

## ***Supplementary Information***

### **Divergent Synthesis of *N*-Heterocyclic 1,6-Enynes through Zinc- catalyzed Decarboxylative A<sup>3</sup> Reaction**

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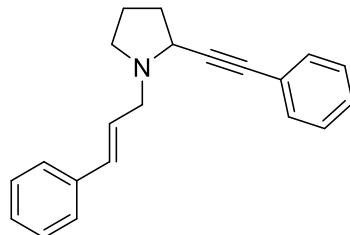
## **Experimental section**

**General:** Toluene was dried over CaCl<sub>2</sub>. Reactions were monitored by thin layer chromatography (TLC) on glass plates coated with silica gel with fluorescent indicator. Flash chromatography was performed on silica gel (300–400) with petroleum/EtOAc as eluent. Optical rotations were measured on a polarimeter with a sodium lamp. HRMS were measured on a LTQ-Orbitrap-XL apparatus. IR spectra were recorded using film on a Fourier Transform Infrared Spectrometer. NMR spectra were recorded at 400 MHz or 600 MHz, and chemical shifts are reported in δ (ppm) referenced to an internal TMS standard for <sup>1</sup>H NMR and CDCl<sub>3</sub> (77.16 ppm) for <sup>13</sup>C NMR.

### **General Procedure for the Synthesis of 4**

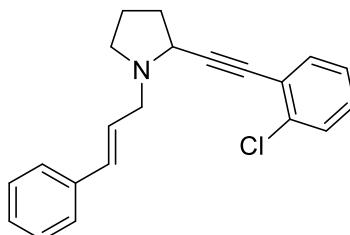
Amino acids **1** (1.5 mmol), terminal alkyne **3** (1.5 mmol) and ZnBr<sub>2</sub> (0.2 mmol) were dissolved in dry toluene (5 mL) under Ar atmosphere. The mixture was heated to 120°C and a solution of  $\alpha,\beta$ -unsaturated aldehyde **2** (1.0 mmol) in toluene (2 mL) was slowly added over 12h. Then, the reaction was cooled and concentrated. The residue was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (PE/EA =5:1 - 10:1) to give the desired product **4**.

**1-Cinnamyl-2-(phenylethynyl)pyrrolidine (4aa)**



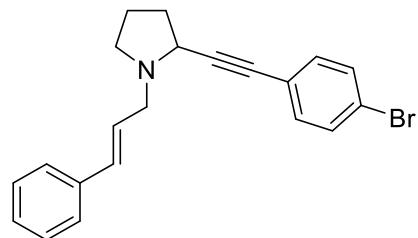
Eluent: PE/EA=5:1, Yellow oil (169 mg, 59%);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.46-7.42 (m, 2H), 7.40-7.36 (m, 2H), 7.33-7.27 (m, 5H), 7.26-7.20 (m, 1H), 6.61 (d,  $J = 16.0$  Hz, 1H), 6.43-6.33 (m, 1H), 3.76-3.67 (m, 2H), 3.28 (dd,  $J = 12.8, 7.6$  Hz, 1H), 2.97-2.89 (m, 1H), 2.67-2.58 (m, 1H), 2.27-2.18 (m, 1H), 2.10-1.93 (m, 2H), 1.90-1.80 (m, 1H) ppm;  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  137.2, 132.7, 131.8, 128.6, 128.3, 128.2, 128.1, 127.5, 127.0, 126.5, 123.3, 88.4, 85.2, 55.5, 54.9, 51.9, 31.9, 22.2 ppm; HRMS (ESI-Orbitrap)  $m/z$ : [M + H] $^+$  Calcd for  $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{21}\text{N}^+$ : 288.1747, found: 288.1752.

**2-((2-Chlorophenyl)ethynyl)-1-cinnamylpyrrolidine (4ab)**



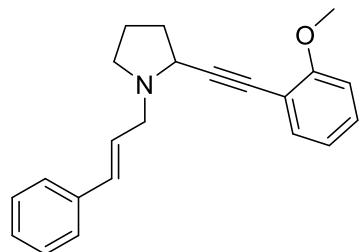
Eluent: PE/EA=5:1, Yellow oil (186 mg, 58%);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.39-7.20 (m, 9H), 6.59 (d,  $J = 15.6$  Hz, 1H), 6.40-6.28 (m, 1H), 3.72-3.65 (m, 1H), 3.64-3.56 (m, 1H), 3.27-3.18 (m, 1H), 2.97-2.86 (m, 1H), 2.59-2.47 (m, 1H), 2.25-2.14 (m, 1H), 2.07-1.90 (m, 2H), 1.87-1.78 (m, 1H) ppm;  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  137.2, 134.1, 133.1, 132.5, 128.7, 127.5, 127.3, 126.5, 121.9, 89.9, 83.8, 55.8, 54.9, 52.1, 31.9, 22.3 ppm; HRMS (ESI-Orbitrap)  $m/z$ : [M + H] $^+$  Calcd for  $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{21}\text{ClN}^+$ : 322.1357, found: 322.1359.

### **2-((4-Bromophenyl)ethynyl)-1-cinnamylpyrrolidine (4ac)**



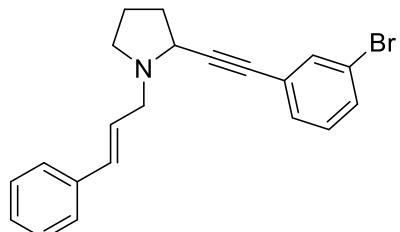
Eluent: PE/EA=5:1, Yellow oil (186 mg, 51%);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.45-7.35 (m, 4H), 7.34-7.20 (m, 5H), 6.59 (d,  $J = 15.6$  Hz, 1H), 6.44-6.34 (m, 1H), 3.73-3.65 (m, 1H), 3.63-3.55 (m, 1H), 3.28-3.17 (m, 1H), 2.98-2.86 (m, 1H), 2.60-2.51 (m, 1H), 2.26-2.13 (m, 1H), 2.07-1.75 (m, 4H) ppm;  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  137.2, 133.3, 132.5, 131.6, 128.7, 127.6, 127.3, 126.5, 122.4, 122.3, 90.2, 83.9, 55.8, 54.9, 52.2, 31.9, 22.3 ppm; HRMS (ESI-Orbitrap)  $m/z$ : [M + H] $^+$  Calcd for  $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{21}\text{BrN}^+$ : 366.0852, 368.0831 found: 366.0860, 368.0840.

### **1-Cinnamyl-2-((2-methoxyphenyl)ethynyl)pyrrolidine (4ad)**



Eluent: PE/EA=5:1, Yellow oil (209 mg, 66%);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.44-7.35 (m, 3H), 7.33-7.18 (m, 4H), 6.93-6.80 (m, 2H), 6.62 (d,  $J$  = 15.6 Hz, 1H), 6.44-6.34 (m, 1H), 3.86 (s, 3H), 3.76-3.67 (m, 2H), 3.34-3.25 (m, 1H), 2.94-2.85 (m, 1H), 2.65-2.57 (m, 1H), 2.25-2.14 (m, 1H), 2.11-2.04 (m, 1H), 2.00-1.92 (m, 1H), 1.87-1.79 (m, 1H) ppm;  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  160.2, 133.7, 132.7, 129.5, 128.6, 127.5, 126.5, 120.5, 110.8, 92.5, 81.5, 55.9, 55.3, 55.0, 51.7, 31.9, 22.2 ppm; HRMS (ESI-Orbitrap)  $m/z$ : [M + H] $^+$  Calcd for  $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{24}\text{NO}^+$ : 318.1852, found: 318.1858.

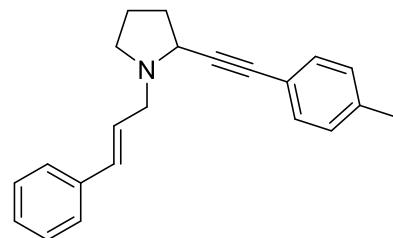
**2-((3-Bromophenyl)ethynyl)-1-cinnamylpyrrolidine (4ae)**



Eluent: PE/EA=5:1, Yellow oil (245 mg, 67%);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.58 (s, 1H), 7.45-7.28 (m, 6H), 7.25-7.20 (m, 1H), 7.18-7.13 (m,

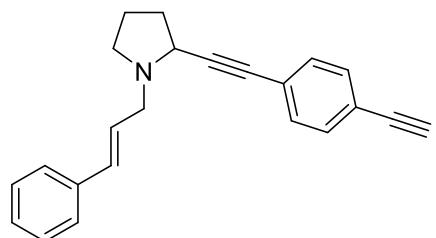
1H), 6.60 (d,  $J$  = 15.6 Hz, 1H), 6.43-6.31 (m, 1H), 3.72-3.60 (m, 2H), 3.29-3.20 (m, 1H), 2.96-2.85 (m, 1H), 2.63-2.54 (m, 1H), 2.26-2.17 (m, 1H), 2.08-1.93 (m, 2H), 1.90-1.80 (m, 1H) ppm;  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  137.1, 134.6, 132.8, 131.3, 130.4, 129.8, 128.7, 127.6, 126.9, 126.5, 125.4, 122.2, 90.1, 83.7, 55.6, 54.8, 52.0, 31.9, 22.3 ppm; HRMS (ESI-Orbitrap)  $m/z$ : [M + H] $^+$  Calcd for  $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{21}\text{BrN}^+$ : 366.0852, found: 366.0861, 368.0843.

**1-Cinnamyl-2-(*p*-tolylethynyl)pyrrolidine (4af)**



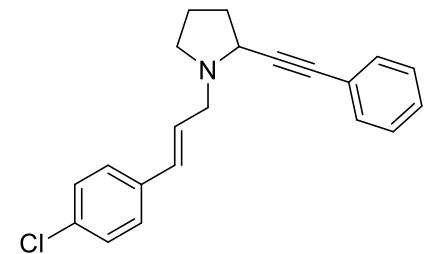
Eluent: PE/EA=5:1, Yellow oil (202 mg, 67%);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.40-7.28 (m, 6H), 7.23-7.20 (m, 1H), 7.12-7.05 (m, 2H), 6.60 (d,  $J$  = 15.6 Hz, 1H), 6.43-6.34 (m, 1H), 3.75-3.58 (m, 2H), 3.26 (dd,  $J$  = 13.2, 7.6 Hz, 1H), 2.96-2.87 (m, 1H), 2.65-2.56 (m, 1H), 2.34 (s, 3H), 2.25-2.16 (m, 1H), 2.10-1.93 (m, 2H), 1.88-1.76 (m, 1H) ppm;  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  138.2, 137.2, 132.7, 131.7, 129.1, 128.6, 127.5, 127.1, 126.5, 120.3, 87.6, 85.2, 55.5, 54.9, 51.9, 31.9, 22.2, 21.5 ppm; HRMS (ESI-Orbitrap)  $m/z$ : [M + H] $^+$  Calcd for  $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{24}\text{N}^+$ : 302.1903, found: 302.1909.

**1-Cinnamyl-2-((4-ethynylphenyl)ethynyl)pyrrolidine (4ag)**



Eluent: PE/EA=5:1, Yellow oil (109 mg, 35%);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.43-7.36 (m, 6H), 7.32-7.28 (m, 2H), 7.24-7.20 (m, 1H), 6.60 (d,  $J = 16.0$  Hz, 1H), 6.41-6.33 (m, 1H), 3.72-3.64 (m, 2H), 3.28 (dd,  $J = 13.2, 7.6$  Hz, 1H), 3.15 (s, 1H), 2.92 (ddd,  $J = 12.4, 8.4, 3.6$  Hz, 1H), 2.64-2.56 (m, 1H), 2.27-2.18 (m, 1H), 2.07-1.93 (m, 2H), 1.89-1.80 (m, 1H) ppm;  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  137.2, 132.7, 132.1, 131.7, 128.7, 127.6, 127.2, 126.5, 124.0, 121.8, 90.9, 84.5, 83.4, 78.8, 55.7, 54.9, 52.1, 31.9, 22.3 ppm; HRMS (ESI-Orbitrap)  $m/z$ : [M + H]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for  $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{22}\text{N}^+$ : 312.1747, found: 312.1751.

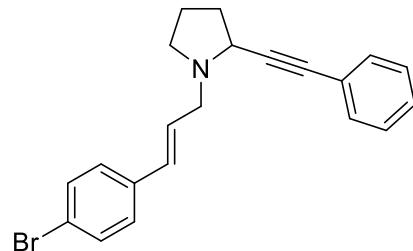
**(E)-1-(3-(4-Chlorophenylallyl)-2-(phenylethynyl)pyrrolidine (4ah)**



Eluent: PE/EA=5:1, Yellow oil (157 mg, 49%);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.46-7.40 (m, 2H), 7.32-7.23 (m, 7H), 6.55 (d,  $J = 16.0$  Hz, 1H),

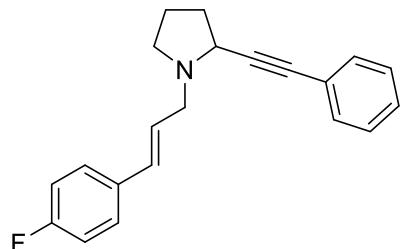
6.40-6.31 (m, 1H), 3.72-3.58 (m, 2H), 3.25 (dd,  $J$  = 13.6, 7.6 Hz, 1H), 2.96-2.88 (m, 1H), 2.62-2.53 (m, 1H), 2.25-2.17 (m, 1H), 2.10-1.93 (m, 2H), 1.90-1.80 (m, 1H) ppm;  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  135.8, 133.1, 131.9, 131.2, 128.8, 128.4, 128.2, 128.1, 127.7, 123.4, 88.7, 85.1, 55.6, 55.0, 52.1, 32.0, 22.3 ppm; HRMS (ESI-Orbitrap)  $m/z$ : [M + H] $^+$  Calcd for  $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{21}\text{ClN}^+$ : 322.1357, found: 322.1363.

**(E)-1-(3-(4-Bromophenyl)allyl)-2-(phenylethynyl)pyrrolidine (4ai)**



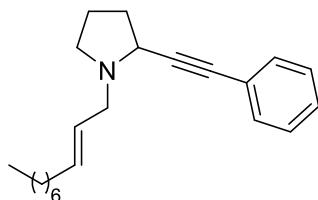
Eluent: PE/EA=5:1, Yellow oil (186 mg, 51%);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.45-7.38 (m, 4H), 7.31-7.20 (m, 5H), 6.54 (d,  $J$  = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 6.43-6.32 (m, 1H), 3.72-3.60 (m, 2H), 3.25 (dd,  $J$  = 13.6, 7.6 Hz, 1H), 2.96-2.87 (m, 1H), 2.61-2.53 (m, 1H), 2.25-2.17 (m, 1H), 2.10-1.92 (m, 2H), 1.90-1.78 (m, 1H) ppm;  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  136.2, 131.8, 131.7, 131.3, 128.4, 128.2, 128.1, 128.0, 123.4, 121.2, 88.7, 85.1, 55.6, 55.0, 52.1, 32.0, 22.3 ppm; HRMS (ESI-Orbitrap)  $m/z$ : [M + H] $^+$  Calcd for  $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{21}\text{BrN}^+$ : 366.0852, 368.0831 found: 366.0858, 368.0834.

**(E)-1-(3-(4-Fluorophenyl)allyl)-2-(phenylethynyl)pyrrolidine (4aj)**



Eluent: PE/EA=5:1, Yellow oil (204 mg, 67%); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.46-7.41 (m, 2H), 7.36-7.27 (m, 5H), 7.02-6.95 (m, 2H), 6.56 (d, *J* = 15.6 Hz, 1H), 6.34-6.26 (m, 1H), 3.72-3.64 (m, 2H), 3.26 (dd, *J* = 13.6, 7.6 Hz, 1H), 2.96-2.89 (m, 1H), 2.64-2.56 (m, 1H), 2.25-2.17 (m, 1H), 2.10-2.03 (m, 1H), 2.02-1.93 (m, 1H), 1.90-1.82 (m, 1H) ppm; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 162.3 (*J* = 244.8 Hz), 133.4, 133.4, 131.8, 131.4, 128.4, 128.1, 128.0, 127.9, 127.1, 123.4, 115.6, 115.4, 88.6, 85.1, 55.6, 54.9, 52.0, 31.9, 22.2 ppm; HRMS (ESI-Orbitrap) *m/z*: [M + H]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>21</sub>NF<sup>+</sup>: 306.1653, found: 306.1659.

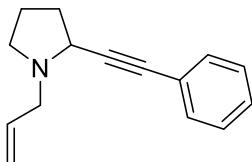
**(E)-1-(Dec-2-en-1-yl)-2-(phenylethyynyl)pyrrolidine (4ak)**



Eluent: PE/EA=7:1, Yellow oil (192 mg, 62%); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.46-7.40 (m, 2H), 7.32-7.26 (m, 3H), 5.71-5.49 (m, 2H), 3.63-3.56 (m, 1H), 3.54-3.46 (m, 1H), 3.21-2.98 (m, 1H), 2.93-2.82 (m, 1H), 2.56-2.48 (m, 1H), 2.23-2.13 (m, 1H), 2.10-1.86 (m, 4H), 1.85-1.77

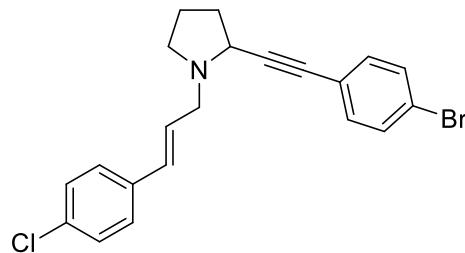
(m, 1H), 1.40-1.32 (m, 2H), 1.30-1.20 (m, 8H), 0.91-0.84 (m, 3H) ppm;  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  134.3, 132.9, 131.8, 128.3, 128.0, 126.8, 126.3, 123.5, 88.9, 88.8, 84.8, 55.4, 54.8, 54.7, 51.8, 51.7, 49.7, 32.0, 31.9, 29.4, 29.3, 29.3, 29.2, 22.7, 22.1, 14.2 ppm; HRMS (ESI-Orbitrap)  $m/z$ :  $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$  Calcd for  $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{32}\text{N}^+$ : 310.2529, found: 310.2529.

**1-Allyl-2-(phenylethynyl)pyrrolidine (4al)**



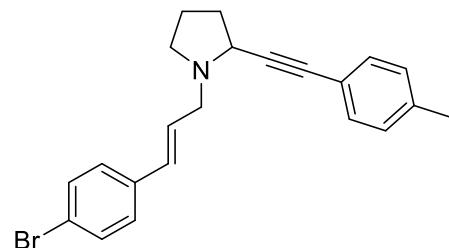
Eluent: PE/EA=5:1, Yellow oil (114 mg, 54%);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.25-7.16 (m, 2H), 7.11-7.02 (m, 3H), 5.79-5.65 (m, 1H), 5.00 (d,  $J = 17.2$  Hz, 1H), 4.89 (d,  $J = 10.0$  Hz, 1H), 3.37-3.28 (m, 2H), 2.81 (dd,  $J = 13.2, 7.6$  Hz, 1H), 2.65-2.58 (m, 1H), 2.30-2.23 (m, 1H), 2.00-1.89 (m, 1H), 1.83-1.52 (m, 3H) ppm;  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  135.8, 131.8, 128.3, 128.1, 123.5, 117.4, 88.7, 84.8, 56.4, 54.9, 51.8, 31.9, 22.2 ppm; HRMS (ESI-Orbitrap)  $m/z$ :  $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$  Calcd for  $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{18}\text{N}^+$ : 212.1434, found: 212.1432.

**(E)-2-((4-Bromophenyl)ethynyl)-1-(3-(4-chlorophenyl)allyl)pyrrolidine (4am)**



Eluent: PE/EA=5:1, Yellow oil (204 mg, 51%);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.44-7.40 (m, 2H), 7.31-7.25 (m, 6H), 6.54 (dd,  $J = 16.0$  Hz, 1H), 6.39-6.30 (m, 1H), 3.70-3.61 (m, 2H), 3.26 (dd,  $J = 13.6, 7.6$  Hz, 1H), 2.92 (ddd,  $J = 13.6, 8.8, 4.8$  Hz, 1H), 2.59 (ddd,  $J = 15.5, 8.8, 6.8$  Hz, 1H), 2.27-2.17 (m, 1H), 2.08-1.92 (m, 2H), 1.92-1.80 (m, 1H) ppm;  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  135.7, 133.3, 133.2, 131.6, 131.4, 128.8, 127.9, 127.7, 122.4, 122.3, 89.9, 84.1, 55.6, 55.0, 52.2, 31.9, 22.3 ppm; HRMS (ESI-Orbitrap)  $m/z$ : [M + H] $^+$  Calcd for  $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{20}\text{BrClN}^+$ : 400.0462, found: 400.0472, 402.0447.

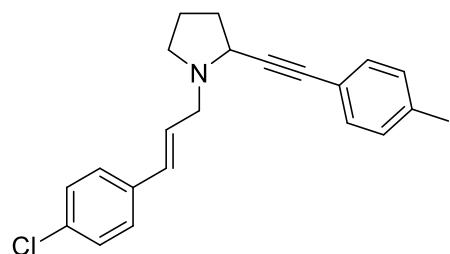
**(E)-1-(3-(4-Bromophenyl)allyl)-2-(*p*-tolylethyynyl)pyrrolidine (4an)**



Eluent: PE/EA=5:1, Yellow oil (193 mg, 51%);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.43-7.38 (m, 2H), 7.34-7.28 (m, 2H), 7.25-7.18 (m, 2H),

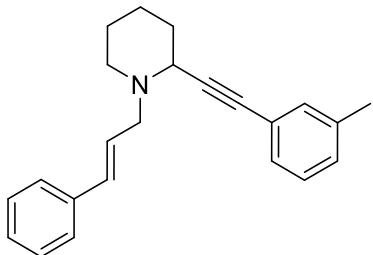
7.12-7.08 (m, 2H), 6.53 (d,  $J$  = 15.6 Hz, 1H), 6.42-6.33 (m, 1H), 3.71-3.63 (m, 2H), 3.26 (dd,  $J$  = 12.8, 7.6 Hz, 1H), 2.95-2.83 (m, 1H), 2.63-2.56 (m, 1H), 2.34 (s, 3H), 2.24-2.17 (m, 1H), 2.09-1.93 (m, 2H), 1.89-1.80 (m, 1H) ppm;  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  138.2, 136.2, 131.7, 131.4, 129.1, 128.1, 128.0, 121.2, 120.2, 87.6, 85.3, 55.5, 55.0, 52.0, 32.0, 22.2, 21.6 ppm; HRMS (ESI-Orbitrap)  $m/z$ : [M + H]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for  $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{23}\text{BrN}^+$ : 380.1008, 382.0988, found: 380.1013, 382.0989.

**(E)-1-(3-(4-Chlorophenyl)allyl)-2-(*p*-tolylethynyl)pyrrolidine (4ao)**



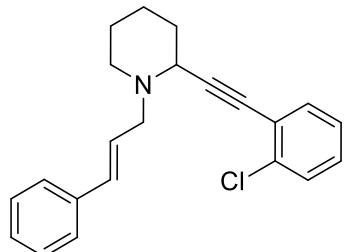
Eluent: PE/EA=5:1, Yellow oil (154 mg, 46%);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.33-7.24 (m, 6H), 7.13-7.08 (m, 2H), 6.55 (d,  $J$  = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 6.41-6.33 (m, 1H), 3.72-3.64 (m, 2H), 3.27 (dd,  $J$  = 13.2, 7.6 Hz, 1H), 2.91 (ddd,  $J$  = 14.0, 8.8, 5.2 Hz, 1H), 2.64-2.57 (m, 1H), 2.34 (s, 3H), 2.25-2.17 (m, 1H), 2.09-1.93 (m, 2H), 1.90-1.81 (m, 1H) ppm;  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  138.2, 125.8, 133.1, 131.7, 131.4, 129.1, 128.8, 128.0, 127.7, 120.2, 87.6, 85.3, 55.5, 55.0, 52.0, 32.0, 22.2, 21.6 ppm; HRMS (ESI-Orbitrap)  $m/z$ : [M + H]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for  $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{23}\text{ClN}^+$ : 336.1514, found: 336.1518.

**1-Cinnamyl-2-(*m*-tolylethyynyl)piperidine (4ba)**



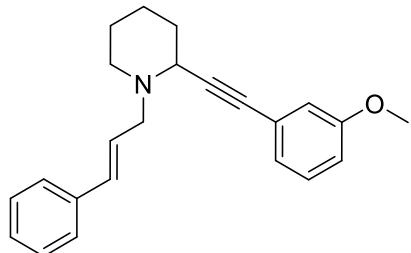
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**2-((2-Chlorophenyl)ethynyl)-1-cinnamylpiperidine (4bb)**



Eluent: PE/EA=6:1, Yellow oil (181 mg, 54%);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.44-7.35 (m, 4H), 7.33-7.27 (m, 4H), 7.24-7.18 (m, 1H), 6.58 (d,  $J = 16.0$  Hz, 1H), 6.34-6.25 (m, 1H), 3.90-3.83 (m, 1H), 3.45-3.35 (m, 1H), 3.33-3.25 (m, 1H), 2.65-2.56 (m, 2H), 1.93-1.82 (m, 2H), 1.71-1.54 (m, 4H) ppm;  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  137.2, 134.0, 133.3, 133.1, 128.7, 128.7, 127.6, 126.8, 126.5, 122.0, 88.3, 85.8, 58.9, 52.3, 49.5, 31.5, 25.8, 21.0 ppm; HRMS (ESI-Orbitrap)  $m/z$ : [M + H] $^+$  Calcd for  $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{23}\text{ClN}^+$ : 336.1514, found: 336.1518.

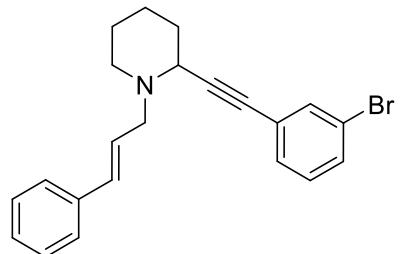
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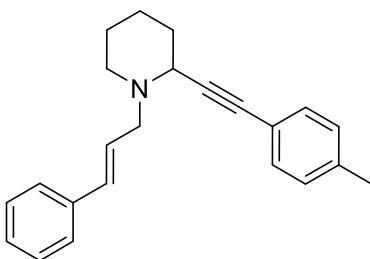
4H) ppm;  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  160.3, 137.4, 133.7, 133.2, 129.4, 128.6, 127.5, 127.1, 126.5, 120.5, 112.9, 110.9, 91.4, 83.0, 58.8, 55.9, 52.5, 49.3, 31.6, 26.0, 20.9 ppm; HRMS (ESI-Orbitrap)  $m/z$ :  $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$  Calcd for  $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{26}\text{N}^+$ : 332.2009, found: 332.2012.

**2-((3-Bromophenyl)ethynyl)-1-cinnamylpiperidine (4bd)**



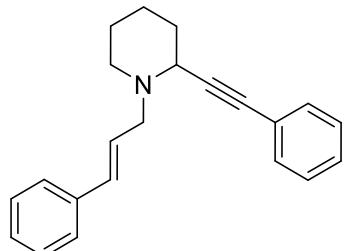
Eluent: PE/EA=6:1, Yellow oil (231 mg, 61%);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.62 (s, 1H), 7.46-7.43 (m, 1H), 7.42-7.38 (m, 3H), 7.32-7.27 (m, 2H), 7.25-7.16 (m, 2H), 6.59 (d,  $J = 15.6$  Hz, 1H), 6.35-6.26 (m, 1H), 3.91-3.86 (m, 1H), 3.44-3.35 (m, 1H), 3.32-3.24 (m, 1H), 1.91-1.76 (m, 3H), 1.74-1.55 (m, 3H) ppm;  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  137.2, 134.6, 133.3, 131.2, 130.4, 129.9, 128.7, 127.6, 126.9, 126.5, 125.6, 122.2, 88.9, 85.4, 59.0, 52.3, 49.4, 31.5, 25.8, 21.0 ppm; HRMS (ESI-Orbitrap)  $m/z$ :  $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$  Calcd for  $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{23}\text{BrN}^+$ : 380.1008, 382.0988 found: 380.1018, 382.0996.

**1-Cinnamyl-2-(*p*-tolylethynyl)piperidine (4be)**



Eluent: PE/EA=10:1, Yellow oil (233 mg, 74%);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.43-7.35 (m, 4H), 7.32-7.26 (m, 2H), 7.23-7.20 (m, 1H), 7.14-7.09 (m, 2H), 6.58 (d,  $J = 16.0$  Hz, 1H), 6.35-6.26 (m, 1H), 3.89-3.82 (m, 1H), 3.44-3.35 (m, 1H), 3.35-3.28 (m, 1H), 2.68-2.57 (m, 2H), 2.34 (s, 3H), 1.91-1.84 (m, 2H), 1.75-1.54 (m, 4H) ppm;  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  138.0, 137.1, 133.1, 131.7, 129.1, 128.6, 127.4, 126.9, 126.4, 120.4, 86.8, 86.3, 58.8, 52.2, 49.3, 31.6, 25.8, 21.5, 20.9 ppm; HRMS (ESI-Orbitrap)  $m/z$ : [M + H] $^+$  Calcd for  $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{26}\text{N}^+$ : 316.2060, found: 316.2062.

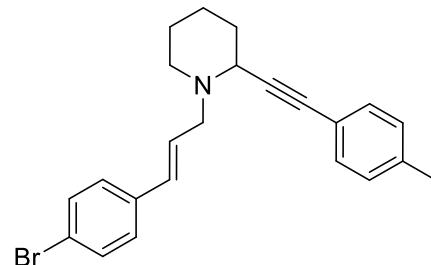
**1-Cinnamyl-2-(phenylethyynyl)piperidine (4bf)**



Eluent: PE/EA=6:1, Yellow oil (211 mg, 70%);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.50-7.44 (m, 2H), 7.41-7.37 (m, 2H), 7.35-7.27 (m, 5H),

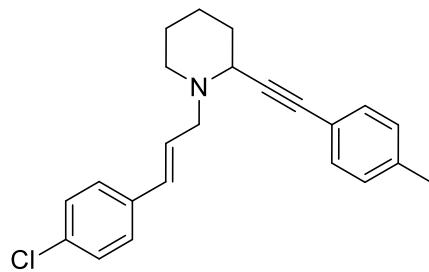
7.24-7.22 (m, 1H), 6.59 (d,  $J$  = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 6.35-6.26 (m, 1H), 3.93-3.85 (m, 1H), 3.49-3.36 (m, 1H), 3.34-3.26 (m, 1H), 2.68-2.57 (m, 2H), 1.91-1.84 (m, 2H), 1.78-1.53 (m, 4H) ppm;  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  137.2, 133.3, 131.8, 128.6, 128.4, 128.3, 128.0, 127.5, 126.8, 126.5, 123.5, 87.1, 86.9, 58.9, 52.2, 49.4, 31.5, 25.8, 20.9 ppm; HRMS (ESI-Orbitrap)  $m/z$ : [M + H] $^+$  Calcd for  $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{24}\text{N}^+$ : 302.1903, found: 302.1906.

**(E)-1-(3-(4-Bromophenyl)allyl)-2-(*p*-tolylethynyl)piperidine (4bg)**



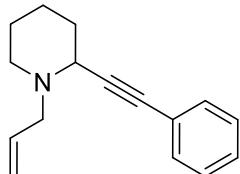
Eluent: PE/EA=6:1, Yellow oil (150 mg, 38%);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.45-7.40 (m, 2H), 7.39-7.33 (m, 2H), 7.27-7.21 (m, 2H), 7.15-7.08 (m, 2H), 6.52 (d,  $J$  = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 6.35-6.25 (m, 1H), 3.90-3.82 (m, 1H), 3.42-3.24 (m, 2H), 2.67-2.55 (m, 2H), 2.36 (s, 3H), 1.92-1.85 (m, 2H), 1.77-1.70 (m, 1H), 1.66-1.56 (m, 3H) ppm;  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  138.2, 136.2, 132.0, 131.7, 129.2, 128.0, 127.8, 121.3, 120.4, 87.0, 86.2, 58.8, 52.4, 49.4, 31.6, 25.8, 21.6, 20.9 ppm; HRMS (ESI-Orbitrap)  $m/z$ : [M + H] $^+$  Calcd for  $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{25}\text{BrN}^+$ : 394.1165, 396.1144, found: 394.1165, 396.1174.

**(E)-1-(3-(4-Chlorophenyl)allyl)-2-(*p*-tolylethynyl)piperidine (4bh)**



Eluent: PE/EA=6:1, Yellow oil (140 mg, 40%);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.40-7.21 (m, 6H), 7.15-7.07 (m, 2H), 6.54 (d,  $J = 15.6$  Hz, 1H), 6.34-6.23 (m, 1H), 3.90-3.81 (m, 1H), 3.43-3.35 (m, 1H), 3.34-3.25 (m, 1H), 2.67-2.55 (m, 2H), 2.36 (s, 3H), 1.93-1.83 (m, 2H), 1.71-1.51 (m, 4H) ppm;  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  138.1, 135.8, 133.1, 131.9, 131.7, 129.2, 128.8, 127.8, 127.7, 120.4, 87.0, 86.3, 58.8, 52.4, 49.4, 31.6, 25.9, 21.6, 20.9 ppm; HRMS (ESI-Orbitrap)  $m/z$ : [M + H] $^+$  Calcd for  $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{25}\text{ClN}^+$ : 350.1670, found: 350.1677.

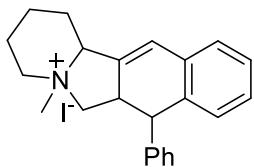
### **1-Allyl-2-(phenylethynyl)piperidine (4bi)**



Eluent: PE/EA=5:1, Yellow oil (83 mg, 37%);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.47-7.43 (m, 2H), 7.34-7.27 (m, 3H), 5.95-5.83 (m, 1H), 5.26 (d,  $J = 16.8$  Hz, 1H), 5.16 (d,  $J = 10.0$  Hz, 1H), 3.85-3.75 (m, 1H), 3.27-3.19 (m, 1H), 3.18-3.09 (m, 1H), 2.62-2.49 (m, 2H), 1.90-1.81 (m, 2H), 1.75-1.53 (m, 4H) ppm;  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  135.4, 131.8, 128.4, 128.0, 123.6, 118.1, 87.3, 86.7, 59.7, 52.2, 49.3, 31.6, 25.9, 21.0

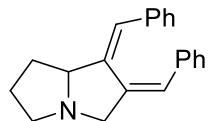
ppm; HRMS (ESI-Orbitrap)  $m/z$ : [M + H]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>20</sub>N<sup>+</sup>: 226.1590, found: 226.1587.

**5-Methyl-7-phenyl-2,3,4,5,6,6a,7,12b-octahydro-1*H*-benzo[*f*]pyrido[2,1-*α*]isoindol-5-ium iodide (10)**



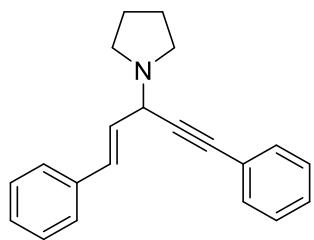
To a solution of **4bf** (300 mg, 1 mmol) in MeCN (10 mL) was added MeI (426 mg, 3 mmol), after being stirred for 12 h at room temperature, the reaction mixture was concentrated to give the **9** which was used without further purification. The iodide salt **9** was dissolved in a mixture of EtOH (1 mL) and 3 N KOH (1 mL) solution, then warmed to 90°C and stirred for 6 h. After cooled, concentrated the **10** was recrystallized from absolute EtOH as white solid (310 mg, 70%); mp 257-259°C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>/CCl<sub>4</sub>) δ 7.53-7.40 (m, 4H), 7.34-7.28 (m, 3H), 7.24-7.19 (m, 1H), 7.17-7.13 (m, 1H), 6.80-6.75 (m, 1H), 4.56-4.48 (m, 1H), 4.25 (d, *J* = 16.4, 1H), 3.88-3.81 (m, 1H), 3.57-3.48 (m, 1H), 3.43-3.40 (m, 1H), 3.24 (s, 3H), 3.02 (dd, *J* = 14.4, 5.2 Hz, 1H), 2.80-2.70 (m, 1H), 2.23-2.14 (m, 1H), 2.01-1.93 (m, 2H), 1.73-1.60 (m, 3H) ppm; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>/CCl<sub>4</sub>) δ 136.7, 135.4, 134.2, 133.6, 131.0, 128.9, 128.7, 127.9, 127.8, 127.5, 126.8, 125.1, 73.6, 68.0, 57.2, 46.7, 37.3, 30.9, 19.7, 19.6, 15.4 ppm; HRMS (ESI-Orbitrap)  $m/z$ : [M]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>26</sub>N<sup>+</sup>: 316.2060, found: 316.2064.

**1,2-Di(*E*)-benzylidene)hexahydro-1*H*-pyrrolizine (11)**

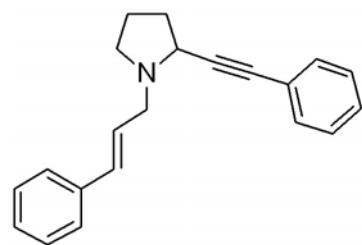


To a solution of **4aa** (287 mg, 1 mmol) in toluene (3 mL) was added Pd(OAc)<sub>2</sub> (45 mg, 0.2 mmol) and (*p*-MePh)<sub>3</sub>P (92 mg, 0.3 mmol) under N<sub>2</sub> protection, then the reaction mixture was warmed to 60°C and stirred for 6 h. After cooled, concentrated the residue was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (DCM/MeOH/TEA=50:1:0.1) to give the **11** as yellow oil (242 mg, 84%); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.39-7.34 (m, 5H), 7.32-7.28 (m, 2H), 7.25-7.22 (m, 3H), 6.98-6.94 (m, 2H), 4.63-4.57 (m, 1H), 4.16-4.09 (m, 1H), 3.74-3.68 (m, 1H), 3.08-3.02 (m, 1H), 2.73-2.65 (m, 1H), 2.34-2.27 (m, 1H), 1.84-1.77 (m, 2H), 1.65-1.57 (m, 1H) ppm; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 145.3, 140.8, 137.6, 137.0, 129.1, 129.0, 128.6, 128.5, 127.0, 120.2, 120.1, 66.7, 56.9, 54.8, 31.8, 25.3 ppm; HRMS (ESI-Orbitrap) *m/z*: [M]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>22</sub>N<sup>+</sup>: 288.1747, found: 288.1747.

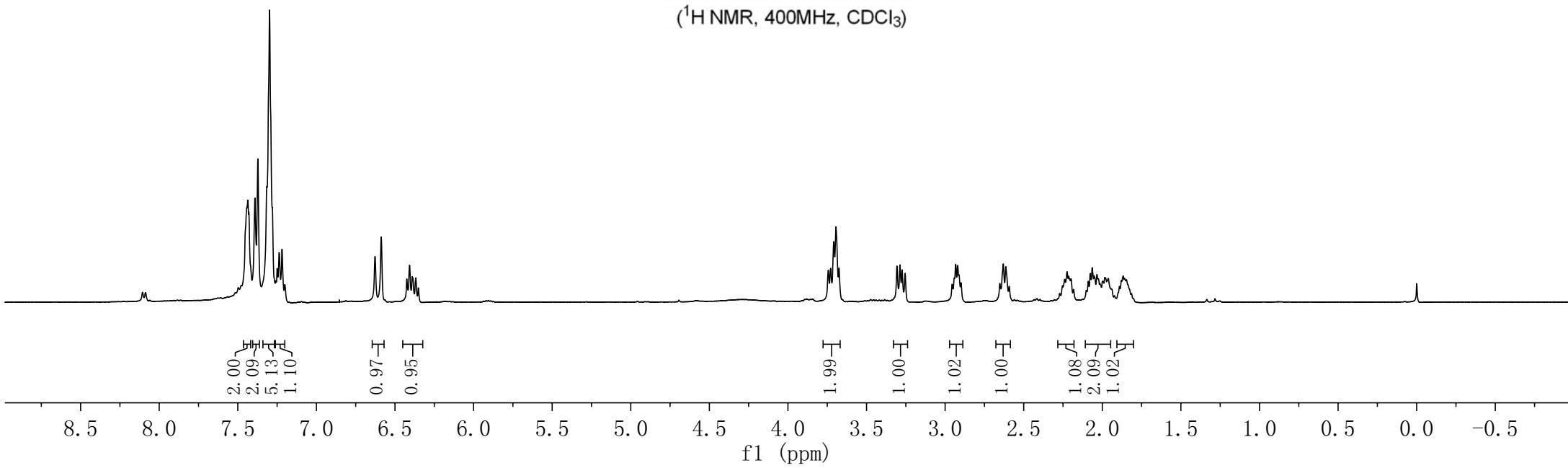
#### (E)-1-(1,5-Diphenylpent-1-en-4-yn-3-yl)pyrrolidine (**5**)

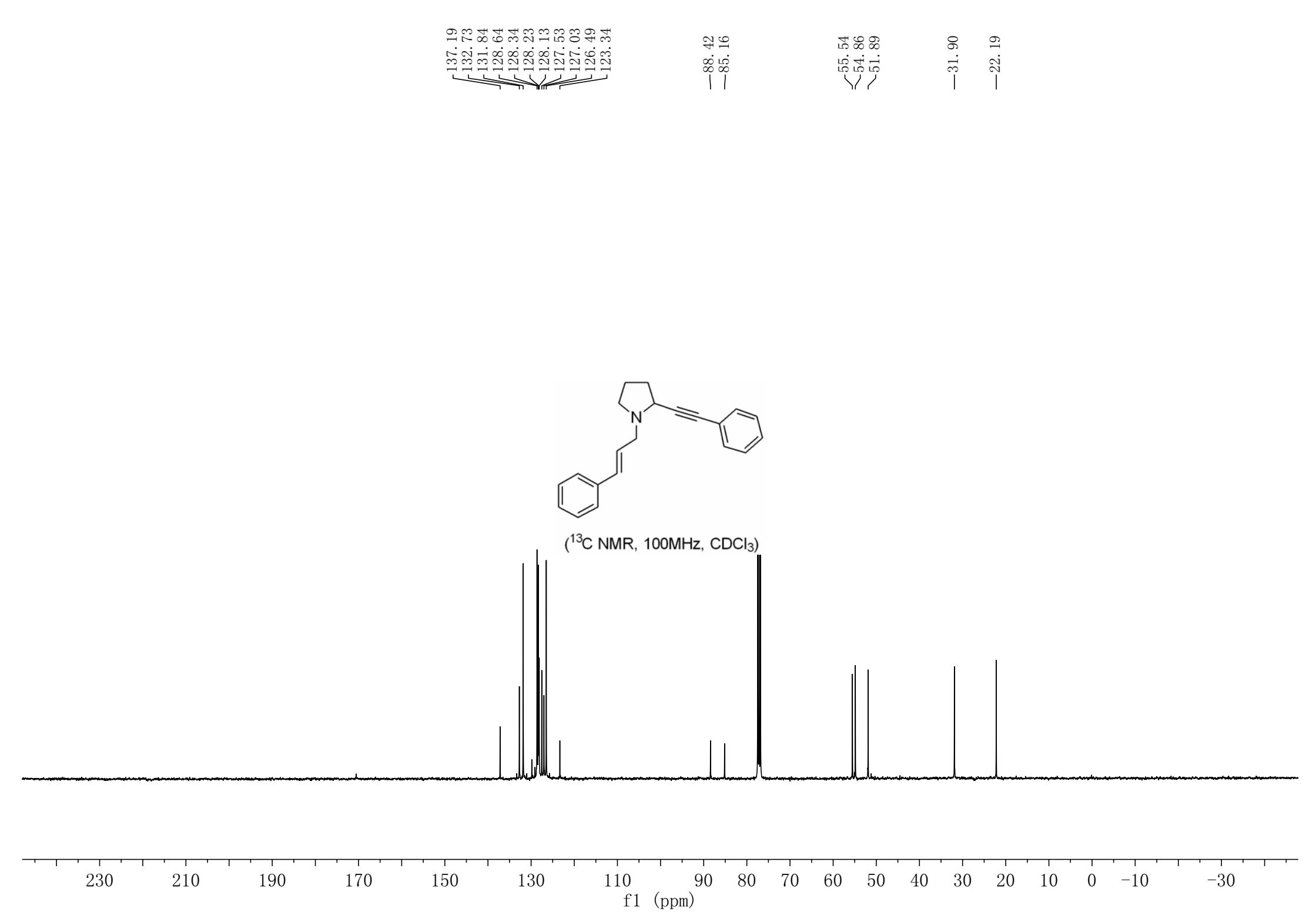


Eluent: PE/EA=5:1, Yellow oil;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.52-7.47 (m, 2H), 7.45-7.41 (m, 2H), 7.35-7.30 (m, 5H), 7.27-7.23 (m, 1H), 6.86 (d,  $J$  = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 6.37 (dd,  $J$  = 15.6, 5.6 Hz, 1H), 4.52 (d,  $J$  = 6.0 Hz, 1H), 2.85-2.74 (m, 4H), 1.86-1.81 (m, 4H) ppm;  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  136.9, 132.1, 132.0, 128.7, 128.4, 128.3, 128.2, 127.8, 126.8, 123.3, 87.3, 85.8, 56.9, 50.2, 23.7 ppm; HRMS (ESI-Orbitrap)  $m/z$ : [M + H] $^+$  Calcd for  $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{21}\text{N}^+$ : 288.1747, found: 288.1756.



( $^1\text{H}$  NMR, 400MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )

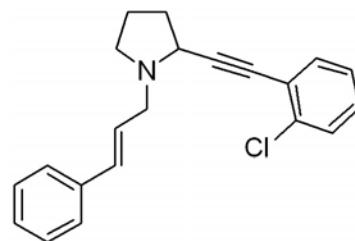




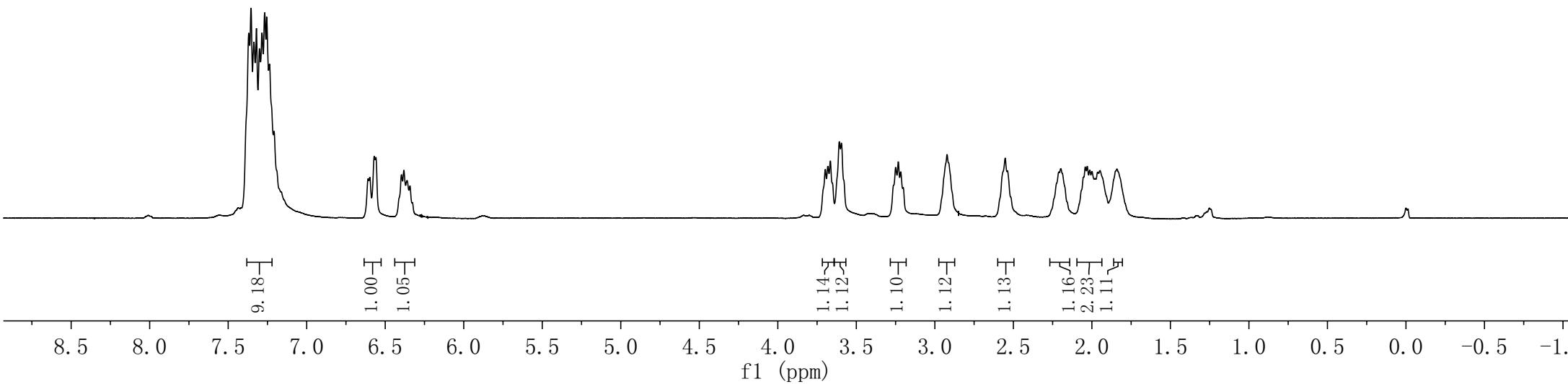
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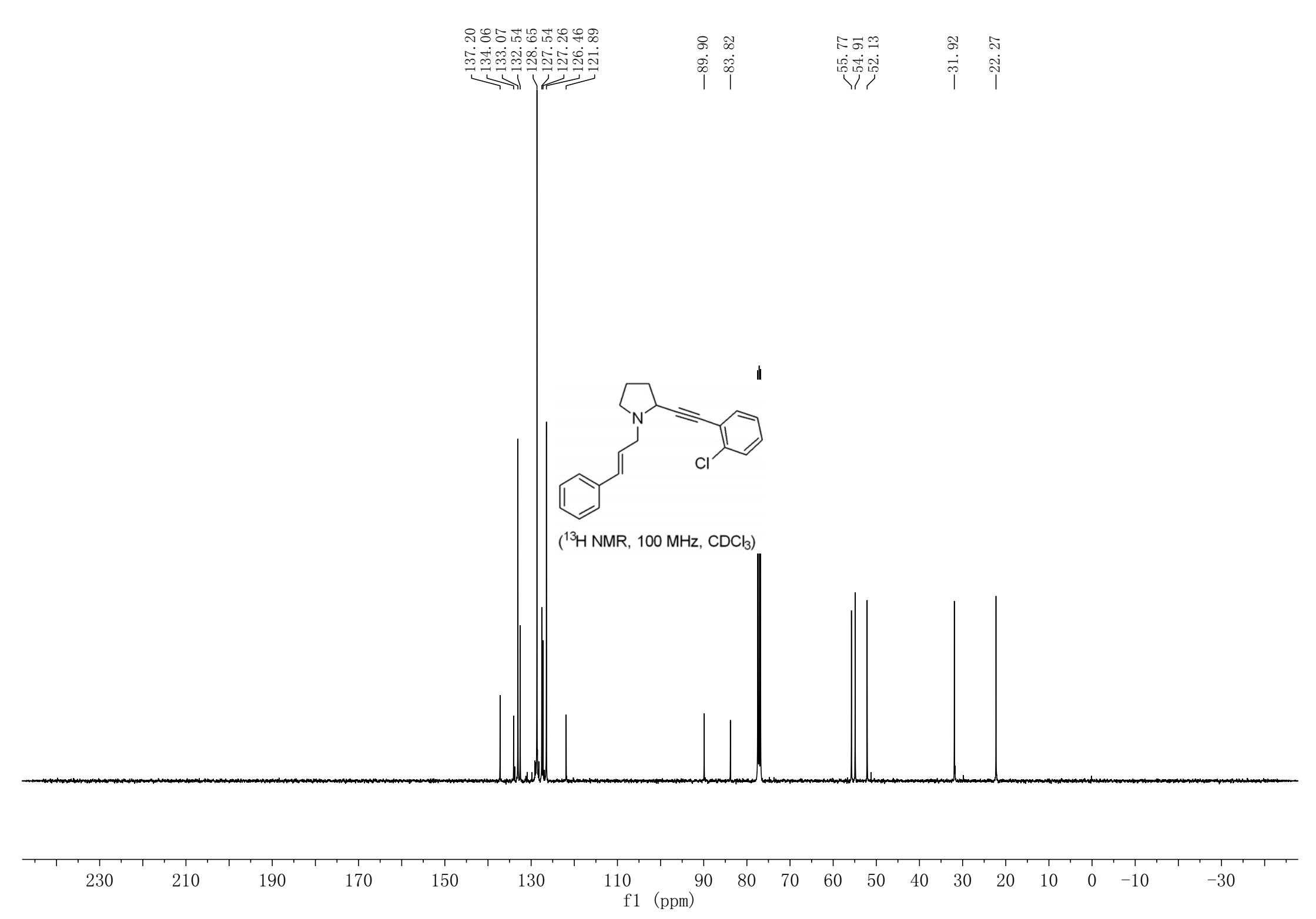
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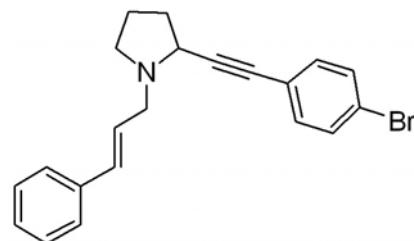




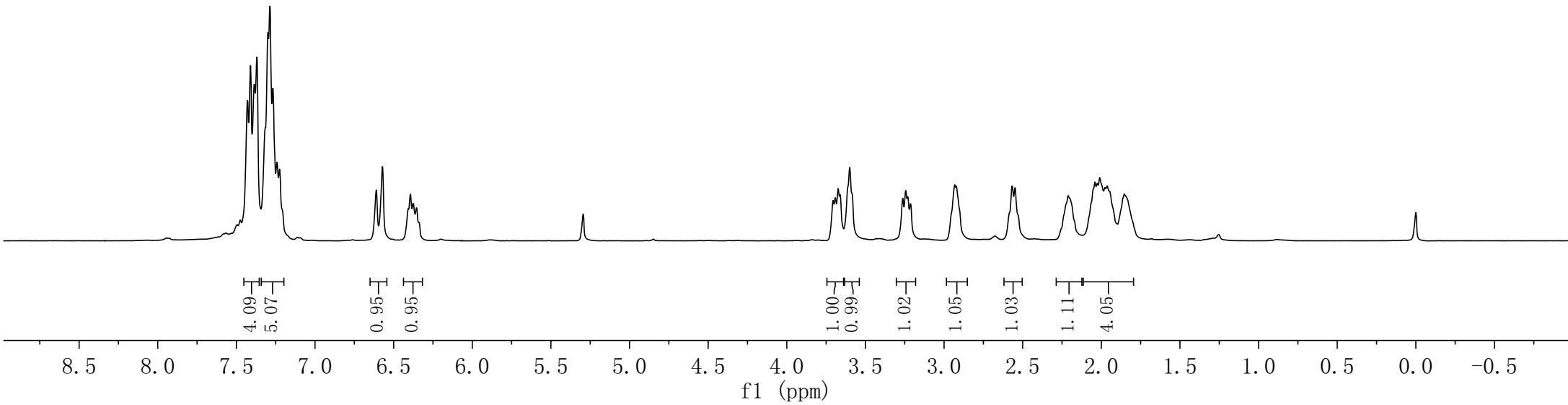
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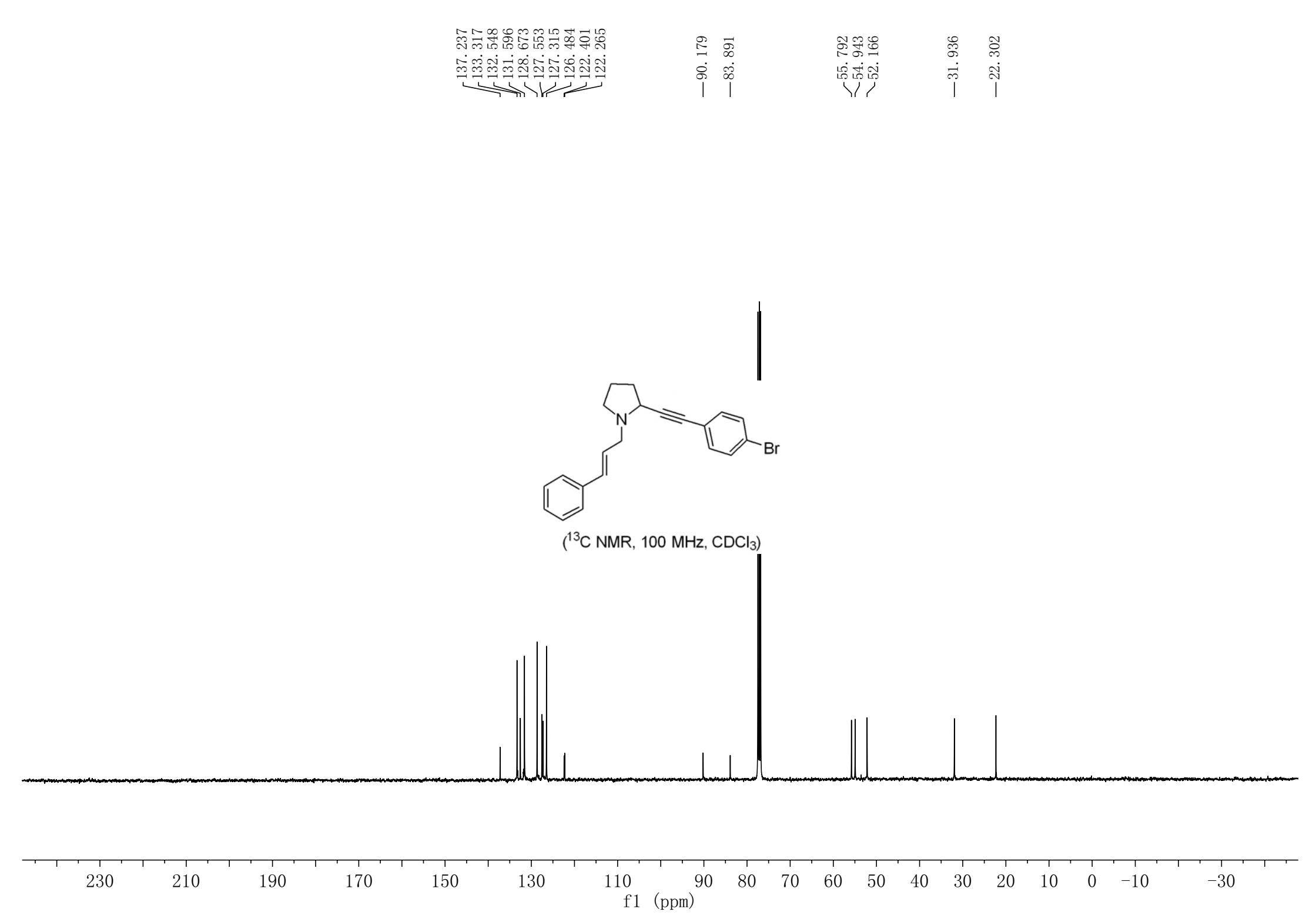
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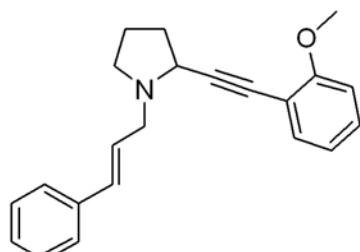
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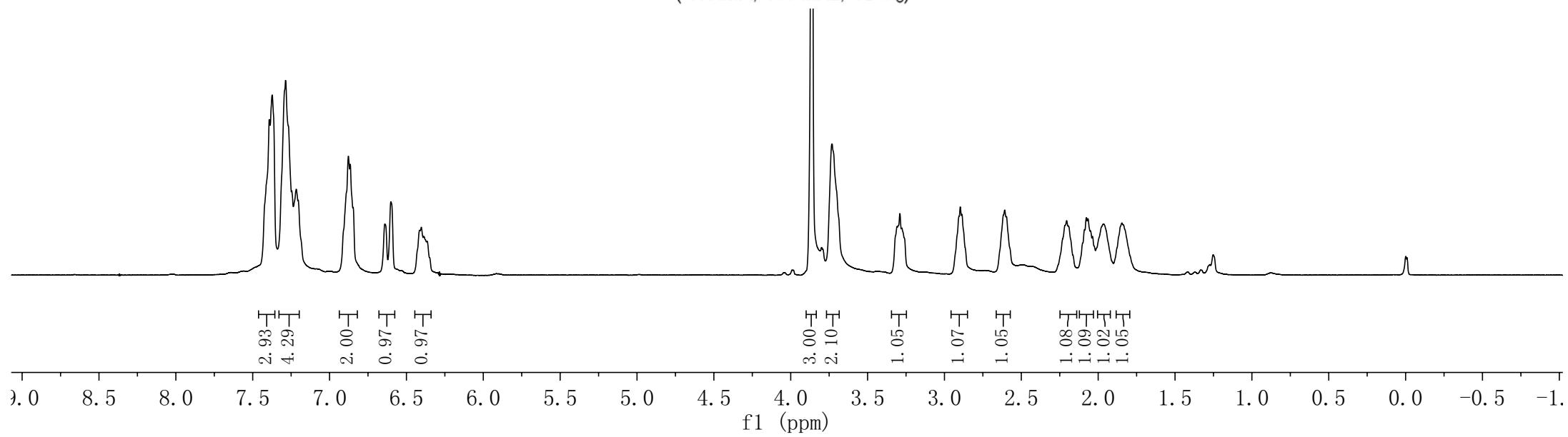
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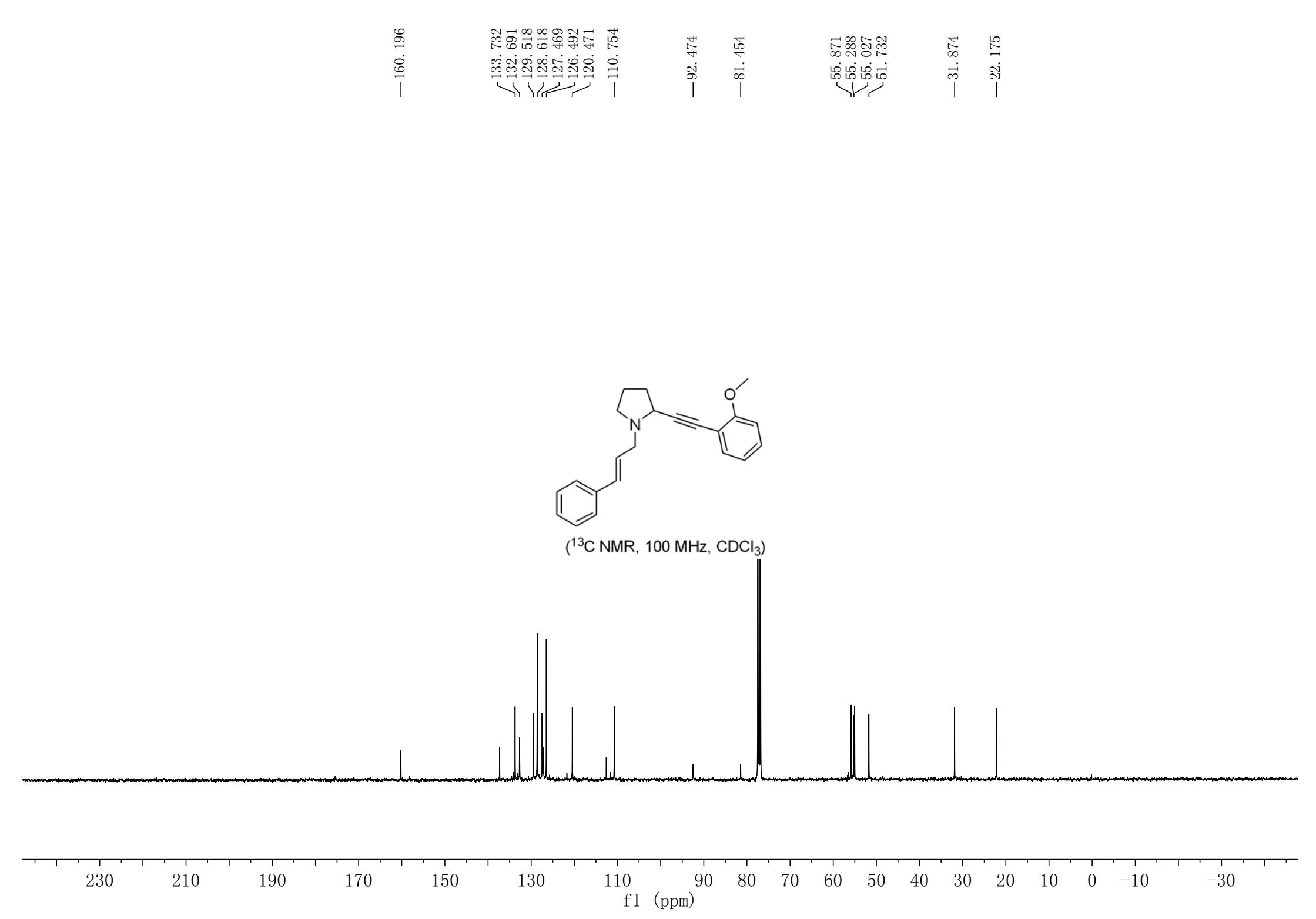
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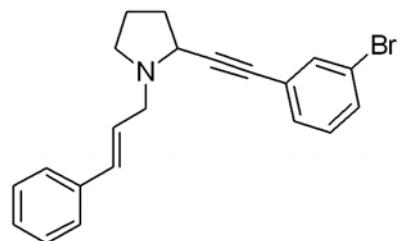




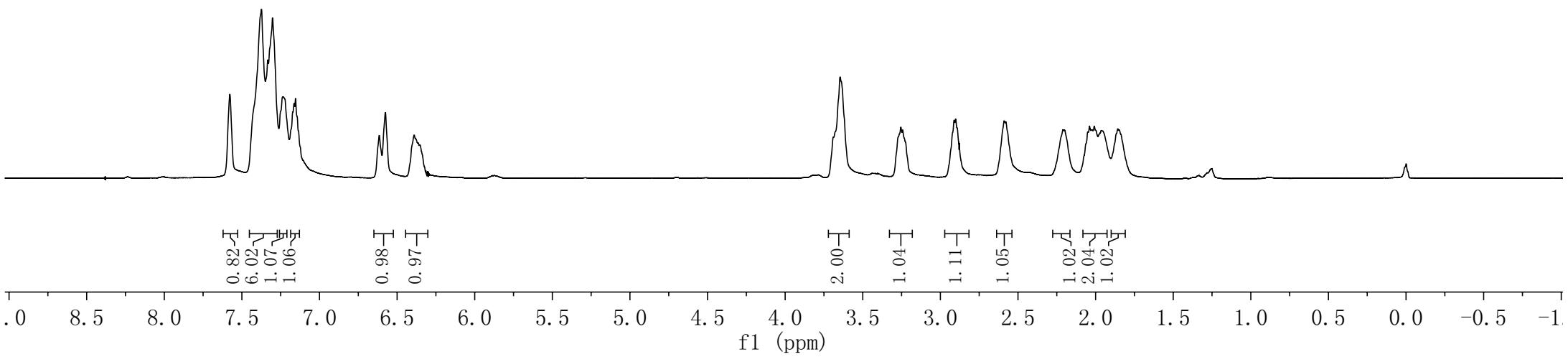
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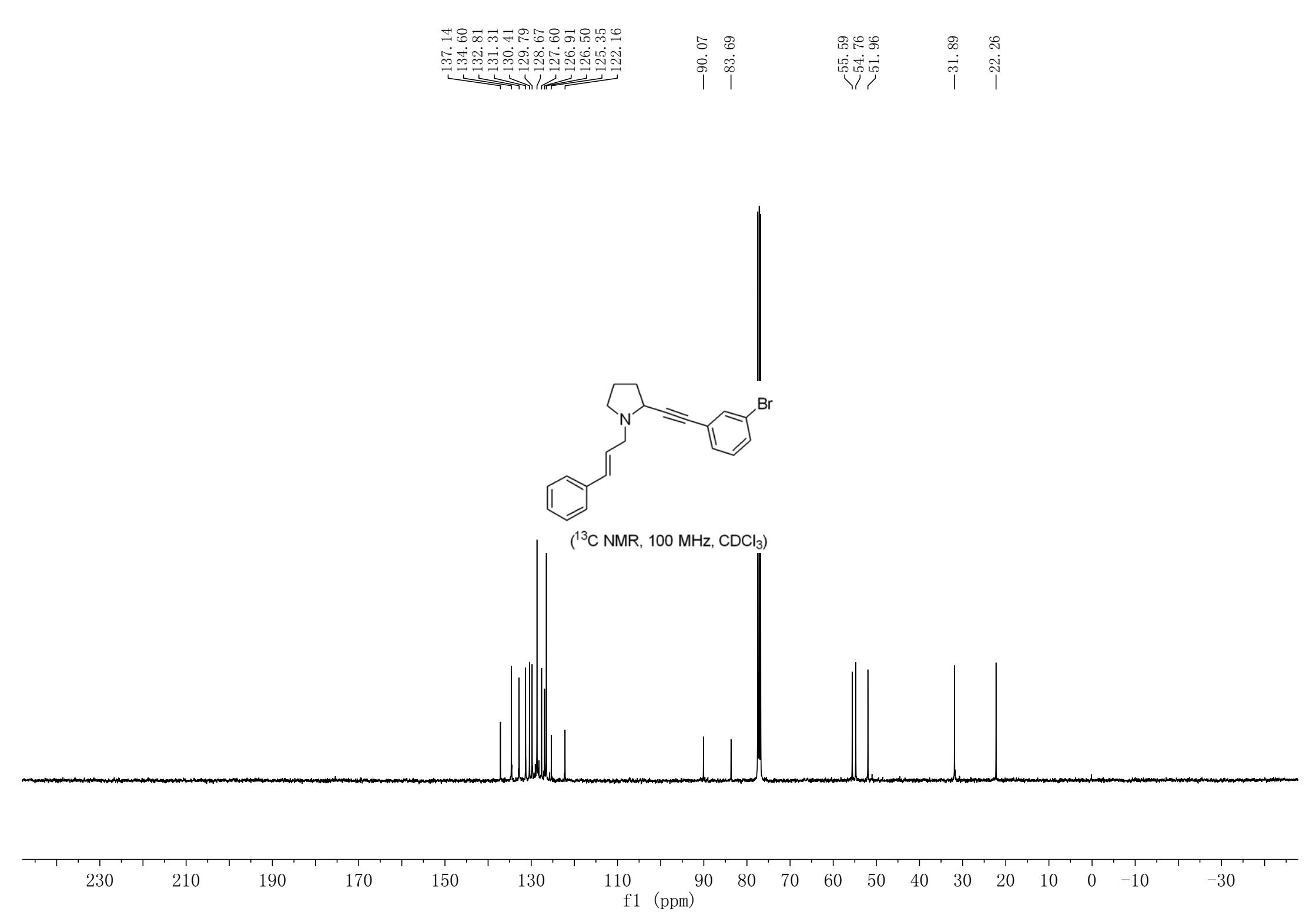
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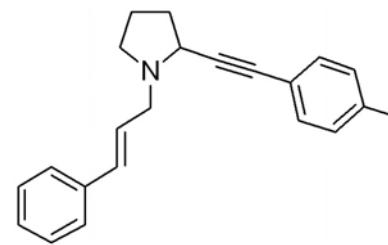
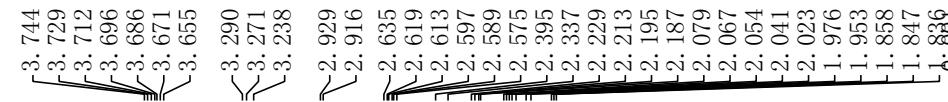
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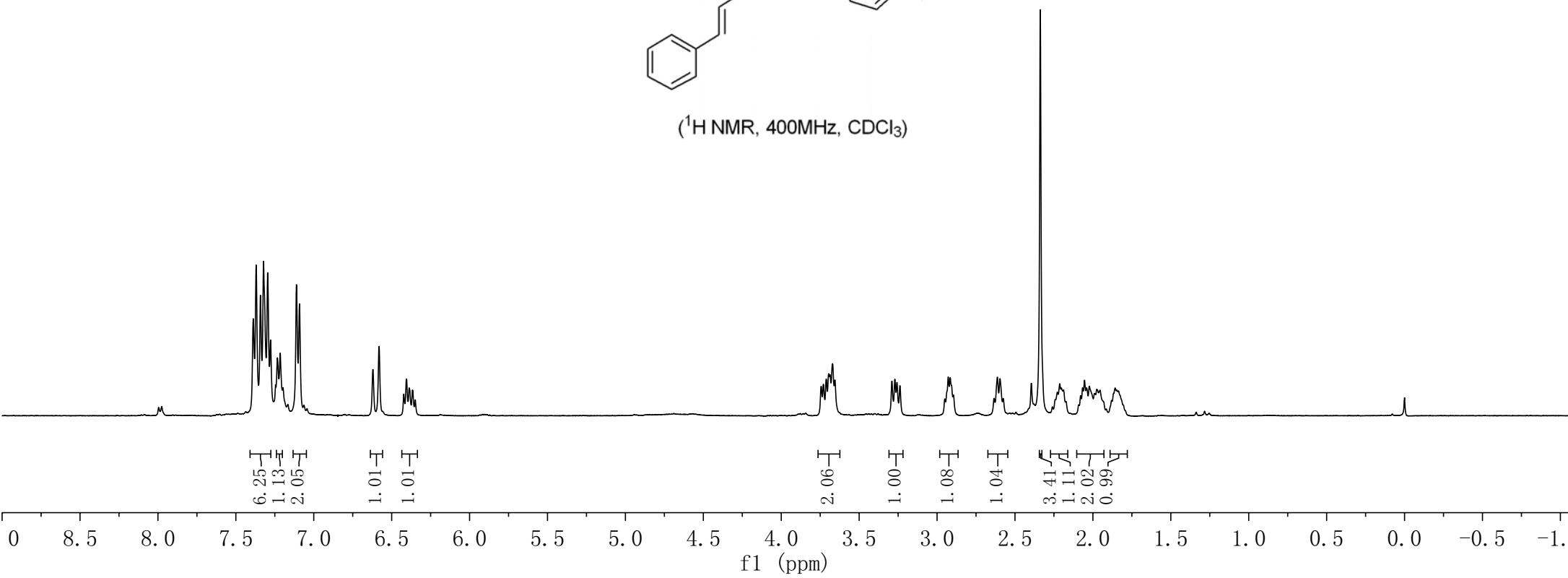
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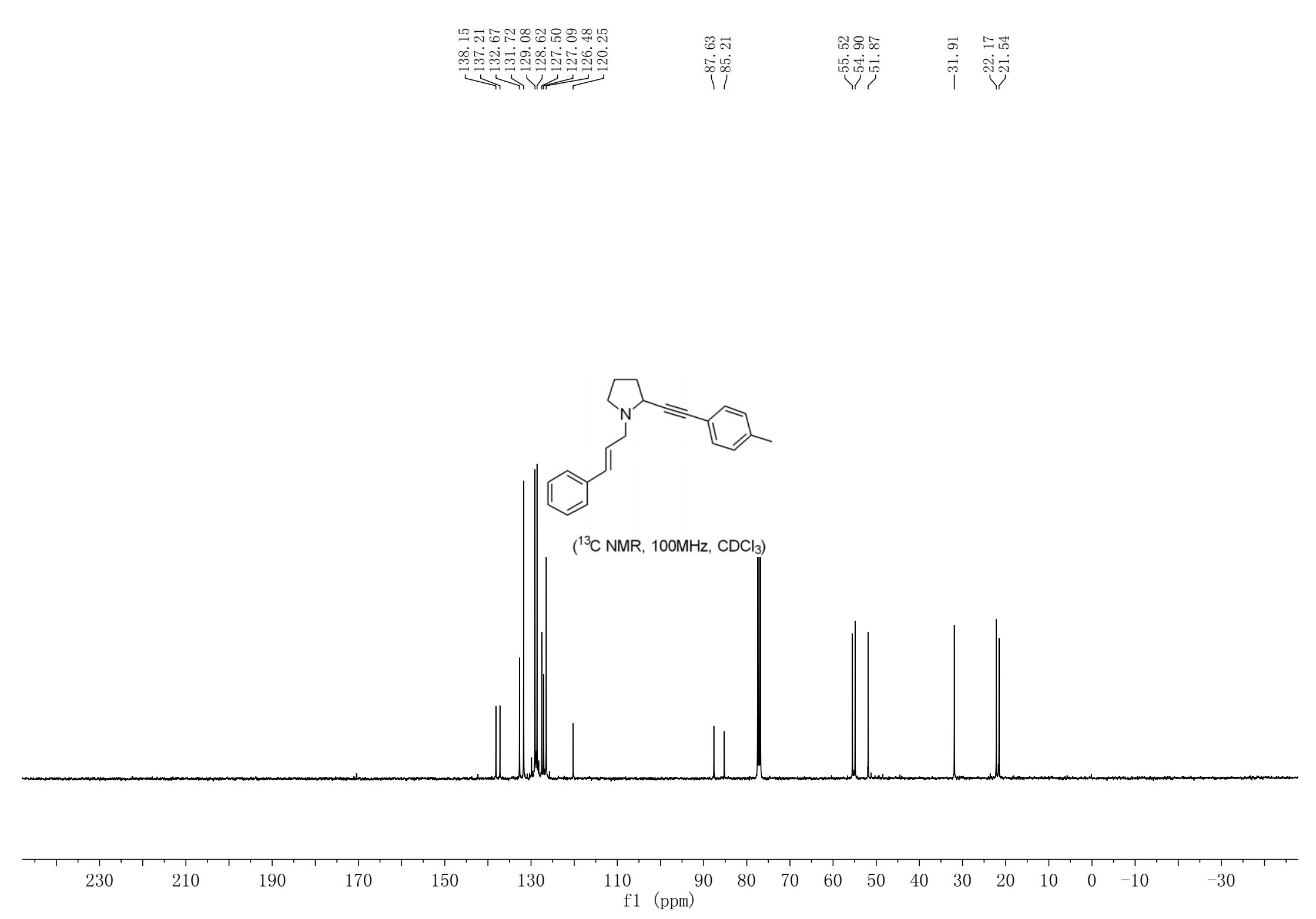




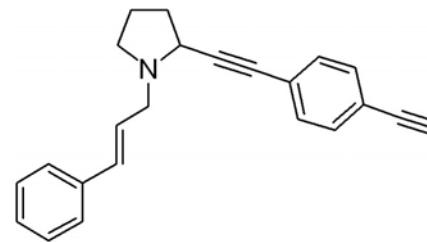


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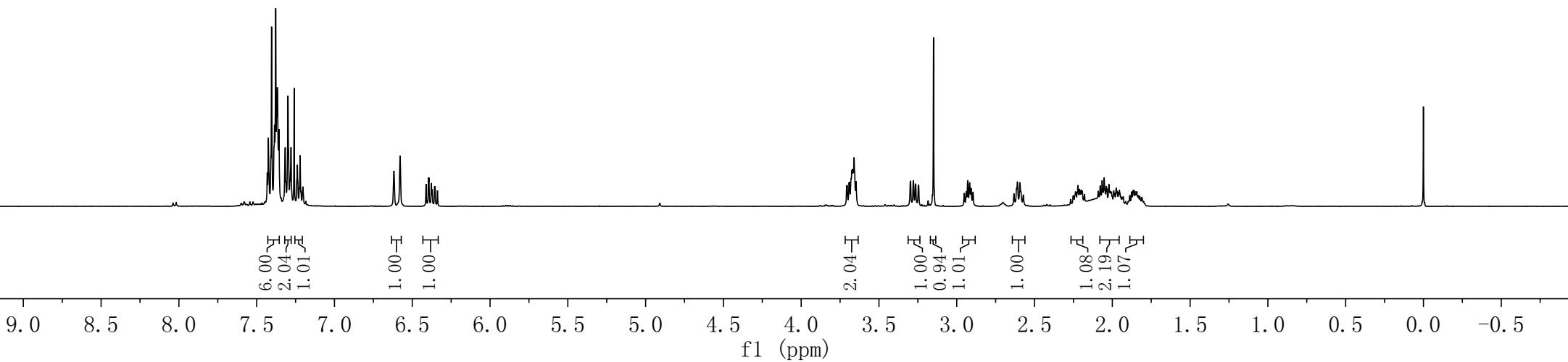


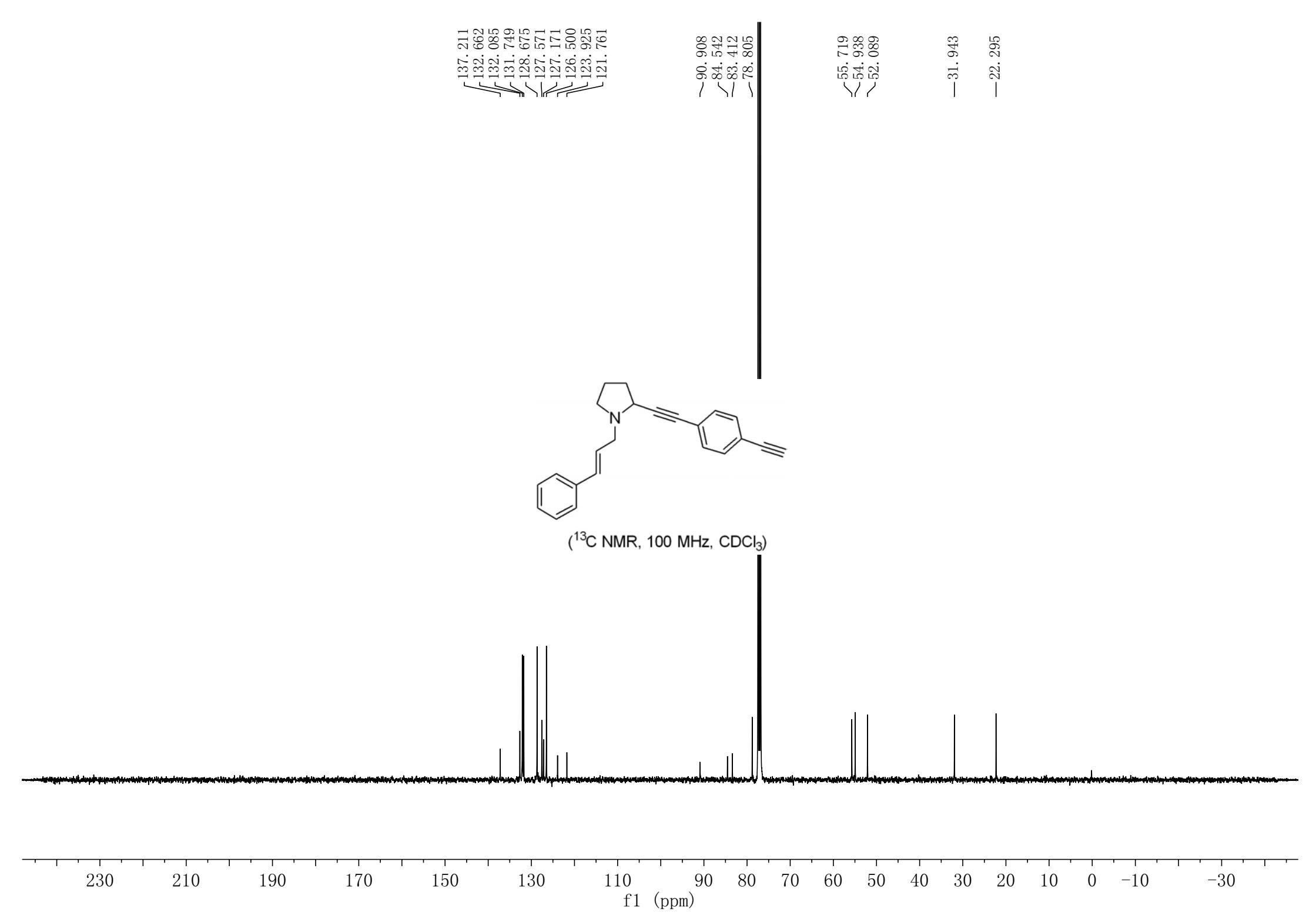


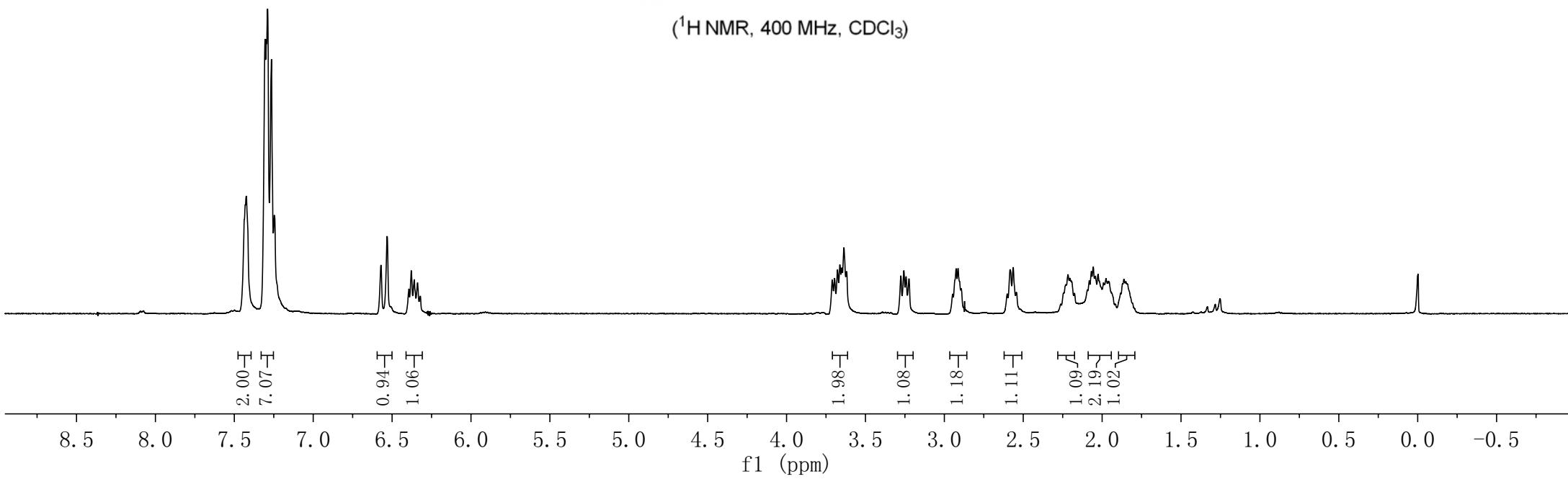
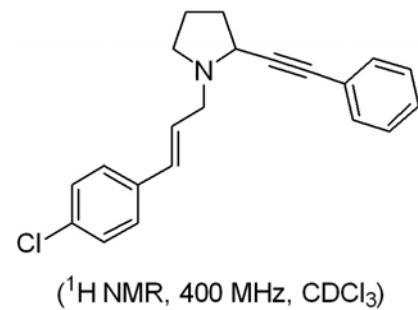
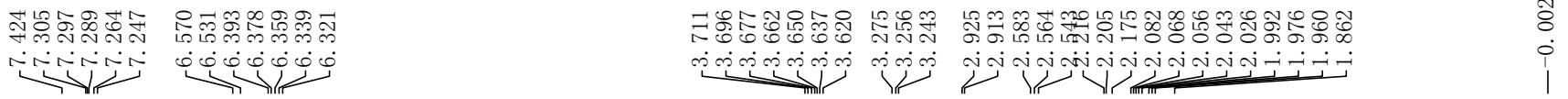
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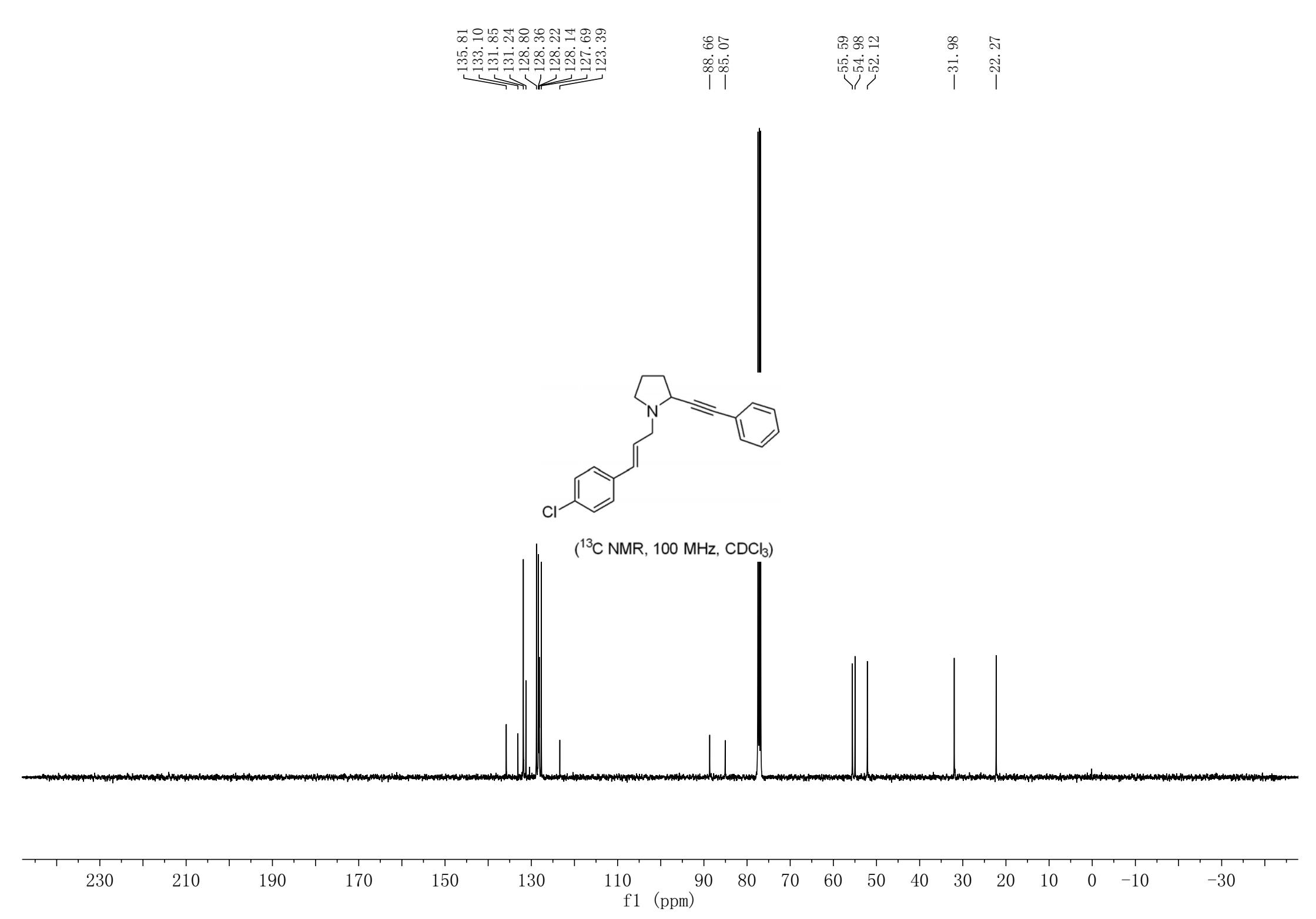


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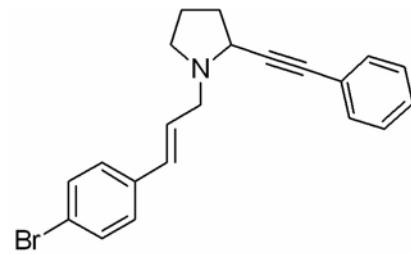




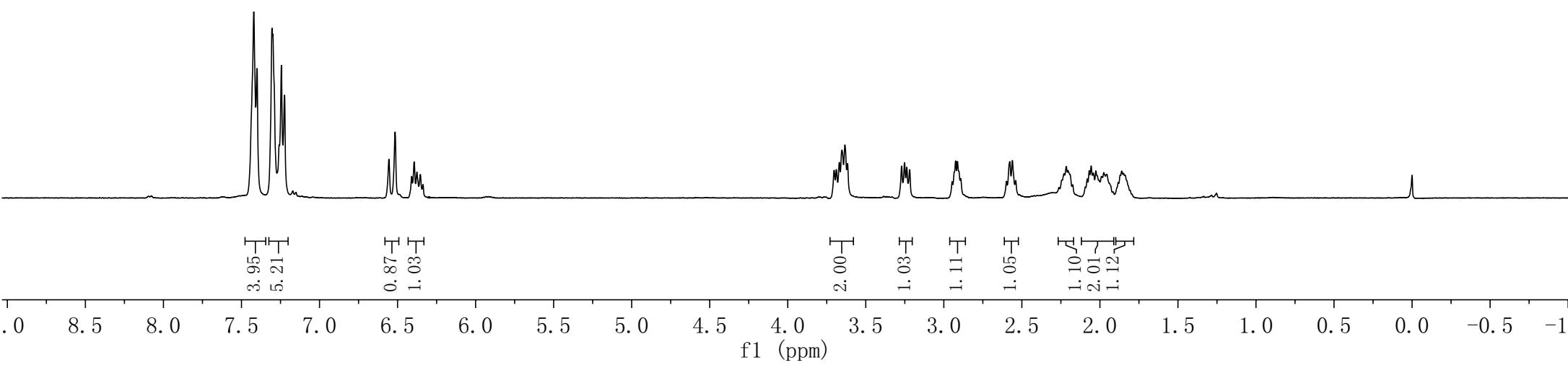


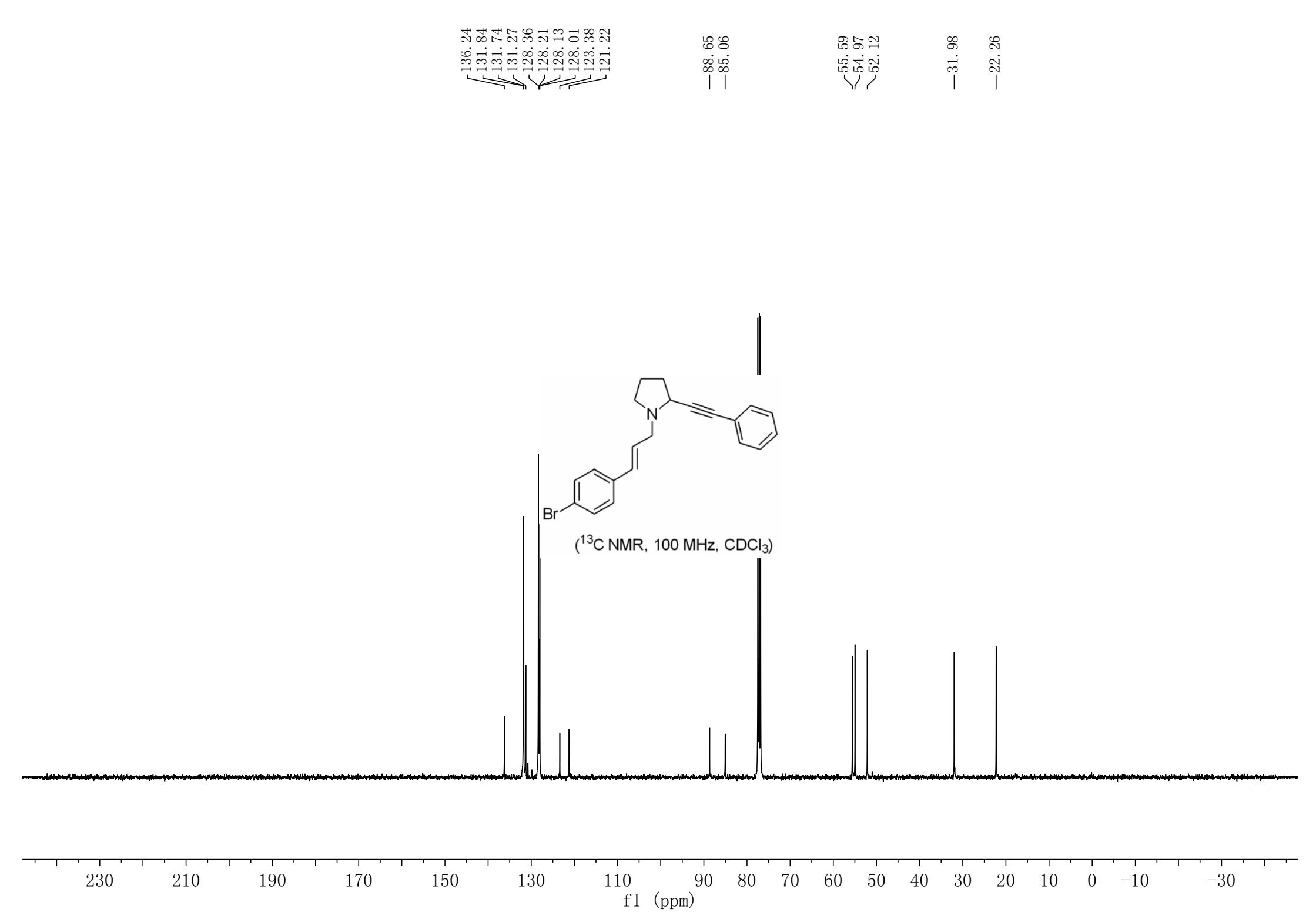
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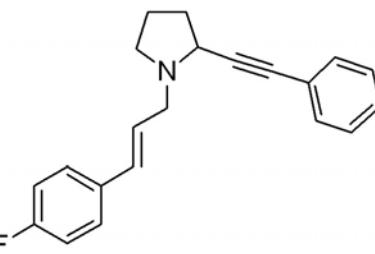
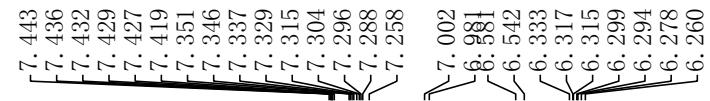
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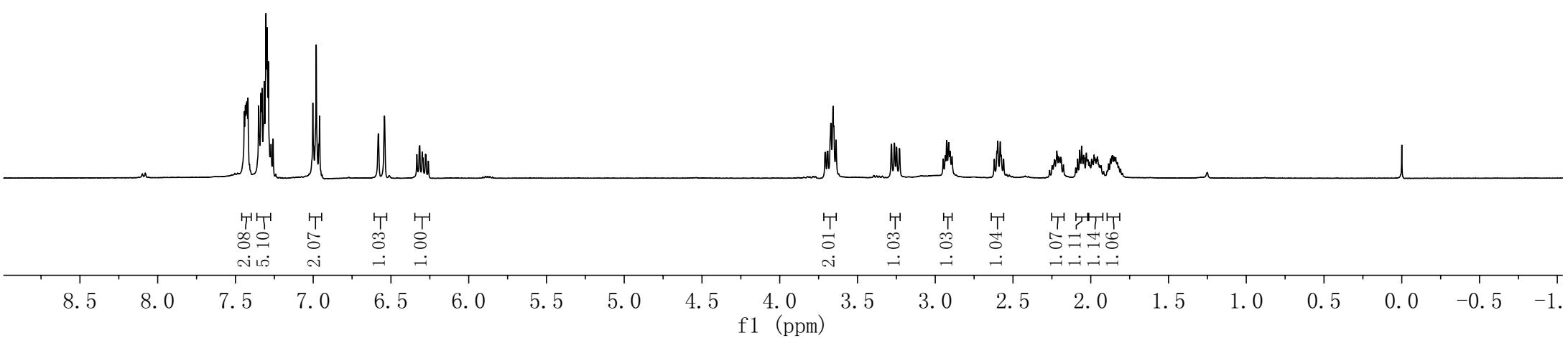
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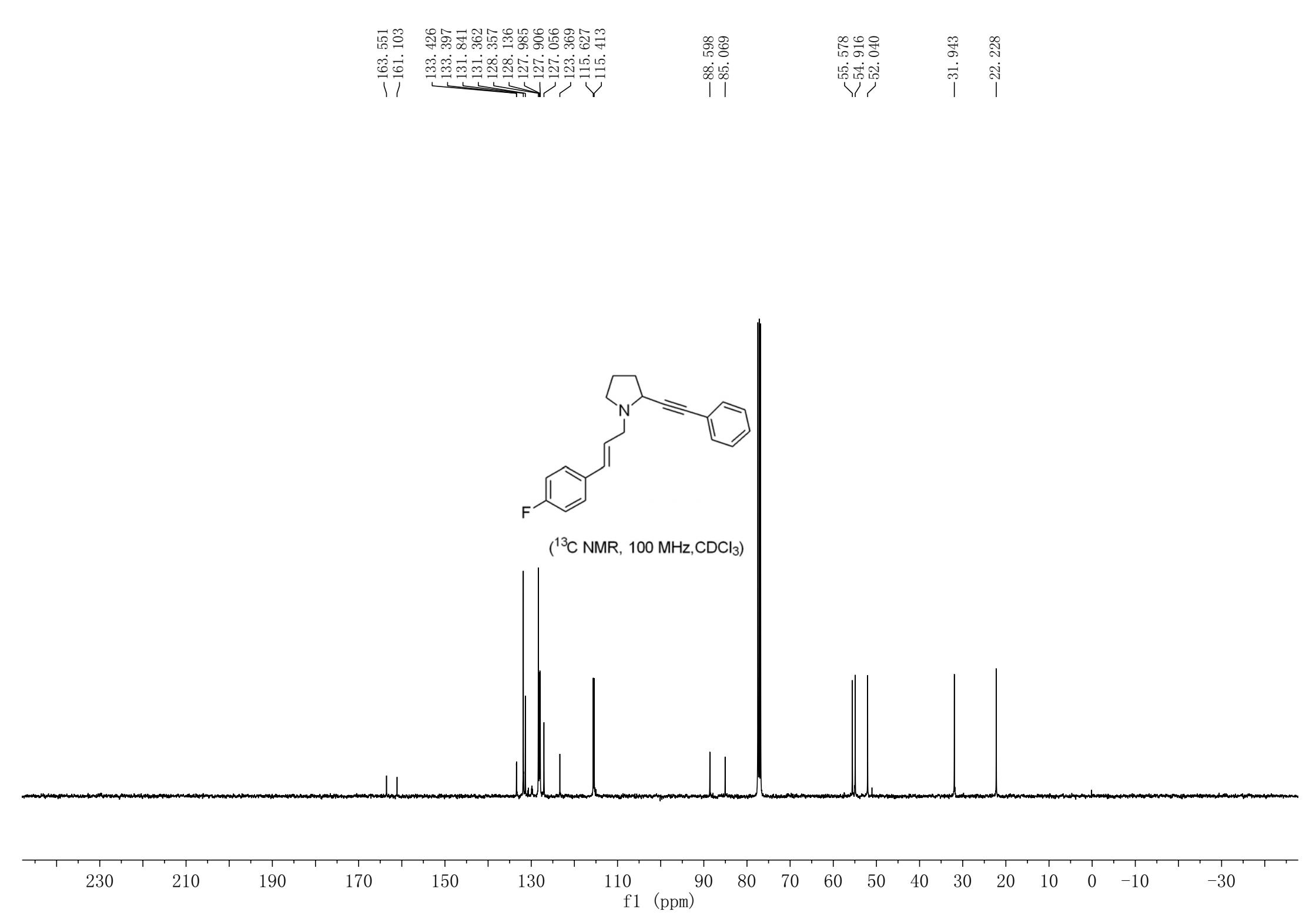


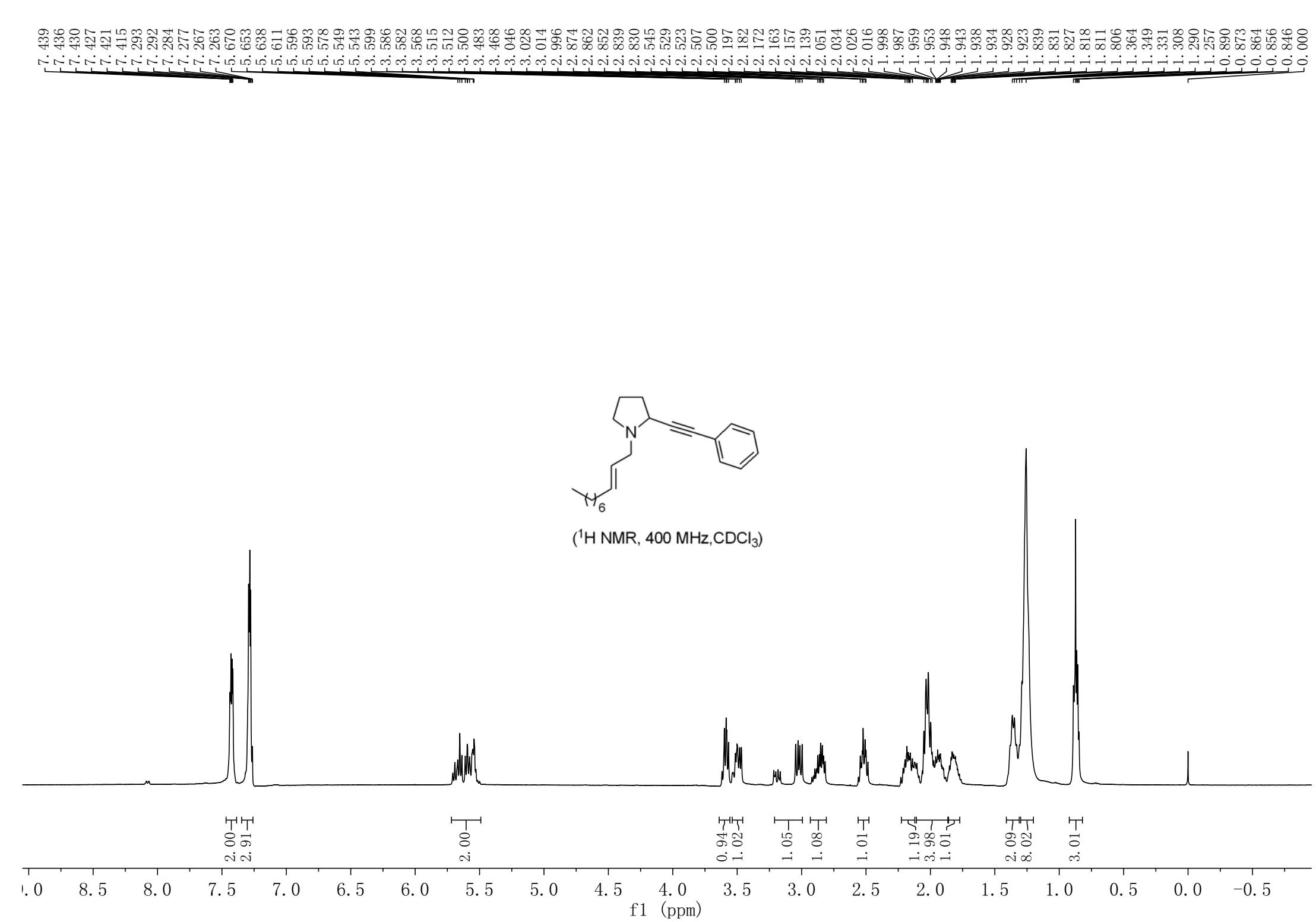


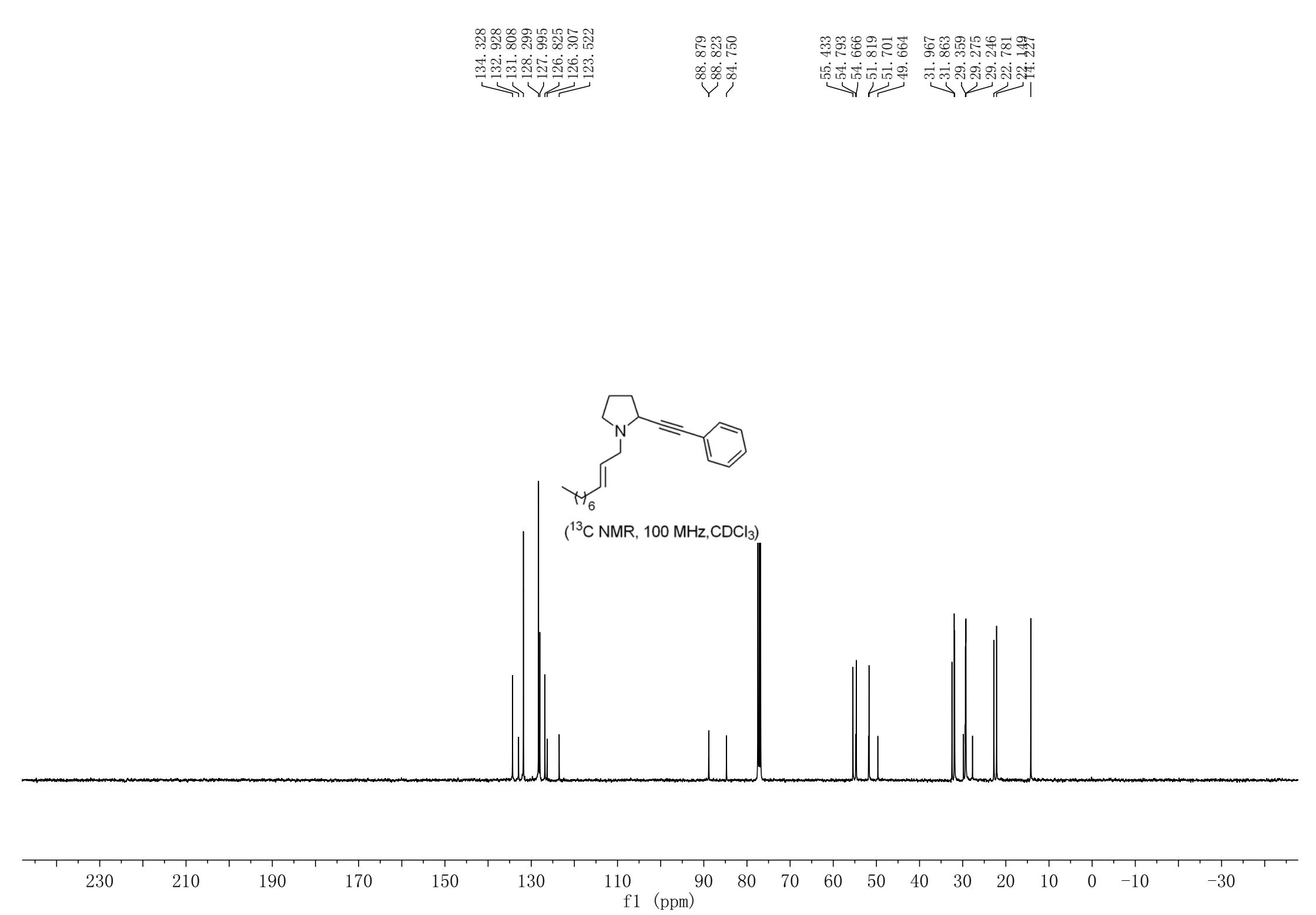


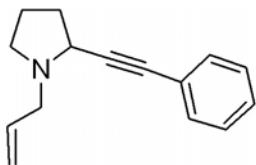
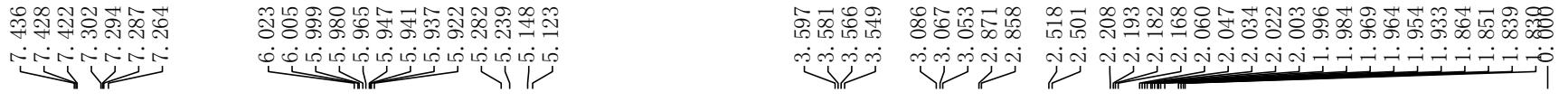
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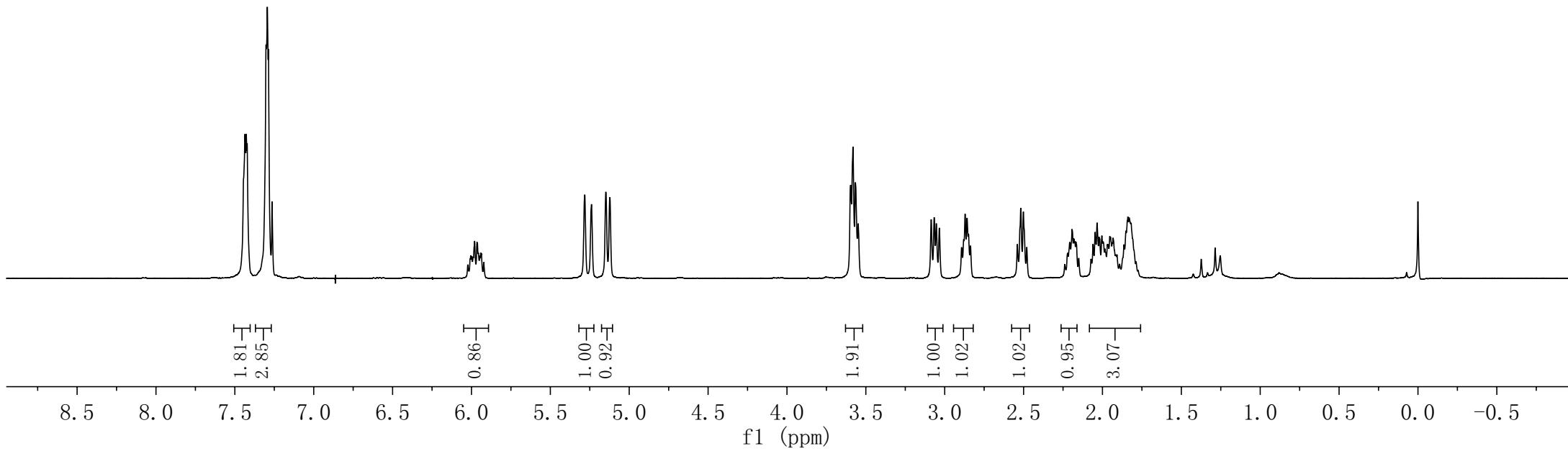


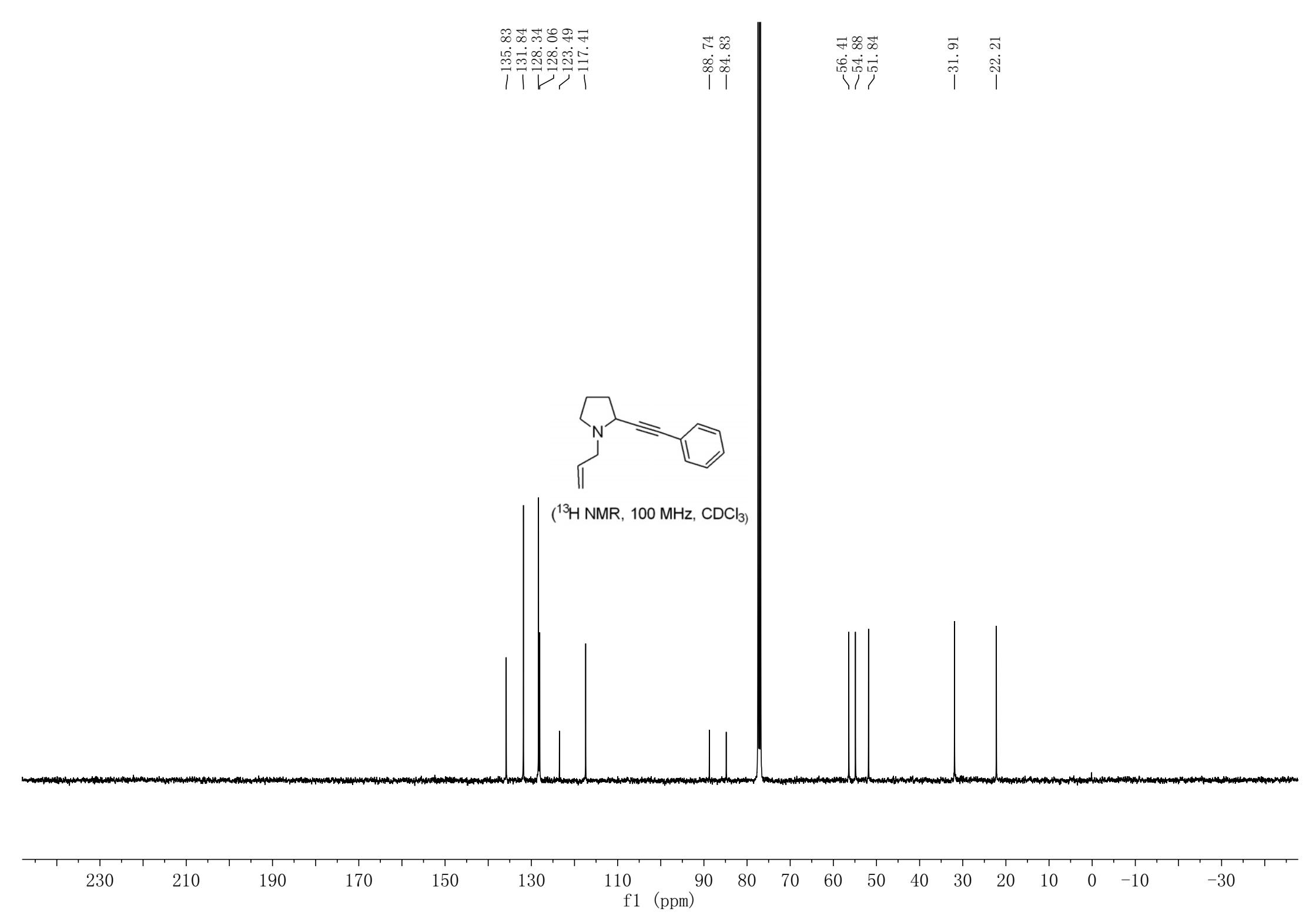


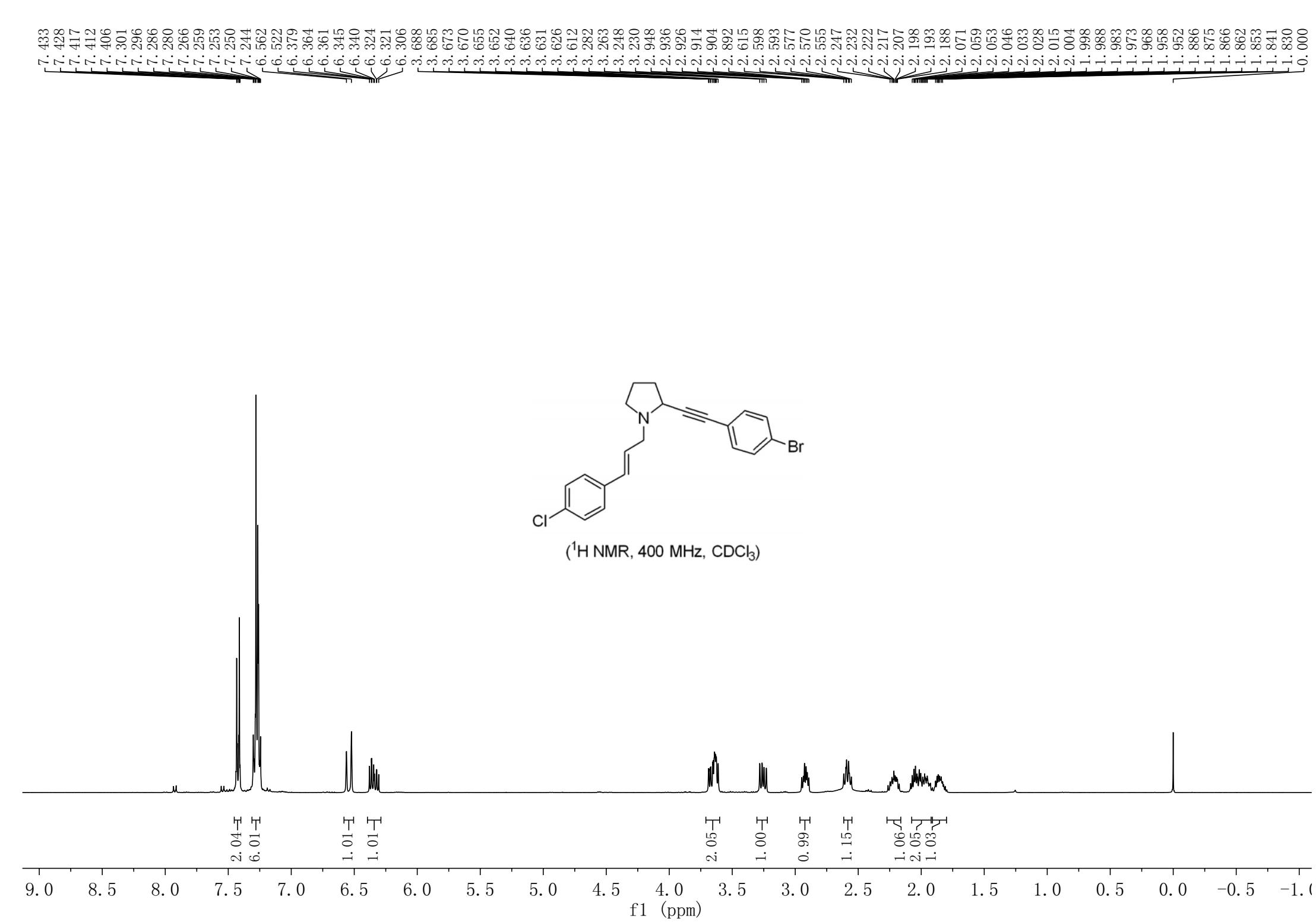


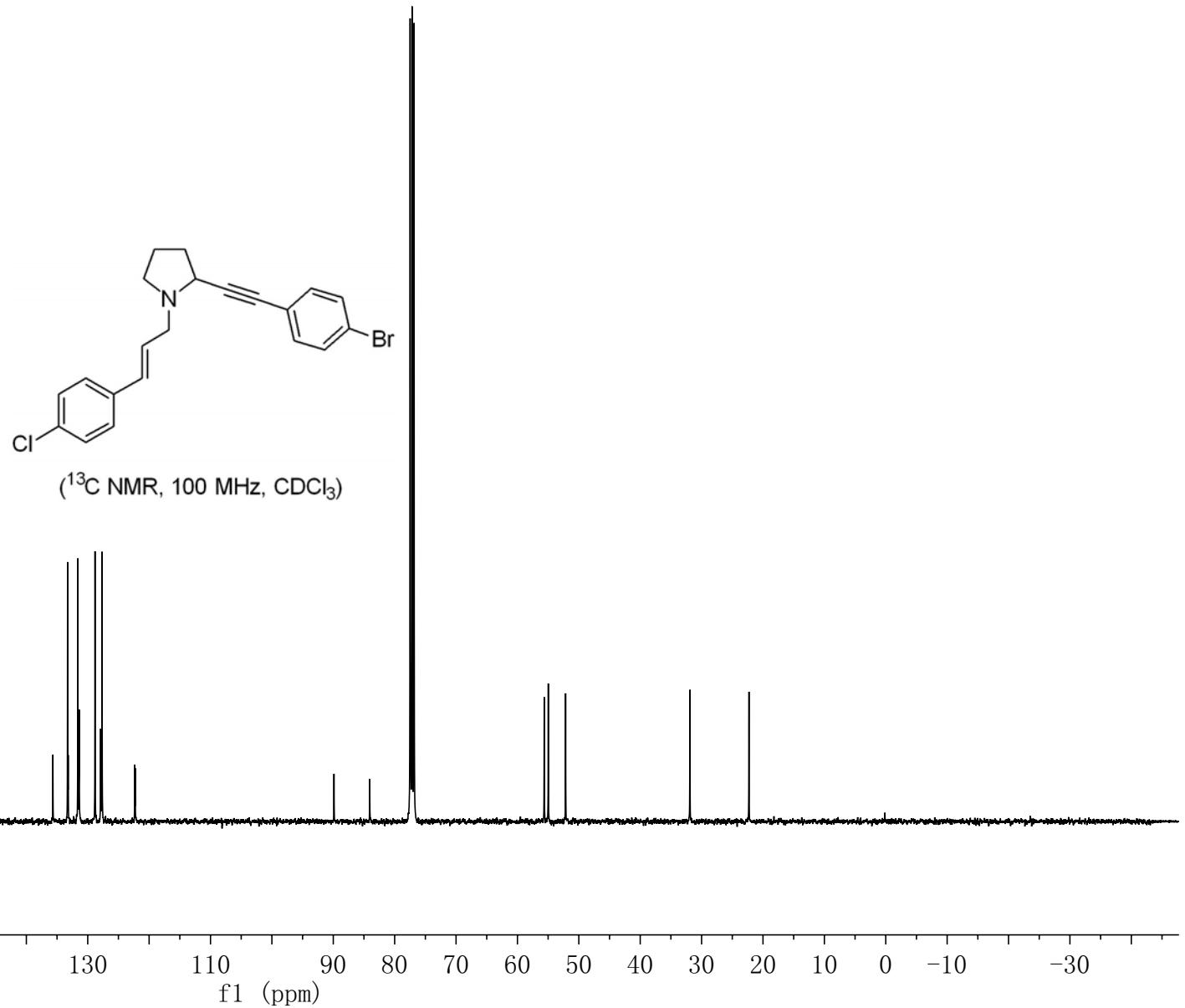


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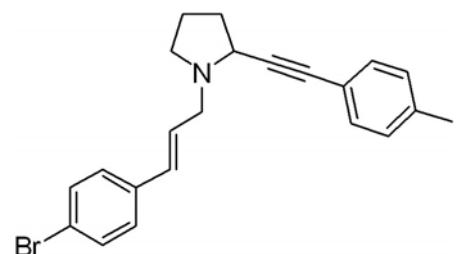
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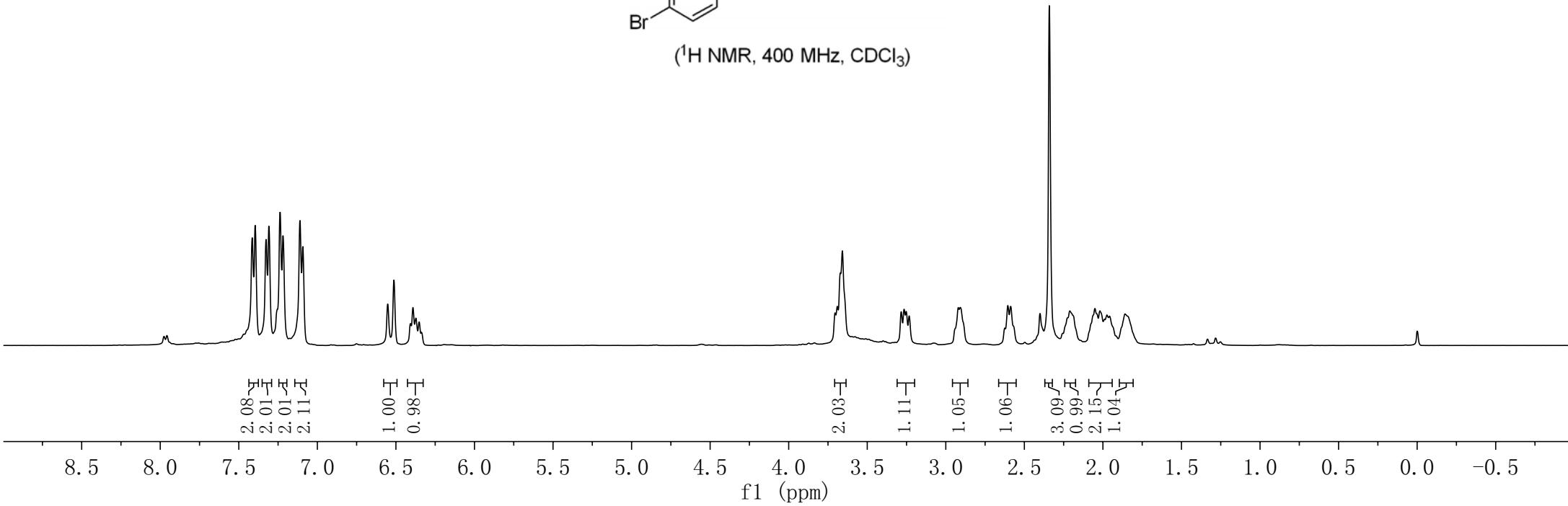
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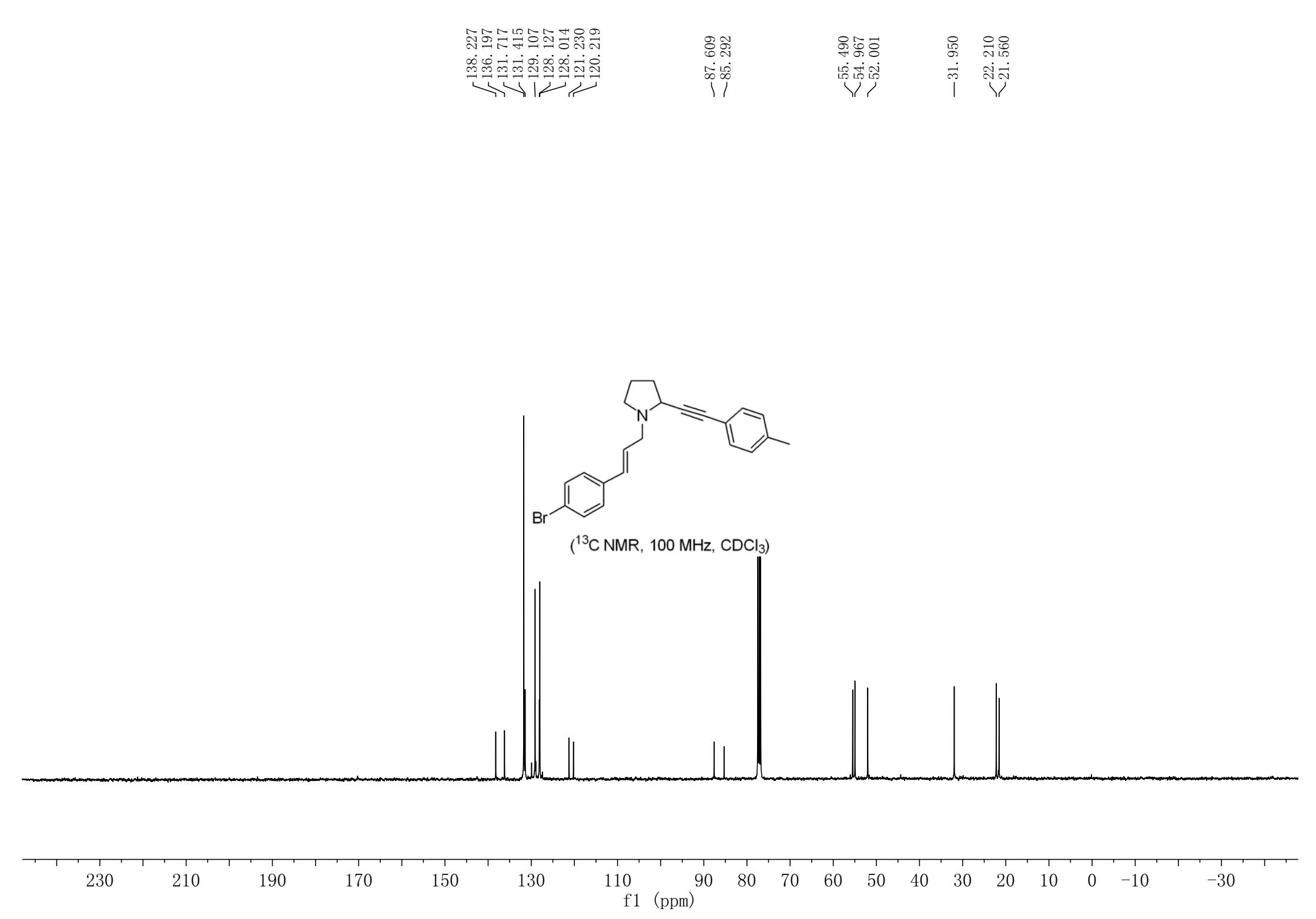
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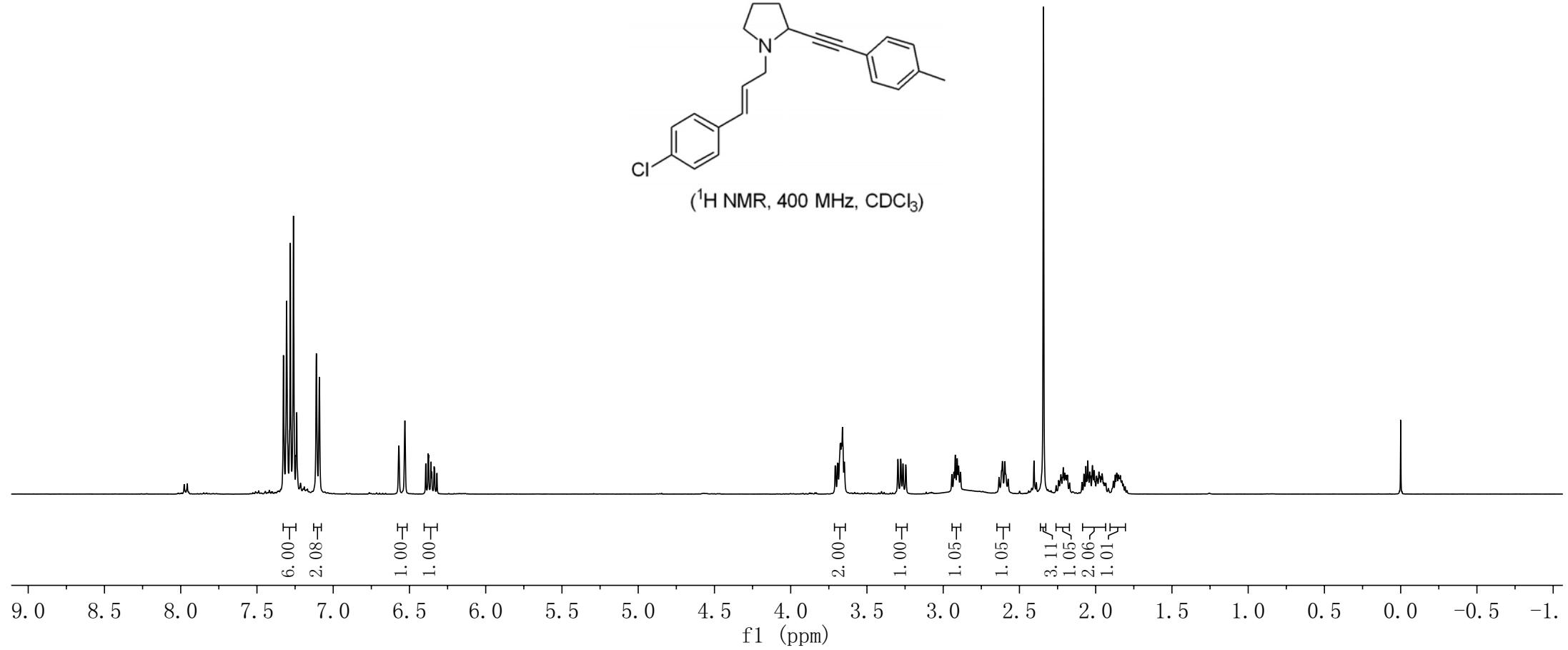
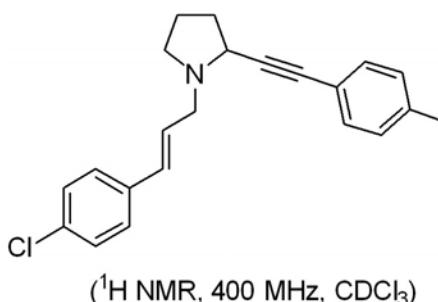
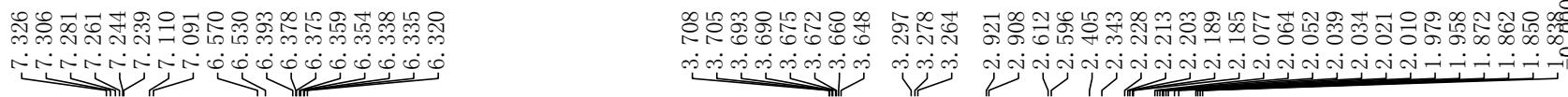
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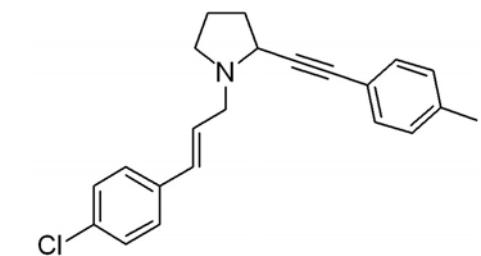


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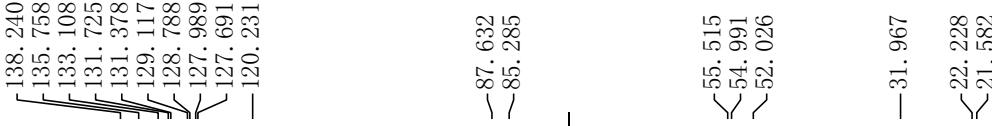








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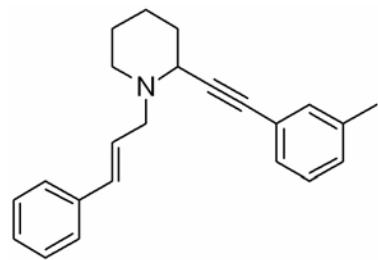
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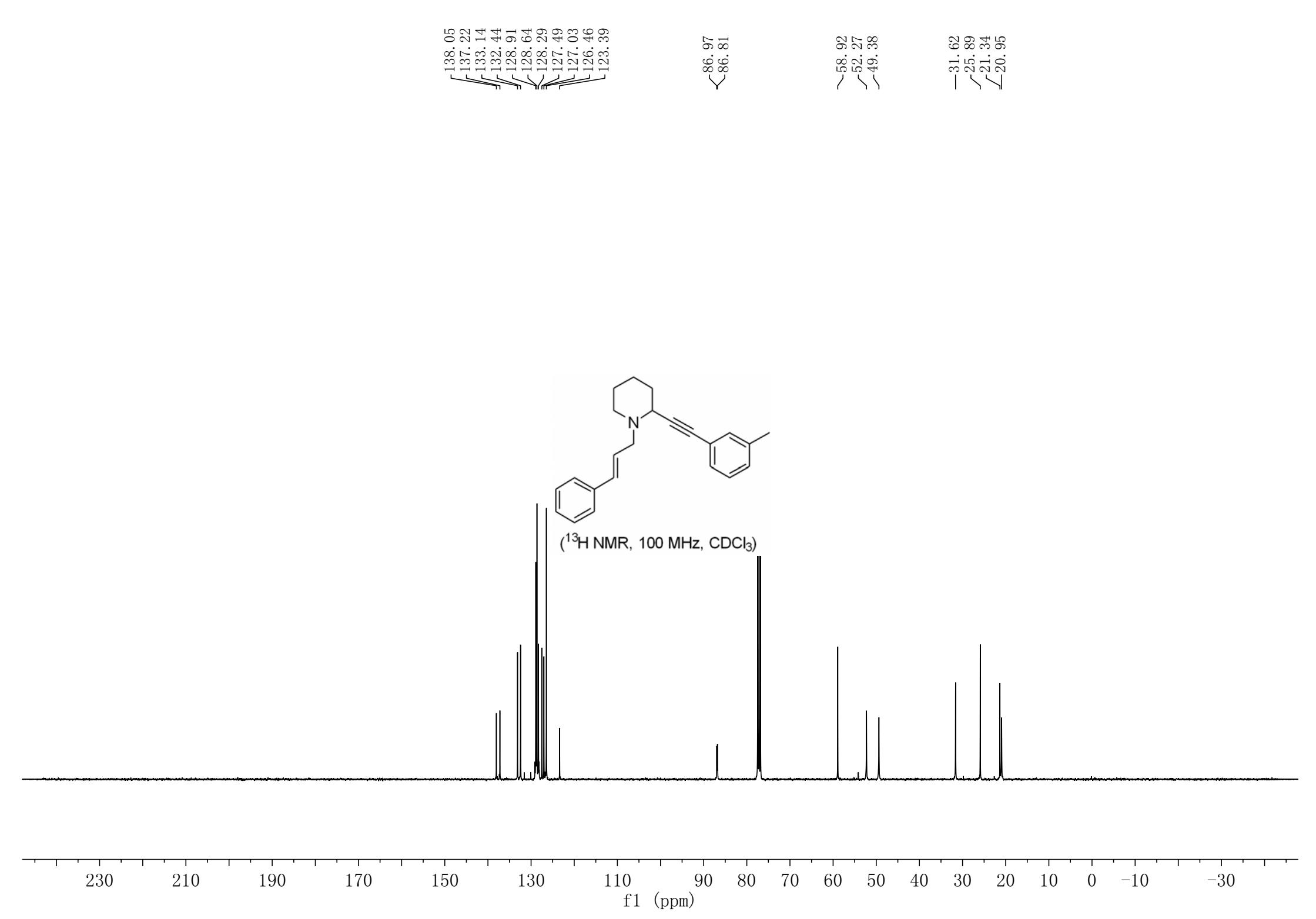
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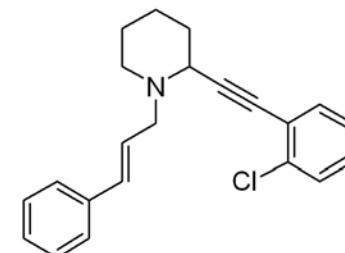
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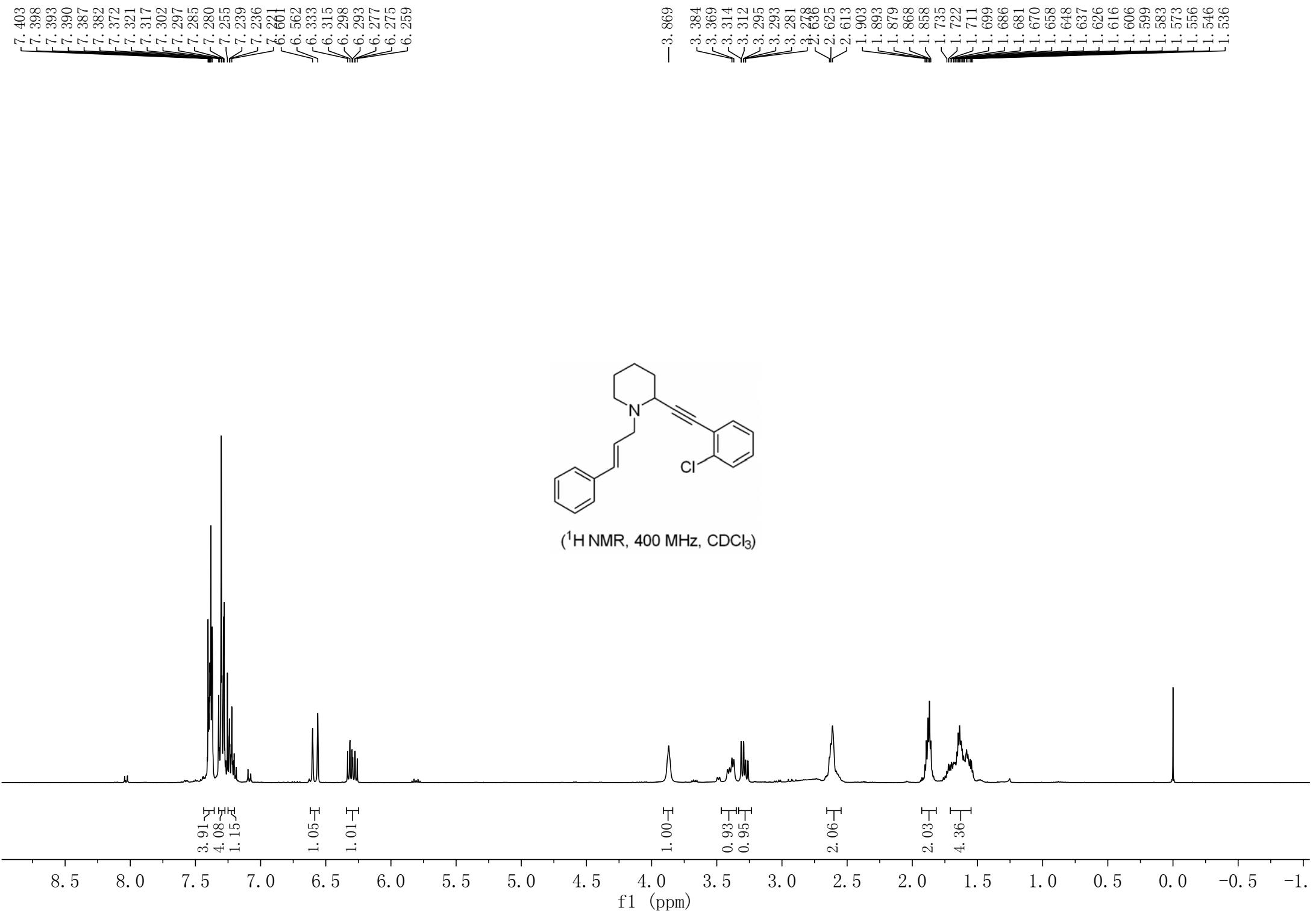
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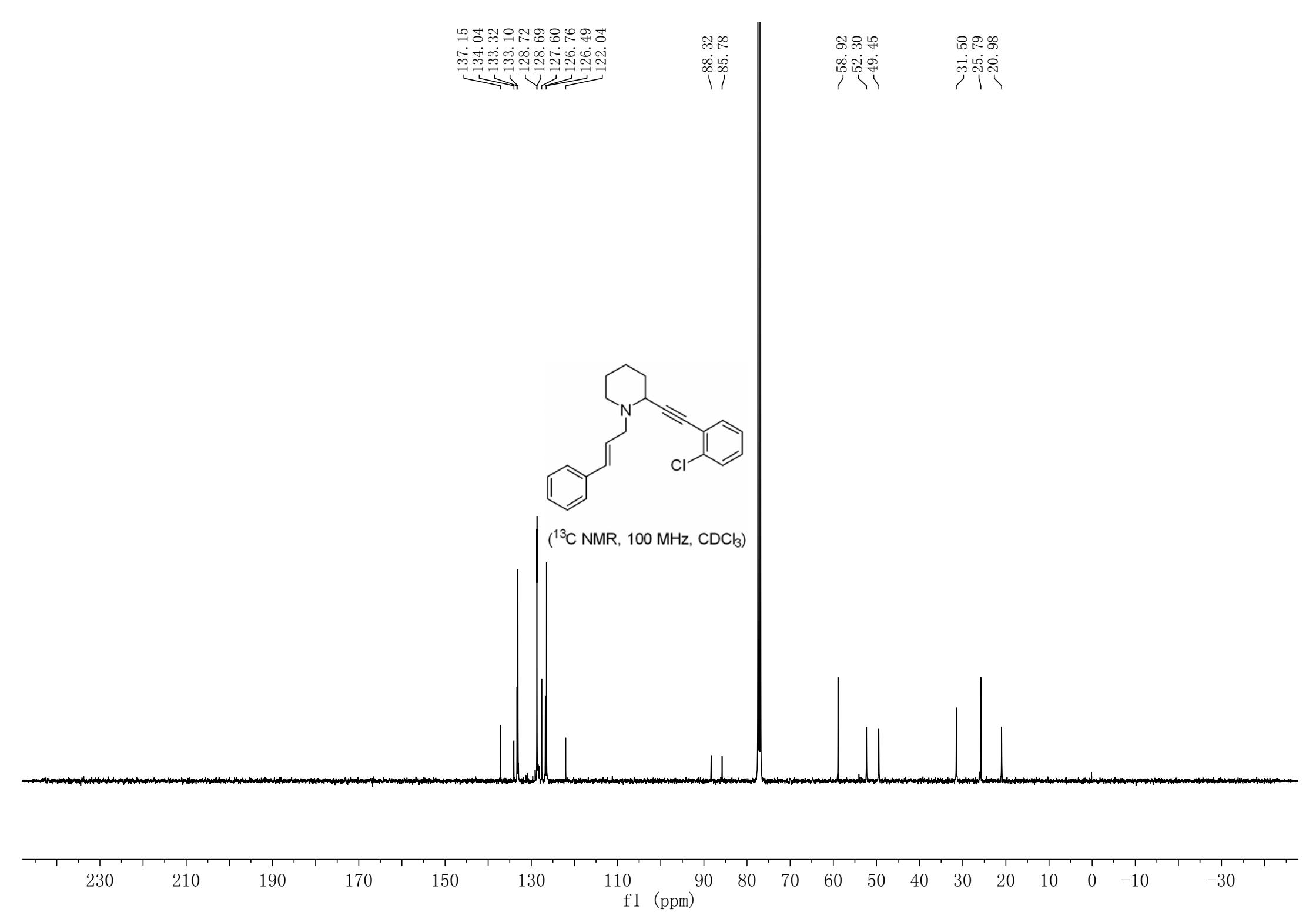
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( $^1\text{H}$  NMR, 400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )





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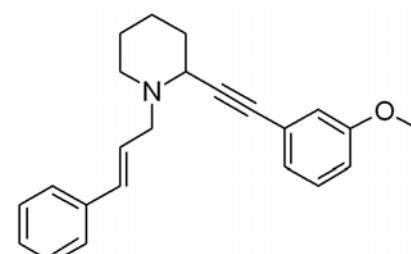
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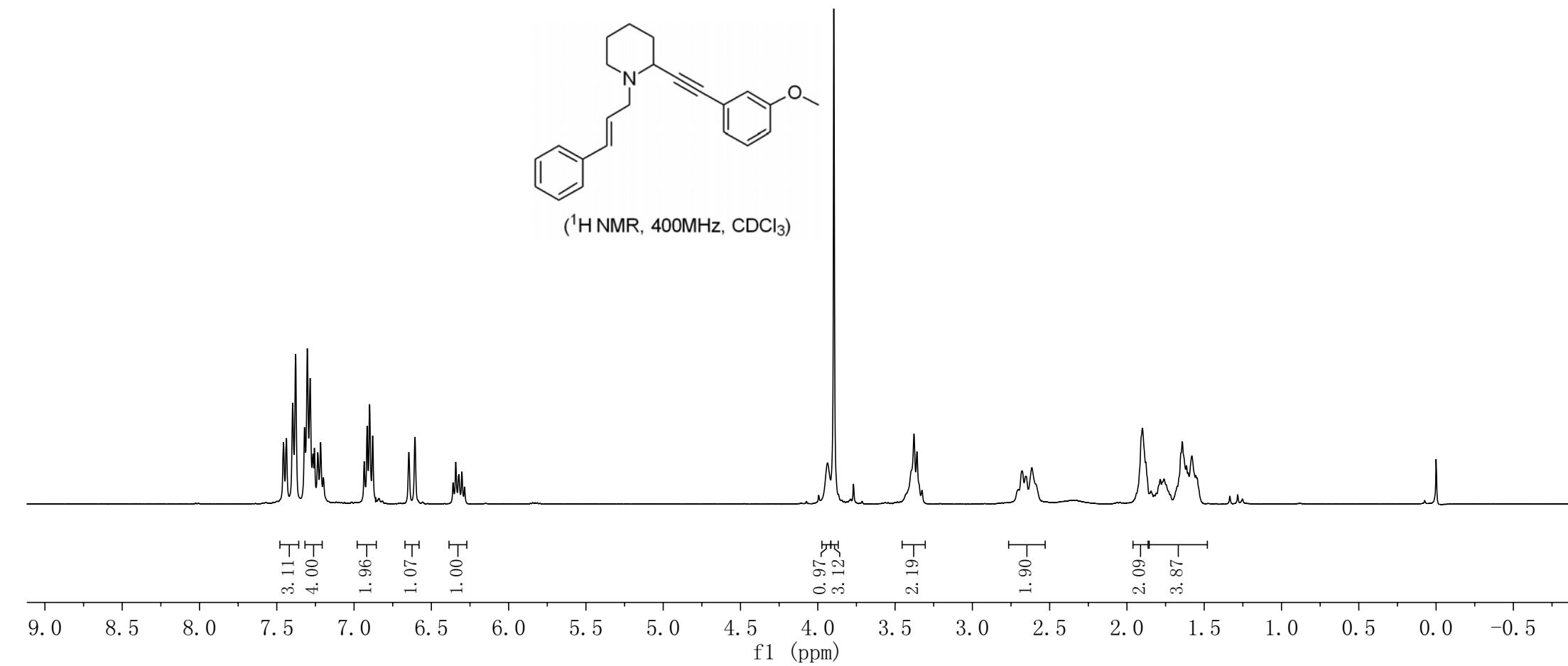
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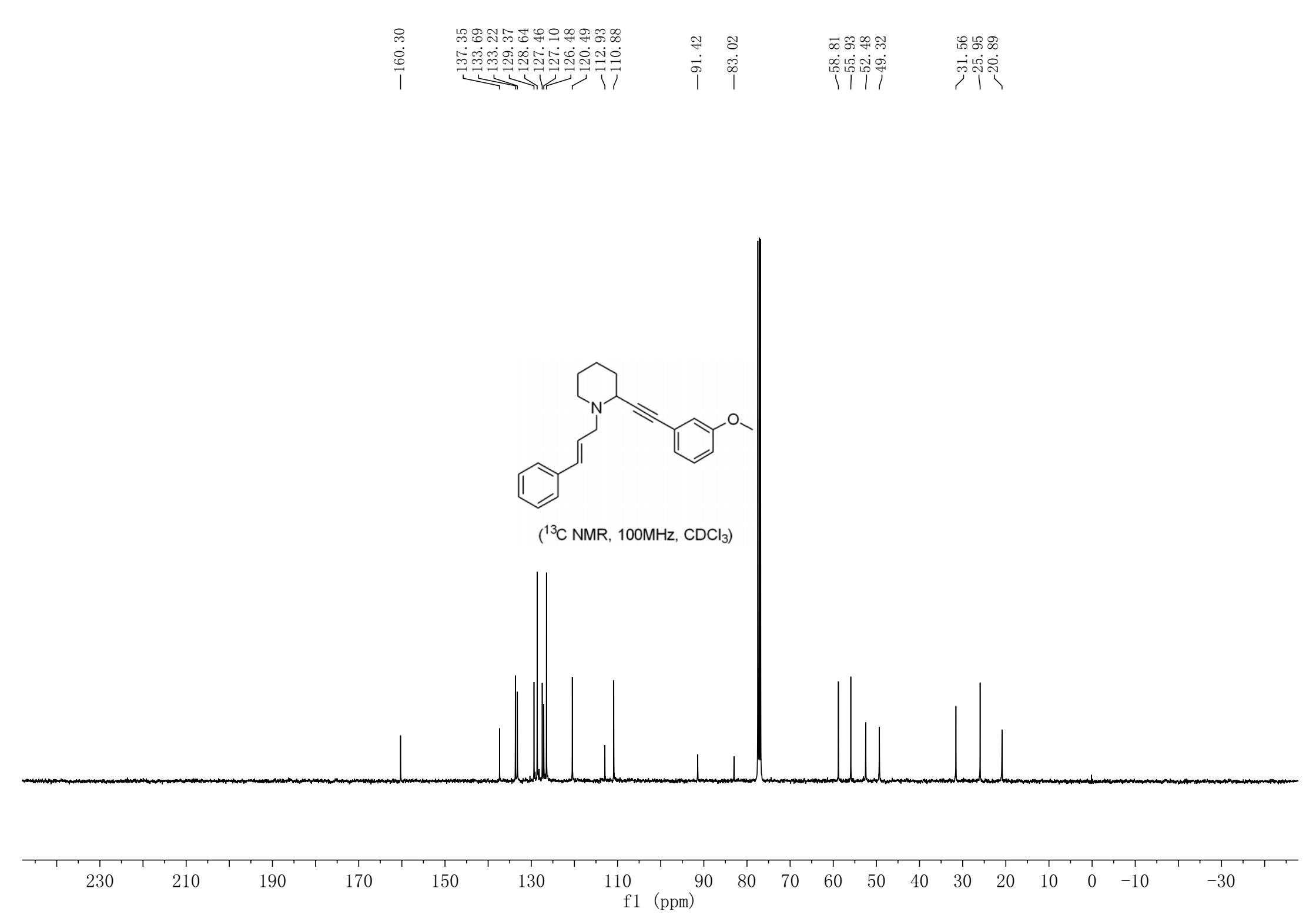
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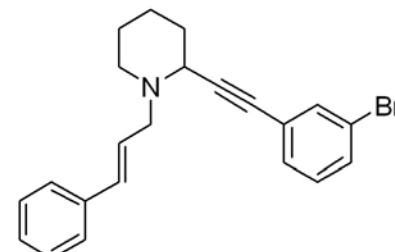


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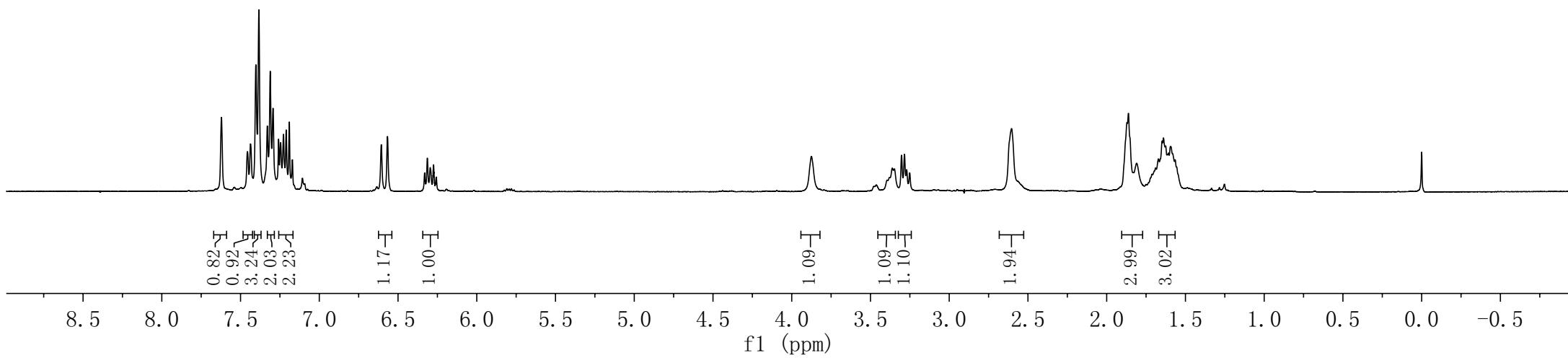
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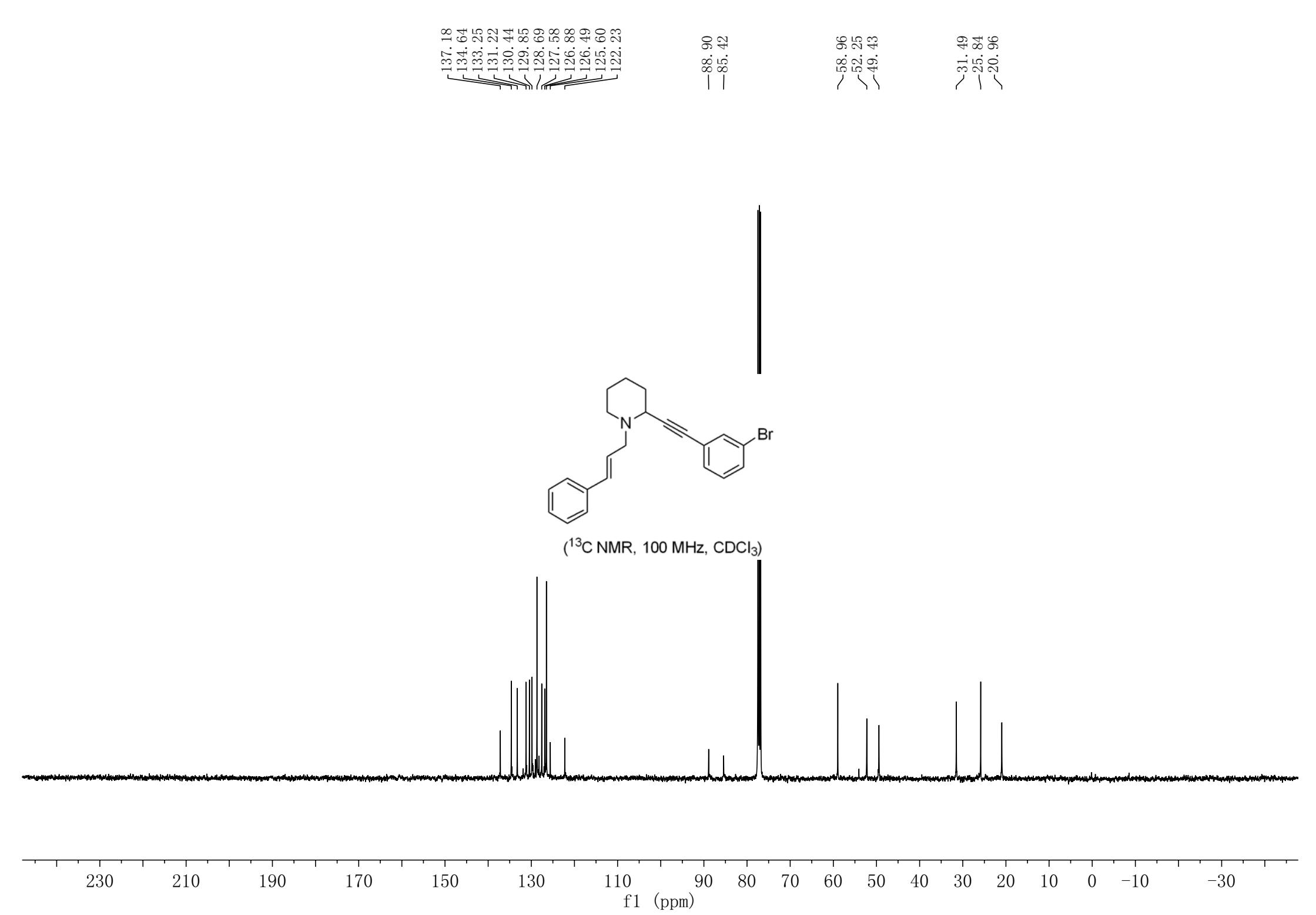
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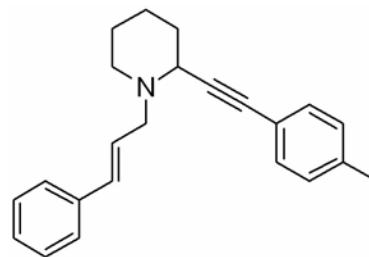
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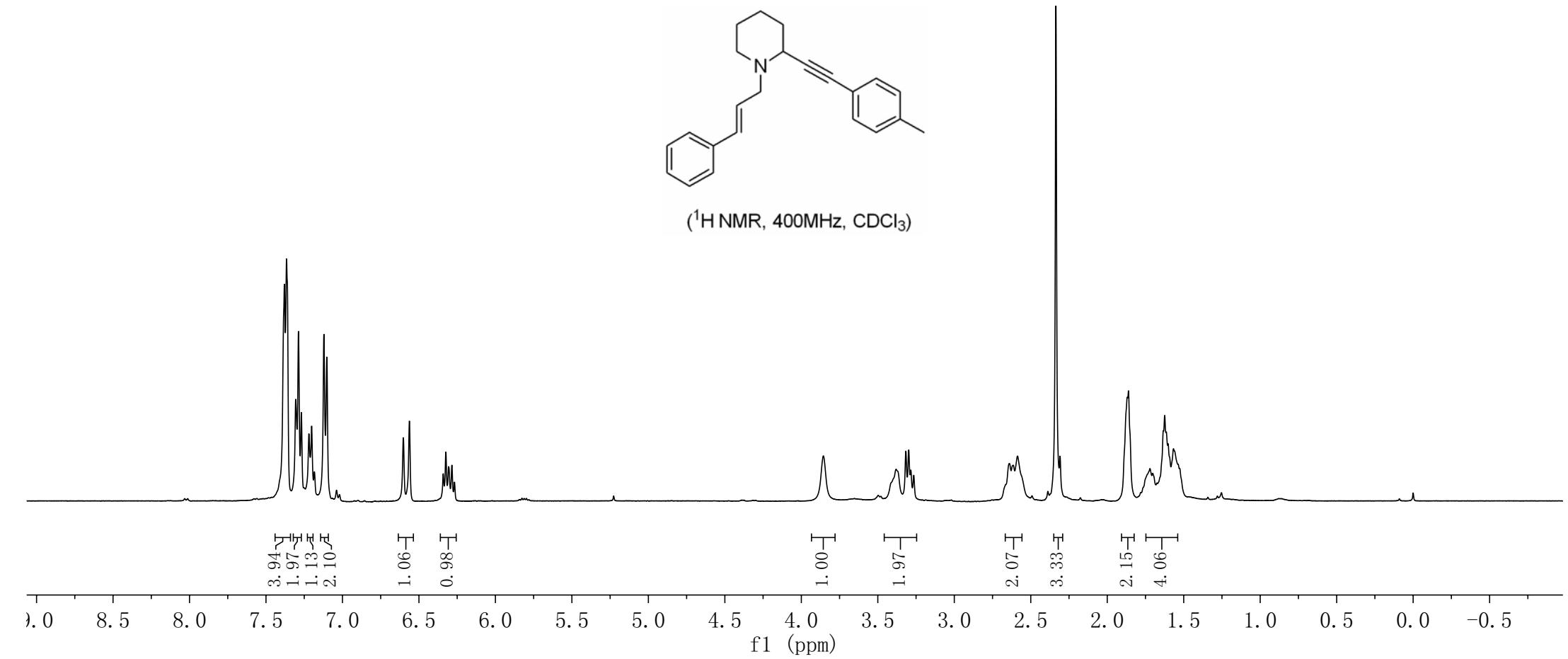
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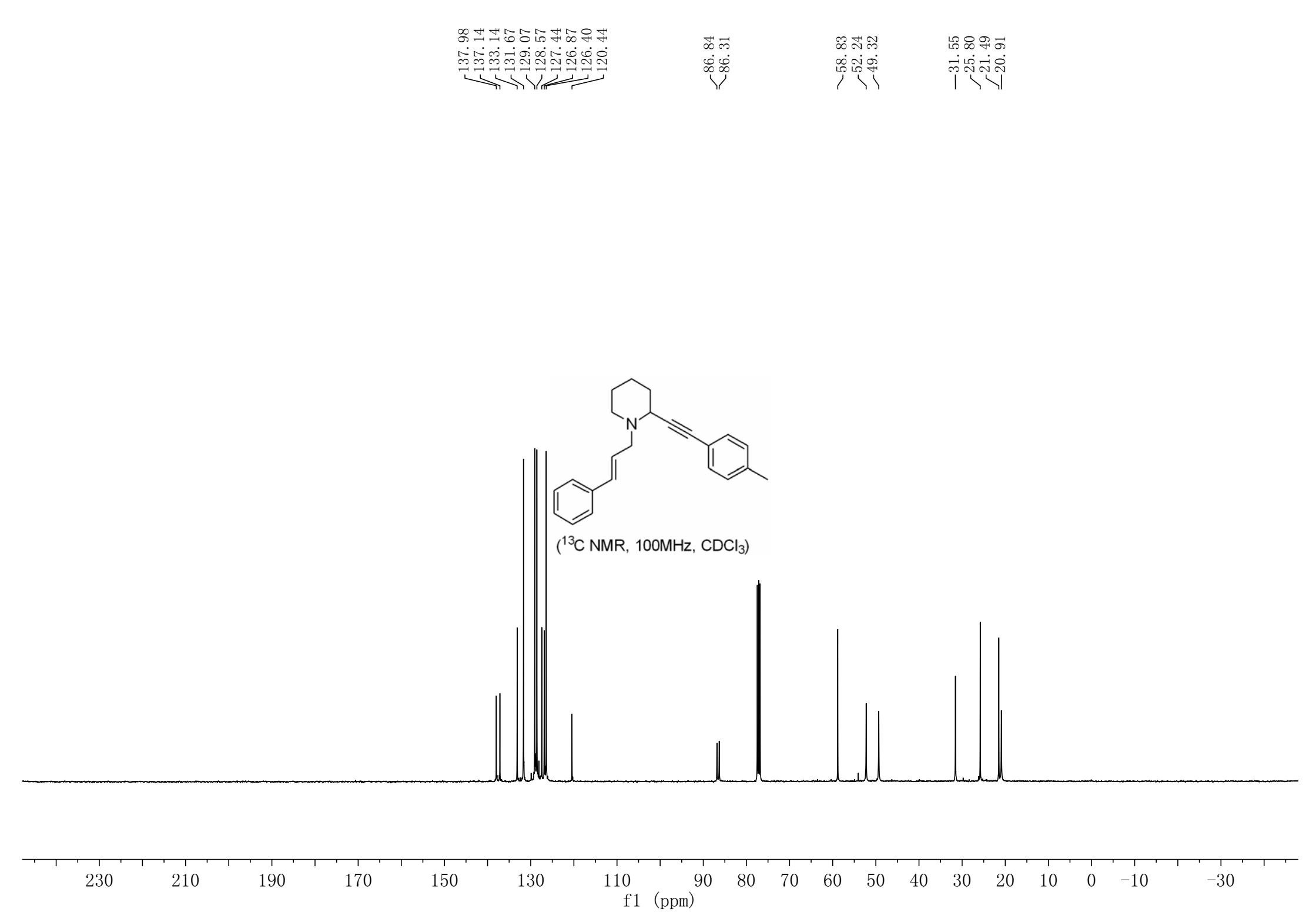
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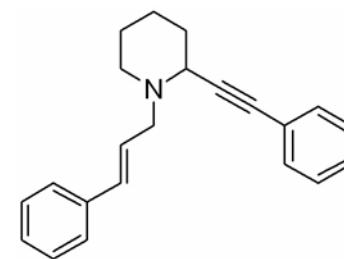




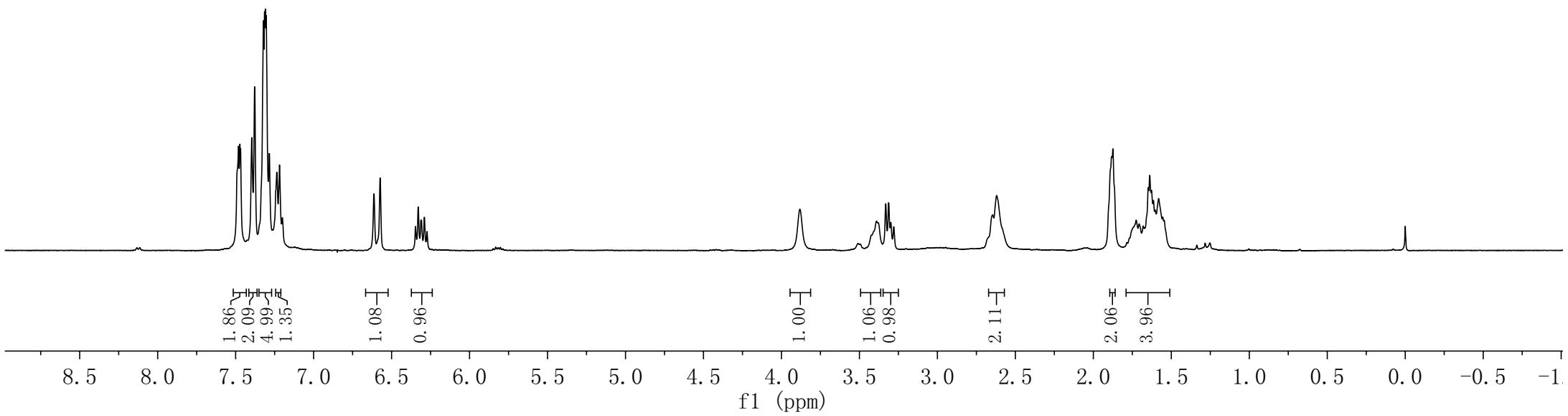
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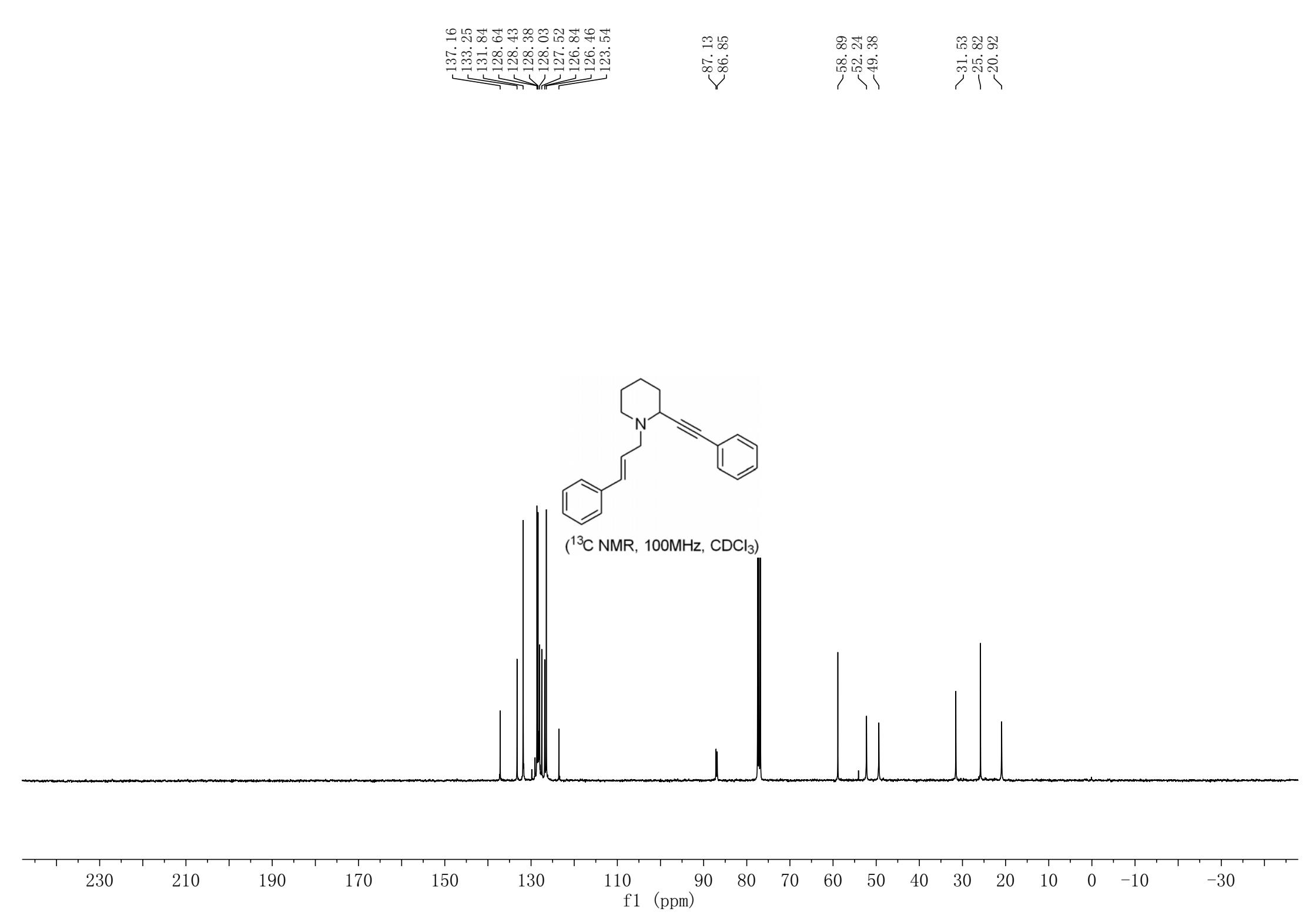
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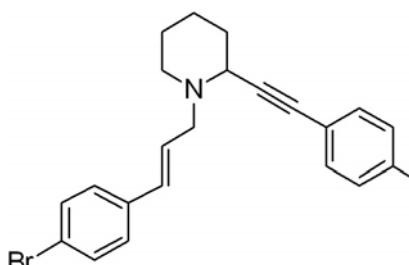
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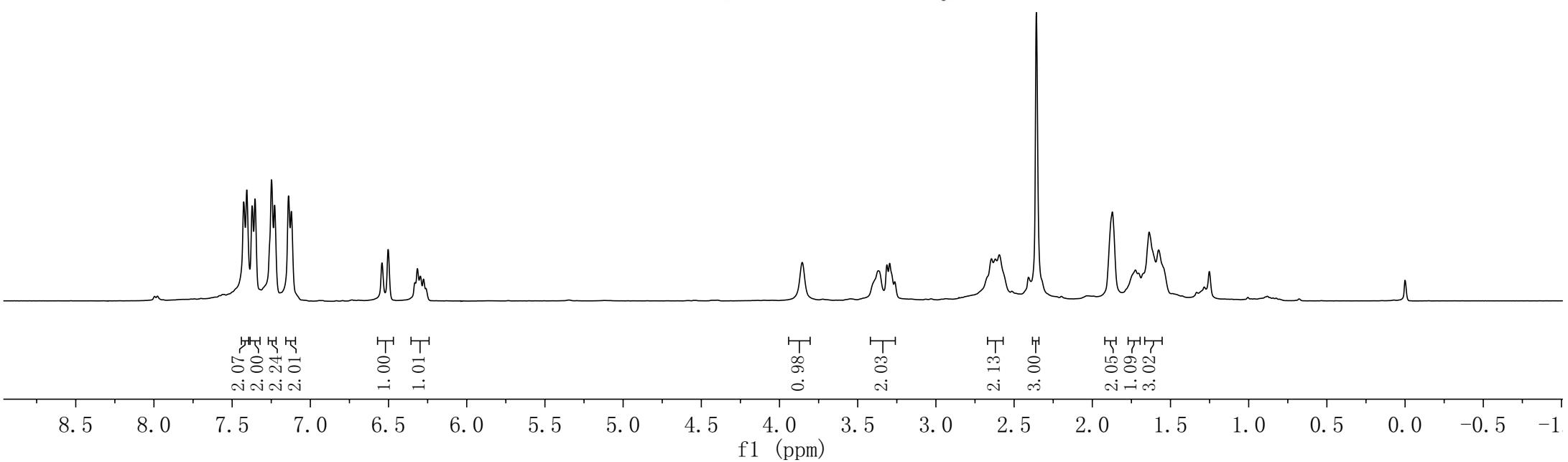
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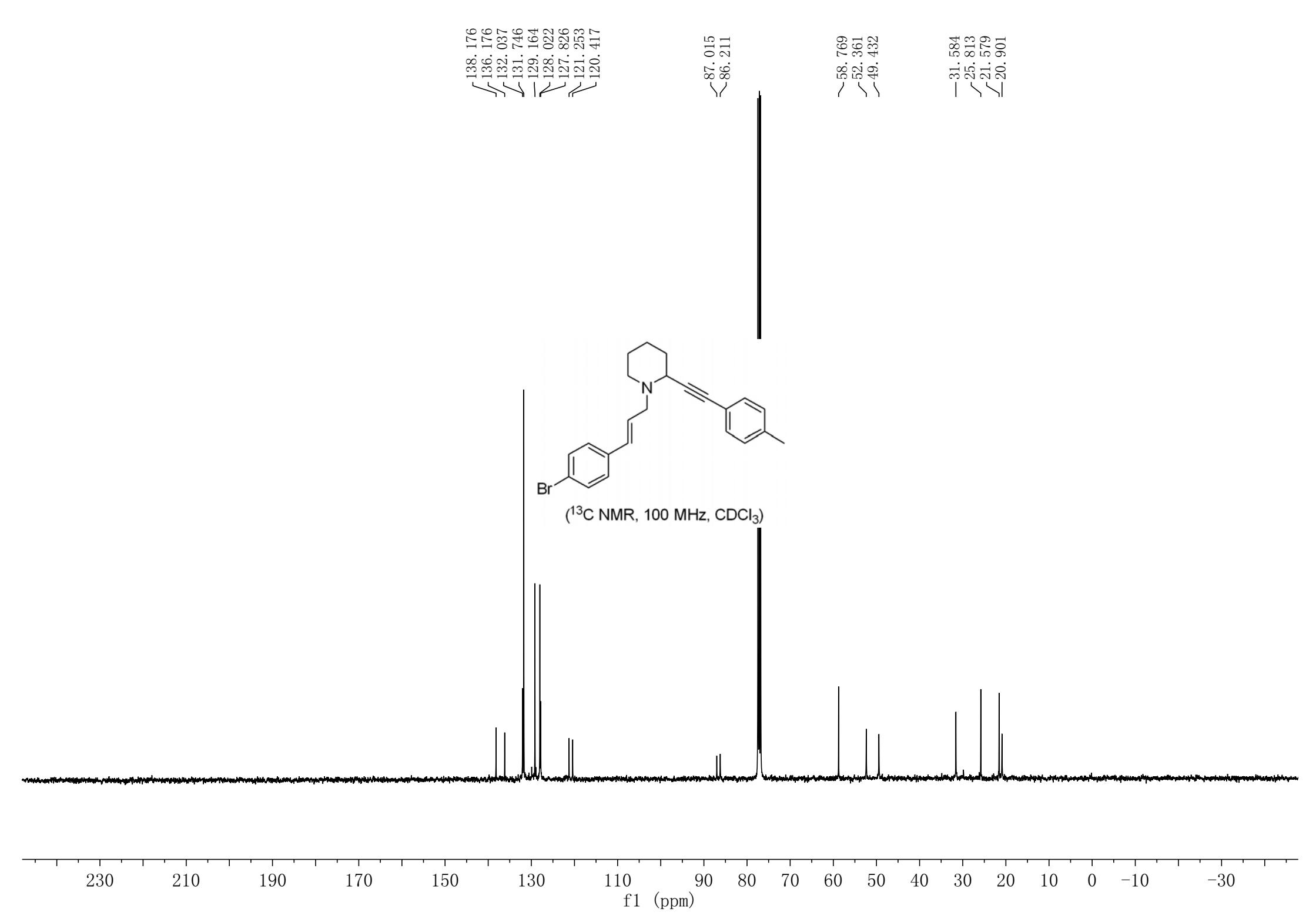
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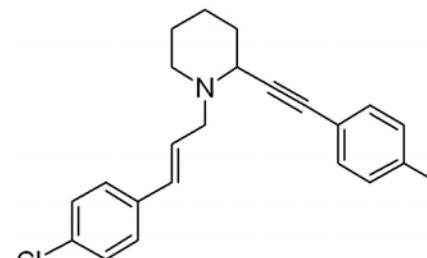
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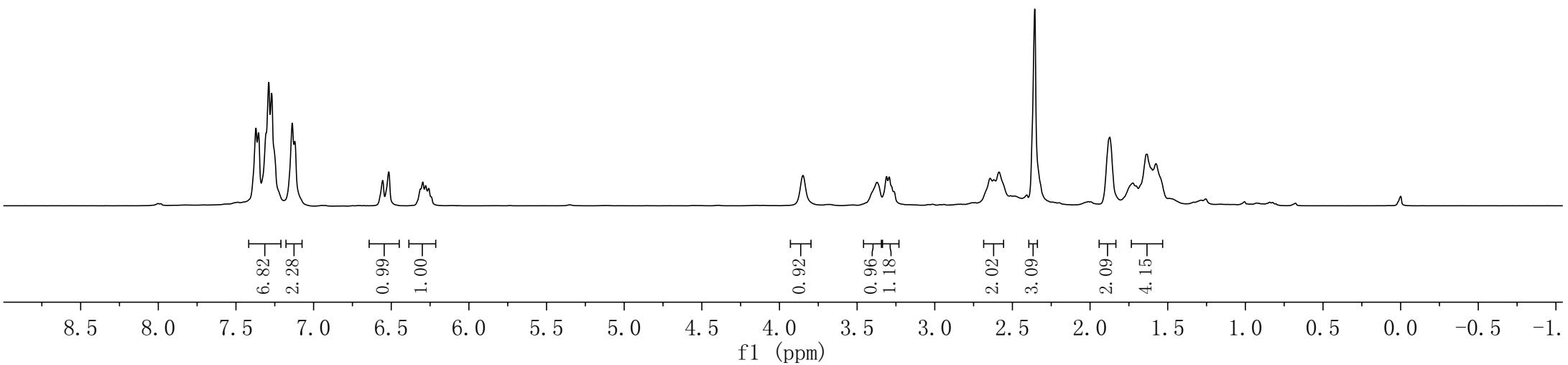
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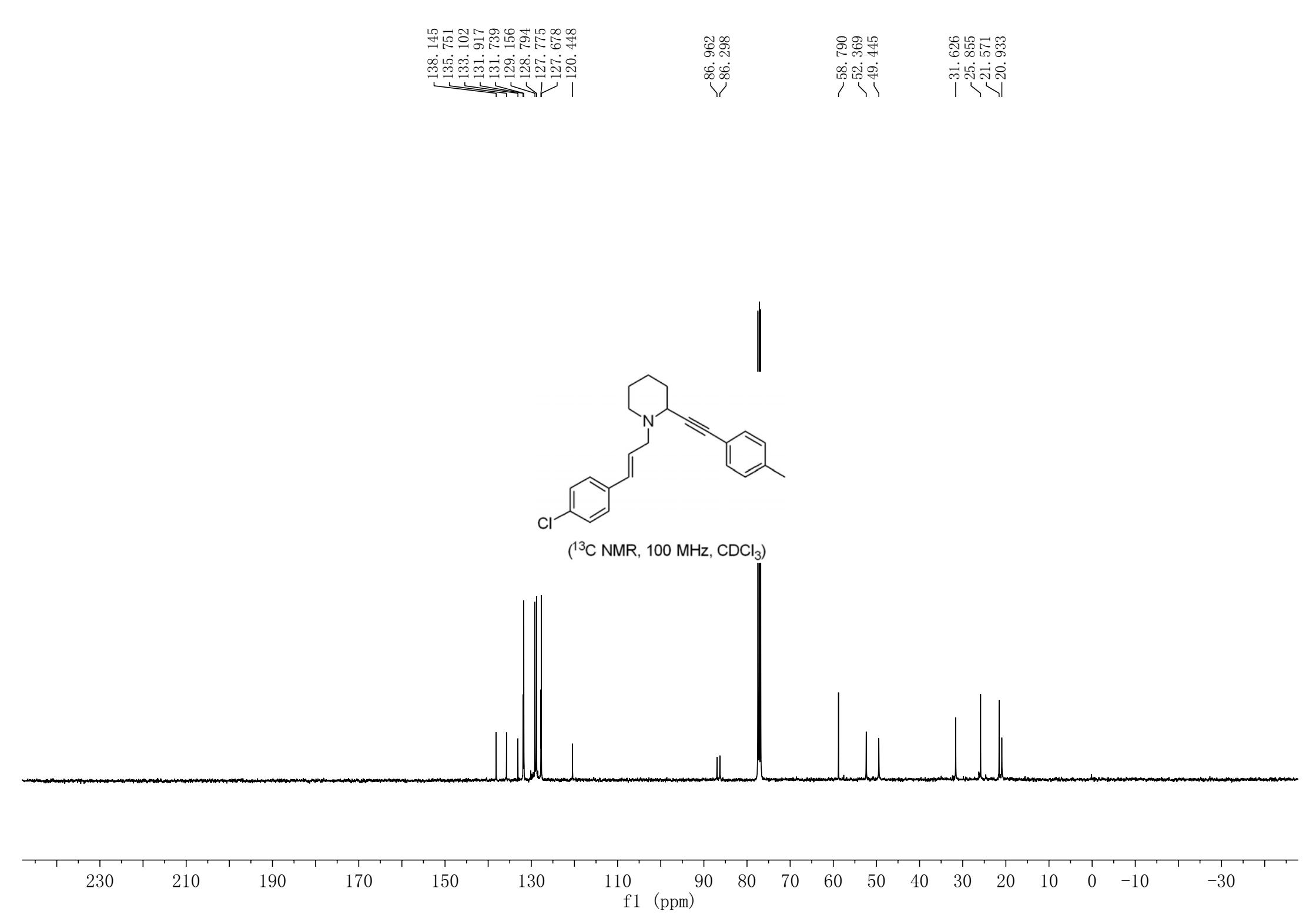
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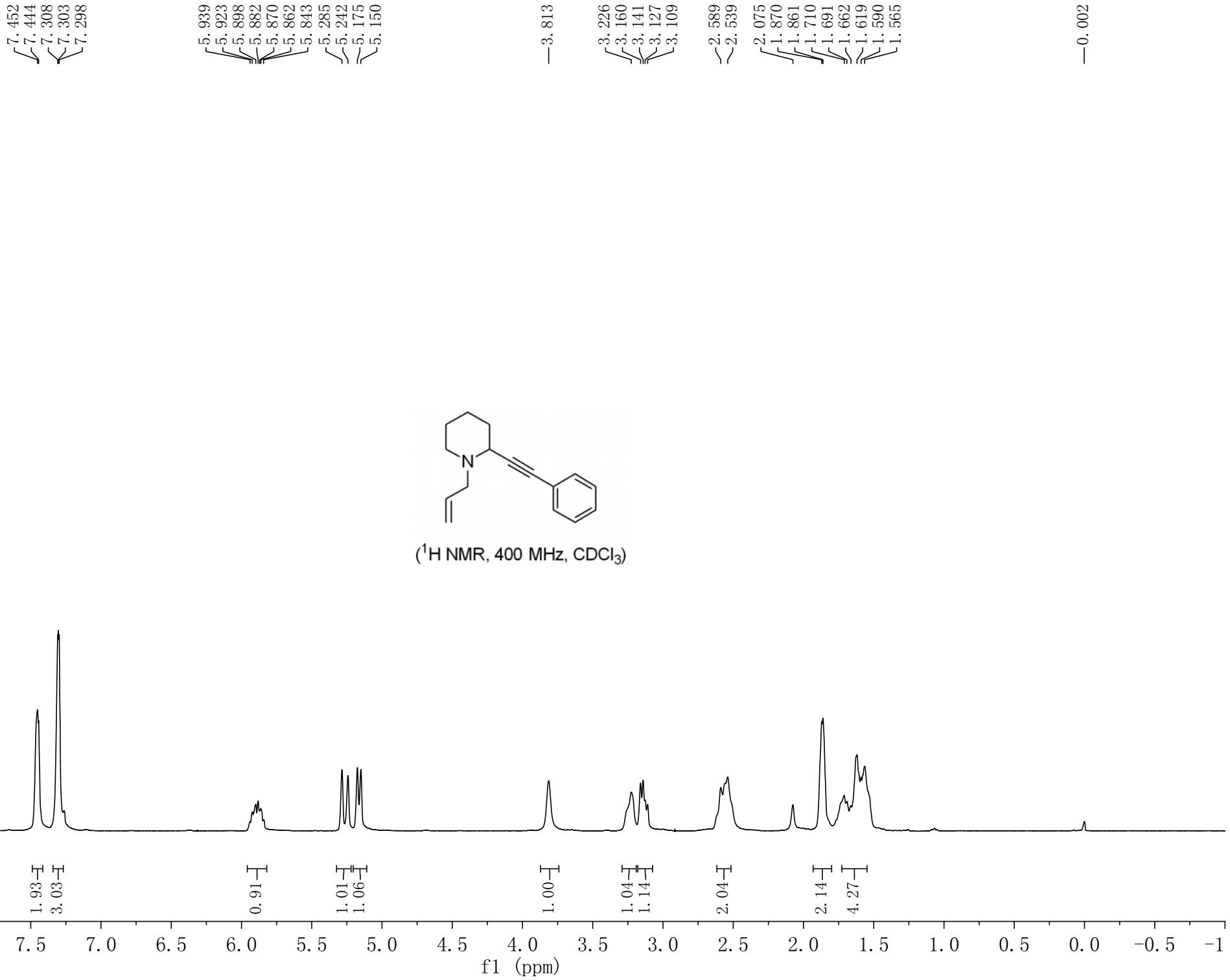
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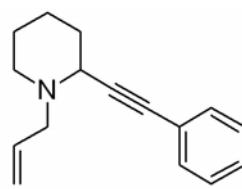


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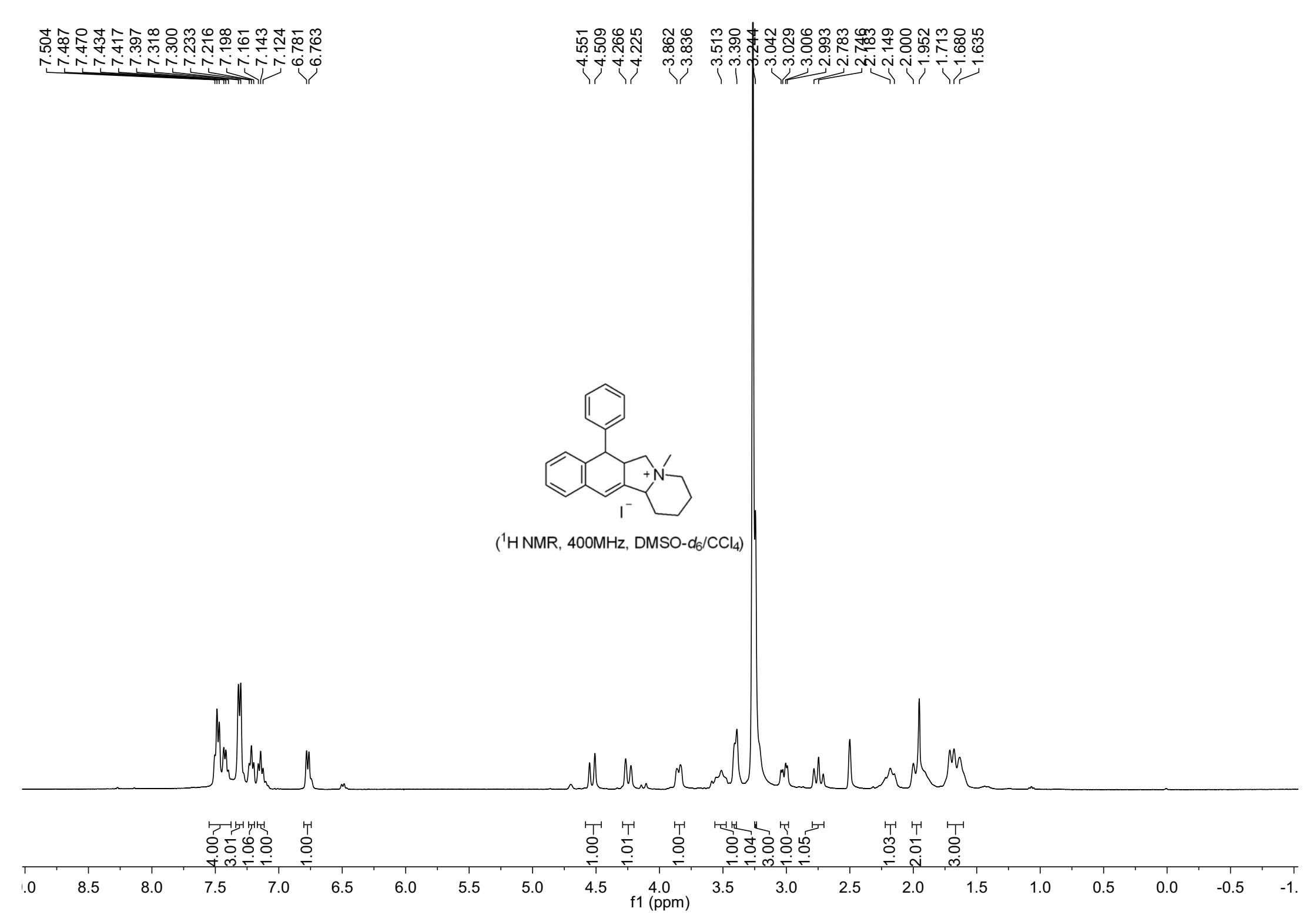
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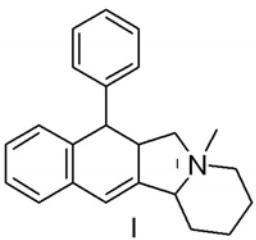


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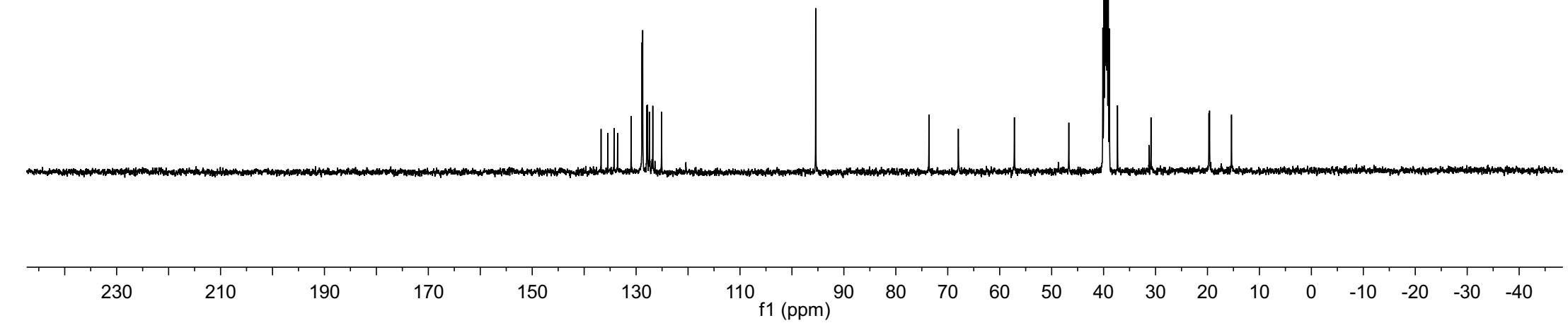
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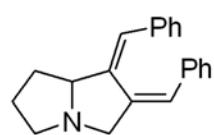


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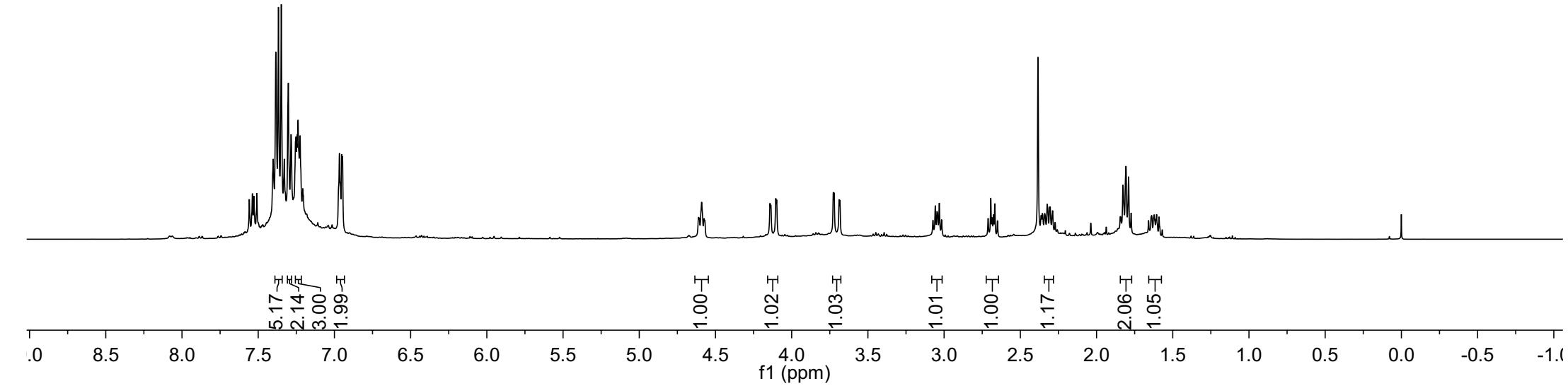


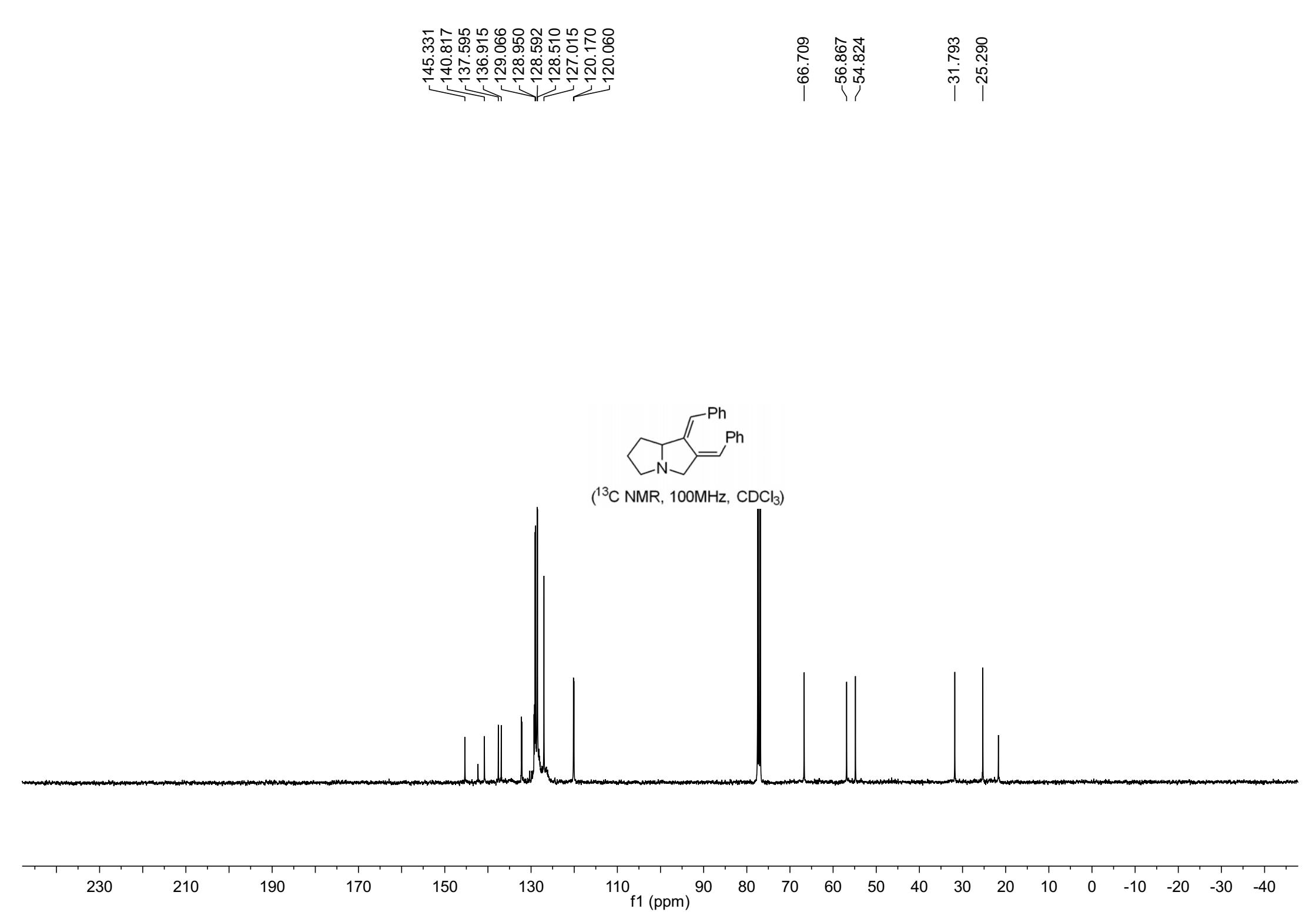
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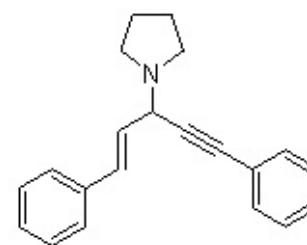
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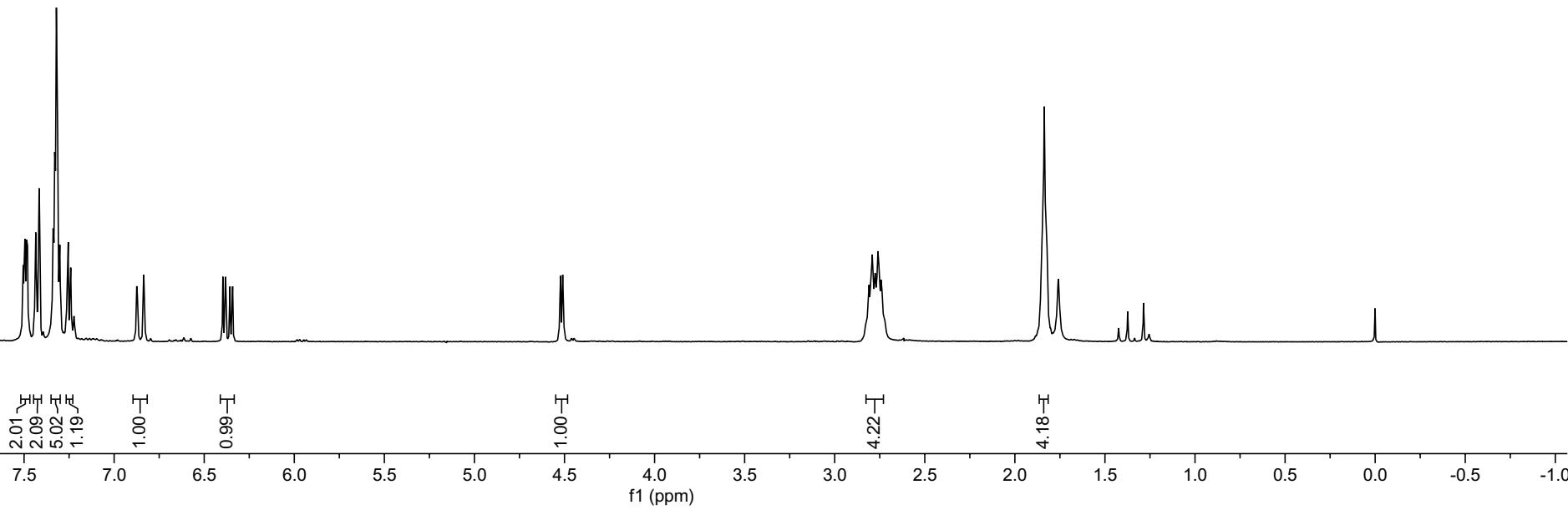
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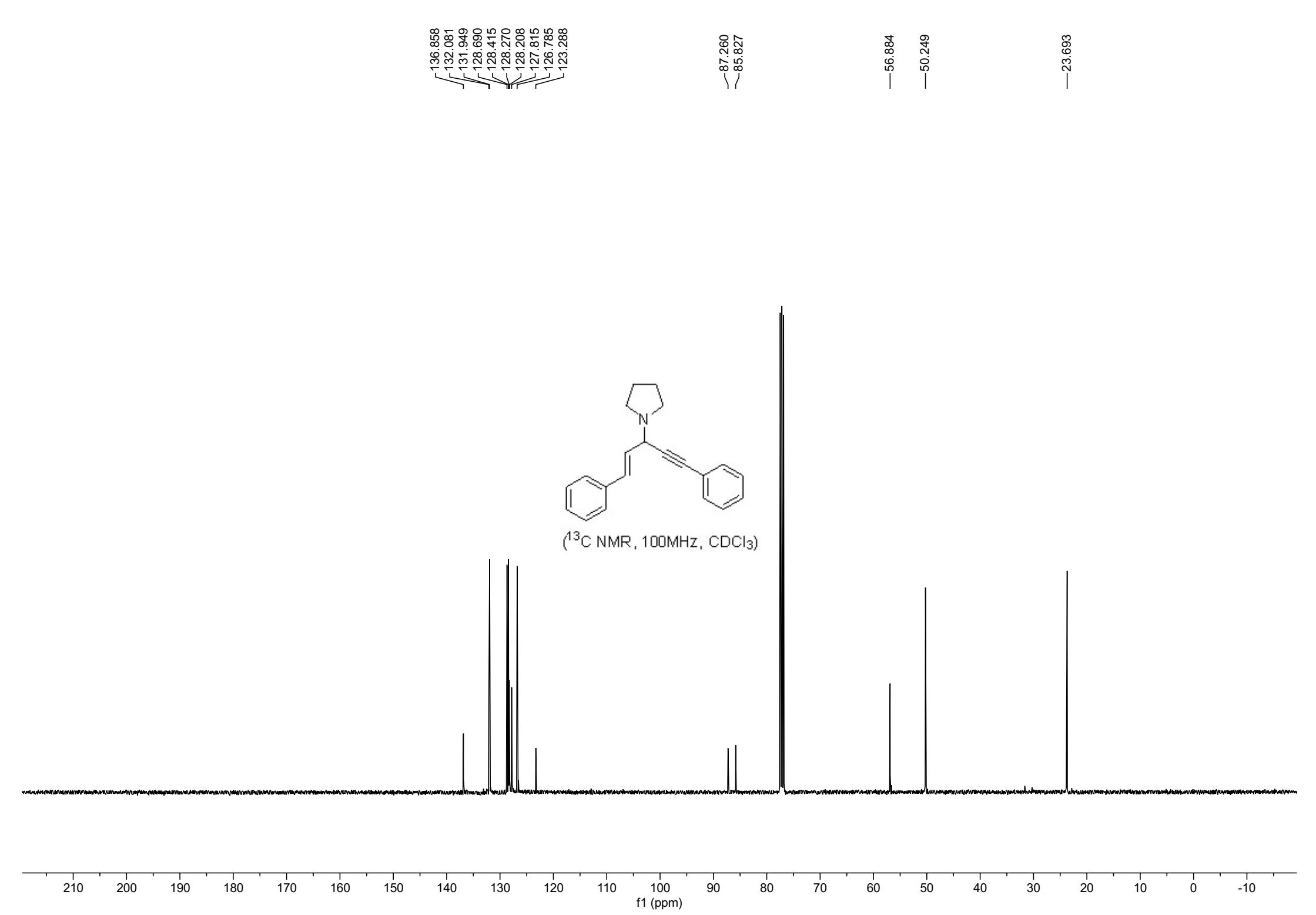
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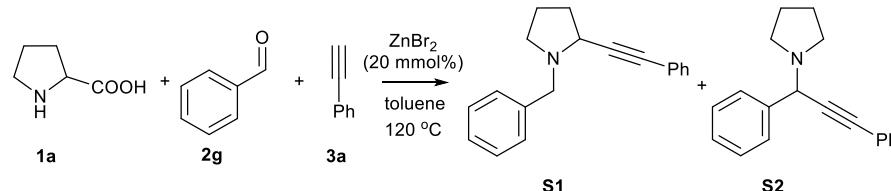


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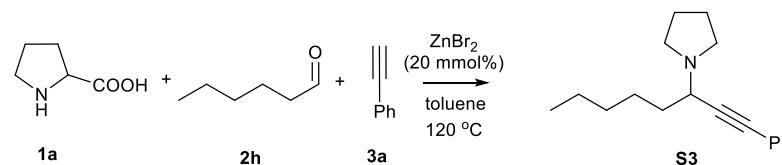




**The results of decarboxylative A<sup>3</sup> reaction with phenylacetylene and hexanal.**



Proline **1a** (1.5 mmol), phenylacetylene **3a** (1.5 mmol) and ZnBr<sub>2</sub> (0.2 mmol) were dissolved in dry toluene (5 mL) under Ar atmosphere. The mixture was heated to 120°C and a solution of benzaldehyde **2g** (1.0 mmol) in toluene (2 mL) was slowly added over 12h. Then, the reaction was cooled and concentrated. The residue was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (PE/EA = 10:1) to give the **S1**<sup>1</sup> (133 mg, 51%) and **S2**<sup>2</sup> (42 mg, 16%).

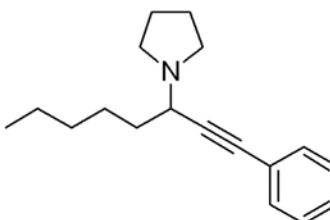


Proline **1a** (1.5 mmol), phenylacetylene **3a** (1.5 mmol) and ZnBr<sub>2</sub> (0.2 mmol) were dissolved in dry toluene (5 mL) under Ar atmosphere. The mixture was heated to 120°C and a solution of hexanal **2h** (1.0 mmol) in toluene (2 mL) was slowly added over 12h. Then, the reaction was cooled and concentrated. The residue was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (PE/EA = 5:1) to give the **S3** as colorless oil (170 mg, 67%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.44-7.40 (m, 2H), 7.33-7.27 (m, 3H), 3.68 (dd, *J* = 8.8, 6.0 Hz, 1H), 2.80-2.75 (m, 2H), 2.76-2.68 (m, 2H), 1.84-1.77 (m, 4H), 1.76-1.69 (m, 2H), 1.63-1.54 (m, 1H), 1.52-1.43 (m, 1H), 1.37-1.31 (m, 4H), 0.93-0.88 (m, 3H) ppm; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 131.9, 128.3, 127.9, 123.6, 88.4, 85.4, 55.3, 49.9, 35.1, 31.8, 26.5, 23.6, 22.7, 14.2 ppm; HRMS (ESI-Orbitrap) *m/z*: [M + H]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>26</sub>N<sup>+</sup>: 256.2060, found: 256.2060.

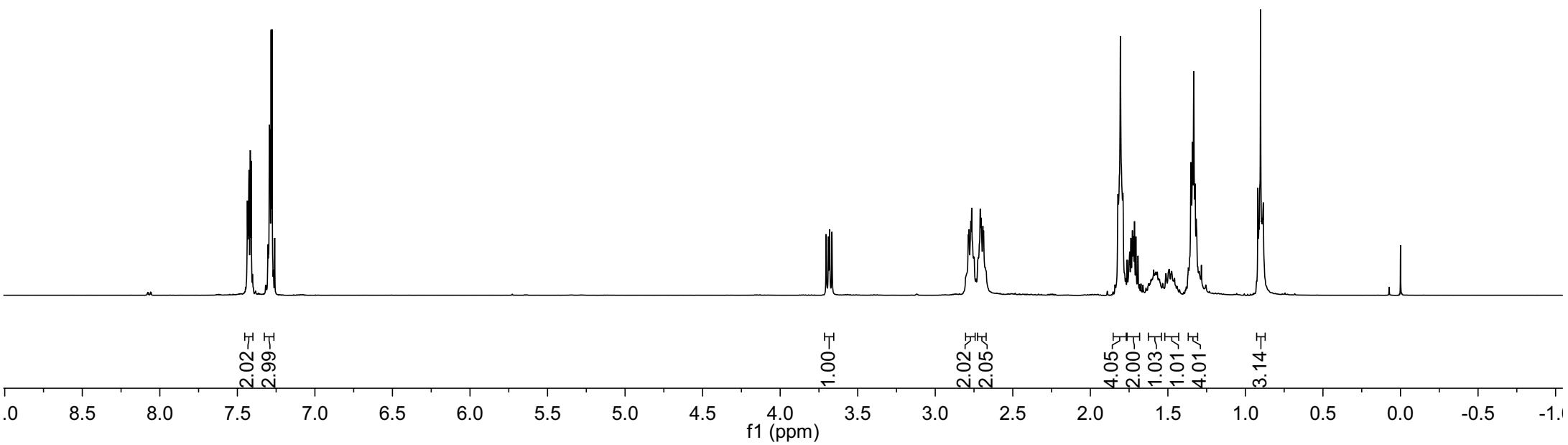
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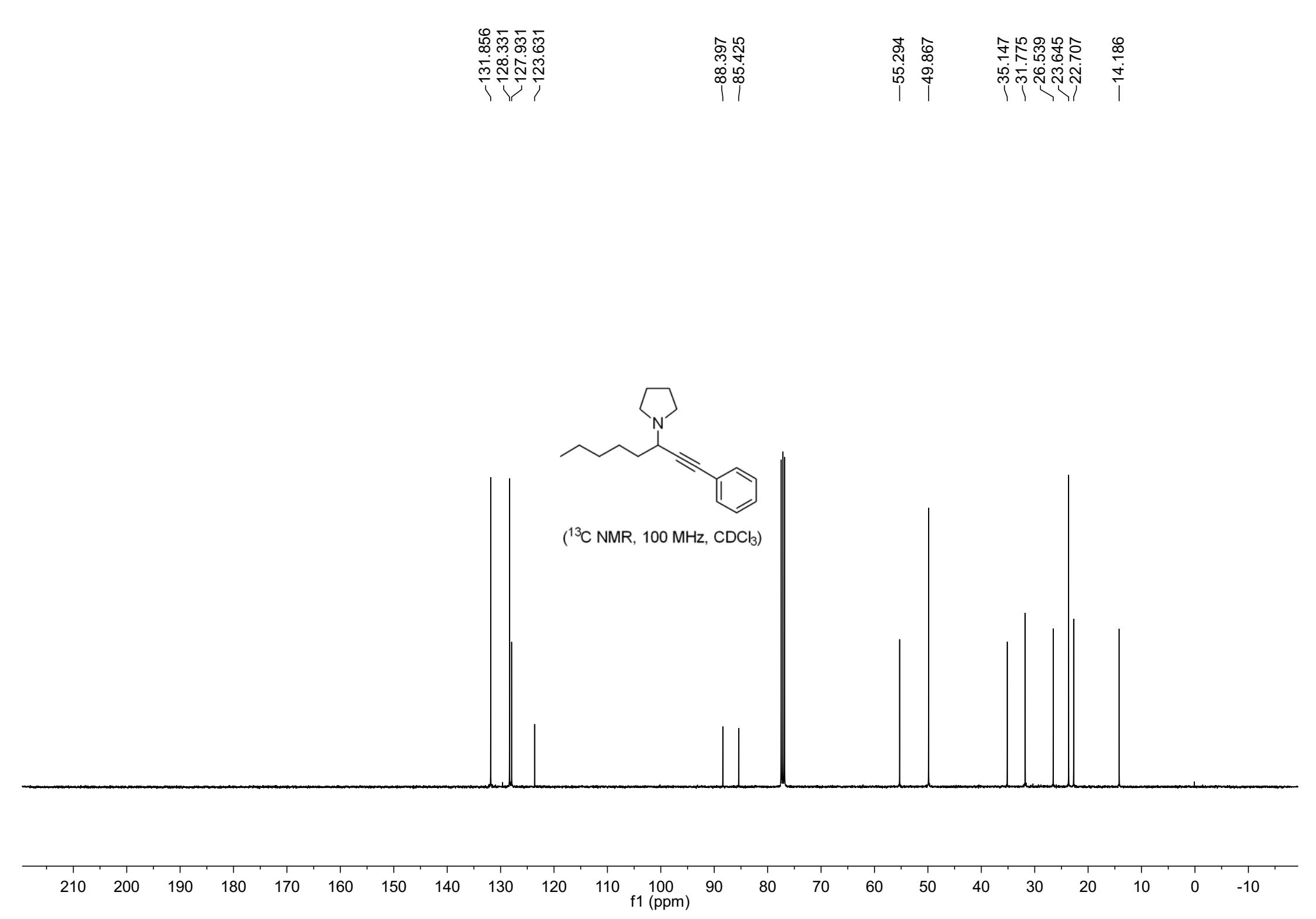
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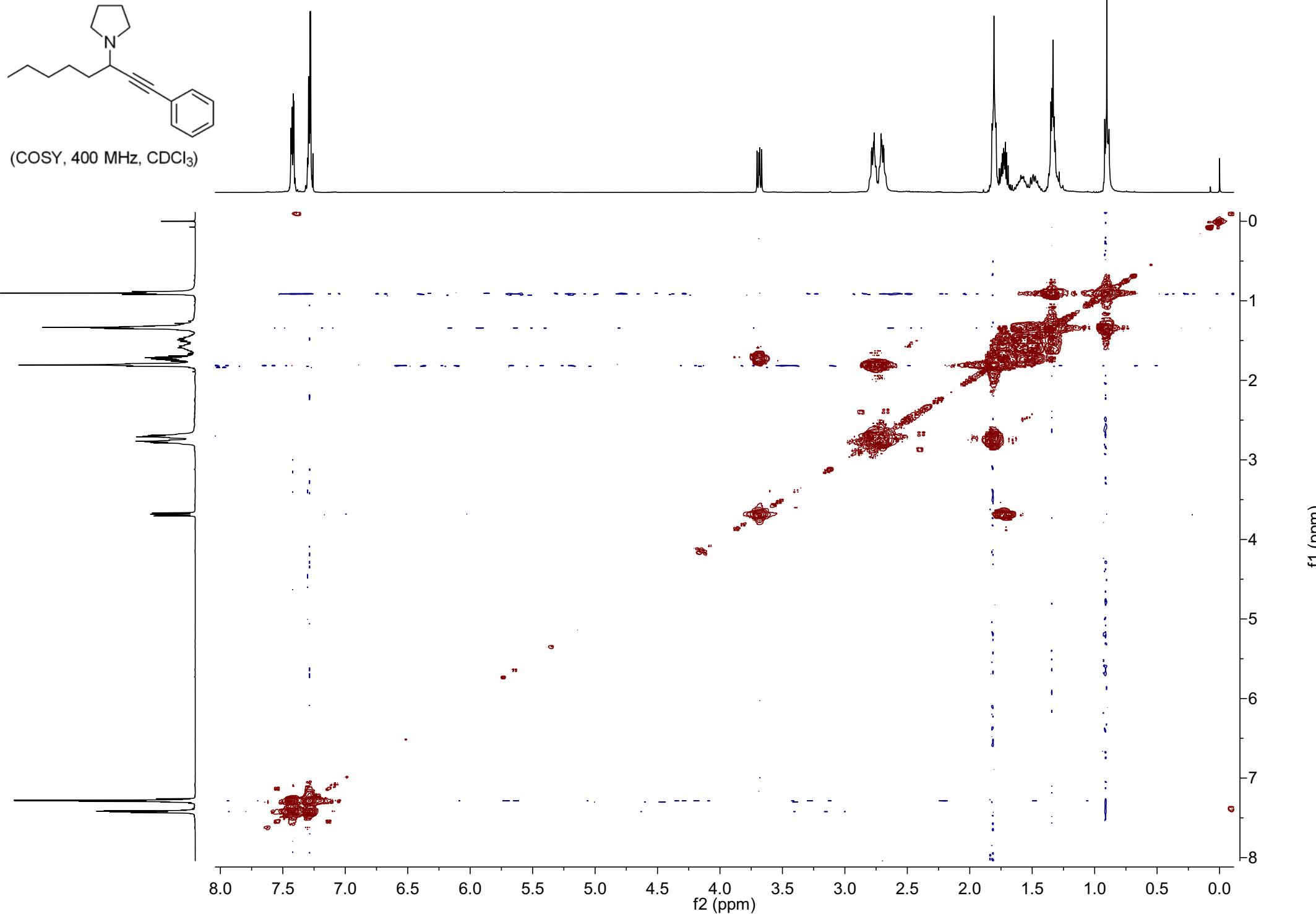
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(<sup>1</sup>H NMR, 400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)







## The results of DFT calculations.

**Computational methods:** Calculations were carried out with the Gaussian 09 programs<sup>1</sup>. The geometries of all the species were fully optimized by using DFT of the B3LYP method<sup>2-4</sup> with the 6-31G\* basis set.<sup>5,6</sup> All stationary points were verified as either minima (zero imaginary frequencies) or transition states (a single imaginary frequency). Reported relative energies are Gibbs free energies in kcal/mol. Molecular structure graphics were generated using CYLview.<sup>7</sup>

To further explore the regional selectivity of the reaction with different zinc catalysts, the DFT calculations with ZnF<sub>2</sub> and ZnBr<sub>2</sub> were performed and the results show that the energy of **7a-ZnF<sub>2</sub>** is ca. 3.06 kJ/mol lower than that of **7b-ZnF<sub>2</sub>**. Therefore, **7a-ZnF<sub>2</sub>** is more favorable when ZnF<sub>2</sub> was used, the major product is **5**. When ZnBr<sub>2</sub> was used, the energy of **7b-ZnBr<sub>2</sub>** is ca. 0.03 kJ/mol lower than that of **7a-ZnBr<sub>2</sub>** (Fig. S1). However, the transition state **8b** is ca. 7.08 kJ/mol lower than that of **8a** (Fig. S2). Therefore, **4** was the major product when ZnBr<sub>2</sub> was used. Furthermore, the **8b** is the possible transition state for the reaction based on the DFT calculations results.

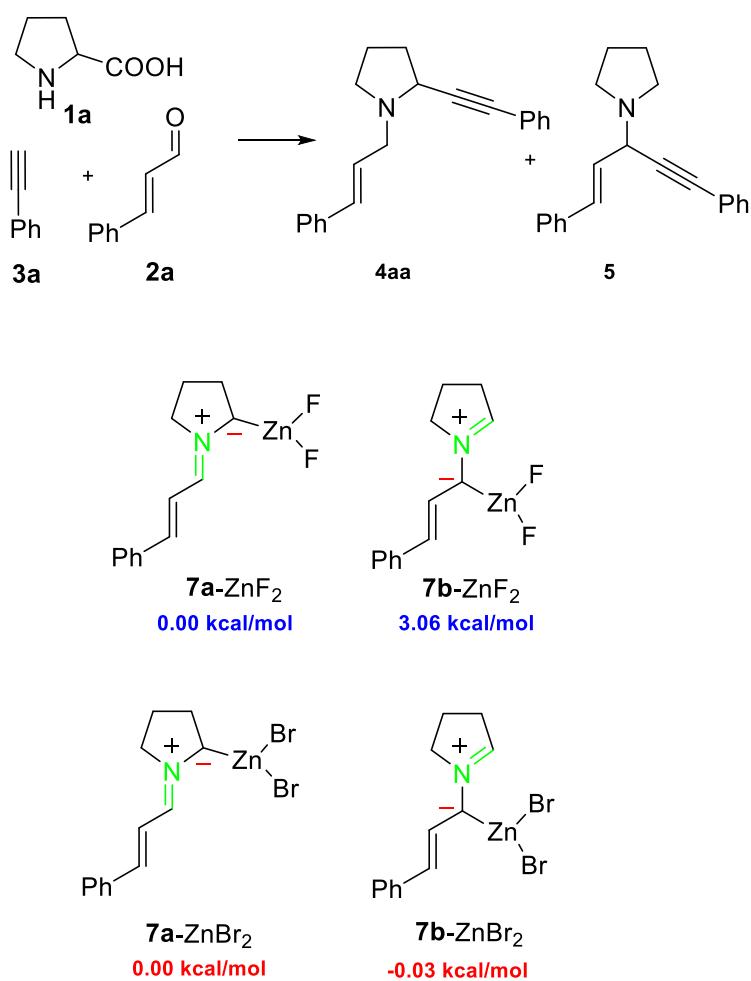
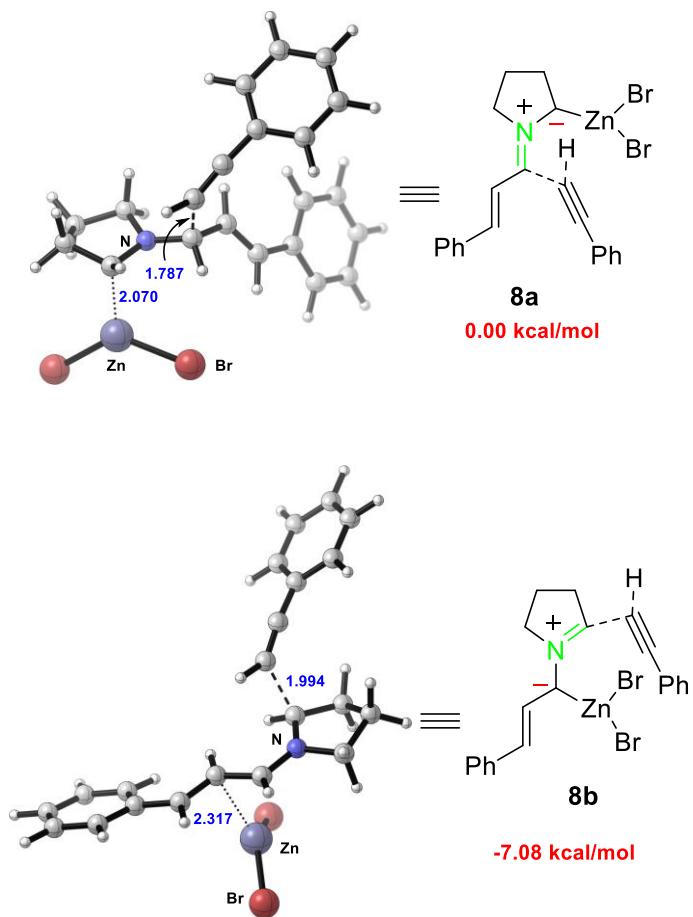
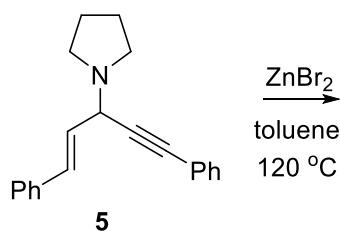


Fig. S1.



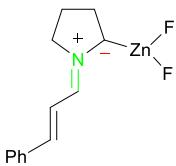
**Fig. S2**

When **5** was refluxed in toluene in the presence of  $\text{ZnBr}_2$ , the **5** was consumed completely and the reaction mixture was complexed, no major product can be isolated and characterized (Scheme S1). This result explained the high regional selectivity and moderate yields of the reaction.



**Scheme S1.** **5** (0.5 mmol) in toluene (5 mL) was refluxed in the presence of  $\text{ZnBr}_2$  (0.1 mmol) for 12h.

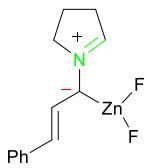
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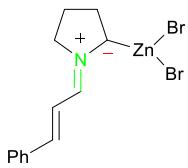
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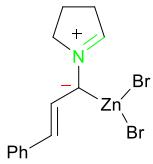
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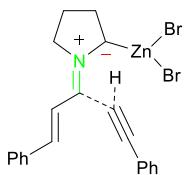
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Br	1.79283300	-0.08456800	1.99243200
Br	0.71997400	3.04466000	-0.66568400

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Sum of electronic and zero-point Energies=	-7481.568786
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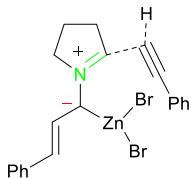


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1 of imaginary frequencies

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1 of imaginary frequencies

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Sum of electronic and thermal Enthalpies=	-7789.805775
Sum of electronic and thermal Free Energies=	-7789.897058

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