

Synthesis of Fluoroalkylated Alkynes via Visible Light Photocatalysis

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General Considerations

General reagent information

fac-Ir(ppy)₃, [Ru(phen)₃]Cl₂, and acetonitrile (MeCN) were purchased from Sigma-Aldrich chemical company. Commercially available phenylacetylene derivatives were purchased from Sigma-Aldrich, Alfa Aesar, or TCI. Flash column chromatography was performed using ZEOCHEM ZEOPrep silica gel 60 (60-200 mesh).

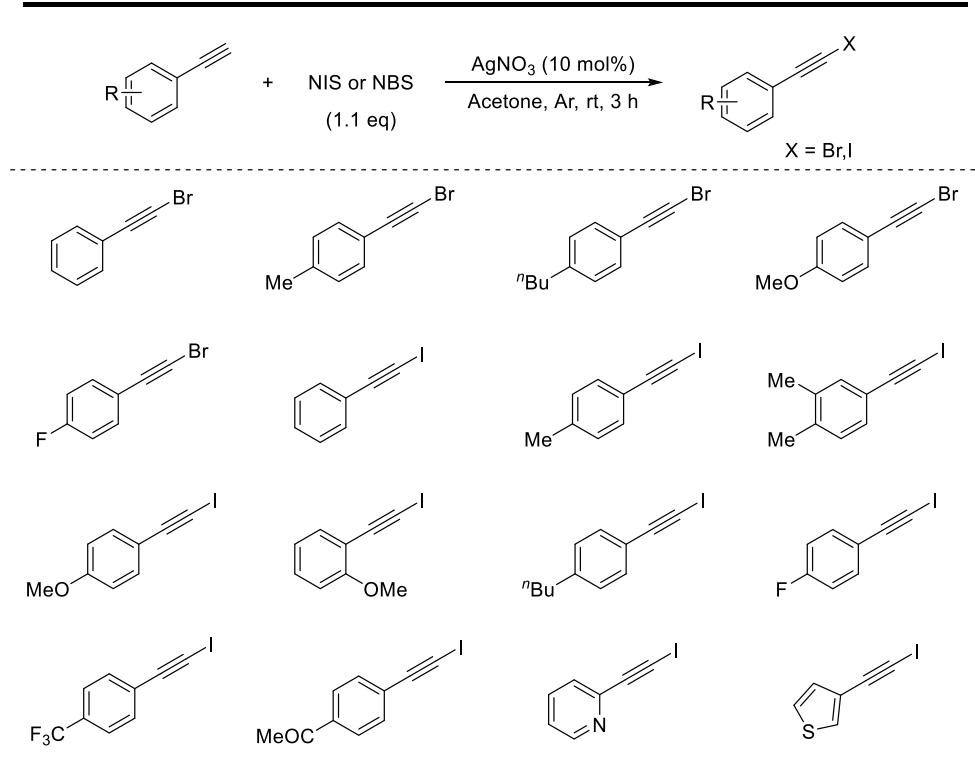
General analytical information

The synthesized fluoroalkylated alkyne compounds were characterized by ¹H NMR, ¹³C NMR, and FT-IR spectroscopy. NMR spectra were recorded on a Varian 600 MHz instrument (600 MHz for ¹H NMR, 151 MHz for ¹³C NMR, and 564 MHz for ¹⁹F NMR) or a Varian 300 MHz instrument (300 MHz for ¹H NMR). Copies of ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra can be found at the end of the Supporting Information. ¹H NMR experiments are reported in units, parts per million (ppm), and were measured relative to residual chloroform (7.26 ppm) in the deuterated solvent. ¹³C NMR spectra are reported in ppm relative to deuteriochloroform (77.23 ppm), and all were obtained with ¹H decoupling. ¹⁹F NMR spectra are reported in ppm, and all were taken composite pulse decoupling (CPD) mode. Coupling constants were reported in Hz. FT-IR spectra were recorded on a Nicolet 6700 Thermo Scientific FT-IR spectrometer. Reactions were monitored by GC-MS of the crude reaction mixture using 2,2,2-trifluoroacetophenone as internal standard and products were detected by GC-MS using the Agilent GC 7890B/5977A inert MSD with Triple-Axis Detector

Experimental Procedures

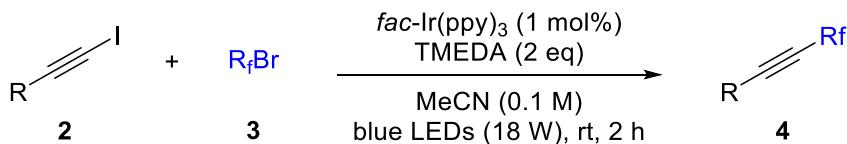
Synthesis of alkynyl halide derivatives

Alkynyl halide derivatives were prepared by following the reported procedures.¹



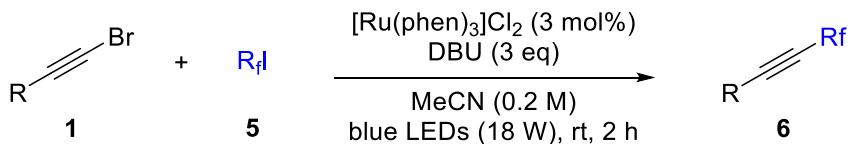
1. Y. Gao, G. Wu, Q. Zhou, and J. Wang, *Angew. Chem. Int. Ed.*, 2018, **57**, 2716–2720.

Synthesis of difluoroalkylated alkynes (**4**)



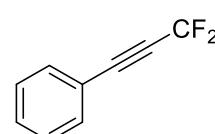
An oven-dried reaction tube, equipped with a magnetic stir bar, was charged with (Iodoethyl)benzene derivatives **2** (1.5 mmol), and *fac*-Ir(ppy)₃ (0.01 mmol) in MeCN (10 mL), followed by the addition of *N,N,N,N*-tetramethylethylenediamine TMEDA (2 mmol). Then, the fluoroalkylating source **3** (1 mmol) was added to the reaction mixture, followed by stirring for 2 h at room temperature under visible-light irradiation. The reaction progress was monitored using TLC. After completion, the mixture was concentrated using a rotary evaporator and purified using silica gel flash column chromatography using a hexane-ethyl acetate mixture as the eluent to give the corresponding fluoroalkylated alkyne product **4**.

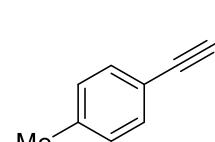
Synthesis of perfluoroalkylated alkynes (**6**)

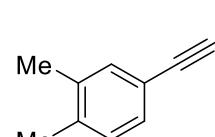


An oven-dried reaction tube, equipped with a magnetic stir bar, was charged with (bromoethynyl)benzene derivatives **1** (1.0 mmol), and $[\text{Ru}(\text{phen})_3]\text{Cl}_2$ (0.03 mmol) in MeCN (5 mL), followed by the addition of 1,8-diazabicyclo[5.4.0]undec-7-ene DBU (3 mmol). Then, the fluoroalkylating source **5** (2 mmol) was added to the reaction mixture, and it was stirred for 2 h at room temperature under visible-light irradiation, and the reaction progress was monitored using TLC. After completion, the mixture was concentrated using a rotary evaporator and purified using silica gel flash column chromatography using hexane as the eluent to give the corresponding fluoroalkylated alkyne product **6**.

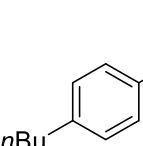
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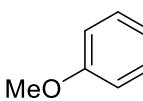
 ethyl 2,2-difluoro-4-phenylbut-3-ynoate, **4a**: **1H NMR** (600 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.54 (d, $J = 7.7$ Hz, 2H), 7.45 (t, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.38 (dd, $J = 7.7, 7.4$ Hz, 2H), 4.41 (q, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 2H), 1.40 (t, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 3H). **13C NMR** (151 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 161.78 (t, $J = 34.5$ Hz), 132.59, 130.72, 128.77, 119.59, 105.15 (t, $J = 242.6$ Hz), 89.85, 78.61 (t, $J = 37.8$ Hz), 64.03, 14.11. **19F NMR** (564 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -89.98. **IR (neat)**: $\nu_{\text{max}} = 2988, 2242, 1772, 1272, 1141, 1077, 757, 689 \text{ cm}^{-1}$; $R_f = 0.53$ (hex/EtOAc 9/1).

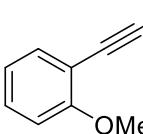
 ethyl 2,2-difluoro-4-(*p*-tolyl)but-3-ynoate, **4b**: colorless liquid; **1H NMR** (600 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.43 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 7.18 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 4.41 (q, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 2H), 2.38 (s, 3H), 1.40 (t, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 3H). **13C NMR** (151 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 161.85 (t, $J = 34.7$ Hz), 141.27, 132.49, 129.51, 116.47, 105.22 (t, $J = 242.2$ Hz), 90.26, 78.09 (t, $J = 38.2$ Hz), 63.96, 21.84, 14.09. **19F NMR** (564 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -89.69. **IR (neat)**: $\nu_{\text{max}} = 2987, 2238, 1771, 1510, 1274, 1137, 1074, 816, 732, 532 \text{ cm}^{-1}$; $R_f = 0.55$ (hex/EtOAc 9/1).

 ethyl 4-(3,4-dimethylphenyl)-2,2-difluorobut-3-ynoate, **4c**: colorless liquid; **1H NMR** (600 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.32 (s, 1H),

7.28 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.13 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 4.40 (q, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 2H), 2.28 (s, 3H), 2.25 (s, 3H), 1.40 (t, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 3H). **^{13}C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ 161.91 (t, $J = 34.7$ Hz), 140.05, 137.27, 133.49, 130.07, 130.03, 116.73, 105.24 (t, $J = 241.9$ Hz), 90.49, 77.85 (t, $J = 37.9$ Hz), 63.94, 20.15, 19.72, 14.12. **^{19}F NMR (564 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ -89.60. **IR (neat):** $\nu_{\max} = 2983, 2231, 1770, 1500, 1272, 1183, 1075, 820, 729, 582$ cm⁻¹; **R_f** = 0.57 (hex/EtOAc 9/1).

 **4d:** colorless liquid; **^1H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ 7.44 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 2H), 7.18 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 2H), 4.40 (q, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 2H), 2.63 (t, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 2H), 1.59 (tt, $J = 7.8, 7.4$ Hz, 2H), 1.40 (t, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 3H), 1.34 (qt, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 2H), 0.92 (t, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 3H). **^{13}C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ 161.85 (t, $J = 34.7$ Hz), 146.21, 132.51, 128.87, 116.64, 105.21 (t, $J = 242.3$ Hz), 90.30, 78.07 (t, $J = 38.1$ Hz), 63.94, 35.89, 33.43, 31.80, 22.46, 14.08. **^{19}F NMR (564 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ -89.72. **IR (neat):** $\nu_{\max} = 2962, 2240, 1774, 1275, 1141, 1077$ cm⁻¹; **R_f** = 0.63 (hex/EtOAc 9/1).

 **4e:** colorless liquid; **^1H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ 7.48 (d, $J = 8.6$ Hz, 2H), 6.88 (d, $J = 8.6$ Hz, 2H), 4.40 (q, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 2H), 3.83 (s, 3H), 1.40 (t, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 3H). **^{13}C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ 161.95 (t, $J = 34.6$ Hz), 161.50, 134.30, 114.44, 111.45, 110.24, 105.30 (t, $J = 242.4$ Hz), 90.34, 63.94, 55.61, 14.12. **^{19}F NMR (564 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ -89.43. **IR (neat):** $\nu_{\max} = 2987, 2235, 1770, 1605, 1510, 1252, 1074, 833$ cm⁻¹; **R_f** = 0.34 (hex/EtOAc 9/1).

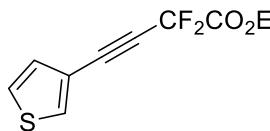
 **4f:** colorless liquid; **^1H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ 7.45 (dd, $J = 7.6, 1.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.38 (td, $J = 8.4, 1.5$ Hz, 1H), 6.91 (td, $J = 7.6, 0.8$ Hz, 1H), 6.88 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 4.39 (q, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 2H), 3.86 (s, 3H), 1.38 (t, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 3H). **^{13}C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ 171.26, 161.62 (t, $J = 34.74$ Hz), 134.42, 132.27, 120.62, 111.07, 108.82, 105.24 (t, $J = 241.8$ Hz), 86.97, 82.22 (t, $J = 38.0$ Hz), 63.83, 55.96, 14.03. **^{19}F NMR (564 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ -89.70. **IR (neat):** $\nu_{\max} = 2983, 2238, 1770, 1598, 1493, 1275, 1072, 752, 517$ cm⁻¹; **R_f** = 0.34 (hex/EtOAc 9/1).

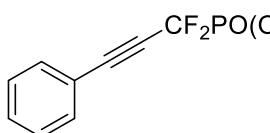
ethyl 2,2-difluoro-4-(4-fluorophenyl)but-3-ynoate, **4g**: colorless liquid; **1H NMR** (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.44 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.18 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 4.40 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 2.63 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H). **13C NMR** (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 163.18 (t, *J* = 34.4 Hz), 134.85, 132.78, 116.37, 105.08 (t, *J* = 242.8 Hz), 88.79, 78.50 (t, *J* = 37.9 Hz), 64.07, 14.4. **19F NMR** (564 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -90.04, 106.78. **IR (neat)**: ν_{max} = 2988, 2245, 1773, 1509, 1277, 1144, 1077, 838 cm⁻¹; *R_f* = 0.54 (hex/EtOAc 9/1).

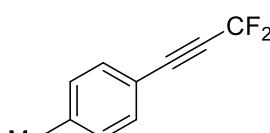
ethyl 2,2-difluoro-4-(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)but-3-ynoate, **4h**: colorless liquid; **1H NMR** (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.67 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 7.65 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 4.42 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 1.41 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H). **13C NMR** (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 161.44 (t, *J* = 34.2 Hz), 132.93, 132.48, 125.76, 124.30, 123.32, 104.91 (t, *J* = 243.5 Hz), 87.88, 80.54 (t, *J* = 37.9 Hz), 64.22, 14.09. **19F NMR** (564 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -63.24, -90.61. **IR (neat)**: ν_{max} = 2988, 2248, 1773, 1321, 1275, 1129, 1060, 843, 741 cm⁻¹; *R_f* = 0.52 (hex/EtOAc 9/1).

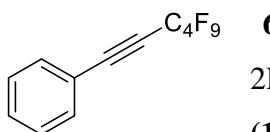
ethyl 4-(4-acetylphenyl)-2,2-difluorobut-3-ynoate, **4i**: White solid; **1H NMR** (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.96 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.64 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 4.42 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 2.62 (s, 3H), 1.40 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H). **13C NMR** (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 197.17, 161.47 (d, *J* = 68.4 Hz), 138.30, 132.80, 128.50, 124.05, 104.95 (t, *J* = 243.4 Hz), 88.47, 81.04 (t, *J* = 38.6 Hz), 64.19, 26.89, 14.11. **19F NMR** (564 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -90.47. **IR (neat)**: ν_{max} = 2987, 2244, 1771, 1687, 1260, 1068, 702, 592 cm⁻¹; *R_f* = 0.46 (hex/EtOAc 9/1).

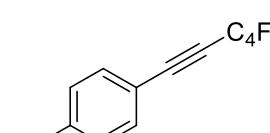
ethyl 2,2-difluoro-4-(pyridin-2-yl)but-3-ynoate, **4j**: colorless liquid; **1H NMR** (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.65 (d, *J* = 4.7 Hz, 1H), 7.73 (dd, *J* = 7.8, 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.57 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.36 (dd, *J* = 7.7, 4.7 Hz, 1H), 4.40 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 1.39 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H). **13C NMR** (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 161.30 (t, *J* = 34.0 Hz), 150.69, 136.61, 128.48, 127.68, 124.96, 104.82 (t, *J* = 243.7 Hz), 87.82, 77.59, 64.22, 14.08. **19F NMR** (564 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -90.97. **IR (neat)**: ν_{max} = 2988, 2250, 1773, 1463, 1275, 1150, 1082, 780 cm⁻¹; *R_f* = 0.24 (hex/EtOAc 4/1).


CF₂CO₂Et ethyl 2,2-difluoro-4-(thiophen-3-yl)but-3-ynoate, **4k**: colorless liquid; **¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ 7.69 (d, *J* = 3.0 Hz, 1H), 7.32 (dd, *J* = 5.0, 3.0 Hz, 1H), 7.19 (d, *J* = 5.0, Hz, 1H), 4.40 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 1.39 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H). **¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ 161.73 (t, *J* = 34.5 Hz), 132.86, 129.94, 126.33, 118.69, 105.16 (t, *J* = 242.7 Hz), 85.32, 78.44 (t, *J* = 38.2 Hz), 64.03, 14.09. **¹⁹F NMR (564 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ -89.83. **IR (neat):** ν_{max} = 2987, 2241, 1770, 1258, 1132, 1073, 787, 700, 625 cm⁻¹; **R_f** = 0.44 (hex/EtOAc 9/1).

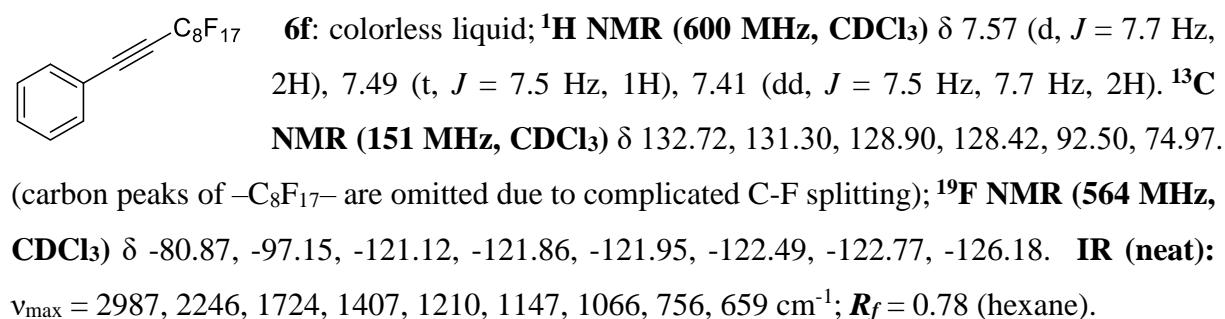
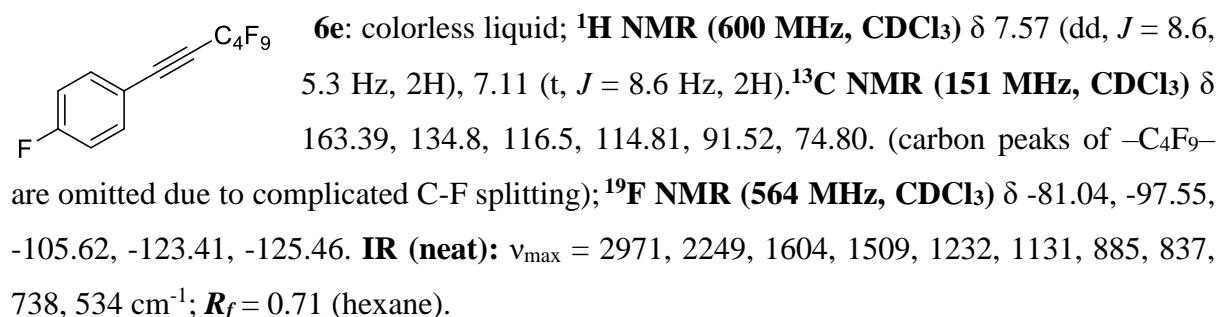
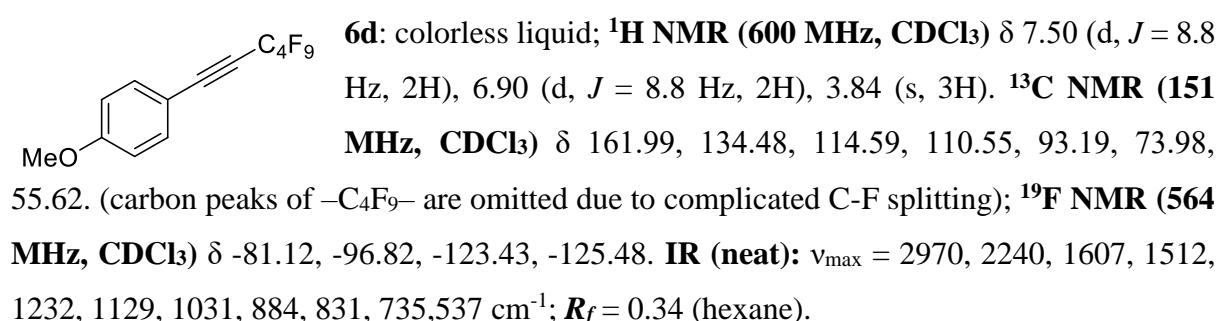
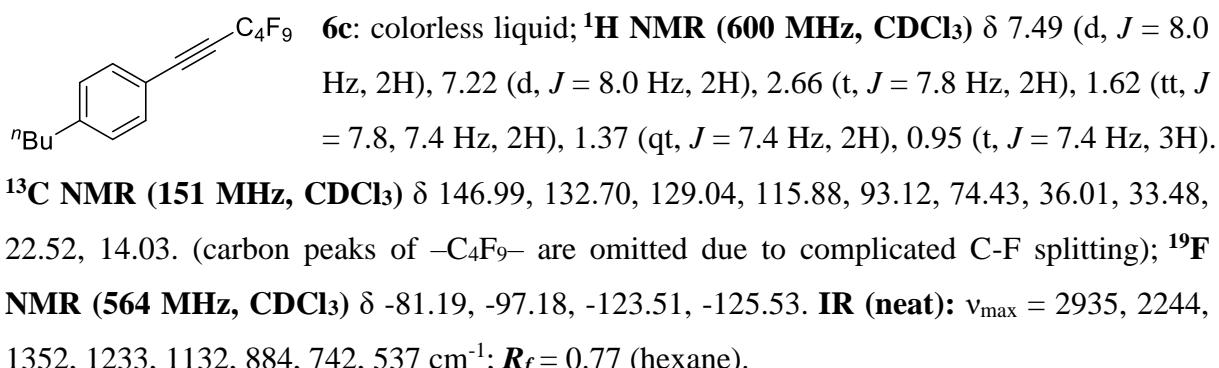

CF₂PO(OEt)₂ diethyl (1,1-difluoro-3-phenylprop-2-yn-1-yl)phosphonate, **4l**: colorless liquid; **¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ 7.52 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.42 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.36 (dd, *J* = 7.6, 7.5 Hz, 2H), 4.39-4.30 (m, 4H), 1.40 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 6H). **¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ 132.45, 130.63, 128.72, 119.65, 110.44 (t, *J* = 253.3 Hz), 97.75, 78.61 (t, *J* = 33.4 Hz), 65.63, 16.56. **¹⁹F NMR (564 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ -96.45. **IR (neat):** ν_{max} = 2987, 2236, 1274, 1116, 1031, 758, 690, 574 cm⁻¹; **R_f** = 0.51 (hex/EtOAc 3/2).

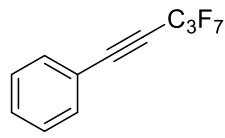

CF₂PO(OEt)₂ diethyl (1,1-difluoro-3-(p-tolyl)prop-2-yn-1-yl)phosphonate, **4m**: colorless liquid; **¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ 7.43 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.18 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 4.41-4.32 (m, 4H), 2.38 (s, 3H), 1.40 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 6H). **¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ 141.22, 132.45, 129.53, 116.66, 110.4 (t, *J* = 229.7 Hz), 109.04, 92.22, 65.64, 21.88, 16.62. **¹⁹F NMR (564 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ -96.02. **IR (neat):** ν_{max} = 2987, 2234, 1510, 1277, 1115, 1036, 817, 574 cm⁻¹; **R_f** = 0.21 (hex/EtOAc 4/1).


C₄F₉ **6a:** colorless liquid; **¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ 7.57 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.49 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.41 (dd, *J* = 7.8,7.5 Hz, 2H). **¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ 132.72, 131.32, 128.91, 118.76, 92.59, 74.89. **¹⁹F NMR (564 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ -81.15, -97.49, -123.49, -125.51. **IR (neat):** ν_{max} = 2988, 2247, 1352, 1236, 1133, 908, 731, 534 cm⁻¹; **R_f** = 0.73 (hexane).

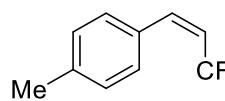

C₄F₉ **6b:** colorless liquid; **¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ 7.46 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.21 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 2.40 (s, 3H). **¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ 132.72, 131.32, 128.91, 118.76, 92.59, 74.89. **¹⁹F NMR (564 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ -81.15, -97.49, -123.49, -125.51. **IR (neat):** ν_{max} = 2988, 2247, 1352, 1236, 1133, 908, 731, 534 cm⁻¹; **R_f** = 0.73 (hexane).

MHz, CDCl₃) δ 142.02, 132.65, 129.66, 115.67, 93.02, 74.42, 21.87. (carbon peaks of –C₄F₉– are omitted due to complicated C-F splitting); **¹⁹F NMR (564 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ -81.15, -97.15, -123.47, -125.50. **IR (neat):** ν_{max} = 2971, 2244, 1511, 1233, 1131, 884, 815, 719, 533 cm⁻¹; **R_f** = 0.73 (hexane).

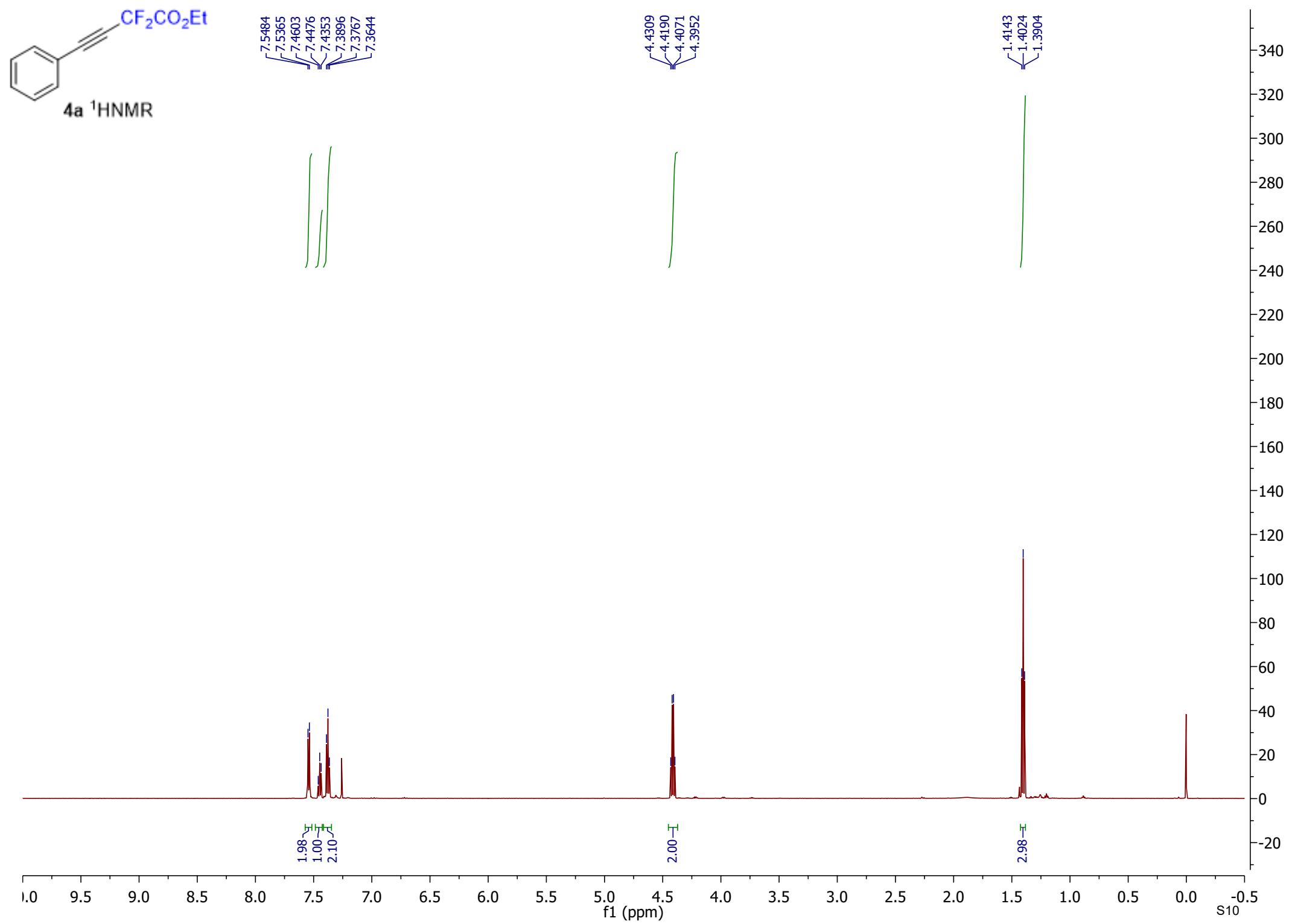
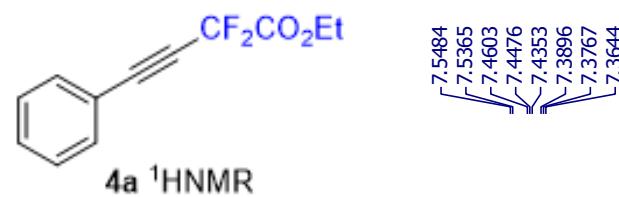


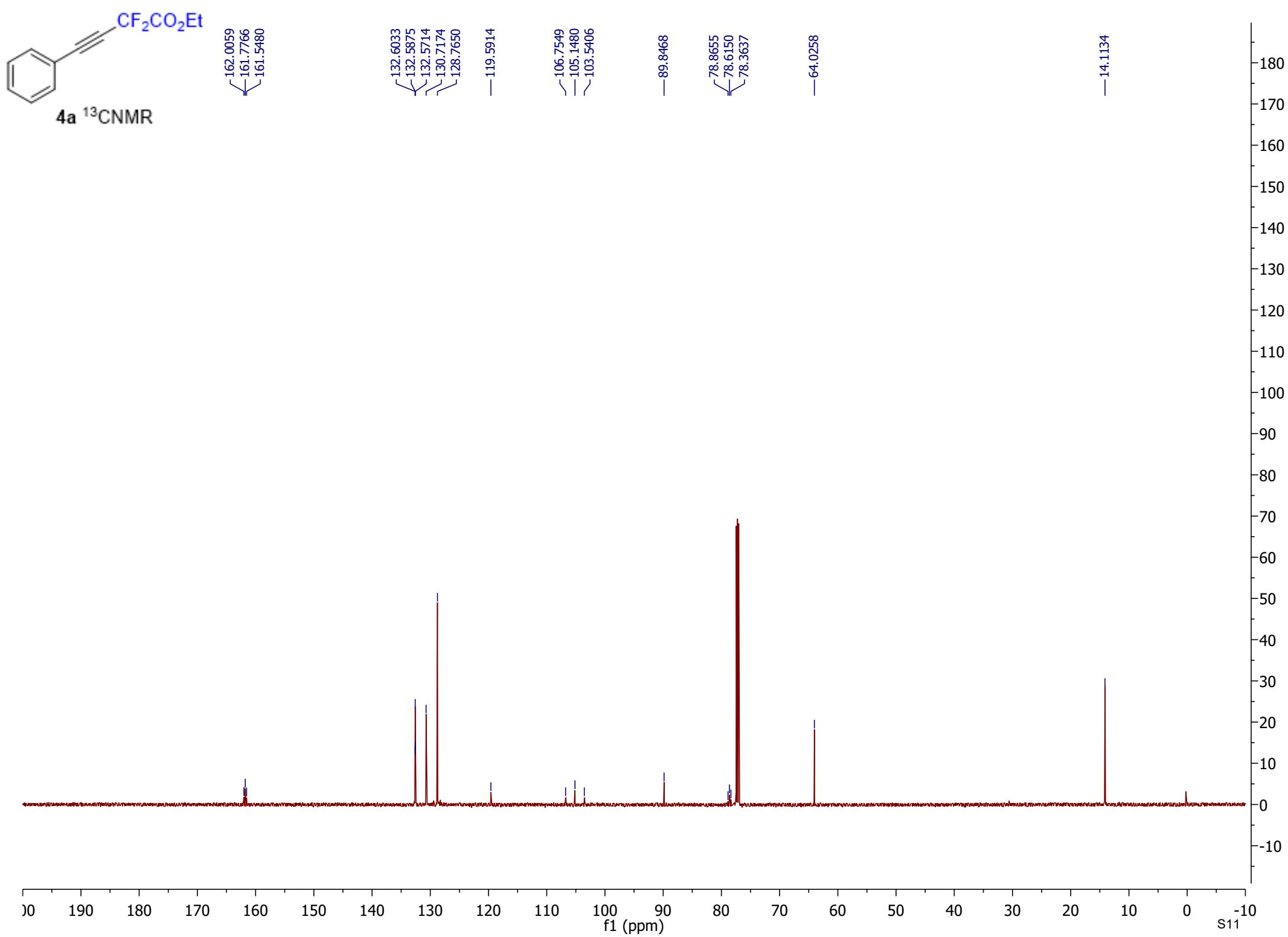


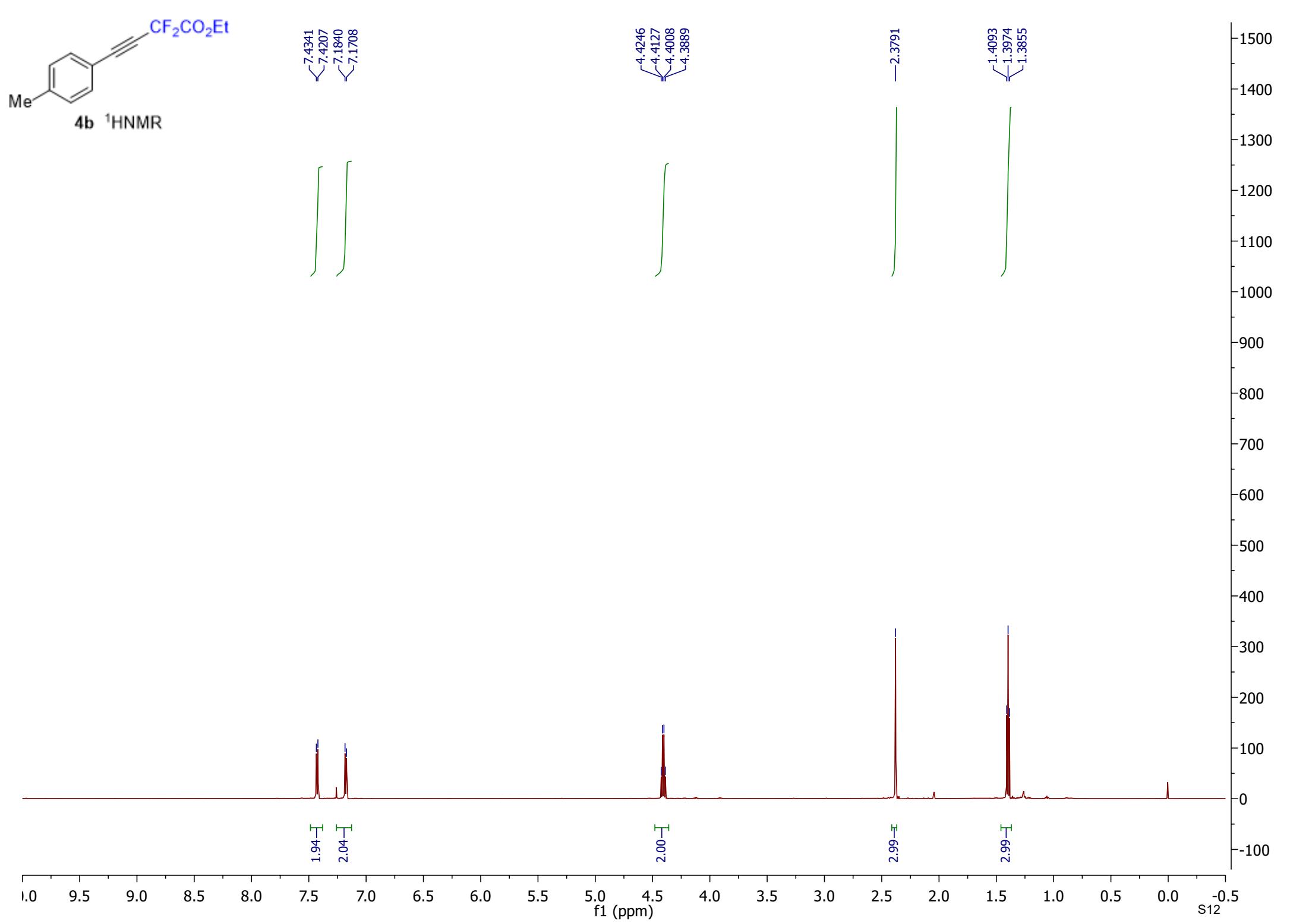
6g: colorless liquid; **¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ 7.57 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.49 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.41 (dd, *J* = 7.5, 7.7 Hz, 2H). **¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ 132.73, 131.31, 128.91, 118.74, 92.50, 74.75. (carbon peaks of –C₃F₇– are omitted due to complicated C-F splitting); **¹⁹F NMR (564 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ -80.19, -98.24, -126.92. **IR (neat):** ν_{max} = 2987, 2242, 1228, 1066, 906, 651 cm⁻¹; **R_f** = 0.79 (hexane).

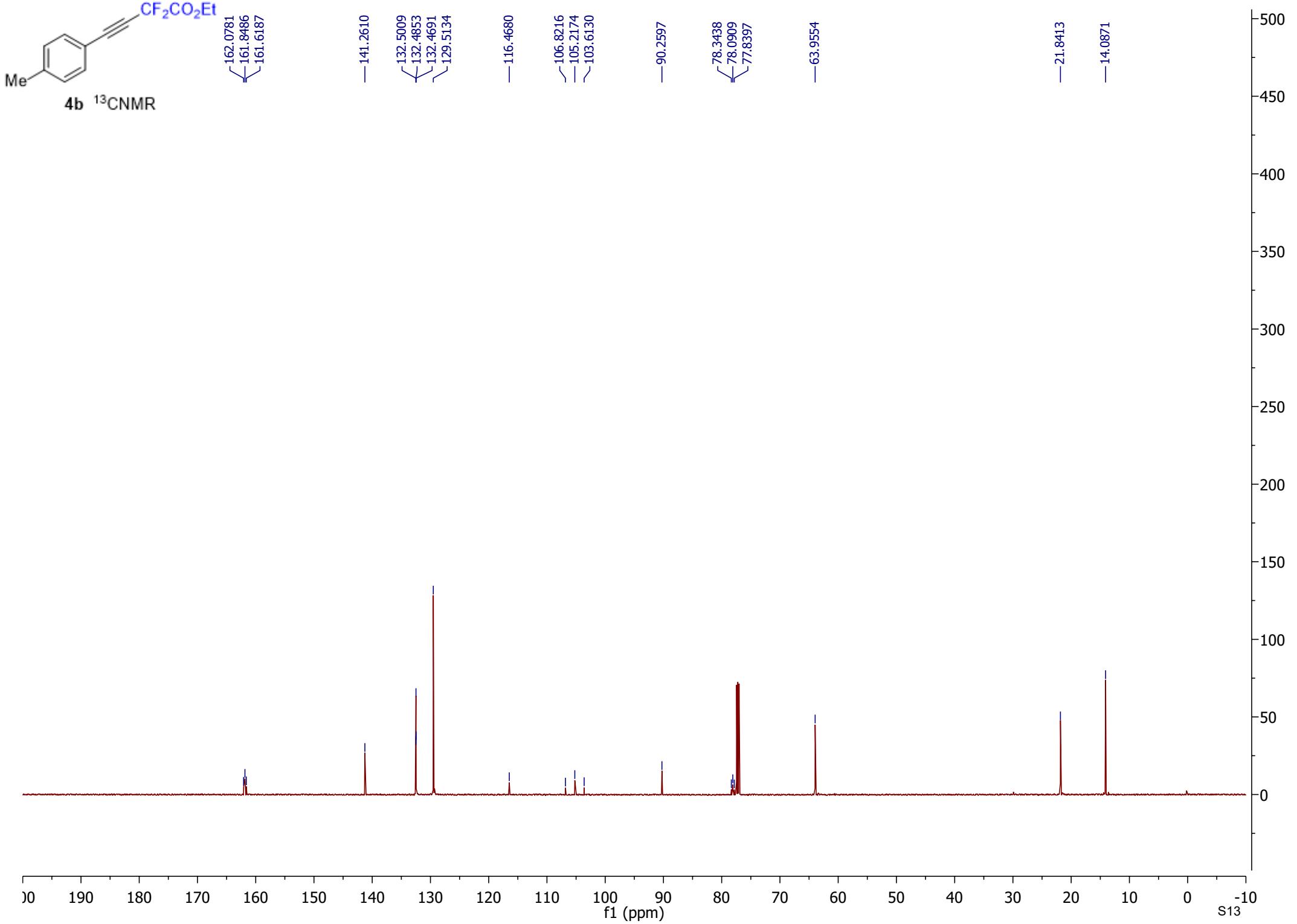
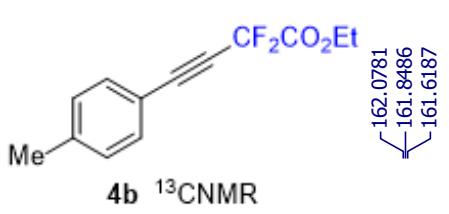


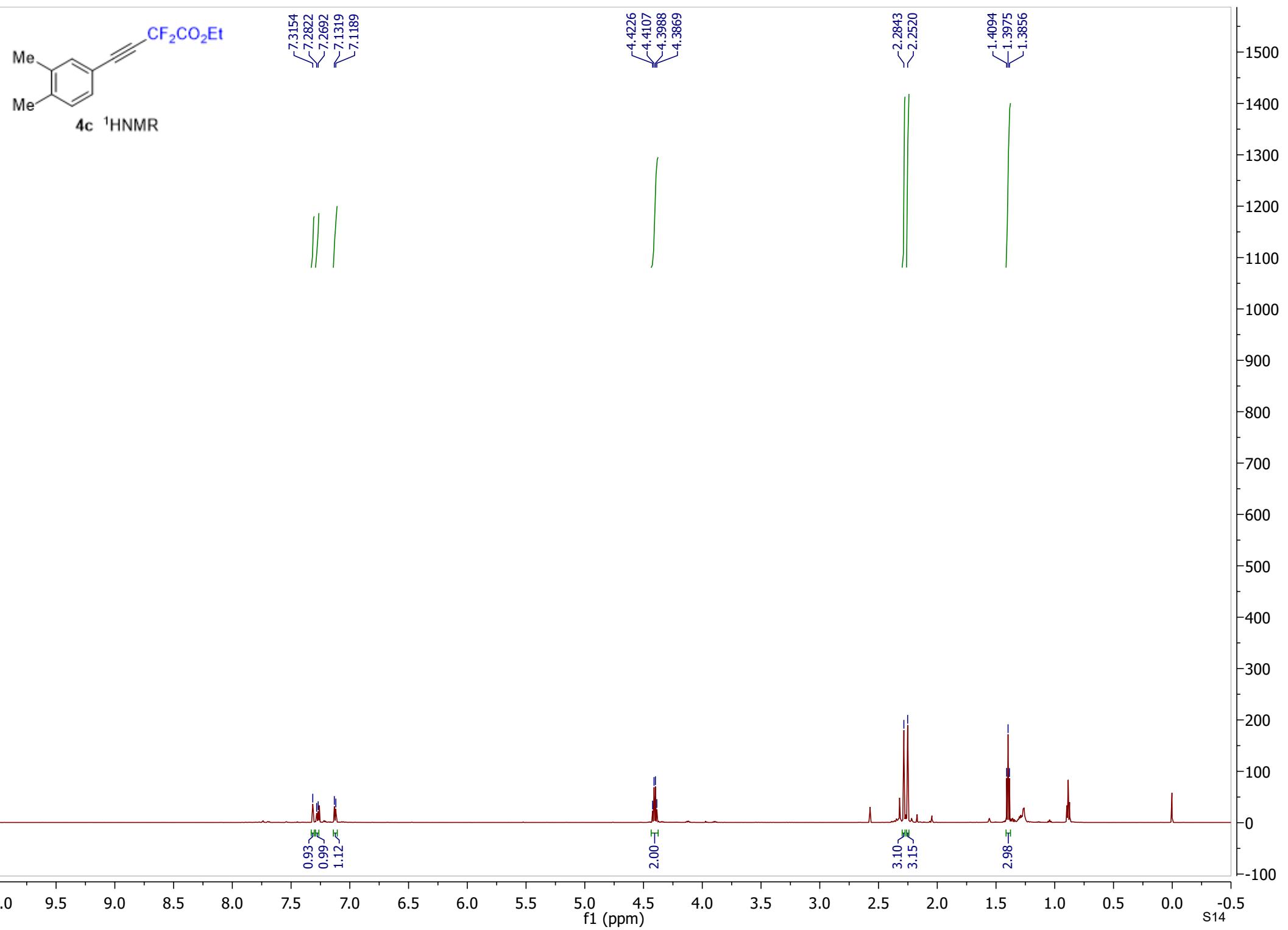
ethyl (Z)-2,2-difluoro-4-(p-tolyl)but-3-enoate, **4bb:** colorless liquid; **¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ 7.25 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.14 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 6.90 (d, *J* = 12.6 Hz, 1H), 5.81 (d, *J* = 12.6 Hz, 1H), 4.05 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 2.34 (s, 3H), 1.14 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H). **¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ 171.32, 163.72 (t, *J* = 33.9 Hz), 138.95, 131.62, 129.22, 129.12, 121.27 (t, *J* = 27.9 Hz), 112.60 (t, *J* = 245.9 Hz), 63.08, 22.88, 14.32. **¹⁹F NMR (564 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ -94.11. **IR (neat):** ν_{max} = 2987, 1767, 1647, 1514, 1307, 1151, 1069, 789 cm⁻¹; **R_f** = 0.45 (hex/EtOAc 9/1).

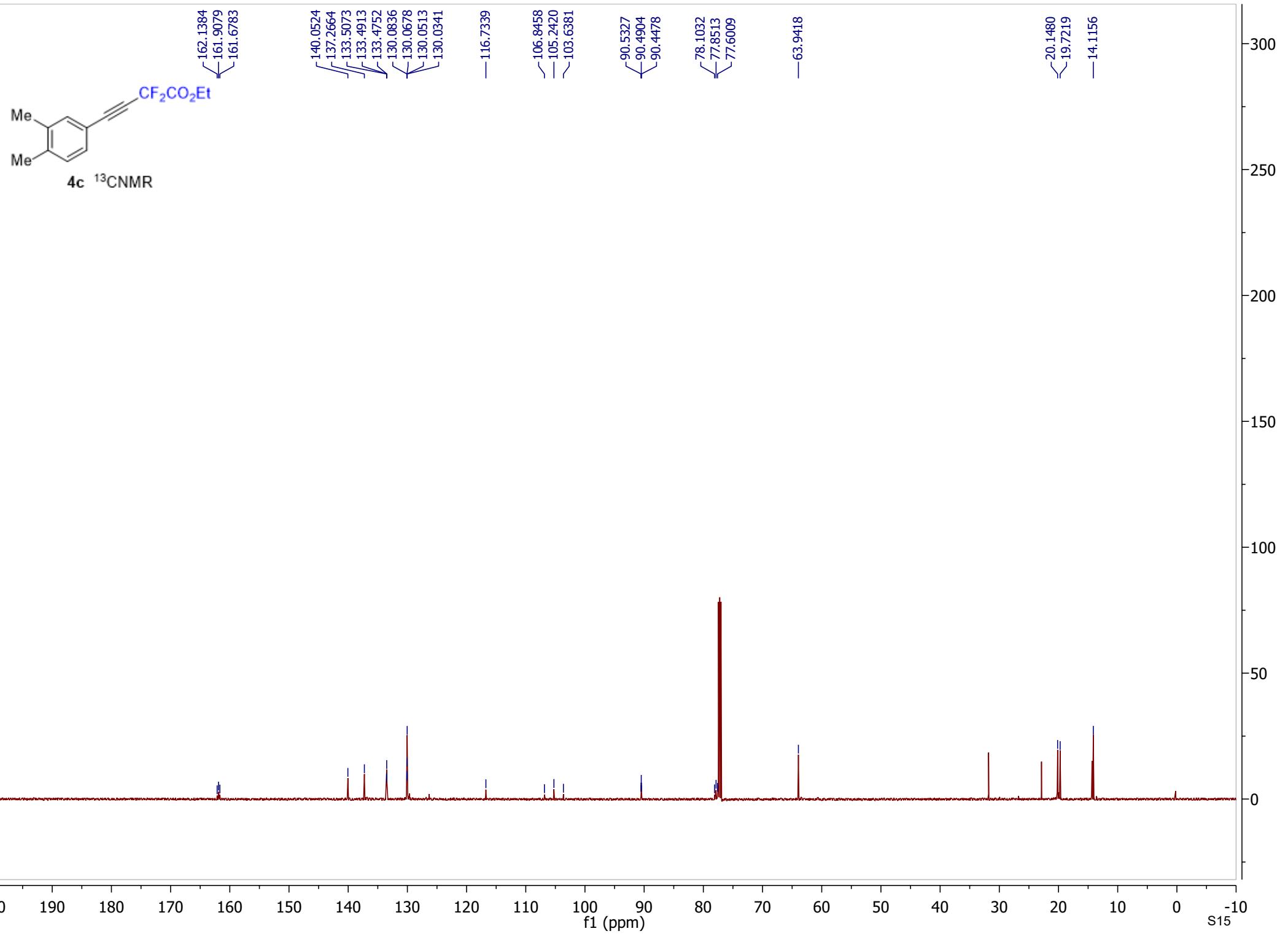


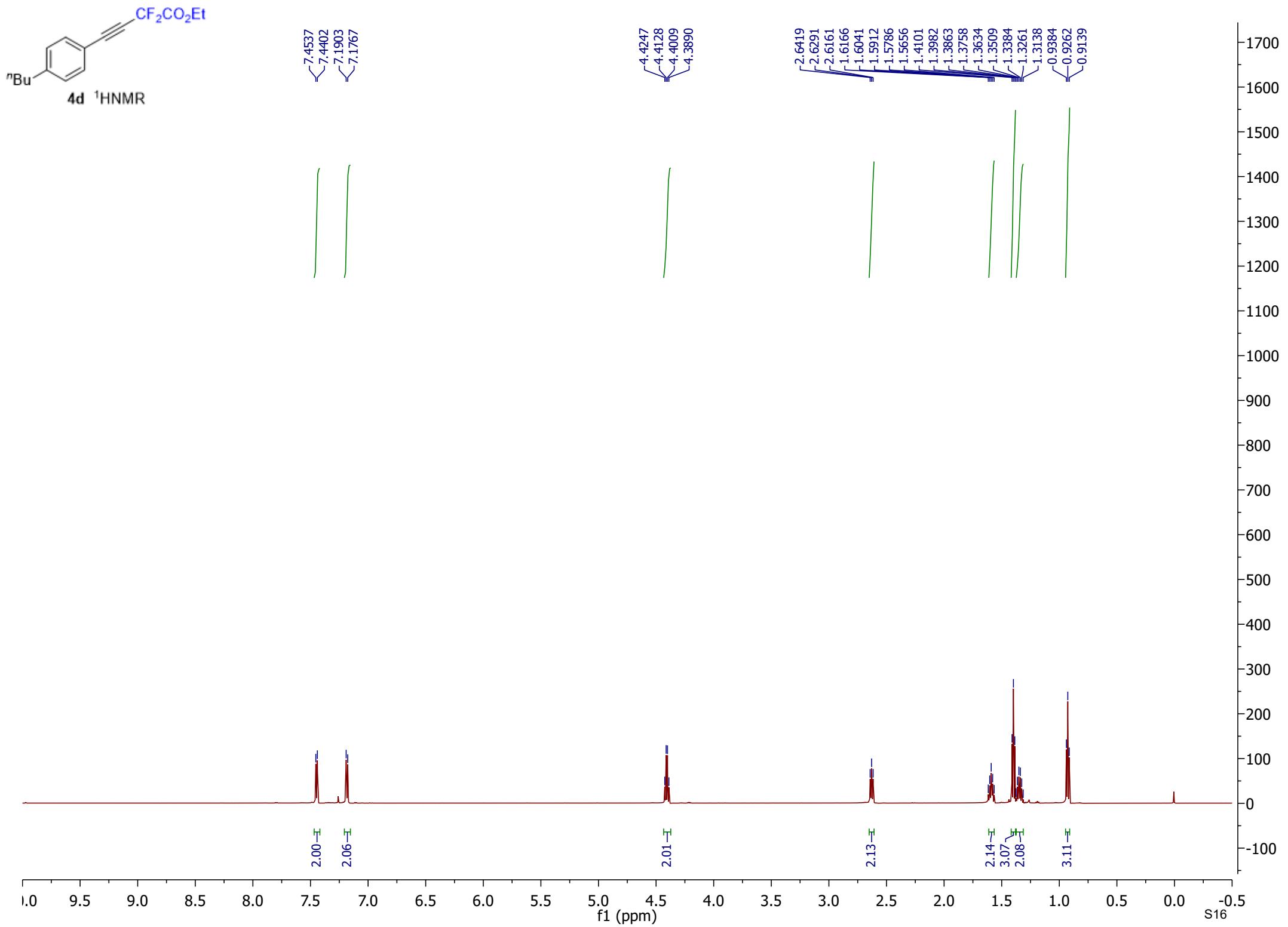


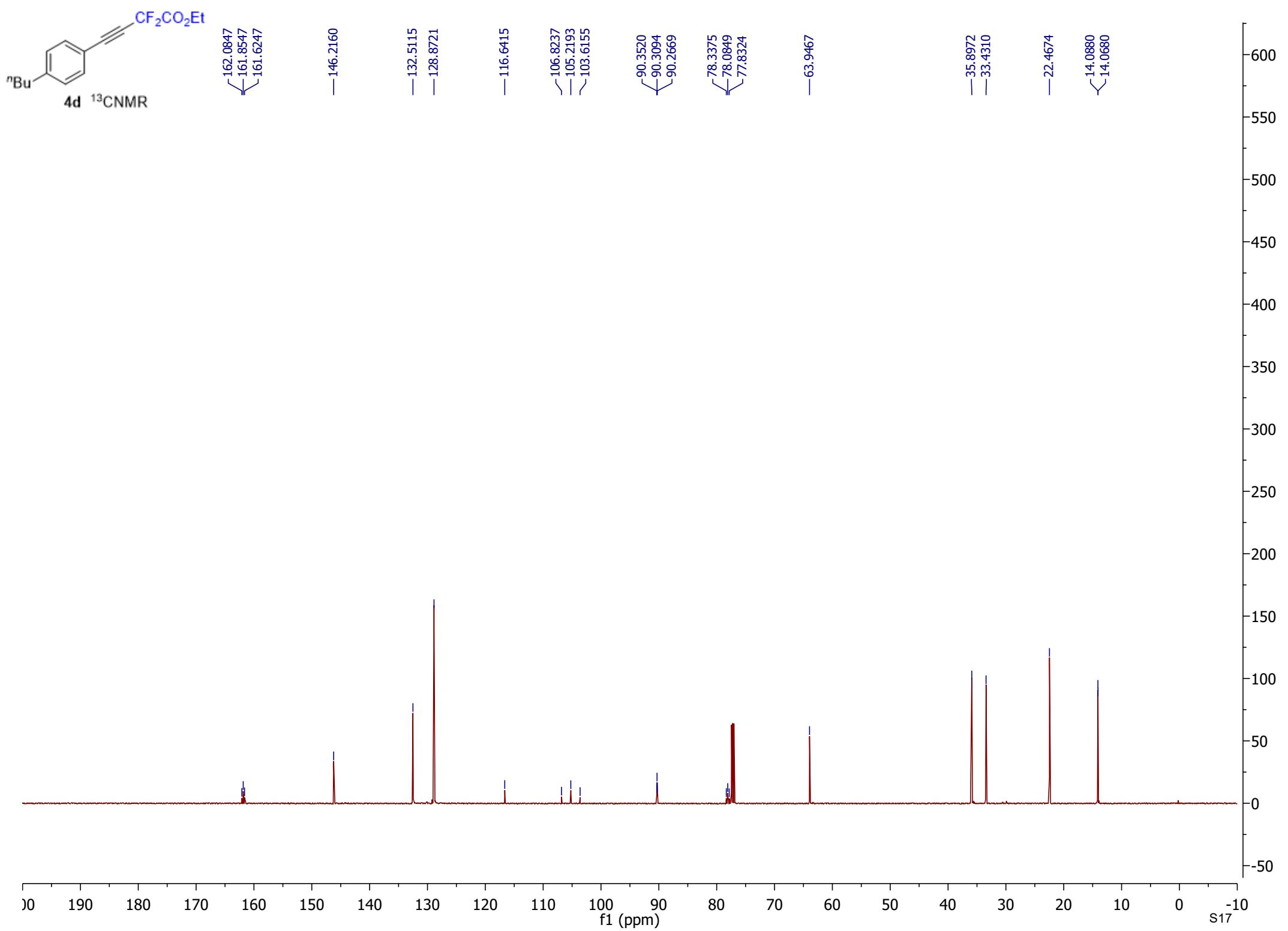


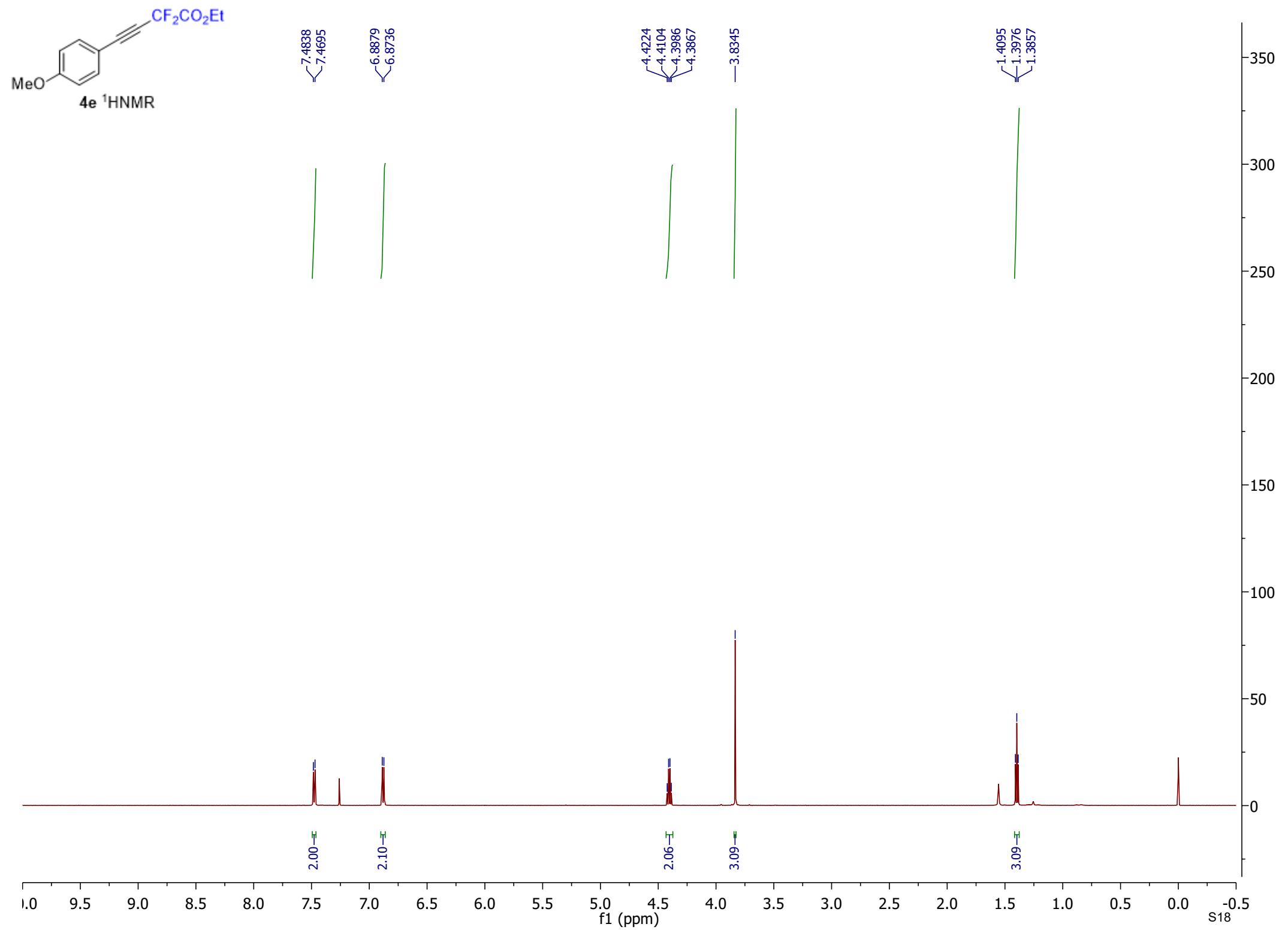


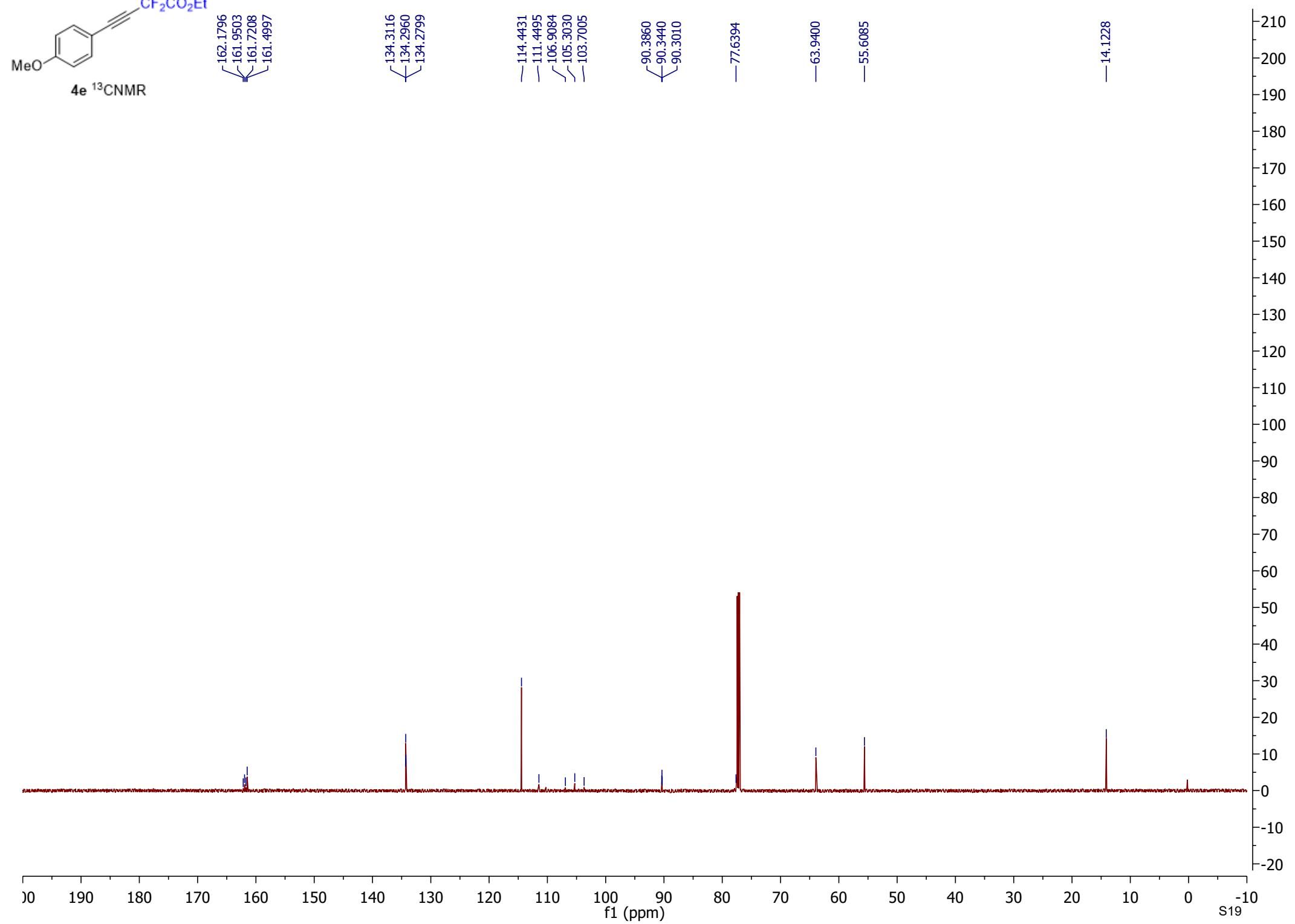
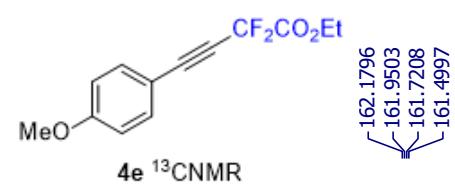


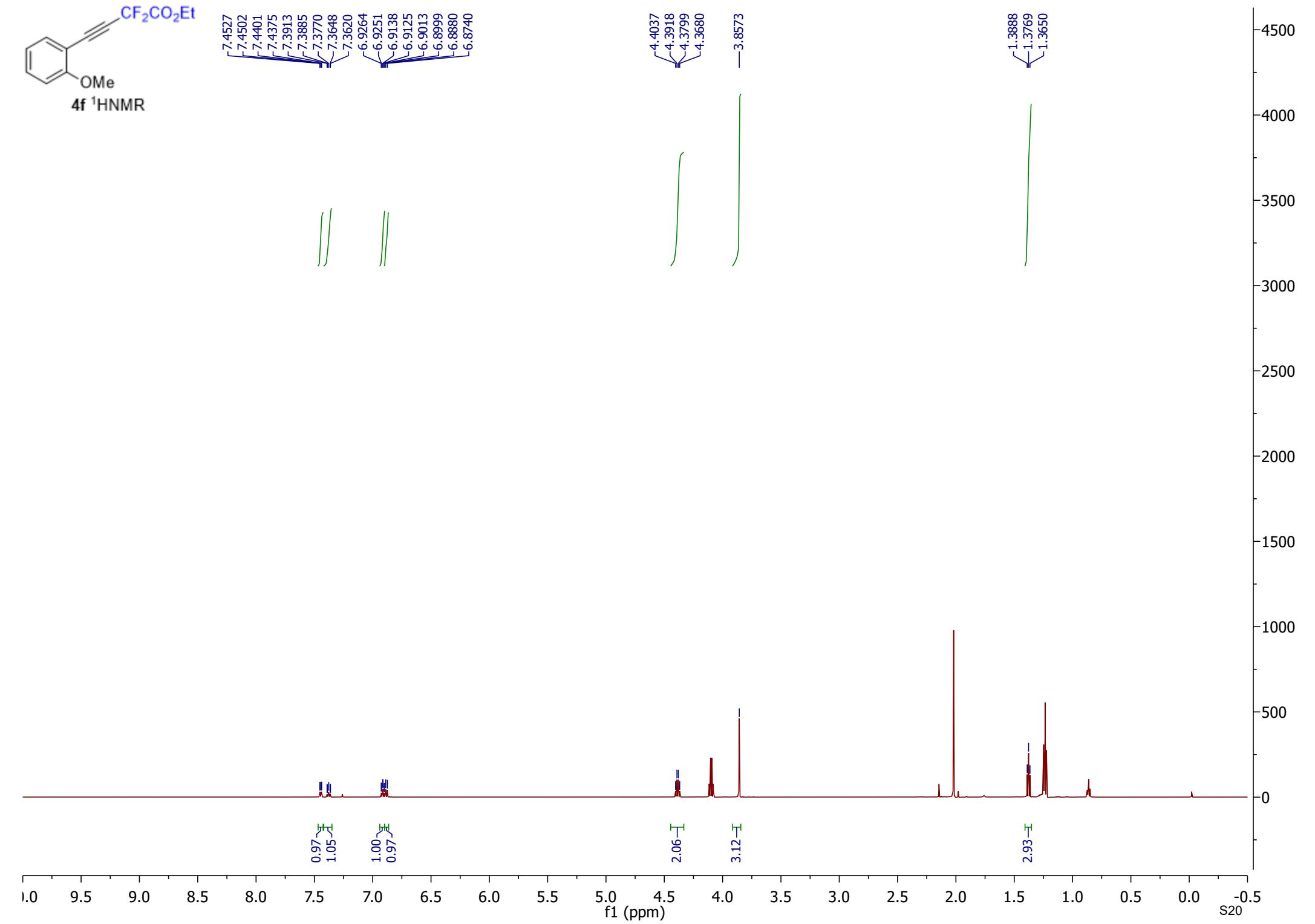


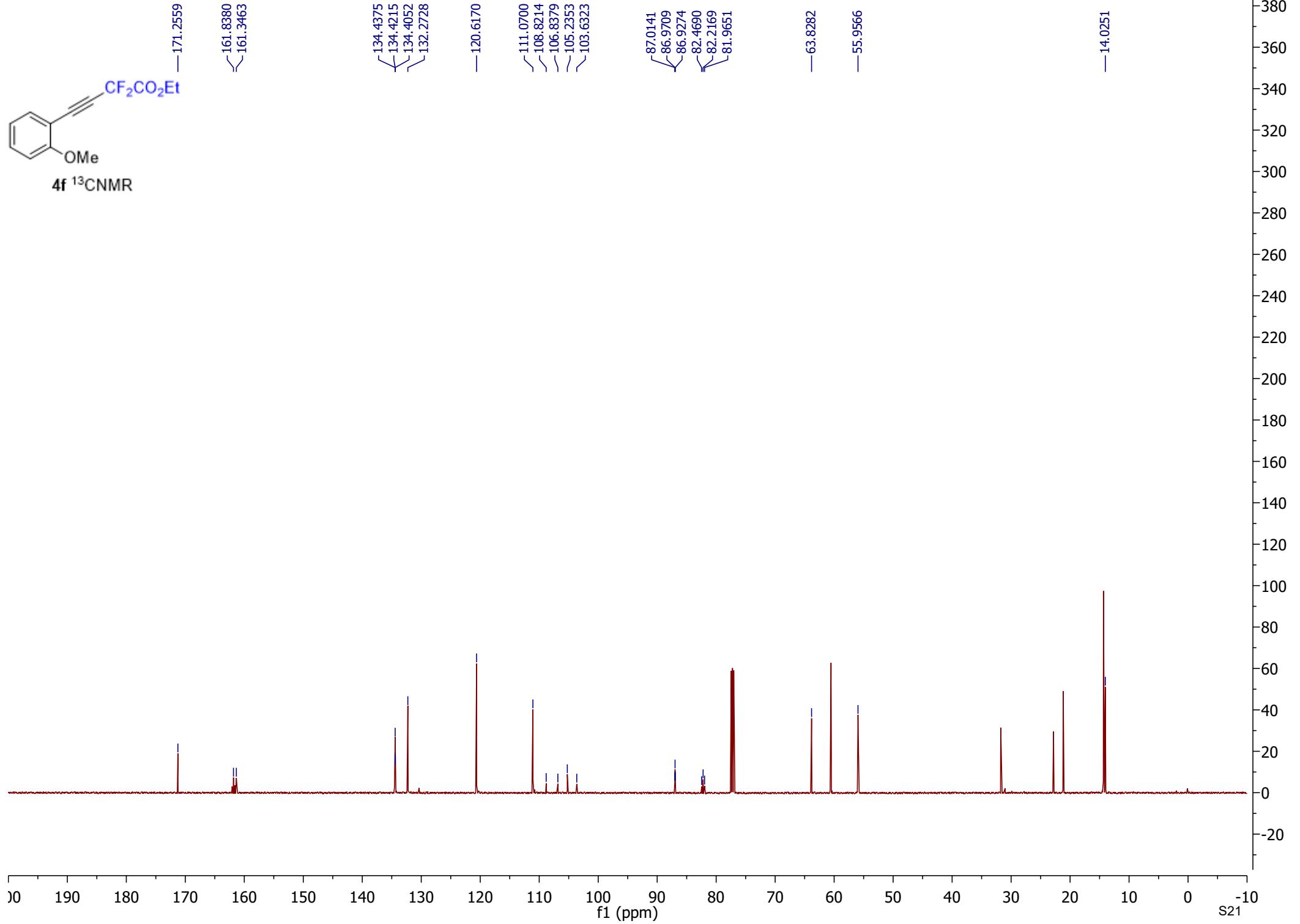


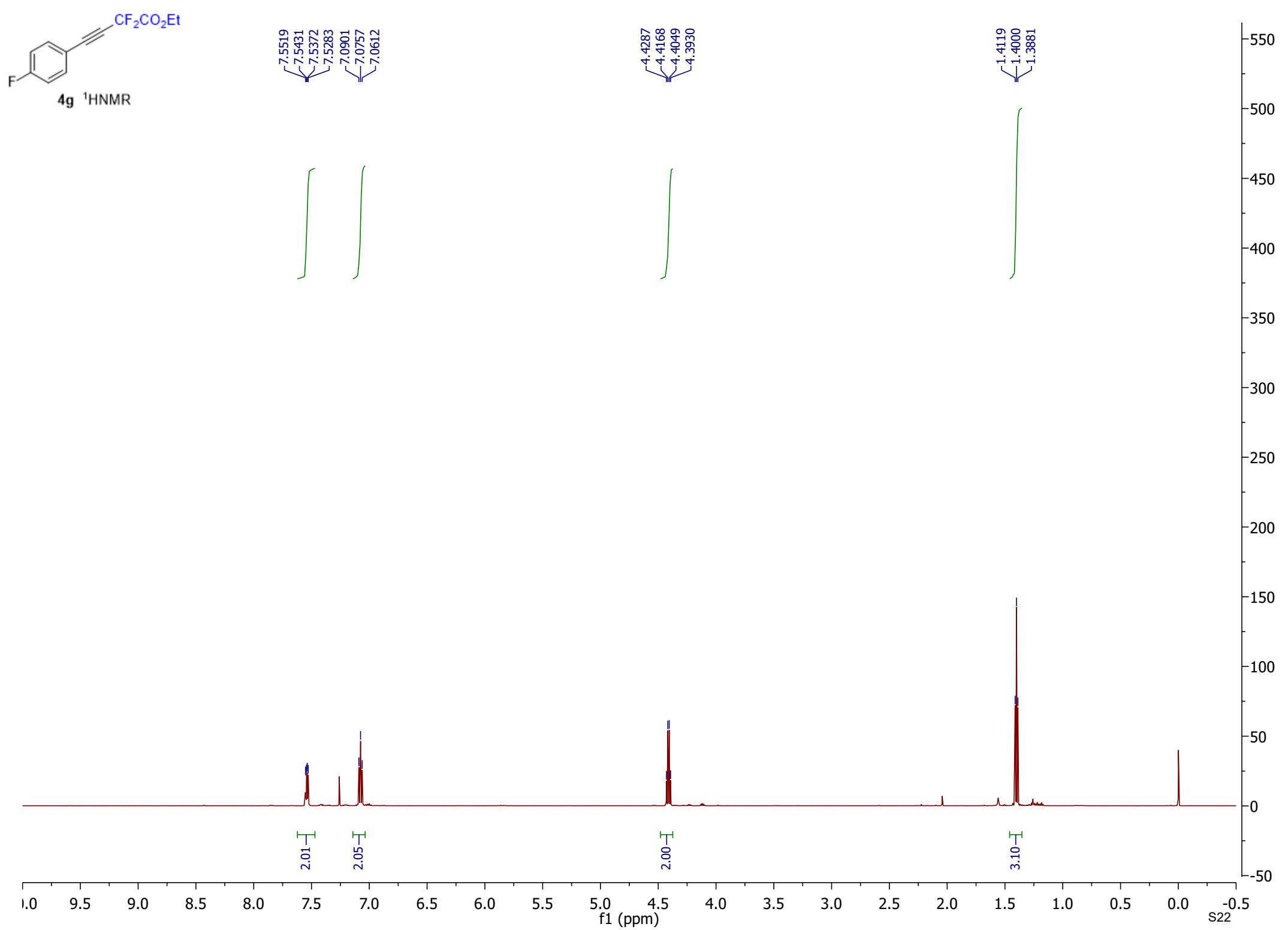


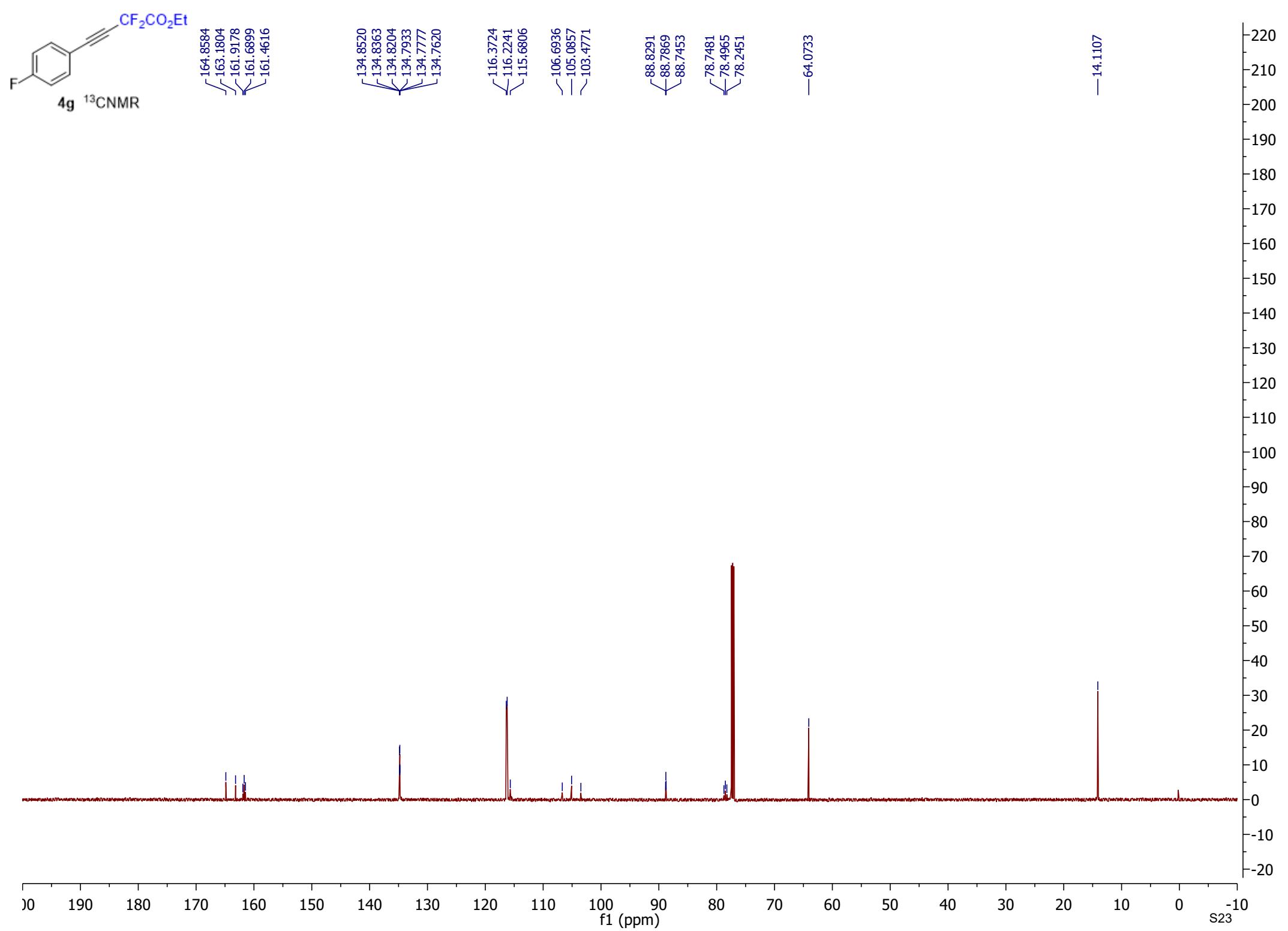


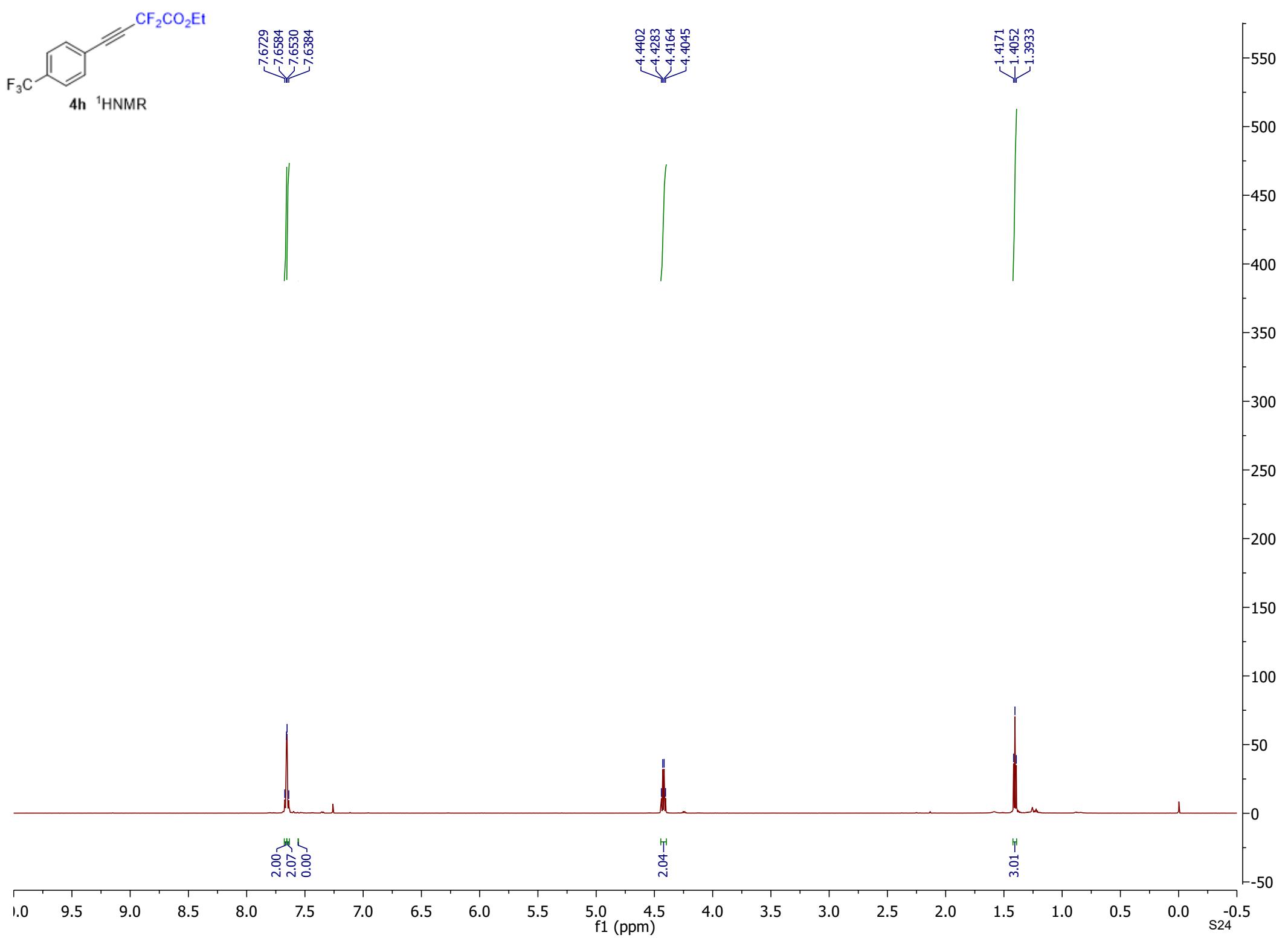


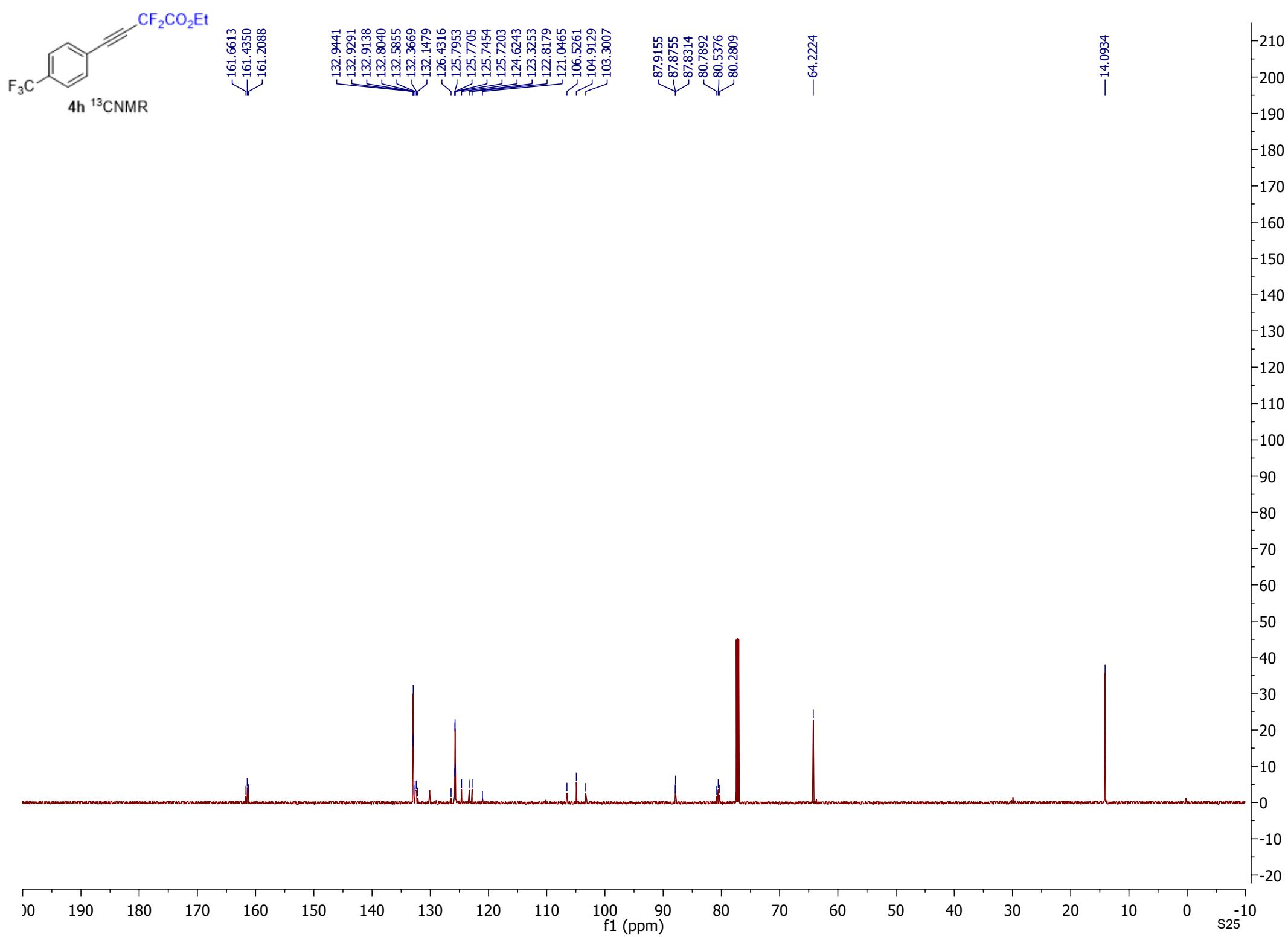


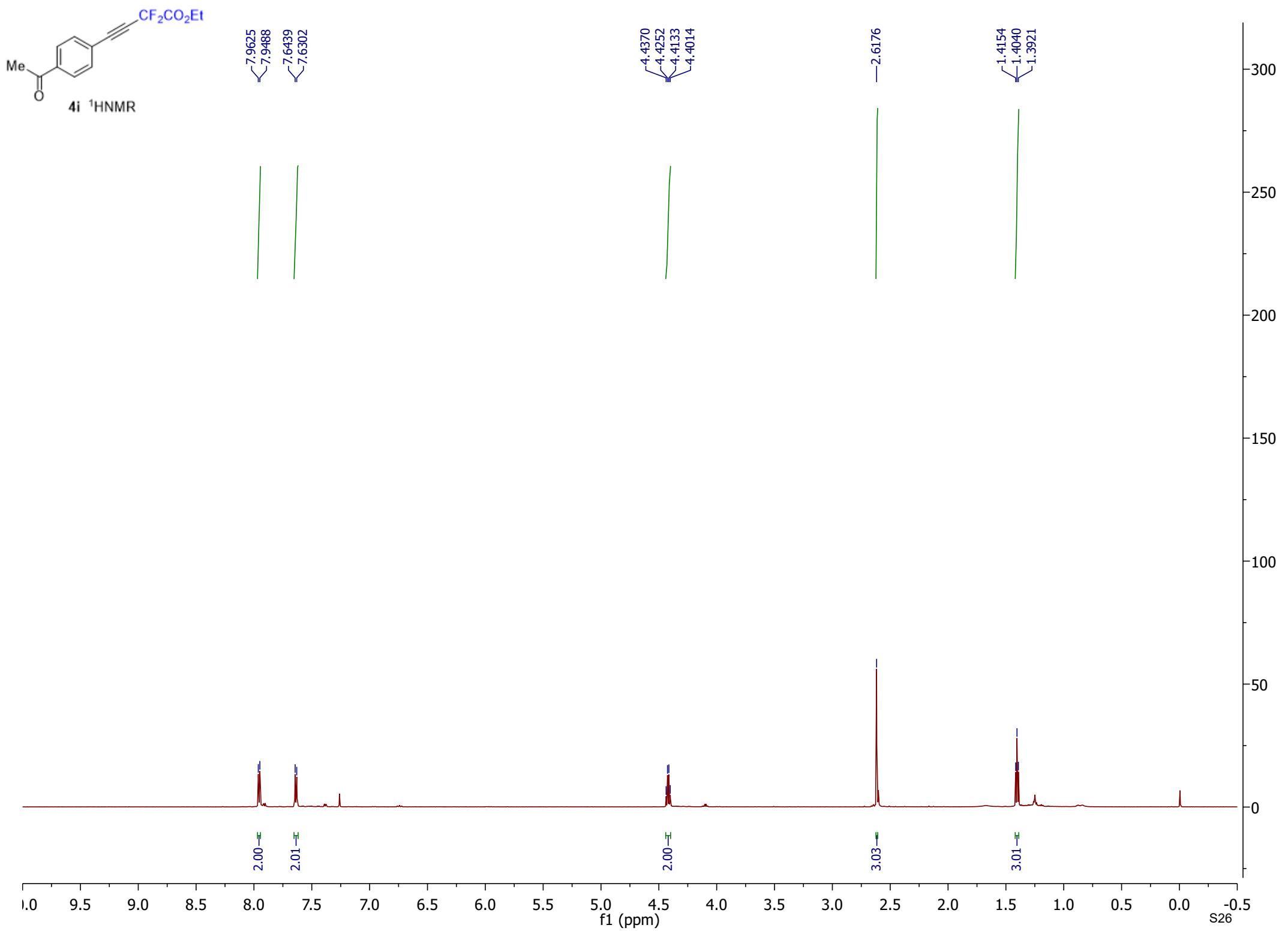


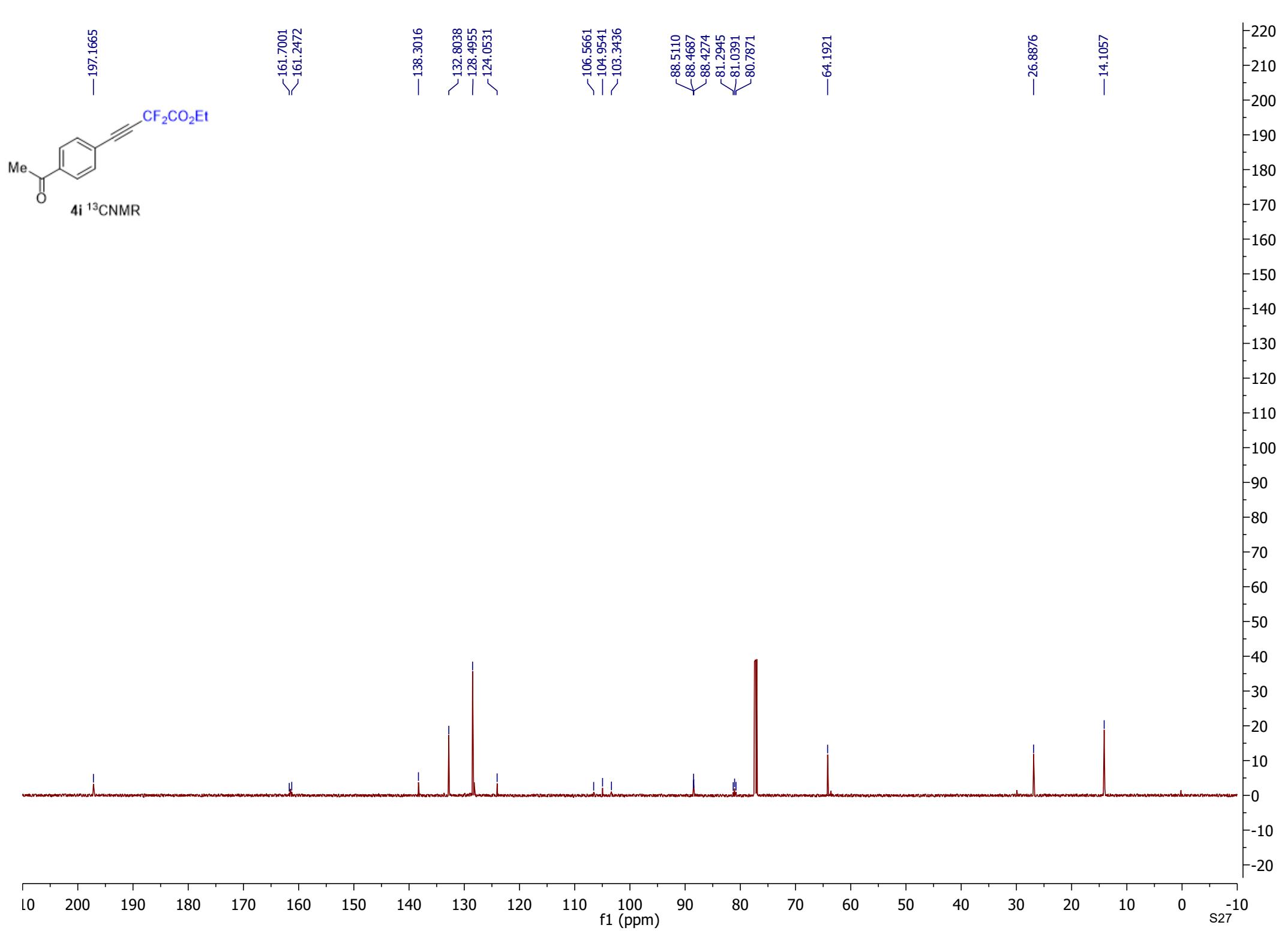


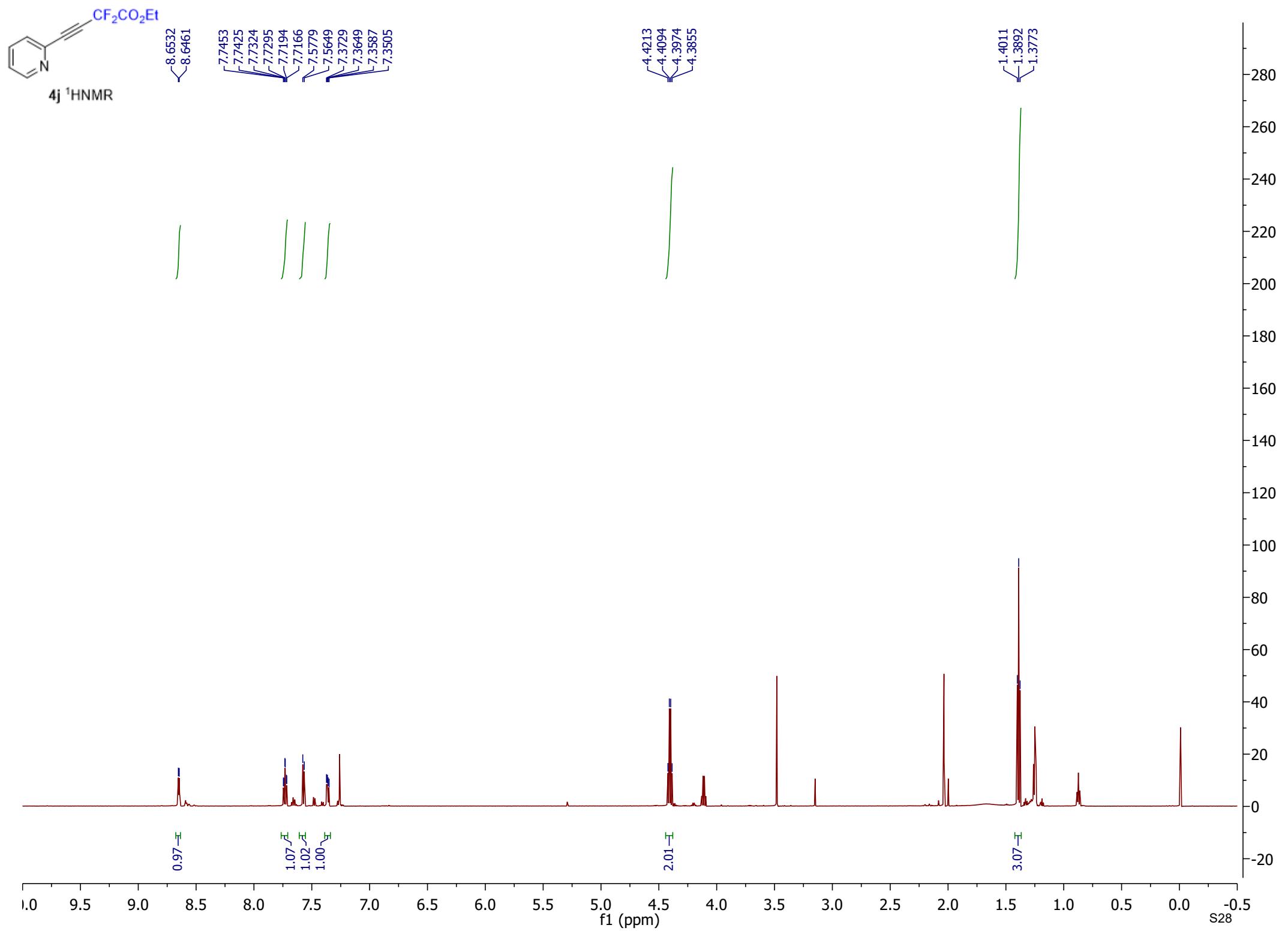


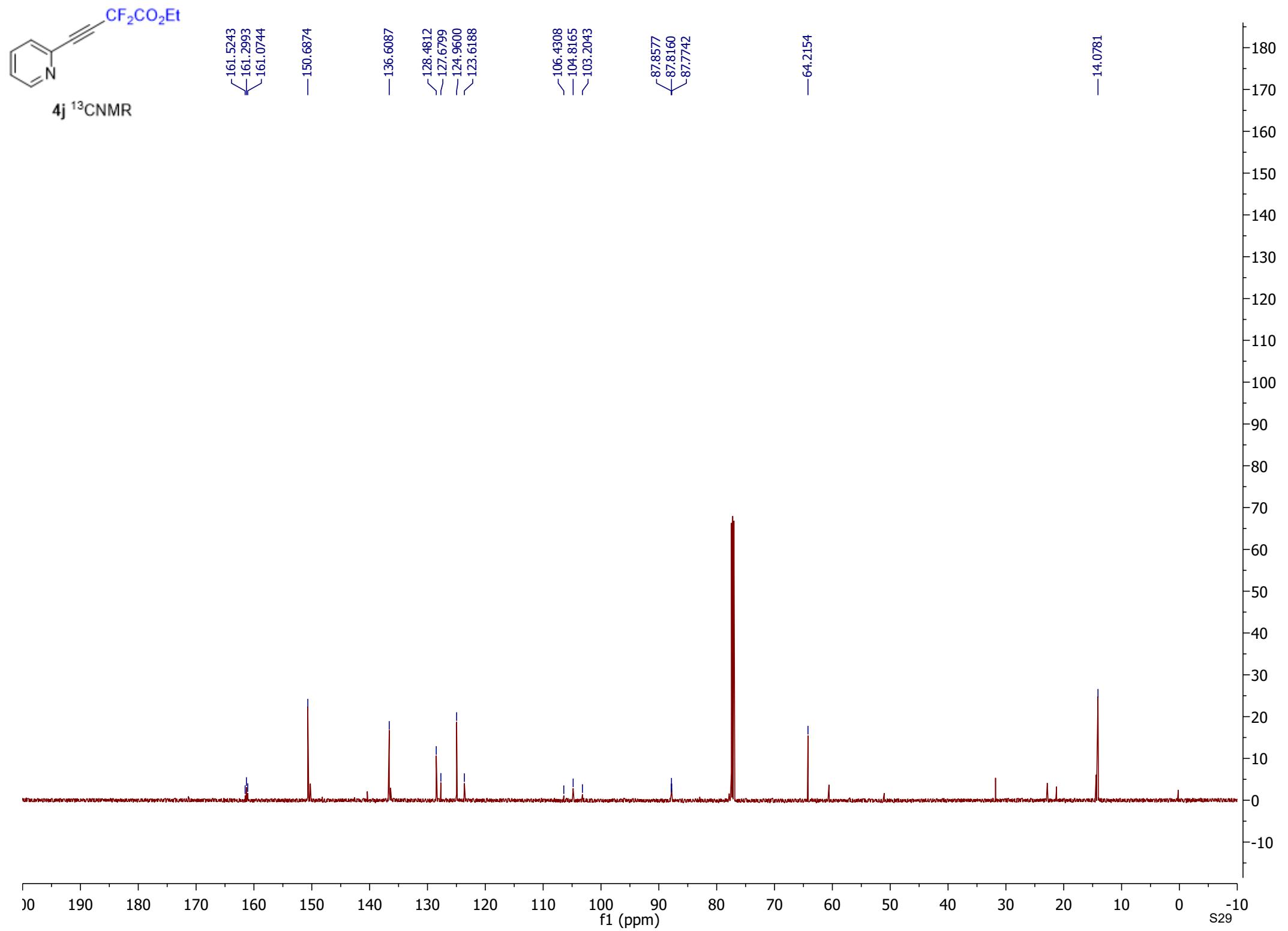


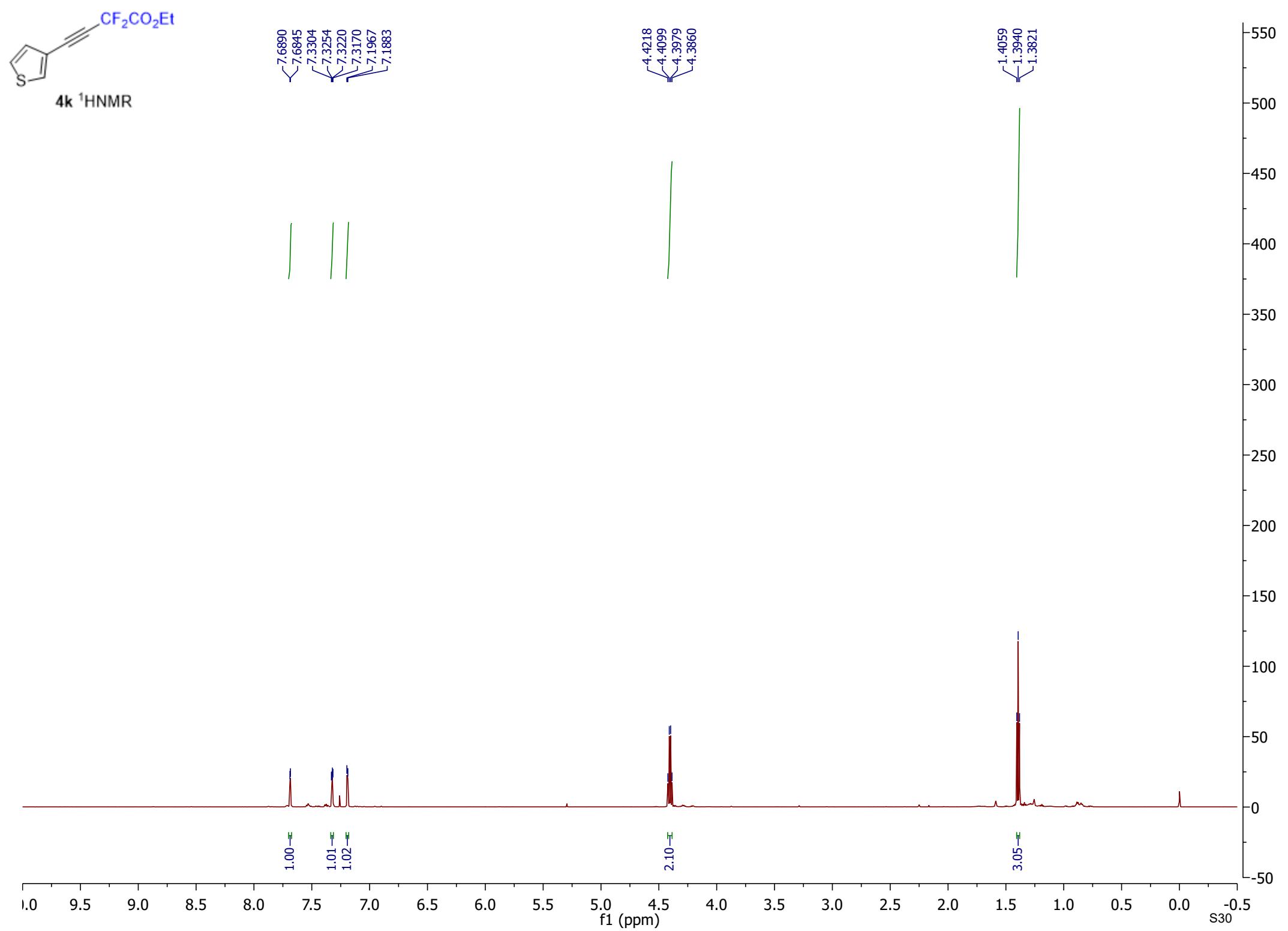


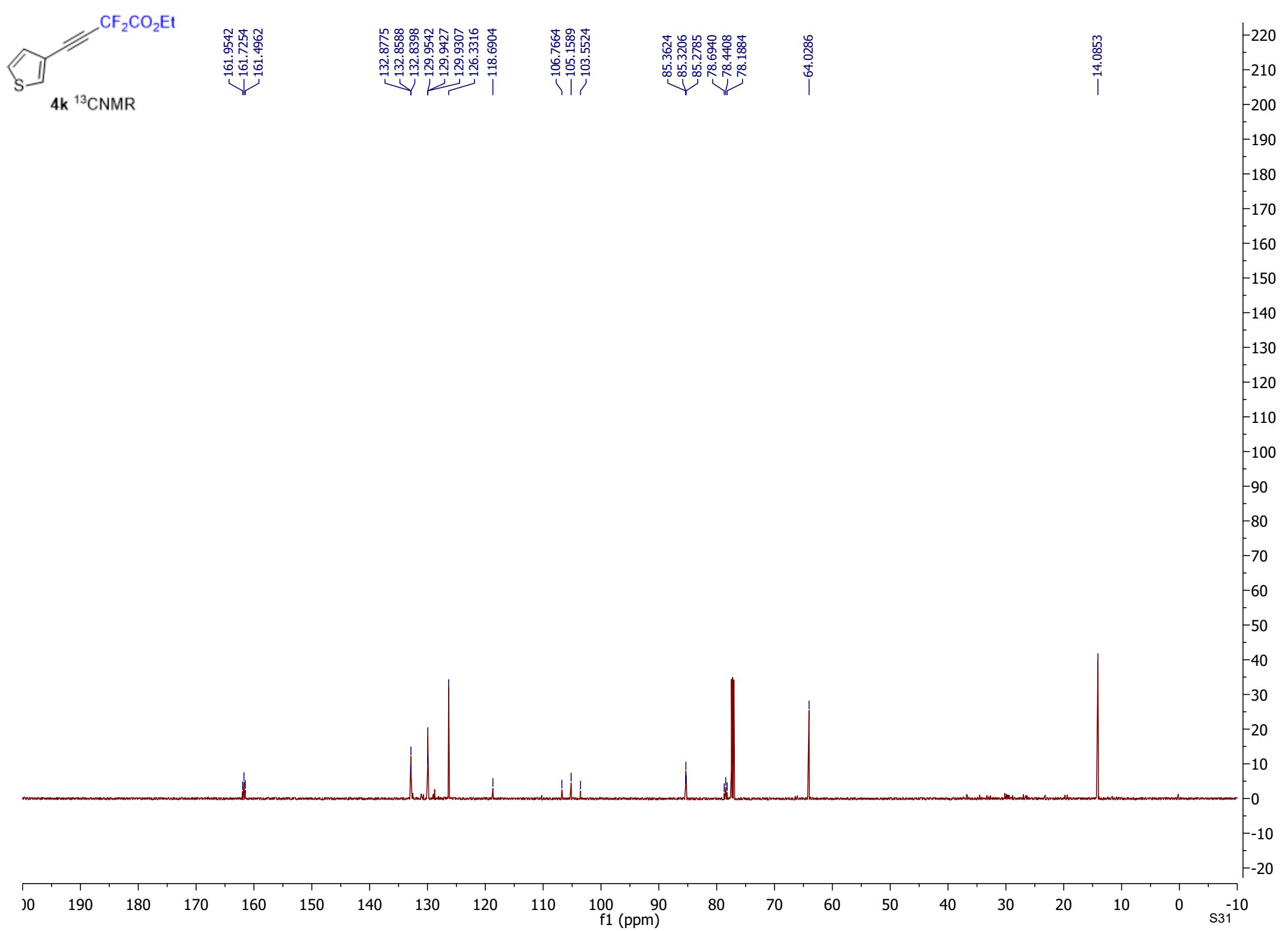


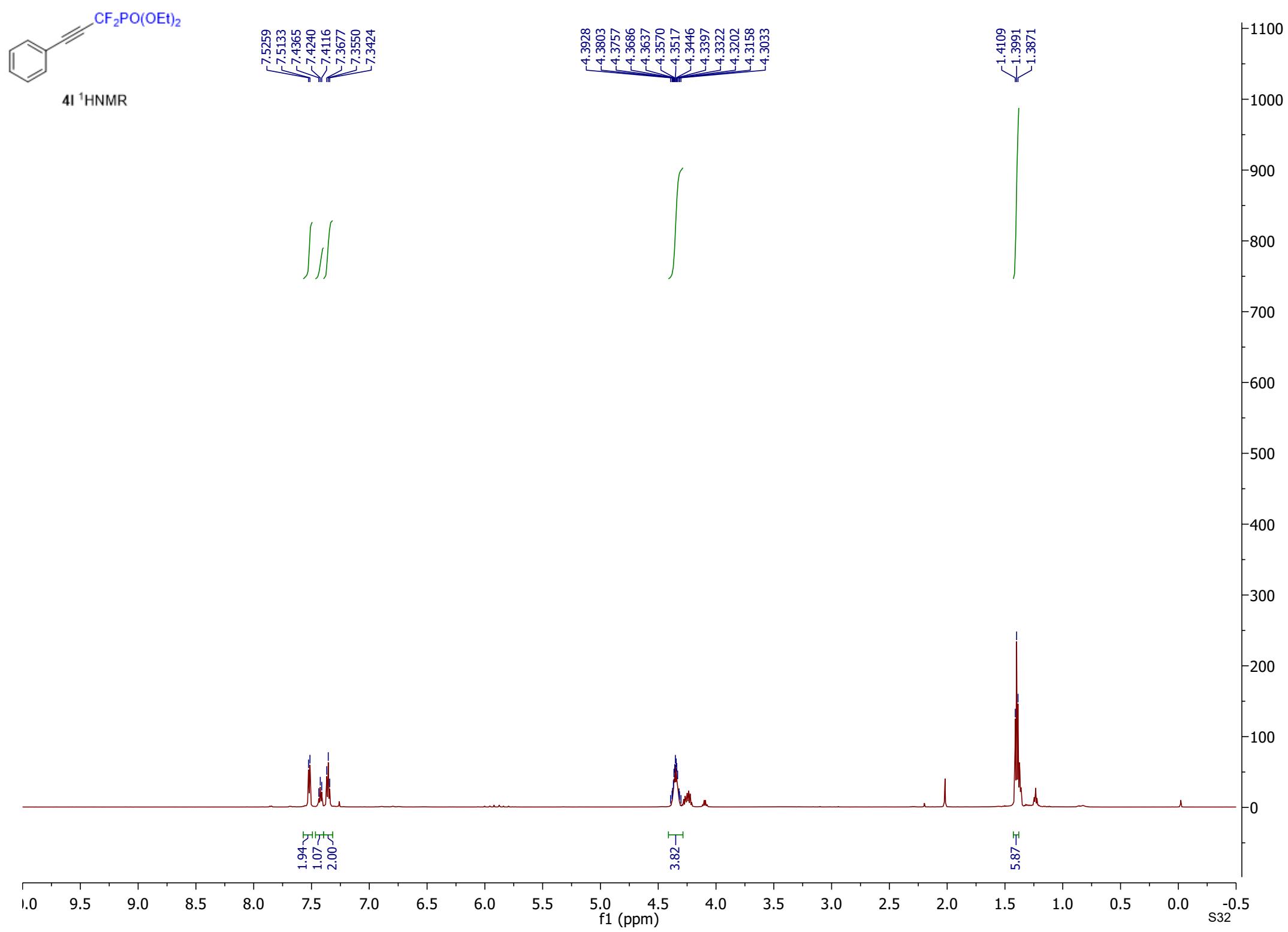


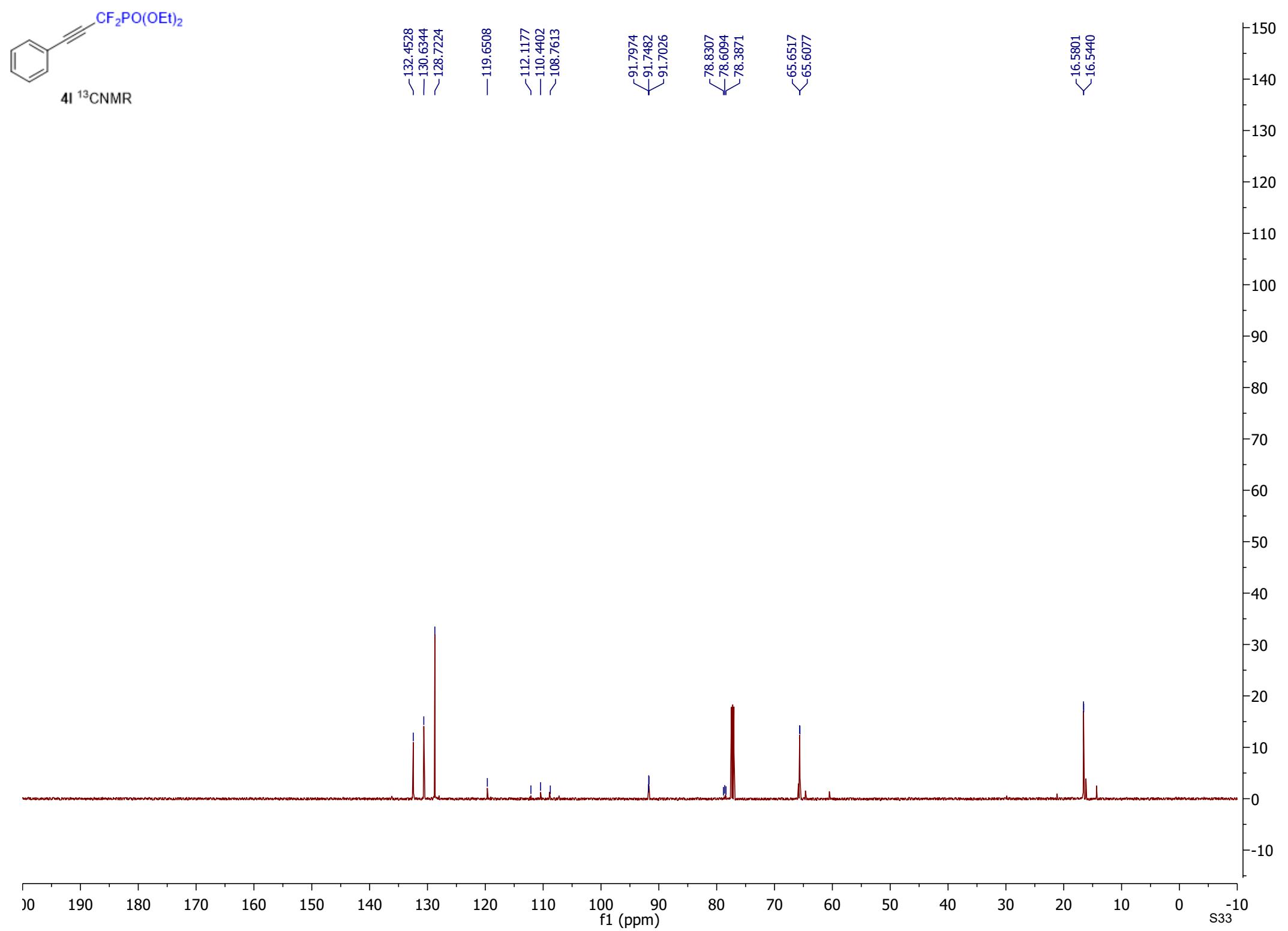


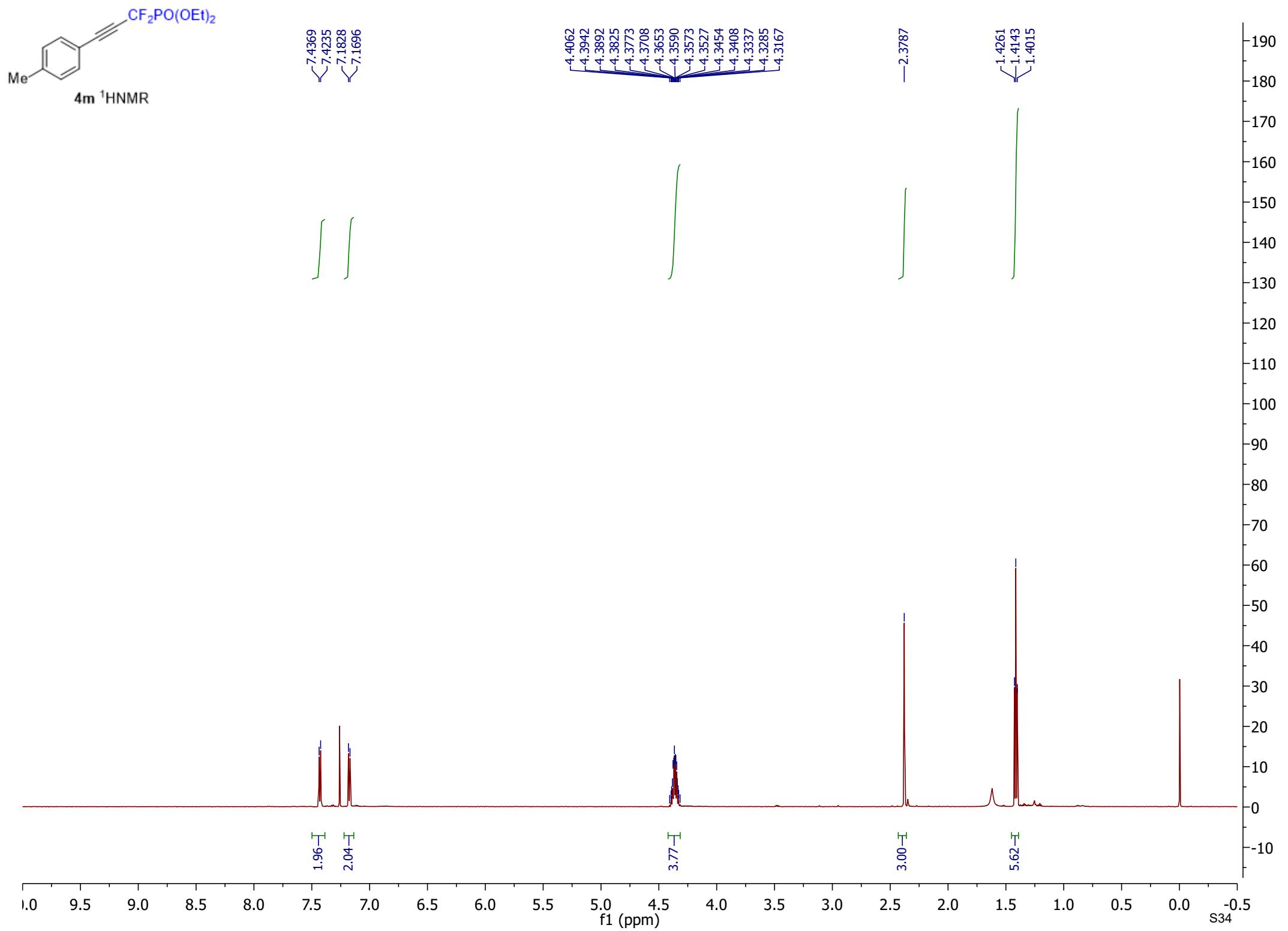


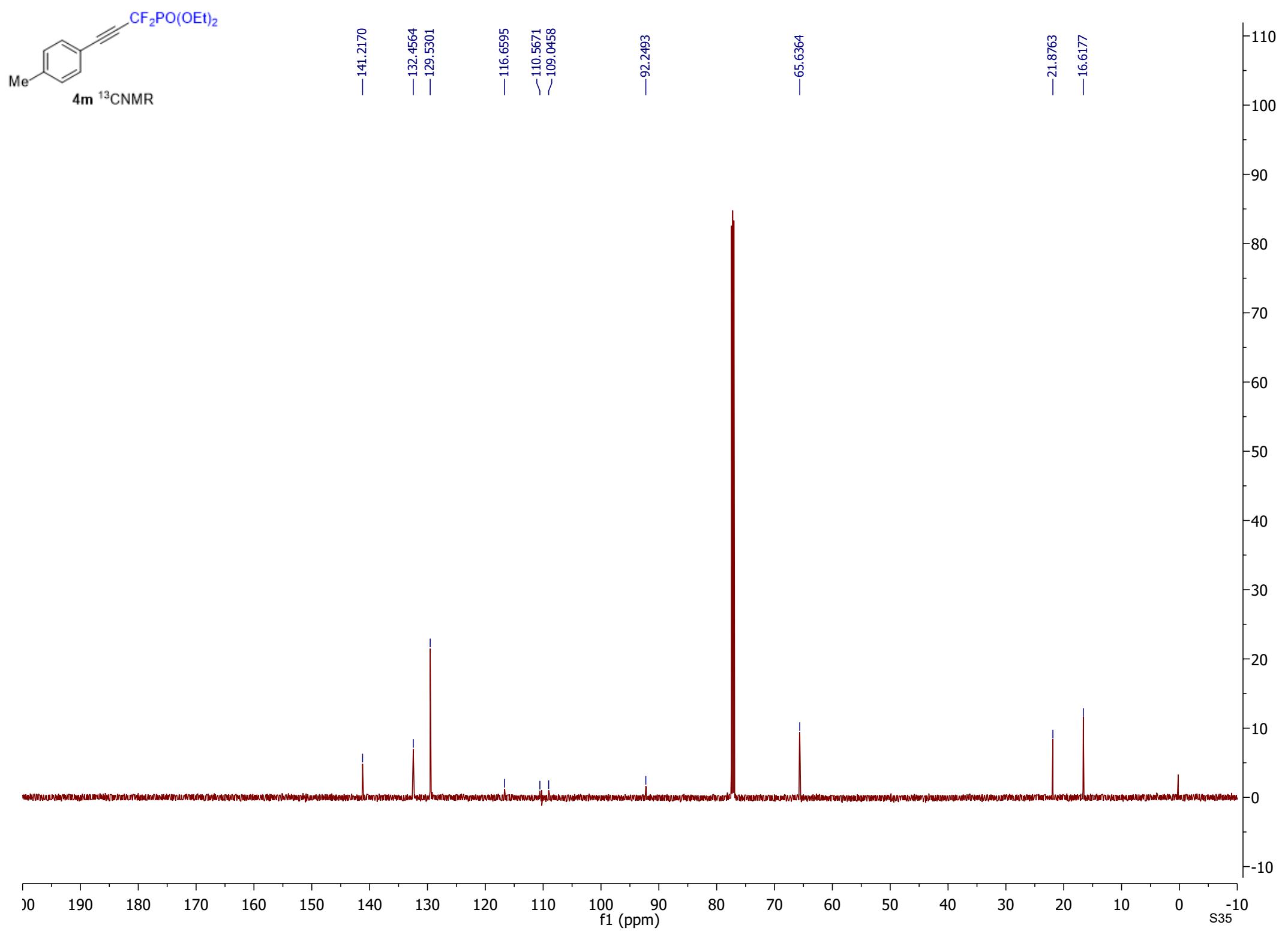


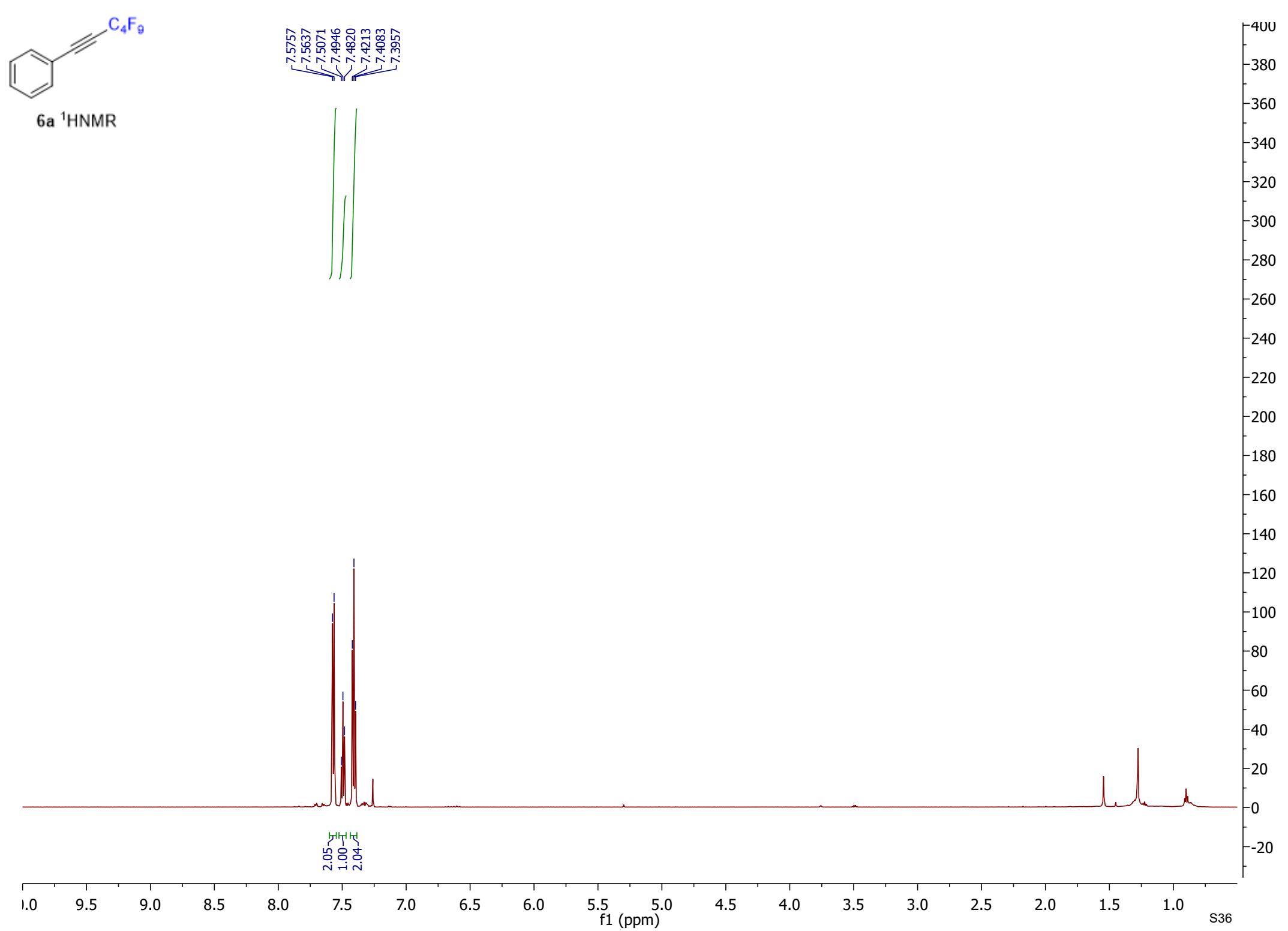


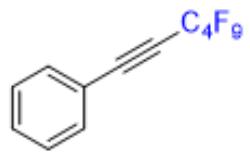




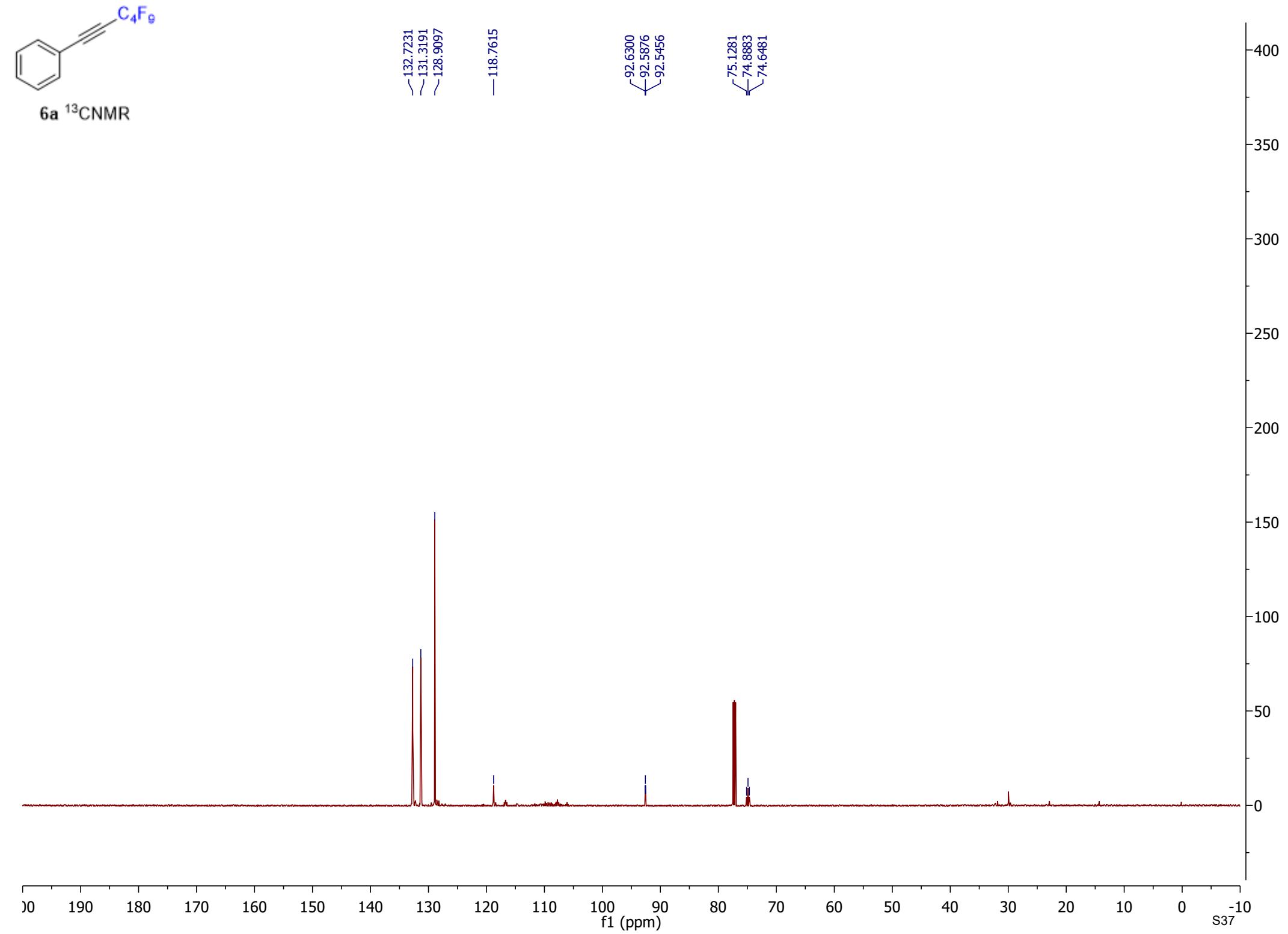


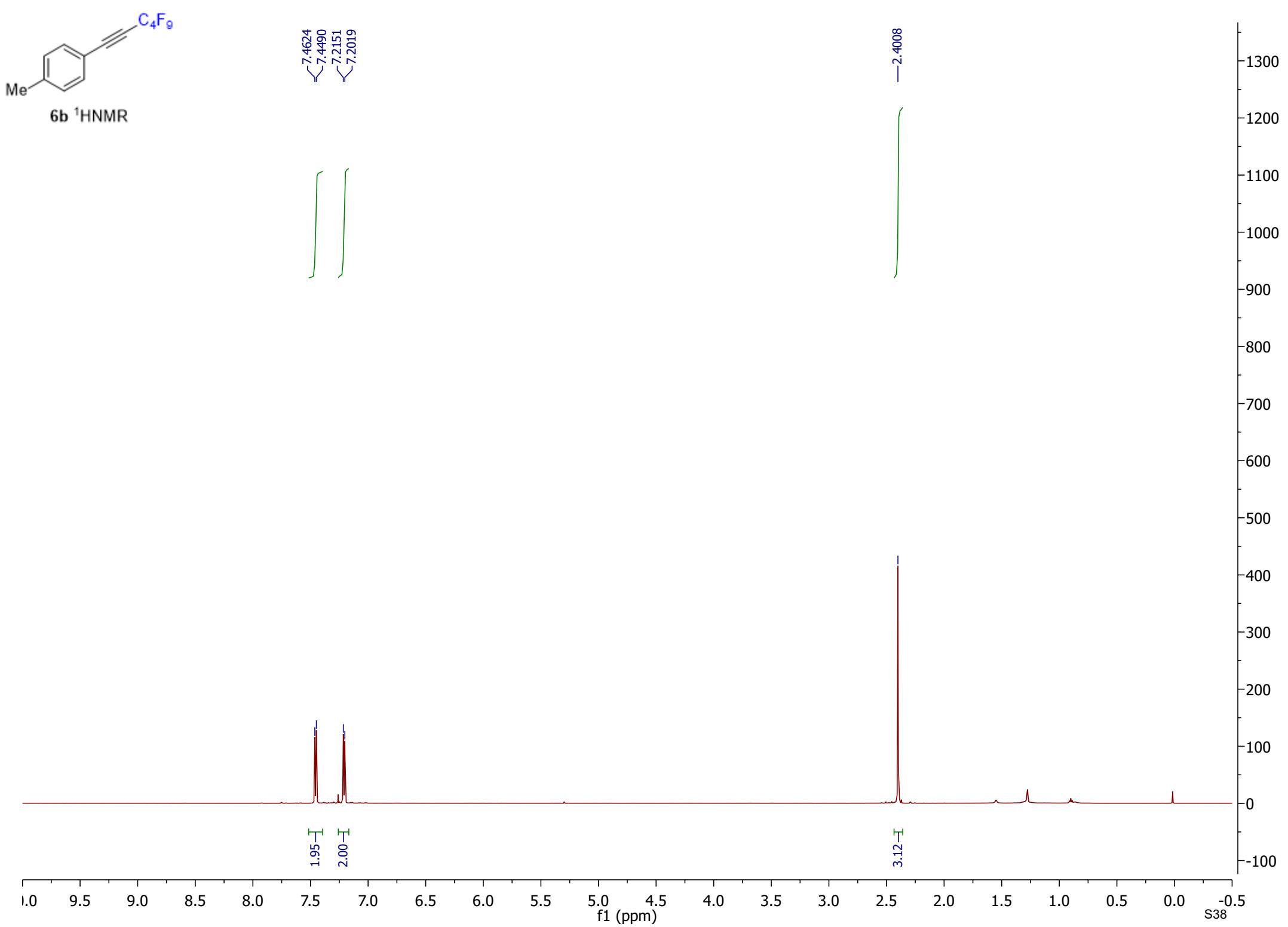


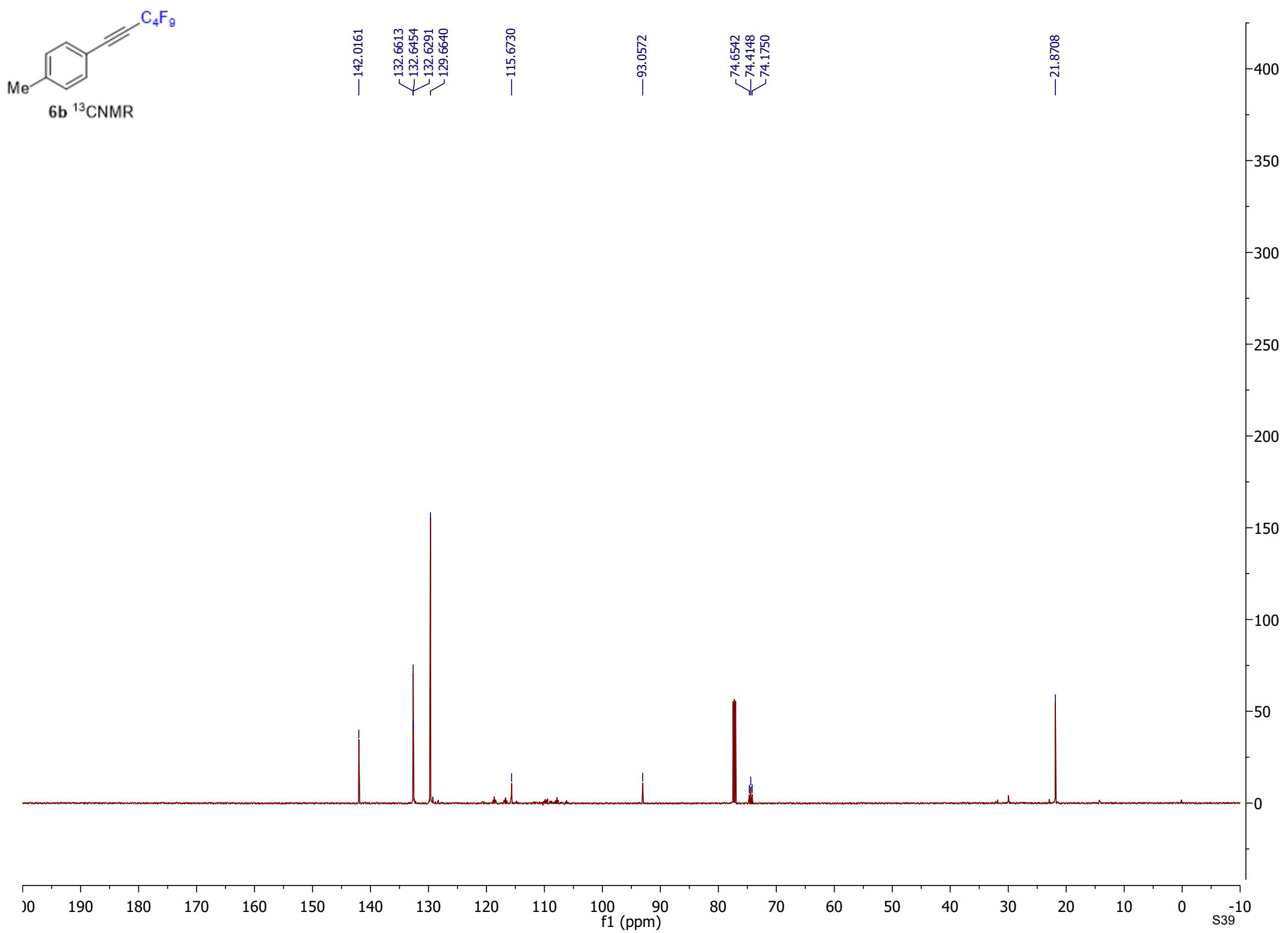
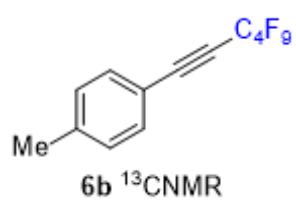


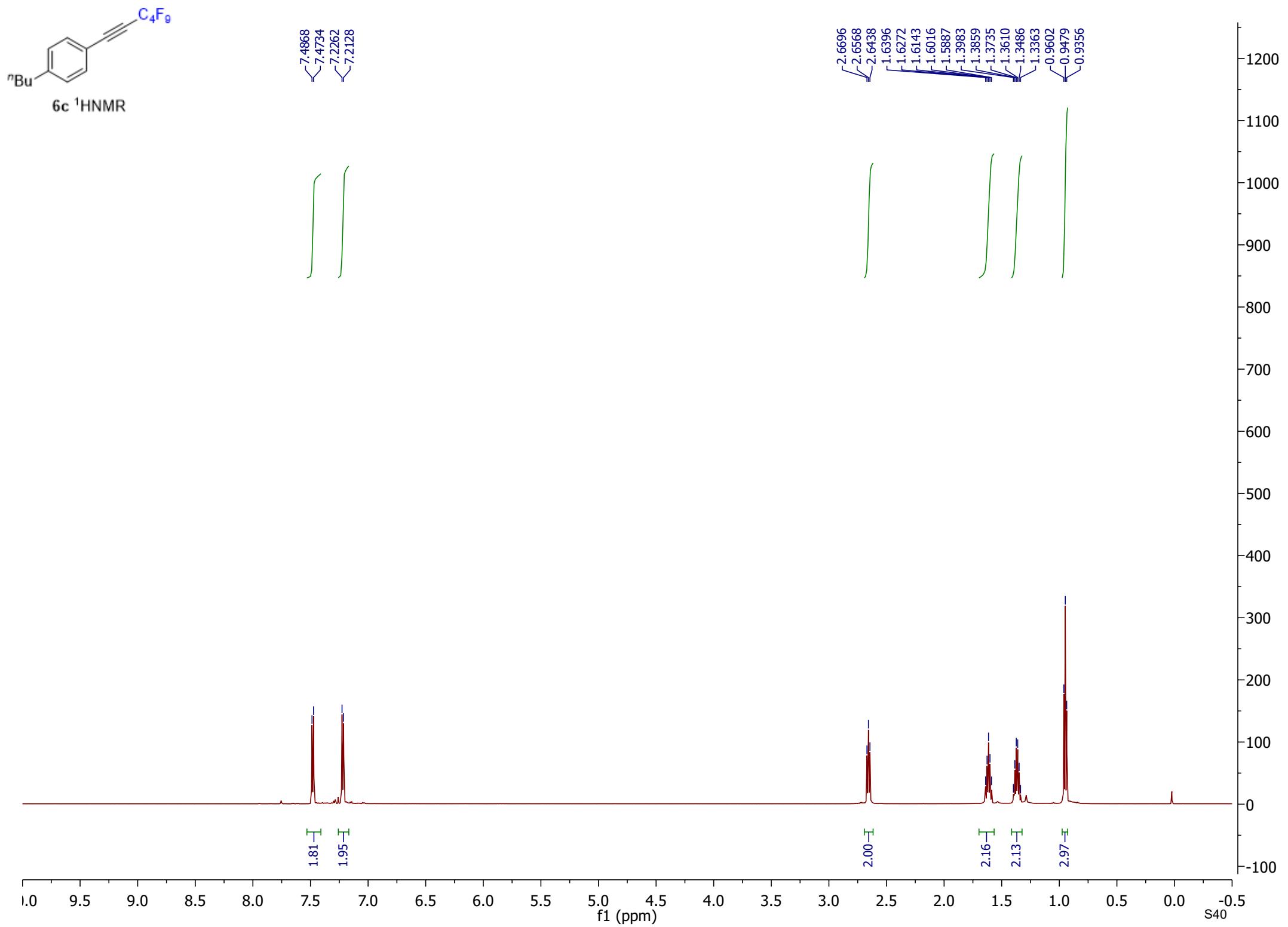


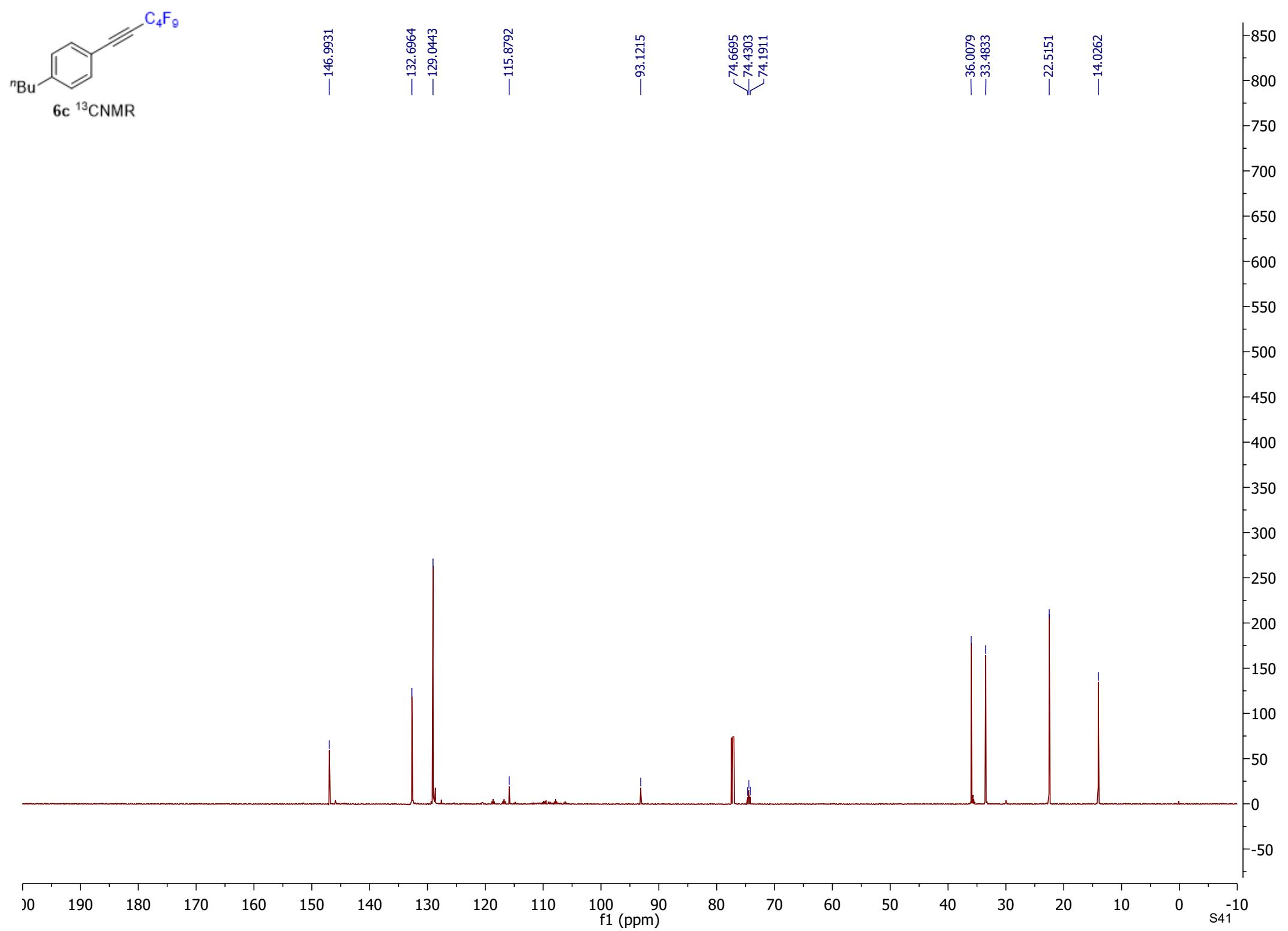
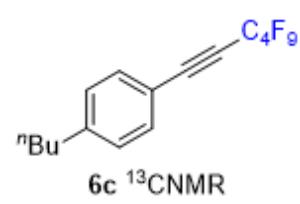
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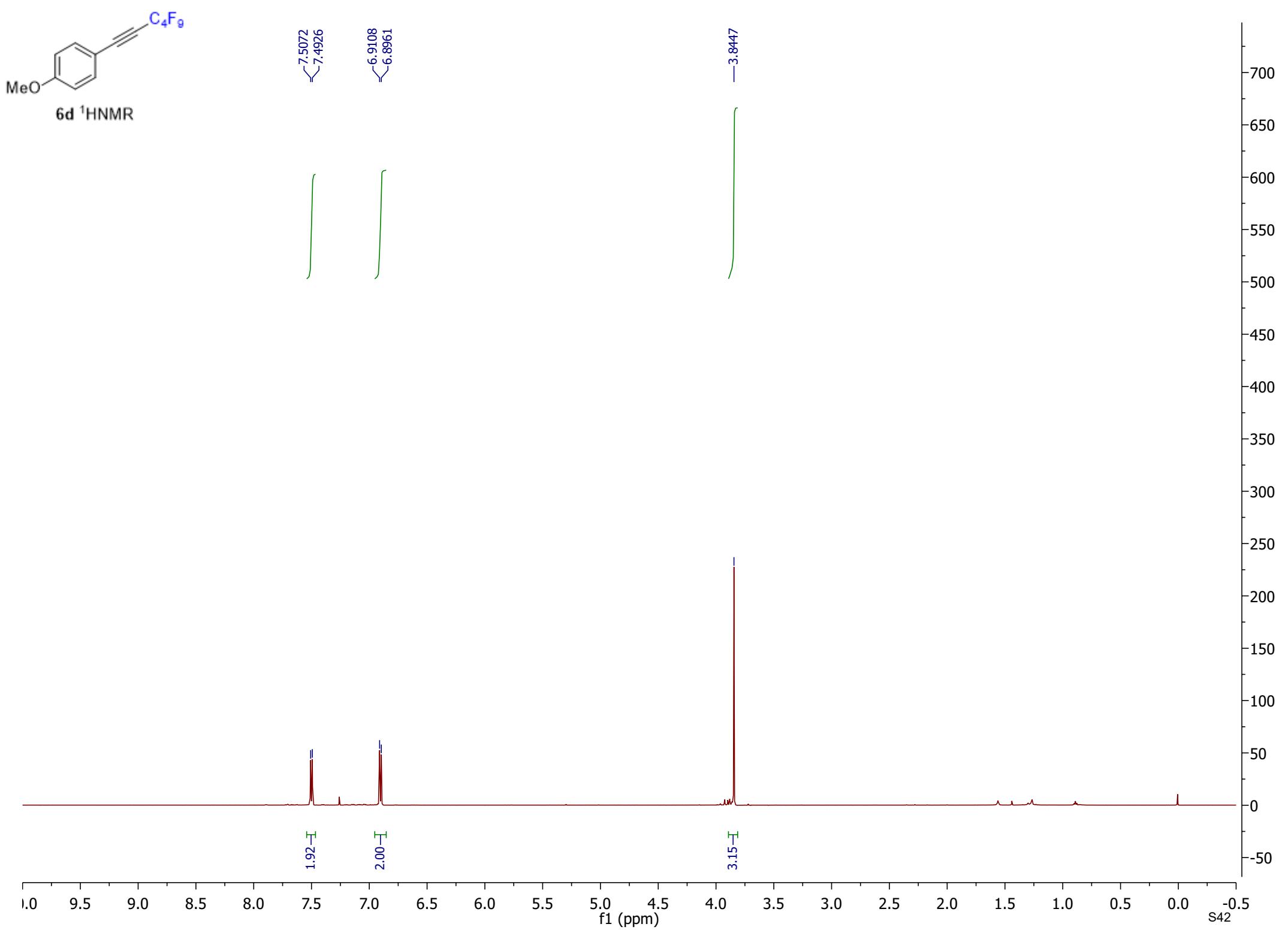


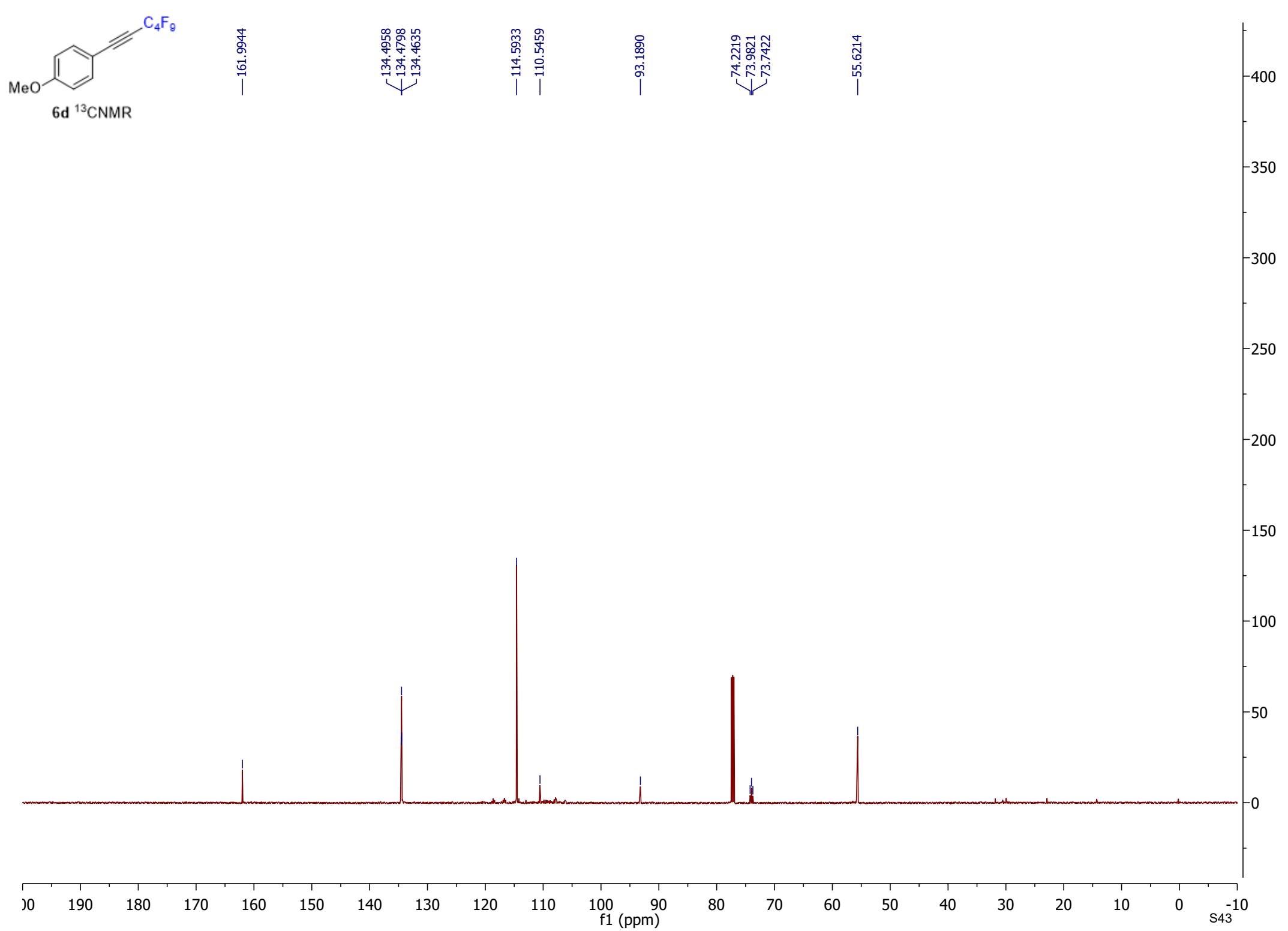


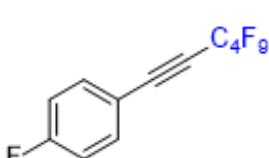




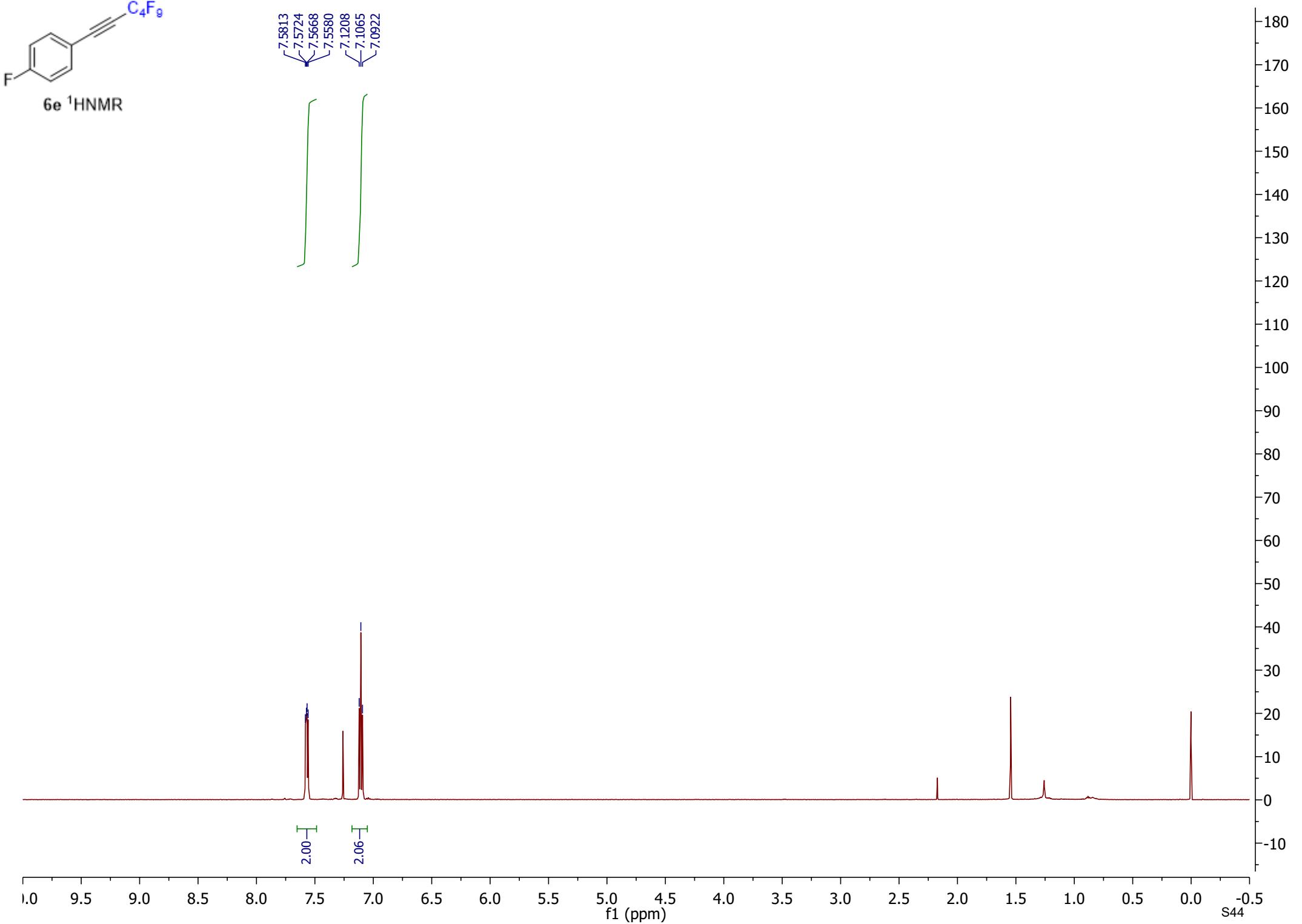


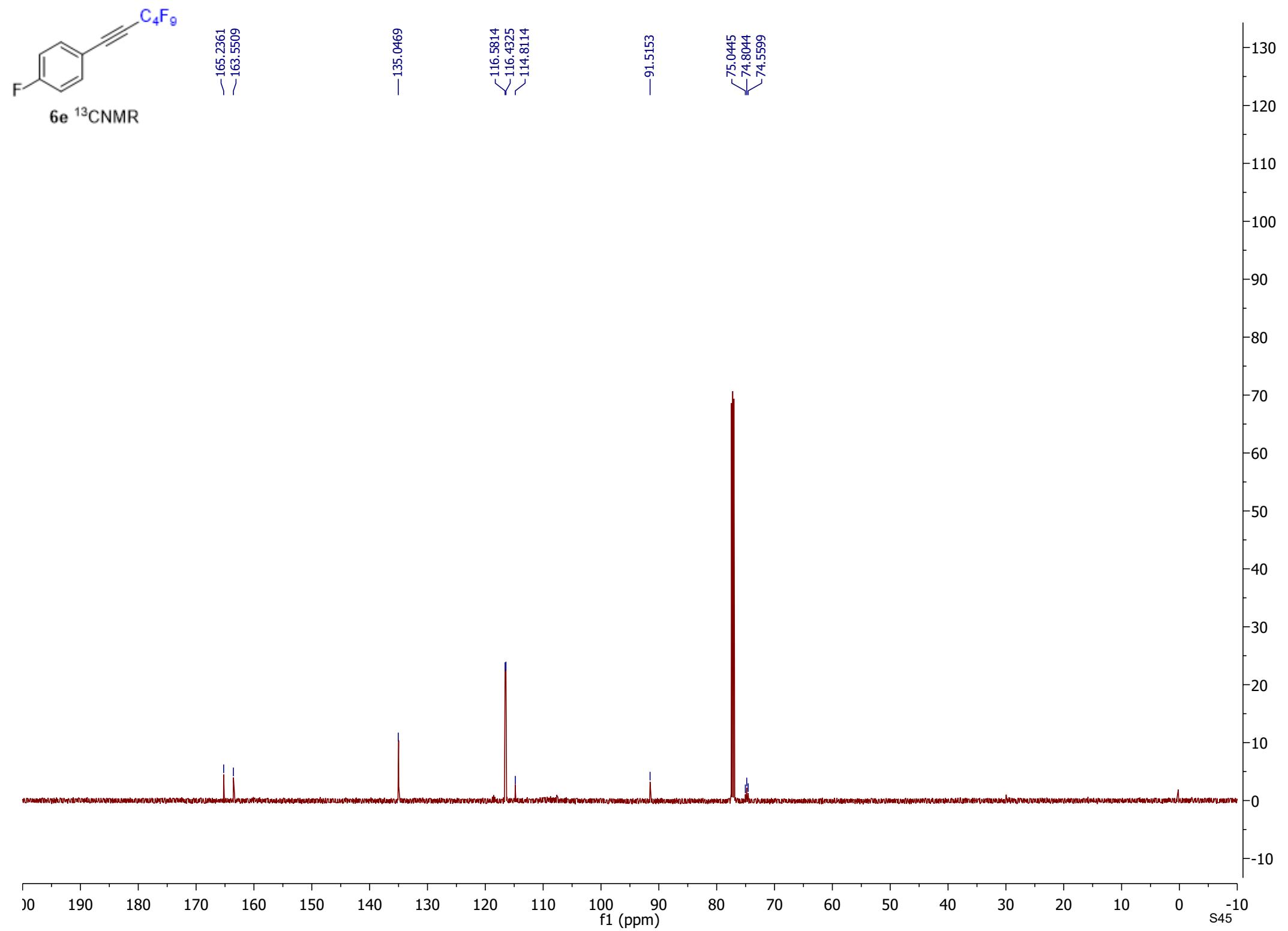


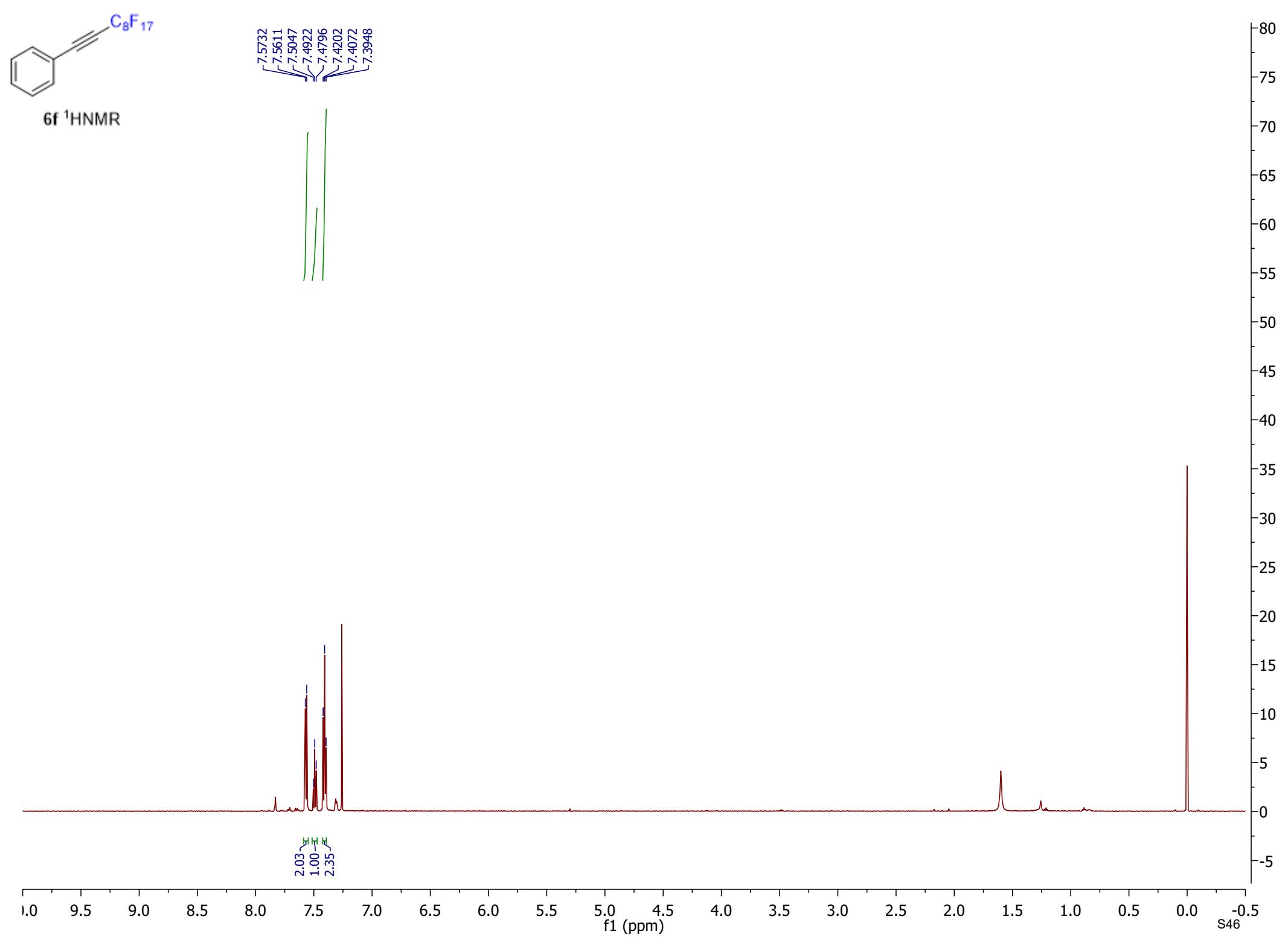


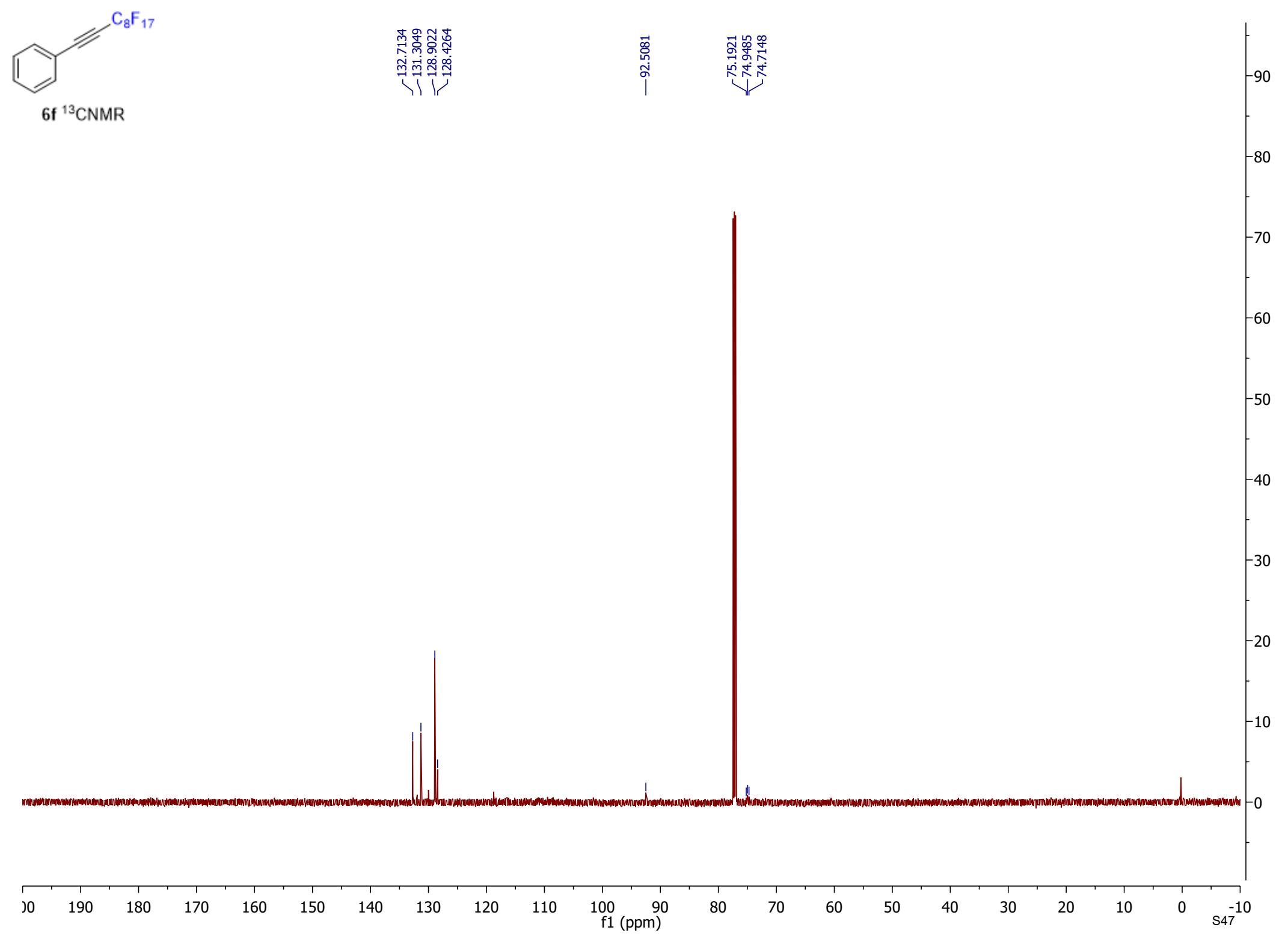


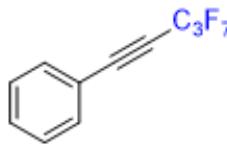
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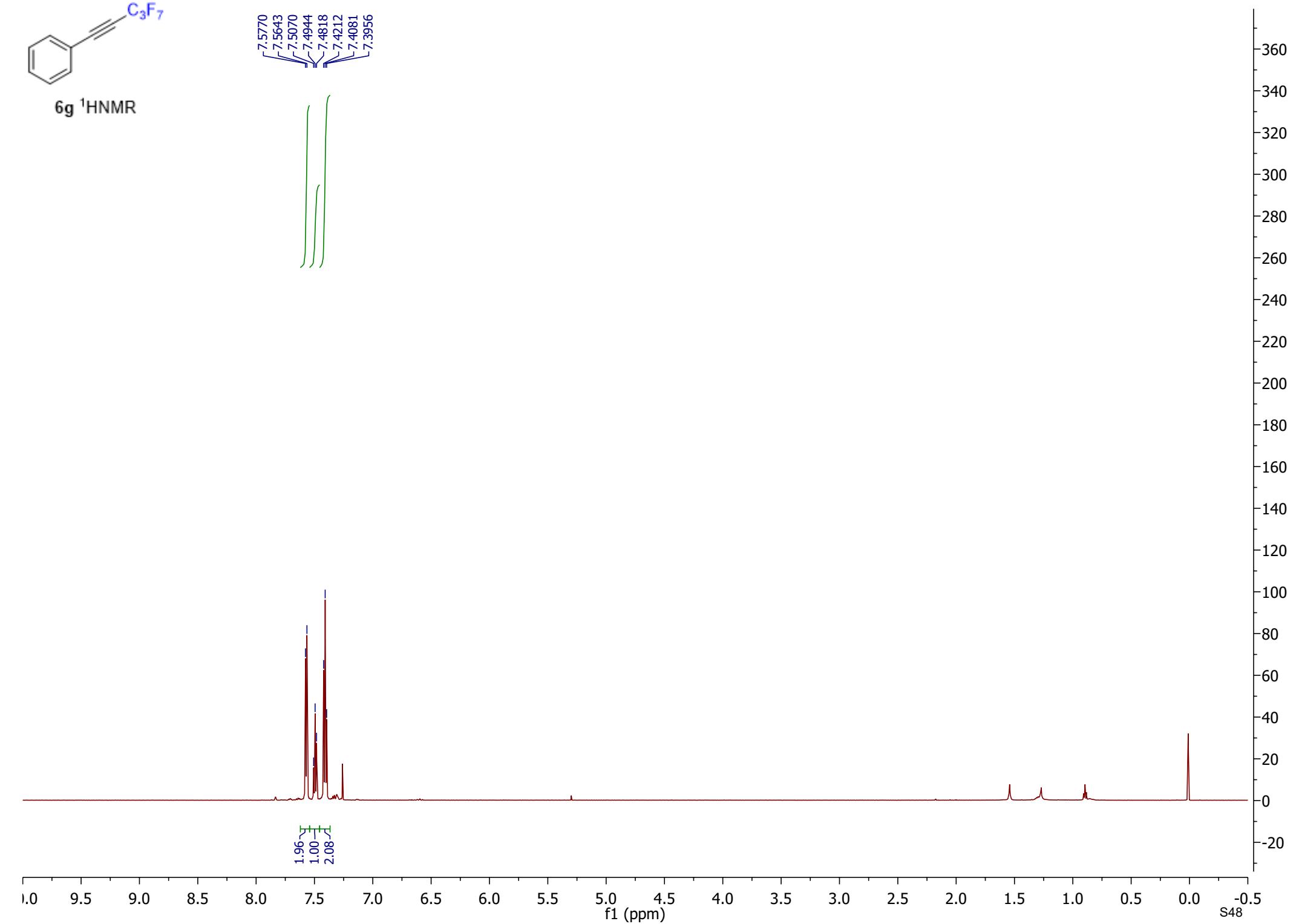


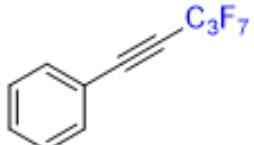






6g ^1H NMR





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