

## Supporting Information

### Synthesis of *meta*-Substituted Anilines via Three-Component Reaction of Acetone, Amines, and 1,3-Diketones

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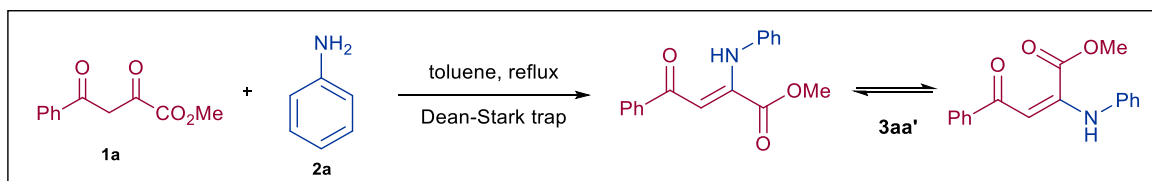
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## 1. Synthesis of methyl 4-oxo-4-phenyl-2-(phenylamino)but-2-enoate (3'aa)



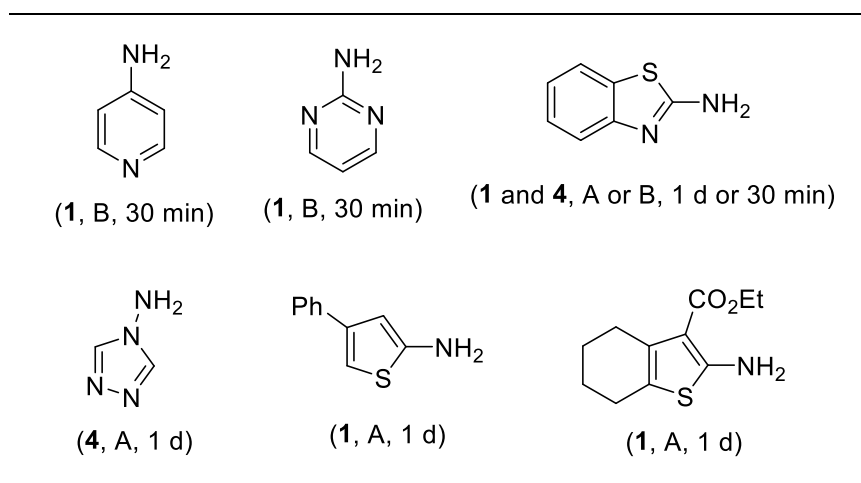
Compound **3aa'** is prepared according to the published method<sup>1</sup>.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>, ratio 4.3:1, reported as major (*Z*)/minor (*E*) peak)  $\delta$  [11.92 (s) & 9.76 (s),  $\Sigma$ 1H], [7.99 (d, *J* = 7.1 Hz) & 7.79 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz),  $\Sigma$ 2H], [7.60 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz) & 7.57–7.48 (m),  $\Sigma$ 1H], [7.53 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz) & 7.48–7.43 (m),  $\Sigma$ 2H], [7.41–7.32 (m) & 7.45–7.41 (m),  $\Sigma$ 2H], [7.08 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz) & 7.28 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz),  $\Sigma$ 2H], [7.17 (td, *J* = 7.3, 1.1 Hz) & 7.23–7.17 (m),  $\Sigma$ 1H], [6.48 (s) & 6.43 (s),  $\Sigma$ 1H], [3.74 (s) & 3.84 (s),  $\Sigma$ 3H].

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  (major) 189.9, 164.1, 149.1, 139.0, 138.0, 132.3, 129.2 (2C), 128.6 (2C), 127.2 (2C), 124.8, 120.9 (2C), 95.9, 52.9; (minor) 186.4, 165.9, 150.3, 138.7, 131.6, 129.4 (2C), 128.4 (2C), 127.1 (2C), 124.8, 121.9 (2C), 92.4, 52.4.

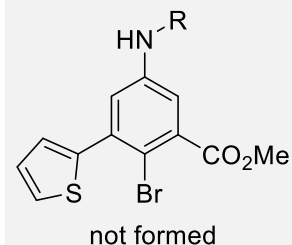
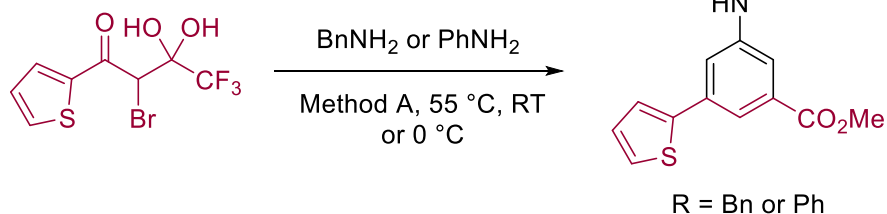
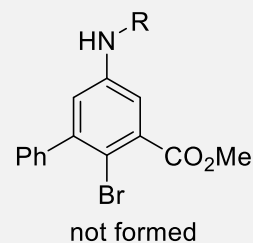
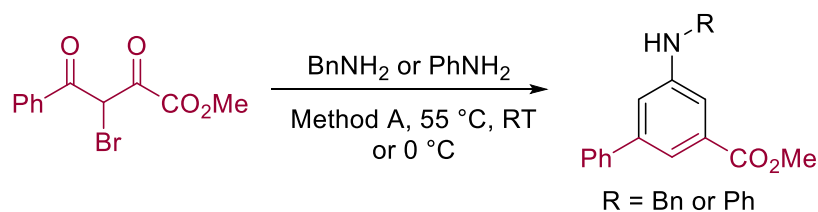
## 2. List of tested heterocycles

Heterocycles, which failed in reaction, are shown below, in parenthesis are: tested  $\beta$ -diketone type, method, time. In each case, only trace amounts of products could be detected by LC-MS.

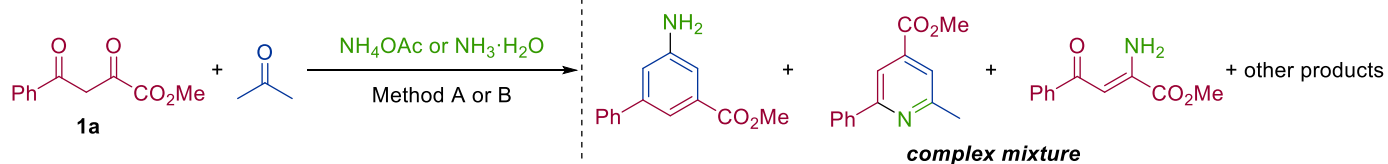


## 3. Reaction with brominated **1** and **4**<sup>2</sup>

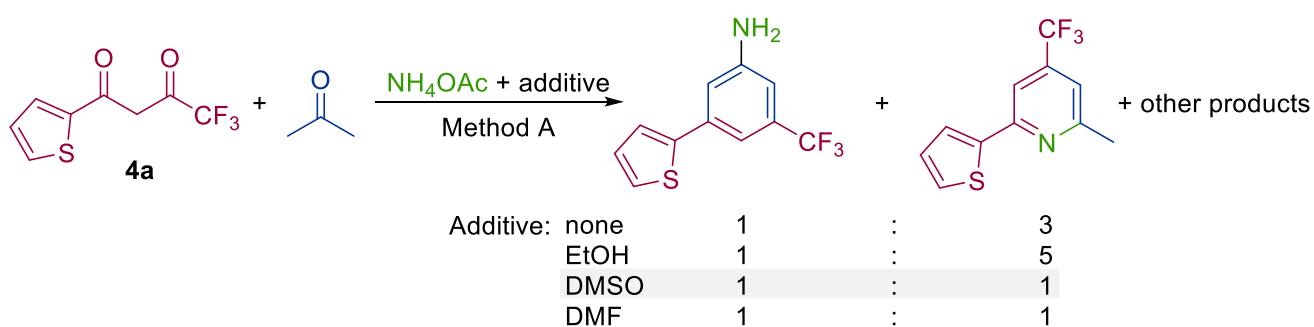
Different attempts are illustrated below. In each case, rapid development of red color has been seen (within minutes), as a result of debromination of starting material.



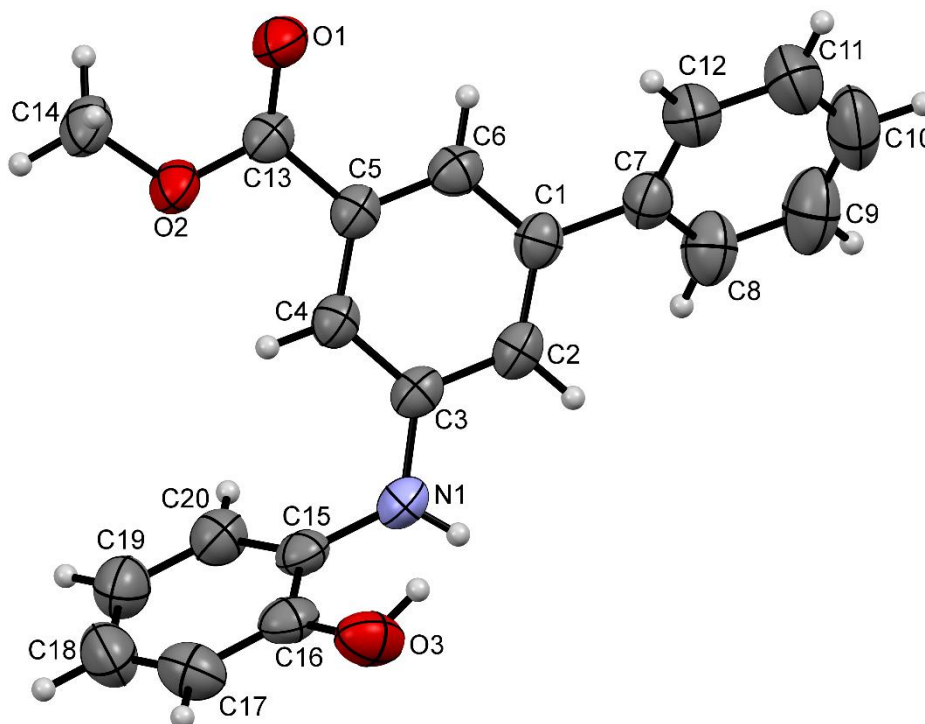
#### 4. Reaction of diketones **1** and **4** with $\text{NH}_3$ sources



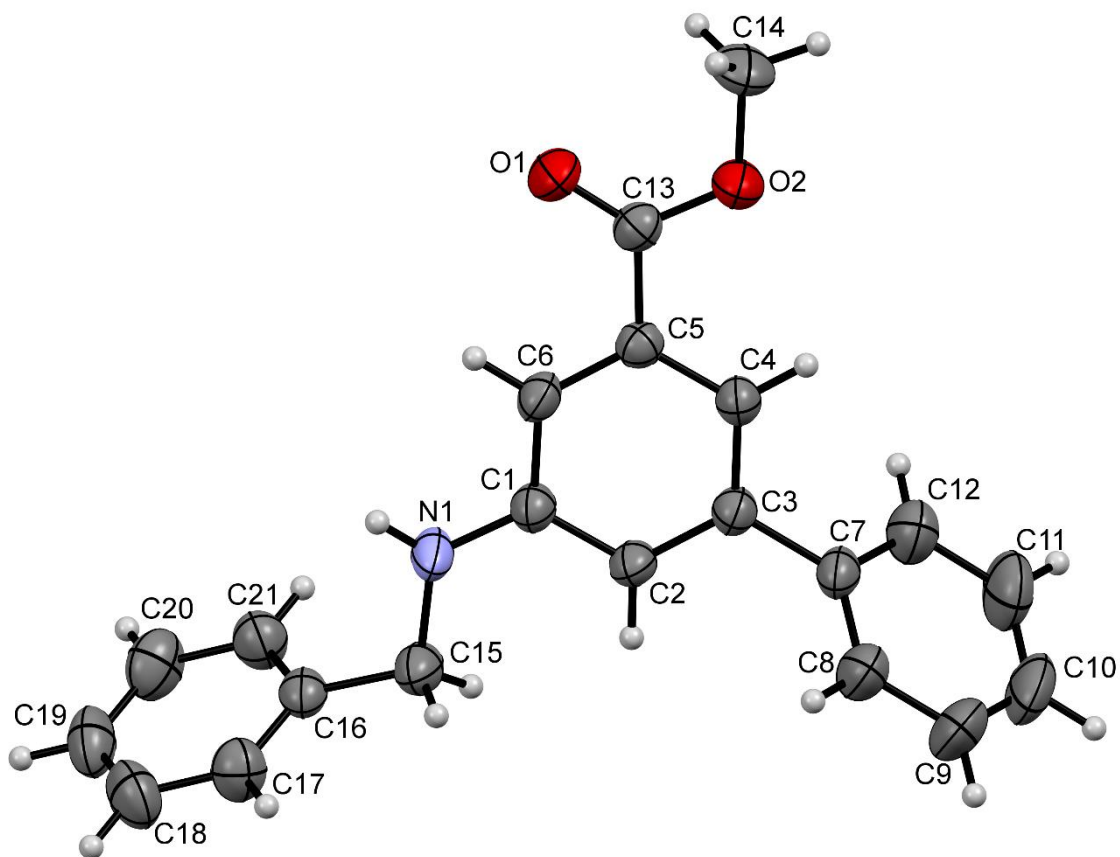
Tested condition for reaction of **4a** and  $\text{NH}_4\text{OAc}$  (ratio of products was determined by LC-MS):



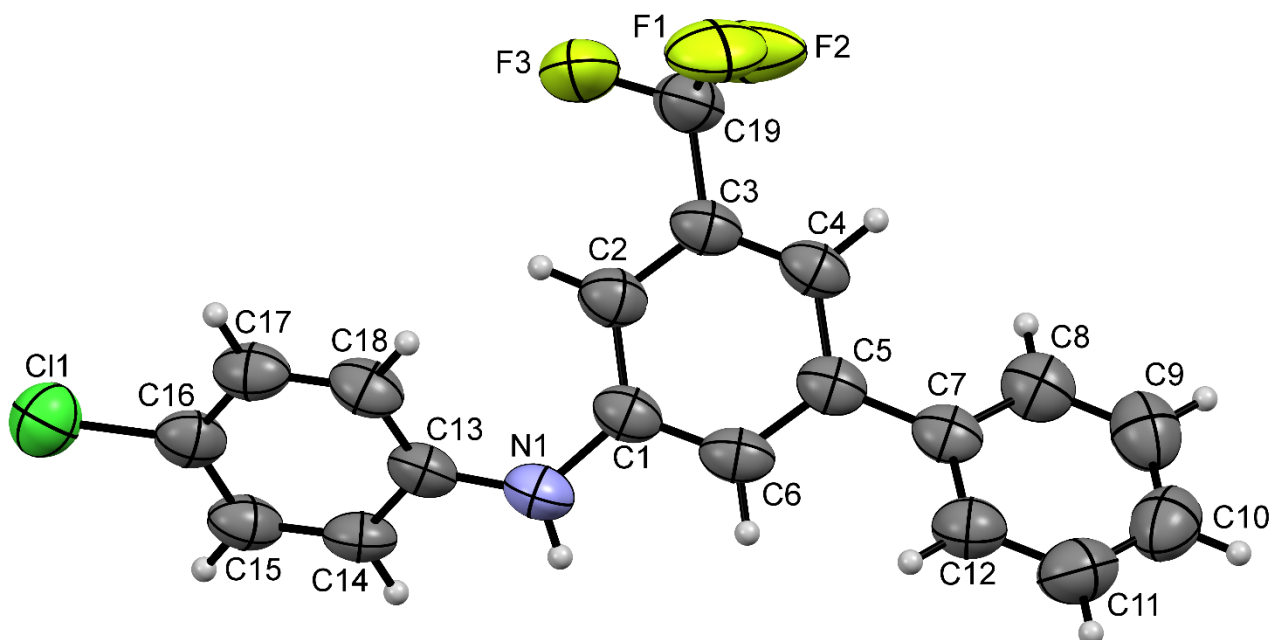
## 5. Single crystal X-ray data



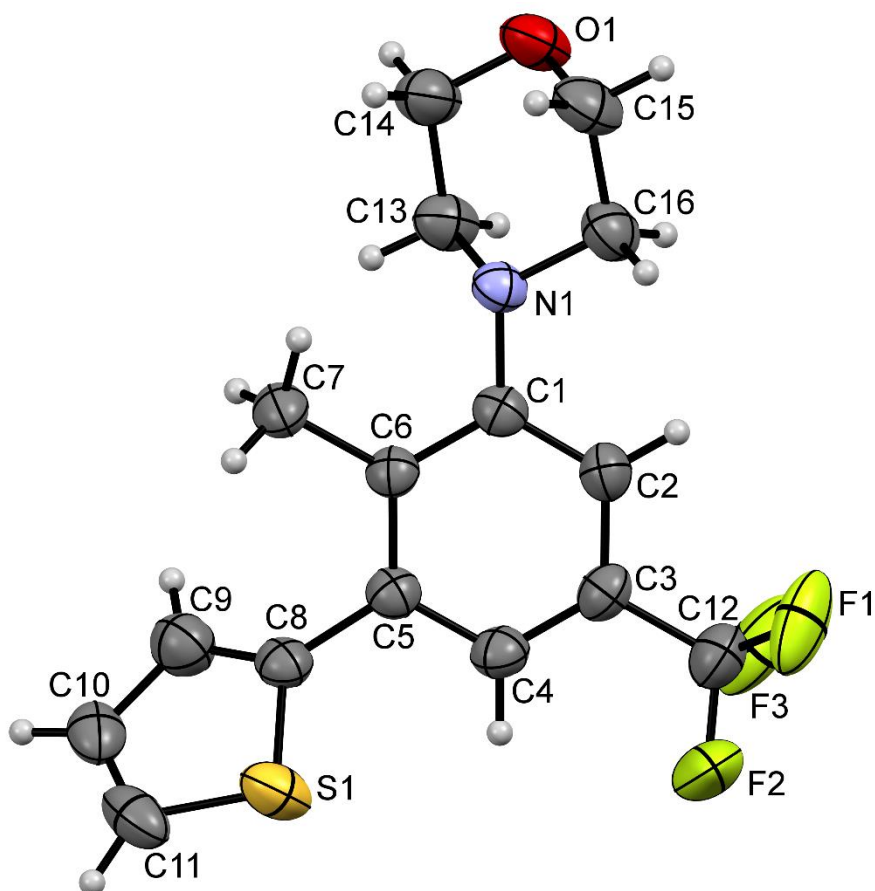
**Fig. 1.** Molecular structure of compound **3ab** showing 50% probability amplitude displacement ellipsoids (CCDC 1905222).



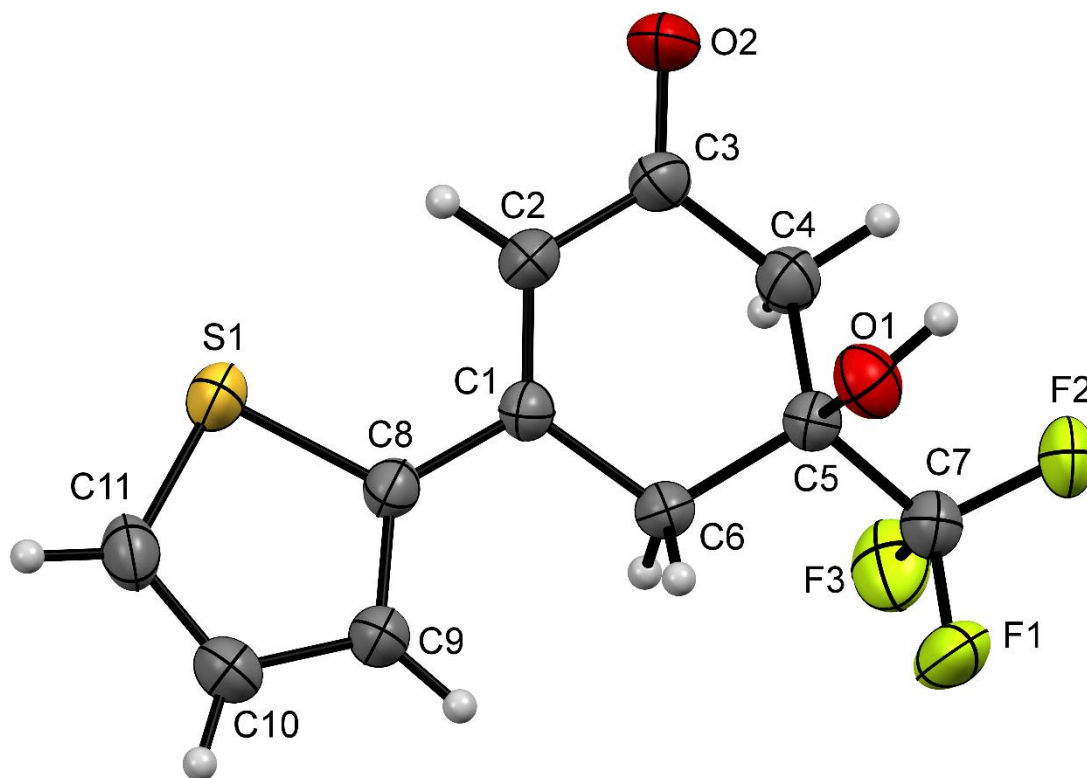
**Fig. 2.** Molecular structure of compound **3ae** showing 50% probability amplitude displacement ellipsoids (CCDC 1905220).



**Fig. 3.** Molecular structure of compound **5bc** showing 50% probability amplitude displacement ellipsoids (CCDC 1905223).



**Fig. 4.** Molecular structure of compound **8ka** showing 50% probability amplitude displacement ellipsoids (CCDC 1960904).



**Fig. 5.** Molecular structure of compound **9b** showing 50% probability amplitude displacement ellipsoids (CCDC 1905221).

#### Crystal structure determination

The unit cell parameters and the X-ray diffraction intensities were measured on a Xcalibur Ruby diffractometer. The empirical absorption correction was introduced by multi-scan method using SCALE3 ABSPACK algorithm<sup>3</sup>. Using OLEX2<sup>4</sup> or WinGX<sup>5</sup> (for **3ae**), the structures were solved with the olex2.solve program<sup>6</sup> (for **5bc**) or with the SHELXS program<sup>7</sup> and refined by the full-matrix least-squares method in the anisotropic approximation for all non-hydrogen atoms using the SHELXL<sup>8</sup> program. Hydrogen atoms bound to carbon were located from the Fourier synthesis of the electron density and refined using a riding model. The hydrogen atoms of NH and OH groups were refined freely with isotropic displacement parameters.

*Crystal Data of 3ab.* C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>17</sub>NO<sub>3</sub>, *M* = 319.35, triclinic, *a* = 7.6883(17) Å, *b* = 9.4591(15) Å, *c* = 11.7328(19) Å,  $\alpha$  = 82.664(14)°,  $\beta$  = 79.063(17)°,  $\gamma$  = 76.170(16)°, *V* = 810.4(3) Å<sup>3</sup>, *T* = 295(2), space group *P*–1, *Z* = 2,  $\mu$ (Mo K $\alpha$ ) = 0.088 mm<sup>–1</sup>. The final refinement parameters: *R*<sub>1</sub> = 0.0592, *wR*<sub>2</sub> = 0.1545 [for observed 2429 reflections with *I* > 2 $\sigma$ (*I*)]; *R*<sub>1</sub> = 0.0855, *wR*<sub>2</sub> = 0.1868 (for all independent 3760 reflections, *R*<sub>int</sub> = 0.0357), *S* = 1.050.

*Crystal Data of 3ae.* C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>19</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>, *M* = 317.37, triclinic, *a* = 6.3877(14) Å, *b* = 9.9122(19) Å, *c* = 14.758(3) Å,  $\alpha$  = 79.468(16)°,  $\beta$  = 78.355(18)°,  $\gamma$  = 72.386(18)°, *V* = 864.8(3) Å<sup>3</sup>, *T* = 295(2), space group *P*–1, *Z* = 2,  $\mu$ (Mo K $\alpha$ ) = 0.078 mm<sup>–1</sup>. The final refinement parameters: *R*<sub>1</sub> = 0.0570, *wR*<sub>2</sub> = 0.1359 [for observed

2418 reflections with  $I > 2\sigma(I)$ ];  $R_1 = 0.0975$ ,  $wR_2 = 0.1607$  (for all independent 3957 reflections,  $R_{\text{int}} = 0.0361$ ),  $S = 0.988$ .

*Crystal Data of 5bc.*  $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{13}\text{ClF}_3\text{N}$ ,  $M = 347.75$ , orthorhombic,  $a = 19.452(7) \text{ \AA}$ ,  $b = 16.461(7) \text{ \AA}$ ,  $c = 10.122(3) \text{ \AA}$ ,  $V = 3241(2) \text{ \AA}^3$ ,  $T = 295(2)$ , space group  $Pccn$ ,  $Z = 8$ ,  $\mu(\text{Mo K}\alpha) = 0.266 \text{ mm}^{-1}$ . The final refinement parameters:  $R_1 = 0.0562$ ,  $wR_2 = 0.1083$  [for observed 2212 reflections with  $I > 2\sigma(I)$ ];  $R_1 = 0.1124$ ,  $wR_2 = 0.1354$  (for all independent 3920 reflections,  $R_{\text{int}} = 0.0444$ ),  $S = 1.038$ .

*Crystal Data of 8ka.*  $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{16}\text{F}_3\text{NOS}$ ,  $M = 327.26$ , monoclinic,  $a = 13.153(4) \text{ \AA}$ ,  $b = 15.177(5) \text{ \AA}$ ,  $c = 7.937(2) \text{ \AA}$ ,  $\beta = 106.57(3)^\circ$ ,  $V = 1518.6(8) \text{ \AA}^3$ ,  $T = 295(2)$ , space group  $P2_1/c$ ,  $Z = 4$ ,  $\mu(\text{Mo K}\alpha) = 0.246 \text{ mm}^{-1}$ . The final refinement parameters:  $R_1 = 0.0479$ ,  $wR_2 = 0.1065$  [for observed 2418 reflections with  $I > 2\sigma(I)$ ];  $R_1 = 0.0756$ ,  $wR_2 = 0.1271$  (for all independent 3526 reflections,  $R_{\text{int}} = 0.0335$ ),  $S = 1.033$ .

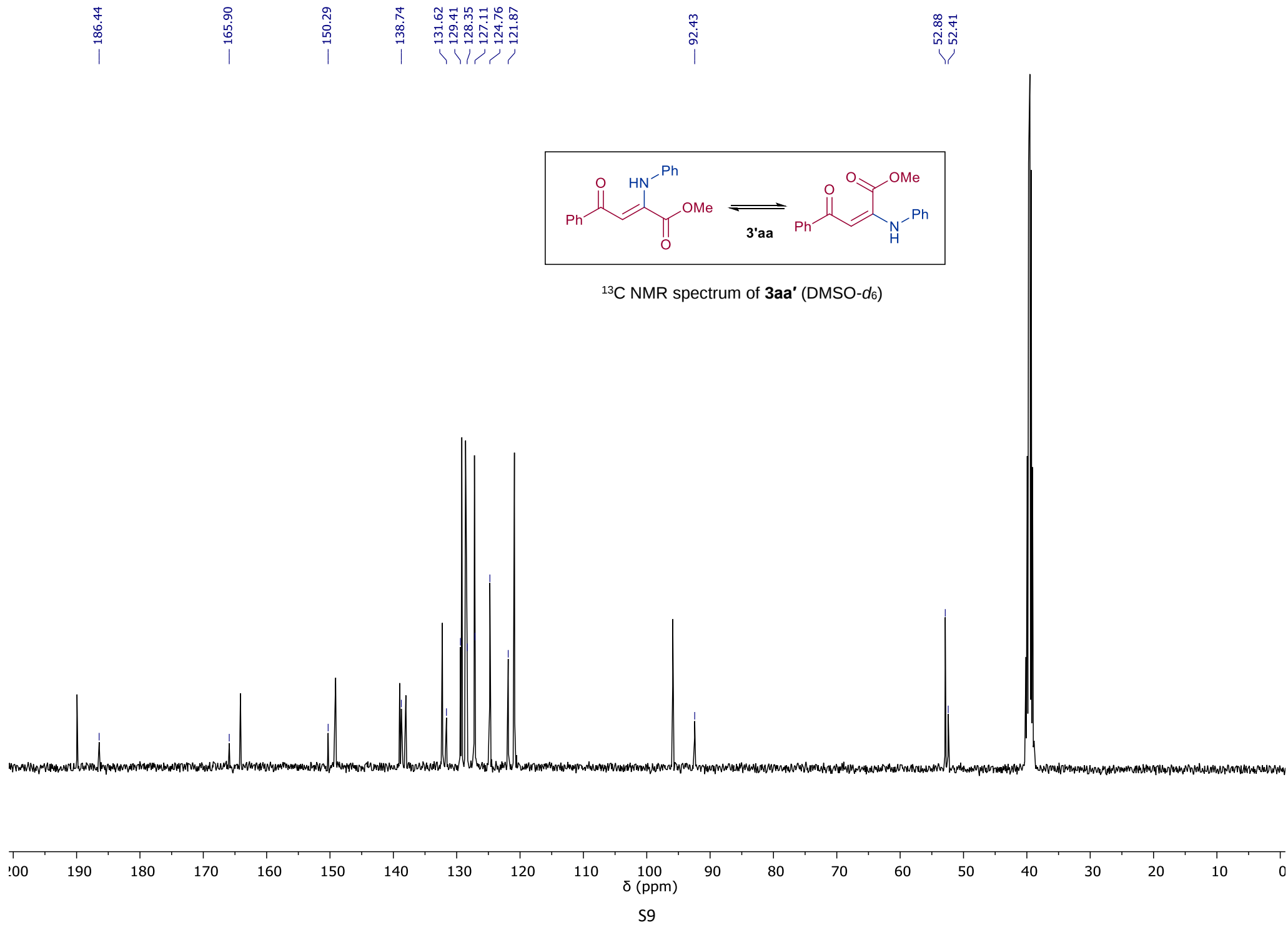
*Crystal Data of 9b.*  $\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_9\text{F}_3\text{O}_2\text{S}$ ,  $M = 262.24$ , monoclinic,  $a = 8.470(2) \text{ \AA}$ ,  $b = 13.267(3) \text{ \AA}$ ,  $c = 9.675(2) \text{ \AA}$ ,  $\beta = 91.53(2)^\circ$ ,  $V = 1086.8(4) \text{ \AA}^3$ ,  $T = 295(2)$ , space group  $P2_1/n$ ,  $Z = 4$ ,  $\mu(\text{Mo K}\alpha) = 0.325 \text{ mm}^{-1}$ . The final refinement parameters:  $R_1 = 0.0435$ ,  $wR_2 = 0.1132$  [for observed 2093 reflections with  $I > 2\sigma(I)$ ];  $R_1 = 0.0561$ ,  $wR_2 = 0.1221$  (for all independent 2635 reflections,  $R_{\text{int}} = 0.0233$ ),  $S = 1.066$ .

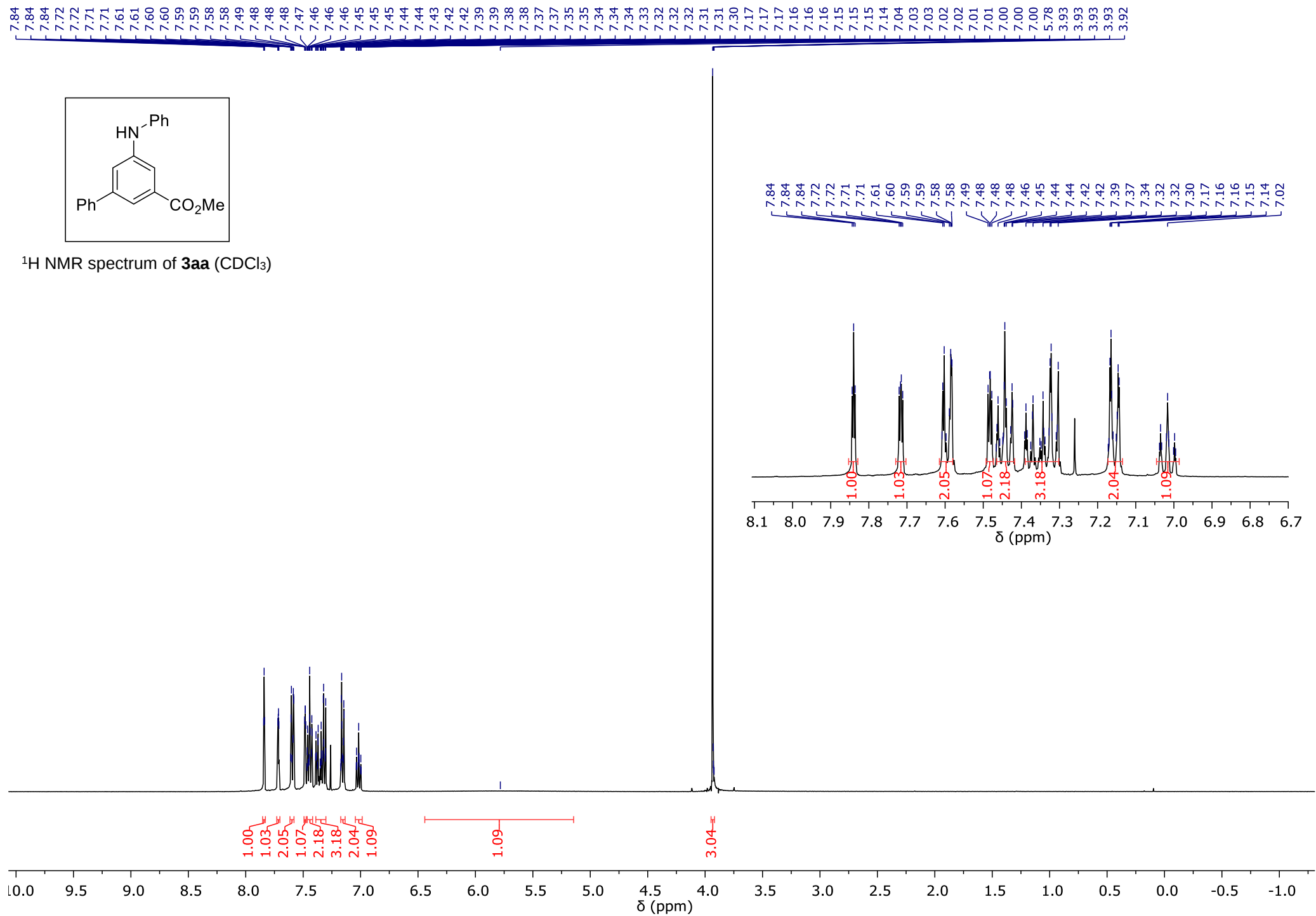
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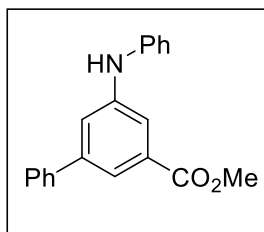
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## 7. NMR spectra

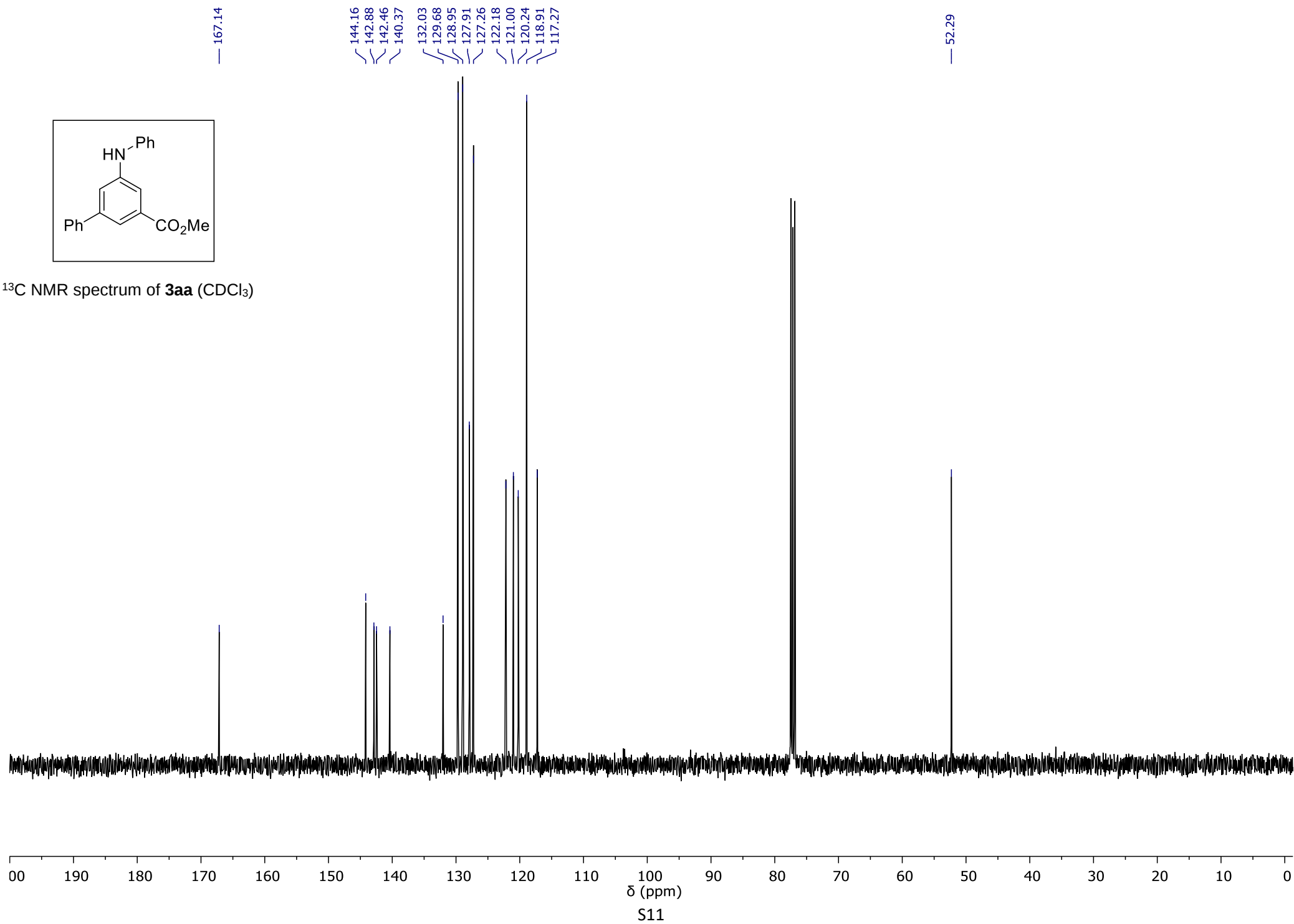


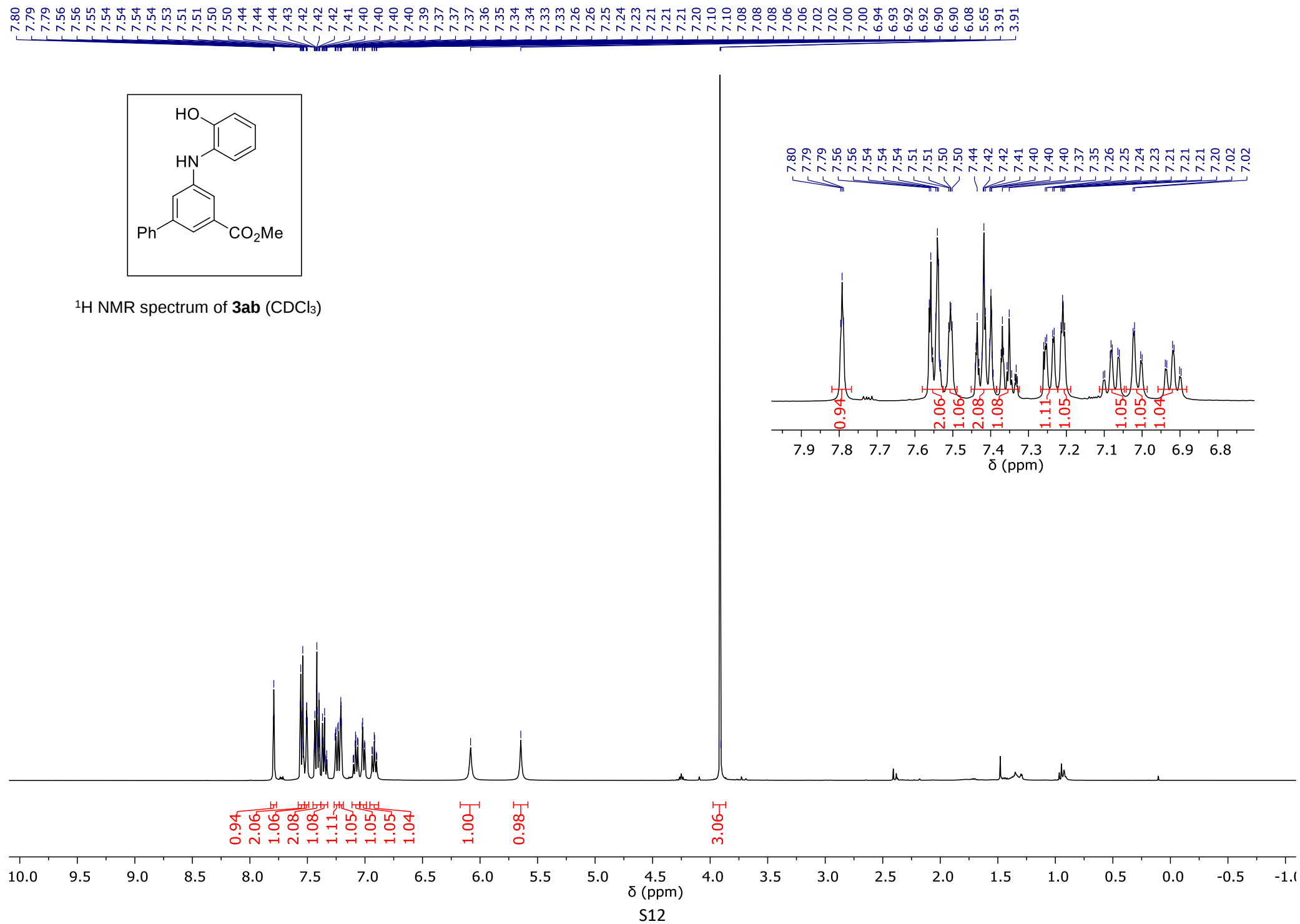


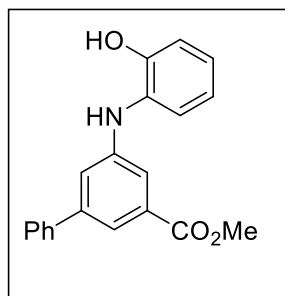




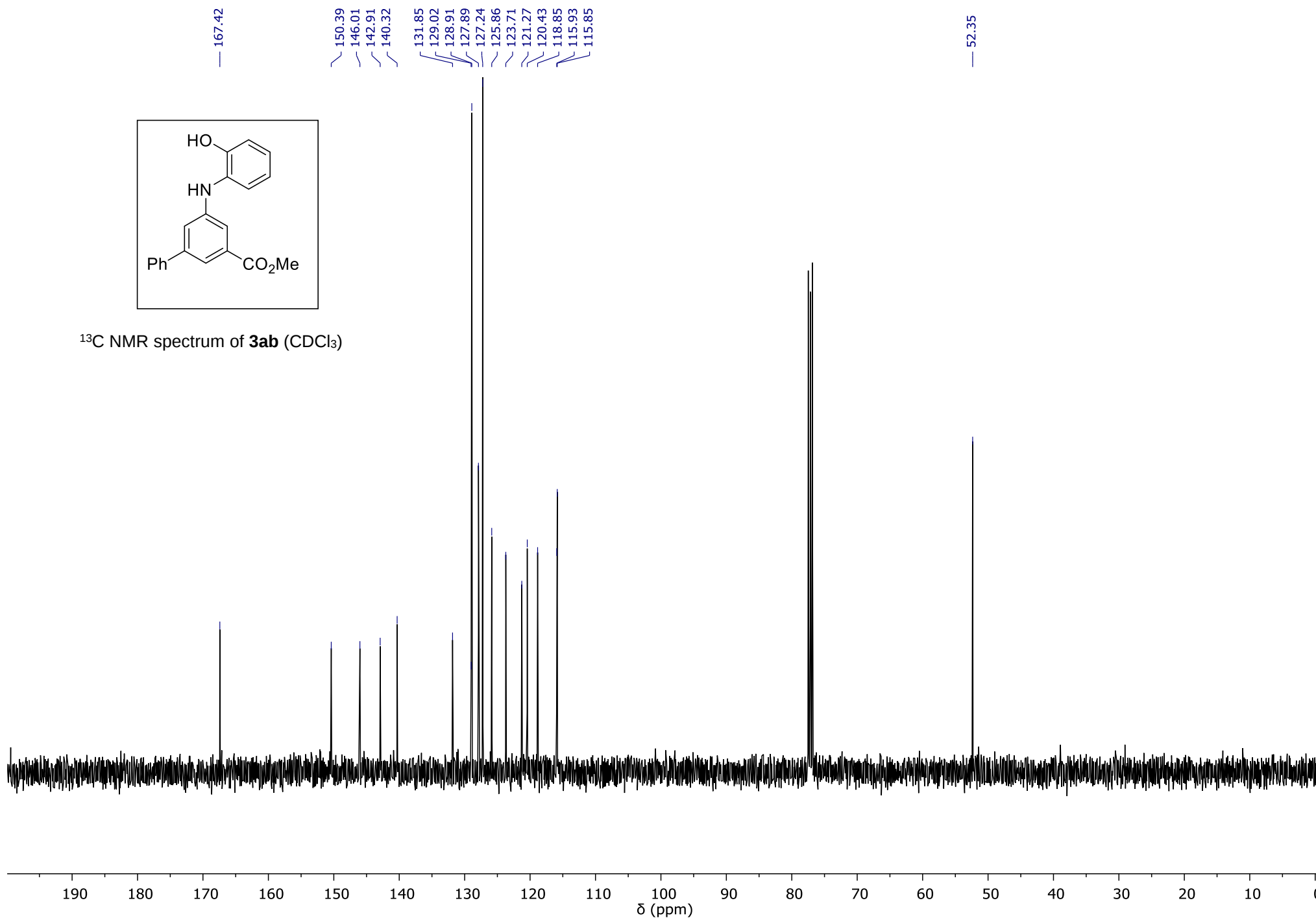
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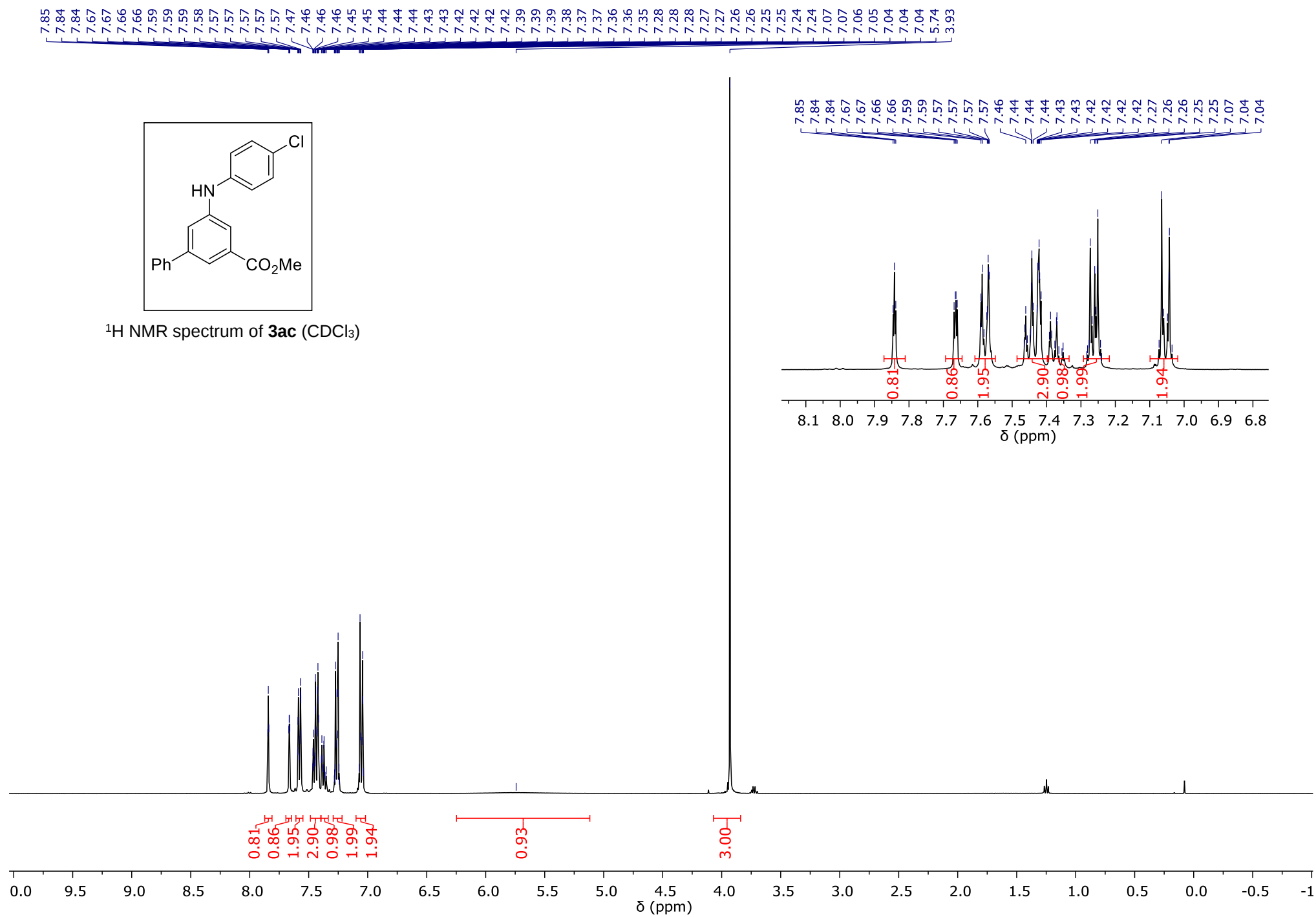


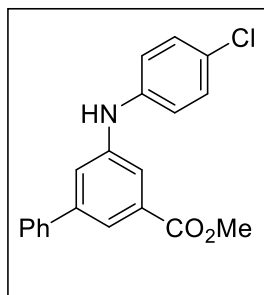




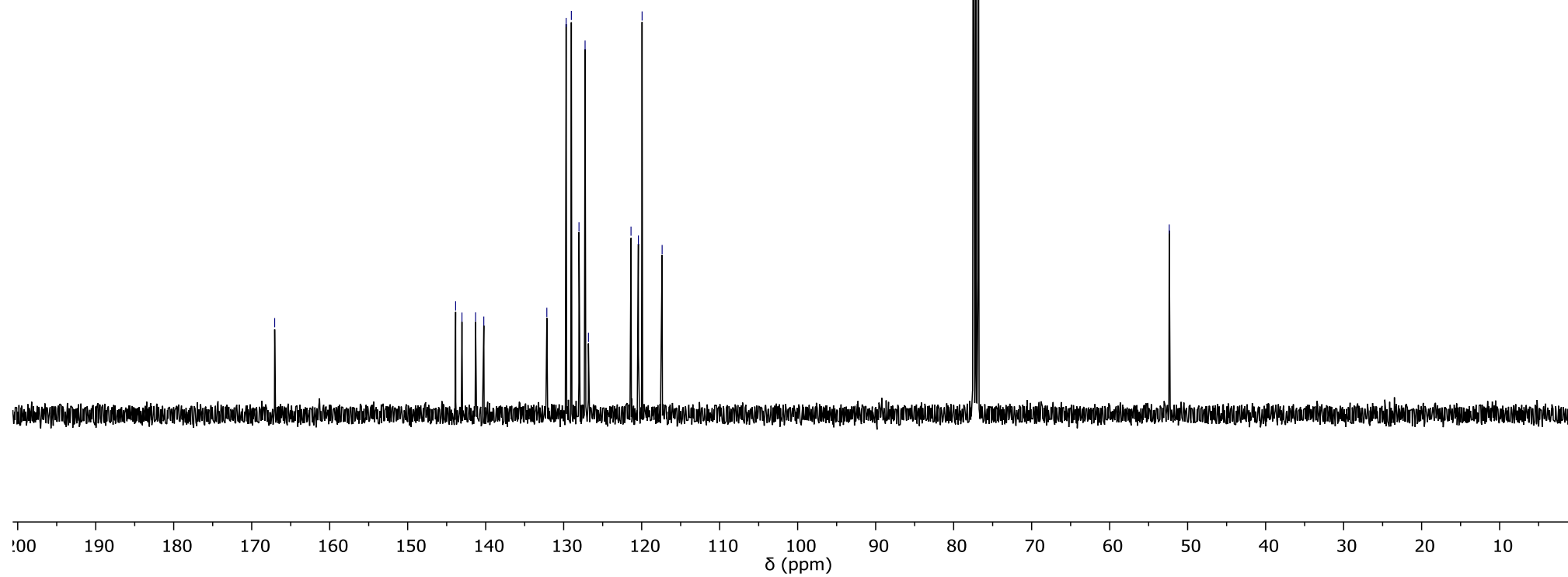
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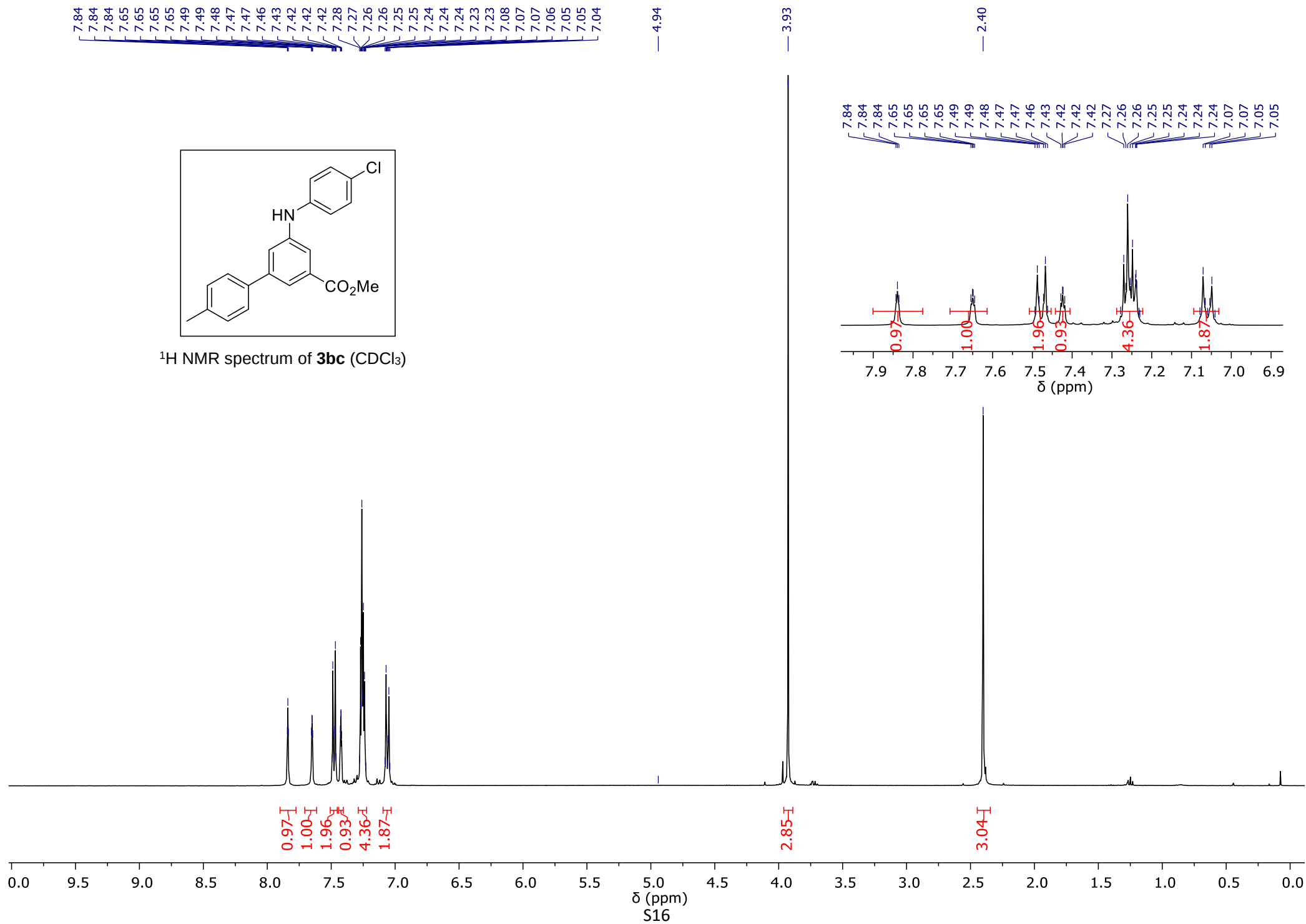
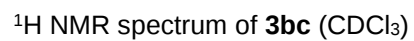


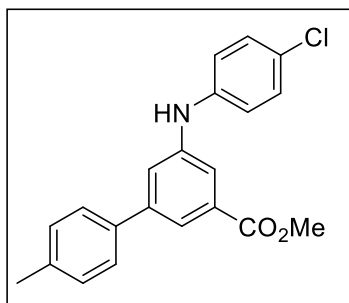




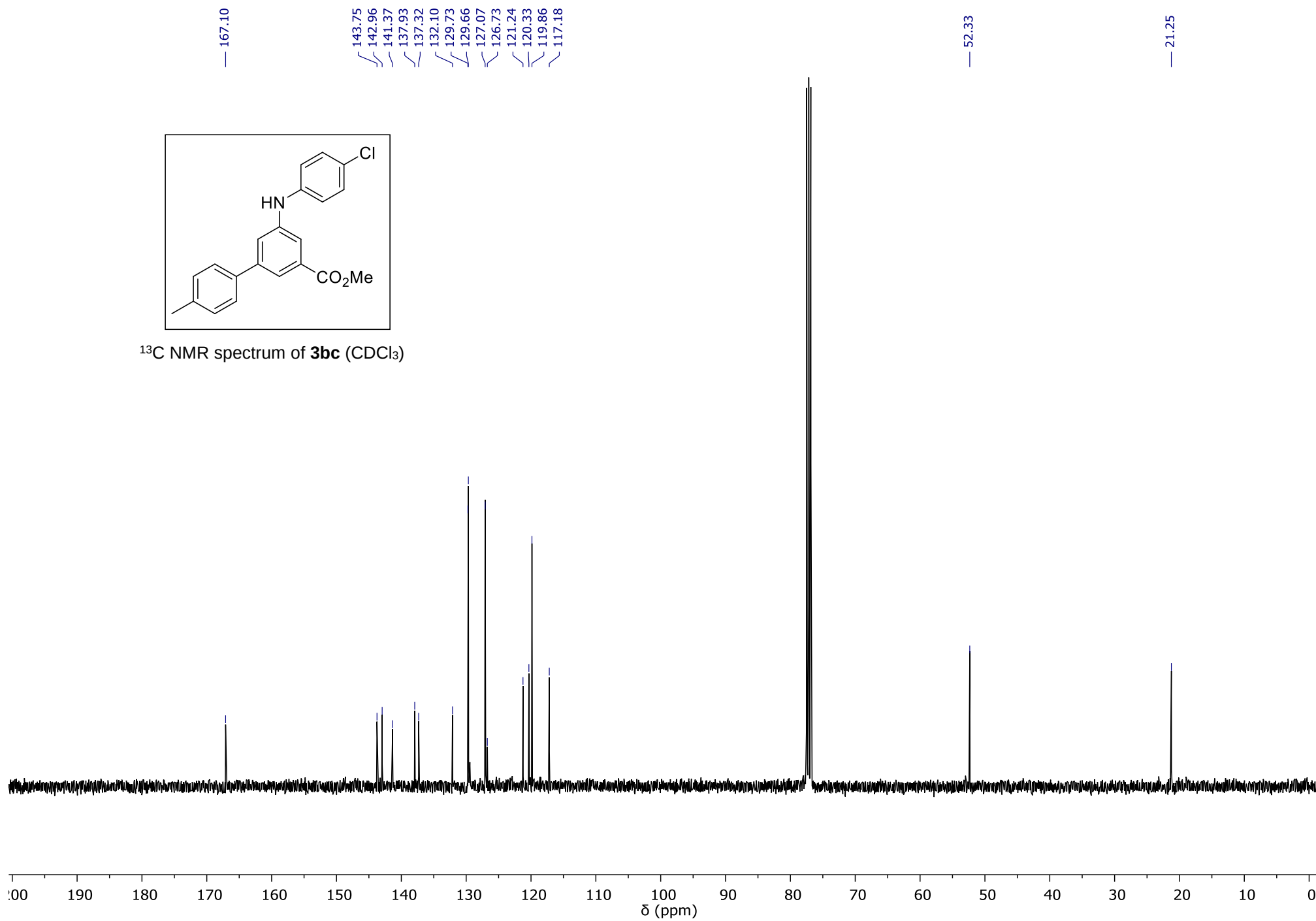
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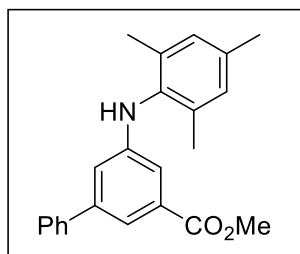




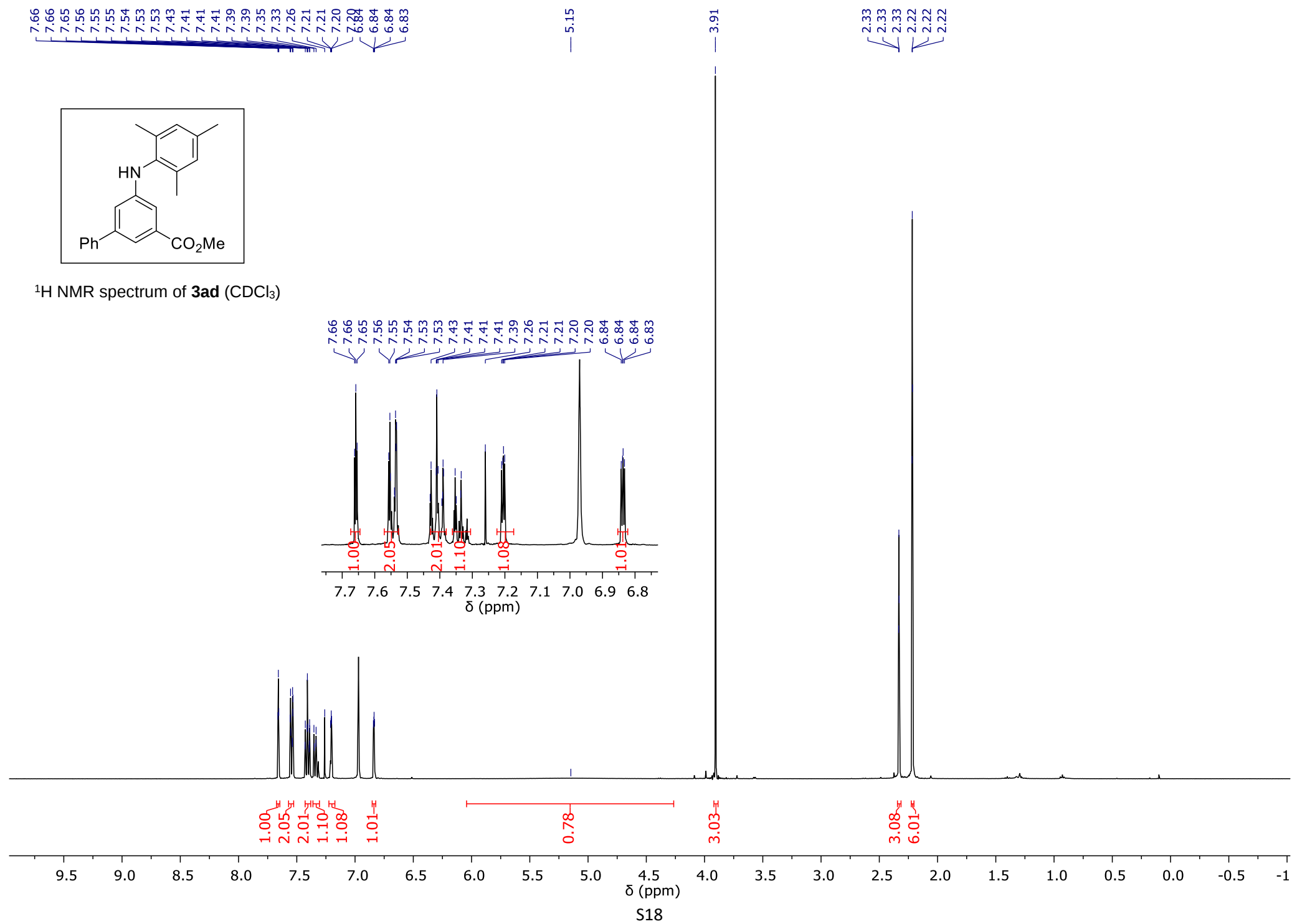


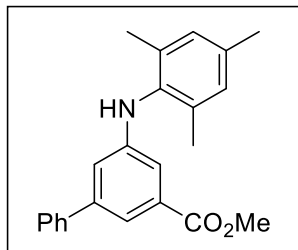
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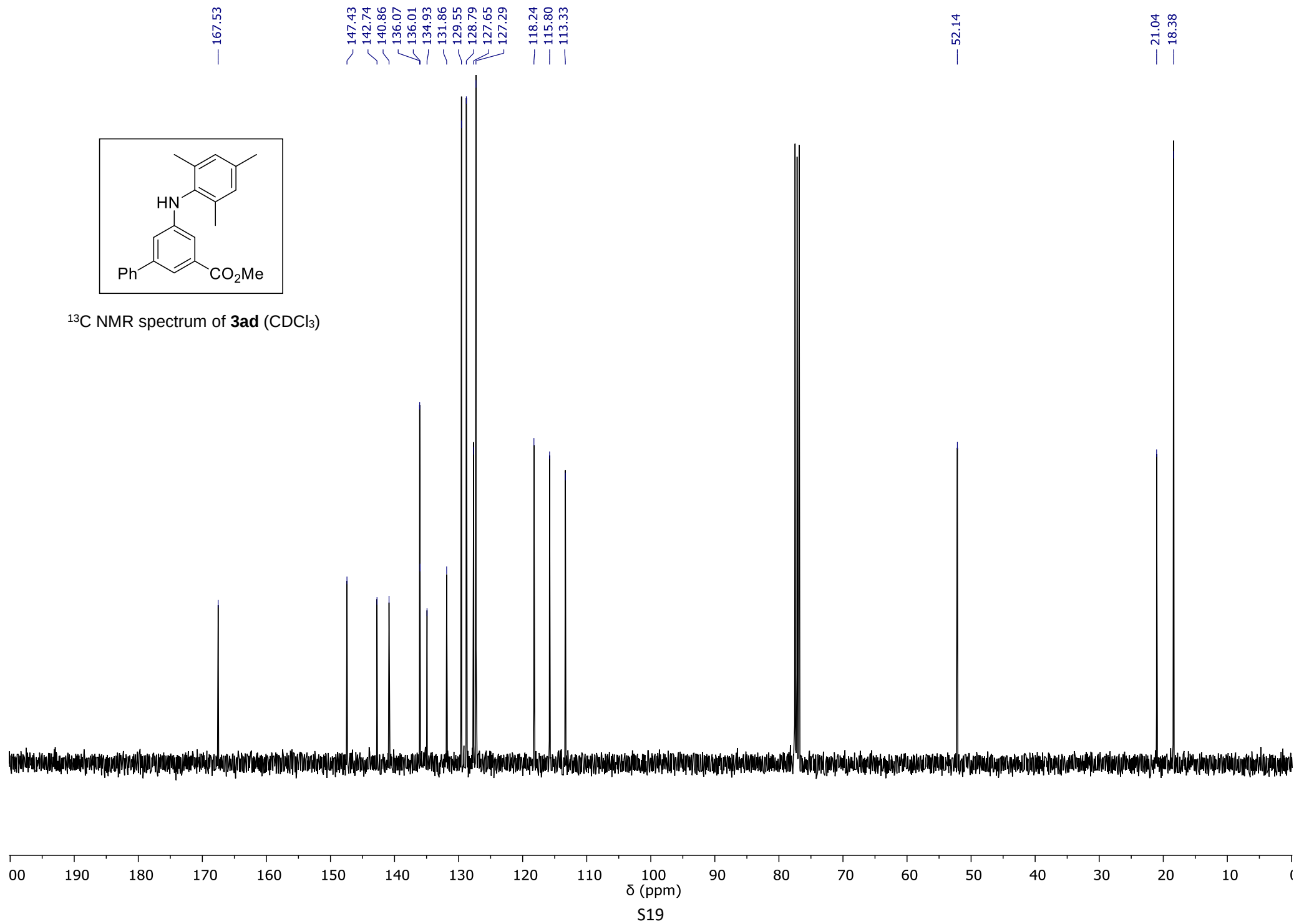


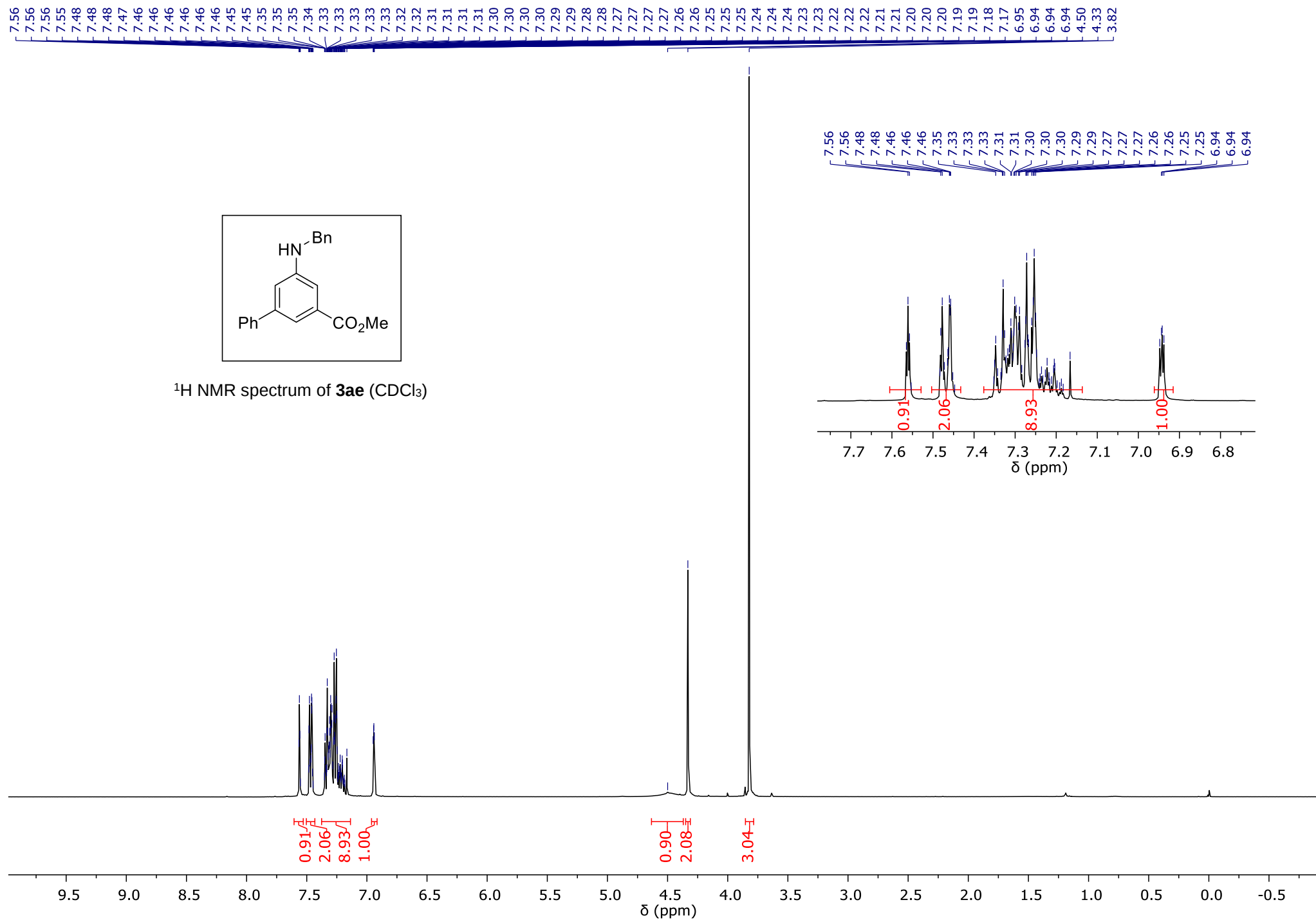
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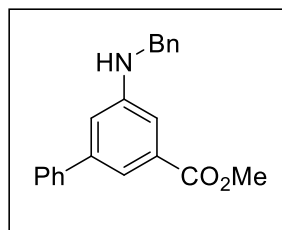




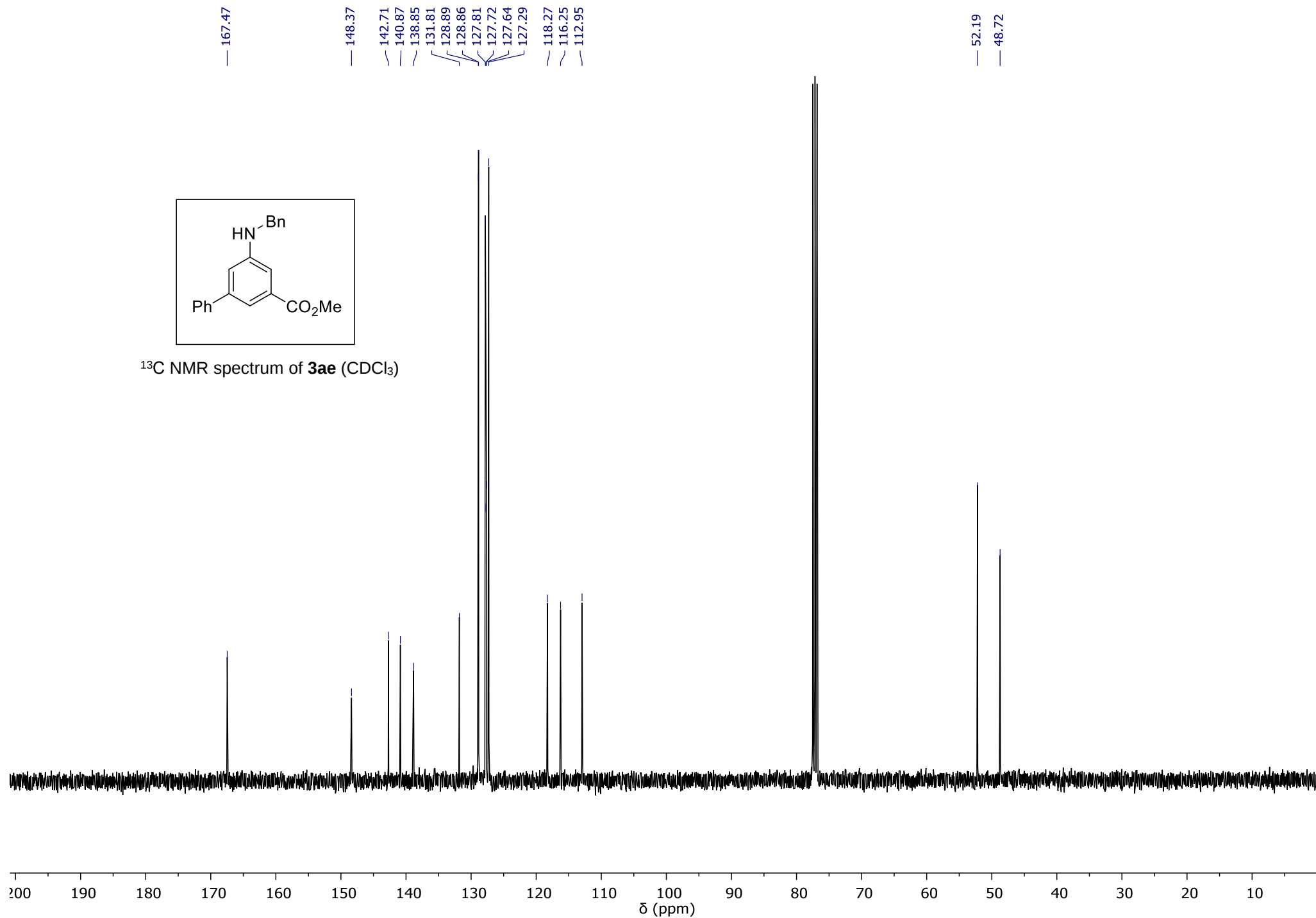
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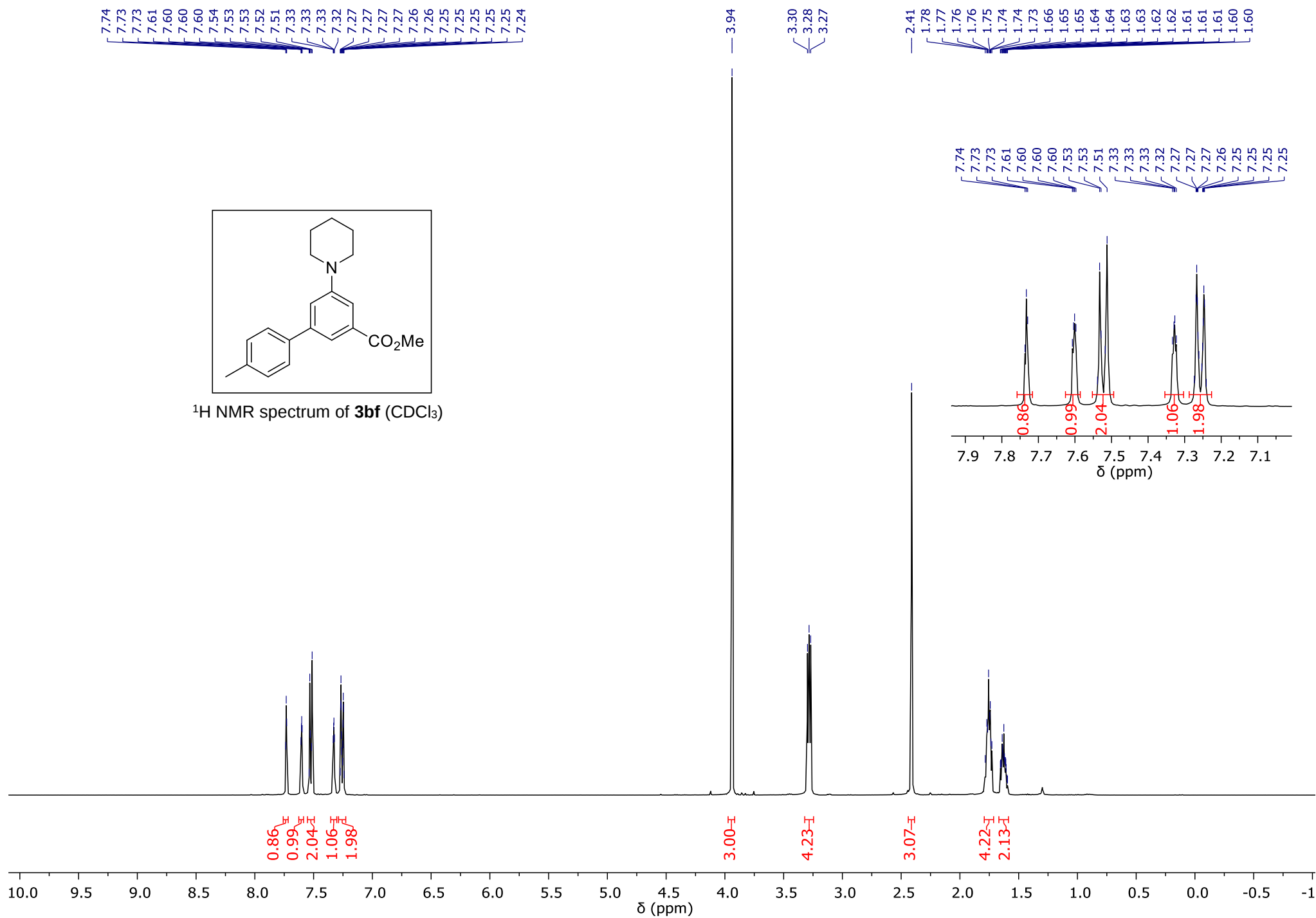


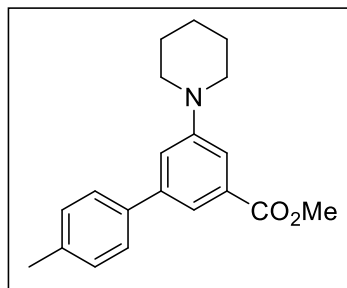




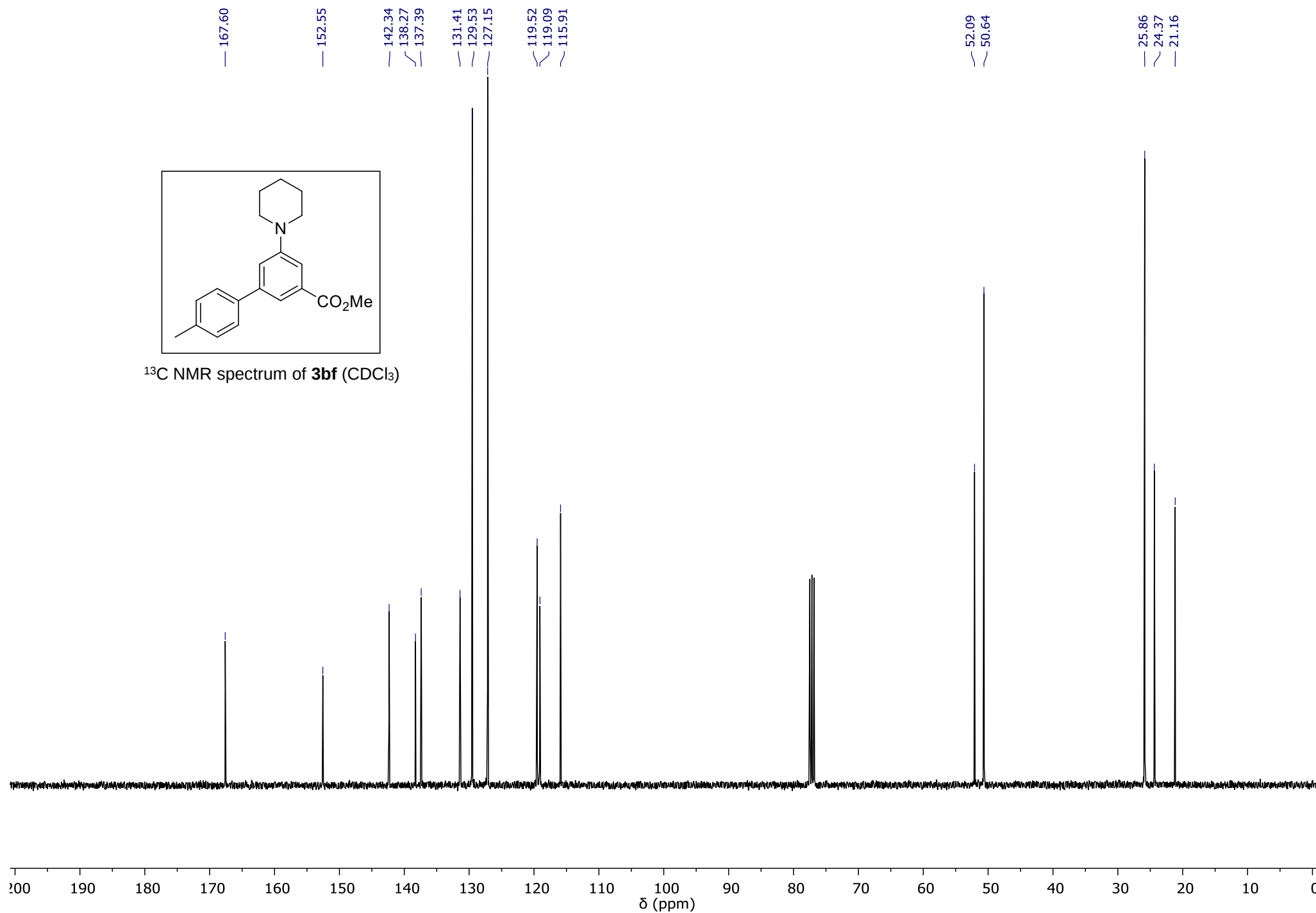
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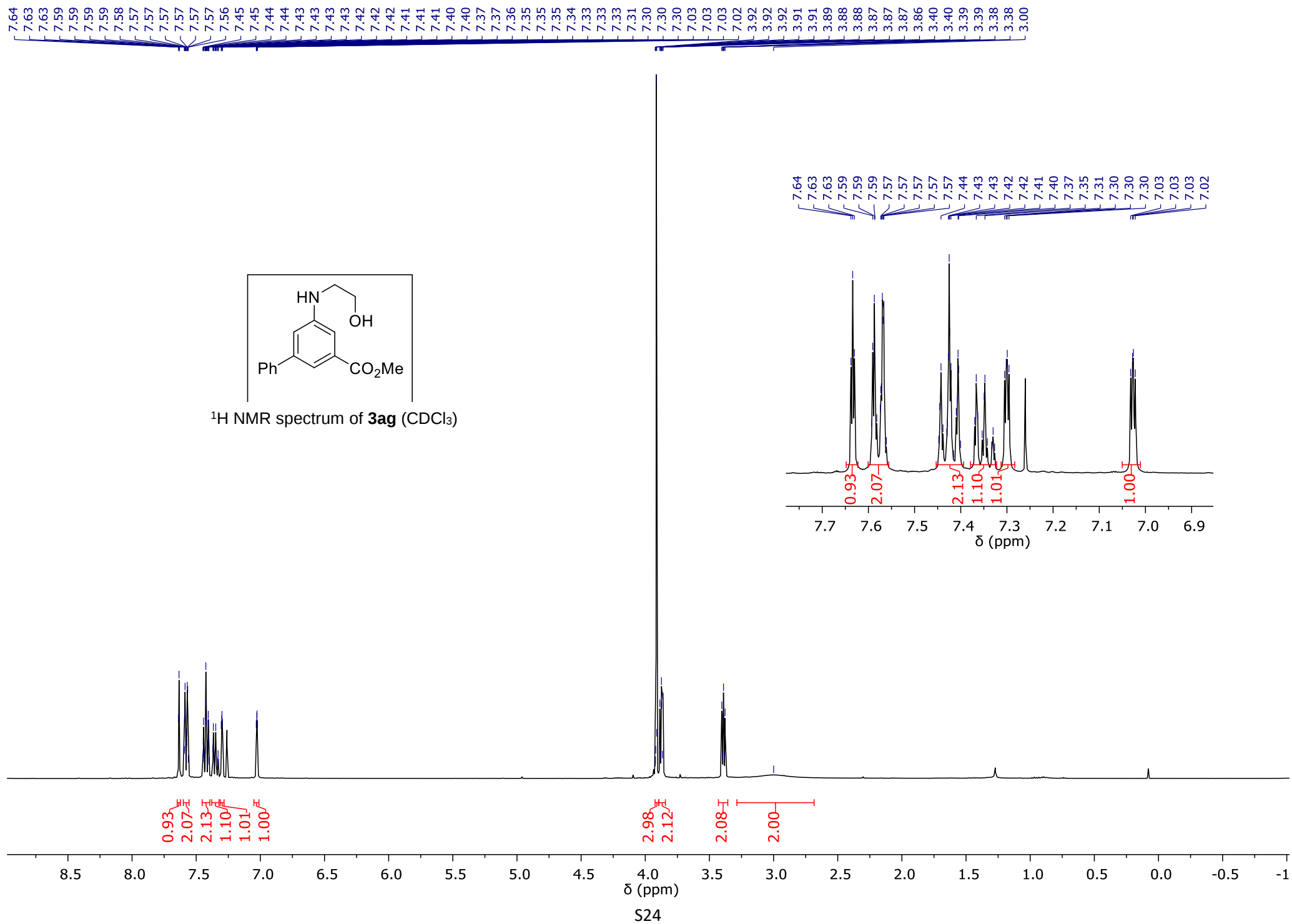


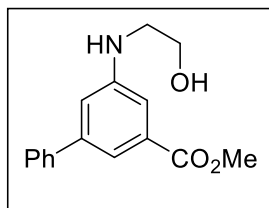




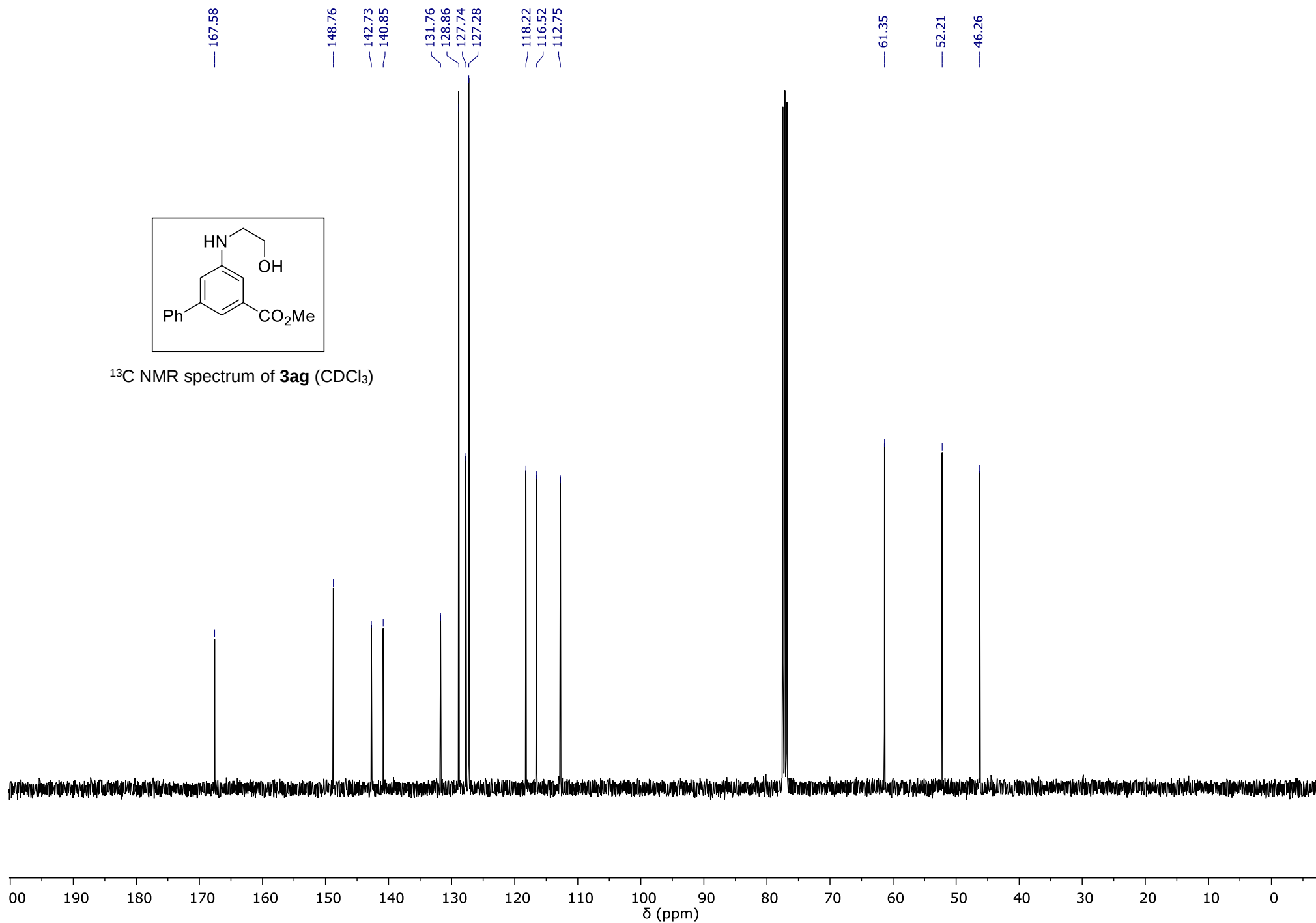
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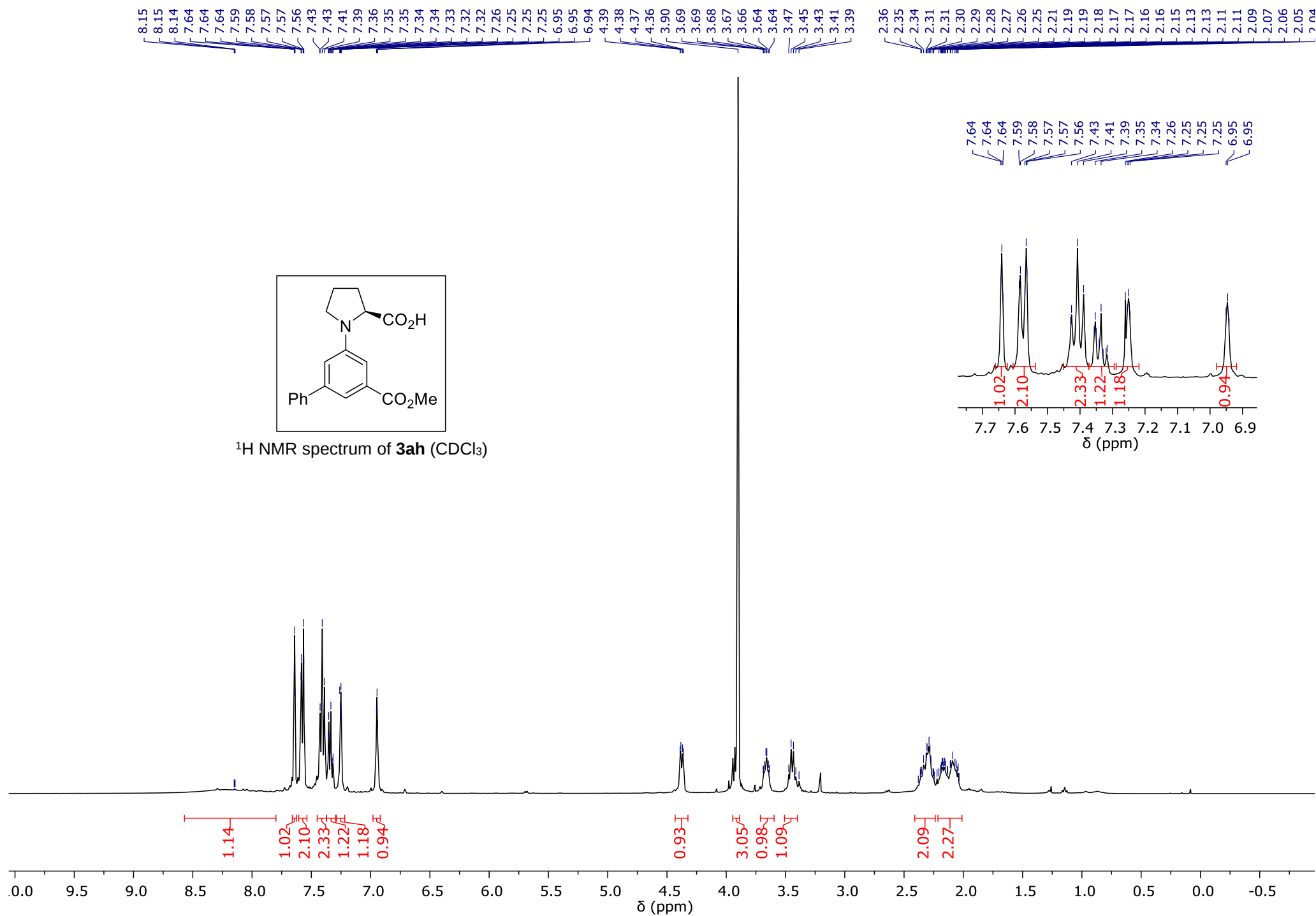


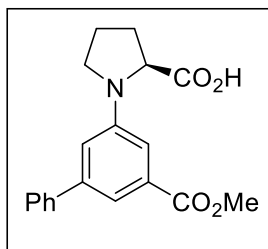




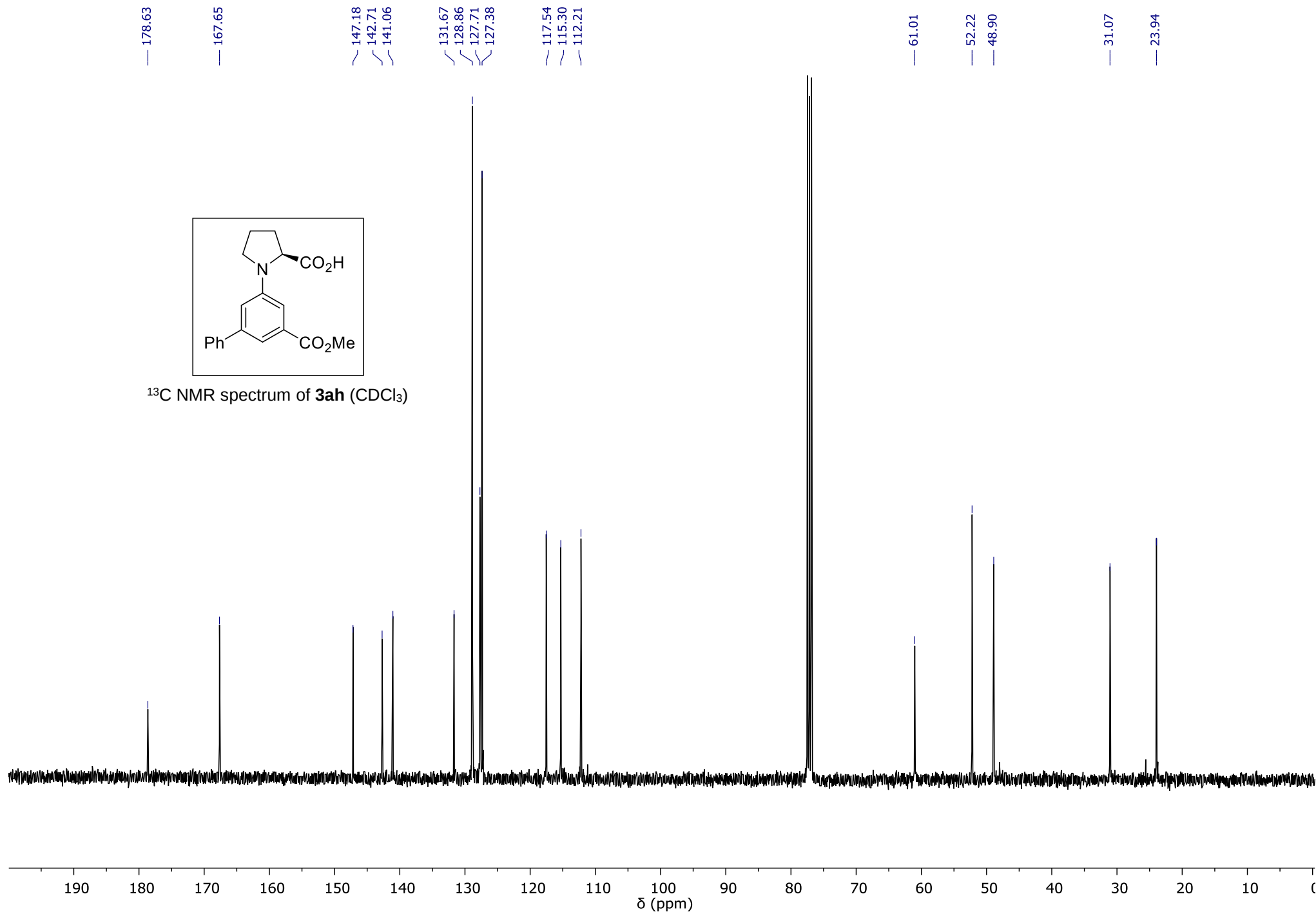
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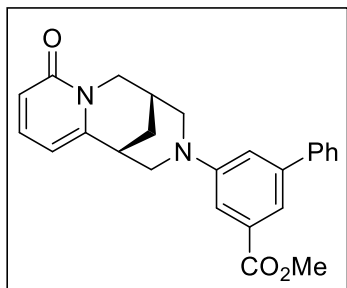




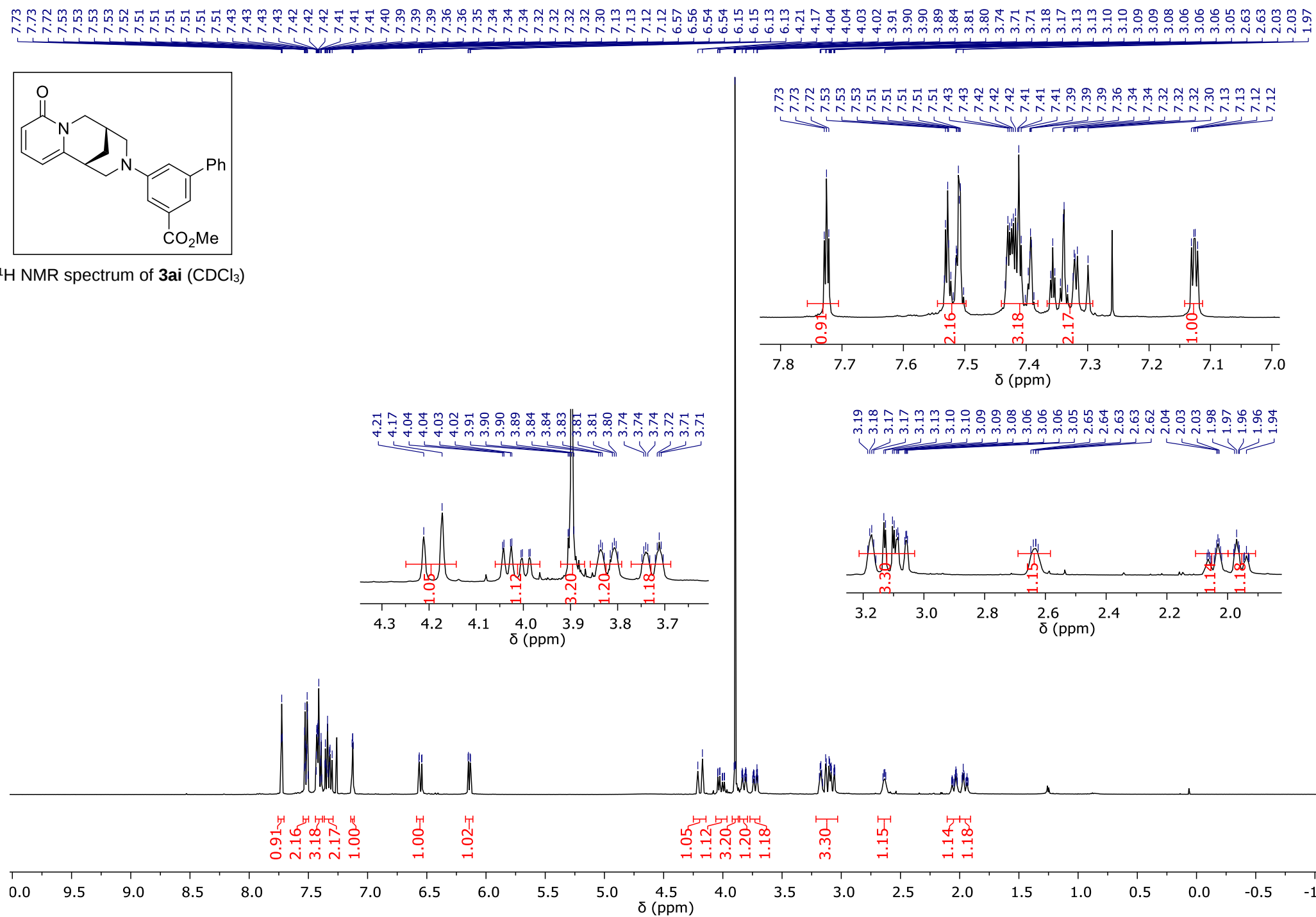


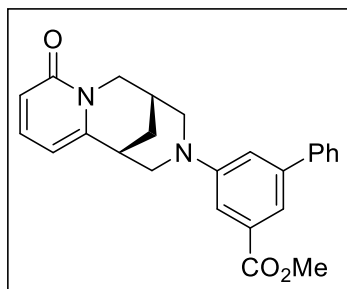
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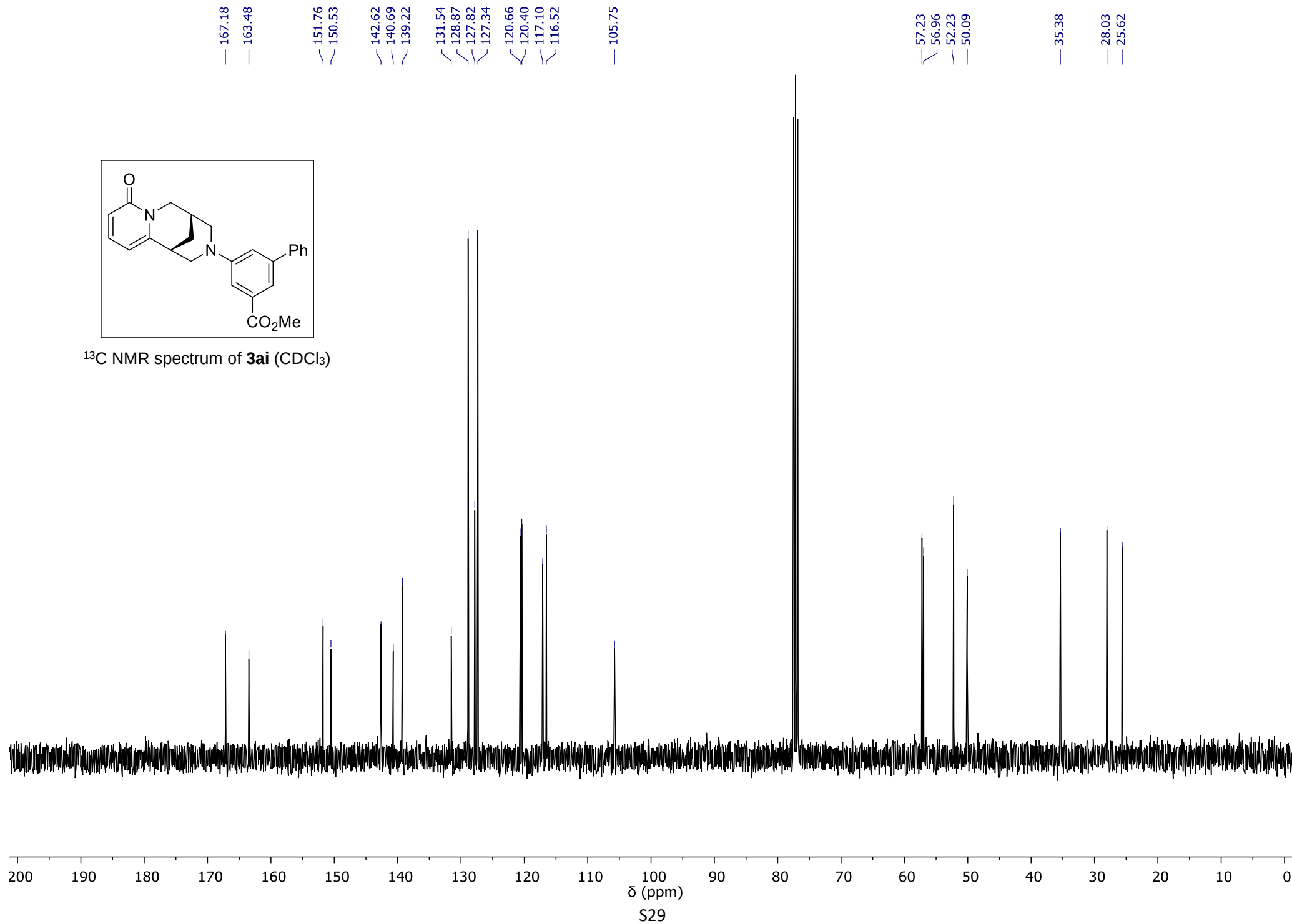


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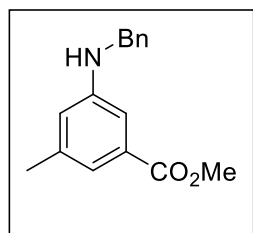




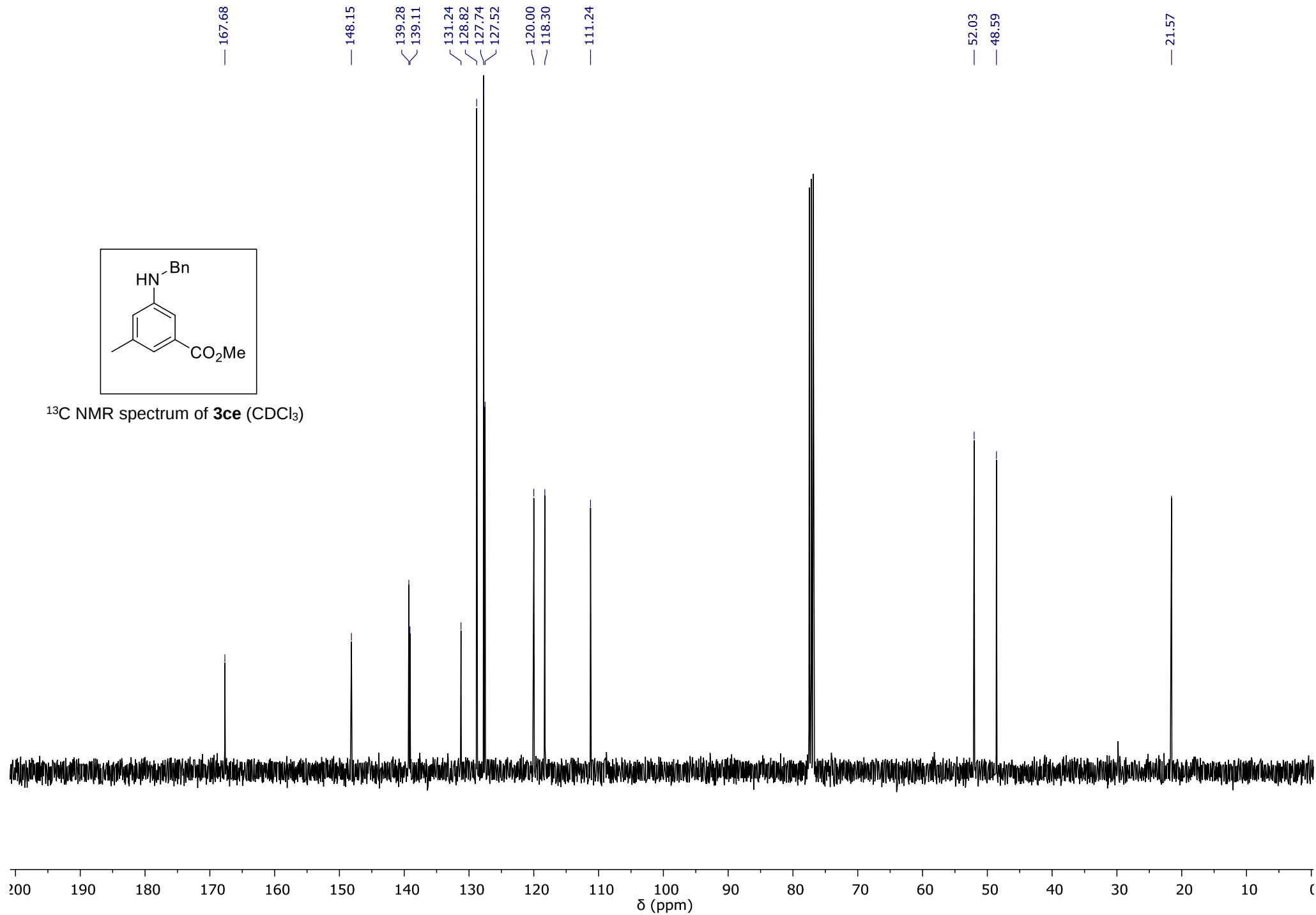
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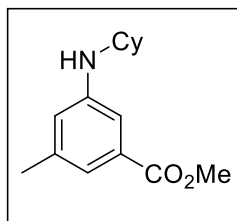




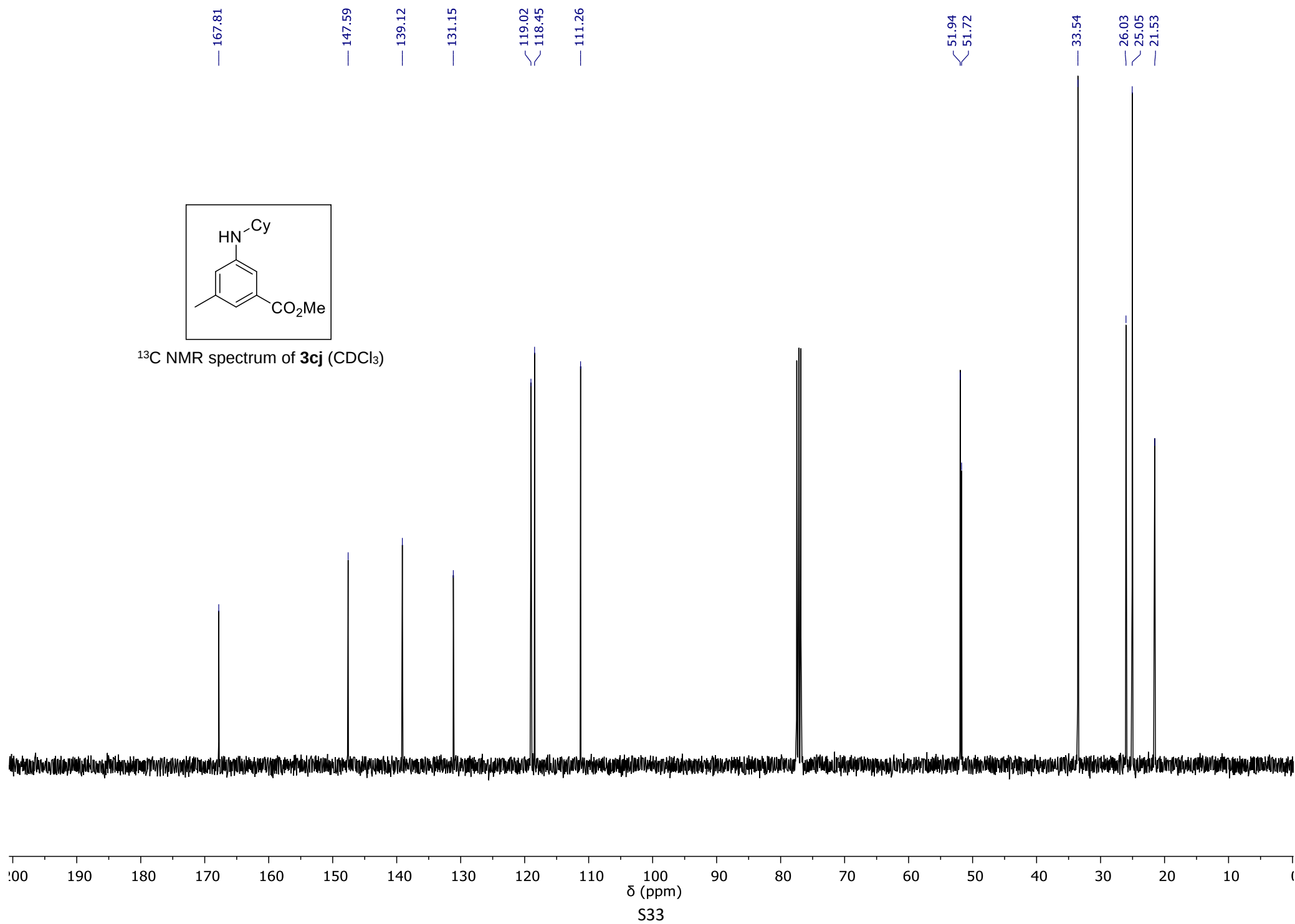
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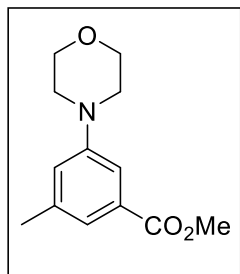




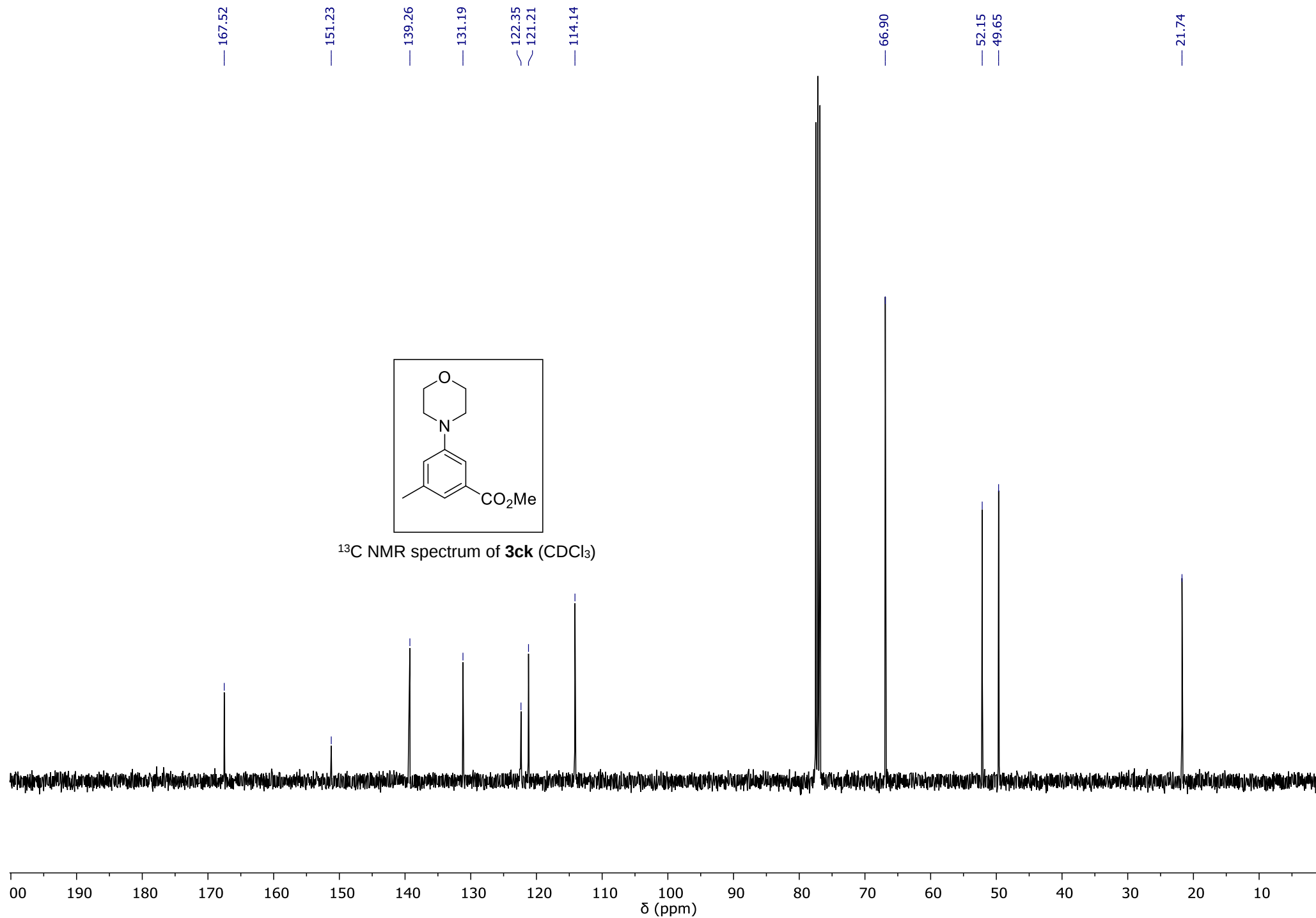
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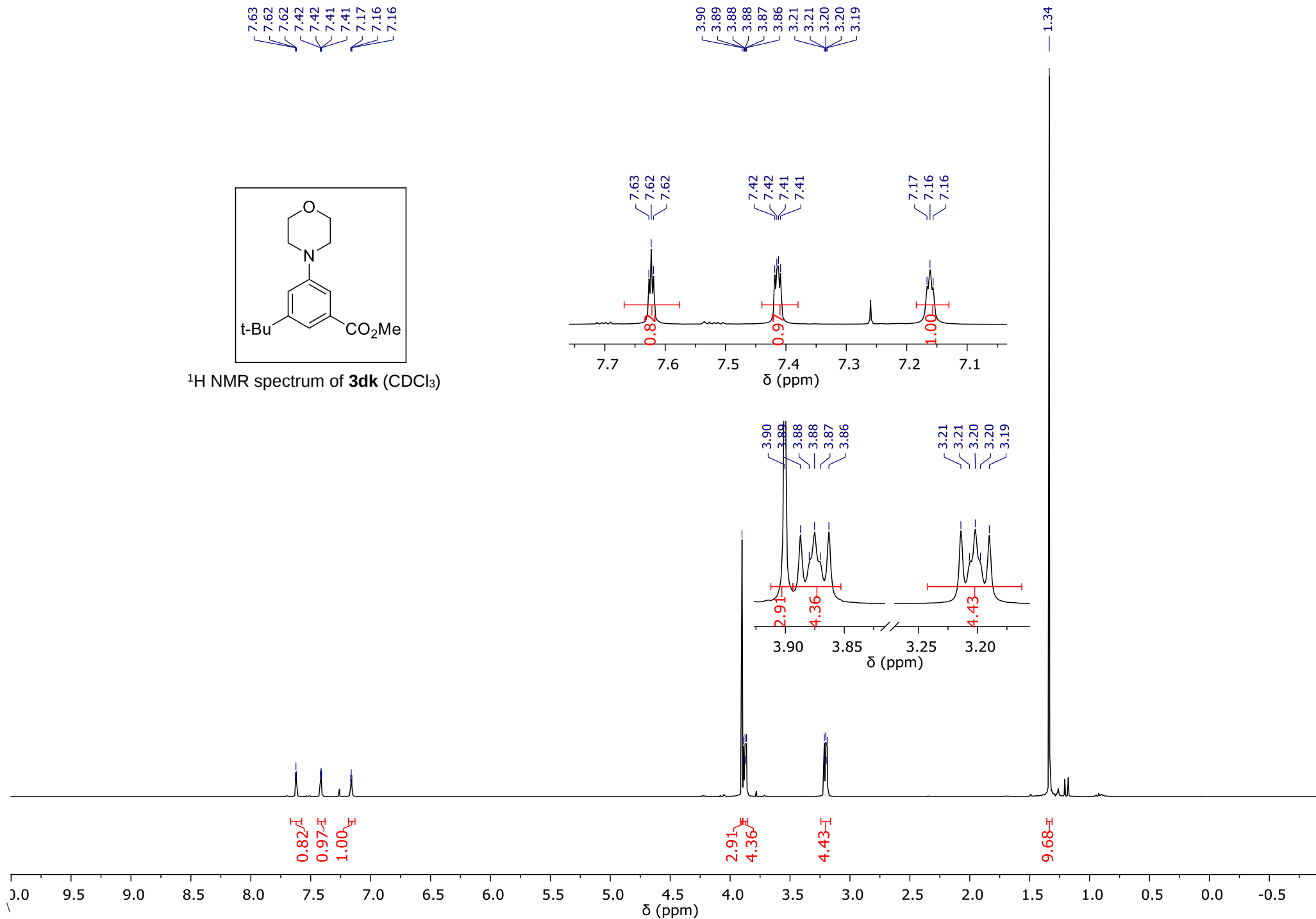


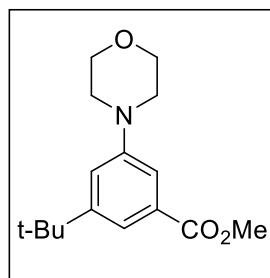




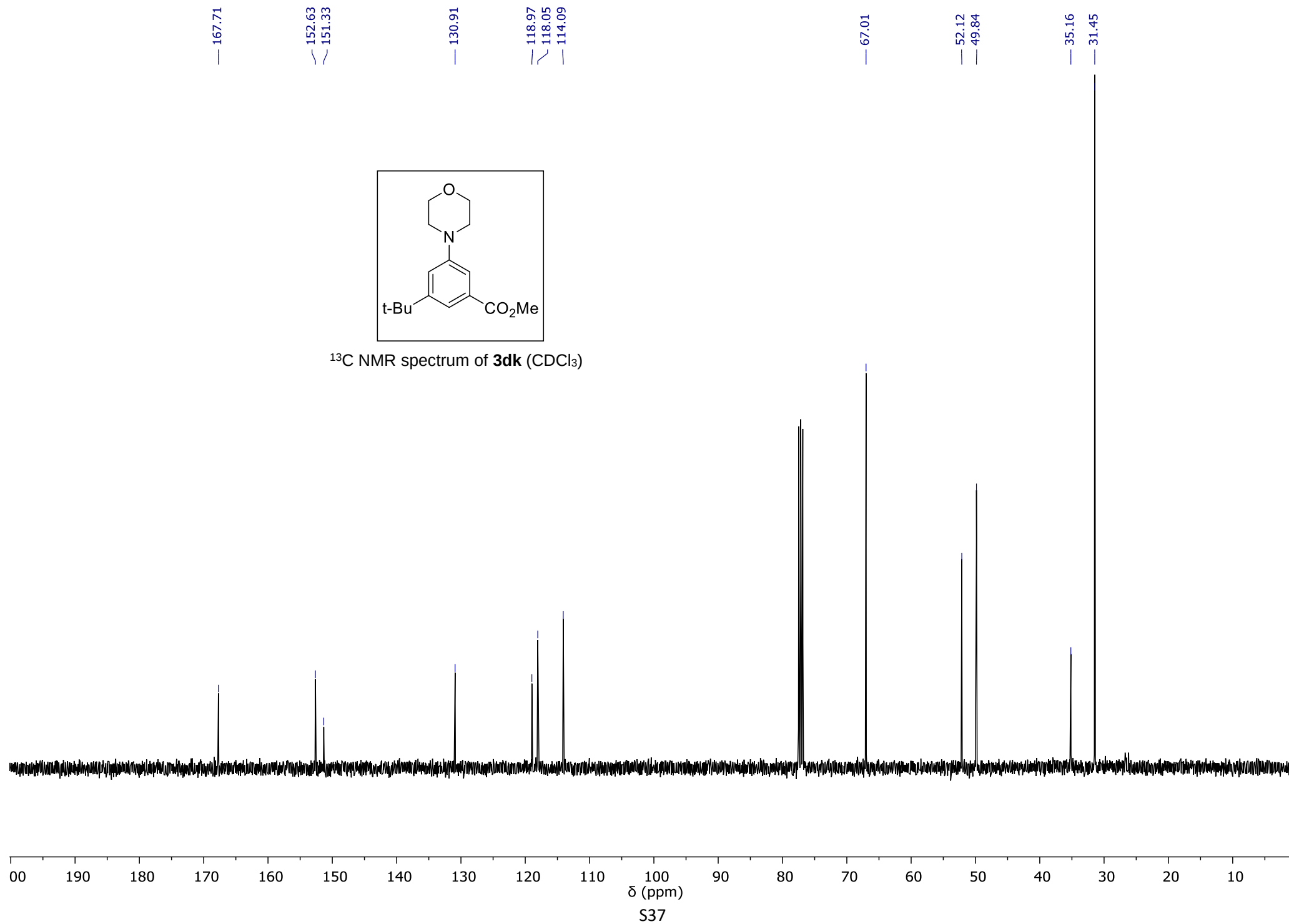
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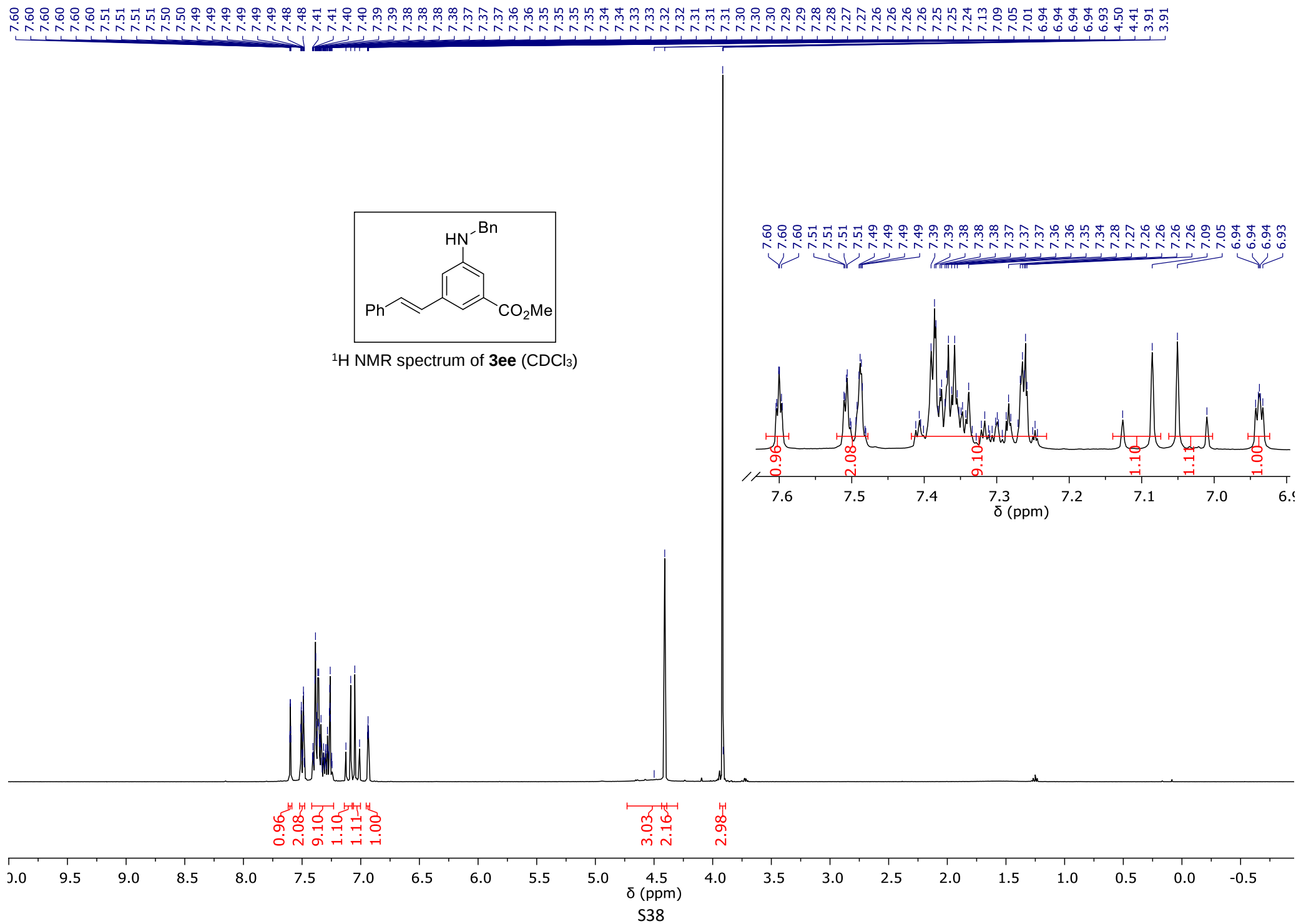


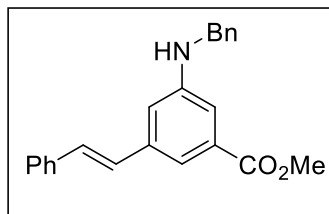




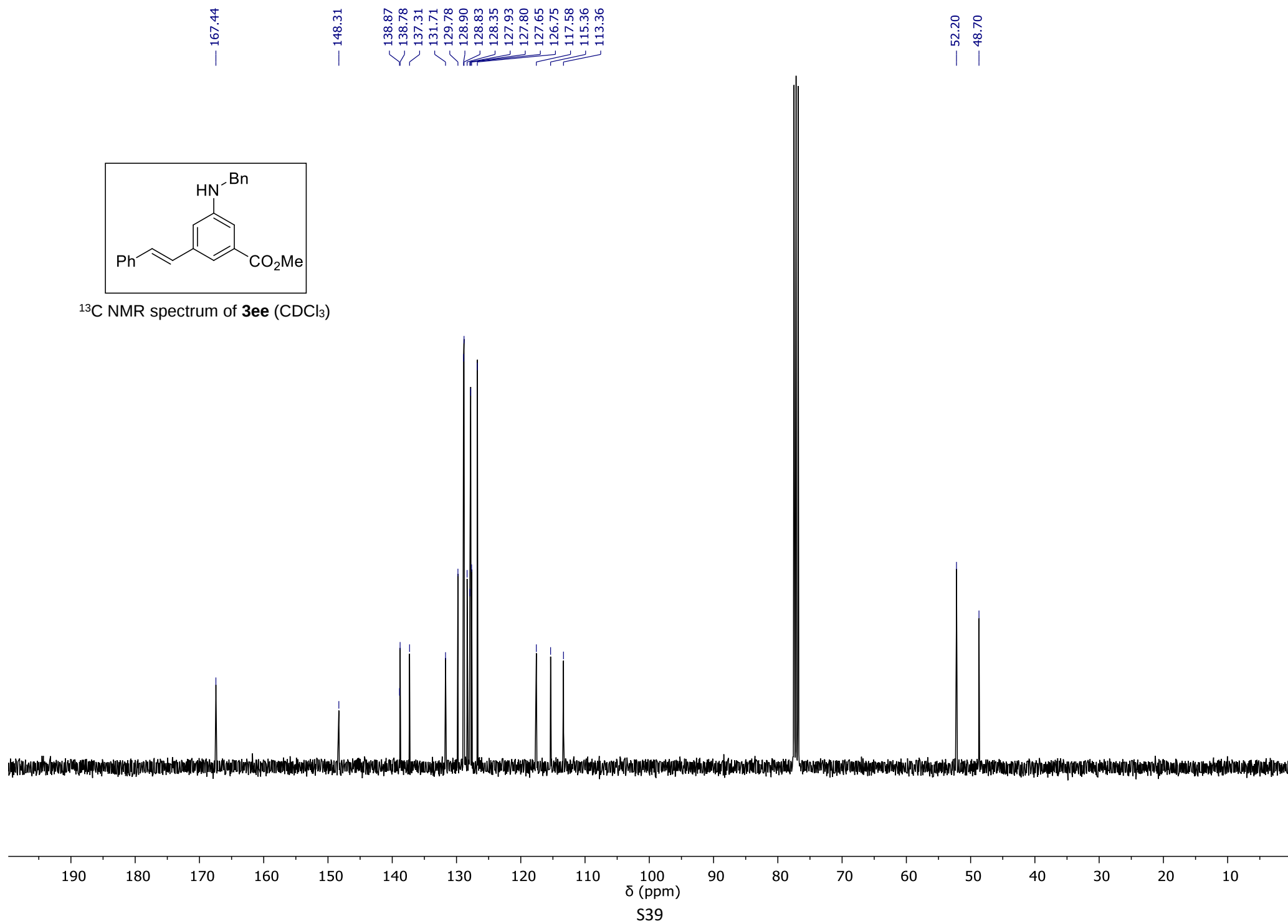
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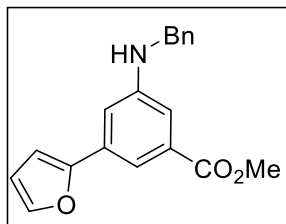




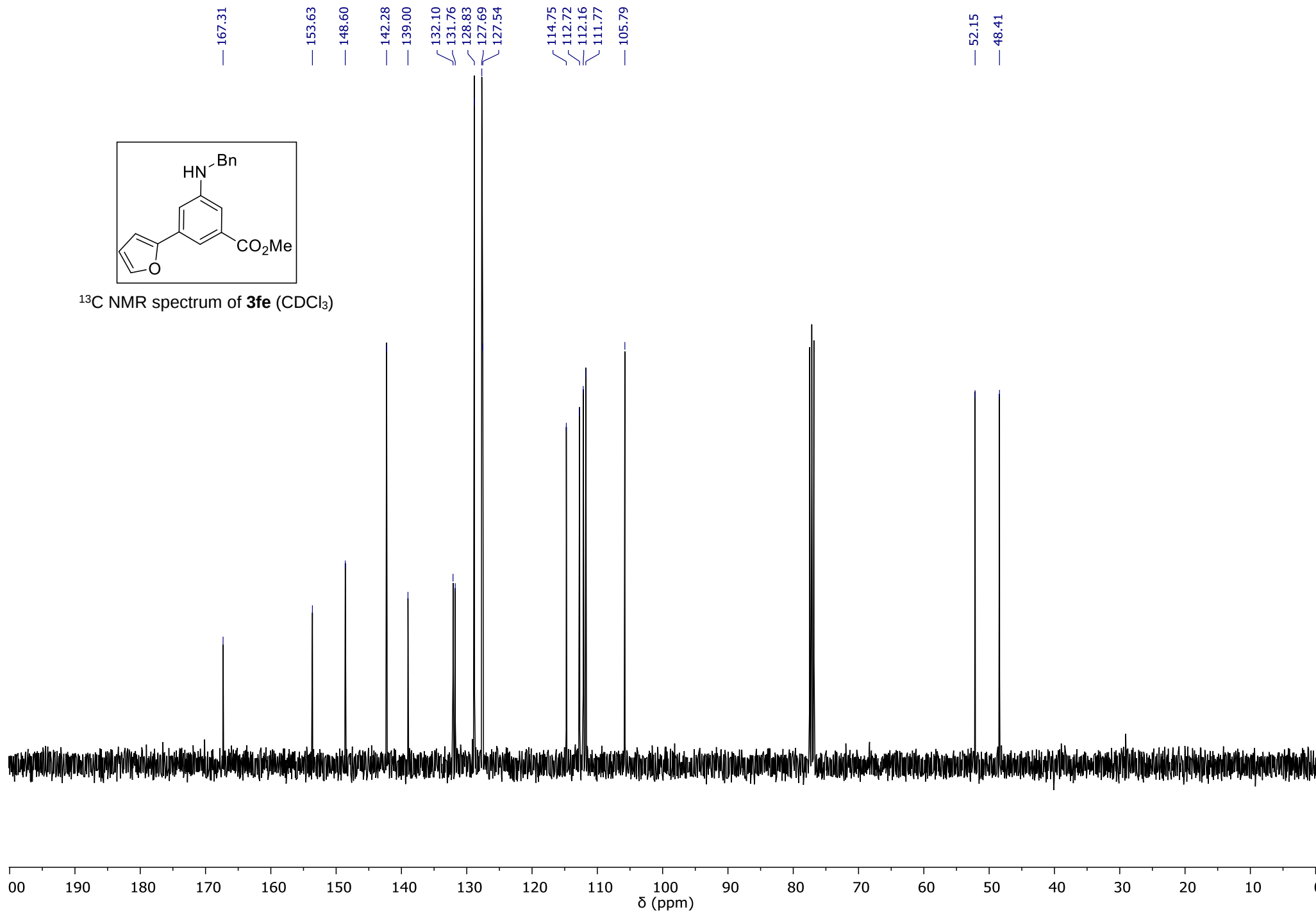
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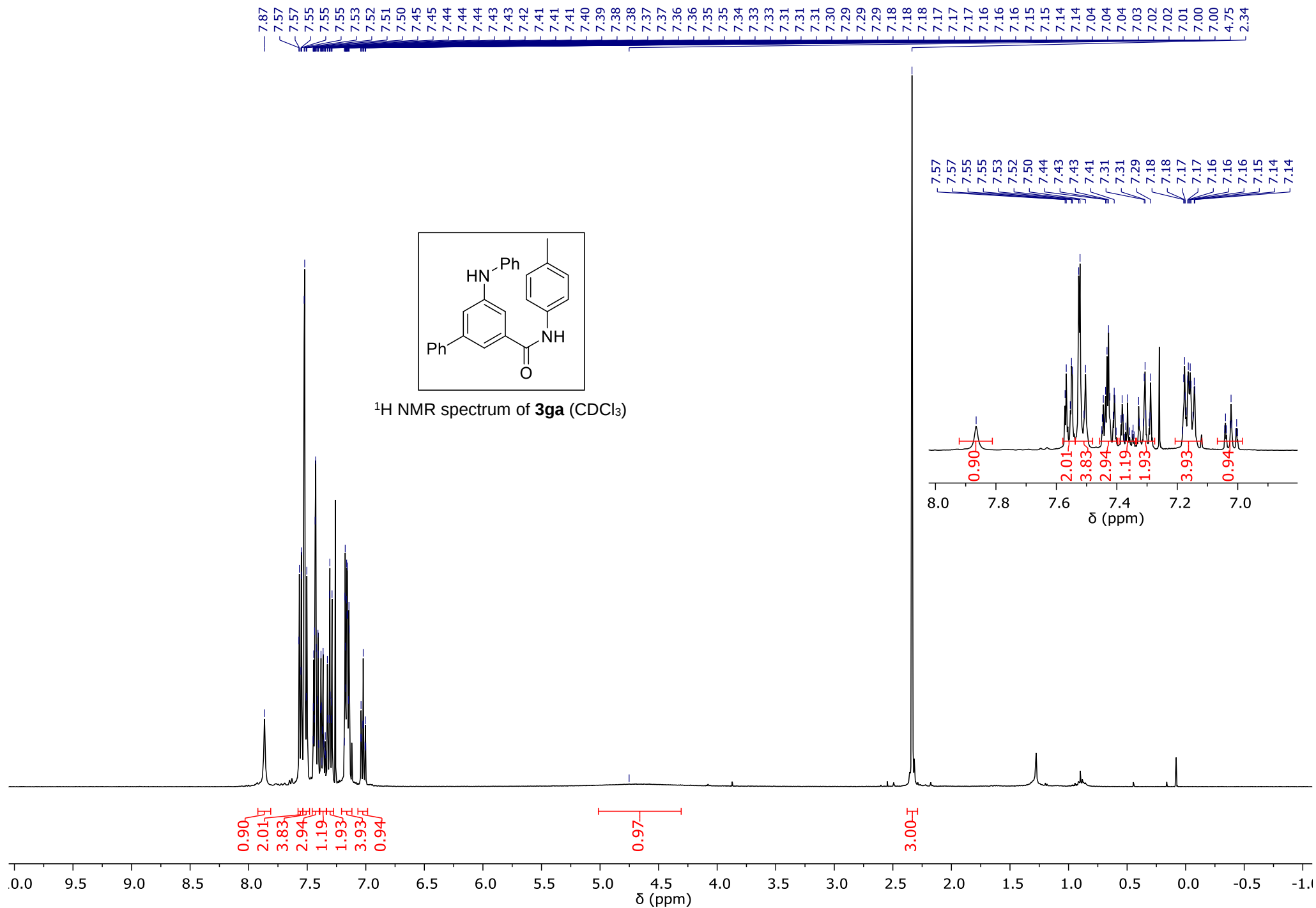


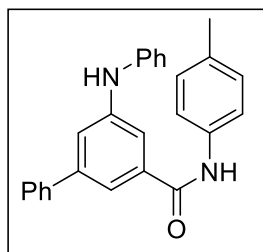




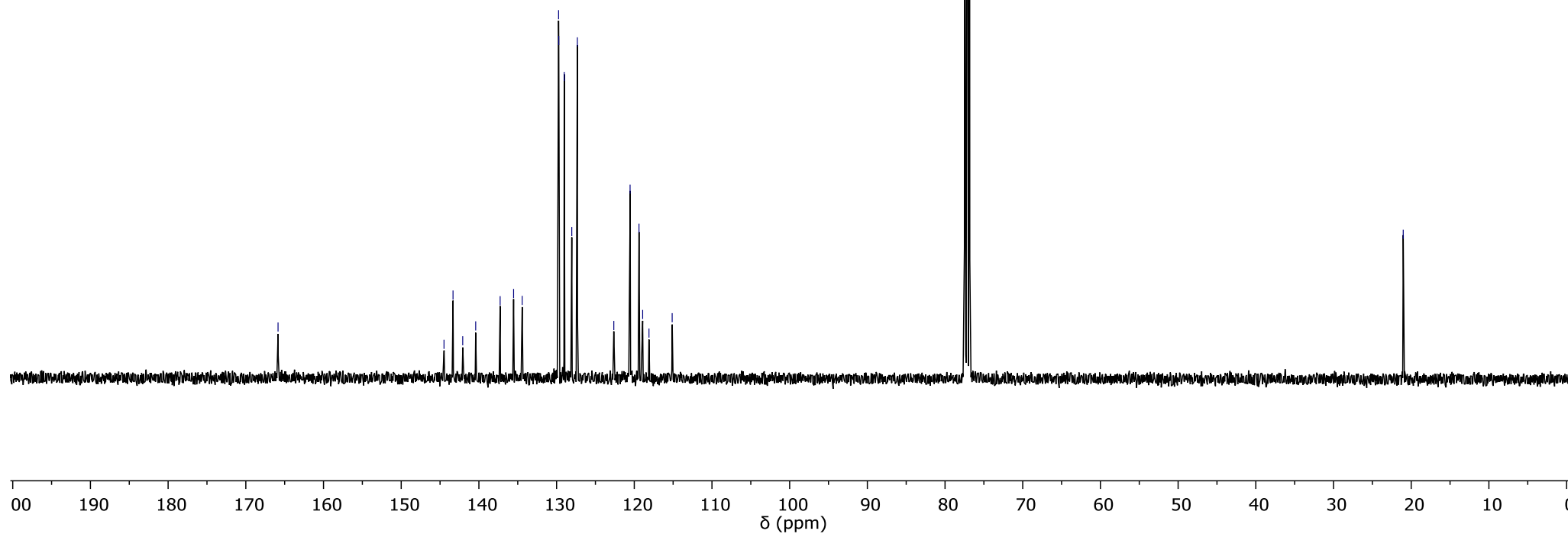
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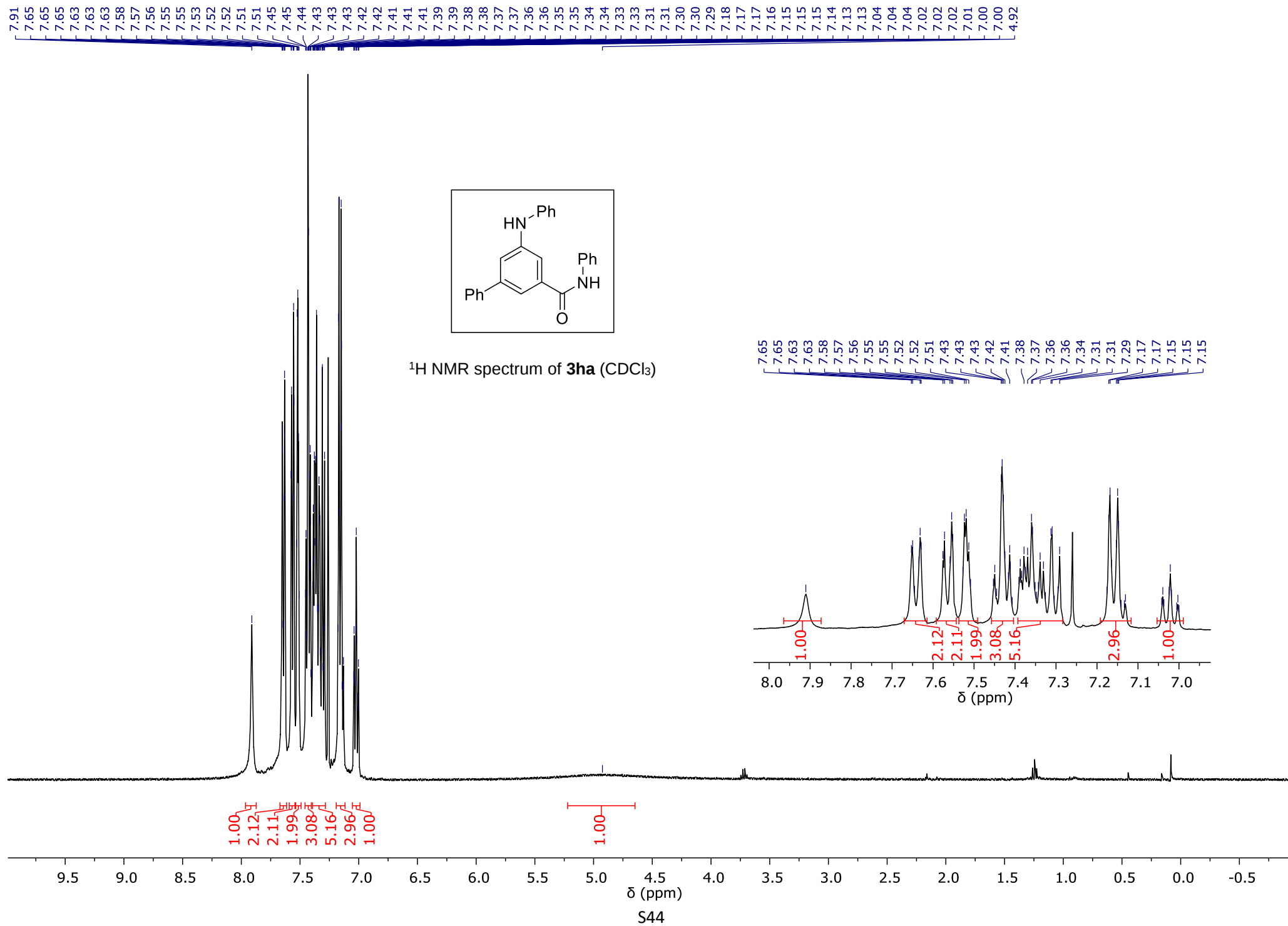


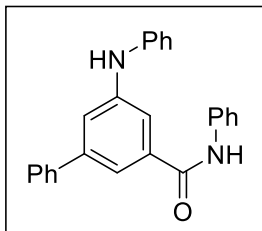




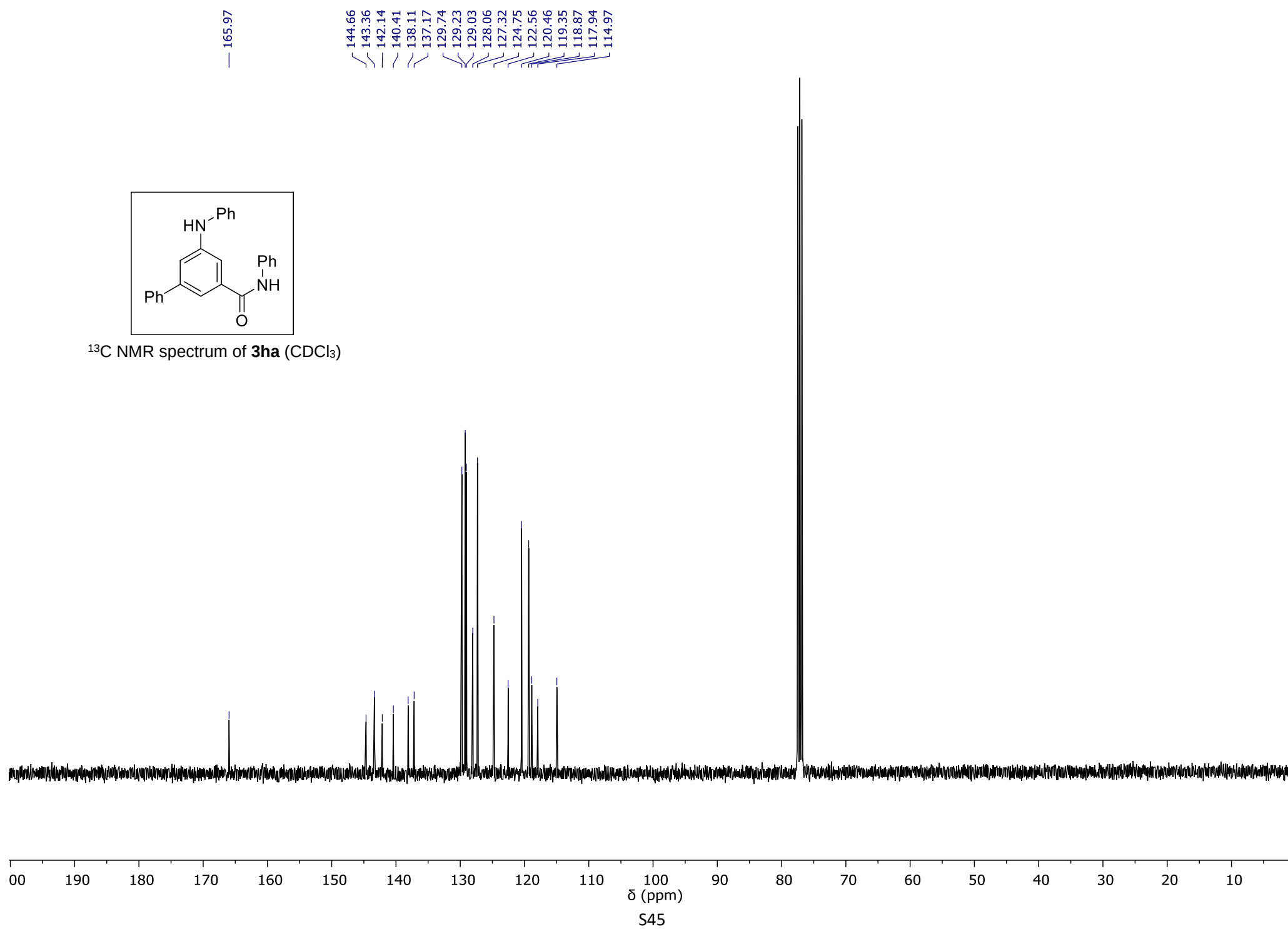
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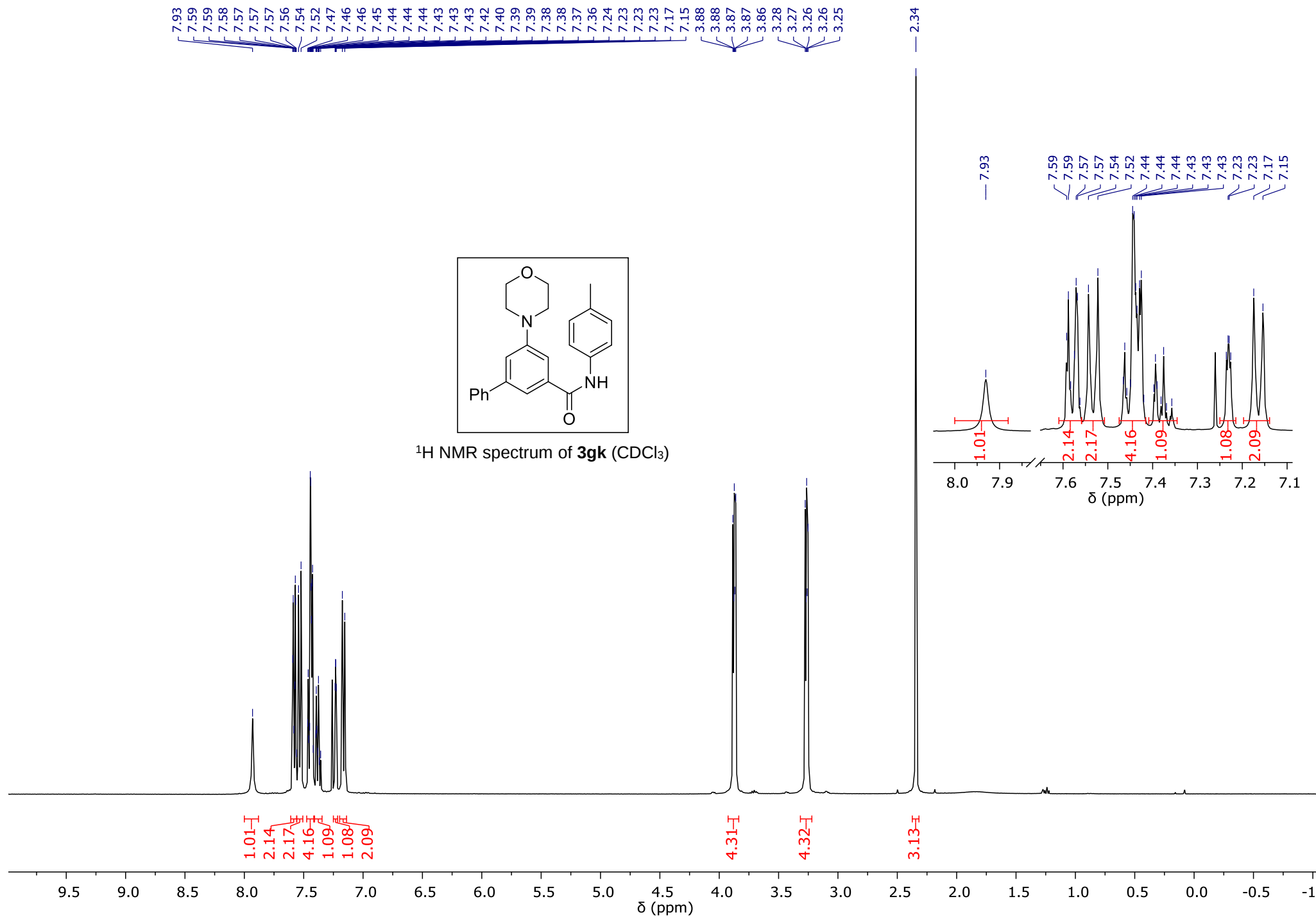


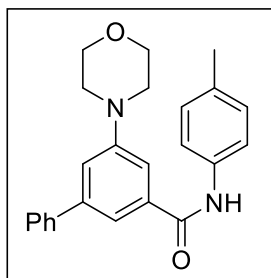




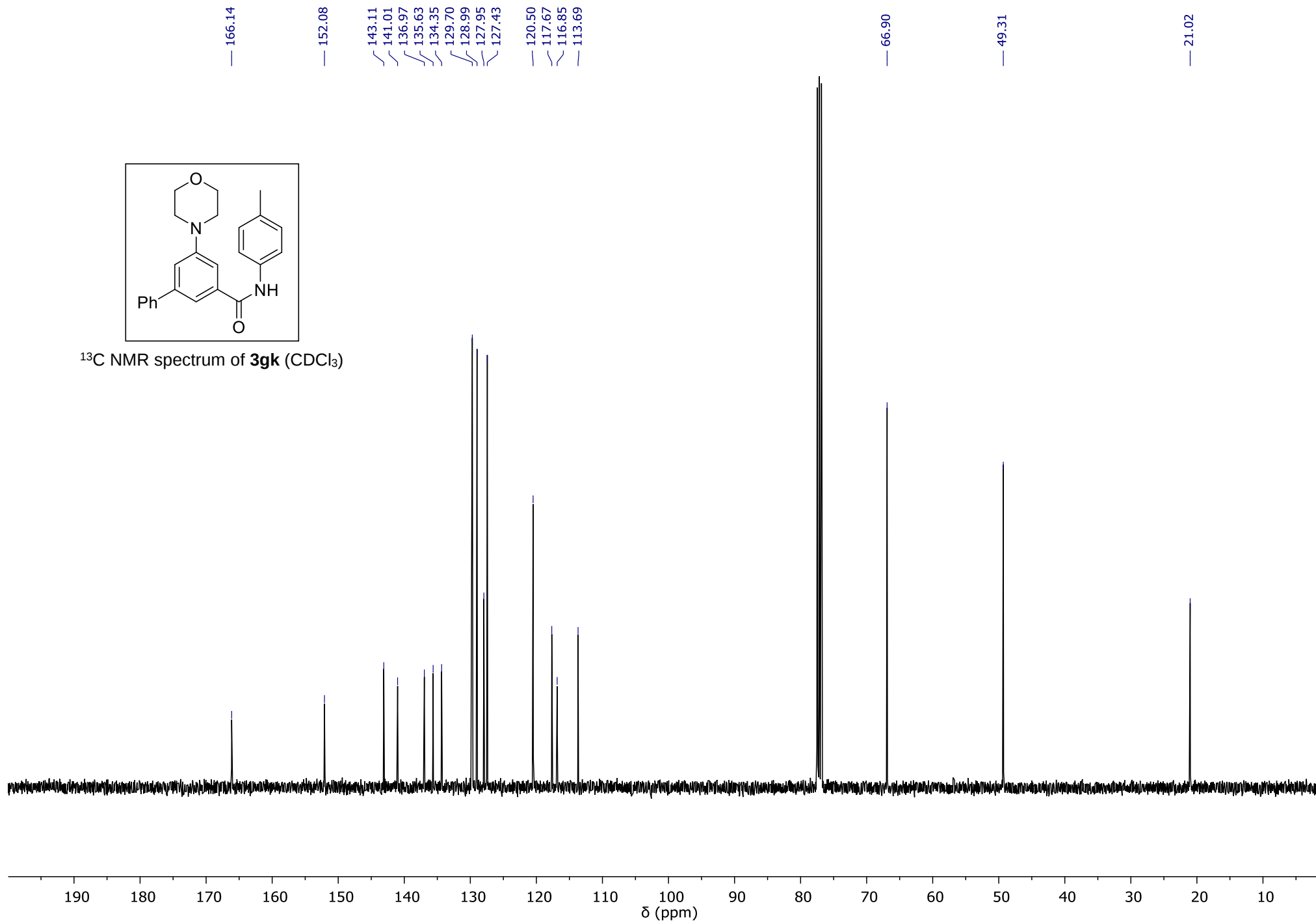
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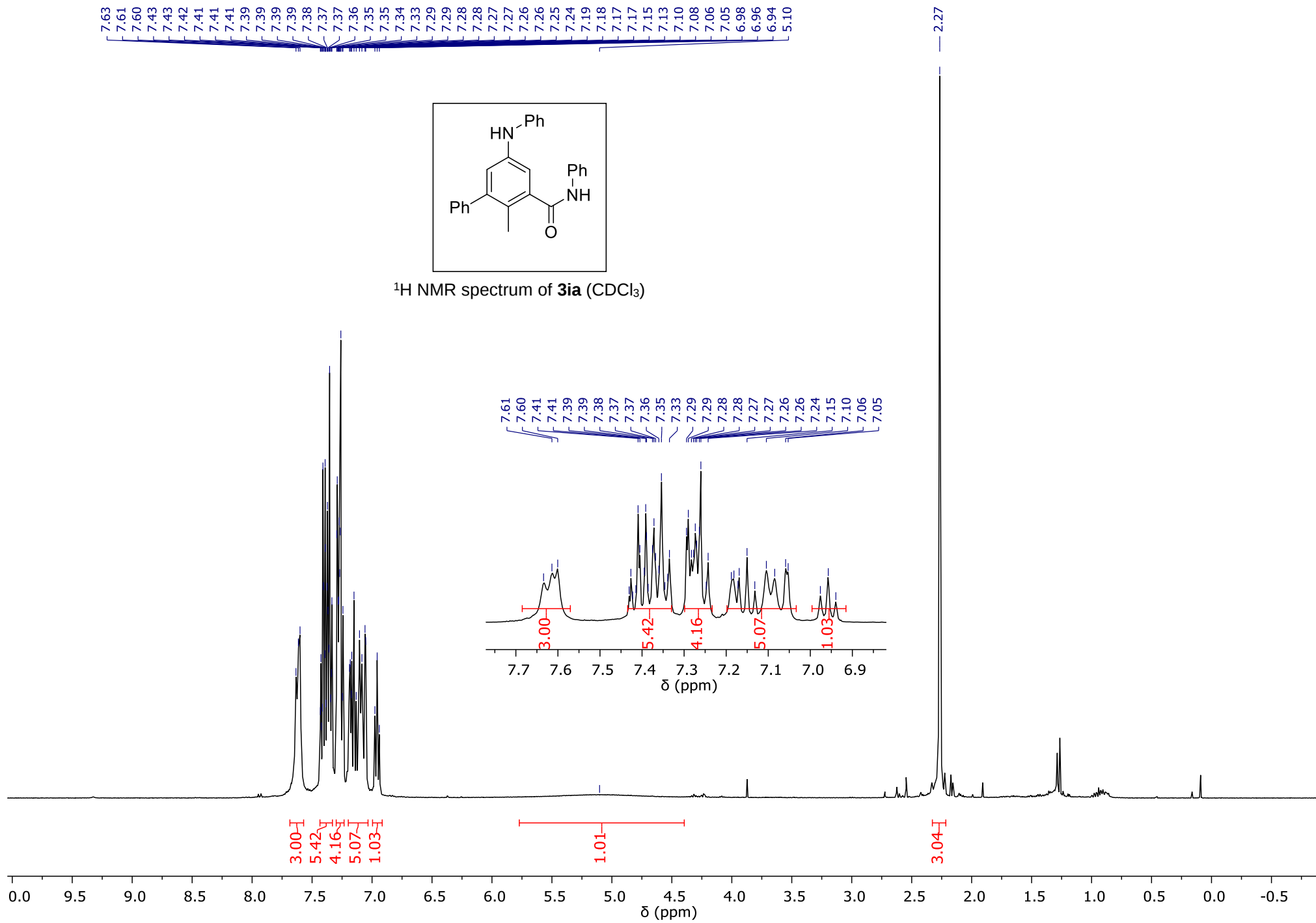


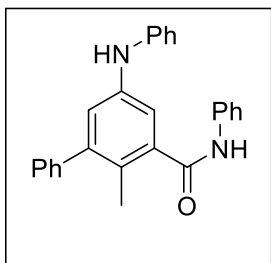




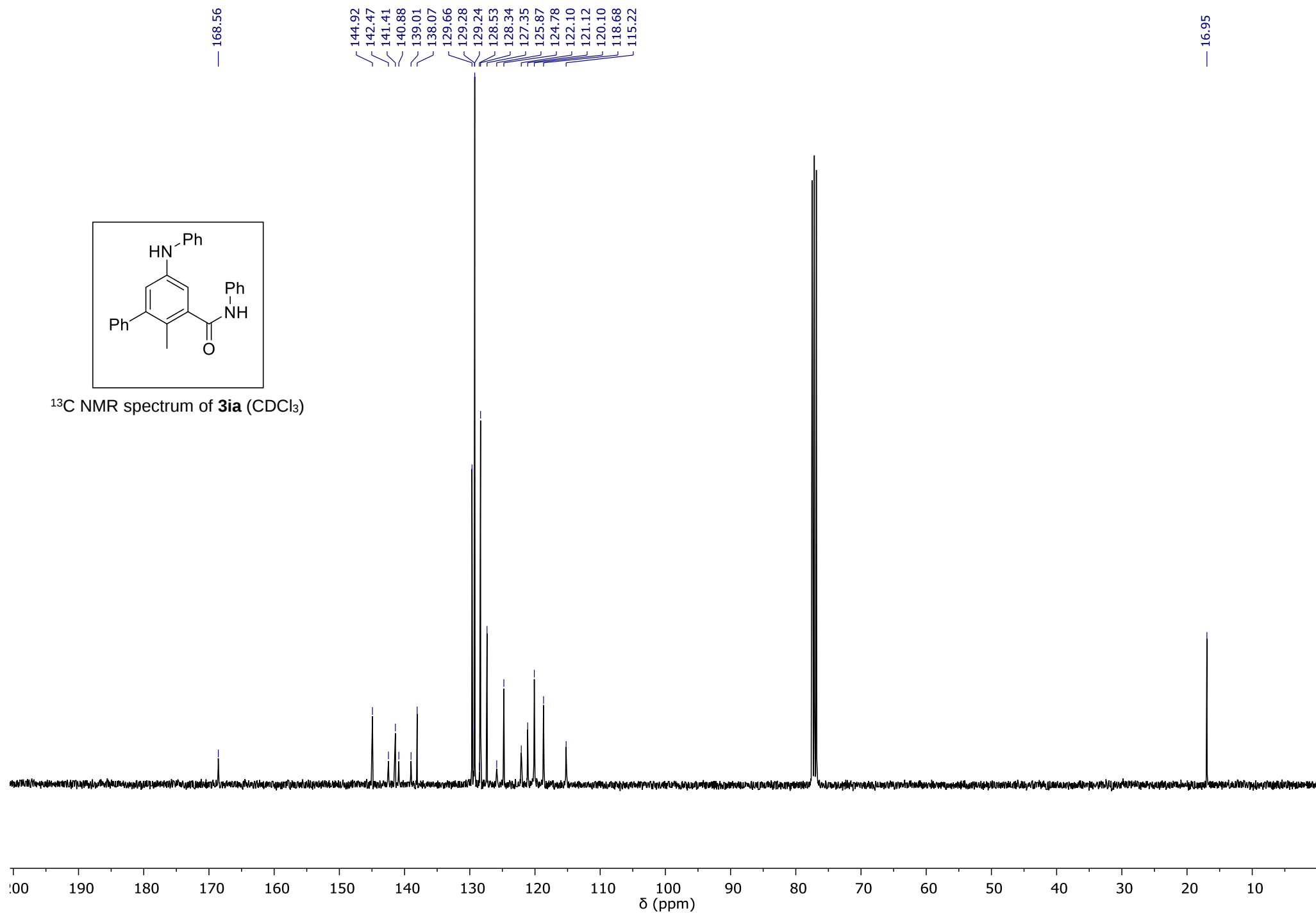
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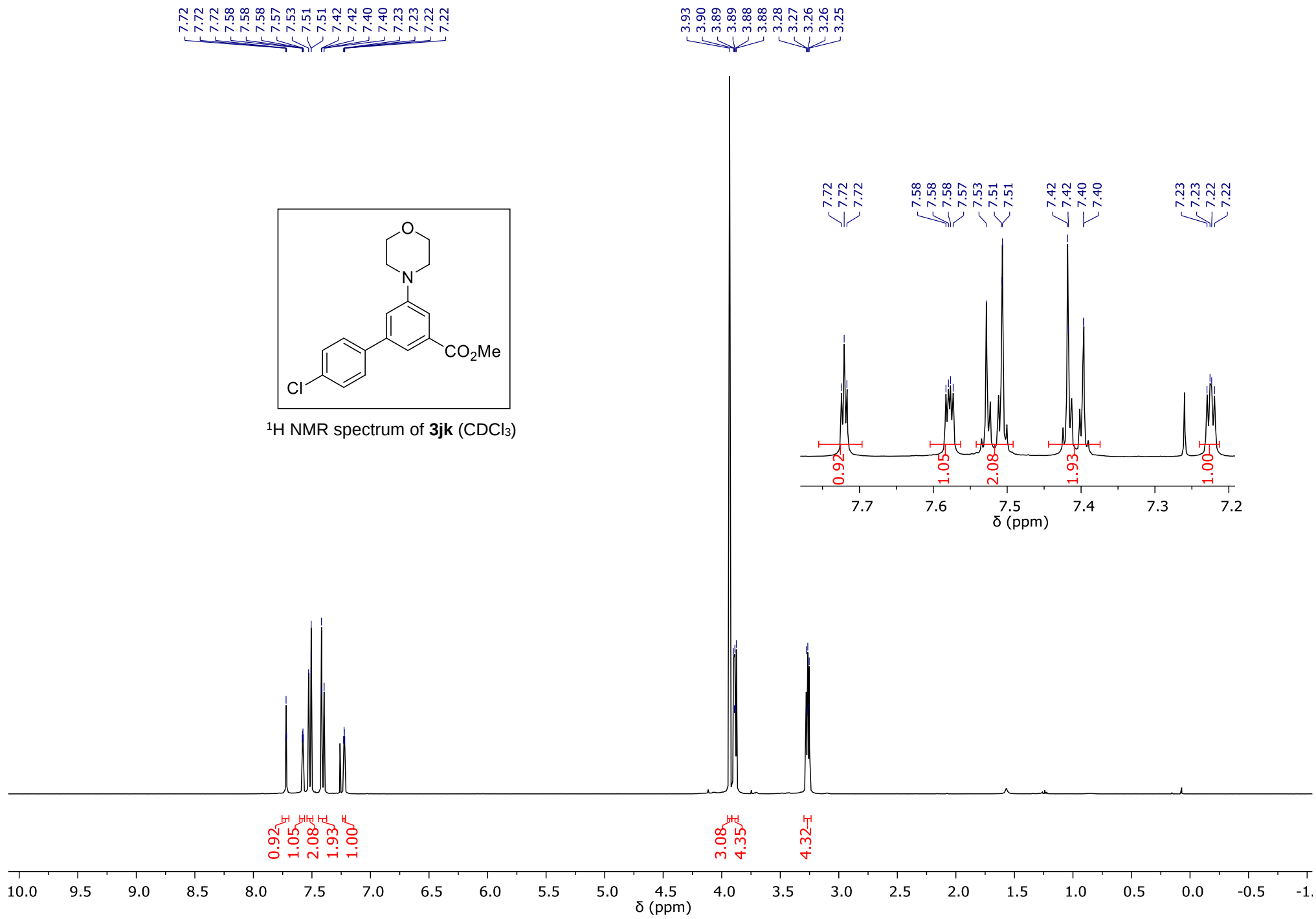


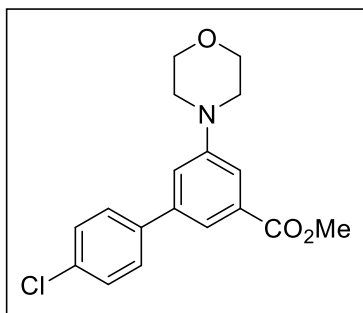




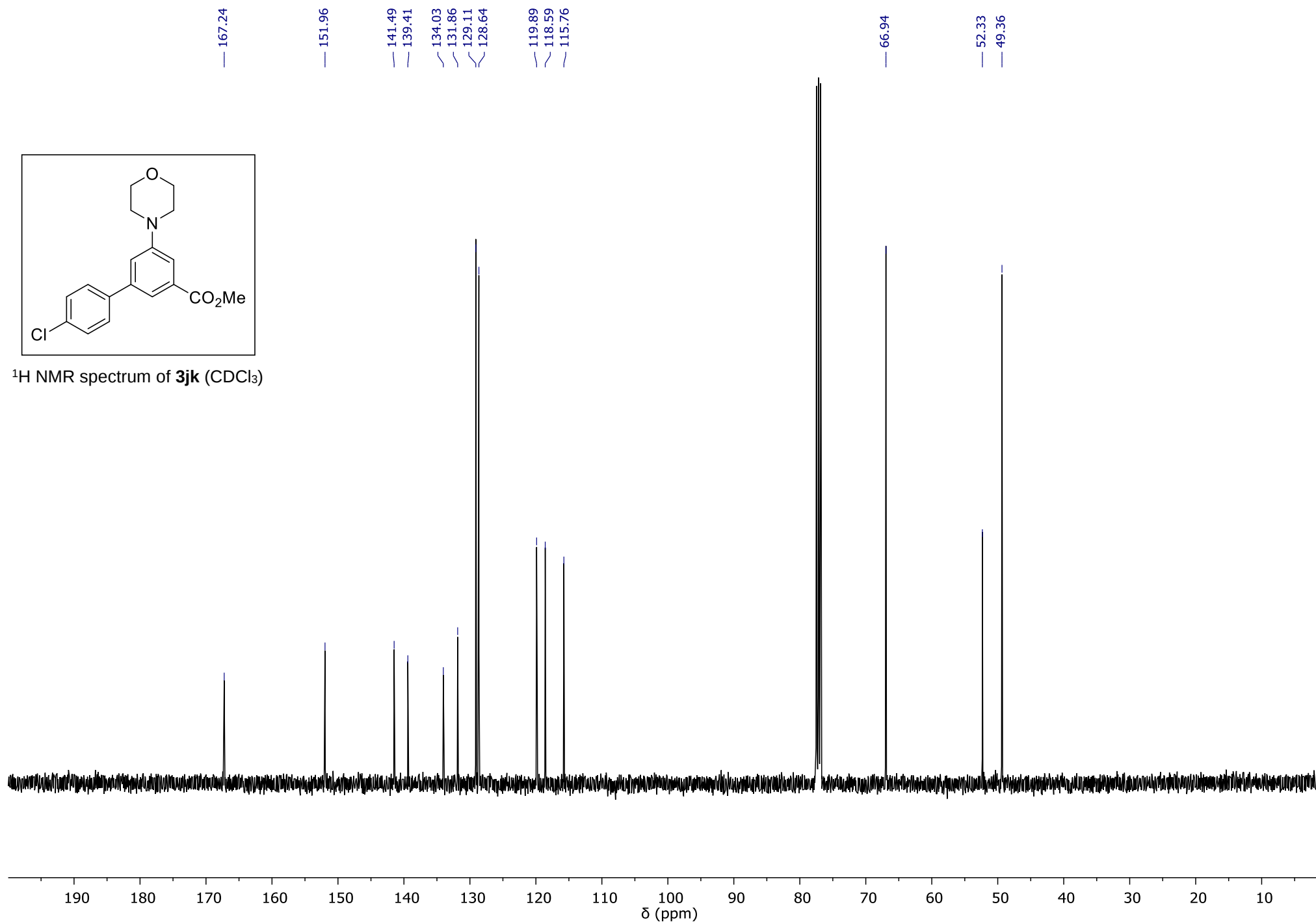
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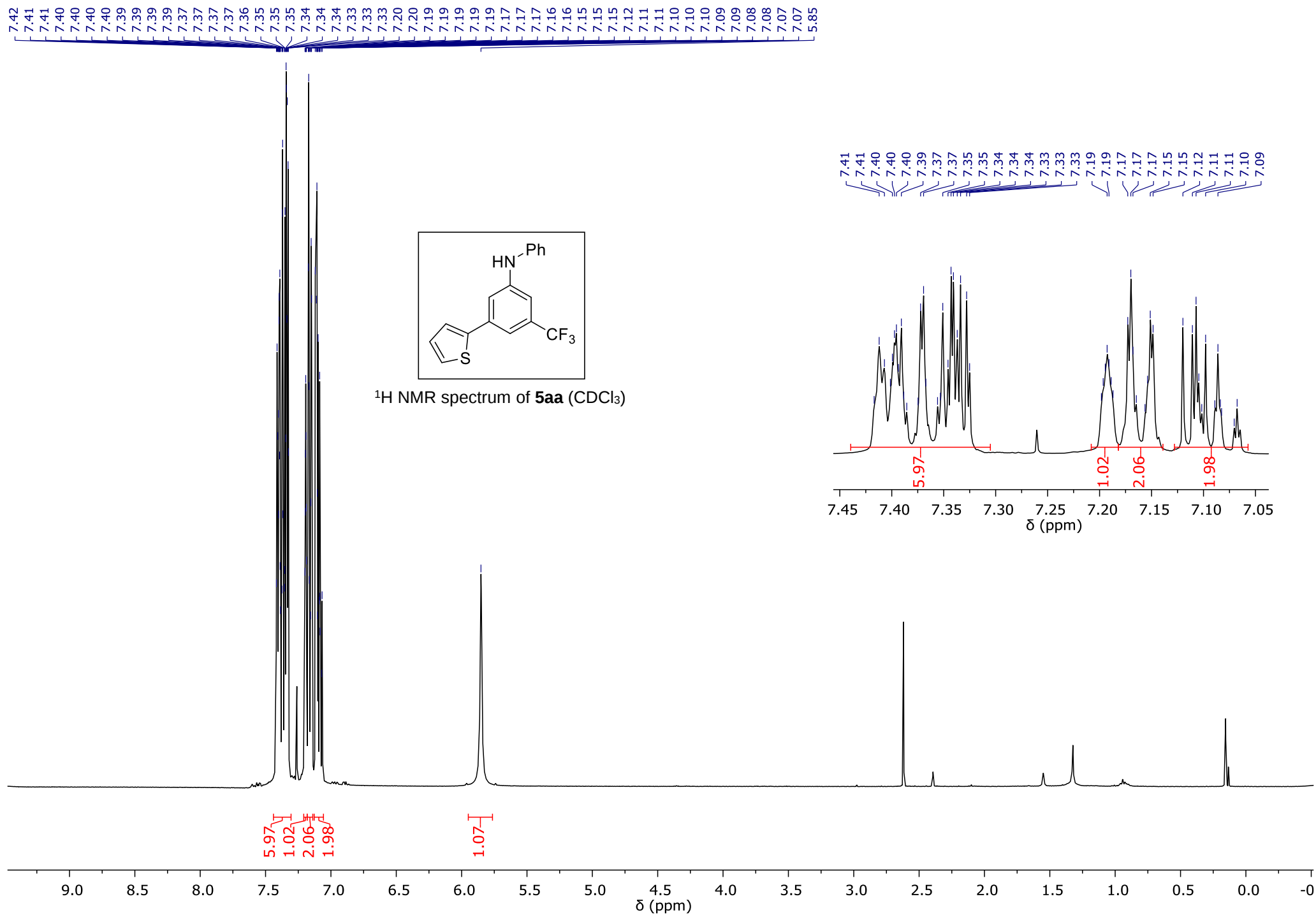


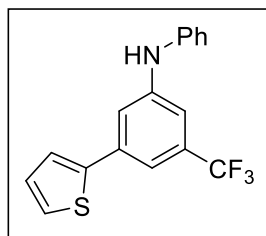




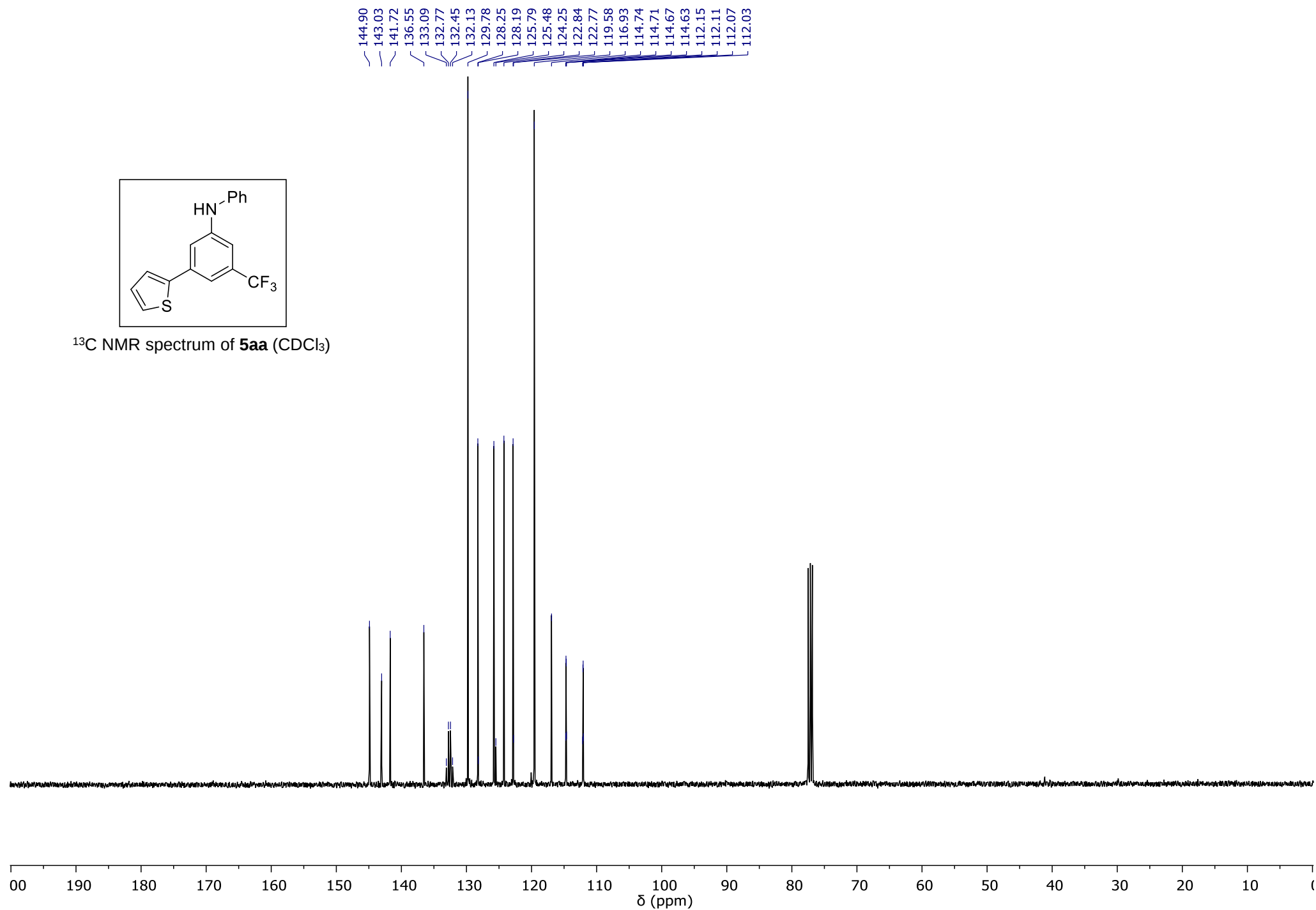
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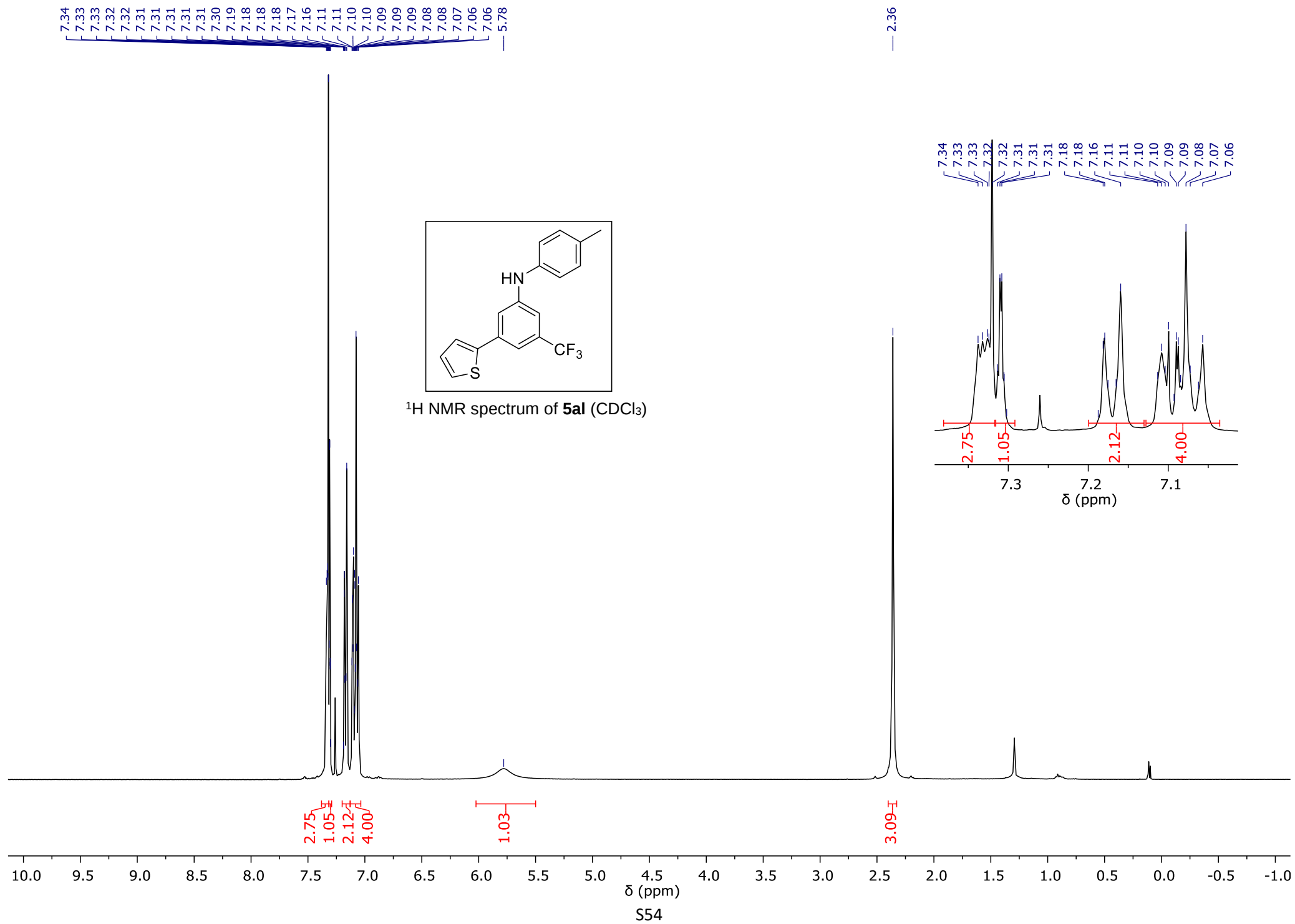


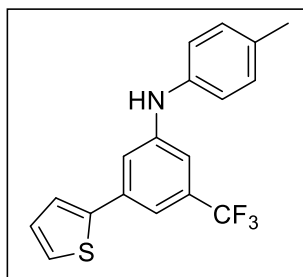




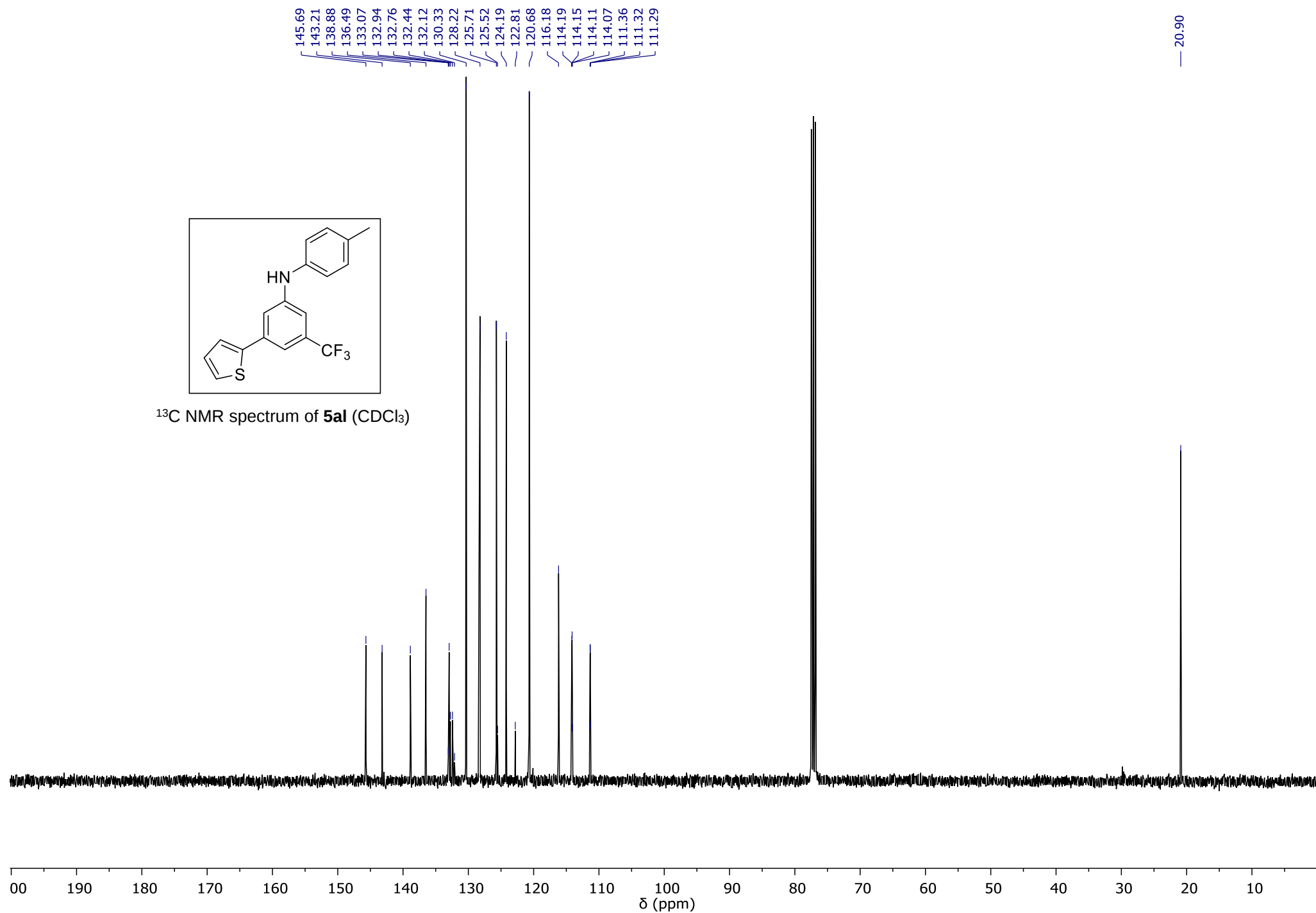
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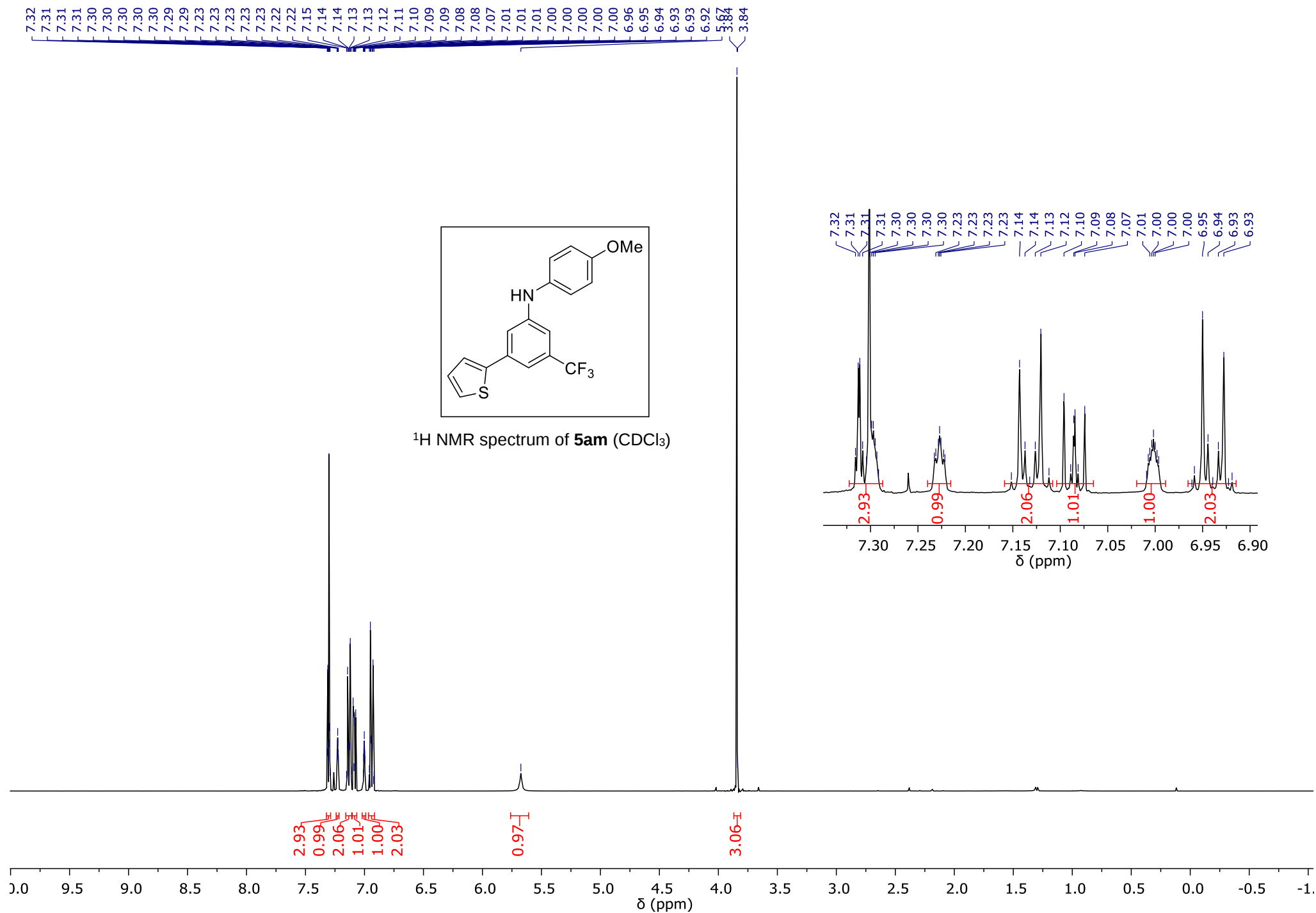


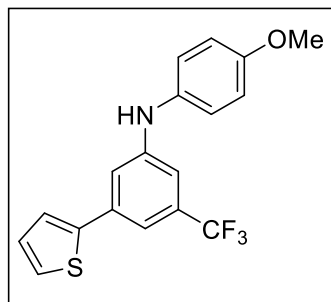




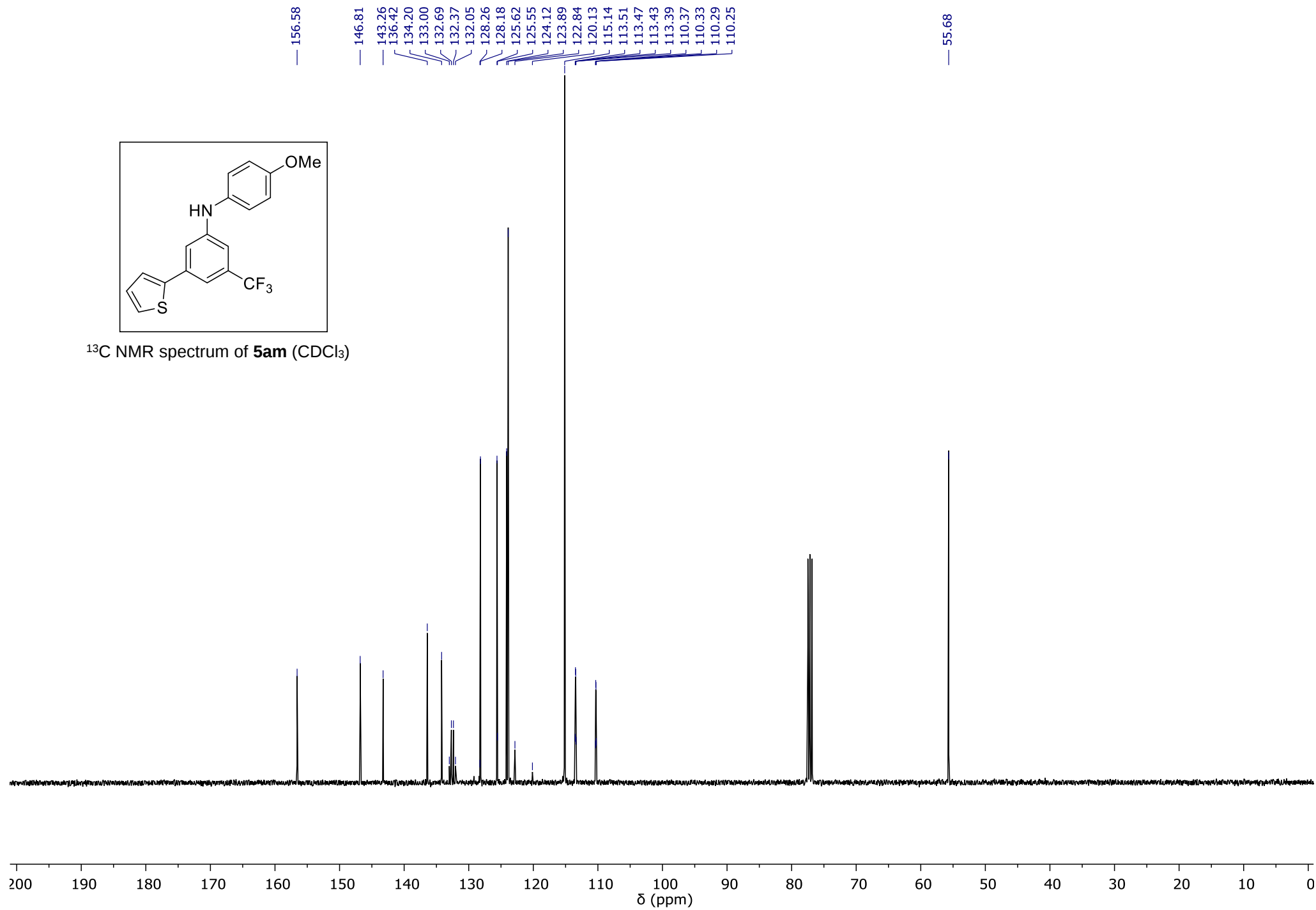
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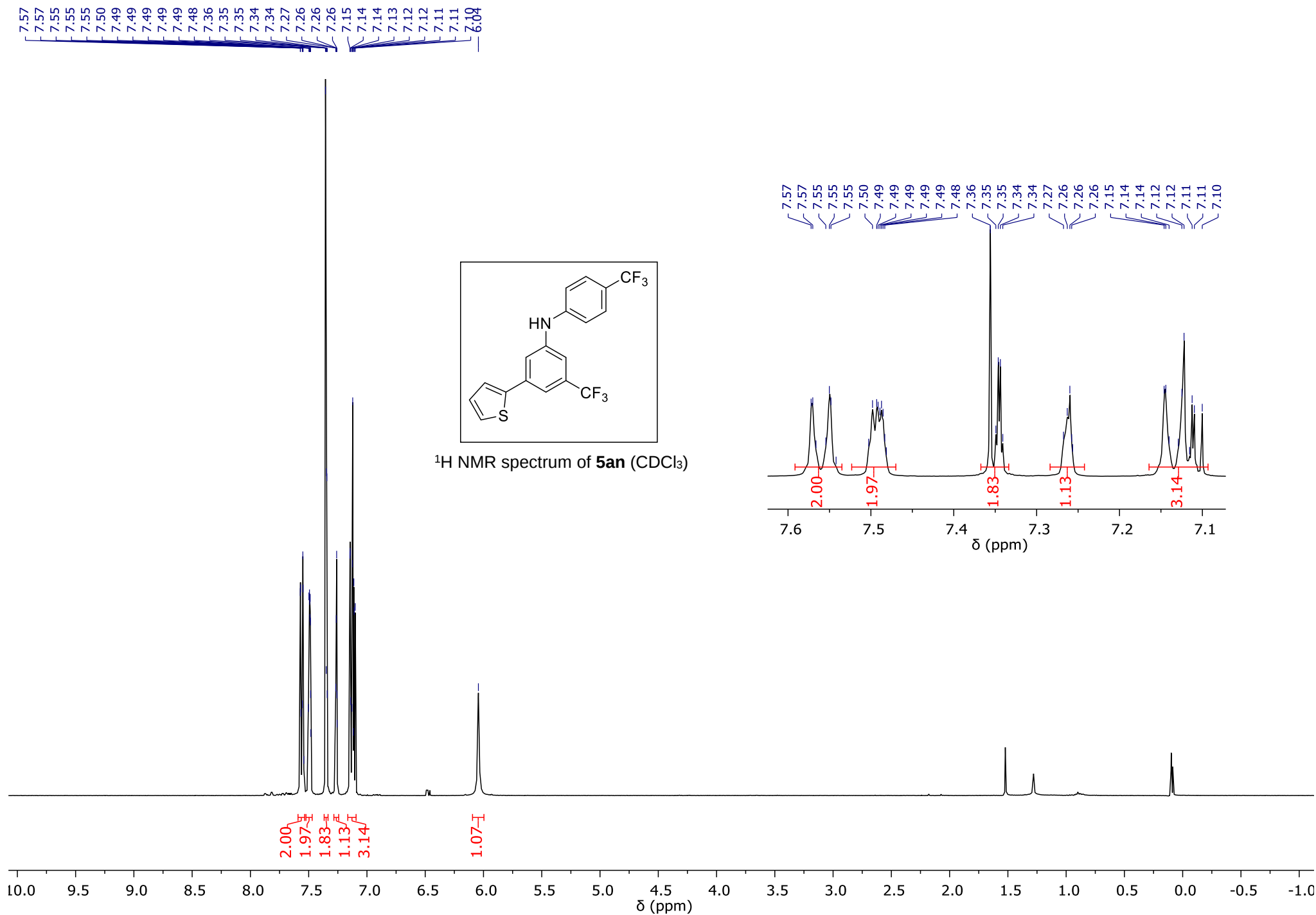


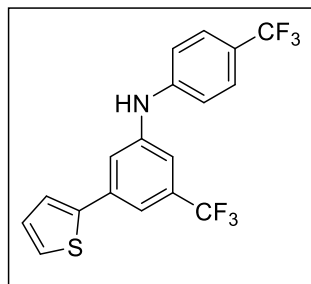




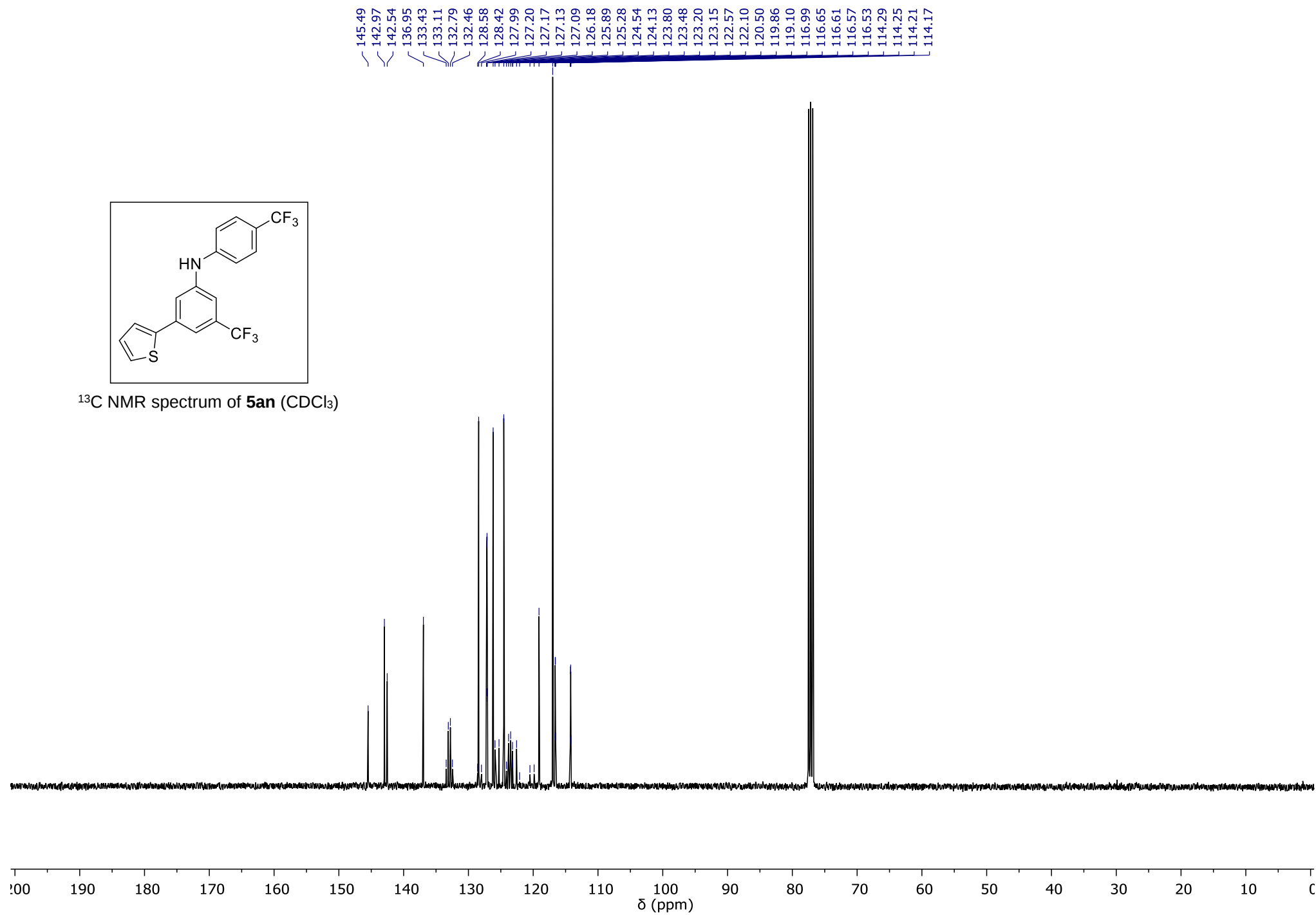
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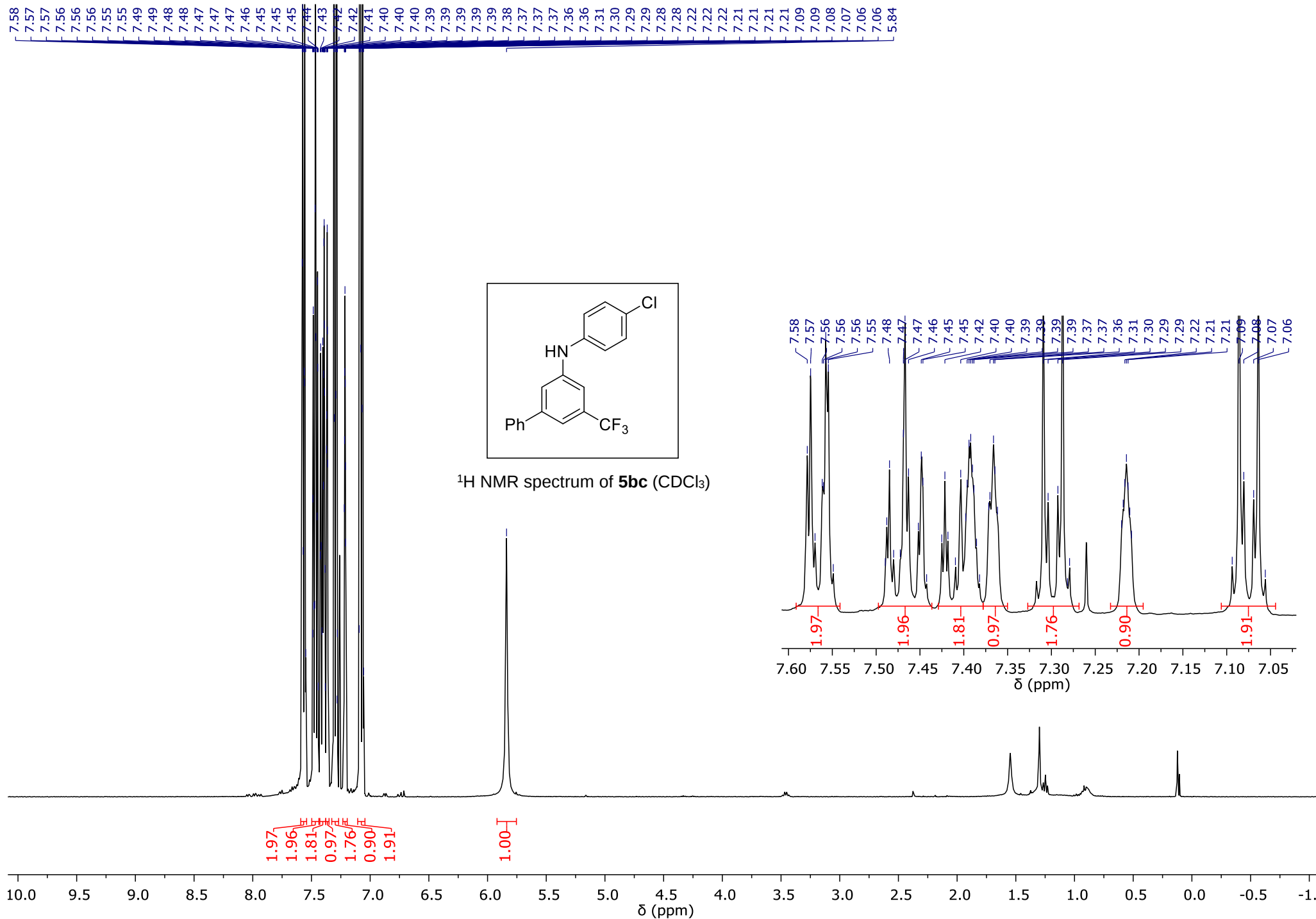


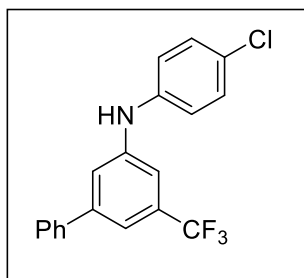




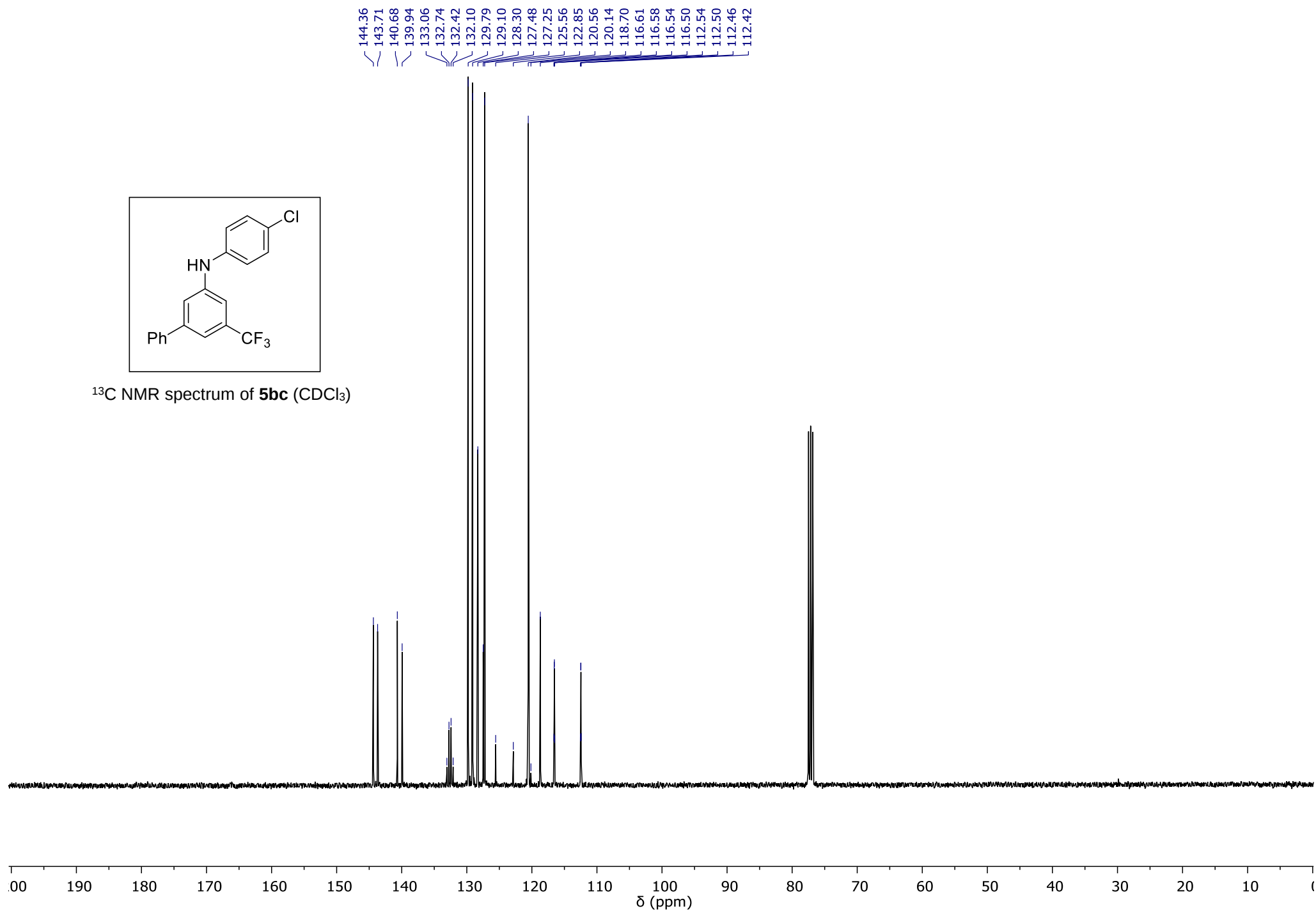
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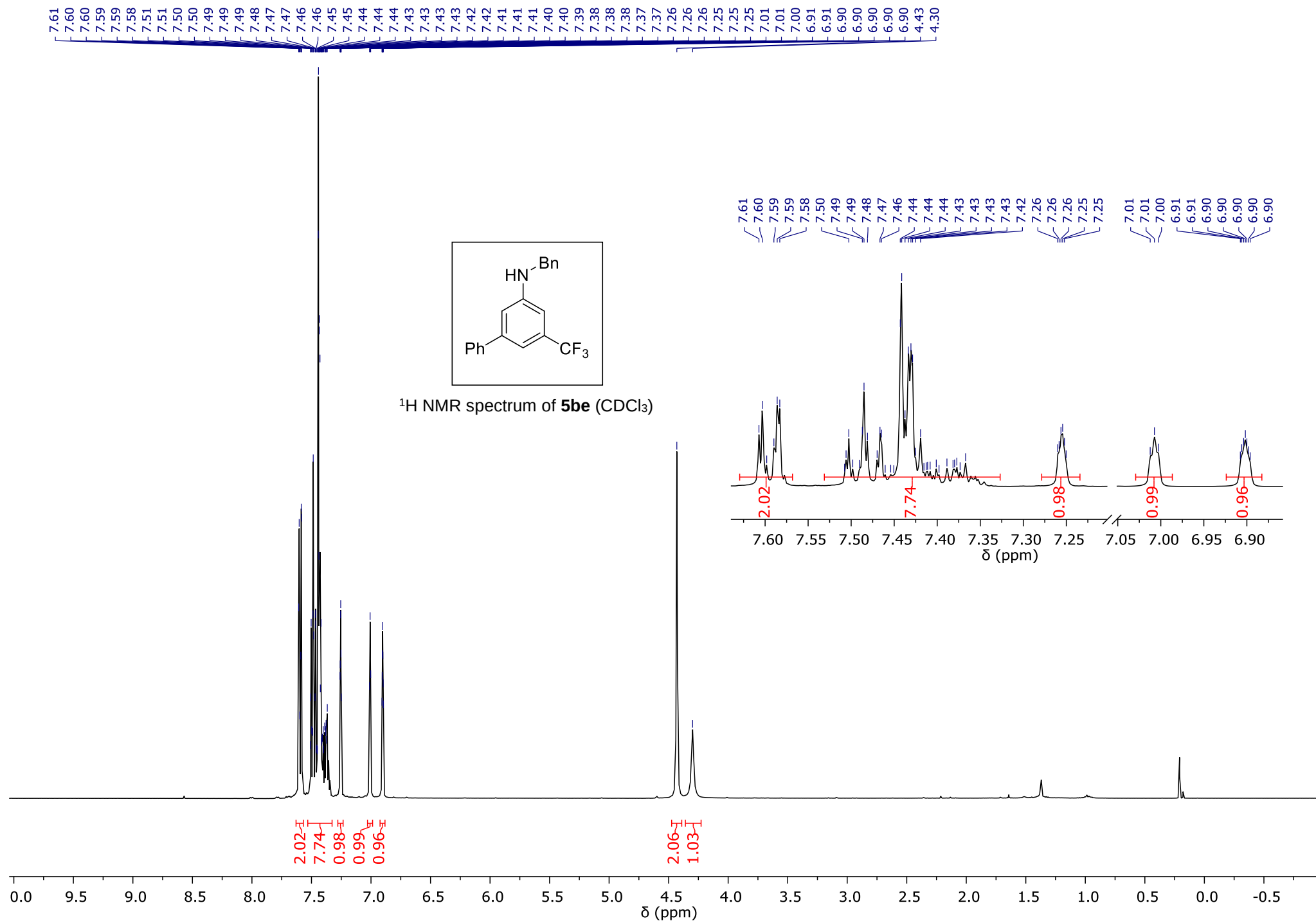


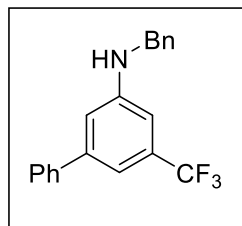




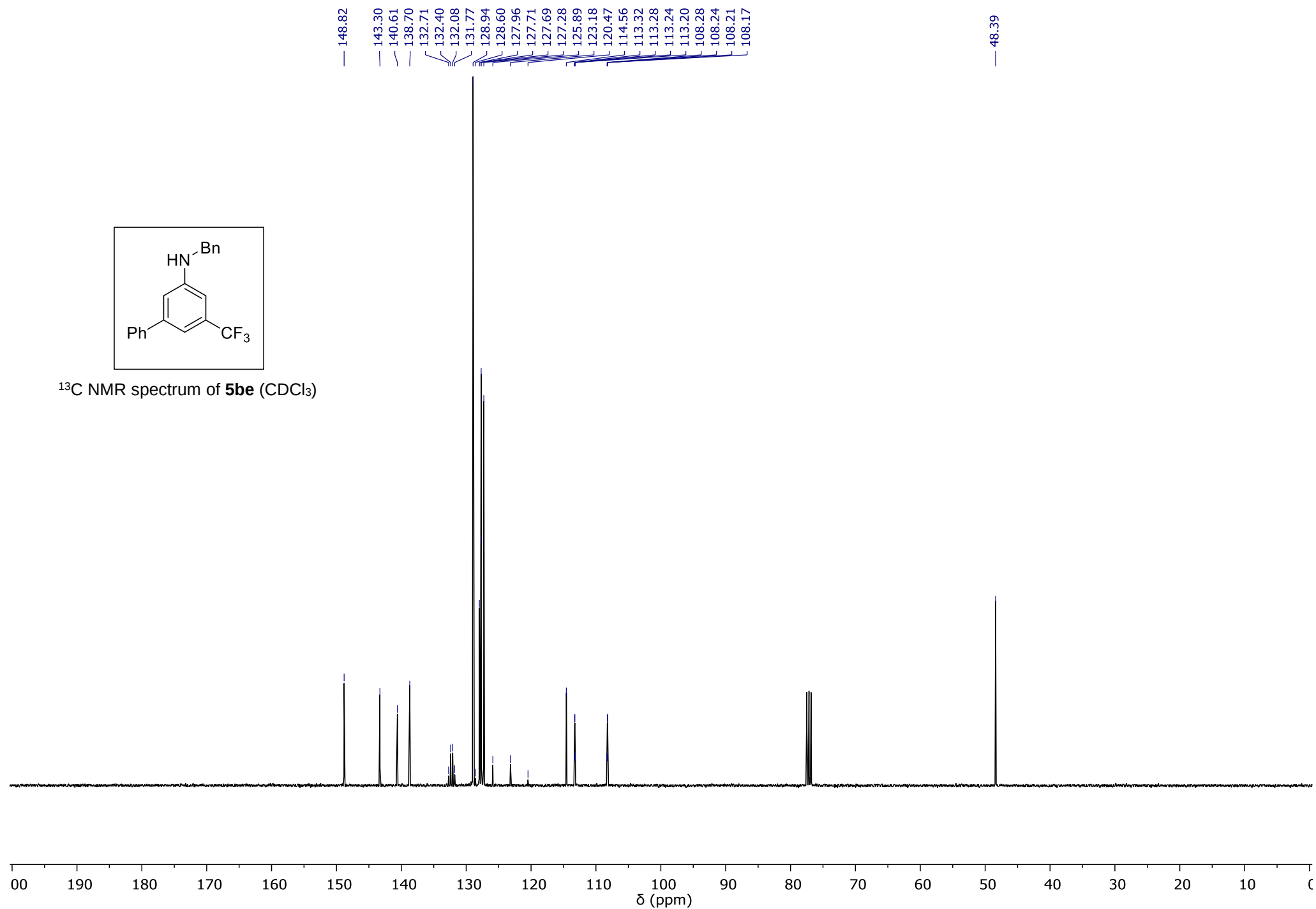
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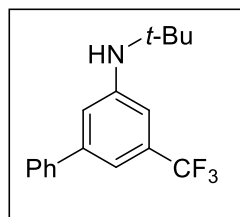




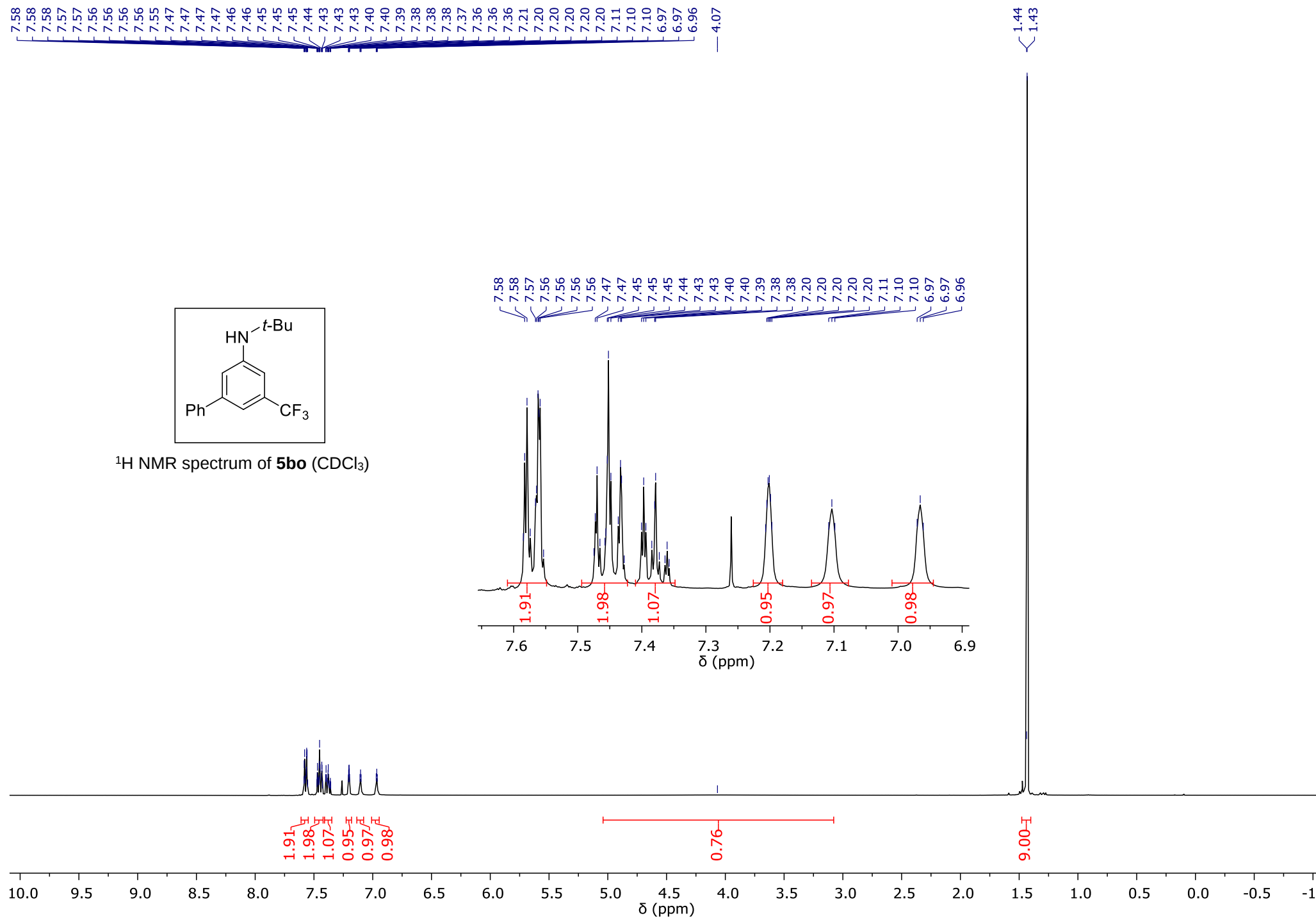


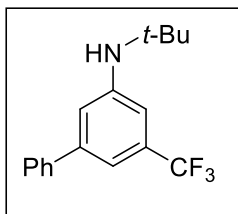
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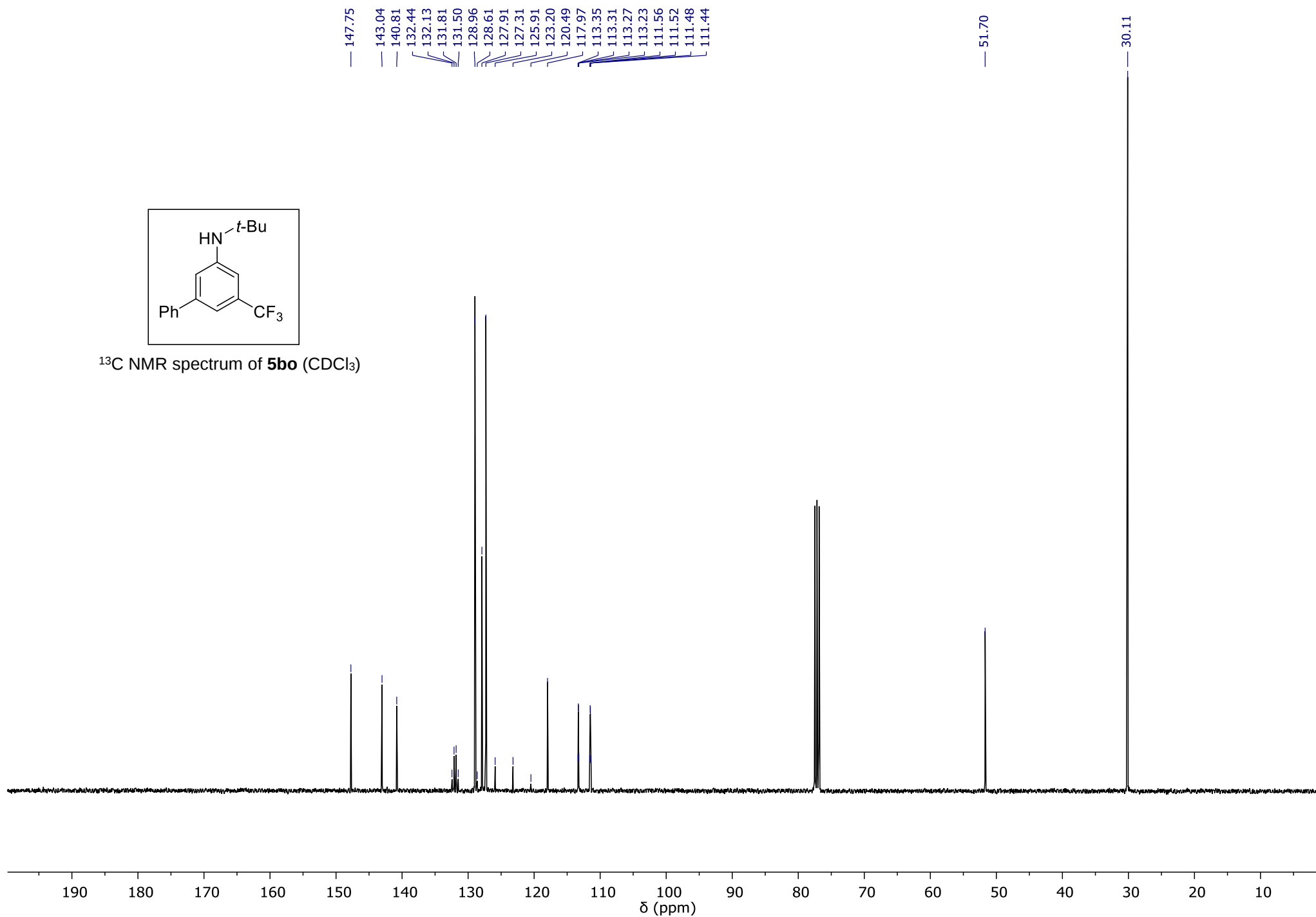


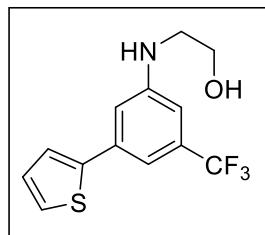
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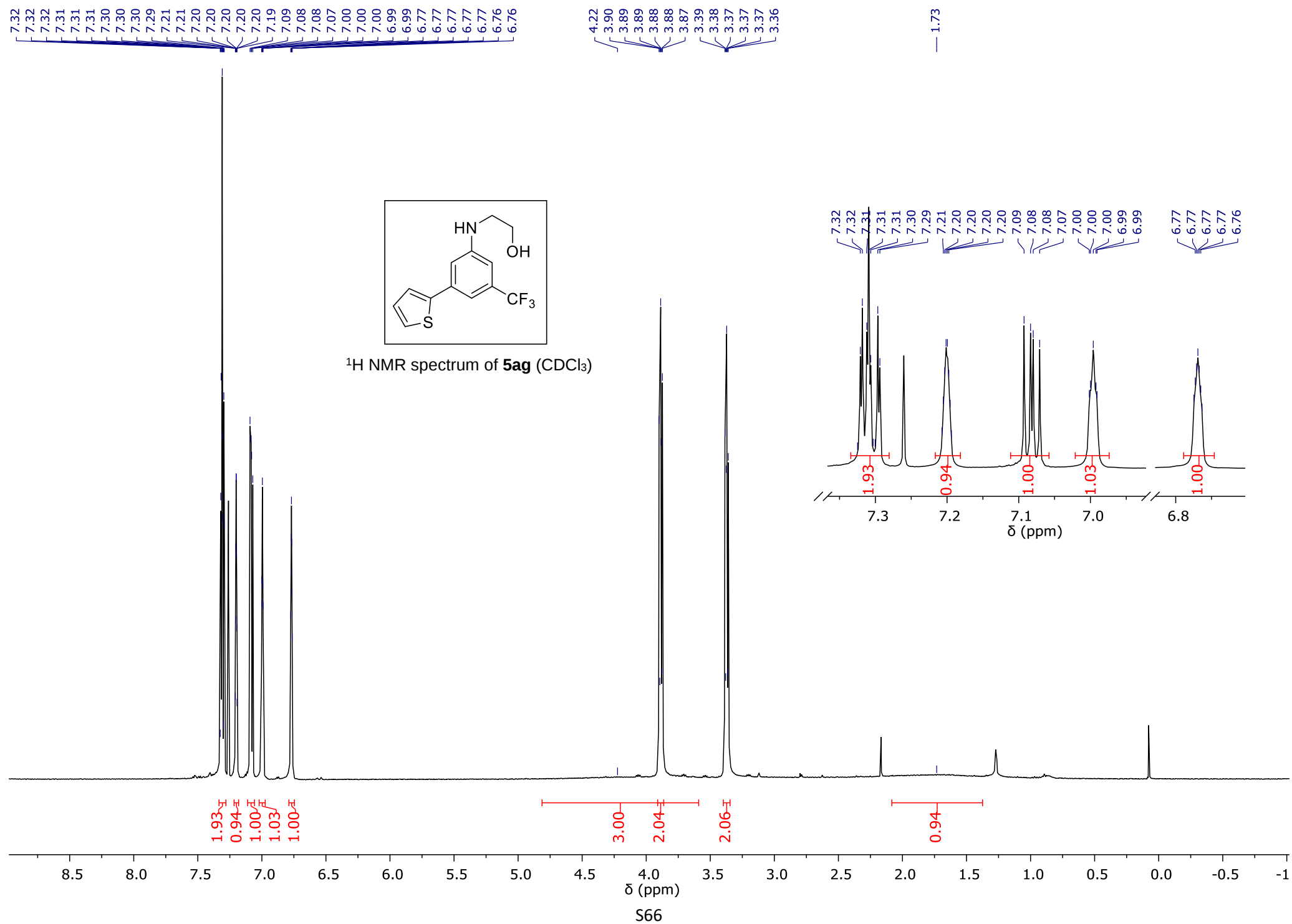


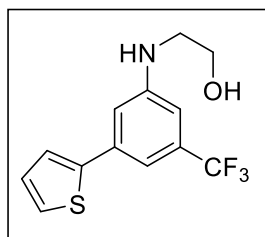
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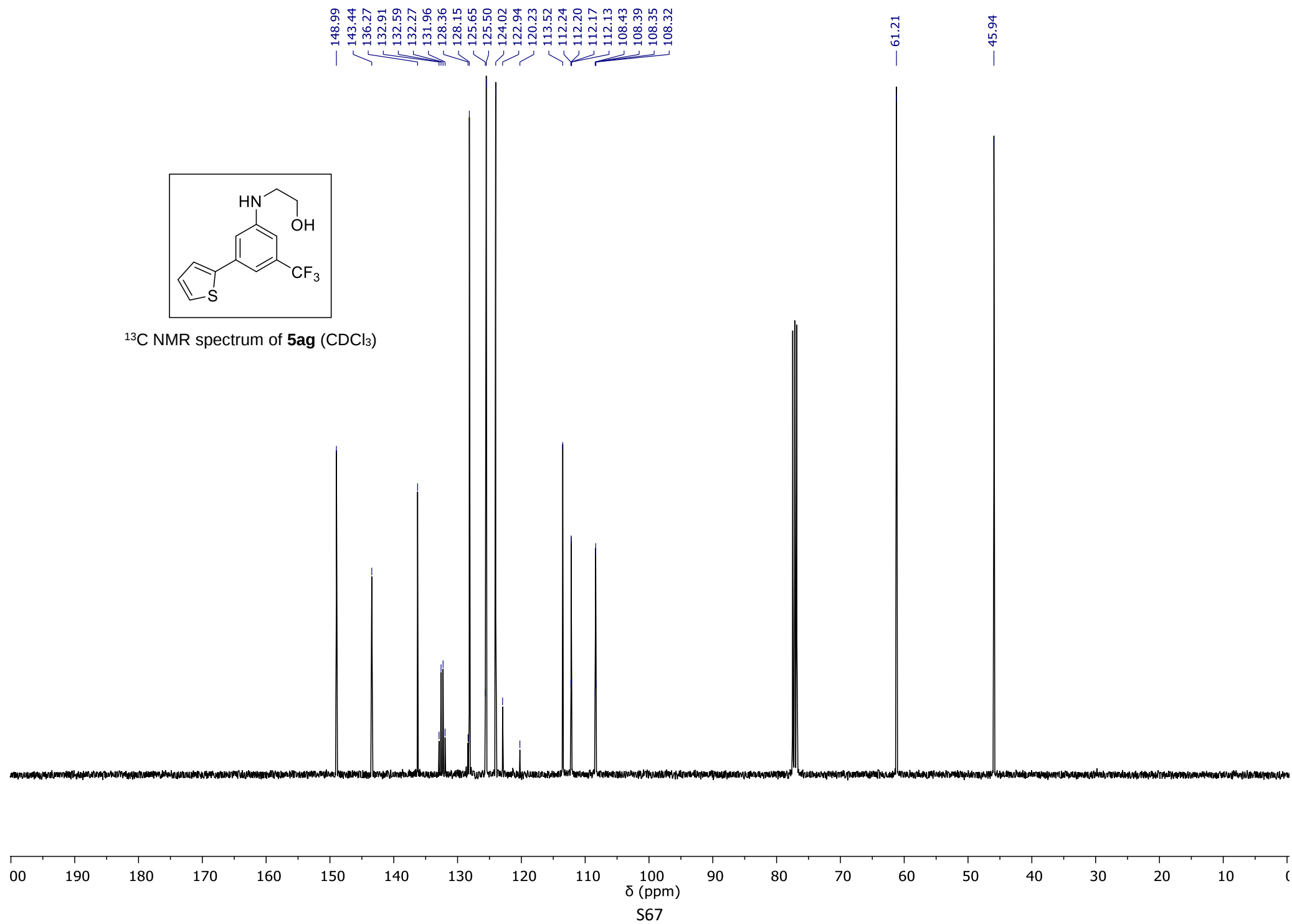


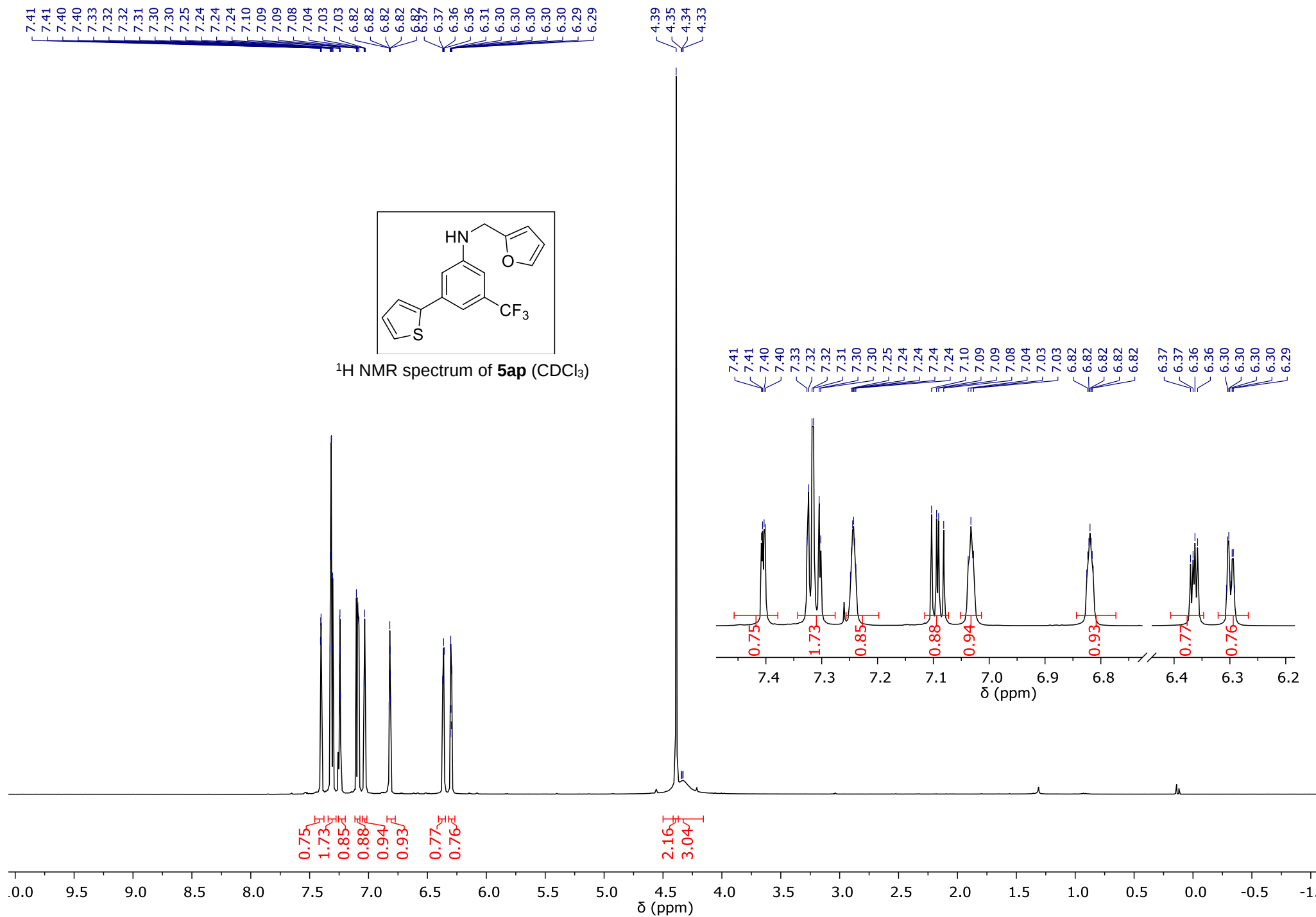
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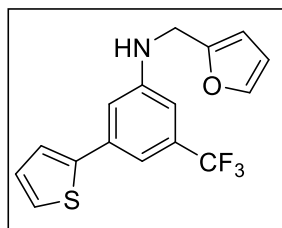




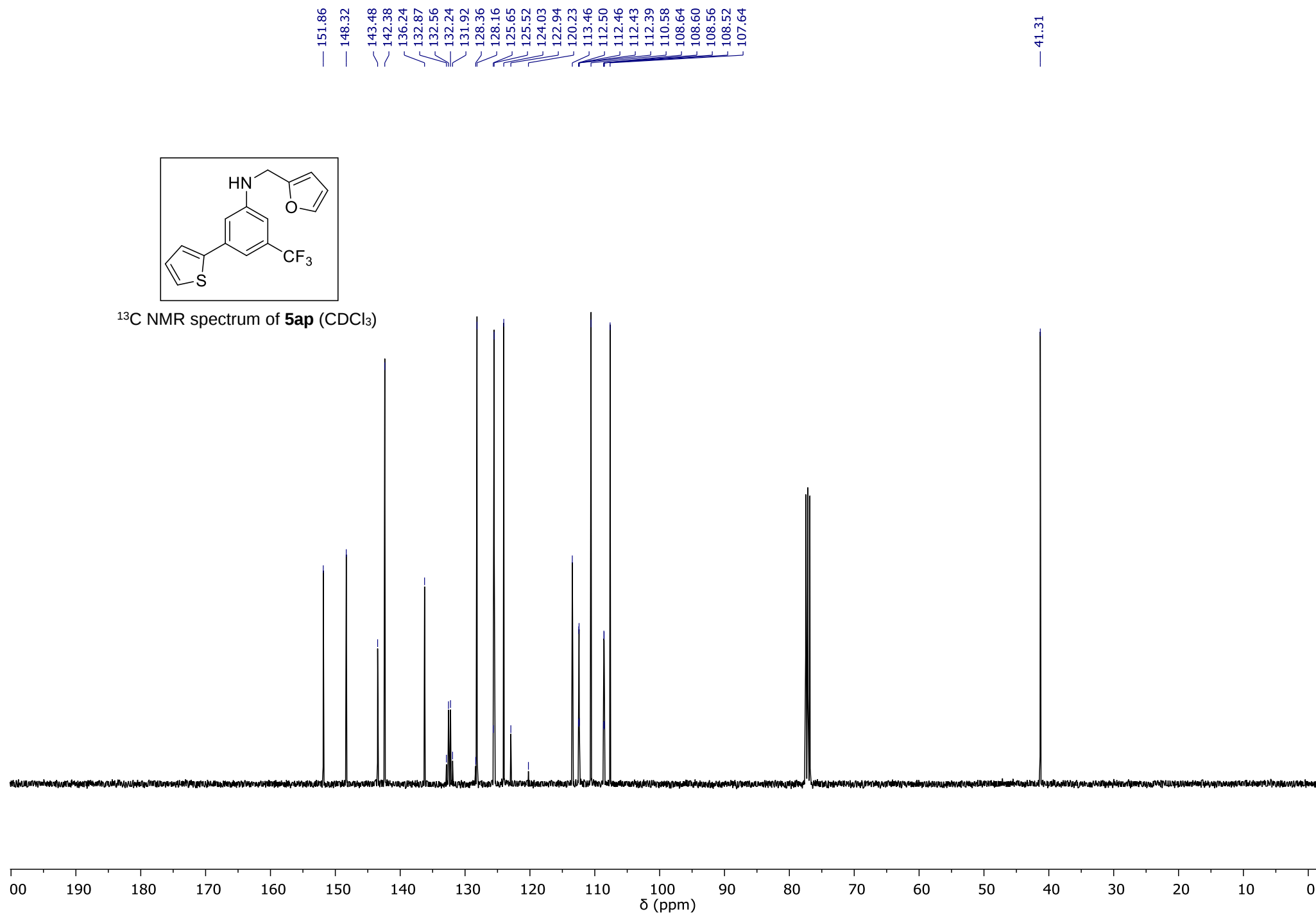
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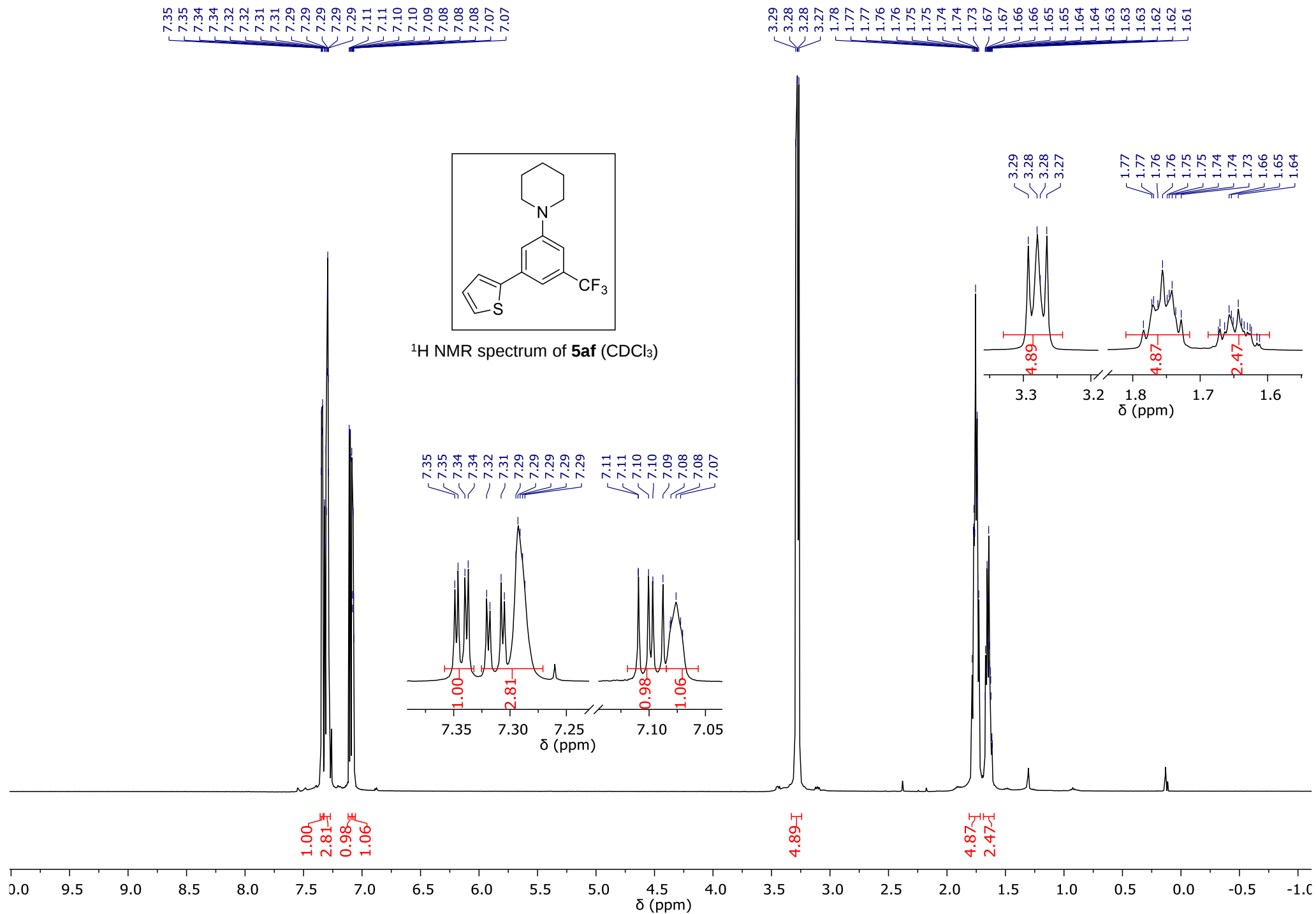


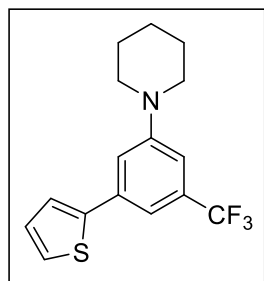




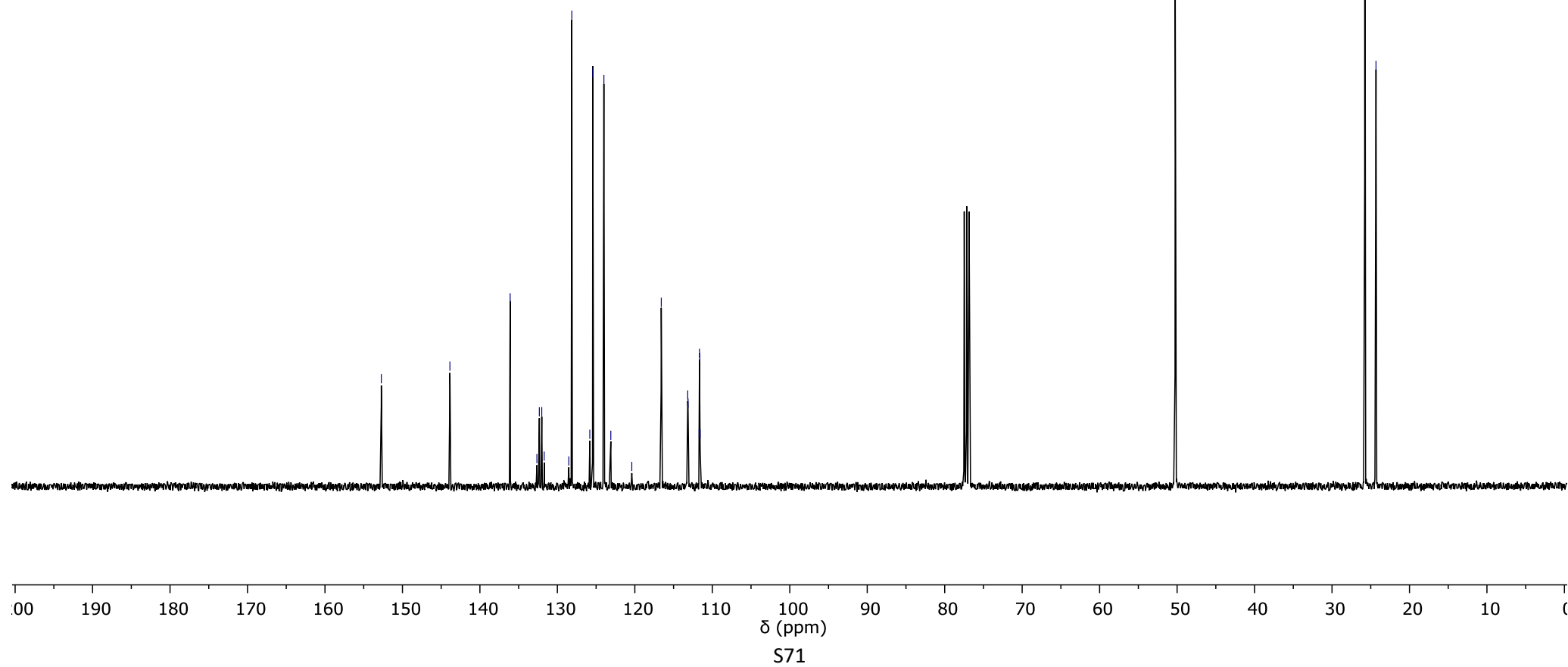
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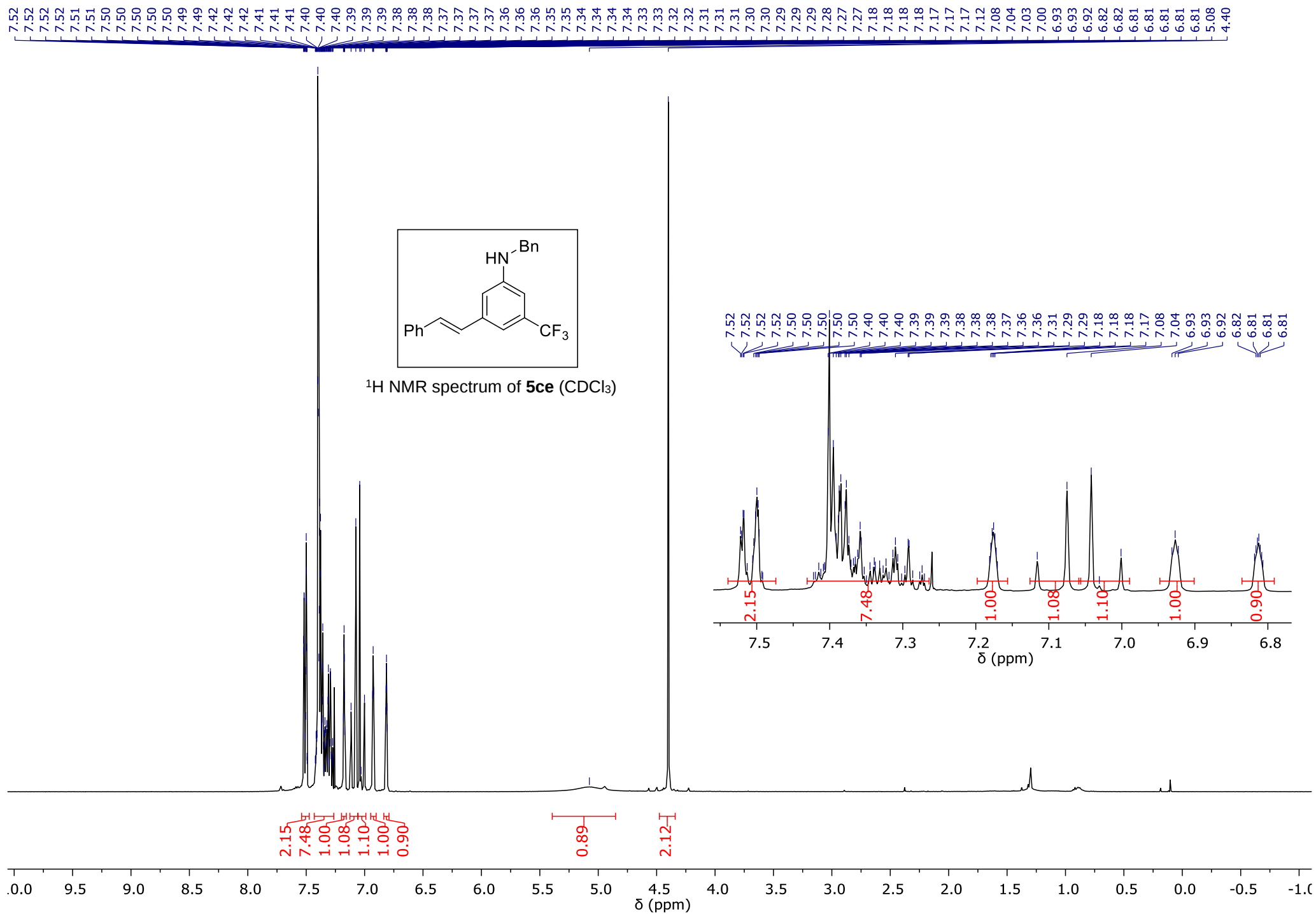


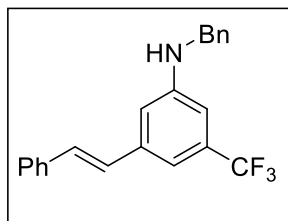




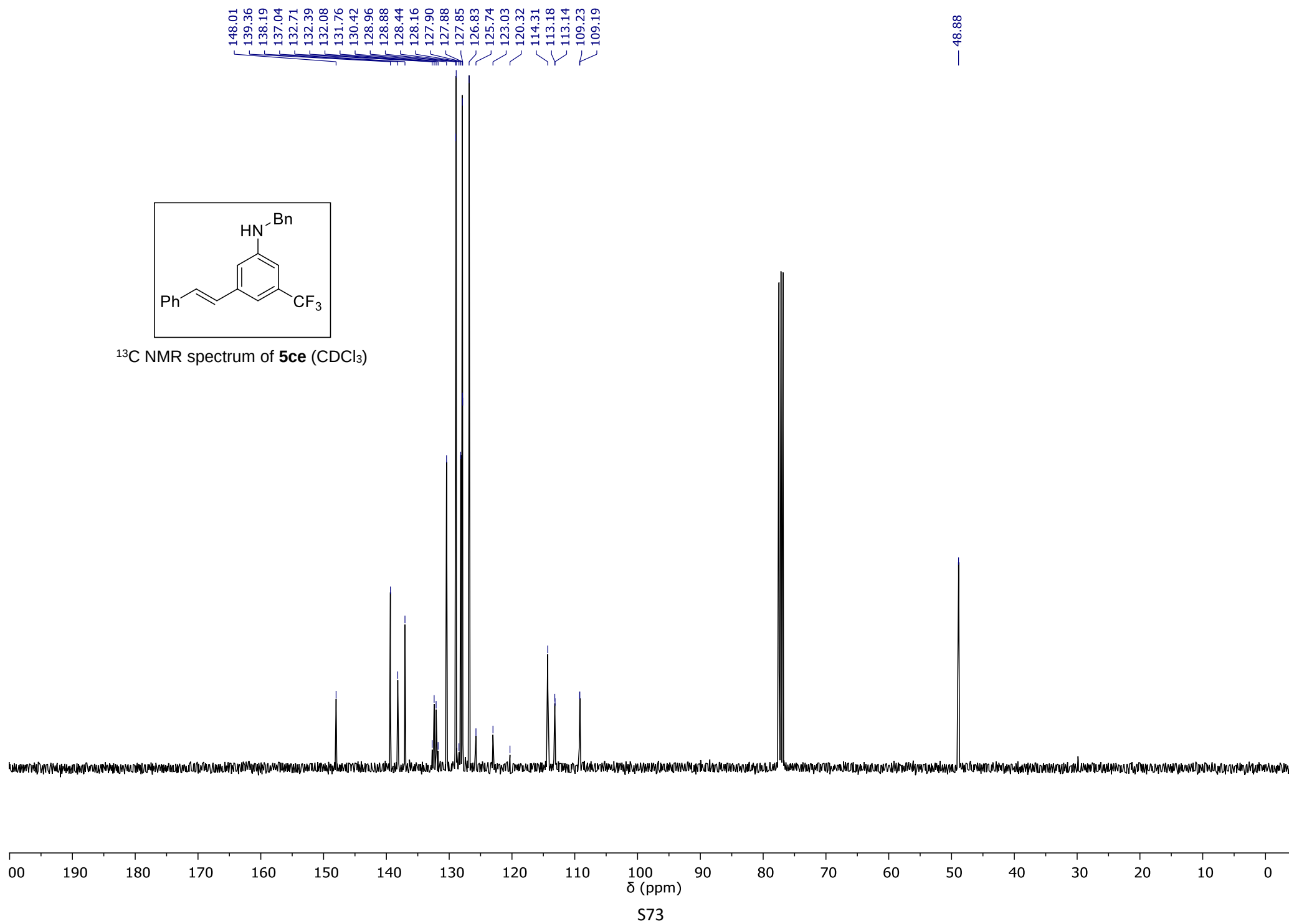
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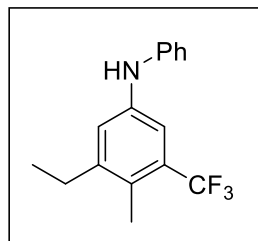




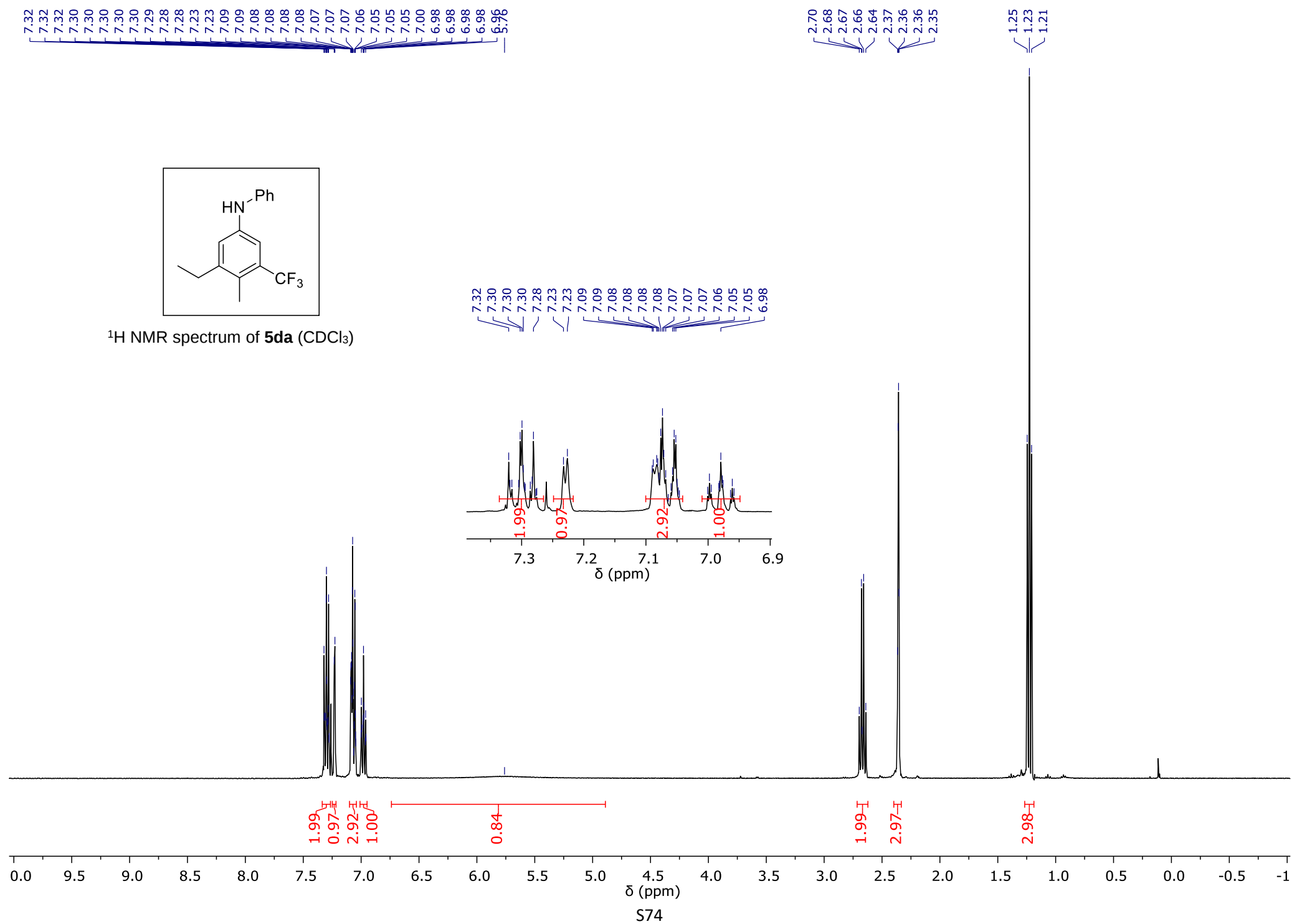


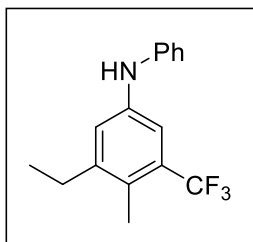
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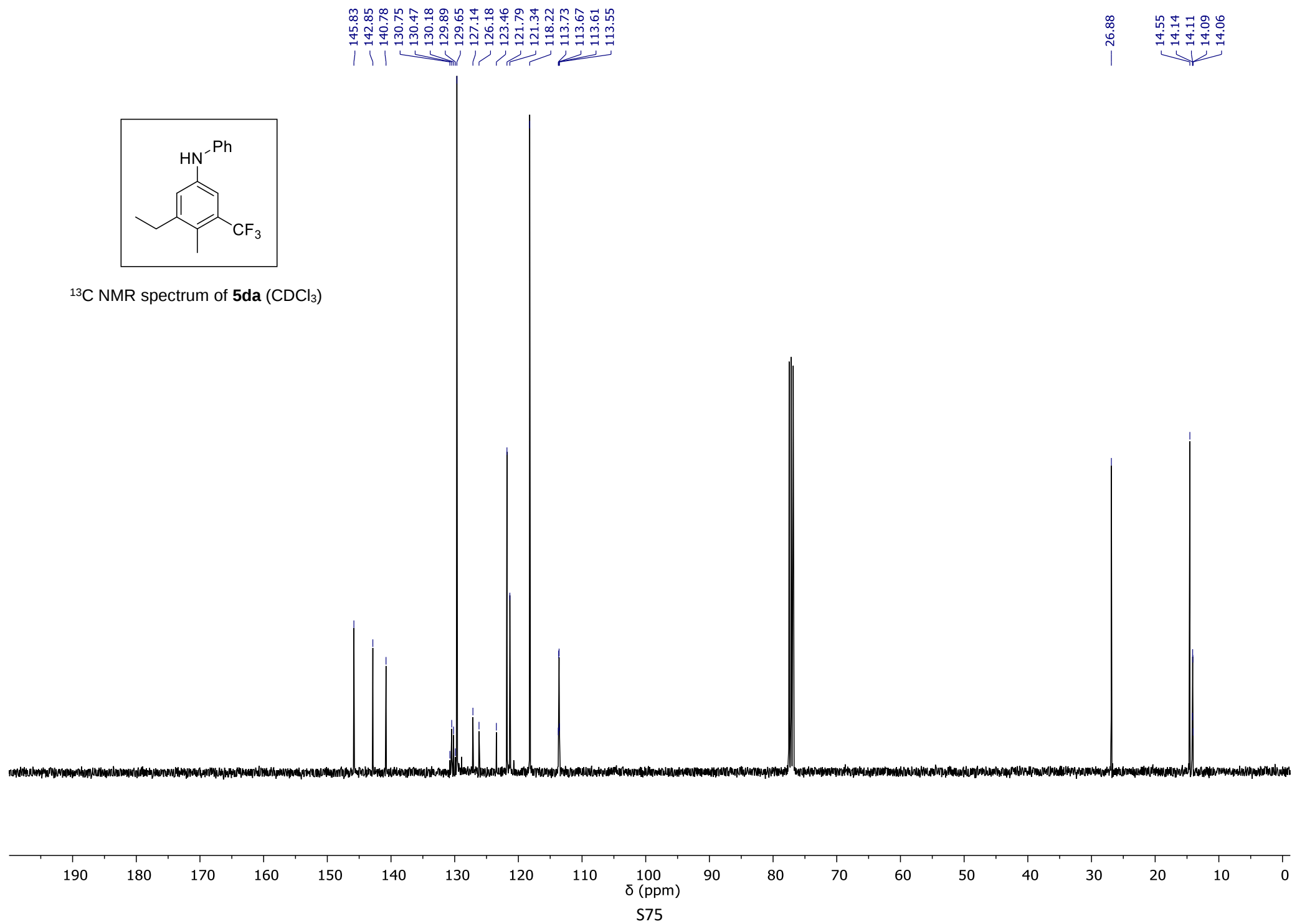


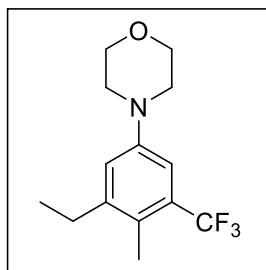
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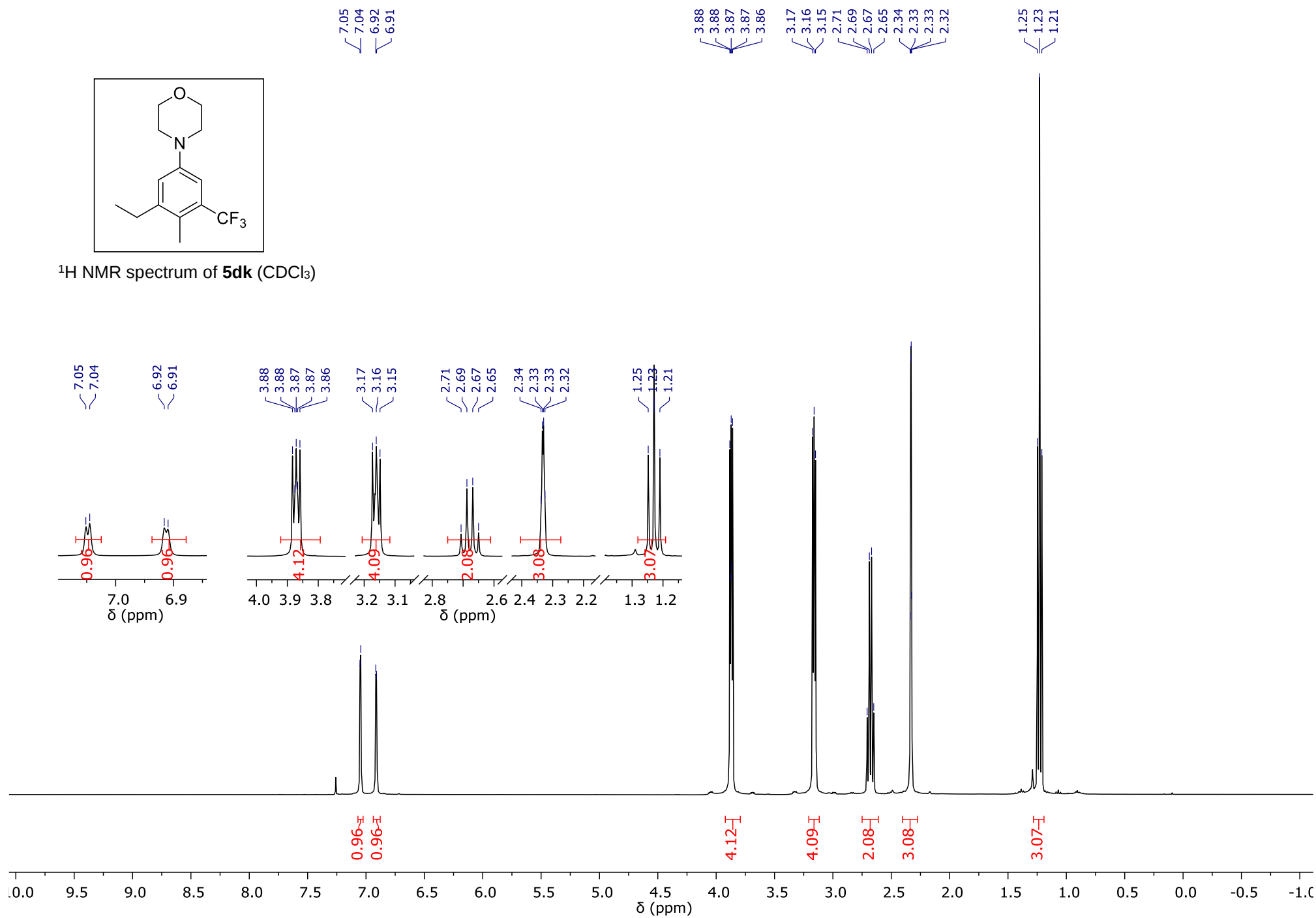


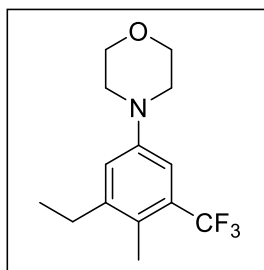
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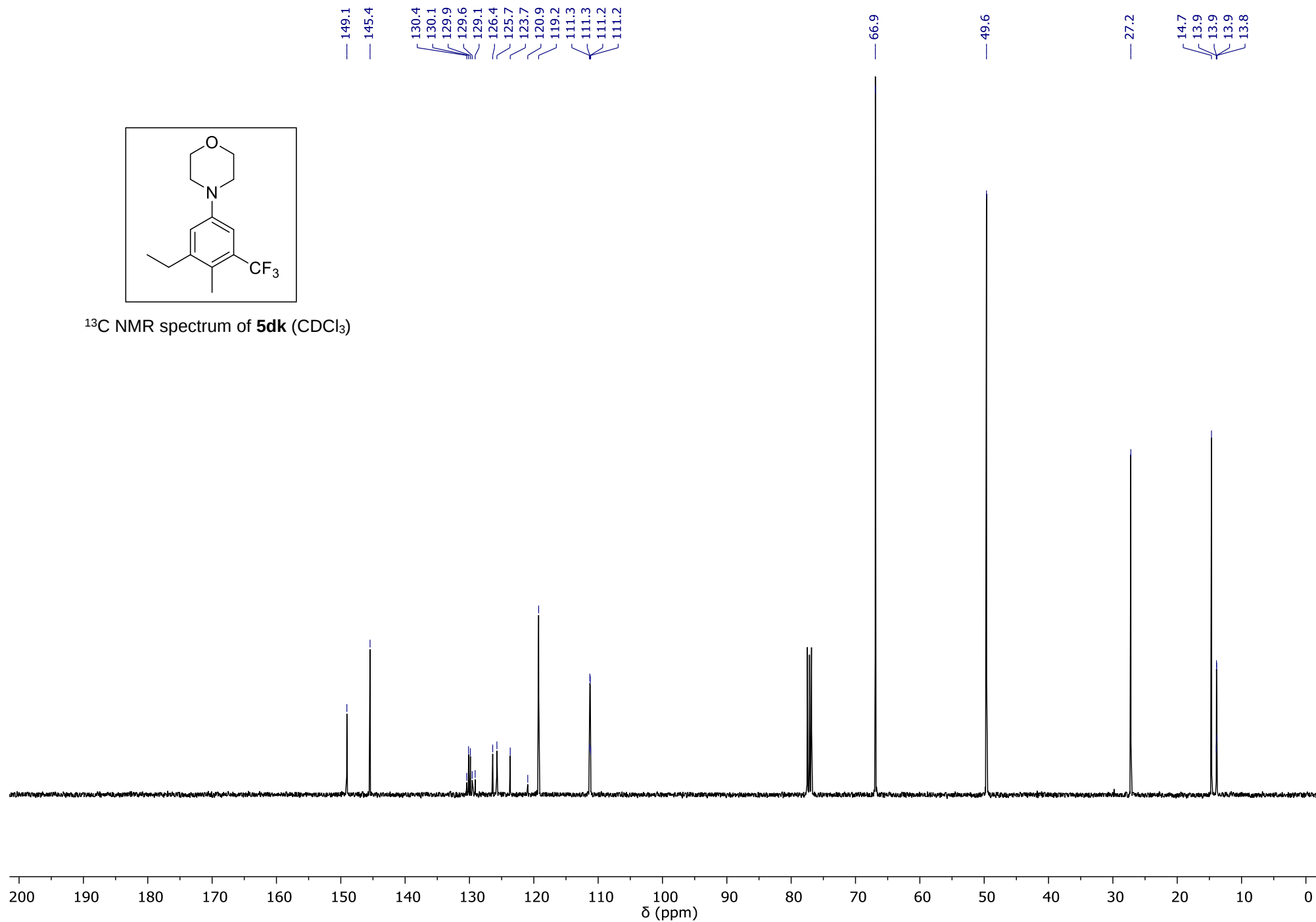


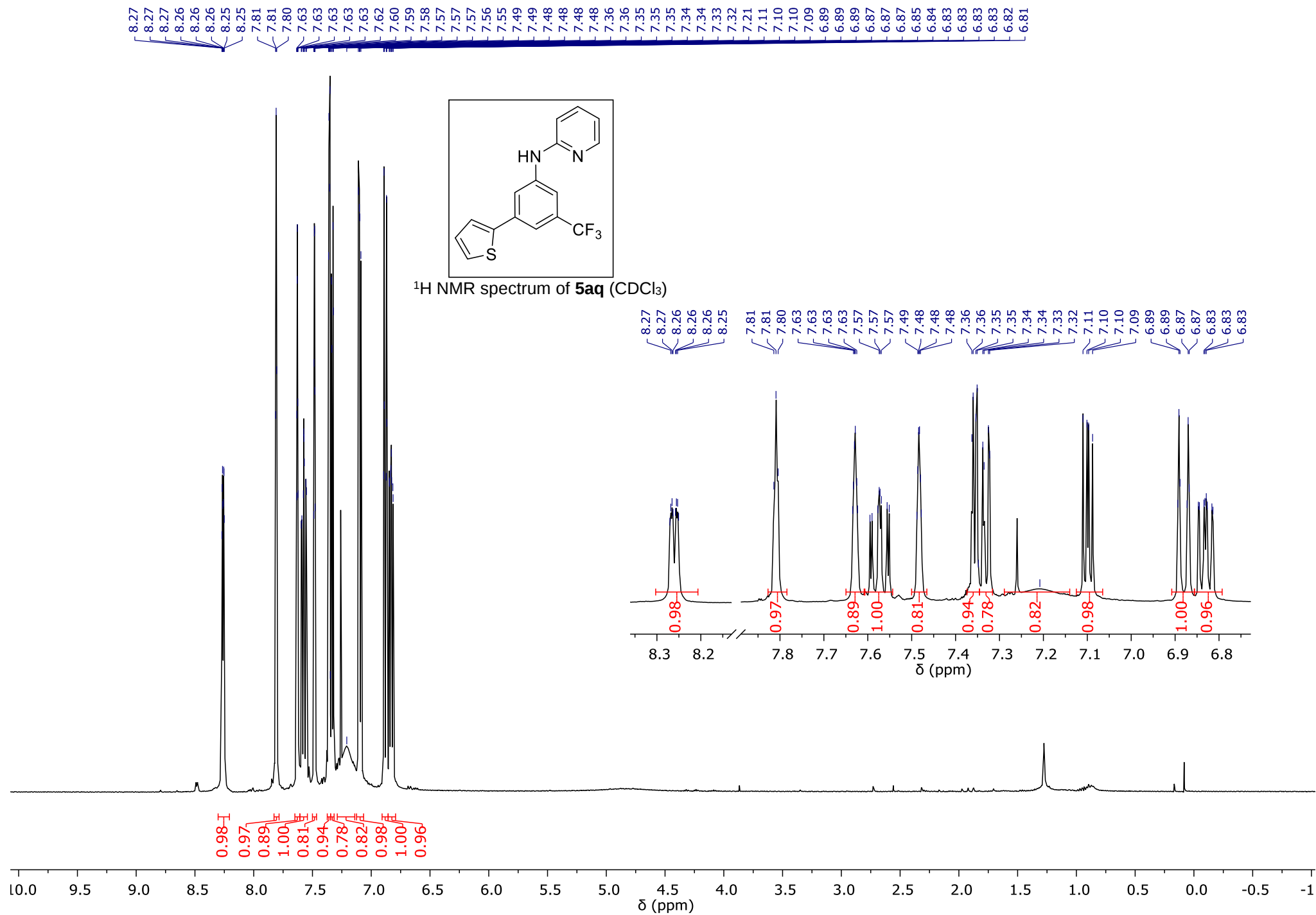
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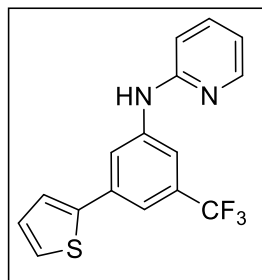




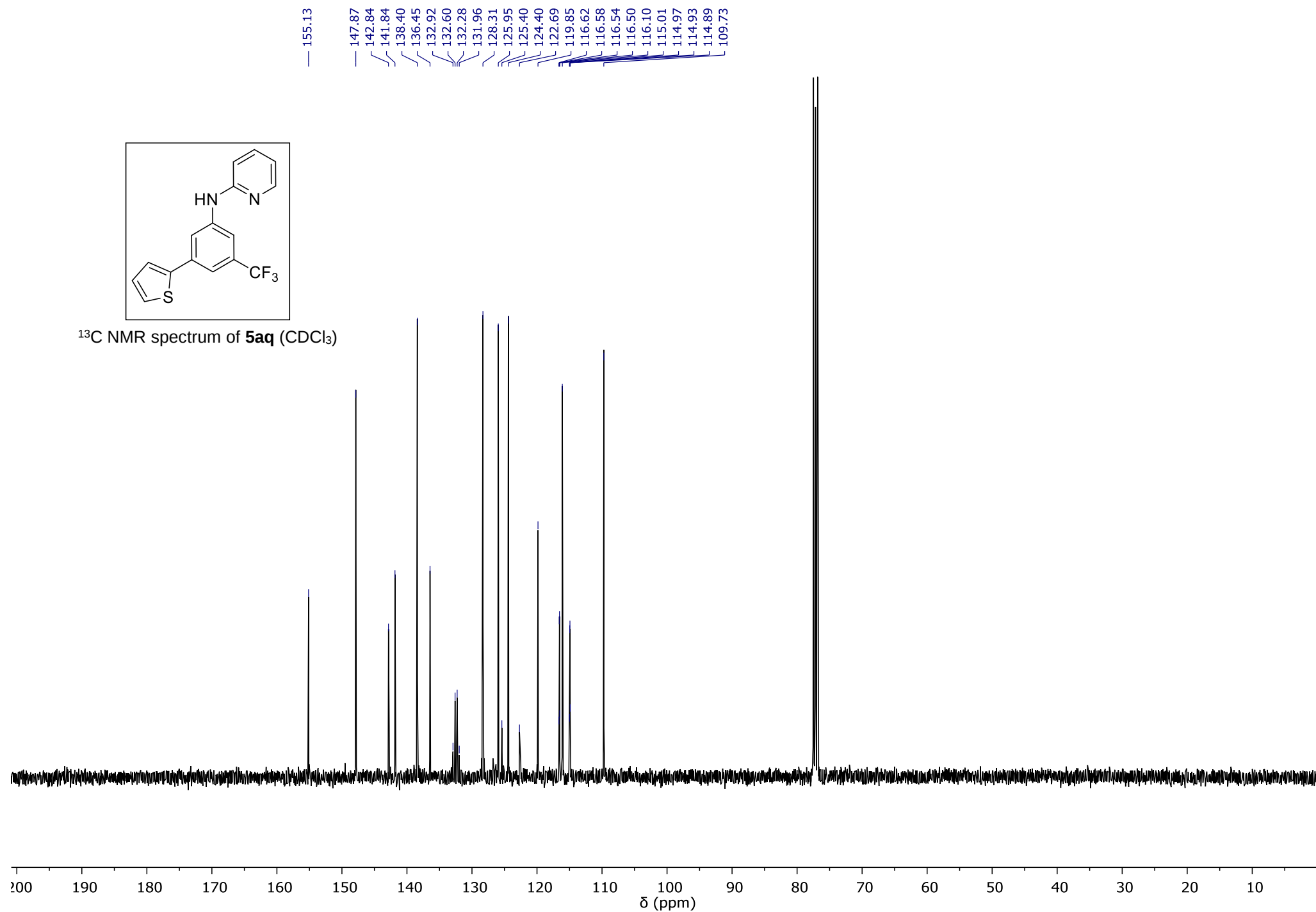
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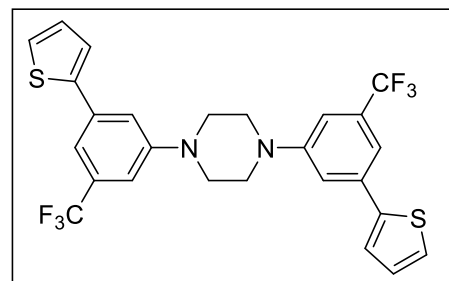




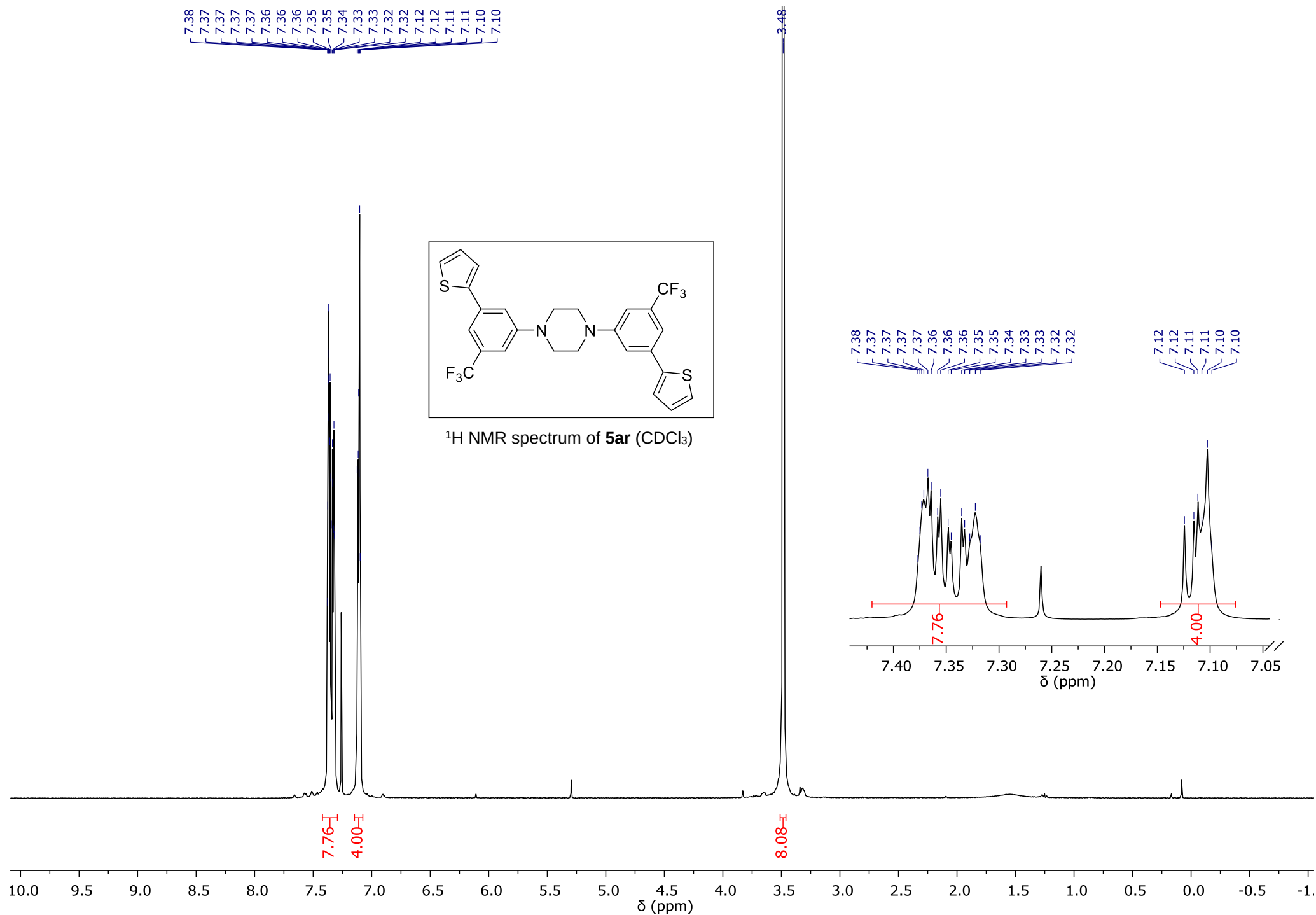


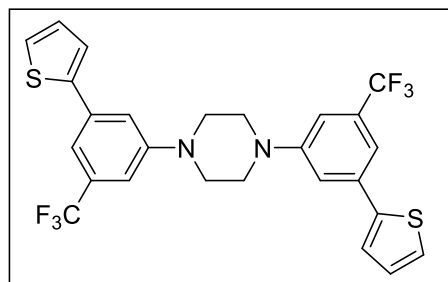
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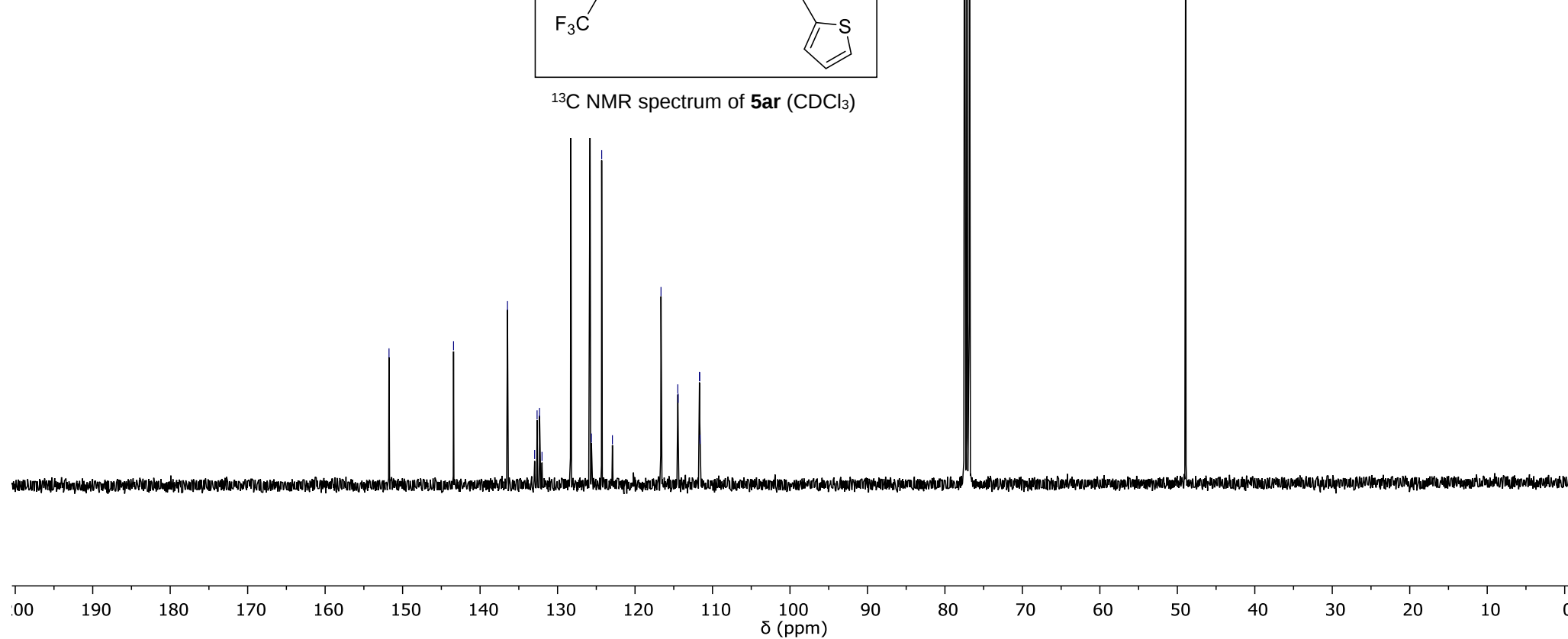


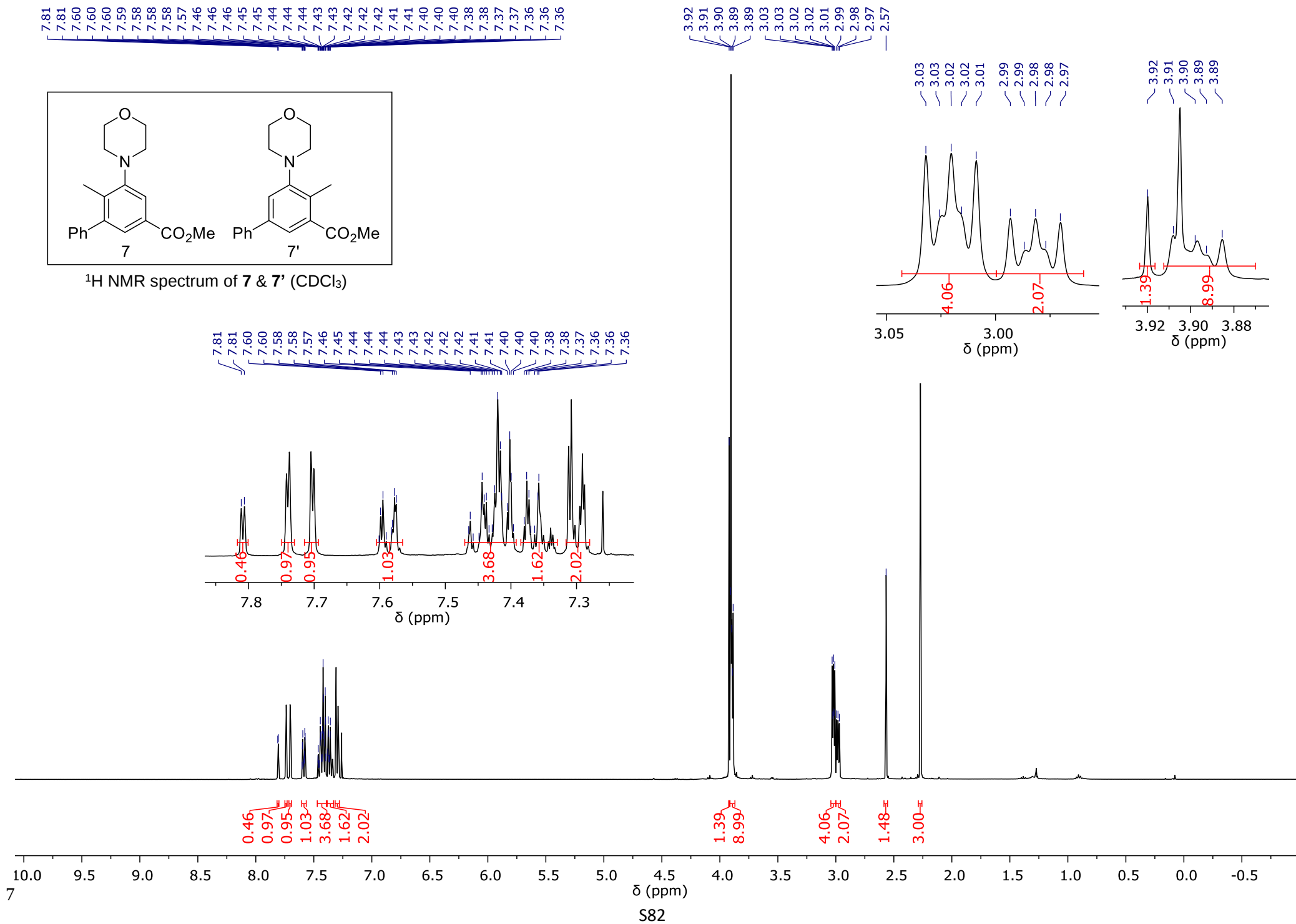
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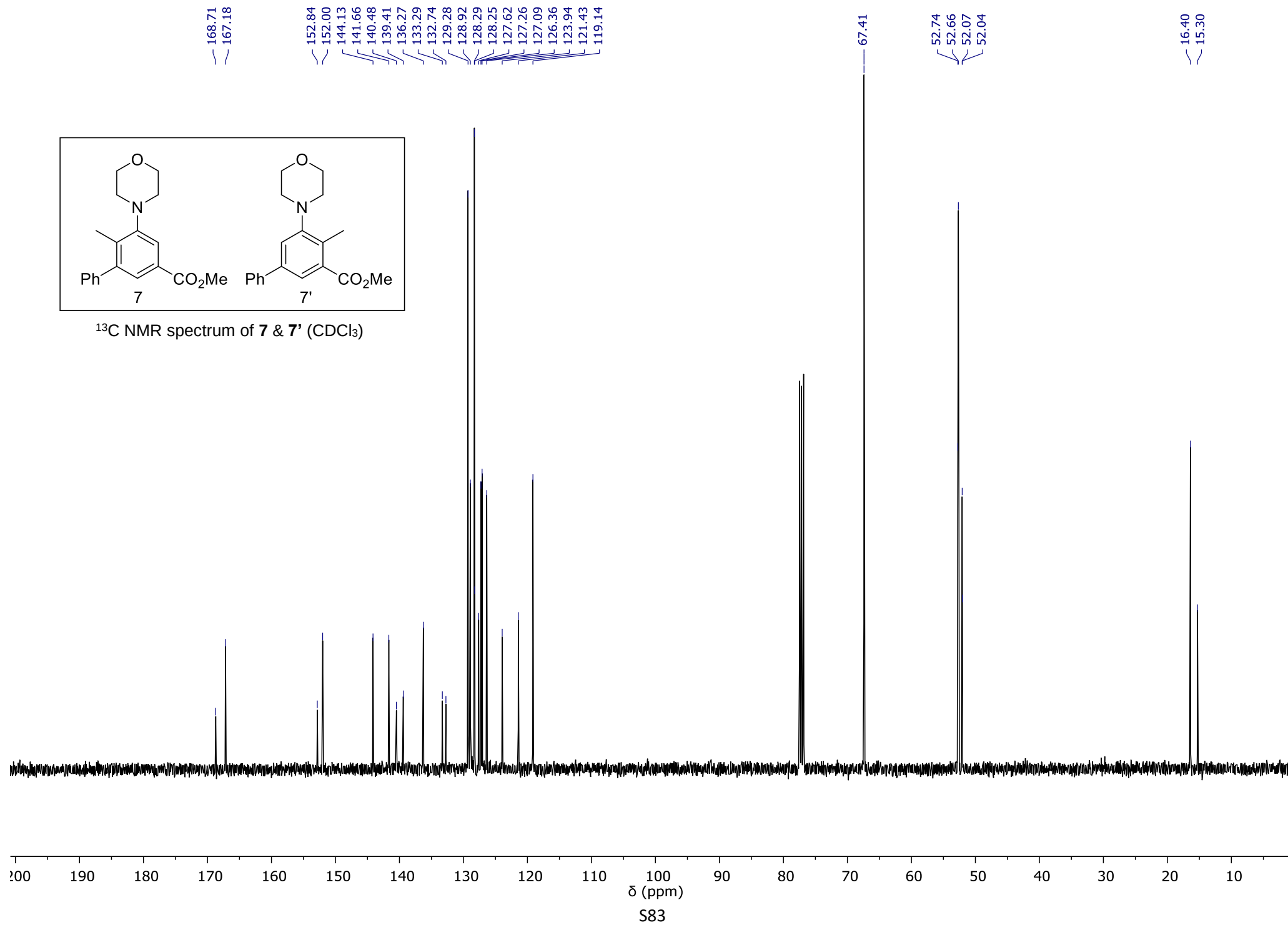


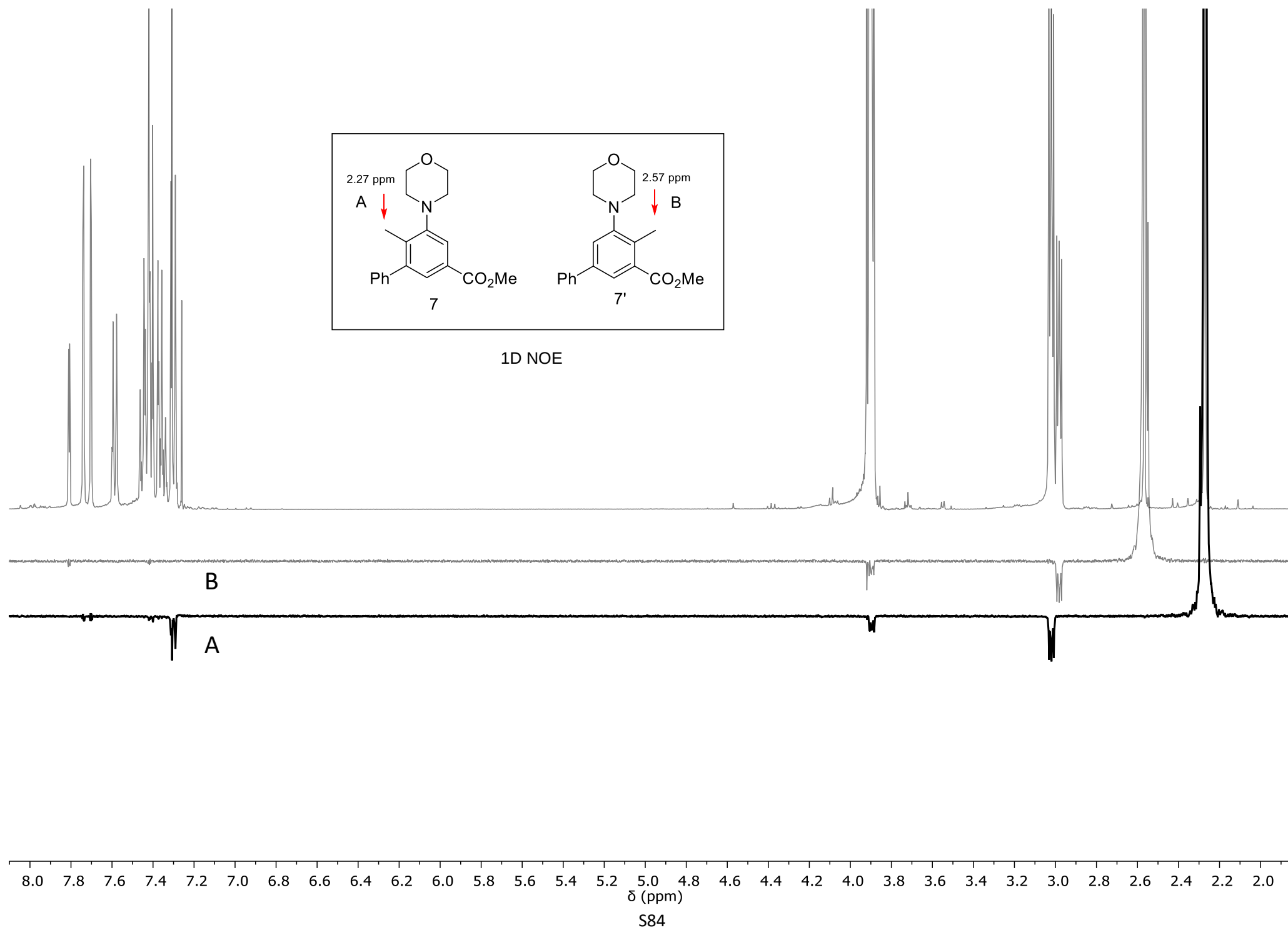


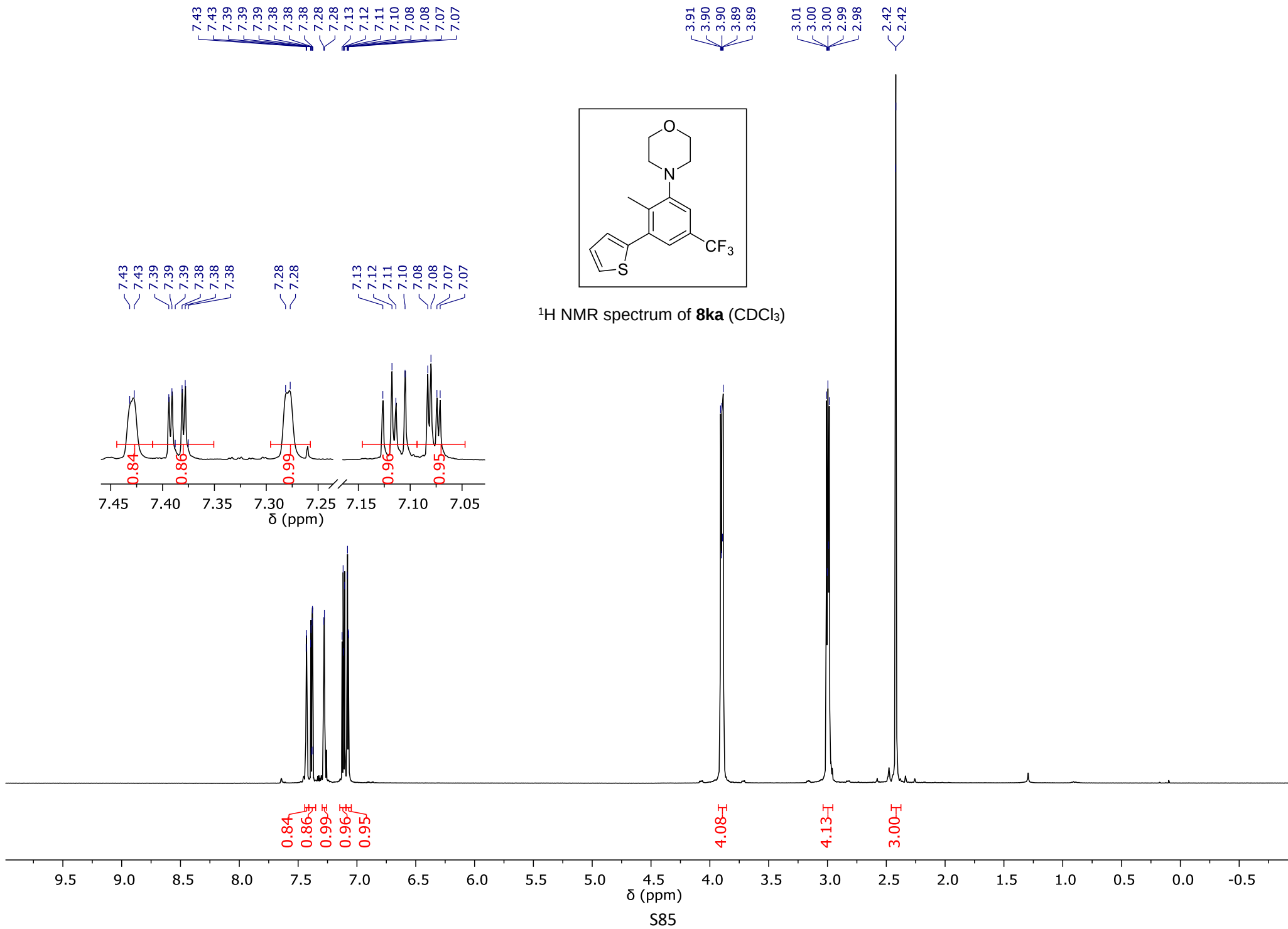
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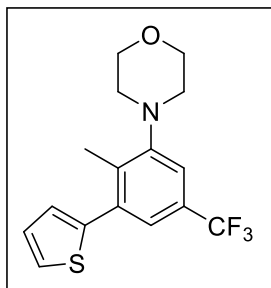




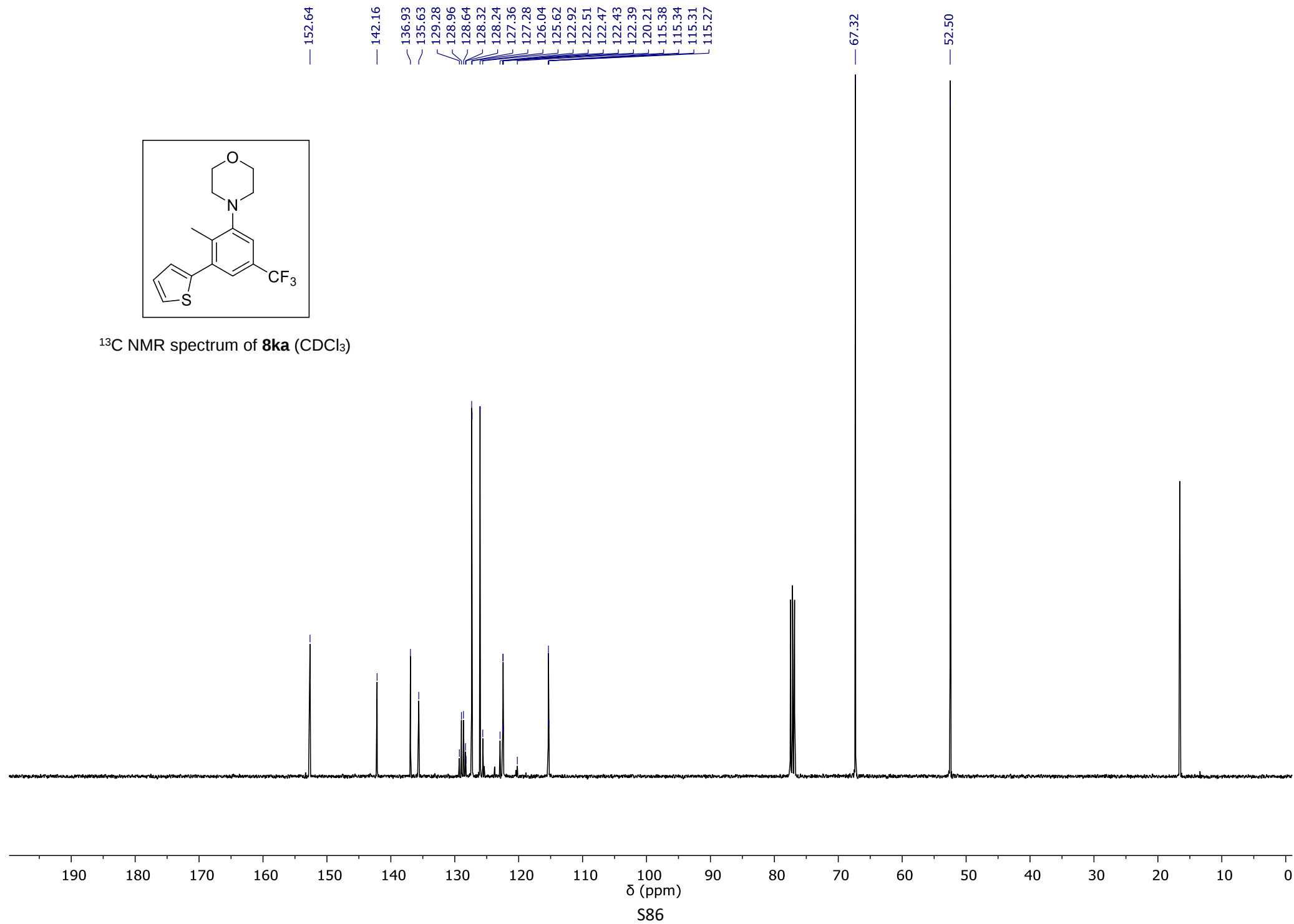


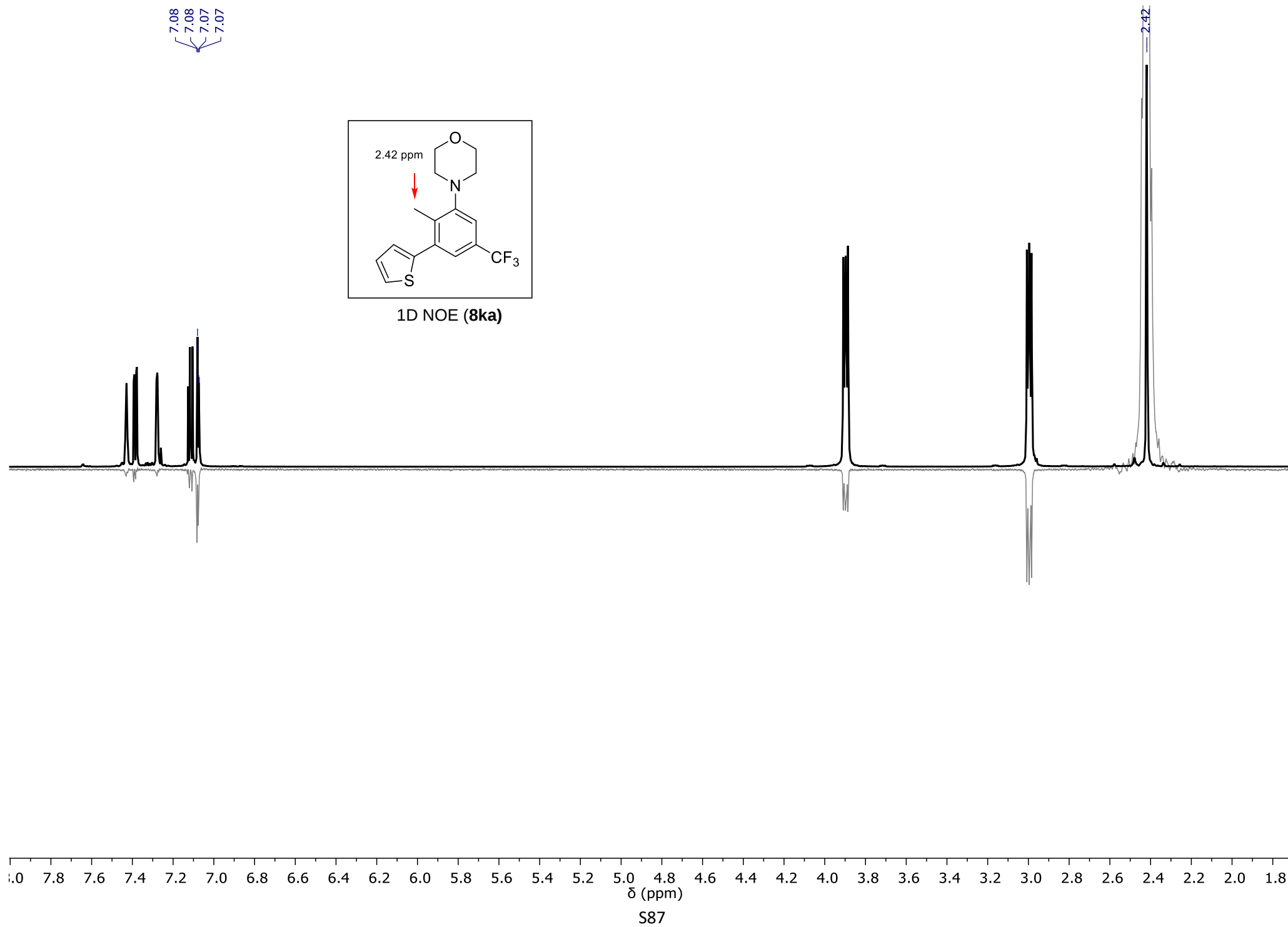


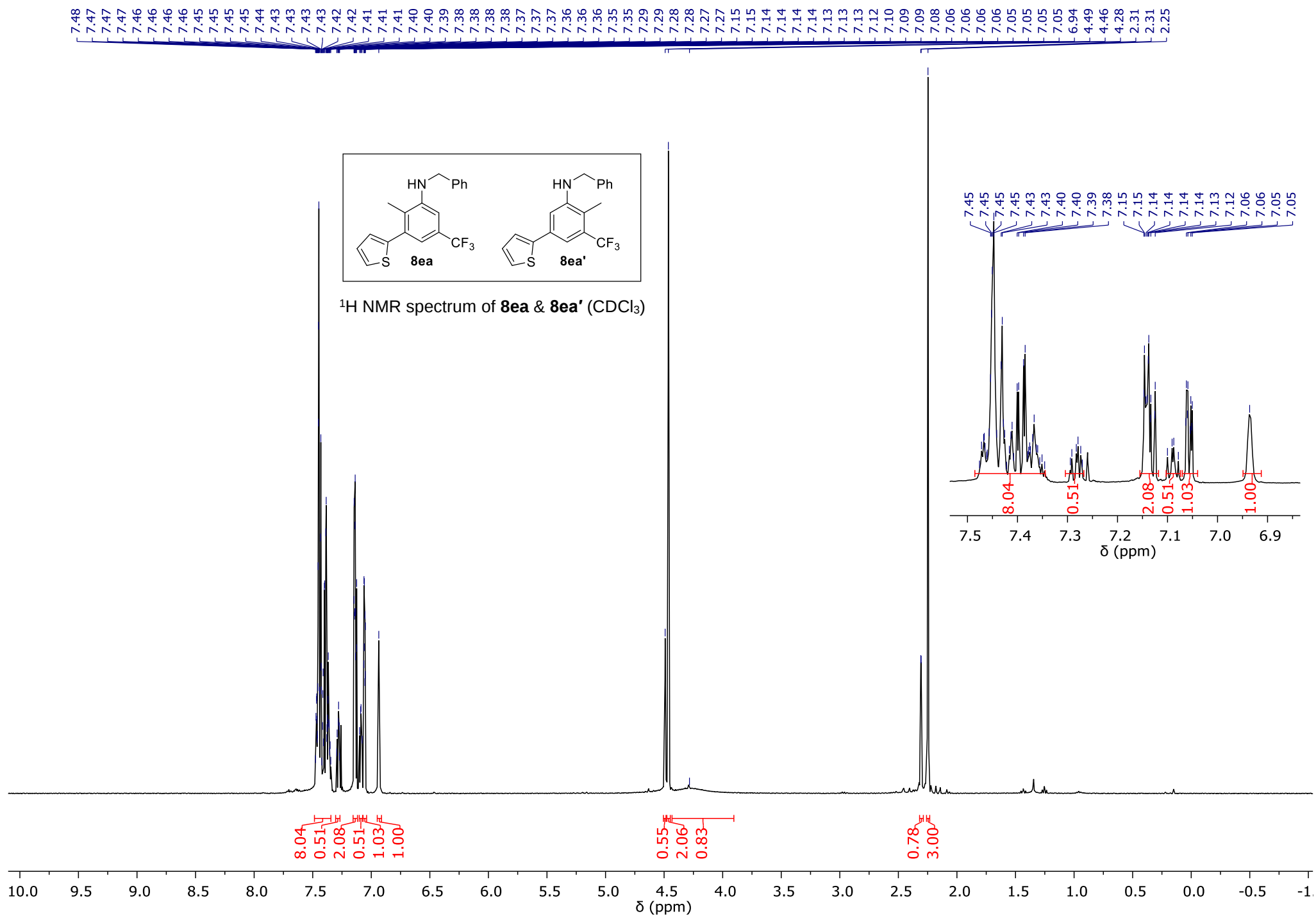


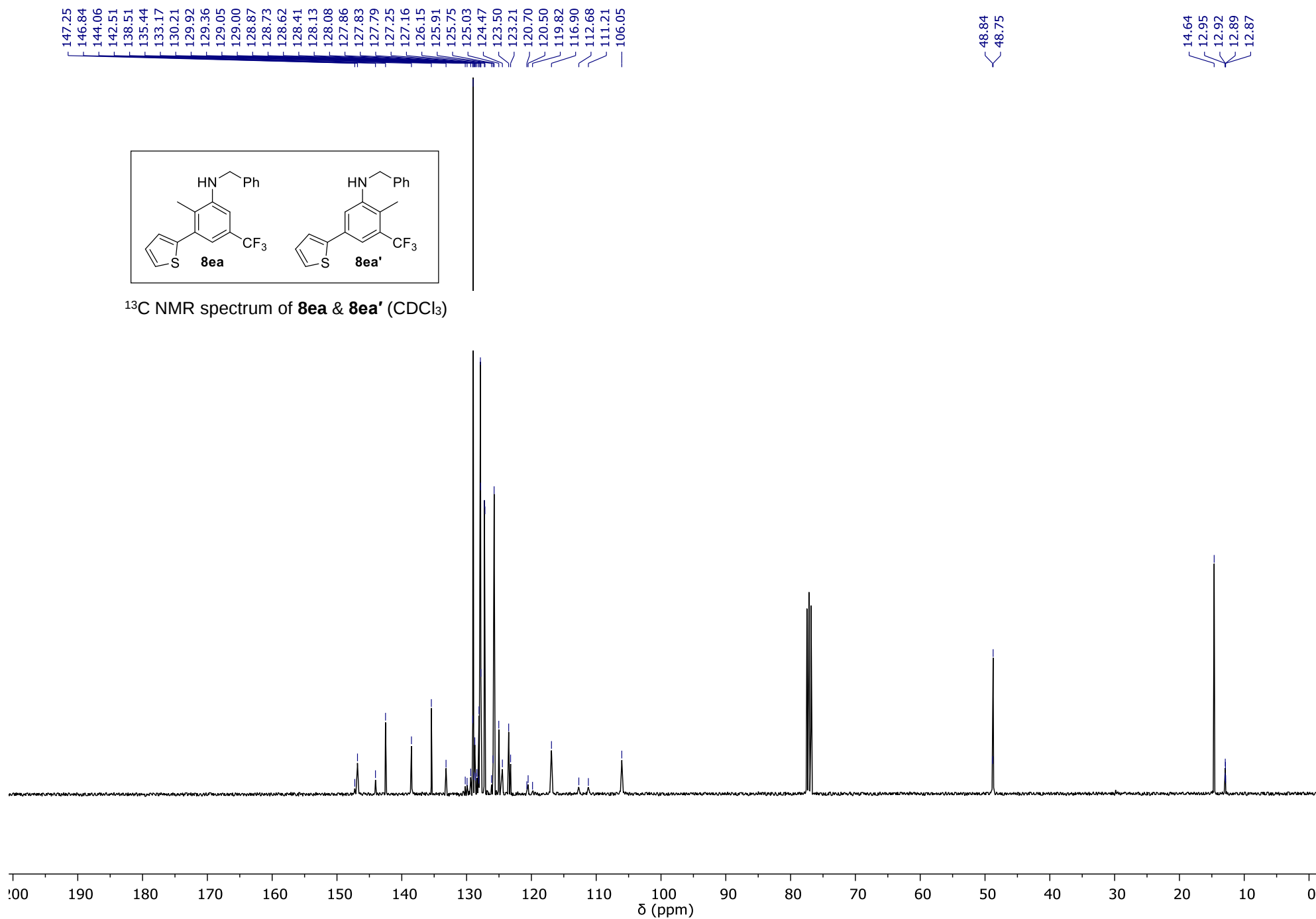


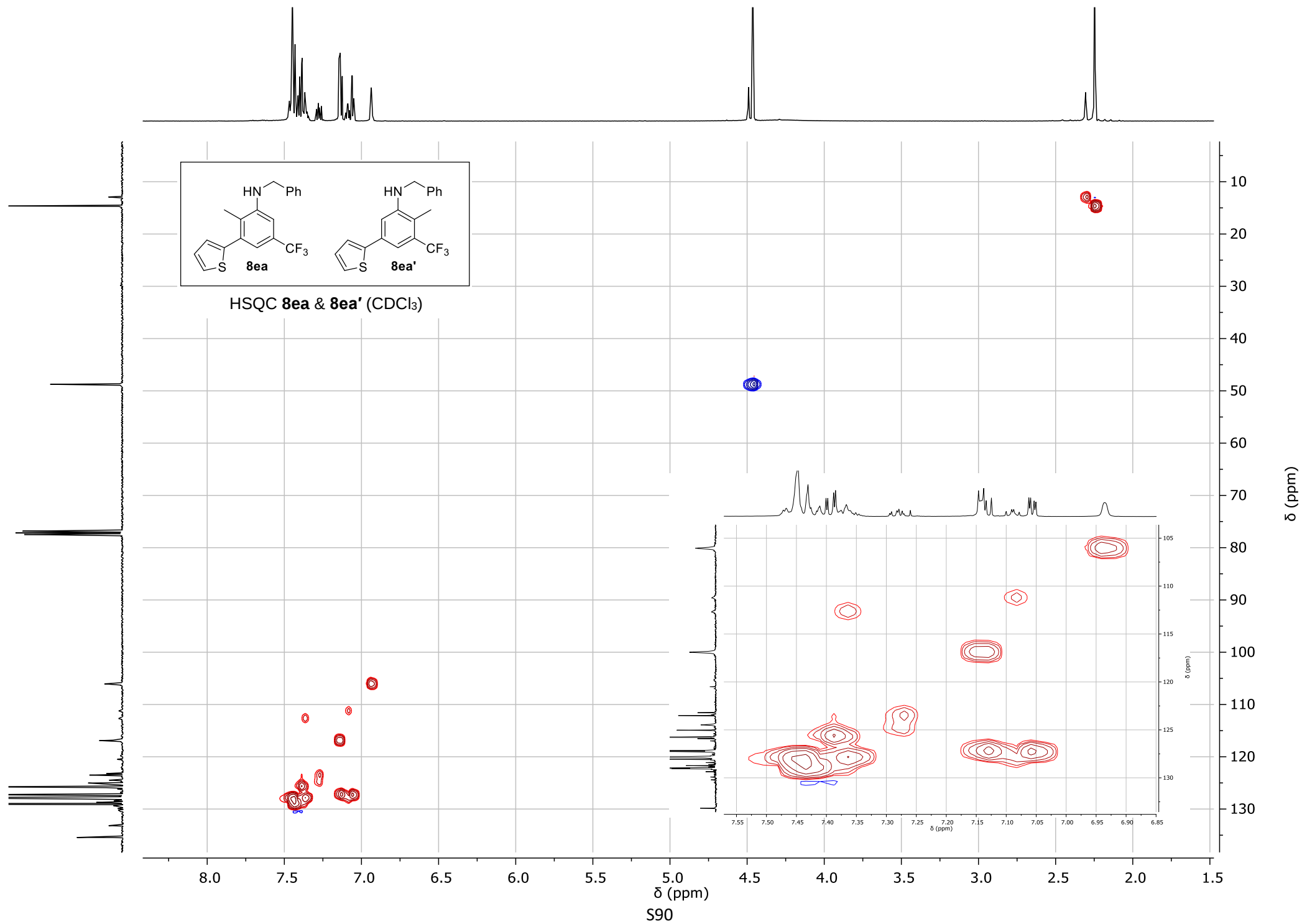
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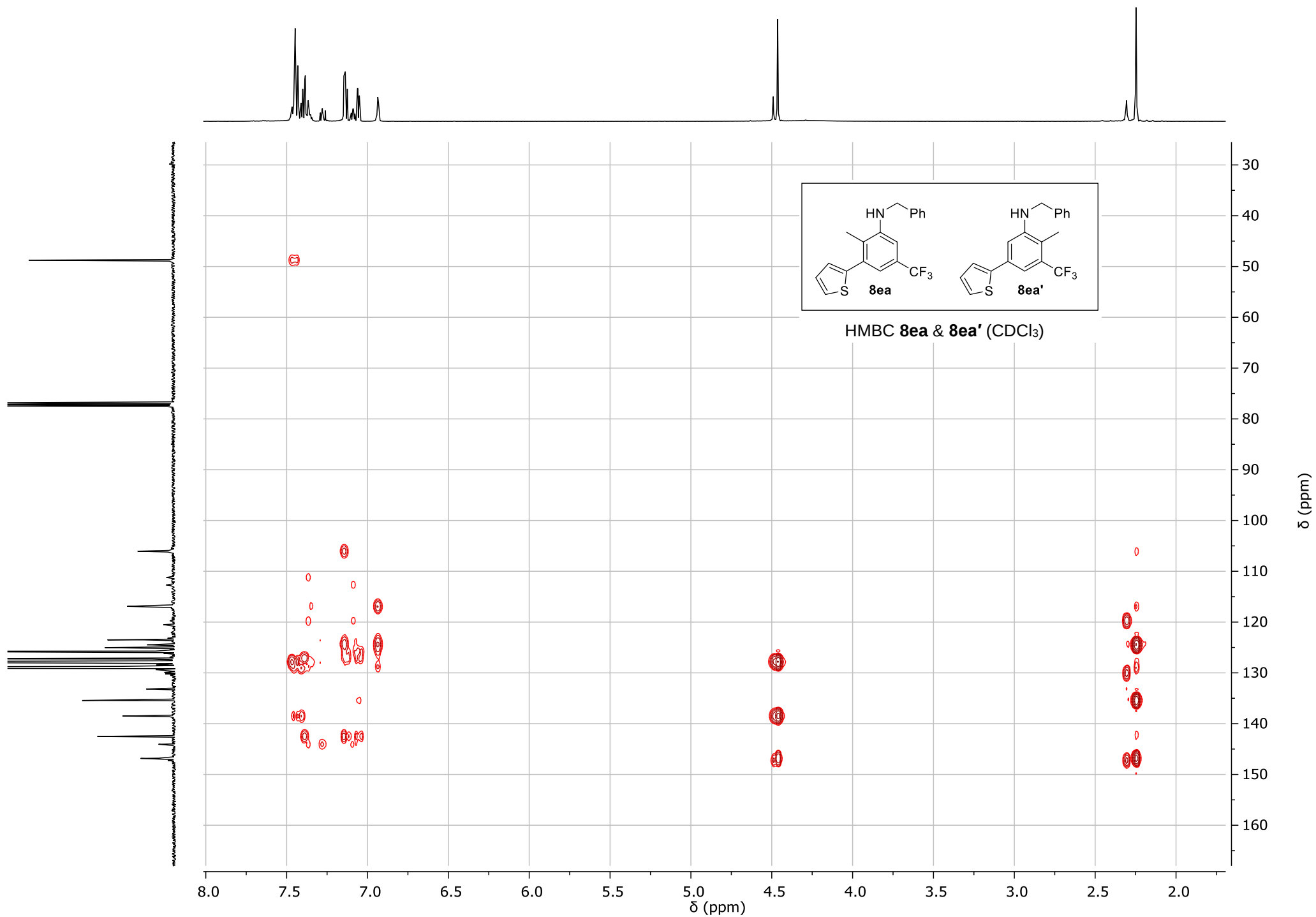


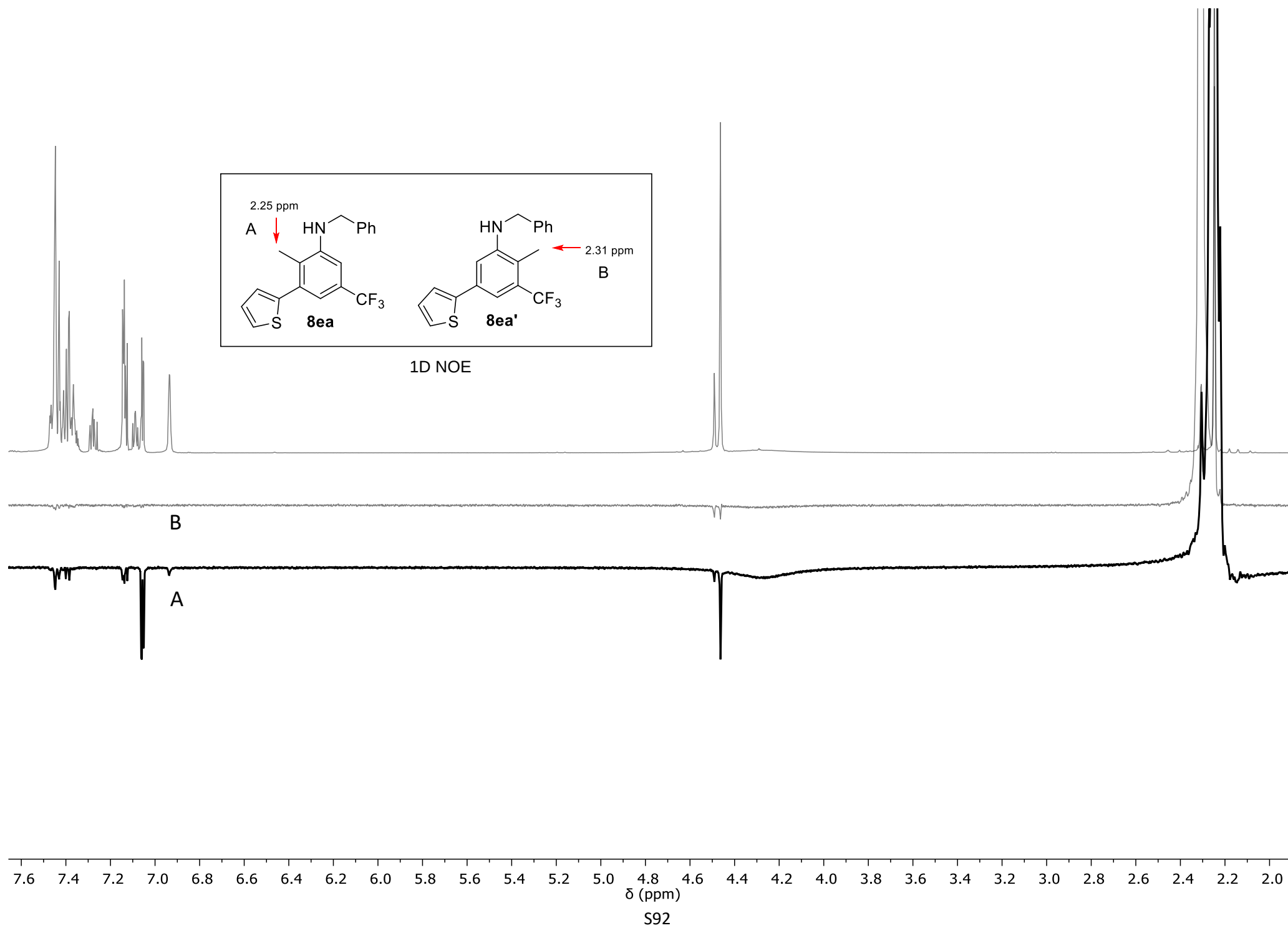


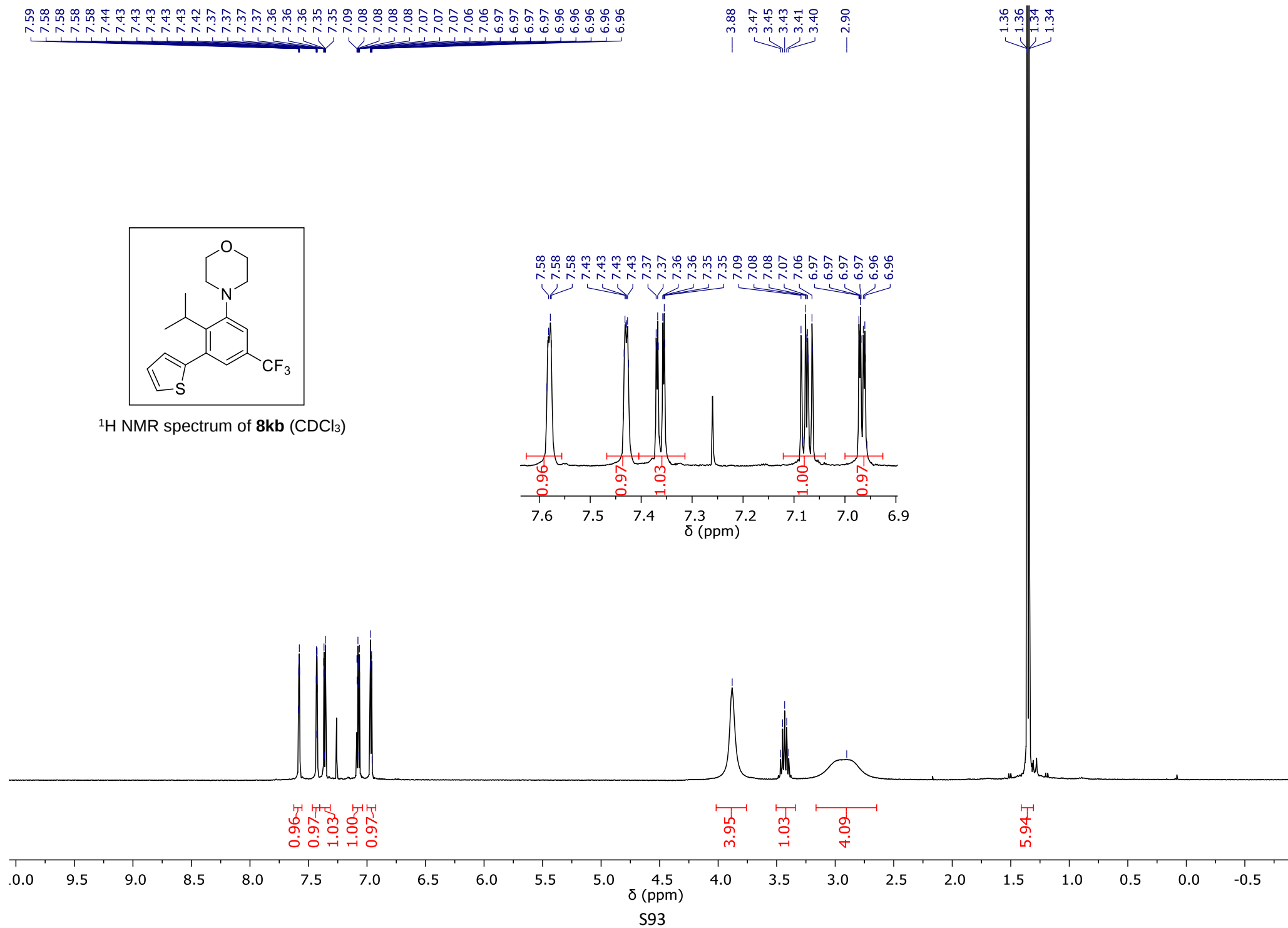
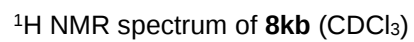


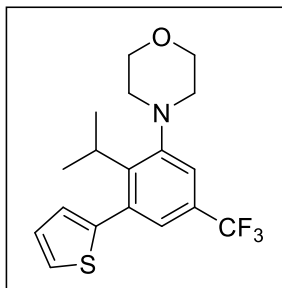




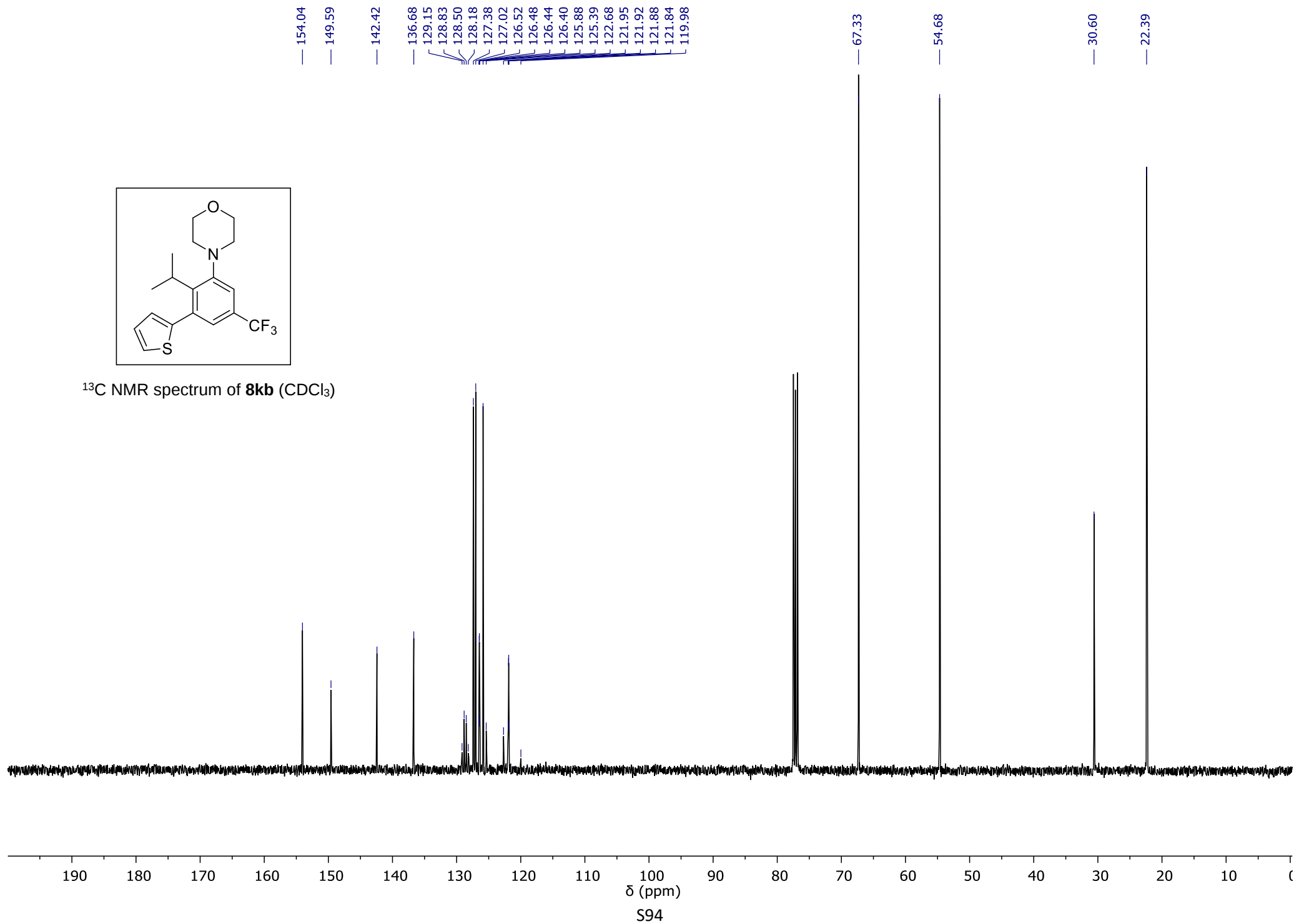


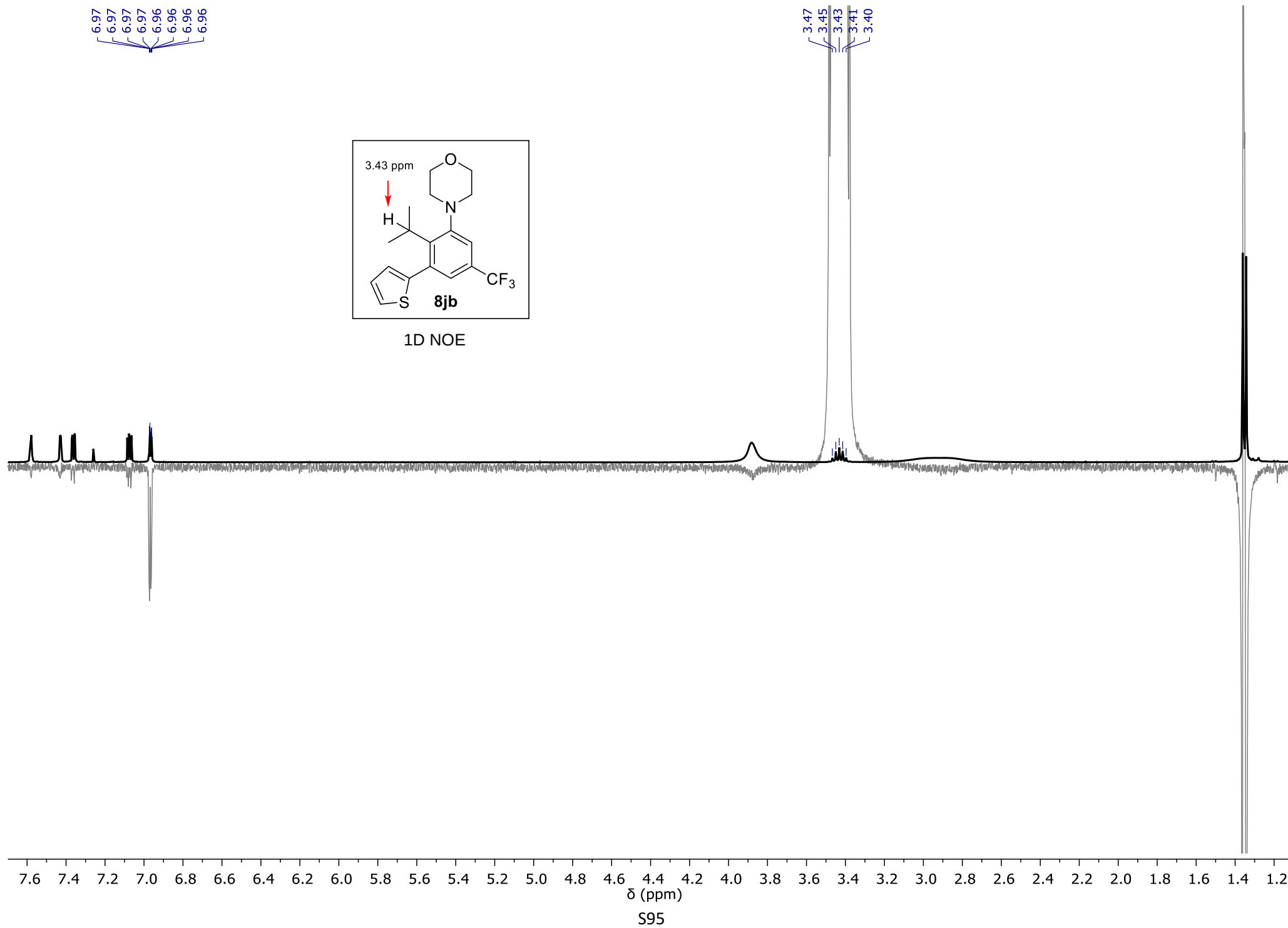


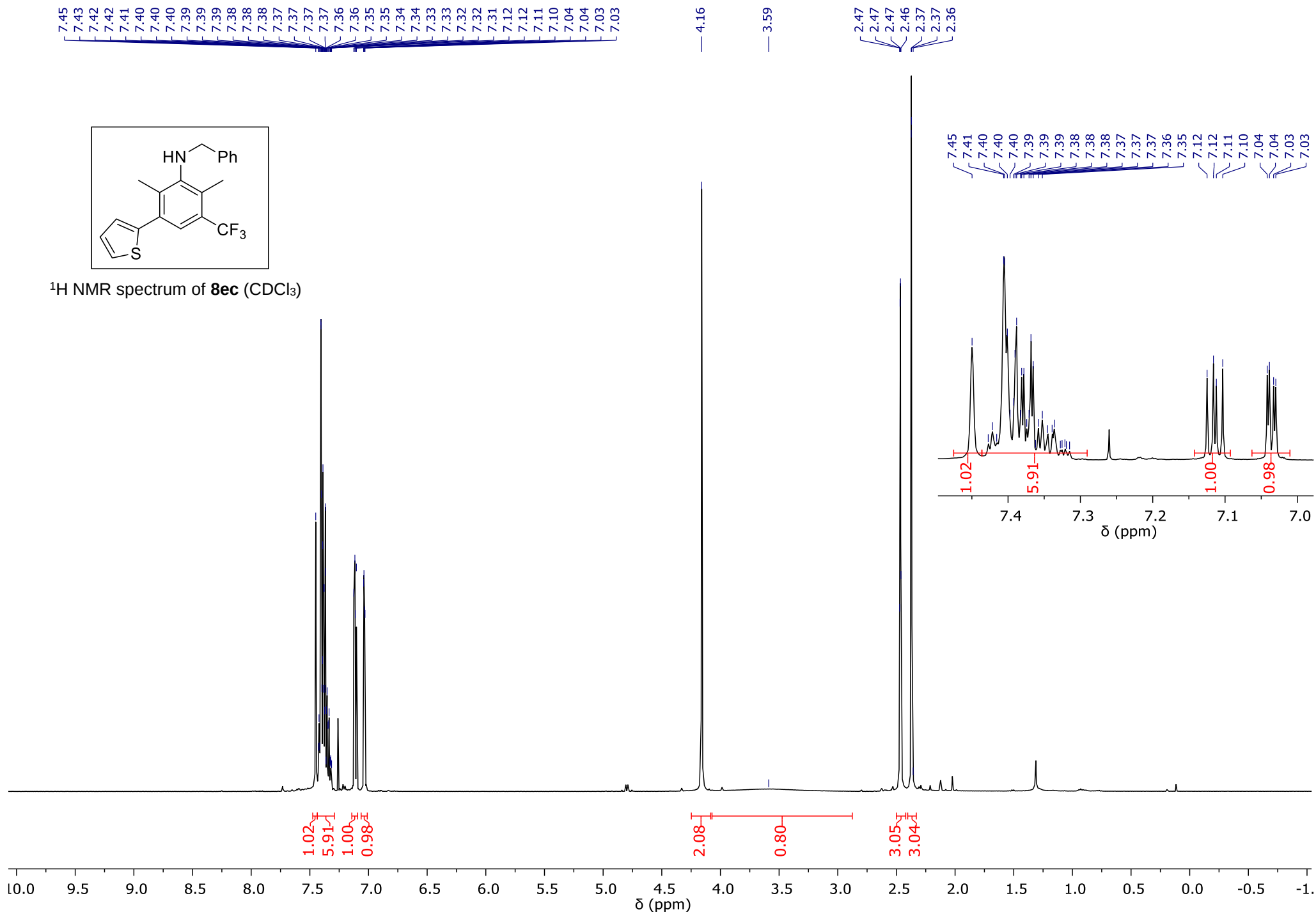


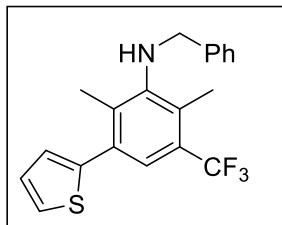


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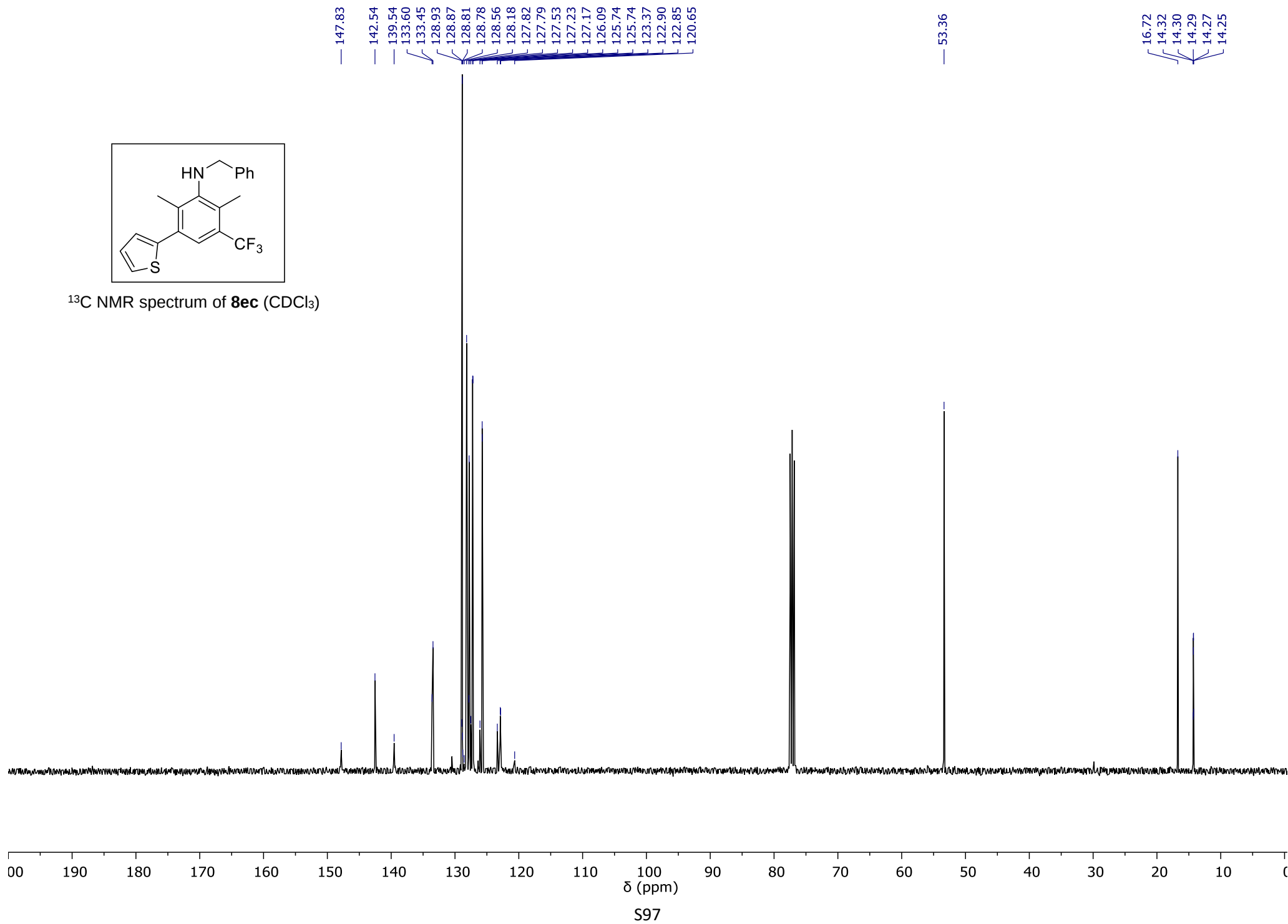


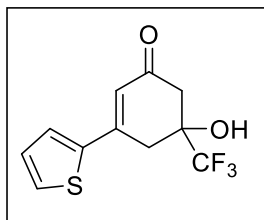




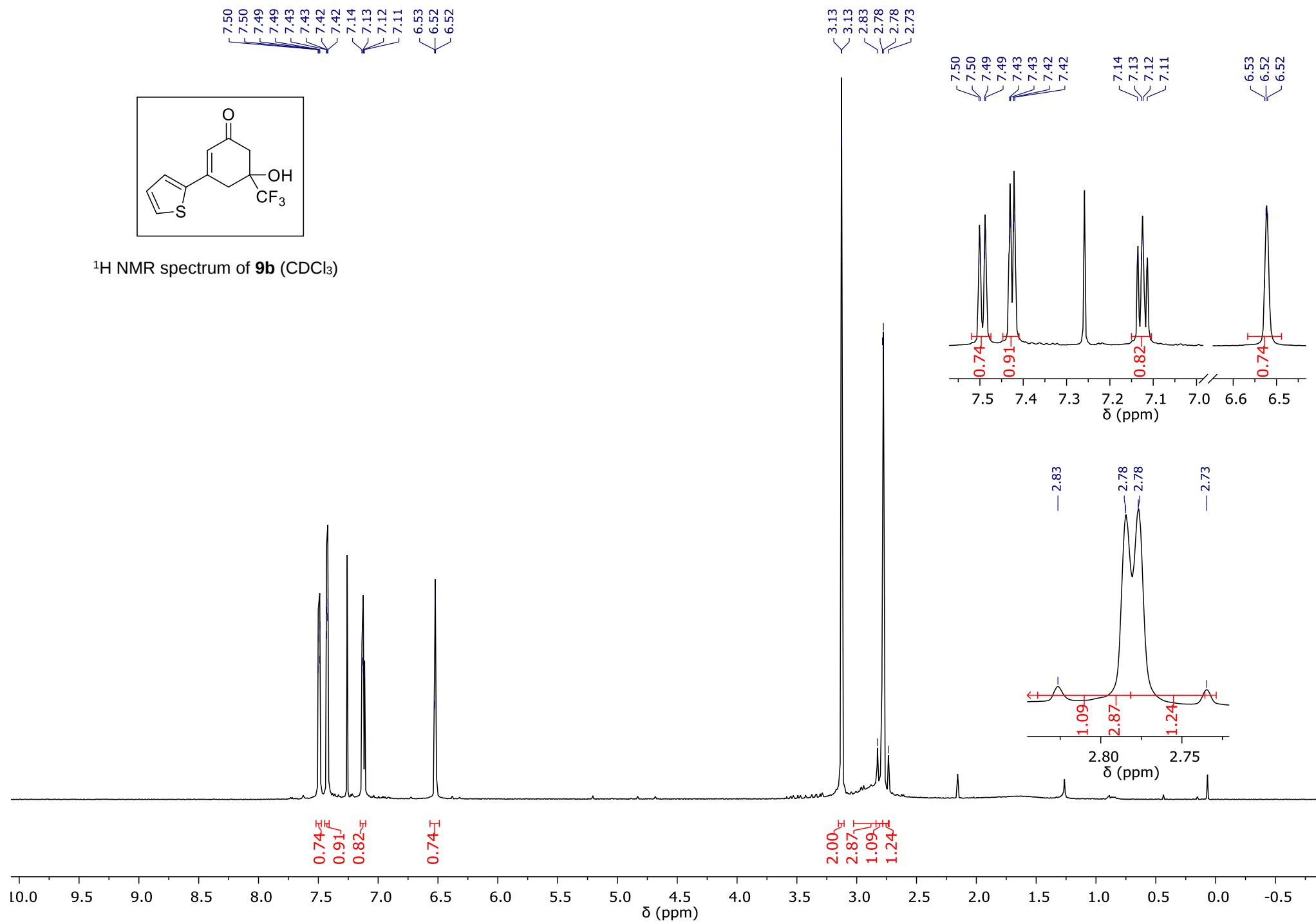


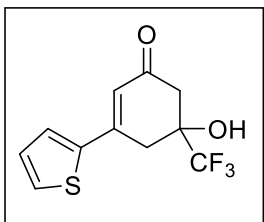
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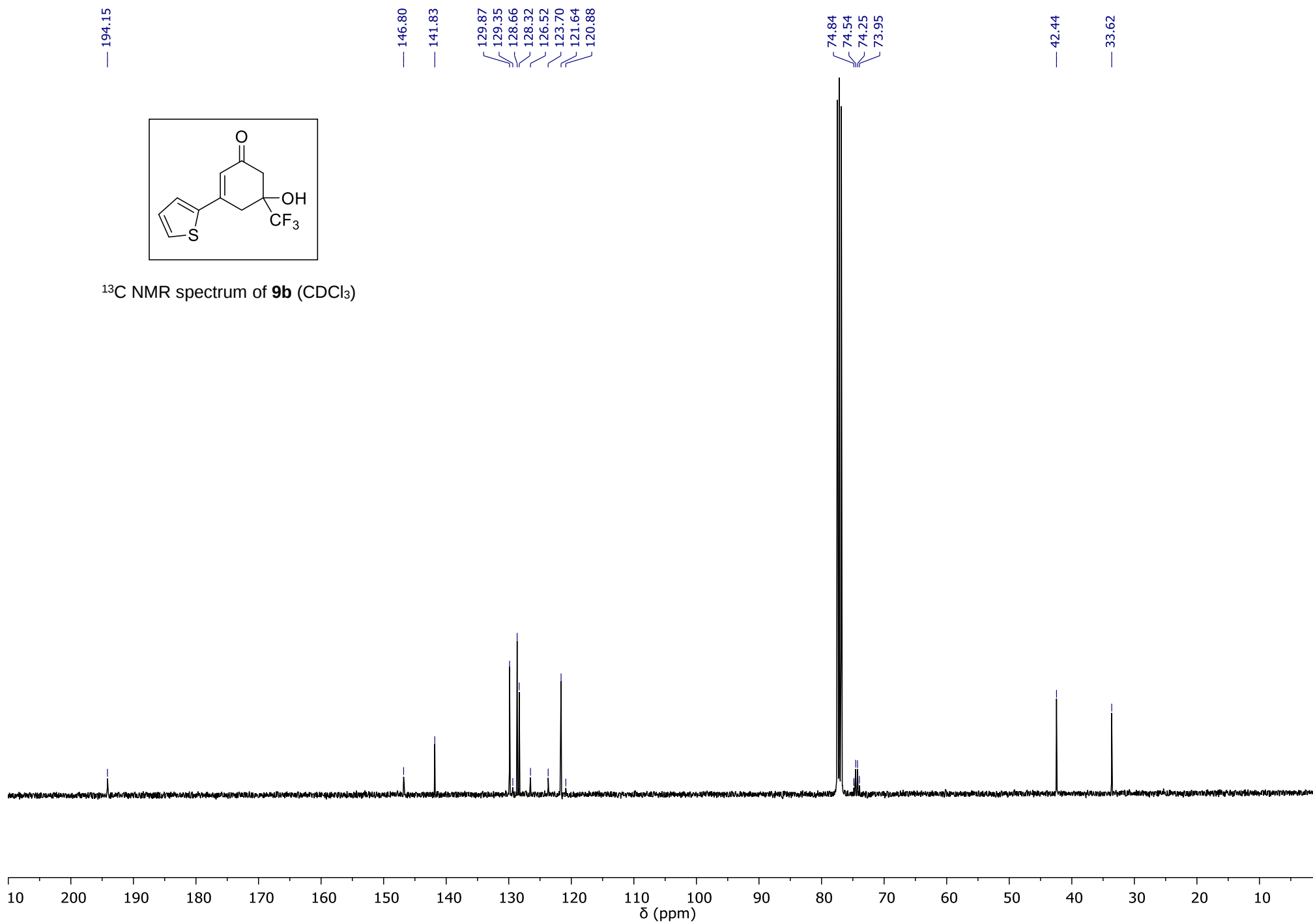


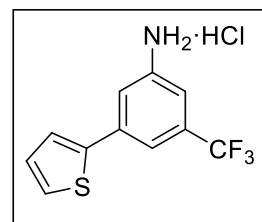
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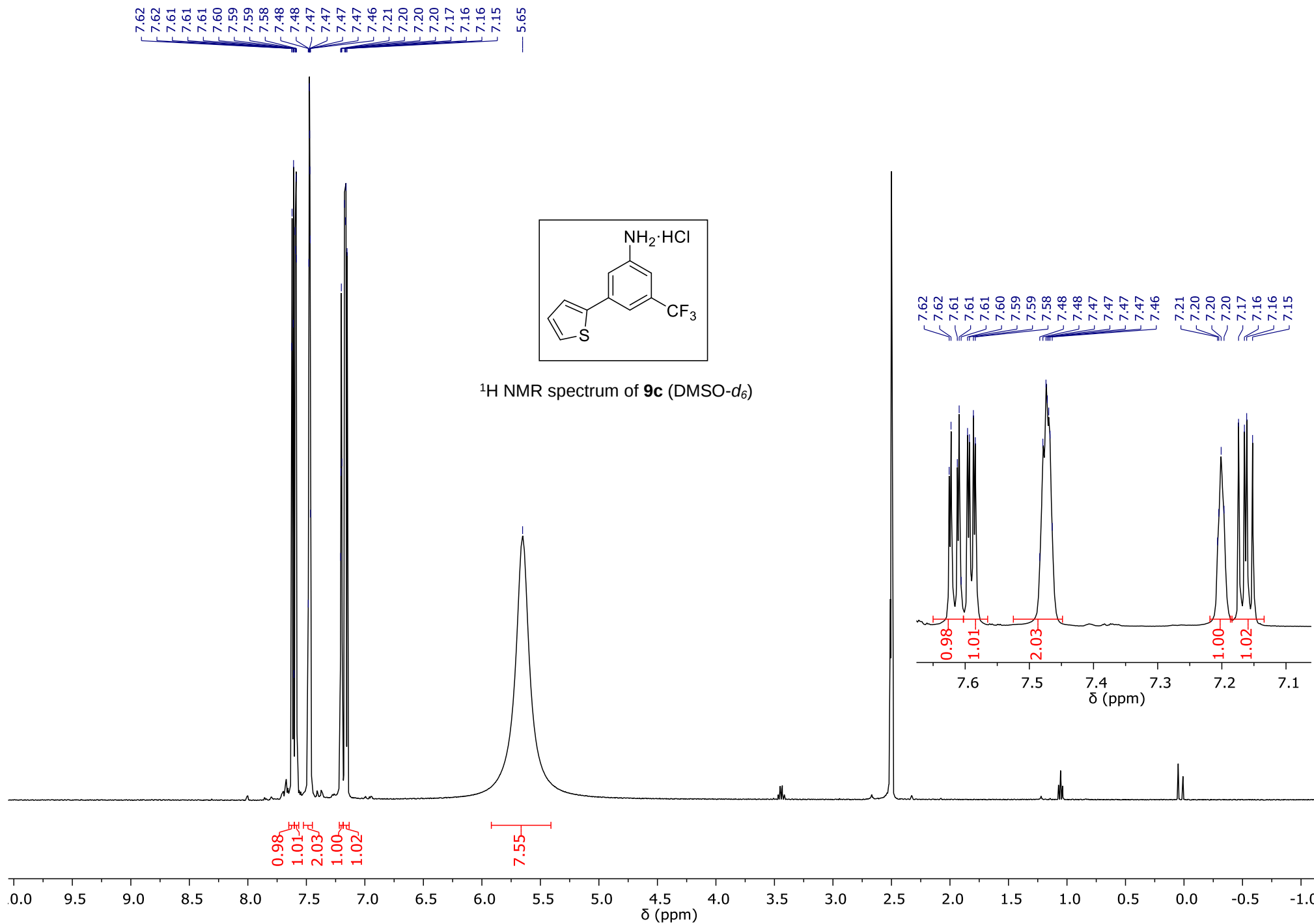


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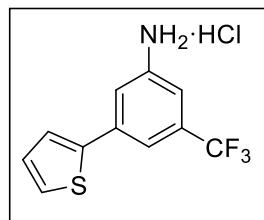




$^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of **9c** (DMSO- $d_6$ )



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131.29  
130.98  
130.66  
130.34  
128.64  
126.92  
125.15  
125.10  
122.39  
118.83  
114.70  
113.64



$^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum of **9c** (DMSO- $d_6$ )

