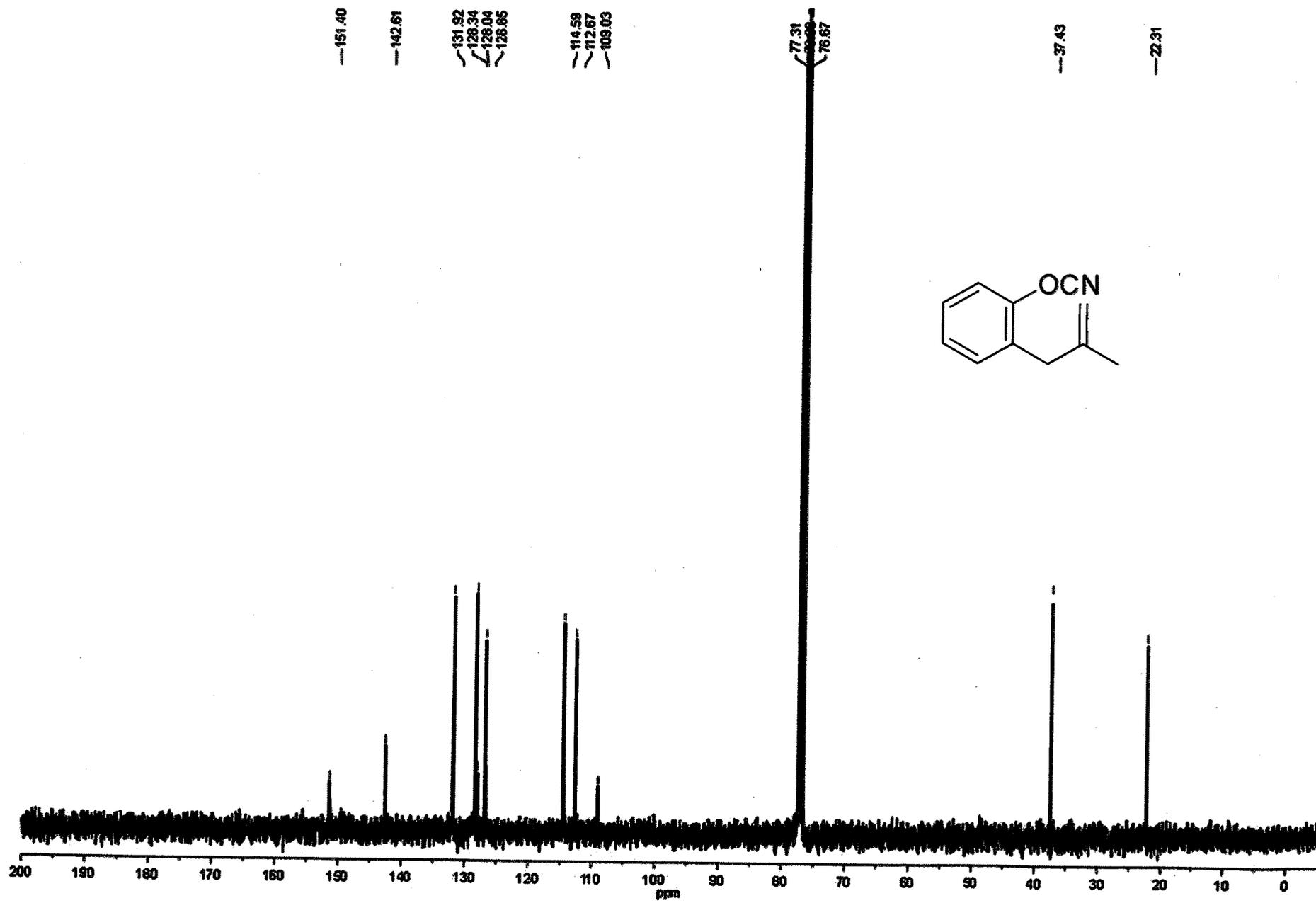


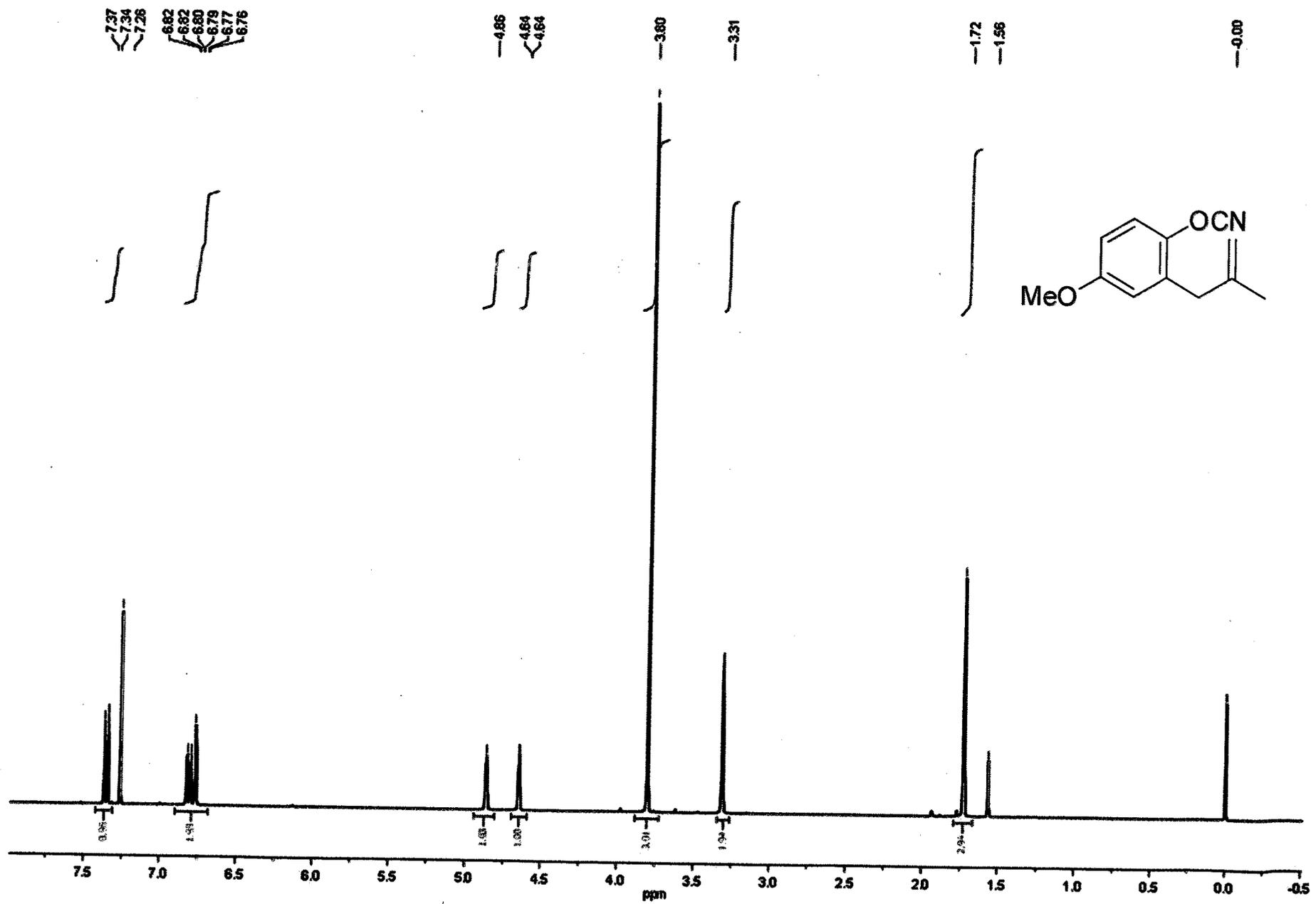
2-(2-Methyl-chroman-2-yl)acetonitrile (2m). The procedure on a 0.50 mmol-scale followed by purification by MPLC (hexane–ethyl acetate = 100:0 to 87:13) gave **2m** (56 mg, 60%) as a pale yellow oil, R_f 0.37 (hexane–ethyl acetate = 4:1). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 1.51 (s, 3H), 1.91–2.09 (m, 2H) 2.67 (s, 2H), 2.75–2.88 (m, 2H), 6.83 (dd, $J = 8.2, 1.0$ Hz, 1H), 6.89 (td, $J = 7.4, 1.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.05–7.15 (m, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 21.6, 24.6, 28.8, 30.5, 73.5, 116.8, 117.4, 120.0, 120.8, 127.7, 129.5, 152.5; HRMS (ESI) Calcd for $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{14}\text{NO}$: $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$, 188.1070. Found: m/z 188.1071.

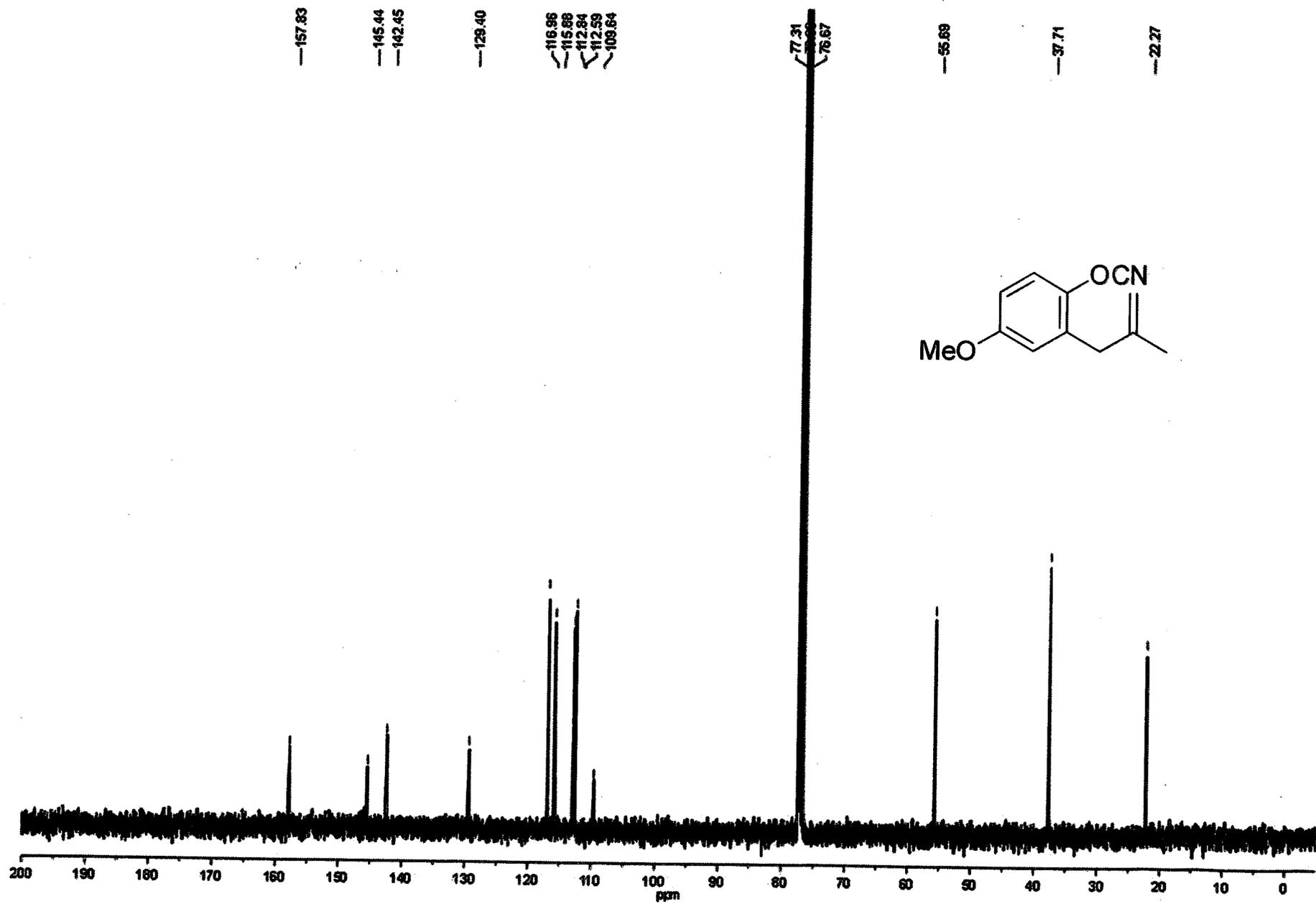
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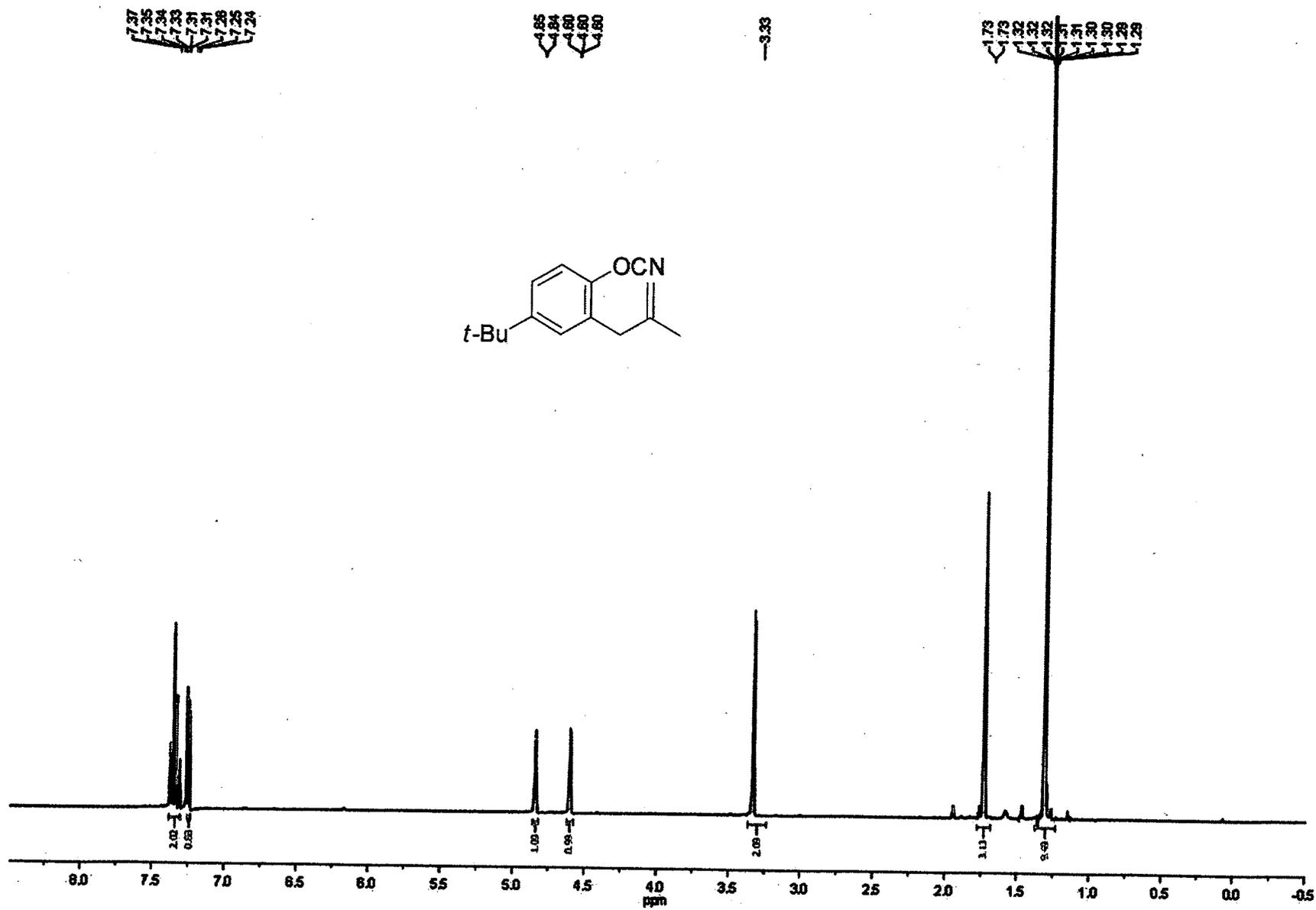
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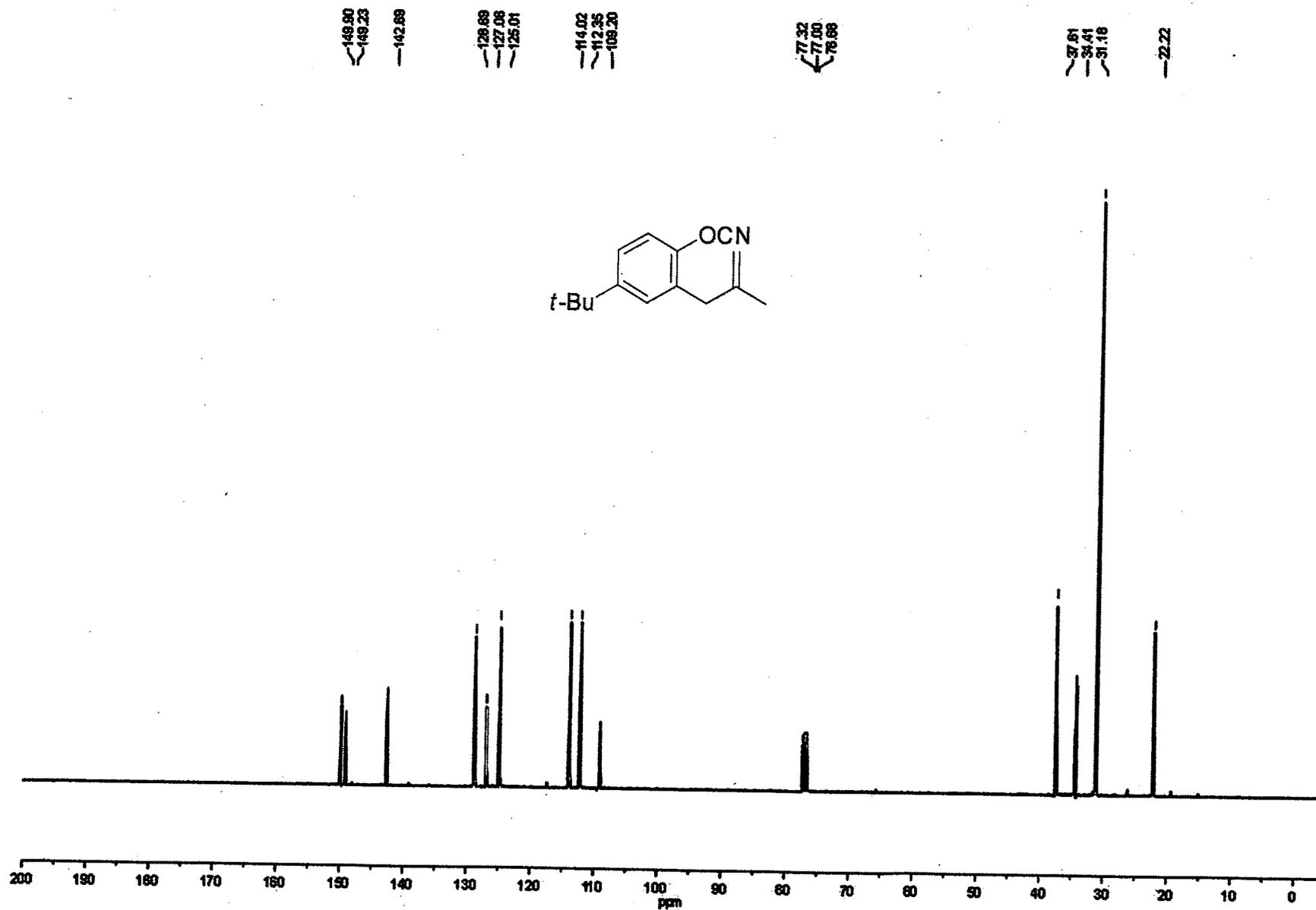


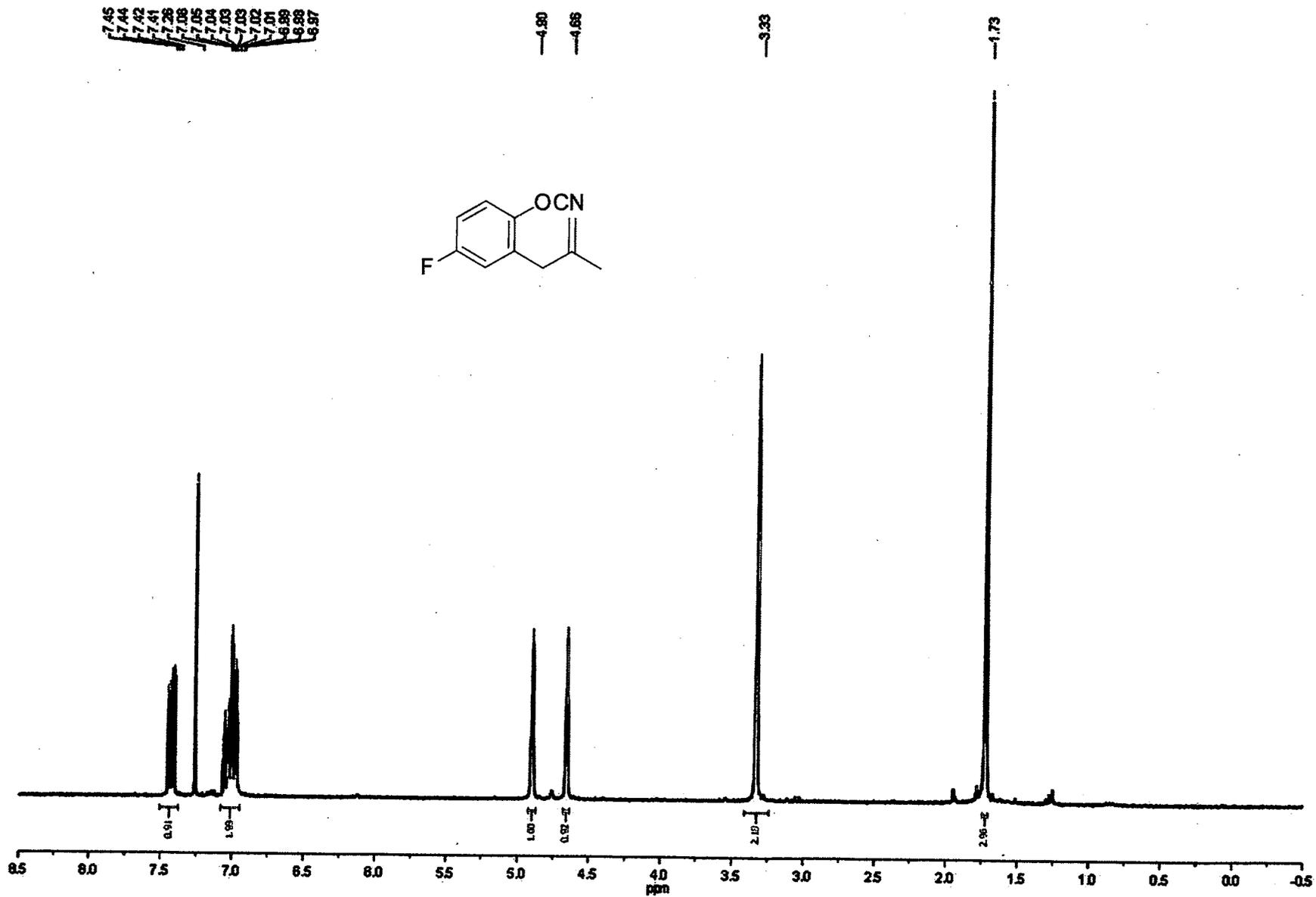


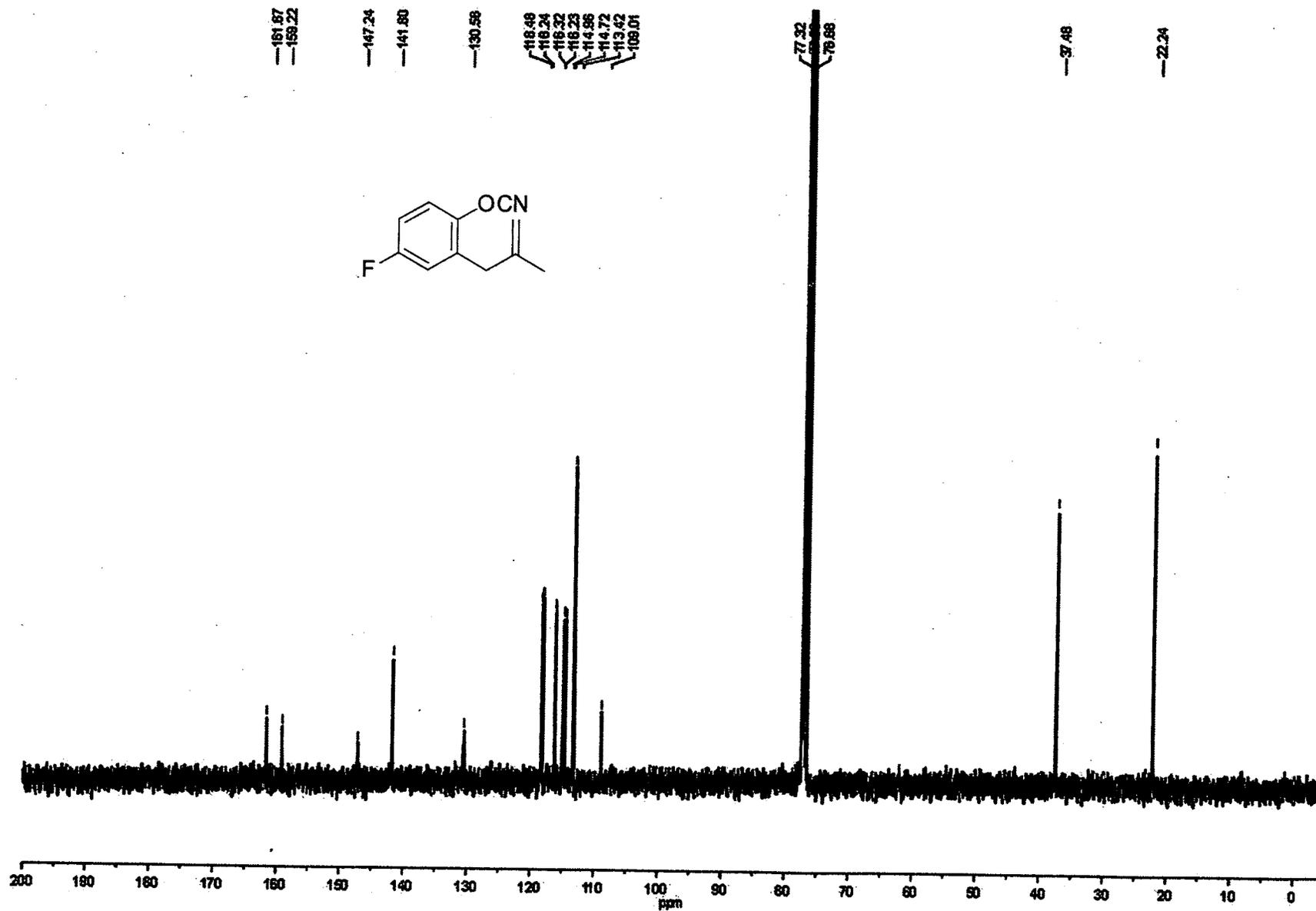


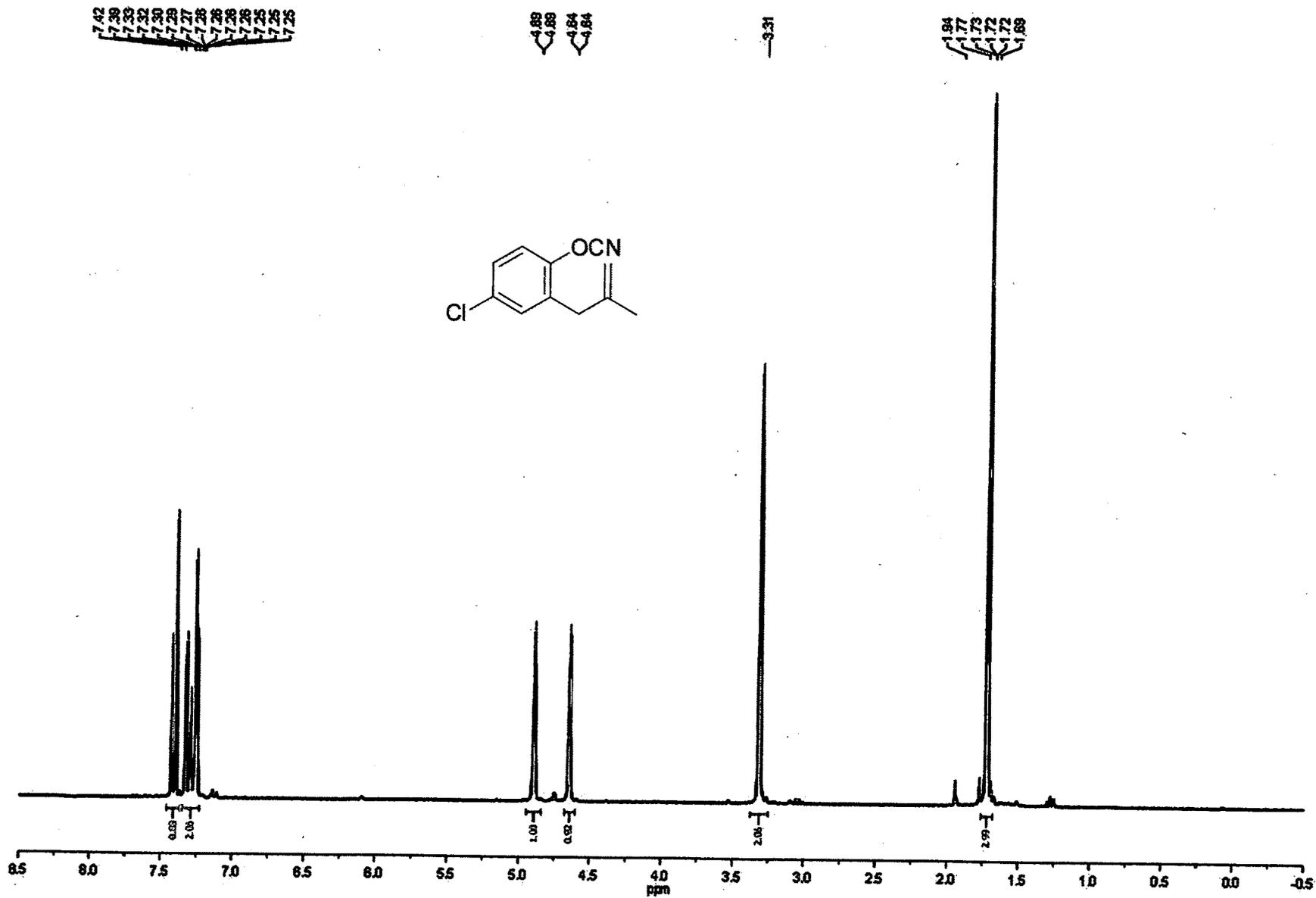


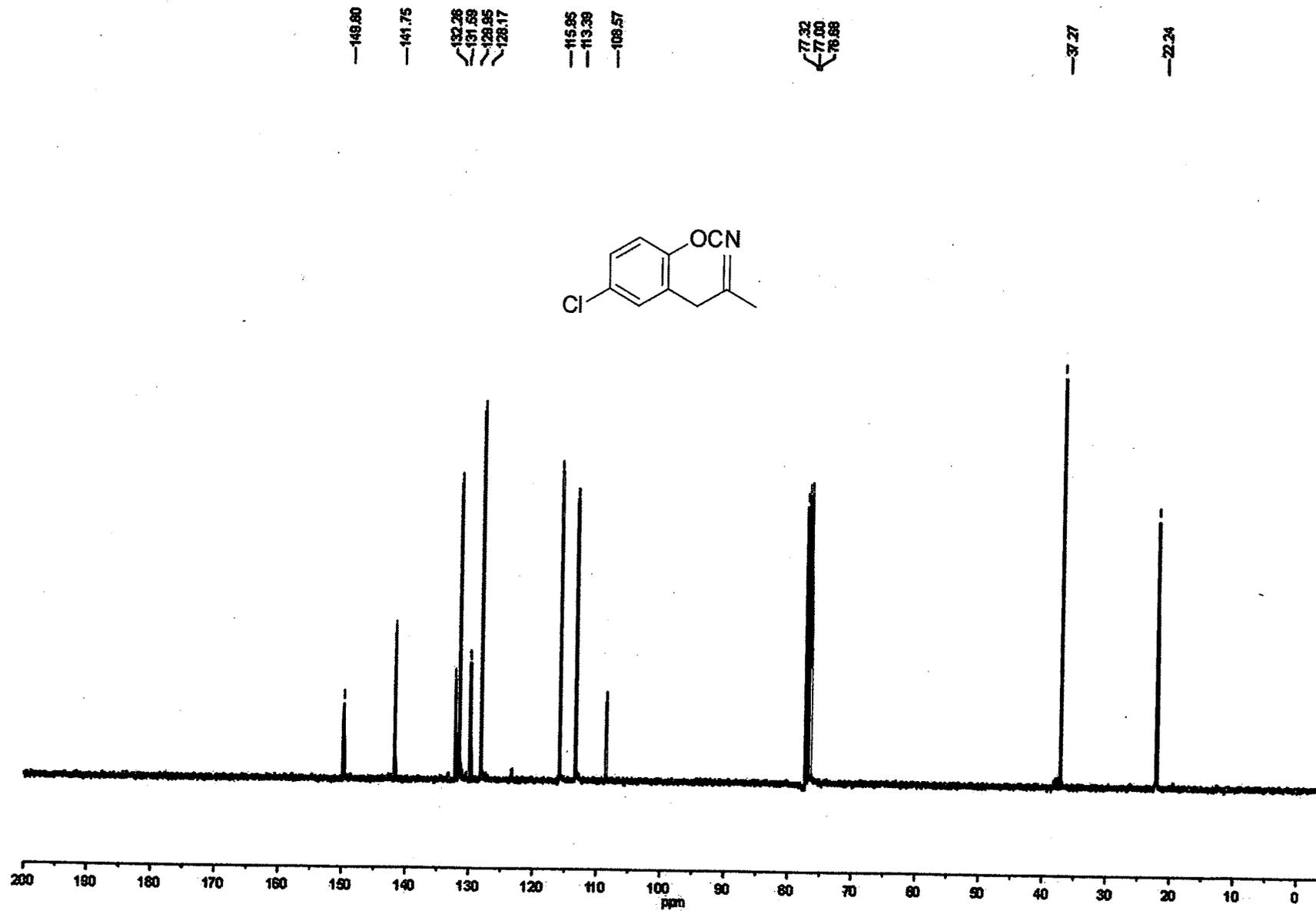


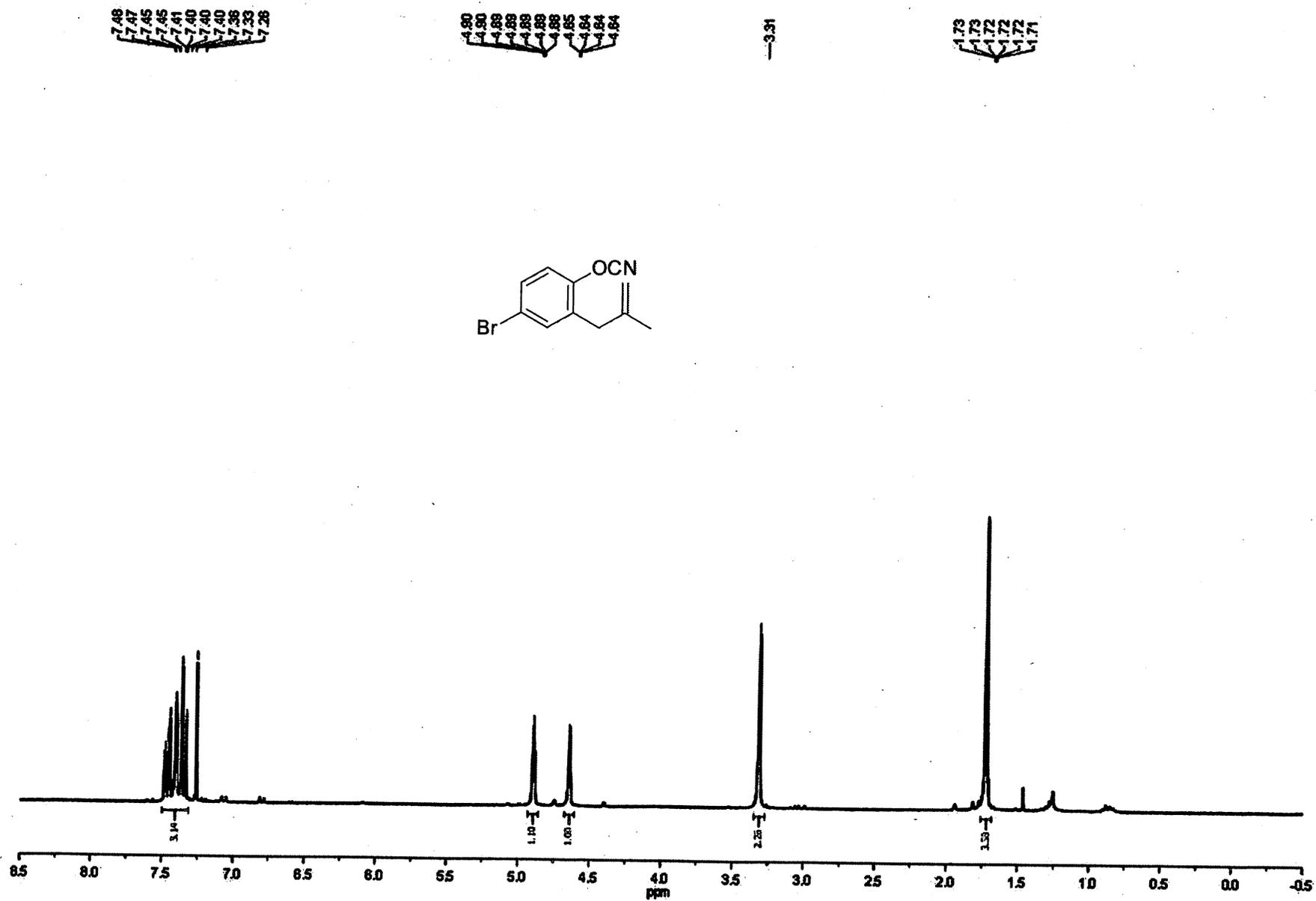


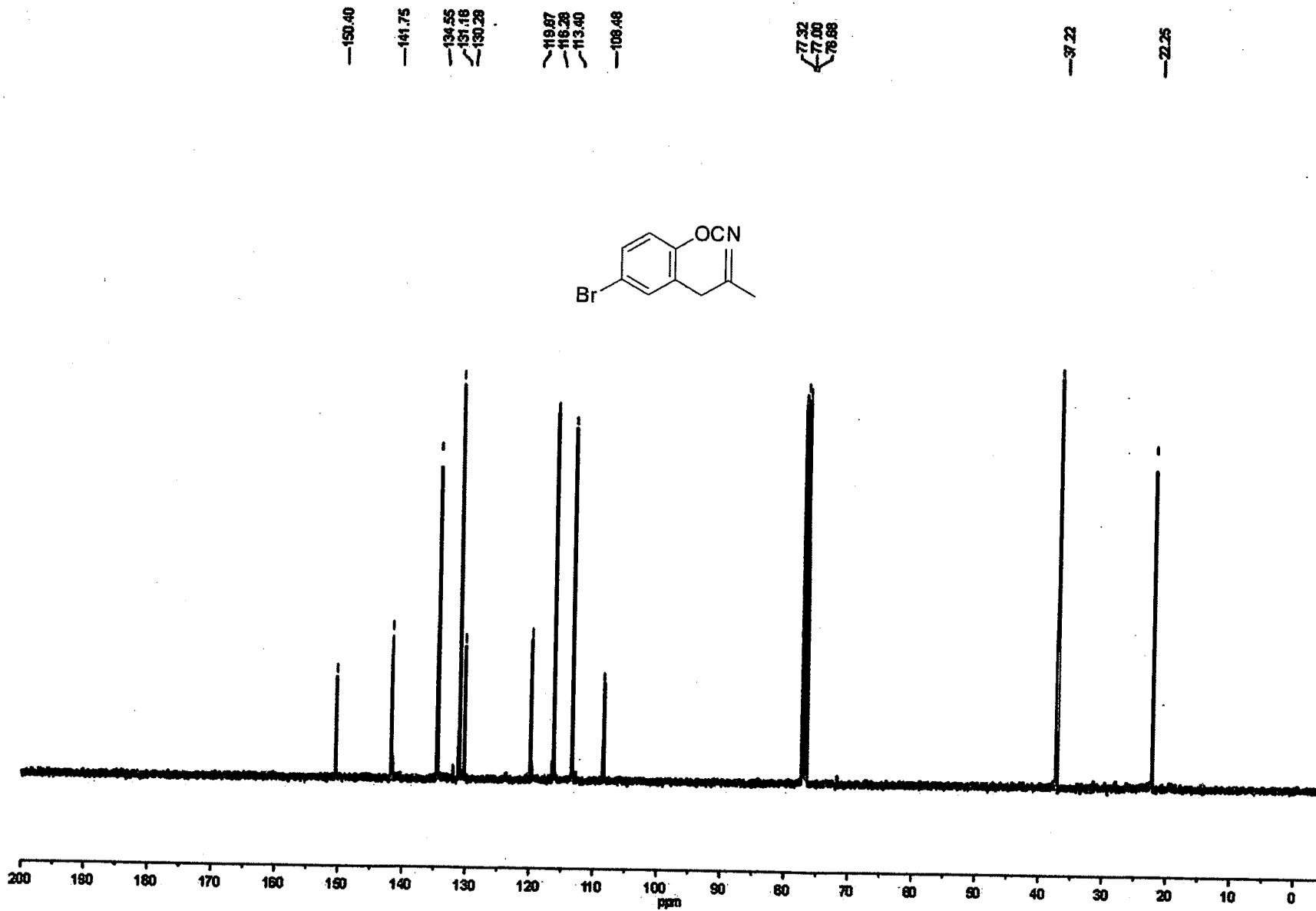


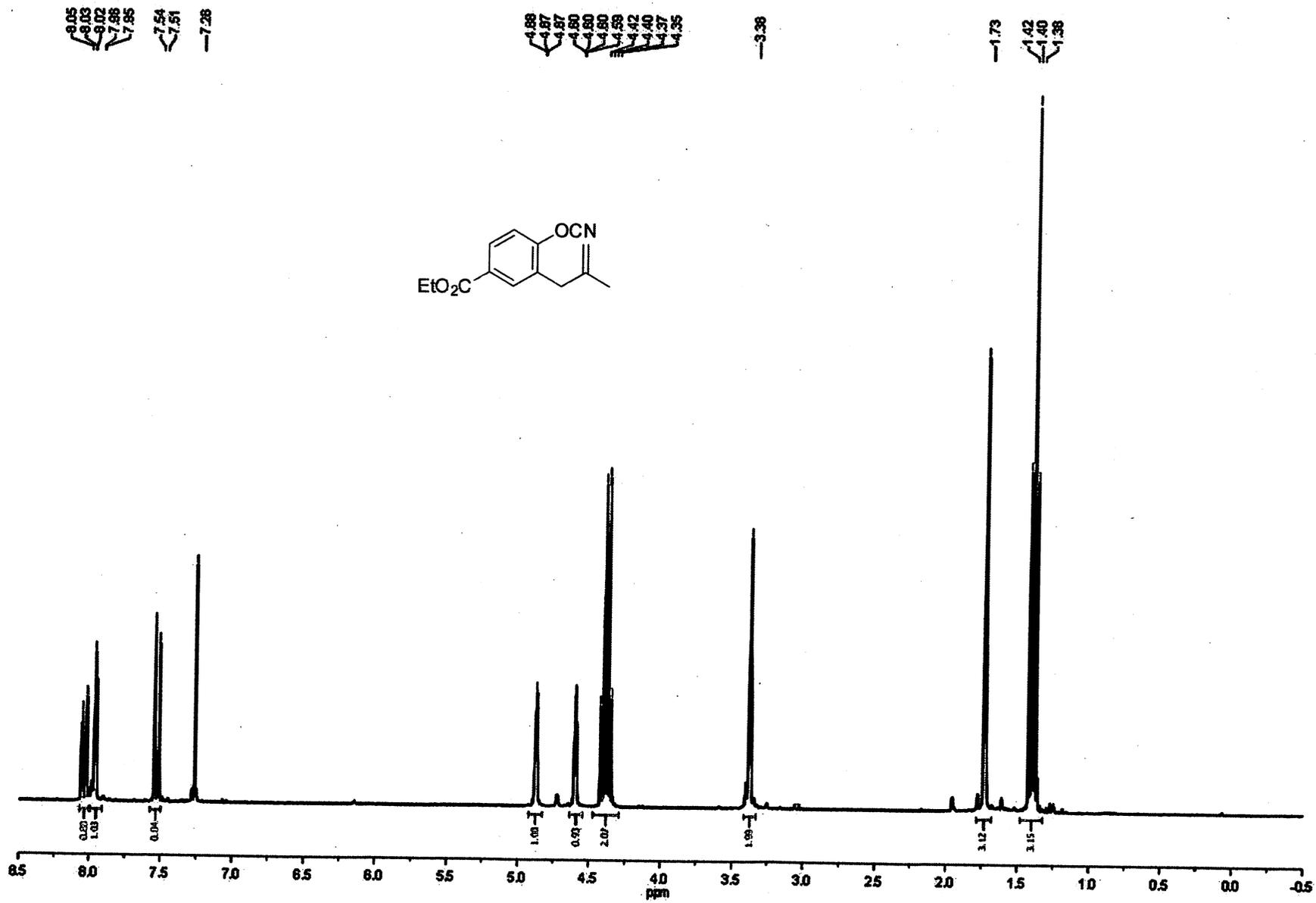


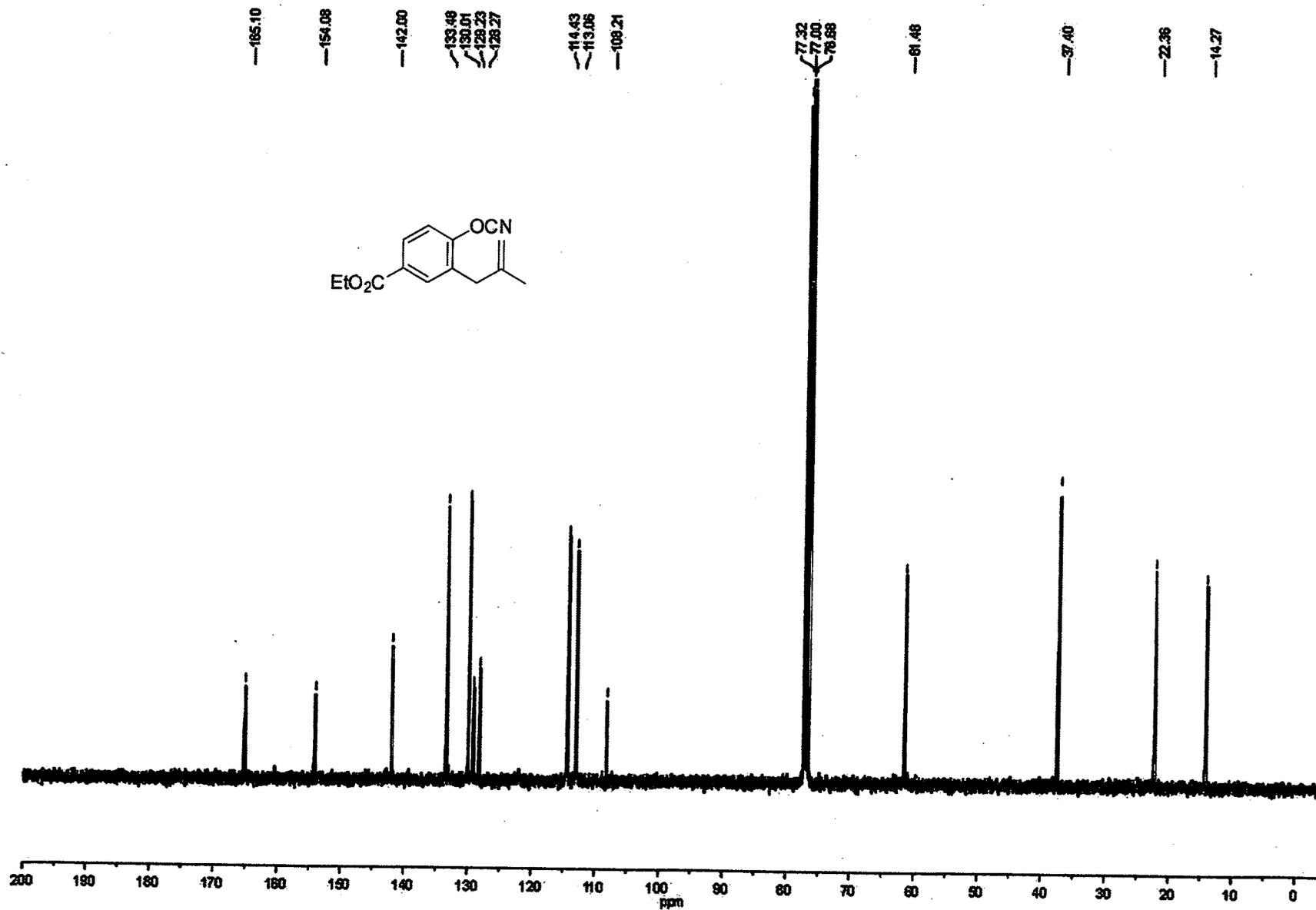


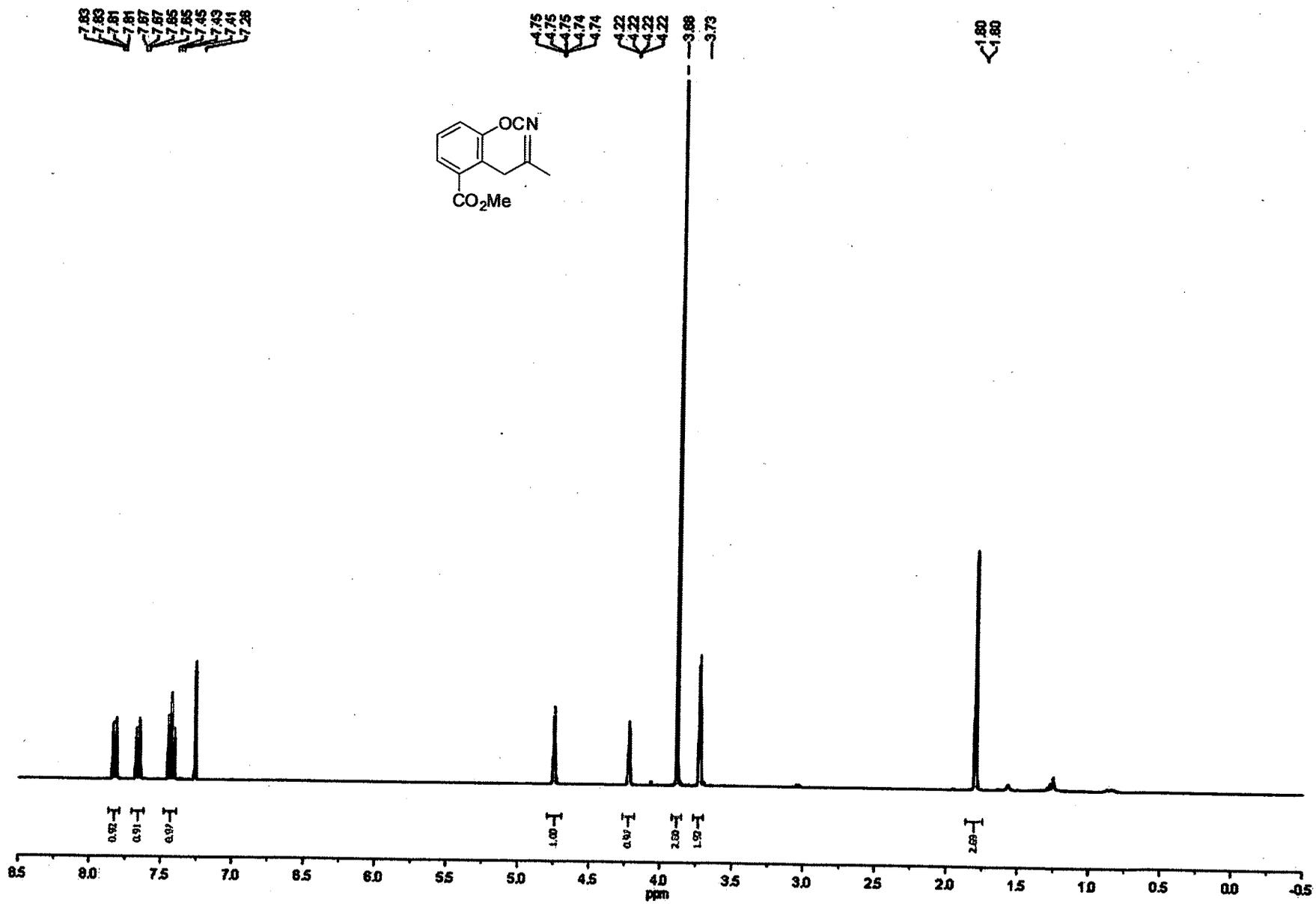


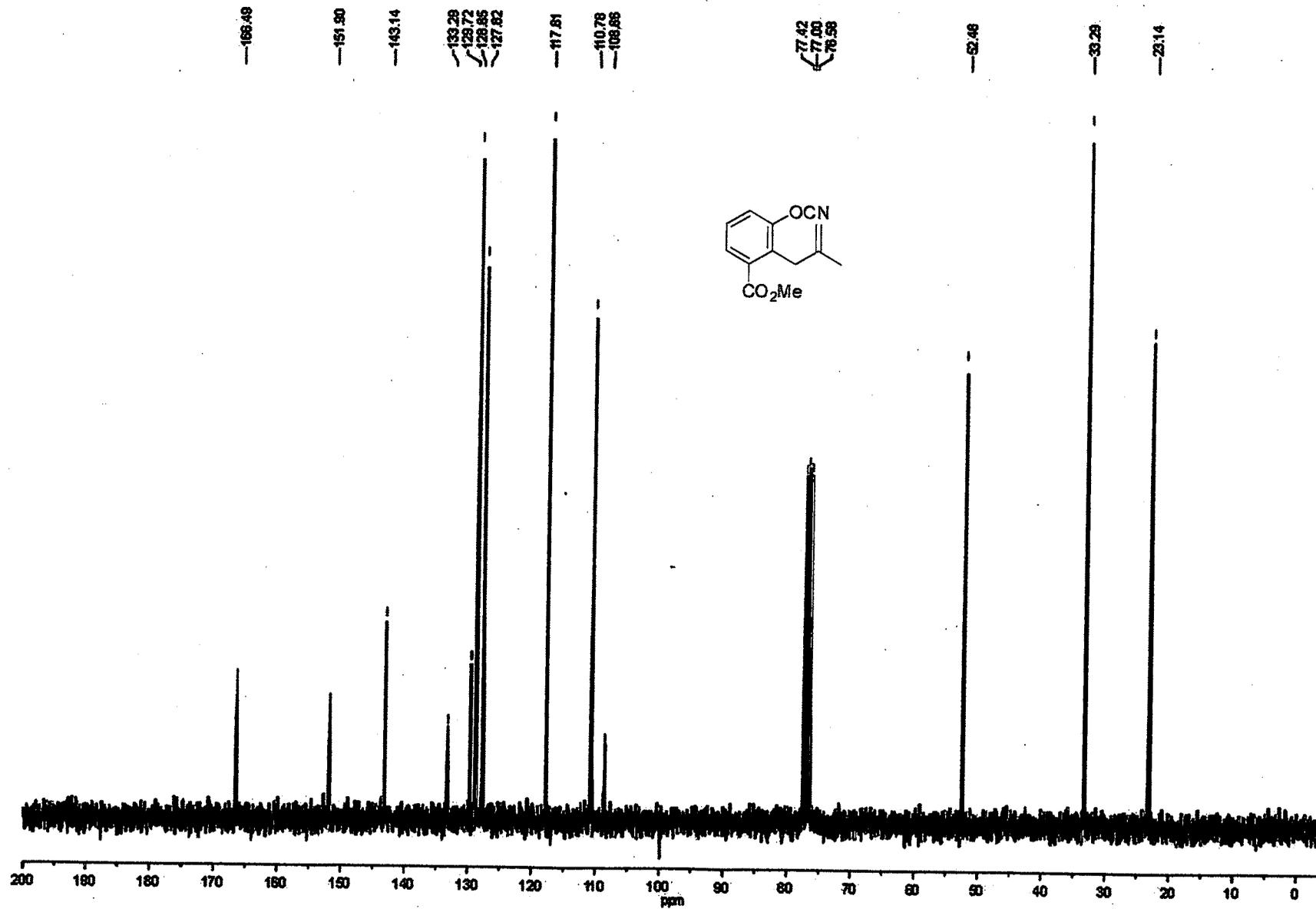












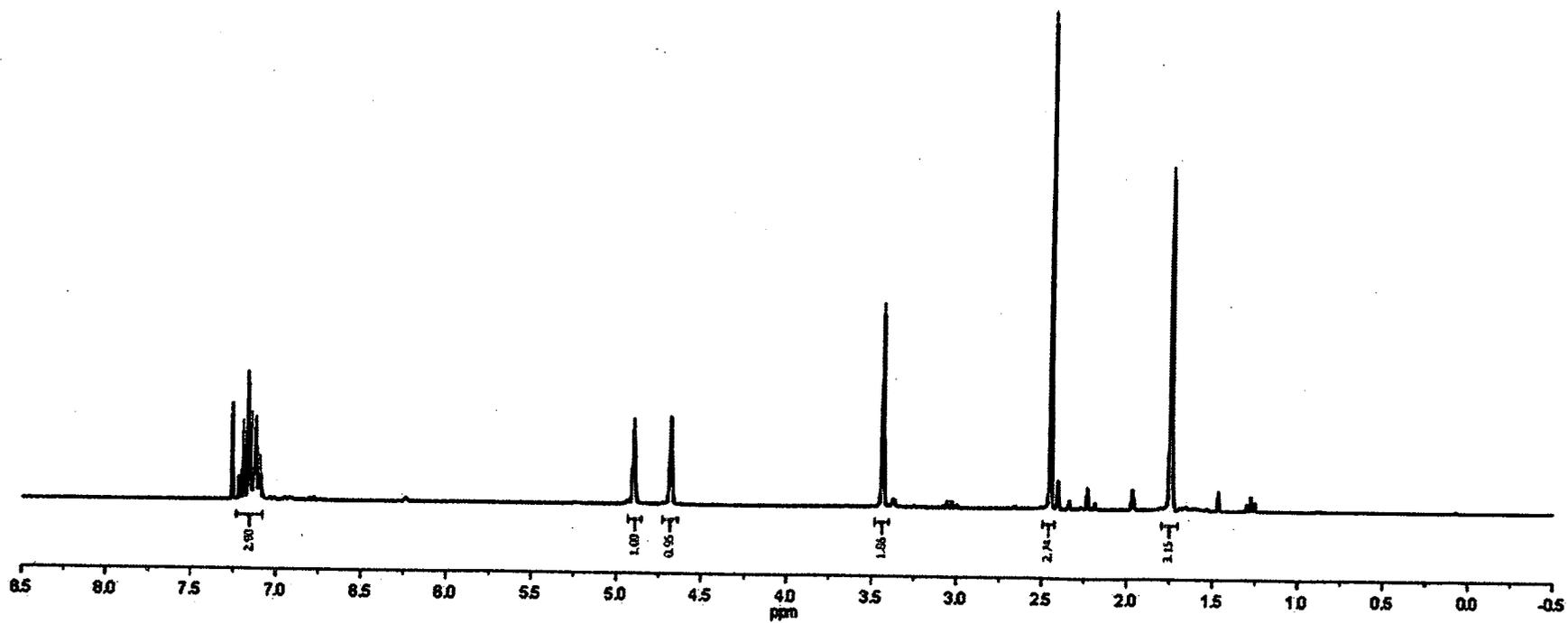
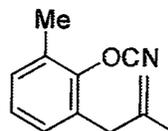
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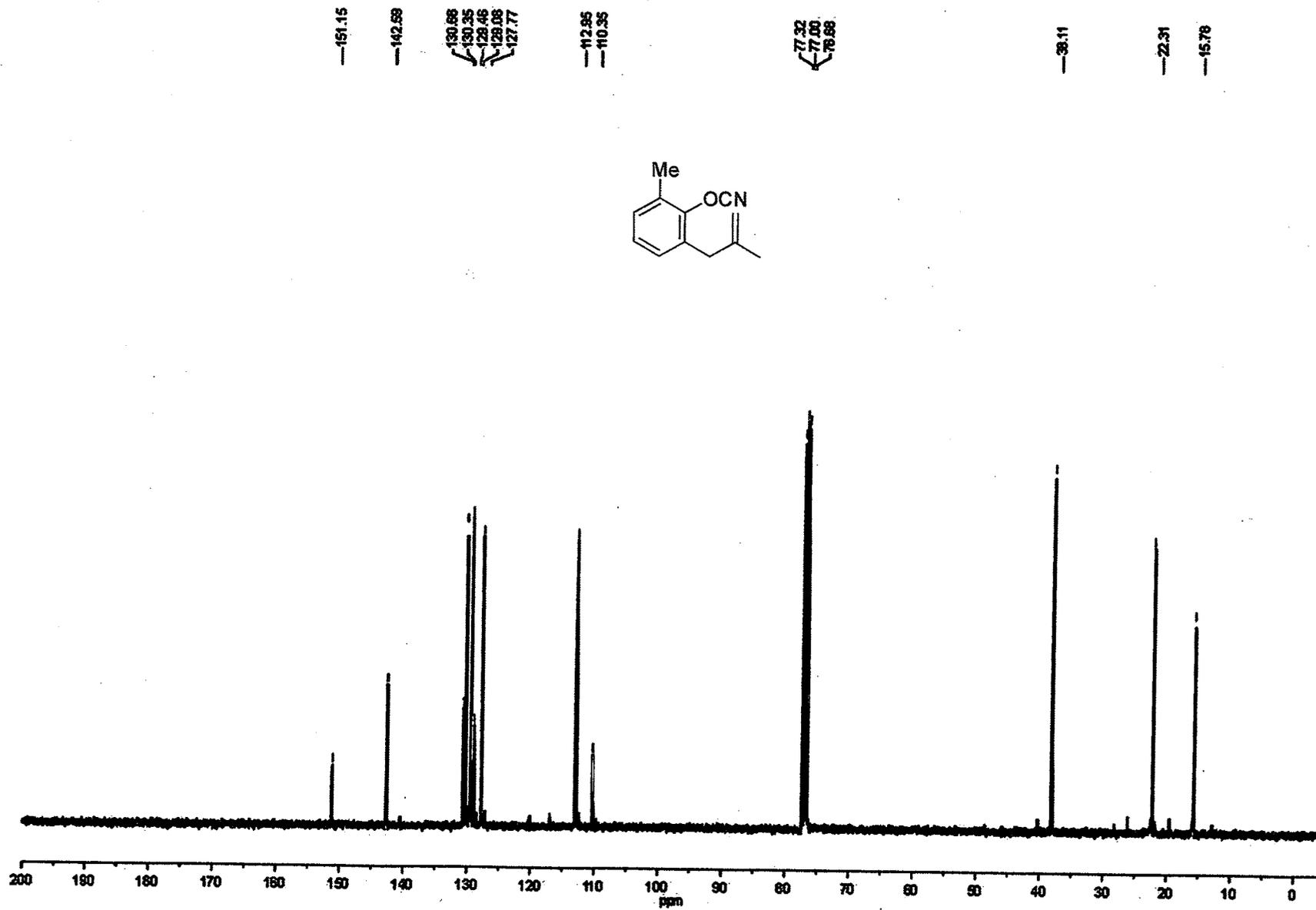
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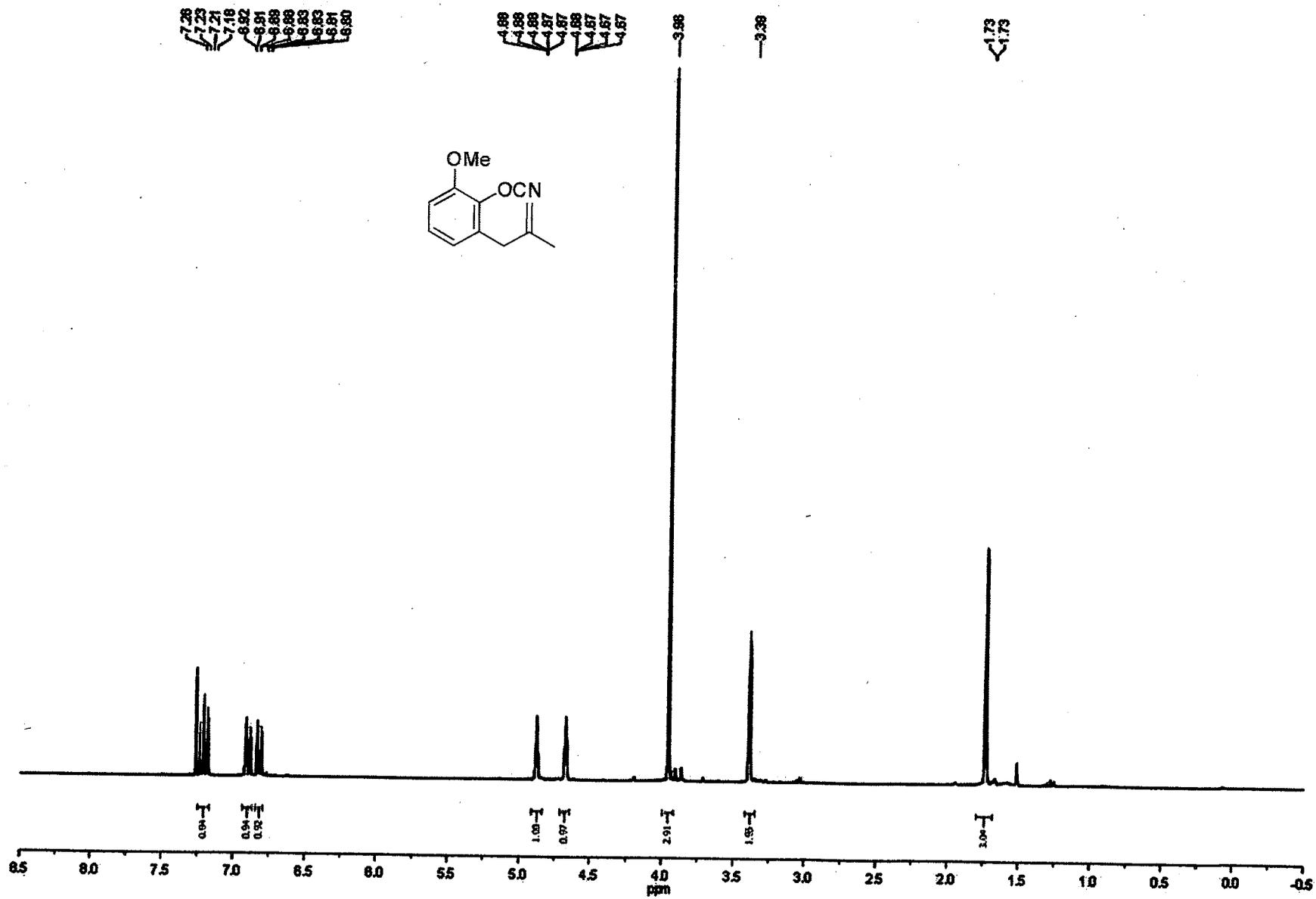
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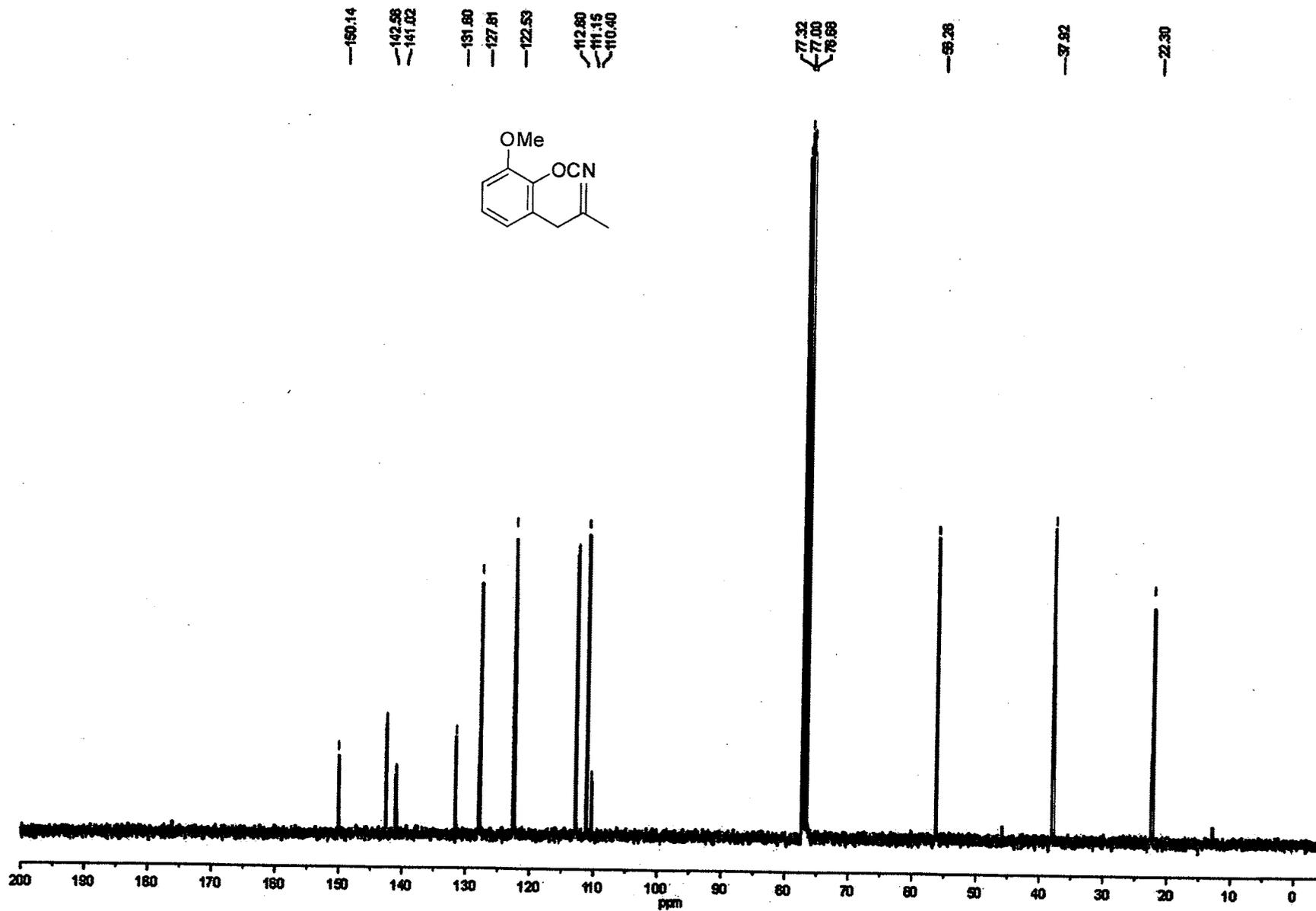
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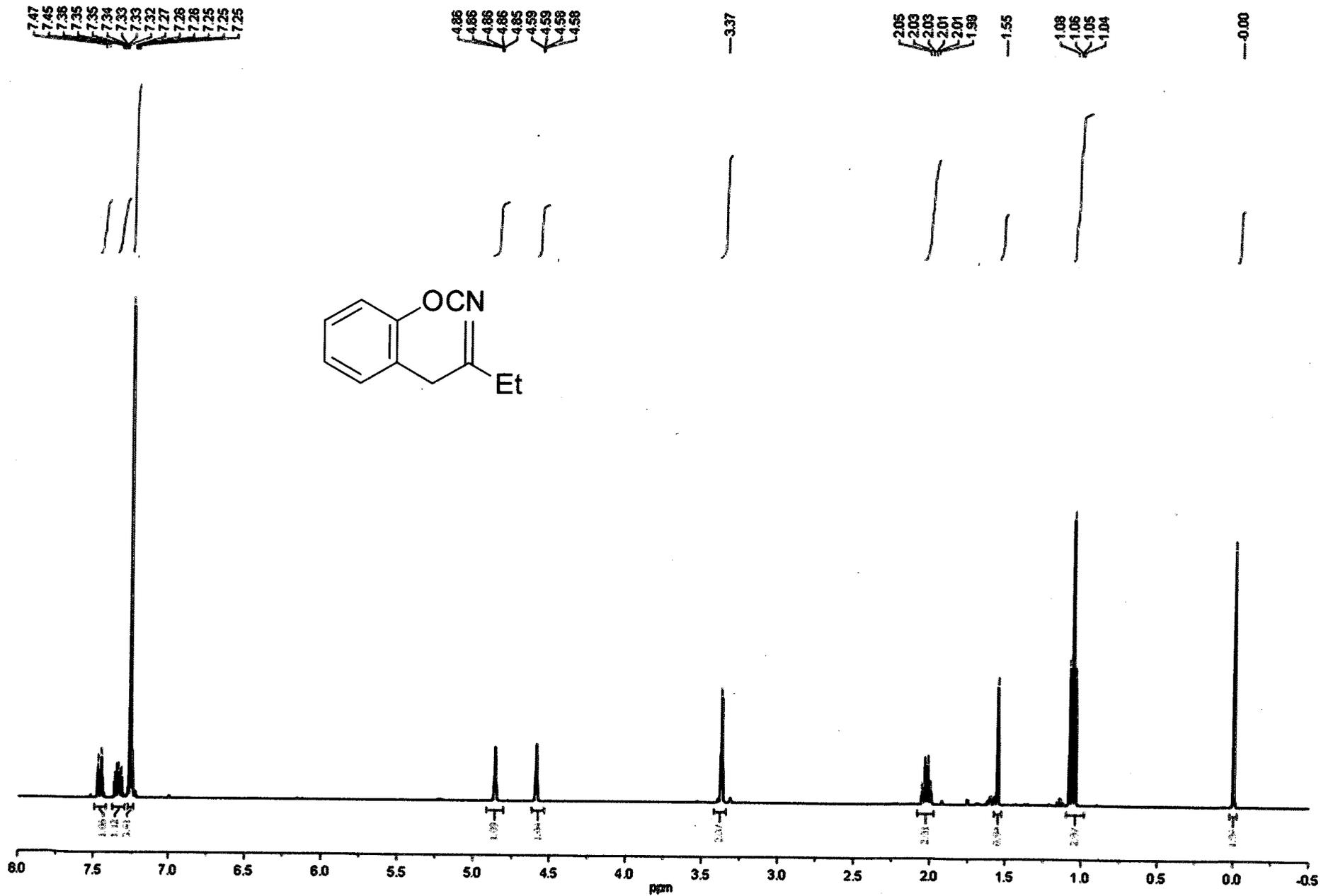
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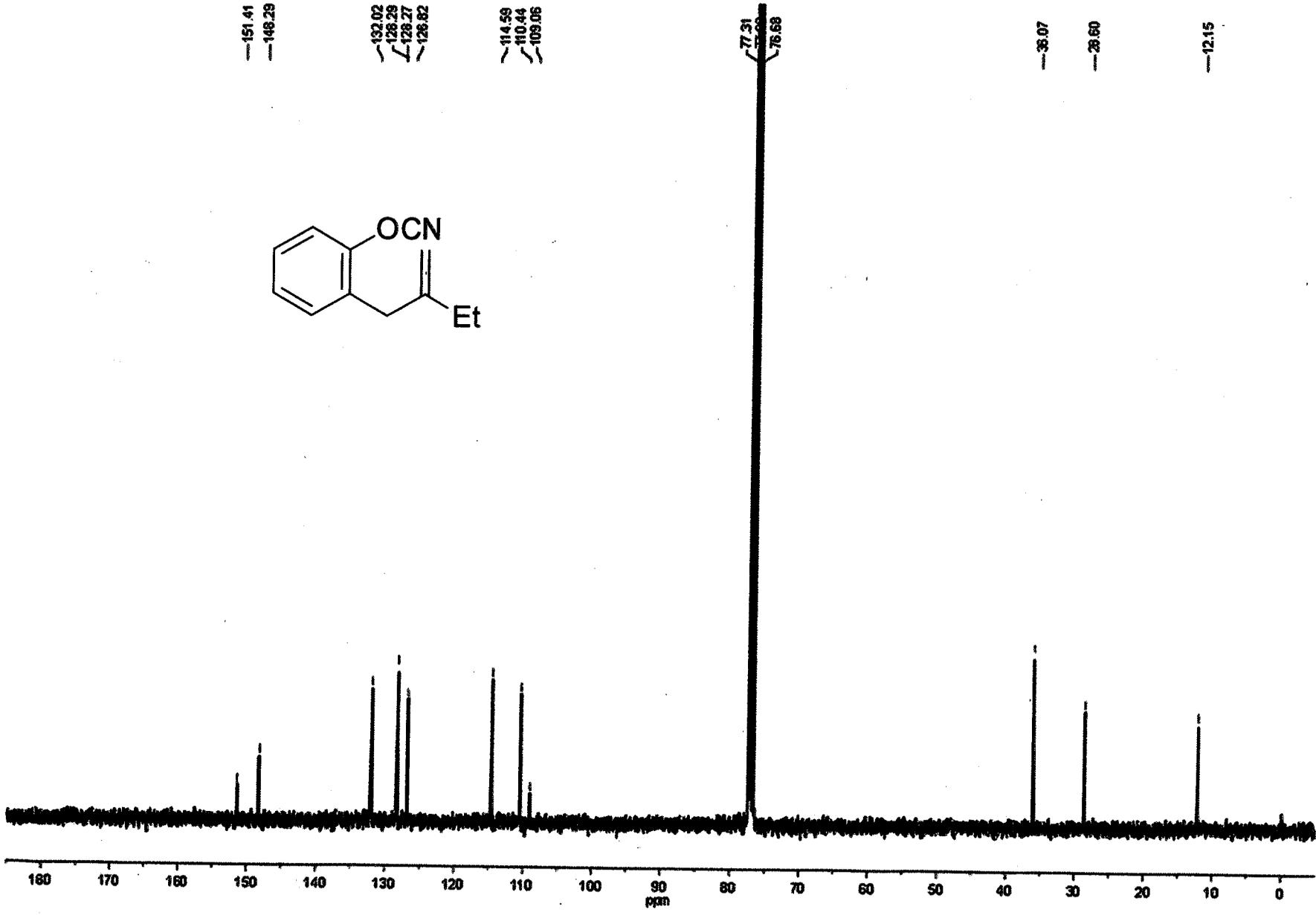
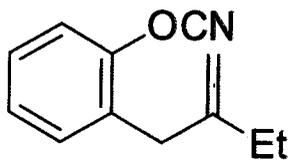
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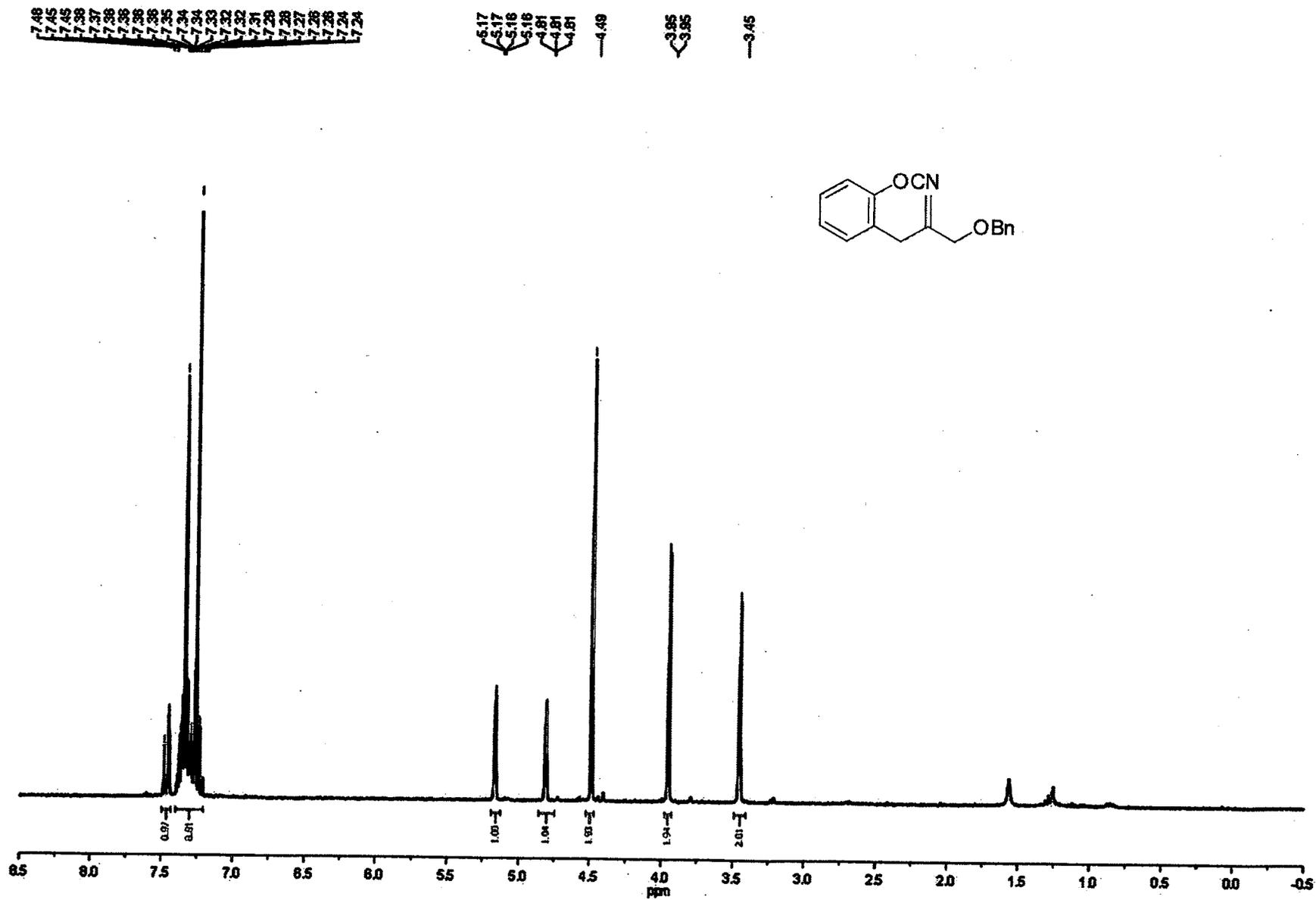
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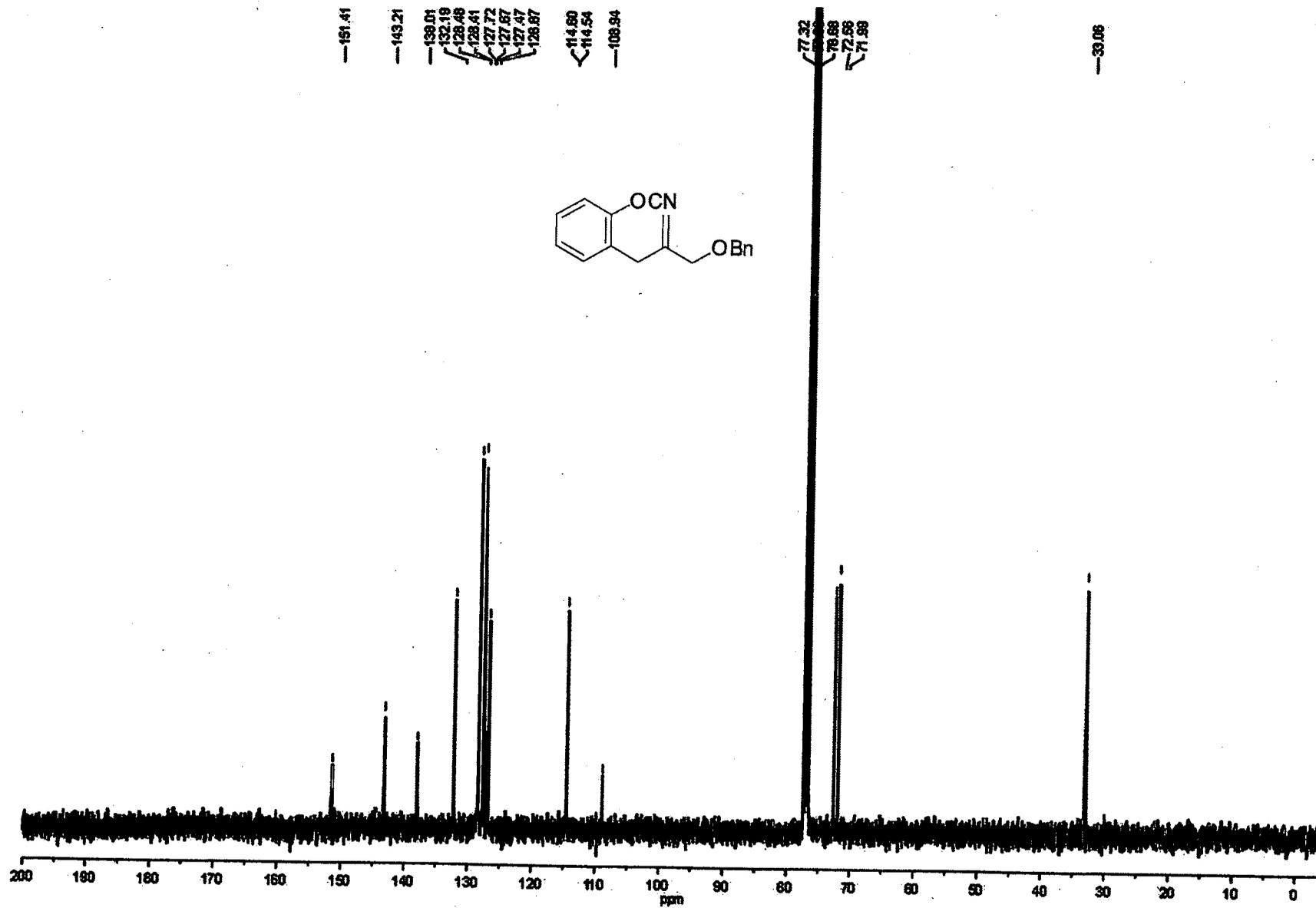
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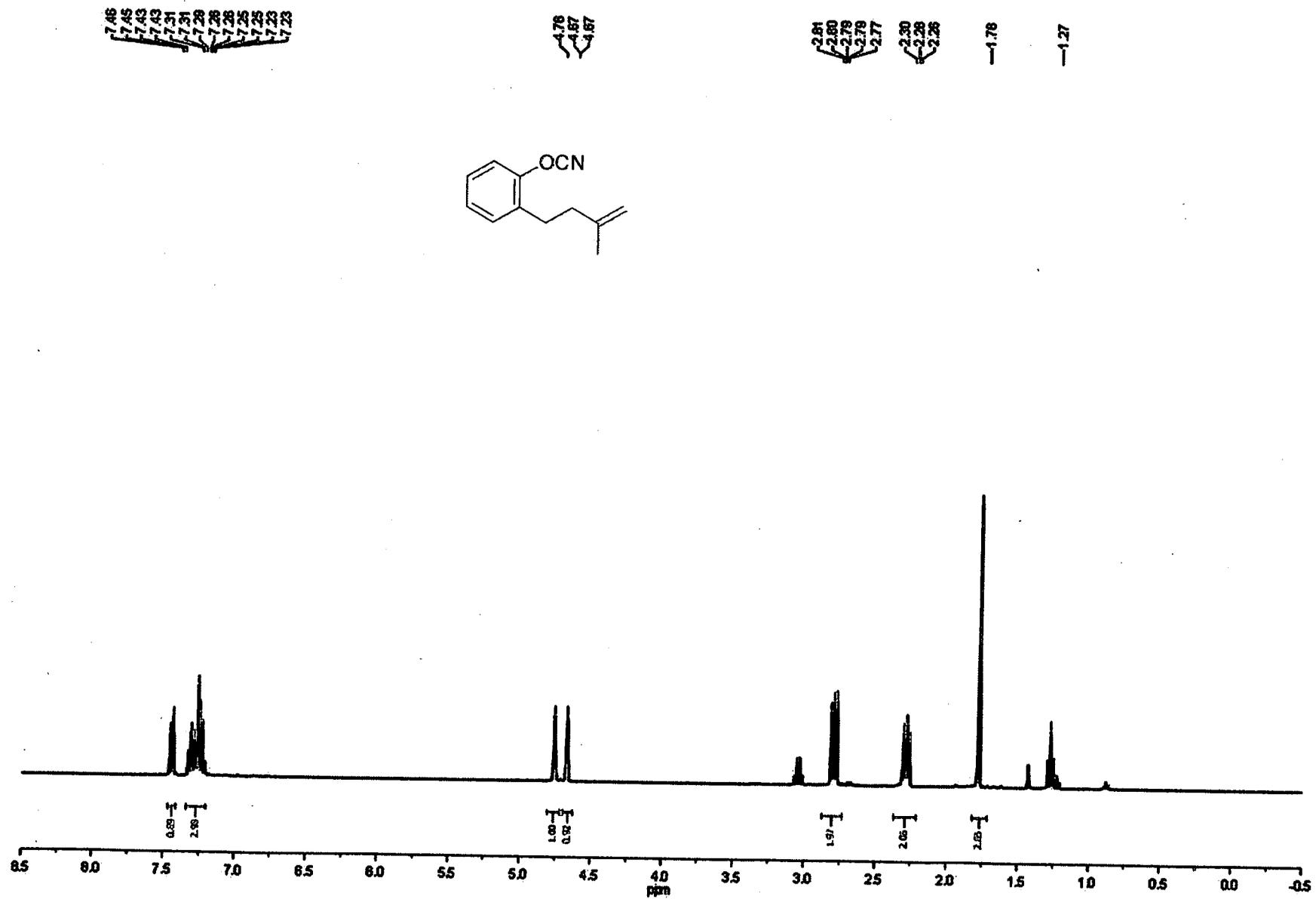
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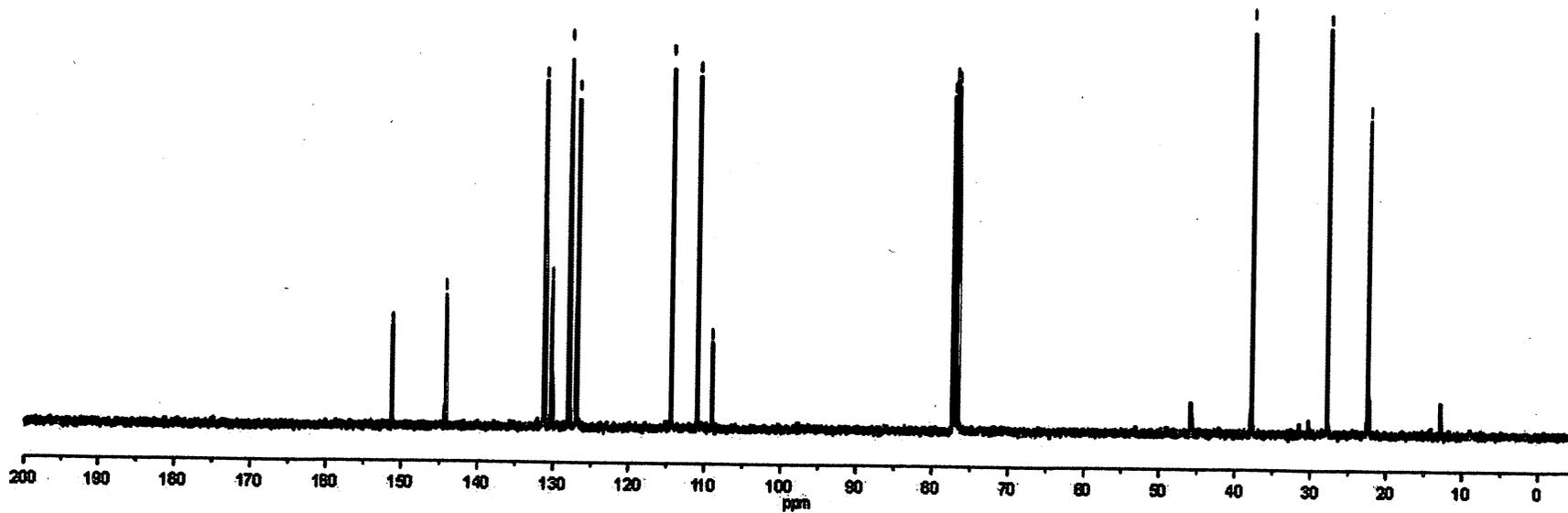
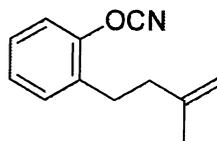
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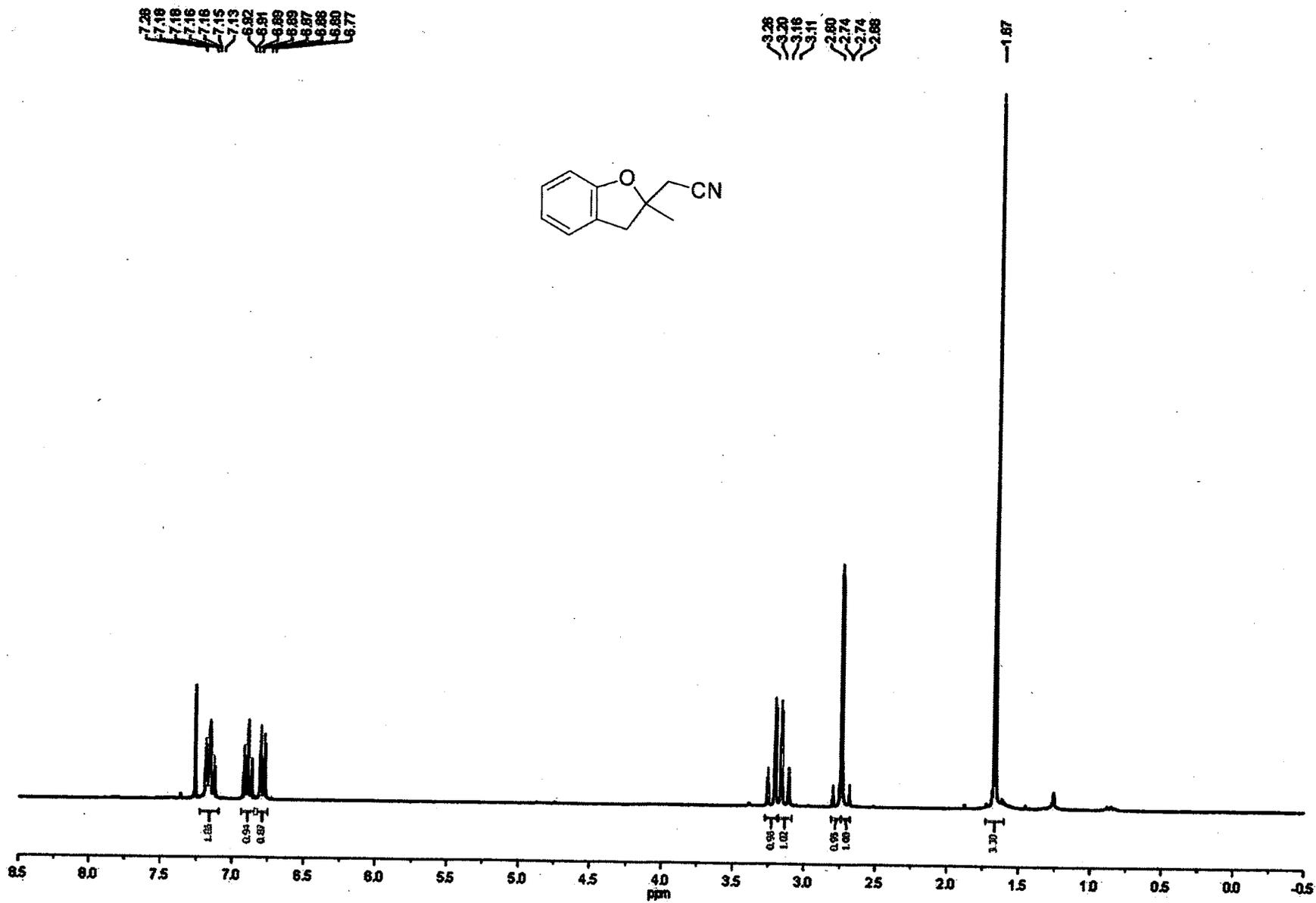
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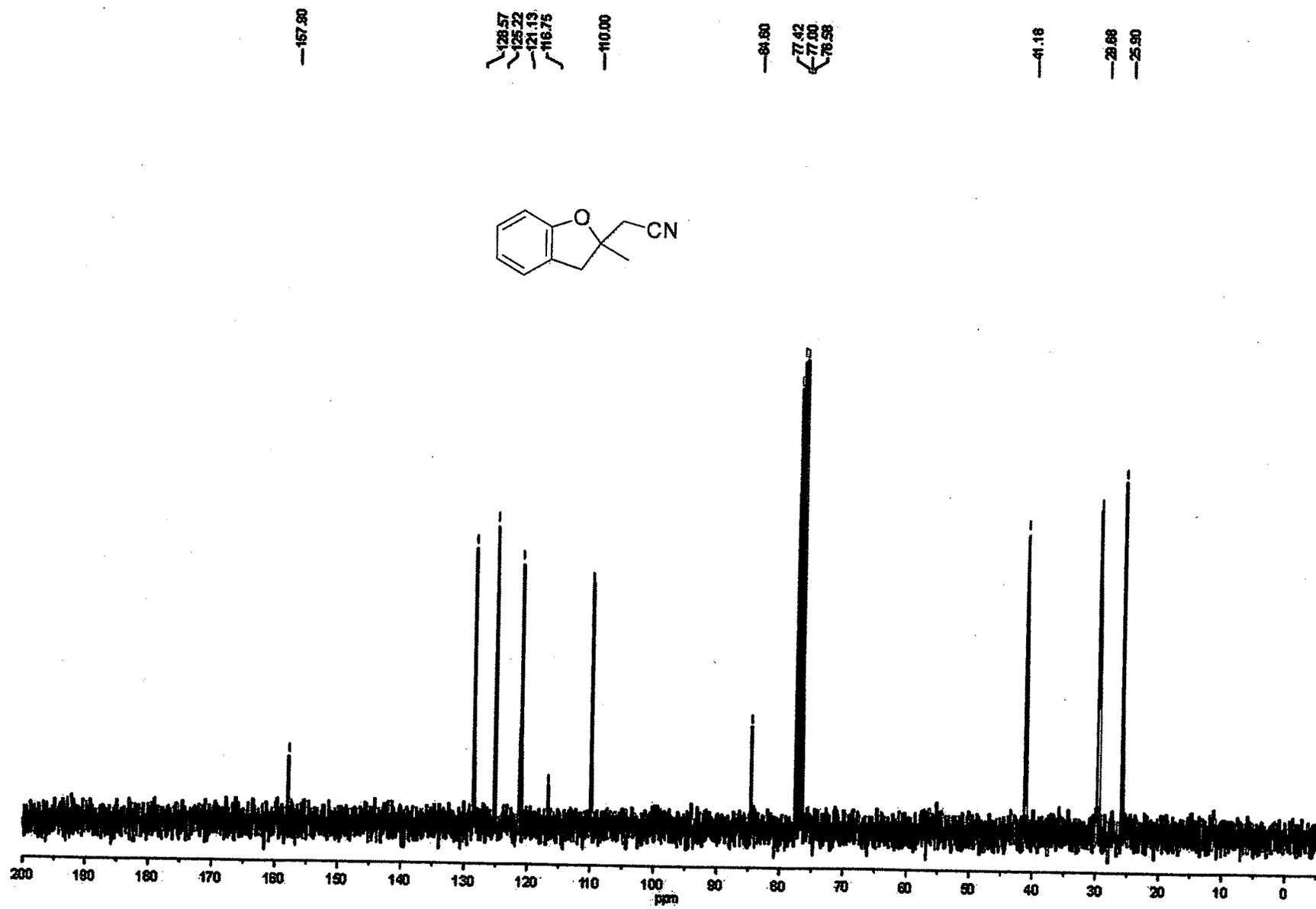
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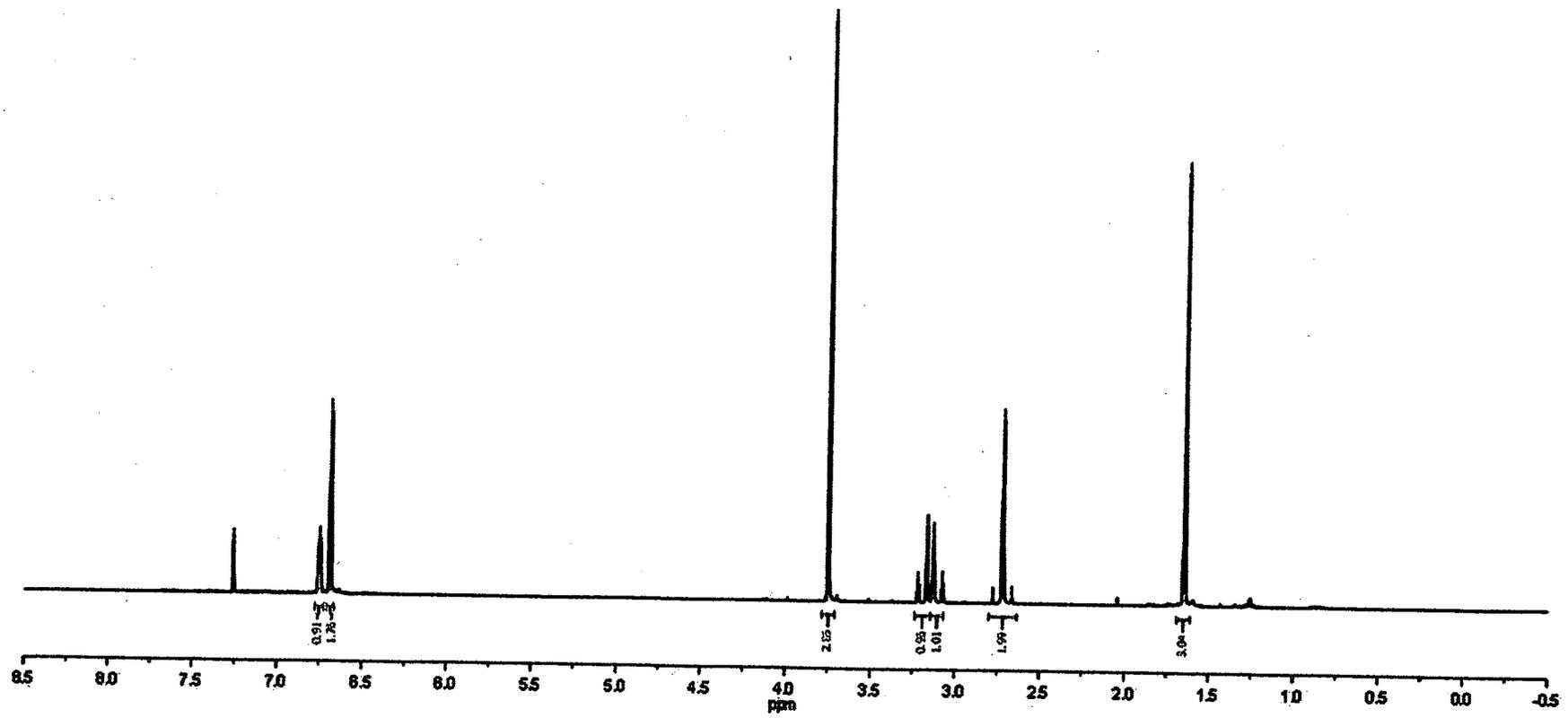
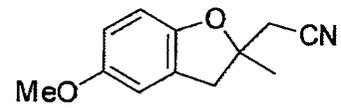


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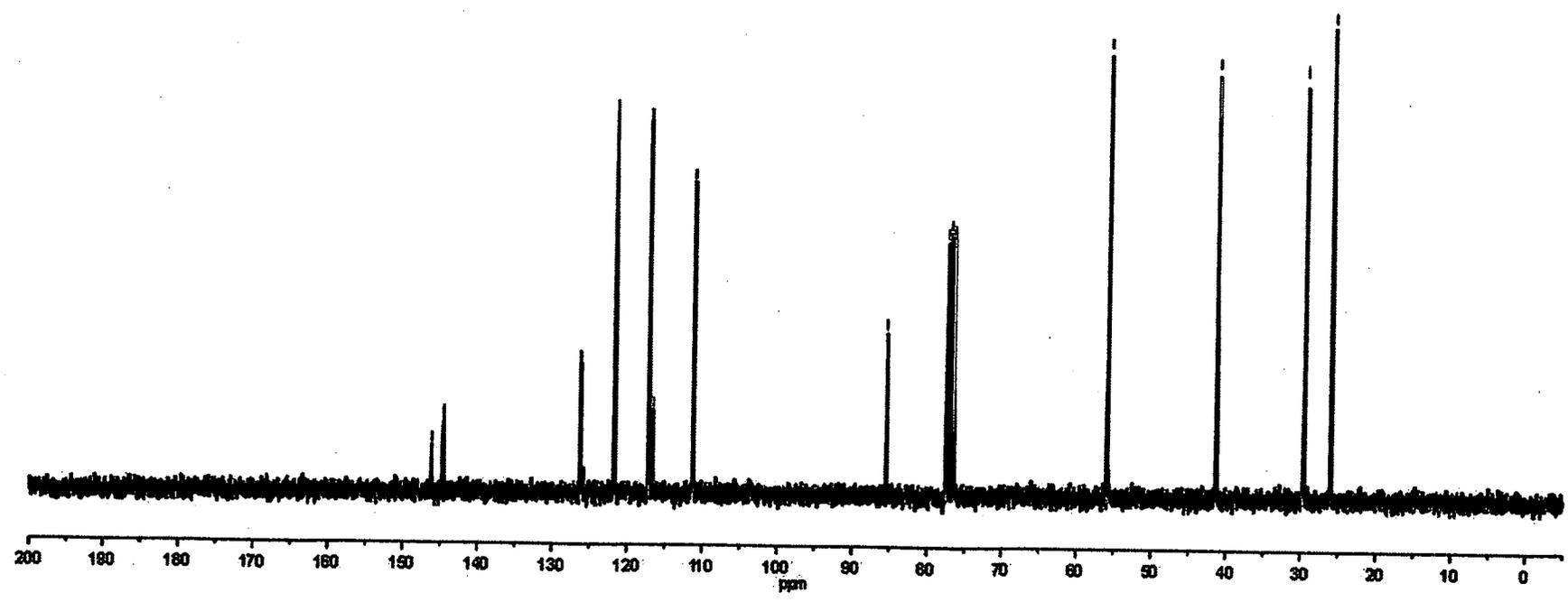
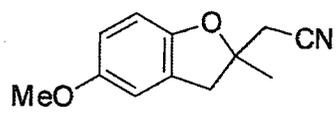
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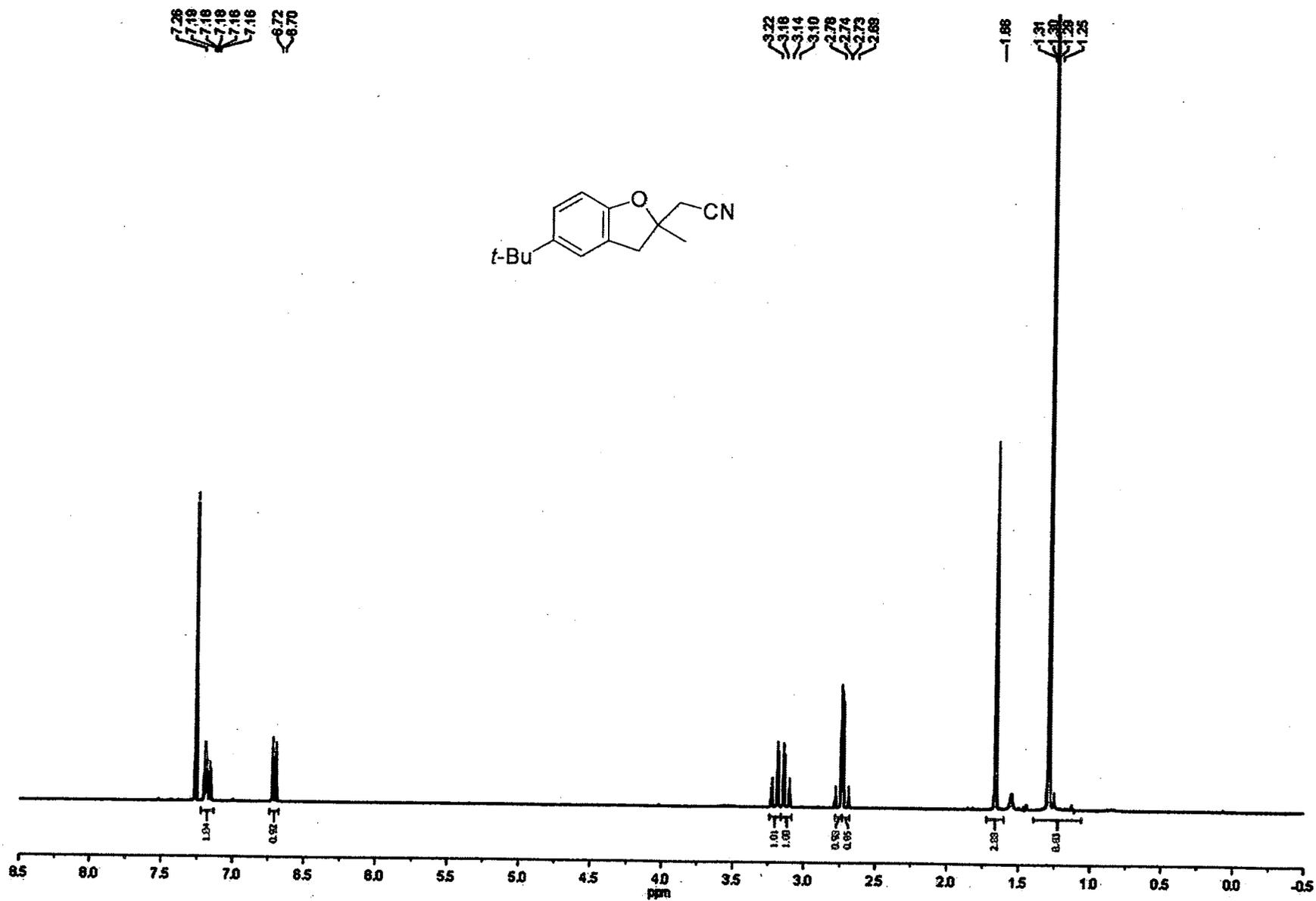
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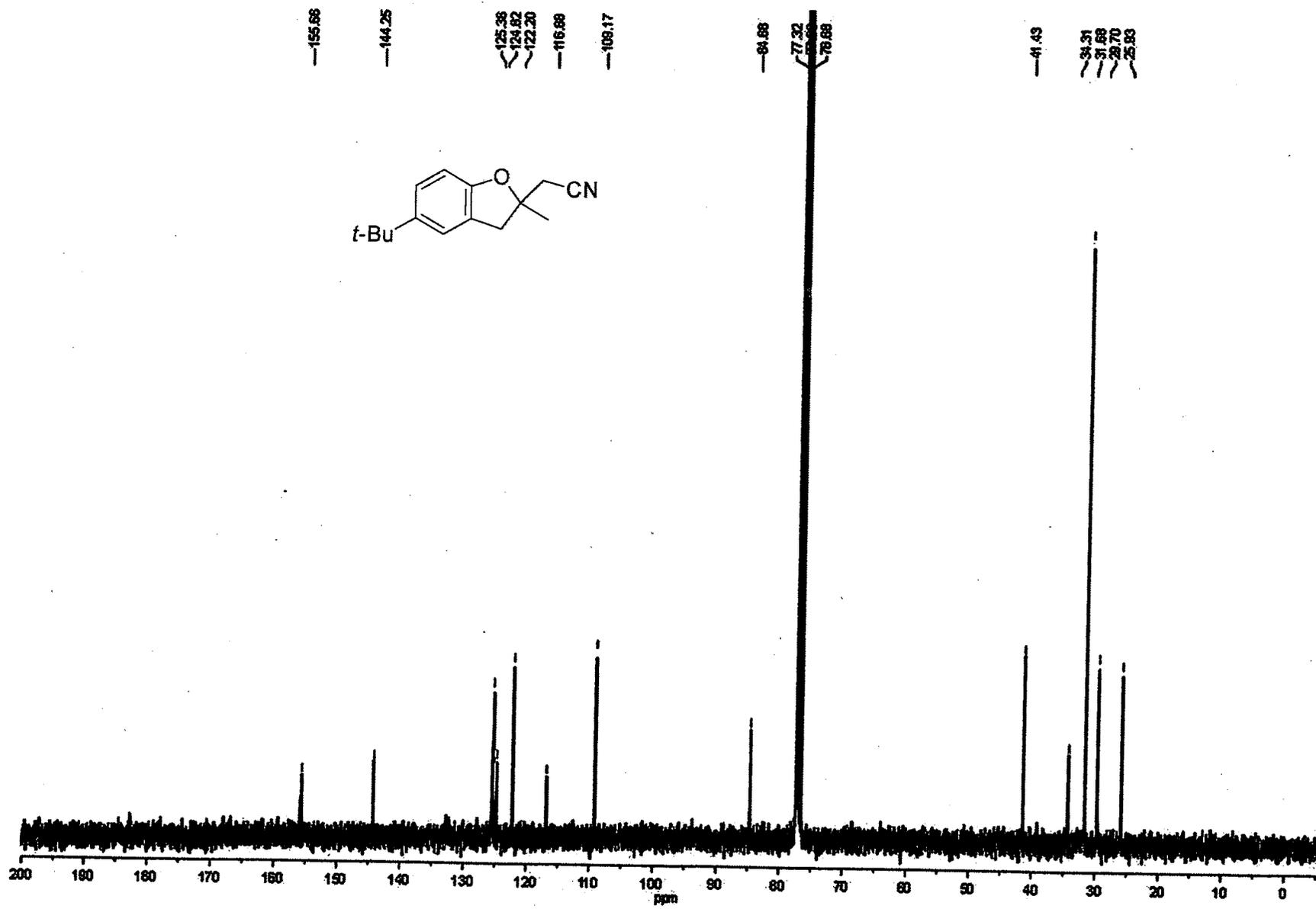
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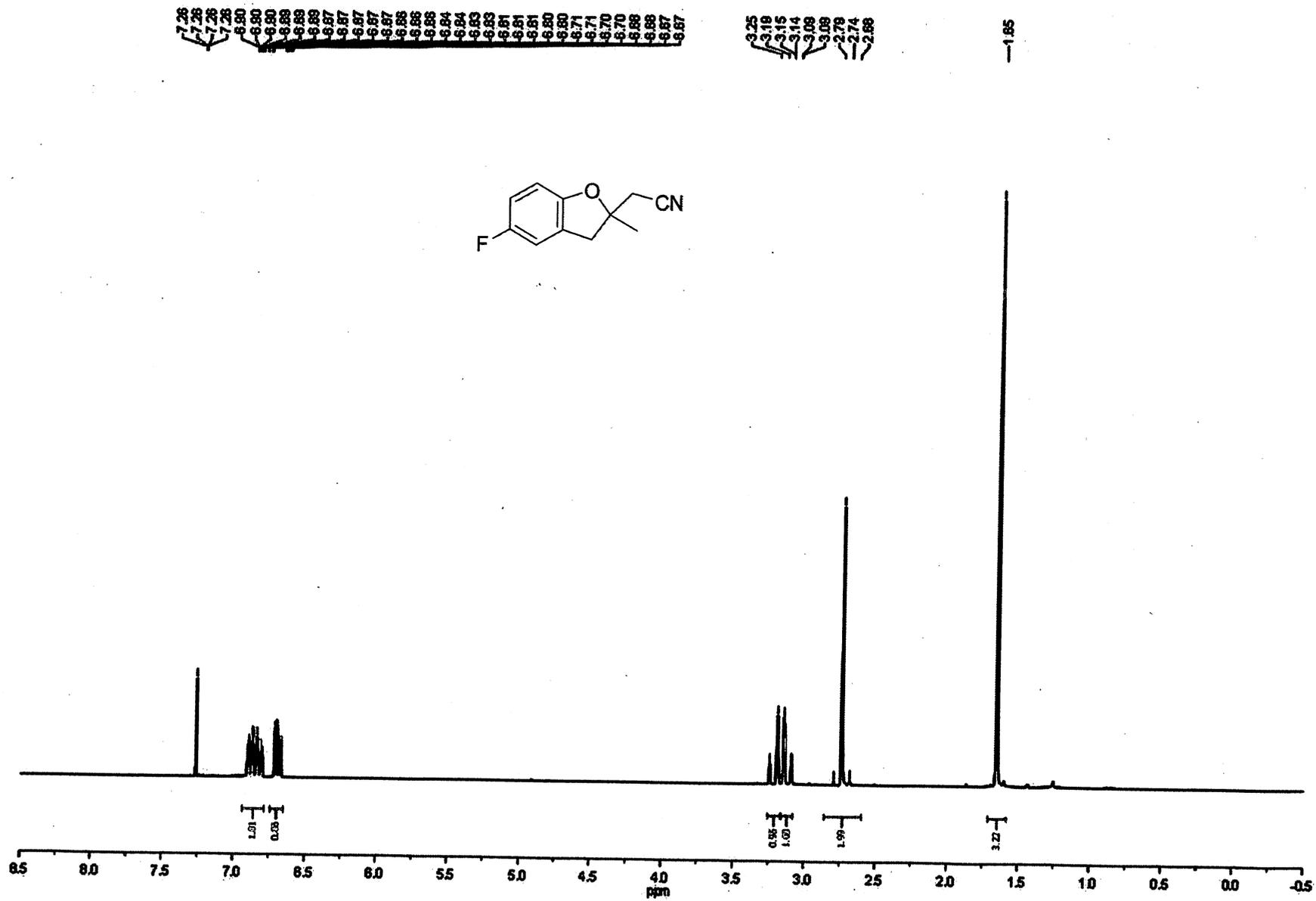
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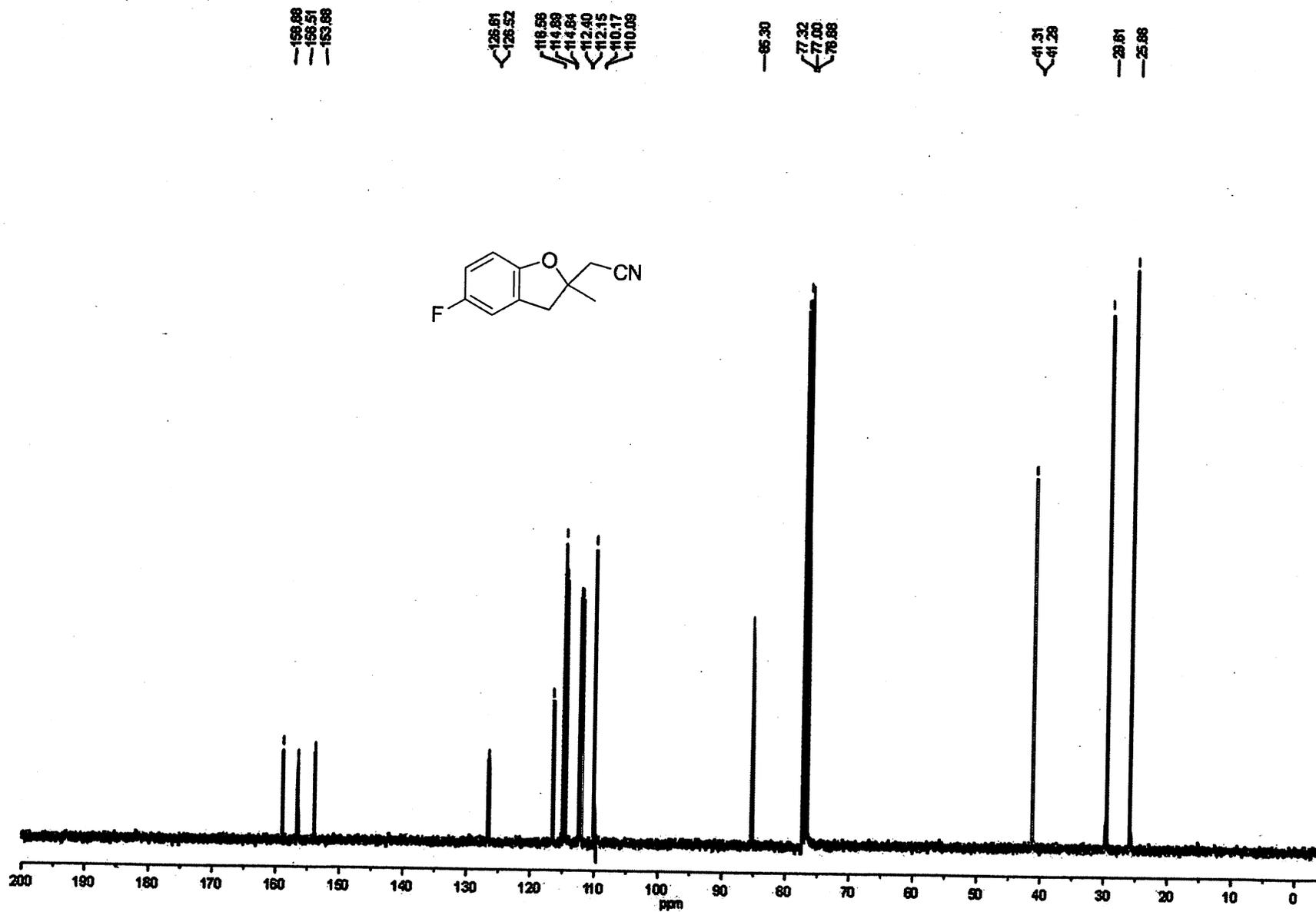
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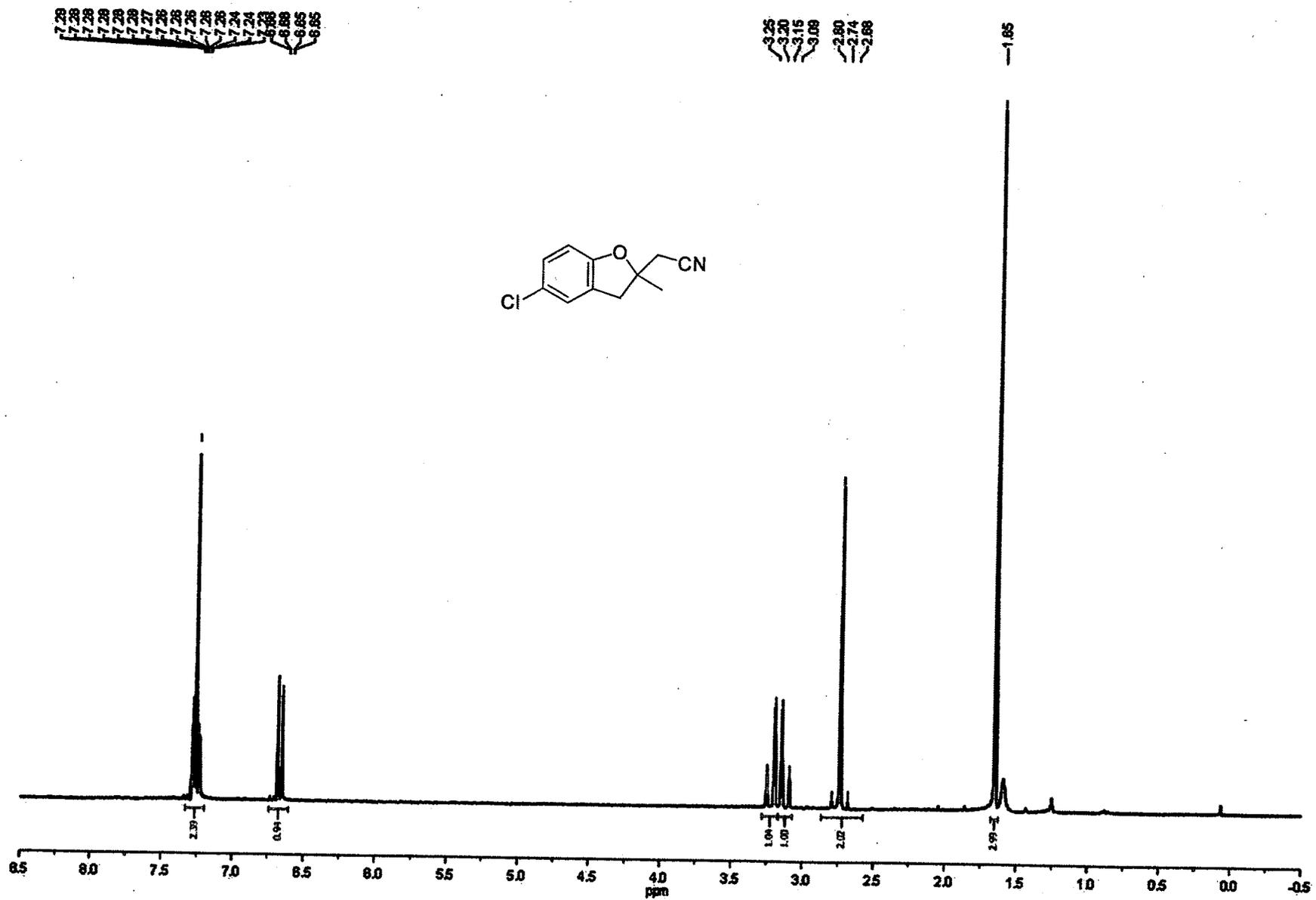


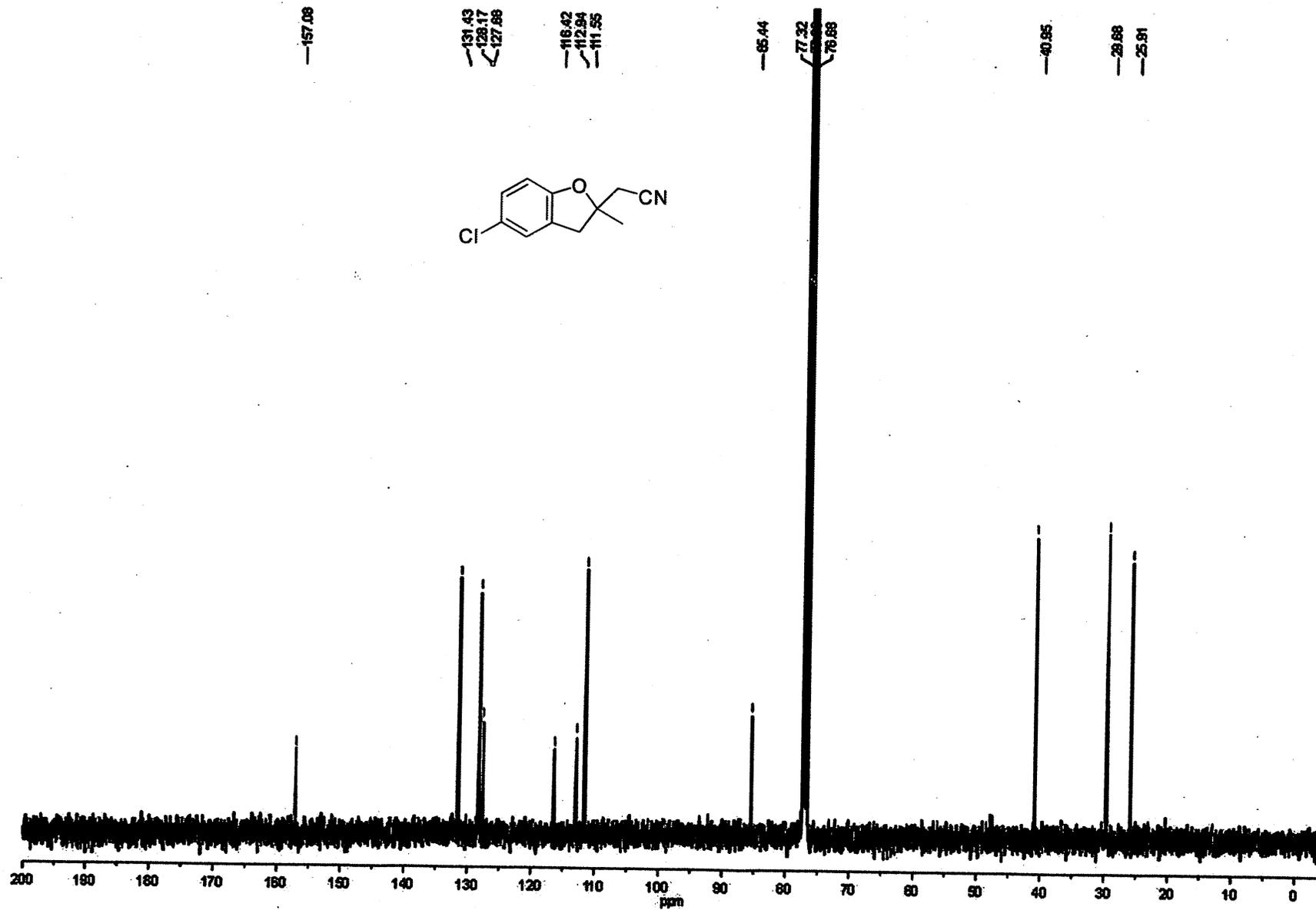


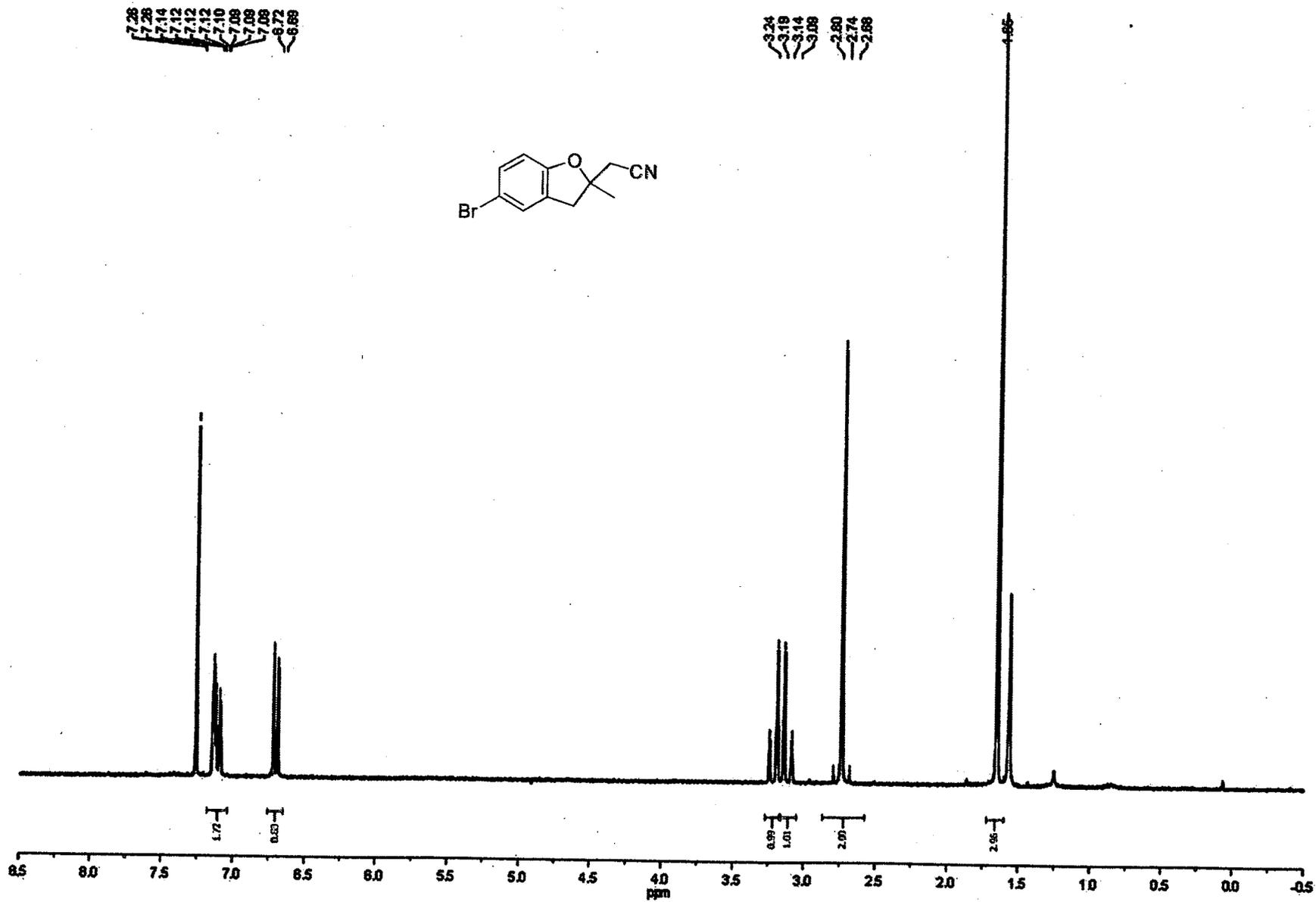


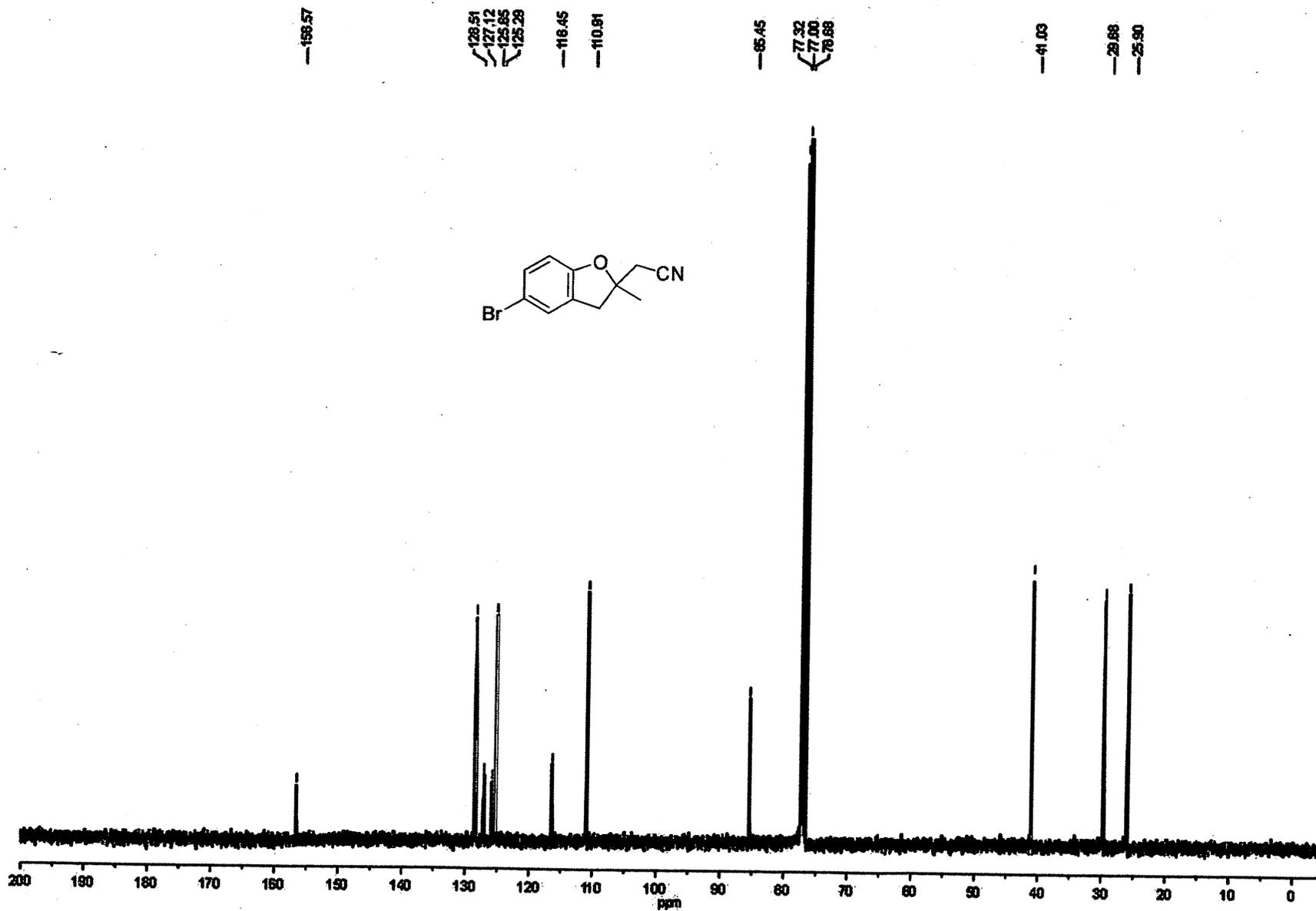


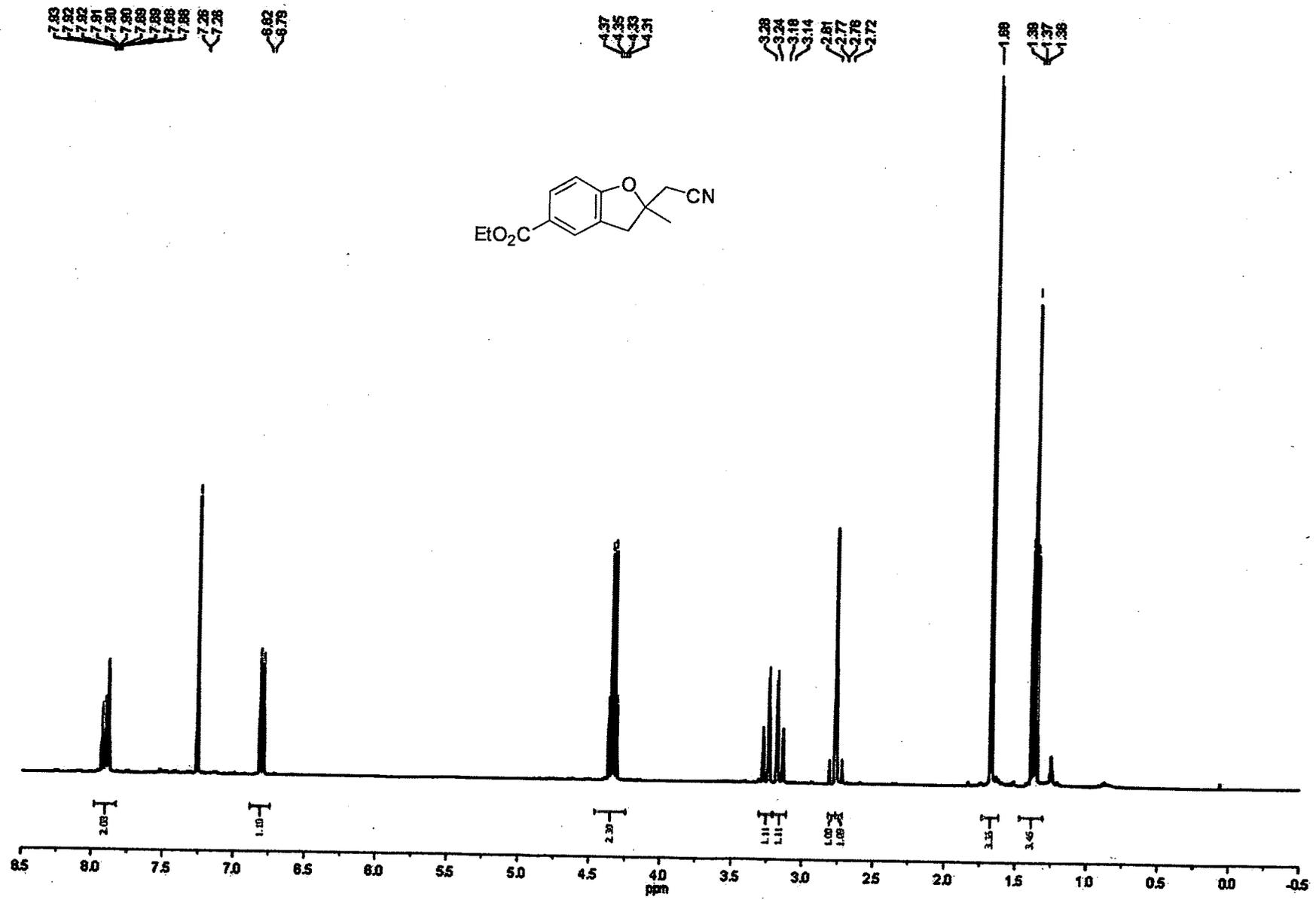


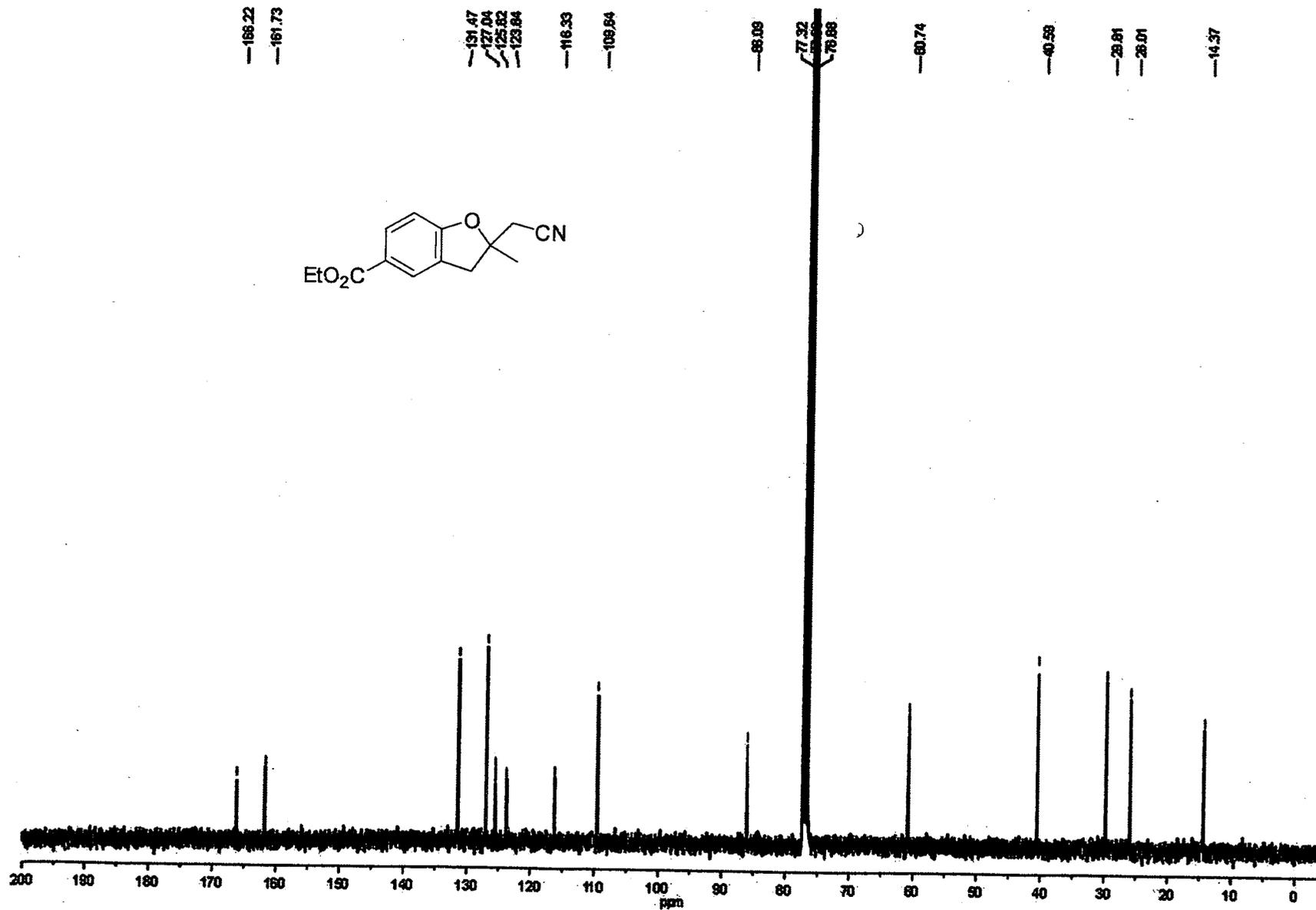


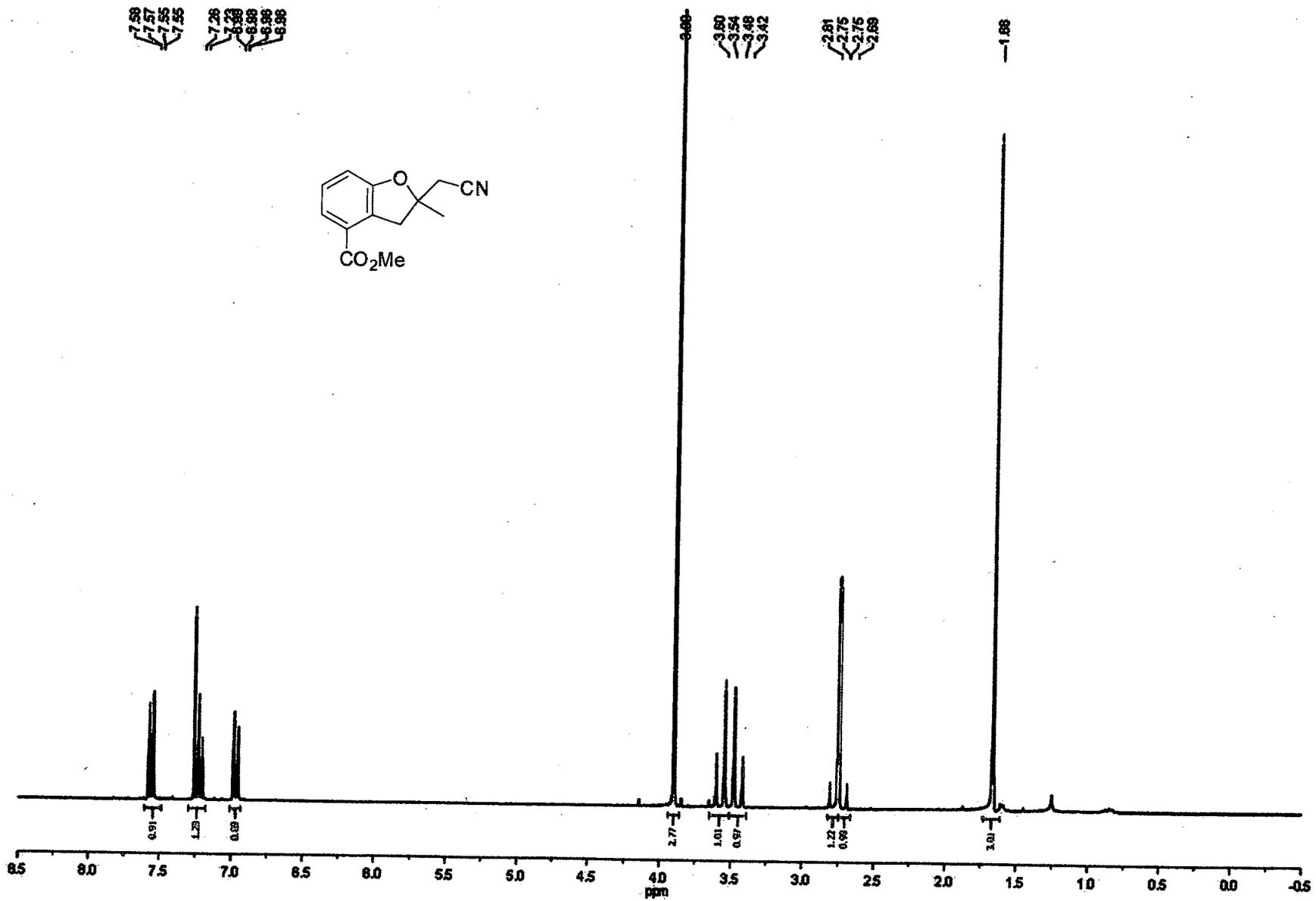




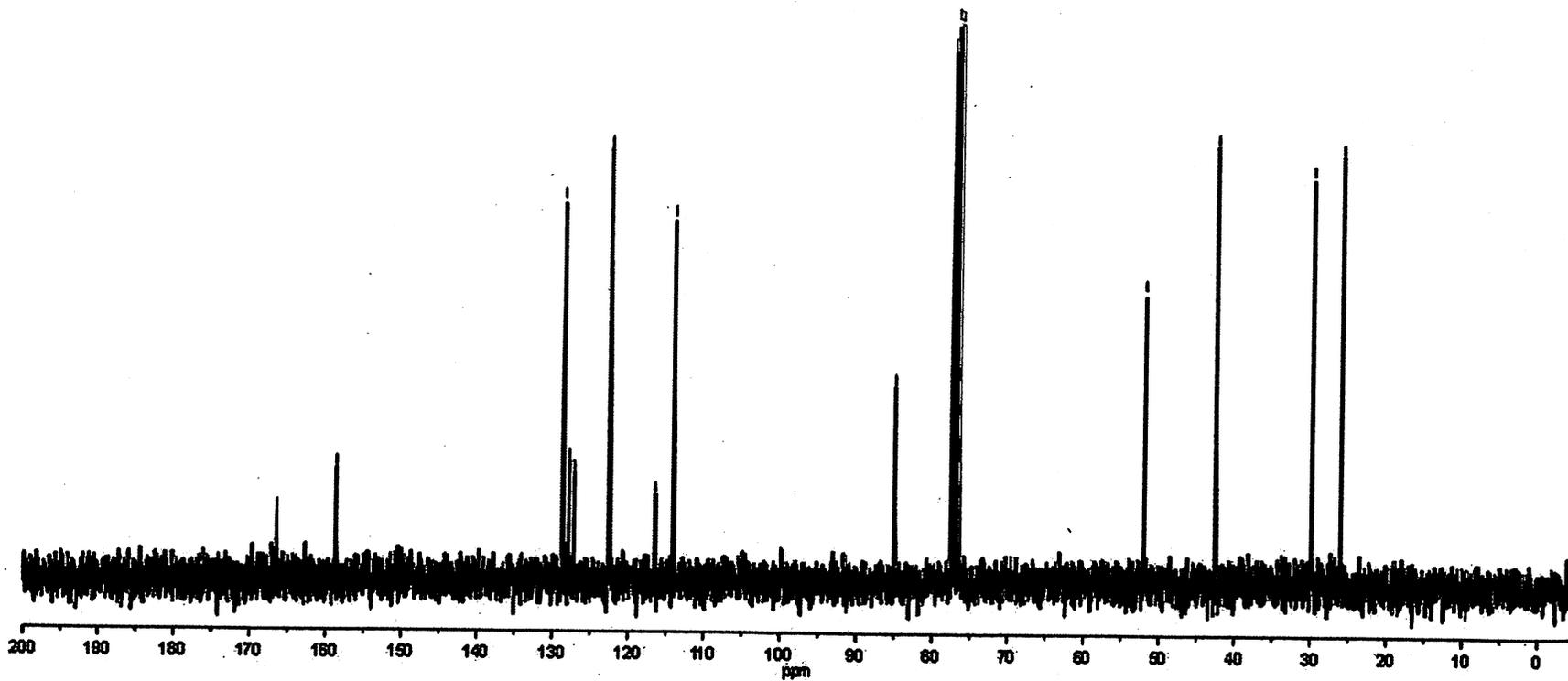
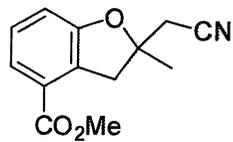


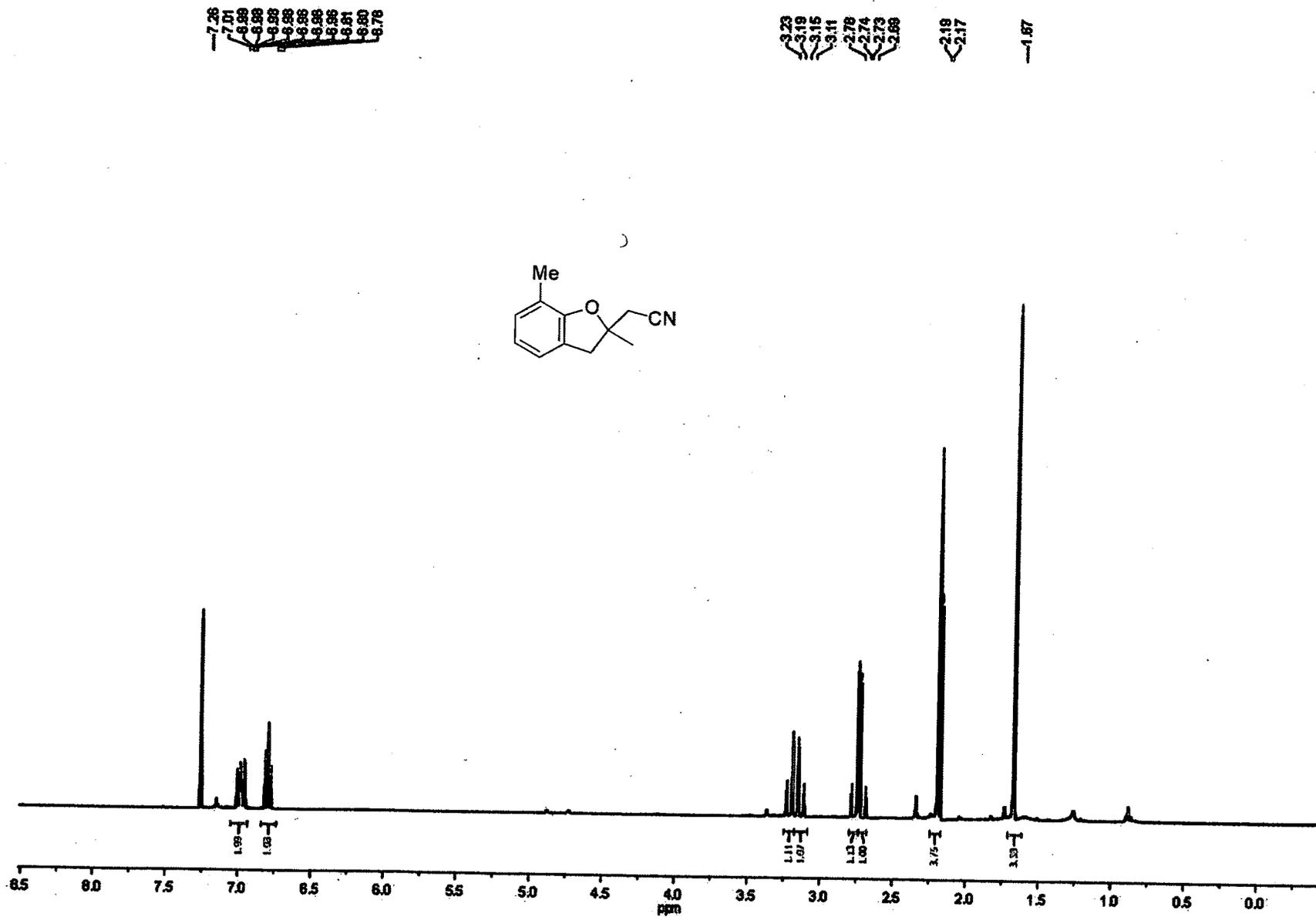


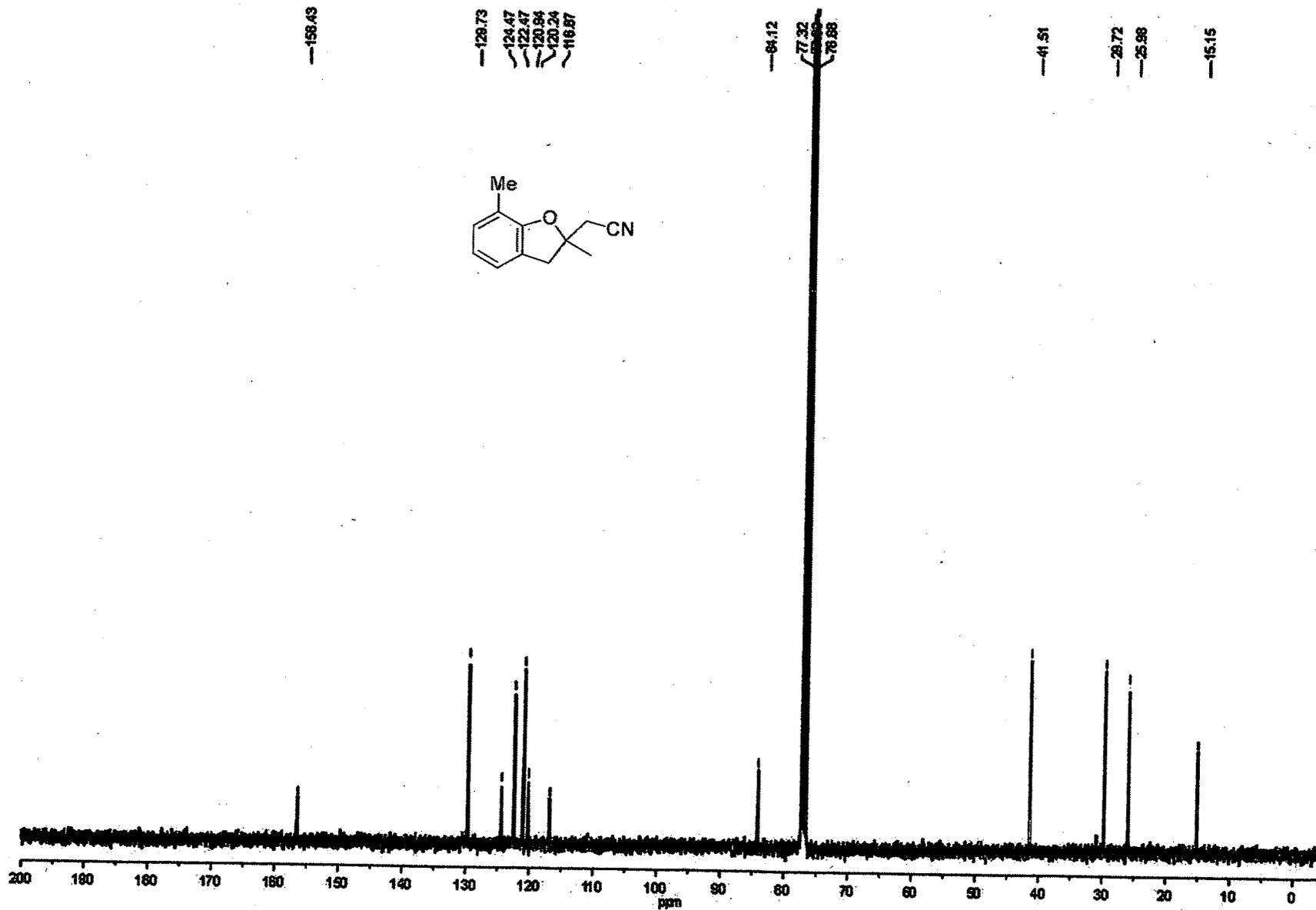


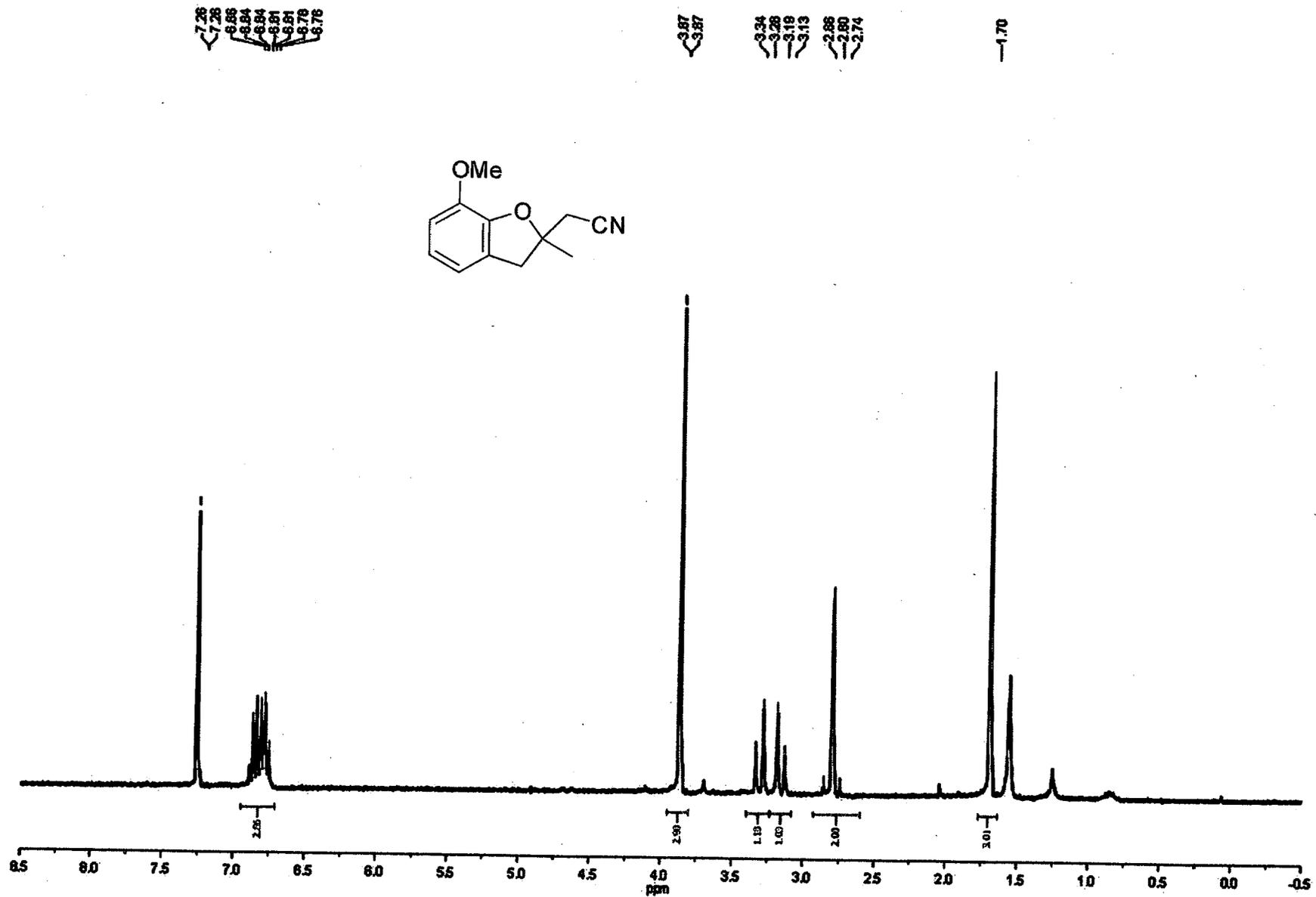


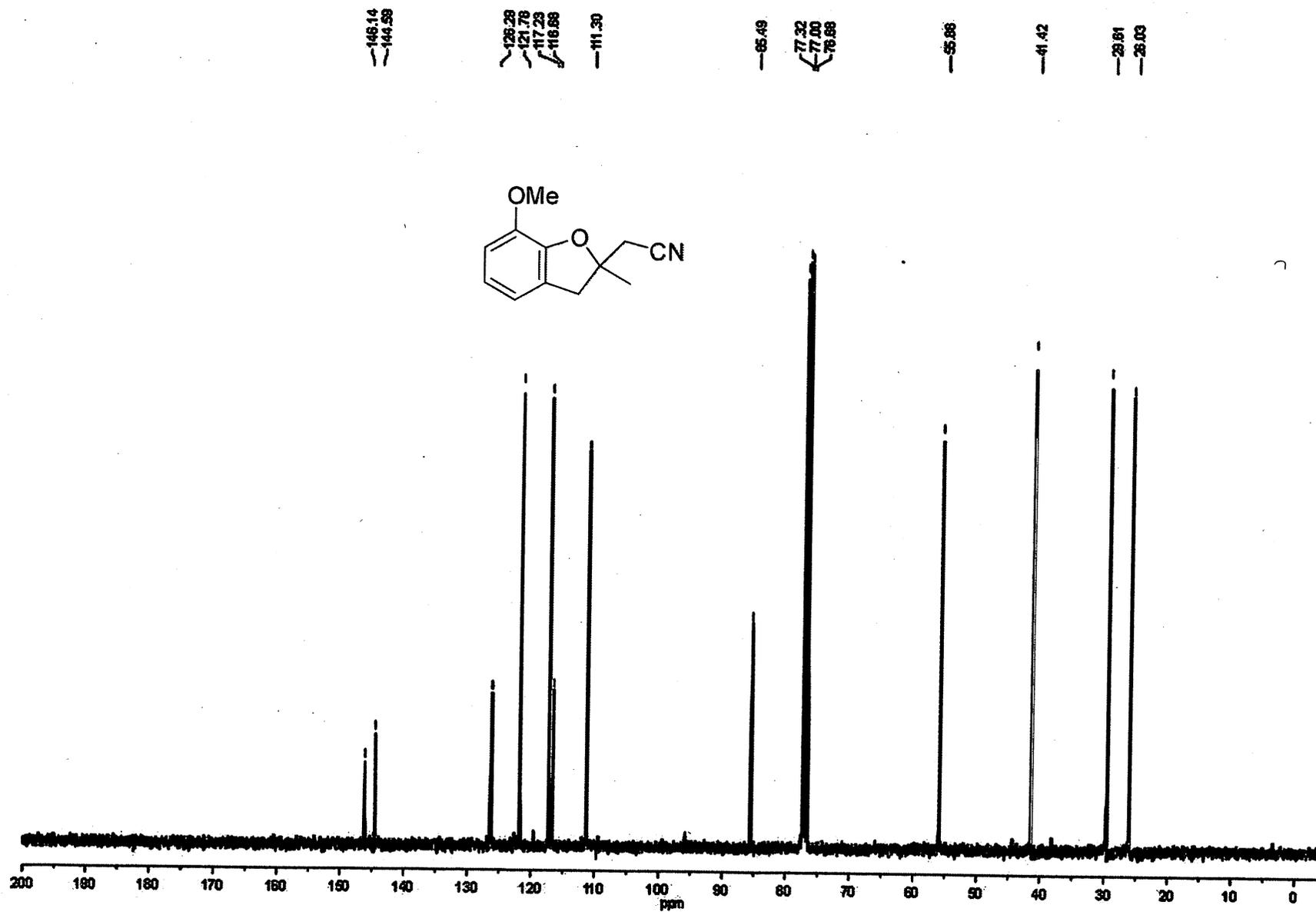
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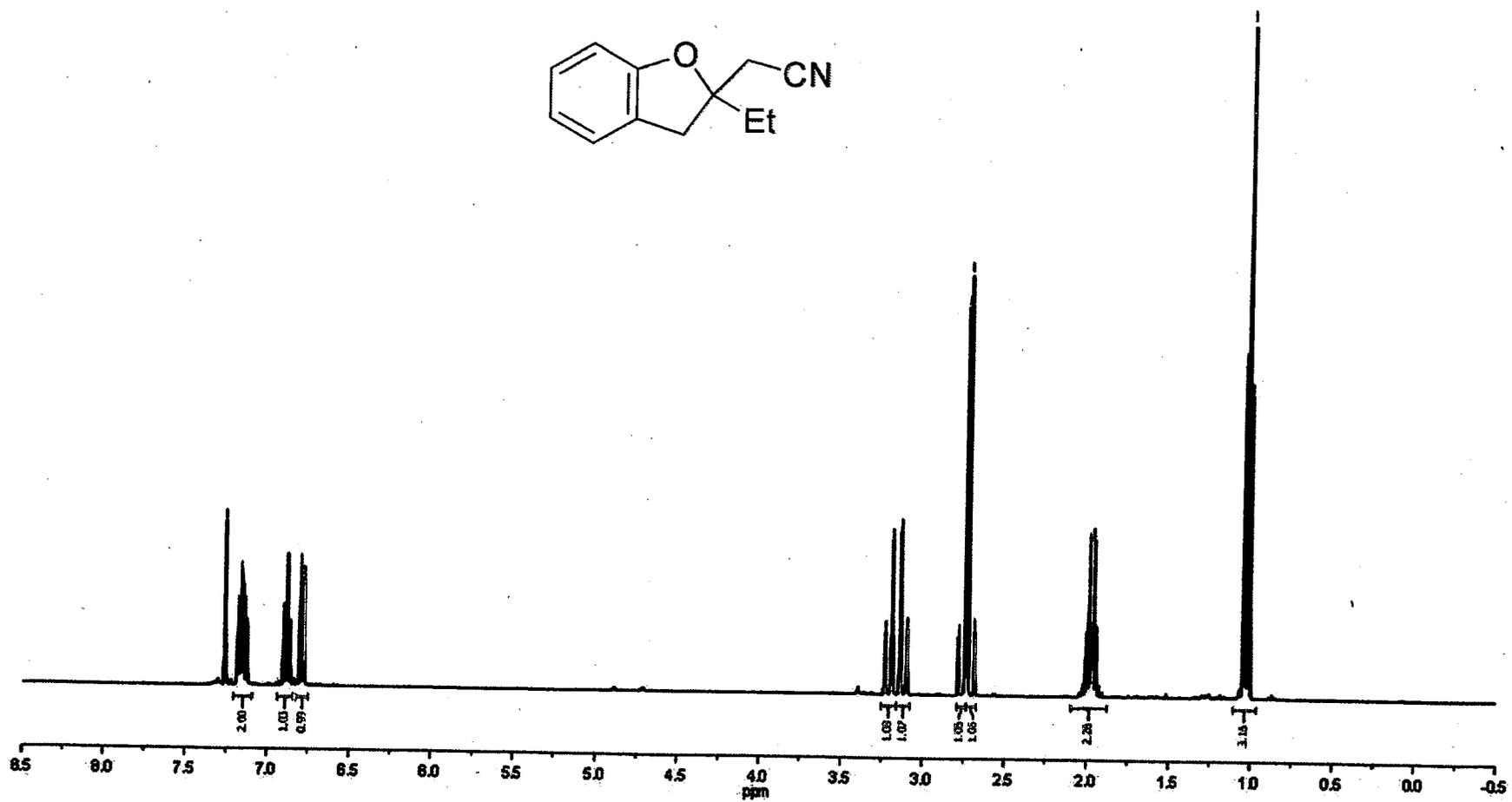
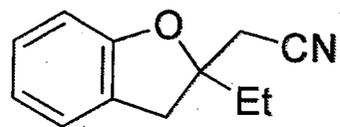


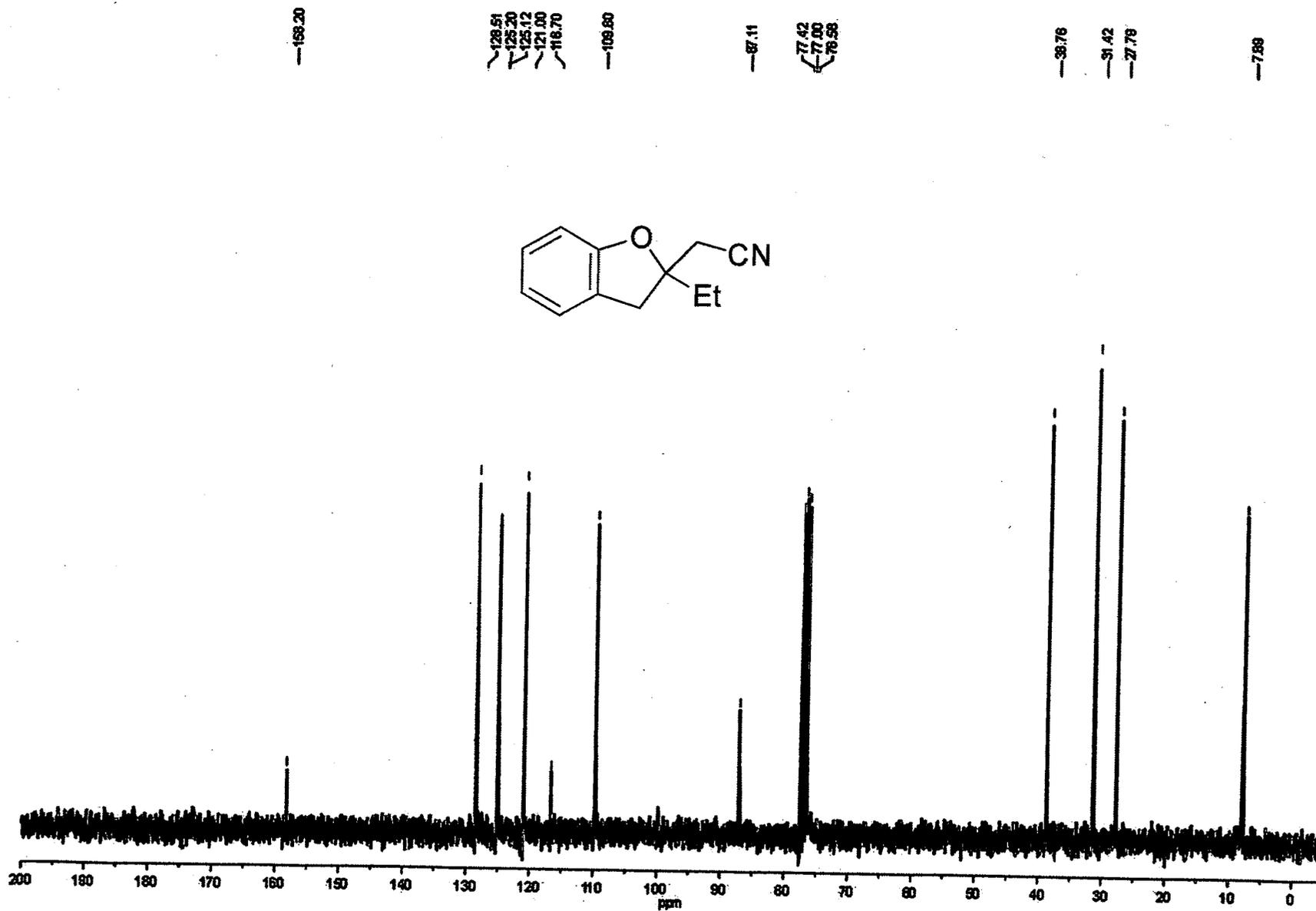




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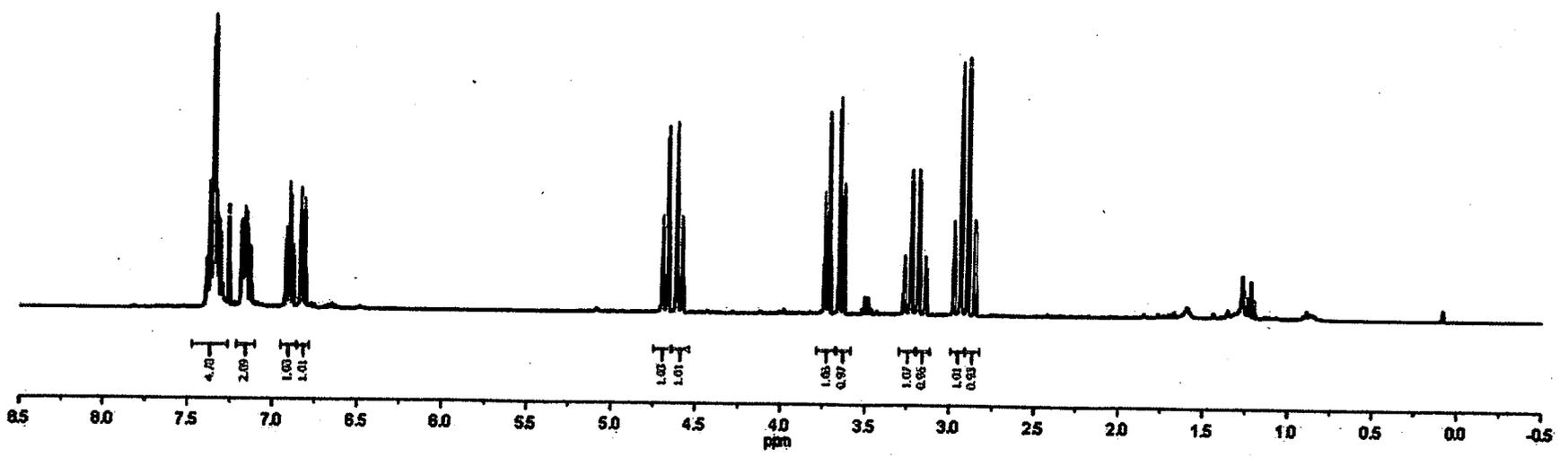
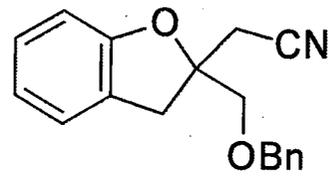


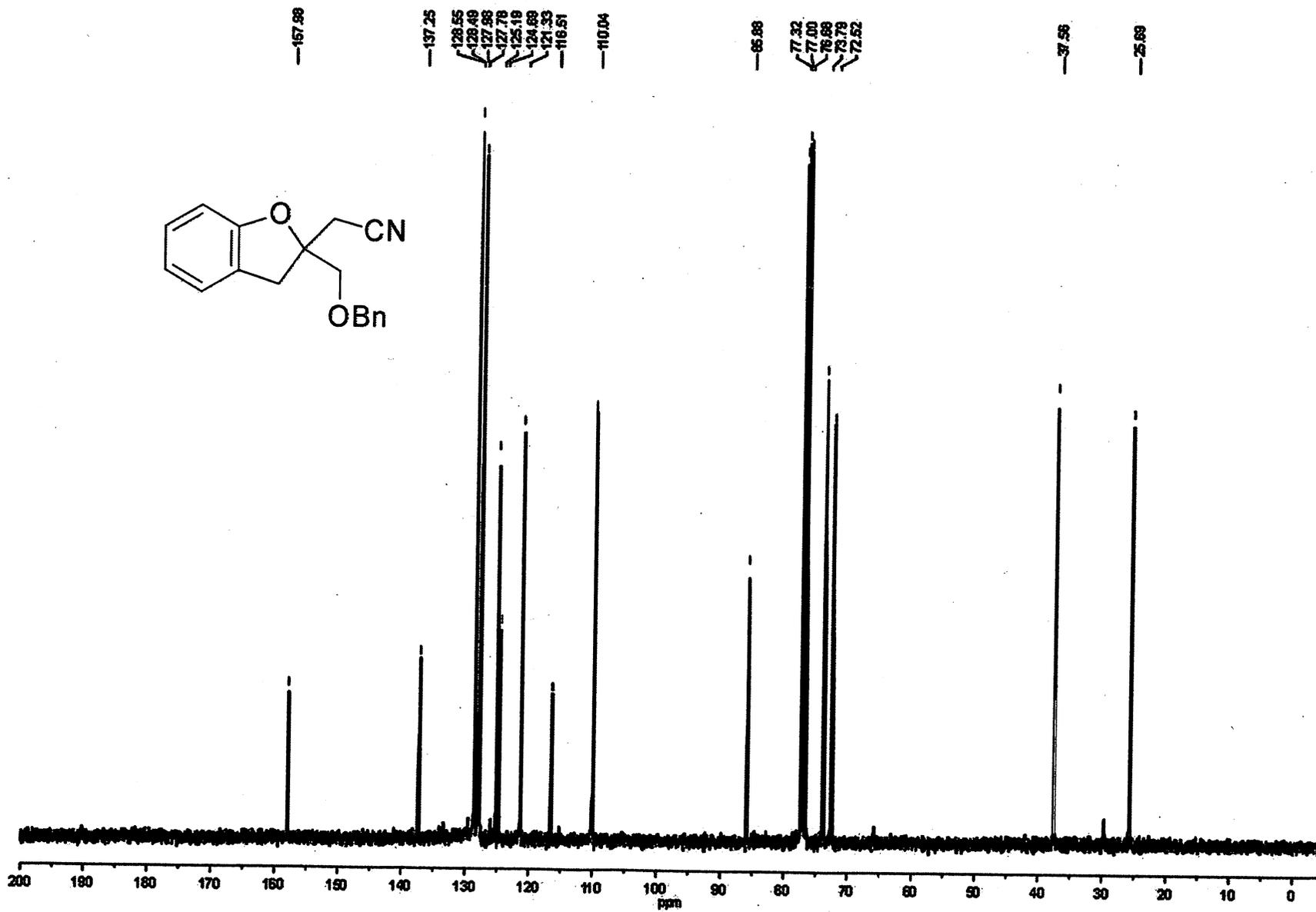
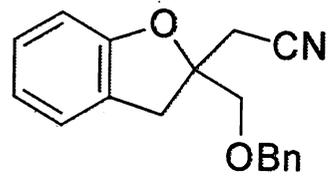


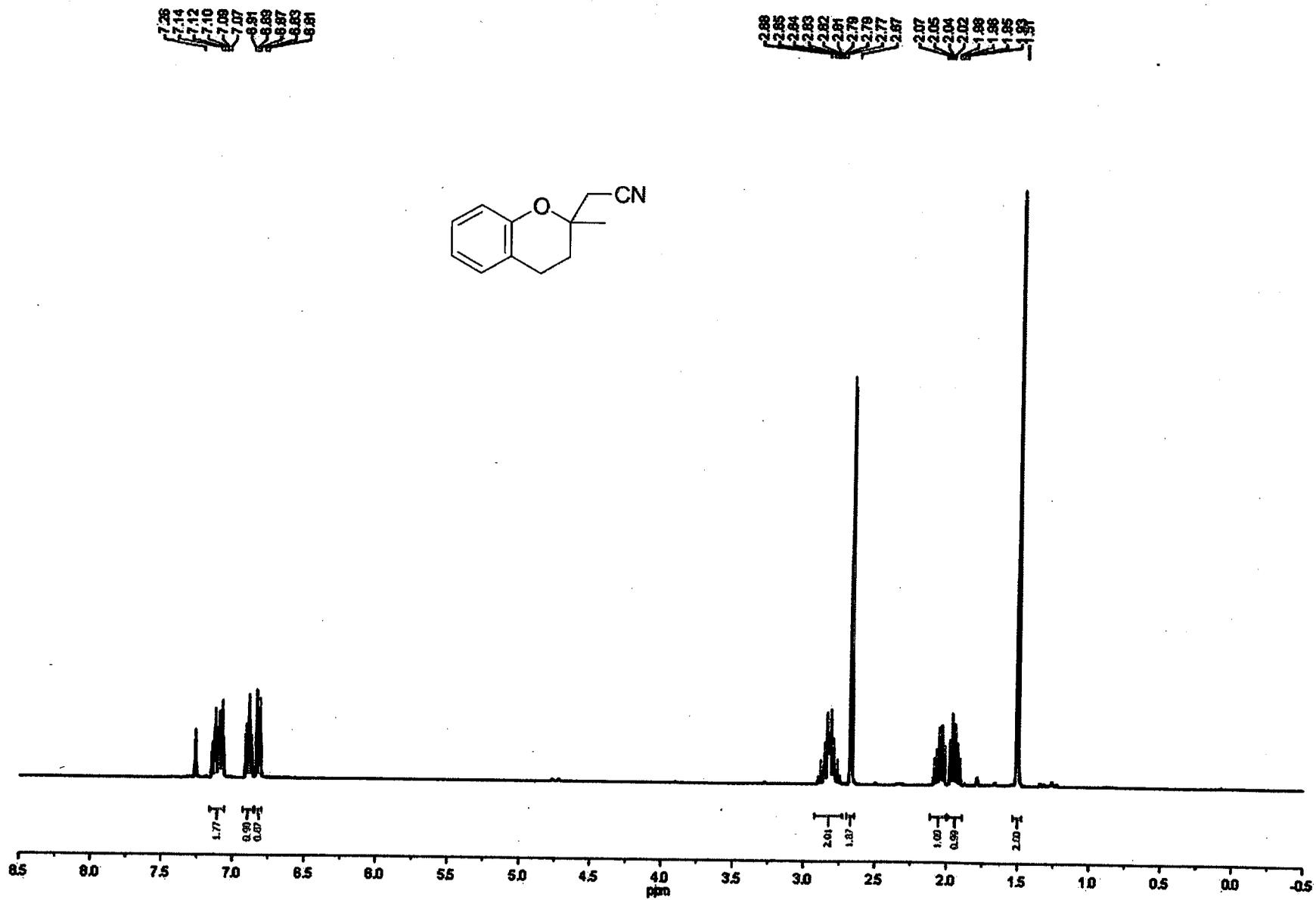
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