

Supporting Information

Sulfur-directed palladium-catalyzed C(sp³)-H α -arylation of 3-pyrrolines: easy access to diverse polysubstituted pyrrolidines

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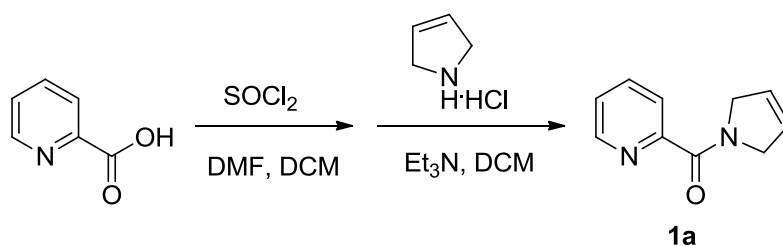
NMR Spectra

1 General Information

^1H and ^{13}C NMR spectra were recorded in CDCl_3 or $\text{DMSO-}d_6$ at room temperature on the Varian INOVA-400 spectrometer (400 MHz) or Bruker spectrometer (400 MHz ^1H). The chemical-shifts scale is based on internal TMS. The peak patterns are indicated as follows: s, singlet; d, doublet; t, triplet; q, quartet; m, multiplet. The coupling constants (J) are reported in Hertz (Hz). Mass spectroscopy data were collected on an HRMS-EI instrument.

Unless otherwise noted, all reagents were obtained from commercial suppliers and used without further purification. $\text{Pd}(\text{TFA})_2$ was purchased from Bide Pharmatech Ltd. All solvents were purified and dried according to standard methods prior to use. Products were purified by flash column chromatography on 200-300 mesh silica gel.

2 Synthesis of the (Thio)amide Substrates



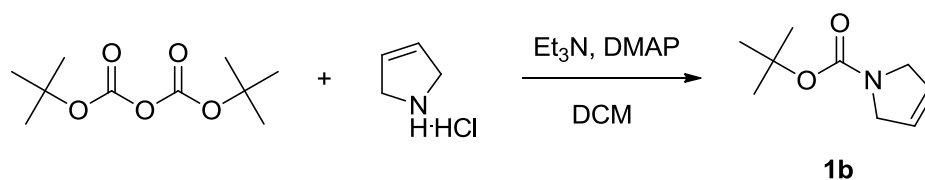
(2,5-Dihydro-1H-pyrrol-1-yl)(pyridin-2-yl)methanone (1a). To a solution of 2-picolinic acid (86.2 mg, 0.70 mmol) in anhydrous DCM were added thionyl chloride (0.20 mL) and two drops of DMF. The mixture was stirred at 40 °C for 4 h. The excess thionyl chloride was removed under reduced pressure to obtain the crude 2-pyridinecarbonyl chloride.

To a 25 mL round bottom flask charged with a magnetic stir bar were added 3-pyrroline hydrochloride (52.8 mg, 0.50 mmol), anhydrous DCM (3.0 mL), and Et_3N (0.27 mL). The resulting mixture was stirred at 30 °C for 30 minutes, and then cooled to 0 °C. A solution of the 2-pyridinecarbonyl chloride prepared-above in anhydrous DCM (2.0 mL) was added dropwise. After the addition, the reaction was stirred overnight at room temperature. Upon completion, the mixture was diluted with DCM (15 mL), and washed with 1 M HCl and brine successively. The organic phase was separated, dried over anhydrous Na_2SO_4 , and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 4:1) to afford the desired product **1a** as yellow oil (70.1 mg, 80% yield).

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.57 (t, $J = 4.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.90 (dd, $J_1 = 8.0$ Hz, $J_2 = 2.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.80-7.75 (m, 1H), 7.35-7.31 (m, 1H), 5.87-5.84 (m, 1H), 5.80-5.78 (m, 1H), 4.63-4.61 (m, 2H), 4.47-4.45 (m, 2H) ppm.

^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 165.9, 153.7, 147.9, 136.8, 126.1, 124.8, 124.7, 124.0, 55.7, 54.3 ppm.

HRMS (CI+) calculated for $\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_{10}\text{N}_2\text{NaO}$ [$\text{M} + \text{Na}^+$]: 197.0691, found: 197.0689.

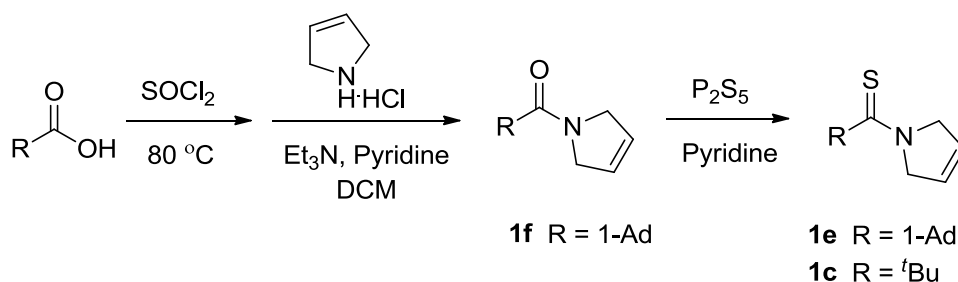


tert-Butyl 2,5-dihydro-1H-pyrrole-1-carboxylate (1b). To a 50 mL round bottom flask charged with a magnetic stir bar were added 3-pyrroline hydrochloride (317 mg, 3.0 mmol), anhydrous DCM (6.0 mL), Et₃N (0.85 mL), and DMAP (183 mg, 1.5 mmol). The resulting solution was stirred at 30 °C for 30 minutes and then cooled to 0 °C with an ice bath. Afterwards di-tert-butyl dicarbonate (786 mg, 3.6 mmol) was added dropwise, and the reaction was stirred overnight at room temperature. Upon completion, the mixture was diluted with DCM (25 mL), and washed with water and brine successively. The organic phase was separated, dried over anhydrous Na_2SO_4 , and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 40:1) to afford the desired product **1b** as colorless oil (340 mg, 67% yield).

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 5.64 (dd, $J_1 = 19.2$ Hz, $J_2 = 7.6$ Hz, 2H), 3.98 (dd, $J_1 = 16.8$ Hz, $J_2 = 4.8$ Hz, 4H), 1.35 (s, 9H) ppm.

^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 154.1, 125.8, 125.7, 79.0, 52.9, 52.7, 28.4 ppm.

HRMS (CI $^+$) calculated for $\text{C}_9\text{H}_{15}\text{NNaO}$ [$\text{M} + \text{Na}^+$]: 192.1000, found: 1192.0952.

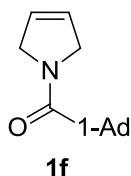


To a 125 mL round bottom flask equipped with a magnetic stir bar were added carboxylic acid (2.97 g, 16.5 mmol) and thionyl chloride (4.6 mL). The reaction mixture was refluxed for 2 h. The solvent and excess thionyl chloride were removed under reduced pressure to obtain the crude carbonyl chloride.

To a 125 mL round bottom flask charged with a magnetic stir bar were added 3-pyrroline hydrochloride (1.58 g, 15.0 mmol), anhydrous DCM (20 mL), Et_3N (3.6 mL), and pyridine (3.6 mL) successively. The resulting solution was stirred at 30 °C for 30 minutes, then cooled to 0 °C with an ice bath. A solution of the carbonyl chloride prepared-above in anhydrous DCM (15 mL) was added dropwise. After the addition, the reaction was stirred overnight at room temperature. Upon completion, the mixture was diluted with DCM (40 mL), and washed with 1 M HCl and brine successively. The organic phase was separated, dried over anhydrous Na_2SO_4 , and concentrated in vacuo. The

residue was used directly for next step or purified by silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 6:1) to afford the desired product.

Adamantan-1-yl(2,5-dihydro-1H-pyrrol-1-yl)methanone (1f).



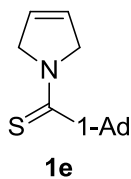
White solid (3.35 g, 96% yield). M.p.: 104-105 °C. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 5.73 (s, 2H), 4.40 (br s, 2H), 4.23 (br s, 2H), 1.95-1.92 (m, 9H), 1.64-1.63 (m, 6H) ppm.

^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 175.4, 125.2, 41.7, 38.7, 37.9, 36.5, 28.2 ppm.

HRMS (CI+) calculated for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{21}\text{NNaO}$ [$\text{M} + \text{Na}^+$]: 254.1521, found: 254.1470.

To a 100 mL round bottom flask charged with a magnetic stir bar were added the carbonyl amide (1.0 equiv.), P_2S_5 (1.25 equiv.), and pyridine (0.4 M). The reaction mixture was heated to 80 °C in an oil bath under N_2 . After 16 hours, the solution was cooled to room temperature, and acidified with 4 M HCl (pH = 3). The resulting solution was stirred at room temperature for another 2 h, and extracted with DCM. The combined organic layers were washed with 1 M HCl, water, and brine, dried over anhydrous Na_2SO_4 , and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by flash silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 20:1) to afford the desired product **1e** and **1c**.

Adamantan-1-yl (2,5-dihydro-1H-pyrrol-1-yl)methanethione (1e).

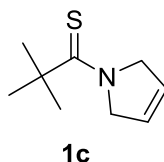


White solid (1.89 g, 94%). M.p.: 186-187 °C. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 5.89 (d, J = 4.0 Hz, 2H), 4.73 (s, 4H), 2.16-2.15 (m, 6H), 2.09-2.07 (m, 3H), 1.71-1.70 (m, 6H) ppm.

^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 210.2, 125.5, 124.7, 65.6, 57.5, 46.7, 40.5, 36.5, 29.1 ppm.

HRMS (CI+) calculated for $\text{C}_9\text{H}_{21}\text{NNaS}$ [$\text{M} + \text{Na}^+$]: 270.1292, found: 270.1241.

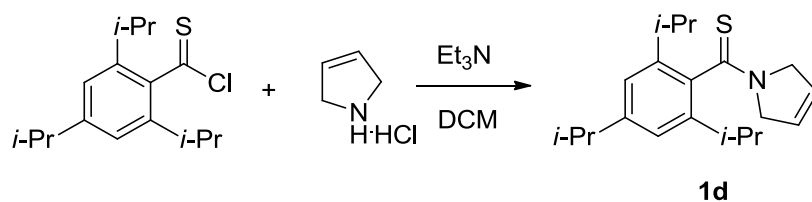
1-(2,5-Dihydro-1H-pyrrol-1-yl)-2,2-dimethylpropane-1-thione (1c).



Yellow oil (254 mg, 75% yield). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 5.89-5.84 (m, 2H), 4.68-4.66 (m, 2H), 4.58-4.56 (m, 2H), 1.42-1.39 (m, 9H) ppm.

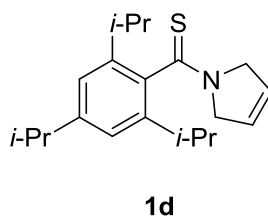
^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 209.3, 125.1, 124.8, 64.8, 57.4, 43.7, 43.8, 30.2 ppm.

HRMS (CI+) calculated for $\text{C}_9\text{H}_{15}\text{NNaS}$ [$\text{M} + \text{Na}^+$]: 192.0823, found: 192.0778.



(2,5-Dihydro-1H-pyrrol-1-yl)(2,4,6-triisopropylphenyl)methanethione (1d).

The thio-carbonyl chloride was prepared according to the literature procedure.¹ Under N₂, to a 50 mL round bottom flask charged with a magnetic stir bar were added 3-pyrroline hydrochloride (52.8 mg, 0.50 mmol), anhydrous DCM (5.0 mL), and Et₃N (0.20 mL). The resulting mixture was stirred at 30 °C for 30 minutes. The prepared thio-carbonyl chloride (170 mg, 0.60 mmol) in anhydrous DCM (3.0 mL) was added dropwise at 0 °C, and the mixture was stirred overnight at room temperature. Upon completion, 1 M HCl (3.0 mL) was added slowly to quench the reaction. The organic layer was separated, and the aqueous layer was extracted with DCM (2 × 10 mL). The organic layers were combined, dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by flash silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 100:1) to afford the desired product **1d**.

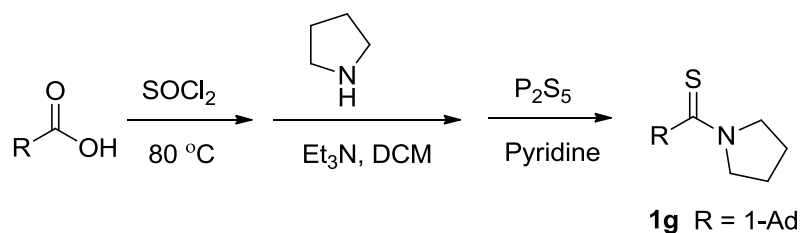


White solid (170 mg, 76% yield). M.p.: 135-136 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 6.99 (s, 2H), 6.00-5.96 (m, 1H), 5.80-5.76 (m, 1H), 4.74-4.72 (m, 2H), 3.96-3.94

(m, 2H), 2.89-2.80 (m, 3H), 1.25-1.19 (m, 18H) ppm.

^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 198.4, 148.9, 141.9, 138.2, 126.1, 125.1, 121.7, 58.7, 58.6, 34.3, 30.8, 25.3, 24.1, 23.6 ppm.

HRMS (CI+) calculated for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{29}\text{NNaS}$ [$\text{M} + \text{Na}^+$]: 338.1918, found: 338.1947.



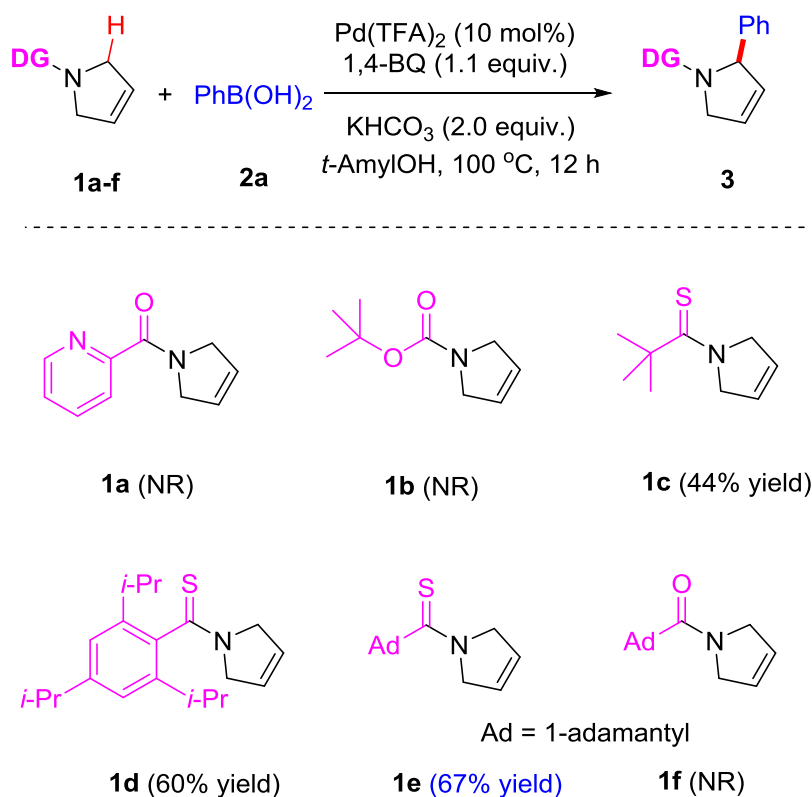
Adamantan-1-yl(pyrrolidin-1-yl)methanethione (1g) was prepared according to the same procedure for **1e**.

White solid (2.92 g, 80%yield). M.p.: 152-153 °C. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 3.82 (t, J = 6.8 Hz, 4H), 1.99-1.93 (m, 6H), 1.90-1.88 (m, 2H), 1.78-1.73 (m, 2H), 1.57 (t, J = 3.2 Hz, 6H) ppm.

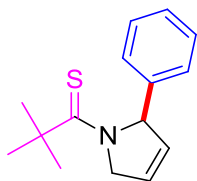
^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 208.5, 58.0, 52.8, 45.8, 40.2, 36.2, 28.6, 27.3, 22.4 ppm.

HRMS (CI+) calculated for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{23}\text{NNaS}$ [$\text{M} + \text{Na}^+$]: 272.1449, found: 272.1391.

3 Screening of Different Directing Groups



To a standard 15 mL Schlenk tube charged with a magnetic stir bar were added (thio)amide 1 (0.10 mmol, 1.0 equiv.), phenylboronic acid (24.4 mg, 0.20 mmol, 2.0 equiv.), 1,4-benzoquinone (11.9 mg, 0.11 mmol, 1.1 equiv.), potassium bicarbonate (20.0 mg, 0.20 mmol, 2.0 equiv.), palladium(II) trifluoroacetate (3.32 mg, 10 mol%), and 2-methyl-2-butanol (2.0 mL). The tube was sealed, and the reaction mixture was stirred at 100 °C for 4 h. The mixture was filtered through celite, and washed with ethyl acetate. The filtrate was concentrated under vacuo, and the residue was purified by flash silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 100:1) to afford the desired product.



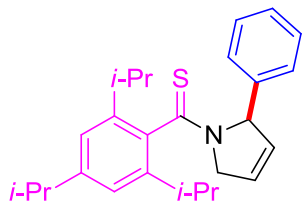
2,2-Dimethyl-1-(2-phenyl-2,5-dihydro-1H-pyrrol-1-yl)propane-1-thione (3ca).

M.p.: 50-52 °C.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.32-7.20 (m, 5H), 6.58 (s, 1H), 5.95-5.91 (m, 1H), 5.88-5.85 (m, 1H), 4.83 (dd, *J*₁ = 53.6 Hz, *J*₂ = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 1.46 (s, 9H) ppm.

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 210.8, 140.2, 131.9, 128.4, 127.2, 126.8, 122.5, 76.5, 58.8, 44.4, 30.7 ppm.

HRMS (CI⁺) calculated for C₁₅H₁₉NNaS [M + Na⁺]: 268.1136, found: 268.1080.



(2-Phenyl-2,5-dihydro-1H-pyrrol-1-yl)(2,4,6-triisopropylphenyl)methane-thione (3da). M.p.: 120-121 °C.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) (6:4 mixture of rotamers, peaks corresponding to minor rotamer starred) δ 7.37 (d, *J* = 4.4 Hz, 2.3H), 7.33-7.27 (m, 0.7H)*, 7.17-7.05 (m, 2H), 7.01 (d, *J* = 1.6 Hz, 0.6H)*, 6.95 (d, *J* = 1.6 Hz, 0.6H), 6.68 (d, *J* = 1.6 Hz, 0.4H)*, 6.53-6.51 (m, 0.8H), 6.36 (t, *J* = 2.2 Hz, 0.6H), 6.10-6.07 (m, 0.4H)*, 6.01-5.97 (m, 0.6H), 5.88-5.86 (m, 0.6H), 5.72-5.70 (m, 0.4H)*, 5.34 (t, *J* = 2.2 Hz, 0.15H)*, 5.29 (t, *J* = 2.2 Hz, 0.2H)*, 5.25-5.24 (m, 0.4H)*, 4.75-4.73 (m, 0.2H), 4.70-4.68 (m, 0.15H)*, 4.18 (t, *J* = 2.2 Hz, 1.2H), 3.00-2.93 (m, 0.6H),

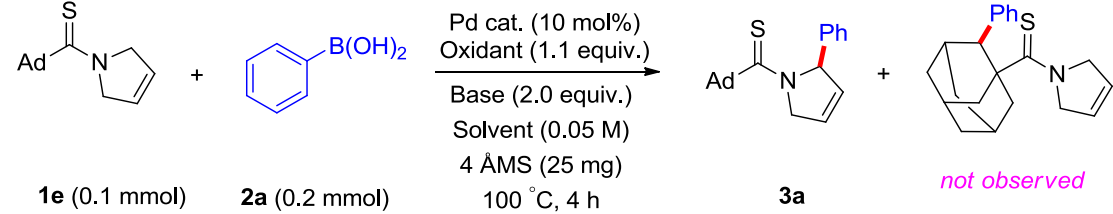
2.91-2.83 (m, 1H), 2.76-2.70 (m, 0.4H)*, 2.69-2.62 (m, 0.6H), 2.34-2.27 (m, 0.4H)*, 1.40 (d, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1.5H)*, 1.29-1.26 (m, 6.5H), 1.25 (s, 3H), 1.23 (s, 2H), 1.21 (s, 1H), 1.10 (d, $J = 6.4$ Hz, 1.5H)*, 1.02 (d, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 1.5H), 0.09 (d, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 1H) ppm.

^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 200.2, 199.0*, 149.2*, 148.8, 144.6, 142.6, 141.6*, 140.7, 139.0*, 138.8, 138.4*, 137.6, 132.3*, 131.2, 128.6, 128.32, 128.28*, 128.0, 127.8, 127.5*, 124.3*, 123.2, 121.7*, 121.3, 120.8, 72.5, 72.2*, 59.8*, 59.7, 34.5, 34.3*, 31.2, 30.89*, 30.88, 29.8, 26.3, 25.9*, 25.3, 24.9, 24.4, 24.1*, 23.8*, 23.4, 22.9, 20.8 ppm.

HRMS (CI+) calculated for $\text{C}_{26}\text{H}_{33}\text{NNaS}$ [$\text{M} + \text{Na}^+$]: 414.2231, found: 414.2222.

4 Optimization of Reaction Conditions

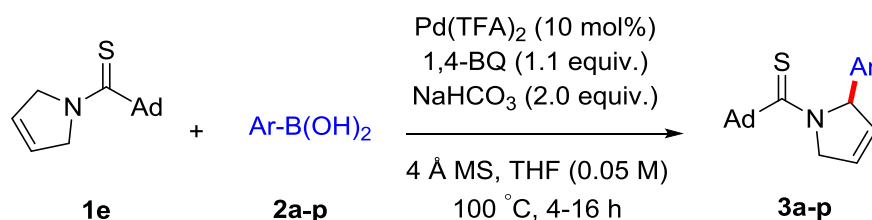
Table S1 Screening results of reaction conditions^a

						
Entry	Pd cat.	Solvent	Base	Oxidant	Conv. ^[b] (%)	Yield ^[b] (%)
1	Pd(TFA) ₂	<i>t</i> -AmylOH	KHCO ₃	1,4-BQ	88	77
2	Pd(OAc) ₂	<i>t</i> -AmylOH	KHCO ₃	1,4-BQ	26	7
3	Pd ₂ (dba) ₃	<i>t</i> -AmylOH	KHCO ₃	1,4-BQ	29	8
4	Pd(PPh ₃) ₂ Cl ₂	<i>t</i> -AmylOH	KHCO ₃	1,4-BQ	39	17
5	Pd(PPh ₃) ₄	<i>t</i> -AmylOH	KHCO ₃	1,4-BQ	45	6
6	Pd(TFA) ₂	HFIP	KHCO ₃	1,4-BQ	50	7
7	Pd(TFA) ₂	<i>i</i> PrOH	KHCO ₃	1,4-BQ	-	n. d. ^[c]
8	Pd(TFA) ₂	Dioxane	KHCO ₃	1,4-BQ	95	73
9	Pd(TFA) ₂	THF	KHCO ₃	1,4-BQ	92	78
10	Pd(TFA) ₂	DCE	KHCO ₃	1,4-BQ	58	39
11	Pd(TFA) ₂	DMF	KHCO ₃	1,4-BQ	83	66
12	Pd(TFA) ₂	CH ₃ CN	KHCO ₃	1,4-BQ	67	6
13	Pd(TFA) ₂	Toulene	KHCO ₃	1,4-BQ	88	42
14	Pd(TFA) ₂	THF	KO ^t Bu	1,4-BQ	-	n. d.
15	Pd(TFA) ₂	THF	K ₃ PO ₄	1,4-BQ	-	n. d.
16	Pd(TFA) ₂	THF	K ₂ HPO ₄	1,4-BQ	91	73
17	Pd(TFA) ₂	THF	KH ₂ PO ₄	1,4-BQ	>95	73
18	Pd(TFA) ₂	THF	NaH ₂ PO ₄	1,4-BQ	94	73
19	Pd(TFA) ₂	THF	KOPiv	1,4-BQ	-	n. d.
20	Pd(TFA) ₂	THF	Cs ₂ CO ₃	1,4-BQ	-	n. d.

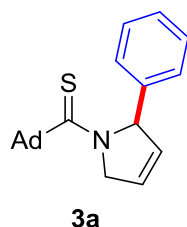
21	Pd(TFA) ₂	THF	K ₂ CO ₃	1,4-BQ	-	n. d.
22	Pd(TFA) ₂	THF	NaHCO ₃	1,4-BQ	>95	82
23	Pd(TFA) ₂	THF	KF	1,4-BQ	95	78
24	Pd(TFA) ₂	THF	KOPiv	1,4-BQ	-	n. d.
25	Pd(TFA) ₂	THF	NaHCO ₃	TEMPO	-	n. d.
26 ^[d]	Pd(TFA) ₂	THF	NaHCO ₃	TEMPO	-	n. d.
27	Pd(TFA) ₂	THF	NaHCO ₃	PhI(OAc) ₂	-	n. d.
28 ^[e]	Pd(TFA) ₂	THF	NaHCO ₃	1,4-BQ	36	NR
29 ^[f]	PdCl ₂	THF	NaHCO ₃	1,4-BQ	85	30

^a Reactions were conducted on a 0.1 mmol scale. ^b Yield was determined by ¹H NMR analysis of the crude products using benzyl benzoate as the internal standard. ^c n. d. = not determined. ^d 4.0 equiv. of TEMPO was used. ^e Reaction was conducted without phenylboronic acid. ^f *p*-Toluenesulfonic acid monohydrate (20 mol%) was added.

5 General Procedure for the C(sp³)-H α -Arylation of 3-Pyrrolines



To a standard 15 mL Schlenk tube charged with a magnetic stir bar were added thioamide **1e** (49.5 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1.0 equiv.), arylboronic acid **2** (0.40 mmol, 2.0 equiv.), 1,4-benzoquinone (23.8 mg, 0.22 mmol, 1.1 equiv., unless otherwise noted), sodium bicarbonate (33.6 mg, 0.40 mmol, 2.0 equiv.), palladium(II) trifluoroacetate (6.65 mg, 10 mol%), anhydrous THF (4.0 mL, 0.05 M), and 4 Å MS (50 mg). The tube was sealed, and the reaction mixture was stirred at 100 °C for 4-16 h. Upon completion (monitored by TLC), the mixture was filtered through celite, and washed with ethyl acetate. The filtrate was concentrated under vacuo, and the residue was purified by flash silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 200/1 to 100/1, unless otherwise noted) to give the desired product **3**.



Adamantan-1-yl(2-phenyl-2,5-dihydro-1H-pyrrol-1-yl)methanethione (3a)

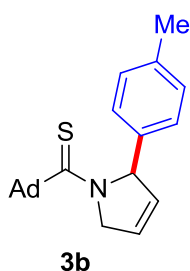
was prepared according to the general procedure for 4 h (pale yellow solid,

45.5 mg, 70% yield). M.p.: 130-131 °C.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.32-7.27 (m, 2H), 7.23-7.16 (m, 3H), 6.66 (s, 1H), 5.94-5.92 (m, 1H), 5.87-5.86 (m, 1H), 5.05 (d, *J* = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 4.88 (d, *J* = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 2.22-2.10 (m, 9H), 1.78-1.55 (m, 6H) ppm.

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 211.1, 140.2, 131.5, 128.3, 127.0, 126.6, 122.4, 76.8, 58.6, 46.9, 40.5, 36.4, 28.9 ppm.

HRMS (CI⁺) Calcd for C₂₁H₂₅NNaS [M + Na⁺]: 346.1605, Found: 346.1639.



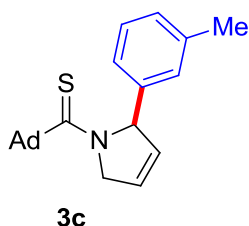
Adamantan-1-yl(2-(*p*-tolyl)-2,5-dihydro-1*H*-pyrrol-1-yl)methanethione (3b)

was prepared according to the general procedure for 4 h (pale yellow solid, 39.2 mg, 58% yield). M.p.: 168-169 °C.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.12-7.07 (m, 4H), 6.63 (s, 1H), 5.93-5.91 (m, 1H), 5.86-5.84 (m, 1H), 5.04 (d, *J* = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 4.87 (d, *J* = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 2.31 (s, 3H), 2.22-2.10 (m, 9H), 1.78-1.58 (m, 6H) ppm.

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 211.2, 137.3, 136.7, 131.9, 129.2, 126.7, 122.2, 76.7, 58.6, 47.0, 40.6, 36.5, 29.0, 21.2 ppm.

HRMS (CI⁺) Calcd for C₂₂H₂₇NNaS [M + Na⁺]: 360.1762, Found: 360.1771.



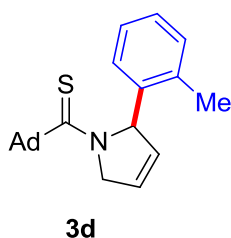
Adamantan-1-yl(2-(m-tolyl)-2,5-dihydro-1H-pyrrol-1-yl)methanethione (3c)

was prepared according to the general procedure for 4 h (pale yellow solid, 39.3 mg, 58% yield). M.p.: 120-121 °C.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.18 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.03-6.95 (m, 3H), 6.64 (s, 1H), 5.94-5.91 (m, 1H), 5.87-5.84 (m, 1H), 5.04 (d, *J* = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 4.87 (d, *J* = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 2.33 (s, 3H), 2.24-2.10 (m, 9H), 1.72-1.57 (m, 6H) ppm.

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 211.2, 140.2, 138.0, 131.8, 128.4, 127.9, 127.5, 123.5, 122.3, 76.8, 58.7, 47.0, 40.6, 36.5, 29.0, 21.6 ppm.

HRMS (CI⁺) Calcd for C₂₂H₂₇NNaS [M + Na⁺]: 360.1762, Found: 360.1768.



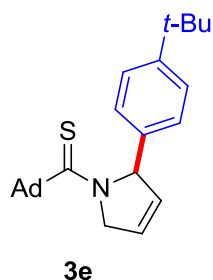
Adamantan-1-yl(2-(o-tolyl)-2,5-dihydro-1H-pyrrol-1-yl)methanethione (3d)

was prepared according to the general procedure for 4 h (pale yellow solid, 28.5 mg, 42% yield). M.p.: 139-140 °C.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.21-7.04 (m, 3H), 6.85 (d, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 1H), 6.68 (s, 1H), 5.91-5.84 (m, 2H), 5.06 (d, *J* = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 4.94 (d, *J* = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 2.47 (s, 3H), 2.24-2.10 (m, 9H), 1.72-1.58 (m, 6H) ppm.

^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 210.8, 139.0, 135.3, 130.4, 130.3, 127.0, 126.5, 123.9, 122.3, 74.8, 58.9, 46.9, 40.6, 36.5, 29.1, 19.5 ppm.

HRMS (CI $^+$) Calcd for $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{27}\text{NNaS}$ [$\text{M} + \text{Na}^+$]: 360.1762, Found: 360.1764.

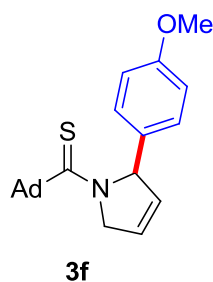


Adamantan-1-yl(2-(4-(tert-butyl)phenyl)-2,5-dihydro-1H-pyrrol-1-yl)methanethione (3e) was prepared according to the general procedure for 4 h (pale yellow solid, 43.6 mg, 57% yield). M.p.: 172-173 °C.

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.30 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.10 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.69 (s, 1H), 5.95-5.93 (m, 1H), 5.86-5.83 (m, 1H), 5.05 (d, J = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 4.84 (d, J = 15.6 Hz, 1H), 2.24-2.10 (m, 9H), 1.78-1.58 (m, 6H), 1.29 (s, 9H) ppm.

^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 211.2, 149.7, 137.0, 132.0, 126.3, 125.5, 122.2, 76.5, 58.6, 47.1, 40.8, 36.5, 34.5, 31.5, 29.1 ppm.

HRMS (CI $^+$) Calcd for $\text{C}_{25}\text{H}_{33}\text{NNaS}$ [$\text{M} + \text{Na}^+$]: 402.2231, Found: 402.2233.



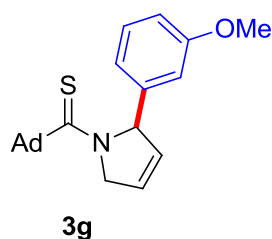
Adamantan-1-yl(2-(4-methoxyphenyl)-2,5-dihydro-1H-pyrrol-1-yl)methanethione

hione (3f) was prepared according to the general procedure for 4 h (orange solid, 43.2 mg, 61% yield). M.p.: 159-161 °C.

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.12 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 6.82 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 6.62 (s, 1H), 5.92-5.89 (m, 1H), 5.86-5.84 (m, 1H), 5.01 (d, J = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 4.85 (d, J = 15.6 Hz, 1H), 3.77 (s, 3H), 2.20-2.07 (m, 9H), 1.72-1.63 (m, 6H) ppm.

^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 211.2, 158.6, 132.2, 131.9, 128.3, 122.1, 113.7, 76.2, 58.5, 55.2, 47.0, 40.6, 36.5, 29.0 ppm.

HRMS (CI⁺) Calcd for $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{27}\text{NNaOS}$ [$\text{M} + \text{Na}^+$]: 376.1711, Found: 376.1678.



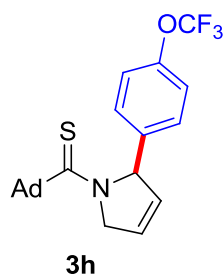
Adamantan-1-yl(2-(3-methoxyphenyl)-2,5-dihydro-1H-pyrrol-1-yl)methanethione (3g)

hione (3g) was prepared according to the general procedure for 4 h (orange solid, 46.1 mg, 65% yield). M.p.: 111-112 °C.

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.23-7.11 (m, 1.5H), 6.83-6.70 (m, 2.5H), 6.62 (s, 1H), 5.92-5.84 (m, 2H), 5.02 (dd, J_1 = 15.6 Hz, J_2 = 4.8 Hz, 1H), 4.86 (d, J = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 3.77 (s, 3H), 2.20-2.07 (m, 9H), 1.77-1.60 (s, 6H) ppm.

^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 211.4, 159.7, 142.0, 131.5, 129.4, 122.6, 118.9, 112.5, 112.0, 76.7, 58.6, 55.1, 47.0, 40.6, 36.4, 29.0 ppm.

HRMS (CI⁺) Calcd for $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{27}\text{NNaOS}$ [$\text{M} + \text{Na}^+$]: 376.1711, Found: 376.1617.

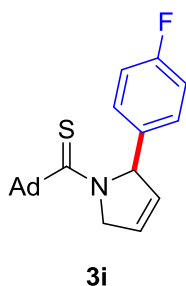


Adamantan-1-yl(2-(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)-2,5-dihydro-1H-pyrrol-1-yl)methanethione (3h) was prepared according to the general procedure for 4 h (pale yellow solid, 49.2 mg, 60% yield). M.p.: 120-121 °C.

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.20 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.12 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 6.65 (s, 1H), 5.92-5.88 (m, 2H), 5.04 (d, J = 15.6 Hz, 1H), 4.87 (dd, J_1 = 15.6 Hz, J_2 = 3.6 Hz, 1H), 2.20-2.08 (m, 9H), 1.78-1.65 (m, 6H) ppm.

^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 211.7, 148.0, 138.9, 131.2, 128.3, 122.9, 120.8, 120.5 (q, J = 255.6 Hz), 76.1, 58.6, 47.1, 40.6, 36.4, 29.0 ppm.

HRMS (CI $^+$) Calcd for $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{24}\text{F}_3\text{NNaOS}$ [$\text{M} + \text{Na}^+$]: 430.1428, Found: 430.1401.



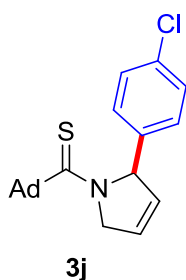
Adamantan-1-yl(2-(4-fluorophenyl)-2,5-dihydro-1H-pyrrol-1-yl)methanethione (3i) was prepared according to the general procedure for 4 h (white solid, 70.1 mg, 51% yield). M.p.: 155-156 °C.

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.17-7.14 (m, 2H), 6.96 (t, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 6.62 (s,

1H), 5.91-5.87 (m, 2H), 5.02 (d, $J = 16.0$ Hz, 1H), 4.87 (dd, $J_1 = 16.0$ Hz, $J_2 = 3.6$ Hz, 1H), 2.19-2.07 (m, 9H), 1.78-1.57 (m, 6H) ppm.

^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 211.5, 161.8 (d, $J = 244.1$ Hz), 136.0, 131.5, 128.7 (d, $J = 7.4$ Hz), 122.7, 115.2 (d, $J = 21.3$ Hz), 76.1, 58.6, 47.1, 40.6, 36.4, 29.0 ppm.

HRMS (CI⁺) Calcd for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{24}\text{FNNaS}$ [$\text{M} + \text{Na}^+$]: 364.1511, Found: 364.1507.

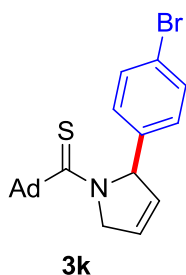


Adamantan-1-yl(2-(4-chlorophenyl)-2,5-dihydro-1H-pyrrol-1-yl)methanethione (3j) was prepared according to the general procedure for 4 h (pale yellow solid, 37.4 mg, 52% yield). M.p.: 124-126 °C.

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.28-7.25 (m, 2H), 7.14-7.12 (m, 2H), 6.61 (s, 1H), 5.91-5.90 (m, 2H), 5.06 (dd, $J_1 = 15.6$ Hz, $J_2 = 4.4$ Hz, 1H), 4.87 (dt, $J_1 = 16.0$ Hz, $J_2 = 4.4$ Hz, 1H), 2.21-2.09 (m, 9H), 1.78-1.64 (m, 6H) ppm.

^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 211.7, 138.9, 132.8, 131.3, 128.7, 128.4, 122.9, 76.3, 58.7, 47.2, 40.6, 36.5, 29.0 ppm.

HRMS (CI⁺) Calcd for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{24}\text{ClNNaS}$ [$\text{M} + \text{Na}^+$]: 380.1216, Found: 380.1180.

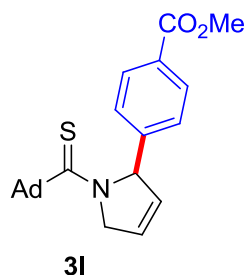


Adamantan-1-yl(2-(4-bromophenyl)-2,5-dihydro-1H-pyrrol-1-yl)methanethione (3k) was prepared according to the general procedure for 4 h (pale yellow solid, 53.3 mg, 66% yield). M.p.: 159-160 °C.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.40 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.05 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.58 (s, 1H), 5.90-5.86 (m, 2H), 5.03 (d, *J* = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 4.87 (dd, *J*₁ = 16.0 Hz, *J*₂ = 3.6 Hz, 1H), 2.19-2.07 (m, 9H), 1.78-1.63 (m, 6H) ppm.

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 211.7, 139.4, 131.6, 131.2, 128.8, 123.0, 120.9, 76.4, 58.7, 47.1, 40.6, 36.5, 29.0 ppm.

HRMS (CI⁺) Calcd for C₂₁H₂₄BrNNaS [M + Na⁺]: 424.0711, Found: 424.0687.

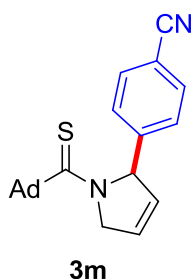


Methyl-4-(1-(adamantane-1-carbonothioyl)-2,5-dihydro-1H-pyrrol-2-yl)benzoate (3l) was prepared according to the general procedure for 4 h (purification by flash silica gel column chromatography: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 40:1, pale yellow solid, 45.2 mg, 59% yield). M.p.: 130-131 °C.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.96 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.22 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.65 (s, 1H), 5.92-5.88 (m, 2H), 5.05 (d, *J* = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 4.91 (dd, *J*₁ = 16.0 Hz, *J*₂ = 3.6 Hz, 1H), 3.88 (s, 3H), 2.20-2.08 (m, 9H), 1.80-1.59 (m, 6H) ppm.

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 231.7, 211.8, 166.9, 131.0, 130.0, 128.9, 126.7, 123.3, 76.8, 58.8, 52.1, 47.2, 40.7, 36.5, 29.0 ppm.

HRMS (CI⁺) Calcd for C₂₃H₂₇NNaO₂S [M + Na⁺]: 404.1660, Found: 404.1654.



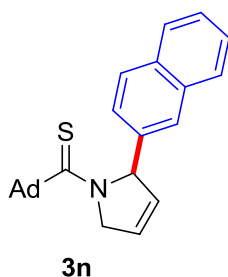
4-(1-(adamantane-1-carbonothioyl)-2,5-dihydro-1H-pyrrol-2-yl)benzonitrile

(3m) was prepared according to the general procedure for 4 h (purification by flash silica gel column chromatography: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 40:1, white solid, 36.6 mg, 52% yield). M.p.: 172-173 °C.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, (CD₃)₂CO) δ 7.56 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.26 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 6.62 (s, 1H), 5.95-5.86 (m, 2H), 5.07 (d, *J* = 15.6 Hz, 1H), 4.91 (d, *J* = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 2.18-2.07 (m, 9H), 1.79-1.61 (m, 6H) ppm.

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, (CD₃)₂CO) δ 212.1, 146.0, 132.4, 130.4, 127.5, 123.9, 118.9, 110.8, 76.6, 58.8, 47.2, 40.7, 36.4, 29.0 ppm.

HRMS (CI⁺) Calcd for C₂₂H₂₄N₂NaS [M + Na⁺]: 371.1558, Found: 371.1546.

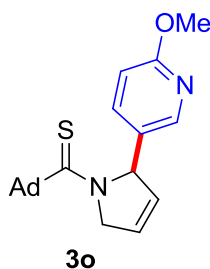


Adamantan-1-yl(2-(naphthalen-2-yl)-2,5-dihydro-1H-pyrrol-1-yl)methanethione (3n) was according to the general procedure with 2.0 equiv. 1,4-BQ for 16 h (pale yellow solid, 40.3 mg, 54% yield). M.p.: 162-163 °C.

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.84-7.78 (m, 3H), 7.67 (s, 1H), 7.45-7.42 (m, 2H), 7.30-7.26 (m, 1H), 6.82 (s, 1H), 5.98-5.90 (m, 2H), 5.09 (d, J = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 4.98 (d, J = 16.4 Hz, 1H), 2.24-2.03 (m, 9H), 1.79-1.61 (m, 6H) ppm.

^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 211.3, 141.2, 137.8, 133.4, 132.7, 131.5, 128.2, 127.9, 127.7, 126.0, 125.7, 124.9, 122.6, 77.0, 58.8, 47.0, 40.6, 36.4, 29.0 ppm.

HRMS (CI $^+$) Calcd for $\text{C}_{25}\text{H}_{27}\text{NNaS}$ [$\text{M} + \text{Na}^+$]: 396.1762, Found: 396.1743.



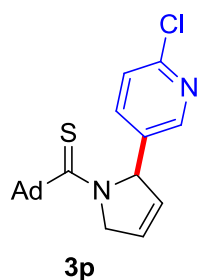
Adamantan-1-yl(2-(6-methoxypyridin-3-yl)-2,5-dihydro-1H-pyrrol-1-yl)methanethione (3o) was prepared according to the general procedure with 3.0 equiv. 1,4-BQ for 16 h (purification by preparative TLC, petroleum ether/dichloromethane = 4:1, pale yellow semisolid, 32.2 mg, 44% yield).

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.03 (s, 1H), 7.44 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 6.66 (d, J =

8.4 Hz, 1H), 6.60 (s, 1H), 5.93-5.87 (m, 2H), 5.01 (d, $J = 15.6$ Hz, 1H), 4.84 (d, $J = 16.0$ Hz, 1H), 3.90 (s, 3H), 2.16-2.04 (m, 9H), 1.74-1.60 (m, 6H) ppm.

^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 211.6, 163.2, 146.0, 138.4, 131.1, 128.4, 123.2, 110.5, 73.9, 58.5, 53.6, 47.2, 40.7, 36.5, 29.0 ppm.

HRMS (CI+) Calcd for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{26}\text{N}_2\text{NaOS}$ [$\text{M} + \text{Na}^+$]: 377.1664, Found: 377.1652.

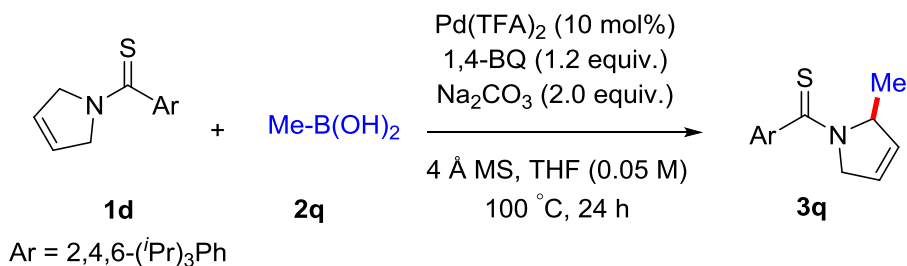


Adamantan-1-yl(2-(6-chloropyridin-3-yl)-2,5-dihydro-1H-pyrrol-1-yl)methanethione (3p) was prepared according to the general procedure with 3.0 equiv. 1,4-BQ for 16 h (purification by preparative TLC, petroleum ether/dichloromethane = 4:1, pale yellow semisolid, 26.1 mg, 36% yield).

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.20 (d, $J = 2.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.48 (dd, $J_1 = 8.4$ Hz, $J_2 = 2.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.21 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 6.58 (s, 1H), 5.98-5.95 (m, 1H), 5.87-5.84 (m, 1H), 5.05-5.00 (m, 1H), 4.91-4.85 (m, 1H), 2.14-2.02 (m, 9H), 1.71-1.64 (m, 6H) ppm.

^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 212.0, 149.7, 148.9, 138.1, 134.9, 130.1, 124.2, 123.9, 73.9, 58.6, 47.2, 40.5, 36.4, 28.9 ppm.

HRMS (CI+) Calcd for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{23}\text{ClN}_2\text{NaS}$ [$\text{M} + \text{Na}^+$]: 381.1168, Found: 381.1184.

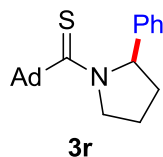


To a standard 15 mL Schlenk tube charged with a magnetic stir bar was added thioamide **1d** (63.1 mg, 0.20 mmol), methylboronic acid **2q** (144 mg, 2.4 mmol), 1,4-benzoquinone (25.9 mg, 0.24 mmol), sodium carbonate (42.4 mg, 0.40 mmol), palladium(II) trifluoroacetate (6.7 mg, 10 mol%), THF (4.0 mL), and 4 Å MS (50 mg). The tube was sealed, and the reaction mixture was stirred at 100 °C for 24 h. The mixture was filtered through celite, and washed with ethyl acetate. The filtrate was concentrated under vacuo, and the residue was purified by preparative TLC (petroleum ether/dichloromethane = 40:1) to give the desired product **3q** (pale yellow solid, 37.8 mg, 50% yield). M.p.: 84-85 °C.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 6.98 (dd, *J*₁ = 6.8 Hz, *J*₂ = 1.8 Hz, 2H), 5.98-5.95 (m, 1H), 5.70-5.66 (m, 1H), 5.50-5.44 (m, 1H), 4.01 (t, *J* = 2.2 Hz, 0.26H), 3.96 (t, *J* = 2.2 Hz, 0.62H), 3.90 (q, *J* = 2.6 Hz, 0.62H), 3.85 (q, *J* = 2.6 Hz, 0.26H), 2.95-2.80 (m, 3H), 1.60 (d, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 3H), 1.26-1.16 (m, 18H) ppm.

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 198.1, 148.8, 142.1, 141.6, 138.5, 133.0, 122.9, 121.8, 121.7, 64.4, 58.4, 34.3, 30.7, 30.3, 29.8, 25.3, 25.2, 24.1, 23.8, 23.5, 17.3 ppm.

HRMS (CI⁺) calculated for C₂₁H₃₁NNaS [M + Na⁺]: 352.2075, found: 352.2052

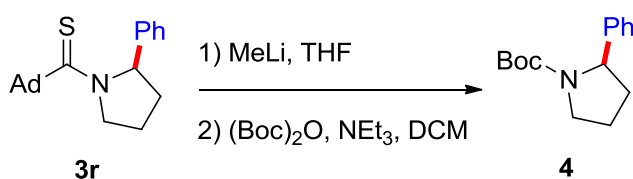


Adamantan-1-yl(2-phenylpyrrolidin-1-yl)methanethione (3r) was prepared according to the general procedure for 4 h and conducted with 0.80 mmol adamantan-1-yl(pyrrolidin-1-yl)methanethione **1g** (white solid, 167.2 mg, 62% yield). M.p.: 152-153 °C.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) (55:45 mixture of rotamers, peaks corresponding to minor rotamer starred) δ 7.30-7.11 (m, 3H), 7.02 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.05 (dd, *J*₁ = 25.2 Hz, *J*₂ = 6.4 Hz, 1H), 4.32-4.06 (m, 2H), 2.32-1.60 (m, 19H) ppm.

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 210.8*, 210.2, 142.3, 141.9*, 128.3*, 128.0, 126.8, 125.9*, 152.1, 124.9*, 69.5, 65.2*, 57.7*, 53.7, 46.4*, 46.3, 41.4*, 40.3, 36.1, 35.1*, 32.5, 28.6, 24.9, 18.7* ppm.

HRMS (CI⁺) Calcd for C₂₁H₂₂₇NNaS [M + Na⁺]: 348.1762, found: 348.1720.

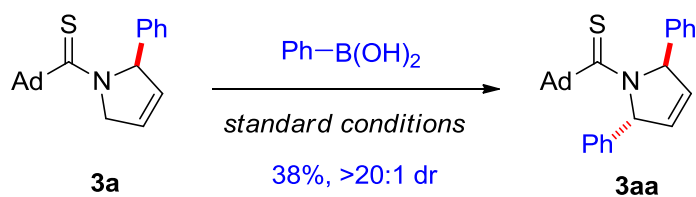


tert-Butyl 2-phenylpyrrolidine-1-carboxylate (4).² MeLi (0.94 mL of a 1.6 M solution in Et₂O, 1.5 mmol, 3.0 equiv.) was added dropwise to a stirred solution of adamantan-1-yl(2-phenylpyrrolidin-1-yl)methanethione (81.5 mg, 0.25 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) in THF (3 mL) at 0 °C under N₂. The resulting solution was stirred at 0°C for 2 h. Then 10% HCl solution (0.4 mL) was added

dropwise, and the mixture was stirred for 2 h. After that, the mixture was poured into aq. KOH (1.0 M, 5 mL). The mixture was extracted with DCM (2x10 mL). The combined organic layers were dried over anhydrous magnesium sulfate, filtered, and carefully concentrated (25 °C, 0.09 MPa). The crude product was dissolved in anhydrous DCM (5 mL), and NEt₃ (63.2 mg, 0.625 mmol, 2.5 equiv.) and Boc₂O (81.8 mg, 0.375 mmol, 1.5 equiv.) were added successively at 0 °C. After stirring overnight, the reaction was diluted with 10 mL DCM, washed with 1 M HCl, dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by flash chromatography petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 40:1 to 20:1) to provide the desired product **4** as colorless oil (50.9 mg, 82% yield).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) (70:30 mixture of rotamers, peaks corresponding to minor rotamer starred) δ 7.37 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.20-7.14 (m, 3H), 4.94 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 0.3H), 4.76-4.73 (m, 0.7H), 3.63-3.49 (m, 2H), 2.34-2.22 (m, 1H), 1.92-1.78 (m, 3H), 1.44 (s, 3H), 1.16 (s, 6H) ppm.

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 154.5, 145.1, 128.1, 126.5, 125.5, 79.1, 61.3, 47.1, 36.0, 28.1, 23.2 ppm.



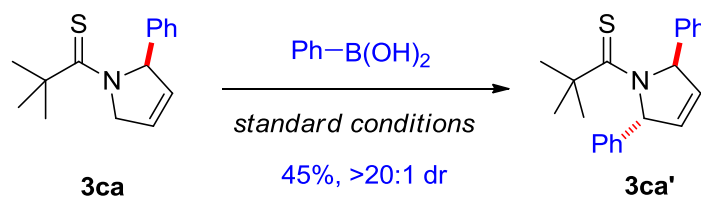
Adamantan-1-yl(2,5-diphenyl-2,5-dihydro-1H-pyrrol-1-yl)methanethione

(3aa). To a standard 15 mL Schlenk tube charged with a magnetic stir bar were added **3a** (65.3 mg, 0.20 mmol), phenylboronic acid (48.4 mg, 0.40 mmol), 1,4-benzoquinone (43.2 mg, 0.40 mmol), sodium bicarbonate (33.6 mg, 0.40 mmol), palladium(II) trifluoroacetate (6.6 mg, 10 mol%), THF (4.0 mL), and 4 Å MS (50 mg). The tube was sealed, and the reaction mixture was stirred at 100 °C for 12 h. Upon completion (monitored by TLC), the mixture was filtered through celite, and washed with ethyl acetate. The filtrate was concentrated under vacuo, and the residue was purified by preparative TLC with the solvent (petroleum ether /dichloromethane = 4:1) to provide the desired product **3aa** as a red-brown semisolid (30.5 mg, 38% yield).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.56-7.28 (m, 10H), 7.27-7.25 (m, 1.2H), 6.95-6.93(m, 0.4H), 6.50-6.48 (m, 0.3H), 6.06 (d, *J* = 4.0 Hz, 0.4H), 5.82-5.79 (m, 0.3H), 5.77-5.74 (m, 0.3H), 5.67 (s, 0.4H), 3.87 (d, *J* = 4.0 Hz, 0.4H), 2.16 (s, 1H), 2.07-1.95 (m, 3H), 1.92-1.81 (m, 6H) ppm.

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 219.4, 151.4, 144.3, 143.2, 140.3, 133.5, 129.4, 129.2, 129.13, 129.06, 129.0, 128.8, 128.6, 128.44, 128.40, 128.3, 128.2, 127.8, 127.7, 127.6, 127.53, 127.46, 127.1, 126.5, 125.9, 125.7, 125.1, 119.4, 77.8, 73.3, 60.1, 50.2, 49.4, 43.3, 43.1, 43.0, 36.6, 36.3, 29.0, 28.9, 28.7 ppm.

HRMS calculated for C₂₇H₂₉NS [M⁺]: 399.2021, found: 399.2017.



1-(2,5-Diphenyl-2,5-dihydro-1H-pyrrol-1-yl)-2,2-dimethylpropane-1-thione

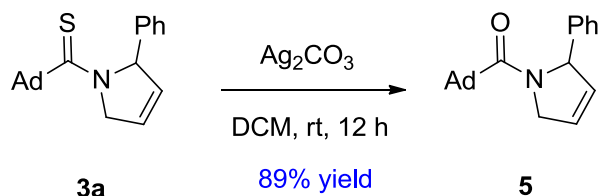
(3ca'). To a standard 15 mL Schlenk tube charged with a magnetic stir bar were added **3ca** (24.5 mg, 0.10 mmol), phenylboronic acid (24.4 mg, 0.20 mmol) 1,4-benzoquinone (21.6 mg, 0.20 mmol), sodium bicarbonate (16.8 mg, 0.20 mmol), palladium(II) trifluoroacetate (3.3 mg, 10 mol%), THF (2.0 mL), and 4 Å MS (30 mg). The tube was sealed, and the reaction mixture was stirred at 100 °C for 12 h. Upon completion (monitored by TLC), the mixture was filtered through celite, and washed with ethyl acetate. The filtrate was concentrated under vacuo, and the residue was purified by preparative TLC with the solvent (petroleum ether/dichloromethane = 4:1) to provide the desired product **3ca'** as a red-brown semisolid (16.4 mg, 45% yield).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.57-7.23 (m, 10H), 6.87-6.85 (m, 1H), 6.38-6.36 (m, 1H), 5.82-5.79 (m, 1H), 5.77-5.74 (m, 1H), 1.24 (s, 2H), 1.15 (s, 7H) ppm.

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 217.7, 143.8, 140.2, 129.3, 129.1, 129.0, 128.6, 128.3, 128.2, 127.8, 127.7, 127.2, 125.9, 125.6, 125.1, 77.7, 73.3, 47.4, 32.6, 32.4 ppm.

HRMS calculated for C₂₁H₂₃NS [M⁺]: 321.1551, found: 321.1541.

6 Product Derivatizations

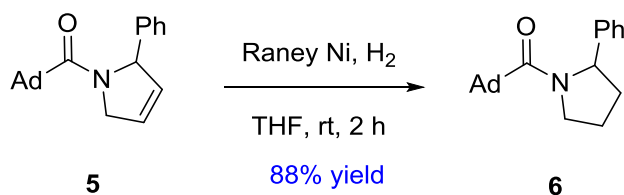


Adamantan-1-yl(2-phenyl-2,5-dihydro-1H-pyrrol-1-yl)methanone (5). To a 100 mL round bottom flask charged with a magnetic stir bar were added **3a** (485 mg, 1.5 mmol) and Ag_2CO_3 (647 mg, 3.0 mmol). The flask was evacuated and backfilled with N_2 , followed by addition of DCM (6.0 mL). The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 12 h. Upon completion, the mixture was filtered through celite, and the filtrate was concentrated in vacuo. The residue was purified by flash silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 20:1) to give the desired product **5** as a white solid (412 mg, 89% yield). M.p.: 165-166 °C.

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.30-7.17 (m, 5H), 5.84-5.78 (m, 3H), 4.74-4.63 (m, 2H), 2.06-1.93 (m, 9H), 1.74-1.65 (m, 6H) ppm.

^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 175.4, 142.2, 131.1, 128.4, 127.0, 126.3, 123.8, 70.2, 54.6, 42.1, 38.2, 36.6, 28.3 ppm.

HRMS (CI^+) Calcd for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{25}\text{NNaO}$ [$\text{M} + \text{Na}^+$]: 330.1834, Found: 330.1806.

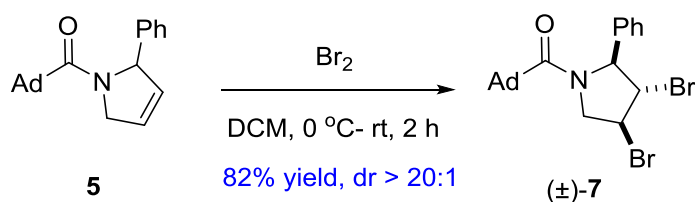


Adamantan-1-yl(2-phenylpyrrolidin-1-yl)methanone (6). To a 25 mL round bottom flask charged with a magnetic stir bar were added **5** (92.2 mg, 0.30 mmol), THF (6.0 mL), and a small amount of Raney nickel. The flask was evacuated quickly, and equipped with a hydrogen balloon. The reaction mixture stirred rapidly at room temperature for 2 h. Upon completion, the mixture was filtered through celite, and the filtrate was concentrated in vacuo. The residue was purified by flash silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 5:1) to afford the desired product **6** as a white solid (82.3 mg, 88% yield). M.p.: 111-112 °C.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.29-7.10 (m, 5H), 5.27-5.24 (m, 1H), 4.04-3.72 (m, 2H), 2.24-2.15 (m, 2H), 2.13-1.90 (m, 9H), 1.90-1.79 (m, 2H), 1.79-1.56 (m, 6H) ppm.

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 175.8, 144.3, 128.3, 126.4, 125.2, 62.6, 48.8, 42.0, 38.4, 36.6, 33.1, 28.4, 25.4 ppm.

HRMS (CI⁺) Calcd for C₂₁H₂₇NNaO [M + Na⁺]: 332.1990, Found: 332.1978.



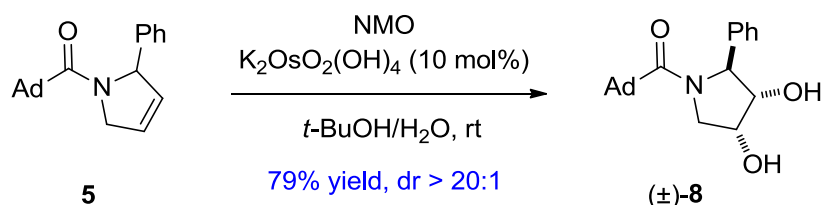
Adamantan-1-yl(3,4-dibromo-2-phenylpyrrolidin-1-yl)methanethione (7).

At 0 °C, to a solution of **5** (64.5 mg, 0.21 mmol) in dry DCM (2.0 mL) was added dropwise Br₂ (41 µL dissolved in 1.0 mL DCM) over 10 minutes. The mixture was stirred at 0 °C for 30 minutes, then warmed to room temperature for another 2 h. Upon completion, the reaction was quenched with saturated NaHSO₃ aqueous solution (5.0 mL), and extracted with EtOAc (3 × 10 mL). The organic layers were combined, washed with brine, dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by flash silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 20:1) to provide the desired product **7** as a white solid (80.2 mg, 82% yield). M.p.: 131-132 °C.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.36-7.25 (m, 5H), 5.46 (s, 1H), 4.81-4.77 (m, 1H), 4.44-4.39 (m, 1H), 4.28-4.23 (m, 1H), 4.12-4.07 (m, 1H), 2.05-1.95 (m, 9H), 1.76-1.68 (m, 6H) ppm.

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 175.7, 140.0, 128.8, 127.8, 125.7, 70.5, 57.9, 56.0, 49.0, 42.2, 38.6, 36.5, 28.3 ppm.

HRMS (CI⁺) Calcd for C₂₁H₂₅Br₂NNaO [M + Na⁺]: 490.0180, Found: 490.0172.



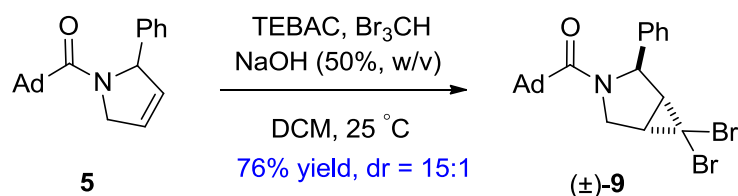
Adamantan-1-yl(3,4-dihydroxy-2-phenylpyrrolidin-1-yl)methanone (8). To a solution of **5** (61.5 mg, 0.20 mmol) in *t*-BuOH/H₂O (8.0 mL, V/V = 3/1) were

added *N*-methylmorpholine *N*-oxide (68.5 mg, 0.60 mmol) and potassiumosmate (VI) dihydrate (7.37 mg, 0.02 mmol). After stirring at room temperature overnight, the reaction was quenched with saturated NaHSO₃ aqueous solution, and stirred for another 1 h. The mixture was extracted with EtOAc (2 × 15 mL). The organic layers were combined, washed with brine, dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by flash silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 5:1) to the desired product **8** as a white solid (54.2 mg, 79% yield). M.p.: 168-169 °C.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 7.30-7.10 (m, 5H), 5.18 (d, *J* = 5.2 Hz, 0.5H), 5.00 (s, 0.5H), 4.79 (s, 1H), 4.06 (d, *J* = 13.2 Hz, 2H), 3.79 (br s, 1H), 3.66 (br s, 1H), 3.41 (s, 1H), 1.99-1.88 (m, 9H), 1.75-1.62 (m, 6H) ppm.

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 174.7, 142.3, 128.1, 126.2, 125.3, 76.6, 69.7, 67.9, 52.5, 41.1, 37.8, 36.2, 27.8 ppm.

HRMS (CI⁺) Calcd for C₂₁H₂₇NNaO₃ [*M* + Na⁺]: 364.1889, Found: 364.1883.



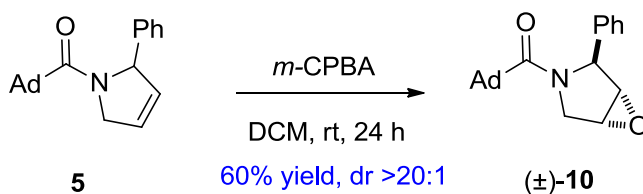
Adamantan-1-yl(6,6-dibromo-2-phenyl-3-azabicyclo[3.1.0]hexan-3-yl)methanone (9). To a solution of **5** (61.5 mg, 0.20 mmol) in DCM (1.2 mL) were added a small amount of benzyltriethylammonium chloride and NaOH aqueous

solution (50% wt, 1.2 mL). After that, a solution of bromoform (0.40 mmol) in DCM (0.80 mL) was added dropwise over 20 minutes. After stirring at room temperature overnight, the reaction was quenched with saturated NaHSO₃ aqueous solution, and stirred for another 1 h. The mixture was extracted with EtOAc (2 × 15 mL). The organic layers were combined, washed with brine, dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by flash silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 5:1) to provide the desired product **9** as a white solid (54.0 mg, 76% yield). M.p.: 180-181 °C.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.38-7.16 (m, 5H), 5.35 (s, 1H), 4.33 (d, *J* = 11.2 Hz, 1H), 4.17 (dd, *J*₁ = 11.2 Hz, *J*₂ = 4.8 Hz, 1H), 2.63-2.60 (m, 1H), 2.32 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 2.03-1.66 (m, 15H) ppm.

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 174.9, 141.2, 128.9, 127.5, 126.3, 66.0, 50.6, 42.0, 39.8, 37.9, 36.8, 36.7, 32.2, 28.4 ppm.

HRMS (CI⁺) Calcd for C₂₂H₂₅Br₂NNaO [M + Na⁺]: 502.0180, Found: 502.0156.



Adamantan-1-yl(2-phenyl-6-oxa-3-azabicyclo[3.1.0]hexan-3-yl)methanone

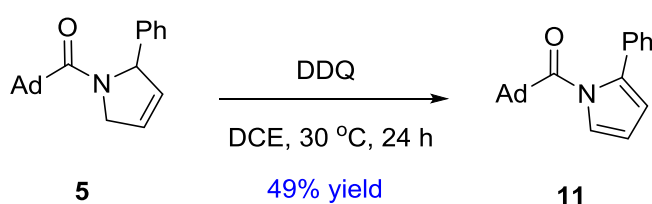
(10). To a solution of **5** (0.23 mmol, 71.0 mg) in DCM (3.0 mL) was added 3-chloroperoxybenzoic acid (143 mg, 0.83 mmol). The reaction mixture was

stirred at room temperature for 24 h. Upon completion, the reaction was quenched with saturated Na₂SO₃ aqueous solution and stirred for another 1 h. The mixture was extracted with DCM (2 × 15 mL). The organic layers were combined, washed with saturated NaHCO₃ aqueous solution and brine, dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by flash silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 15:1) to provide the desired product **10** as a white solid (44.9 mg, 60% yield). M.p.: 178-179 °C.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.34-7.18 (m, 5H), 5.49 (s, 1H), 4.53 (d, *J* = 12.0 Hz, 1H), 3.87-3.55 (m, 3H), 2.01-1.68 (m, 15H) ppm.

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 176.2, 138.2, 128.8, 127.7, 126.3, 62.5, 57.7, 55.7, 49.3, 41.9, 38.0, 36.5, 28.2 ppm.

HRMS (CI+) Calcd for C₂₁H₂₅NNaO₂ [*M* + Na⁺]: 346.1783, Found: 346.1806.

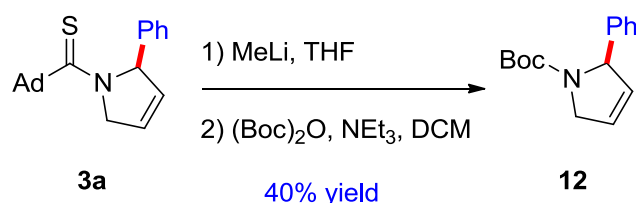


chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 15:1) to provide the desired product **11** as a yellow solid (30.1 mg, 49% yield). M.p.: 87-88 °C.

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.37-7.33 (m, 3H), 7.29-7.24 (m, 3H), 6.30-6.26 (m, 2H), 2.19-2.11 (m, 9H), 1.82-1.74 (m, 6H) ppm.

^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 179.3, 136.3, 134.2, 128.2, 127.9, 127.0, 121.6, 113.0, 110.5, 44.8, 40.0, 36.5, 28.3 ppm.

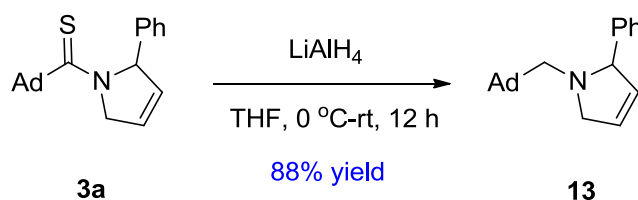
HRMS (CI^+) Calcd for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{23}\text{NNaO}$ [$\text{M} + \text{Na}^+$]: 328.1677, Found: 328.1702.



***tert*-Butyl 2-phenyl-2,5-dihydro-1*H*-pyrrole-1-carboxylate (**12**)**.³ According to the procedure described above, the reaction was conducted with **3a** (113 mg, 0.35 mmol). The reaction mixture was purified by flash chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 100:1) to provide the desired product **12** as pale yellow oil (34.5 mg, 40% yield).

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) (70:30 mixture of rotamers, peaks corresponding to minor rotamer starred) δ 7.33-7.18 (m, 5H), 5.91-5.83 (m, 1H), 5.77-5.70 (m, 1H), 5.53-5.51 (m, 0.3 H), 5.39-5.36 (m, 0.7H), 4.39-4.23 (m, 2H), 1.43 (s, 3H), 1.21 (s, 6H) ppm.

^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 154.2, 154.1*, 142.6, 141.9*, 131.4*, 131.3, 128.6*, 128.3, 127.3, 126.8, 126.7*, 124.7, 79.6, 68.3, 68.0*, 54.2*, 53.8, 28.6, 28.3 ppm.



1-(Adamantan-1-ylmethyl)-3-pyrroline (4). To a 25 mL round bottom flask charged with a magnetic stir bar was added LiAlH₄ (404 mg, 10.6 mmol). The flask was evacuated and backfilled with N₂, followed by addition of anhydrous THF (8.0 mL). The mixture was cooled to 0 °C, and the solution of **3a** (64.7 mg, 0.20 mmol) in THF (3.0 mL) was added dropwise. The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 12 h. Upon completion, the reaction was quenched at 0 °C with water (0.50 mL, dropwise), NaOH aqueous solution (15%wt, 0.50 mL), and another water (1.5 mL), successively. The mixture was stirred until the precipitate could be conveniently filtered off. The filtrate was concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by flash silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 40:1) to provide the desired product **13** as pale yellow oil (51.9 mg, 88% yield). M.p.: 63-64 °C.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.37-7.23 (m, 5H), 5.87-5.83 (m, 1H), 5.67-5.64 (m, 1H), 4.53-4.50 (m, 1H), 4.16-4.10 (m, 1H), 3.46-3.40 (m, 1H), 2.34 (q, *J* = 13.2 Hz, 2H), 1.91-1.88 (m, 3H), 1.69-1.56 (m, 6H), 1.45-1.30 (m, 6H) ppm.

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 144.4, 132.4, 128.2, 128.1, 127.3, 127.0, 77.8, 69.1, 64.3, 41.4, 37.3, 34.9, 28.7 ppm.

HRMS (CI⁺) Calcd for C₂₁H₂₈N [M + H⁺]: 294.2222, Found: 294.2240.

7 X-ray Structure of Product 3m

The structure of product **3m** was determined by X-ray diffraction. The X-ray data of **3m** have been deposited at the Cambridge Crystallographic Data Center (CCDC 1969285).

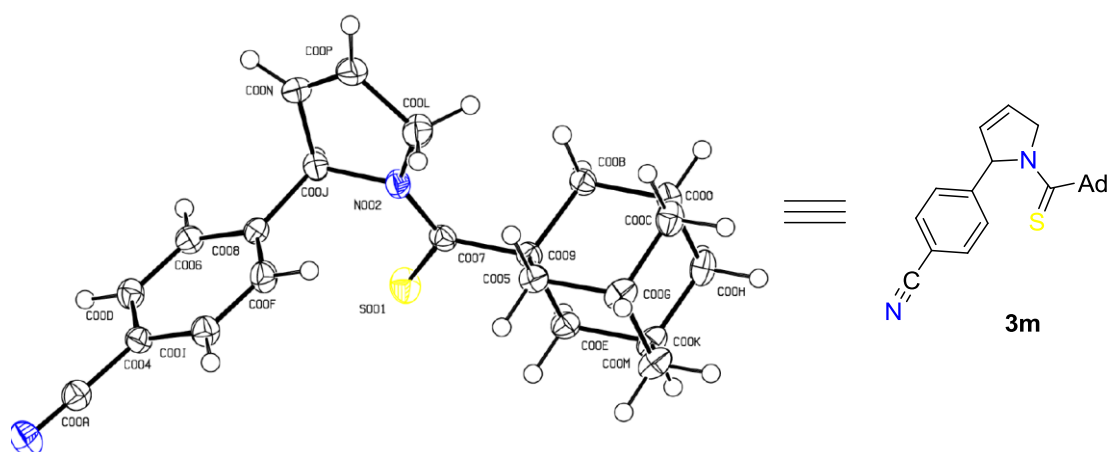


Figure S1. X-ray structure of product **3m**

Table 1 Crystal data and structure refinement for compound 3m.

Identification code	3m
Empirical formula	C ₈₈ H ₉₆ N ₈ S ₄
Formula weight	1393.96
Temperature/K	150.15
Crystal system	monoclinic
Space group	C2/c
a/Å	48.132(3)
b/Å	6.9037(4)
c/Å	10.8793(6)
α/°	90
β/°	93.383(4)
γ/°	90
Volume/Å ³	3608.8(4)
Z	2
ρ _{calc} /g/cm ³	1.283
μ/mm ⁻¹	0.186

F(000)	1488.0
Crystal size/mm ³	0.1 × 0.1 × 0.1
Radiation	MoK α (λ = 0.71073)
2 θ range for data collection/°	5.086 to 56.89
Index ranges	-55 ≤ h ≤ 64, -9 ≤ k ≤ 9, -14 ≤ l ≤ 13
Reflections collected	18608
Independent reflections	4544 [R _{int} = 0.0829, R _{sigma} = 0.0708]
Data/restraints/parameters	4544/0/226
Goodness-of-fit on F ²	1.023
Final R indexes [I >= 2 σ (I)]	R ₁ = 0.0495, wR ₂ = 0.1067
Final R indexes [all data]	R ₁ = 0.0863, wR ₂ = 0.1251
Largest diff. peak/hole / e Å ⁻³	0.35/-0.33

Table 2 Fractional Atomic Coordinates ($\times 10^4$) and Equivalent Isotropic Displacement Parameters ($\text{\AA}^2 \times 10^3$) for 3m. U_{eq} is defined as 1/3 of the trace of the orthogonalised U_{ij} tensor.

Atom	x	y	z	U(eq)
S001	3694.4 (2)	1151.1 (8)	3295.1 (5)	29.90 (15)
N002	3661.7 (3)	4246 (2)	4654.9 (14)	22.7 (3)
N003	2429.2 (4)	-1773 (3)	6628.6 (15)	32.8 (4)
C004	2795.7 (4)	460 (3)	5707.7 (16)	21.8 (4)
C005	4163.8 (4)	2670 (3)	6210.8 (15)	22.4 (4)
C006	2940.4 (4)	2336 (3)	4010.8 (16)	22.8 (4)
C007	3825.2 (4)	2797 (3)	4295.0 (16)	21.1 (4)
C008	3176.9 (4)	2924 (3)	4705.5 (16)	21.1 (4)
C009	4132.7 (4)	2669 (2)	4784.0 (15)	19.3 (4)
C00A	2593.4 (4)	-793 (3)	6224.9 (17)	25.5 (4)
C00B	4302.4 (4)	4350 (3)	4252.9 (15)	21.1 (4)
C00C	4608.4 (4)	4237 (3)	4729.9 (16)	24.3 (4)
C00D	2749.6 (4)	1110 (3)	4503.5 (16)	24.0 (4)
C00E	4268.3 (4)	777 (3)	4353.8 (17)	23.6 (4)
C00F	3221.0 (4)	2275 (3)	5909.0 (17)	26.3 (4)
C00G	4473.5 (4)	2565 (3)	6650.8 (16)	25.8 (4)
C00H	4736.0 (4)	2353 (3)	4292.8 (17)	26.6 (4)
C00I	3031.6 (4)	1046 (3)	6417.4 (17)	25.2 (4)
C00J	3368.1 (4)	4388 (3)	4154.2 (17)	24.3 (4)
C00K	4576.3 (4)	652 (3)	4798.9 (17)	26.5 (4)
C00L	3726.7 (4)	5932 (3)	5475 (2)	33.0 (5)
C00M	4602.5 (4)	689 (3)	6207.5 (17)	30.5 (5)

C00N	3289.2 (4)	6411 (3)	4497.4 (19)	30.3 (5)
C00O	4626.9 (4)	4309 (3)	6144.9 (16)	27.5 (4)
C00P	3483.8 (4)	7243 (3)	5208 (2)	32.6 (5)

Table 3 Anisotropic Displacement Parameters ($\text{\AA}^2 \times 10^3$) for 3m. The Anisotropic displacement factor exponent takes the form: $-2\pi^2[h^2a^{*2}U_{11}+2hka^*b^*U_{12}+\dots]$.

Atom	U_{11}	U_{22}	U_{33}	U_{23}	U_{13}	U_{12}
S001	26.9 (3)	32.7 (3)	30.0 (3)	-10.6 (2)	-0.13 (19)	-3.1 (2)
N002	17.8 (8)	22.3 (8)	28.0 (8)	-3.5 (7)	1.1 (6)	-1.8 (6)
N003	31.4 (10)	36.5 (10)	30.4 (9)	1.6 (8)	0.2 (7)	-9.3 (8)
C004	21.1 (9)	19.7 (8)	25.0 (9)	-0.7 (8)	3.6 (7)	-0.5 (7)
C005	26.1 (10)	23.9 (9)	17.8 (8)	1.4 (7)	4.6 (7)	1.7 (8)
C006	23.1 (10)	23.9 (9)	21.3 (8)	1.2 (8)	0.1 (7)	0.0 (8)
C007	21.9 (9)	20.8 (9)	21.3 (8)	1.7 (7)	5.5 (7)	-2.2 (7)
C008	18.8 (9)	19.3 (8)	25.5 (9)	-1.0 (8)	4.7 (7)	2.6 (7)
C009	19.8 (9)	19.2 (8)	19.1 (8)	-1.0 (7)	2.1 (7)	-1.3 (7)
C00A	25.3 (10)	27.0 (10)	23.8 (9)	-1.4 (8)	-2.0 (7)	0.0 (8)
C00B	21.3 (9)	22.5 (9)	19.7 (8)	2.4 (7)	3.0 (7)	-0.6 (7)
C00C	19.4 (9)	28.2 (10)	25.6 (9)	-0.3 (8)	3.2 (7)	-3.2 (8)
C00D	21.0 (9)	26.5 (9)	24.2 (9)	-2.3 (8)	-1.4 (7)	-0.8 (8)
C00E	25.2 (10)	19.9 (9)	25.8 (9)	-2.7 (8)	3.6 (7)	1.9 (7)
C00F	21.0 (10)	30.6 (10)	26.8 (9)	0.1 (8)	-1.8 (7)	-1.7 (8)
C00G	30.9 (11)	29.3 (10)	17.0 (8)	-0.7 (8)	0.1 (7)	6.6 (8)
C00H	19.4 (9)	37.3 (11)	23.1 (9)	-4.0 (9)	2.4 (7)	3.4 (8)
C00I	24.1 (10)	28.5 (10)	22.8 (9)	0.5 (8)	0.1 (7)	-0.7 (8)
C00J	18.4 (9)	25.7 (10)	28.7 (9)	3.3 (8)	1.0 (7)	-1.9 (7)
C00K	26.6 (10)	25.9 (10)	26.9 (9)	-4.1 (8)	1.9 (8)	8.3 (8)
C00L	26.2 (11)	25.7 (10)	47.3 (12)	-14.9 (9)	3.7 (9)	1.3 (8)
C00M	32.1 (11)	31.5 (11)	27.7 (9)	2.7 (9)	0.9 (8)	10.6 (9)
C00N	26.4 (11)	22.2 (10)	42.6 (11)	8.9 (9)	4.3 (9)	3.6 (8)
C00O	22.6 (10)	33.3 (11)	26.4 (9)	-8.4 (9)	-1.4 (7)	0.4 (8)
C00P	29.7 (11)	21.4 (10)	47.3 (12)	0.0 (9)	8.4 (9)	1.0 (8)

Table 4 Bond Lengths for 3m.

Atom	Atom	Length/ $\text{\AA}$	Atom	Atom	Length/ $\text{\AA}$
S001	C007	1.6702 (18)	C009	C00B	1.550 (2)
N002	C007	1.346 (2)	C009	C00E	1.546 (2)

N002 C00J	1.487 (2)	C00B C00C	1.534 (2)
N002 C00L	1.488 (2)	C00C C00H	1.526 (3)
N003 C00A	1.147 (2)	C00C C00O	1.538 (2)
C004 C00A	1.441 (3)	C00E C00K	1.534 (3)
C004 C00D	1.390 (2)	C00F C00I	1.384 (3)
C004 C00I	1.395 (2)	C00G C00M	1.527 (3)
C005 C009	1.551 (2)	C00G C00O	1.532 (3)
C005 C00G	1.540 (3)	C00H C00K	1.524 (3)
C006 C008	1.389 (2)	C00J C00N	1.500 (3)
C006 C00D	1.380 (3)	C00K C00M	1.530 (3)
C007 C009	1.545 (2)	C00L C00P	1.493 (3)
C008 C00F	1.388 (3)	C00N C00P	1.311 (3)
C008 C00J	1.514 (2)		

Table 5 Bond Angles for 3m.

Atom Atom Atom	Angle/°	Atom Atom Atom	Angle/°
C007 N002 C00J	120.12 (14)	C00B C00C C00O	109.56 (14)
C007 N002 C00L	130.53 (15)	C00H C00C C00B	109.50 (15)
C00J N002 C00L	109.26 (14)	C00H C00C C00O	109.81 (15)
C00D C004 C00A	119.19 (16)	C006 C00D C004	119.43 (17)
C00D C004 C00I	120.47 (17)	C00K C00E C009	111.67 (14)
C00I C004 C00A	120.32 (16)	C00I C00F C008	120.47 (17)
C00G C005 C009	110.21 (14)	C00M C00G C005	110.24 (15)
C00D C006 C008	120.69 (16)	C00M C00G C00O	109.85 (15)
N002 C007 S001	119.39 (13)	C00O C00G C005	109.25 (15)
N002 C007 C009	120.45 (15)	C00K C00H C00C	108.85 (14)
C009 C007 S001	120.16 (13)	C00F C00I C004	119.37 (16)
C006 C008 C00J	118.49 (16)	N002 C00J C008	113.42 (14)
C00F C008 C006	119.57 (16)	N002 C00J C00N	102.65 (15)
C00F C008 C00J	121.76 (16)	C00N C00J C008	110.74 (15)
C007 C009 C005	112.23 (14)	C00H C00K C00E	109.95 (15)
C007 C009 C00B	110.14 (14)	C00H C00K C00M	109.59 (16)
C007 C009 C00E	110.90 (14)	C00M C00K C00E	109.65 (15)
C00B C009 C005	110.56 (14)	N002 C00L C00P	102.86 (16)
C00E C009 C005	106.61 (14)	C00G C00M C00K	108.62 (15)
C00E C009 C00B	106.18 (14)	C00P C00N C00J	111.83 (18)
N003 C00A C004	179.0 (2)	C00G C00O C00C	109.49 (15)
C00C C00B C009	110.63 (14)	C00N C00P C00L	111.91 (18)

Table 6 Torsion Angles for 3m.

A	B	C	D	Angle/°	A	B	C	D	Angle/°
S001	C007	C009	C005	-126.17 (14)	C00B	C009	C00E	C00K	58.69 (18)
S001	C007	C009	C00B	110.18 (15)	C00B	C00C	C00H	C00K	-60.37 (18)
S001	C007	C009	C00E	-7.06 (19)	C00B	C00C	C00O	C00G	61.50 (19)
N002	C007	C009	C005	54.8 (2)	C00C	C00H	C00K	C00E	58.95 (18)
N002	C007	C009	C00B	-68.83 (19)	C00C	C00H	C00K	C00M	-61.64 (19)
N002	C007	C009	C00E	173.94 (15)	C00D	C004	C00I	C00F	-0.4 (3)
N002	C00J	C00N	C00P	-7.1 (2)	C00D	C006	C008	C00F	-0.2 (3)
N002	C00L	C00P	C00N	7.6 (2)	C00D	C006	C008	C00J	-175.44 (16)
C005	C009	C00B	C00C	55.51 (18)	C00E	C009	C00B	C00C	-59.75 (17)
C005	C009	C00E	C00K	-59.22 (18)	C00E	C00K	C00M	C00G	-59.1 (2)
C005	C00G	C00M	C00K	60.2 (2)	C00F	C008	C00J	N002	31.6 (2)
C005	C00G	C00O	C00C	-62.02 (19)	C00F	C008	C00J	C00N	-83.2 (2)
C006	C008	C00F	C00I	0.2 (3)	C00G	C005	C009	C007	-179.35 (14)
C006	C008	C00J	N002	-153.33 (16)	C00G	C005	C009	C00B	-55.95 (19)
C006	C008	C00J	C00N	91.9 (2)	C00G	C005	C009	C00E	59.04 (18)
C007	N002	C00J	C008	75.3 (2)	C00H	C00C	C00O	C00G	-58.80 (19)
C007	N002	C00J	C00N	-165.14 (15)	C00H	C00K	C00M	C00G	61.7 (2)
C007	N002	C00L	C00P	164.53 (18)	C00I	C004	C00D	C006	0.4 (3)
C007	C009	C00B	C00C	-179.88 (14)	C00J	N002	C007	S001	-0.6 (2)
C007	C009	C00E	C00K	178.33 (14)	C00J	N002	C007	C009	178.37 (15)
C008	C006	C00D	C004	-0.1 (3)	C00J	N002	C00L	C00P	-11.9 (2)
C008	C00F	C00I	C004	0.2 (3)	C00J	C008	C00F	C00I	175.22 (17)
C008	C00J	C00N	C00P	114.24 (19)	C00J	C00N	C00P	C00L	-0.3 (3)
C009	C005	C00G	C00M	-61.59 (19)	C00L	N002	C007	S001	-176.80 (16)
C009	C005	C00G	C00O	59.21 (19)	C00L	N002	C007	C009	2.2 (3)
C009	C00B	C00C	C00H	62.41 (18)	C00L	N002	C00J	C008	-107.77 (17)
C009	C00B	C00C	C00O	-58.08 (19)	C00L	N002	C00J	C00N	11.76 (19)
C009	C00E	C00K	C00H	-59.98 (19)	C00M	C00G	C00O	C00C	59.03 (19)
C009	C00E	C00K	C00M	60.6 (2)	C00O	C00C	C00H	C00K	59.98 (19)
C00A	C004	C00D	C006	178.92 (17)	C00O	C00G	C00M	C00K	-60.3 (2)
C00A	C004	C00I	C00F	-178.95 (17)					

Table 7 Hydrogen Atom Coordinates ($\text{\AA} \times 10^4$) and Isotropic Displacement Parameters ($\text{\AA}^2 \times 10^3$) for 3m.

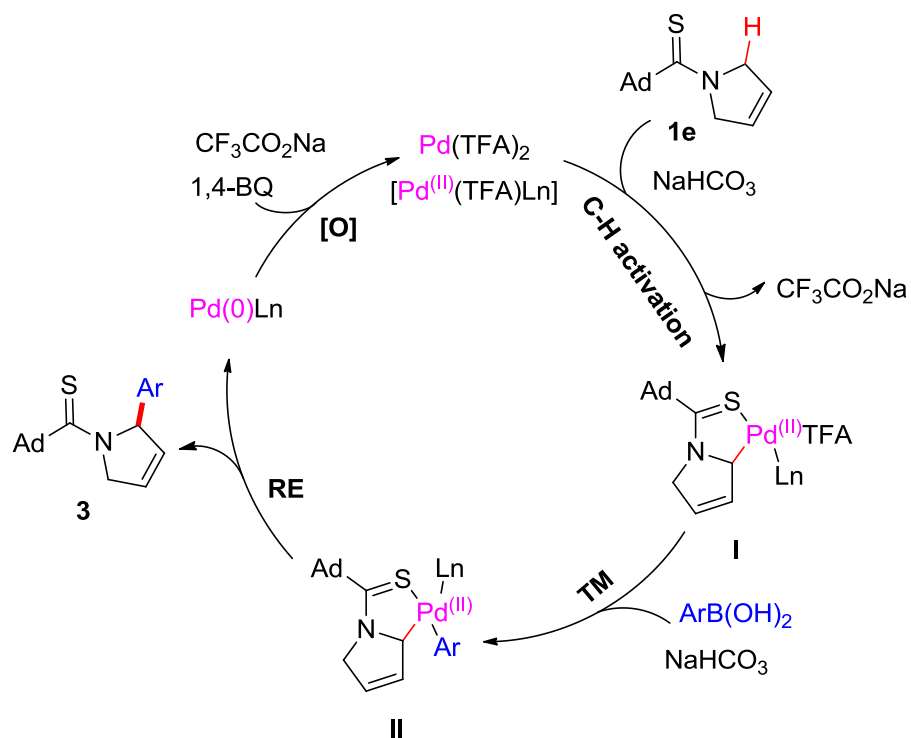
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H00N	3360	4249	3238	29
H00O	4656	-587	4500	32
H00P	3903	6561	5271	40
H00Q	3740	5536	6352	40
H00R	4505	-440	6542	37
H00S	4801	621	6499	37
H00T	3119	7017	4232	36
H00U	4824	4285	6455	33
H00V	4542	5525	6428	33
H00W	3472	8526	5517	39

Crystal structure determination of 3m

Crystal Data for $C_{88}H_{96}N_8S_4$ ($M = 1393.96$ g/mol): monoclinic, space group C2/c (no. 15), $a = 48.132(3)$ Å, $b = 6.9037(4)$ Å, $c = 10.8793(6)$ Å, $\beta = 93.383(4)^\circ$, $V = 3608.8(4)$ Å³, $Z = 2$, $T = 150.15$ K, $\mu(\text{MoK}\alpha) = 0.186$ mm⁻¹, $D_{\text{calc}} = 1.283$ g/cm³, 18608 reflections measured ($5.086^\circ \leq 2\theta \leq 56.89^\circ$), 4544 unique ($R_{\text{int}} = 0.0829$, $R_{\text{sigma}} = 0.0708$) which were used in all calculations. The final R_1 was 0.0495 ($I > 2\sigma(I)$) and wR_2 was 0.1251 (all data).

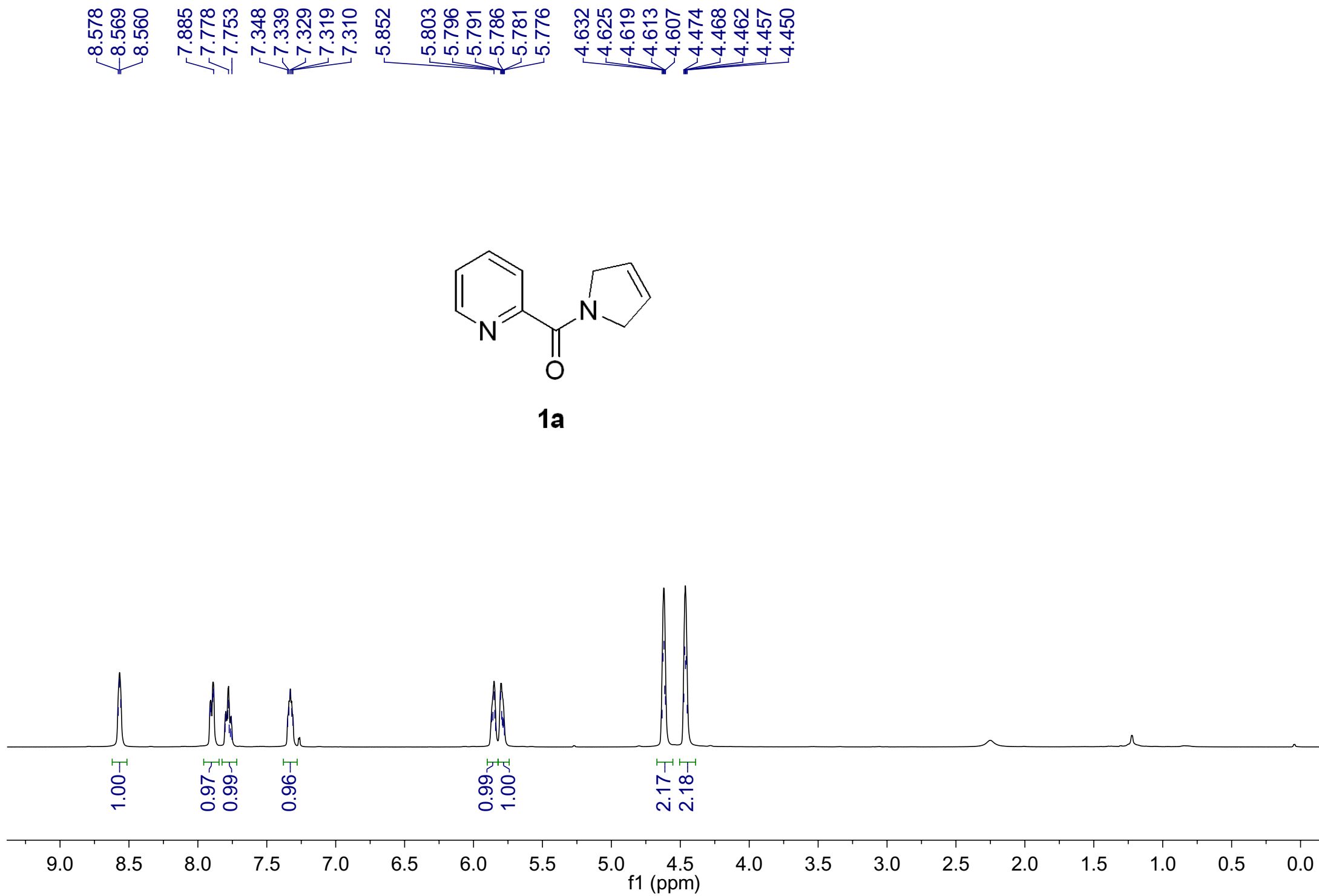
8 Proposed Catalytic Cycle

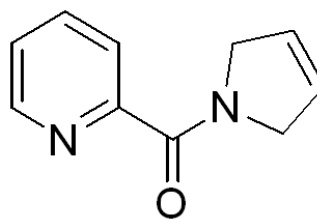


Based on the observed results and previous reports, we proposed a plausible reaction mechanism. The catalytic cycle initiates with $\text{Pd}(\text{TFA})_2$ and thioamide **1e** to give the complex **I** via the $\text{C}(\text{sp}^3)\text{-H}$ activation. Subsequently, the intermediate **I** undergoes a transmetalation reaction (TM) with the arylboronic acids to yield the $\text{Pd}^{\text{III}}\text{-Ar}$ species **II**. Next, a reductive elimination (RE) takes place to afford the α -arylated products **3** and a Pd^{0} -complex. Finally, the Pd^{0} -complex was oxidized by 1,4-benzoquinone to regenerate the Pd^{III} -complex that continues the catalytic cycle.

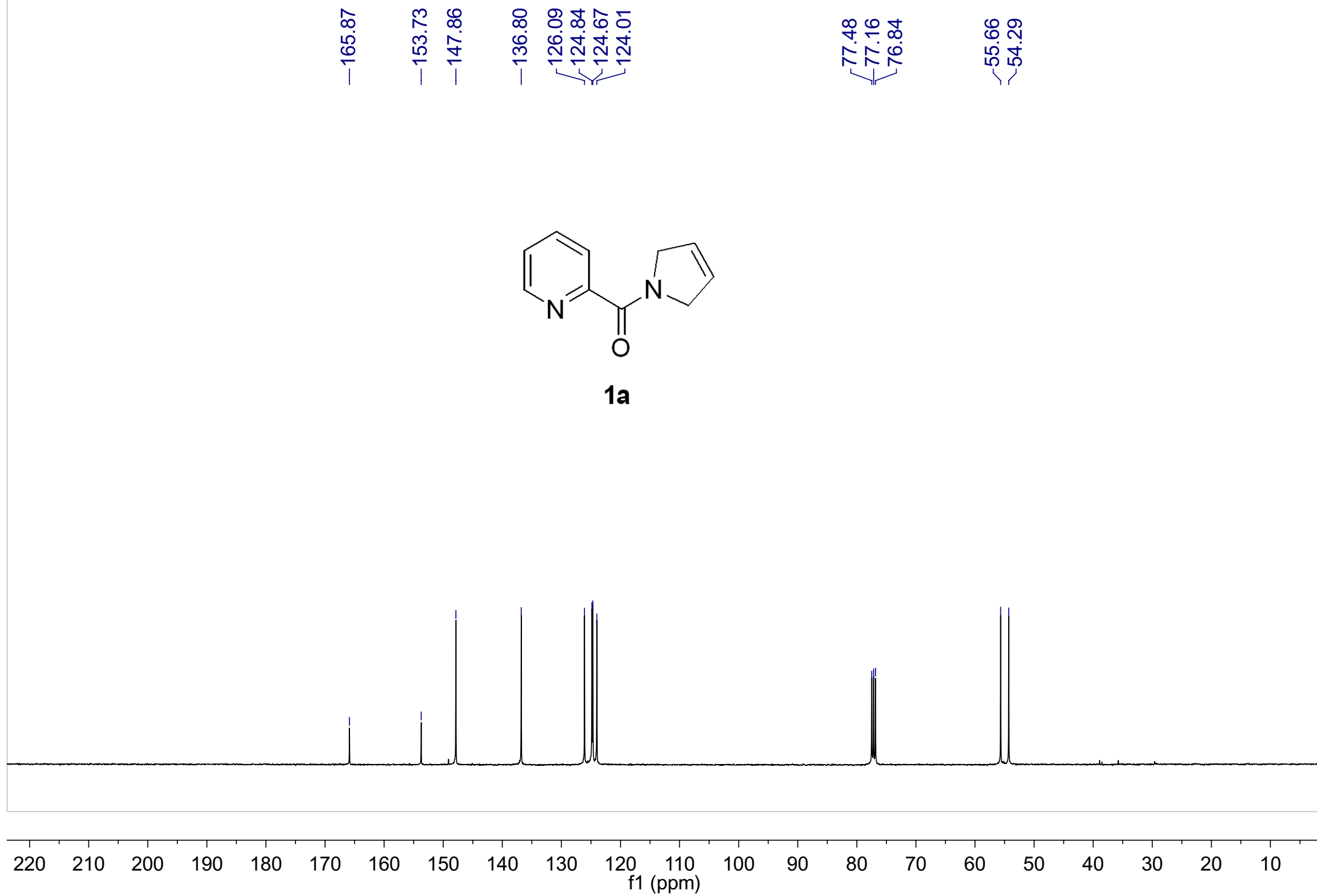
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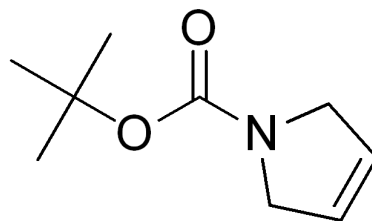
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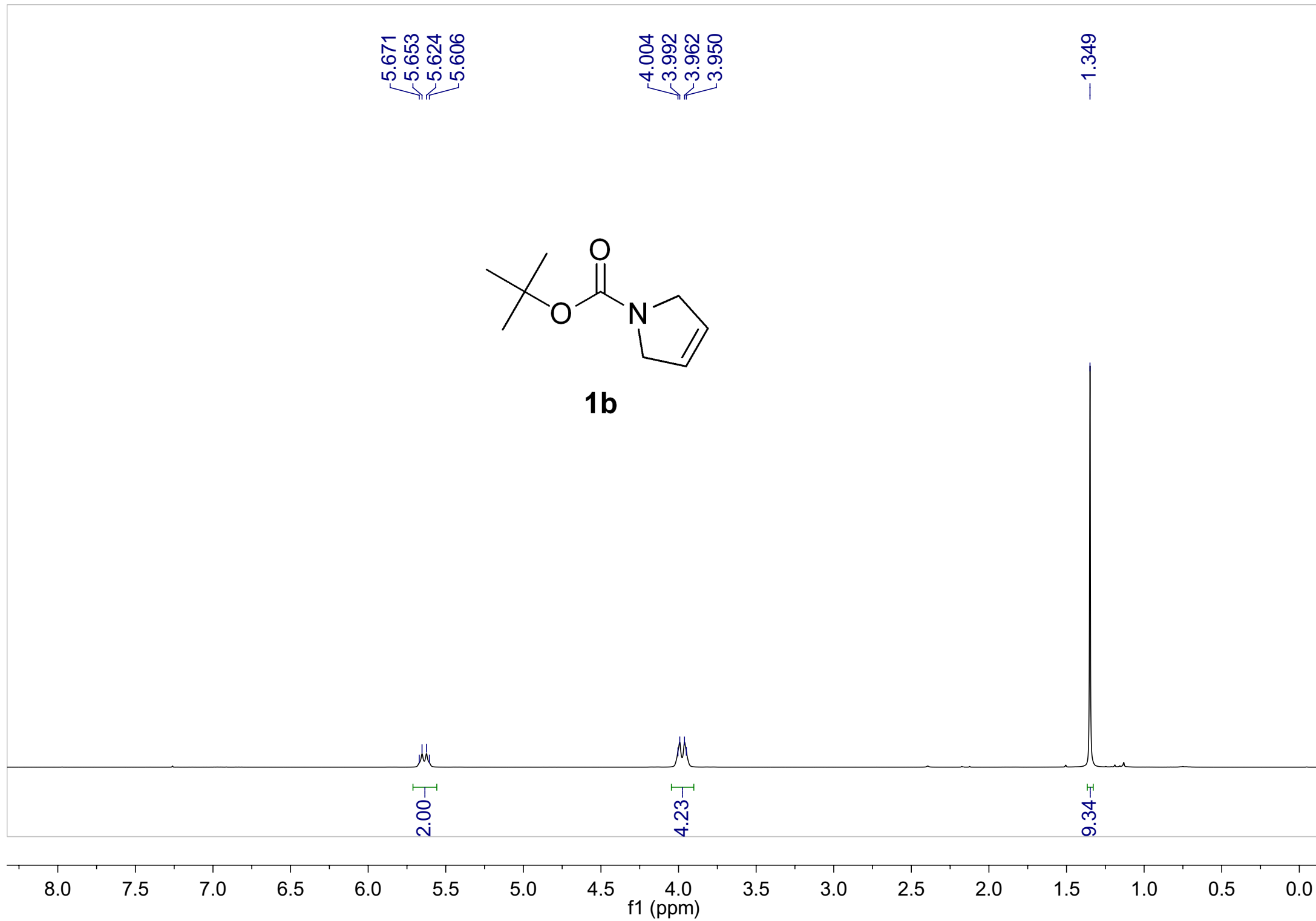


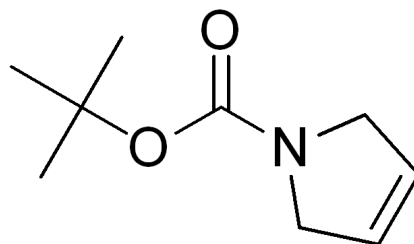
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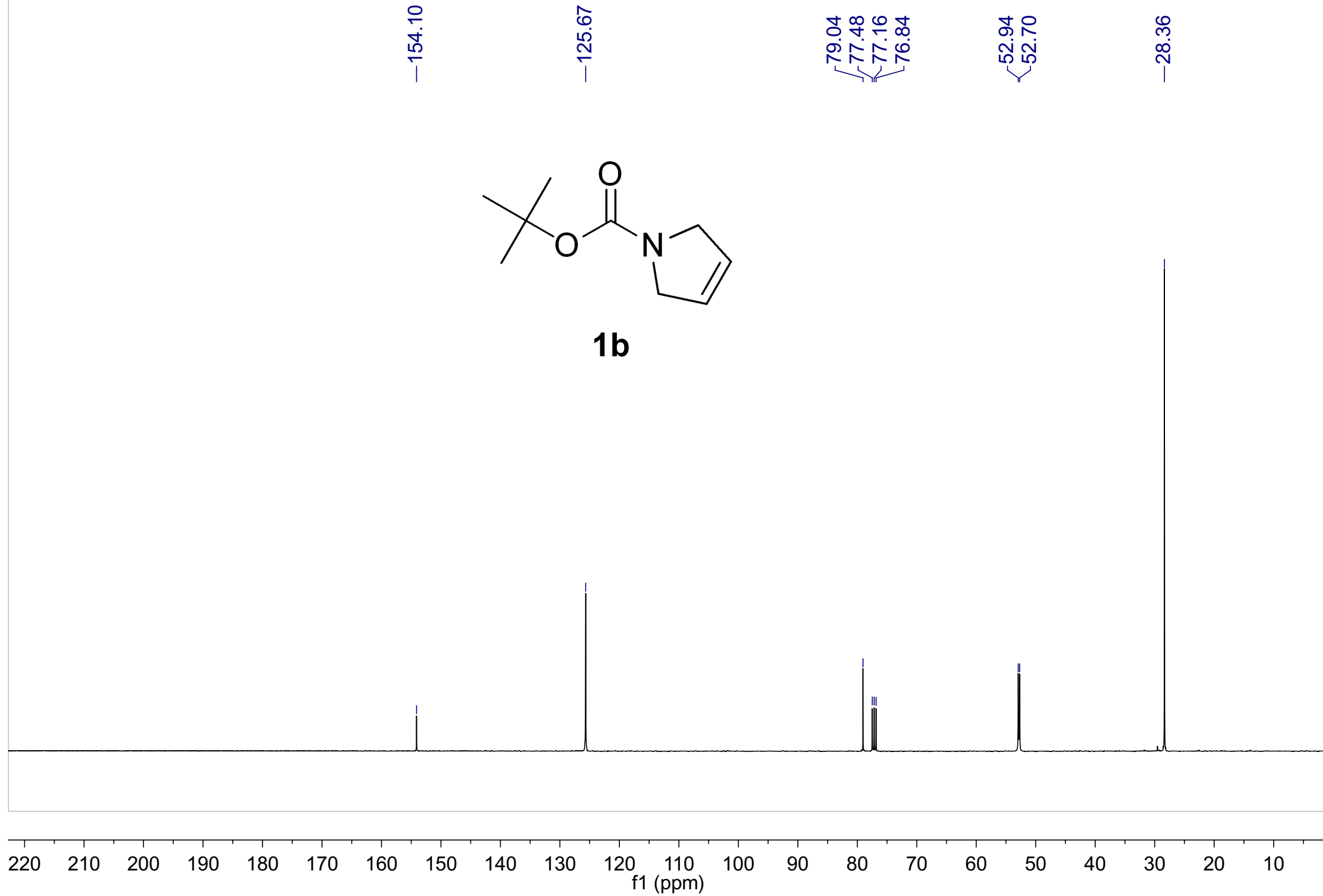


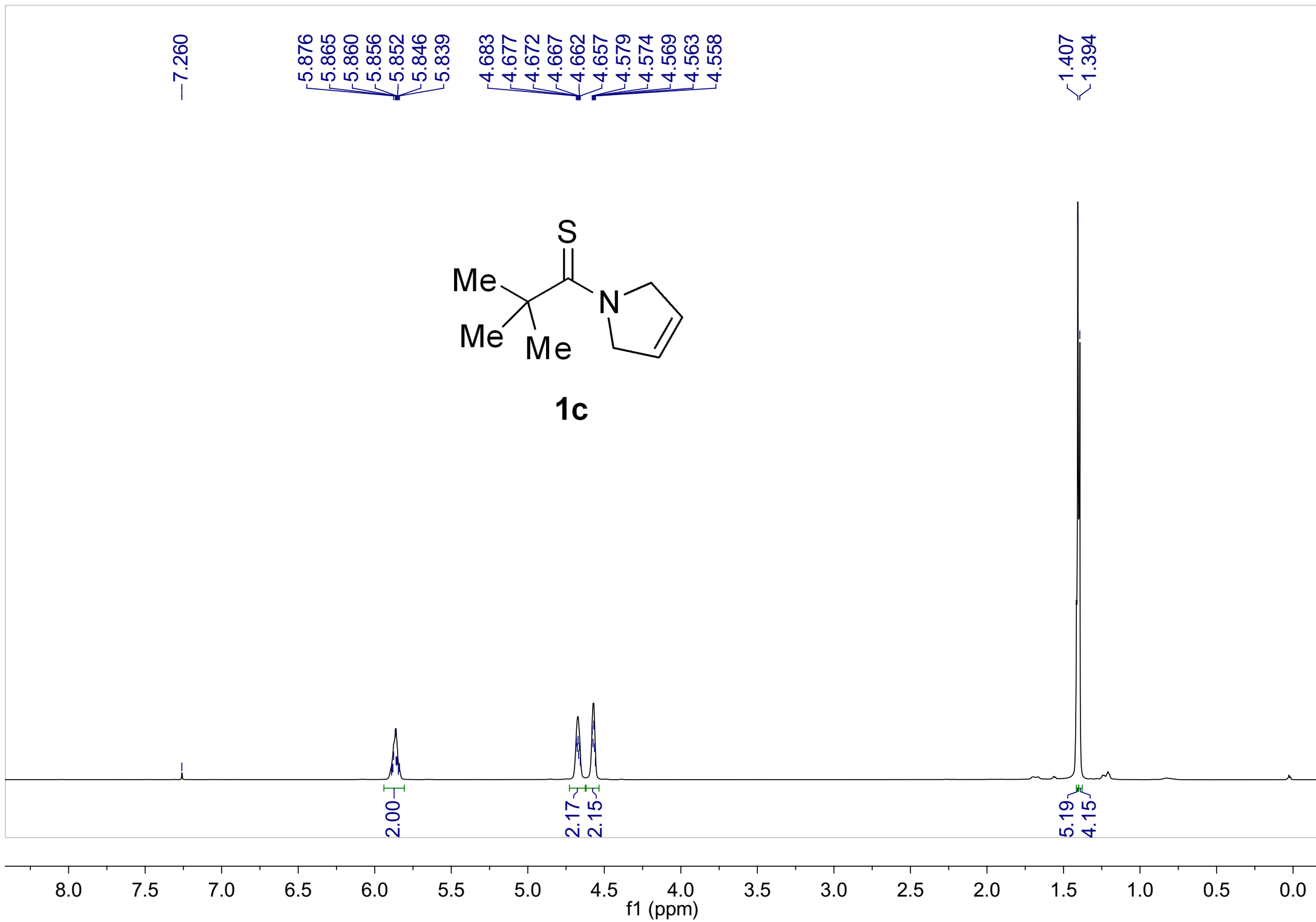
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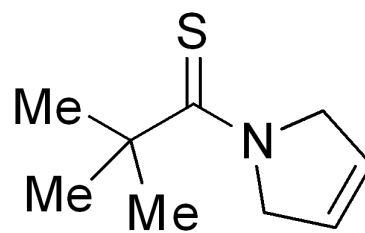




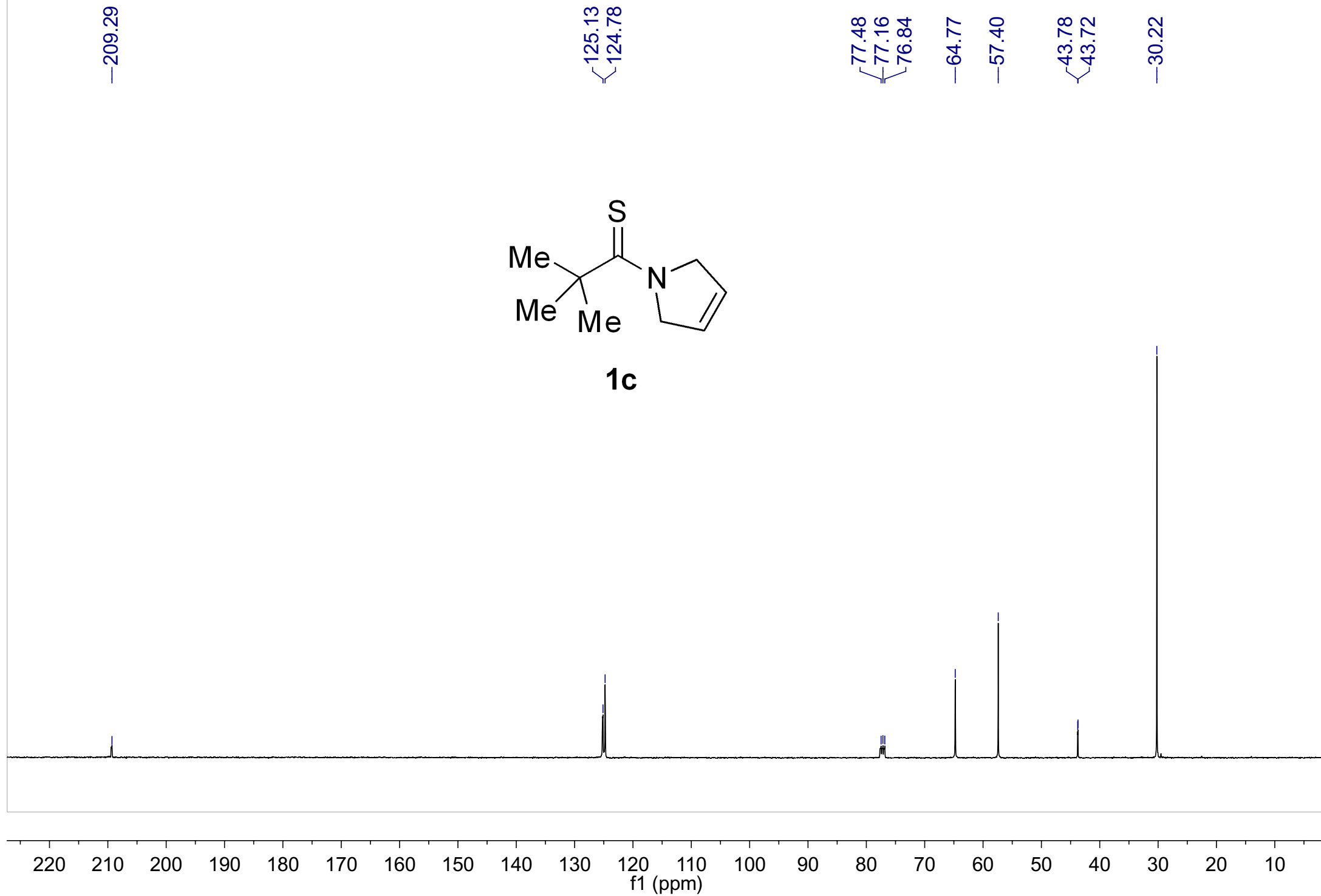
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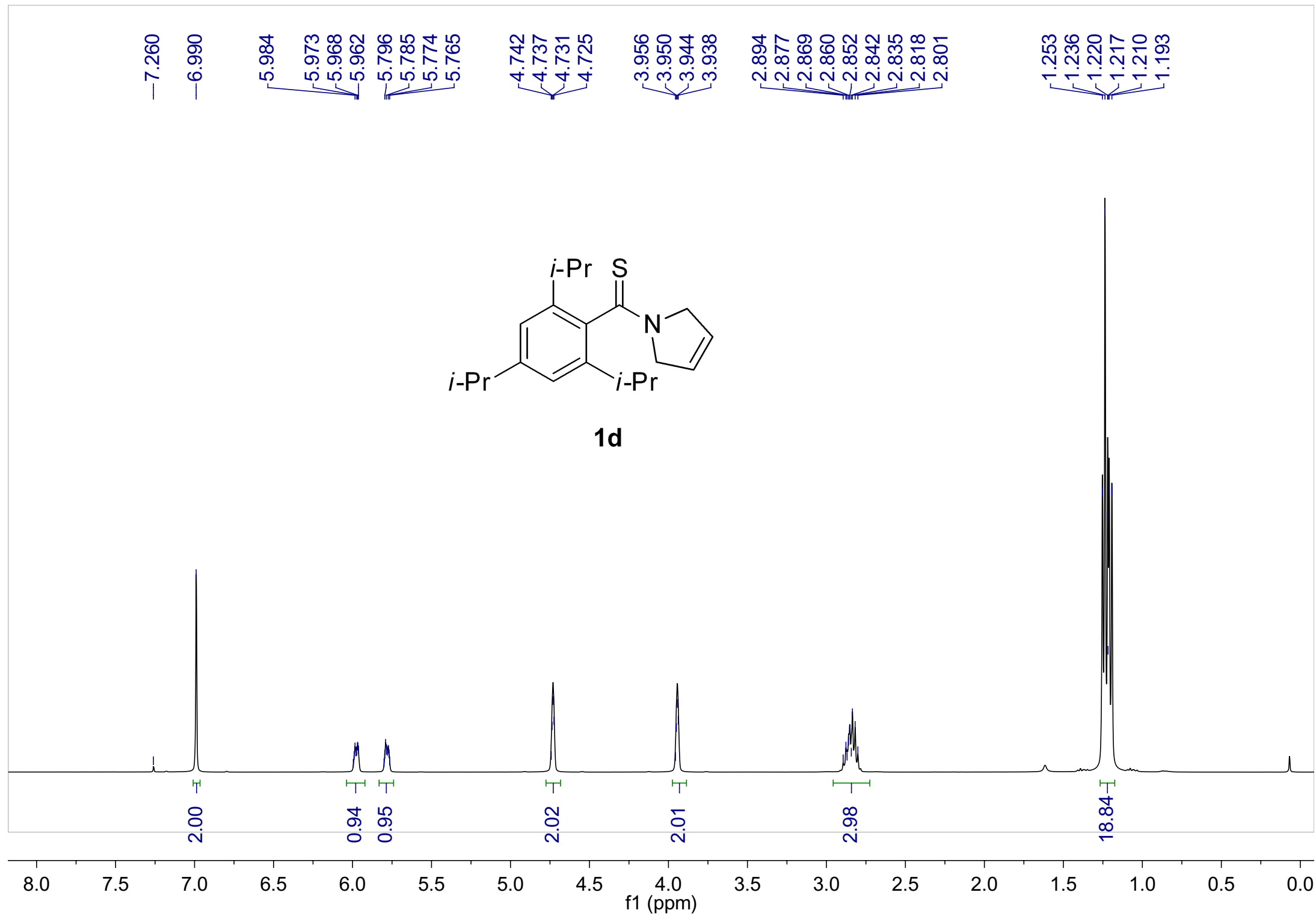


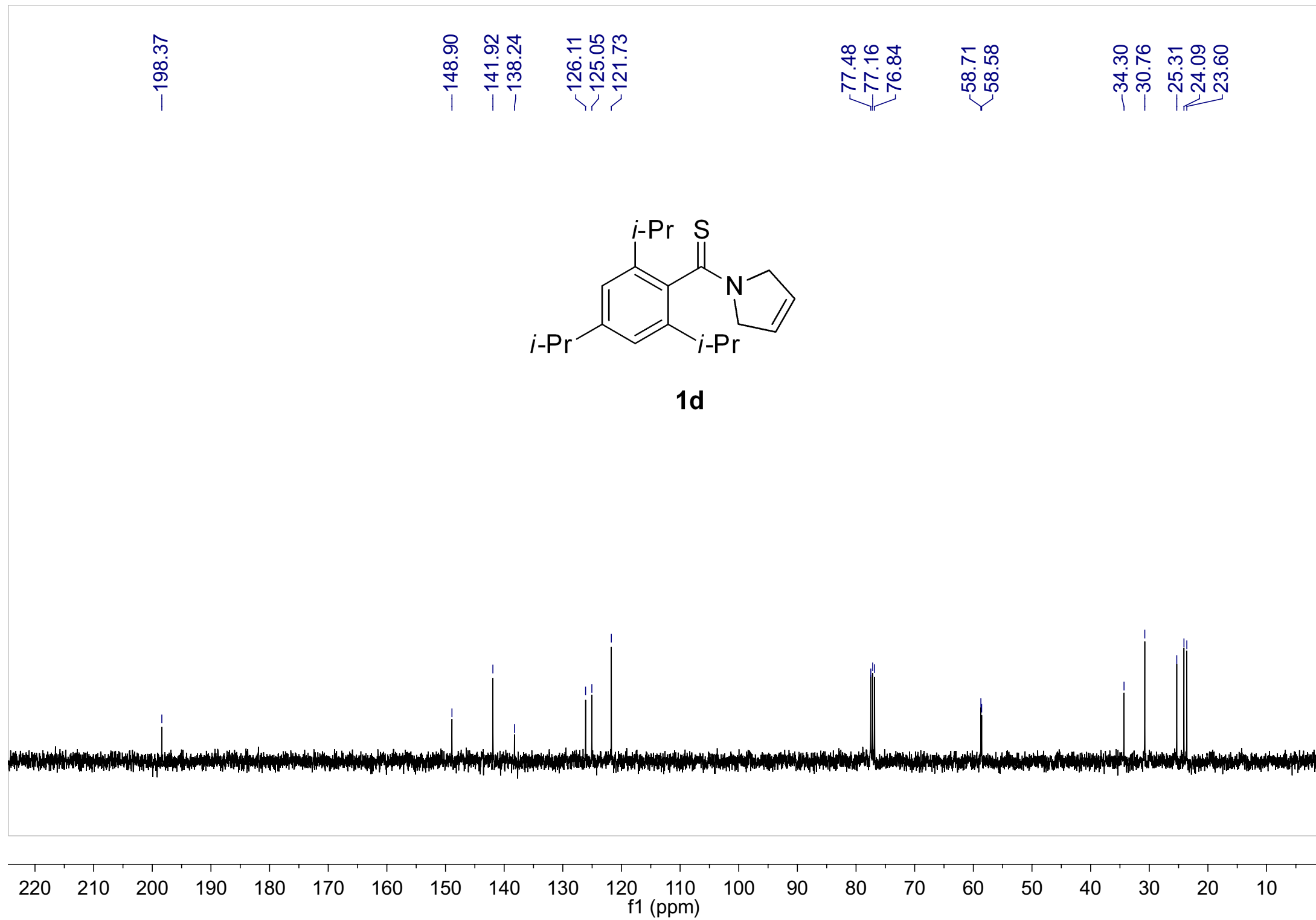




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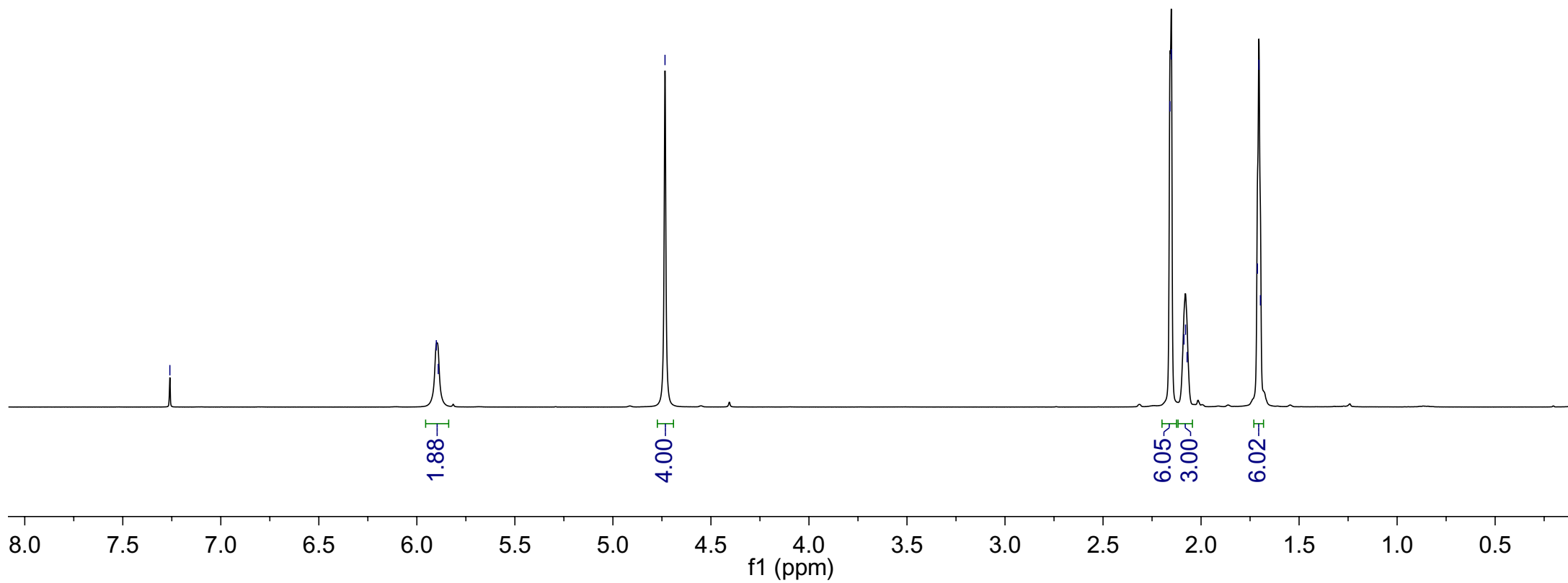
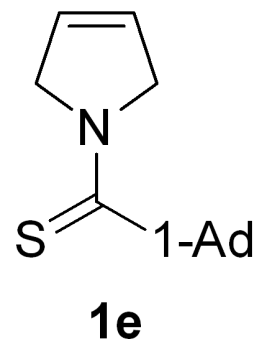
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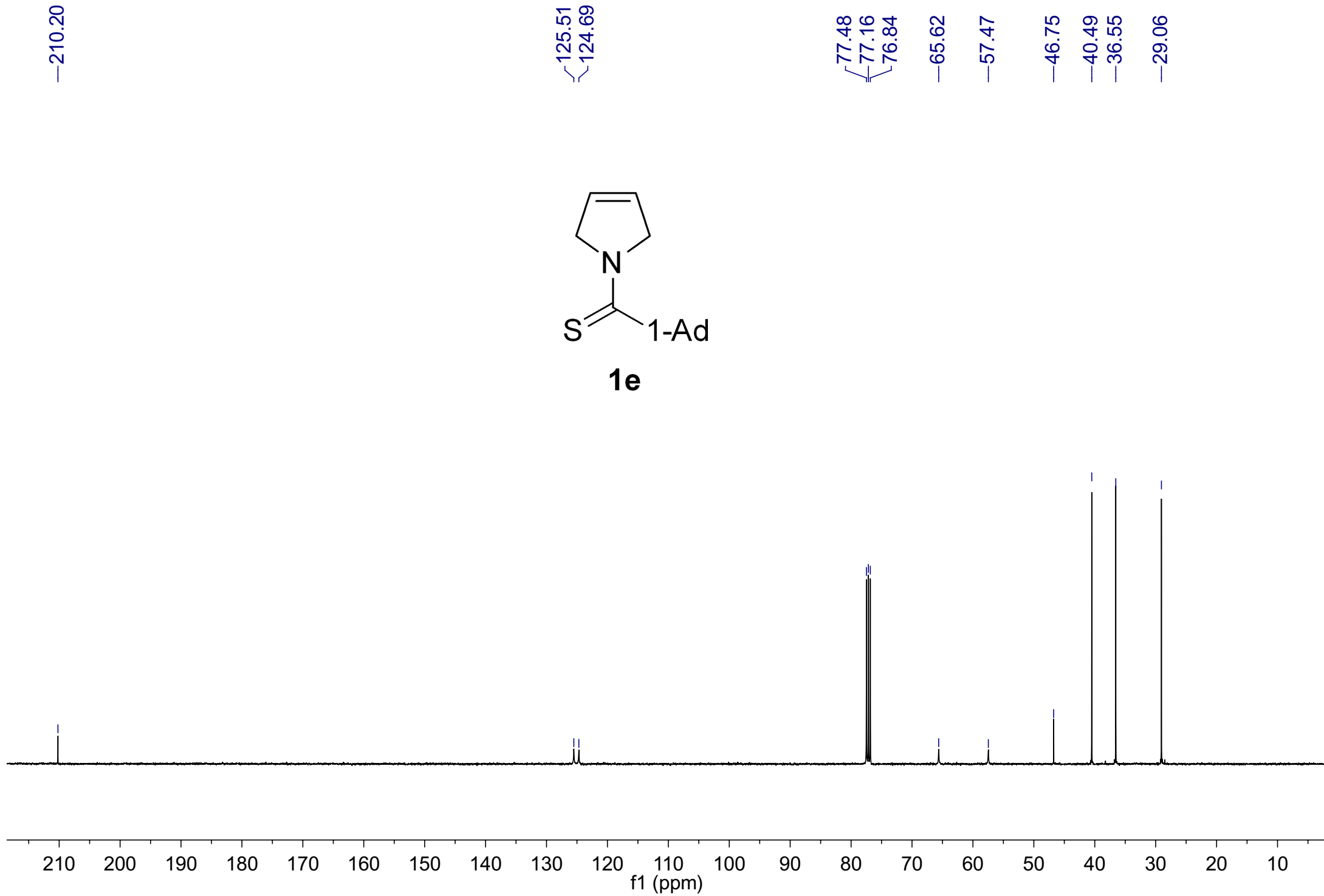
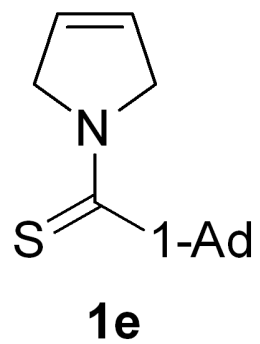
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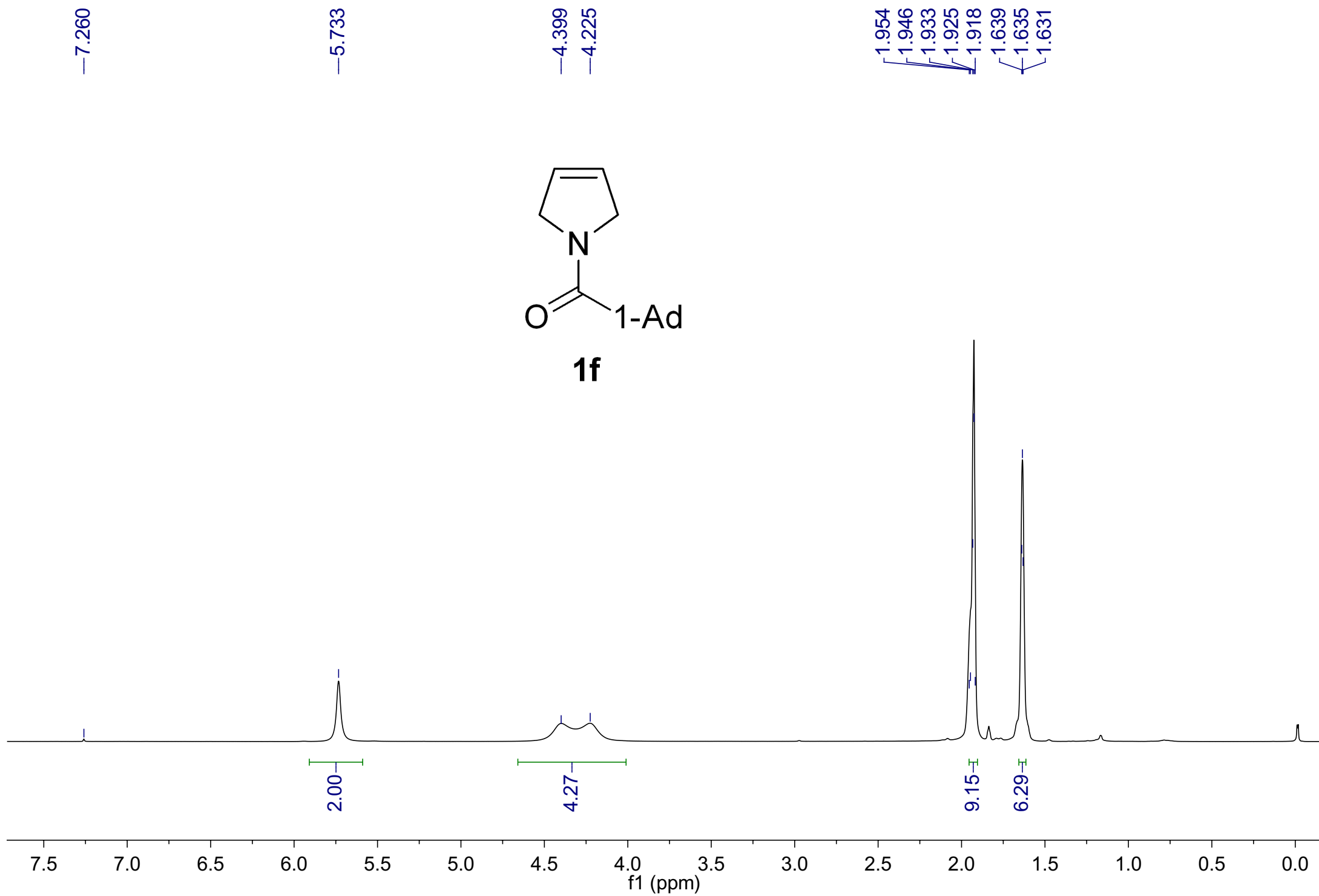
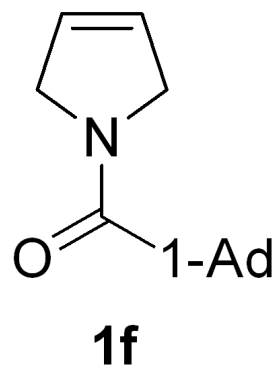
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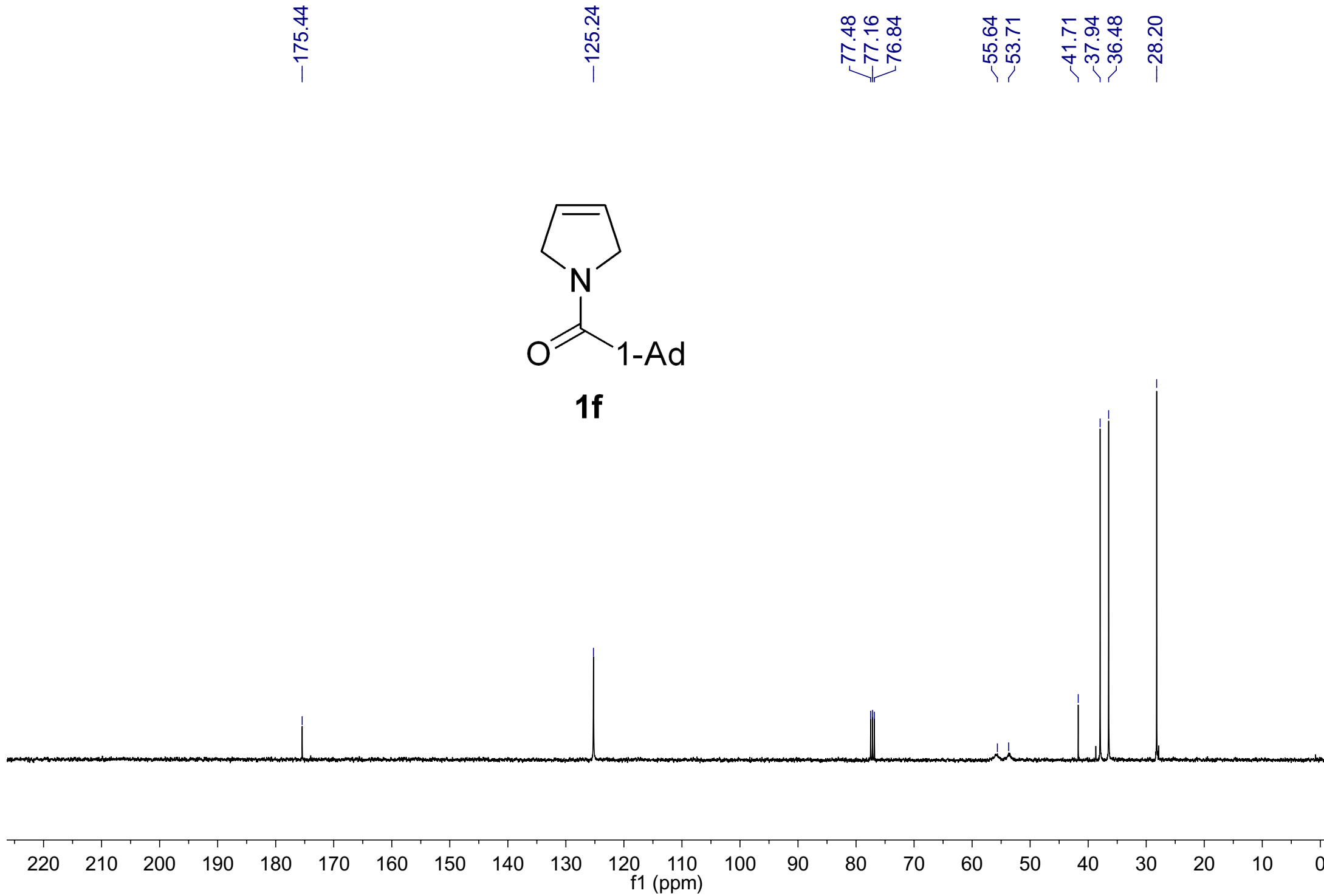
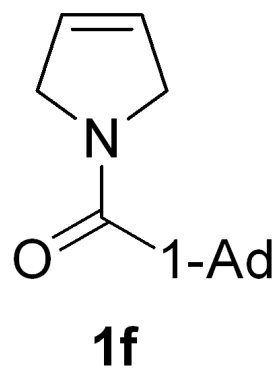
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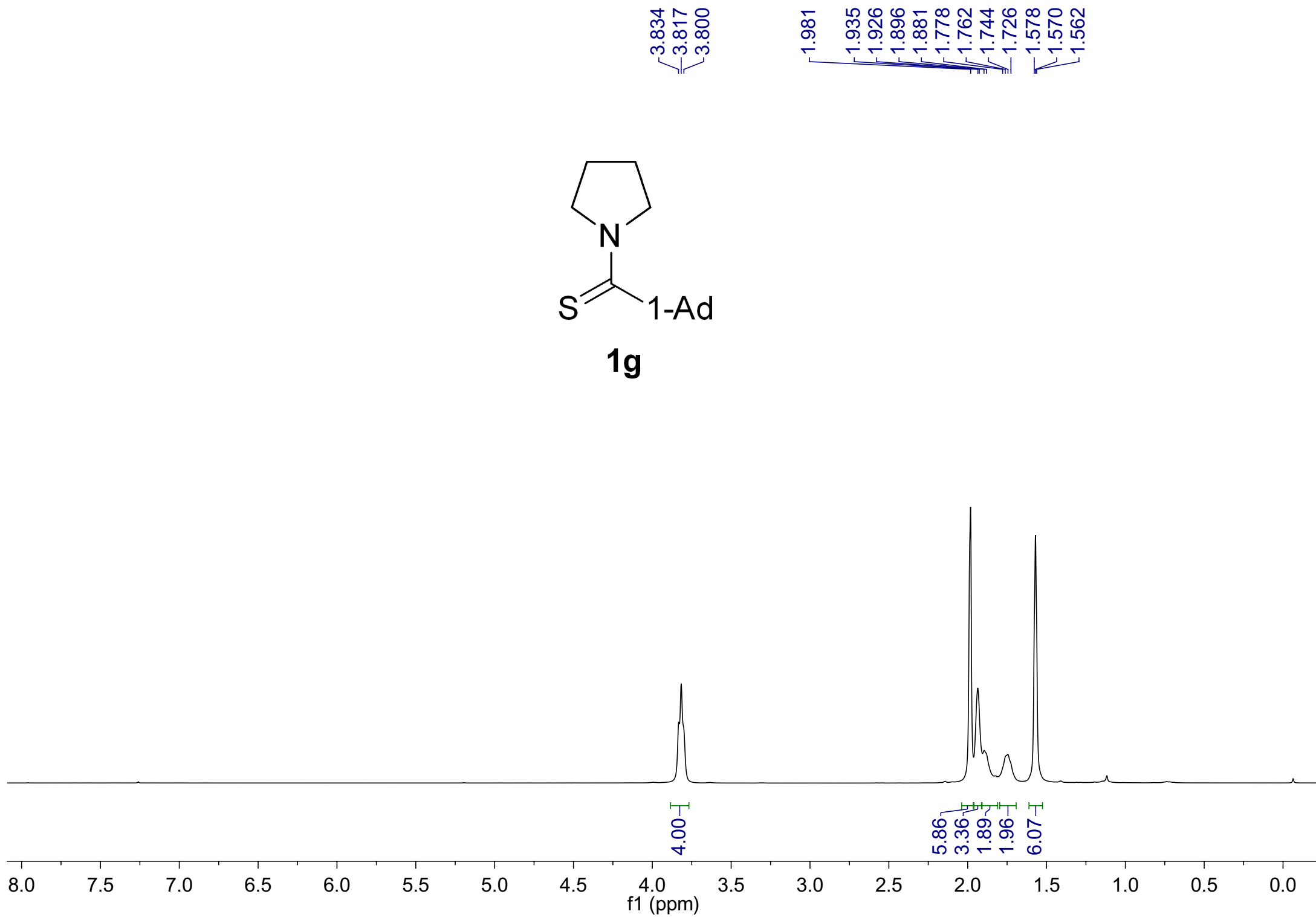
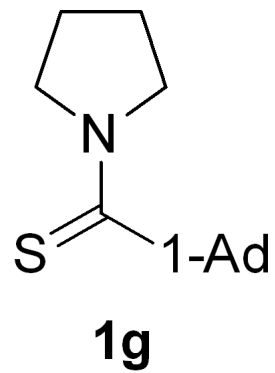
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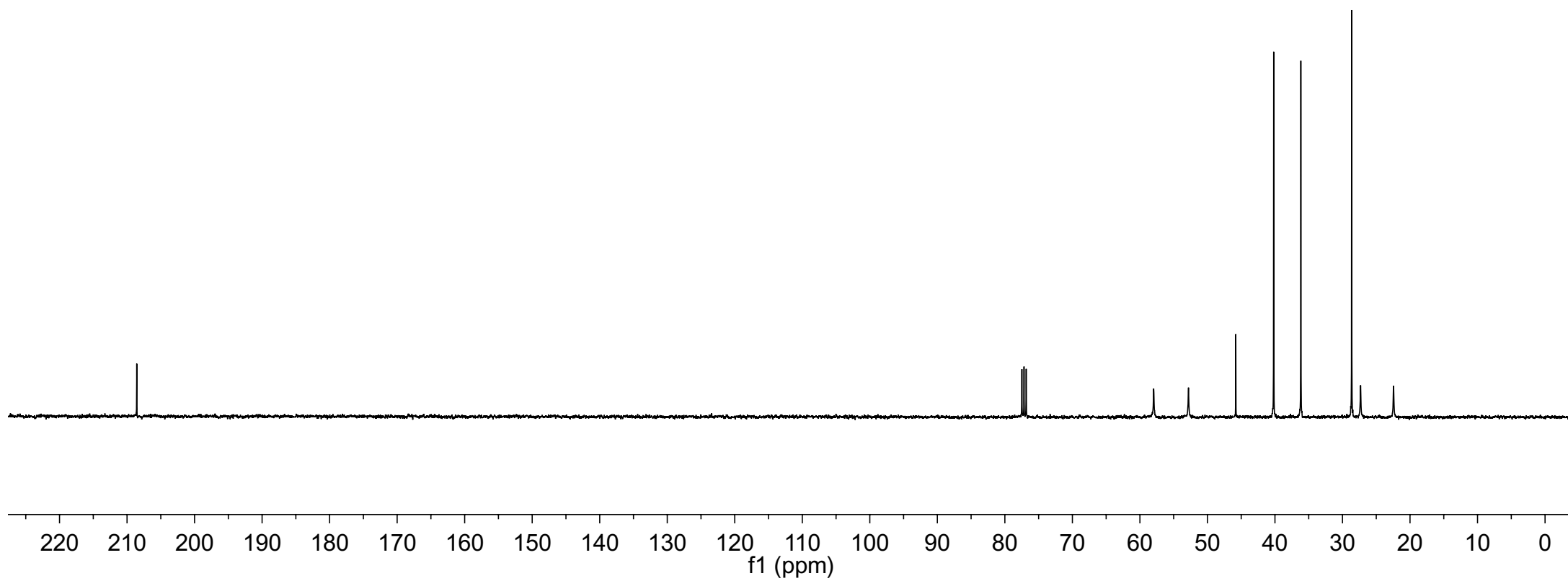
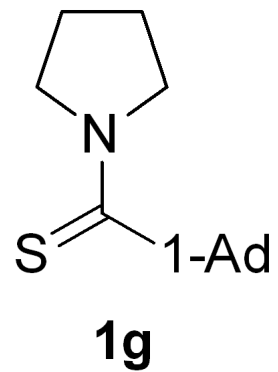
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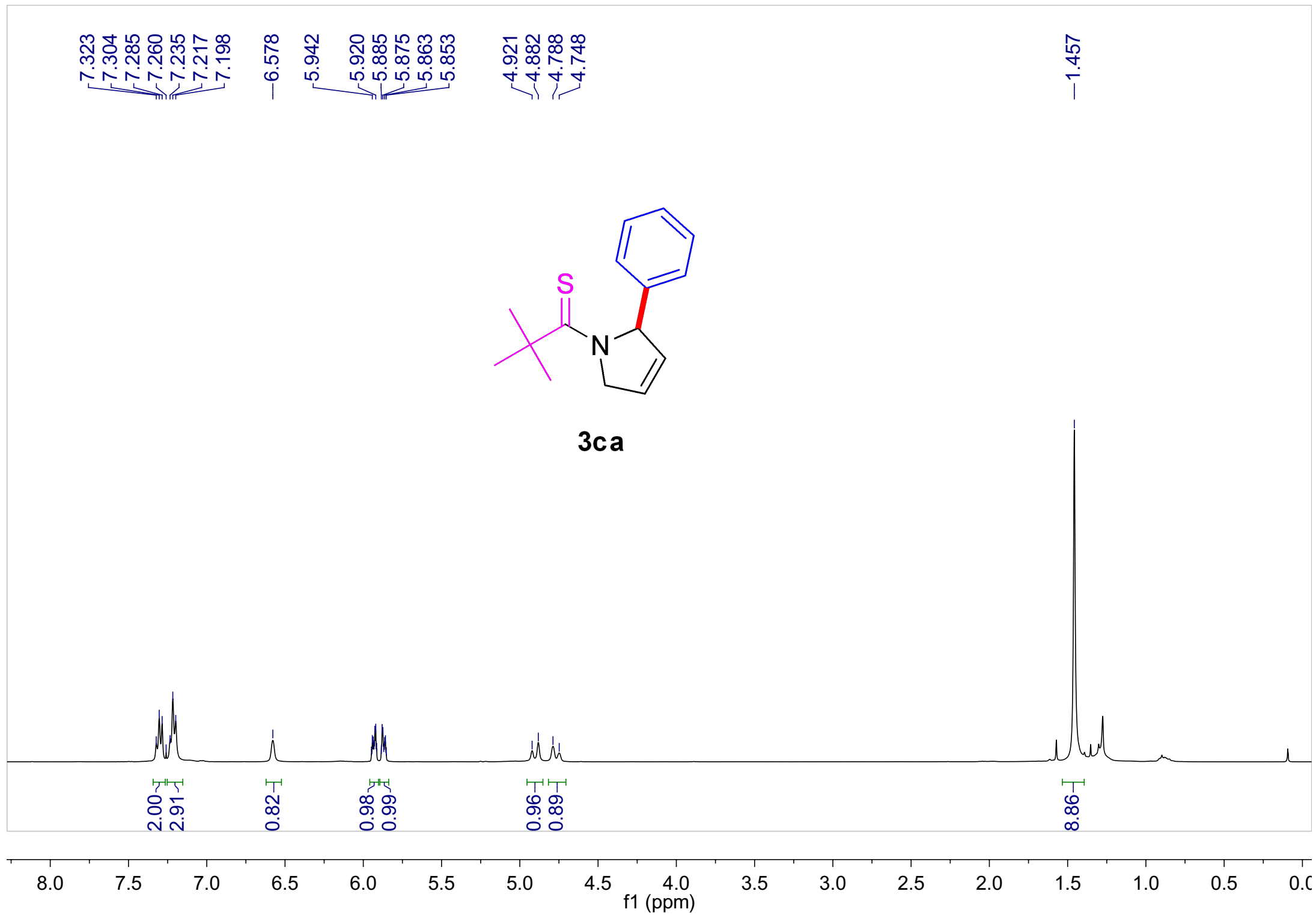
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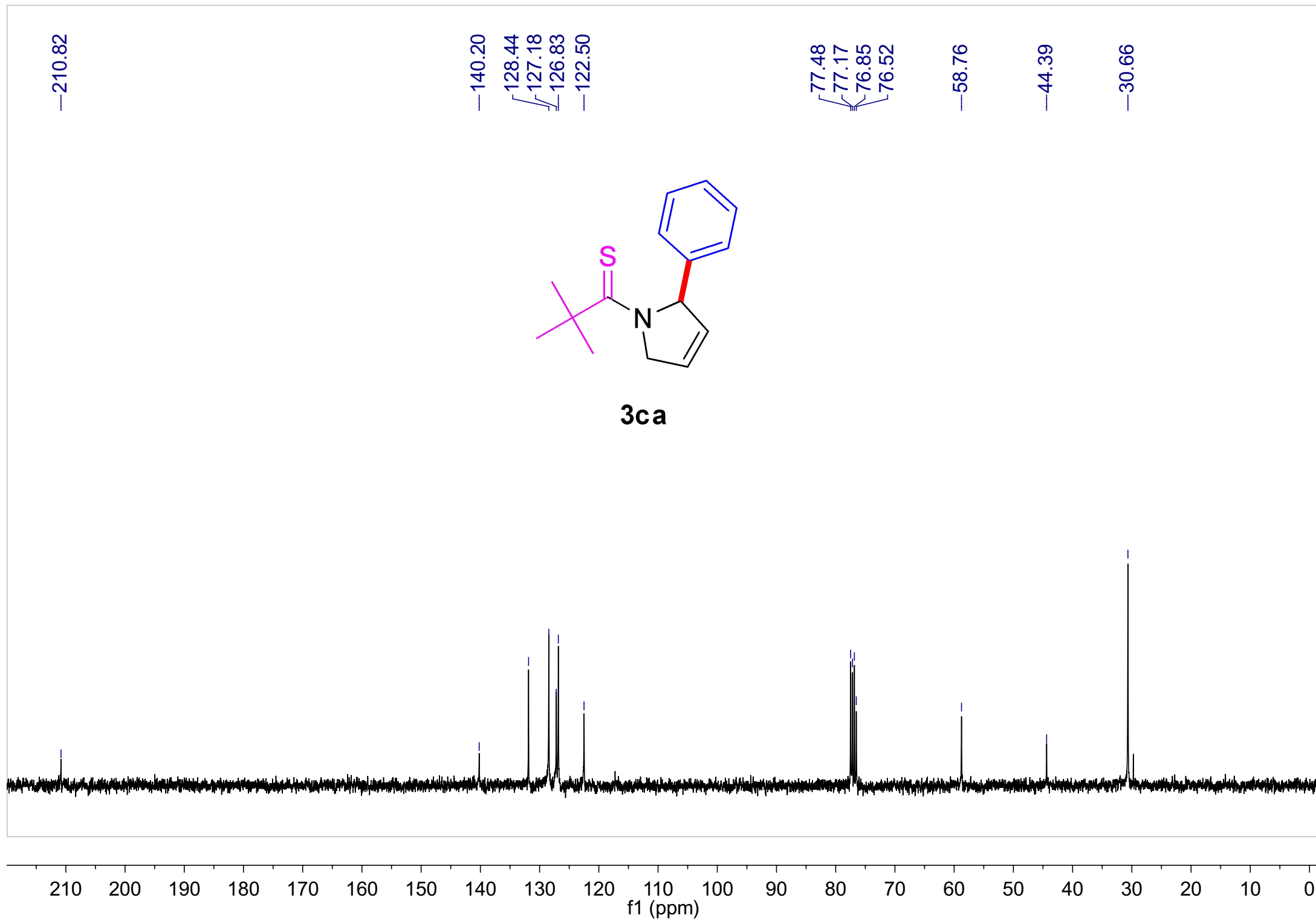
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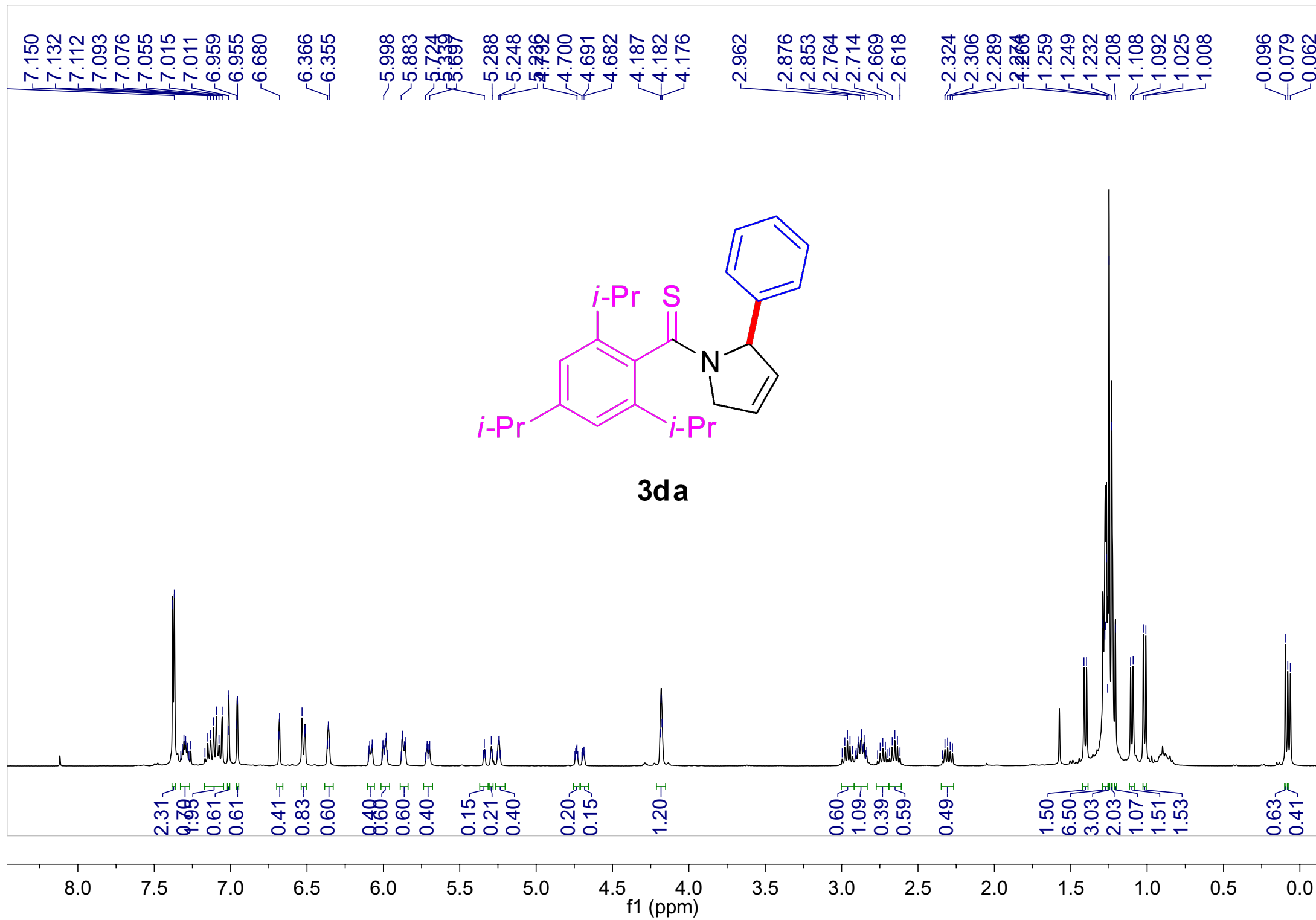
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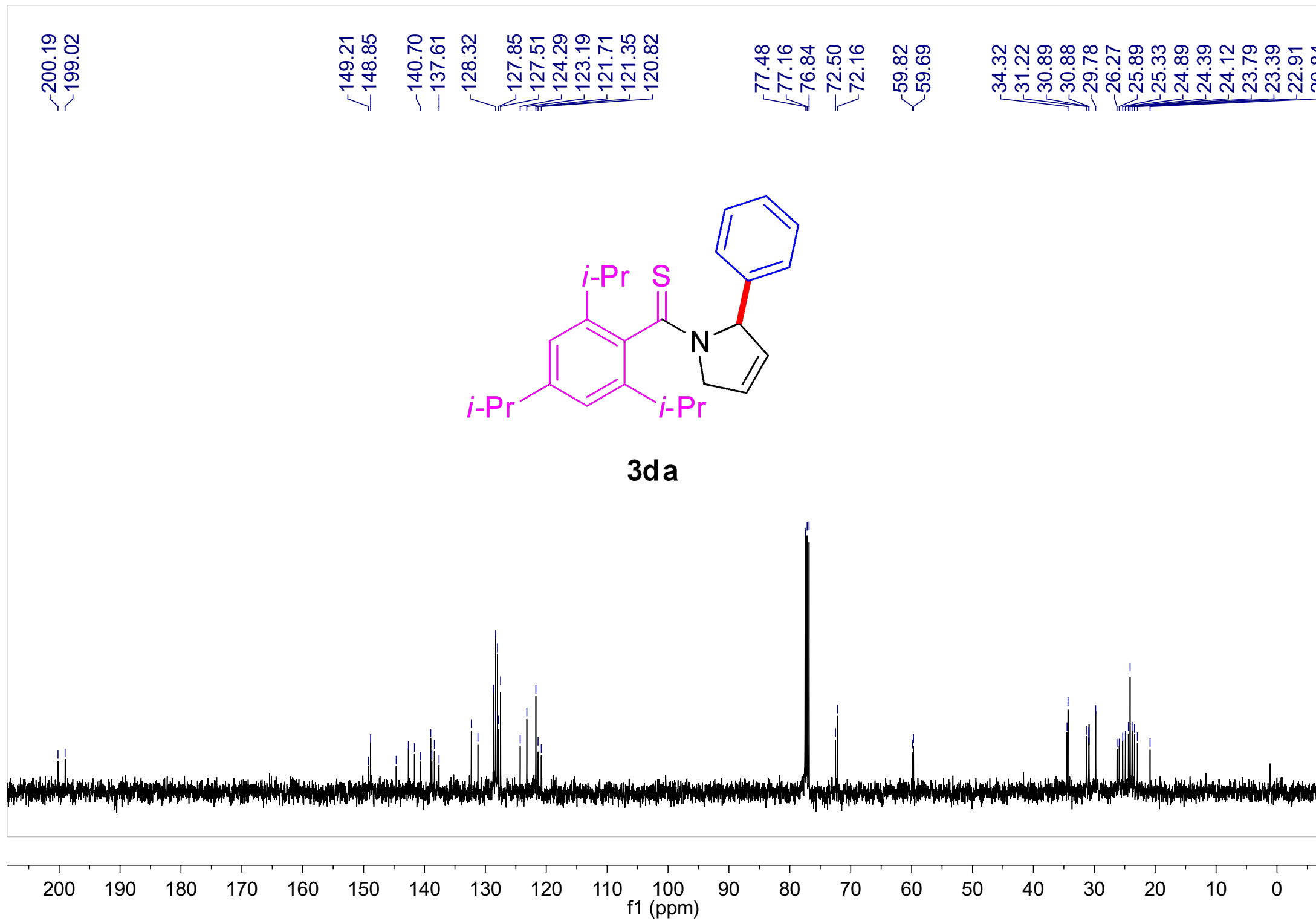
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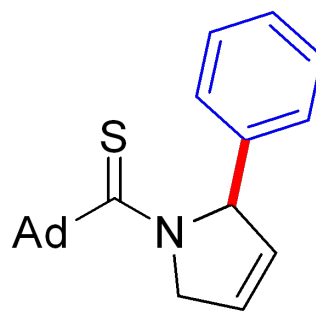




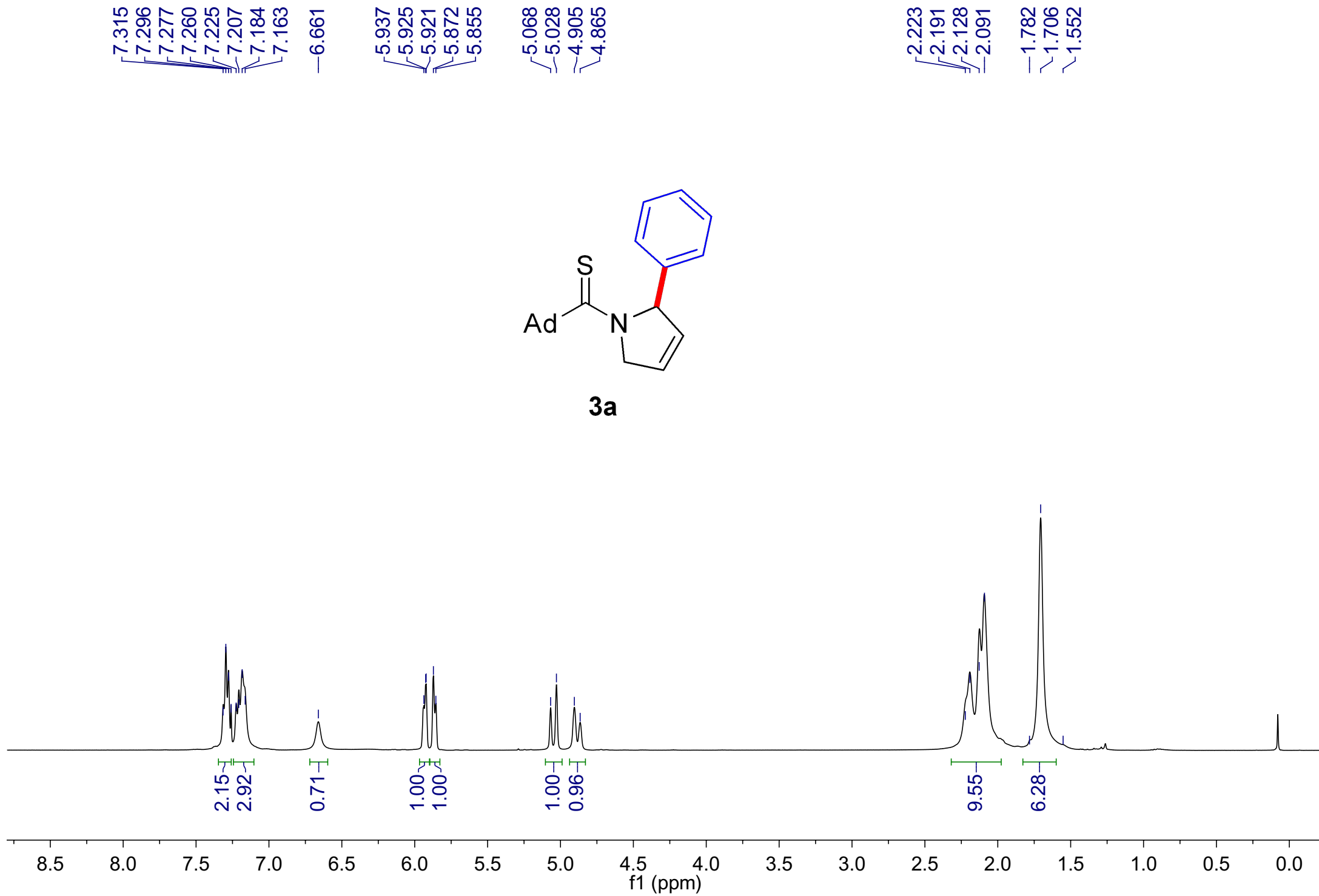


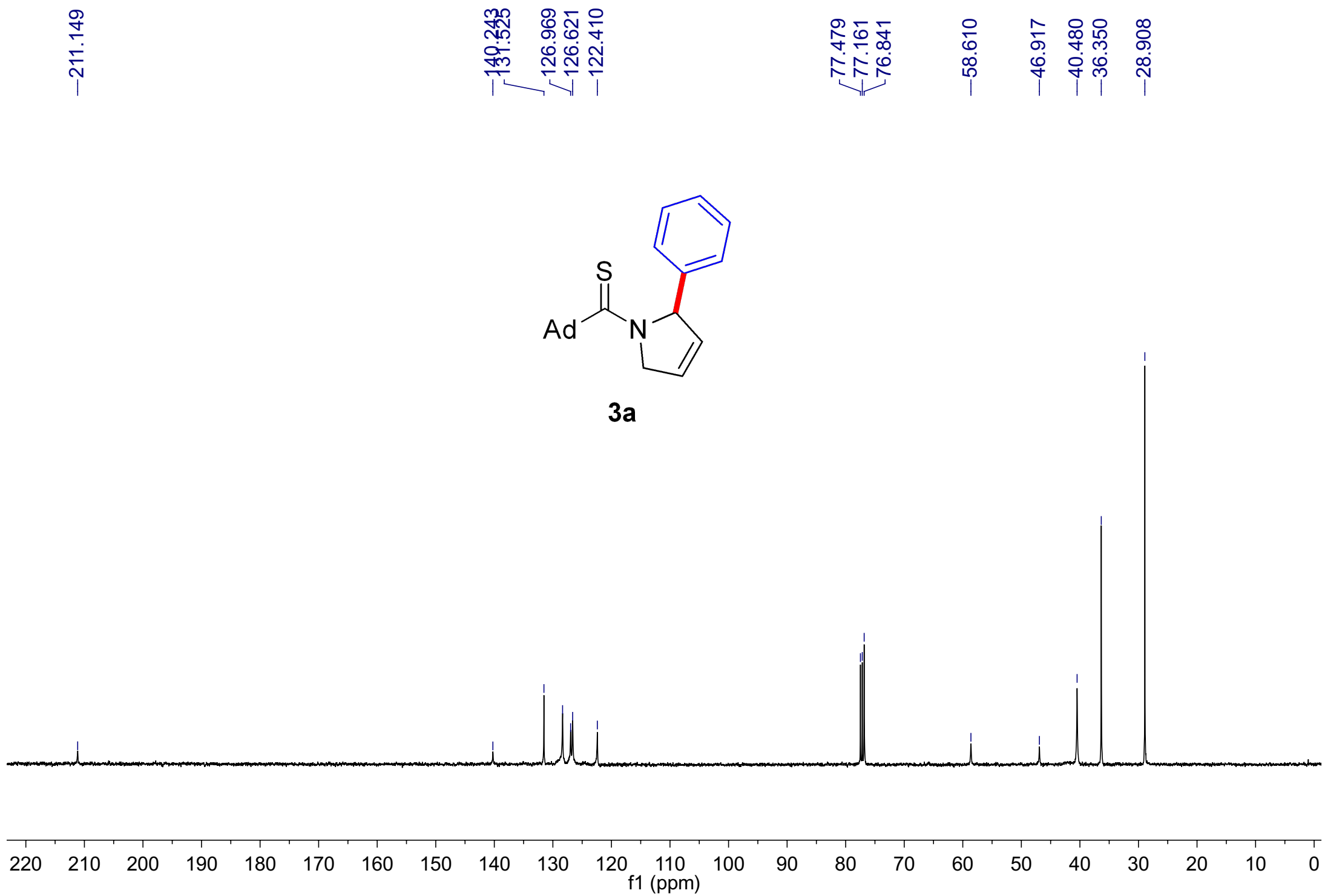






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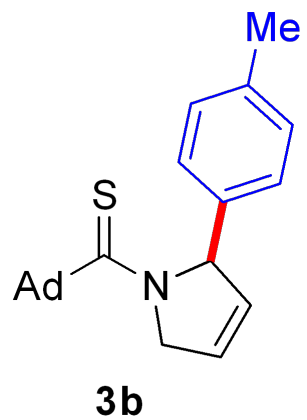
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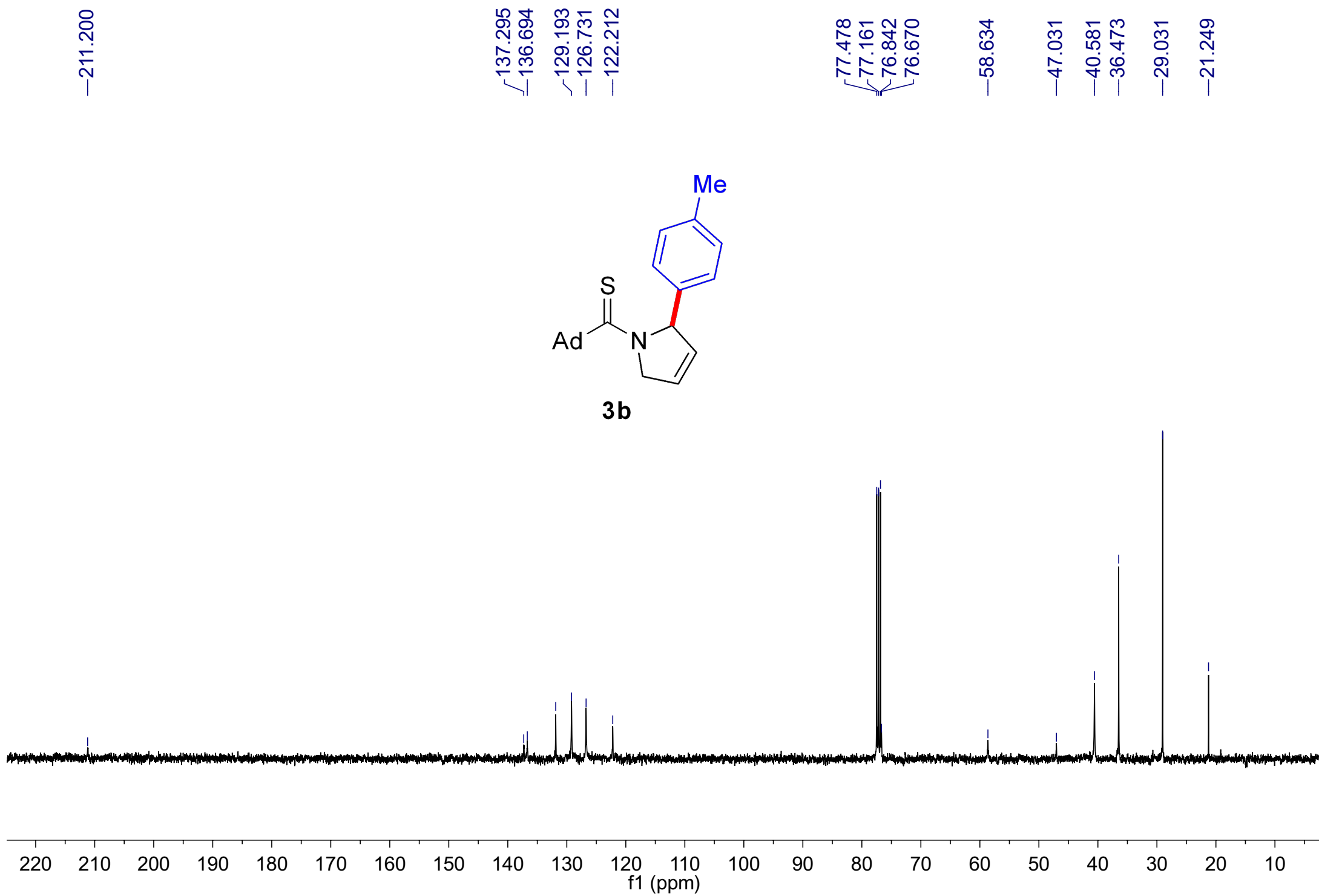
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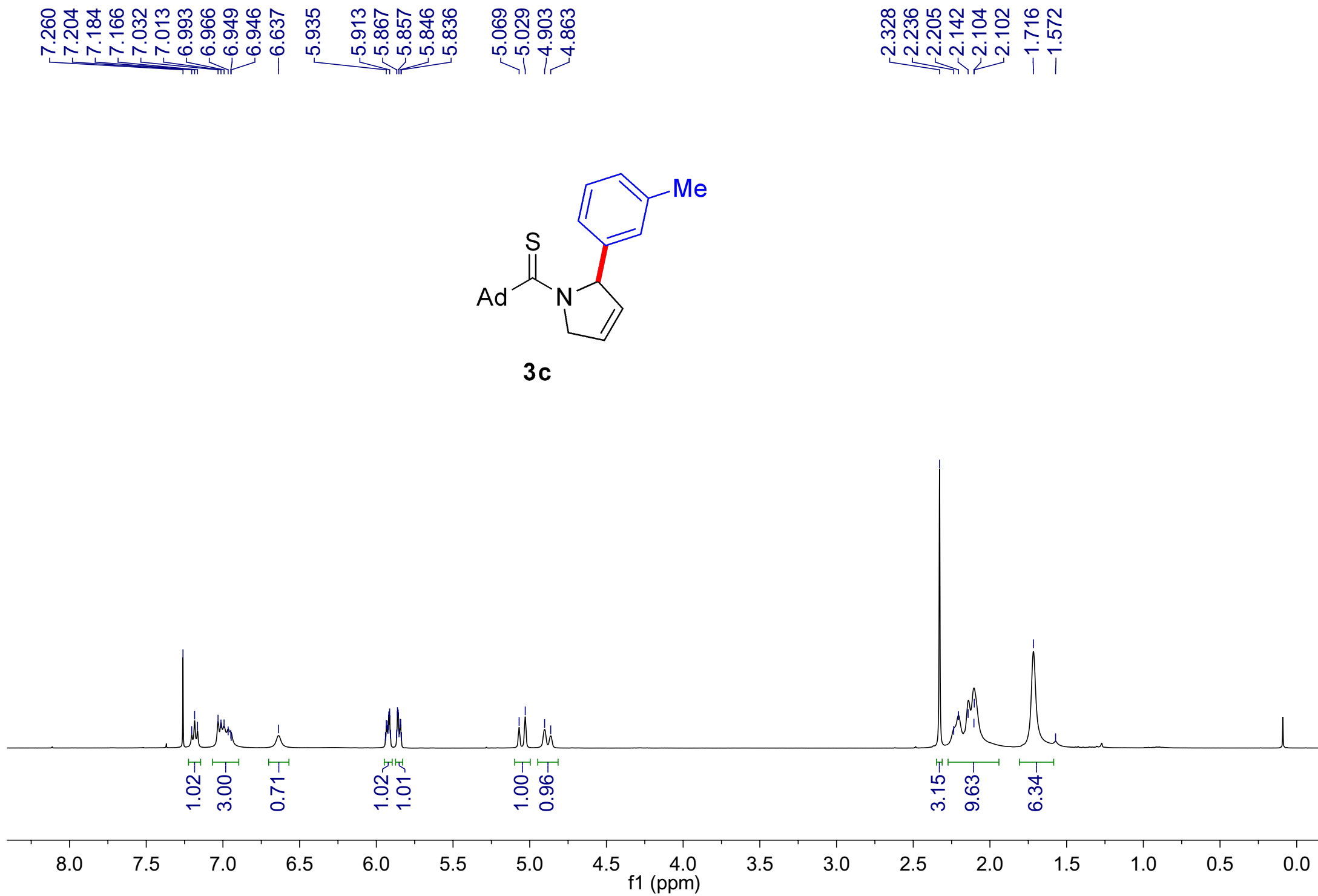
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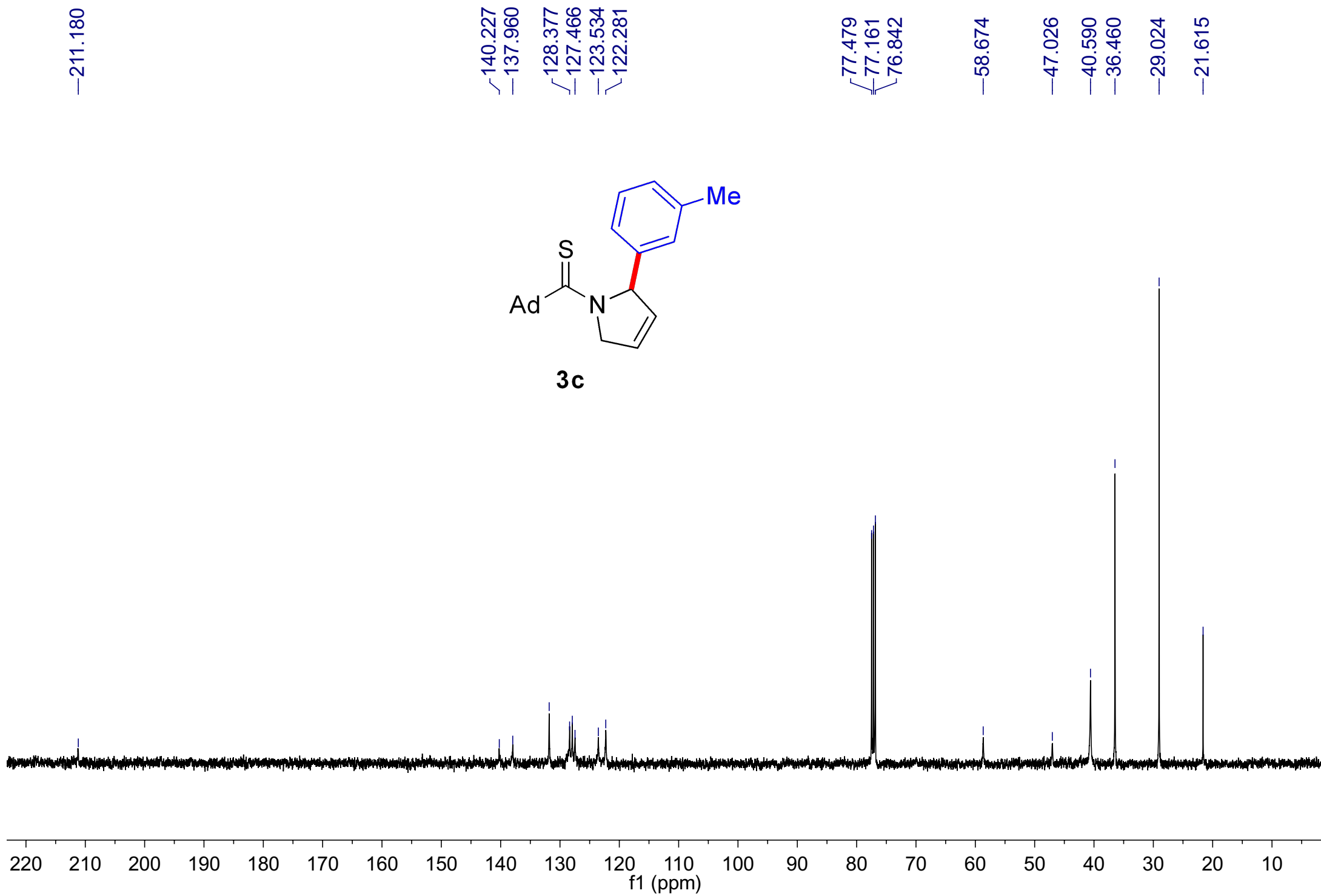
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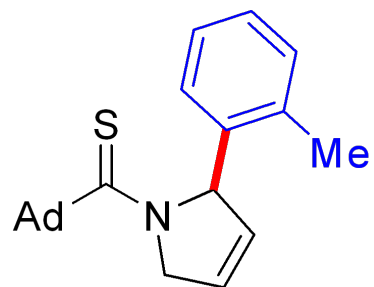


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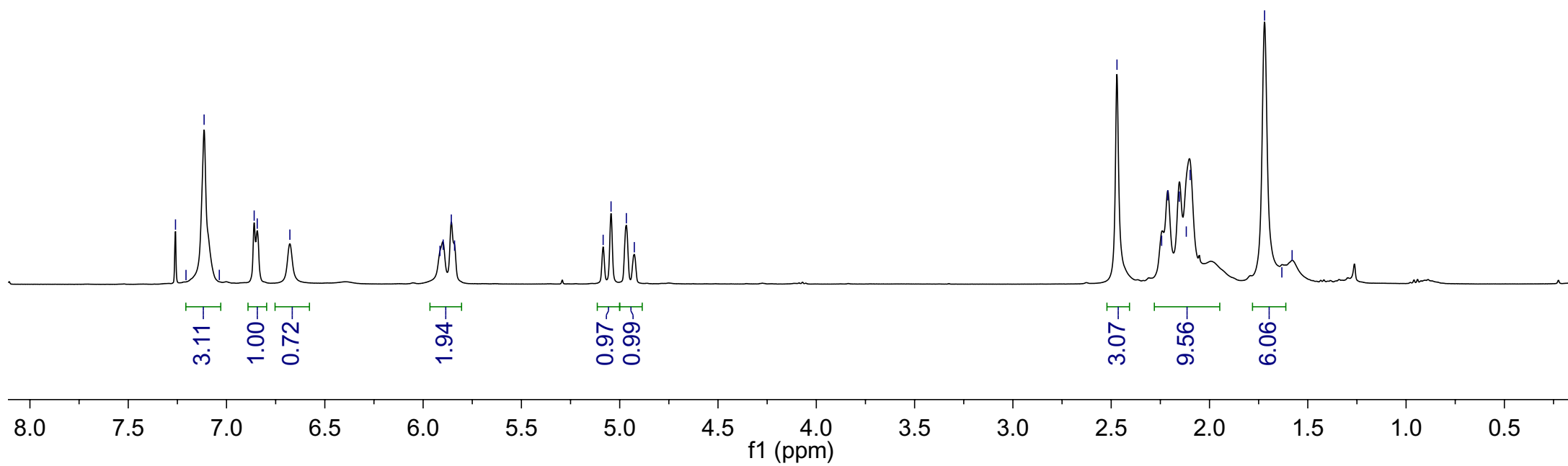
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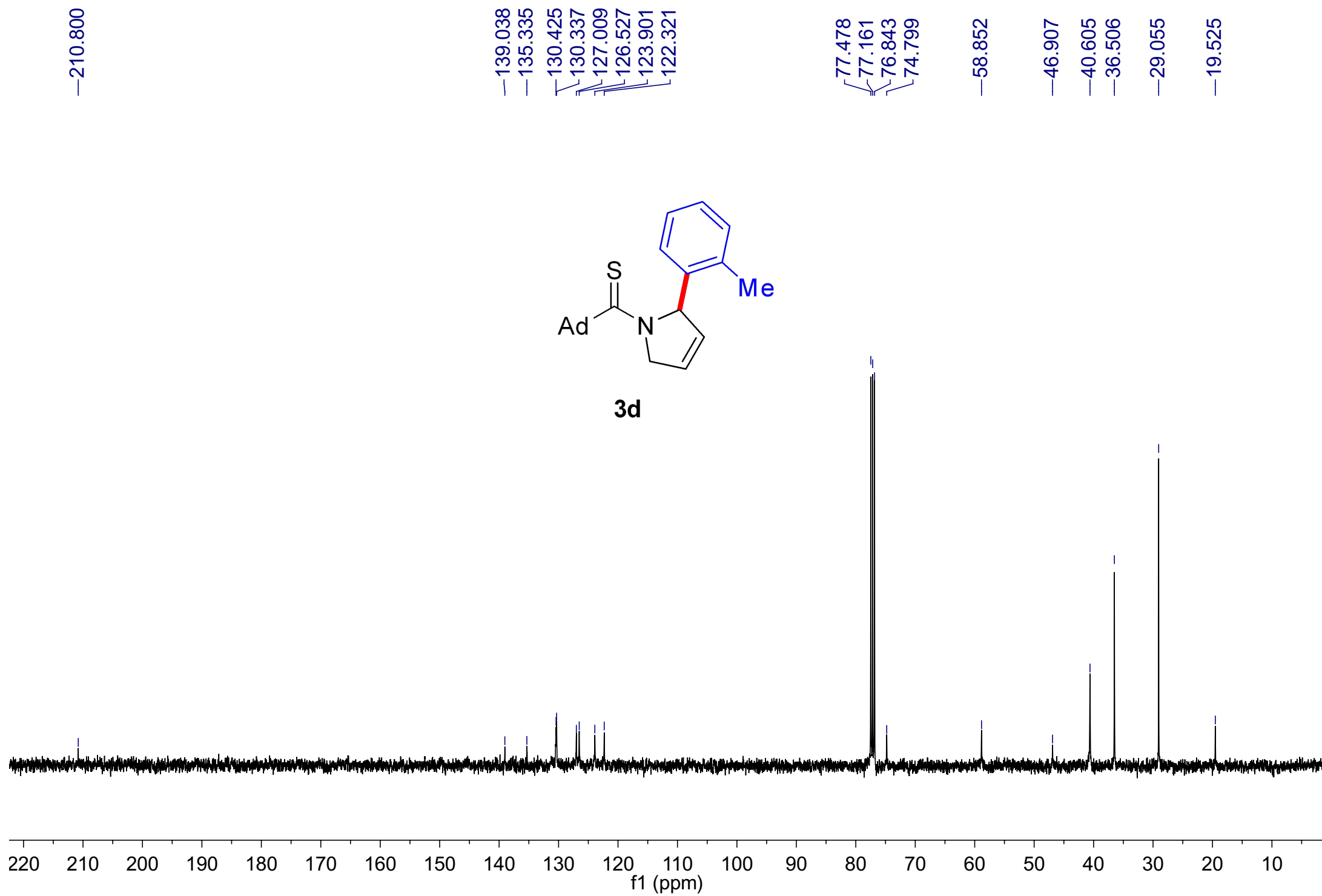
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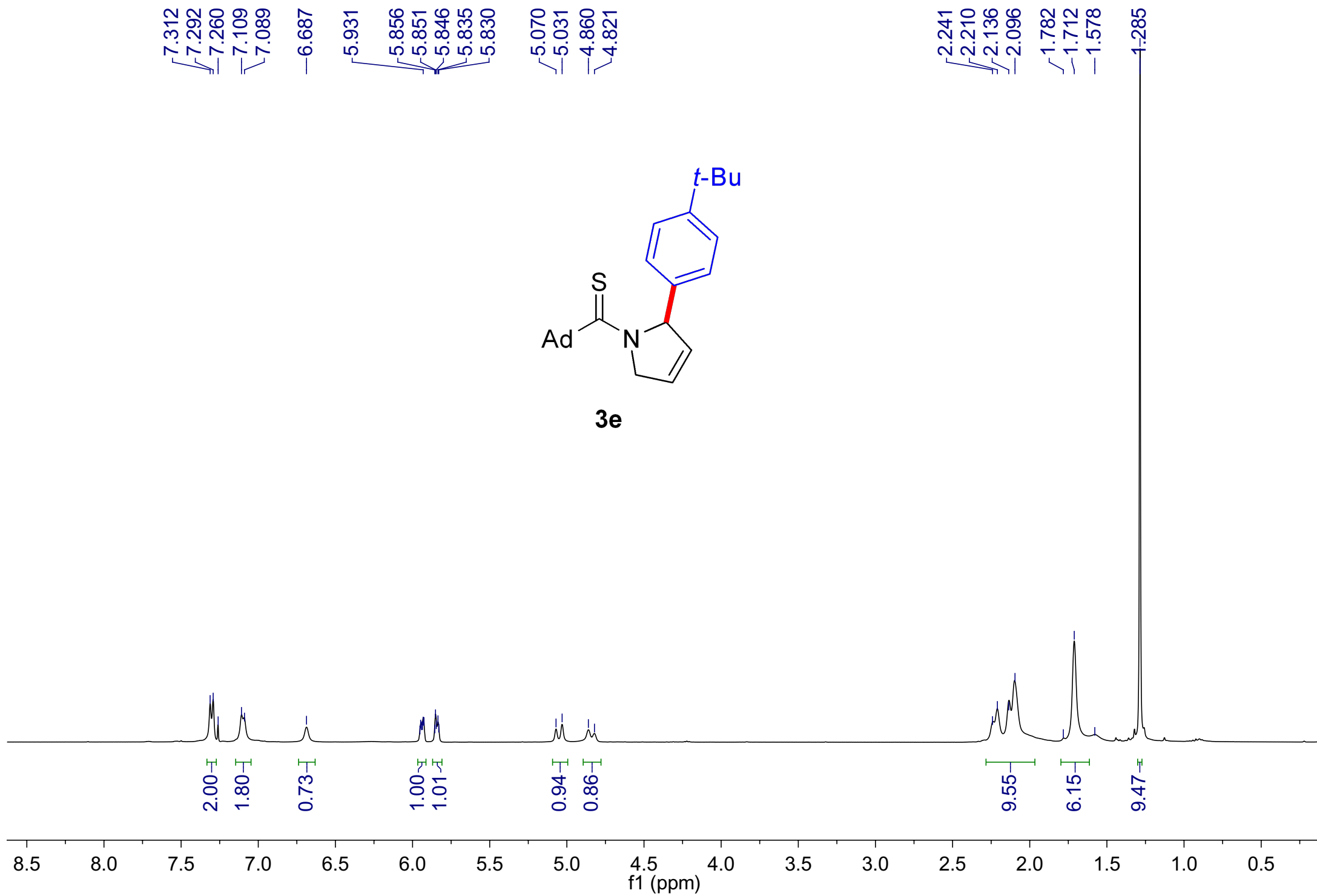
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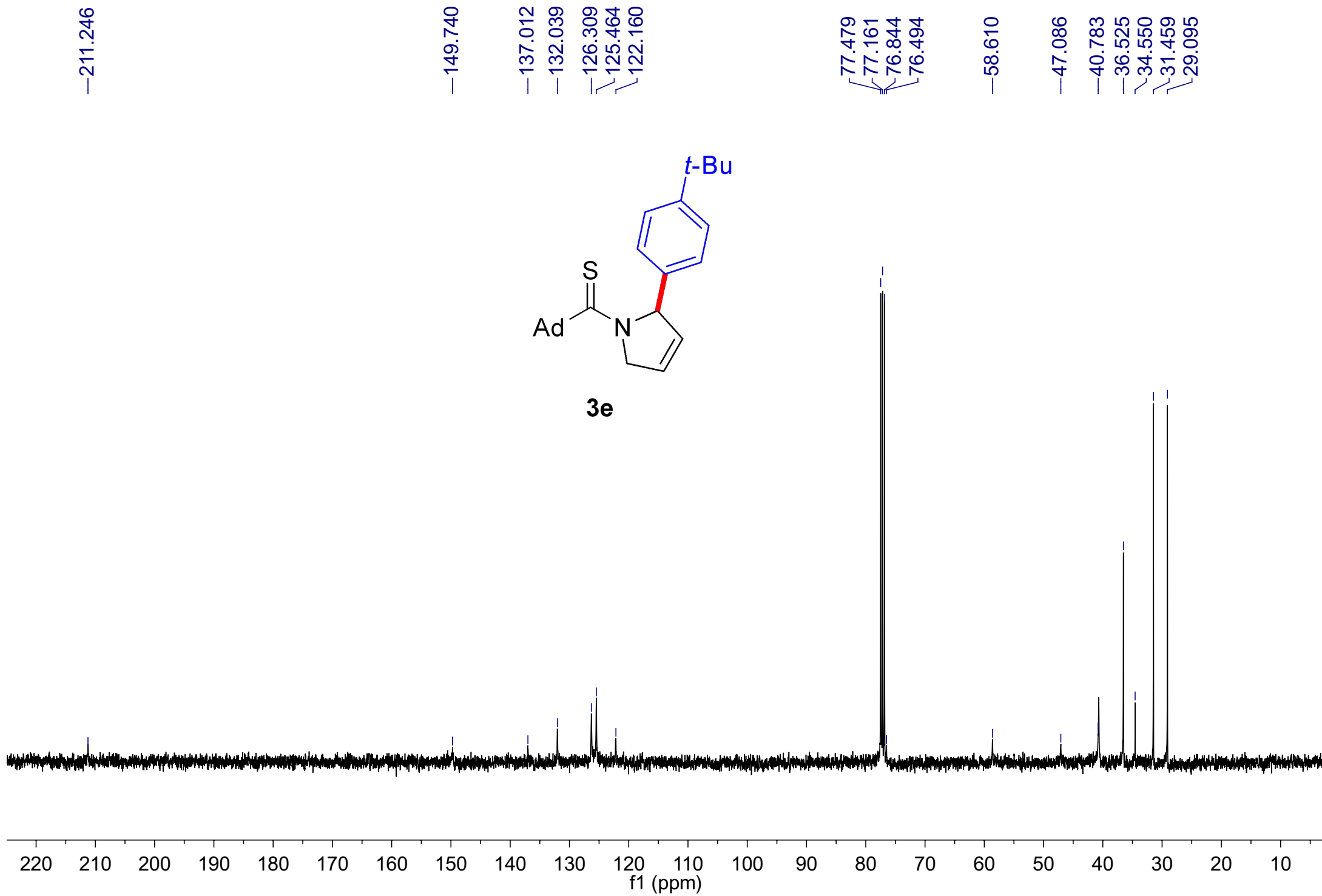


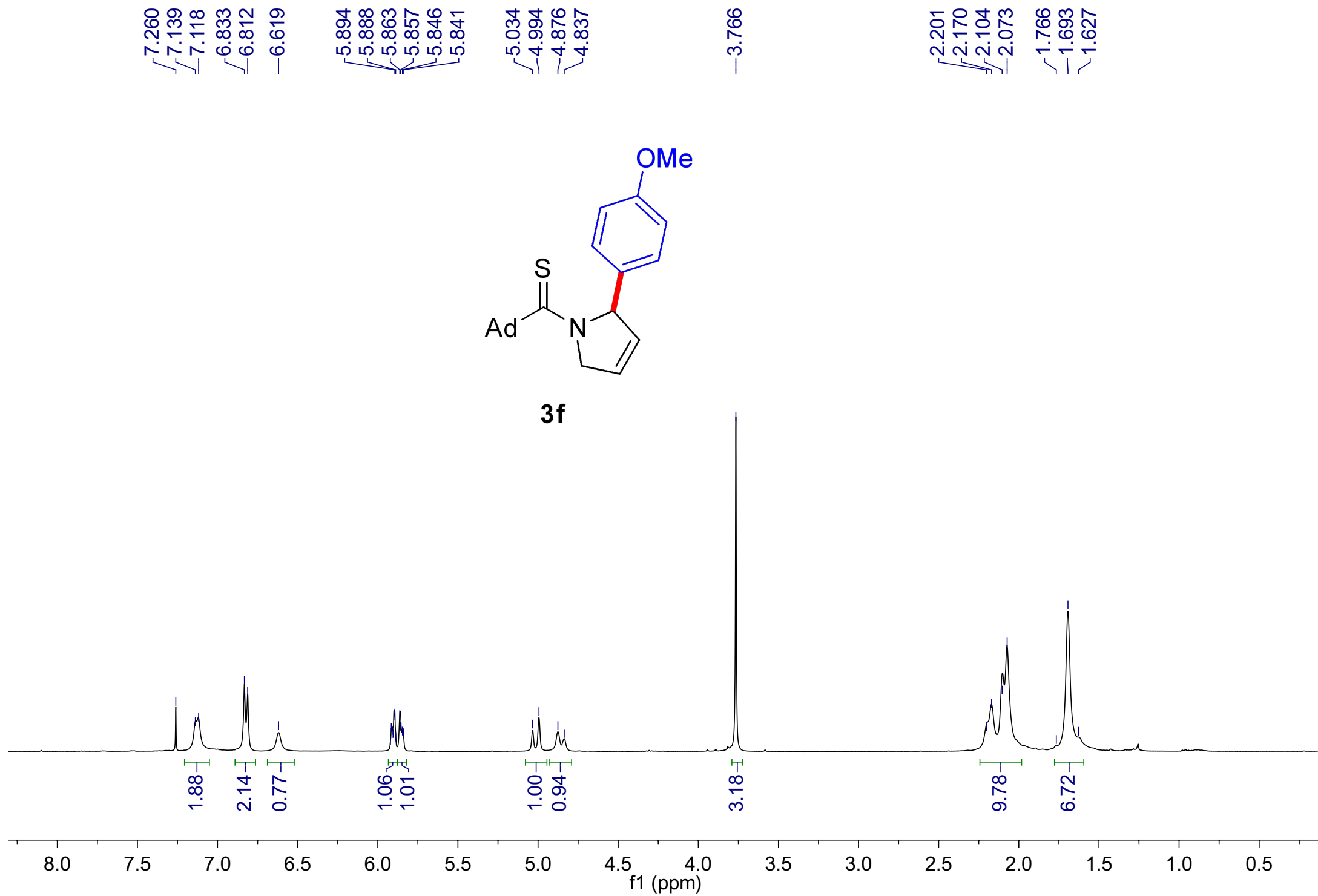
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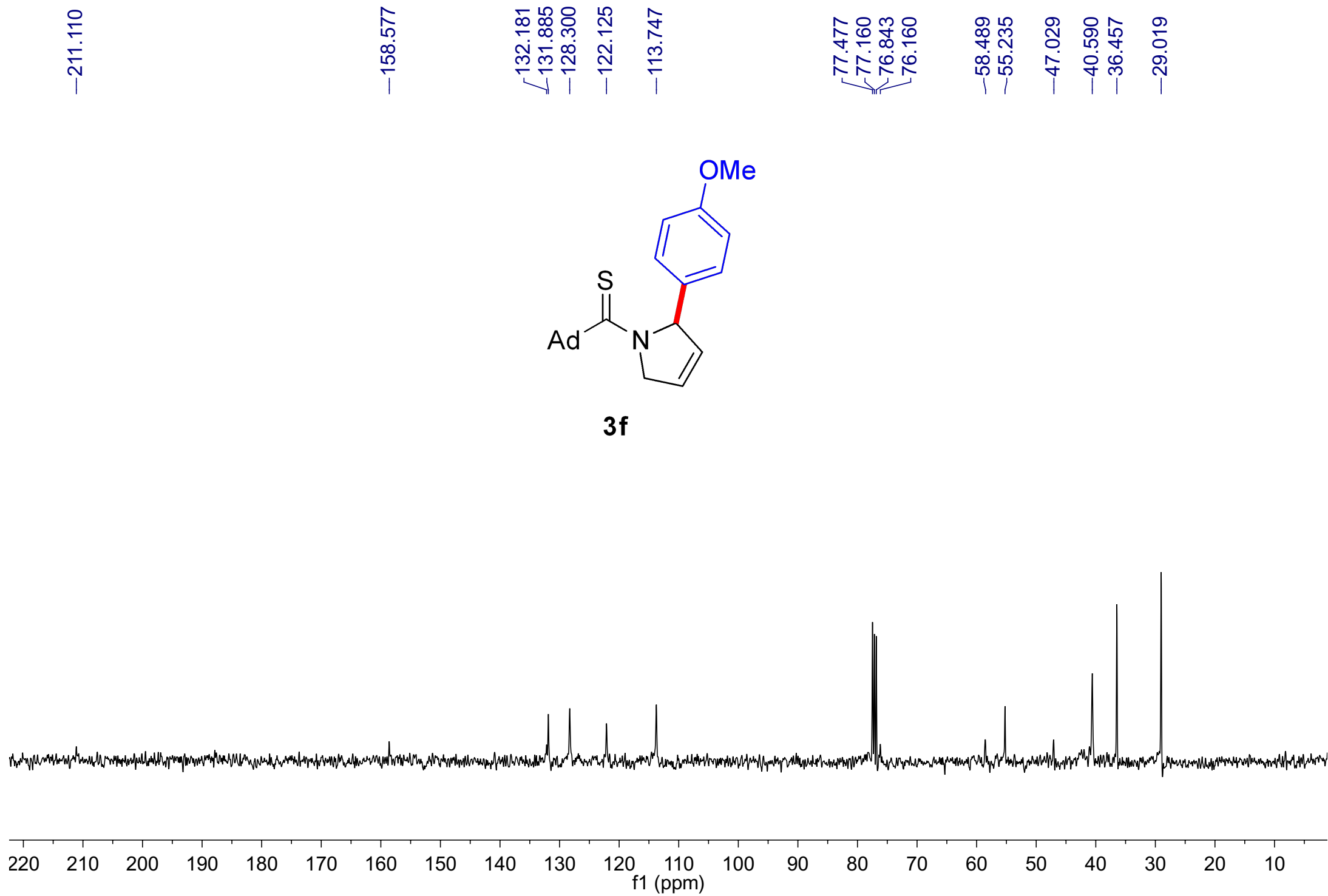












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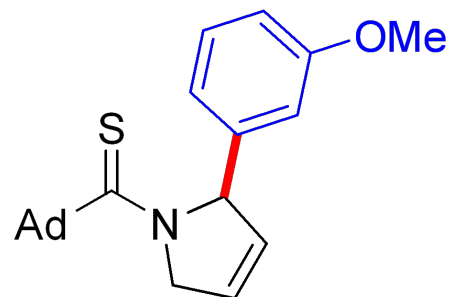
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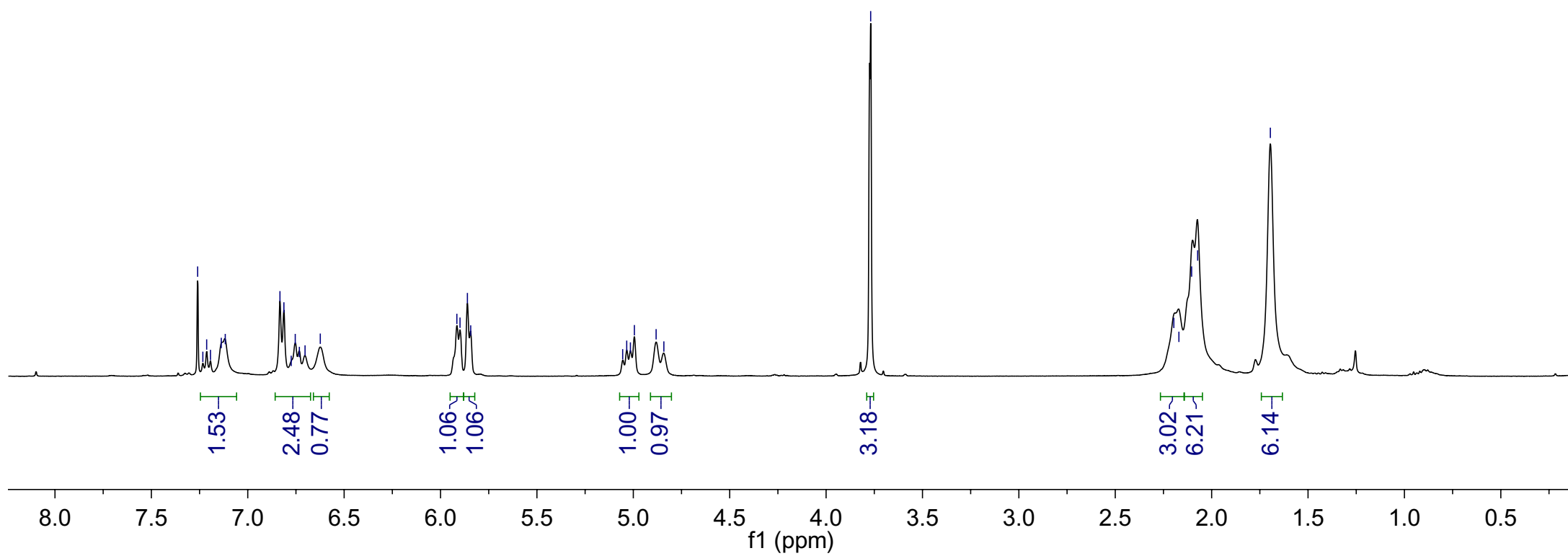
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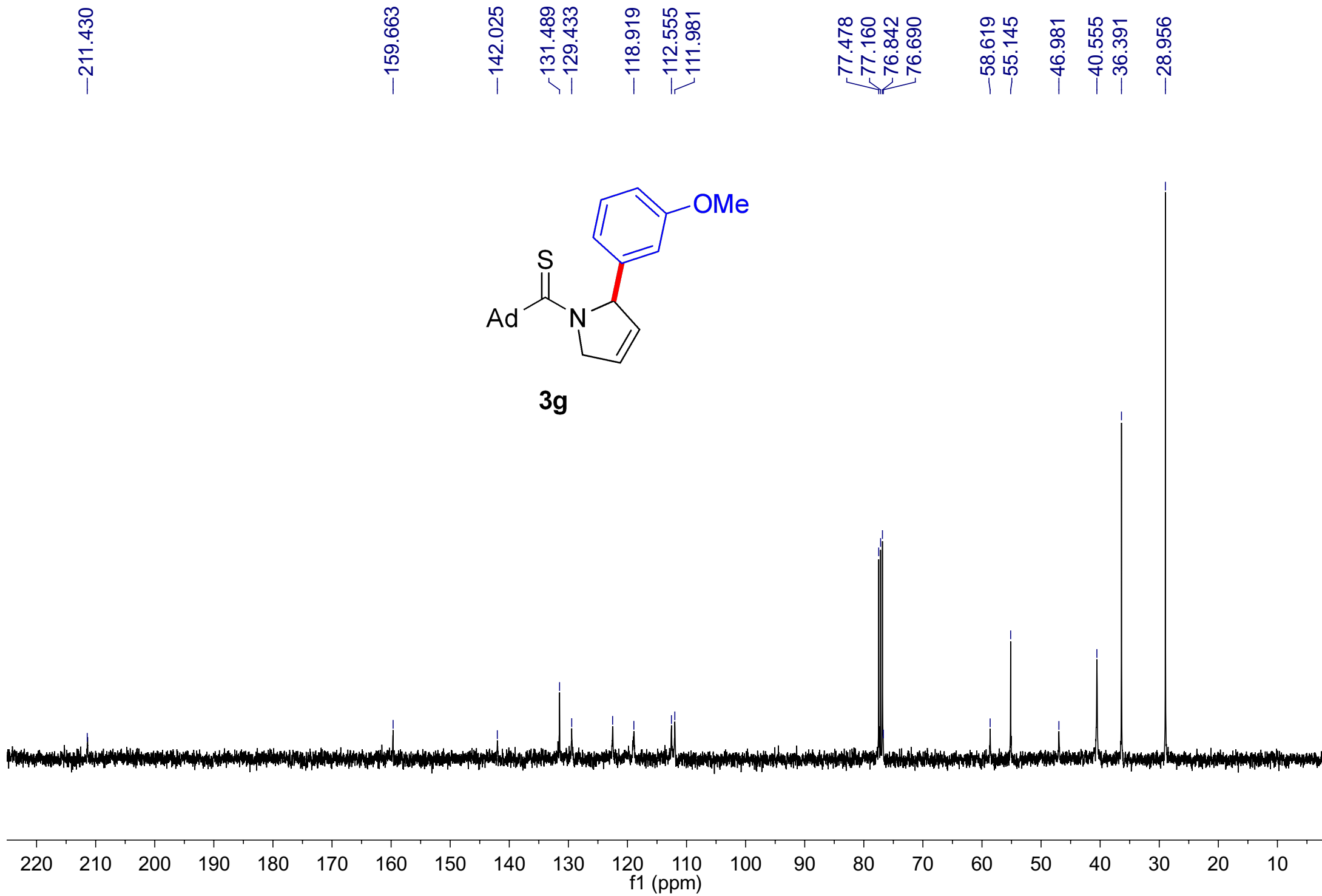
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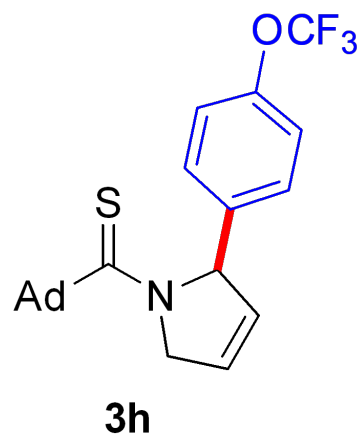
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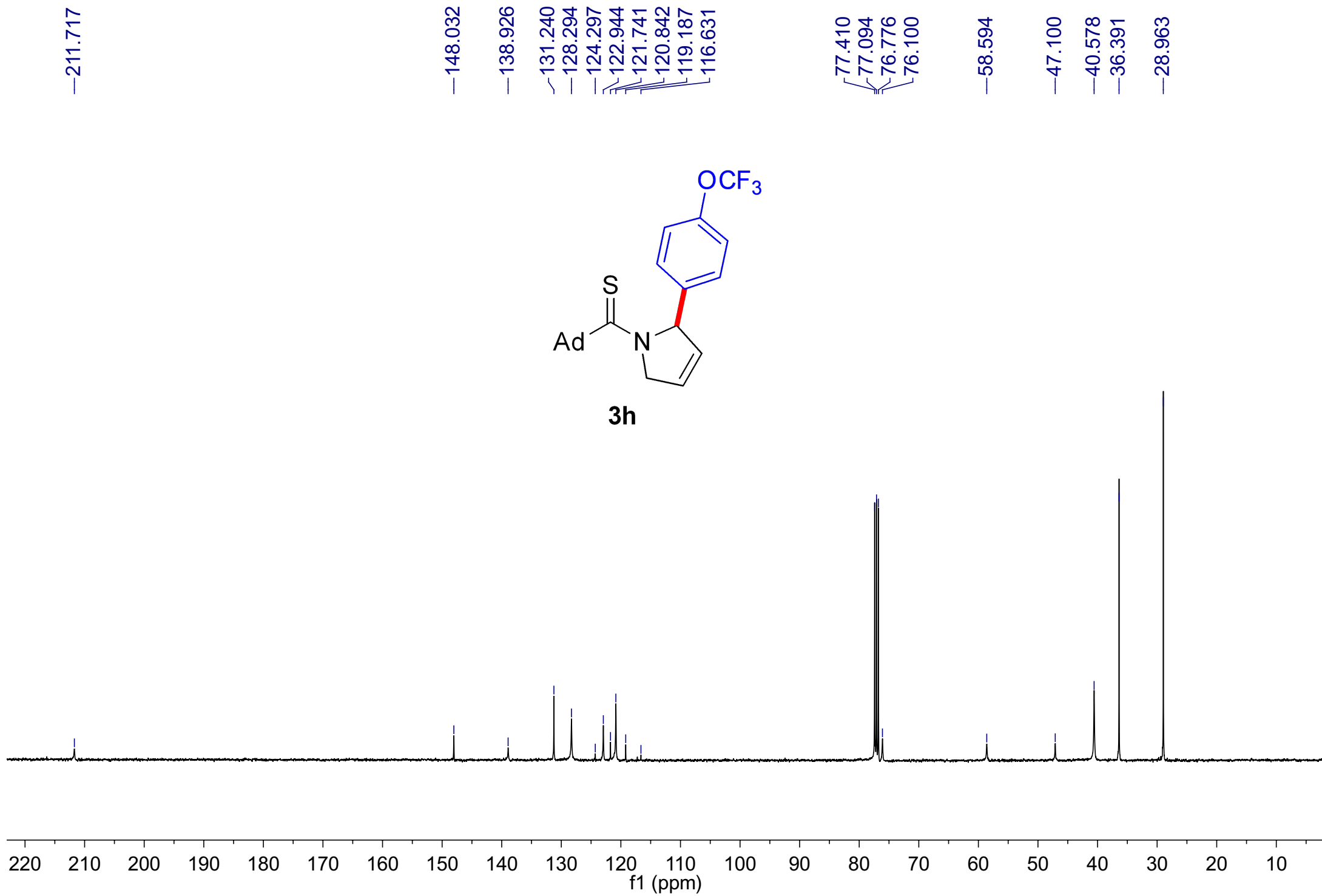
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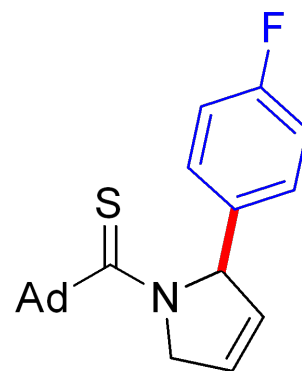
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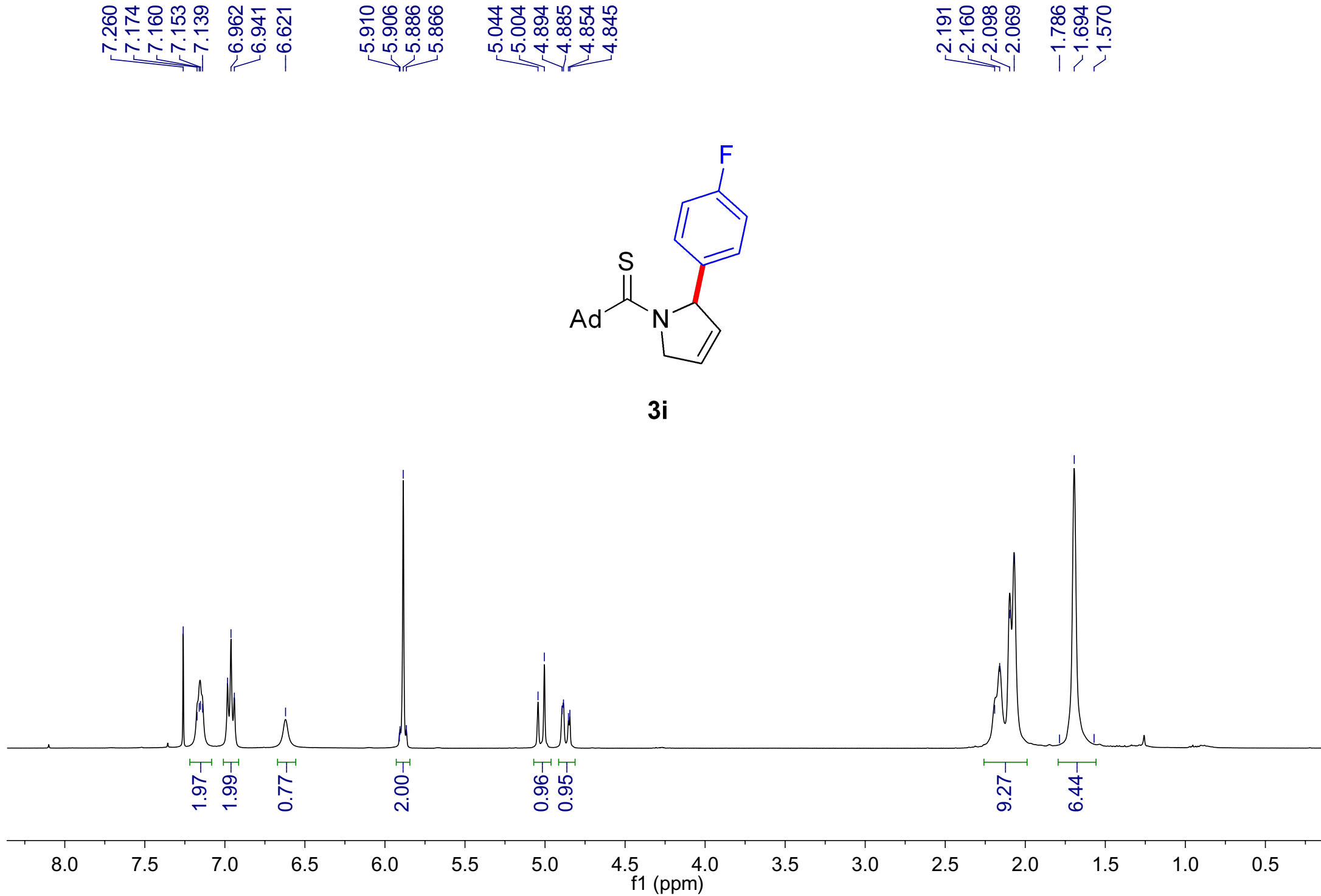
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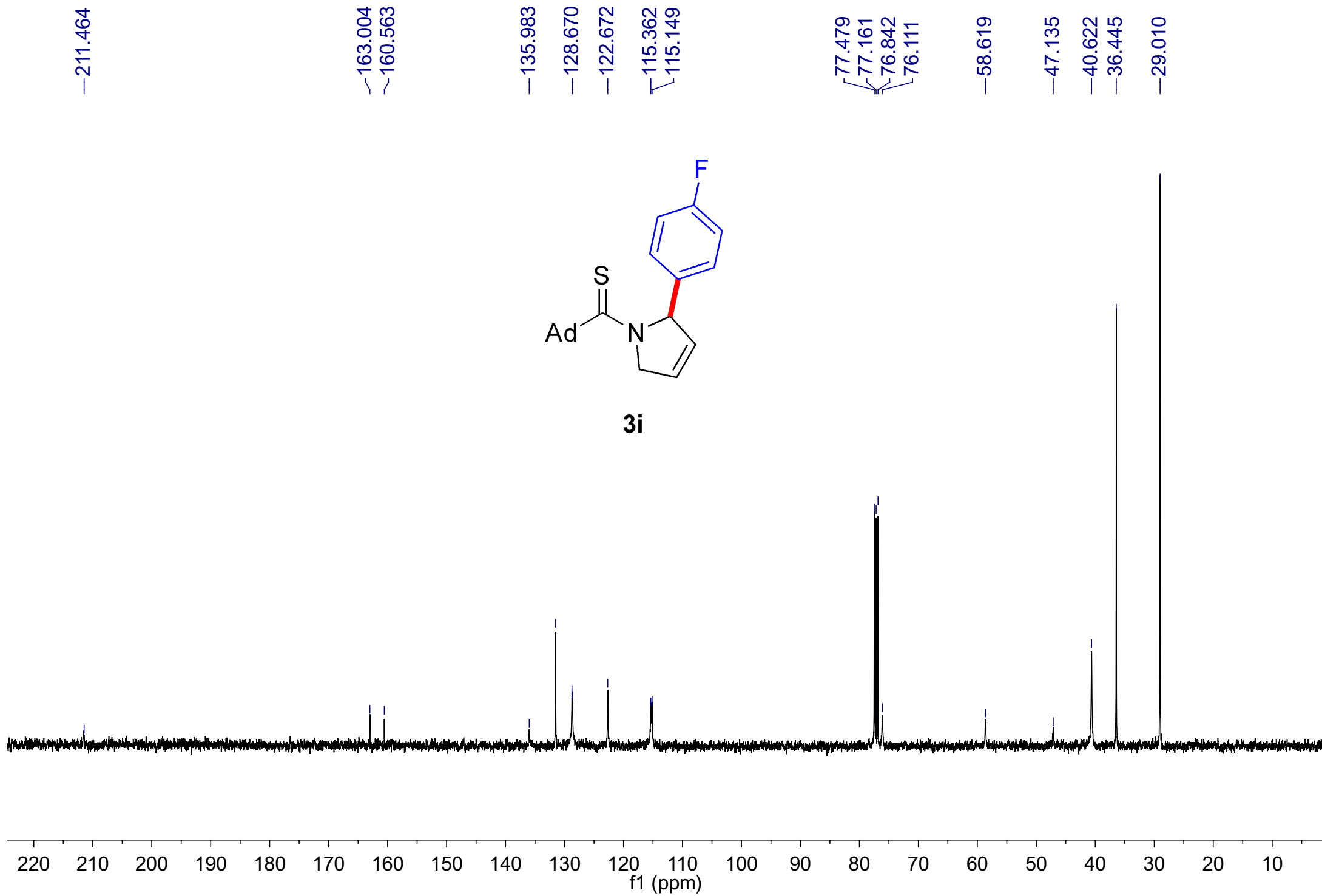
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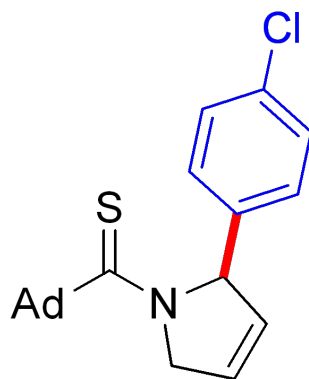
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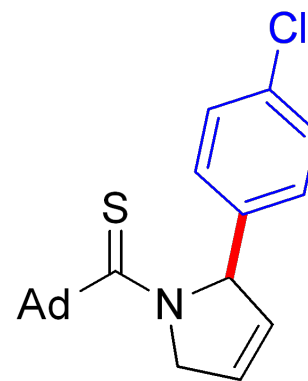
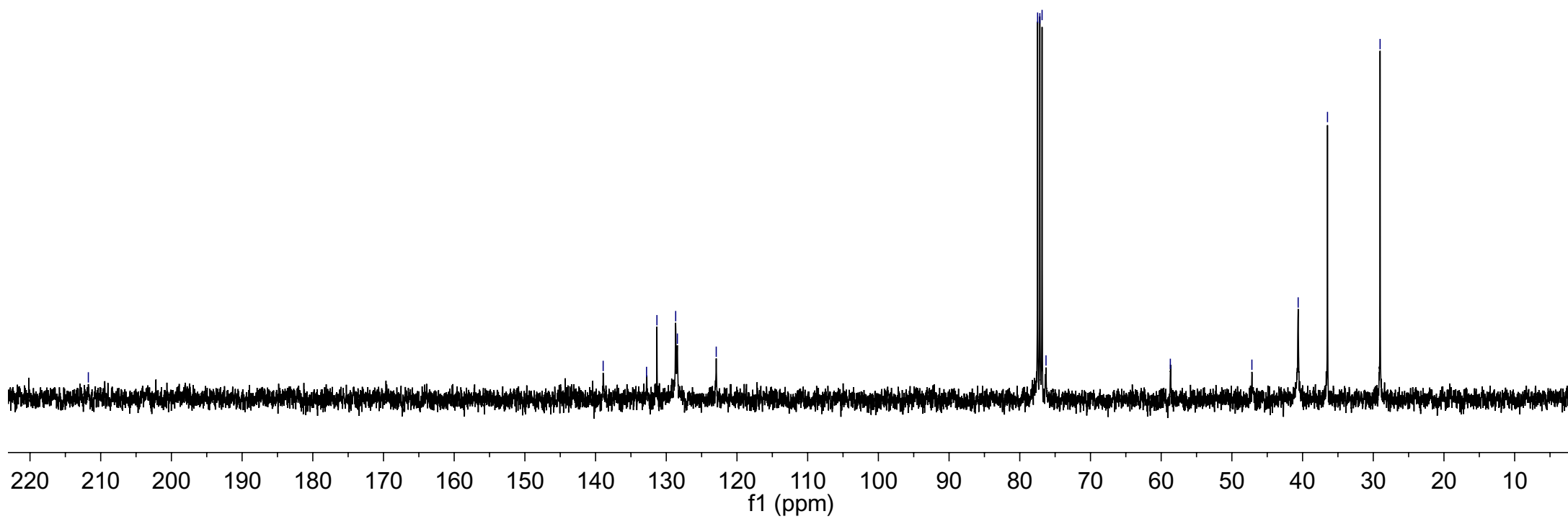
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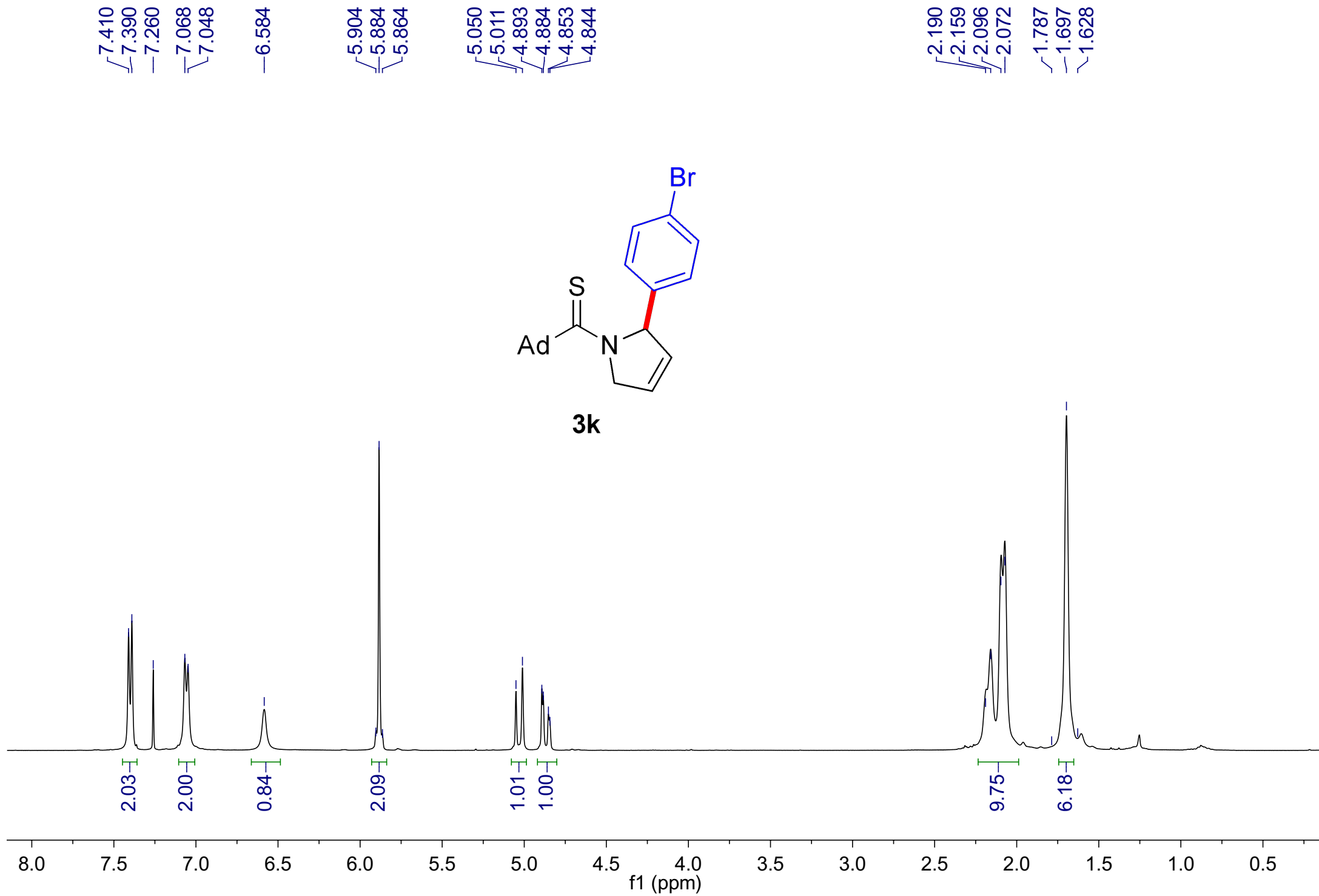
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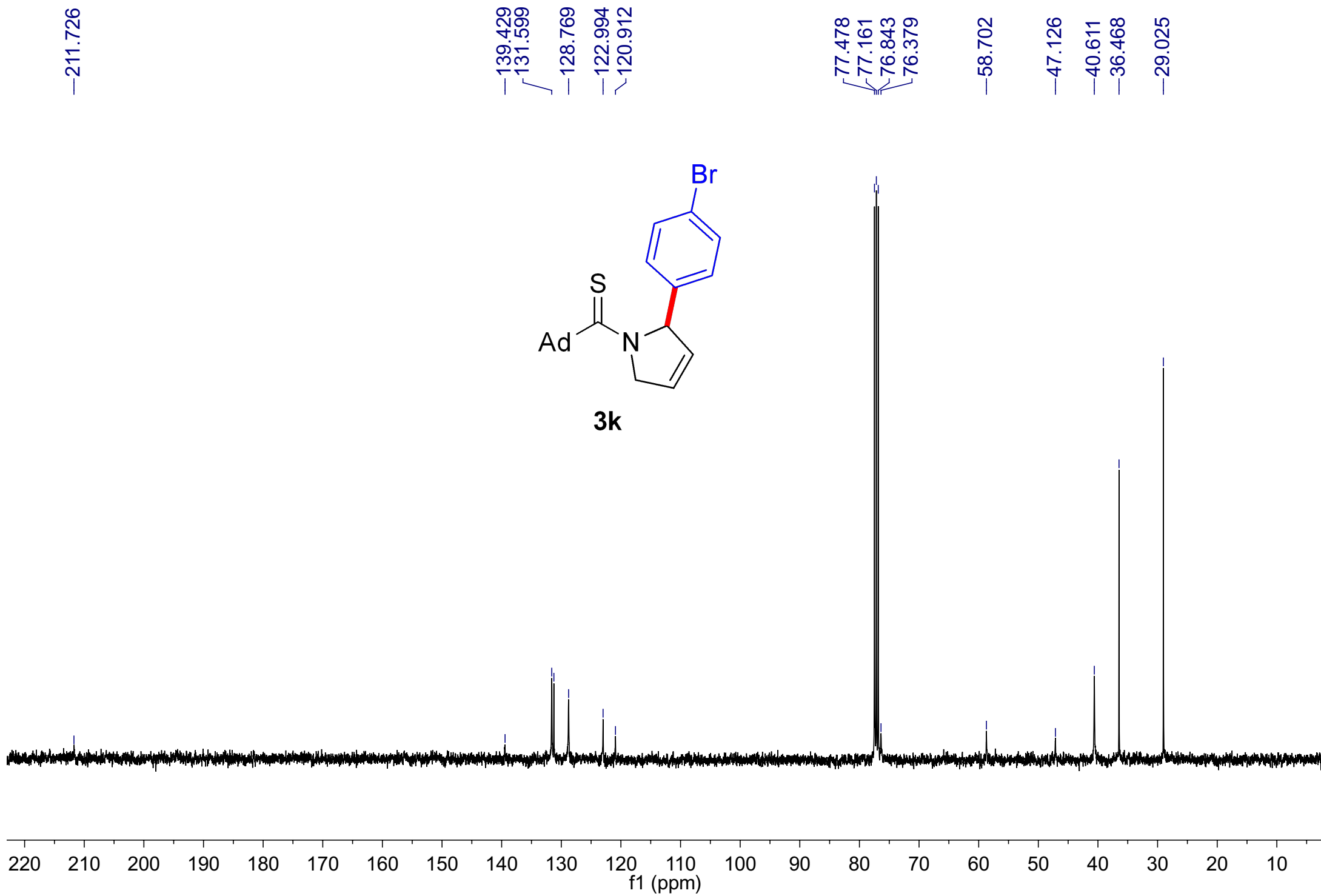
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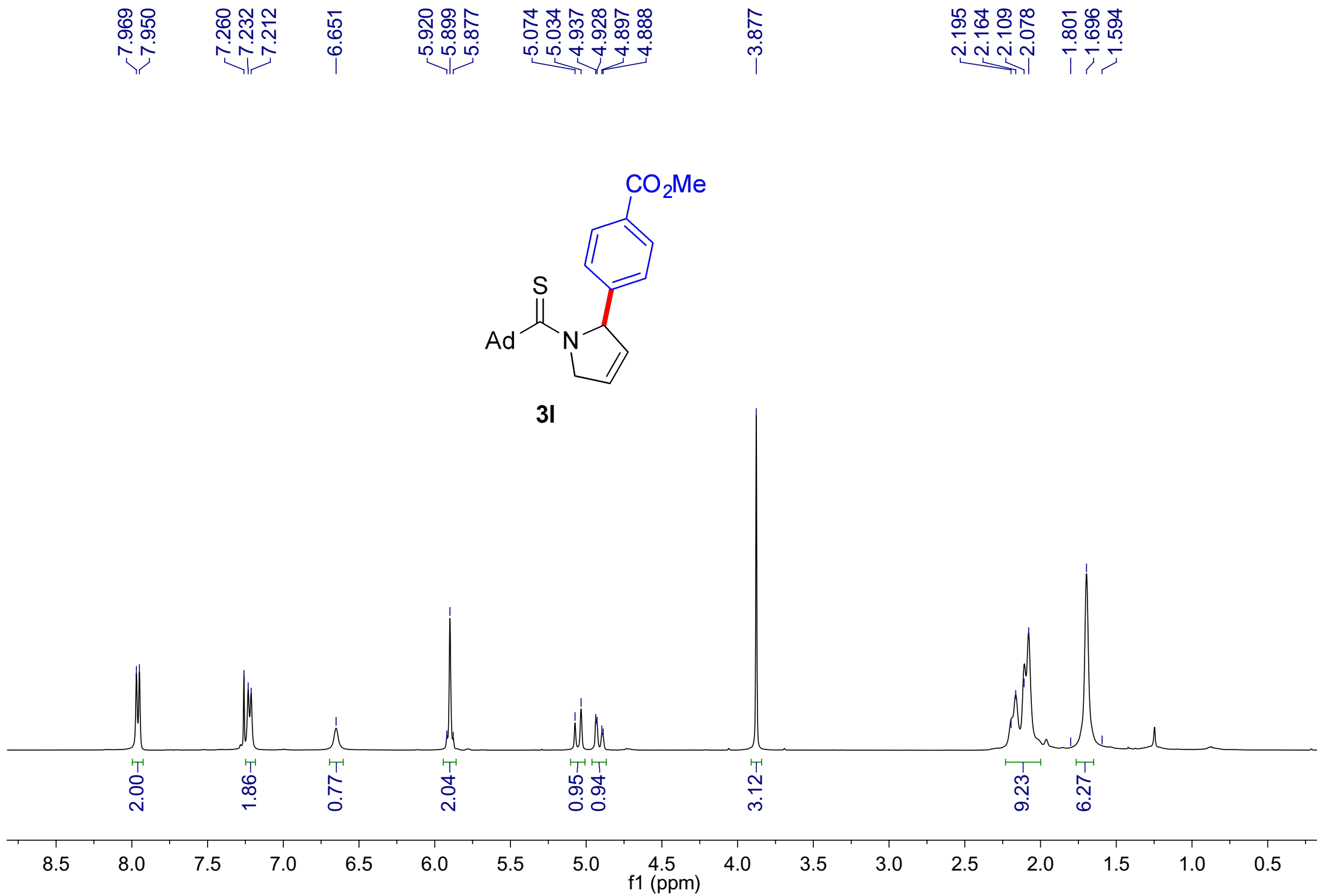
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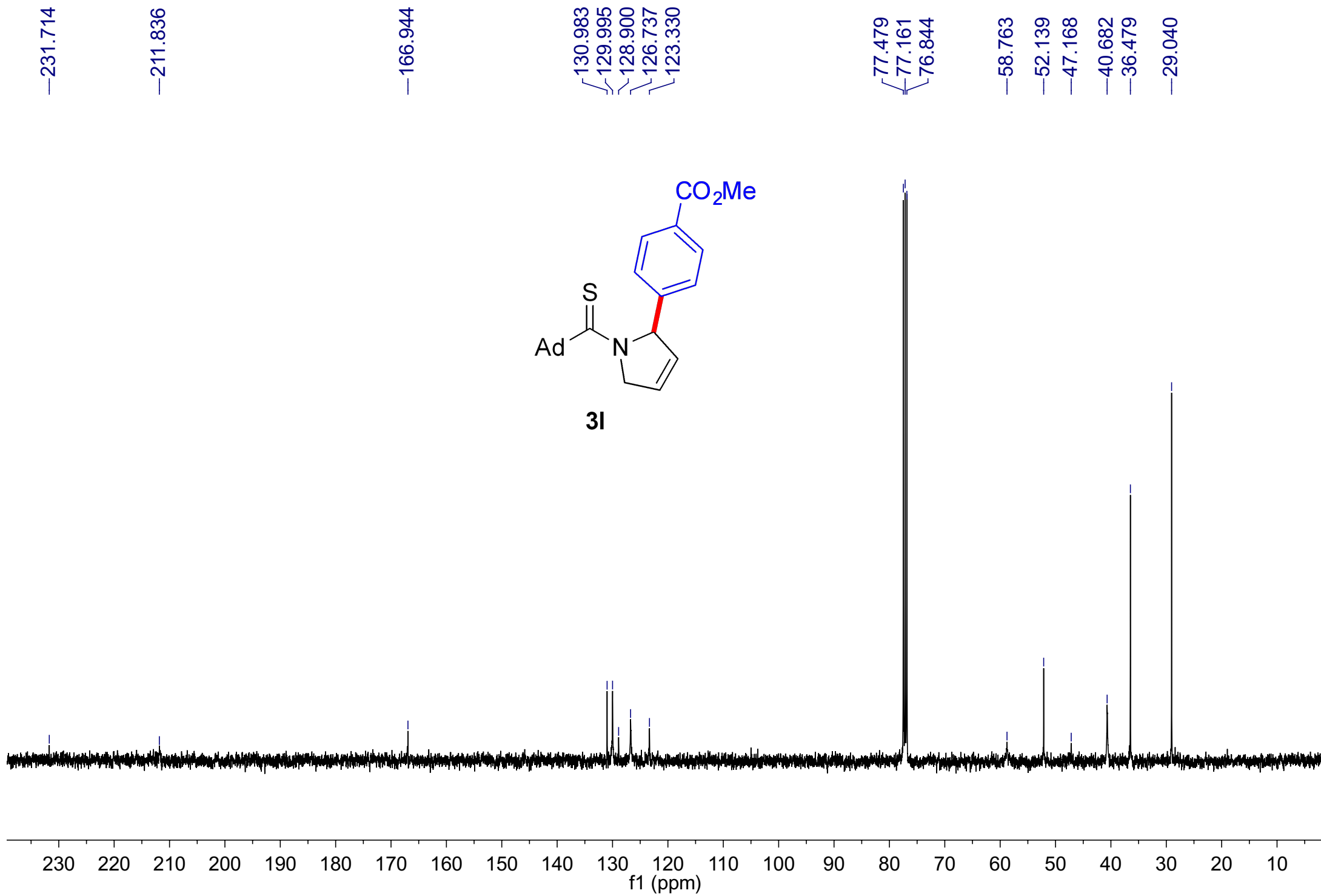


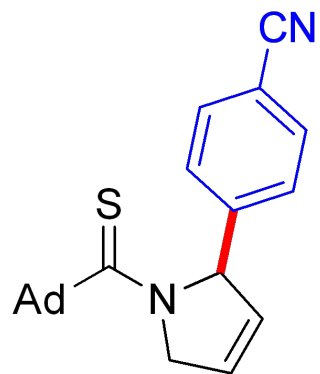
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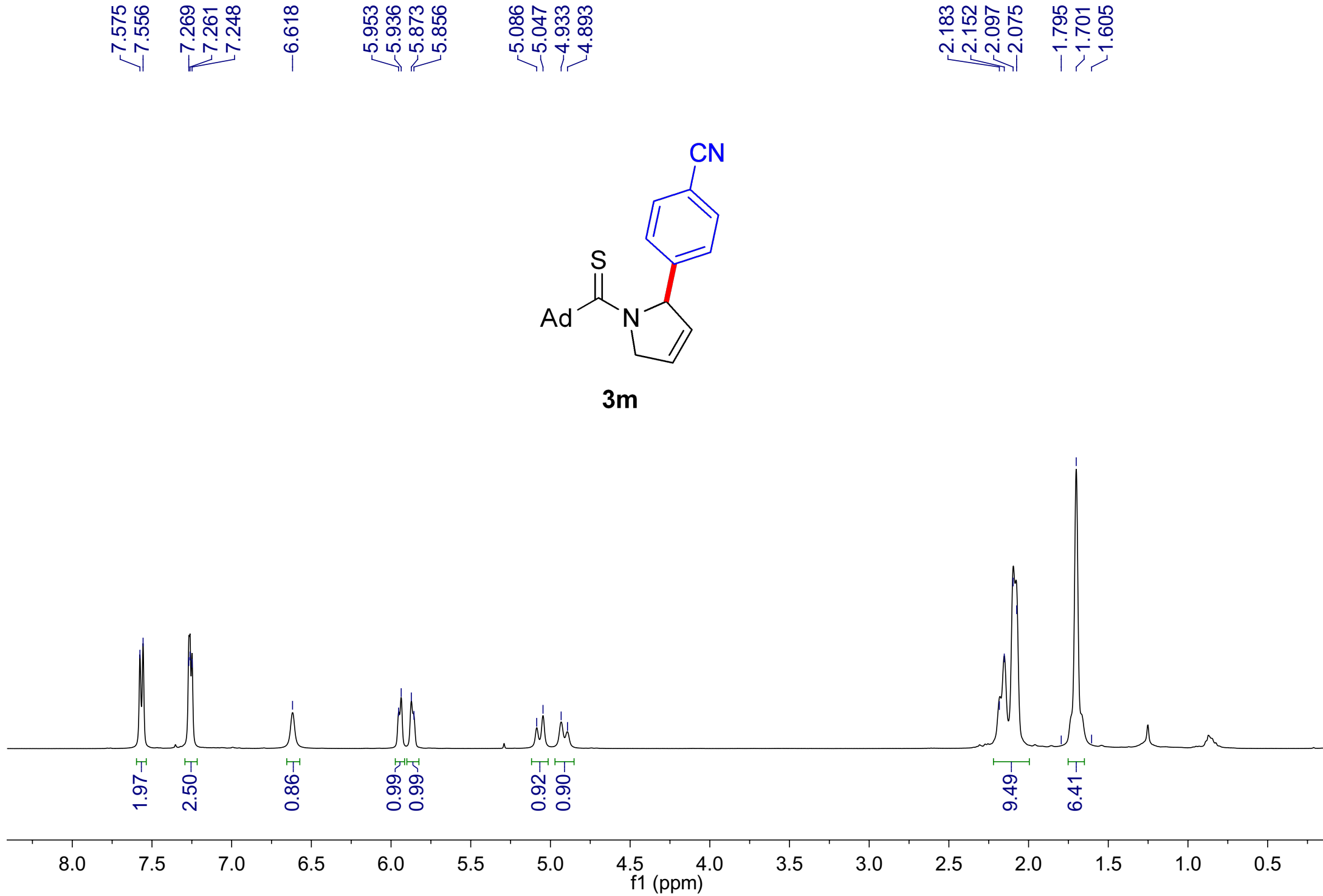


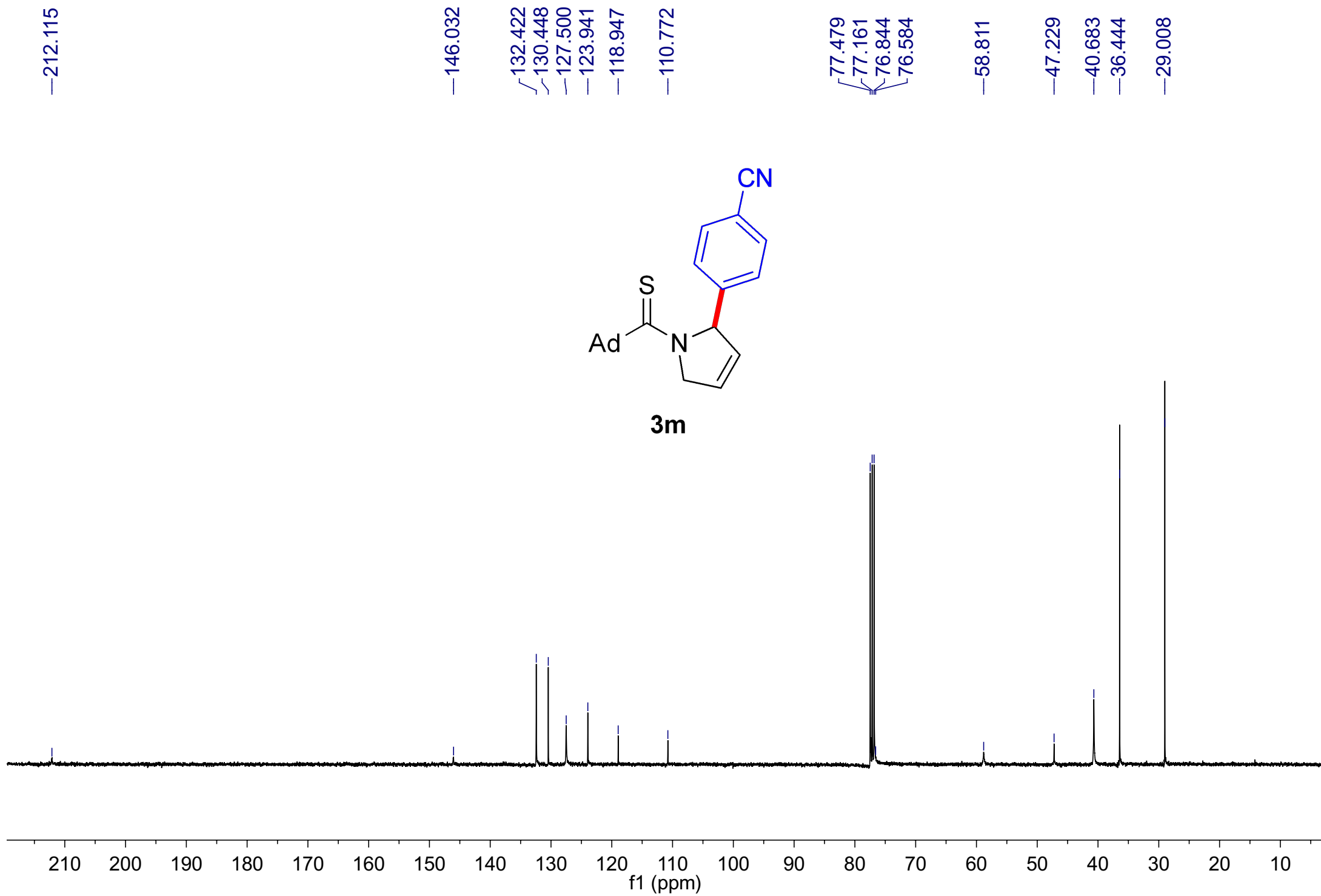






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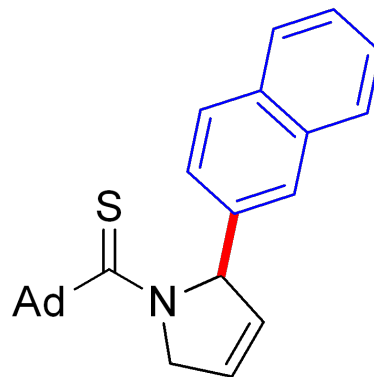


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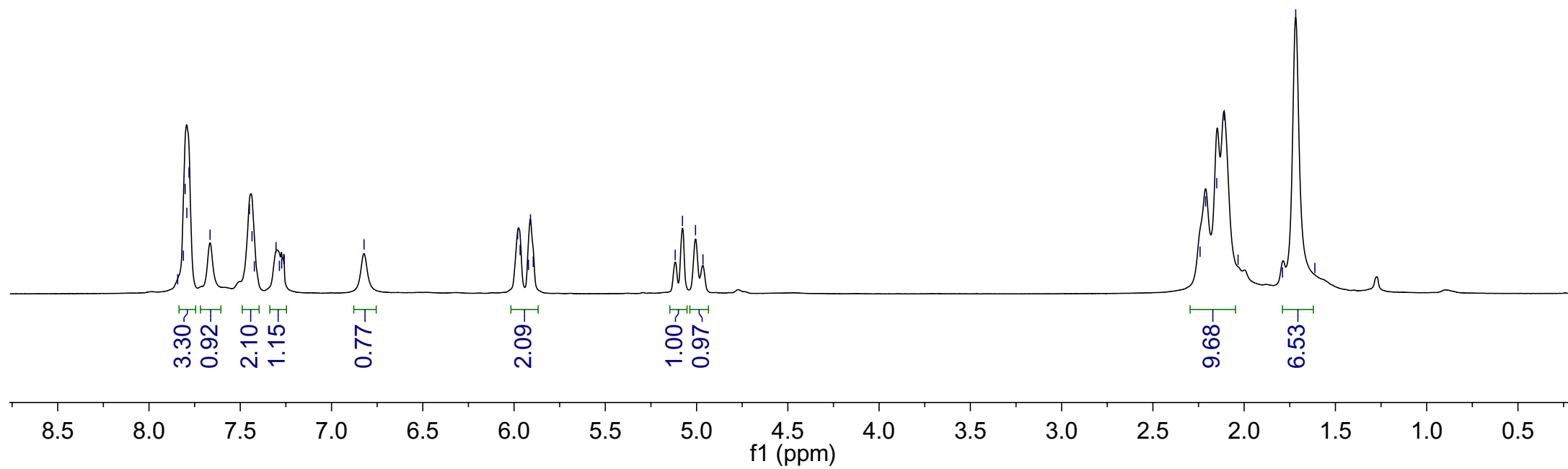
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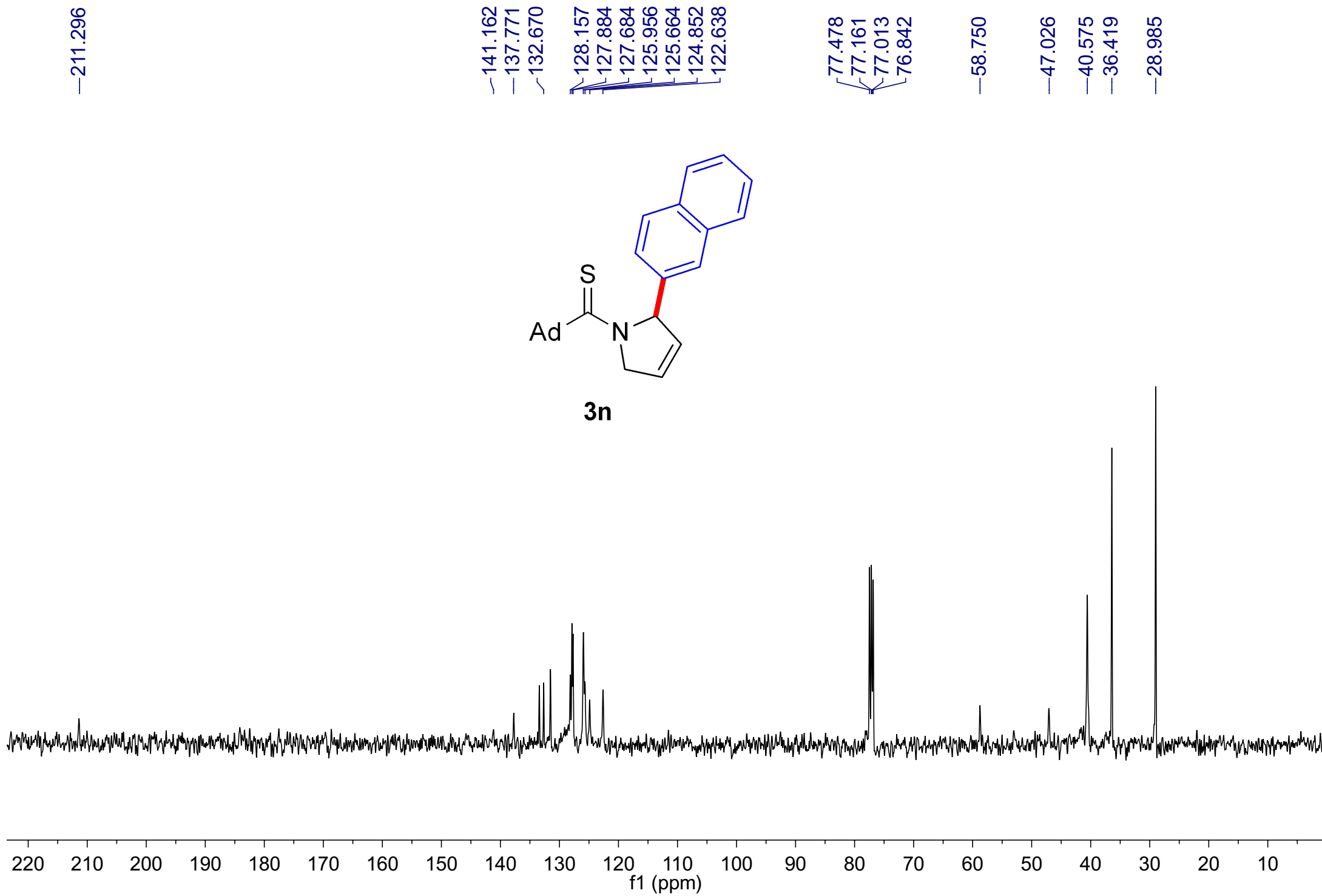
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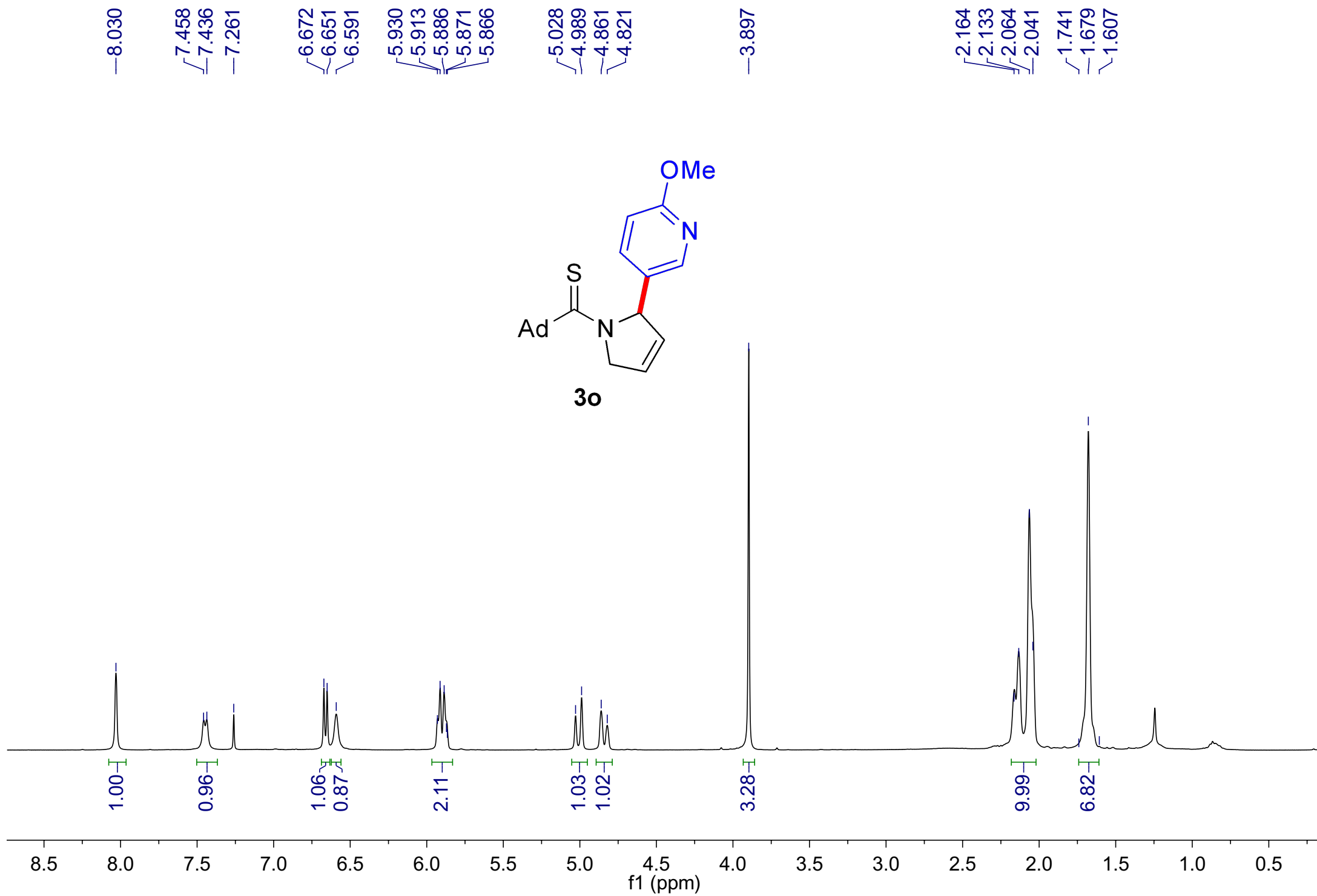
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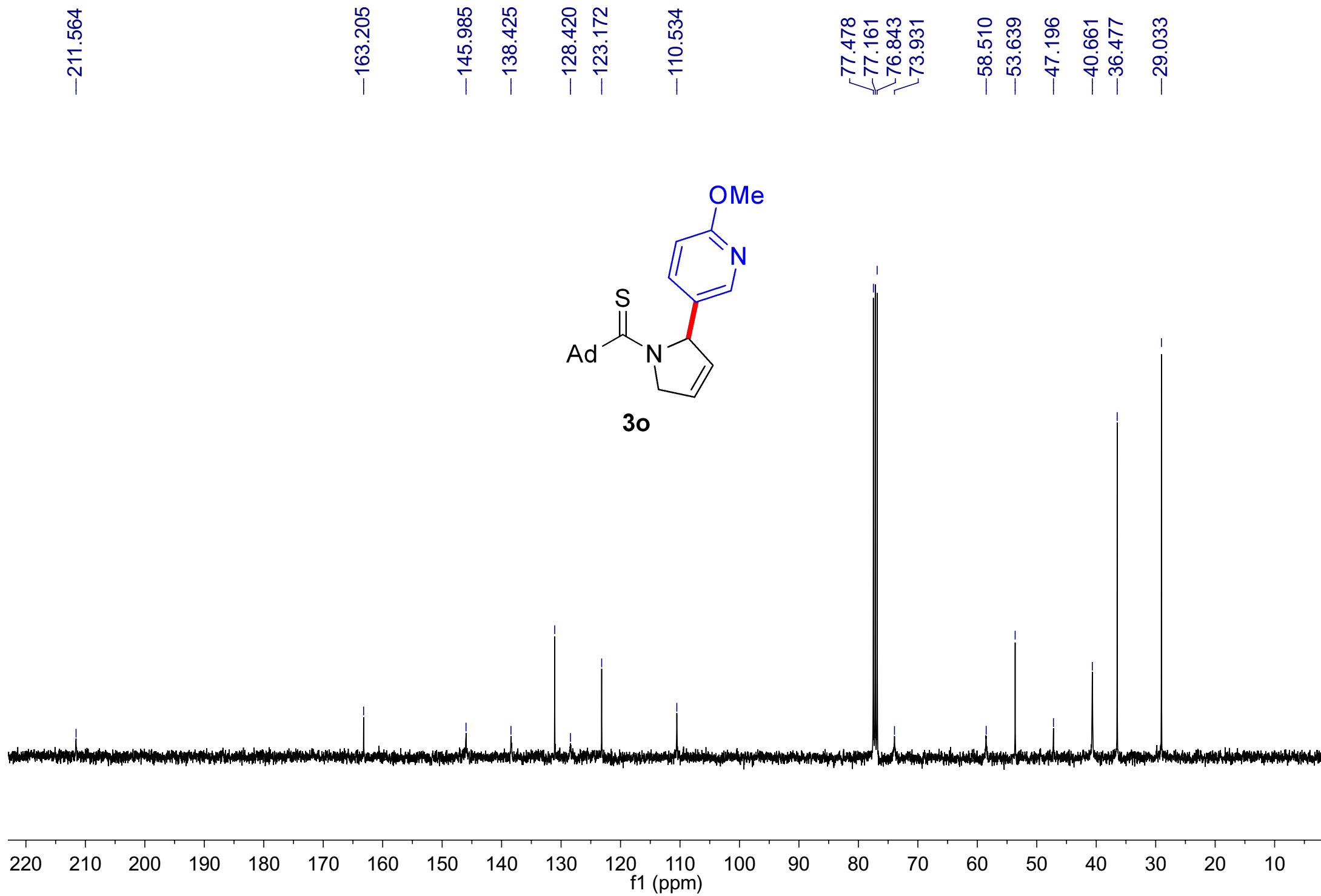


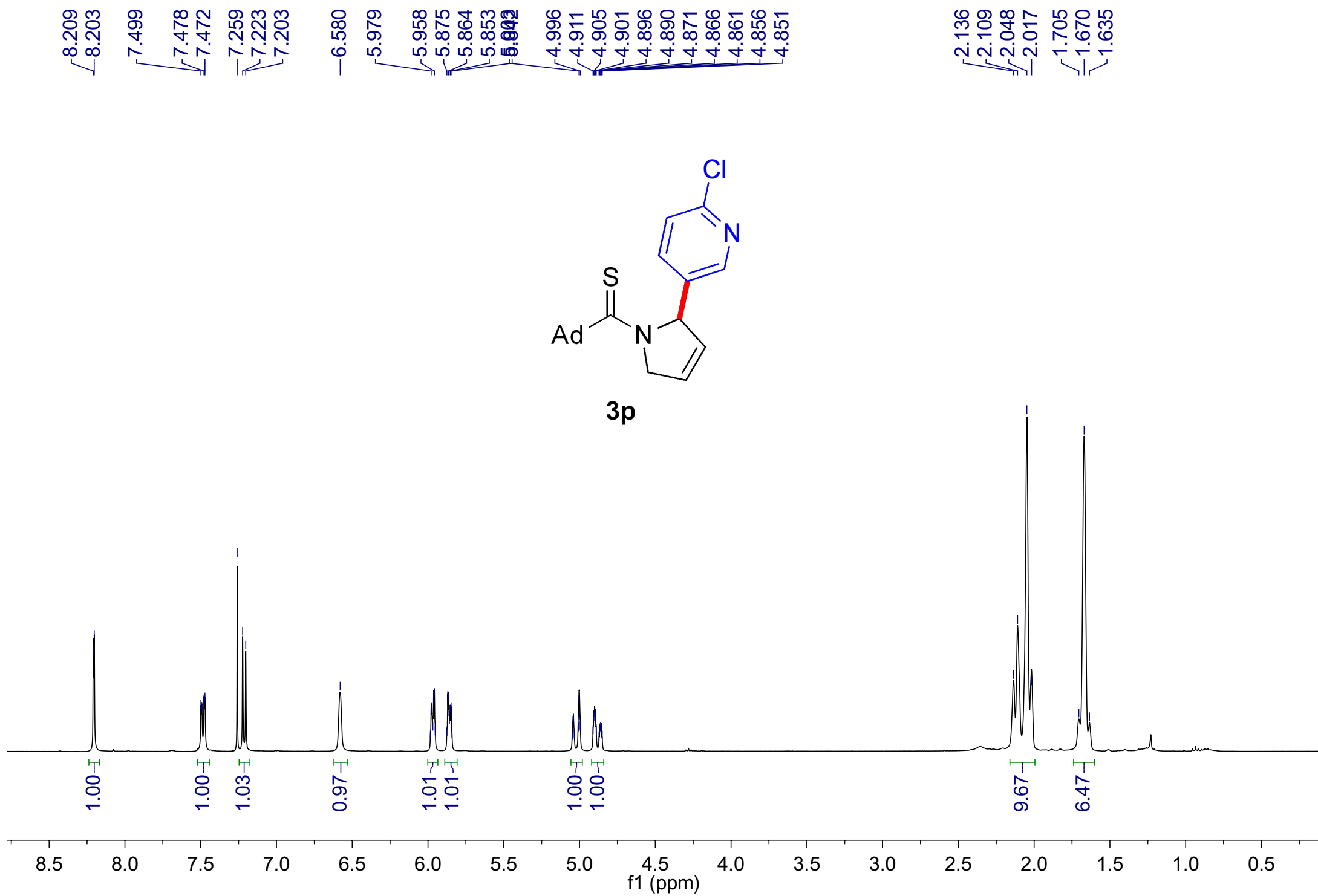
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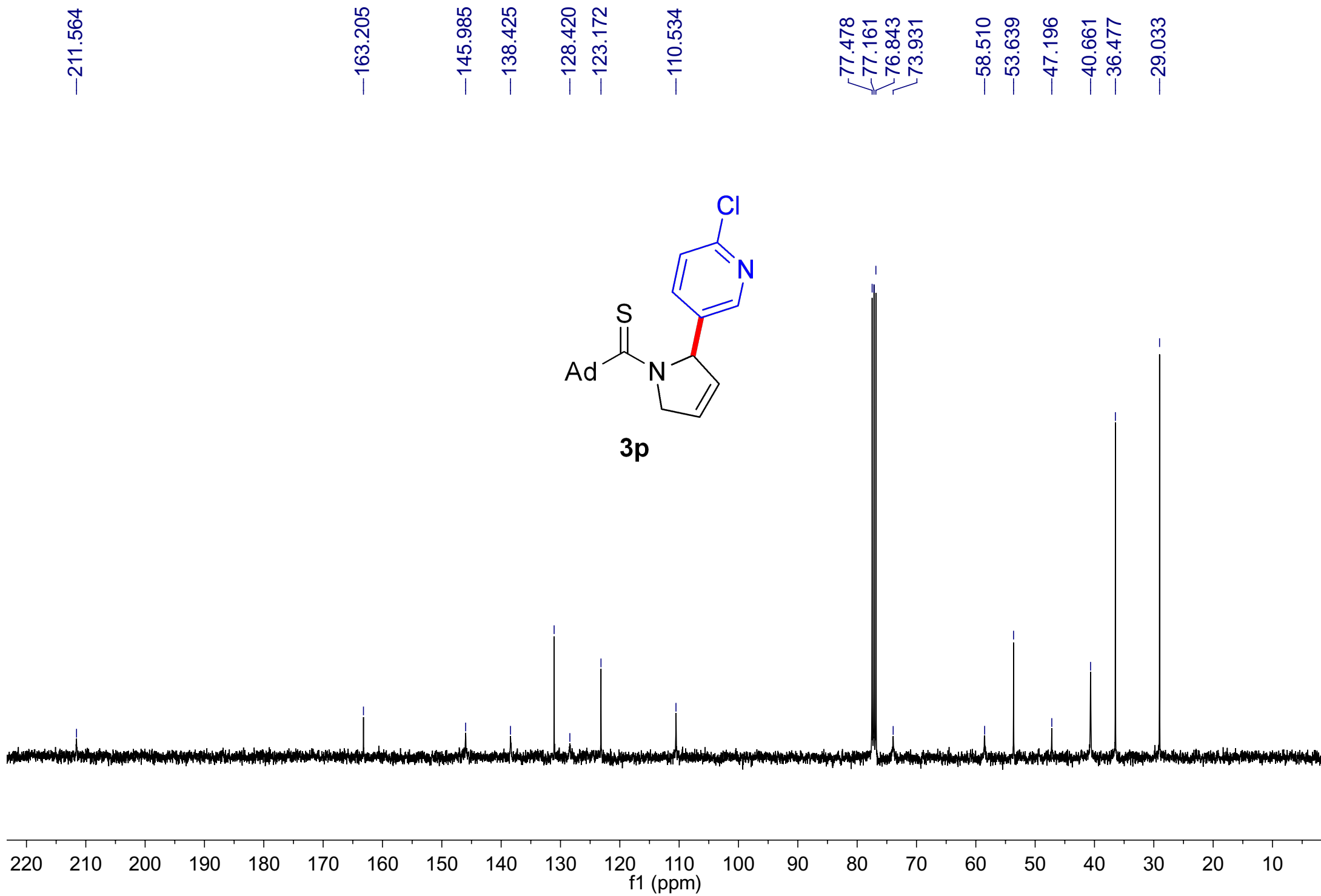


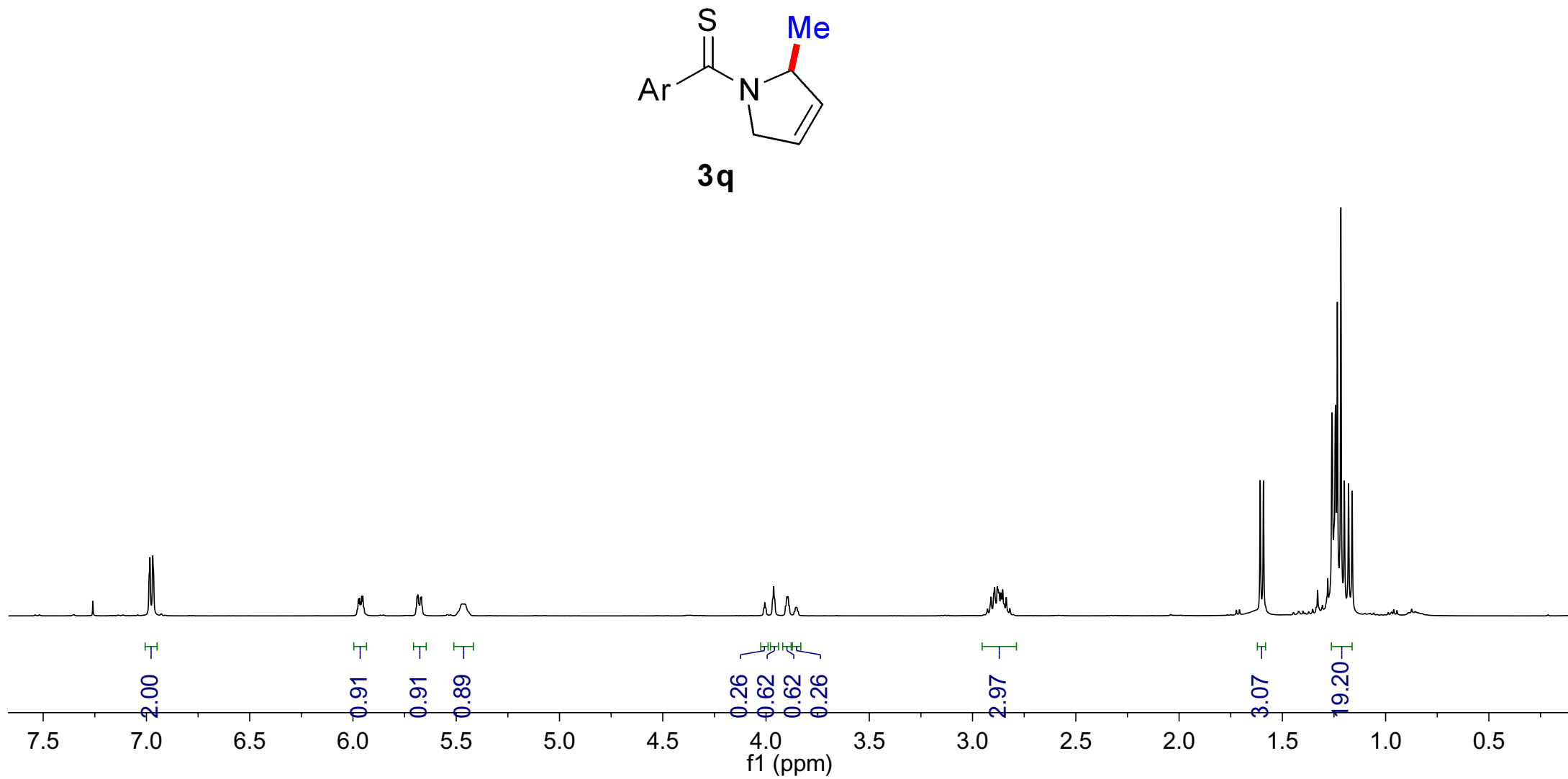












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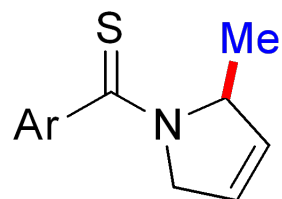
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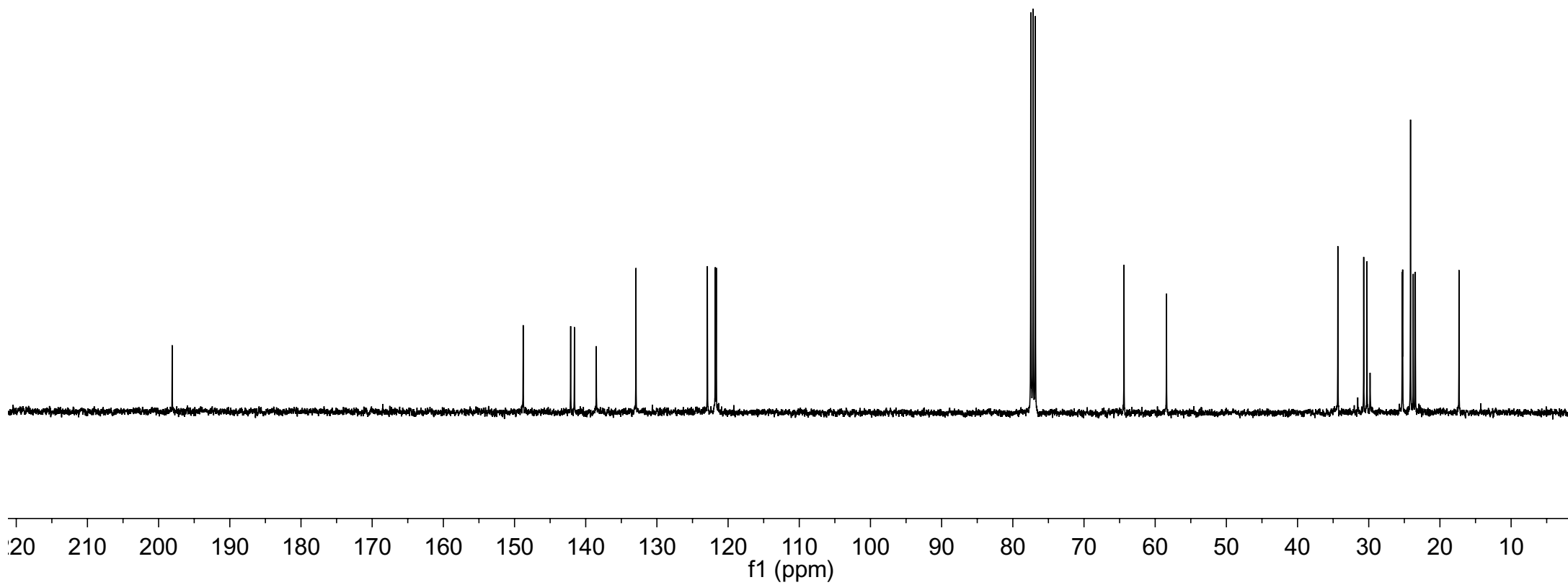
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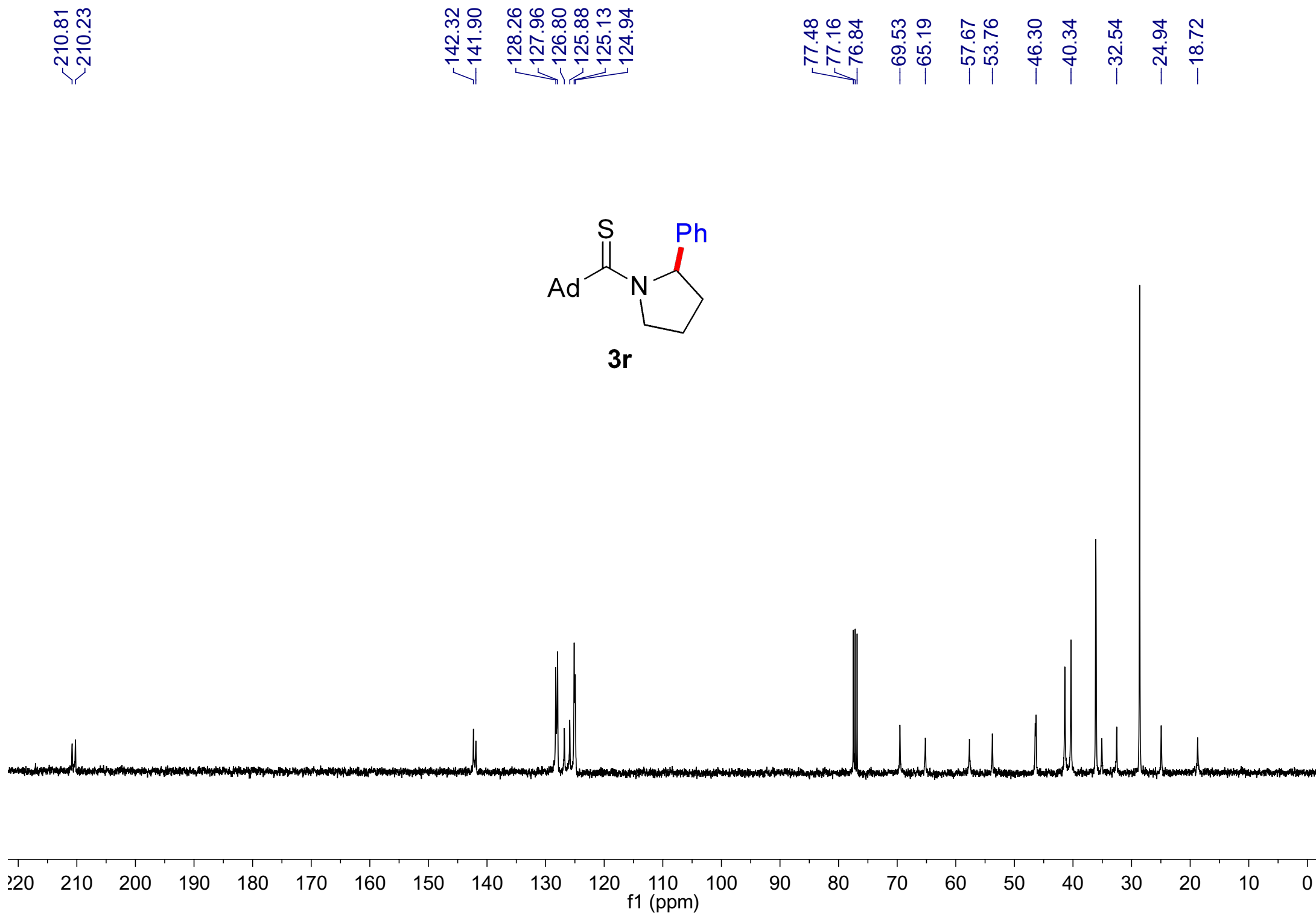
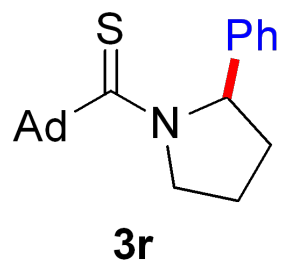
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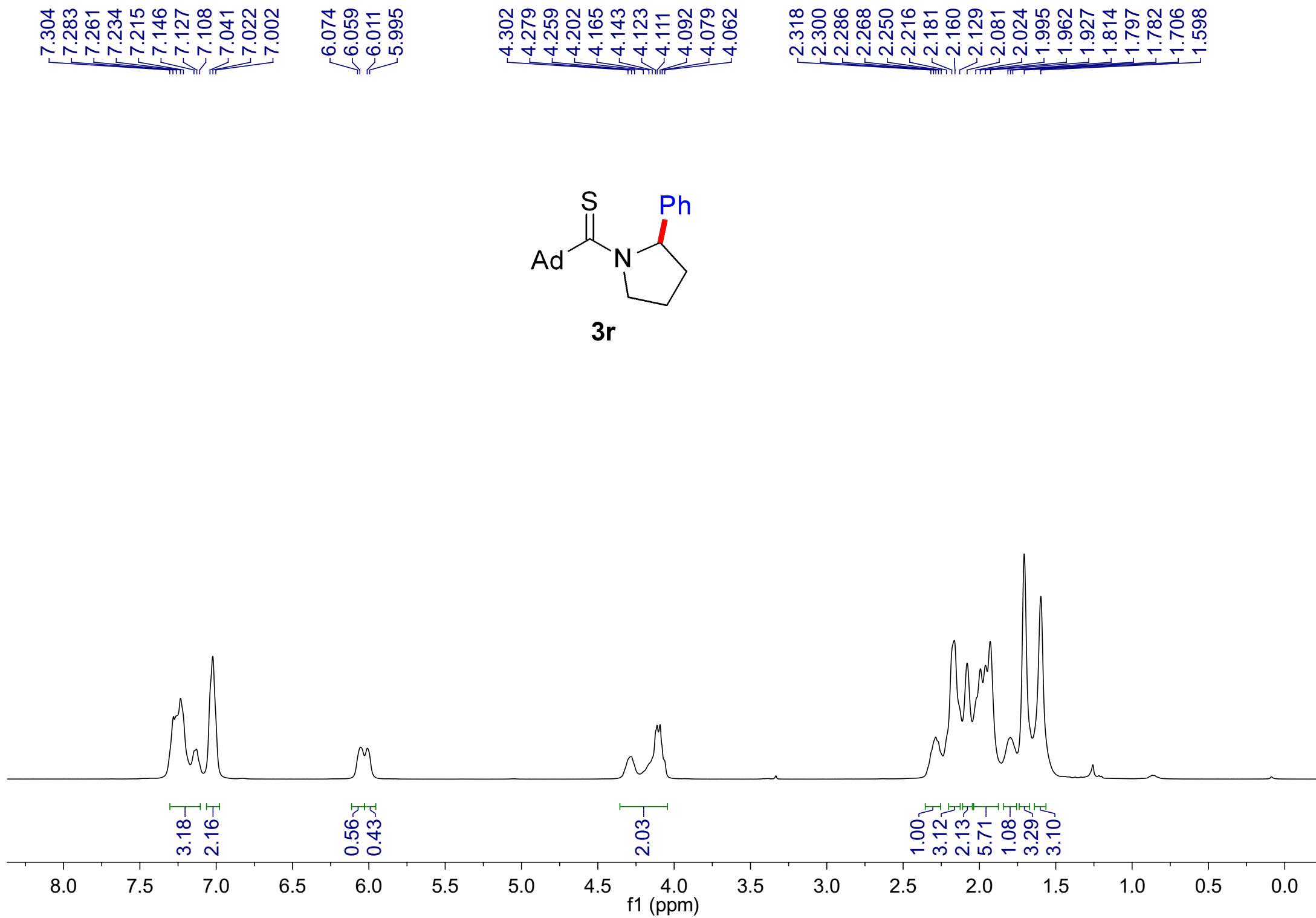
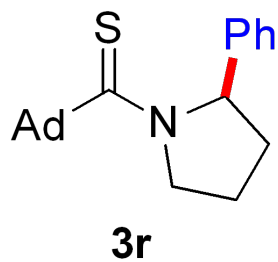
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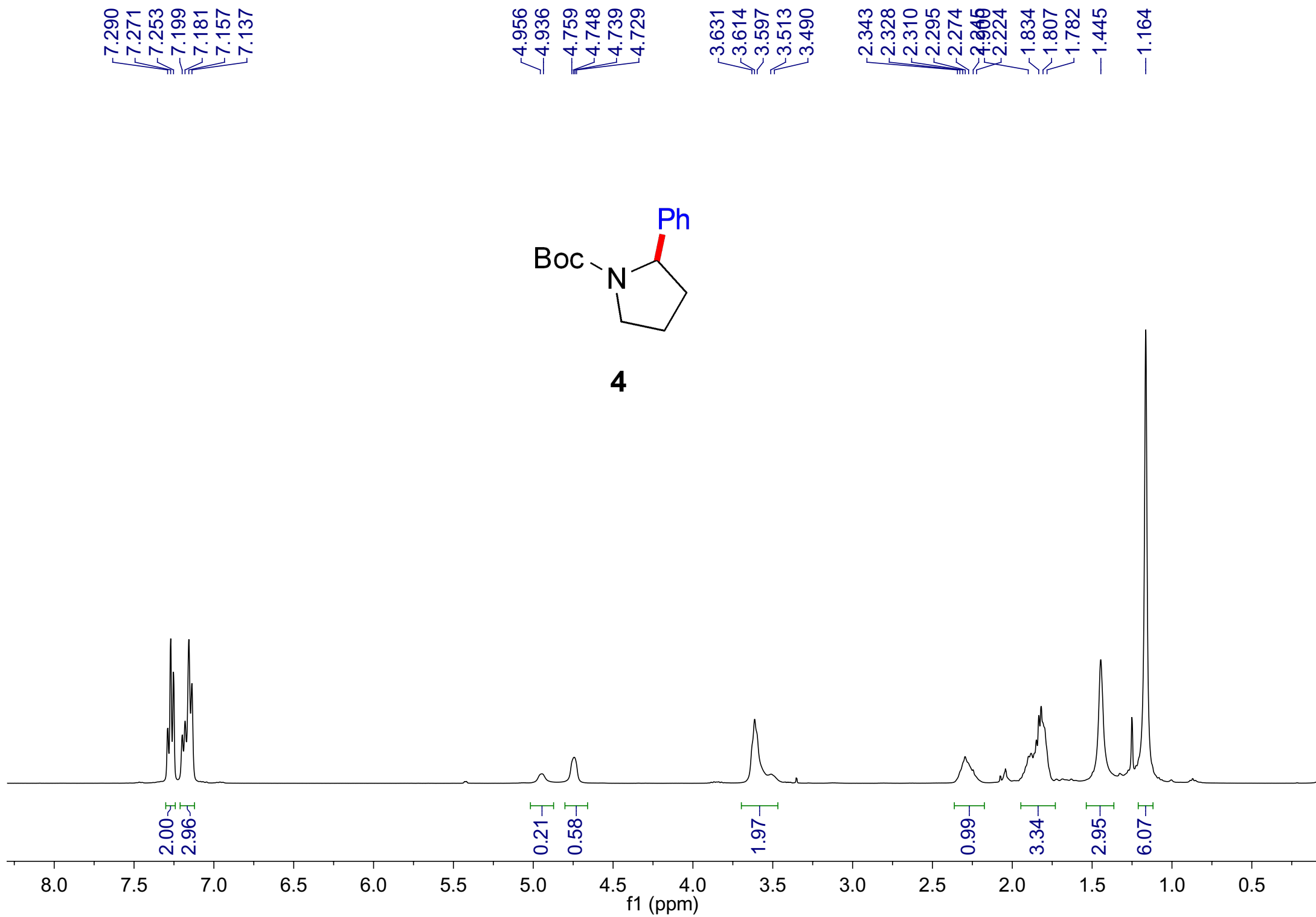


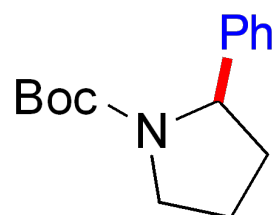
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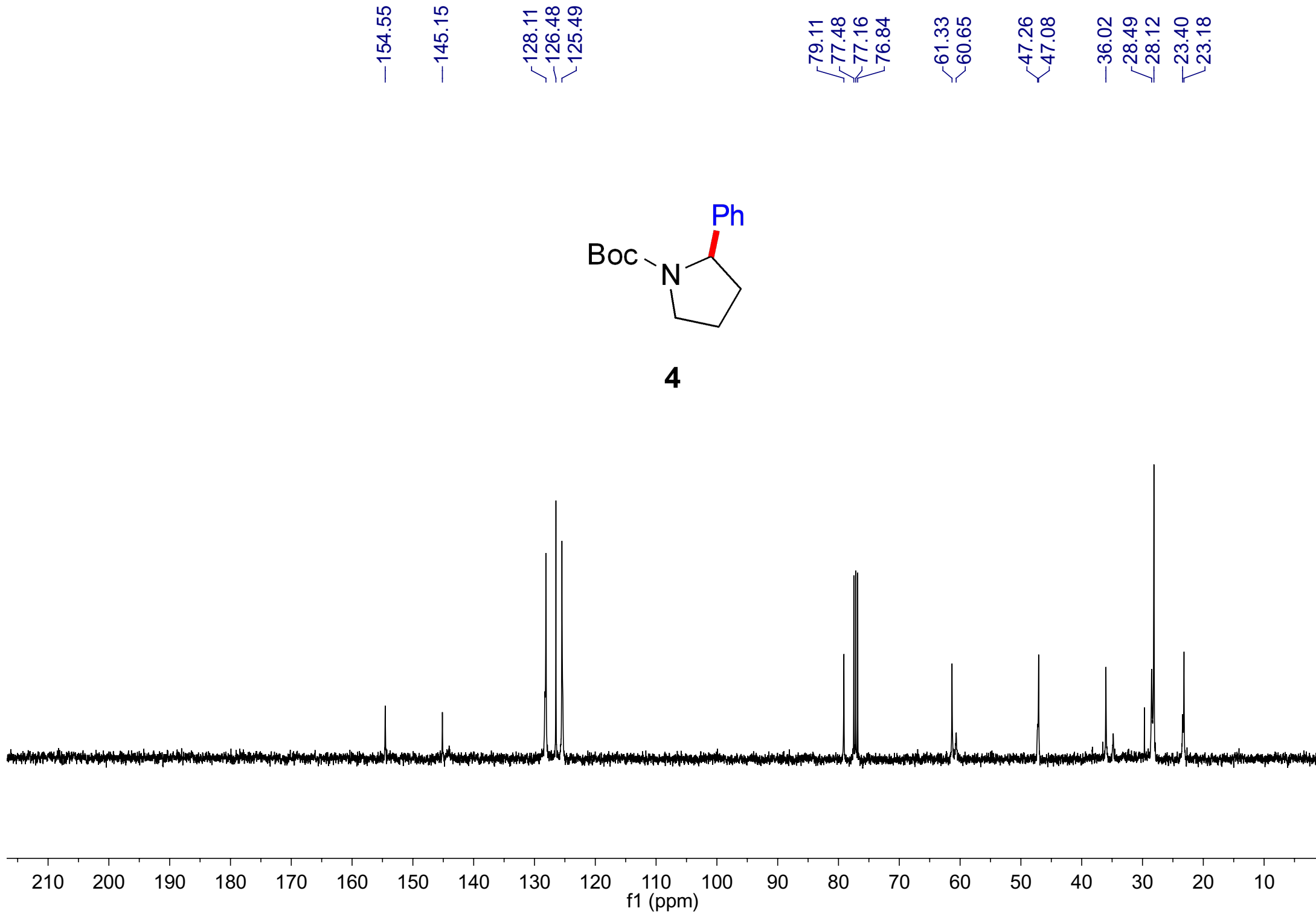


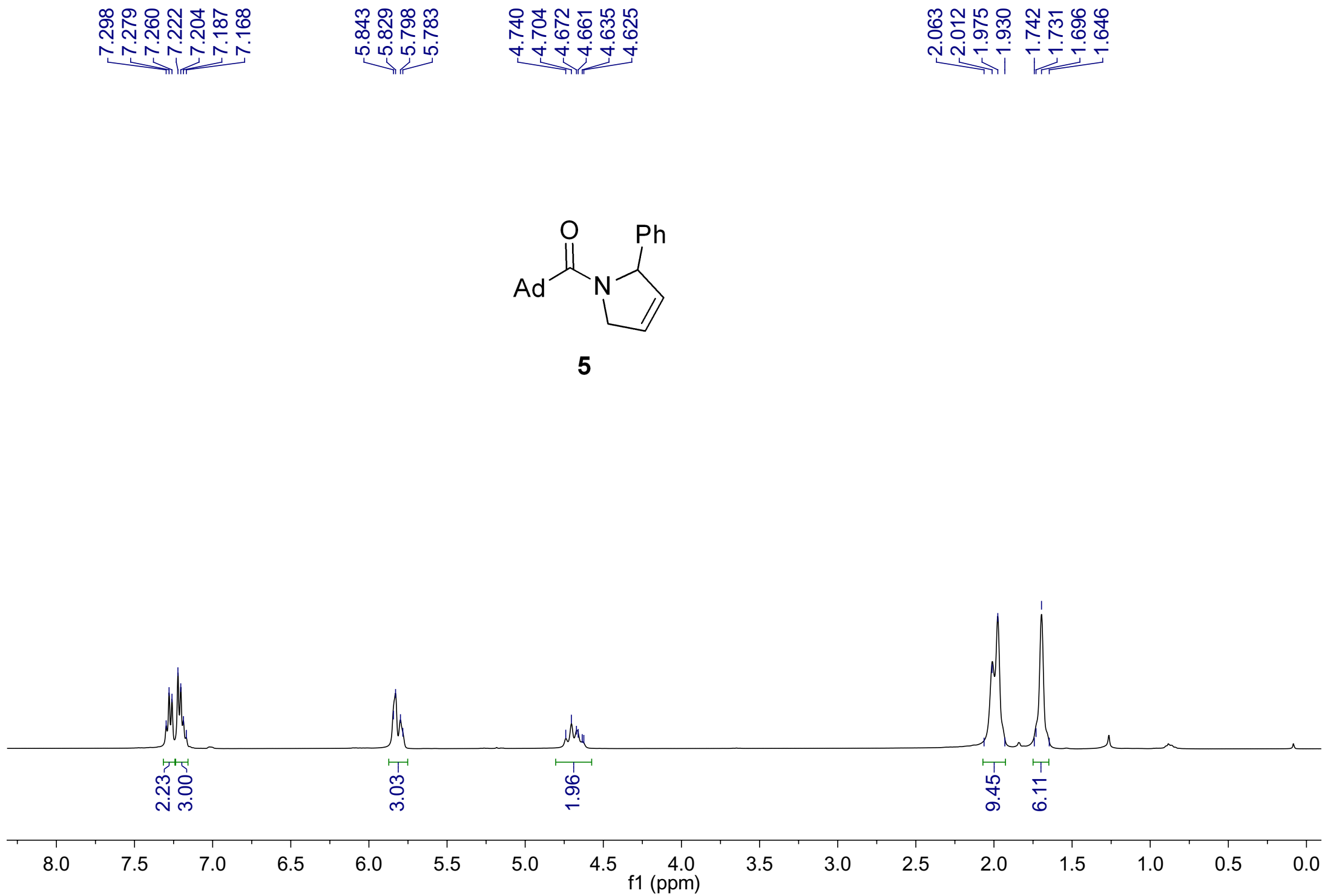
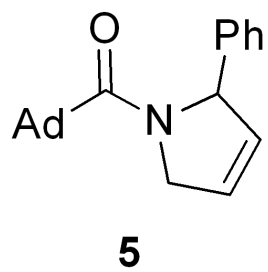


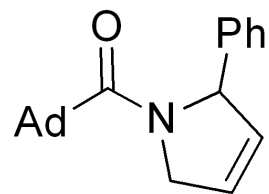




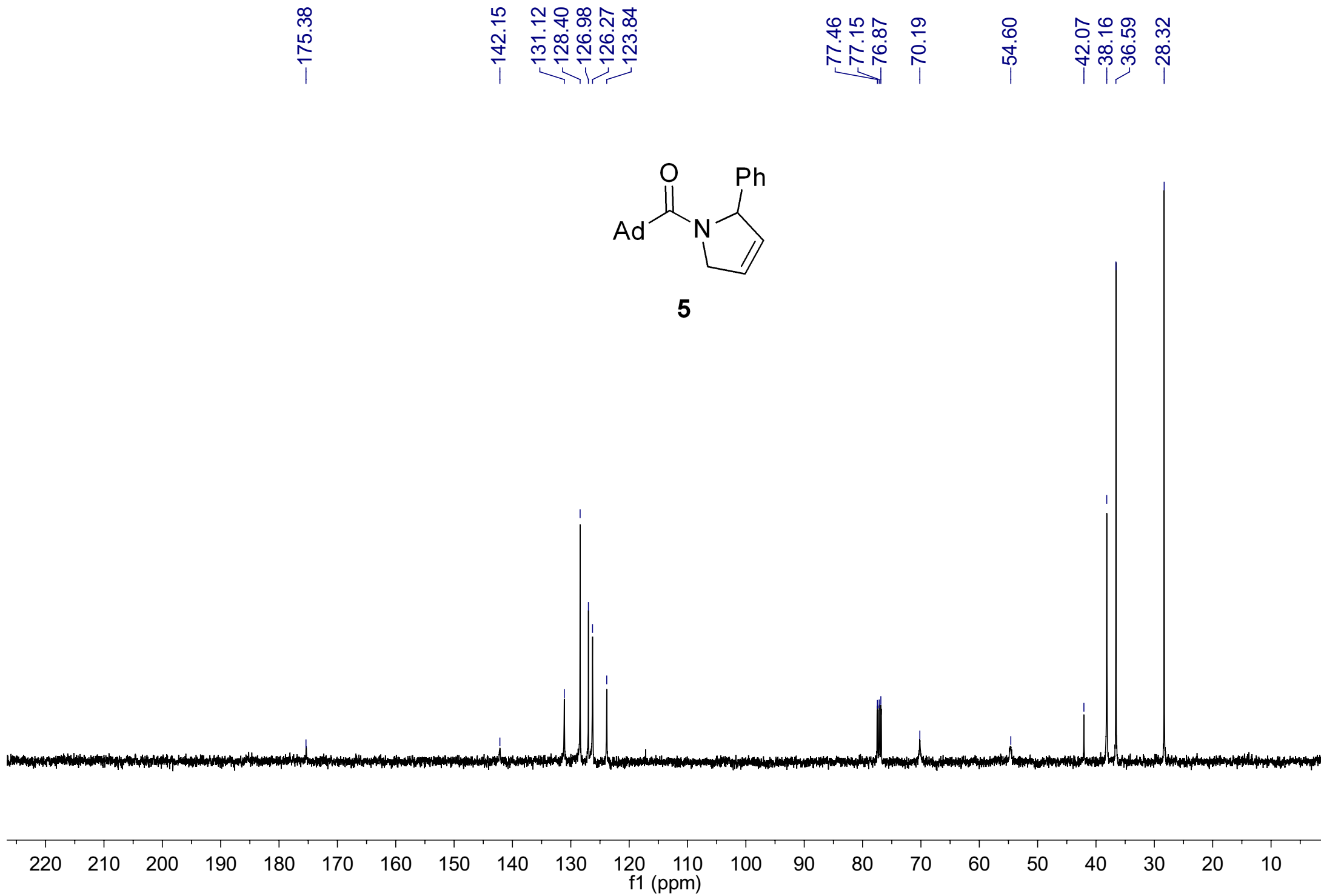
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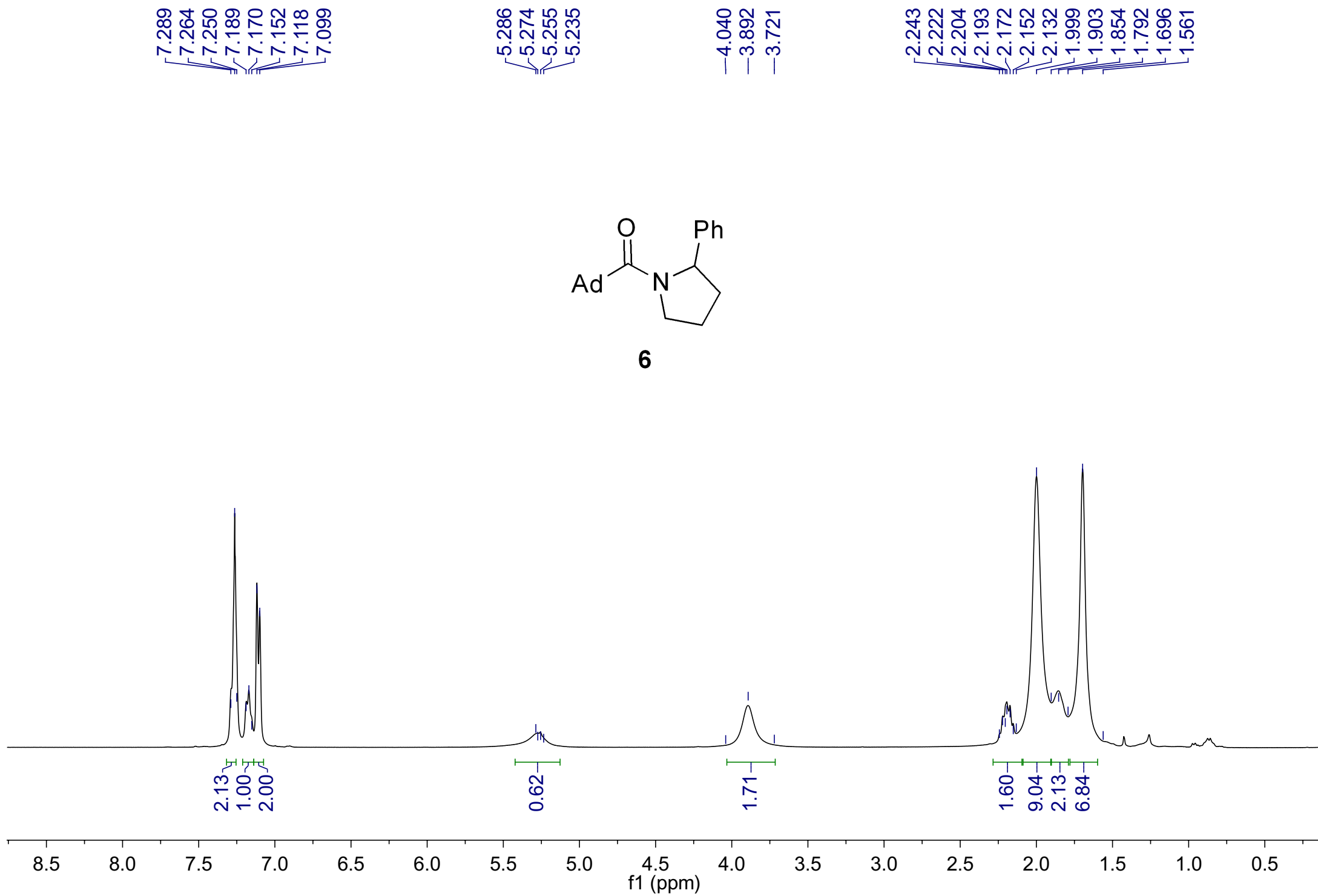


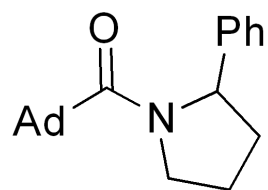




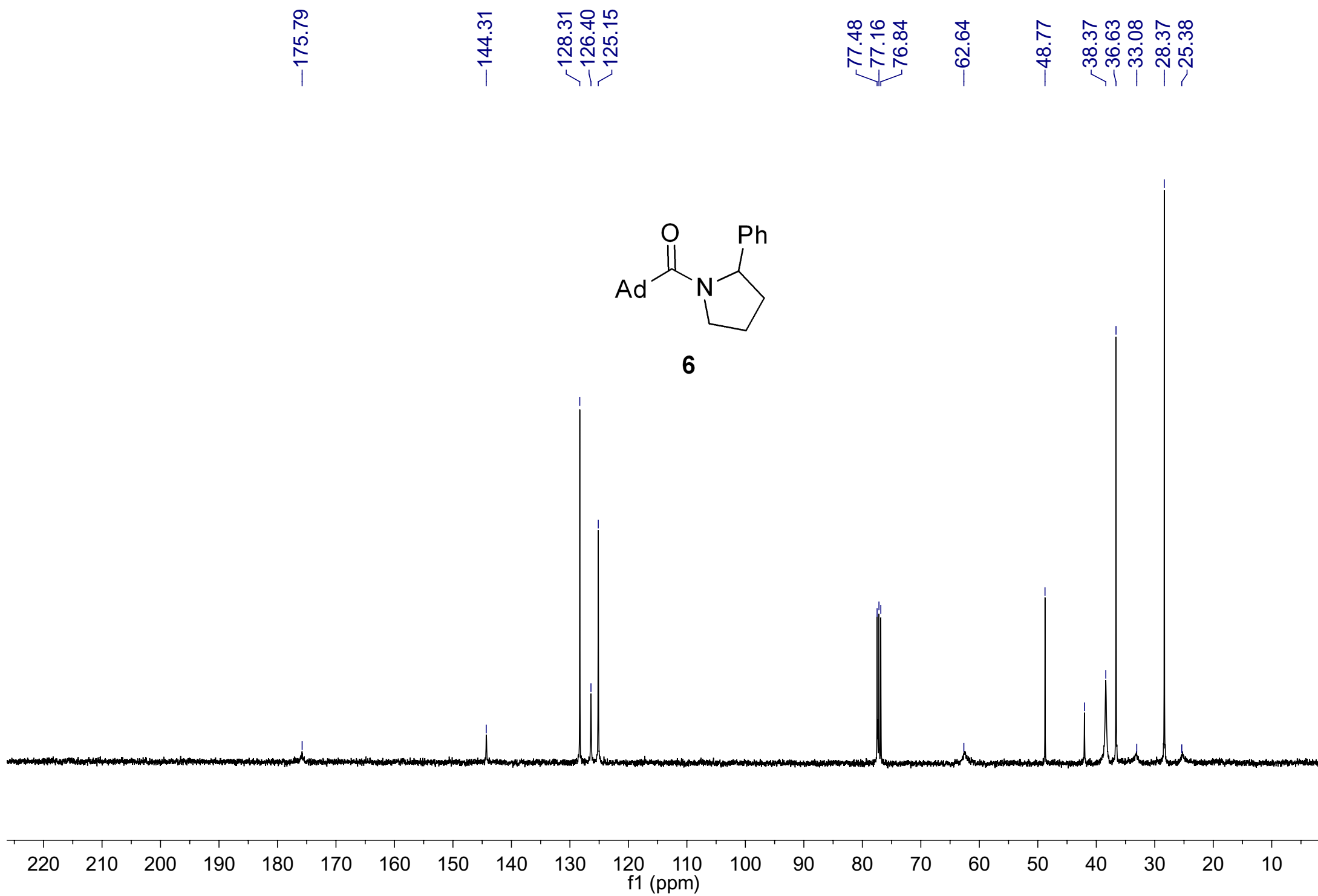
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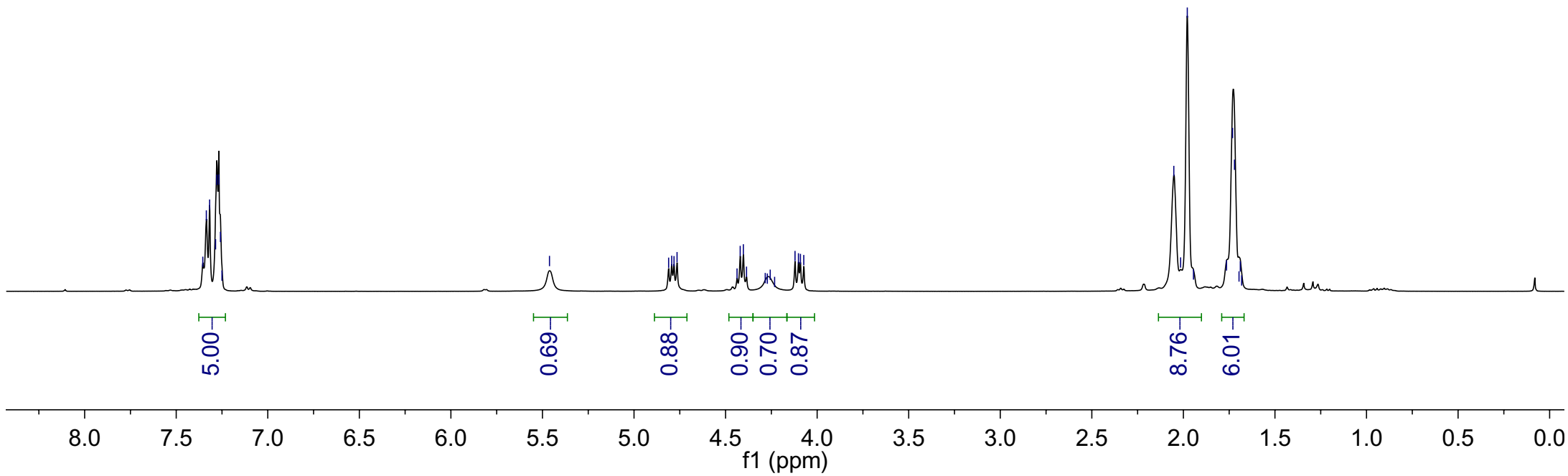
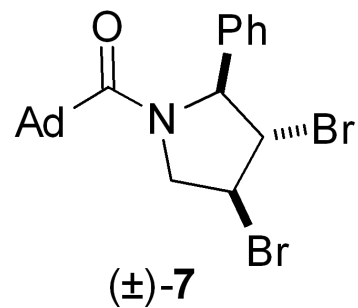


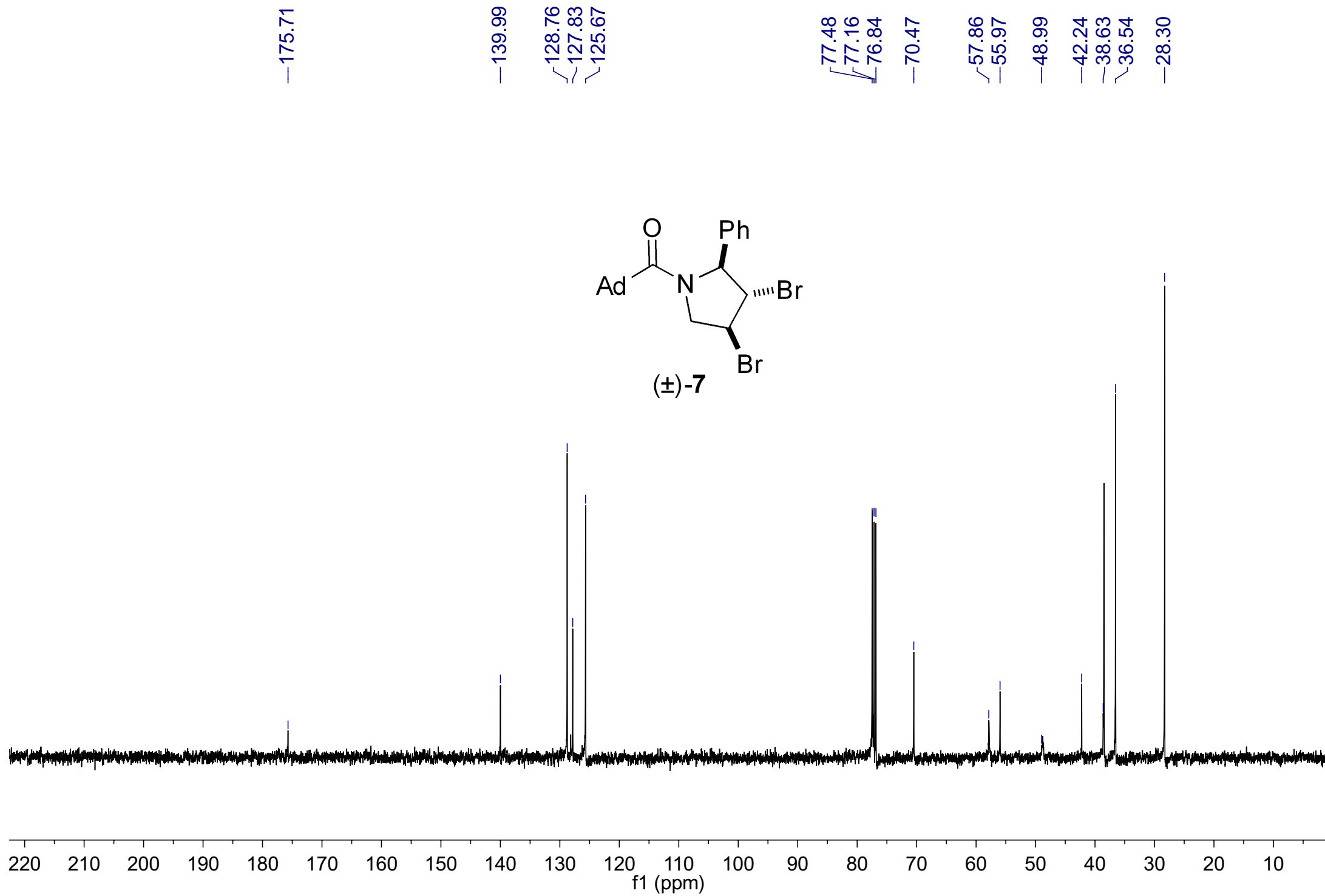
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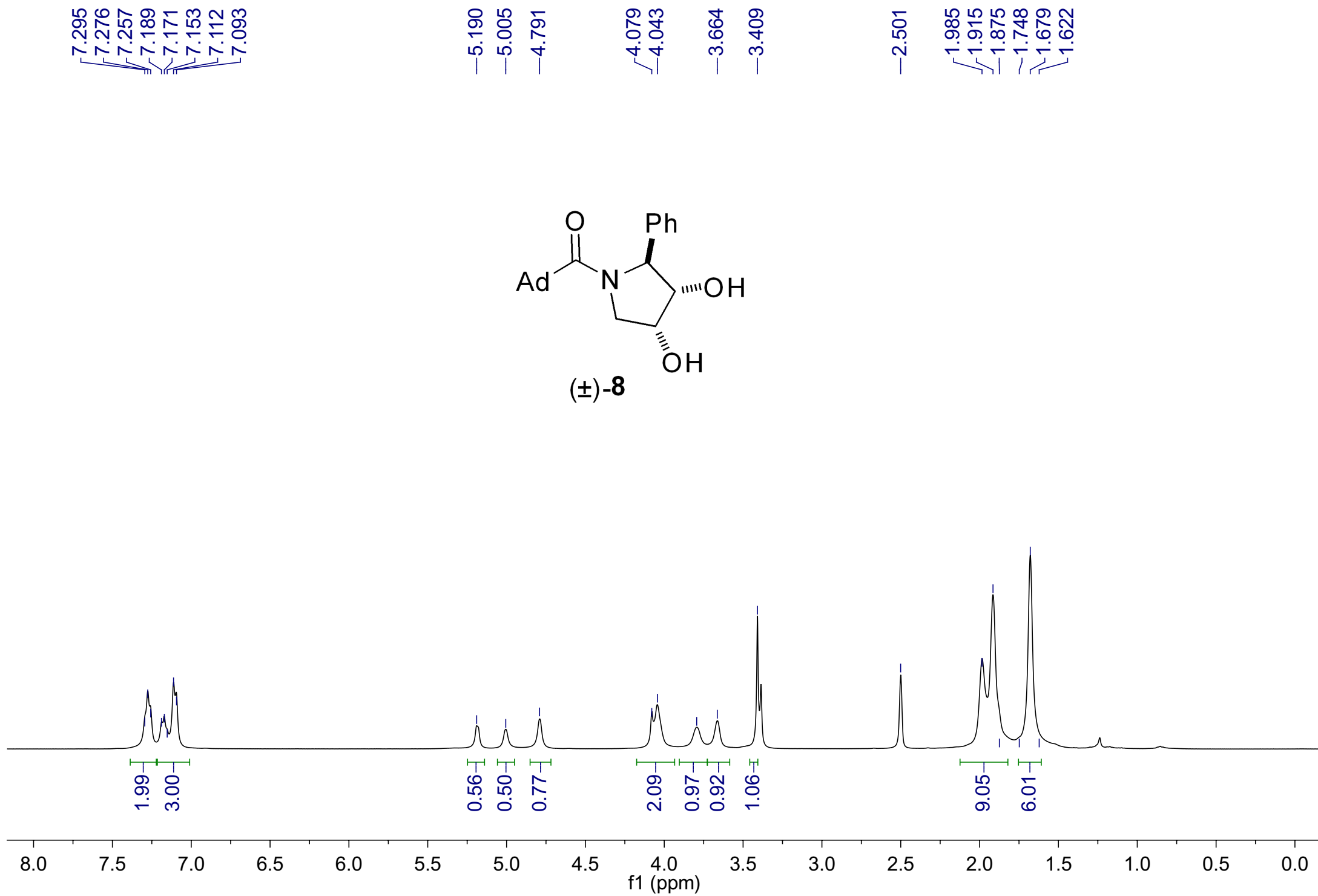
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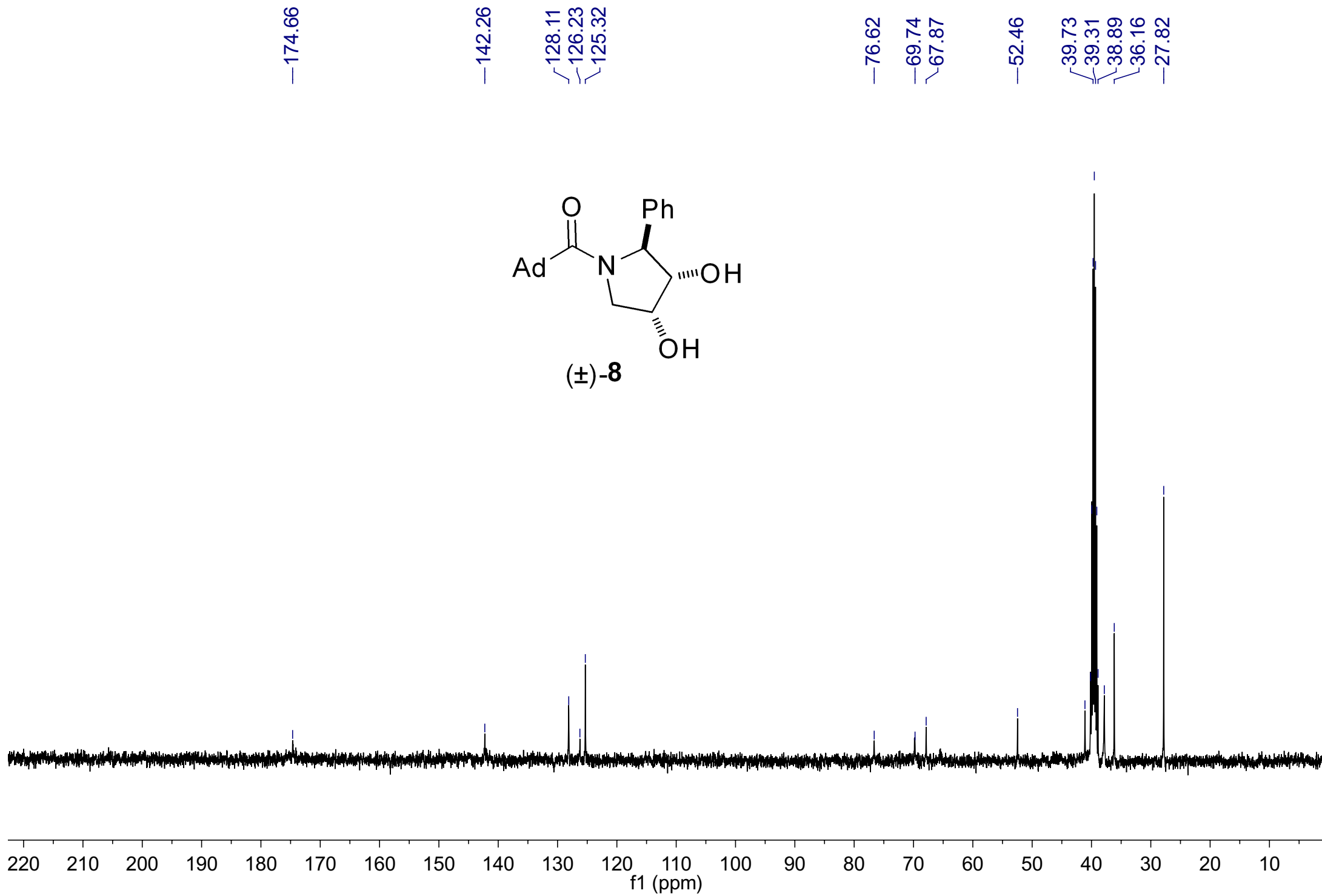
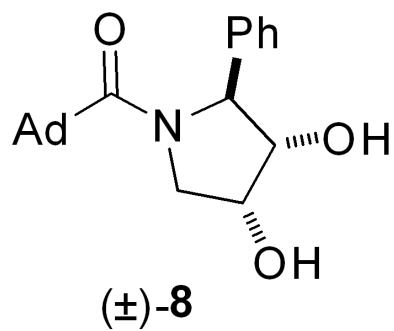
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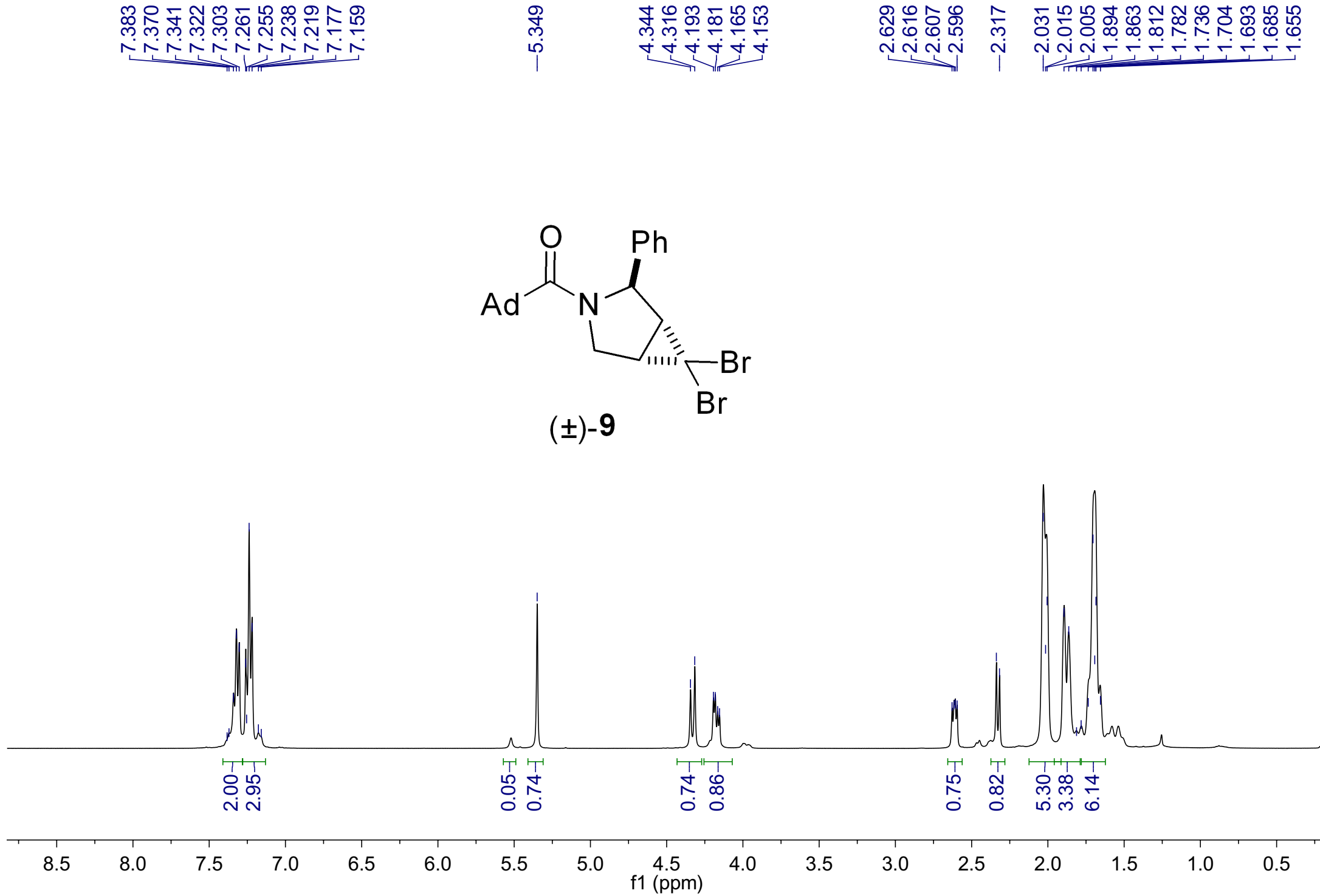
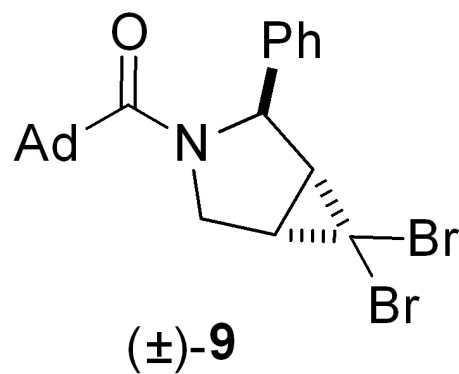
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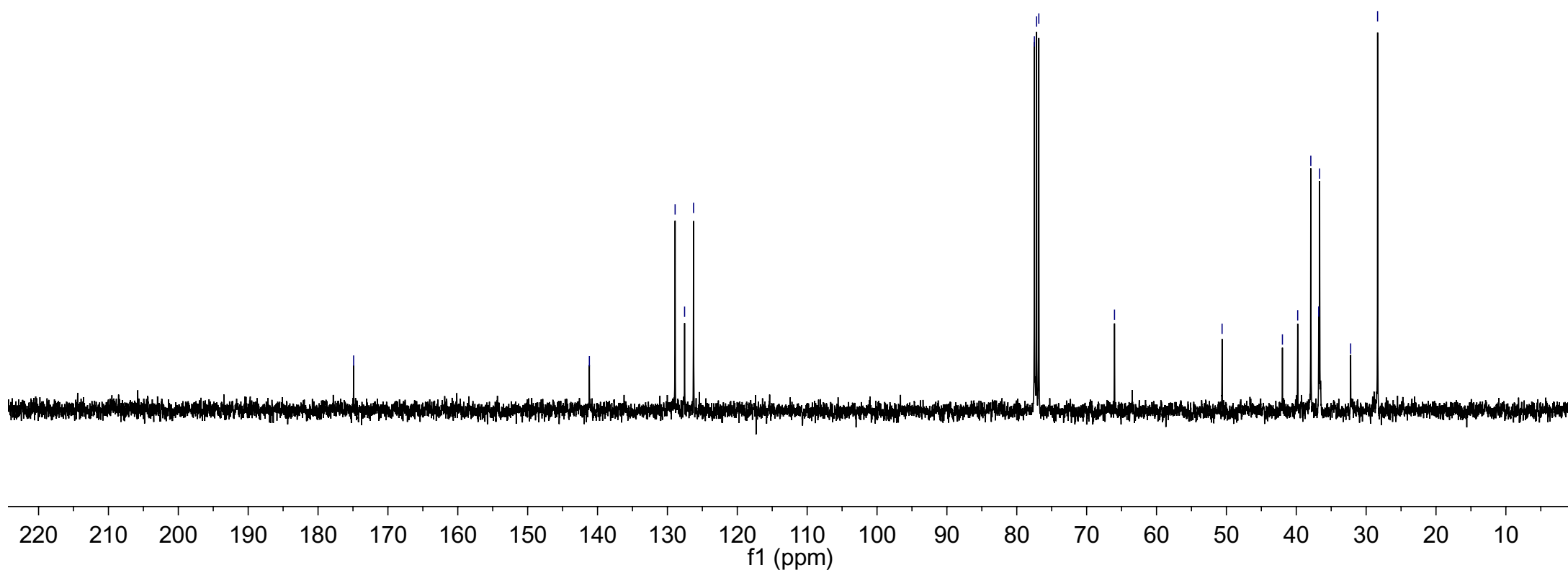
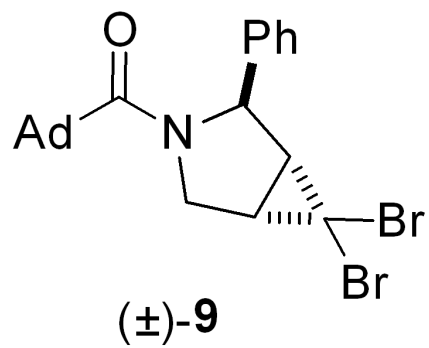












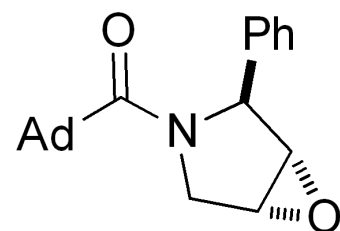
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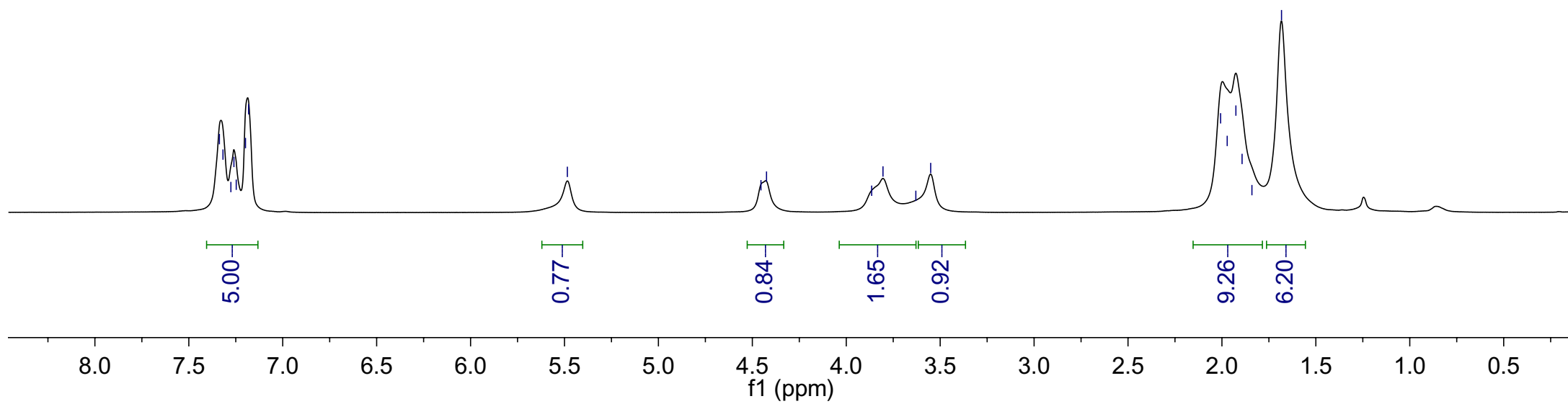
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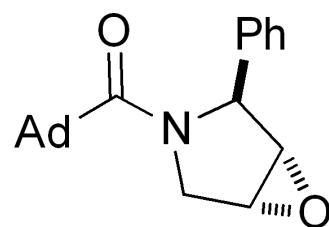
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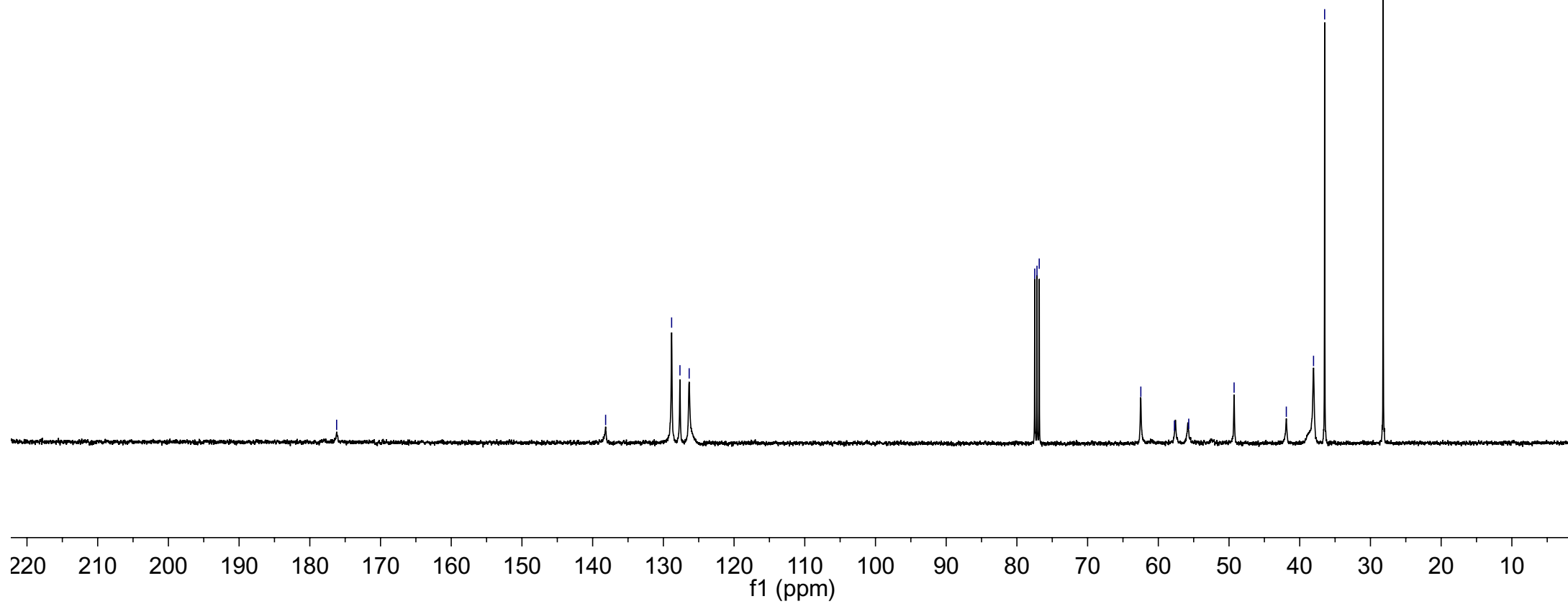


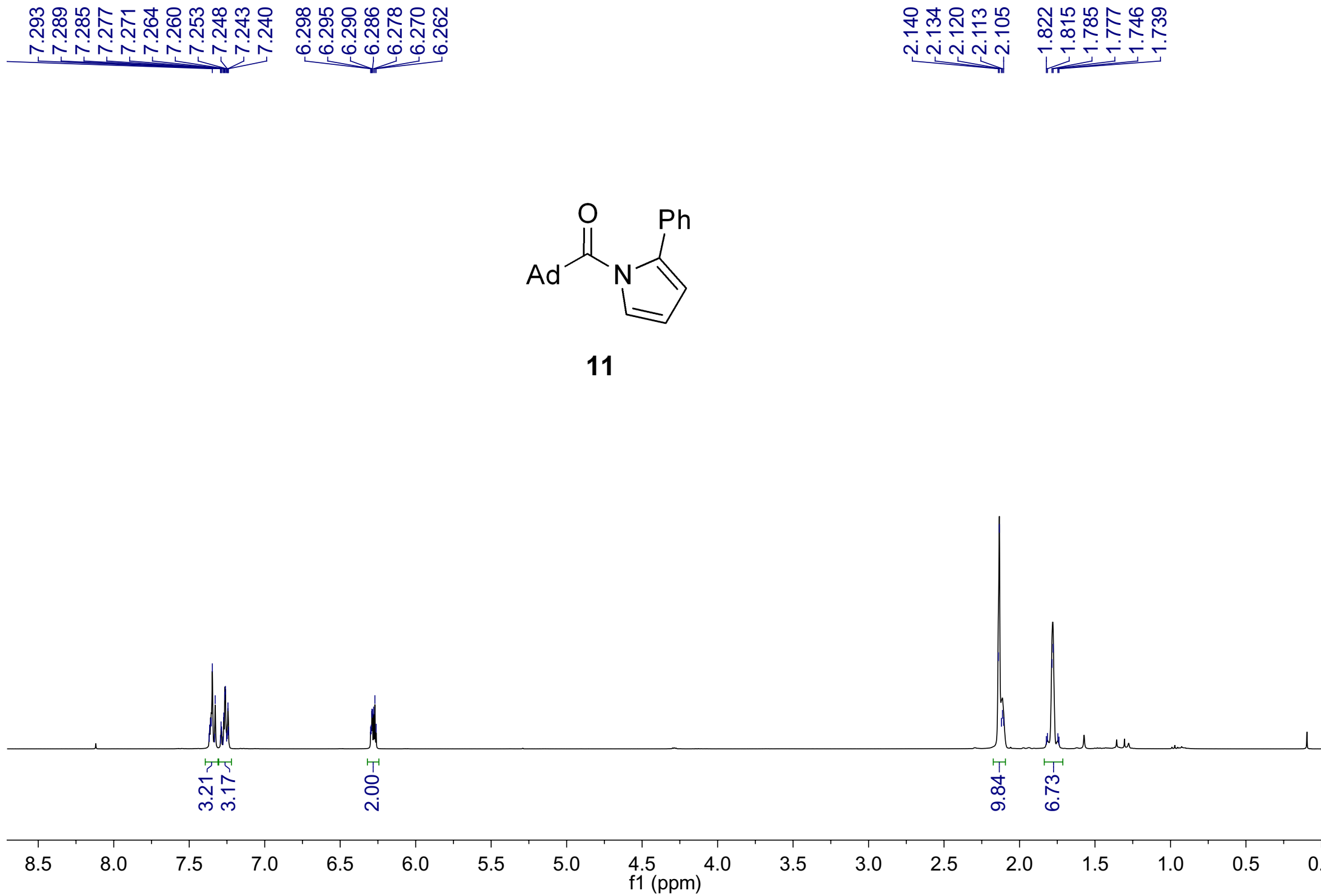
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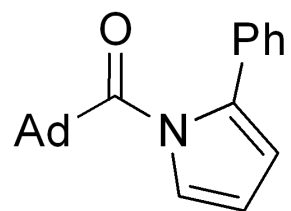




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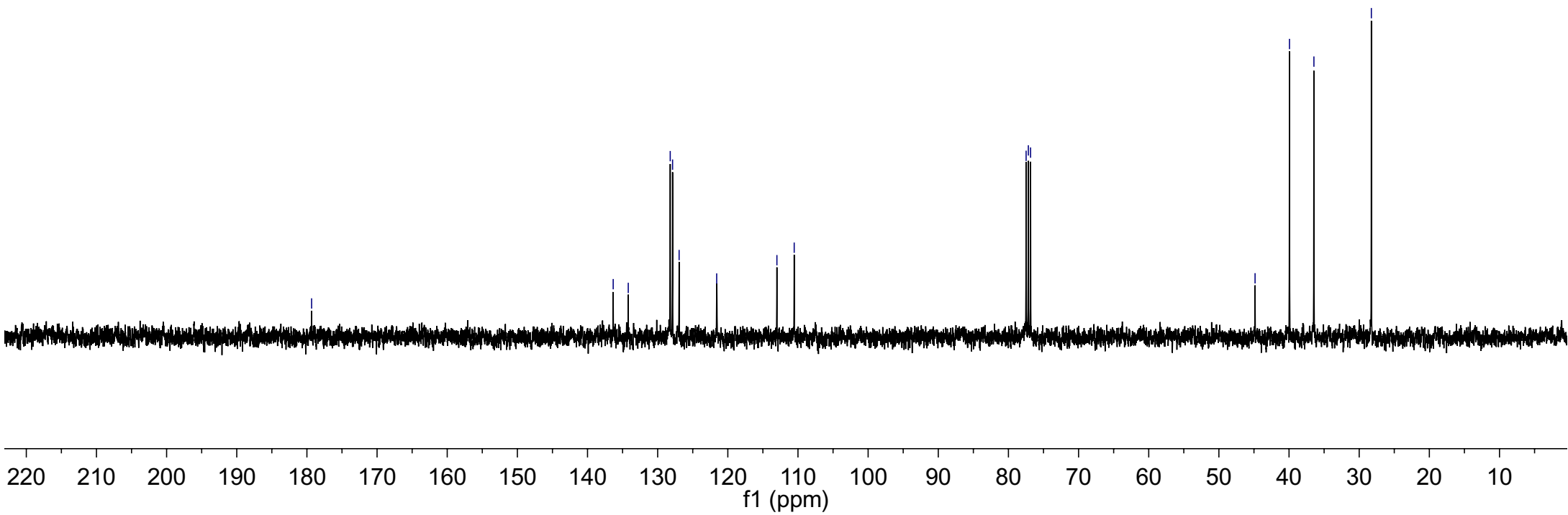
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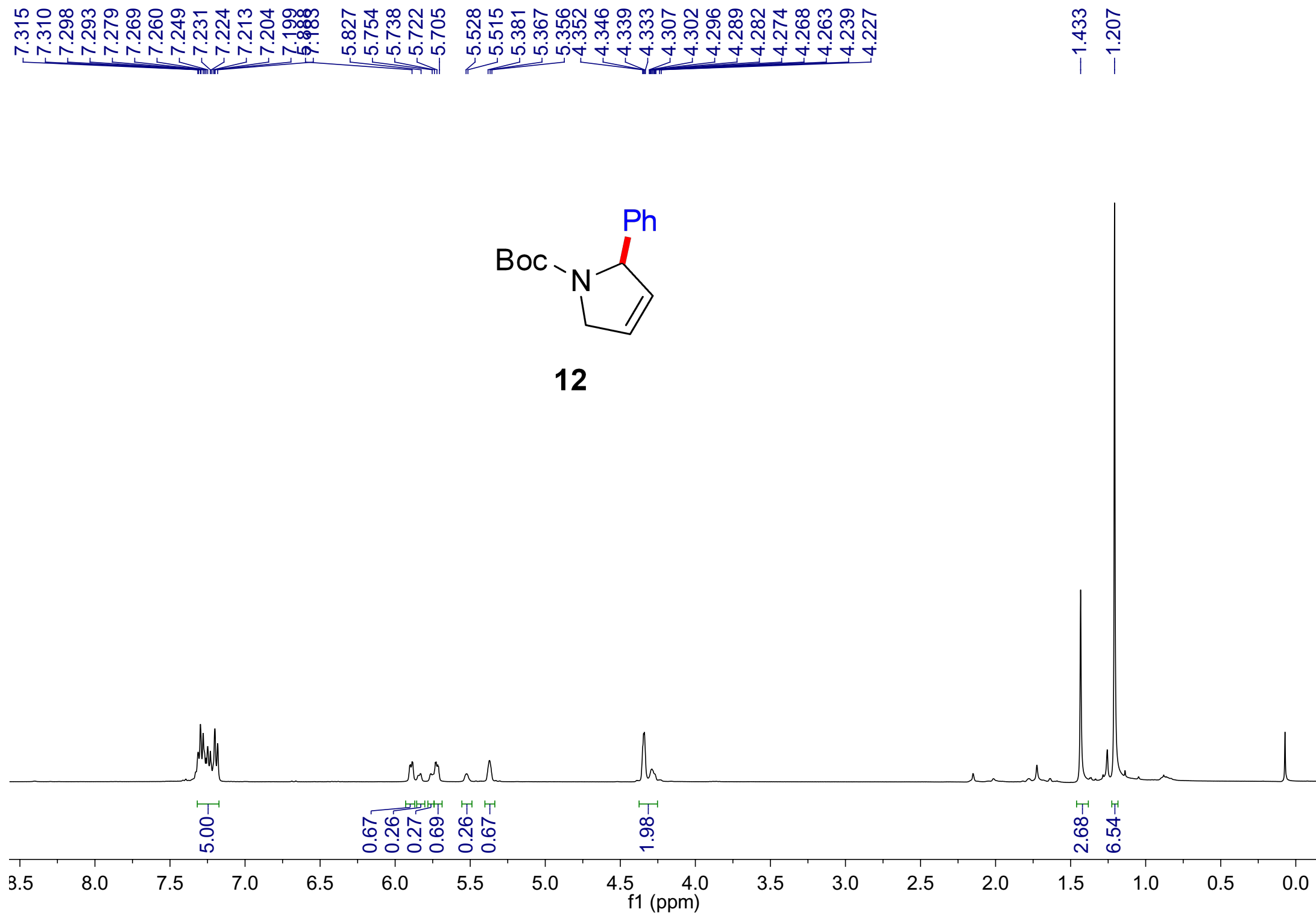
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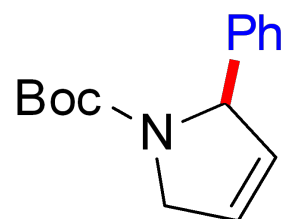
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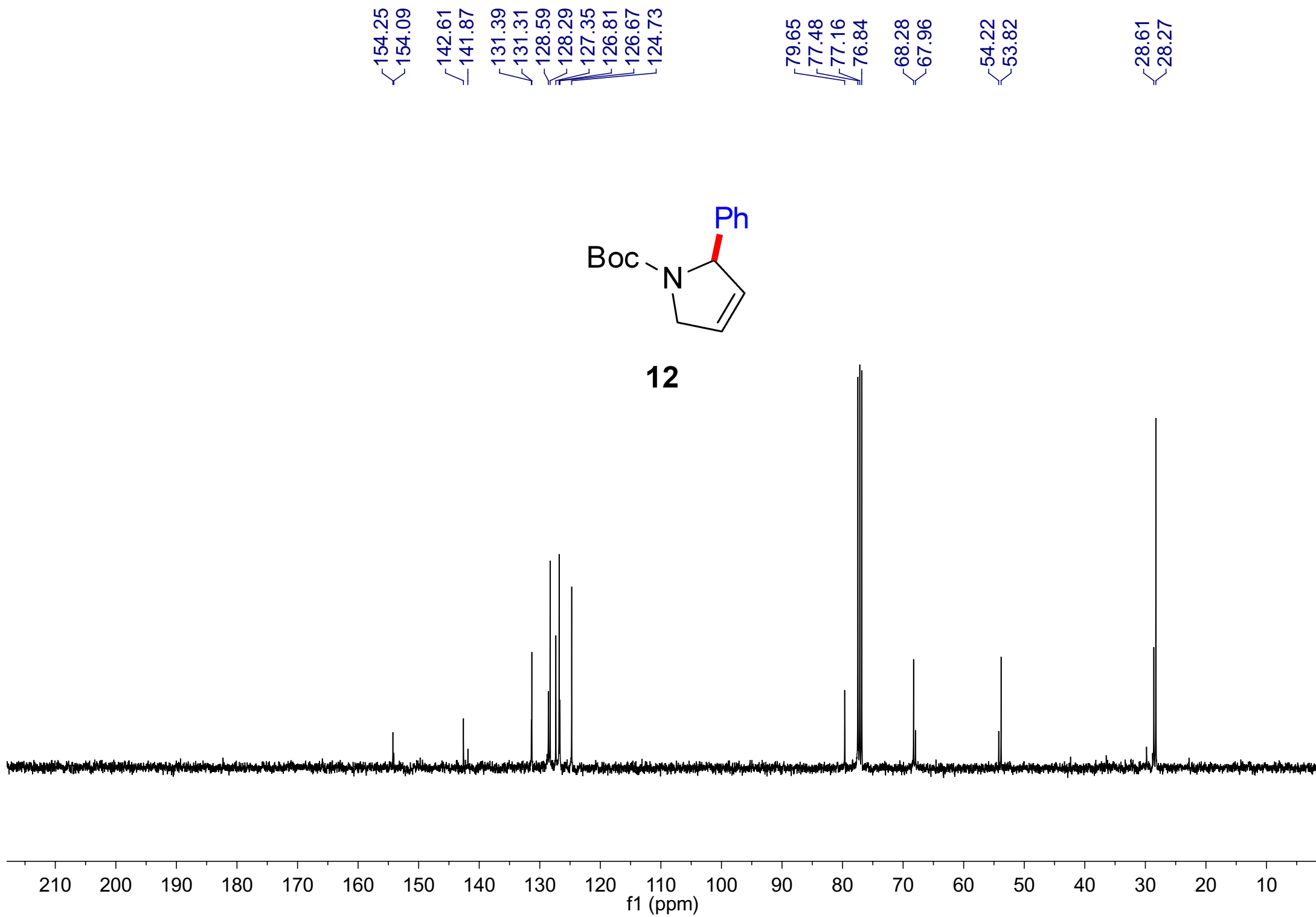
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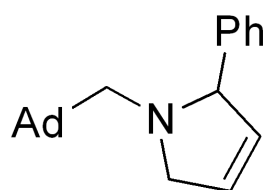




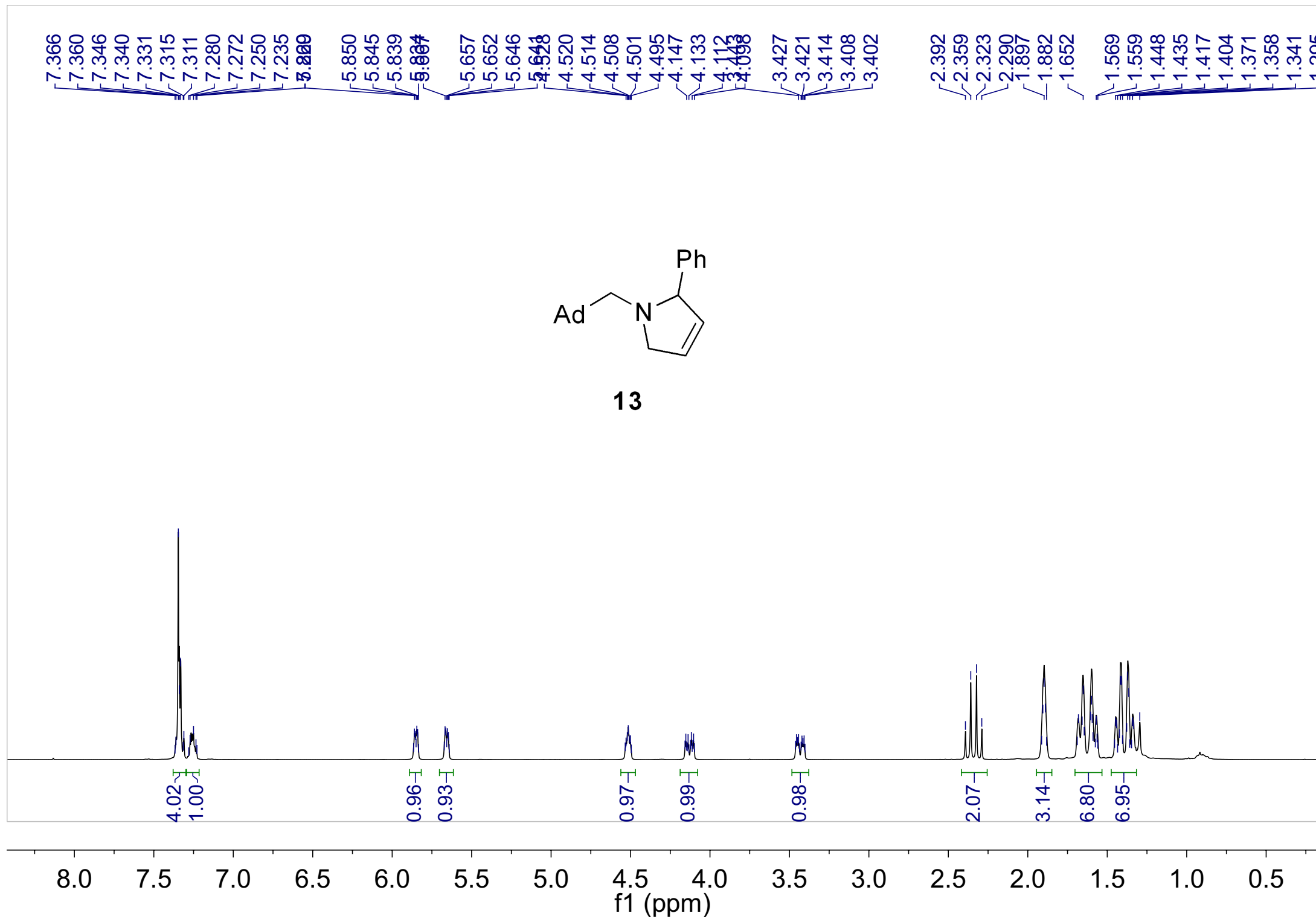


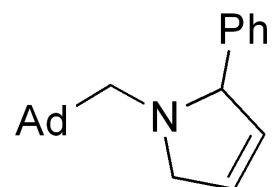
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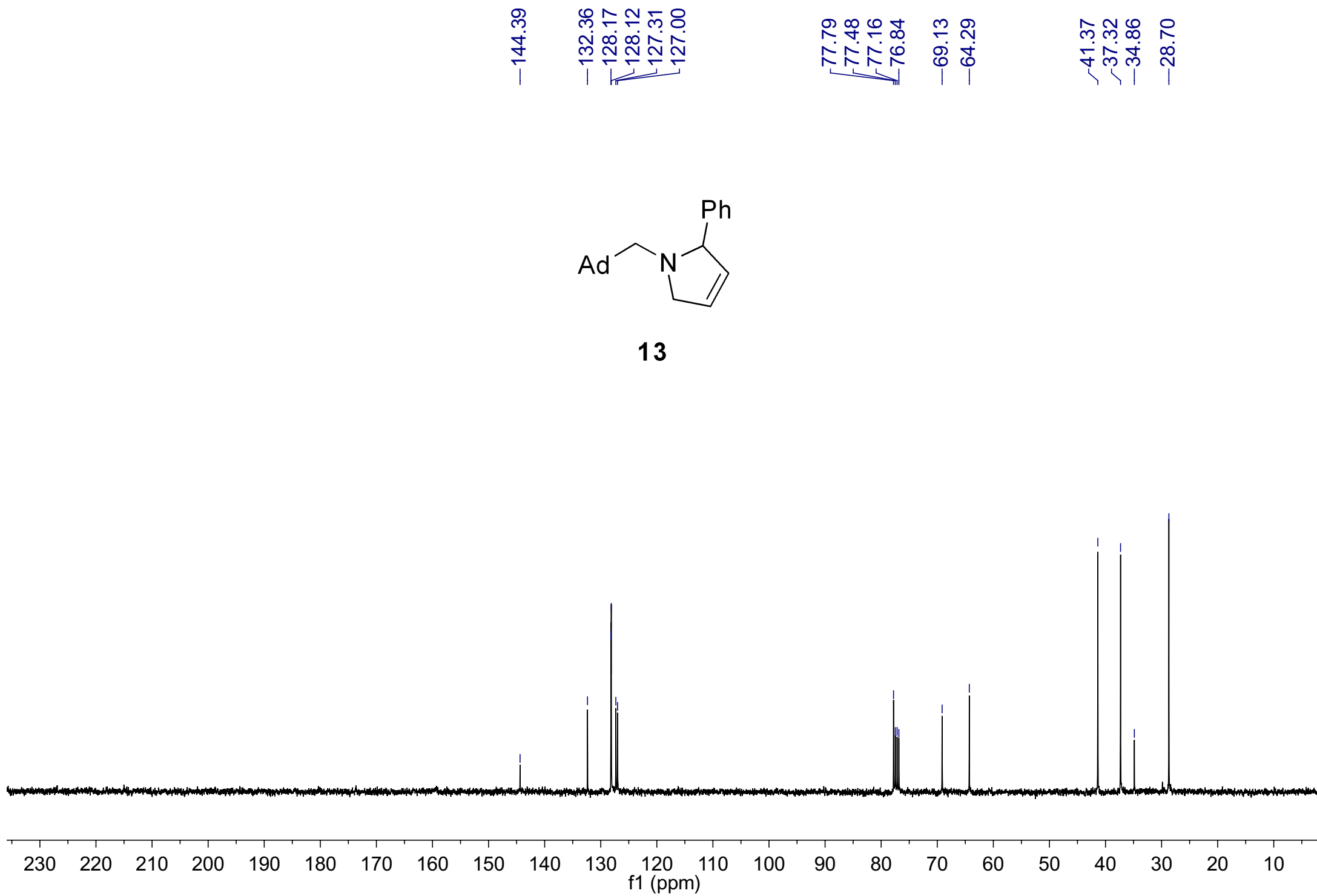


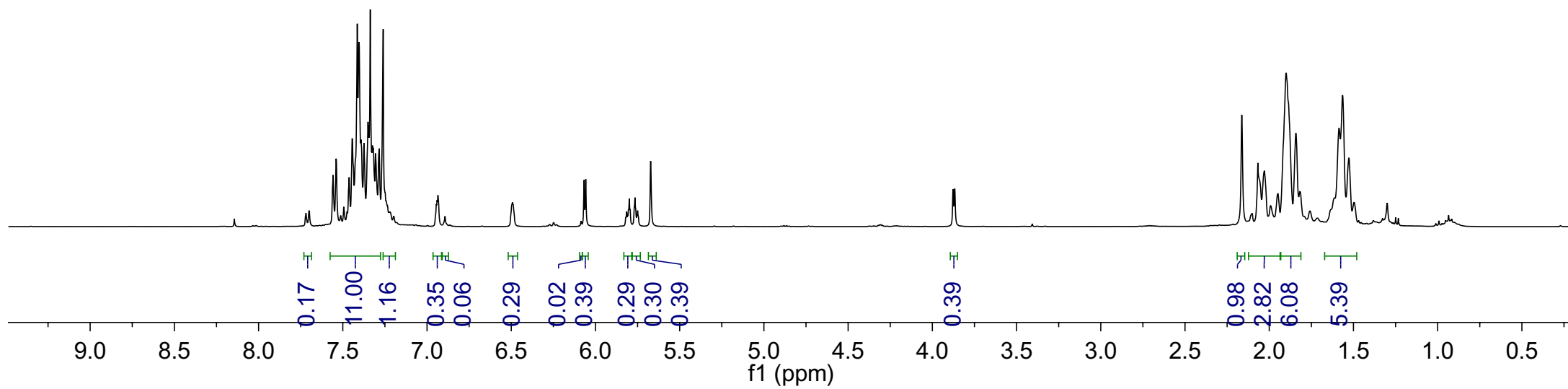
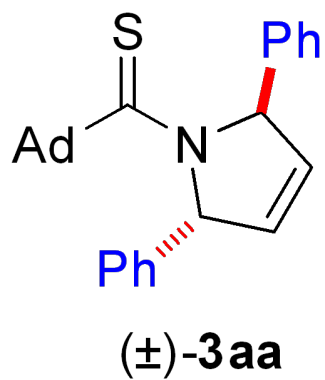
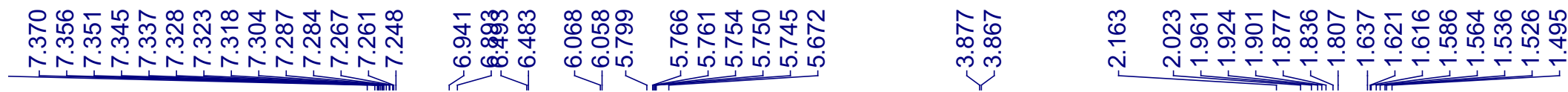
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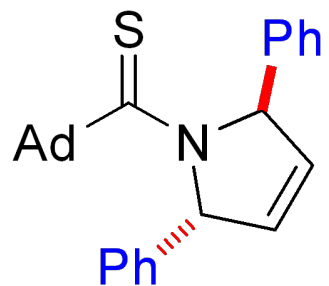
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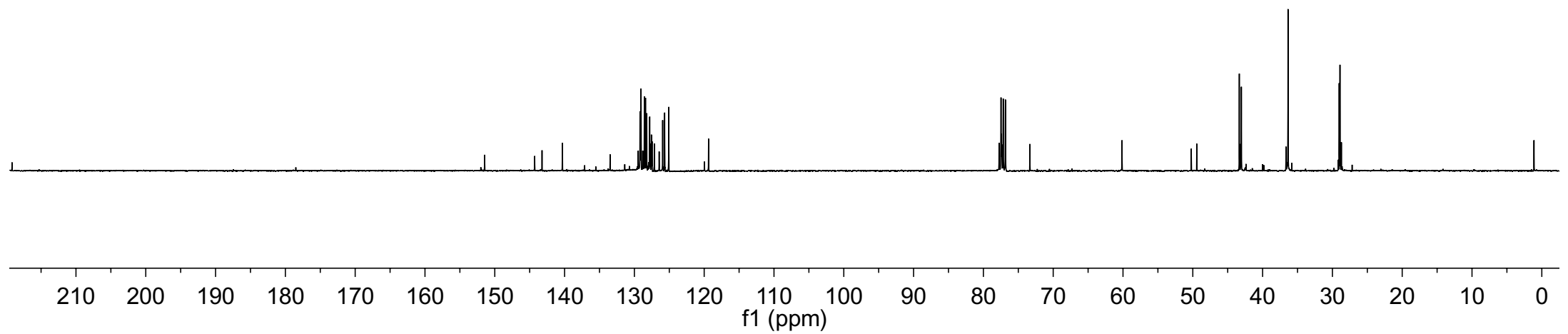
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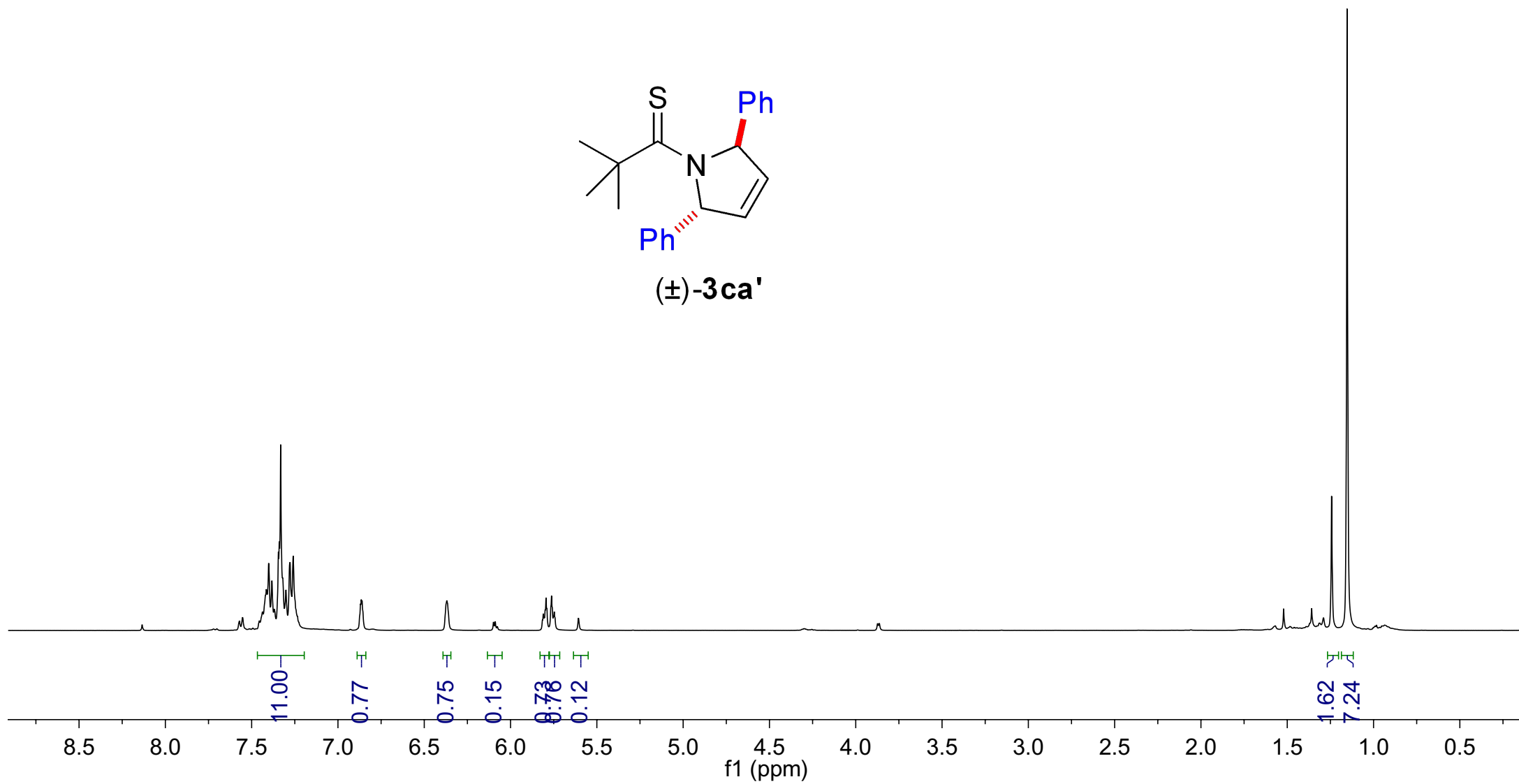
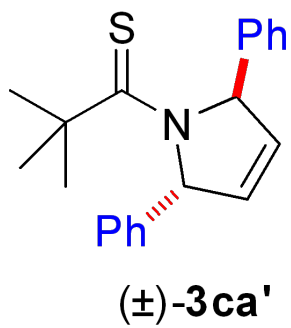


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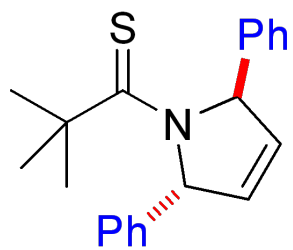
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