

**Synthesis of hybrid molecules based on thioglycolurils and 1,2,5-oxadiazoles
via the Eschenmoser sulfide contraction**

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Experimental

Melting points were determined in open glass capillaries on a Gallenkamp (Sanyo) melting point apparatus. The ^1H and ^{13}C NMR spectra were recorded on Bruker AM300 (300.13 and 75.47 MHz, respectively), Bruker AV300 (300.13 and 75.47 MHz, respectively), Bruker DRX500 (125.76 MHz (^{13}C)) spectrometers using DMSO- d_6 as solvent. Chemical shifts (δ) are given in ppm from TMS as an internal standard. IR spectra were recorded on a Bruker ALPHA instrument in KBr pellets. High resolution mass spectra (HRMS) were measured on a Bruker micrOTOF II instrument using electrospray ionization (ESI). The measurements were done in a positive ion mode (interface capillary voltage—4500 V) or in a negative ion mode (3200 V); mass range from m/z 50 to m/z 3000 Da; external or internal calibration was done with electrospray calibrant solution (Fluka). A syringe injection was used for solutions in acetonitrile or methanol (flow rate 3 mL min $^{-1}$). Nitrogen was applied as a dry gas; the interface temperature was set at 180 °C. All the reagents were purchased from Acros Organics and used without further purification. Column chromatography was carried out with silica gel (Acros Silica gel, for column chromatography, 60 Angstrom pore size, 0.060–0.200 mm). Thin-layer chromatography was carried out using silica gel 60 F $_{254}$ aluminium backed plates. The plates were viewed under UV light.

Compounds **1a-f**^{S1-S4} and **2a,b**^{S5,S6}, **4a**^{S7} were prepared according to known procedures.

General Procedure for the synthesis of compounds 3a-q

To a thioglycoluril **1** (0.25 mmol, 1 eq.) and NaHCO $_3$ (0.75 mmol, 3 eq.) in MeCN (10 ml), corresponding 1,2,5-oxadiazole **2a,b** or **4a** (0.5 mmol, 2 eq.) was added portionwise. The reaction mixture was stirred under reflux for 4 hours. After completion of the reaction, the inorganic precipitate was filtered off and the solvent was evaporated. Methanol was added to the residue, and the resulting precipitate was filtered off and recrystallized from methanol (for compounds **3a-f,l-q**) or the residue was purified using column chromatography (for compounds **3g-k**, eluent CH $_2$ Cl $_2$ /acetone=5:1).

4-Amino-3-((E)-2-(1-(((E)-benzylidene)amino)-4,6-dimethyl-5-oxohexahydroimidazo[4,5-d]-imidazol-2(1H)-ylidene)acetyl)-1,2,5-oxadiazole 2-oxide (3a). Yield 64 mg (65%); brown solid; mp: 202–204 °C (decomp.). IR (KBr): ν 3404 (NH $_2$), 3270 (NH), 3058 (CH $_{Ar}$), 2925, 2854 (CH $_{Alk}$), 1723 (C-C=O), 1615 (N-C=O), 1541 (C=N) cm $^{-1}$. ^1H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ 2.84 (s, 3H, NMe), 2.98 (s, 3H, NMe), 5.65 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H, CH), 6.25 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H, CH), 6.46 (s, 1H, C=CH), 6.65 (br.s, 2H, NH $_2$), 7.43–7.57 (m, 3H, Ph), 7.73–7.84 (m, 2H, Ph), 8.42 (s, 1H, N=CH), 10.09 (br.s, 1H, NH). ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ 28.45 (NMe), 31.13 (NMe), 70.12, 70.60 (CH, =CH), 75.80 (CH), 107.24 (C-NH $_2$), 126.96, 128.98 (Ph-2,6, Ph-3,5), 130.35, 133.87, 143.00 (Ph-1, Ph-4, HN-C=), 157.61, 157.67, 160.12 (C=N $^+$, N=CH, N-C=O), 171.75 (C=O). HRMS (ESI): Calculated for C $_{17}$ H $_{18}$ N $_8$ O $_4$ [M + H] $^+$: 399.1524; found: 399.1530.

4-Amino-3-((E)-2-(1-(((E)-4-methoxybenzylidene)amino)-4,6-dimethyl-5-oxohexahydroimidazo[4,5-d]imidazol-2(1H)-ylidene)acetyl)-1,2,5-oxadiazole 2-oxide (3b). Yield 45 mg (42%); beige solid; mp: 197–199 °C (decomp.). IR (KBr): ν 3413 (NH $_2$), 3281 (NH), 3077 (CH $_{Ar}$), 2937, 2838 (CH $_{Alk}$), 1730 (C-C=O), 1603 (N-C=O), 1528 (C=N) cm $^{-1}$. ^1H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ 2.84 (s, 3H, NMe), 2.96 (s, 3H, NMe), 3.82 (s, 3H, OMe), 5.63 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H, CH), 6.22 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H, CH), 6.42 (s, 1H, C=CH), 6.65 (br.s, 2H, NH $_2$), 7.08 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H, Ar), 7.72 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H, Ar), 8.37 (s, 1H, N=CH), 10.03 (br.s, 1H, NH). ^{13}C NMR (75

MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ 28.40 (NMe), 31.11 (NMe), 55.33 (OMe), 70.19, 70.49 (CH, =CH), 75.76 (CH), 107.20 (C-NH₂), 114.50, 126.37, 128.59, 143.41, 157.59, 157.67, 160.06, 161.09, 171.52 (C=O). HRMS (ESI): Calculated for C₁₈H₂₀N₈O₅ [M + H]⁺: 429.1629; found: 429.1623.

4-Amino-3-((*E*)-2-(1-(((*E*)-4-fluorobenzylidene)amino)-4,6-dimethyl-5-oxohexahydroimidazo[4,5-*d*]imidazol-2(1*H*)-ylidene)acetyl)-1,2,5-oxadiazole 2-oxide (3c). Yield 42 mg (40%); brown solid; mp: 190–192 °C (decomp.). IR (KBr): ν 3405 (NH₂), 3283 (NH), 3072 (CH_{Ar}), 2933, 2885 (CH_{Alk}), 1728 (C-C=O), 1602 (N-C=O), 1526, 1507 (C=N) cm⁻¹. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ 2.84 (s, 3H, NMe), 2.97 (s, 3H, NMe), 5.64 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H, CH), 6.21 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H, CH), 6.44 (s, 1H, C=CH), 6.65 (br.s, 2H, NH₂), 7.37 (t, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H, Ar), 7.83 (dd, *J* = 8.6, 5.6 Hz, 2H, Ar), 8.42 (s, 1H, N=CH), 10.09 (br.s, 1H, NH). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ 28.44 (NMe), 31.10 (NMe), 70.18, 70.59 (CH, =CH), 75.77 (CH), 107.22 (C-NH₂), 116.12 (d, *J*_{CF} = 22.1 Hz, Ar), 129.09 (d, *J*_{CF} = 8.5 Hz, Ar), 130.49 (d, *J*_{CF} = 2.6 Hz, Ar), 141.91, 157.59, 157.65, 160.10 (HN-C=, C=N⁺, N=CH, N-C=O), 163.24 (d, *J*_{CF} = 248.3 Hz, Ar), 171.75 (C=O). HRMS (ESI): Calculated for C₁₇H₁₇N₈O₄F [M + H]⁺: 417.1430; found: 417.1422.

4-Amino-3-((*E*)-2-(1-(((*E*)-benzylidene)amino)-4,6-diethyl-5-oxohexahydroimidazo[4,5-*d*]imidazol-2(1*H*)-ylidene)acetyl)-1,2,5-oxadiazole 2-oxide (3d). Yield 45 mg (42%); yellowish solid; mp: 158–160 °C. IR (KBr): ν 3430 (NH₂), 3312 (NH), 3063, 3024 (CH_{Ar}), 2959, 2931, 2873 (CH_{Alk}), 1727 (C-C=O), 1615 (N-C=O), 1519 (C=N) cm⁻¹. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ 1.00 (t, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 3H, Me), 1.11 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 3H, Me), 3.35–3.59 (m, 4H, 2NCH₂), 5.76 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H, CH), 6.30 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H, CH), 6.44 (s, 1H, C=CH), 6.65 (br.s, 2H, NH₂), 7.44–7.57 (m, 3H, Ph), 7.77 (d, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 2H, Ph), 8.29 (s, 1H, N=CH), 10.09 (br.s, 1H, NH). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ 13.43 (Me), 14.00 (Me), 36.06 (NCH₂), 38.41 (NCH₂), 69.03, 69.13 (CH, =CH), 75.82 (CH), 107.33 (C-NH₂), 127.00, 129.13, 130.56, 133.75 (Ph), 143.22, 157.09, 157.65, 159.99 (HN-C=, C=N⁺, N=CH, N-C=O), 171.88 (C=O). HRMS (ESI): Calculated for C₁₉H₂₂N₈O₄ [M + H]⁺: 427.1837; found: 427.1831.

4-Amino-3-((*E*)-2-(1-(((*E*)-benzylidene)amino)-6-methyl-5-oxo-4-phenylhexahydroimidazo[4,5-*d*]imidazol-2(1*H*)-ylidene)acetyl)-1,2,5-oxadiazole 2-oxide (3e). Yield 63 mg (55%); light beige solid; mp: 205–207 °C. IR (KBr): ν 3410 (NH₂), 3271 (NH), 3062 (CH_{Ar}), 2922, 2892 (CH_{Alk}), 1716 (C-C=O), 1621 (N-C=O), 1520 (C=N) cm⁻¹. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ 3.09 (s, 3H, NMe), 6.44–6.53 (m, 3H, 2CH, C=CH), 6.58 (br.s, 2H, NH₂), 7.18 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H, Ph), 7.39–7.48 (m, 2H, Ph), 7.49–7.58 (m, 3H, Ph), 7.69 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H, Ph), 7.78–7.85 (m, 2H, Ph), 8.53 (s, 1H, N=CH), 10.01 (br.s, 1H, NH). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ 31.01 (NMe), 68.61, 69.52 (CH, =CH), 76.04 (CH), 107.34 (C-NH₂), 119.26, 123.88, 127.08, 129.00, 129.17, 130.53, 133.69, 137.37, 144.02, 154.87, 157.42, 160.65, 172.42 (C=O). HRMS (ESI): Calculated for C₂₂H₂₀N₈O₄ [M + H]⁺: 461.1680; found: 461.1669.

4-Amino-3-((*E*)-2-(1-(((1*E*,2*E*)-3-(2-methoxyphenyl)allylidene)amino)-4,6-dimethyl-5-oxohexahydroimidazo[4,5-*d*]imidazol-2(1*H*)-ylidene)acetyl)-1,2,5-oxadiazole 2-oxide (3f). Yield 66 mg (58%); white solid; mp: 192–194 (decomp.) °C. IR (KBr): ν 3427 (NH₂), 3293 (NH), 3078 (CH_{Ar}), 2944, 2886, 2838 (CH_{Alk}), 1705 (C-C=O), 1616 (N-C=O), 1523 (C=N) cm⁻¹. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ 2.83 (s, 3H, NMe), 2.94 (s, 3H, NMe), 3.87 (s, 3H, OMe), 5.62 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H, CH), 6.22 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H, CH), 6.27 (s, 1H, C=CH), 6.64 (br.s, 2H, NH₂), 6.94–7.10 (m, 3H, =CH, Ar), 7.34 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H, Ar), 7.44 (d, *J* = 16.1 Hz, 1H, =CH), 7.74 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H, Ar), 8.32 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 1H, N=CH), 10.08 (br.s, 1H, NH). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz,

DMSO-*d*₆): δ 28.36 (NMe), 31.02 (NMe), 55.53 (OMe), 69.89, 70.28 (CH, =CH), 75.73 (CH), 107.16 (C-NH₂), 111.55, 120.74, 123.96, 125.07, 127.26, 130.52, 134.72 (Ar, =CH-), 147.04, 156.83, 157.59, 159.80 (HN-C=, C=N⁺, N=CH, N-C=O), 171.64 (C=O). HRMS (ESI): Calculated for C₂₀H₂₂N₈O₅ [M + H]⁺: 455.1786; found: 455.1792.

4-((*E*)-2-(1-(((*E*)-Benzylidene)amino)-4,6-dimethyl-5-oxohexahydroimidazo[4,5-*d*]imidazol-2(1*H*)-ylidene)acetyl)-3-phenyl-1,2,5-oxadiazole 2-oxide (3g). Yield 80 mg (70%); *R*_f=0.62 (CH₂Cl₂/acetone, 2:1); light brown solid; mp: 220–222 °C. IR (KBr): ν 3272 (NH), 3063, 3030 (CH_{Ar}), 2926, 2854 (CH_{Alk}), 1712 (C-C=O), 1585 (N-C=O), 1539 (C=N) cm⁻¹. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ 2.83 (s, 3H, NMe), 2.97 (s, 3H, NMe), 5.62 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H, CH), 5.92 (s, 1H, C=CH), 6.24 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H, CH), 7.45–7.56 (m, 6H, Ph), 7.69–7.82 (m, 4H, Ph), 8.41 (s, 1H, N=CH), 10.08 (br.s, 1H, NH). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ 28.51 (NMe), 31.15 (NMe), 70.10, 70.59 (CH, =CH), 76.58 (CH), 114.17, 122.86, 127.04, 128.41, 128.93, 130.28, 133.78, 143.01, 156.72, 157.70, 159.62, 173.37 (C=O). HRMS (ESI): Calculated for C₂₃H₂₁N₇O₄ [M + H]⁺: 460.1728; found: 460.1723.

4-((*E*)-2-(1-(((*E*)-4-Methoxybenzylidene)amino)-4,6-dimethyl-5-oxohexahydroimidazo[4,5-*d*]imidazol-2(1*H*)-ylidene)acetyl)-3-phenyl-1,2,5-oxadiazole 2-oxide (3h). Yield 65 mg (53%); *R*_f=0.55 (CH₂Cl₂/acetone, 2:1); brown solid; mp: 230–232 °C. IR (KBr): ν 3432 (NH), 3064, 2996 (CH_{Ar}), 2926, 2840 (CH_{Alk}), 1718 (C-C=O), 1585 (N-C=O), 1551 (C=N) cm⁻¹. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ 2.82 (s, 3H, NMe), 2.95 (s, 3H, NMe), 3.81 (s, 3H, OMe), 5.61 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H, CH), 5.88 (s, 1H, C=CH), 6.21 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H, CH), 7.05 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H, Ar), 7.50–7.56 (m, 3H, Ar), 7.69 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H, Ar), 7.72–7.80 (m, 2H, Ar), 8.35 (s, 1H, N=CH), 10.01 (br.s, 1H, NH). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ 28.51 (NMe), 31.18 (NMe), 55.36 (OMe), 70.20, 70.54 (CH, =CH), 76.59 (CH), 114.25, 114.47, 122.88, 126.34, 128.45, 128.75, 128.96, 130.31, 143.44, 156.81, 157.77, 159.61, 161.10, 173.21 (C=O). HRMS (ESI): Calculated for C₂₄H₂₃N₇O₅ [M + H]⁺: 490.1883; found: 490.1818.

4-((*E*)-2-(1-(((*E*)-4-Fluorobenzylidene)amino)-4,6-dimethyl-5-oxohexahydroimidazo[4,5-*d*]imidazol-2(1*H*)-ylidene)acetyl)-3-phenyl-1,2,5-oxadiazole 2-oxide (3i). Yield 59 mg (50%); *R*_f=0.57 (CH₂Cl₂/acetone, 2:1); brown solid; mp: 237–239 °C. IR (KBr): ν 3260 (NH), 3065 (CH_{Ar}), 2926, 2854 (CH_{Alk}), 1716 (C-C=O), 1584 (N-C=O), 1540 (C=N) cm⁻¹. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ 2.83 (s, 3H, NMe), 2.97 (s, 3H, NMe), 5.62 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H, CH), 5.91 (s, 1H, C=CH), 6.21 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H, CH), 7.34 (t, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H, Ar), 7.50–7.58 (m, 3H, Ar), 7.70–7.86 (m, 4H, Ar), 8.40 (s, 1H, N=CH), 10.08 (br.s, 1H, NH). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ 28.52 (NMe), 31.14 (NMe), 70.18, 70.61 (CH, =CH), 76.61 (CH), 114.19, 116.05 (d, *J*_{CF} = 22.0 Hz), 122.86, 128.44, 128.96, 129.25 (d, *J*_{CF} = 8.6 Hz), 130.31, 130.42 (d, *J*_{CF} = 2.7 Hz), 141.94, 156.72, 157.72, 159.64, 163.24 (d, *J*_{CF} = 246.9 Hz), 173.40 (C=O). HRMS (ESI): Calculated for C₂₃H₂₀N₇O₄F [M + H]⁺: 478.1634; found: 478.1614.

4-((*E*)-2-(1-(((1*E*,2*E*)-3-(2-Methoxyphenyl)allylidene)amino)-4,6-dimethyl-5-oxohexahydroimidazo[4,5-*d*]imidazol-2(1*H*)-ylidene)acetyl)-3-phenyl-1,2,5-oxadiazole 2-oxide (3j). Yield 57 mg (44%); *R*_f=0.60 (CH₂Cl₂/acetone, 2:1); brown solid; mp: 208–210 °C. IR (KBr): ν 3250 (NH), 3060 (CH_{Ar}), 2923, 2847 (CH_{Alk}), 1714 (C-C=O), 1586 (N-C=O), 1538 (C=N) cm⁻¹. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ 2.82 (s, 3H, NMe), 2.95 (s, 3H, NMe), 3.87 (s, 3H, OMe), 5.59 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H, CH), 5.85 (s, 1H, C=CH), 6.19 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H, CH), 6.95–7.03 (m, 1H, Ar), 7.05–7.11 (m, 2H, =CH, Ar), 7.31–7.37 (m, 1H, Ar), 7.43 (d, *J* = 16.1 Hz, 1H, =CH), 7.50–7.54

(m, 3H, Ar), 7.70–7.77 (m, 3H, Ar), 8.31 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 1H, N=CH), 9.99 (br.s, 1H, NH). ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ 28.53 (NMe), 31.13 (NMe), 55.60 (OMe), 69.95, 70.51 (CH, =CH), 76.38 (CH), 111.66, 120.85, 122.90, 124.04, 125.35, 127.30, 128.46, 129.03, 130.32, 130.63, 134.68, 146.86, 156.94, 157.76, 157.92, 159.31, 173.33 (C=O). HRMS (ESI): Calculated for $\text{C}_{26}\text{H}_{25}\text{N}_7\text{O}_5$ $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$: 516.1990; found: 516.1970.

4-((*E*)-2-(1-(((*E*)-Benzylidene)amino)-4,6-diethyl-5-oxohexahydroimidazo[4,5-*d*]imidazol-2(1*H*)-ylidene)acetyl)-3-phenyl-1,2,5-oxadiazole 2-oxide (3k). Yield 55 mg (45%); R_f =0.62 (CH_2Cl_2 /acetone, 2:1); yellow solid; mp: 215–217 °C. IR (KBr): ν 3245 (NH), 3065, 3025 (CH_{Ar}), 2975, 2935 (CH_{Alk}), 1720 (C-C=O), 1578 (N-C=O), 1535 (C=N) cm^{-1} . ^1H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ 1.00 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 3H, Me), 1.08 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 3H, Me), 3.26–3.56 (m, 4H, 2NCH₂), 5.74 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H, CH), 5.90 (s, 1H, C=CH), 6.30 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H, CH), 7.43–7.61 (m, 6H, Ph), 7.68–7.83 (m, 4H, Ph), 8.28 (s, 1H, N=CH), 10.10 (br.s, 1H, NH). ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ 13.35 (Me), 13.98 (Me), 35.94 (NCH₂), 38.38 (NCH₂), 69.02 (CH, =CH), 76.66 (CH), 114.20, 122.86, 127.05, 128.45, 128.95, 129.04, 130.34, 130.46, 133.64, 143.16, 156.76, 157.05, 159.47, 173.49 (C=O). HRMS (ESI): Calculated for $\text{C}_{25}\text{H}_{25}\text{N}_7\text{O}_4$ $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$: 488.2041; found: 488.2028.

(*E*)-4-(((*E*)-Benzylidene)amino)-1,3-dimethyl-5-(2-(4-methyl-1,2,5-oxadiazol-3-yl)-2-oxoethylidene)hexahydroimidazo[4,5-*d*]imidazol-2(1*H*)-one (3l). Yield 55 mg (58%); light brown solid; mp: 235–237 °C. IR (KBr): ν 3268 (NH), 3054 (CH_{Ar}), 2933 (CH_{Alk}), 1717 (C-C=O), 1629, 1542 (N-C=O, C=N) cm^{-1} . ^1H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ 2.55 (s, 3H, Me), 2.86 (s, 3H, NMe), 2.98 (s, 3H, NMe), 5.64 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H, CH), 6.05 (s, 1H, C=CH), 6.25 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H, CH), 7.43–7.54 (m, 3H, Ar), 7.75–7.82 (m, 2H, Ar), 8.42 (s, 1H, N=CH), 10.13 (br.s, 1H, NH). ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ 9.18 (Me), 28.49 (NMe), 31.22 (NMe), 70.12, 70.53 (CH, =CH), 76.55 (CH), 127.06, 129.04 (Ph-2,6, Ph-3,5), 130.34, 133.90, 142.96 (Ph-1, Ph-4, HN-C=), 151.48, 152.98, 157.80, 159.51 (C-Me, C=N⁺, N=CH, N-C=O), 174.32 (C=O). HRMS (ESI): Calculated for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{19}\text{N}_7\text{O}_3$ $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$: 382.1622; found: 382.1619.

(*E*)-4-(((*E*)-4-Methoxybenzylidene)amino)-1,3-dimethyl-5-(2-(4-methyl-1,2,5-oxadiazol-3-yl)-2-oxoethylidene)hexahydroimidazo[4,5-*d*]imidazol-2(1*H*)-one (3m). Yield 57 mg (56%); yellow solid; mp: 217–219 °C. IR (KBr): ν 3274 (NH), 3080, 3037, 3006 (CH_{Ar}), 2938 (CH_{Alk}), 1701 (C-C=O), 1609, 1532 (N-C=O, C=N) cm^{-1} . ^1H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ 2.55 (s, 3H, Me), 2.85 (s, 3H, NMe), 2.96 (s, 3H, NMe), 3.81 (s, 3H, OMe), 5.63 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H, CH), 6.01 (s, 1H, C=CH), 6.22 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H, CH), 7.07 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H, Ar), 7.73 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H, Ar), 8.37 (s, 1H, N=CH), 10.08 (br.s, 1H, NH). ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ 9.13 (Me), 28.42 (NMe), 31.13 (NMe), 55.32 (OMe), 70.14, 70.41 (CH, =CH), 76.42 (CH), 114.49, 126.41, 128.65, 143.20, 151.39, 152.95, 157.73, 159.42, 161.02, 174.02 (C=O). HRMS (ESI): Calculated for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{21}\text{N}_7\text{O}_4$ $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$: 412.1728; found: 412.1724.

(*E*)-4-(((*E*)-4-Fluorobenzylidene)amino)-1,3-dimethyl-5-(2-(4-methyl-1,2,5-oxadiazol-3-yl)-2-oxoethylidene)hexahydroimidazo[4,5-*d*]imidazol-2(1*H*)-one (3n). Yield 50 mg (50%); beige solid; mp: 227–229 °C. IR (KBr): ν 3269 (NH), 3070, 3047 (CH_{Ar}), 2935, 2886 (CH_{Alk}), 1724 (C-C=O), 1617, 1535 (N-C=O, C=N) cm^{-1} . ^1H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ 2.55 (s, 3H, Me), 2.86 (s, 3H, NMe), 2.97 (s, 3H, NMe), 5.64 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H, CH), 6.03 (s, 1H, C=CH), 6.21 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H, CH), 7.35 (t, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H, Ar), 7.84 (dd, J = 8.6, 5.6 Hz, 2H, Ar), 8.42 (s, 1H, N=CH), 10.14 (br.s, 1H, NH). ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ 9.11 (Me), 28.43 (NMe), 31.11

(NMe), 70.11, 70.48 (CH, =CH), 76.44 (CH), 116.07 (d, J_{CF} = 22.0 Hz, Ar), 129.21 (d, J_{CF} = 8.5 Hz, Ar), 130.50 (d, J_{CF} = 2.7 Hz, Ar), 141.71, 151.39, 152.89, 157.69, 159.43, 163.18 (d, J_{CF} = 248.2 Hz, Ar), 174.24 (C=O). HRMS (ESI): Calculated for $C_{18}H_{18}N_7O_3F$ $[M + H]^+$: 400.1528; found: 400.1523.

(E)-4-(((E)-Benzyldiene)amino)-1,3-diethyl-5-(2-(4-methyl-1,2,5-oxadiazol-3-yl)-2-oxoethylidene)hexahydroimidazo[4,5-d]imidazol-2(1H)-one (3o). Yield 44 mg (43%); light brown solid; mp: 199–201 °C. IR (KBr): ν 3257 (NH), 3081, 3066, 3040 (CH_{Ar}), 2982, 2957, 2934 (CH_{Alk}), 1718 (C-C=O), 1618, 1567 (N-C=O, C=N) cm^{-1} . 1H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ 1.01 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 3H, Me), 1.12 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 3H, Me), 2.55 (s, 3H, Me), 3.32–3.60 (m, 4H, 2CH₂), 5.75 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H, CH), 6.03 (s, 1H, C=CH), 6.31 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H, CH), 7.41–7.57 (m, 3H, Ph), 7.72–7.86 (m, 2H, Ph), 8.30 (s, 1H, N=CH), 10.14 (br.s, 1H, NH). ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ 9.11 (Me), 13.37 (Me), 13.93 (Me), 35.92 (NCH₂), 38.29 (NCH₂), 68.85, 68.91 (CH, =CH), 76.43 (CH), 126.94, 129.03 (Ph-2,6, Ph-3,5), 130.34, 133.71, 142.89 (Ph-1, Ph-4, HN-C=), 151.38, 152.90, 156.99, 159.25 (C-Me, C=N⁺, N=CH, N-C=O), 174.28 (C=O). HRMS (ESI): Calculated for $C_{20}H_{23}N_7O_3$ $[M + H]^+$: 410.1935; found: 410.1929.

(E)-4-(((E)-Benzyldiene)amino)-3-methyl-5-(2-(4-methyl-1,2,5-oxadiazol-3-yl)-2-oxoethylidene)-1-phenylhexahydroimidazo[4,5-d]imidazol-2(1H)-one (3p). Yield 41 mg (37%); beige solid; mp: 248–250 °C. IR (KBr): ν 3257 (NH), 3105, 3049 (CH_{Ar}), 2977, 2933 (CH_{Alk}), 1708 (C-C=O), 1630, 1537 (N-C=O, C=N) cm^{-1} . 1H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ 2.50 (s, 3H, Me), 3.01 (s, 3H, NMe), 6.10 (s, 1H, C=CH), 6.49 (s, 2H, 2CH), 7.19 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H, Ph), 7.42–7.58 (m, 5H, Ph), 7.72 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H, Ph), 7.84 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H, Ph), 8.54 (s, 1H, N=CH), 10.07 (br.s, 1H, NH). ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ 9.09 (Me), 31.04 (NMe), 68.53, 69.52 (CH, =CH), 76.82 (CH), 119.26, 123.85, 127.15, 129.00, 129.16, 130.46, 133.70, 137.42, 143.92, 151.38, 152.74, 154.92, 160.03, 174.94 (C=O). HRMS (ESI): Calculated for $C_{23}H_{21}N_7O_3$ $[M + H]^+$: 444.1779; found: 444.1770.

(E)-4-(((1E,2E)-3-(2-Methoxyphenyl)allyldiene)amino)-1,3-dimethyl-5-(2-(4-methyl-1,2,5-oxadiazol-3-yl)-2-oxoethylidene)hexahydroimidazo[4,5-d]imidazol-2(1H)-one (3q). Yield 57 mg (52%); light brown solid; mp: 220–222 °C. IR (KBr): ν 3235 (NH), 3077, 3050, 3016 (CH_{Ar}), 2967, 2936 (CH_{Alk}), 1715 (C-C=O), 1616, 1533 (N-C=O, C=N) cm^{-1} . 1H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ 2.54 (s, 3H, Me), 2.85 (s, 3H, NMe), 2.95 (s, 3H, NMe), 3.87 (s, 3H, OMe), 5.61 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H, CH), 5.94 (s, 1H, C=CH), 6.19 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H, CH), 6.97 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H, Ar), 7.04–7.15 (m, 2H, =CH, Ar), 7.34 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H, Ar), 7.42 (d, J = 16.2 Hz, 1H, =CH), 7.74 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H, Ar), 8.30 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H, N=CH), 10.06 (br.s, 1H, NH). ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ 9.12 (Me), 28.39 (NMe), 31.04 (NMe), 55.51 (OMe), 69.80, 70.31 (CH, =CH), 76.39 (CH), 111.54, 120.72, 124.02, 125.32, 127.15, 130.45, 134.30, 146.49, 151.40, 152.86, 156.80, 157.64, 159.06, 174.00 (C=O). HRMS (ESI): Calculated for $C_{21}H_{23}N_7O_4$ $[M + H]^+$: 438.1884; found: 438.1879.

Crystallographic data

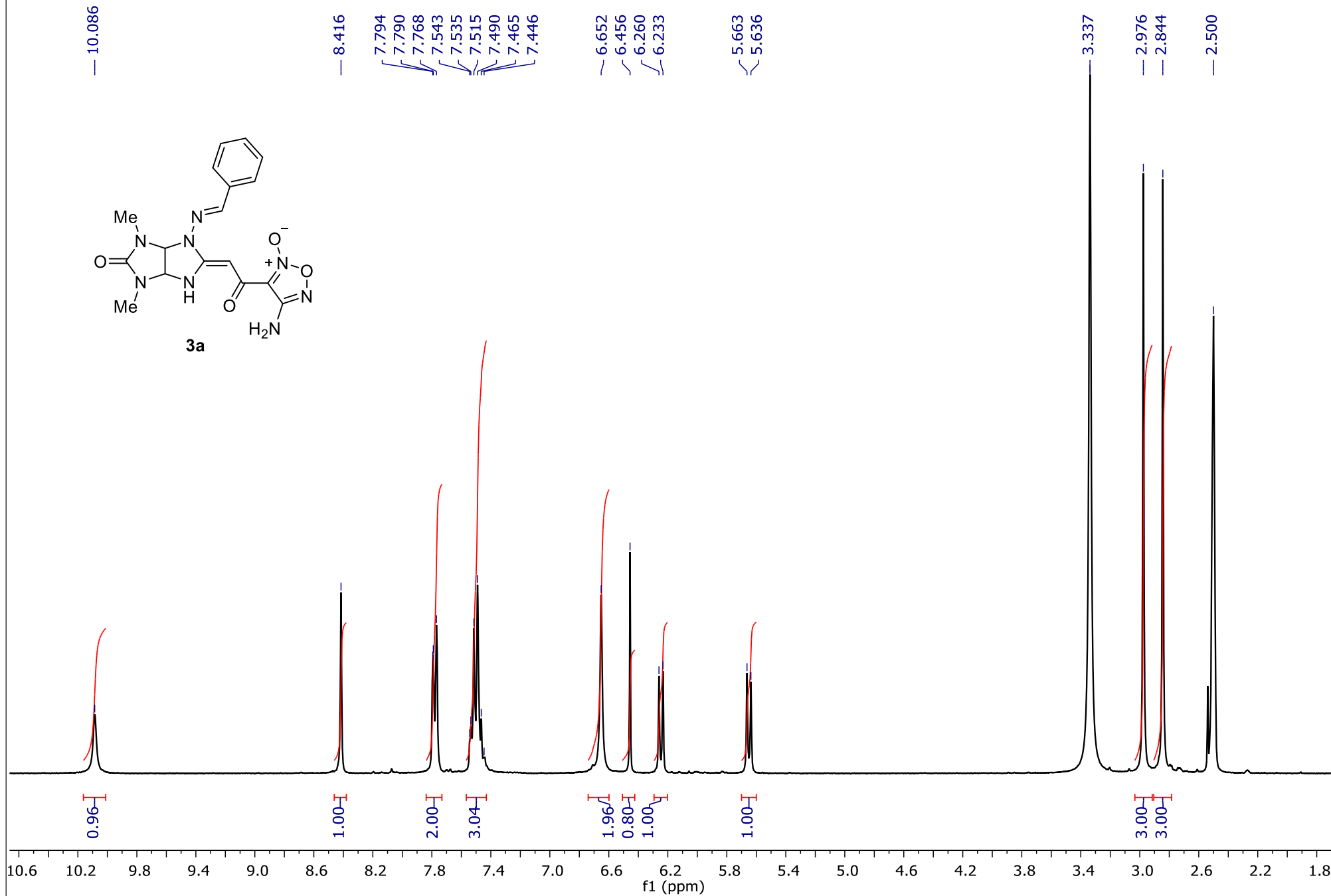
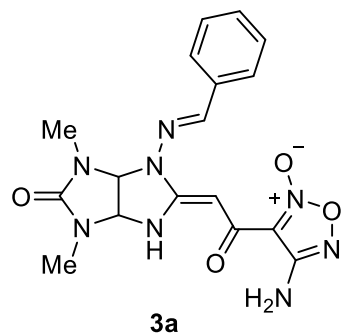
Single crystals of **3e** were obtained from DMSO solution. X-ray diffraction data were collected at 100 K on a four-circle Rigaku Synergy S diffractometer equipped with a HyPix6000HE area-detector (kappa geometry, shutterless ω -scan technique), using monochromatized Cu K α -radiation. The intensity data were integrated and corrected for absorption and decay by the CrysAlisPro program.^{S8} The structure was solved by direct methods using SHELXT^{S9} and refined on F^2 using SHELXL-2018^{S10} in the OLEX2 program.^{S11} All non-hydrogen atoms were refined with individual anisotropic displacement parameters. Locations of hydrogen atoms H7, H25, H33A, H33B were found from the electron density-difference map. All other hydrogen atoms were placed in ideal calculated positions and refined as riding atoms with relative isotropic displacement parameters. Full crystallographic data have been deposited at the Cambridge Crystallographic Data Center (deposit CCDC 2298361).

Single crystals of **3n** were obtained from acetonitrile solution. X-ray diffraction data were collected at 100K on a four-circle Rigaku Synergy S diffractometer equipped with a HyPix6000HE area-detector (kappa geometry, shutterless ω -scan technique), using monochromatized Cu K α -radiation. The intensity data were integrated and corrected for absorption and decay by the CrysAlisPro program.^{S8} The structure was solved by direct methods using SHELXT^{S9} and refined on F^2 using SHELXL-2018^{S10} in the OLEX2 program.^{S11} All non-hydrogen atoms were refined with individual anisotropic displacement parameters. Locations of amino hydrogen atom (H7) and bridged hydrogen atoms (H4, H8) were found from the electron density-difference map; these hydrogen atoms were refined with individual isotropic displacement parameters. All other hydrogen atoms were placed in ideal calculated positions and refined as riding atoms with relative isotropic displacement parameters. A non-coordinating disordered MeOH molecule was removed by the SQUEEZE method^{S12} implemented in the OLEX2 program.^{S11} Full crystallographic data have been deposited at the Cambridge Crystallographic Data Center (deposit CCDC 2298362).

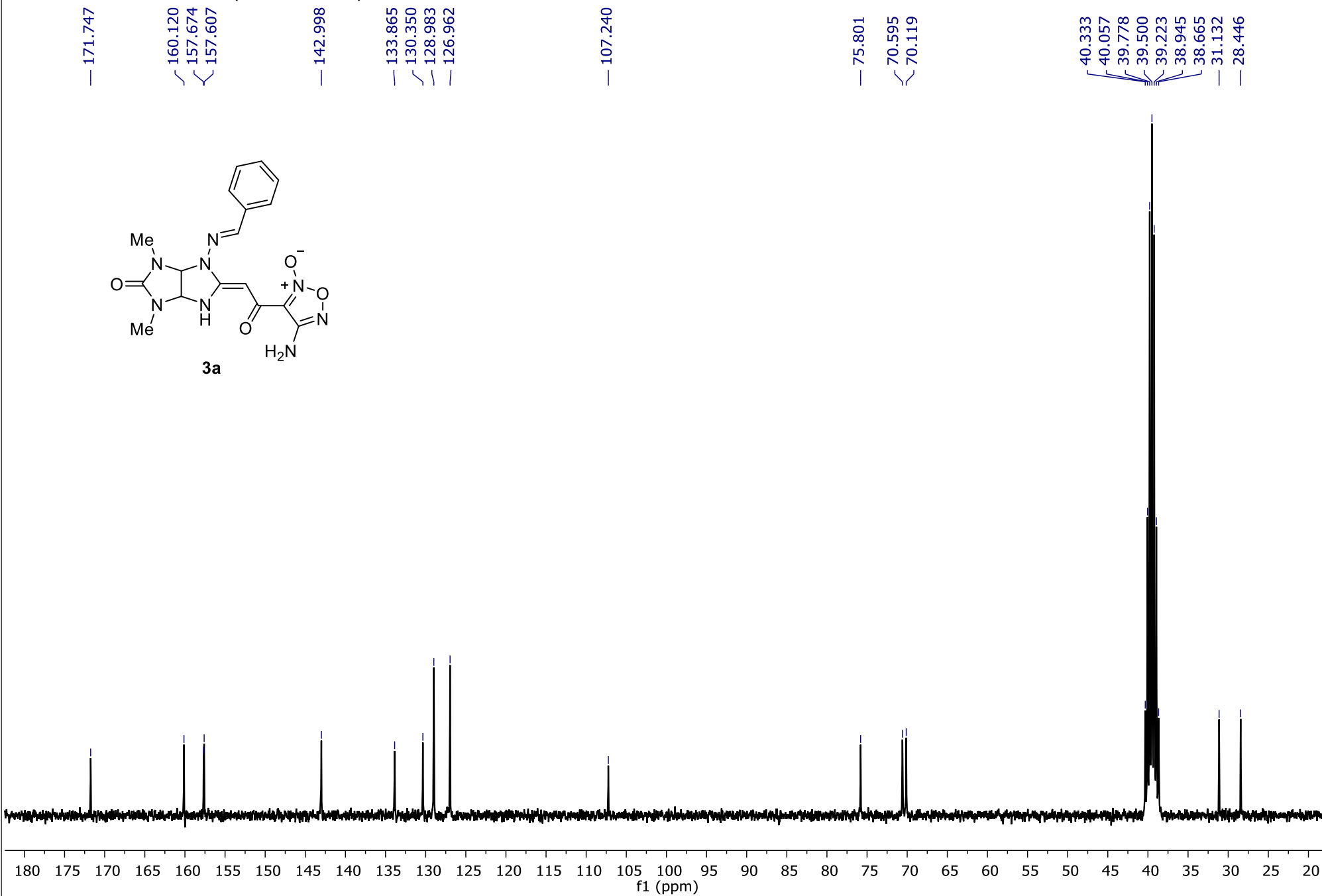
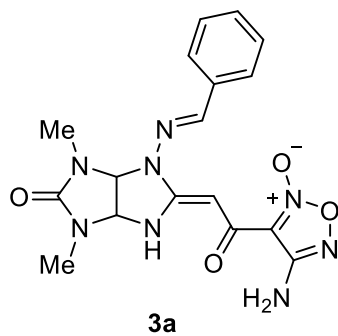
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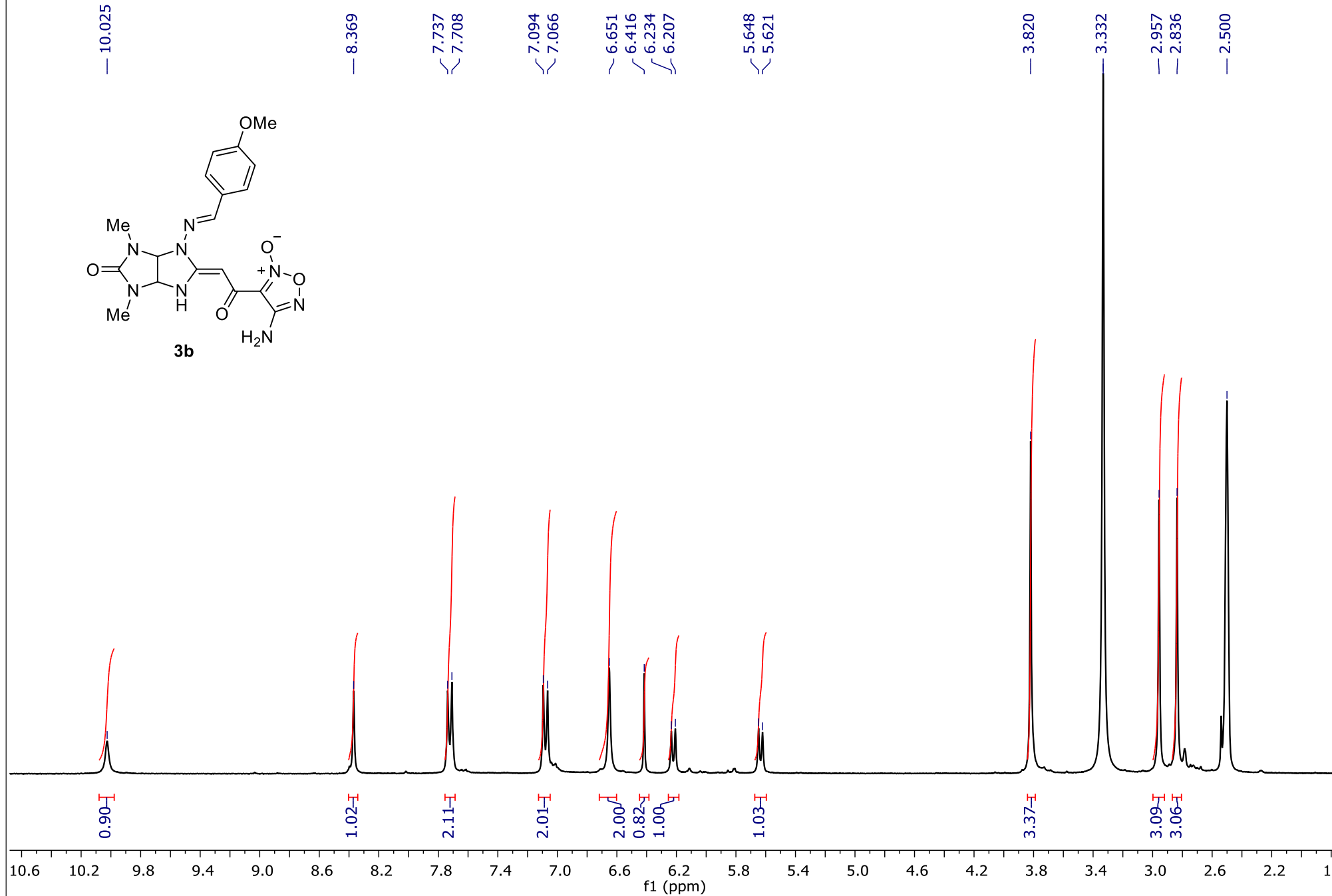
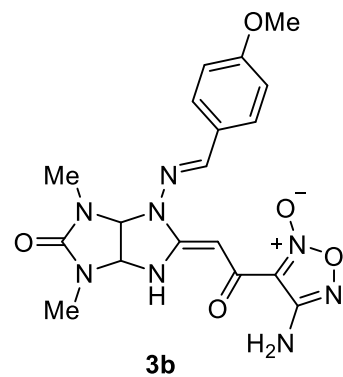
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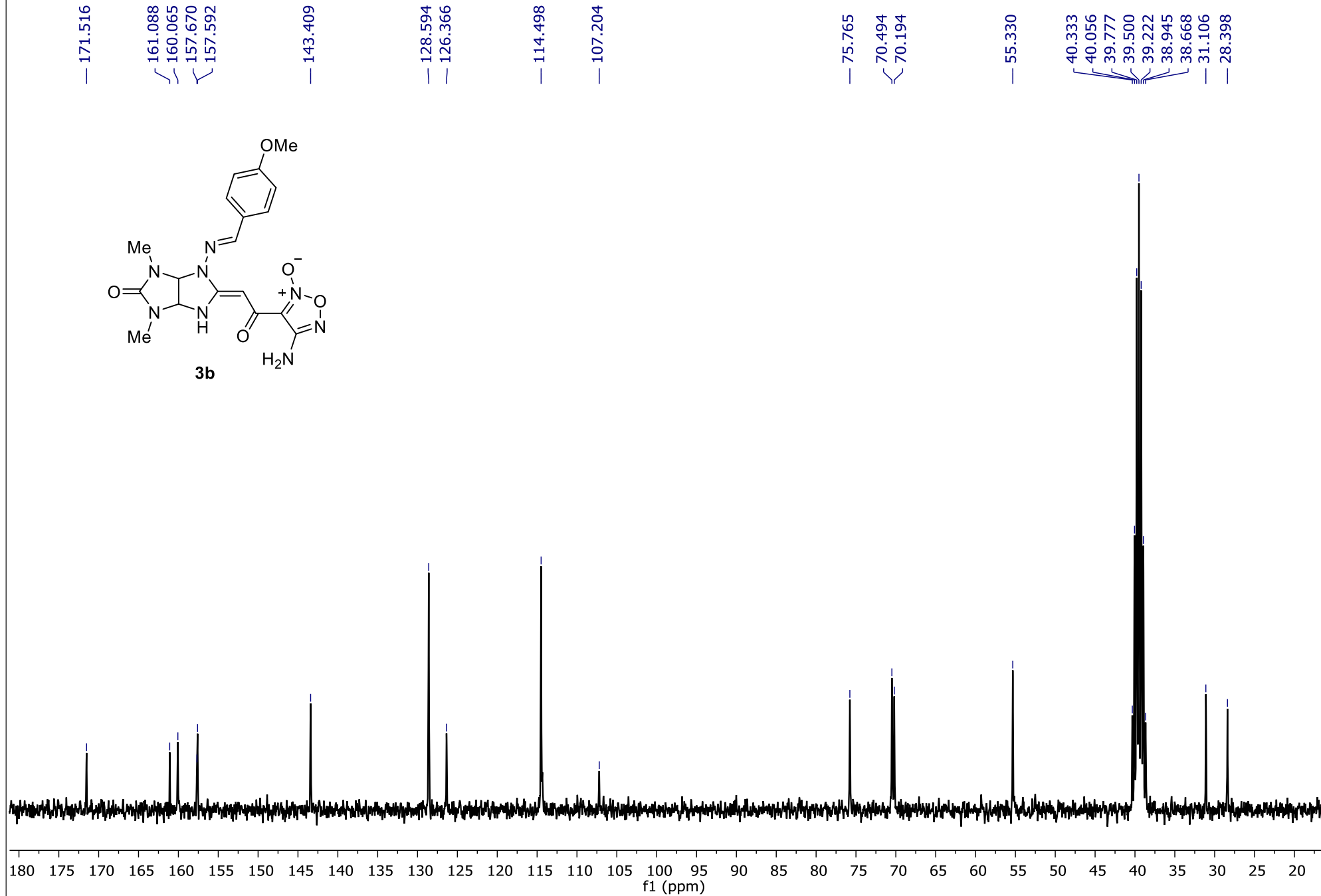
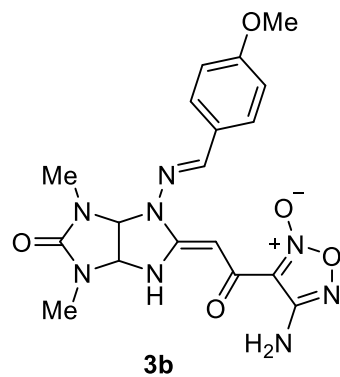
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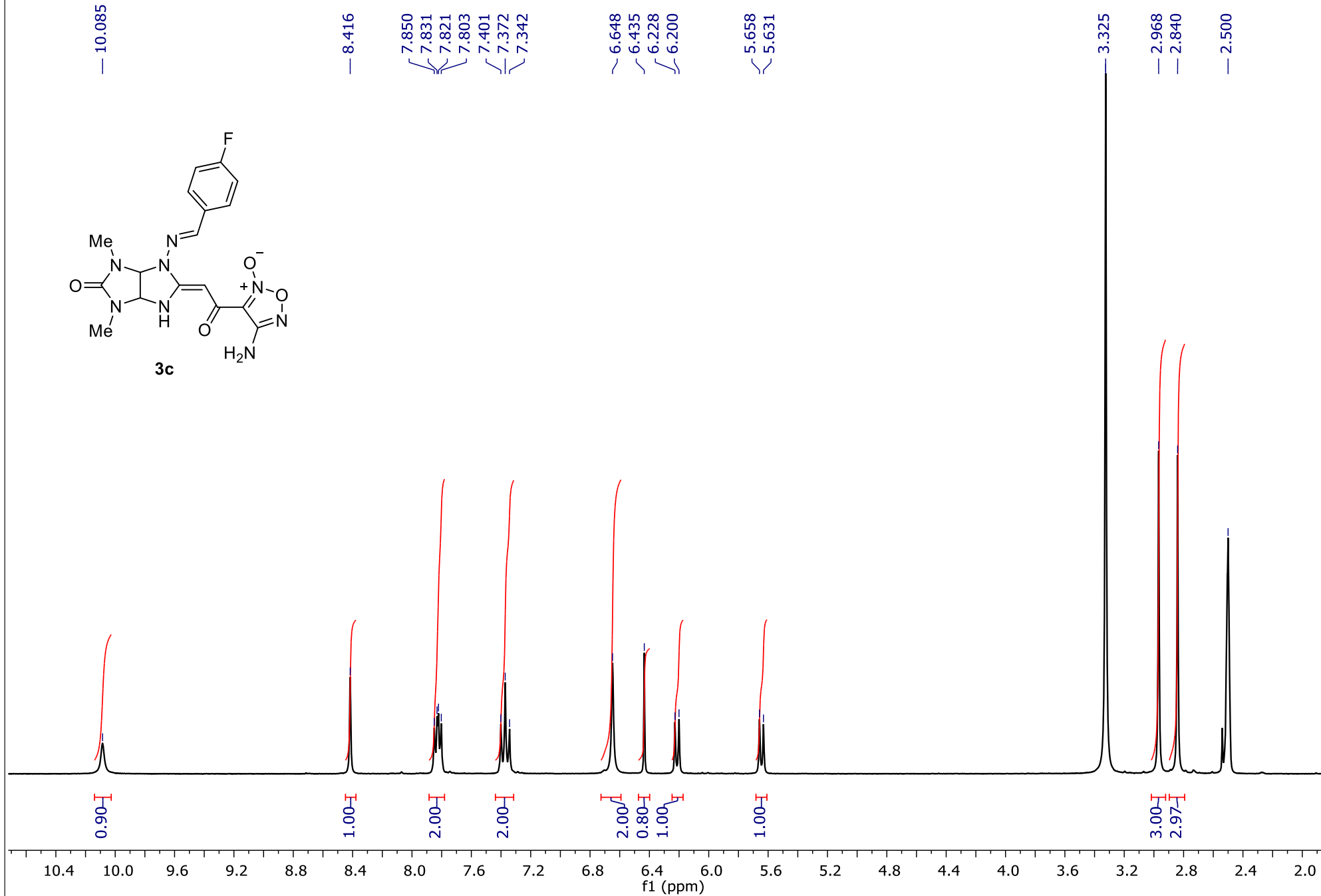
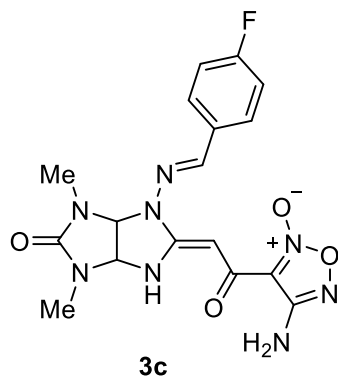
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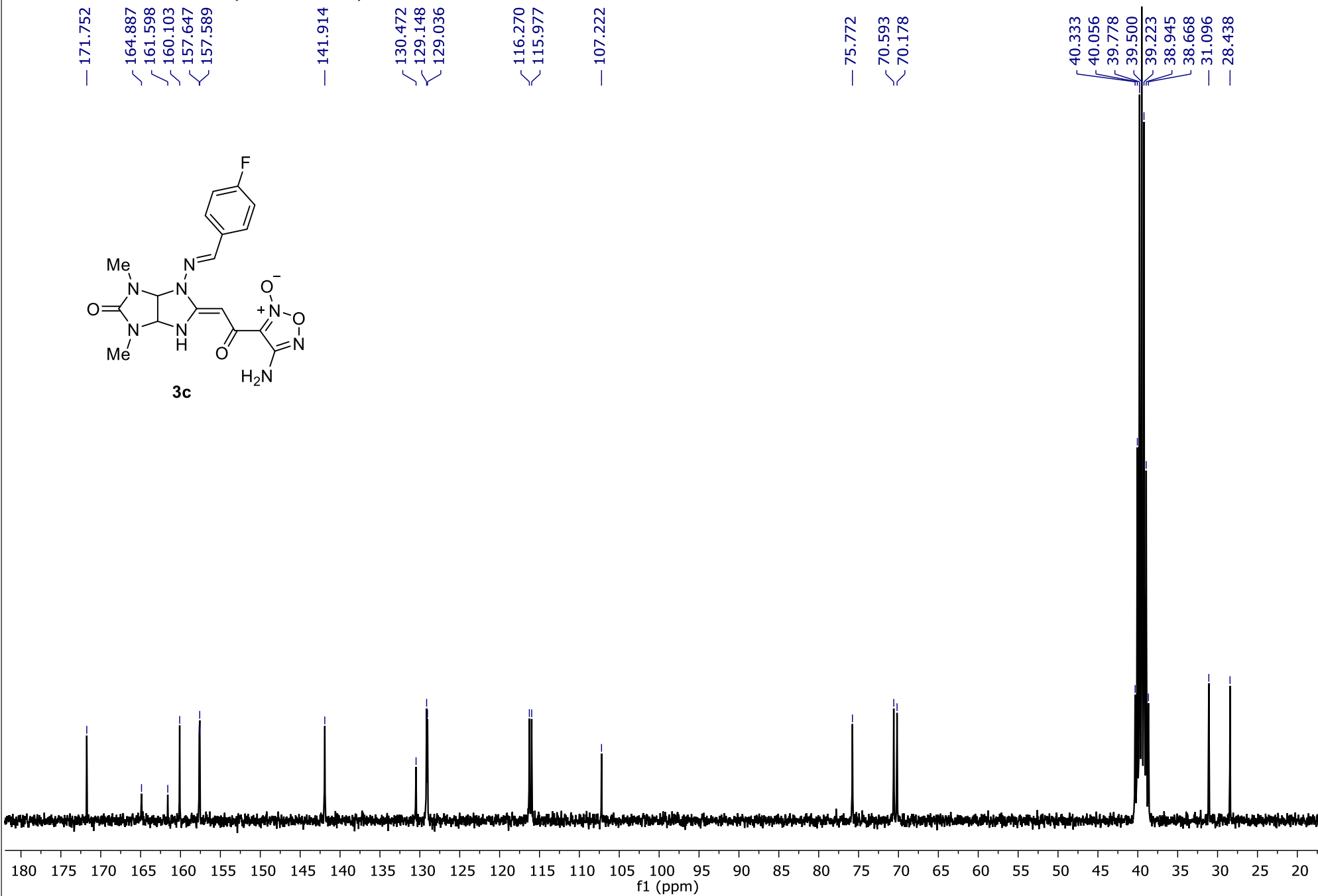
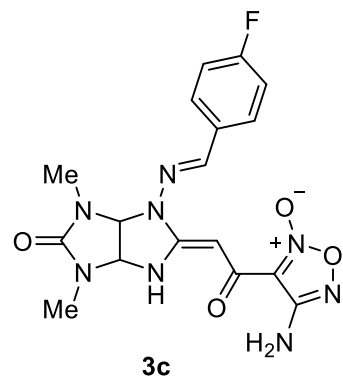
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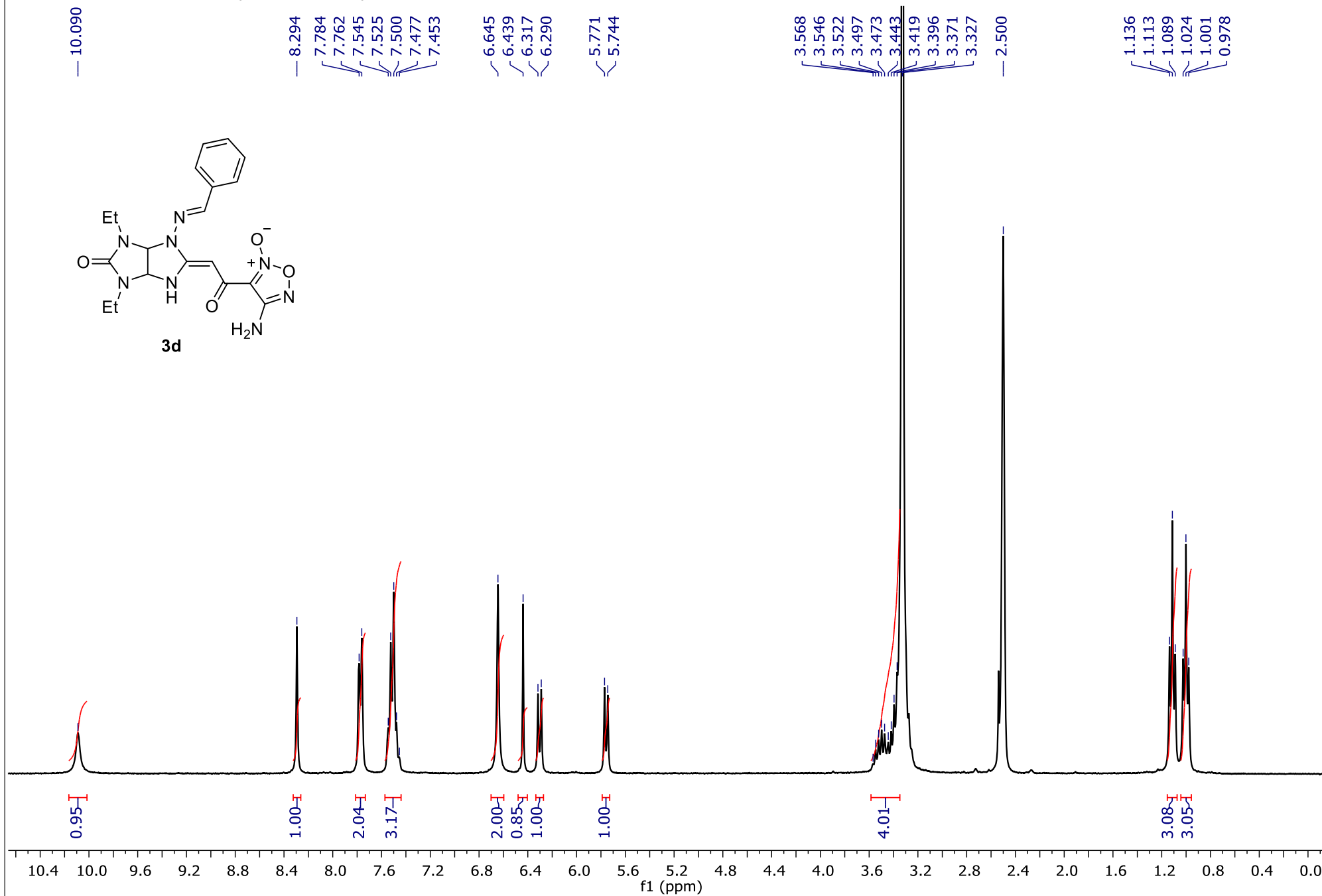
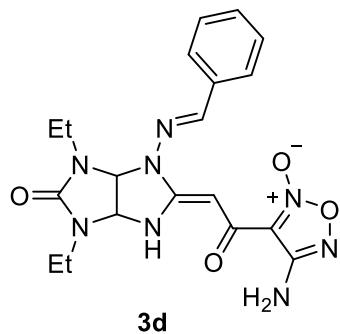
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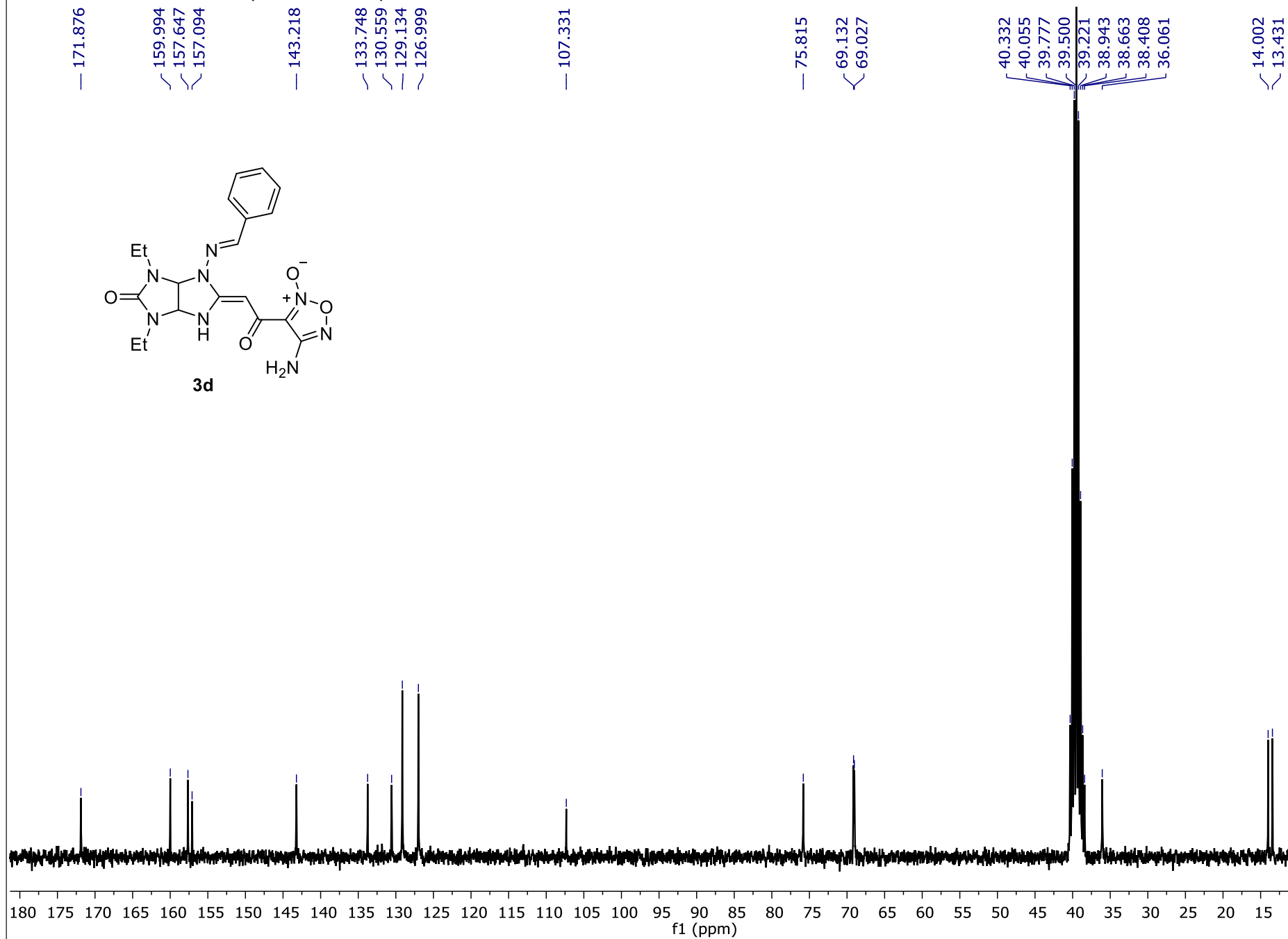
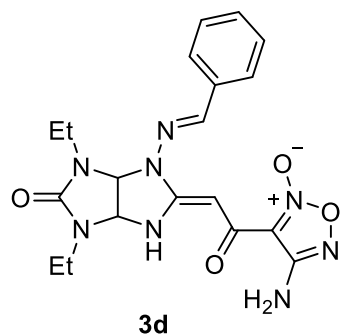
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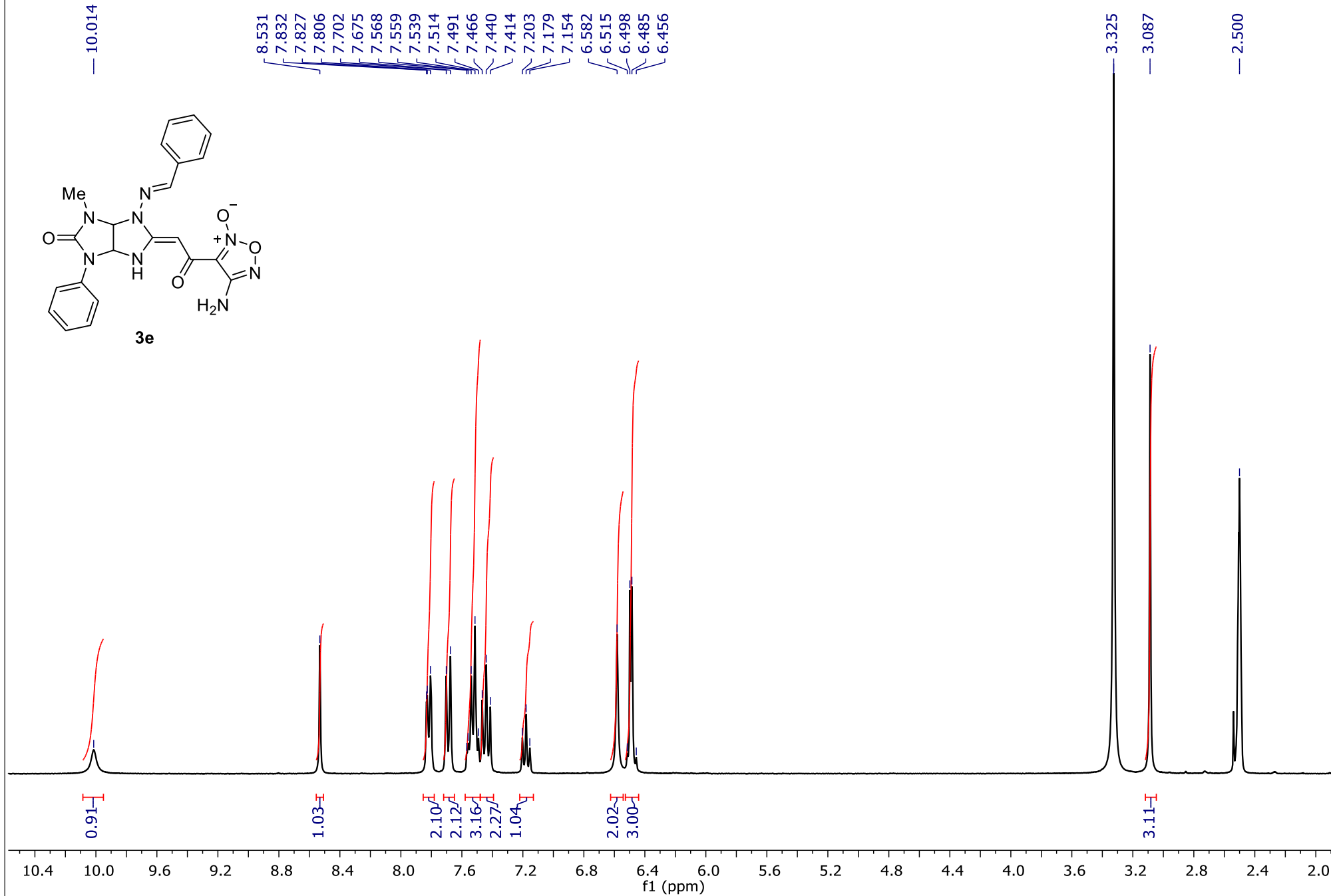
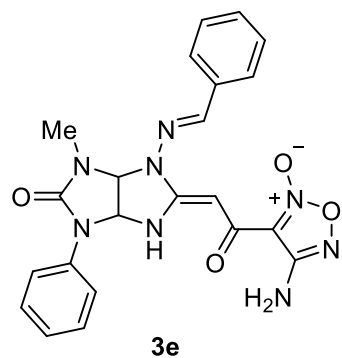
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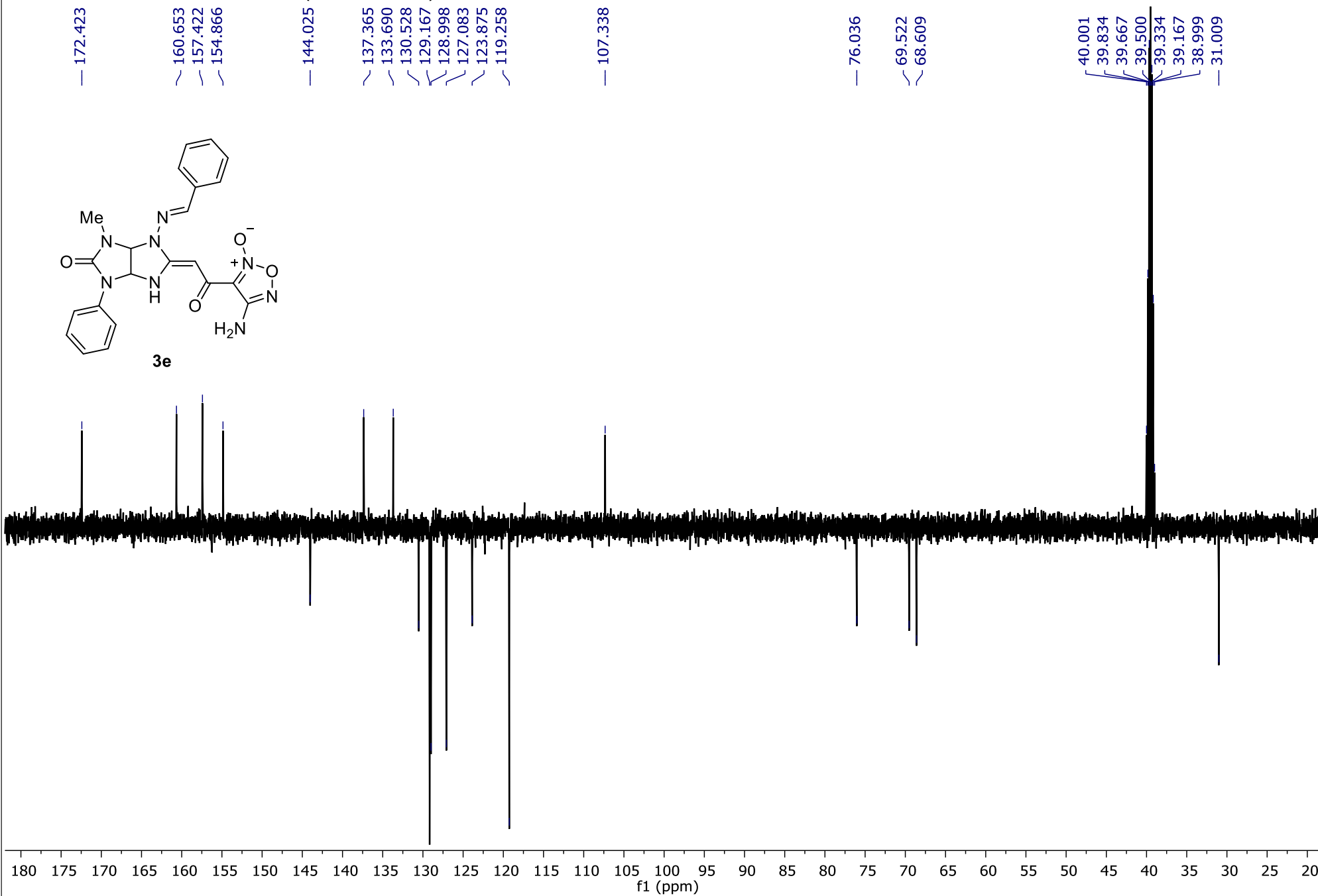
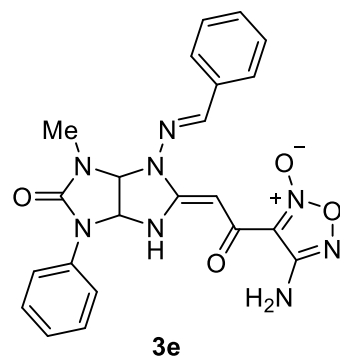
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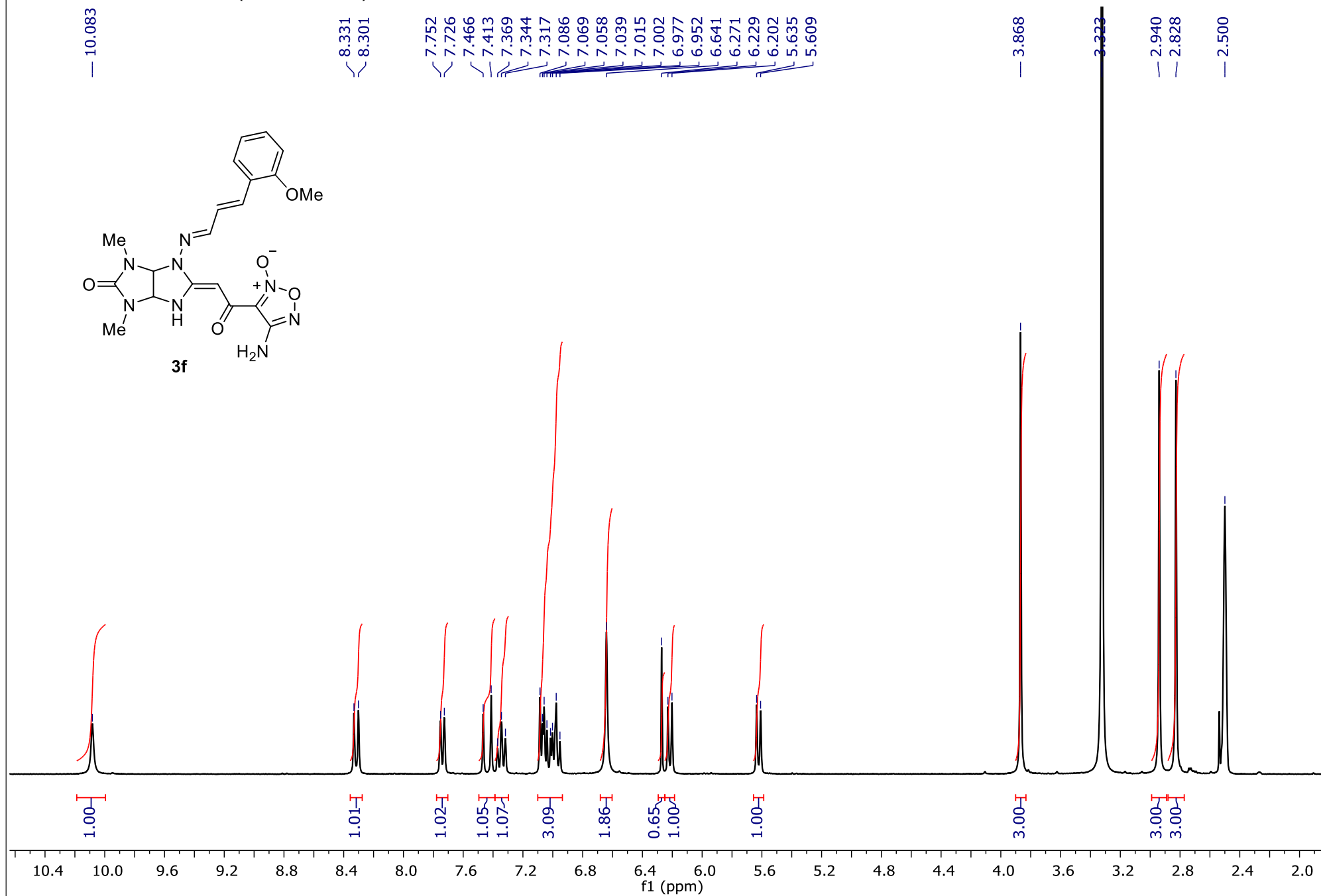
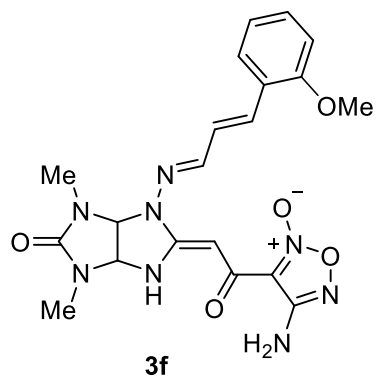
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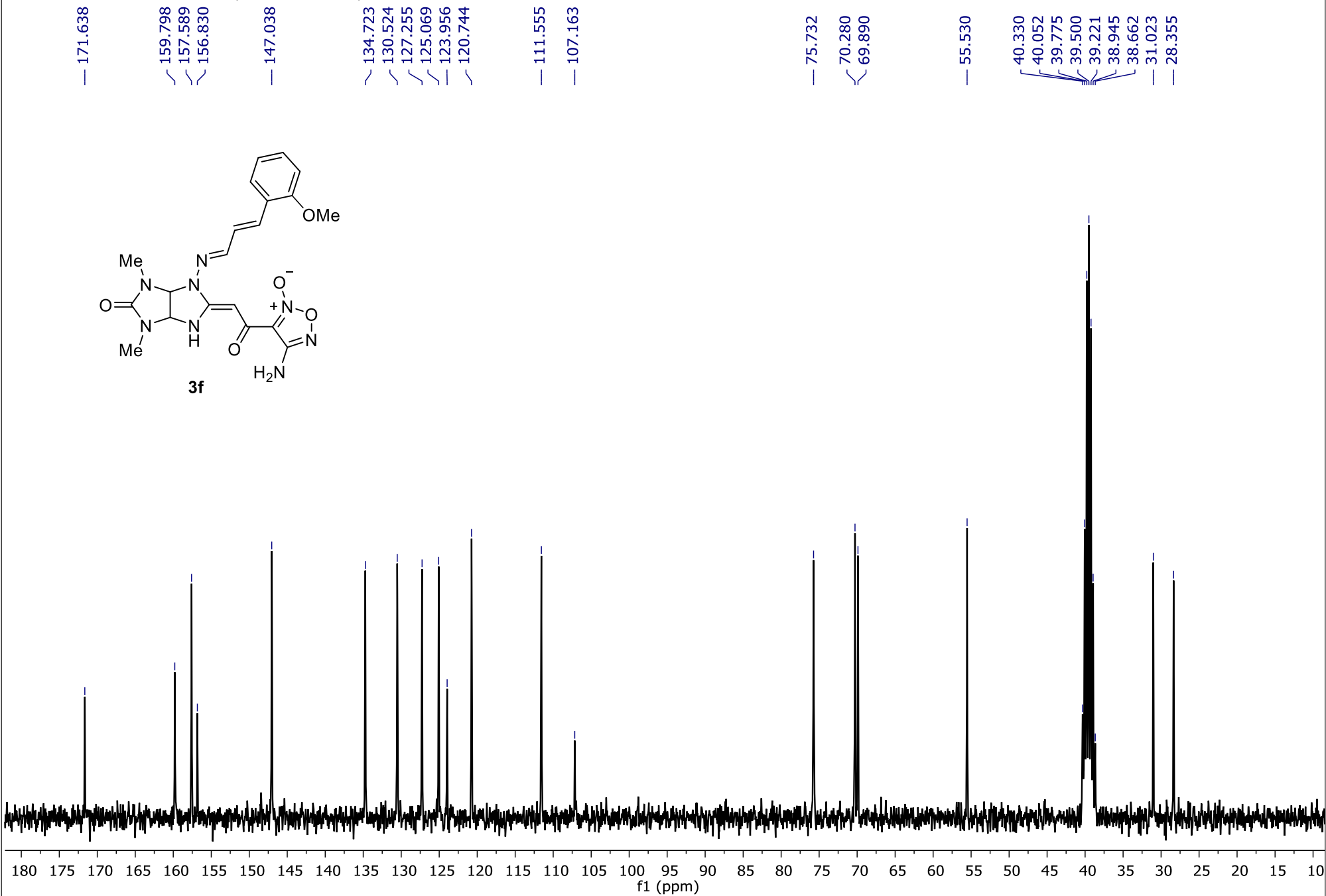
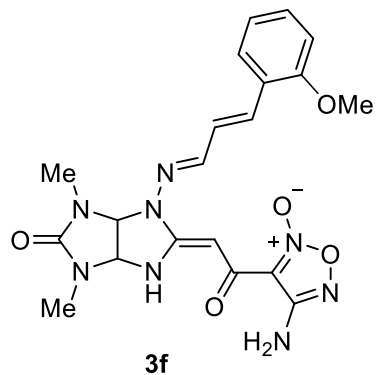
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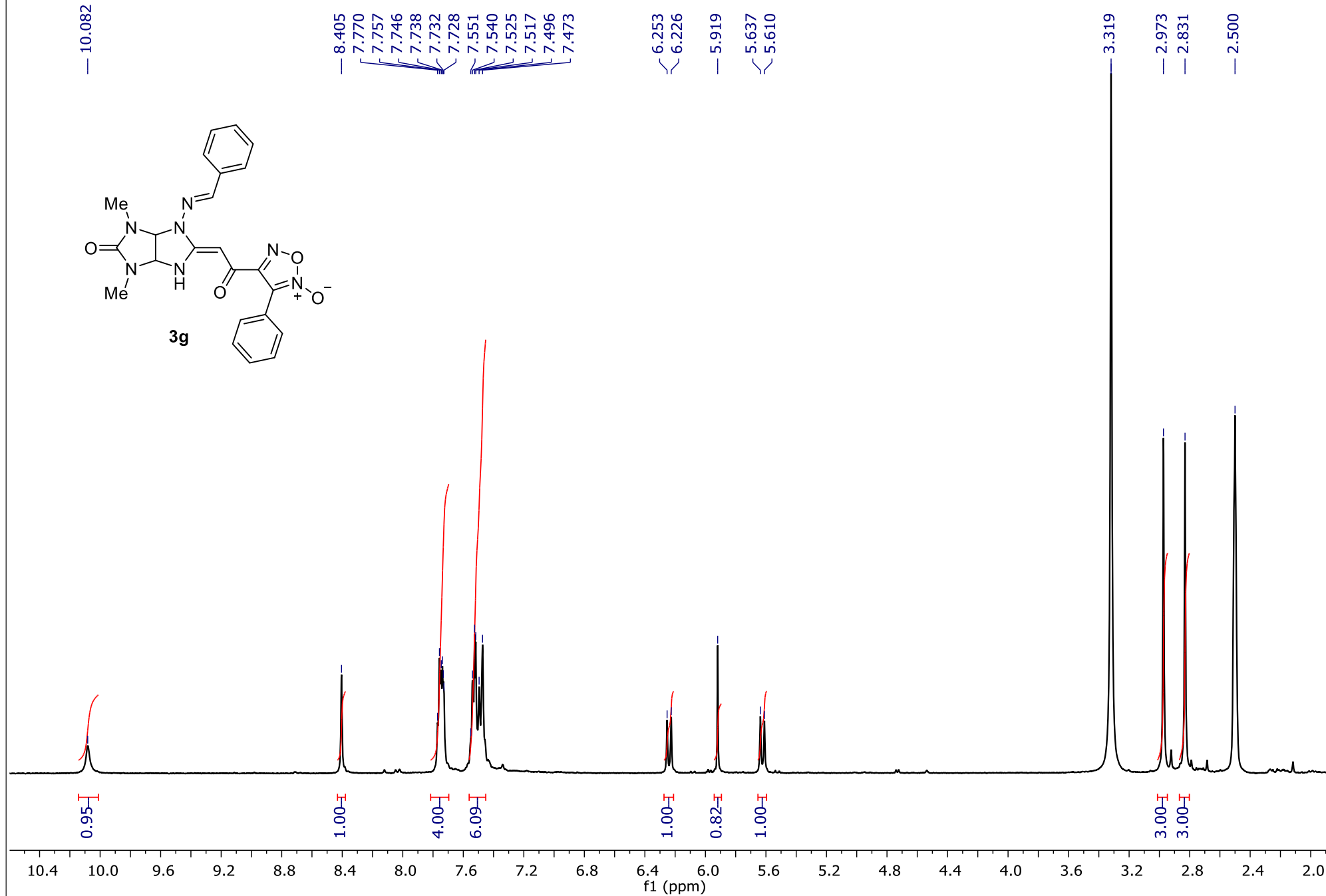
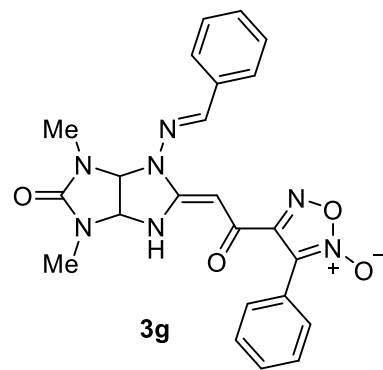
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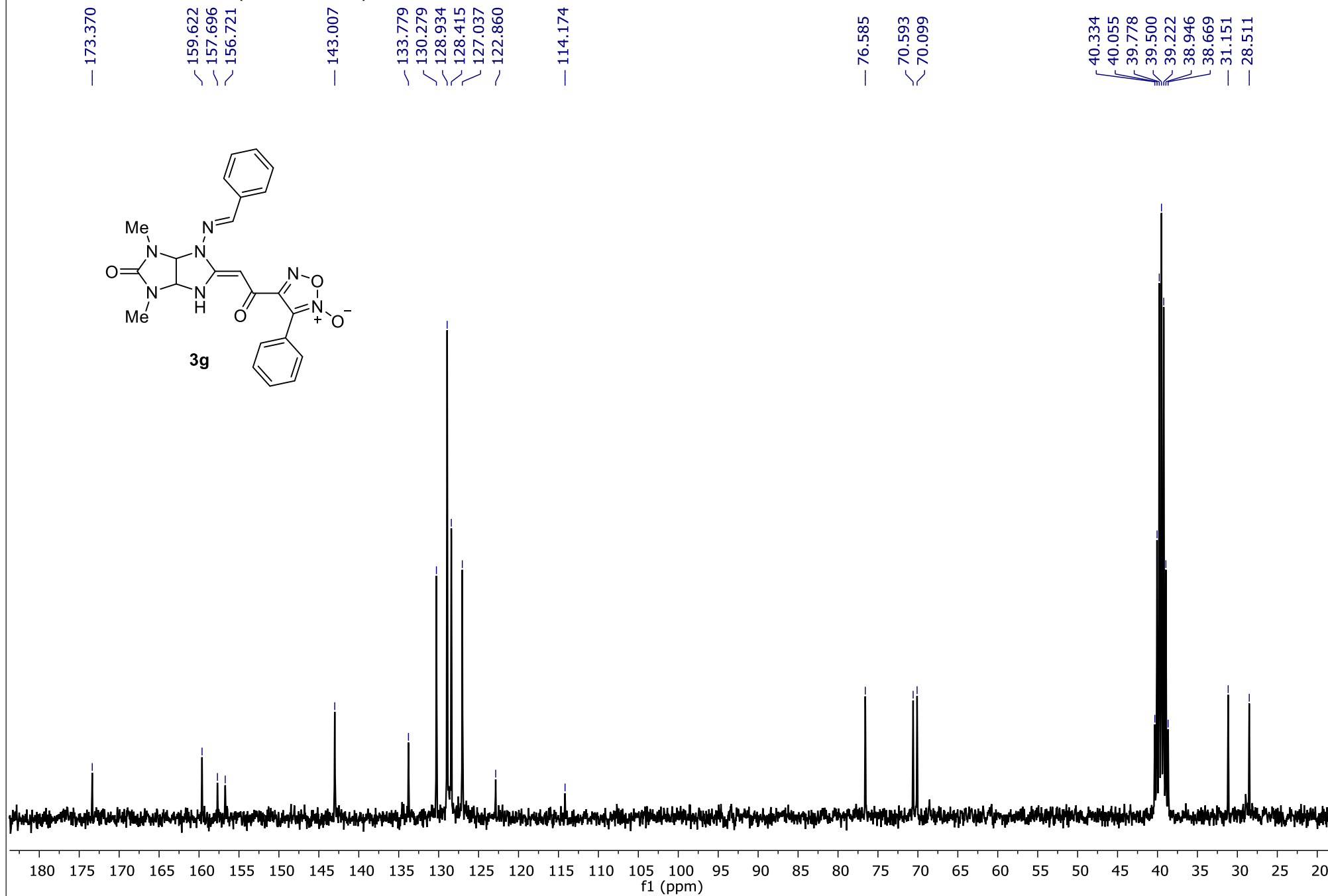
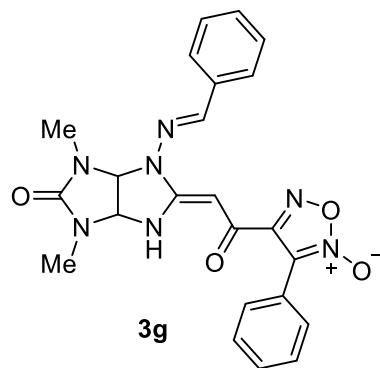
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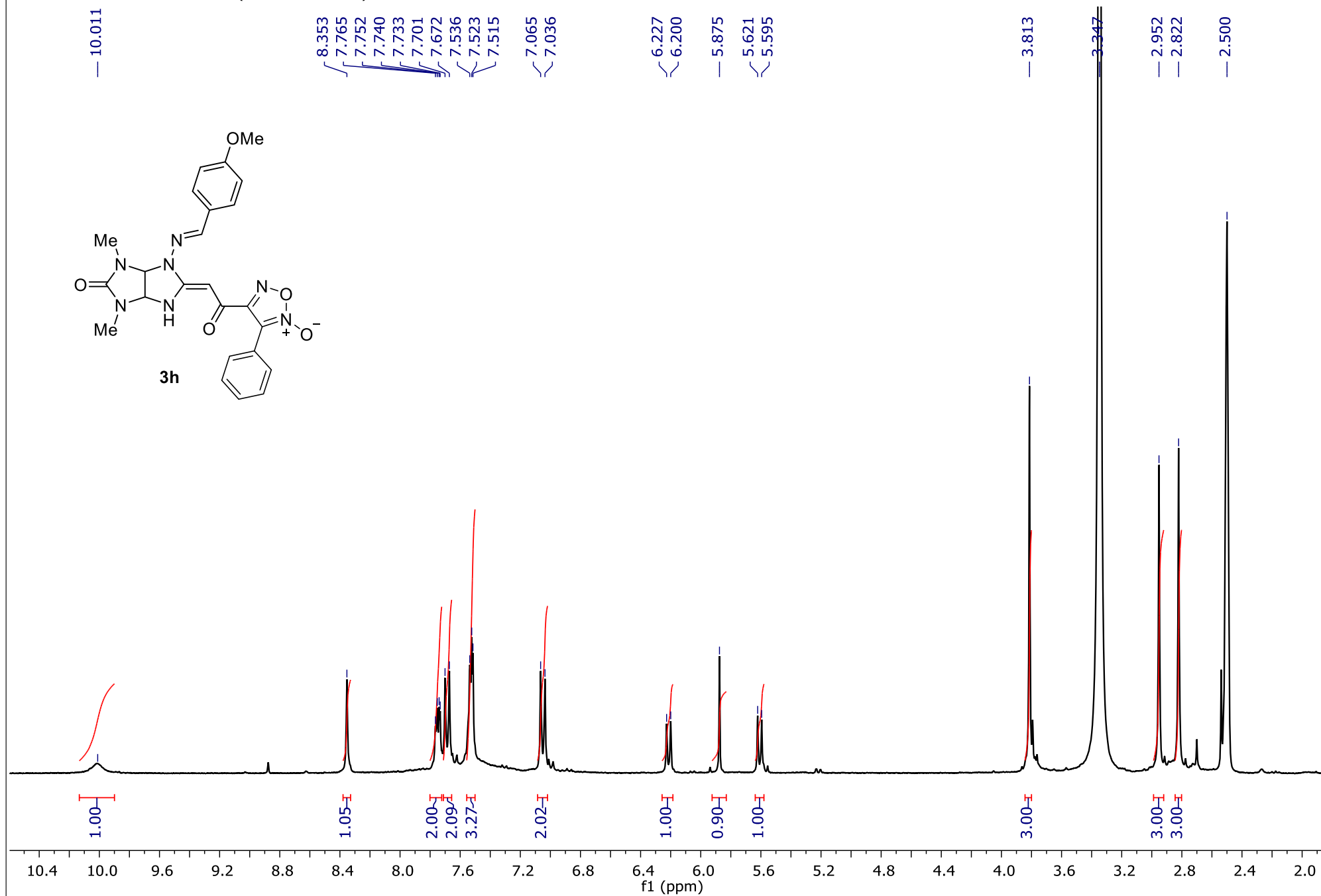
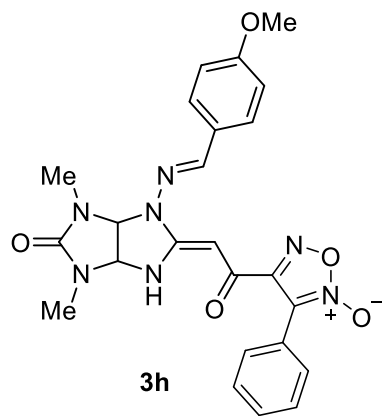
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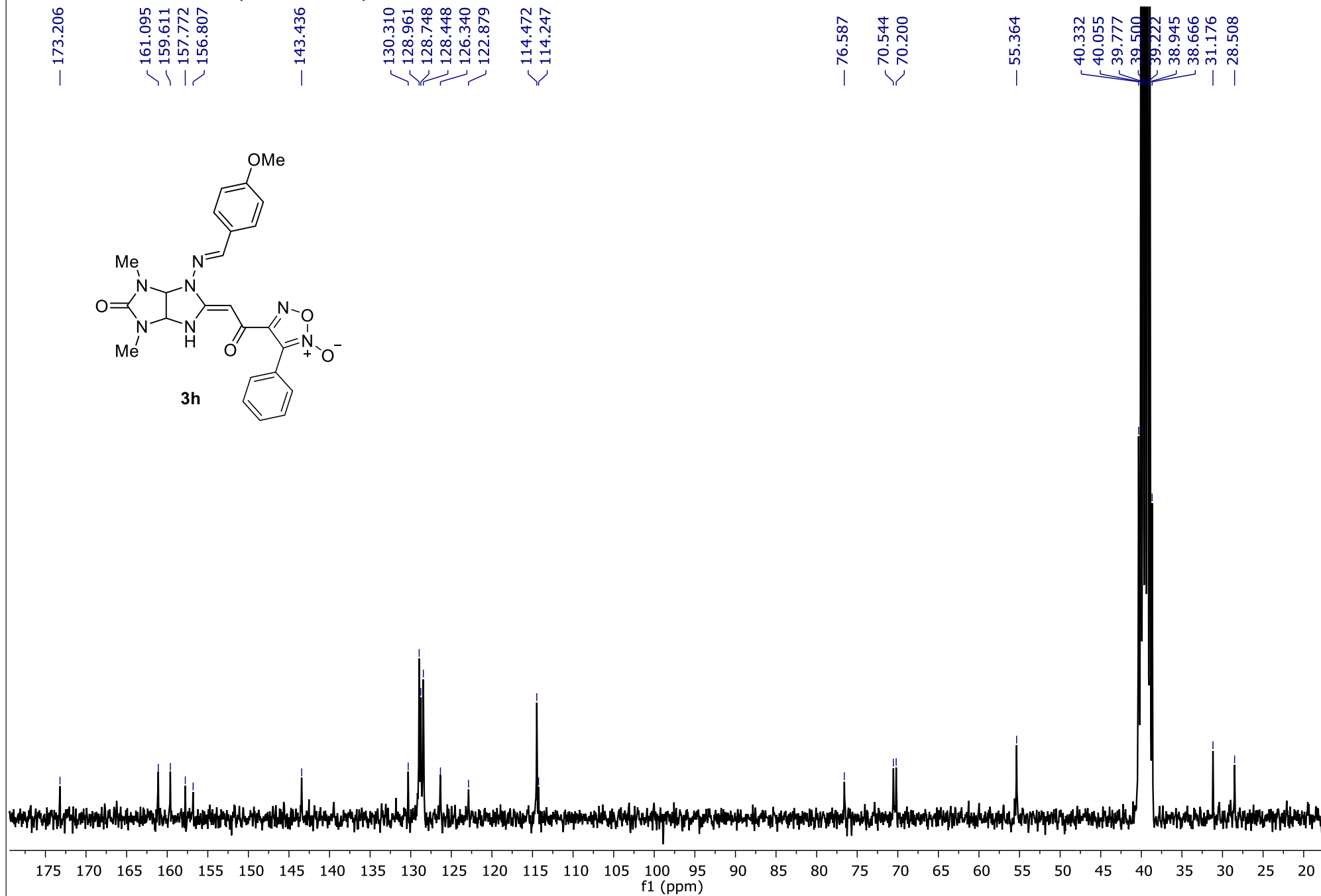
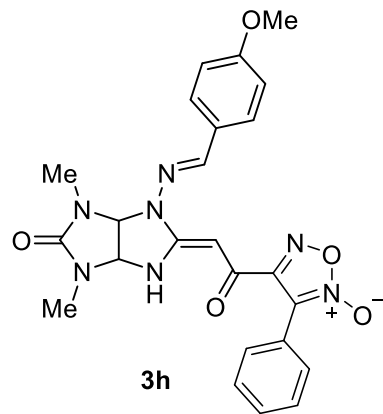
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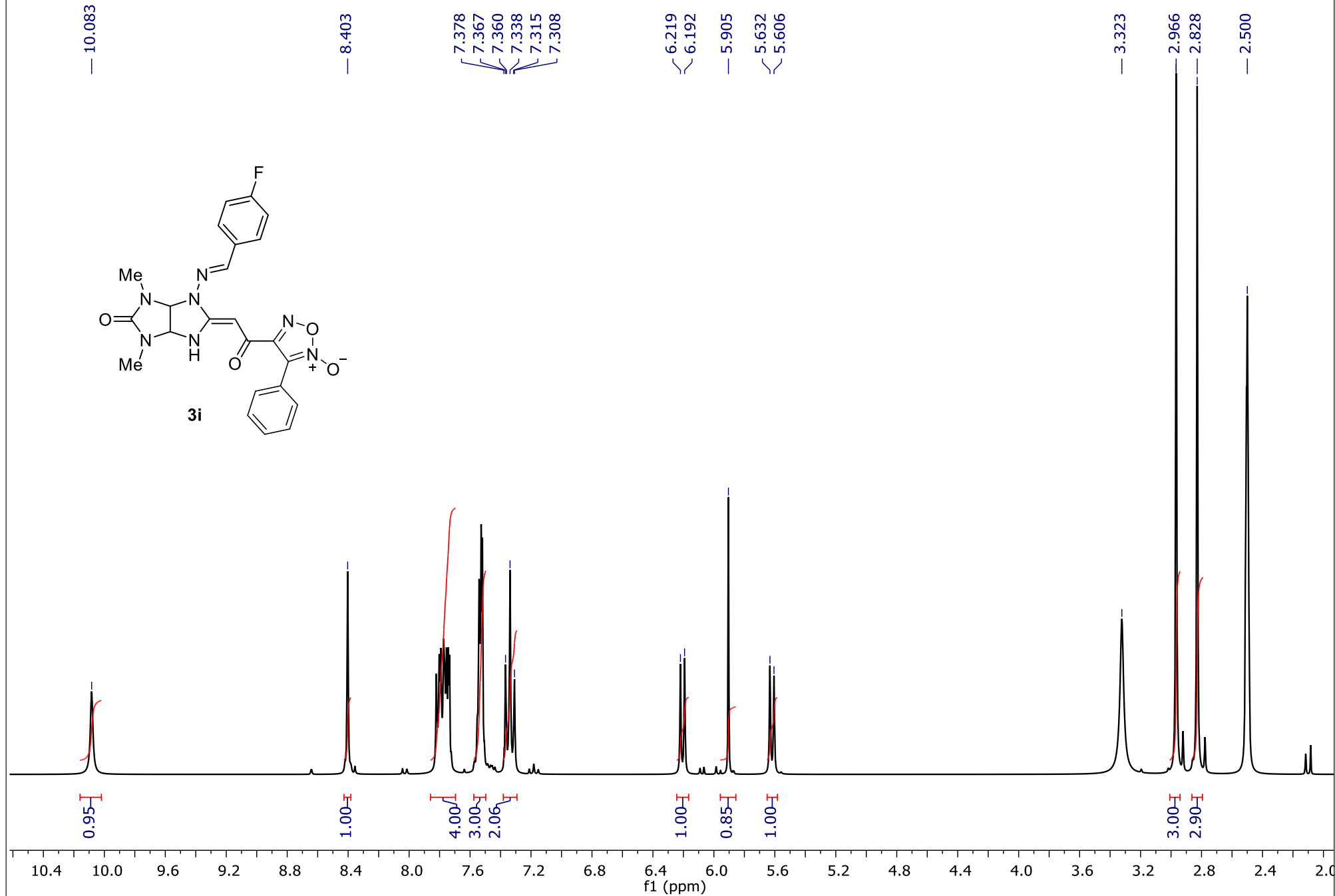
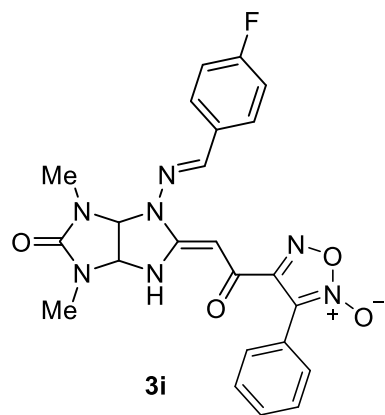
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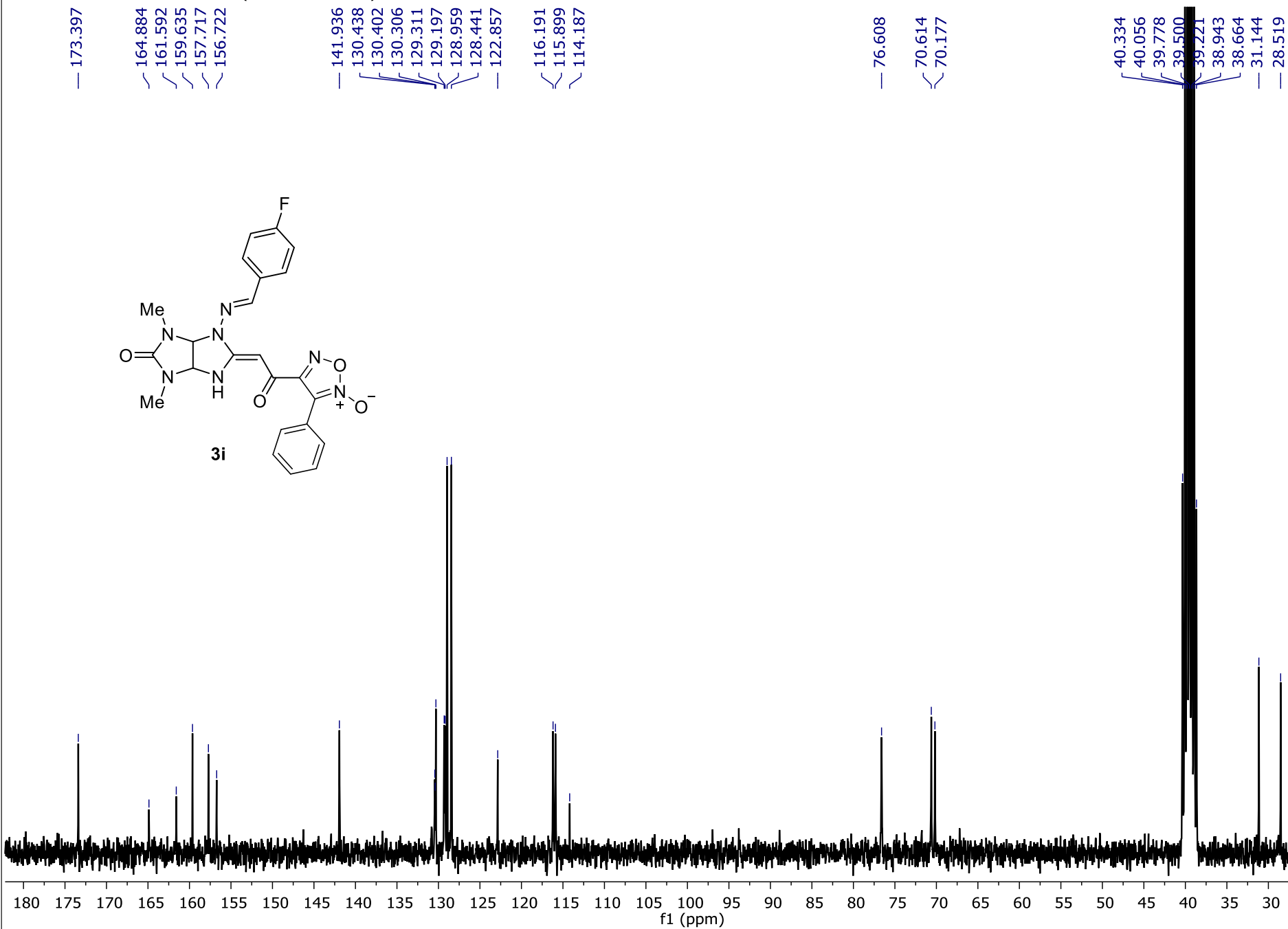
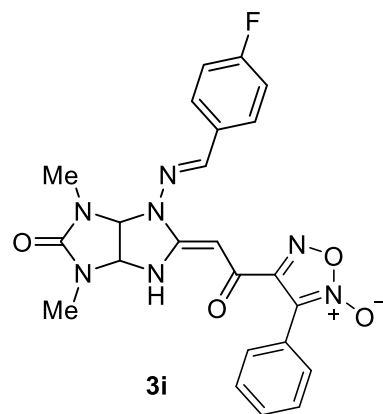
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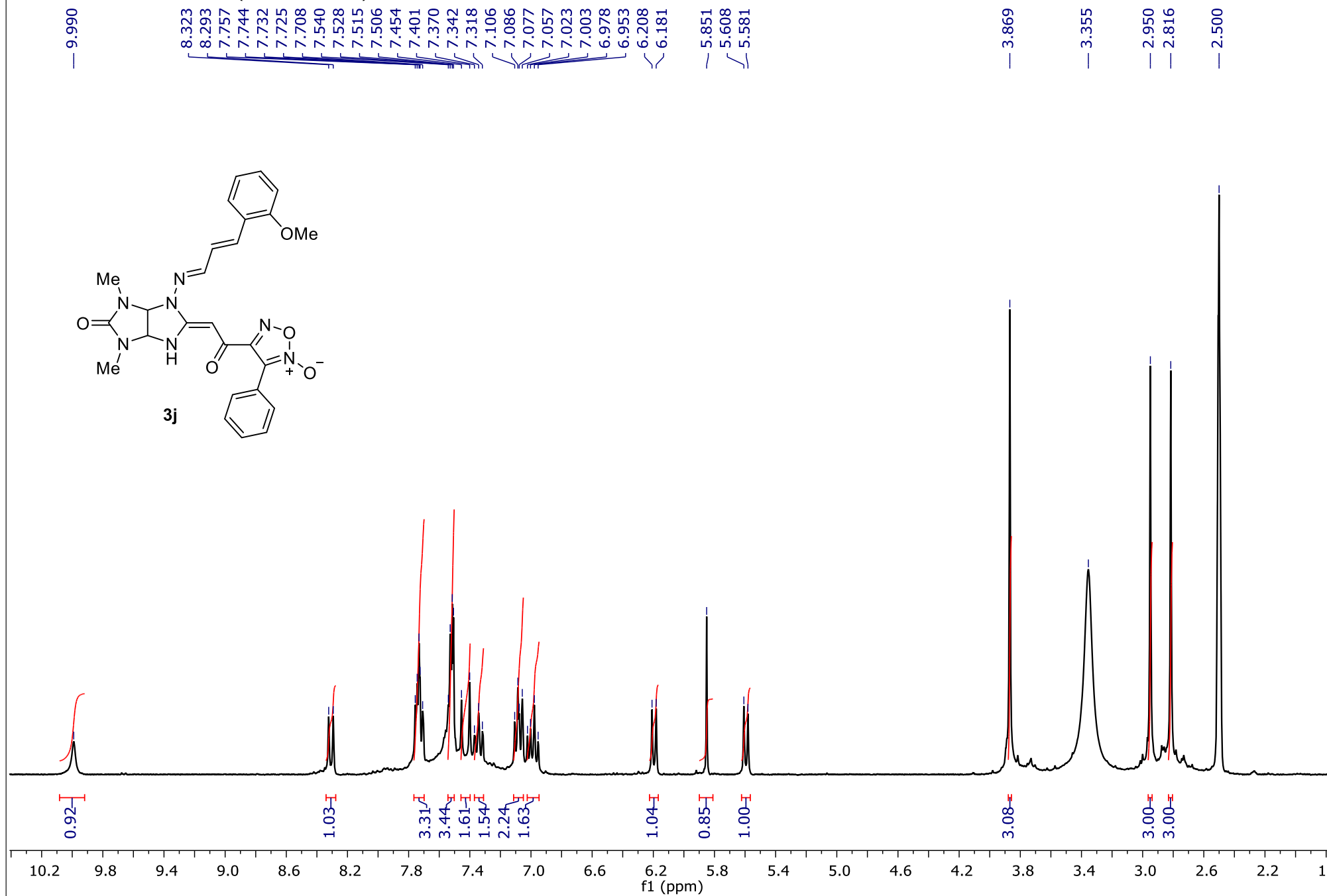
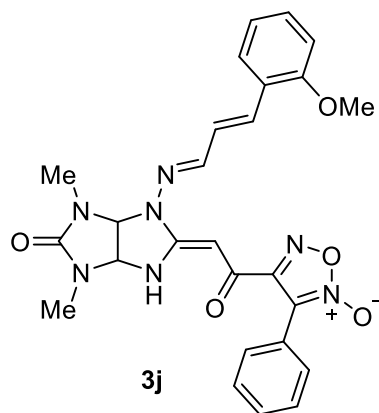
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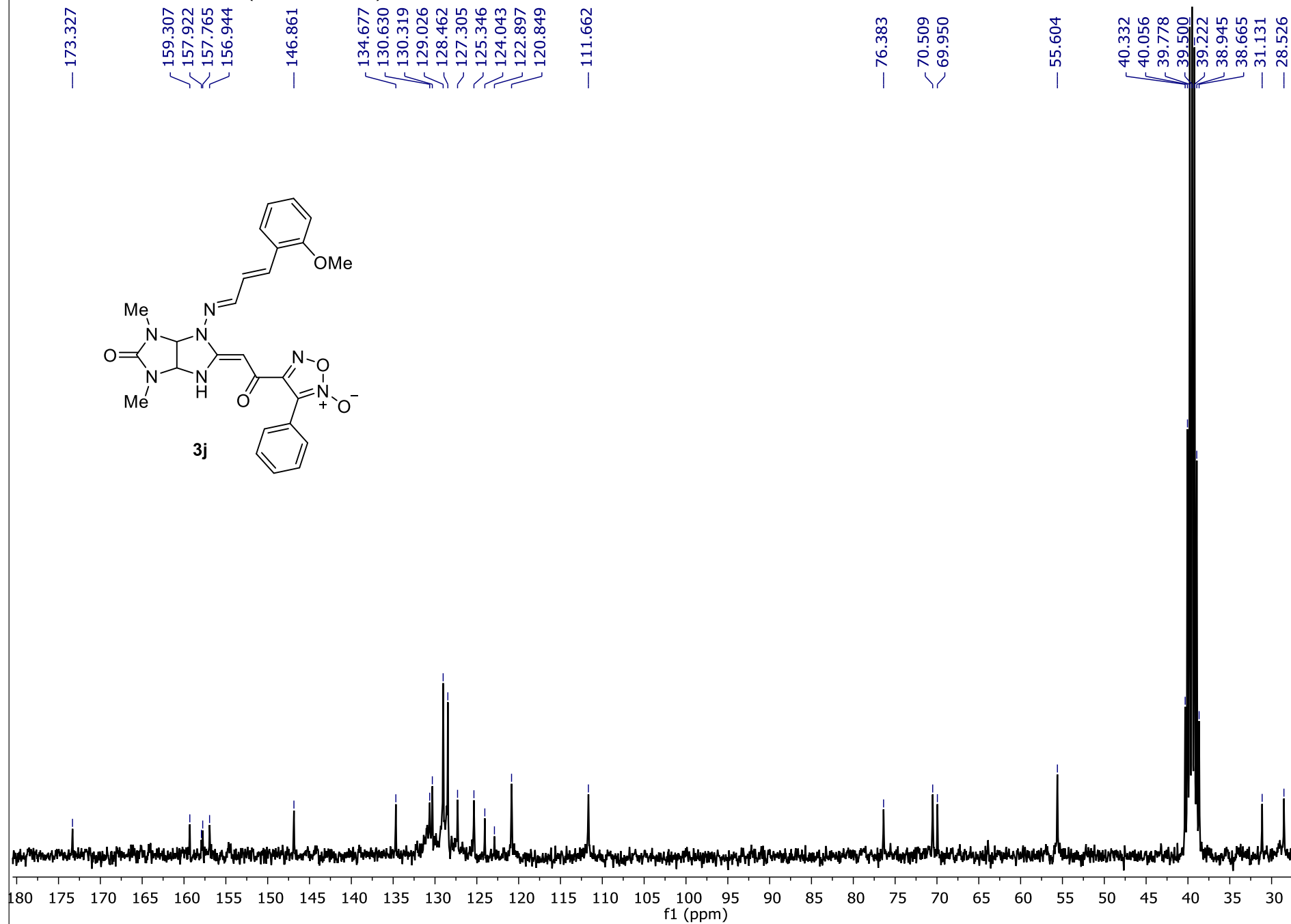
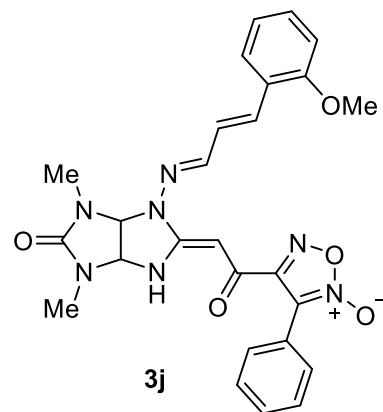
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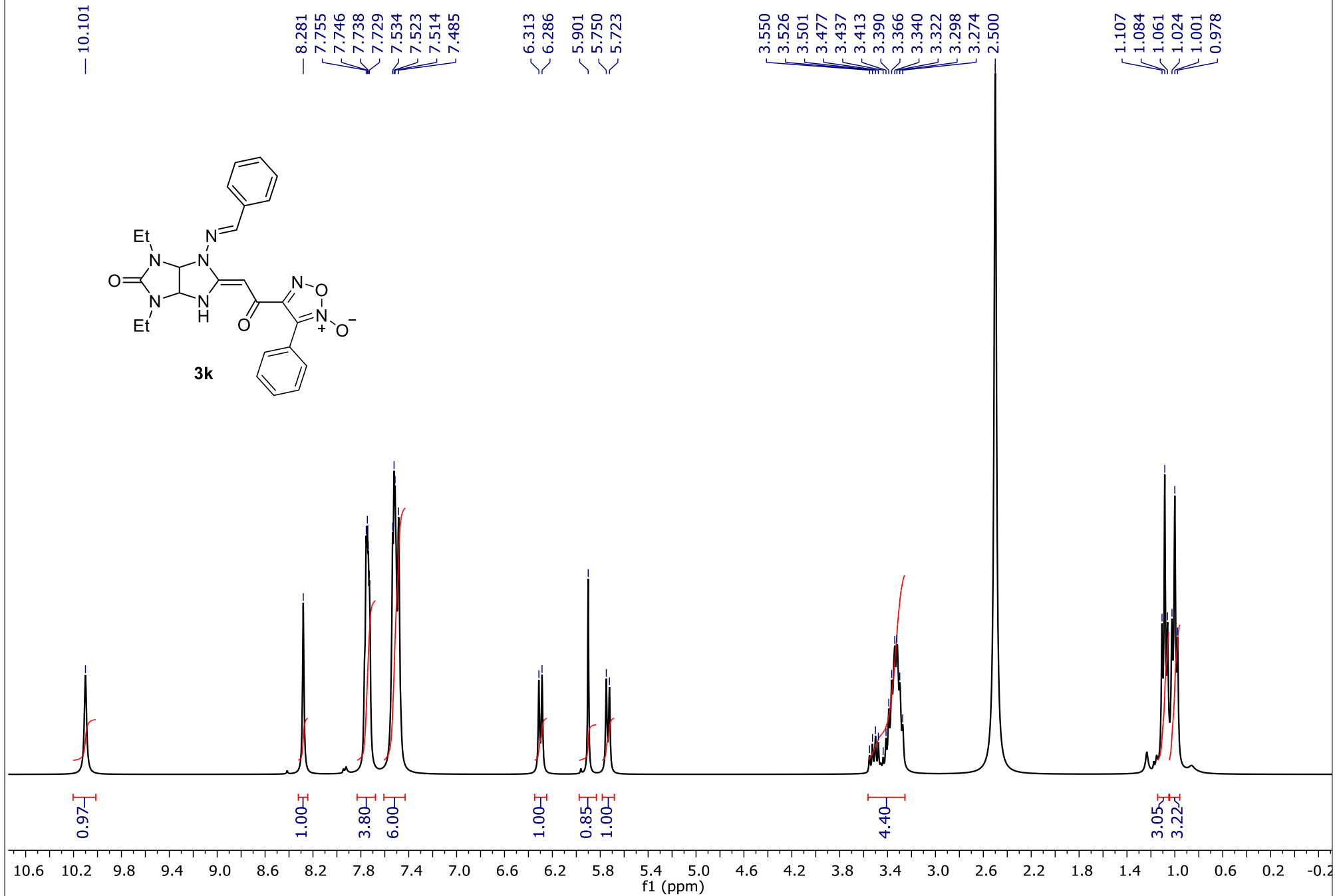
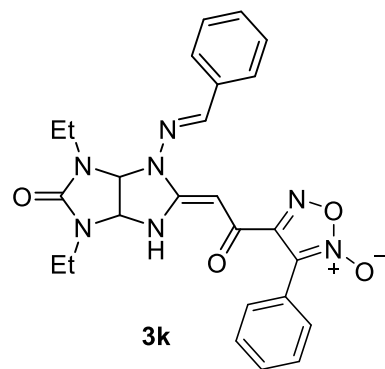
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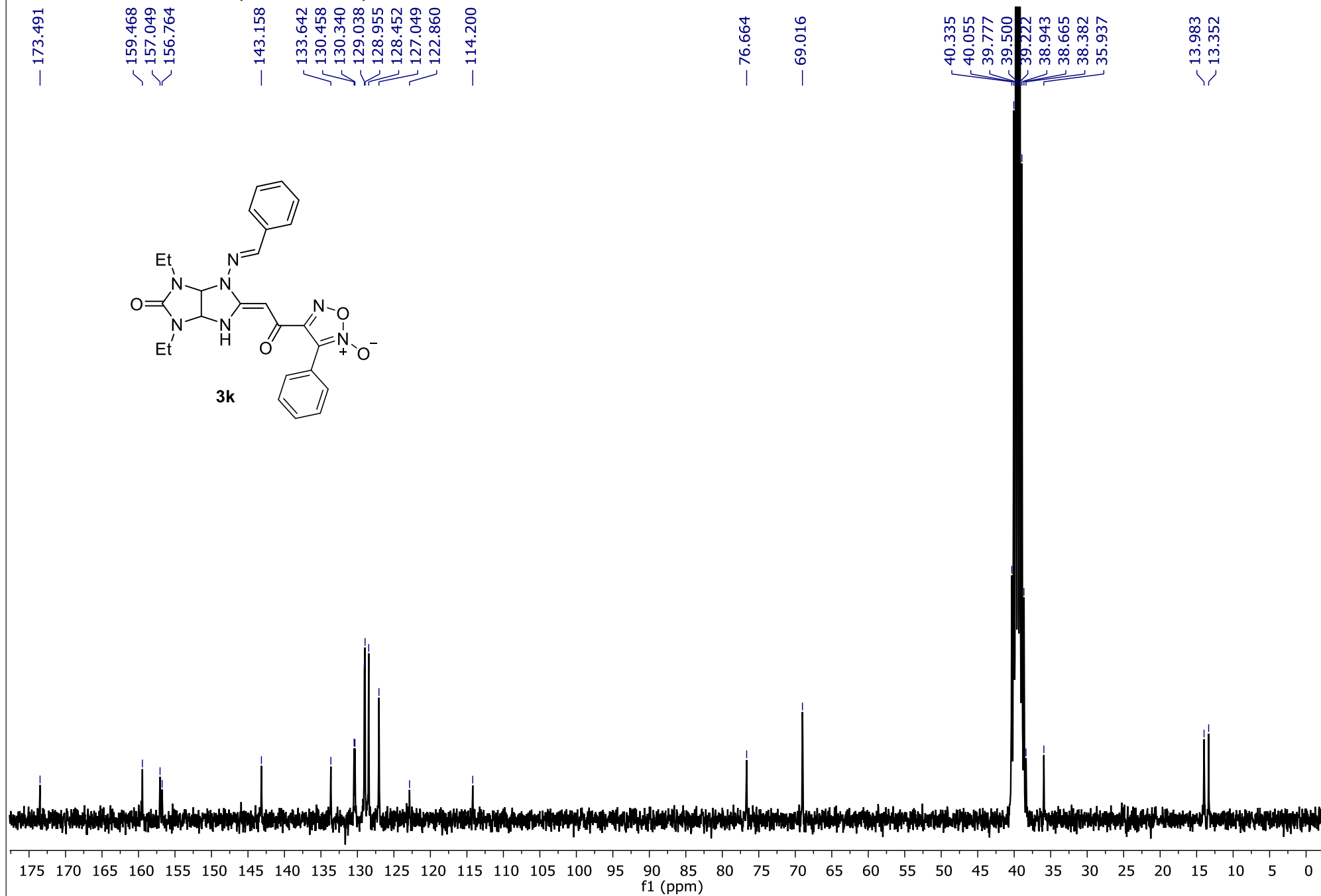
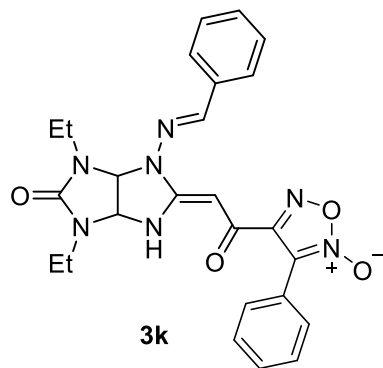
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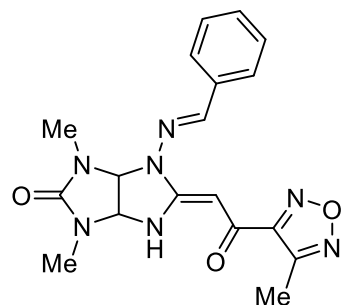
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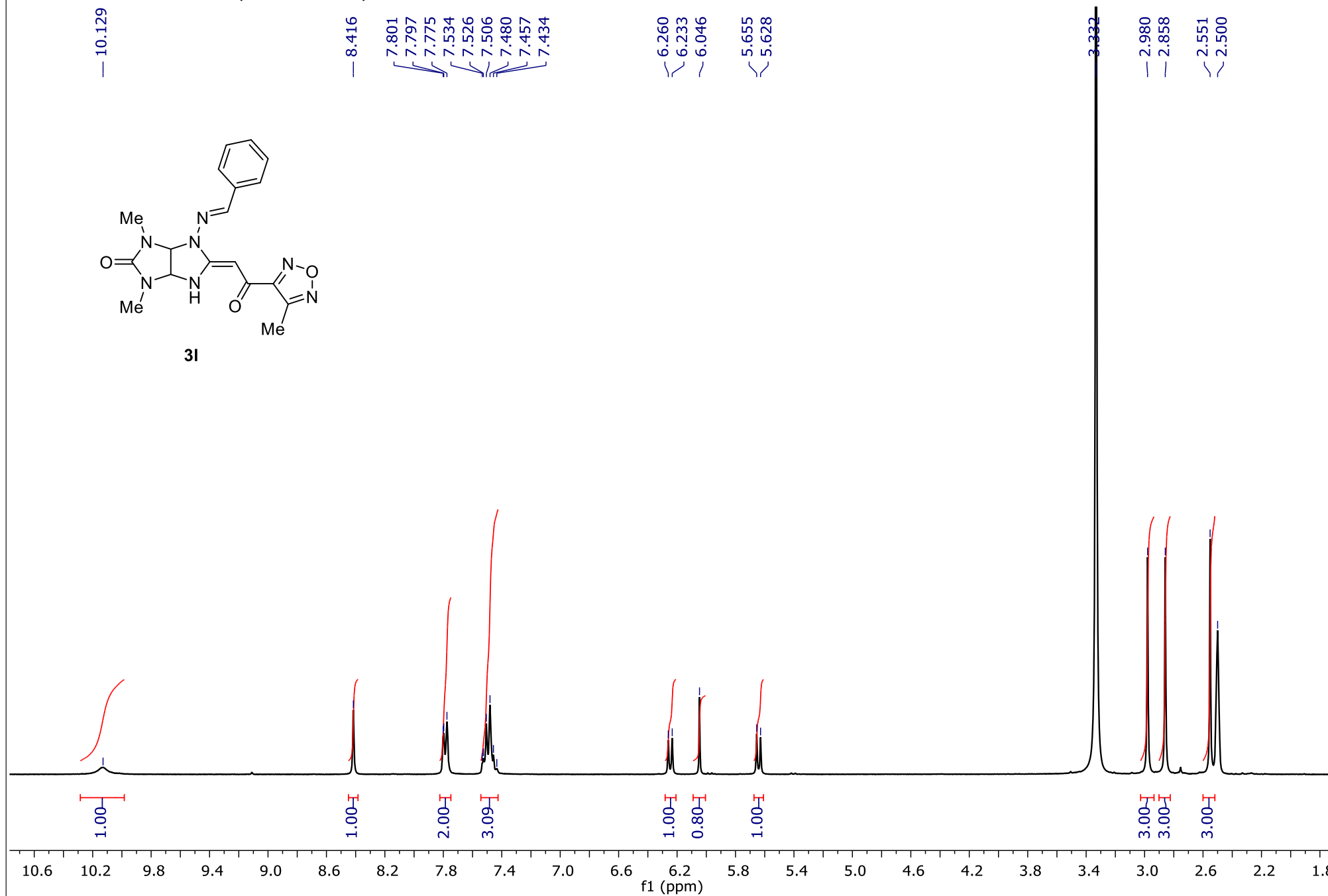
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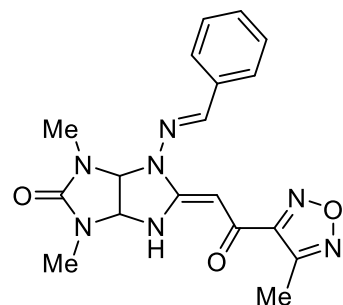
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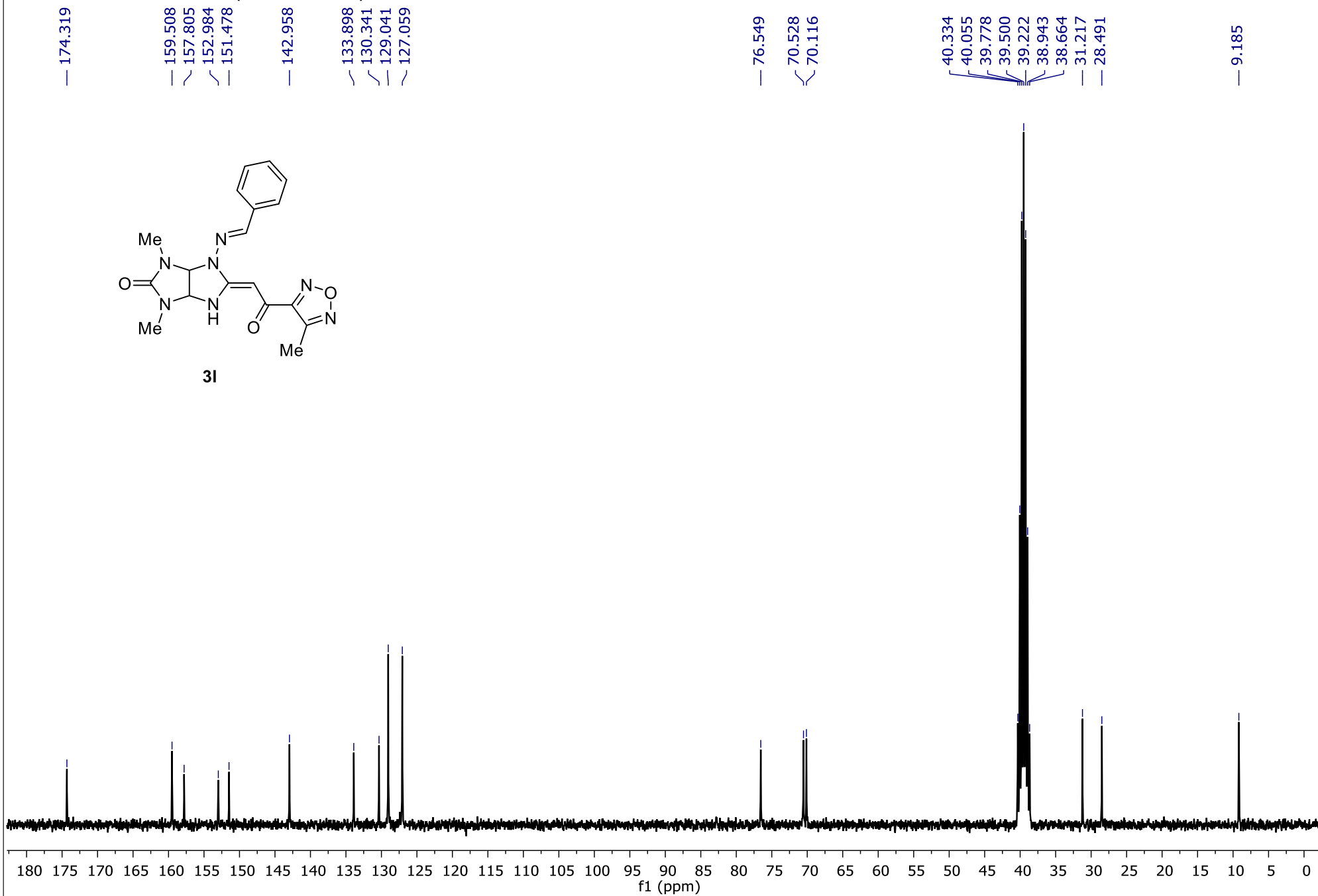
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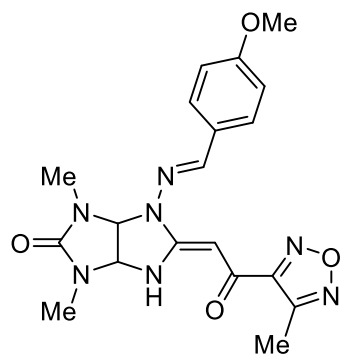
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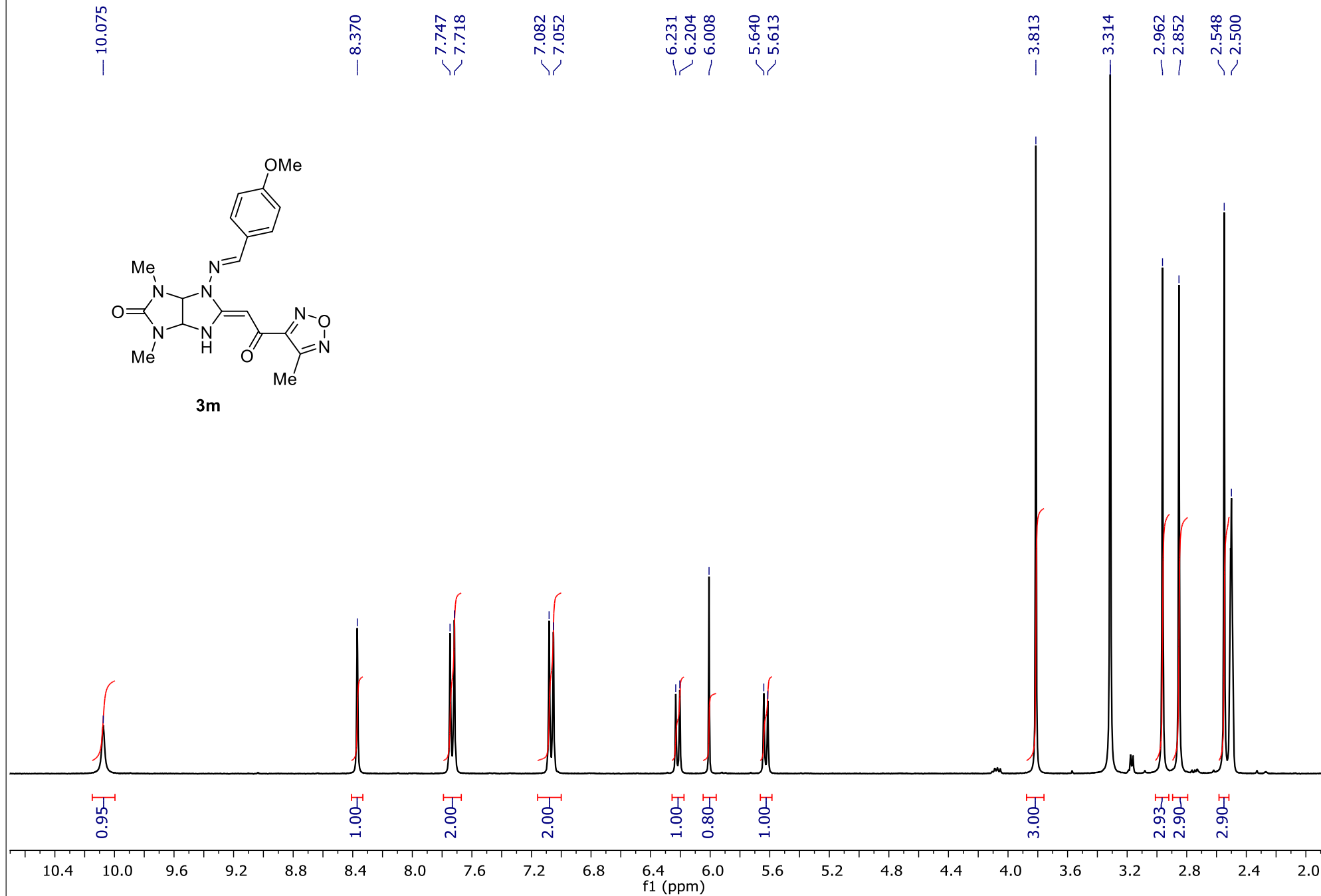
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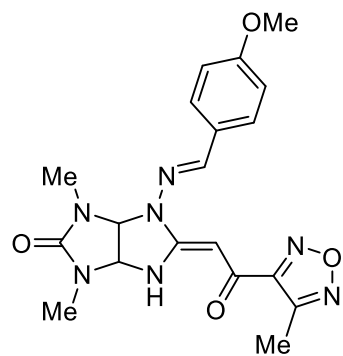
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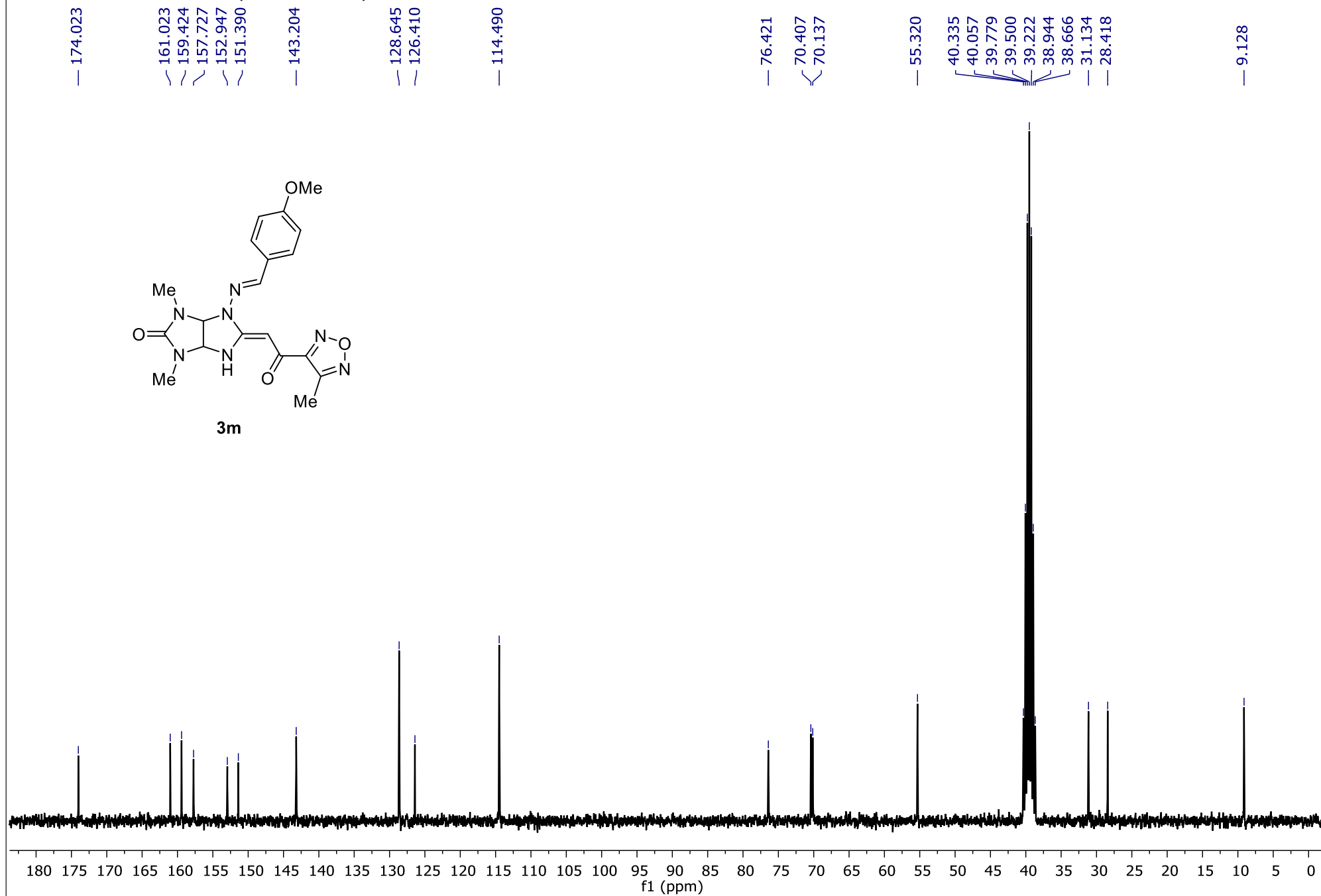
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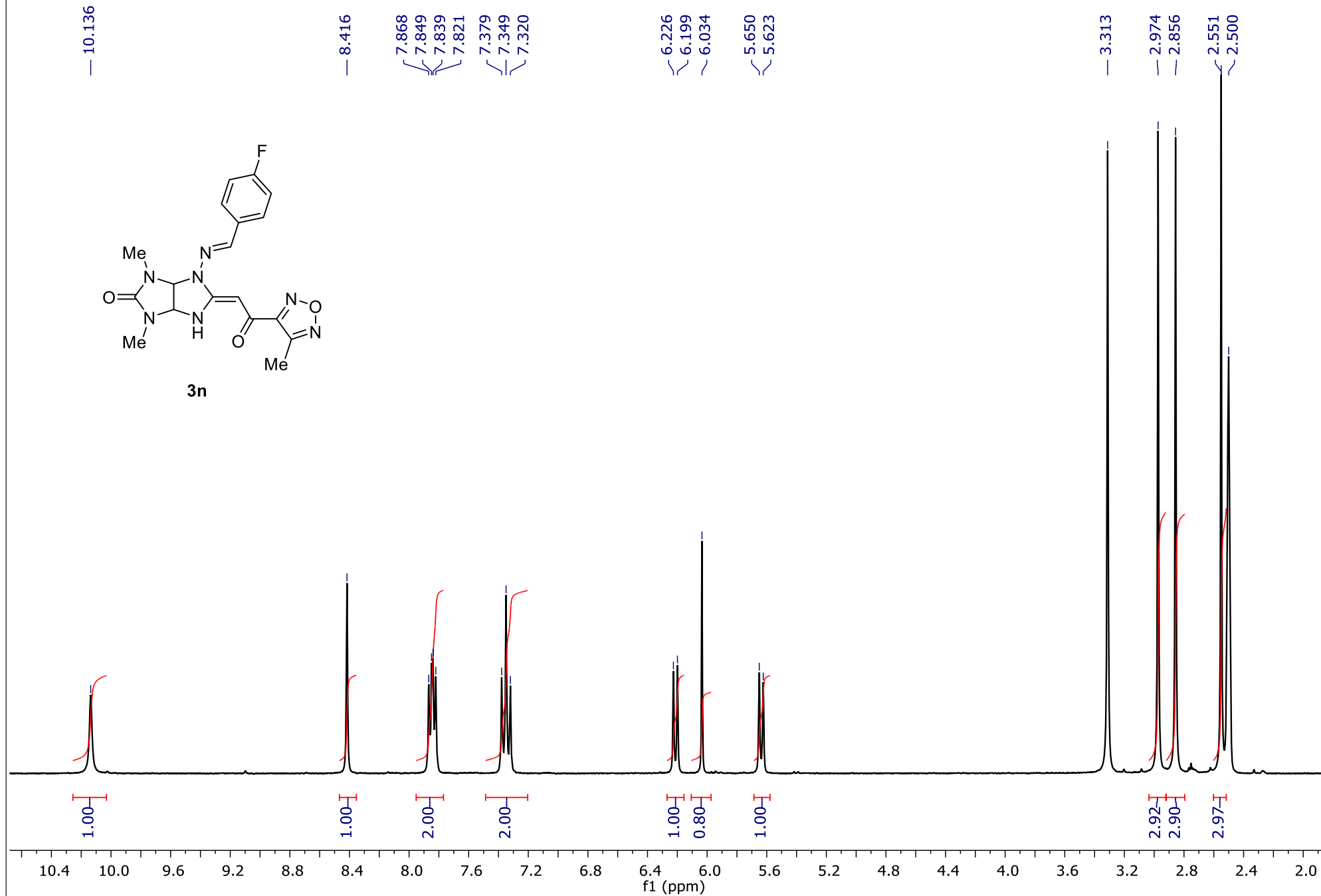
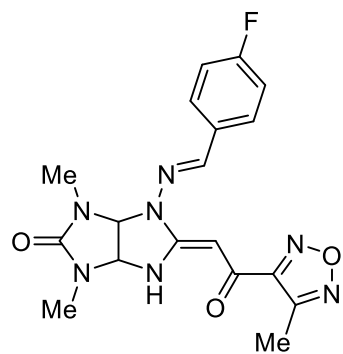
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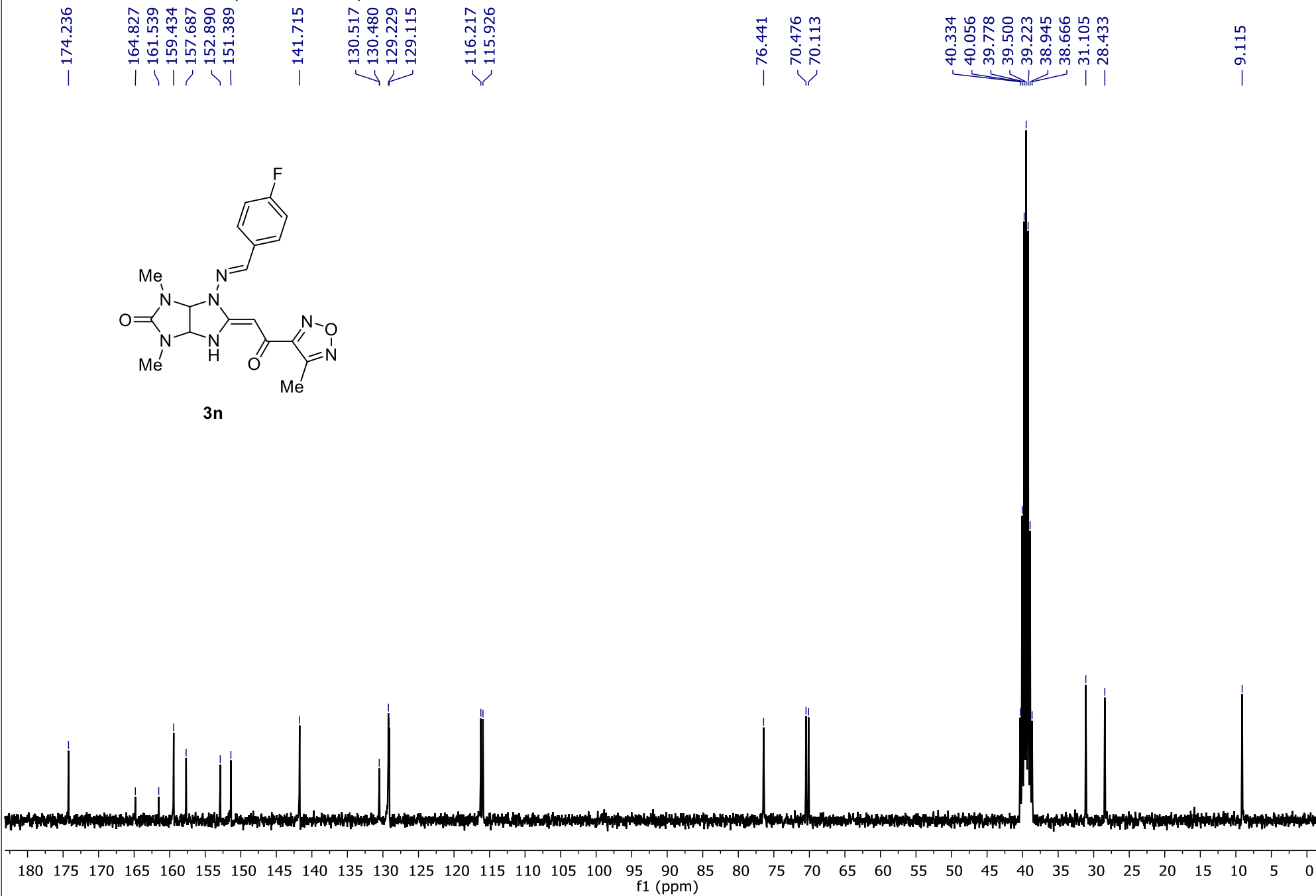
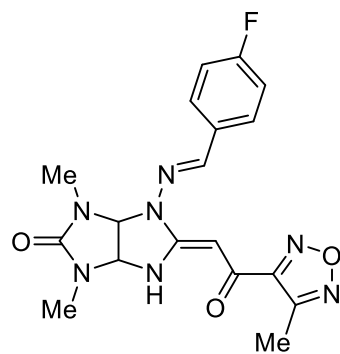
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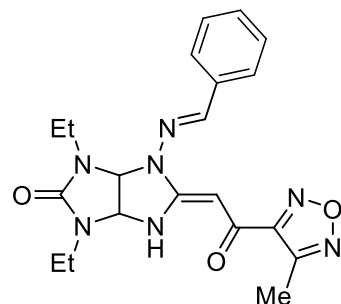
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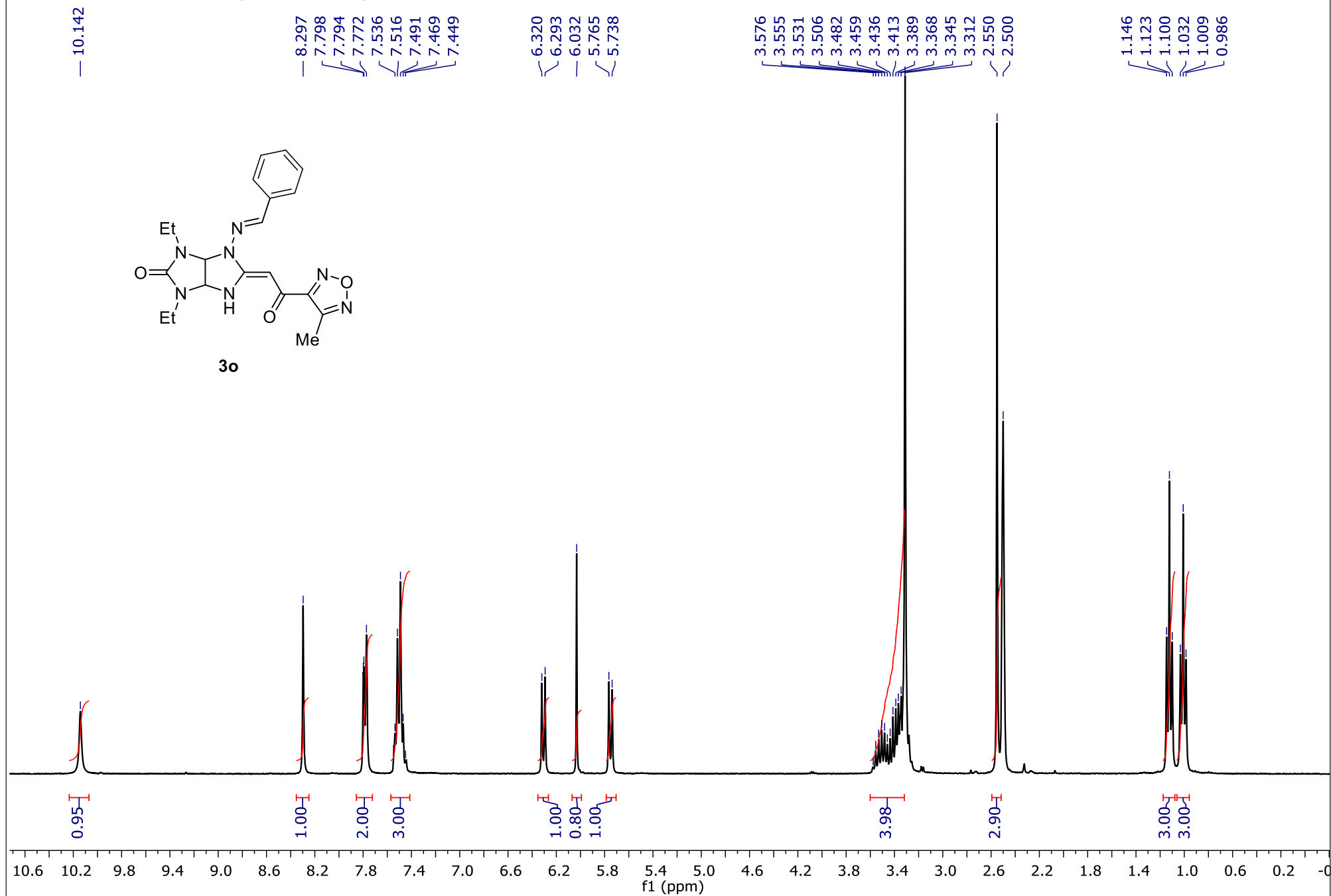
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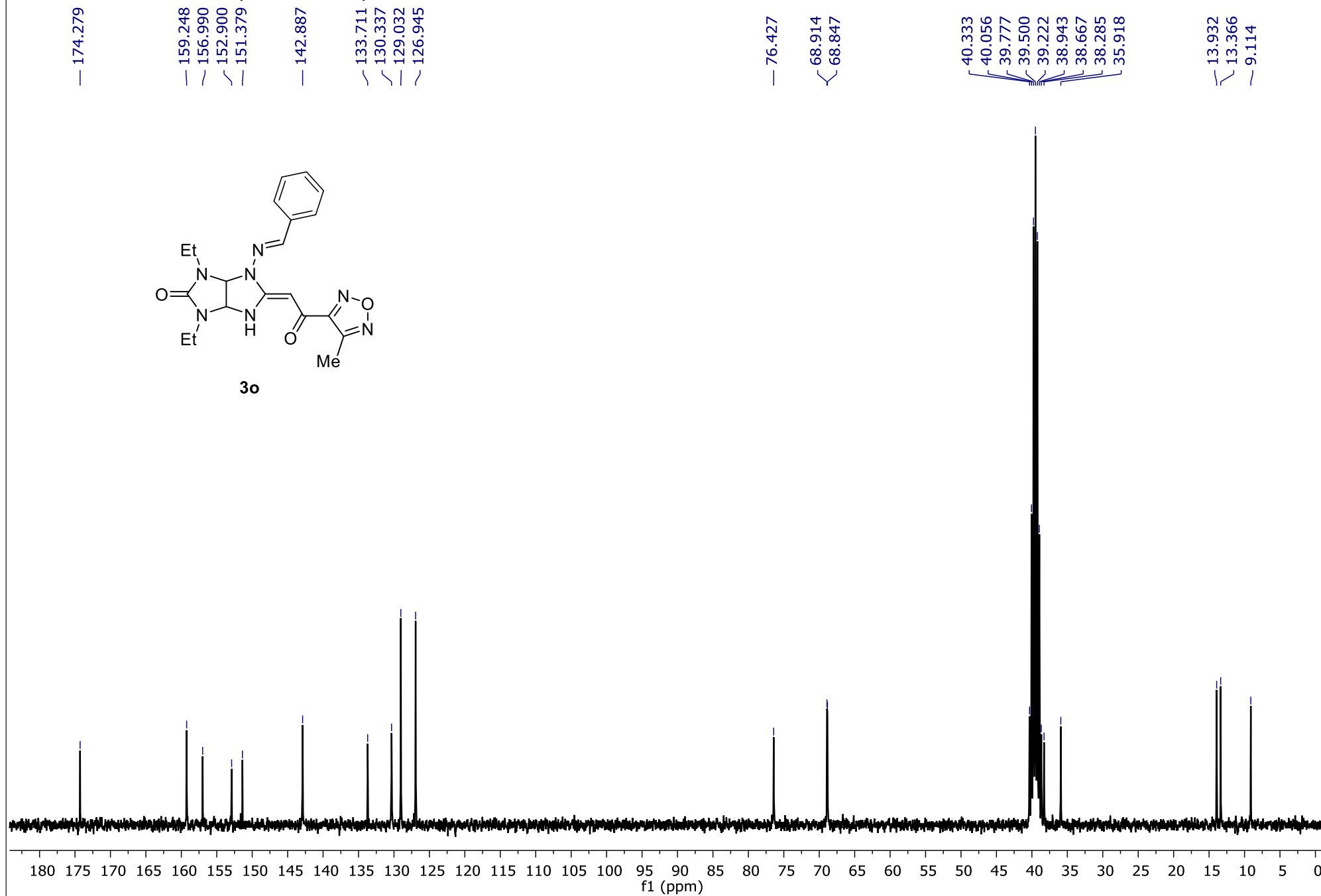
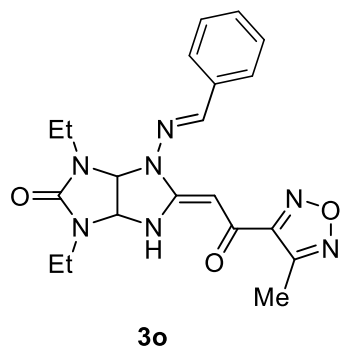
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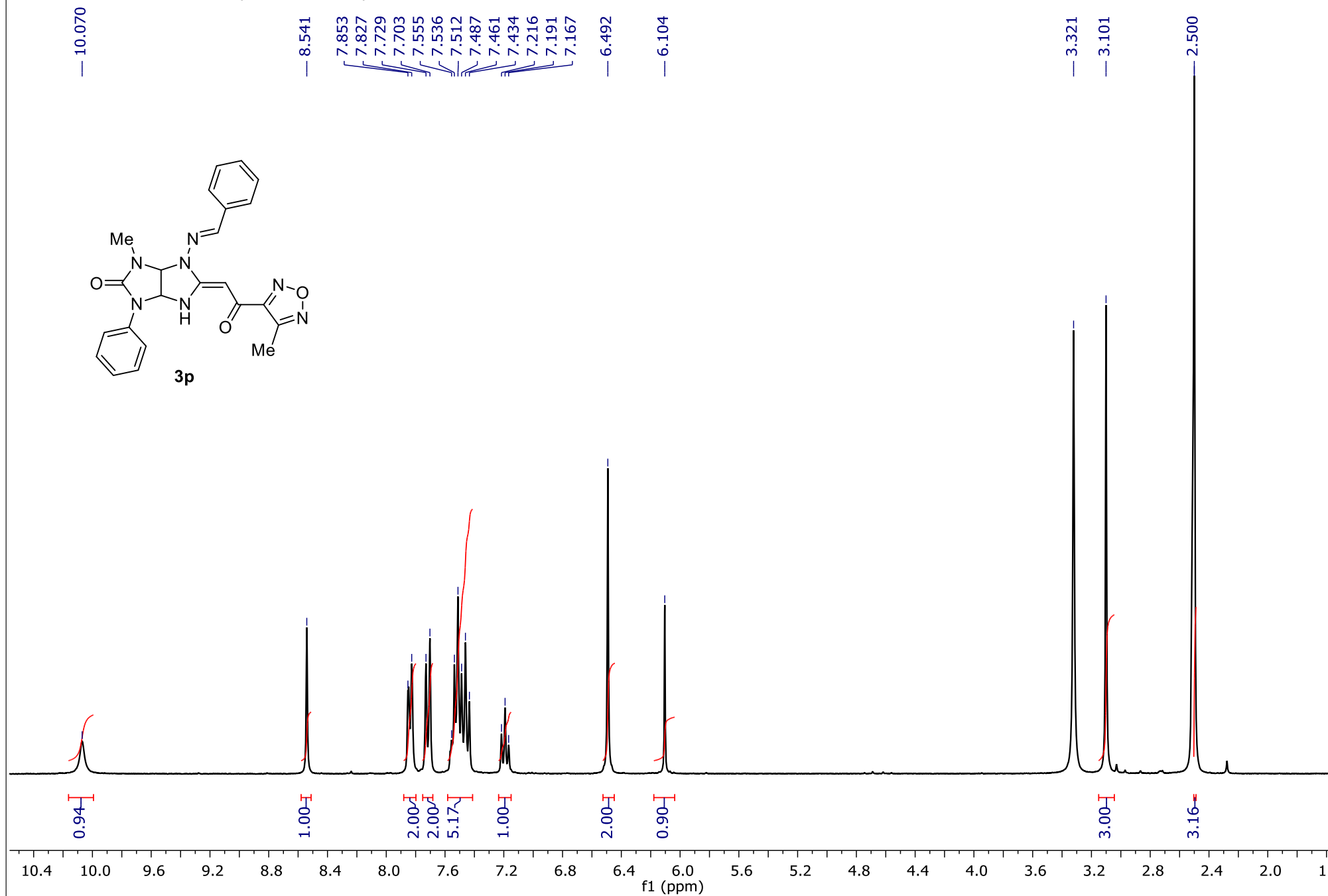
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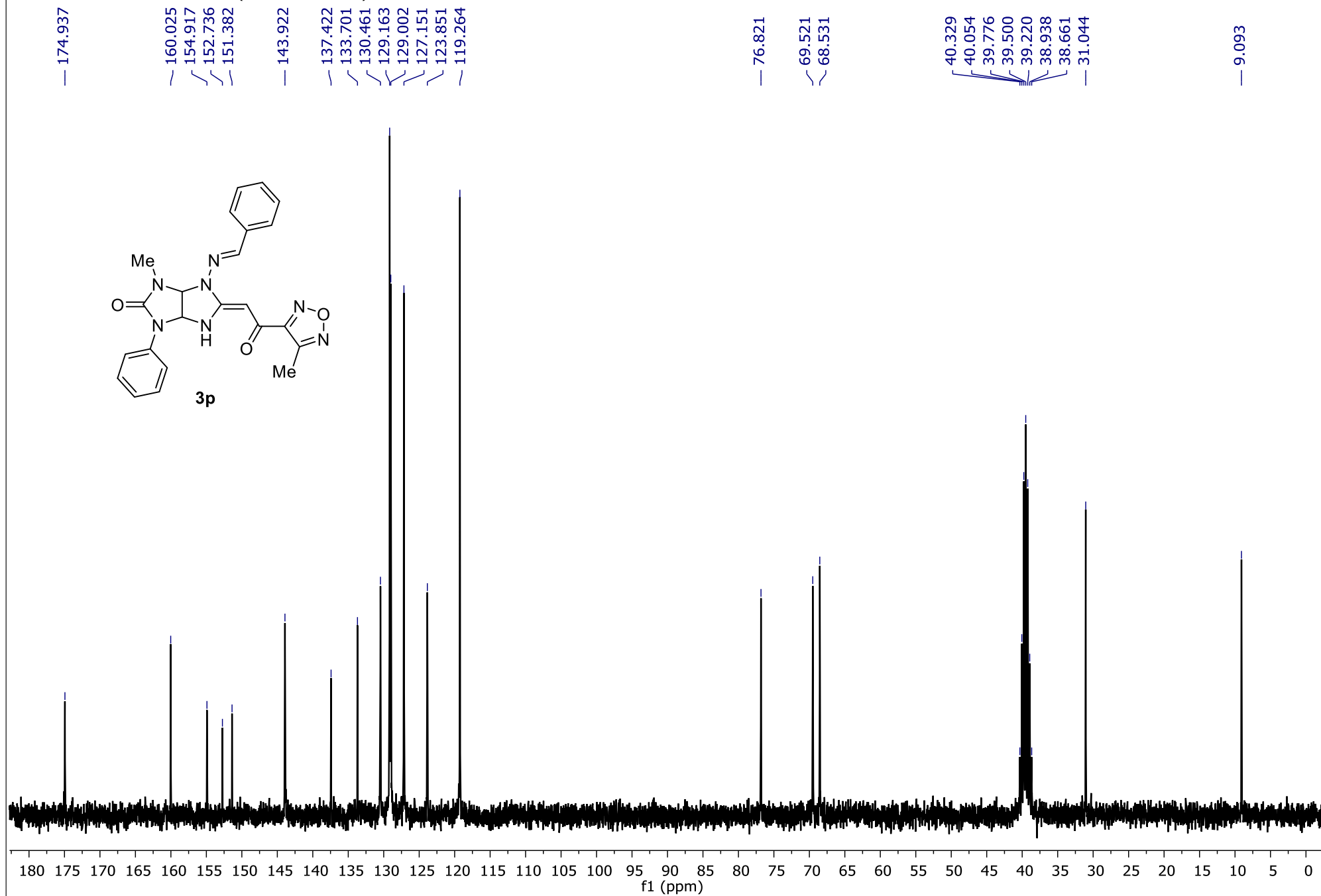
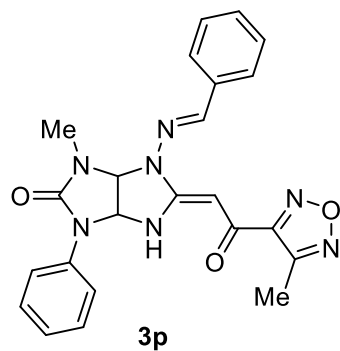
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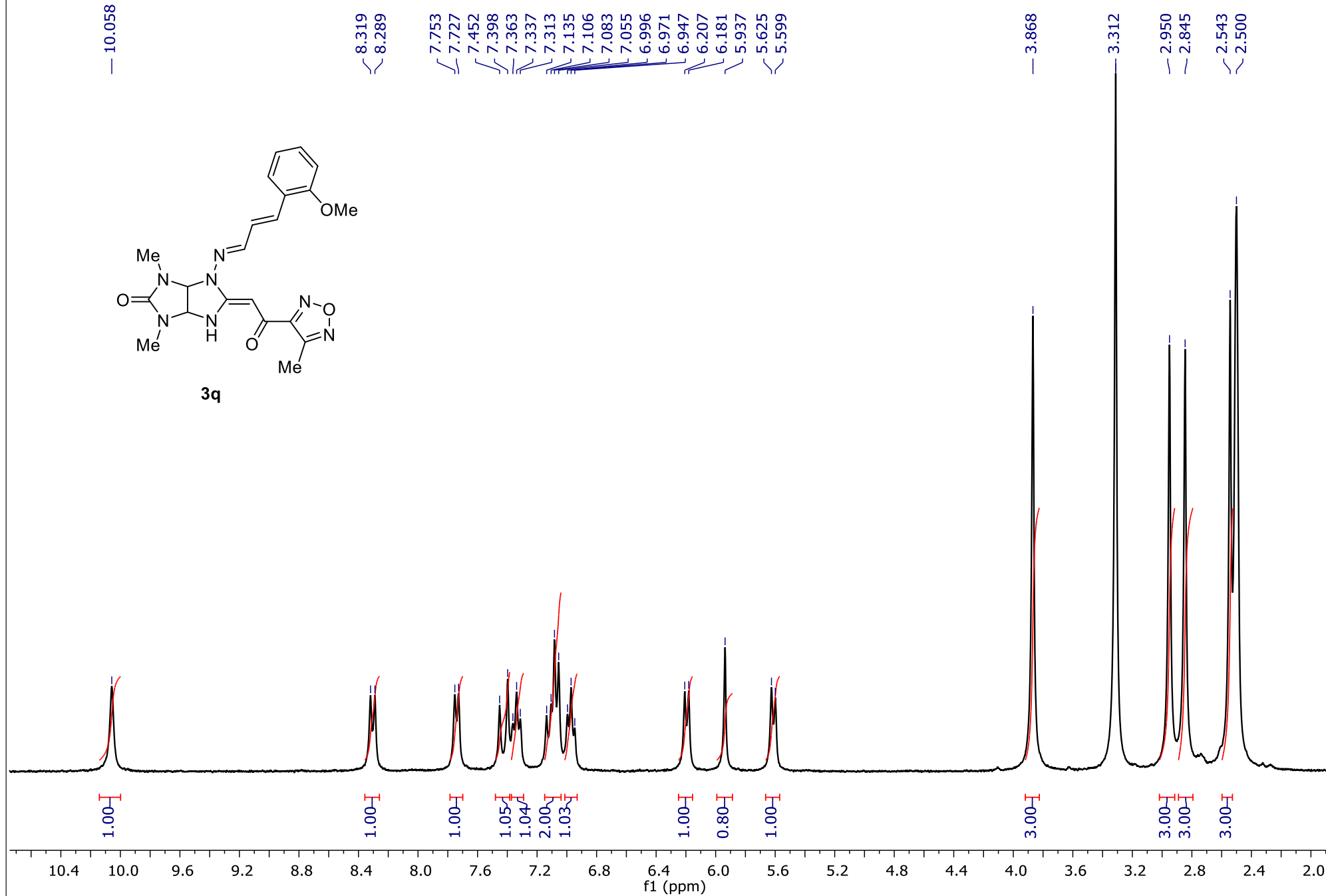
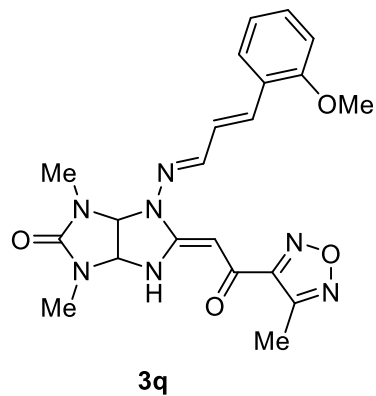
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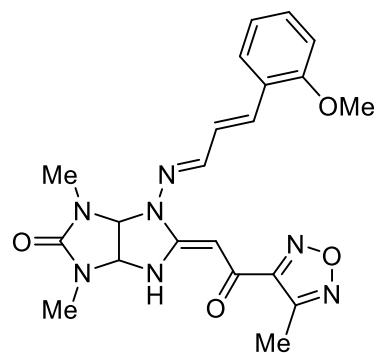
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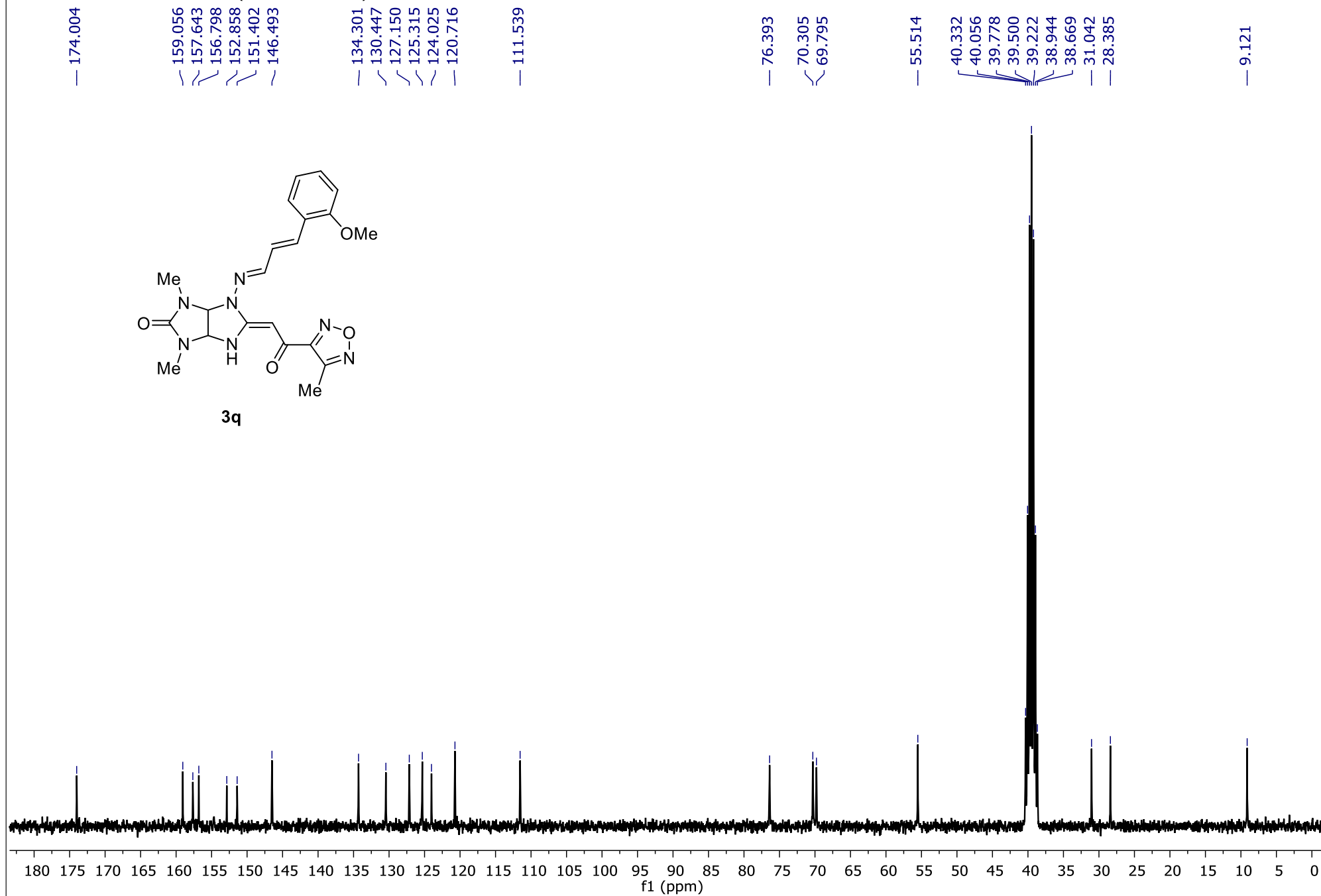
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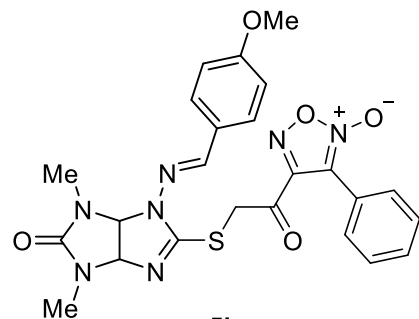
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