

[3+3] Annulation of Donor-Acceptor Cyclopropanes with Mercaptoacetaldehyde: Application to the Synthesis of Tetrasubstituted Thiophenes

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General remarks. Melting points were determined by open capillary tube method and are uncorrected. The ^1H and ^{13}C NMR spectra were recorded on a 400 MHz NMR spectrometer. HRMS (ESI) were recorded on a Q-Tof mass spectrometer. X-ray crystallographic data were collected on a CCD diffractometer using graphite-monochromated Mo-K α radiation. Thin layer chromatography (TLC) was performed on pre-coated alumina sheets and detected under UV light. Silica gel (100-200 mesh) was used for column chromatography.

General procedure for the synthesis of thiophenes 4a-n:

To a stirred suspension of 1,4-dithiane-2,5-diol **2** (2.5 mmol) in DCM (5 mL) was added *trans*-2-aryl-3-aryl-cyclopropane-1,1-dicarboxylates **1** (0.5 mmol) followed by AlCl_3 (0.5 mmol) at room temperature. After the reaction was complete (24 h), the reaction mixture was filtered through Celite. The filtrate was washed with water and concentrated to obtain crude diastereomeric mixture of tetrahydrothiopyranols **3** and **3'** (in some cases, the mixture was crystallized from EtOAc/hexane (1:9) to obtain single diastereomer). The crude product was dissolved in DCM (5 mL), DBU (1 mmol) was added and stirred at room temperature. After the completion of the reaction (12 h), water was added and extracted with dichloromethane. The combined organic layer was washed with brine, dried over anhydrous Na_2SO_4 and evaporated in vacuum. The crude product was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel using EtOAc/hexane (1:9) as eluent to obtain pure thiophene **4**.

Ethyl (5-formyl-2,4-diphenyl-thiophen-3-yl)acetate (4a):

Colourless solid. Yield: 0.126 g (72%). M.p. 98-100 °C. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 9.59 (s, 1H), 7.53-7.45 (m, 8H), 7.39-7.37 (m, 2H), 4.01 (q, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 3.49 (s, 2H), 1.11 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 3H) ppm. ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 184.3, 171.2, 152.8, 150.7, 138.6, 133.5, 133.2, 131.7, 130.1, 129.4, 129.1, 128.9, 128.7, 61.1, 33.4, 14.2 ppm. HRMS calcd for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{18}\text{O}_3\text{S}$: 351.1055 [$\text{M} + \text{H}^+$], found: 351.1057.

Ethyl [2-(4-methylphenyl)-5-formyl-4-phenyl-thiophen-3-yl]acetate (4b):

Colourless solid. Yield: 0.135 g (74%). M.p. 118-120 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 9.57 (s, 1H), 7.48-7.45 (m, 3H), 7.41-7.36 (m, 4H), 2.27-2.25 (m, 2H), 4.01 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 3.48 (s, 2H), 2.41 (s, 3H), 1.12 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 184.3, 171.3, 152.9, 151.0, 139.5, 138.3, 133.6, 131.5, 130.3, 130.1, 129.8, 129.2, 128.9, 128.7, 61.1, 33.4, 21.5, 14.2 ppm. HRMS calcd for C₂₂H₂₀O₃S: 365.1211 [M + H⁺], found: 365.1214.

Ethyl [2-(4-chlorophenyl)-5-formyl-4-phenyl-thiophen-3-yl]acetate (4c):

Colourless solid. Yield: 0.148 g (77%). M.p. 88-90 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 9.61 (s, 1H), 7.52-7.45 (m, 7H), 7.40-7.29 (m, 2H), 4.04 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 3.48 (s, 2H), 1.15 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 184.2, 171.0, 152.7, 149.1, 139.0, 135.7, 133.4, 132.1, 132.1, 131.8, 130.1, 129.4, 129.0, 128.7, 61.2, 33.4, 14.2 ppm. HRMS calcd for C₂₁H₁₇ClO₃S: 385.0665 [M + H⁺], found: 385.0657.

Ethyl [2-(3-fluorophenyl)-5-formyl-4-phenyl-thiophen-3-yl]acetate (4d):

Colourless solid. Yield: 0.116 g (63%). M.p. 110-112 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 9.59 (s, 1H), 7.48-7.47 (m, 3H), 7.44-7.41 (m, 1H), 7.38-7.36 (m, 2H), 7.31-7.23 (m, 2H), 7.17-7.13 (m, 1H), 4.03 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 3.48 (s, 2H), 1.13 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 184.3, 171.0, 164.1, 161.6, 152.7, 148.8, 139.0, 135.2, 133.3, 132.2, 130.8, 130.1, 129.0, 128.8, 125.3, 125.2, 116.5, 116.3, 61.3, 33.4, 14.2 ppm. HRMS calcd for C₂₁H₁₇FO₃S: 391.0780 [M + Na⁺], found: 391.0784.

Ethyl [2-phenyl-5-formyl-4-(4-methylphenyl)-thiophen-3-yl]acetate (4e):

Yellow oil. Yield: 0.124 g (68%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 9.59 (s, 1H), 7.52-7.50 (m, 2H), 7.46-7.44 (m, 2H), 7.26 (br s, 5H), 4.02 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 3.48 (s, 2H), 2.43 (s, 3H), 1.12 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 184.5, 171.2, 153.0, 150.6, 138.9, 138.6, 133.4, 131.8, 130.6, 130.0, 129.4, 129.3, 129.0, 61.1, 33.4, 21.4, 14.2 ppm. HRMS calcd for C₂₂H₂₀O₃S: 365.1211 [M + H⁺], found: 365.1206.

Ethyl [2-phenyl -5-formyl-4-(4-methoxyphenyl)-thiophen-3-yl]acetate (4f):

Yellow solid. Yield: 0.142 g (75%). M.p. 77-79 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 9.60 (s, 1H), 7.49-7.44 (m, 5H), 7.30 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 6.99 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 4.03 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 3.87 (s, 3H), 3.49 (s, 2H), 1.13 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 184.4, 171.2, 160.2, 152.7, 150.6, 138.7, 133.4, 132.0, 131.4, 129.4, 129.3, 129.0, 125.8, 114.2, 61.1, 55.5, 33.5, 14.2 ppm. HRMS calcd for C₂₂H₂₀O₄S: 381.1161 [M + H⁺], found: 381.1161.

Ethyl [2-phenyl -5-formyl-4-(4-chlorophenyl)-thiophen-3-yl]acetate (4g):

White solid. Yield: 0.140 g (73%). M.p. 83-85 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 9.58 (s, 1H), 7.50-7.45 (m, 7H), 7.34-7.32 (m, 2H), 4.02 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 3.46 (s, 2H), 1.14 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 183.7, 171.0, 151.2, 151.0, 138.9, 135.3, 133.1, 132.0, 131.6, 131.5, 129.5, 129.4, 129.1, 129.0, 61.3, 33.3, 14.2 ppm. HRMS calcd for C₂₁H₁₇ClO₃S: 385.0665 [M + H⁺], found: 385.0667.

Ethyl [2-(4-chlorophenyl)-5-formyl-4-(4-methylphenyl)-thiophen-3-yl]acetate (4h):

Yellow oil. Yield: 0.143 g (72%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 9.56 (s, 1H), 7.45 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.37 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.32 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.27 (d, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 2H), 4.03 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 3.45 (s, 2H), 2.41 (s, 3H), 1.14 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 183.8, 171.2, 151.29, 151.28, 139.7, 138.5, 135.2, 132.1, 131.4, 131.3, 130.1, 129.8, 129.2, 129.0, 61.2, 33.3, 21.5, 14.2 ppm. HRMS calcd for C₂₂H₁₉ClO₃S: 399.0822 [M + H⁺], found: 399.0822.

Ethyl [2-(4-methoxyphenyl)-5-formyl-4-(4-methoxyphenyl)-thiophen-3-yl]acetate (4i):

Colourless oil. Yield: 0.146 g (71%). M.p. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 9.58 (s, 1H), 7.44 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.29 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.00-6.96 (m, 4H), 4.04 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 3.87 (s, 3H), 3.86 (s, 3H), 3.47 (s, 2H), 1.15 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 184.4, 171.4, 160.6, 160.2, 152.9, 150.8, 138.1, 131.4, 130.7, 125.9, 125.7, 114.5, 114.1, 61.1, 55.55, 55.51, 33.5, 14.3 ppm. HRMS calcd for C₂₃H₂₂O₅S: 411.1266 [M + H⁺], found: 411.1266.

Ethyl (2'-formyl-5'-phenyl-[2, 3']bithiophenyl-4'-yl)acetate (4j):

White solid. Yield: 0.139 g (78%). M.p. 79-81 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 9.78 (s, 1H), 7.51-7.45 (m, 6H), 7.17-7.14 (m, 2H), 4.09 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 3.58 (s, 2H), 1.17 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 184.1, 171.1, 150.5, 144.3, 140.1, 133.13, 133.09, 132.3, 130.2, 129.5, 129.4, 129.1, 128.2, 127.6, 61.3, 33.6, 14.3 ppm. HRMS calcd for C₁₉H₁₆O₃S₂: 379.0439 [M + Na⁺], found: 379.0439.

Ethyl [5'-(4-chloro-phenyl)-2'-formyl-[2, 3']bithiophenyl-4'-yl]acetate (4k):

White solid. Yield: 0.160 g (82%). M.p. 97-99 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 9.78 (s, 1H), 7.51 (d, *J* = 5.2 Hz, 1H), 7.46-7.41 (m, 4H), 7.18-7.14 (m, 2H), 4.10 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 3.55 (s, 2H), 1.19 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 184.1, 171.0, 149.0, 144.3, 140.3, 135.8, 132.8, 132.6, 131.5, 130.6, 130.3, 129.4, 128.3, 127.7, 61.4, 33.6, 14.3 ppm. HRMS calcd for C₁₉H₁₅ClO₃S₂: 391.0229 [M + H⁺], found: 391.0232.

Ethyl [2'-formyl-5'-(4-nitro-phenyl)-[2, 3']bithiophenyl-4'-yl]acetate (4l):

Yellow solid. Yield: 0.110 g (55%). M.p. 118-120 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 9.80 (s, 1H), 8.33 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.70 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.55-7.53 (m, 1H), 7.20-7.15 (m, 2H), 4.12 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 3.57 (s, 2H), 1.20 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 184.0, 170.7, 148.4, 147.0, 144.3, 141.4, 139.6, 133.7, 132.4, 130.5, 130.3, 128.6, 127.8, 124.3, 61.6, 33.6, 14.3 ppm. HRMS calcd for C₁₉H₁₅NO₅S₂: 424.0289 [M + Na⁺], found: 424.0269.

Methyl (5-formyl-2, 4-diphenyl-thiophen-3-yl)acetate (4m):

Colourless solid. Yield: 0.117g (70%). M.p. 85-87 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 9.58 (s, 1H), 7.50-7.45 (m, 8H), 7.38-7.35 (m, 2H), 3.54 (s, 3H), 3.50 (s, 2H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 184.3, 171.6, 152.8, 150.7, 138.7, 133.5, 133.2, 131.6, 130.0, 129.4, 129.1, 129.0, 128.7, 52.2, 33.1 ppm. HRMS calcd for C₂₀H₁₆O₃S: 337.0898 [M + H⁺], found: 337.0898.

Methyl (2'-formyl-5'-phenyl-[2,3']bithiophenyl-4'-yl)acetate (4n):

Yellow oil. Yield: 0.135 g (79%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 9.78 (s, 1H), 7.51-7.46 (m, 6H), 7.17-7.13 (m, 2H), 3.63 (s, 3H), 3.59 (s, 2H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 184.1, 171.5, 150.5, 144.3, 140.1, 133.0, 132.9, 132.1, 130.2, 129.5, 129.3, 129.1, 128.2, 127.7, 52.4, 33.4 ppm. HRMS calcd for C₁₈H₁₄O₃S₂: 343.0463 [M + H⁺], found: 343.0462.

The tetrahydrothiopyranols **3a**, **3k** and **3m** were obtained as single diastereomers by crystallization from EtOAc/hexane (1:9) and their characterization data are given below.

Diethyl 3-benzoyl-5-hydroxy-2-phenyl-tetrahydro-thiopyran-4,4-dicarboxylate (3a):

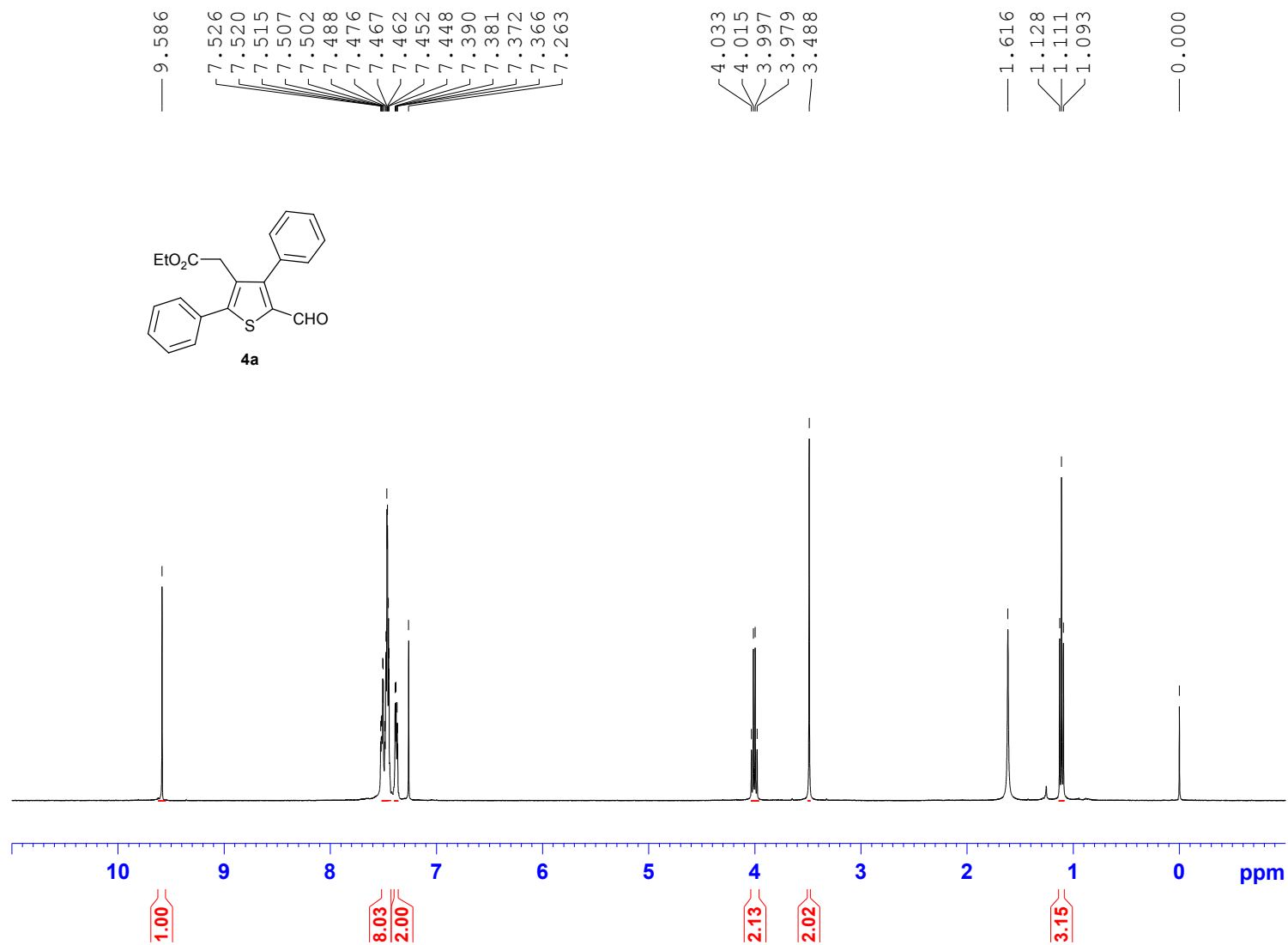
Colourless oil. Yield: 0.132 g (60%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.38 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.23 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.07-7.04 (m, 4H), 6.95-6.92 (3H), 5.51 (d, *J* = 4.4 Hz, 1H), 5.39 (dd, *J* = 11.6, 4.4 Hz, 1H), 4.87 (d, *J* = 4.4 Hz, 1H), 4.37-4.29 (m, 2H), 4.01-3.93 (m, 2H), 3.85-3.77 (m, 1H), 3.31 (dd, *J* = 13.2, 11.6 Hz, 1H), 2.89 (dd, *J* = 13.6, 4.8 Hz, 1H), 1.34 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H), 0.77 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 198.4, 171.5, 169.3, 138.2, 137.8, 132.2, 128.3, 128.2, 127.9, 127.8, 68.6, 62.3, 62.0, 61.6, 52.8, 45.8, 30.6, 14.2, 13.3 ppm. HRMS calcd for C₂₄H₂₆O₆S: 465.1348 [M + Na⁺], found: 465.1326.

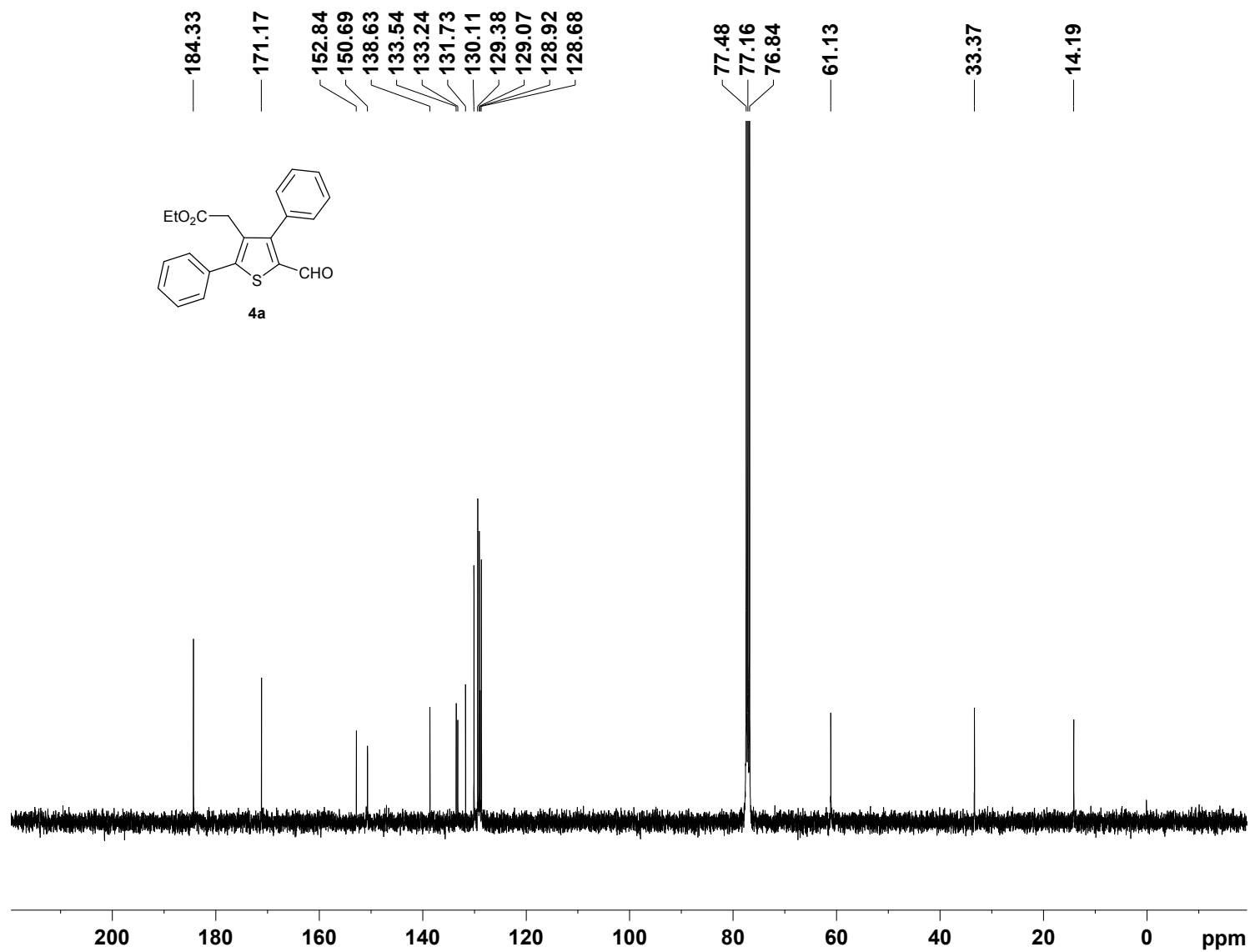
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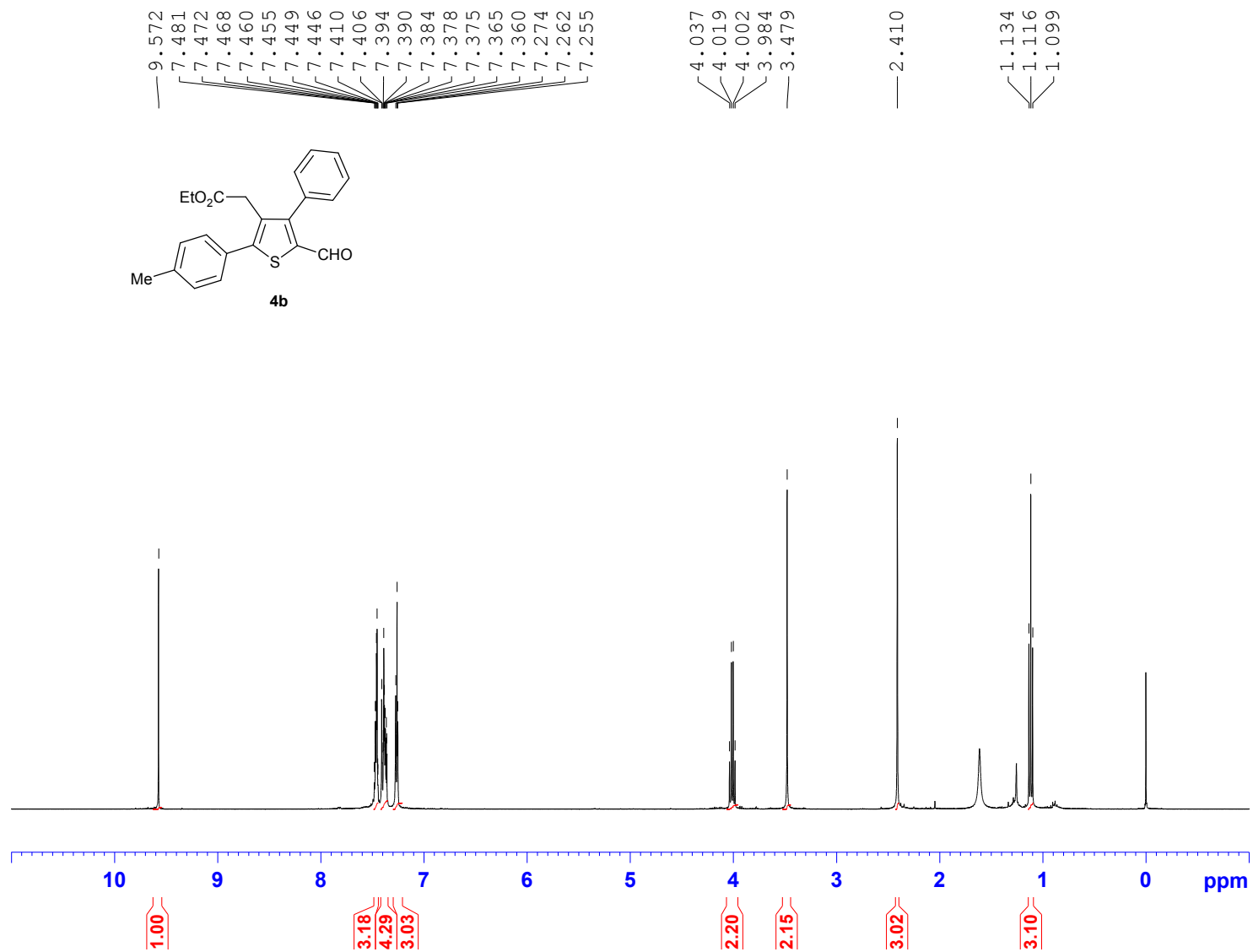
Colourless solid. Yield: 0.182 g (75%). M.p. 138-140 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.41 (d, *J* = 4.2 Hz, 1H), 7.07 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.00 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 6.85 (d, *J* = 4.0 Hz, 1H), 6.73 (t, *J* = 4.4 Hz, 1H), 5.48 (d, *J* = 4.0 Hz, 1H), 5.32 (dd, *J* = 11.2, 4.0 Hz, 1H), 4.51 (d, *J* = 4.0 Hz, 1H), 4.36-4.28 (m, 2H), 4.01-3.90 (m, 3H), 3.28 (dd, *J* = 11.6, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 2.87 (dd, *J* = 13.2, 4.4 Hz, 1H), 1.32 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H), 0.82 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 190.1, 171.1, 169.2, 145.8, 137.0, 134.0, 133.9, 132.3, 129.5, 128.5, 127.8, 68.6, 62.4, 62.2, 61.5, 55.1, 45.3, 30.6, 14.2, 13.3 ppm. HRMS calcd for C₂₂H₂₃ClO₆S₂: 505.0522 [M + Na⁺], found: 505.0522.

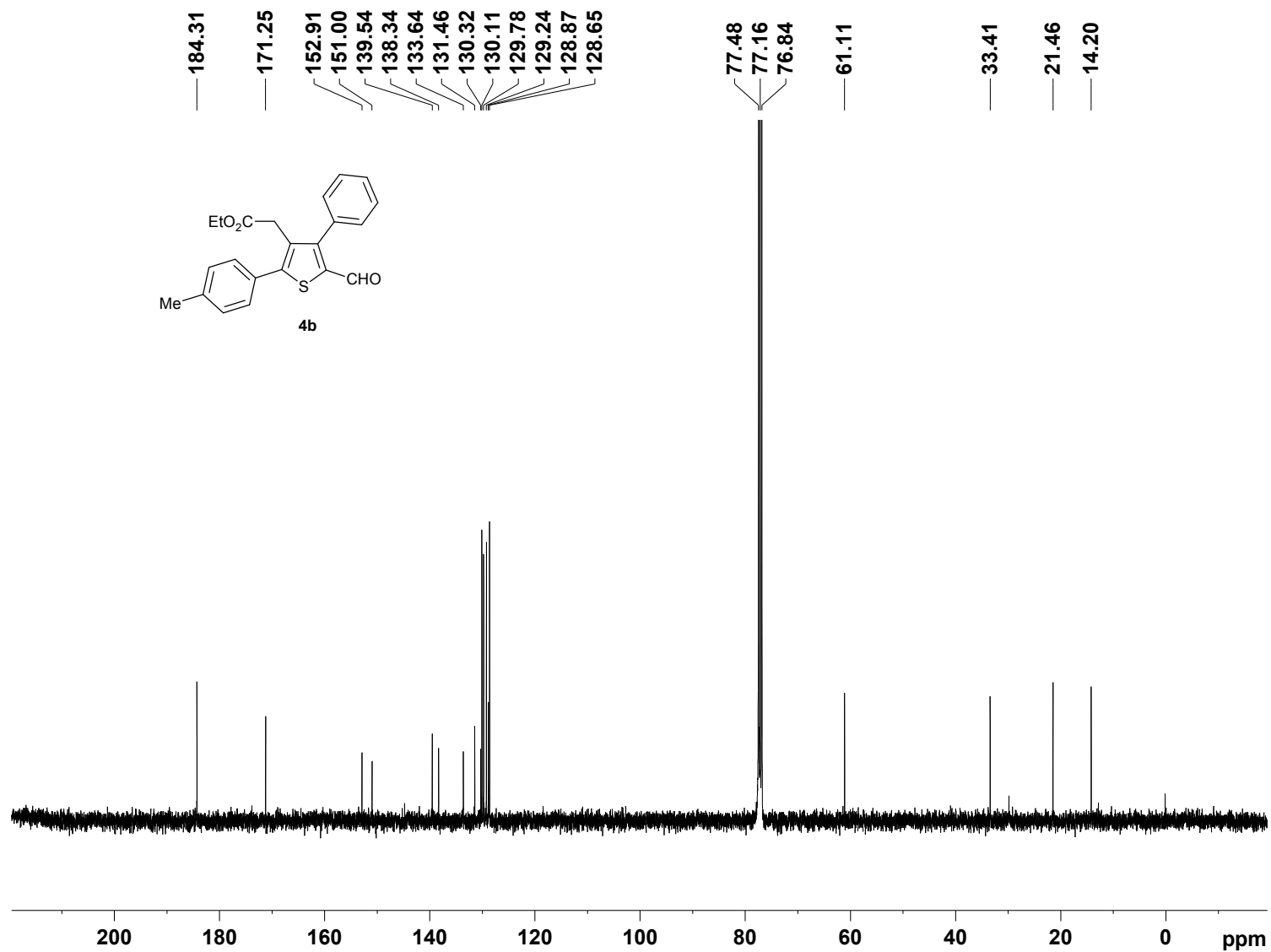
Dimethyl 3-benzoyl-5-hydroxy-2-phenyl-tetrahydro-thiopyran-4,4-dicarboxylate (3m):

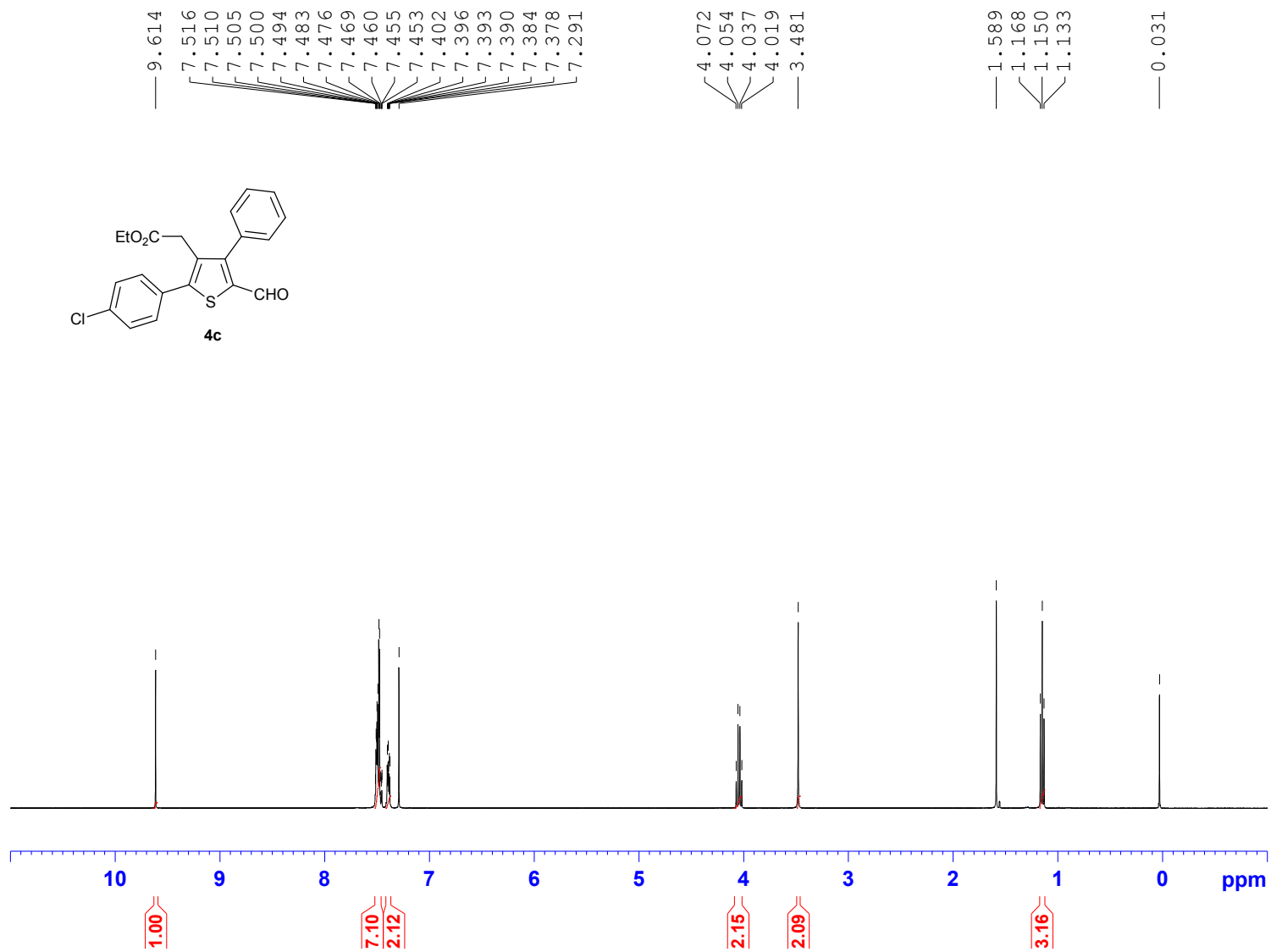
Colourless solid. Yield: 0.138 g (67%). M.p. 152-154 °C. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.54 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.28 (t, J = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 7.12 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.03-6.87 (m, 5H), 5.11 (d, J = 3.6 Hz, 1H), 4.80 (dd, J = 12.0, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 4.21 (d, J = 3.6 Hz, 1H), 3.95 (s, 3H), 3.67 (s, 3H), 3.58 (d, J = 14.0 Hz, 1H), 3.02 (dd, J = 14.4, 3.2 Hz, 1H) ppm. ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 200.1, 169.0, 168.9, 138.7, 137.3, 132.4, 128.6, 128.5, 128.1, 127.8, 127.7, 64.6, 63.8, 54.0, 53.6, 48.9, 47.9, 36.2 ppm. HRMS calcd for $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{22}\text{O}_6\text{S}$: 437.1035 [$\text{M} + \text{Na}^+$], found: 437.1032.

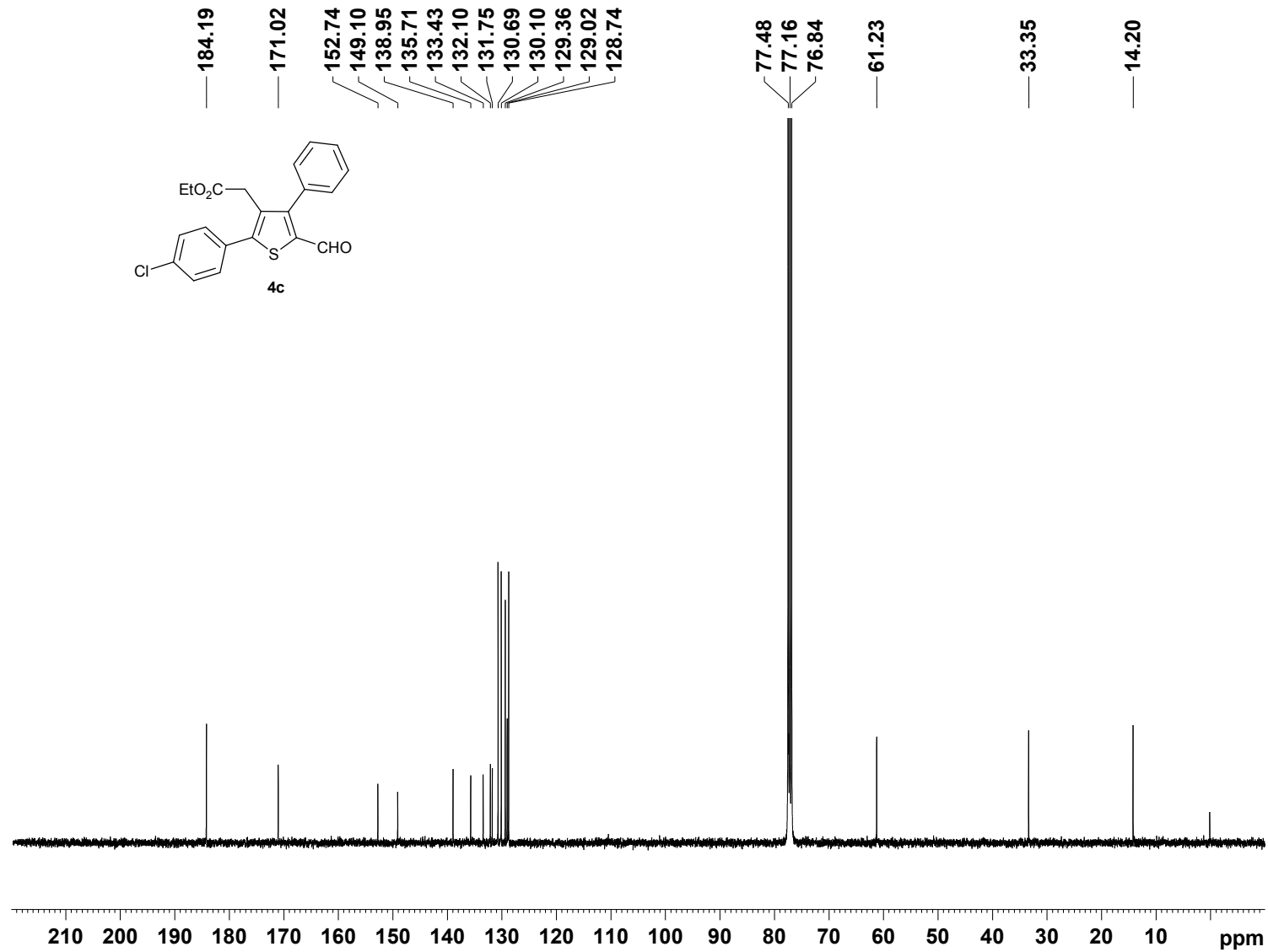


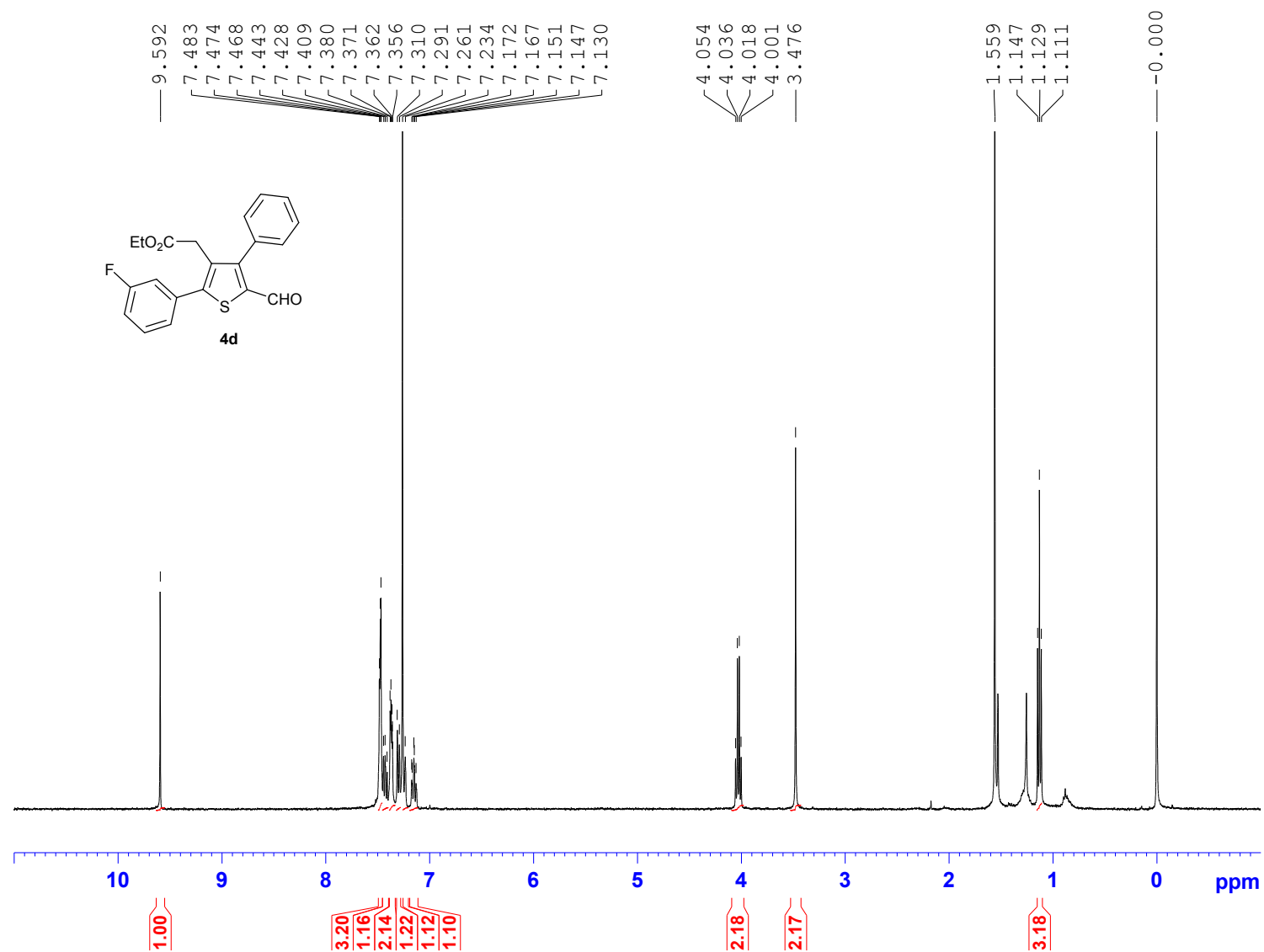


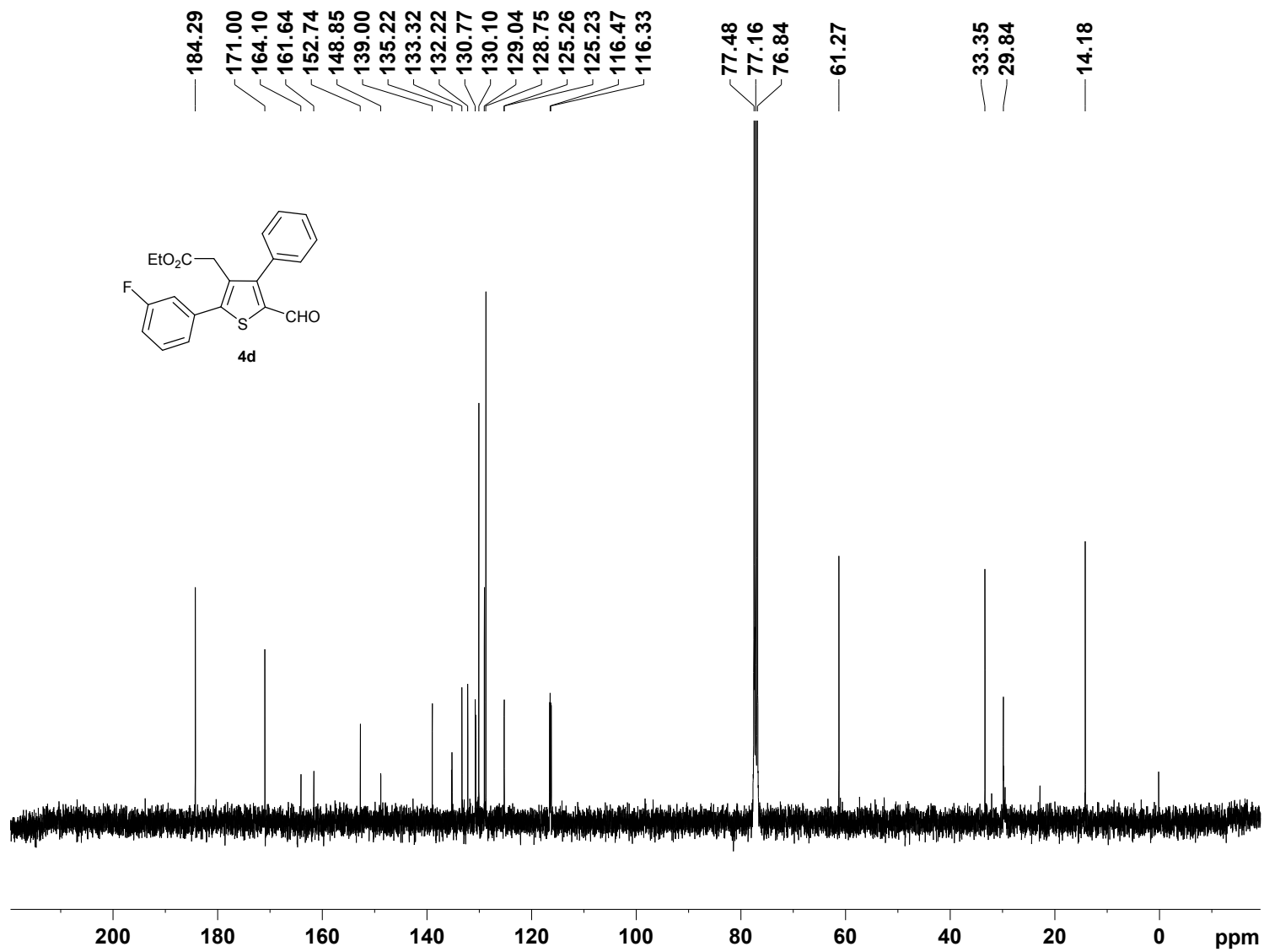


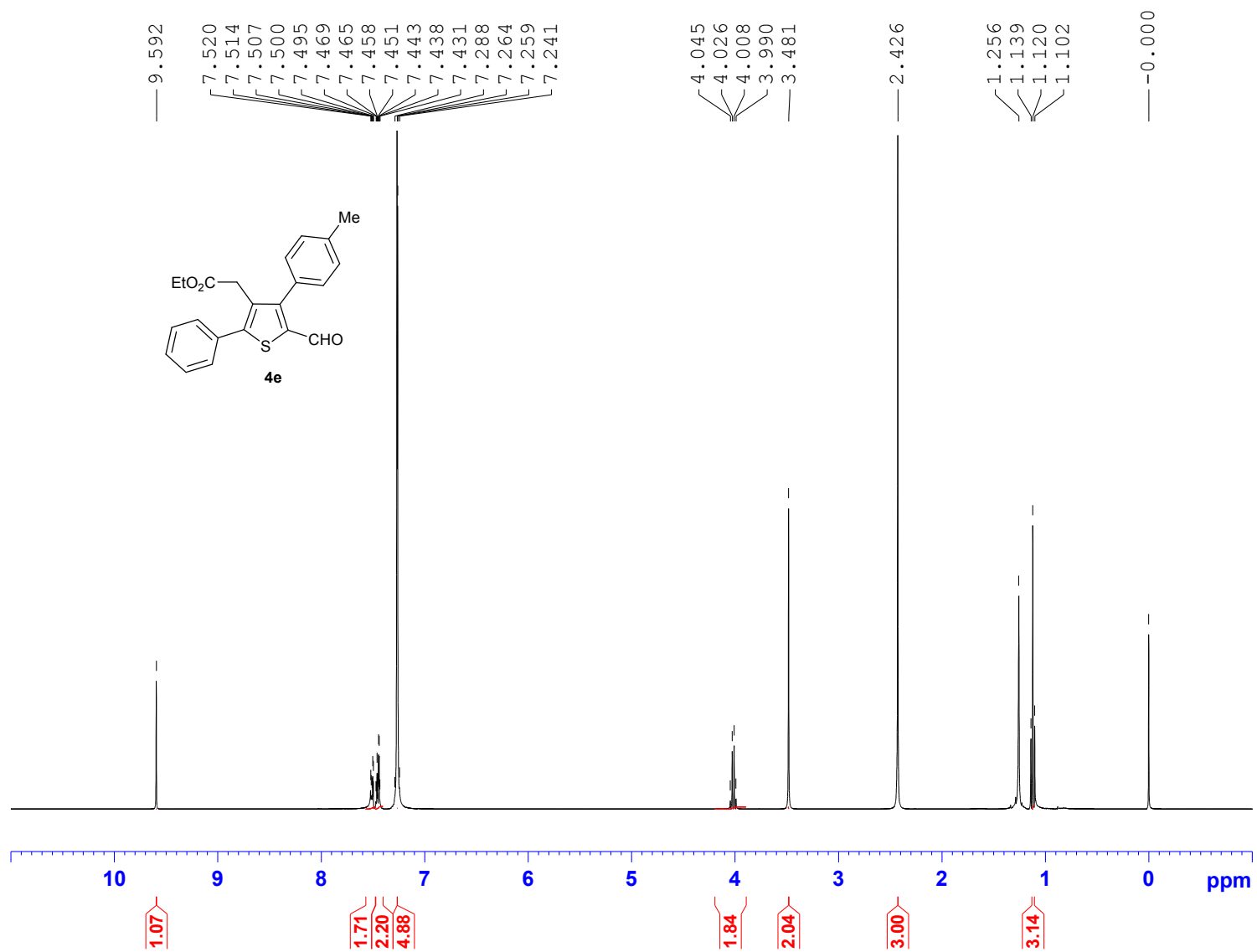


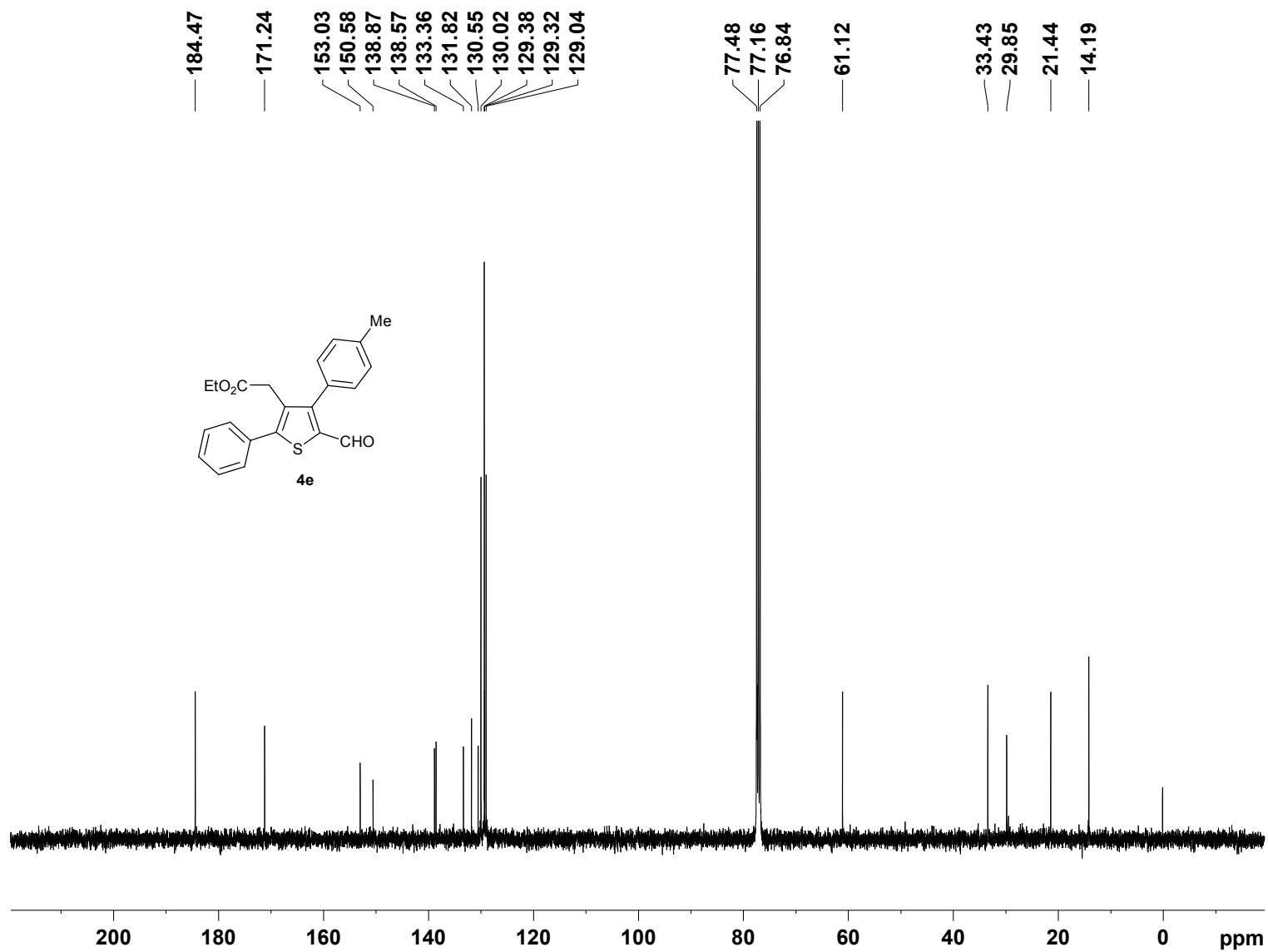


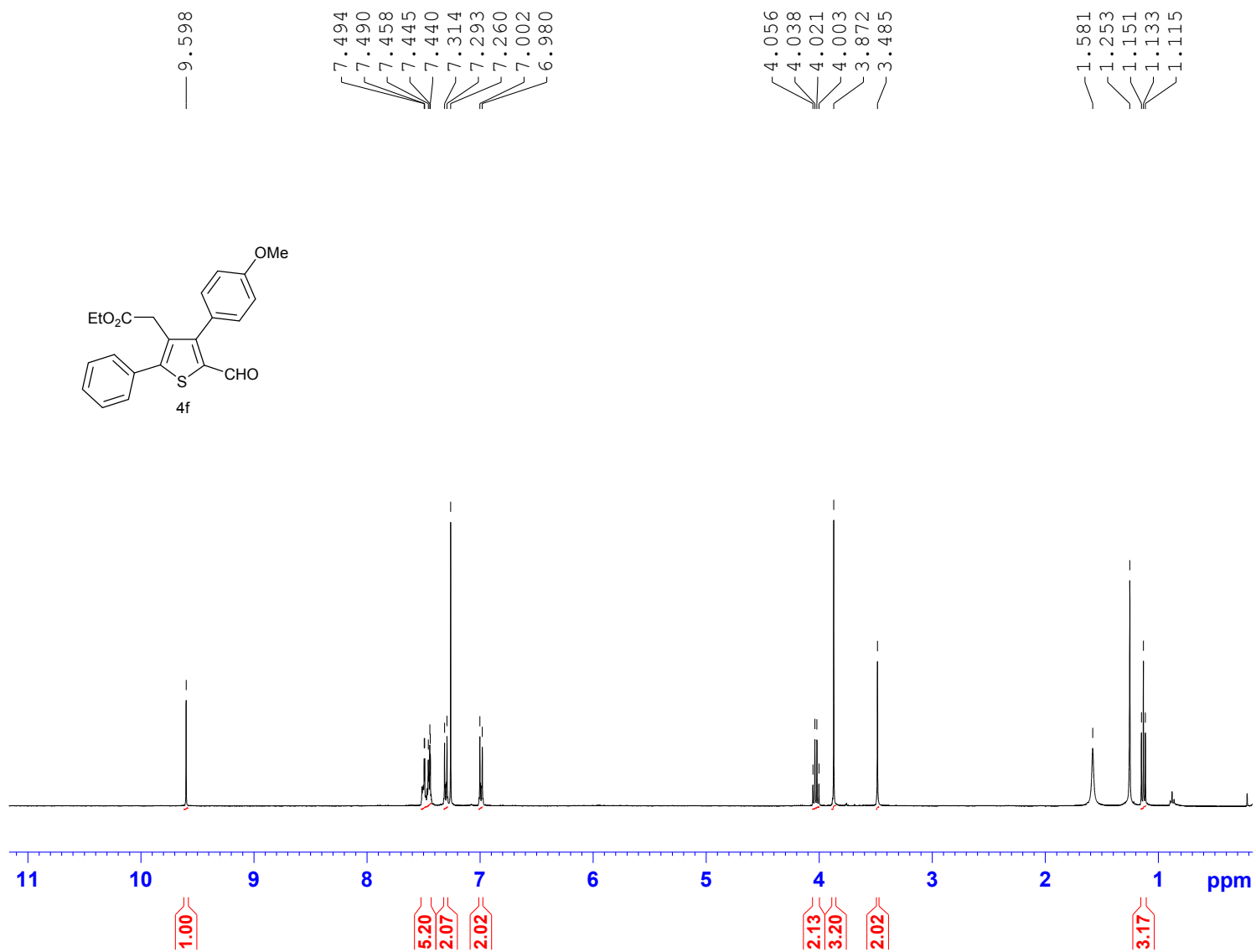


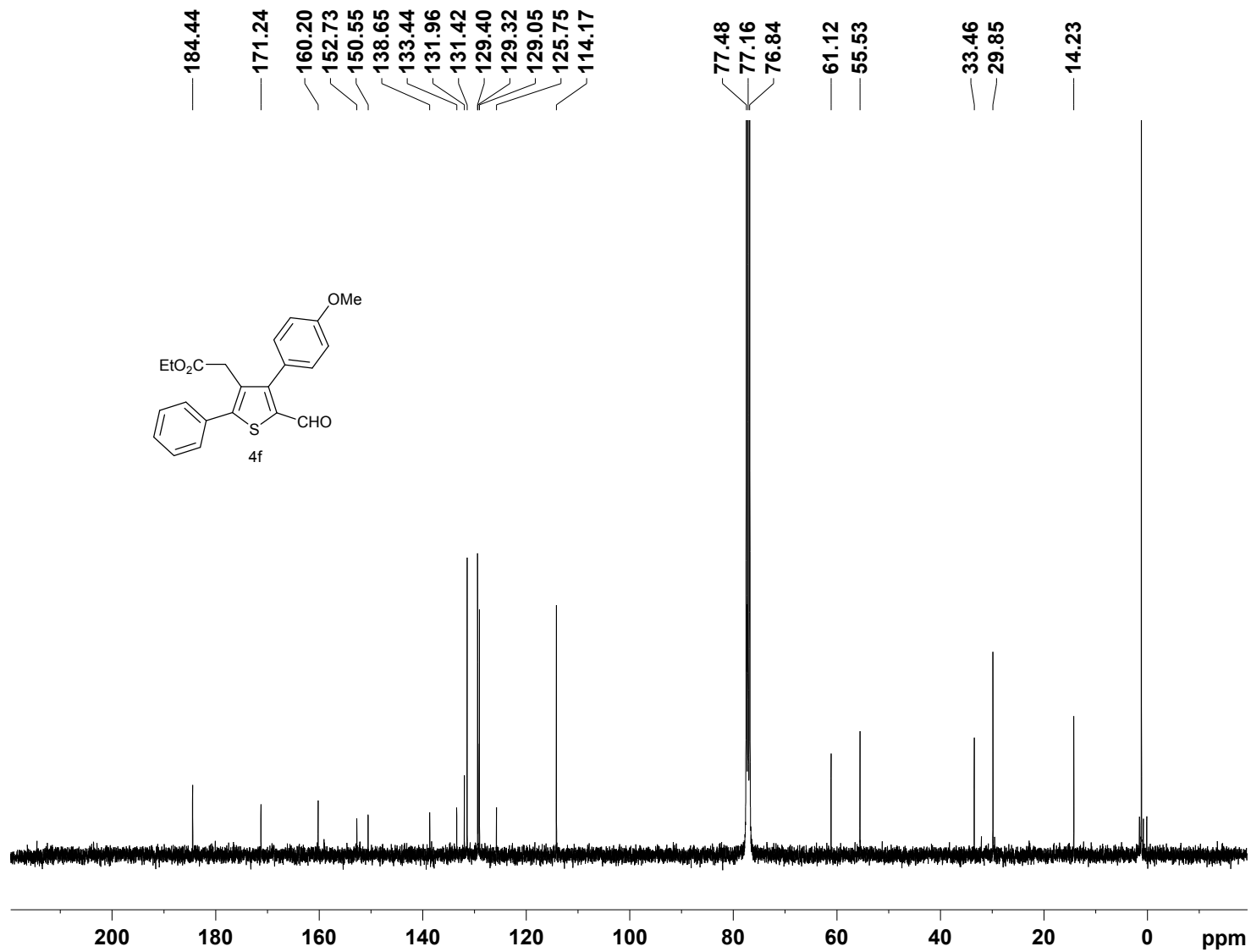


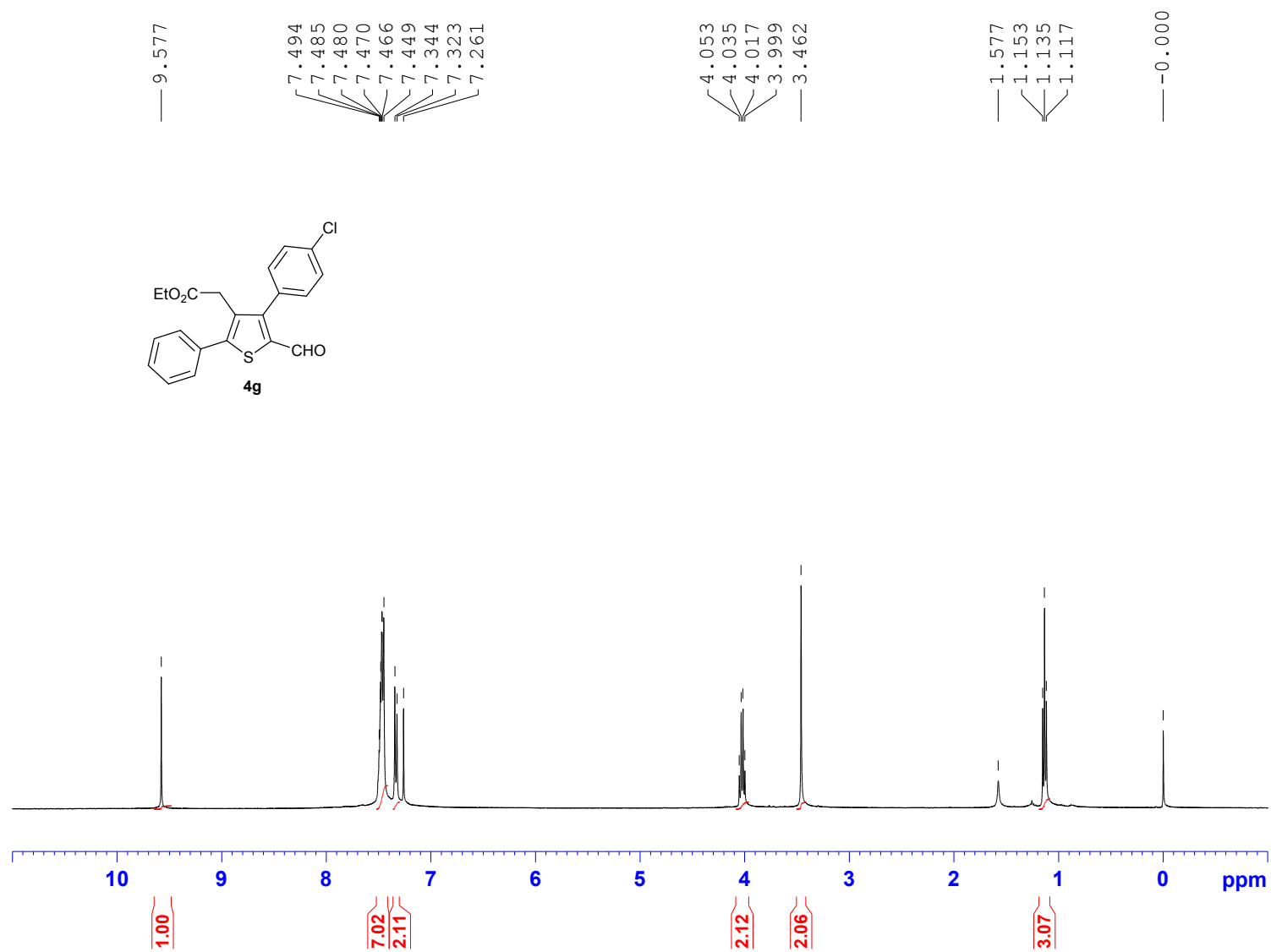


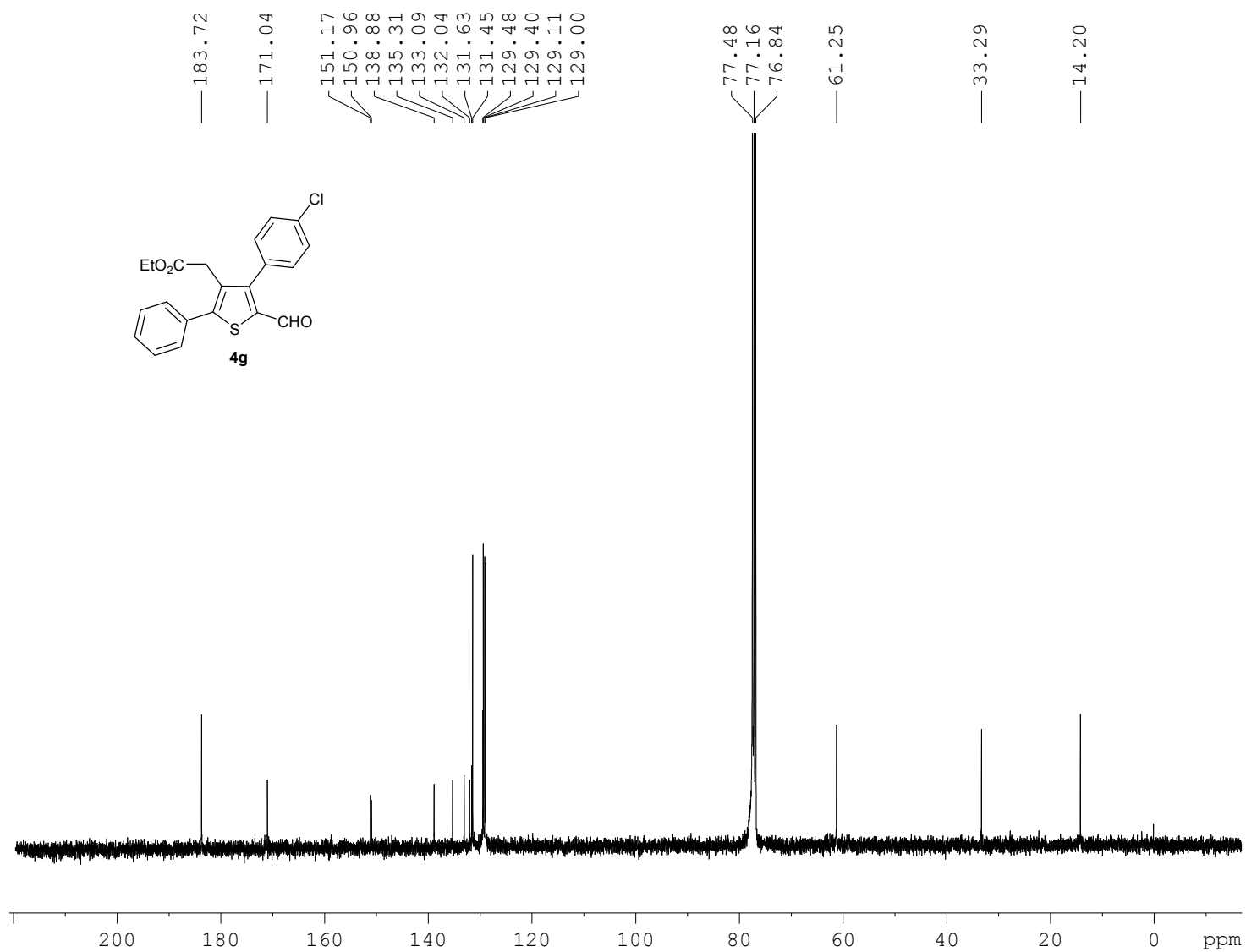


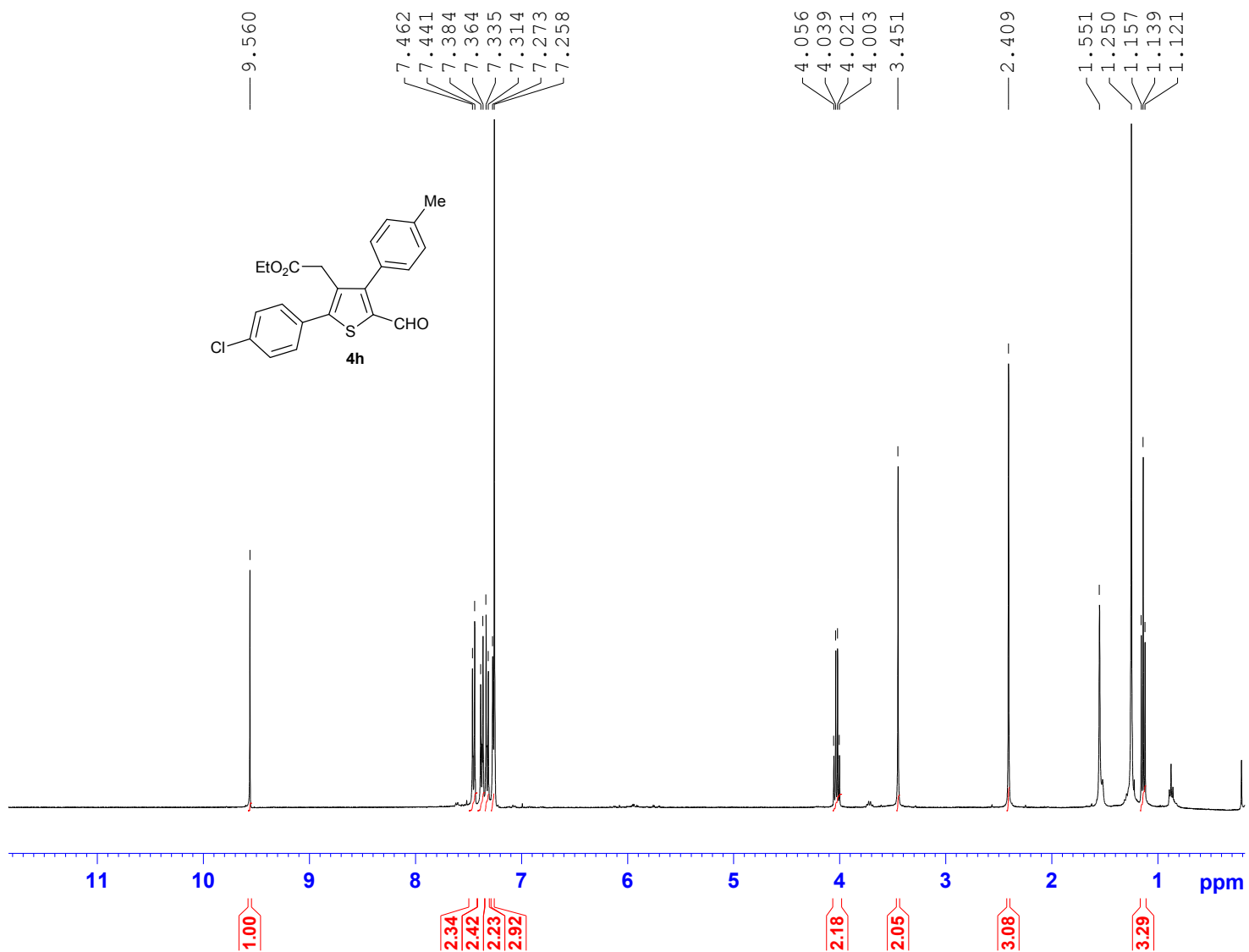


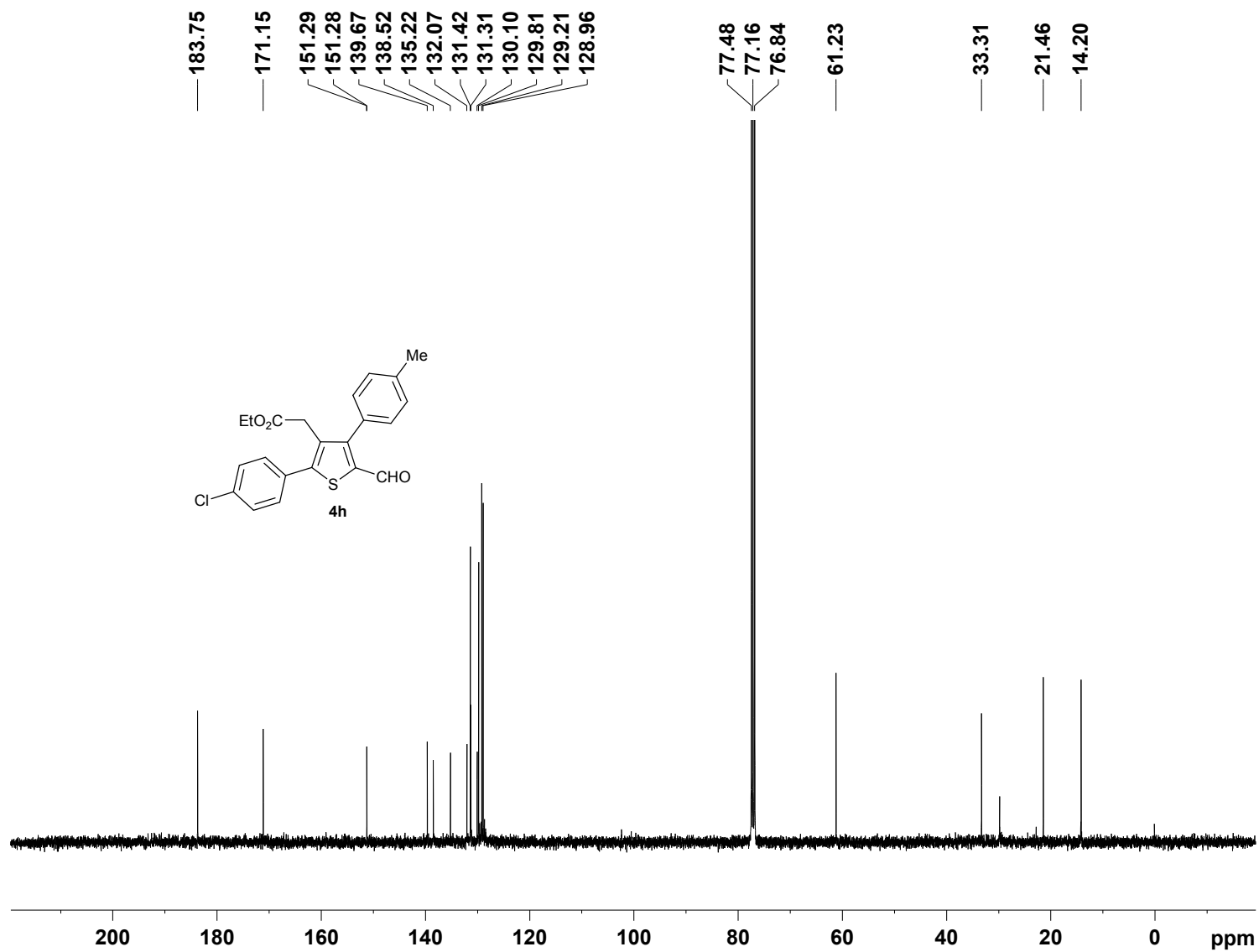


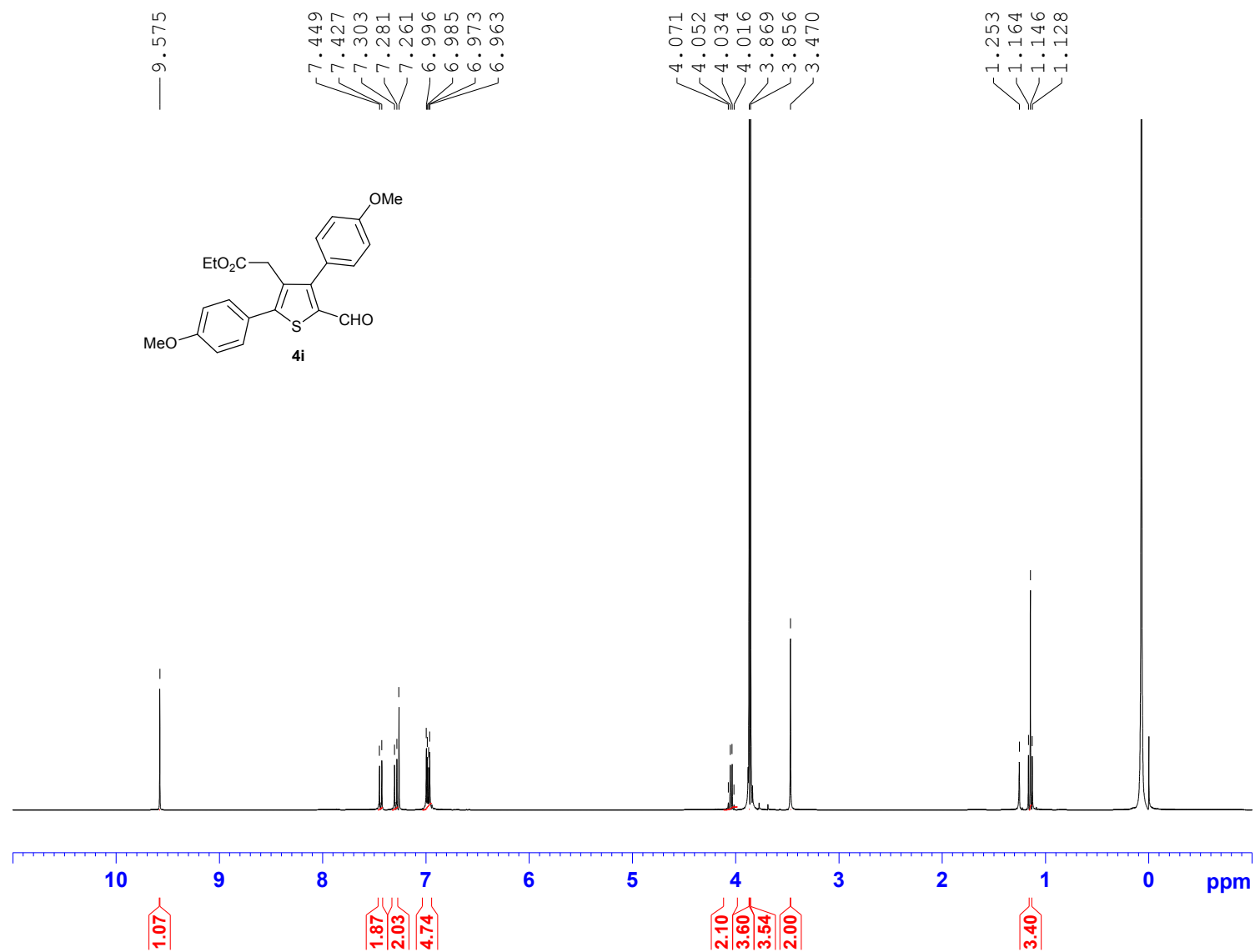


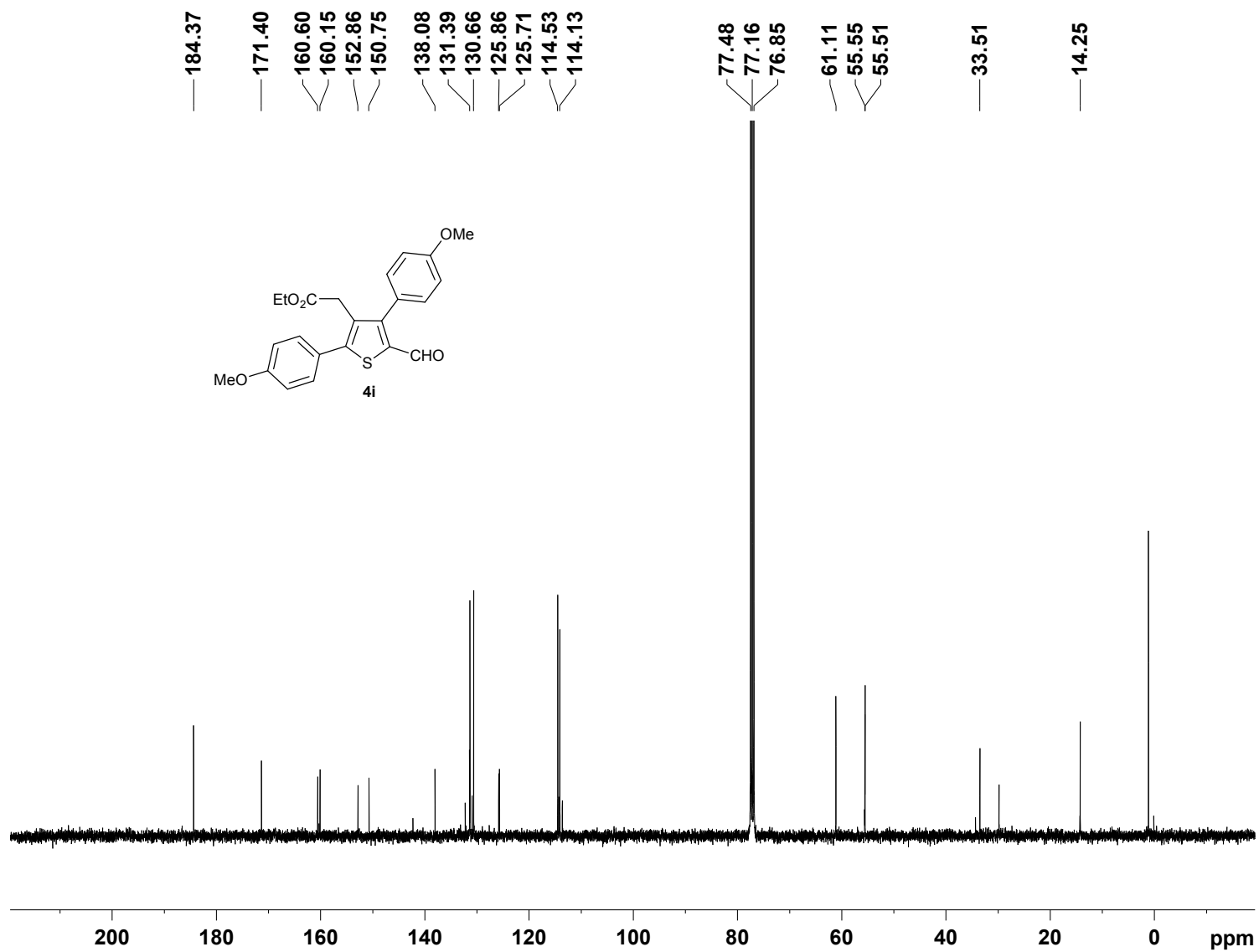


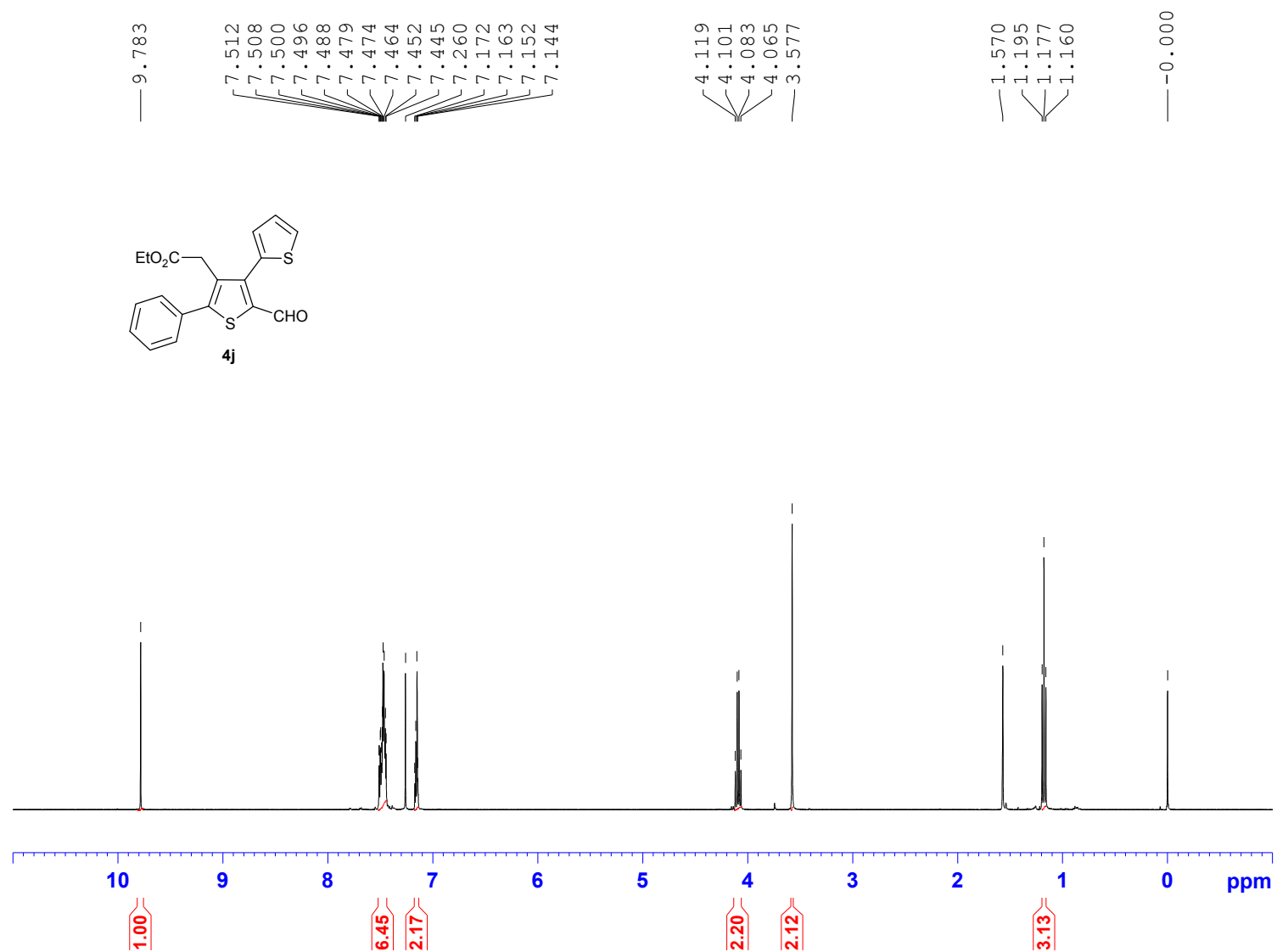


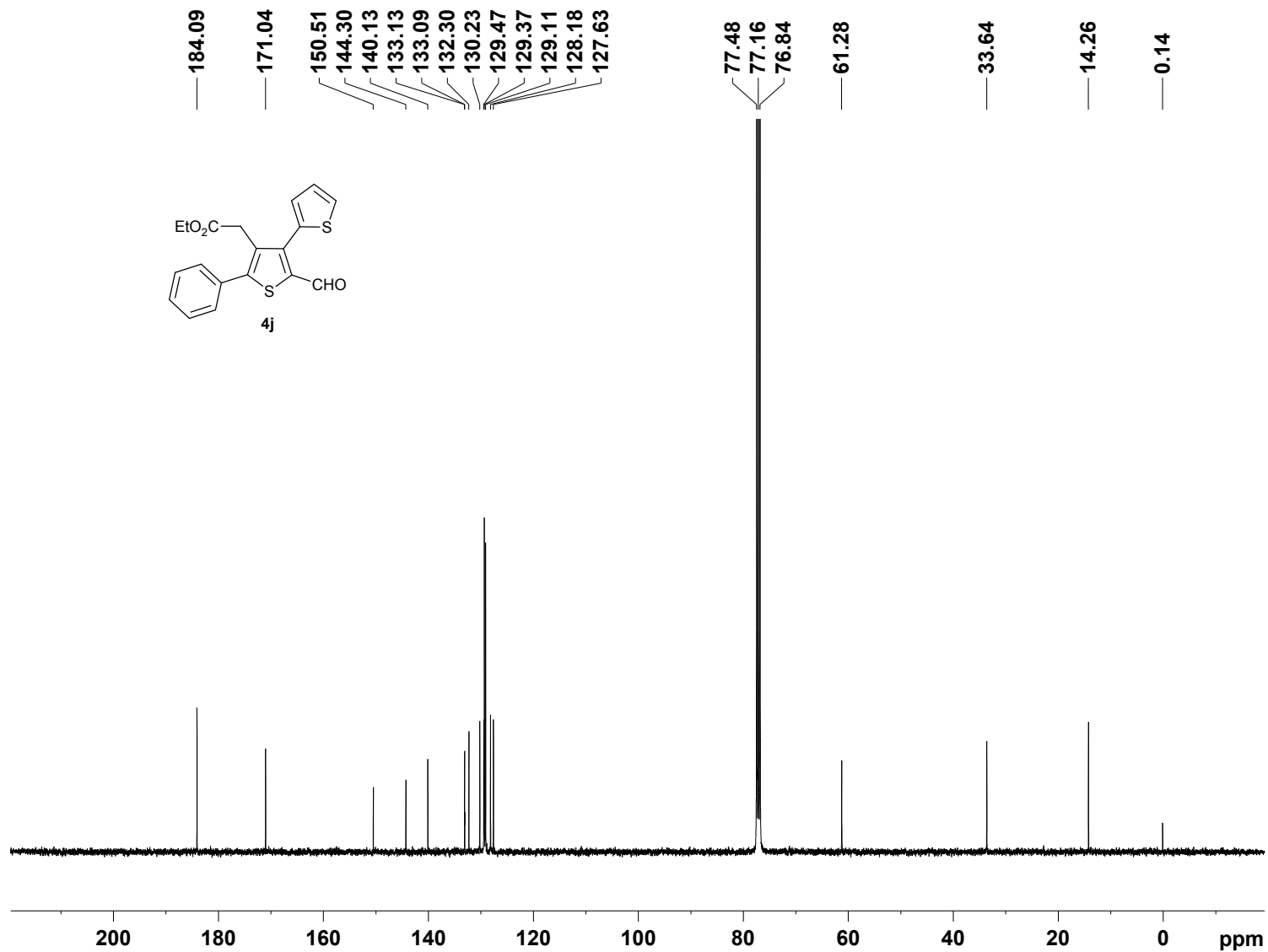


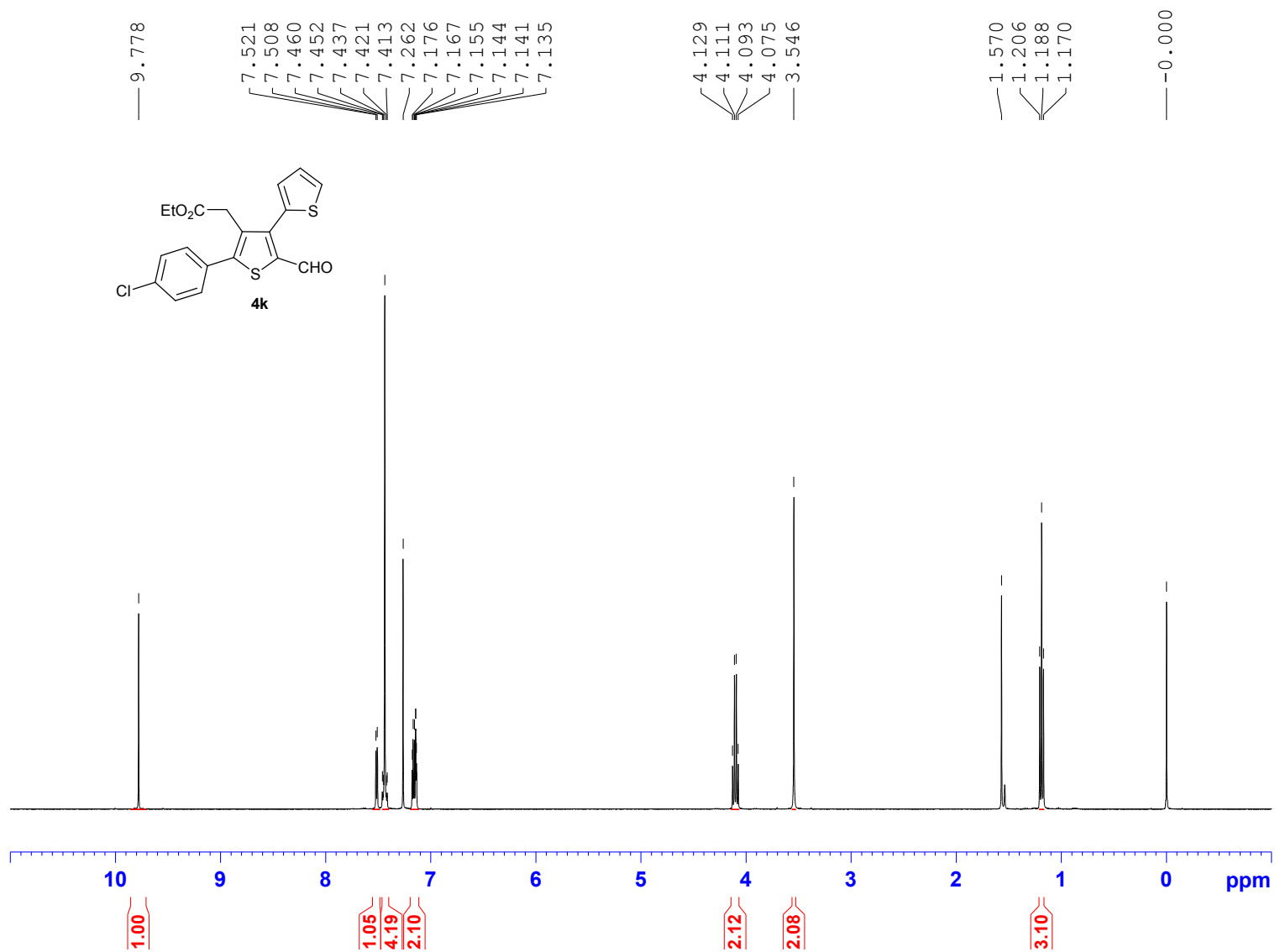


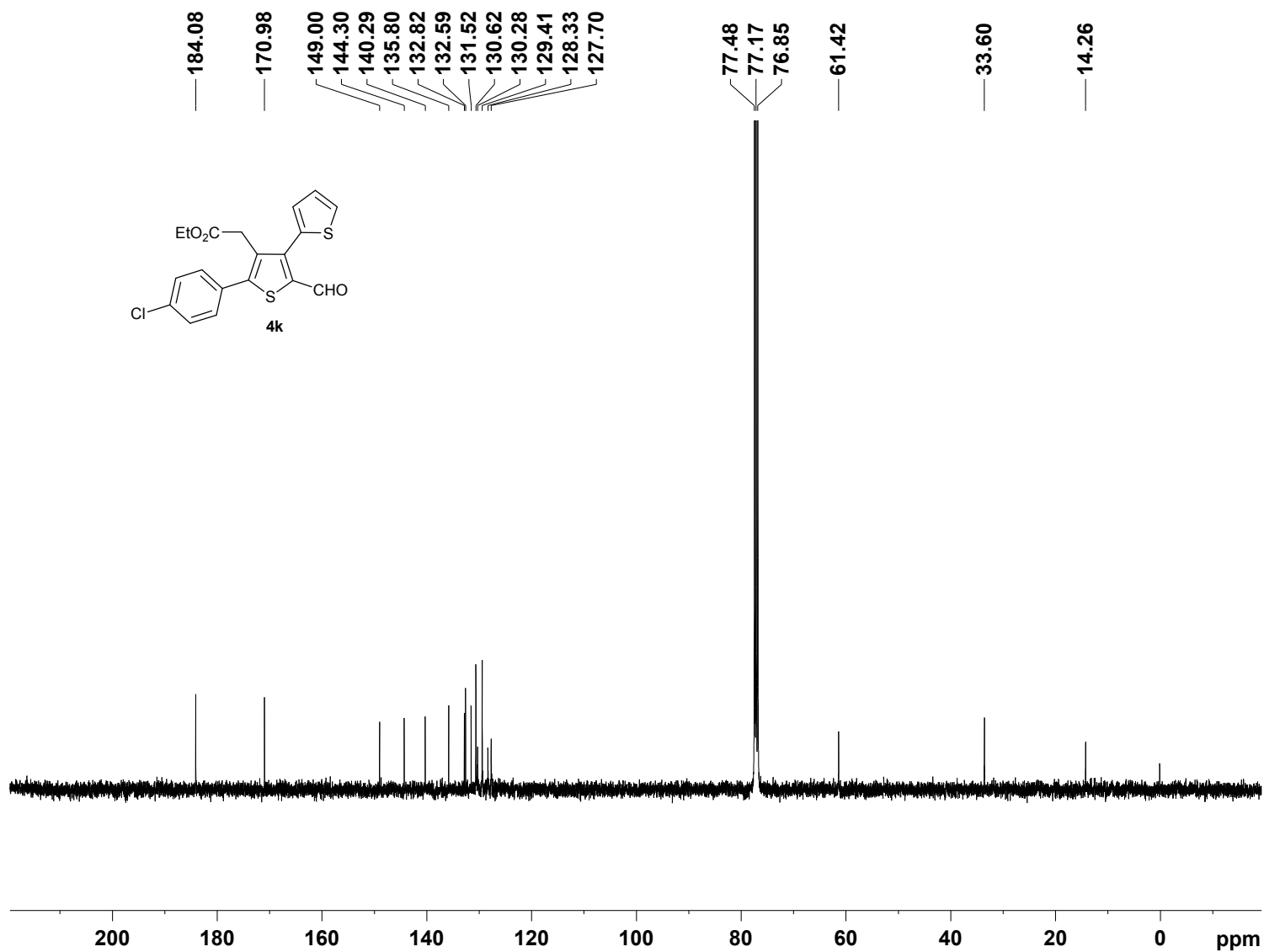


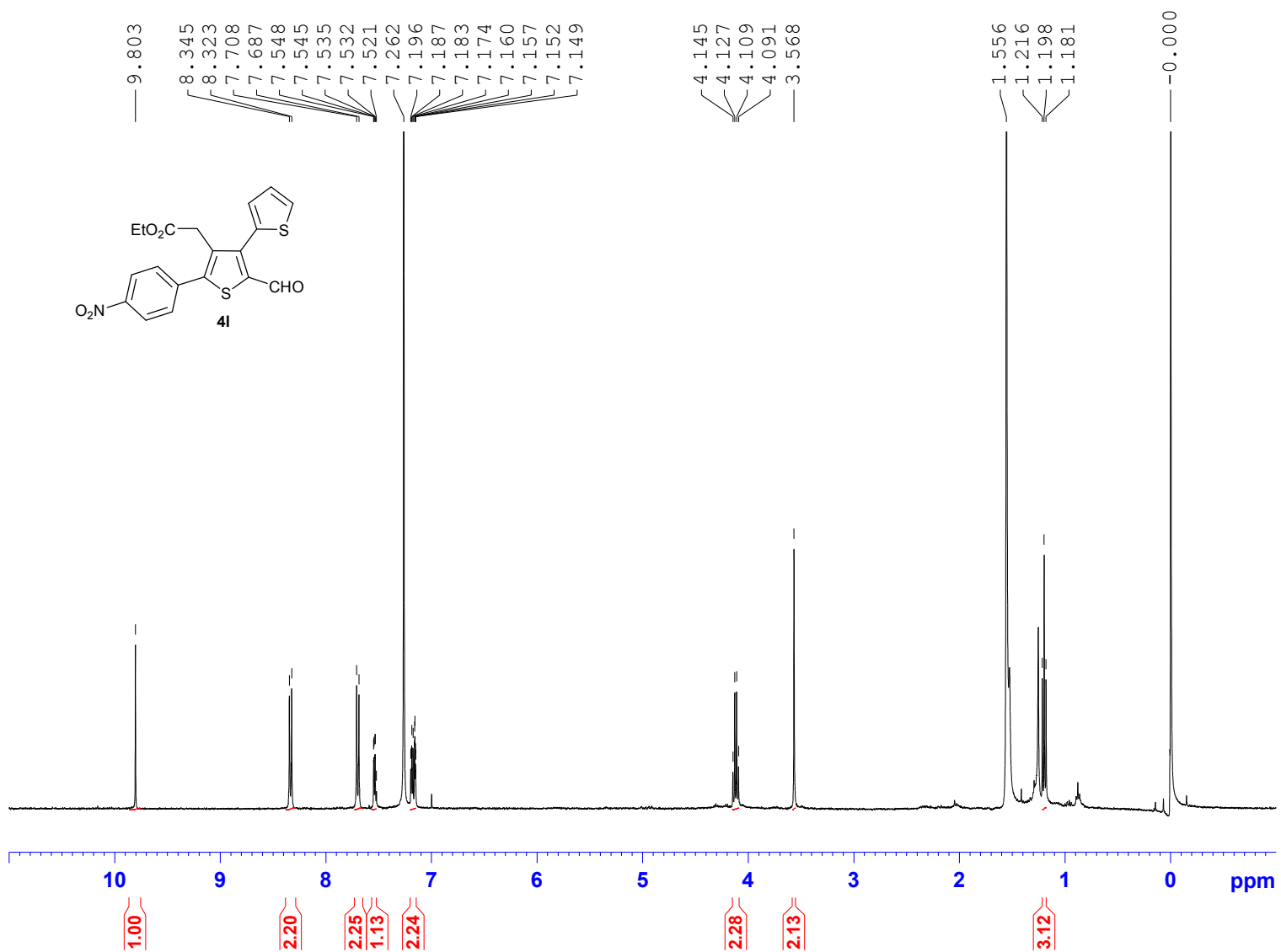


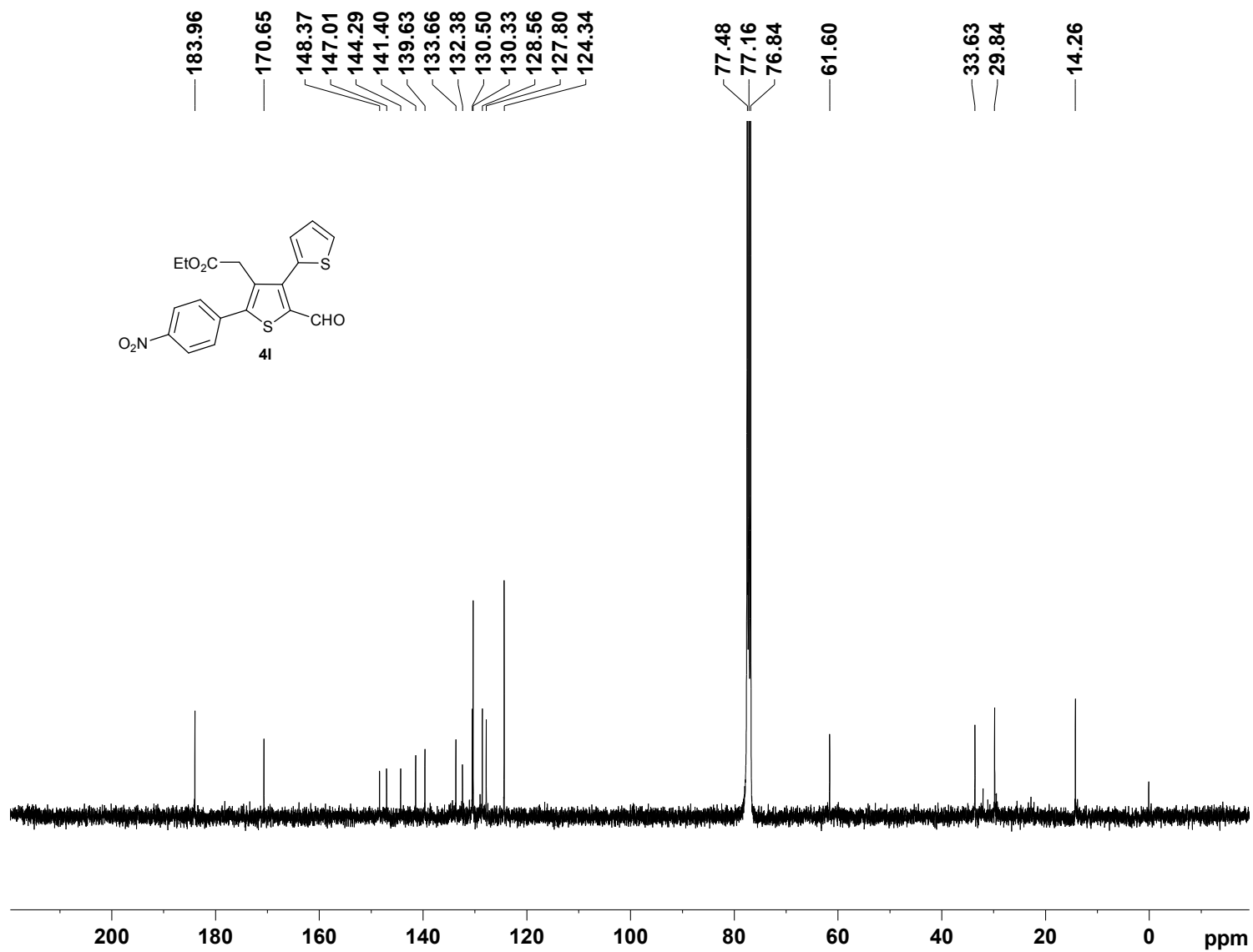


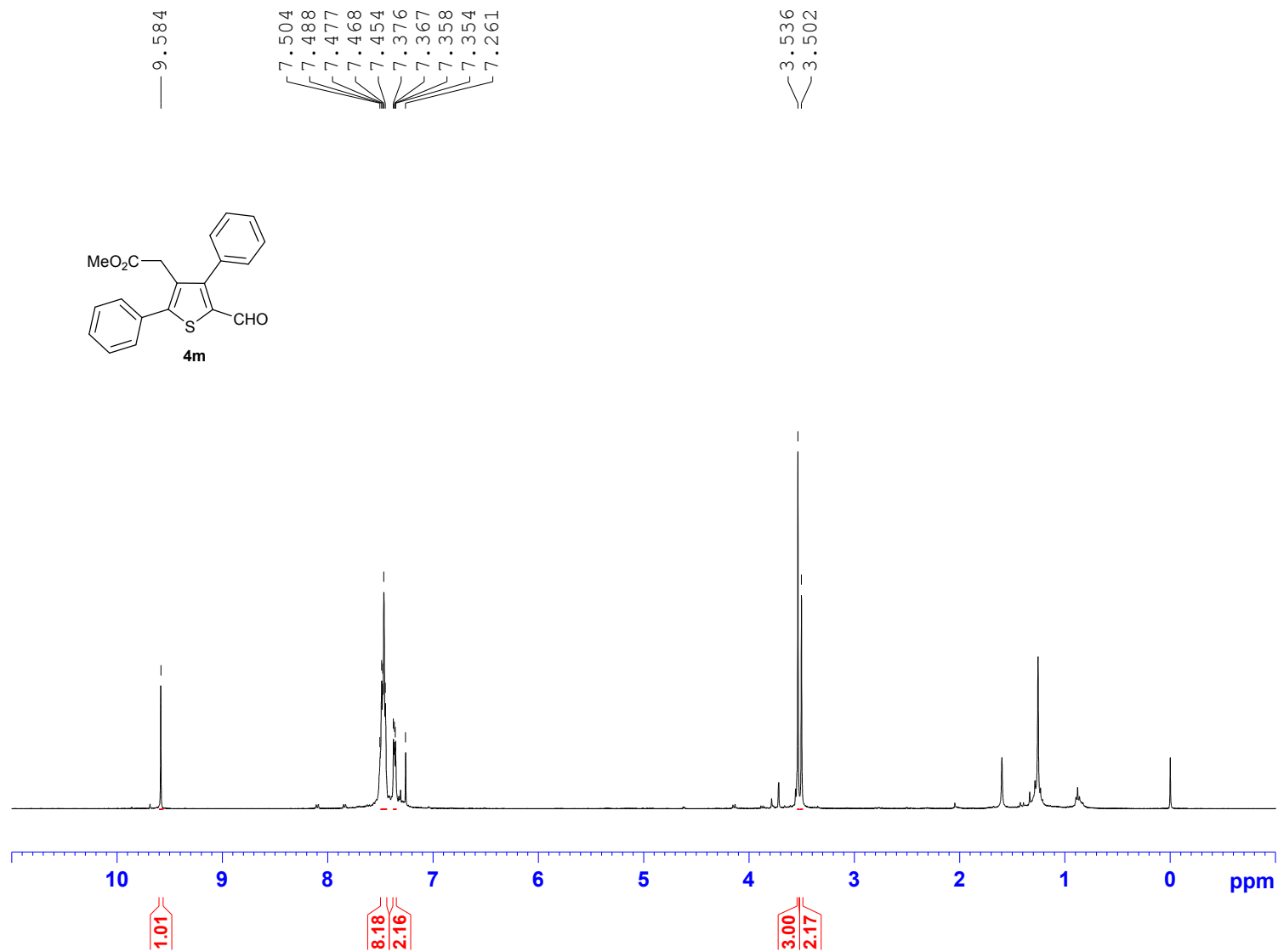


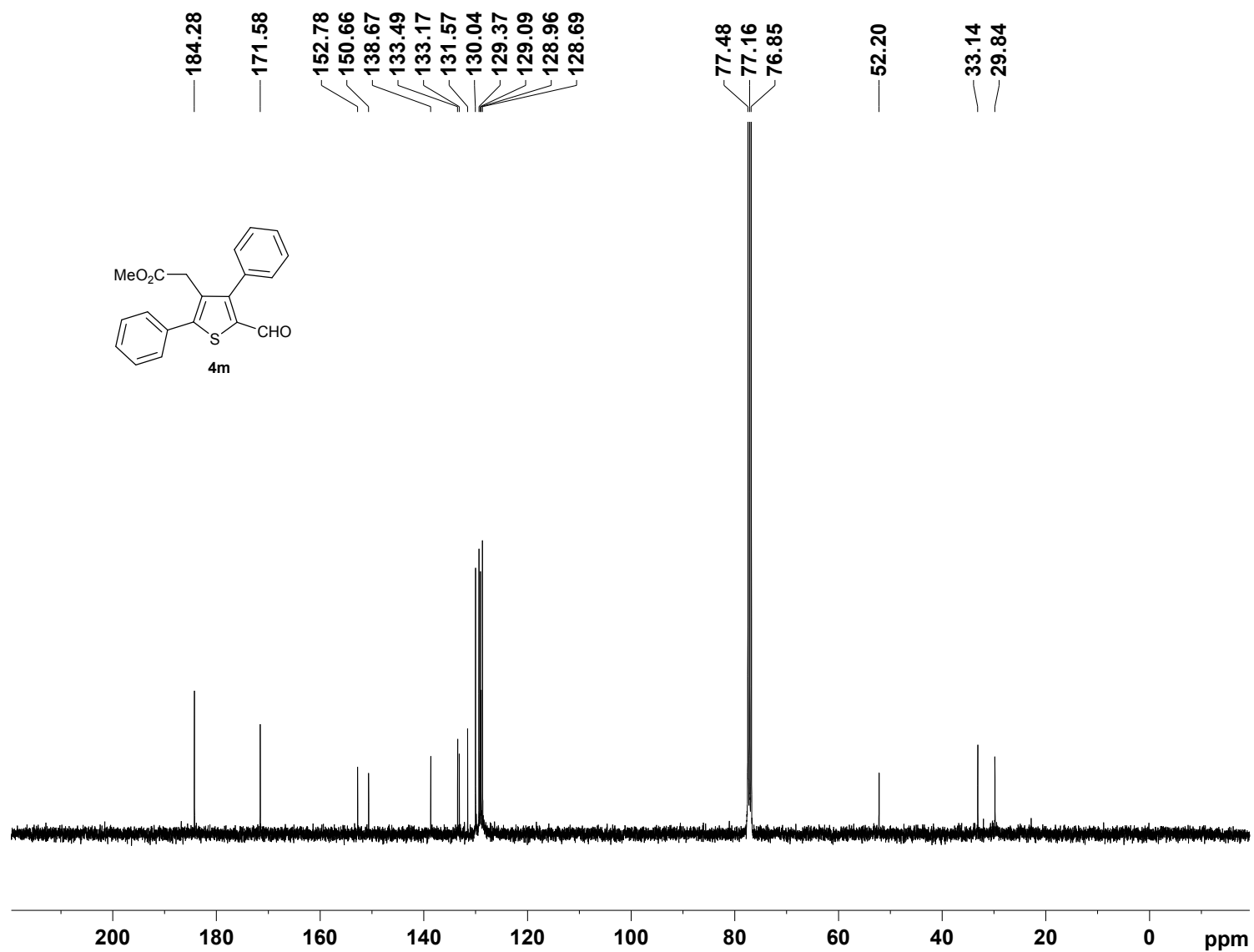


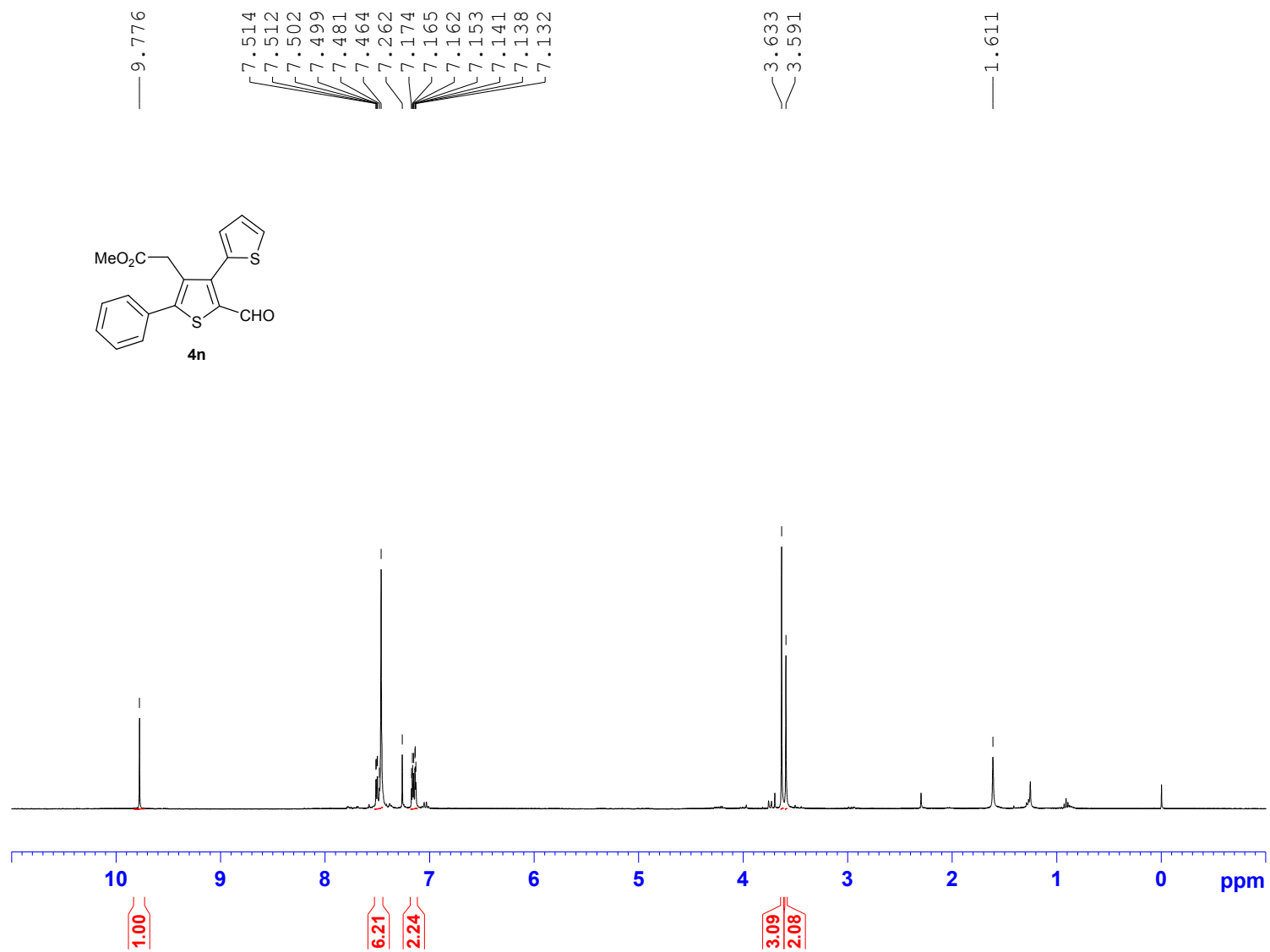


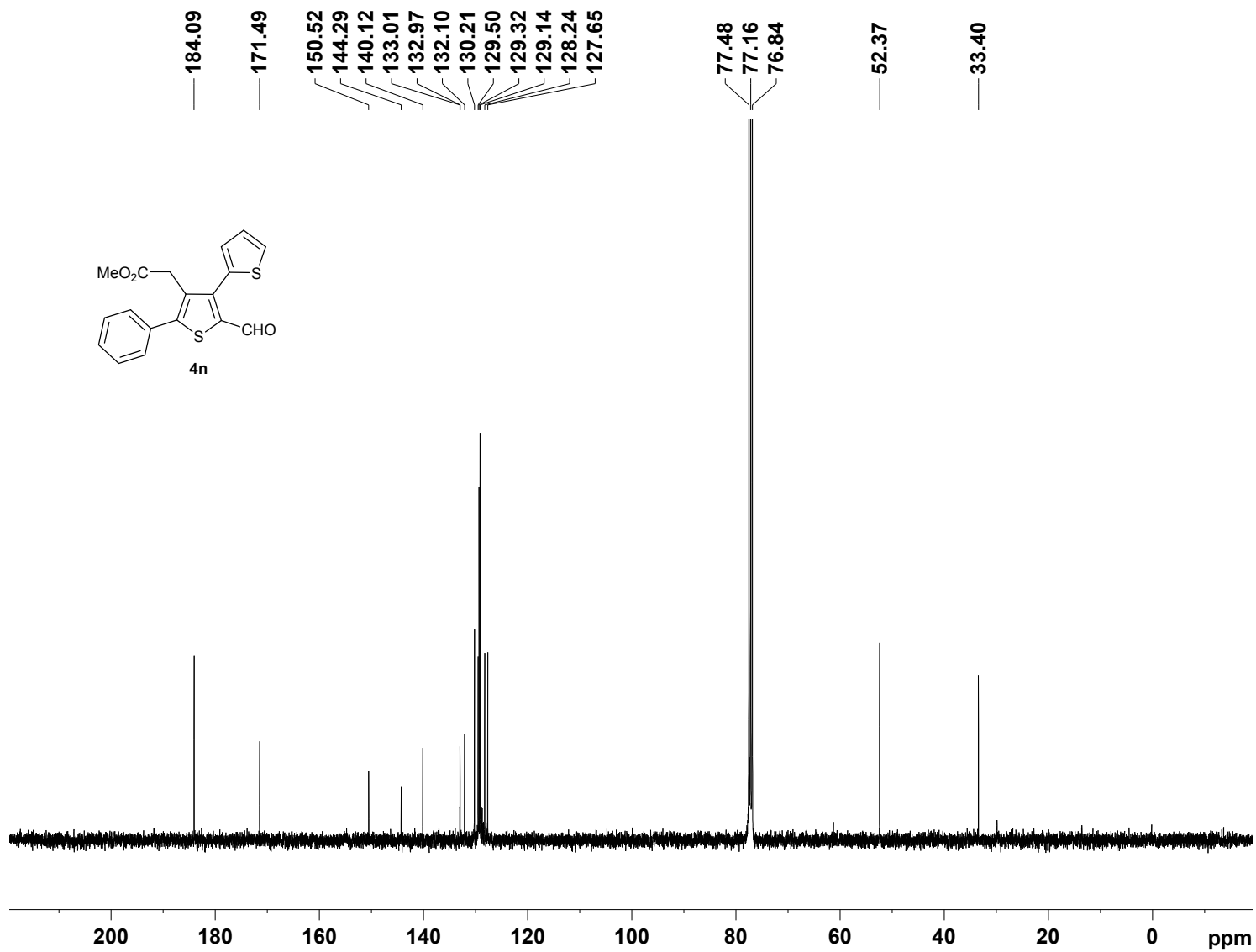


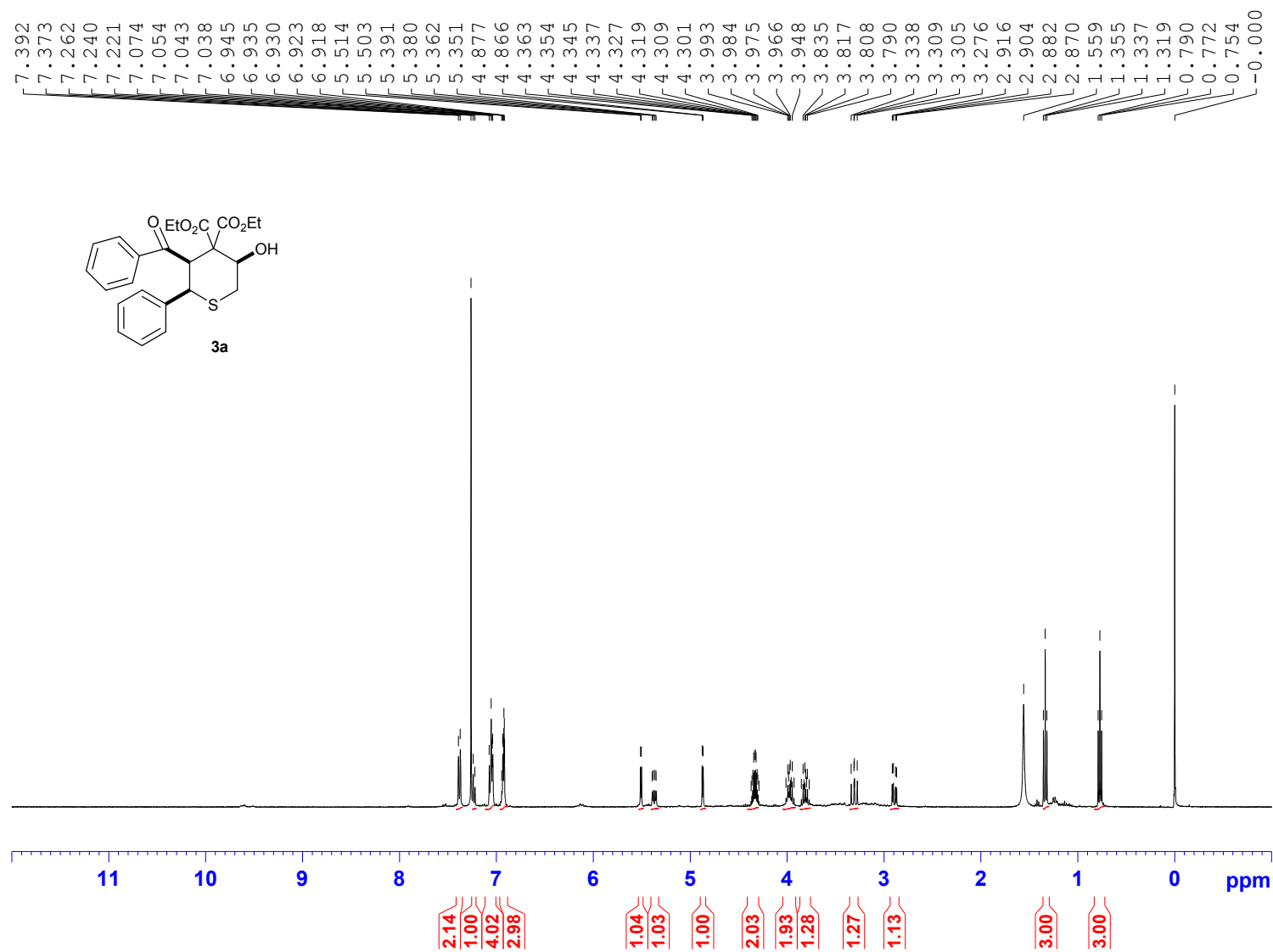


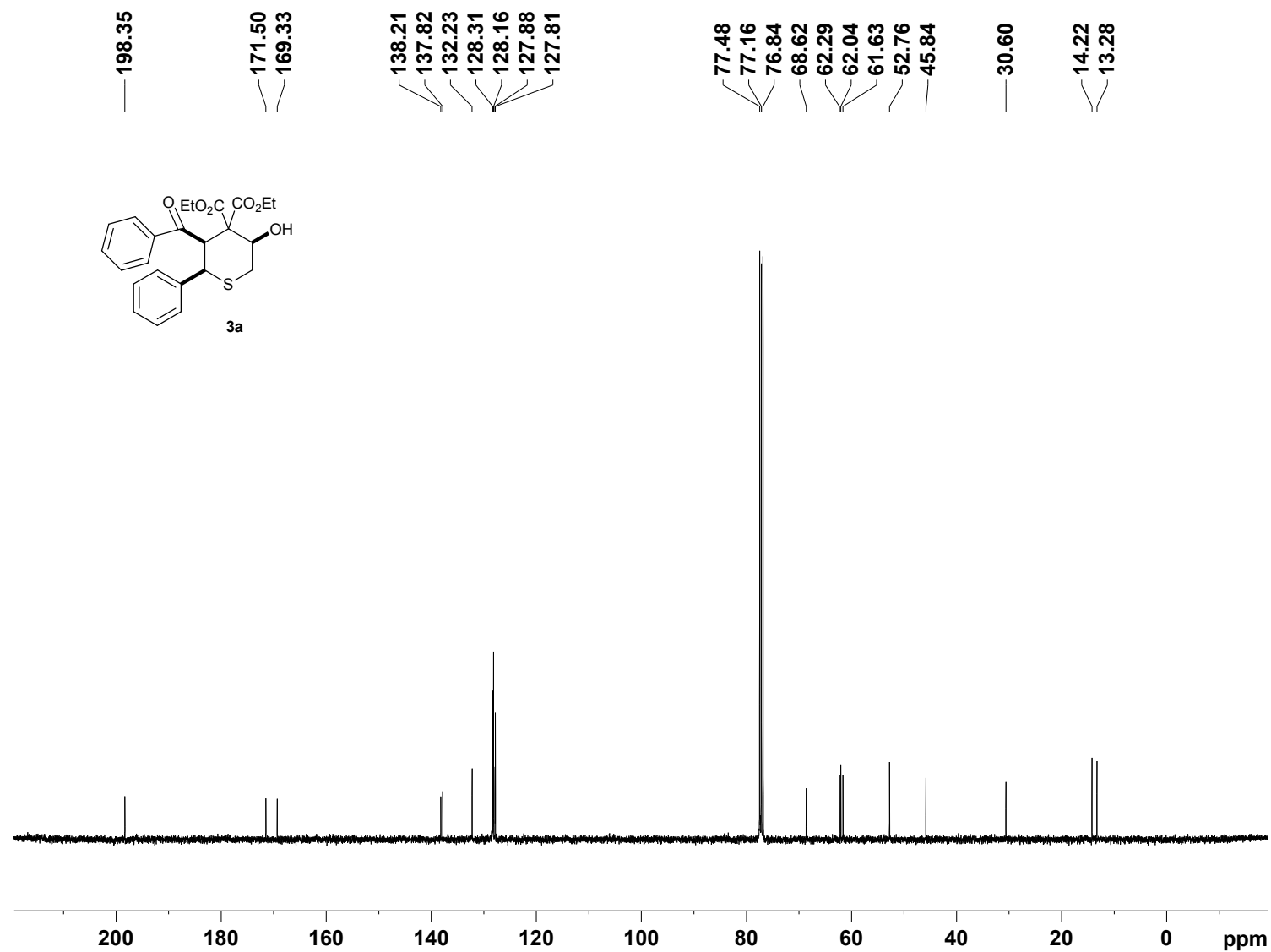


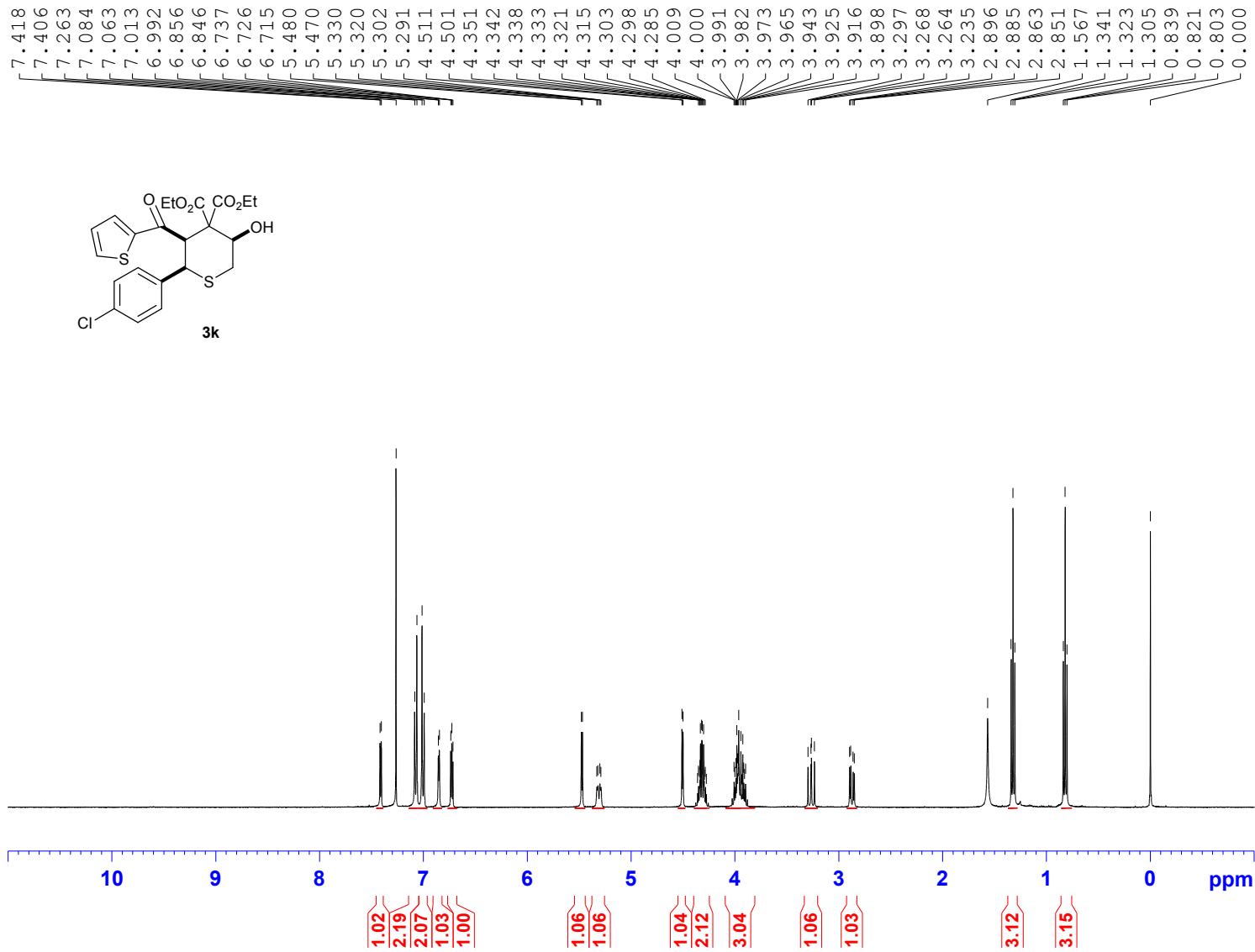


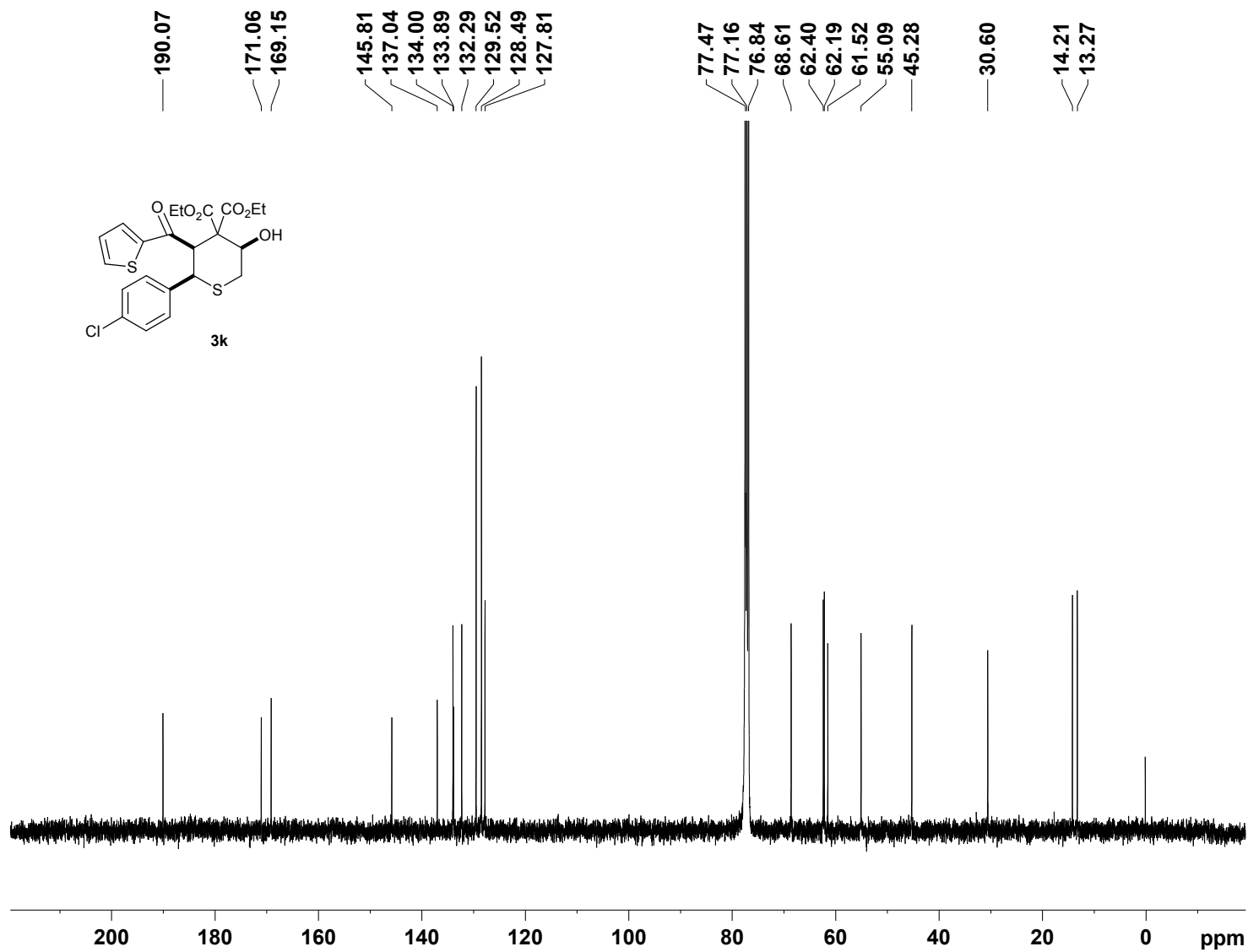


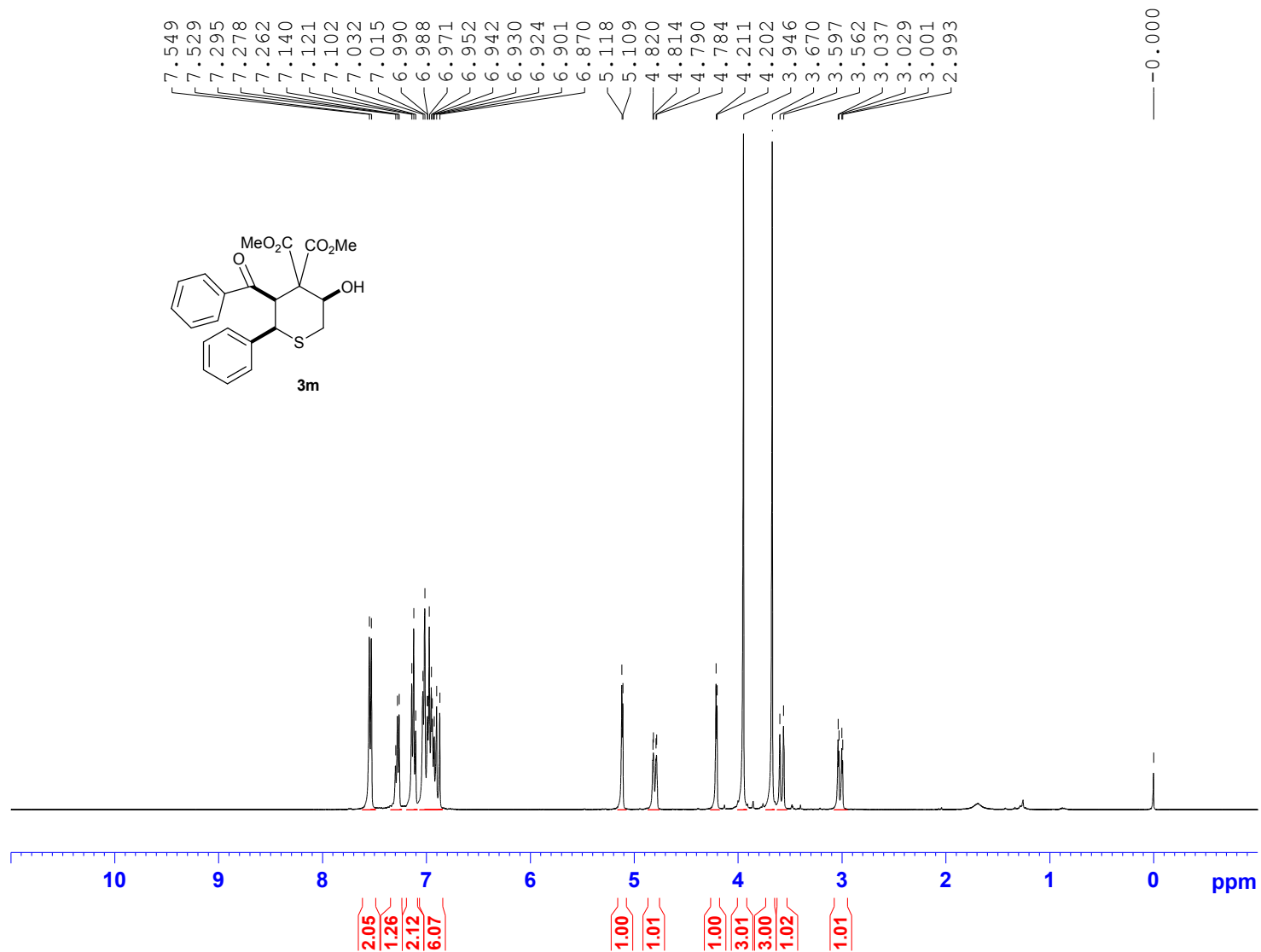


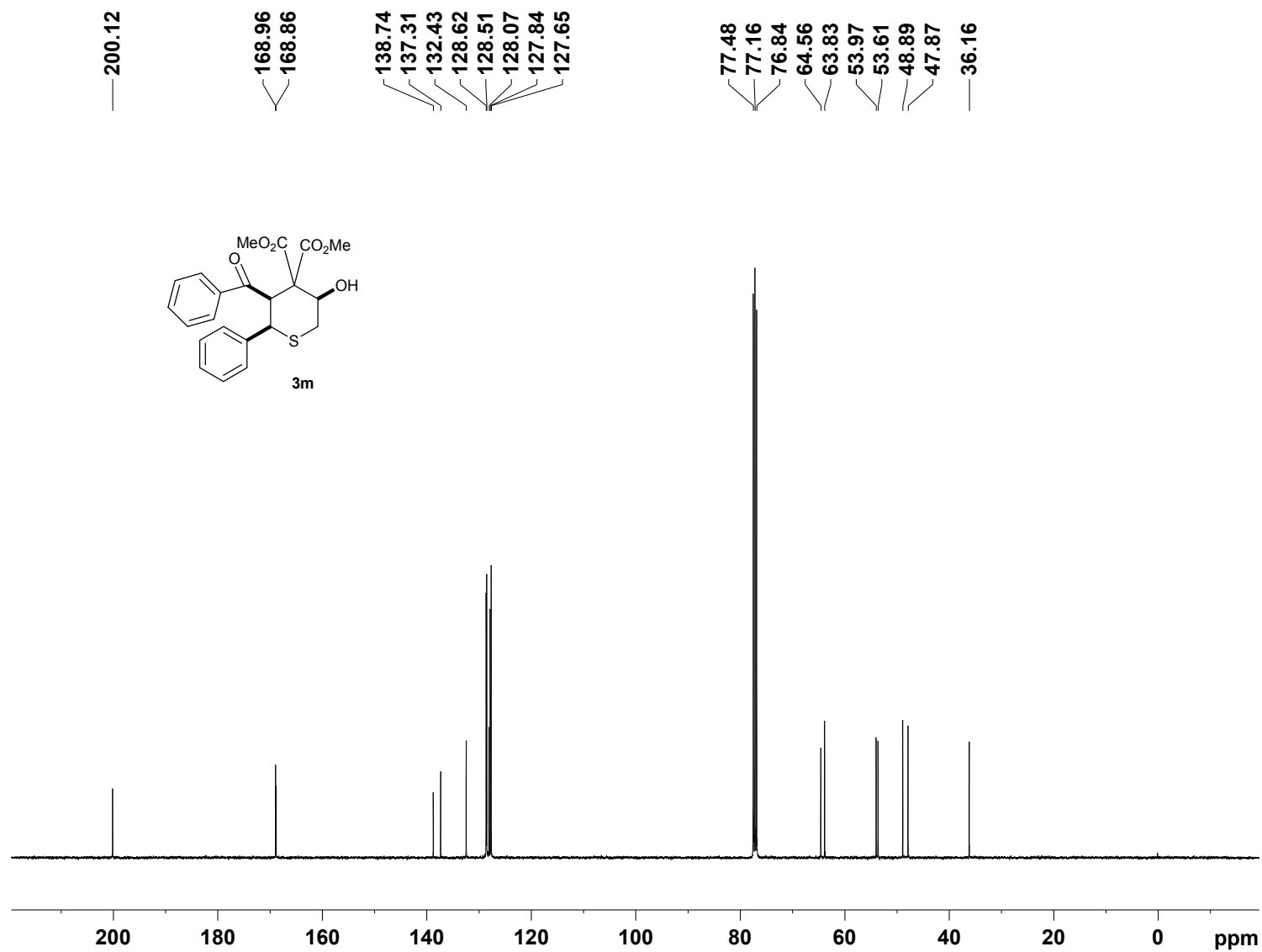












^1H NMR spectrum of diastereomeric mixture of 3a and 3a' (dr 9:1)

