

# Total Synthesis of (–)-Ardeemin

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## Experimental methods

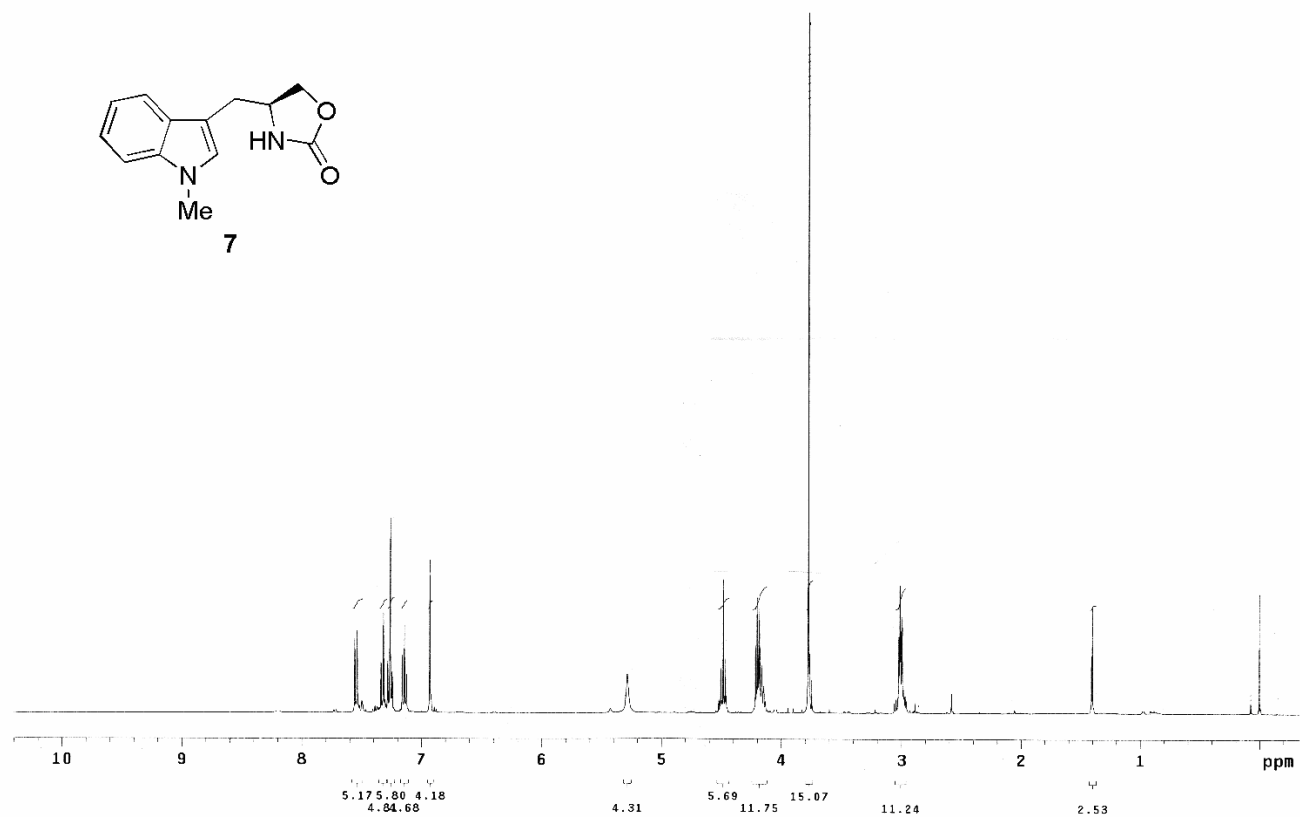
All commercially available reagents were used without further purification. All solvents were dried and distilled before use; THF and Et<sub>2</sub>O were distilled from sodium/benzophenone ketyl; dichloromethane and acetonitrile were distilled from calcium hydride; methanol was distilled from Mg/I<sub>2</sub>; CHCl<sub>3</sub> was distilled from P<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>. Column chromatography was conducted by using 200-300 mesh silica gel. All new compounds gave satisfactory spectroscopic analyses (IR, <sup>1</sup>H NMR, <sup>13</sup>C NMR, and HRMS). IR spectra were recorded on a FT IR spectrometer. NMR spectra were recorded on 600/400/200 MHz NMR spectrometers. HRMS spectra were obtained by the FAB method.

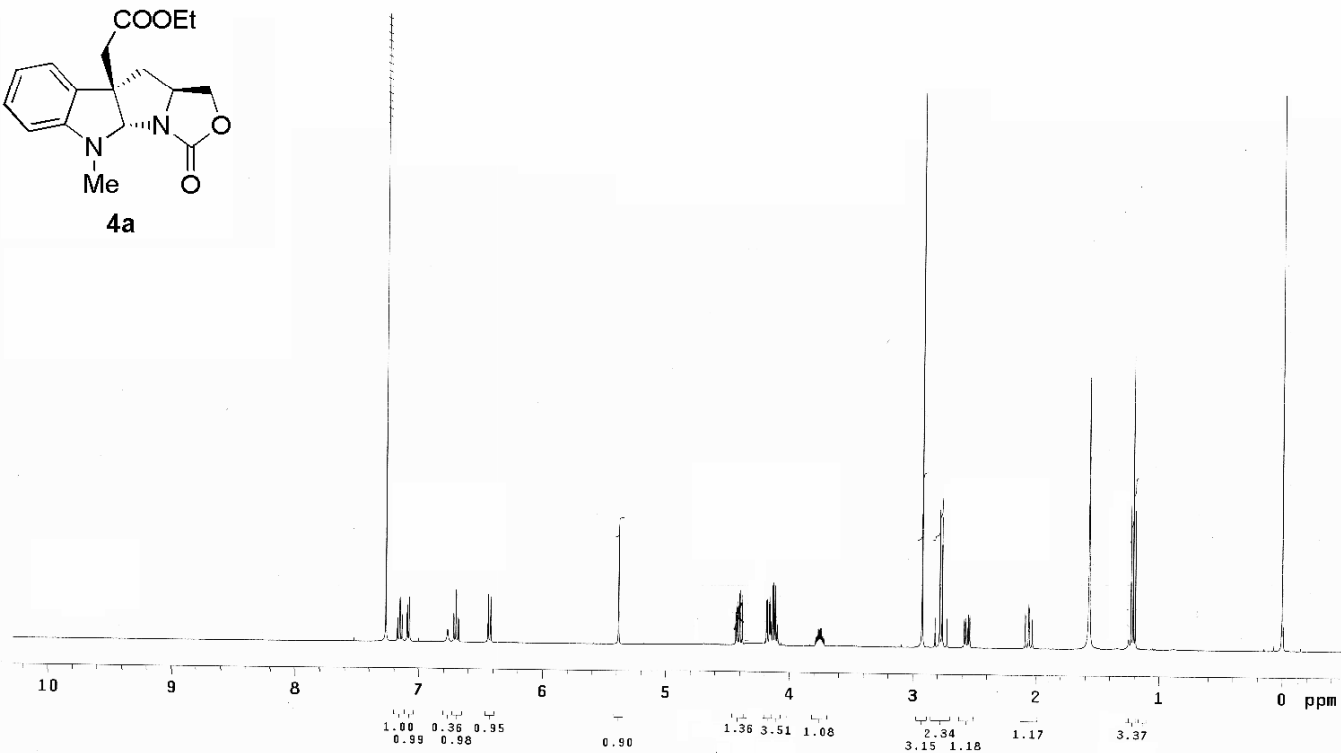
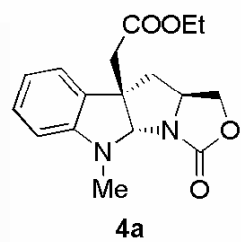
### 1-Methyltryptophan **11** was prepared according to the literature procedure.<sup>1</sup>

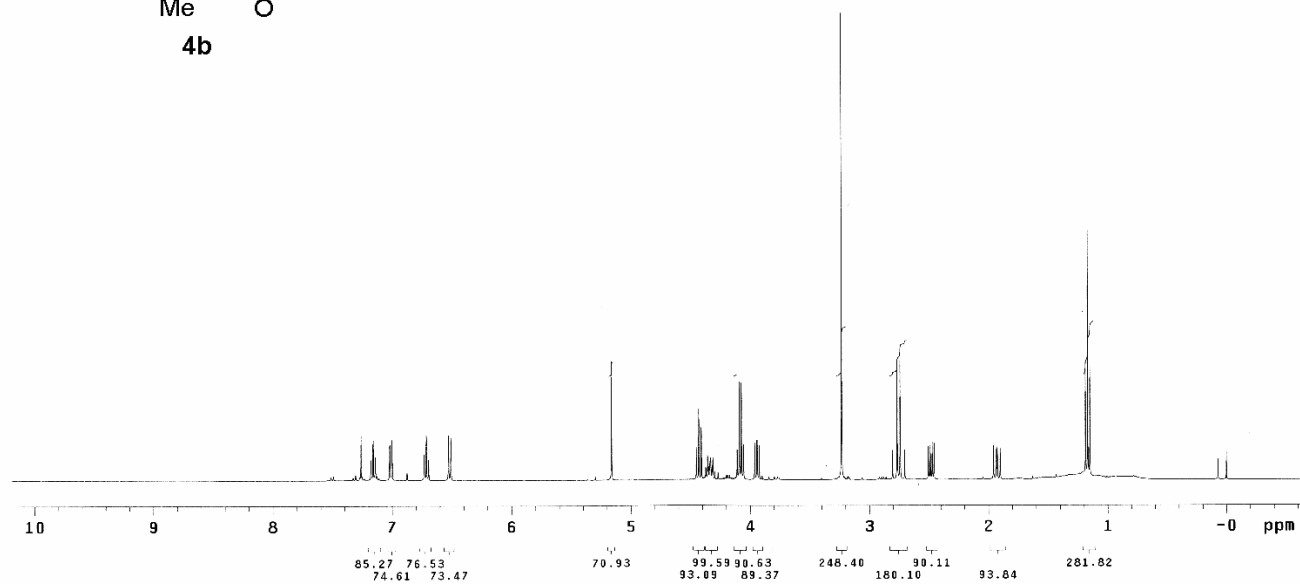
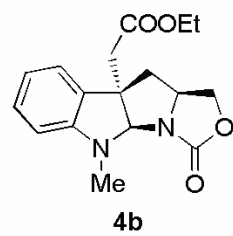
Metallic Na (52 g, 2.26 mol) was added with stirring in small pieces to liquid NH<sub>3</sub> (ca. 3,000 ml) containing ferric nitrate monohydrate (3.6 g) at -60 °C. After dissolution was completed, tryptophan (200 g, 1.10 mol) suspended in anhydrate Et<sub>2</sub>O (appropriate amount) was added to the stirred mixture. After 30 min, MeI (182 g, 1.28 mol) was added dropwise over 30 min and stirring was continued till NH<sub>3</sub> was evaporated. Water (800 mL) was added to the residue and the mixture was heated to dissolve, filtered and adjusted to pH 5.0 with AcOH (ca. 120 mL), followed by the addition of EtOH (800 mL). The mixture was allowed to stand in a refrigerator overnight. The resultant white precipitates were collected and washed successively with H<sub>2</sub>O (800 mL), 50% aq. EtOH (800 mL), EtOH (800 mL), and Et<sub>2</sub>O (800 mL) to yield 1-methyltryptophan **11** as a colorless solid (196 g, 92% yield), m.p. 223–226 °C.

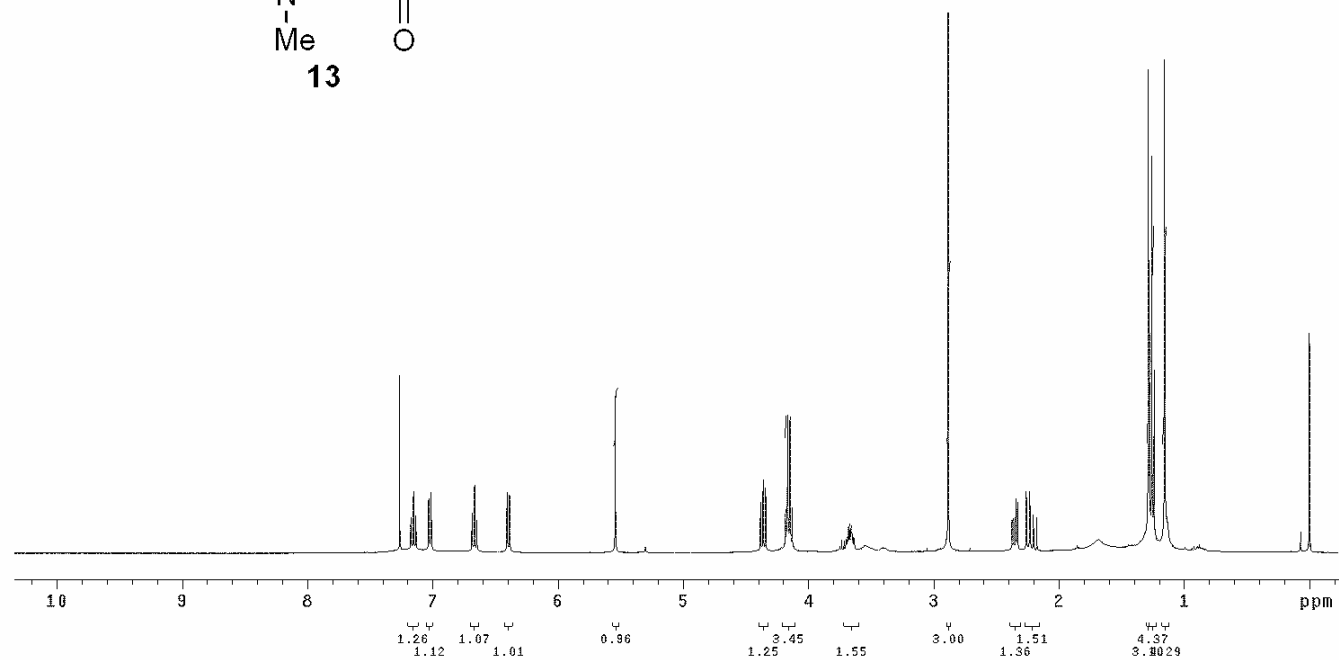
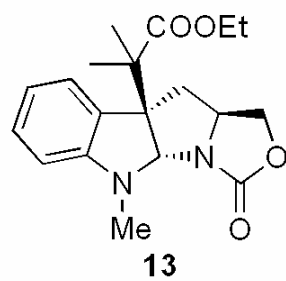
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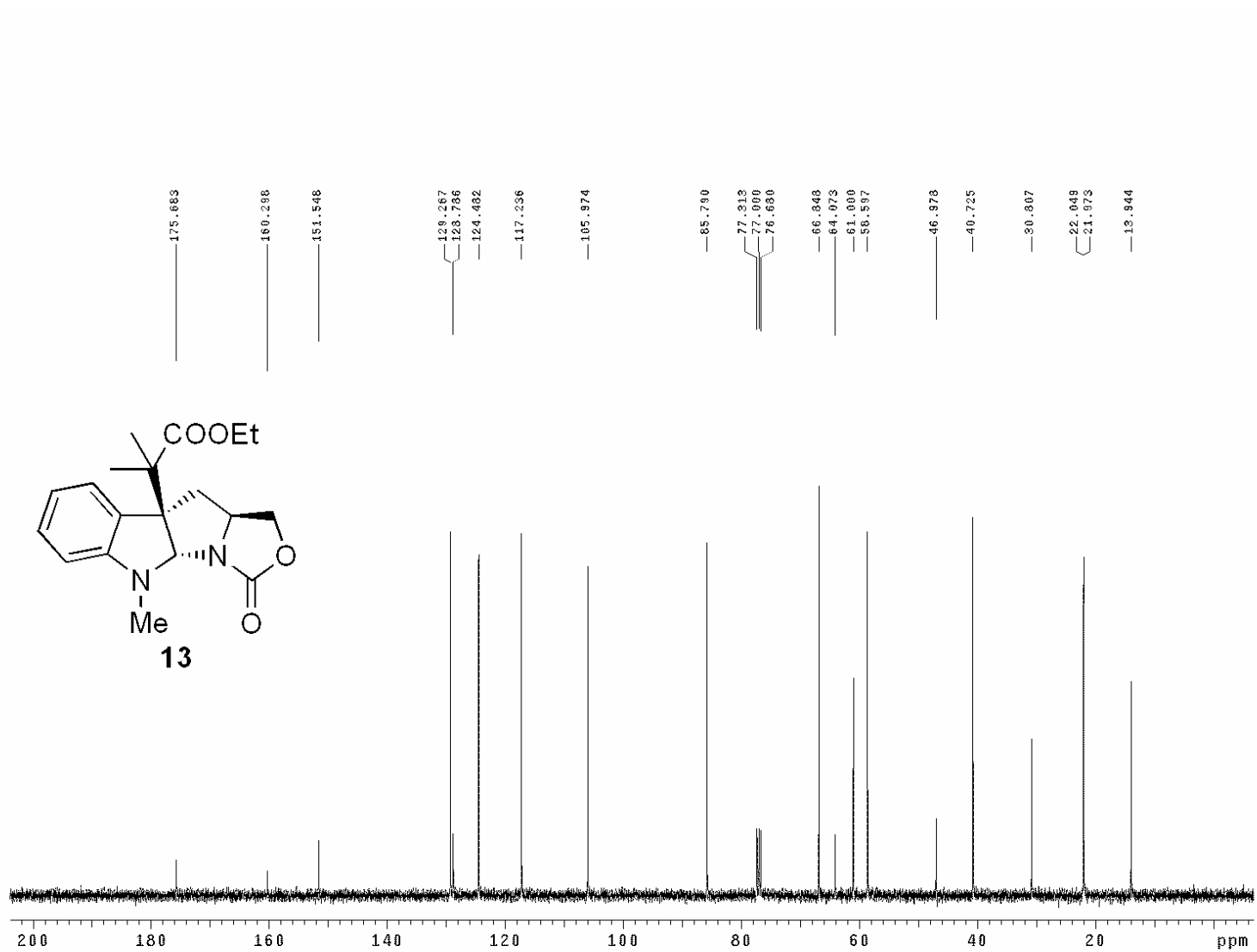
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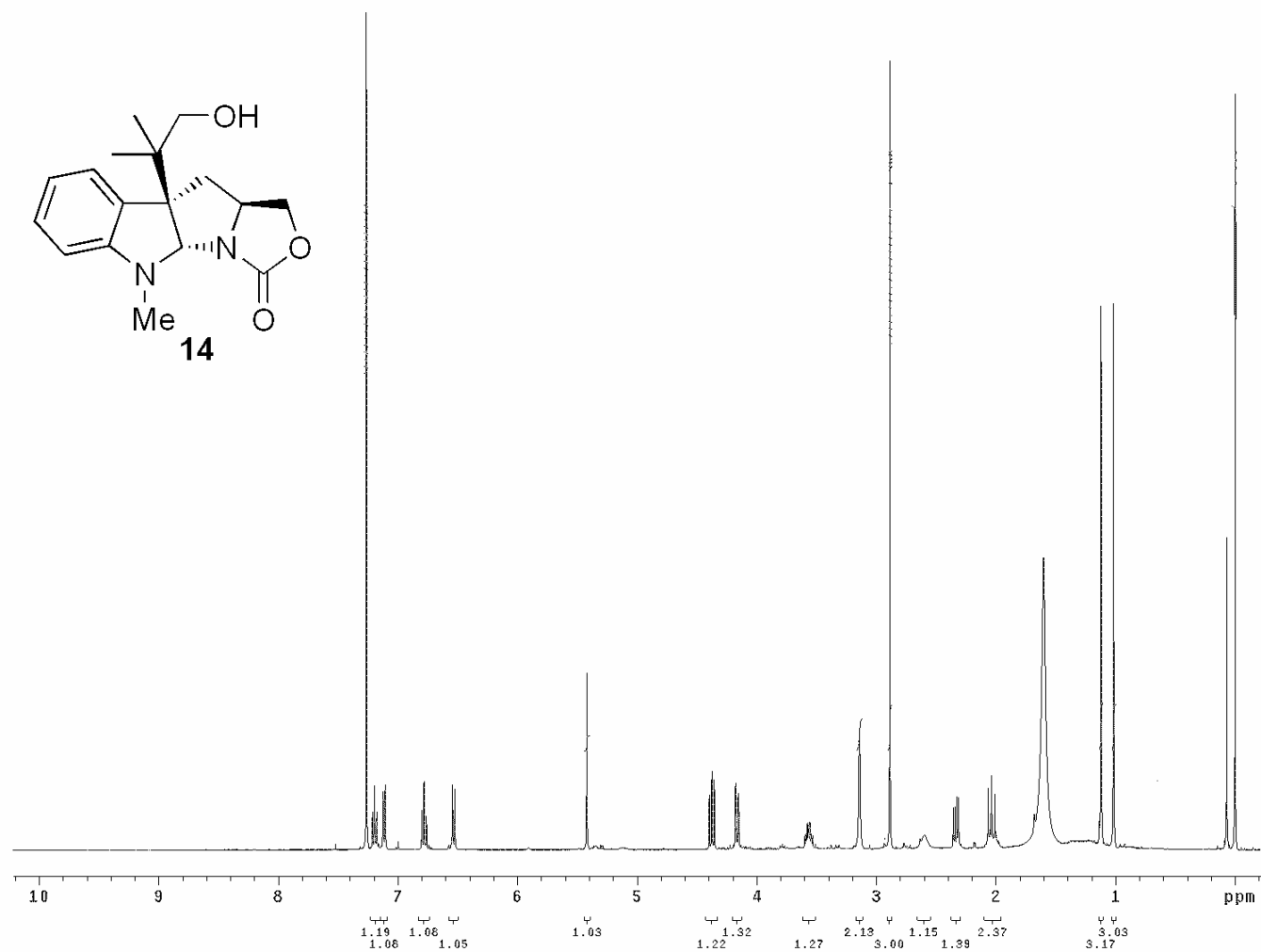


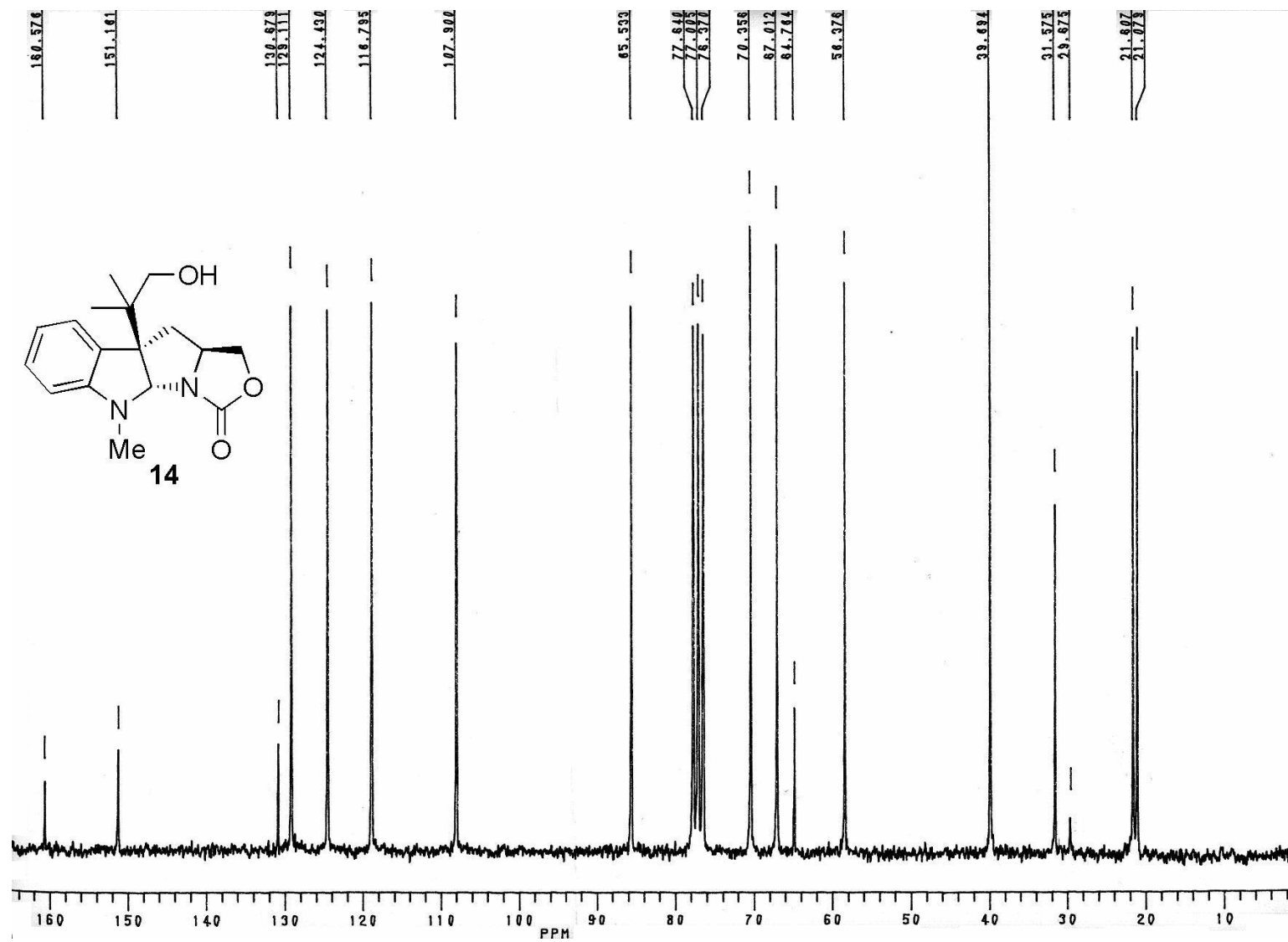


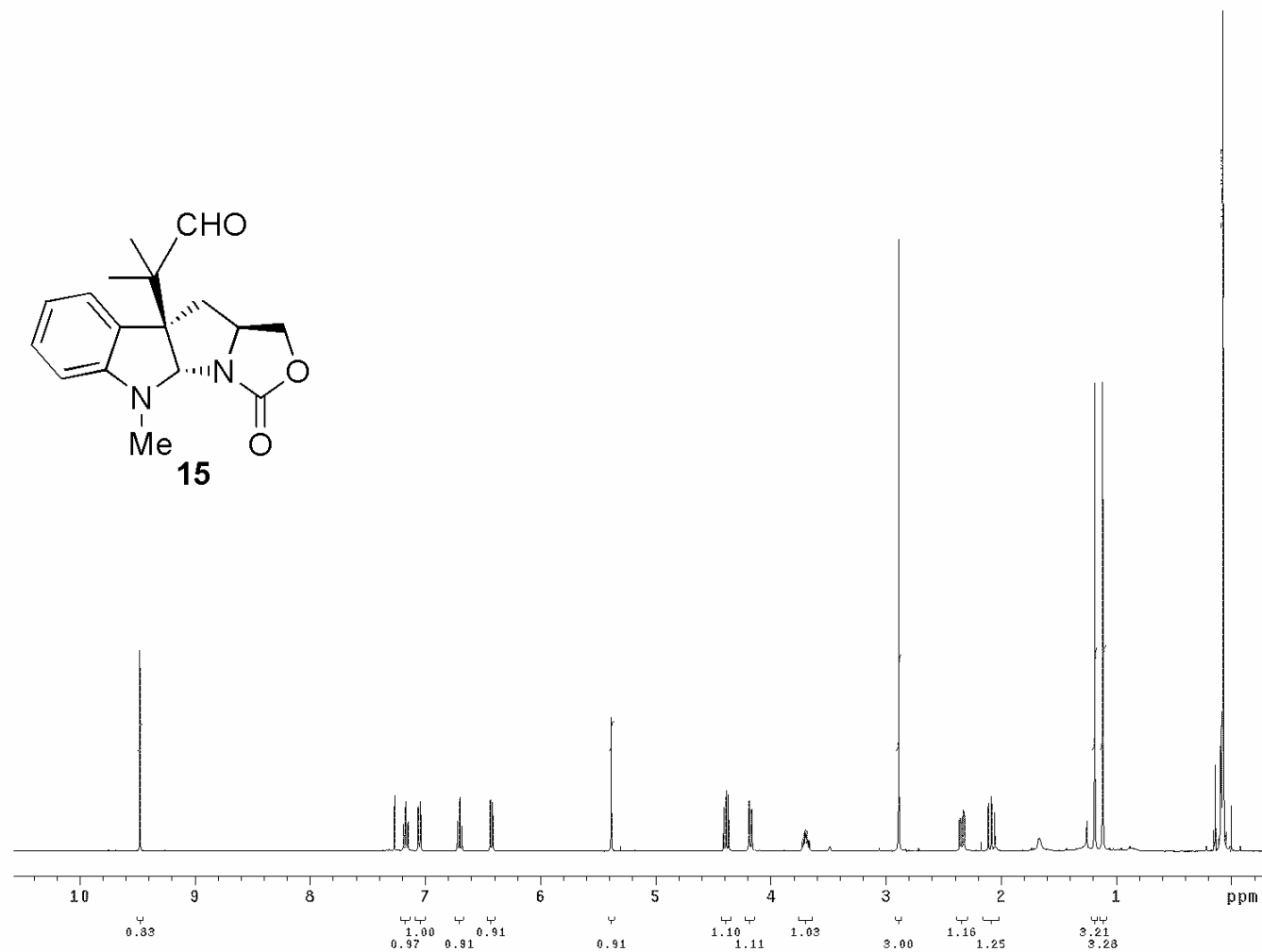


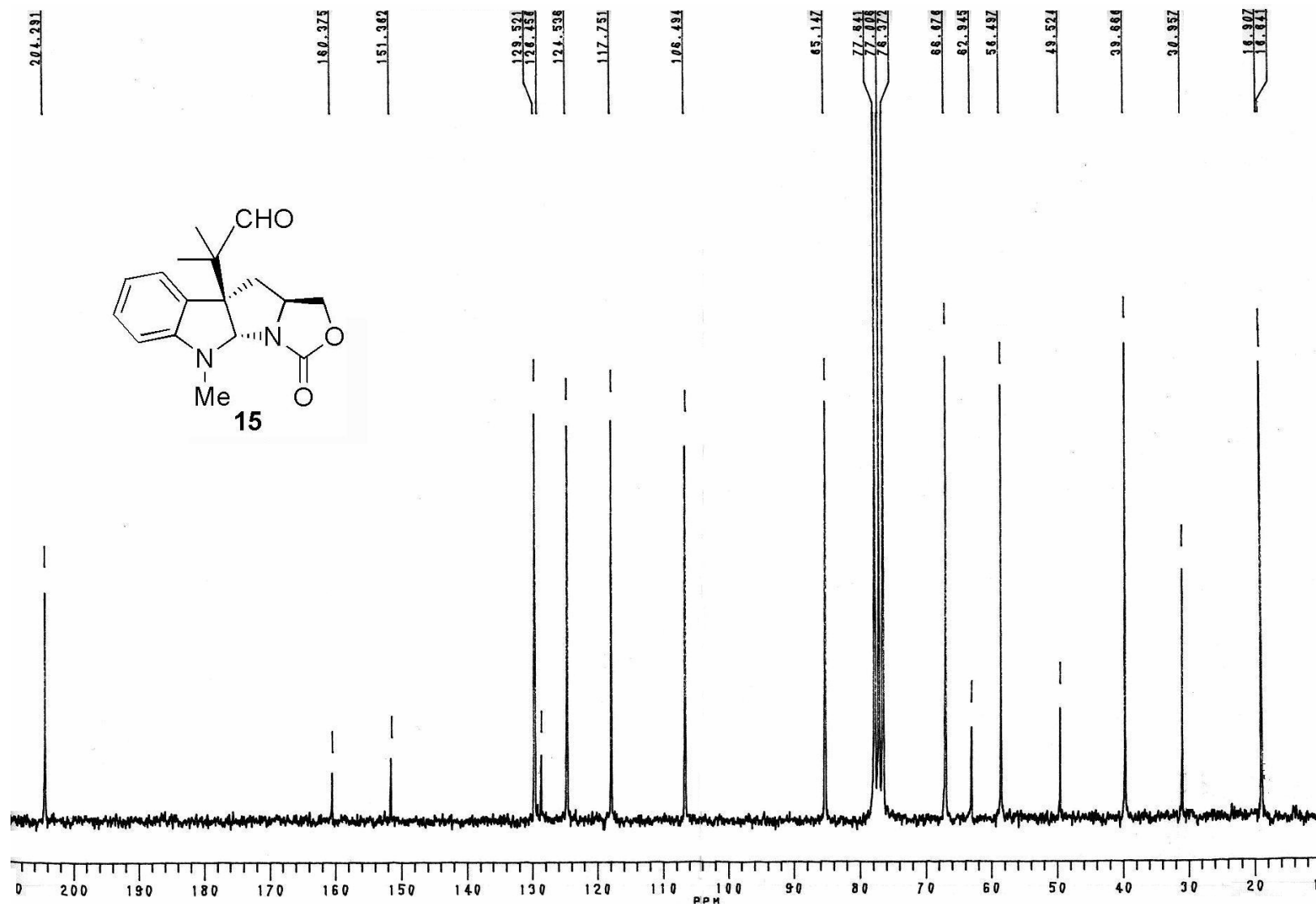


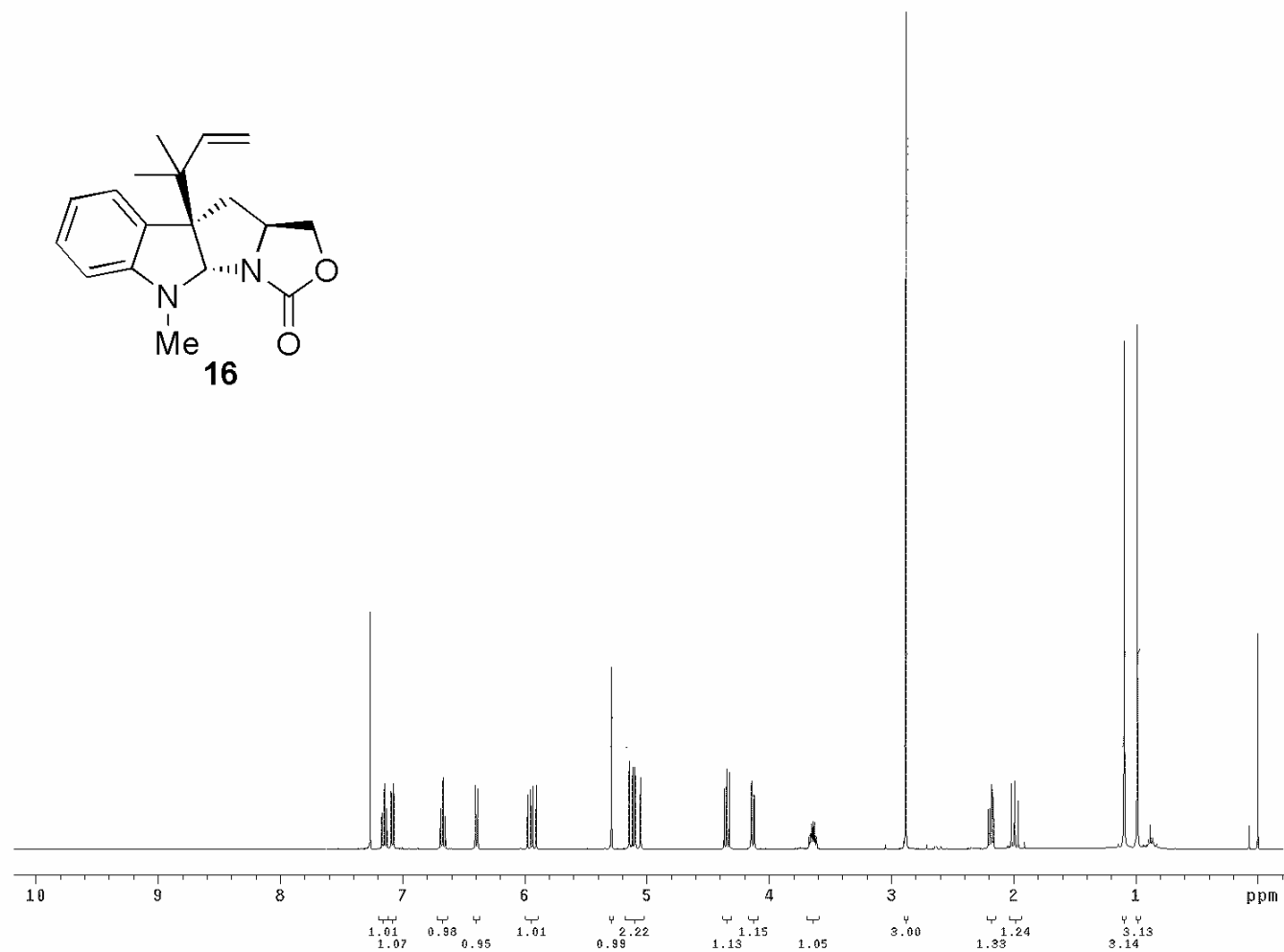


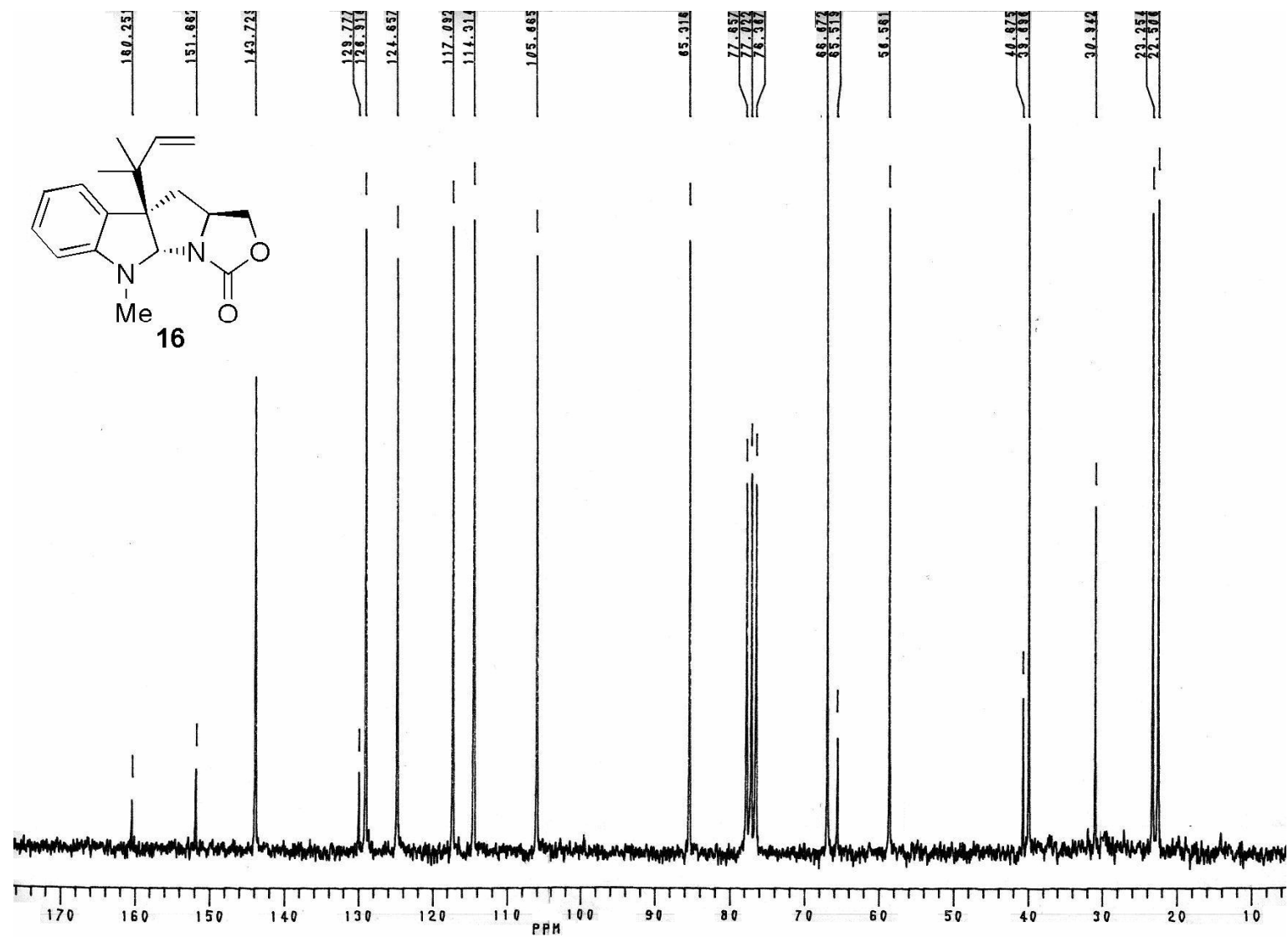


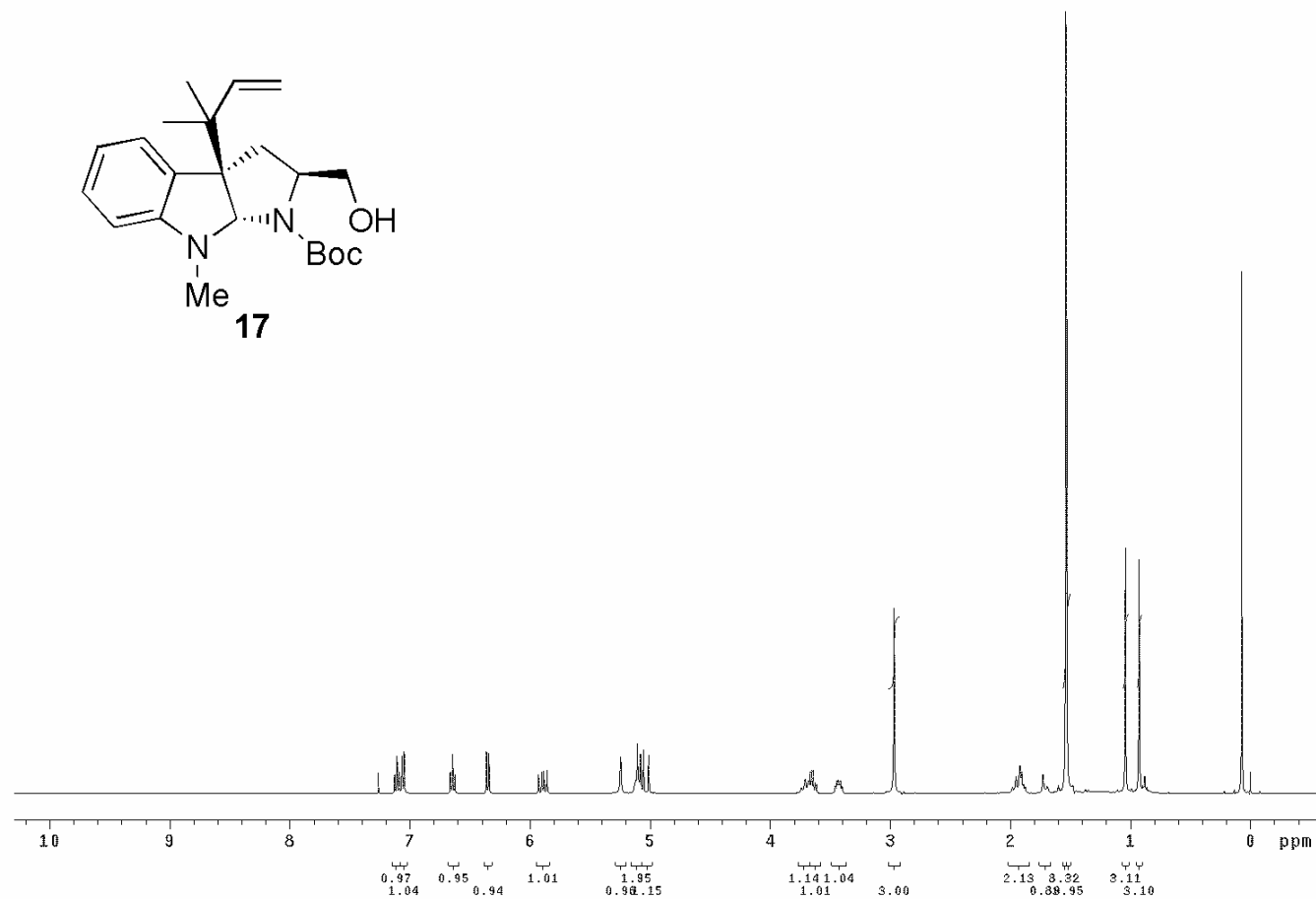
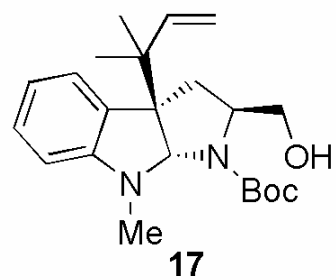


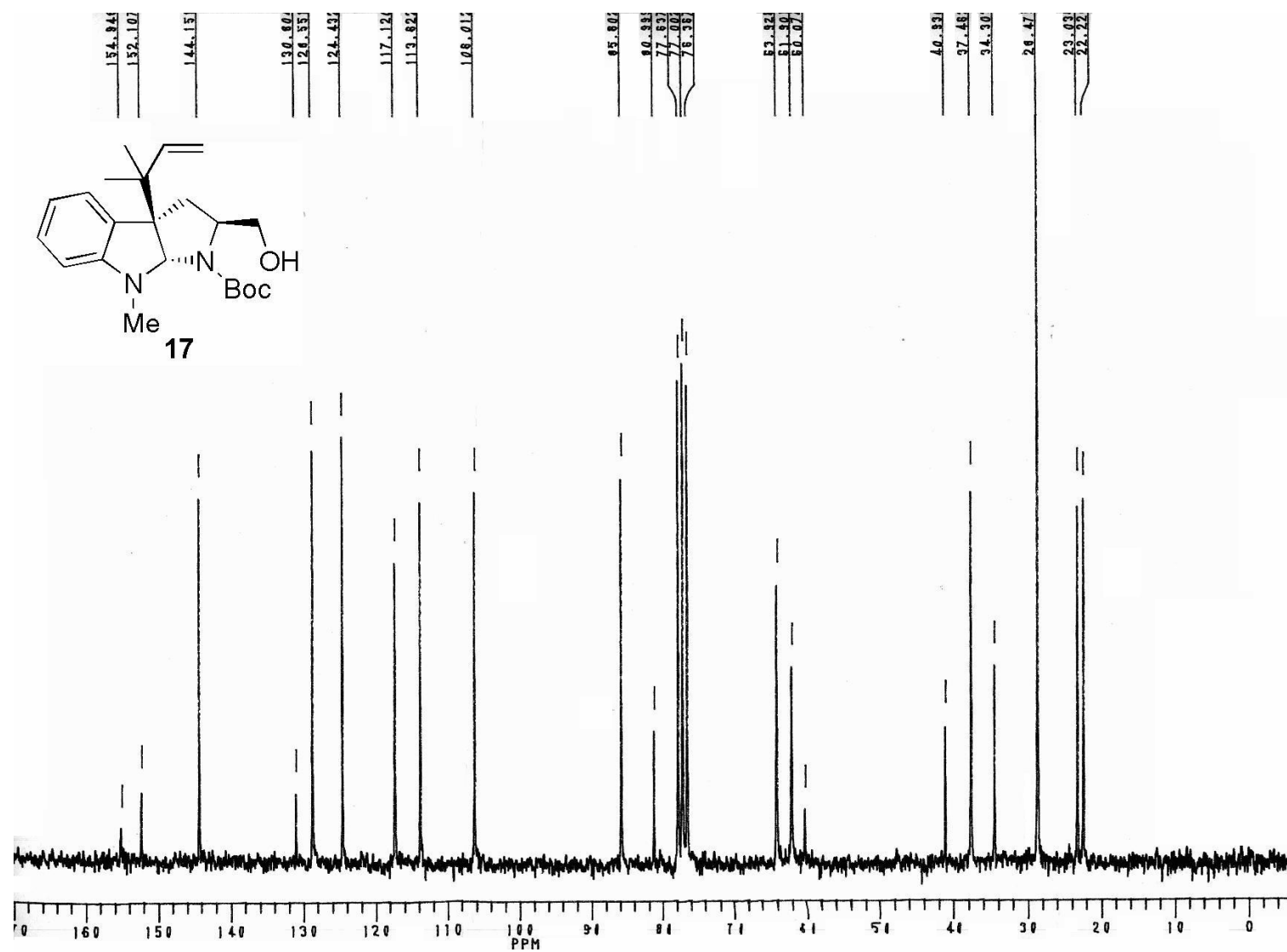




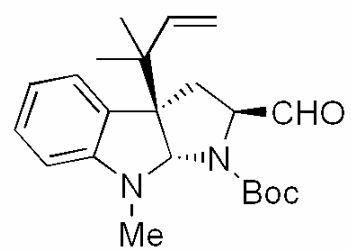




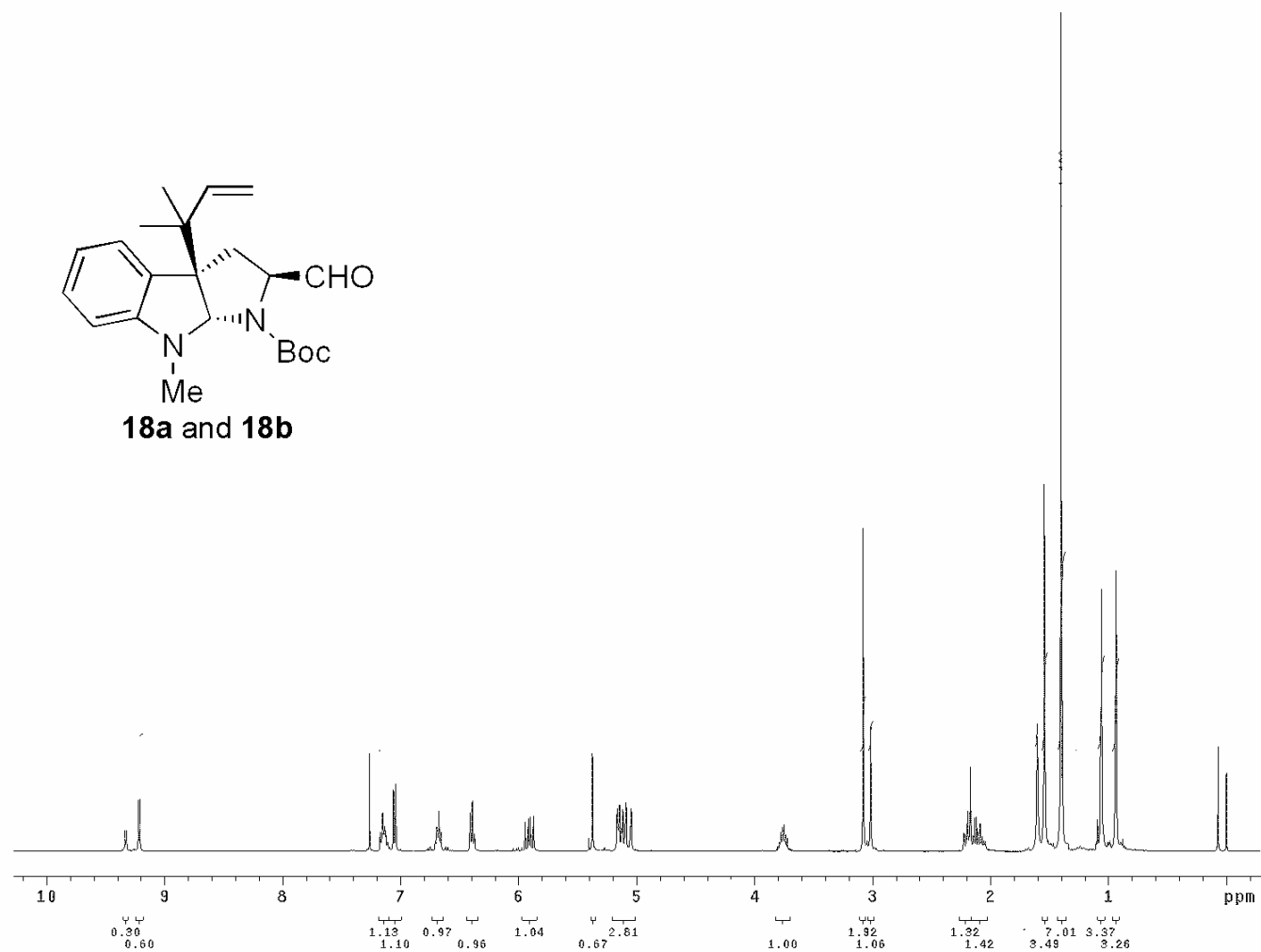


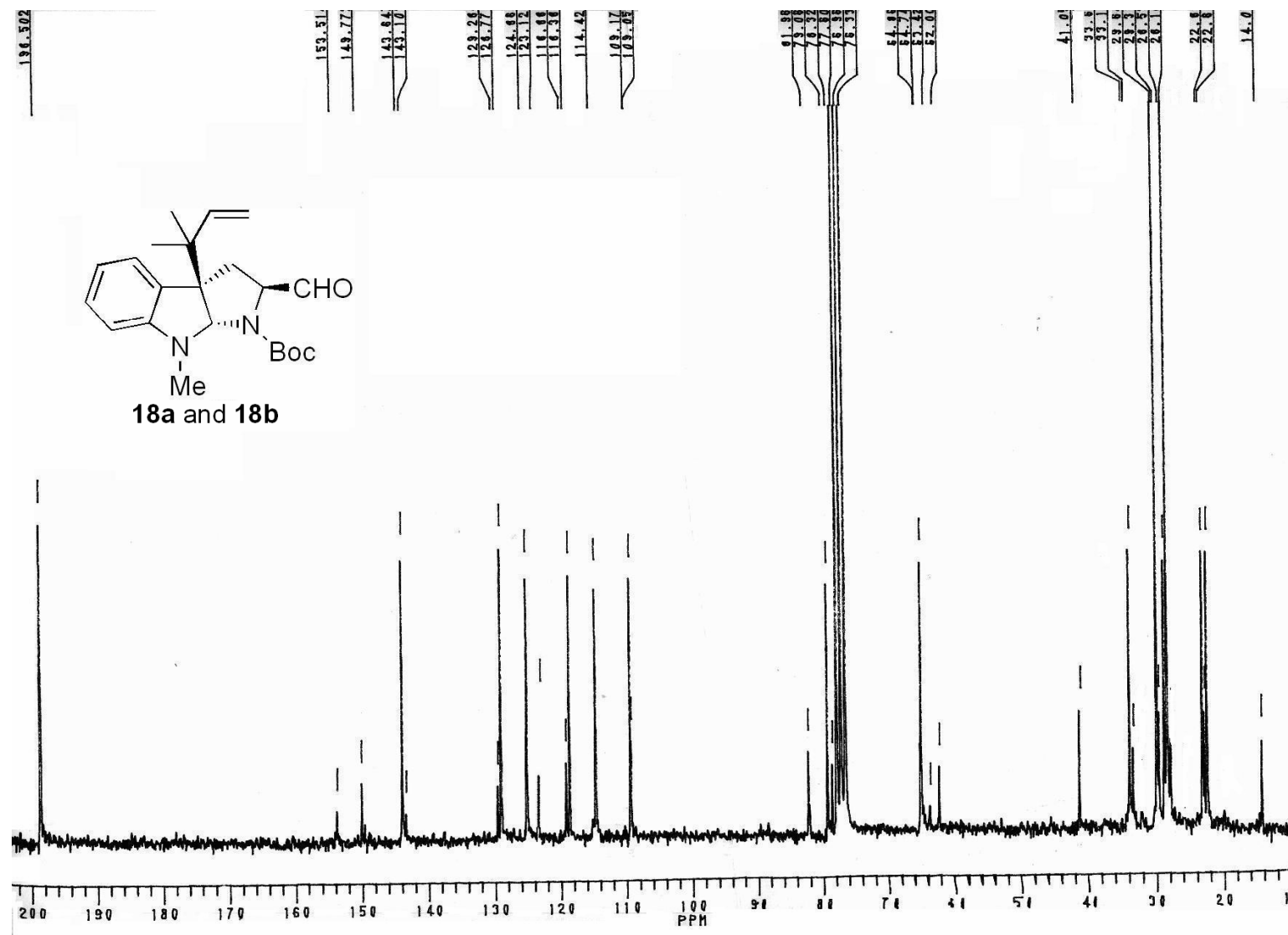


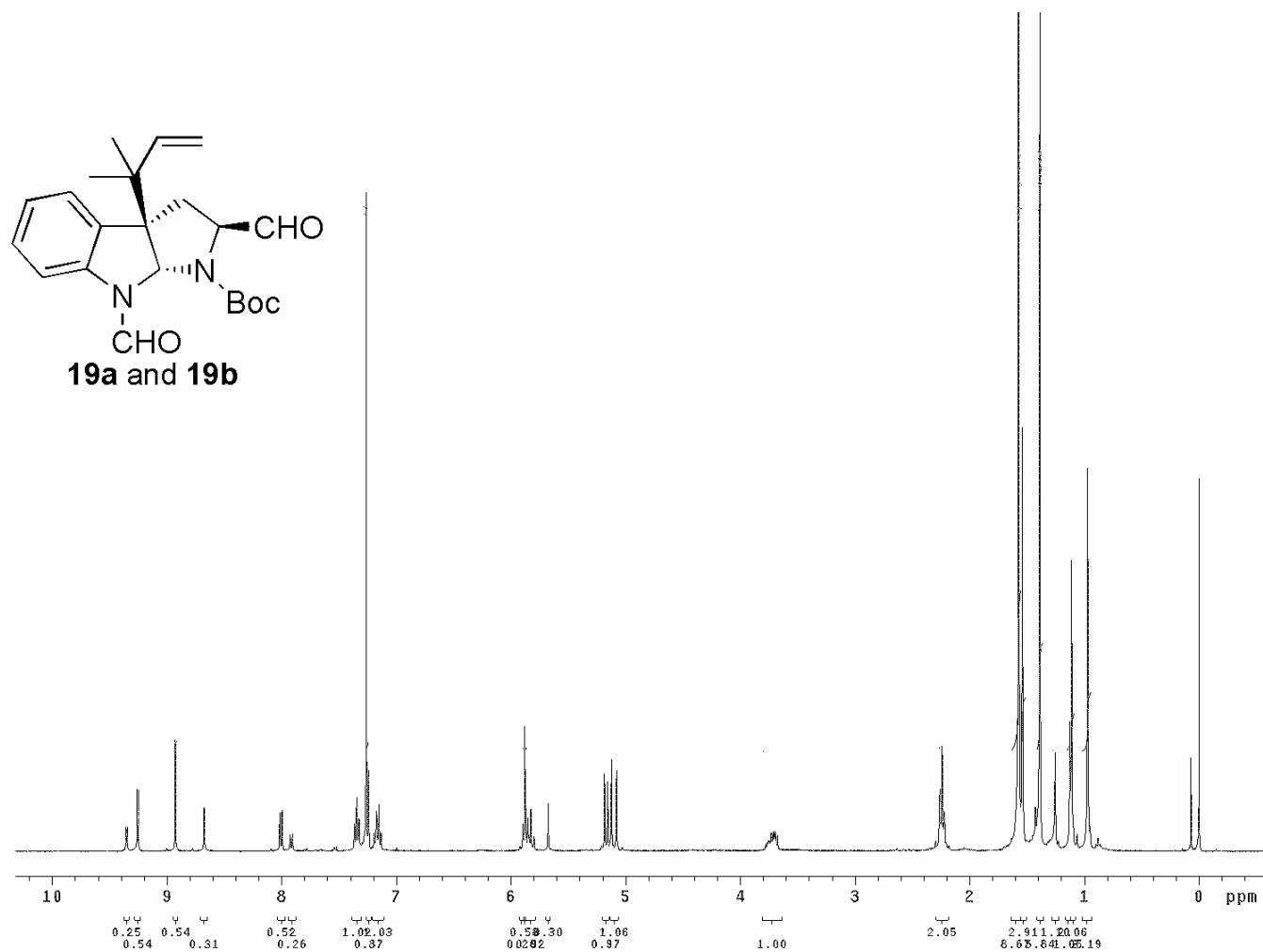


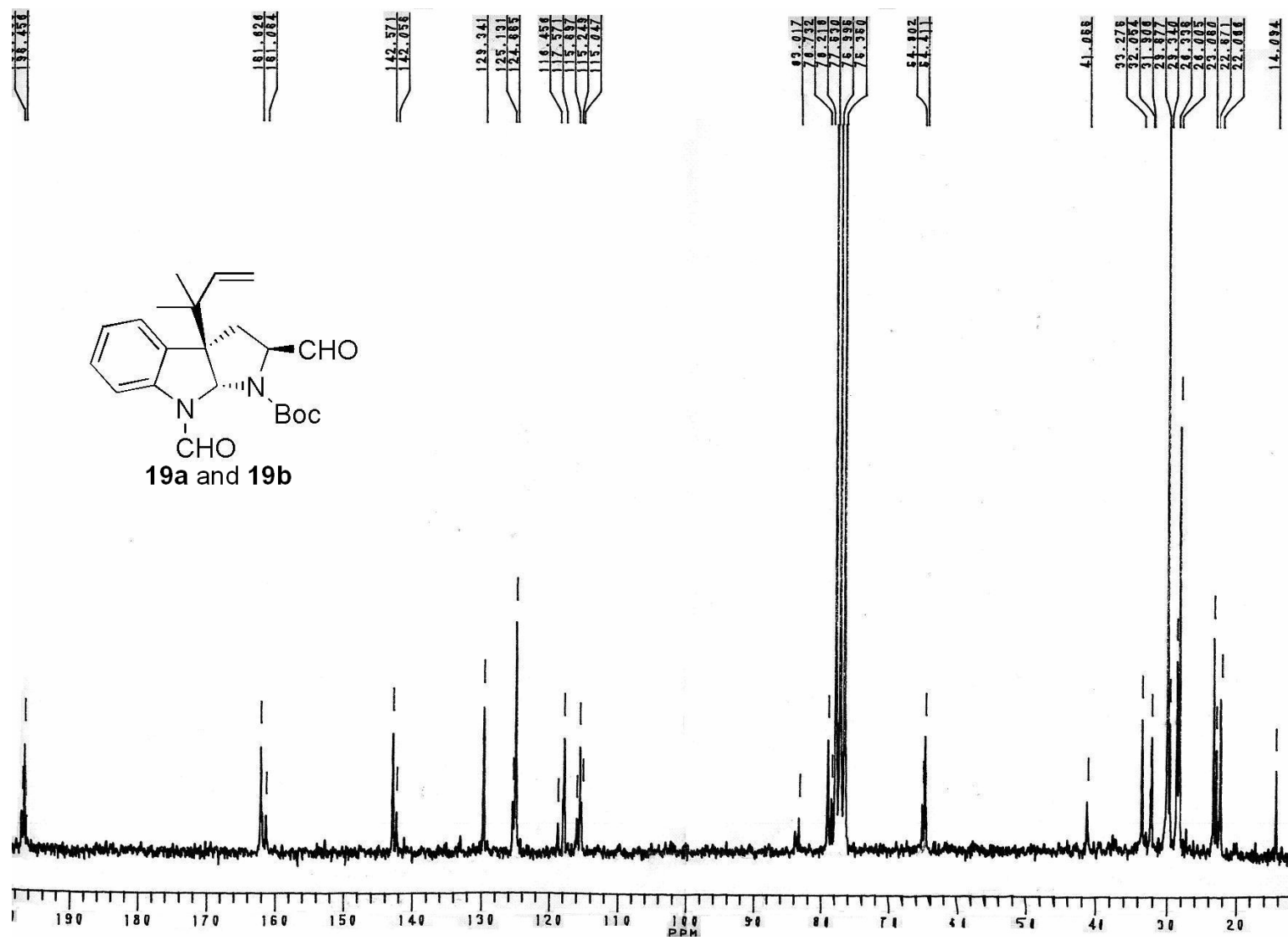


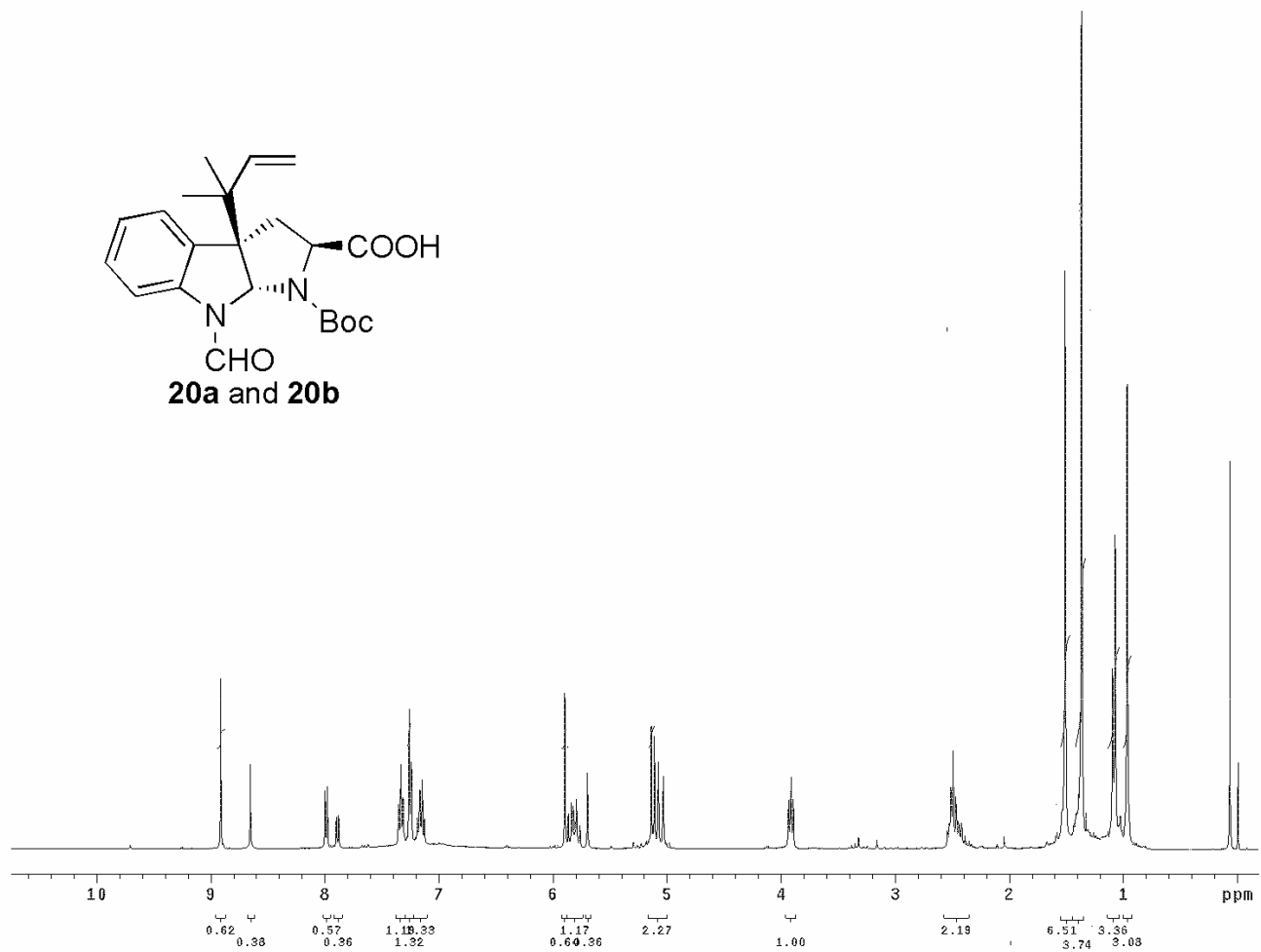
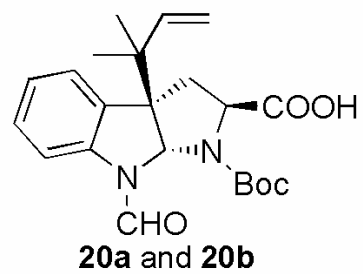
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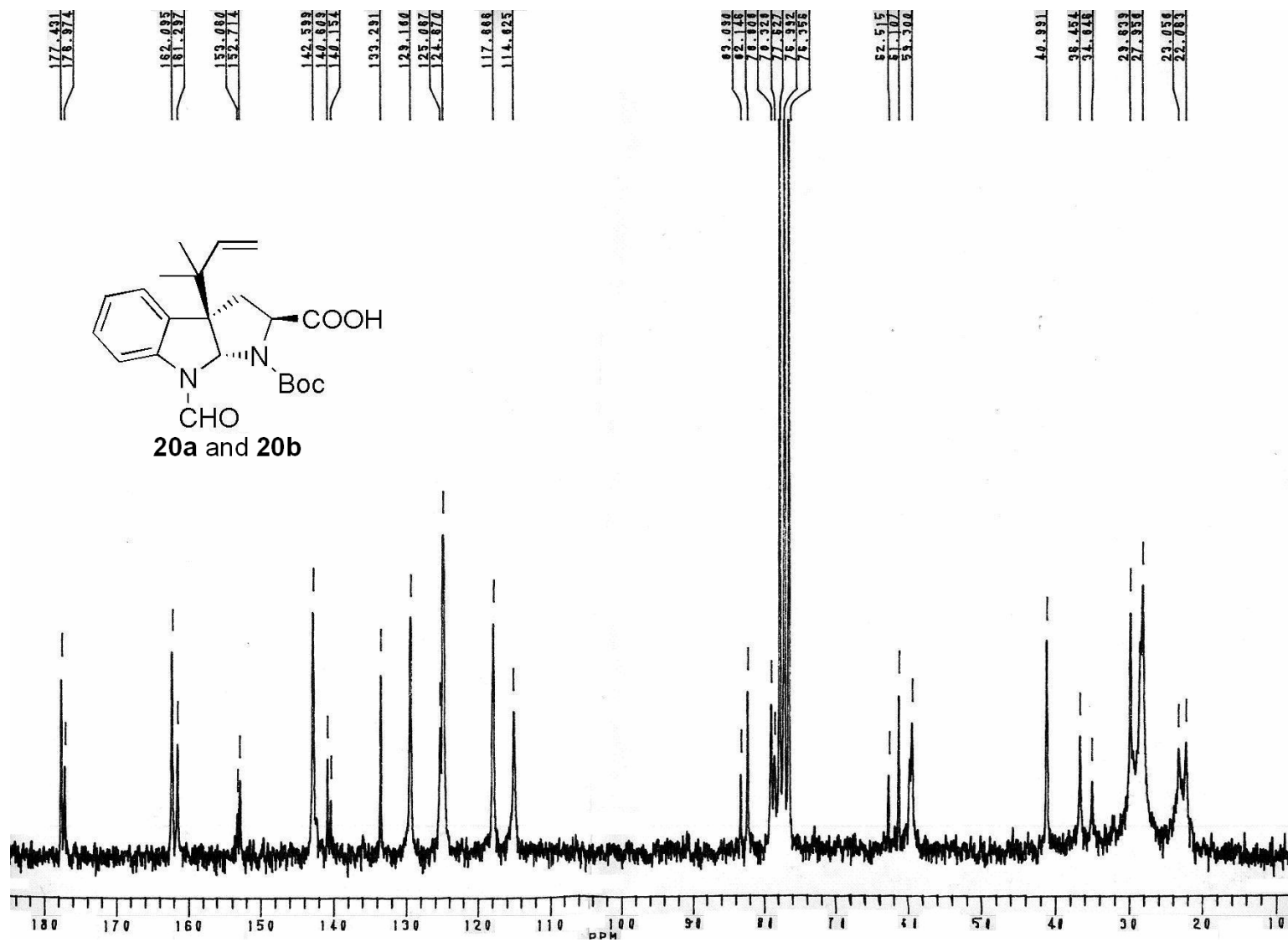


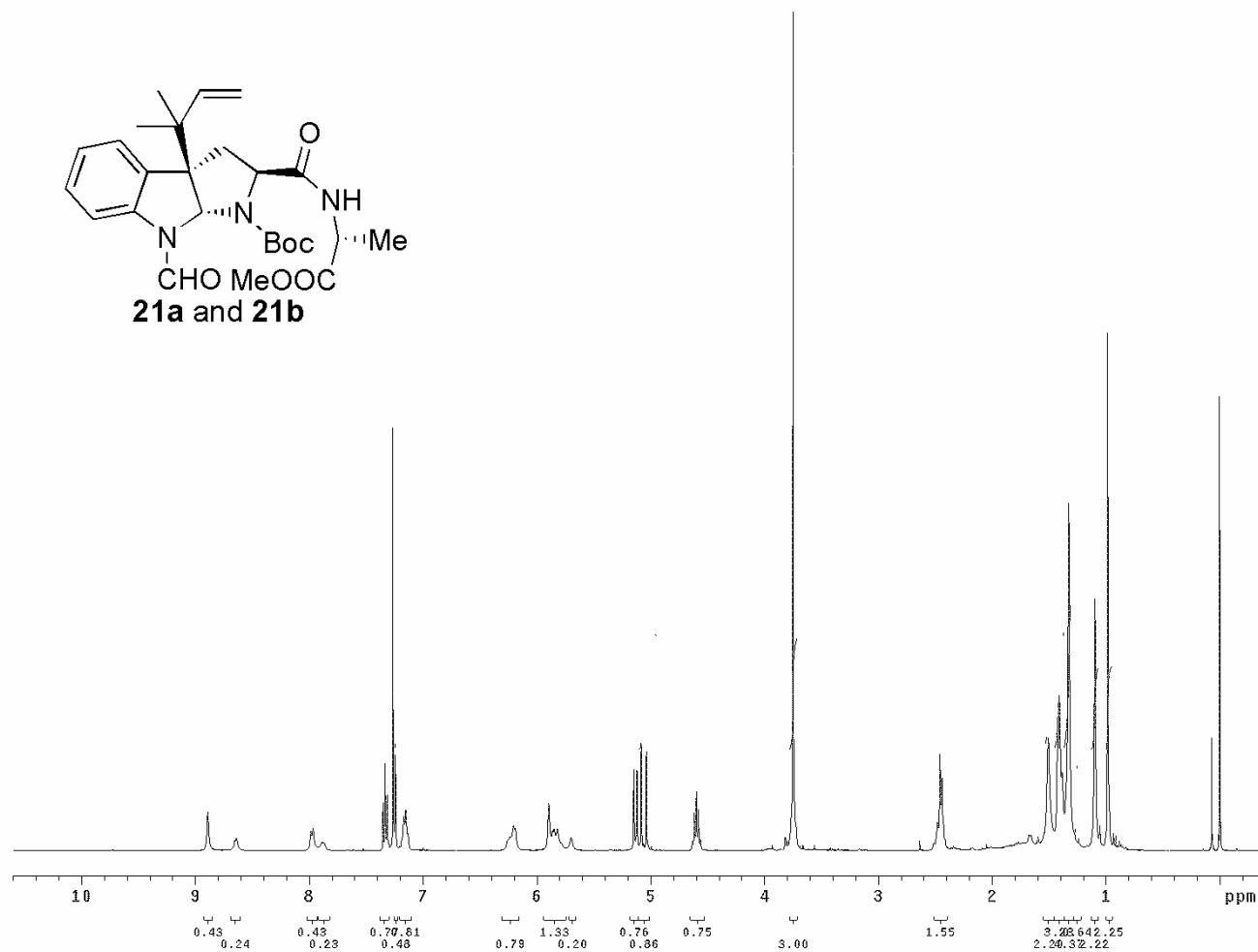
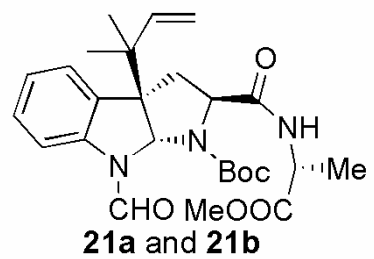


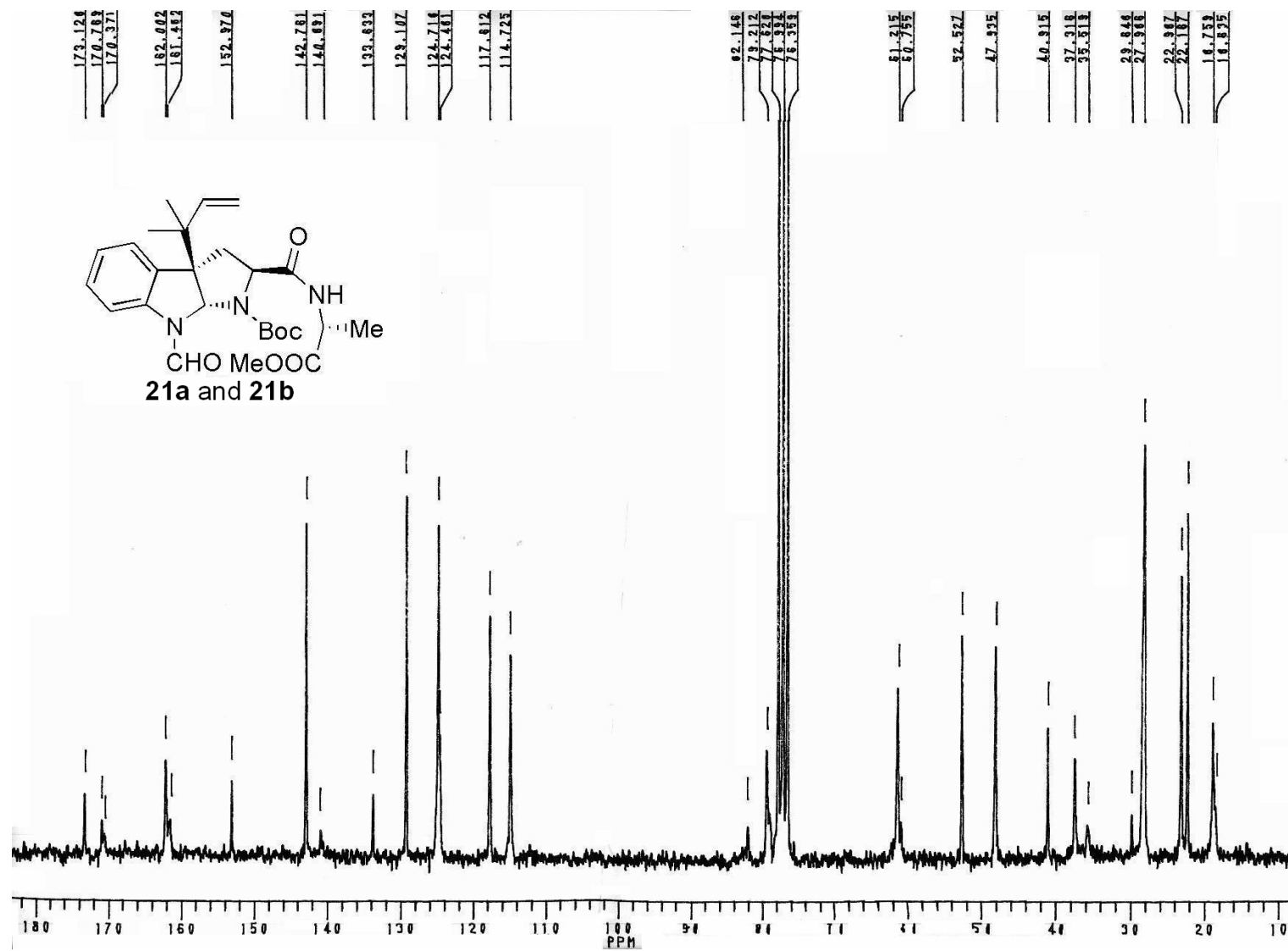




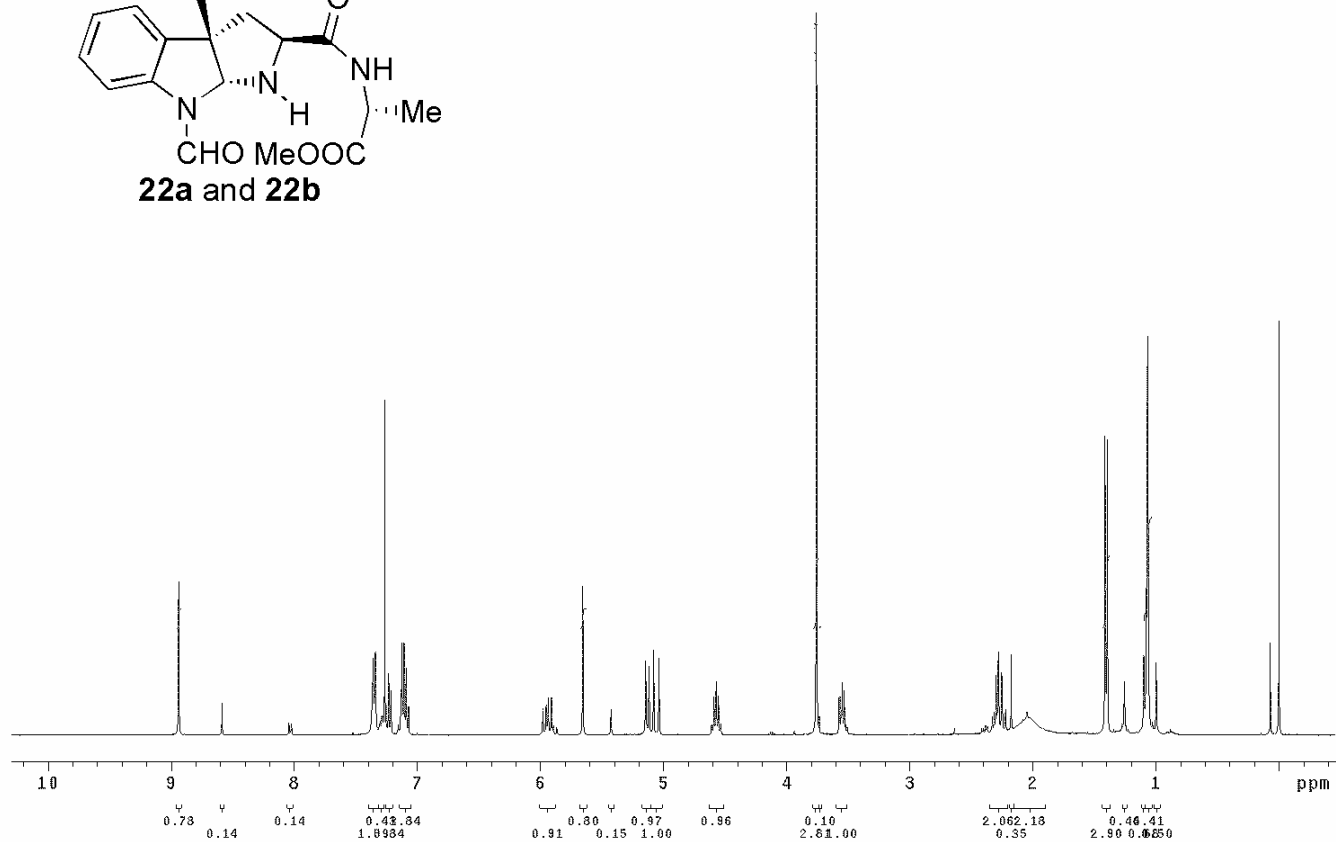
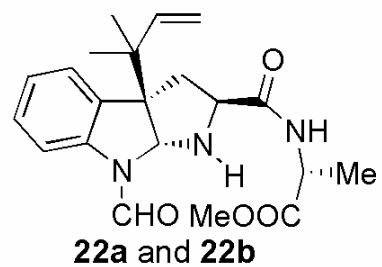


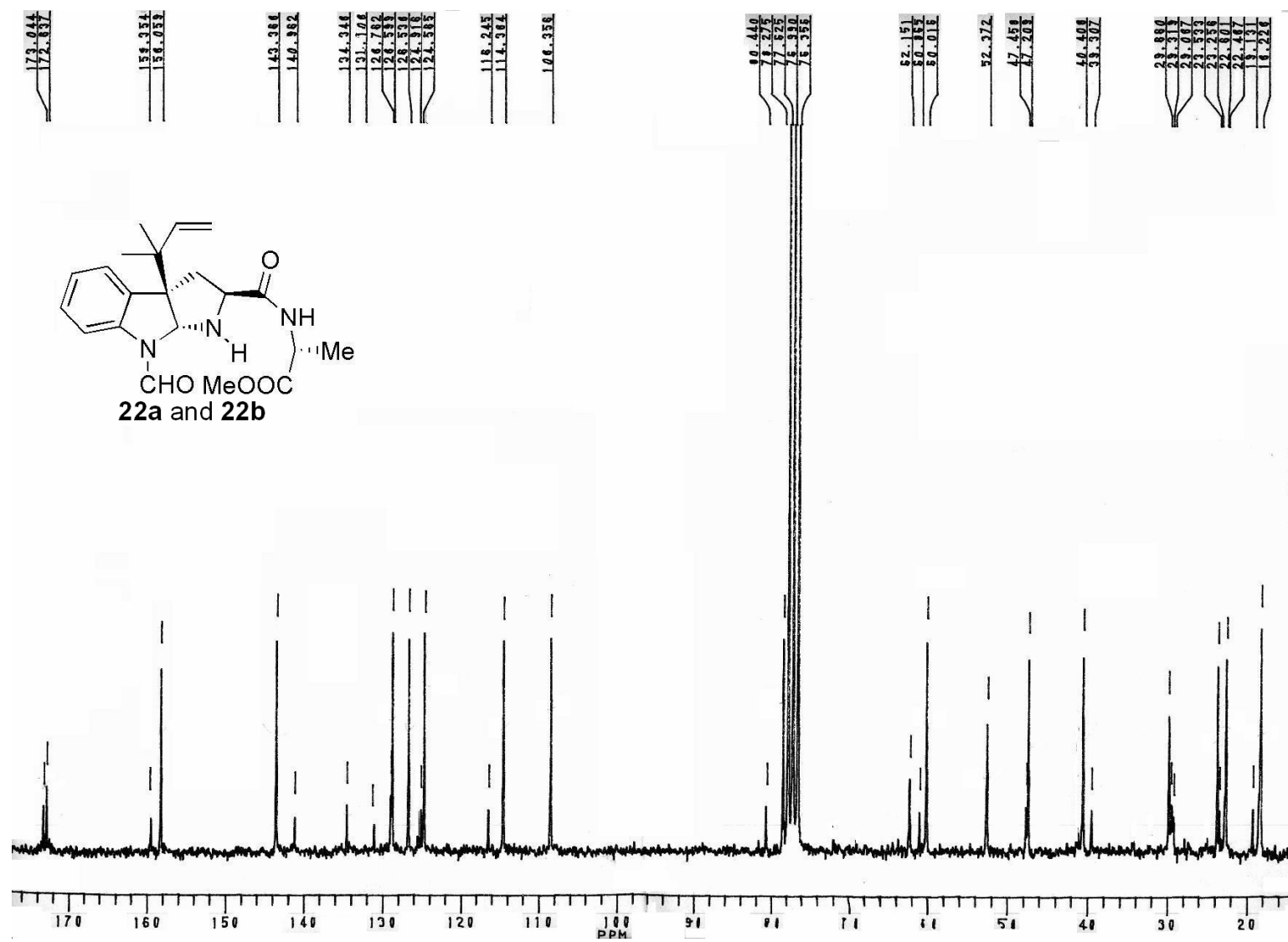


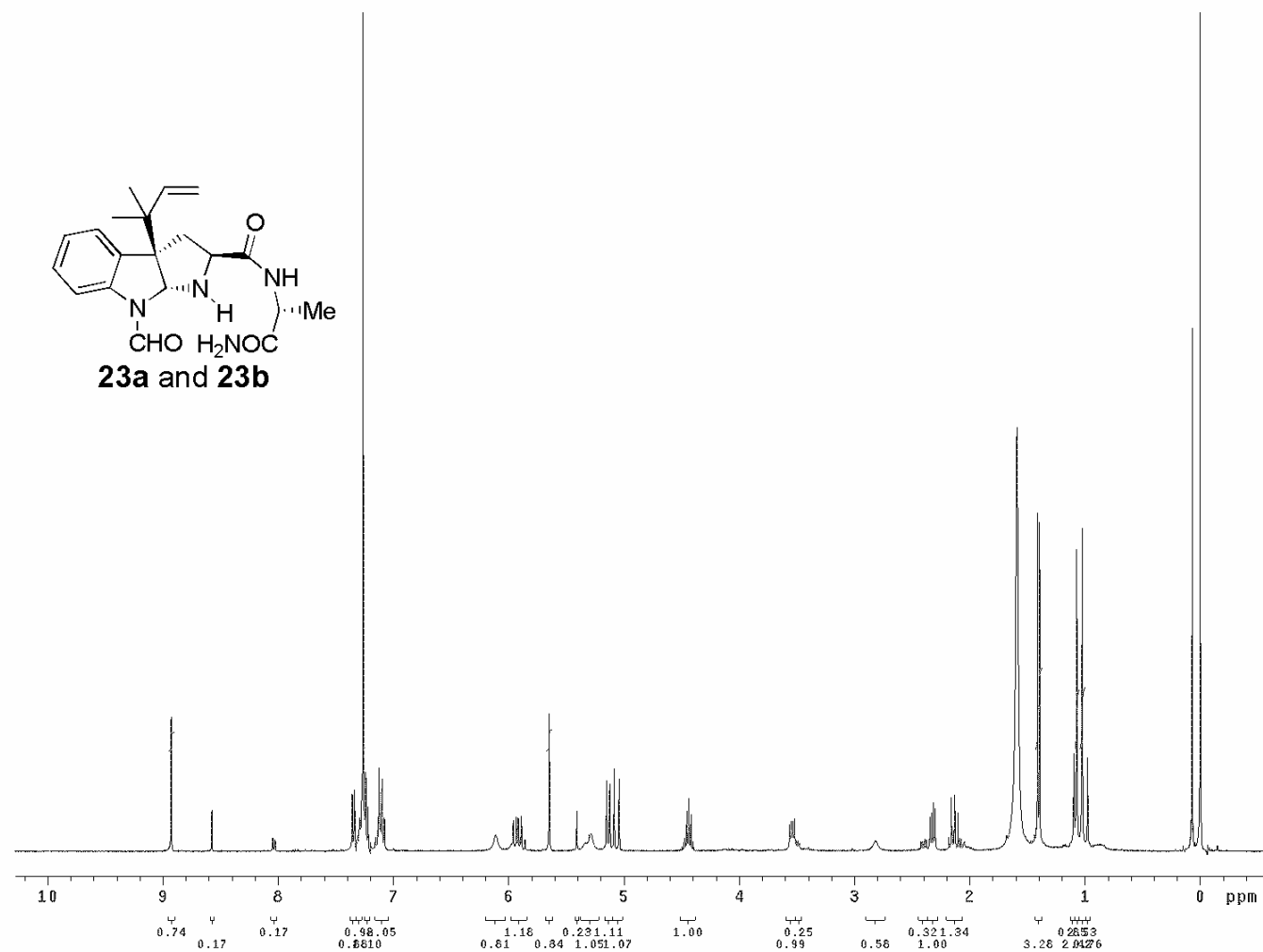


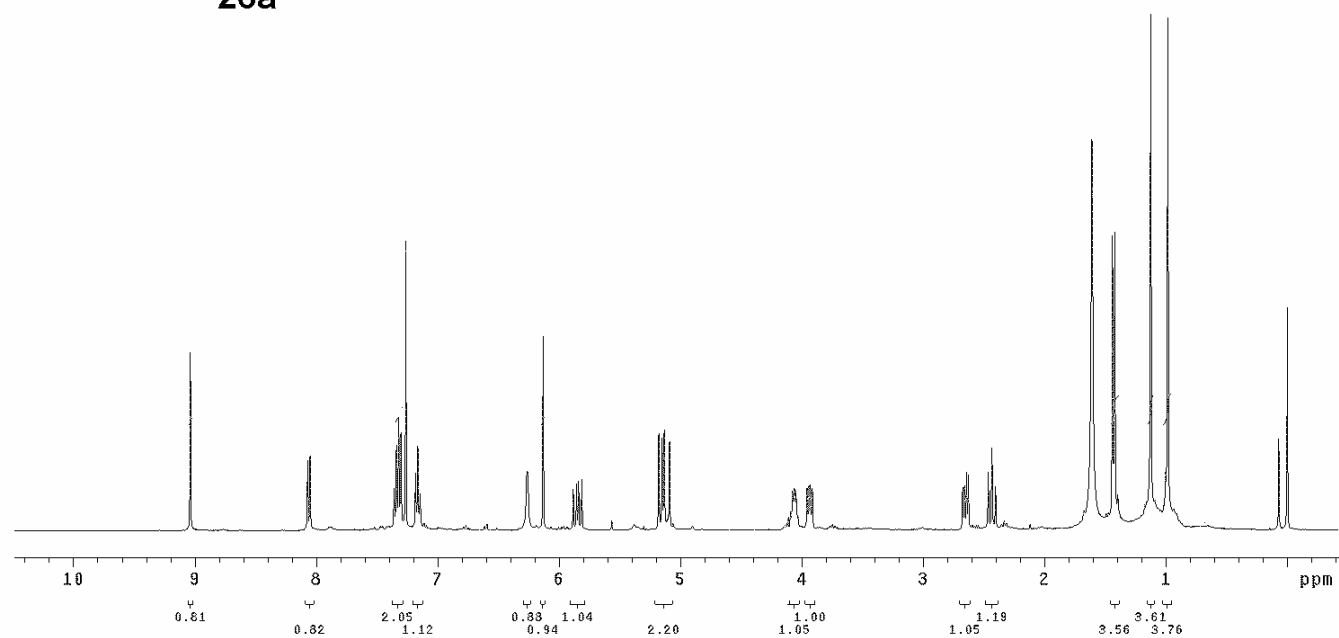
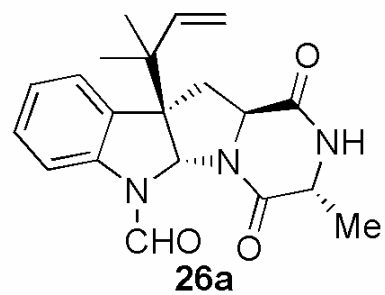


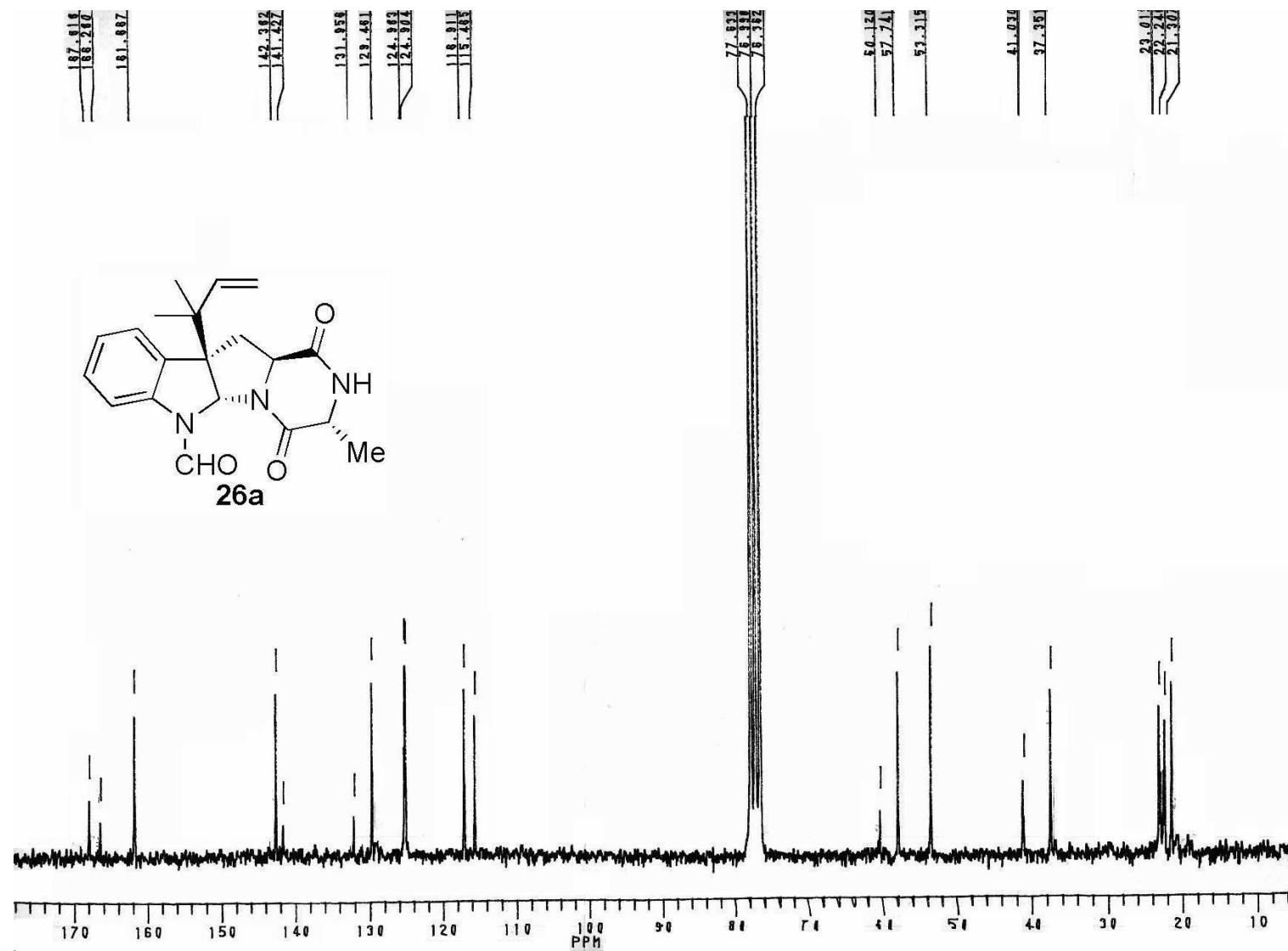


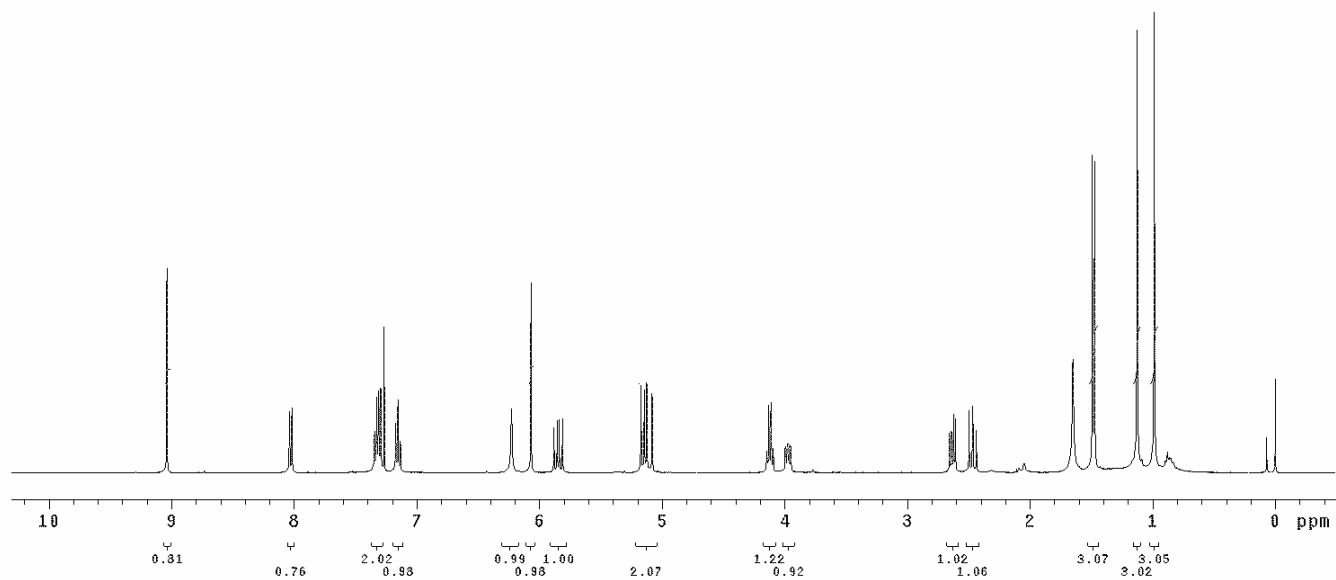
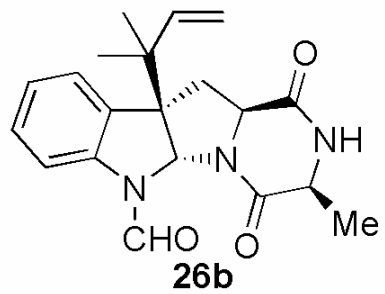


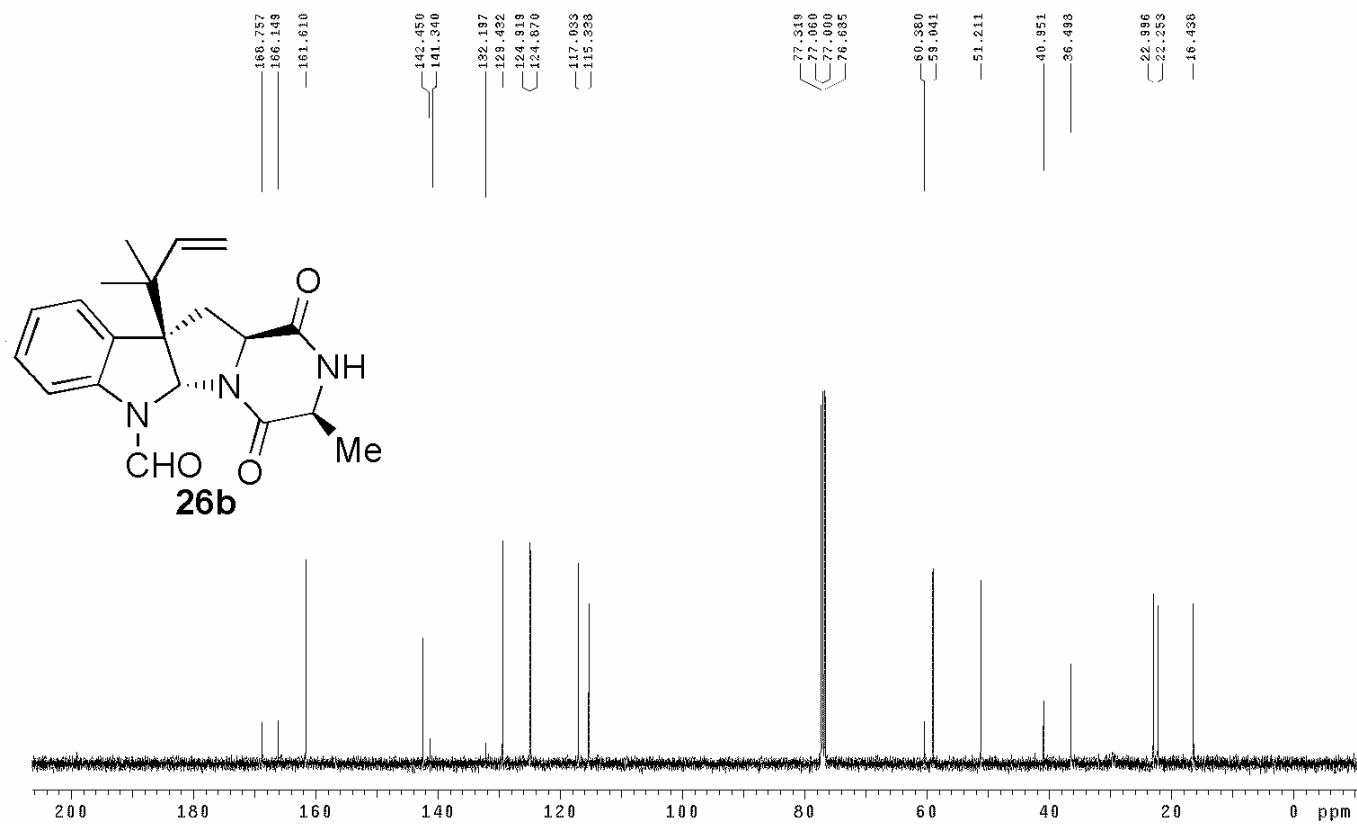




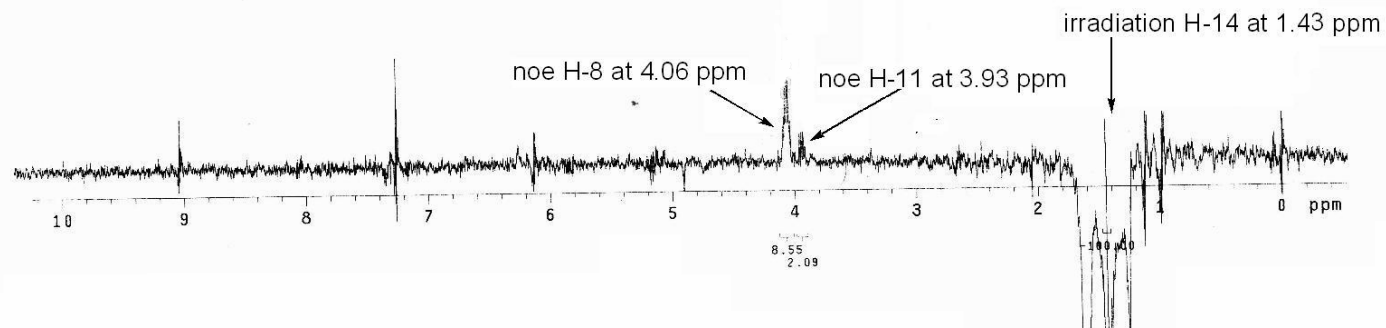
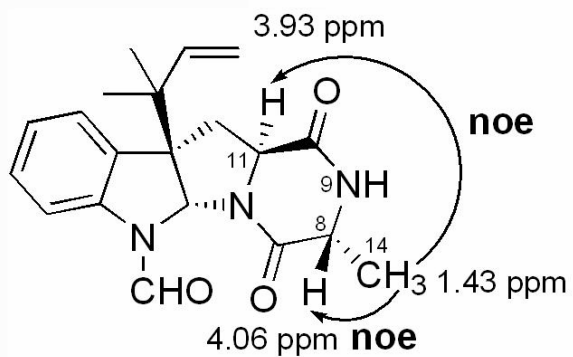






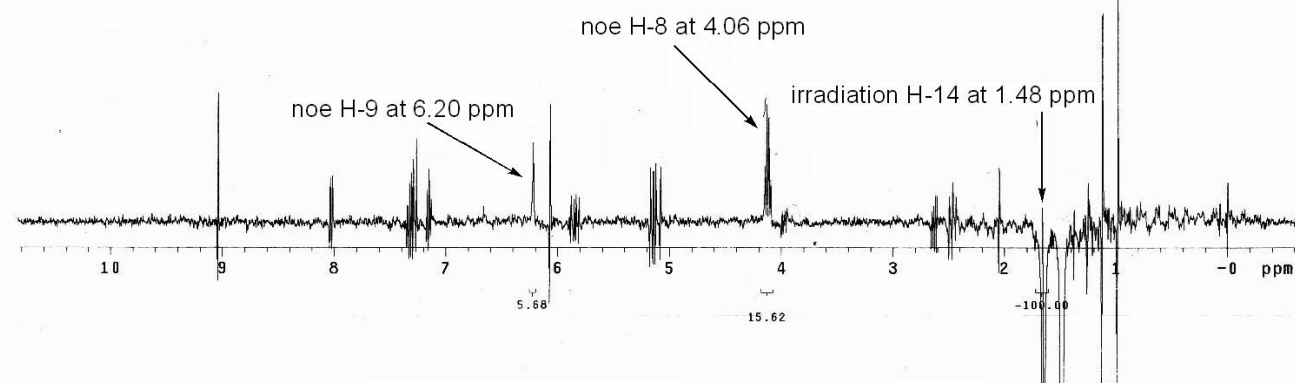
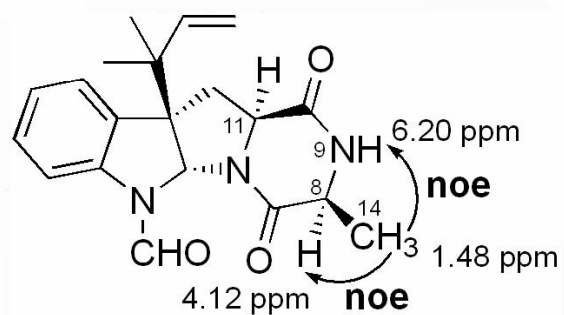


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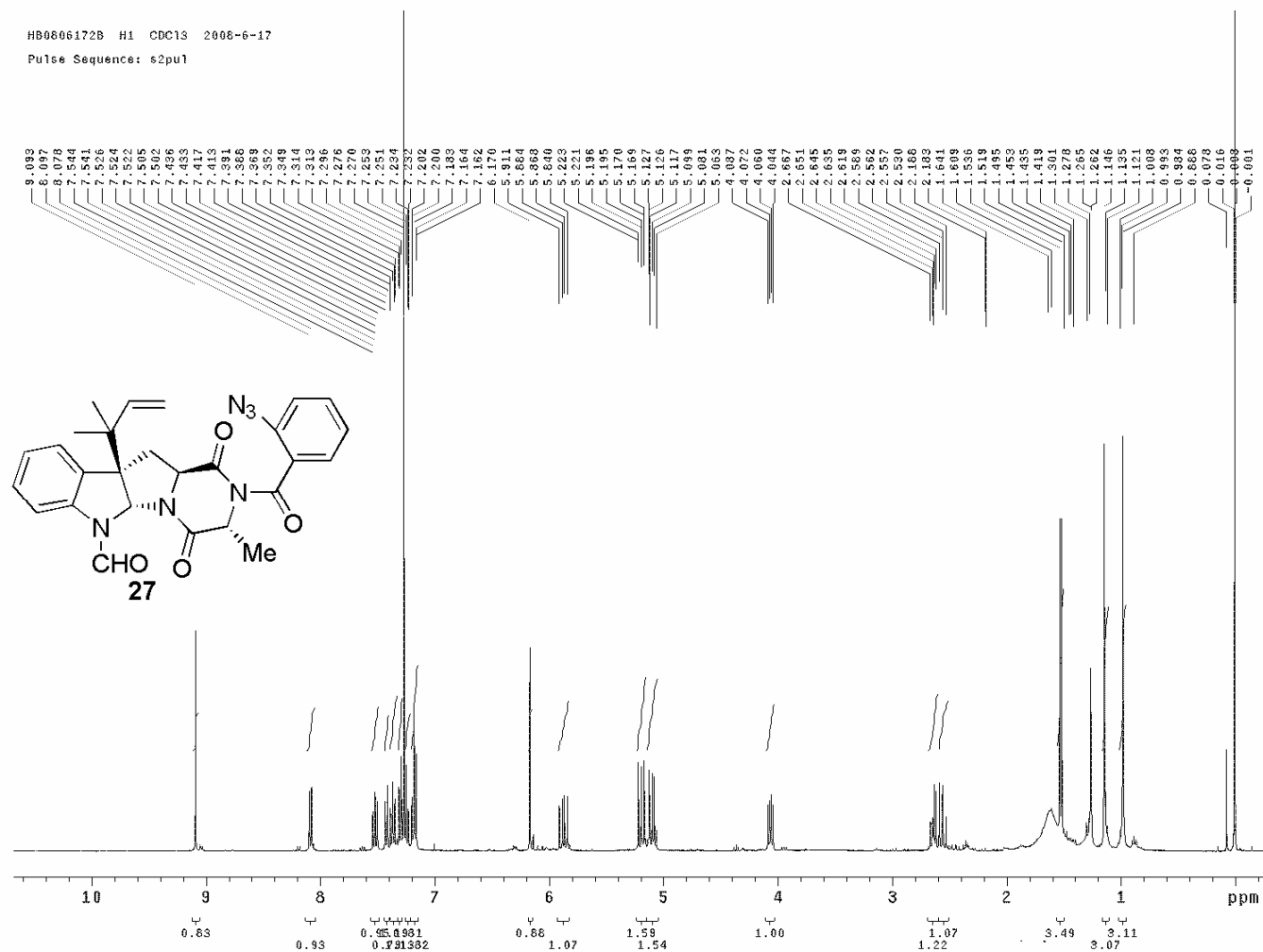


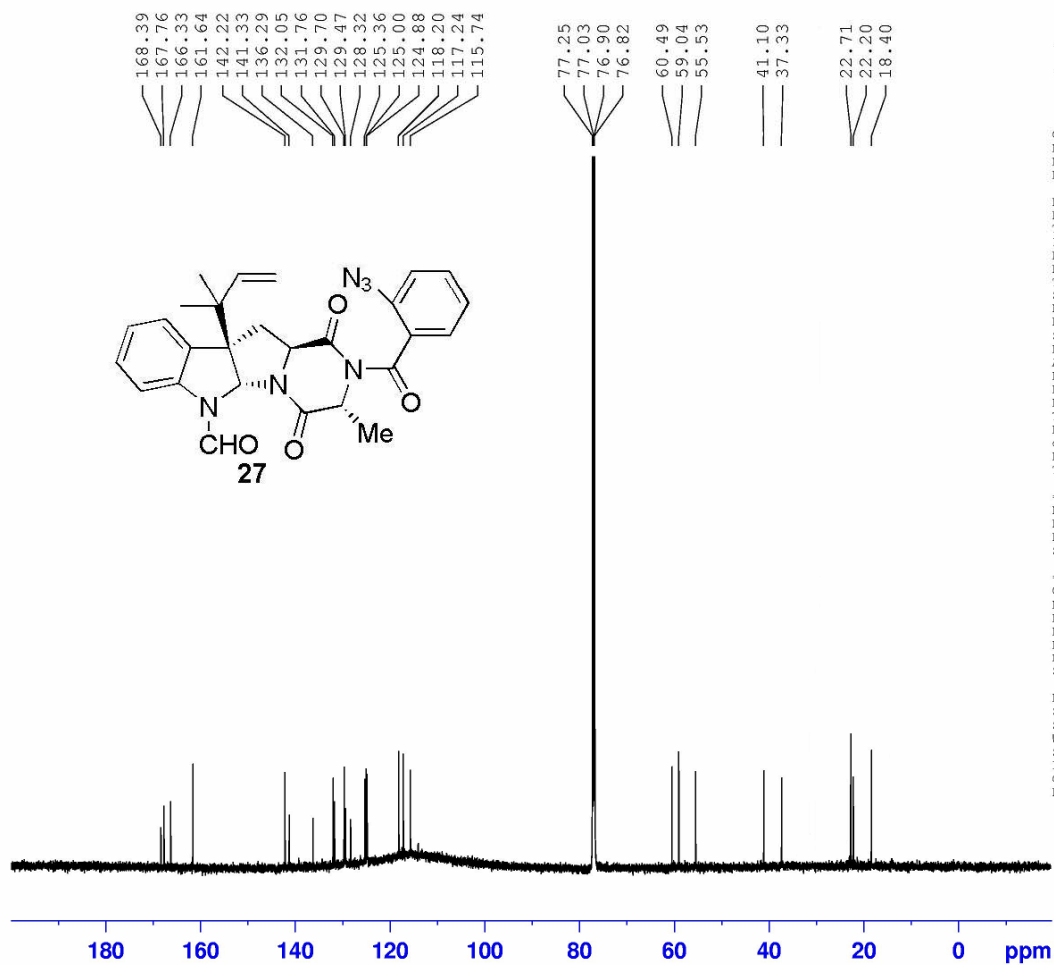
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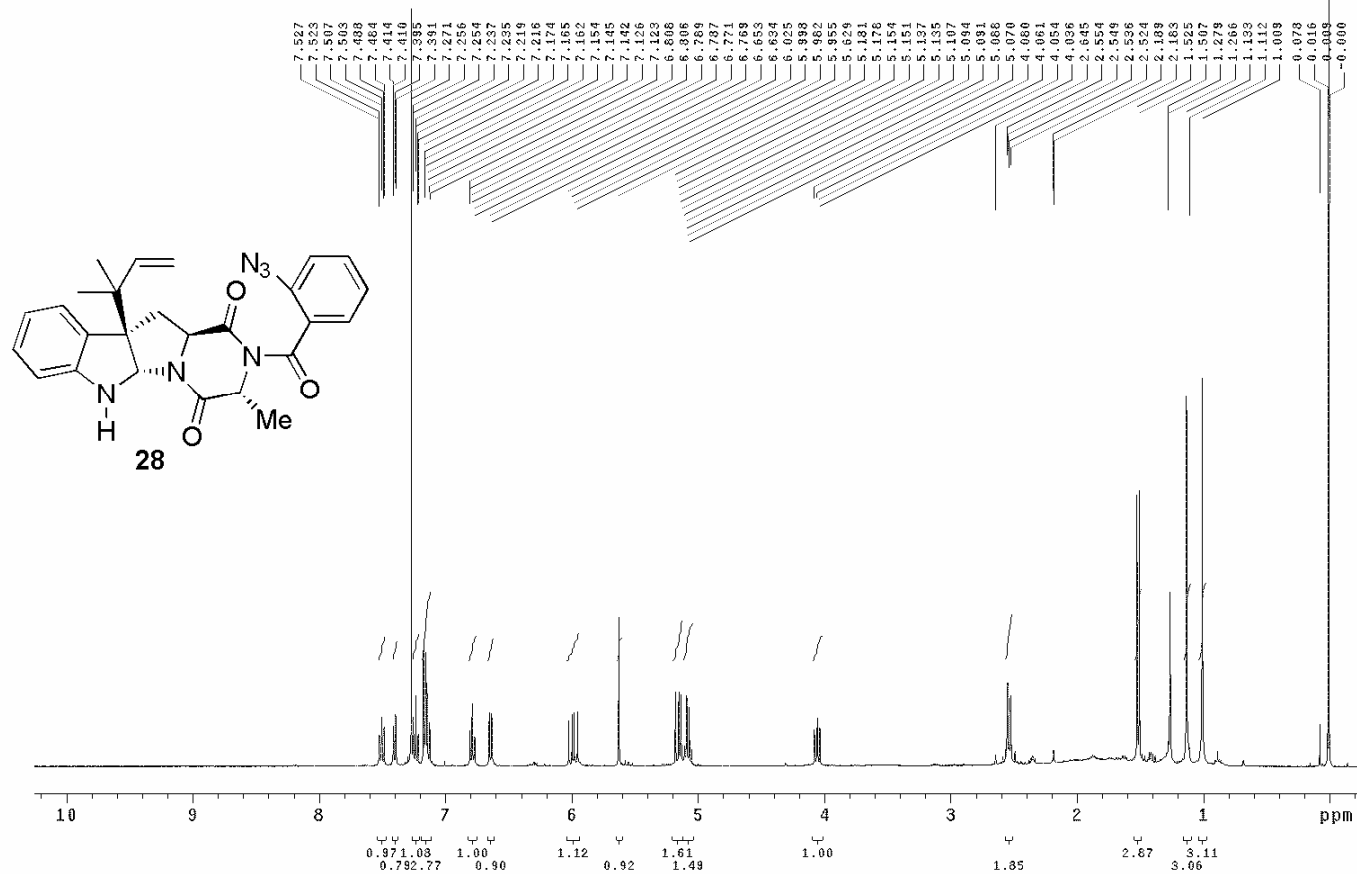
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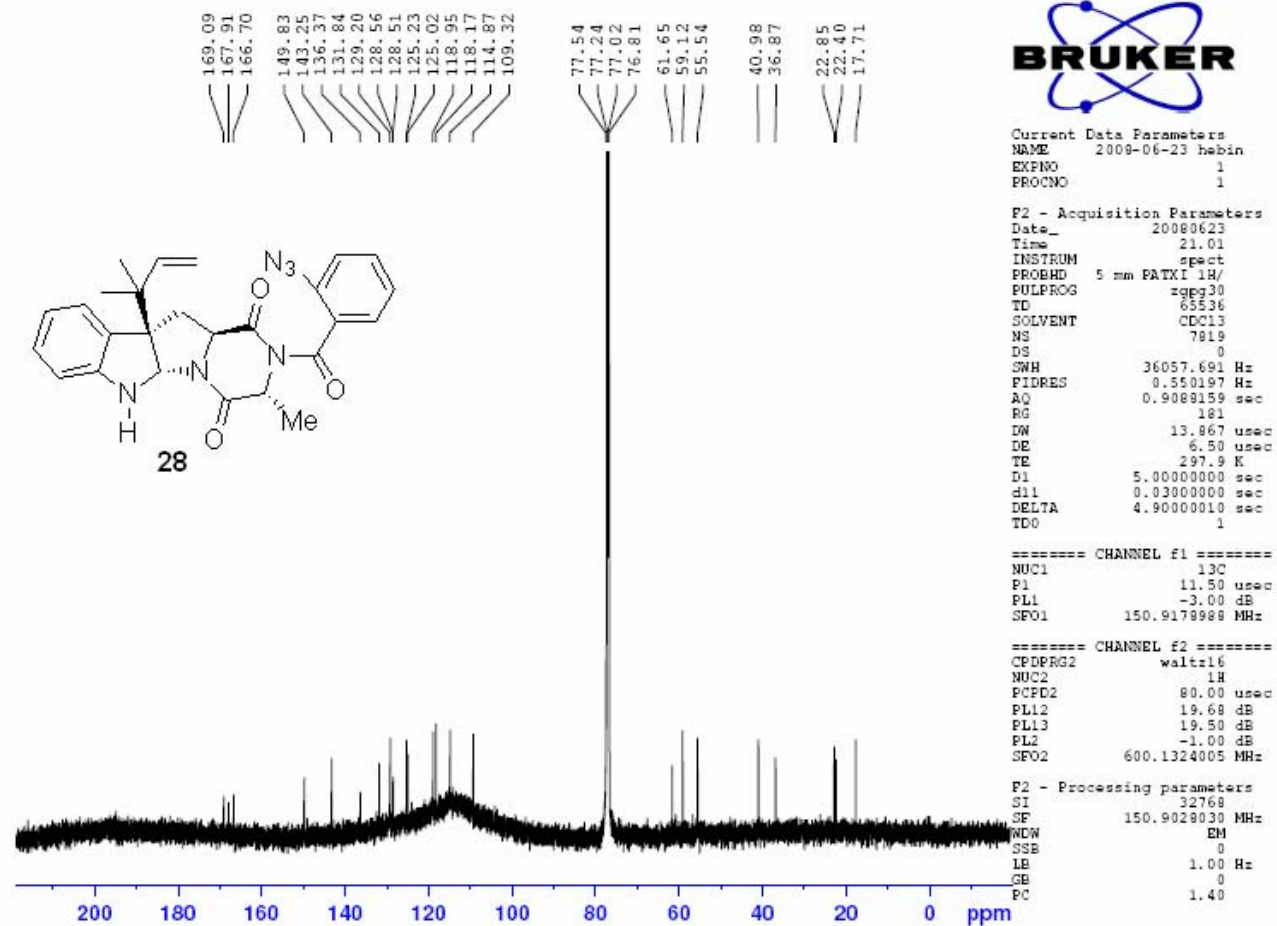
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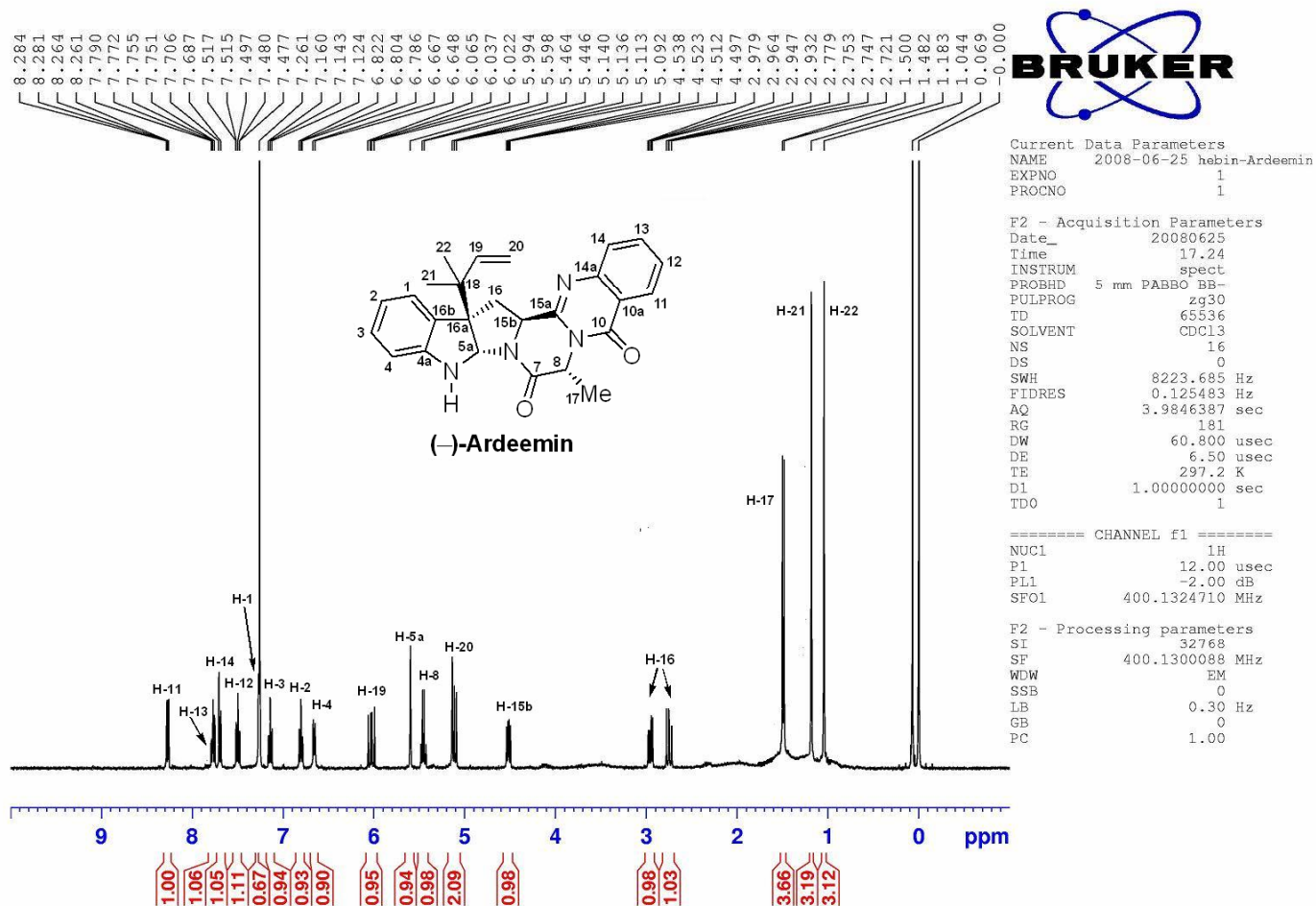
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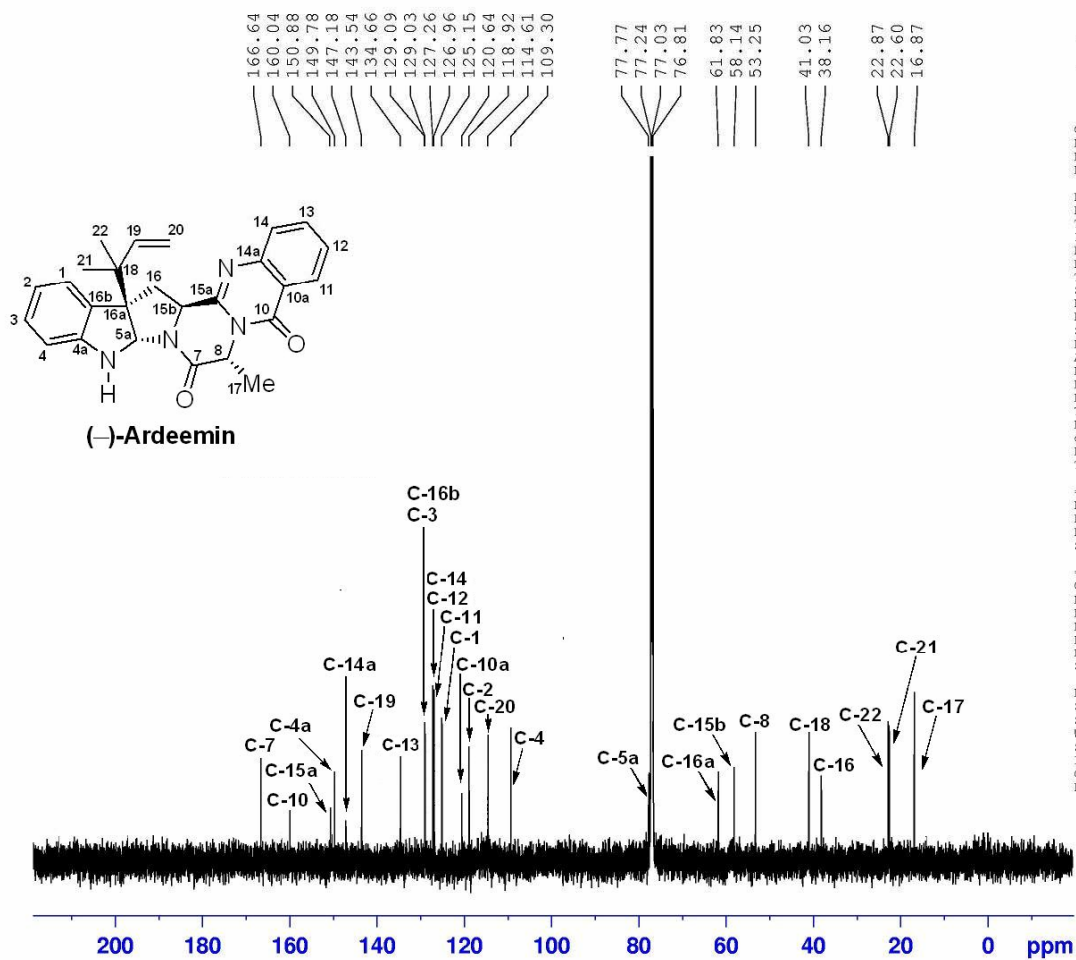
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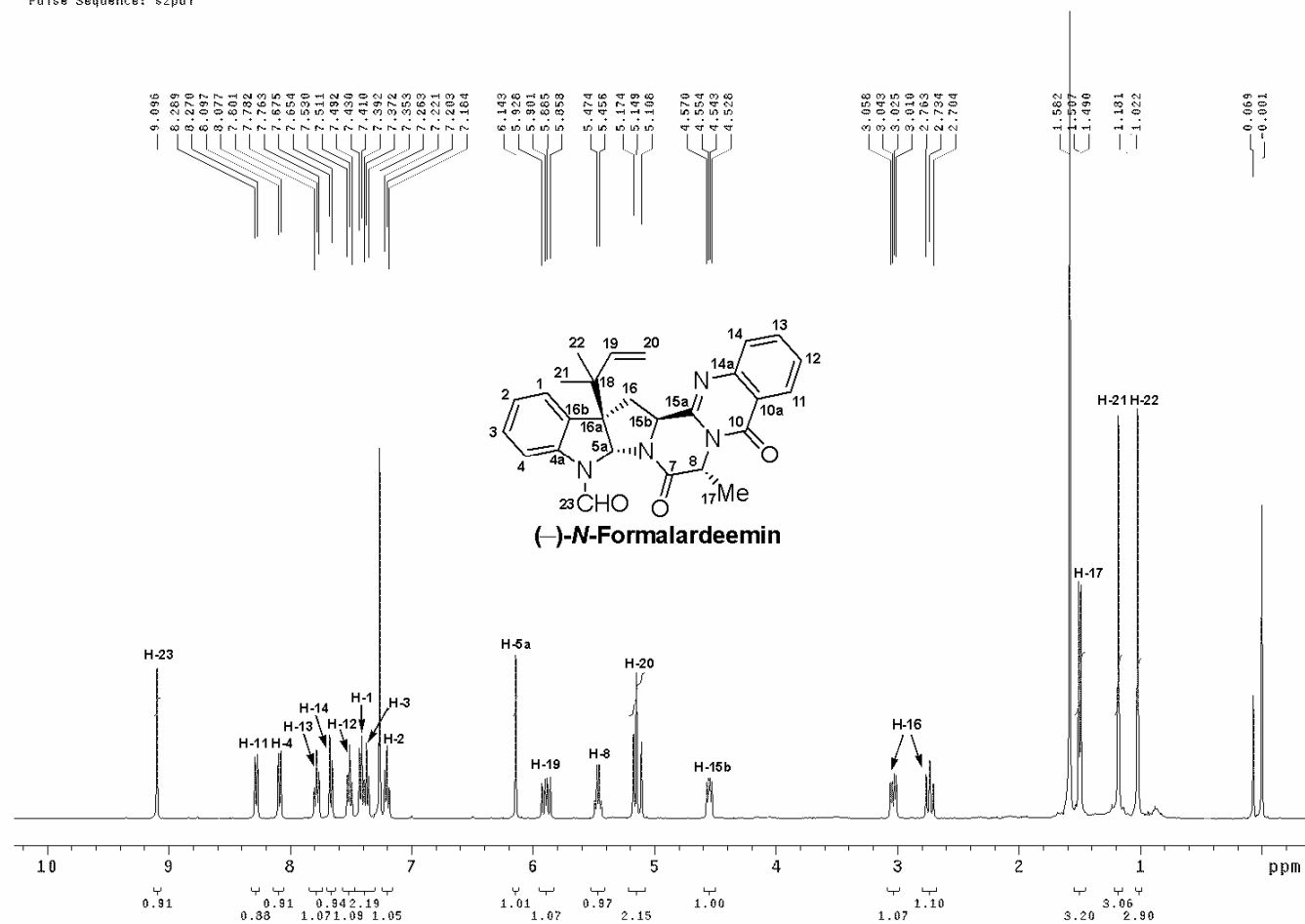
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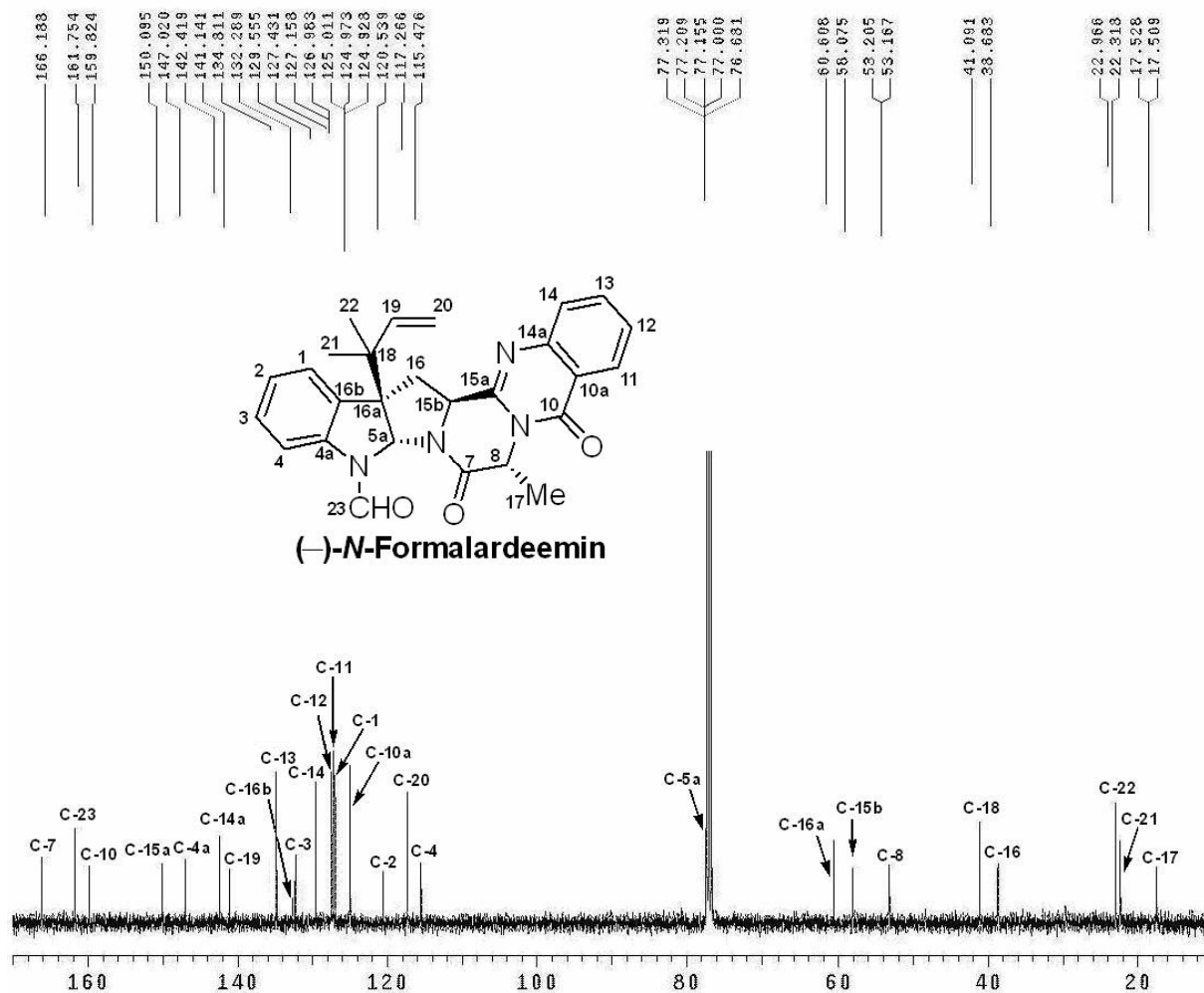
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