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**Light-Promoted Copper-Catalyzed Cage C-Arylation of *o*-Carboranes: Facile
Synthesis of 1-Aryl-*o*-Carborane and *o*-Carborane-Fused Cyclics**

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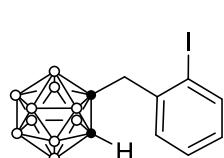
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General Procedures.

All reactions were carried out in flame-dried glassware under an atmosphere of dry argon with the rigid exclusion of air and moisture using standard Schlenk techniques or in a glovebox. ^1H NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker DPX400 spectrometer at 400 MHz or a Bruker 500 spectrometer at 500 MHz. ^{19}F NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker DPX400 spectrometer at 376 MHz or a Bruker 500 spectrometer at 470 MHz. ^{13}C NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker DPX 400 spectrometer at 100 MHz or a Bruker 500 spectrometer at 126 MHz. ^{11}B NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker DPX 400 spectrometer at 128 MHz or a Bruker 500 spectrometer at 160 MHz. All chemical shifts were reported in δ units with references to the residual solvent resonances of the deuterated solvents for proton and carbon chemical shifts, to external $\text{BF}_3\cdot\text{OEt}_2$ (0.00 ppm) for boron chemical shifts, and to external CFCl_3 (0.00 ppm) for fluorine chemical shifts. GC analyses were performed on Thermo Scientific Trace 1310. GC-MS analyses were performed on Agilent GC-MS 6890N. Mass spectra were obtained on a Thermo Finnigan MAT 95 XL spectrometer. Compounds **1b**,¹ **1c**² and **1y**² were prepared according to literature methods. All chemicals were purchased from commercial corporations and used as received unless otherwise specified.

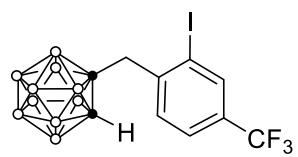
Experimental Section

Preparation of Starting Materials (1d**, **1f**, **1g**). A typical procedure for **1d**.** To a stirring solution of *o*-carborane (144 mg, 1.0 mmol) in diethyl ether (8 mL) at 0 °C in an ice-water bath was added dropwise a solution of *n*-butyllithium in hexane (0.63 mL, 1.60 M, 1.0 mmol) under argon atmosphere. The suspension was stirred at room temperature for 1 h, then cooled again to 0 °C, to which was added 1-(bromomethyl)-2-iodobenzene (297 mg, 1.0 mmol). The resulting solution was stirred at room temperature overnight. Then, the reaction was quenched with water. The organic phase was separated, and the aqueous solution was extracted with diethyl ether (2 x 15 mL). The ether solutions were combined and dried over Na_2SO_4 . The organic phase was concentrated to dryness in vacuo, and the residue was subjected to flash column chromatography on silica gel (230-400 mesh) using n-hexane as eluent to give **1d**.

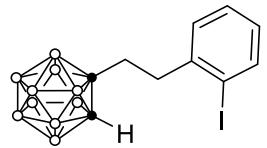


1d: White solid. Yield: 52%. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.86 (dd, $J_{HH} = 8.0, 1.3$ Hz, 1H), 7.37 (td, $J_{HH} = 7.5, 1.3$ Hz, 1H), 7.23 (dd, $J_{HH} = 7.7, 1.7$ Hz, 1H), 7.02 (td, $J_{HH} = 7.7, 1.7$ Hz, 1H) (aromatic H), 3.82 (s, 1H) (cage H).

H), 3.75 (s, 2H) (*CH*₂). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 140.33, 138.73, 131.63, 130.16, 128.81, 101.77 (aromatic *C*), 74.35, 59.80 (cage *C*), 46.78 (*CH*₂). ¹¹B{¹H} NMR (128 MHz, CDCl₃): δ -2.52 (1B), -5.74 (1B), -9.98 (2B), -11.42 (2B), -12.77 (2B), -13.44 (2B). HRMS (APCI): *m/z* calcd for C₉H₁₇B₁₀I [M]⁺: 360.1377. Found: 360.1364.



1f: White solid. Yield: 28%. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.01 (d, *J*_{HH} = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.44 (d, *J*_{HH} = 2.2 Hz, 1H), 7.28 (dd, *J*_{HH} = 8.2, 2.0 Hz, 1H) (aromatic *H*), 3.85 (s, 1H) (cage *H*), 3.80 (s, 2H) (*CH*₂). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 140.96, 139.82, 131.41 (d, ²*J*_{C-F} = 33.2 Hz), 128.15 (q, ³*J*_{C-F} = 3.6 Hz), 126.57 (q, ³*J*_{C-F} = 3.7 Hz) (aromatic *C*), 123.55 (d, ¹*J*_{C-F} = 272.6 Hz) (CF₃), 105.98 (aromatic *C*), 73.44, 60.43 (cage *C*), 46.75 (*CH*₂). ¹¹B{¹H} NMR (128 MHz, CDCl₃): δ -2.20 (1B), -5.39 (1B), -9.61 (2B), -11.42 (2B), -13.00 (4B). ¹⁹F NMR (377 MHz, CDCl₃): δ -63.06. HRMS (APCI): *m/z* calcd for C₁₀H₁₆B₁₀F₃I [M-H]⁻: 427.1184. Found: 427.1174.



1g: White solid. Yield: 13%. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.80 (dd, *J*_{HH} = 7.9, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.29 (td, *J*_{HH} = 7.4, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.17 (dd, *J*_{HH} = 7.7, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 6.93 (td, *J*_{HH} = 7.6, 1.8 Hz, 1H) (aromatic *H*), 3.67 (s, 1H) (cage *H*), 3.09 – 2.77 (m, 2H), 2.60 – 2.20 (m, 2H) (*CH*₂). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 141.33, 139.92, 129.55, 128.99, 128.92, 100.09 (aromatic *C*), 74.36, 61.39 (cage *C*), 40.68, 38.30 (*CH*₂). ¹¹B{¹H} NMR (128 MHz, CDCl₃): δ -2.58 (1B), -5.98 (1B), -9.59 (2B), -11.91 (2B), -12.49 (2B), -13.42 (2B). HRMS (APCI): *m/z* calcd for C₁₀H₁₉B₁₀I [M-H]⁻: 373.1467. Found: 373.1466.

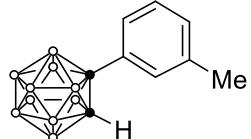
Preparation of Starting Material (1e). A Schlenk tube was charged with 1-OH-*o*-carborane (160 mg, 1.0 mmol), 1-(bromomethyl)-2-iodobenzene (297 mg, 1.0 mmol), potassium carbonate (138 mg, 1.0 mmol), and acetone (5 mL). The suspension was stirred at 80 °C overnight. After removal of the solvent, diethyl ether and water were added to the mixture. The resulting solution was extracted with diethyl ether (15 mL) for three times. The organic phase was concentrated to dryness in vacuo, and the residue was subjected to flash column chromatography on silica gel (230-400 mesh) using n-hexane as eluent to give **1e**.

1e: White solid. Yield: 60%. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.85 (d, $J = 7.9$ Hz, 1H), 7.36 (t, $J_{HH} = 7.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.30 (dd, $J_{HH} = 7.7, 1.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.06 (td, $J_{HH} = 7.6, 1.8$ Hz, 1H) (aromatic H), 4.76 (s, 2H) (CH_2), 4.05 (s, 1H) (cage H). $^{13}\text{C}\{\text{H}\}$ NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 139.82, 136.77, 130.83, 130.10, 128.70, 102.79 (aromatic C), 98.76 (cage C), 80.66 (CH_2), 63.46 (cage C). $^{11}\text{B}\{\text{H}\}$ NMR (128 MHz, CDCl_3): δ -4.93 (1B), -12.48 (5B), -13.95 (2B), -15.43 (2B). HRMS (APCI): m/z calcd for $\text{C}_9\text{H}_{17}\text{B}_{10}\text{IO} [\text{M}]^+$: 377.1405. Found: 377.1404.

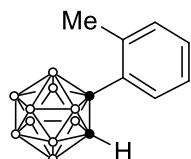
Preparation of 1-Aryl-*o*-Carboranes 3. *o*-Carborane (**1**; 43.2 mg, 0.30 mmol), aryl iodide (pre-dried with molecular sieves, 0.90 mmol), $\text{LiO}^\text{t}\text{Bu}$ (36.0 mg, 0.45 mmol), Ag_2CO_3 (126.0 mg, 0.45 mmol) and CuI (8.4 mg, 0.045 mmol) were mixed in dry DME (3 mL) in a 10 mL quartz tube equipped with a magnetic stirring bar. The reaction mixture was irradiated with 8 W UV lamp (254 nm) and stirred at room temperature for 24 h. After quenching with aqueous acetyl acid solution, the mixture was extracted with diethyl ether (15 mL×3). The ether solutions were combined and dried over Na_2SO_4 . After filtration, the clear solution was concentrated to dryness in vacuo. The residue was subjected to flash column chromatography on silica gel (230-400 mesh) using n-hexane as eluent to give the desired products **3**.

3a: White solid. Yield: 83%. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.49 (d, $J_{HH} = 7.3$ Hz, 2H), 7.40 (t, $J_{HH} = 7.3$ Hz, 1H), 7.34 (t, $J_{HH} = 7.3$ Hz, 2H) (aromatic H), 3.97 (s, 1H) (cage H). $^{11}\text{B}\{\text{H}\}$ NMR (128 MHz, CDCl_3): δ -2.56 (1B), -4.88 (1B), -9.49 (2B), -11.36 (2B), -11.79 (2B), -13.34 (2B). This is a known compound and these data are very similar to the reported ones.³

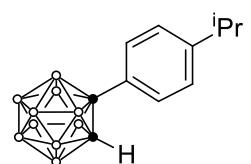
3b: White solid. Yield: 78%. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.37 (d, $J_{HH} = 8.4$ Hz, 2H), 7.13 (d, $J_{HH} = 8.1$ Hz, 2H) (aromatic H), 3.93 (s, 1H) (cage H), 2.34 (s, 3H) (CH_3). $^{11}\text{B}\{\text{H}\}$ NMR (128 MHz, CDCl_3): δ -1.82 (1B), -4.32 (1B), -8.81 (2B), -10.56 (2B), -11.05 (2B), -12.58 (2B). This is a known compound and these data are very similar to the reported ones.³



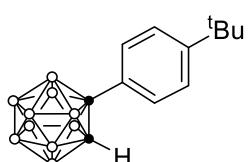
3c: White solid. Yield: 75%. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.27 (s, 2H), 7.24 – 7.18 (m, 2H) (aromatic H), 3.97 (s, 1H) (cage H), 2.35 (s, 3H) (CH_3). $^{11}\text{B}\{\text{H}\}$ NMR (128 MHz, CDCl_3): δ -1.35 (1B), -3.63 (1B), -8.22 (2B), -10.07 (4B), -12.09 (2B). This is a known compound and these data are very similar to the reported ones.³



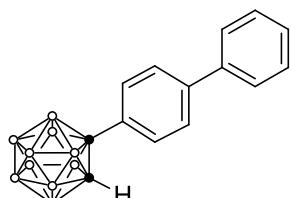
3d: White solid. Yield: 80%. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.56 (d, $J_{HH} = 7.9$ Hz, 1H), 7.28 – 7.17 (m, 2H), 7.12 (d, $J_{HH} = 7.4$ Hz, 1H) (aromatic H), 4.57 (s, 1H) (cage H), 2.57 (s, 3H) (CH_3). $^{11}\text{B}\{\text{H}\}$ NMR (128 MHz, CDCl_3): δ -2.29 (2B), -8.19 (2B), -8.79 (2B), -10.59 (2B), -12.60 (2B). This is a known compound and these data are very similar to the reported ones.³



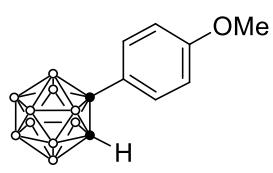
3e: White solid. Yield: 83%. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.40 (d, $J_{HH} = 8.5$ Hz, 2H), 7.17 (d, $J_{HH} = 8.4$ Hz, 2H) (aromatic H), 3.93 (s, 1H) (cage H), 2.93 – 2.86 (m, 1H) (CH), 1.24 (s, 3H) (CH_3), 1.22 (s, 3H) (CH_3). $^{13}\text{C}\{\text{H}\}$ NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 151.08, 130.97, 127.77, 127.00 (aromatic C), 60.51 (cage CH , another cage C was not observed), 33.81 (CH), 23.83 (CH_3). $^{11}\text{B}\{\text{H}\}$ NMR (128 MHz, CDCl_3): δ -2.58 (1B), -5.07 (1B), -9.60 (2B), -11.34 (2B), -11.87 (2B), -13.37 (2B). HRMS (EI): m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_{22}\text{B}_{10}$ [M]⁺: 262.2725. Found: 262.2723.



3f: White solid. Yield: 77%. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.40 (d, $J_{HH} = 8.7$ Hz, 2H), 7.33 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 2H) (aromatic H), 3.93 (s, 1H) (cage H), 1.30 (s, 9H) ($t\text{Bu H}$). $^{11}\text{B}\{\text{H}\}$ NMR (128 MHz, CDCl_3): δ -2.58 (1B), -5.06 (1B), -9.60 (2B), -11.31 (2B), -11.87 (2B), -13.36 (2B). This is a known compound and these data are very similar to the reported ones.³

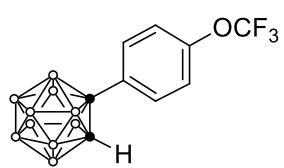


3g: White solid. Yield: 78%. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.56 – 7.55 (m, 6H), 7.46 (t, $J_{HH} = 7.5$ Hz, 2H), 7.39 (t, $J_{HH} = 7.3$ Hz, 1H) (aromatic H), 3.99 (s, 1H) (cage H). $^{11}\text{B}\{\text{H}\}$ NMR (128 MHz, CDCl_3): δ -2.18 (1B), -4.60 (1B), -9.17 (2B), -11.54 (4B), -12.91 (2B). This is a known compound and these data are very similar to the reported ones.³



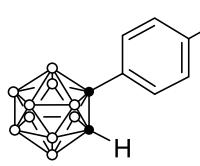
3h: White solid. Yield: 65%. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.42 (d, $J_{HH} = 9.0$ Hz, 2H), 6.82 (d, $J_{HH} = 9.0$ Hz, 2H) (aromatic H), 3.87 (s, 1H) (cage H), 3.81 (s, 3H) (OCH_3). $^{11}\text{B}\{\text{H}\}$ NMR (128 MHz, CDCl_3): δ -2.42 (1B), -5.21 (1B), -9.66 (2B), -11.19 (2B), -11.98 (2B), -13.27 (2B).

This is a known compound and these data are very similar to the reported ones.³

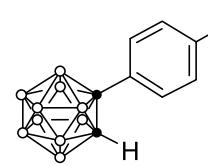


3i: White solid. Yield: 72%. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.54 (d, $J_{HH} = 9.0$ Hz, 2H), 7.18 (d, $J_{HH} = 8.3$ Hz, 2H) (aromatic H), 3.93 (s, 1H) (cage H). $^{11}\text{B}\{\text{H}\}$ NMR (128 MHz, CDCl_3): δ -2.02 (1B), -4.35 (1B), -9.08 (2B), -11.04 (2B), -11.65 (2B), -12.90 (2B). This is a known compound and these data are very similar to the reported ones.³

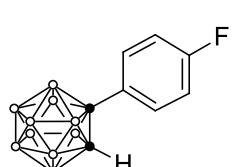
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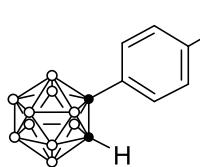
3j: White solid. Yield: 42%. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.39 (d, $J_{HH} = 8.7$ Hz, 2H), 7.16 (d, $J_{HH} = 8.7$ Hz, 2H) (aromatic H), 3.90 (s, 1H) (cage H), 2.48 (s, 3H) (SCH_3). $^{11}\text{B}\{\text{H}\}$ NMR (128 MHz, CDCl_3): -2.31 (1B), -4.85 (1B), -9.36 (2B), -11.13 (2B), -11.78 (2B), -13.10 (2B). This is a known compound and these data are very similar to the reported ones.³



3k: White solid. Yield: 65%. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.46 – 7.40 (m, 2H), 7.34 – 7.29 (m, 2H) (aromatic H), 3.92 (s, 1H) (cage H). $^{11}\text{B}\{\text{H}\}$ NMR (128 MHz, CDCl_3): δ -2.43 (1B), -4.75 (1B), -9.41 (2B), -11.34 (2B), -11.98 (2B), -13.23 (2B). This is a known compound and these data are very similar to the reported ones.³

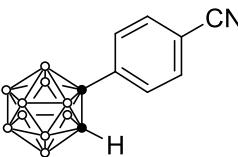


3l: White solid. Yield: 71%. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.53 – 7.46 (m, 2H), 7.06 – 6.98 (m, 2H) (aromatic H), 3.90 (s, 1H) (cage H). $^{11}\text{B}\{\text{H}\}$ NMR (128 MHz, CDCl_3): δ -2.19 (1B), -4.71 (1B), -9.35 (2B), -11.14 (2B), -11.83 (2B), -13.06 (2B). This is a known compound and these data are very similar to the reported ones.³



3m: White solid. Yield: 76%. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.62 (s, 4H) (aromatic H), 3.99 (s, 1H) (cage H). $^{11}\text{B}\{\text{H}\}$ NMR (128 MHz, CDCl_3): δ -2.21 (1B), -4.16 (1B), -9.12 (2B), -11.68 (4B), -13.09 (2B).

This is a known compound and these data are very similar to the reported ones.⁴

 **3n:** White solid. Yield: 63%. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.66 (d, $J_{HH} = 8.8$ Hz, 2H), 7.60 (d, $J_{HH} = 8.7$ Hz, 2H) (aromatic H), 3.99 (s, 1H) (cage H). $^{13}\text{C}\{\text{H}\}$ NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 138.14, 132.70, 128.43, 117.55, 114.21 (aromatic C & CN), 74.72, 59.75 (cage C). $^{11}\text{B}\{\text{H}\}$ NMR (128 MHz, CDCl_3): δ -2.27 (1B), -4.01 (1B), -9.09 (2B), -11.46 (4B), -13.14 (2B). HRMS (EI): m/z calcd for $\text{C}_9\text{H}_{15}\text{B}_{10}\text{N} [\text{M}]^+$: 245.2207. Found: 245.2204. This is a reported compound with ^1H NMR data only.⁵

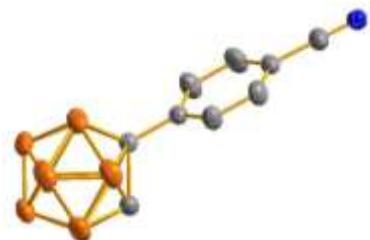
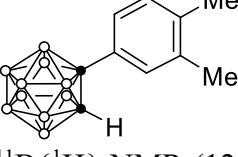
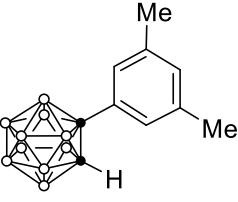
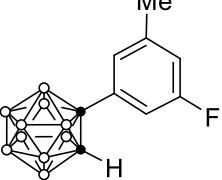


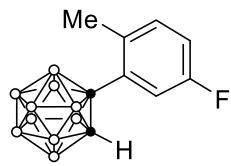
Figure S1. Molecular structure of **3n**.

 **3o:** White solid. Yield: 67%. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.24 (d, $J_{HH} = 2.3$ Hz, 1H), 7.20 (dd, $J_{HH} = 8.0, 2.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.08 (d, $J_{HH} = 8.0$ Hz, 1H) (aromatic H), 3.95 (s, 1H) (cage H), 2.27 (s, 3H), 2.26 (s, 3H) (CH_3). $^{11}\text{B}\{\text{H}\}$ NMR (128 MHz, CDCl_3): δ -1.76 (1B), -4.24 (1B), -8.68 (2B), -10.38 (2B), -10.90 (2B), -12.45 (2B). This is a known compound and these data are very similar to the reported ones.⁴

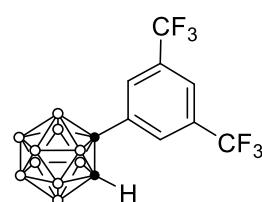
 **3p:** White solid. Yield: 74%. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.07 (s, 2H), 7.02 (s, 1H) (aromatic H), 3.97 (s, 1H) (cage H), 2.31 (s, 6H) (CH_3). $^{11}\text{B}\{\text{H}\}$ NMR (128 MHz, CDCl_3): δ -2.74 (1B), -5.00 (1B), -9.56 (2B), -11.45 (4B), -13.44 (2B). This is a known compound and these data are very similar to the reported ones.⁴

 **3q:** White solid. Yield: 70%. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.05 (s, 1H), 7.00 (dt, $J_{HH} = 9.7, 2.3$ Hz, 1H), 6.92 (d, $J_{HH} = 9.0$ Hz, 1H) (aromatic H), 3.94 (s, 1H) (cage H), 2.36 (s, 3H) (CH_3). $^{13}\text{C}\{\text{H}\}$ NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 162.49 (d, $^1J_{\text{C-F}} = 247.5$ Hz), 141.38 (d, $^3J_{\text{C-F}} = 8.3$ Hz), 135.33,

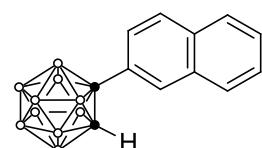
124.05 (d, $^4J_{C-F} = 2.7$ Hz), 117.73 (d, $^2J_{C-F} = 20.8$ Hz), 112.43 (d, $^2J_{C-F} = 24.9$ Hz) (aromatic C), 75.46, 60.10 (cage C), 21.58 (CH₃). ¹⁹F NMR (377 MHz, CDCl₃): δ -112.3. ¹¹B{¹H} NMR (128 MHz, CDCl₃): δ -2.60 (1B), -4.72 (1B), -9.45 (2B), -11.41 (4B), -13.34 (2B). HRMS (APCI): *m/z* calcd for C₉H₁₇B₁₀F [M]⁺: 252.2328. Found: 252.2324.



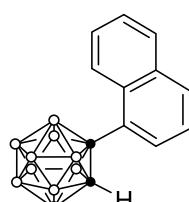
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3s: White solid. Yield: 30%. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.93 (s, 3H) (aromatic H), 4.02 (s, 1H) (cage H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 136.16, 132.88 (q, $^2J_{C-F} = 34.0$ Hz), 127.96 (d, $^3J_{C-F} = 3.1$ Hz) (aromatic C), 122.68 (q, $^1J_{C-F} = 273.2$ Hz) (CF₃), 73.85, 60.13 (cage C). ¹¹B{¹H} NMR (128 MHz, CDCl₃): δ -1.85 (1B), -3.71 (1B), -8.83 (2B), -11.23 (2B), -11.86 (2B), -12.81 (2B). ¹⁹F NMR (377 MHz, CDCl₃): δ -62.9. HRMS (APCI): *m/z* calcd for C₁₀H₁₄B₁₀F₆ [M-H]⁺: 355.1935. Found: 355.1934.

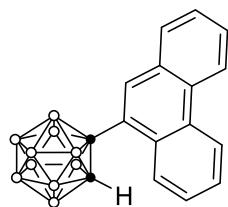


3t: White solid. Yield: 73%. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.98 (d, $J_{HH} = 1.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.86 – 7.79 (m, 3H), 7.57 – 7.53 (m, 3H) (aromatic H), 4.09 (s, 1H) (cage H). ¹¹B{¹H} NMR (128 MHz, CDCl₃): δ -2.14 (1B), -4.39 (1B), -9.02 (2B), -11.30 (4B), -12.85 (2B). This is a known compound and these data are very similar to the reported ones.⁴

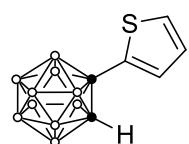


3u: White solid. Yield: 59%. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.71 (d, $J_{HH} = 8.9$ Hz, 1H), 7.90 (d, $J_{HH} = 8.1$ Hz, 2H), 7.79 (dd, $J_{HH} = 7.7, 1.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.66 – 7.57 (m, 1H), 7.55 – 7.51 (m, 1H), 7.41 (t, $J_{HH} = 7.9$ Hz, 1H) (aromatic H), 4.64 (s, 1H) (cage H). ¹¹B{¹H} NMR (128 MHz, CDCl₃): δ -3.15 (2B), -9.31 (2B), -10.40 (4B), -13.72 (2B). This is a known compound and these data are very similar to

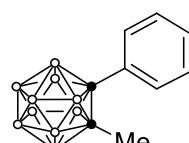
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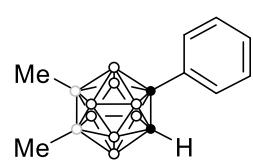
3v: White solid. Yield: 47%. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.88 – 8.71 (m, 2H), 8.64 (d, J_{HH} = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 8.08 (s, 1H), 7.87 (d, J_{HH} = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.81 – 7.55 (m, 4H) (aromatic H), 4.72 (s, 1H) (cage H). ¹¹B{¹H} NMR (128 MHz, CDCl₃): δ -3.01 (2B), -9.25 (2B), -10.37 (4B), -13.70 (2B). This is a known compound and these data are very similar to the reported ones.³



3w: Colorless oil. Yield: 15%. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.26 – 7.23 (m, 1H), 7.20 (dd, J_{HH} = 3.7, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 6.91 (dd, J_{HH} = 5.2, 3.7 Hz, 1H) (aromatic H), 3.85 (s, 1H) (cage H). ¹¹B{¹H} NMR (128 MHz, CDCl₃): δ -1.75 (1B), -5.01 (1B), -9.70 (2B), -10.38 (2B), -11.65 (2B), -13.00 (2B). This is a known compound and these data are very similar to the reported one.⁶



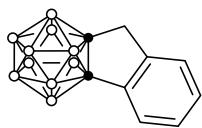
3x: White solid. Yield: 20%. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.65 (d, J_{HH} = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 7.46 (t, J_{HH} = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.39 (t, J_{HH} = 7.5 Hz, 2H) (aromatic H), 1.69 (s, 3H) (CH₃). ¹¹B NMR (128 MHz, CDCl₃): δ -3.48 (1B), -4.90 (1B), -9.70 (4B), -10.56 (4B). This is a known compound and these data are very similar to the reported one.³



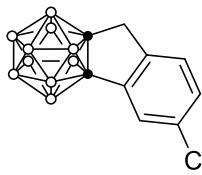
3y: White solid. Yield: 70%. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.50 (d, J_{HH} = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.38 (t, J_{HH} = 7.1 Hz, 1H), 7.32 (t, J_{HH} = 7.4 Hz, 2H) (aromatic H), 3.78 (s, 1H) (cage H), 0.28 (s, 3H), 0.24 (s, 3H) (CH₃). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 133.56, 129.73, 128.84, 127.88 (aromatic C), 69.50, 53.64 (cage C), two B-CH₃ carbons were not observed. ¹¹B{¹H} NMR (128 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.36 (2B), 5.19 (2B), -7.44 (2B), -11.24 (2B), -13.31 (2B). HRMS (APCI): *m/z* calcd for C₁₀H₂₀B₁₀ [M]⁺: 248.2568. Found: 248.2599.

Preparation of *o*-Carborane-Fused Cyclics 4. Cage C-substituted *o*-carboranes (1d-1g**;** 0.30 mmol), LiO^tBu (36.0 mg, 0.45 mmol), Ag₂CO₃ (126.0 mg, 0.45 mmol) and CuI (8.4 mg, 0.045 mmol) were mixed in DME (3 mL) in a 10 mL quartz tube equipped with a magnetic stirring bar. The reaction mixture was irradiated under 8 W UV lamp (254 nm) and stirred at room temperature for 24 h. Afterwards, the reaction was quenched with aqueous acetyl acid,

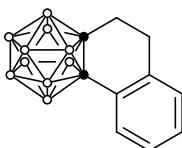
and extracted with diethyl ether (15 mL×3). The ether solutions were combined and dried over Na₂SO₄. After filtration, the clear solution was concentrated to dryness in vacuo. The residue was subjected to flash column chromatography on silica gel (230-400 mesh) using n-hexane as eluent to give the products **4**.



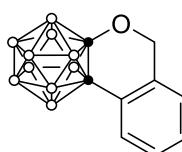
4a: White solid. Yield: 57%. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.34 (d, J_{HH} = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.31 – 7.22 (m, 2H), 7.18 (d, J_{HH} = 7.5 Hz, 1H) (aromatic H), 3.66 (s, 2H) (CH₂). ¹¹B{¹H} NMR (128 MHz, CDCl₃): δ -6.88 (4B), -8.92 (2B), -11.82 (2B), -13.12 (2B). This is a known compound and these data are very similar to the reported ones.^{7,8}



4b: White solid. Yield: 36%. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.57 (d, J_{HH} = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 7.49 – 7.47 (m, 2H) (aromatic H), 3.74 (s, 2H) (CH₂). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 145.34, 142.38, 131.71 (d, $^2J_{C-F}$ = 32.8 Hz), 125.48 (q, $^3J_{C-F}$ = 3.7 Hz), 122.86 (q, $^3J_{C-F}$ = 3.7 Hz) (aromatic C), 123.64 (d, $^1J_{C-F}$ = 282.0 Hz), 122.12 (aromatic C), 83.40, 77.29 (cage C), 41.00 (CH₂). ¹¹B{¹H} NMR (128 MHz, CDCl₃): δ -5.50 (2B), -6.78 (2B), -7.73 (2B), -10.74 (2B), -12.08 (2B). ¹⁹F NMR (377 MHz, CDCl₃): δ -61.6. HRMS (APCI): *m/z* calcd for C₁₀H₁₅B₁₀F₃ [M-H]⁻: 299.2061. Found: 299.2057.



4c: White solid. Yield: 29%. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.52 (dd, J_{HH} = 7.3, 1.9 Hz, 1H), 7.33 – 7.18 (m, 2H), 7.10 (dd, J_{HH} = 7.4, 1.6 Hz, 1H) (aromatic H), 2.95 (t, J_{HH} = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 2.68 (t, J_{HH} = 7.0 Hz, 2H) (CH₂). ¹¹B{¹H} NMR (128 MHz, CDCl₃): δ -4.08 (1B), -6.23 (1B), -9.27 (2B), -10.64 (6B). This is a known compound and these data are very similar to the reported ones.⁷



4d: White solid. Yield: 20%. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.57 – 7.42 (m, 1H), 7.43 – 7.28 (m, 2H), 7.12 – 6.91 (m, 1H) (aromatic H), 5.01 (s, 2H) (CH₂). ¹¹B{¹H} NMR (128 MHz, CDCl₃): δ -6.25 (1B), -9.55 (2B), -11.11 (1B), -12.23 (2B), -12.95 (4B). This is a known compound and these data are very similar to the reported ones.⁷

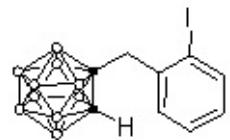
Radical Trapping Experiment. *o*-Carborane (**1a**; 14.4 mg, 0.10 mmol), iodobenzene (61.2 mg, 0.30 mmol), LiO^tBu (12.0 mg, 0.15 mmol), Ag₂CO₃ (42.0 mg, 0.15 mmol), CuI (2.8 mg, 0.015 mmol) and TEMPO (0.1 or 0.2 mmol) were mixed in dry DME (1 mL) in a 10 mL quartz tube equipped with a magnetic stirring bar. The reaction mixture was irradiated under 8 W UV lamp (254 nm) and stirred at room temperature for 12 h. Afterwards, the reaction was quenched with aqueous acetyl acid, and examined by GC-MS analysis.

CuCl₂ Catalyzed Reaction. *o*-Carborane (**1a**; 14.4 mg, 0.10 mmol), iodobenzene (**2a**; 20.4 mg, 0.10 mmol), LiO^tBu (12.0 mg, 0.15 mmol), Ag₂CO₃ (42.0 mg, 0.15 mmol) and CuCl₂ (2.0 mg, 0.015 mmol) were mixed in dry DME (1 mL) in a 5 mL quartz tube equipped with a magnetic stirring bar. The reaction mixture was irradiated with 8 W UV lamp (254 nm) and stirred at room temperature for 12 h. After quenching with aqueous acetyl acid solution, the mixture was examined by GC-MS analysis.

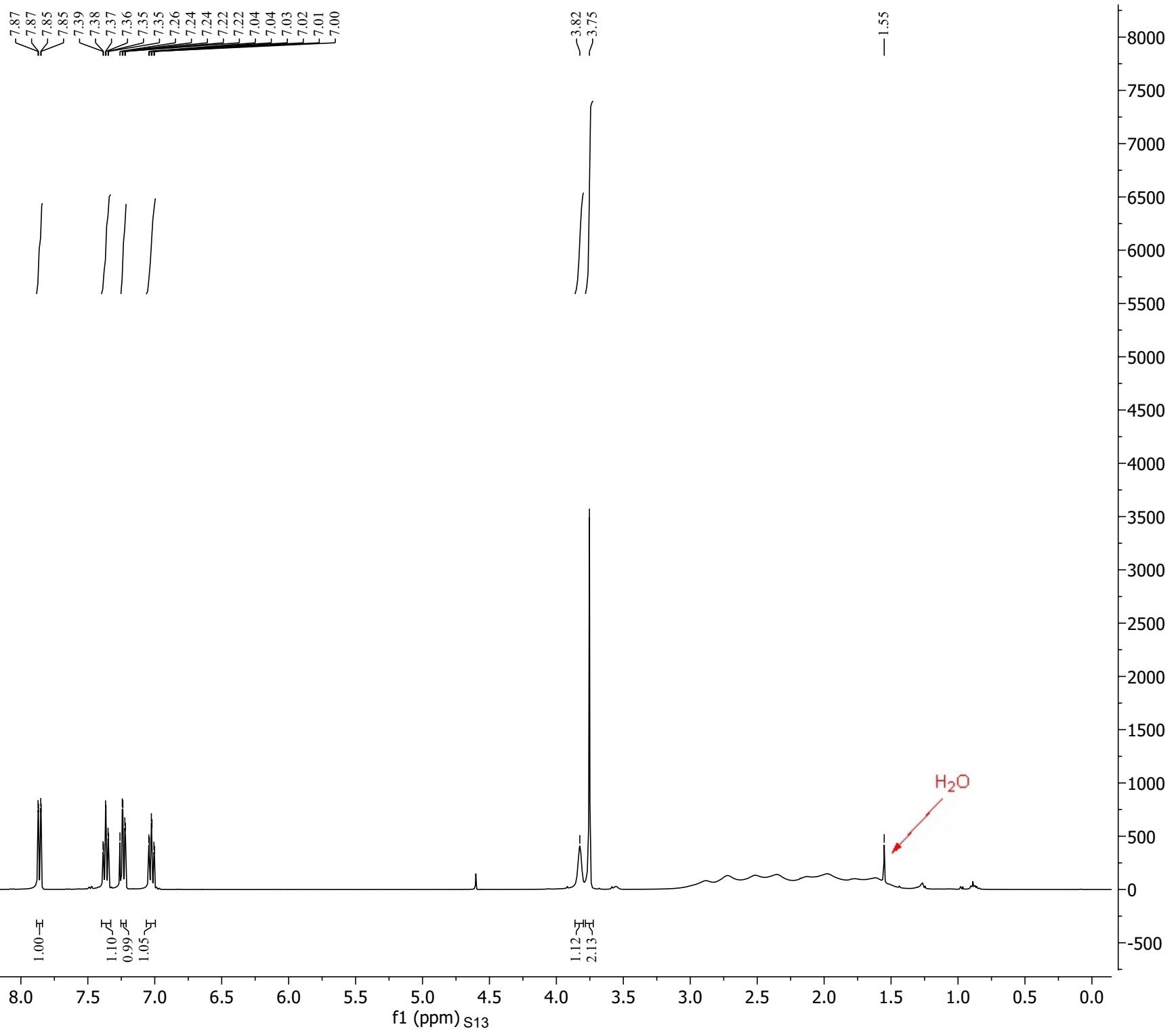
X-ray Structure Determination. X-ray data were collected at 296 K on a BRUKER D8VENTURE DIFFRACTOMETE using Mo-K α radiation. An empirical absorption correction was applied using the SADABS program.⁹ The structure was solved by direct methods and subsequent Fourier difference techniques and refined anisotropically for all non-hydrogen atoms by full-matrix least squares calculations on F² using the SHELXTL program package.¹⁰ All hydrogen atoms were geometrically fixed using the riding model. Details of the crystal structure were deposited in the Cambridge Crystallographic Data Centre with the following deposit number CCDC-1996712 for **3n**.

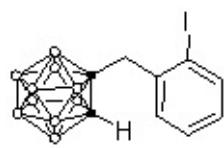
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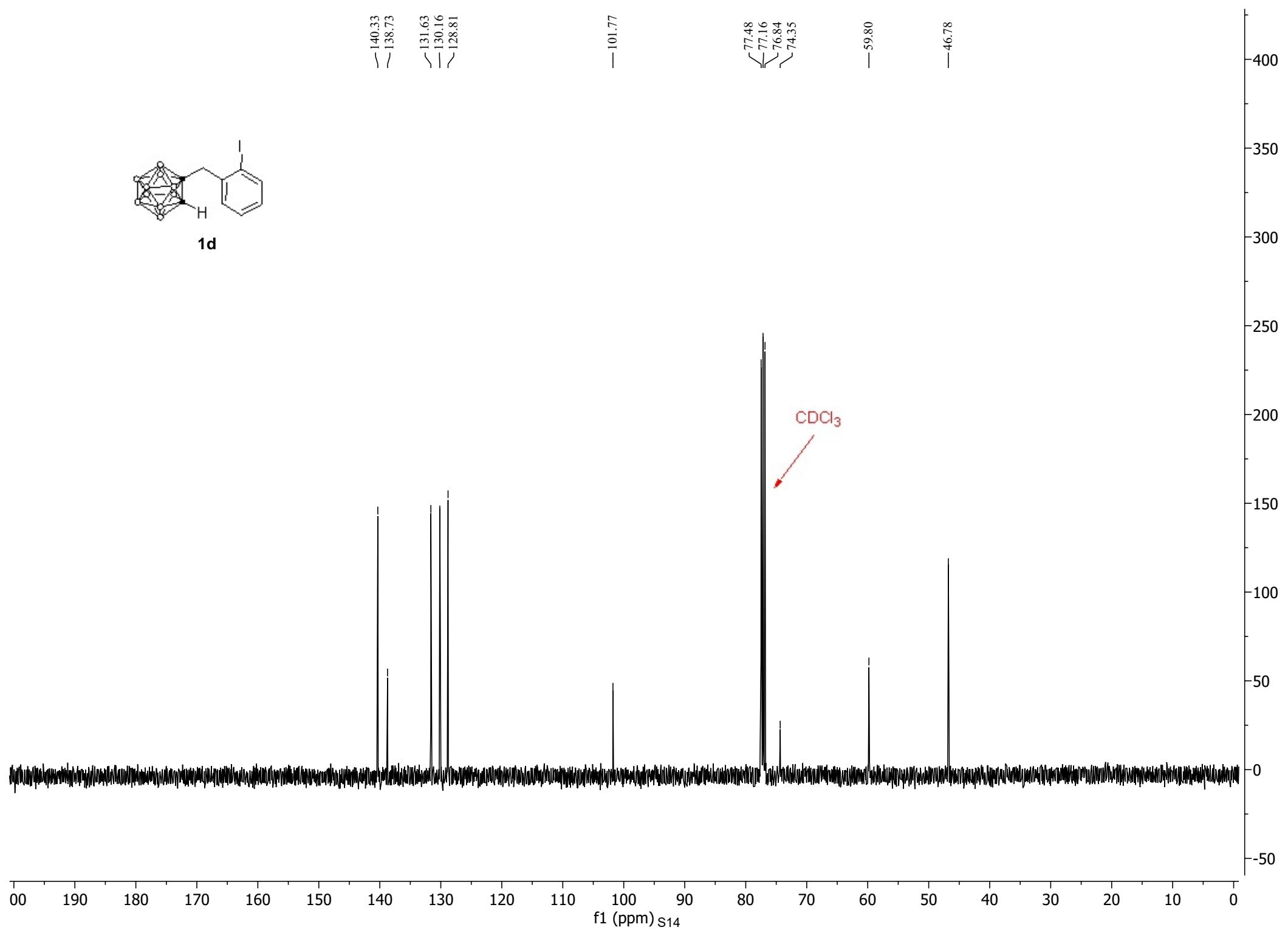
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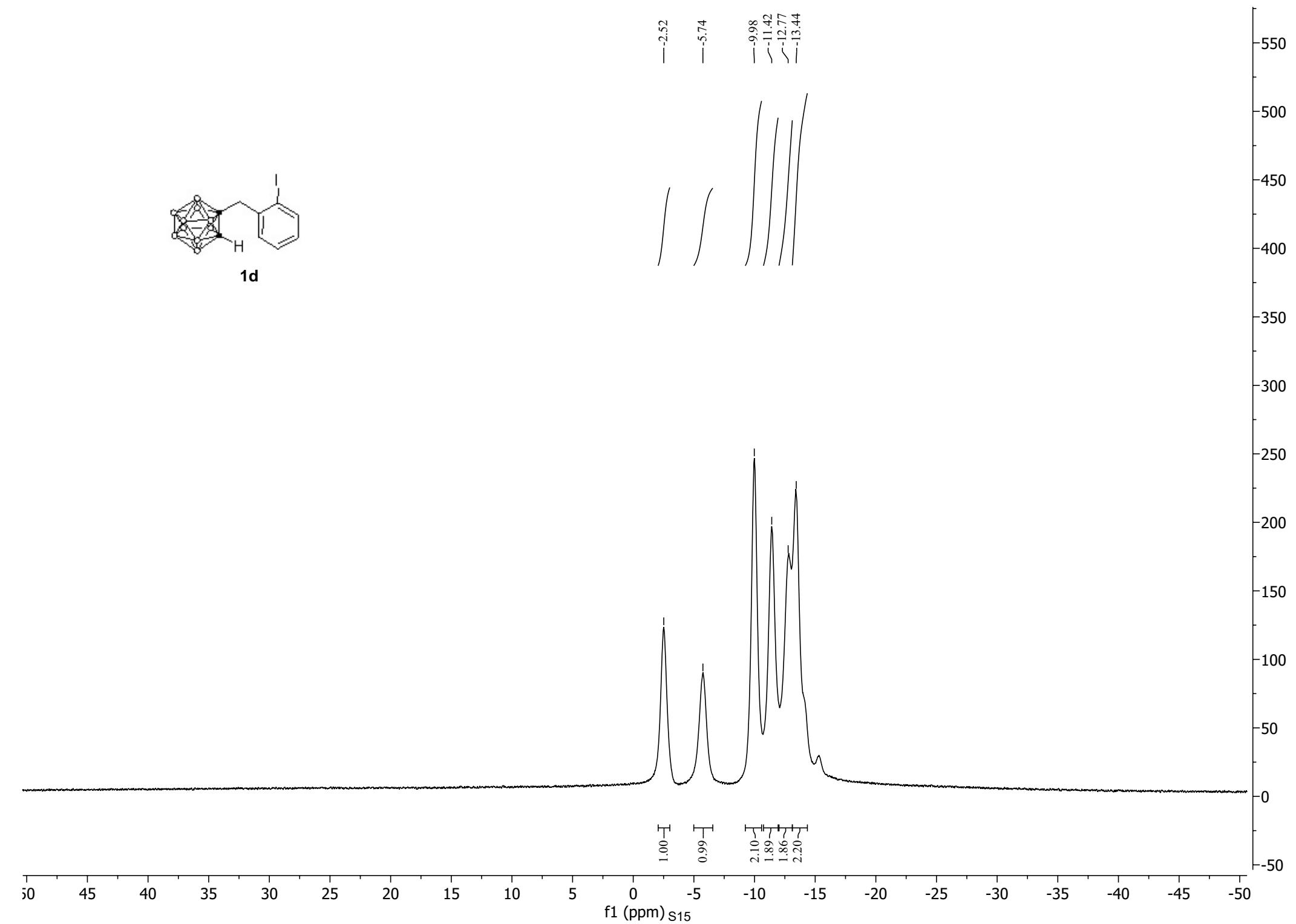
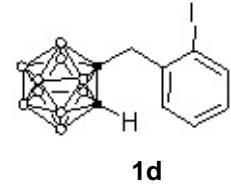


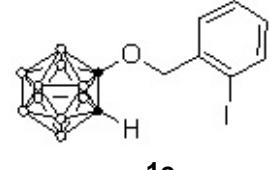


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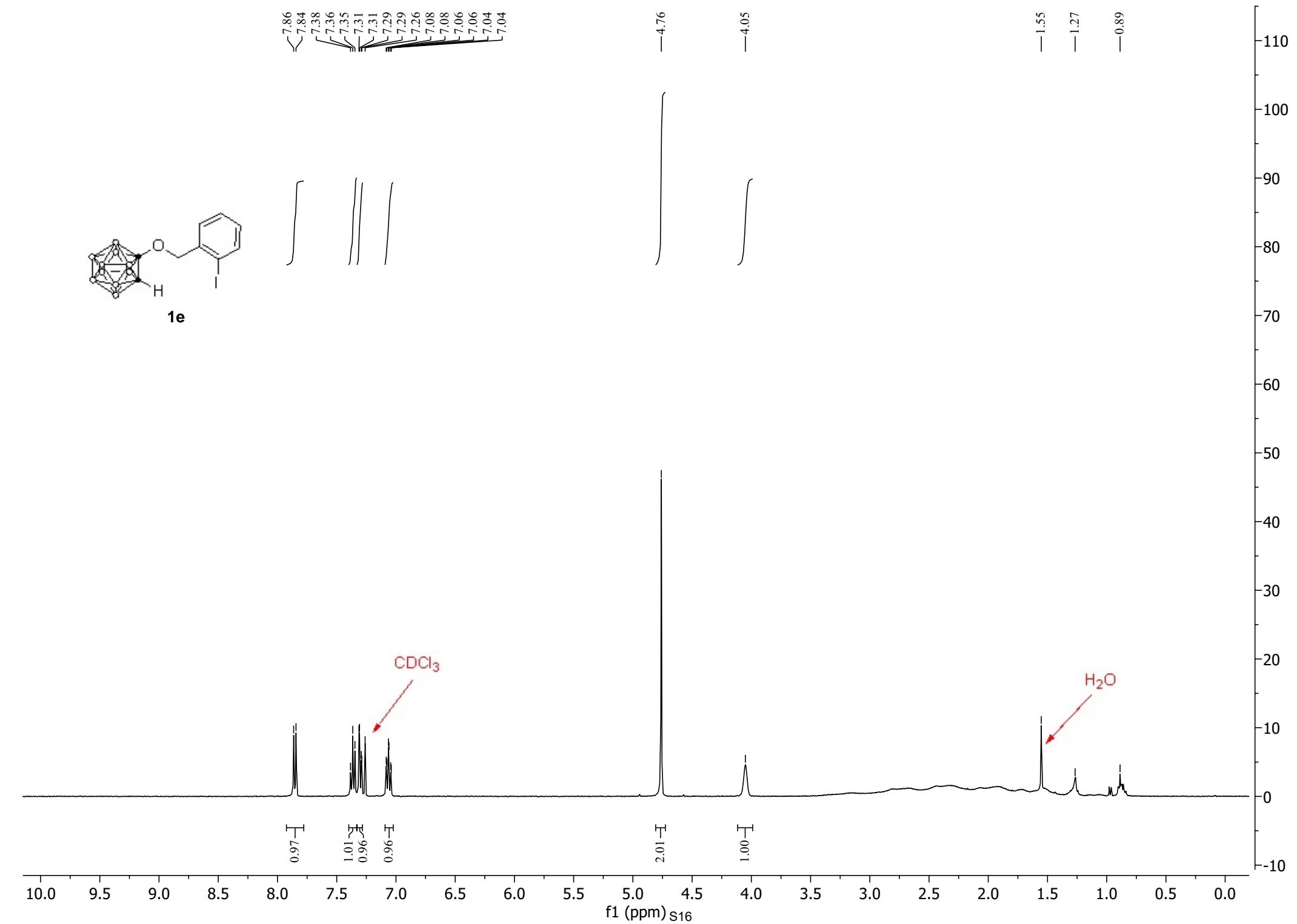
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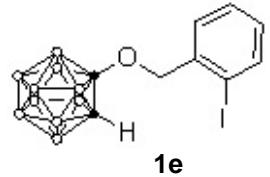




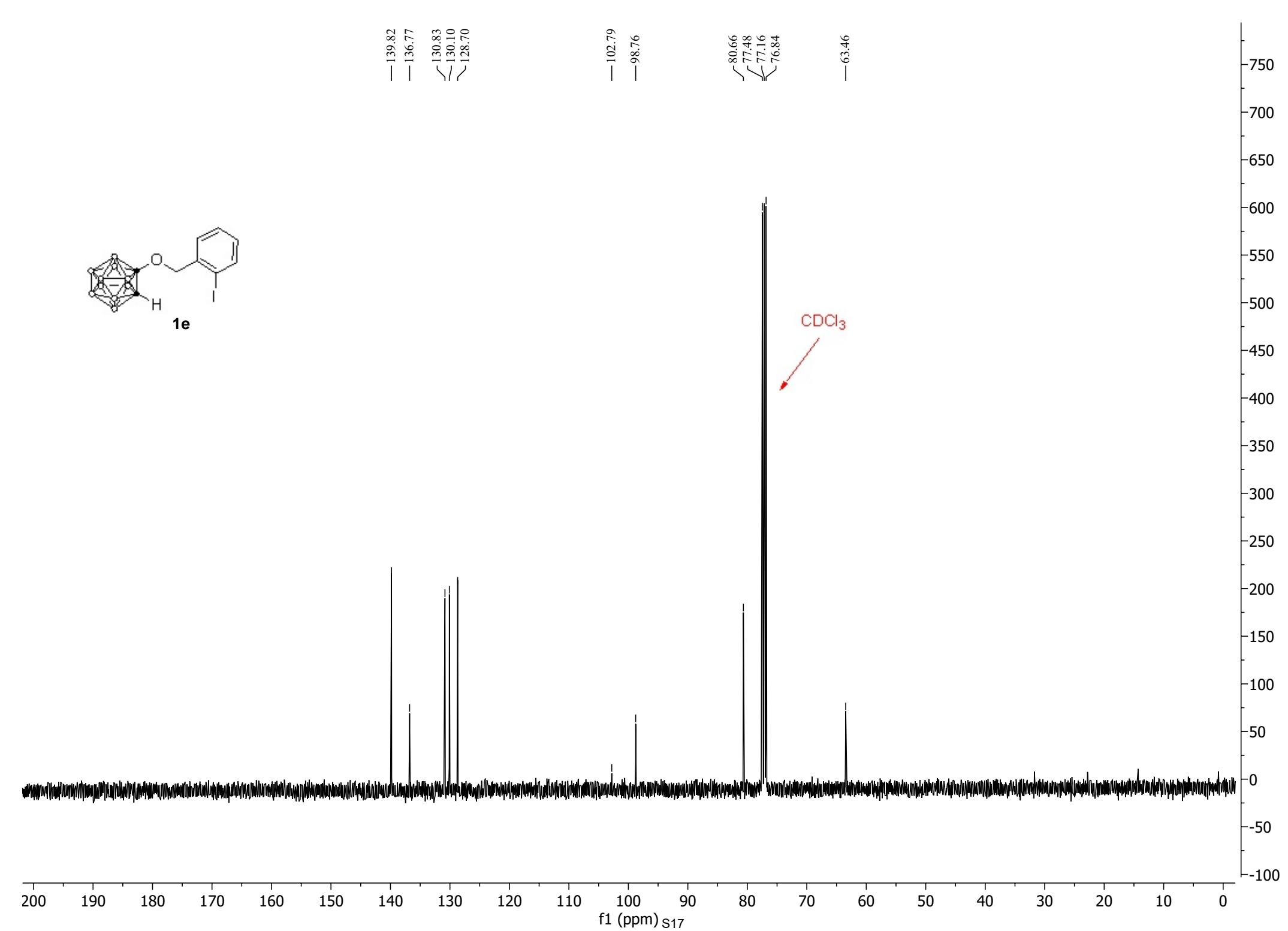


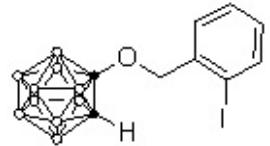
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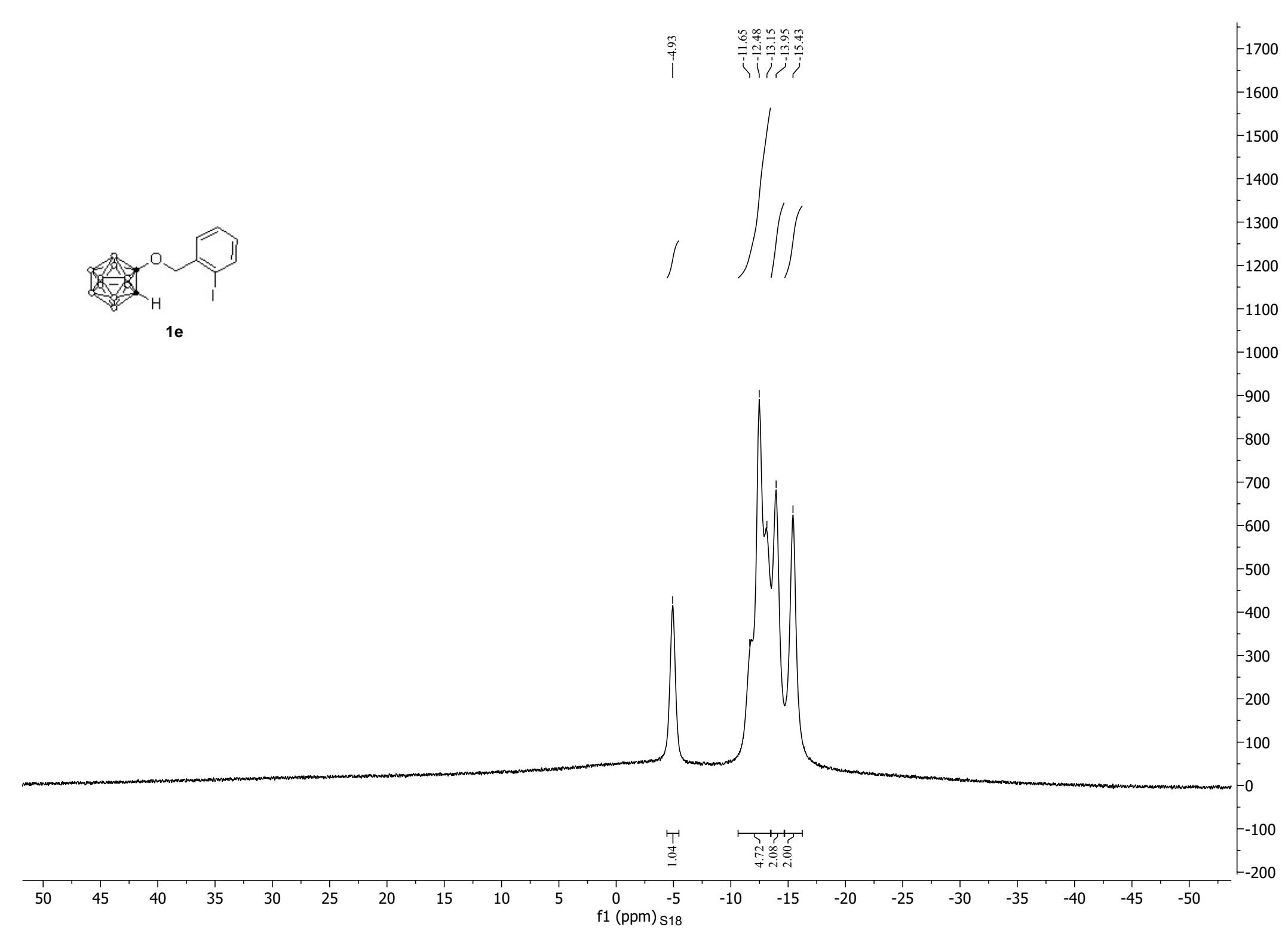


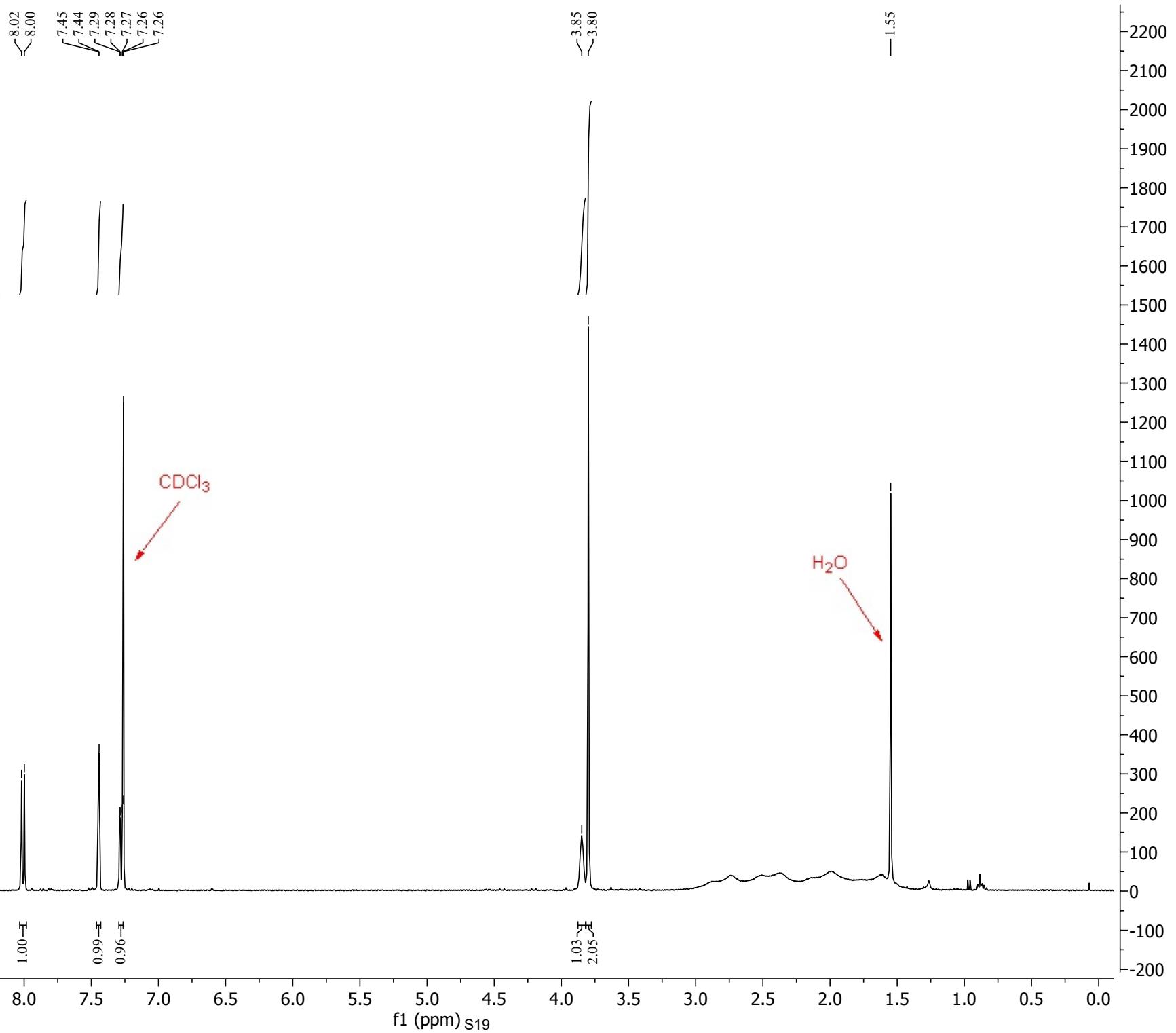
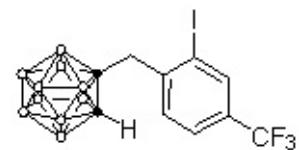
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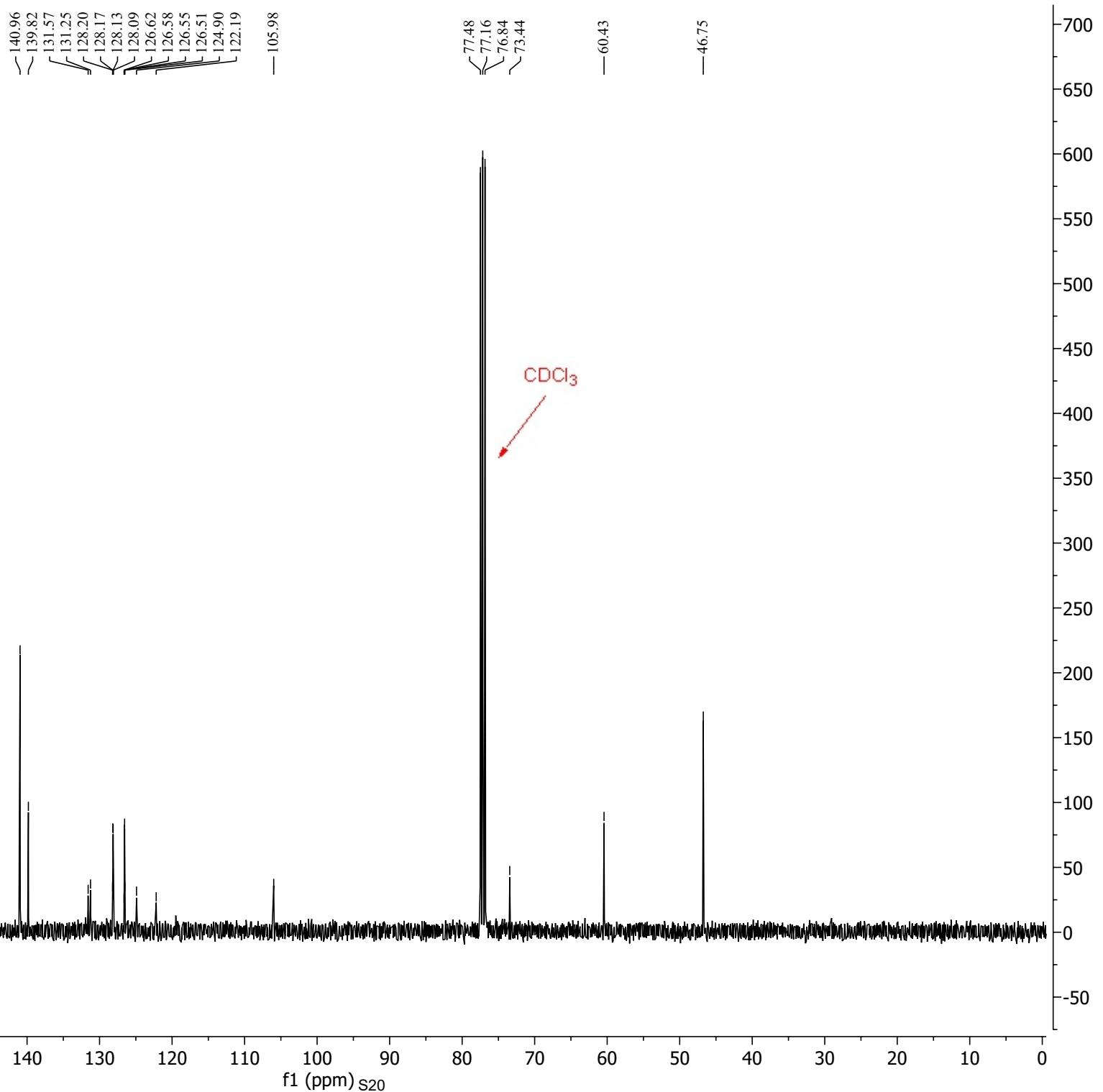
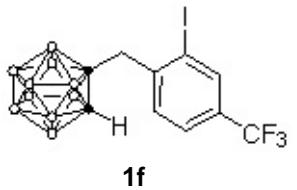


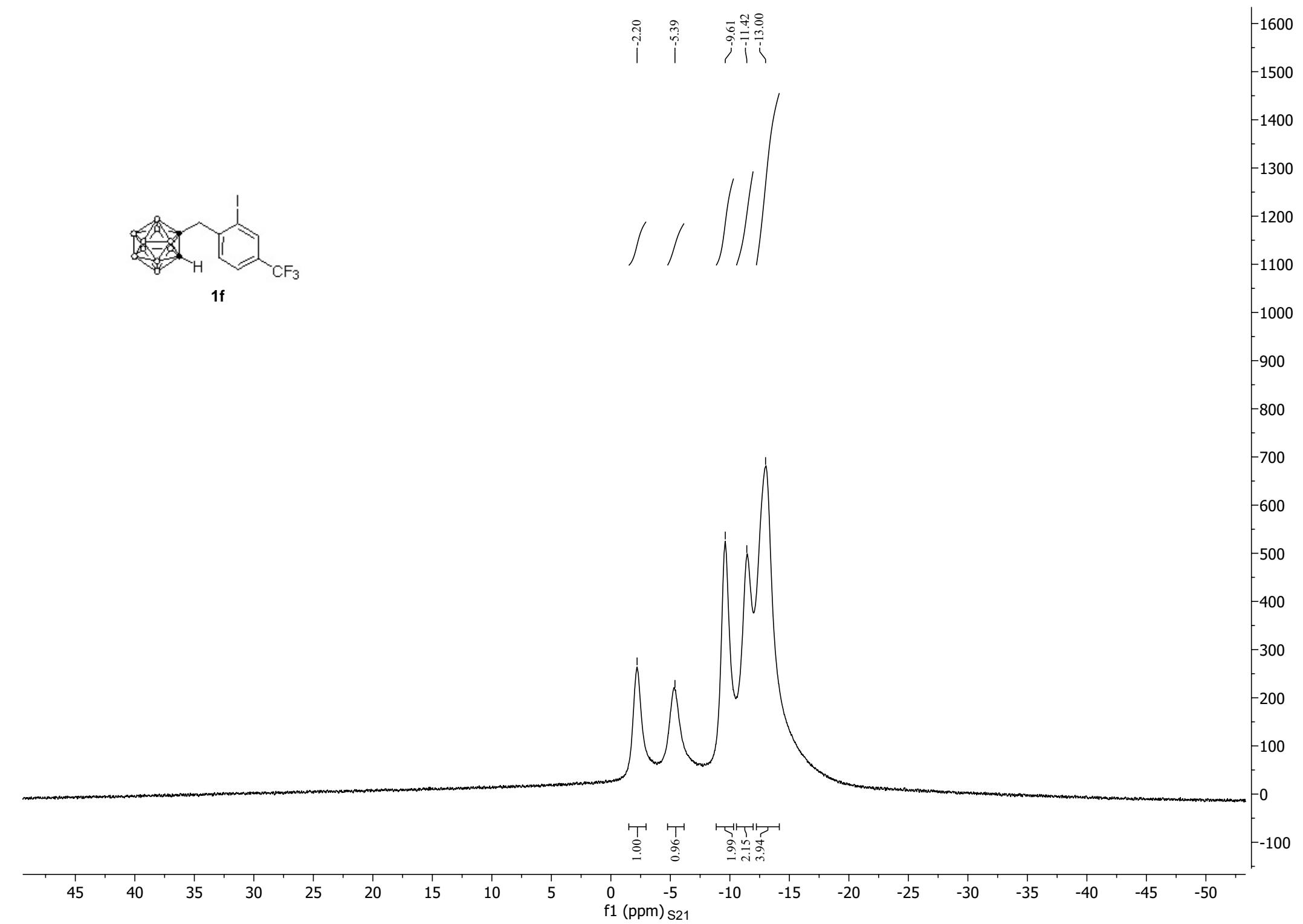
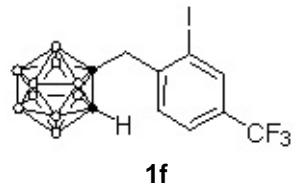


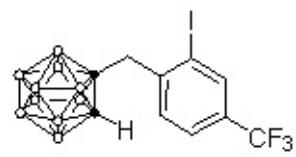
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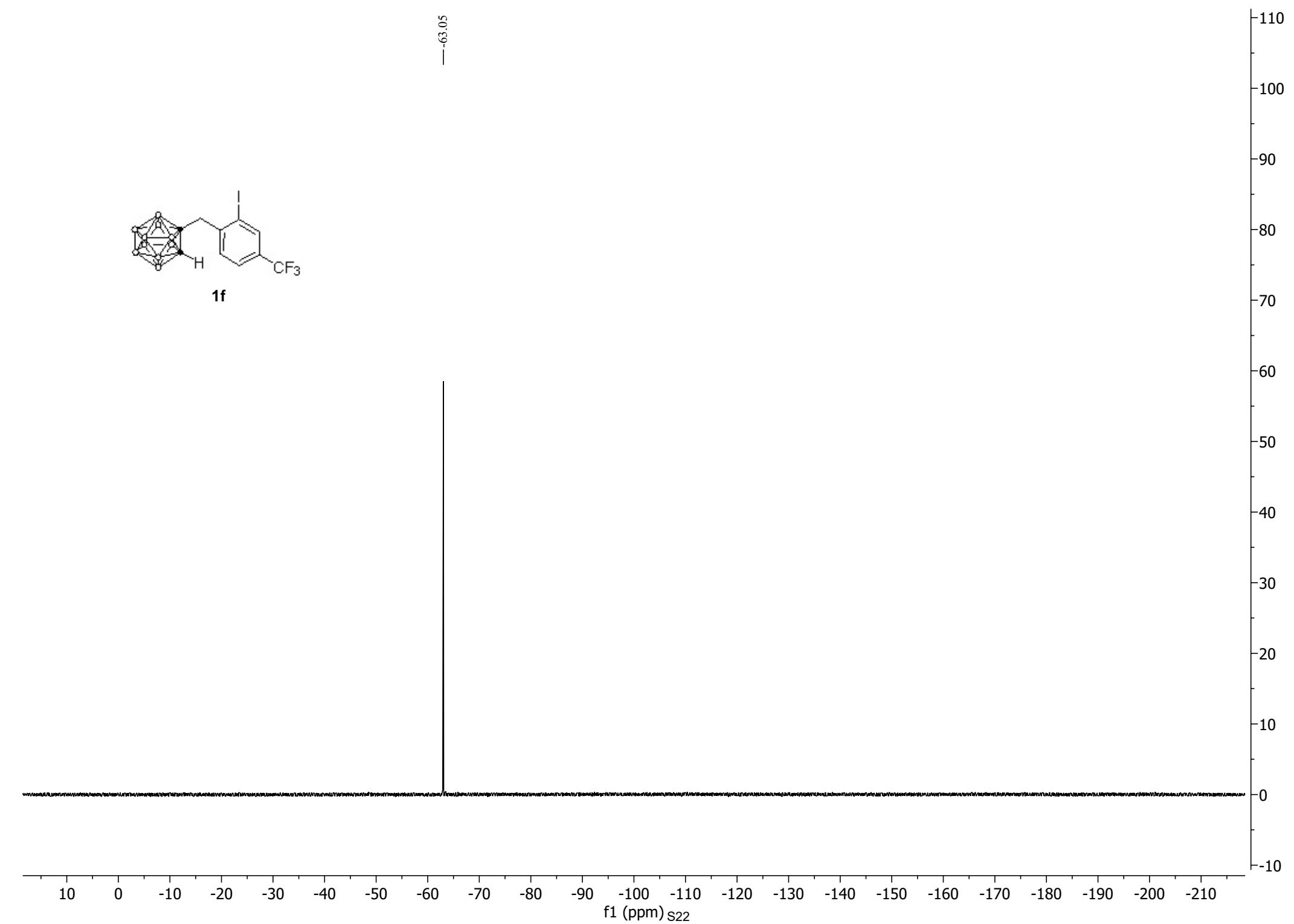


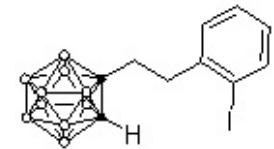




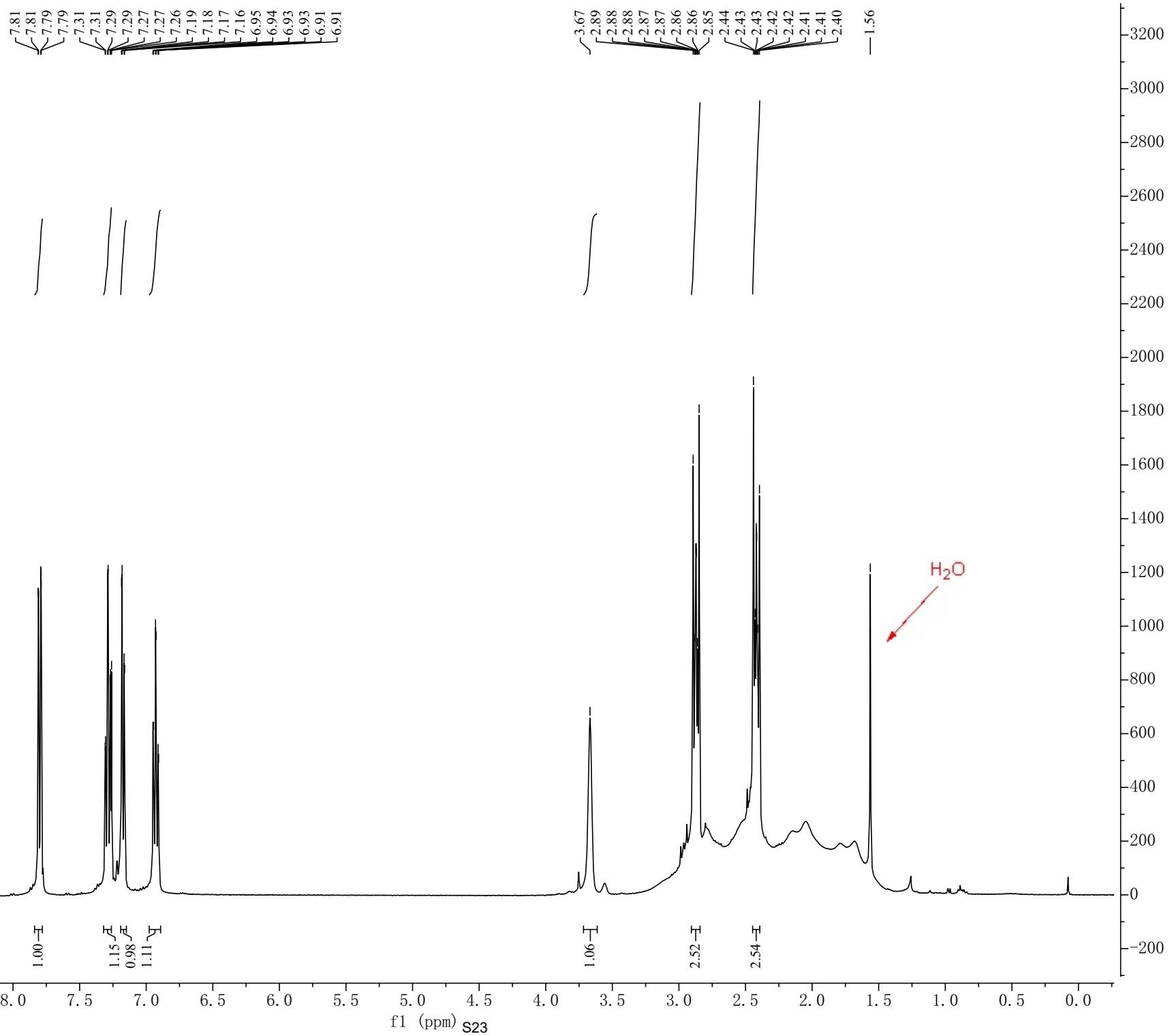
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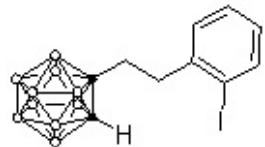
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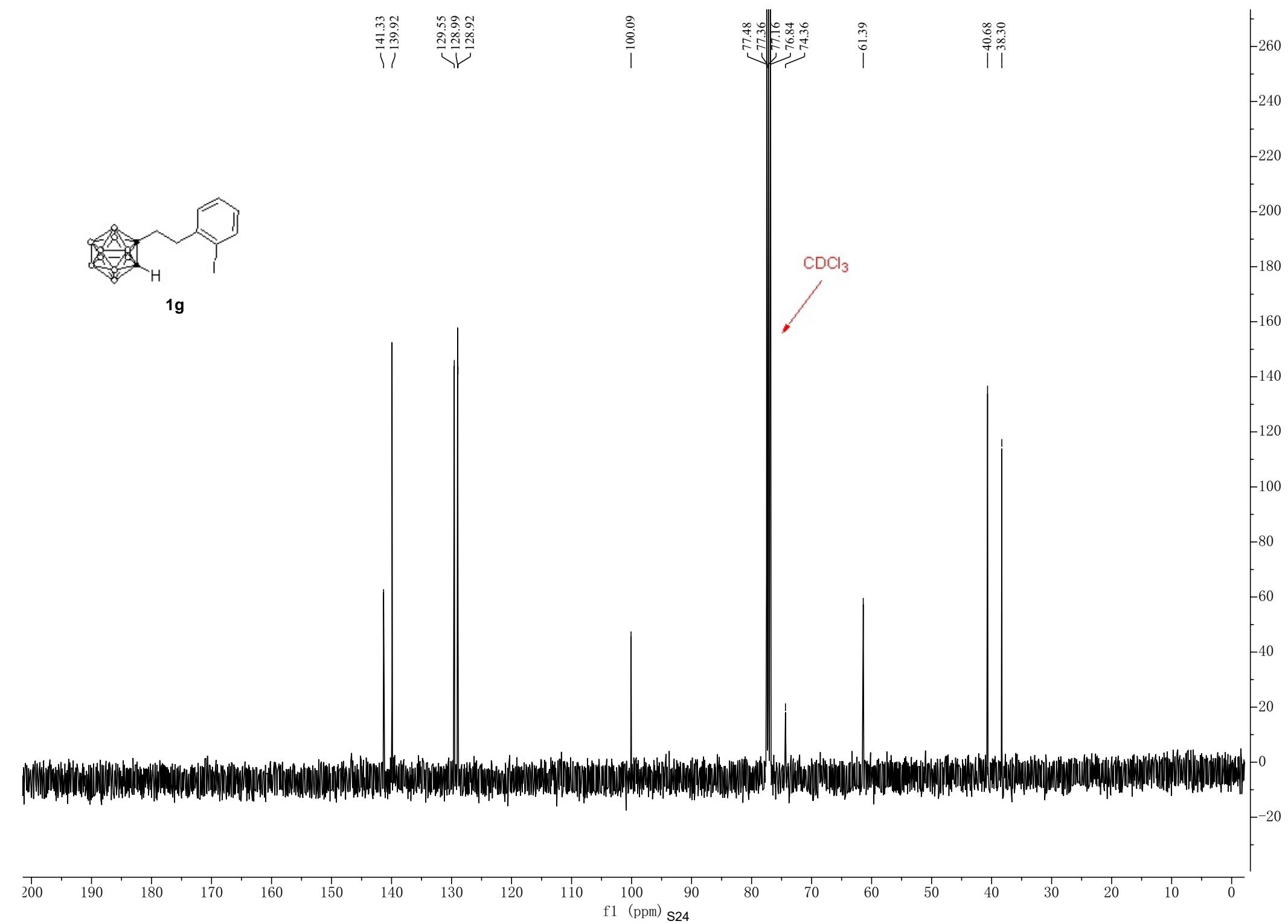


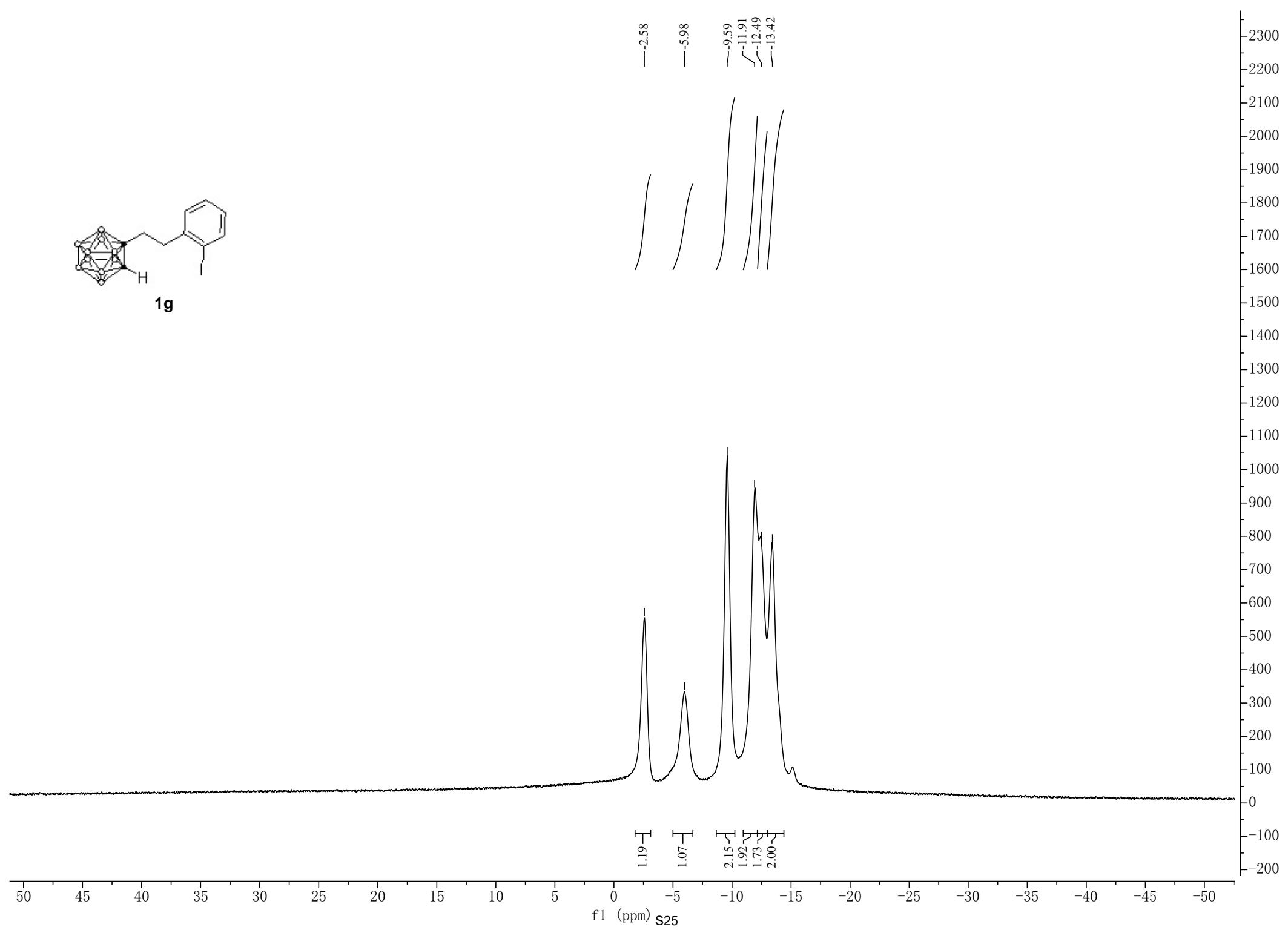
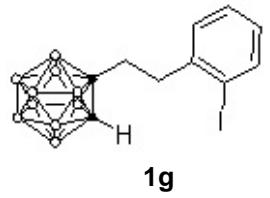
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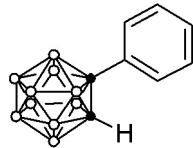




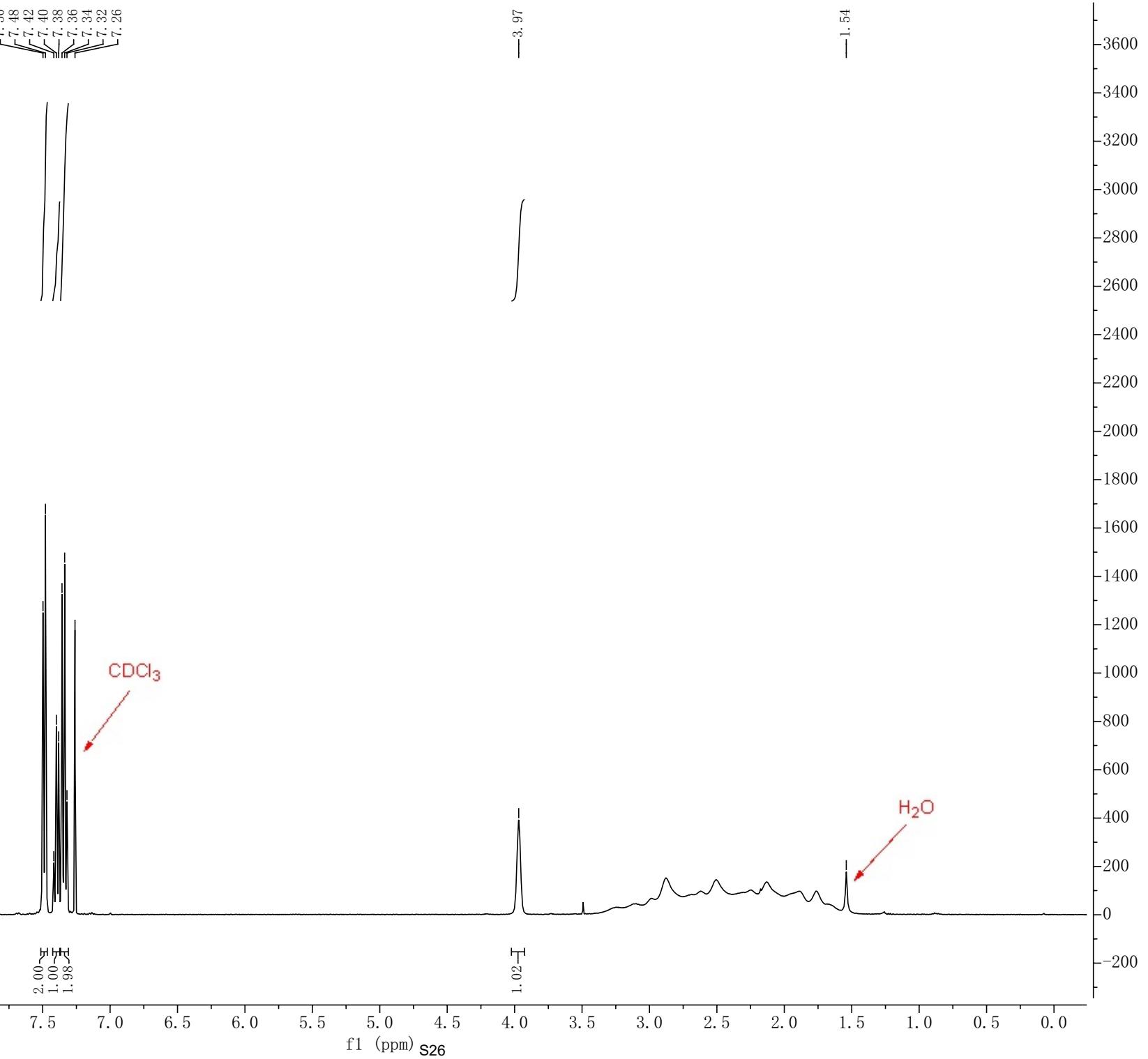
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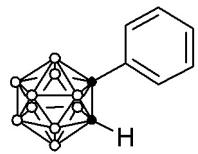




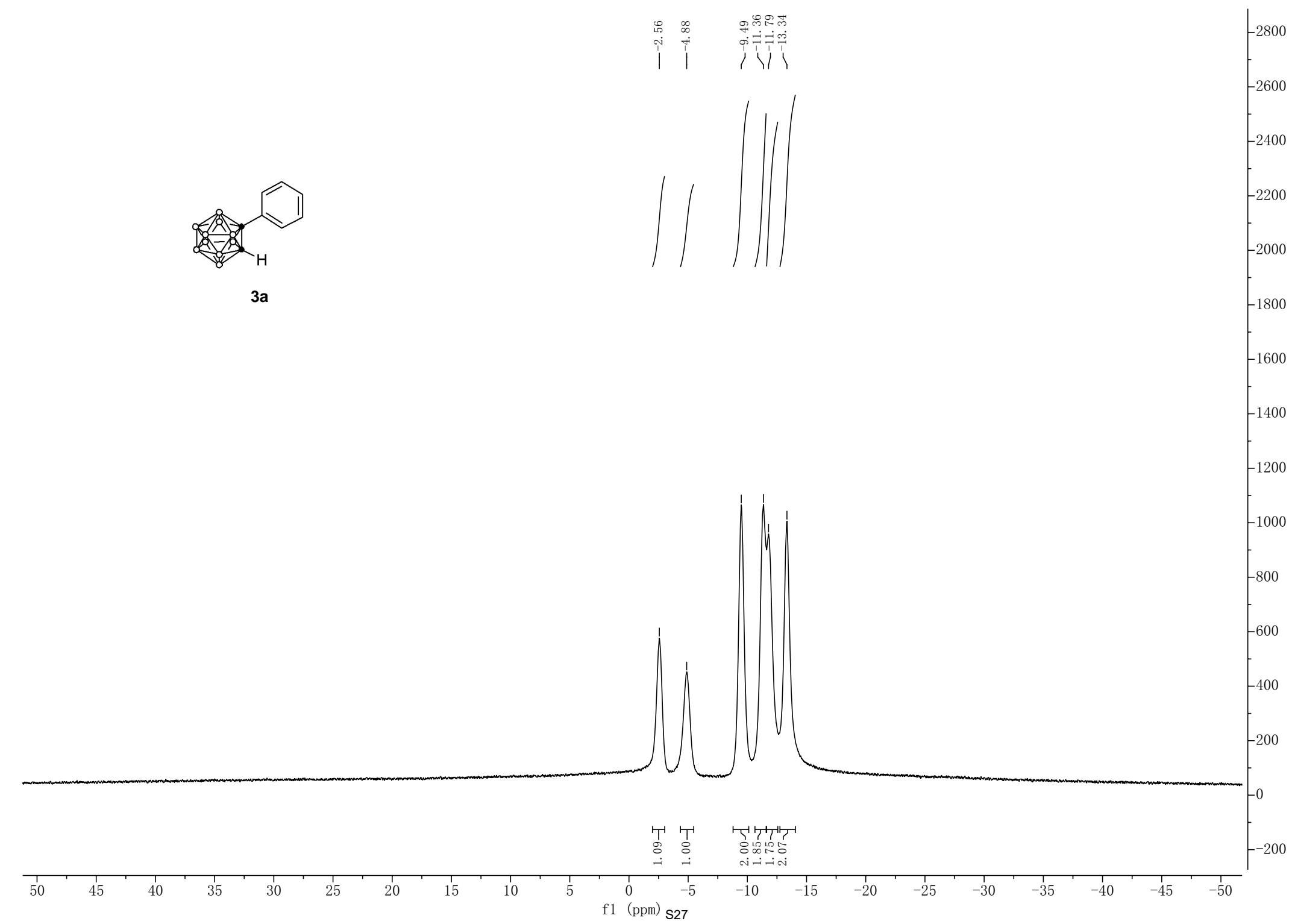


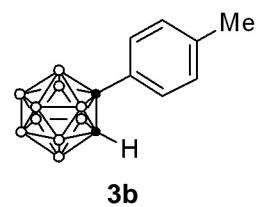
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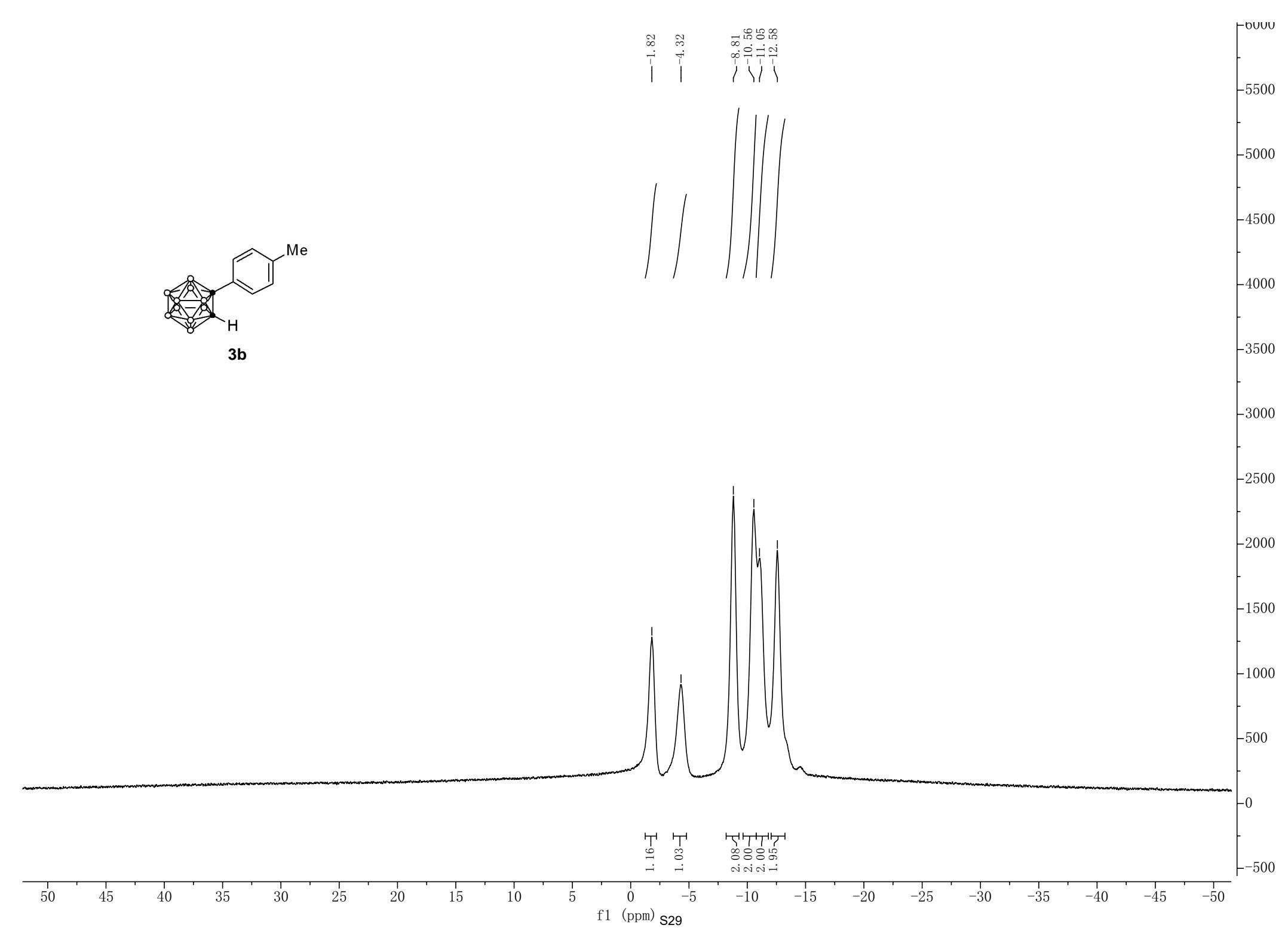
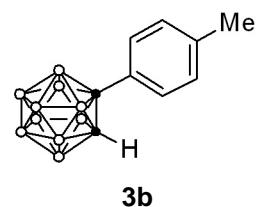
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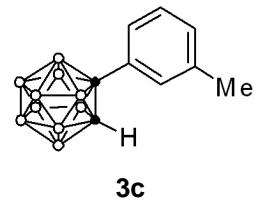
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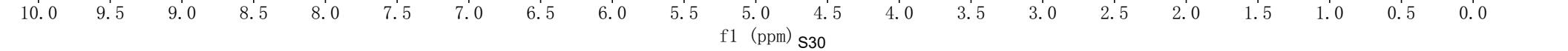
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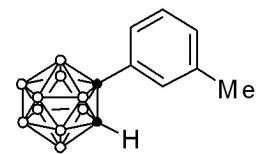
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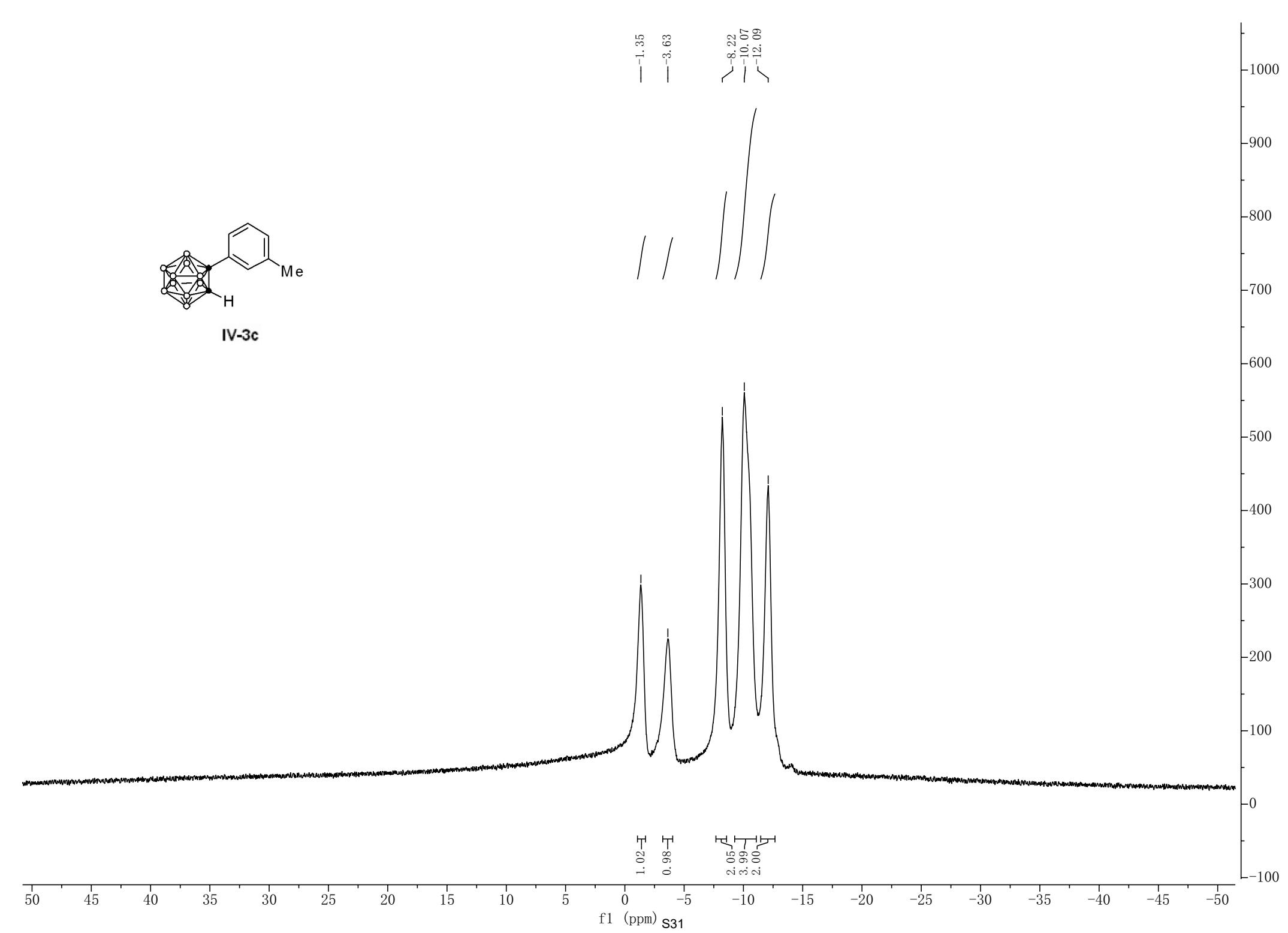
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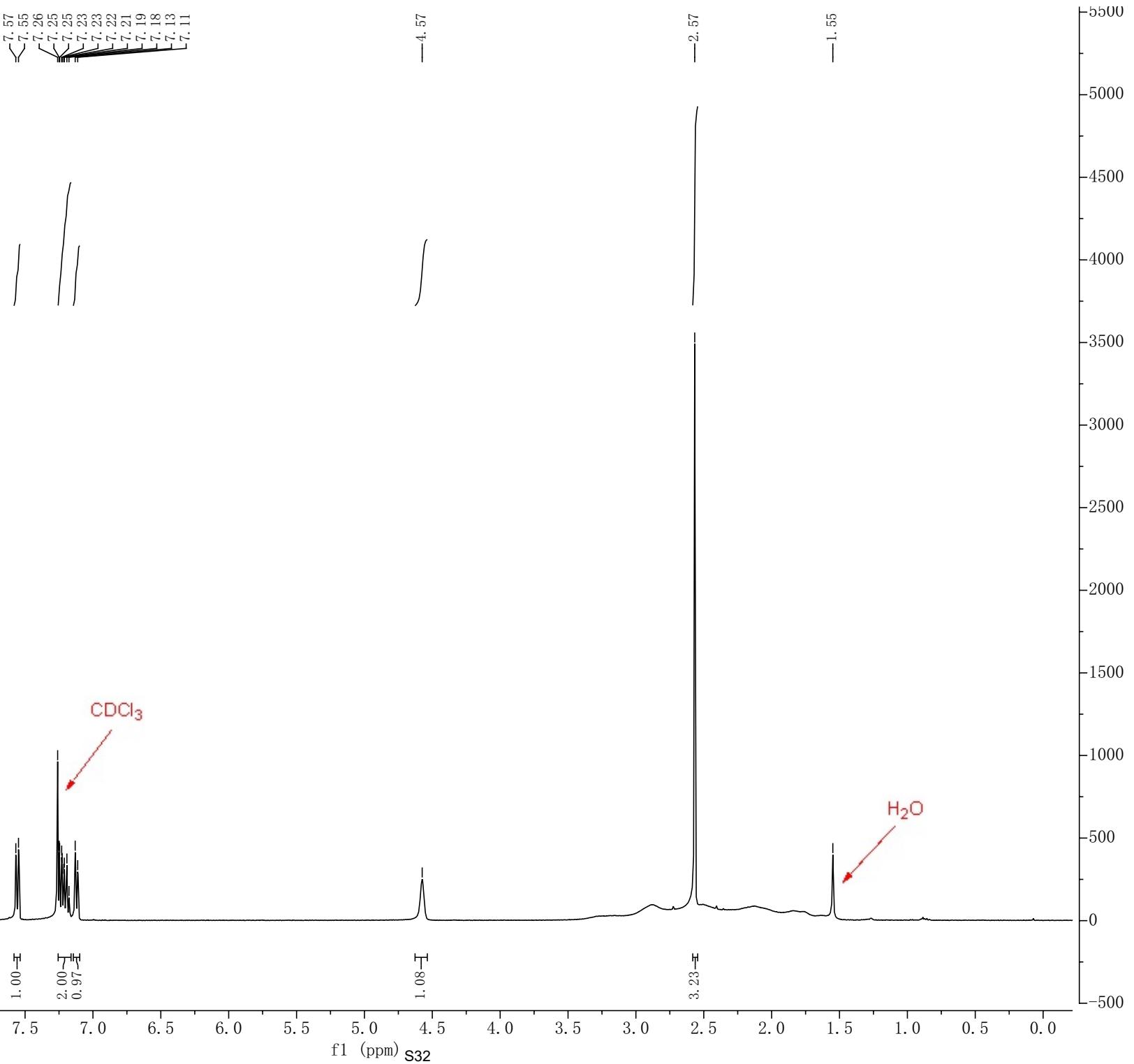
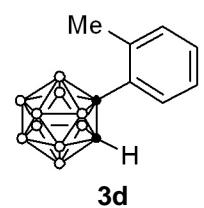
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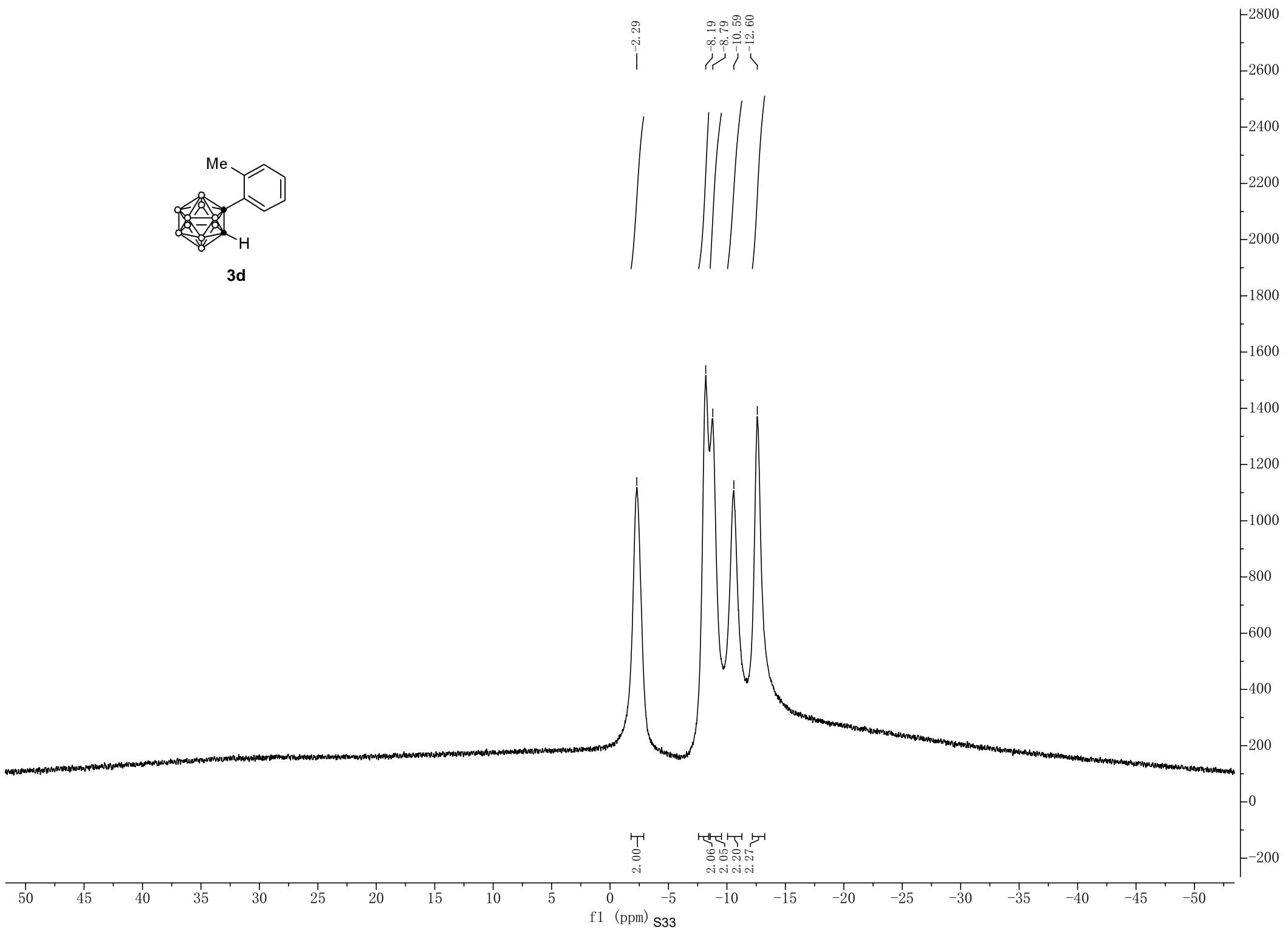
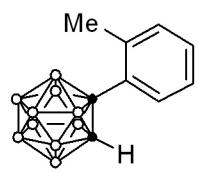


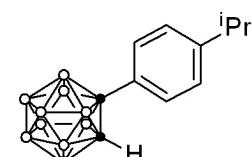


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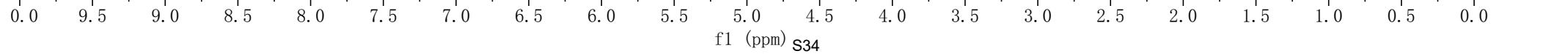
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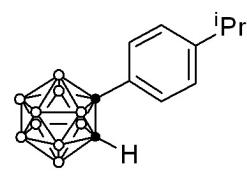
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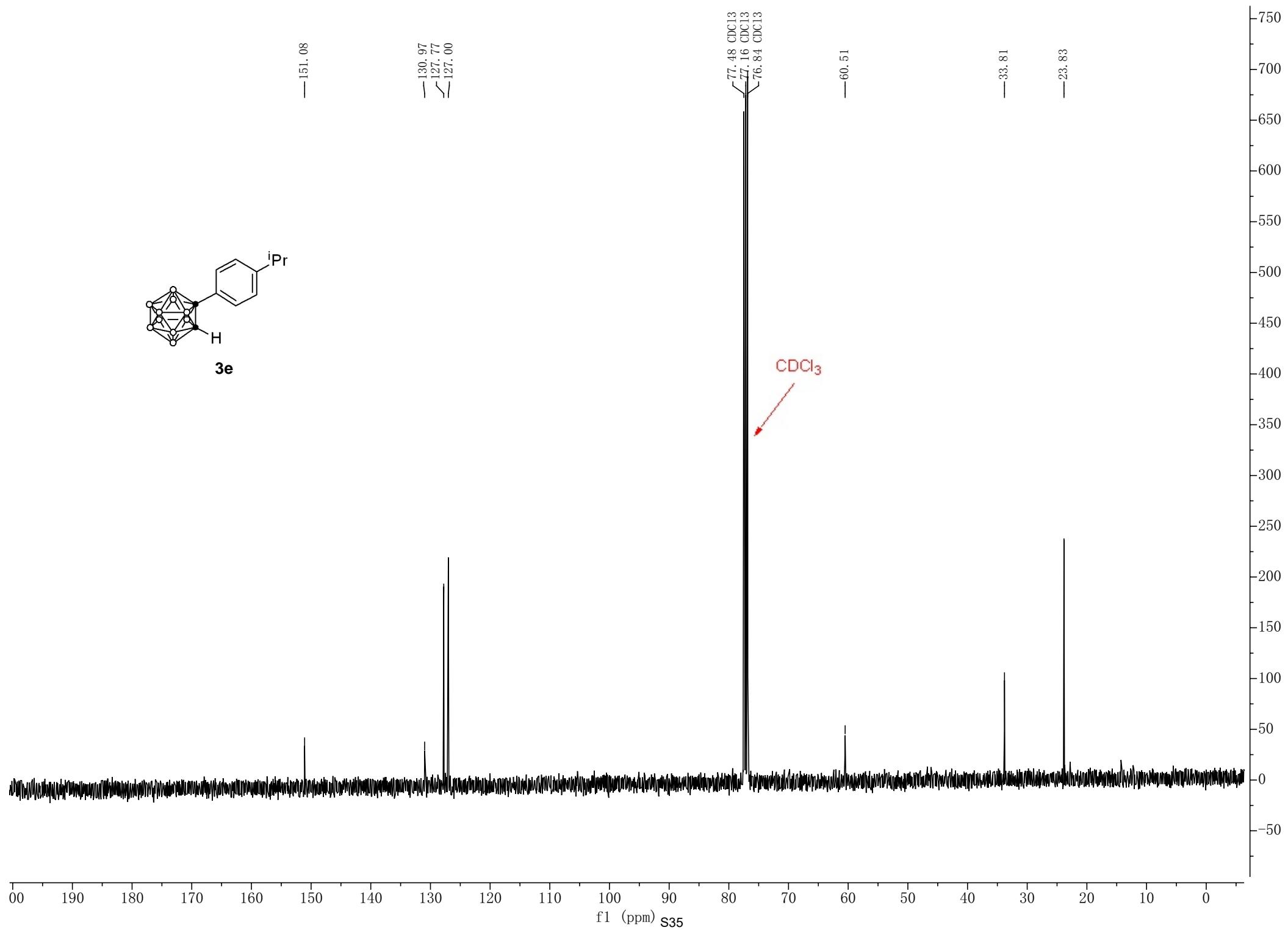
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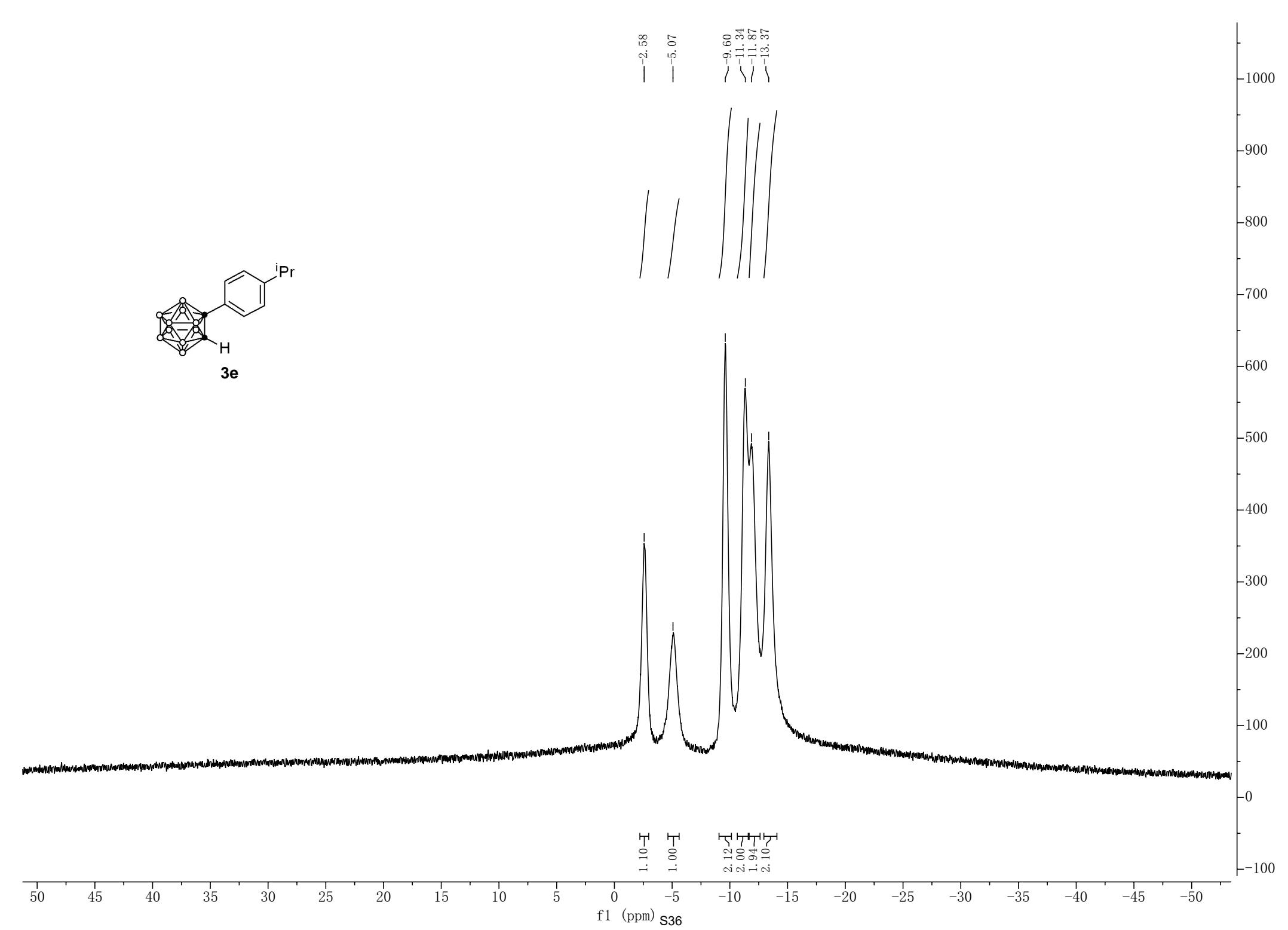
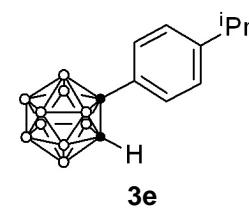
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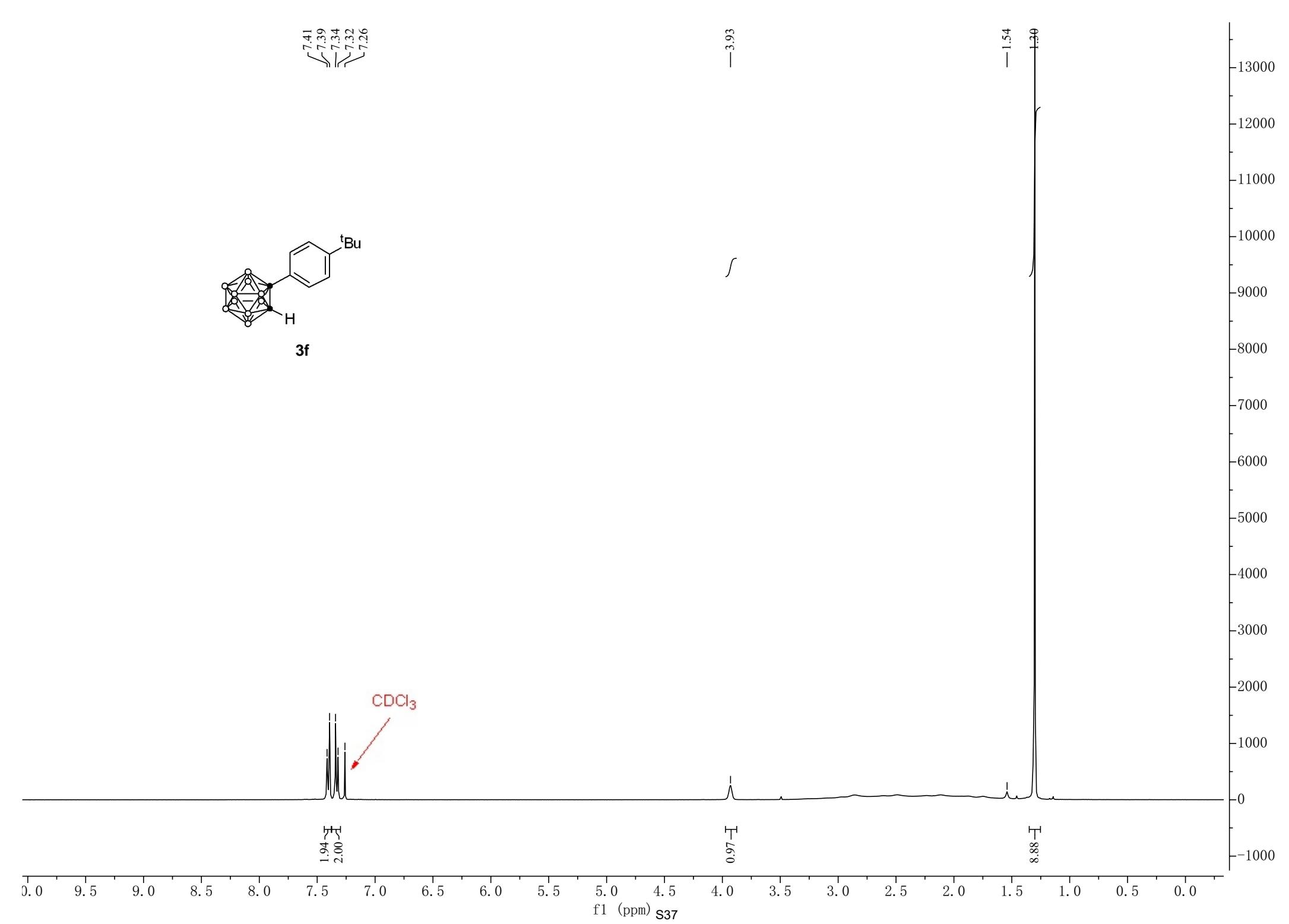
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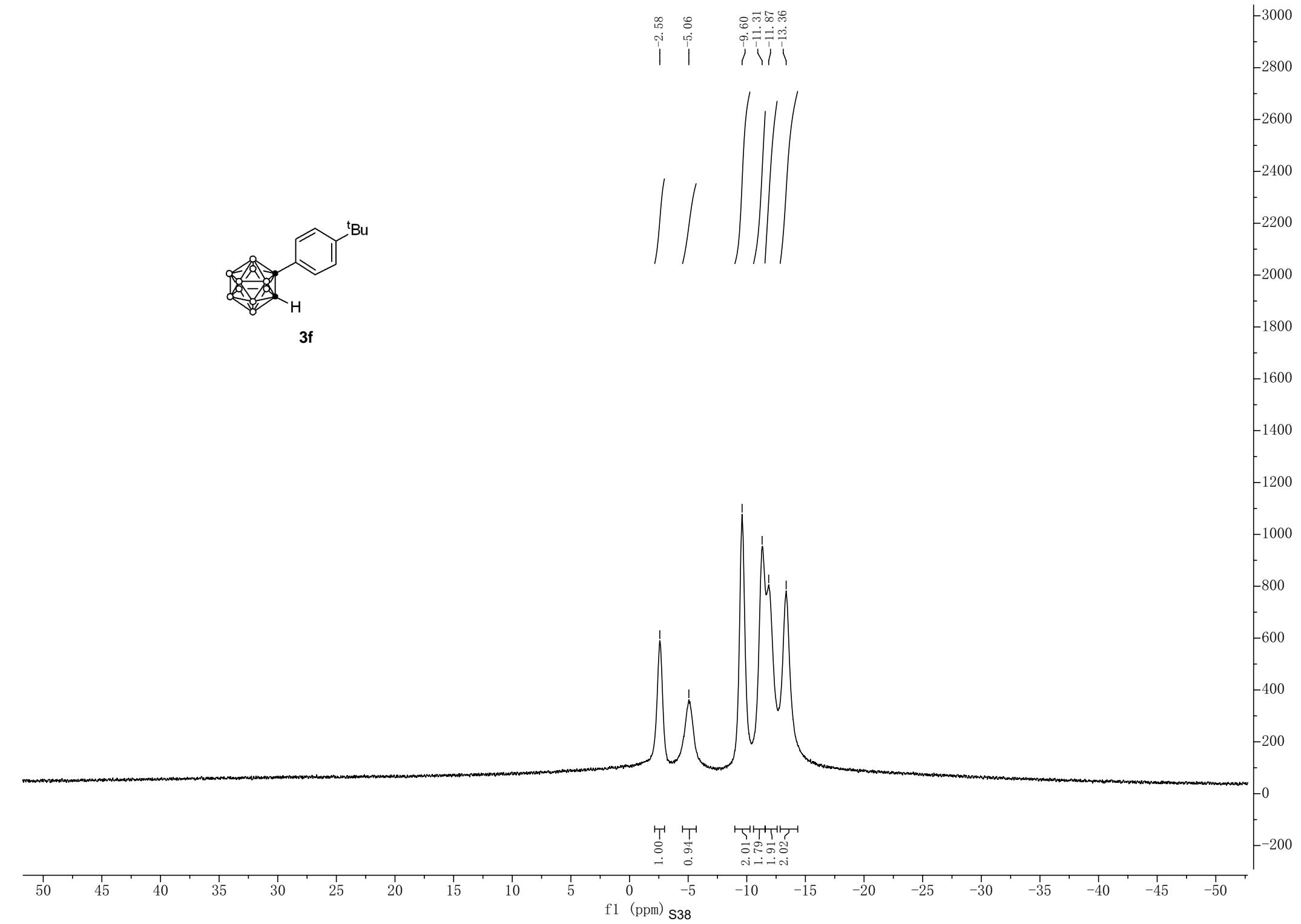
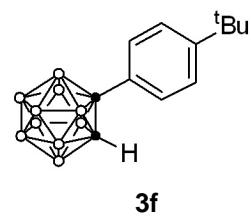
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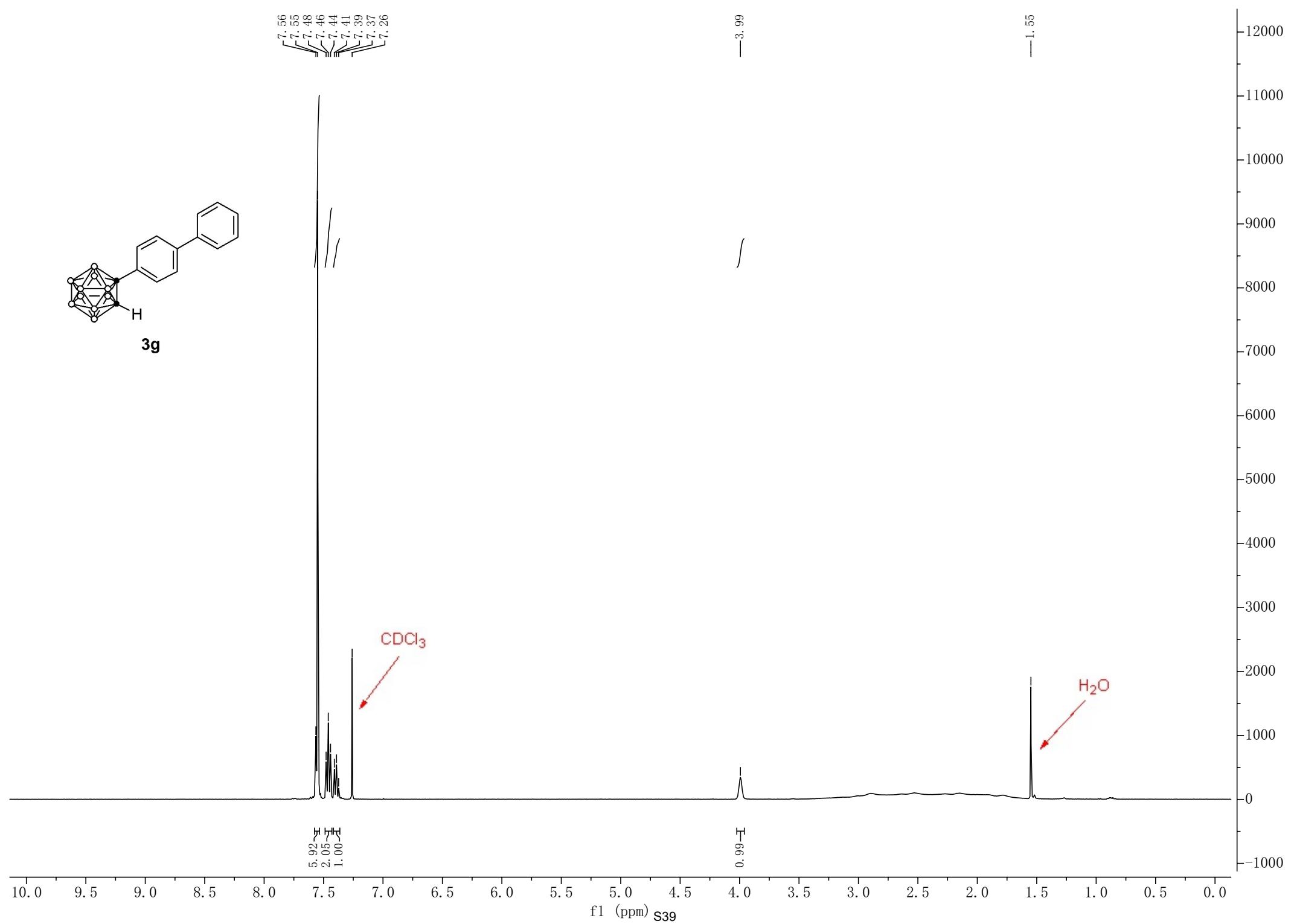
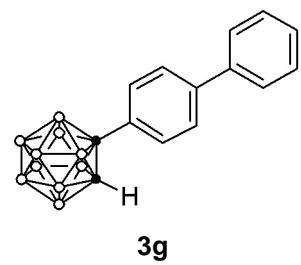
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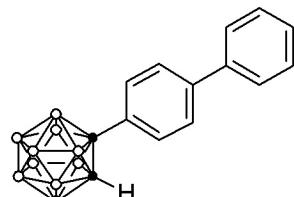




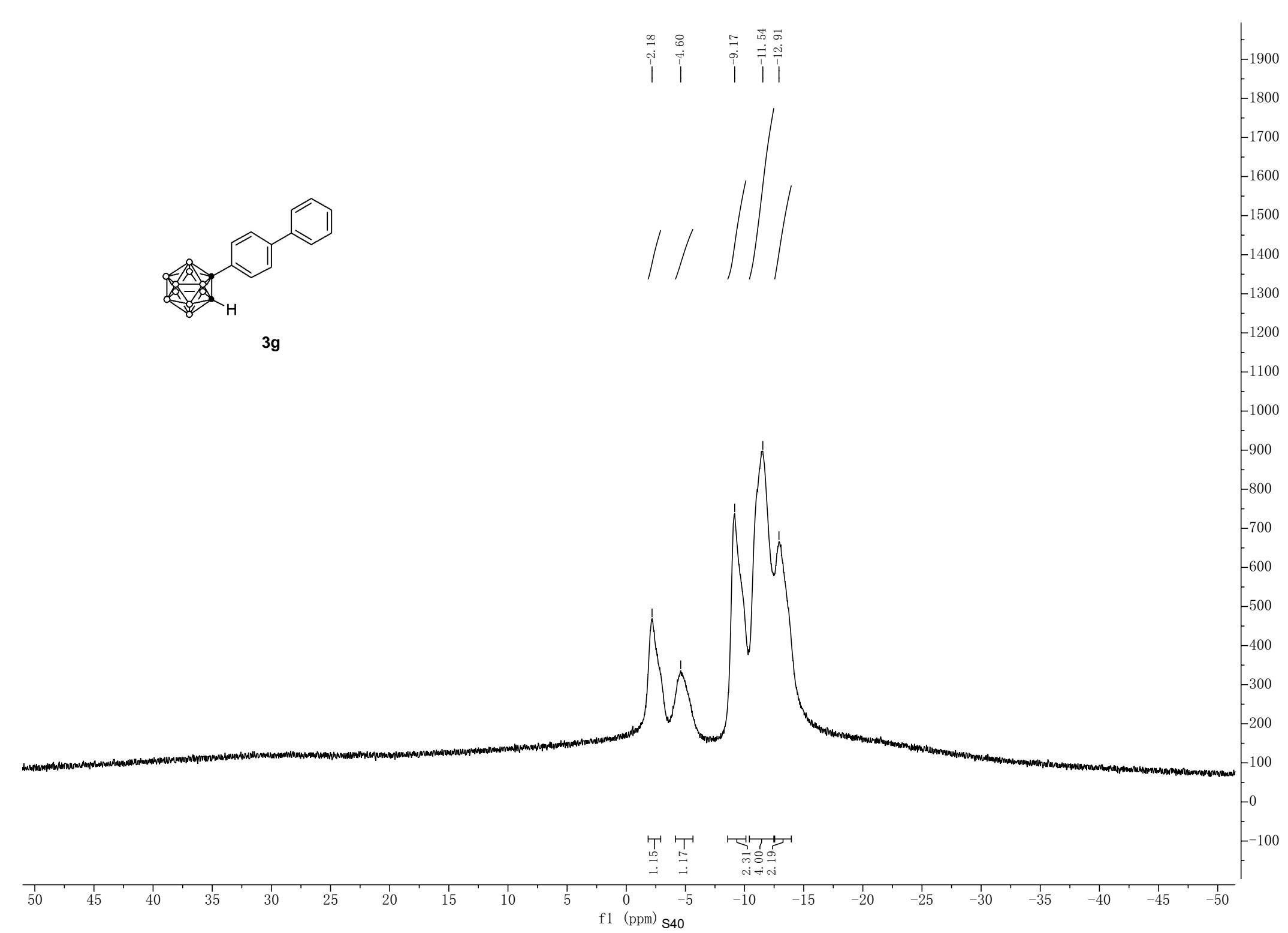


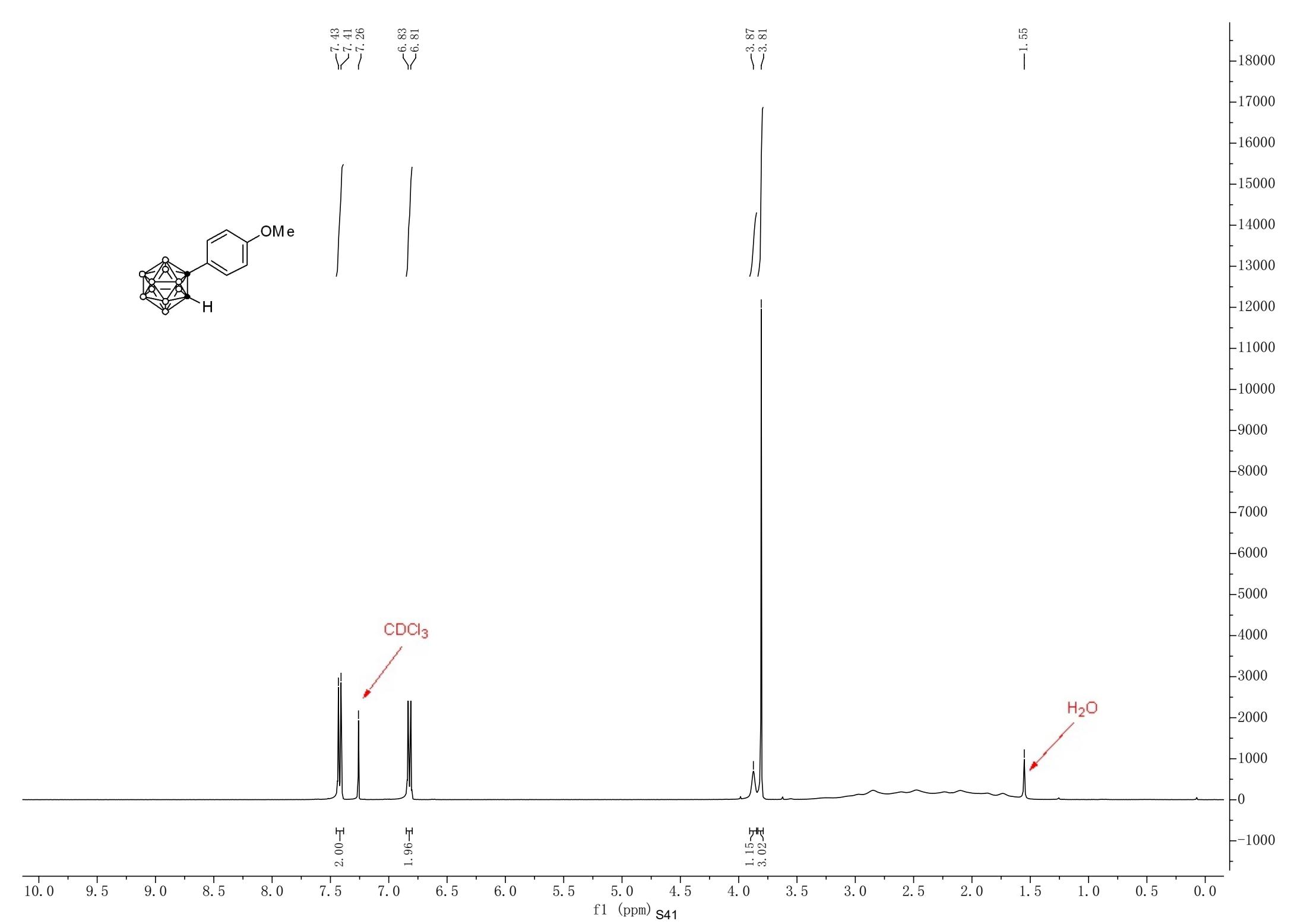
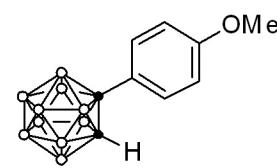


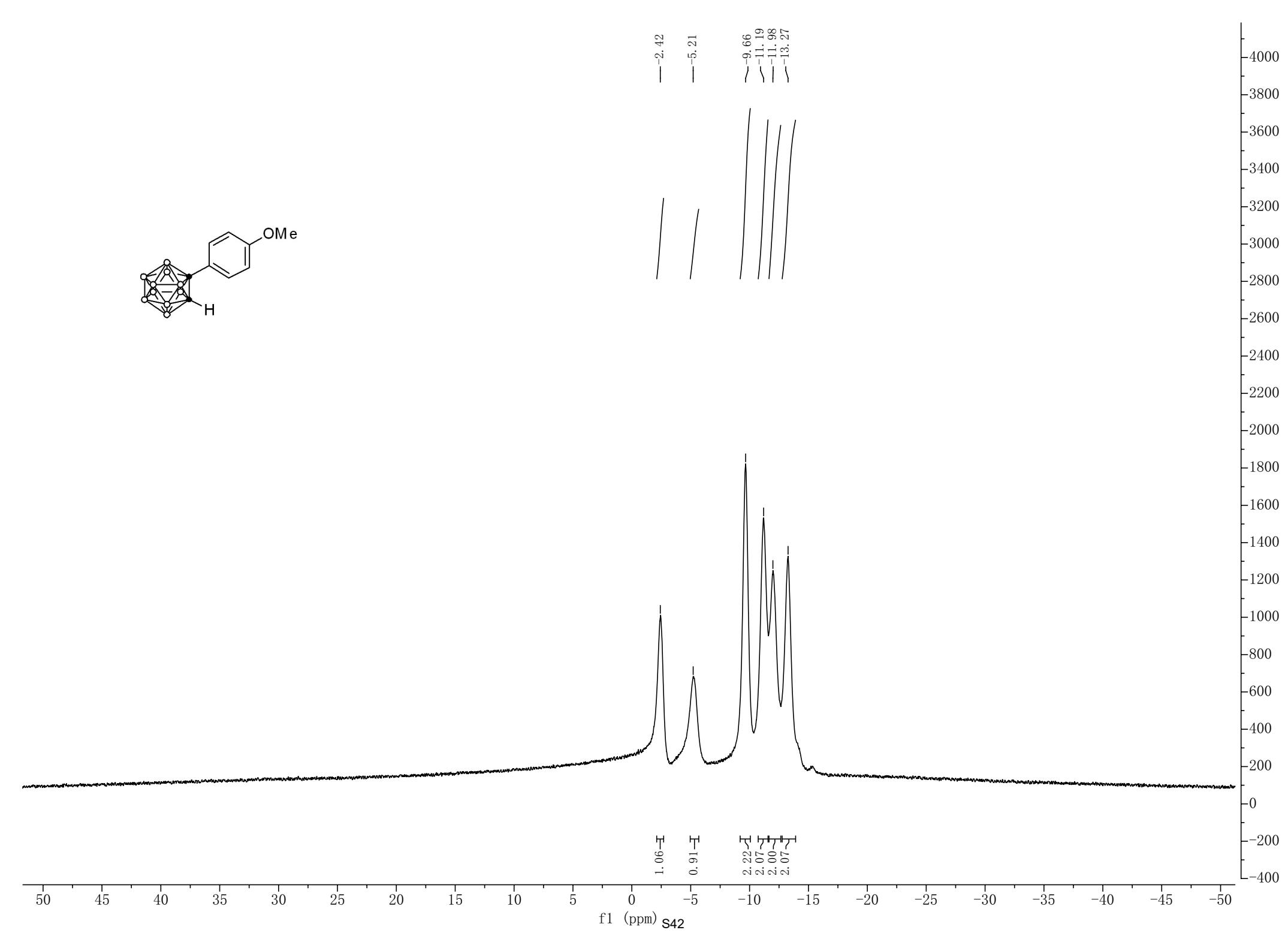
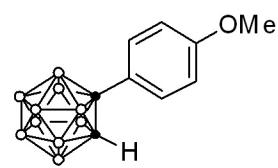


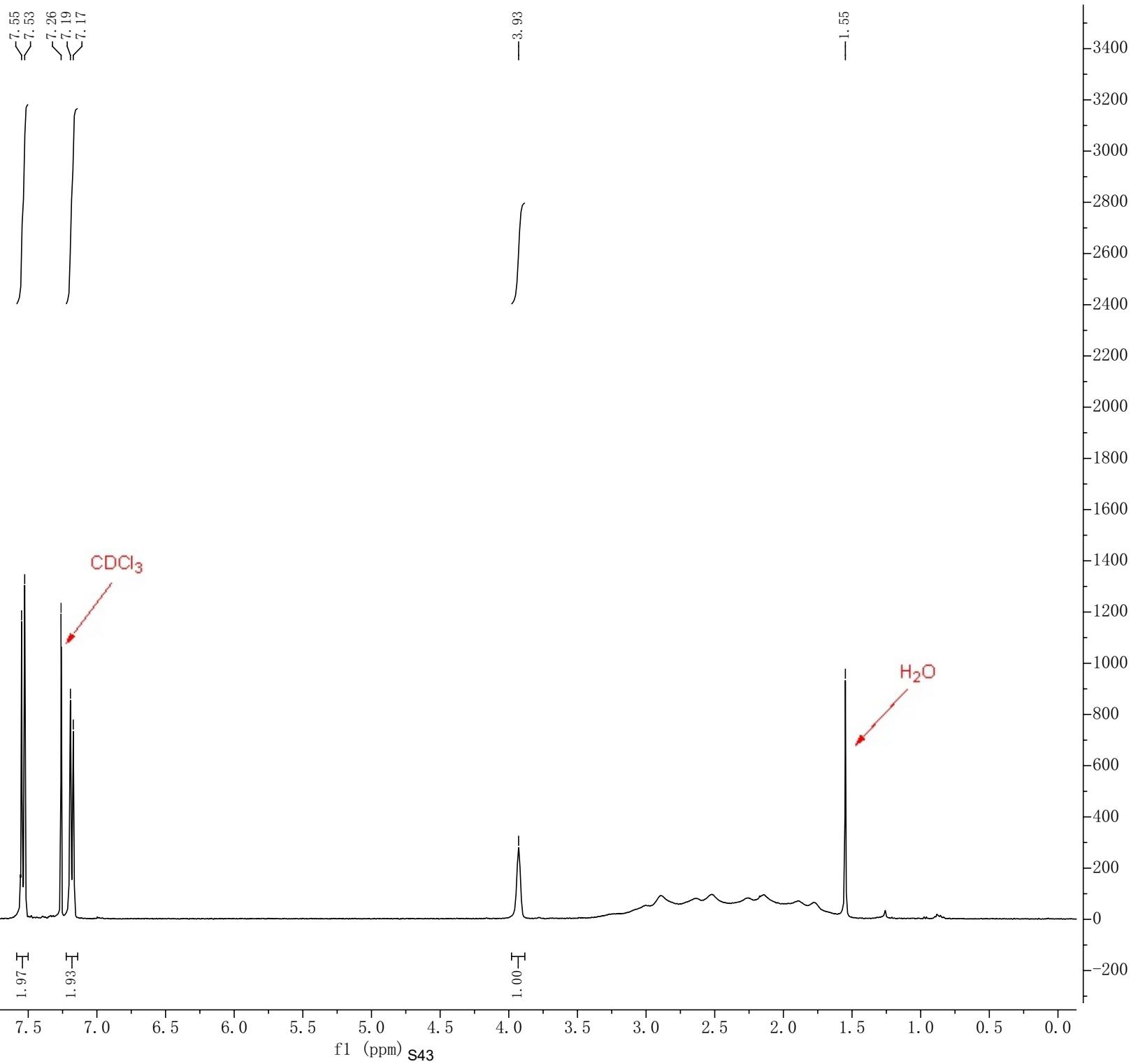
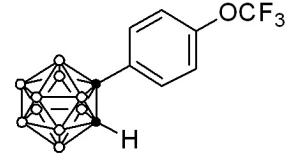


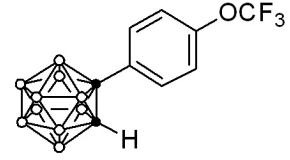
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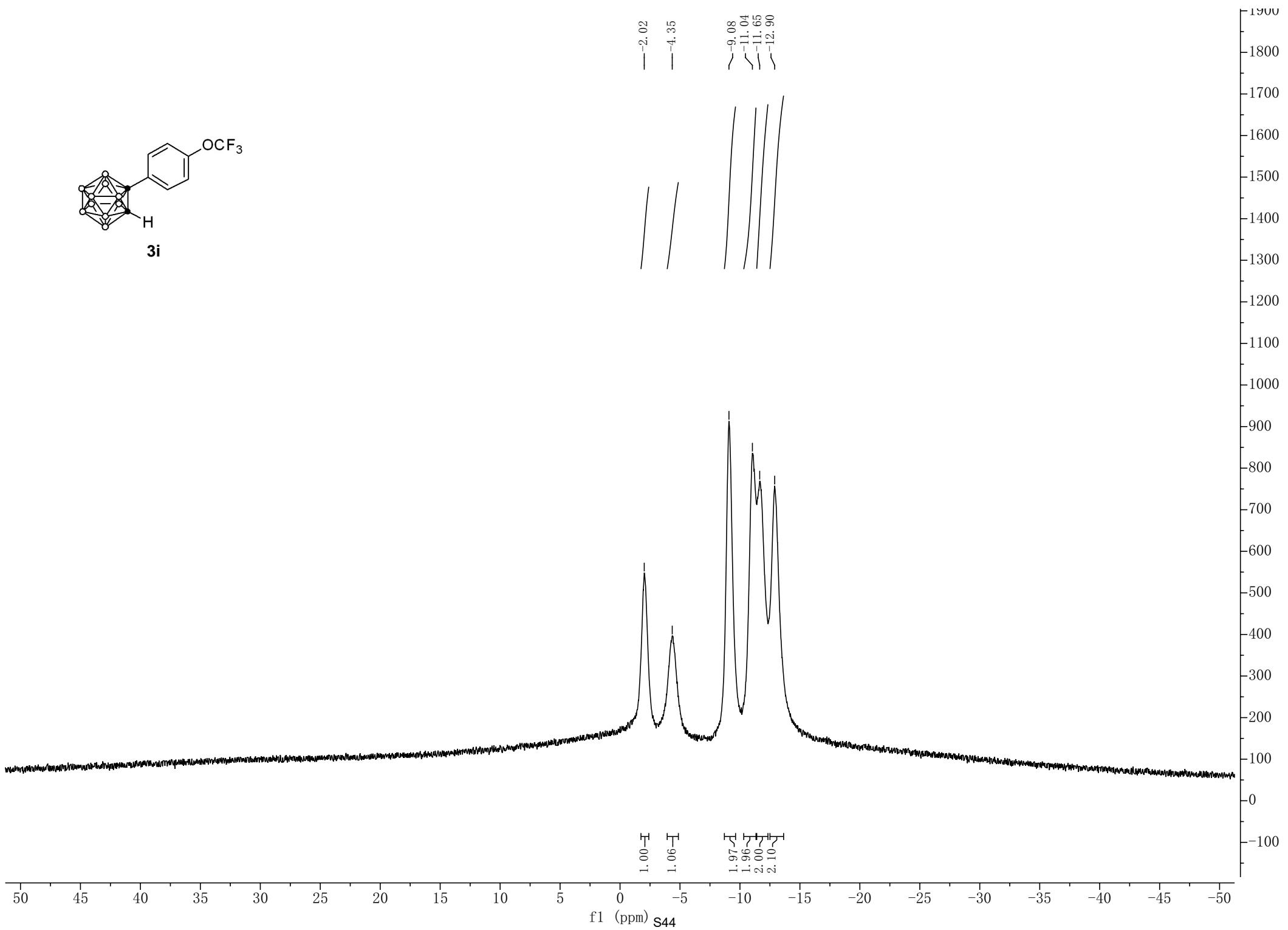


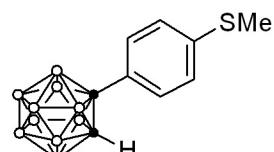




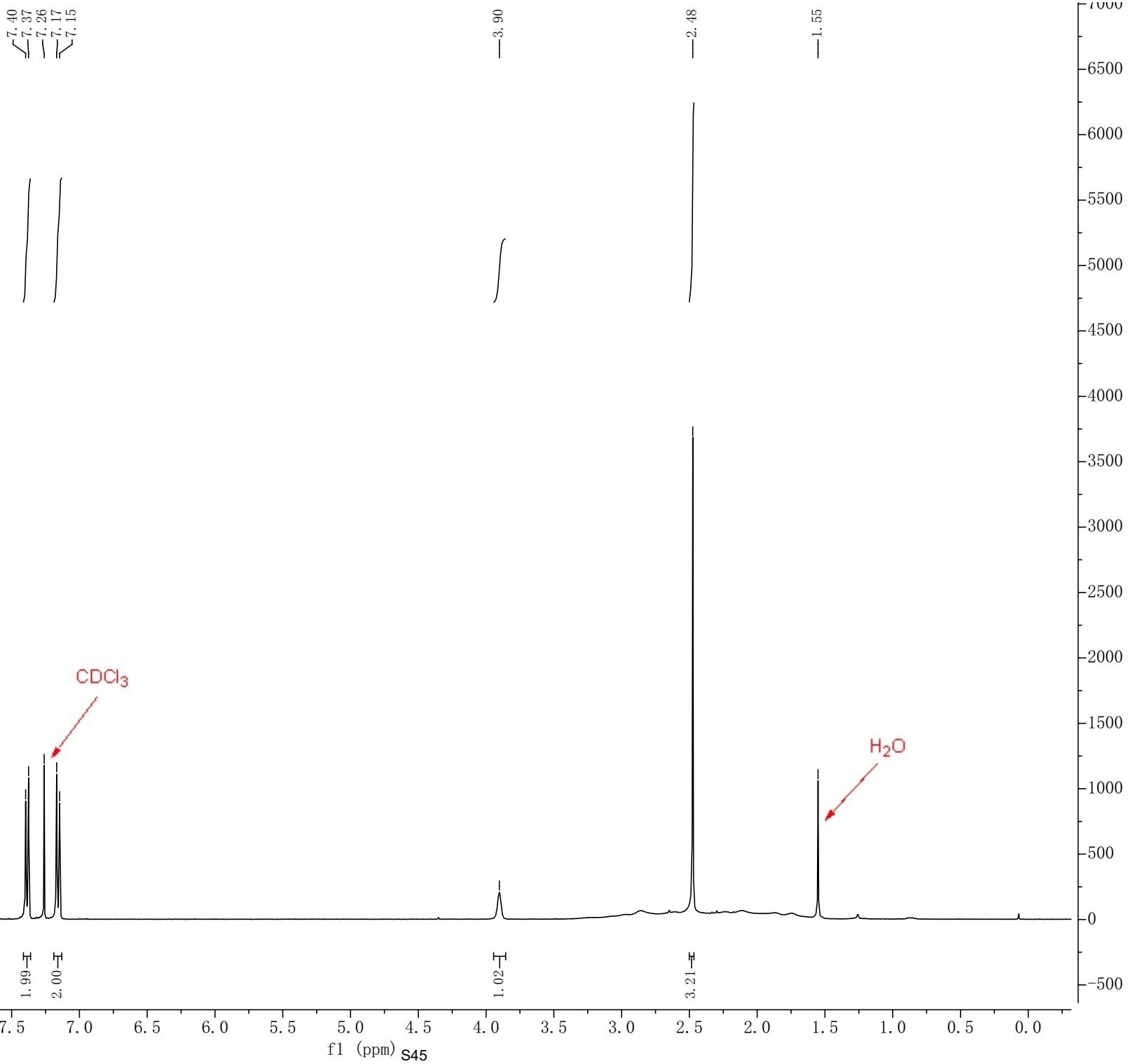


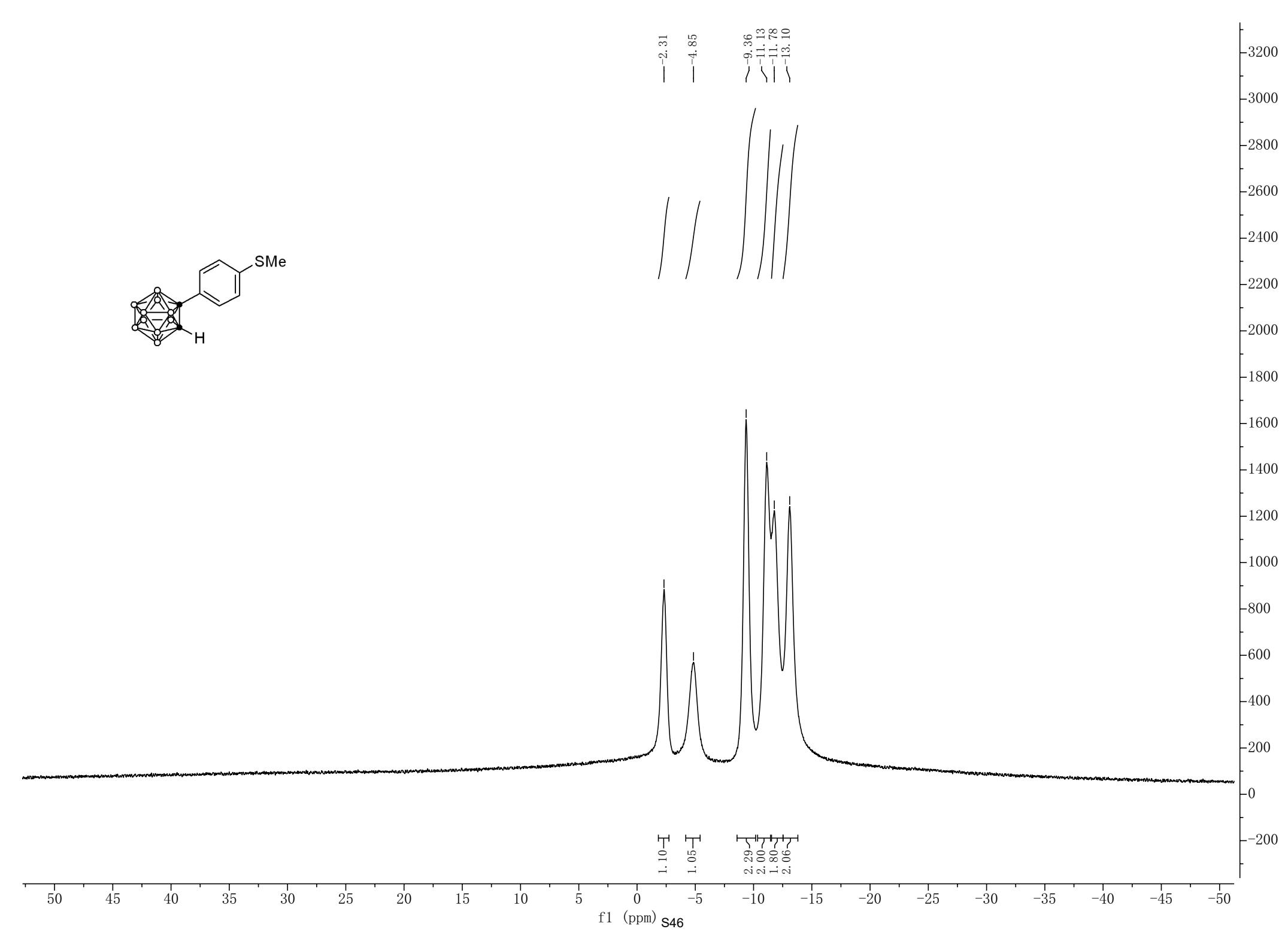
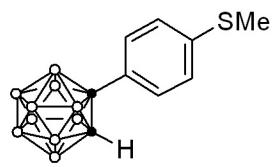
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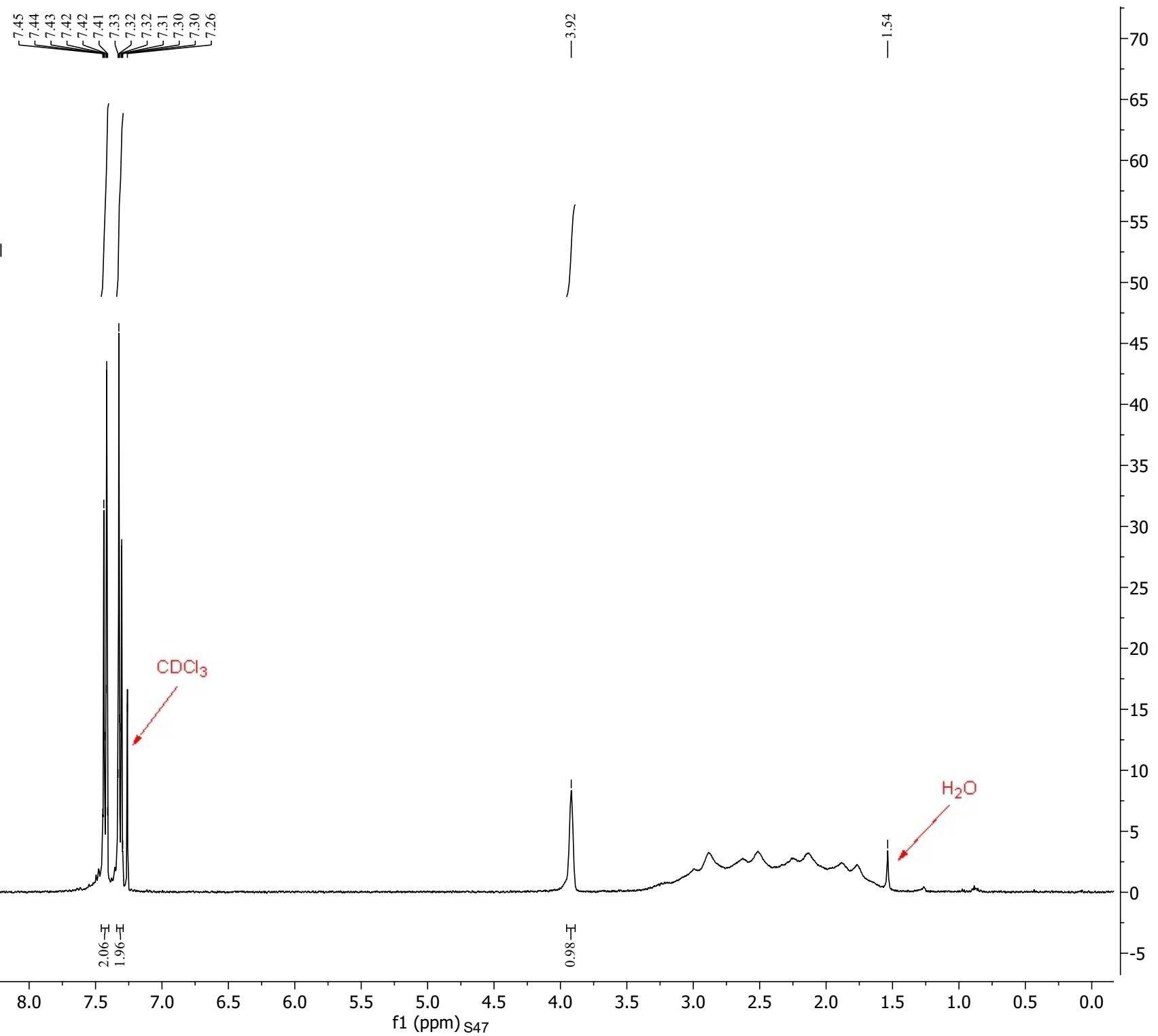
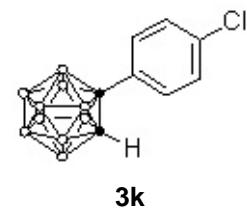


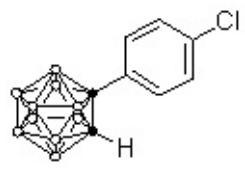


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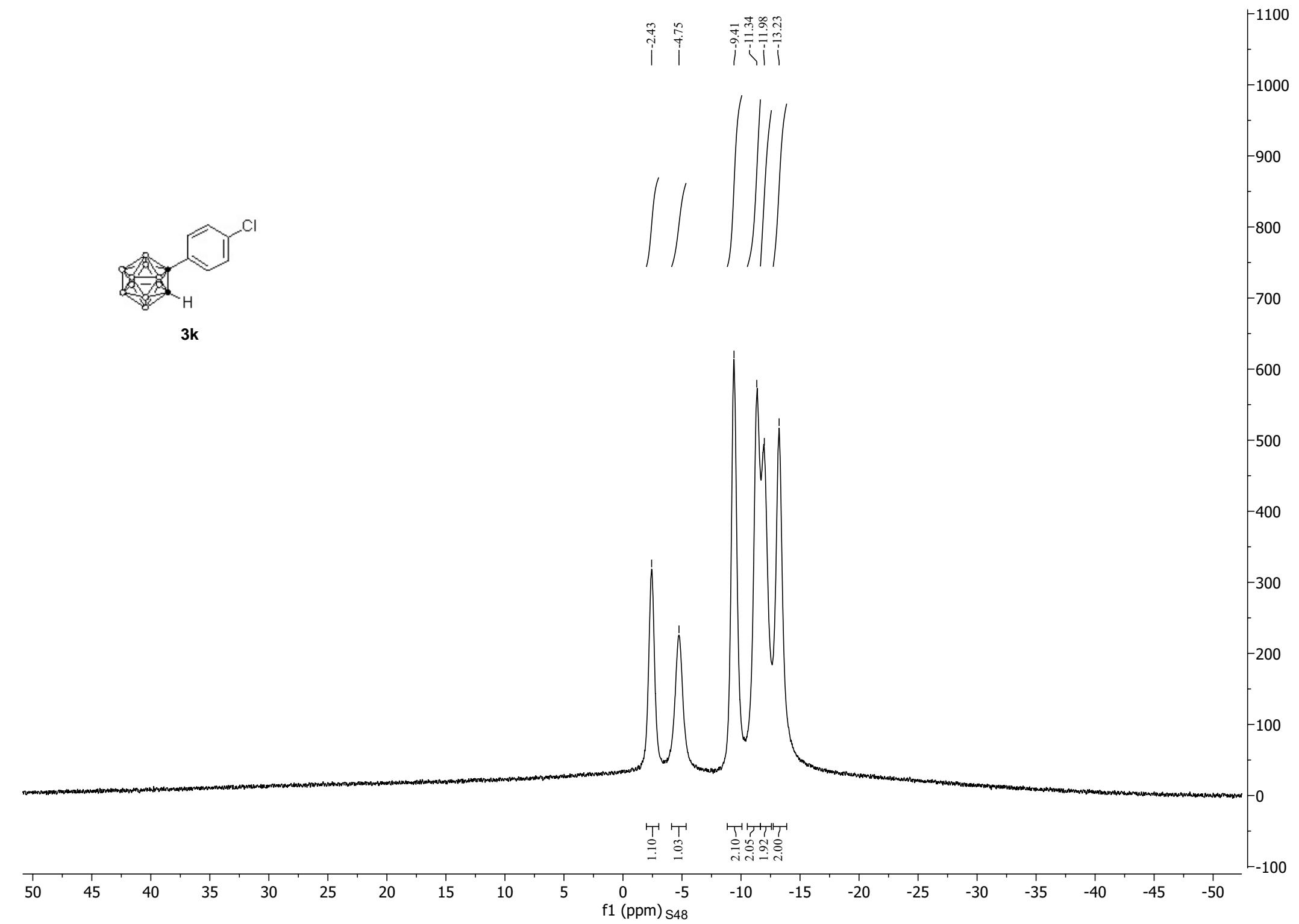


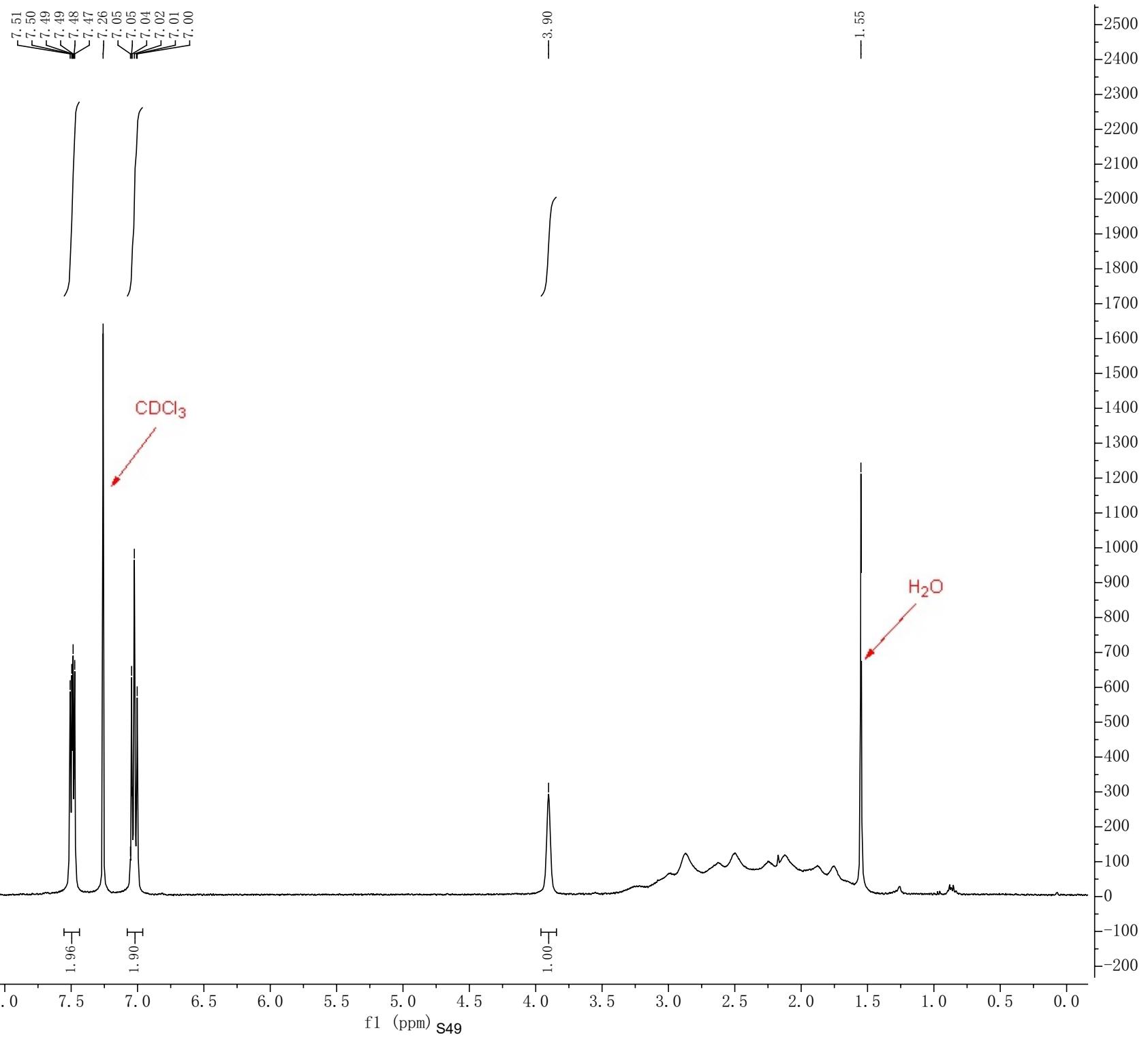
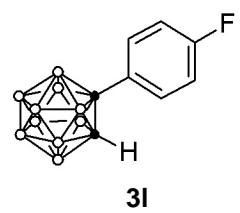


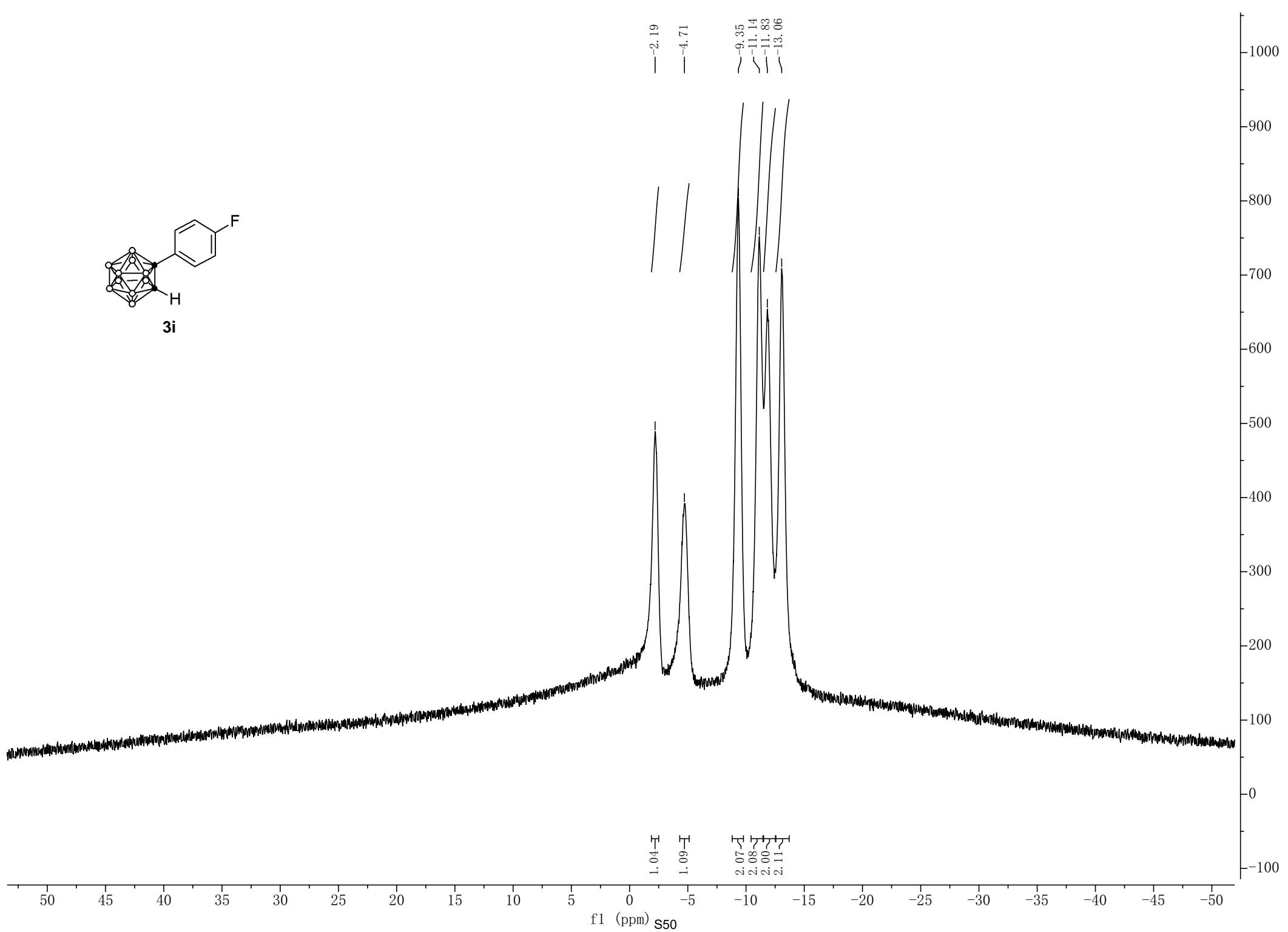
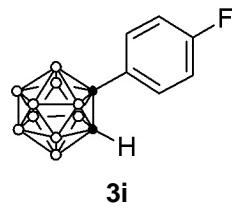


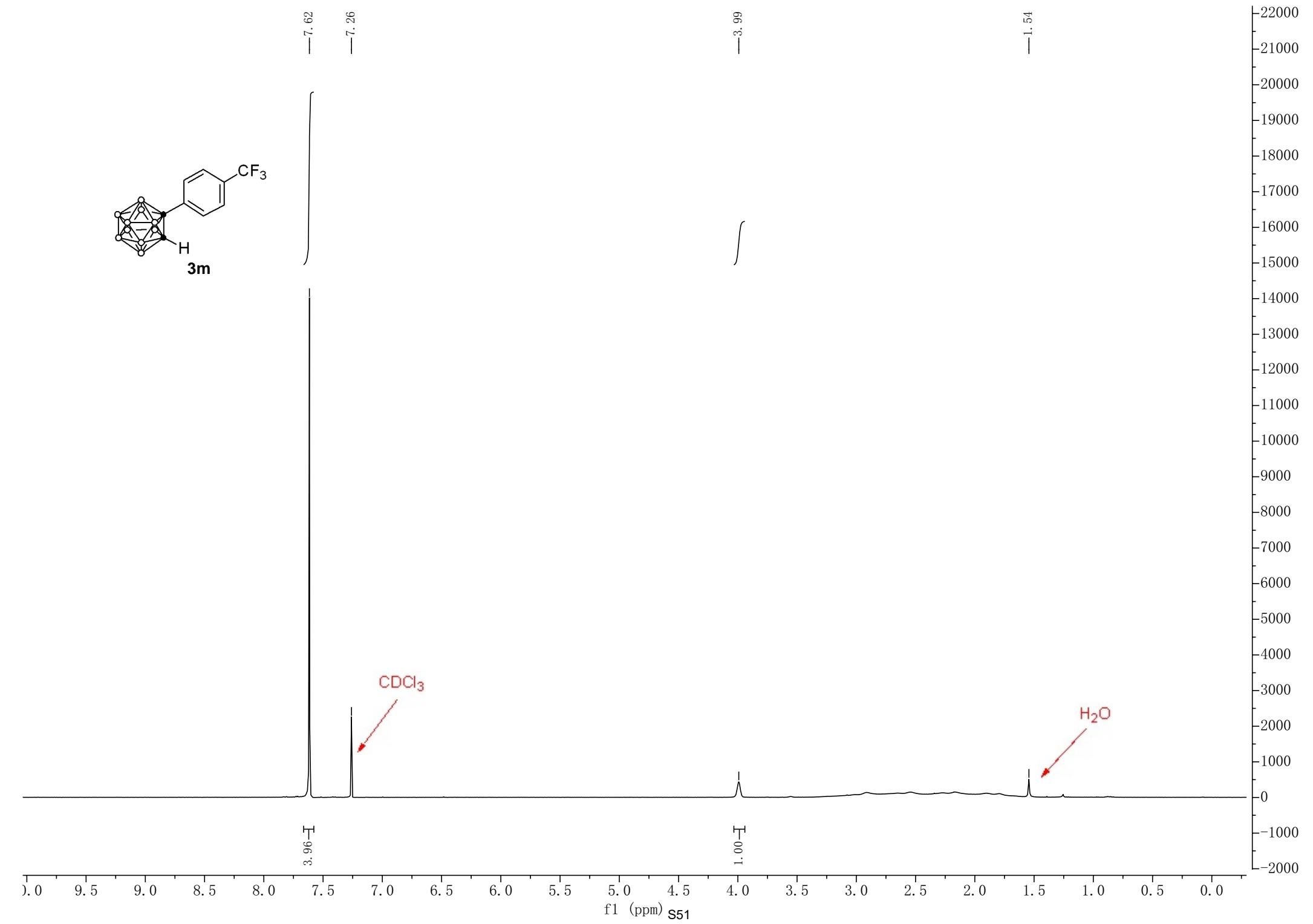
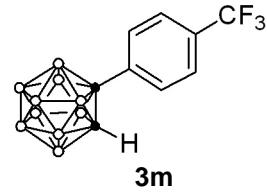


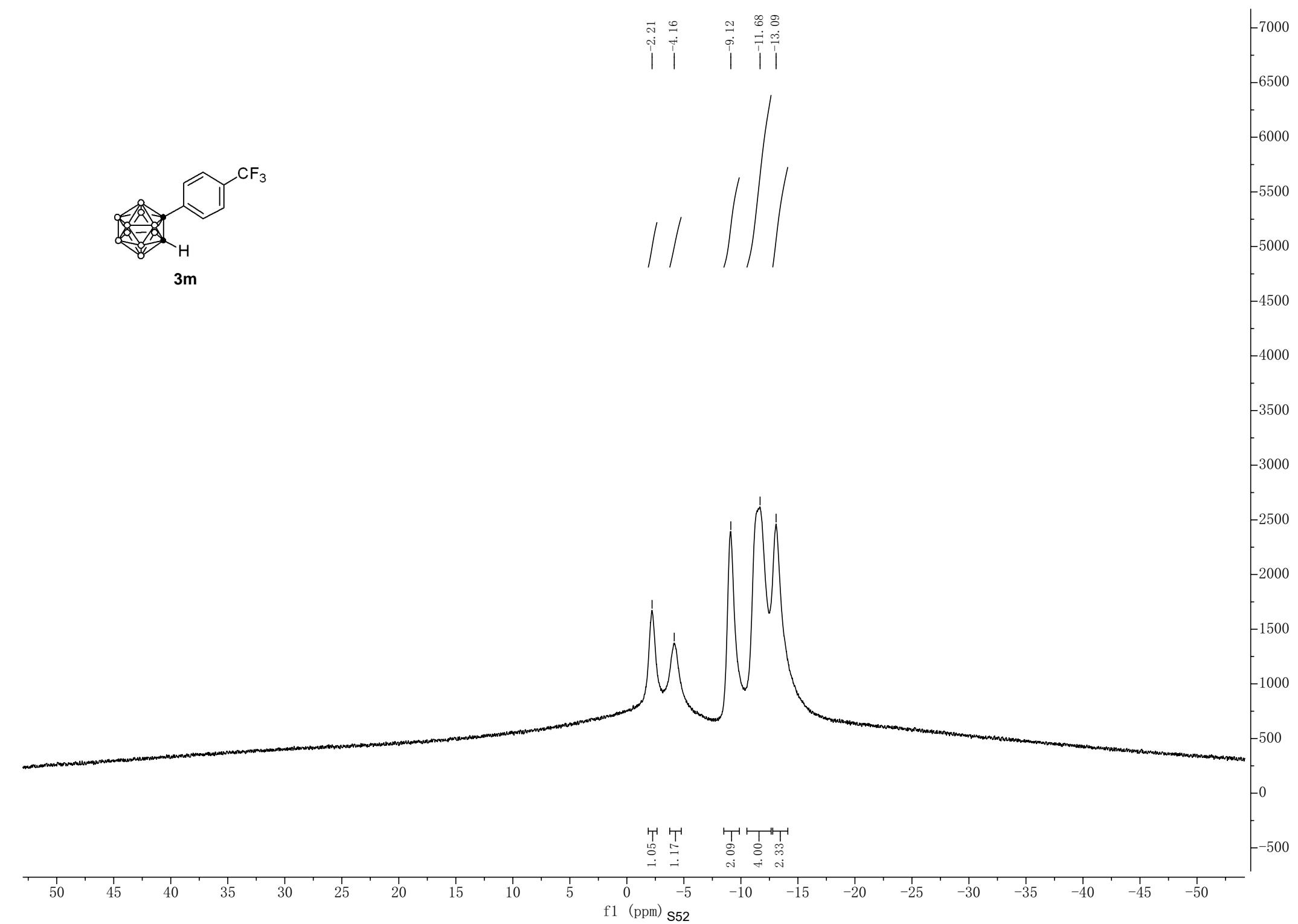
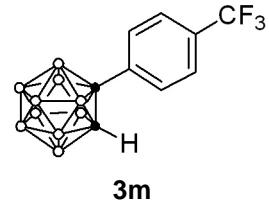
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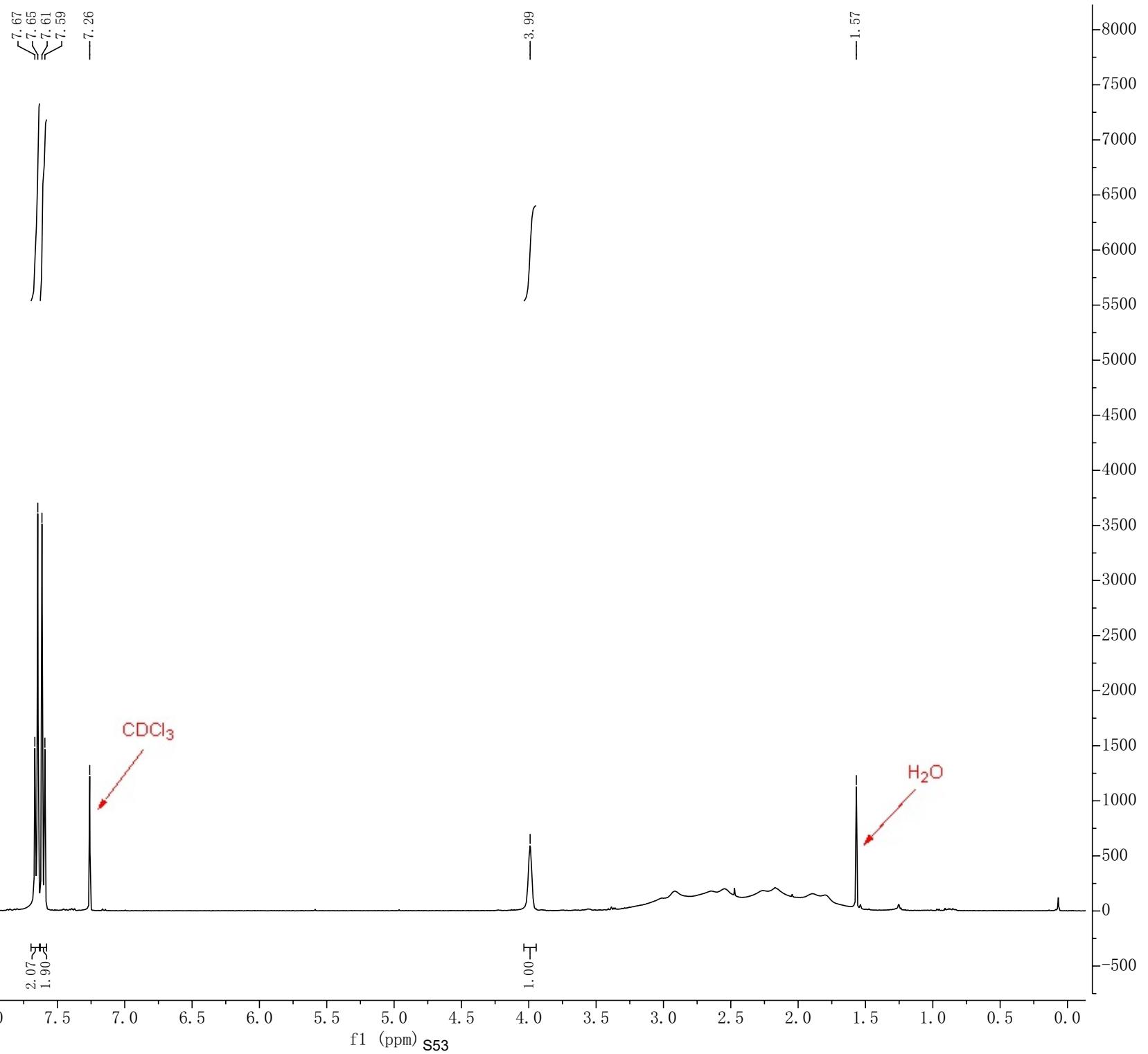
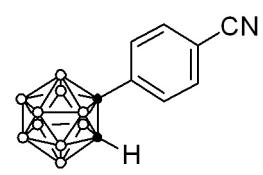


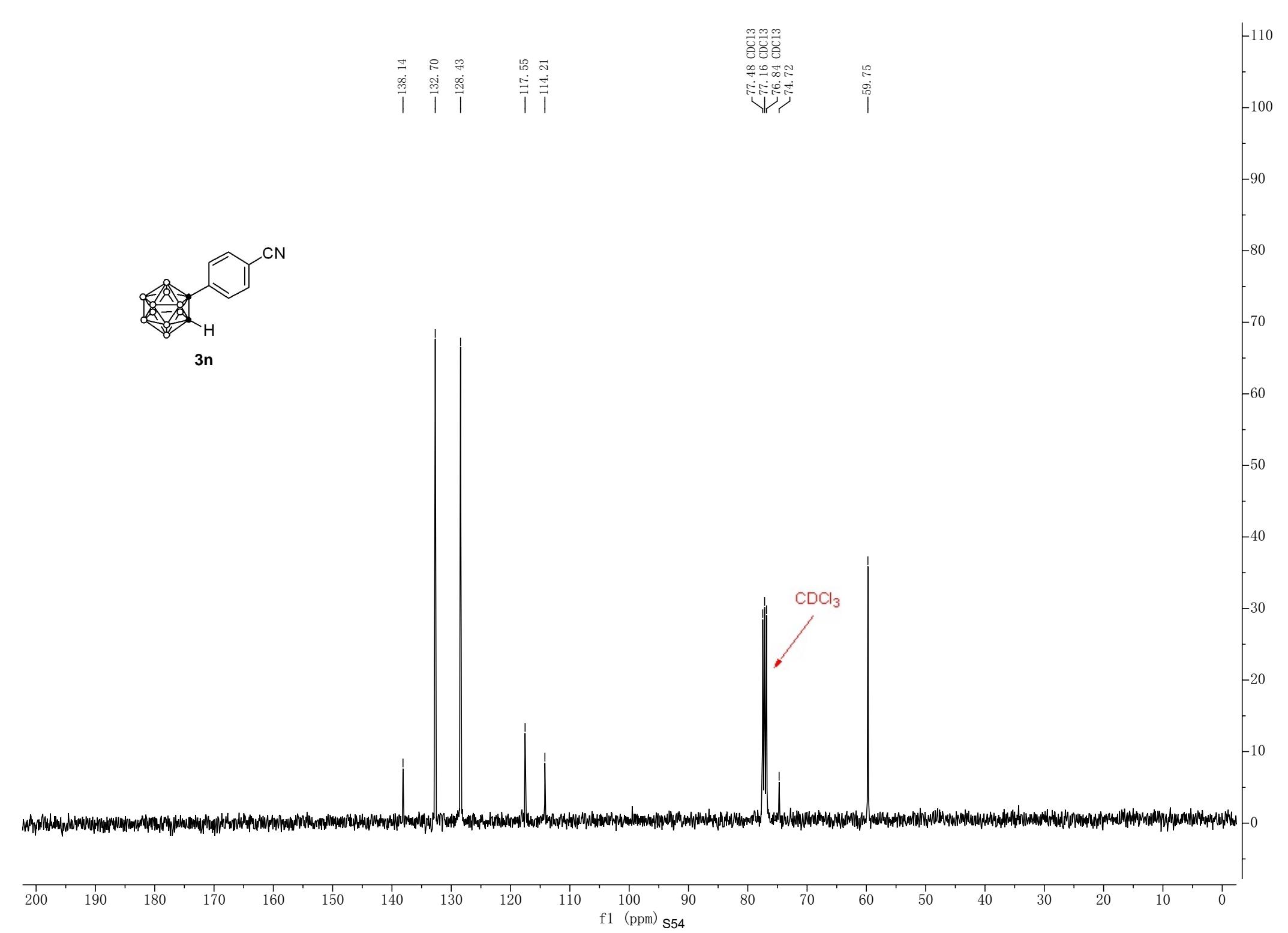


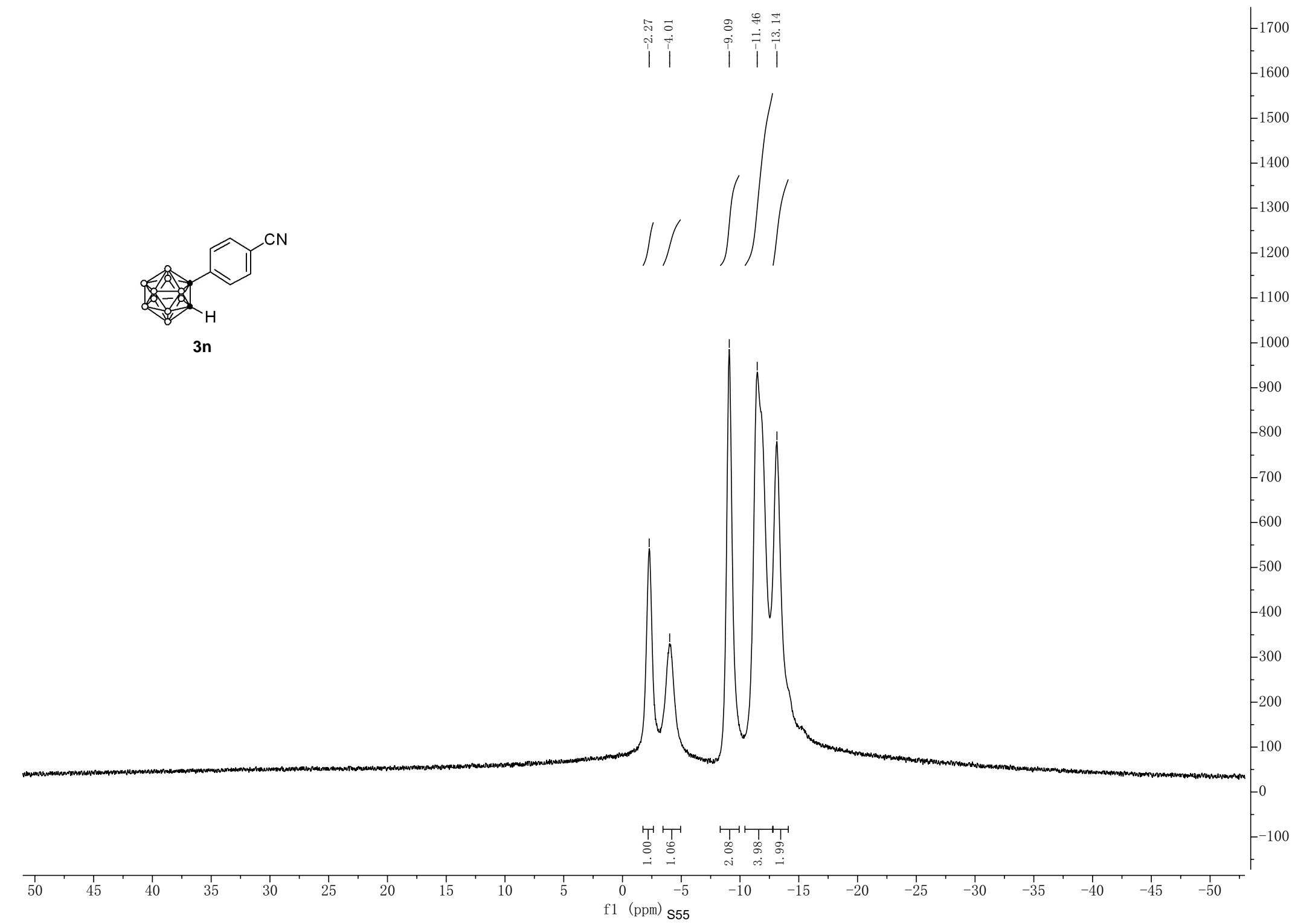
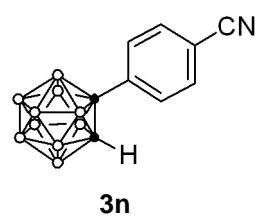


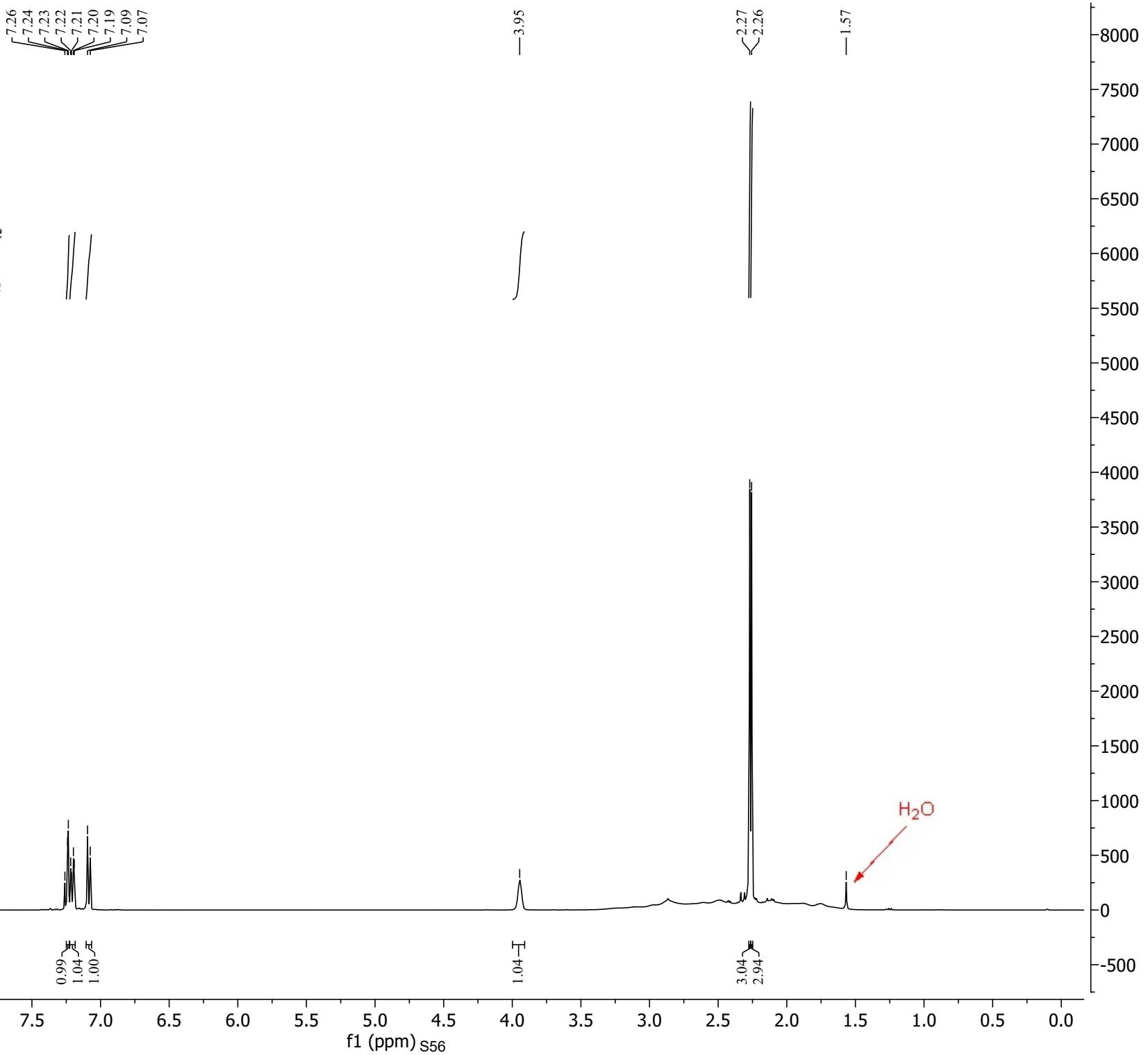
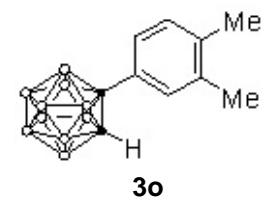


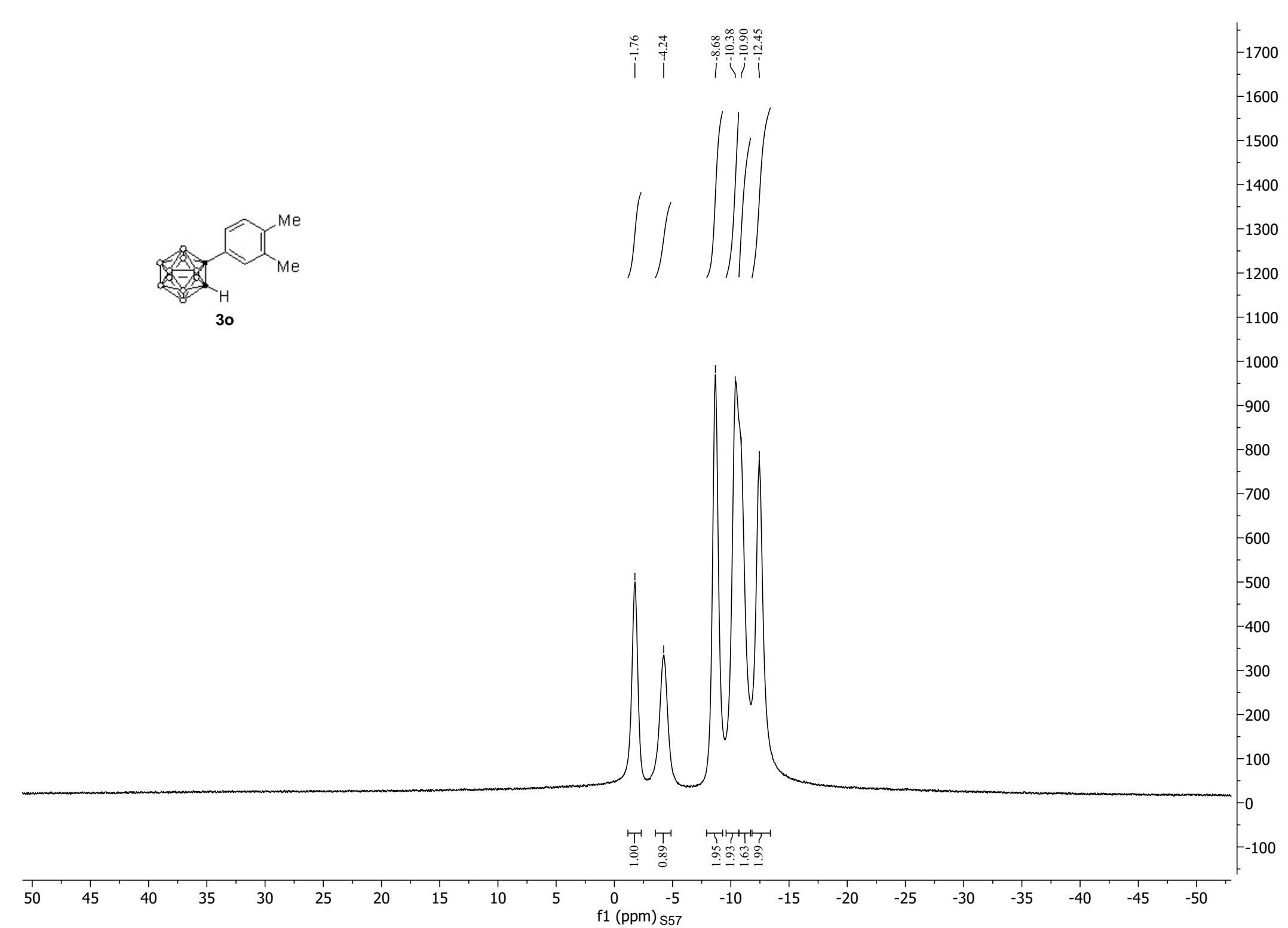
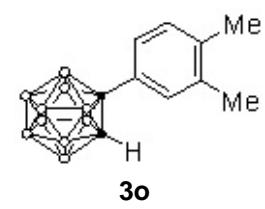


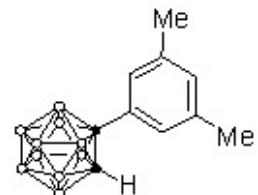




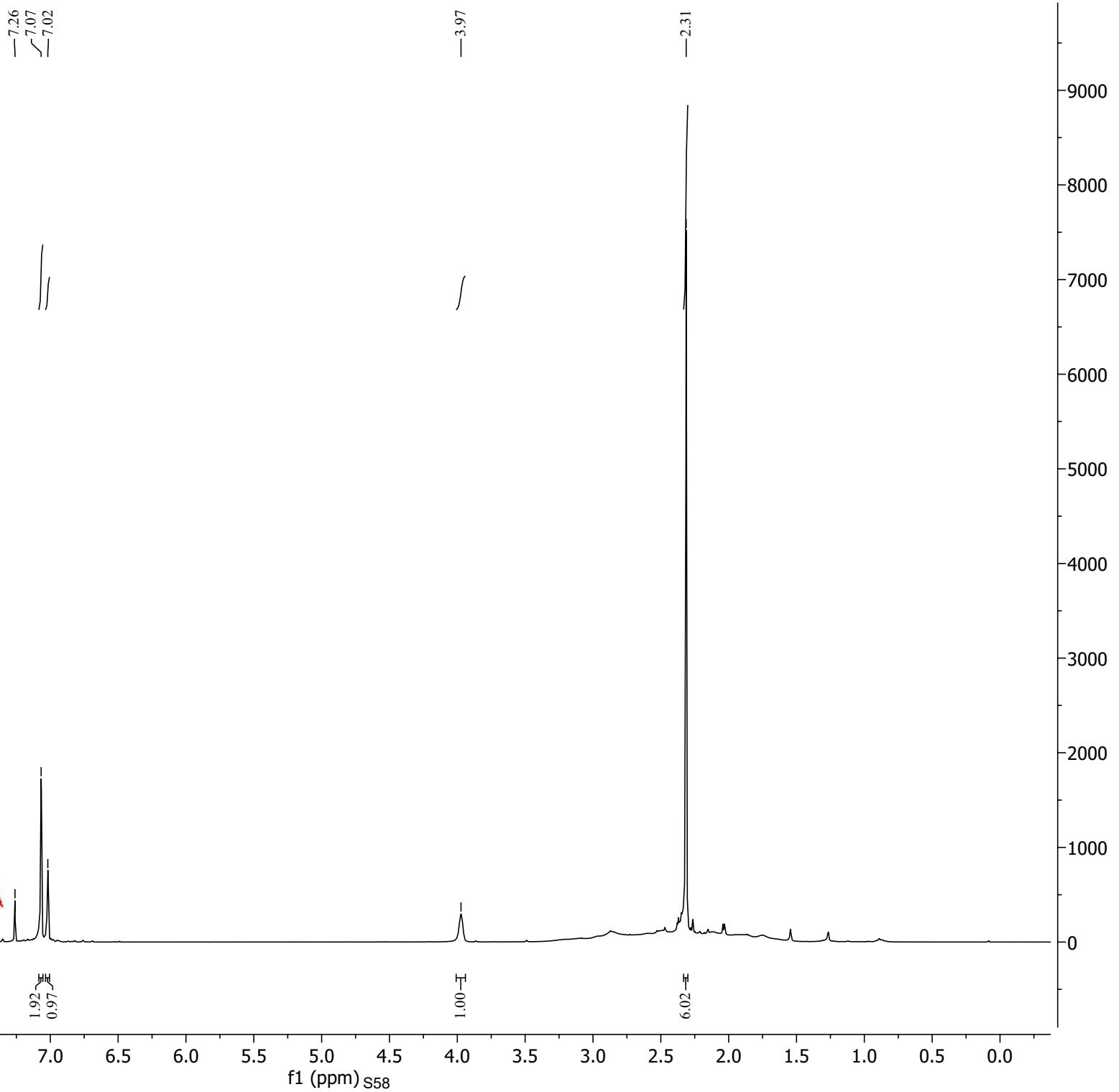


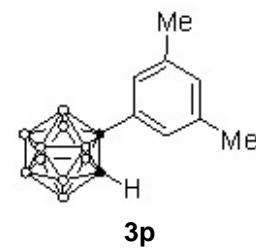




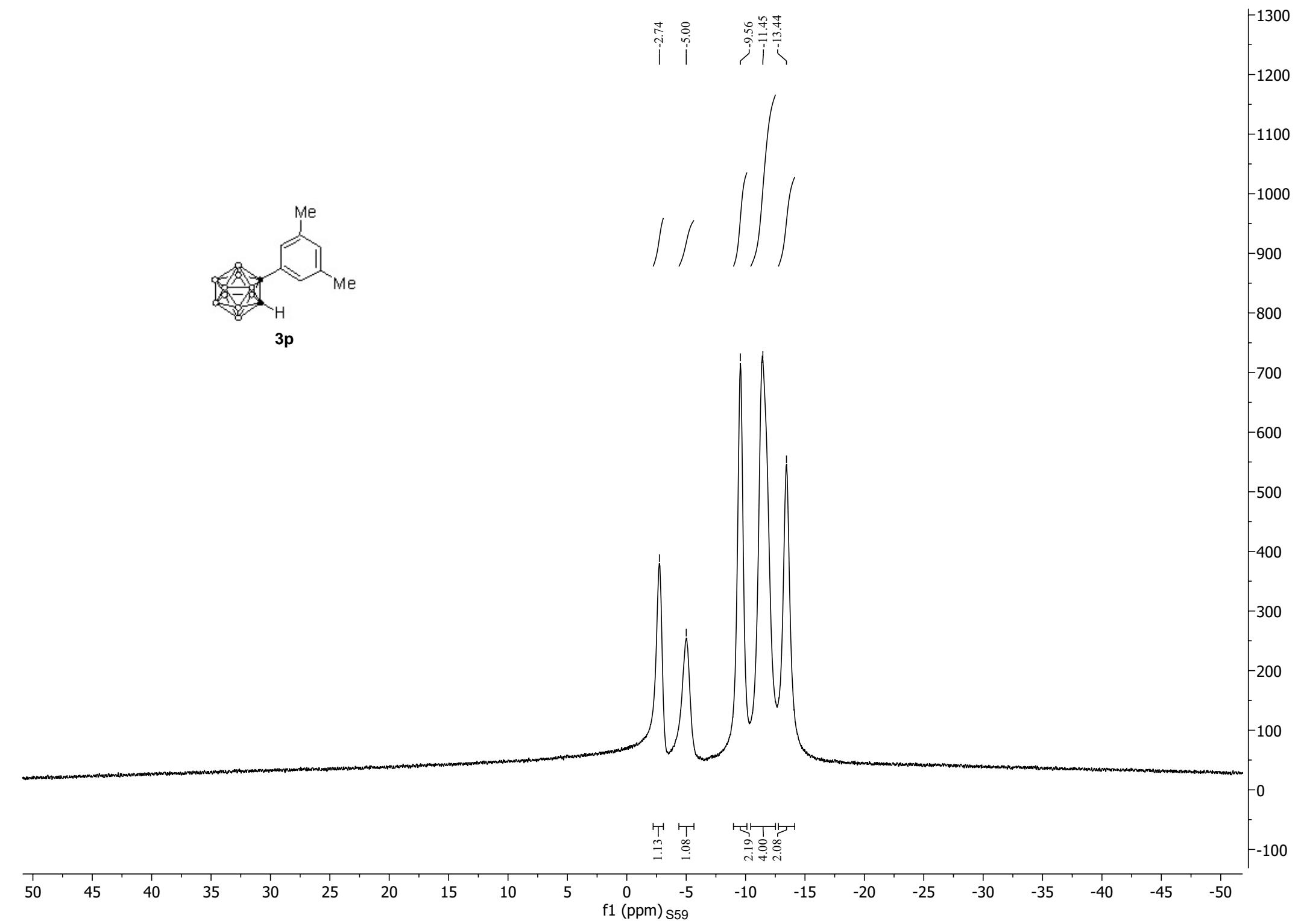


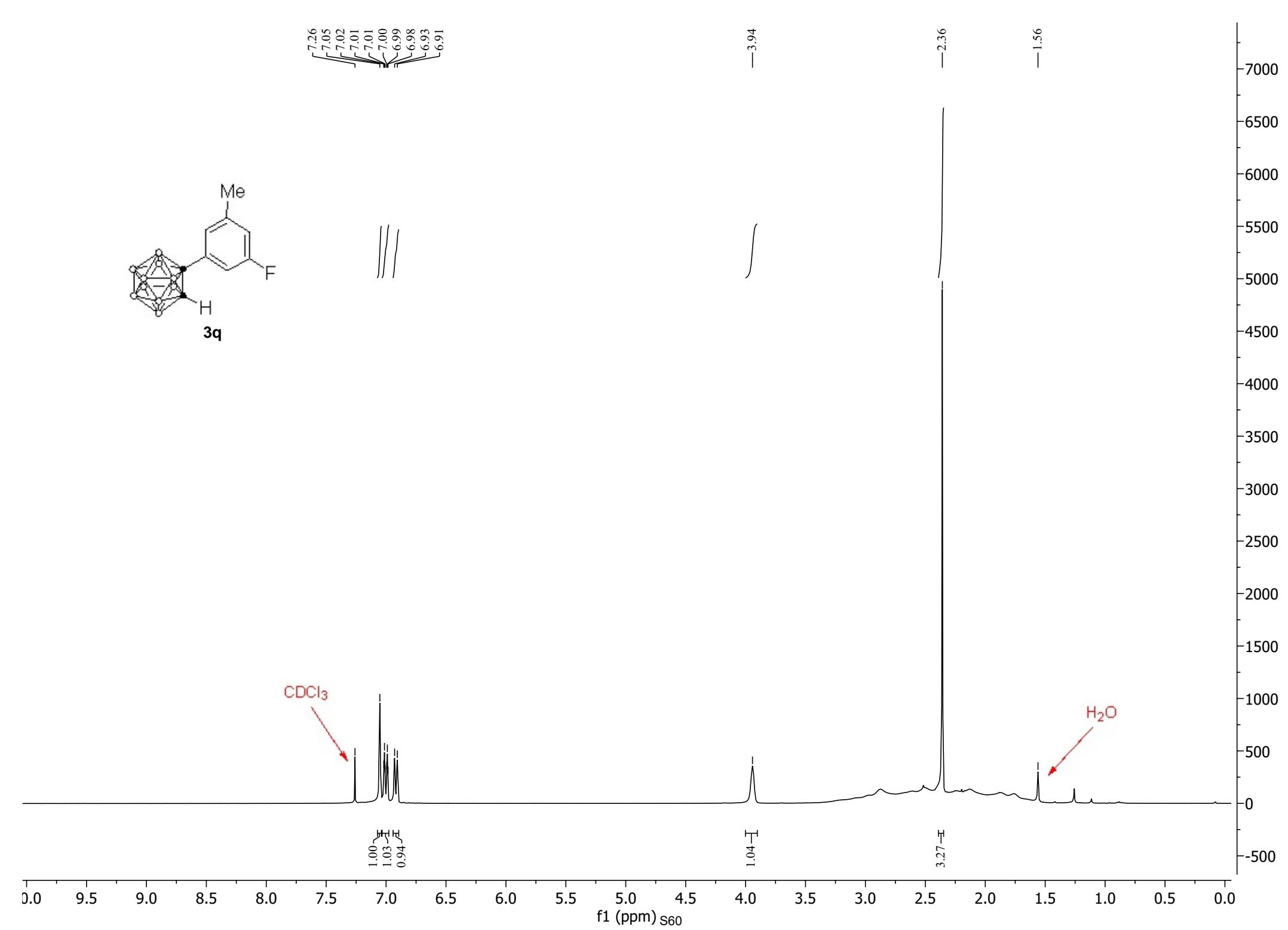
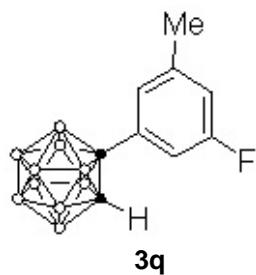
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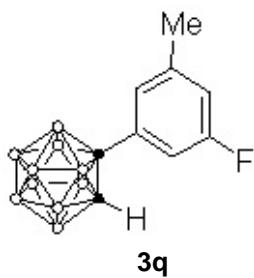




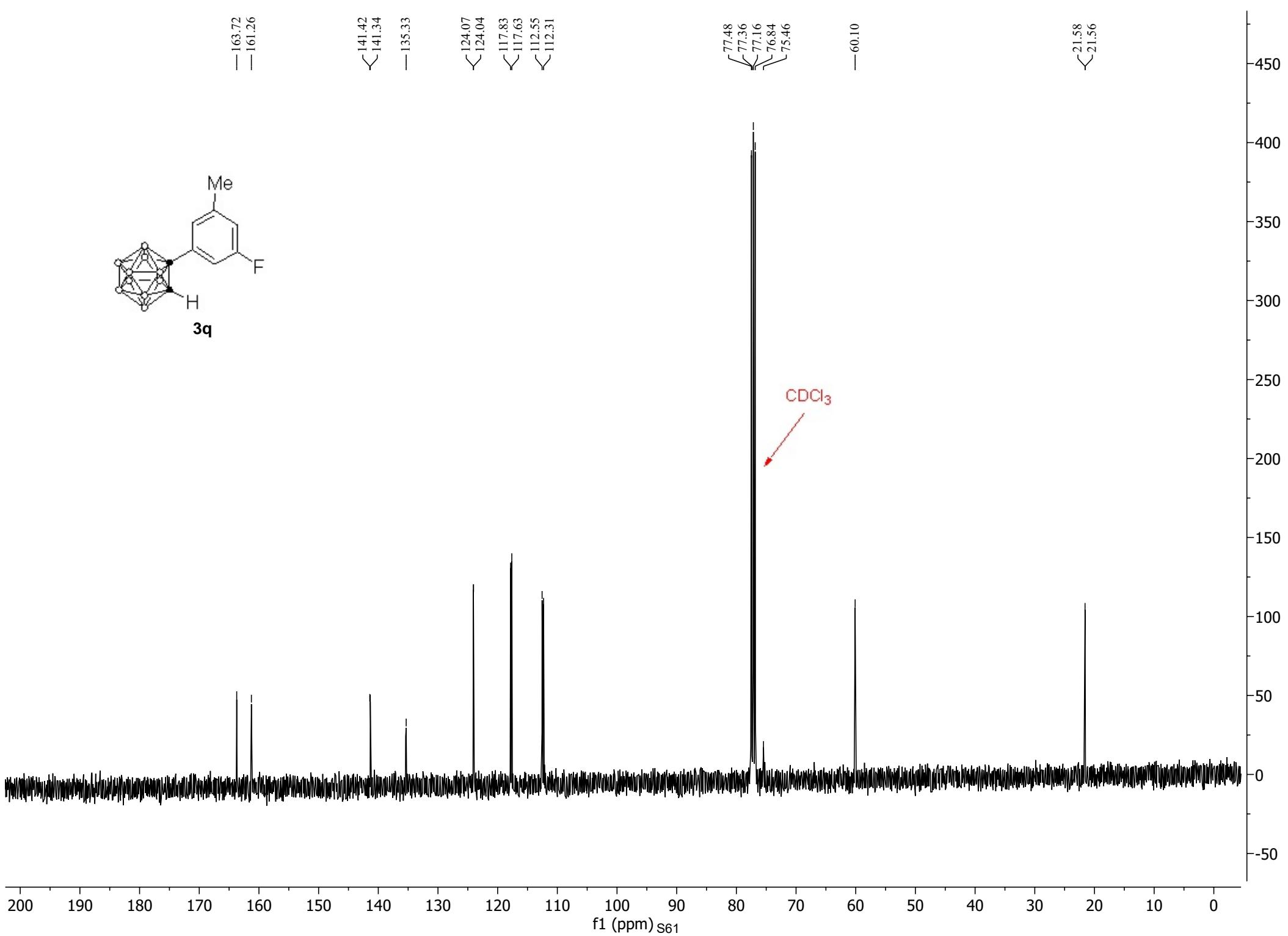
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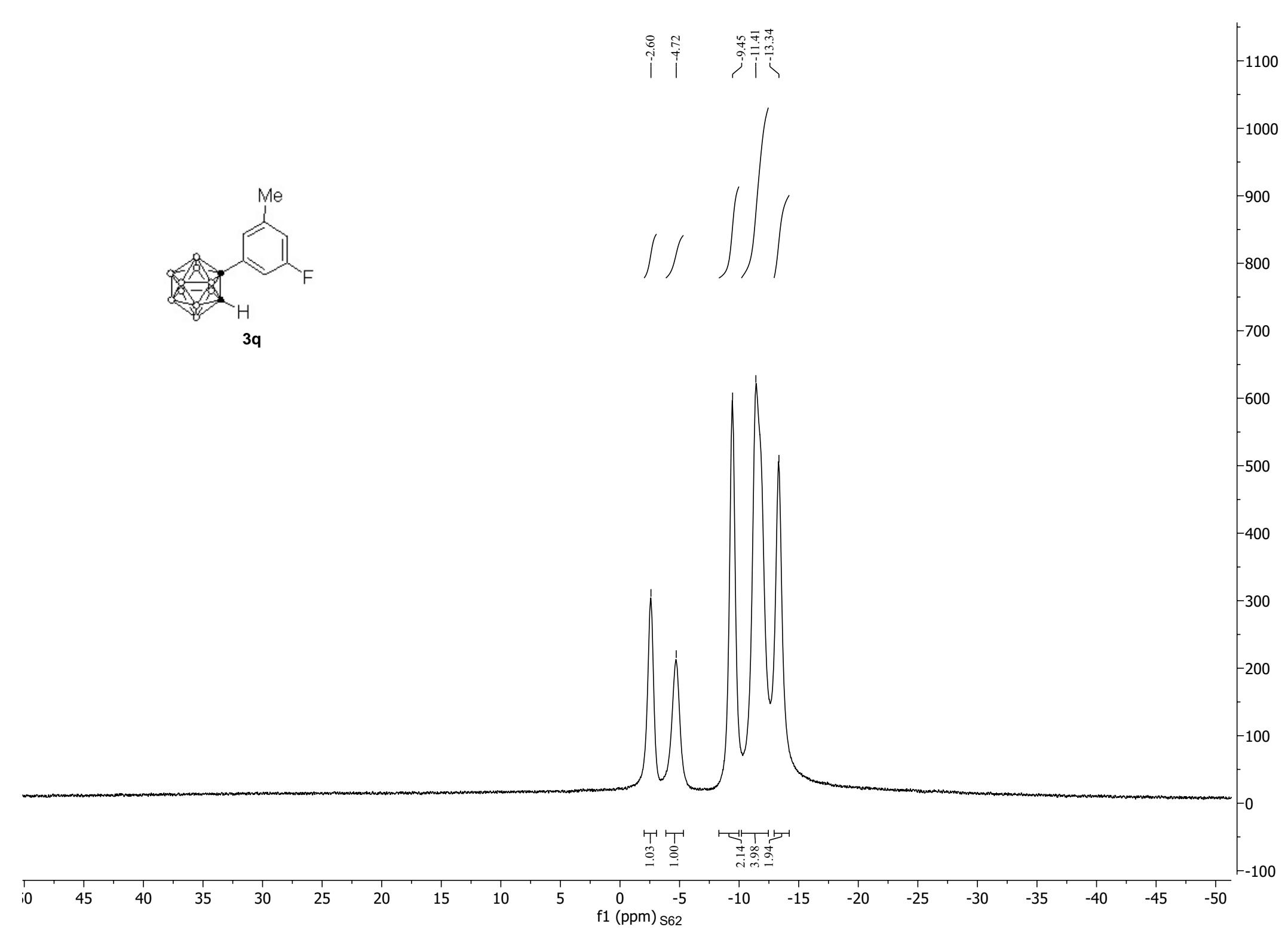
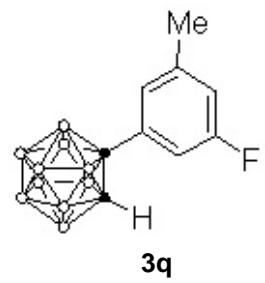


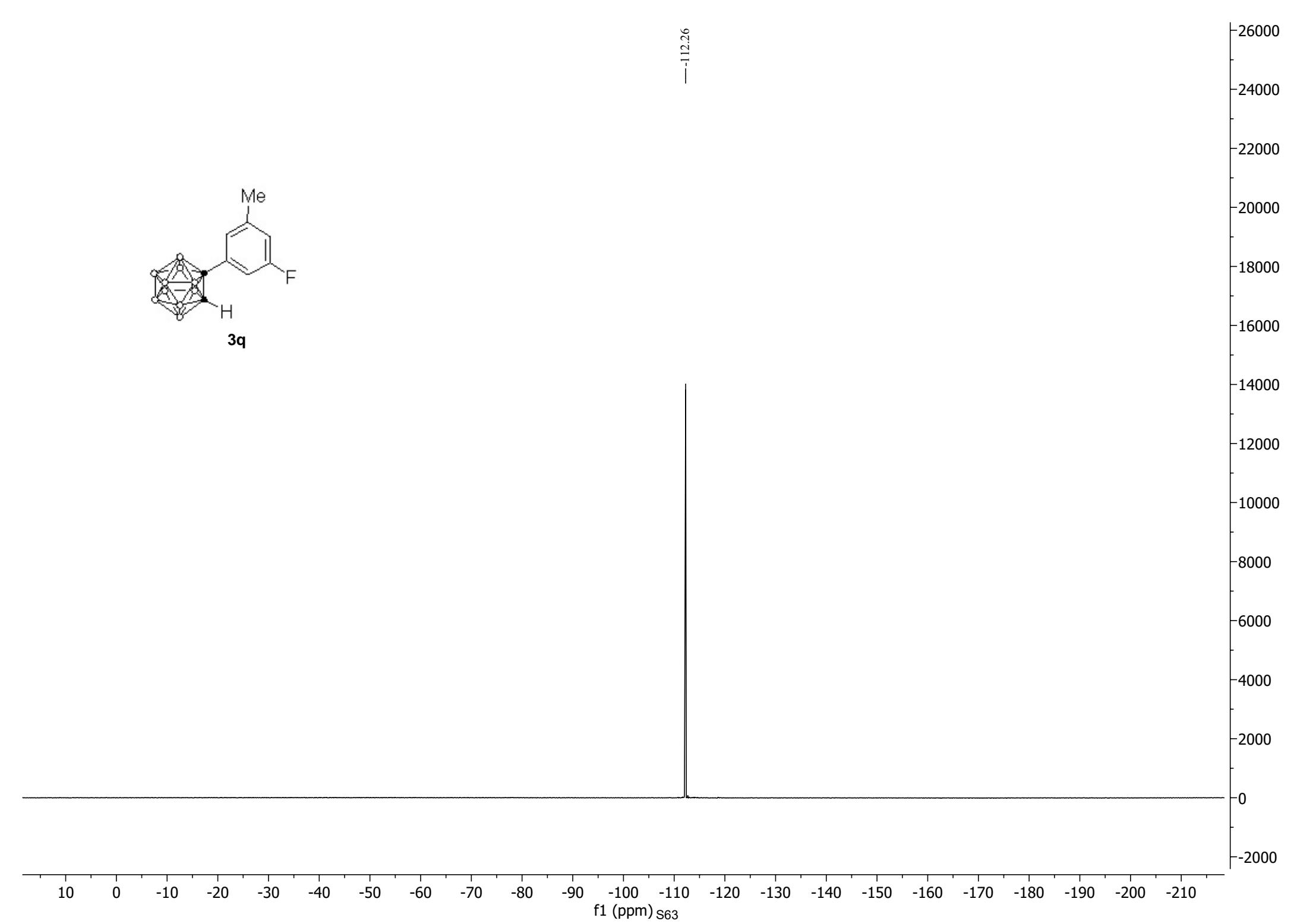
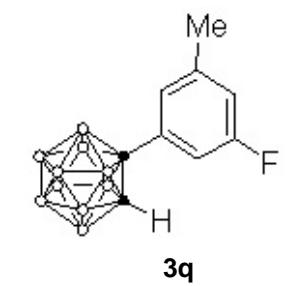


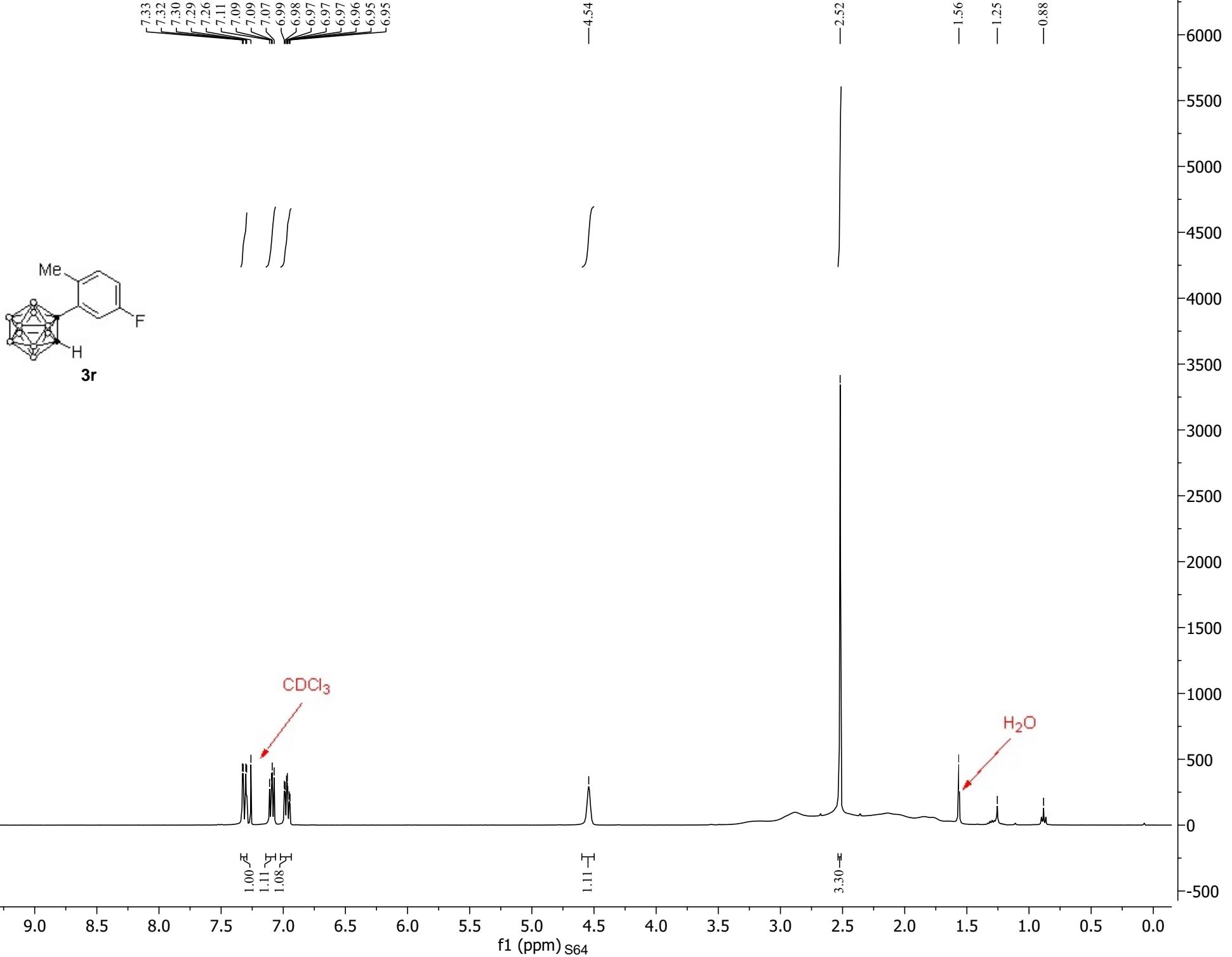


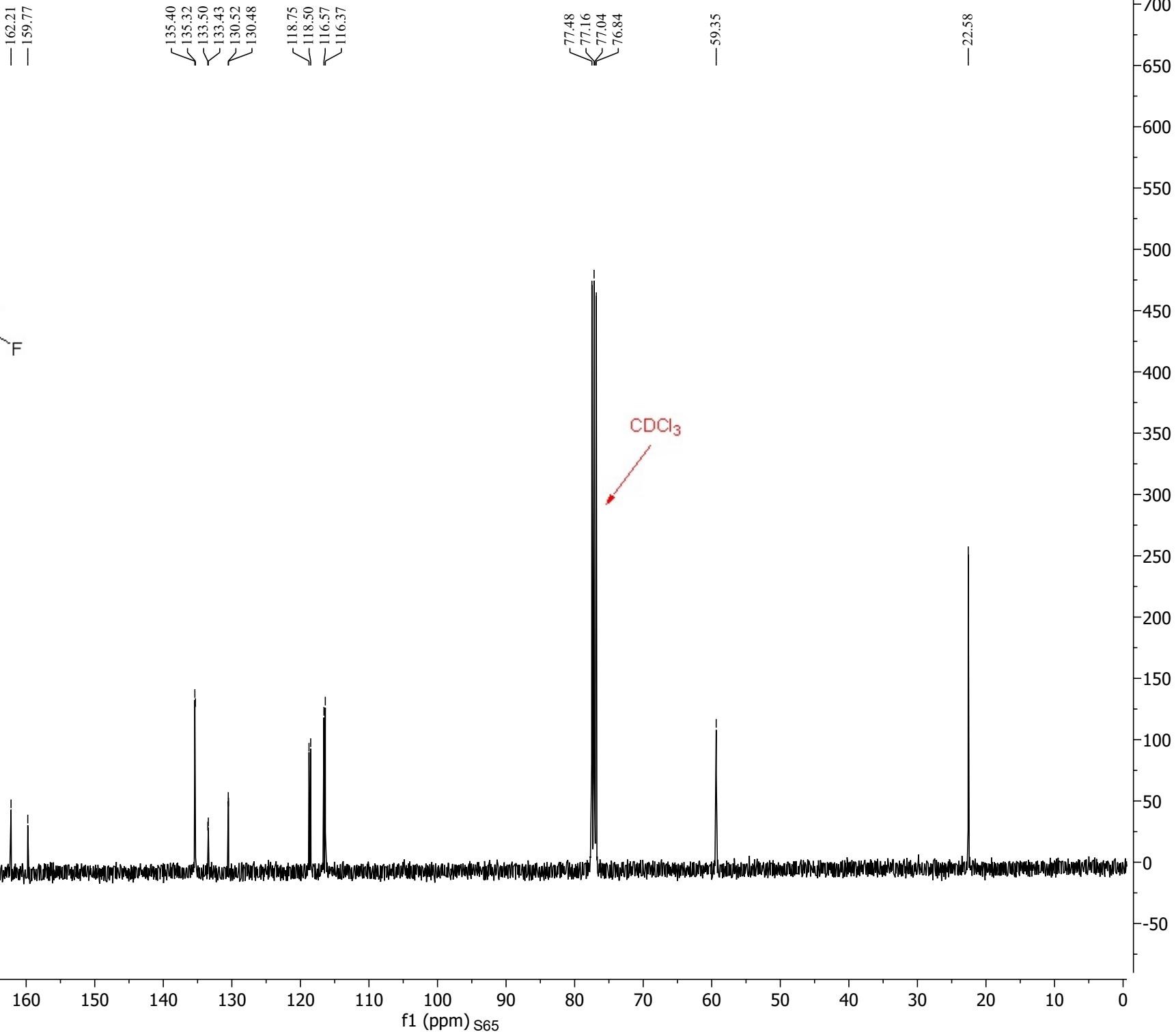
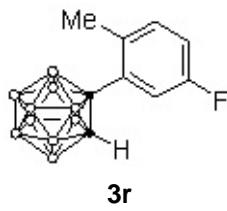
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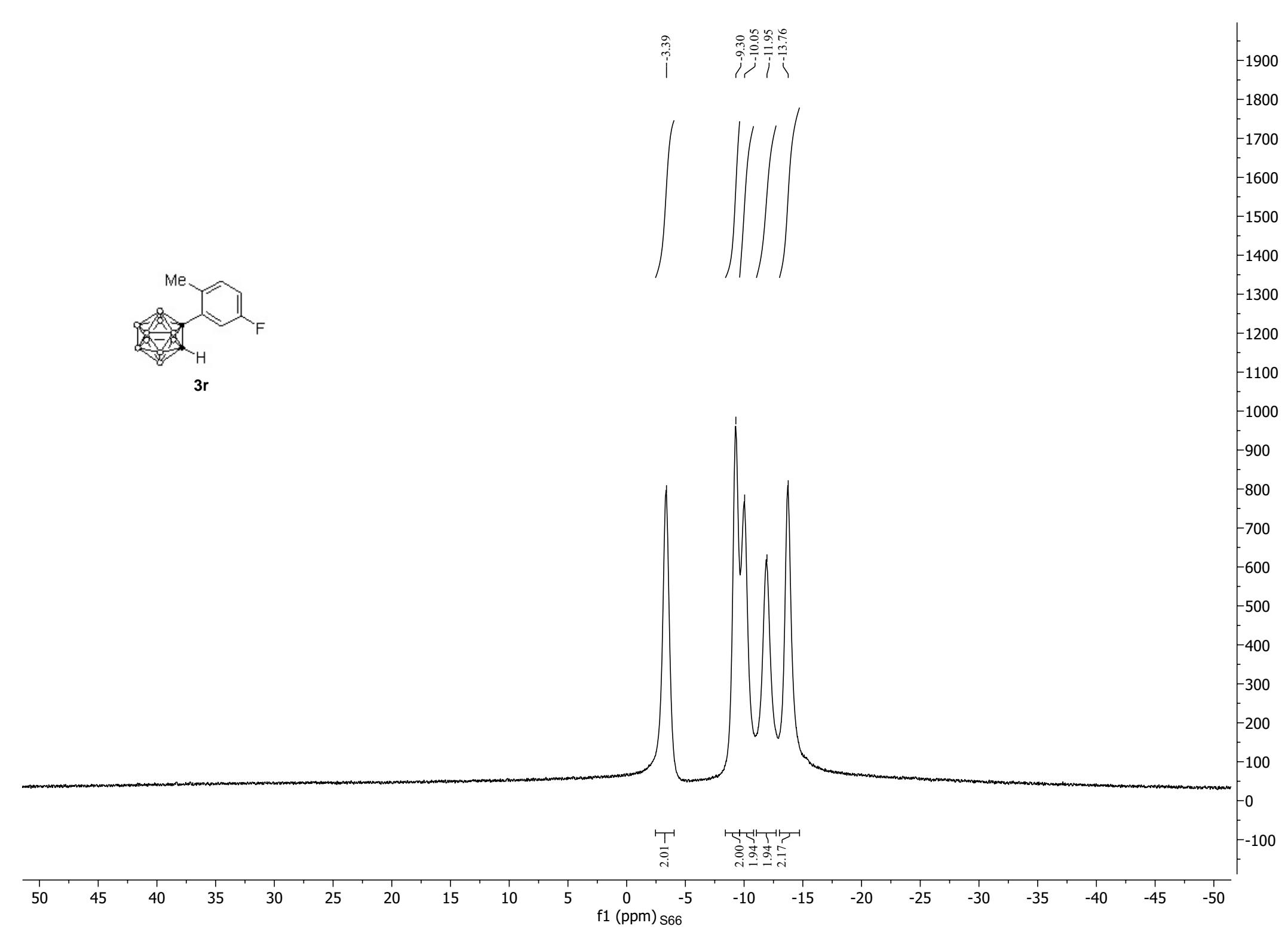
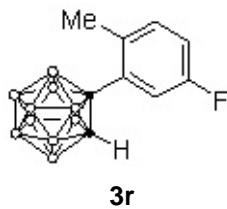


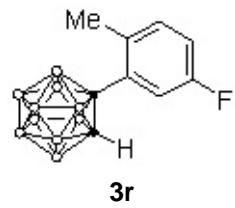










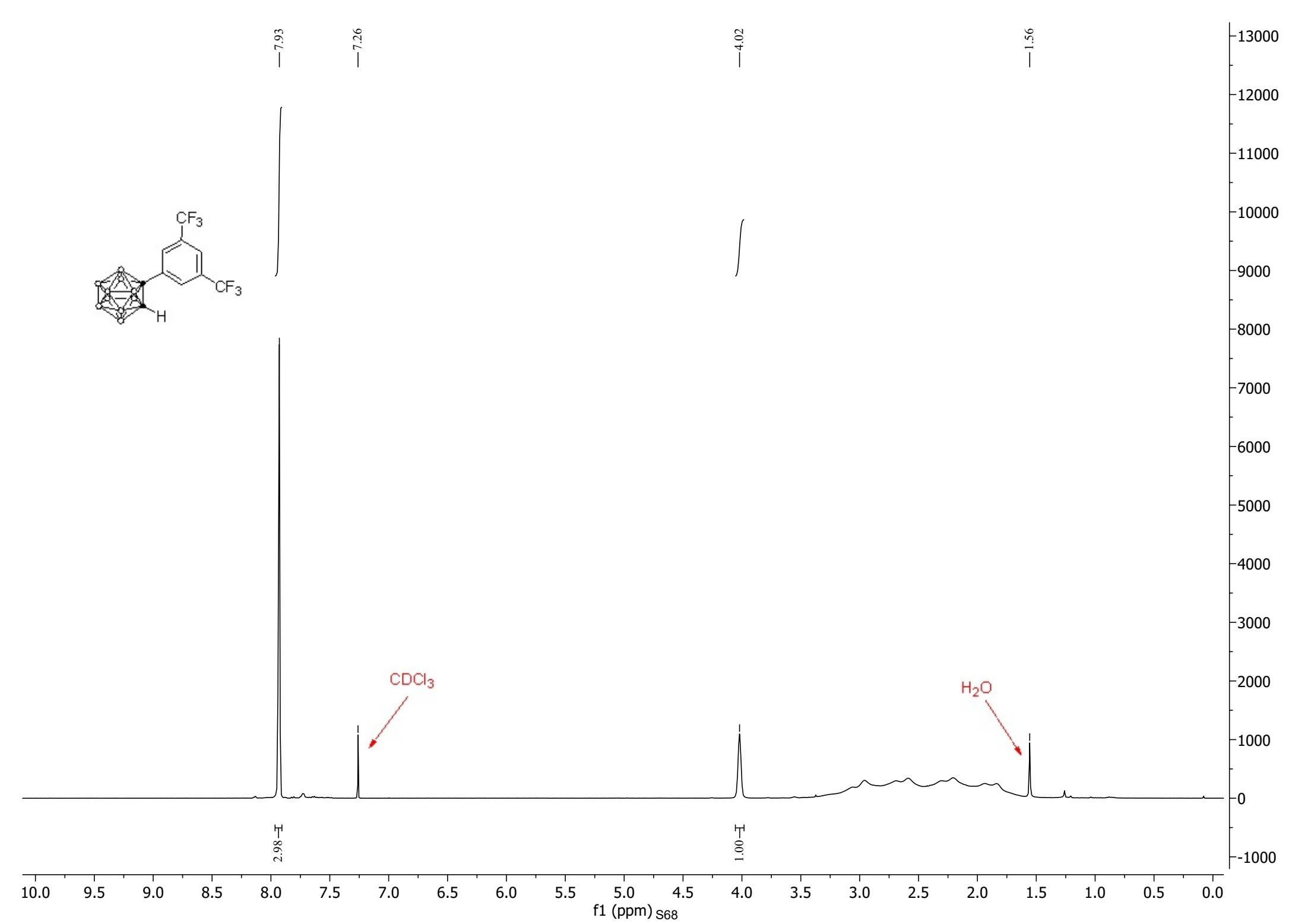
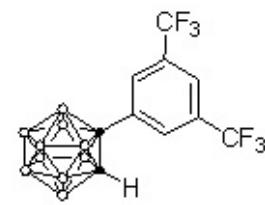


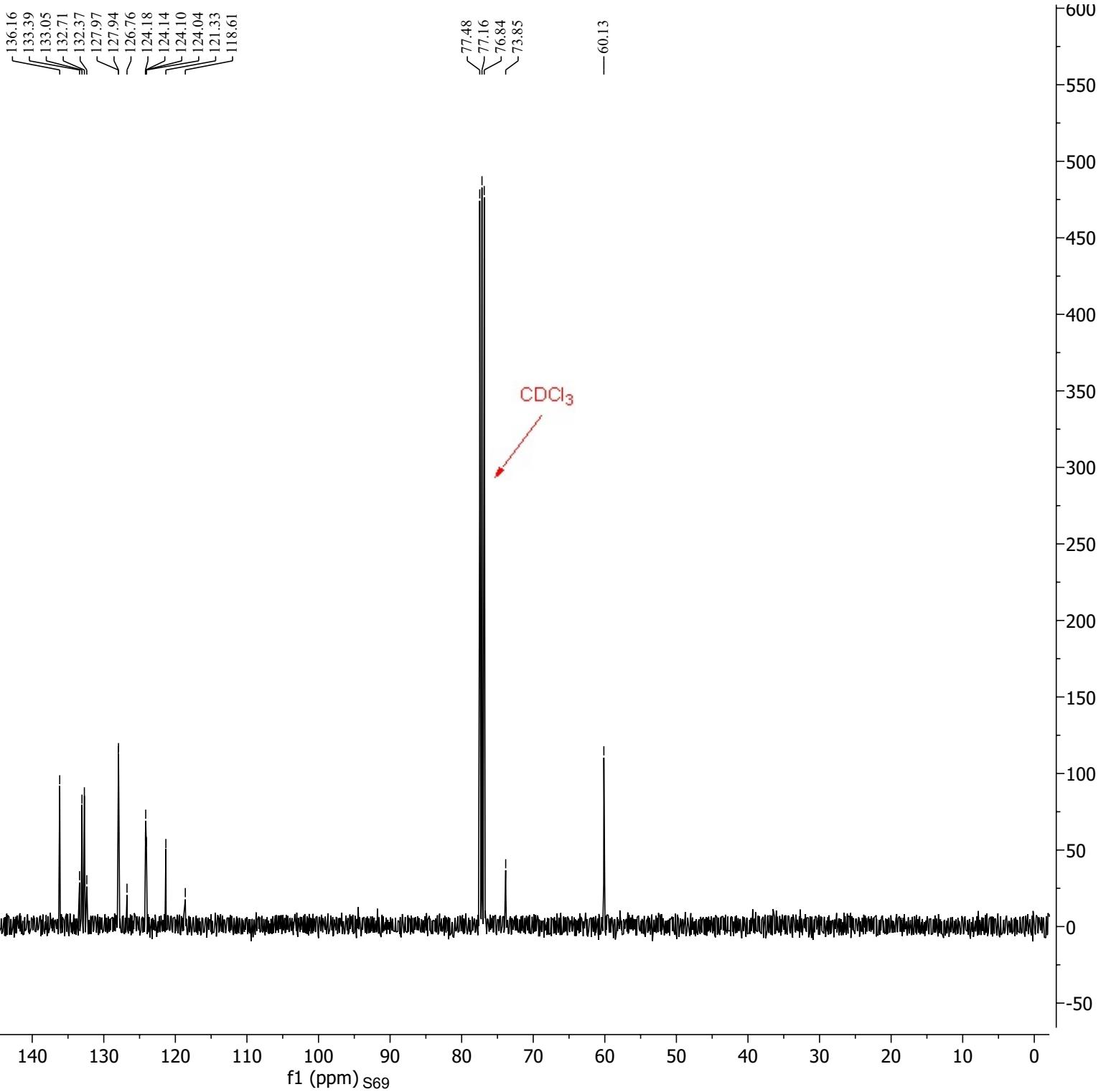
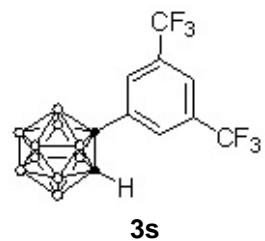
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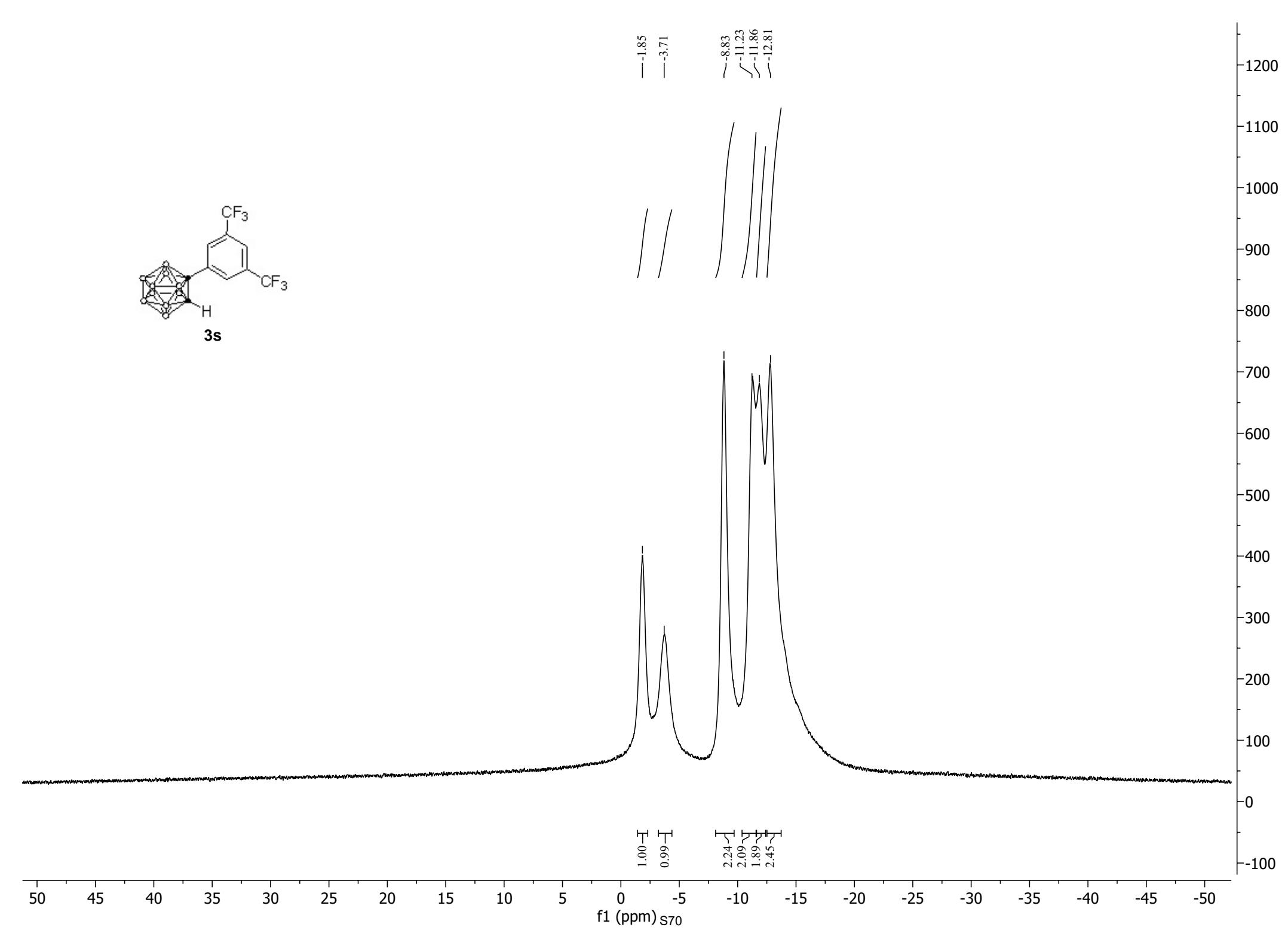
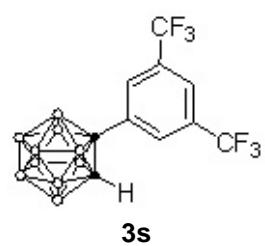
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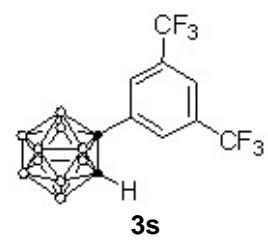
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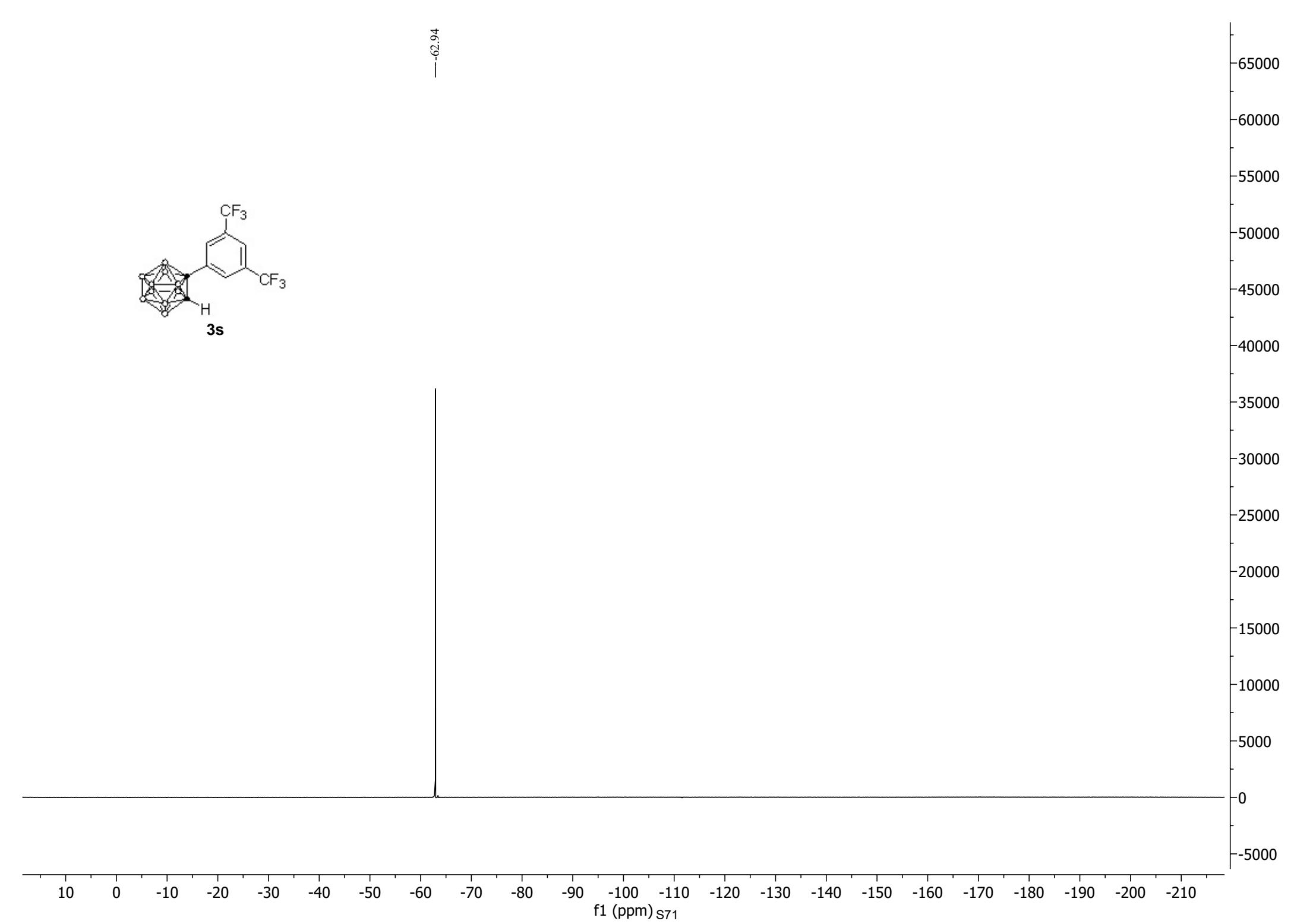


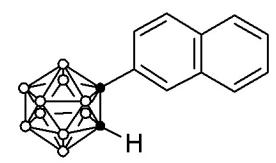




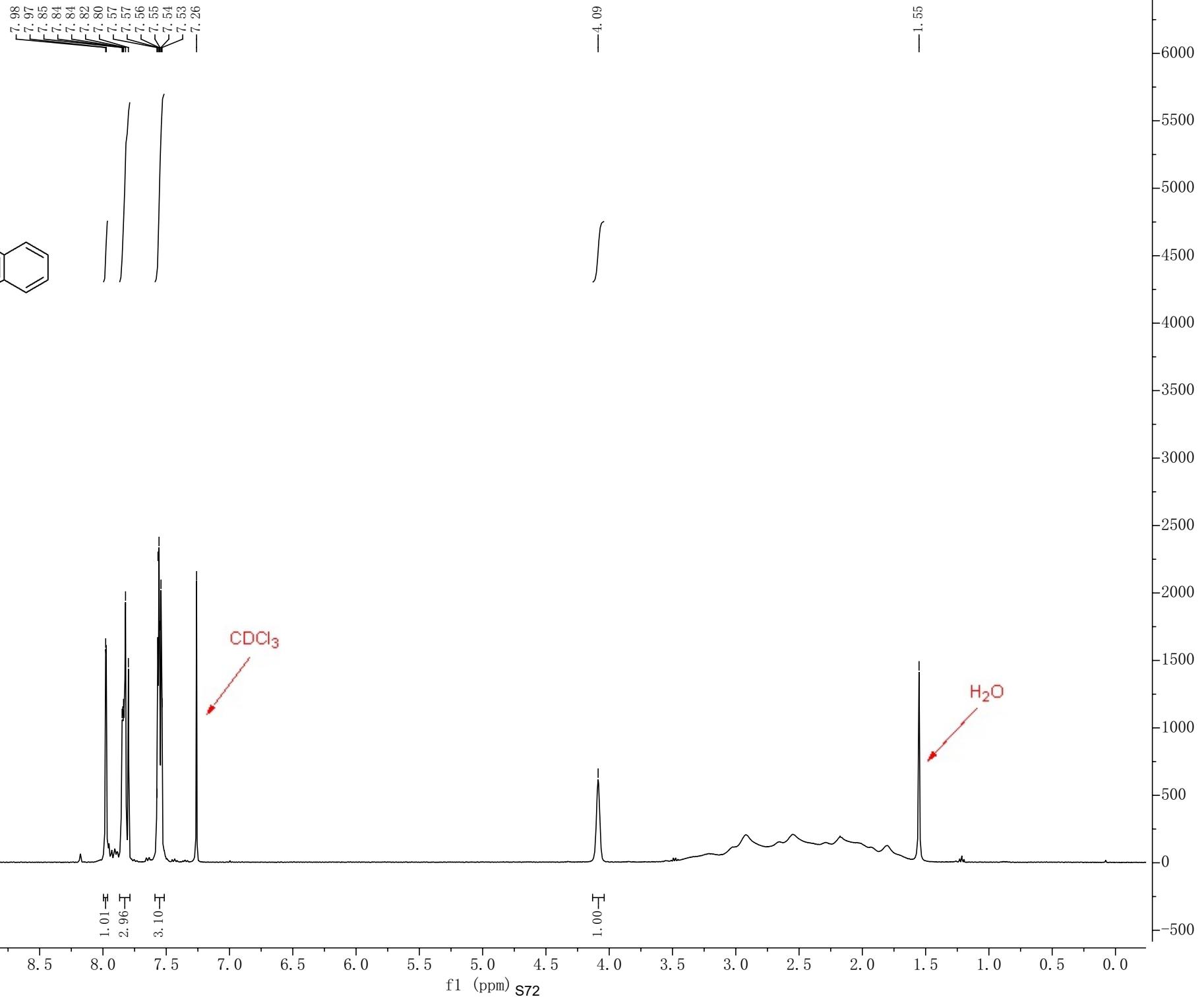


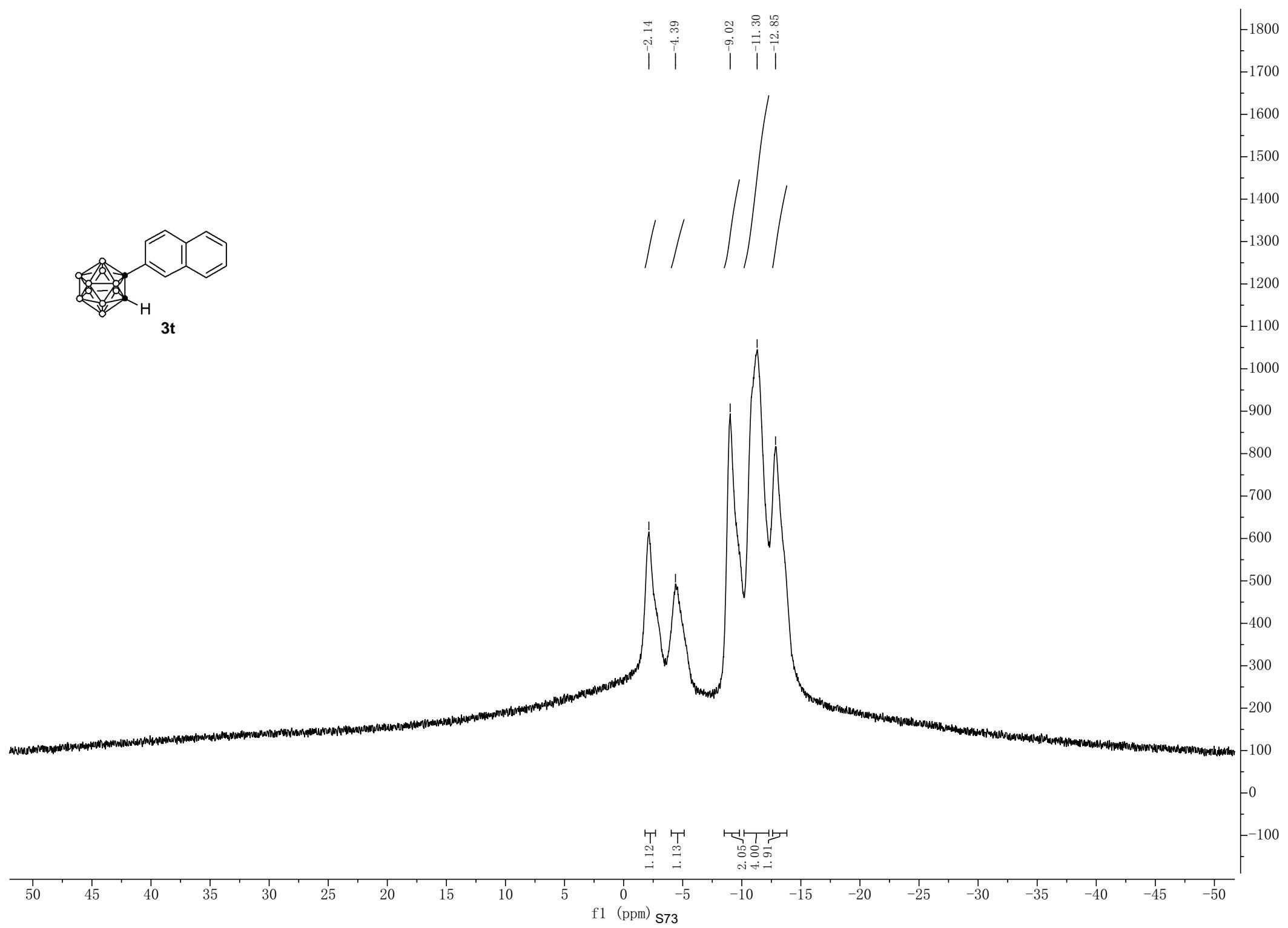
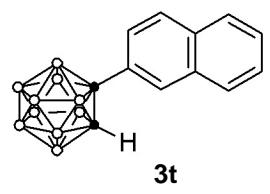
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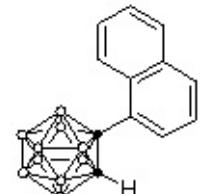




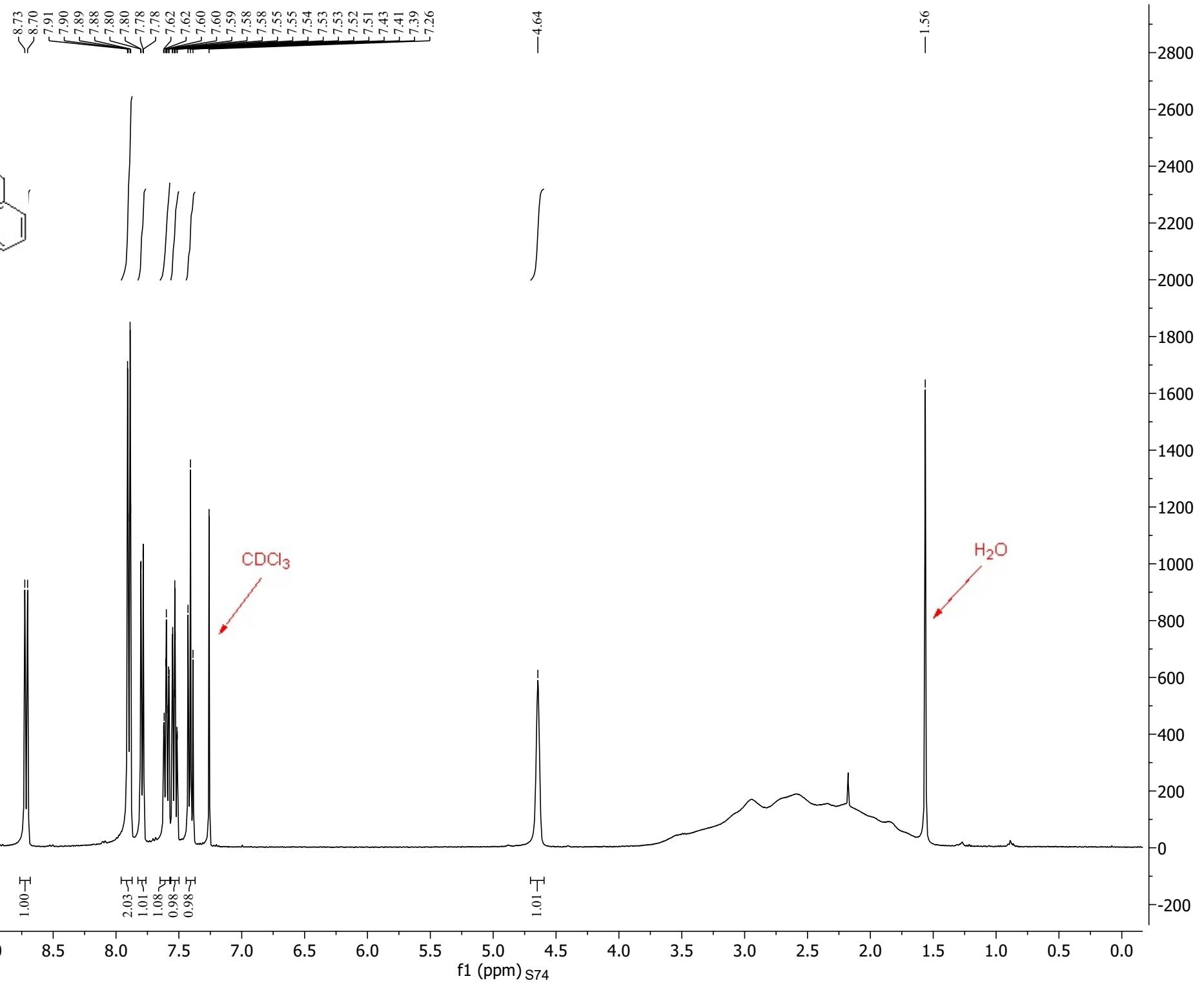
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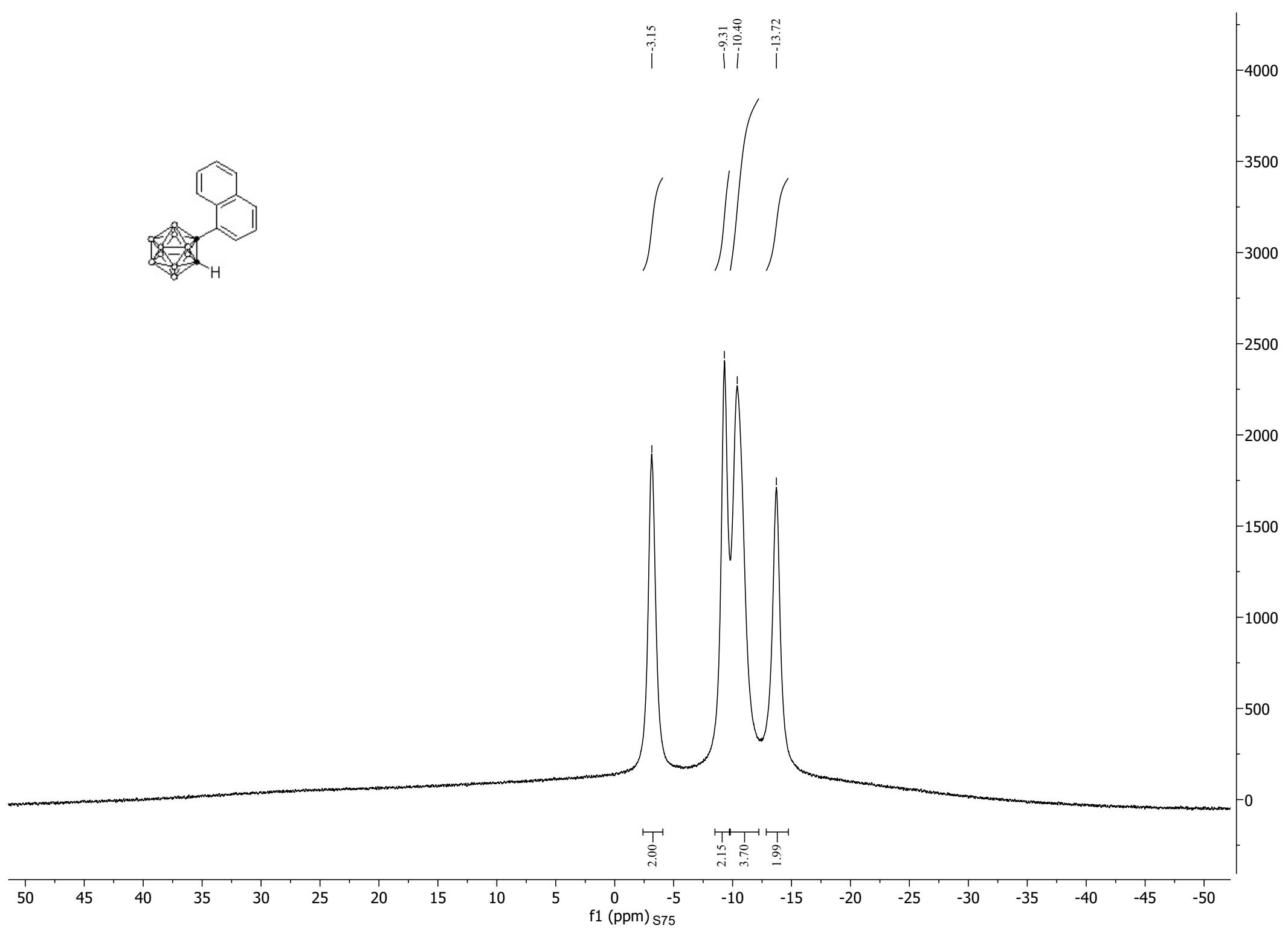
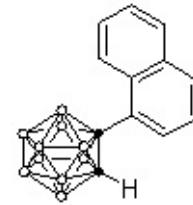


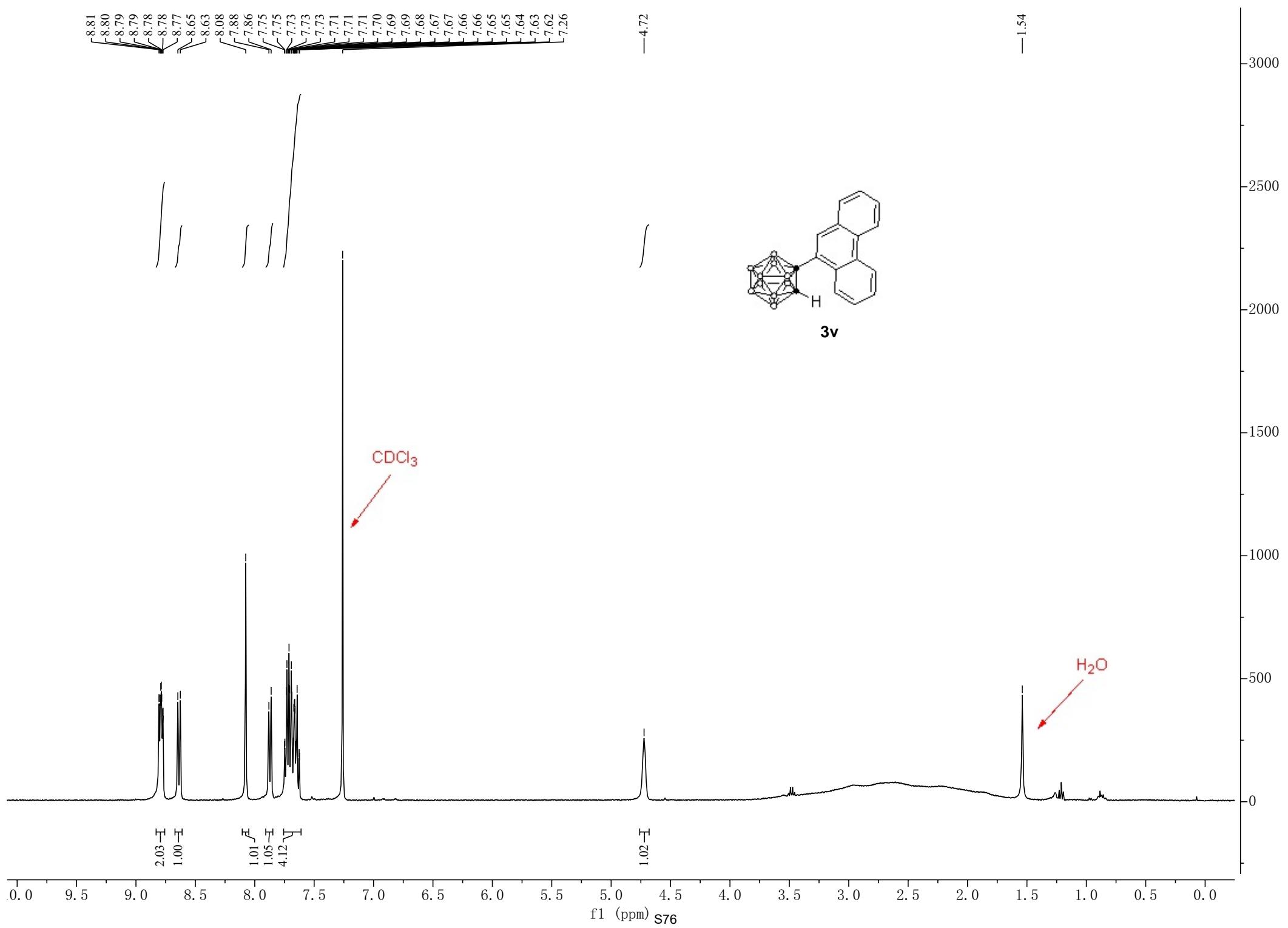


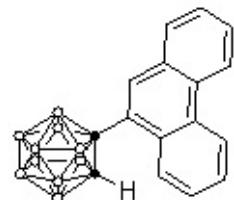


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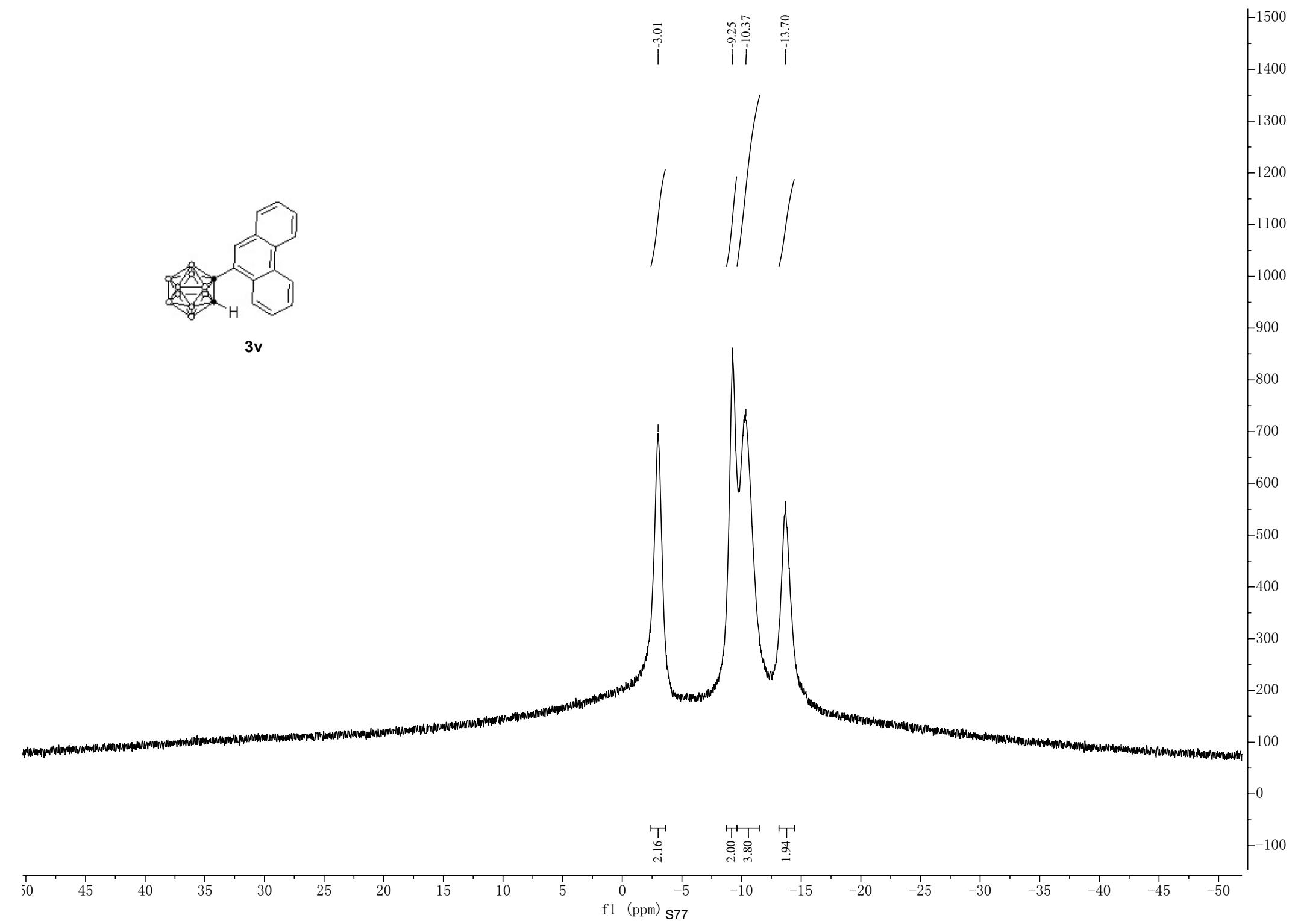


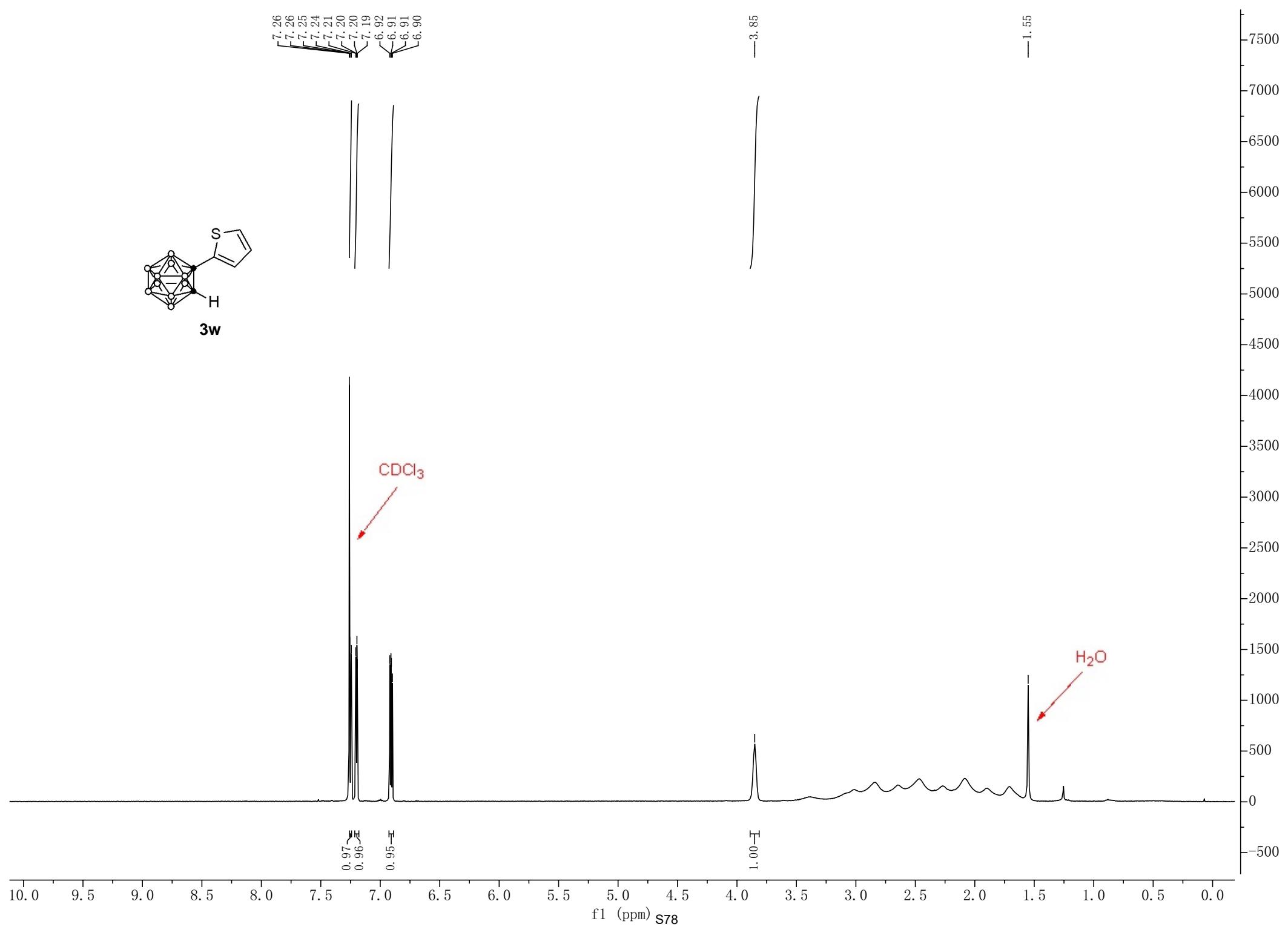
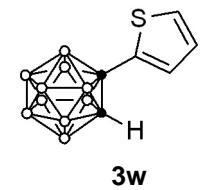


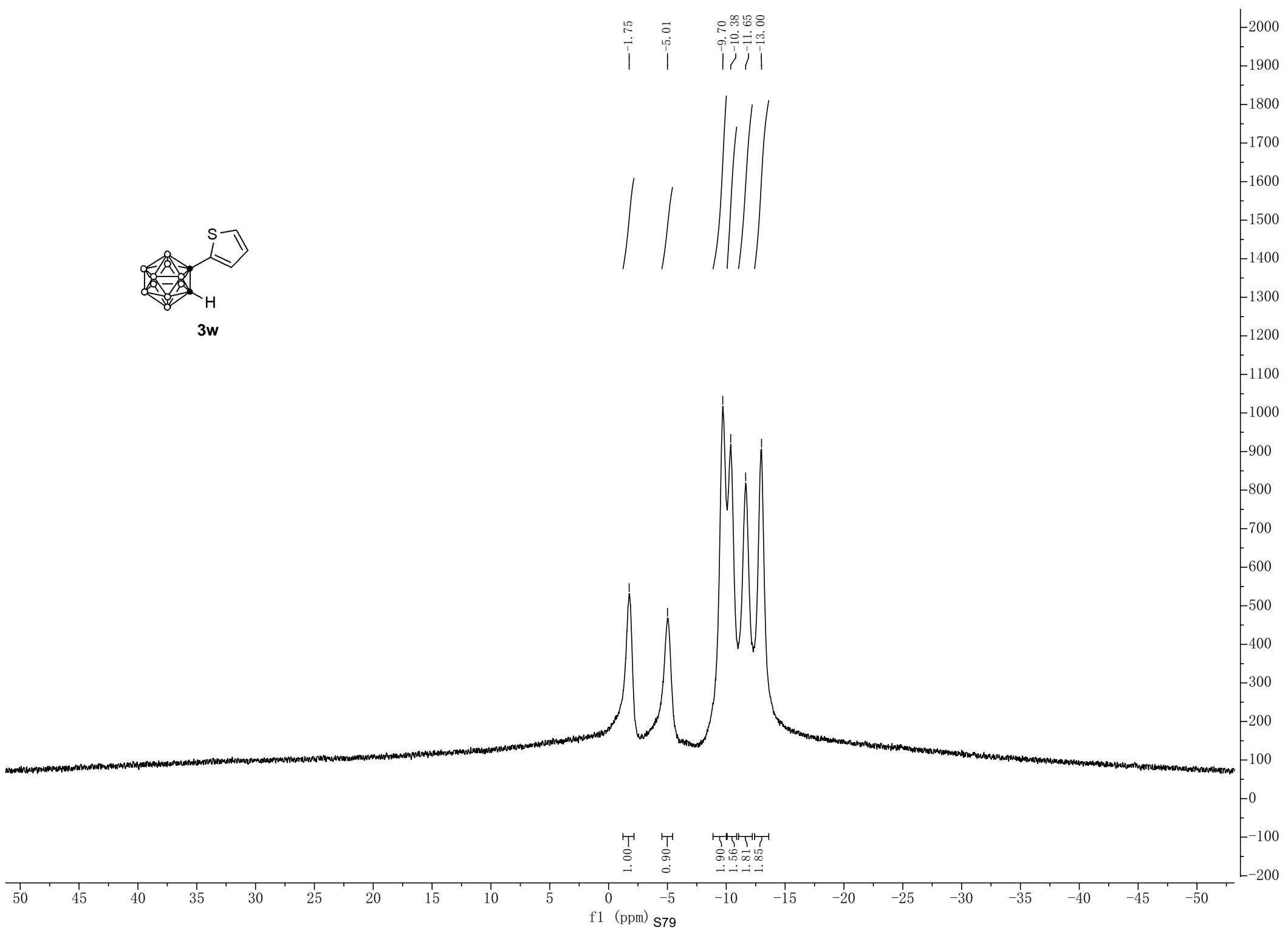
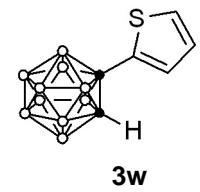


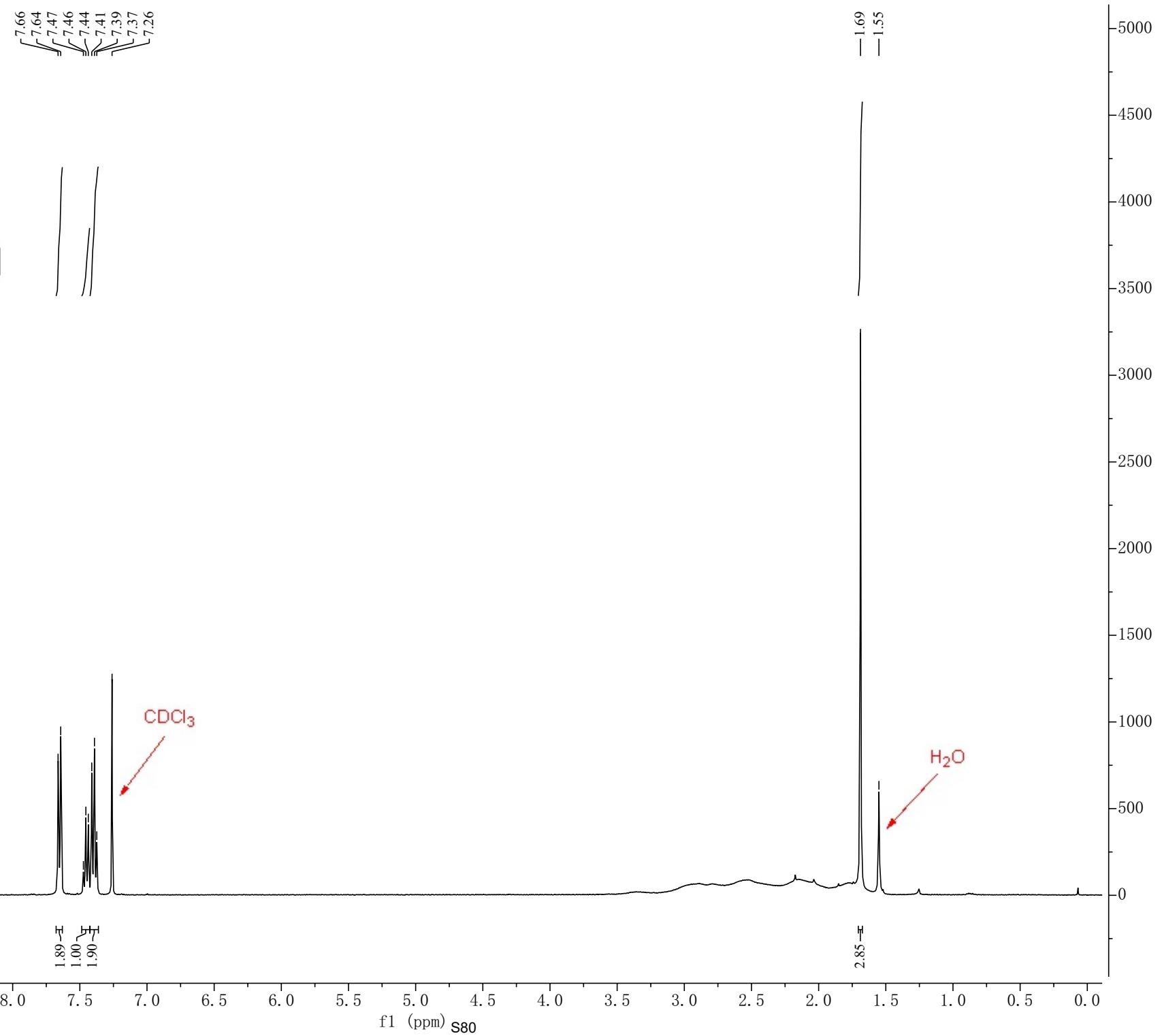
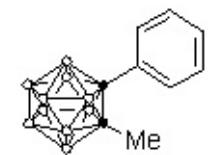


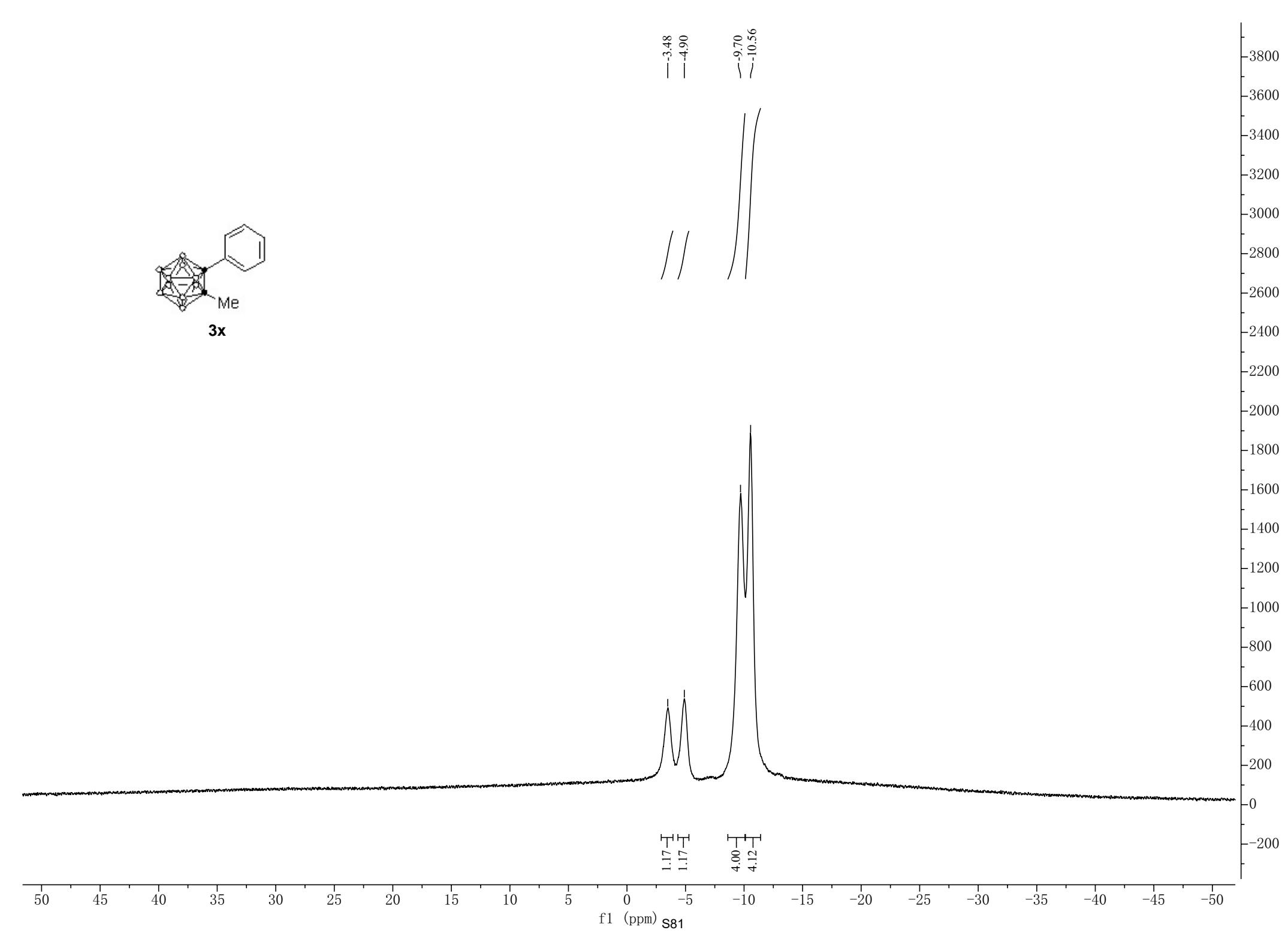
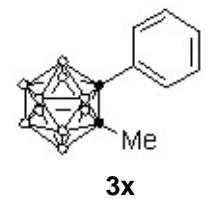
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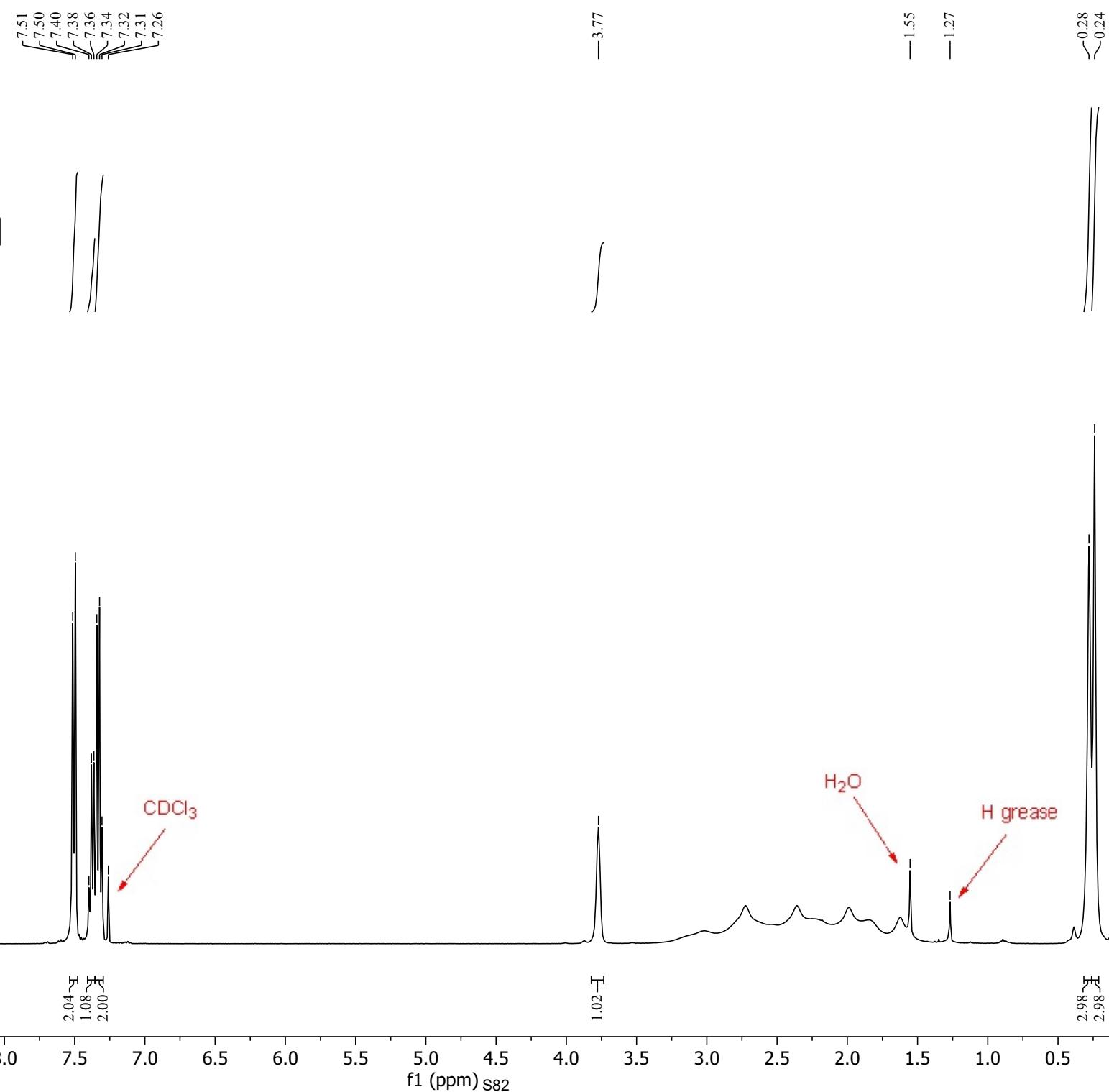
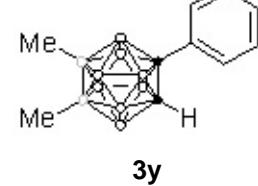


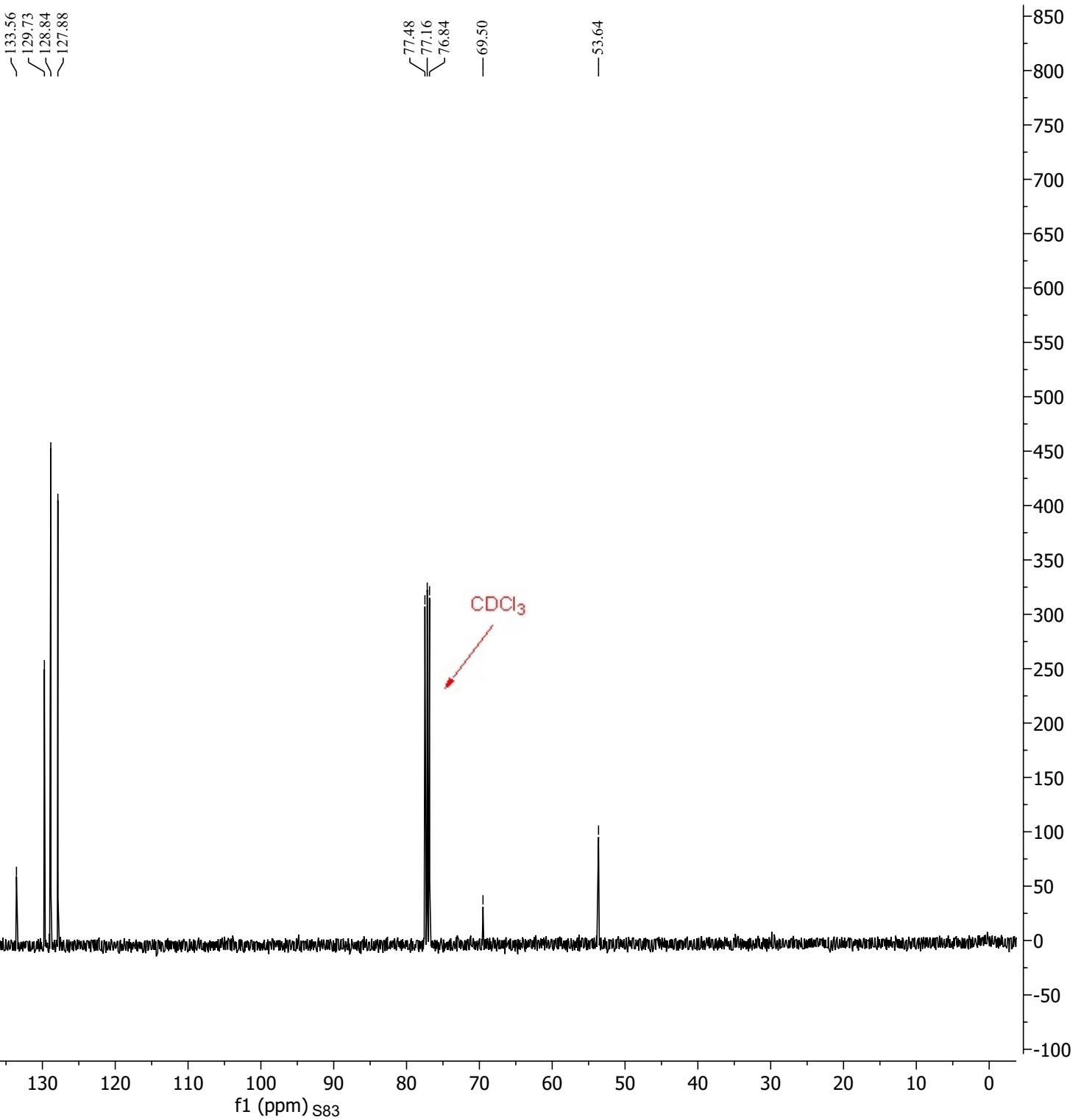
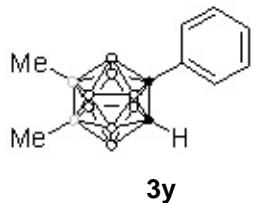


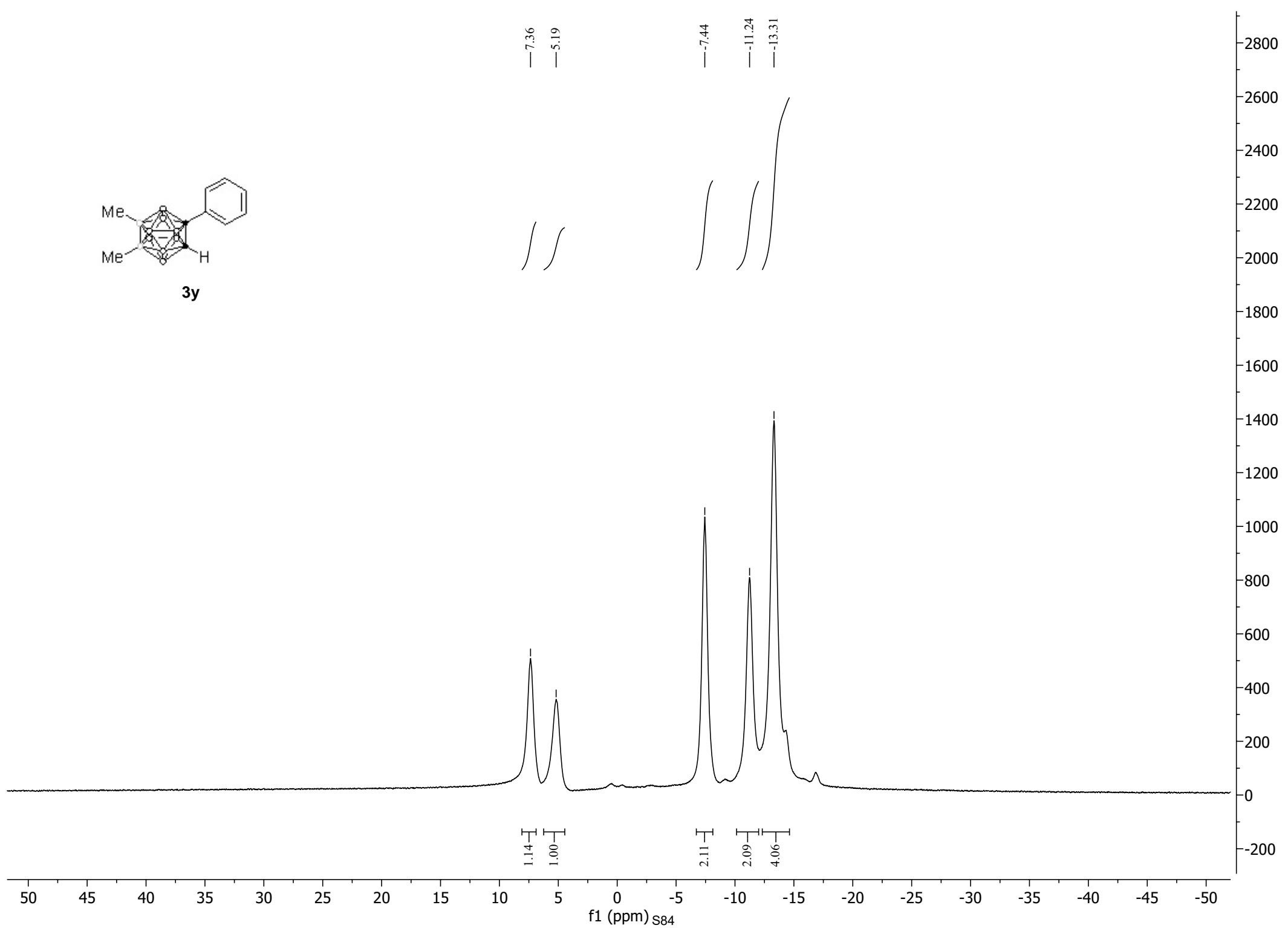
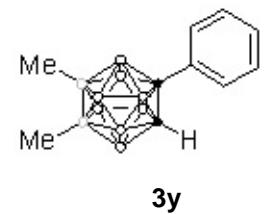


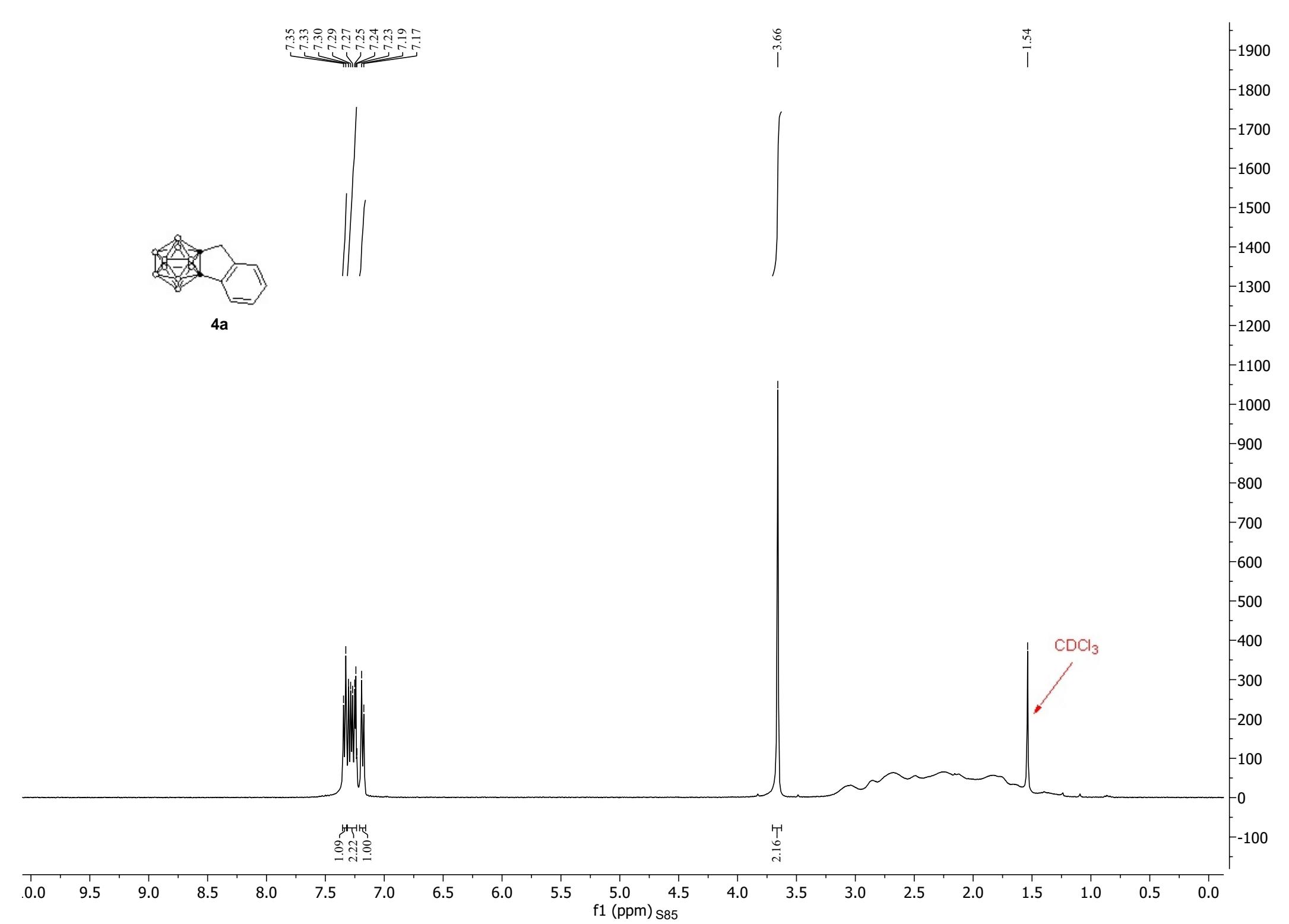


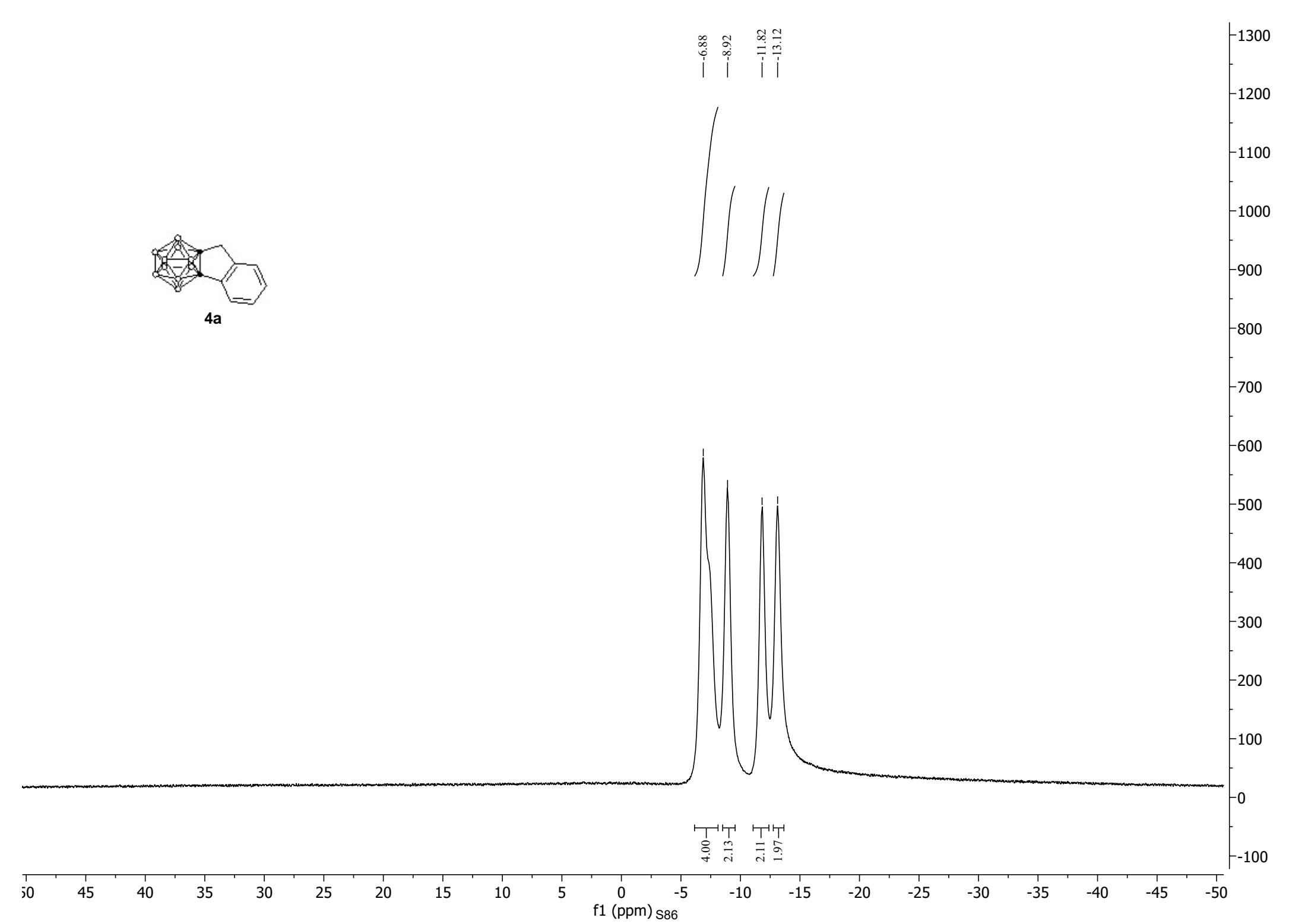


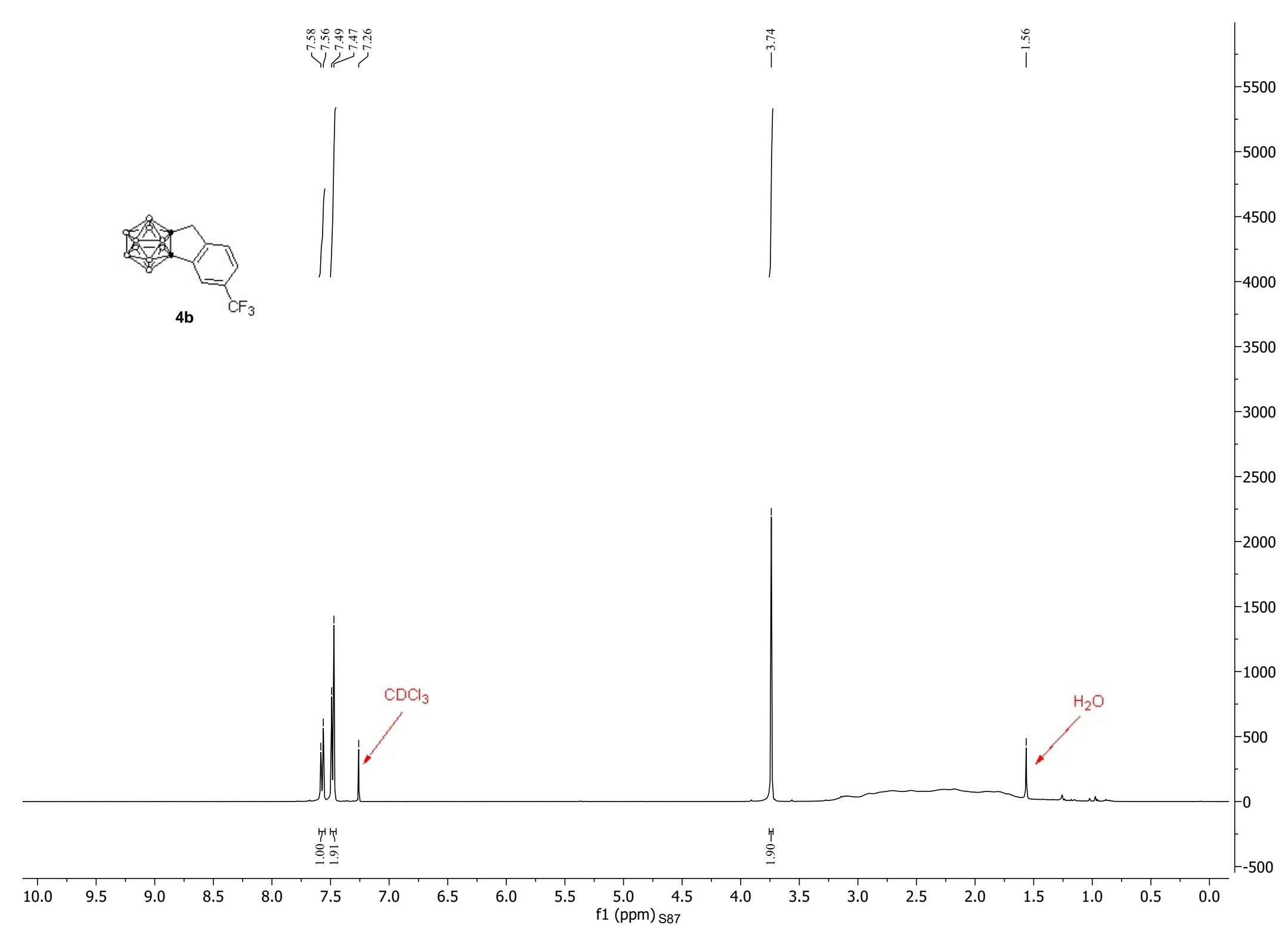
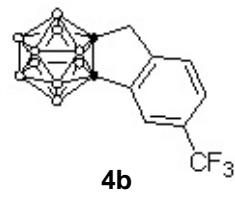


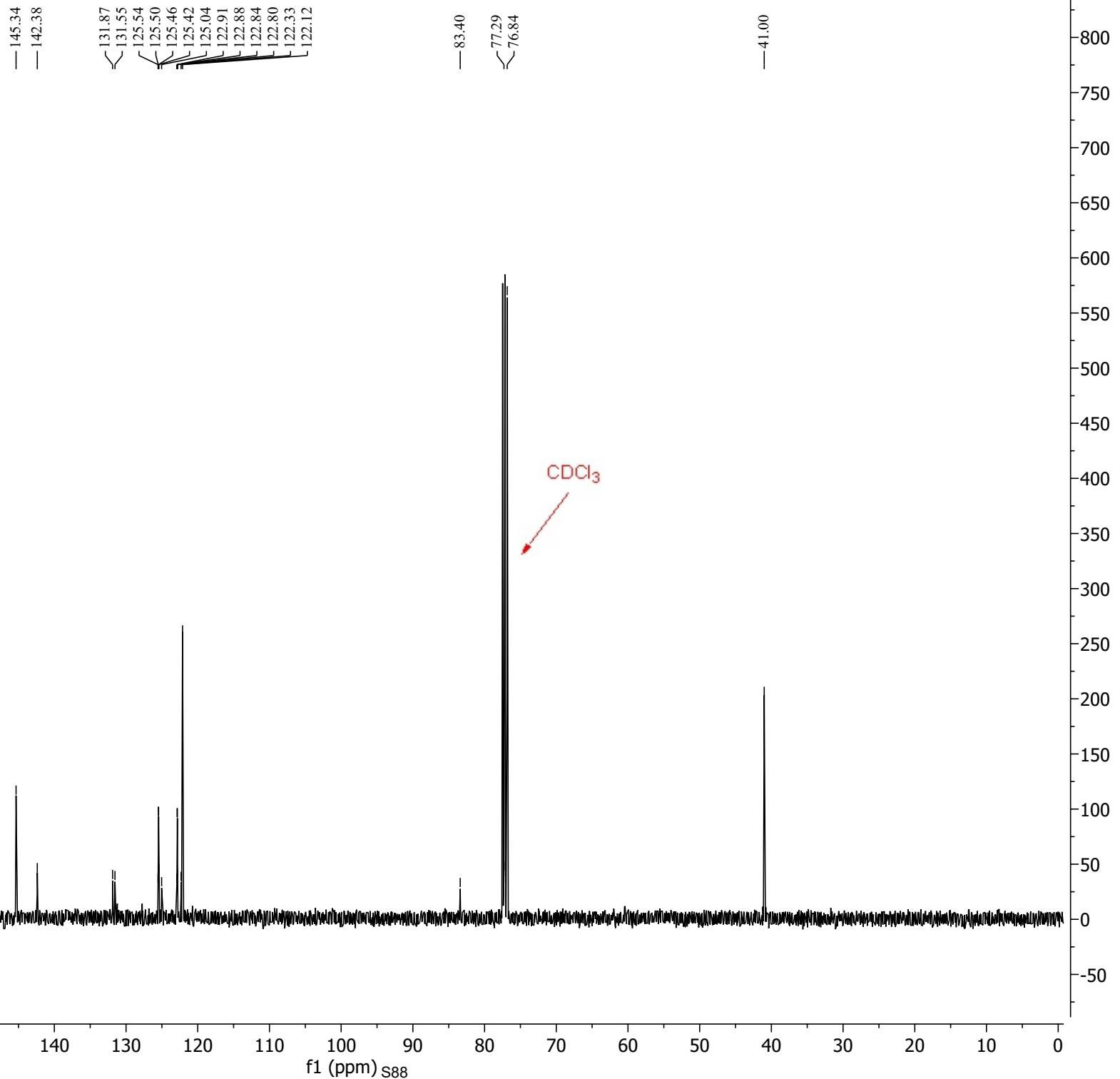
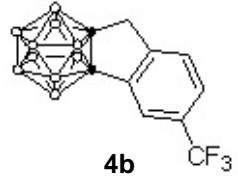


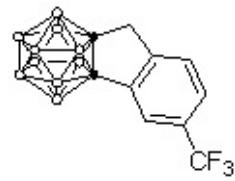




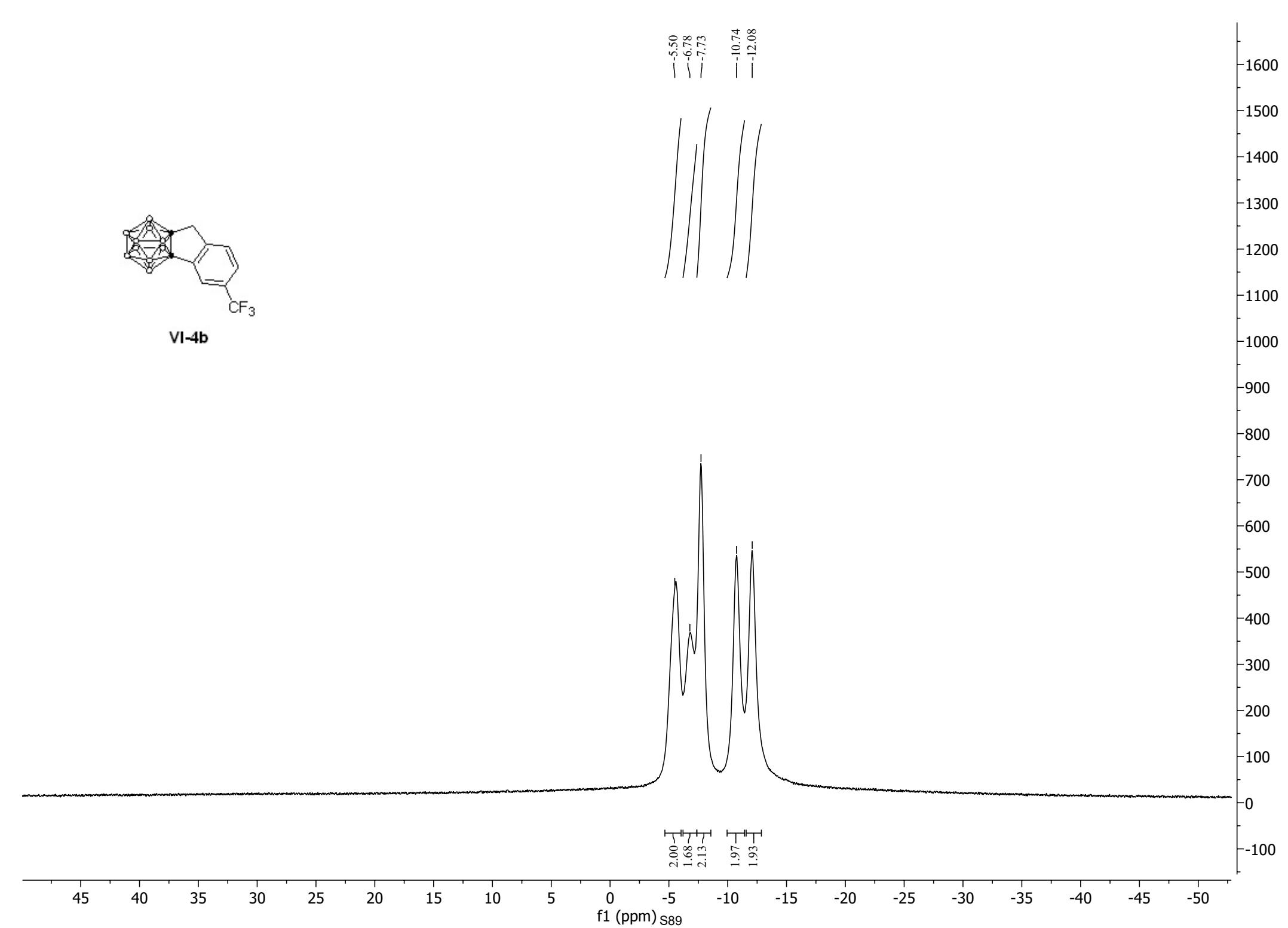


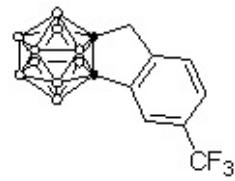






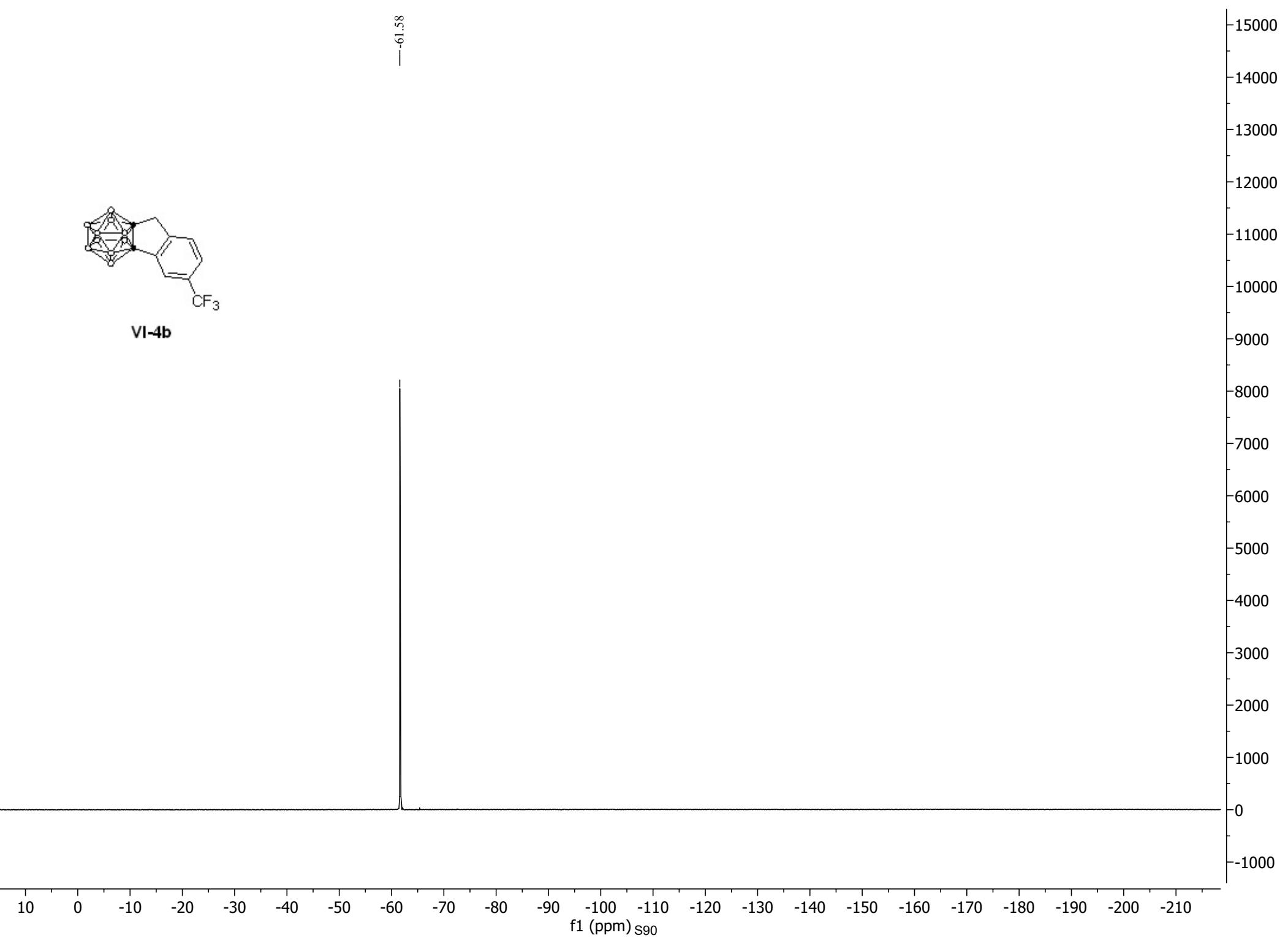
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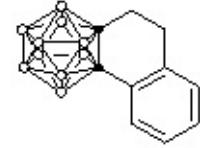




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