

**Benzyne/benzyne/RNC or CO triple sequential insertion into the Pd–C bond:  
synthesis of ten-membered N-heterocycles through stable ten- and eleven-  
membered palladacycles**

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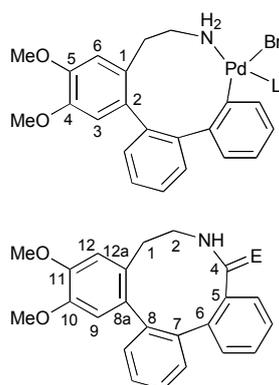
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## Experimental Section

**General Procedures.** Melting points were determined on a Reicher apparatus and are uncorrected. Elemental analyses were carried out with a Carlo Erba 1106 microanalyzer. Exact masses were recorded on an AUTOSPEC 5000 VG mass spectrometer. IR spectra were recorded on a Perkin-Elmer 16F PC FT-IR spectrometer with Nujol mulls between polyethylene sheets. NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker Avance 300 or 400 spectrometer, at room temperature. Chemical shifts were referenced to TMS ( $^1\text{H}$ ,  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ ). NMR assignments were performed with the help of APT, HMQC and HMBC techniques.

The palladacycle  $[\text{Pd}\{C,N\text{-}C_6\text{H}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{NH}_2\text{-}2,(\text{MeO})_2\text{-}4,5\}(\mu\text{-Br})_2]$  (**A**) was prepared as previously reported.<sup>1</sup> 2-(Trimethylsilyl)phenyl trifluoromethanesulfonate, CsF, XyNC (Aldrich),  $^t\text{BuNC}$  (Alfa Aesar), 4-picoline (Fluka) and CO (Air Products) were used as received. TlOTf was prepared by reaction of  $\text{Tl}_2\text{CO}_3$  and  $\text{HO}_3\text{SCF}_3$  (1:2) in water, and recrystallized from acetone/ $\text{Et}_2\text{O}$ . Chart 1 shows the numbering scheme used for NMR assignments.



**Chart 1.** Numbering Scheme

**Synthesis of [Pd(C,N-(C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>)<sub>2</sub>(C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>NH<sub>2</sub>-2,(OMe)<sub>2</sub>-4,5}(μ-Br))<sub>2</sub> (1).**

A solution of 2-(trimethylsilyl)phenyl trifluoromethanesulfonate (598 μL, 2.445 mmol) in dry MeCN (10 mL) was added dropwise to a suspension of palladacycle **A** (300 mg, 0.409 mmol) and CsF (373 mg, 2.455 mmol) in dry MeCN (15 mL) under N<sub>2</sub> atmosphere, and the mixture was stirred for 24 h. The solvent was removed, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (30 mL) was added, and the suspension was filtered through a plug of MgSO<sub>4</sub>. The filtrate was concentrated to ca. 2 mL, and Et<sub>2</sub>O (30 mL) was added. The suspension was filtered, and the solid was washed with Et<sub>2</sub>O (2 x 5 mL) and air-dried to afford a first crop of crude complex **1** as an orange solid (175 mg). The filtrate was concentrated to ca. 2 mL, and *n*-pentane (20 mL) was added. The suspension was filtered, and the solid was washed with *n*-pentane (2 x 5 mL) and air-dried to afford a second crop of crude complex **1** as an orange solid (70 mg). Yield: 245 mg, 0.236 mmol, 58%. Crude complex **1** was purified by chromatography on silica gel, rinsing the column with *n*-hexane first, and then using a 1:3 EtOAc/CHCl<sub>3</sub> mixture as eluent. The collected orange fraction was concentrated to ca. 1 mL, and *n*-pentane (20 mL) was added. The suspension was filtered, and the solid was washed with *n*-pentane (2 x 3 mL) and air-dried to give an spectroscopically pure sample of **1** as an orange solid (195 mg, 0.188 mmol; recrystallization yield: 80%). This solid was dried in a vacuum oven at 60 °C for 12 h to obtain an analytically pure sample. Anal. Calcd for C<sub>44</sub>H<sub>44</sub>Br<sub>2</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub>Pd<sub>2</sub> (1037.454): C, 50.94; H, 4.20; N, 2.70. Found: C, 51.00; H, 4.42; N, 3.03. Mp: 147 °C. ESI-HRMS: calcd for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>21</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>Pd 438.0631 [(M - HBr)<sup>+</sup>], found 438.0694. IR (cm<sup>-1</sup>): ν(NH) 3306 w, 3249 m. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>): δ 1.65 (m, 1 H, NH<sub>2</sub>), 2.49–2.63 (m, partially obscured by the dmsO-*d*<sub>6</sub> signal, 1 H, CH<sub>2</sub>Ar), 2.64–2.69 (m, 2 H, CH<sub>2</sub>Ar + CH<sub>2</sub>N), 3.30–3.33 (m, partially obscured by the DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>, 1 H, CH<sub>2</sub>N), 3.61 (s, 3 H, MeO), 3.66 (s, 3 H, MeO), 4.65 (br d, 1 H, NH<sub>2</sub>, <sup>2</sup>J<sub>HH</sub> = 9.0 Hz), 6.65 (s, 1

H, H6), 6.74 (s, 1 H, H3), 6.78–6.84 (m, 2 H, C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>), 7.07–7.16 (m, 3 H, C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>), 7.42–7.47 (m, 3 H, C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>). <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (75.45 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>): δ 31.6 (s, CH<sub>2</sub>Ar), 44.8 (s, CH<sub>2</sub>N), 55.2 (s, MeO), 55.4 (s, MeO), 110.5 (s, CH, C6), 114.7 (s, CH, C3), 122.9 (s, CH, C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>), 126.0 (s, CH, C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>), 126.8 (s, CH, C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>), 127.1 (s, C1), 130.2 (s, CH, C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>), 130.3 (s, CH, C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>), 130.4 (s, CH, C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>), 132.3 (s, CH, C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>), 134.4 (s, C2), 140.0 (s, C, C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>), 144.7 (s, C, C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>), 144.8 (s, C, C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>), 145.8 (s, C4), 145.8 (s, C5), 151.9 (s, C, C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>).

**Synthesis of [Pd{C,N-(C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>)<sub>2</sub>(C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>NH<sub>2</sub>-2,(OMe)-4,5}Br(NC<sub>5</sub>H<sub>4</sub>Me-4)] (2a).** 4-Picoline (0.015 mL, 0.154 mmol) was added to a solution of complex **1** (80 mg, 0.077 mmol) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (20 mL), and the resulting solution was stirred for 30 min. The mixture was filtered through a plug of Celite, the filtrate was concentrated to ca. 2 mL, and Et<sub>2</sub>O (30 mL) was added. The suspension was filtered, and the solid was washed with Et<sub>2</sub>O (2 x 5 mL) and air-dried to afford a first crop of complex **2a** as a yellow solid (25 mg). The filtrate was concentrated to ca. 2 mL, and *n*-pentane (20 mL) was added. The suspension was filtered, and the solid was washed with *n*-pentane (2 x 5 mL) and air-dried to afford a second crop of complex **2a** as a yellow solid (33 mg). Yield: 58 mg, 0.095 mmol, 62%. Mp: 157 °C. Anal. Calcd for C<sub>28</sub>H<sub>29</sub>BrN<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>Pd (611.875): C, 54.96; H, 4.77; N, 4.58. Found: C, 55.04; H, 5.10; N, 4.46. IR (cm<sup>-1</sup>): ν(NH) 3466 br w, 3301 m, 3239 w, 3201 w. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400.91 MHz): δ 1.91 (m, 1 H, NH<sub>2</sub>), 2.29 (br s, 4 H, 3 H of Me + 1 H of NH<sub>2</sub>), 2.84–2.68 (m, 3 H, 1 H of CH<sub>2</sub>Ar + 2 H of CH<sub>2</sub>N), 3.60–3.68 (m, partially obscured by the MeO signal, 1 H, CH<sub>2</sub>Ar), 3.66 (s, 3 H, MeO), 3.81 (s, 3 H, MeO), 5.96 (d, 1 H, C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>HH</sub> = 7.6 Hz), 6.43 (s, 1 H, H3), 6.61 (s, 1 H, H6), 6.93–7.10 (m, 5 H, 2 H of *m*-H pic + 3 H of C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>), 7.18–7.35 (m, 4 H, C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>), 8.05 (br s, 2 H, *o*-H, pic). <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (100.81 MHz): δ 21.0 (s, Me), 32.3 (s, CH<sub>2</sub>Ar), 44.6 (s, CH<sub>2</sub>N), 55.6 (s, MeO), 55.8 (s, MeO), 109.4 (s,

CH, C6), 115.0 (s, CH, C3), 123.1 (s, CH, C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>), 124.6 (s, CH, C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>), 126.2 (s, CH, C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>), 126.3 (s, *m*-CH, pic), 126.7 (s, CH, C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>), 128.4 (s, CH, C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>), 129.4 (s, CH, C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>), 130.6 (s, CH, C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>), 132.8 (s, CH, C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>), 135.6 (s, C2), 140.9 (s, C1), 144.9 (s, C, C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>), 146.2 (s, C4), 147.4 (s, C, C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>), 148.1 (s, C5), 149.6 (s, *p*-C, pic), 152.7 (s, *o*-CH, pic). Two of the <sup>13</sup>C NMR resonances corresponding to the C-C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub> groups were not observed. Single crystals suitable for an X-ray diffraction study were obtained by slow diffusion of *n*-pentane into a solution of **2a** in CHCl<sub>3</sub>.

**Synthesis of [Pd{C,N-(C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>)<sub>2</sub>(C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>NH<sub>2</sub>-2,(OMe)<sub>2</sub>-4,5}Br(CN<sup>t</sup>Bu)] (2b).** <sup>t</sup>BuNC (0.017 mL, 0.154 mmol) was added to a solution of complex **1** (80 mg, 0.077 mmol) in CHCl<sub>3</sub> (25 mL), and the resulting mixture was heated at 65 °C for 6 h. The suspension was filtered through a plug of Celite, the filtrate was concentrated to ca. 2 mL, and Et<sub>2</sub>O (30 mL) was added. The suspension was filtered, and the solid was washed with Et<sub>2</sub>O (2 x 5 mL) and air-dried to afford complex **2a** as a pale yellow solid. Yield: 45 mg, 0.075 mmol, 48%. Mp: 138 °C. Anal. Calcd for C<sub>27</sub>H<sub>31</sub>BrN<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>Pd (608.915): C, 53.88; H, 5.19; N, 4.65. Found: C, 53.74; H, 5.29; N, 5.10. IR (cm<sup>-1</sup>): ν(NH) 3362 w, 3291 w; 3177 w; ν(CN) 2199 s. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (200.1 MHz): δ 1.44 (s, 9 H, Me, <sup>t</sup>Bu), 1.62–1.74 (m, partially obscured by the H<sub>2</sub>O signal, 1 H, NH<sub>2</sub>), 2.36–2.41 (m, 2 H, 1 H of CH<sub>2</sub>Ar + 1 H of NH<sub>2</sub>), 2.66–2.87 (m, 2 H, 1 H of CH<sub>2</sub>Ar + 1 H of CH<sub>2</sub>N), 3.10–3.18 (m, 1 H, CH<sub>2</sub>N), 3.74 (s, 3 H, MeO), 3.81 (s, 3 H, MeO), 6.58 (s, 1 H, H<sub>6</sub>), 6.60 (s, 1 H, H<sub>3</sub>), 6.86–6.90 (m, 2 H, C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>), 7.06–7.25 (m, 4 H, C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>), 7.36–7.40 (m, 4 H, C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>). <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (75.45 MHz): δ 30.0 (s, Me), 32.0 (s, CH<sub>2</sub>Ar), 45.0 (s, CH<sub>2</sub>N), 55.8 (s, MeO), 55.8 (s, MeO), 109.5 (s, C6), 111.2 (s, C-CN), 111.8 (s, CN), 114.9 (s, CH, C3), 115.8 (s, C, C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>), 123.2 (s, CH, C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>), 126.3 (s, CH, C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>), 126.6 (s, CH, C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>), 126.8 (s, CH, C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>), 129.5 (s, CH, C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>), 130.2 (s, CH, C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>), 130.6 (s, CH,

C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>), 134.5 (s, CH, C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>), 135.4 (s, C2), 140.2 (s, C1), 145.6 (s, C, C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>), 145.9 (s, C, C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>), 146.3 (s, C4), 147.5 (s, C, C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>), 148.2 (s, C5).

**Synthesis of [Pd{C,N-(C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>)<sub>2</sub>C(=NXy)(C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>NH<sub>2</sub>-2,(OMe)<sub>2</sub>-4,5}Br(CNXy)] (3).** XyNC (51 mg, 0.384 mmol) was added to a solution of complex **1** (100 mg, 0.096 mmol) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (20 mL), and the resulting solution was stirred for 1 h. The mixture was filtered through a plug of Celite, the filtrate was concentrated to ca. 2 mL, and Et<sub>2</sub>O (30 mL) was added. The suspension was filtered, and the solid was washed with Et<sub>2</sub>O (2 x 5 mL) and air-dried to afford a first crop of complex **3** as a yellow solid (55 mg). The filtrate was concentrated to ca. 2 mL, and *n*-pentane (20 mL) was added. The suspension was filtered, and the solid was washed with *n*-pentane (2 x 5 mL) and air-dried to afford a second crop of complex **3** as a yellow solid (25 mg). Yield: 80 mg, 0.102 mmol, 53%. Mp: 122 °C. Anal. Calcd for C<sub>40</sub>H<sub>40</sub>BrN<sub>3</sub>O<sub>2</sub>Pd (781.001): C, 61.51; H, 5.16; N, 5.38. Found: C, 61.36; H, 4.76; N, 5.70. IR (cm<sup>-1</sup>): ν(NH) 3433 w, 3376 w, 3286 w, 3229 w; ν(CN) 2170 s. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400.91 MHz): δ 1.25–1.34 (m, 1 H, CH<sub>2</sub>N), 1.84–1.87 (m, 1 H, NH<sub>2</sub>), 2.11 (s, 3 H, inserted Xy), 2.16 (s, 6 H, coordinated Xy), 2.40 (s, 3 H, inserted Xy), 2.69–2.75 (m, 1 H, CH<sub>2</sub>N), 2.82–2.90 (m, 1 H, CH<sub>2</sub>Ar), 3.19–3.21 (m, 1 H, NH<sub>2</sub>), 3.57–3.67 (m, 1 H, CH<sub>2</sub>Ar), 3.85 (s, 3 H, MeO), 3.87 (s, 3 H, MeO), 6.51 (s, 1 H, H6), 6.66 (d, 1 H, C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>HH</sub> = 7.2 Hz), 6.75 (t, 1 H, *p*-H, inserted Xy, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>HH</sub> = 7.6 Hz), 6.90 (s, 1 H, H3), 6.93–7.25 (m, 7 H, 2 H of *m*-CH, inserted Xy + 2 H of *m*-CH, coordinated Xy + 1 H of *p*-CH coordinated Xy + 2 H of C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>), 7.31–7.40 (m, 3 H, C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>), 7.52 (br d, 1 H, C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>HH</sub> = 7.2 Hz), 7.68 (br d, 1 H, C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>HH</sub> = 7.2 Hz). <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (100.81 MHz): δ 19.2 (s, Me, coordinated Xy), 19.5 (s, Me, inserted Xy), 19.9 (s, Me, inserted Xy), 36.6 (s, CH<sub>2</sub>Ar), 42.7 (s, CH<sub>2</sub>N), 55.8 (s, MeO), 55.9 (s, MeO), 111.5 (s, CH, C6), 114.9 (s, CH, C3), 123.3 (s, *m*-CH, inserted Xy), 126.3 (s, C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>), 126.4 (s, *m*-CH, inserted Xy), 127.1 (s, *o*-C, inserted Xy),

127.2 (s, *p*-CH, inserted Xy + CH, C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>), 127.6 (s, CH, C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>), 127.6 (s, CH, C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>), 127.6 (s, *m*-CH + *o*-CH, coordinated Xy), 128.2 (s, CH, C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>), 128.3 (s, CH, C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>), 128.5 (s, C1), 129.2 (s, CH, C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>), 131.9 (s, CH, C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>), 132.9 (s, CH, C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>), 133.3 (s, C2), 133.5 (s, CH, C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>), 135.4 (s, *o*-C, coordinated Xy), 135.7 (s, CN, coordinated Xy), 137.9 (s, C, C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>), 139.3 (s, C, C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>), 140.2 (s, C, C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>), 142.4 (s, C, C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>), 147.0 (s, C4), 148.1 (s, C5), 150.3 (s, *o*-C, inserted Xy), 177.8 (s, CN, inserted Xy). The <sup>13</sup>C resonances corresponding to the *i*-C of the Xy groups were not observed.

**Synthesis of 4·H<sub>2</sub>O.** TlOTf (45 mg, 0.128 mmol) was added to a suspension of complex **3** (100 mg, 0.128 mmol) in acetone (20 mL), and the resulting suspension was stirred for 30 min. The mixture was filtered through a plug of Celite, the solvent was removed from the filtrate, and toluene (10 mL) was added. The mixture was heated at 110 °C for 16 h. Decomposition to metallic palladium was observed. The suspension was filtered through a plug of Celite, the solvent was removed from the filtrate, and the residue was vigorously stirred in Et<sub>2</sub>O (30 mL). The suspension was filtered, and the solid was washed with Et<sub>2</sub>O (2 x 5 mL) and air-dried to afford 4·H<sub>2</sub>O as an orange solid. Yield: 38 mg, 0.060 mmol, 47%. Mp: 114 °C. Compound 4·H<sub>2</sub>O was dried in a vacuum oven, at 40 °C for 12 h. Even though, one molecule of water was observed in the <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum. Anal. Calcd for C<sub>32</sub>H<sub>31</sub>F<sub>3</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>S·H<sub>2</sub>O (630.682): C, 60.94; H, 5.27; N, 4.44; S, 5.08. Found: C, 60.32; H, 5.29; N, 4.92; S, 4.73. EI-HRMS: exact mass calcd for C<sub>31</sub>H<sub>31</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> 463.2386 [(M-OTf)<sup>+</sup>]; found 463.2383. Λ<sub>M</sub> (Ω<sup>-1</sup> cm<sup>2</sup> mol<sup>-1</sup>) = 106 (1.6 x 10<sup>-4</sup> M). IR (cm<sup>-1</sup>): ν(NH) 3187 br m; ν(CN) 1634 s. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300.1 MHz): δ 1.61 (br s, 2 H, H<sub>2</sub>O), 1.99 (s, 3 H, Me, Xy), 2.34 (s, 3 H, Me, Xy), 2.49–2.58 (m, 2 H, CH<sub>2</sub>Ar + CH<sub>2</sub>N), 2.81 (m, 1 H, CH<sub>2</sub>Ar), 3.62–3.70 (m, 1 H, CH<sub>2</sub>N), 3.77 (s, 3 H, MeO), 3.89 (s, 3 H, MeO), 6.33 (s, 1 H, H12), 6.84 (s, 1 H, H9), 7.01–7.31 (m, 5 H, 2 H of C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub> + 1 H of *p*-H, Xy + 2 H of *m*-H, Xy), 7.37–7.48 (m, 5 H, C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>), 7.62–7.67 (m, 1

H, C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>), 8.42 (br s, 1 H, CH<sub>2</sub>NH), 10.67 (s, 1 H, XyNH). <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (100.81 MHz): δ 18.0 (s, Me, Xy), 18.5 (s, Me, Xy), 33.9 (s, CH<sub>2</sub>Ar), 46.1 (s, CH<sub>2</sub>N), 55.8 (s, MeO), 56.2 (s, MeO), 111.4 (s, CH, C12), 113.2 (s, CH, C9), 126.6 (s, C, C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>), 127.8 (s, CH, C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>), 127.9 (s, CH, C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>), 128.1 (s, CH, C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>), 128.4 (s, CH, C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>), 129.7 (s, *p*-CH, Xy + CH, C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>), 129.8 (s, C, C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>), 130.1 (s, *m*-CH + *m*-CH, Xy), 130.9 (s, C12a), 131.4 (s, CH, C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>), 131.5 (s, CH, C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>), 131.9 (s, 8a), 132.1 (s, CH, C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>), 135.0 (s, *o*-C, Xy), 136.0 (s, *o*-C, Xy), 138.5 (s, *i*-C, Xy), 140.7 (s, C, C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>), 140.8 (s, C, C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>), 146.9 (s, C10), 148.6 (s, C11), 165.0 (s, CN). Single crystals of **4**·CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> suitable for an X-ray diffraction study were obtained by slow diffusion of *n*-pentane into a solution of **4**·H<sub>2</sub>O in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>.

**Synthesis of 5·H<sub>2</sub>O.** CO was bubbled through a solution of complex **1** (100 mg, 0.096 mmol) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (25 mL) and the resulting mixture was stirred for 16 h under a CO atmosphere (1 atm). Decomposition to metallic palladium was observed. The mixture was filtered through a plug of Celite, the filtrate was concentrated to ca. 2 mL, and Et<sub>2</sub>O (30 mL) was added. The suspension was filtered, and the solid was washed with Et<sub>2</sub>O (2 x 5 mL) and air-dried to afford a first crop of compound **5**·H<sub>2</sub>O as a pale yellow solid (18 mg). The filtrate was concentrated to ca. 2 mL, and *n*-pentane (20 mL) was added. The suspension was filtered, and the solid was washed with *n*-pentane (2 x 5 mL) and air-dried to afford a second crop of compound **5**·H<sub>2</sub>O as a pale yellow solid (25 mg). Yield: 43 mg, 0.114 mmol, 59%. Mp: 92 °C. The second crop of complex **5**·H<sub>2</sub>O was dried in a vacuum oven, at 40 °C for 12 h. Even though, one molecule of water was observed in the <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum. Anal. Calcd for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>21</sub>NO<sub>3</sub>·H<sub>2</sub>O (377.433): C, 73.19; H, 6.14; N, 3.71. Found: C, 72.60; H, 5.84; N, 3.99. EI-HRMS: exact mass calcd for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>22</sub>NO<sub>3</sub> 360.1600 [(M+H)<sup>+</sup>]; found 360.1603. IR (cm<sup>-1</sup>): ν(NH) 3352 br s; ν(CO) 1700 s. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300.1 MHz): δ 1.62 (br s, 2 H, H<sub>2</sub>O), 2.53–2.59 (m, 1 H,

CH<sub>2</sub>Ar), 2.92–3.17 (m, 3 H, 1 H of CH<sub>2</sub>Ar + 2 H of CH<sub>2</sub>N), 3.41 (s, 3 H, MeO), 3.88 (s, 3 H, MeO), 5.22 (br d, 1 H, NH, <sup>2</sup>J<sub>HH</sub> = 11.4 Hz), 6.16 (s, 1 H, H9), 6.81 (s, 1 H, H12), 7.18 (br d, 1 H, C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>HH</sub> = 7.5 Hz), 7.27–7.34 (m, 6 H, C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>), 7.69 (br d, 1 H, C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>HH</sub> = 7.5 Hz). <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (75.45 MHz): δ 32.4 (s, CH<sub>2</sub>Ar), 42.9 (s, CH<sub>2</sub>N), 55.6 (s, MeO), 55.7 (s, MeO), 112.7 (s, CH, C9), 113.4 (s, CH, C12), 127.7 (s, CH, C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>), 128.1 (s, CH + CH, C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>), 129.2 (s, C12a), 130.0 (s, CH, C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>), 130.8 (s, CH, C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>), 131.8 (s, CH + CH, C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>), 132.0 (s, CH, C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>), 133.4 (s, C8a), 133.5 (s, C, C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>), 138.8 (s, C, C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>), 139.8 (s, C, C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>), 141.3 (s, C, C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>), 147.0 (s, C10), 148.9 (s, C11), 148.5 (s, C9), 168.4 (s, CO).

**Relevant crystallographic data and details of the refinements for the structures of compounds 2a and 4·CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>.** *Data Collection.* Crystals suitable for X-ray diffraction were mounted in a loop fiber and transferred to a SuperNova, Dual, Cu at zero, Atlas (**2a**) or a Bruker D8 QUEST (**4·CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>**) diffractometers. Data were recorded at 100(2) K, using mirror-monochromated Cu-Kα radiation (λ = 1.54184 Å; **2a**) or multilayer-monochromated Mo-Kα radiation (λ = 0.71073 Å; **4·CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>**), and ω-scan (**2a**) or ω- and φ-scan (**4·CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>**) modes. Analytical numeric absorption correction using a multifaceted crystal model based on expression derived by Clark and Reid<sup>2</sup> was applied for complex **2a**. Multi-scan absorption correction was applied for compound **4·CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>**. *Structure Solution and Refinements.* Crystal structures were solved by iterative (**2a**) or direct (**4·CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>**) methods and all non hydrogen atoms refined anisotropically on *F*<sup>2</sup> using the program SHELXL-97.<sup>3</sup> Hydrogen atoms were refined as follows: Complex **2a**: NH<sub>2</sub>, free with SADI; methyl, rigid group; all others, riding. Compound **4·CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>**: NH, free; ordered methyl, rigid group; all others, riding. *Special features:* Compound **4·CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>**: absolute structure (Flack) parameter<sup>4</sup> −0.12(7). One Me group is disordered

over two positions with a ca. 71:29 occupancy distribution; the triflate anion is disordered over two positions with a ca. 56:44 occupancy distribution; the  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  is disordered over two positions with a ca. 75:25 occupancy distribution.

*Crystallographic data for 2a:*  $\text{C}_{28}\text{H}_{29}\text{BrN}_2\text{O}_2\text{Pd}$ , formula weight = 611.84, crystal dimensions: 0.14 x 0.10 x 0.03 mm<sup>3</sup>, crystal system: monoclinic, space group:  $C2/c$ ,  $a = 29.001(2)$  Å,  $b = 9.2274(7)$  Å,  $c = 19.9745(16)$  Å,  $\alpha = 90^\circ$ ,  $\beta = 102.373(7)^\circ$ ,  $\gamma = 90^\circ$ ,  $V = 5221.1(7)$  Å<sup>3</sup>,  $Z = 8$ ,  $\rho_{\text{calcd}} = 1.557$  g cm<sup>-3</sup>,  $\mu = 7.736$  mm<sup>-1</sup>, mirror-monochromated Cu-K $\alpha$  radiation ( $\lambda = 1.54184$  Å),  $T = 100(2)$  K,  $2\theta_{\text{max}} = 149.6$ , no. of measured reflections: 9964, no. of independent reflections: 5145,  $R_{\text{int}} = 0.0419$ ,  $R = 0.0479$ ,  $wR = 0.1370$ , largest diff. peak and hole: 1.616 and -1.495. CCDC 928375.

*Crystallographic data for 4·CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>:*  $\text{C}_{33}\text{H}_{33}\text{Cl}_2\text{F}_3\text{N}_2\text{O}_5\text{S}$ , formula weight = 697.57, crystal dimensions: 0.20 x 0.11 x 0.01 mm<sup>3</sup>, crystal system: orthorhombic, space group:  $Pna2_1$ ,  $a = 17.0215(8)$  Å,  $b = 12.1750(5)$ ,  $c = 5.8959(7)$  Å,  $\alpha = 90^\circ$ ,  $\beta = 90^\circ$ ,  $\gamma = 90^\circ$ ,  $V = 3294.2(3)$  Å<sup>3</sup>,  $Z = 4$ ,  $\rho_{\text{calcd}} = 1.407$  g cm<sup>-3</sup>,  $\mu = 0.321$  mm<sup>-1</sup>, multilayer-monochromated Mo-K $\alpha$  radiation ( $\lambda = 0.71073$  Å),  $T = 100(2)$  K,  $2\theta_{\text{max}} = 56.7$ , no. of measured reflections: 84 946, no. of independent reflections: 8153,  $R_{\text{int}} = 0.0356$ ,  $R = 0.0548$ ,  $wR = 0.1515$ , largest diff. peak and hole: 0.763 and -0.484. CCDC 928374. These data can be obtained free of charge from the Cambridge Crystallographic Data Centre via [www.ccdc.cam.ac.uk/data\\_request/cif](http://www.ccdc.cam.ac.uk/data_request/cif).

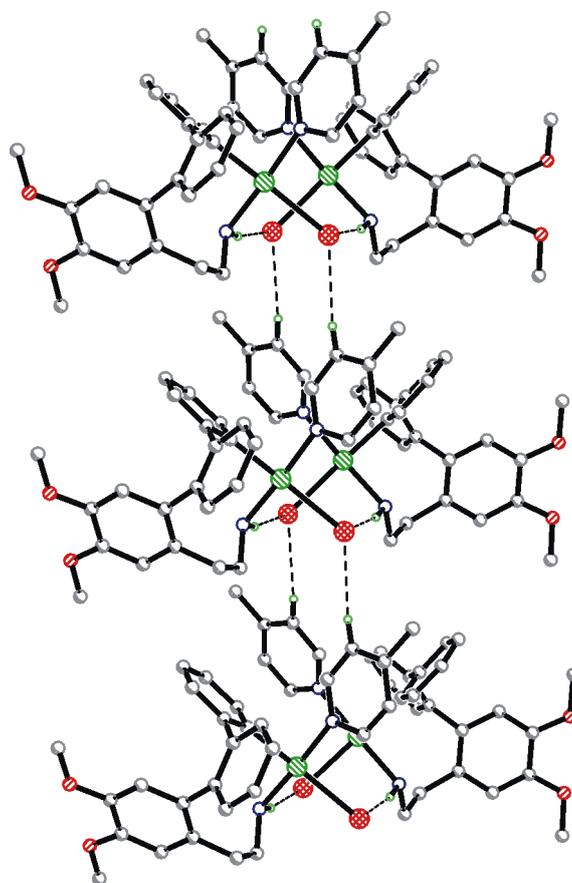
Hydrogen bonds for compound **2b** (Å and deg).

D–H···A	d(D–H)	d(H···A)	d(D···A)	<(DHA)
N(1)–H(01A)···Br(1)#1	0.84(4)	2.54(4)	3.364(4)	167(5)
C(24)–H(24)···Br(1)#2	0.95	2.82	3.692(5)	153.1

Symmetry transformations used to generate equivalent atoms:

#1  $-x+1, y, -z+3/2$

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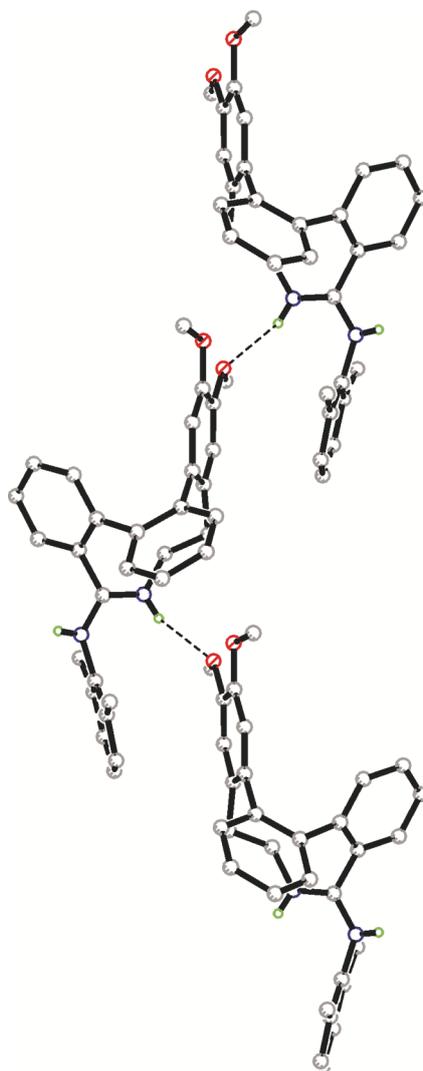
**Figure 1.** X-ray packing view of complex **2a** (50% probability) showing the double chain along the *b* axis formed through hydrogen bond interactions.

Hydrogen bonds for compound **4**·CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (Å and deg).

D–H···A	d(D–H)	d(H···A)	d(D···A)	< (DHA)
N(1)–H(01)···O(2)#1	0.84(3)	2.12(4)	2.927(3)	160(3)

Symmetry transformations used to generate equivalent atoms:

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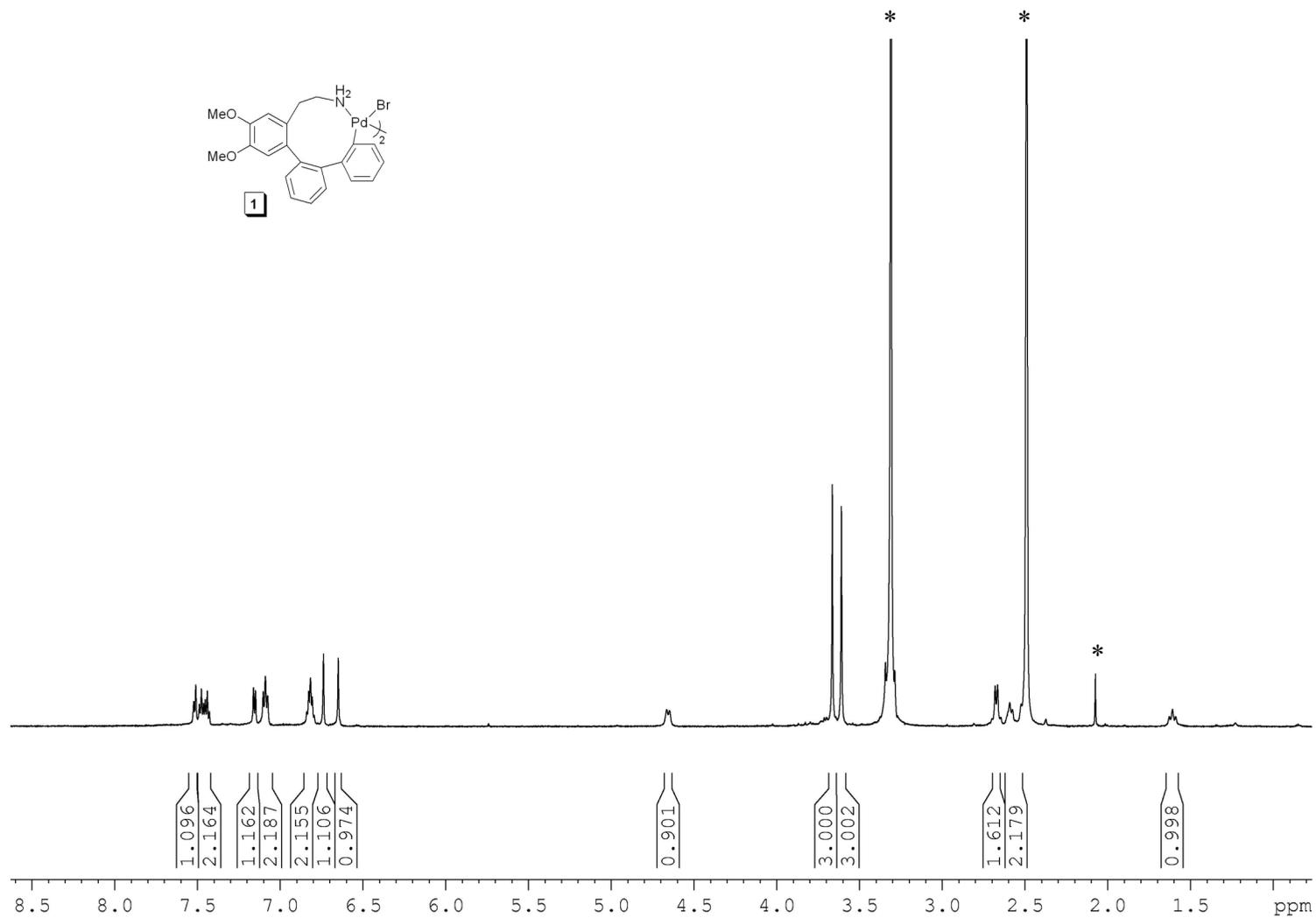


**Figure 2.** X-ray packing view of compound **4**·CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> showing the chain along the *a* axis formed through hydrogen bond interactions.

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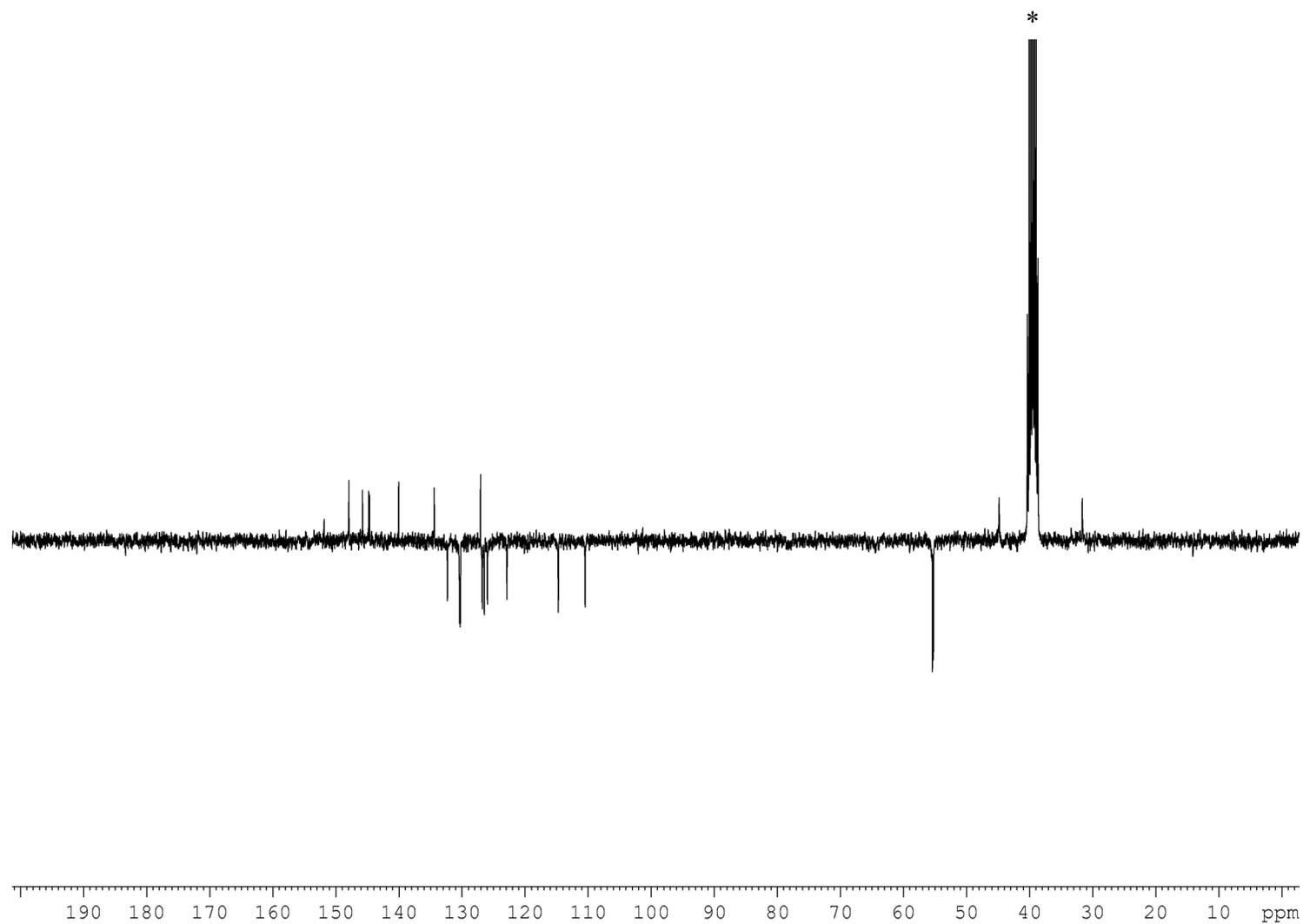
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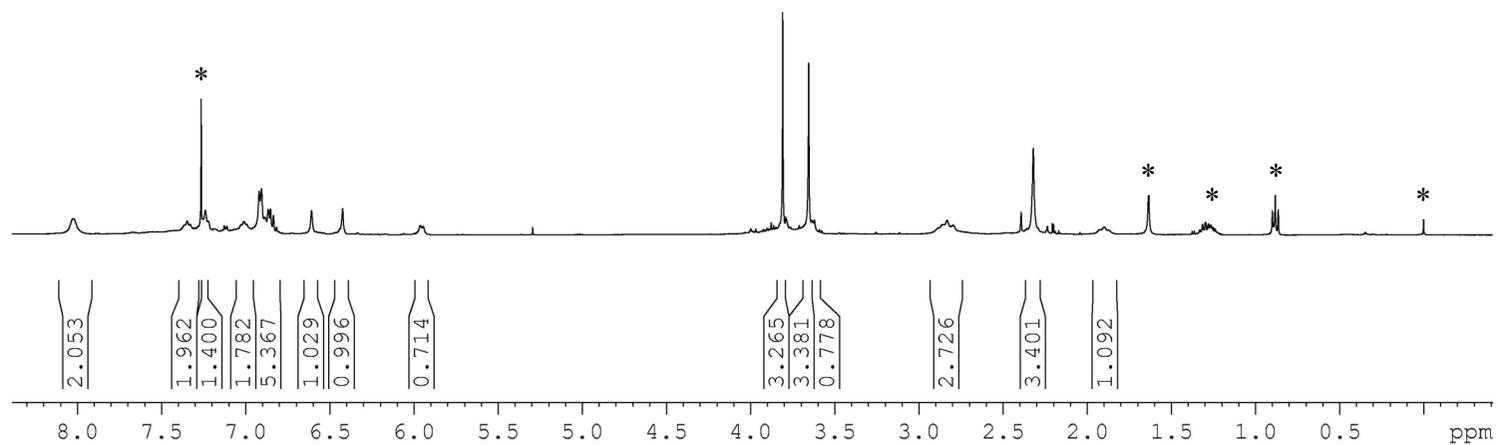
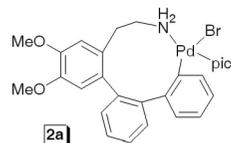
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(From left to right, the asterisks indicate the signals corresponding to  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ ,  $\text{DMSO-}d_5$ , and acetone)

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APT spectrum of **1** (DMSO- $d_6$ , 25 °C)  
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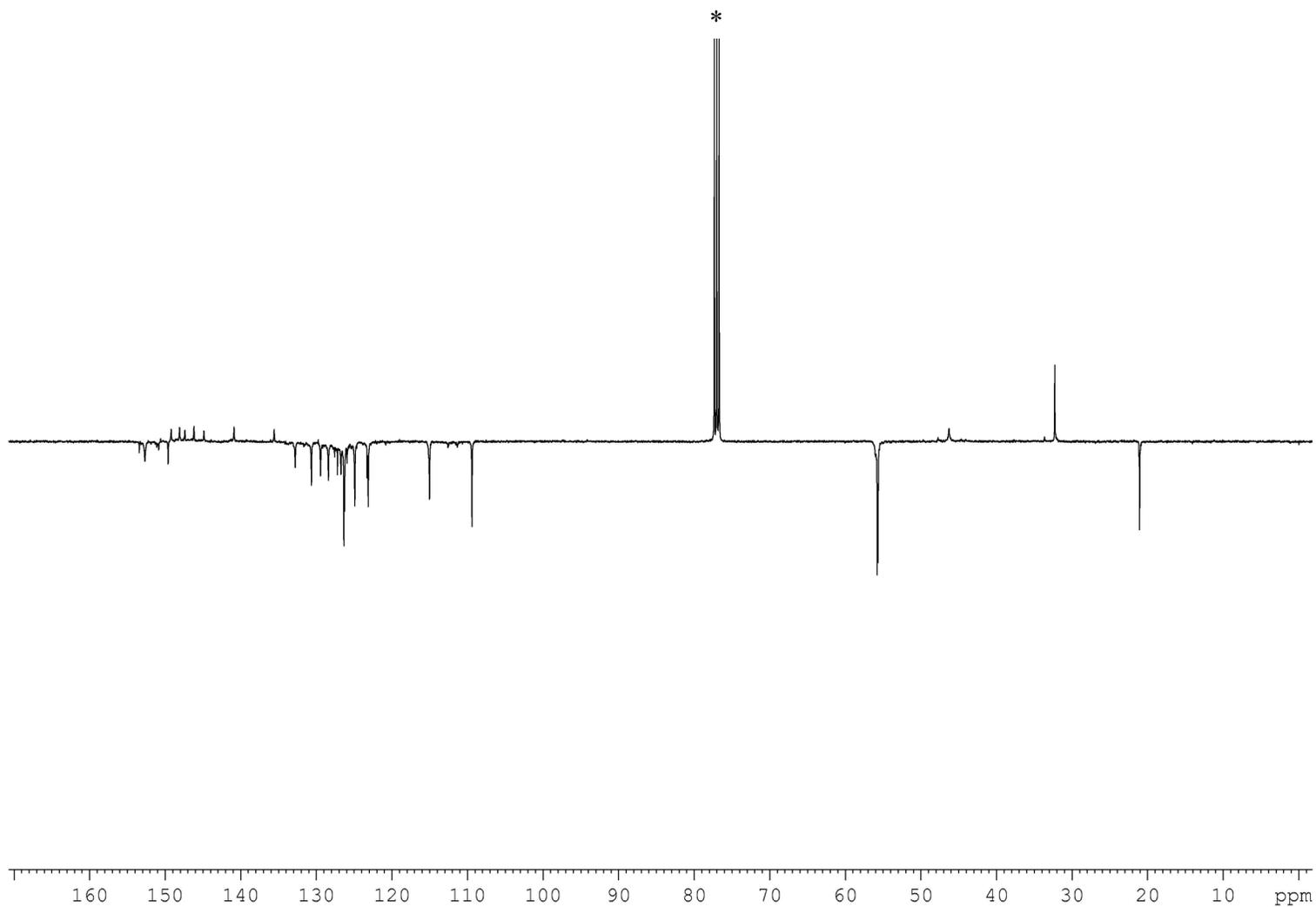
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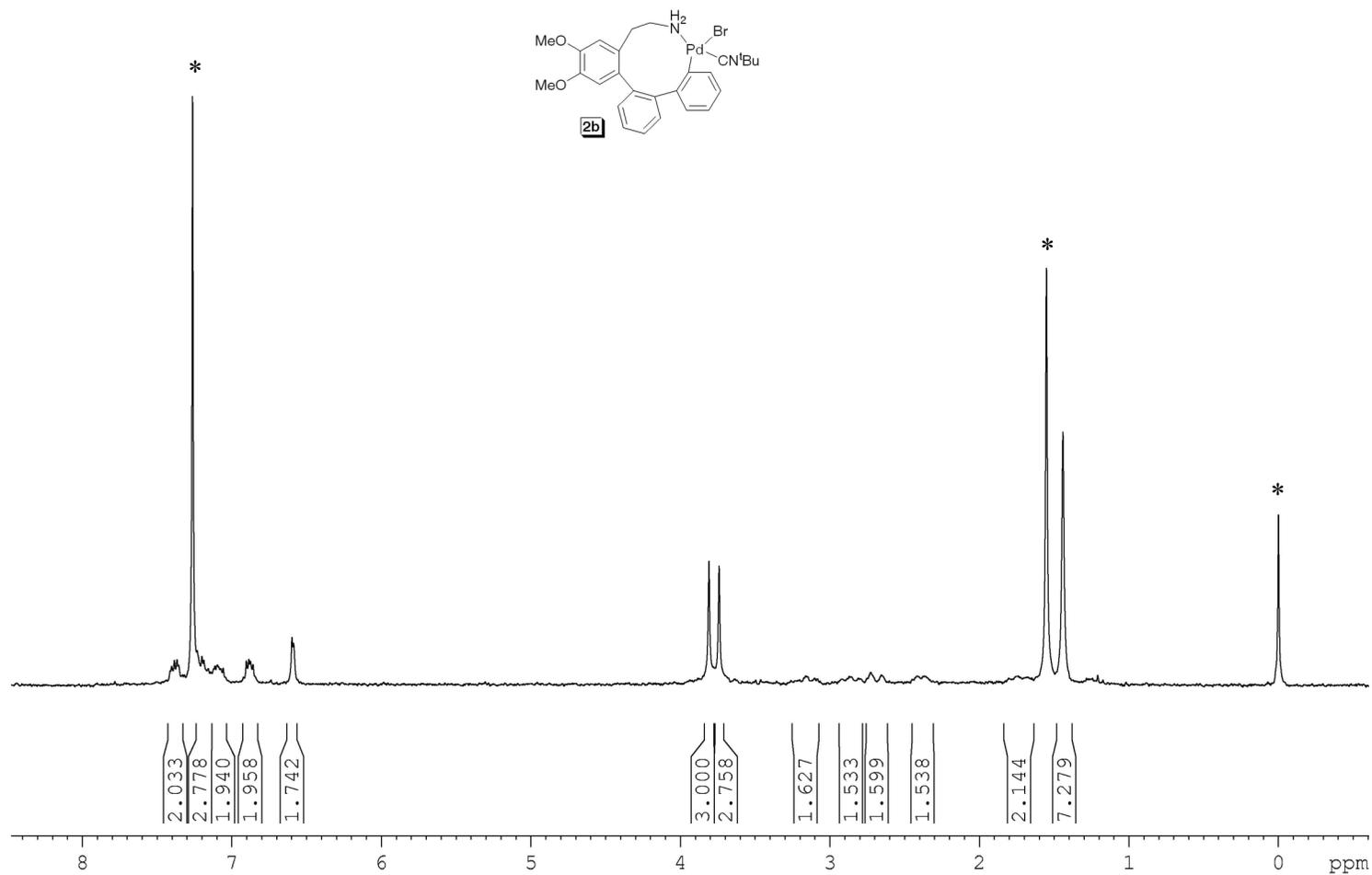
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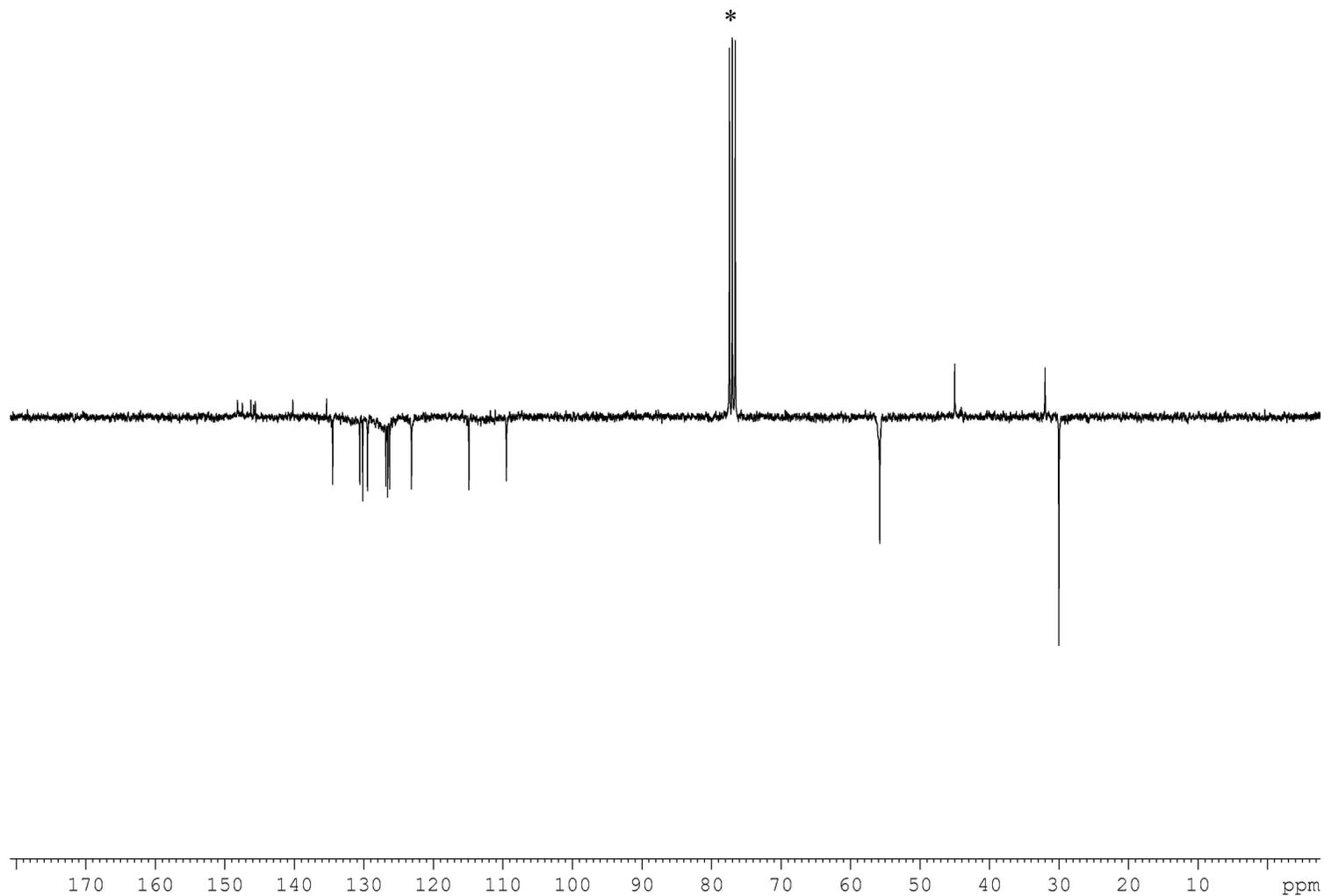
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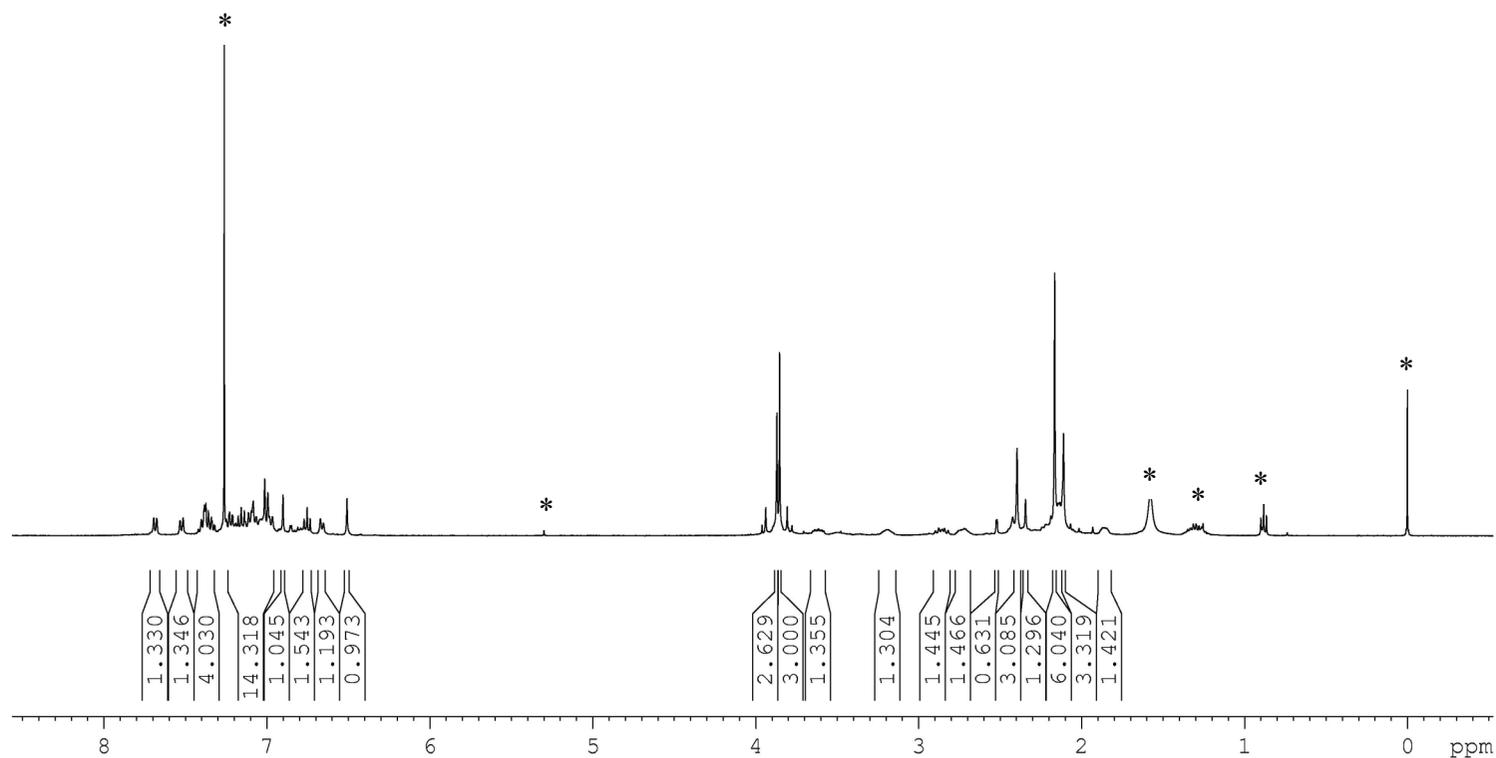
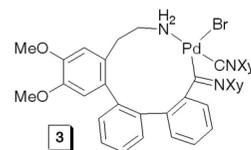
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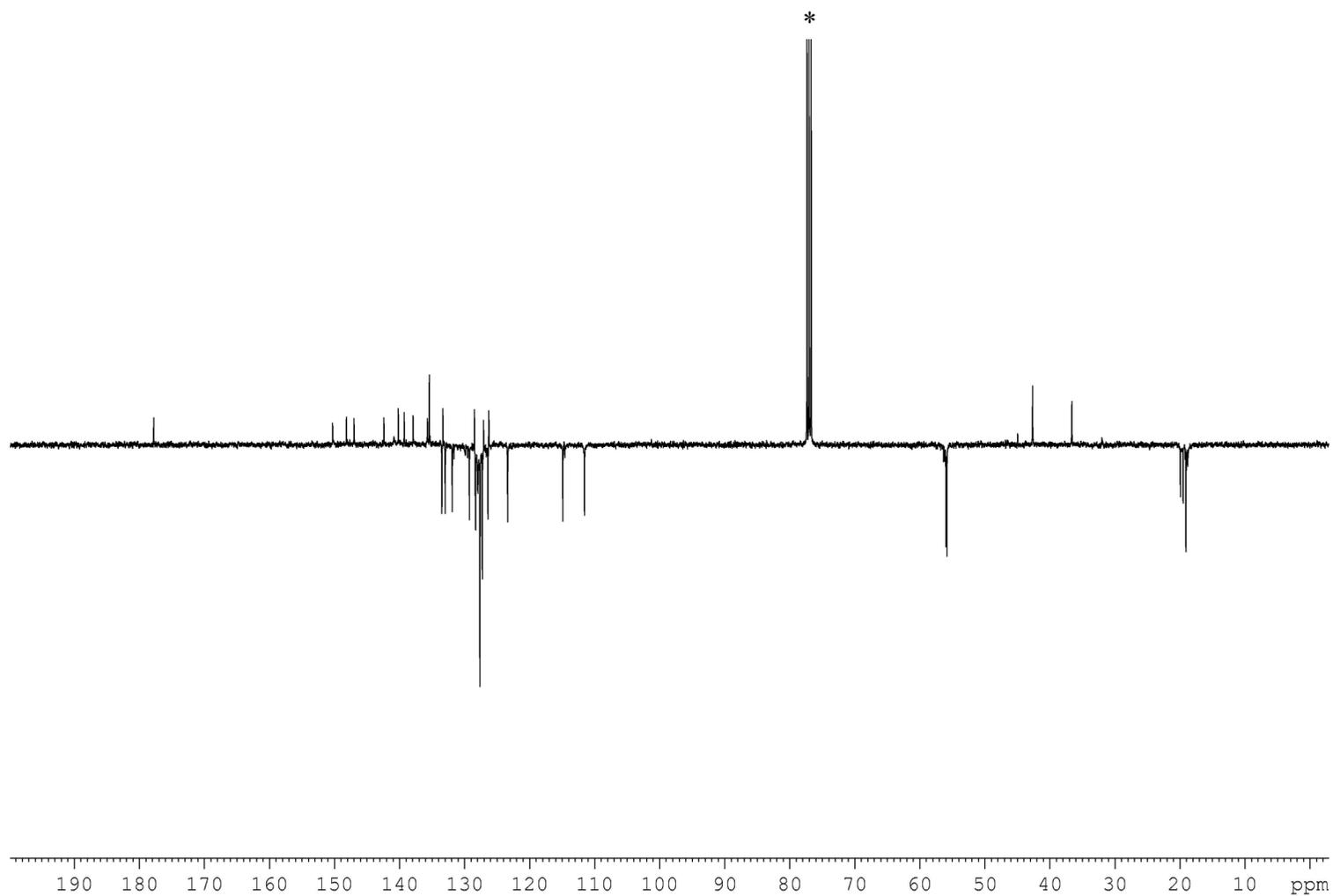
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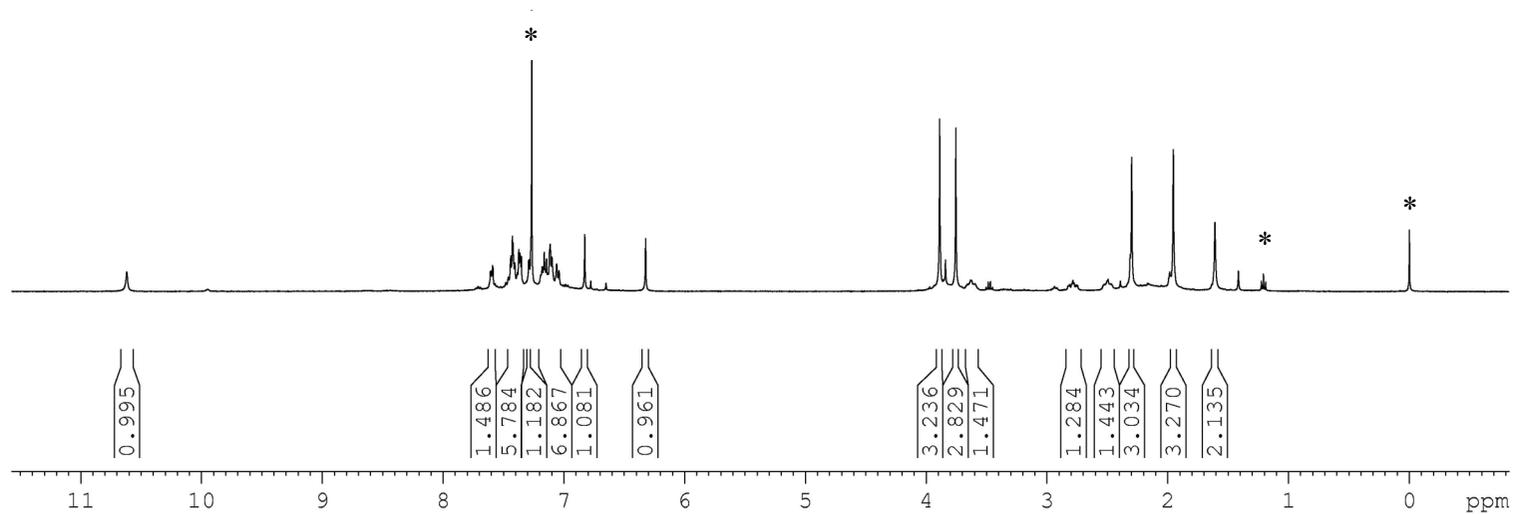
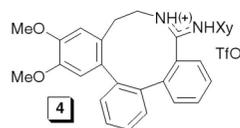
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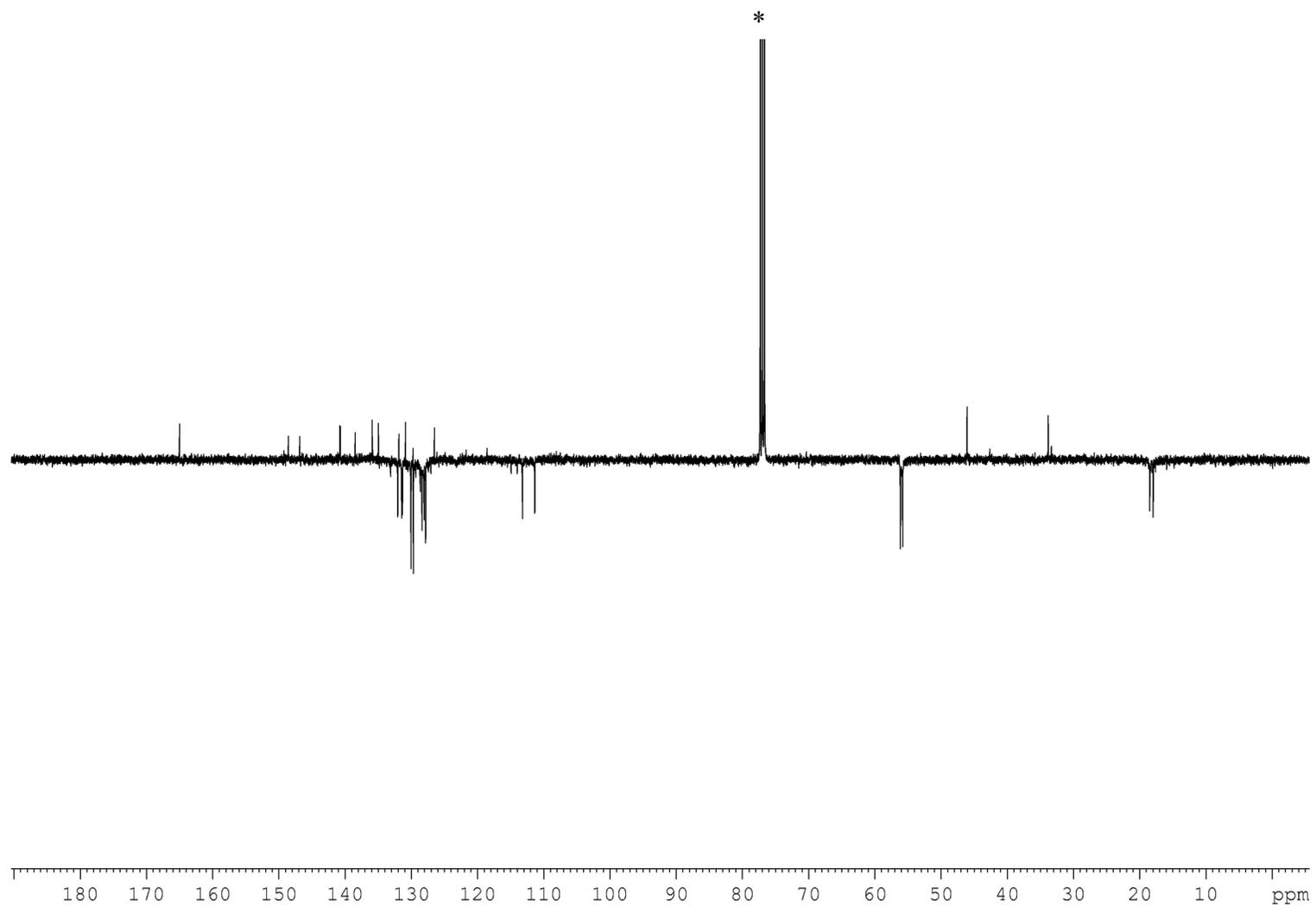
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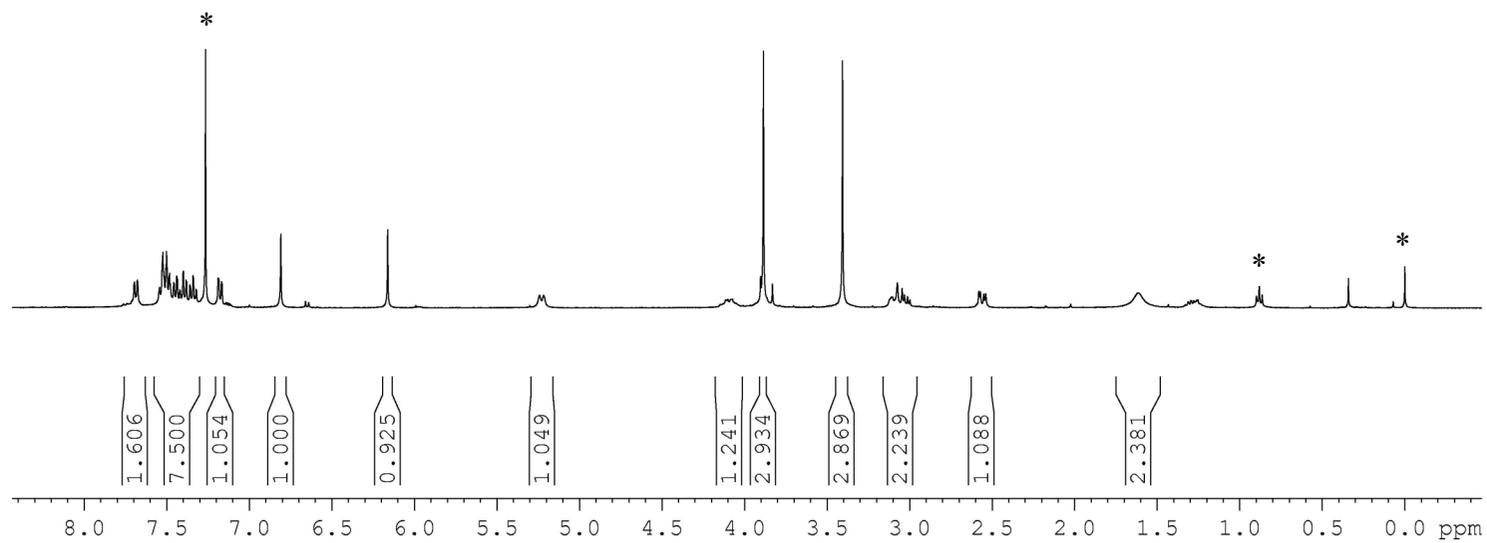
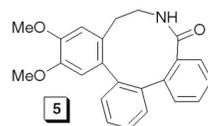
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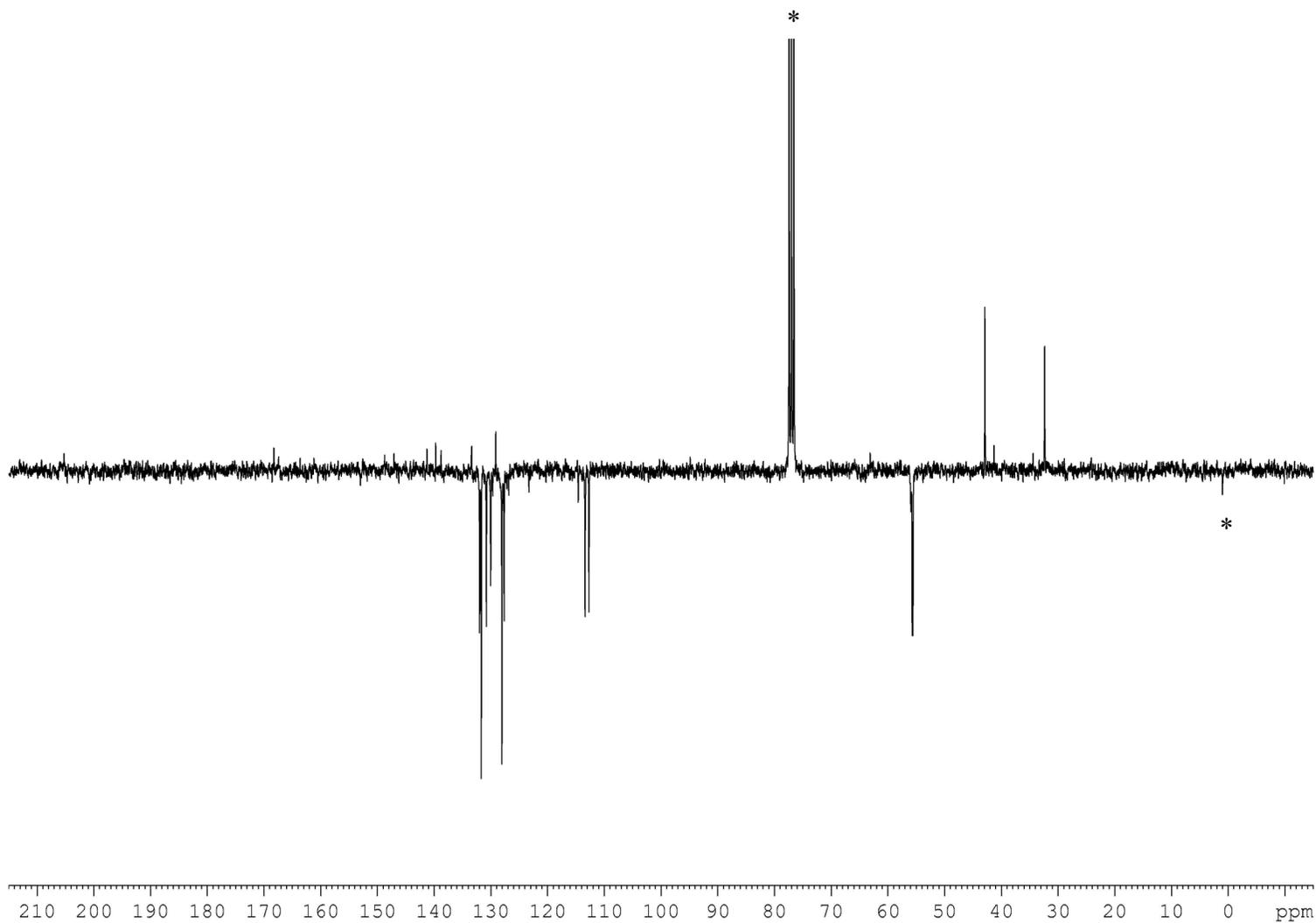
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S25



APT spectrum of **5** (CDCl<sub>3</sub> + TMS, 25 °C)  
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