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Lewis Acid-Catalyzed Unexpected Selective C-C Bond Cleavage : An Efficient and Mild Construction of Cyclopentenones

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Table S1. Solvent effect on the reaction of **1a** with TMSCl forming cyclopentene **3a**.^a

1a + TMSCl (1.2 equiv) $\xrightarrow[30\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C, t}]{10\text{ mol \% FeCl}_3, \text{ solvent, } -10\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C, 5 min}}$ **3a**

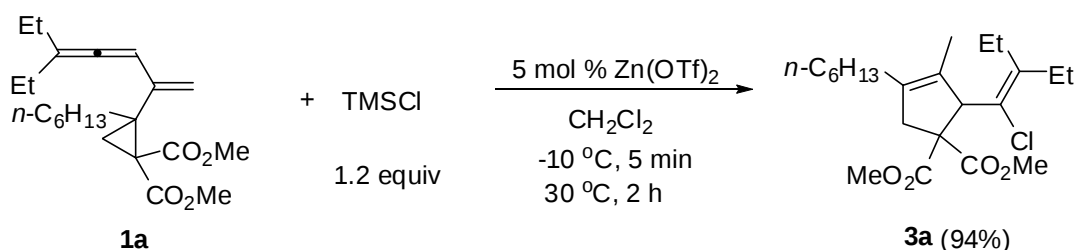
entry	solvent	time (h)	yield of 3a (%) ^b	recovery of 1a ^b
1	CH ₂ Cl ₂	1	75 ^c	-
2	CH ₃ CN	24	0	-
3	ClCH ₂ CH ₂ Cl	24	32	8
4	THF	24	0	100
5	DMF	24	0	100
6	1,1,1-trichloroethane	24	0	92
7	1,1,2-trichloroethane	27	62	7
8	DMSO	24	0	85
9	CH ₃ NO ₂	24	20	0
10	dioxane	24	4 ^c	67

^a Unless otherwise specified, the reaction was carried out using **1a** (0.2 mmol), TMSCl (31 μ L, d = 0.846 g/mL, 26.2 mg, 0.24 mmol) and 10 mol% FeCl₃ in 5 mL of indicated solvent under nitrogen atmosphere. ^b NMR yield determined by ¹H NMR analysis using 1,3,5-trimethylbenzene as the internal standard. ^c Isolated yield.

General Information. All reactions were carried out in oven dried Schlenk tubes. All solvents were distilled from the indicated drying reagents right before use: dioxane, THF (over Na wire, benzophenone); $\text{ClCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}$, 1,1,1-trichloroethane, 1,1,2-trichloroethane, MeCN, DMSO, DMF, CH_2Cl_2 (over CaH_2). TMSCl and TMSBr were distilled before use. The petroleum ether (30-60 °C) was distilled before use.

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1. Dimethyl 2-(1-chloro-2-ethylbut-1-enyl)-4-hexyl-3-methylcyclopent-3-ene-1,1-dicarboxylate (**3a**) (yq-2-193)

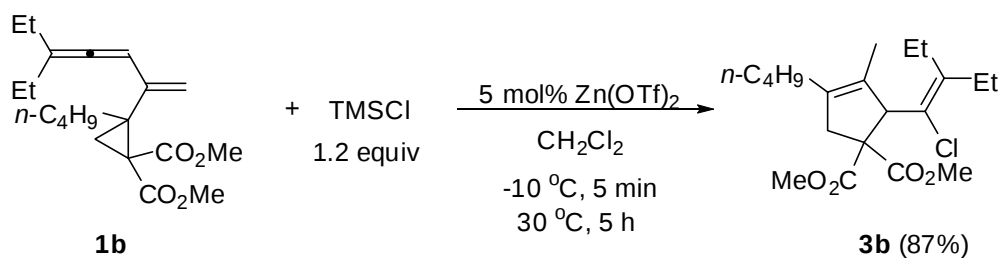


Typical Procedure: Under an atmosphere of dry nitrogen, $\text{Zn}(\text{OTf})_2$ (3.8 mg, 0.01 mmol) and 1 mL of CH_2Cl_2 were added to a reaction tube at $-10\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$. TMSCl (31 μL , $d = 0.846\text{ g/mL}$, 26.2 mg, 0.24 mmol) was injected in one portion. Then a solution of **1a** (72.1 mg, 0.2 mmol) in 4 mL of CH_2Cl_2 was added dropwise slowly within 5 min. The resulting mixture was stirred at $30\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$. After the reaction was complete as monitored by TLC, the reaction mixture was quenched with 5 mL of water, extracted with EtOAc, and washed sequentially with water ($3 \times 5\text{ mL}$) and an aqueous saturated solution of NaCl ($3 \times 5\text{ mL}$). The organic layer was dried over anhydrous MgSO_4 . After filtration and removal of the solvent under vacuum, the residue was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (eluent: petroleum

ether/ethyl acetate = 20:1) to afford **3a** (74.5 mg, 94%) as an oil: ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 4.69 (s, 1 H, CH), 3.71 (s, 3 H, OCH_3), 3.62 (s, 3 H, OCH_3), 3.51 (d, J = 16.8 Hz, 1 H, one proton from CH_2), 2.56 (d, J = 16.8 Hz, 1 H, one proton from CH_2), 2.45-2.27 (m, 2 H, CH_2), 2.17-1.95 (m, 4 H, $2 \times \text{CH}_2$), 1.50 (s, 3 H, $=\text{CCH}_3$), 1.43-1.17 (m, 8 H, $4 \times \text{CH}_2$), 1.05 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3 H, CH_3), 0.97 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3 H, CH_3), 0.86 (t, J = 5.4 Hz, 3 H, CH_3); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 172.7, 169.8, 143.5, 135.5, 129.4, 127.0, 62.0, 58.3, 52.8, 52.2, 42.9, 31.6, 28.8, 28.1, 27.4, 26.6, 25.4, 22.6, 14.0, 13.0, 12.11, 12.07; IR (neat) ν 2961, 2932, 2872, 2858, 1737, 1434, 1378, 1246, 1206 1160, 1121, 1078, 1048cm^{-1} ; MS (EI) m/z (%) 400 ($\text{M}^{(37}\text{Cl})^+$, 1.56), 398 ($\text{M}^{(35}\text{Cl})^+$, 4.42), 303 (100); HRMS calcd. for $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{35}^{35}\text{ClO}_4$ [M^+]: 398.2224; Found: 398.2227.

The following compounds were prepared according to this Typical Procedure.

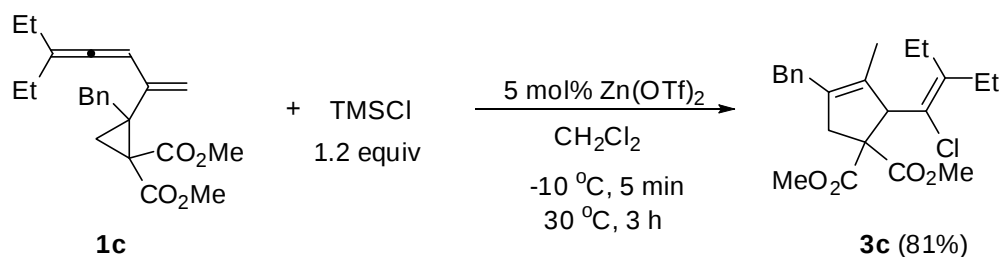
2. Dimethyl 4-butyl-2-(1-chloro-2-ethylbut-1-enyl)-3-methylcyclopent-3-ene-1,1-dicarboxylate (3b**) (yq-3-86)**



The reaction of Zn(OTf)_2 (3.4 mg, 0.01 mmol), TMSCl (31 μL , d = 0.846 g/mL, 26.2 mg, 0.24 mmol), and **1b** (65.5 mg, 0.20 mmol) in 5 mL of CH_2Cl_2 afforded **3b** (63.1 mg, 87%) as an oil (eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 40:1): ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 4.69 (s, 1 H, CH), 3.71 (s, 3 H, OCH_3), 3.62 (s, 3 H, OCH_3), 3.52 (d, J = 16.8 Hz, 1 H, one proton from CH_2), 2.56 (d, J = 16.5 Hz, 1 H, one proton from

CH₂), 2.49-2.25 (m, 2 H, CH₂), 2.20-1.95 (m, 4 H, 2×CH₂), 1.50 (s, 3 H, =CCH₃), 1.43-1.15 (m, 4 H, 2×CH₂), 1.05 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 3 H, CH₃), 0.97 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 3 H, CH₃), 0.87 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3 H, CH₃); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 172.7, 169.9, 143.5, 135.5, 129.4, 126.9, 61.9, 58.3, 52.9, 52.3, 42.9, 29.7, 27.9, 26.6, 25.4, 22.3, 13.9, 13.1, 12.2, 12.1; IR (neat) 2959, 2932, 2873, 1737, 1454, 1434, 1379, 1246, 1222, 1199, 1161, 1080, 1045 cm⁻¹; MS(EI) *m/z* (%) 372 (M(³⁷Cl)⁺, 1.66), 370 (M(³⁵Cl)⁺, 4.39), 275 (100); HRMS calcd. for C₂₀H₃₁³⁵ClO₄ [M⁺]: 370.1911; Found: 370.1910

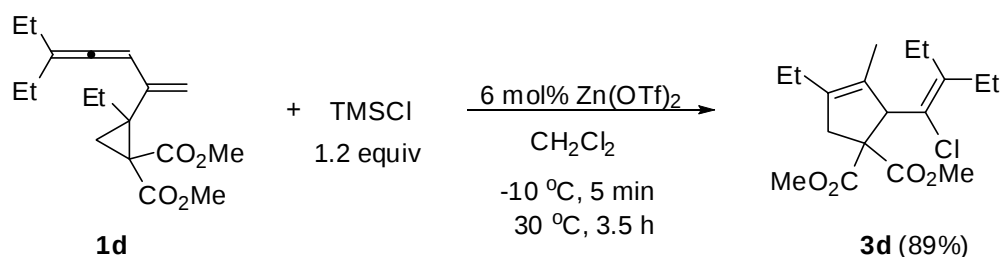
3. Dimethyl 4-benzyl-2-(1-chloro-2-ethylbut-1-enyl)-3-methylcyclopent-3-ene-1,1-dicarboxylate (3c) (yq-3-41)



The reaction of Zn(OTf)₂ (3.9 mg, 0.01 mmol), TMSCl (31 μL, *d* = 0.846 g/mL, 26.2 mg, 0.24 mmol), and **1c** (73.2 mg, 0.20 mmol) in 5 mL of CH₂Cl₂ afforded **3c** (64.7 mg, 81%) as an oil (eleuent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 20:1): ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.28-7.20 (m, 2 H, Ar-H), 7.20-7.07 (m, 3 H, Ar-H), 4.78 (s, 1 H, CH), 3.64 (s, 3 H, OCH₃), 3.60 (s, 3 H, OCH₃), 3.52-3.35 (m, 3 H, one proton from CH₂ and CH₂ of Bn), 2.51-2.30 (m, 3 H, one proton from CH₂ and one CH₂), 2.19-2.01 (m, 2 H, CH₂), 1.66 (s, 3 H, =CCH₃), 1.09 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 3 H, CH₃), 0.99 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 3 H, CH₃); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 172.5, 169.6, 143.8, 139.1, 133.8, 131.4, 128.5, 128.3, 126.8, 125.9, 61.9, 58.3, 52.8, 52.2, 42.7, 34.5, 26.6, 25.4, 13.1, 12.3, 12.1; IR (neat) ν 2967, 2934, 2873, 1734, 1602, 1494, 1453, 1433, 1379,

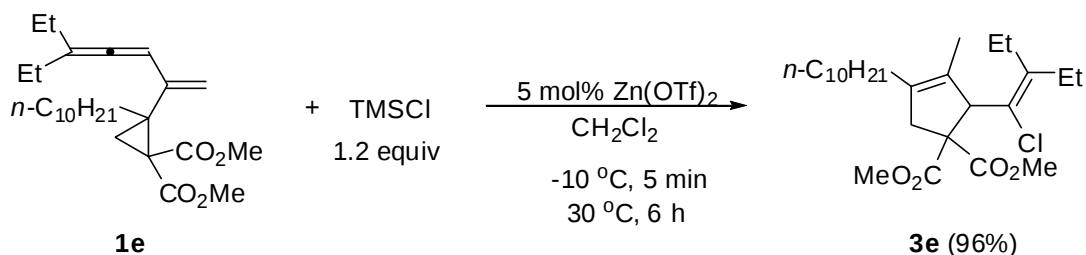
1247, 1221, 1198, 1157, 1110, 1077, 1047, 1030 cm^{-1} ; MS (EI) m/z (%) 406 ($\text{M}(^{37}\text{Cl})^+$, 0.92), 404 ($\text{M}(^{35}\text{Cl})^+$, 2.56), 91 (100); Anal. Calcd. for $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{29}\text{ClO}_4$: C, 68.22; H, 7.22; Found: C, 68.21; H, 7.22.

4. Dimethyl 2-(1-chloro-2-ethylbut-1-enyl)-4-ethyl-3-methylcyclopent-3-ene-1,1-dicarboxylate (3d) (yq-3-40)



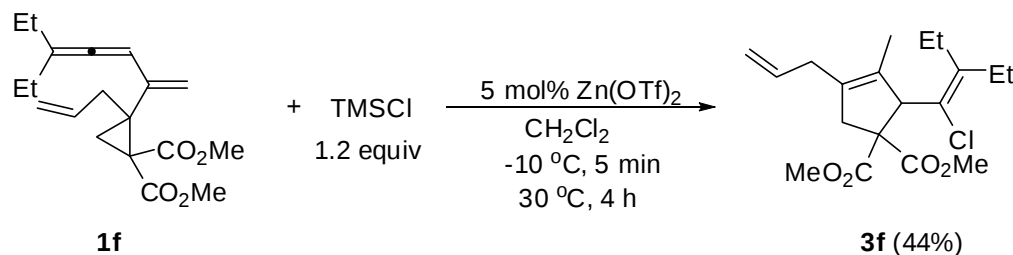
The reaction of $\text{Zn}(\text{OTf})_2$ (4.2 mg, 0.012 mmol), TMSCl (31 μL , $d = 0.846\text{ g/mL}$, 26.2 mg, 0.24 mmol), and **1d** (61.5 mg, 0.20 mmol) in 5 mL of CH_2Cl_2 afforded **3d** (61.4 mg, 89%) as an oil (eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 20:1): ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 4.69 (s, 1 H, CH), 3.71 (s, 3 H, OCH_3), 3.62 (s, 3 H, OCH_3), 3.53 (d, $J = 16.5\text{ Hz}$, 1 H, one proton from CH_2), 2.57 (d, $J = 16.5\text{ Hz}$, 1 H, one proton from CH_2), 2.49-2.26 (m, 2 H, CH_2), 2.22-1.94 (m, 4 H, $2 \times \text{CH}_2$), 1.50 (s, 3 H, $=\text{CCH}_3$), 1.05 (t, $J = 7.5\text{ Hz}$, 3 H, CH_3), 0.97 (t, $J = 7.5\text{ Hz}$, 6 H, $2 \times \text{CH}_3$); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 172.7, 169.9, 143.5, 136.8, 128.6, 127.0, 61.9, 58.3, 52.9, 52.3, 42.5, 26.6, 25.4, 21.4, 13.1, 12.22, 12.17, 11.9; IR (neat) ν 2966, 2935, 2874, 1736, 1453, 1434, 1378, 1243, 1203, 1162, 1121, 1079 cm^{-1} ; MS(EI) m/z (%) 344 ($\text{M}(^{37}\text{Cl})^+$, 0.52), 342 ($\text{M}(^{35}\text{Cl})^+$, 1.25), 59 (100); HRMS calcd. for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{27}^{35}\text{ClO}_4 [\text{M}^+]$: 342.1598; Found: 342.1594.

5. Dimethyl 2-(1-chloro-2-ethylbut-1-enyl)-4-decyl-3-methylcyclopent-3-ene-1,1-dicarboxylate (3e) (yq-4-22)



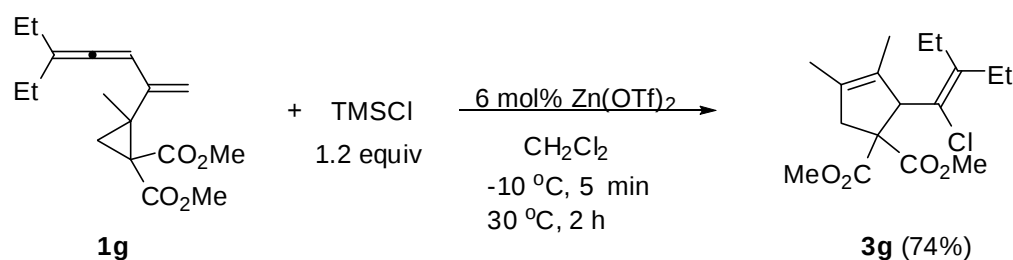
The reaction of Zn(OTf)_2 (3.6 mg, 0.01 mmol), TMSCl (31 μL , $d = 0.846 \text{ g/mL}$, 26.2 mg, 0.24 mmol), and **1e** (82.9 mg, 0.20 mmol) in 5 mL of CH_2Cl_2 afforded **3e** (86.6 mg, 96%) as an oil (eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 40:1): ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 4.69 (s, 1 H, CH), 3.71 (s, 3 H, OCH_3), 3.62 (s, 3 H, OCH_3), 3.51 (d, $J = 16.8 \text{ Hz}$, 1 H, one proton from CH_2), 2.56 (d, $J = 15.9 \text{ Hz}$, 1 H, one proton from CH_2), 2.49-2.27 (m, 2 H, CH_2), 2.19-1.93 (m, 4 H, $2 \times \text{CH}_2$), 1.50 (s, 3 H, $=\text{CCH}_3$), 1.44-1.11 (m, 16 H, $8 \times \text{CH}_2$), 1.05 (t, $J = 7.5 \text{ Hz}$, 3 H, CH_3), 0.97 (t, $J = 7.4 \text{ Hz}$, 3 H, CH_3), 0.87 (t, $J = 6.8 \text{ Hz}$, 3 H, CH_3); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 172.7, 169.9, 143.5, 135.5, 129.4, 127.0, 61.9, 58.3, 52.9, 52.3, 42.9, 31.9, 29.61, 29.59, 29.5, 29.3, 29.2, 28.1, 27.5, 26.6, 25.4, 22.7, 14.1, 13.1, 12.2, 12.1; IR (neat) ν 2966, 2927, 2856, 1738, 1456, 1435, 1378, 1246, 1204, 1159, 1077 cm^{-1} ; MS(EI) m/z (%) 456 ($\text{M}(^{37}\text{Cl})^+$, 0.42), 454 ($\text{M}(^{35}\text{Cl})^+$, 1.07), 43 (100); HRMS calcd. for $\text{C}_{26}\text{H}_{43}^{35}\text{ClO}_4 [\text{M}^+]$: 454.2850; Found: 454.2849.

6. Dimethyl 4-allyl-2-(1-chloro-2-ethylbut-1-enyl)-3-methylcyclopent-3-ene-1,1-dicarboxylate (3f) (yq-4-44)



The reaction of Zn(OTf)_2 (3.8 mg, 0.01 mmol), TMSCl (31 μL , $d = 0.846\text{ g/mL}$, 26.2 mg, 0.24 mmol), and **1f** (62.6 mg, 0.20 mmol) in 5 mL of CH_2Cl_2 afforded **3f** (30.9 mg, 44%) as an oil (eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 40:1): ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 5.81-5.65 (m, 1 H, =CH), 5.09-4.93 (m, 2 H, =CH₂), 4.73 (s, 1 H, CH), 3.70 (s, 3 H, OCH_3), 3.62 (s, 3 H, OCH_3), 3.51 (d, $J = 16.5\text{ Hz}$, 1 H, one proton from CH₂), 2.91-2.73 (m, 2 H, CH₂), 2.56 (d, $J = 17.1\text{ Hz}$, 1 H, one proton from CH₂), 2.49-2.23 (m, 2 H, CH₂), 2.19-2.01 (m, 2 H, CH₂), 1.52 (s, 3 H, CH₃), 1.05 (t, $J = 7.5\text{ Hz}$, 3 H, =CCH₃), 0.97 (t, $J = 7.5\text{ Hz}$, 3 H, CH₃); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 172.7, 169.7, 143.7, 134.9, 132.8, 130.8, 126.8, 115.6, 61.8, 58.4, 53.0, 52.3, 43.0, 32.6, 26.6, 25.4, 13.1, 12.14, 12.08; IR (neat) ν 2968, 2875, 1736, 1639, 1435, 1379, 1249, 1203, 1163, 1078, 1047 cm^{-1} ; MS(EI) m/z (%) 356 ($\text{M}(^{37}\text{Cl})^+$, 1.27), 354 ($\text{M}(^{35}\text{Cl})^+$, 3.79), 91 (100); HRMS calcd. for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{27}^{35}\text{ClO}_4 [\text{M}^+]$: 354.1598; Found: 354.1596.

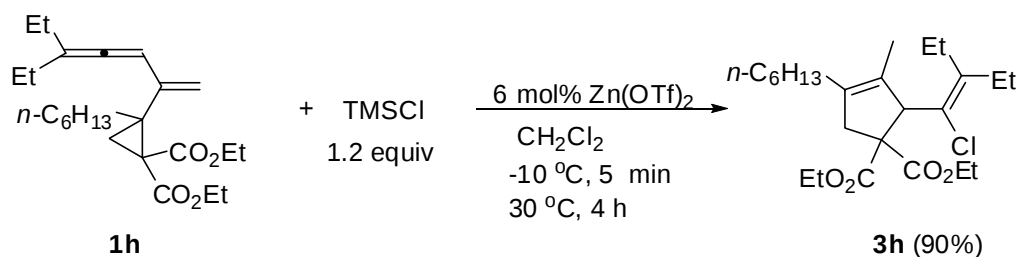
7. Dimethyl 2-(1-chloro-2-ethylbut-1-enyl)-3,4-dimethylcyclopent-3-ene-1,1-dicarboxylate (**3g**) (yq-4-102)



The reaction of Zn(OTf)_2 (4.5 mg, 0.012 mmol), TMSCl (31 μL , $d = 0.846\text{ g/mL}$,

26.2 mg, 0.24 mmol), and **1g** (58.4 mg, 0.20 mmol) in 5 mL of CH₂Cl₂ afforded **3g** (48.8 mg, 74%) as an oil (eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 40:1): ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 4.70 (s, 1 H, CH), 3.71 (s, 3 H, OCH₃), 3.62 (s, 3 H, OCH₃), 3.50 (d, *J* = 16.5 Hz, 1 H, one proton from CH₂), 2.54 (d, *J* = 16.8 Hz, 1 H, one proton from CH₂), 2.48-2.25 (m, 2 H, CH₂), 2.18-2.00 (m, 2 H, CH₂), 1.65 (s, 3 H, CH₃), 1.50 (s, 3 H, CH₃), 1.05 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 3 H, CH₃), 0.97 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 3 H, CH₃); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 172.7, 169.8, 143.6, 131.0, 129.3, 127.1, 61.8, 58.4, 52.9, 52.3, 45.1, 26.6, 25.4, 13.6, 13.1, 12.2, 12.1; IR (neat) ν 2968, 2874, 1736, 1435, 1245, 1206, 1163, 1081 cm⁻¹; MS(EI) *m/z* (%) 330 (M(³⁷Cl)⁺, 1.44), 328 (M(³⁵Cl)⁺, 3.90), 173 (100); HRMS calcd. for C₁₇H₂₅³⁵ClO₄ [M⁺]: 328.1441; Found: 328.1440.

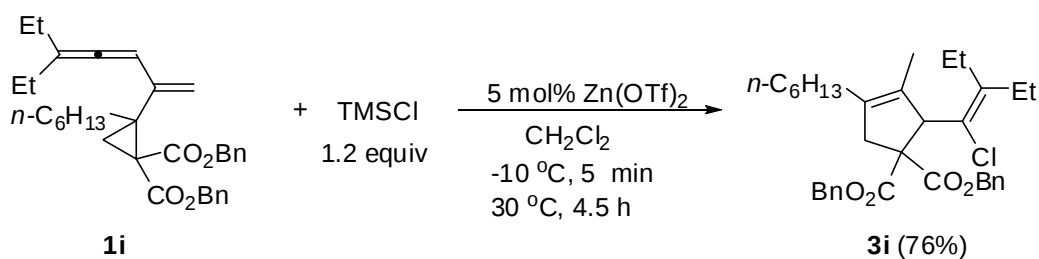
8. Diethyl 2-(1-chloro-2-ethylbut-1-enyl)-4-hexyl-3-methylcyclopent-3-ene-1,1-dicarboxylate (3h) (yq-3-79)



The reaction of Zn(OTf)₂ (4.3 mg, 0.012 mmol), TMSCl (31 μL, d = 0.846 g/mL, 26.2 mg, 0.24 mmol), and **1h** (78.1 mg, 0.20 mmol) in 5 mL of CH₂Cl₂ afforded **3h** (77.2 mg, 90%) as an oil (eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 40:1): ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 4.69 (s, 1 H, CH), 4.27-4.04 (m, 3 H, OCH₂ and one proton from another OCH₂), 4.04-3.91 (m, 1 H, one proton from OCH₂), 3.51 (d, *J* = 16.2 Hz, 1 H, one proton from CH₂), 2.55 (d, *J* = 16.5 Hz, 1 H, one proton from CH₂), 2.49-2.20 (m, 2 H, CH₂), 2.20-1.94 (m, 4 H, 2 × CH₂), 1.50 (s, 3 H, =CCH₃), 1.45-1.13 (m, 14 H, 4

$\times \text{CH}_2$ and $2 \times \text{CH}_3$), 1.06 (t, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 3 H, CH_3), 0.97 (t, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 3 H, CH_3), 0.86 (t, $J = 6.2$ Hz, 3 H, CH_3); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 172.2, 169.4, 143.1, 135.5, 129.4, 127.3, 61.9, 61.6, 61.2, 58.2, 42.9, 31.7, 28.9, 28.1, 27.5, 26.7, 25.6, 22.6, 14.05, 13.95, 13.86, 13.2, 12.1, 12.0; IR (neat) ν 2964, 2931, 2872, 2858, 1734, 1464, 1379, 1366, 1299, 1243, 1205, 1156, 1075, 1046, 1018 cm^{-1} ; MS(EI) m/z (%) 428 ($\text{M}(^{37}\text{Cl})^+$, 1.54), 426 ($\text{M}(^{35}\text{Cl})^+$, 4.04), 317 (100); HRMS calcd. for $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{39}^{35}\text{ClO}_4$ [M^+]: 426.2537; Found: 426.2538.

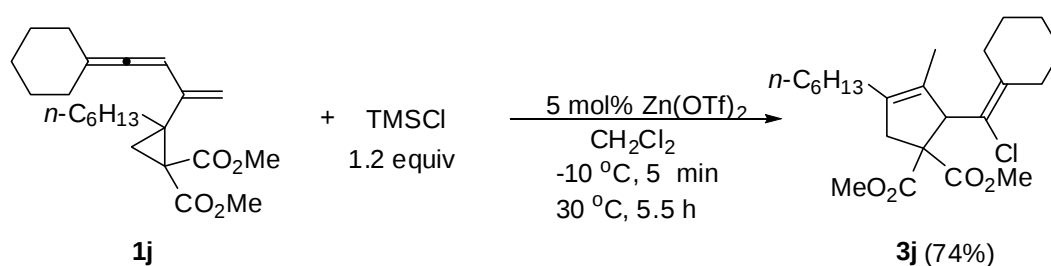
9. Dibenzyl 2-(1-chloro-2-ethylbut-1-enyl)-4-hexyl-3-methylcyclopent-3-ene-1,1-dicarboxylate (3i**) (yq-4-16)**



The reaction of $\text{Zn}(\text{OTf})_2$ (3.5 mg, 0.01 mmol), TMSCl (31 μL , $d = 0.846$ g/mL, 26.2 mg, 0.24 mmol), and **1i** (102.3 mg, 0.20 mmol) in 5 mL of CH_2Cl_2 afforded **3i** (82.8 mg, 76%) as an oil (eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 50:1): ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.32-7.13 (m, 10 H, Ar-H), 5.14 (d, $J = 12.3$ Hz, 1 H, one proton from OCH_2), 5.12 (d, $J = 12.3$ Hz, 1 H, one proton from OCH_2), 5.03 (d, $J = 12.3$ Hz, 1 H, one proton from OCH_2), 4.88 (d, $J = 12.3$ Hz, 1 H, one proton from OCH_2), 4.73 (s, 1 H, CH), 3.56 (d, $J = 16.8$ Hz, 1 H, one proton from CH_2), 2.61 (d, $J = 16.5$ Hz, 1 H, one proton from CH_2), 2.41-1.84 (m, 6 H, $3 \times \text{CH}_2$), 1.50 (s, 3 H, $=\text{CCH}_3$), 1.41-1.09 (m, 8 H, $4 \times \text{CH}_2$), 0.98-0.81 (m, 9 H, $3 \times \text{CH}_3$); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 171.9, 169.1, 143.4, 135.5, 135.4, 135.3, 129.4, 128.4, 128.3, 128.2, 128.1, 128.0,

127.9, 126.9, 67.3, 67.1, 62.0, 58.3, 42.9, 31.6, 28.8, 28.1, 27.4, 26.7, 25.5, 22.6, 14.1, 13.0, 12.11, 12.07; IR (neat) ν 2968, 2932, 1733, 1455, 1377, 1235, 1154, 1067 cm^{-1} ; MS(EI) m/z (%) 552 ($\text{M}^{(37)\text{Cl}}^+$, 0.09) 550 ($\text{M}^{(35)\text{Cl}}^+$, 0.29), 91 (100); Anal. Calcd. for $\text{C}_{34}\text{H}_{43}\text{ClO}_4$: C, 74.09; H, 7.86; Found: C, 74.35; H, 7.97.

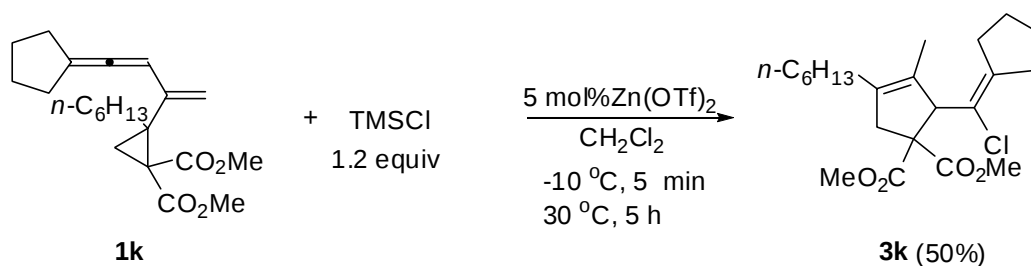
10. Dimethyl 2-(chloro(cyclohexylidene)methyl)-4-hexyl-3-methylcyclopent-3-ene-1,1-dicarboxylate (3j) (yq-3-83)



The reaction of $\text{Zn}(\text{OTf})_2$ (3.8 mg, 0.01 mmol), TMSCl (31 μL , $d = 0.846\text{ g/mL}$, 26.2 mg, 0.24 mmol), and **1j** (76.2 mg, 0.20 mmol) in 5 mL of CH_2Cl_2 afforded **3j** (61.5 mg, 74%) as an oil (eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 50:1): ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 4.83 (s, 1 H, CH), 3.71 (s, 3 H, OCH_3), 3.65 (s, 3 H, OCH_3), 3.52 (d, $J = 16.5\text{ Hz}$, 1 H, one proton from CH_2), 2.56 (d, $J = 16.8\text{ Hz}$, 1 H, one proton from CH_2), 2.48-2.28 (m, 4 H, $2 \times \text{CH}_2$), 2.20-1.93 (m, 2 H, CH_2), 1.65-1.42 (m, 9 H, $3 \times \text{CH}_2$ and CH_3), 1.41-1.20 (m, 8 H, $4 \times \text{CH}_2$), 0.96 (t, $J = 6.5\text{ Hz}$, 3 H, CH_3); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 172.7, 170.0, 139.7, 135.4, 129.6, 124.0, 61.9, 58.0, 52.9, 52.4, 43.0, 32.2, 31.7, 31.6, 28.9, 28.1, 27.8, 27.5, 27.4, 26.5, 22.6, 14.1, 12.1; IR (neat) ν 2928, 2855, 1737, 1449, 1434, 1379, 1244, 1206, 1160, 1081, 1044 cm^{-1} ; MS(EI) m/z (%) 412 ($\text{M}^{(37)\text{Cl}}^+$, 1.53), 410 ($\text{M}^{(35)\text{Cl}}^+$, 4.08), 249 (100); HRMS calcd. for $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{35}^{35}\text{ClO}_4 [\text{M}^+]$: 410.2224; Found: 410.2224.

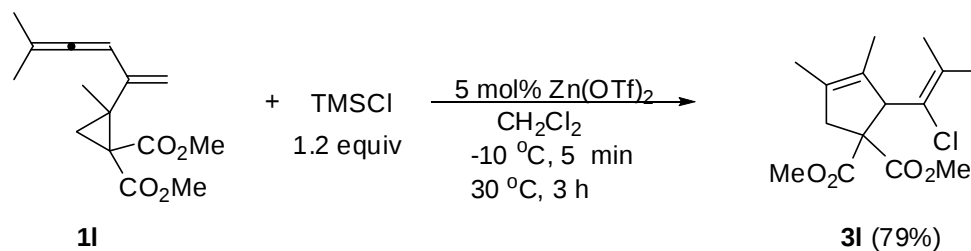
11. Dimethyl 2-(chloro(cyclopentylidene)methyl)-4-hexyl-3-methylcyclopent-3-

ene-1,1-dicarboxylate (3k) (yq-3-156)



The reaction of Zn(OTf)₂ (3.9 mg, 0.011 mmol), TMSCl (31 μL, d = 0.846 g/mL, 26.2 mg, 0.24 mmol), **1k** (72.5 mg, 0.20 mmol) in 5 mL of CH₂Cl₂ afforded **3k** (39.9 mg, 50%) as an oil (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 40:1): ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 4.54 (s, 1 H, CH), 3.71 (s, 3 H, OCH₃), 3.63 (s, 3 H, OCH₃), 3.49 (d, *J* = 16.8 Hz, 1 H, one proton from CH₂), 2.55 (d, *J* = 16.5 Hz, 1 H, one proton from CH₂), 2.50-2.20 (m, 4 H, 2 × CH₂), 2.18-1.94 (m, 2 H, CH₂), 1.86-1.61 (m, 4 H, 2 × CH₂), 1.51 (s, 3 H, =CCH₃), 1.43-1.15 (m, 8 H, 4 × CH₂), 0.86 (t, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 3 H, CH₃); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 172.7, 170.0, 144.7, 135.4, 129.5, 122.8, 62.0, 60.5, 52.9, 52.3, 42.7, 33.3, 31.9, 31.7, 28.8, 28.1, 27.6, 27.5, 26.1, 22.6, 14.1, 12.2; IR (neat) ν 2953, 2931, 2858, 1738, 1658, 1452, 1433, 1379, 1246, 1207, 1195, 1160, 1084, 1047 cm⁻¹; MS(EI) *m/z* (%) 398 (M(³⁷Cl)⁺, 0.27), 396 (M(³⁵Cl)⁺, 0.81), 43 (100); Anal. Calcd. for C₂₂H₃₃ClO₄: C, 66.57; H, 8.38; Found: C, 66.30; H, 8.49.

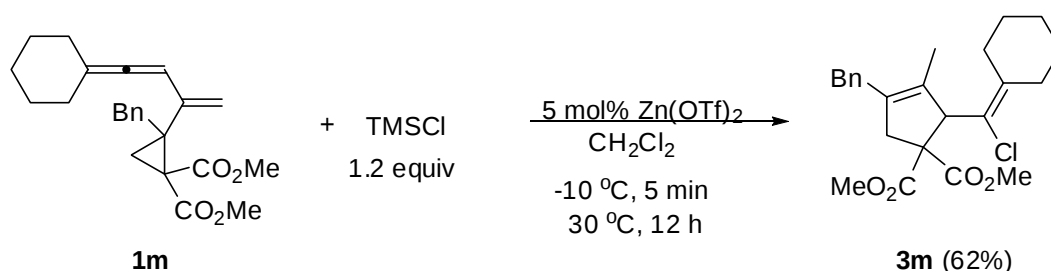
12. Dimethyl 2-(1-chloro-2-methylprop-1-enyl)-3,4-dimethylcyclopent-3-ene-1,1-dicarboxylate (3l) (yq-4-103)



The reaction of Zn(OTf)₂ (3.8 mg, 0.01 mmol), TMSCl (31 μL, d = 0.846 g/mL,

26.2 mg, 0.24 mmol), and **11** (52.4 mg, 0.20 mmol) in 5 mL of CH₂Cl₂ afforded **31** (42.9 mg, 79%) as an oil (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 40:1): ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 4.77 (s, 1 H, CH), 3.71 (s, 3 H, OCH₃), 3.62 (s, 3 H, OCH₃), 3.48 (d, *J* = 16.5 Hz, 1 H, one proton from CH₂), 2.53 (d, *J* = 16.5 Hz, 1 H, one proton from CH₂), 1.88 (s, 3 H, CH₃), 1.84 (s, 3 H, CH₃), 1.64 (s, 3 H, CH₃), 1.49 (s, 3 H, CH₃); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 172.7, 169.9, 132.3, 131.0, 129.6, 126.7, 61.9, 58.6, 52.9, 52.3, 45.0, 22.4, 21.0, 13.6, 12.2; IR (neat) ν 2924, 2858, 1736, 1435, 1381, 1246, 1206, 1161, 1080 cm⁻¹; MS(EI) *m/z* (%) 302 (M(³⁷Cl)⁺, 2.01), 300 (M(³⁵Cl)⁺, 5.78), 205 (100); HRMS calcd. for C₁₅H₂₁³⁵ClO₄ [M⁺]: 300.1128; Found: 300.1127.

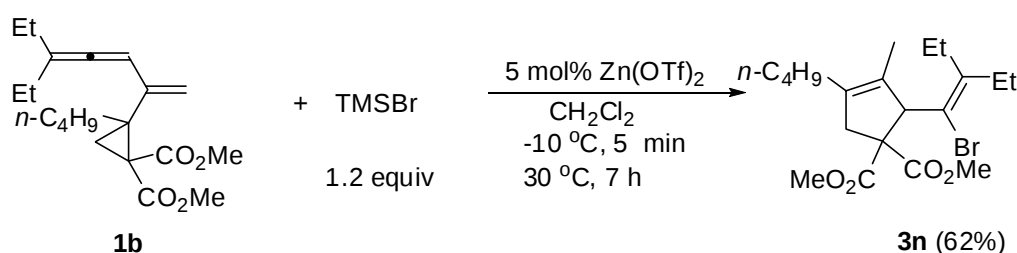
13. Dimethyl 4-benzyl-2-(chloro(cyclohexylidene)methyl)-3-methylcyclopent-3-ene-1,1-dicarboxylate (3m**) (yq-4-9)**



The reaction of Zn(OTf)₂ (3.4 mg, 0.01 mmol), TMSCl (31 μL, d = 0.846 g/mL, 26.2 mg, 0.24 mmol), and **1m** (75.1 mg, 0.20 mmol) in 5 mL of CH₂Cl₂ afforded **3m** (51.1 mg, 62%) as an oil (eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 40:1): ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.29-7.20(m, 2 H, Ar-H), 7.20-7.11 (m, 3 H, Ar-H), 4.91 (s, 1 H, CH), 3.65 (s, 3 H, OCH₃), 3.63 (s, 3 H, OCH₃), 3.52-3.33 (m, 3 H, one proton from CH₂ and Bn), 2.50-2.30 (m, 5 H, one proton from CH₂ and 2 × CH₂), 1.70-1.45 (m, 9 H, 3 × CH₂ and CH₃); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 172.6, 169.8, 140.0, 139.2, 133.6, 131.6, 128.5, 128.3, 125.9, 123.7, 61.9, 58.0, 52.9, 52.4, 42.8, 34.5, 32.2, 31.6, 27.9,

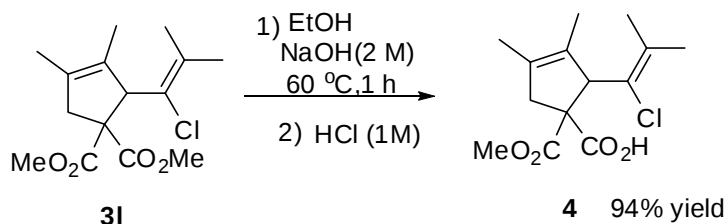
27.5, 26.4, 12.3; IR (neat) ν 2970, 2932, 1735, 1495, 1452, 1379, 1247, 1158, 1077 cm^{-1} ; MS(EI) m/z (%) 418 ($\text{M}^{(37)\text{Cl}}^+$, 0.80), 416 ($\text{M}^{(35)\text{Cl}}^+$, 2.25), 91 (100); HRMS calcd. for $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{29}^{35}\text{ClO}_4 [\text{M}^+]$: 416.1754; Found: 416.1752.

14. Dimethyl 2-(1-bromo-2-ethylbut-1-enyl)-4-butyl-3-methylcyclopent-3-ene-1,1-dicarboxylate (3n) (yq-5-18)



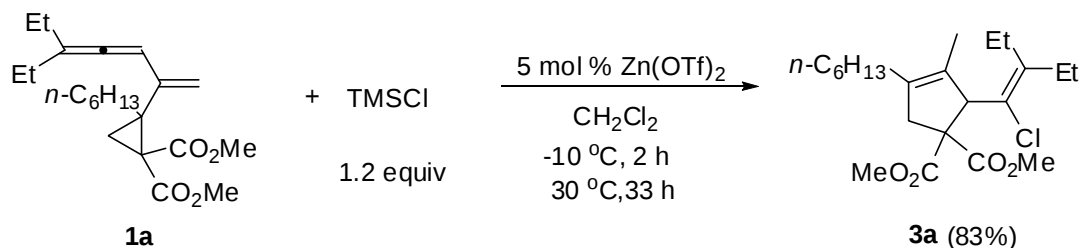
The reaction of $\text{Zn}(\text{OTf})_2$ (3.8 mg, 0.01 mmol), TMSBr (31.5 μL , $d = 1.16\text{ g/mL}$, 36.5 mg, 0.24 mmol), and **1b** (67.1 mg, 0.20 mmol) in 5 mL of CH_2Cl_2 afforded **3n** (51.7 mg, 62%) as an oil (eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 40:1): ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 4.72 (s, 1 H, CH), 3.71 (s, 3 H, OCH_3), 3.63 (s, 3 H, OCH_3), 3.55 (d, $J = 16.8\text{ Hz}$, 1 H, one proton from CH_2), 2.55 (d, $J = 15.6\text{ Hz}$, 1 H, one proton from CH_2), 2.51-2.28 (m, 2 H, CH_2), 2.19-1.92 (m, 4 H, $2 \times \text{CH}_2$), 1.50 (s, 3 H, $=\text{CCH}_3$), 1.44-1.16 (m, 4 H, $2 \times \text{CH}_2$), 1.06 (t, $J = 7.5\text{ Hz}$, 3 H, CH_3), 0.98 (t, $J = 7.5\text{ Hz}$, 3 H, CH_3), 0.88 (t, $J = 7.1\text{ Hz}$, 3 H, CH_3); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 172.7, 169.7, 146.4, 135.5, 130.3, 121.5, 62.2, 59.3, 53.0, 52.3, 42.9, 29.9, 29.7, 27.9, 25.9, 22.5, 13.9, 13.0, 12.3, 12.1; IR (neat) ν 2957, 2873, 1734, 1434, 1379, 1248, 1199, 1162, 1080, 1036 cm^{-1} ; MS(EI) m/z (%) 416 ($\text{M}^{(81)\text{Br}}^+$, 0.37), 414 ($\text{M}^{(79)\text{Br}}^+$, 0.39), 335 (100); Anal. Calcd. for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{31}\text{BrO}_4$: C, 57.83; H, 7.52; Found: C, 57.82; H, 7.41.

Synthesis of 2-(1-chloro-2-methylprop-1-en-1-yl)-3,4-dimethyl-3-cyclopentene-1,1-dicarboxylic acid-1-methyl ester 4 (yq-4-177)

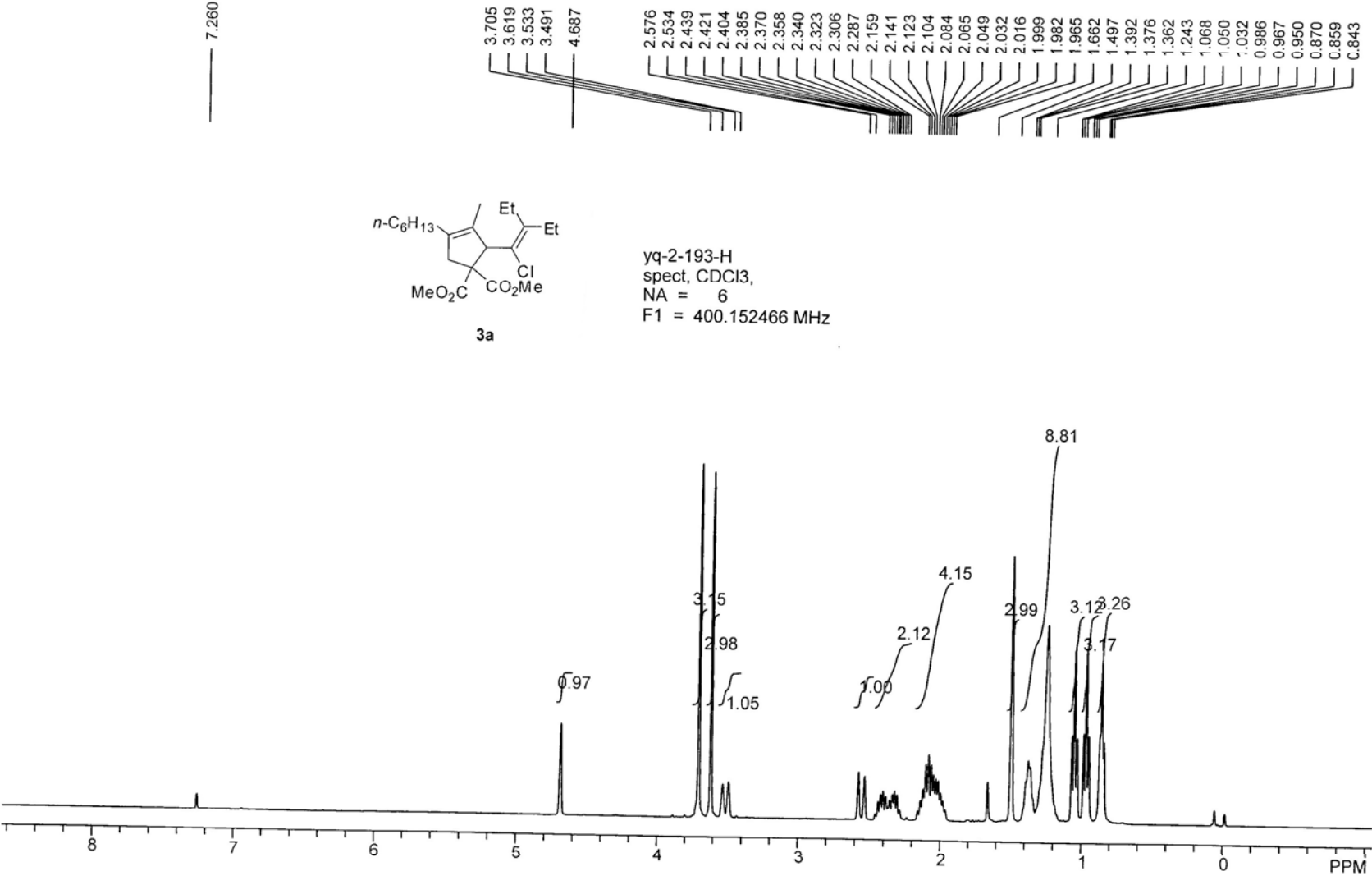


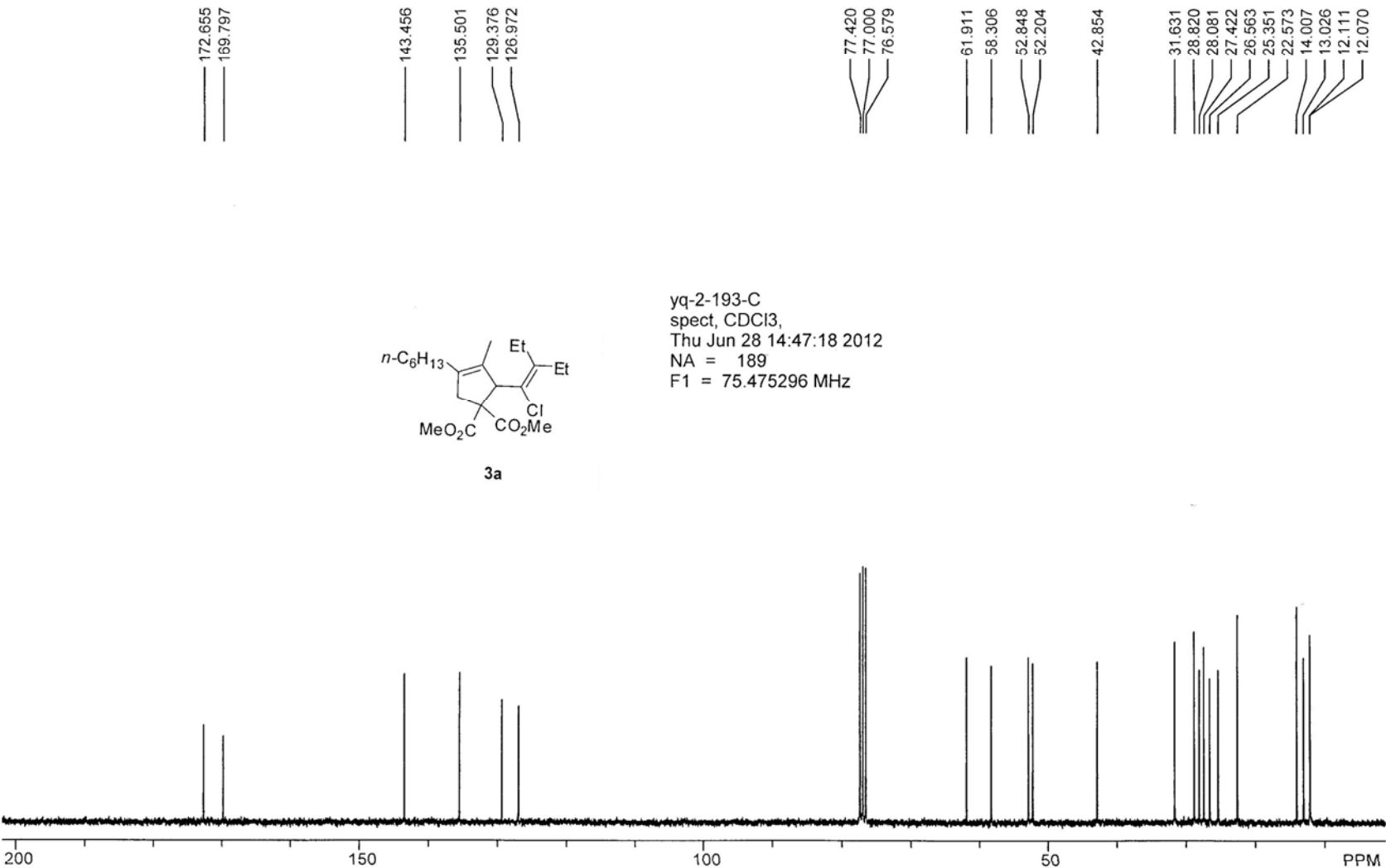
3I (186.3 mg, 0.6 mmol) and 3 mL of EtOH were added to a reaction tube. Then NaOH (2 mol/L, 2 mL) was injected in one portion. Then the mixture was stirred at 60 °C. After the reaction was complete as monitored by TLC, the reaction mixture was quenched with 5 mL of hydrochloric acid (1 M), extracted with EtOAc, and washed with water (3 × 8 mL) and an aqueous saturated solution of NaCl (3 × 8 mL). The organic layer was dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄. After filtration and removal of the solvent under vacuum, the residue was purified with flash chromatography on silica gel (diethyl ether/dichloromethane = 1:1.5) to afford **4** (166.4 mg, 94%) as a solid: m.p.: 143-145 °C (diethyl ether): ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 11.40-10.60 (bs, 1 H, COOH), 4.69 (s, 1 H, CH), 3.65 (s, 3 H, OCH₃), 3.50 (d, *J* = 16.8 Hz, 1 H, one proton from CH₂), 2.66 (d, *J* = 16.8 Hz, 1 H, one proton from CH₂), 1.87 (s, 3 H, CH₃), 1.83 (s, 3 H, CH₃), 1.66 (s, 3 H, CH₃), 1.48 (s, 3 H, one =C-CH₃); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 178.1, 169.5, 132.5, 131.2, 129.5, 126.4, 62.1, 58.4, 52.5, 45.0, 22.3, 20.9, 13.5, 12.1; IR (KBr) ν 3075, 2798, 1755, 1746, 1704, 1437, 1340, 1383, 1272, 1243, 1211, 1188, 1174, 1079, 1048, 1025 cm⁻¹; MS(EI) *m/z* (%) 288 (M(³⁷Cl)⁺, 1.32), 286 (M(³⁵Cl)⁺, 4.76), 91(100); Anal. Calcd. for C₁₄H₁₉ClO₄: C, 58.64; H, 6.68; Found: C, 58.57; H, 6.91.

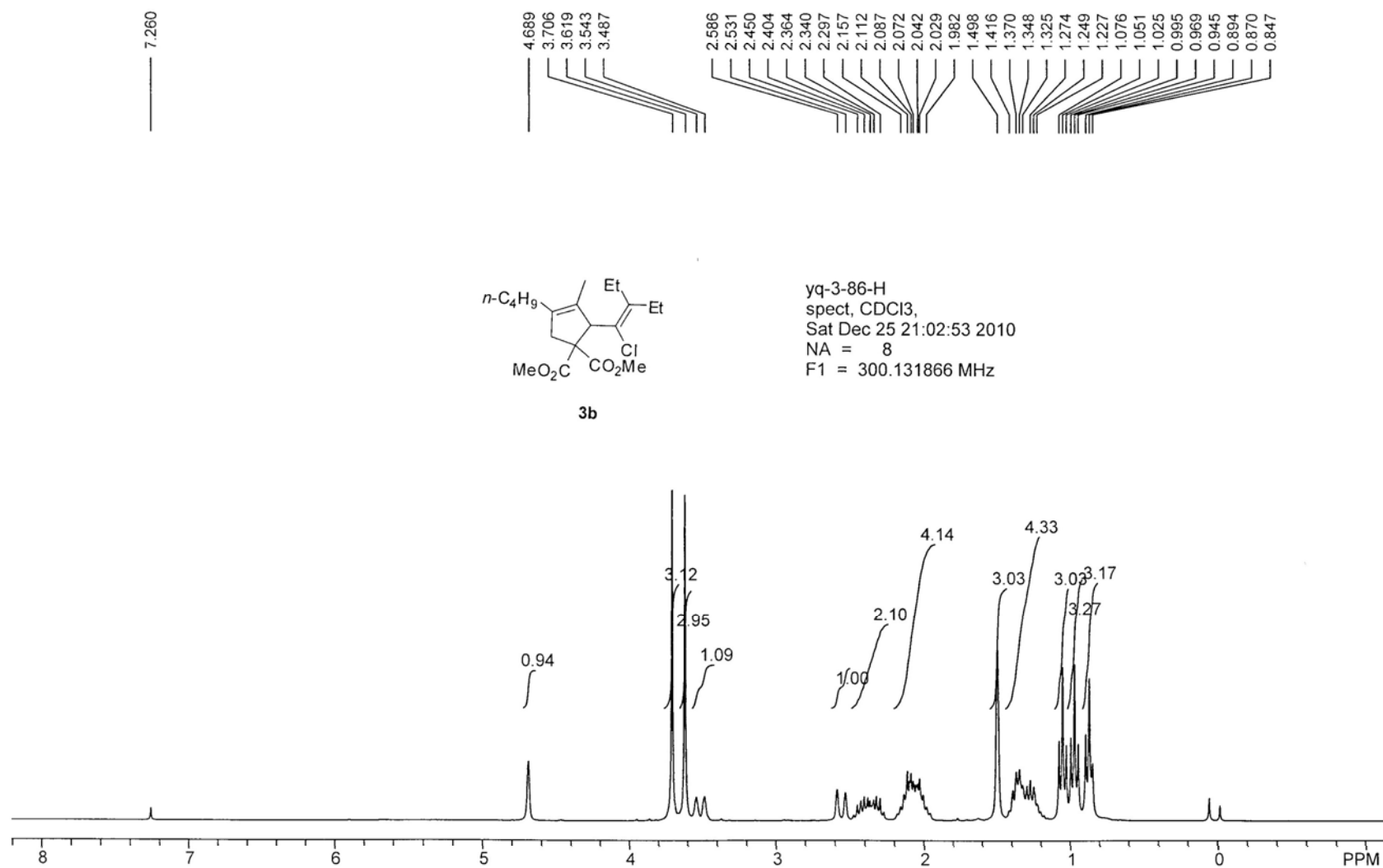
Synthesis of cyclopentenones **3a** on 4.7 mmol scale (yq-5-161)

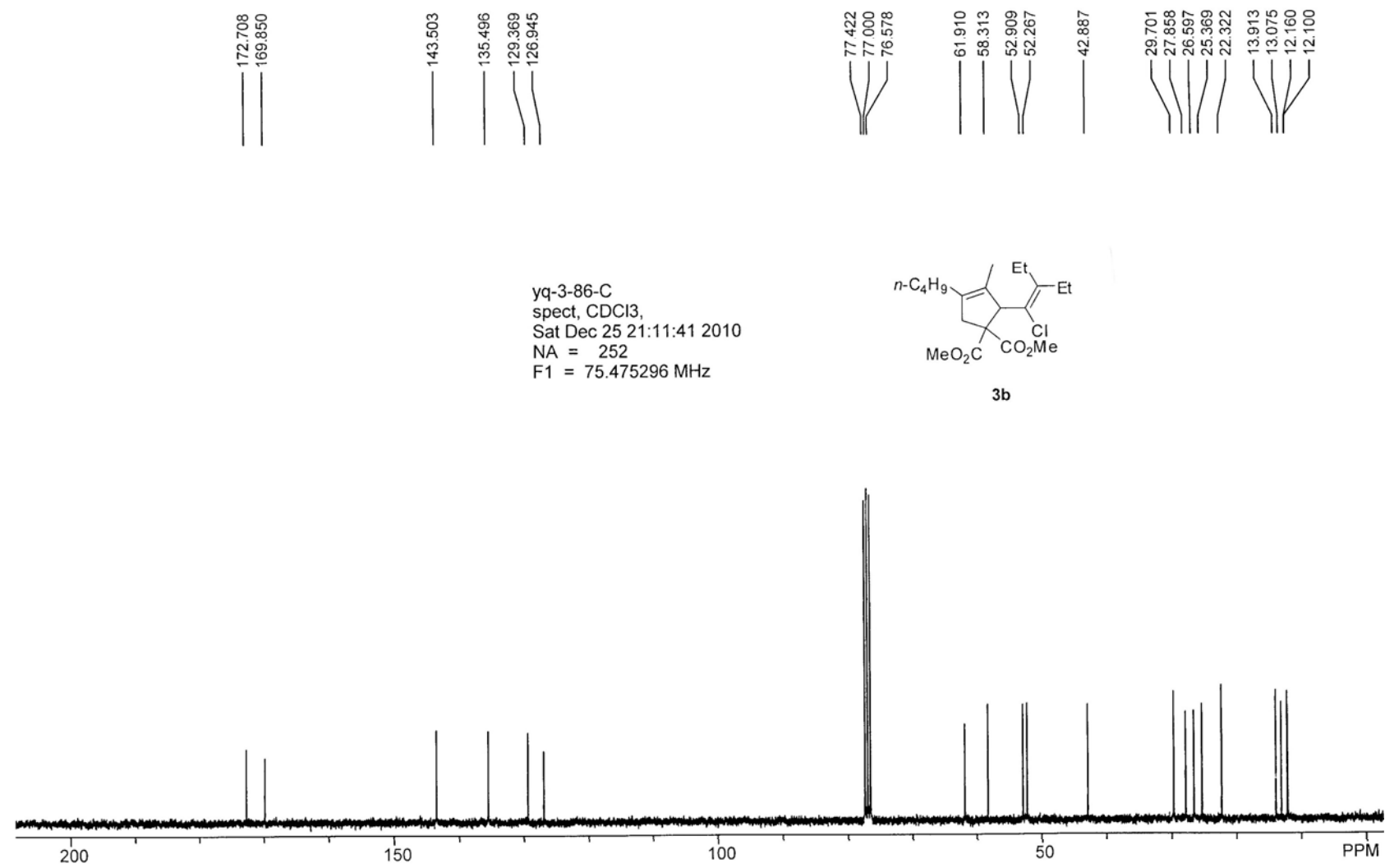


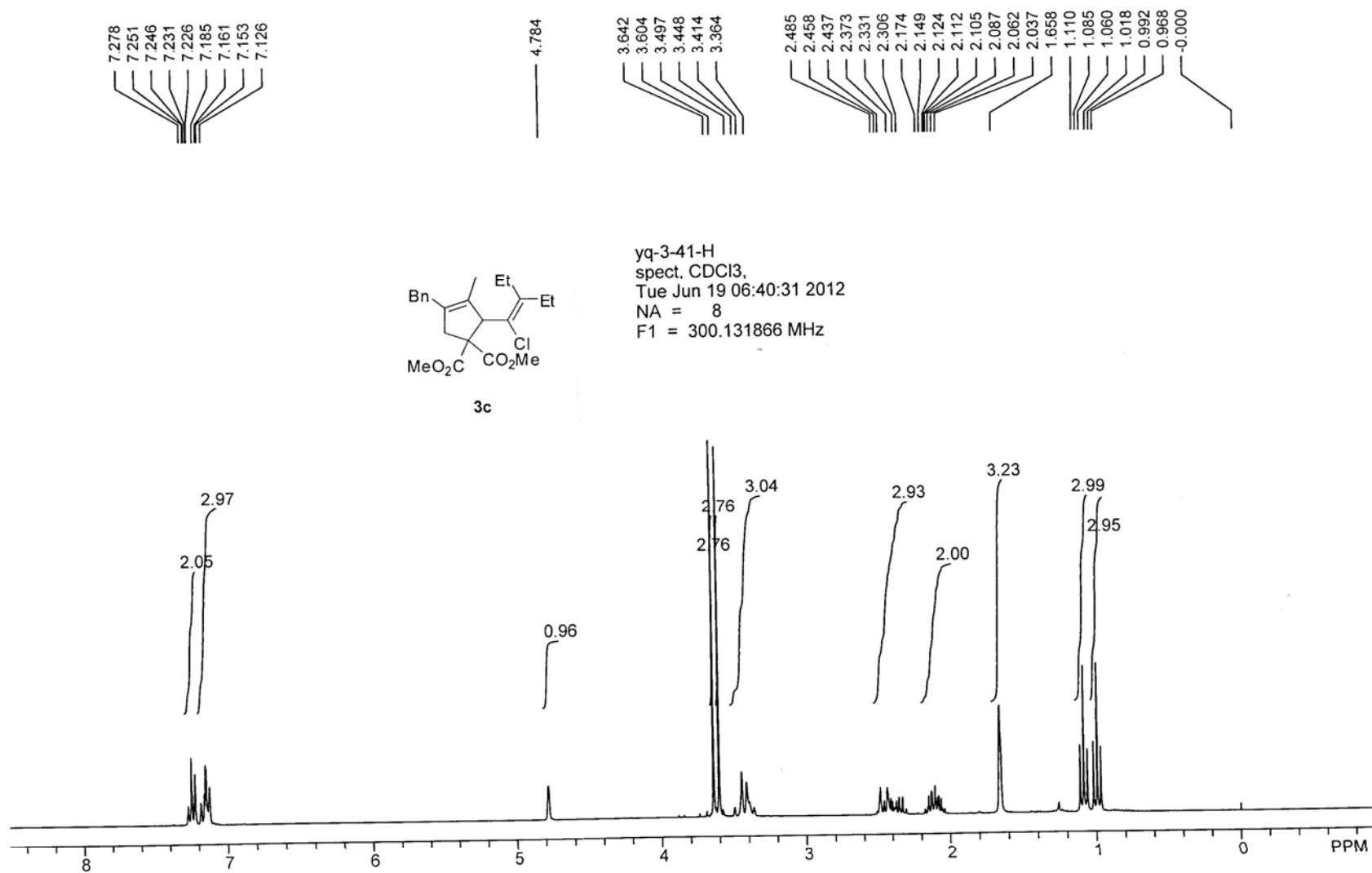
Under an atmosphere of dry argon, Zn(OTf)_2 (85.9 mg, 0.237 mmol) and 15 mL of CH_2Cl_2 were added to a two-necked round bottom flask at $-10\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$. TMSCl (720 μL , $d = 0.846\text{ g/mL}$, 609.1 mg, 5.64 mmol) was injected in one portion. Then a solution of **1a** (1.7014 g, 4.7 mmol) in 20 mL of CH_2Cl_2 was added dropwise slowly by syringe pump within 2 h. The mixture was stirred at $30\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$. After the reaction was complete as monitored by TLC, the reaction mixture was quenched with 20 mL of water, extracted with EtOAc and washed sequentially with water ($3 \times 15\text{ mL}$) and an aqueous saturated solution of NaCl ($3 \times 15\text{ mL}$). The organic layer was dried over anhydrous MgSO_4 . After filtration and removal of the solvent under vacuum, the residue was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 30:1) to afford **3a** (1.5376 g, 83%) as an oil. δ 4.68 (s, 1 H, CH), 3.70 (s, 3 H, OCH_3), 3.61 (s, 3 H, OCH_3), 3.50 (d, $J = 16.5\text{ Hz}$, 1 H, one proton from CH_2), 2.55 (d, $J = 16.8\text{ Hz}$, 1 H, one proton from CH_2), 2.48-2.24 (m, 2 H, CH_2), 2.20-1.95 (m, 4 H, $2 \times \text{CH}_2$), 1.49 (s, 3 H, $=\text{CCH}_3$), 1.41-1.16 (m, 8 H, $4 \times \text{CH}_2$), 1.04 (t, $J = 7.5\text{ Hz}$, 3 H, CH_3), 0.96 (t, $J = 7.5\text{ Hz}$, 3 H, CH_3), 0.85 (t, $J = 6.9\text{ Hz}$, 3 H, CH_3).

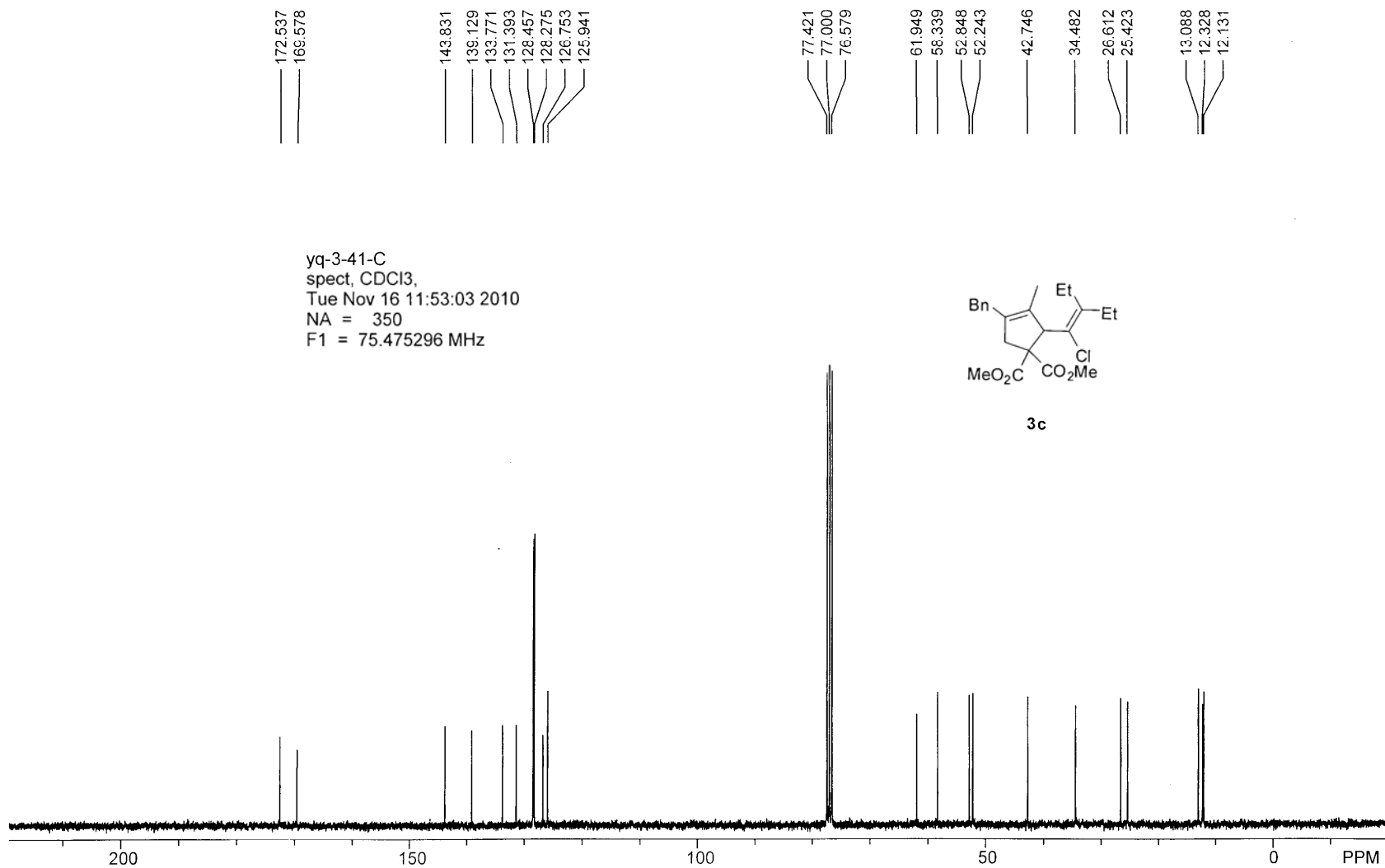


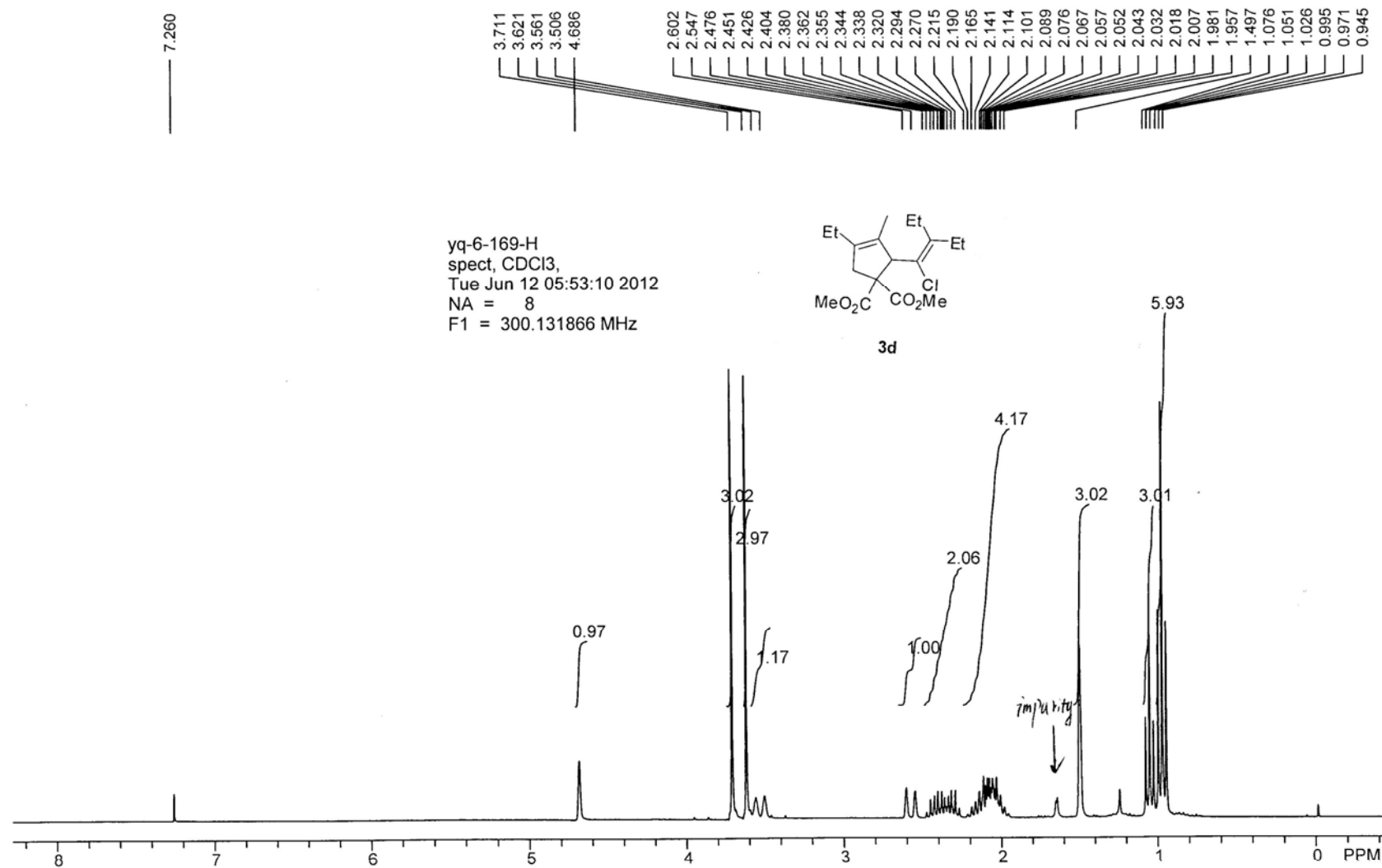


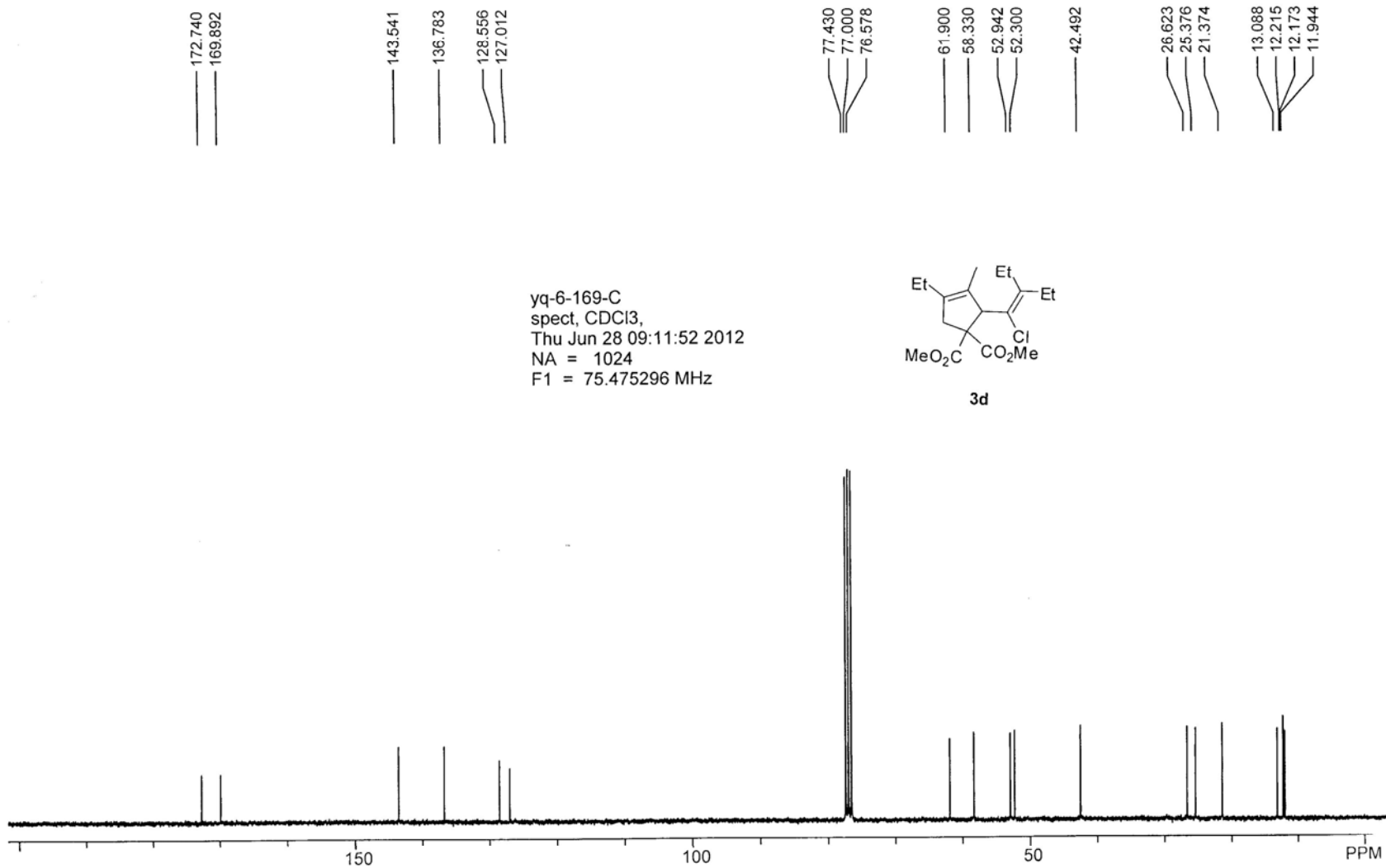


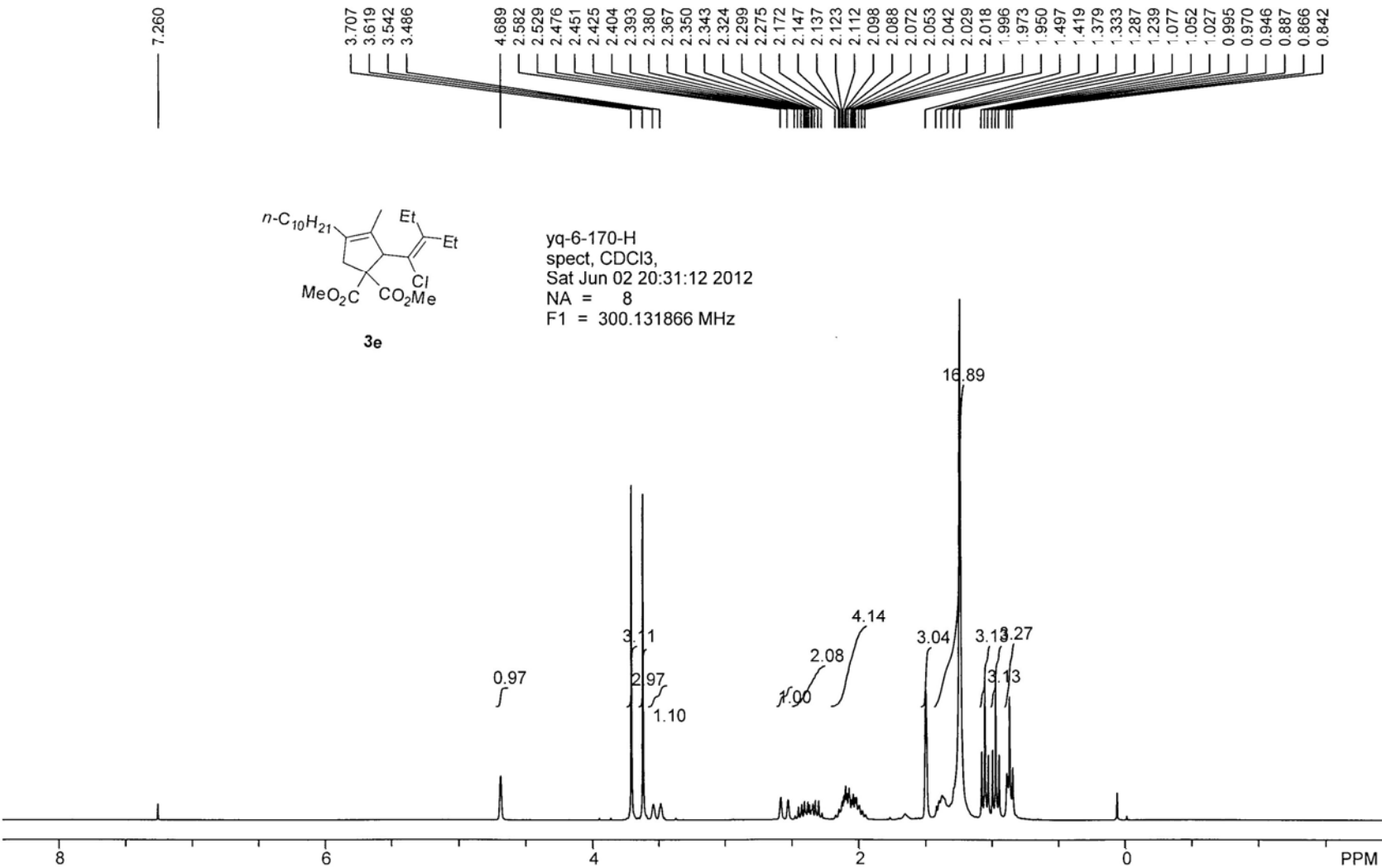


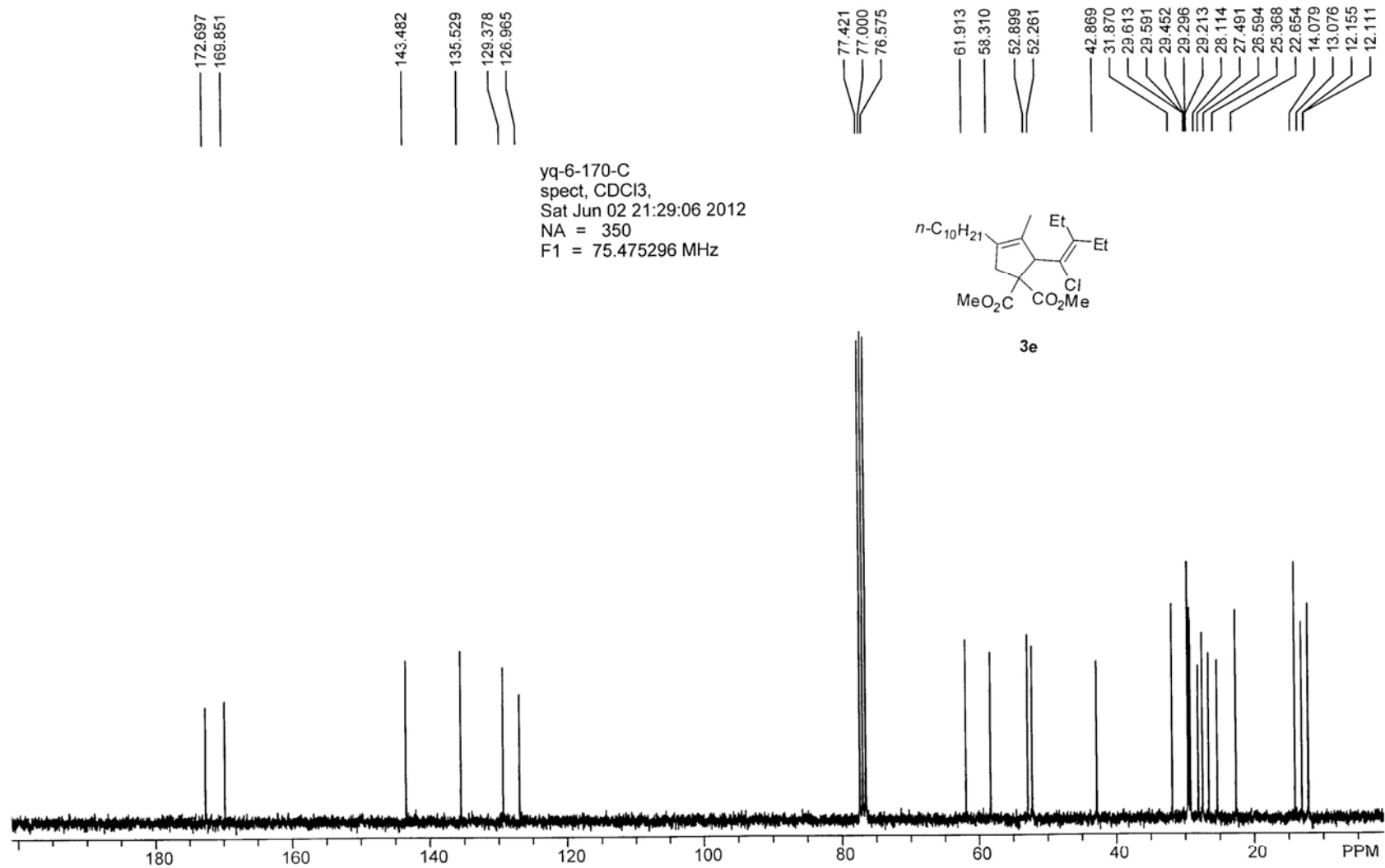


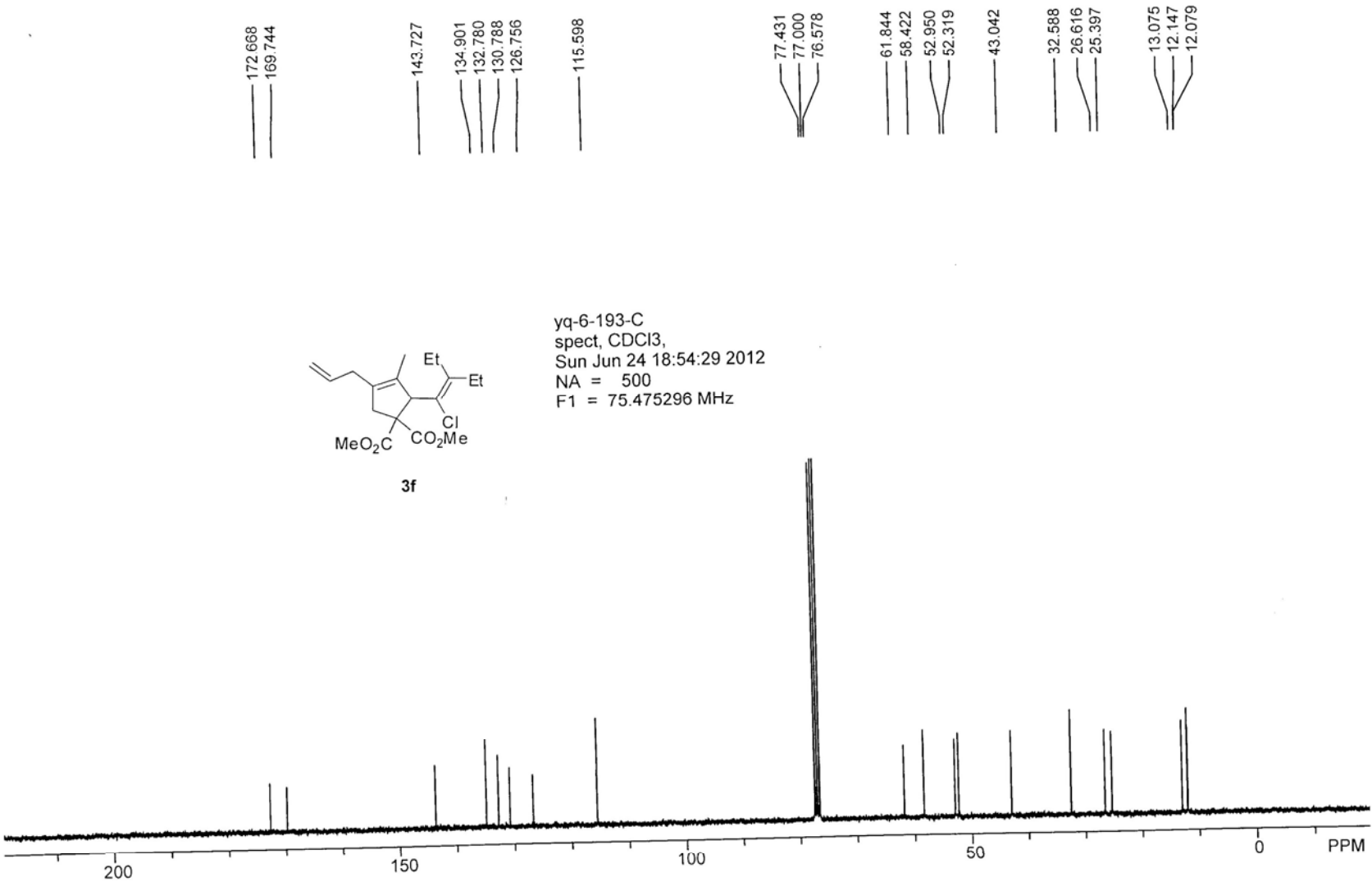


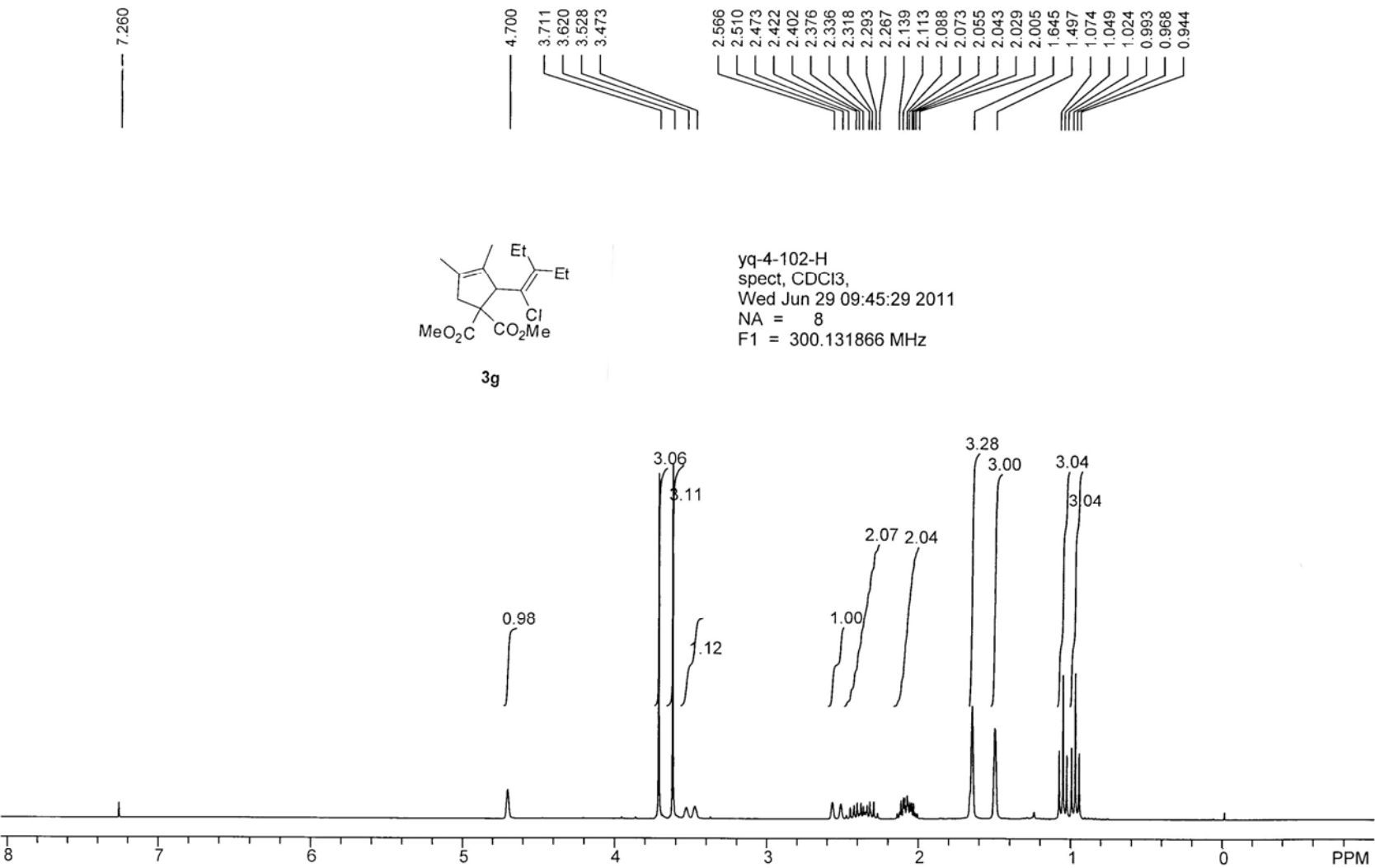


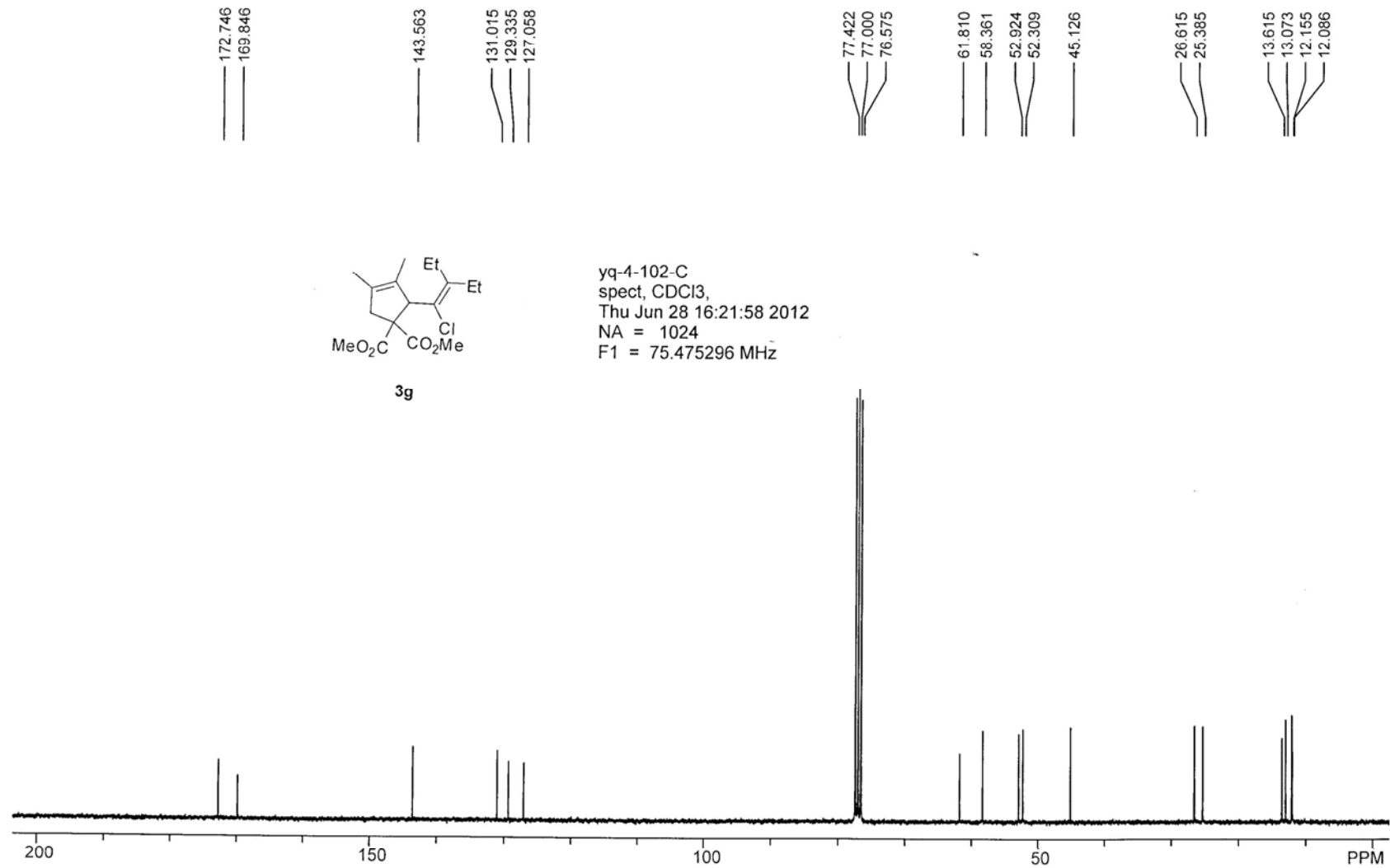


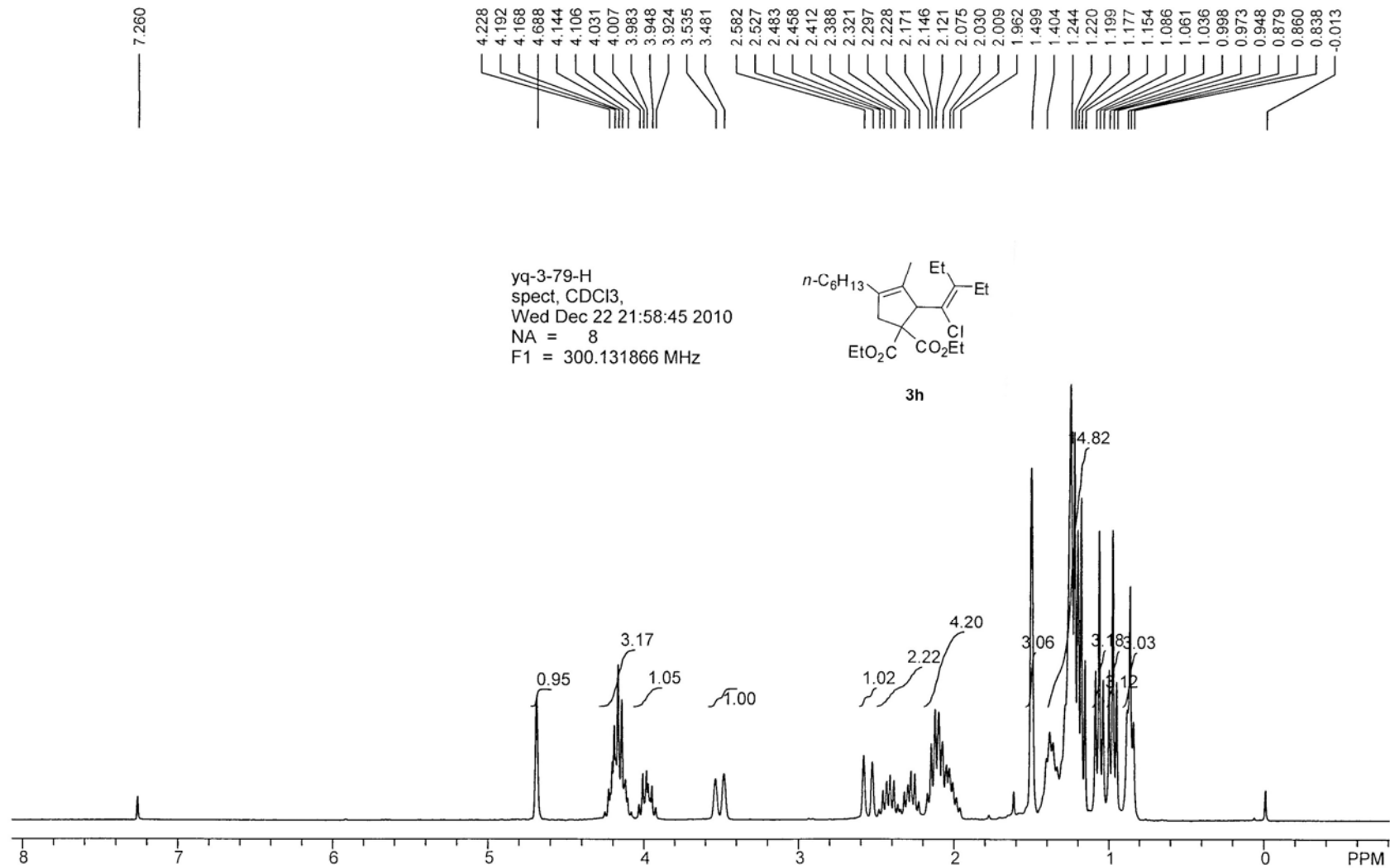


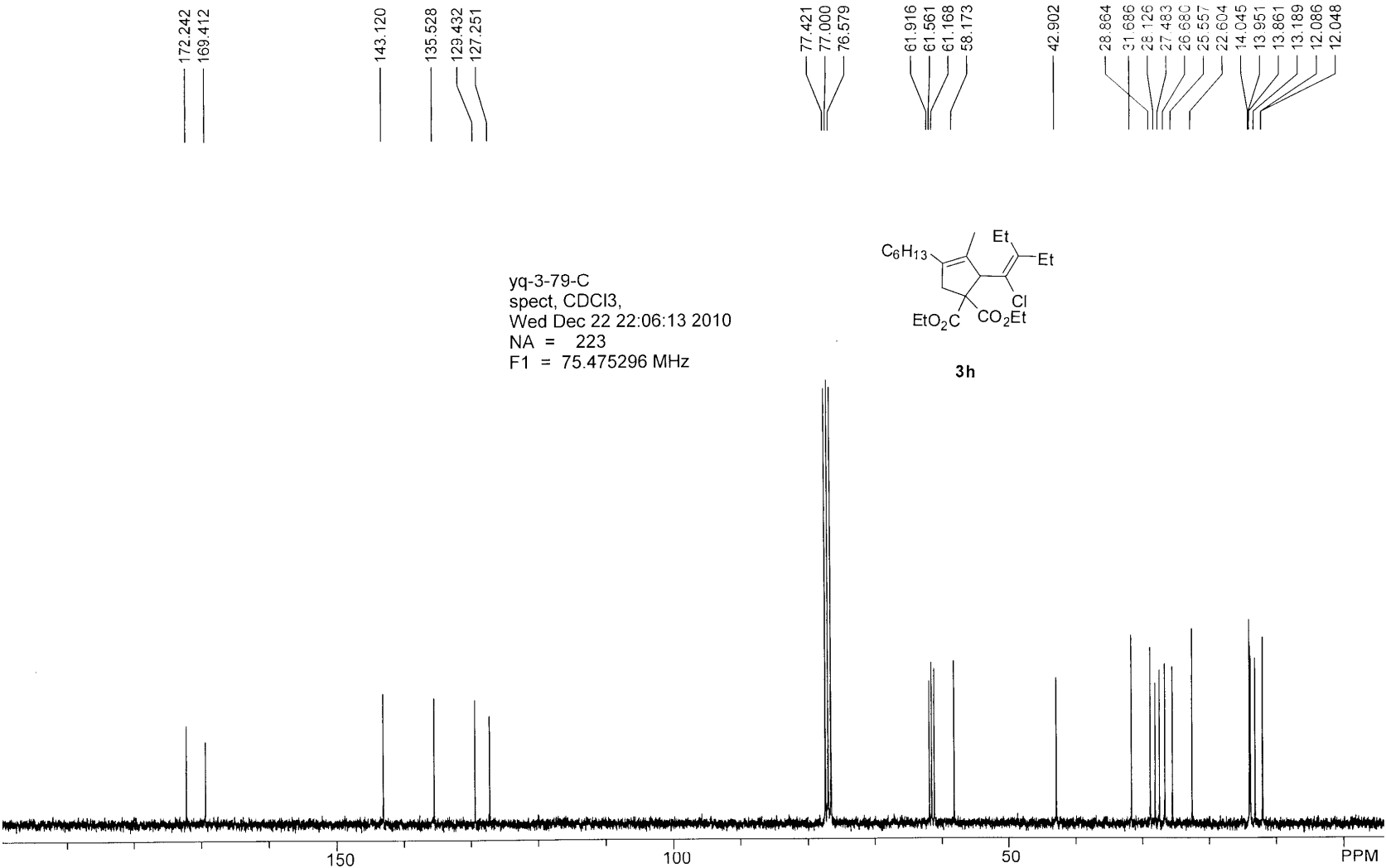


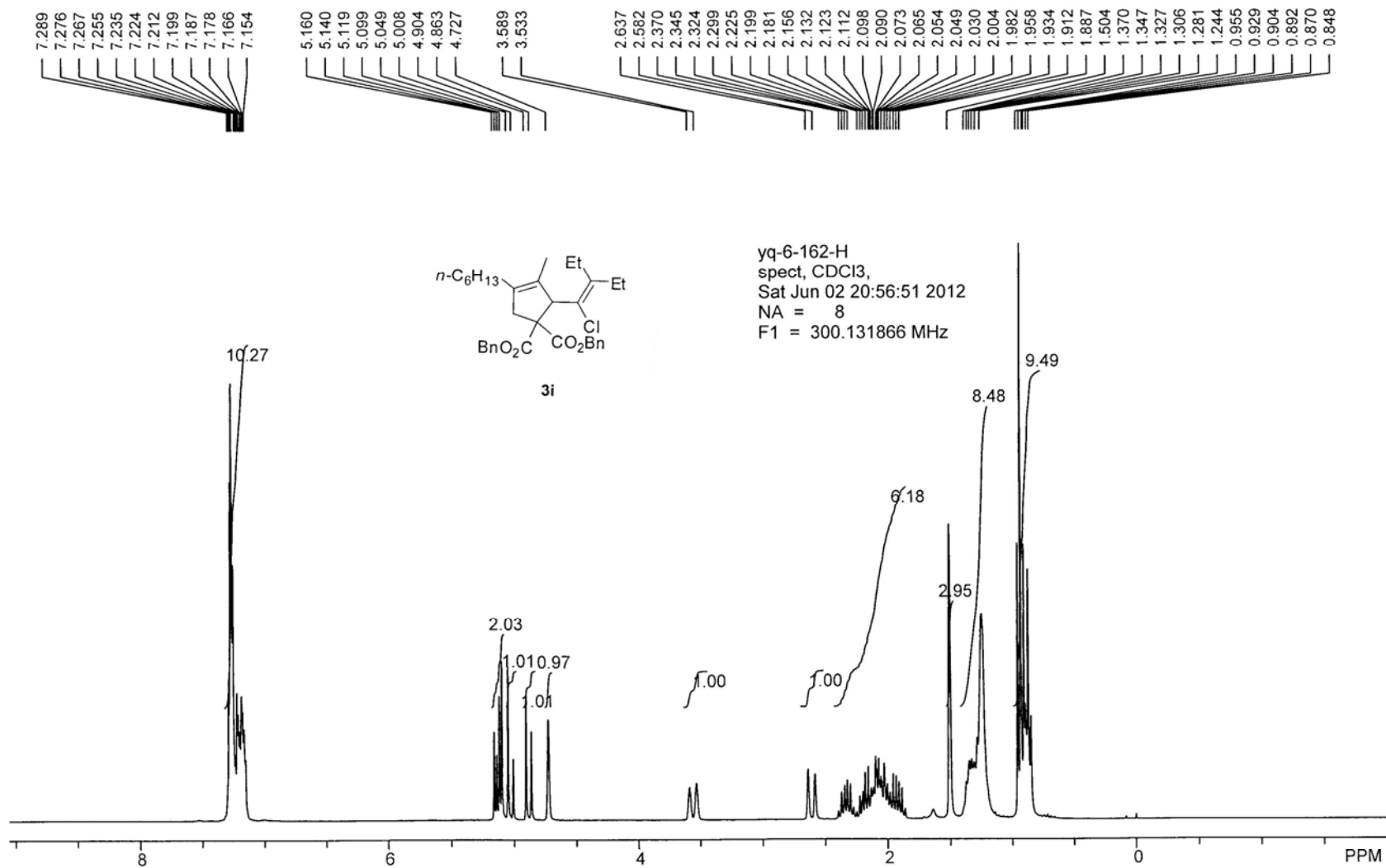


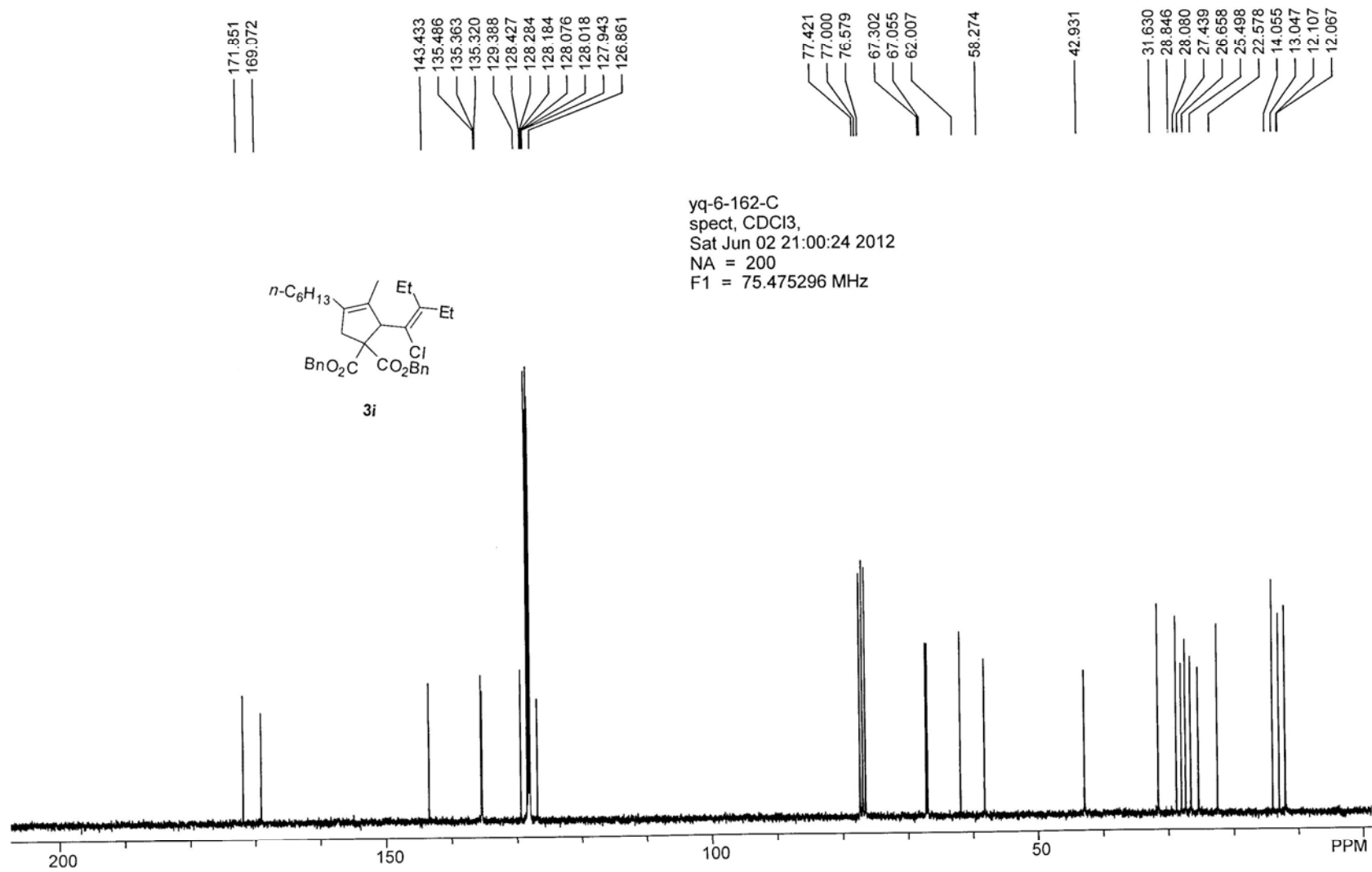


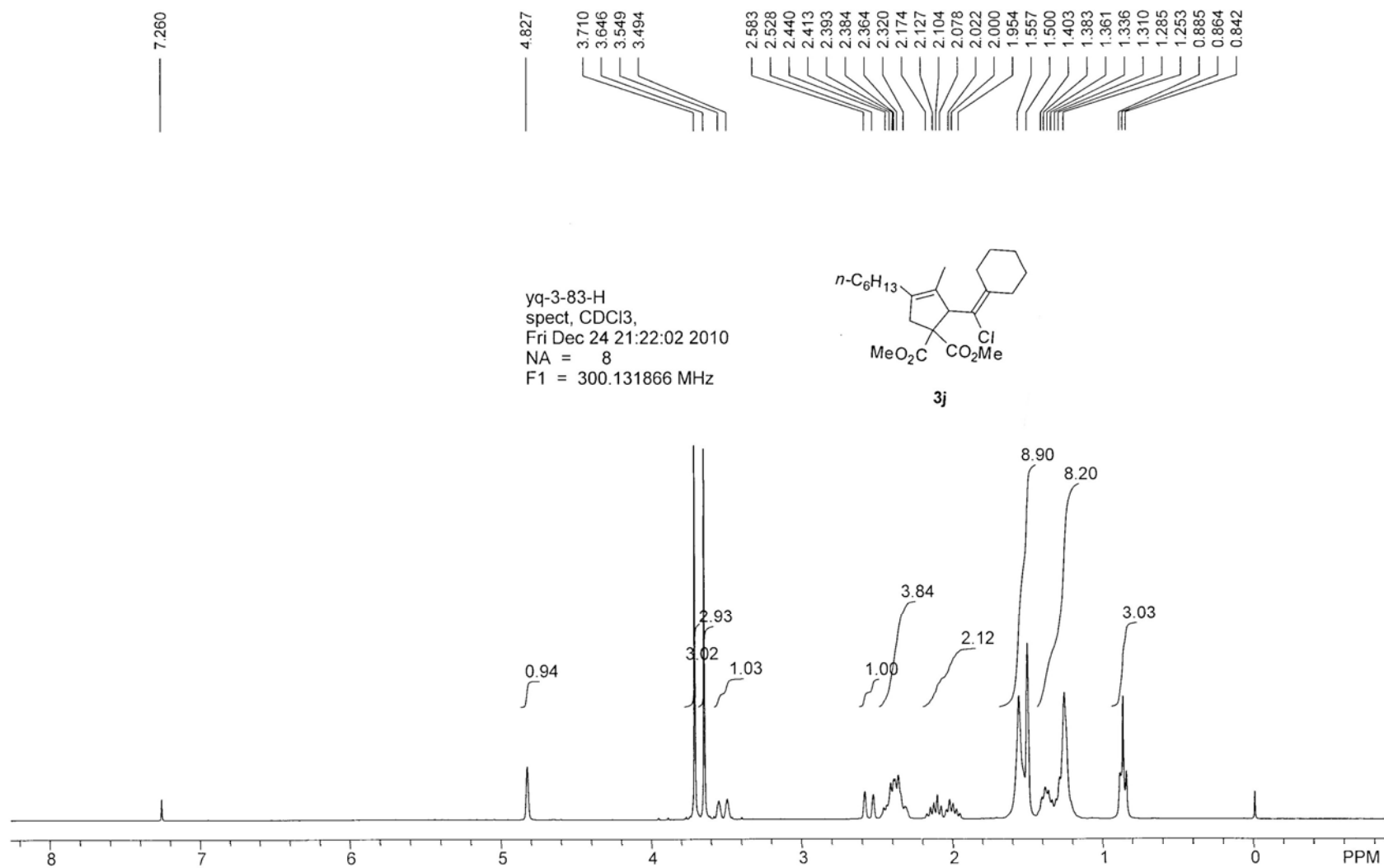


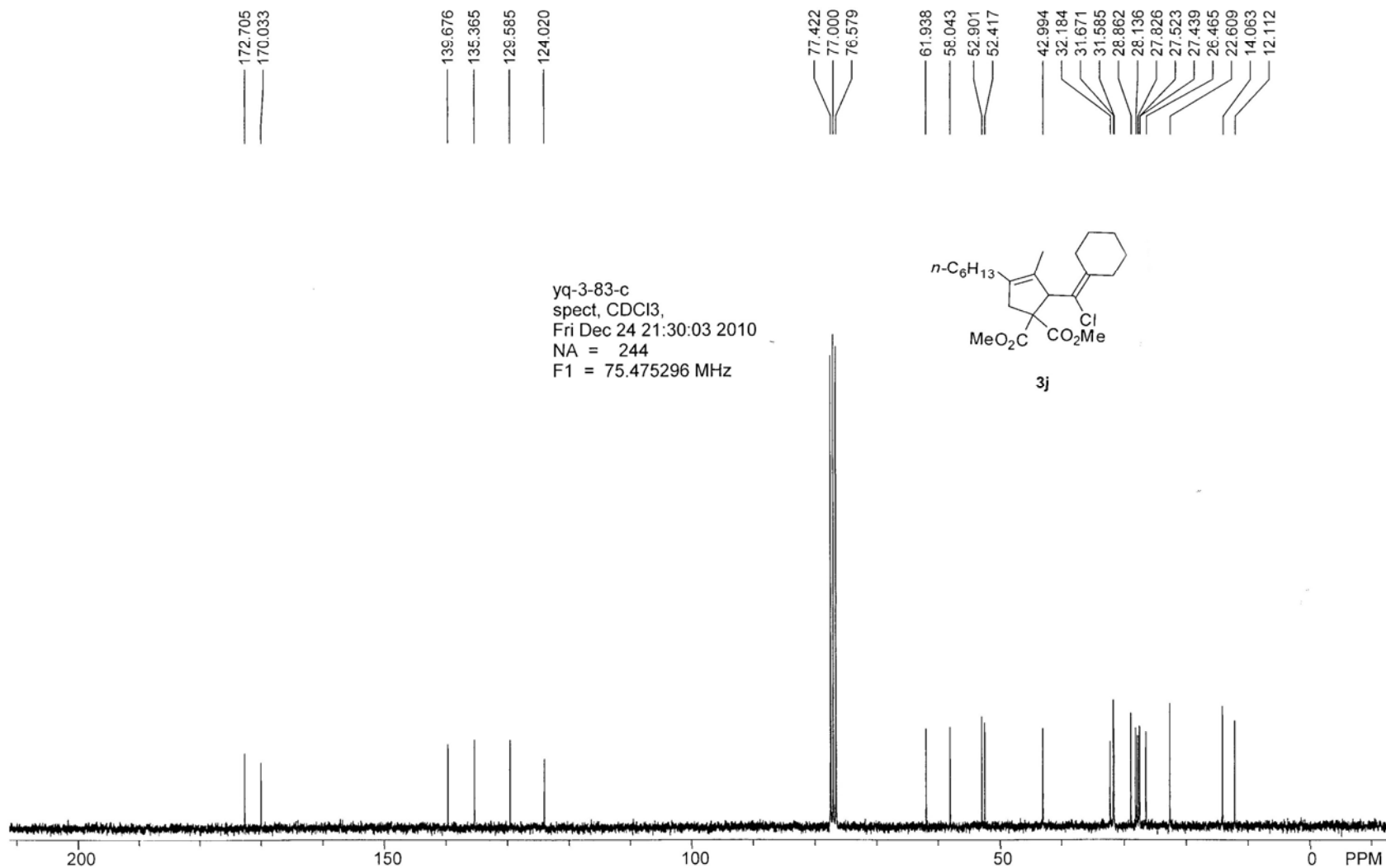


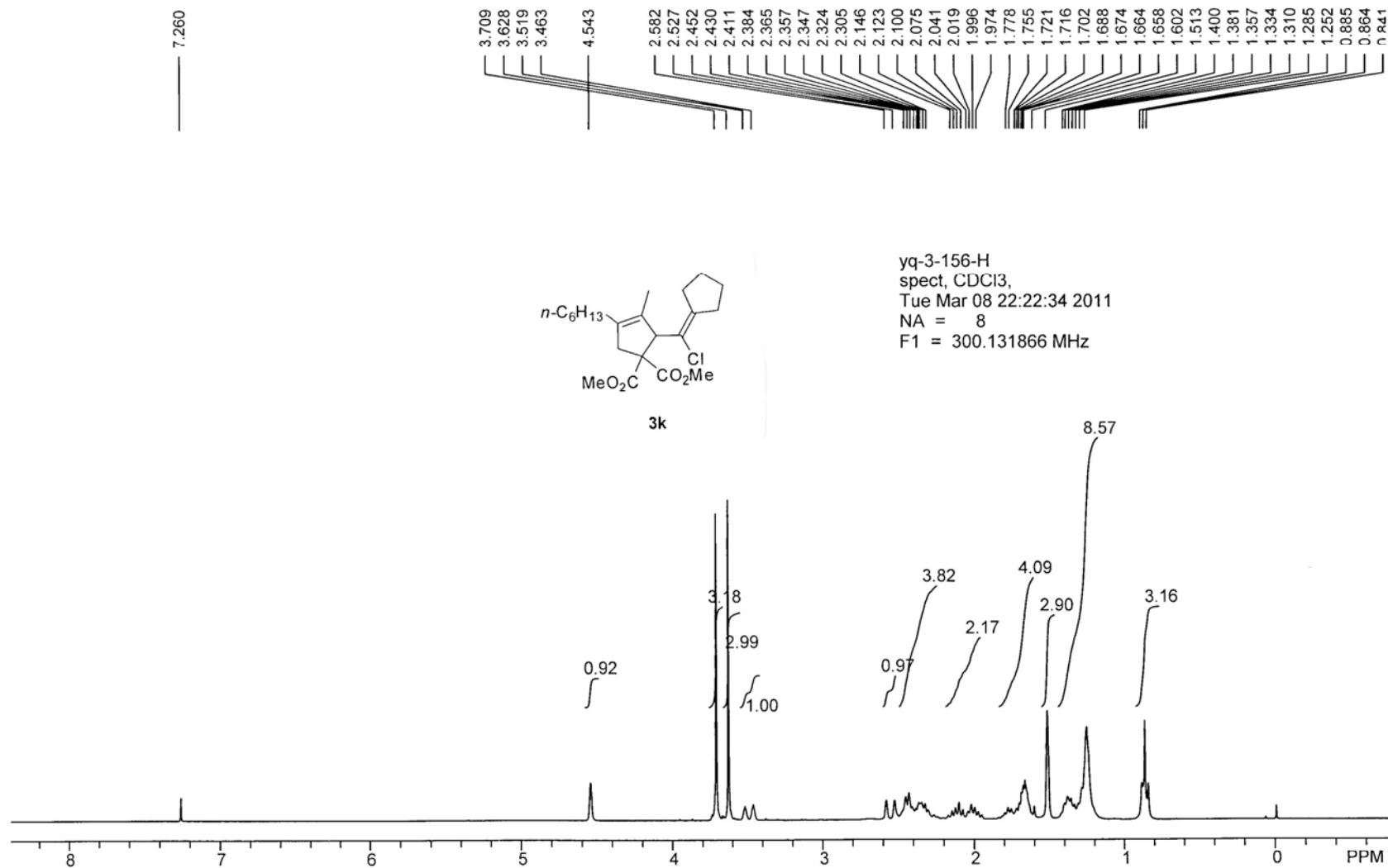


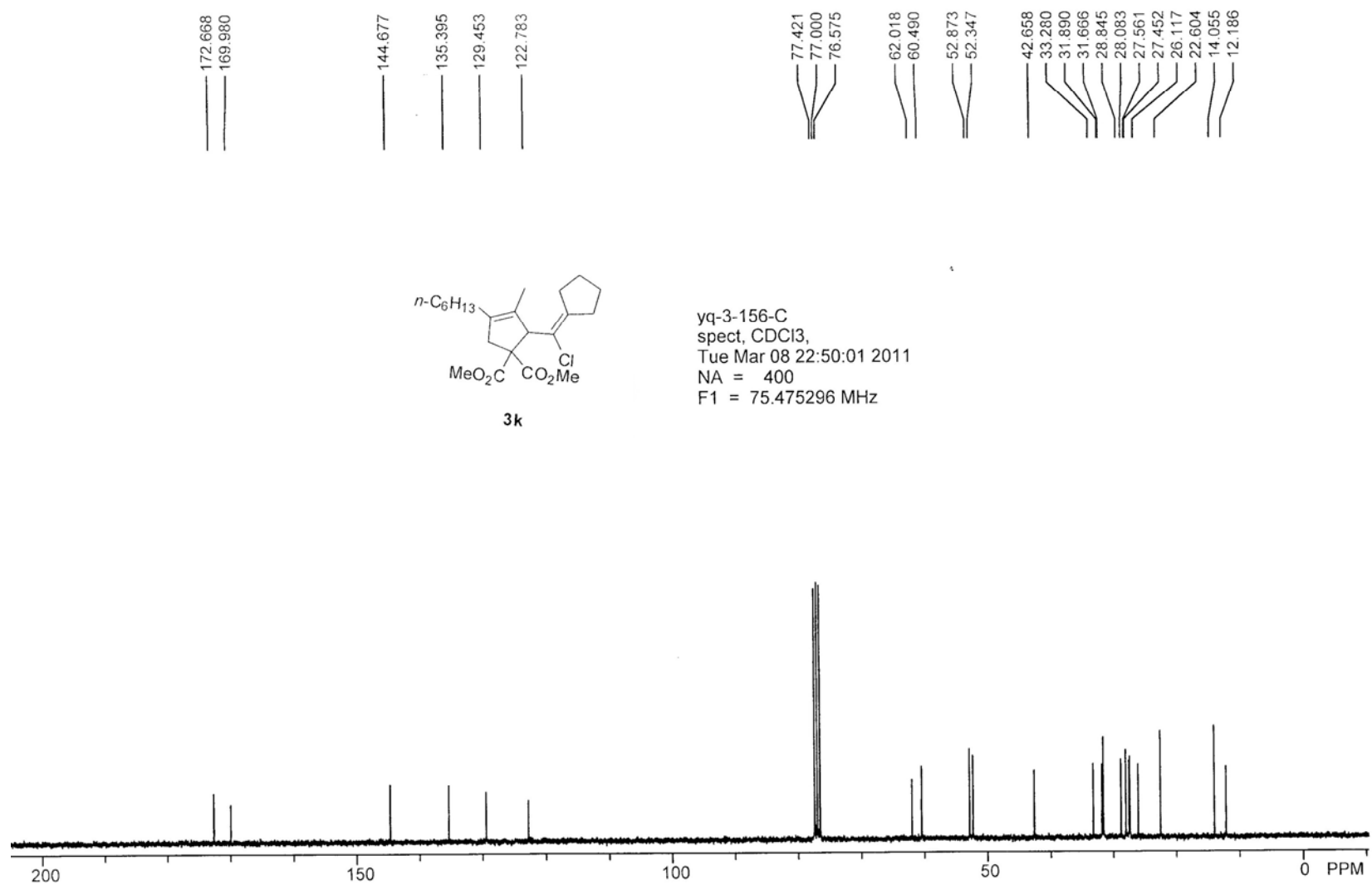


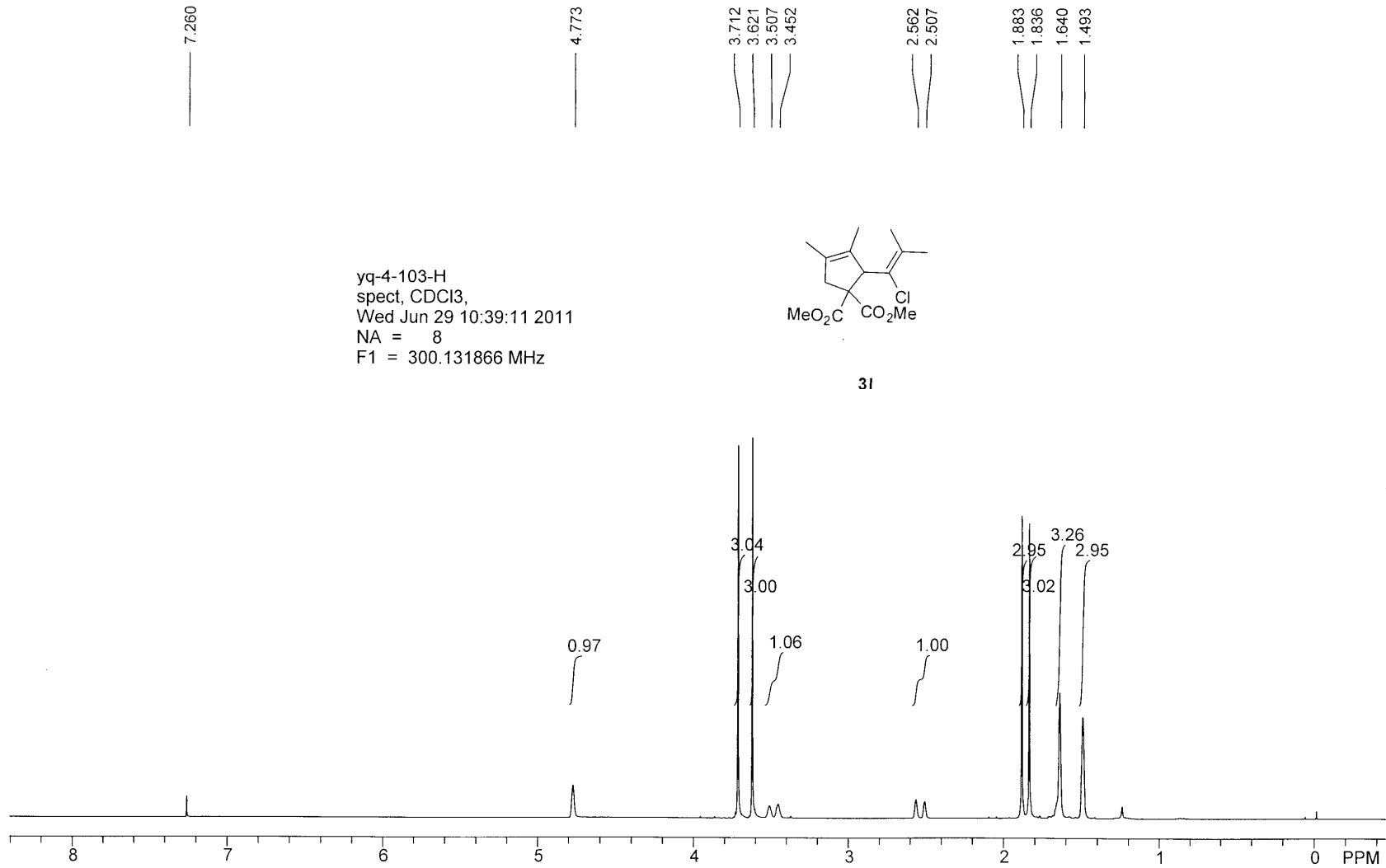


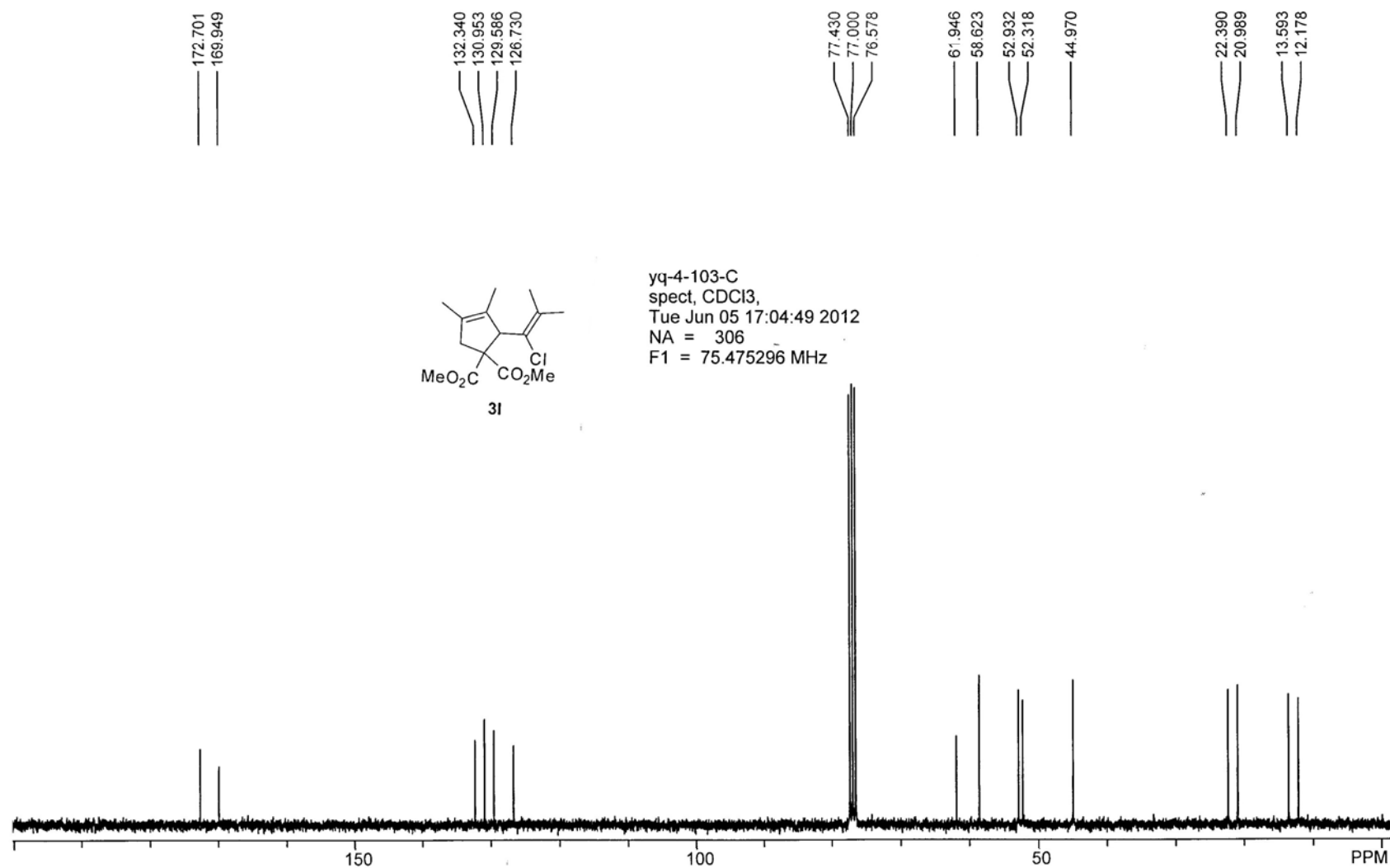


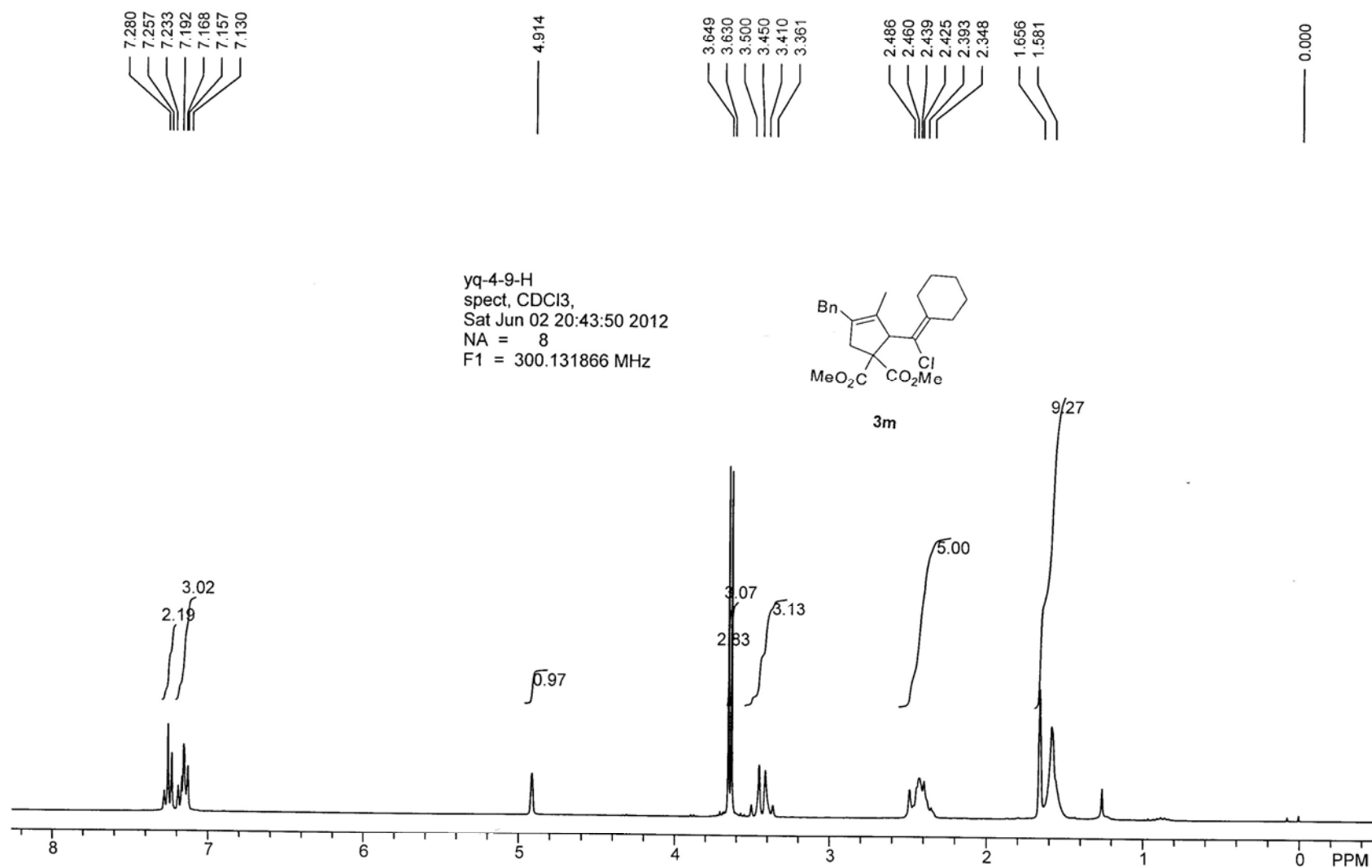


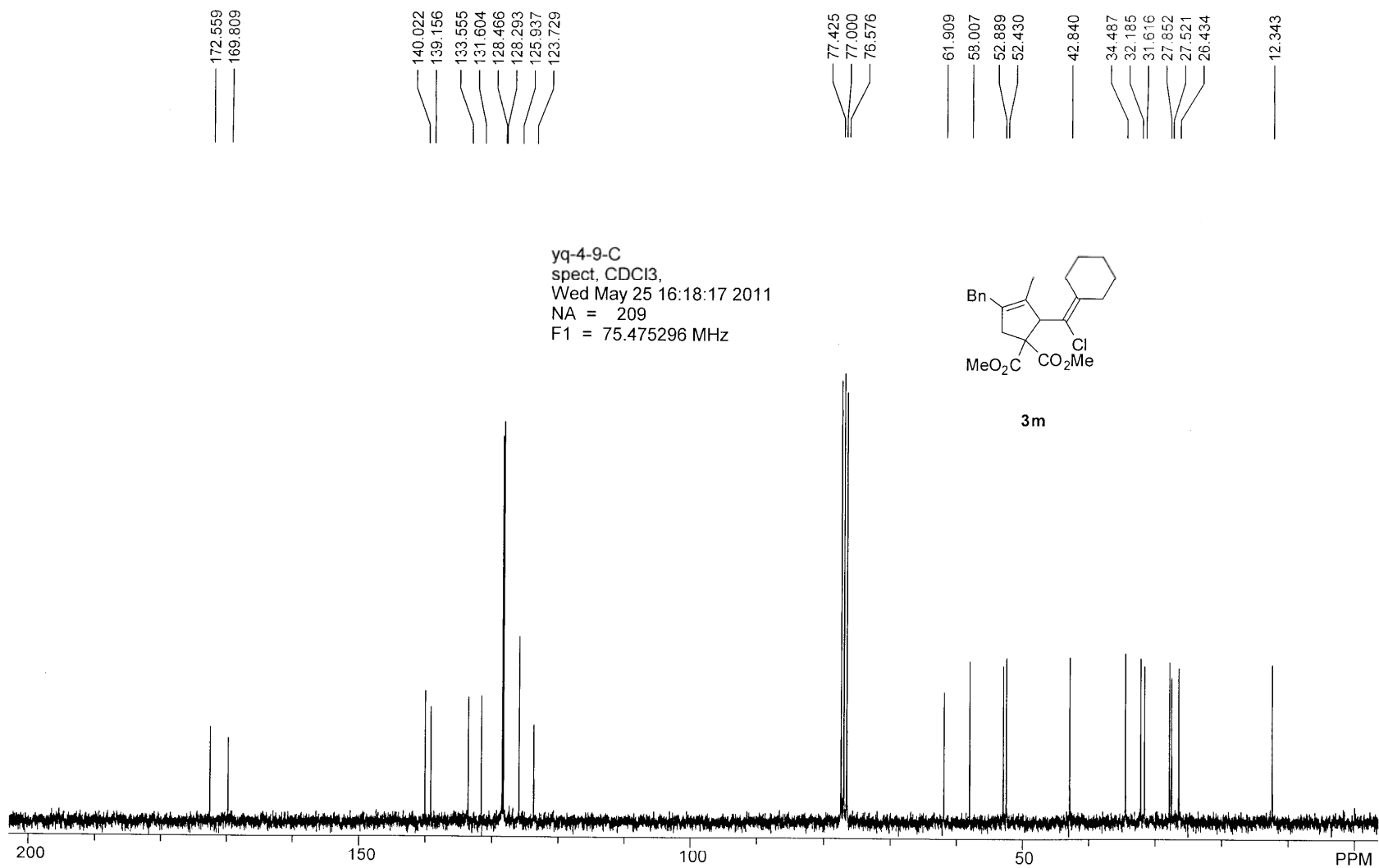












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