

Supporting Information

Synthesis of highly substituted 2-spiropiperidines

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3-Oxo-5-phenyl-5-(toluene-4-sulfonylamino)-pentanoic acid methyl ester (2)

To a solution of diisopropylamine (824 μ L, 5.89 mmol) in THF (10 mL) at -78°C was added *n*-BuLi (2.41 mL, 5.79 mmol) dropwise. The mixture was warmed to 0°C for 15 mins, then re-cooled to -78°C . A solution of methyl acetoacetate (312 μ L, 2.90 mmol) in THF (2 mL) was added *via* syringe pump over 20 mins. The mixture was warmed to -50°C , and a solution of *N*-Benzylidene-4-methyl-benzenesulfonamide (250 mg, 0.965 mmol) in THF (2 mL) was added fast. The reaction was stirred for 40 mins, then quenched with sat. aq. NH_4Cl (4 mL). The mixture was warmed to rt, and layers were separated. The aqueous was extracted with EtOAc (2 x 20 mL). Organics were combined, washed with water (10 mL), and brine (10 mL), dried (MgSO_4), filtered, and concentrated *in vacuo*. The residue was purified by column chromatography (10-30% EtOAc/hexane) to afford the title compound (225 mg, 0.600 mmol, 62% yield) as a colourless oil. Spectroscopic data was identical to that previously reported.¹

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.59-7.54 (m, 2H), 7.20-7.11 (m, 5H), 7.09-7.04 (m, 2H), 5.69 (d, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 4.73 (dt, $J = 7.2, 6.3$ Hz, 1H), 3.65 (s, 3H), 3.36 (d, $J = 15.5$ Hz, 1H), 3.31 (d, $J = 15.5$ Hz, 1H), 3.17 (dd, $J = 17.4, 6.3$ Hz, 1H), 3.01 (dd, $J = 17.4, 6.3$ Hz, 1H-4), 2.36 (s, 3H) ppm.

2-Isopropylidene-3-oxo-5-phenyl-5-(toluene-4-sulfonylamino)-pentanoic acid methyl ester (3)

To a 0.5 M solution of TiCl_4 in THF (2 mL, 1.07 mmol) at 0°C was added a solution of **2** (400 mg, 1.07 mmol), acetone (156 μ L, 2.13 mmol), and pyridine (345 μ L, 4.26 mmol) in THF (2 mL). The reaction was stirred overnight at rt. The reaction mixture was partitioned between water (10 mL) and EtOAc (30 mL). The aqueous was extracted with EtOAc (2 x 15 mL). Organics were combined, washed with NaHCO_3 (30 mL), water (30 mL), and brine (30 mL), dried (MgSO_4), filtered, and concentrated *in vacuo*. The residue was purified by column chromatography (15% EtOAc/hexane) to afford the title compound (115 mg, 0.277 mmol, 26% yield) as a yellow oil.

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.59-7.54 (m, 2H), 7.19-7.12 (m, 5H), 7.11-7.05 (m, 2H), 5.71 (d, $J = 7.0$ Hz, 1H), 4.74 (dt, $J = 7.0, 6.2$ Hz, 1H), 3.60 (s, 3H), 3.12 (dd, $J = 17.5, 6.2$ Hz, 1H), 2.96 (dd, $J = 17.5, 6.2$ Hz, 1H), 2.36 (s, 3H), 2.05 (s, 3H), 1.65 (s, 3H) ppm; ^{13}C -NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 201.1, 165.5, 156.1, 143.3, 139.8, 137.4, 130.9, 129.5, 128.5, 127.7, 127.3, 126.8, 54.3, 51.9, 49.4, 23.5, 23.1, 21.6 ppm; IR (ATR): ν_{max} 3278, 2952, 1726, 1694, 1156 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) 438.1338 ($\text{M} + \text{Na}^+$. $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{25}\text{NNaO}_5\text{S}$ requires 438.1346).

2-Isopropylidene-3-oxo-5-phenyl-pent-4-enoic acid methyl ester (4)

To a 0.5 M solution of TiCl_4 in THF (1.5 mL, 0.735 mmol) at 0°C was added a solution of **5** (150 mg, 0.735 mmol), acetone (108 μ L, 1.47 mmol), and pyridine (240 μ L, 2.94 mmol) in THF (1 mL). The reaction was stirred overnight at rt. The reaction mixture was partitioned between water (5 mL) and EtOAc (30 mL). The aqueous was extracted with EtOAc (2 x 15 mL). Organics were combined, washed with NaHCO_3 (30 mL), water (30 mL), and brine (30 mL), dried (Na_2SO_4), filtered, and concentrated *in vacuo*. The residue was purified by column chromatography (5% EtOAc/hexane) to afford the title compound (23 mg, 0.0942 mmol, 13% yield) as a yellow oil.

¹ P. A. Clarke, A. V. Zaytsev, T. W. Morgan, A. C. Whitwood and C. Wilson, *Org. Lett.* 2008, **10**, 2877-2880.

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.58 – 7.49 (m, 2H), 7.42 – 7.35 (m, 3H), 7.42 (d, *J* = 16.2 Hz, 1H), 6.80 (d, *J* = 16.2 Hz, 1H), 3.69 (s, 3H), 2.26 (s, 3H), 1.87 (s, 3H) ppm; ¹³C-NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 195.5, 165.5, 154.8, 145.6, 134.5, 130.9, 129.5, 129.1, 128.6, 127.6, 51.9, 24.2, 22.5 ppm; IR (ATR): ν_{max} 3063, 2912, 1708, 1641, 1620, 1596, 1435, 1301, 1238, 1217, 1201, 1097, 1033 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) 267.0992 (M + Na⁺. C₁₆H₁₆NaO₃ requires 267.0992).

3-Hydroxy-5-phenyl-penta-2,4-dienoic acid methyl ester (5)

To a solution of **6**² (500 mg, 2.25 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (3 mL) was added acetic anhydride (223 μL, 2.36 mmol), Et₃N (470 μL, 3.38 mmol) and DMAP (cat.). The reaction was stirred for 2h at rt. MeOH (400 μL) was added, and the mixture stirred for 15 mins. The mixture was diluted with CH₂Cl₂ (8 mL) and partitioned with 0.1 M HCl (10 mL). Organics were combined, washed with water (10 mL), CuSO₄ (10 mL), and brine (10 mL), dried (MgSO₄), filtered, and concentrated *in vacuo*. The residue was purified by column chromatography (5% EtOAc/hexane) to afford title compound (201 mg, 0.905 mmol, 44% yield) as a white solid.

mp 93-96 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 11.9 (s, 1H), 7.51-7.47 (m, 2H), 7.44 (d, *J* = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 7.39-7.31 (m, 3H), 6.44 (dd, *J* = 16.0, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 5.18 (s, 1H), 3.77 (s, 3H) ppm; ¹³C-NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 173.4, 169.4, 137.1, 135.4, 129.5, 128.9, 127.7, 121.9, 91.7, 51.5 ppm; IR (ATR): ν_{max} 3027, 2953, 1634, 1590, 1445, 1202 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) 227.0695 (M + Na⁺. C₁₄H₁₆NNaO₅ requires 227.0679).

[Benzenesulfonyl-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-methyl]-carbamic acid tert-butyl ester (7k)

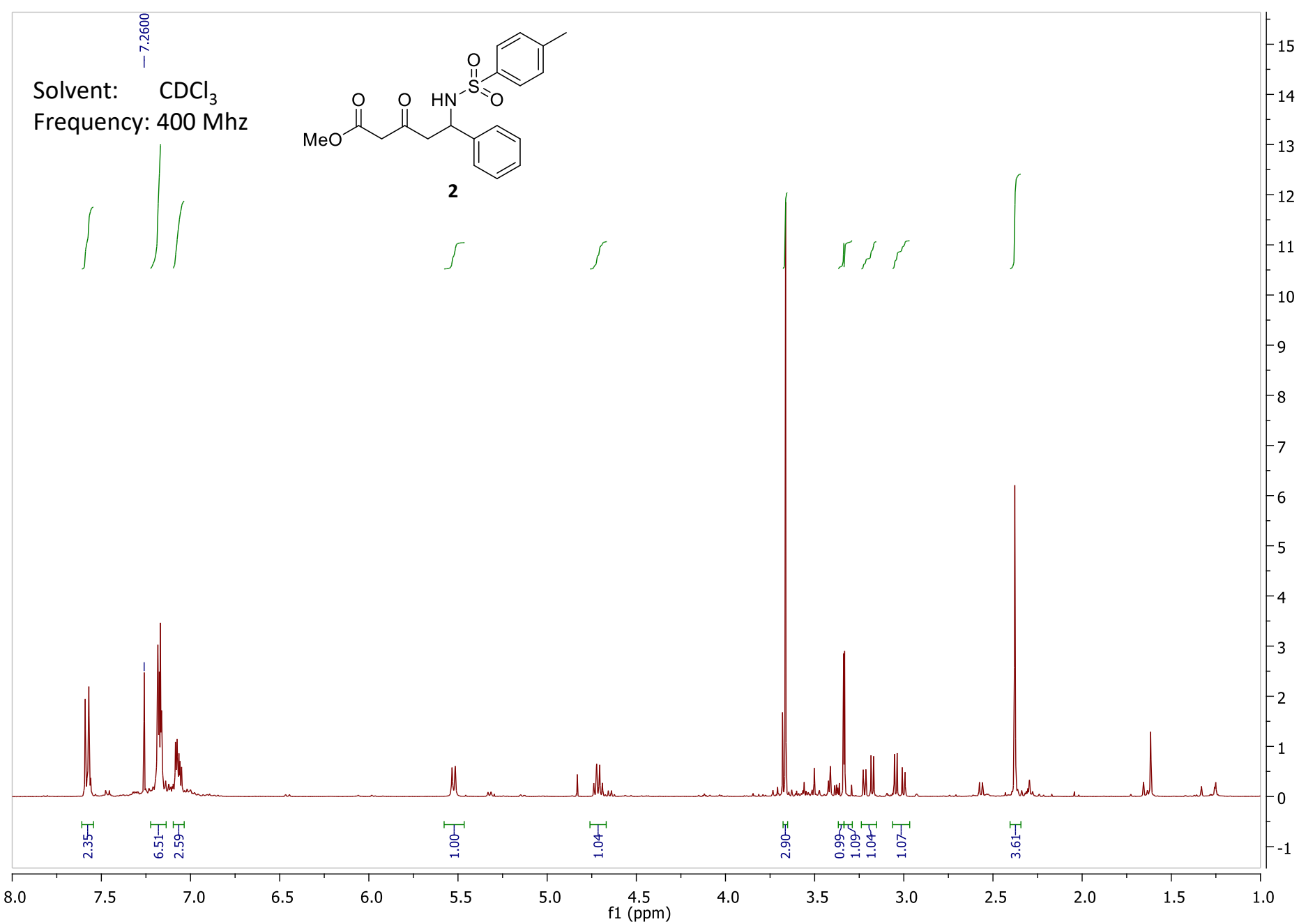
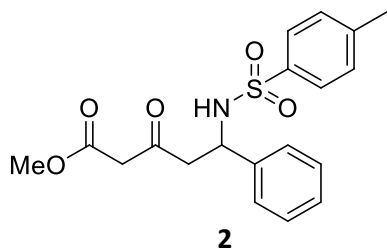
Following the general procedure: 4-(Trifluoromethyl)benzaldehyde (6.00 g, 34.5 mmol), *tert*-butyl carbamate (2.69 g, 23.0 mmol) and benzenesulfinic acid sodium salt (7.54 g, 46.0 mmol). The white precipitate was triturated by stirring in diethyl ether (50 mL) for 1h at rt. Filtration gave the title compound, (6.87 g, 16.6 mmol, 72% yield) as a white solid. Spectroscopic data was identical to that previously reported.³

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.94 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.70-7.65 (m, 3H), 7.63-7.53 (m, 4H), 6.02 (d, *J* = 10.5 Hz, 1H), 5.93 (d, *J* = 10.5 Hz, 1H), 1.23 (s, 9H) ppm.

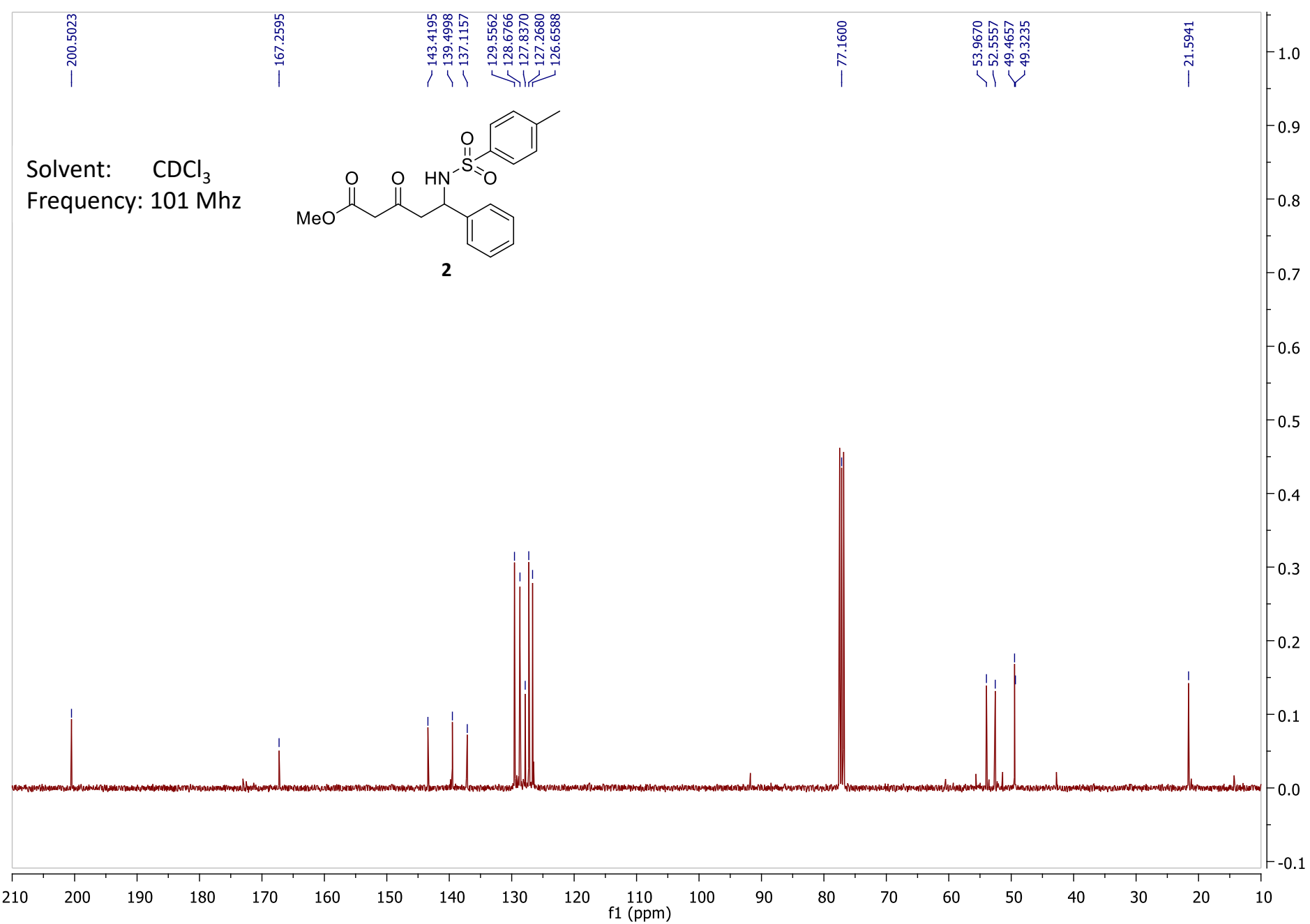
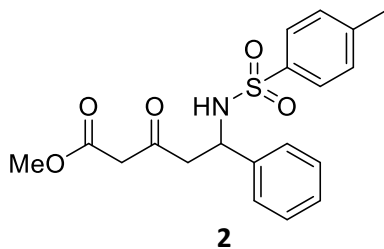
² P. A. Clarke, W. H. C. Martin, J. M. Hargreaves, C. Wilson and A. J. Blake, *Org. Biomol. Chem.* 2005, 3, 3551-3563.

³ L. Huang and W. D. Wulff, *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* 2011, **133**, 8892-8895.

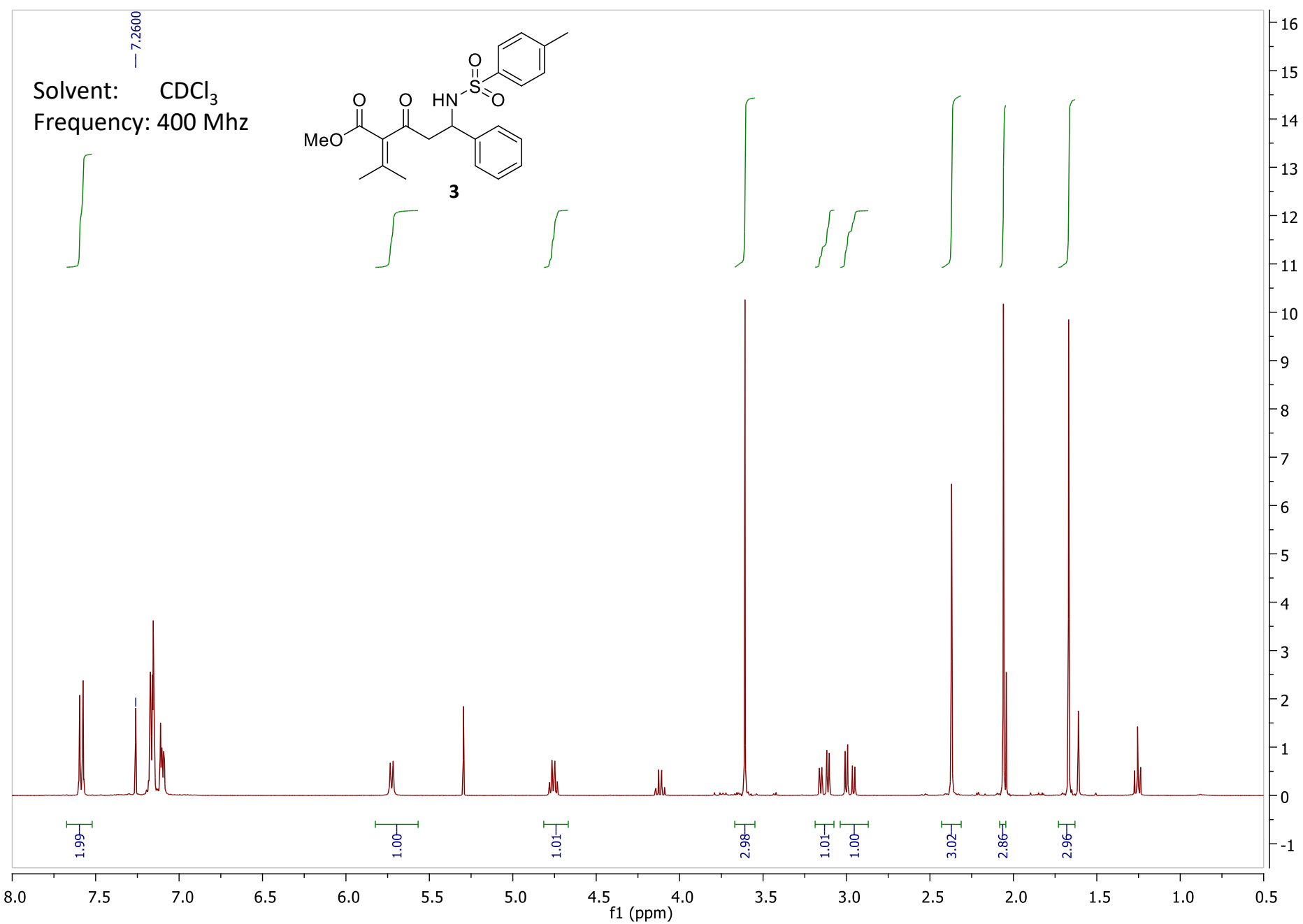
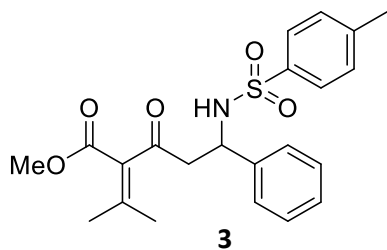
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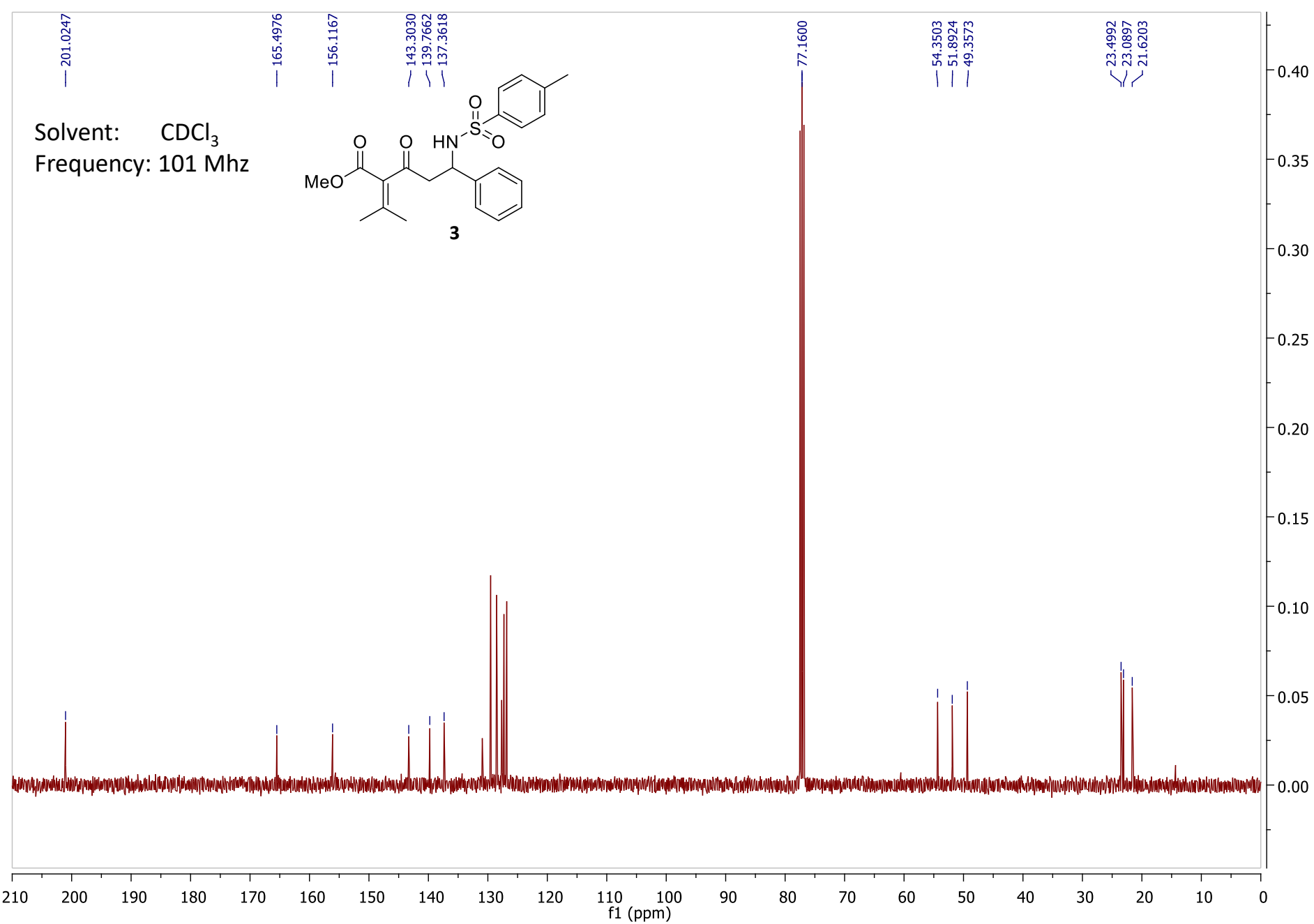


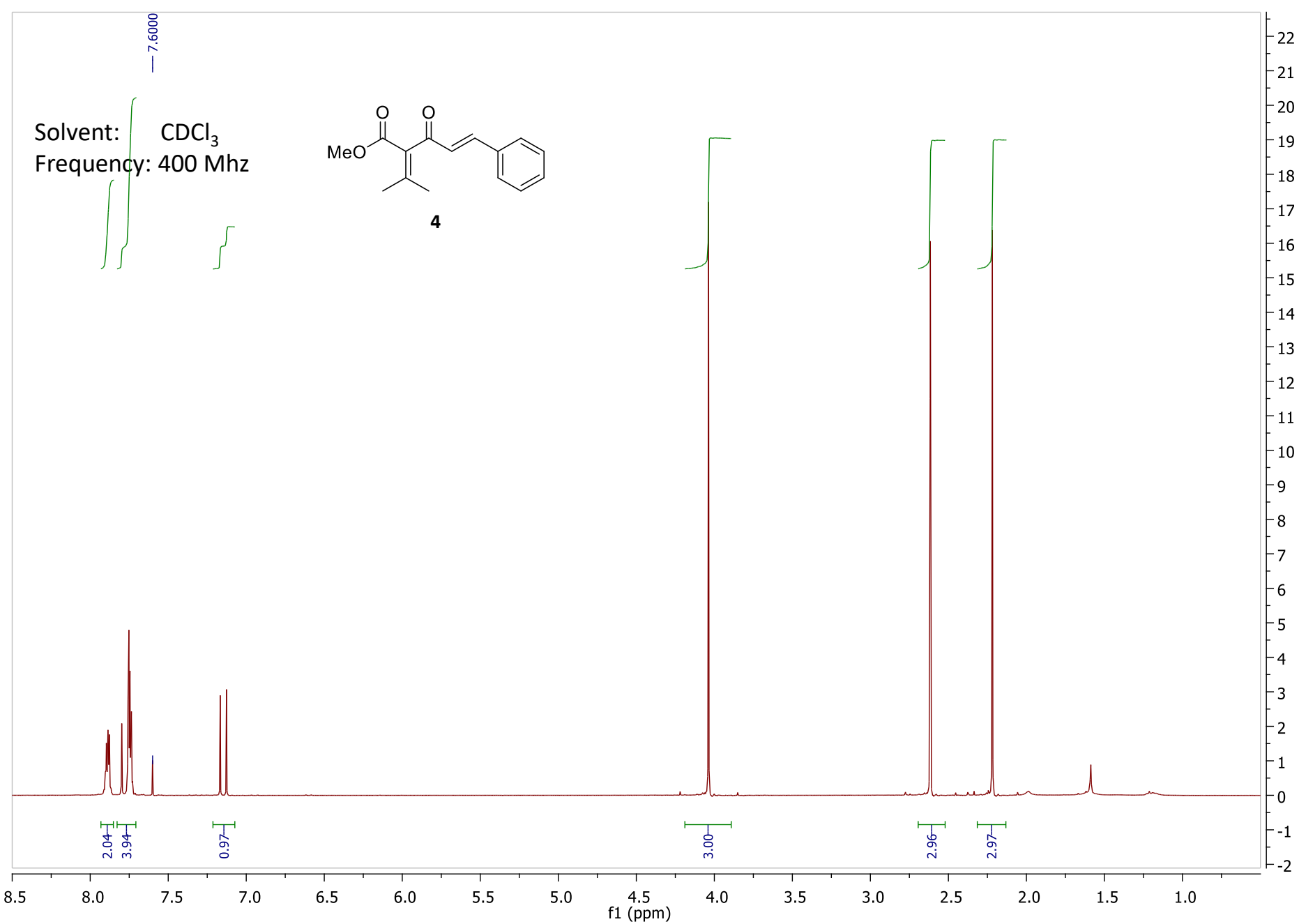
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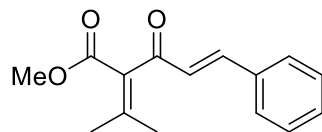
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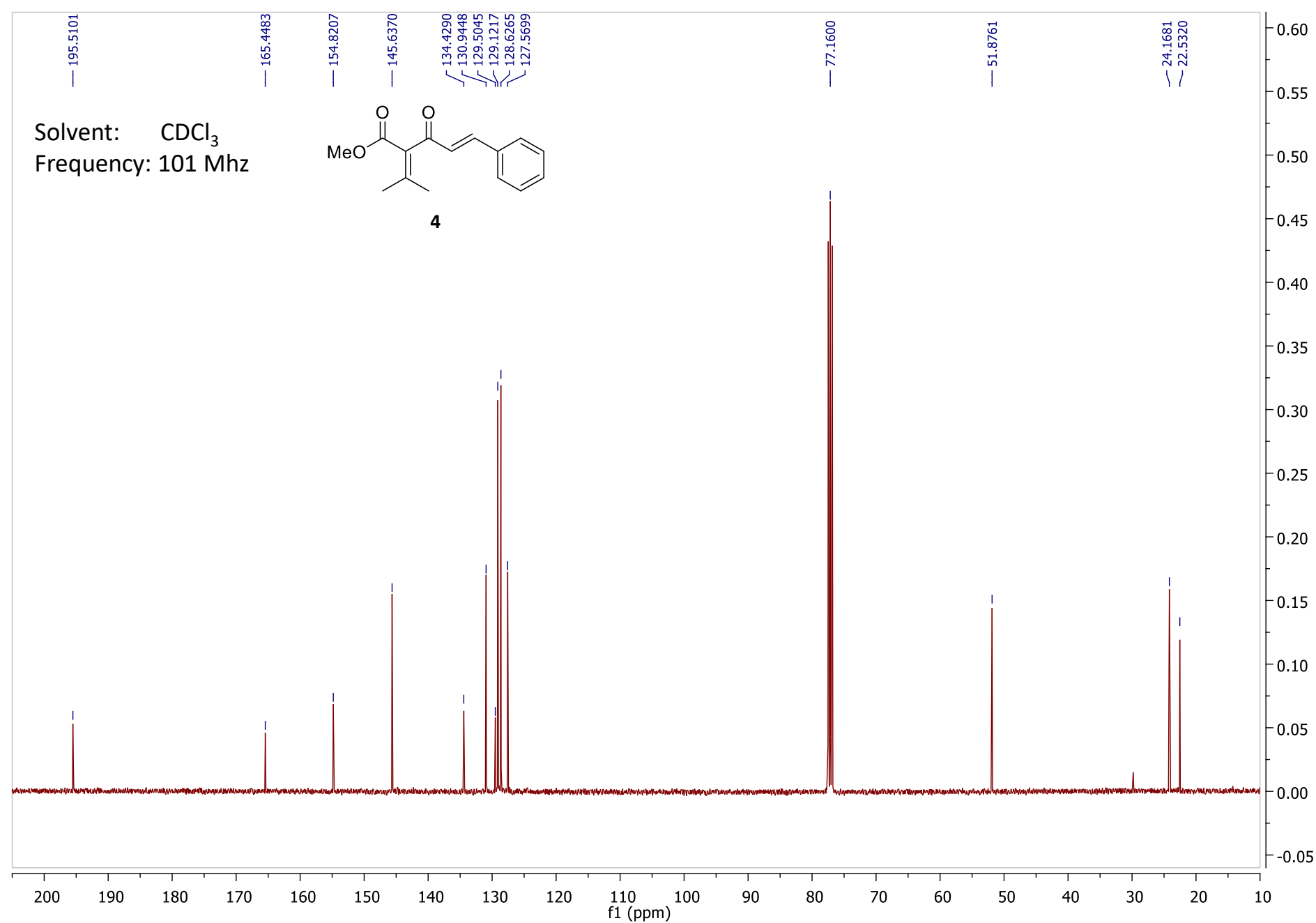
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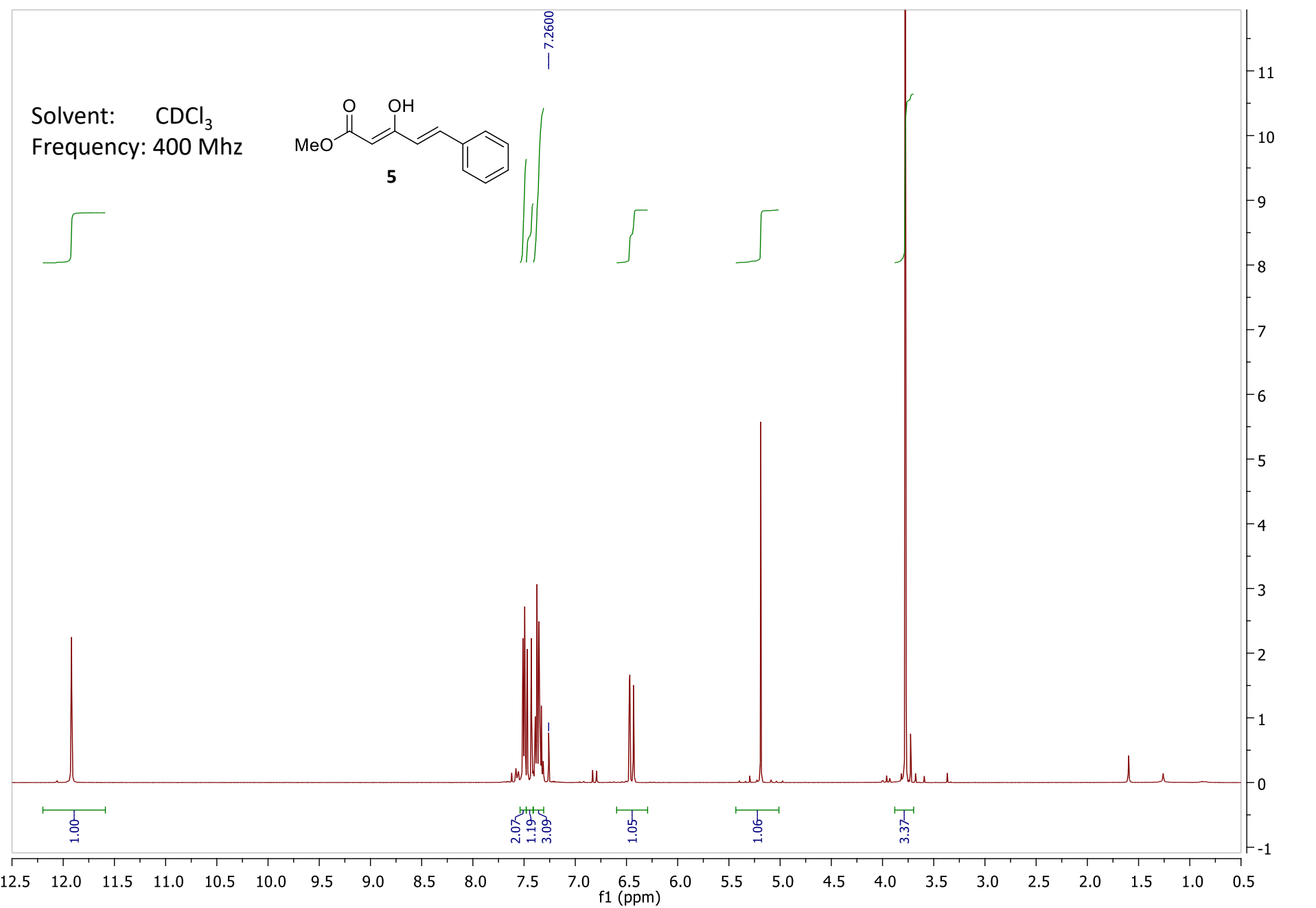
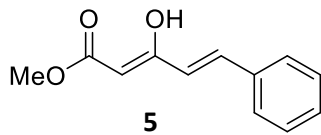
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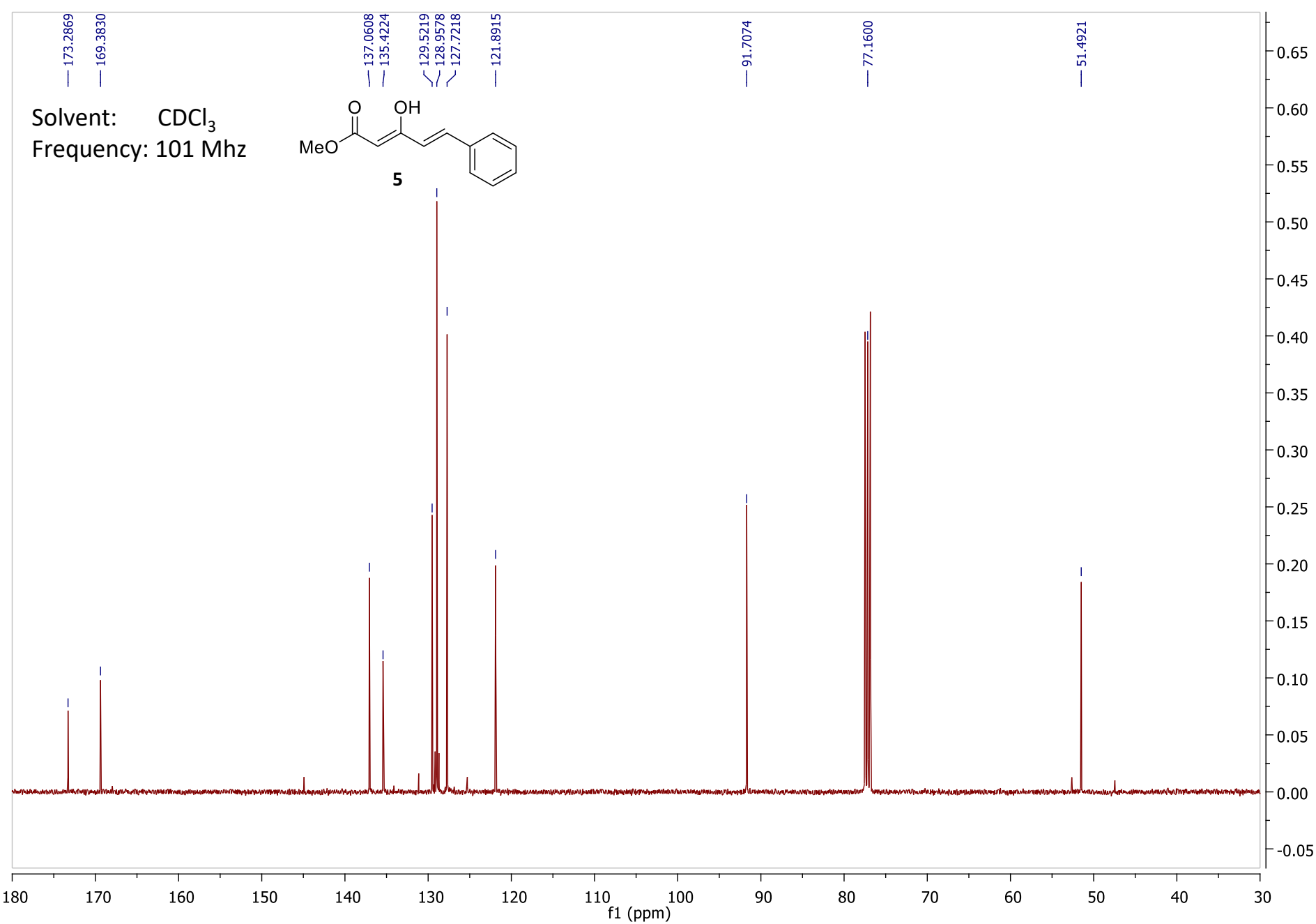
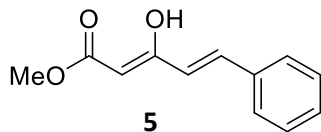
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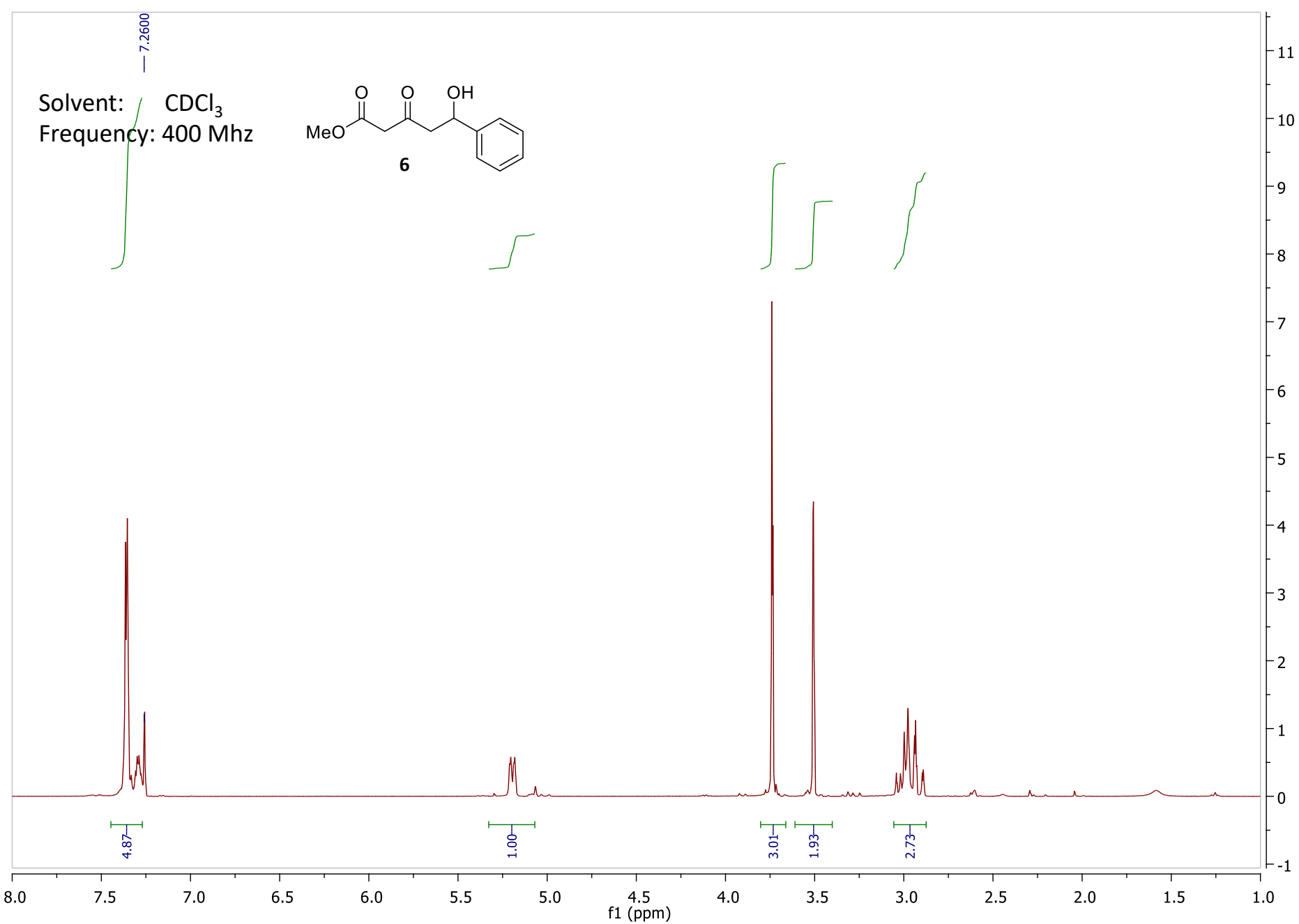
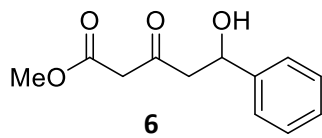
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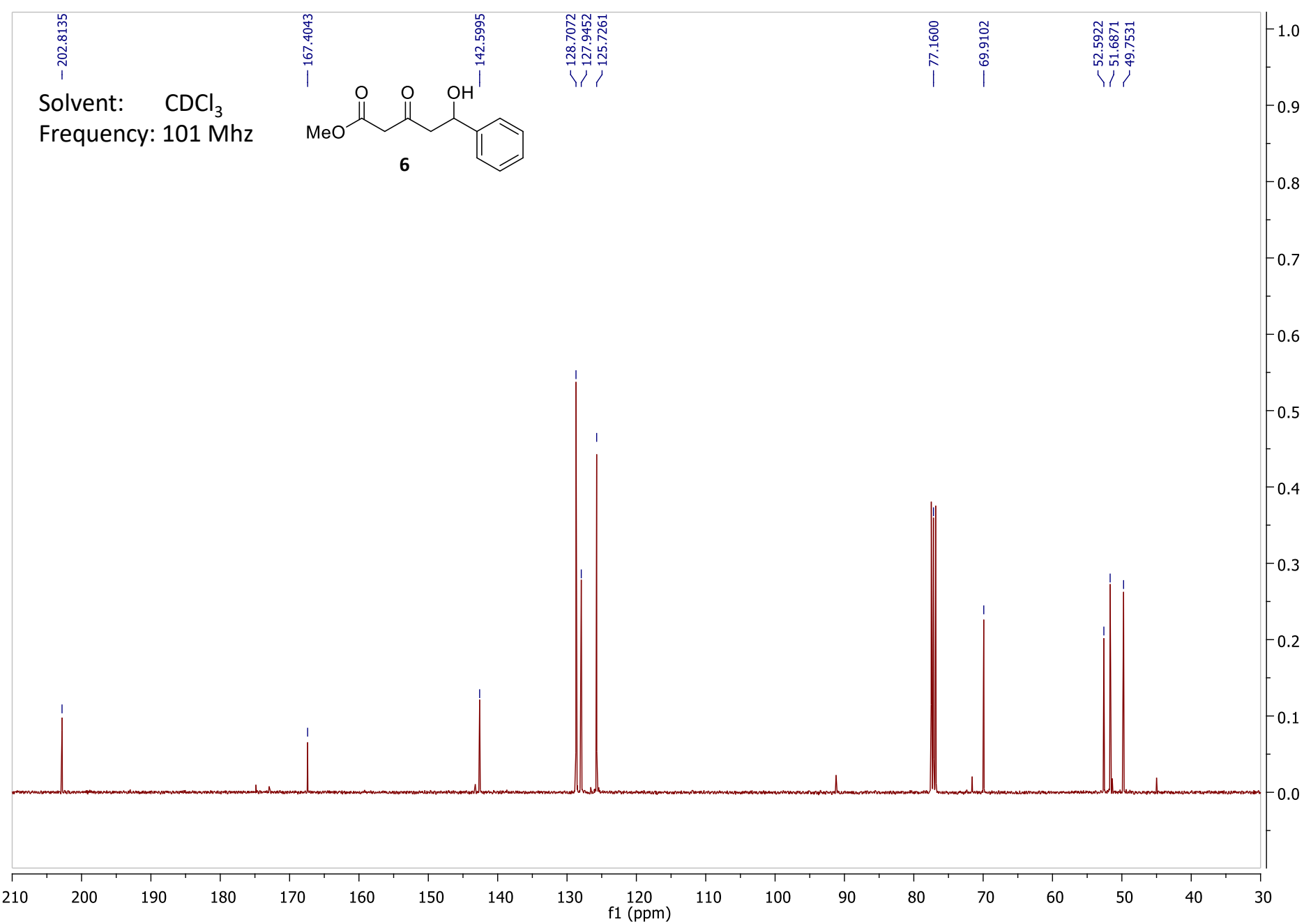
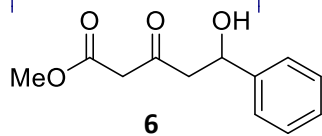
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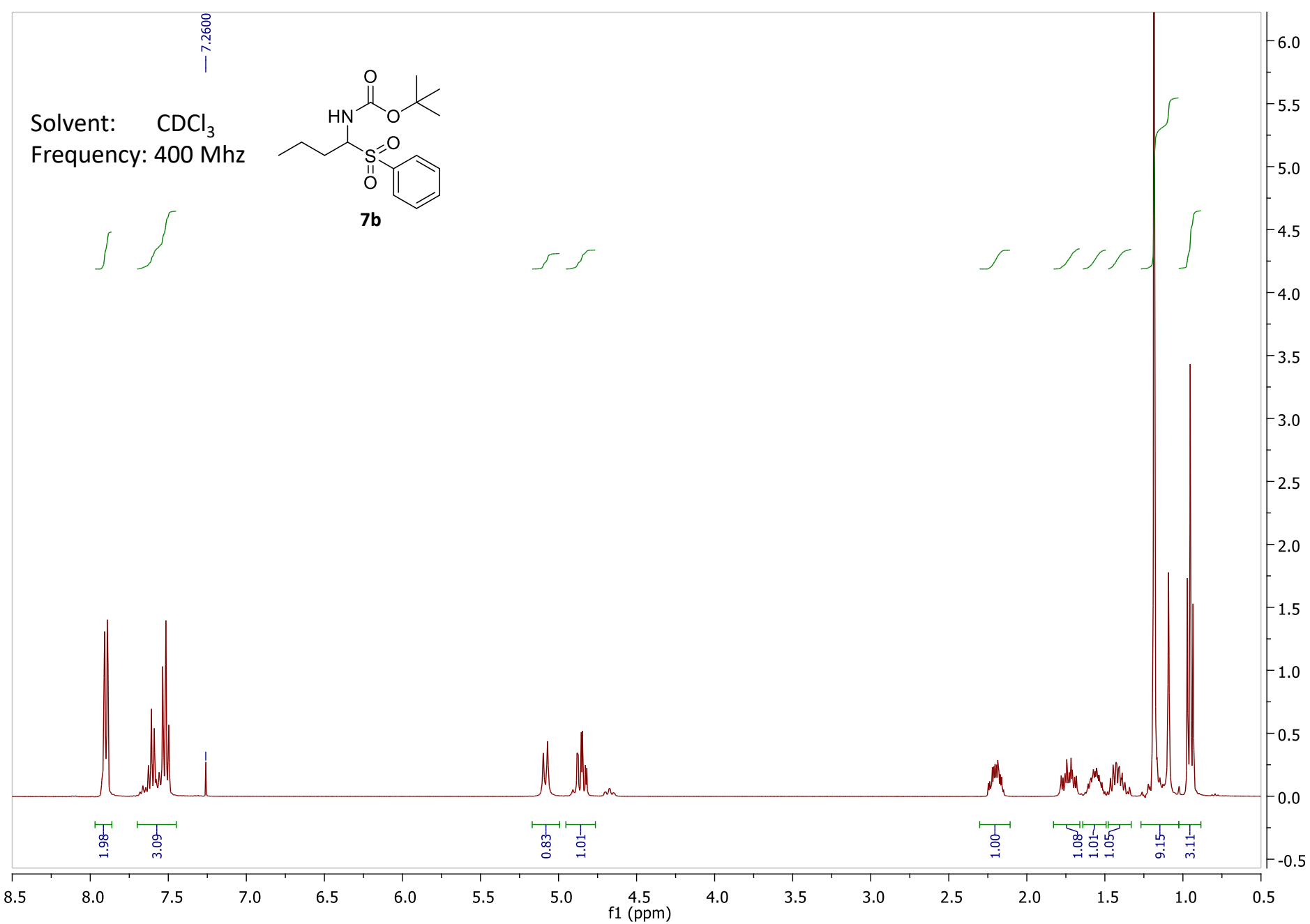
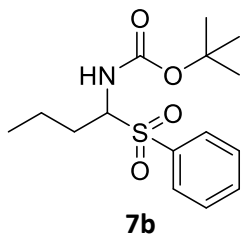
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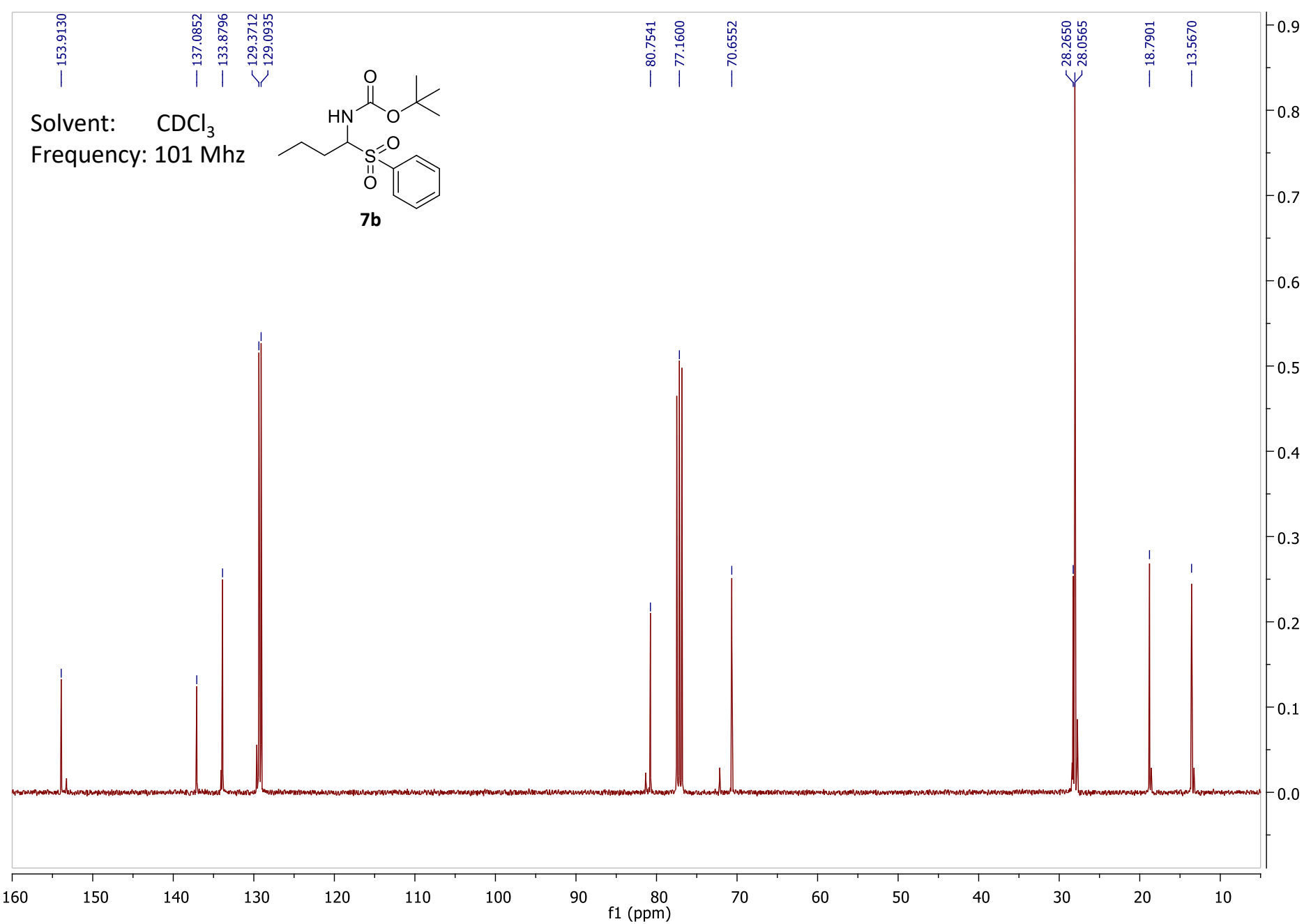
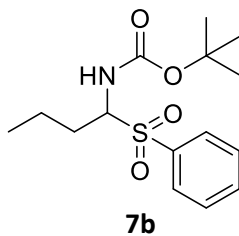
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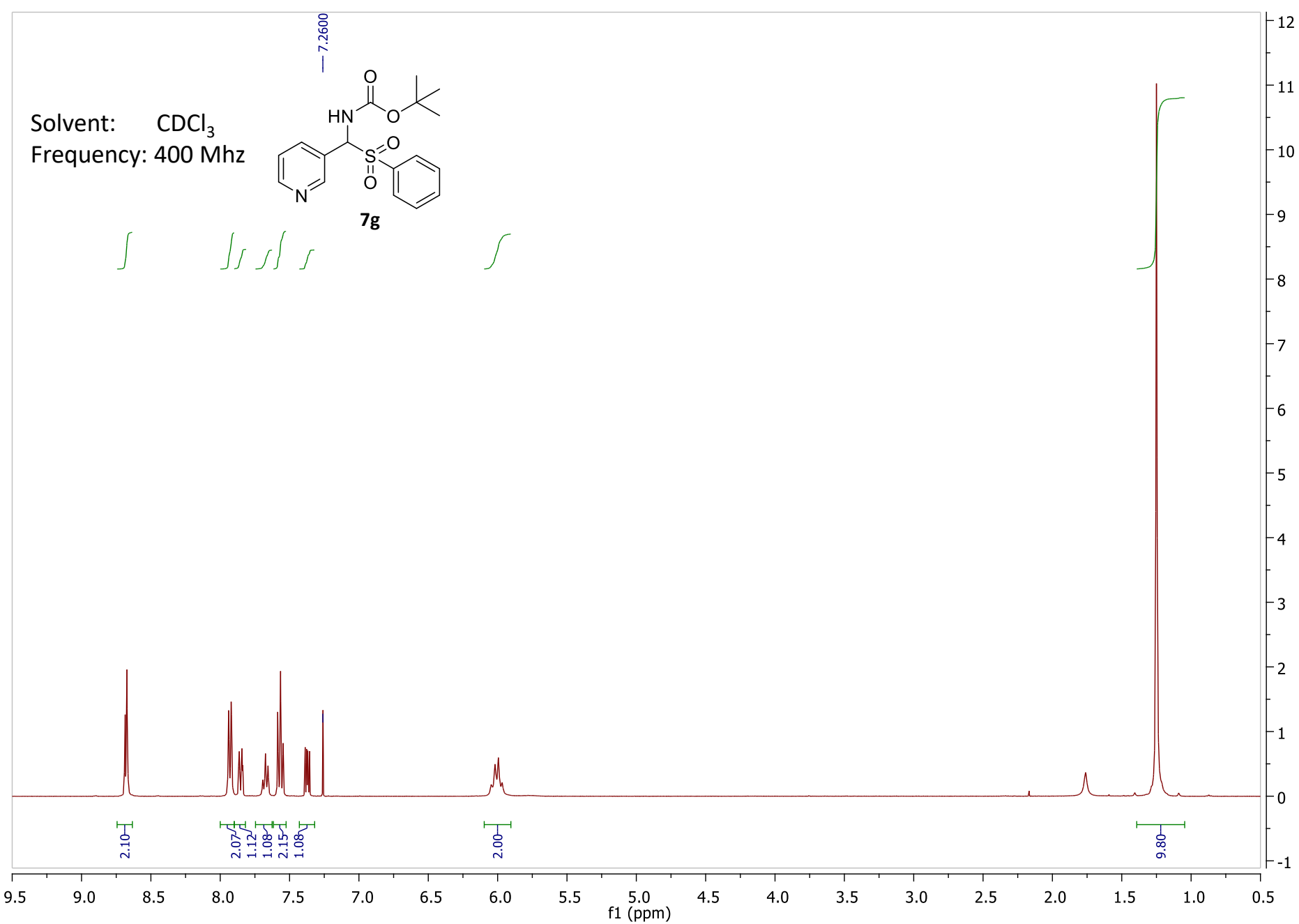
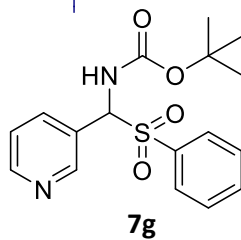
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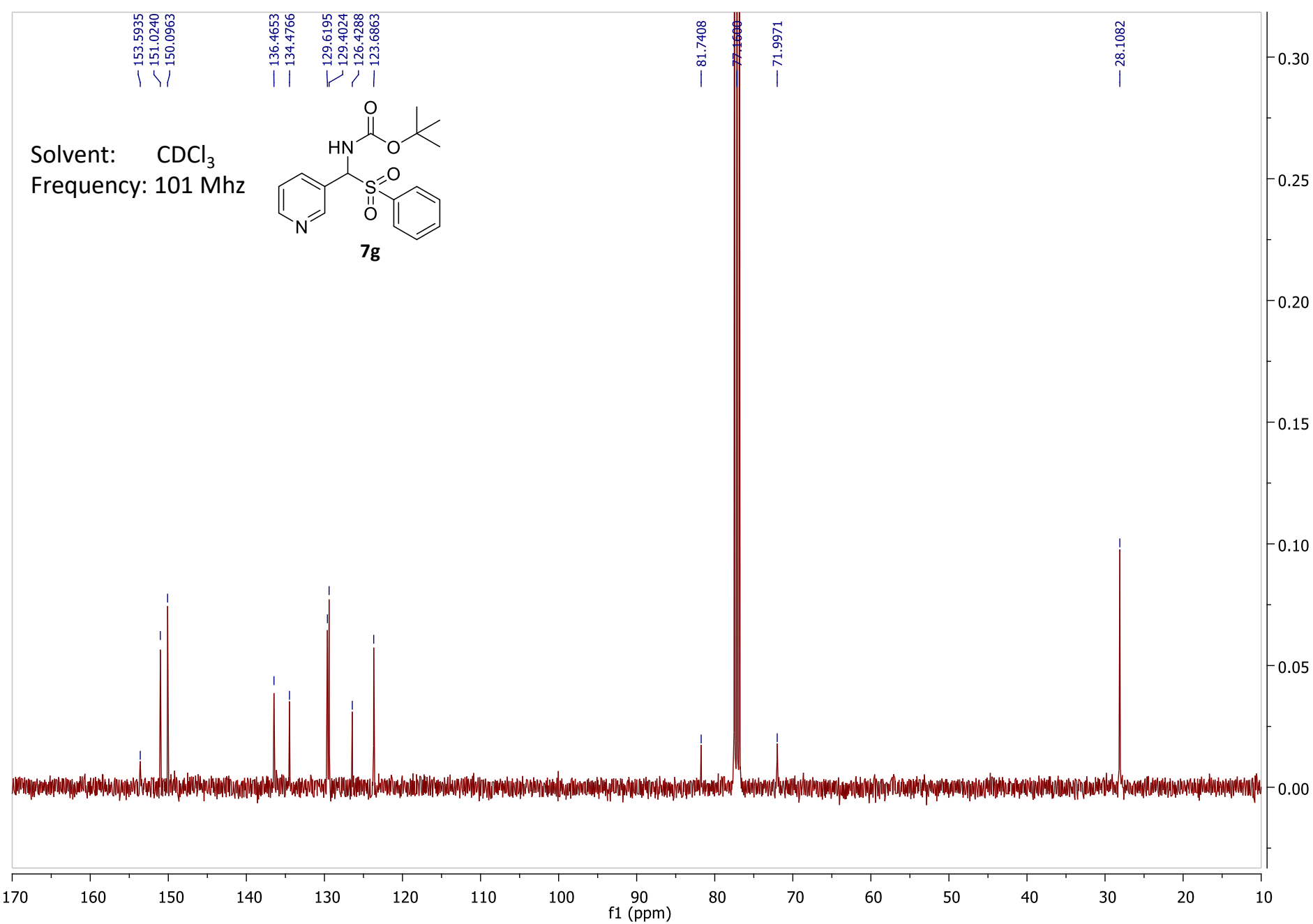
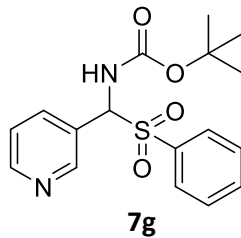
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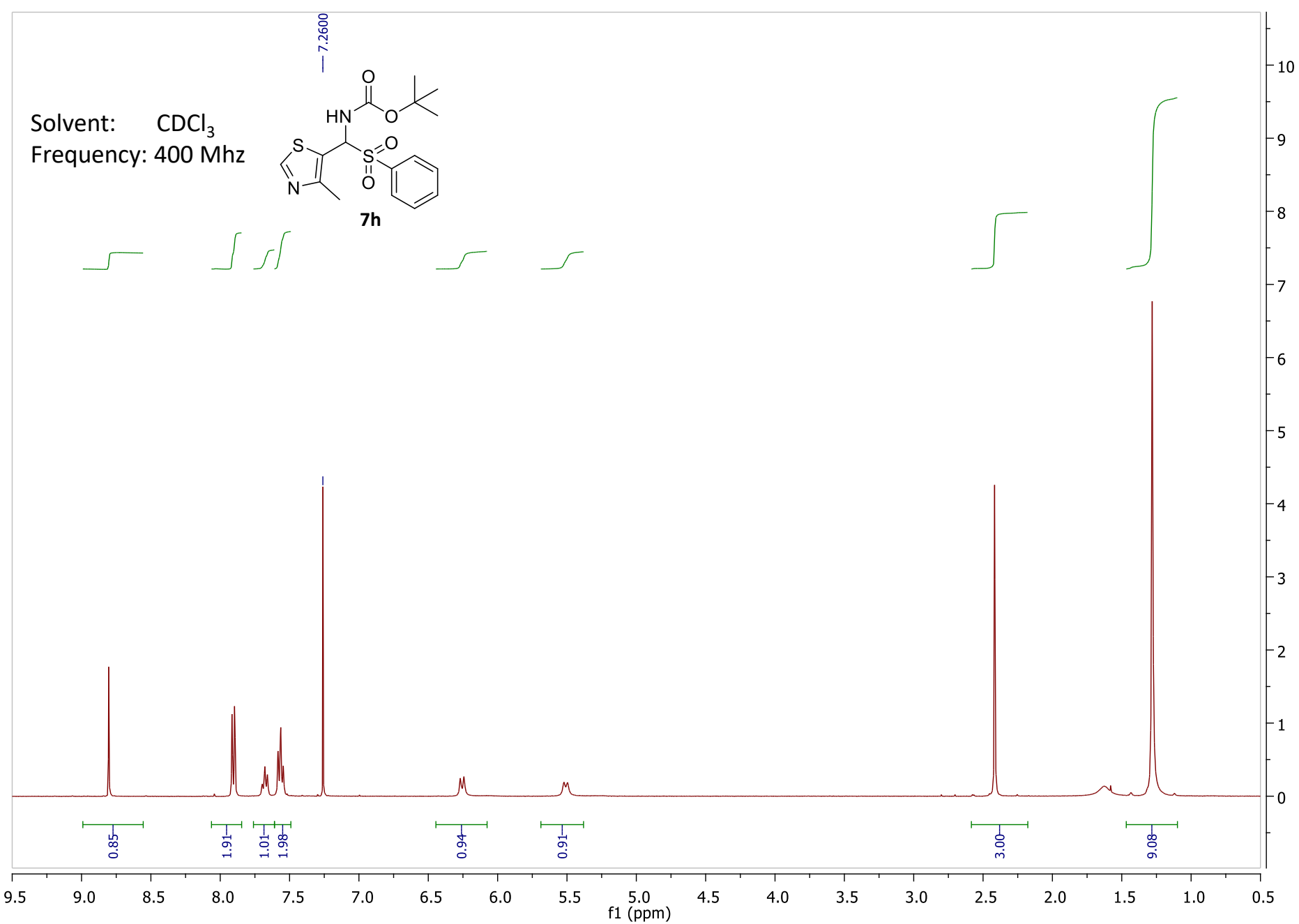
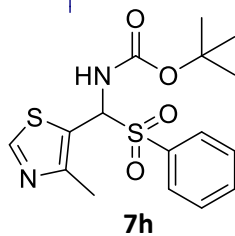
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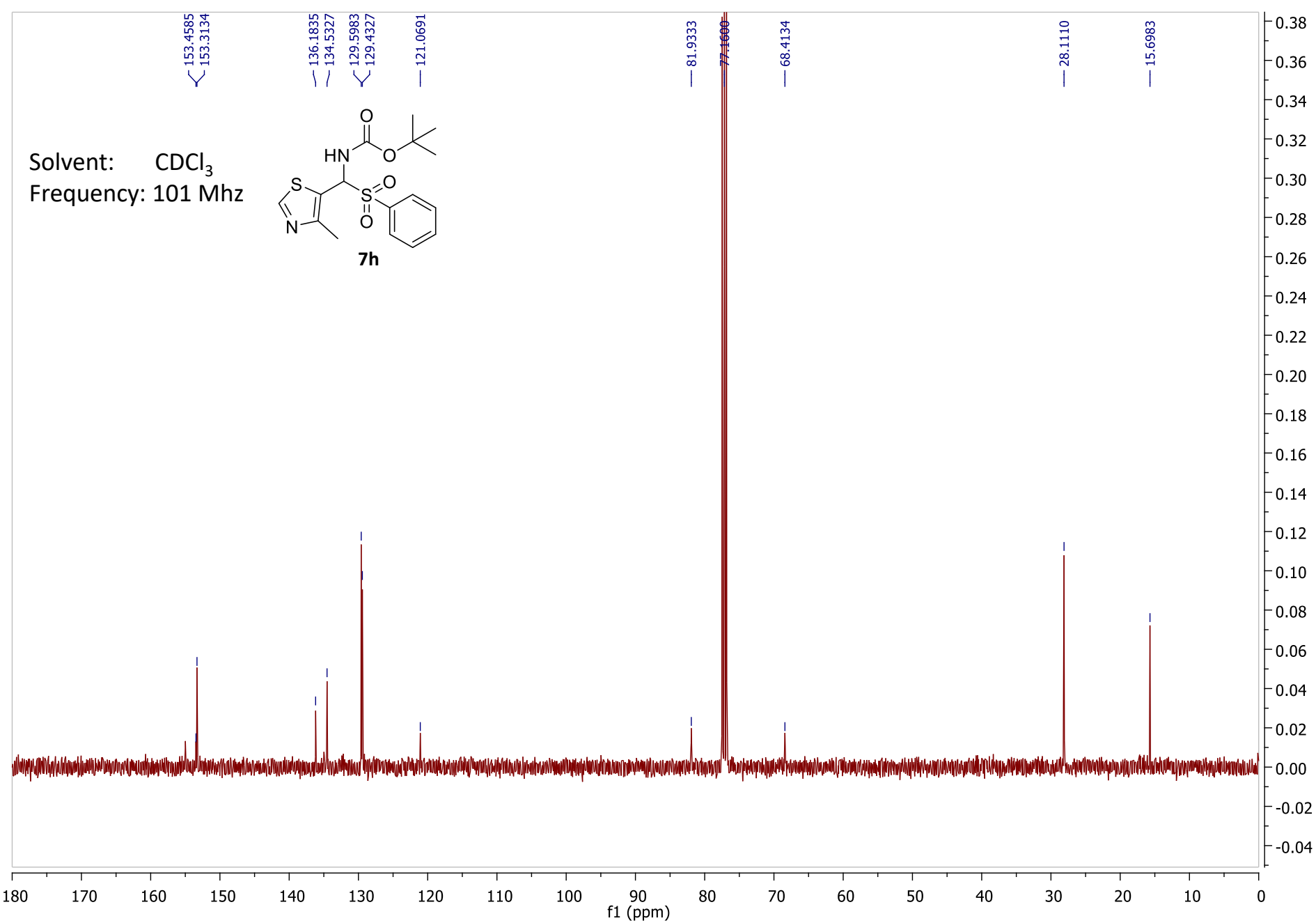
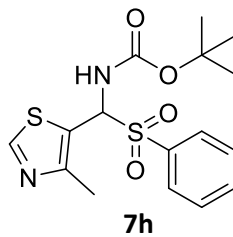
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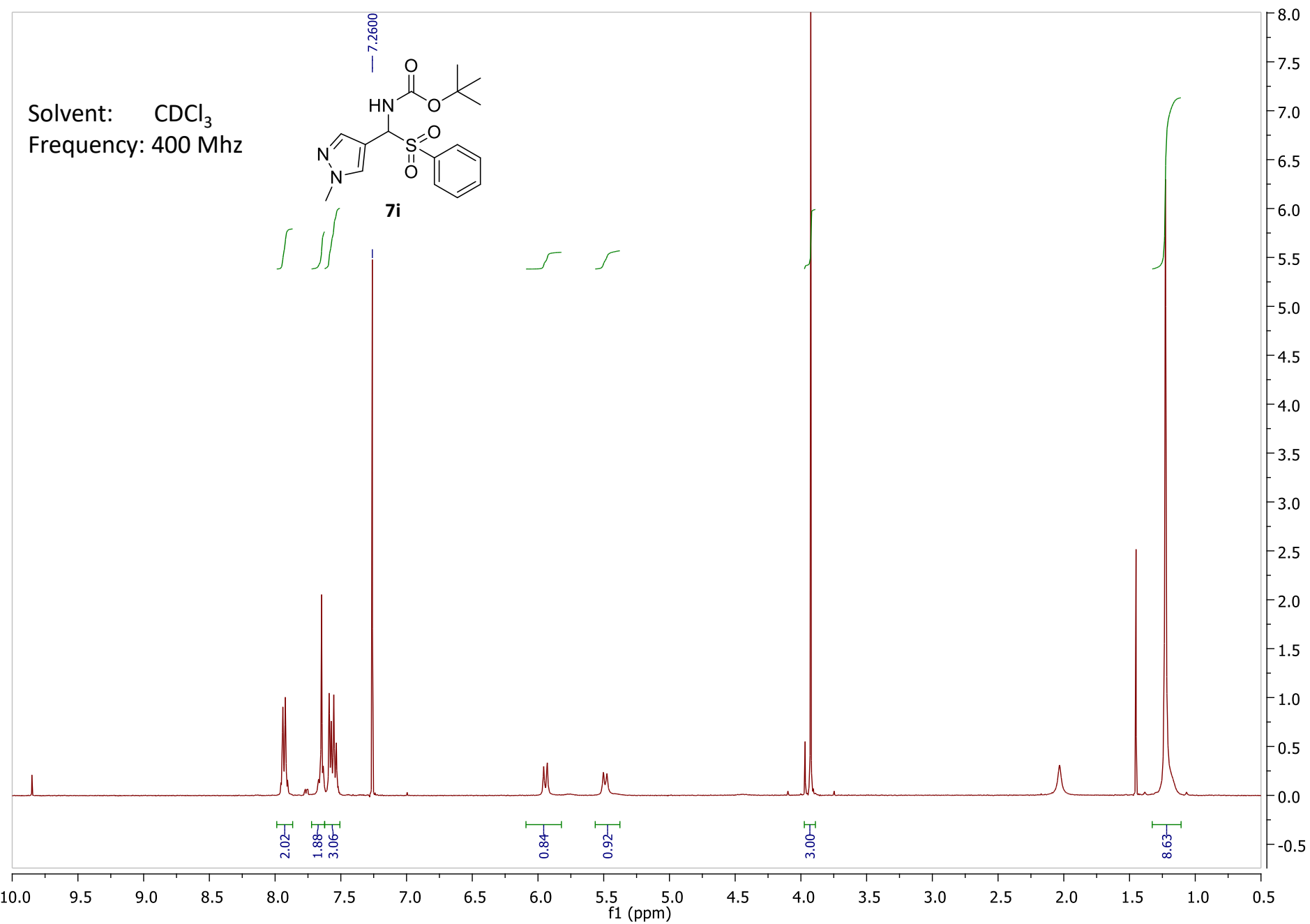
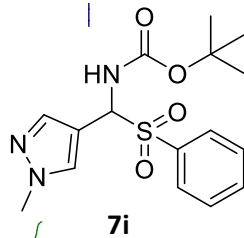
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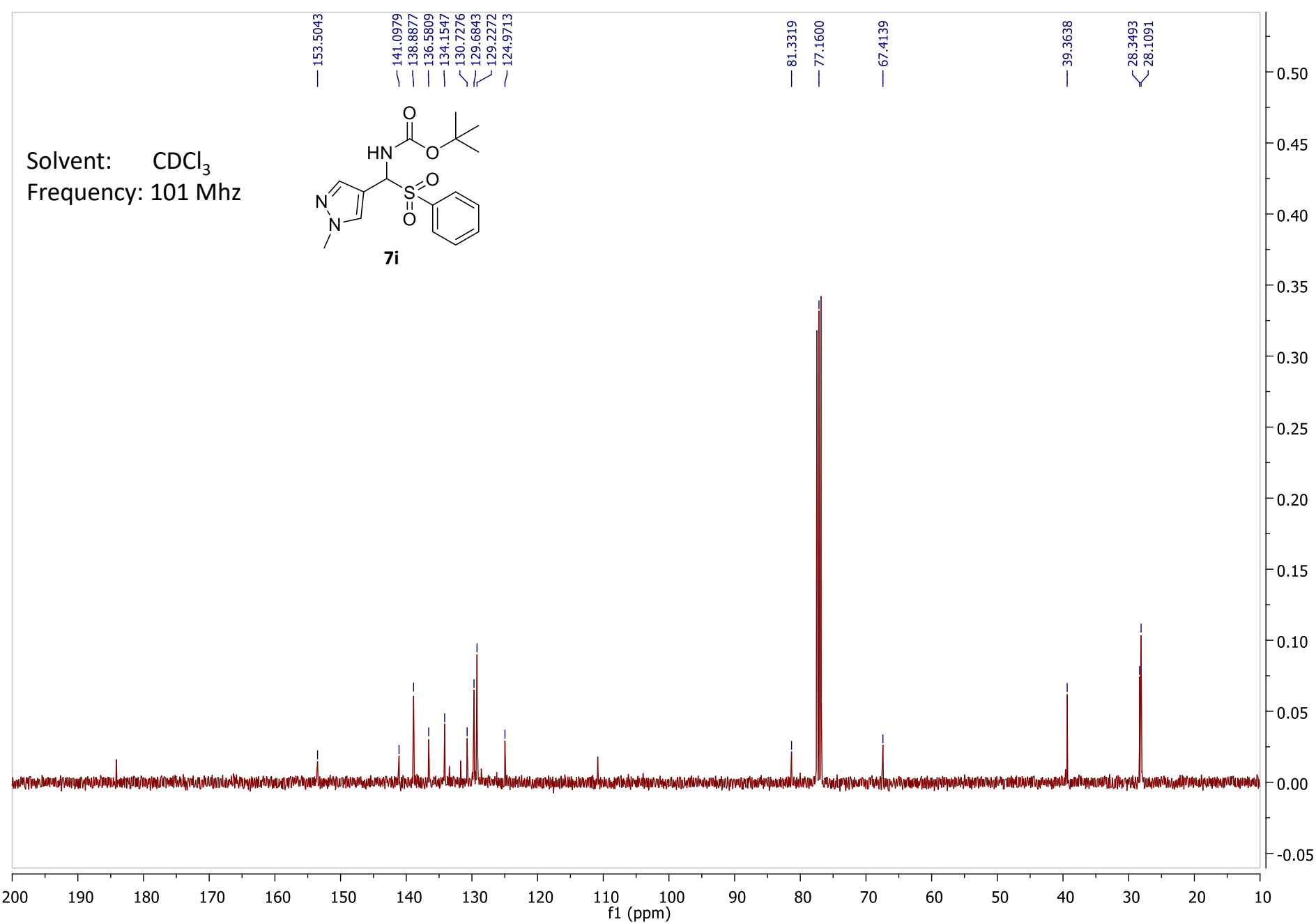
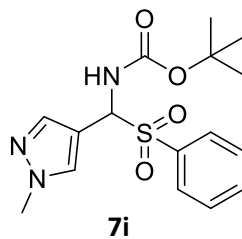
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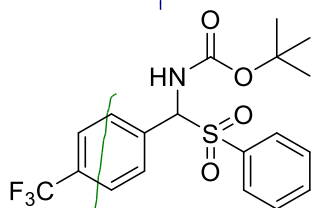
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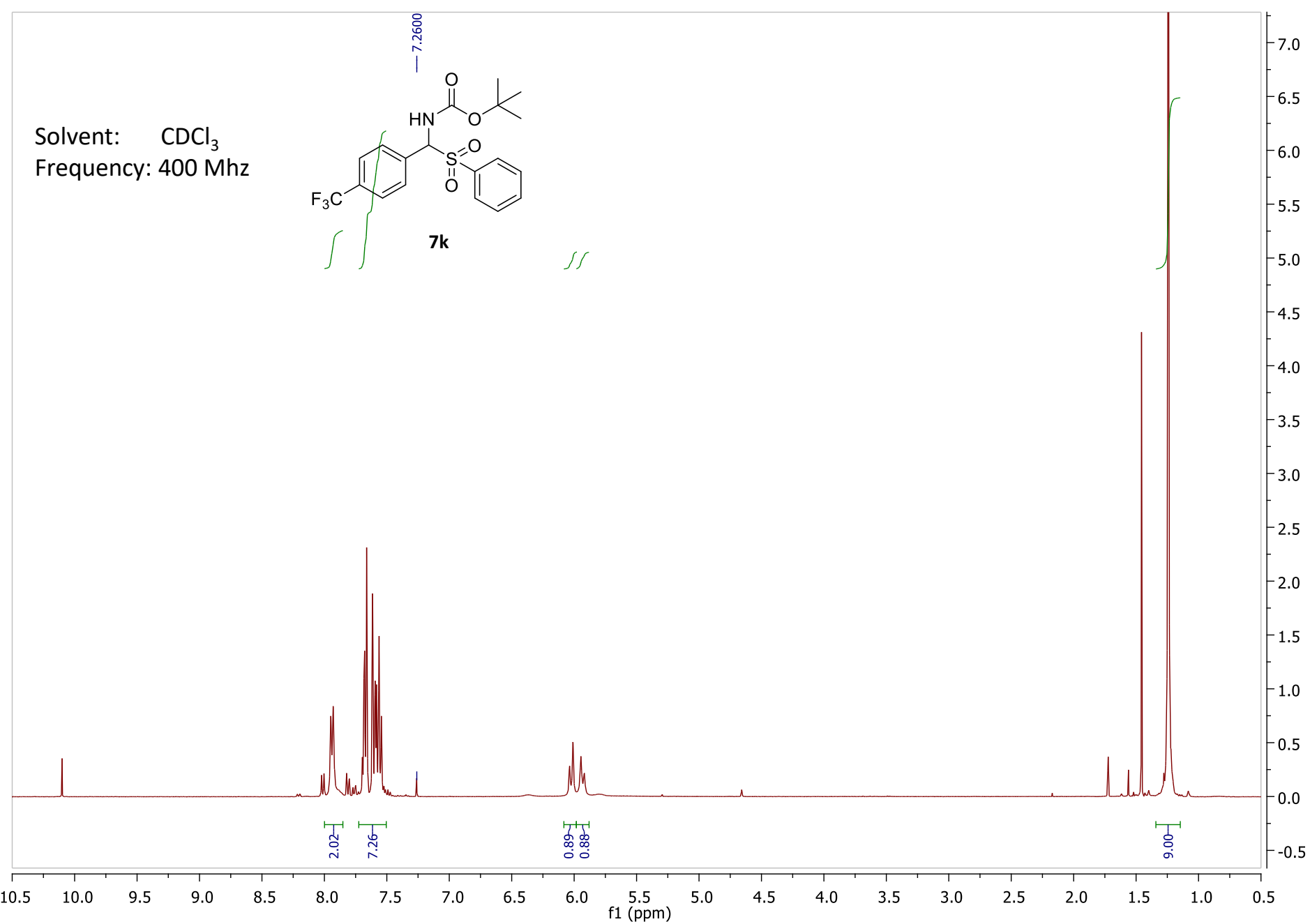
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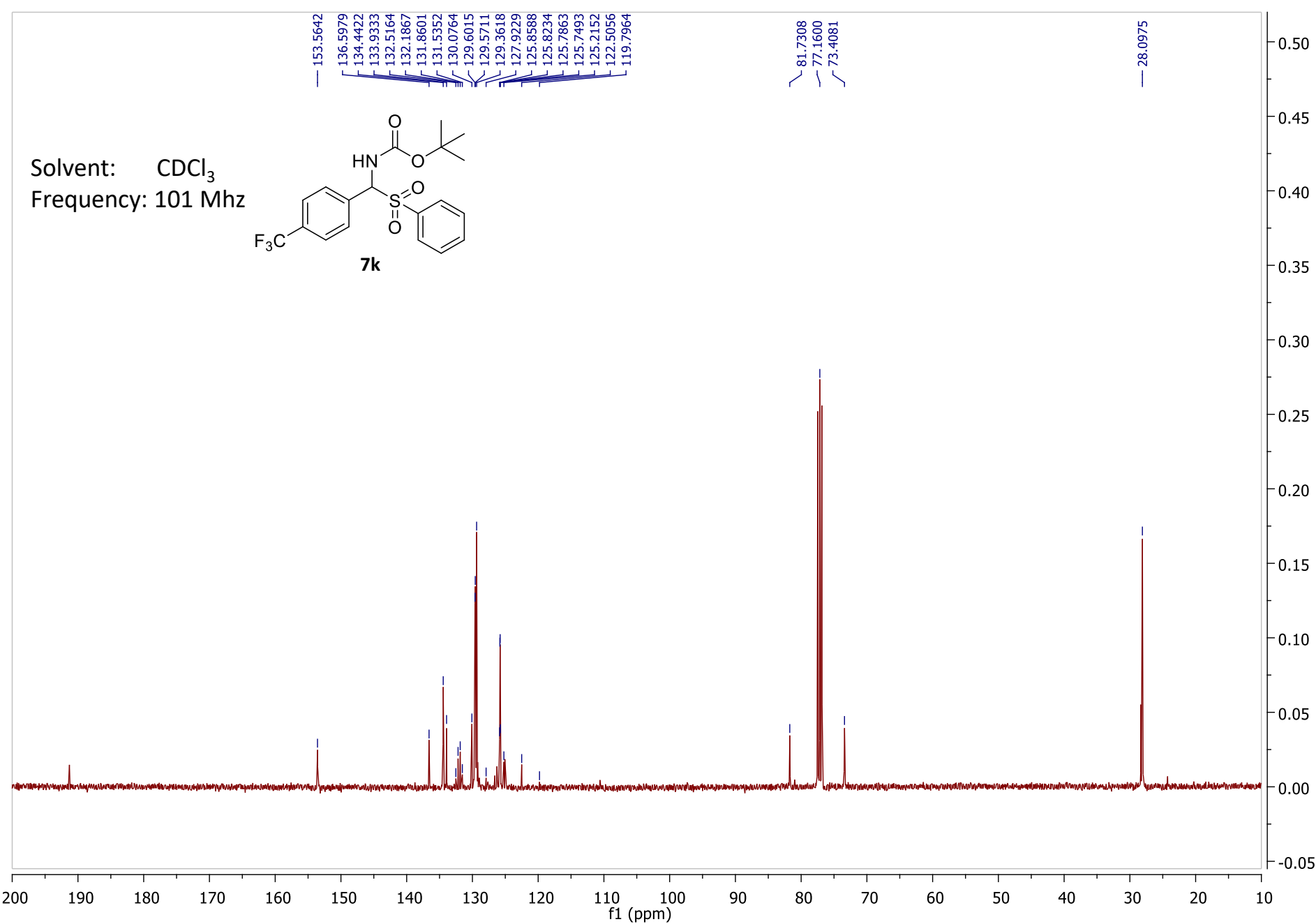
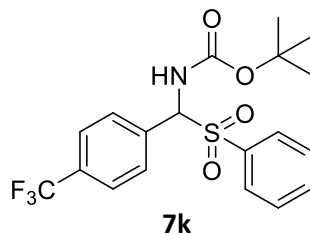
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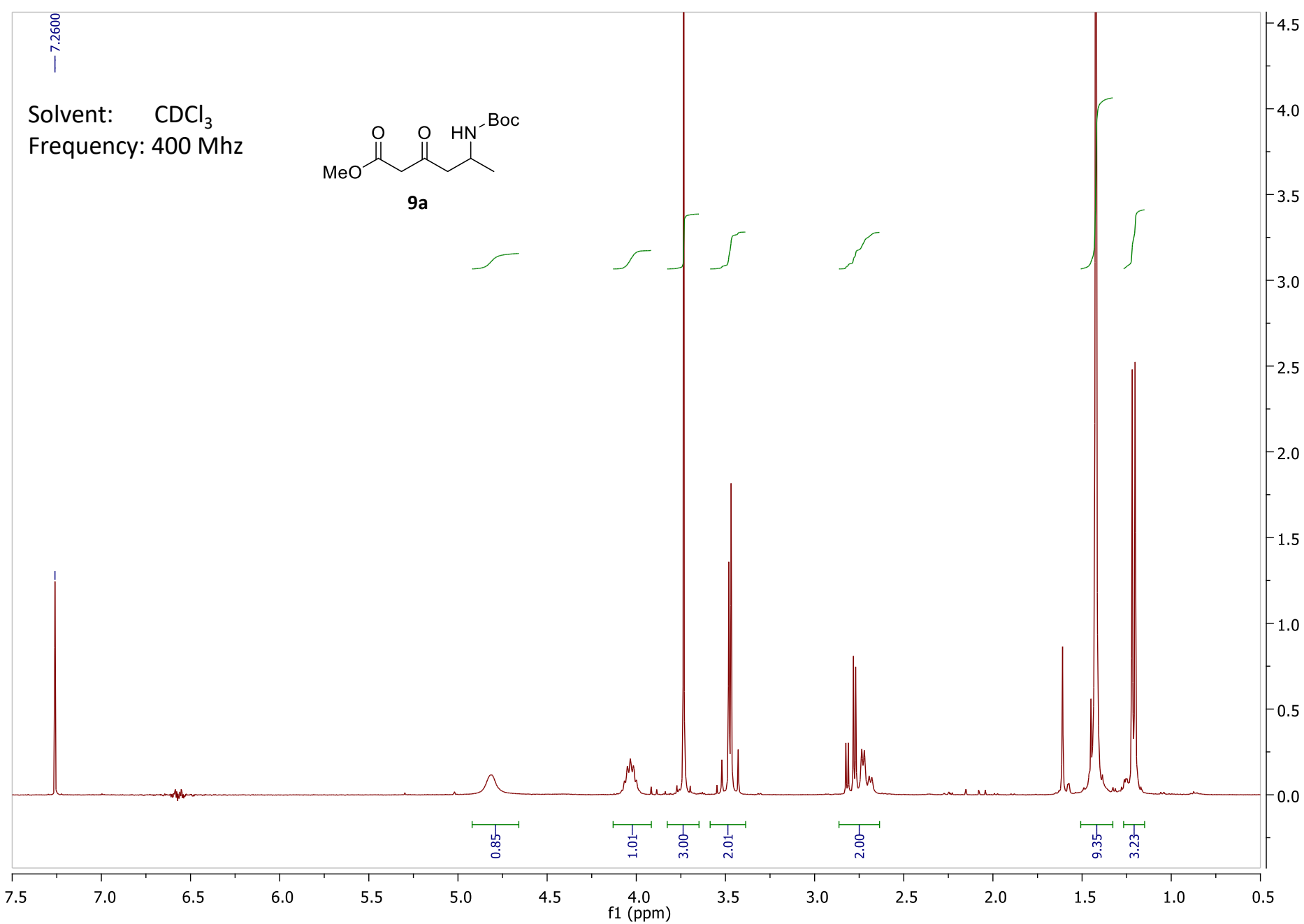
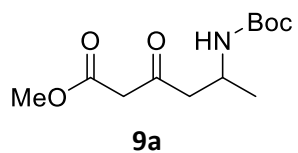
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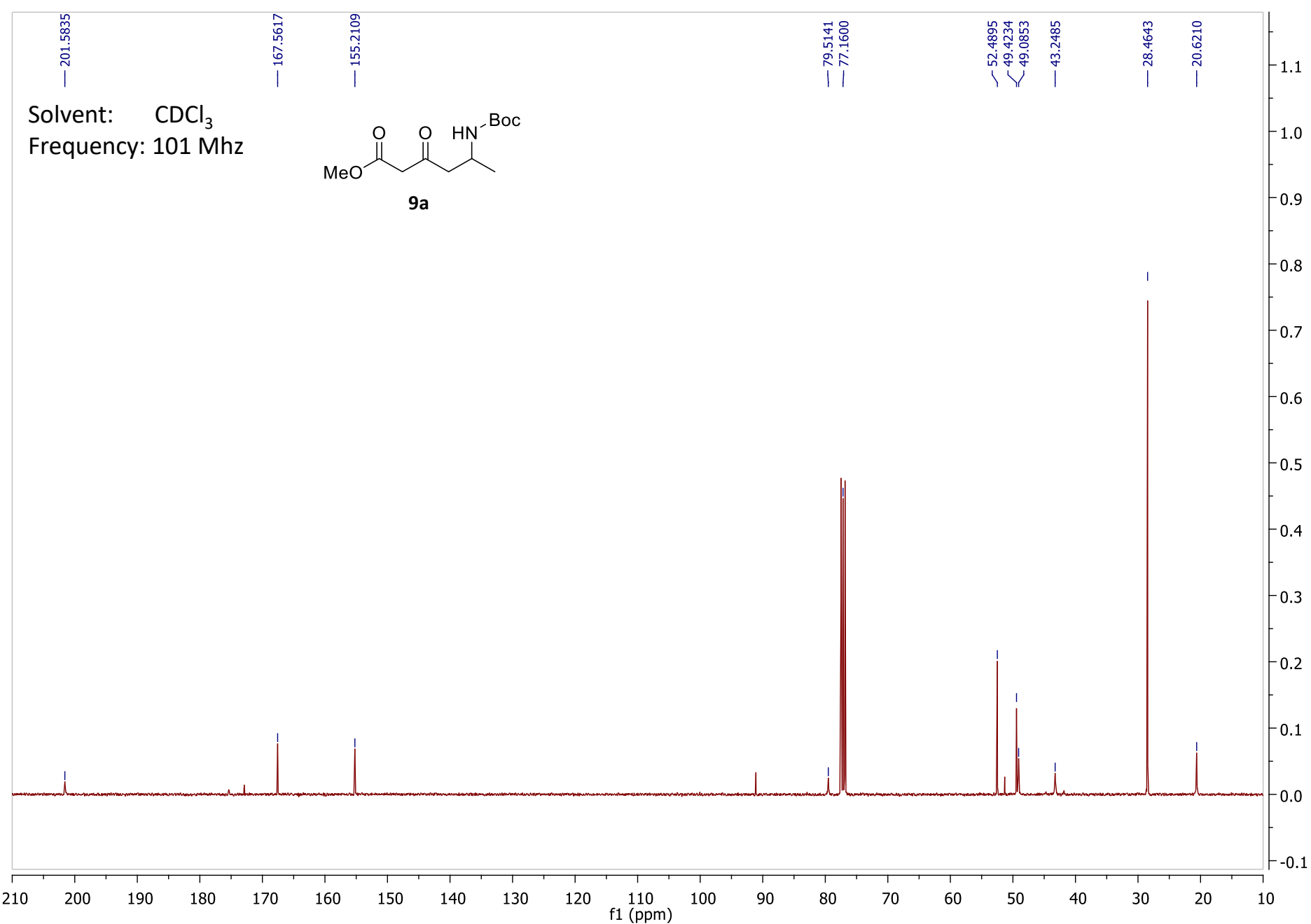
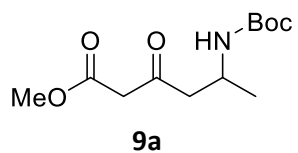
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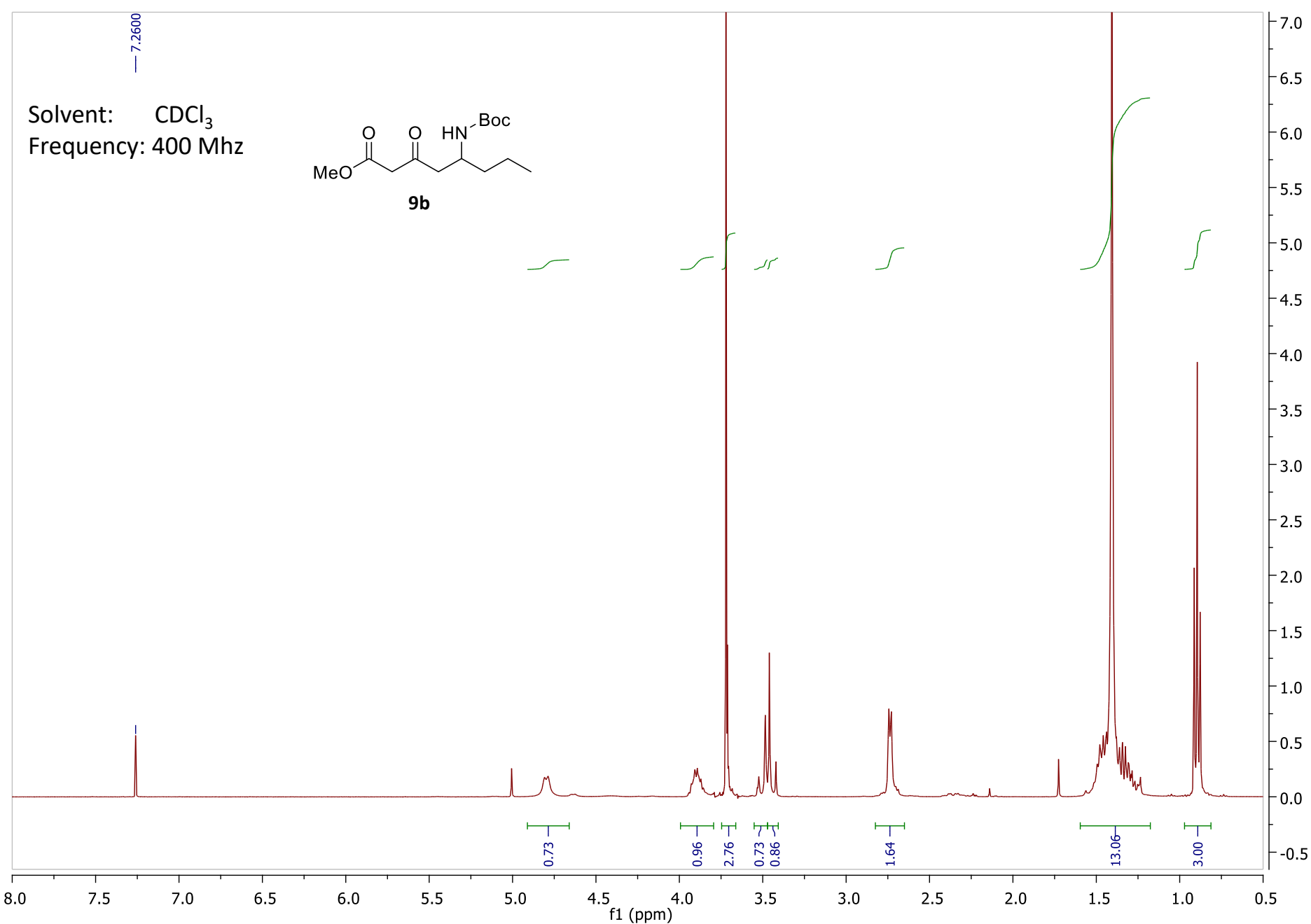
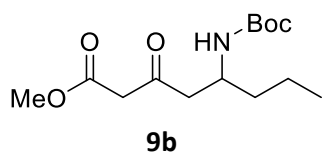
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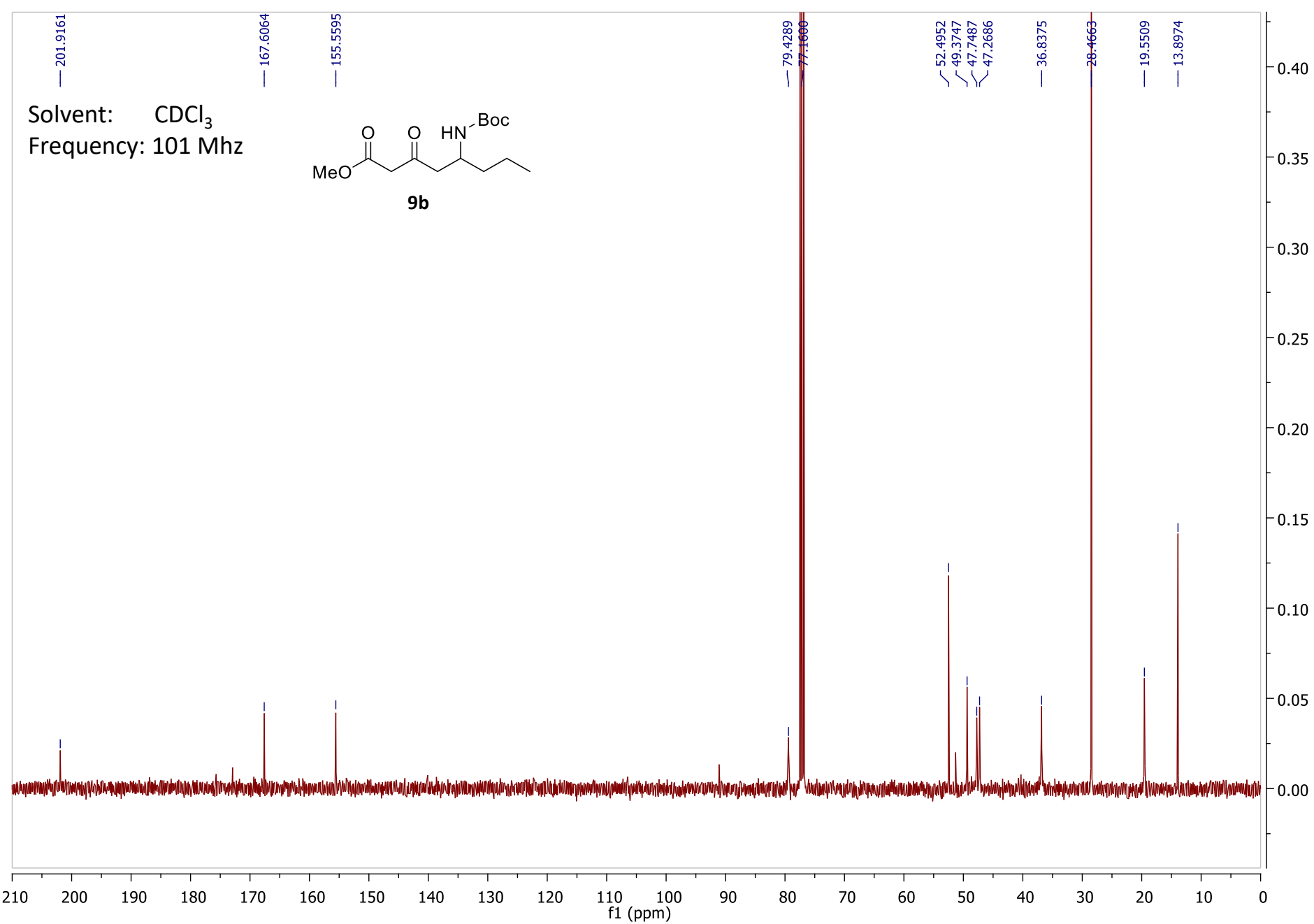
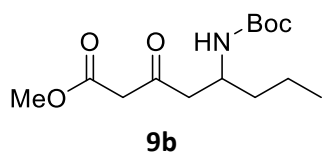
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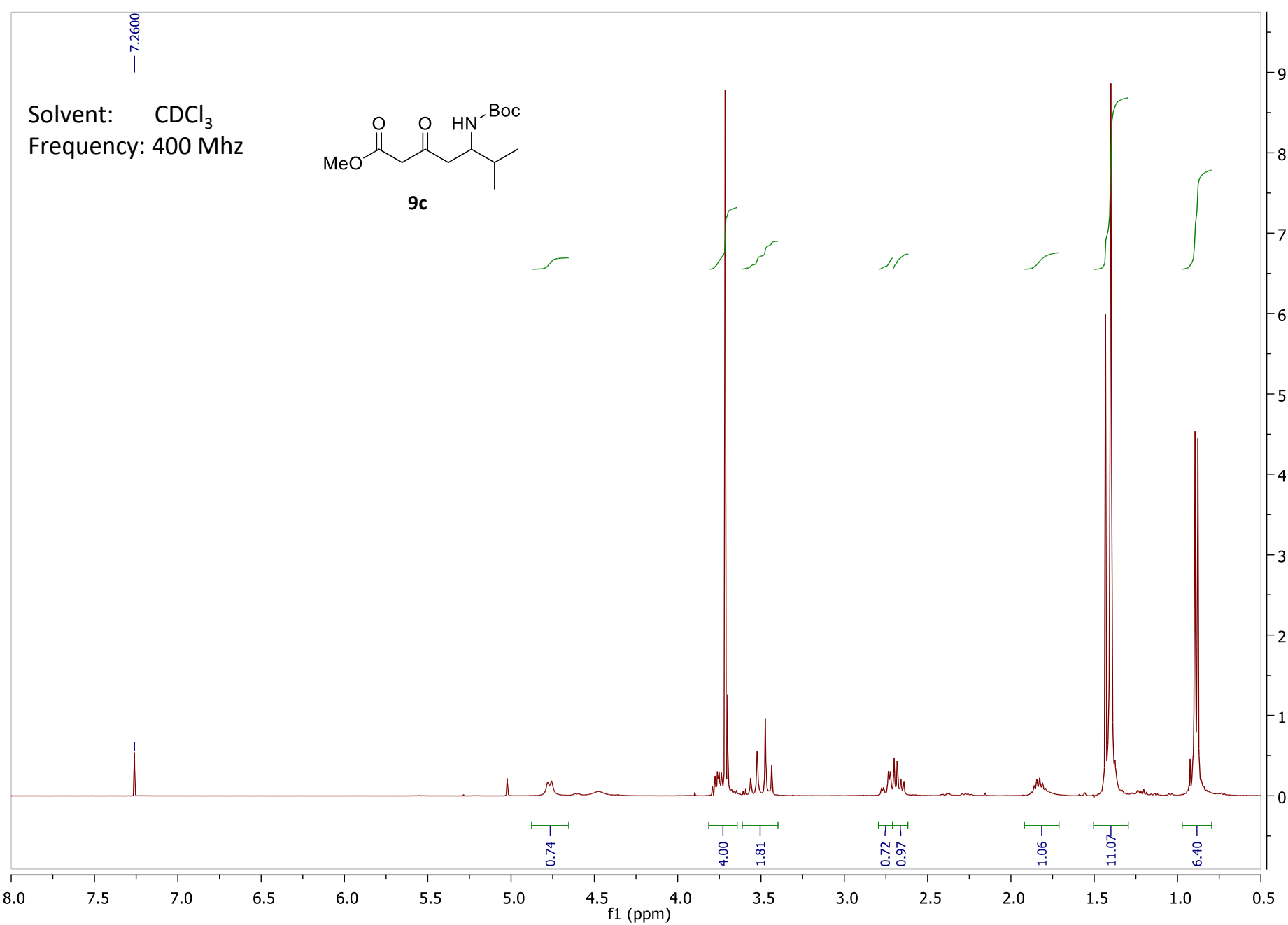
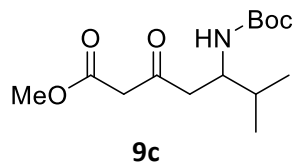
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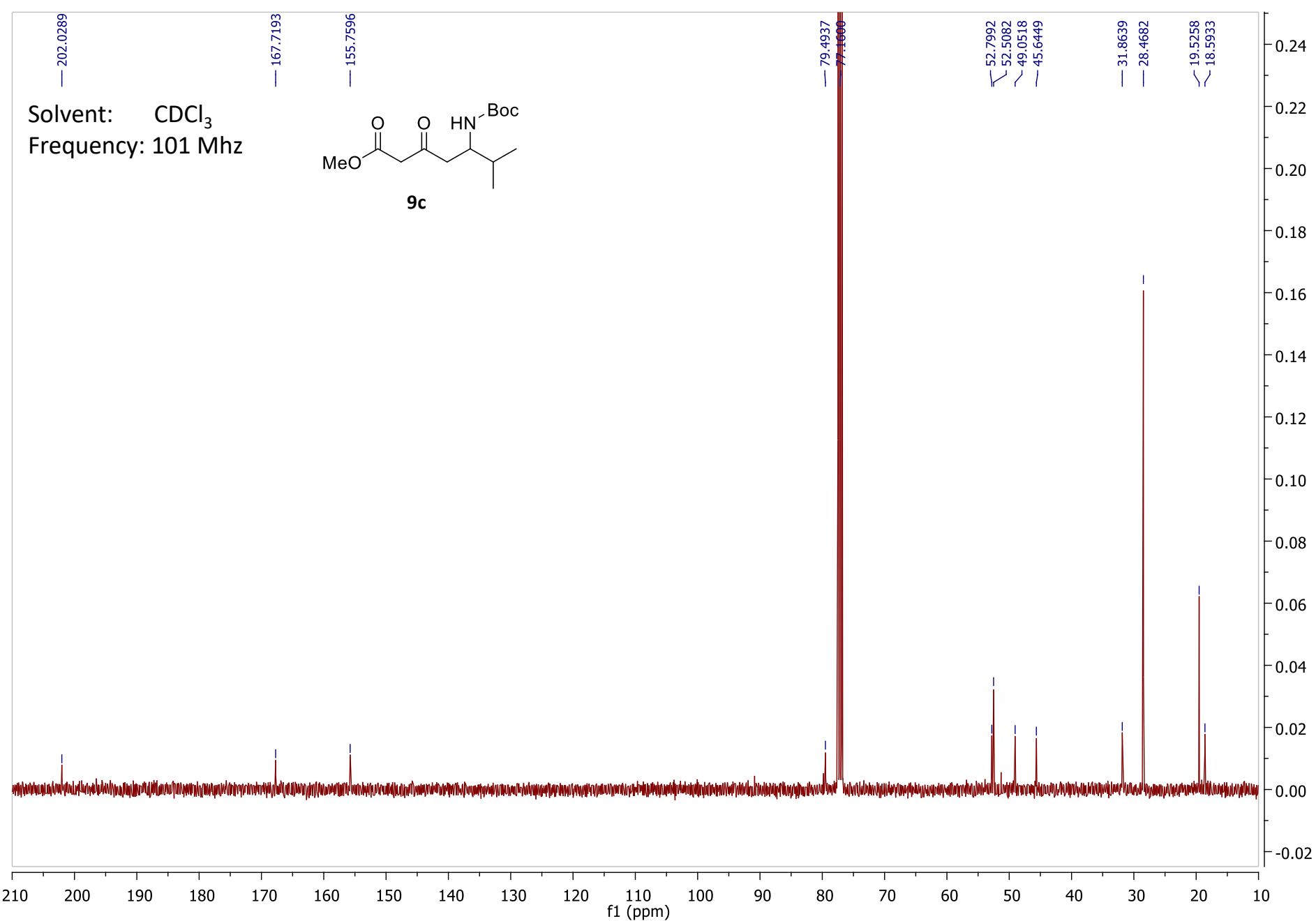
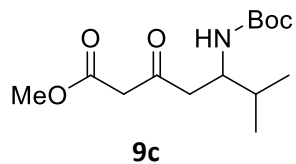
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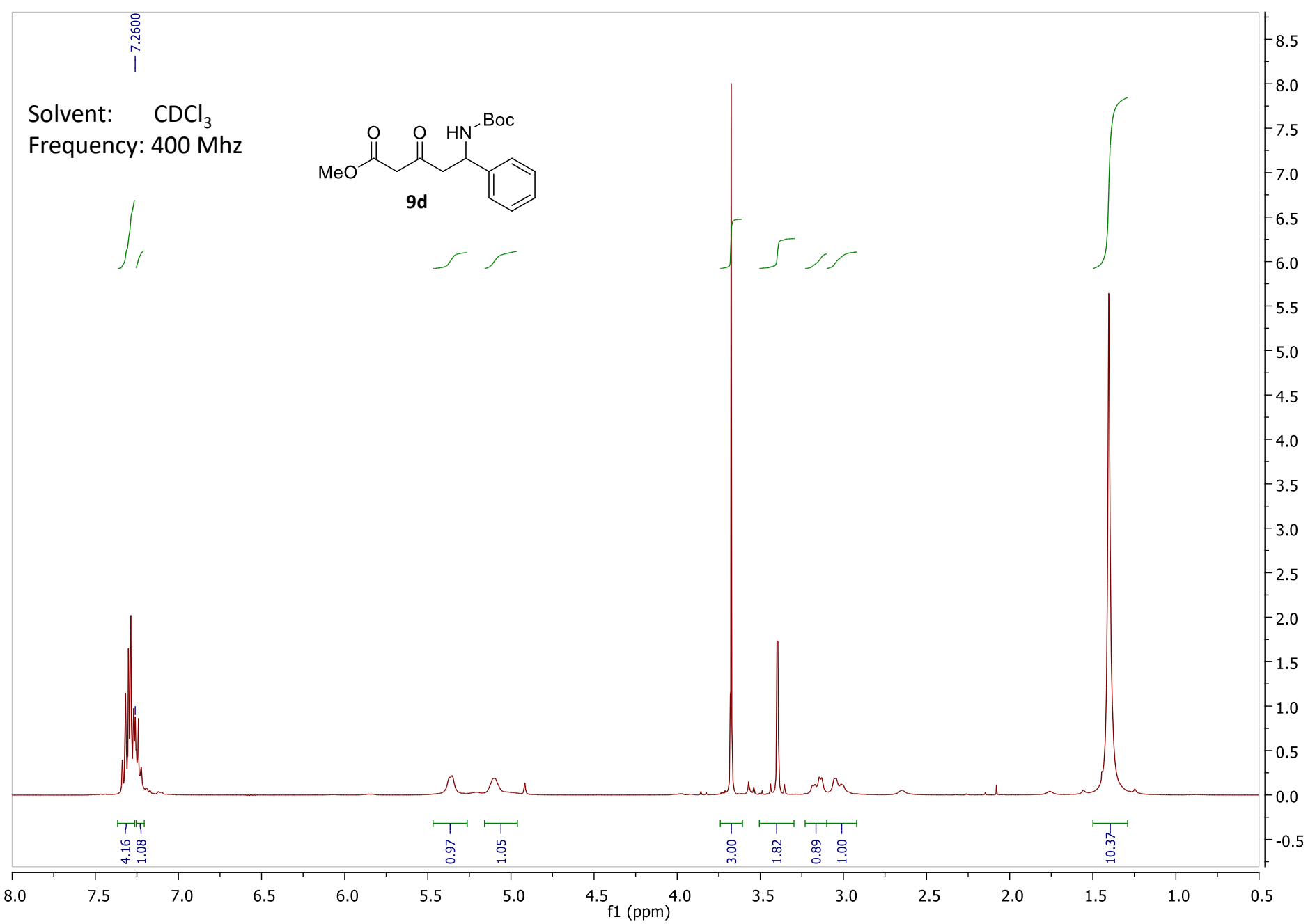
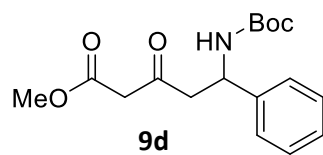
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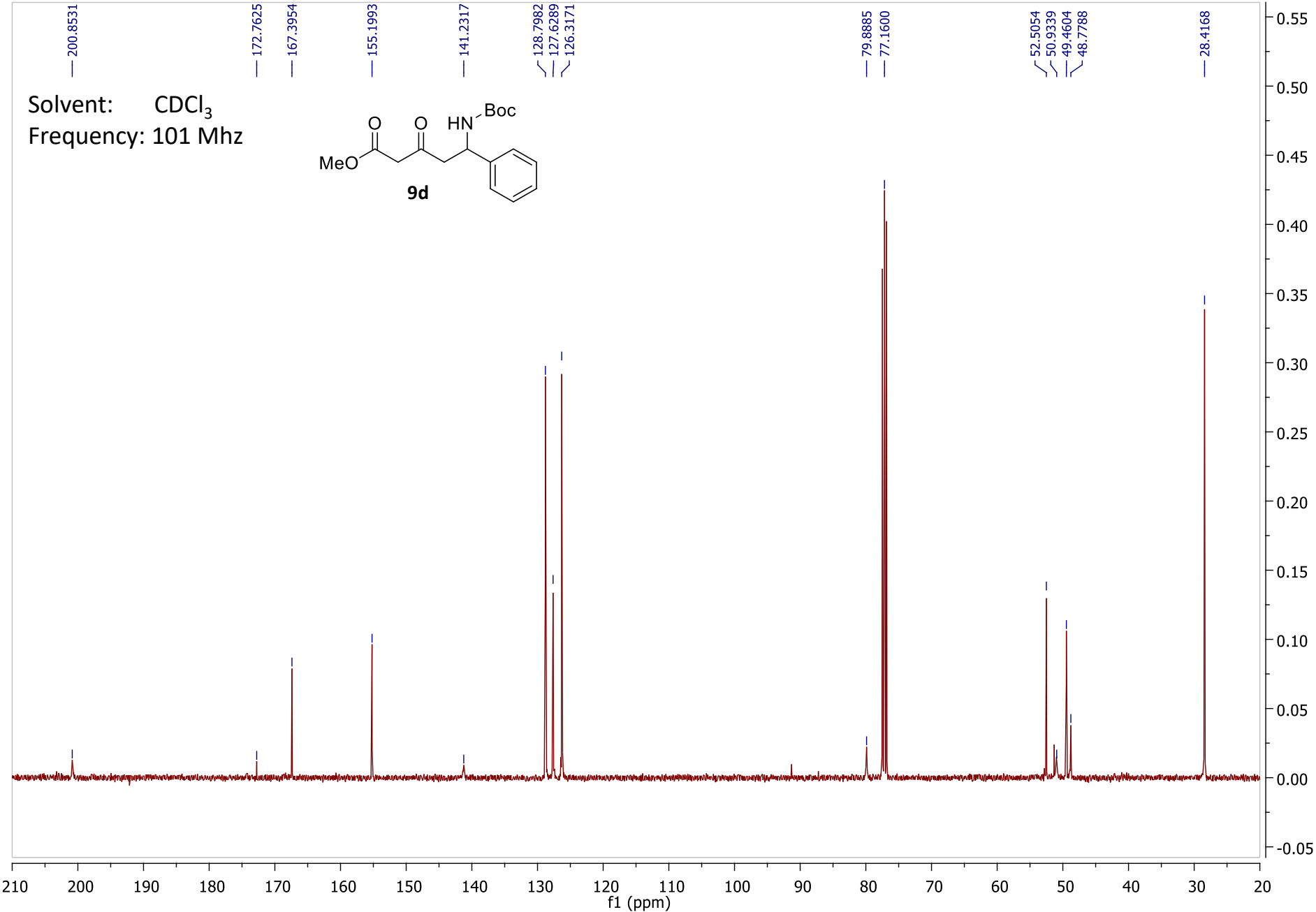
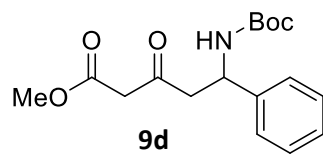
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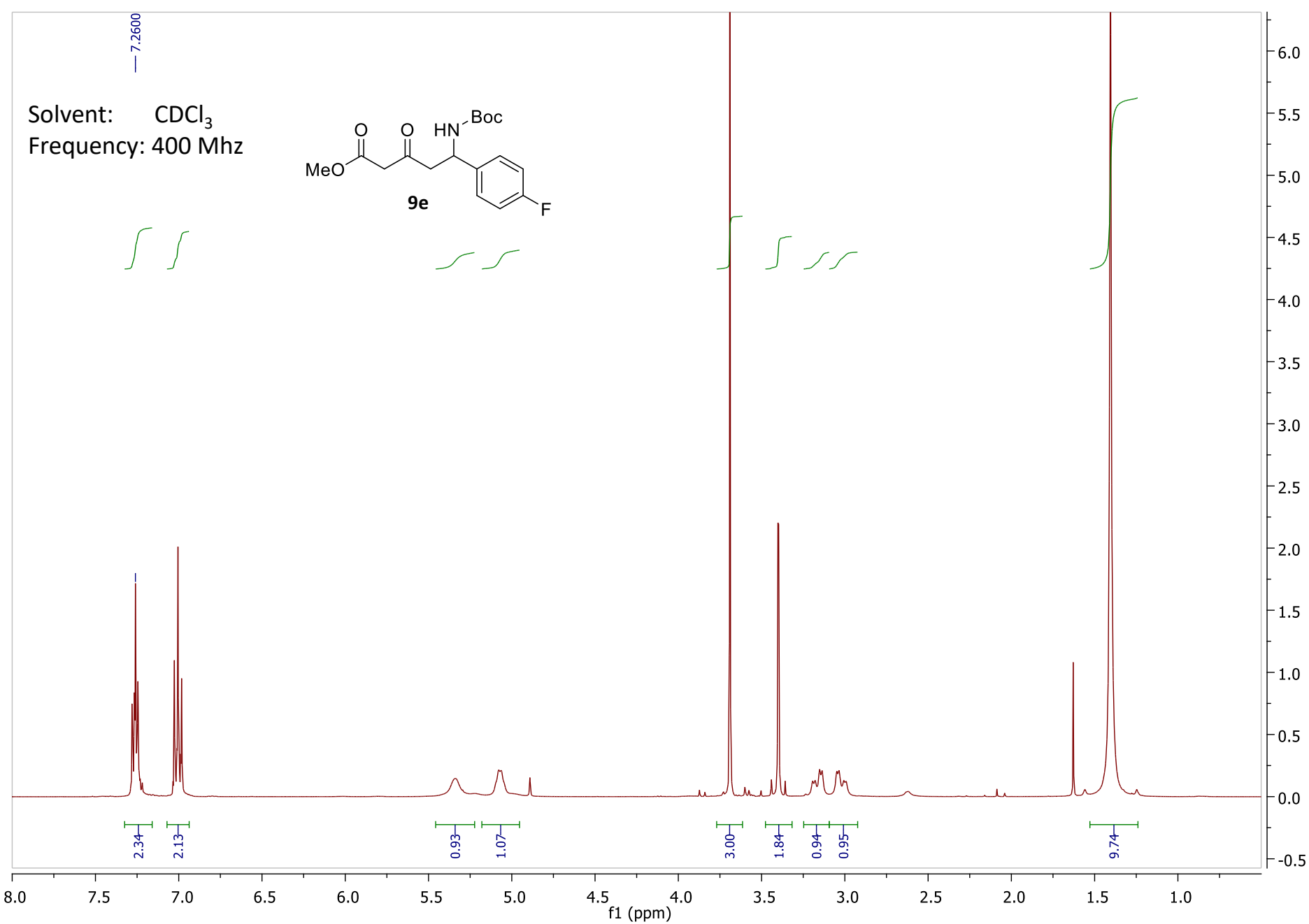
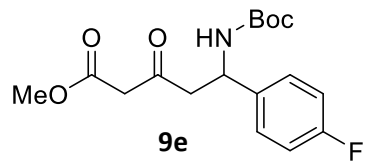
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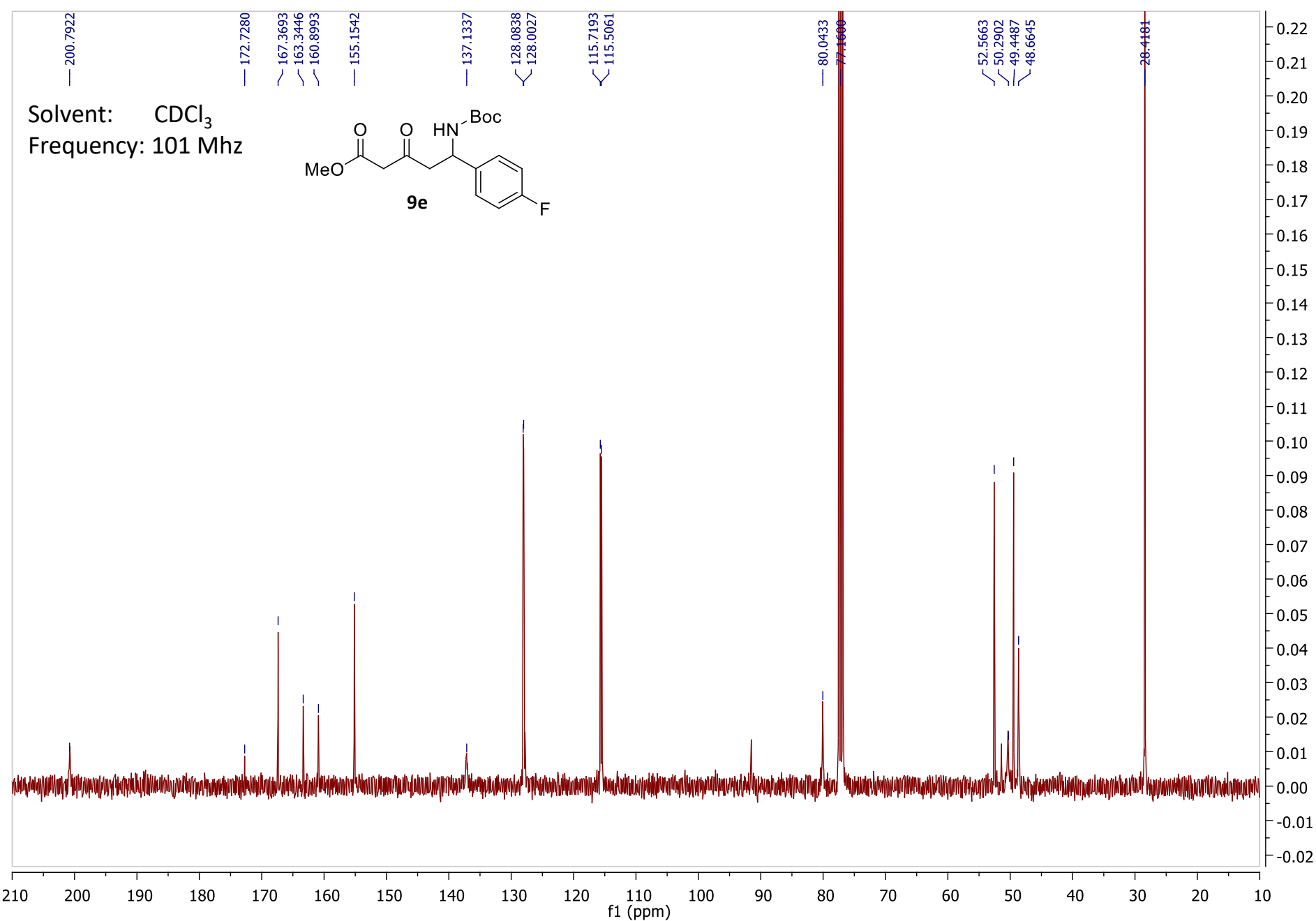
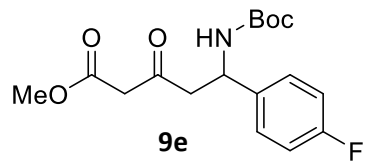
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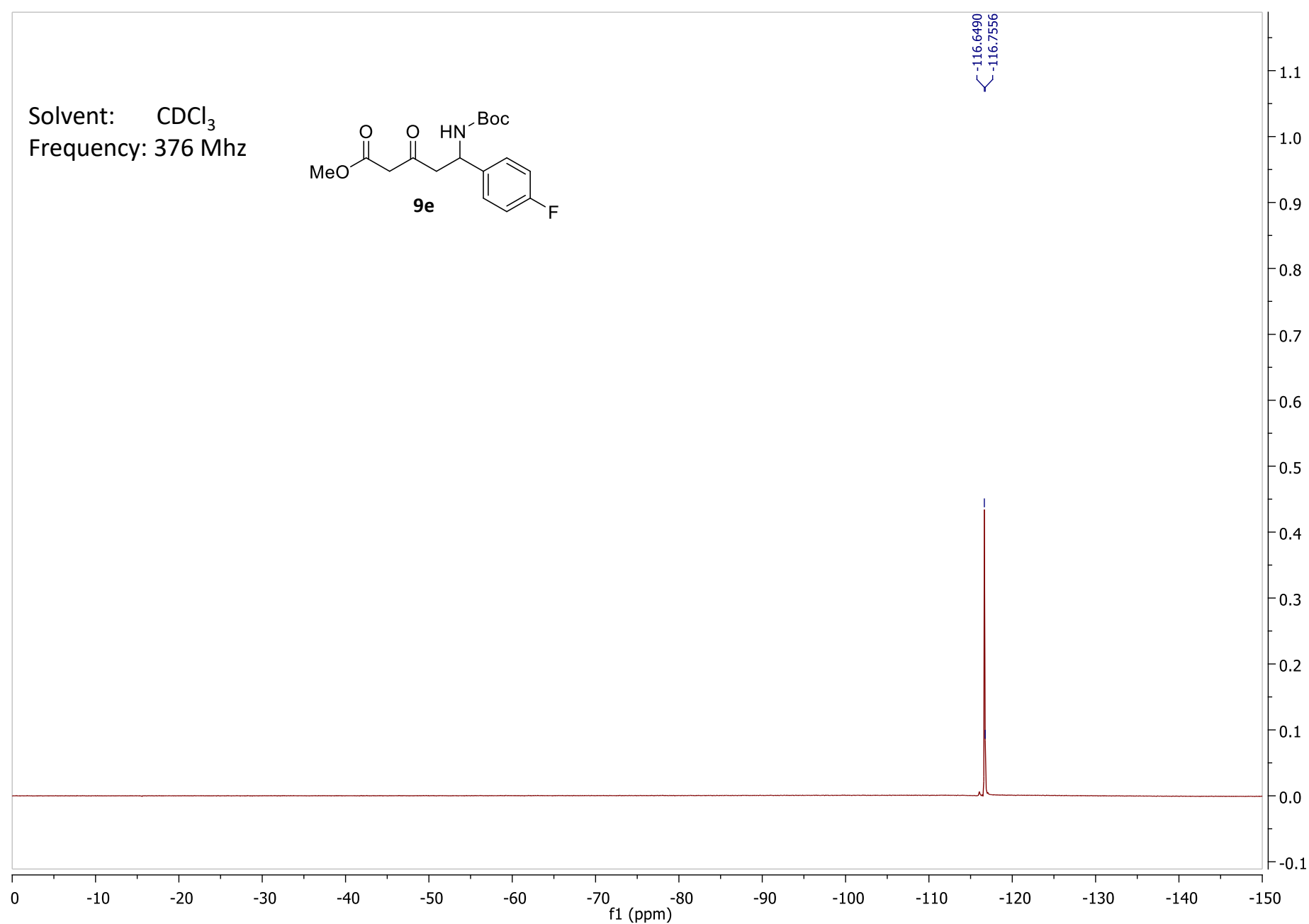
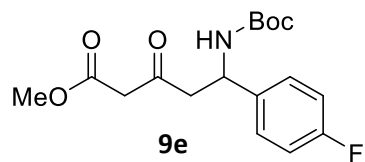
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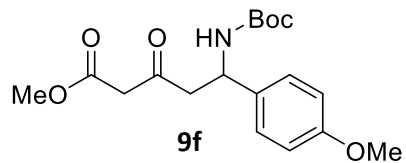
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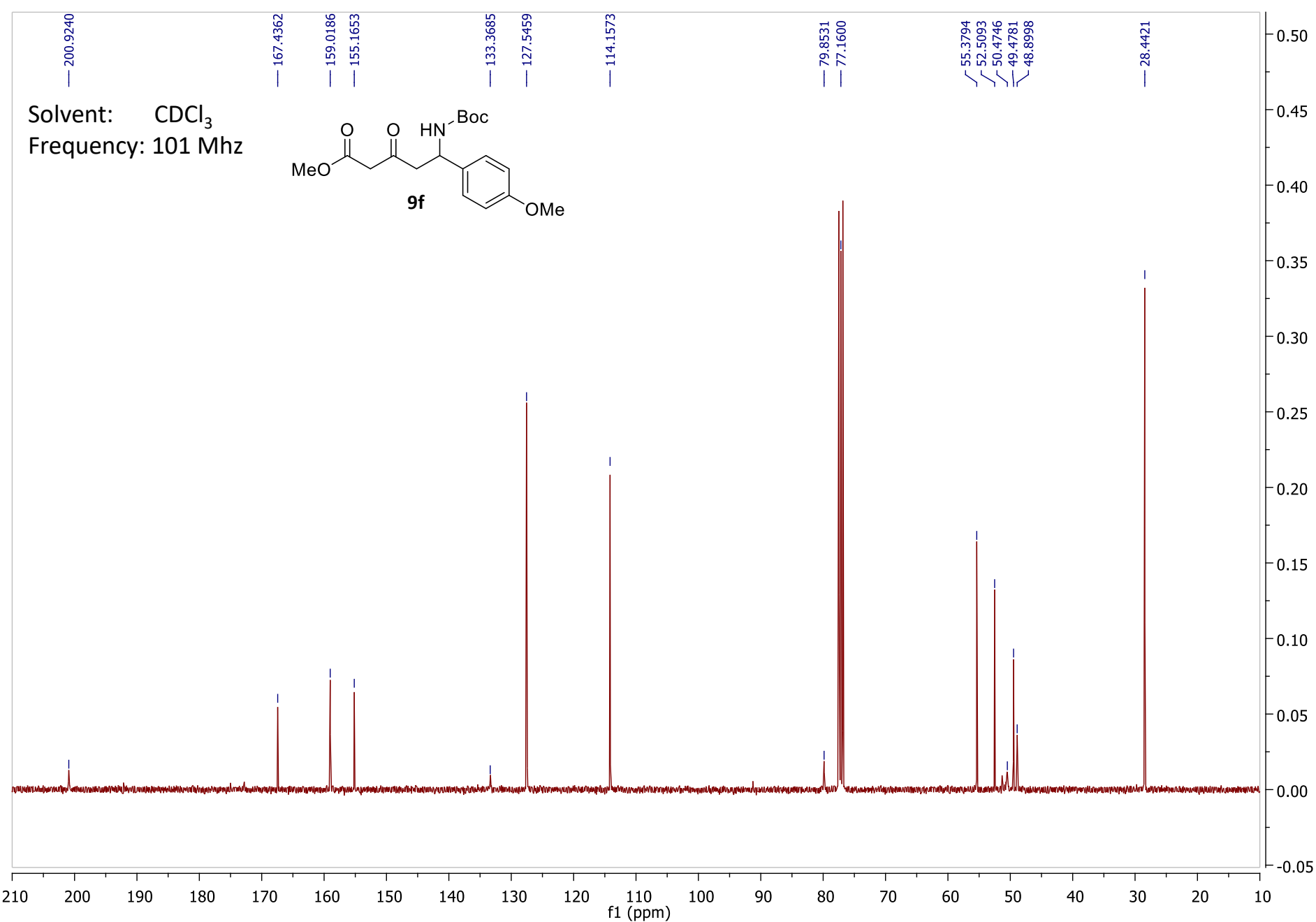
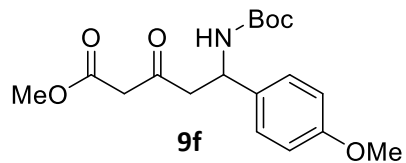
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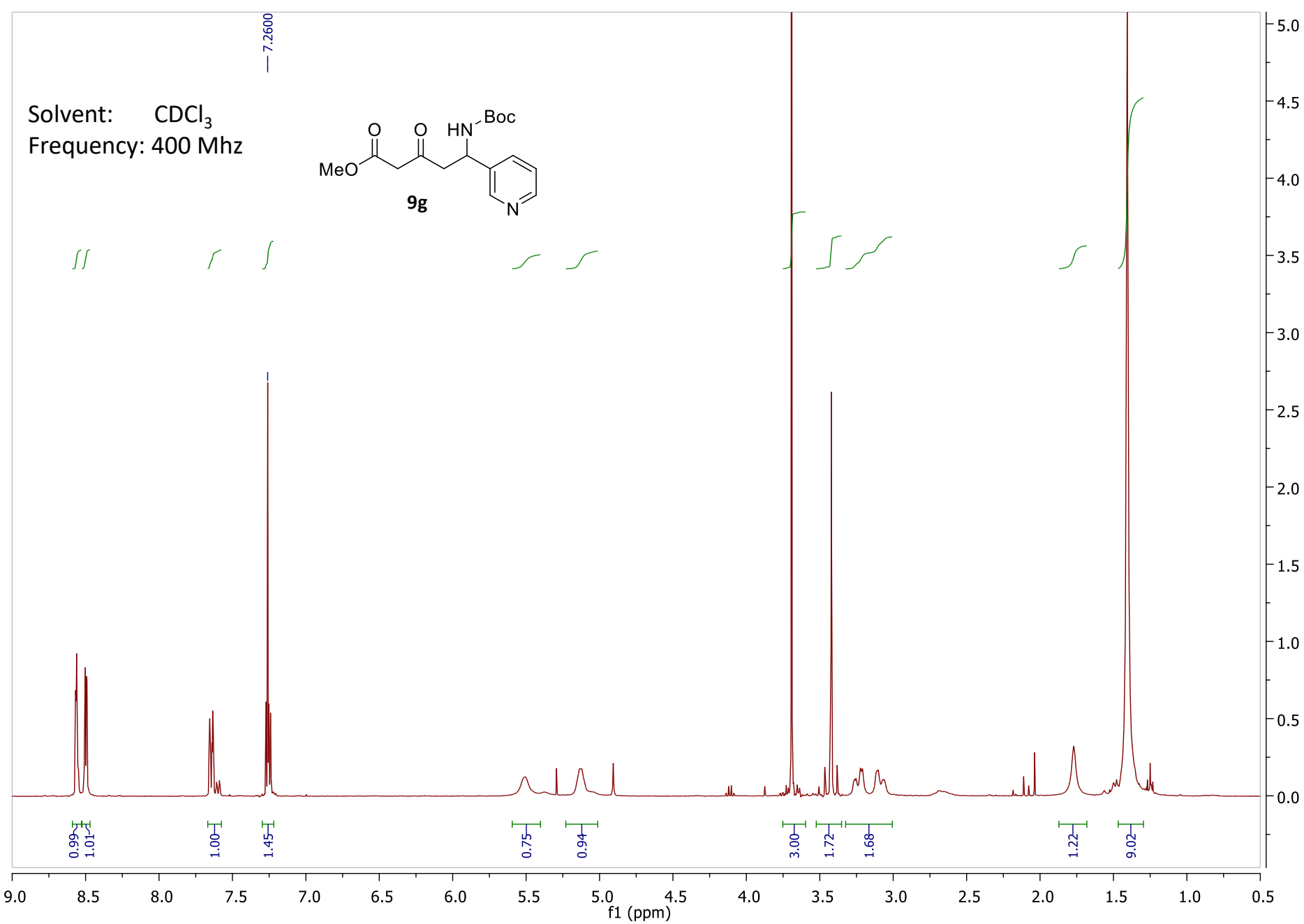
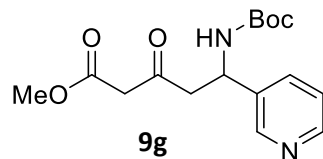
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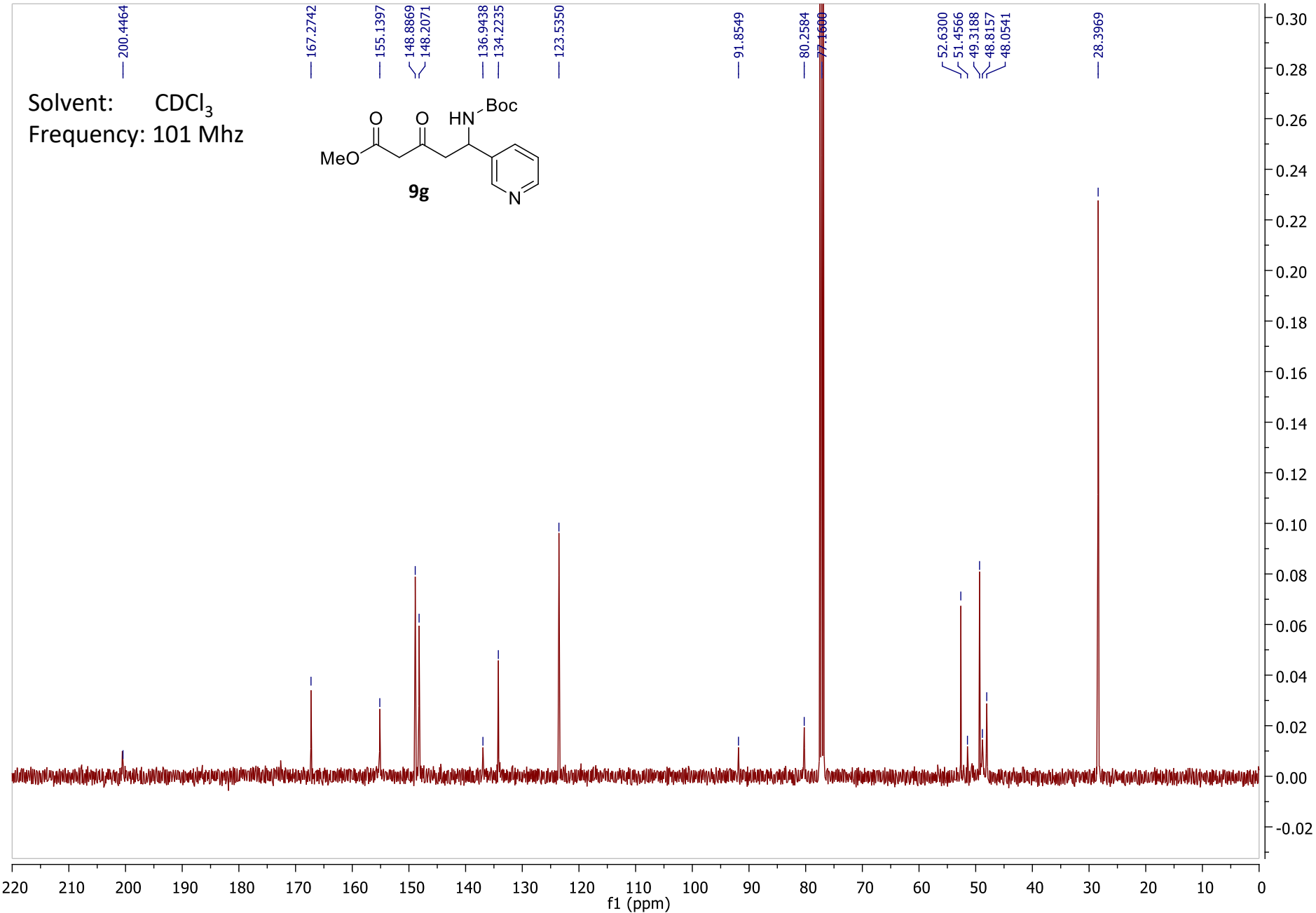
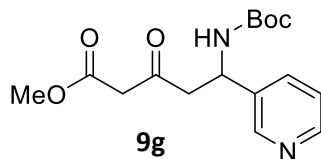
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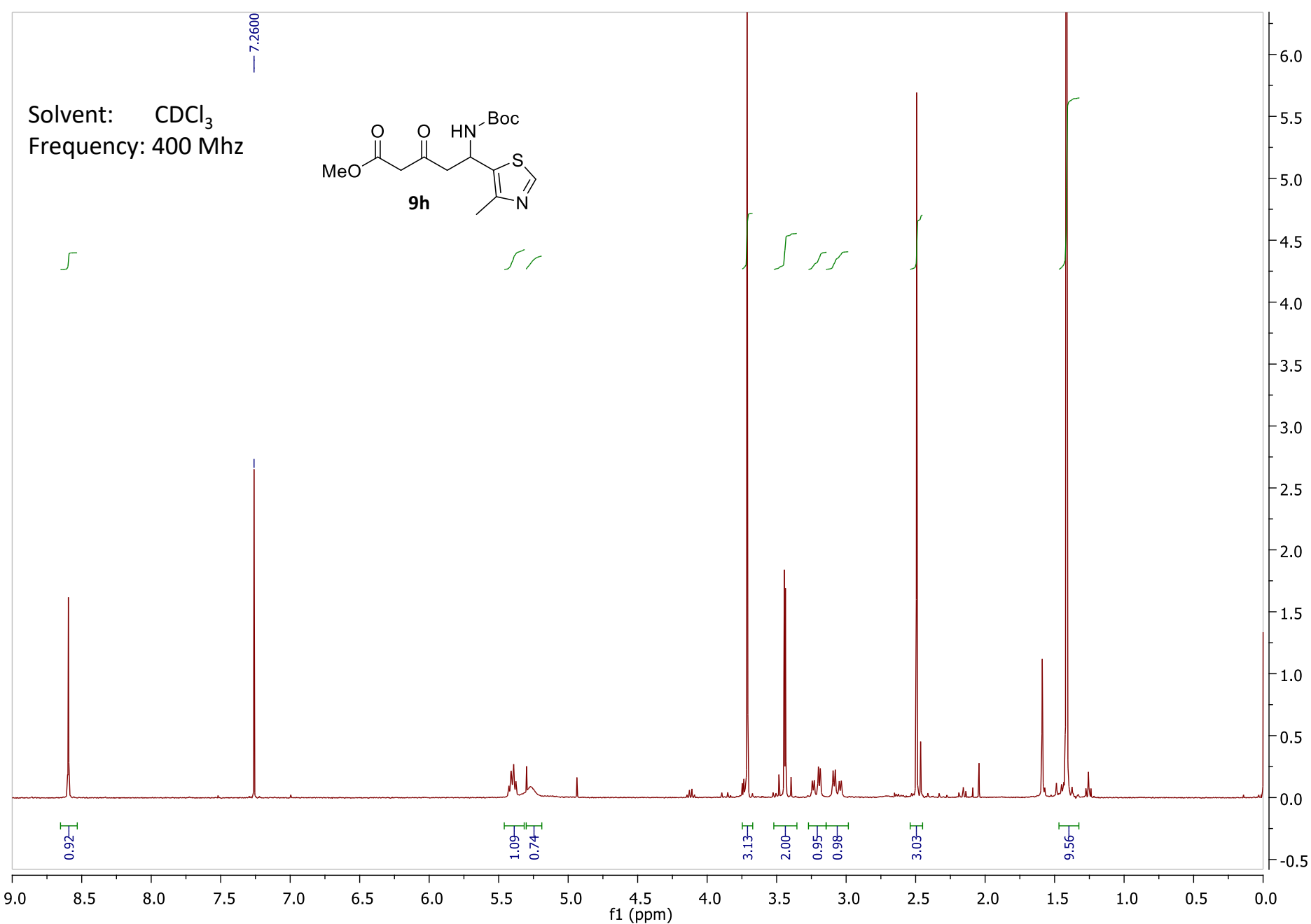
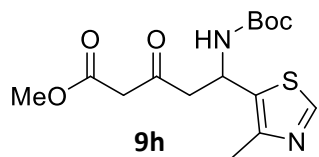
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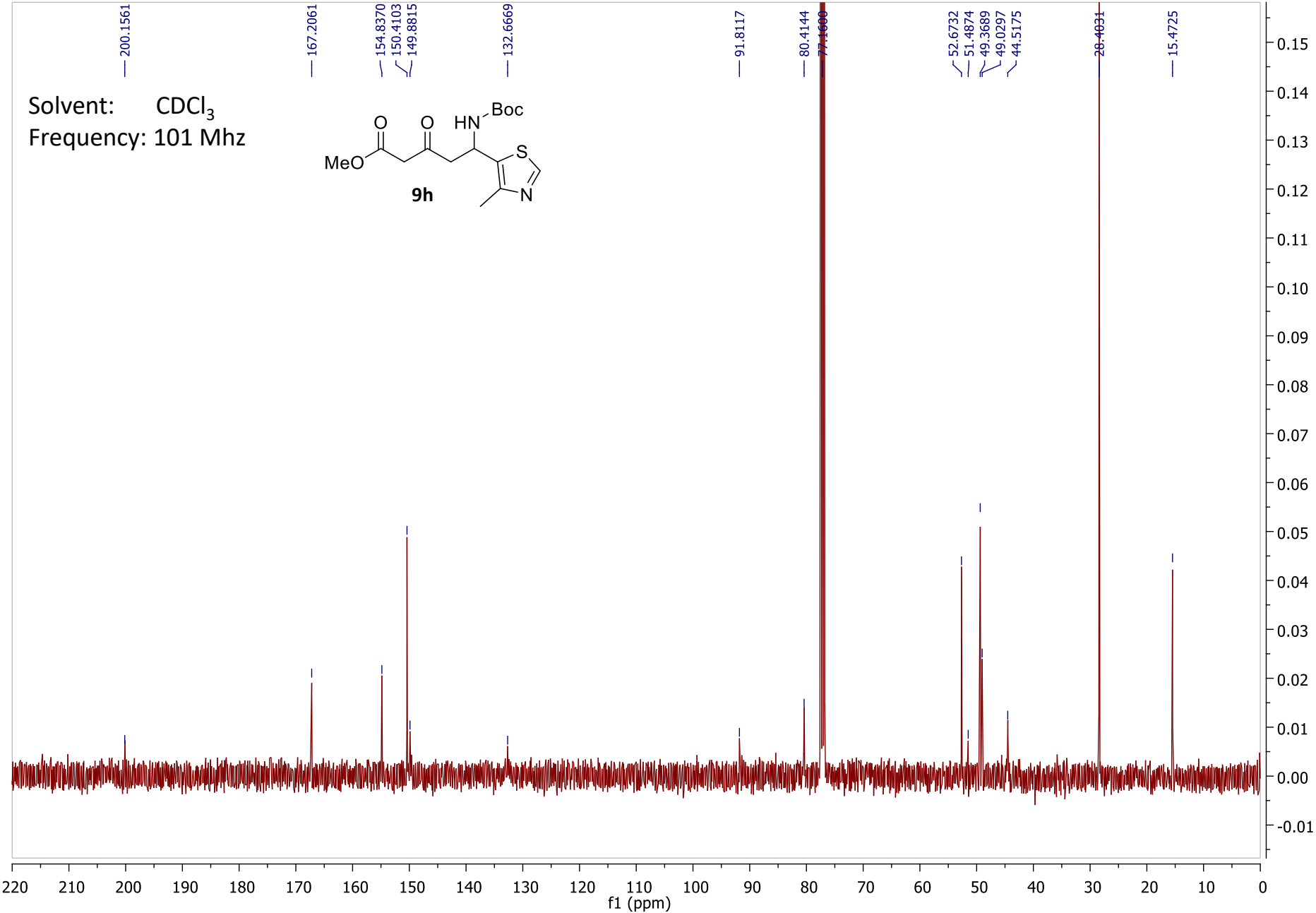
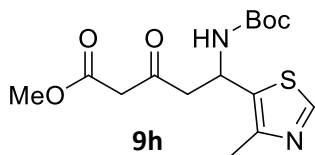
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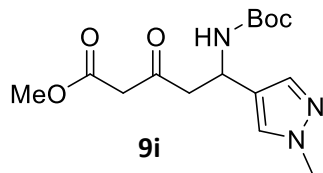
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Solvent: CDCl₃
Frequency: 101 Mhz



Solvent: CDCl₃
Frequency: 400 Mhz



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0.99

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3.20

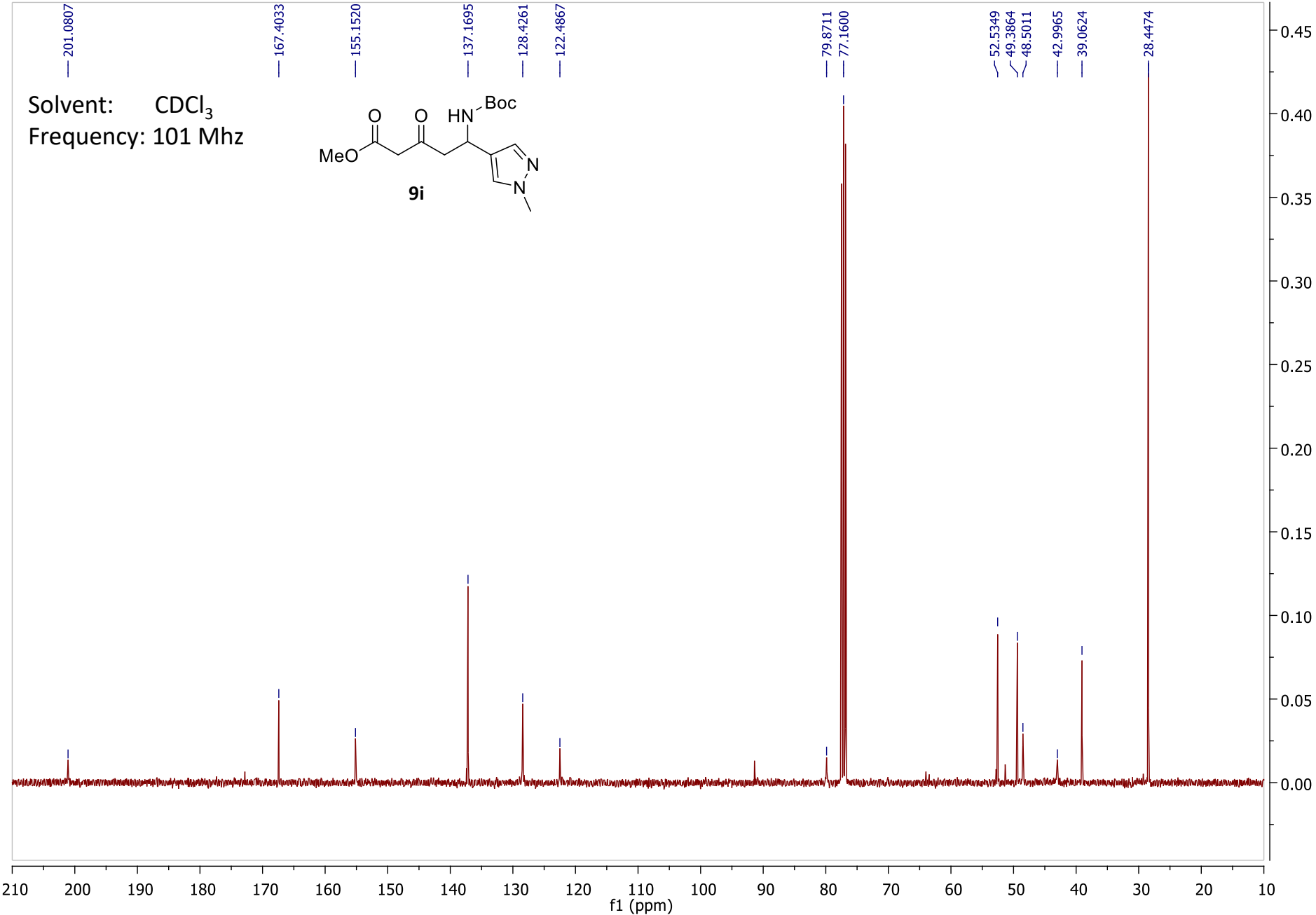
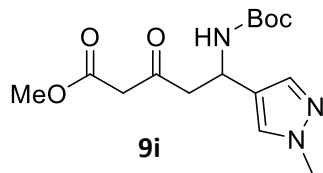
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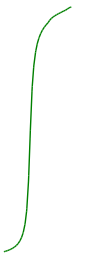
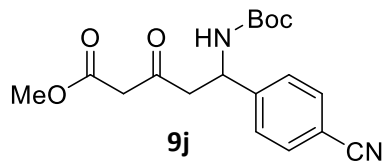
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f1 (ppm)

Solvent: CDCl₃
Frequency: 101 Mhz



Solvent: CDCl₃
Frequency: 400 Mhz



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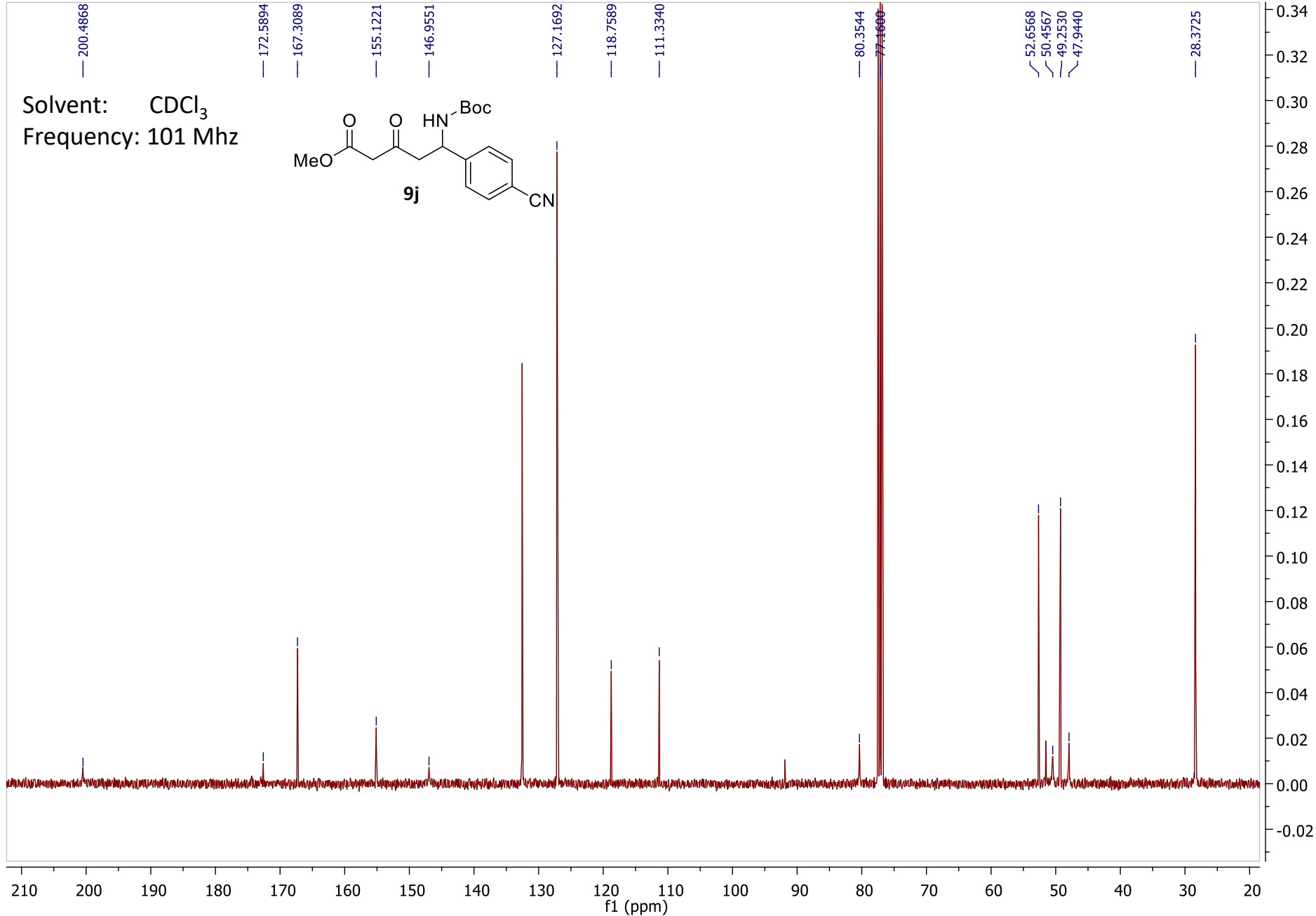
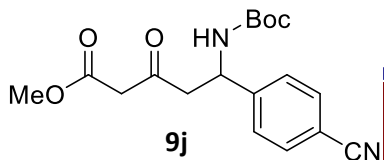
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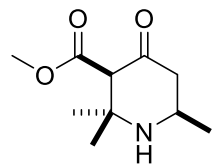
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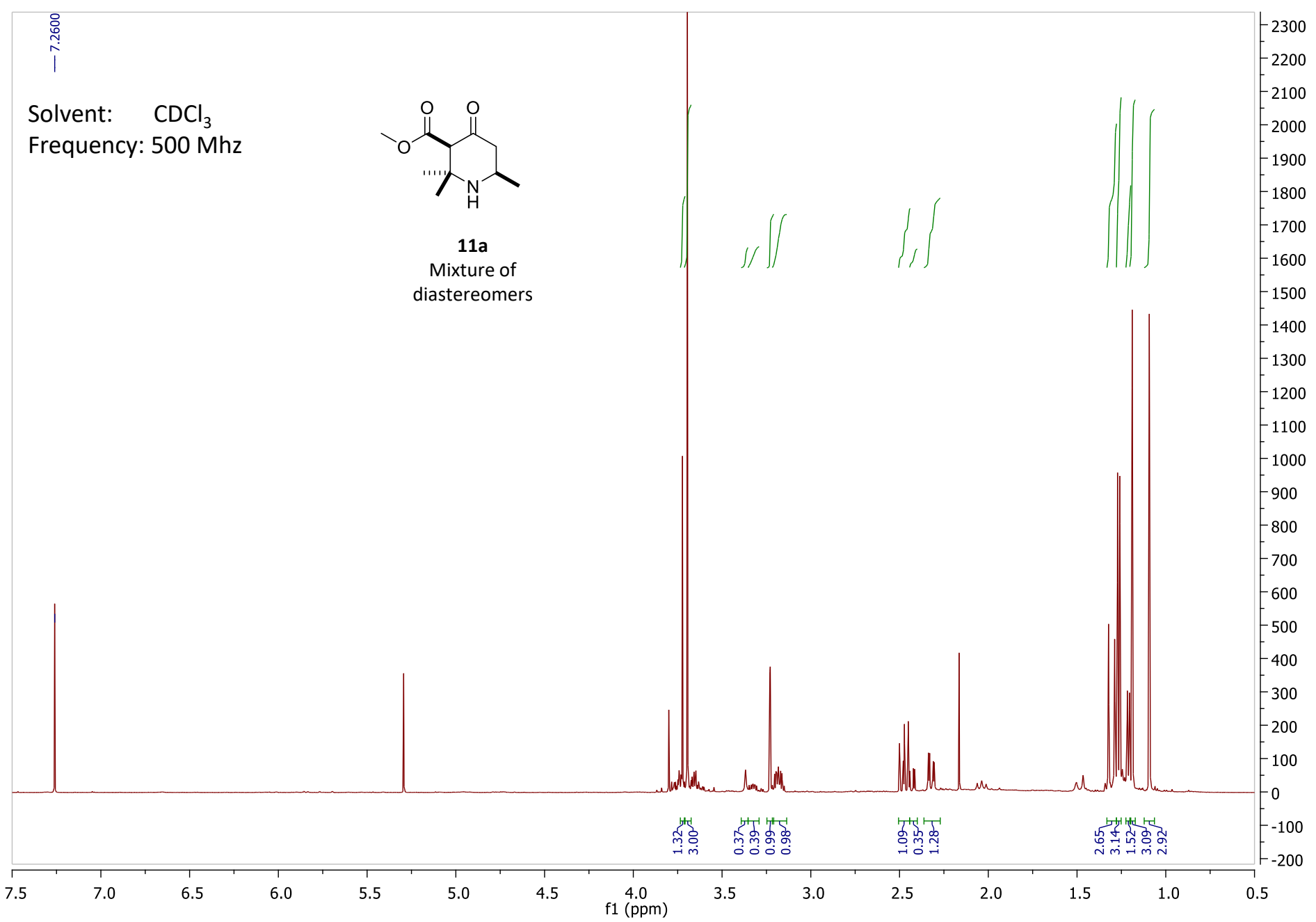
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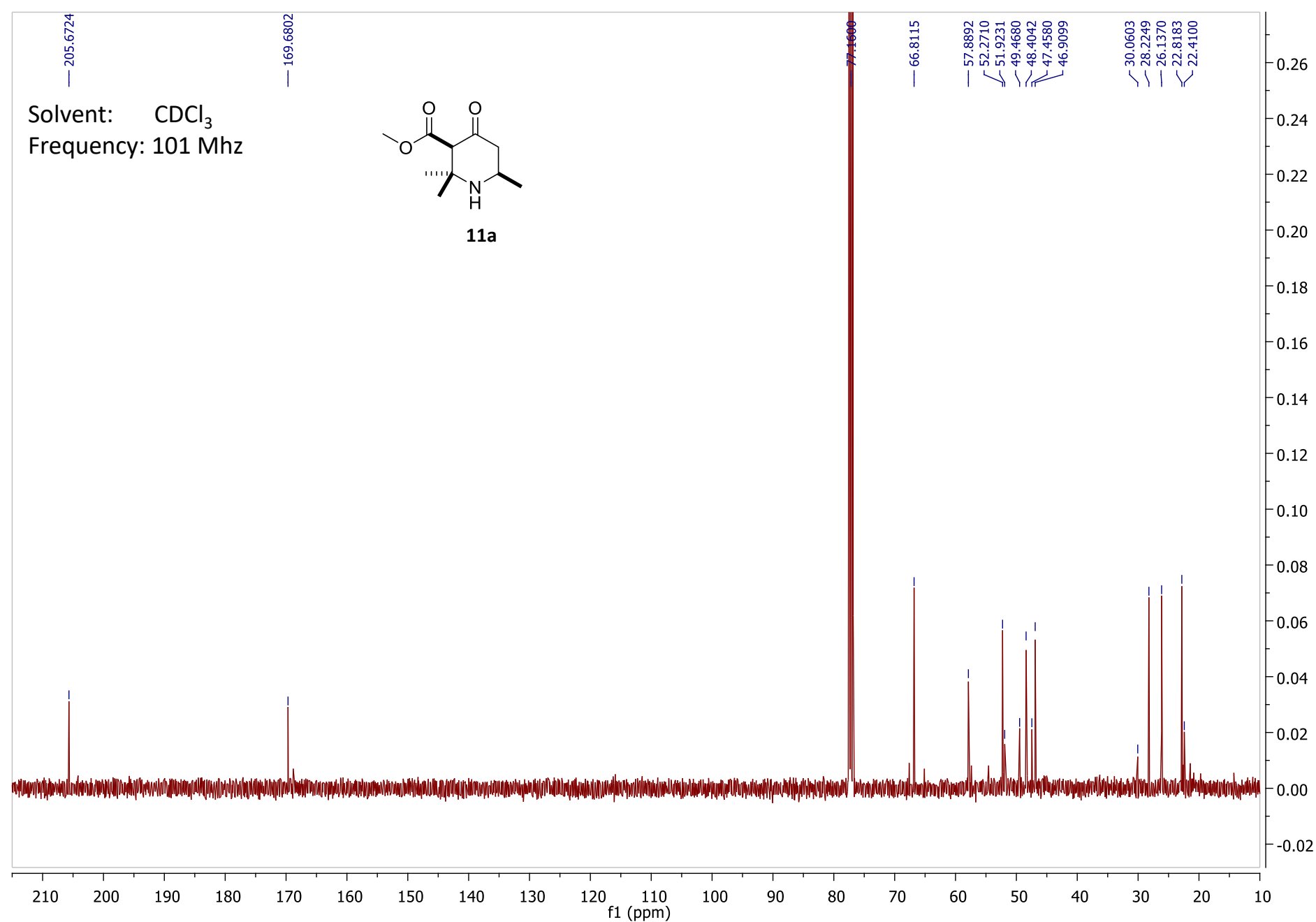
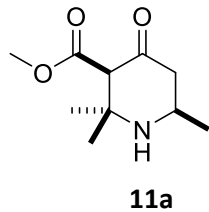
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11a
Mixture of
diastereomers

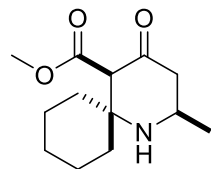


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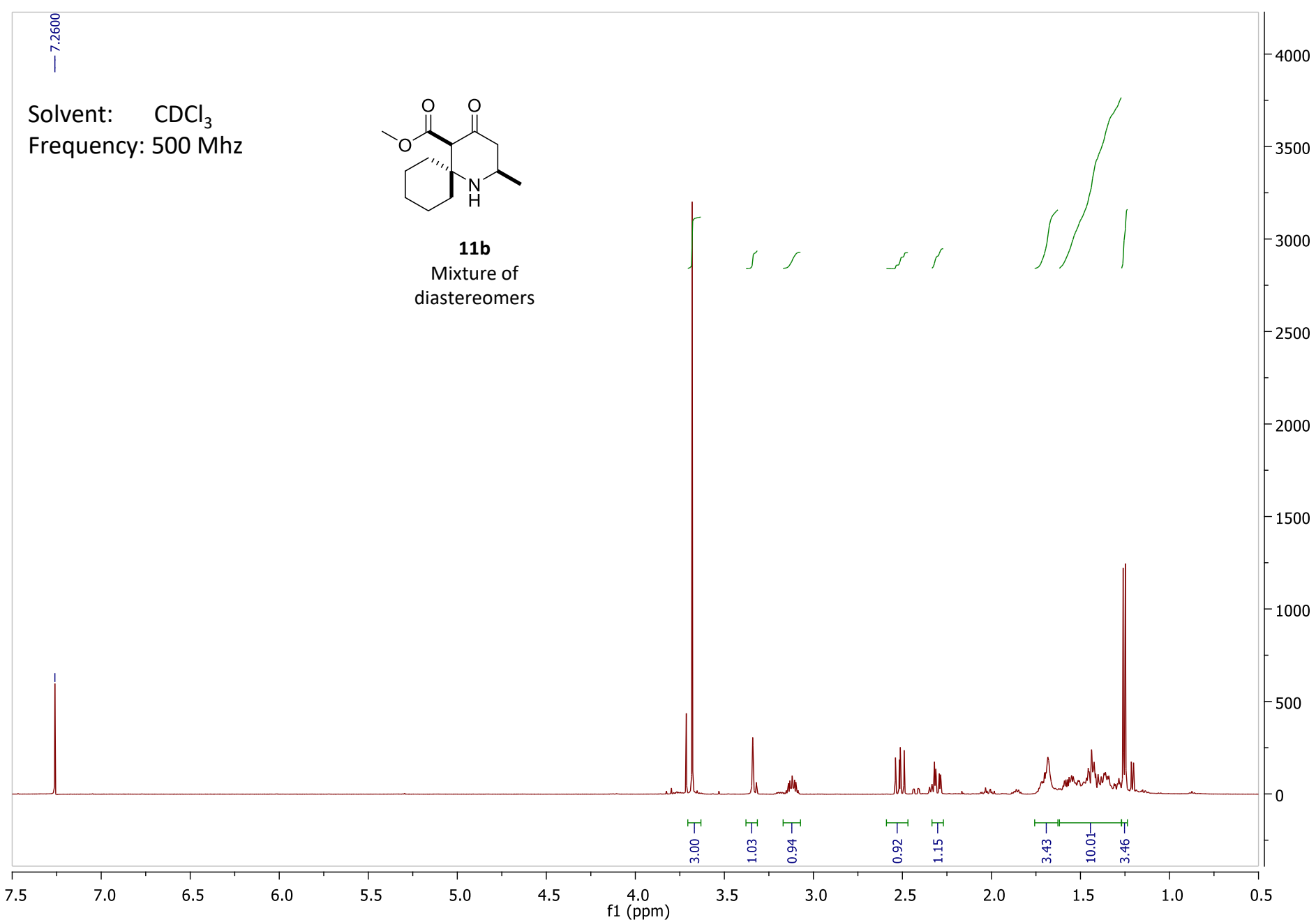


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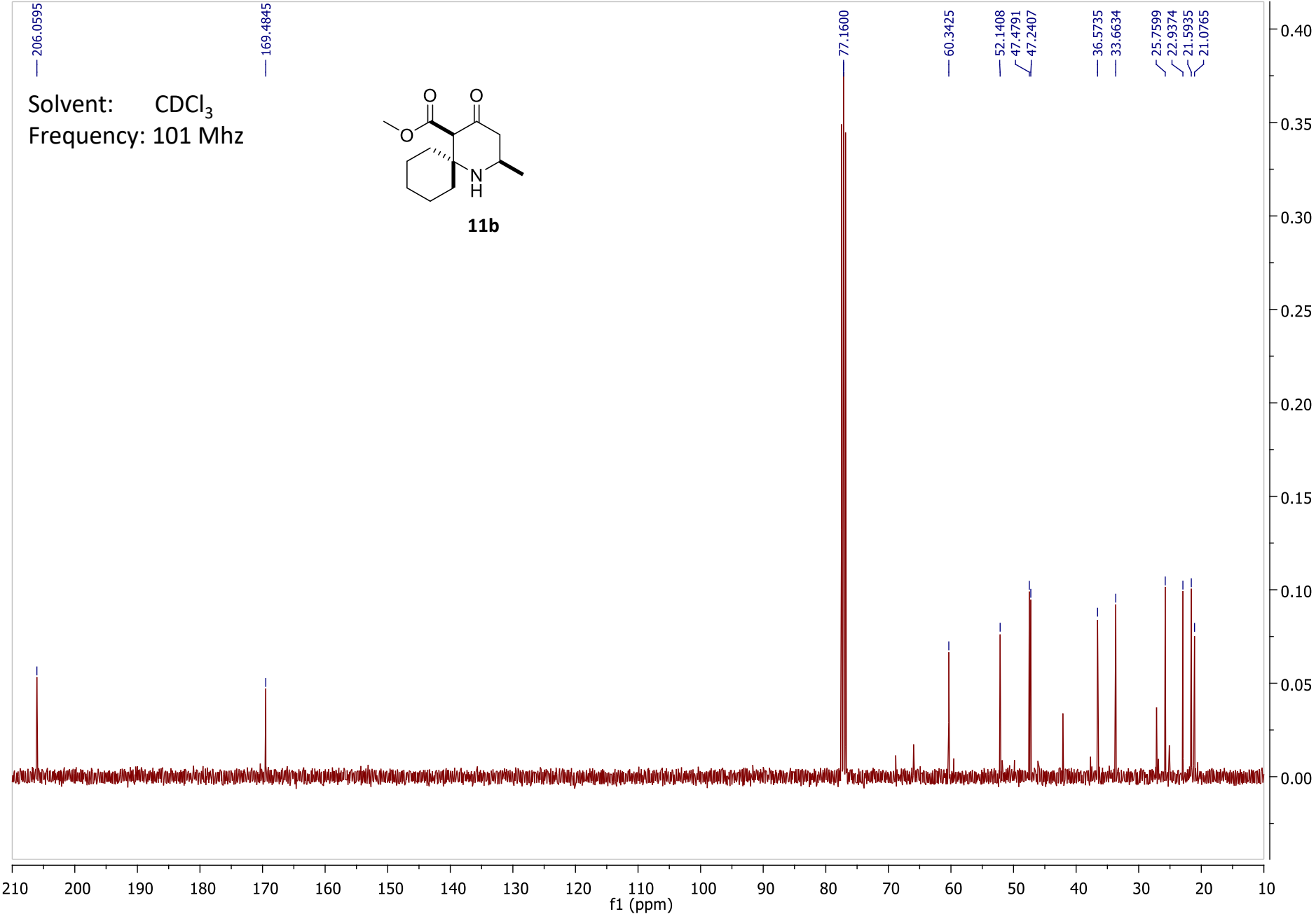
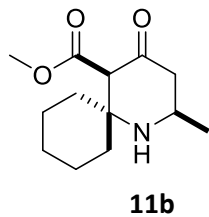
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11b
Mixture of
diastereomers

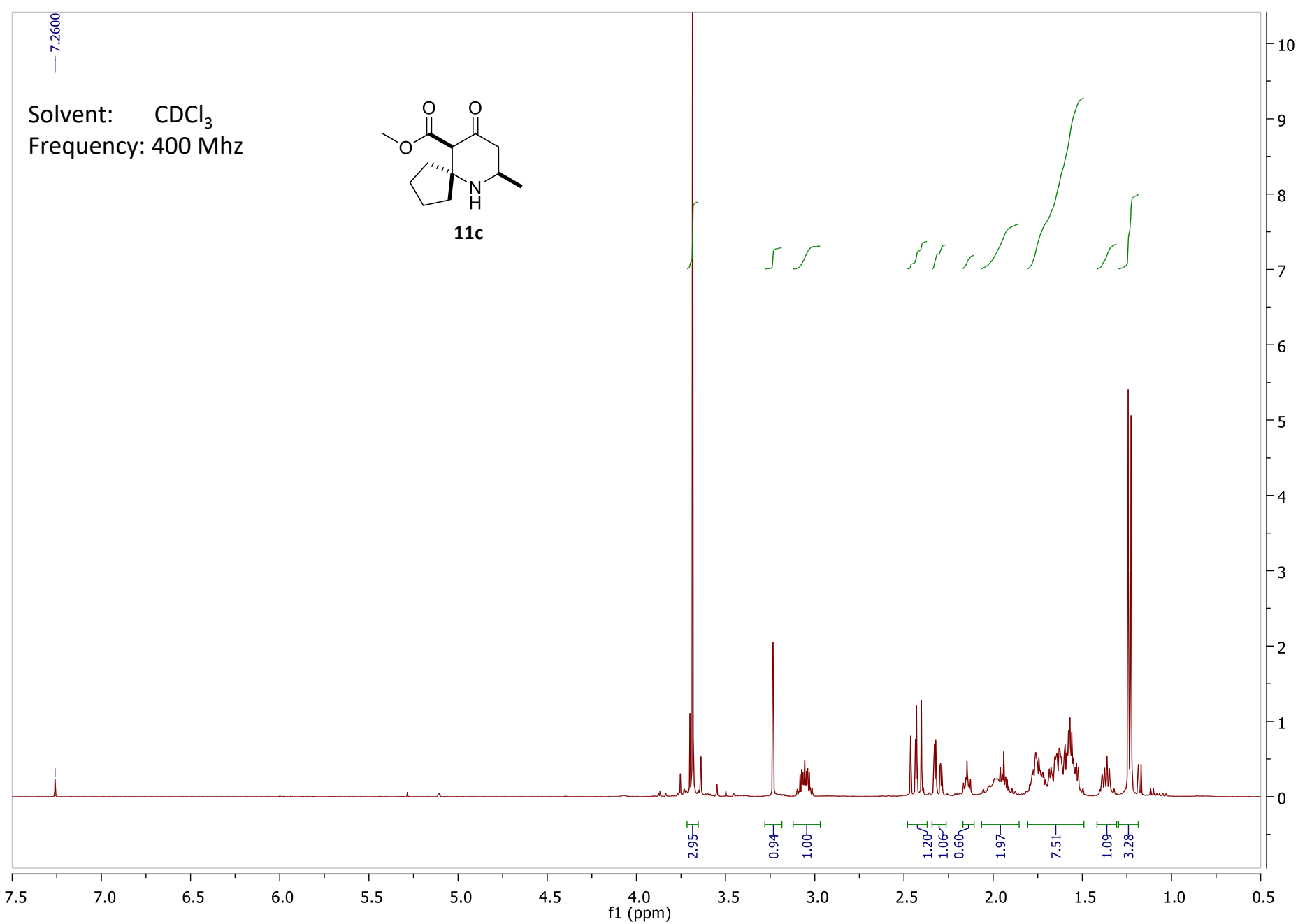
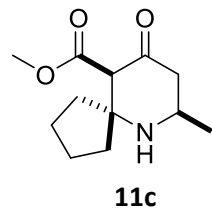


Solvent: CDCl_3
Frequency: 101 Mhz

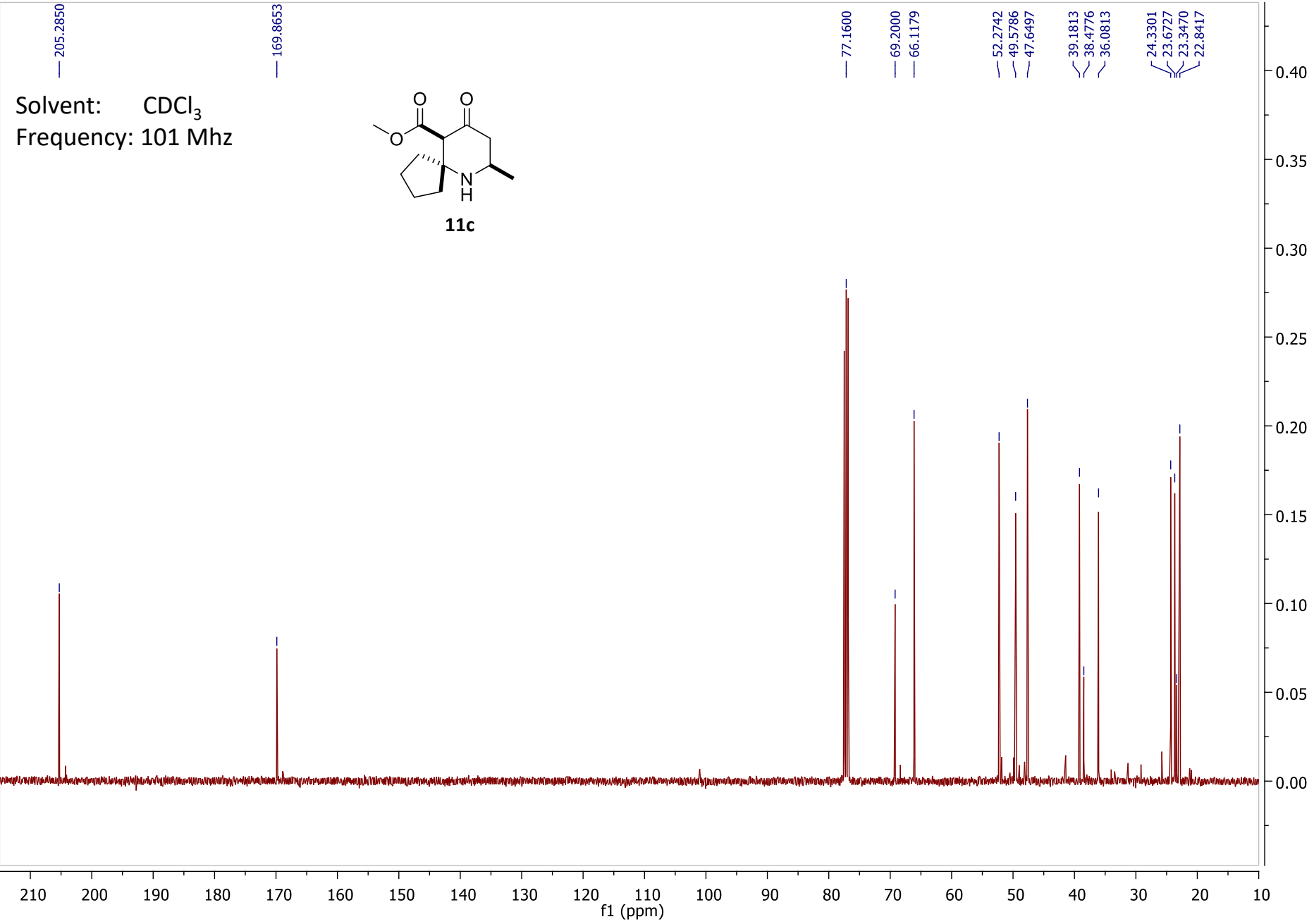
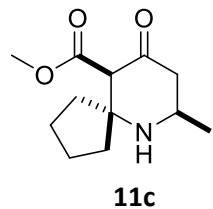


— 7.2600

Solvent: CDCl_3
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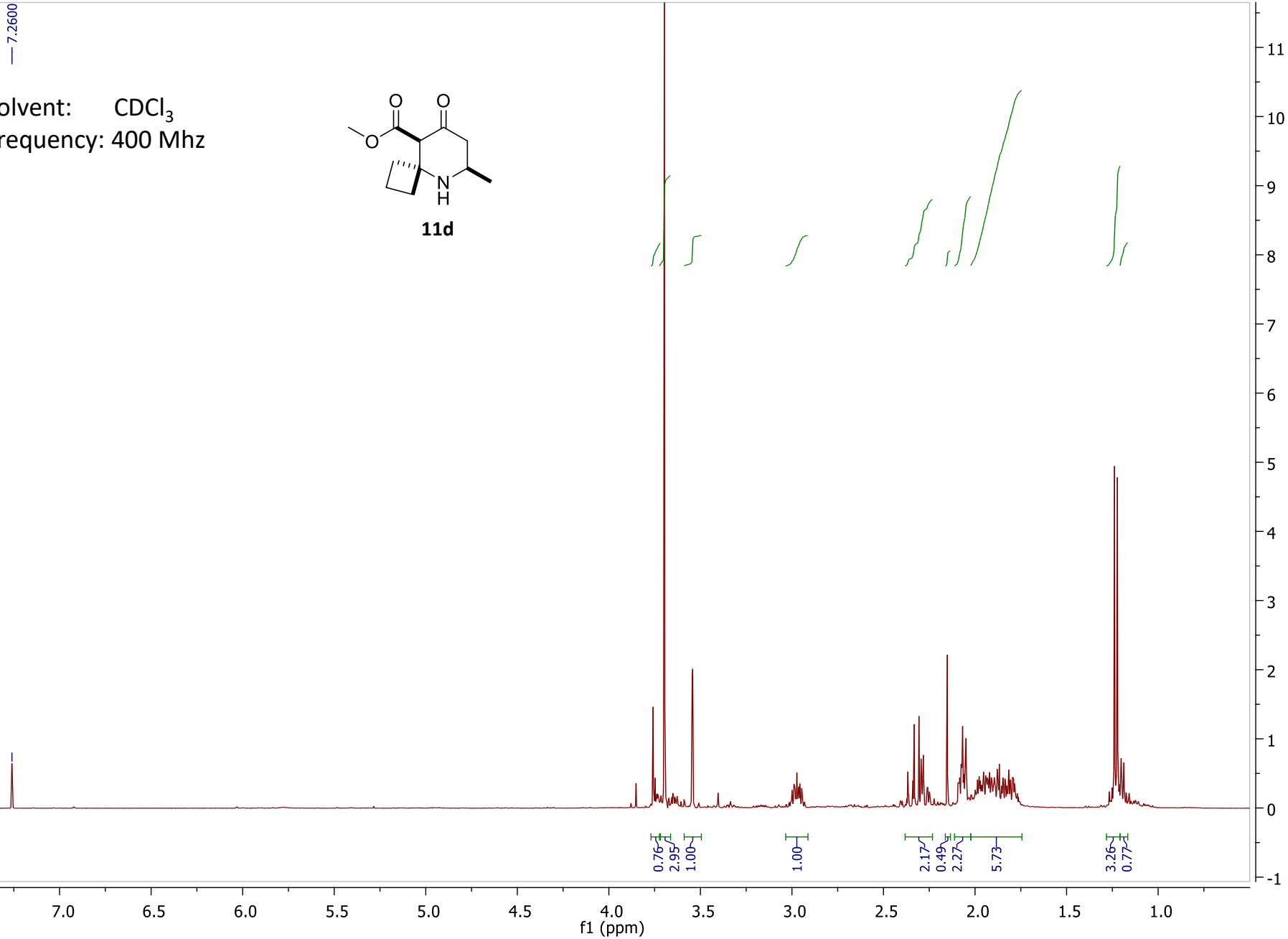
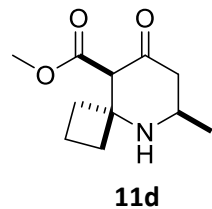


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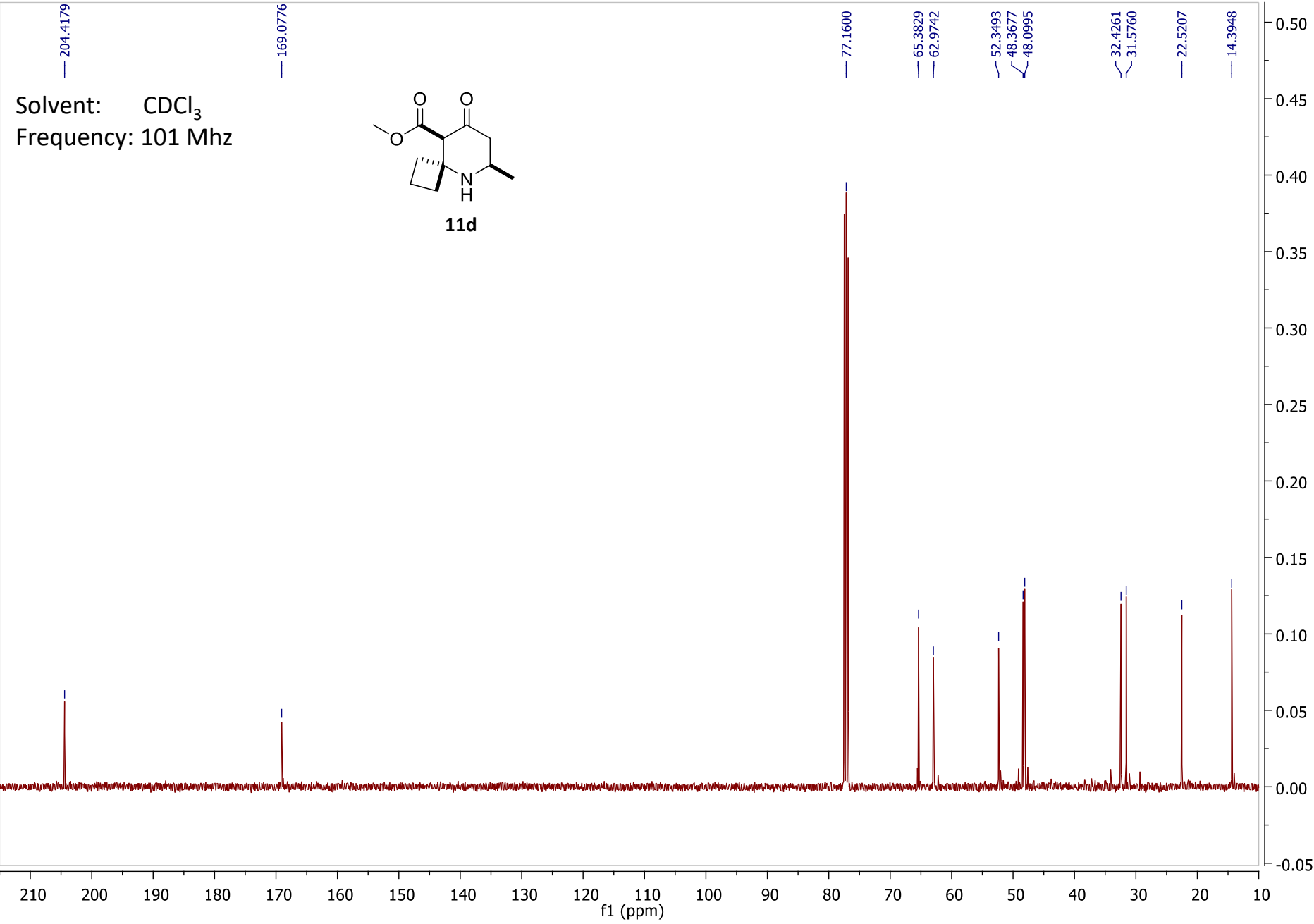
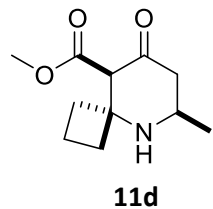


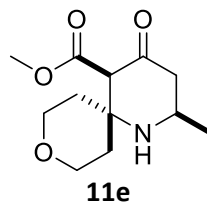
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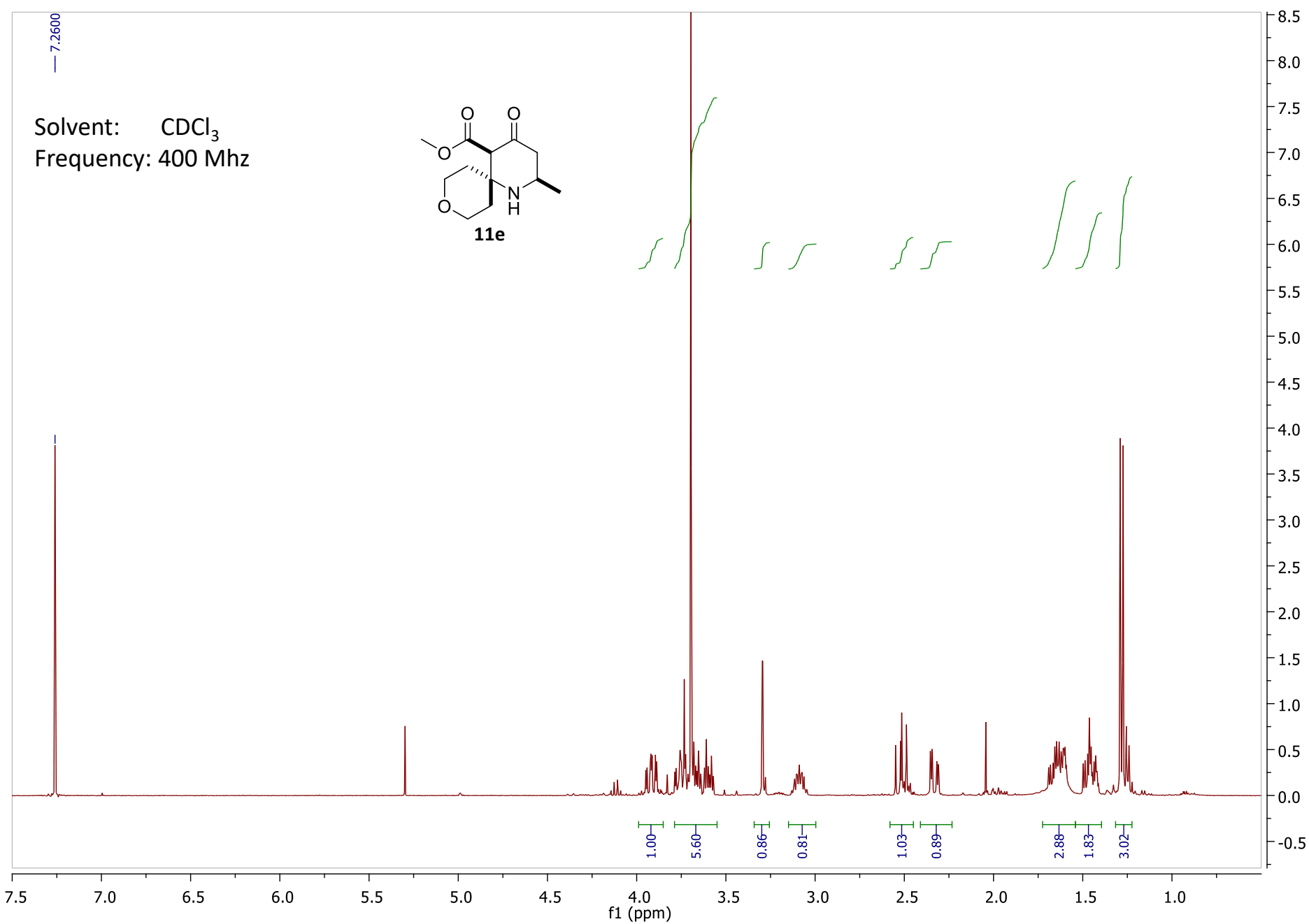


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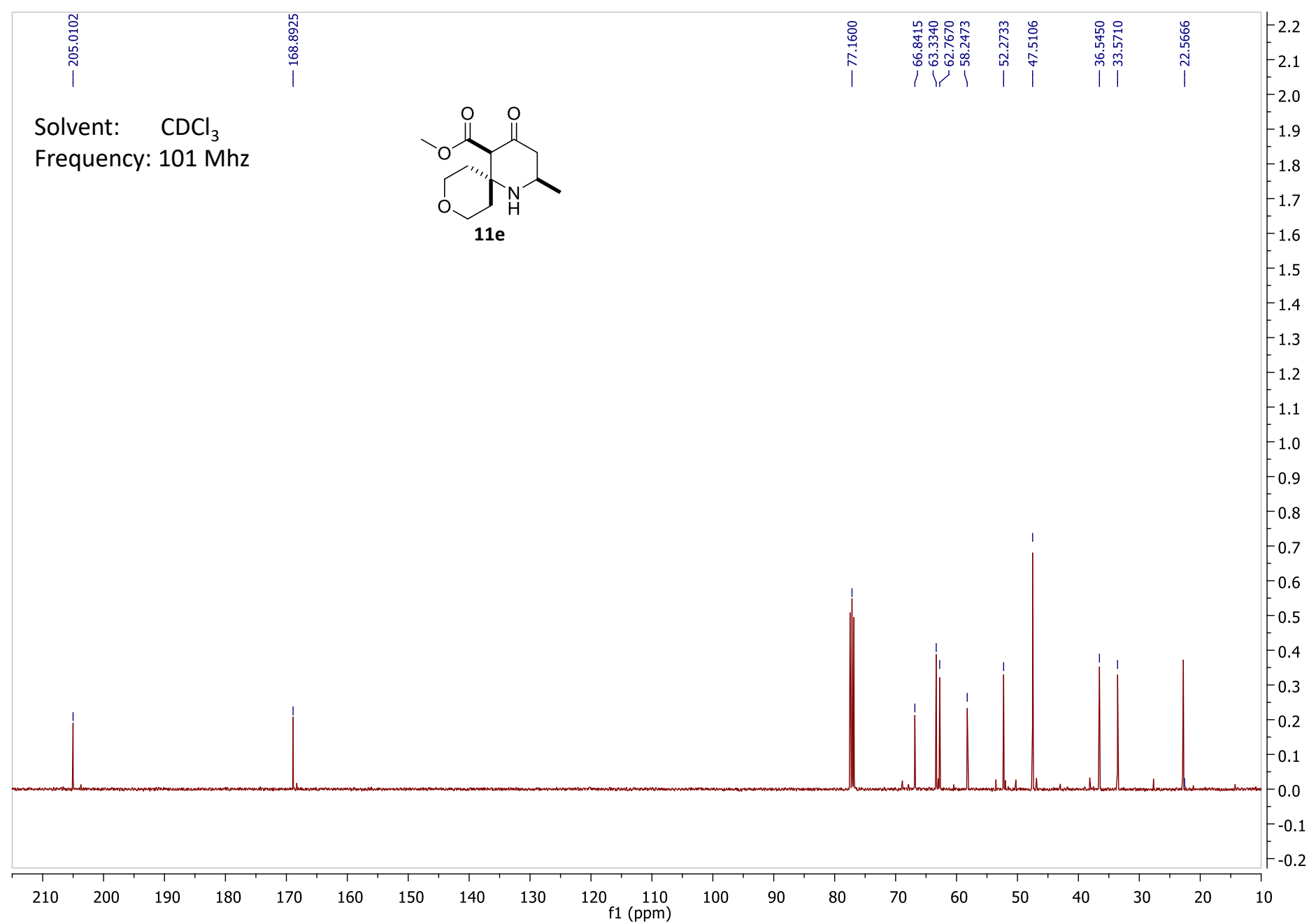
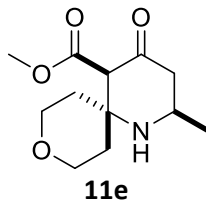




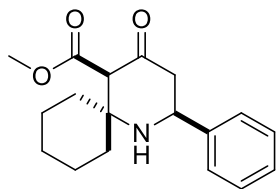
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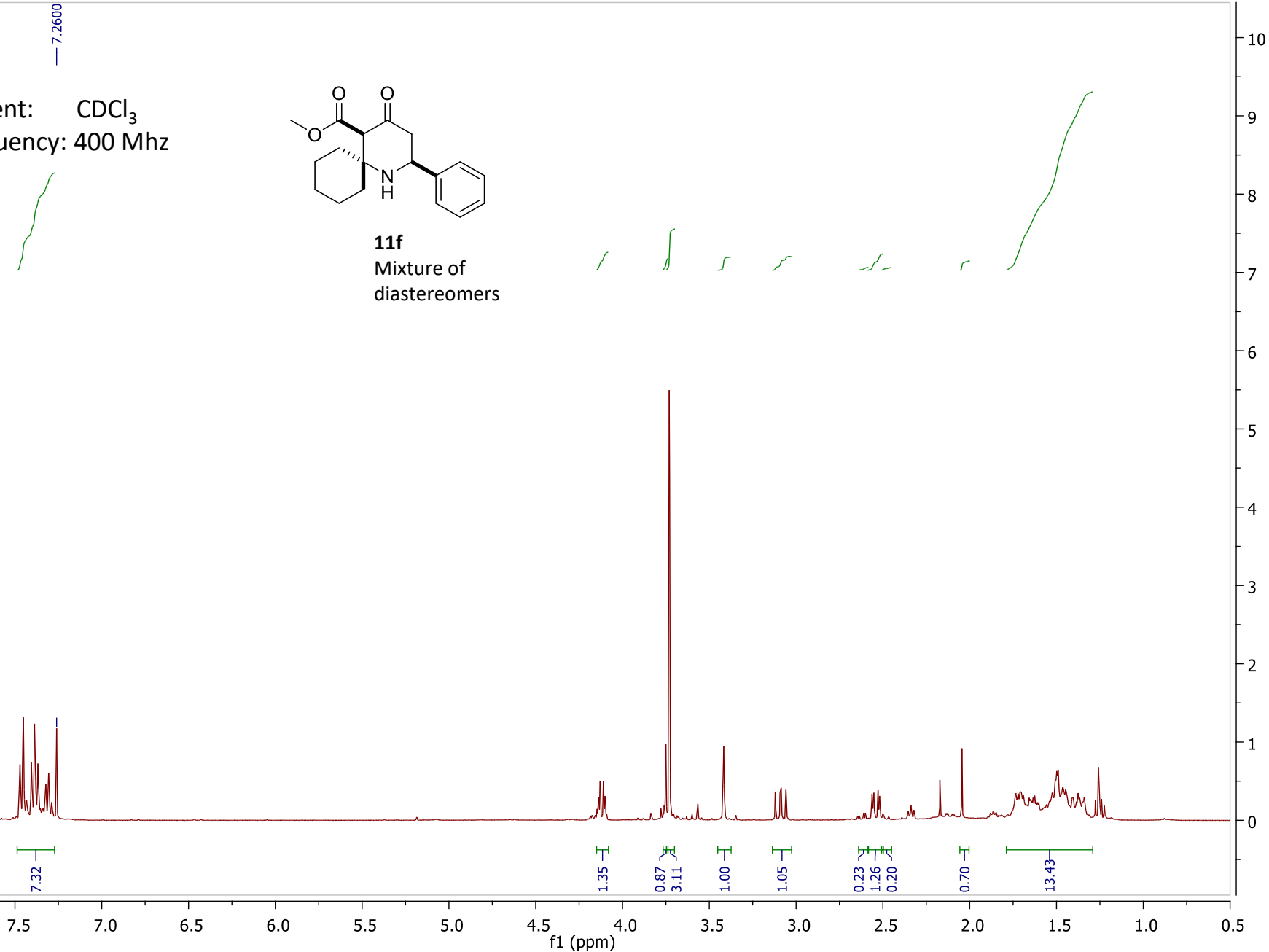
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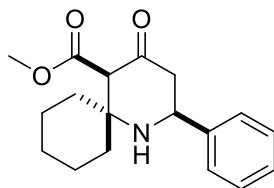
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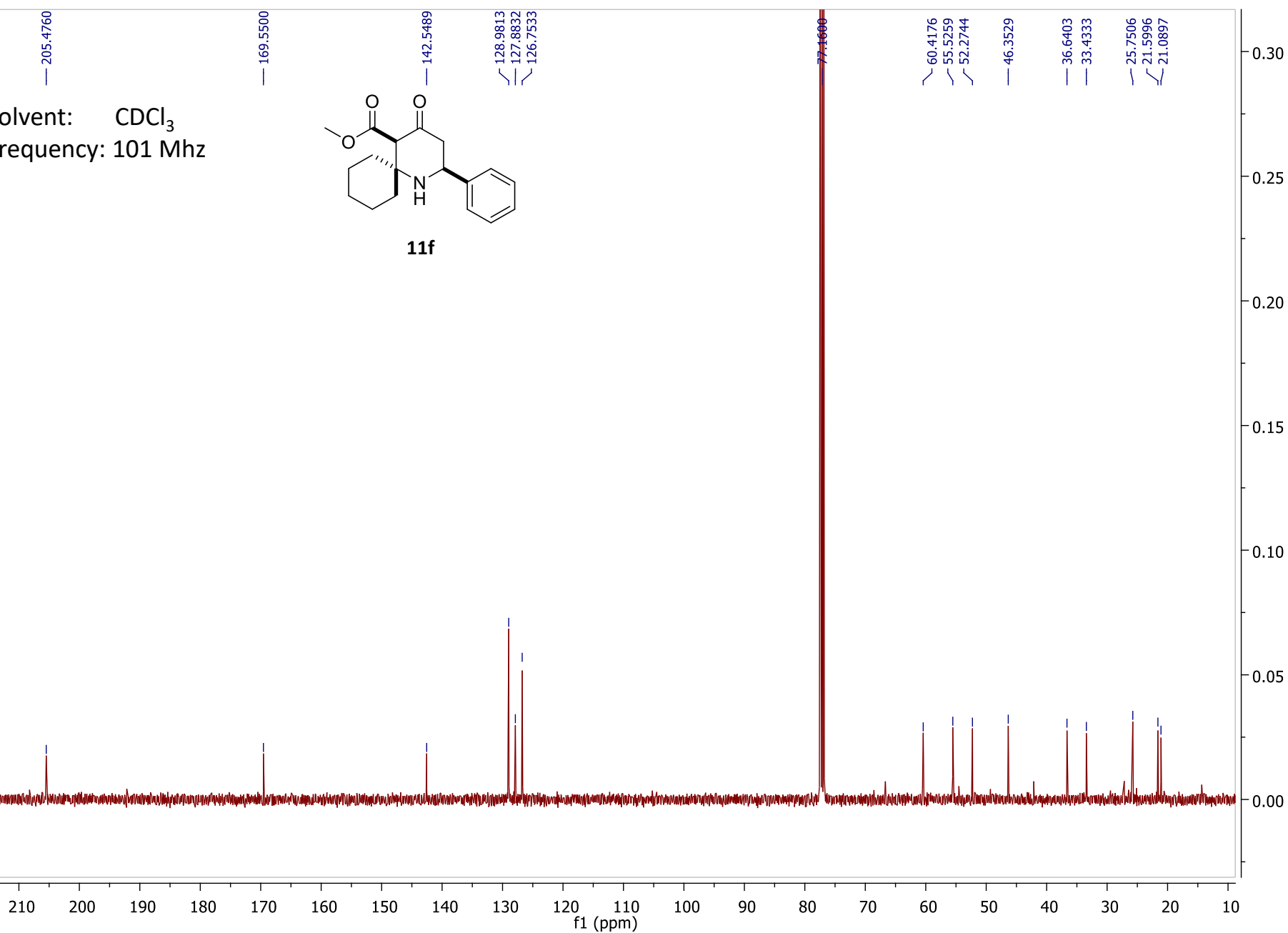
11f
Mixture of
diastereomers



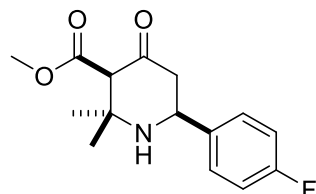
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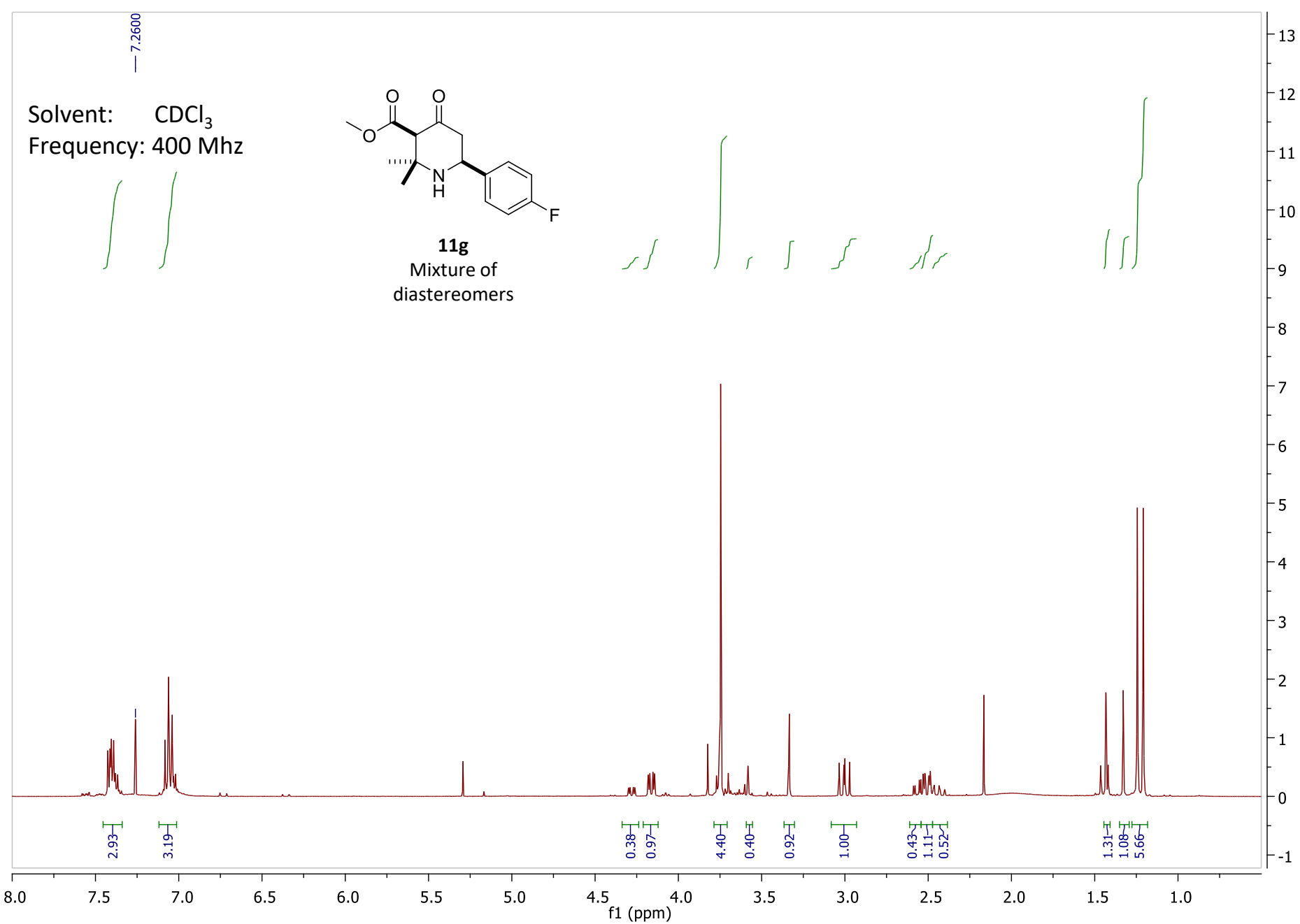
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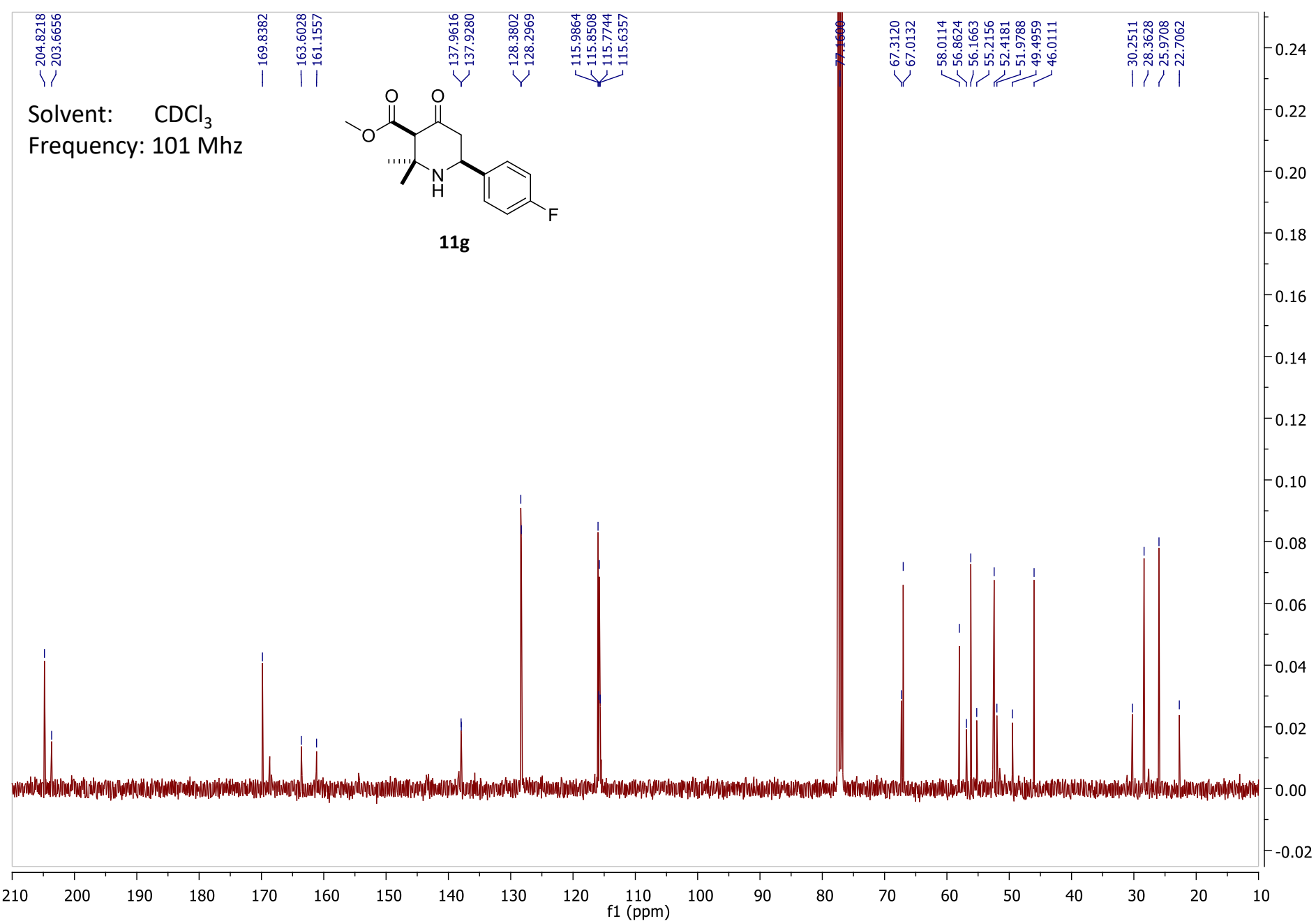
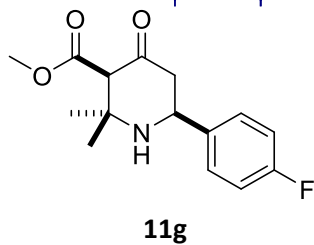
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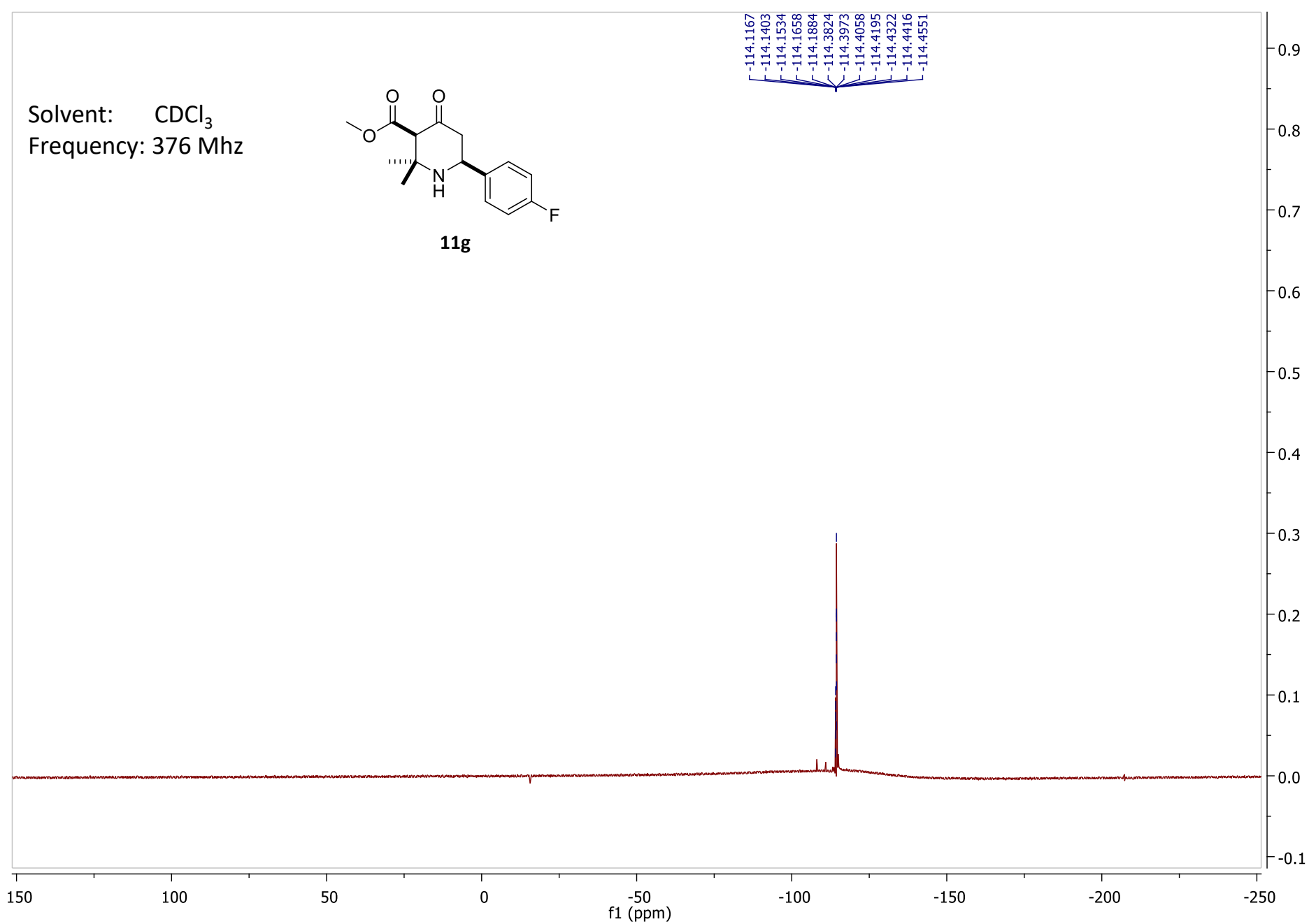
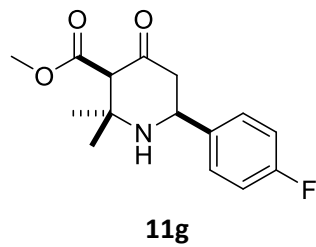
11g
Mixture of
diastereomers



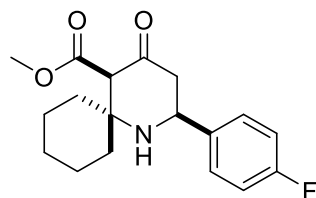
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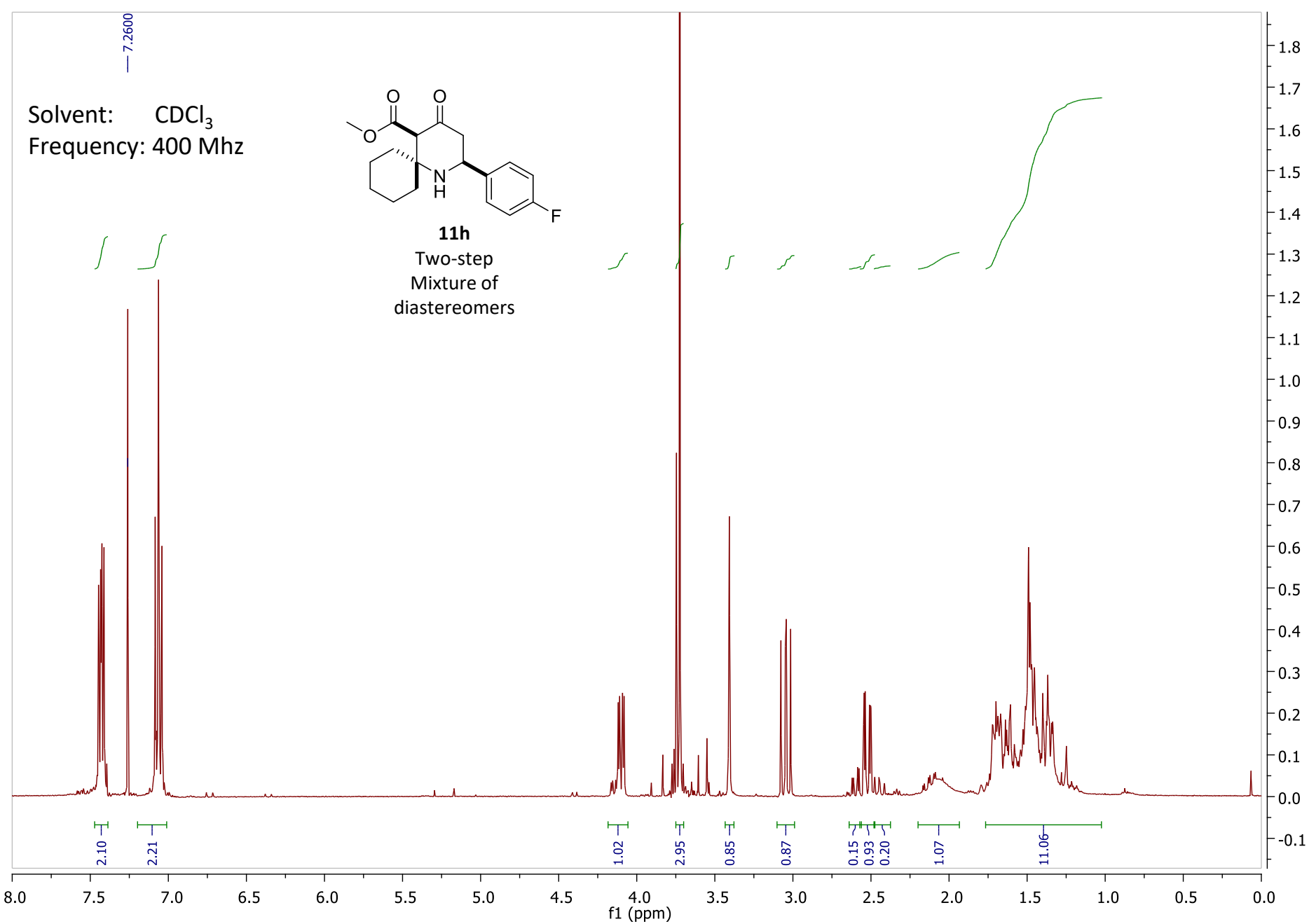
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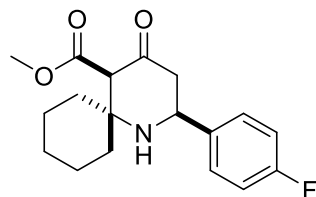
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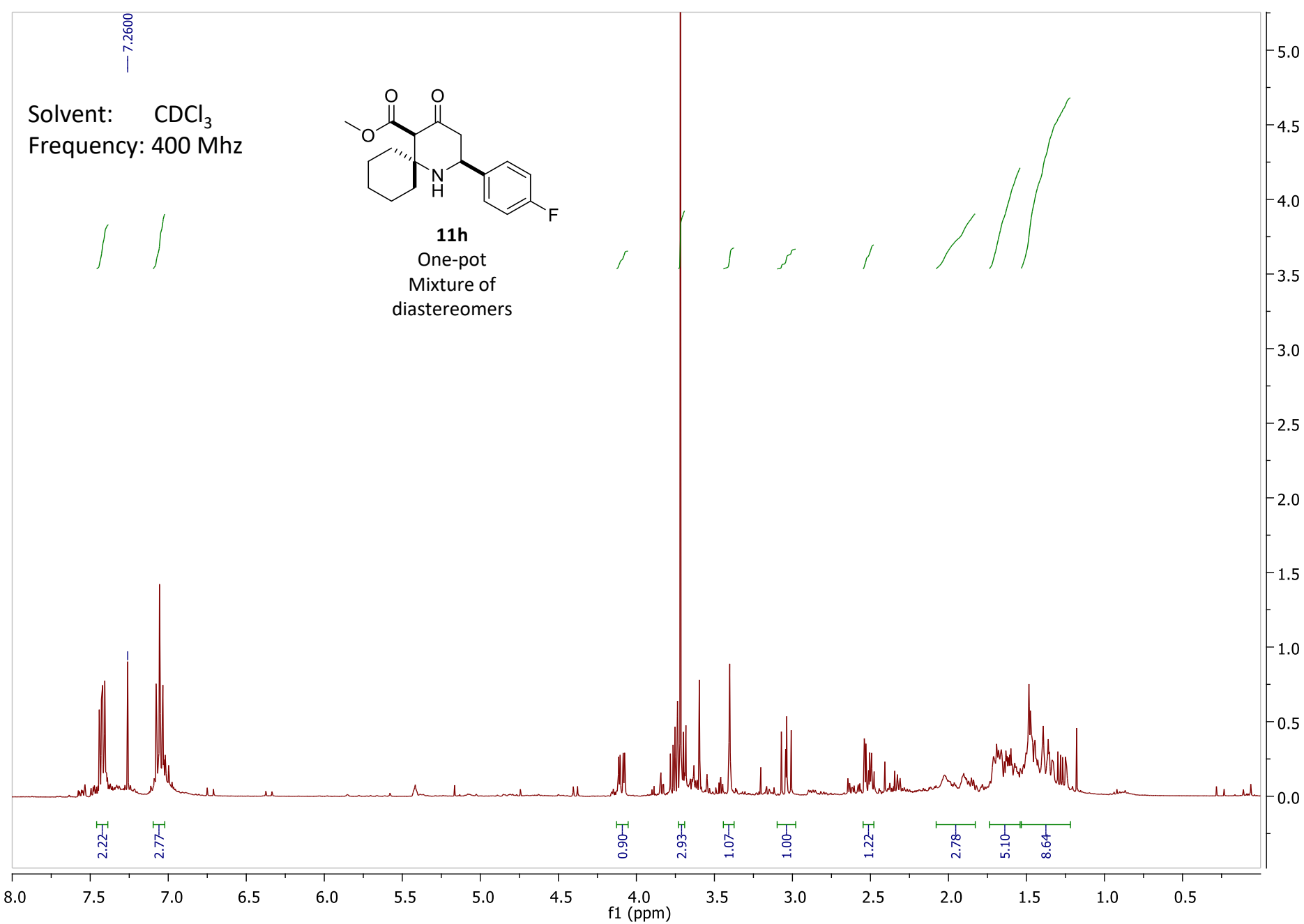
11h
Two-step
Mixture of
diastereomers



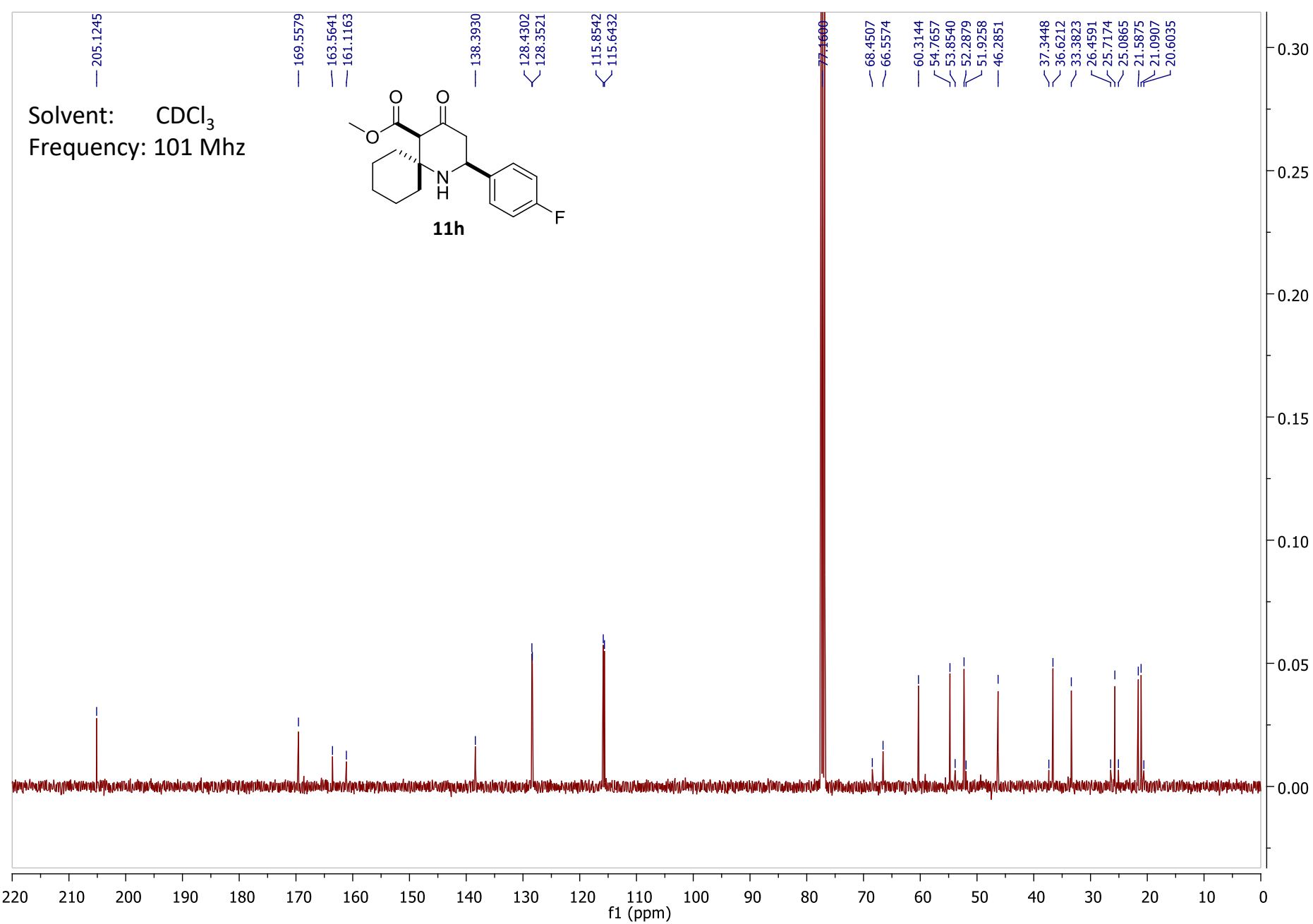
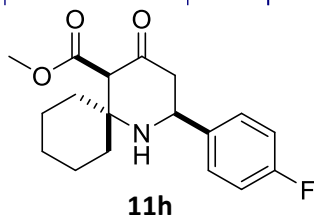
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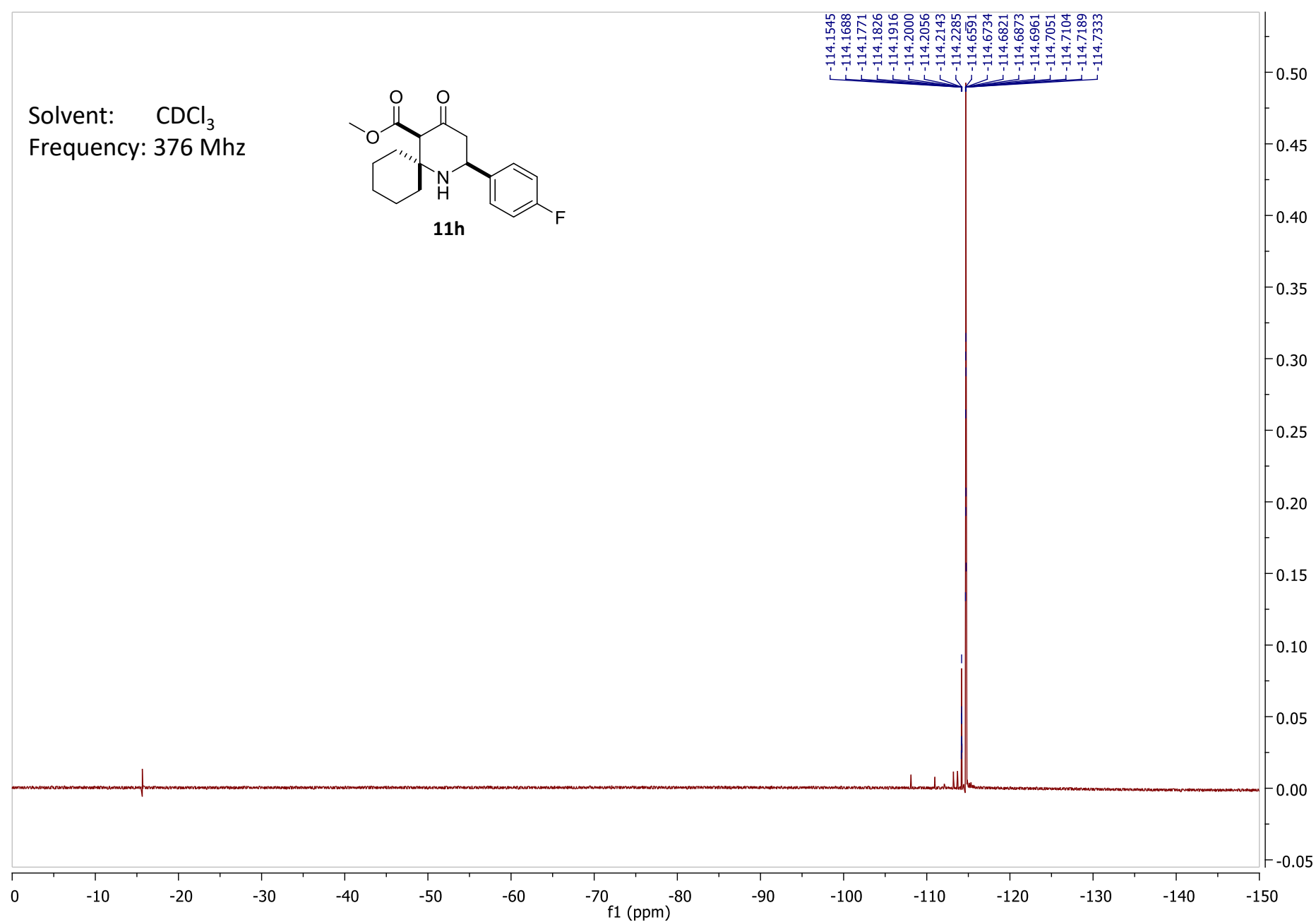
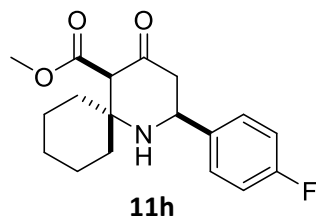
11h
One-pot
Mixture of
diastereomers



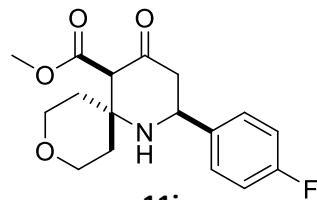
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Frequency: 101 Mhz



Solvent: CDCl_3
Frequency: 376 Mhz

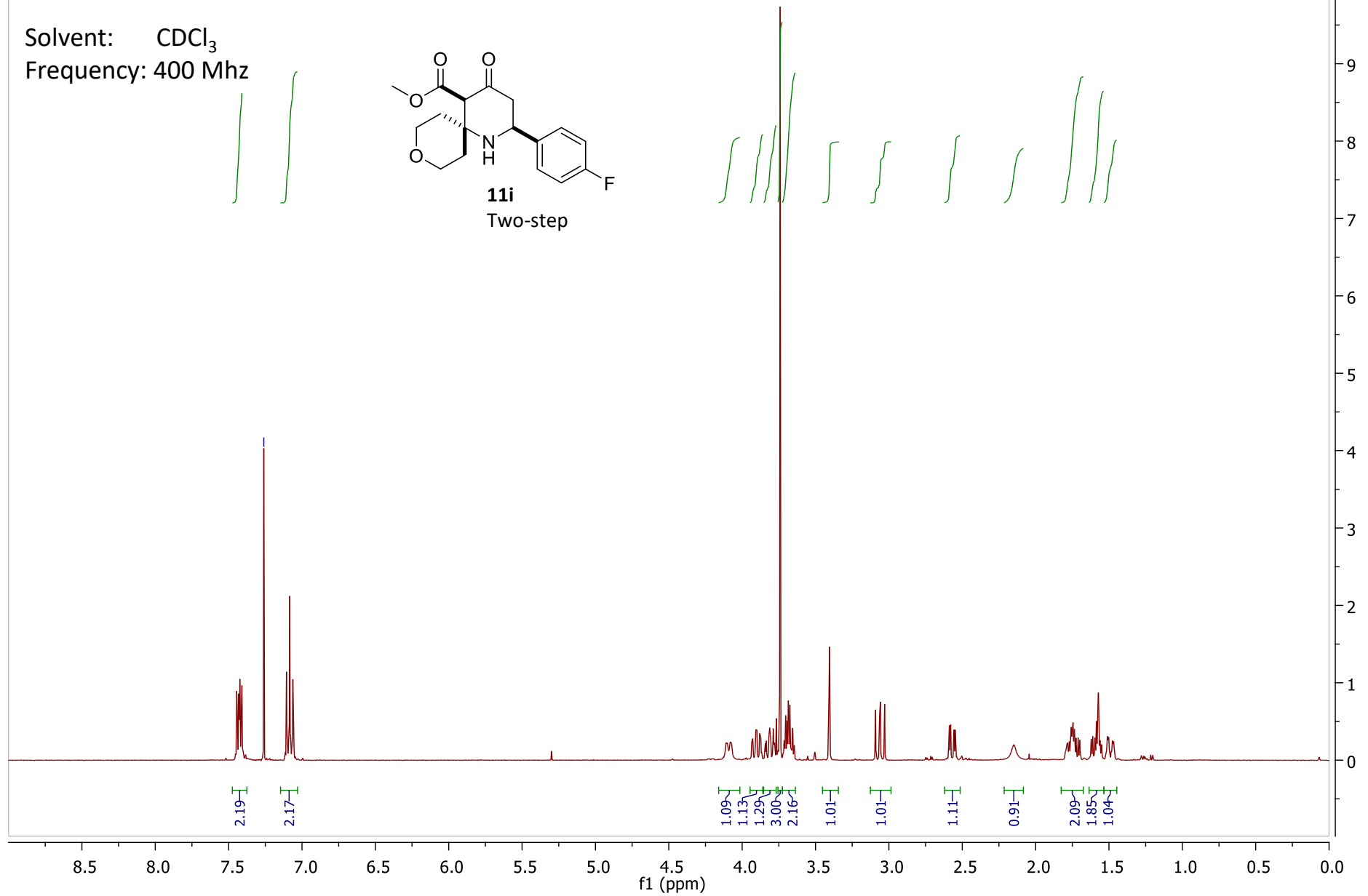


Solvent: CDCl_3
Frequency: 400 Mhz

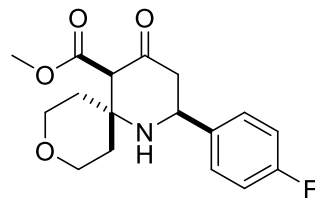


11i
Two-step

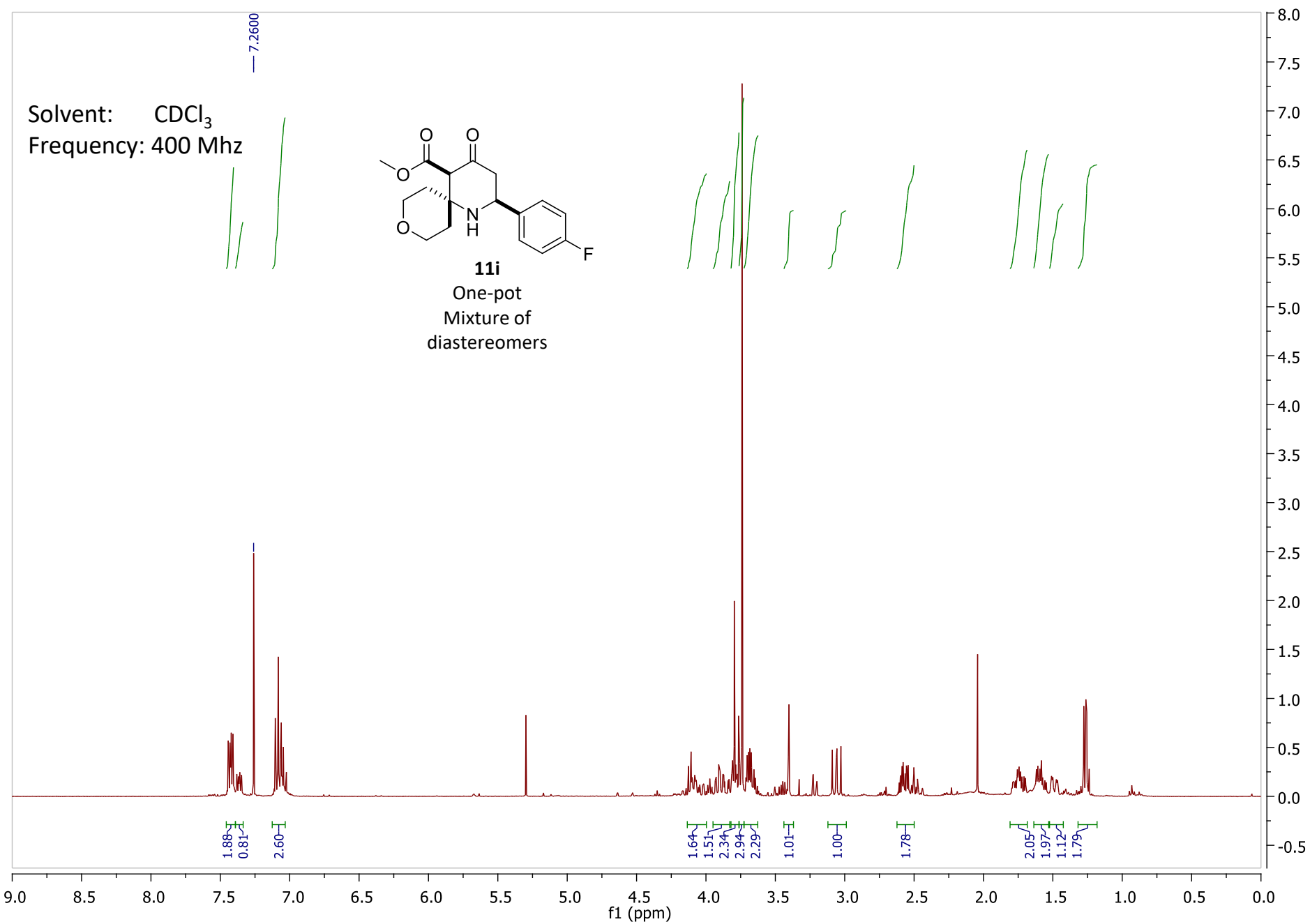
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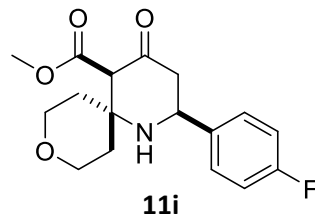
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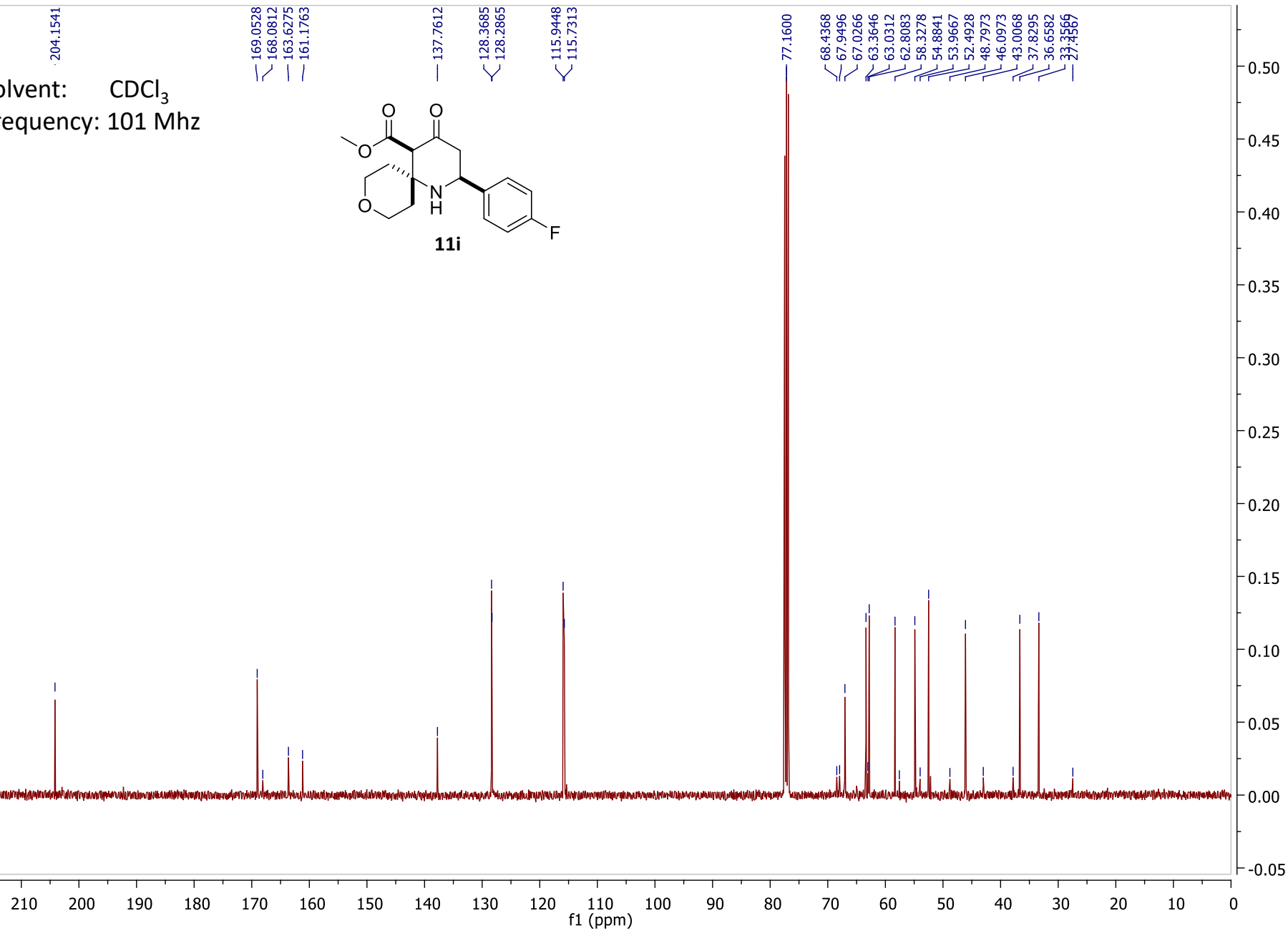
11i
One-pot
Mixture of
diastereomers



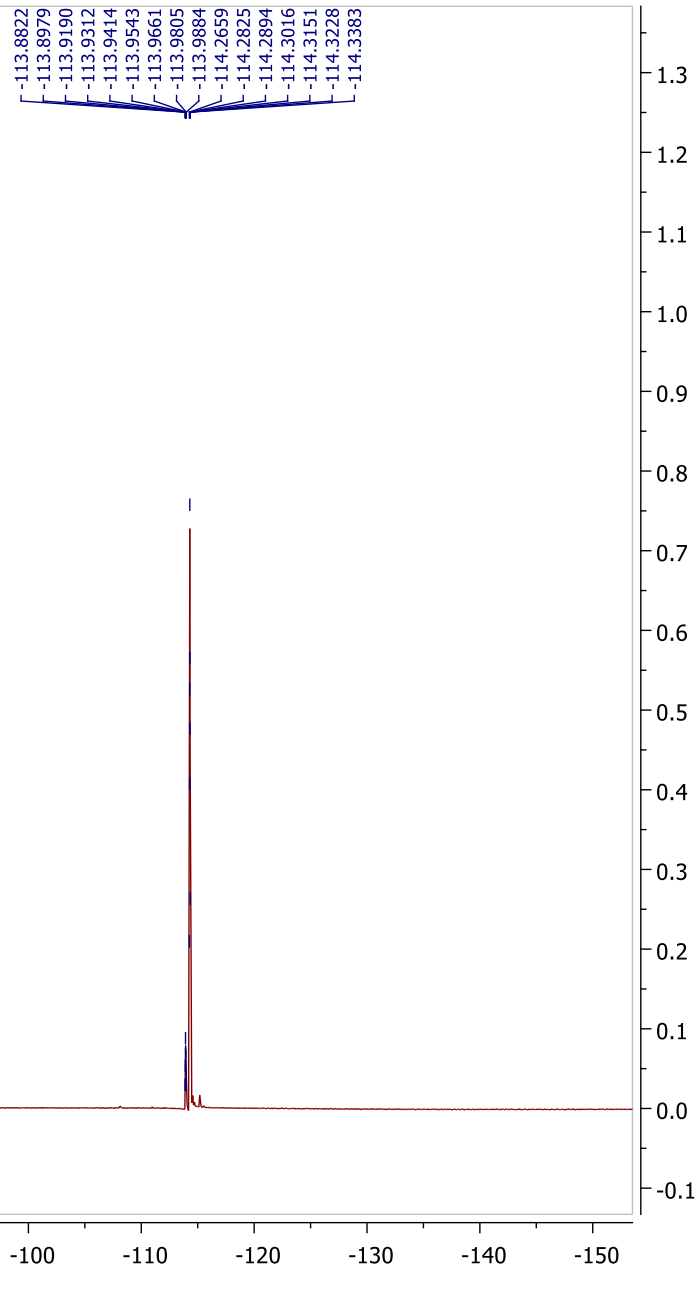
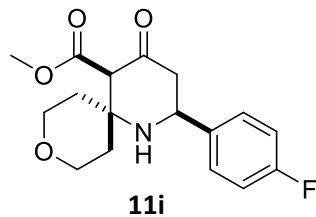
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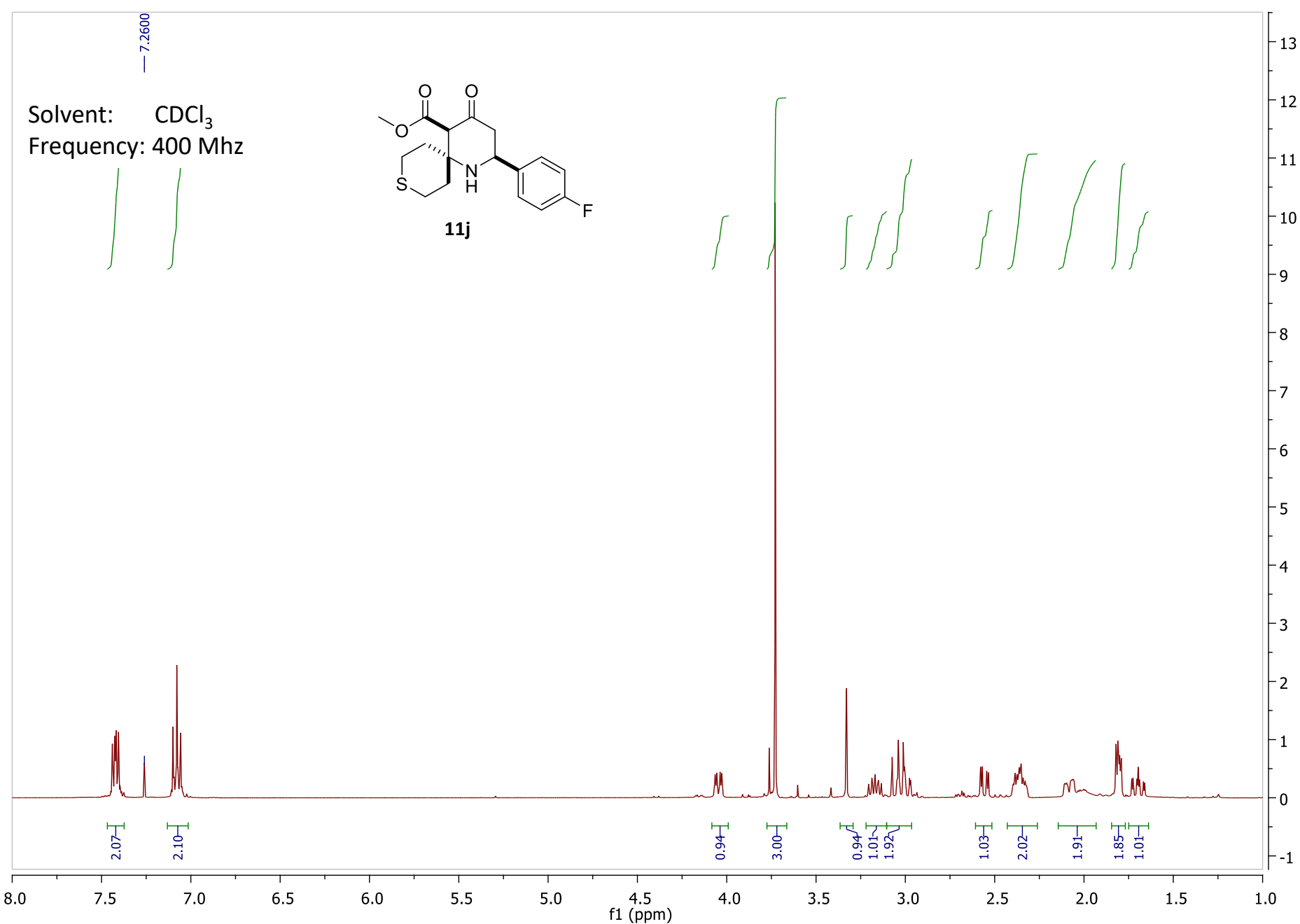
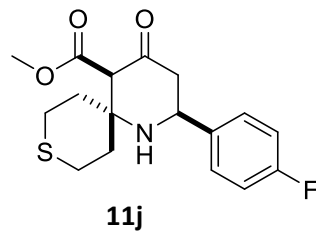
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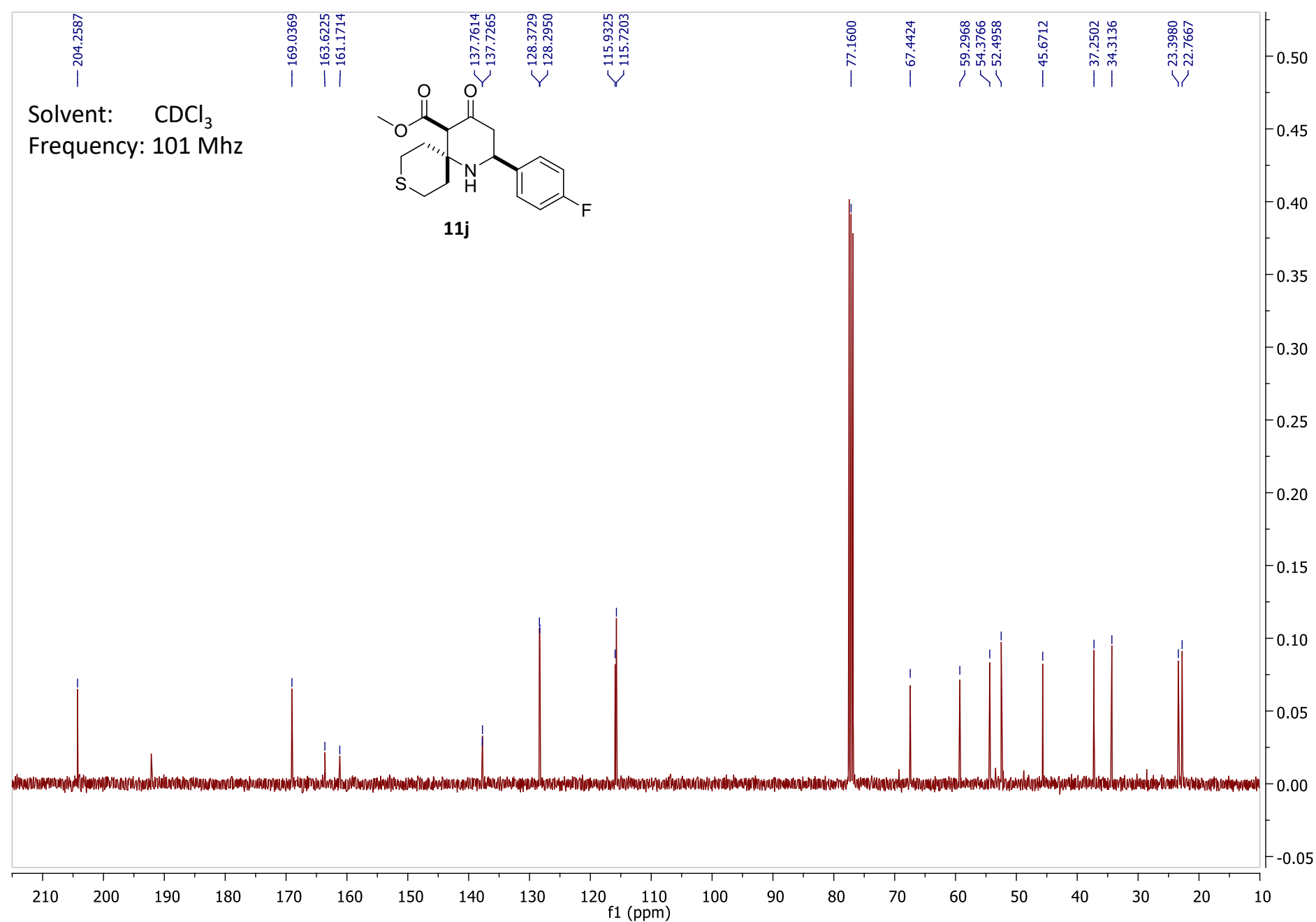
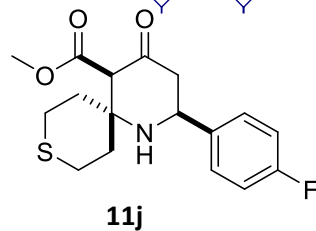
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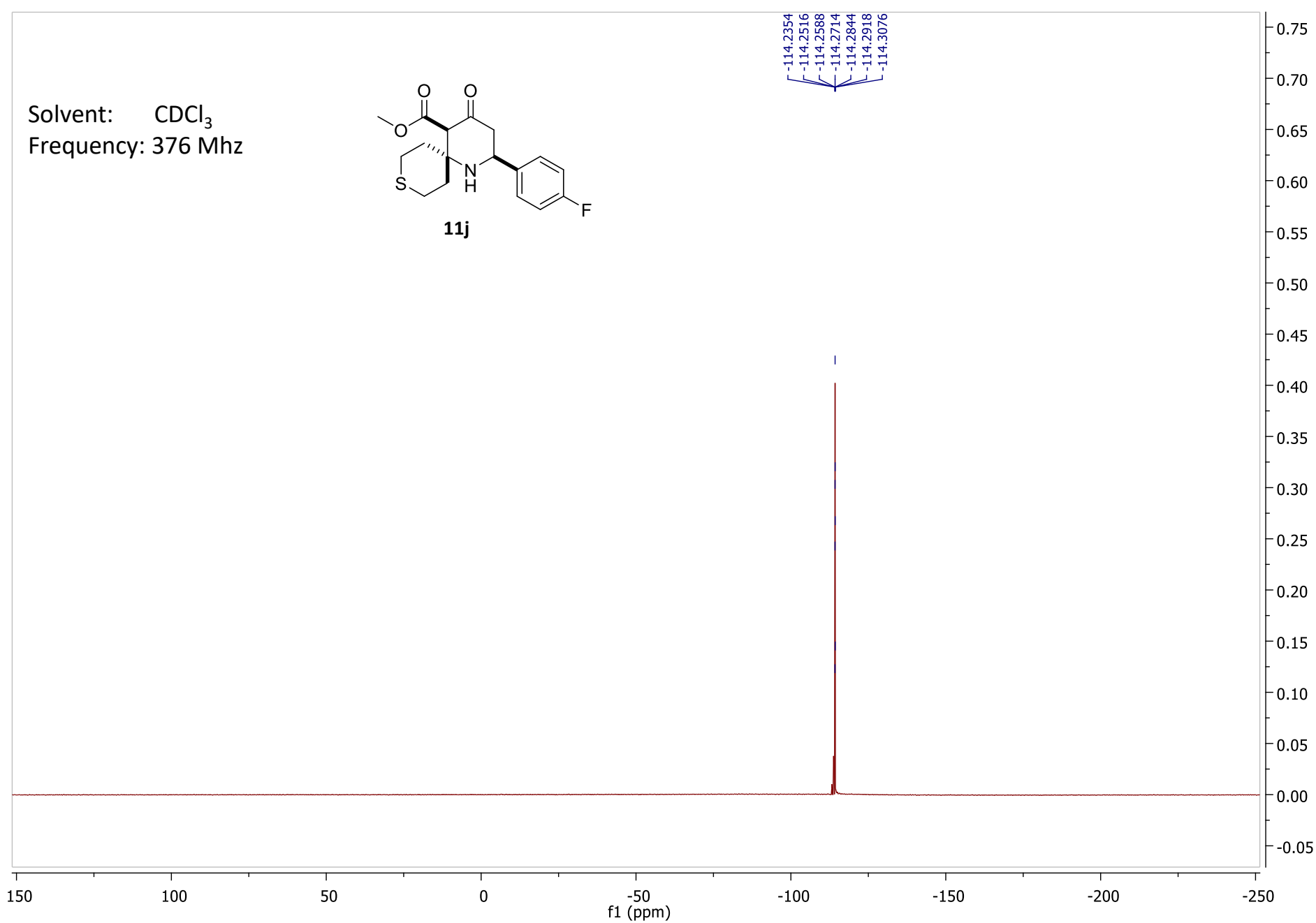
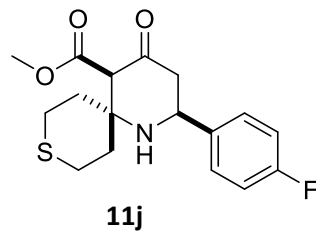
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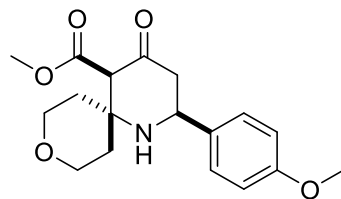
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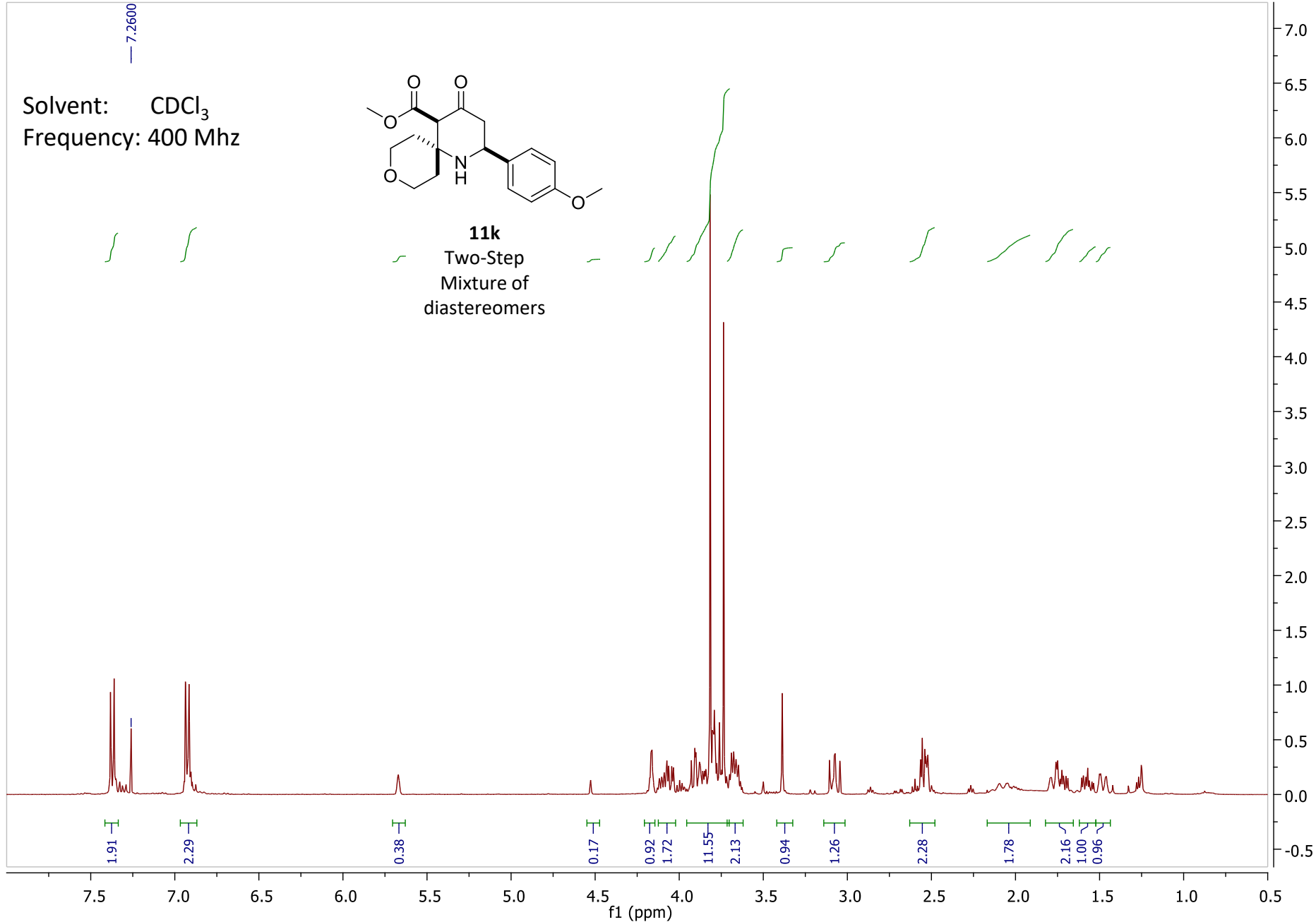
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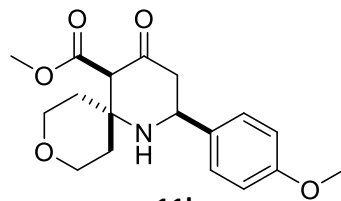
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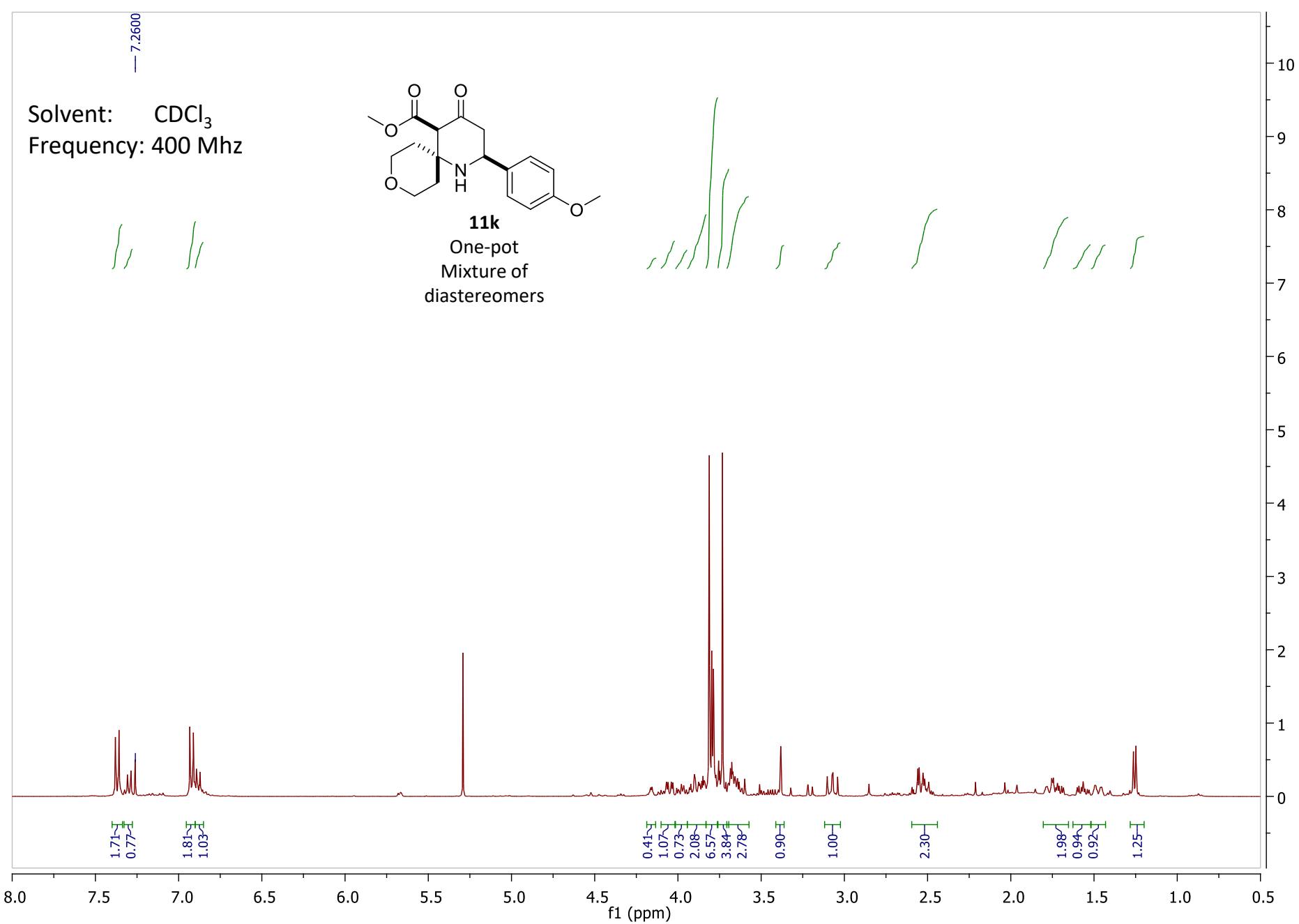
11k
Two-Step
Mixture of
diastereomers



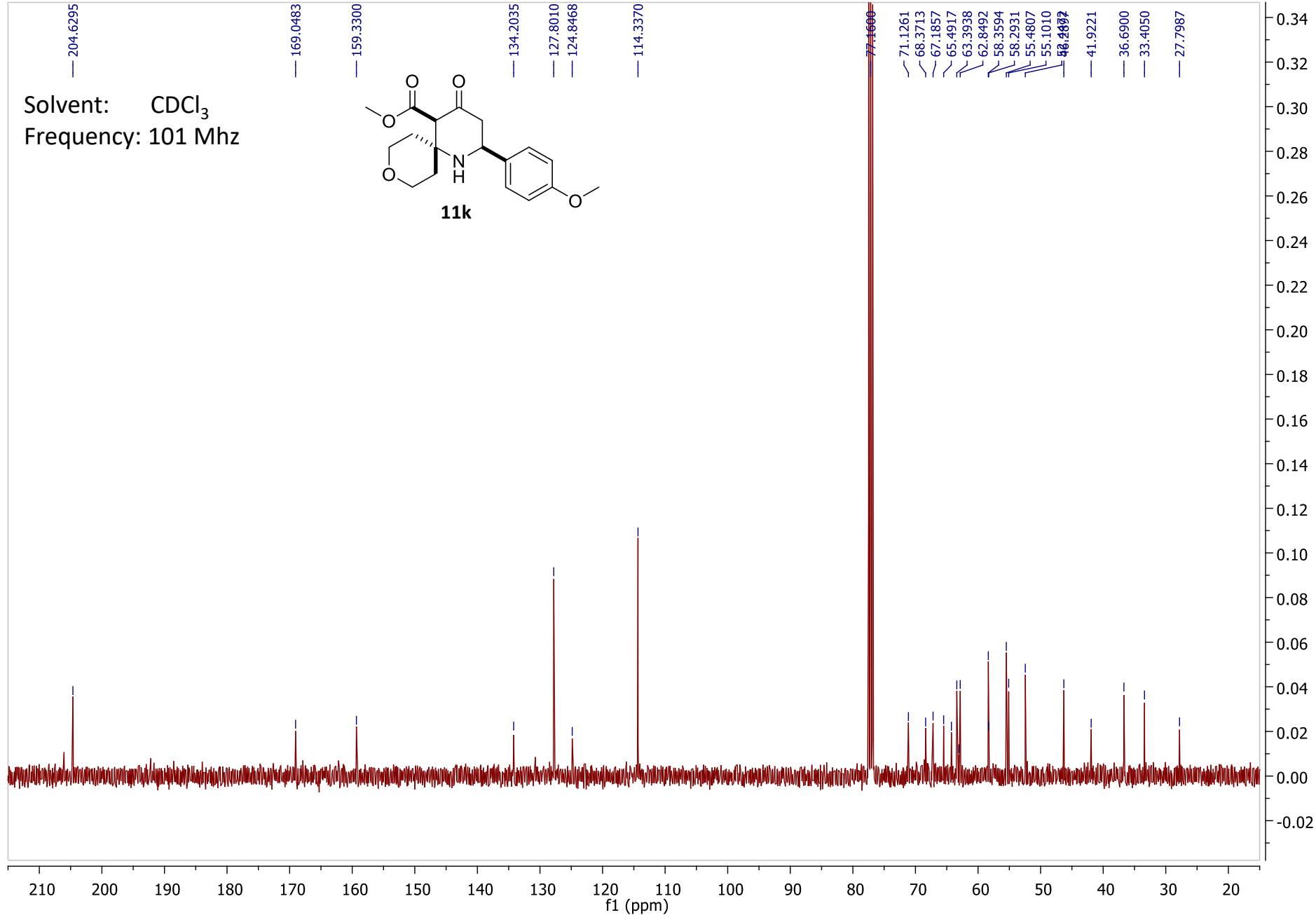
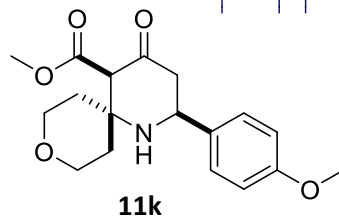
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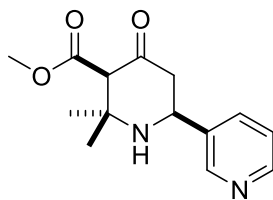
11k
One-pot
Mixture of
diastereomers



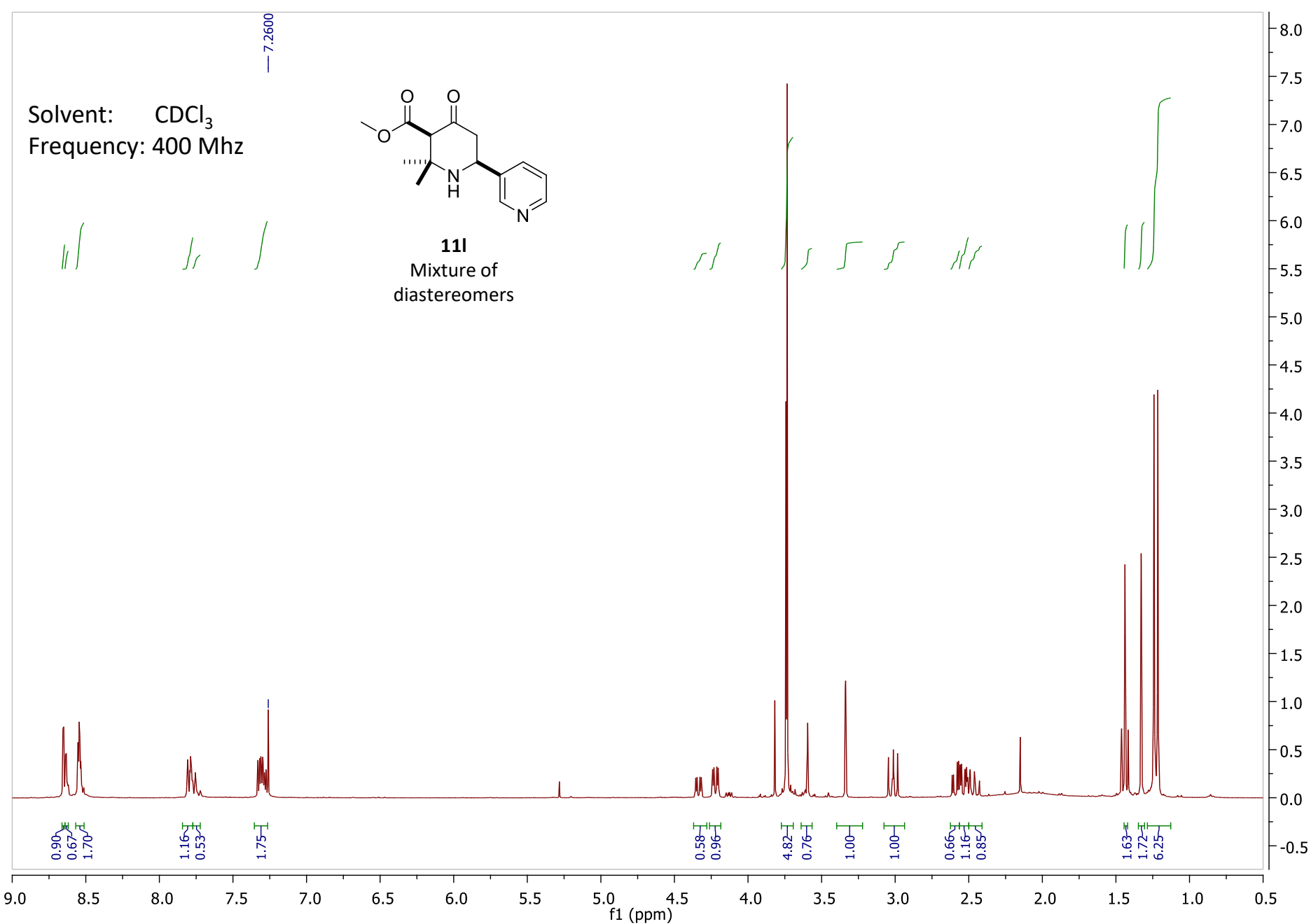
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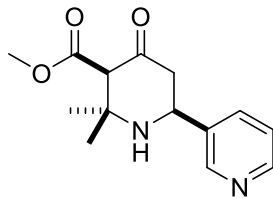
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Frequency: 400 Mhz



11I
Mixture of
diastereomers



Solvent: CDCl_3
Frequency: 101 Mhz



11l

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203.0801

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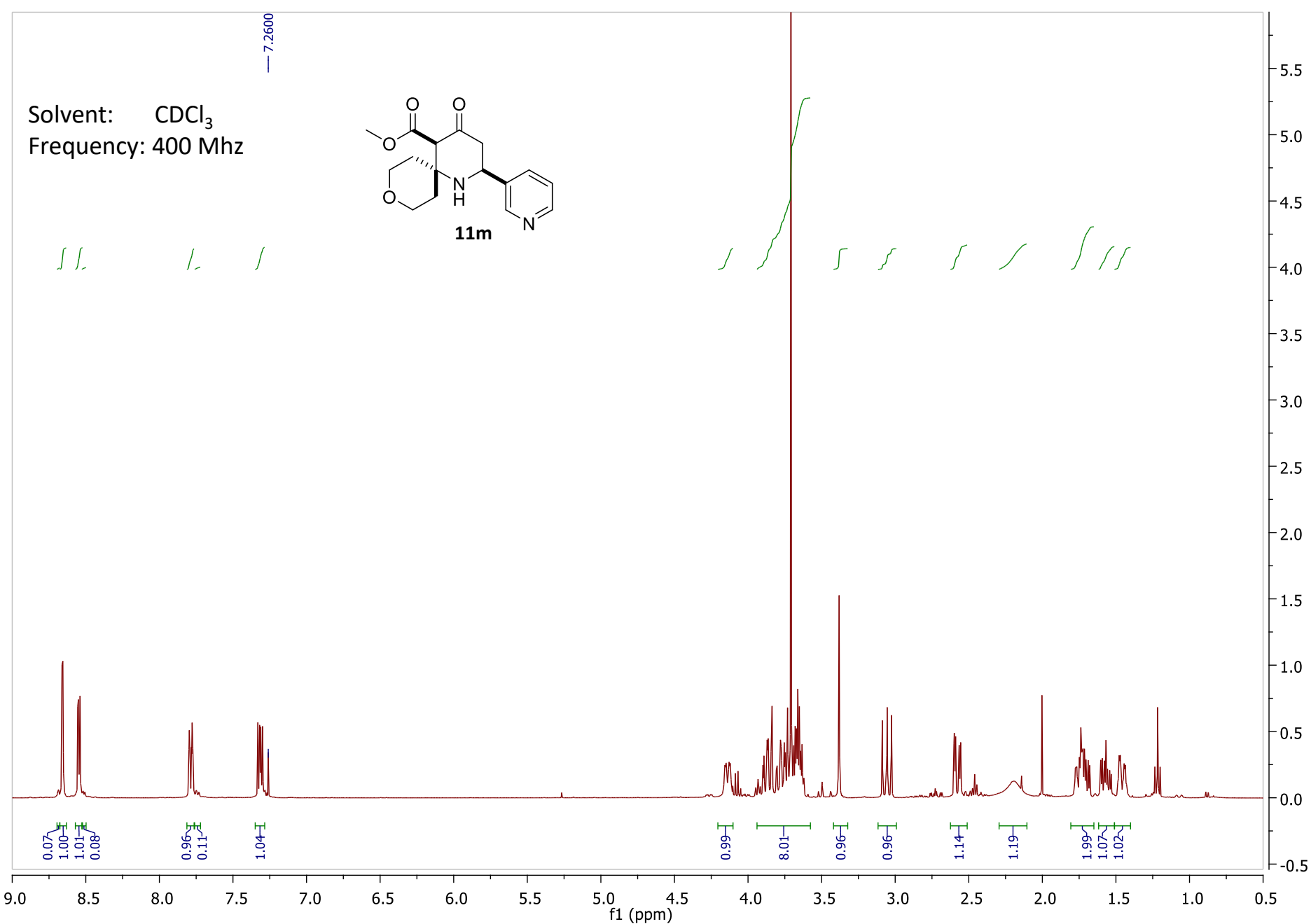
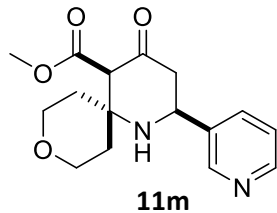
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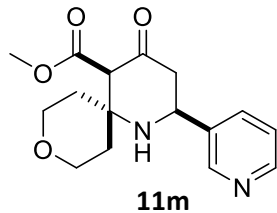
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f1 (ppm)

Solvent: CDCl_3
Frequency: 400 Mhz



Solvent: CDCl₃
Frequency: 101 Mhz



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— 168.8866

— 149.3953

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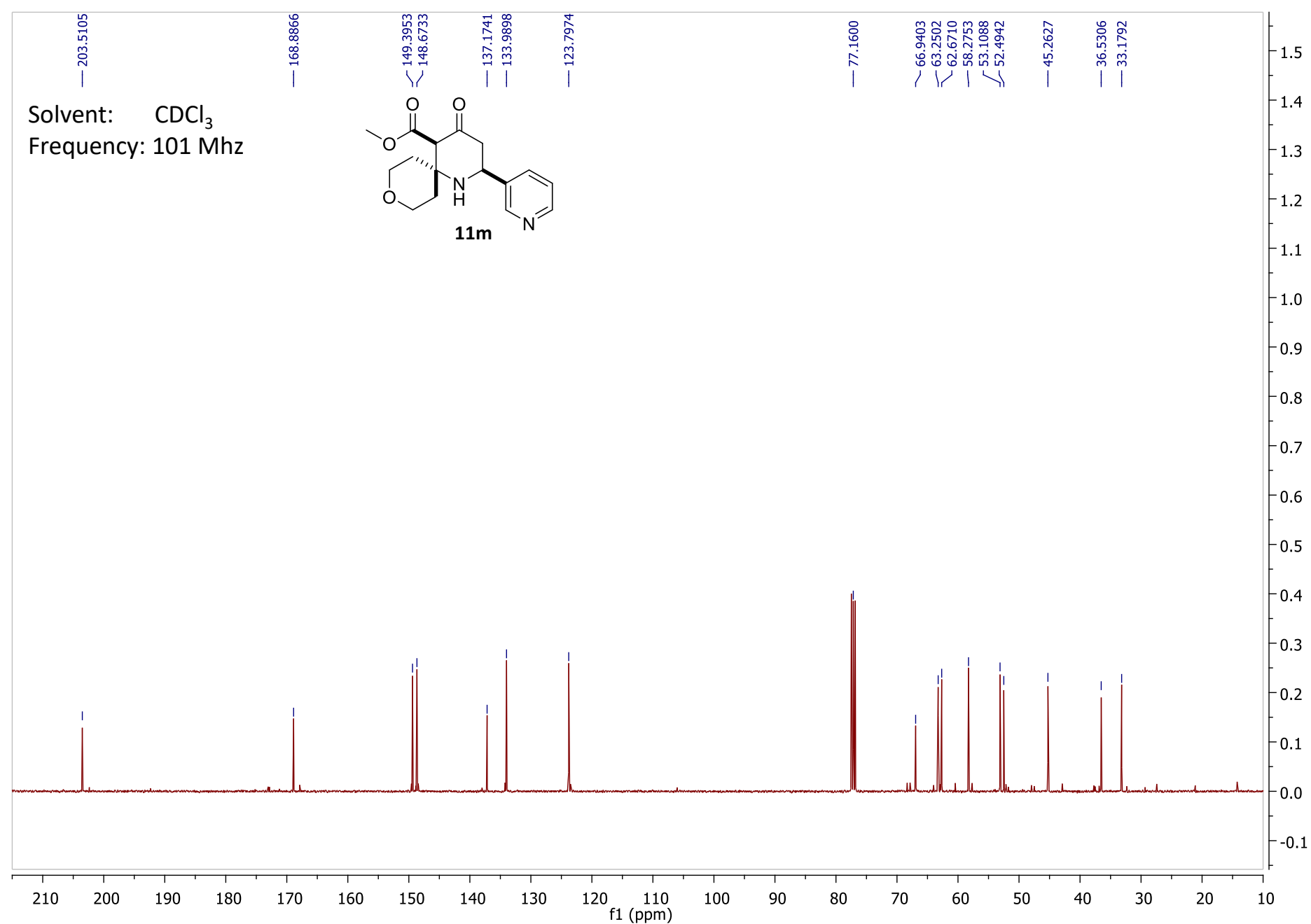
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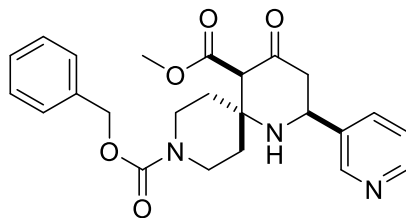
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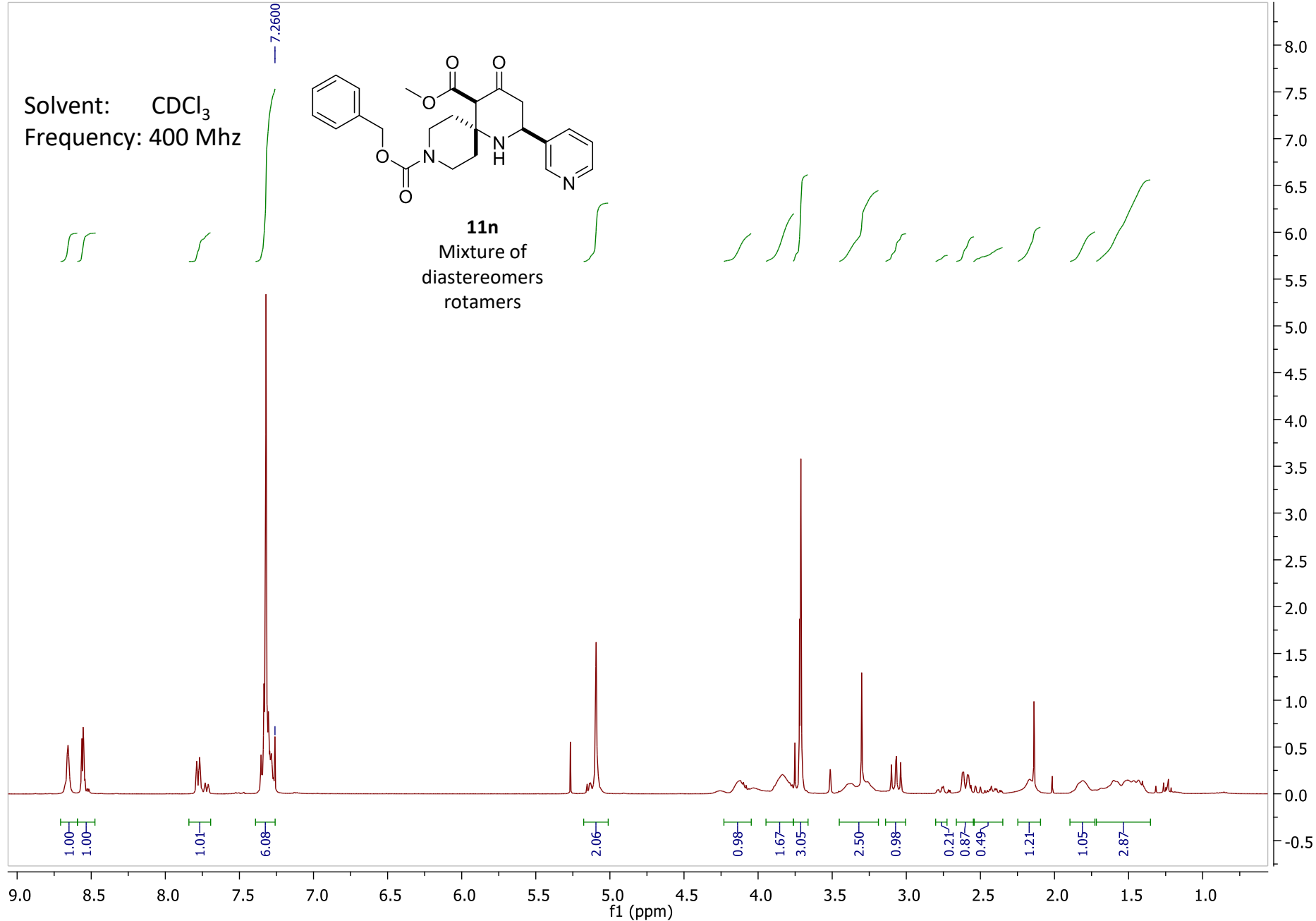
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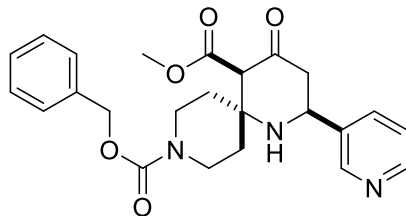
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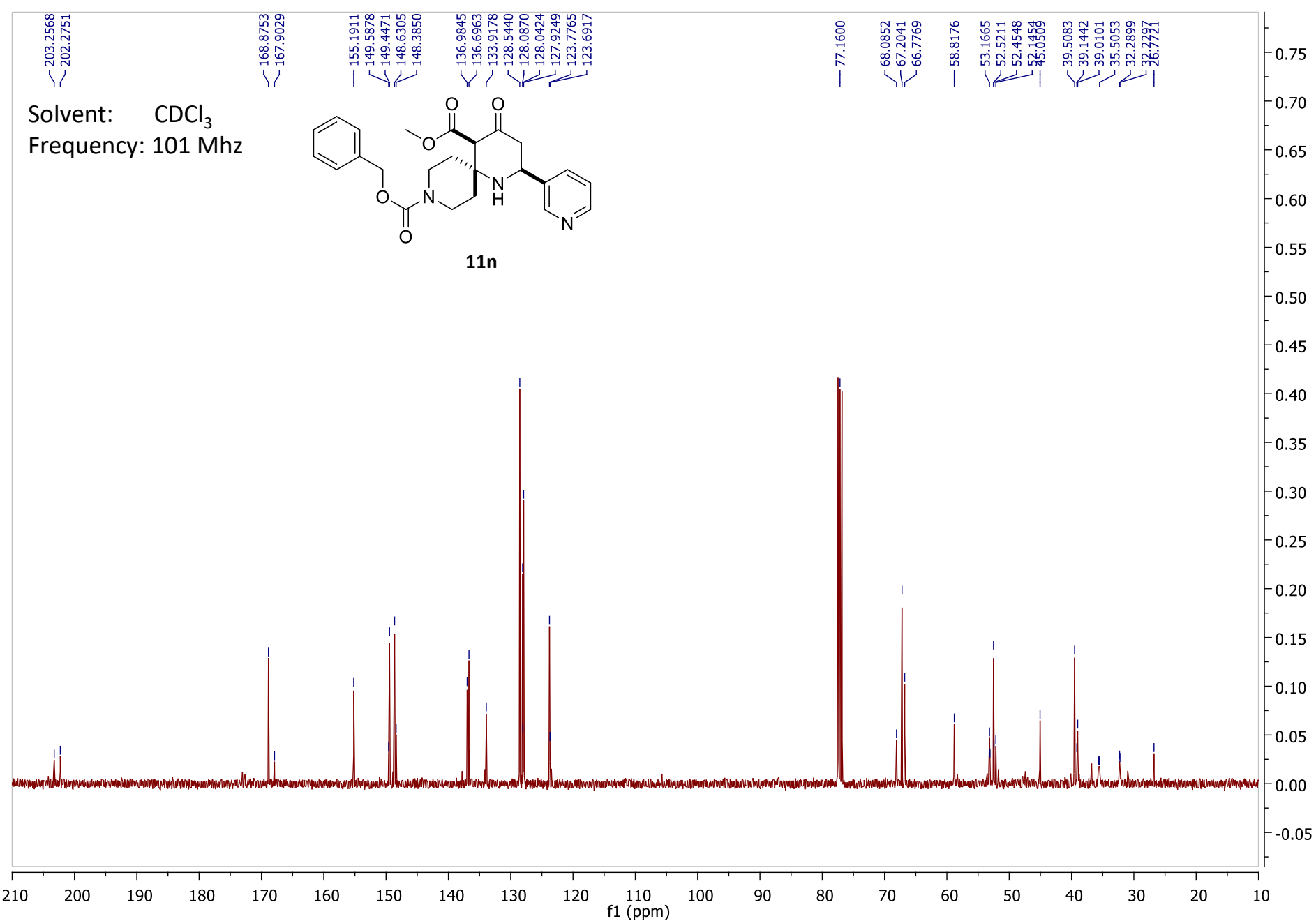
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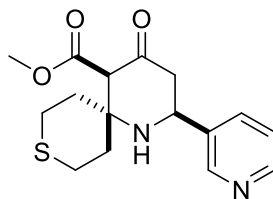
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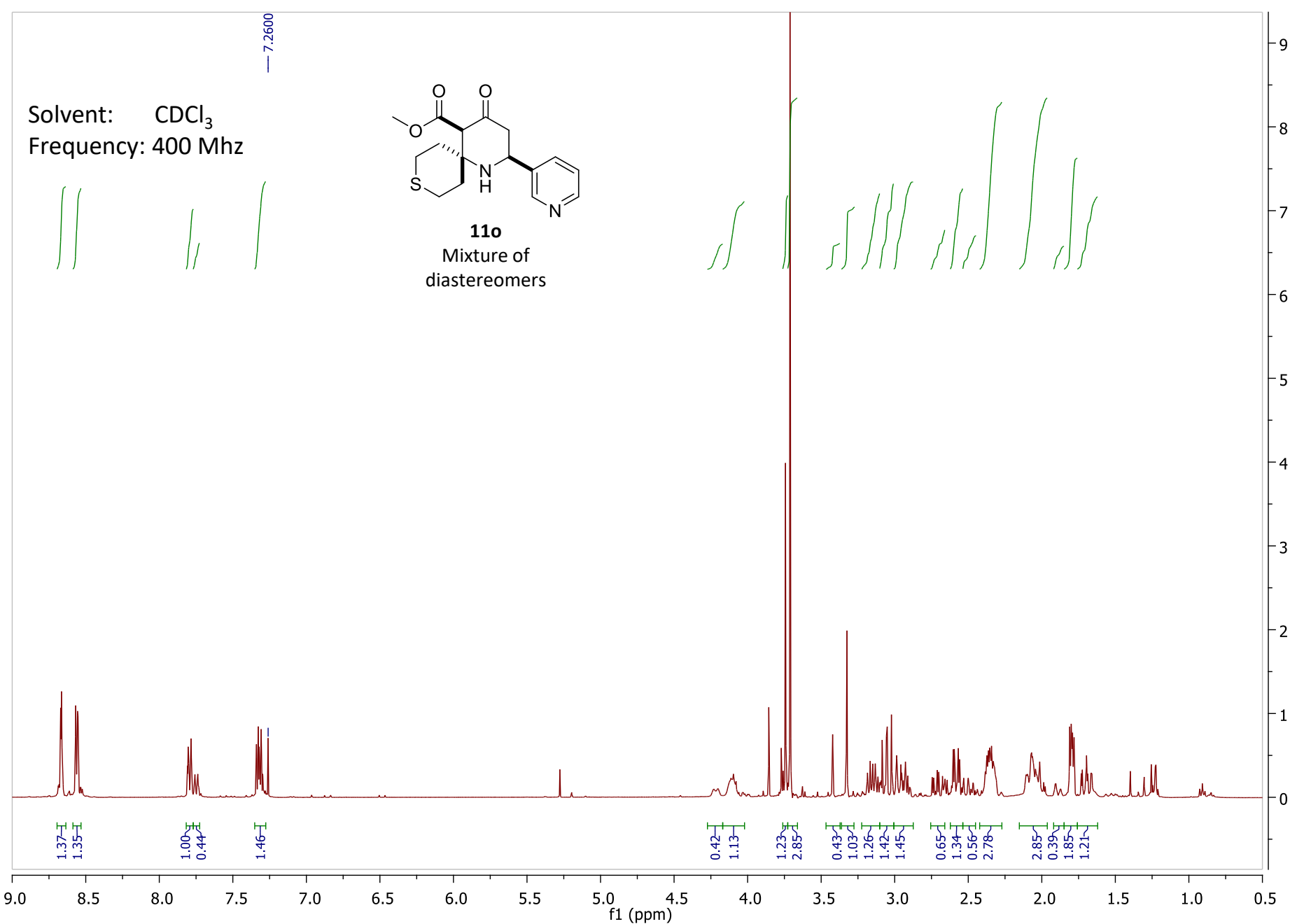
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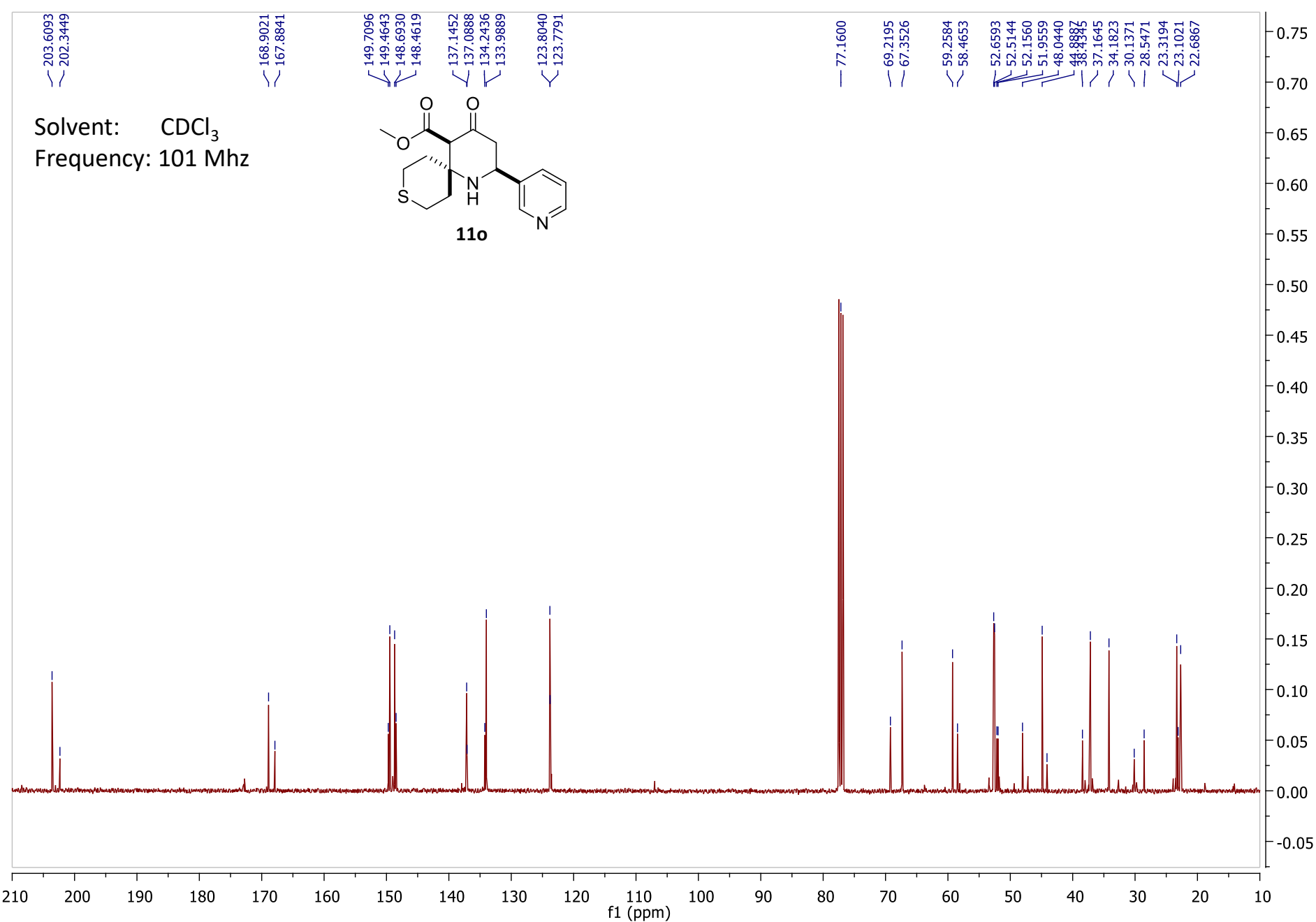
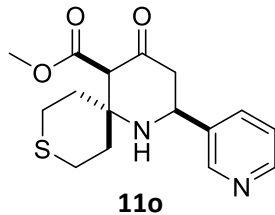
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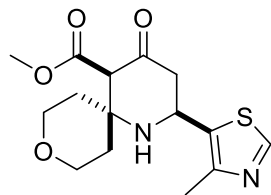
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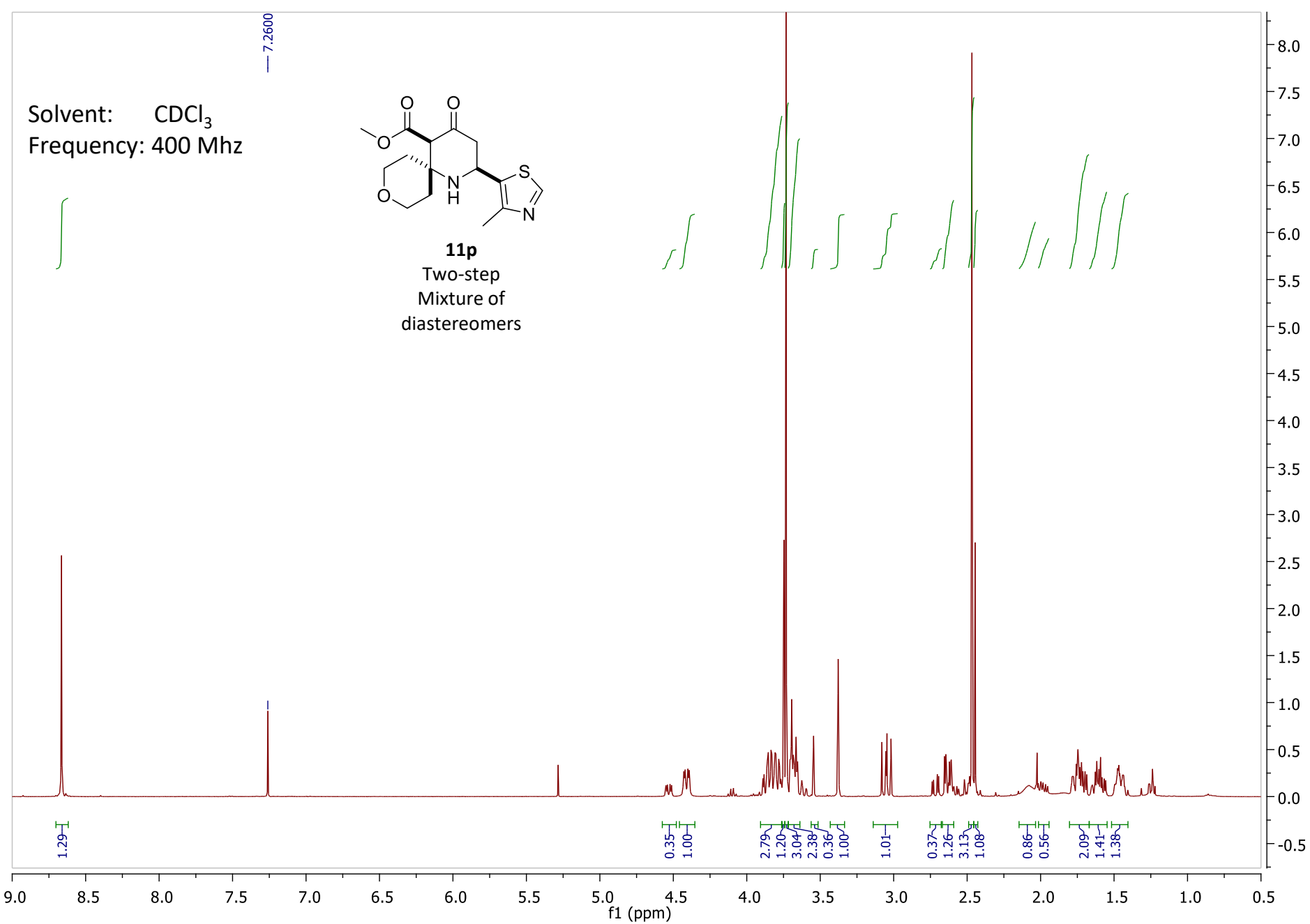
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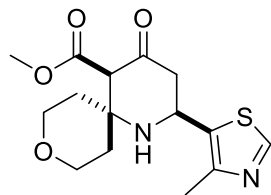
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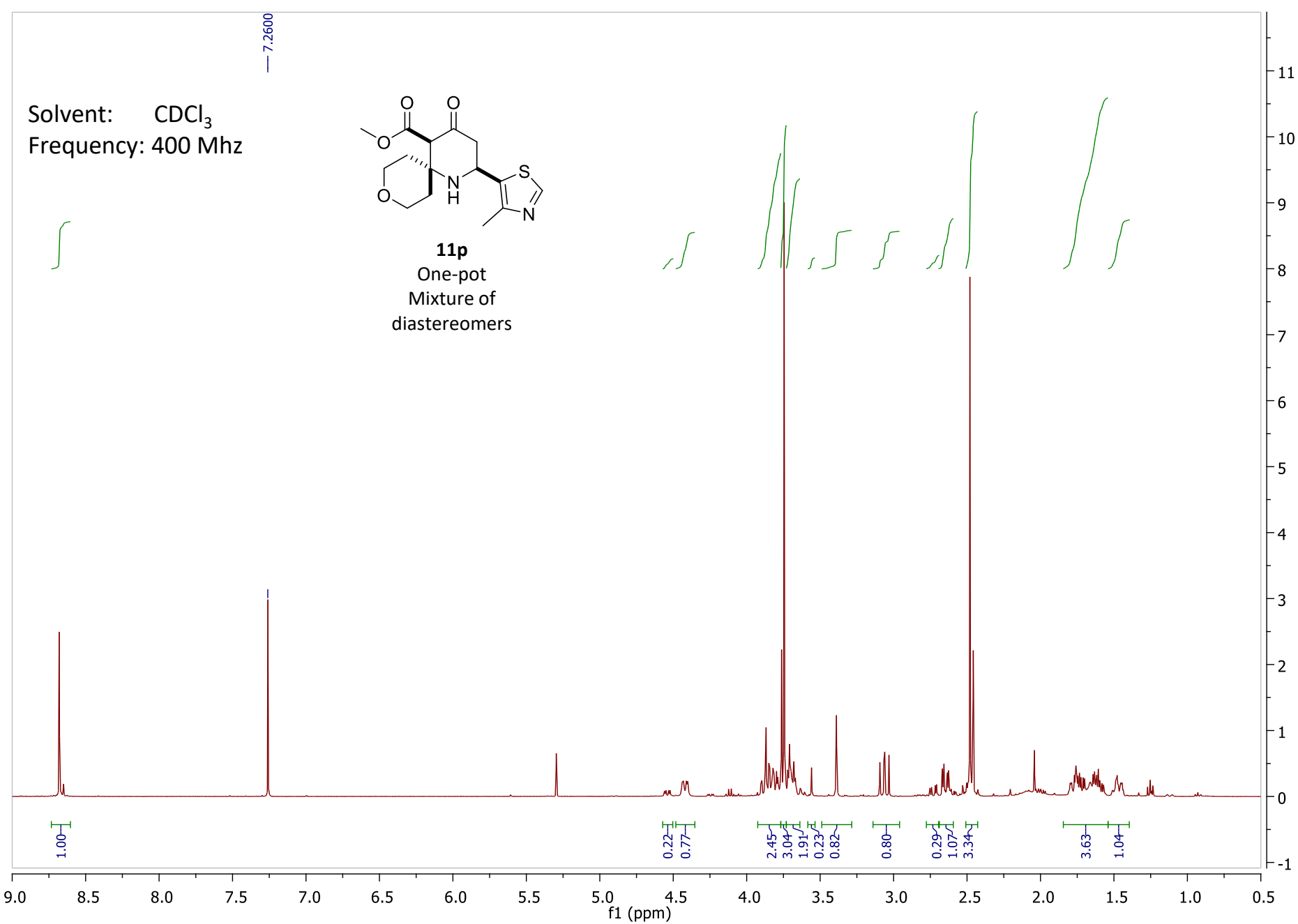
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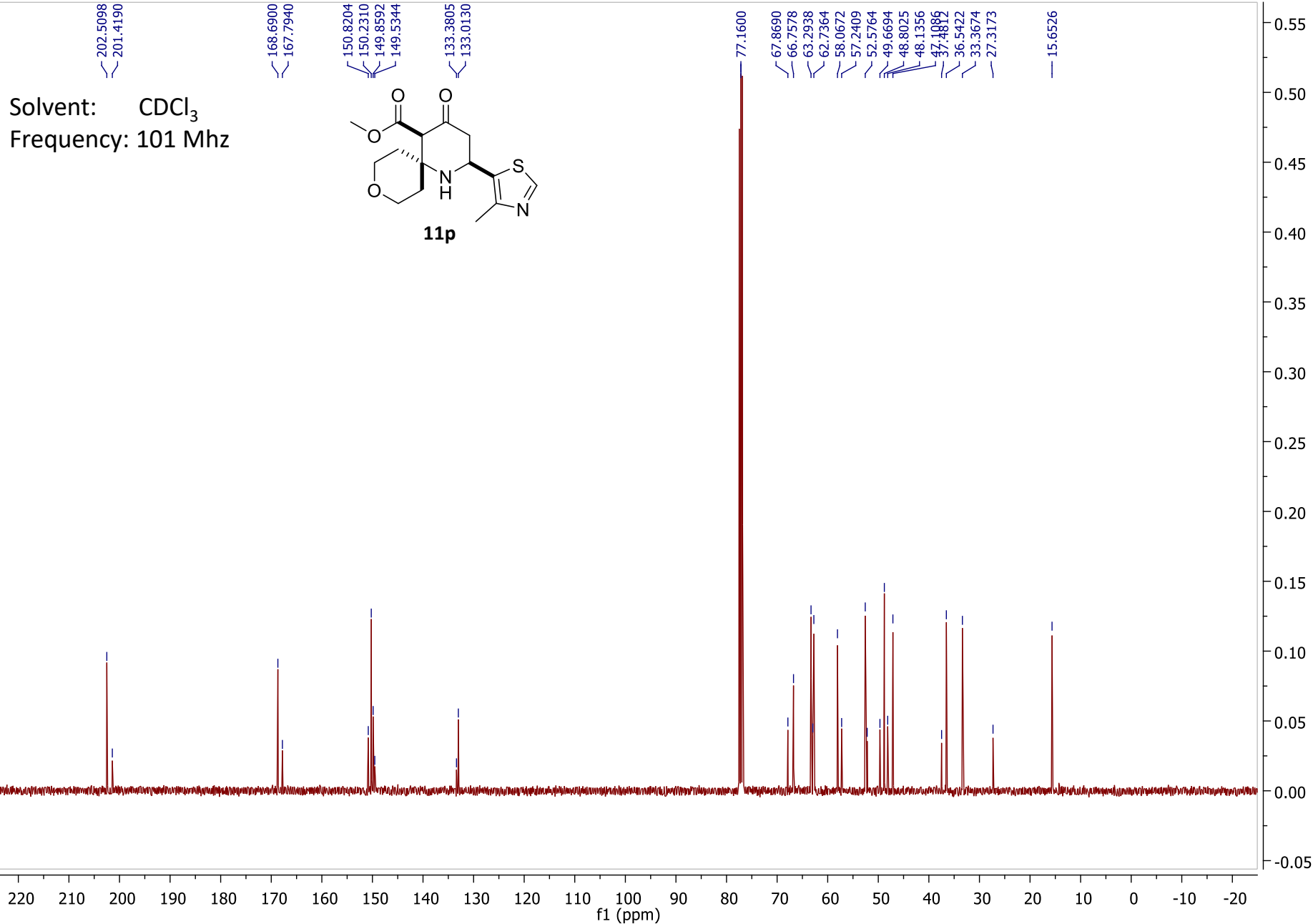
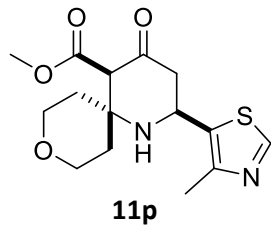
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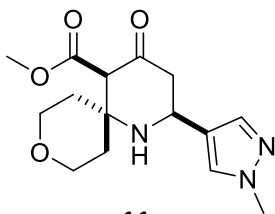
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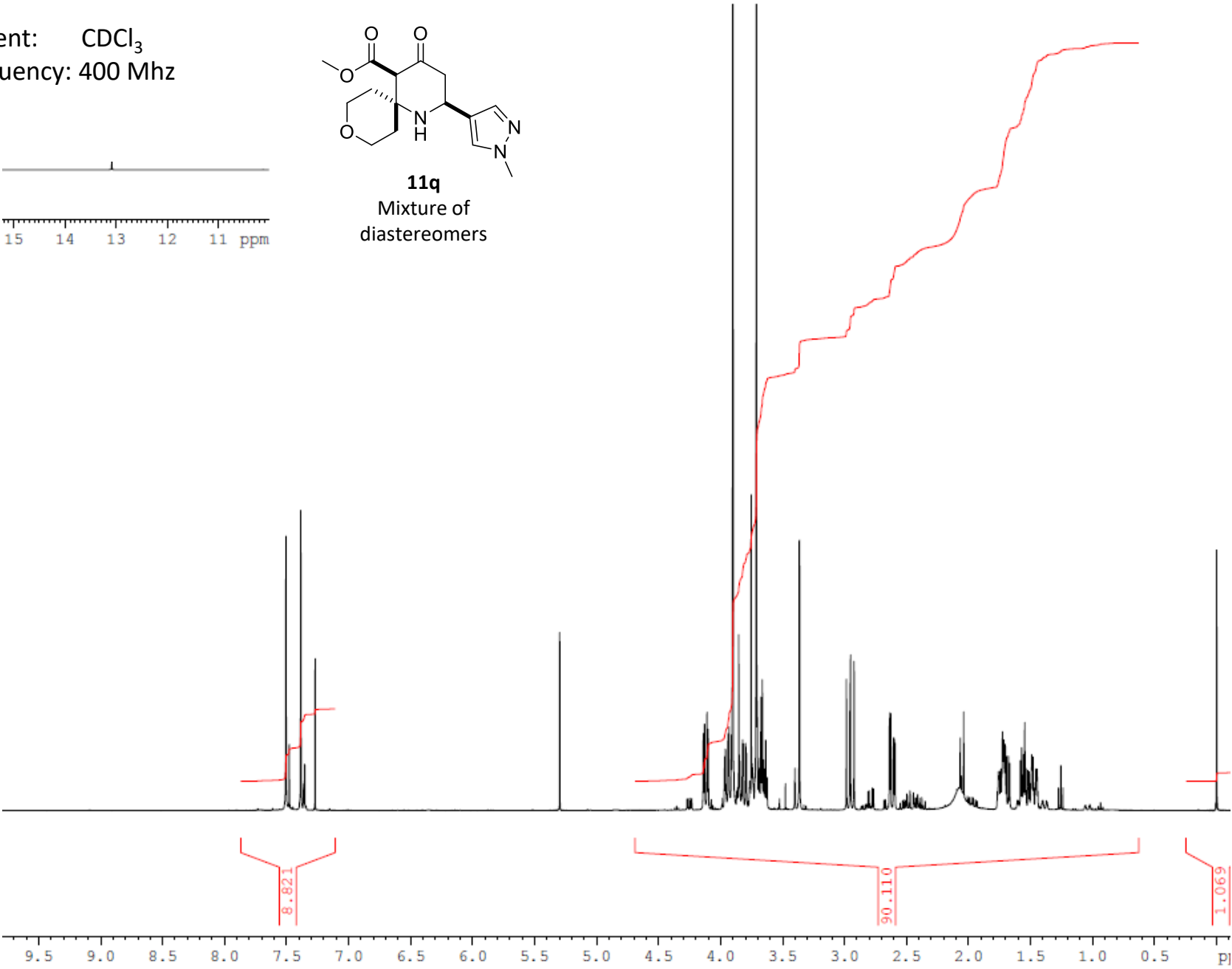
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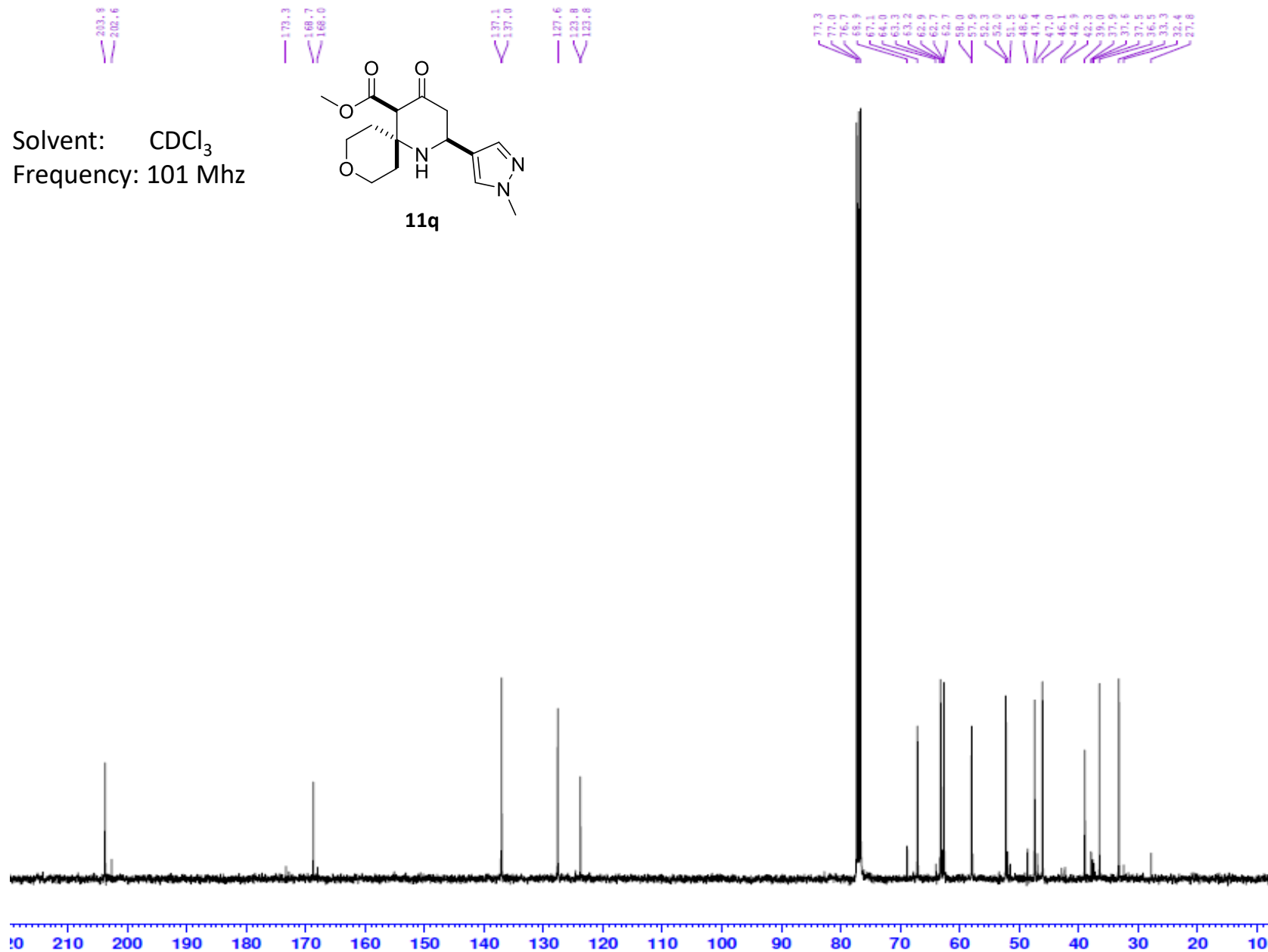
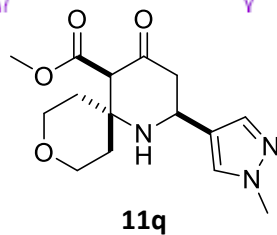
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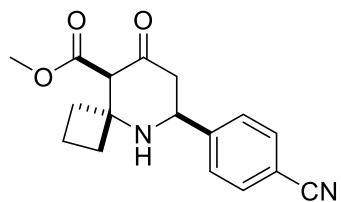
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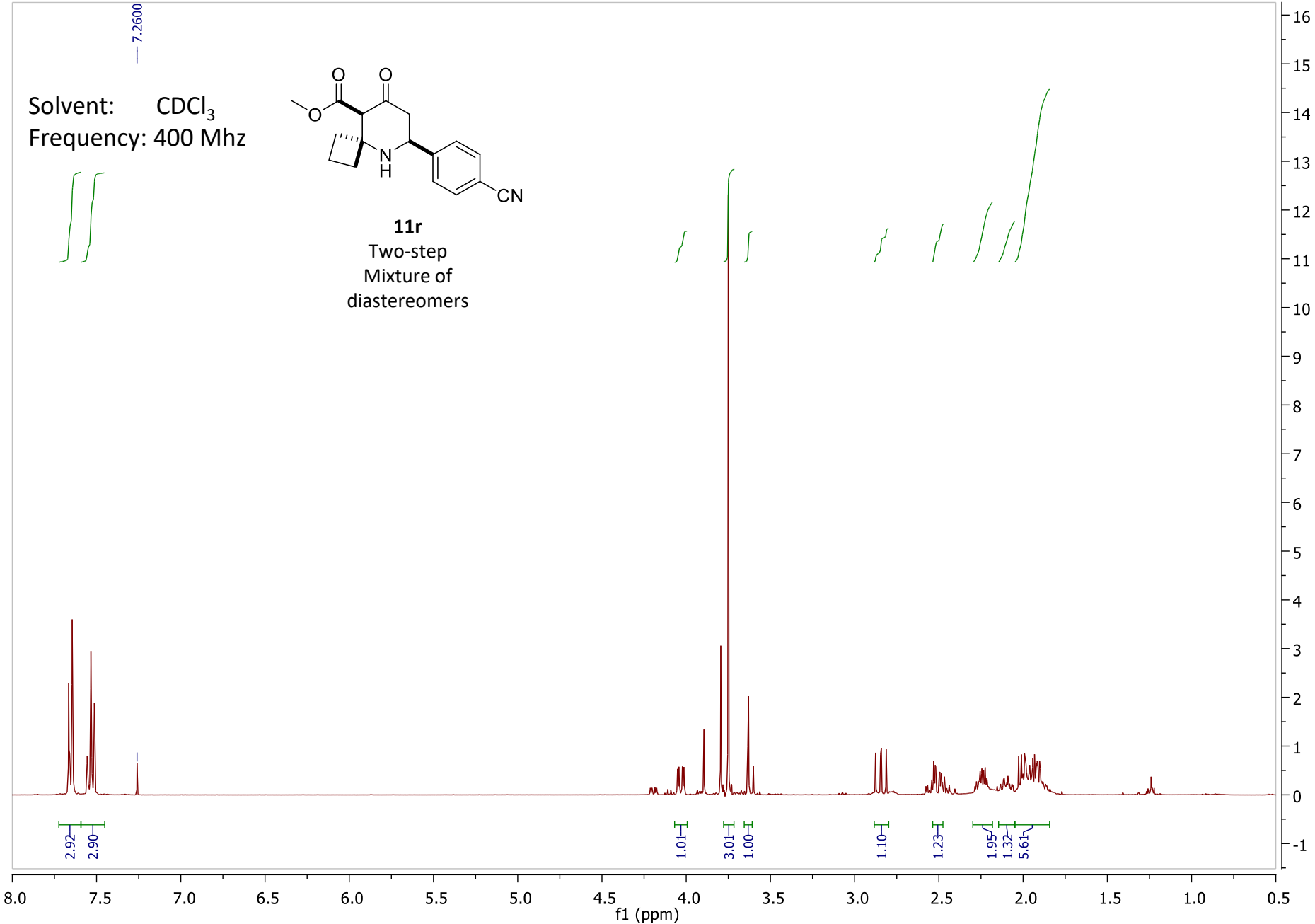
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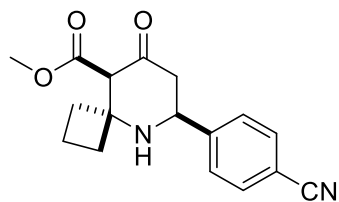
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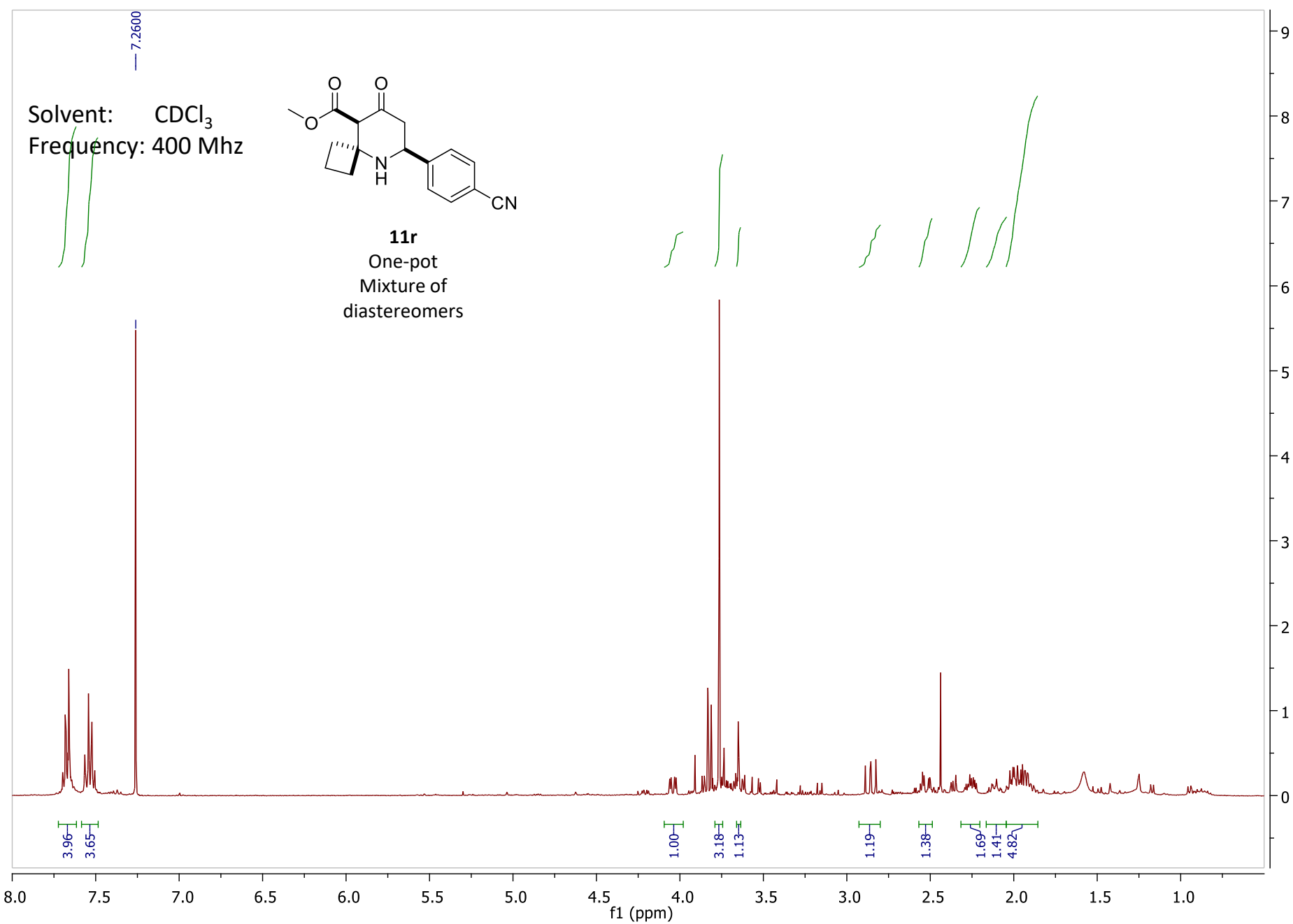
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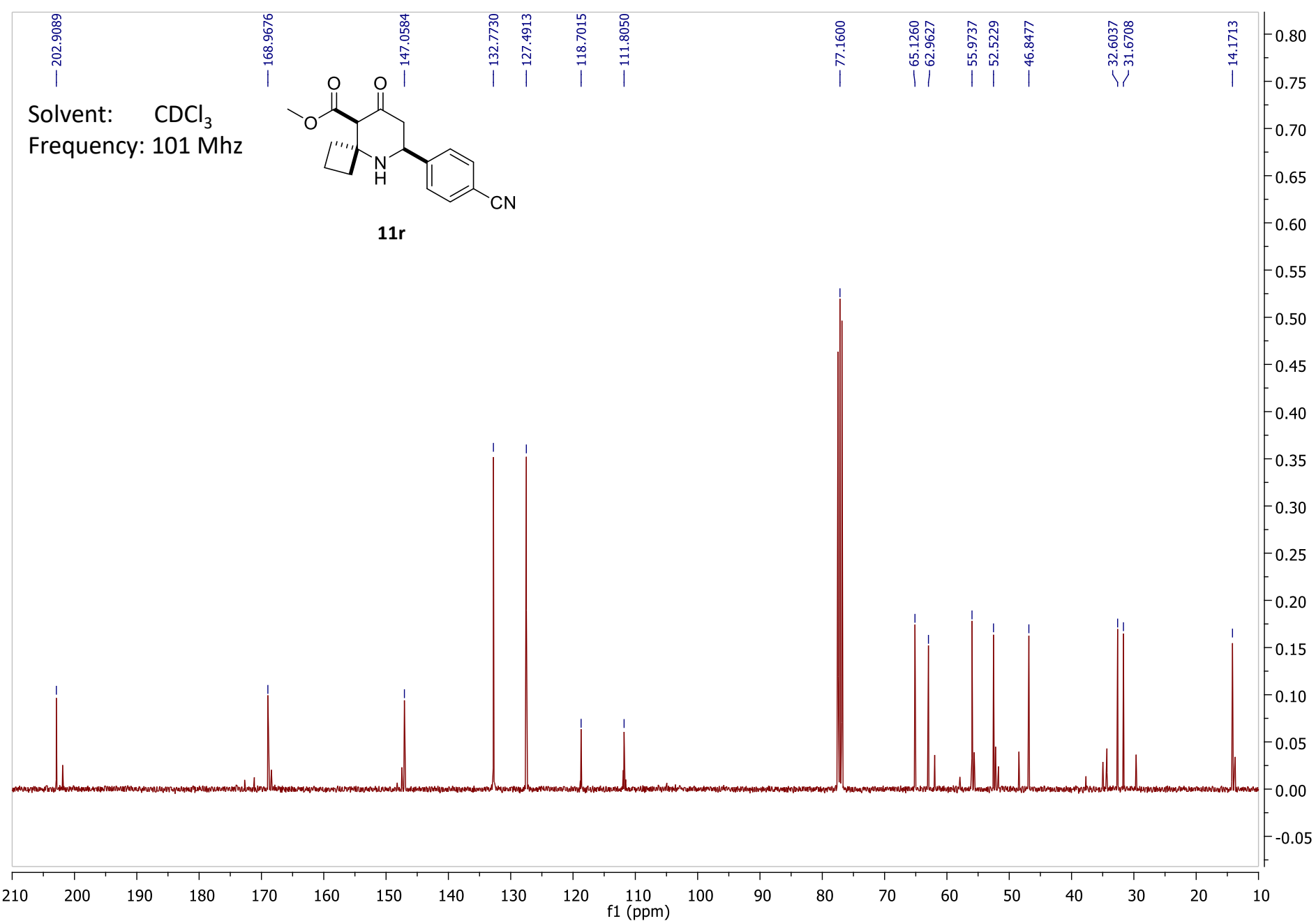
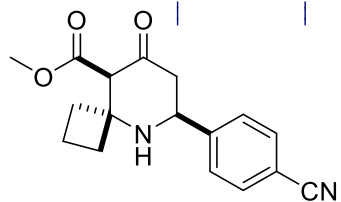
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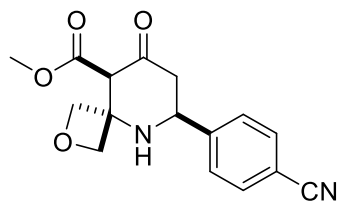
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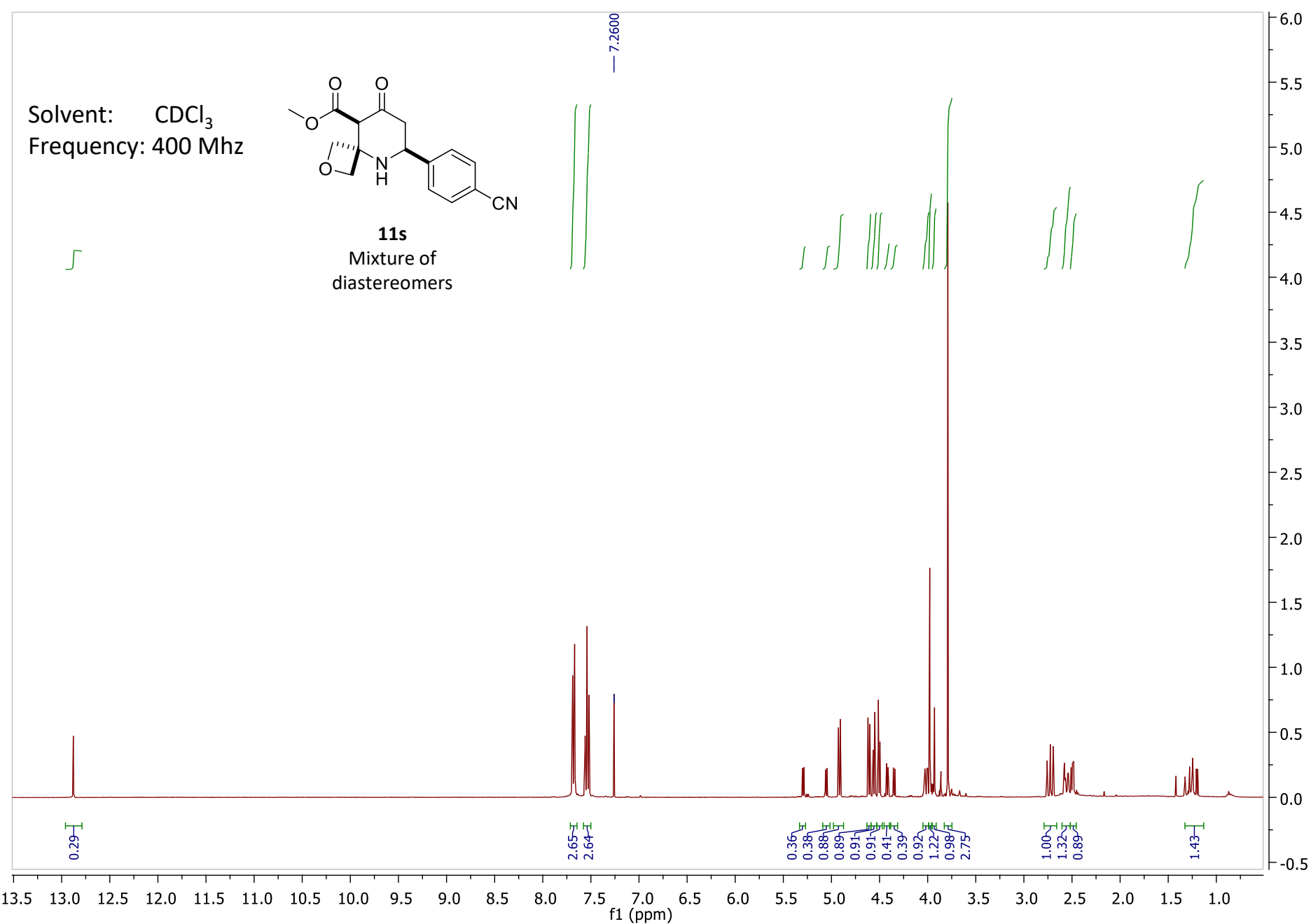
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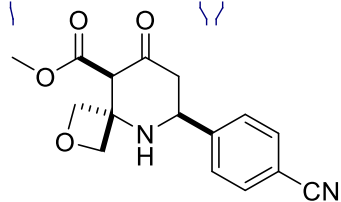
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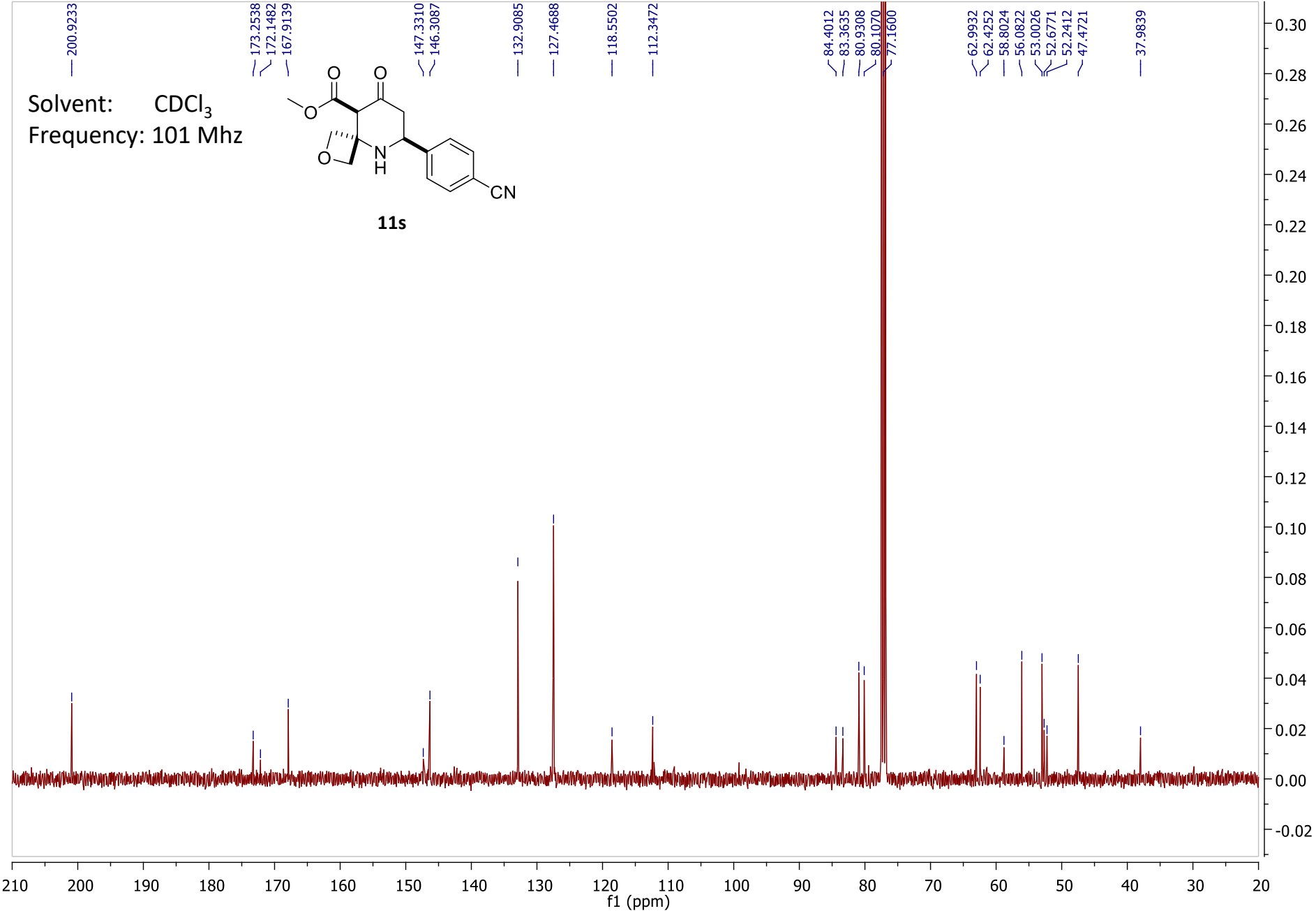
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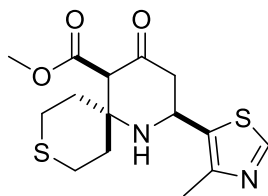
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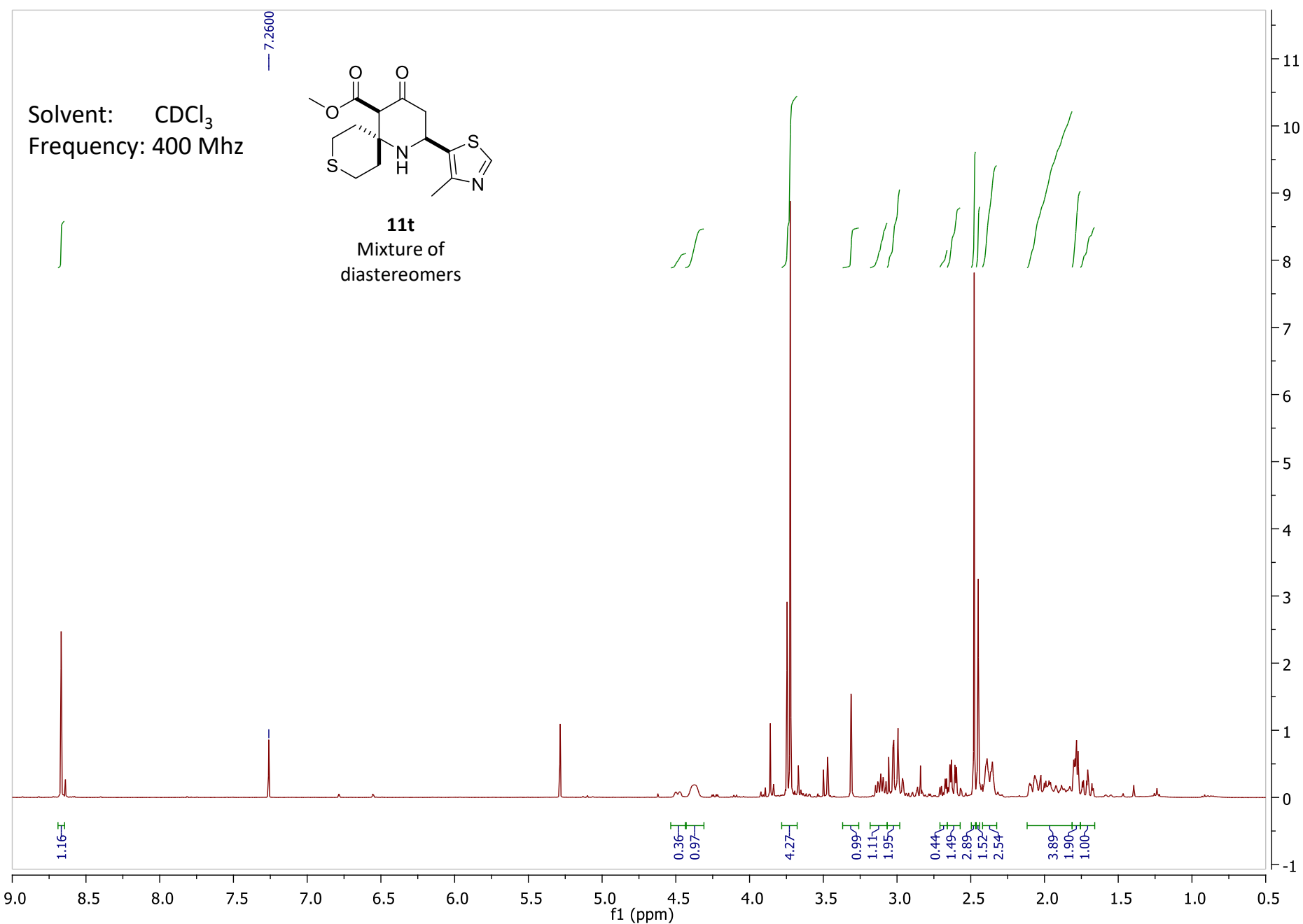
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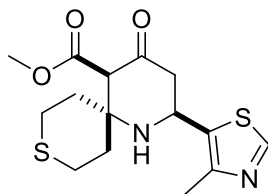
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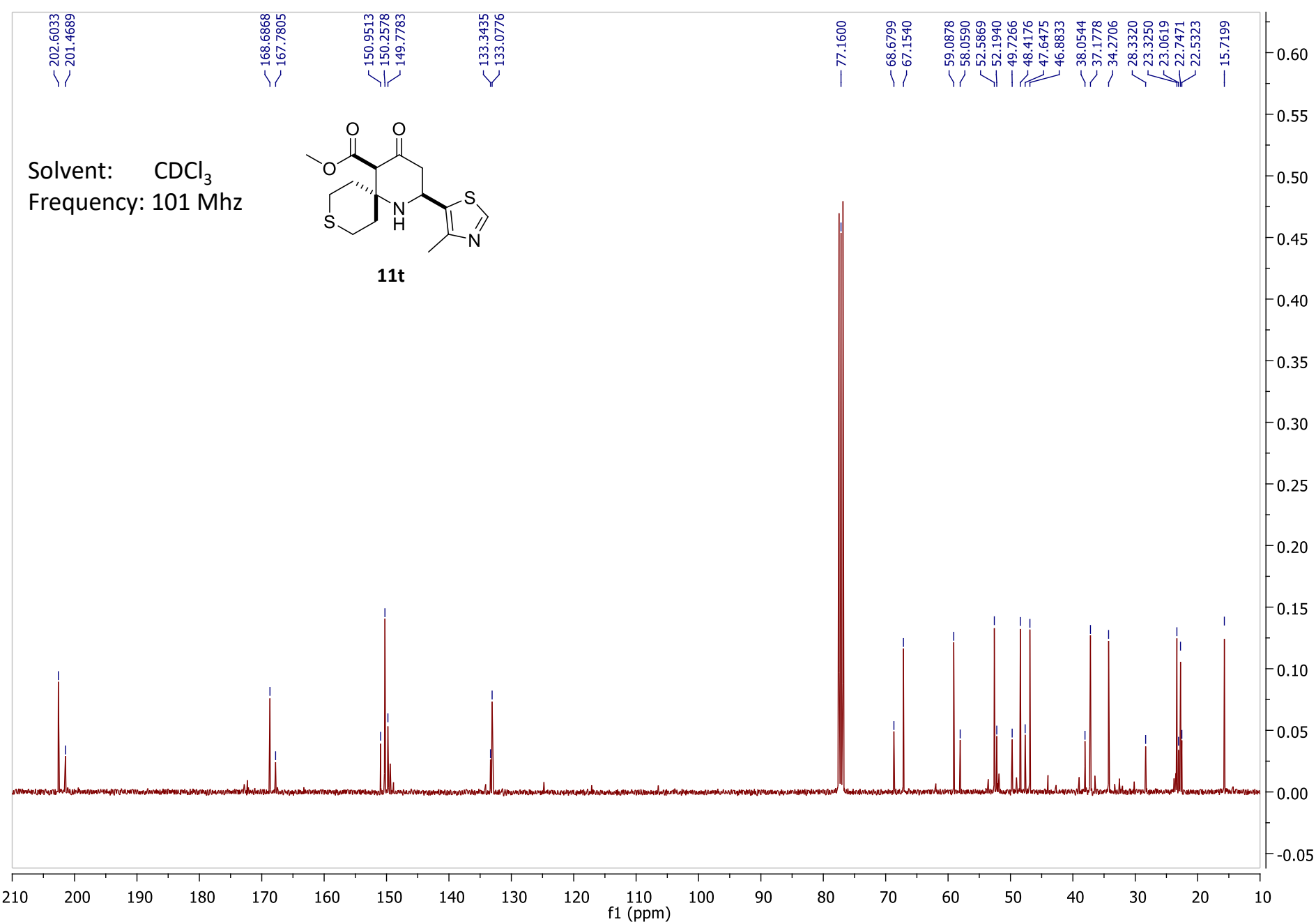
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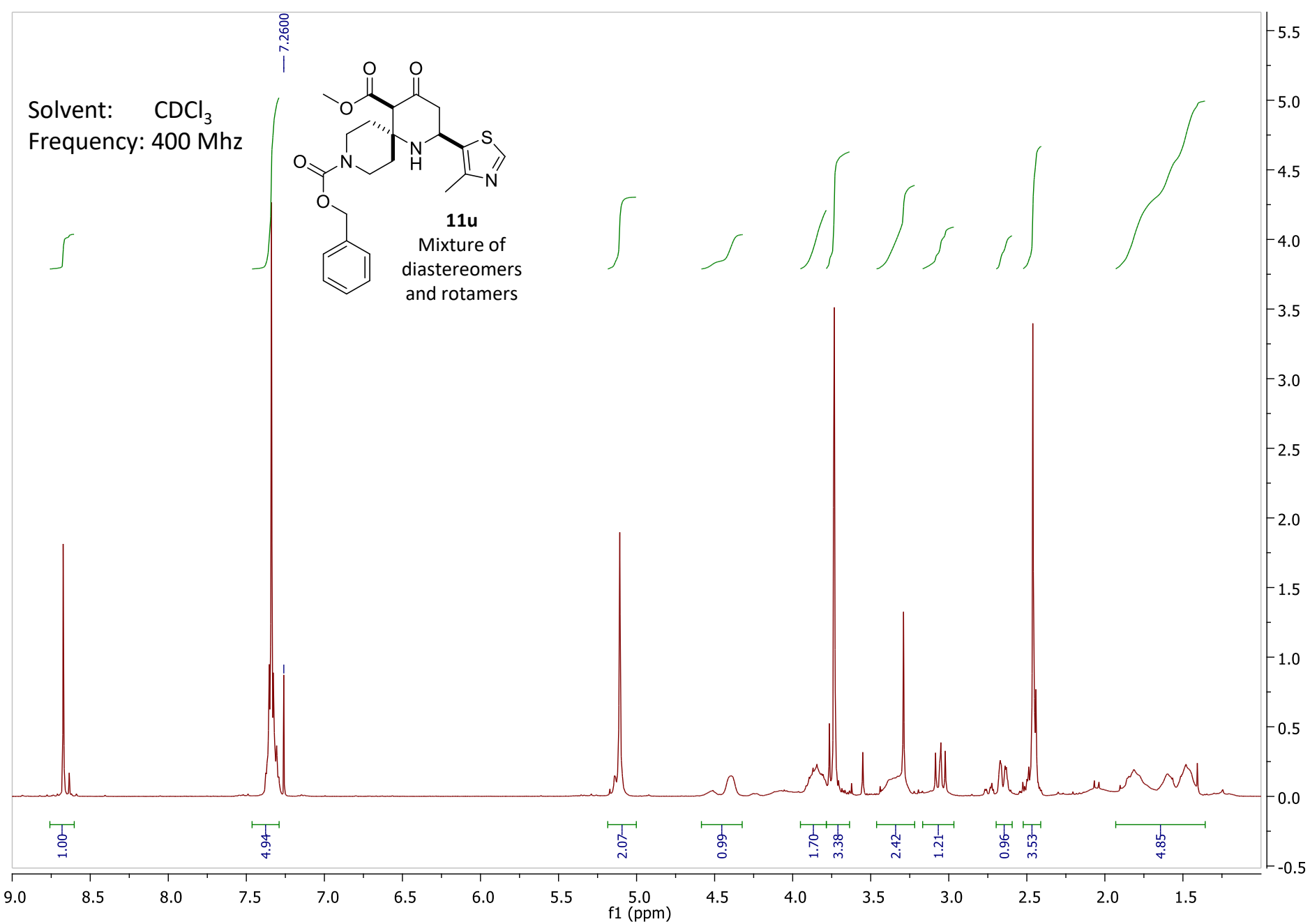
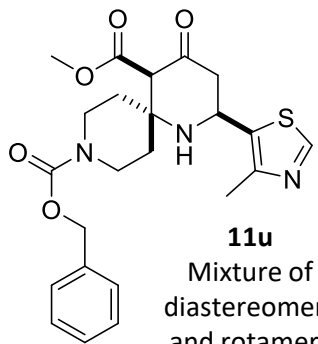
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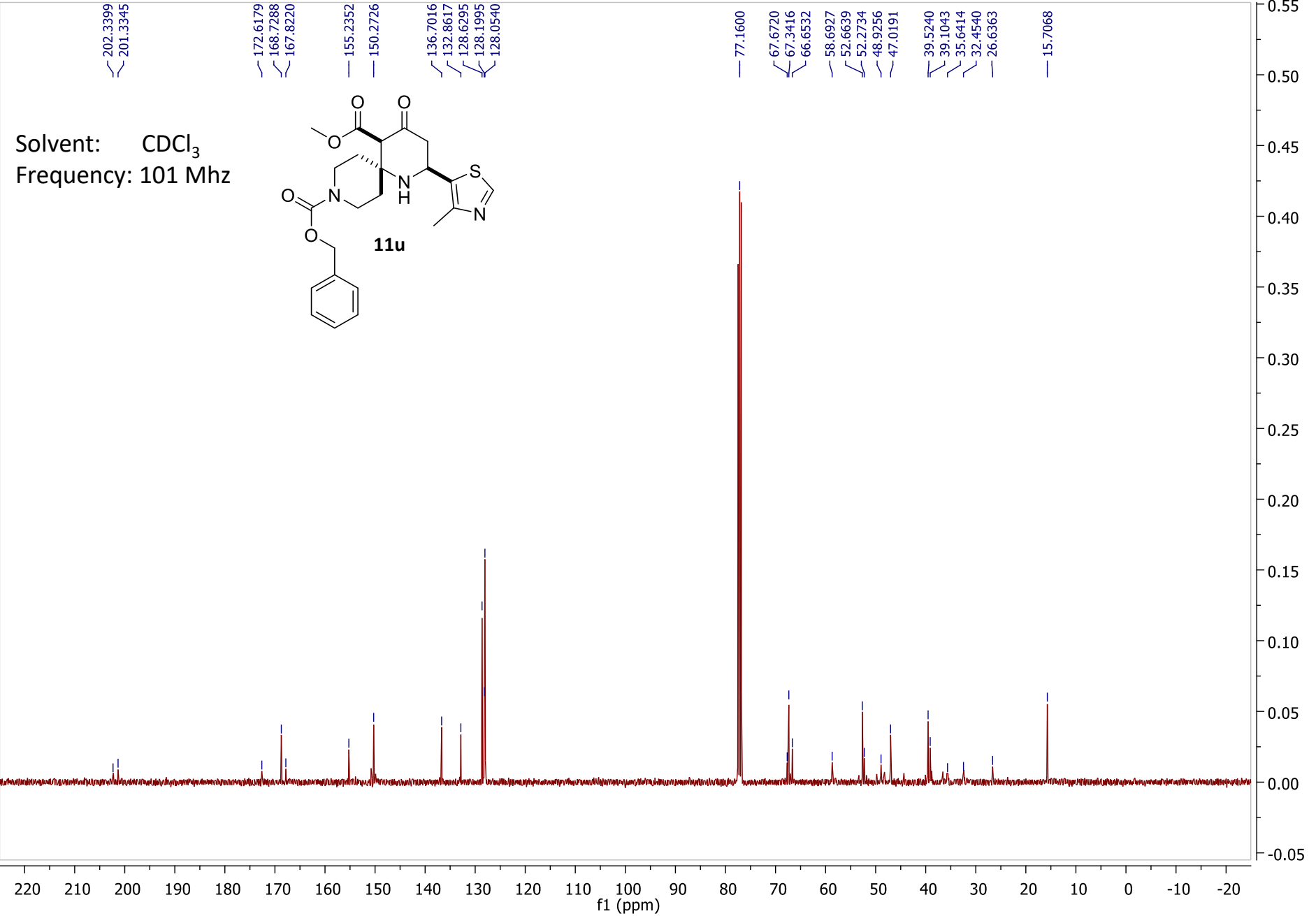
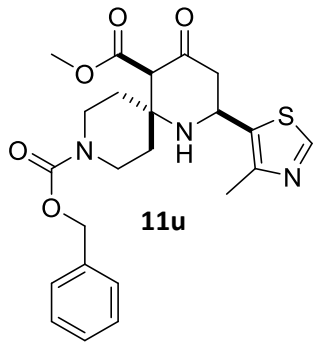
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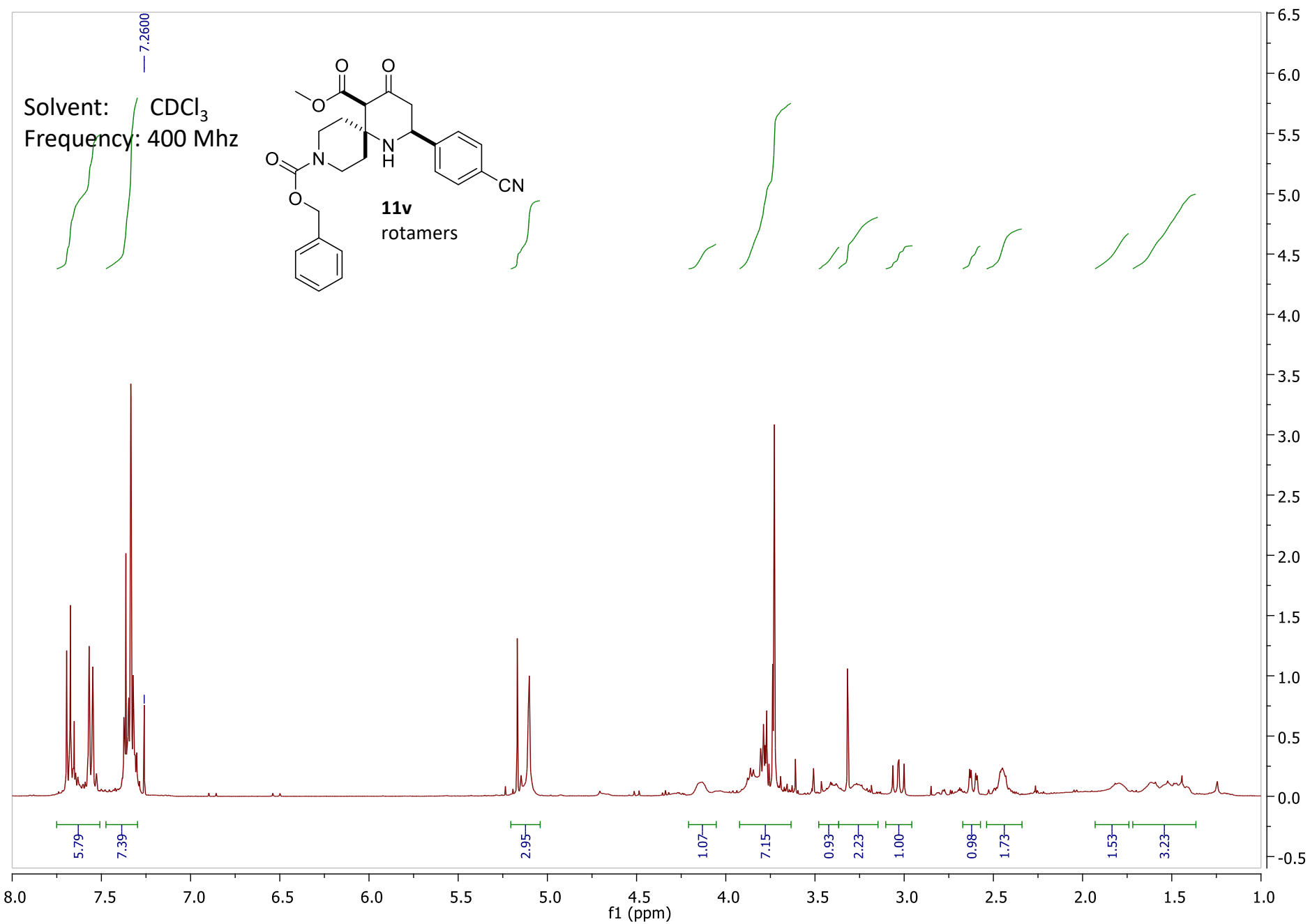
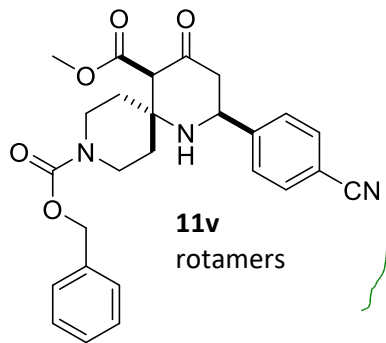
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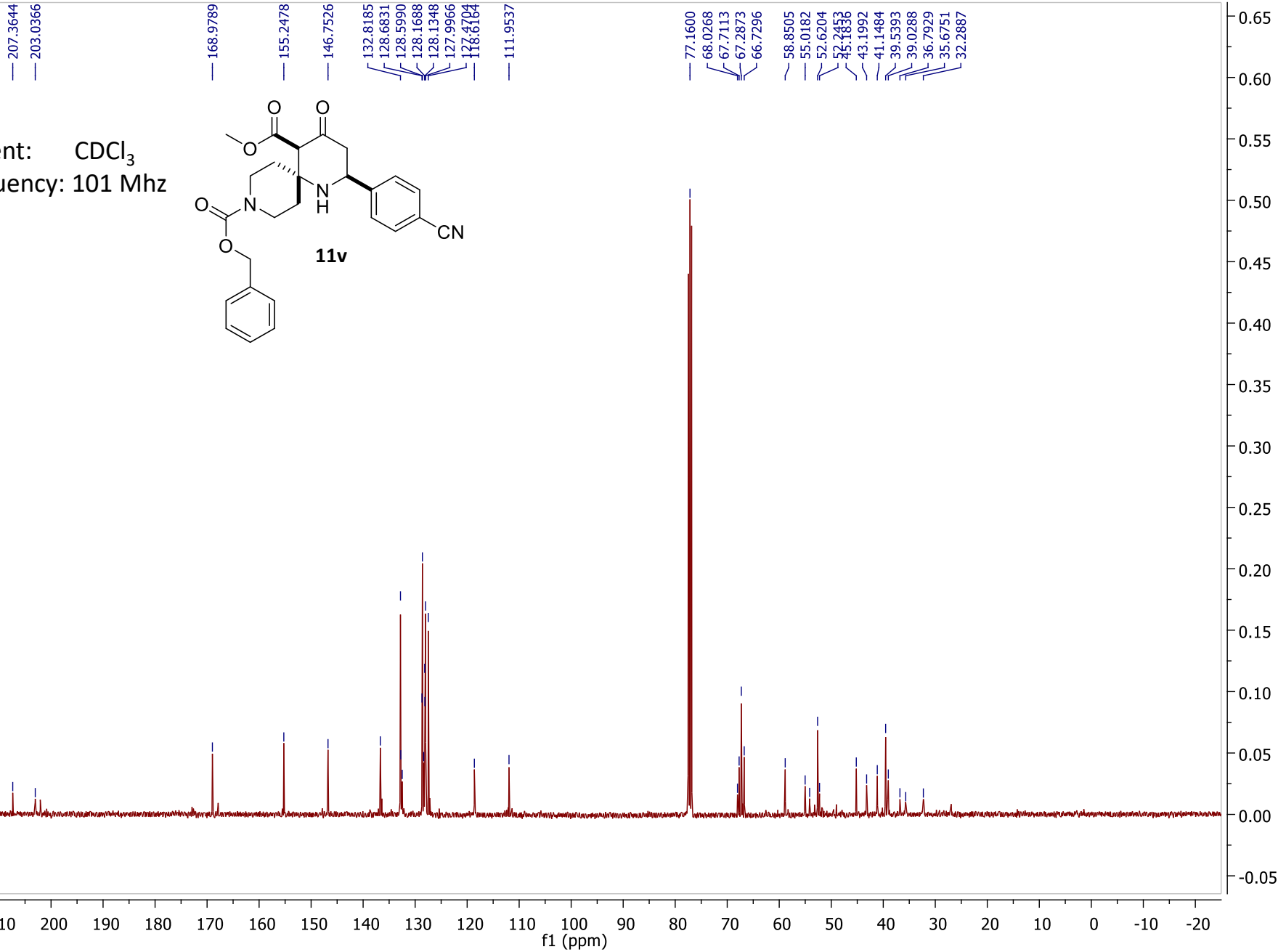
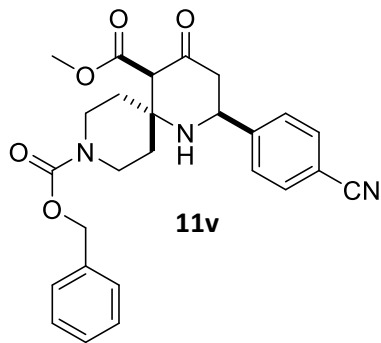
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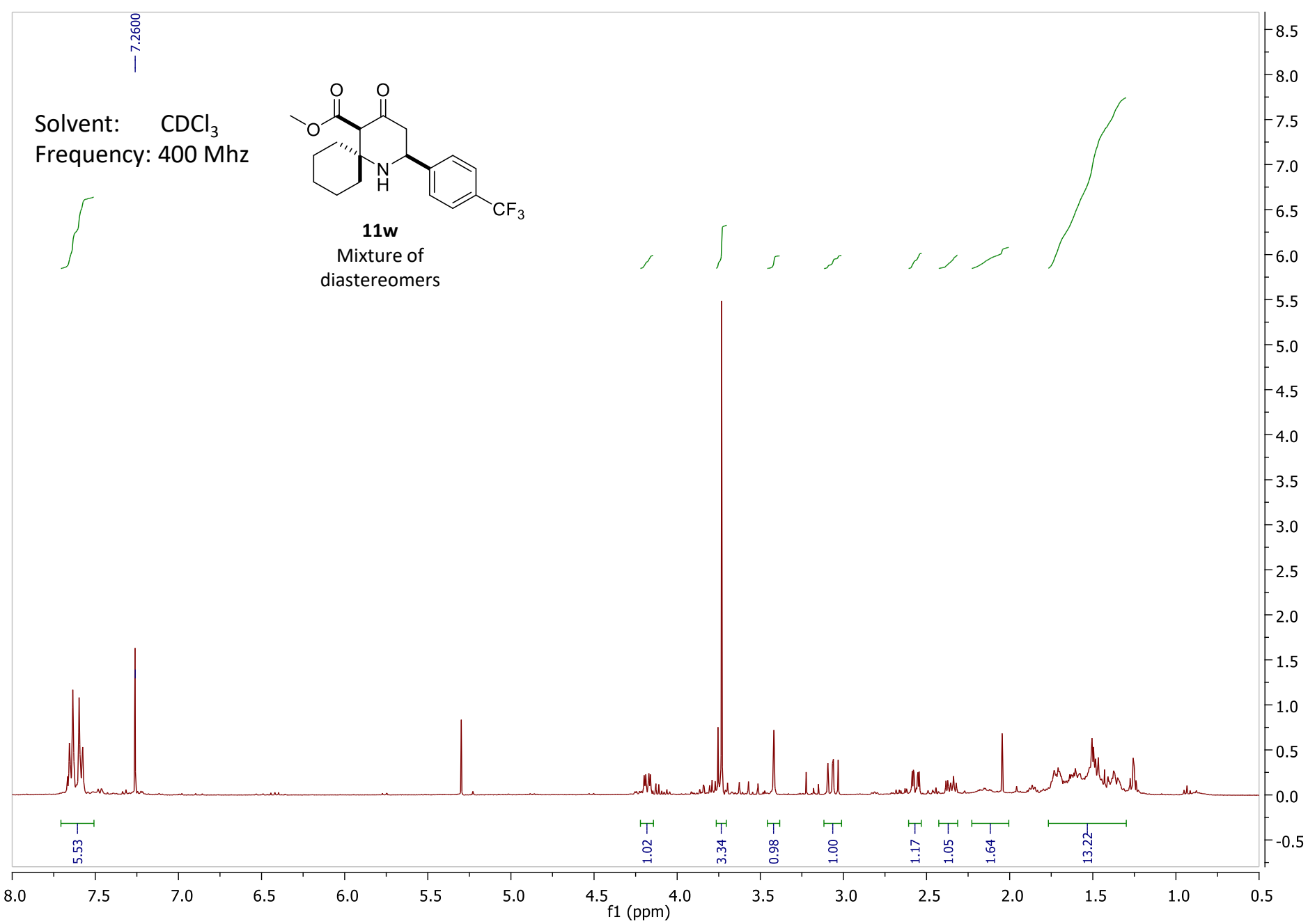


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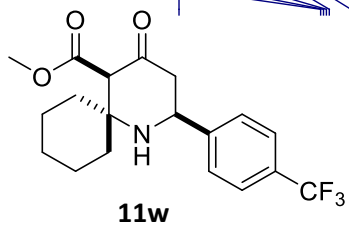


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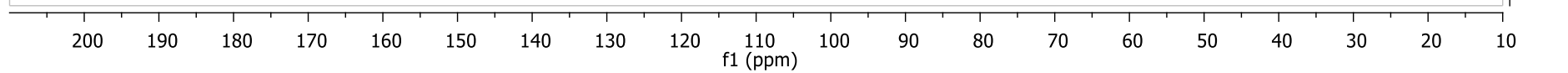


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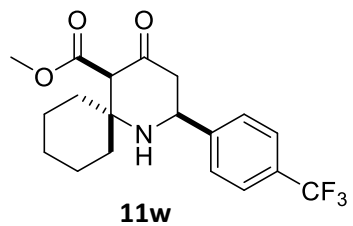


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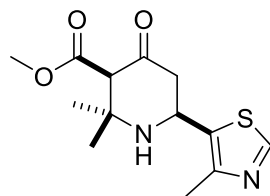
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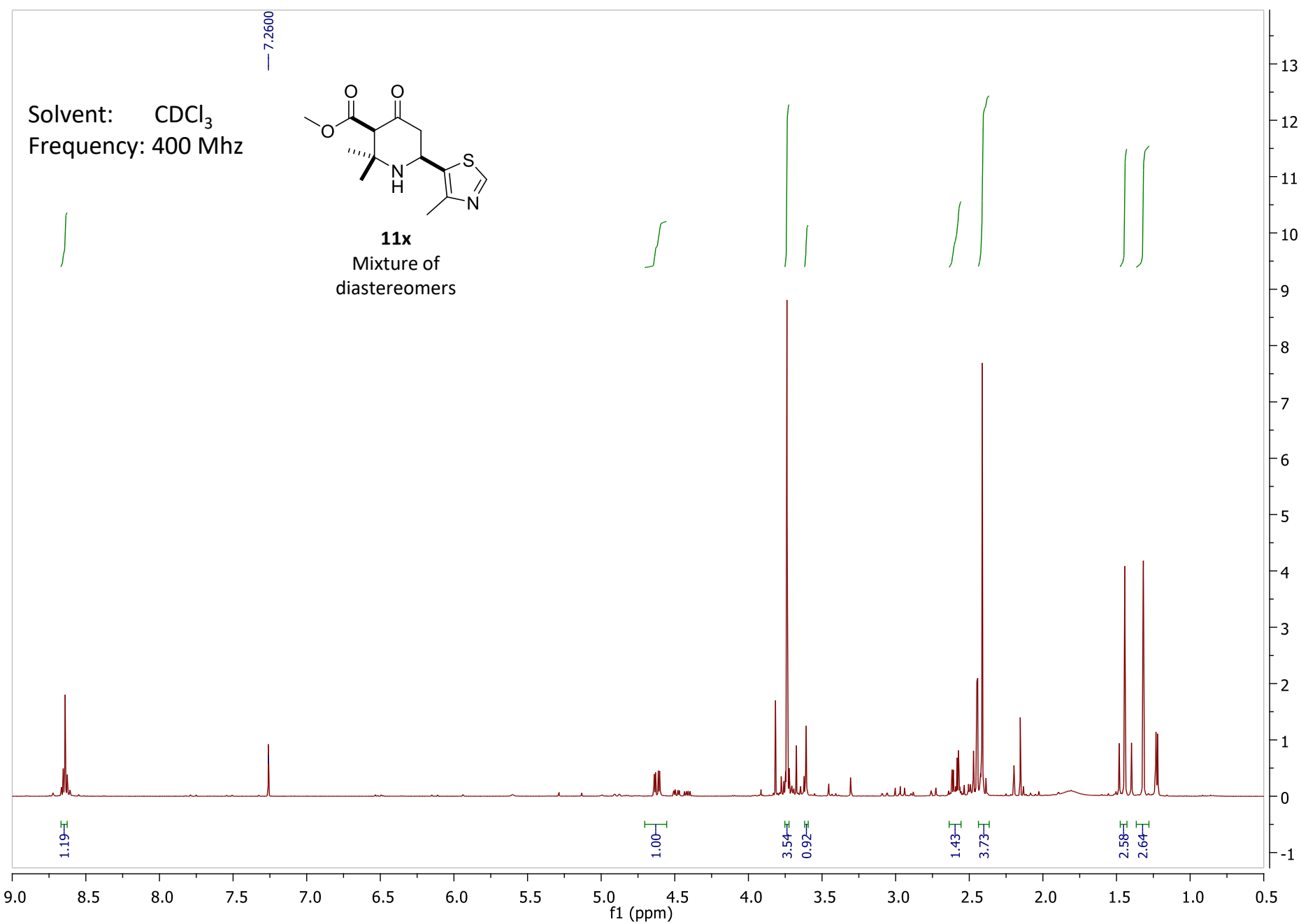
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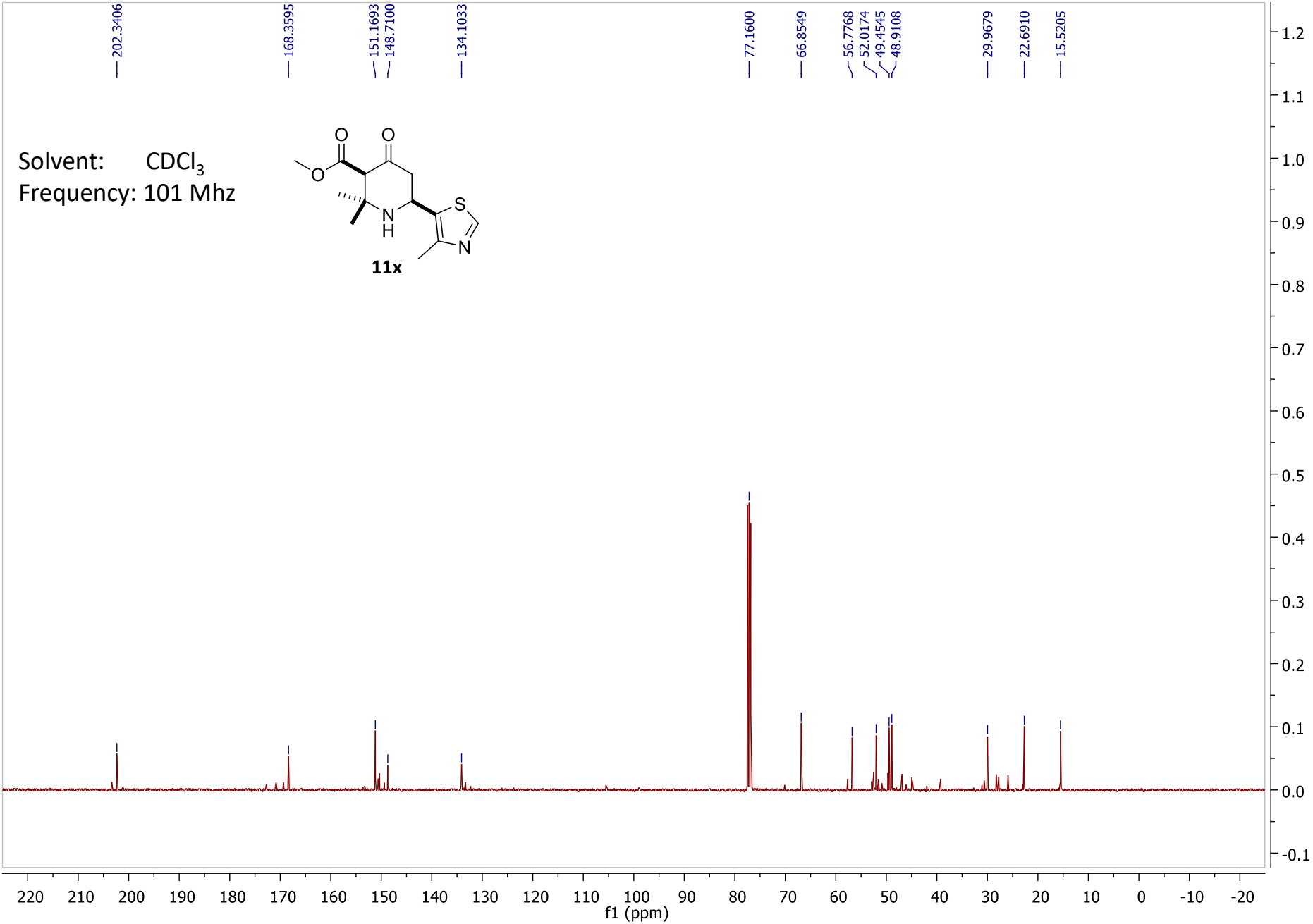
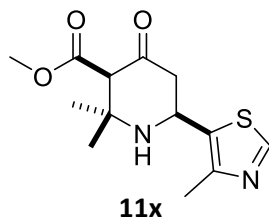
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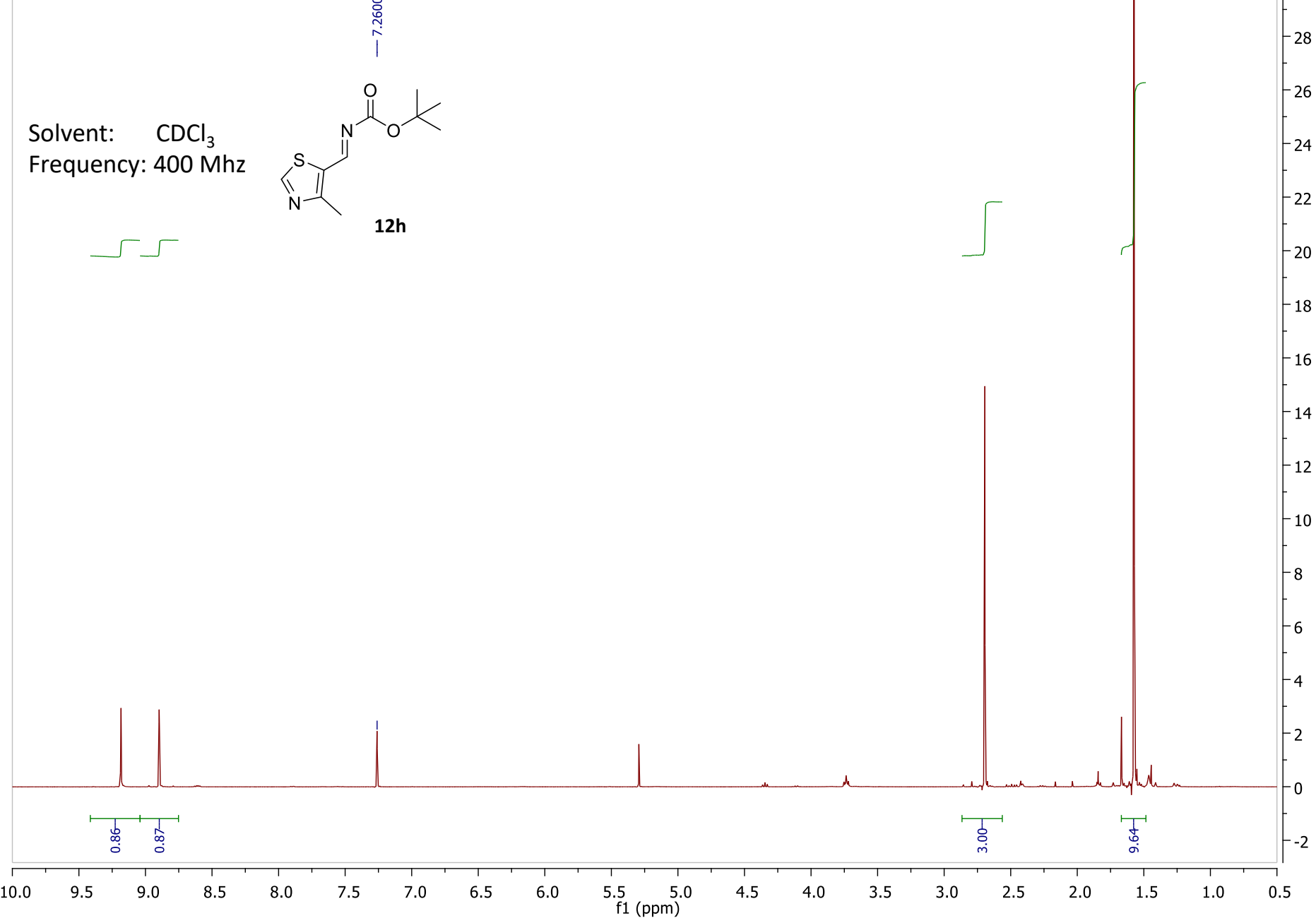
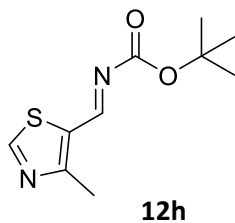
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Mixture of
diastereomers



Solvent: CDCl_3
Frequency: 101 Mhz



Solvent: CDCl₃
Frequency: 400 Mhz



Solvent: CDCl₃
Frequency: 101 Mhz

