

## Electronic Supplementary Information

### A Method for the Synthesis of Pyridines from Aldehydes, Alkynes and NH<sub>4</sub>OAc Involving Rh-Catalyzed Hydroacylation and N-Annulation

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## 1. General

Flash column chromatography was performed using E. Merck 230-400 mesh silica gel and column chromatography was monitored by analytical thin-layer chromatography (TLC) carried out on 0.25 Merck silica gel plates (60F-254) using UV light as a visualizing agent, *p*-anisaldehyde, ninhydrin and KMnO<sub>4</sub> solution as staining solutions, and heat as developing agent. Gas chromatographic analyses were performed on Agilent 7890A instrument with FID detector and an Agilent HP-5 capillary column. Mass chromatography analyses were performed on Agilent 5975C instrument and an Agilent HP-5MS column. IR spectra were recorded using a Bruker Vertex 70 FT-IR spectrometer. <sup>1</sup>H NMR and <sup>13</sup>C NMR were recorded on a Bruker Advance II/DPX 400(400 MHz <sup>1</sup>H, 100 MHz <sup>13</sup>C) spectrometers with chemical shifts reported relative to residual deuterated solvent peaks. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra were referenced to CDCl<sub>3</sub> (for <sup>1</sup>H, δ = 7.26) as internal standard, and are reported as follows: chemical shift multiplicity (br = broad, s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, q = quartet, m = multiplet). <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra were referenced to the residual CDCl<sub>3</sub> (for <sup>13</sup>C, δ = 77.26) as internal standard]. High-resolution Mass spectra were provided by NCIRF Seoul national university.

## 2. Materials

Most commercially available reagent grade chemicals (**2a-c**, **3a**, **3b**, **5**, **9a-9j**, **10a-c**, **12** and **13**) were purchased from Aldrich Chemical Company, TCI, and Burdick and Jackson, and used as received without further purification unless otherwise stated. Toluene (purchased from Duksan Chemical) was distilled from sodium/benzophenone under nitrogen atmosphere prior to use. Complexes [Cp\*<sup>+</sup>RhCl<sub>2</sub>]<sub>2</sub> (**4**)<sup>1</sup> and (Ph<sub>3</sub>P)<sub>3</sub>RhCl (**11**)<sup>2</sup> were prepared according to the literature procedure and stored in a refrigerator under N<sub>2</sub> atmosphere.

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### 3. Experimental

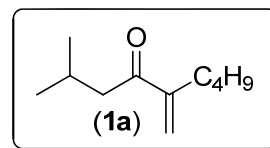
- A typical procedure for Stepwise synthesis of pyridines through chelation-assisted hydroacylation of 1-alkynes with aldehydes (Table 2)

**a. Chelation-assisted hydroacylation of 1-alkynes with aldehydes (entry 1):** To a 1 ml screw-capped pressure vial (1 ml) was added isovaleraldehyde (**9a**, 17.2 mg, 0.20 mmol), 1-hexyne (**10a**, 32.9 mg, 0.40 mmol),  $(\text{Ph}_3\text{P})_3\text{RhCl}$  (**11**, 9.3 mg, 0.01 mmol), 2-amino-3-picoline (**12**, 8.7 mg, 0.08 mmol), benzoic acid (**13**, 4.9 mg, 0.04 mmol) and toluene (200 mg). The mixture was heated at 110 °C for 4 h with stirring. After cooling the vessel to room temperature, the crude mixture was purified by column chromatography (*n*-hexane:Et<sub>2</sub>O = 15:1) on silica gel to give 2-methyl-5-methylenenonan-4-one (**1a**, 25.9 mg, 77 %) as a pale yellow oil.

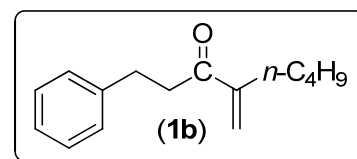
**b. N-Annulation of  $\alpha,\beta$ -enone with internal alkyne:** To a MeOH solution (0.2 mL) of 2-methyl-5-methylenenonan-4-one (**1a**) (33.7 mg, 0.20 mmol) and 4-octyne (**2a**) (44.1 mg, 0.40 mmol) were added  $[\text{Cp}^*\text{RhCl}_2]_2$  (3.1 mg, 0.005 mmol) and  $\text{Cu}(\text{OAc})_2 \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}$  (79.9 mg, 0.40 mmol),  $\text{NH}_4\text{OAc}$  (30.8 mg, 0.40 mmol), and the reaction mixture was stirred at 130 °C under a nitrogen atmosphere for 6 h. After cooling to room temperature, the solvent was removed *in vacuo*, and the resulting crude mixture was subject to flash column chromatography (*n*-hexane:ethyl acetate = 90 : 1) to afford 3-butyl-2-isobutyl-5,6-dipropylpyridine (**6a**, 51.8 mg, 0.188 mmol) in 94% yield.

- Characterization data for compounds *meso*- $\alpha,\beta$ -enone (**1a-g**), linear  $\alpha,\beta$ -enone (**15a-f**), and pyridines (**6a-k**)

**2-Methyl-5-methylenenonan-4-one (1a)** <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  5.92(s, 1H), 5.67 (s, 1H), 2.52 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 2H), 2.24 (t, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 2H), 2.17-2.11 (m, 1H), 1.39-1.25 (m, 4H), 0.91-0.86 (m, 9H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  202.4, 149.8, 123.5, 47.0, 30.92, 30.89, 25.7, 22.9, 22.7, 14.2; IR spectrum (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 3087, 3028, 2925, 2854, 1680, 1410, 1223, 748 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HR-MS(EI+) calcd for C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>20</sub>O [M]<sup>+</sup> 168.1514; found 168.1507.

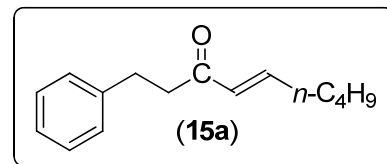


**4-Methylene-1-phenyloctan-3-one (1b)** <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.30-7.17 (m, 5H), 5.96 (s, 1H), 5.70 (s, 1H), 3.03-2.92 (m, 4H), 2.27 (t, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 2H), 1.41-1.26 (m, 4H), 0.90 (t, *J* = 7.0, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C

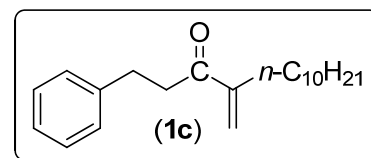


NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  201.3, 149.3, 141.7, 128.7, 128.6, 126.3, 123.9, 39.9, 30.9, 30.7, 22.7, 14.2; IR spectrum (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 3028, 2957, 2930, 2871, 1678, 1454, 1109, 749 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HR-MS(EI+) calcd for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>20</sub>O [M]<sup>+</sup> 216.1514; found 216.1513.

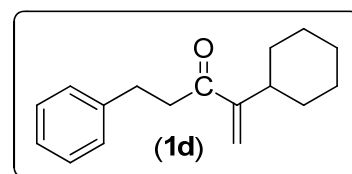
**1-Phenylnon-4-en-3-one (15a)** [CAS No. 90729-79-6] <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.27-7.16 (m, 5H), 6.85-6.78 (m, 1H), 6.09 (d, *J* = 16 Hz, 1H), 2.95-2.84 (m, 4H), 2.19 (d, *J* = 13.0 Hz, 2H), 1.46-1.39 (m, 2H), 1.37-1.28 (m, 2H), 0.90 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  199.8, 148.0, 141.5, 130.5, 128.6, 128.5, 126.2, 41.8, 32.3, 30.4, 30.3, 22.4, 14.0.



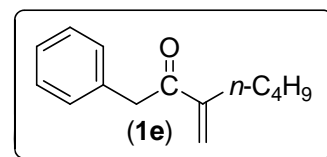
**4-Methylene-1-phenyltetradecan-3-one (1c)** <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.28-7.19 (m, 5H), 5.95 (s, 1H), 5.69 (s, 1H), 3.00-2.93 (m, 4H), 2.25 (t, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 1.38-1.25 (m, 16H), 0.87 (t, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  201.3, 149.3, 128.7, 128.6, 126.3, 123.8, 39.9, 32.1, 31.1, 30.6, 29.8, 29.7, 29.6, 29.5, 28.7, 22.9, 14.3; IR spectrum (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 3076, 2942, 2852, 1643, 1441, 1214, 1182 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HR-MS(EI+) calcd for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>32</sub>O [M]<sup>+</sup> 300.2453; found 300.2447.



**2-Cyclohexyl-5-phenylpent-1-en-3-one (1d)** <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.30-7.17 (m, 5H), 5.93 (s, 1H), 5.63 (s, 1H), 3.01-2.91 (m, 4H), 2.57 (t, *J* = 11.6 Hz, 1H), 1.76-1.67 (m, 2H), 1.39-1.01 (m, 8H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  201.5, 154.7, 141.7, 128.7, 128.64, 126.2, 121.7, 40.3, 37.8, 32.9, 30.7, 26.9, 26.5; IR spectrum (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 3086, 2925, 2851, 1679, 1450, 1376, 1067, 748 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HR-MS(EI+) calcd for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>22</sub>O [M]<sup>+</sup> 242.1617; found 242.1670.

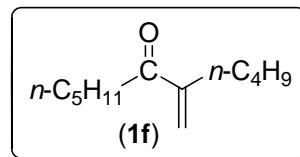


**3-Methylene-1-phenylheptan-2-one (1e)** <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.32-7.18 (m, 5H), 6.08 (s, 1H), 5.78 (s, 1H), 3.99 (s, 2H), 2.26 (t, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 1.36-1.27 (m, 4H), 0.86 (t, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  199.6, 135.2, 134.3, 129.5, 128.8, 127.0, 125.0, 45.1, 31.0, 30.7, 22.6, 14.1; IR spectrum (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 3087, 2957, 2860, 1709, 1626, 1495, 1134, 734 cm<sup>-1</sup>;

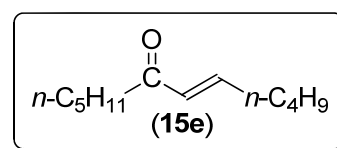


HR-MS(EI+) calcd for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>18</sub>O [M]<sup>+</sup> 202.1358; found 202.1362.

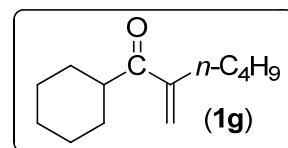
**5-Methyleneundecan-6-one (1f)** [CAS No. 101074-49-1] <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 5.9 (s, 1H), 5.6 (s, 1H), 2.6 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 2.2 (t, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 2H), 1.6 (m, 2H) 1.4-1.2 (m, 8H), 0.9 (t, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 202.6, 149.3, 123.4, 40.0, 31.7, 30.8, 24.5, 22.7, 22.6, 14.1, 14.0.



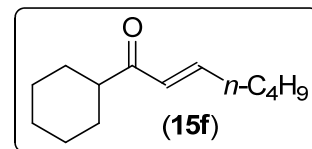
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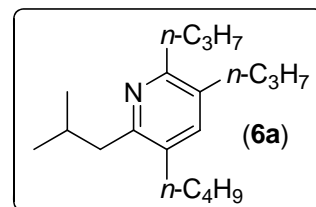
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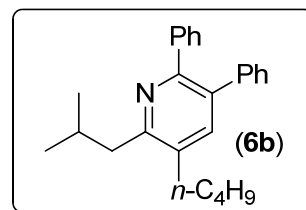
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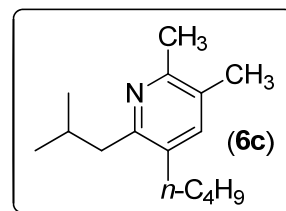
**3-Butyl-2-isobutyl-5,6-dipropylpyridine (6a)** <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.11 (s, 1H), 2.69 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 2.61 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 2.55-2.50 (m, 4H), 2.18-2.08 (m, 1H), 1.74-1.65 (m, 2H), 1.63-1.48 (m, 4H), 1.42-1.33 (m, 2H), 0.99-0.94 (m, 15H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 156.6, 156.0, 137.6, 132.9, 132.1, 43.3, 36.7, 34.2, 33.3, 31.8, 29.2, 24.2, 23.4, 23.0, 22.8, 14.4, 14.3, 14.2; IR spectrum (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 2957, 2869, 1557, 1449, 1379, 1365, 1169 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HR-MS(EI+) calcd for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>33</sub>N [M]<sup>+</sup> 275.2613; found 275.2611.



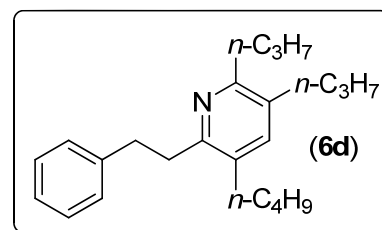
**3-Butyl-2-isobutyl-5,6-diphenylpyridine (6b)**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.44 (s, 1H), 7.35-7.34 (m, 2H), 7.25-7.16 (m, 8H), 2.78 (d,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 2H), 2.69 (t,  $J = 7.8$  Hz, 2H), 2.38-2.28 (m, 1H), 1.67-1.60 (m, 2H), 1.50-1.41 (m, 2H), 1.02 (d,  $J = 6.8$  Hz, 6H), 0.98 (t,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  158.4, 153.7, 140.8, 140.6, 139.3, 134.6, 133.2, 130.3, 129.9, 128.4, 128.0, 127.5, 127.0, 43.4, 33.1, 31.9, 29.1, 23.0, 14.2; IR spectrum ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) 3083, 2955, 2868, 1877, 1494, 1449, 699  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HR-MS(EI+) calcd for  $\text{C}_{25}\text{H}_{29}\text{N}$   $[\text{M}]^+$  343.2300; found 343.2298.



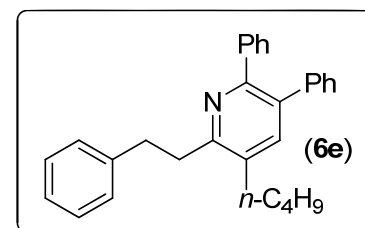
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**3-Butyl-2-phenethyl-5,6-dipropylpyridine (6d)**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.32-7.20 (m, 5H), 7.16 (s, 1H), 3.06 (br s, 4H), 2.77 (t,  $J = 4.6$  Hz, 2H), 2.58 (t,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 2H), 2.51 (t,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 2H), 1.80-1.73 (m, 2H), 1.68-1.61 (m, 2H), 1.53-1.47 (m, 2H), 1.41-1.29 (m, 2H), 1.06-1.05 (m, 6H), 0.95 (t,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  157.0, 155.7, 142.7, 138.0, 132.7, 128.8, 128.4, 126.0, 66.1, 36.8, 36.5, 36.2, 34.2, 33.2, 31.8, 24.2, 15.5, 14.3, 14.2; IR spectrum ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) 3026, 2958, 2930, 2870, 1558, 1495, 1377, 749  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HR-MS(EI+) calcd for  $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{33}\text{N}$   $[\text{M}]^+$  323.2613; found 323.2614.

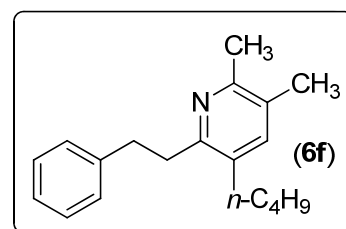


**3-Butyl-2-phenethyl-5,6-diphenylpyridine (6e)**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.44 (s, 1H), 7.37-7.16 (m, 15H), 3.18 (br s, 4H), 2.64 (t,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 2H), 1.60-1.55 (m, 2H), 1.46-1.38 (m, 2H), 0.95 (t,  $J = 7.2$  Hz,

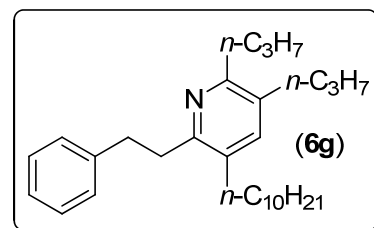


3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  157.9, 153.9, 142.6, 140.6, 140.6, 139.5, 134.3, 133.7, 130.3, 129.8, 128.8, 128.6, 128.4, 128.0, 127.7, 127.1, 126.1, 36.7, 35.8, 33.0, 31.8, 23.0, 14.2; IR spectrum ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) 3026, 2956, 2929, 2859, 1601, 1427, 621  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HR-MS(EI+) calcd for  $\text{C}_{29}\text{H}_{29}\text{N}$   $[\text{M}]^+$  391.2300; found 391.2307.

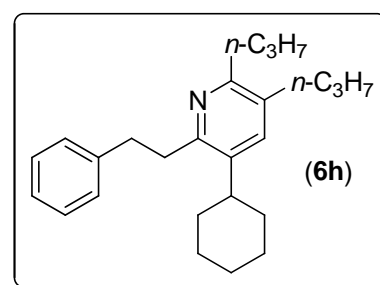
**3-Butyl-5,6-dimethyl-2-phenethylpyridine (6f)**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.30-7.17 (m, 5H), 7.13 (s, 1H), 3.00 (br s, 4H), 2.49-2.45 (m, 5H), 2.22 (s, 3H), 1.51-1.43 (m, 2H), 1.39-1.30 (m, 2H), 0.91 (t,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  155.7, 153.9, 142.6, 138.5, 133.0, 128.8, 128.7, 128.6, 126.0, 36.7, 36.5, 33.3, 31.7, 22.9, 22.3, 19.0, 14.2; IR spectrum ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) 2957, 2929, 2870, 1714, 1454, 1071, 699  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HR-MS(EI+) calcd for  $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{25}\text{N}$   $[\text{M}]^+$  267.1987; found 267.1991.



**3-Decyl-2-phenethyl-5,6-dipropylpyridine (6g)**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.28-7.17 (m, 5H), 7.11 (s, 1H), 3.01 (br s, 4H), 2.72 (t,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 2H), 2.53 (t,  $J = 7.4$  Hz, 2H), 2.45 (t,  $J = 7.5$  Hz, 2H), 1.75-1.70 (m, 2H), 1.68-1.57 (m, 2H), 1.48 (m, 2H), 1.30-1.21 (m, 14H), 1.02-0.95 (m, 6H), 0.87 (t,  $J = 6.0$  Hz, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  157.0, 155.7, 142.7, 138.0, 132.7, 132.6, 128.8, 128.7, 128.6, 128.5, 126.0, 36.8, 36.6, 36.2, 34.1, 32.1, 32.0, 31.8, 31.0, 29.8, 29.7, 29.6, 24.2, 23.5, 22.93, 22.91, 14.5, 14.4; IR spectrum ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) 3062, 3027, 2956, 2854, 1715, 1672, 1561, 1453, 1261  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HR-MS(EI+) calcd for  $\text{C}_{29}\text{H}_{45}\text{N}$   $[\text{M}]^+$  407.3552; found 407.3546.

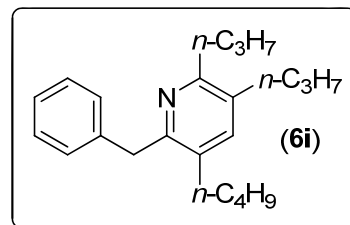


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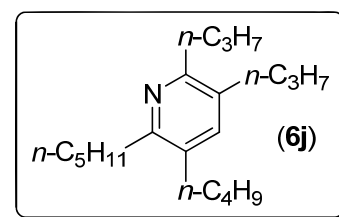


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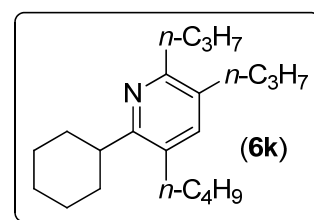
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**3-Butyl-2-pentyl-5,6-dipropylpyridine (6j)**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.11 (s, 1H), 2.73-2.67 (m, 4H), 2.55-2.50 (m, 4H), 1.74-1.50 (m, 8H), 1.43-1.29 (m, 6H), 1.00-0.88 (m, 12H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  157.0, 156.9, 137.8, 132.4, 132.2, 36.9, 35.0, 34.2, 33.4, 32.3, 31.8, 30.1, 24.2, 23.6, 23.0, 22.9, 14.5, 14.4, 14.3, 14.2; IR spectrum ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) 2958, 2871, 1597, 1453, 1339, 1170, 728  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HR-MS(EI+) calcd for  $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{35}\text{N}$   $[\text{M}]^+$  289.2769; found 289.2762.



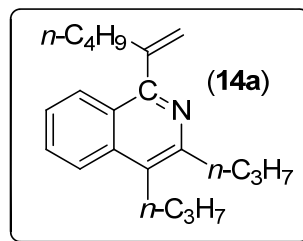
**3-Butyl-2-cyclohexyl-5,6-dipropylpyridine (6k)**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.07 (s, 1H), 2.79-2.74 (m, 1H), 2.68 (t,  $J = 7.4$  Hz, 2H), 2.56-2.48 (m, 4H), 1.84-1.62 (m, 10H), 1.60-1.47 (m, 4H), 1.43-1.32 (m, 4H), 0.99-0.93 (m, 9H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  160.4, 156.5, 137.6, 131.7, 131.2, 41.5, 36.6, 34.2, 33.9, 32.7, 31.7, 27.1, 26.4, 24.1, 22.9, 22.6, 14.5, 14.4, 14.2; IR spectrum ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) 2957, 2928, 2869, 2857, 1557, 1448, 1377, 1141  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HR-MS(EI+) calcd for  $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{35}\text{N}$   $[\text{M}]^+$  301.2769; found 301.2763.



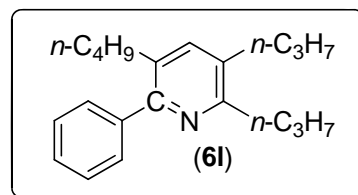


- Characterization data in Scheme 3 (14a-b and 6l-n)

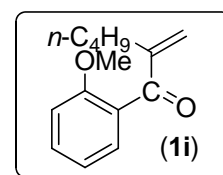
**1-(Hex-1-en-2-yl)-3,4-dipropylisoquinoline (14a)**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.21 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 1H), 7.96 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 1H), 7.63 (t,  $J = 6.8$  Hz, 1H), 7.43 (t,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 1H), 5.53 (s, 1H), 5.16 (s, 1H), 3.03-2.91 (m, 4H), 2.64 (t,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 2H), 1.84-1.68 (m, 4H), 1.58-1.34 (m, 4H) 1.10 (t,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 3H), 1.01 (t,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 3H), 0.83 (t,  $J = 7.0$  Hz, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  160.0, 152.0, 148.5, 136.2, 129.6, 128.8, 128.3, 128.0, 126.8, 125.2, 123.4, 116.4, 37.6, 37.3, 30.19, 30.17, 24.3, 23.8, 22.8, 14.9, 14.5, 14.2; IR spectrum ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) 3029, 2958, 2871, 1729, 1689, 1502, 1378, 1276, 1164  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HR-MS(EI+) calcd for  $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{29}\text{N}$   $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{30}\text{N}$   $[\text{M}]^+$  296.2378; found 296.2375.



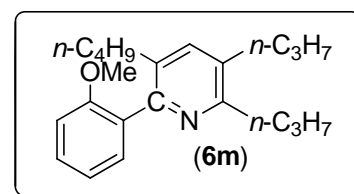
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**1-(2-Methoxyphenyl)-2-methylenehexan-1-one (1i)**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.33-7.17 (m, 4H), 5.90 (s, 1H), 5.58 (s, 1H), 2.45 (t,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 2H), 1.54-1.47 (m, 2H), 1.43-1.30 (m, 2H), 0.94 (t,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  200.8, 149.9, 139.4, 136.3, 130.9, 129.9, 129.1, 128.1, 125.2, 30.7, 30.6, 22.7, 19.9, 14.2; IR spectrum ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) 2957, 2931, 2871, 2838, 1712, 1377, 1247, 792  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HR-MS(EI+) calcd for  $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{18}\text{O}_2$   $[\text{M}]^+$  219.1385; found 219.1389.



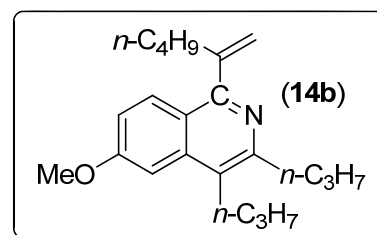
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Hz, 2H), 2.61 (t,  $J = 6.9$  Hz, 2H), 2.35 (br, 2H), 1.72-1.64 (m, 4H), 1.43-1.37 (m, 2H), 1.20-1.15 (m, 2H), 1.05-0.97 (m, 6H), 0.77 (t,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  157.1, 156.9, 153.5, 137.3, 134.1, 133.7, 131.2, 130.5, 129.2, 120.9, 111.0, 55.6, 37.0, 34.3, 32.7, 31.6, 24.2, 23.7, 22.7, 14.54, 14.52, 14.0; IR spectrum ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) 3037, 2958, 2930, 2870, 1610, 1512, 1377, 1247, 1126  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HR-MS(EI+) calcd for  $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{31}\text{NO}$   $[\text{M}]^+$  325.2407; found 325.2406.

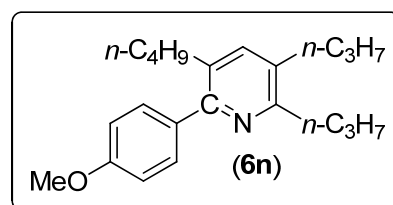
**1-(Hex-1-en-2-yl)-6-methoxy-3,4-dipropylisoquinoline (14b)**  $^1\text{H}$

NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.12 (d,  $J = 9.2$  Hz, 1H), 7.19 (s, 1H), 7.08 (d,  $J = 9.2$  Hz, 1H), 5.50 (s, 1H), 5.13 (s, 1H), 3.95 (s, 3H), 2.97-2.89 (m, 4H), 2.62 (t,  $J = 6.8$  Hz, 2H), 1.81-1.67 (m, 4H), 1.44-1.29 (m, 4H), 1.10 (t,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 3H), 1.00 (t,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 3H), 0.86 (t,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  160.4, 152.6, 148.7, 138.2, 129.9, 125.8, 121.0, 117.4, 116.2, 102.1, 55.5, 37.7, 37.3, 30.3, 30.2, 23.7, 22.8, 14.9, 14.5, 14.1; IR spectrum ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) 3077, 2957, 2930, 2871, 1652, 1463, 1312, 1220, 1165  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HR-MS(EI+) calcd for  $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{31}\text{NO}$   $[\text{M}]^+$  325.2406; found 325.2400.



**3-Butyl-2-(4-methoxyphenyl)-5,6-dipropylpyridine (6n)**  $^1\text{H}$

NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.39 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 2H), 7.28 (s, 1H), 6.94 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 2H), 3.84 (s, 3H), 2.76 (t,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 2H), 2.61-2.54 (m, 4H), 1.75-1.73 (m, 2H), 1.67-1.63 (m, 2H), 1.51-1.45 (m, 2H), 1.30-1.26 (m, 2H), 1.23-1.20 (m, 6H), 0.98 (t,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  159.2, 157.2, 155.3, 138.2, 134.0, 133.5, 132.7, 130.5, 113.7, 55.5, 36.9, 34.2, 33.6, 32.0, 24.2, 23.5, 22.8, 14.5, 14.4, 14.1; IR spectrum ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) 3037, 2958, 2930, 2870, 1610, 1512, 1377, 1247, 1126  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HR-MS(EI+) calcd for  $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{31}\text{NO}$   $[\text{M}]^+$  325.2406; found 325.2411.

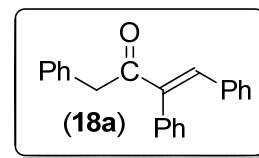


- **A typical procedure for stepwise synthesis of pyridines through chelation-assisted hydroacylation of internal alkynes with aldehydes (Table 3)**

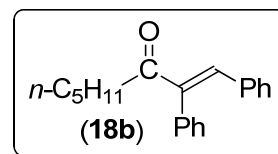
**a. Chelation-assisted hydroacylation of internal alkynes with aldehydes:** A screw-capped pressure vial (1.0 mL) was charged with 2-phenylacetaldehyde (**9c**, 26.8 mg (0.2 mmol)), 1,2-diphenylethyne (**2b**, 71.2 mg (0.4 mmol)),  $(\text{Ph}_3\text{P})_3\text{RhCl}$  (**11**, 9.3 mg (0.01 mmol)), 2-amino-3-picoline (**12**, 21.6 mg (0.2 mmol)), benzoic acid (**13**, 4.9 mg (0.04 mmol)) in toluene (200  $\mu\text{L}$ ). The solution was stirred at 150 °C for 4 h. After the reaction, the reaction mixture was filtered through silica gel pad, washed thoroughly with ethyl acetate. The reaction progress was monitored by gas chromatography (GC). The reaction mixture was purified by column chromatograph (*n*-hexane : ethyl acetate = 10 : 1) to give 50 mg (84%) of 1,3,4-triphenylbut-3-en-2-one (**18a**).

- **Characterization data for  $\alpha,\beta$ -enones (18a-d)**

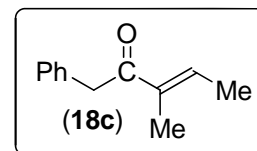
**1,3,4-Triphenylbut-3-en-2-one (18a)** [CAS No. 128753-25-3] 84% yield, yellow powder,  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.68 (s, 1H),  $\delta$  7.39-7.38 (m, 3H),  $\delta$  7.27-7.18 (m, 4H), 7.16-7.12 (m, 4H), 7.09 (d,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 2H), 7.01 (d,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 2H), 3.87 (s, 2H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  199.2, 140.5, 139.3, 136.9, 134.9, 134.7, 131.1, 129.9, 129.6, 129.5, 129.2, 128.6, 128.4, 128.2, 126.9, 46.9.



**1,2-Diphenyloct-1-en-3-one (18b)** 77% yield, yellow oil,  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.43-7.29 (m, 10H),  $\delta$  6.97 (s, 1H),  $\delta$  2.45 (t,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 2H),  $\delta$  1.60-1.53 (m, 3H),  $\delta$  1.21-1.13 (m, 3H),  $\delta$  0.80 (t,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  209.9, 144.1, 137.4, 136.0, 129.1, 129.0, 128.8, 128.4, 126.6, 44.0, 31.2, 23.4, 22.5, 14.0; IR spectrum ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) 3081, 3058, 3025, 2956, 2929, 2870, 1695, 1494, 1448  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HR-MS(CI+) calcd for  $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{23}\text{O}$   $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$  279.1743; found 279.1749.



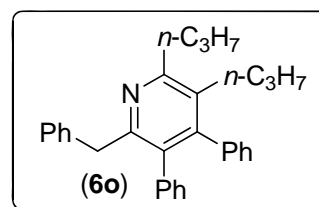
**3-Methyl-1-phenylpent-3-en-2-one (18c)** [CAS No. 408524-72-1] 88% yield, yellow oil,  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.29 (t,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 2H),  $\delta$  7.23-7.18 (m, 3H),  $\delta$  6.87 (q,  $J = 6.8$  Hz, 1H),  $\delta$  3.96 (s, 2H),  $\delta$  1.85 (d,  $J = 6.8$  Hz, 3H),  $\delta$  1.78 (s, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  199.2, 138.8, 138.2, 135.7, 129.4, 128.7, 126.7, 44.3, 15.1, 11.4.



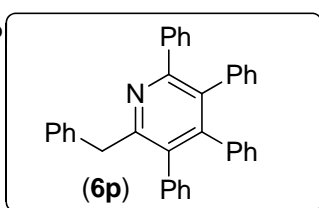
**b. N-Annulation of  $\alpha,\beta$ -enone with internal alkyne:** A screw-capped pressure vial (1.0 mL) was charged with (*E*)-1,3,4-triphenylbut-3-en-2-one (**17a**, 59.6 mg (0.2 mmol)), oct-4-yne (**2a**, 44 mg (0.4 mmol)), NH<sub>4</sub>OAc (**3**, 30.8 mg (0.4 mmol)), [Cp\*RhCl<sub>2</sub>]<sub>2</sub> (**4**, 6.2 mg (0.01 mmol)), Cu(OAc)<sub>2</sub>·H<sub>2</sub>O (**5**, 80.0 mg (0.4 mmol)), in MeOH (158.4mg (5.0 mmol)). The solution was stirred at 150 °C for 6 h. After the reaction, the reaction mixture was filtered through silica gel pad, washed thoroughly with ethyl acetate. The reaction progress was monitored by gas chromatography (GC). The reaction mixture was purified by column chromatograph (*n*-hexane : ethyl acetate = 5 : 1) to give 62 mg (77%) of 2-benzyl-3,4-diphenyl-5,6-dipropylpyridine (**6o**).

**- Characterization data for pyridines (6o-v)**

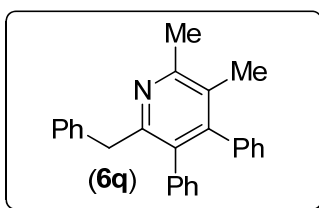
**2-Benzyl-3,4-diphenyl-5,6-dipropylpyridine (6o).** 77% yield, yellow oil, <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.15-7.05 (m, 9H),  $\delta$  6.97 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H),  $\delta$  6.89 (d, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 2H),  $\delta$  6.79-6.78 (m, 2H),  $\delta$  3.93 (s, 2H),  $\delta$  2.87 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H),  $\delta$  2.35 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H),  $\delta$  1.92-1.86 (m, 2H),  $\delta$  1.39-1.33 (m, 2H),  $\delta$  1.08 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H),  $\delta$  0.74 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  159.1, 154.6, 140.6, 139.0, 138.8, 134.0, 131.3, 130.6, 129.4, 129.2, 128.0, 127.6, 127.5, 126.6, 126.5, 125.8, 42.4, 37.5, 31.9, 24.4, 23.4, 14.8, 14.7; IR spectrum (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 3059, 3027, 2959, 2870, 1602, 1576, 1555, 1494, 1454 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HR-MS(CI<sup>+</sup>) calcd for C<sub>30</sub>H<sub>32</sub>N [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 406.2535; found 406.2539.



**2-Benzyl-3,4,5,6-tetraphenylpyridine (6p)** [CAS No. 352667-98-2] 51% yield, yellow powder, <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.35-7.34 (m, 2H),  $\delta$  7.18-7.13 (m, 9H),  $\delta$  7.08-7.07 (m, 2H),  $\delta$  6.96-6.92 (m, 5H),  $\delta$  6.85-6.82 (m, 5H),  $\delta$  6.69-6.68 (m, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  157.3, 156.3, 150.1, 140.2, 138.5, 138.4, 138.3, 135.0, 133.1, 131.5, 130.8, 130.4, 130.3, 129.4, 128.1, 127.9, 127.8, 127.6, 127.5, 127.0, 126.9, 126.3, 126.2, 126.0, 42.6.



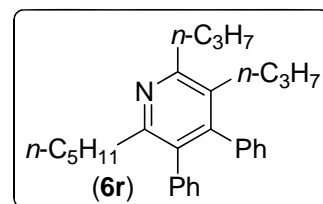
**2-Benzyl-5,6-dimethyl-3,4-diphenylpyridine (6q)** 80% yield, yellow oil, <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.13-7.05 (m, 9H),  $\delta$  6.96 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz,



2H),  $\delta$  6.87 (d,  $J$  = 6.8 Hz, 2H),  $\delta$  6.79-6.78 (m, 2H),  $\delta$  3.96 (s, 2H),  $\delta$  2.62 (s, 3H),  $\delta$  2.00 (s, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  155.9, 154.5, 149.8, 140.6, 139.1, 138.7, 134.2, 130.6, 129.4, 129.0, 128.1, 127.8, 127.6, 127.2, 126.7, 126.6, 125.8, 42.3, 23.6, 16.8; IR spectrum ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) 3081, 3058, 3027, 2975, 2921, 2866, 1601, 1558, 1493, 1441, 1409  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HR-MS(CI $^+$ ) calcd for  $\text{C}_{26}\text{H}_{24}\text{N}$   $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$  350.1903; found 350.1904.

**2-Pentyl-3,4-diphenyl-5,6-dipropylpyridine (6r)** 71% yield, yellow oil,

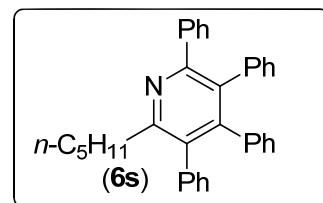
$^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.25-7.04 (m, 6H),  $\delta$  6.94-6.90 (m, 4H),  $\delta$  2.83 (t,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 2H),  $\delta$  2.51 (t,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 2H),  $\delta$  2.35 (t,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 2H),  $\delta$  1.90-1.82 (m, 2H),  $\delta$  1.58-1.57 (m, 2H),  $\delta$  1.39-1.33 (m, 2H),  $\delta$  1.15-1.06 (m, 7H),  $\delta$  0.79-0.72 (m, 6H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$



159.0, 156.7, 149.6, 139.3, 139.2, 133.5, 130.6, 130.4, 129.5, 127.6, 127.5, 126.5, 126.3, 37.6, 36.2, 32.0, 31.9, 30.0, 24.4, 23.8, 22.6, 14.8, 14.7, 14.1; IR spectrum ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) 3058, 3025, 2958, 2929, 2870, 1552, 1442, 1403, 1377  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HR-MS(CI $^+$ ) calcd for  $\text{C}_{28}\text{H}_{36}\text{N}$   $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$  386.2848; found 386.2848.

**2-Pentyl-3,4,5,6-tetraphenylpyridine (6s)** [CAS No. 198758-19-9] 73%

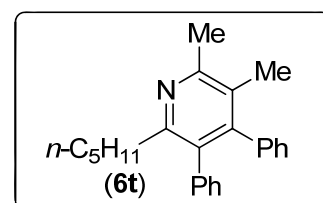
yield, yellow oil,  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.35-7.33 (m, 2H),  $\delta$  7.17-7.12 (m, 6H),  $\delta$  7.06-7.04 (m, 2H),  $\delta$  6.95-6.94 (m, 3H),  $\delta$  6.87-6.83 (m, 5H),  $\delta$  6.73-6.71 (m, 2H),  $\delta$  2.72 (t,  $J$  = 7.2 Hz, 2H),  $\delta$  1.75-1.68 (m,



2H),  $\delta$  1.25-1.21 (m, 4H),  $\delta$  0.83-0.80 (m, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  159.2, 156.2, 149.6, 141.3, 138.8, 138.7, 138.5, 134.6, 132.4, 131.6, 130.5, 130.4, 130.2, 127.8, 127.7, 127.5, 127.4, 127.0, 126.7, 126.3, 126.2, 36.4, 32.0, 29.6, 22.6, 14.2.

**2,3-Dimethyl-6-pentyl-4,5-diphenylpyridine (6t)** 85% yield, yellow oil,

$^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.15-7.06 (m, 6H),  $\delta$  6.94 (d,  $J$  = 6.8 Hz, 2H),  $\delta$  6.89 (d,  $J$  = 6.8 Hz, 2H),  $\delta$  2.60 (s, 3H),  $\delta$  2.53 (t,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 2H),  $\delta$  2.00 (s, 3H),  $\delta$  1.58-1.55 (m, 2H),  $\delta$  1.16-1.15 (m, 4H),  $\delta$  0.77 (t,  $J$  = 6.4 Hz, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  156.6, 155.7, 149.4, 139.3,

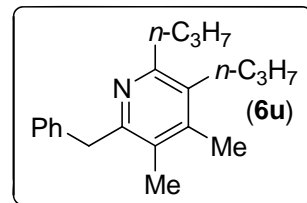


139.1, 133.6, 130.4, 129.4, 127.7, 127.6, 126.7, 126.4, 36.2, 32.0, 30.2, 23.5, 22.5, 16.7, 14.1; IR

spectrum (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 3058, 3026, 2927, 2858, 2735, 1602, 1555, 1494, 1409, 1378 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HR-MS(CI+) calcd for C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>28</sub>N [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 330.2222; found 330.2225.

**2-Benzyl-3,4-dimethyl-5,6-dipropylpyridine (6u)** 60% yield, yellow oil,

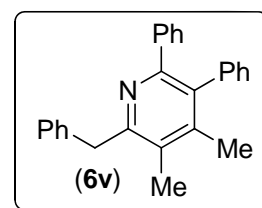
<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.22-7.11 (m, 5H), δ 4.16 (s, 2H), δ 2.75 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), δ 2.59 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), δ 2.16 (s, 3H), δ 2.08 (s, 3H), δ 1.76-1.71 (m, 2H), δ 1.52-1.46 (m, 2H), δ 1.01-1.00 (m, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 156.6, 154.6, 144.6, 140.3, 132.0, 128.7, 128.4,



128.0, 125.9, 43.0, 37.7, 31.4, 23.8, 23.7, 15.8, 15.5, 14.8, 14.6; IR spectrum (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 3060, 3026, 2960, 2870, 1663, 1565, 1490, 1455, 1381 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HR-MS(CI+) calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>28</sub>N [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 282.2222; found 282.2215.

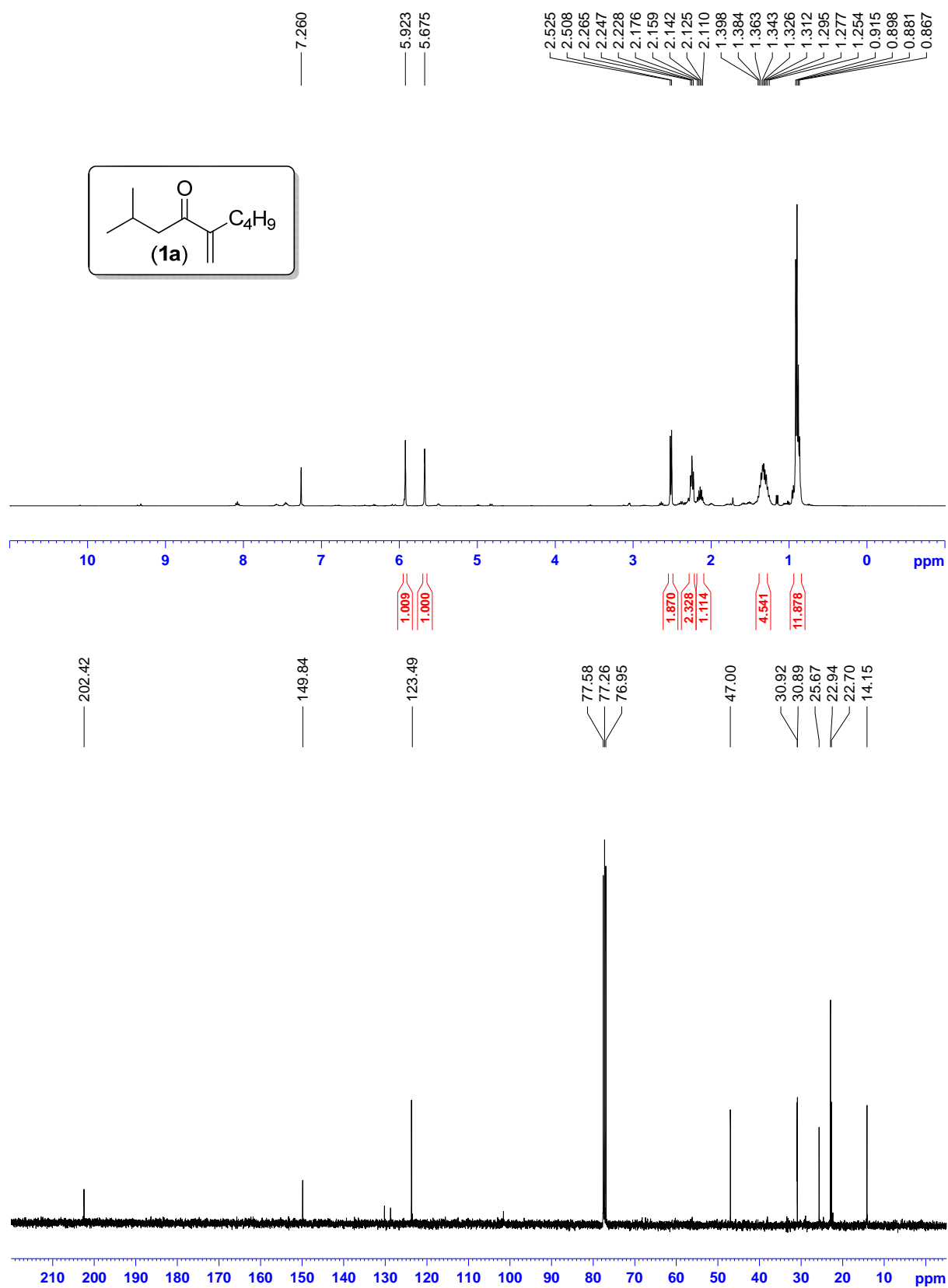
**2-Benzyl-3,4-dimethyl-5,6-diphenylpyridine (6v)** 41% yield, yellow oil, <sup>1</sup>H

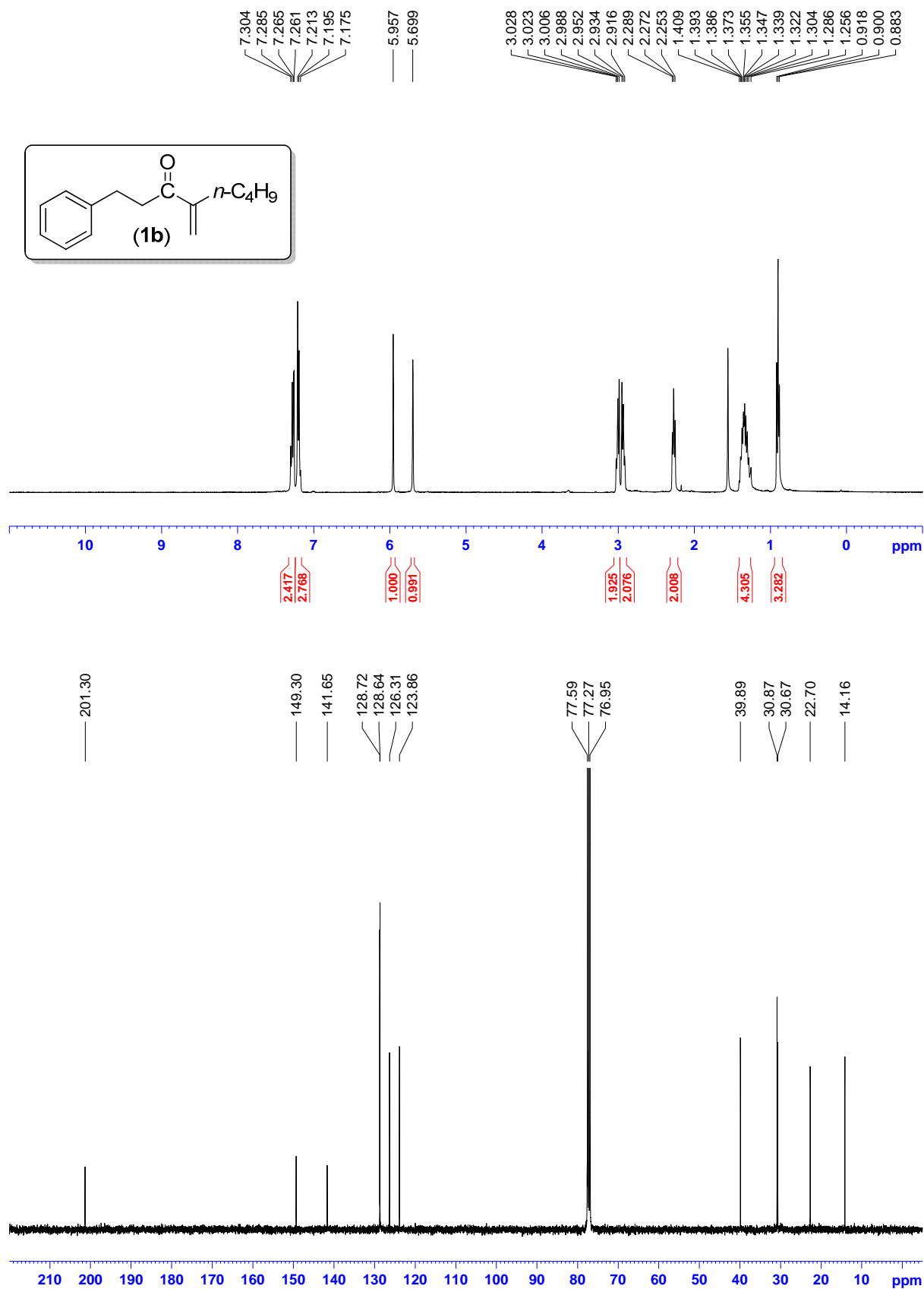
NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.34-7.19 (m, 10H), δ 7.14-7.13 (m, 3H), δ 7.05-7.03 (m, 2H), δ 4.34 (s, 2H), δ 2.25 (s, 3H), δ 2.05 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 156.9, 154.4, 145.3, 141.4, 140.0, 139.5, 134.5, 130.8, 130.1,



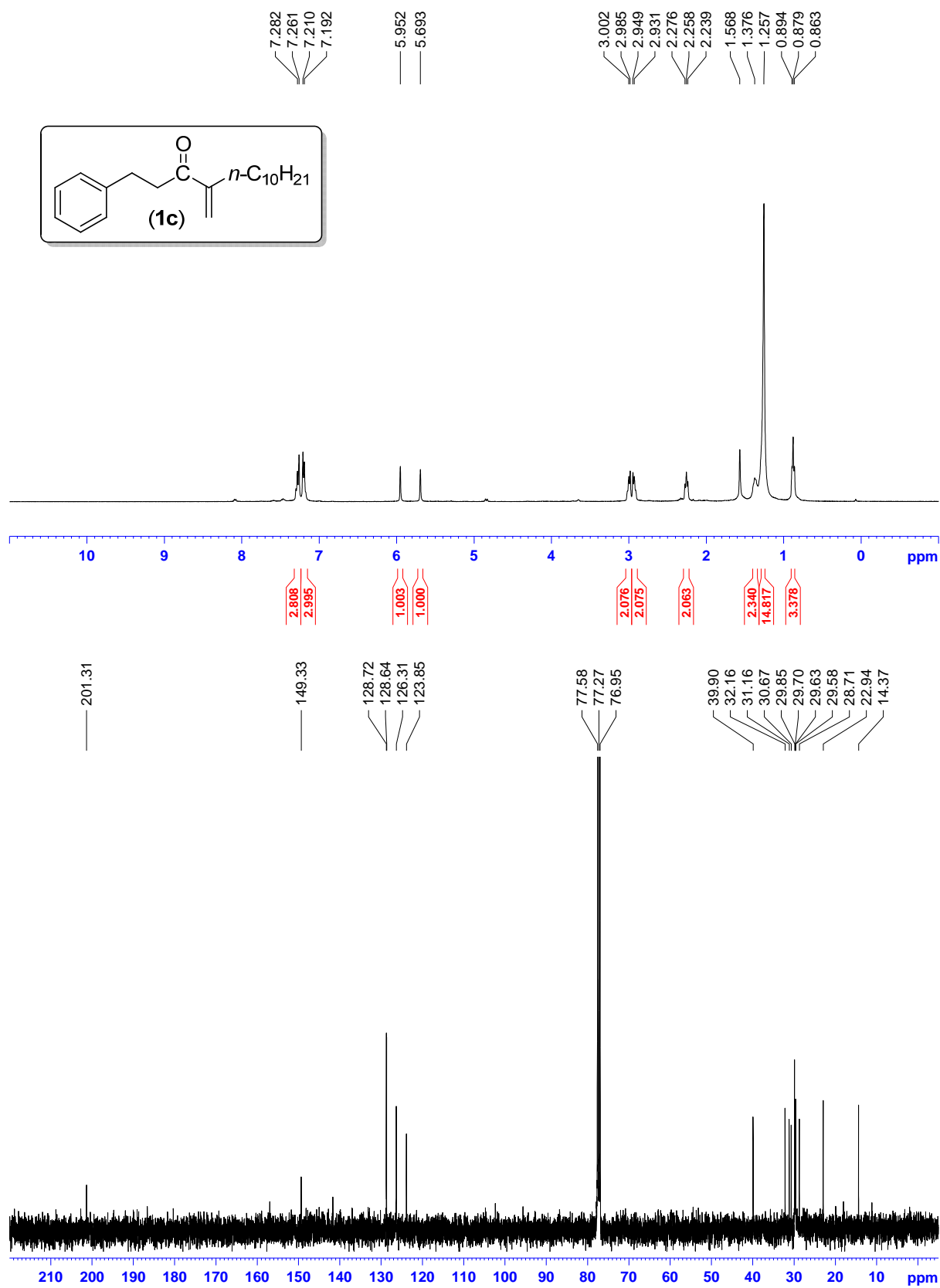
129.4, 128.9, 128.5, 128.2, 127.6, 127.1, 126.9, 126.2, 43.2, 17.8, 15.6; IR spectrum (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 3059, 3027, 2974, 2927, 2866, 1601, 1552, 1494, 1444, 1402 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HR-MS(CI+) calcd for C<sub>26</sub>H<sub>24</sub>N [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 350.1909; found 350.1909.

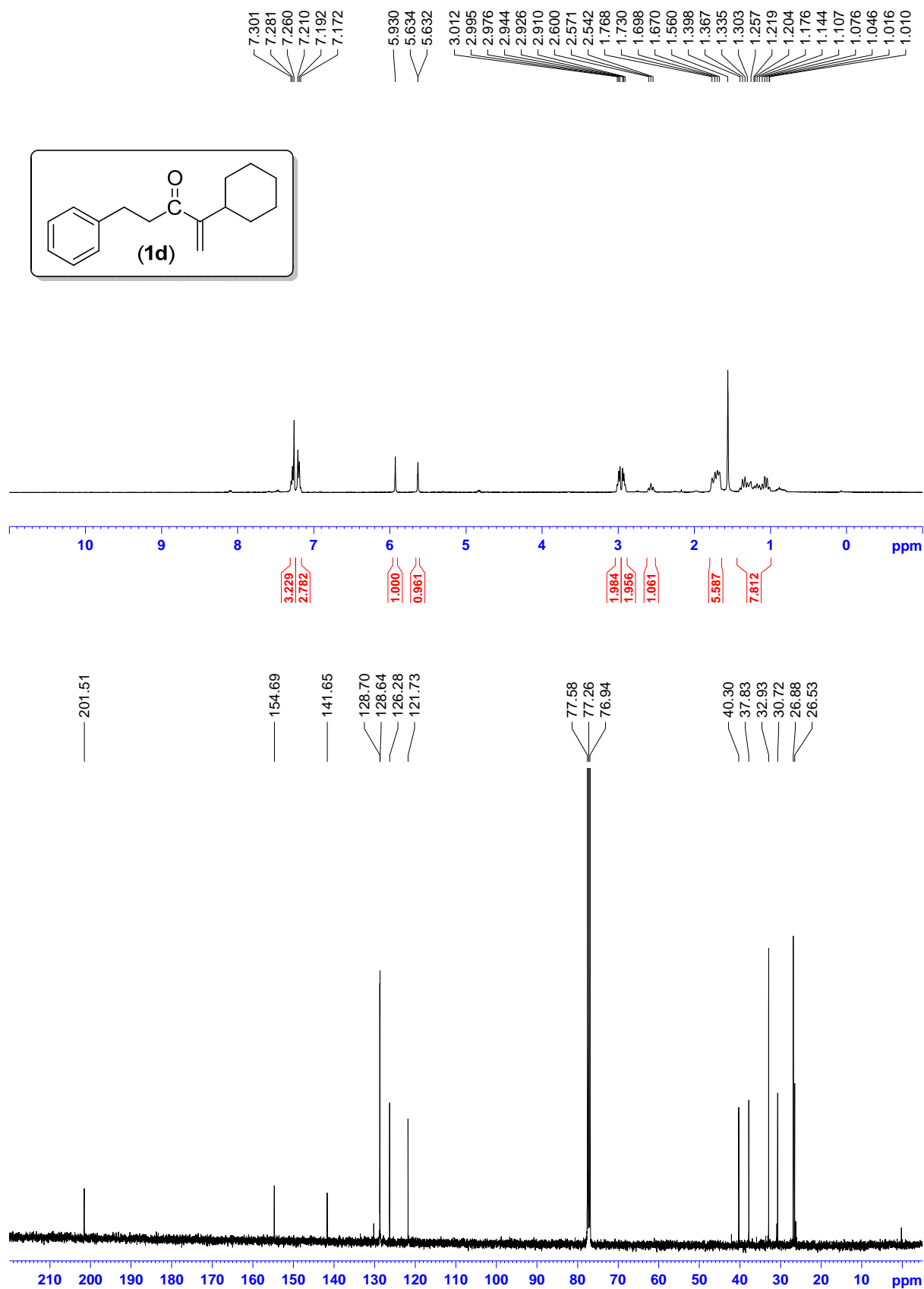
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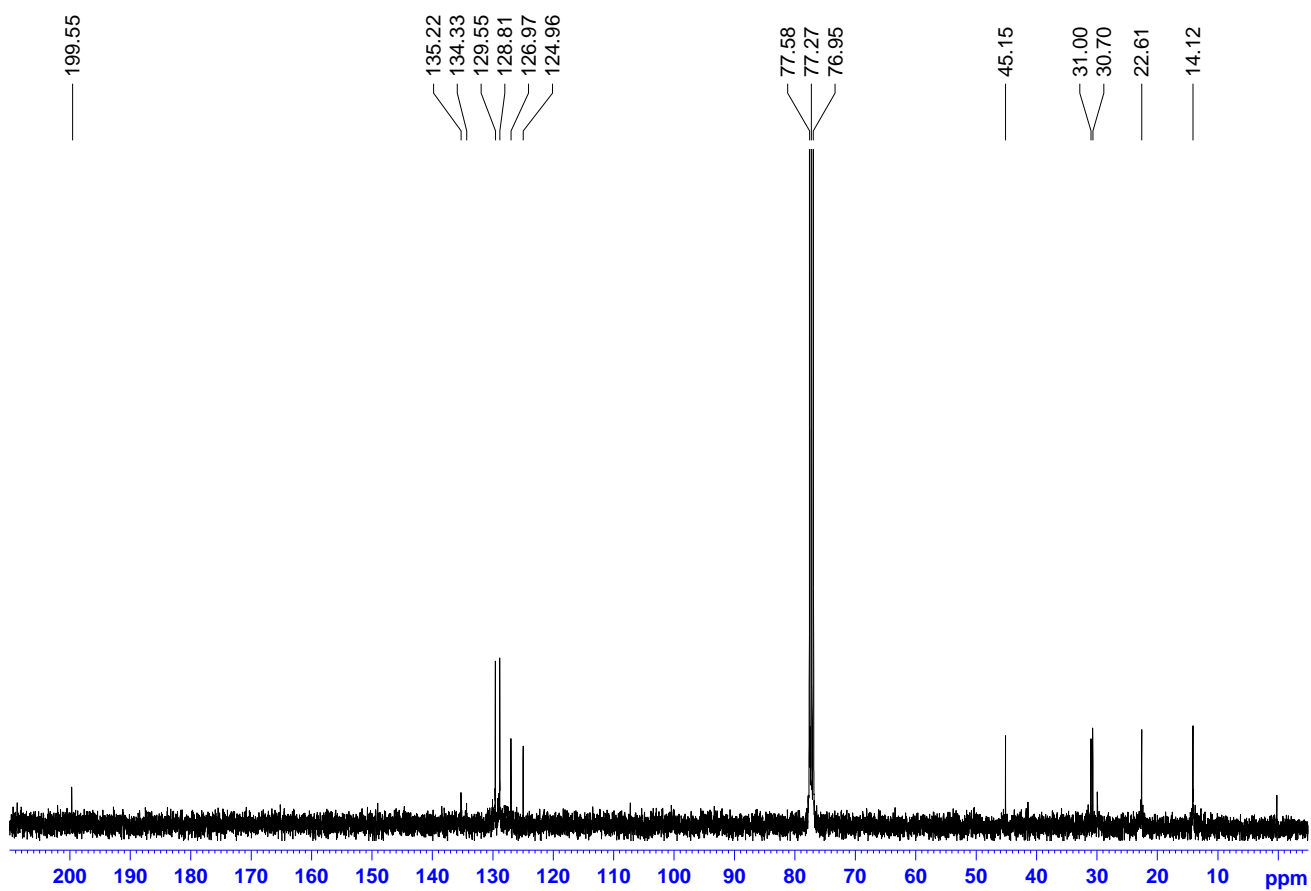
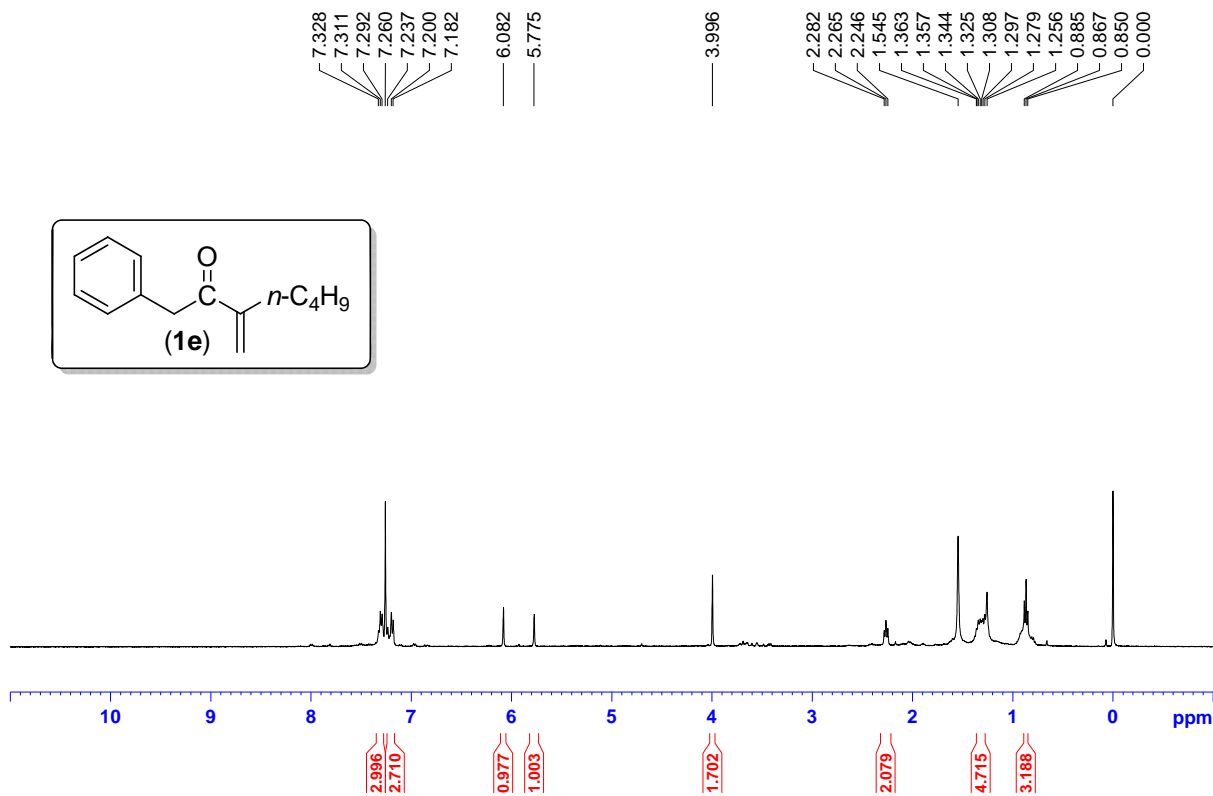
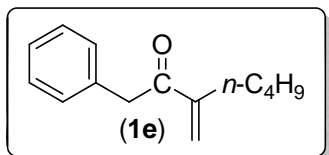


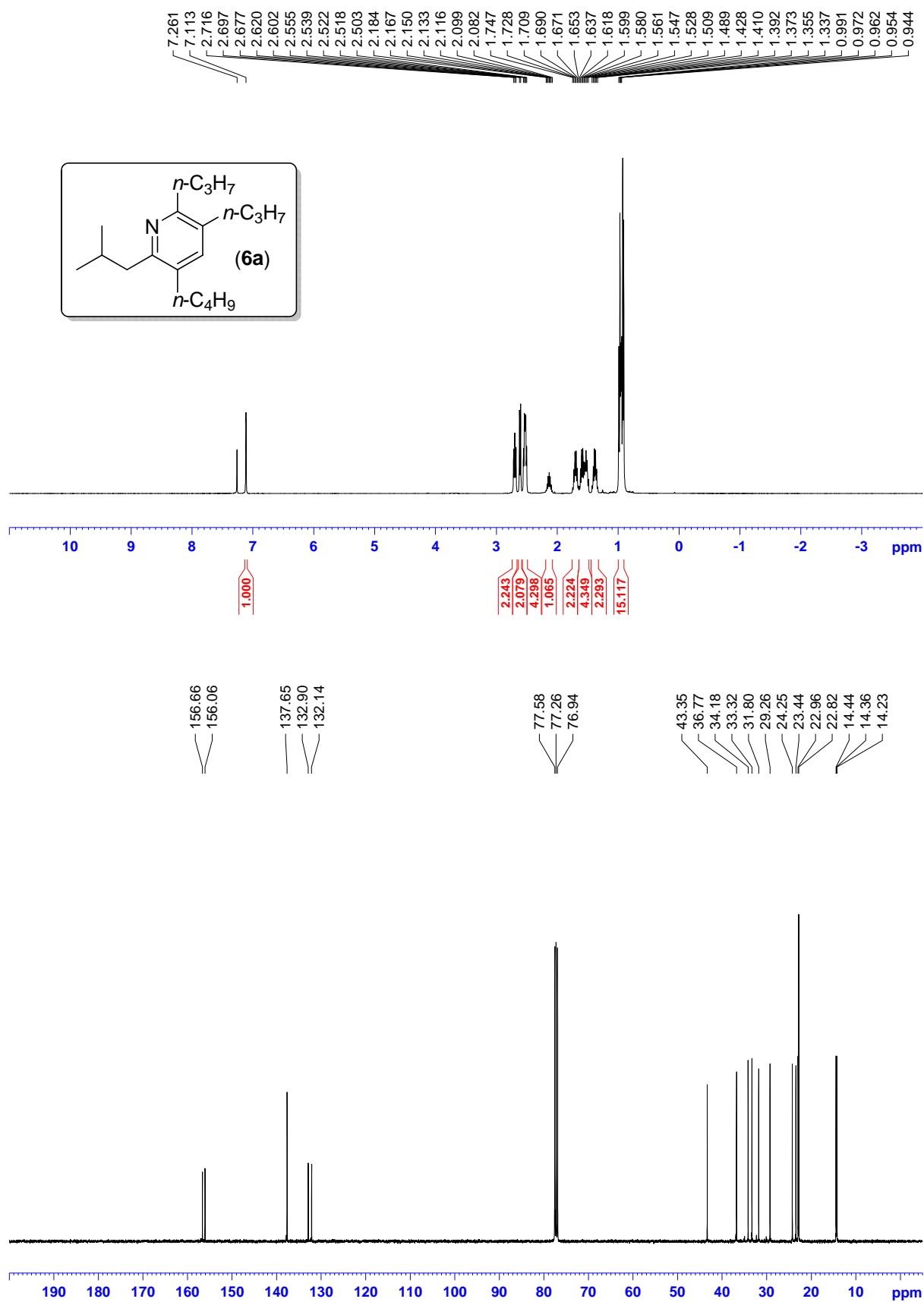


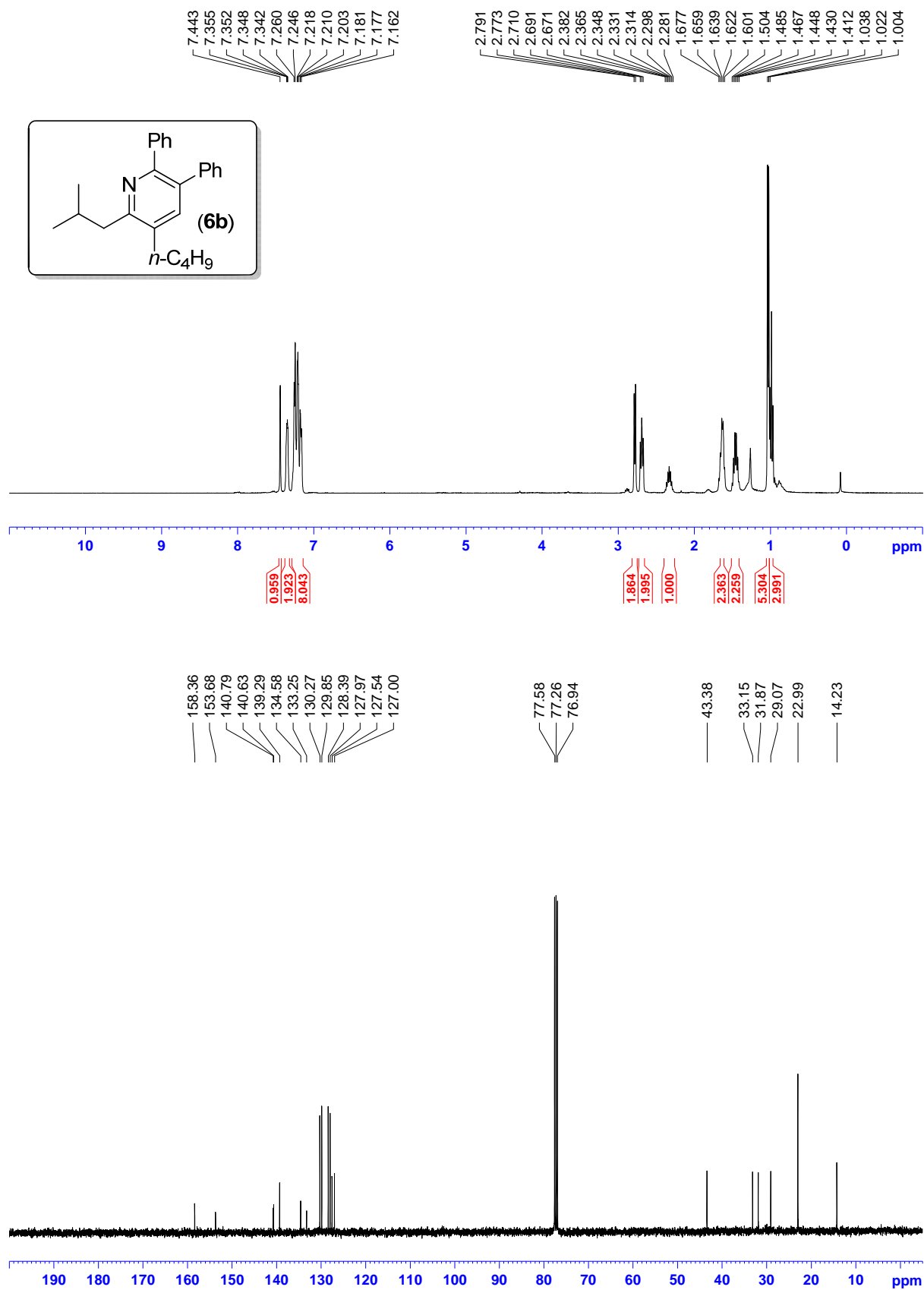


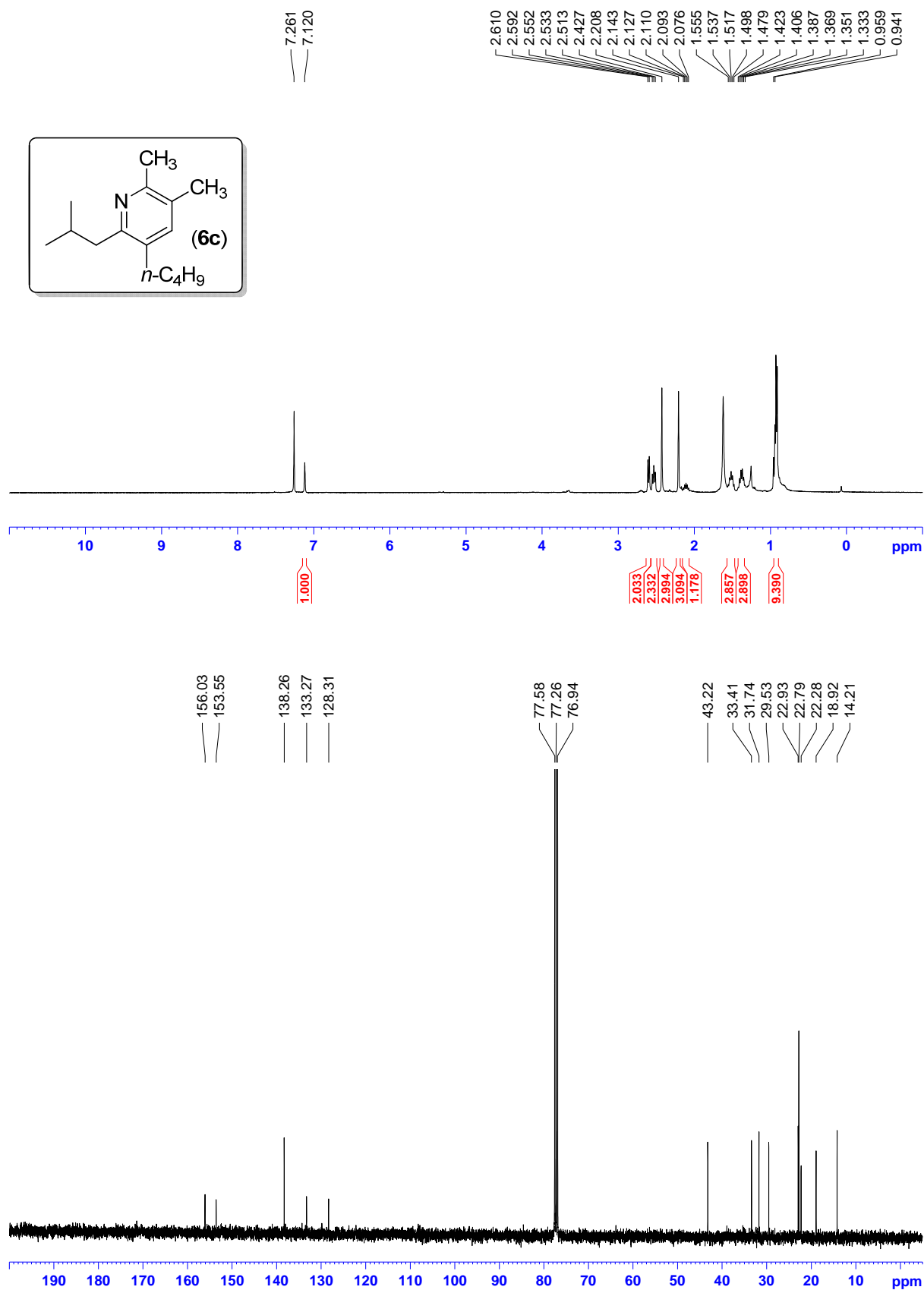


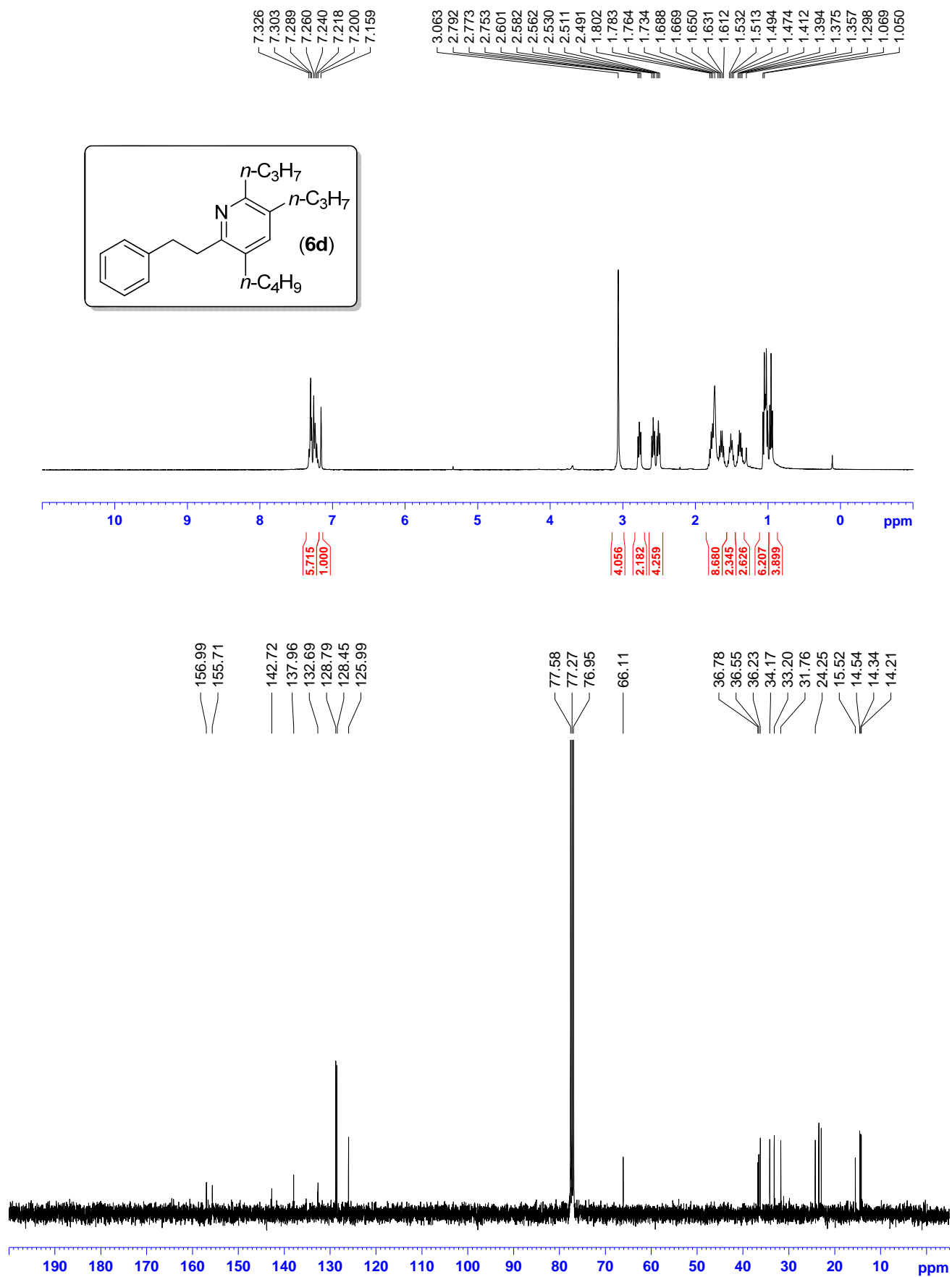


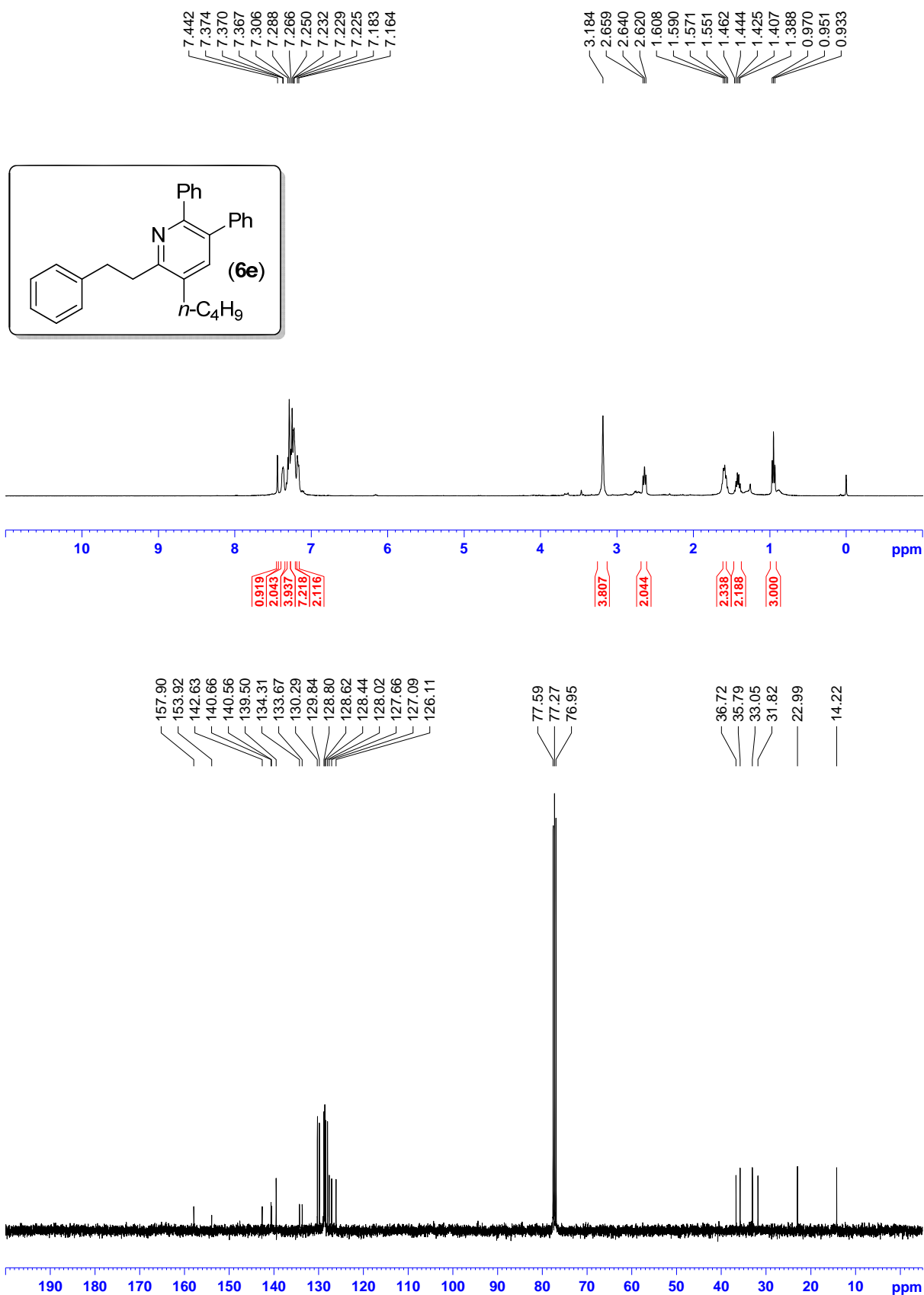




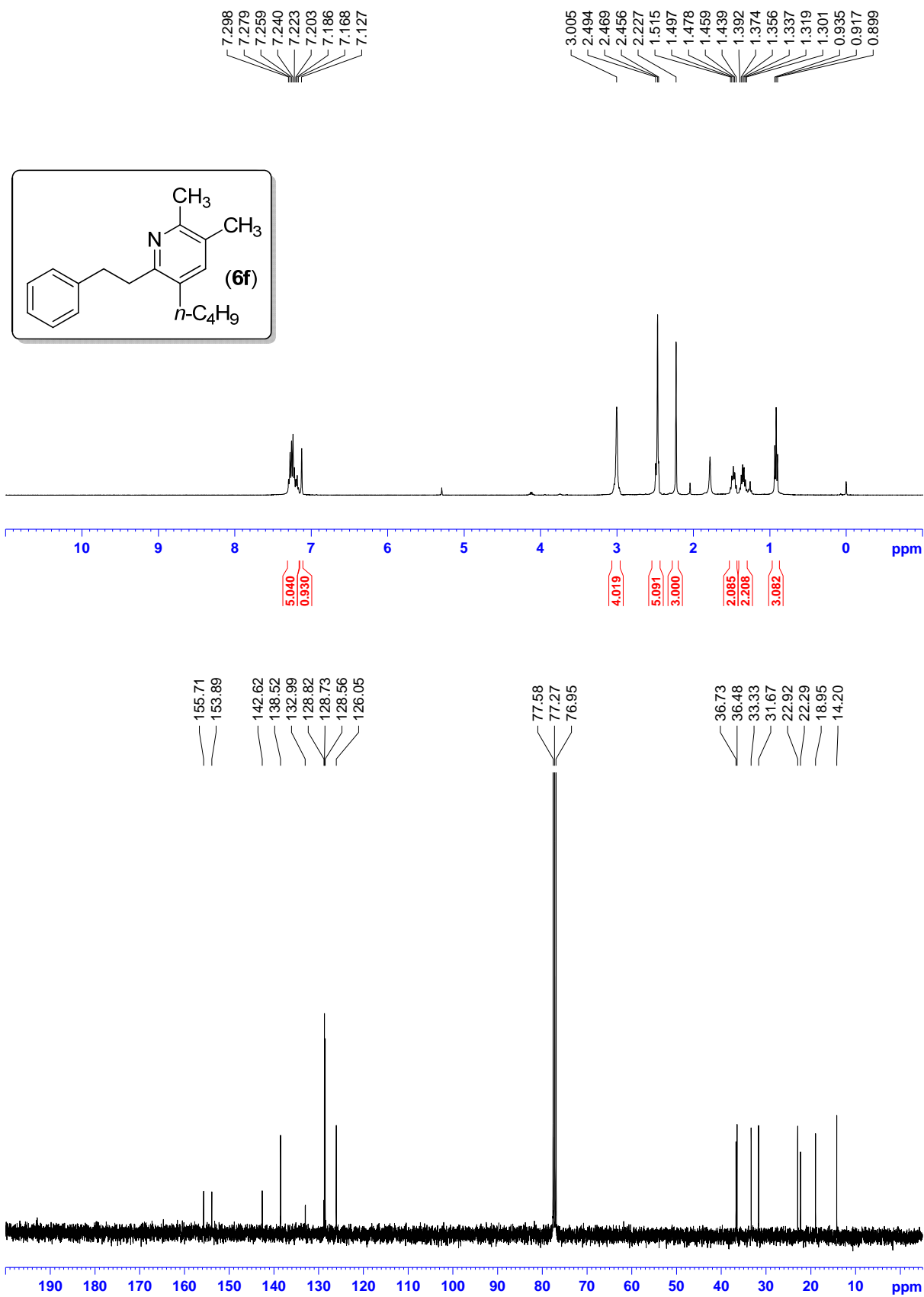


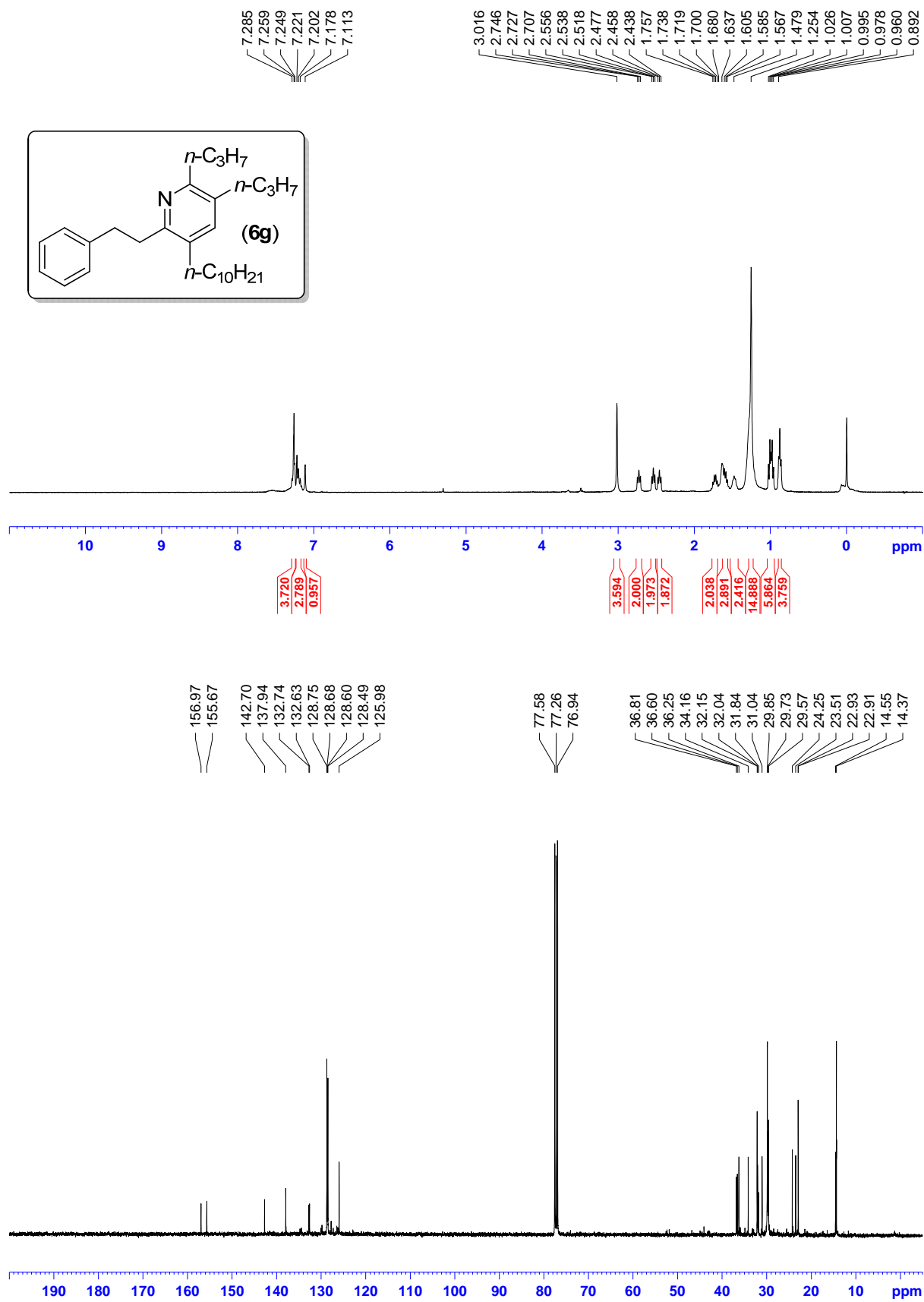


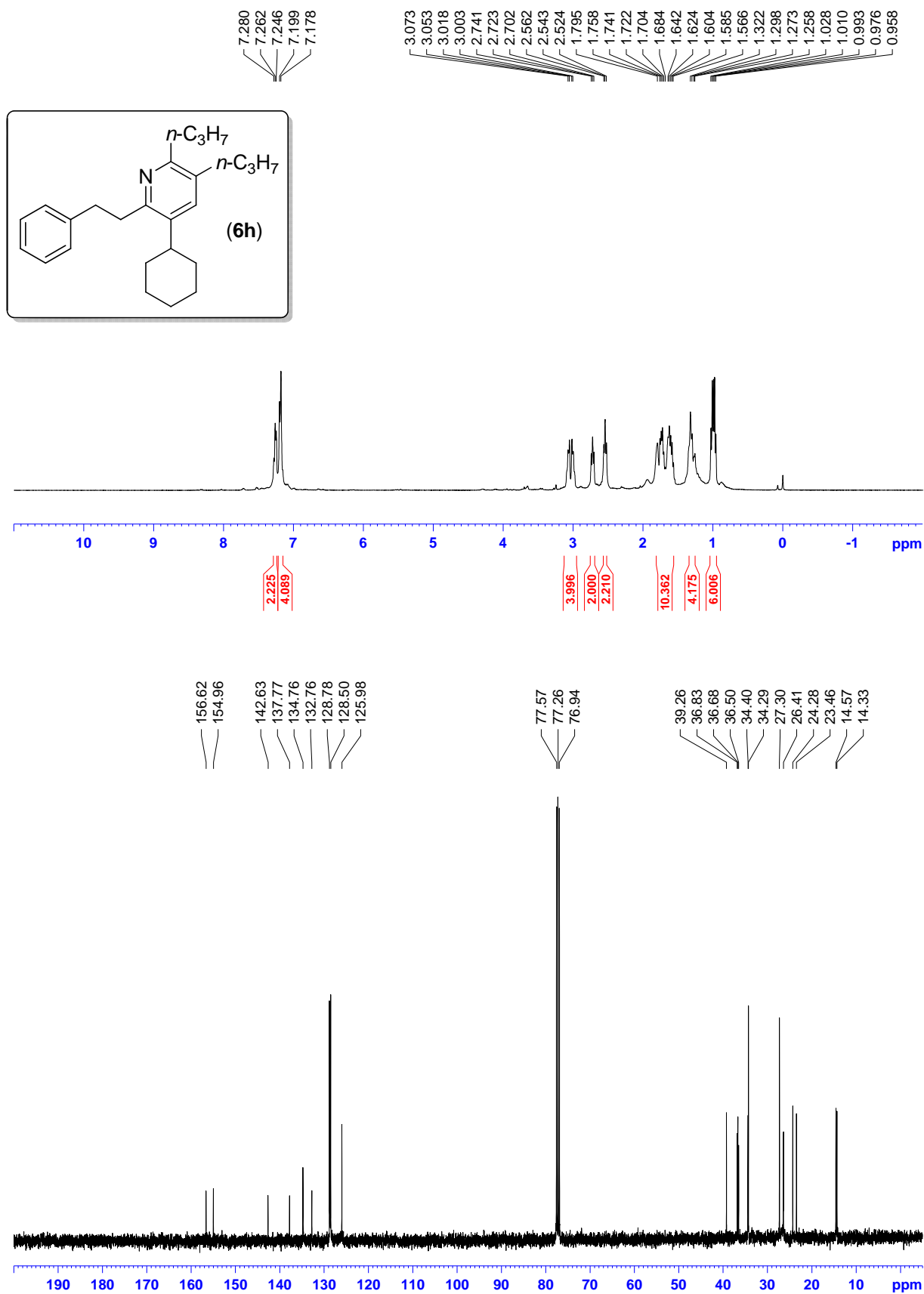


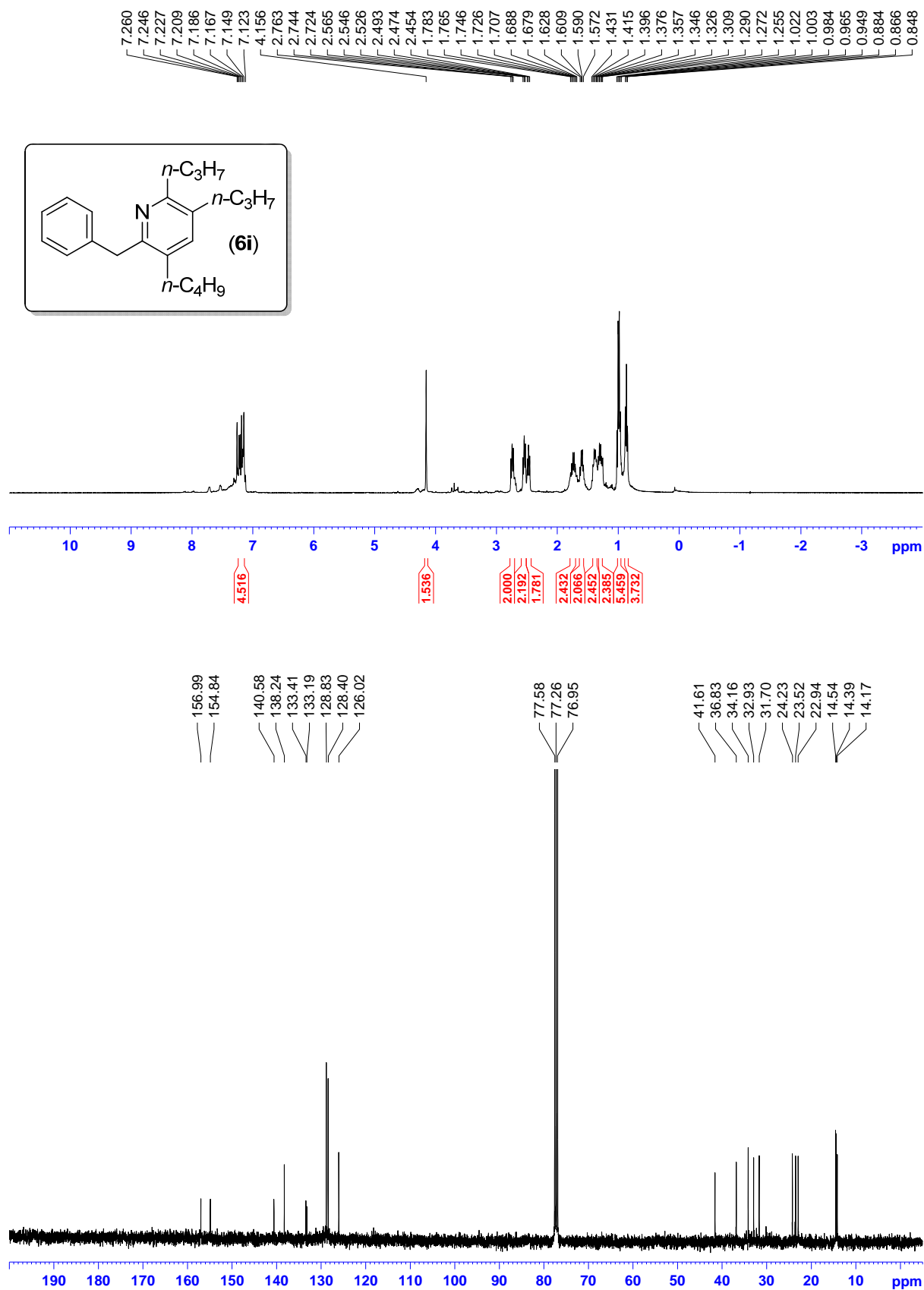


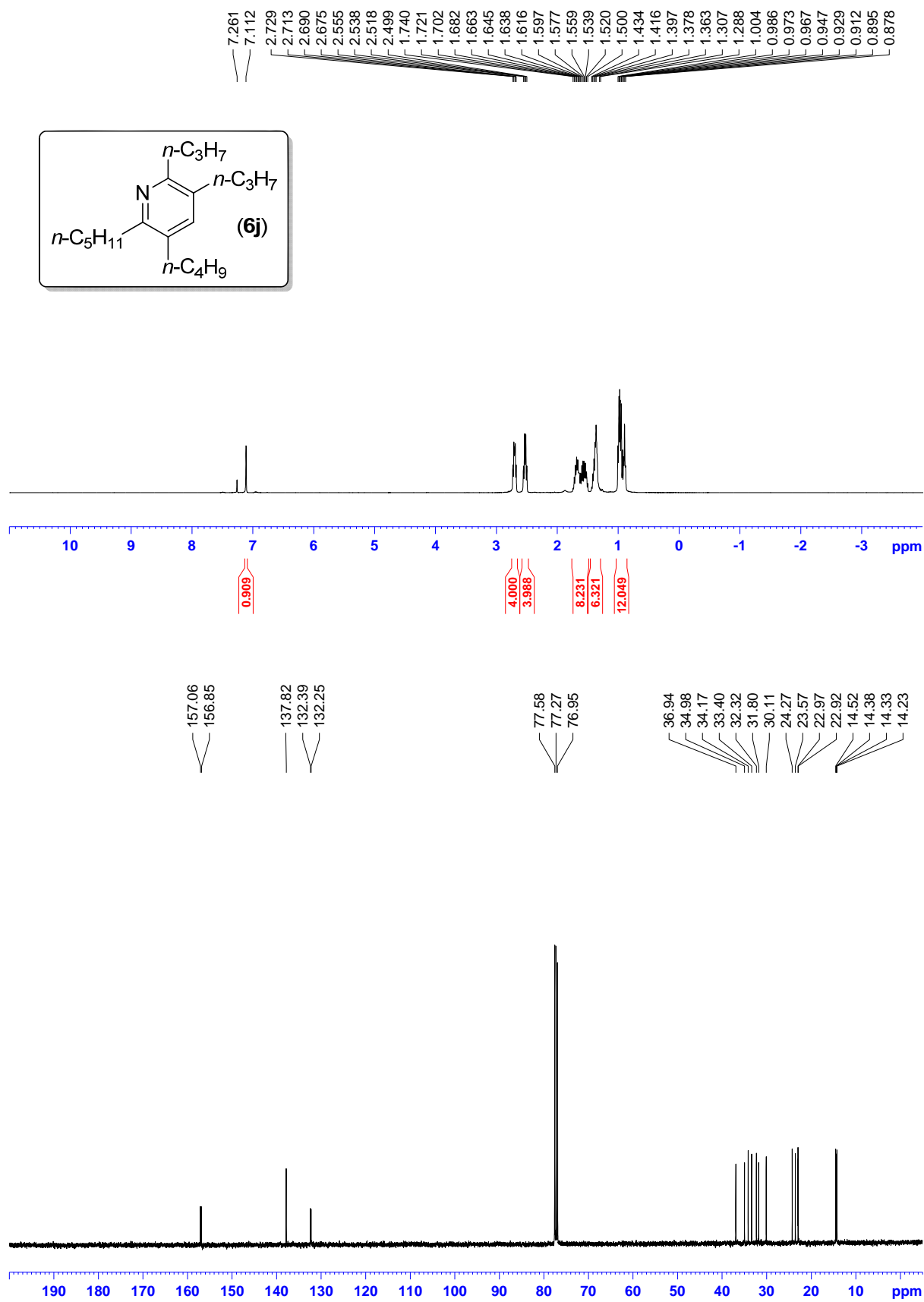


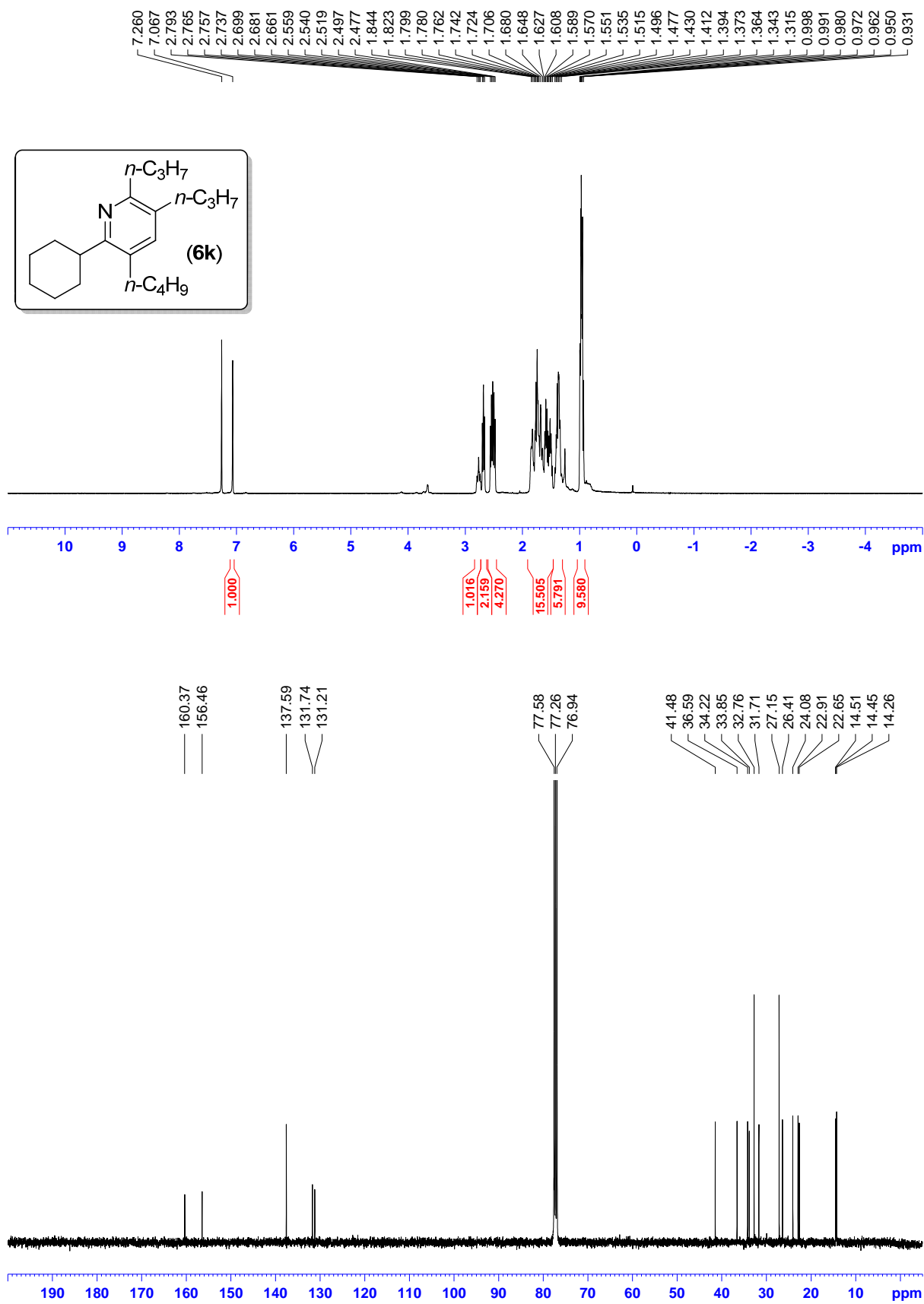


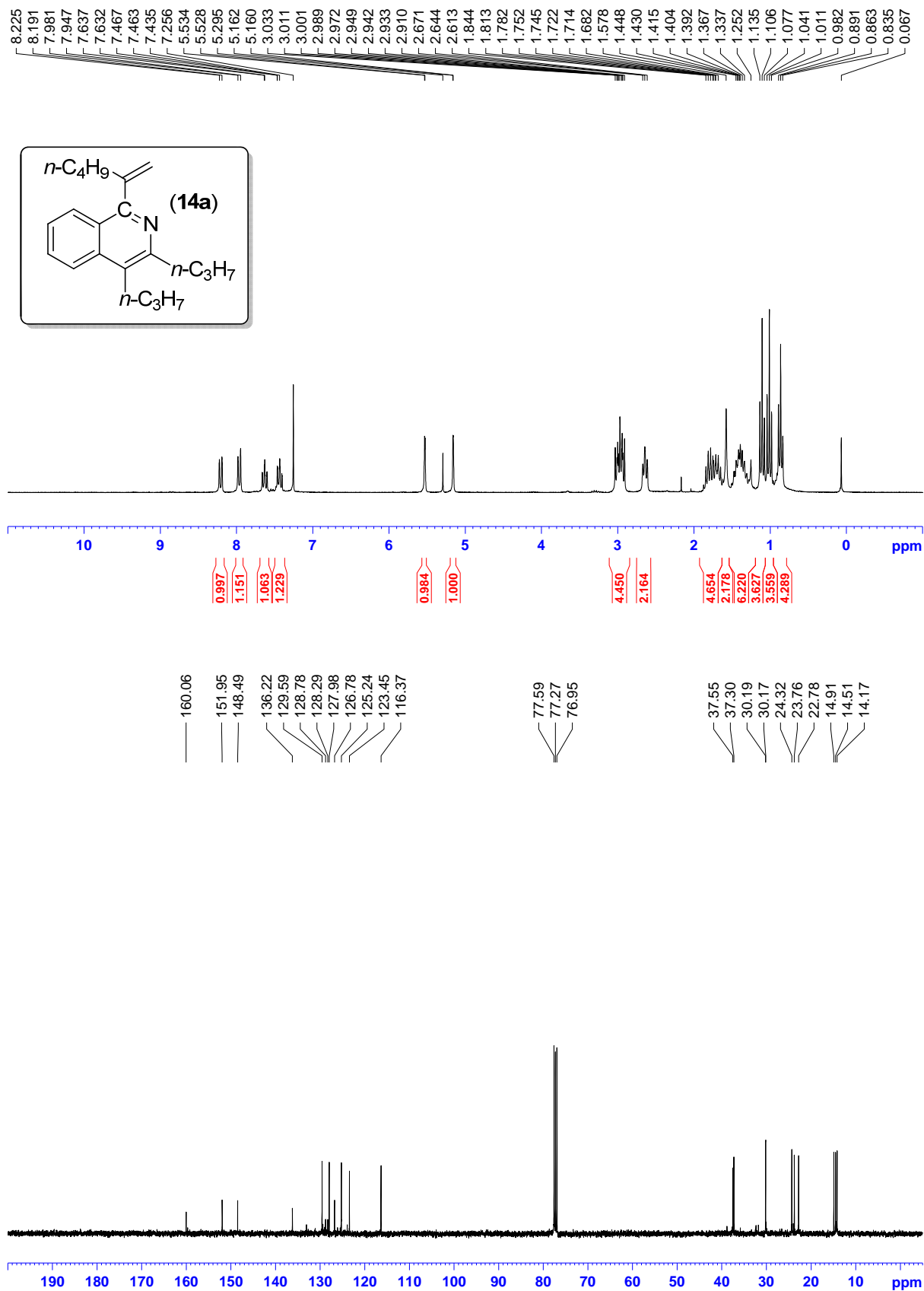


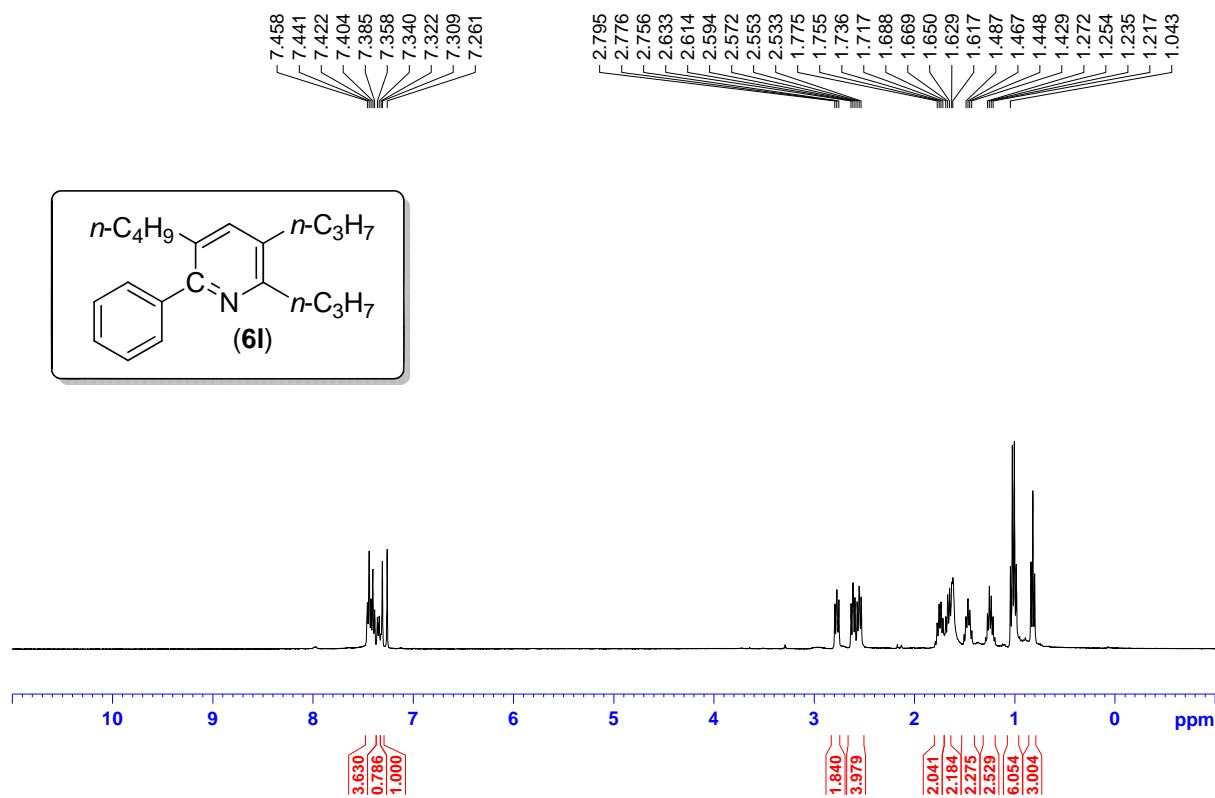












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