

**Supporting Information**

**A general two-step one-pot synthesis of ynones from  
α-keto acids and 1-iodoalkynes**

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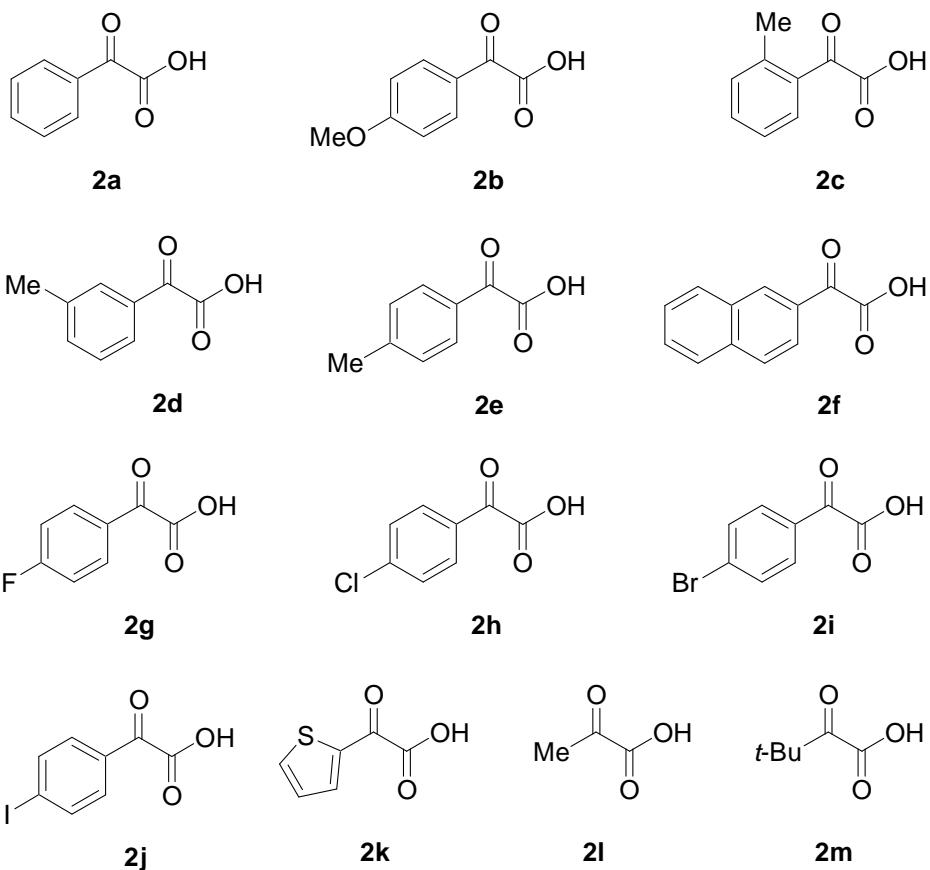
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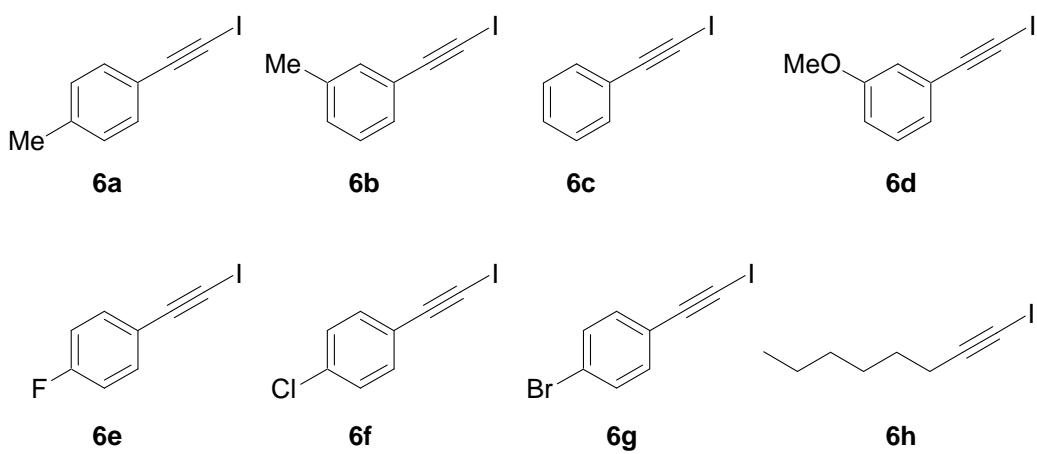
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### The structures of the starting material 2a-2m

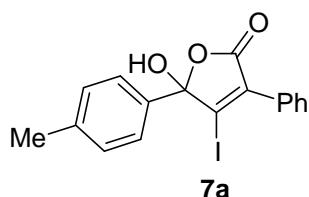


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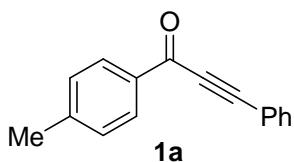


## General method

All melting points were determined on a Yanaco melting point apparatus and are uncorrected. IR spectra were recorded as KBr pellets on a Nicolet FT-IR 5DX spectrometer. All <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz) and <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz) spectra were recorded in CDCl<sub>3</sub>. TMS was used as an internal reference and *J* values are given in Hz. HR-MS were obtained on a Bruker micrOTOF-Q II spectrometer. PE is petroleum ether (60–90 °C). All  $\alpha$ -keto acids<sup>[1]</sup> (**2a–2m**) and 1-iodoalkynes<sup>[2]</sup> (**6a–6h**) are known compounds. They were purchased directly or were prepared according to the reported procedures.

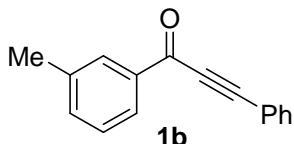


**Synthesis of 3-phenyl-4-iodo-5-(4-methylphenyl)-5-hydroxy furan-2(5H)-one (7a).** A mixture of 1-iodo-2-(4-methylphenyl)-ethyne (**6a**, 0.6 mmol, 145 mg), 2-oxo-2-phenylacetic acid (**2a**, 0.5 mmol, 75 mg) and BF<sub>3</sub>·Et<sub>2</sub>O (0.1 mmol, 14 mg) in toluene (2 mL) was stirred at 40 °C for 1 h (monitored by TLC). After the reaction was cooled down to room temperature, it was quenched by addition of brine (15 mL) and the resultant mixture was extracted with EtOAc (3 × 15 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with brine (2 × 15 mL) and dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>. The solvent was removed by vacuum and the residue was purified by flash chromatography (silica gel, 25% EtOAc in PE) to give 186 mg (95%) of the desired product **7a** as a white solid, mp 152–154 °C. IR (KBr)  $\nu$  3264, 1744 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.70–7.63 (m, 2H), 7.46–7.38 (m, 5H), 7.25–7.20 (m, 2H), 4.64 (s, 1H), 2.37 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  168.5, 139.9, 136.6, 132.8, 129.8, 129.3 (2C), 129.0, 128.9 (2C), 128.4 (2C), 126.3 (2C), 125.7, 106.0, 21.3. HRMS *m/z* (ESI) calcd for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>13</sub>IO<sub>3</sub>, (M+Na)<sup>+</sup> 414.9802; found, 414.9803.

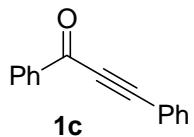


**1-(4-Methylphenyl)-3-phenylprop-2-yn-1-one (1a).** A mixture of 1-iodo-2-(4-methylphenyl)-ethyne (**6a**, 0.6 mmol, 145 mg), 2-oxo-2-phenylacetic acid (**2a**, 0.5 mmol, 75 mg) and  $\text{BF}_3 \cdot \text{Et}_2\text{O}$  (0.1 mmol, 14 mg) in toluene (2 mL) was stirred at 40 °C for 1 h (monitored by TLC). After it was cooled down to room temperature, powder  $\text{K}_2\text{CO}_3$  (1 mmol, 138 mg) and DMSO (1 mL) were added. The resultant mixture was stirred at 60 °C for another 20 min and was then cooled down to room temperature. The mixture was poured into water (15 mL) and was extracted with EtOAc (3 x 15 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with brine (2 x 15 mL) and dried over  $\text{MgSO}_4$ . The solvent was removed by vacuum and the residue was purified by a flash chromatography (silica gel, 5% EtOAc in PE) to give 102 mg (93%) of **1a** as a yellow solid, mp 64–66 °C (lit.<sup>[3]</sup> 68–70 °C).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.11 (d,  $J = 8.1$  Hz, 2H), 7.68–7.66 (m, 2H), 7.50–7.44 (m, 1H), 7.44–7.38 (m, 2H), 7.31–7.29 (m, 2H), 2.43 (s, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  177.6, 145.2, 134.5, 132.9 (2C), 130.6, 129.6 (2C), 129.3 (2C), 128.6 (2C), 120.1, 92.5, 86.9, 21.8.

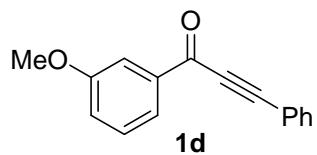
The ynones **1b–1z** were synthesized by the similar procedure.



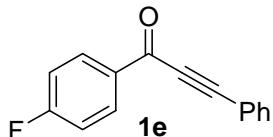
**1-(3-Methylphenyl)-3-phenylprop-2-yn-1-one (1b).** 99 mg (90%), yellow oil.<sup>[4]</sup>  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.06–8.00 (m, 2H), 7.69 (d,  $J = 7.3$  Hz, 2H), 7.50–7.47 (m, 1H), 7.45–7.39 (m, 4H), 2.45 (s, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  178.2, 138.5, 136.8, 135.0, 133.0 (2C), 130.7, 129.7, 128.6 (2C), 128.5, 127.1, 120.1, 92.8, 87.0, 21.3.



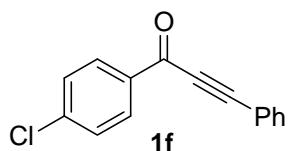
**A typical procedure for synthesis of 1,3-diphenylprop-2-yn-1-one (1c).** 96 mg (93%), yellow solid, mp 45–47 °C (lit.<sup>[3]</sup> 46–48 °C). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.25–8.19 (m, 2H), 7.71–7.65 (m, 2H), 7.65–7.58 (m, 1H), 7.55–7.45 (m, 3H), 7.44–7.37 (m, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 177.9, 136.8, 134.1, 133.0 (2C), 130.7, 129.5 (2C), 128.6 (2C), 128.5 (2C), 120.0, 93.1, 86.8.



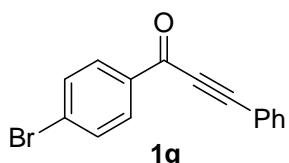
**1-(3-Methoxyphenyl)-3-phenylprop-2-yn-1-one (1d).** 95 mg (80%), yellow solid, mp 56–58 °C (lit.<sup>[3]</sup> 59–61 °C). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.88–7.84 (m, 1H), 7.70–7.67 (m, 3H), 7.51–7.47 (m, 1H), 7.45–7.40 (m, 3H), 7.20–7.16 (m, 1H), 3.88 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 177.7, 159.7, 138.2, 133.0 (2C), 130.8, 129.6, 128.6 (2C), 122.8, 120.9, 120.0, 112.7, 92.9, 86.9, 55.4.



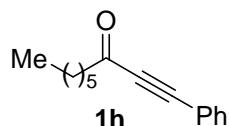
**1-(4-Fluorophenyl)-3-phenylprop-2-yn-1-one (1e).** 98 mg (87%), yellow solid, mp 56–58 °C (lit.<sup>[4]</sup> 47–49 °C). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.29–8.21 (m, 2H), 7.72–7.65 (m, 2H), 7.51–7.47 (m, 1H), 7.45–7.41 (m, 2H), 7.22–7.16 (m, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 176.3, 166.4 (d, J<sub>C-F</sub> = 251.7 Hz), 133.3 (d, J<sub>C-F</sub> = 0.95 Hz), 133.0 (2C), 132.2 (d, J<sub>C-F</sub> = 10.5 Hz, 2C), 130.9, 128.7 (2C), 119.9, 115.8 (d, J<sub>C-F</sub> = 21.9 Hz, 2C), 93.3, 86.5.



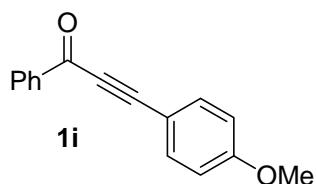
**1-(4-Chlorophenyl)-3-phenylprop-2-yn-1-one (**1f**).** 111 mg (92%), yellow solid, mp 97–99 °C (lit.<sup>[3]</sup> 103–105 °C). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.17–8.12 (m, 2H), 7.70–7.64 (m, 2H), 7.52–7.45 (m, 3H), 7.45–7.39 (m, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 176.5, 140.6, 135.2, 133.0 (2C), 130.9, 130.8 (2C), 128.9 (2C), 128.7 (2C), 119.8, 93.6, 86.5.



**1-(4-Bromophenyl)-3-phenylprop-2-yn-1-one (**1g**).** 120 mg (84%), yellow solid, mp 106–108 °C (lit.<sup>[4]</sup> 110–111 °C). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>), δ 8.07 (d, *J* = 8.5, 2H), 7.69–7.64 (m, 4H), 7.53–7.47 (m, 1H), 7.44–7.41 (m, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 176.8, 135.6, 133.1 (2C), 131.9 (2C), 131.0, 130.9 (2C), 129.5, 128.7 (2C), 119.8, 93.6, 86.5.

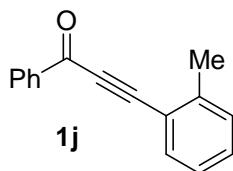


**1-Phenylnon-1-yn-3-one (**1h**).** 46 mg (43%), colorless oil.<sup>[5]</sup> <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.58–7.56 (m, 2H), 7.49–7.42 (m, 1H), 7.41–7.35 (m, 2H), 2.66 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 1.78–1.70 (m, 2H), 1.39–1.27 (m, 6H), 0.95–0.85 (m, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 188.3, 133.0 (2C), 130.6, 128.6 (2C), 120.0, 90.5, 87.8, 45.5, 31.5, 28.6, 24.1, 22.4, 14.0.

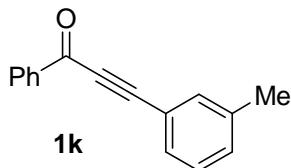


**1-Phenyl-3-(4-methoxyphenyl)prop-2-yn-1-one (**1i**).** 100 mg (85%), yellow solid, mp 79–80 °C (lit.<sup>[3]</sup> 80–81 °C). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.22 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.67–7.58 (m, 3H), 7.52–7.49 (m, 2H), 6.92 (d, *J* = 8.7, 2H), 3.84 (s, 3H);

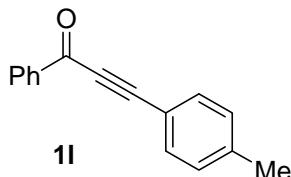
<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 177.9, 161.7, 136.9, 135.1 (2C), 133.8, 129.4 (2C), 128.5 (2C), 114.3 (2C), 111.8, 94.3, 86.8, 55.3.



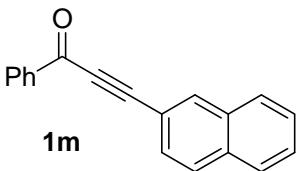
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<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.25–8.23 (m, 2H), 7.66–7.61 (m, 2H), 7.54–7.50 (m, 2H), 7.39–7.35 (m, 1H), 7.29–7.21 (m, 2H), 2.59 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 178.0, 142.1, 137.0, 134.0, 133.6, 130.8, 129.8, 129.5 (2C), 128.6 (2C), 125.9, 119.9, 92.1, 90.7, 20.8.



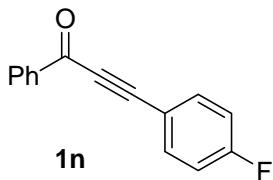
**1-Phenyl-3-(3-Methylphenyl)prop-2-yn-1-one (1k).** 99 mg (90%), yellow oil.<sup>[6]</sup>  
<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.24–8.21 (m, 2H), 7.64–7.60 (m, 1H), 7.53–7.48 (m, 4H), 7.32–7.29 (m, 2H), 2.38 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 178.0, 138.5, 136.9, 134.0, 133.5, 131.7, 130.2, 129.5 (2C), 128.6 (3C), 119.8, 93.5, 86.6, 21.1.



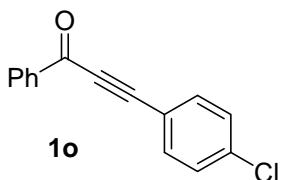
**1-Phenyl-3-(4-methylphenyl)prop-2-yn-1-one (1l).** 105 mg (95%), yellow solid, mp 68–70 °C (lit.<sup>[3]</sup> 69–71 °C). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.22 (m, 2H), 7.64–7.60 (m, 1H), 7.60–7.57 (m, 2H), 7.52–7.49 (m, 2H), 7.23–7.21 (m, 2H), 2.39 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 178.0, 141.5, 136.9, 134.0, 133.1 (2C), 129.5 (2C), 129.4 (2C), 128.5 (2C), 116.9, 93.8, 86.7, 21.7.



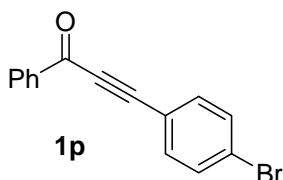
**1-Phenyl-3-(naphthalen-2-yl)prop-2-yn-1-one (1m).** 96 mg (75%), white solid, mp 86–88 °C (lit.<sup>[7]</sup> 81–83 °C). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.29–8.20 (m, 3H), 7.88–7.81 (m, 3H), 7.68–7.60 (m, 2H), 7.59–7.49 (m, 4H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 177.9, 136.8, 134.3, 134.1, 133.8, 132.6, 129.5 (2C), 128.6 (2C), 128.4, 128.3, 128.1, 127.9, 127.8, 127.0, 117.2, 93.6, 87.1.



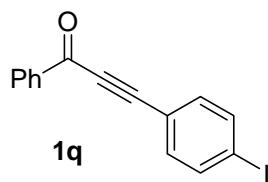
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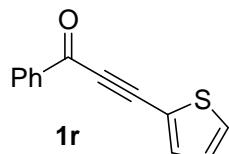
**1-Phenyl-3-(4-chlorophenyl)prop-2-yn-1-one (1o).** 95 mg (80%), pale yellow solid, mp 104–106 °C (lit.<sup>[6]</sup> 106–107 °C). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.21–8.19 (m, 2H), 7.66–7.60 (m, 3H), 7.54–7.50 (m, 2H), 7.42–7.39 (m, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 177.8, 137.2, 137.0, 134.2 (3C), 129.5 (2C), 129.1 (2C), 128.6 (2C), 118.6, 91.6, 87.5.



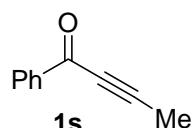
**1-Phenyl-3-(4-bromophenyl)prop-2-yn-1-one (1p).** 135 mg (95%), white solid, mp 110–112 °C (lit.<sup>[3]</sup> 115–116 °C). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.23–8.18 (m, 2H), 7.67–7.61 (m, 1H), 7.60–7.49 (m, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 177.8, 136.7, 134.3 (2C), 134.2, 132.1 (2C), 129.6 (2C), 128.7 (2C), 125.6, 119.0, 91.6, 87.7.



**1-Phenyl-3-(4-iodophenyl)prop-2-yn-1-one (1q).** 128 mg (77%), yellow solid, mp 56–58 °C (lit.<sup>[9]</sup> 118–120 °C). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.20–8.18 (m, 2H), 7.77–7.75 (m, 2H), 7.65–7.61 (m, 1H), 7.53–7.49 (m, 2H), 7.39–7.37 (m, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 177.7, 137.9 (2C), 136.6, 134.2, 134.1 (2C), 129.5 (2C), 128.6 (2C), 119.4, 97.7, 91.7, 87.8.

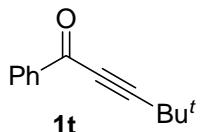


**1-Phenyl-3-(thiophen-2-yl)prop-2-yn-1-one (1r).** 88 mg (83%), yellow oil.<sup>[10]</sup> <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.22–8.16 (m, 2H), 7.65–7.62 (m, 1H), 7.60–7.59 (m, 1H), 7.54–7.51 (m, 3H), 7.12–7.10 (m, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 177.5, 136.7, 136.6, 134.1, 131.7, 129.4 (2C), 128.6 (2C), 127.8, 119.8, 91.6, 87.0.

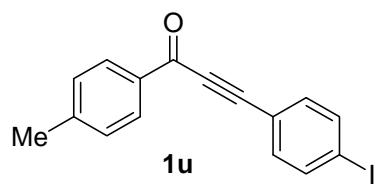


**1-Phenylbut-2-yn-1-one (1s).** 47 mg (65%), colorless oil.<sup>[11]</sup> <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.15 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.60 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.48 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2H),

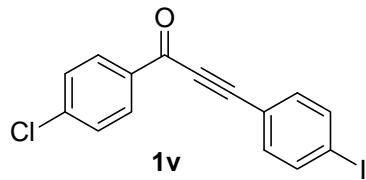
2.17 (s, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  178.3, 136.8, 133.9, 129.6 (2C), 128.5 (2C), 92.5, 78.9, 4.3.



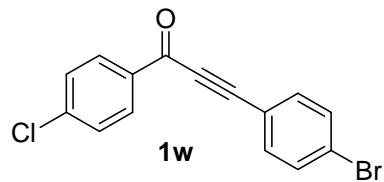
**1-Phenyl-4,4-dimethylpent-2-yn-1-one (1t).** 68 mg (73%), colorless oil.<sup>[12]</sup>  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.12 (d,  $J = 7.7$  Hz, 2H), 7.58 (t,  $J = 7.4$  Hz, 1H), 7.46 (t,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 2H), 1.38 (s, 9H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  178.1, 136.8, 133.7, 129.3 (2C), 128.3 (2C), 103.7, 77.9, 30.0 (3C), 27.8.



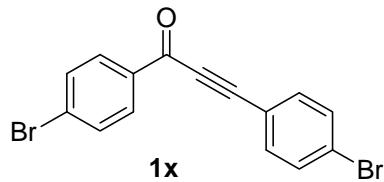
**1-(4-Methylphenyl)-3-(4-iodophenyl)prop-2-yn-1-one (1u).** 130 mg (75%), yellow solid, mp 120–122 °C. IR (KBr)  $\nu$  2214, 1636  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.10–8.04 (m, 2H), 7.78–7.72 (m, 2H), 7.38–7.33 (m, 2H), 7.28 (m, 2H), 2.43 (s, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  177.4, 145.3, 137.9 (2C), 134.3, 134.1 (2C), 129.6 (2C), 129.3 (2C), 119.6, 97.5, 91.2, 87.9, 21.8. HRMS  $m/z$  (ESI) calcd for  $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{12}\text{IO}^+$ , ( $\text{M}+\text{H}$ ) $^+$  346.9927; found 346.9925.



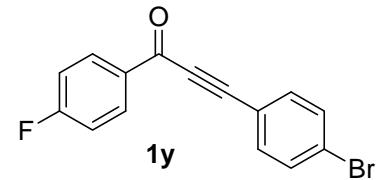
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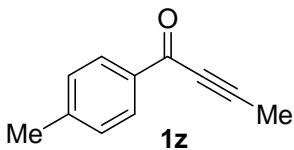
**1-(4-Chlorophenyl)-3-(4-bromophenyl)prop-2-yn-1-one (1w).** 116 mg (73%), white solid, mp 175–177 °C. IR (KBr)  $\nu$  2200, 1626 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.08–8.02 (m, 2H), 7.69–7.64 (m, 2H), 7.64–7.58 (m, 2H), 7.45–7.39 (m, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  176.6, 137.4, 135.5, 134.3 (2C), 132.0 (2C), 130.9 (2C), 129.7, 129.2 (2C), 118.3, 92.2, 87.2. HRMS *m/z* (ESI) calcd for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>9</sub>BrClO<sup>+</sup>, (M+H)<sup>+</sup> 318.9520; found, 318.9521.



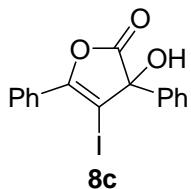
**1,3-Bis(4-bromophenyl)prop-2-yn-1-one (1x).** 138 mg (76%), yellow solid, mp 187–189 °C (lit.<sup>[13]</sup> 187–188 °C). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.08–8.01 (m, 2H), 7.70–7.63 (m, 2H), 7.60–7.50 (m, 4H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  176.6, 135.5, 134.3 (2C), 132.1 (2C), 132.0 (2C), 130.9 (2C), 129.7, 125.8, 118.7, 92.2, 87.3.



**1-(4-Fluorophenyl)-3-(4-bromophenyl)prop-2-yn-1-one (1y).** 118 mg (78%), white solid, mp 138–140 °C. IR (KBr)  $\nu$  2199, 1624 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.09–8.02 (m, 2H), 7.72–7.64 (m, 4H), 7.17–7.09 (m, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  176.7, 164.1 (d, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 253 Hz), 135.6, 135.4 (d, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 9 Hz, 2C), 132.0 (2C), 130.9 (2C), 129.6, 116.3 (d, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 23 Hz, 2C), 116.0 (d, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 4 Hz), 92.5, 86.5. HRMS *m/z* (ESI) calcd for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>9</sub>BrFO<sup>+</sup>, (M+H)<sup>+</sup> 302.9815; found, 302.9817.



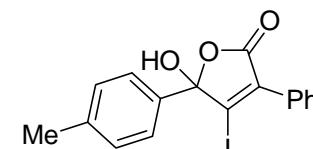
**1-(4-Methylphenyl)but-2-yn-1-one (1z).** 52 mg (66%), yellow oil. IR (KBr)  $\nu$  2243, 1643 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.03 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.26 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 2.42 (s, 3H), 2.14 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  177.9, 144.9, 134.5, 129.7 (2C), 129.2 (2C), 91.9, 79.0, 21.8, 4.3. HRMS *m/z* (ESI) calcd for C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>11</sub>O<sup>+</sup>, (M+H)<sup>+</sup> 159.0804; found 159.0802.



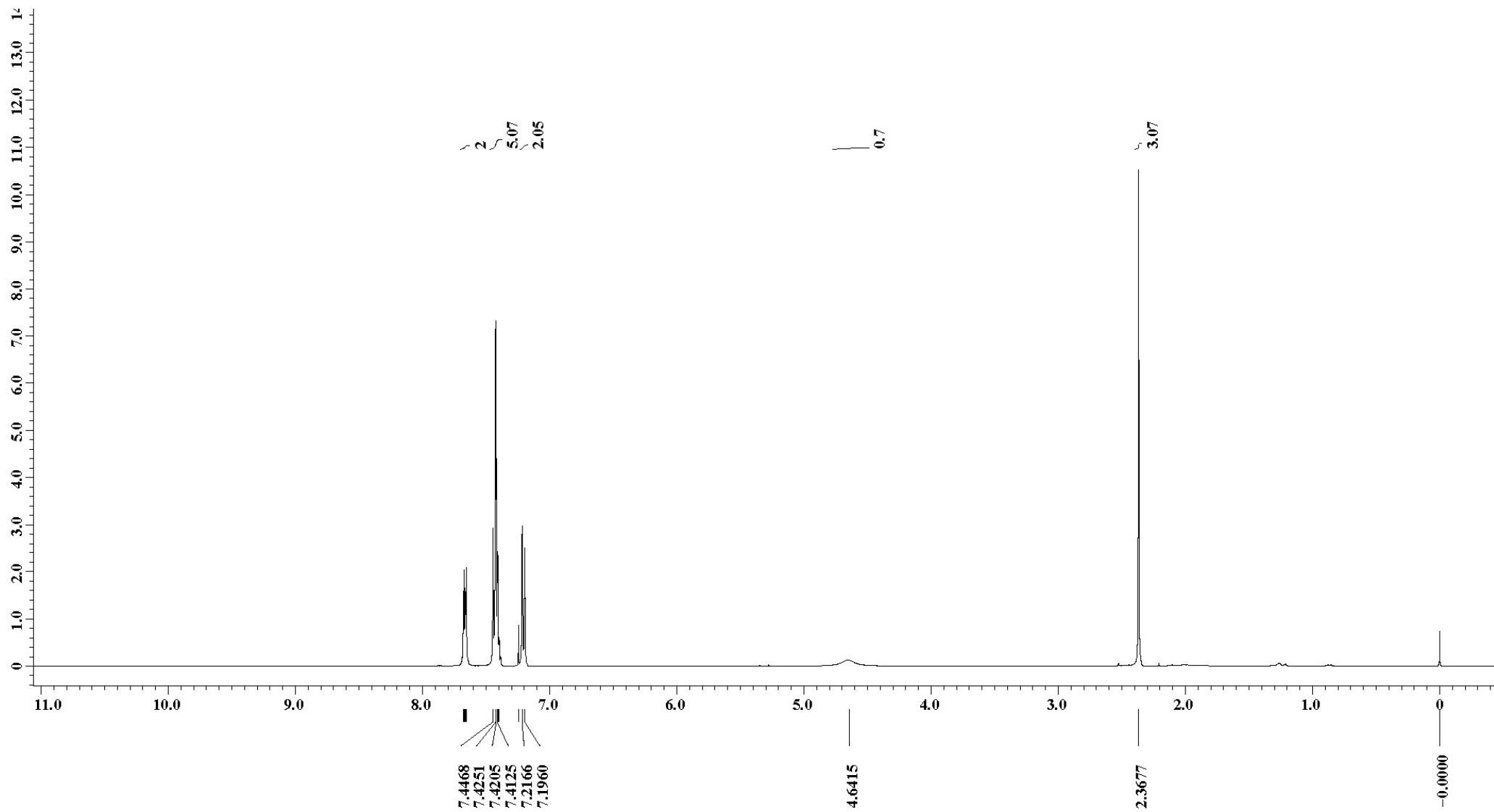
**Preparation and isolation of 3-hydroxy-3,5-diphenyl-4-iodo-furan-2(3H)-one (8c).** A mixture of 1-iodo-2-phenylethyne (**6c**, 0.6 mmol, 137 mg), 2-oxo-2-phenylacetic acid (**2a**, 0.5 mmol, 75 mg) and BF<sub>3</sub>·Et<sub>2</sub>O (0.1 mmol, 14 mg) in toluene (2 mL) was stirred at 25 °C for 1 h (monitored by TLC). After the reaction was quenched by addition of brine (15 mL), the resultant mixture was extracted with EtOAc (3 × 15 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with brine (2 × 15 mL) and dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>. The solvent was removed by vacuum and the residue was purified by flash chromatography (silica gel, 10% EtOAc in PE) to give 40 mg (21%) of the desired product **8c** as a white solid, mp 107–109 °C (lit.<sup>[14]</sup> 109–110 °C); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.08 (dd, *J* = 7.8, 1.7 Hz, 2H), 7.53–7.45 (m, 5H), 7.45–7.38 (m, 3H), 3.23 (s, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  173.5, 151.8, 137.0, 131.2, 129.3, 128.9 (2C), 128.5 (2C), 127.8 (2C), 127.5, 125.4 (2C), 81.5, 73.5.

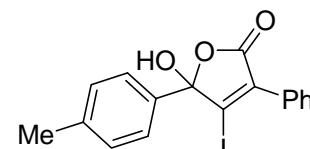
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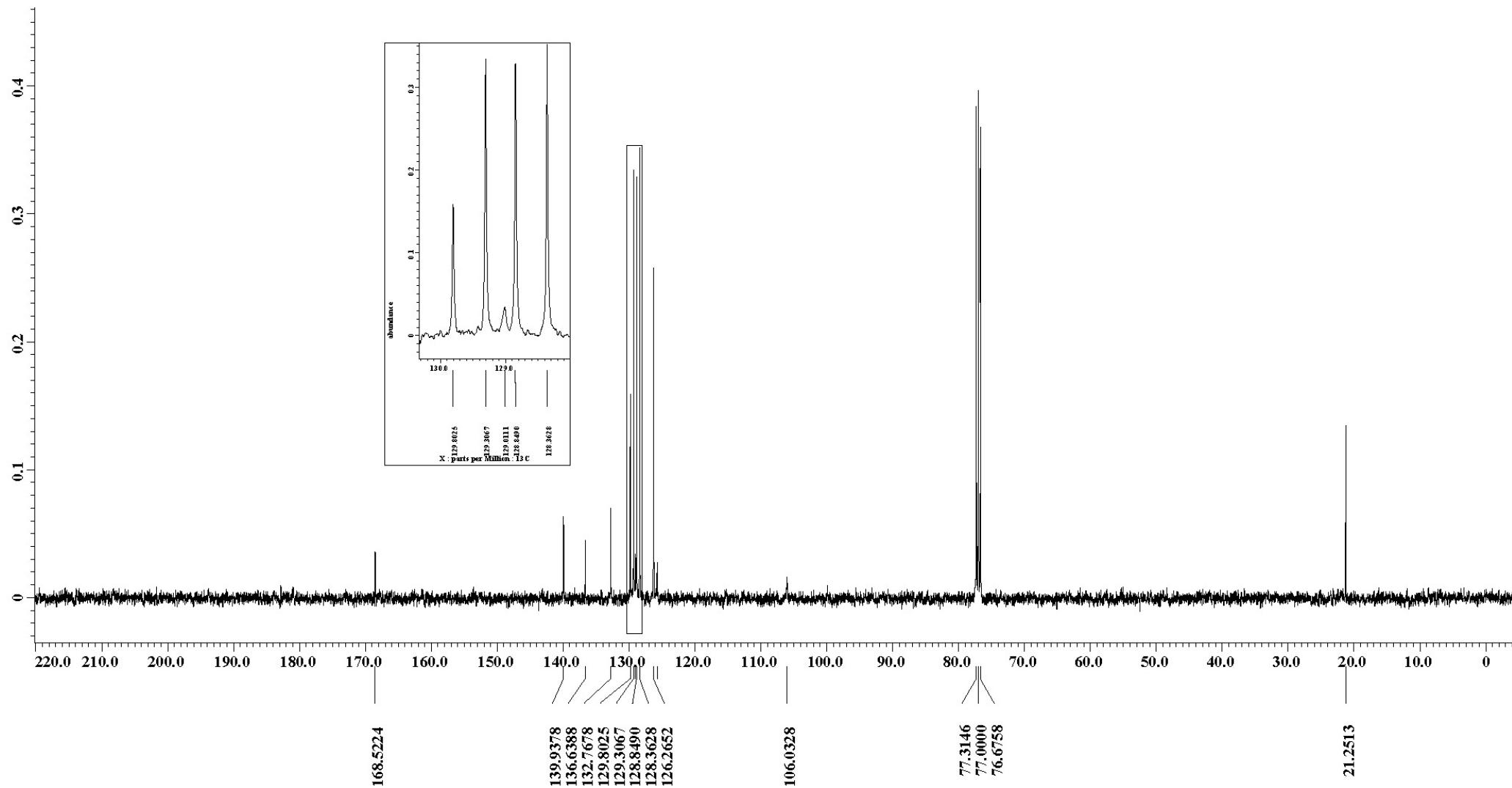


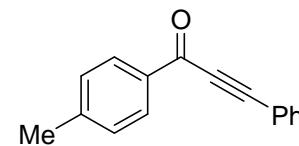
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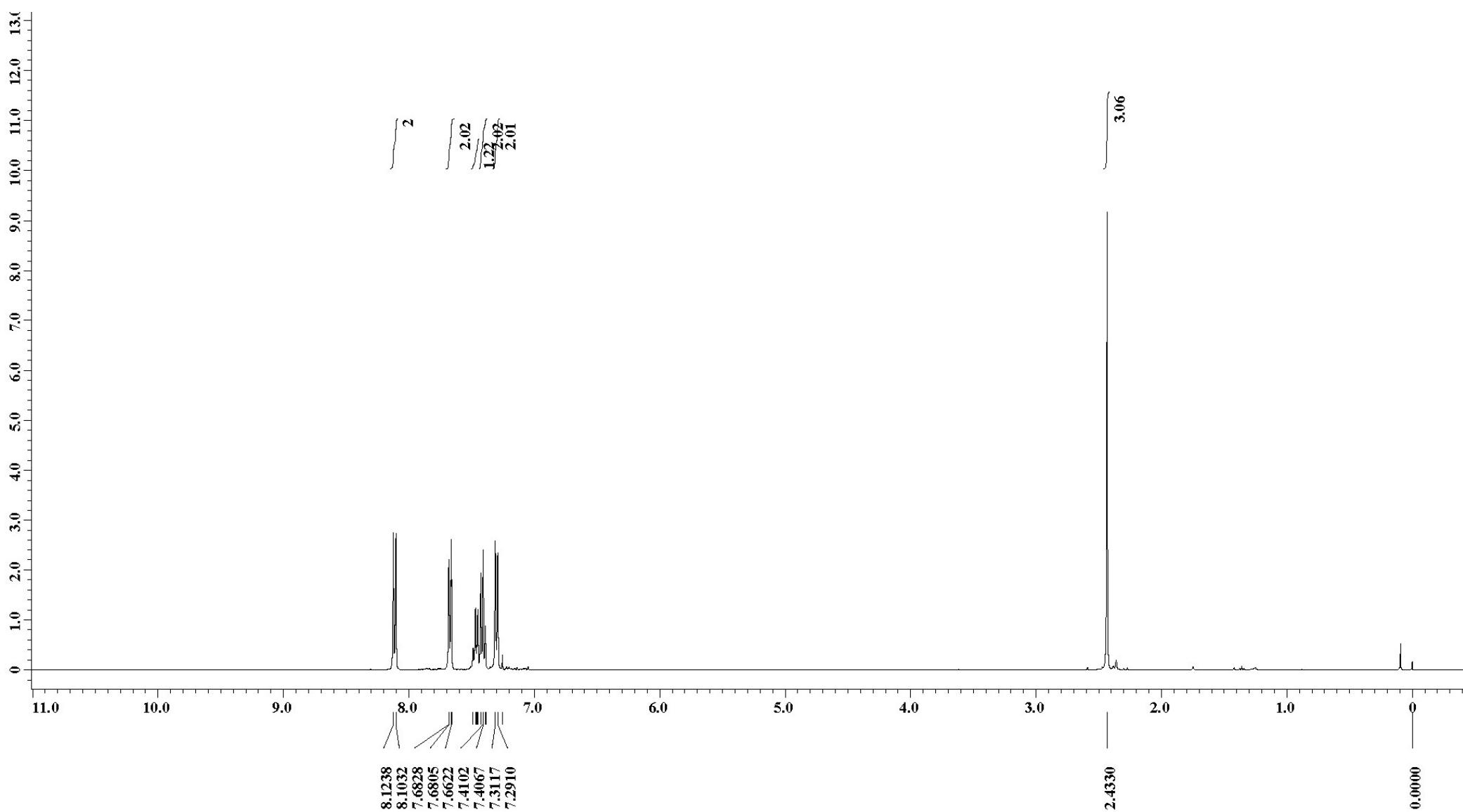


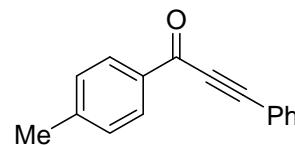
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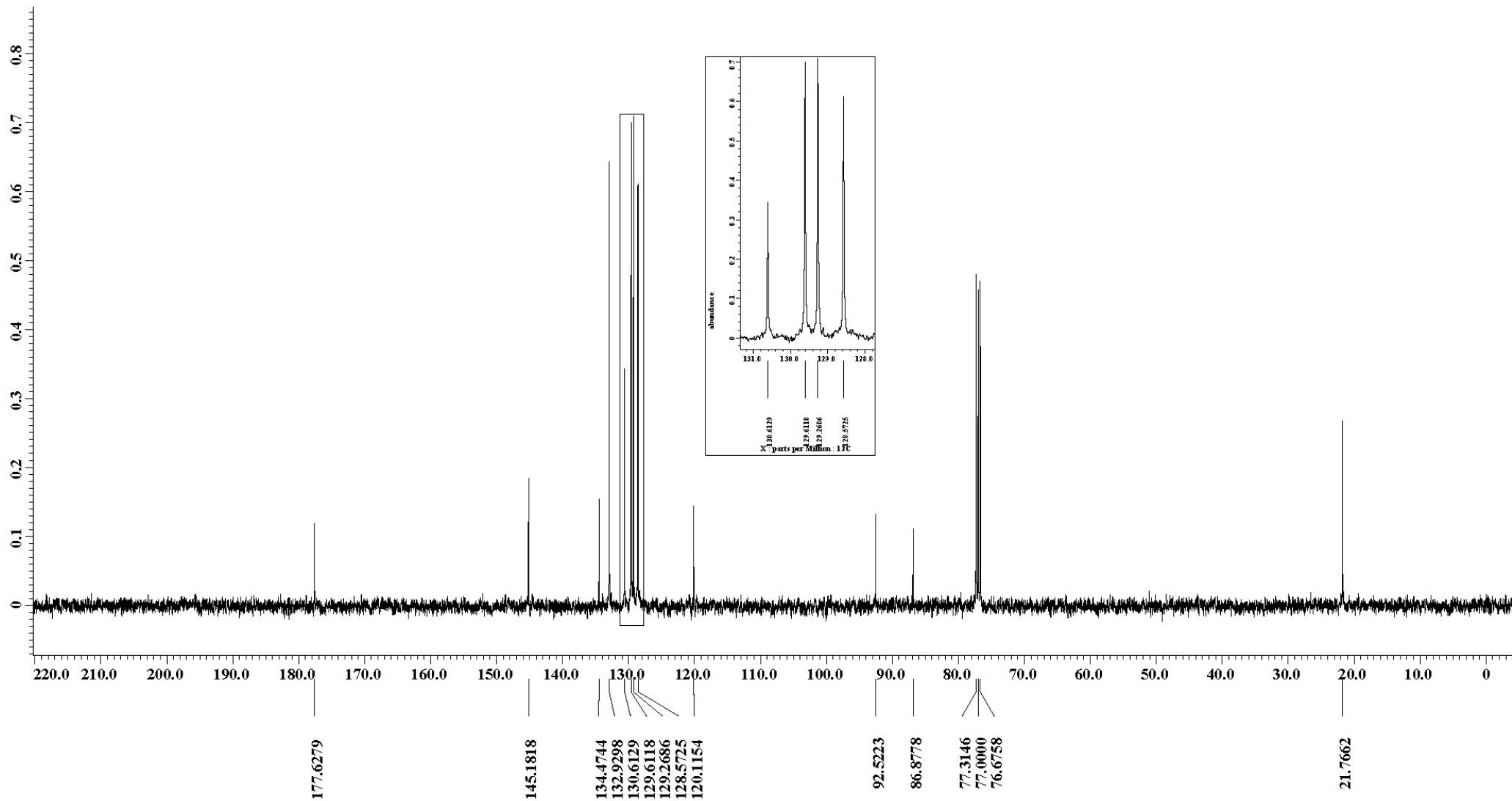


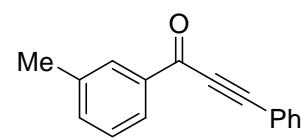
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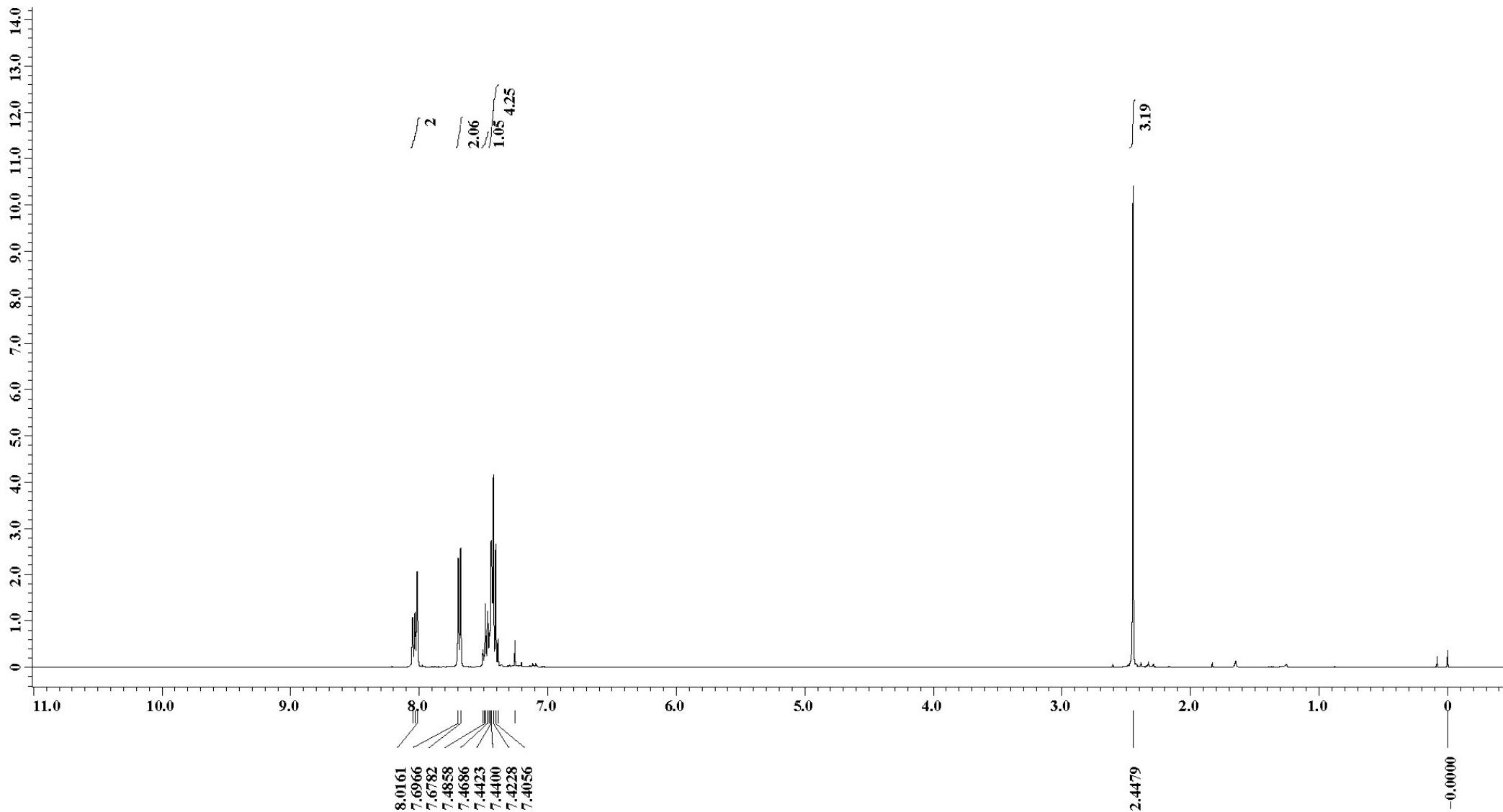


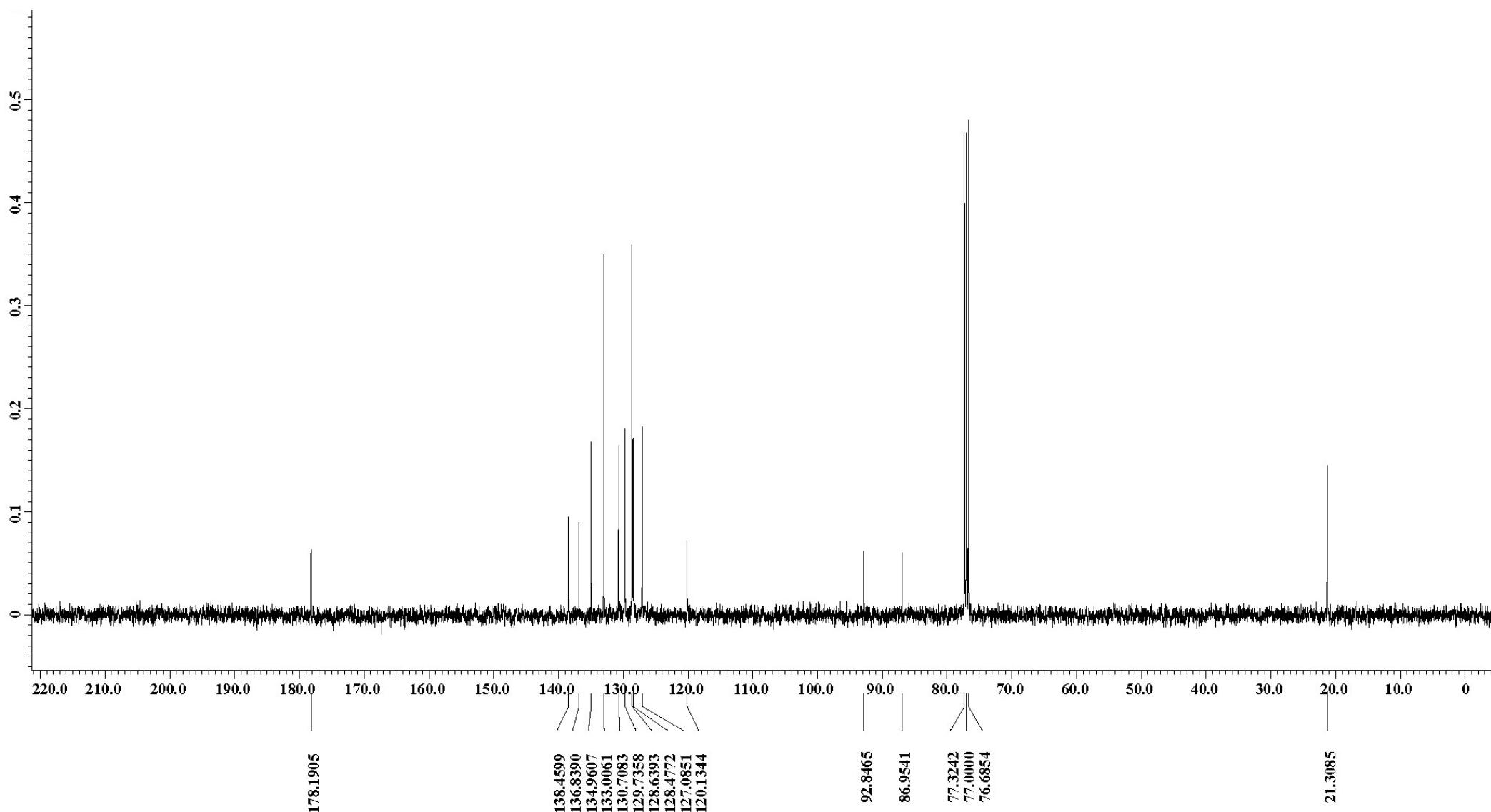
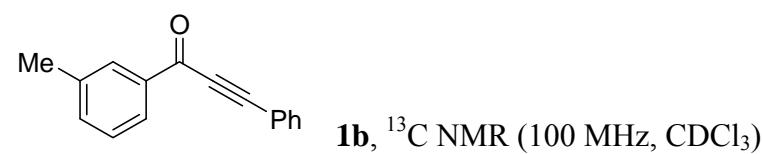
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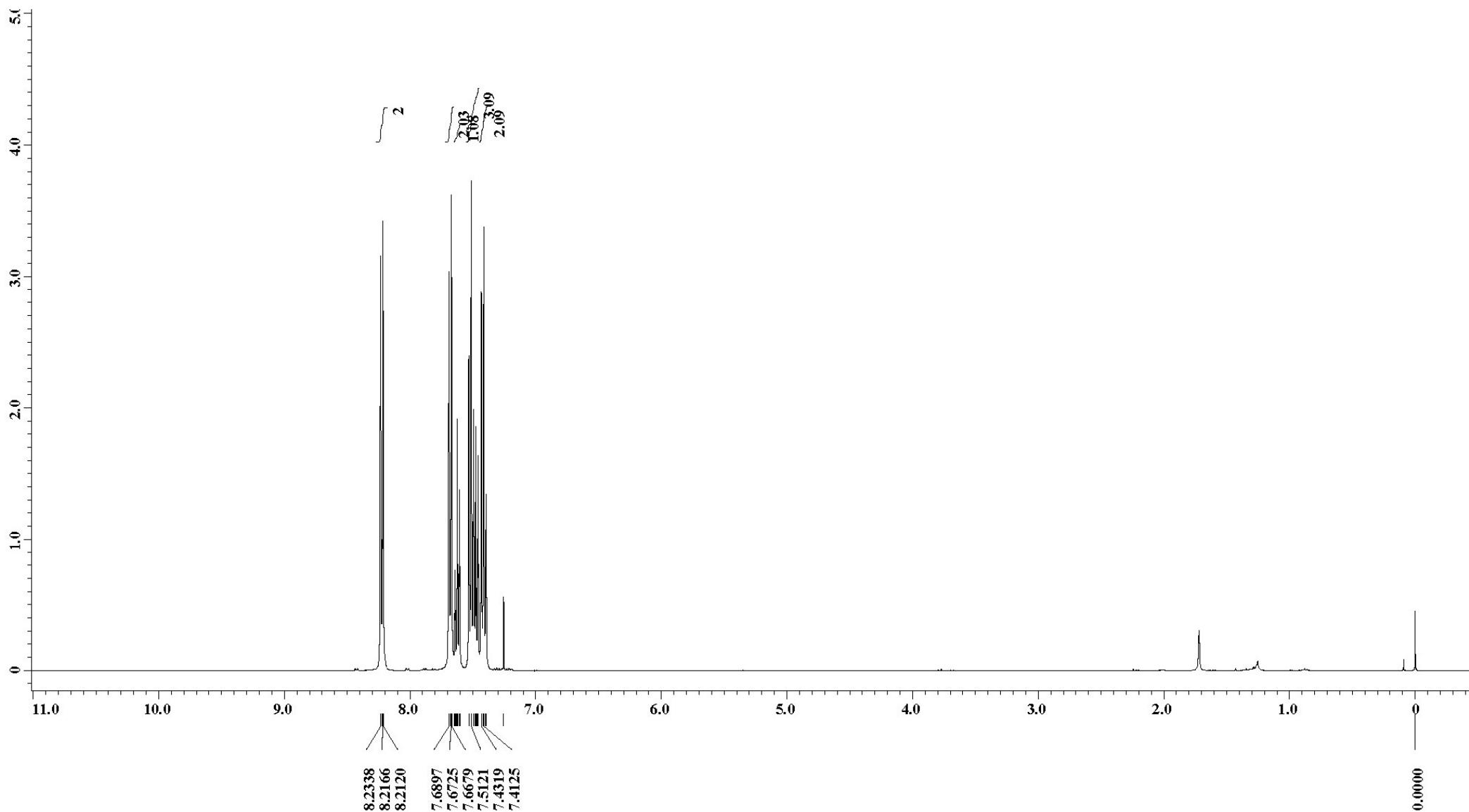
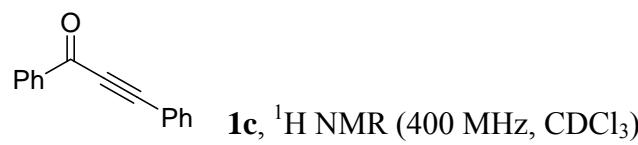


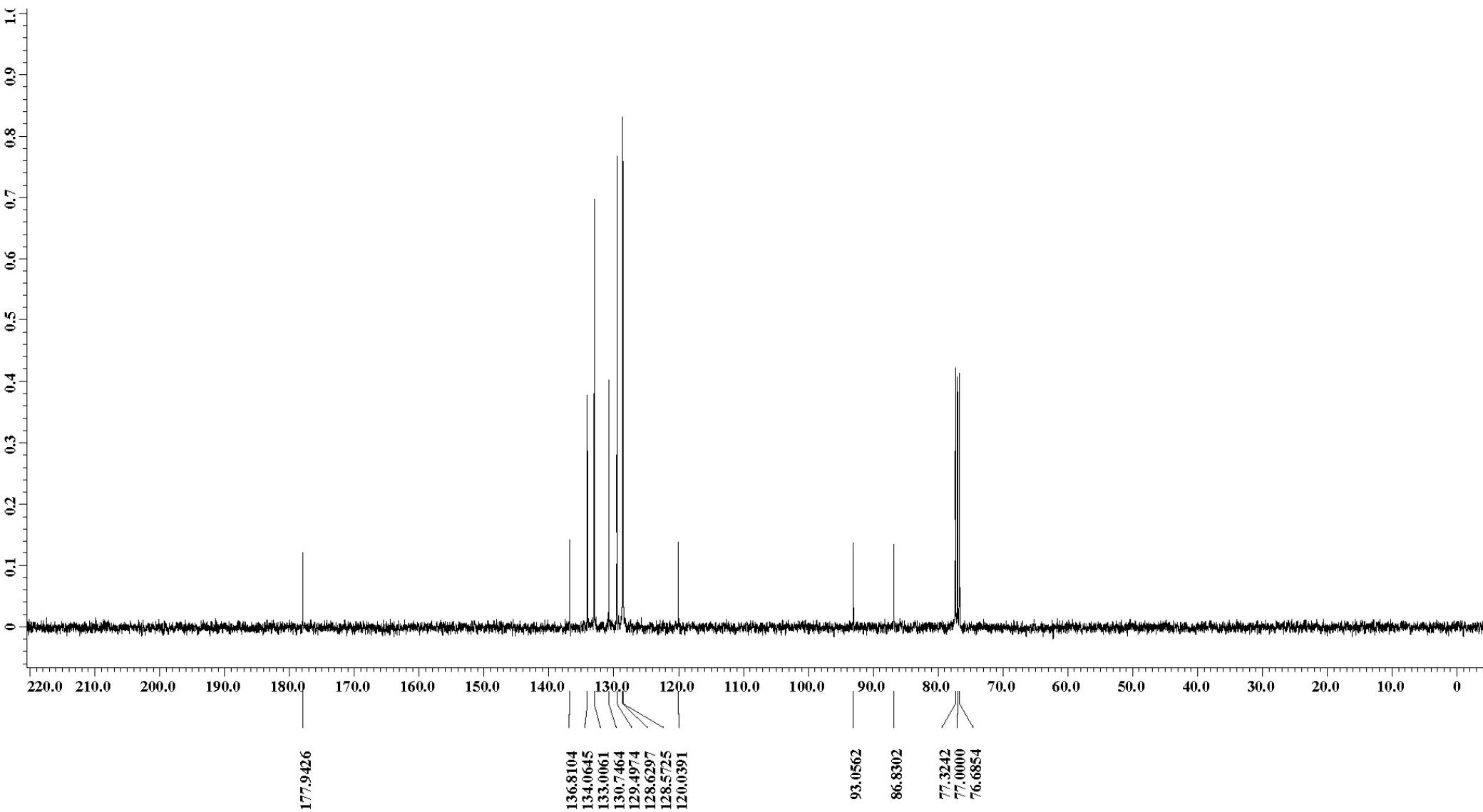
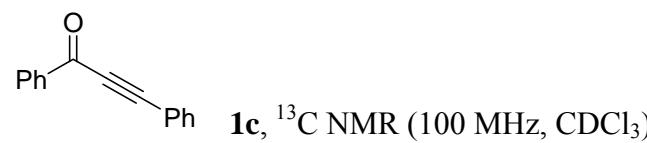


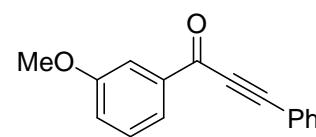
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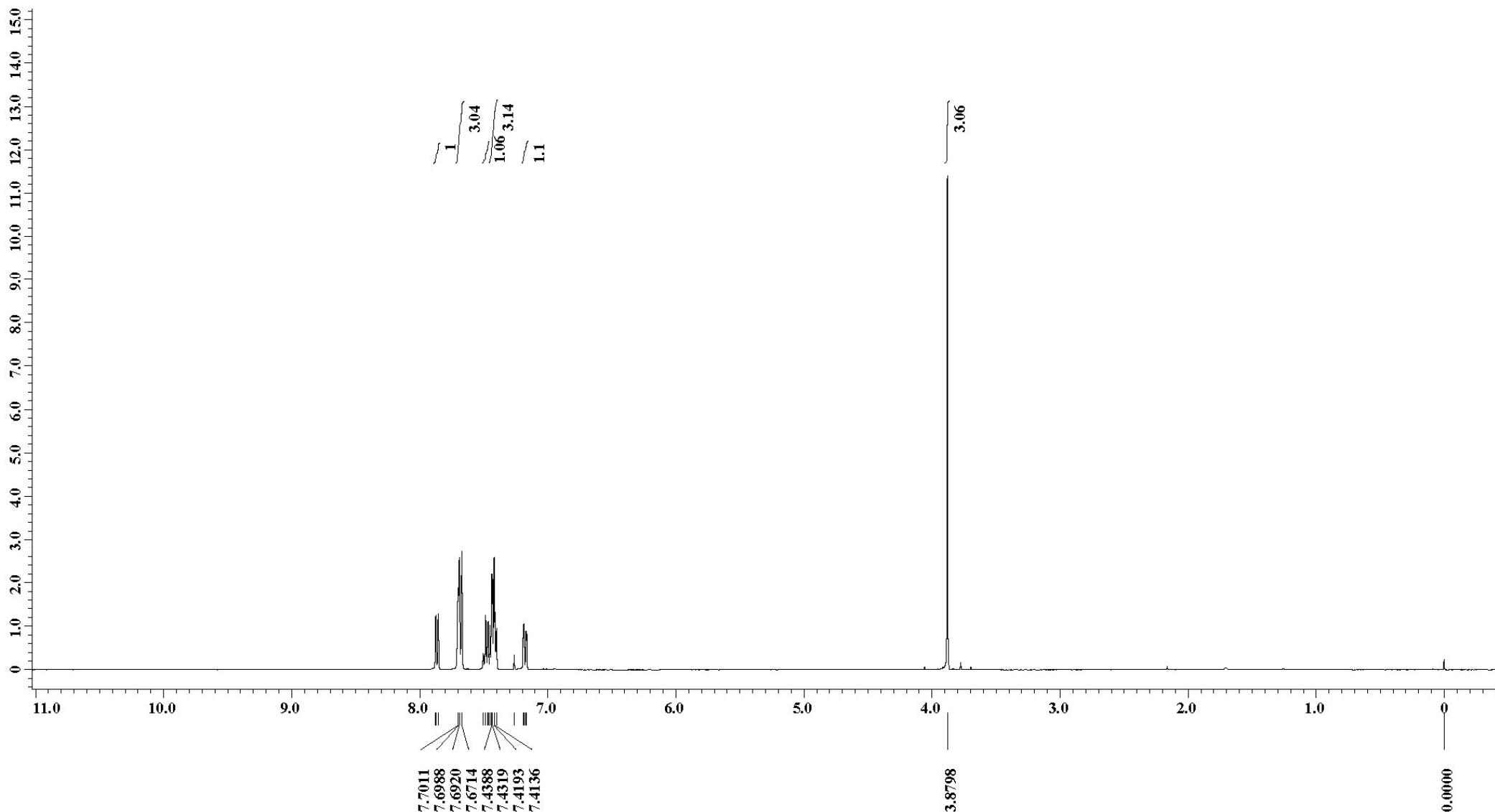


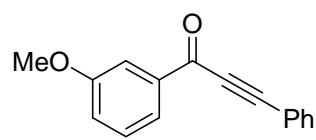




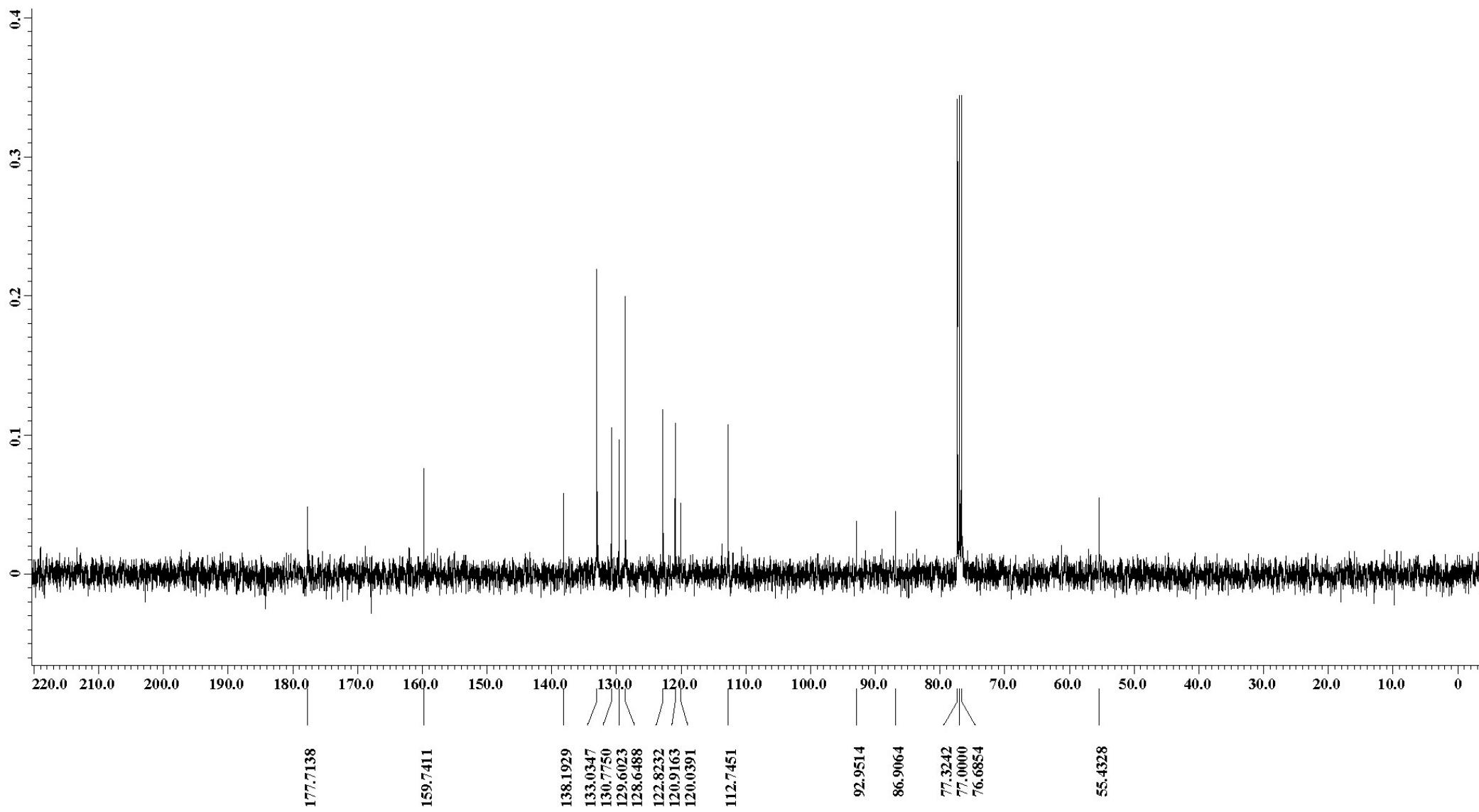


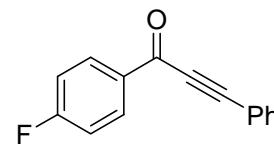
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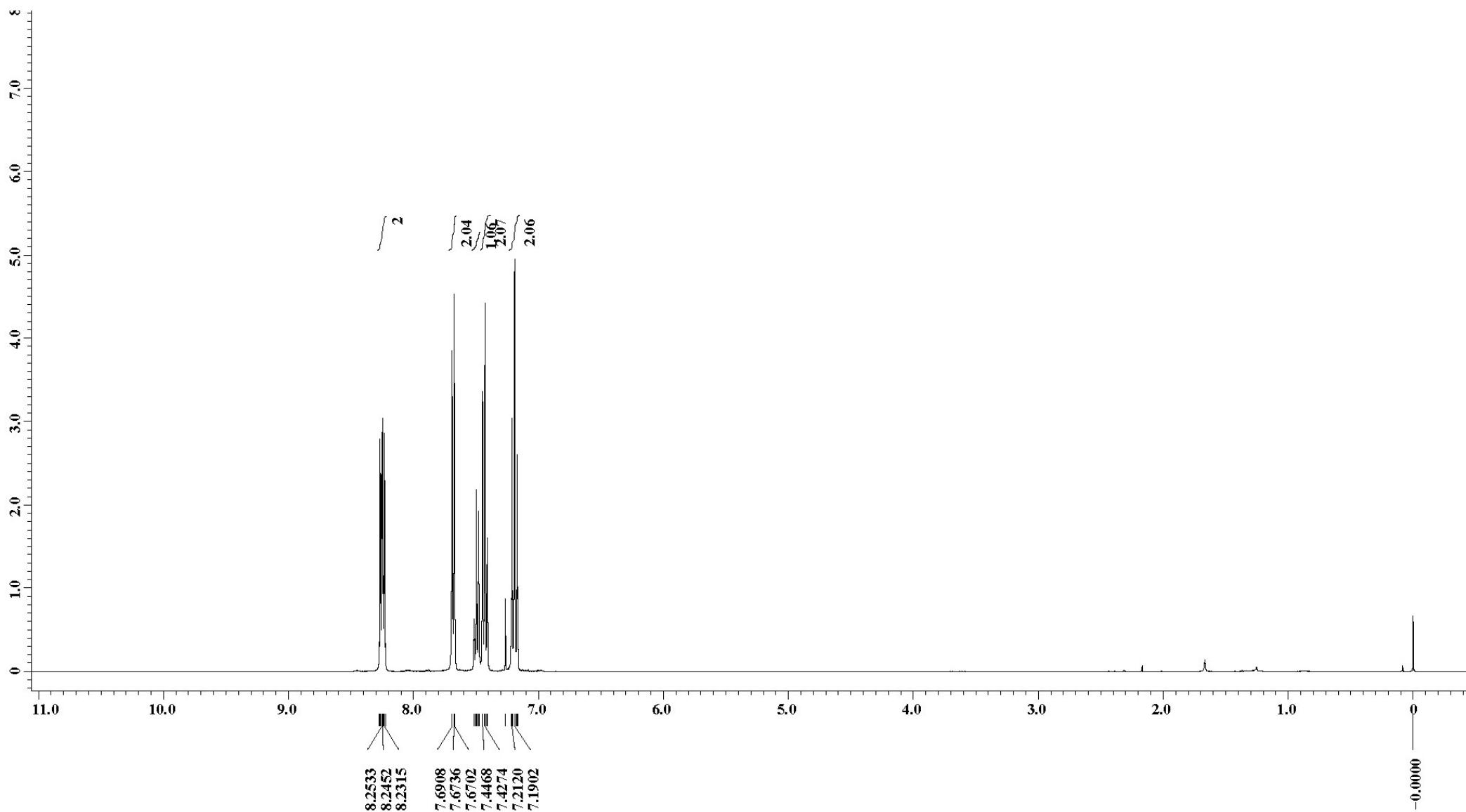


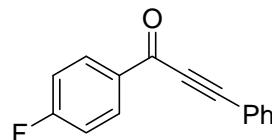
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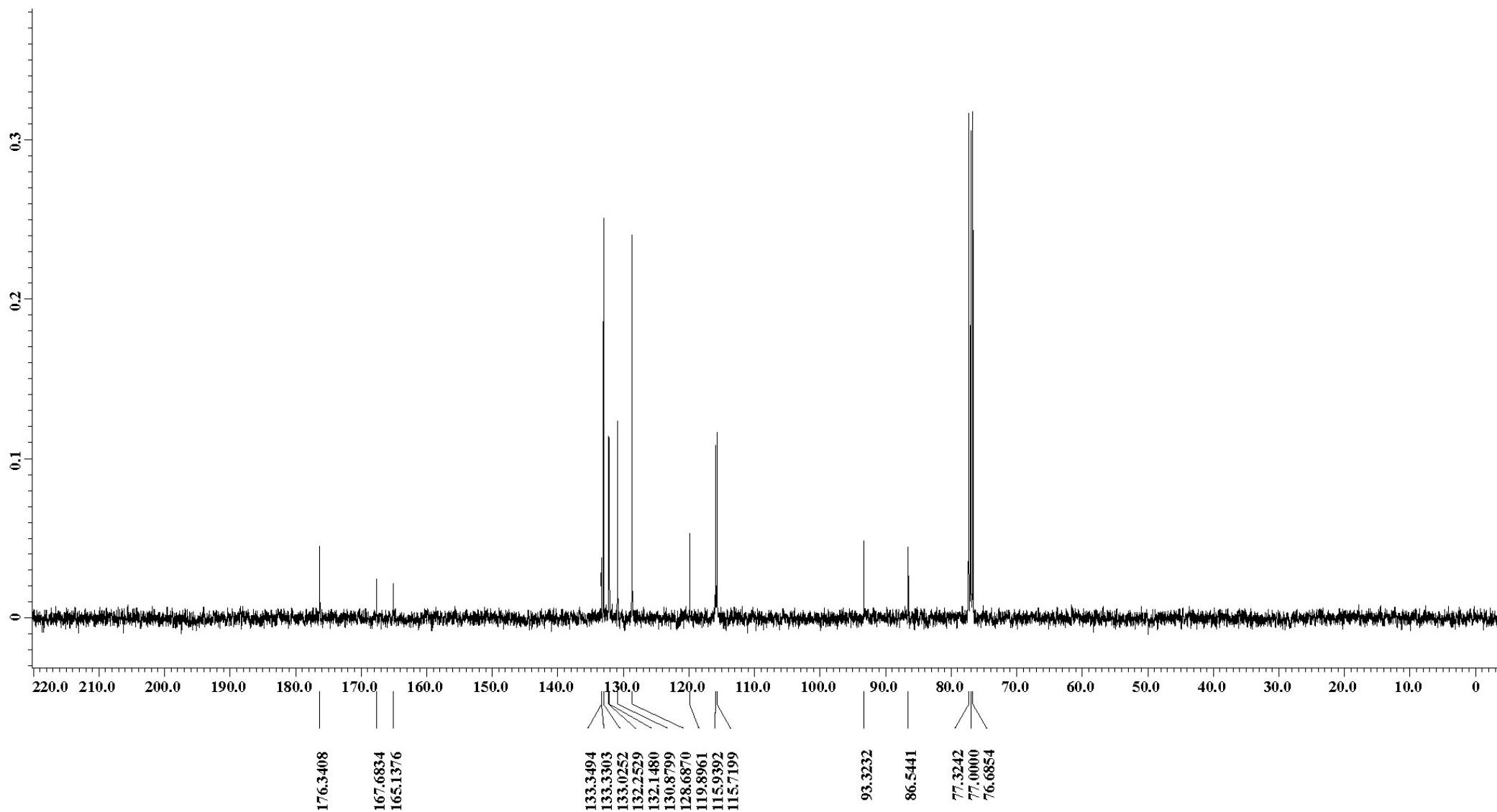


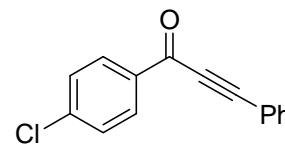
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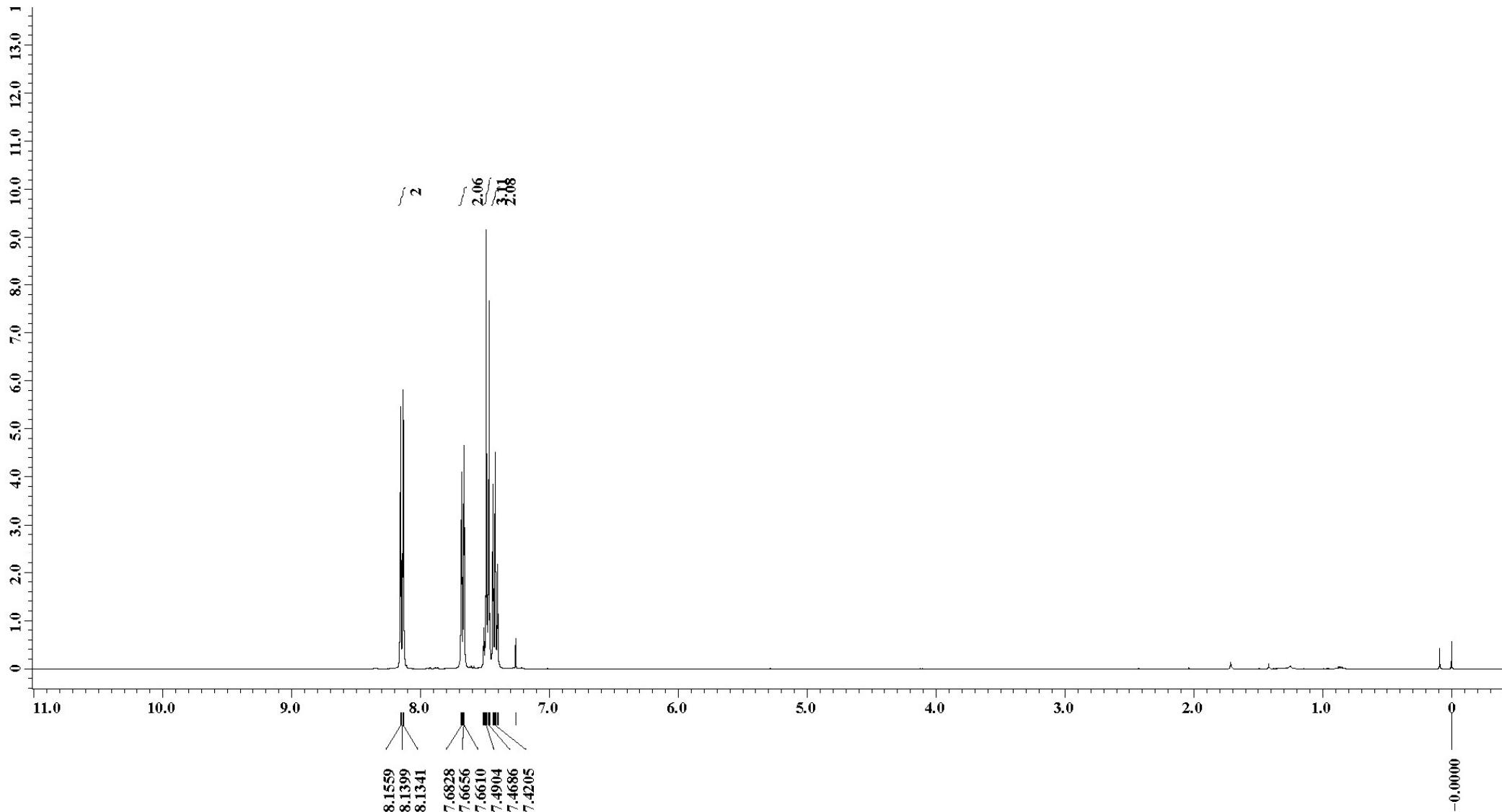


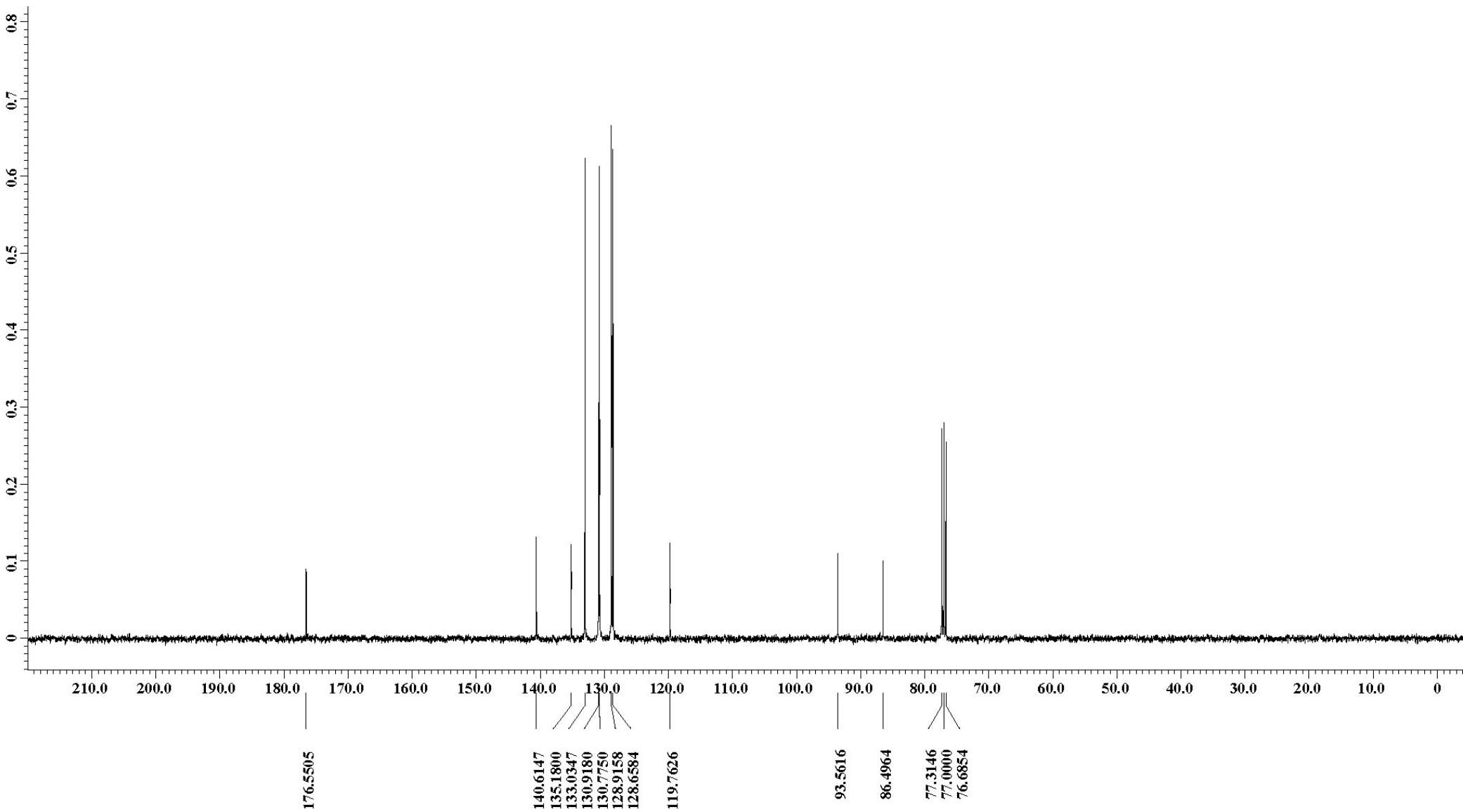
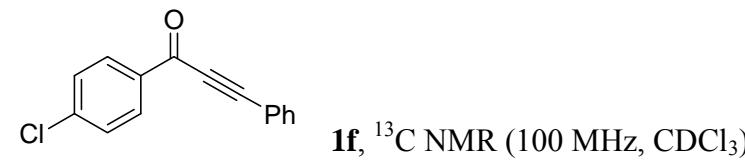
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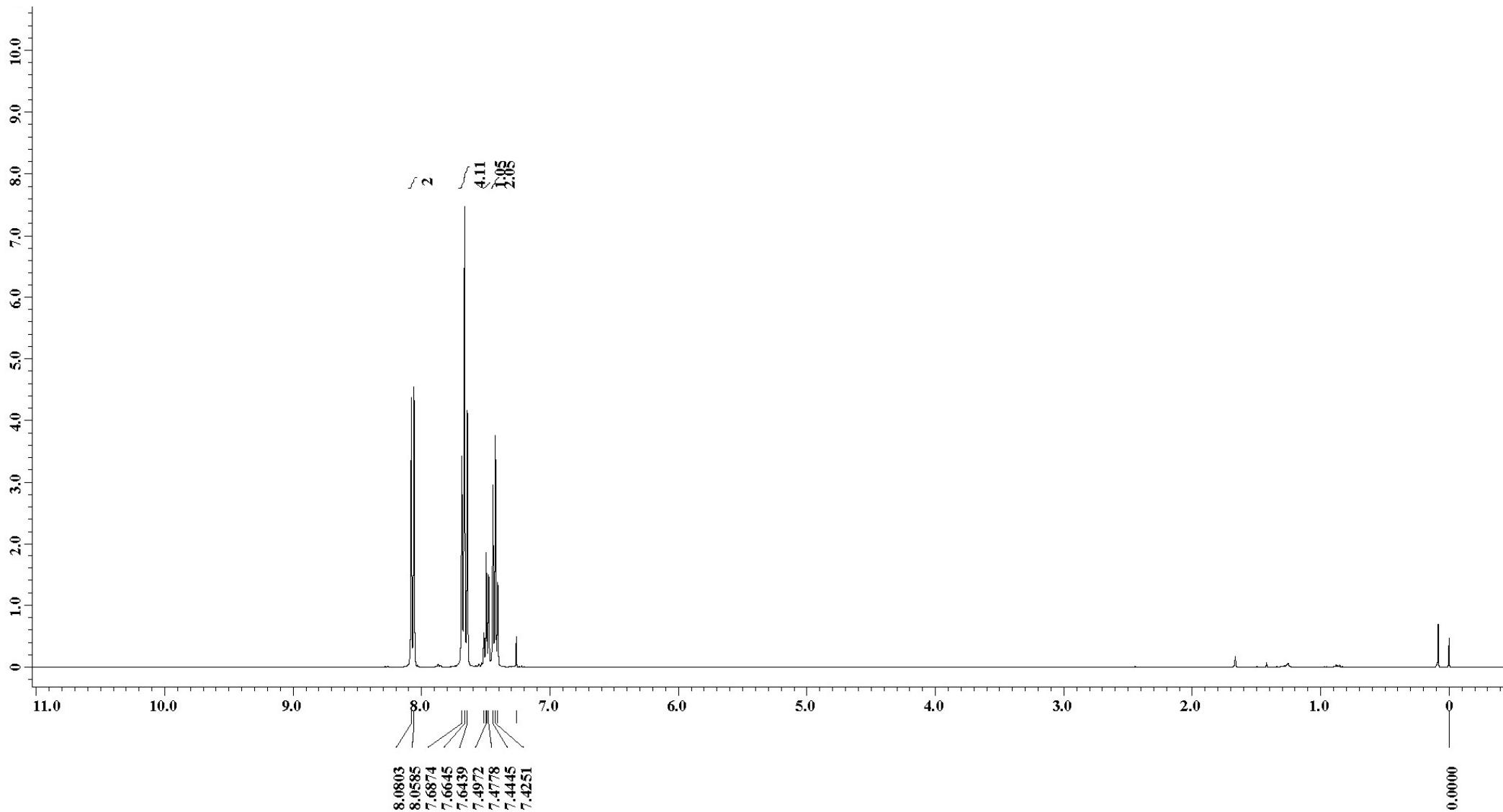
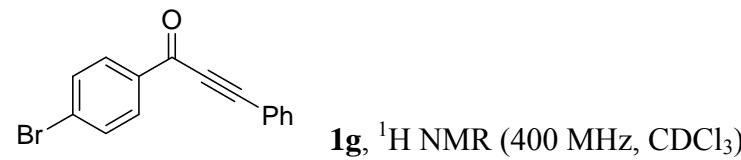


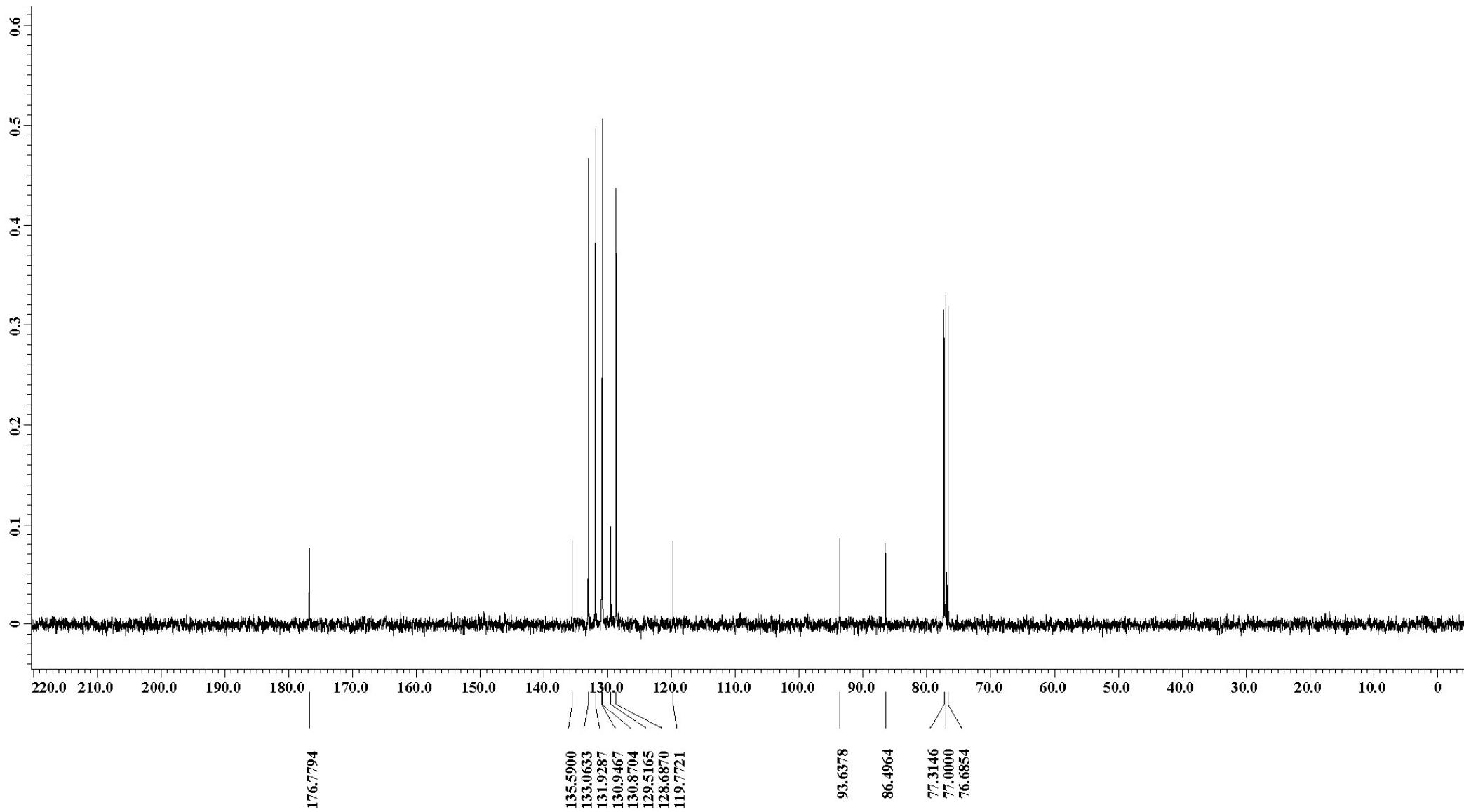
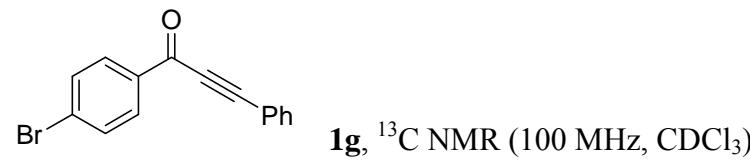


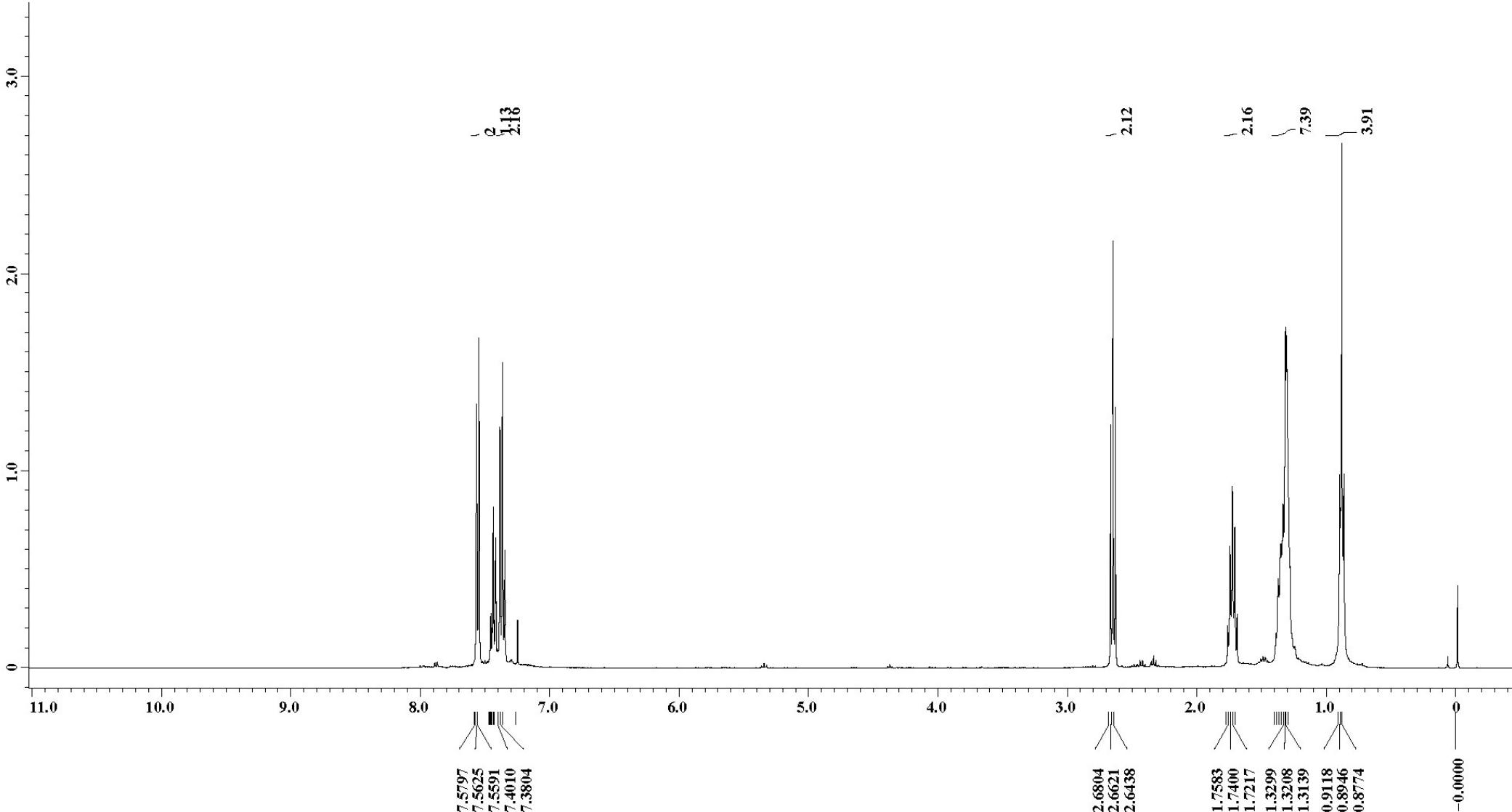
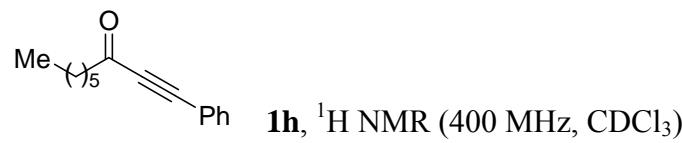
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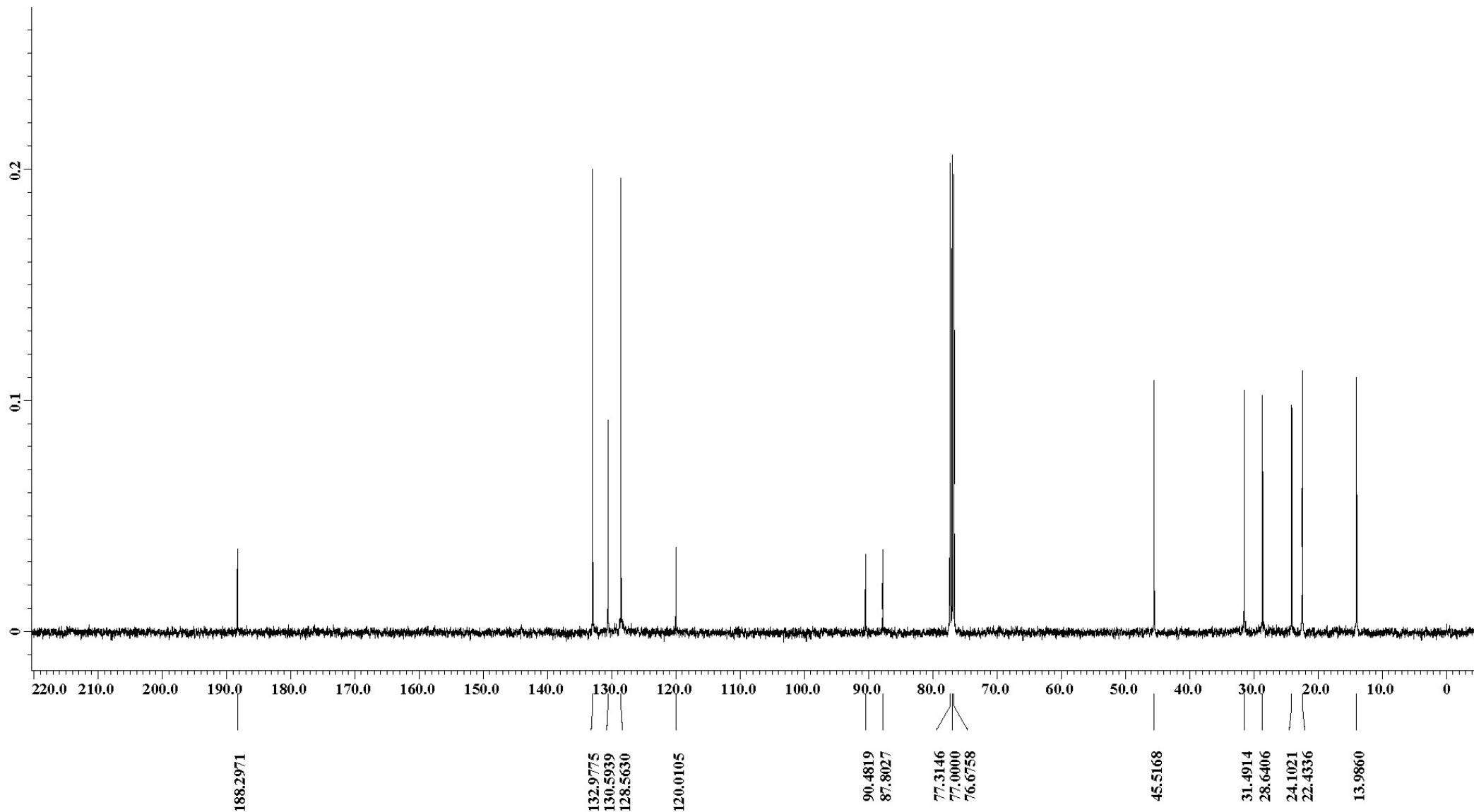
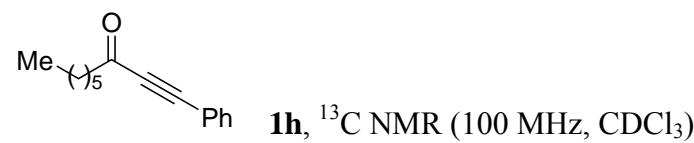


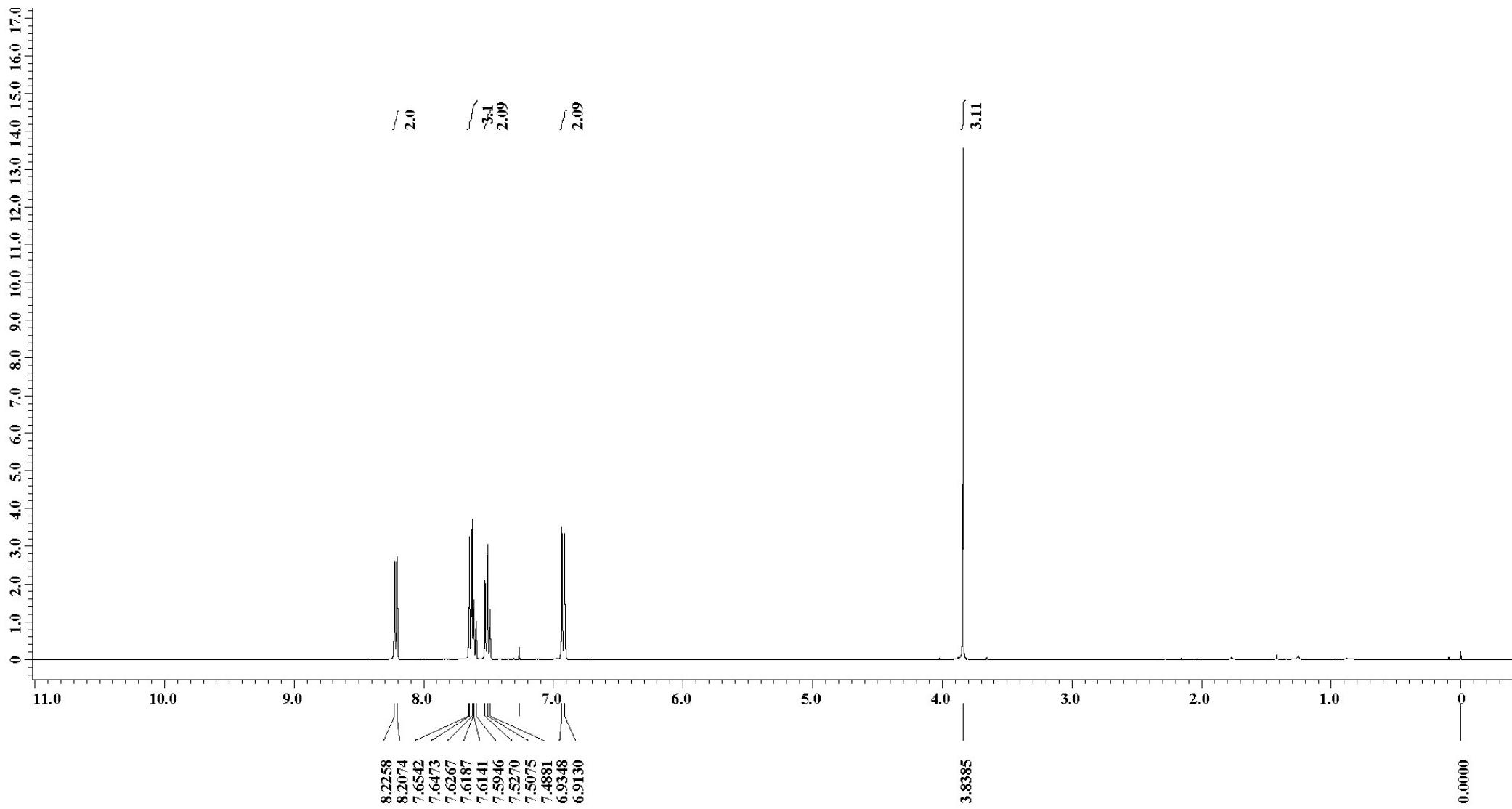
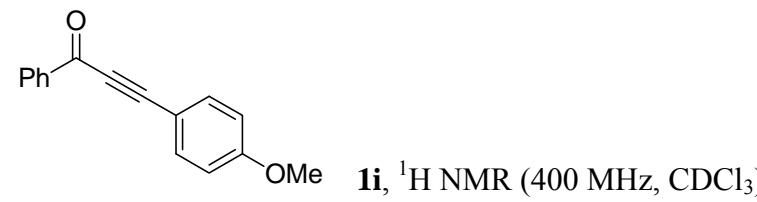


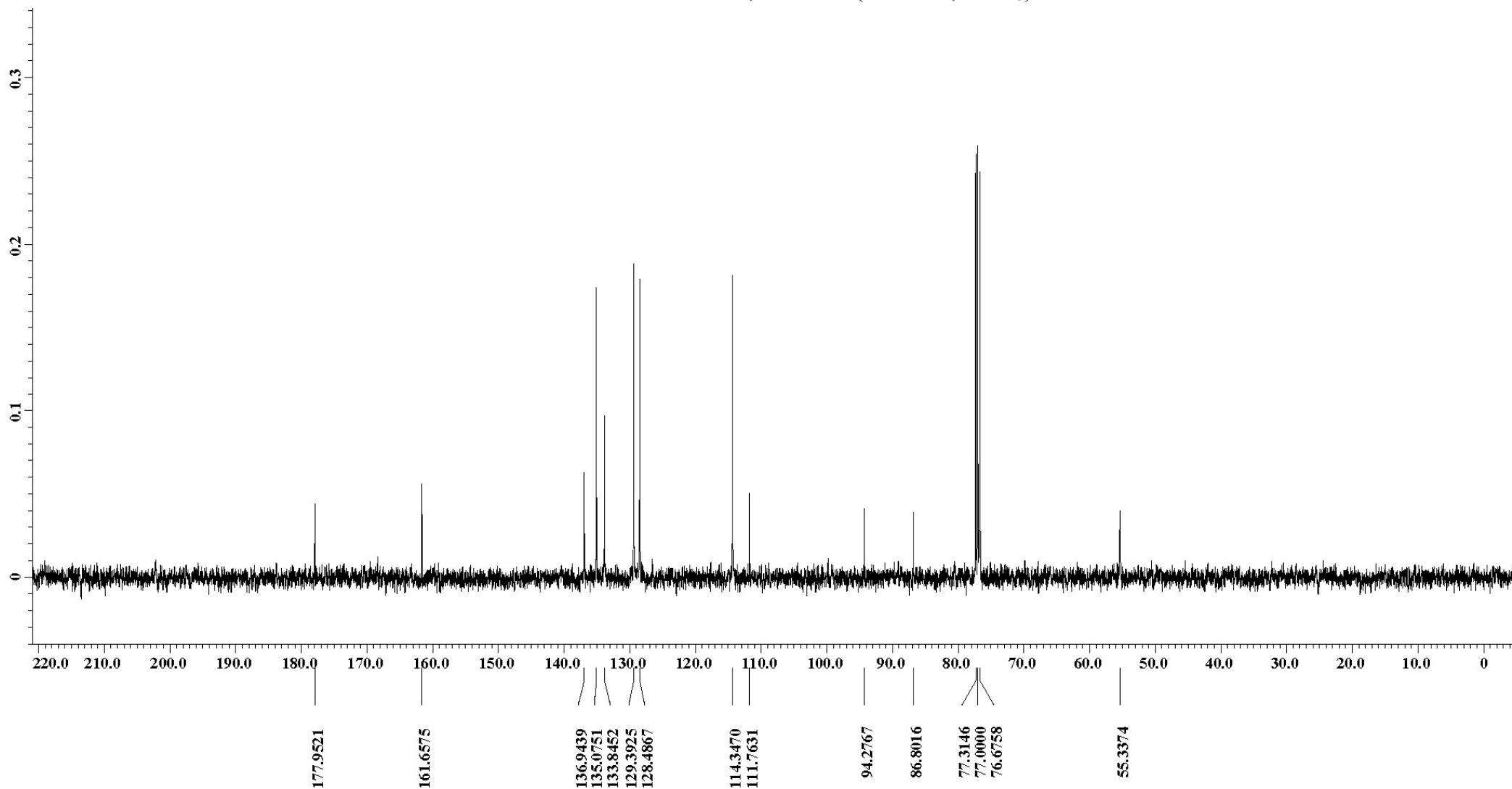
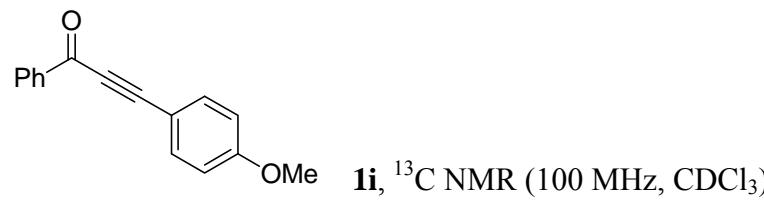


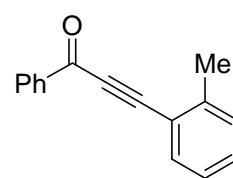




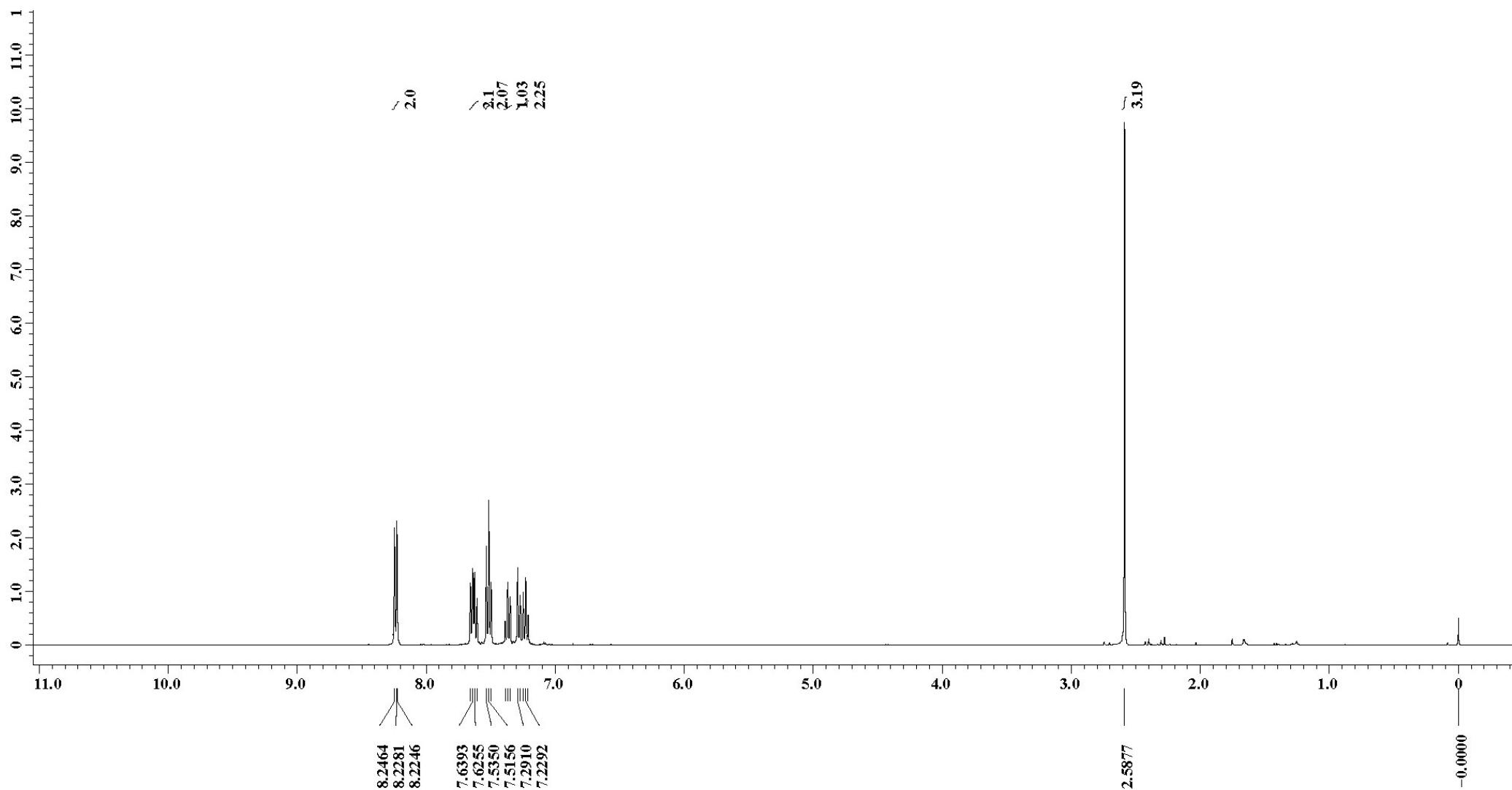


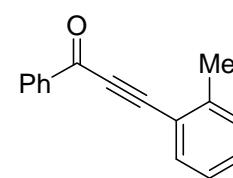




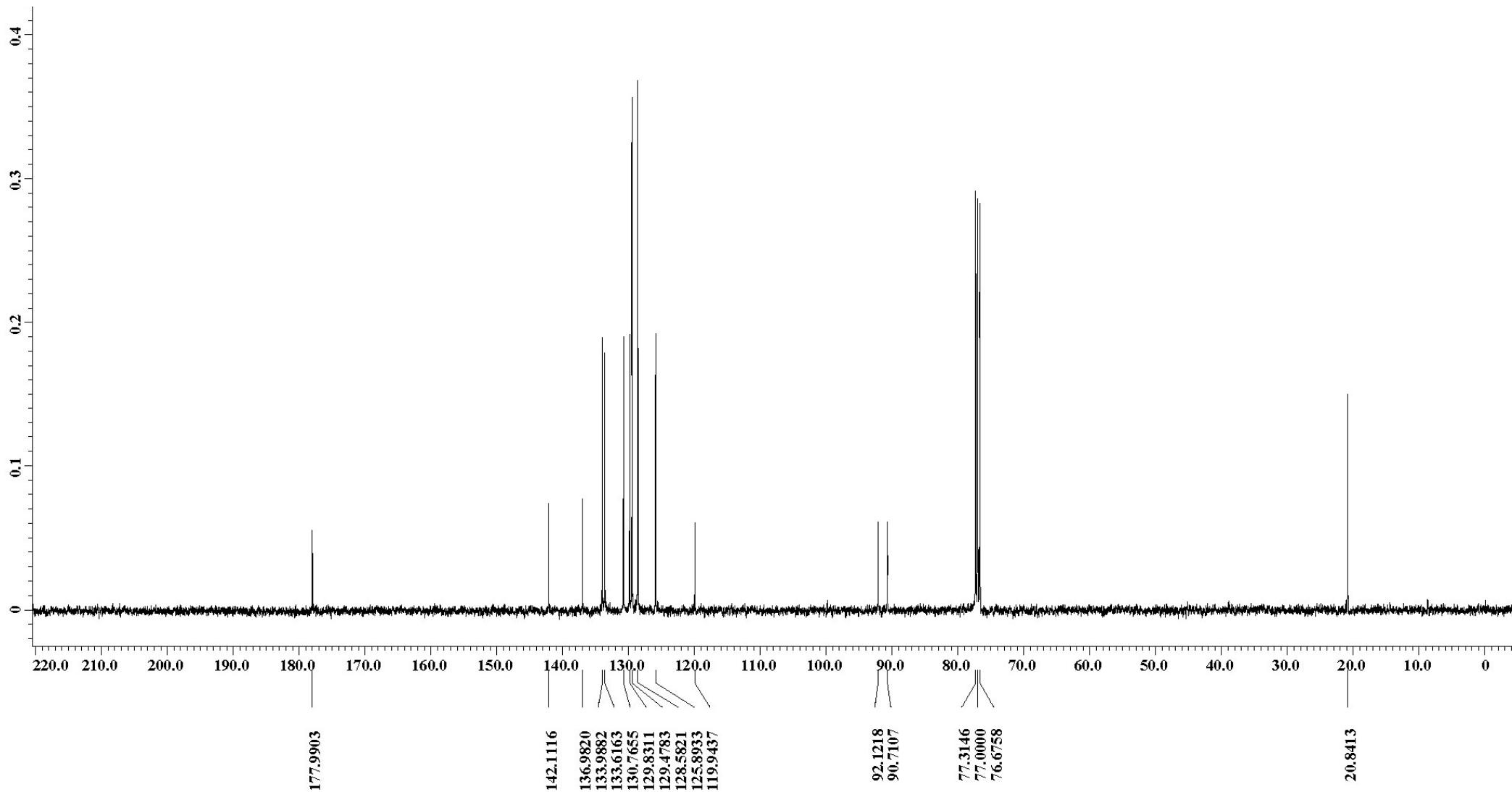


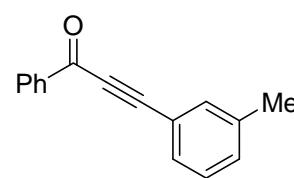
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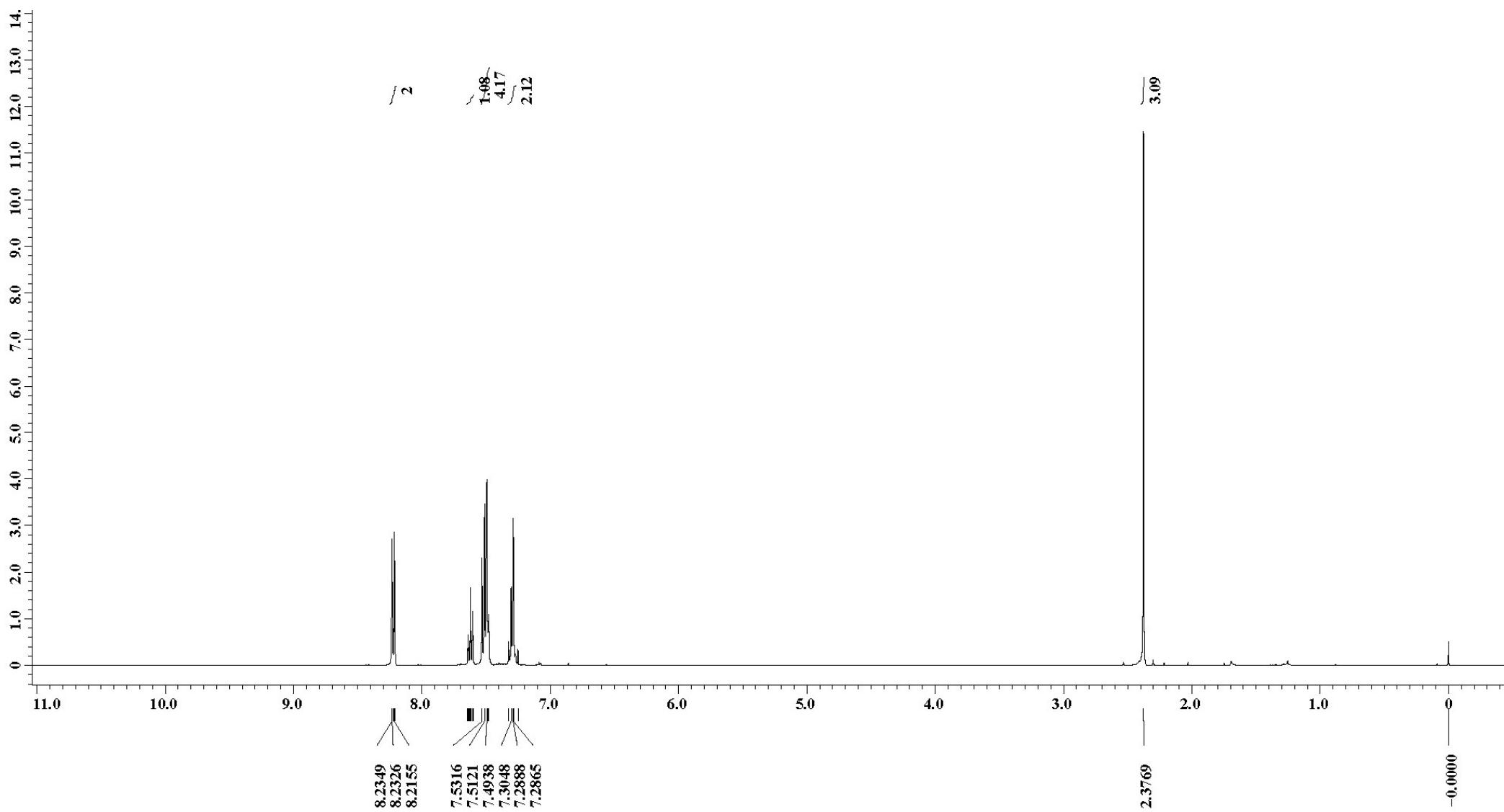


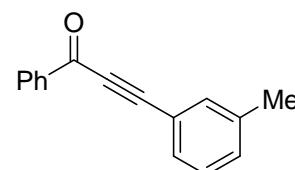
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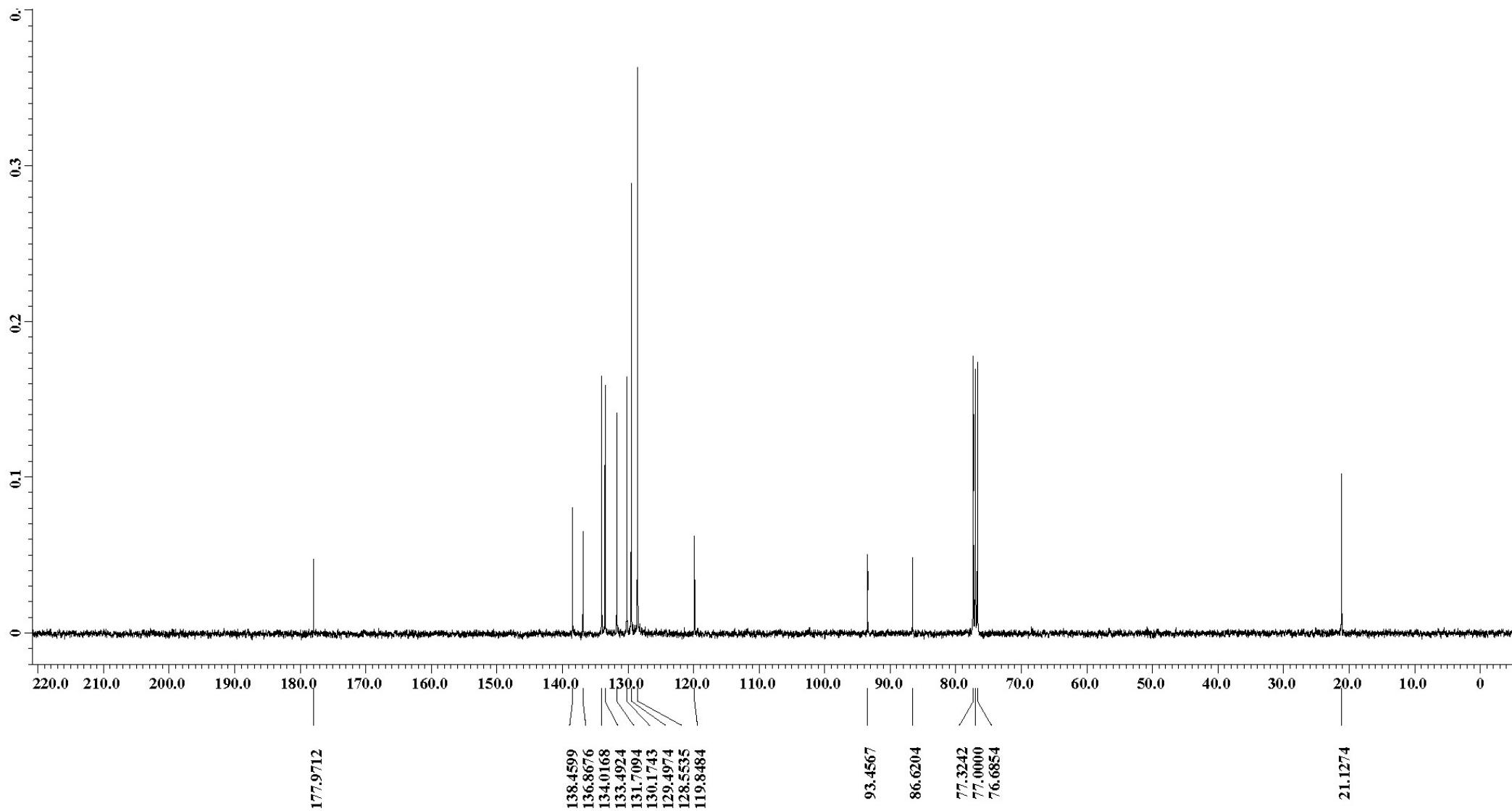


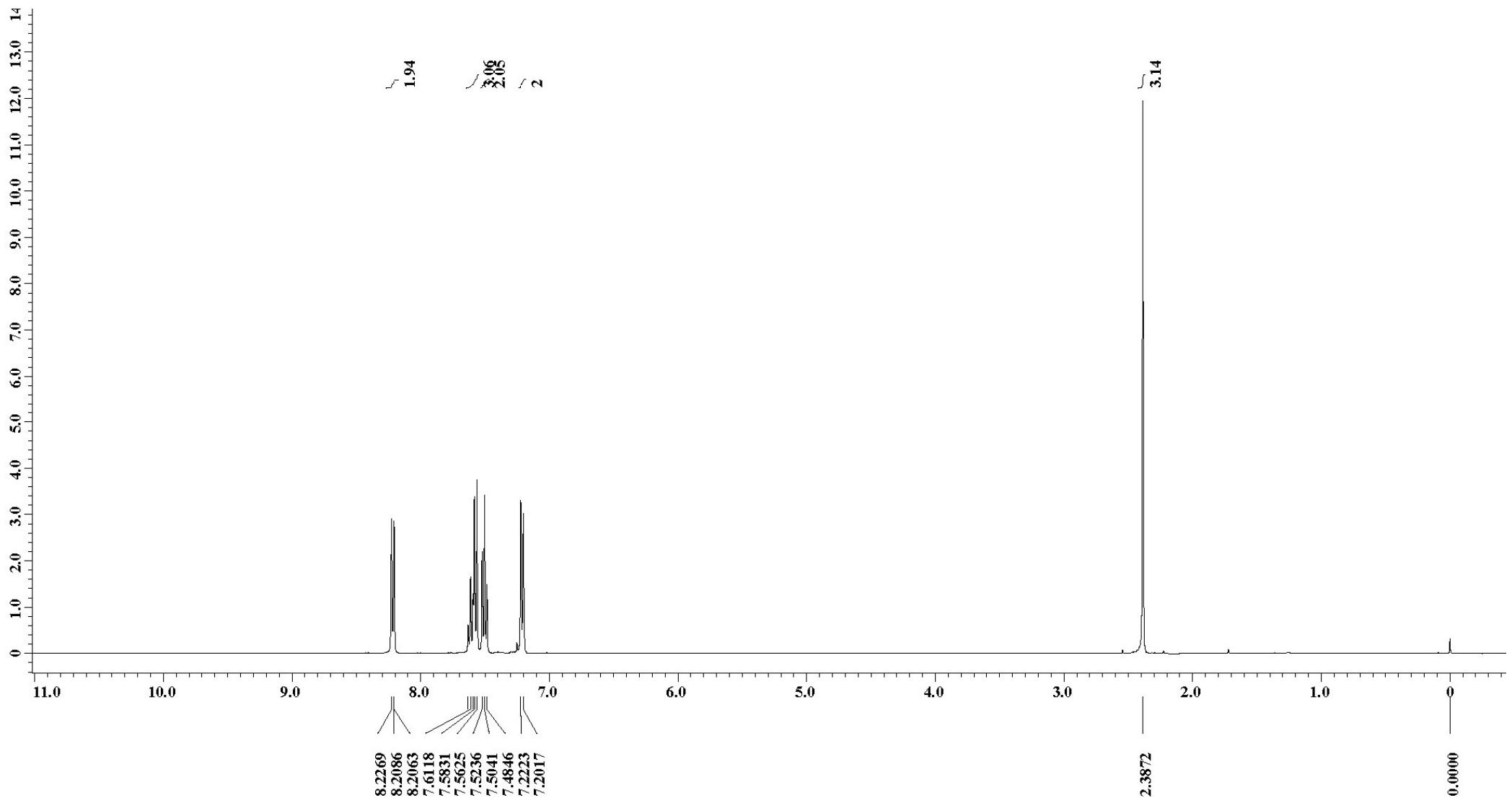
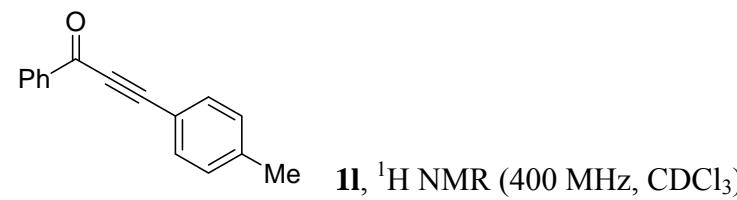
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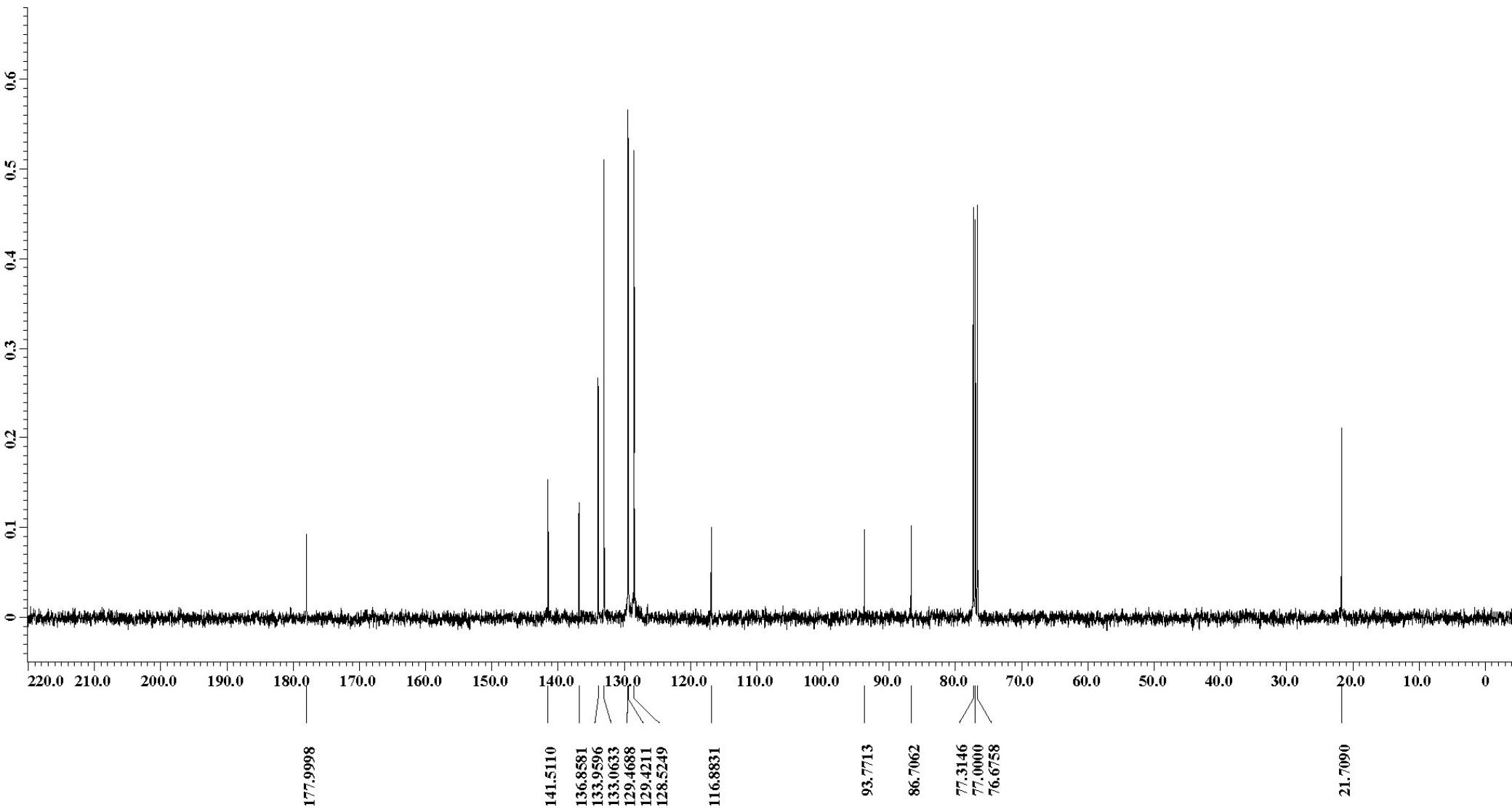
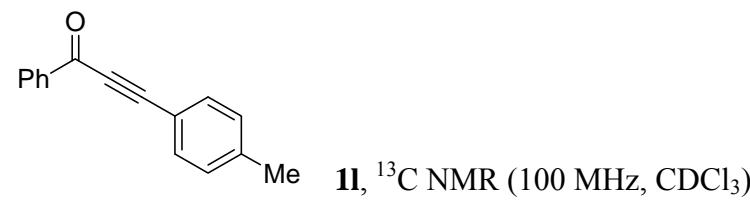


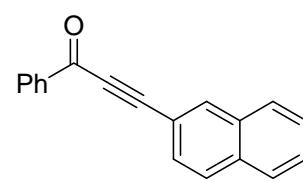


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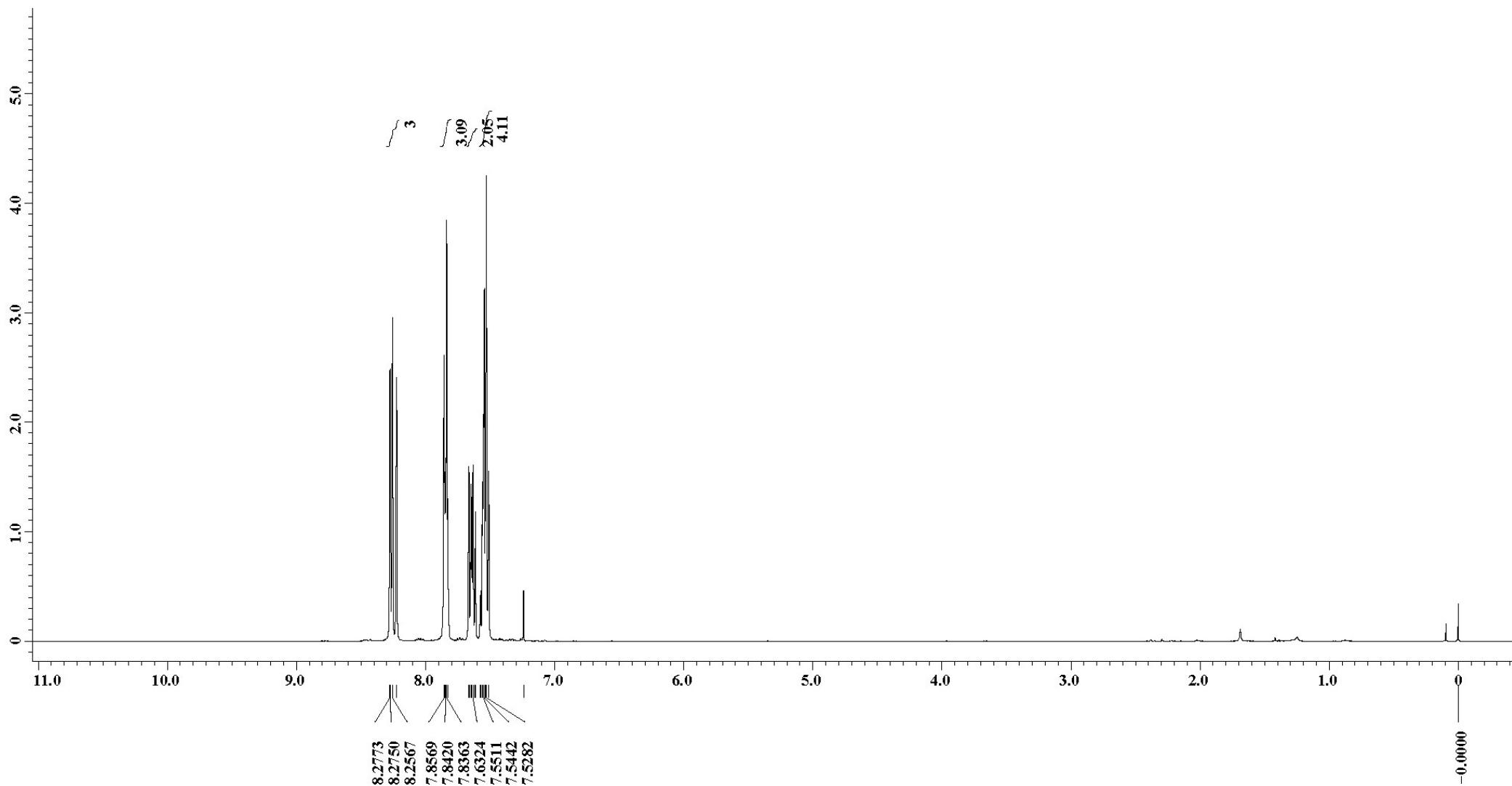


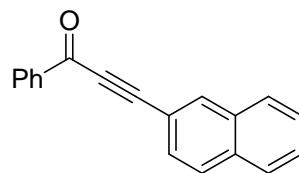




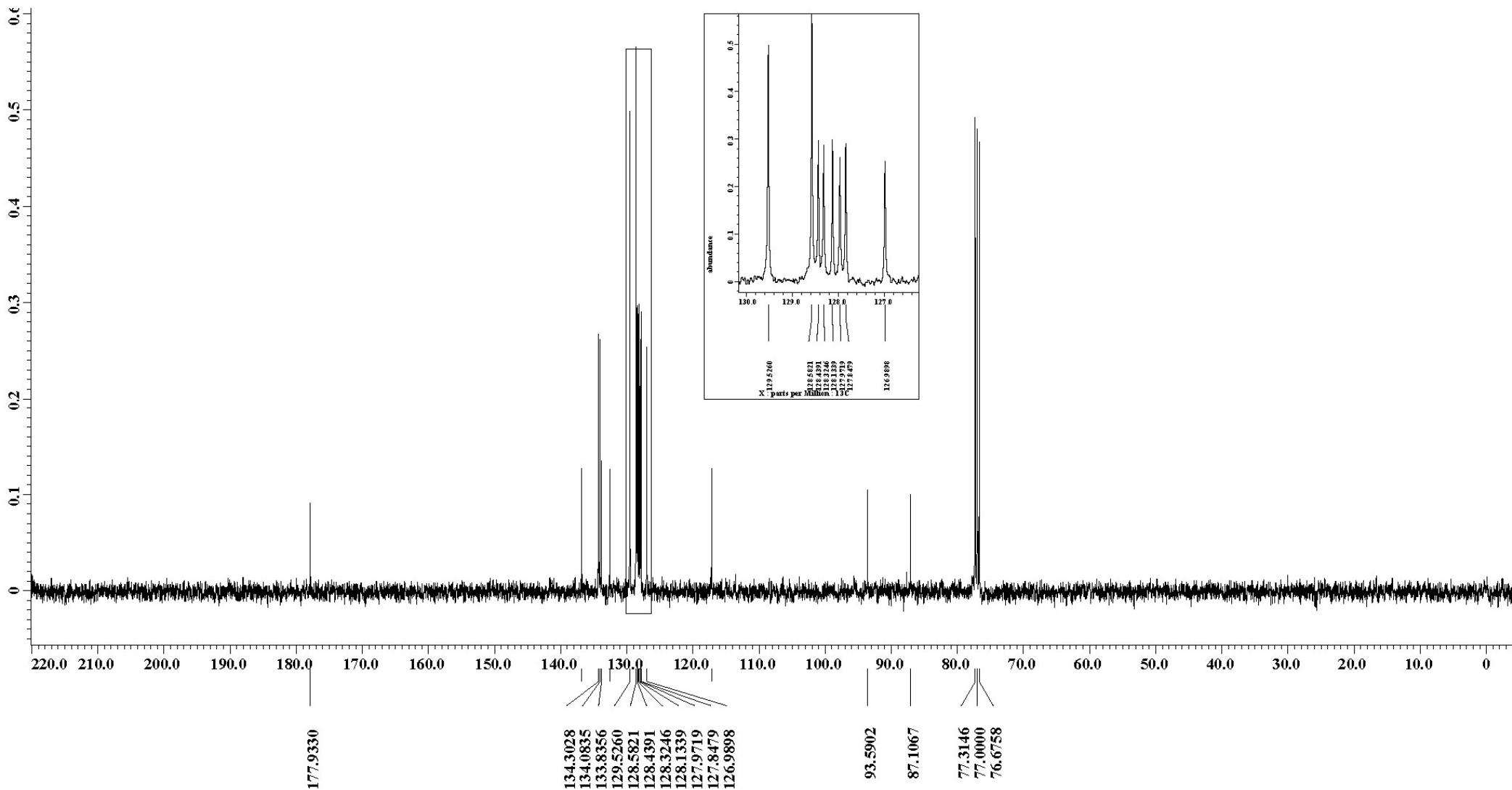


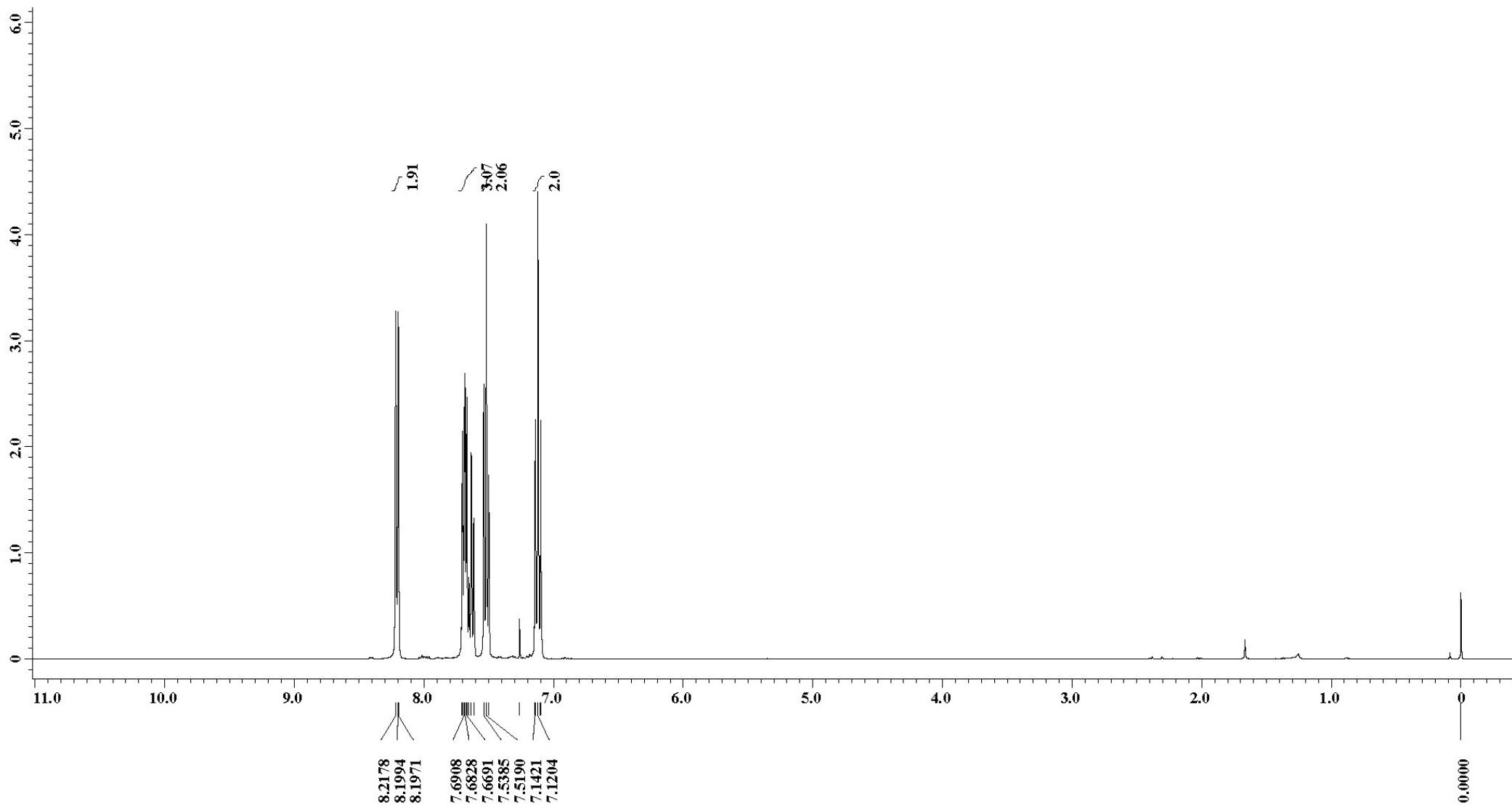
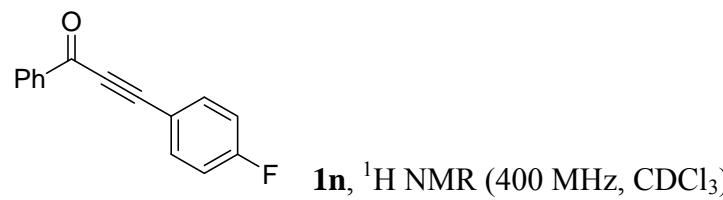
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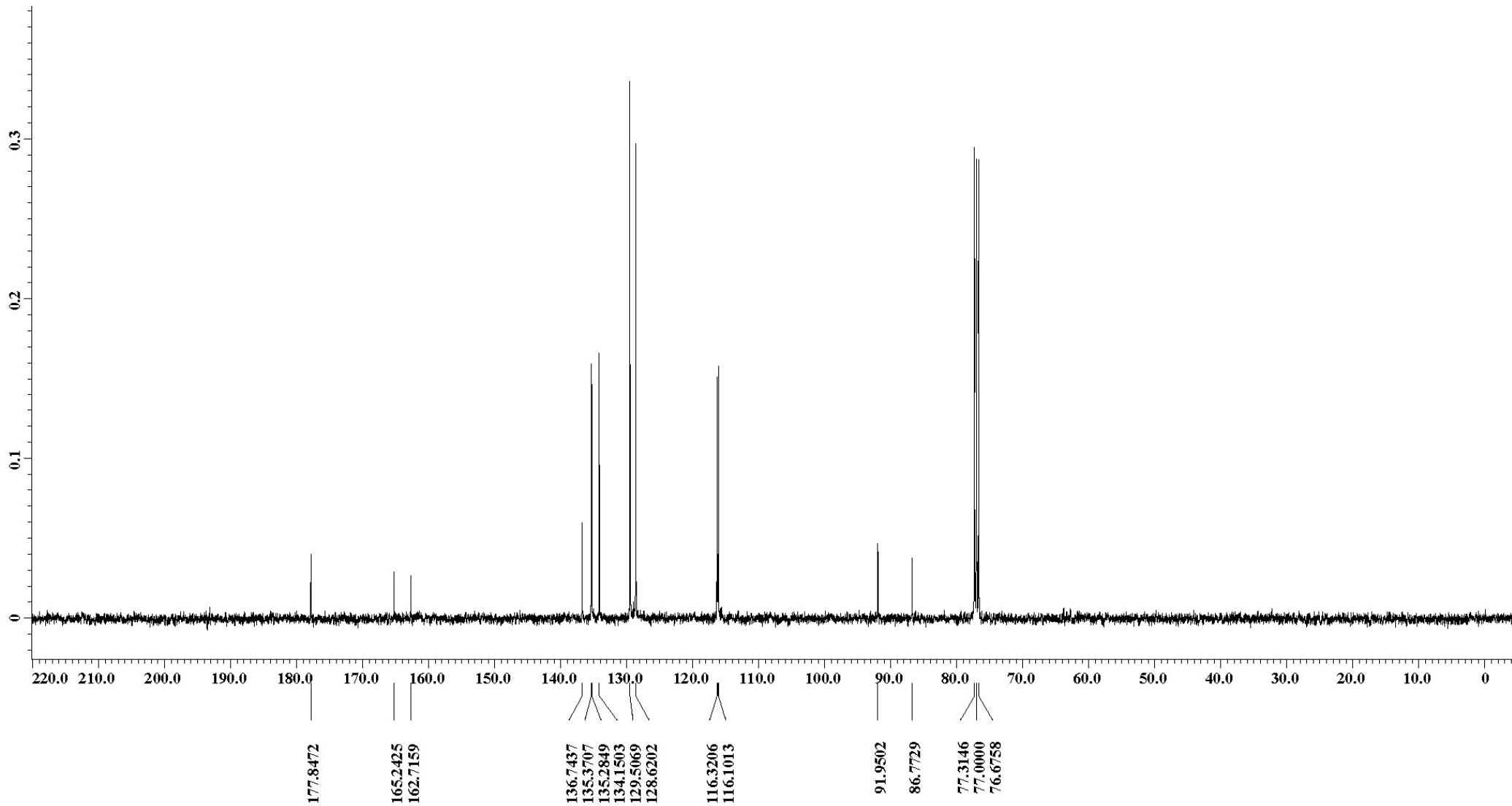
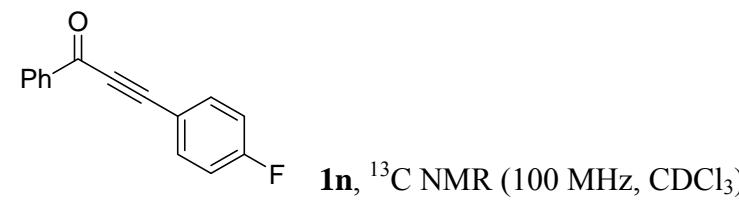


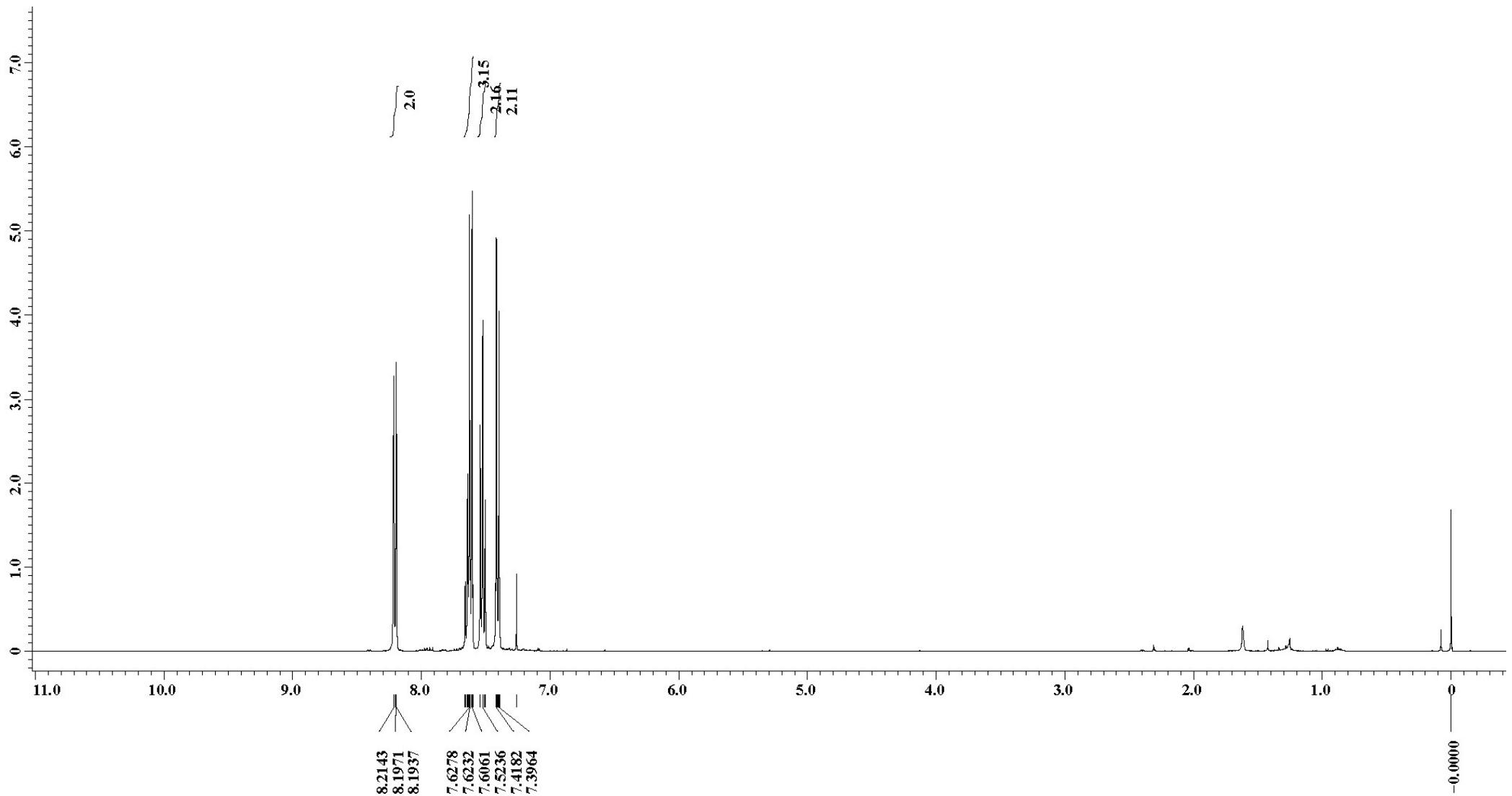
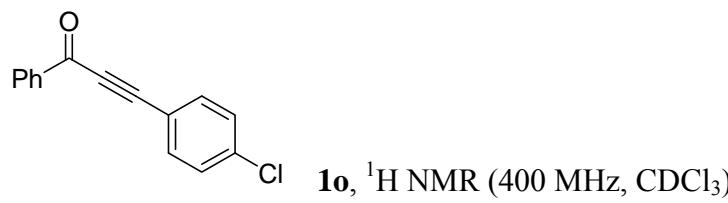


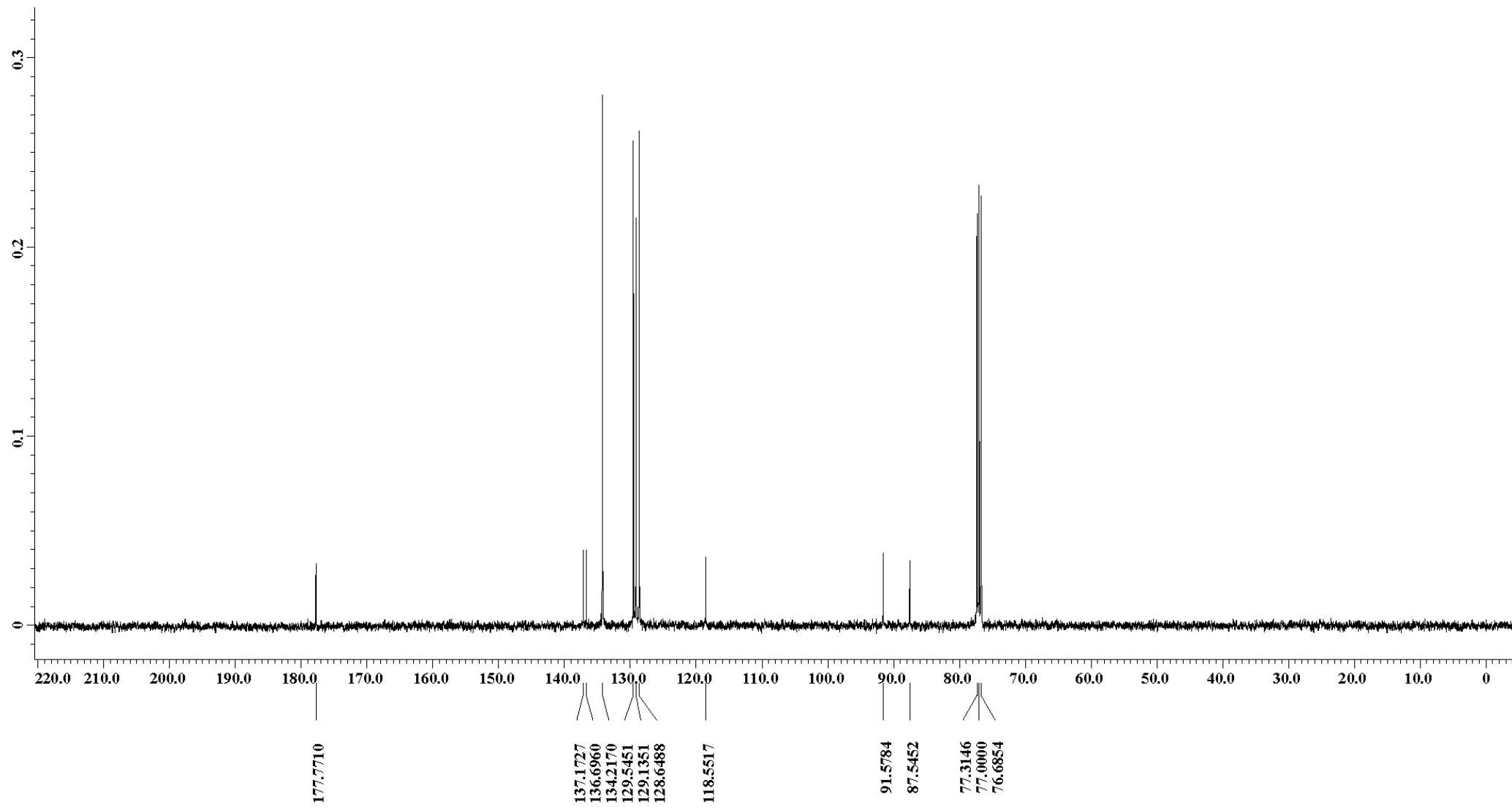
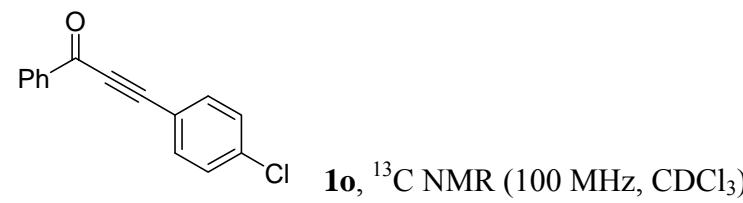
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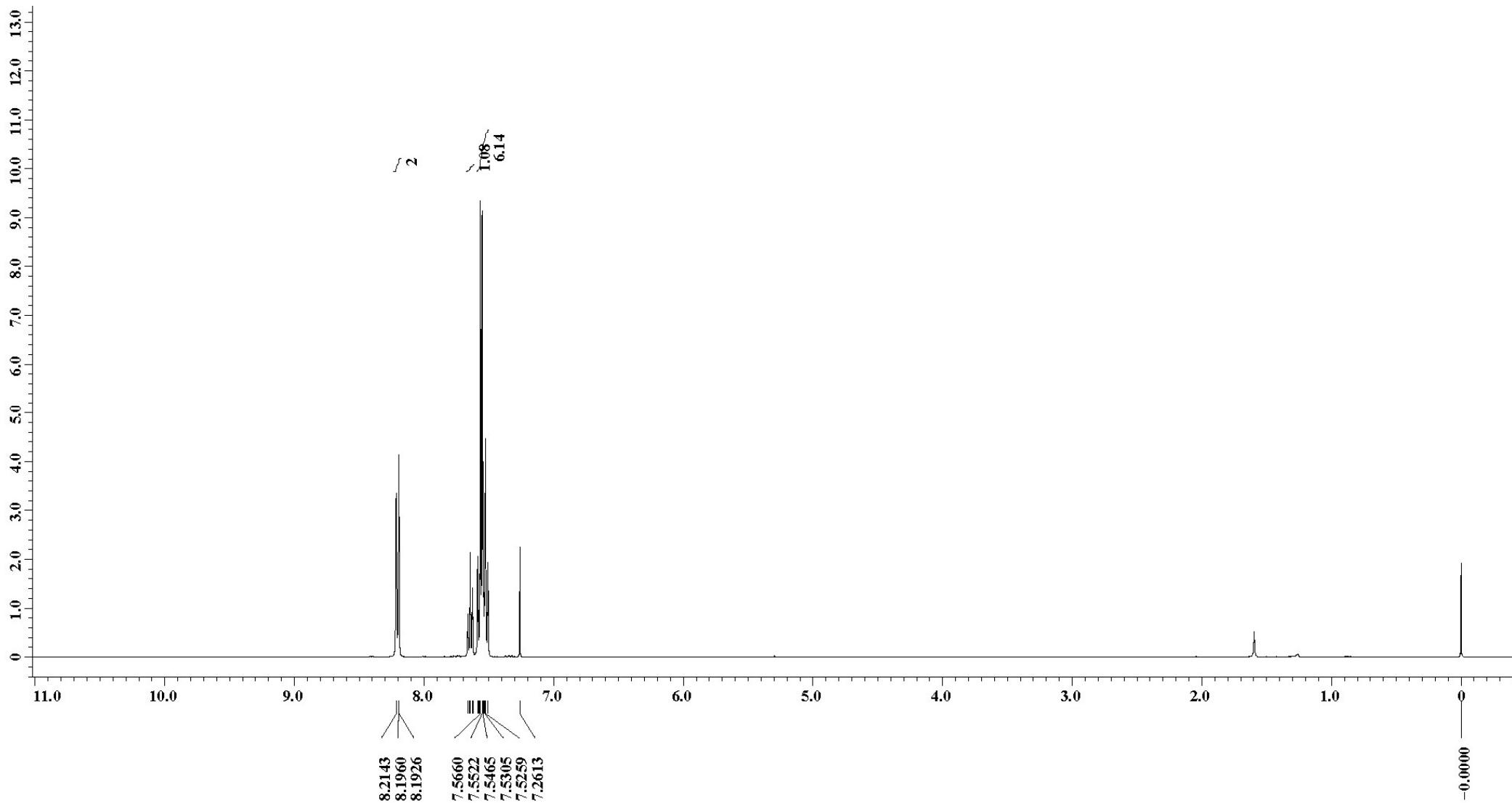
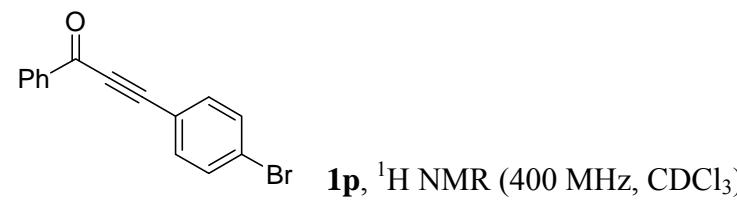


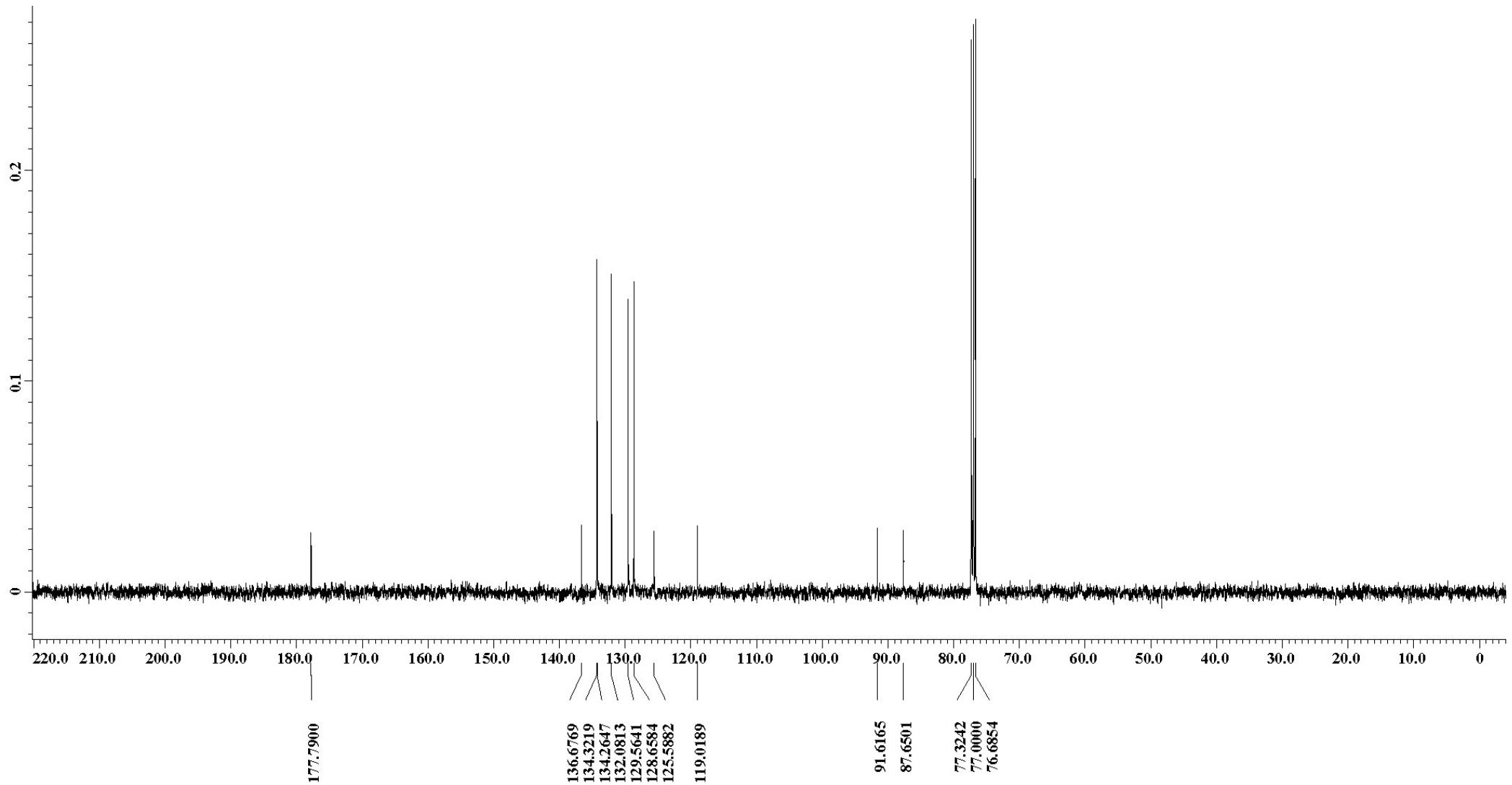
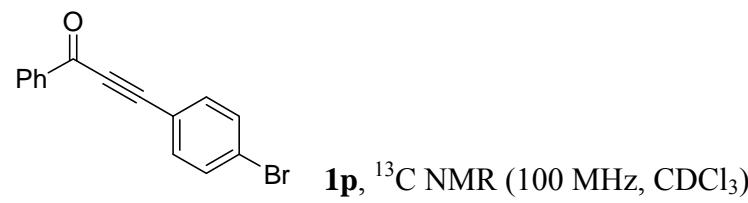


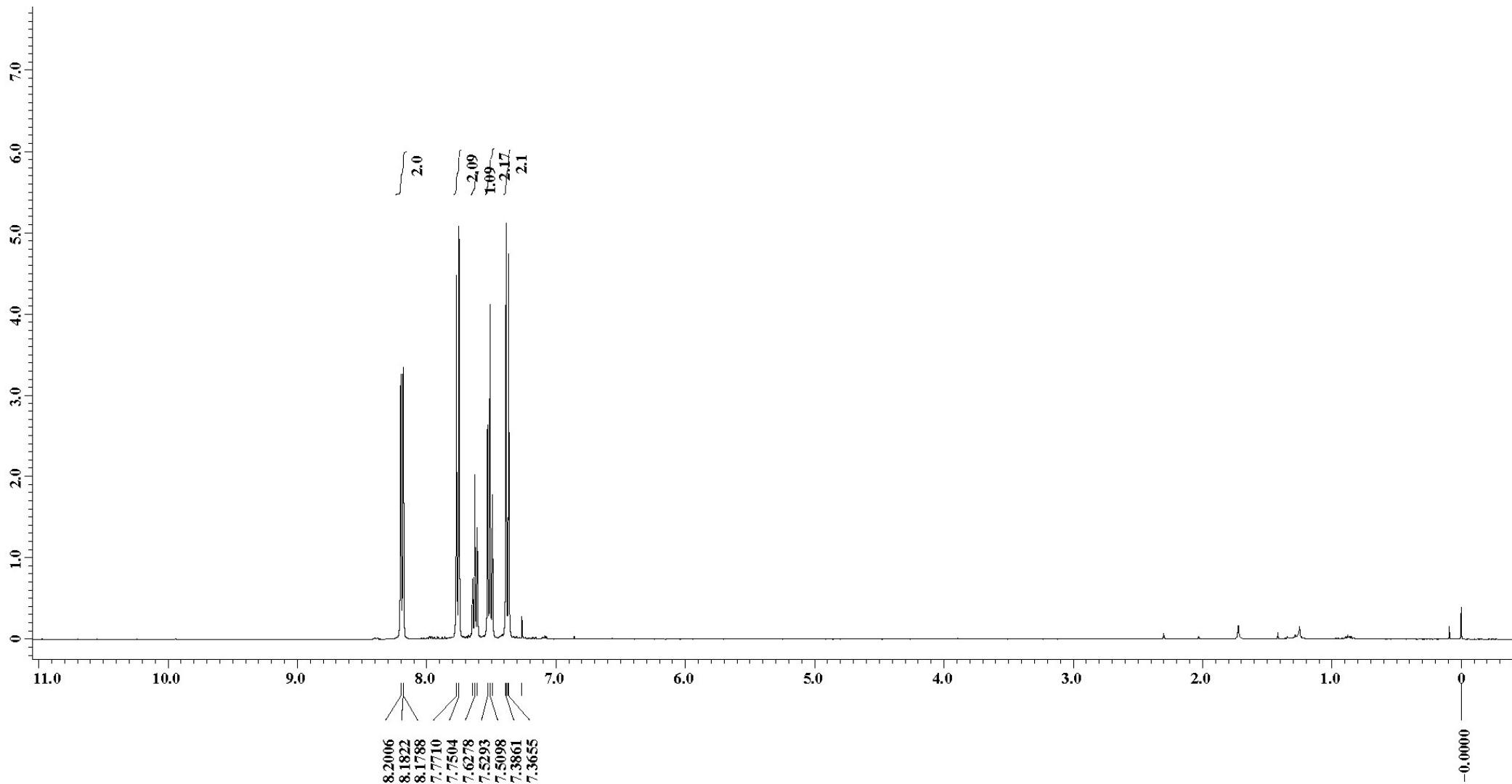
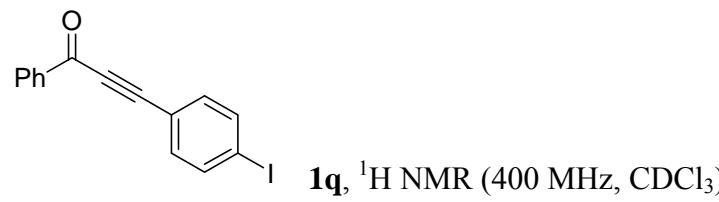


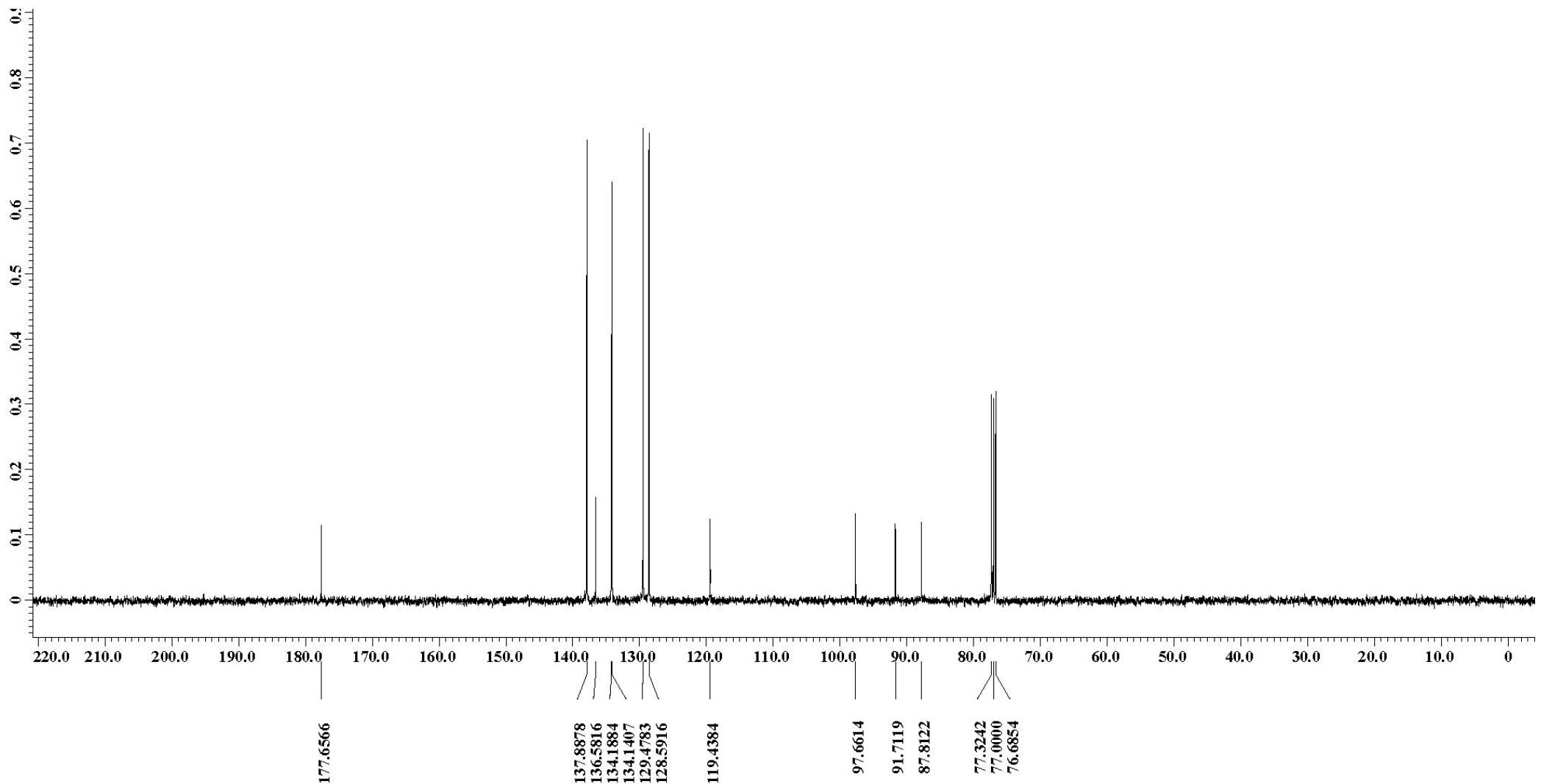
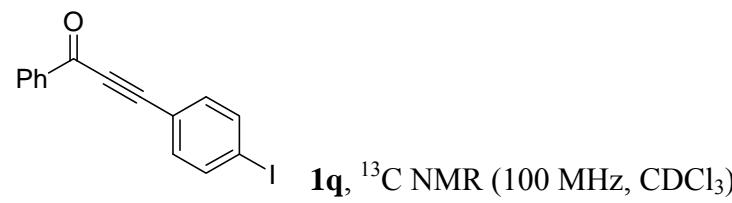


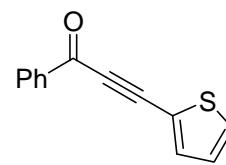




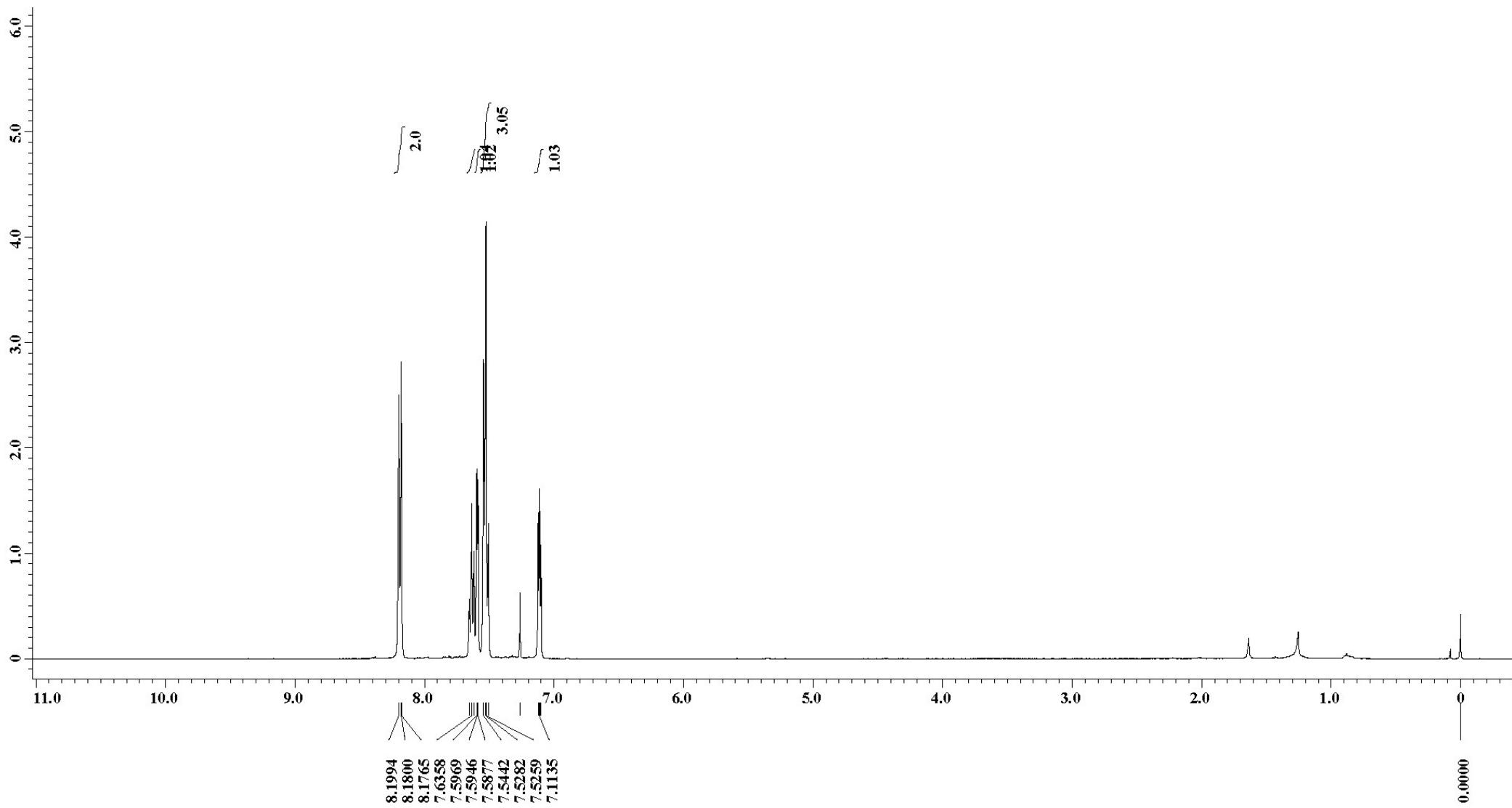


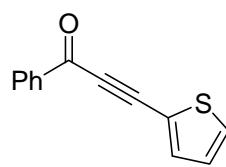




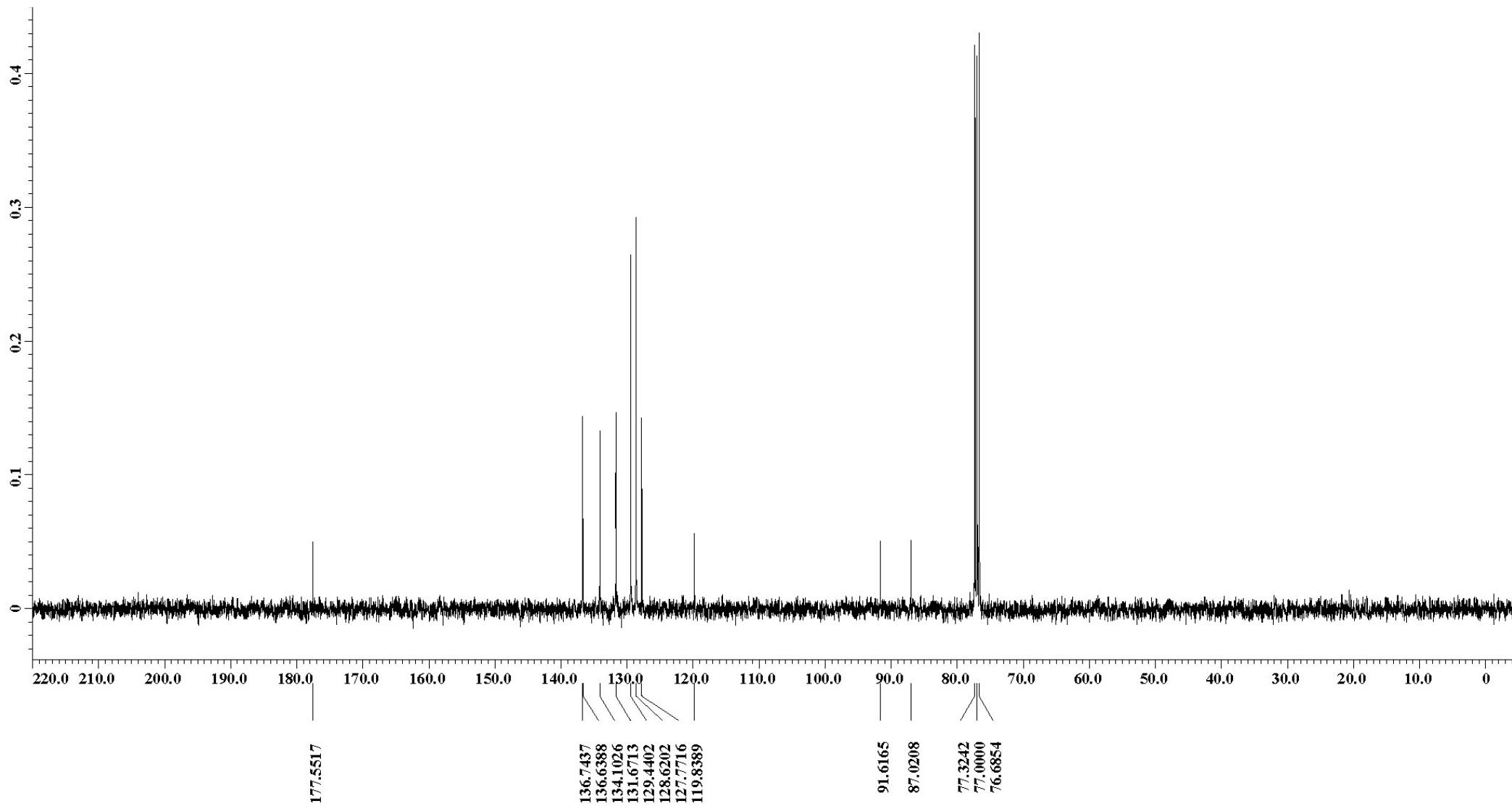


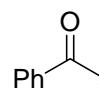
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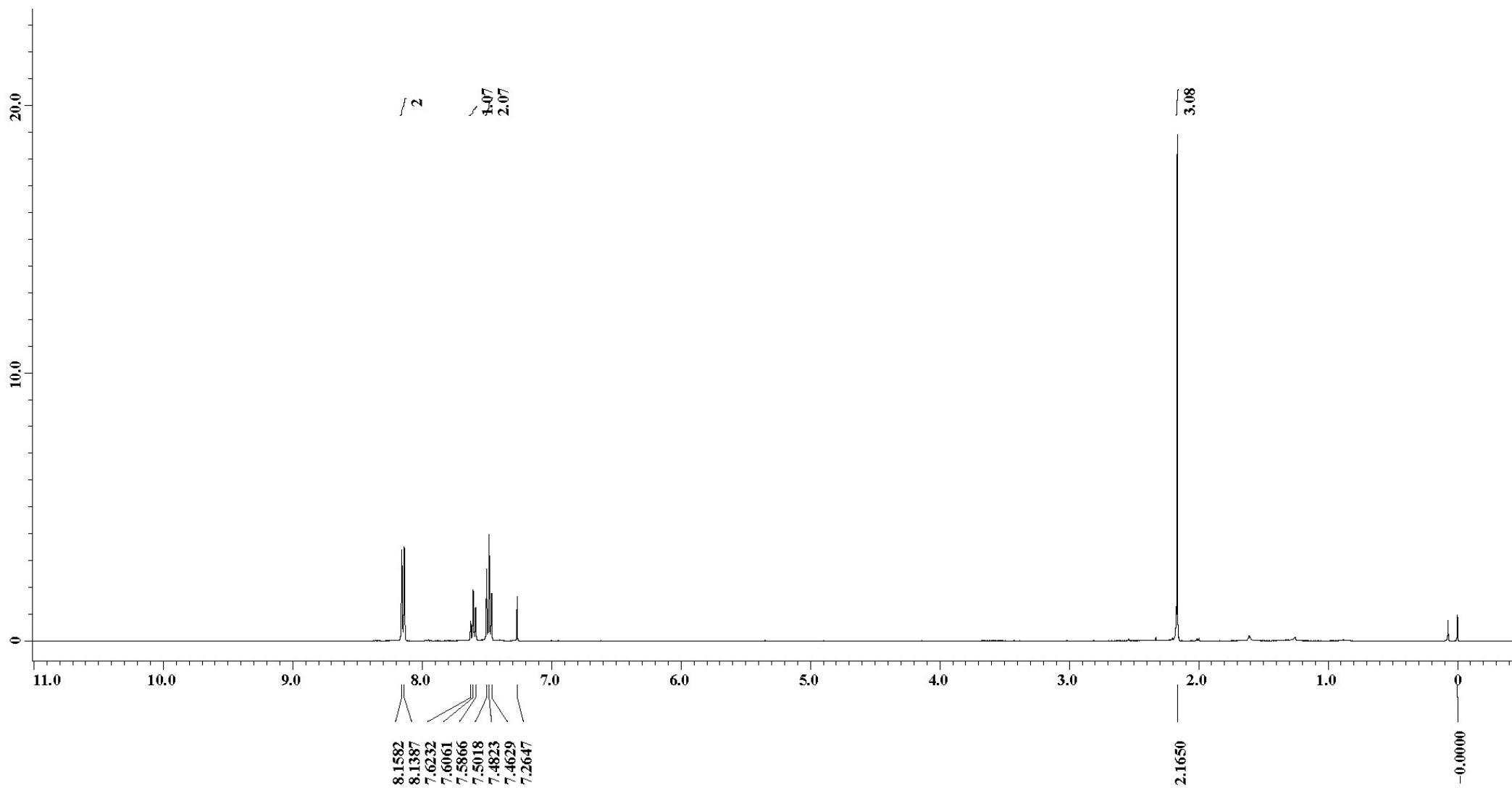


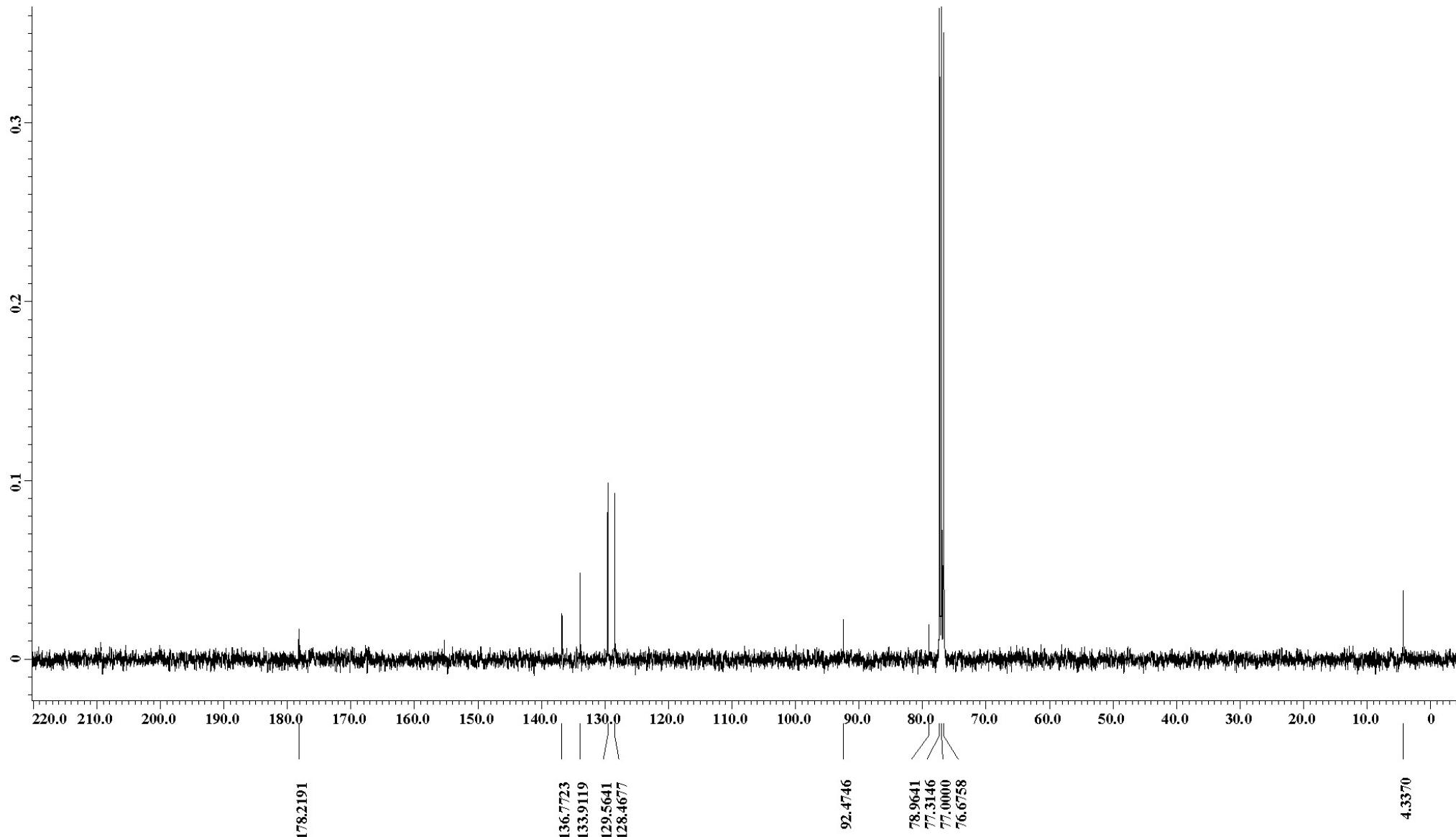
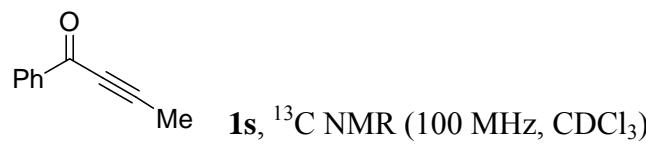
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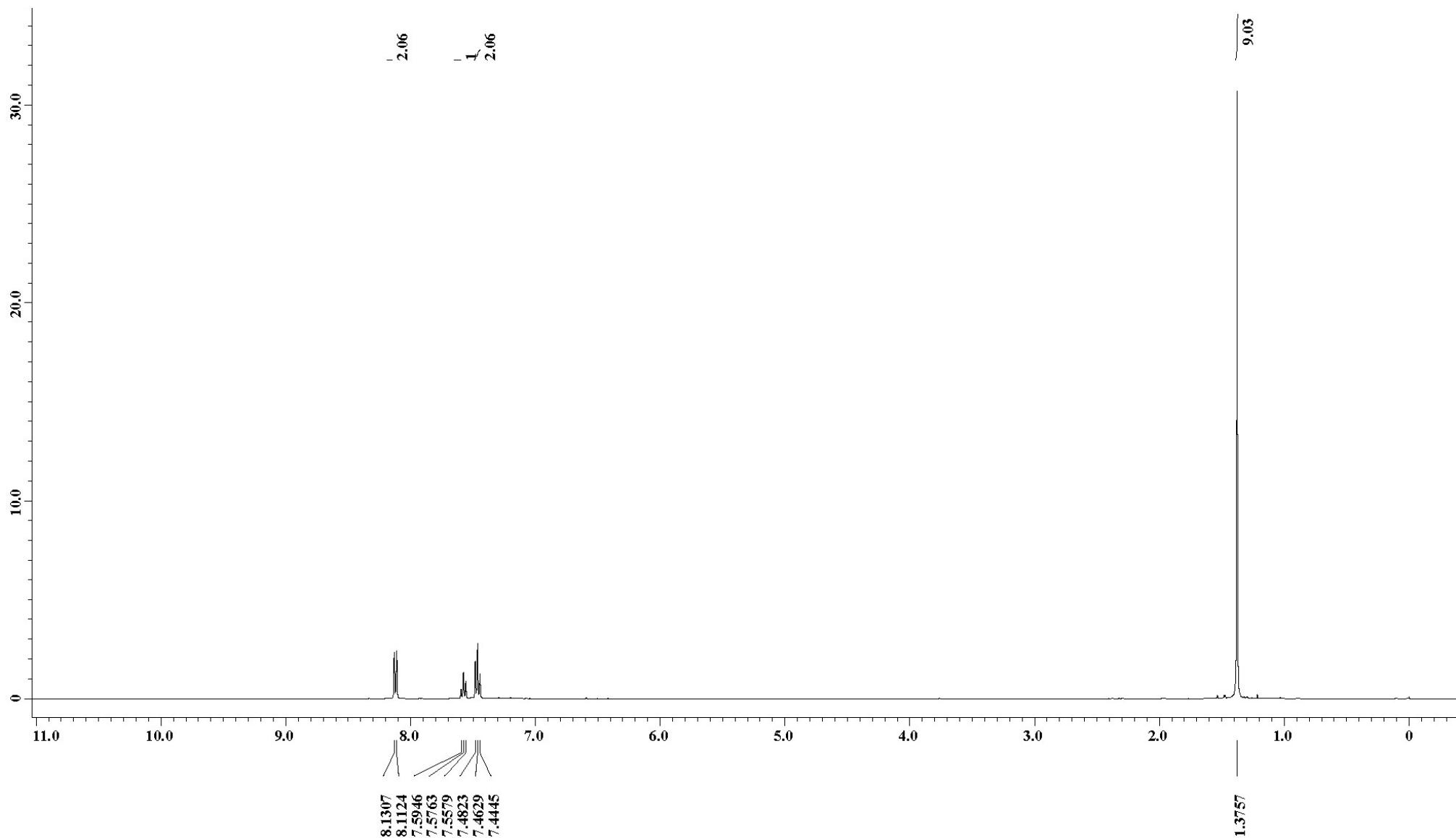
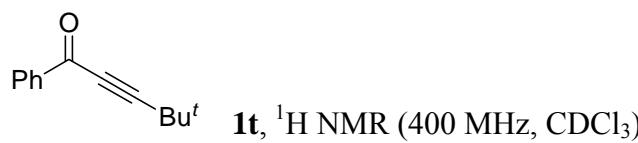


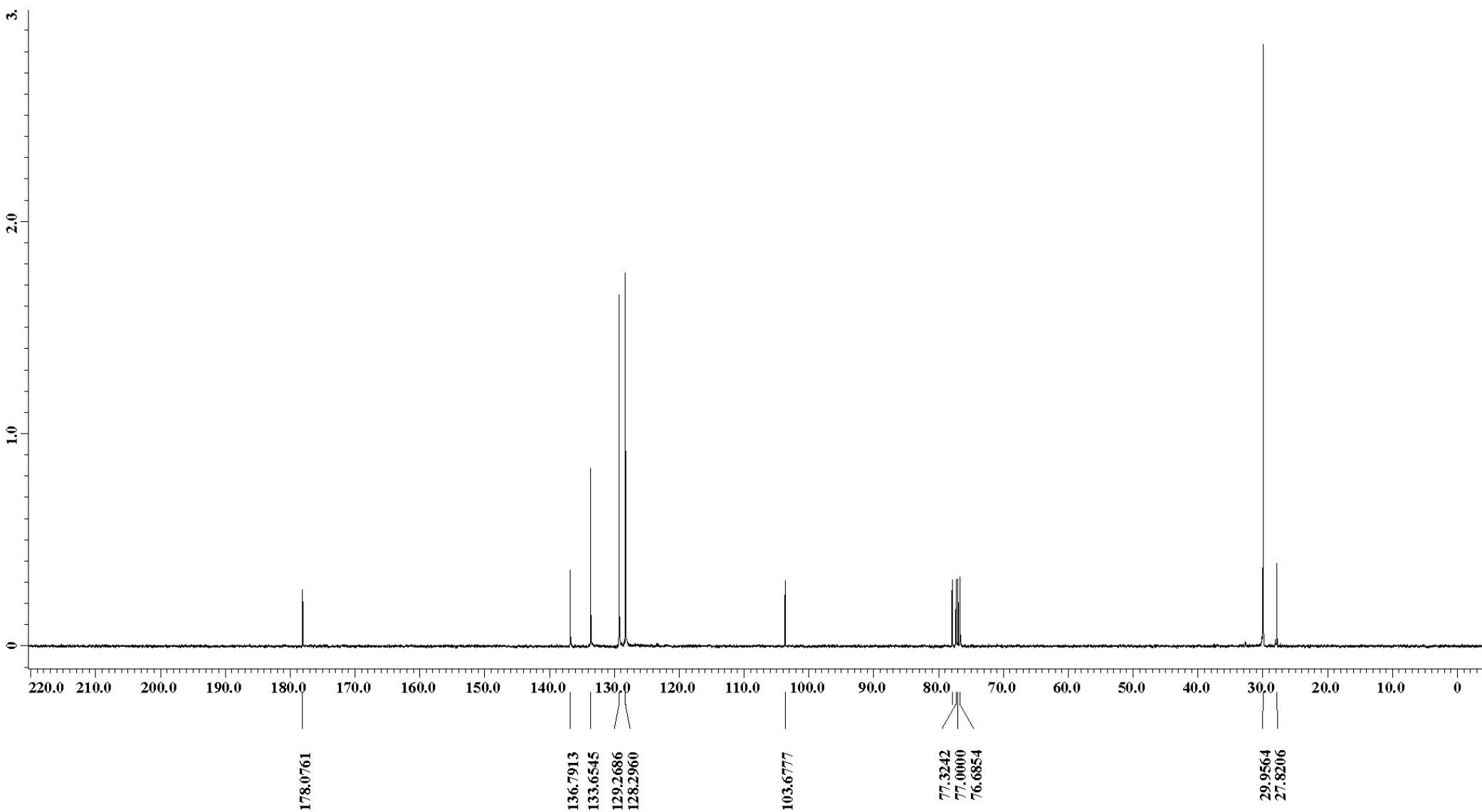
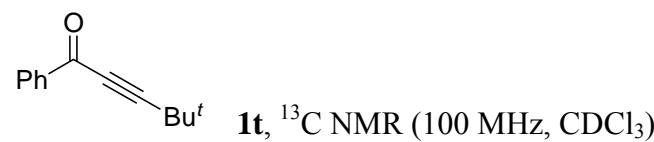


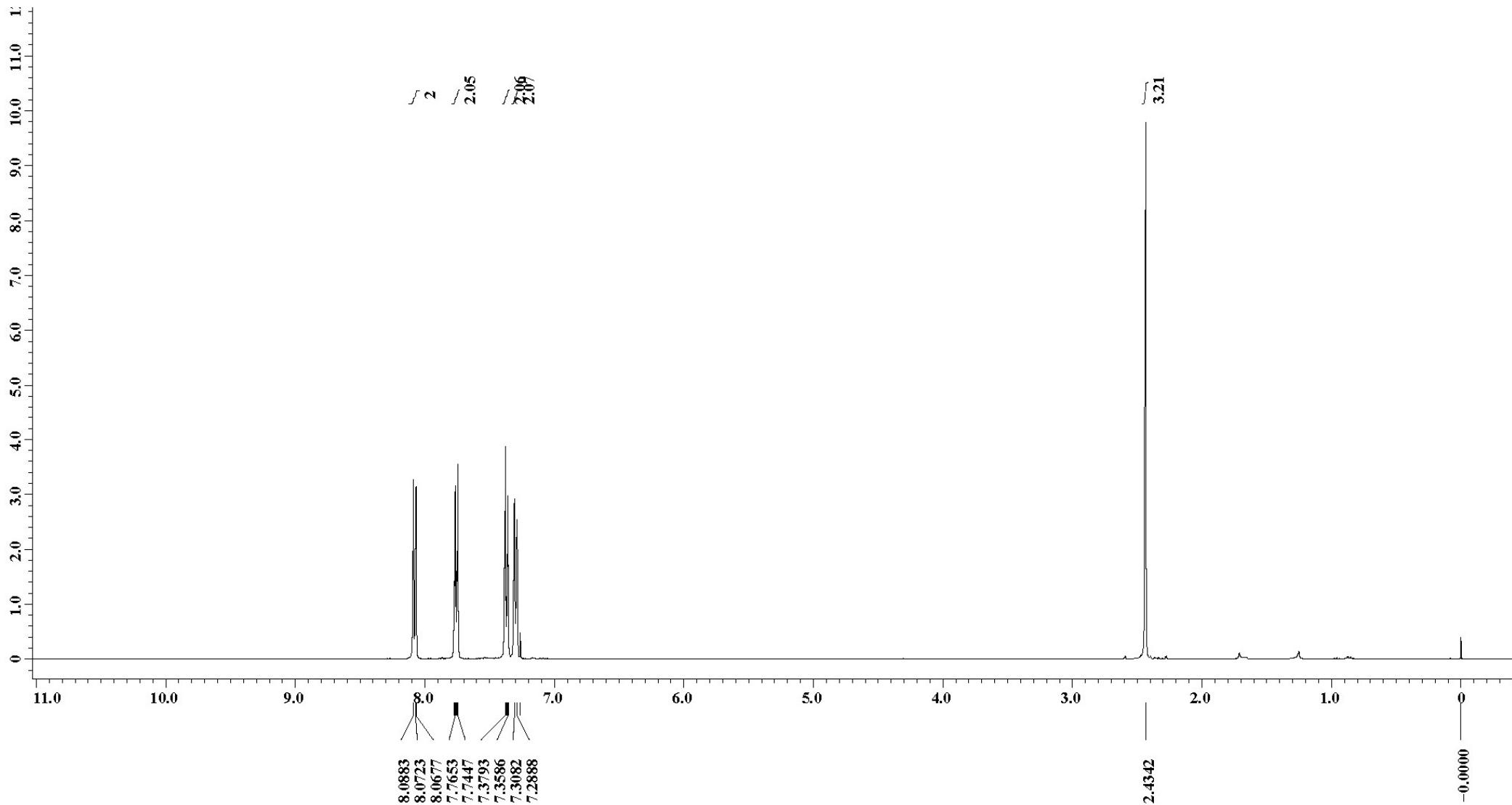
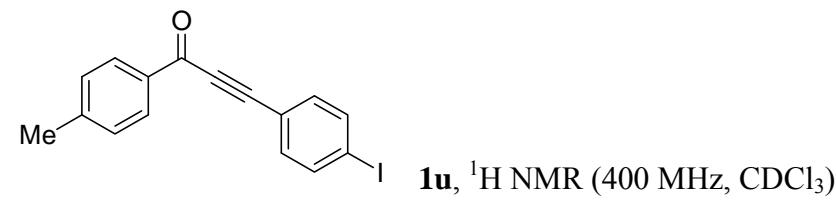
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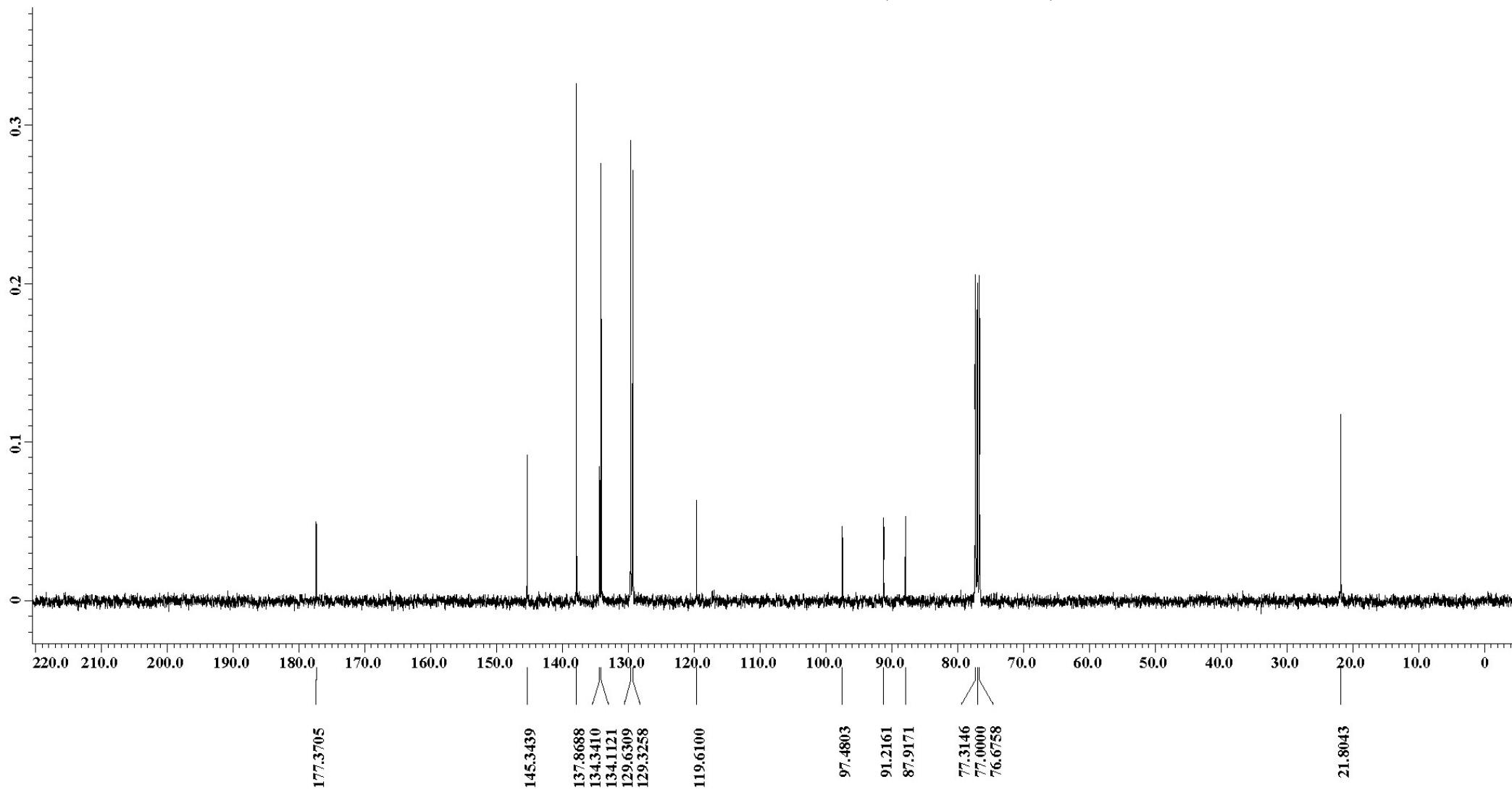
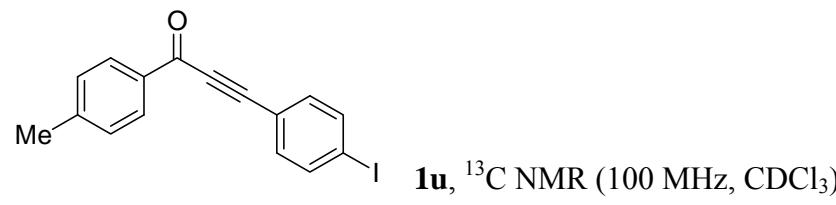


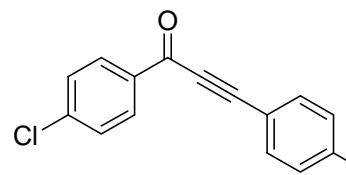




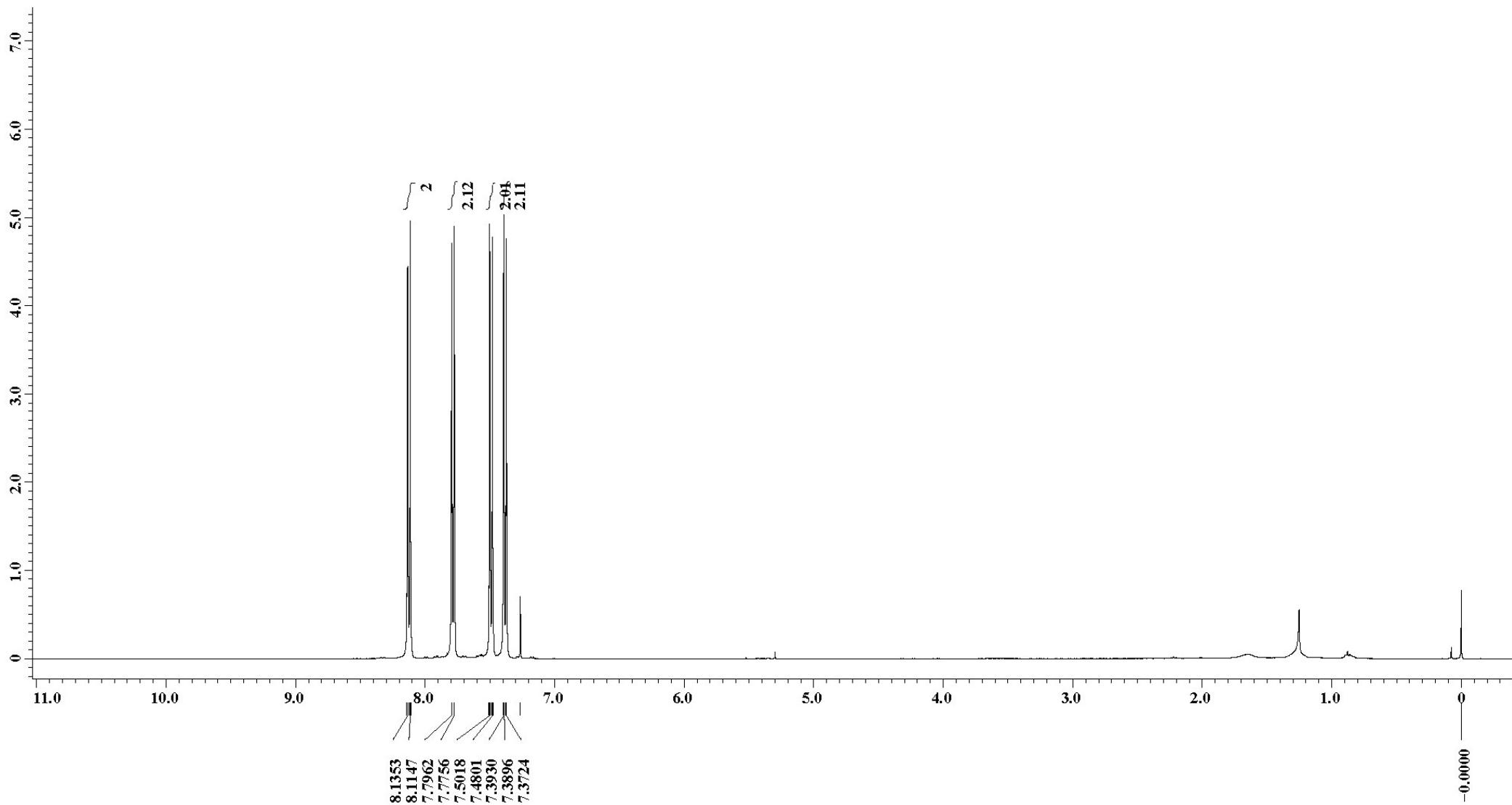


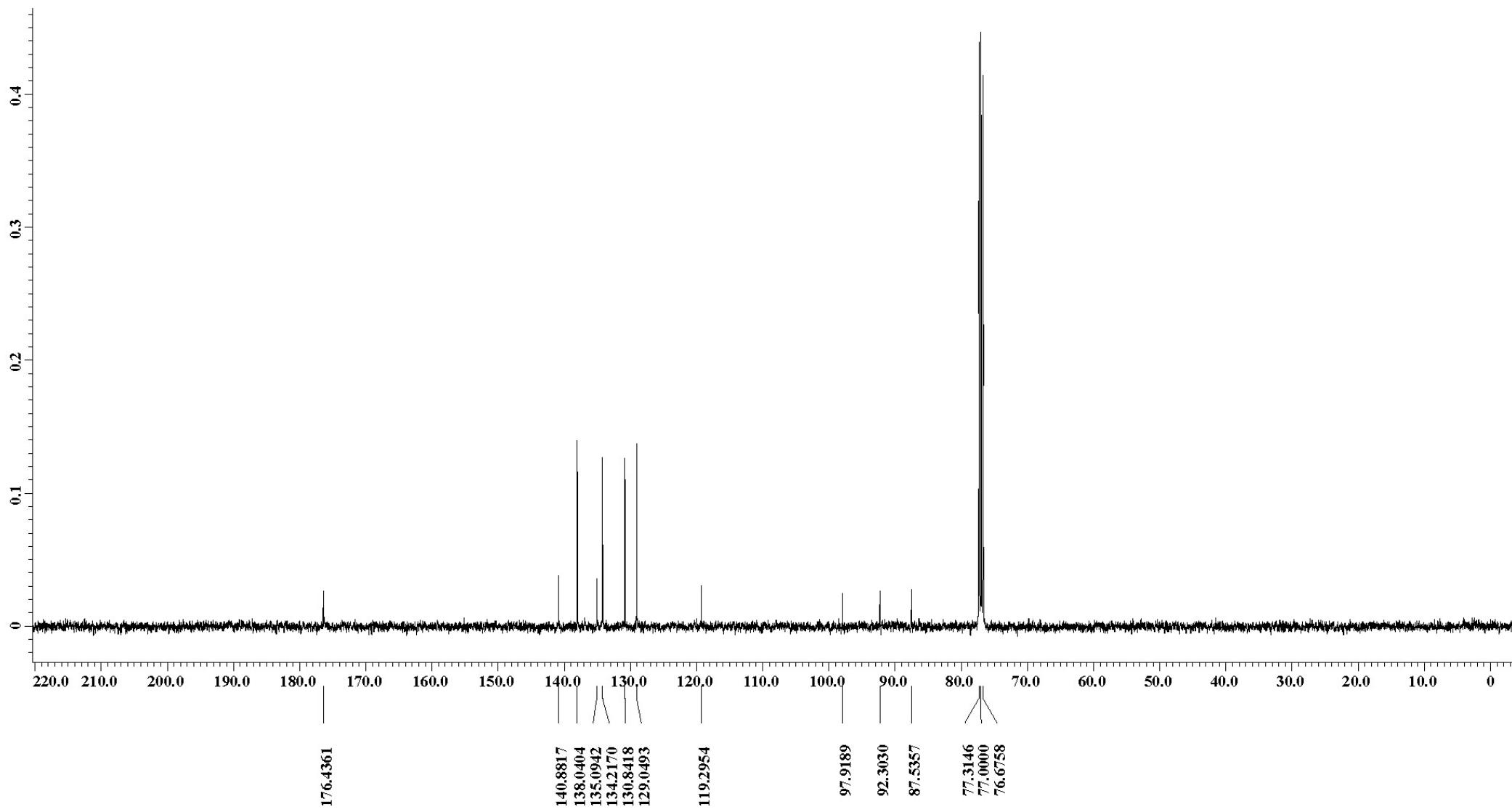
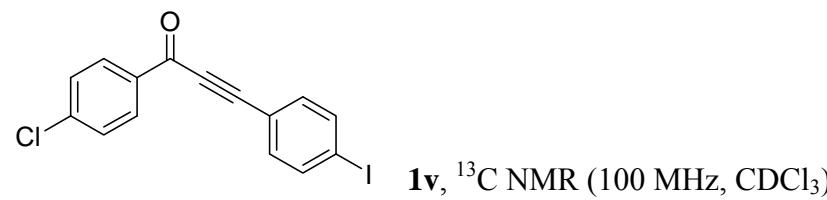


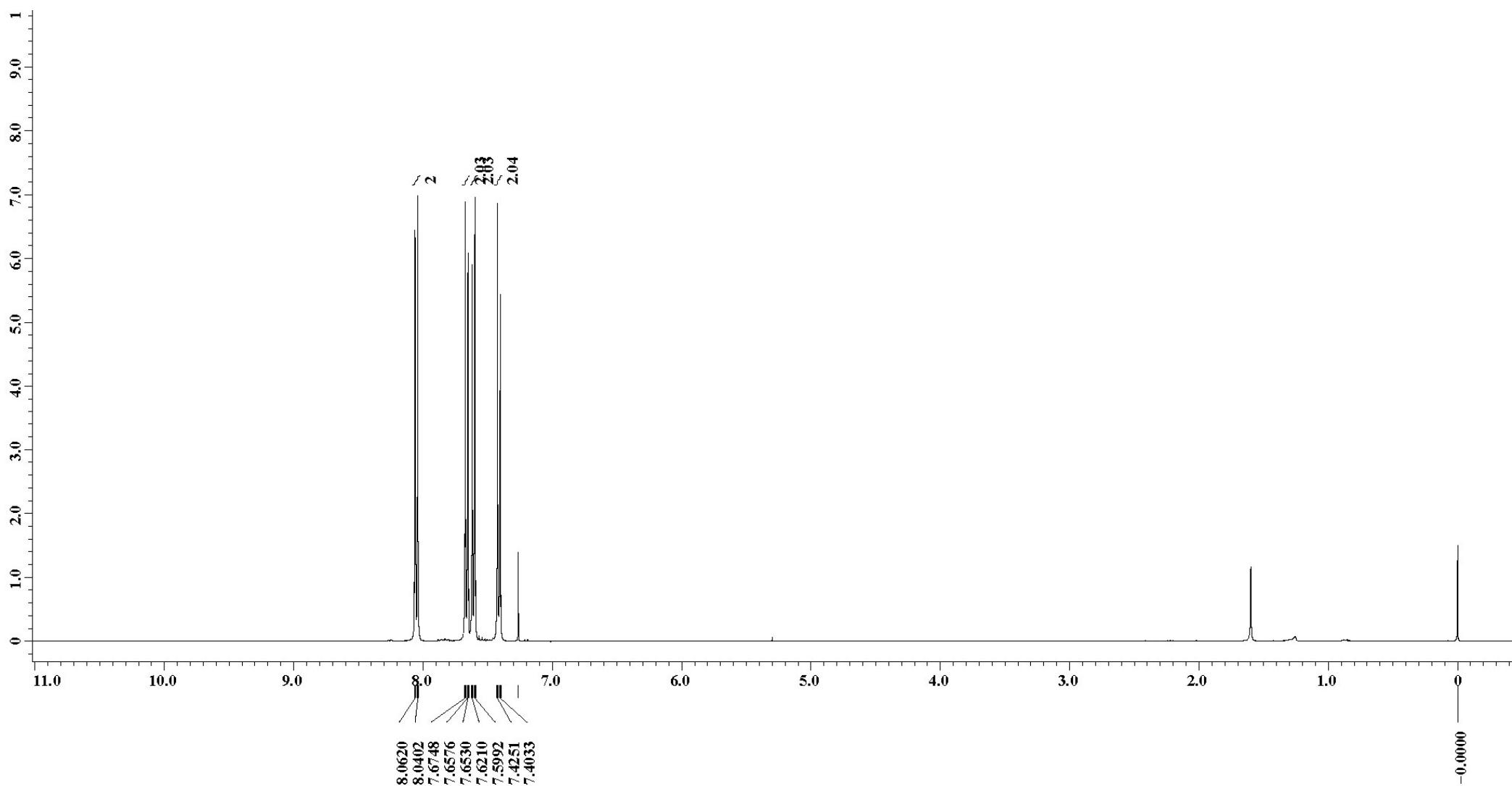
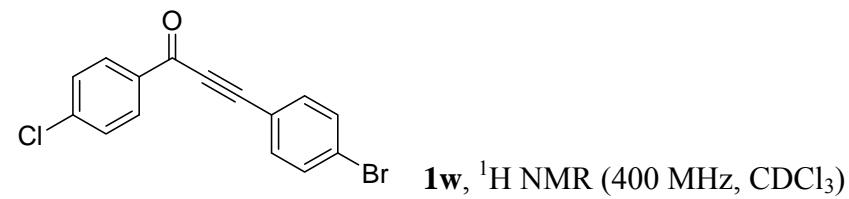


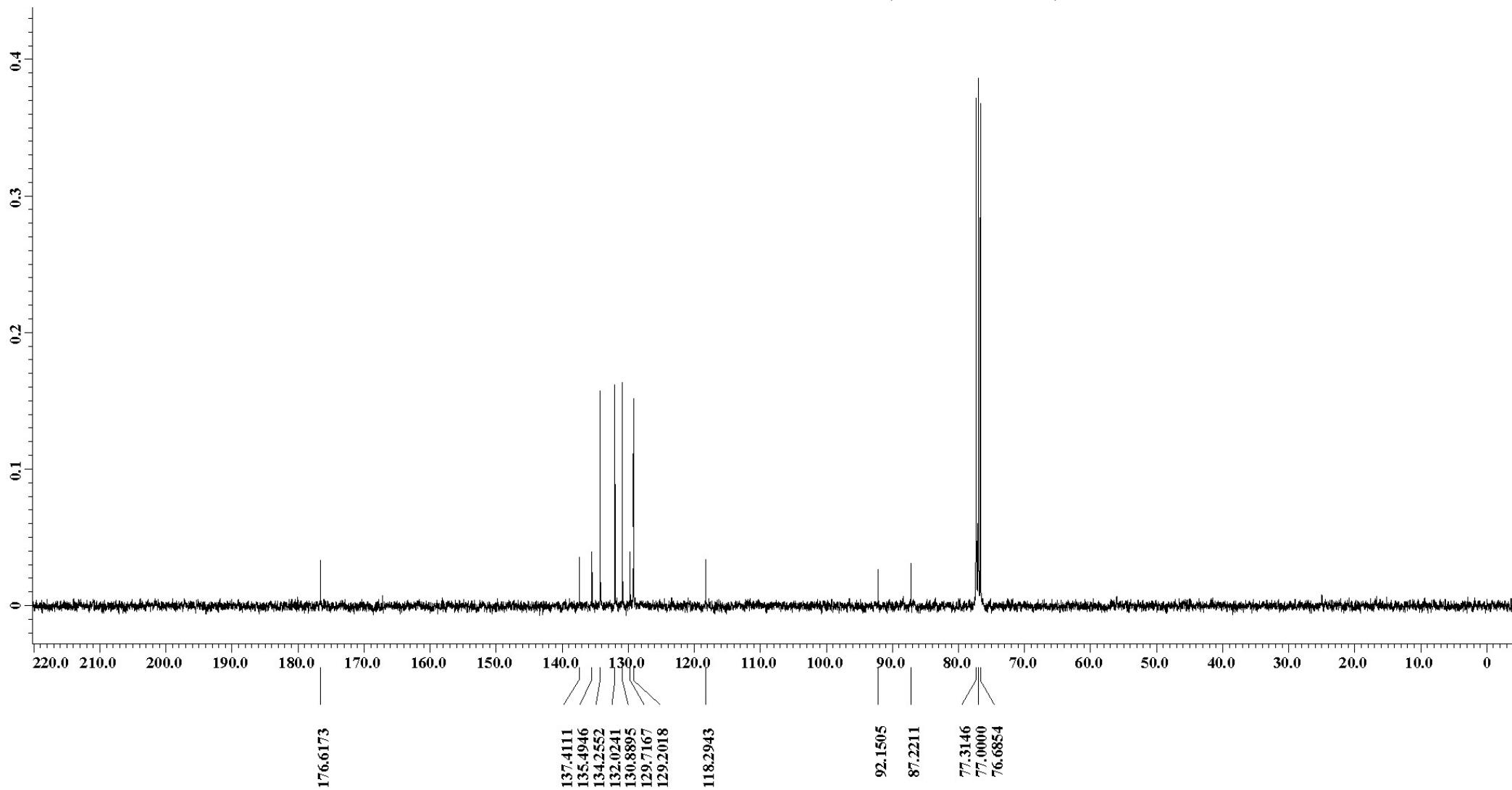
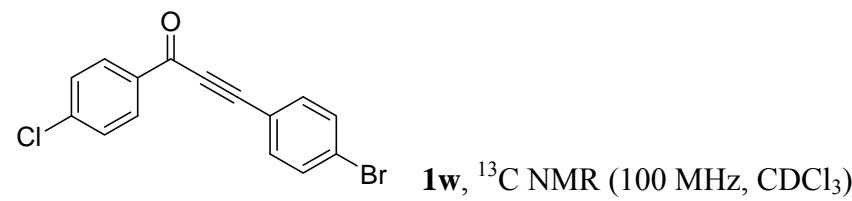


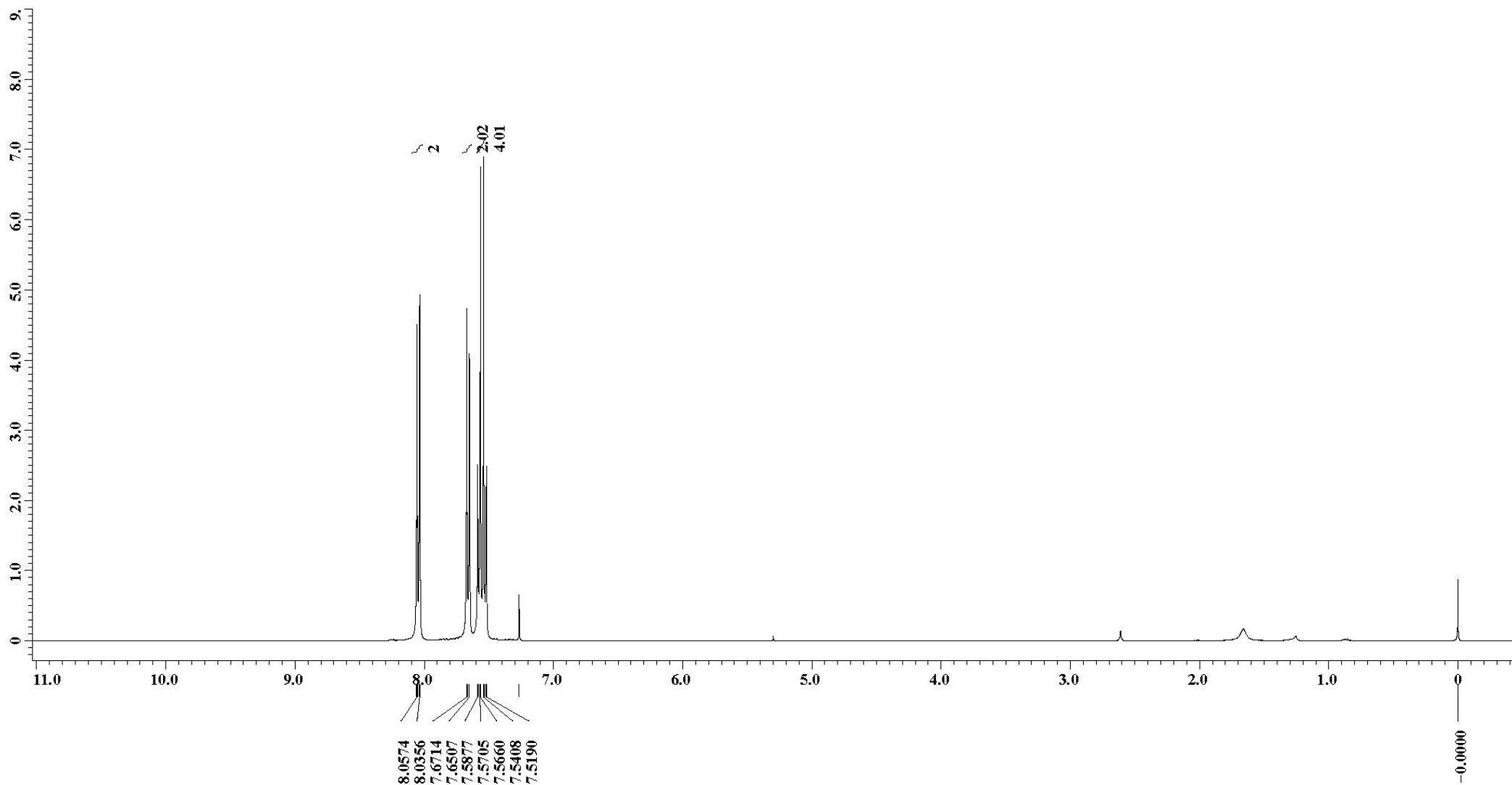
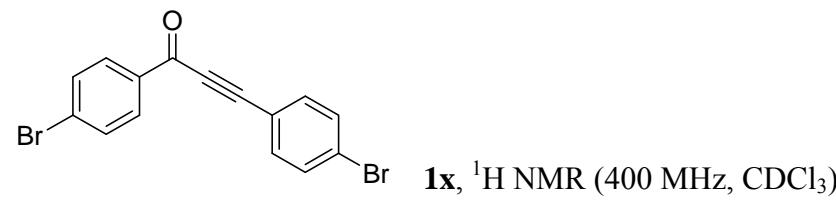
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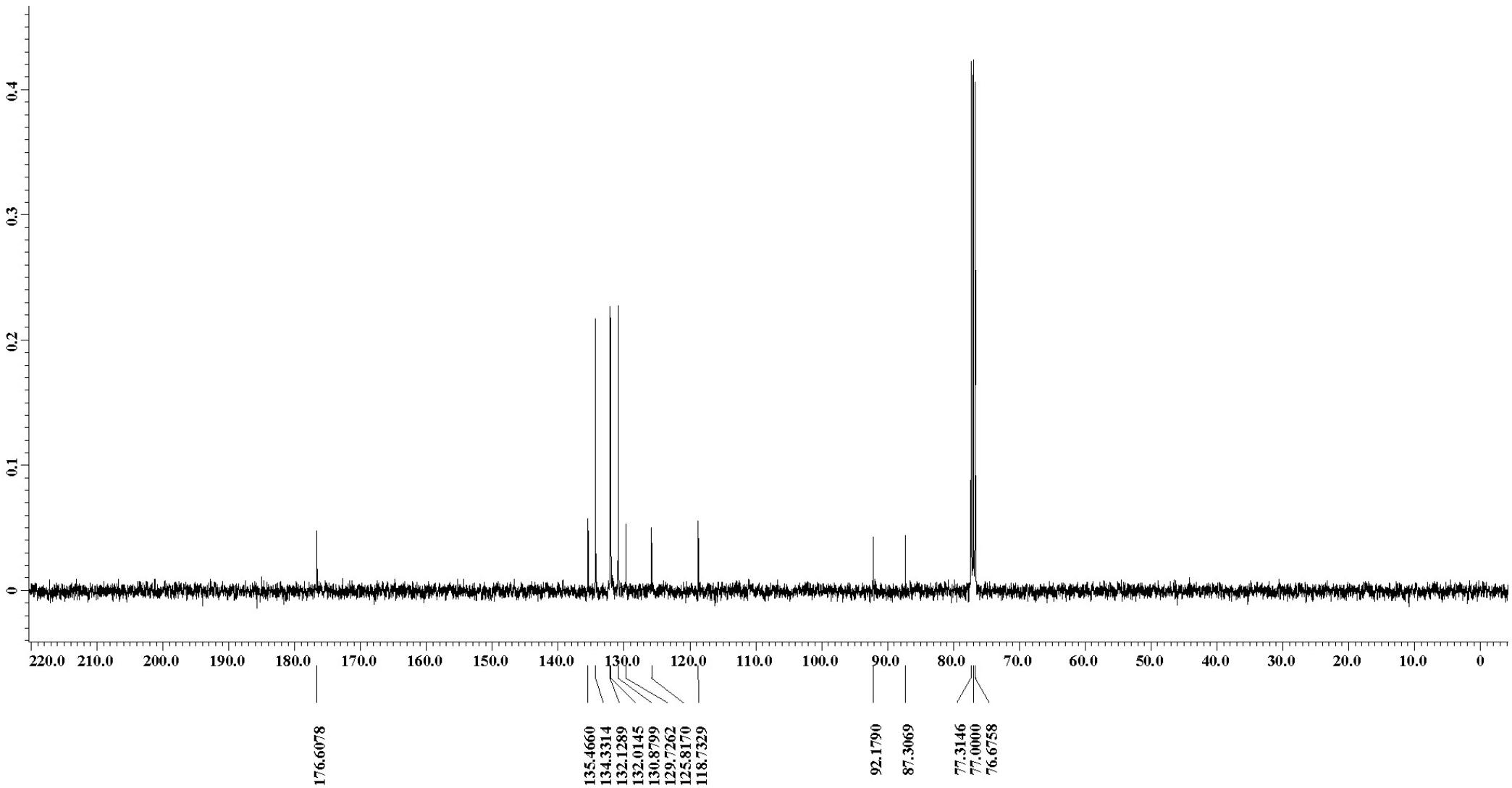
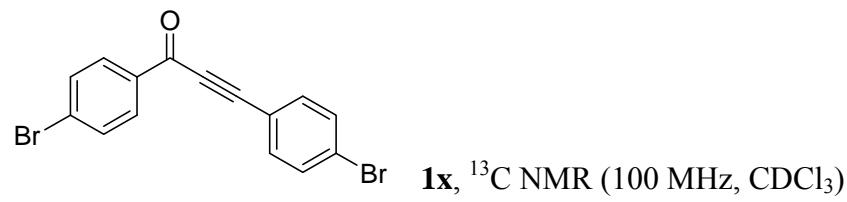


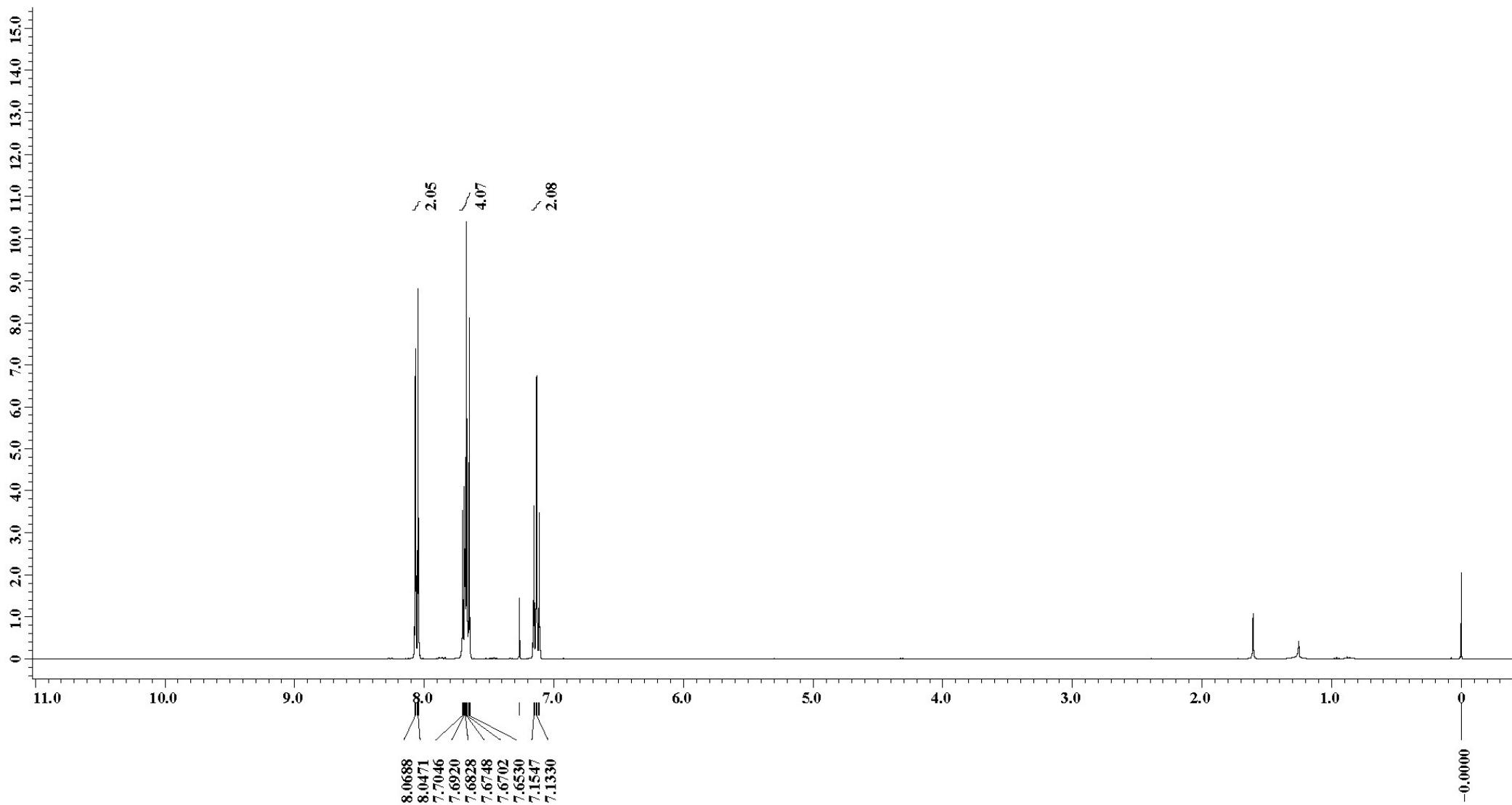
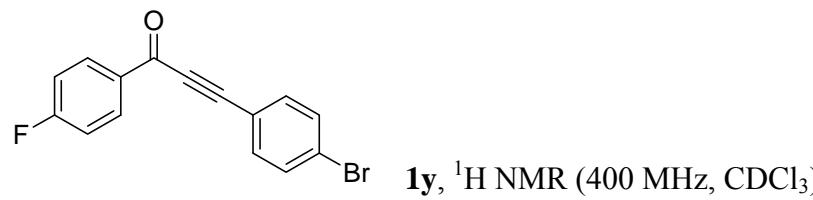


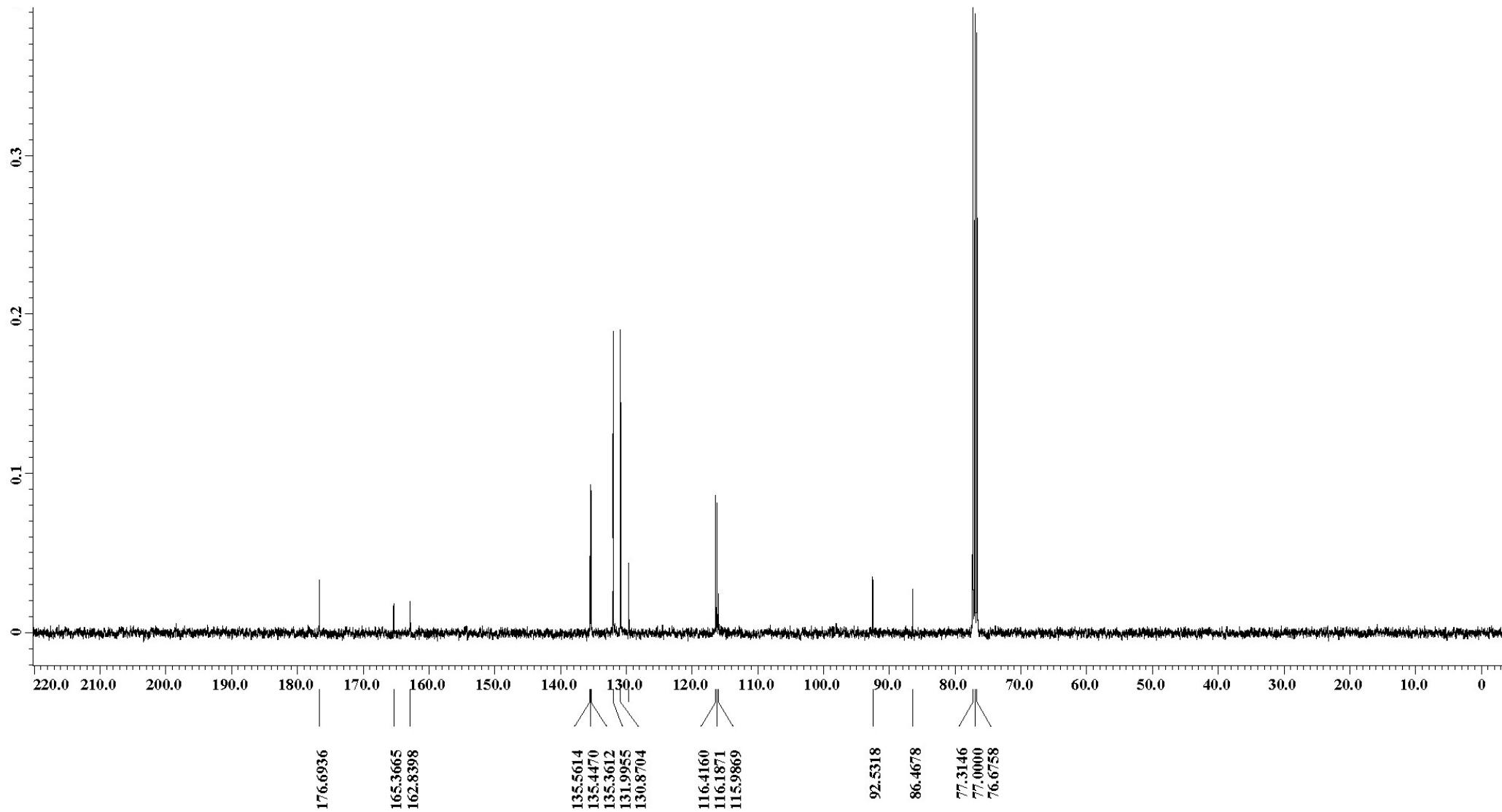
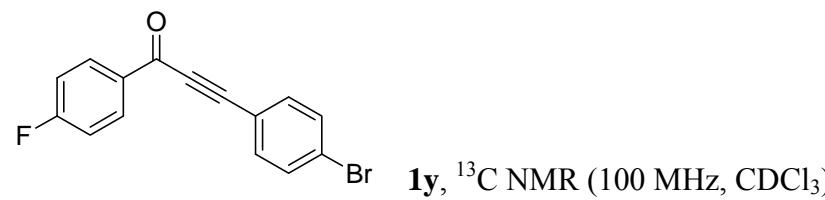


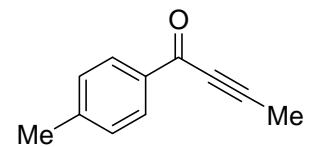




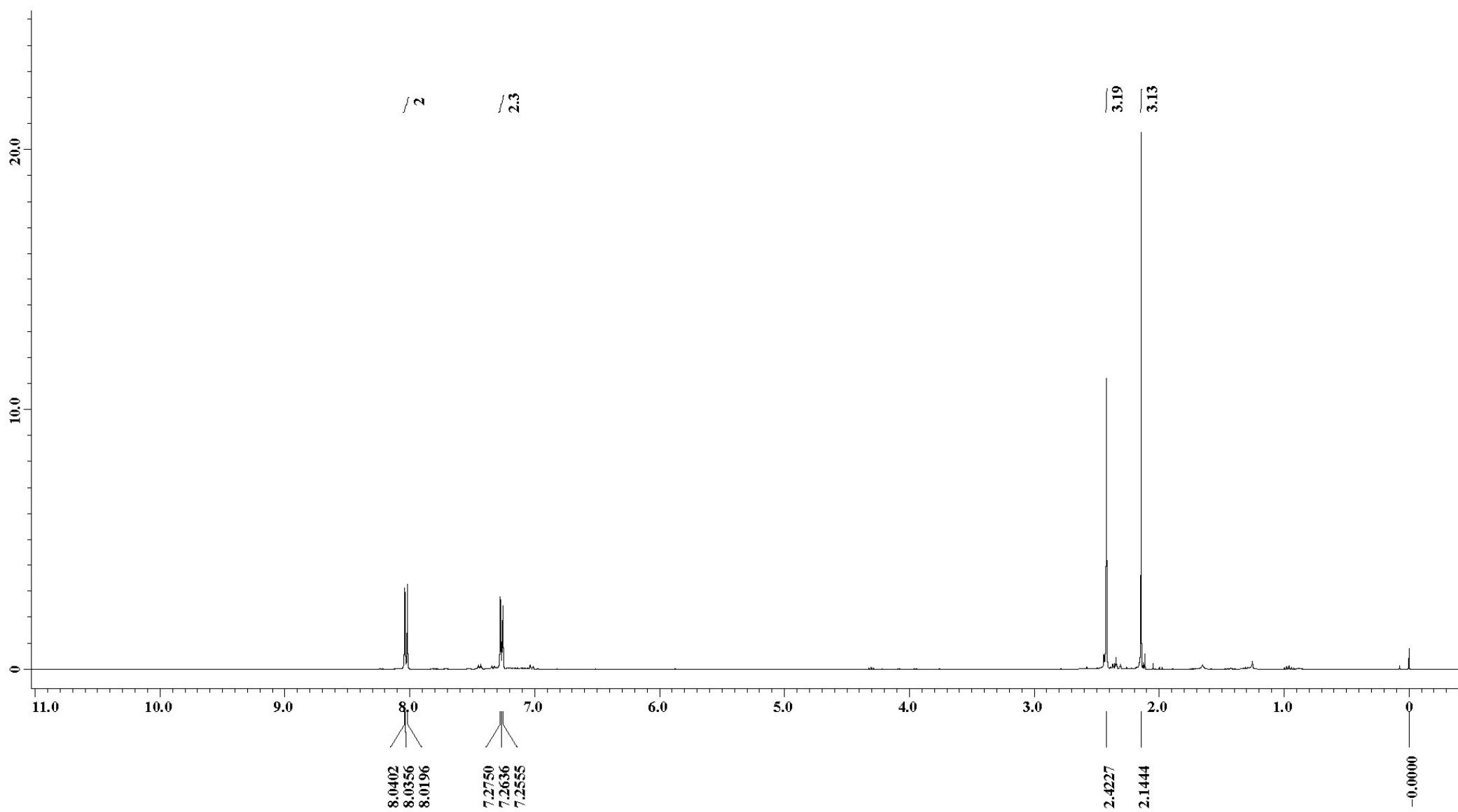


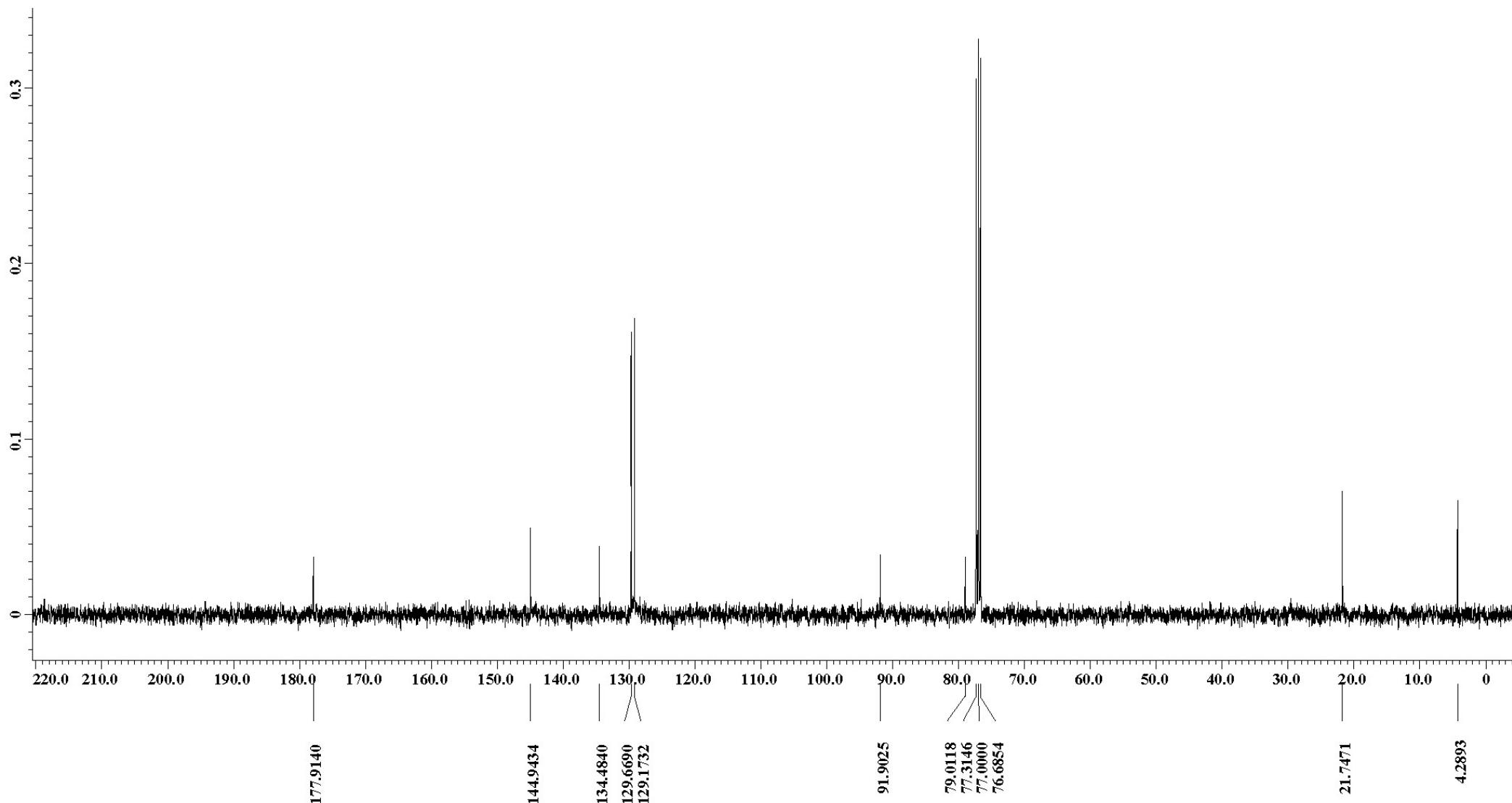
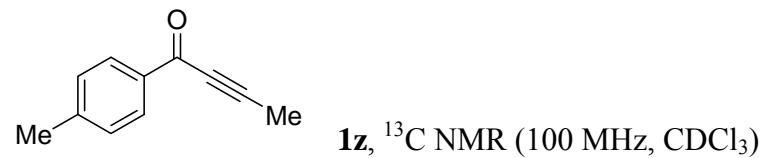


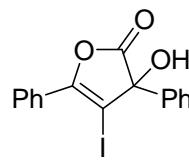




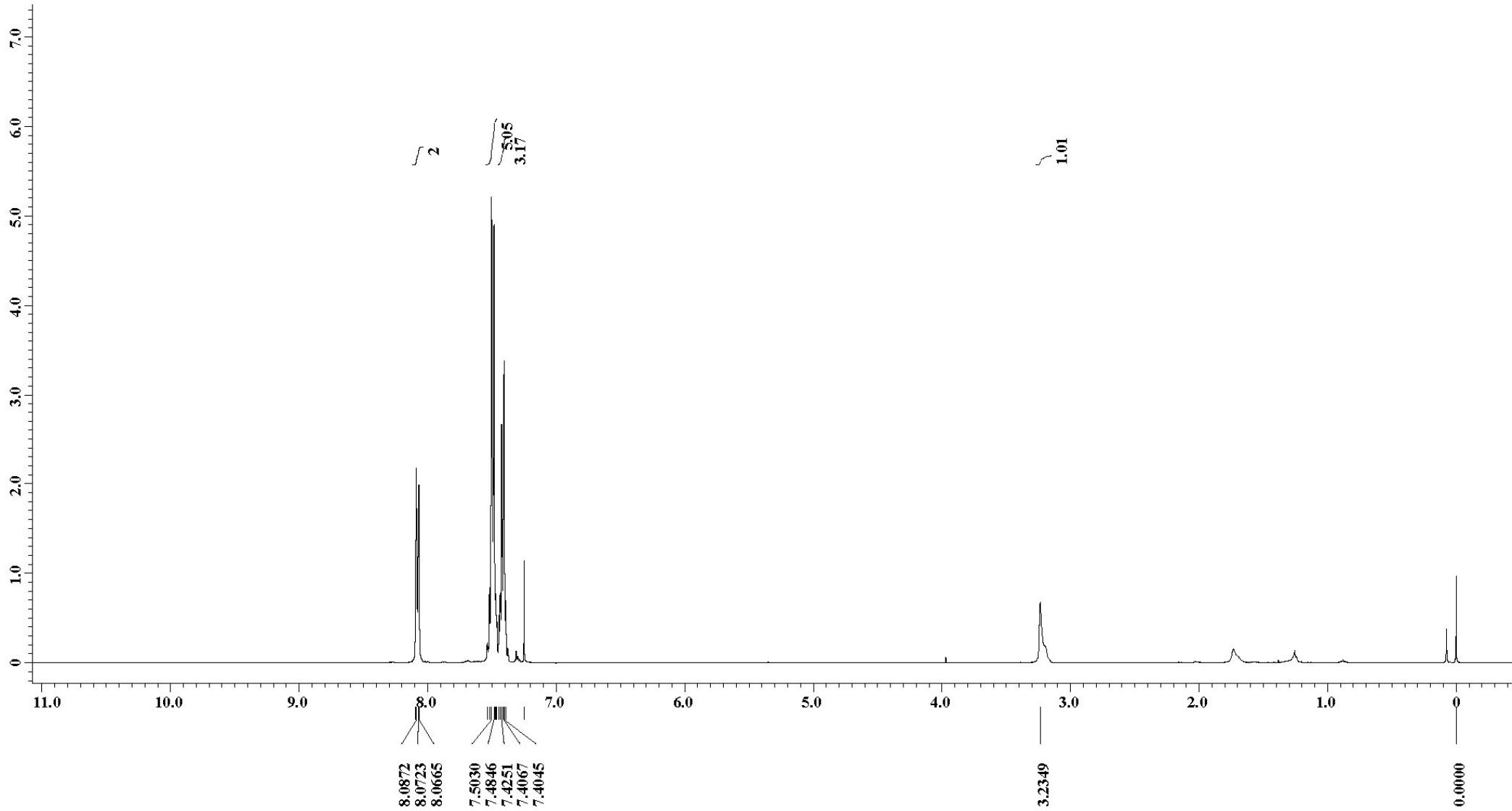
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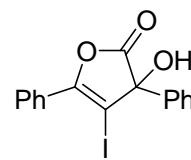






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