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Gold superacid-catalyzed preparation of benzo[*c*]thiophenes

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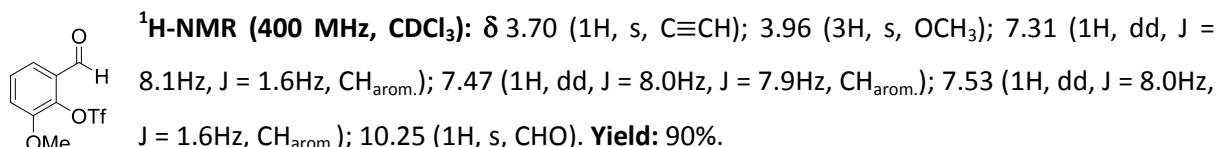
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1. General experimental details

Commercially available products were used as received without any purification unless otherwise noted. Column chromatography was performed in a glass column with silica gel (particle size 70–200 μm , pore diameter 60 \AA) using mixtures of ethyl acetate (EtOAc) and hexanes. NMR spectra were recorded at 300 and 400 MHz (^1H), 75 and 100 MHz (^{13}C) and 376 MHz (^{19}F) in CDCl_3 unless otherwise noted with tetramethylsilane (TMS) as internal standard. Low-resolution mass spectra were obtained with a single quadrupole mass spectrometer (ESI, 70 eV). High-resolution mass spectra were obtained with a time of flight (TOF) mass spectrometer (ESI or APCI). IR-spectra were obtained from a Perkin-Elmer Spectrum One BX FT-IR spectrophotometer.

2. Synthesis of 2-formyl-6-methoxyphenyl trifluoromethanesulfonate

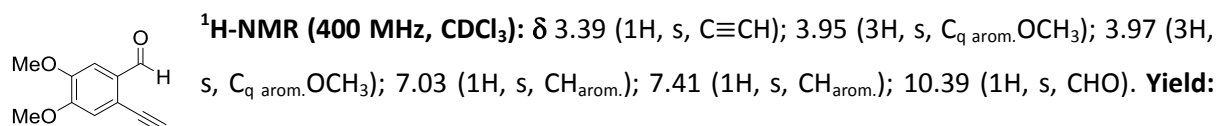
2-Hydroxy-3-methoxybenzaldehyde was triflated according to a known literature procedure.¹ Spectral data are in accordance with reported values.²



3. Synthesis of *ortho*-ethynyl aromatic aldehydes

A number of 2-bromobenzaldehydes and 2-formyl-6-methoxyphenyl trifluoromethanesulfonate were subjected to a Sonogashira coupling and subsequent deprotection. 2-Ethynylbenzaldehyde is commercially available. Representative procedure: 5.32 g 2-bromo-4,5-dimethoxybenzaldehyde (21.2 mmol, 1 equiv), 0.30 g $\text{PdCl}_2(\text{PPh}_3)_2$ (0.43 mmol, 2 mol%) and 83 mg CuI (0.43 mmol, 2 mol%) were dissolved in 20 mL Et_3N in a 50 mL round-bottom flask under N_2 -atmosphere. 3.70 mL TMS-acetylene was added in a dropwise fashion (26,0 mmol, 1.2 equiv) after which the reaction mixture was heated to reflux temperature. After completion of the reaction upon HPLC analysis, the solvent was removed *in vacuo* and the crude was then redissolved in ethyl acetate and filtered through a thick layer of Celite(r). The filtrate was concentrated *in vacuo*, then redissolved in methanol and TMS-deprotected by adding 0.99 g of K_2CO_3 (7.2 mmol, 0.33 equiv) and stirring for 15 minutes at room temperature. The solvent was removed *in vacuo* and the crude was dissolved in a NaHCO_3 solution with ethyl acetate and extracted 3 times (3x 20 mL). The combined organic fractions were dried using MgSO_4 and concentrated *in vacuo*. 3.83 g (20.1 mmol, 95%) of **1f** was obtained. The spectral data, if available, were in accordance with reported values. If necessary column chromatography or recrystallization was performed.

2-ethynyl-4,5-dimethoxybenzaldehyde **1f**.³



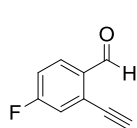
¹ L. J. Goossen, N. Rodríguez, C. Linder, *J. Am. Chem. Soc.*, 2008, **130**, 15248.

² J. M. Saá, G. Martorell, A. García-Raso, *J. Org. Chem.*, 1992, **57**, 678.

³ M. J. Kim, Y. R. Choi, H.-G. Jeon, P. Kang, M.-G. Choi, K.-S. Jeong, *Chem. Commun.*, 2013, **49**, 11412.

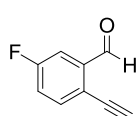
95%.

2-ethynyl-4-fluorobenzaldehyde **1b**:⁴



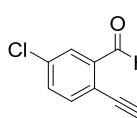
¹H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 3.51 (1H, s, C≡CH); 7.19 (1H, ddd, J = 8.6Hz, ⁴J_{HF} = 8.4Hz, J = 2.5Hz, CH_{arom.}); 7.30 (1H, dd, ⁴J_{HF} = 8.8Hz, J = 2.5Hz, CH_{arom.}); 7.97 (1H, dd, J = 8.6Hz, J_{HF} = 5.8Hz, CH_{arom.}); 10.46 (1H, s, CHO). **Yield:** 92%.

2-ethynyl-5-fluorobenzaldehyde **1c**:⁴



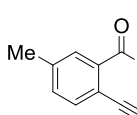
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5-chloro-2-ethynylbenzaldehyde **1d**:⁴



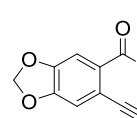
¹H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 3.50 (1H, s, C≡CH); 7.53 (1H, dd, J = 8.3Hz, J = 2.1Hz, CH_{arom.}); 7.56 (1H, dd, J = 8.3Hz, J = 0.6 Hz, CH_{arom.}); 7.90 (1H, dd, J = 2.1Hz, J = 0.6Hz, CH_{arom.}); 10.48 (1H, s, CHO). **Yield:** 94%.

2-ethynyl-5-methylbenzaldehyde **1e**:



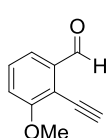
¹H-NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 2.38 (3H, s, CH₃); 3.41 (1H, s, C≡CH); 7.26 (1H, d, J = 8.3Hz, CH_{arom.}); 7.40 (1H, s, CH_{arom.}); 7.81 (1H, d, J = 8.3Hz, CH_{arom.}); 10.45 (1H, s, CHO). **Yield:** 72%.

6-ethynylbenzo[d][1,3]dioxole-5-carbaldehyde **1g**:⁵



¹H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 3.37 (1H, s, C≡CH); 6.08 (2H, s, CH₂); 6.99 (1H, s, CH_{arom.}); 7.35 (1H, s, CH_{arom.}); 10.38 (1H, s, CHO). **Yield:** 60%.

2-ethynyl-3-methoxybenzaldehyde **1h**:

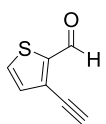


¹H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 3.70 (1H, s, C≡CH); 3.96 (3H, s, OCH₃); 7.14 (1H, dd, J = 8.1Hz, J = 0.9Hz, CH_{arom.}); 7.44 (1H, dd, J = 8.1Hz, J = 7.9Hz, CH_{arom.}); 7.54 (1H, dd, J = 7.9Hz, J = 0.9Hz, CH_{arom.}); 10.55 (1H, s, CHO). **Yield:** 76%.

3-ethynylthiophene-2-carbaldehyde **1i**:⁴

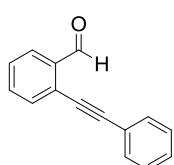
⁴ M. Li, P. Xing, Z. Huang, B. Jiang, *Chin. J. Chem.*, 2013, **31**, 49.

⁵ D. B. Grotjahn, K. P. C. Vollhardt, *Synthesis*, 1993, **1993**, 579.



¹H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 3.46 (1H, s, C≡CH); 7.22 (1H, d, J = 5.0Hz, CH_{arom.}); 7.68 (1H, dd, J = 5.0Hz, J = 1.3Hz, CH_{arom.}); 10.15 (1H, d, J = 1.3Hz, CHO). **Yield:** 87%.

2-(phenylethynyl)benzaldehyde **1j**:⁶ instead of TMS-acetylene, phenylacetylene was used for the Sonogashira coupling.

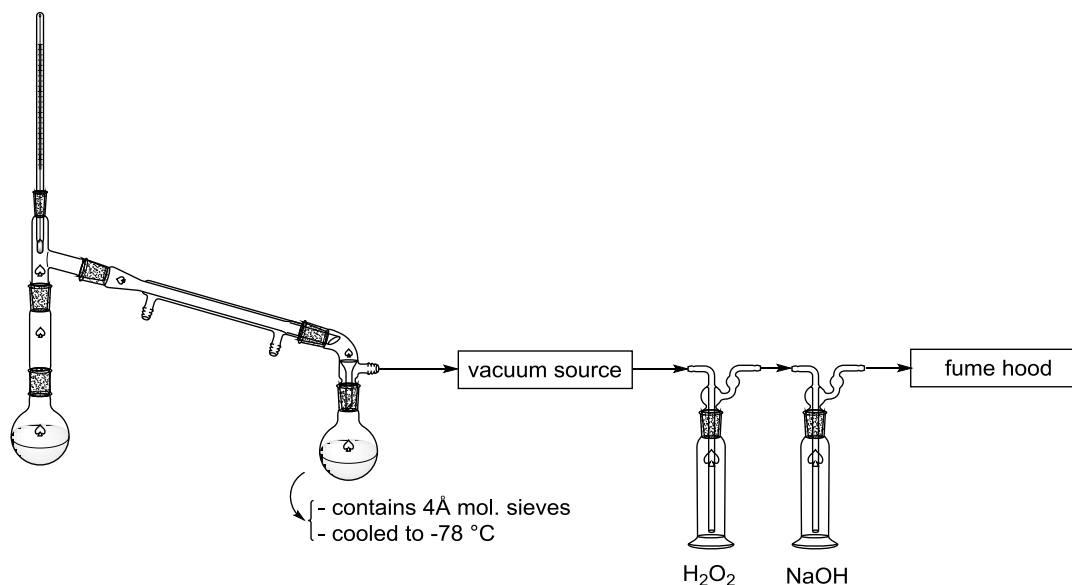


¹H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.38-7.41 (3H, m, 3x CH_{arom.}); 7.44-7.48 (1H, m, CH_{arom.}); 7.55-7.67 (4H, m, 4x CH_{arom.}); 7.96 (1H, d, J = 8.2Hz, CH_{arom.}); 10.66 (1H, d, J = 0.8 Hz, CHO). **Yield:** 72%.

4. Synthesis of diallyl thioacetals

4.1 Distillation of allyl mercaptan

The following setup was used, as depicted in the figure below, due to the very pungent, unpleasant smell of the product: a round-bottom flask filled with allyl mercaptan was equipped with a vigreux column, a thermometer and standard distillation piece. To this distillation piece a water cooler was attached, which ended in a dry round-bottom flask filled with 4Å molecular sieves that was cooled to -78 °C. A pump was attached to the setup and all connections were sealed with vacuum grease. The outlet of the pump was connected to two washing flasks, the first one containing a H₂O₂ solution and the other one containing a 2M NaOH solution in order to oxidize or deprotonate any residual allyl mercaptan. Evidently, the distillation was performed in a working fume hood. After the distillation, all glassware was cleaned using a H₂O₂ solution. Allyl mercaptan was obtained as a colourless, clear liquid (33-35 °C, 380 mbar) and was stored at -20 °C under an inert atmosphere.



⁶ S. Zhu, H. Huang, Z. Zhang, T. Ma, H. Jiang, *J. Org. Chem.*, 2014, **79**, 6113.

4.2 Synthesis of crotyl mercaptan

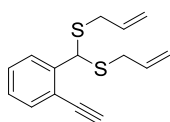
Crotyl mercaptan (but-2-ene-1-thiol) was prepared according to a literature procedure and used without further purification.⁷ The same precautions as with the distillation of allyl mercaptan were taken due to the very pungent smell of the product.

4.3 Synthetic procedures

Method A: representative example: in a 25 mL round-bottom flask 0.4 g (3.1 mmol, 1 equiv) 2-ethynylbenzaldehyde and 0.5 g (6.8 mmol, 2.2 equiv) freshly distilled allyl mercaptan (380 mbar, 33-35 °C – CAUTION: very pungent smell, take precautions during distillation) were dissolved in 4 mL toluene and 2 mL acetic acid. The flask was cooled to 0 °C and 0.44 g (3.1 mmol, 1 equiv) BF₃·OEt₂ was added in a dropwise fashion. The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature and the progress was monitored using HPLC. After completion, it was diluted with 8 mL dichloromethane and washed three times with water (8 mL). After drying with MgSO₄ and removal of the volatiles, the crude was purified by means of column chromatography. 0.67 g (2.57 mmol, 83%) of product was obtained.

Method B: representative example: in a 25 mL round-bottom flask 0.2 g (1.1 mmol, 1 equiv) 2-ethynyl-4,5-dimethoxybenzaldehyde and 34 mg (0.21 mmol, 0.2 equiv) anhydrous Cu(II)SO₄ were dissolved in 10 mL dry dichloromethane under N₂-atmosphere. 0.19 mL (2.31 mmol, 2.2 equiv) freshly distilled allyl mercaptan (380 mbar, 33-35 °C – CAUTION: very pungent smell, take precautions during distillation) was added to this flask in a dropwise fashion and the reaction mixture was heated to reflux temperature. The reaction progress was monitored using HPLC. After completion, the mixture was poured into water and extracted thrice using dichloromethane (3x 10 mL). After drying with MgSO₄ and removal of the volatiles, the crude was purified by means of column chromatography. 0.12 g (0.37 mmol, 34%) of product was obtained.

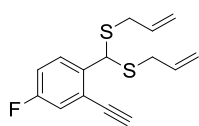
((2-ethynylphenyl)methylene)bis(allylsulfane) **2a**, prepared by method A:



¹H-NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 3.09 (2H, dd, J = 13.9Hz, J = 7.2Hz, 2 x SCH_aCH_b); 3.29 (2H, dd, J = 13.9Hz, J = 7.2Hz, 2 x SCH_aCH_b); 3.33 (1H, s, C≡CH); 5.08 (2H, dd, J = 9.9Hz, J = 1.1Hz, 2 x CH=CH_eH_z); 5.14 (2H, dd, J = 16.9Hz, J = 1.1Hz, 2 x CH=CH_eH_z); 5.47 (1H, s, CHS₂); 5.81 (2H, ddt, J = 16.9Hz, J = 9.9Hz, J = 7.2Hz, 2 x CH=CH₂); 7.21 (1H, t, J = 7.7Hz, CH_{arom.}); 7.37 (1H, t, J = 7.7Hz, CH_{arom.}); 7.46 (1H, d, J = 7.7Hz, CH_{arom.}); 7.76 (1H, d, J = 7.7Hz, CH_{arom.}). **¹³C-NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃):** δ 35.6 (2 x SCH₂); 48.3 (CHS₂); 81.3 (C≡CH); 82.9 (C≡CH); 117.8 (2 x CH=CH₂); 121.0 (C_q arom. C≡CH); 127.6 (CH_{arom.}); 128.5 (CH_{arom.}); 129.5 (CH_{arom.}); 132.8 (CH_{arom.}); 133.7 (2 x CH=CH₂); 142.8 (C_q arom.). **MS (ESI): m/z (%):** 187.1 (M - [SCH₂CH=CH₂]⁻, 75). **HRMS (ESI):** m/z calcd for C₁₅H₁₆S₂+H⁺ = 261.0771, found = 261.0765. **IR (cm⁻¹) v_{max}:** 1634 (CH=CH₂); 3288 (C≡CH). **Chromatography:** hexanes/EtOAc 98/2. R_f = 0.21. **Yield:** 83%.

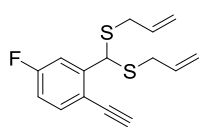
((2-ethynyl-4-fluorophenyl)methylene)bis(allylsulfane) **2b**, prepared by method A:

⁷ C. G. Moore, B. R. Trego, *Tetrahedron*, 1962, **18**, 205.



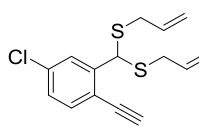
¹H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 3.08 (2H, dddd, J = 13.7Hz, J = 7.0Hz, J = 1.2Hz, J = 0.9Hz, 2xSCH_aCH_b); 3.29 (2H, dddd, J = 13.7Hz, J = 7.3Hz, J = 1.2Hz, J = 0.9Hz, 2 x SCH_aCH_b); 3.36 (1H, s, C≡CH); 5.08 (2H, dddd, J = 9.9Hz, J = 1.4Hz, J = 0.9Hz, J = 0.9Hz, 2 x CH=CH_EH_Z); 5.13 (2H, ddt, J = 17.0Hz, J = 1.4Hz, J = 1.2Hz, J = 1.2Hz, 2xCH=CH_EH_Z); 5.40 (1H, s, CHS₂); 5.79 (2H, dddd, J = 17.0Hz, J = 9.9Hz, J = 7.3Hz, J = 7.0Hz, 2xCH=CH₂); 7.09 (1H, ddd, J = 8.6Hz, ⁴J_{HF}=8.4Hz, J = 2.7Hz, CH_{arom.}); 7.14 (1H, dd, ⁴J_{HF} = 8.9Hz, J = 2.7Hz, CH_{arom.}); 7.75 (1H, dd, J = 8.6Hz, J_{HF} = 5.7Hz, CH_{arom.}). **¹³C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃):** δ 35.5 (2xSCH₂); 47.4 (CHS₂); 80.1 (C≡CH); 83.7 (C≡CH); 117.0 (d, ²J_{CF} = 21.5Hz, CH_{arom.}); 117.8 (2 x CH=CH₂); 119.0 (d, ²J_{CF} = 23.4Hz, CH_{arom.}); 122.6 (d, ³J_{CF} = 9.6Hz, C_q arom.); 130.4 (d, ³J_{CF} = 8.9Hz, CH_{arom.}); 133.6 (2 x CH=CH₂); 138.4 (d, ⁴J_{CF} = 3.3Hz, C_q arom. CHS₂); 161.3 (d, ¹J_{CF} = 247.7Hz, C_q arom. F). **¹⁹F-NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃):** δ -114.52 to -114.59 (m). **MS (ESI): m/z (%):** 205.0 (M - [SCH₂CH=CH₂], 100). **HRMS (ESI):** m/z calcd for C₁₂H₁₀FS⁺ (M - [SCH₂CH=CH₂]) = 205.0482, found = 205.0478. **IR (cm⁻¹) ν_{max}:** 1265; 1487; 1578; 1635 (CH=CH₂); 2912; 3081; 3296. **Chromatography:** hexanes/EtOAc 99/1. **R_f** = 0.21. **Yield:** 75%.

((2-ethynyl-5-fluorophenyl)methylene)bis(allylsulfane) **2c**, prepared by method A:



¹H-NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 3.09 (2H, dd, J = 13.7Hz, J = 7.2Hz, 2 x SCH_aCH_b); 3.30 (2H, dd, J = 13.7Hz, J = 7.2Hz, 2 x SCH_aCH_b); 3.31 (1H, s, C≡CH); 5.08 (2H, dd, J = 9.9Hz, J = 1.6Hz, 2 x CH=CH_EH_Z); 5.13 (2H, dd, J = 17.1Hz, J = 1.1Hz, 2 x CH=CH_EH_Z); 5.40 (1H, d, ⁵J_{HF} = 1.7Hz, CHS₂); 5.80 (2H, ddt, J = 17.1Hz, J = 9.9Hz, J = 7.2Hz, 2 x CH=CH₂); 6.93 (1H, ddd, ³J_{HF} = 8.3Hz, J = 8.3Hz, J = 2.7Hz, CH_{arom.}); 7.44 (1H, dd, J = 8.3Hz, ⁴J_{HF} = 5.5Hz, CH_{arom.}); 7.50 (1H, dd, ³J_{HF} = 9.6Hz, J = 2.7Hz, C_q arom. CH_{arom.} CF). **¹³C-NMR (75 M, CDCl₃):** δ 35.6 (2 x SCH₂); 47.9 (CHS₂); 80.4 (C≡CH); 82.6 (C≡CH); 115.3 (d, ²J_{CF} = 23.1Hz, CH_{arom.}); 115.7 (d, ²J_{CF} = 24.2Hz, CH_{arom.}); 117.1 (d, ⁴J_{CF} = 2.3Hz, C_q arom. C≡CH); 118.0 (2 x CH=CH₂); 133.5 (2 x CH=CH₂); 134.6 (d, ³J_{CF} = 9.2Hz, CH_{arom.}); 145.4 (d, ³J_{CF} = 6.9Hz, C_q arom. CHS₂); 163.1 (d, ¹J_{CF} = 250.4Hz, C_q arom. F). **¹⁹F-NMR (282 Mhz, CDCl₃):** δ -108.48 to -108.55 (m). **MS (ESI): m/z (%):** 205.0 (M - [SCH₂CH=CH₂], 100). **HRMS (ESI):** m/z calcd for C₁₅H₁₅FS₂ + H⁺ = 279.0677, found = 279.0672. **IR (cm⁻¹) ν_{max}:** 1633 (CH=CH₂); 3301 (C≡CH). **Chromatography:** hexanes/EtOAc 98/2. **R_f** = 0.23. **Yield:** 86%.

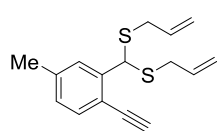
((5-chloro-2-ethynylphenyl)methylene)bis(allylsulfane) **2d**, prepared by method A:



¹H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 3.09 (2H, dddd, J = 13.7Hz, J = 7.1Hz, J = 1.2Hz, J = 0.8Hz, 2 x SCH_aCH_b); 3.30 (2H, dddd, J = 13.7Hz, J = 7.4Hz, J = 1.2Hz, J = 0.8Hz, 2 x SCH_aCH_b); 3.35 (1H, s, C≡CH); 5.08 (2H, dddd, J = 9.9Hz, J = 1.5Hz, J = 1.2Hz, J = 0.8Hz, 2xCH=CH_EH_Z); 5.14 (2H, dddd, J = 17.0Hz, J = 1.5Hz, J = 1.2Hz, J = 0.8Hz, 2 x CH=CH_EH_Z); 5.37 (1H, s, CHS₂); 5.80 (2H, dddd, J = 17.0Hz, J = 9.9Hz, J = 7.4Hz, J = 7.1Hz, 2 x CH=CH₂); 7.20 (1H, dd, J = 8.3Hz, J = 2.2Hz, CH_{arom.}); 7.38 (1H, d, J = 8.3Hz, CH_{arom.}); 7.76 (1H, d, J = 2.2Hz, CH_{arom.}). **¹³C-NMR (100**

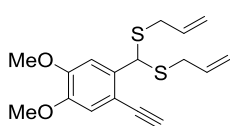
Mz, CDCl₃): δ 35.6 (2 x SCH₂); 47.7 (CHS₂); 80.2 (C \equiv CH); 83.7 (C \equiv CH); 118.0 (2 x CH=C $\underline{\text{H}}_2$); 119.4 (C_q arom.); 128.0 (CH_{arom.}); 128.7 (C $\underline{\text{H}}_{\text{arom.}}$); 133.4 (2 x C $\underline{\text{H}}=\text{CH}_2$); 133.8 (CH_{arom.}); 135.5 (C_q arom.); 144.3 (C_q arom.). **MS (ESI): m/z (%):** 221.0 (M - [SCH₂CH=CH₂]⁻, 100). **HRMS (ESI):** m/z calcd for C₁₂H₁₀ClS⁺ (M - [SCH₂CH=CH₂]⁻) = 221.0186, found = 221.0185. **IR (cm⁻¹) v_{max}:** 1475; 1588; 1634 (CH=CH₂); 2914; 3081; 3293. **Chromatography:** hexanes/EtOAc 99/1. **R_f** = 0,09. **Yield:** 70%.

((2-ethynyl-5-methylphenyl)methylene)bis(allylsulfane) **2e**, prepared by method A:



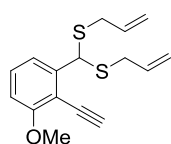
¹H-NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 2.31 (3H, s, CH₃); 3.08 (2H, dd, J = 13.5Hz, J = 7.2Hz, 2x SCH_aH_b); 3.28 (2H, dd, J = 13.5Hz, J = 7.2Hz, 2 x SCH_aH_b); 3.29 (1H, s, C \equiv CH); 5.07 (2H, dd, J = 9.9Hz, J = 1.6Hz, 2 x CH=C $\underline{\text{H}}_E$ H₂); 5.13 (2H, dd, J = 16.9Hz, J = 1.6Hz, 2 x CH=C $\underline{\text{H}}_E$ H₂); 5.42 (1H, s, CHS₂); 5.80 (2H, ddt, J = 16.9Hz, J = 9.9Hz, J = 7.2Hz, 2 x CH=CH₂); 7.19 (1H, d, J = 8.3Hz, CH_{arom.}); 7.27 (1H, s, CH_{arom.}); 7.64 (1H, d, J = 8.3Hz, CH_{arom.}). **¹³C-NMR (75 M, CDCl₃):** δ 21.0 (CH₃); 35.5 (2 x SCH₂); 48.0 (CHS₂); 81.4 (C \equiv CH); 82.4 (C \equiv CH); 117.8 (2 x CH=C $\underline{\text{H}}_2$); 120.8 (C_q arom. C \equiv CH); 128.4 (CH_{arom.}); 130.5 (CH_{arom.}); 133.2 (CH_{arom.}); 133.8 (2 x C $\underline{\text{H}}=\text{CH}_2$); 137.5 (C_q arom. CH₃); 139.4 (C_q arom. CHS₂). **MS (ESI): m/z (%):** 201 (M - [SCH₂CH=CH₂]⁻, 100). **HRMS (ESI):** m/z calcd for C₁₆H₁₈S₂+H⁺ = 275.0928, found = 275.0921. **IR (cm⁻¹) v_{max}:** 1634 (CH=CH₂); 3305 (C \equiv CH). **Chromatography:** hexanes/EtOAc 98/2. **R_f** = 0.19. **Yield:** 67%.

((2-ethynyl-4,5-dimethoxyphenyl)methylene)bis(allylsulfane) **2f**, prepared by method B:



¹H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 3.10 (2H, dddd, J = 13.6Hz, J = 7.0Hz, J = 1.2Hz, J = 1.0Hz, 2 x SCH_aCH_b); 3.25 (1H, s, C \equiv CH); 3.27 (2H, dddd, J = 13.6Hz, J = 7.3Hz, J = 1.2Hz, J = 1.0Hz, 2 x SCH_aCH_b); 3.87 (3H, s, C_q arom. OCH₃); 3.87 (3H, s, C_q arom. OCH₃); 5.08 (2H, dddd, J = 9.9Hz, J = 1.5Hz, J = 1.0Hz, J = 1.0Hz, 2 x CH=C $\underline{\text{H}}_E$ H₂); 5.15 (2H, dddd, J = 17.0Hz, J = 1.5Hz, J = 1.2Hz, J = 1.2Hz, 2 x CH=C $\underline{\text{H}}_E$ H₂); 5.42 (1H, s, CHS₂); 5.82 (2H, dddd, J = 17.0Hz, J = 9.9Hz, J = 7.3Hz, J = 7.0Hz, 2xCH=CH₂); 6.90 (1H, s, CH_{arom.}); 7.26 (1H, s, CH_{arom.}). **¹³C-NMR (100 M, CDCl₃):** δ 35.6 (2 x SCH₂); 48.0 (CHS₂); 56.0 (2 x C_qOCH₃); 81.3 (C \equiv CH); 81.3 (C \equiv CH); 110.8 (CH_{arom.}); 112.8 (C_q arom.); 114.2 (CH_{arom.}); 117.7 (2 x CH=C $\underline{\text{H}}_2$); 133.6 (2 x C $\underline{\text{H}}=\text{CH}_2$); 135.8 (C_q arom.); 148.1 (C_q arom.); 150.3 (C_q arom.). **MS (ESI): m/z (%):** 247.1 (M - [SCH₂CH=CH₂]⁻, 75), 321.1 (M + H⁺, 25). **HRMS (ESI):** m/z calcd for C₁₇H₂₀O₂S₂+H⁺ = 321.0978, found = 321.0976. **IR (cm⁻¹) v_{max}:** 1505; 1601; 1634 (CH=CH₂); 2912; 3280. **Chromatography:** hexanes/EtOAc 9/1. **R_f** = 0.20. **Yield:** 34%.

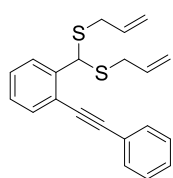
((2-ethynyl-3-methoxyphenyl)methylene)bis(allylsulfane) **2h**, prepared by method A:



¹H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 3.10 (2H, dddd, J = 13.5Hz, J = 7.0Hz, J = 1.2Hz, J = 0.9Hz, 2 x SCH_aCH_b); 3.29 (2H, dddd, J = 13.5Hz, J = 7.3Hz, J = 1.2Hz, J = 0.9Hz, 2 x

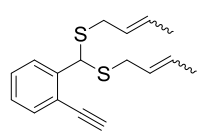
SCH_aCH_b); 3.58 (1H, s, C≡CH); 3.90 (3H, s, OCH₃); 5.07 (2H, dddd, J = 10.0Hz, J = 1.5Hz, J = 0.9Hz, J = 0.9Hz, 2 x CH=CH_eH₂); 5.15 (2H, dddd, J = 17.0Hz, J = 1.5Hz, J = 1.2Hz, J = 1.2Hz, 2 x CH=CH_eH₂); 5.47 (1H, s, CHS₂); 5.81 (2H, dddd, J = 17.0Hz, J = 10.0Hz, J = 7.3Hz, J = 7.0Hz, 2 x CH=CH₂); 6.81 (1H, dd, J = 7.9Hz, J = 1.3Hz, CH_{arom.}); 7.33 (1H, dd, J = 7.9Hz, J = 7.9Hz, CH_{arom.}); 7.37 (1H, dd, J = 7.9Hz, J = 1.3Hz, CH_{arom.}). **¹³C-NMR (100 M, CDCl₃):** δ 35.5 (2 x SCH₂); 48.1 (CHS₂); 56.1 (OCH₃); 77.4 (C≡CH); 87.2 (C≡CH); 109.5 (CH_{arom.}); 110.1 (C_q arom.); 117.8 (2 x CH=CH₂); 120.6 (CH_{arom.}); 130.1 (CH_{arom.}); 133.7 (2 x CHCH₂); 144.4 (C_q arom.); 160.6 (C_q arom.). **MS (ESI): m/z (%):** 217.1 (M - [SCH₂CH=CH₂]⁻, 90), 291.1 (M + H⁺, 10). **HRMS (ESI):** m/z calcd for C₁₃H₁₃OS⁺ (M - [SCH₂CH=CH₂]) = 217.0682, found = 217.0683. **IR (cm⁻¹) v_{max}:** 1270; 1468; 1573; 1633 (CH=CH₂); 2913; 3265. **Chromatography:** hexanes/EtOAc 96/4. **R_f** = 0.23. **Yield:** 45%.

((2-(phenylethynyl)phenyl)methylene)bis(allylsulfane) **2j**, prepared by method A:



¹H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 3.10 (2H, dddd, J = 13.7Hz, J = 7.1Hz, J = 1.3Hz, J = 1.0Hz, 2 x SCH_aCH_b); 3.32 (2H, dddd, J = 13.7Hz, J = 7.3Hz, J = 1.2Hz, J = 0.9Hz, 2 x SCH_aCH_b); 5.02 (2H, dddd, J = 10.0Hz, J = 1.5Hz, J = 1.0Hz, J = 0.9Hz, 2 x CH=CH_eH₂); 5.15 (2H, dddd, J = 17.0Hz, J = 1.5Hz, J = 1.3Hz, J = 1.2Hz, 2 x CH=CH_eH₂); 5.54 (1H, s, CHS₂); 5.81 (2H, dddd, J = 17.0Hz, J = 10.0Hz, J = 7.3Hz, J = 7.1Hz, 2 x CH=CH₂); 7.23-7.27 (1H, m, CH_{arom.}); 7.34-7.40 (4H, m, 4 x CH_{arom.}); 7.49-7.55 (3H, m, 3 x CH_{arom.}); 7.77 (1H, dd, J = 7.9 Hz, J = 1.1 Hz, CH_{arom.}). **¹³C-NMR (100 M, CDCl₃):** δ 35.5 (2 x SCH₂); 48.2 (CHS₂); 87.1 (C≡C); 94.8 (C≡C); 117.8 (2 x CH=CH₂); 122.1 (C_q arom.); 123.2 (C_q arom.); 127.7 (CH_{arom.}); 128.5 (3 x CH_{arom.}); 128.6 (CH_{arom.}); 129.0 (CH_{arom.}); 131.5 (2x CH_{arom.}); 132.2 (CH_{arom.}); 133.8 (2 x CH=CH₂); 141.7 (C_q arom.); 160.6 (C_q arom.). **MS (ESI): m/z (%):** 263.1 (M - [SCH₂CH=CH₂]⁻, 80). **HRMS (ESI):** m/z calcd for C₁₈H₁₅S⁺ (M - [SCH₂CH=CH₂]) = 263.0889, found = 263.0886. **IR (cm⁻¹) v_{max}:** 1422; 1442; 1491; 1636 (CH=CH₂); 2978. **Chromatography:** hexanes/EtOAc 98/2. **R_f** = 0.26. **Yield:** 69%.

((2-ethynylphenyl)methylene)bis(but-2-en-1-ylsulfane) **2k**, prepared by method A:



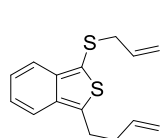
This compound was obtained as a mixture of *E/Z* stereoisomers in a 9/1 *E,E/Z,Z* ratio, according to ¹H-NMR integration. Spectral data are reported for the *E,E* isomer. **¹H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃):** δ 1.68 (6H, dd, J = 6.1 Hz, J = 1.1 Hz, 2 x CH₃); 3.02 (2H, ddd, J = 13.5 Hz, J = 6.8 Hz, J = 1.0 Hz, 2 x SCH_aH_b); 3.23 (2H, ddd, J = 13.5 Hz, J = 7.3 Hz, J = 0.9 Hz, 2 x SCH_aH_b); 3.31 (1H, s, C≡CH); 5.39-5.56 (5H, m, 4 x CH= + CHS₂); 7.21 (1H, ddd, J = 7.7 Hz, J = 7.7 Hz, J = 1.3 Hz, CH_{arom.}); 7.37 (1H, ddd, J = 7.7 Hz, J = 7.7 Hz, J = 1.3 Hz, CH_{arom.}); 7.45 (1H, dd, J = 7.7 Hz, J = 1.0 Hz, CH_{arom.}); 7.77 (1H, d, J = 7.7 Hz, CH_{arom.}). **¹³C-NMR (100 M, CDCl₃):** δ 17.8 (2 x CH₃); 34.7 (2 x SCH₂); 47.6 (CHS₂); 81.4 (C≡CH); 82.1 (C≡CH); 120.9 (C_q arom. C≡CH); 126.5 (2 x CH=); 127.4

(CH_{arom.}); 128.4 (CH_{arom.}); 128.8 (2 x CH=); 129.4 (CH_{arom.}); 132.7 (CH_{arom.}); 142.6 (C_q arom.). **MS (ESI): m/z (%)**: 201.0 (M - [SCH₂CH=CHCH₃]⁻, 95). **IR (cm⁻¹) v_{max}**: 1220; 1444; 1475; 1665 (CH=CH); 2915. **Chromatography**: hexanes/EtOAc 99/1. **R_f** = 0.19. **Yield**: 87%.

5. Synthesis of benzo[c]thiophenes

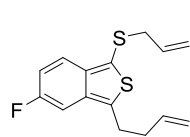
Representative example: 400 mg ((2-ethynylphenyl)methylene)bis(allylsulfane) (1.54 mmol, 1 equiv) was dissolved in 3 mL dichloromethane in a round-bottom flask and 5 mol% AuCl₃ was added. In case of a very slow reaction, another 5 mol% AuCl₃ was added to the reaction mixture, bringing the total to 10 mol% catalyst. The reaction progress was monitored using TLC and HPLC. When all starting material had been consumed, the crude reaction mixture was filtered over a small plug of silica gel. The resulting oil was purified by means of column chromatography. 0.27 g (1.05 mmol, 68%) of product was obtained.

1-(allylthio)-3-(but-3-en-1-yl)benzo[c]thiophene **3a**:



¹H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 2.53 (2H, tddd, J = 7.6Hz, J = 6.6Hz, J = 1.4Hz, J = 1.2Hz, C_qCH₂CH₂); 3.25 (2H, t, J = 7.6Hz, C_qCH₂CH₂); 3.36 (2H, ddd, J = 7.4Hz, J = 1.2Hz, J = 0.8Hz, SCH₂); 4.82 (1H, ddt, J = 17.0Hz, J = 1.5Hz, J = 1.2Hz, SCH₂CH=CH_EH_Z); 4.93 (1H, ddt, J = 9.9Hz, J = 1.5Hz, J = 0.8Hz, SCH₂CH=CH_EH_Z); 5.02 (1H, ddt, J = 10.3Hz, J = 1.7Hz, J = 1.2Hz, CH=CH_ECH₂); 5.08 (1H, ddt, J = 17.0Hz, J = 1.7Hz, J = 1.4Hz, CH=CH_ECH₂); 5.85 (1H, ddt, J = 17.0Hz, J = 9.9Hz, J = 7.4, SCH₂CH); 5.86 (1H, ddt, J = 17.0Hz, J = 10.3Hz, J = 6.6Hz, C_qCH₂CH₂CH); 7.03 (1H, ddd, J = 8.7Hz, J = 6.3Hz, J = 1.0Hz, CH_{arom.}); 7.11 (1H, ddd, J = 8.7Hz, J = 6.3Hz, J = 1.0Hz, CH_{arom.}); 7.52 (1H, dd, J = 8.7Hz, J = 1.0Hz, CH_{arom.}); 7.74 (1H, dd, J = 8.7Hz, J = 1.0Hz, CH_{arom.}). **¹³C-NMR (100 M, CDCl₃)**: δ 27.5 (C_qCH₂CH₂); 35.7 (C_qCH₂CH₂); 42.5 (SCH₂); 116.0 (C_qCH₂CH₂CH=CH₂); 117.8 (SCH₂CH=CH₂); 118.2 (C_q arom.); 120.2 (CH_{arom.}); 121.0 (CH_{arom.}); 122.6 (CH_{arom.}); 124.3 (CH_{arom.}); 133.8 (CH=CH₂); 135.6 (C_q arom.); 137.1 (CH=CH₂); 139.8 (C_q arom.); 142.4 (C_q arom.). **MS (ESI): m/z (%)**: 277.1 (C₁₅H₁₆OS₂ + H⁺ (S=O), 100). **HRMS (ESI)**: m/z calcd for C₁₅H₁₆OS₂ + H⁺ (S=O) = 277.0715, found = 277.0712. **IR (cm⁻¹) v_{max}**: 1638 (CH=CH₂); 1691 (CH=CH₂). **Chromatography**: hexanes. **R_f** = 0.31. **Yield**: 68%.

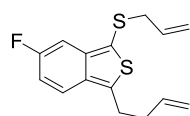
1-(allylthio)-3-(but-3-en-1-yl)-5-fluorobenzo[c]thiophene **3b**:



¹H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 2.51 (2H, tddd, J = 7.6Hz, J = 6.7Hz, J = 1.4Hz, J = 1.3Hz, C_qCH₂CH₂); 3.16 (2H, t, J = 7.6Hz, C_qCH₂); 3.35 (2H, ddd, J = 7.4Hz, J = 1.1Hz, J = 0.8Hz, SCH₂); 4.81 (1H, ddt, J = 17.1Hz, J = 1.4Hz, J = 1.1Hz, SCH₂CH=CH_EH_Z); 4.92 (1H, ddt, J = 9.8Hz, J = 1.4Hz, J = 0.8Hz, SCH₂CH=CH_EH_Z); 5.03 (1H, ddt, J = 10.3Hz, J = 1.6Hz, J = 1.3Hz, CH=CH_ECH₂); 5.08 (1H, ddt, J = 17.0Hz, J = 1.6Hz, J = 1.4Hz, CH=CH_ECH₂); 5.84 (1H, ddt, J = 17.1Hz, J = 9.8Hz, J = 7.4, SCH₂CH); 5.86 (1H, ddt, J = 17.0Hz, J = 10.3Hz, J = 6.7Hz, C_qCH₂CH₂CH); 6.94 (1H, ddd, J = 9.4Hz, ³J_{HF} = 8.3Hz, J = 2.3Hz, CH_{arom.}); 7.07 (1H, ddd, ³J_{HF} = 10.3Hz, J = 2.3Hz, J = 0.6Hz, CH_{arom.}); 7.70

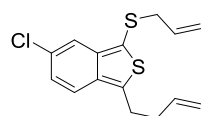
(1H, ddd, $J = 9.4\text{Hz}$, $^4J_{\text{HF}} = 5.5\text{Hz}$, $J = 0.6\text{Hz}$, $\text{CH}_{\text{arom.}}$). **$^{13}\text{C-NMR}$ (100 M, CDCl_3):** δ 27.5 ($\text{C}_{\text{q arom.}}\text{CH}_2$); 35.5 ($\text{C}_{\text{q arom.}}\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2$); 42.6 (SCH_2); 102.2 (d, $^2J_{\text{CF}} = 22.5\text{Hz}$, $\text{CH}_{\text{arom.}}$); 116.1 ($\text{CH}=\text{CH}_2$); 116.5 (d, $^2J_{\text{CF}} = 29.5\text{Hz}$, $\text{CH}_{\text{arom.}}$); 118.0 ($\text{SCH}_2\text{CH}=\text{CH}_2$); 119.9 ($\text{C}_{\text{q arom.}}$); 122.9 (d, $^3J_{\text{CF}} = 10.0\text{Hz}$, $\text{CH}_{\text{arom.}}$); 133.6 (SCH_2CH); 134.7 (d, $^3J_{\text{CF}} = 9.0\text{Hz}$, $\text{C}_{\text{q arom.}}$); 136.9 ($\text{CH}_2=\text{CH}$); 137.8 (d, $^4J_{\text{CF}} = 9.4\text{Hz}$, $\text{C}_{\text{q arom.}}$); 139.9 ($\text{C}_{\text{q arom.}}$); 159.7 (d, $^1J_{\text{CF}} = 244.9\text{Hz}$, $\text{C}_{\text{q arom.}}\text{F}$). **$^{19}\text{F-NMR}$ (282 M, CDCl_3):** δ -119.75 to -119.81 (m). **MS (ESI):** m/z (%): 279.1 ($\text{M} + \text{H}^+$, 100). **HRMS (ESI):** m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{15}\text{FOS}_2 + \text{H}^+$ ($\text{S}=\text{O}$) = 295.0621, found = 295.0621. **IR (cm^{-1}) ν_{max} :** 1175; 1222; 1508; 1626 ($\text{CH}=\text{CH}_2$); 1693 ($\text{CH}=\text{CH}_2$); 2918. **Yield:** 74%.

1-(allylthio)-3-(but-3-en-1-yl)-4-fluorobenzo[*c*]thiophene **3c**:



$^1\text{H-NMR}$ (300 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 2.52 (2H, m, $\text{C}_{\text{q}}\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2$); 3.23 (2H, t, $J = 7.6\text{Hz}$, $\text{C}_{\text{q}}\text{CH}_2$); 3.33 (2H, d, $J = 7.7\text{Hz}$, SCH_2); 4.80 (1H, d, $J = 16.7\text{Hz}$, $\text{SCH}_2\text{CH}=\text{CH}_{\text{E}}\text{H}_2$); 4.92 (1H, d, $J = 9.9\text{Hz}$, $\text{SCH}_2\text{CH}=\text{CH}_{\text{E}}\text{H}_2$); 5.03 (1H, d, $J = 9.9\text{Hz}$, $\text{CH}=\text{CH}_{\text{E}}\text{CH}_2$); 5.08 (1H, ddt, $J = 17.1\text{Hz}$, $\text{CH}=\text{CH}_{\text{E}}\text{CH}_2$); 5.77-5.93 (2H, m, $\text{SCH}_2\text{CH} + \text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}$); 6.86 (1H, ddd, $J = 9.5\text{Hz}$, $^3J_{\text{HF}} = 8.3\text{Hz}$, $J = 2.2\text{Hz}$, $\text{FCCH}_{\text{arom.}}\text{CH}_{\text{arom.}}$); 7.31 (1H, dd, $^3J_{\text{HF}} = 9.9\text{Hz}$, $J = 2.2\text{Hz}$, $\text{FCCH}_{\text{arom.}}\text{C}_{\text{q arom.}}$); 7.49 (1H, dd, $J = 9.5\text{Hz}$, $^4J_{\text{HF}} = 5.2\text{Hz}$, $\text{FCH}_{\text{arom.}}\text{CH}_{\text{arom.}}$). **$^{13}\text{C-NMR}$ (75 M, CDCl_3):** δ 27.8 ($\text{C}_{\text{q arom.}}\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2$); 35.7 ($\text{C}_{\text{q arom.}}\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2$); 42.5 (SCH_2); 103.2 (d, $^2J_{\text{CF}} = 23.1\text{Hz}$, $\text{CH}_{\text{arom.}}$); 115.1 (d, $^2J_{\text{CF}} = 28.8\text{Hz}$, $\text{CH}_{\text{arom.}}$); 116.3 ($\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}=\text{CH}_2$); 116.9 (d, $J_{\text{CF}} = 9.2\text{Hz}$, $\text{C}_{\text{q arom.}}$); 118.0 ($\text{SCH}_2\text{CH}=\text{CH}_2$); 122.1 (d, $^3J_{\text{CF}} = 9.2\text{Hz}$, $\text{CH}_{\text{arom.}}$); 133.2 ($\text{C}_{\text{q arom.}}$); 133.8 ($\text{CH}=\text{CH}_2$); 136.9 ($\text{CH}=\text{CH}_2$); 141.4 ($\text{C}_{\text{q arom.}}$); 142.5 (d, $^4J_{\text{CF}} = 9.2\text{Hz}$, $\text{C}_{\text{q arom.}}$); 161.2 (d, $^1J_{\text{CF}} = 246.9\text{Hz}$, $\text{C}_{\text{q arom.}}\text{F}$). **$^{19}\text{F-NMR}$ (282 M, CDCl_3):** δ -117.3 (m). **MS (ESI):** m/z (%): 279.1 ($\text{M} + \text{H}^+$, 100). **HRMS (ESI):** m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{16}\text{FS}_2 + \text{H}^+$ = 279.0672, found = 279.0666. **IR (cm^{-1}) ν_{max} :** 1625 ($\text{CH}=\text{CH}_2$); 1696 ($\text{CH}=\text{CH}_2$). **Chromatography:** hexanes. $R_f = 0.25$. **Yield:** 63%.

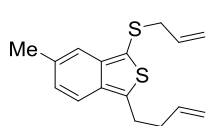
3-(allylthio)-1-(but-3-en-1-yl)-5-chlorobenzo[*c*]thiophene **3d**:



$^1\text{H-NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 2.50 (2H, tddd, $J = 7.6\text{Hz}$, $J = 6.6\text{Hz}$, $J = 1.4\text{Hz}$, $J = 1.2\text{Hz}$, $\text{C}_{\text{q}}\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2$); 3.22 (2H, t, $J = 7.6\text{Hz}$, $\text{C}_{\text{q}}\text{CH}_2$); 3.34 (2H, ddd, $J = 7.4\text{Hz}$, $J = 1.2\text{Hz}$, $J = 0.8\text{Hz}$, SCH_2); 4.81 (1H, ddt, $J = 17.0\text{Hz}$, $J = 1.5\text{Hz}$, $J = 1.2\text{Hz}$, $\text{SCH}_2\text{CH}=\text{CH}_{\text{E}}\text{H}_2$); 4.94 (1H, ddt, $J = 10.0\text{Hz}$, $J = 1.5\text{Hz}$, $J = 0.8\text{Hz}$, $\text{SCH}=\text{CH}_{\text{E}}\text{H}_2$); 5.02 (1H, ddt, $J = 10.3\text{Hz}$, $J = 1.7\text{Hz}$, $J = 1.2\text{Hz}$, $\text{CH}=\text{CH}_{\text{E}}\text{CH}_2$); 5.07 (1H, ddt, $J = 17.0\text{Hz}$, $J = 1.7\text{Hz}$, $J = 1.4\text{Hz}$, $\text{SCH}_2\text{CH}=\text{CH}_{\text{E}}\text{CH}_2$); 5.84 (1H, ddt, $J = 17.0\text{Hz}$, $J = 10.0\text{Hz}$, $J = 7.4$, SCH_2CH); 5.84 (1H, ddt, $J = 17.0\text{Hz}$, $J = 10.3\text{Hz}$, $J = 6.6\text{Hz}$, $\text{C}_{\text{q}}\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}$); 6.96 (1H, dd, $J = 9.2\text{Hz}$, $J = 1.9\text{Hz}$, $\text{CH}_{\text{arom.}}$); 7.44 (1H, dd, $J = 9.2\text{Hz}$, $J = 0.8\text{Hz}$, $\text{CH}_{\text{arom.}}$); 7.72 (1H, dd, $J = 1.9\text{Hz}$, $J = 0.8\text{Hz}$, $\text{CH}_{\text{arom.}}$). **$^{13}\text{C-NMR}$ (100 M, CDCl_3):** δ 27.6 ($\text{C}_{\text{q arom.}}\text{CH}_2$); 35.6 ($\text{C}_{\text{q arom.}}\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2$); 42.5 (SCH_2); 116.2 ($\text{CH}=\text{CH}_2$); 117.9 ($\text{C}_{\text{q arom.}}$); 118.0 ($\text{SCH}_2\text{CH}=\text{CH}_2$); 119.5 ($\text{CH}_{\text{arom.}}$); 121.3 ($\text{CH}_{\text{arom.}}$); 124.1 ($\text{CH}_{\text{arom.}}$); 131.4 ($\text{C}_{\text{q arom.}}$); 133.6 ($\text{SCH}_2\text{CH}=\text{CH}_2$); 133.7 ($\text{C}_{\text{q arom.}}$); 136.8 ($\text{CH}_2=\text{CH}$); 141.1 ($\text{C}_{\text{q arom.}}$); 142.3 ($\text{C}_{\text{q arom.}}$). **MS (ESI):** m/z (%): 295.0 ($\text{M} + \text{H}^+$, 100). **HRMS (ESI):** m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{15}\text{ClS}_2 + \text{H}^+$ = 295.0377, found =

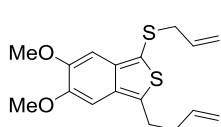
295.0370. IR (cm⁻¹) v_{max}: 1219; 1273; 1425; 1604; 1638 (C=CH₂); 1698 (C=CH₂); 2918; 3078. Yield: 91%.

3-(allylthio)-1-(but-3-en-1-yl)-5-methylbenzo[c]thiophene **3e**:



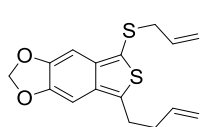
¹H-NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 2.37 (3H, s, CH₃); 2.51 (2H, m, C_qCH₂CH₂); 3.20 (2H, t, J = 7.4Hz, C_qCH₂); 3.34 (2H, d, J = 7.2Hz, SCH₂); 4.81 (1H, d, J = 17.1Hz, SCH₂CH=CH_EH_Z); 4.91 (1H, d, J = 9.1Hz, SCH₂CH=CH_EH_Z); 5.02 (1H, d, J = 11.0Hz, CH₂CH₂CH=CH_EH_Z); 5.08(1H, d, J = 17.1Hz, CH₂CH₂CH=CH_EH_Z); 5.76-5.95 (2H, m, SCH₂CH+CH₂CH₂CH); 6.95 (1H,d, J = 8.9Hz, CH_{arom.}); 7.24 (1H, s, CH_{arom.}); 7.63 (1H, d, J = 8.9Hz, CH_{arom.}). ¹³C-NMR (75 M, CDCl₃): δ 21.8 (CH₃); 27.5 (C_qCH₂CH₂); 35.7 (C_qCH₂CH₂); 42.6 (SCH₂); 115.9 (CH₂CH₂CH=CH₂); 117.8 (SCH₂CH=CH₂); 118.1 (C_q arom.); 118.3 (C_qCH_{arom.}); 120.6 (C_qCH_{arom.}); 127.6 (CH_{arom.}); 132.1 (C_q arom.); 133.9 (CH=CH₂); 136.0 (C_q arom.); 137.3 (CH=CH₂); 138.0 (C_q arom.); 141.4 (C_q arom.). MS (ESI): m/z (%): 291 (C₁₆H₁₈OS₂ + H⁺ (S=O), 100). IR (cm⁻¹) v_{max}: 1638 (CH=CH₂). Yield: 91%. Chromatography: hexanes. R_f = 0.30. Yield: 41%.

1-(allylthio)-3-(but-3-en-1-yl)-5,6-dimethoxybenzo[c]thiophene **3f**:



¹H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 2.51 (2H, tddd, J = 7.7Hz, J = 6.6Hz, J = 1.8Hz, J = 1.5Hz, C_qCH₂CH₂); 3.14 (2H, t, J = 7.7Hz, C_qCH₂); 3.34 (2H, ddd, J = 7.4Hz, J = 1.5Hz, J = 1.2Hz, SCH₂); 3.92 (3H, s, OCH₃); 3.97 (3H, s, OCH₃); 4.87 (1H, ddt, J = 17.0Hz, J = 1.5Hz, J = 1.2Hz, SCH₂CH=CH_EH_Z); 4.94 (1H, ddt, J = 9.9Hz, J = 1.5Hz, J = 1.2Hz, SCH₂CH=CH_EH_Z); 5.03 (1H, ddt, J = 10.3Hz, J = 1.8Hz, J = 1.5Hz, CH=CH_ECH₂); 5.10 (1H, ddt, J = 17.1Hz, J = 1.8Hz, J = 1.5Hz, CH=CH_ECH₂); 5.87 (1H, ddt, J = 17.0Hz, J = 9.9Hz, J = 7.4, SCH₂CH); 5.89 (1H, ddt, J = 17.1Hz, J = 10.3Hz, J = 6.6Hz, C_qCH₂CH₂CH); 6.65 (1H, s, CH_{arom.}); 6.96 (1H, s, CH_{arom.}). ¹³C-NMR (100 M, CDCl₃): δ 27.6 (C_q arom. CH₂); 35.3 (C_q arom. CH₂CH₂); 42.4 (SCH₂); 55.8 (OCH₃); 55.9 (OCH₃); 97.0 (CH_{arom.}); 98.0 (CH_{arom.}); 114.7 (C_q arom.); 115.8 (CH=CH₂); 117.7 (SCH₂CH=CH₂); 131.1 (C_q arom.); 134.0 (SCH₂CH=CH₂); 136.2 (C_q arom.); 137.3 (CH₂=CH); 139.0 (C_q arom.); 149.2 (C_q arom.); 150.6 (C_q arom.). MS (ESI): m/z (%): 337.1 (C₁₇H₂₀O₃S₂ + H⁺ (S=O), 66), 321.1 (M + H⁺, 33). HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for C₁₇H₂₀O₃S₂ + H⁺ (S=O) = 337.0927, found = 337.0928. IR (cm⁻¹) v_{max}: 1230; 1352; 1490; 1638 (CH=CH₂); 1682 (CH=CH₂); 2932. Yield: 87%.

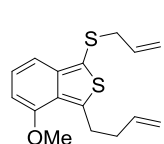
5-(allylthio)-7-(but-3-en-1-yl)thieno[3',4':4,5]benzo[1,2-d][1,3]dioxole **3g**:



¹H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 2.47 (2H, tddd, J = 7.7Hz, J = 6.7Hz, J = 1.5Hz, J = 1.2Hz, C_qCH₂CH₂); 3.08 (2H, t, J = 7.7Hz, C_qCH₂); 3.32 (2H, ddd, J = 7.4Hz, J = 1.1Hz, J = 0.8Hz, SCH₂); 4.85 (1H, ddt, J = 16.9Hz, J = 1.4Hz, J = 1.1Hz, SCH₂CH=CH_EH_Z);

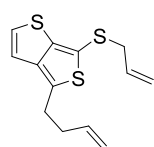
4.93 (1H, ddt, $J = 9.9\text{Hz}$, $J = 1.4\text{Hz}$, $J = 0.8\text{Hz}$, $\text{SCH}_2\text{CH}=\text{CH}_E\text{H}_Z$); 5.01 (1H, ddt, $J = 10.3\text{Hz}$, $J = 1.7\text{Hz}$, $J = 1.2\text{Hz}$, $\text{SCH}_2\text{CH}=\text{CH}_E\text{CH}_Z$); 5.07 (1H, ddt, $J = 17.1\text{Hz}$, $J = 1.7\text{Hz}$, $J = 1.5\text{Hz}$, $\text{CH}=\text{CH}_E\text{CH}_Z$); 5.84 (1H, ddt, $J = 16.9\text{Hz}$, $J = 9.9\text{Hz}$, $J = 7.4$, SCH_2CH); 5.85 (1H, ddt, $J = 17.1\text{Hz}$, $J = 10.3\text{Hz}$, $J = 6.7\text{Hz}$, $\text{C}_q\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}$); 5.95 (2H, s, OCH_2O); 6.72 (1H, s, $\text{CH}_{\text{arom.}}$); 6.99 (1H, s, $\text{CH}_{\text{arom.}}$). **$^{13}\text{C-NMR}$ (100 M, CDCl_3):** δ 27.7 ($\text{C}_{\text{q arom.}}\text{CH}_2$); 35.4 ($\text{C}_{\text{q arom.}}\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2$); 42.3 (SCH_2); 94.8 ($\text{CH}_{\text{arom.}}$); 96.0 ($\text{CH}_{\text{arom.}}$); 101.2 (OCH_2O); 115.5 ($\text{C}_{\text{q arom.}}$); 115.9 ($\text{CH}=\text{CH}_2$); 117.7 ($\text{SCH}_2\text{CH}=\text{CH}_2$); 132.3 ($\text{C}_{\text{q arom.}}$); 133.8 ($\text{SCH}_2\text{CH}=\text{CH}_2$); 136.6 ($\text{C}_{\text{q arom.}}$); 137.1 ($\text{CH}_2=\text{CH}$); 139.0 ($\text{C}_{\text{q arom.}}$); 140.4 ($\text{C}_{\text{q arom.}}$); 147.4 ($\text{C}_{\text{q arom.}}$); 148.8 ($\text{C}_{\text{q arom.}}$). **MS (ESI): m/z (%):** 305.0 ($\text{M} + \text{H}^+$, 100). **HRMS (ESI):** calcd for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{16}\text{O}_2\text{S}_2 + \text{H}^+ = 305.0665$, found = 305.0665. **IR (cm^{-1}) ν_{max} :** 1213; 1336; 1594; 1638 ($\text{C}=\text{CH}_2$); 1684 ($\text{C}=\text{CH}_2$); 2360; 2901. **Chromatography:** hexanes/EtOAc 99/1. **R_f** = 0.16. **Yield:** 53% (2 steps).

1-(allylthio)-3-(but-3-en-1-yl)-4-methoxybenzo[*c*]thiophene **3h**:



$^1\text{H-NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 2.51 (2H, tddd, $J = 7.7\text{Hz}$, $J = 6.7\text{Hz}$, $J = 1.3\text{Hz}$, $J = 1.3\text{Hz}$, $\text{C}_q\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2$); 3.34 (2H, ddd, $J = 7.3\text{Hz}$, $J = 1.0\text{Hz}$, $J = 1.0\text{Hz}$, SCH_2); 3.42 (2H, t, $J = 7.7\text{Hz}$, C_qCH_2); 3.90 (3H, s, OCH_3); 4.82 (1H, ddt, $J = 17.1\text{Hz}$, $J = 1.4\text{Hz}$, $J = 1.0\text{Hz}$, $\text{SCH}_2\text{CH}=\text{CH}_E\text{H}_Z$); 4.93 (1H, ddt, $J = 9.9\text{Hz}$, $J = 1.4\text{Hz}$, $J = 1.0\text{Hz}$, $\text{SCH}_2\text{CH}=\text{CH}_E\text{H}_Z$); 5.00 (1H, ddt, $J = 10.3\text{Hz}$, $J = 1.9\text{Hz}$, $J = 1.3\text{Hz}$, $\text{CH}=\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_E$); 5.06 (1H, ddt, $J = 17.1\text{Hz}$, $J = 1.9\text{Hz}$, $J = 1.3\text{Hz}$, $\text{CH}=\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_E$); 5.84 (1H, ddt, $J = 17.1\text{Hz}$, $J = 9.9\text{Hz}$, $J = 7.3\text{Hz}$, SCH_2CH); 5.89 (1H, ddt, $J = 17.1\text{Hz}$, $J = 10.3\text{Hz}$, $J = 6.7\text{Hz}$, $\text{C}_q\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}$); 6.22 (1H, d, $J = 7.2\text{Hz}$, $\text{CH}_{\text{arom.}}$); 6.99 (1H, dd, $J = 8.7\text{Hz}$, $J = 7.2\text{Hz}$, $\text{CH}_{\text{arom.}}$); 7.31 (1H, d, $J = 8.7\text{Hz}$, $\text{CH}_{\text{arom.}}$). **$^{13}\text{C-NMR}$ (100 M, CDCl_3):** δ 30.1 ($\text{C}_{\text{q arom.}}\text{CH}_2$); 36.6 ($\text{C}_{\text{q arom.}}\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2$); 42.2 (SCH_2); 55.0 (OCH_3); 98.84 ($\text{CH}_{\text{arom.}}$); 113.5 ($\text{CH}_{\text{arom.}}$); 115.4 ($\text{C}_q\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}=\text{CH}_2$); 116.6 ($\text{C}_{\text{q arom.}}$); 117.8 ($\text{SCH}_2\text{CH}=\text{CH}_2$); 124.9 ($\text{CH}_{\text{arom.}}$); 128.3 ($\text{C}_{\text{q arom.}}$); 133.9 ($\text{SCH}_2\text{CH}=\text{CH}_2$); 137.8 ($\text{C}_{\text{q arom.}}\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}=\text{CH}_2$); 141.8 ($\text{C}_{\text{q arom.}}$); 144.9 ($\text{C}_{\text{q arom.}}$); 155.1 ($\text{C}_{\text{q arom.}}\text{OMe}$). **MS (ESI): m/z (%):** 217.1 ($\text{M} - [\text{SCH}_2\text{CH}=\text{CH}_2]$, 60). **HRMS (ESI):** calcd for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{18}\text{O}_2\text{S}_2 + \text{H}^+ (\text{S}=\text{O}) = 307.0821$, found = 307.0827. **IR (cm^{-1}) ν_{max} :** 1428; 1528; 1614; 1638 ($\text{CH}=\text{CH}_2$); 1695 ($\text{CH}=\text{CH}_2$); 2911. **Yield:** 92%.

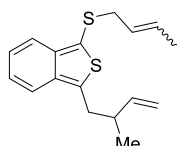
6-(allylthio)-4-(but-3-en-1-yl)thieno[3,4-*b*]thiophene **3i**:



$^1\text{H-NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 2.46 (2H, tddd, $J = 7.6\text{Hz}$, $J = 6.5\text{Hz}$, $J = 1.5\text{Hz}$, $J = 1.3\text{Hz}$, $\text{C}_q\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2$); 3.04 (2H, t, $J = 7.6\text{Hz}$, C_qCH_2); 3.41 (2H, ddd, $J = 7.3\text{Hz}$, $J = 1.2\text{Hz}$, $J = 1.1\text{Hz}$, SCH_2); 4.95 (1H, ddt, $J = 16.8\text{Hz}$, $J = 1.5\text{Hz}$, $J = 1.2\text{Hz}$, $\text{SCH}_2\text{CH}=\text{CH}_E\text{H}_Z$); 4.99 (1H, ddt, $J = 10.2\text{Hz}$, $J = 1.5\text{Hz}$, $J = 1.1\text{Hz}$, $\text{SCH}_2\text{CH}=\text{CH}_E\text{H}_Z$); 5.02 (1H, ddt, $J = 10.3\text{Hz}$, $J = 1.7\text{Hz}$, $J = 1.3\text{Hz}$, $\text{CH}=\text{CH}_E\text{CH}_Z$); 5.07 (1H, ddt, $J = 17.1\text{Hz}$, $J = 1.7\text{Hz}$, $J = 1.5\text{Hz}$, $\text{CH}=\text{CH}_E\text{CH}_Z$); 5.84 (1H, ddt, $J = 17.1\text{Hz}$, $J = 10.3\text{Hz}$, $J = 6.6\text{Hz}$, $\text{C}_q\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}$); 5.88 (1H, ddt, $J = 16.8\text{Hz}$, $J = 10.2\text{Hz}$, $J = 7.3$, SCH_2CH); 6.82 (1H, d, $J = 5.6\text{Hz}$, $\text{CH}_{\text{arom.}}$); 7.21 (1H, d, $J = 5.6\text{Hz}$, $\text{SCH}_{\text{arom.}}$). **$^{13}\text{C-NMR}$ (100 M, CDCl_3):** δ 28.9 ($\text{C}_{\text{q arom.}}\text{CH}_2$); 35.5 (C_q

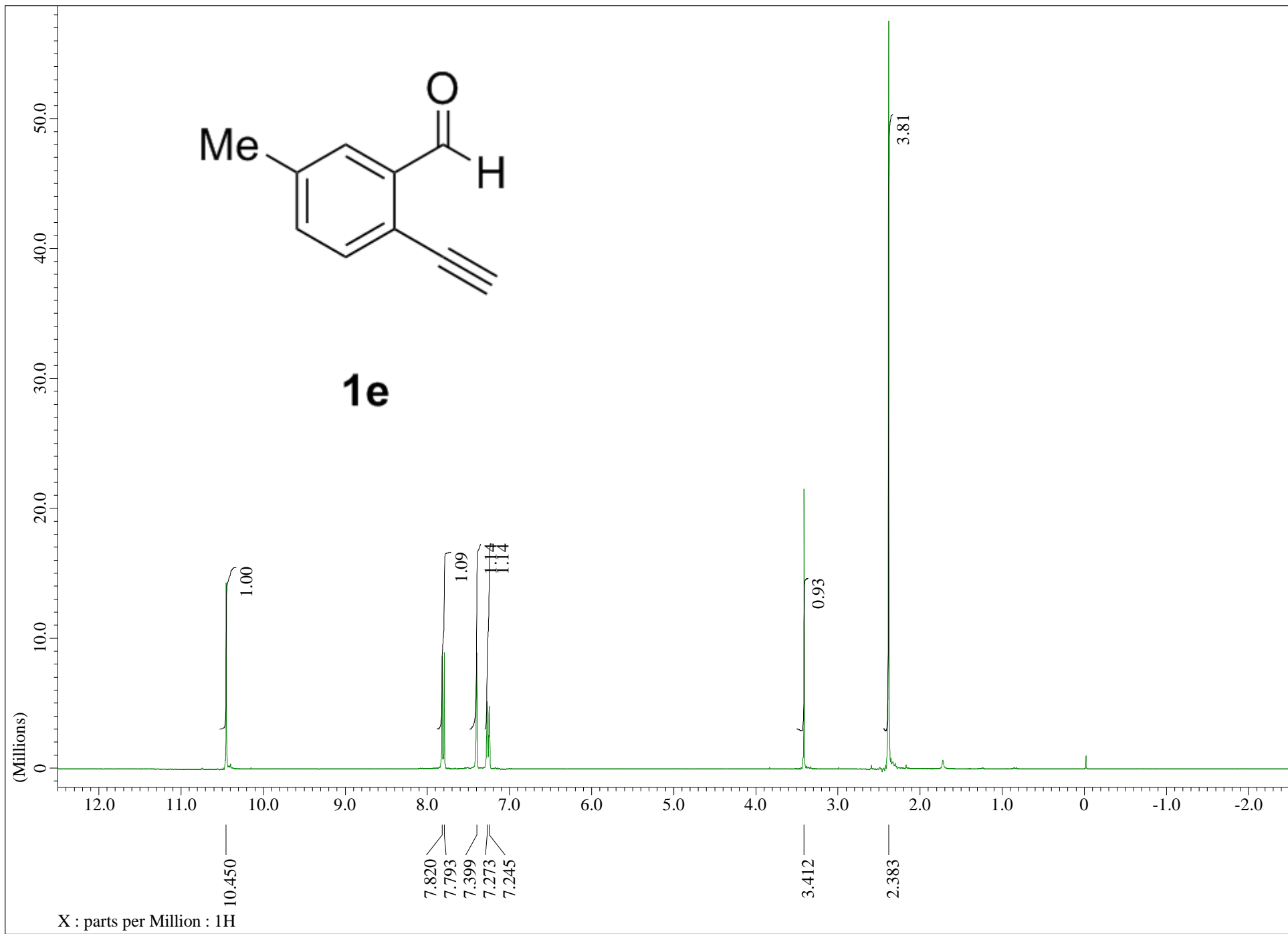
arom. CH_2CH_2); 41.0 (SCH_2); 113.6 ($\text{C}_{\text{q arom.}}$); 116.0 ($\text{CH}=\text{CH}_2$); 116.7 ($\text{CH}_{\text{arom.}}$); 118.0 ($\text{SCH}_2\text{CH}=\text{CH}_2$); 130.9 ($\text{CH}_{\text{arom.}}$); 133.7 (SCH_2CH); 136.1 ($\text{C}_{\text{q arom.}}$); 137.0 ($\text{CH}_2=\text{CH}$); 144.4 ($\text{C}_{\text{q arom.}}$); 146.4 ($\text{C}_{\text{q arom.}}$). **MS (ESI): m/z (%)**: 267.1 ($\text{M} + \text{H}^+$, 25), 283.1 ($\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{14}\text{OS}_3 + \text{H}^+$ ($\text{S}=\text{O}$), 100). **HRMS (ESI)**: calcd for $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{14}\text{OS}_3 + \text{H}^+$ ($\text{S}=\text{O}$) = 283.0280, found = 283.0276. **IR (cm^{-1}) ν_{max}** : 1220; 1425; 1639 ($\text{C}=\text{CH}_2$); 1841; 2913; 3077. **Chromatography**: hexanes/EtOAc 98/2. R_f = 0.24. **Yield**: 15% (2 steps).

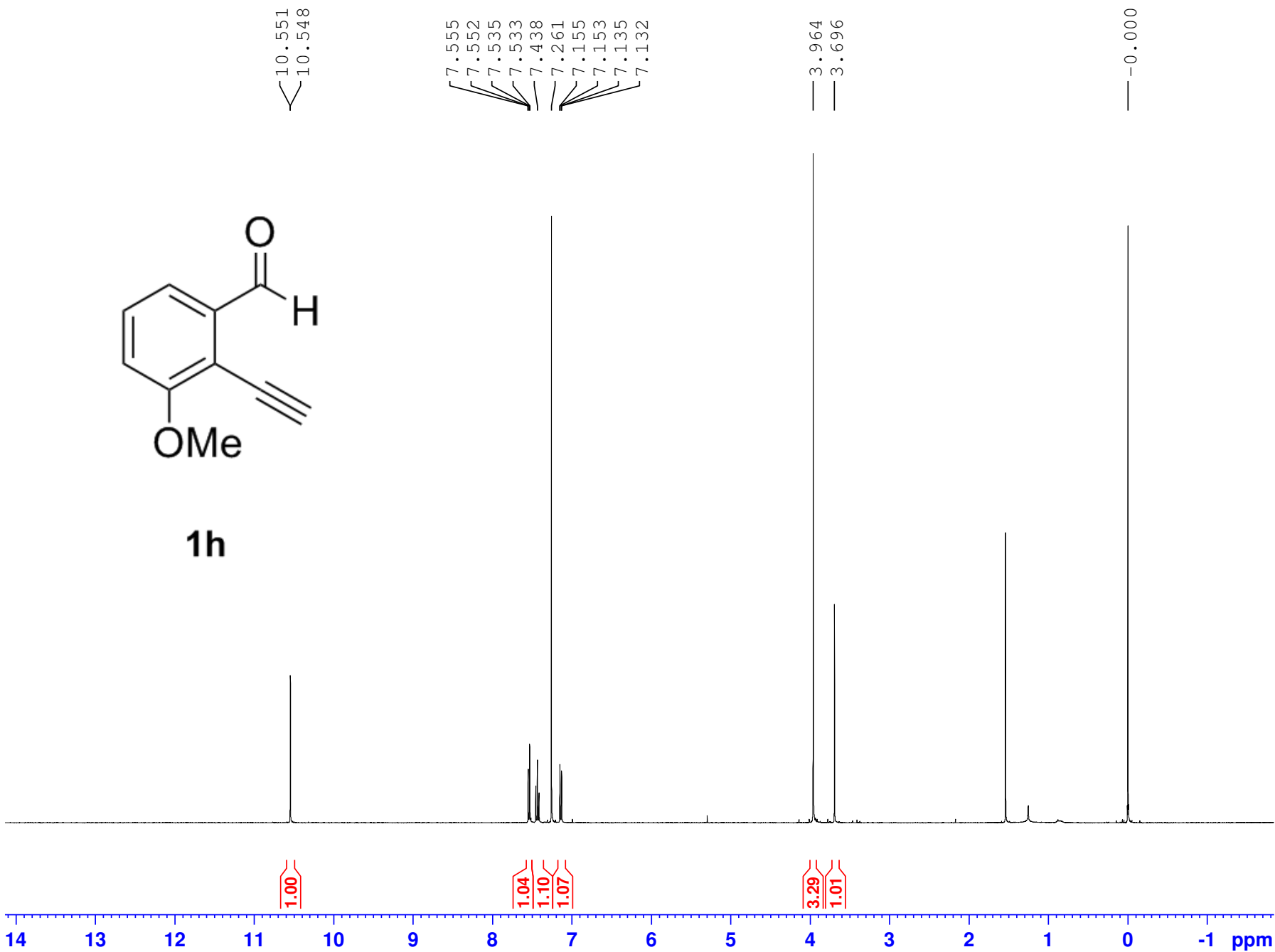
1-(but-2-en-1-ylthio)-3-(2-methylbut-3-en-1-yl)benzo[c]thiophene **3k**:



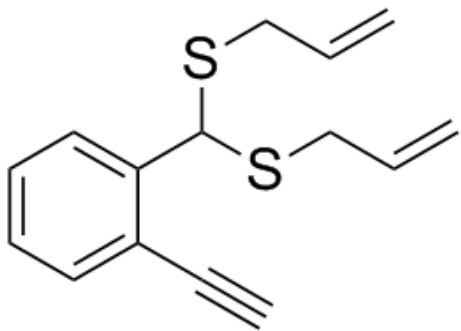
This compound was obtained as a mixture of *E/Z* stereoisomers in a 9/1 *E/Z* ratio, according to $^1\text{H-NMR}$ integration. Spectral data are reported for the *E* isomer. **$^1\text{H-NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3)**: δ 1.06 (3H, d, J = 7.0 Hz, CH_3CH); 1.51 (3H, ddt, J = 6.5 Hz, J = 1.5 Hz, J = 0.8 Hz, $\text{CH}=\text{CHCH}_3$); 2.61 (1H, sept, J = 7.0 Hz, CH_3CH); 3.09 (1H, dd, J = 14.8 Hz, J = 7.0 Hz, CH_aH_b); 3.20 (1H, dd, J = 14.8 Hz, J = 7.0 Hz, CH_aH_b); 3.29 (2H, d, J = 7.5 Hz, SCH_2); 4.95 (1H, dm, J = 10.6 Hz, $\text{CH}=\text{CH}_E\text{H}_2$); 4.99 (1H, ddd, J = 17.1 Hz, J = 1.4 Hz, J = 1.4 Hz, $\text{CH}=\text{CH}_E\text{H}_2$); 5.10 (1H, dq, J = 15.0 Hz, J = 6.5 Hz, 1.0 Hz, $\text{CH}=\text{CHCH}_3$); 5.48 (1H, dtq, J = 15.0 Hz, J = 7.5 Hz, J = 1.5 Hz, $\text{CH}=\text{CHCH}_3$); 5.82 (1H, ddd, J = 17.1 Hz, J = 10.6 Hz, J = 7.0 Hz, $\text{CH}=\text{CH}_E\text{H}_2$); 7.01 (1H, ddd, J = 8.7 Hz, J = 6.4 Hz, J = 1.0 Hz, $\text{CH}_{\text{arom.}}$); 7.10 Hz (1H, ddd, J = 8.7 Hz, J = 6.4 Hz, J = 1.0 Hz, $\text{CH}_{\text{arom.}}$); 7.50 (1H, d, J = 8.7 Hz, $\text{CH}_{\text{arom.}}$); 7.71 (1H, d, J = 8.7 Hz, $\text{CH}_{\text{arom.}}$). **$^{13}\text{C-NMR}$ (100 M, CDCl_3)**: δ 17.7 (CH_3); 19.6 (CH_3); 35.0 (CH_2); 40.1 (CH); 41.9 (SCH_2); 113.7 ($\text{CH}=\text{CH}_2$); 118.9 ($\text{C}_{\text{q arom.}}$); 120.3 ($\text{CH}_{\text{arom.}}$); 121.0 ($\text{CH}_{\text{arom.}}$); 122.5 ($\text{CH}_{\text{arom.}}$); 124.0 ($\text{CH}_{\text{arom.}}$); 126.4 ($\text{CH}=\text{CHCH}_3$); 129.2 ($\text{CH}=\text{CHCH}_3$); 136.1 ($\text{C}_{\text{q arom.}}$); 138.3 ($\text{C}_{\text{q arom.}}$); 142.3 ($\text{C}_{\text{q arom.}}$); 143.0 ($\text{CH}=\text{CH}_2$). **MS (ESI): m/z (%)**: 289.0 ($\text{M} + \text{H}^+$, 100). **IR (cm^{-1}) ν_{max}** : 1220; 1444; 1665 ($\text{C}=\text{CH}_2$); 2915; 3288. **Chromatography**: hexanes. R_f = 0.23. **Yield**: 80%.

6. Copies of ^1H , ^{13}C and ^{19}F NMR spectra

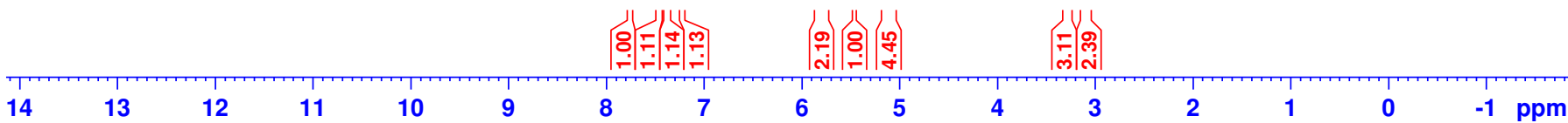
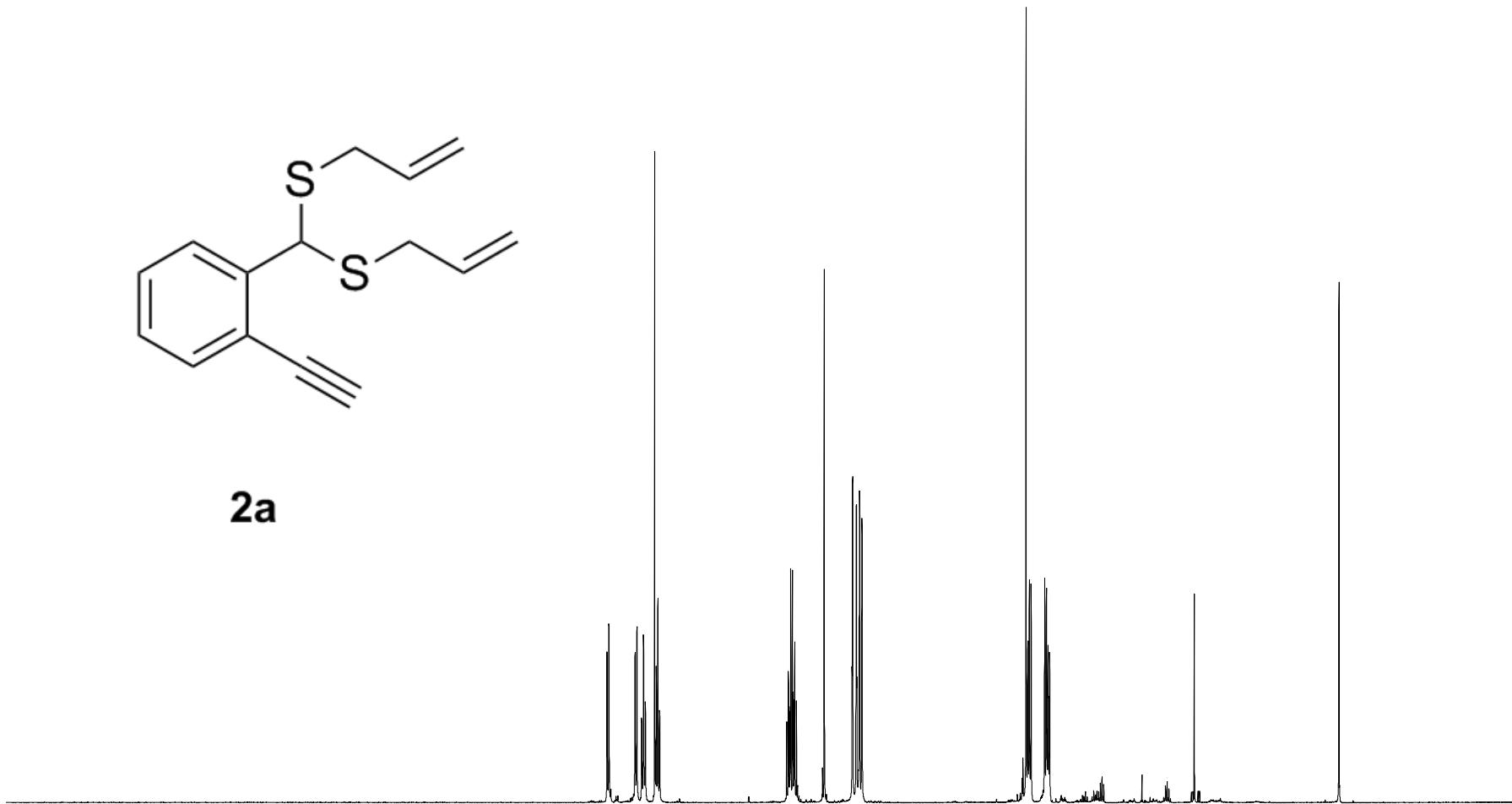


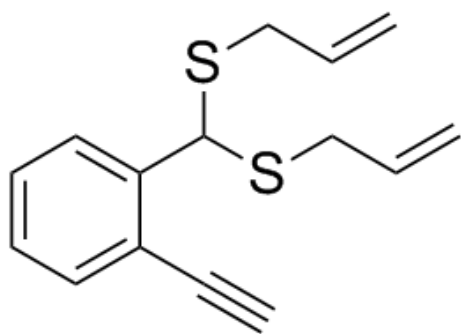


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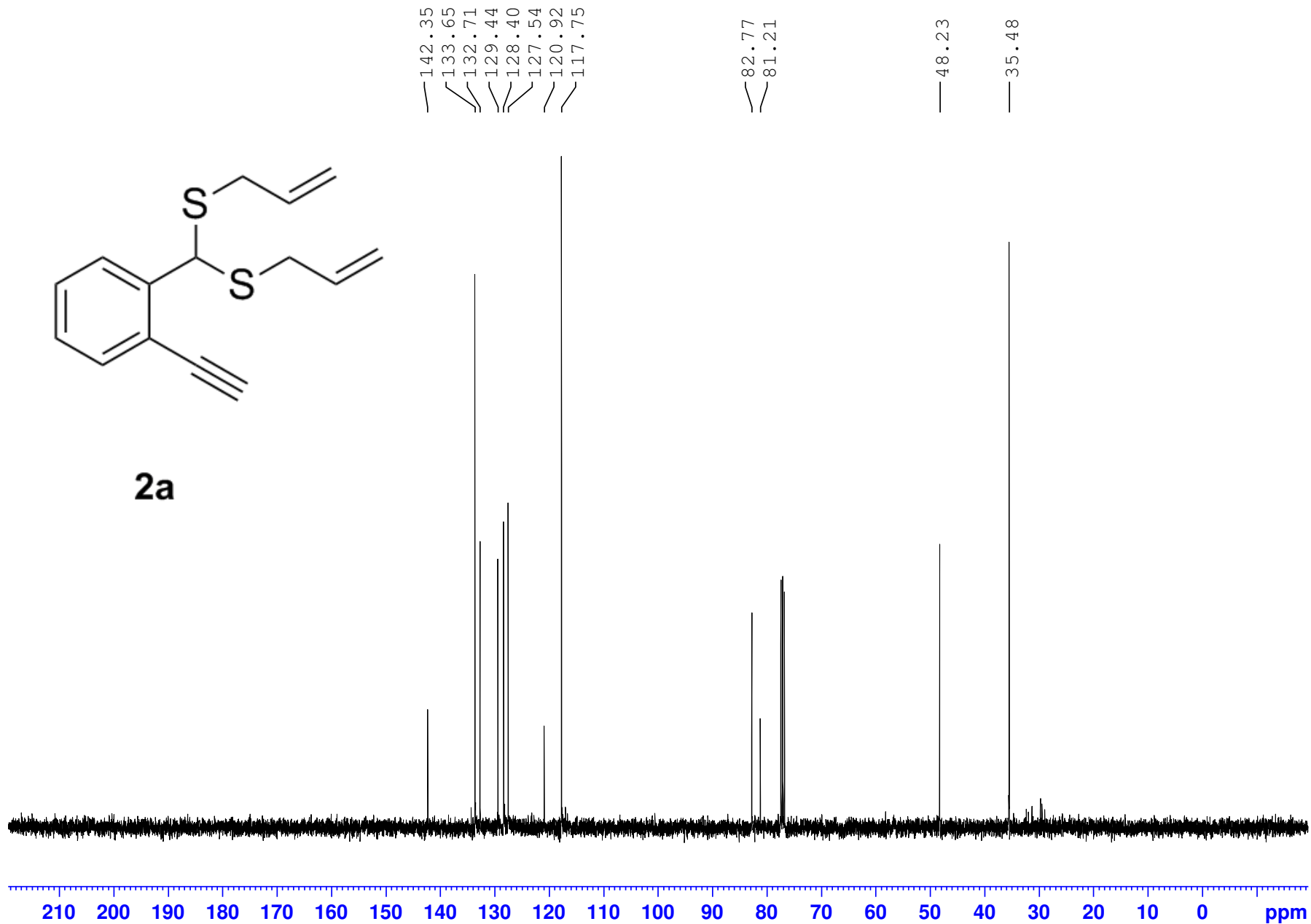


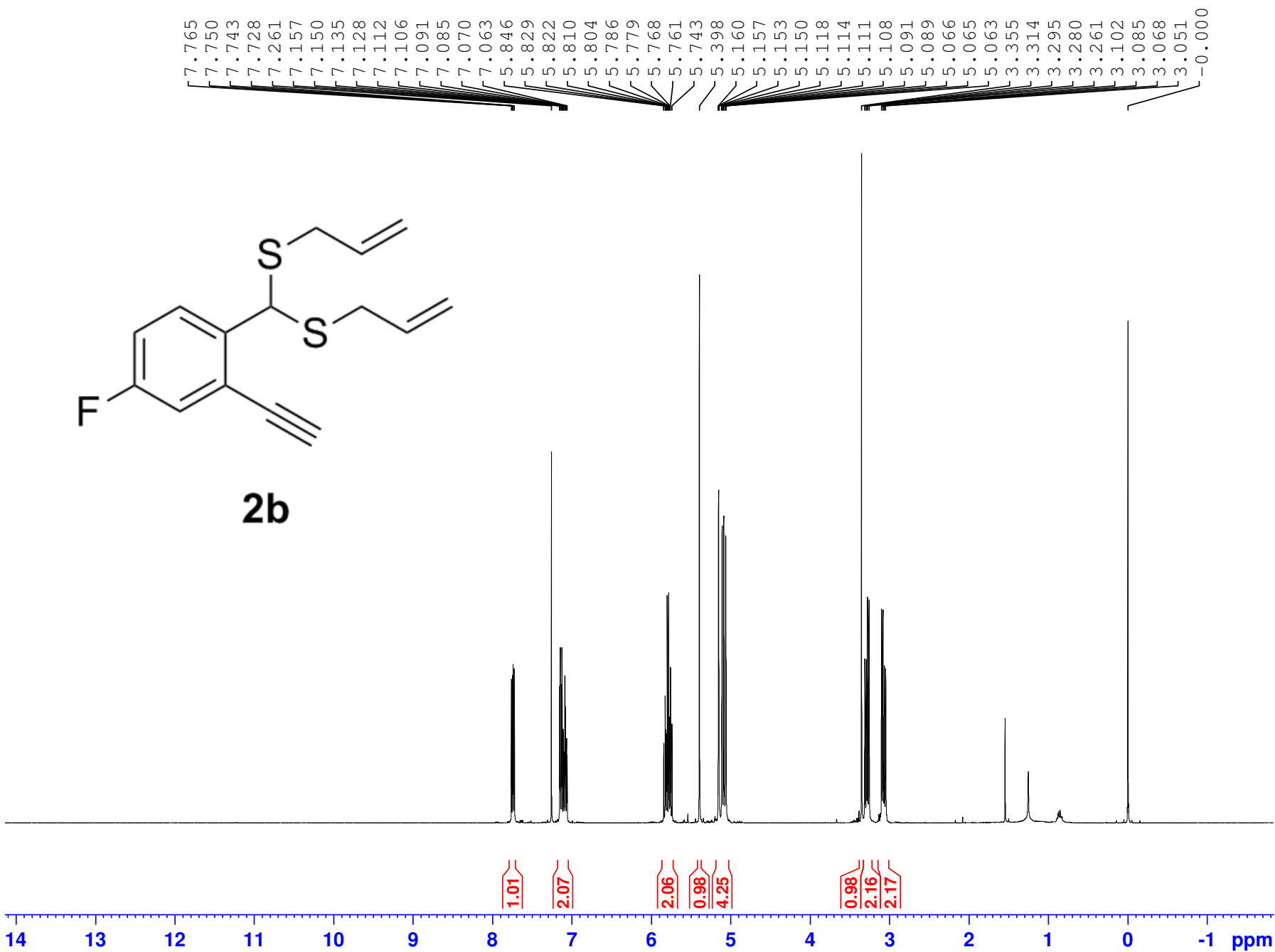
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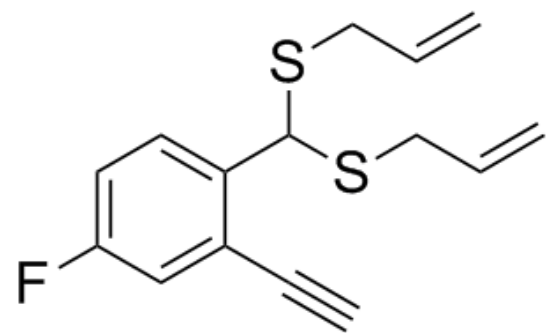




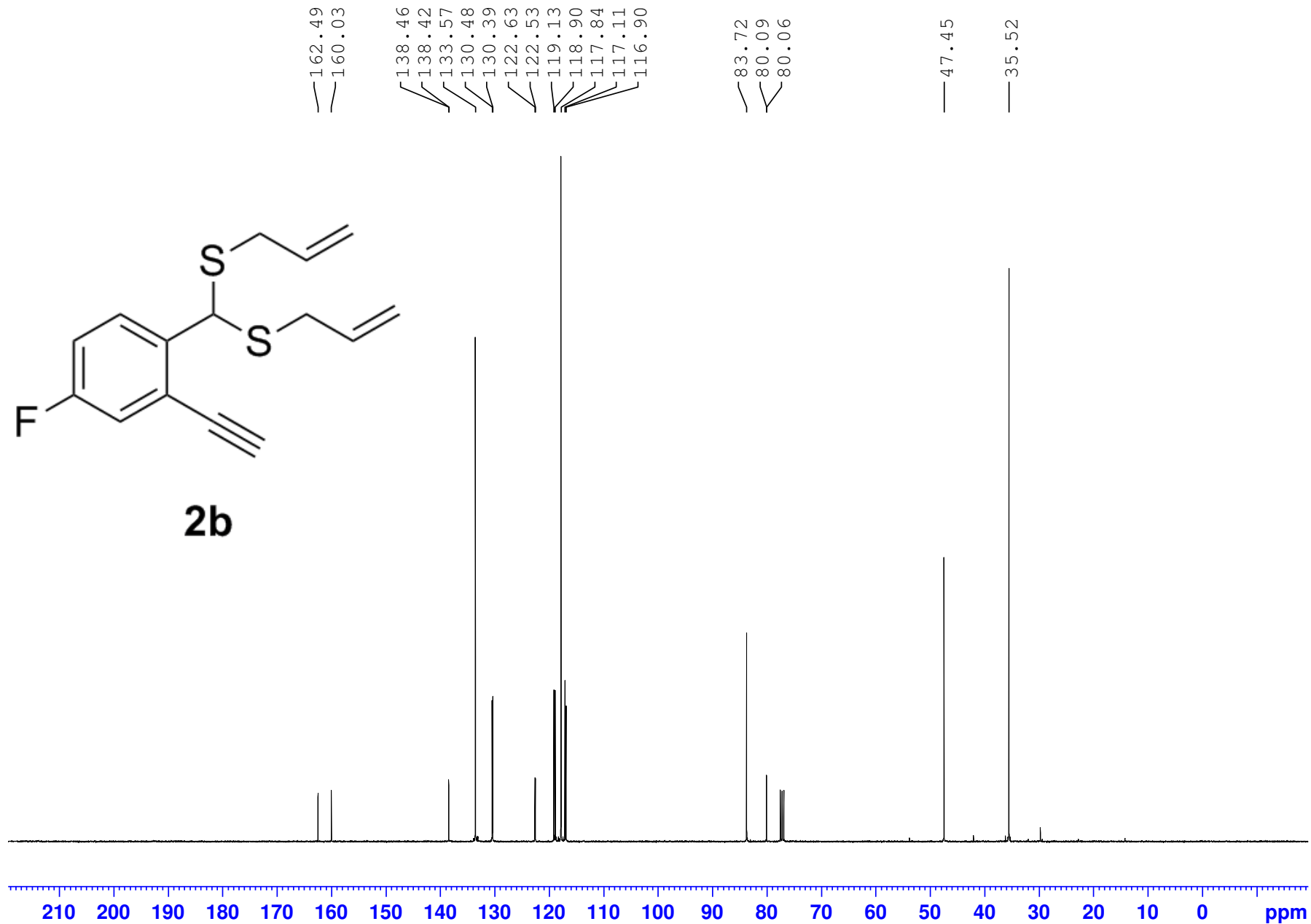
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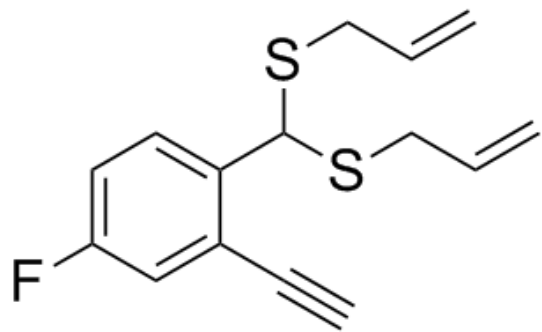






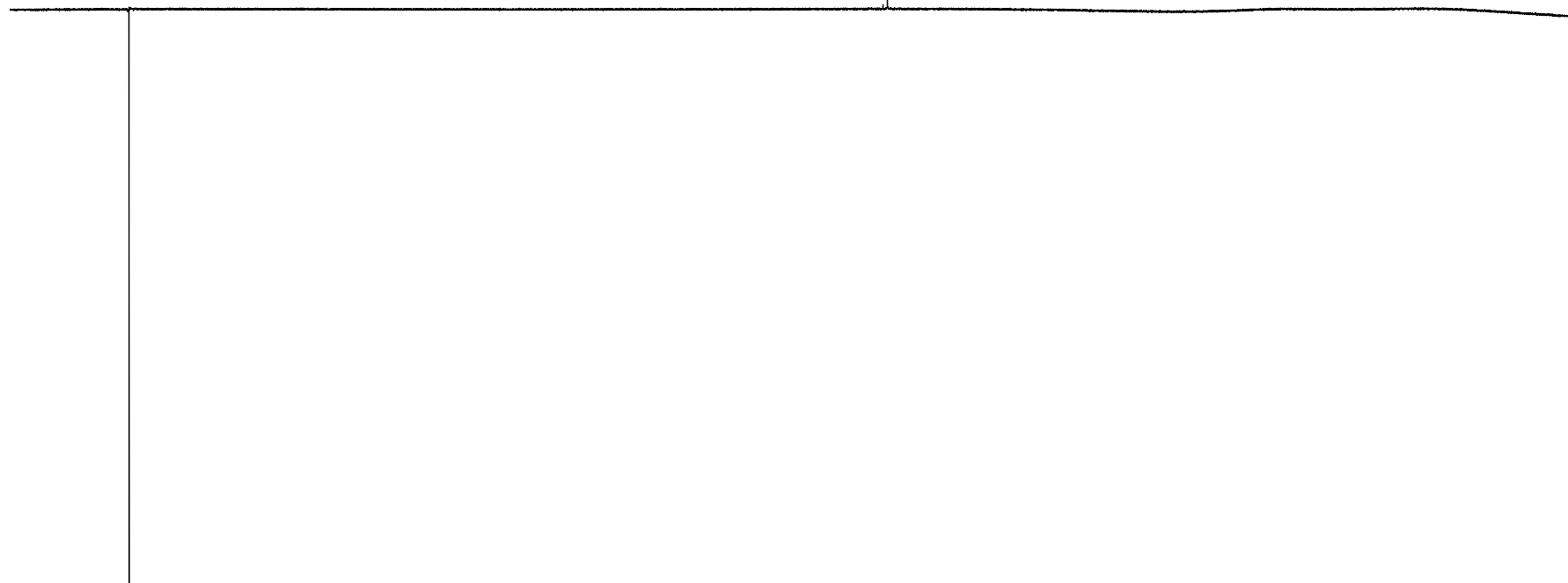
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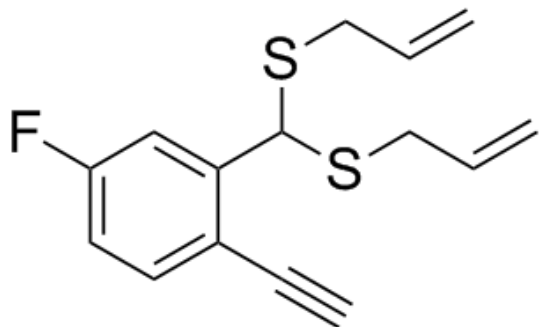
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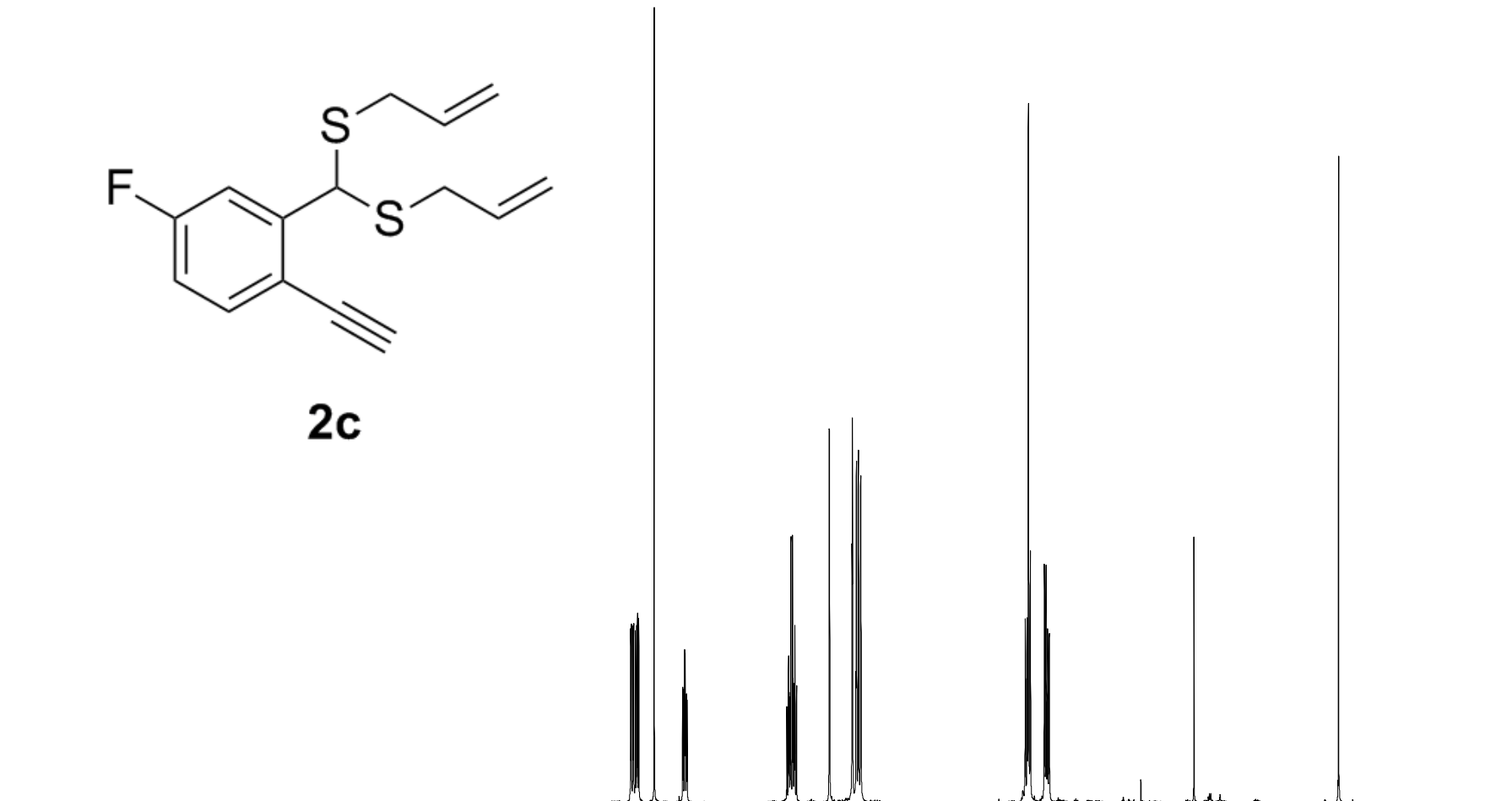


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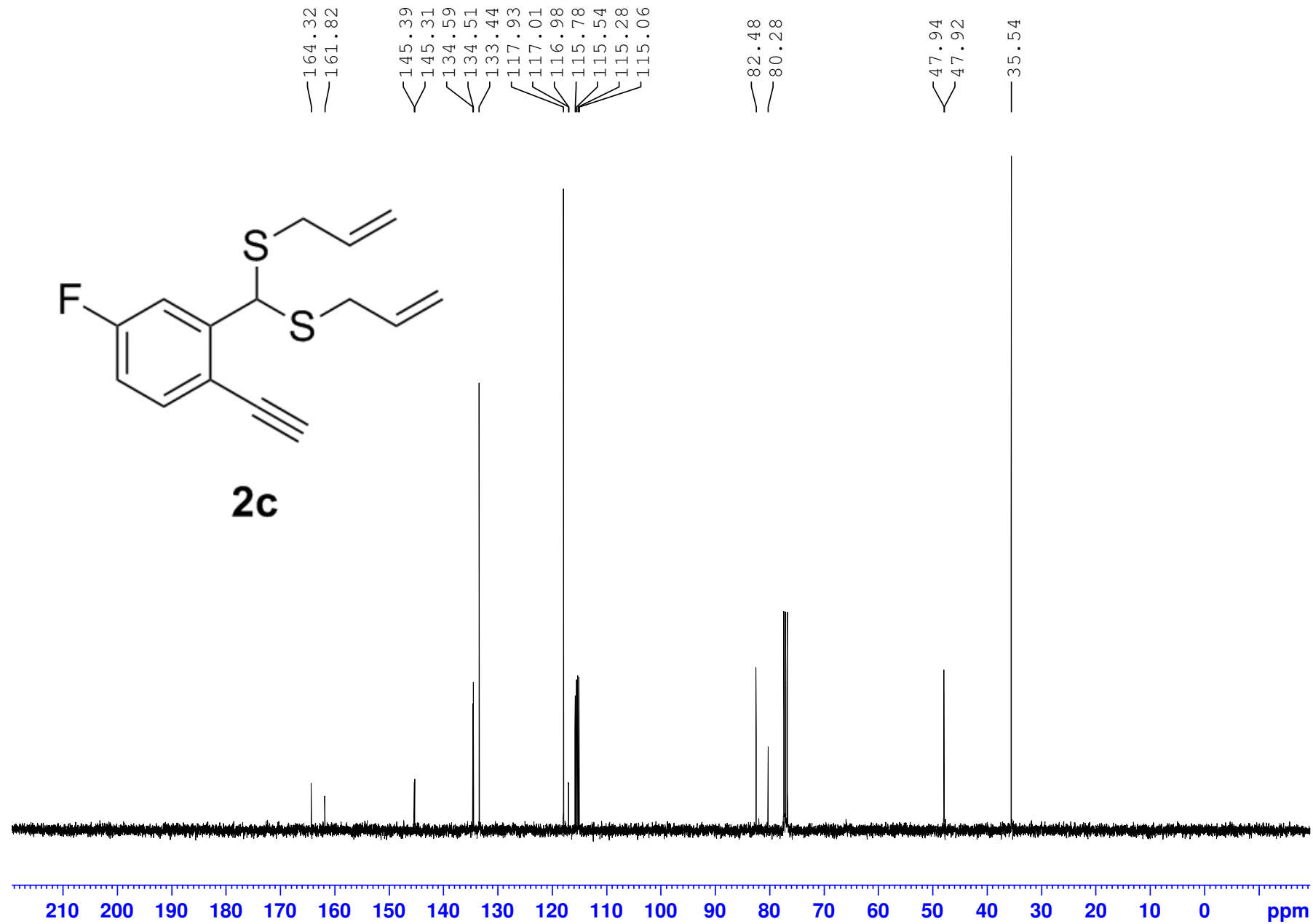
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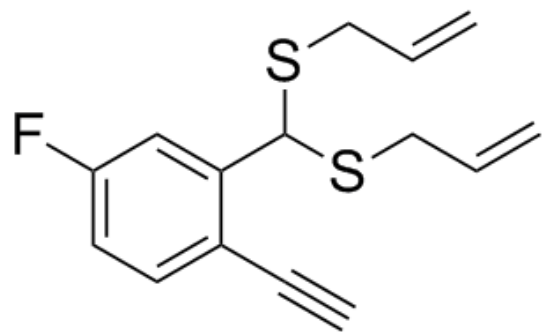


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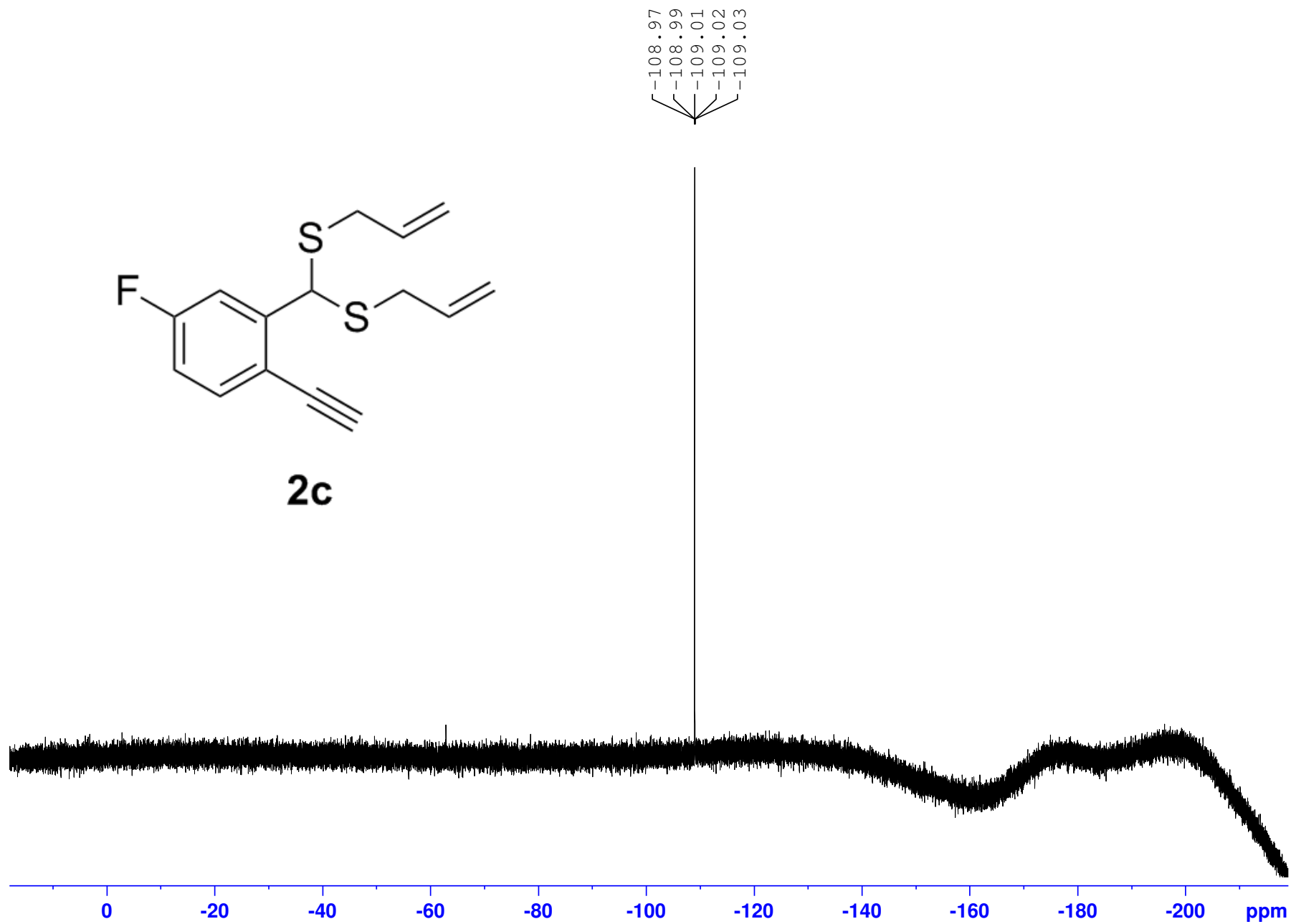


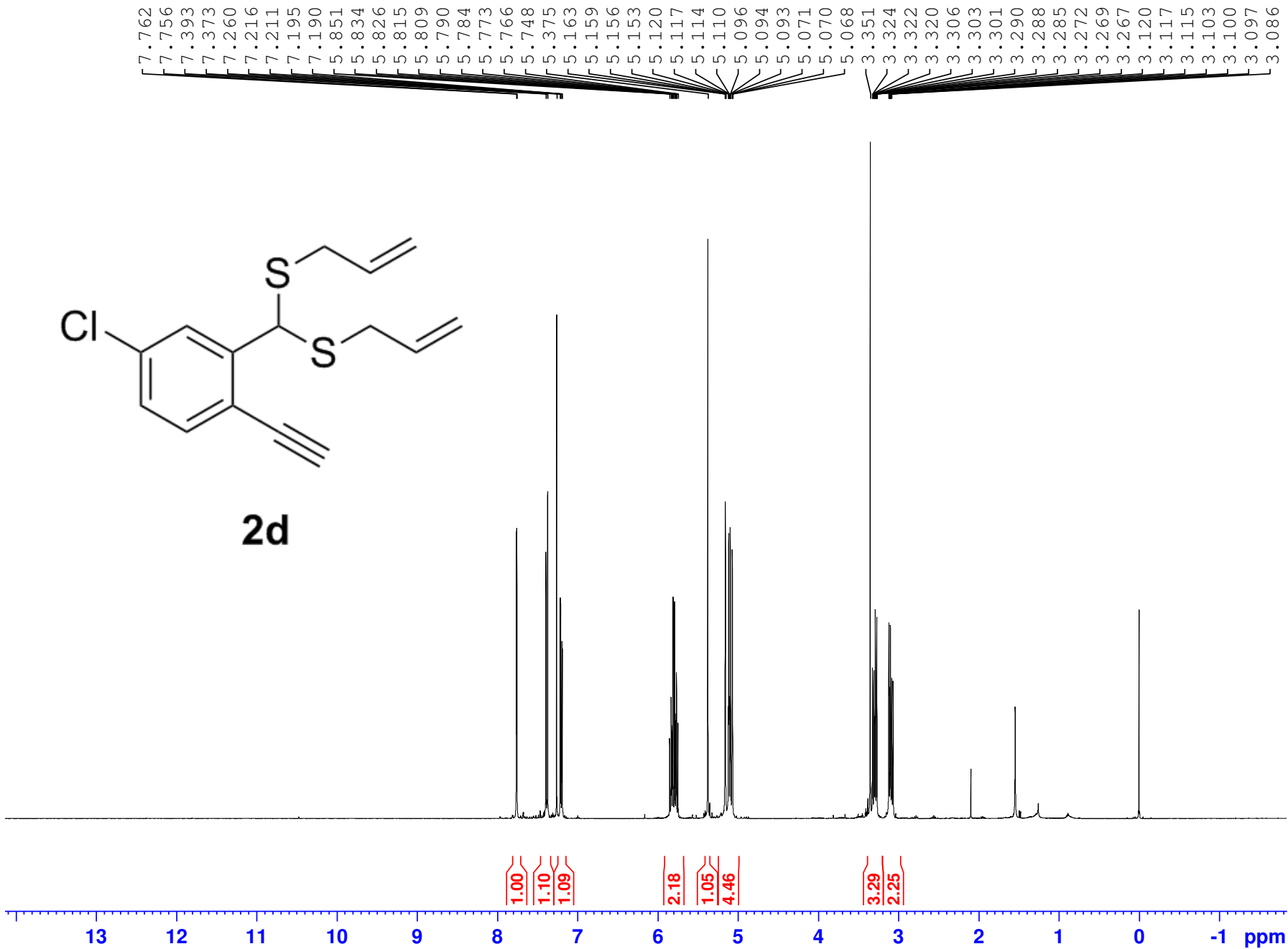
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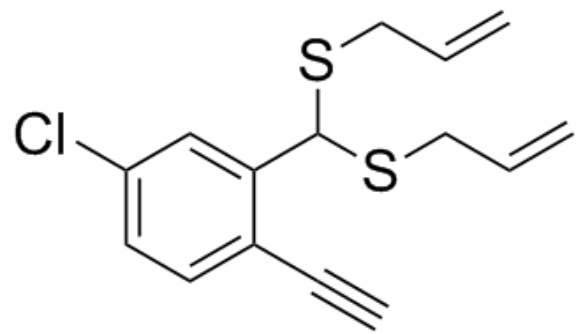




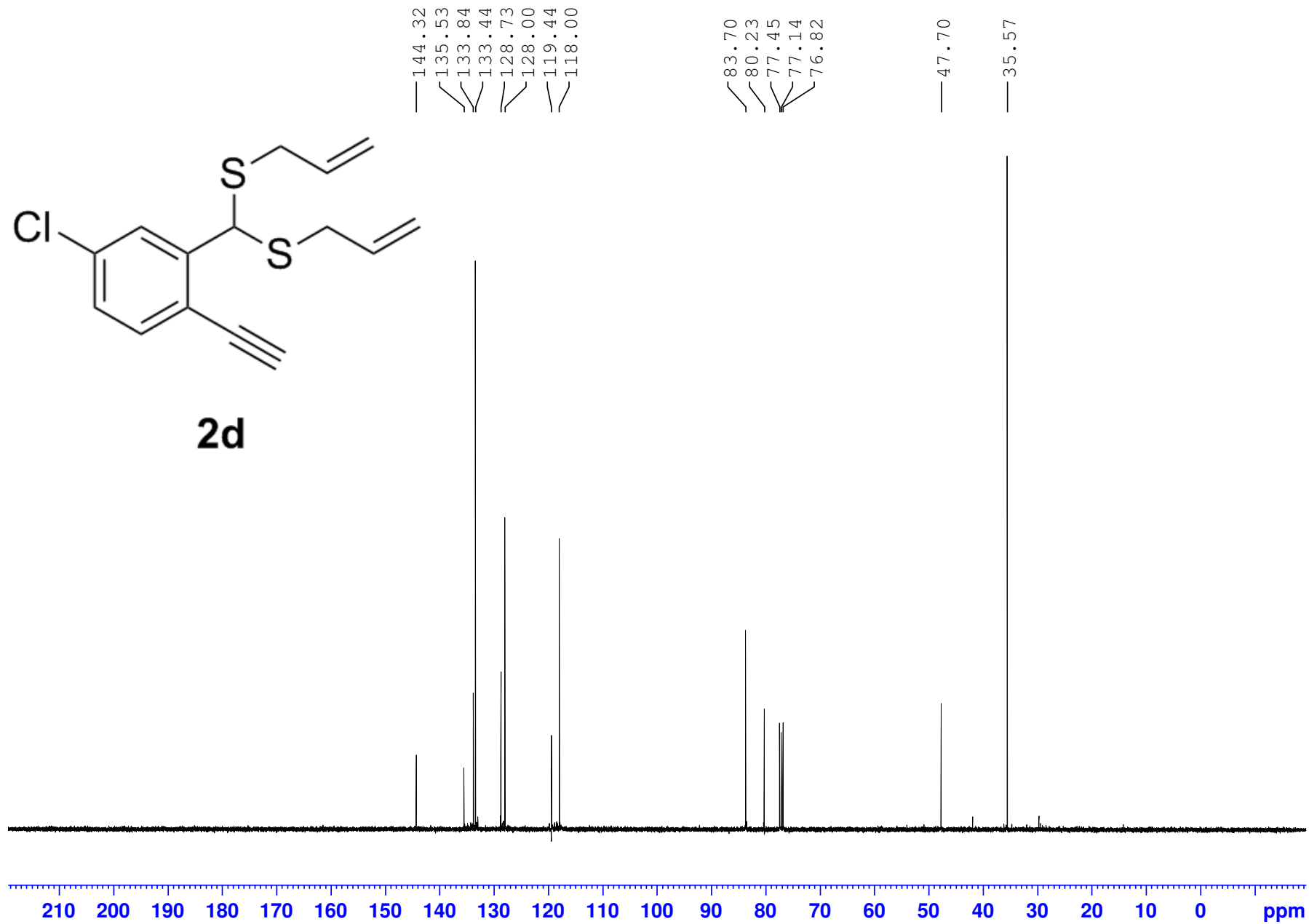
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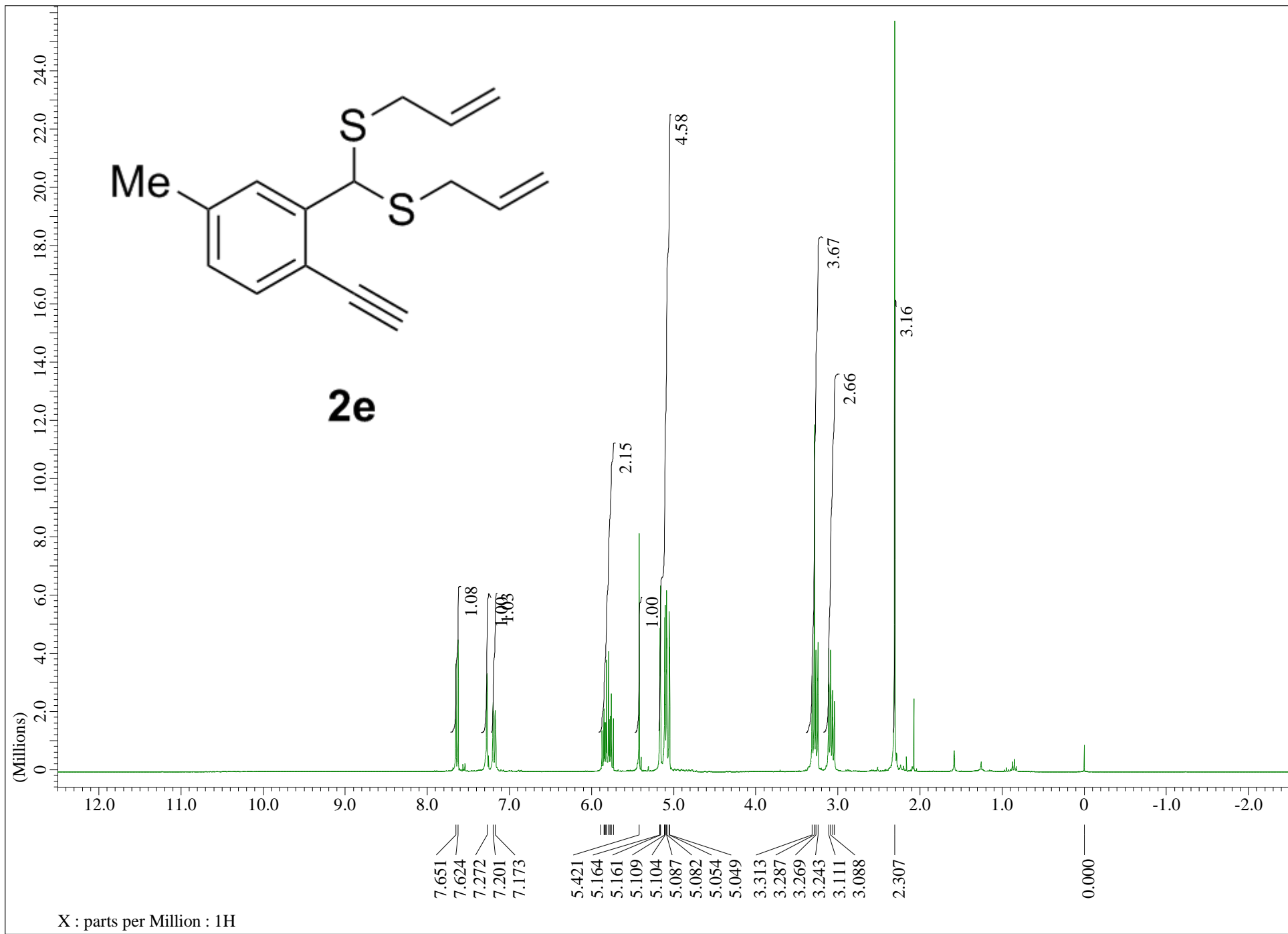


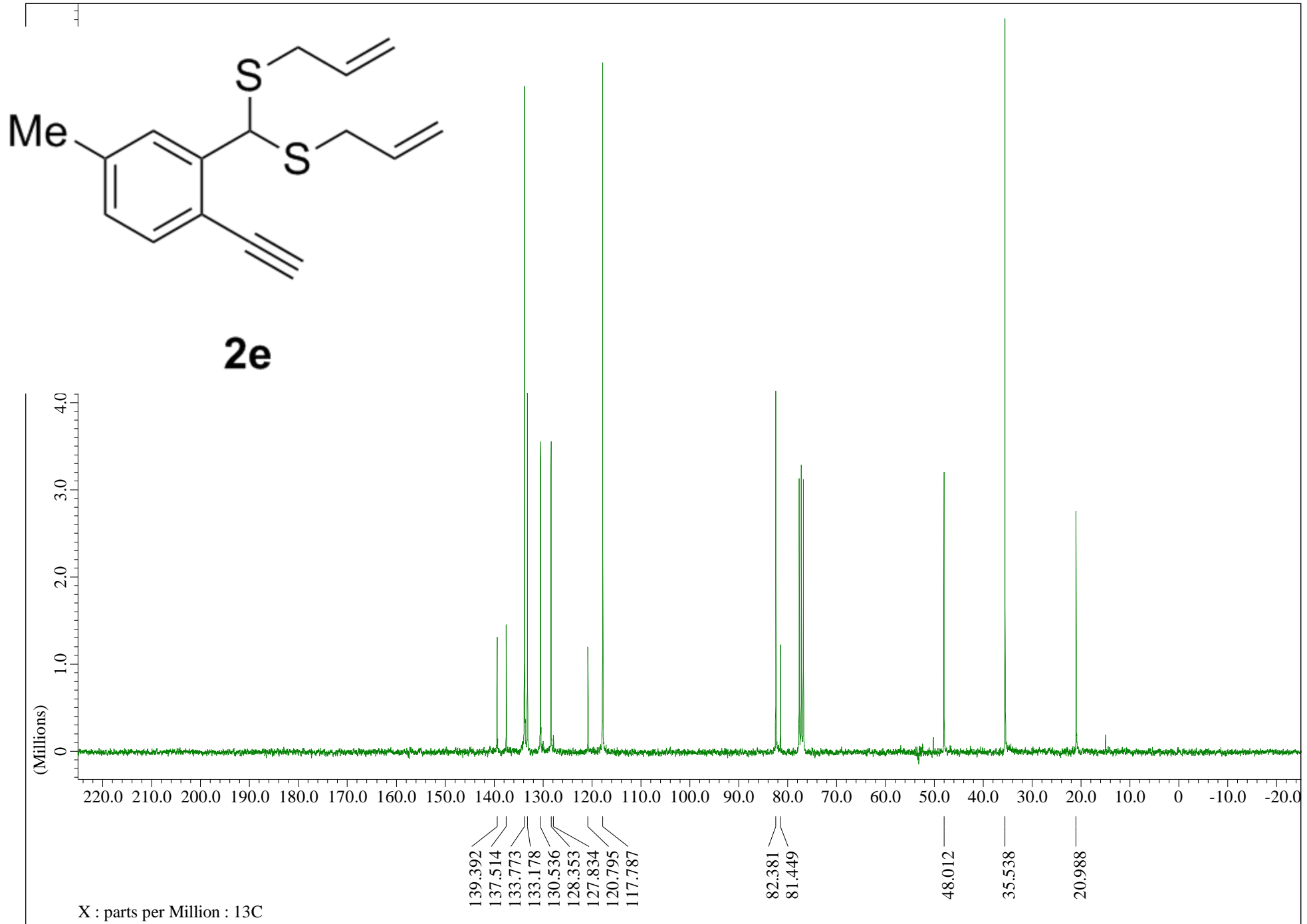


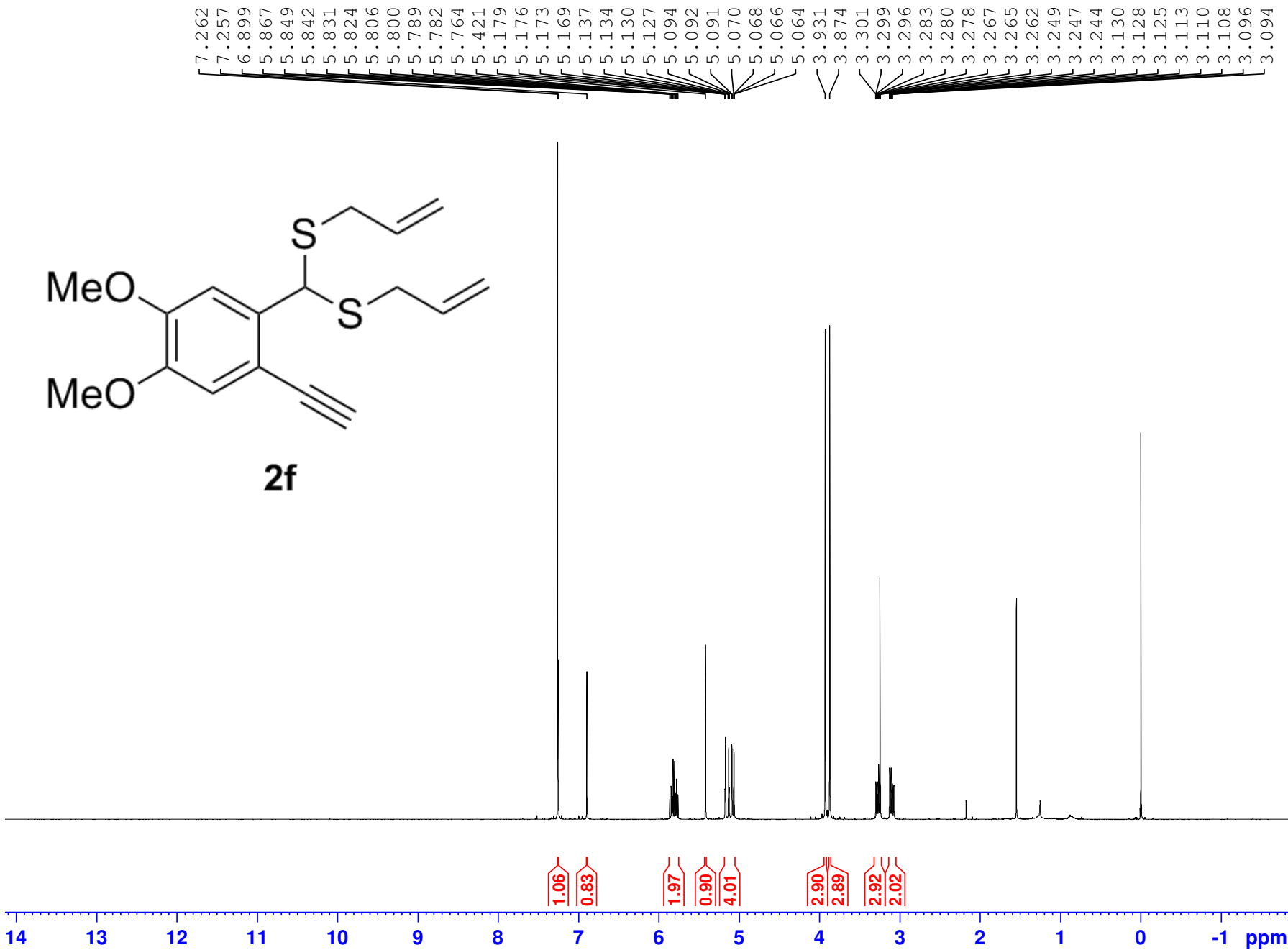


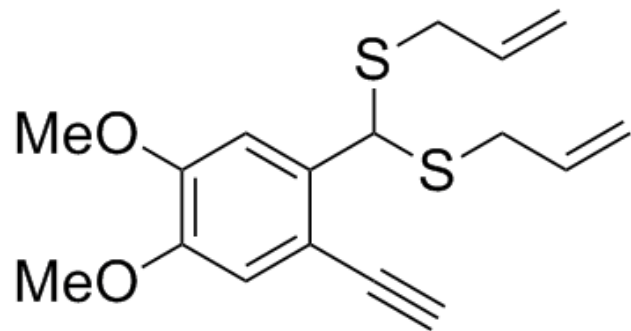
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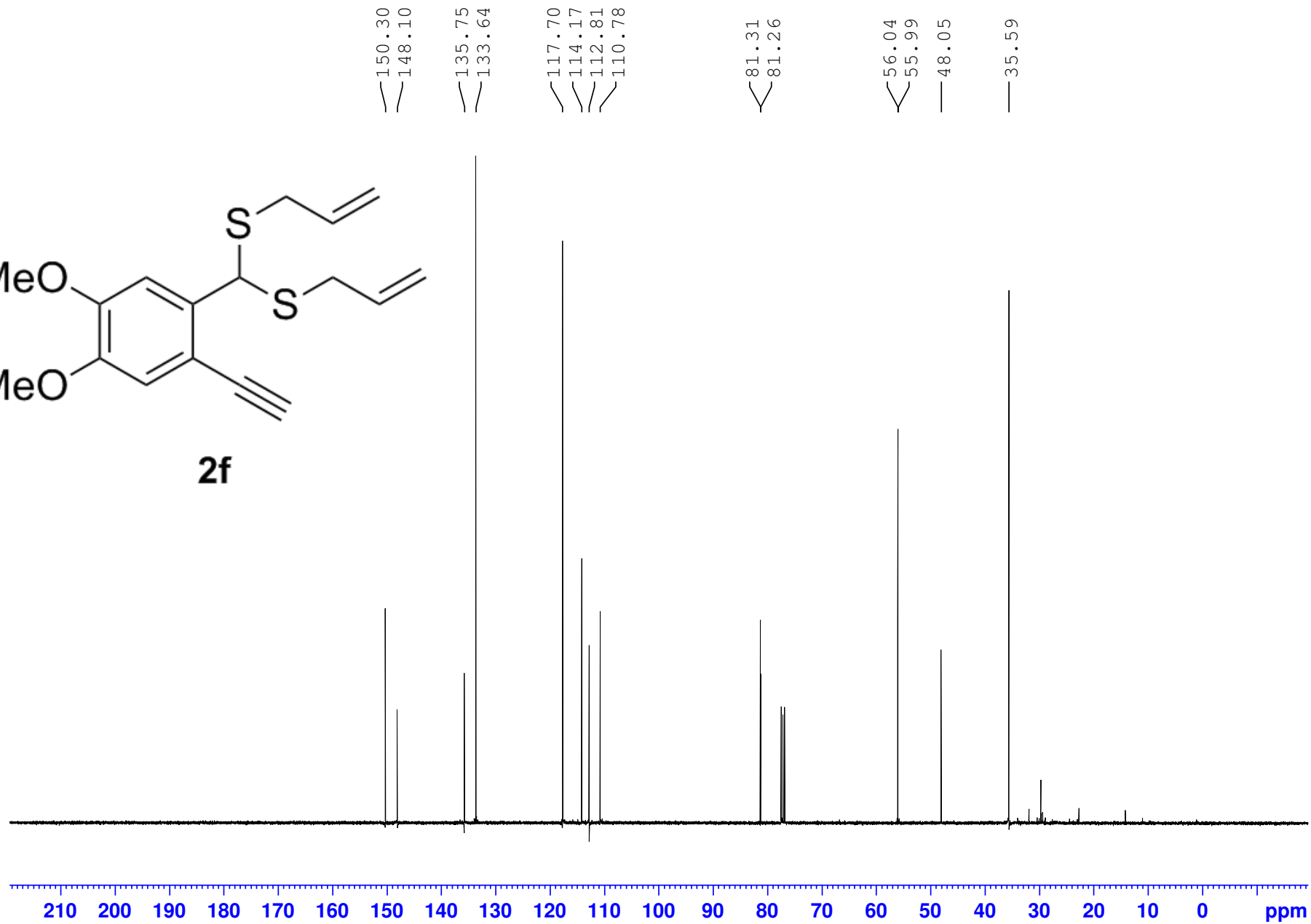


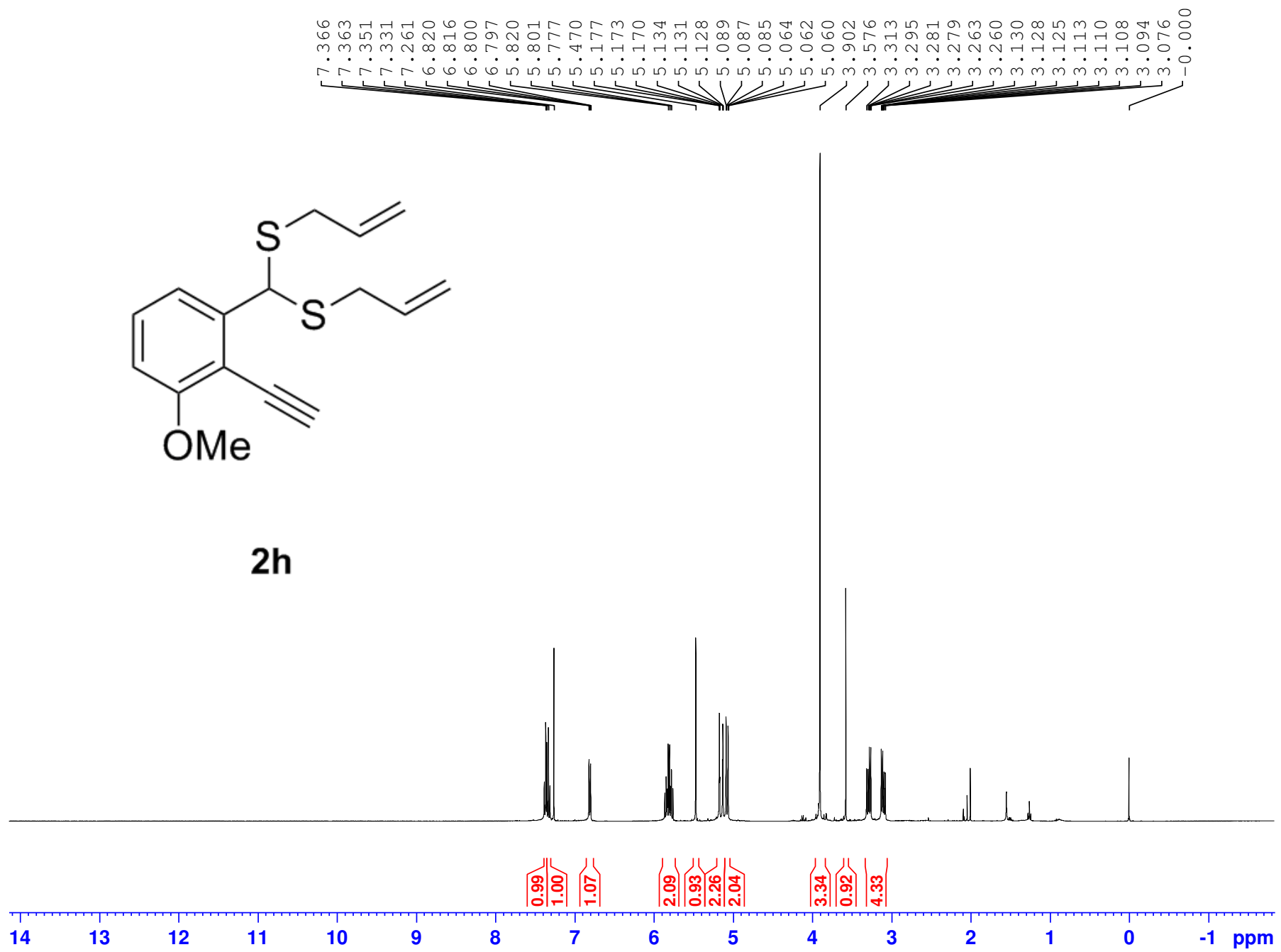


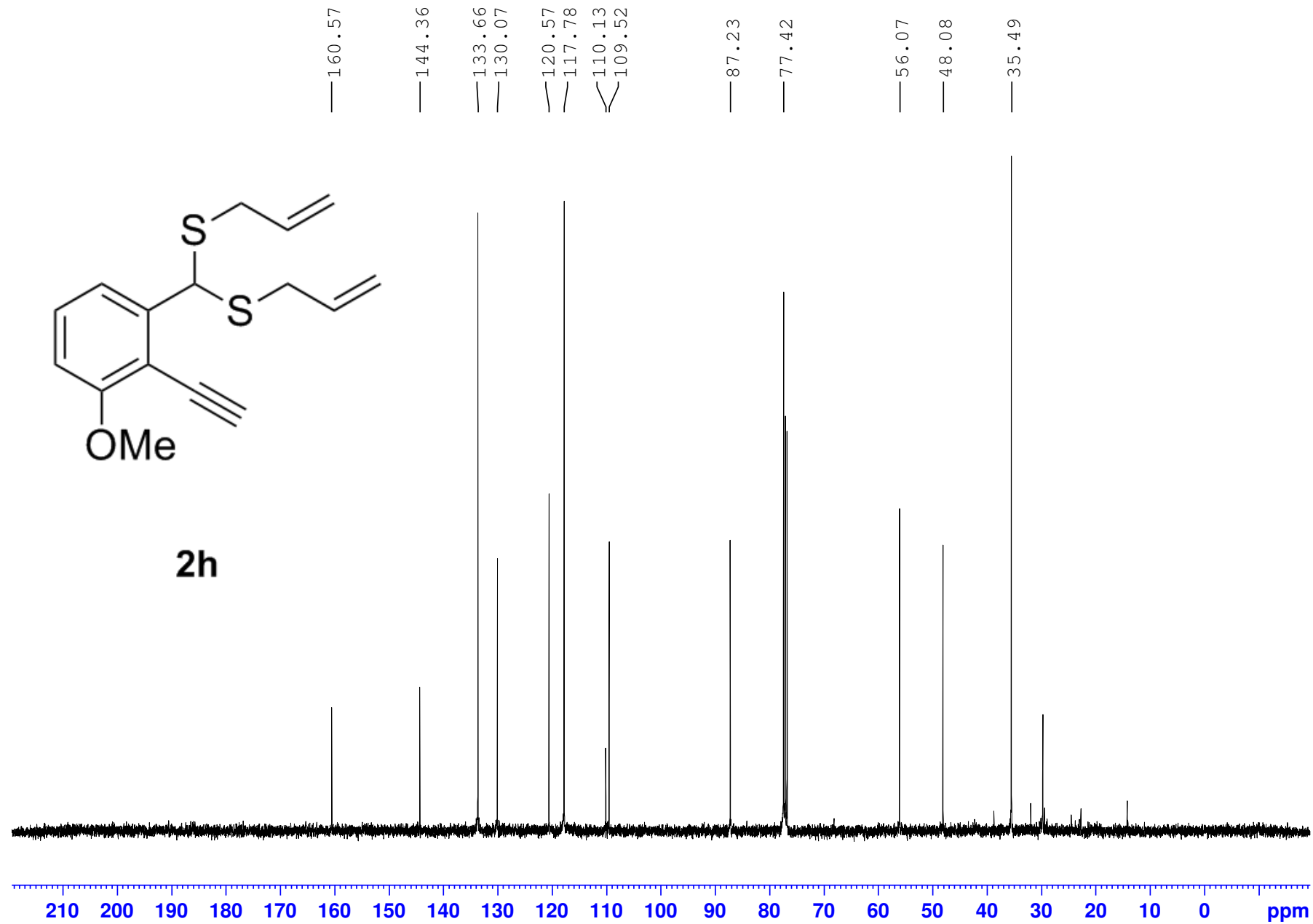




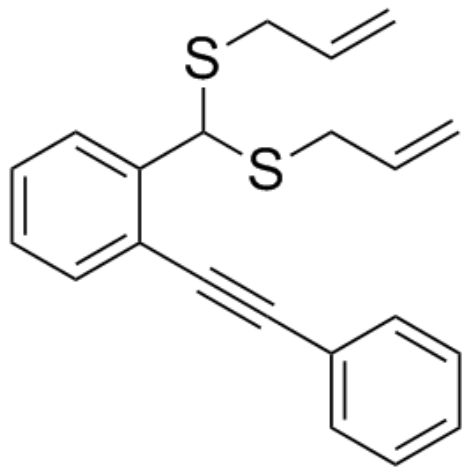
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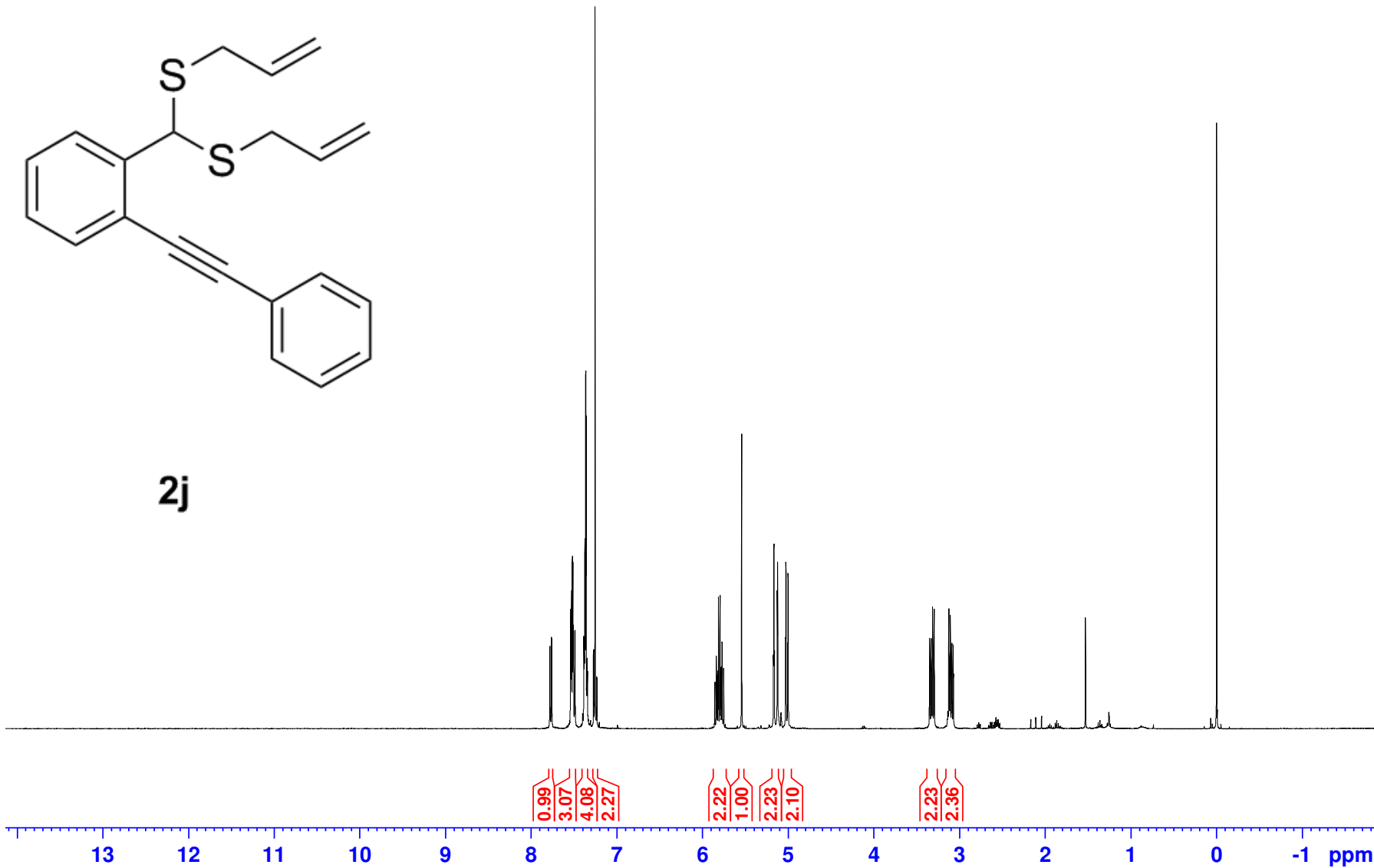


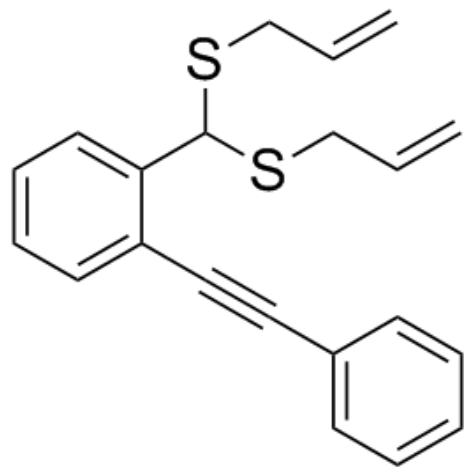


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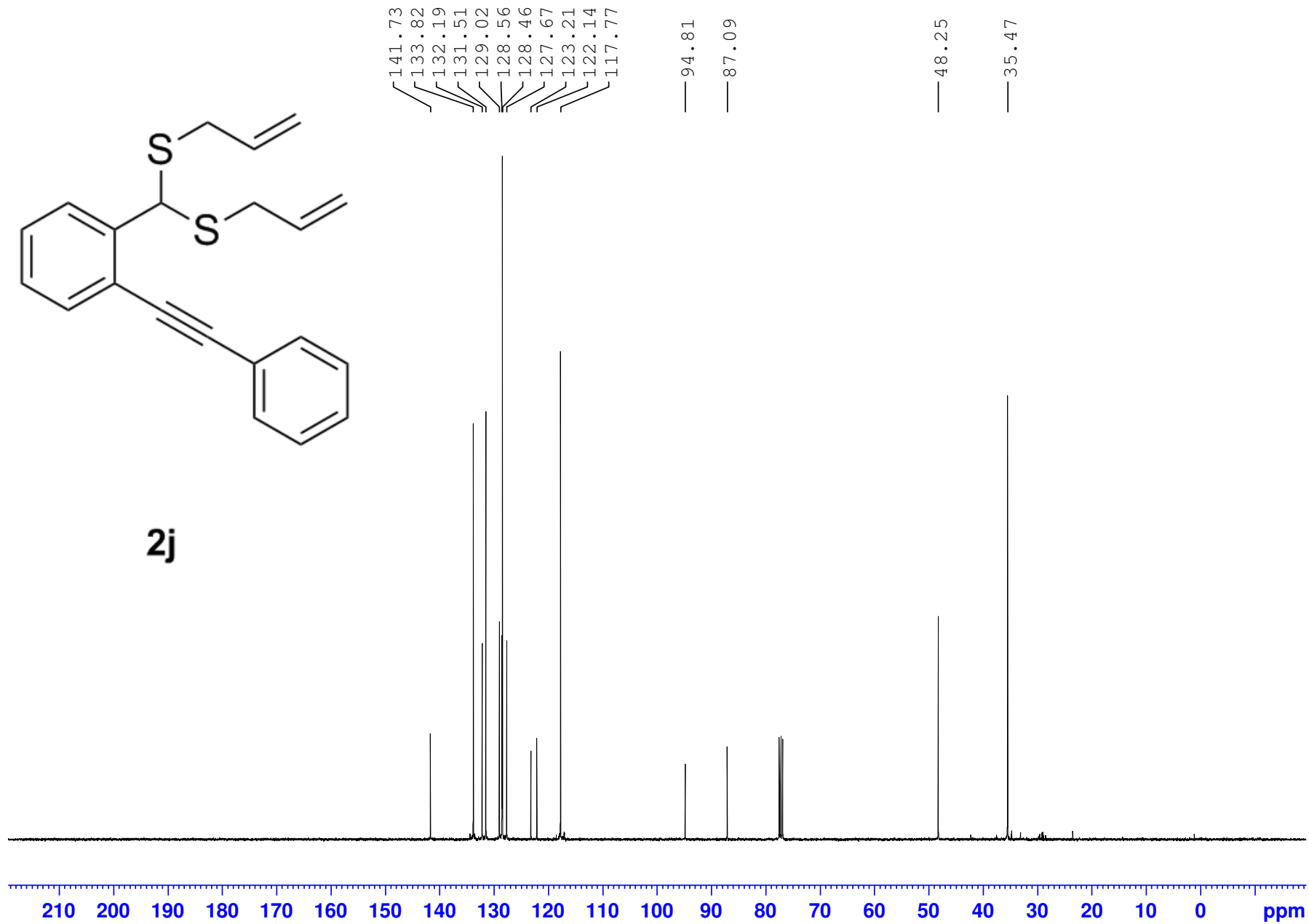


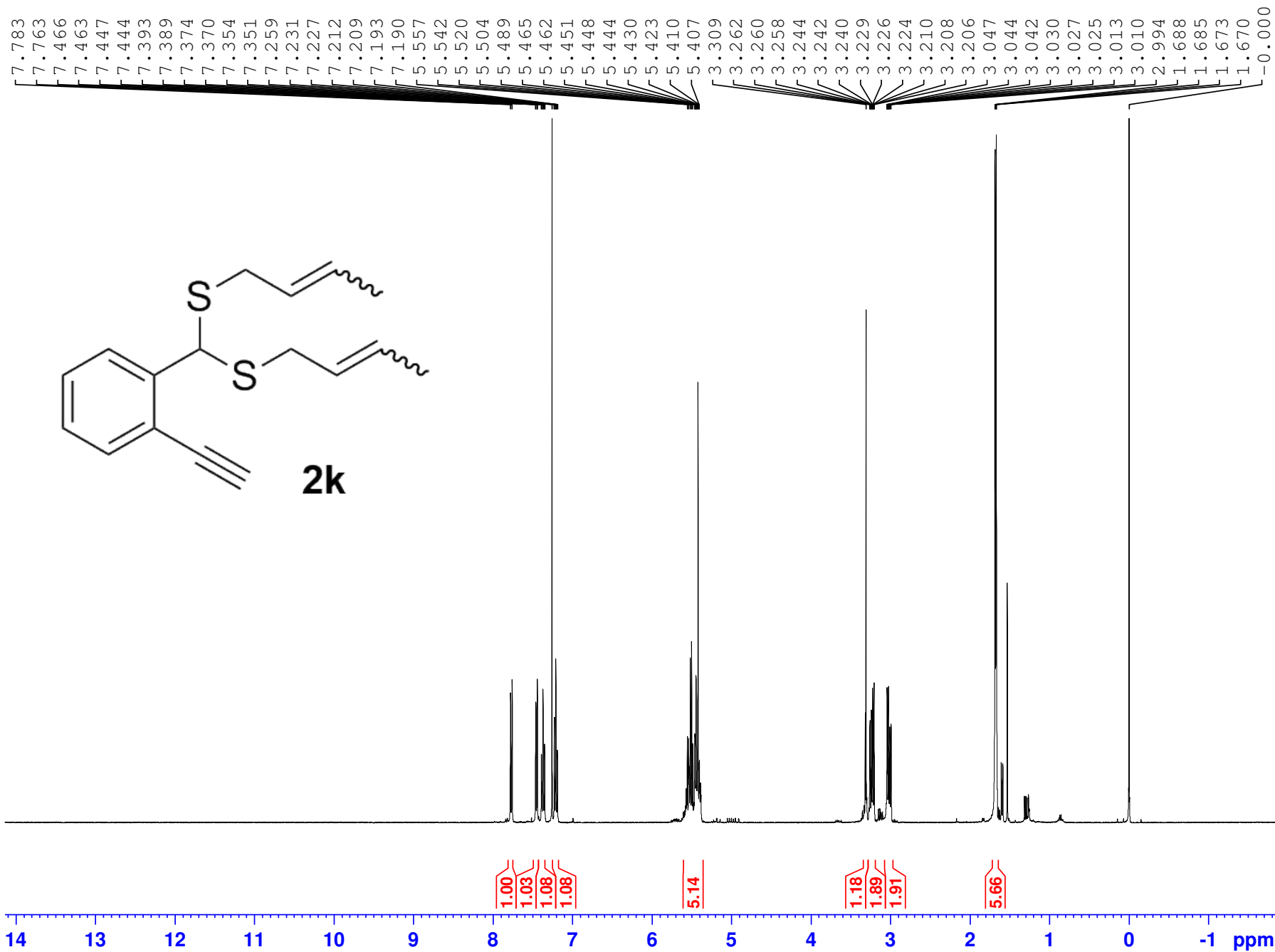
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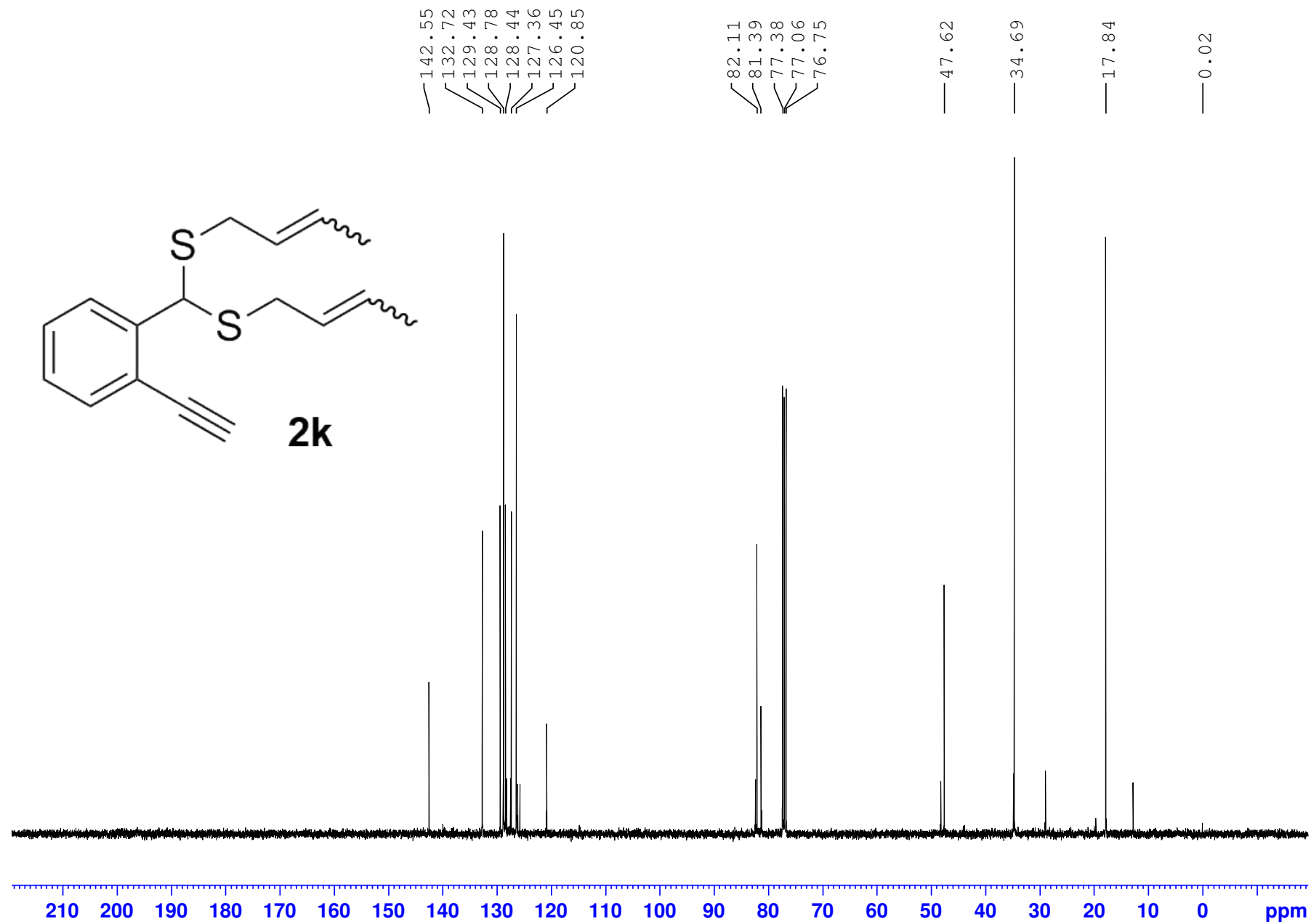




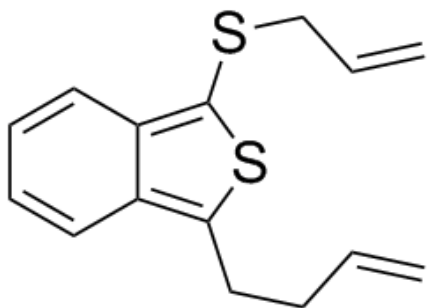
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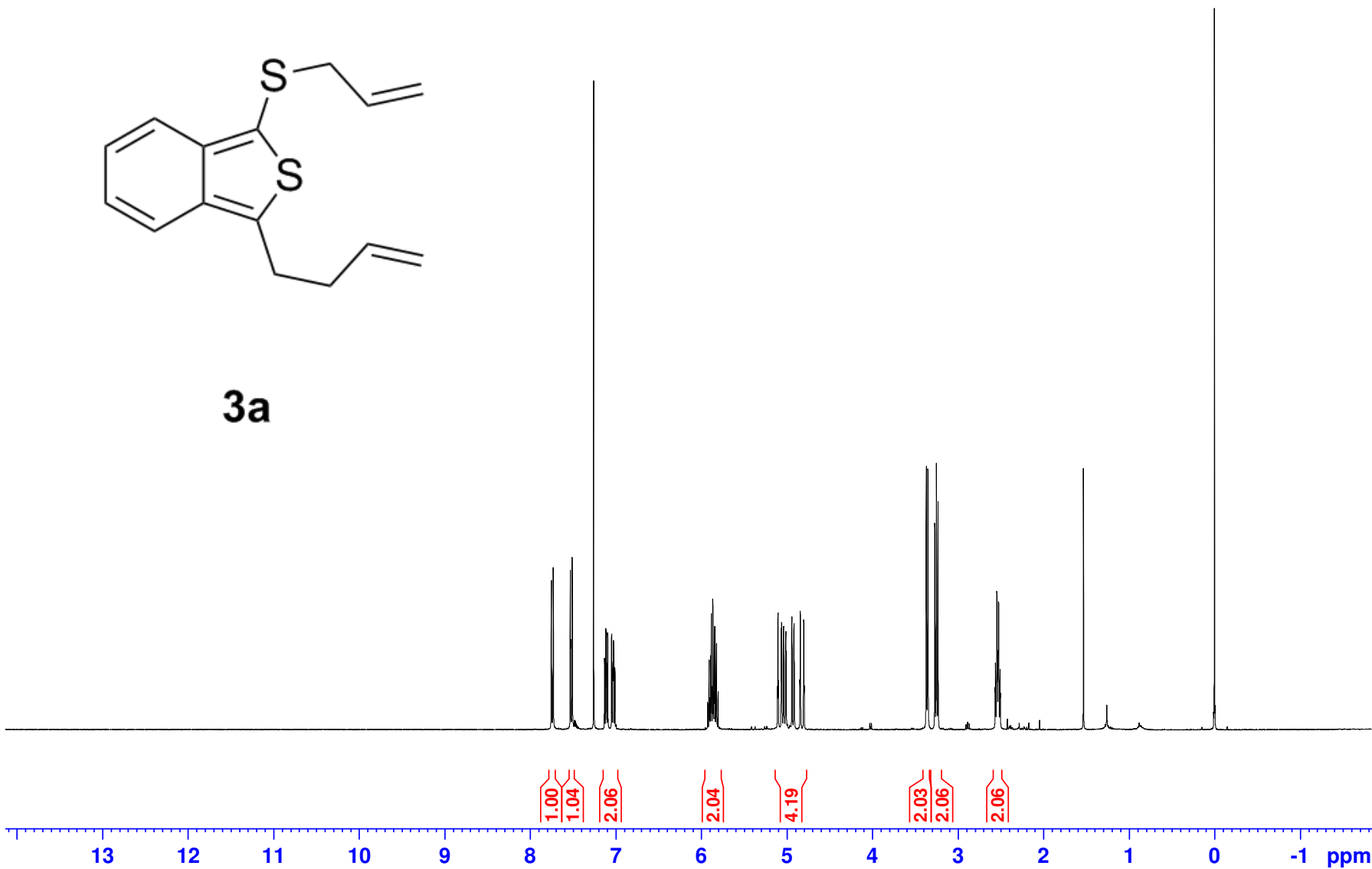


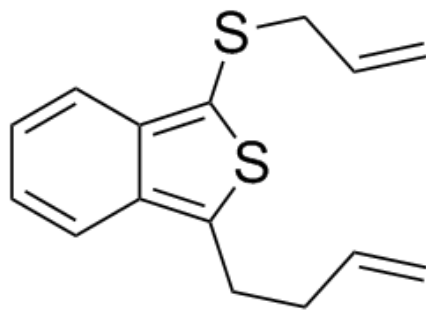


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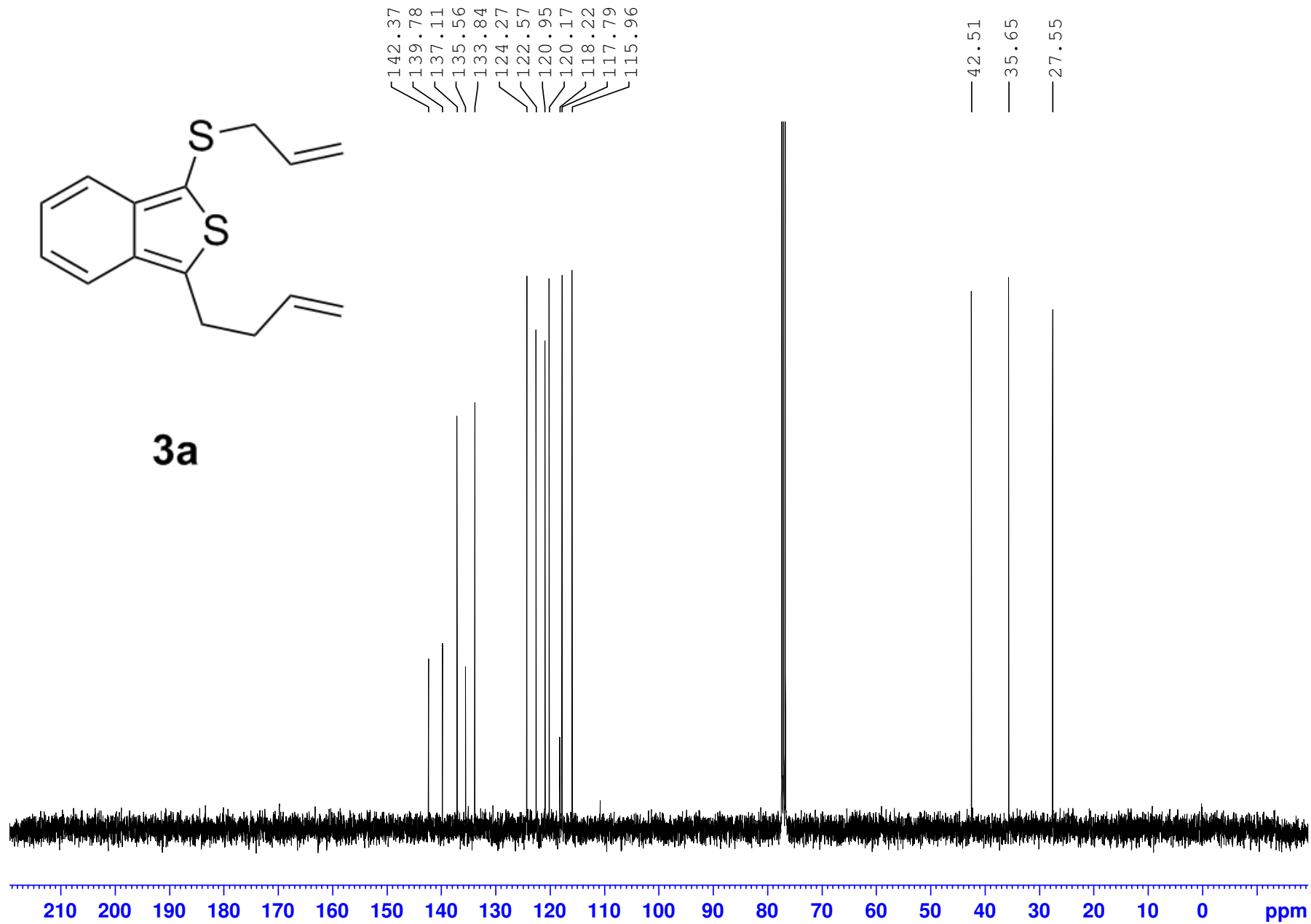


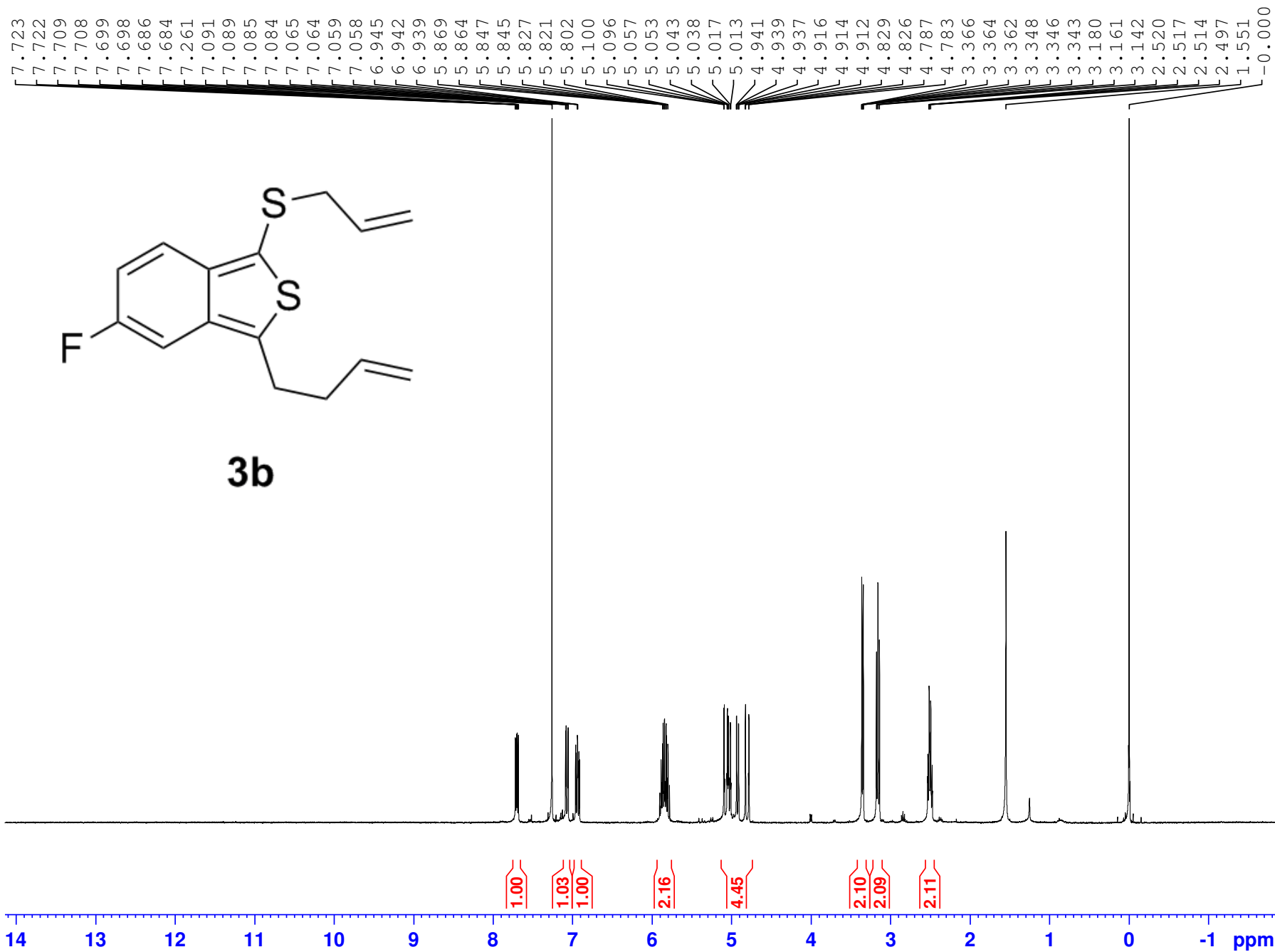
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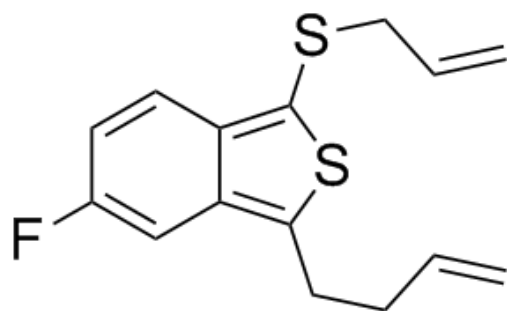




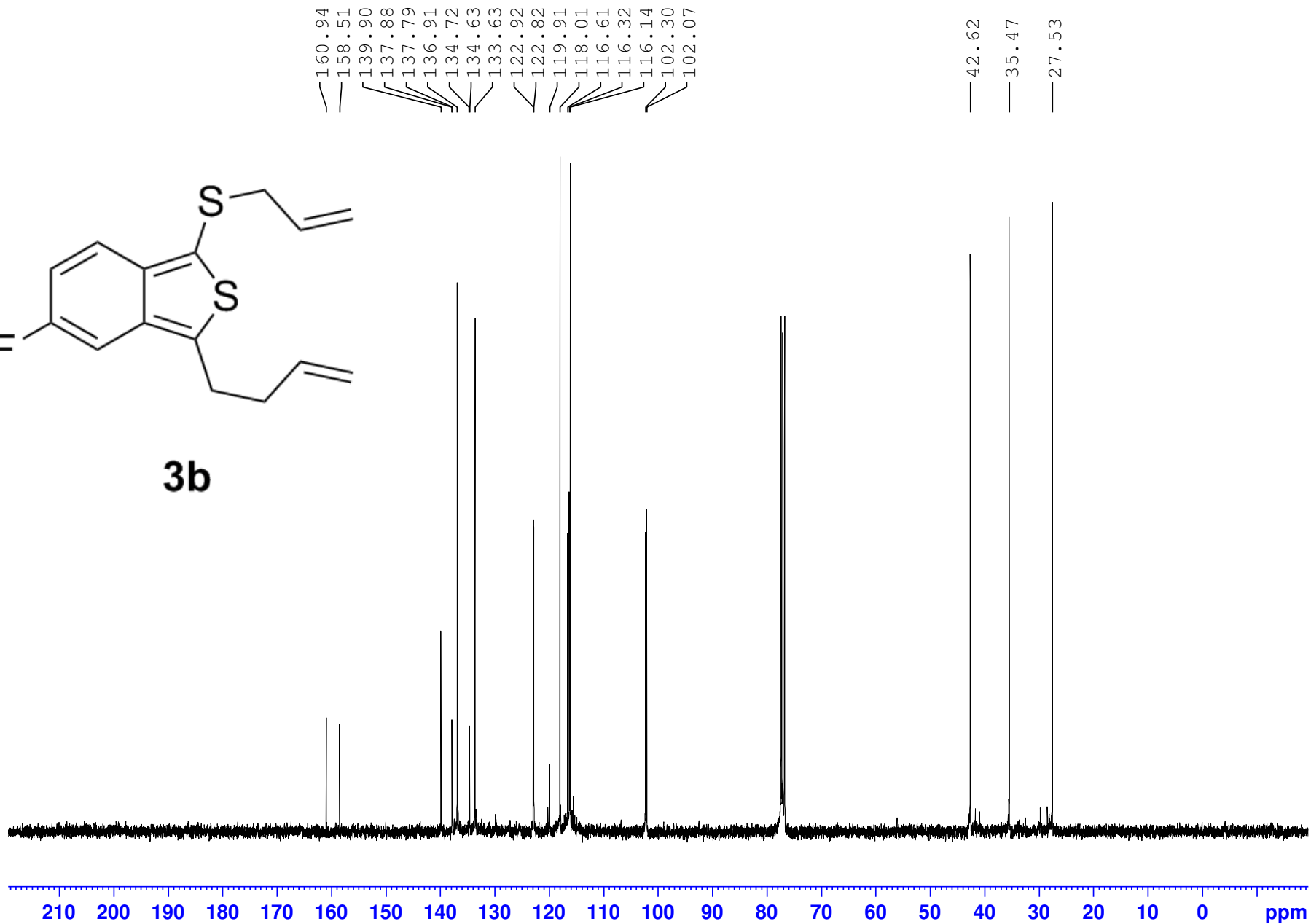
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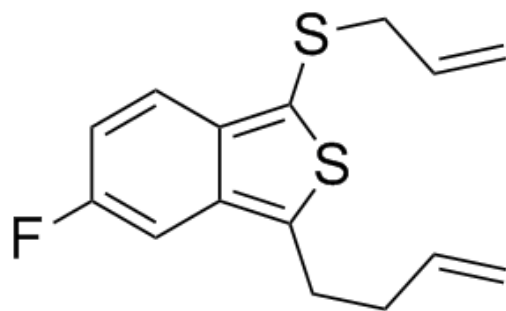






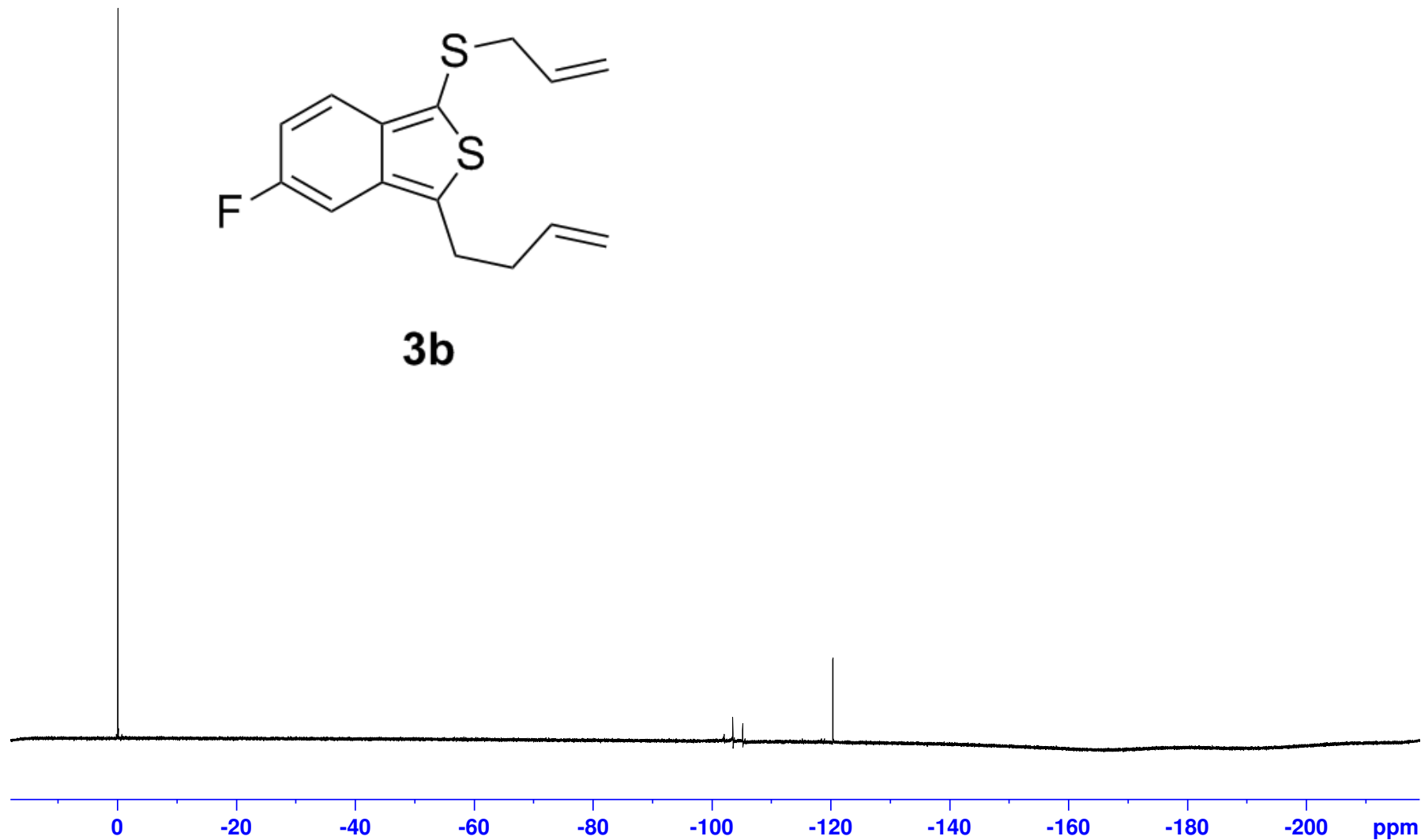
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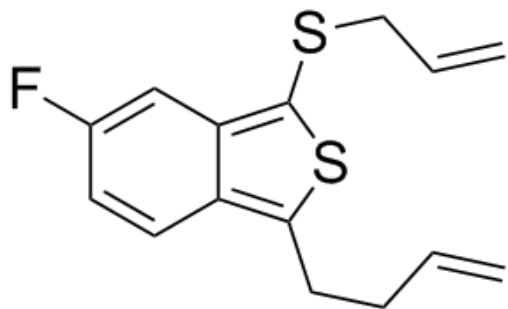


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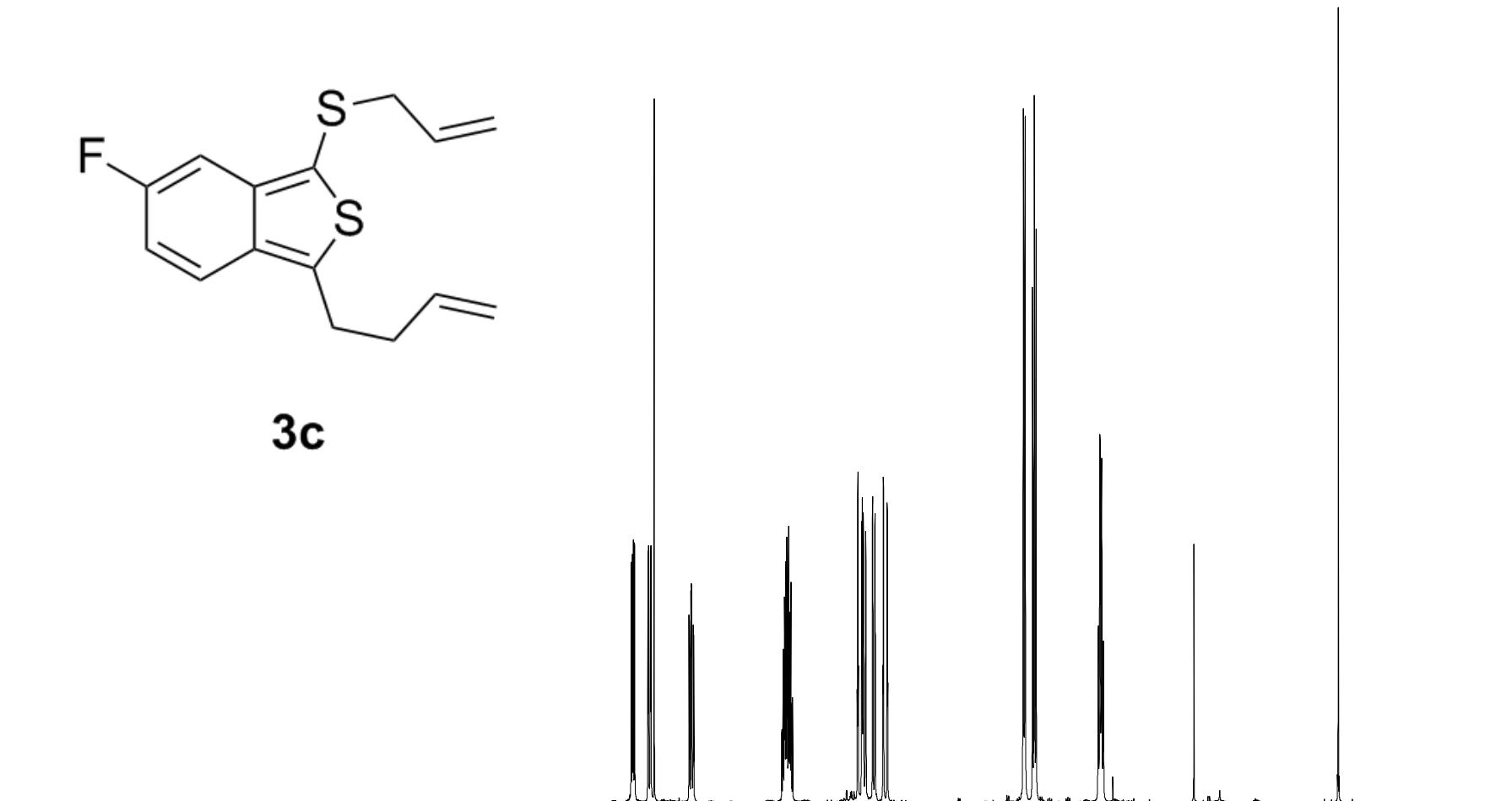
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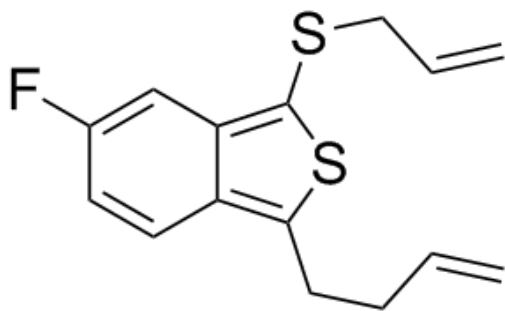


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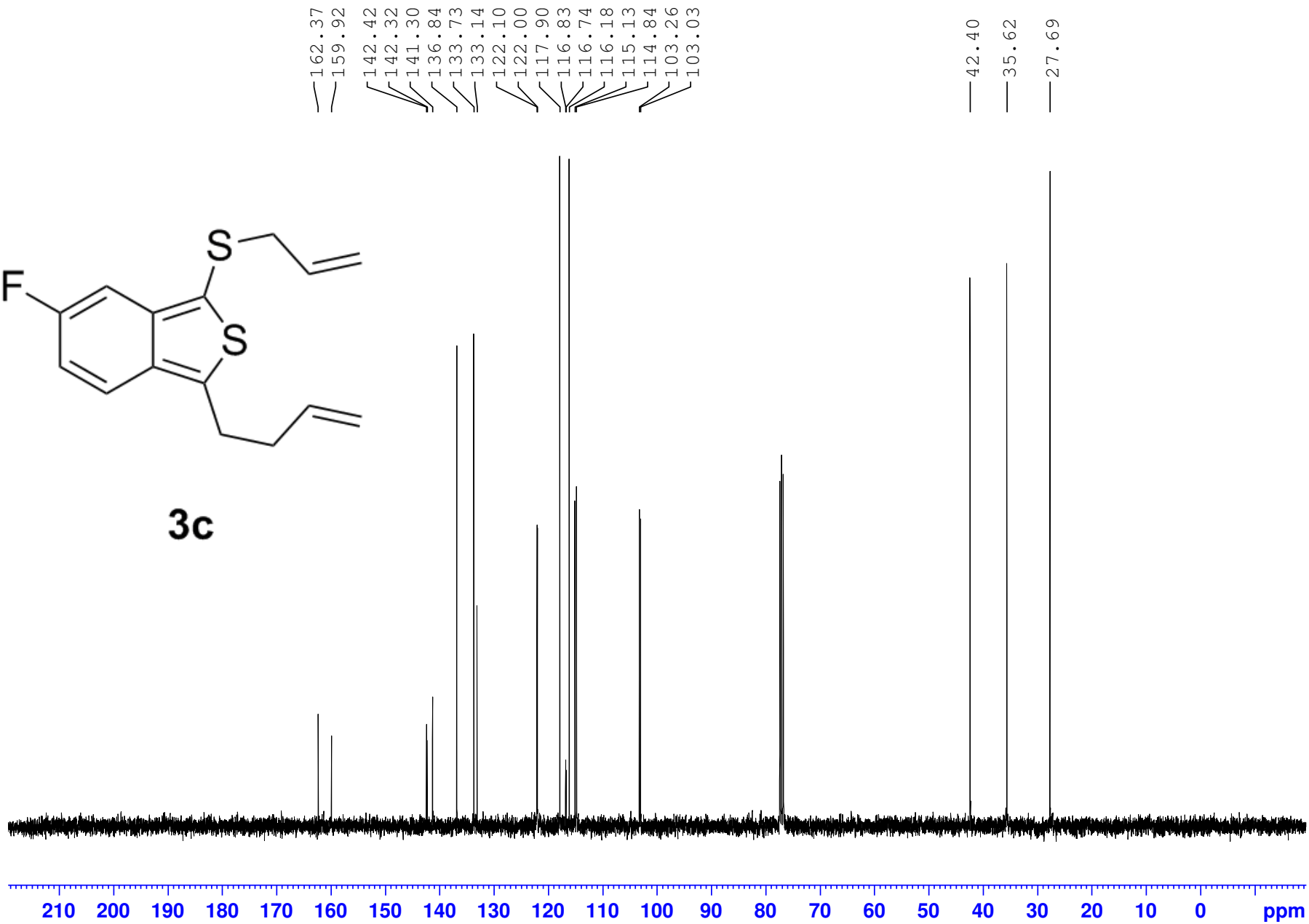


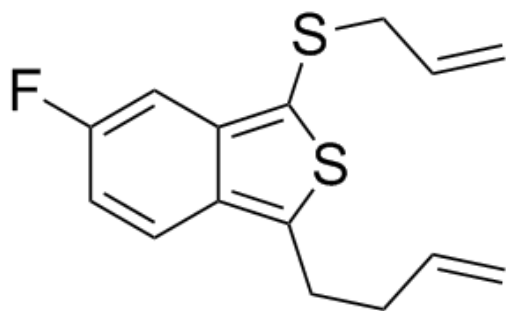
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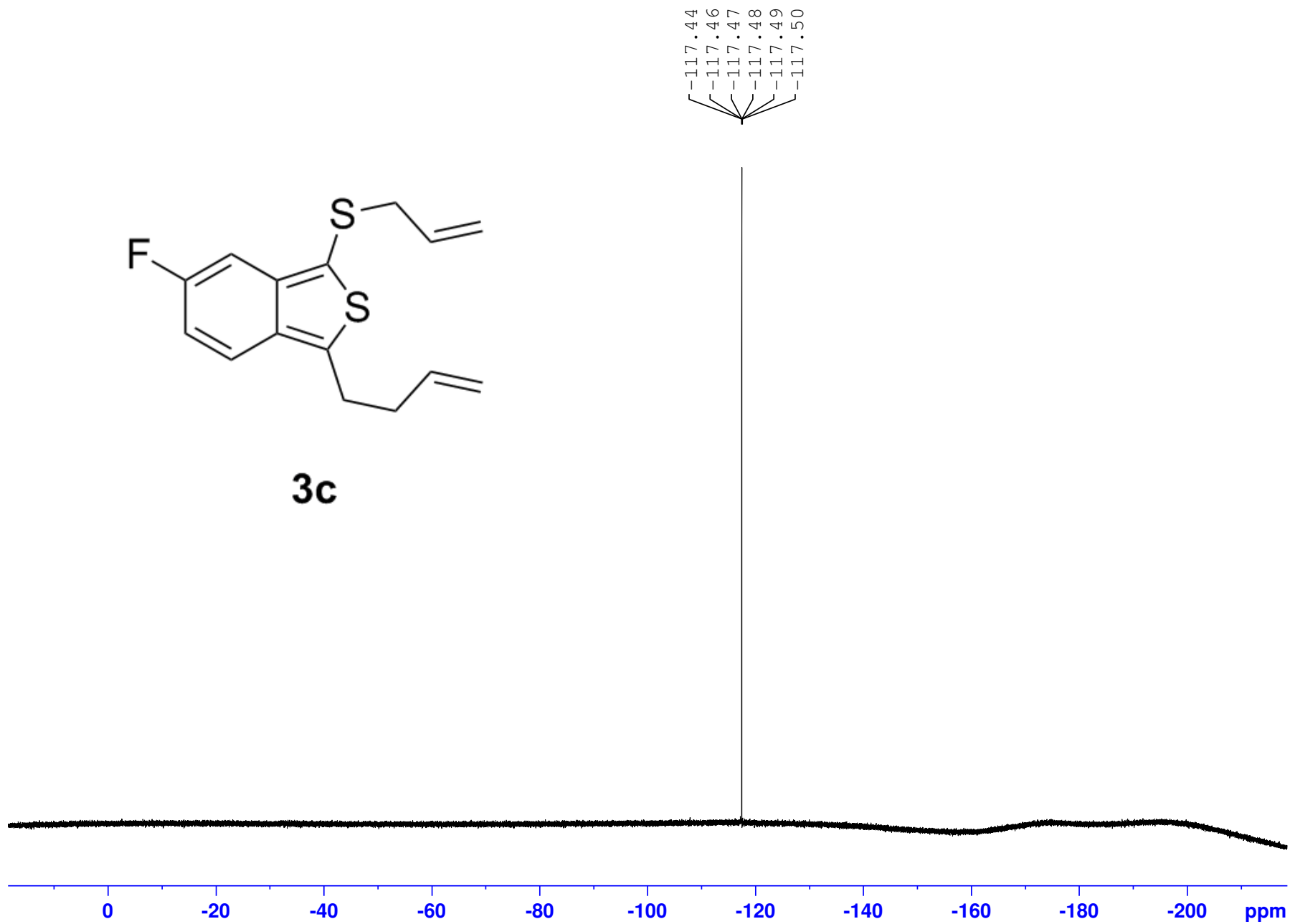


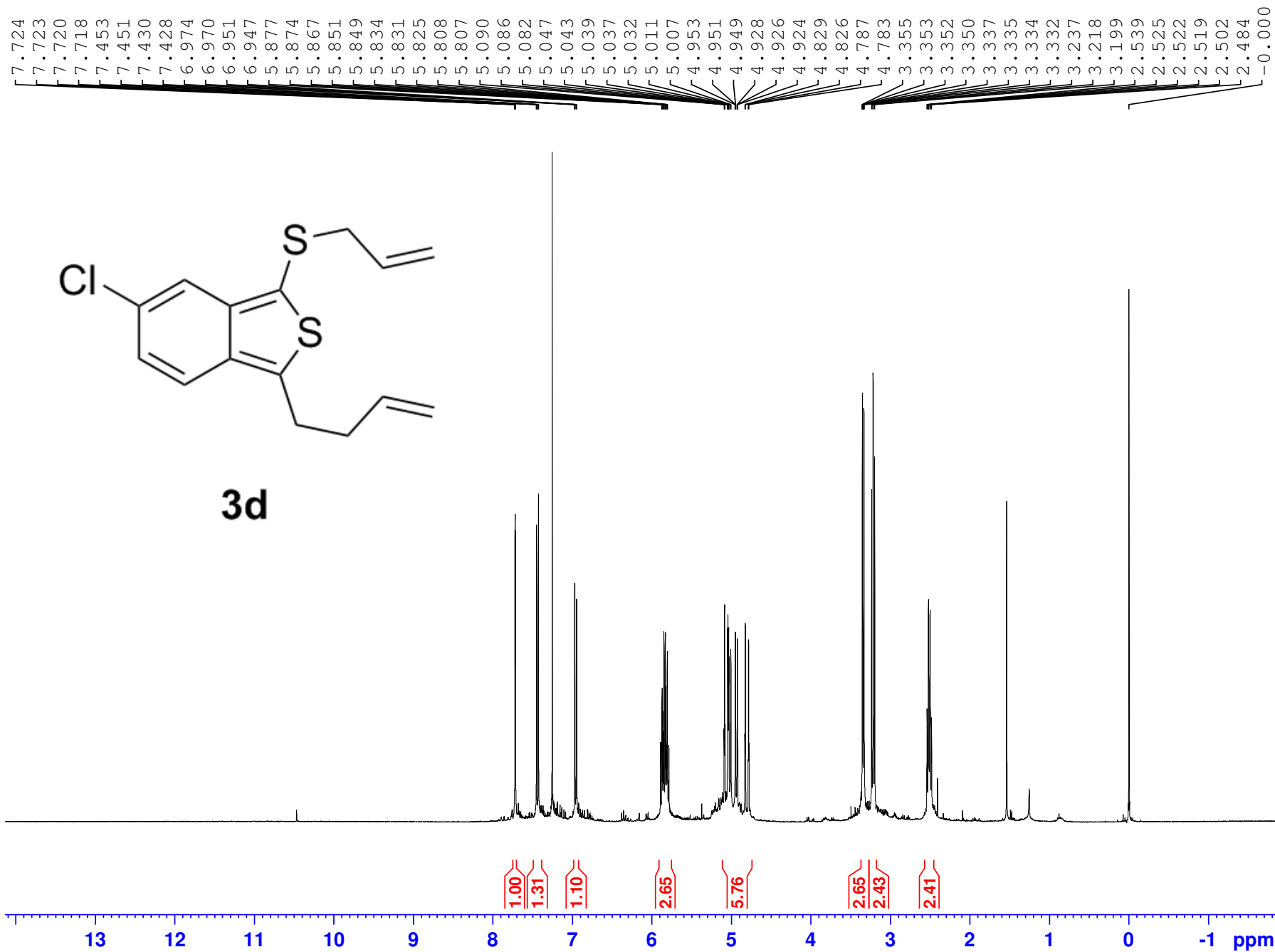
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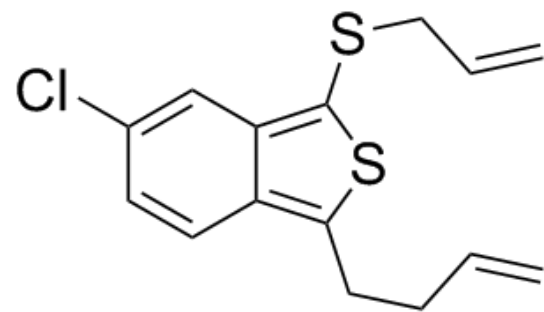




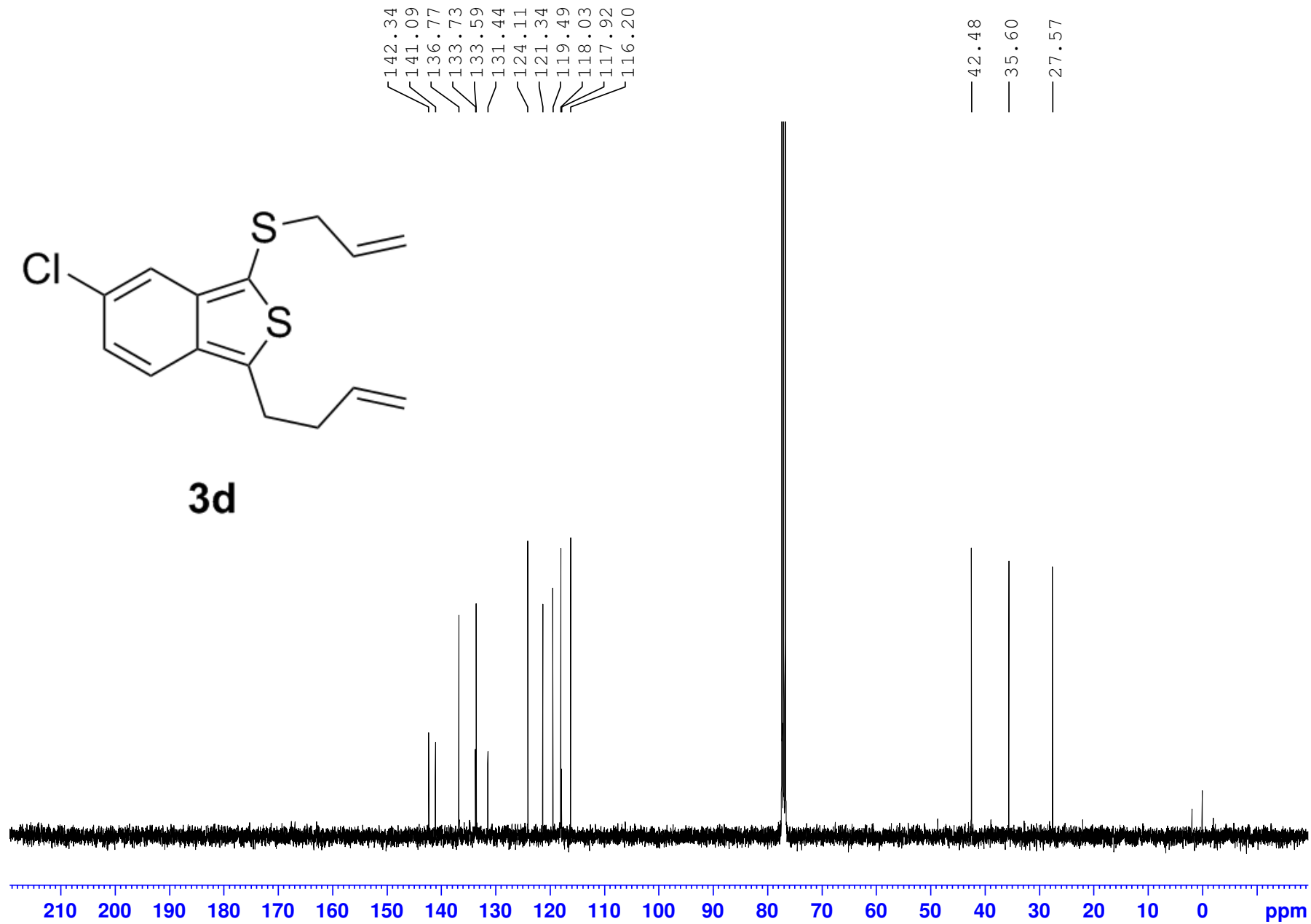
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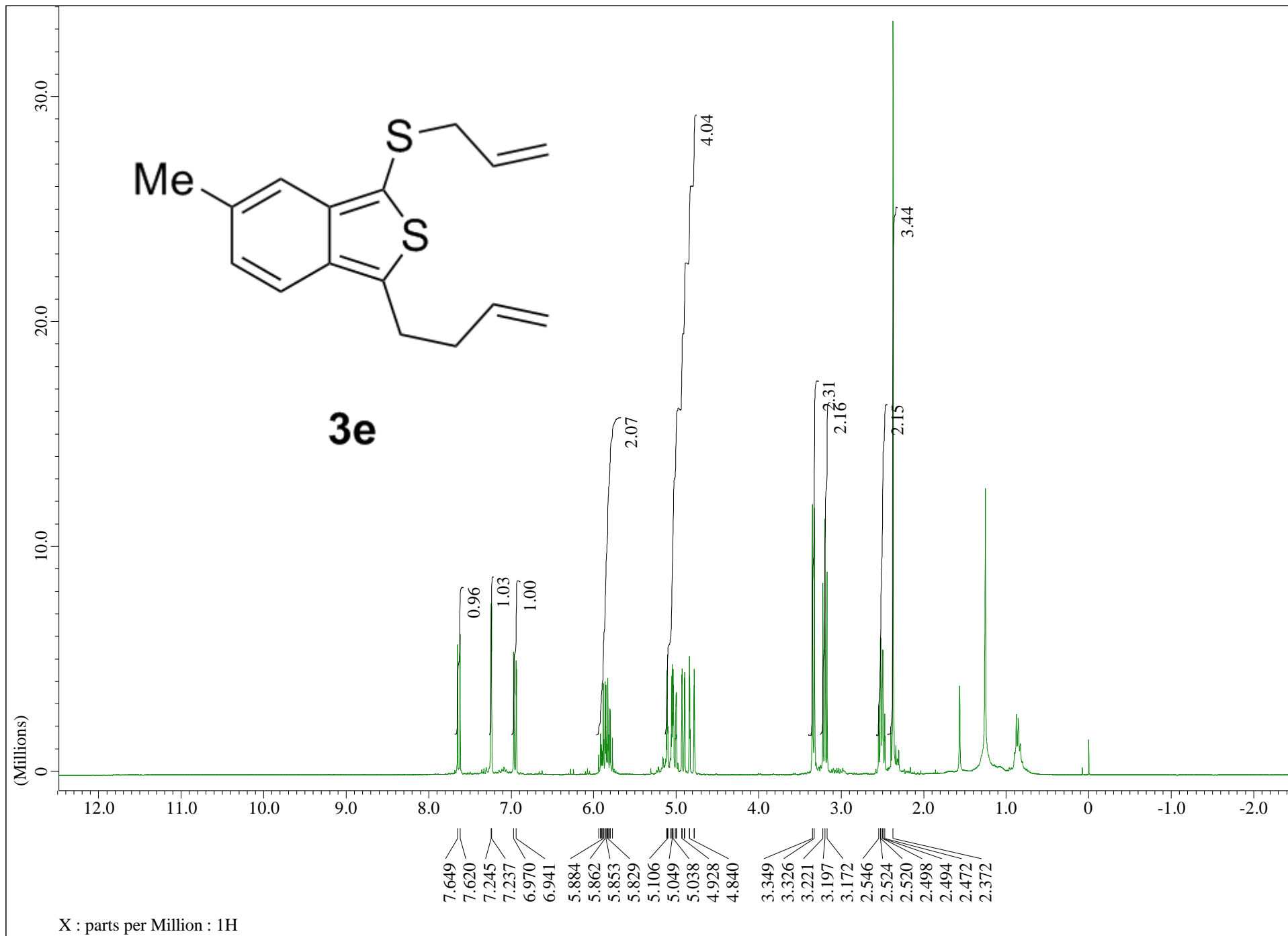


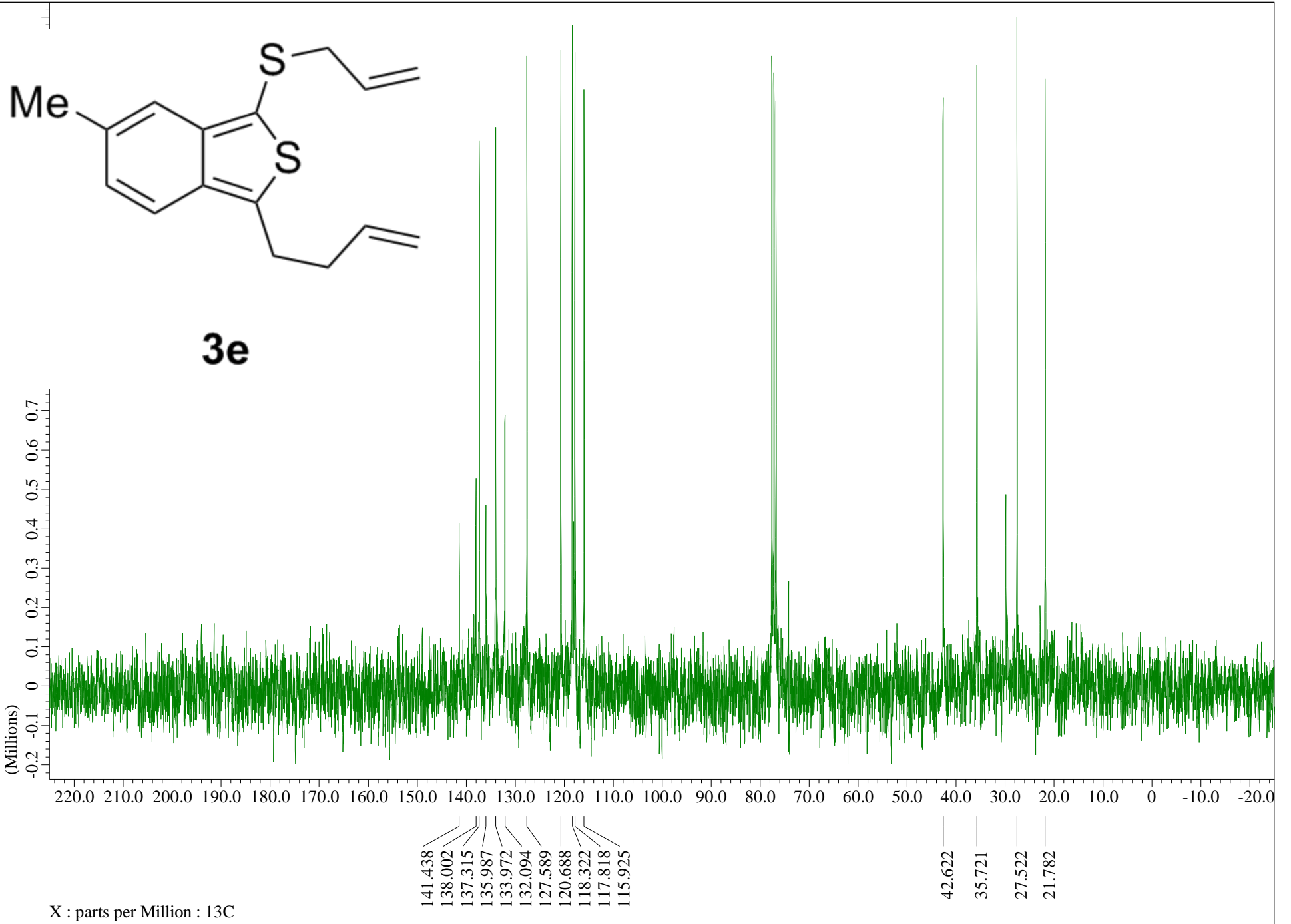


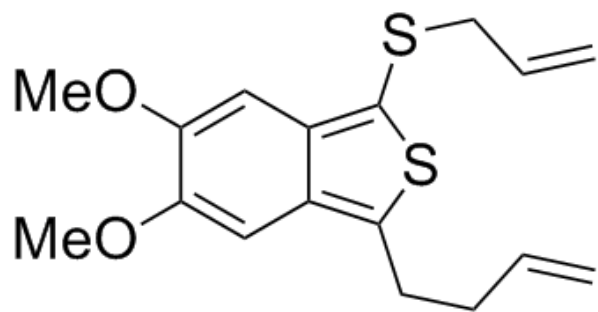


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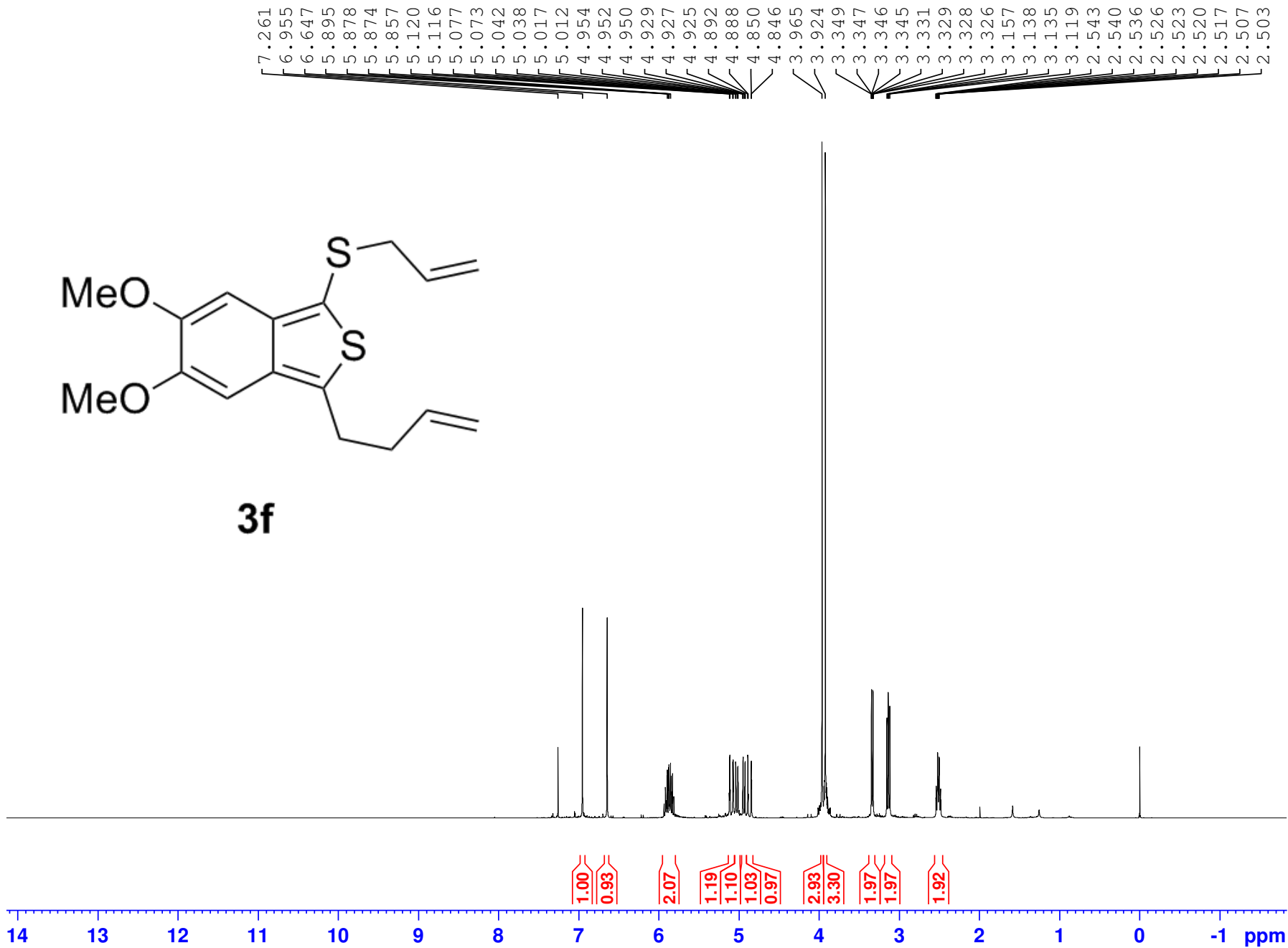


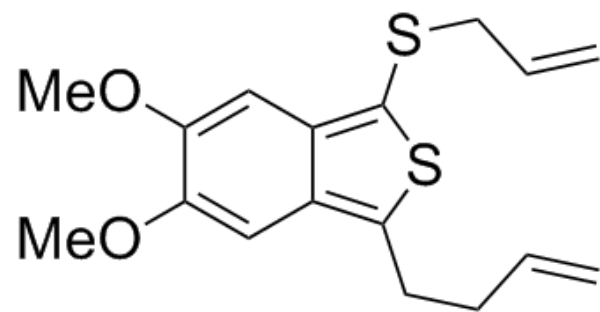




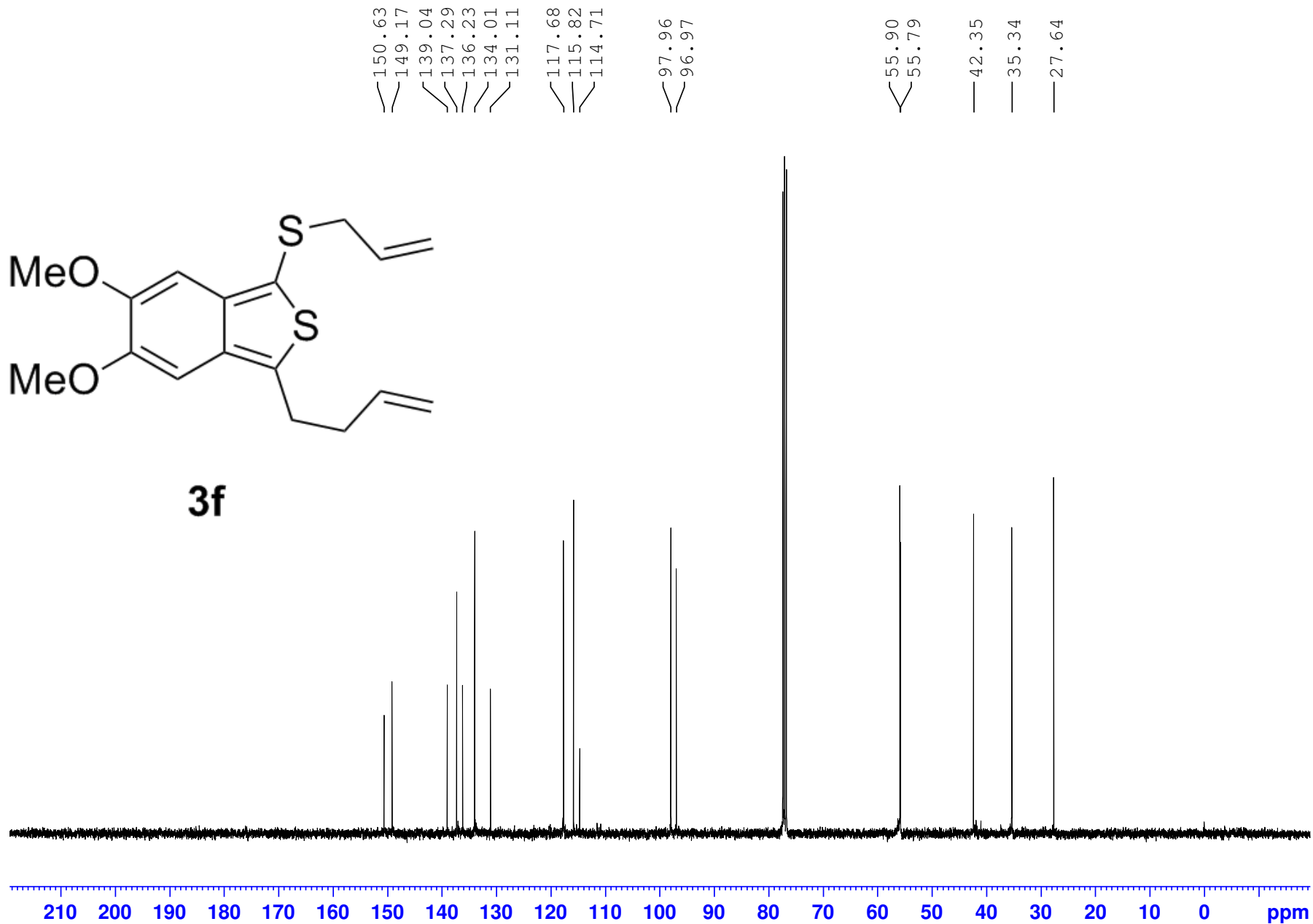


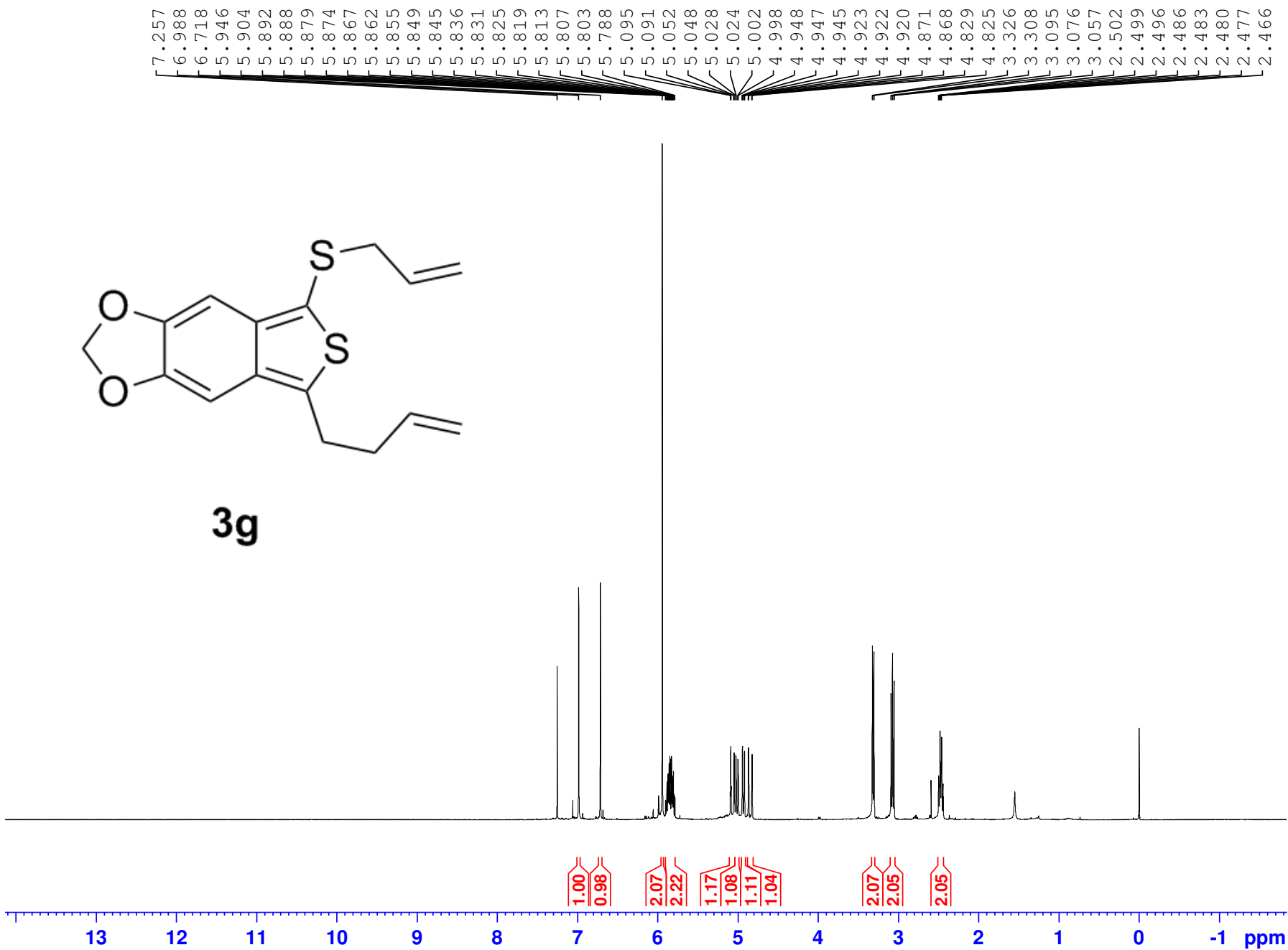
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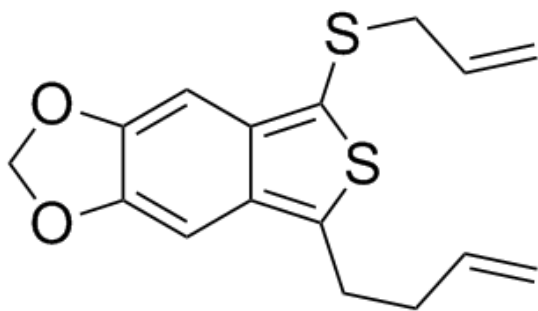




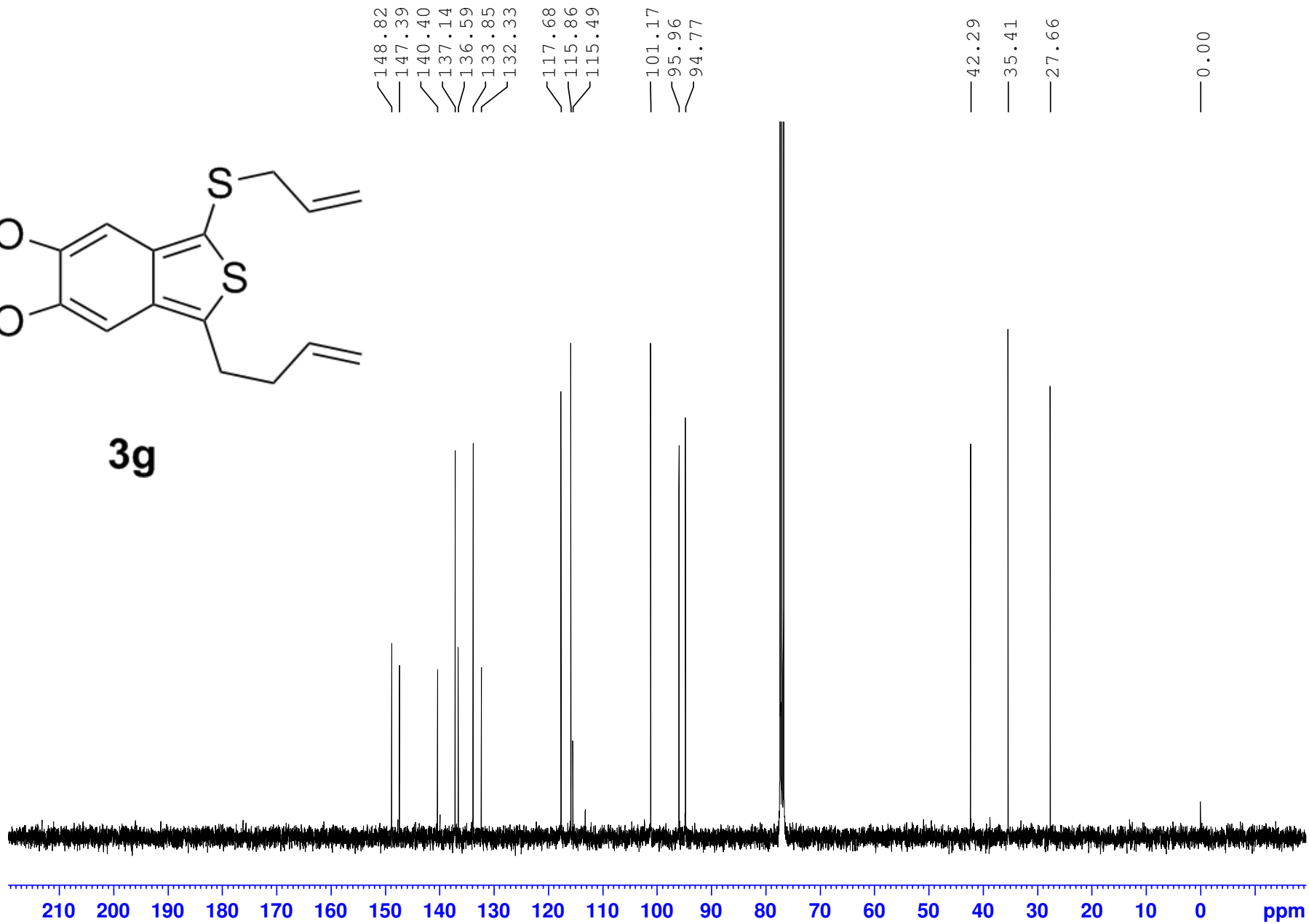
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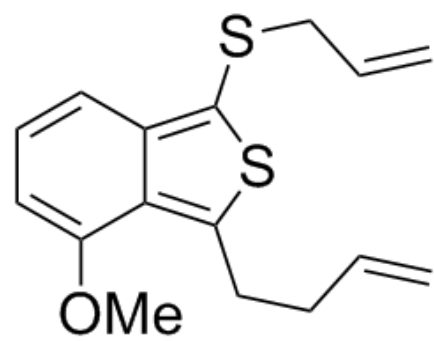




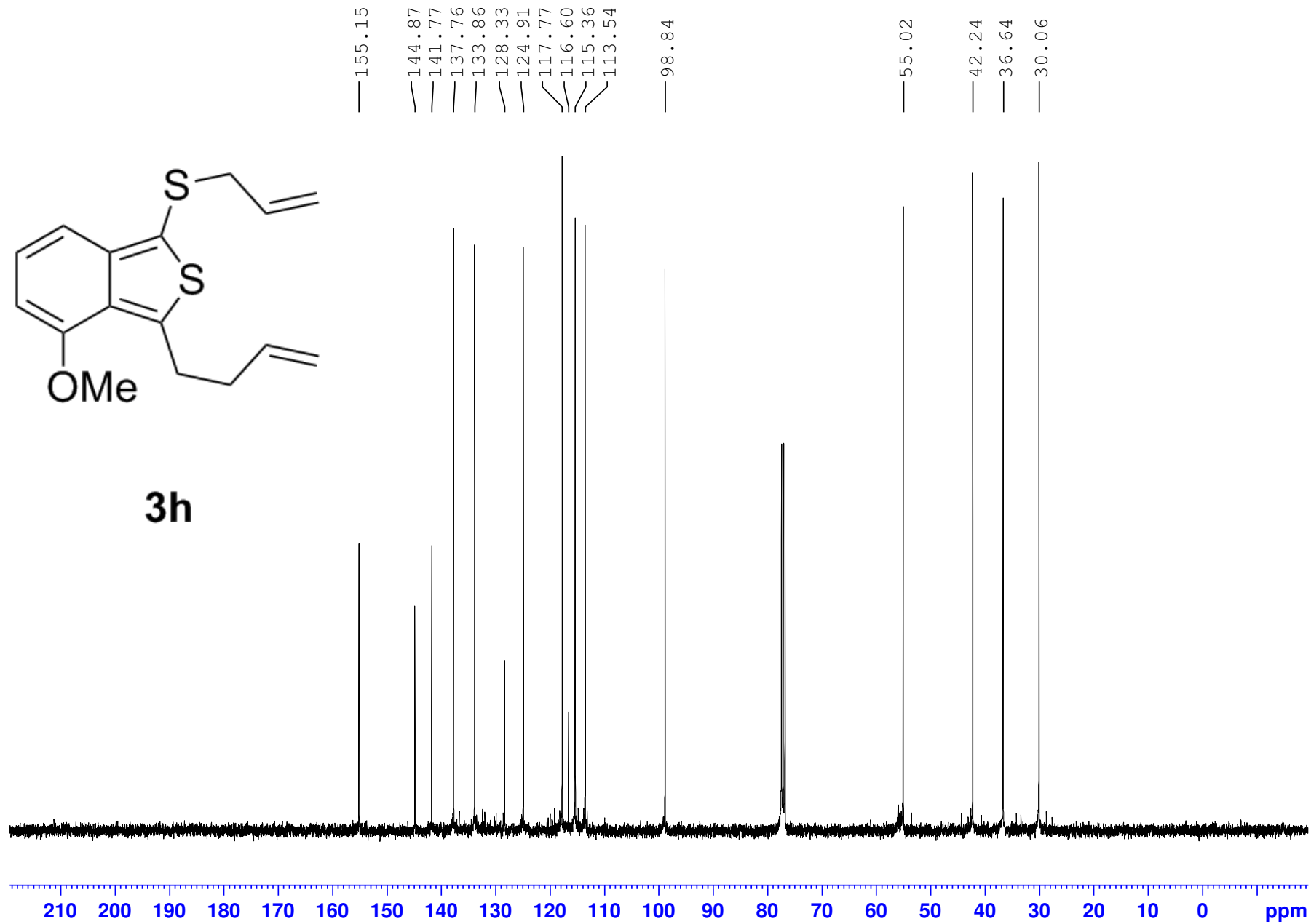


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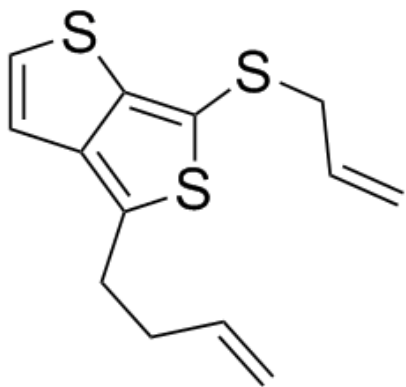




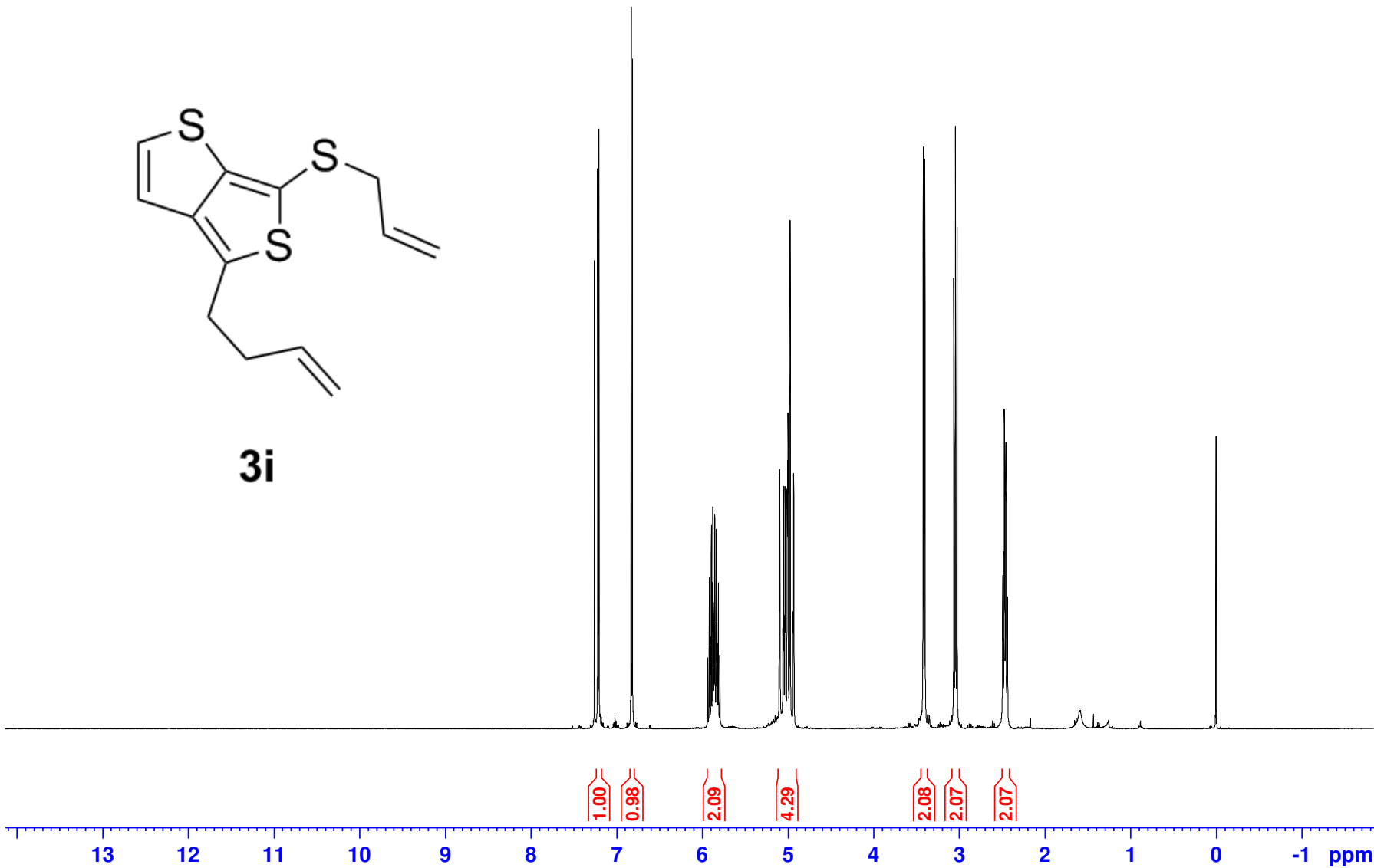
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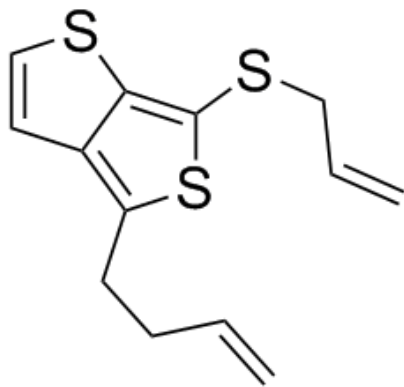


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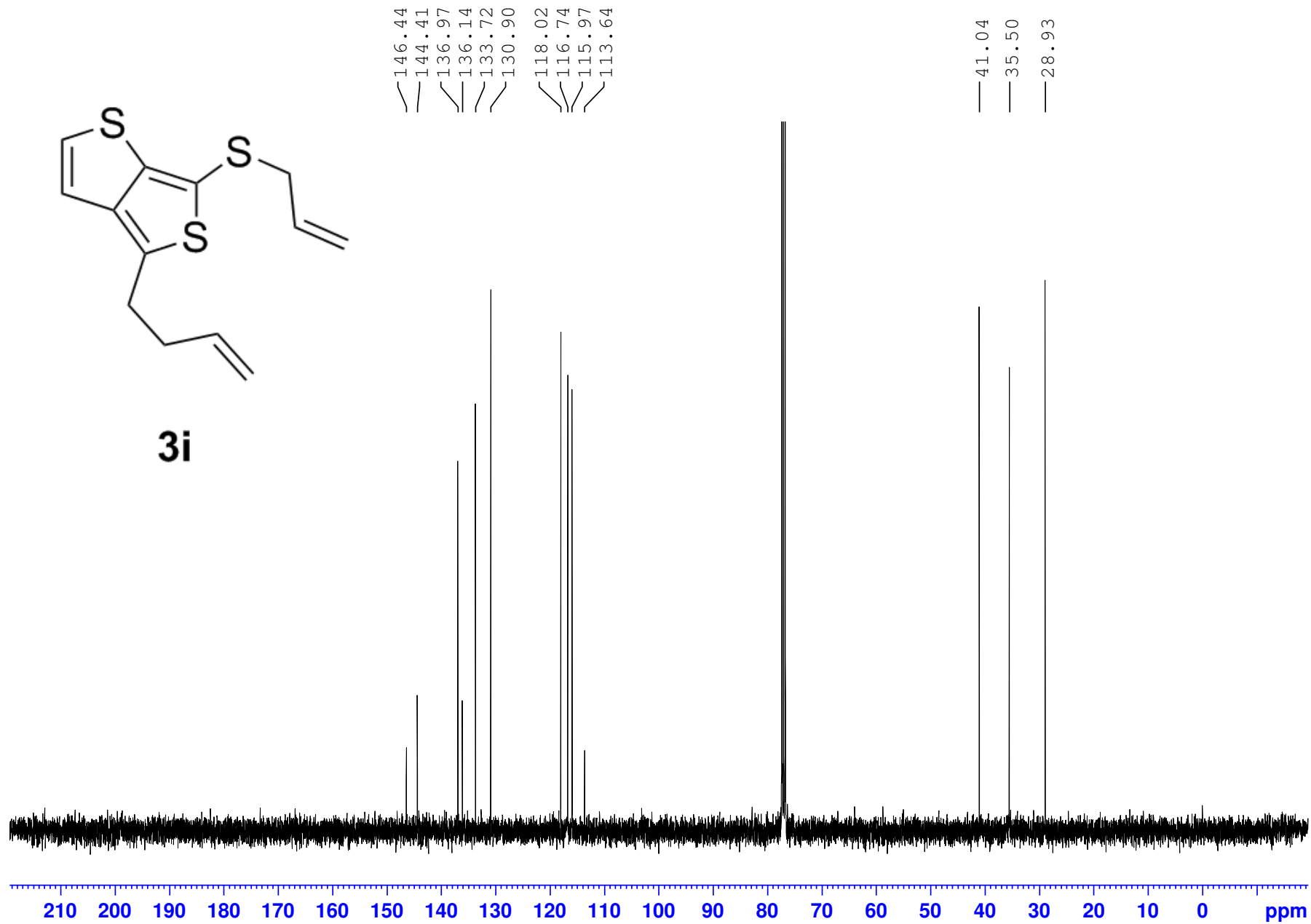


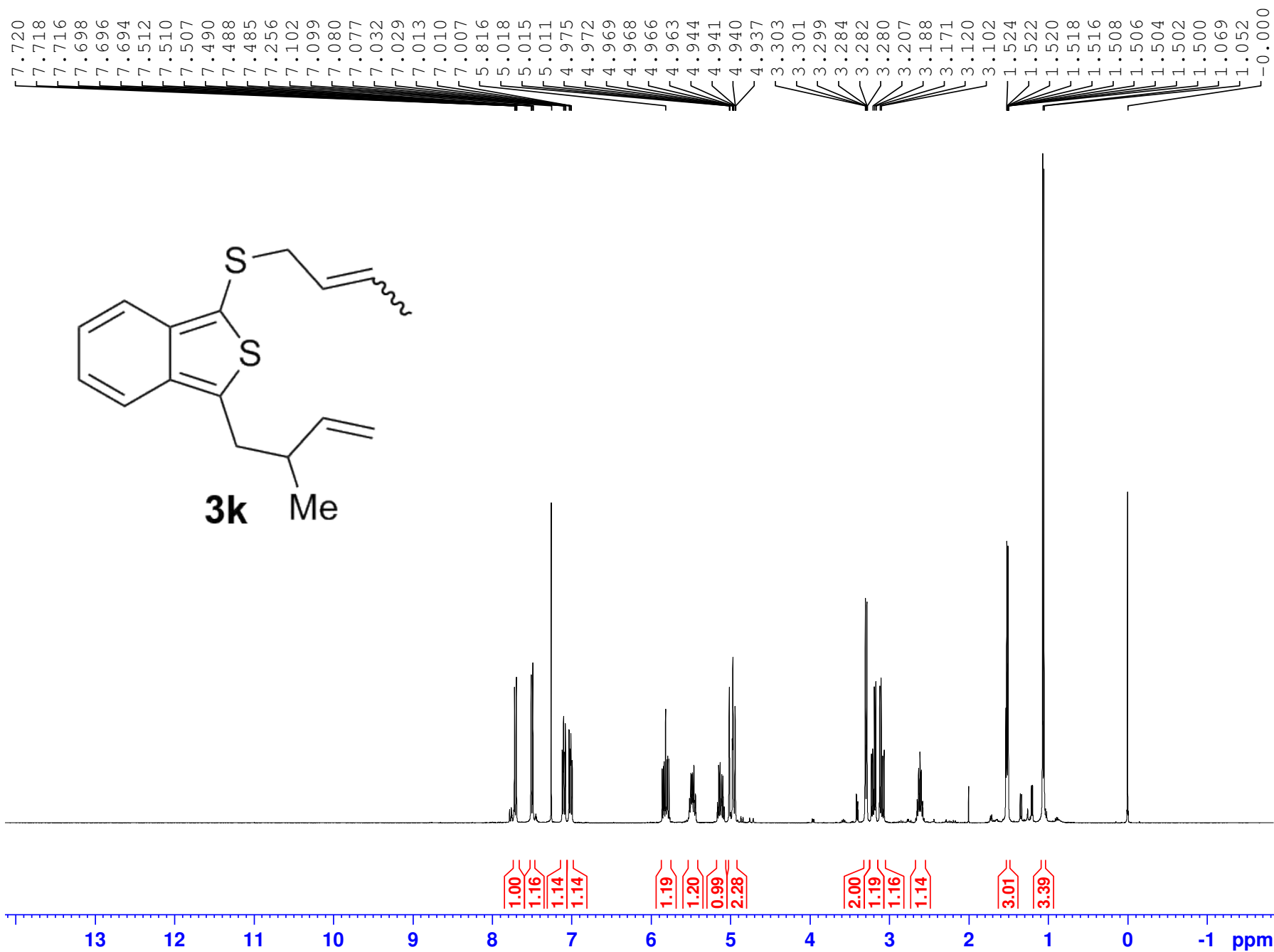
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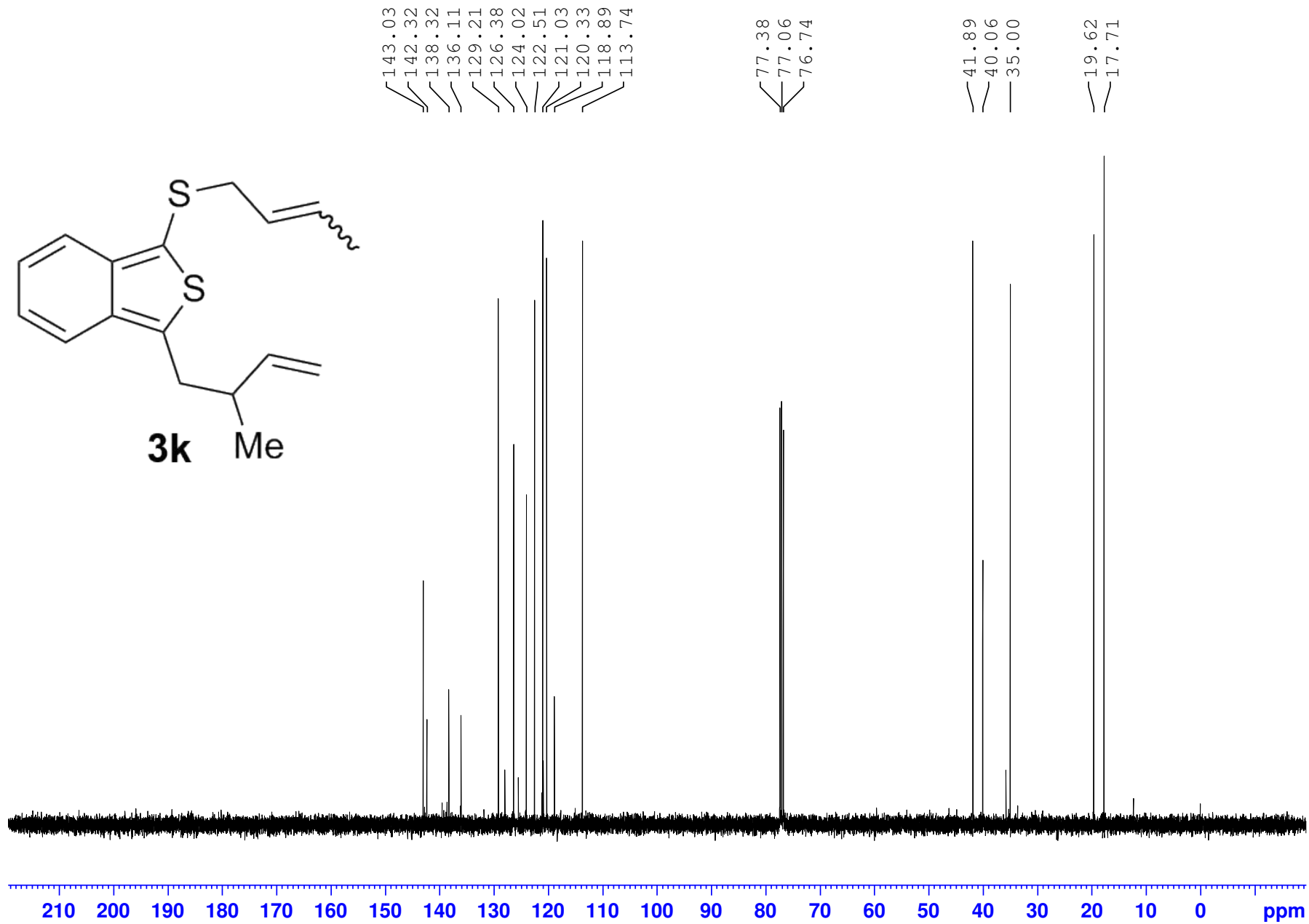
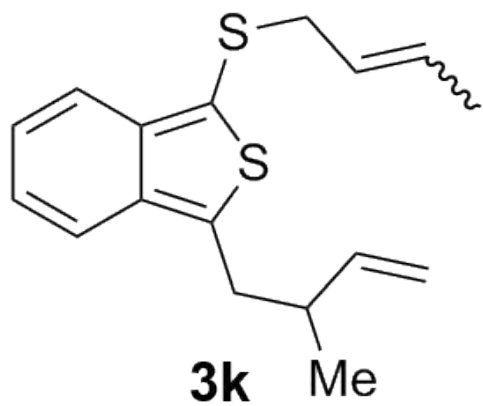




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