

## Supporting Information

### 4-(*N*-Alkyl- and *N*-acyl-amino)-1,2,4-triazole-3-thione analogues as metallo- $\beta$ -lactamase inhibitors: impact of 4-linker on potency and spectrum of inhibition

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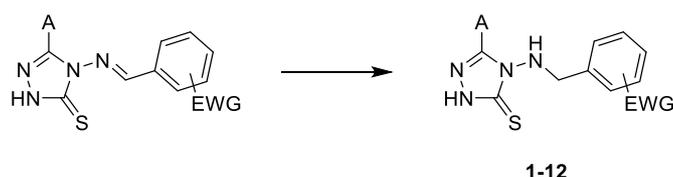
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## General methods

**NMR.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR and  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectra were recorded with a 400 or 500 MHz instrument in  $[\text{D}_6]\text{DMSO}$  solutions unless otherwise indicated. Splitting patterns in the  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectra are designated as follows: s, singlet; d, doublet; t, triplet; q, quartet; m, multiplet; br, broad. Samples for reverse-phase (RP) HPLC were prepared in an acetonitrile / water (50:50 v/v) mixture. **IR spectra** were collected on a Perkin Elmer Spectrum One apparatus. **RP HPLC** analyses were performed with a Chromolith SpeedRod C18 column (0.46x5 cm) by means of a linear gradient (0–100%) of 0.1% trifluoroacetic acid (TFA)/acetonitrile in 0.1% aqueous TFA over 5 min at a flow rate of  $3\text{ mL}\cdot\text{min}^{-1}$ . **LC–MS** analyses were performed with a Waters Alliance 2690 HPLC coupled to a Waters-Micromass ZQ spectrometer (electrospray ionization mode, ESI+). Samples were separated by using a RP C18 monolithic Onyx Phenomenex  $2.5\times 0.46\text{ cm}$  column. The flow rate was set to  $3\text{ mL}\cdot\text{min}^{-1}$  with eluent A (water/0.1% formic acid), and a gradient of 0 to 100% of eluent B (acetonitrile/ 0.1% formic acid) in A over 3 min was then applied. Positive-ion electrospray mass spectra were acquired at a solvent flow rate of 100–500  $\mu\text{L}\cdot\text{min}^{-1}$ . Nitrogen was used as both the nebulizing and drying gas. The data were obtained in a scan mode in 0.1 s intervals; 10 scans were summed up to get the final spectrum. **TLC.** Thin-layer chromatography was performed on aluminum-backed sheets of silica gel F254 (0.2 mm), which were visualized under  $\nu=254\text{ nm}$  light. **Purification.** Column chromatography was performed by using Merck silica gel 60 of particle size 40–63  $\mu\text{m}$ . **HR–MS** were registered on a JEOL JMS-SX-102A mass spectrometer. **Mp.** Melting points were determined on a capillary melting point apparatus.

## Physico-chemical properties of compounds

### Compounds 1-12 derived from hydrazone reduction



**2-[[[3-Phenyl-5-sulfanylidene-4,5-dihydro-1H-1,2,4-triazol-4-yl]amino]methyl]benzoic acid - 1:** White powder; Yield: 69%; LC-MS  $t_{\text{R}}$ : 1.45 min;  $m/z$  (ESI+) 327.1 (M+H<sup>+</sup>); Mp = 161-162 °C; IR (ATR): 3082, 2932, 1683  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{DMSO}-d_6$ ): 13.92 (bs, 1H), 12.94 (bs, 1H), 7.88-7.84 (m, 2H), 7.73 (dd,  $J = 8, 1.2\text{ Hz}$ , 1H), 7.51-7.36 (m, 4H), 7.30 (td,  $J = 7.6, 1.2\text{ Hz}$ , 1H), 7.19 (d,  $J = 7.6\text{ Hz}$ , 1H), 6.77 (t,  $J = 4\text{ Hz}$ , 1H), 4.55 (d,  $J = 4\text{ Hz}$ , 2H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{DMSO}-d_6$ ): 168.1, 166.2, 148.8, 136.9, 131.5, 130.7, 130.4, 130.3 (2C), 128.3, 127.5, 127.5, 125.2, 50.8; HRMS (ESI+) calcd for  $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{15}\text{N}_4\text{O}_2\text{S}$  (M+H)<sup>+</sup> 327.0916, found 327.0919.

***o*-[[[5-Thioxo-3(*o*-tolyl)-1,4-dihydro-1,2,4-triazol-4-ylamino]methyl]benzoic acid - 2:** White powder; Yield: 35%; LC-MS  $t_{\text{R}}$ : 1.47 min;  $m/z$  (ESI+) 341.2 (M+H<sup>+</sup>); Mp = 193-194 °C; IR (ATR): 3269, 2826, 1682  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{DMSO}-d_6$ ): 13.86 (bs, 1H), 12.77 (bs, 1H), 7.70-7.66 (m, 1H), 7.38 (tt,  $J = 7,$

1.5 Hz, 1H); 7.29-7.18 (m, 5H), 6.93-6.90 (m, 1H), 6.78 (bs, 1H), 4.39 (s, 2H), 2.12 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>): 168.1, 165.4, 149.9, 137.4, 137.3, 131.2 (2C), 130.8, 130.2, 130.1 (2C), 130.0, 127.3, 125.4, 124.8, 50.9, 19.4; HRMS (ESI+) calcd for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>17</sub>N<sub>4</sub>O<sub>2</sub>S (M+H)<sup>+</sup> 341.1067, found 341.1073.

***o*-{[3-(3-Biphenyl)-5-thioxo-1,4-dihydro-1,2,4-triazol-4-ylamino]methyl}benzoic acid - 3:** White powder; Yield: 81%; LC-MS *t*<sub>R</sub>: 1.76 min; *m/z* (ES+) 403.0 (M+H<sup>+</sup>); Mp = 193-194 °C; IR (ATR): 3116, 2948, 1680 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>): 13.98 (bs, 1H), 12.94 (bs, 1H), 8.08 (t, *J* = 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.83 (dt, *J* = 7.5, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.77-7.71 (m, 2H), 7.58-7.19 (m, 9H), 6.87 (t, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 1H), 4.60 (d, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>): 168.0, 166.4, 148.8, 140.2, 139.2, 137.2, 131.6, 130.4, 130.3, 130.2, 129.1, 128.9, 128.6, 127.7, 127.4, 126.7, 126.6, 125.9, 125.7, 50.9; HRMS (ESI+) calcd for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>19</sub>N<sub>4</sub>O<sub>2</sub>S (M+H)<sup>+</sup> 403.1229, found 403.1233.

**2-([3-(Naphthalen-2-yl)-5-sulfanylidene-4,5-dihydro-1H-1,2,4-triazol-4-yl]amino)methyl}benzoic acid - 4:** White powder; Yield: 45%; LC-MS *t*<sub>R</sub>: 1.65 min; *m/z* (ES+) 377.2 (M+H<sup>+</sup>); Mp = 213-214 °C; IR (ATR): 3216, 2921, 2849, 1687 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>): 14.01 (bs, 1H), 12.98 (bs, 1H), 8.60 (s, 1H), 7.94 (bs, 3H), 7.89 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.70 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.63-7.54 (m, 2H), 7.39-7.34 (m, 1H), 7.29-7.23 (m, 2H), 6.90-6.84 (m, 1H), 4.63 (d, *J* = 5.2 Hz, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>): 168.1, 166.5, 148.6, 137.1, 133.2, 132.0, 131.5, 130.8, 130.6, 130.3, 128.6, 127.9, 127.6, 127.5, 127.4, 127.3, 126.6, 124.1, 122.6, 50.9; HRMS (ESI+) calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>17</sub>N<sub>4</sub>O<sub>2</sub>S (M+H)<sup>+</sup> 377.1072, found 377.1070.

***o*-{[3-(1H-Indol-2-yl)-5-thioxo-1,4-dihydro-1,2,4-triazol-4-ylamino]methyl}benzoic acid - 5:** White powder; Yield: 47%; LC-MS *t*<sub>R</sub>: 1.60 min; *m/z* (ES+) 366.1 (M+H<sup>+</sup>); Mp = 242-243 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>): 14.01 (bs, 1H), 13.15 (bs, 1H), 11.69 (bs, 1H), 7.84 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 7.57-7.42 (m, 4H), 7.37 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.27 (d, *J* = 1.0 Hz, 1H), 7.19 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.03 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 6.84 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 6.53 (s, 1H), 4.69 (d, *J* = 5.5 Hz, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>): 168.4, 166.2, 143.9, 137.0, 136.6, 131.8, 130.7, 130.4, 130.3, 127.8, 127.1, 123.4, 122.2, 121.1, 119.1, 111.8, 104.1, 50.7; HRMS (ESI+) calcd for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>16</sub>N<sub>5</sub>O<sub>2</sub>S (M+H)<sup>+</sup> 366.1025, found 366.1028.

**2-([3-(Benzyl-5-sulfanylidene-4,5-dihydro-1H-1,2,4-triazol-4-yl]amino)methyl}benzoic acid - 6:** White powder; Yield: 89%; LC-MS *t*<sub>R</sub>: 1.51 min; *m/z* (ES+) 341.2 (M+H<sup>+</sup>); Mp = 158-159 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>): 13.56 (bs, 1H), 13.11 (bs, 1H), 7.85 (dd, *J* = 7.6, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.51 (td, *J* = 7.6, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.43 (td, *J* = 7.6, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.31-7.18 (m, 4H), 7.15-7.10 (m, 2H), 6.53 (bs, 1H), 4.56 (s, 2H), 3.68 (s, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>): 168.5, 165.6, 151.6, 137.1, 135.2, 131.5, 130.9, 130.2, 128.7, 128.3, 127.8, 126.6, 99.4, 50.3, 29.6; HRMS (ESI+) calcd for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>17</sub>N<sub>4</sub>O<sub>2</sub>S (M+H)<sup>+</sup> 341.1072, found 341.1074.

***o*-{[3-[(2-Naphthyl)methyl]-5-thioxo-1,4-dihydro-1,2,4-triazol-4-ylamino]methyl}benzoic acid - 7:** White powder; Yield: 47%; LC-MS *t*<sub>R</sub>: 1.70 min; *m/z* (ES+) 391.1 (M+H<sup>+</sup>); Mp = 202-203 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>): 13.60 (bs, 1H), 13.06 (bs, 1H), 7.87-7.77 (m, 4H), 7.62 (s, 1H), 7.52-7.41 (m, 4H), 7.31-7.24 (m, 2H), 6.57 (bs, 1H), 4.60 (s, 2H), 3.86 (s, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>): 168.6, 165.7, 151.6, 137.1, 132.8 (2C), 131.8, 131.6, 131.5, 131.0, 130.2, 127.8, 127.7, 127.4, 127.3, 127.2, 127.1, 126.1, 125.7, 50.3, 45.4; HRMS (ESI+) calcd for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>19</sub>N<sub>4</sub>O<sub>2</sub>S (M+H)<sup>+</sup> 391.1229, found 391.1230.

***o*-{[3-(Phenethyl-5-thioxo-1,4-dihydro-1,2,4-triazol-4-ylamino)methyl]benzoic acid - 8:** White powder; Yield: 71%; LC-MS *t*<sub>R</sub>: 1.58 min; *m/z* (ES+) 355.1 (M+H<sup>+</sup>); Mp = 164-165 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>): 13.48 (bs, 1H), 13.06 (bs, 1H), 7.84 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.52-7.39 (m, 2H), 7.33-7.09 (m, 6H),

6.55 (bs, 1H), 4.61(bs, 2H), 2.78 (t,  $J = 7.8$  Hz, 2H), 2.56 (t,  $J = 7.8$  Hz, 2H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{DMSO-}d_6$ ): 168.5, 165.5, 151.8, 140.1, 137.4, 131.5 (2C), 131.0, 130.3, 128.2, 128.1, 127.8, 126.0, 50.4, 31.0, 25.3; HRMS (ESI+) calcd for  $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{19}\text{N}_4\text{O}_2\text{S}$  ( $\text{M}+\text{H}$ ) $^+$  355.1229, found 355.1229.

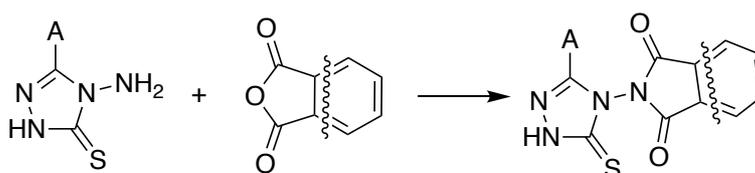
**4-[[*o*-Nitrophenyl)methyl]amino]-5-phenethyl-2,4-dihydro-1,2,4-triazole-3-thione - 9** Light yellow powder; Yield: 66%; LC-MS  $t_R$ : 1.77 min;  $m/z$  (ES+) 356.0 ( $\text{M}+\text{H}$ ) $^+$ ; Mp = 153-154 °C;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{DMSO-}d_6$ ): 13.54 (bs, 1H), 7.99 (td,  $J = 8.0, 1.0$  Hz, 1H), 7.68 (td,  $J = 7.5, 1.0$  Hz, 1H), 7.59 (t,  $J = 7.5$  Hz, 1H), 7.51 (d,  $J = 7.5$  Hz, 1H), 7.28-7.09 (m, 5H), 6.75 (t,  $J = 10.0$  Hz, 1H), 4.59 (d,  $J = 10.0$  Hz, 2H), 2.78 (t,  $J = 7.8$  Hz, 2H), 2.55 (t,  $J = 7.8$  Hz, 2H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{DMSO-}d_6$ ): 166.3, 152.4, 149.8, 140.6, 133.9, 132.6, 131.6, 129.9, 128.8, 128.6, 126.6, 125.1, 49.4, 31.6, 25.8; HRMS (ESI+) calcd for  $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{18}\text{N}_5\text{O}_2\text{S}$  ( $\text{M}+\text{H}$ ) $^+$  356.1181, found 356.1188.

***p*-[[3-Phenethyl-5-thioxo-1,4-dihydro-1,2,4-triazol-4-ylamino)methyl]benzoic acid - 10:** White powder; Yield: 55%; LC-MS  $t_R$ : 1.50 min;  $m/z$  (ES+) 355.1 ( $\text{M}+\text{H}$ ) $^+$ ; Mp = 229-230 °C;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{DMSO-}d_6$ ): 13.55 (bs, 1H), 12.98 (bs, 1H), 7.90 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 2H), 7.40 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 2H), 7.24 (t,  $J = 7.5$  Hz, 2H), 7.16 (t,  $J = 7.5$  Hz, 1H), 7.07 (d,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 2H), 6.64 (t,  $J = 4.5$  Hz, 1H), 4.34 (d,  $J = 4.5$  Hz, 2H), 2.75 (t,  $J = 7.8$  Hz, 2H), 2.53-2.49 (m, 2H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{DMSO-}d_6$ ): 167.1, 165.6, 152.0, 141.5, 140.1, 129.4, 129.4, 129.3, 128.2, 128.1, 126.0, 51.6, 30.9, 25.5; HRMS (ESI+) calcd for  $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{19}\text{N}_4\text{O}_2\text{S}$  ( $\text{M}+\text{H}$ ) $^+$  355.1229, found 355.1234.

**2-[[3-(2,2-Diphenylethyl)-5-sulfanylidene-4,5-dihydro-1H-1,2,4-triazol-4-yl]amino)methyl]benzoic acid - 11:** White powder; Yield: 45%; LC-MS  $t_R$ : 1.74 min;  $m/z$  (ES+) 431.2 ( $\text{M}+\text{H}$ ) $^+$ ; Mp = 185-186 °C;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{DMSO-}d_6$ ): 13.38 (bs, 1H), 13.15 (bs, 1H), 7.86 (td,  $J = 7.6, 1.6$  Hz, 1H), 7.48 (td,  $J = 7.4, 1.2$  Hz, 1H), 7.34 (d,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 1H), 7.27-7.10 (m, 11H), 6.58 (bs, 1H), 4.63 (bs, 2H), 4.48 (t,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1H), 3.03 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{DMSO-}d_6$ ): 168.5, 165.4, 150.8, 143.4, 137.4, 131.5, 130.9, 130.2, 128.2, 127.8, 127.4, 127.3, 126.2, 50.4, 46.5, 29.3; HRMS (ESI+) calcd for  $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{23}\text{N}_4\text{O}_2\text{S}$  ( $\text{M}+\text{H}$ ) $^+$  431.1542, found 431.1542.

***o*-[[3-[[2-Naphthyloxy)methyl]-5-thioxo-1,4-dihydro-1,2,4-triazol-4-ylamino)methyl]benzoic acid - 12:** White powder; Yield: 58%; LC-MS  $t_R$ : 1.73 min;  $m/z$  (ES+) 407.0 ( $\text{M}+\text{H}$ ) $^+$ ; Mp = 193-194 °C;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{DMSO-}d_6$ ): 13.87 (bs, 1H), 13.16 (bs, 1H), 7.85-7.77 (m, 4H), 7.48 (t,  $J = 7.5$  Hz, 1H), 7.43-7.31 (m, 5H), 7.12 (dd,  $J = 9.0, 2.5$  Hz, 1H), 6.80 (bs, 1H), 4.96 (s, 2H), 4.66 (s, 2H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{DMSO-}d_6$ ): 168.6, 166.2, 155.1, 148.0, 137.1, 133.8, 131.5, 130.6, 130.2, 129.4 (2C), 128.7, 127.7, 127.4, 126.7, 126.4, 123.9, 118.2, 107.3, 58.7, 51.0; HRMS (ESI+) calcd for  $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{19}\text{N}_4\text{O}_3\text{S}$  ( $\text{M}+\text{H}$ ) $^+$  407.1178, found 407.1182.

#### Compounds 13-16 derived from succinic anhydride condensation



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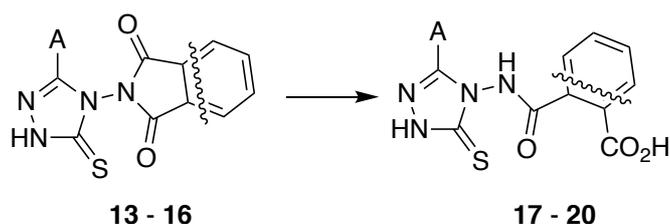
**2-(3-Phenyl-5-thioxo-1,4-dihydro-1,2,4-triazol-4-yl)-2H-isoindole-1,3-dione - 13:** White powder; Yield: 72%; LC-MS  $t_R$ : 1.60 min;  $m/z$  (ES+) 323.1 (M+H<sup>+</sup>); Mp = 211-212 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>): 14.78 (bs, 1H), 8.15-8.11 (m, 2H), 8.08-8.03 (m, 2H), 7.69-7.66 (m, 2H), 7.61-7.56 (m, 1H), 7.55-7.50 (m, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>): 167.1, 163.5, 150.2, 136.4, 131.8, 129.5, 128.9, 127.0, 125.0, 123.2; HRMS (ESI+) calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>11</sub>N<sub>4</sub>O<sub>2</sub>S (M+H)<sup>+</sup> 323.0597, found 323.0605.

**2-(3-Benzyl-5-thioxo-1,4-dihydro-1,2,4-triazol-4-yl)-2H-isoindole-1,3-dione - 14:** White powder; Yield: 54%; LC-MS  $t_R$ : 1.59 min;  $m/z$  (ES+) 337.1 (M+H<sup>+</sup>); Mp = 229-230 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>): 14.34 (bs, 1H), 8.12-8.07 (m, 2H), 8.05-8.01 (m, 2H), 7.27-7.17 (m, 5H), 4.12 (s, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>): 166.3, 162.6, 151.8, 136.0, 134.1, 129.2, 128.8, 128.5, 127.1, 124.6, 29.5; HRMS (ESI+) calcd for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>13</sub>N<sub>4</sub>O<sub>2</sub>S (M+H)<sup>+</sup> 337.0754, found 337.0753.

**2-[3-(3-Biphenyl)-5-thioxo-1,4-dihydro-1,2,4-triazol-4-yl]-2H-isoindole-1,3-dione - 15:** Pink powder, Yield: 62%; LC-MS  $t_R$ : 1.90 min;  $m/z$  (ES+) 399.1 (M+H<sup>+</sup>); Mp = 199-200 °C; IR (ATR): 3034, 2947, 1751 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>): 14.81 (bs, 1H), 8.17-8.13 (m, 2H), 8.08-8.04 (m, 2H), 7.90-7.86 (m, 2H), 7.65-7.57 (m, 4H), 7.48-7.43 (m, 2H), 7.41-7.37 (m, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>): 167.1, 163.5, 150.2, 141.2, 138.6, 136.5, 130.4, 130.1, 129.1, 128.9, 128.2, 126.7, 125.9, 125.2, 125.0, 123.9; HRMS (ESI+) calcd for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>15</sub>N<sub>4</sub>O<sub>2</sub>S (M+H)<sup>+</sup> 399.0910, found 399.0916.

**1-[3-(3-Biphenyl)-5-thioxo-1,4-dihydro-1,2,4-triazol-4-yl]-2,5-pyrrolidinedione - 16:** Off-white powder; Yield: 67%; LC-MS  $t_R$ : 1.66 min;  $m/z$  (ES+) 351.1 (M+H<sup>+</sup>); Mp = 221-222 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>): 14.71 (bs, 1H), 7.98-7.92 (m, 1H), 7.79-7.76 (m, 1H), 7.68-7.65 (m, 3H), 7.53-7.47 (m, 3H), 7.45-7.41 (m, 1H), 3.08 (bs, 4H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>): 173.6, 172.6, 166.8, 149.7, 141.3, 138.7, 130.4, 129.2, 128.2, 126.8, 125.7, 125.2, 123.9, 28.7, 26.8; HRMS (ESI+) calcd for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>15</sub>N<sub>4</sub>O<sub>2</sub>S (M+H)<sup>+</sup> 351.0910, found 351.0924.

#### Compounds 17-20 obtained after succinimide ring-opening reaction



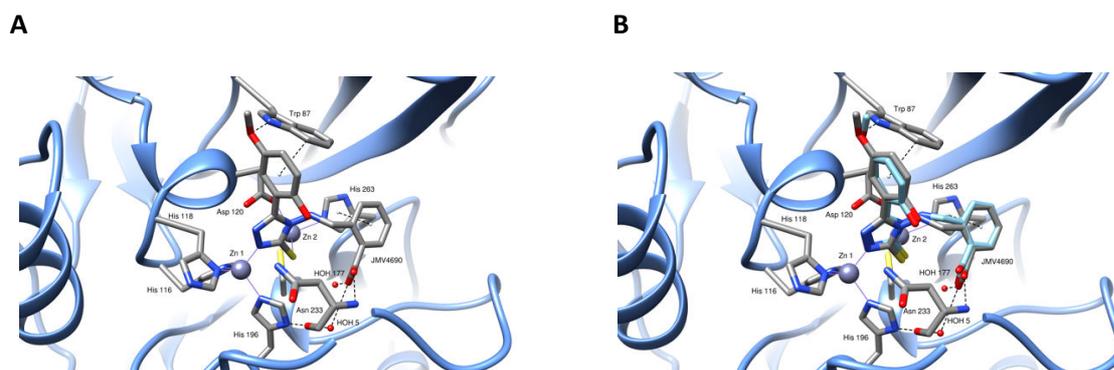
***o*-[(3-Phenyl-5-thioxo-1,4-dihydro-1,2,4-triazol-4-ylamino)carbonyl]benzoic acid - 17:** White powder; Yield: 11%; LC-MS  $t_R$ : 1.13 min;  $m/z$  (ES+) 341.0 (M+H<sup>+</sup>); Mp = 177-178 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>): 14.19 (bs, 2H), 13.31 (bs, 1H), 8.16-8.12 (m, 1H), 7.92-7.85 (m, 3H), 7.71-7.59 (m, 2H), 7.57-7.48 (m, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>): 167.8 (2C), 167.6, 150.3, 131.8, 130.9, 130.6, 130.0, 129.4, 128.9, 128.8, 128.5, 127.5, 124.5; HRMS (ESI+) calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>13</sub>N<sub>4</sub>O<sub>3</sub>S (M+H)<sup>+</sup> 341.0703, found 341.0707.

***o*-[(3-Benzyl-5-thioxo-1,4-dihydro-1,2,4-triazol-4-ylamino)carbonyl]benzoic acid - 18:** White powder; Yield: 27%; LC-MS  $t_R$ : 1.19 min;  $m/z$  (ES+) 355.1 (M+H<sup>+</sup>); Mp > 250 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>): 13.80 (bs, 1H), 13.53 (bs, 1H), 7.94 (dd, *J* = 5 Hz, 1H), 7.85-7.74 (m, 2H), 7.72-7.69 (m, 1H),

7.63 (bs, 1H), 7.32-7.29 (m, 3H), 7.26-7.21 (m, 2H), 4.06 (s, 2H); HRMS (ESI+) calcd for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>15</sub>N<sub>4</sub>O<sub>3</sub>S (M+H)<sup>+</sup> 355.0859, found 355.0863.

***o*-{[3-(3-Biphenyl)-5-thioxo-1,4-dihydro-1,2,4-triazol-4-ylamino]carbonyl}benzoic acid - 19:** White powder; Yield: 44%; LC-MS *t<sub>R</sub>*: 1.52 min; *m/z* (ES+) 416.9 (M+H<sup>+</sup>); Mp = 180-181 °C; IR (ATR): 3073, 3031, 2921, 1692 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>): 14.31 (bs, 1H), 13.20 (bs, 1H), 11.96 (bs, 1H), 8.11 (d, *J* = 10 Hz, 1H), 8.08 (bs, 1H), 7.97 (d, *J* = 10 Hz, 1H), 7.89-7.83 (m, 2H), 7.74-7.61 (m, 5H), 7.47 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.39 (t, *J* = 7.54 Hz, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>): 168.3, 167.5, 167.3, 150.4, 140.7, 139.2, 134.3, 131.9, 131.3, 131.0, 129.7, 129.6; 129.4, 129.1, 129.0, 127.9, 126.9, 126.6, 125.6, 125.0; HRMS (ESI+) calcd for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>17</sub>N<sub>4</sub>O<sub>3</sub>S (M+H)<sup>+</sup> 417.1016, found 417.1032.

**4-[3-(3-Biphenyl)-5-thioxo-1,4-dihydro-1,2,4-triazol-4-ylamino]-4-oxobutyric acid - 20:** White powder; Yield: 31%; LC-MS *t<sub>R</sub>*: 1.38 min; *m/z* (ES+) 369.1 (M+H<sup>+</sup>); Mp > 250 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>): 14.19 (bs, 1H), 12.21 (bs, 1H), 11.60 (bs, 1H), 7.97 (bs, 1H), 7.86 (d, *J* = 5 Hz, 1H), 7.72-7.68 (m, 3H), 7.61 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.50 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.42 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 2.61-2.56 (m, 2H), 2.51-2.45 (m, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>): 173.2, 171.0, 167.9, 150.1, 140.7, 139.0, 129.7, 129.2, 129.1, 128.0, 126.8, 126.2, 124.4, 125.2, 39.4, 28.4; HRMS (ESI+) calcd for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>17</sub>NO<sub>3</sub>S (M+H)<sup>+</sup> 369.1016, found 369.1029.



**Figure S1.** (A) View of the crystallographic structure of the complex between VIM-2 and JMV4690 used for docking experiments (6YRP.pdb, [Gavara L. et al. unpublished, 2020]). (B) Docking of JMV4690 (light blue) in VIM-2 using AutoDock 4.2. The docked pose of JMV4690 was superimposed with the experimental pose.

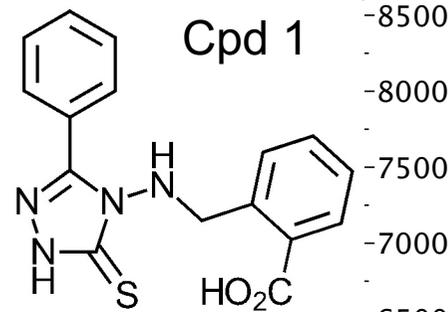
**Table S1.** Docking data for compounds JMV4690, JMV4390, **1** and **17**.<sup>a</sup>

Cpd	Exp. $K_i$ ( $\mu\text{M}$ )	Best free energy (kcal/mol)	Estimated $K_i$ ( $\mu\text{M}$ )	Percentage of docking solutions <sup>c</sup>	Distance $\text{N}^2 - \text{Zn1}$ ( $\text{\AA}$ )	Distance $\text{S} - \text{Zn2}$ ( $\text{\AA}$ )
JMV4690	0.7 <sup>b</sup>	-8.54	0.55	13	1.96	2.27
JMV4390	2.7 <sup>b</sup>	-7.54	2.98	6	2.19	1.91
<b>1</b>	1.4	-7.03	7.01	8	2.12	1.90
<b>17</b>	NI	-6.64	13.5	15	2.44	2.13

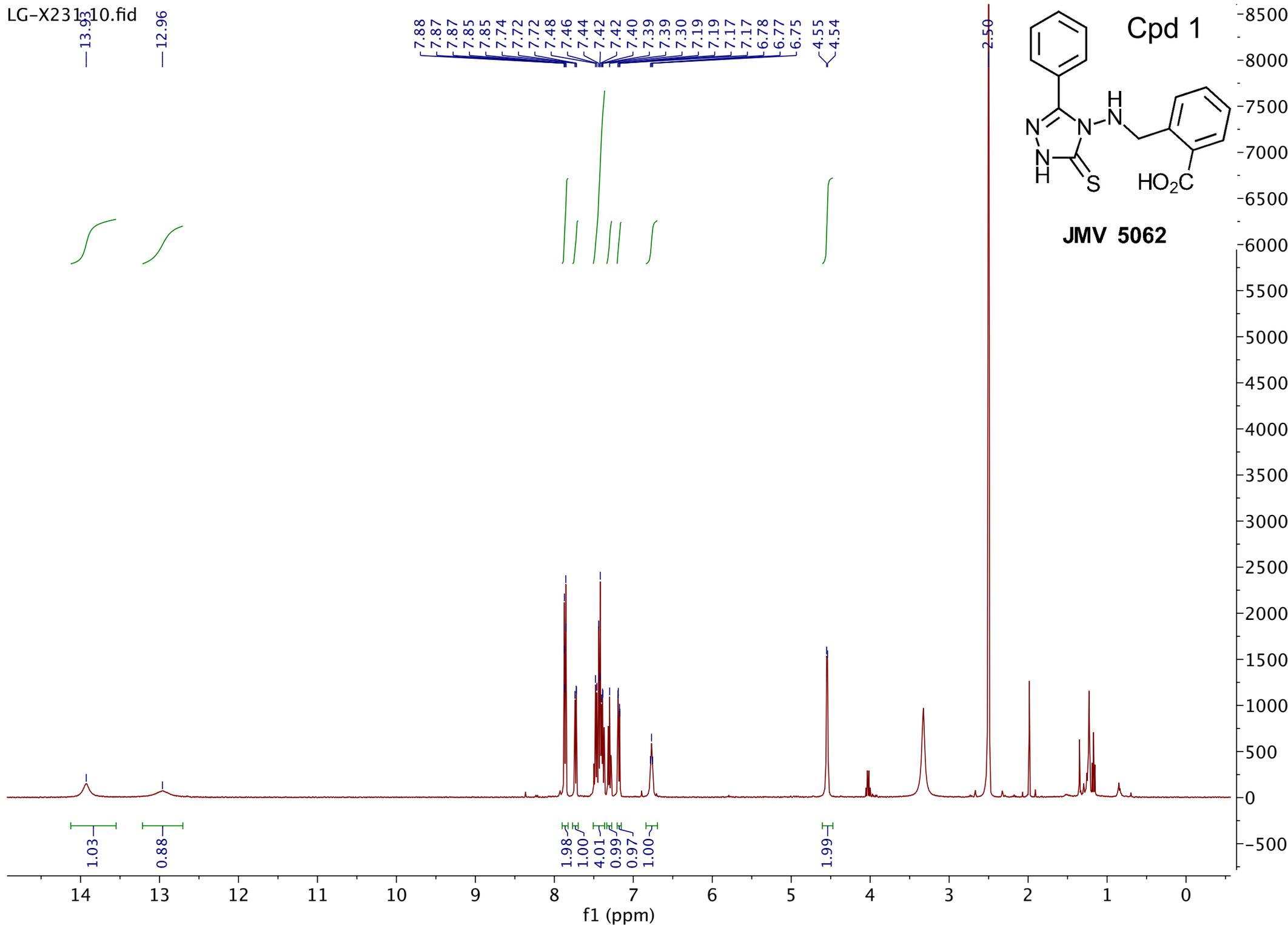
<sup>a</sup>Docking data were obtained using AutoDock 4.2. <sup>b</sup>From Gavara 2020. <sup>c</sup>Docking was performed on VIM-2 devoid of the hydroxide anion between the two zincs letting two positive charges without screening. For this reason, about 90% of solutions placed the carboxylate between the two zincs.

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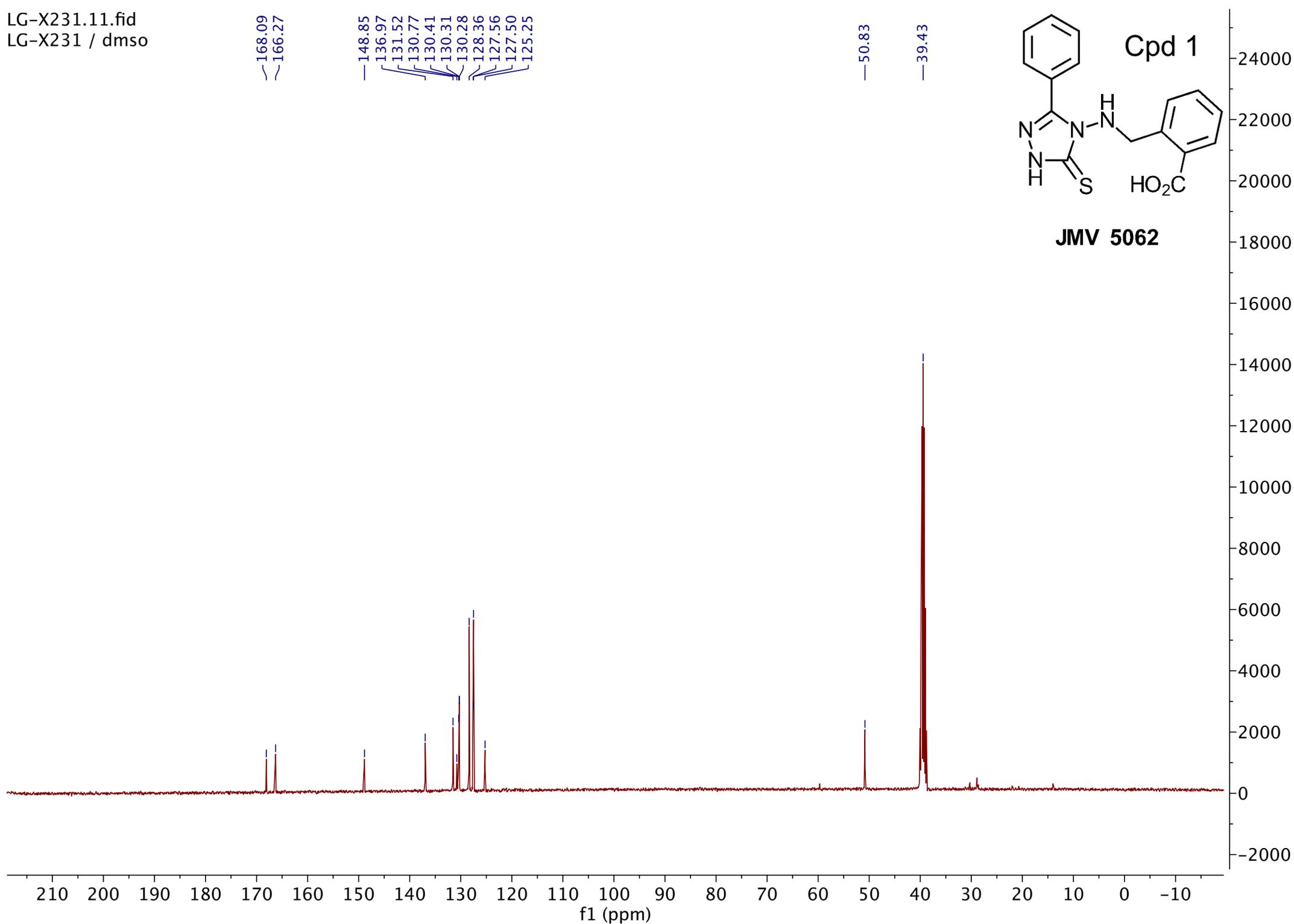
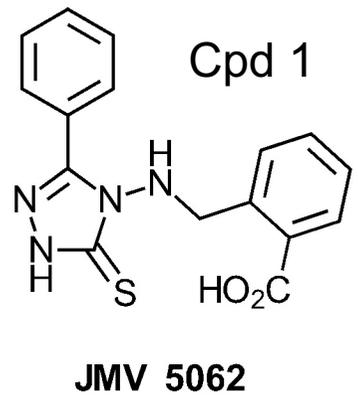
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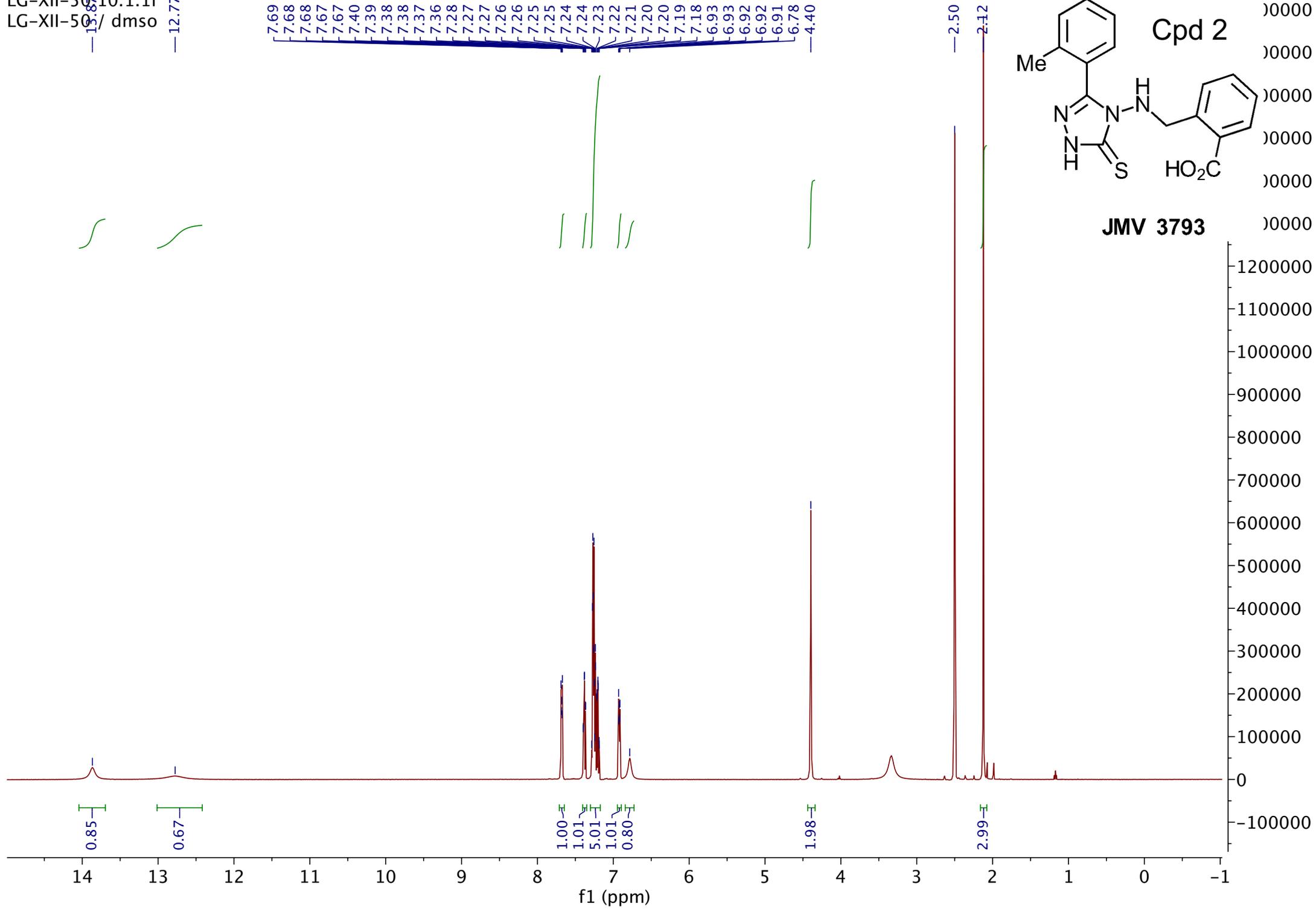
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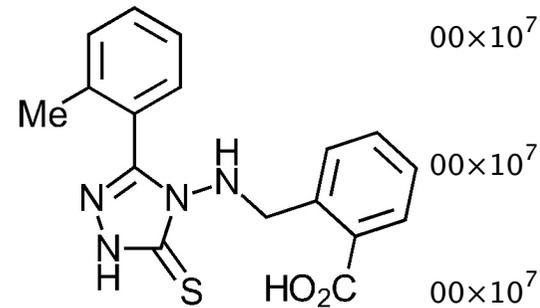
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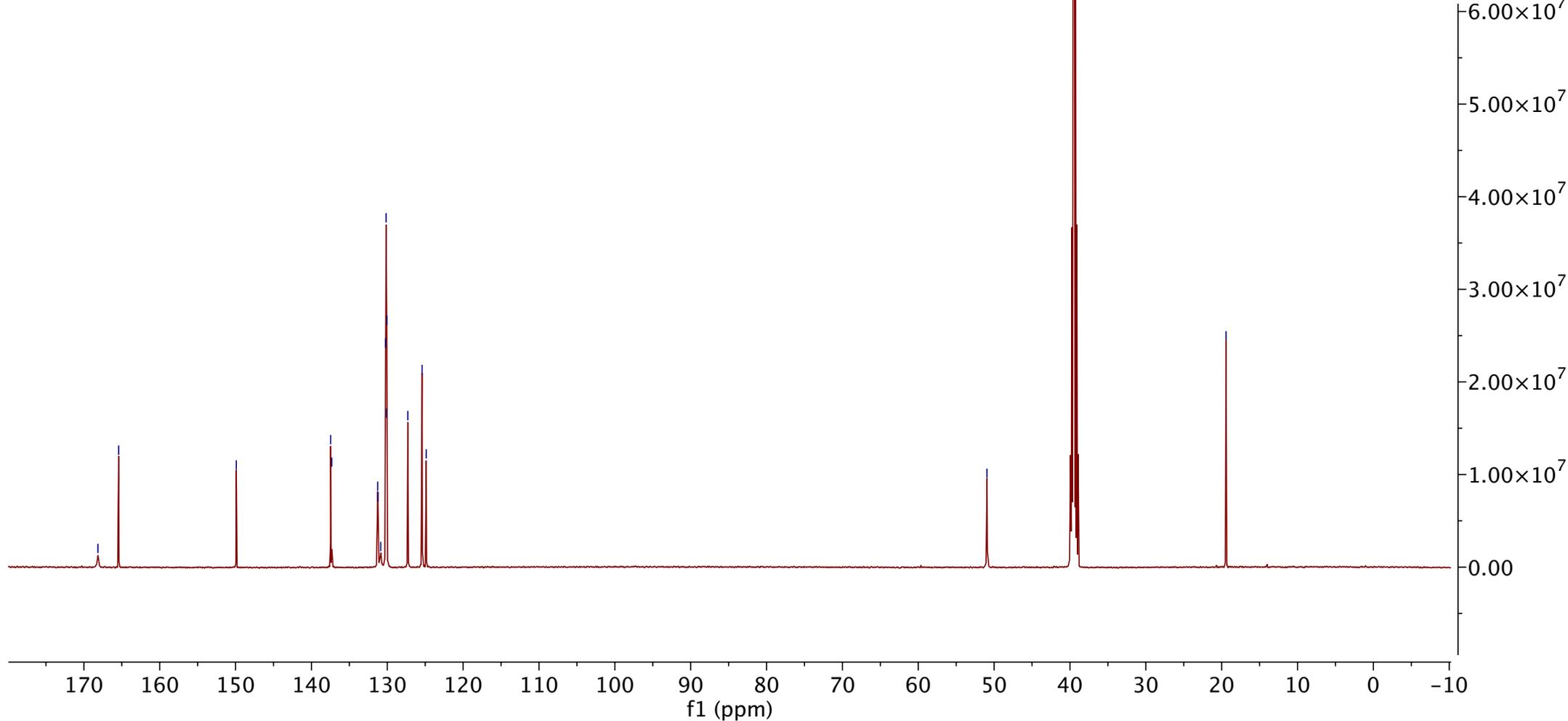
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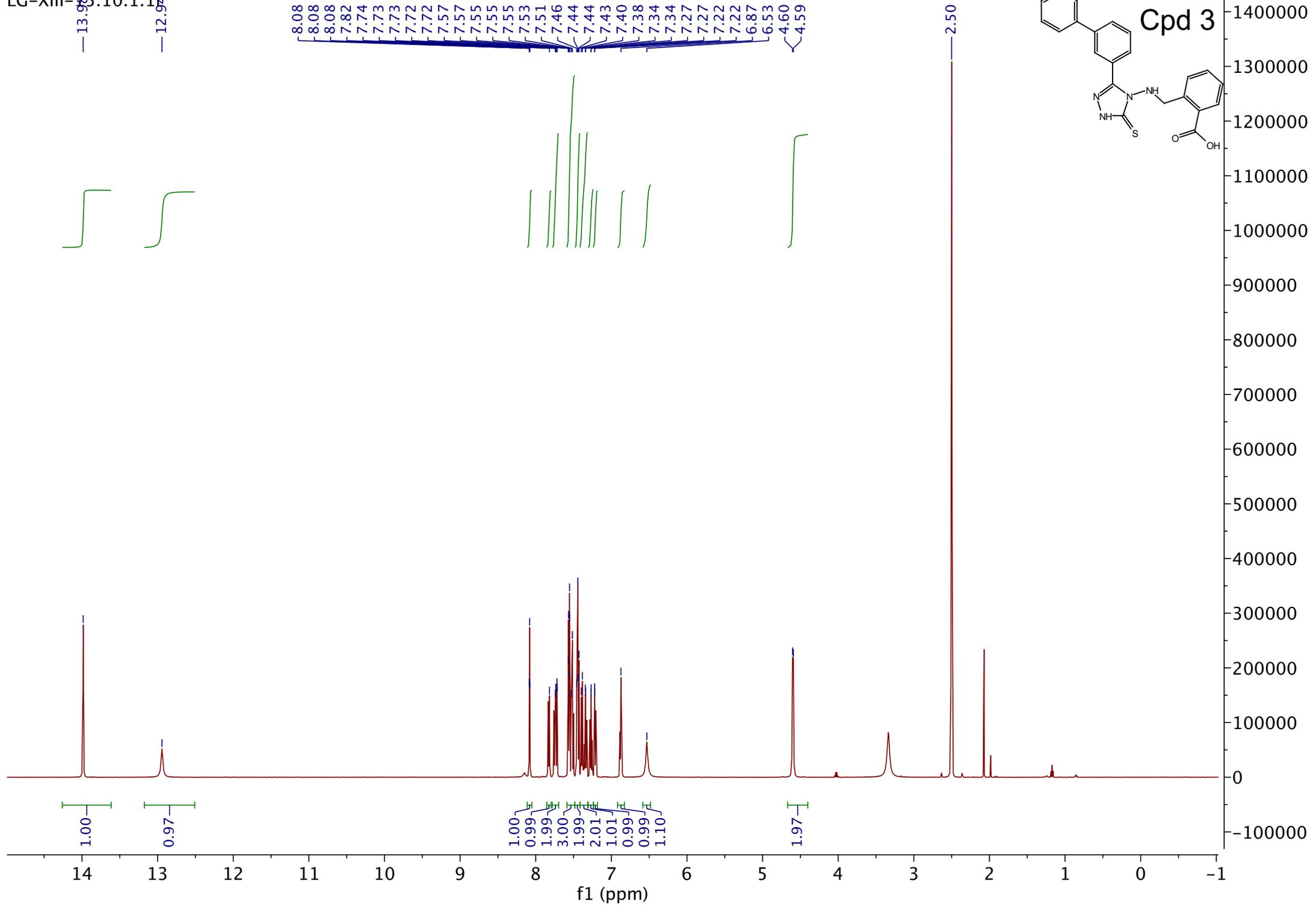
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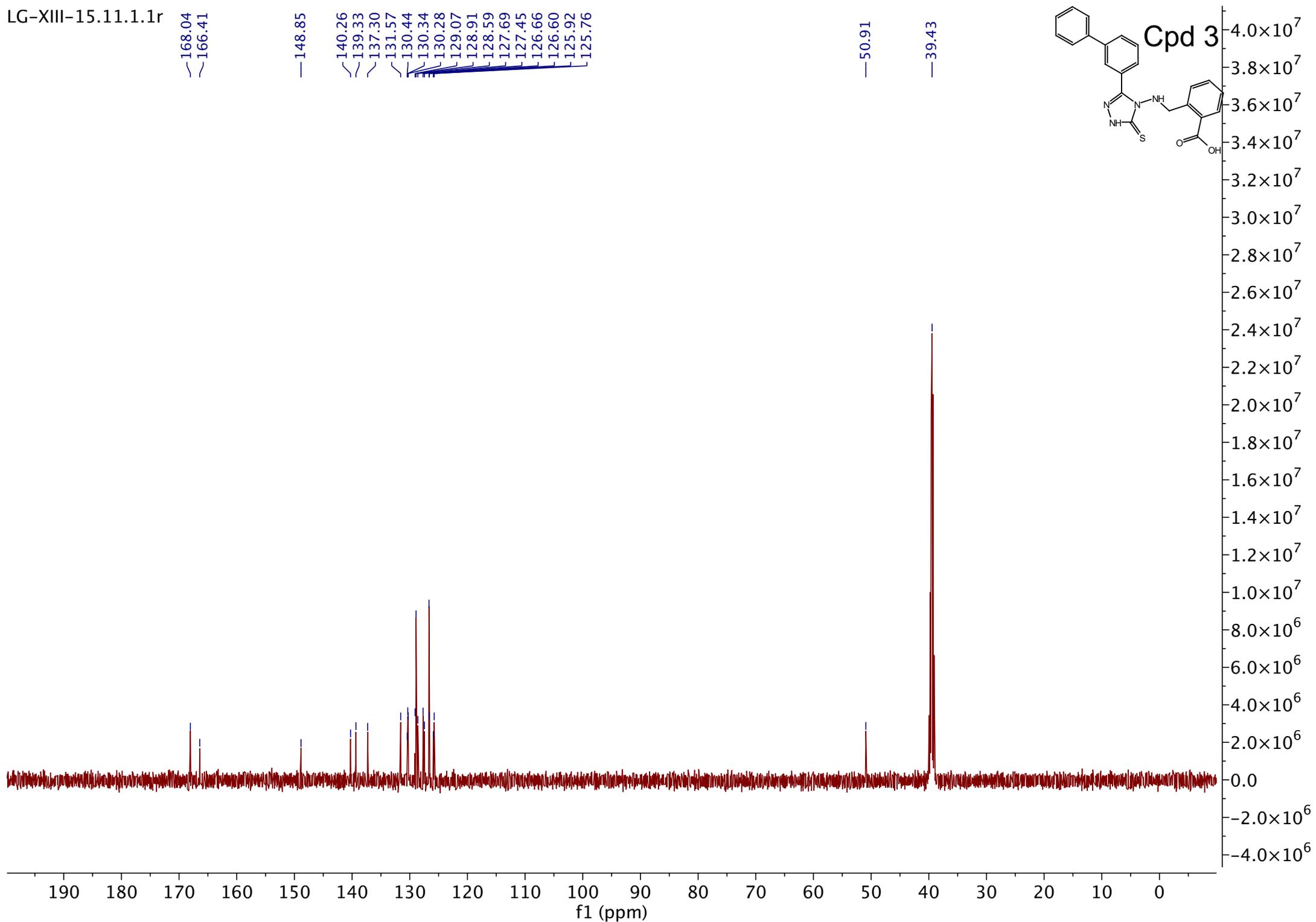
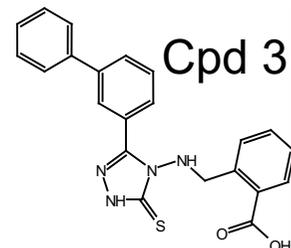
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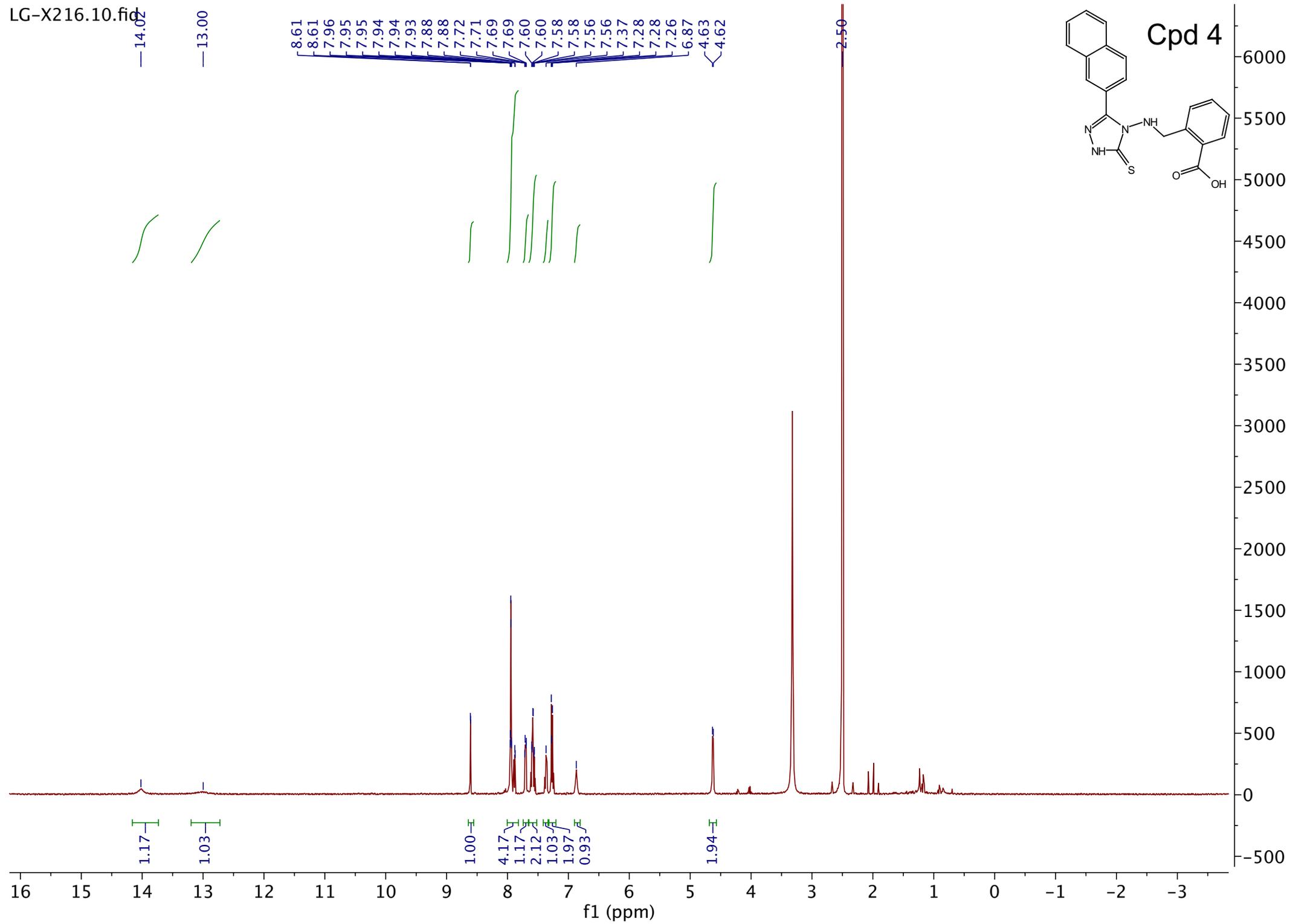


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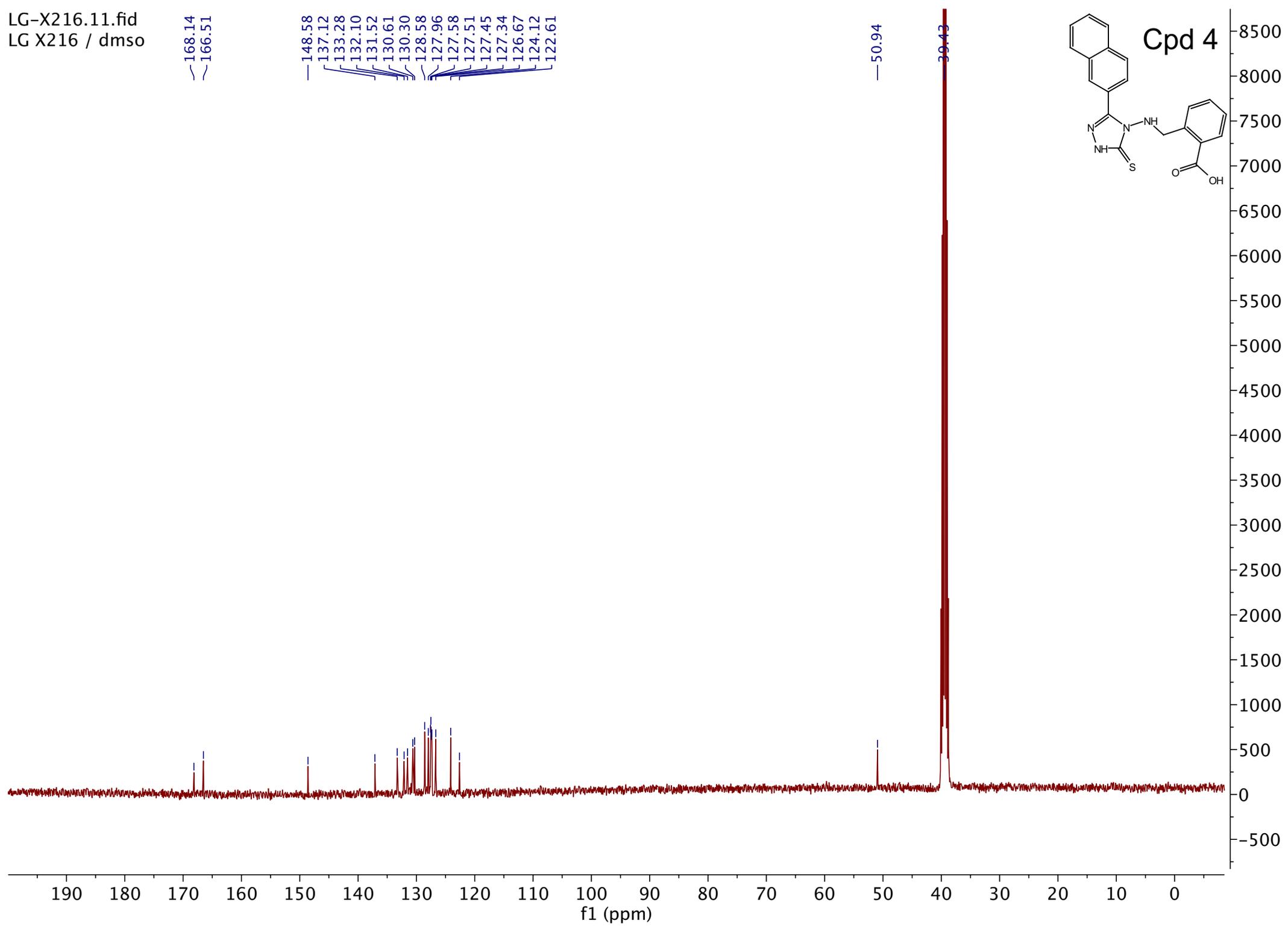
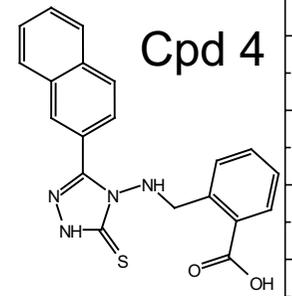
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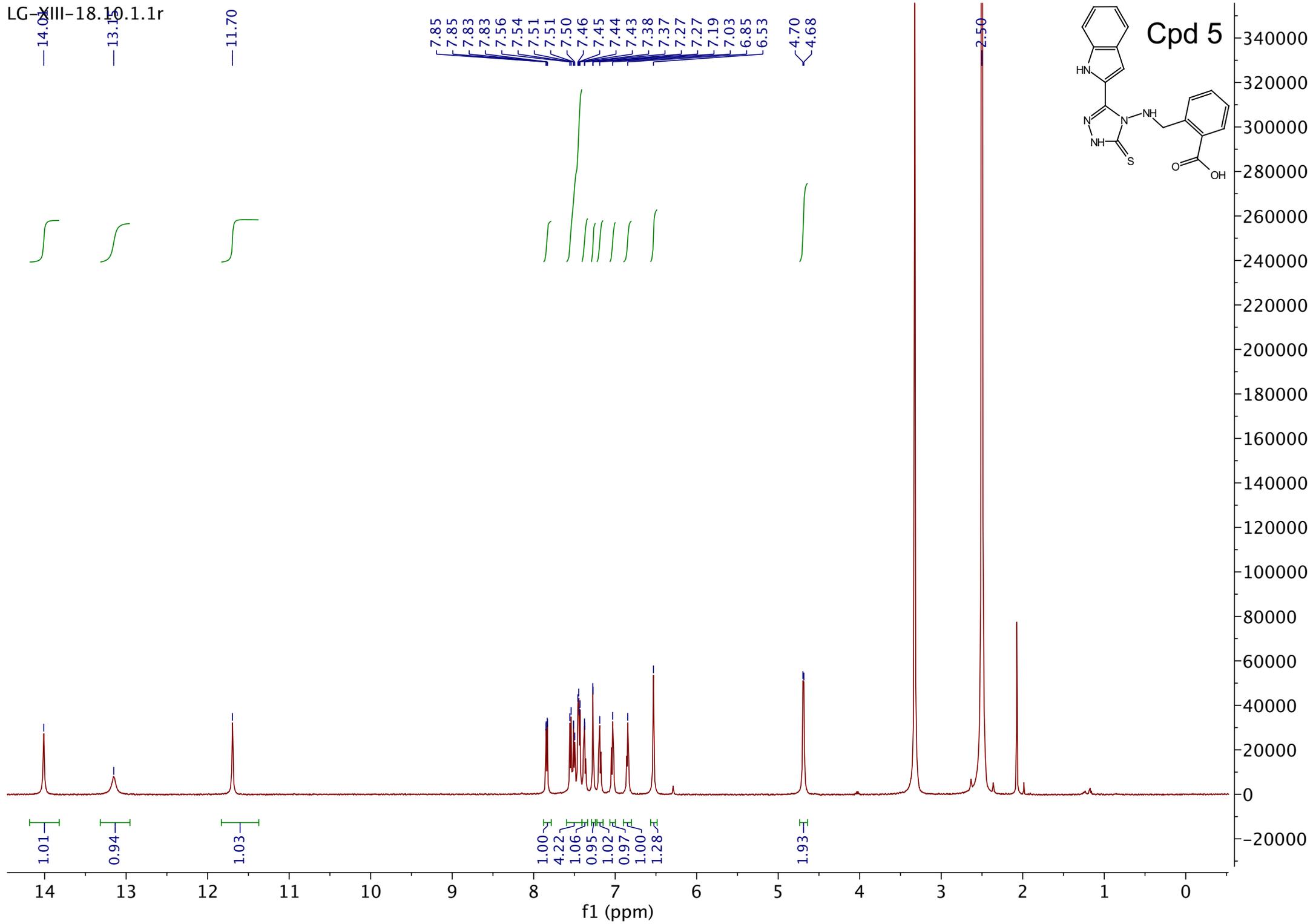
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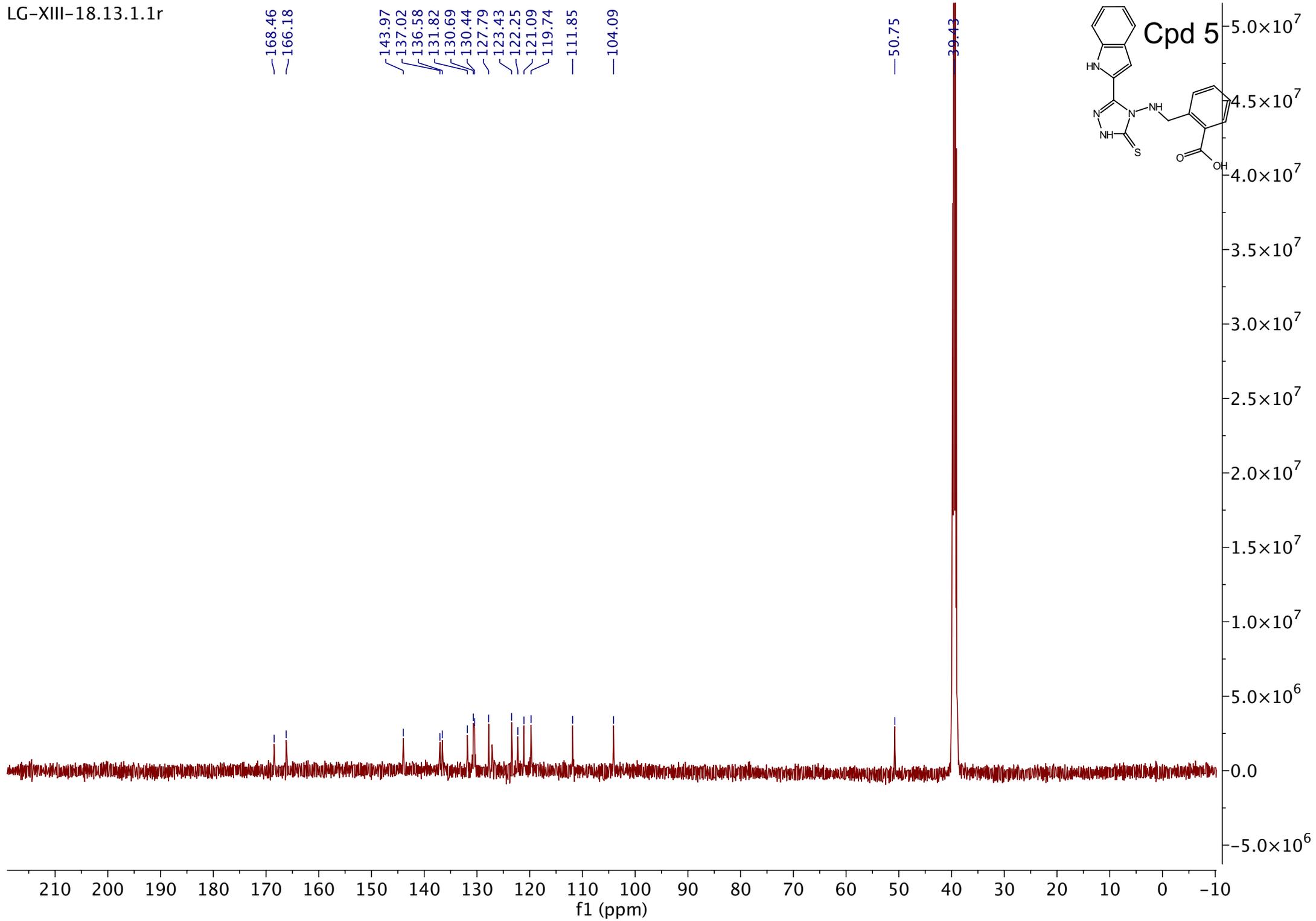
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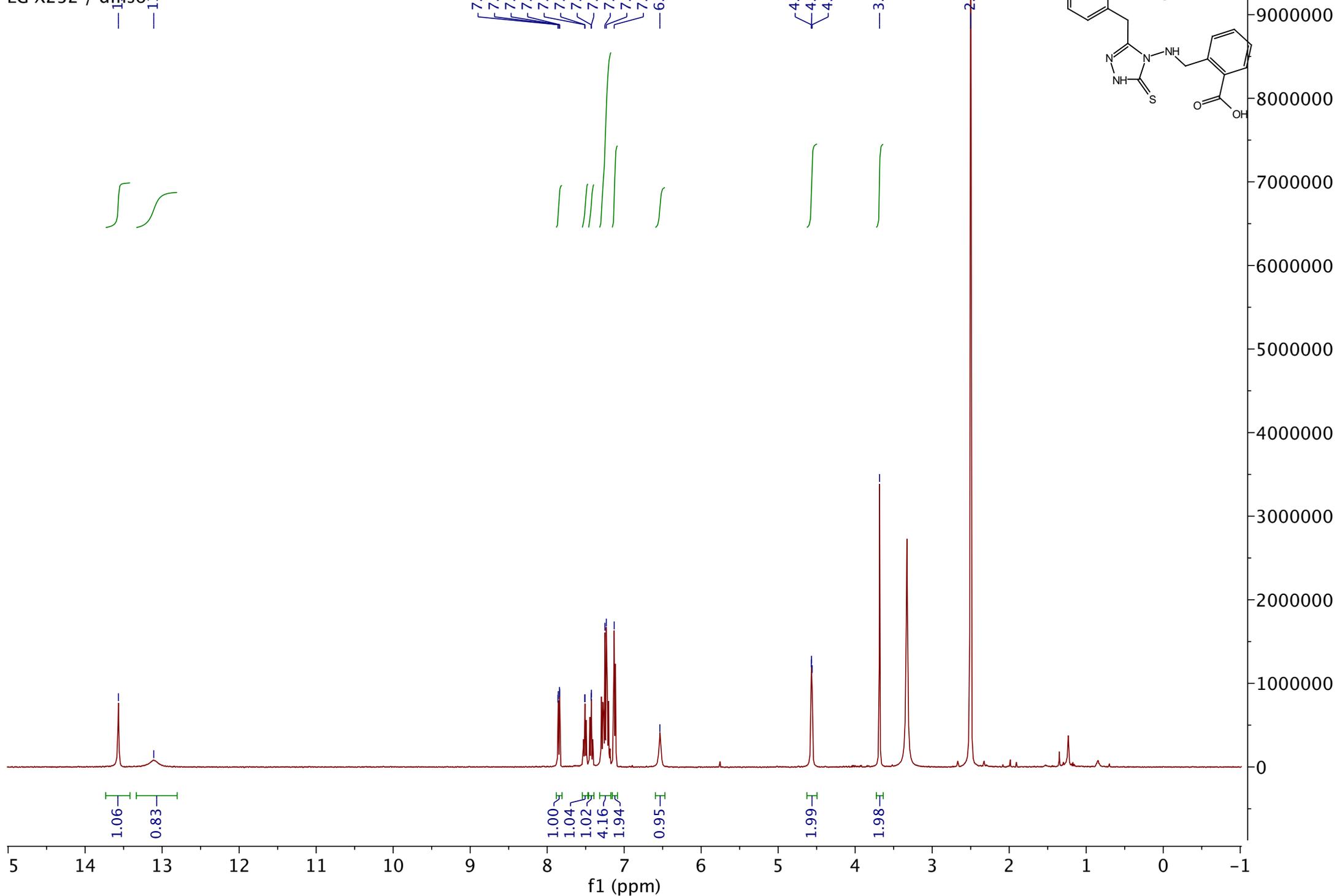
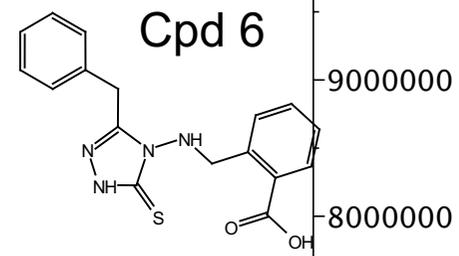
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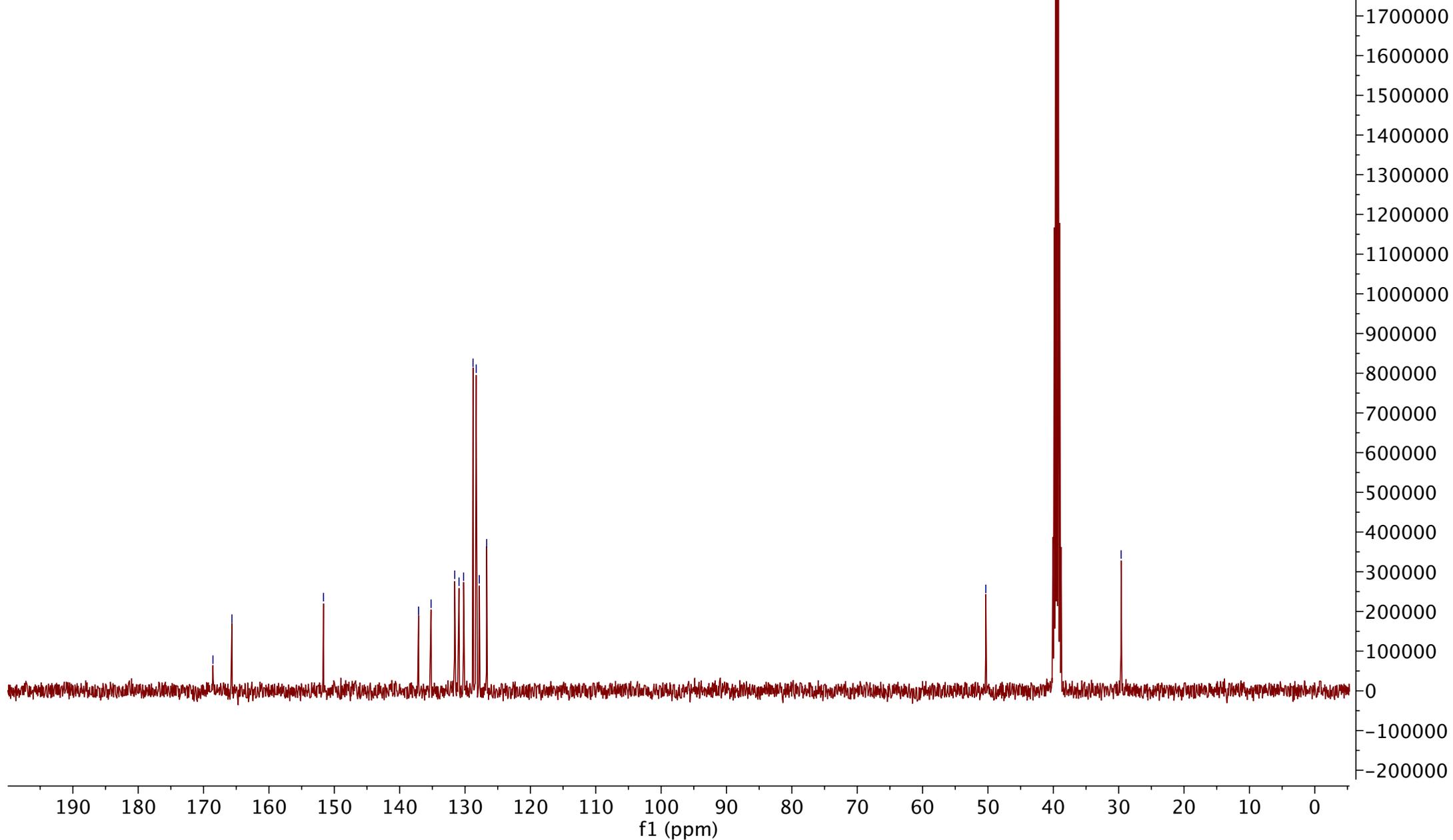
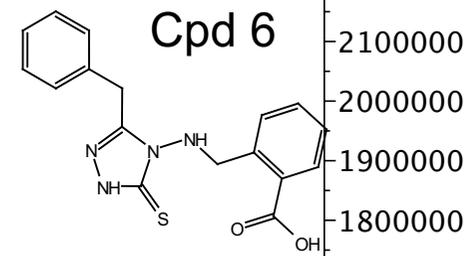
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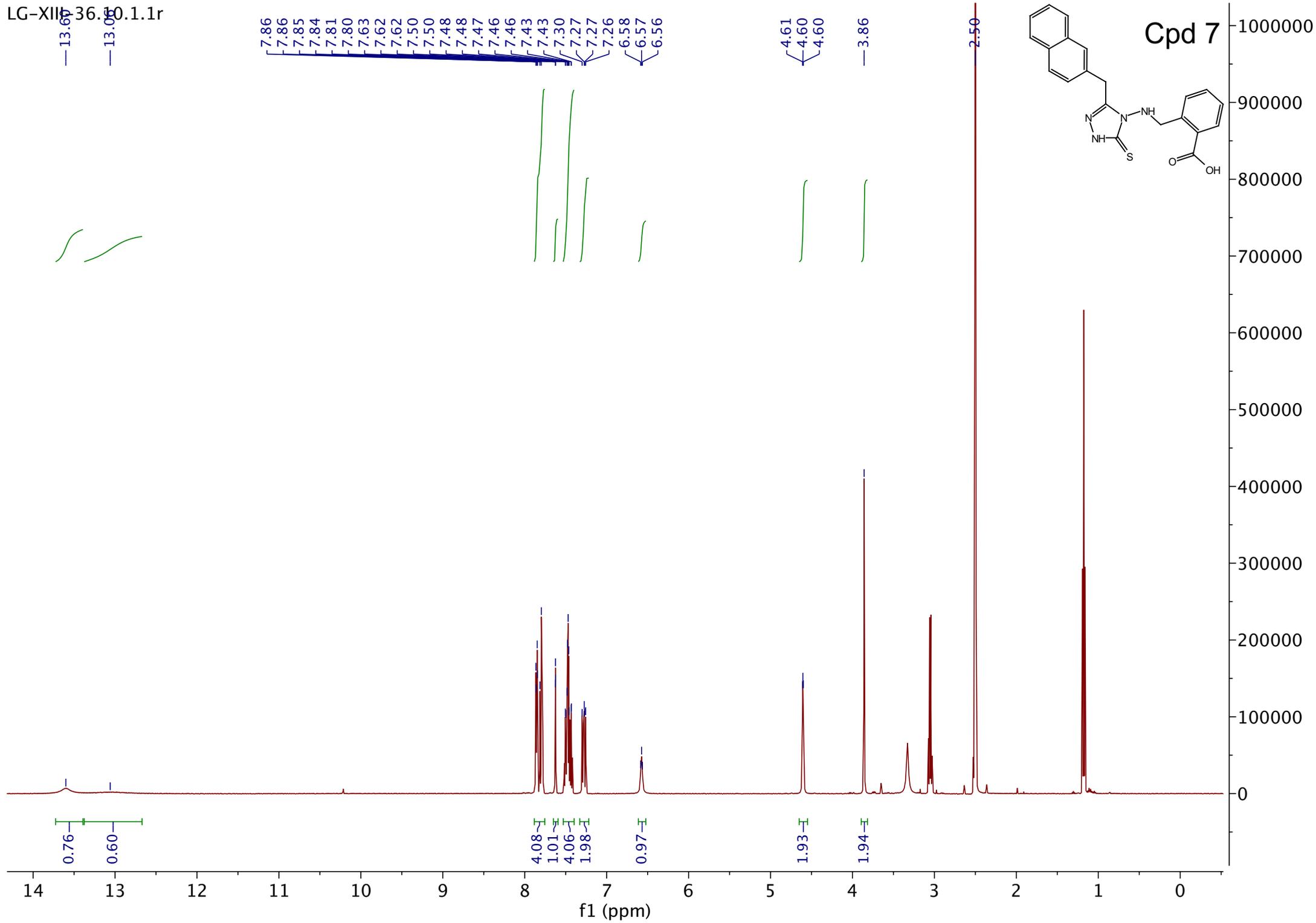
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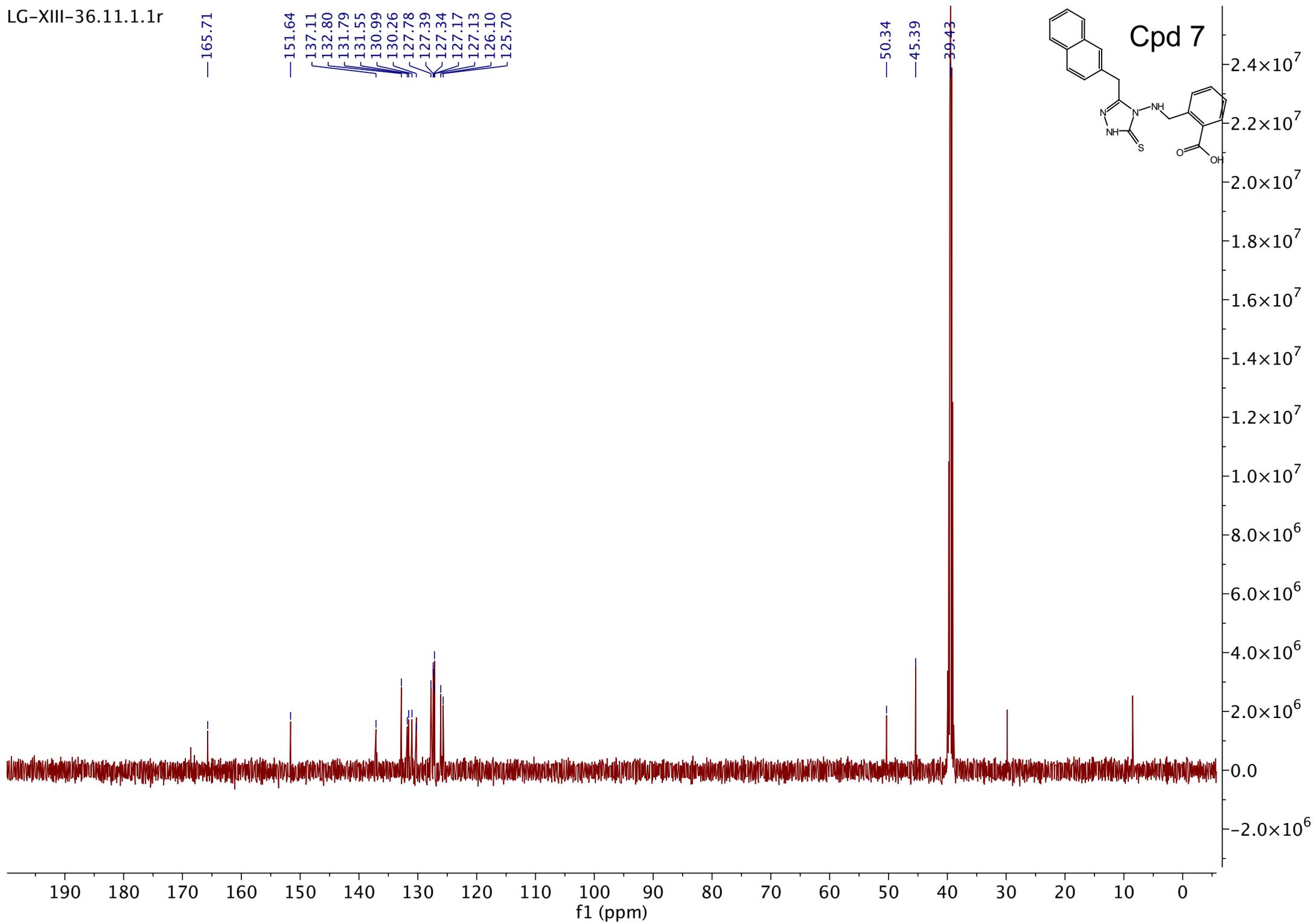
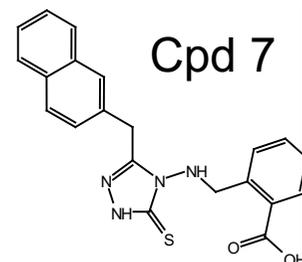
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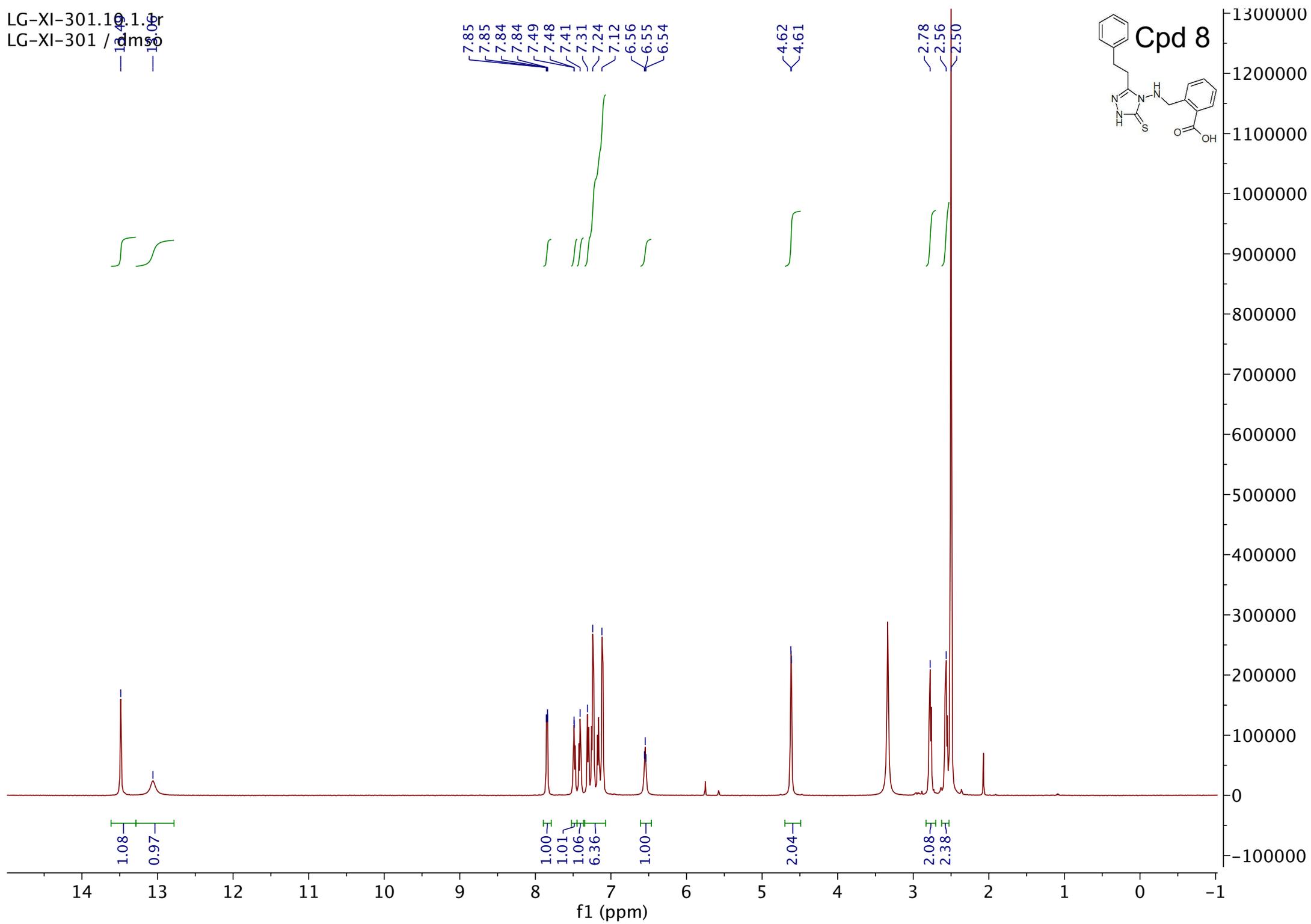
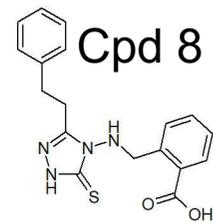
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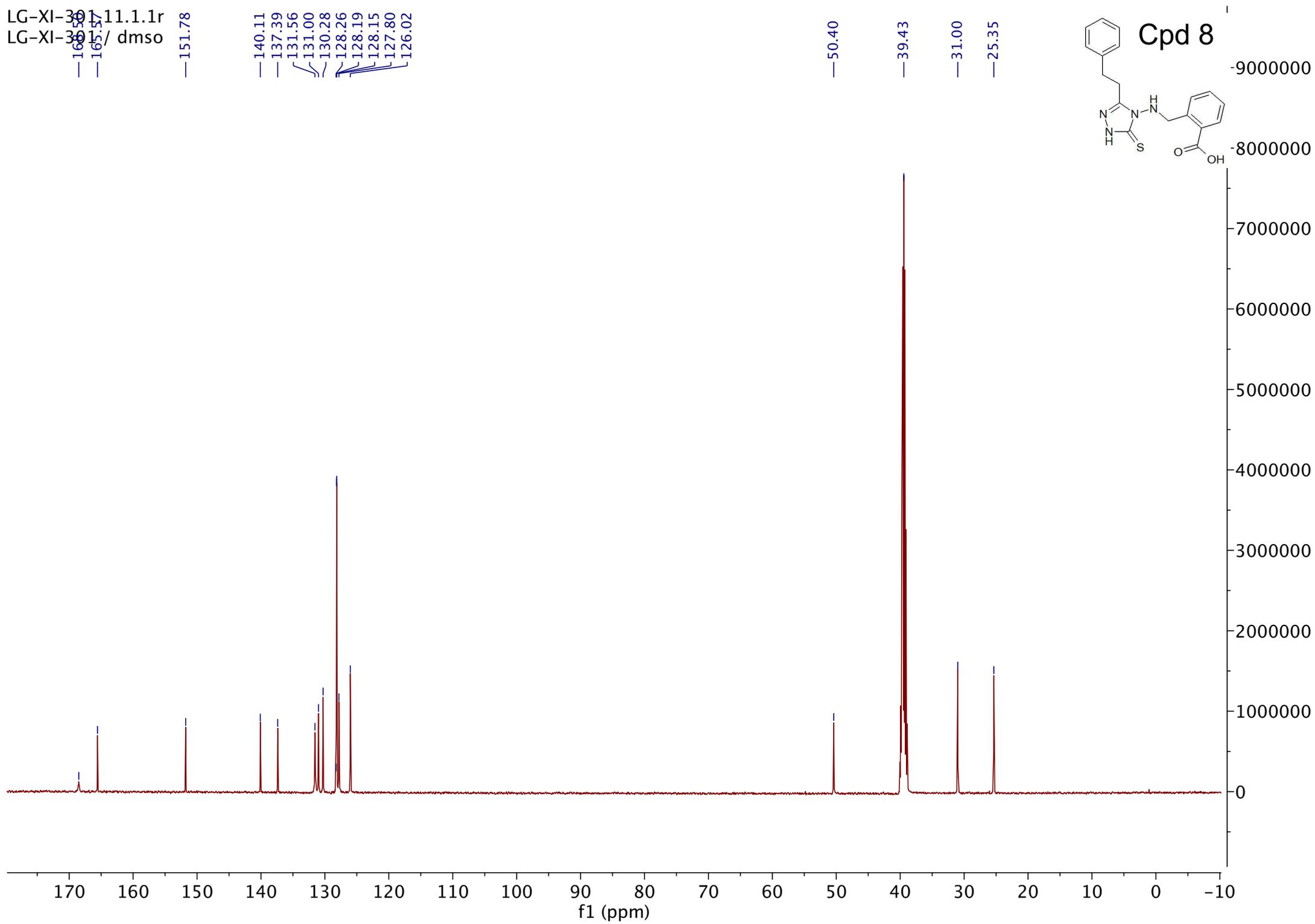
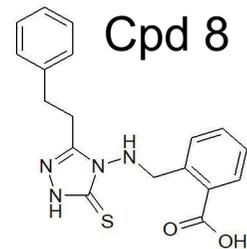
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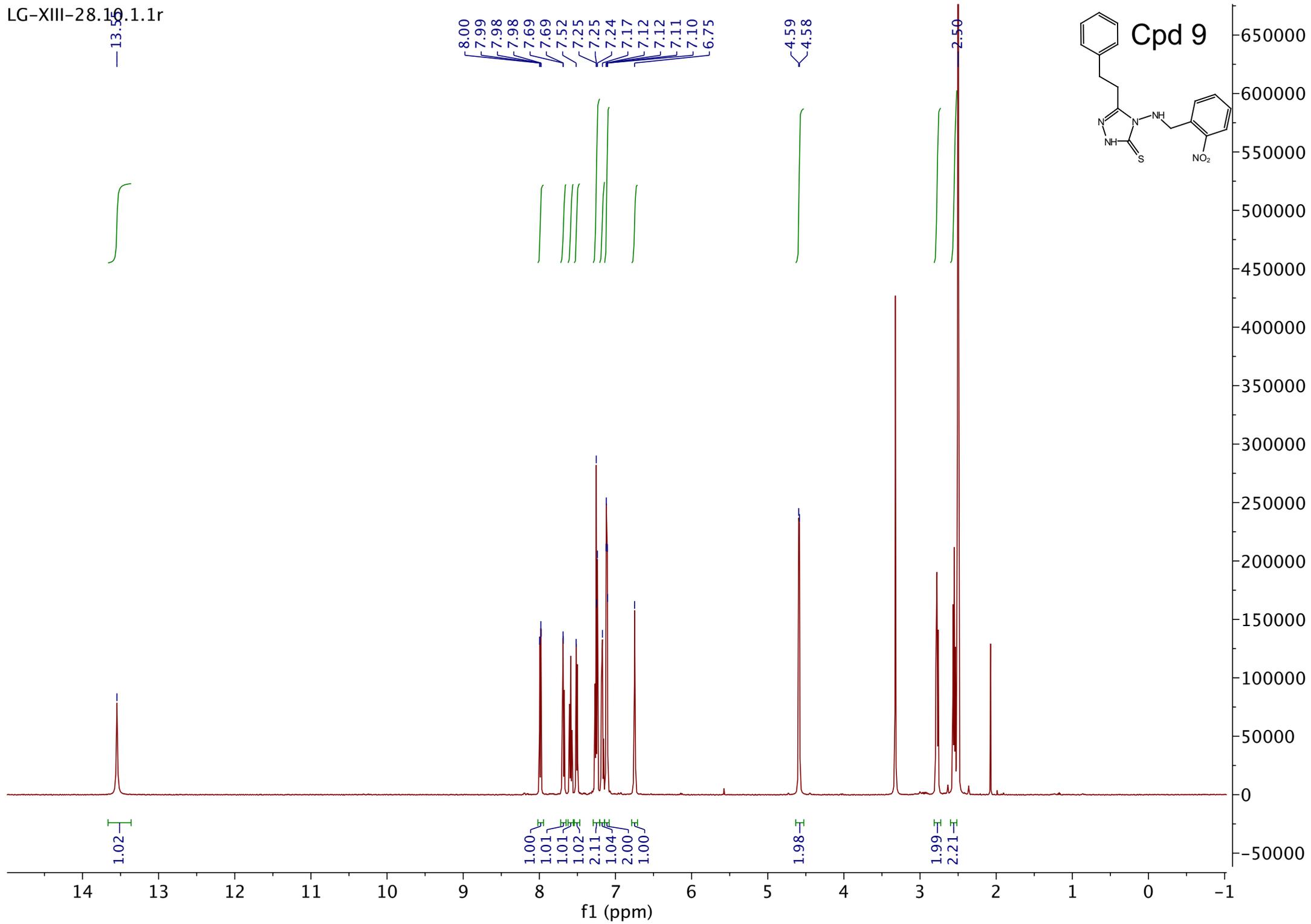
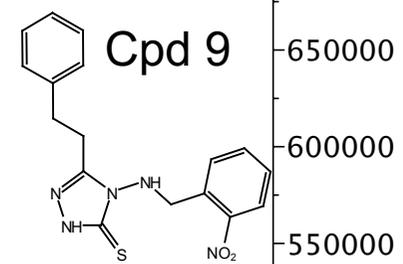
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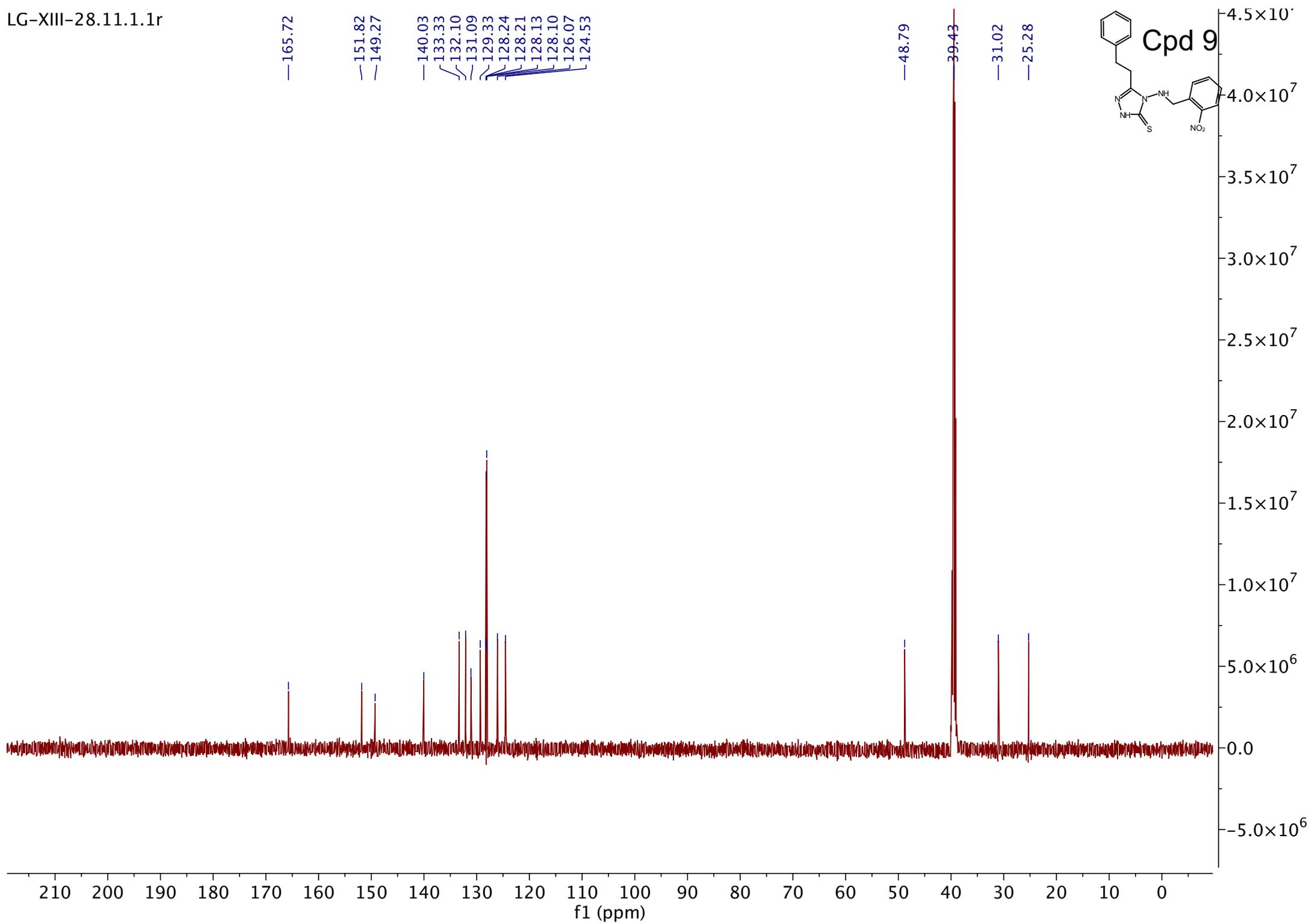
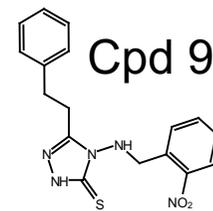
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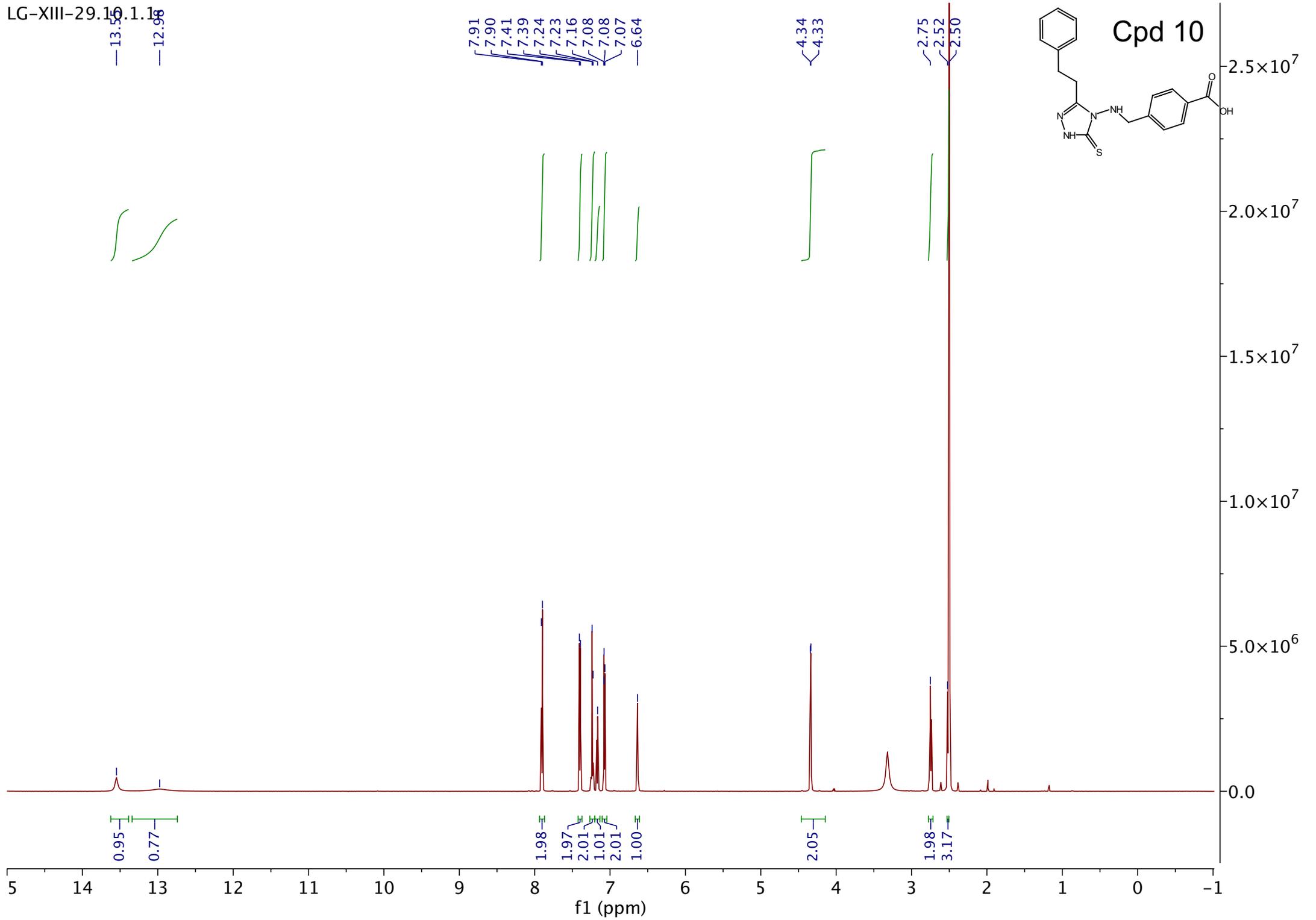
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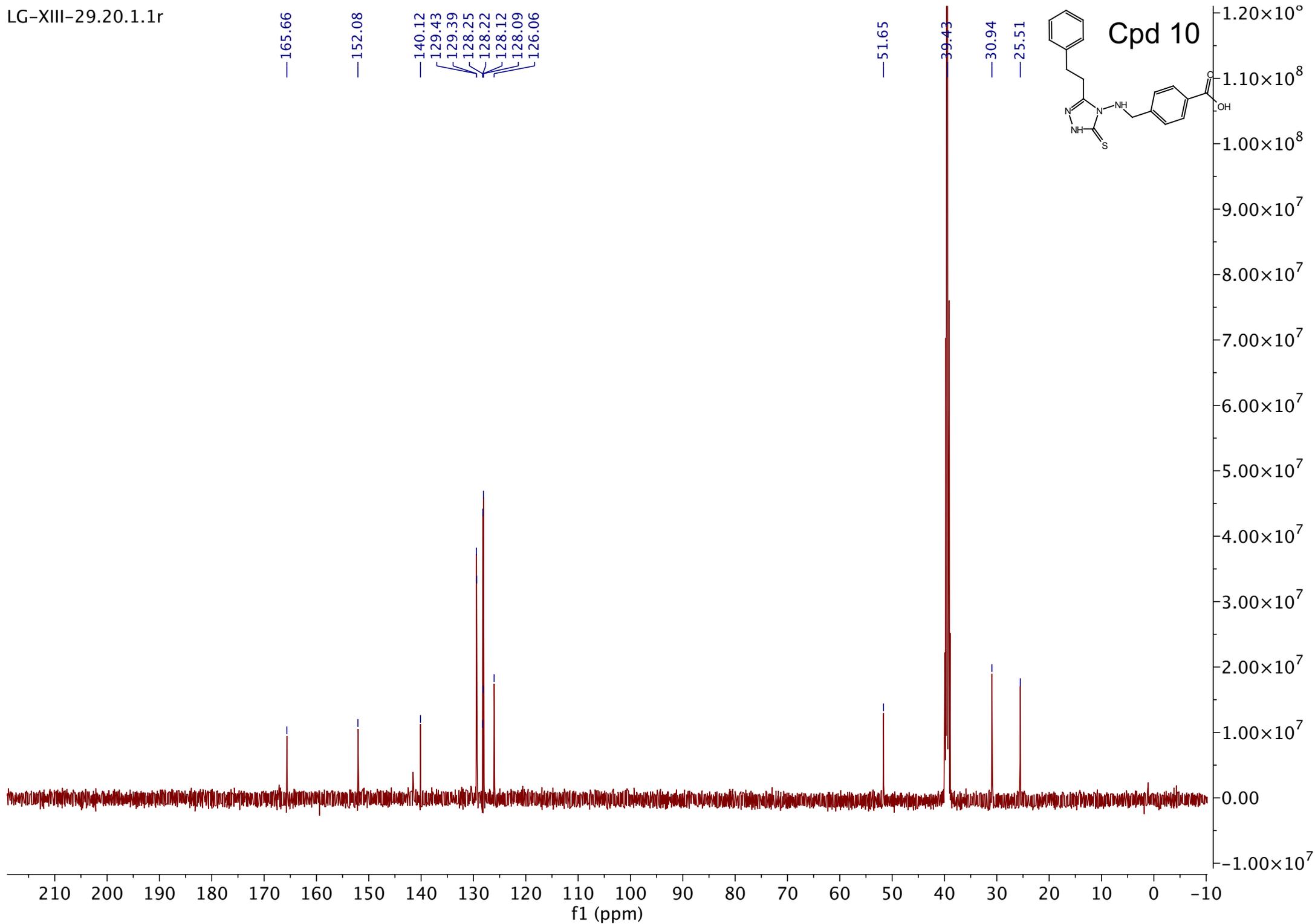
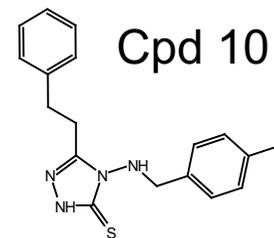
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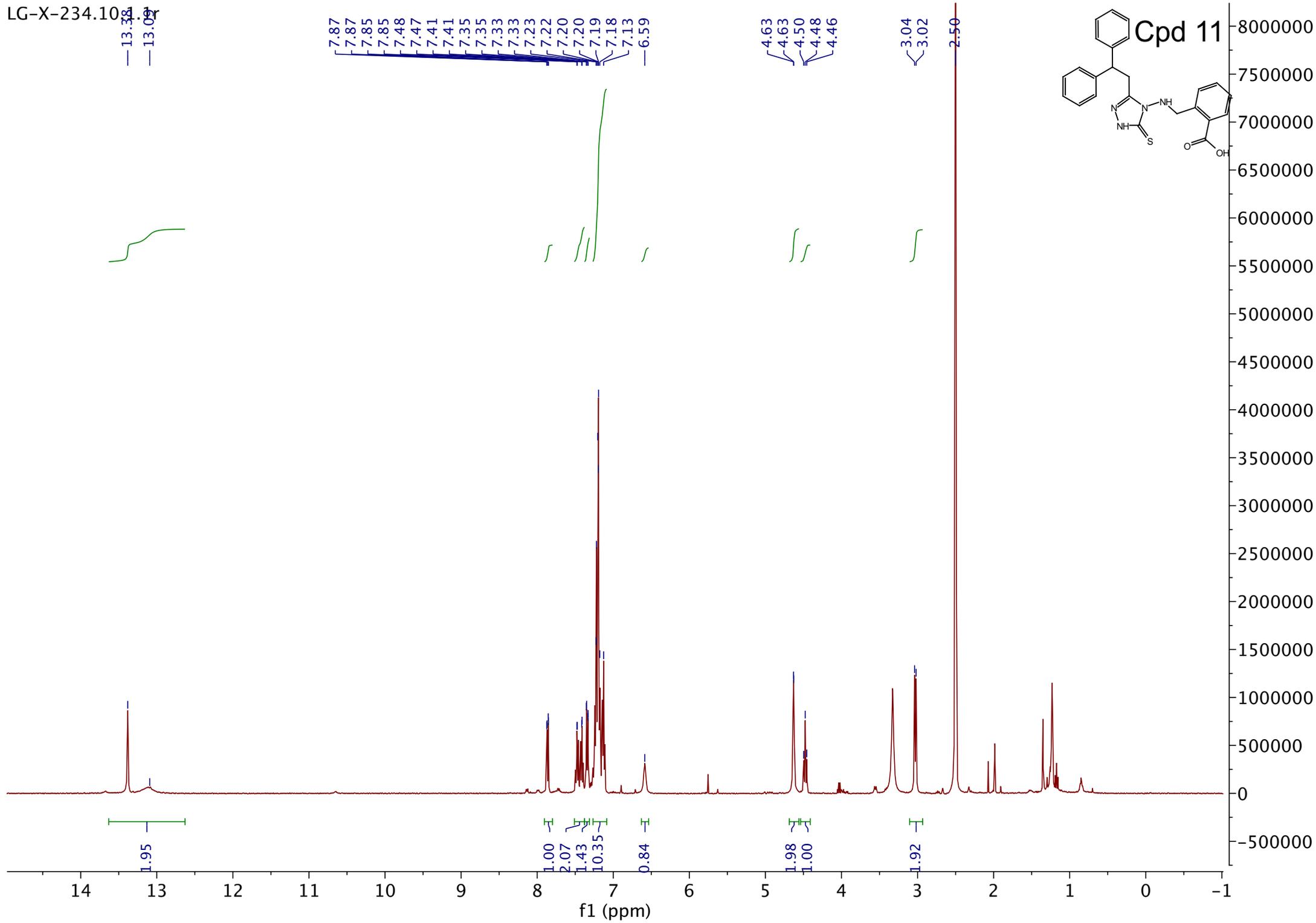
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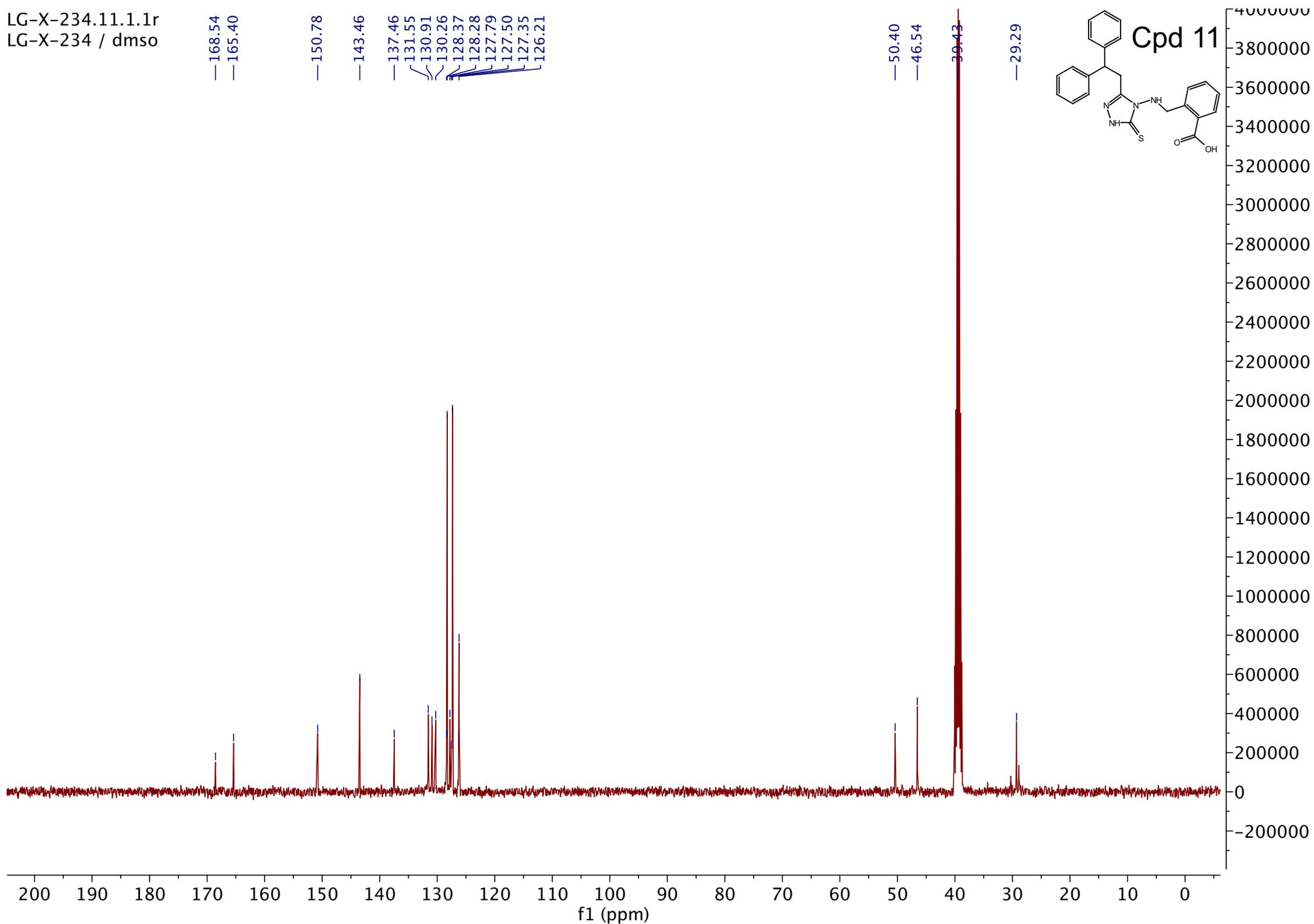
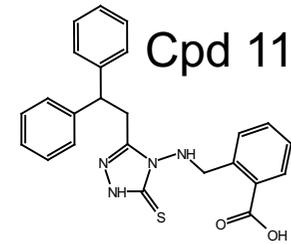


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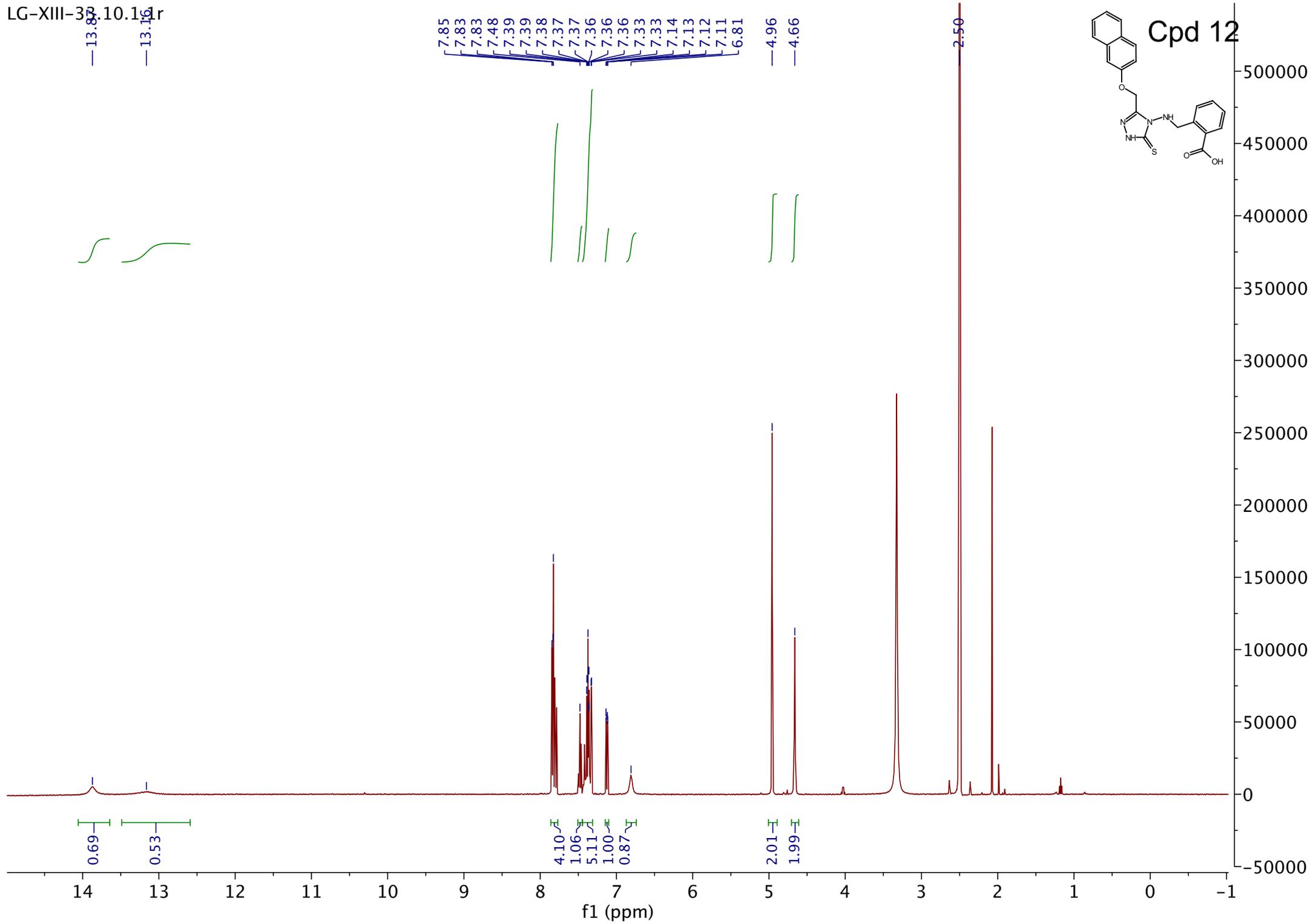
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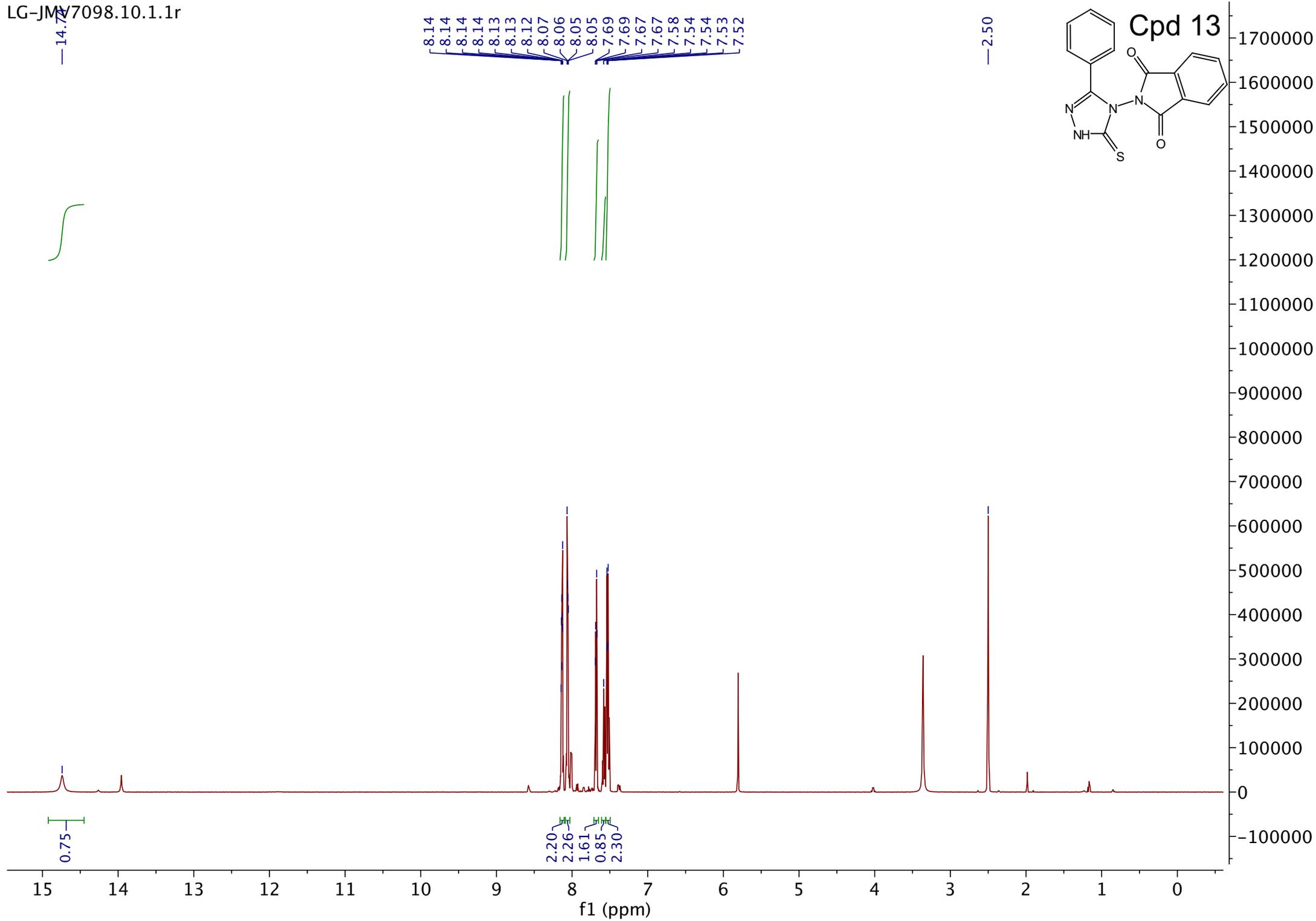


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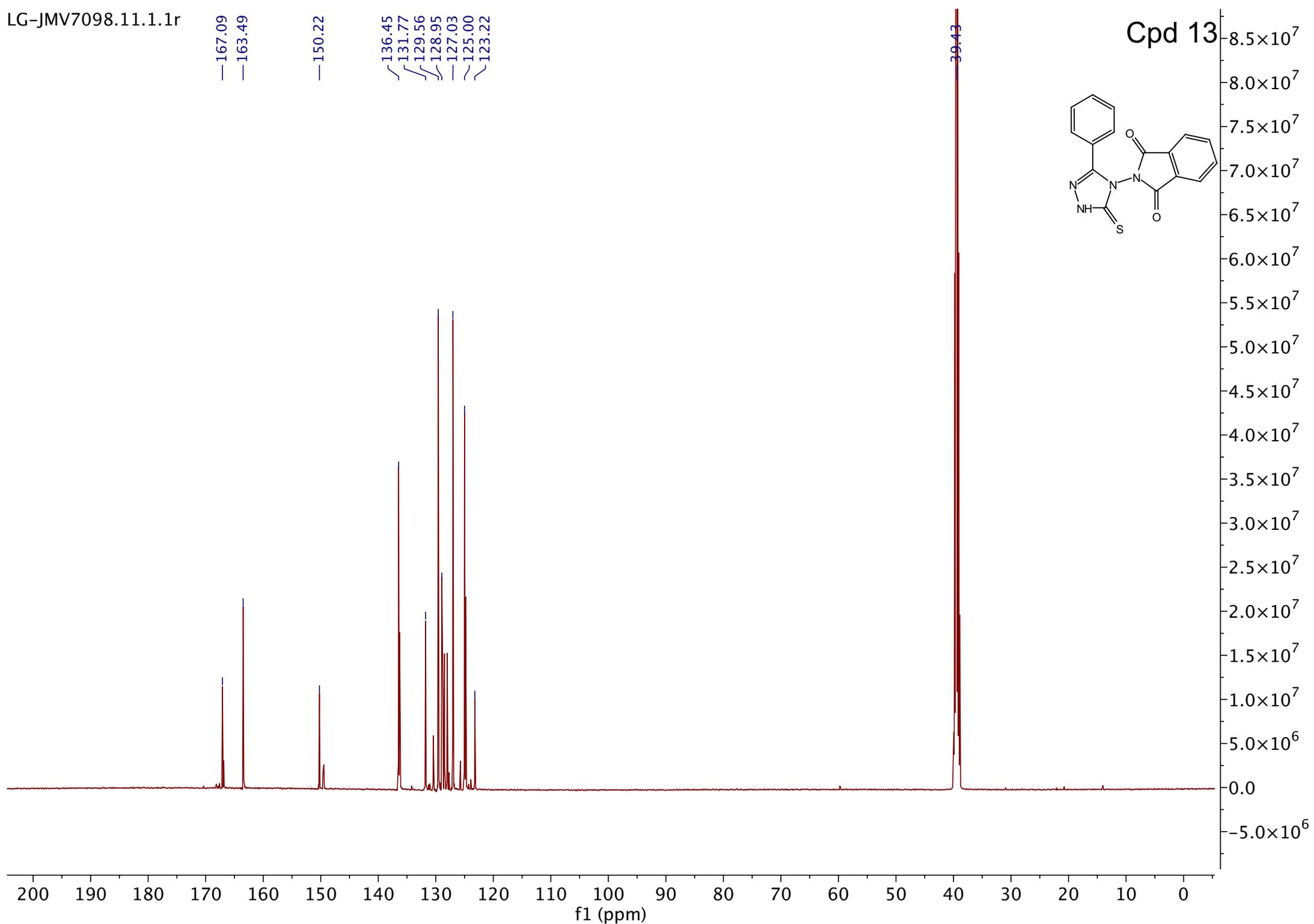
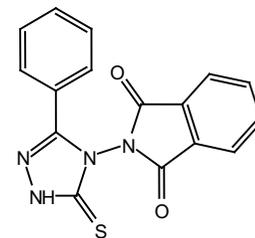
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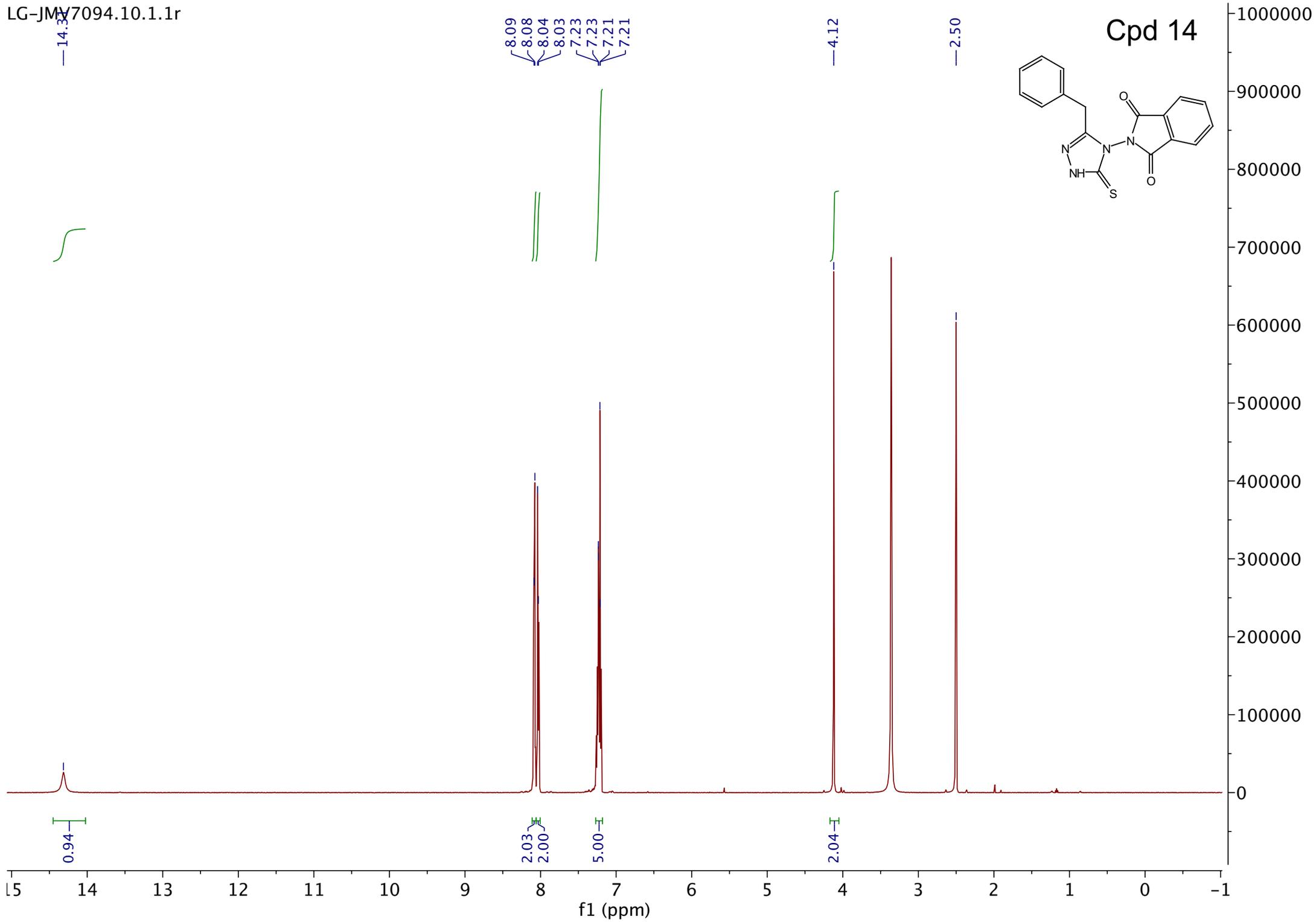
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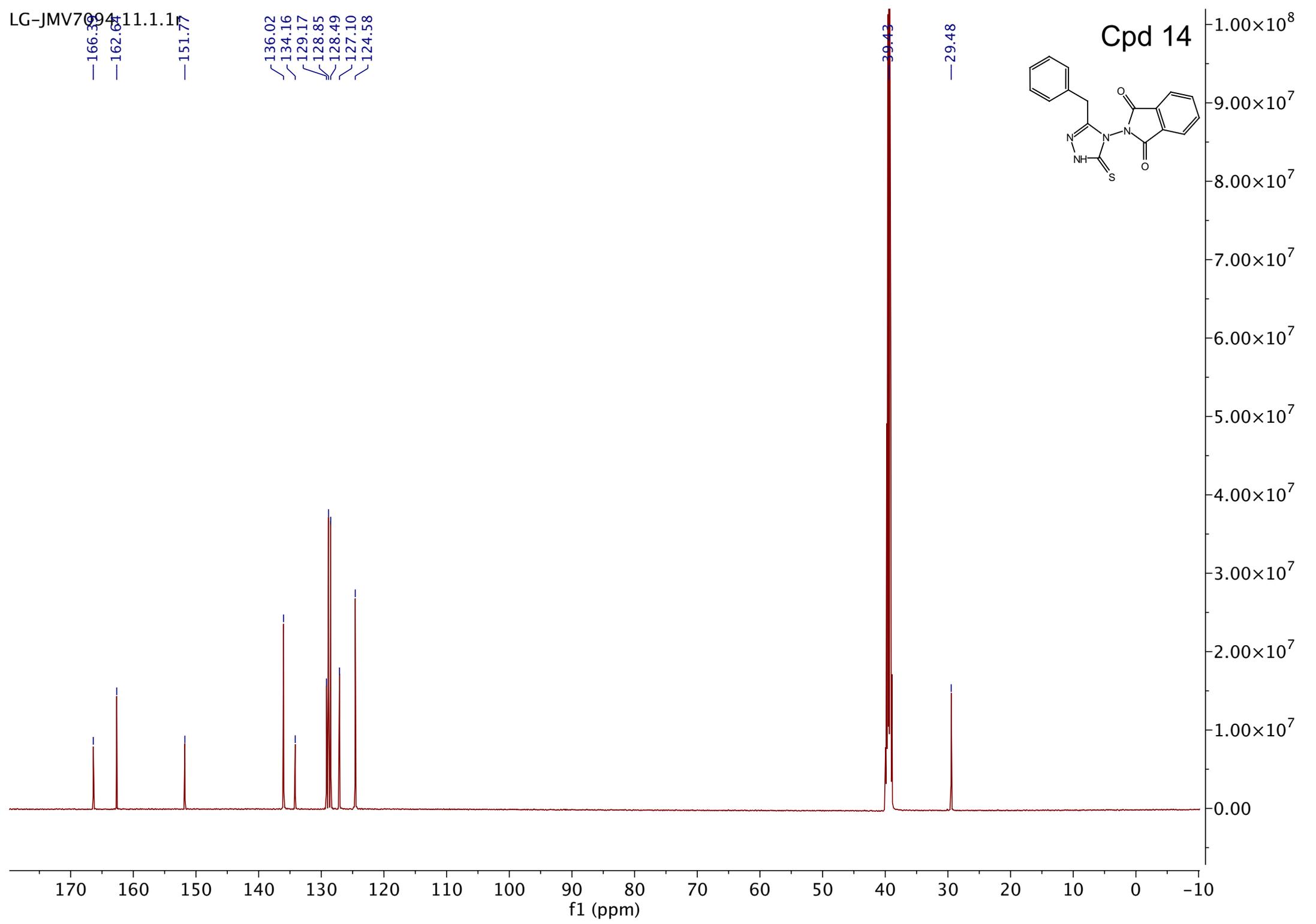
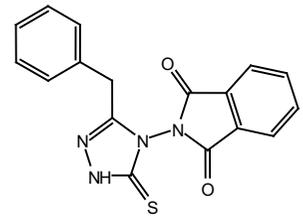
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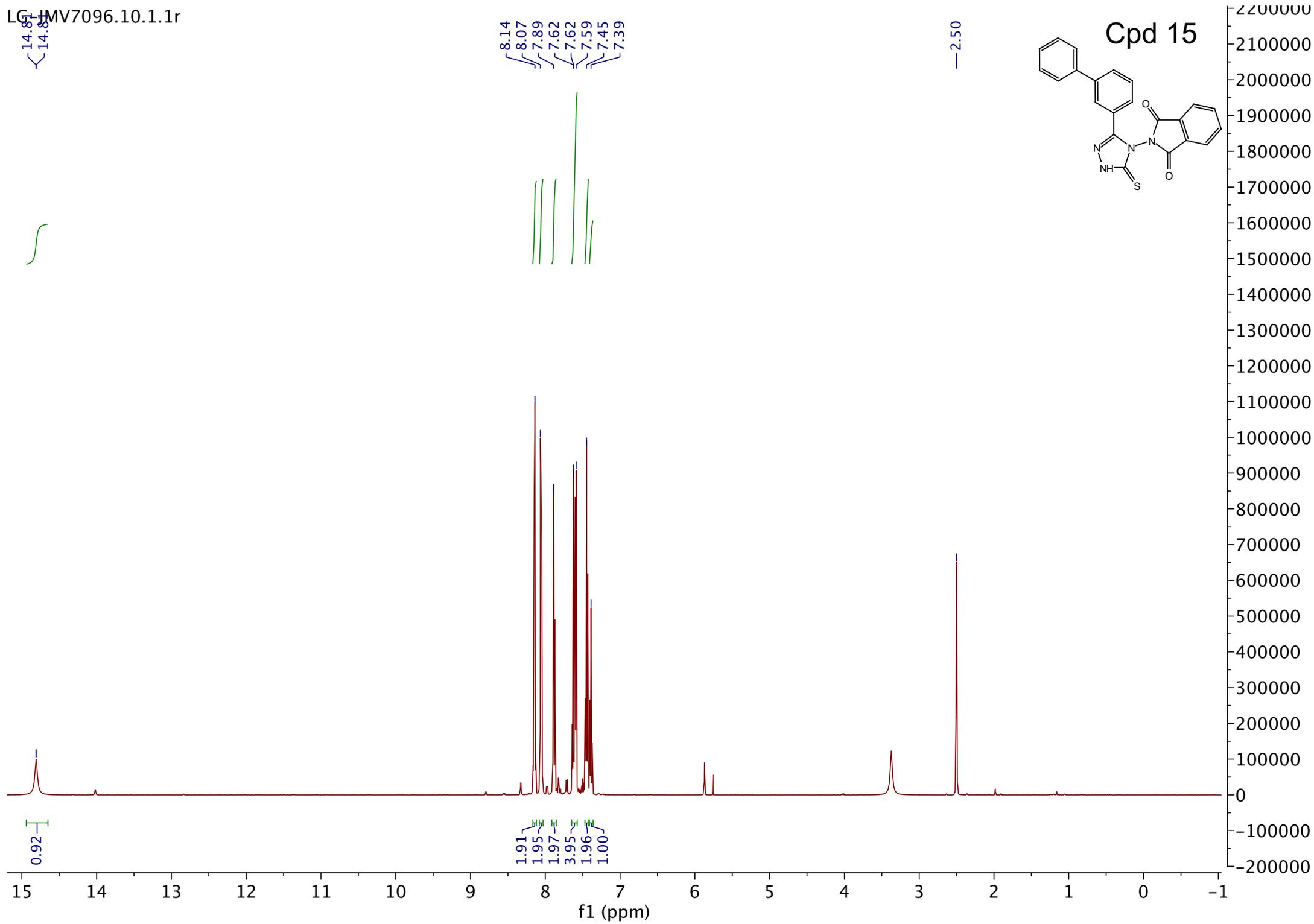
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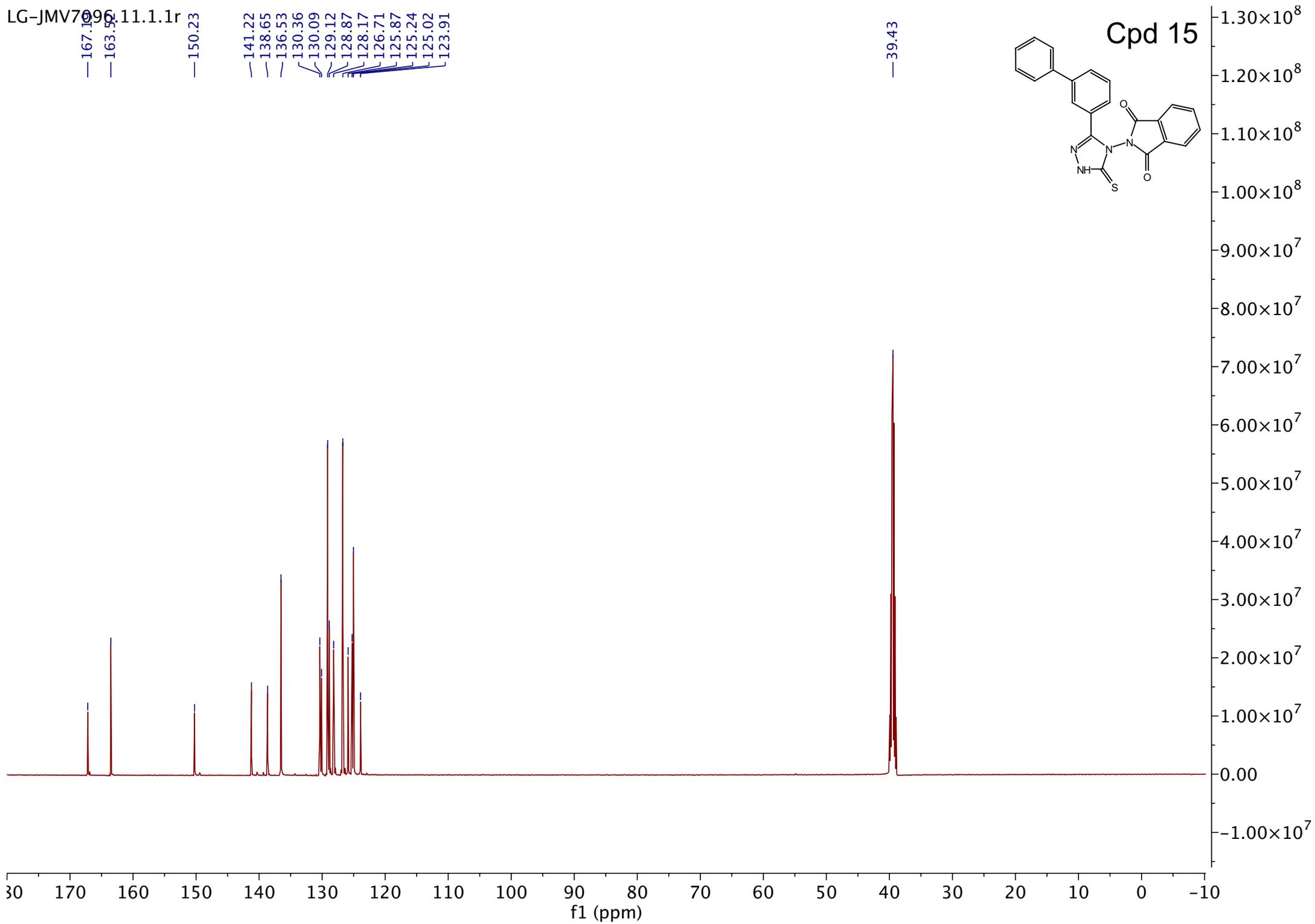
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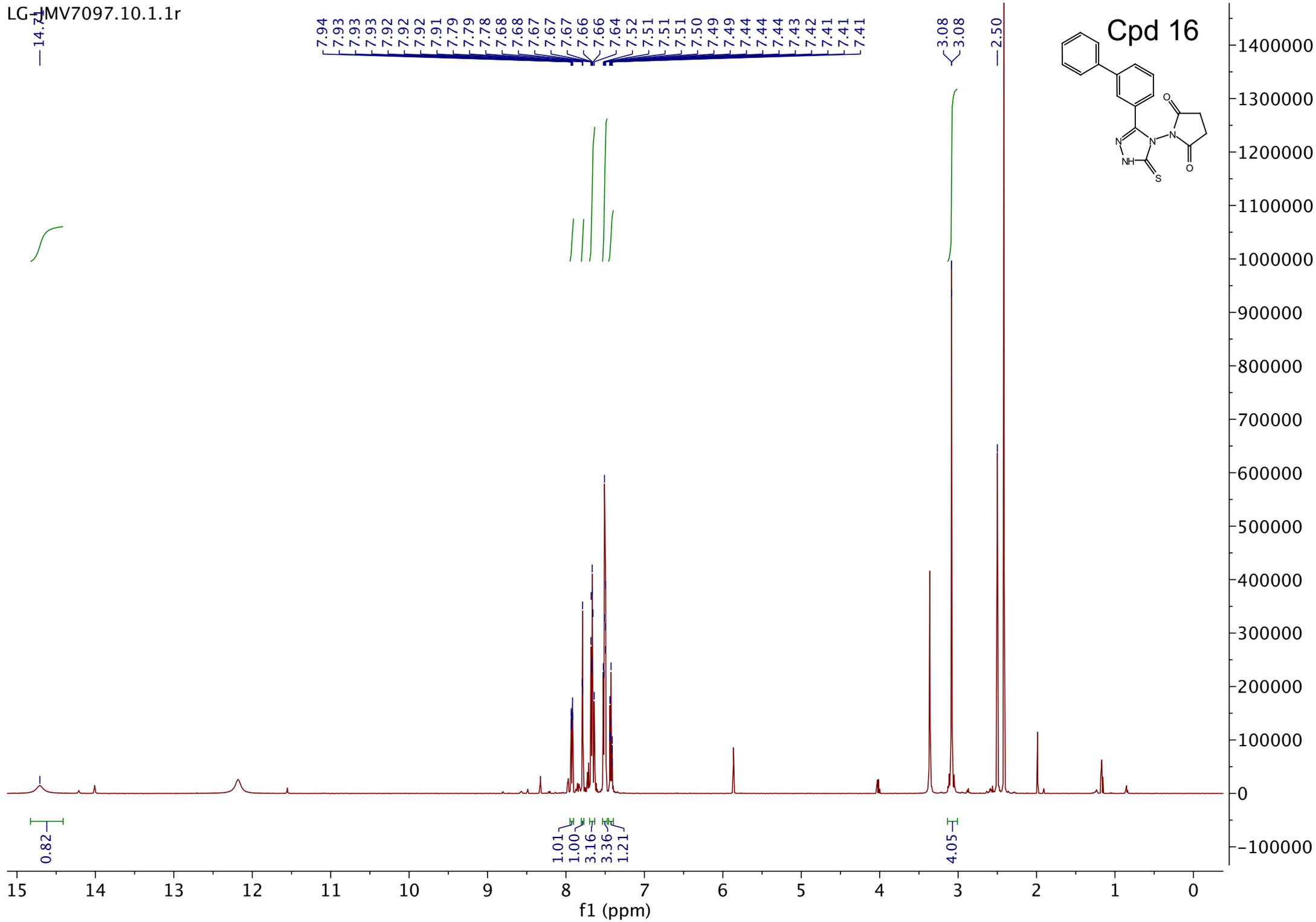




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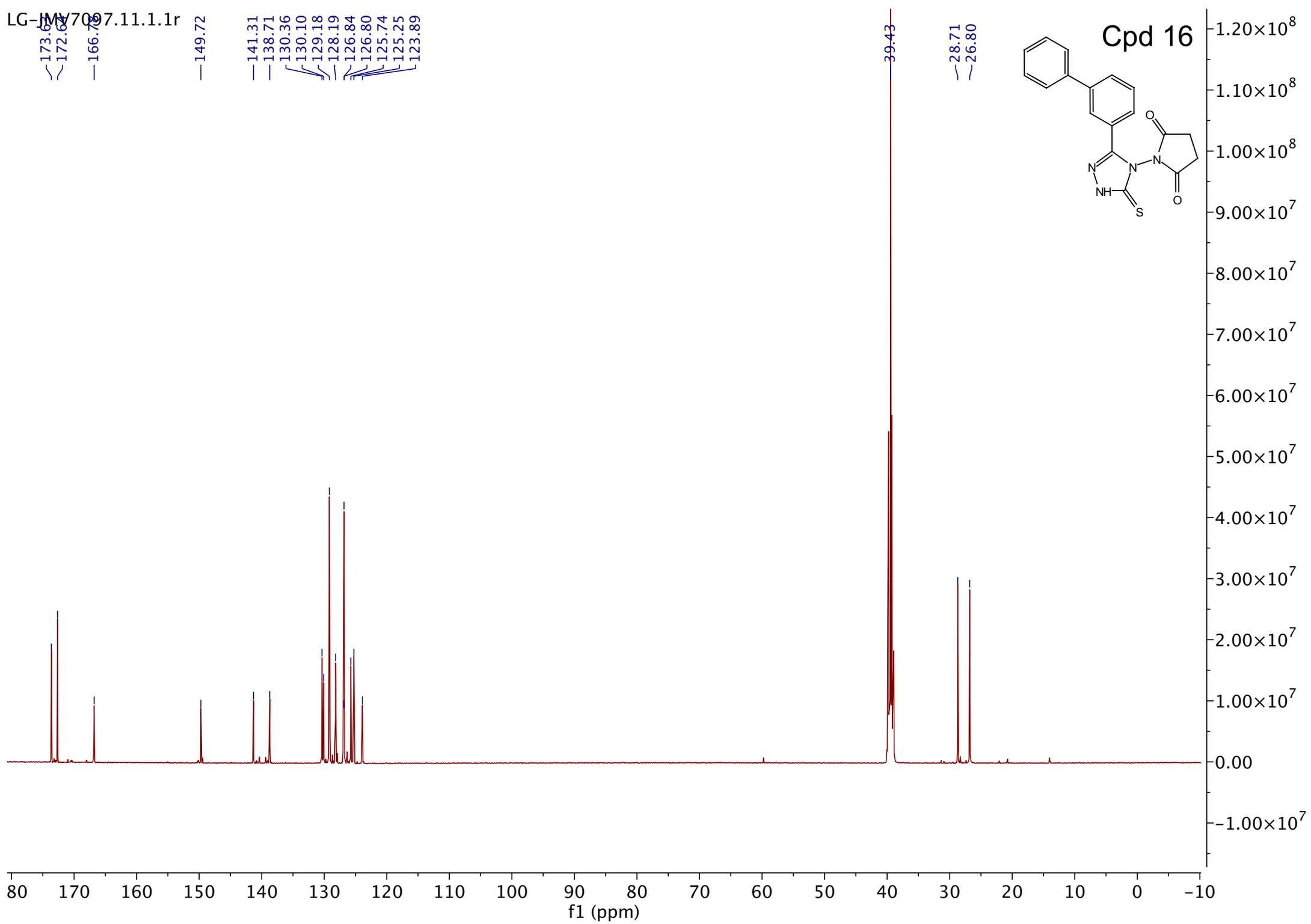


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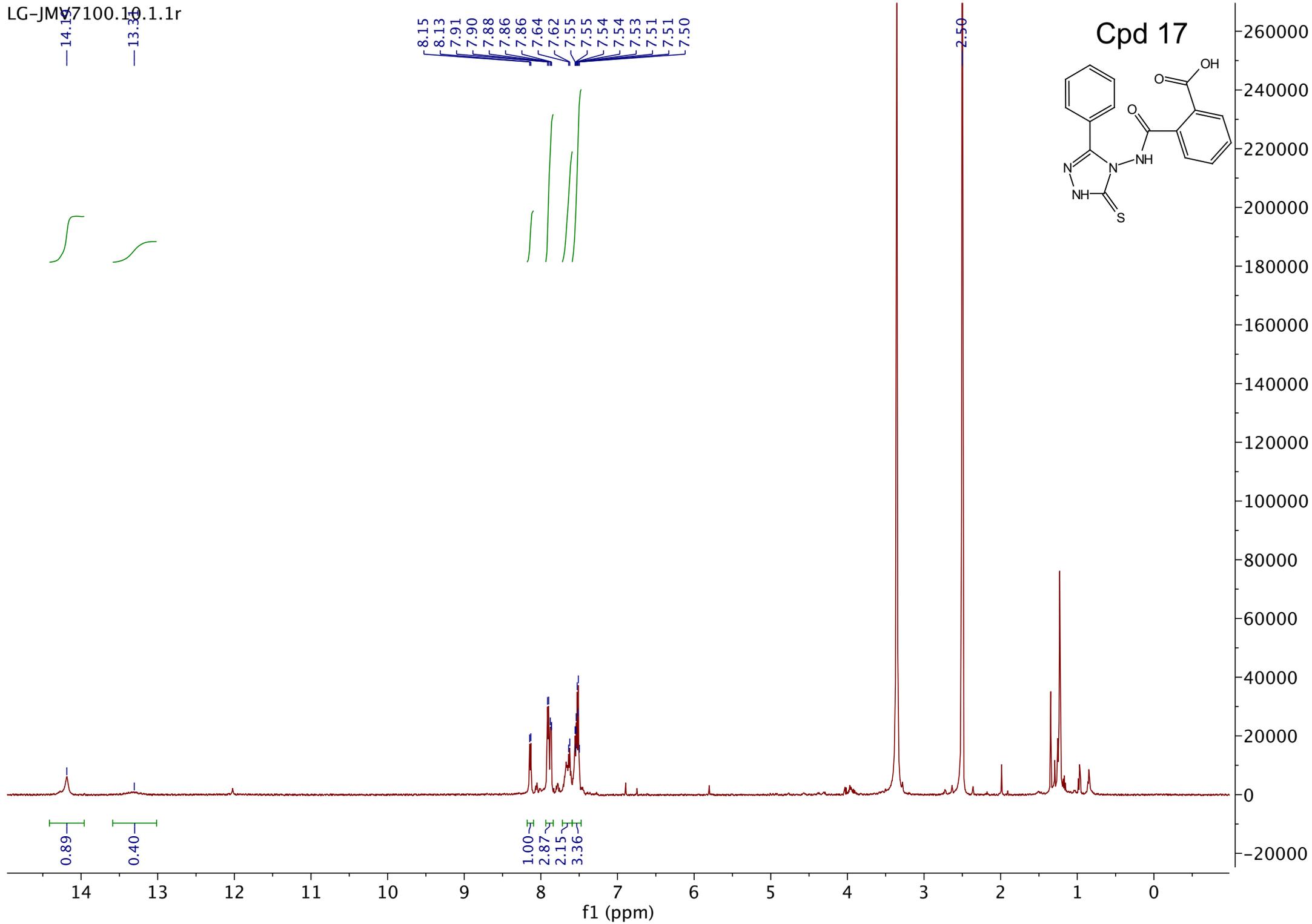
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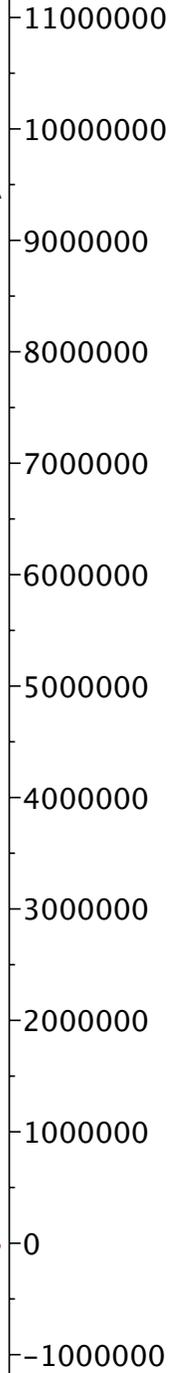
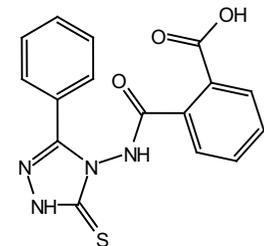
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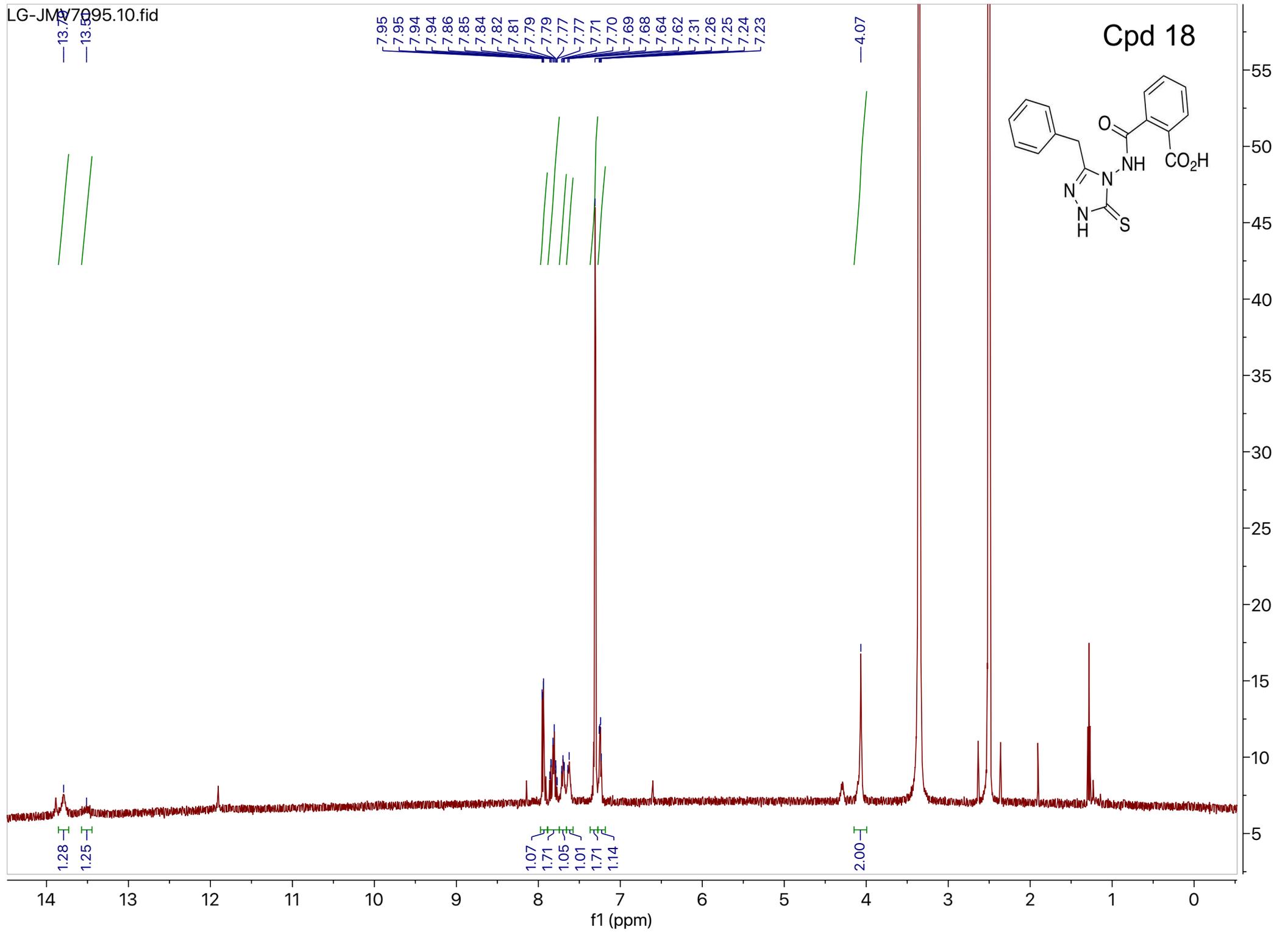


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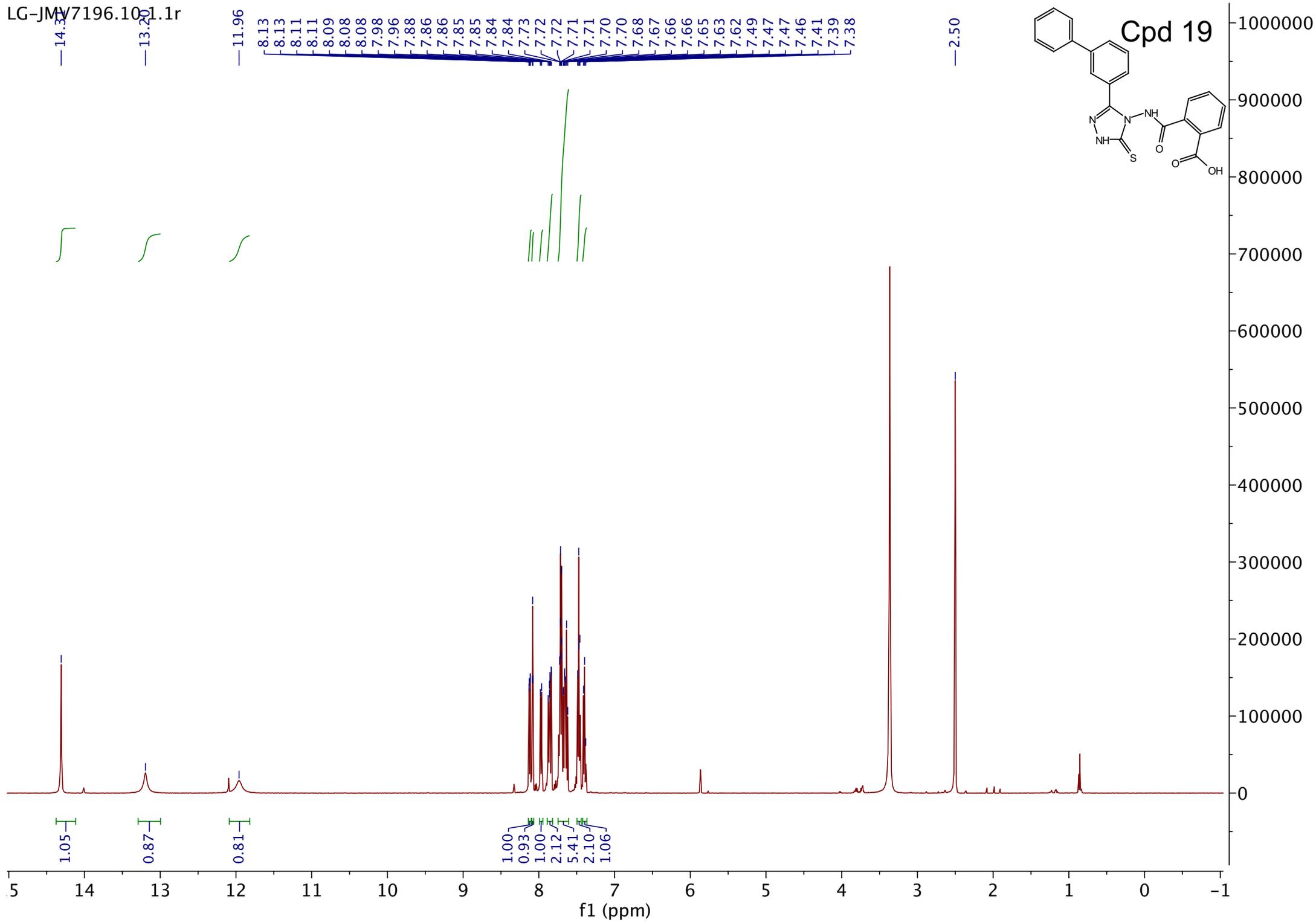


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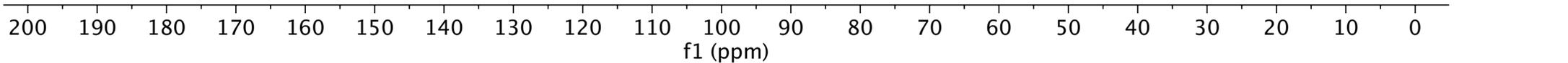
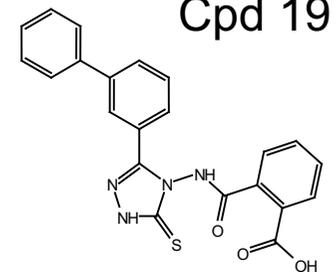
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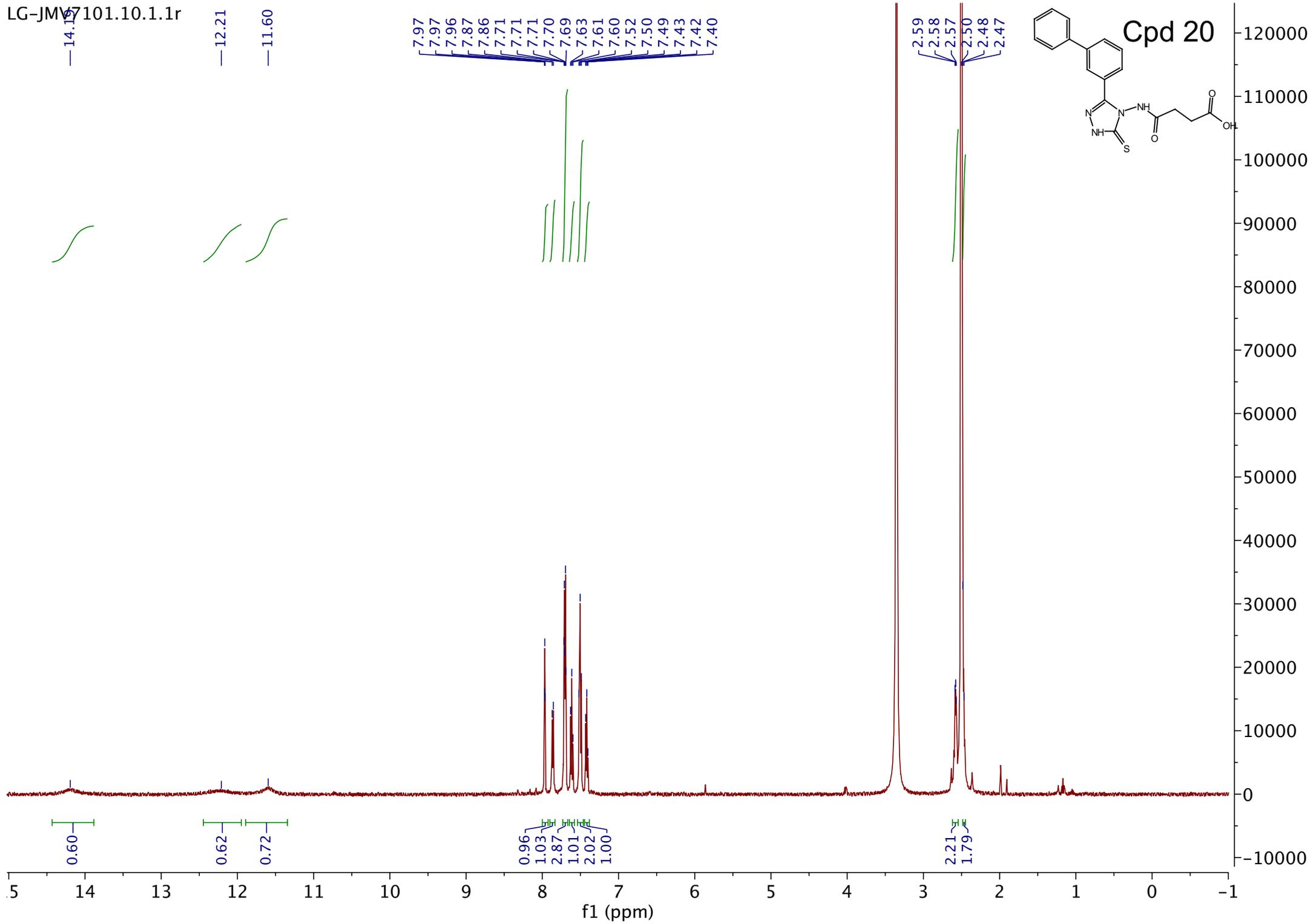
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39.43

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39.43

28.38

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