

**Electronic Supplementary Information**

**“On water” palladium catalyzed diastereoselective boronic acid addition to structurally diverse cyclopropane nitriles**

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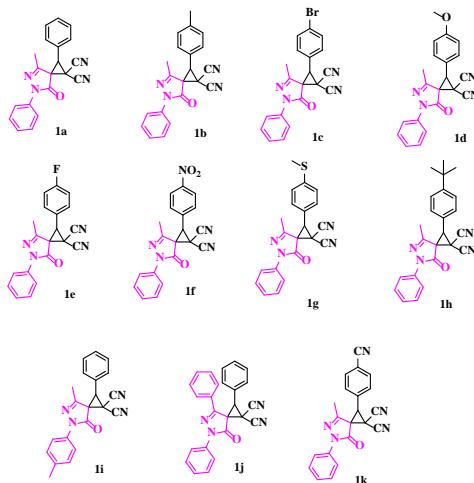
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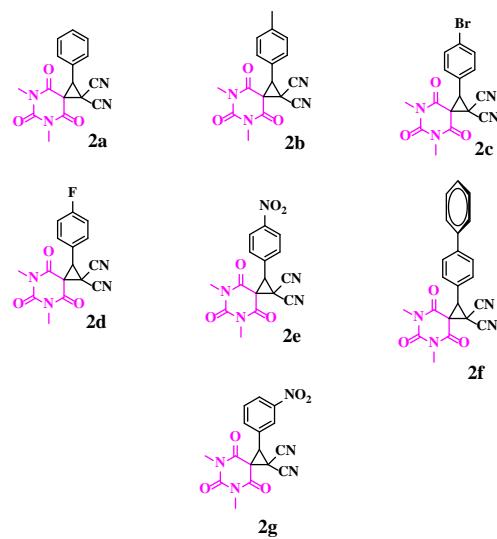
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## I. List of starting materials:

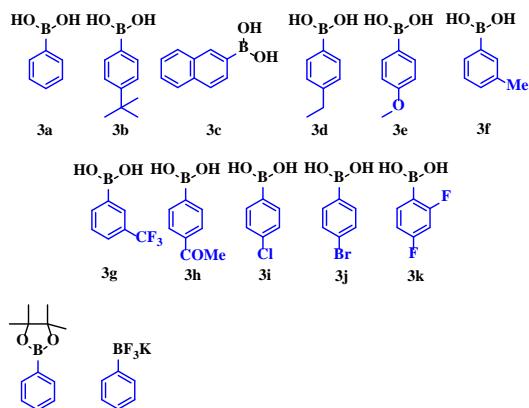
### a. Pyrazolo cyclopropanes:



### b. Barbiturate cyclopropanes:



### c. Organo-boron Compounds:

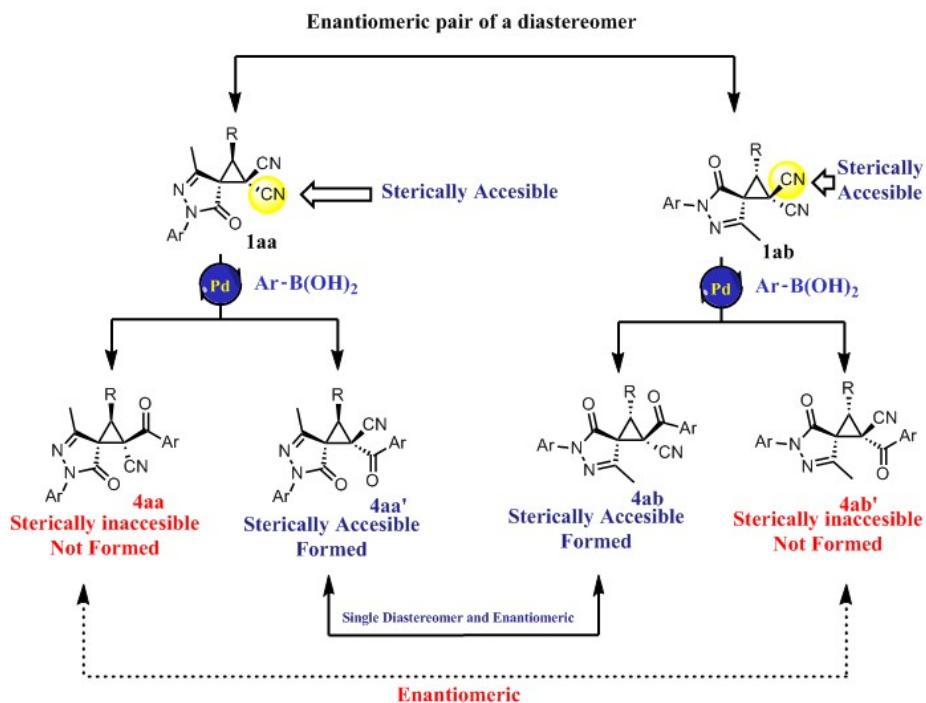


## II. Optimization of the reaction conditions and study of stereoselectivity of compound 4:

**Table S1.** Screening of catalysts, ligands, acids, solvents and optimization of reaction conditions<sup>a</sup>

Entr y	Catalyst (mol%)	Ligand (mol% )	Brønsted acid (equiv.)	Solvent	Temp . (°C)	Tim e (h)	Yiel d of 4a <sup>b</sup> (%)
1 <sup>c</sup>	Pd(OAc) <sub>2</sub> (5)	L1(5)	AcOH(2.0)	1,4-dioxane+H <sub>2</sub> O (1:1)	100	3.0	10
2 <sup>c</sup>	Pd(OAc) <sub>2</sub> (5)	L3(5)	AcOH(2.0)	1,4-dioxane+H <sub>2</sub> O (1:1)	100	3.0	18
3	Pd(TFA) <sub>2</sub> (3)	L2(3)	DBSA(0.2)	H <sub>2</sub> O	90	2.0	84
4	Pd(CH <sub>3</sub> CN) <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub> (3 )	L2(3)	DBSA(0.2)	H <sub>2</sub> O	90	2.0	61
5	Pd(acac) <sub>2</sub> (3)	L2(3)	DBSA(0.2)	H <sub>2</sub> O	90	2.0	88
6	Pd(OAc) <sub>2</sub> (3)	L1(3)	DBSA(0.2)	H <sub>2</sub> O	90	2.0	42
7	Pd(OAc) <sub>2</sub> (3)	L3(3)	DBSA(0.2)	H <sub>2</sub> O	90	2.0	87
8	Pd(OAc) <sub>2</sub> (3)	L4(3)	DBSA(0.2)	H <sub>2</sub> O	90	2.0	-
9	Pd(OAc) <sub>2</sub> (3)	L5(3)	DBSA(0.2)	H <sub>2</sub> O	90	2.0	-
10	Pd(OAc) <sub>2</sub> (3)	L2(3)	(±)CSA(1.1 )	THF + H <sub>2</sub> O (1:1)	90	2.0	50
11	Pd(OAc) <sub>2</sub> (3)	L2(3)	TFA(1.1)	THF + H <sub>2</sub> O (1:1)	90	2.0	31
12	Pd(OAc) <sub>2</sub> (3)	L2(3)	Phenylaceteti c Acid(1.1)	THF + H <sub>2</sub> O (1:1)	90	2.0	12
13	Pd(OAc) <sub>2</sub> (3)	L2(3)	Benzoic Acid(1.1)	THF + H <sub>2</sub> O (1:1)	90	2.0	-
14	Pd(OAc) <sub>2</sub> (3)	L2(3)	p-nitro Benzoic Acid(1.1)	THF + H <sub>2</sub> O (1:1)	90	2.0	-
15	Pd(OAc) <sub>2</sub> (3)	-	DBSA(0.2)	H <sub>2</sub> O	90	2.0	42
16	Pd(OAc) <sub>2</sub> (3)	L2(3)	-	H <sub>2</sub> O	90	2.0	12
17	Pd(OAc) <sub>2</sub> (3)	L2(3)	-	H <sub>2</sub> O	90	24.0	38
18	Pd(OAc) <sub>2</sub> (3)	L2(3)	-	THF	90	24.0	14
19	Pd(OAc) <sub>2</sub> (3)	L2(3)	-	1, 4-dioxane	90	24.0	12
20	Pd(OAc) <sub>2</sub> (3)	L2(3)	-	Toluene	90	24.0	-

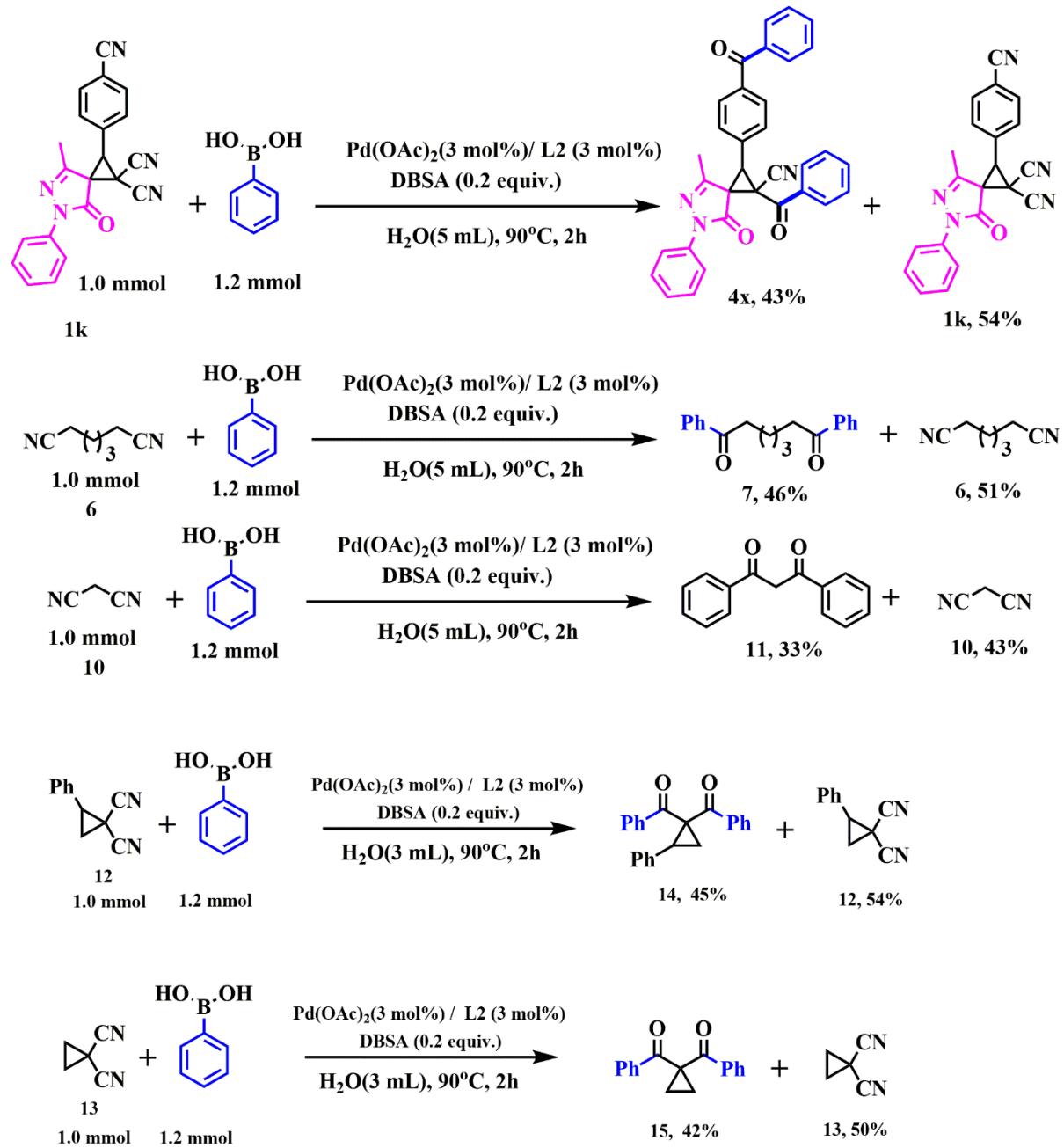
<sup>a</sup> all the reactions were carried out with **1a** (**0.5 mmol**) and **2a** (**0.6 mmol**) in 3 mL of solvent or solvent mixture; <sup>b</sup> isolated yields of **4a** and **4a'** was not obtained in every case. <sup>c</sup> 2.0 equiv. of phenylboronic acid(**3a**) was used instead of 1.2 equiv.



**Scheme S1.** Diastereoselectivity of compound 4

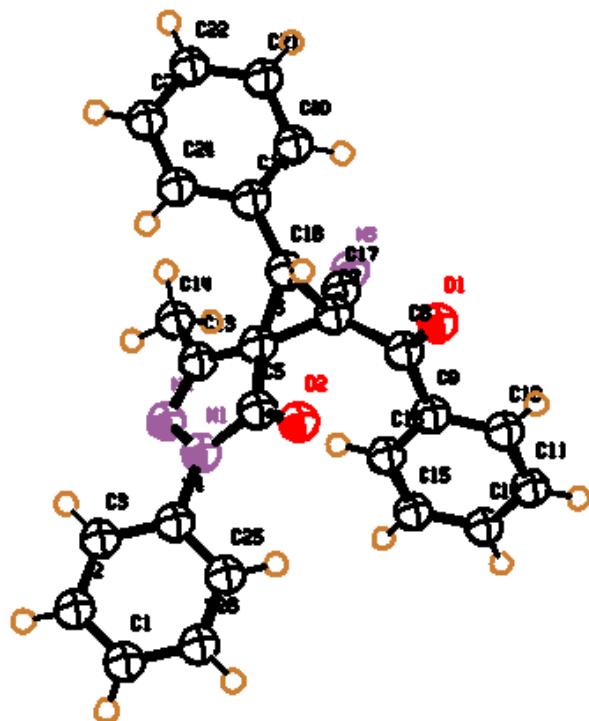
We have started from compound **1** which has been prepared according to our previous work<sup>1</sup> and has two diastereomers of which we have only considered the major one and have only explained the diastereoselectivity of it. Since **1aa** and **1ab** are in enantiomeric relationship, during the reaction four stereoisomers can be obtained, at least theoretically. However, since formation of isomer **4aa** and **4ab'** are sterically forbidden they were not obtained during the reaction which is confirmed by NMR and X-ray. Only **4aa'** and **4ab** were found to be as the products which are essentially enantiomers with respect to each other. Interestingly, **4aa** and **4ab'**, bearing enantiomeric relationship to each other, possess diastereomeric relationship with **4aa'** and **4ab** respectively. Thus, it is quite clear that this reaction is indeed a diastereoselective reaction and affording only one diastereomer as an enantiomeric mixture.

### III. Control Experiments:

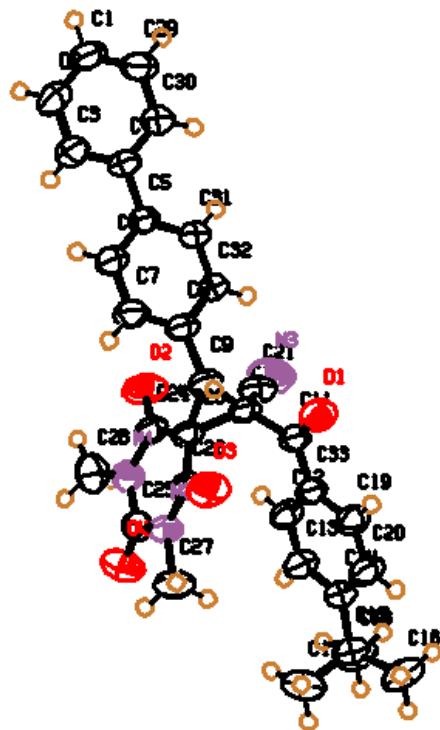


**Scheme S2:** Some control experiments performed varying the amount of boronic acids for different dinitrile compounds

**IV. X-ray Crystallography Data of Compound 4a (CCDC 1952896) and 5g (CCDC 1952797):**



The X-ray structure of **4a**. The ellipsoid contour percent probability level is 70%.



The X-ray structure of **5g**. The ellipsoid contour percent probability level is 70%.

**Single crystal X-ray data for compound Compound4a (CCDC 1952896) and 5g (CCDC 1952797):**

Single crystals suitable for X-ray diffraction of **4a** and **5g** were grown from ethyl acetate. The crystals were carefully chosen using a stereo zoom microscope supported by a rotatable polarizing stage. In all the cases the data were collected at 296(2) K on a CCD diffractometer with graphite monochromated Mo-K $\alpha$  radiation (0.71073 Å). The data were processed using the package SAINT.<sup>1</sup> Structures were solved by direct and Fourier methods and refined by full-matrix least squares based on F2 using SHELXTL<sup>2</sup> and SHELXL-97<sup>3</sup> packages.

**Table 1.** Crystallographic data for the compound **4a** and **5g**

Compounds	<b>4a</b>	<b>5g</b>
<b>Empirical formula</b>	C <sub>26</sub> H <sub>19</sub> N <sub>3</sub> O <sub>2</sub>	C <sub>32</sub> H <sub>30</sub> N <sub>3</sub> O <sub>4</sub>
<b>Formula weight</b>	405.44	520.59
<b>crystal system</b>	Monoclinic	Monoclinic
<b>space group</b>	<i>P</i> 2 <i>l</i> /c	<i>P</i> 2(1)/c
<i>a</i> (Å)	10.086(2)	18.0183(7)
<i>b</i> (Å)	16.995(3)	7.4454(3)
<i>c</i> (Å)	12.365(3)	20.6732(7)
$\alpha$ (°)	90.00	90.00
$\beta$ (°)	98.074(3)	104.0510(10)
$\gamma$ (°)	90.00	90.00
<i>V</i> (Å <sup>3</sup> )	2098.5(7)	2690.40(18)
<b>Z</b>	4	4
<b>T, K</b>	296(2)	296(2)
<b>Wavelength (Å)</b>	0.71073	0.71073
<b>2θ (°)</b>	2.37-20.47	2.30-35.46
<b><math>\mu</math> (mm<sup>-1</sup>)</b>	0.083	0.086
<b><math>\rho_{\text{calcd}}</math> (g cm<sup>-3</sup>)</b>	1.283	1.285
<b><i>F</i> (000)</b>	848	1100
<b>absorption correction</b>	multi-Scan	multi-Scan
<b>index ranges</b>	-11 ≤ <i>h</i> ≤ 12	-29 ≤ <i>h</i> ≤ 29
	-21 ≤ <i>k</i> ≤ 21	-10 ≤ <i>k</i> ≤ 12
	-15 ≤ <i>l</i> ≤ 15	-31 ≤ <i>l</i> ≤ 34
<b>reflections collected</b>	15560	45612

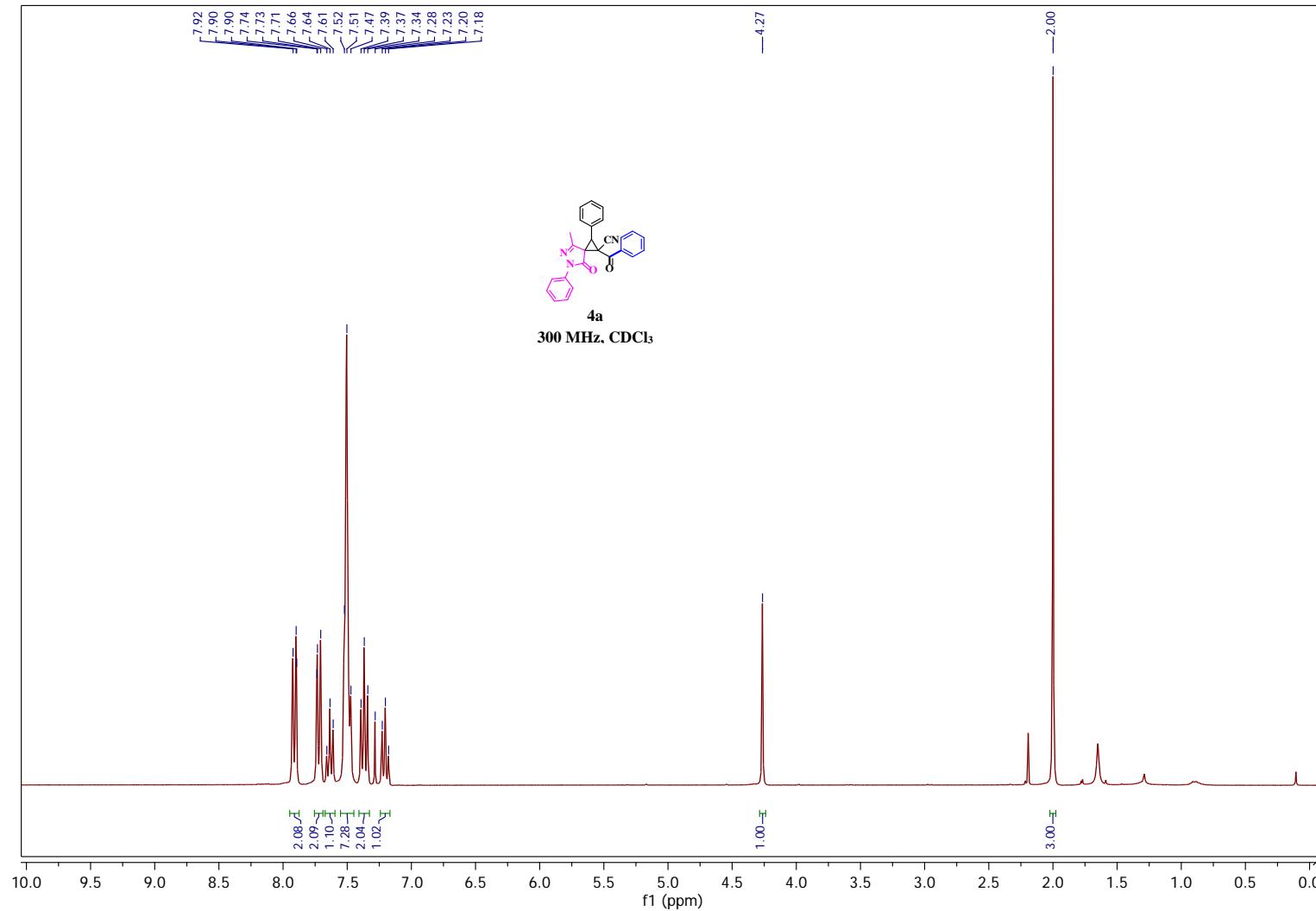
<b>independent reflections (<math>R_{\text{int}}</math>)</b>	2902(0.0405)	9986(0.0281)
<b>Goodness-of-fit on <math>\mathbf{F}^2</math></b>	0.900	0.927
<b><math>R_1^a/\text{w}R_2^b</math> (<math>I &gt; 2\sigma(I)</math>)</b>	0.0439/0.1249	0.0616/ 0.1812
<b><math>R_1^a/\text{w}R_2^b</math> (for all data)</b>	0.0854/0.1555	0.1040/0.2218
<b>Largest diff. peak/hole / e Å<sup>-3</sup></b>	0.141/-0.163	0.393/-0.213

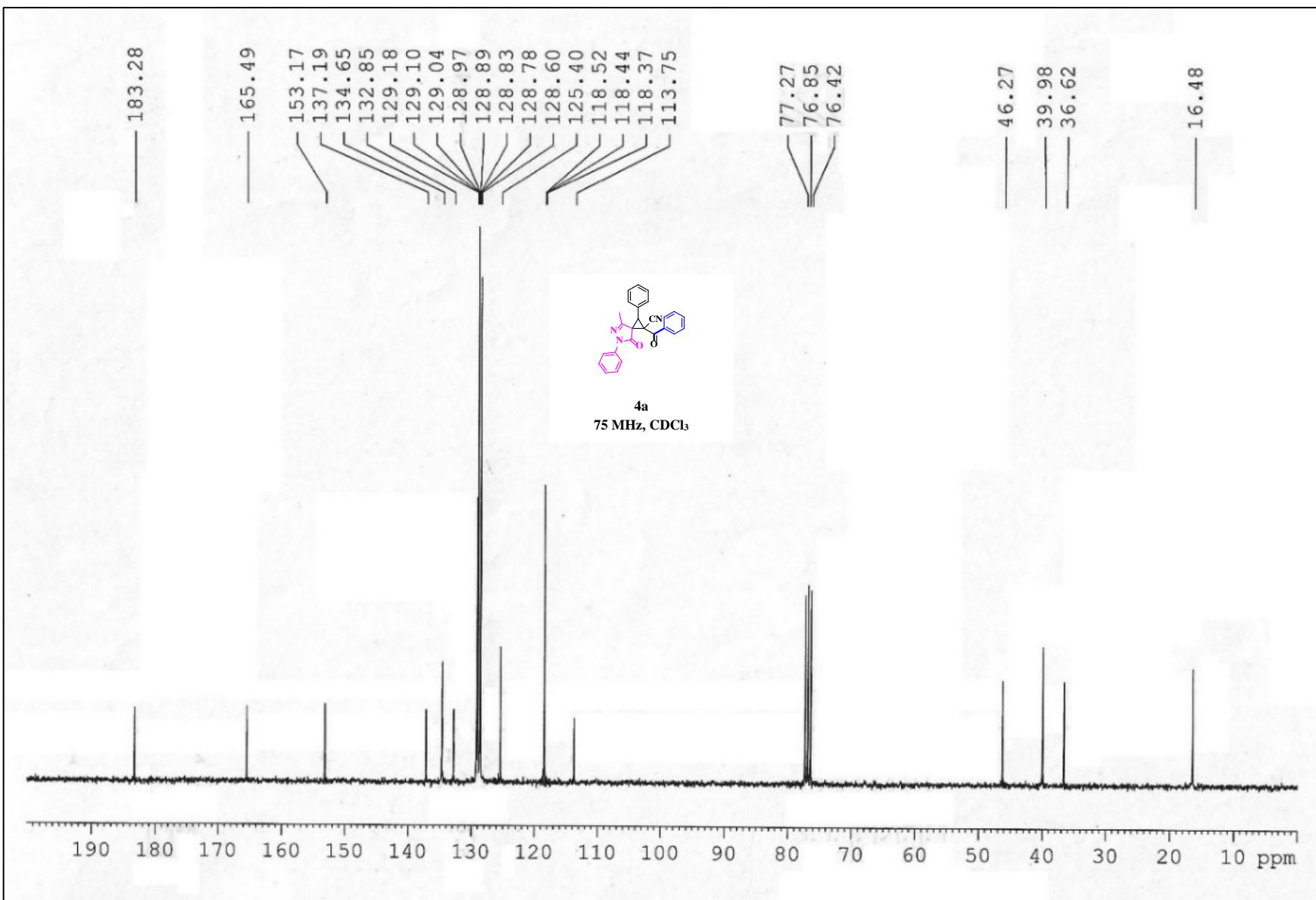
$$^a R_1 = [\sum ||F_o| - |F_c|| / \sum |F_o|]. \quad ^b \text{w}R_2 = [\sum w(F_o^2 - F_c^2)^2 / \sum wF_o^4]^{1/2}$$

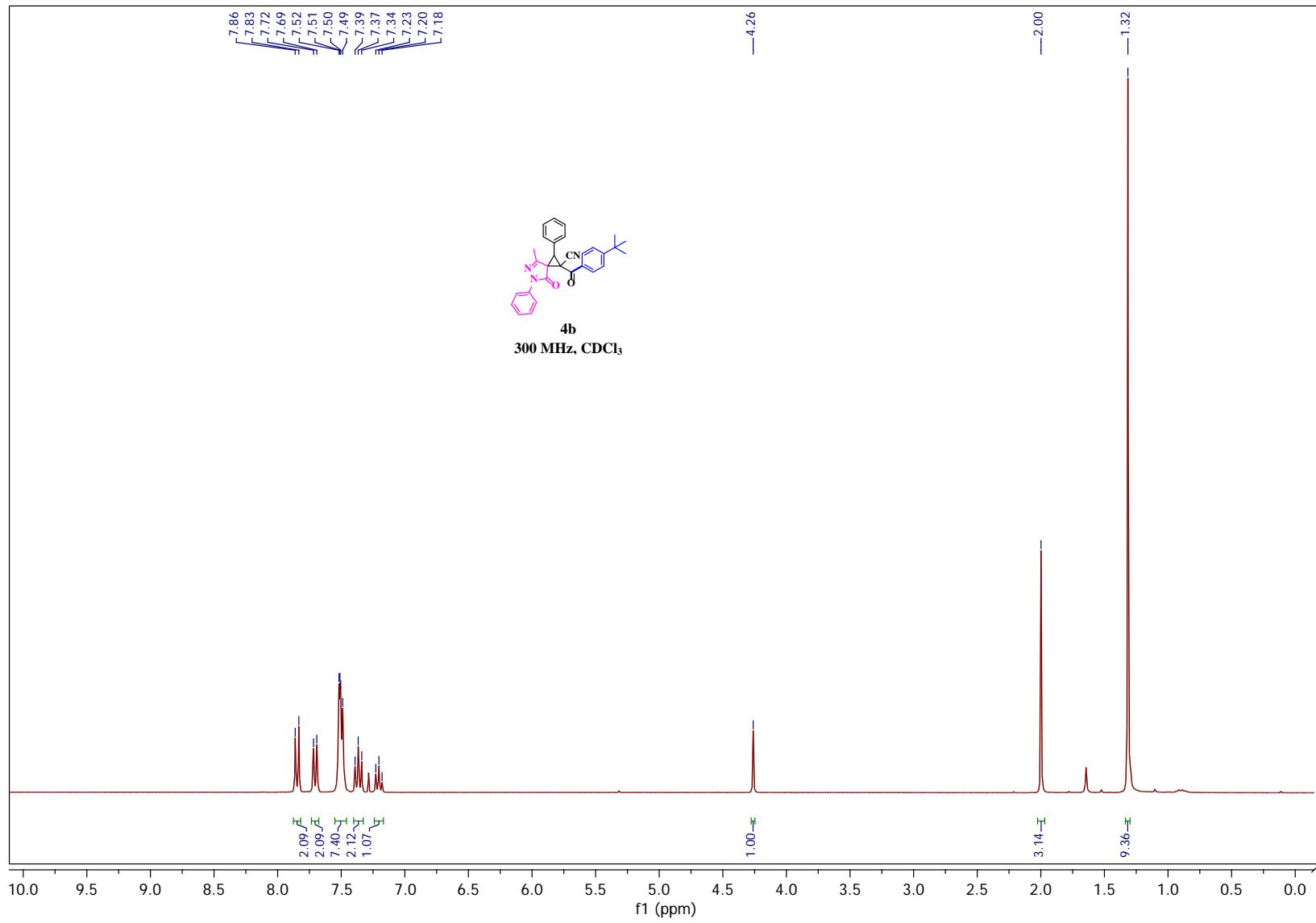
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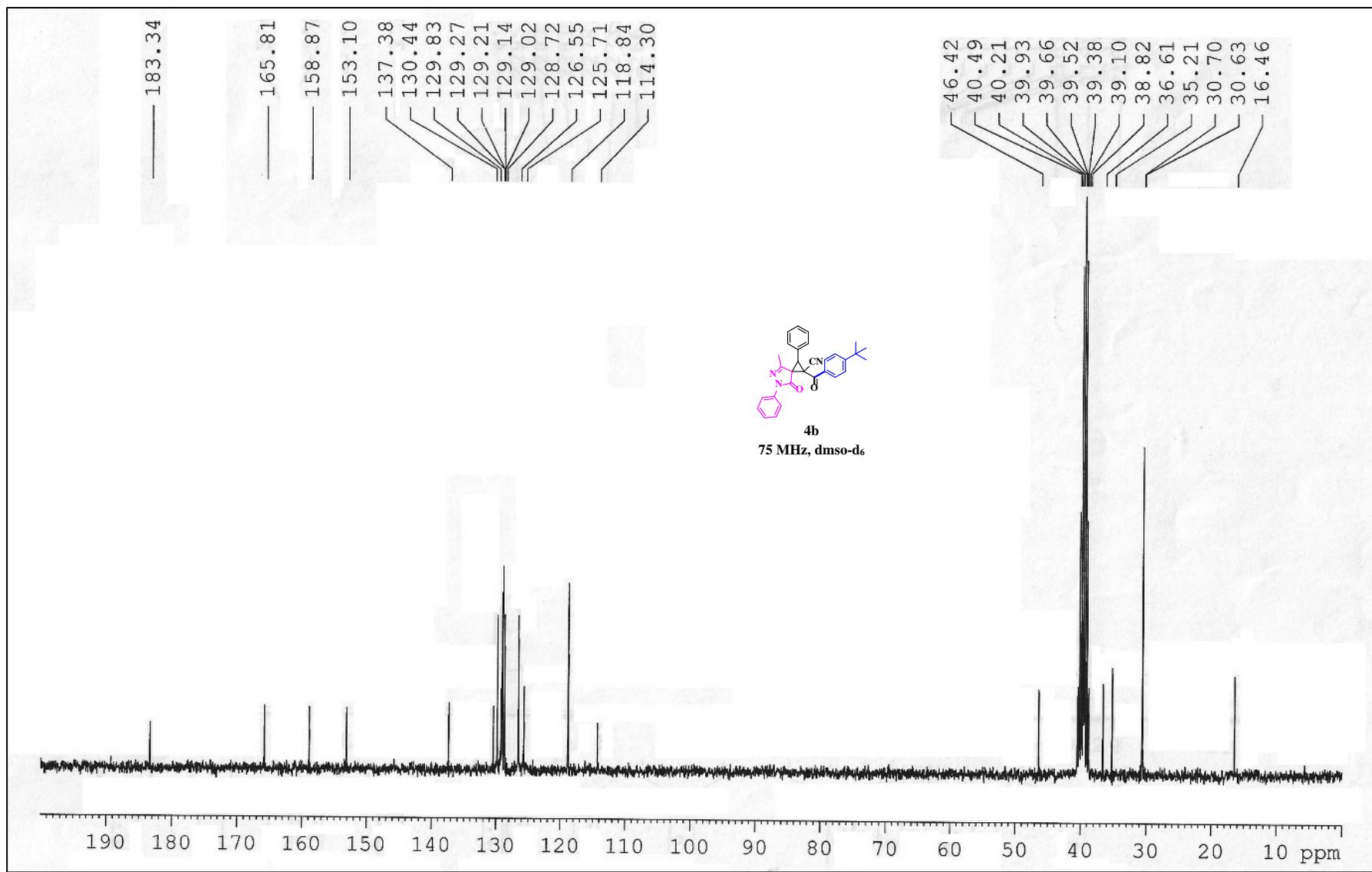
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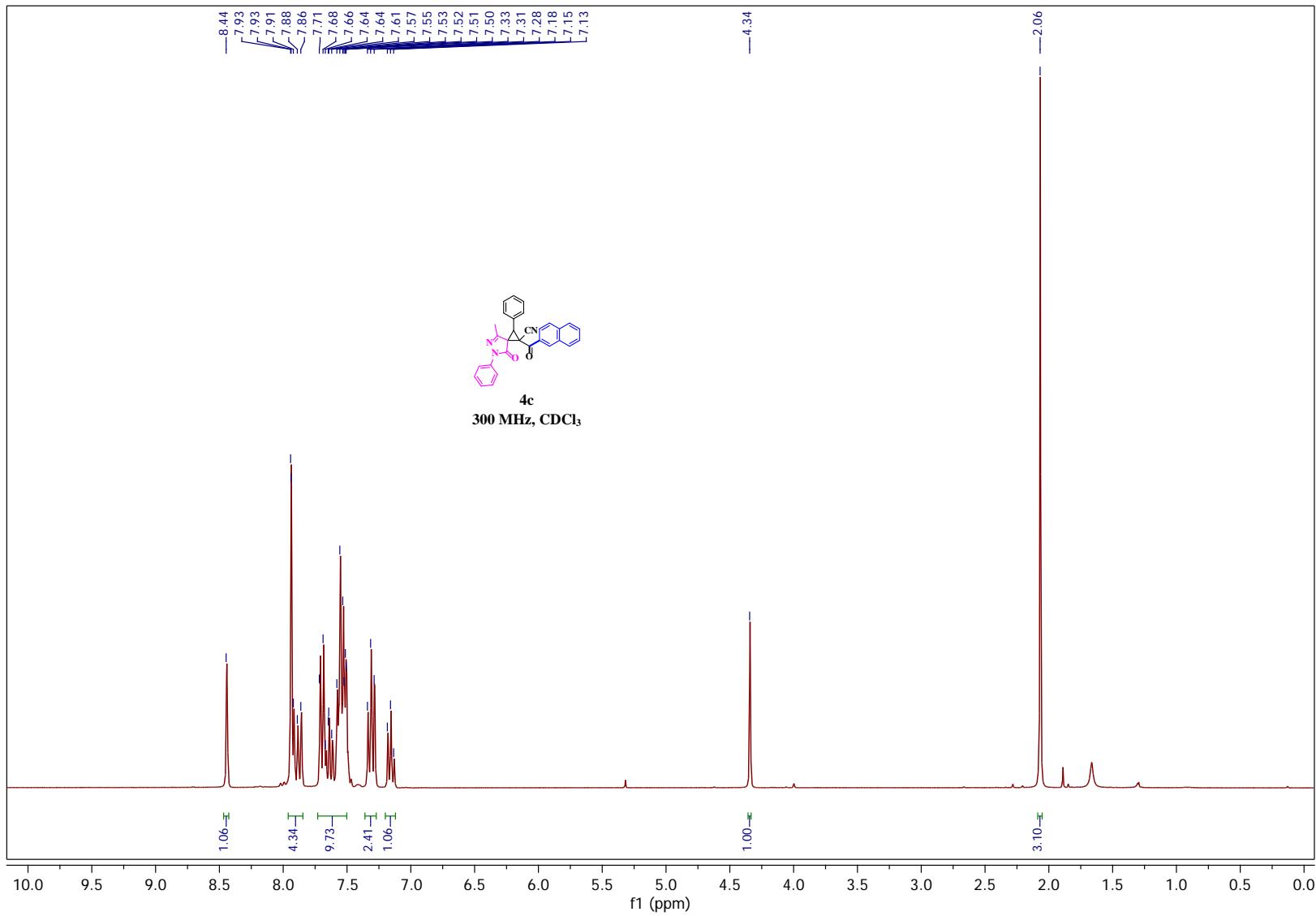
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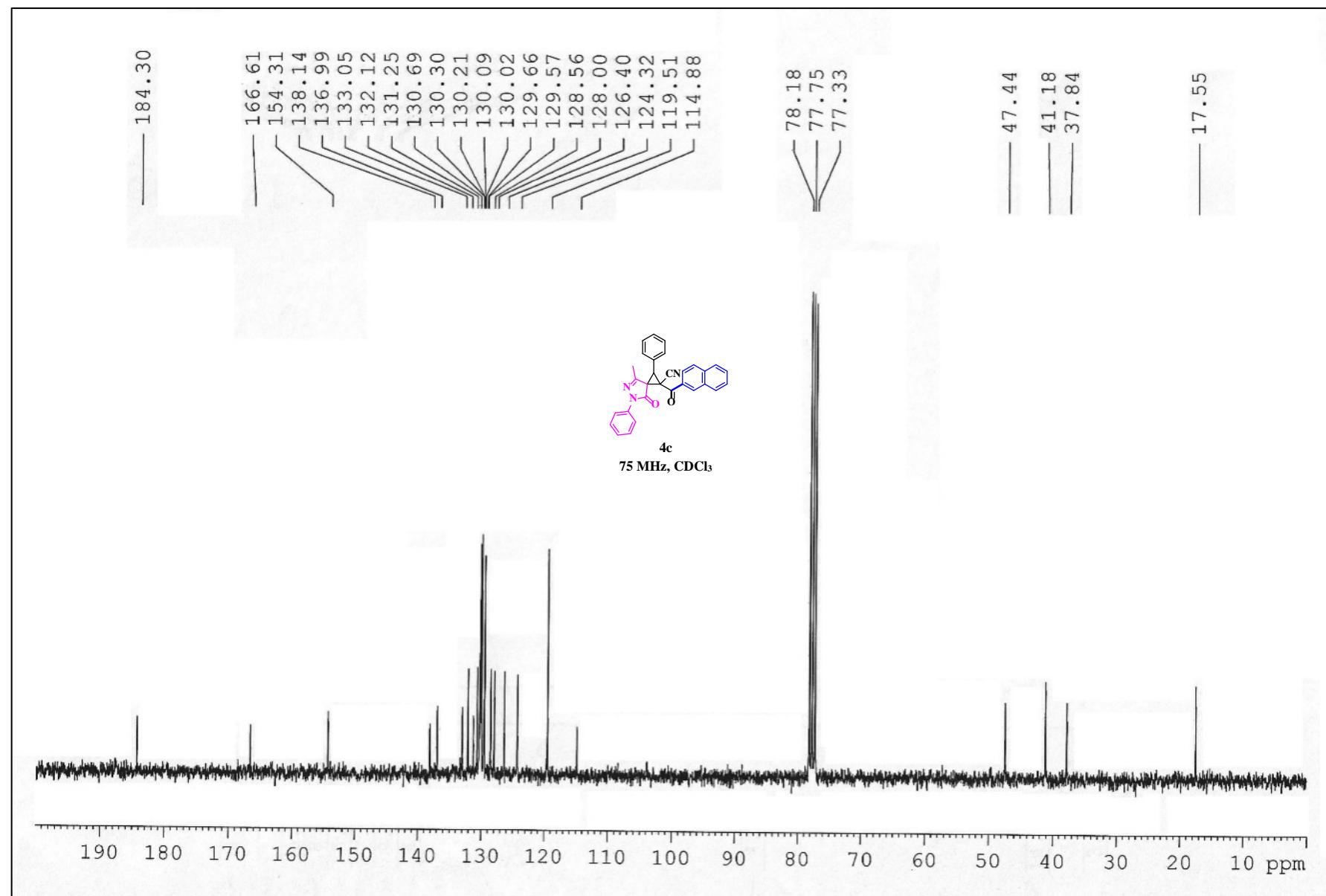


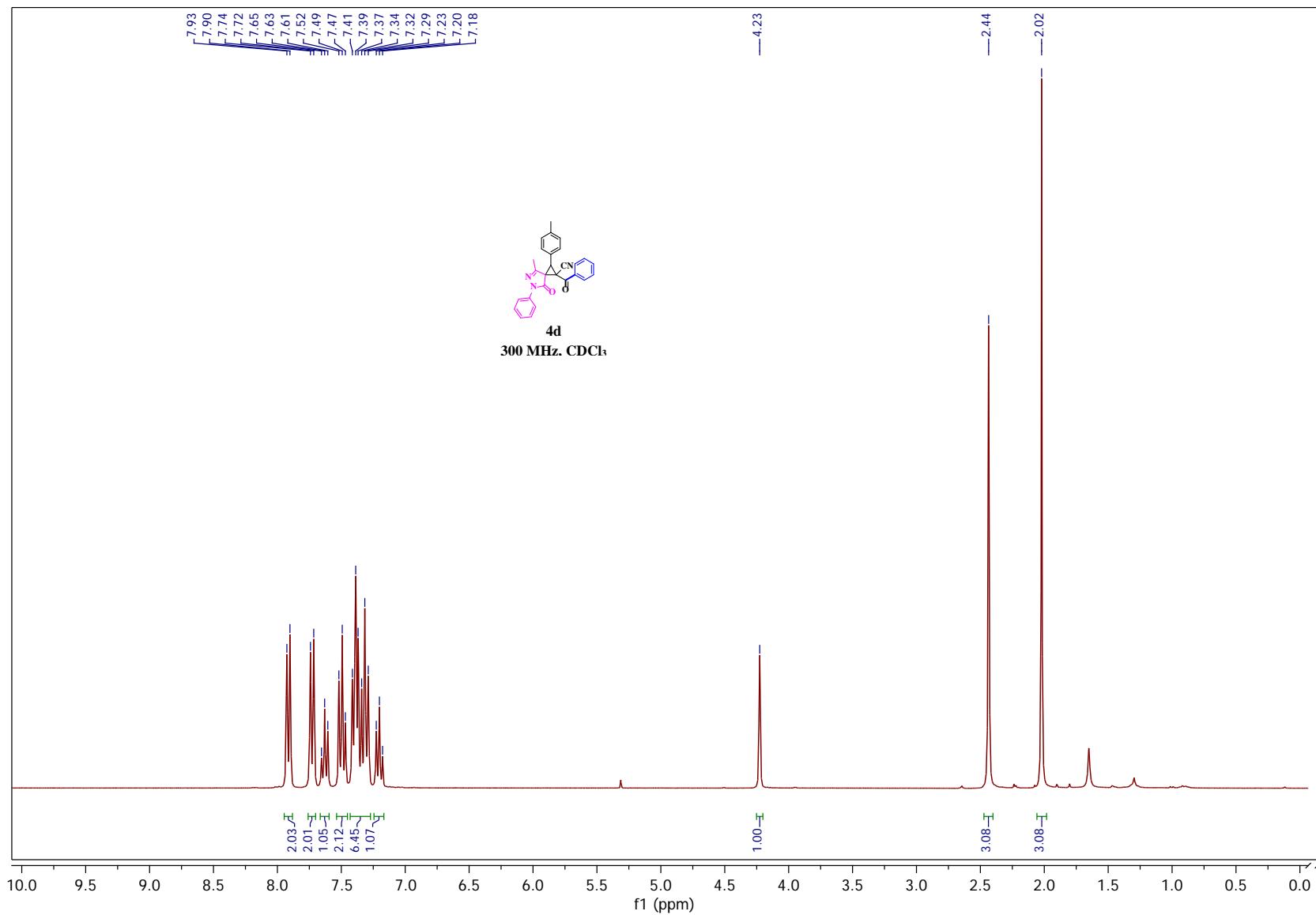


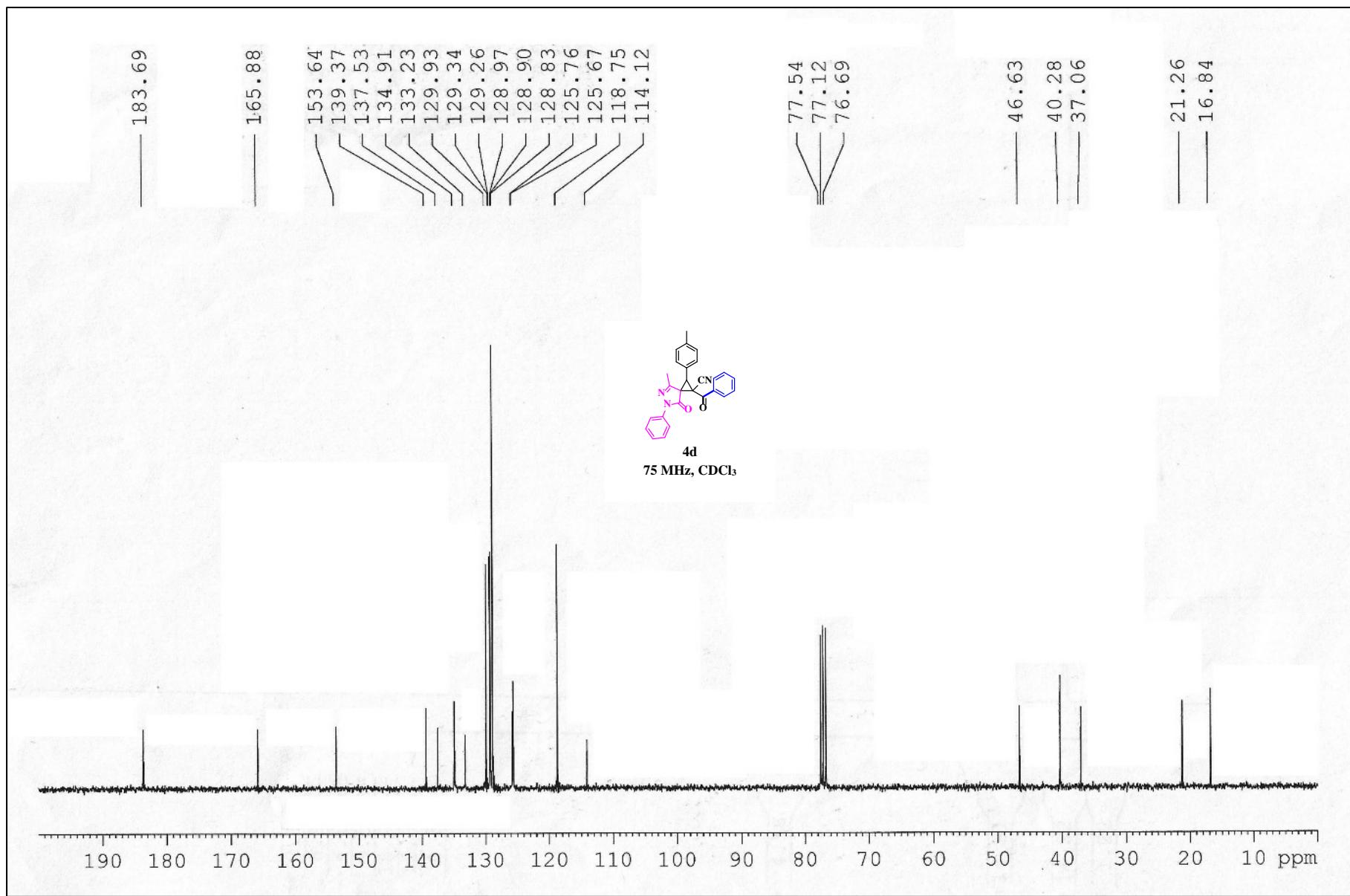


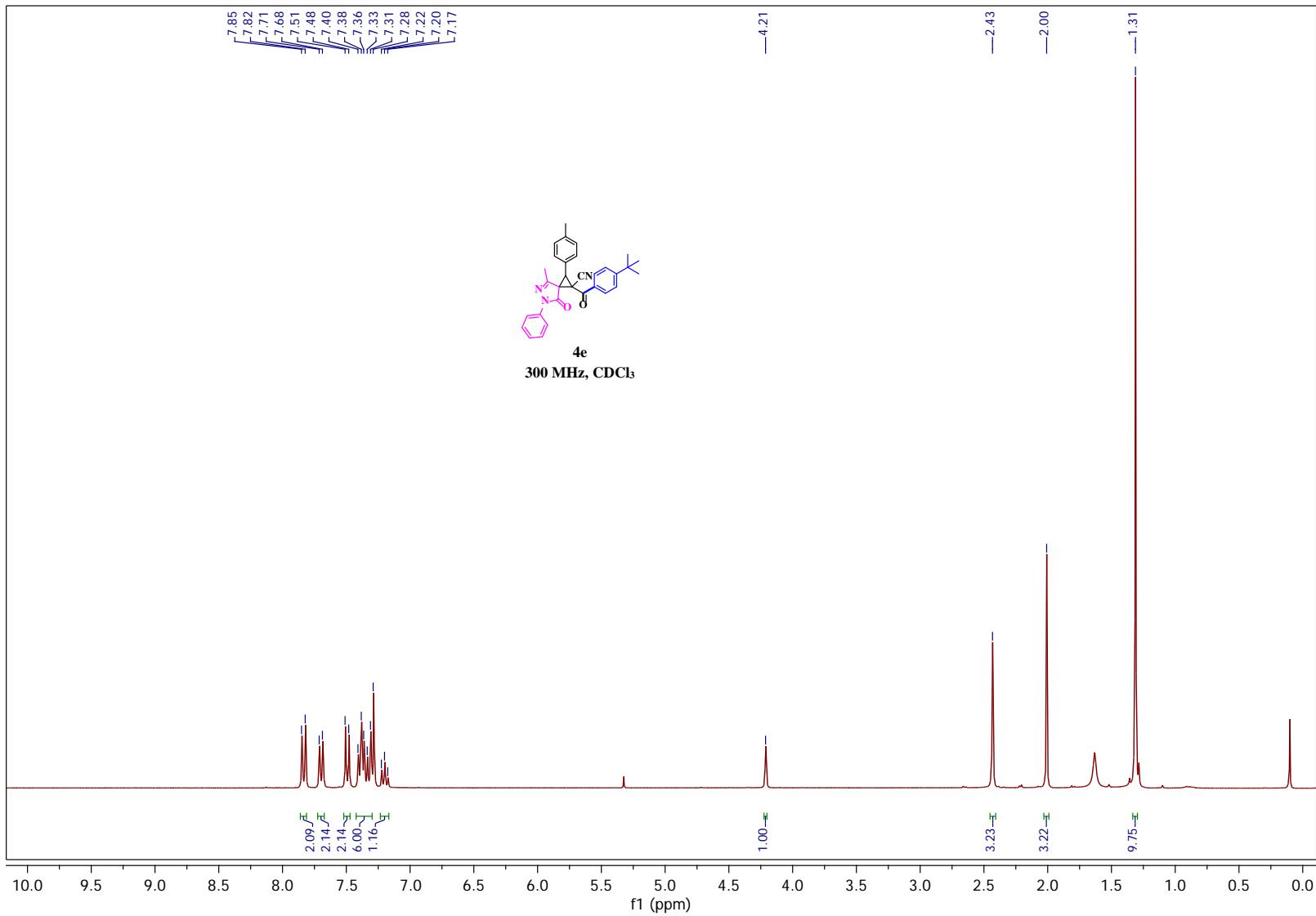


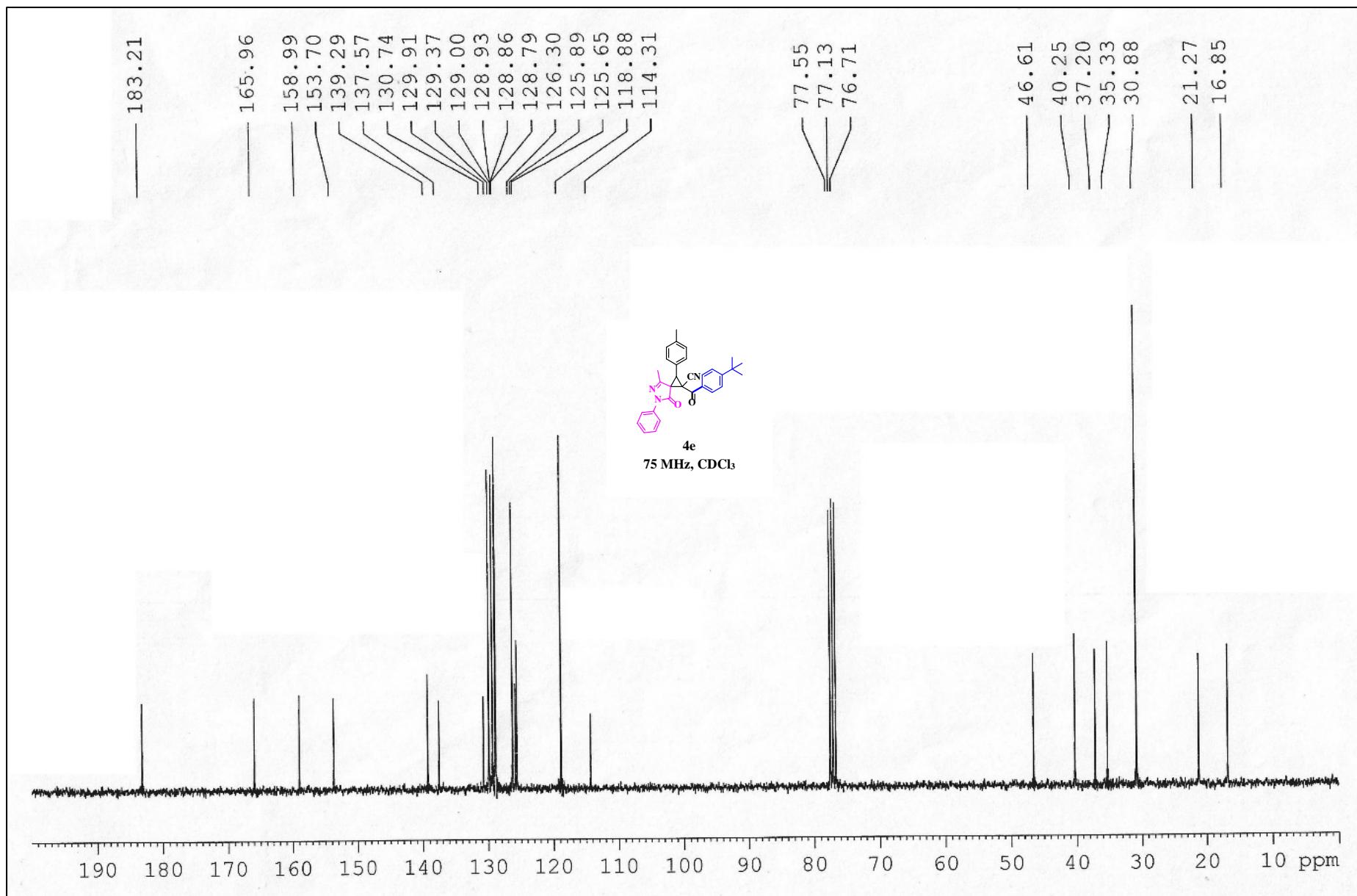


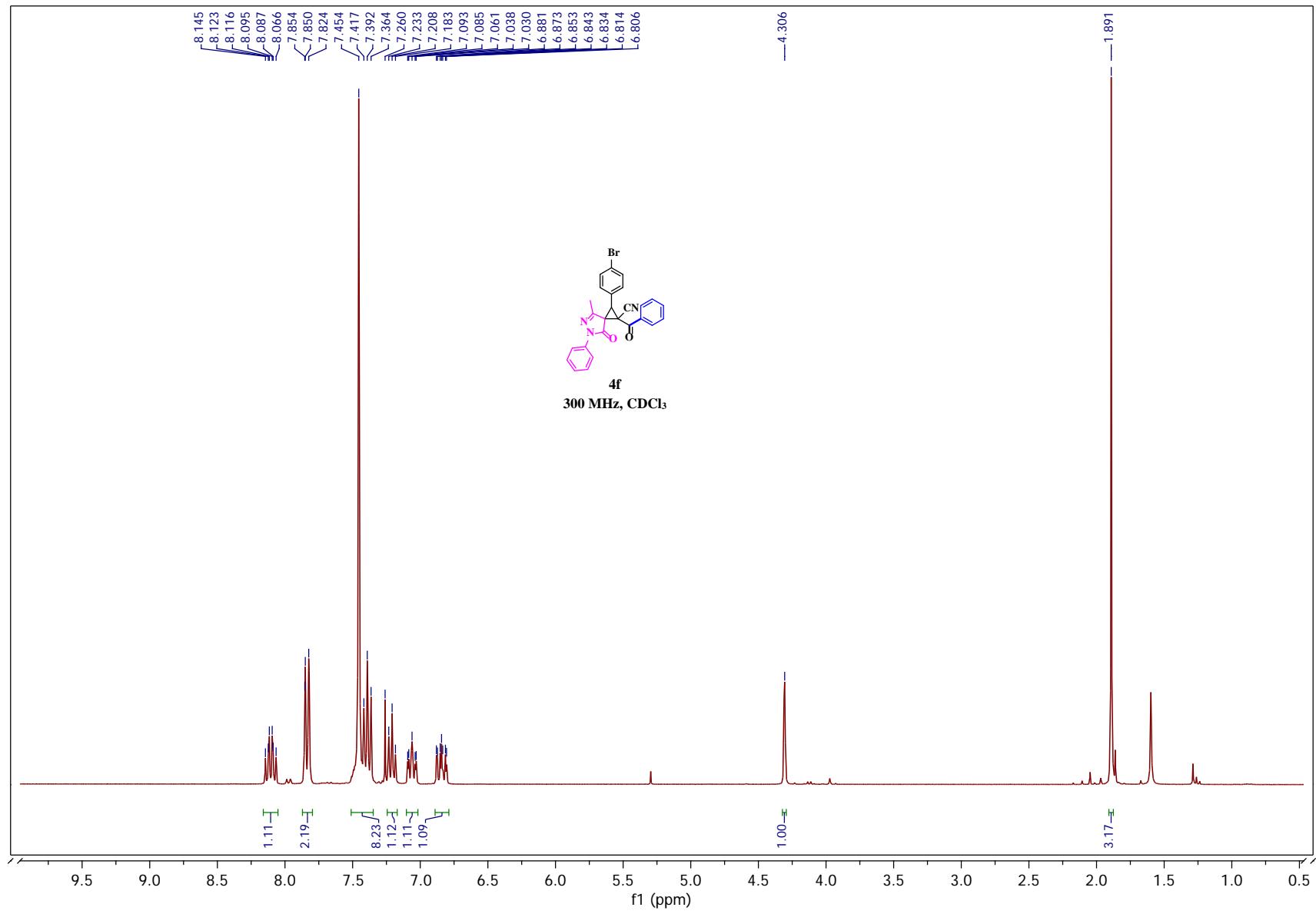


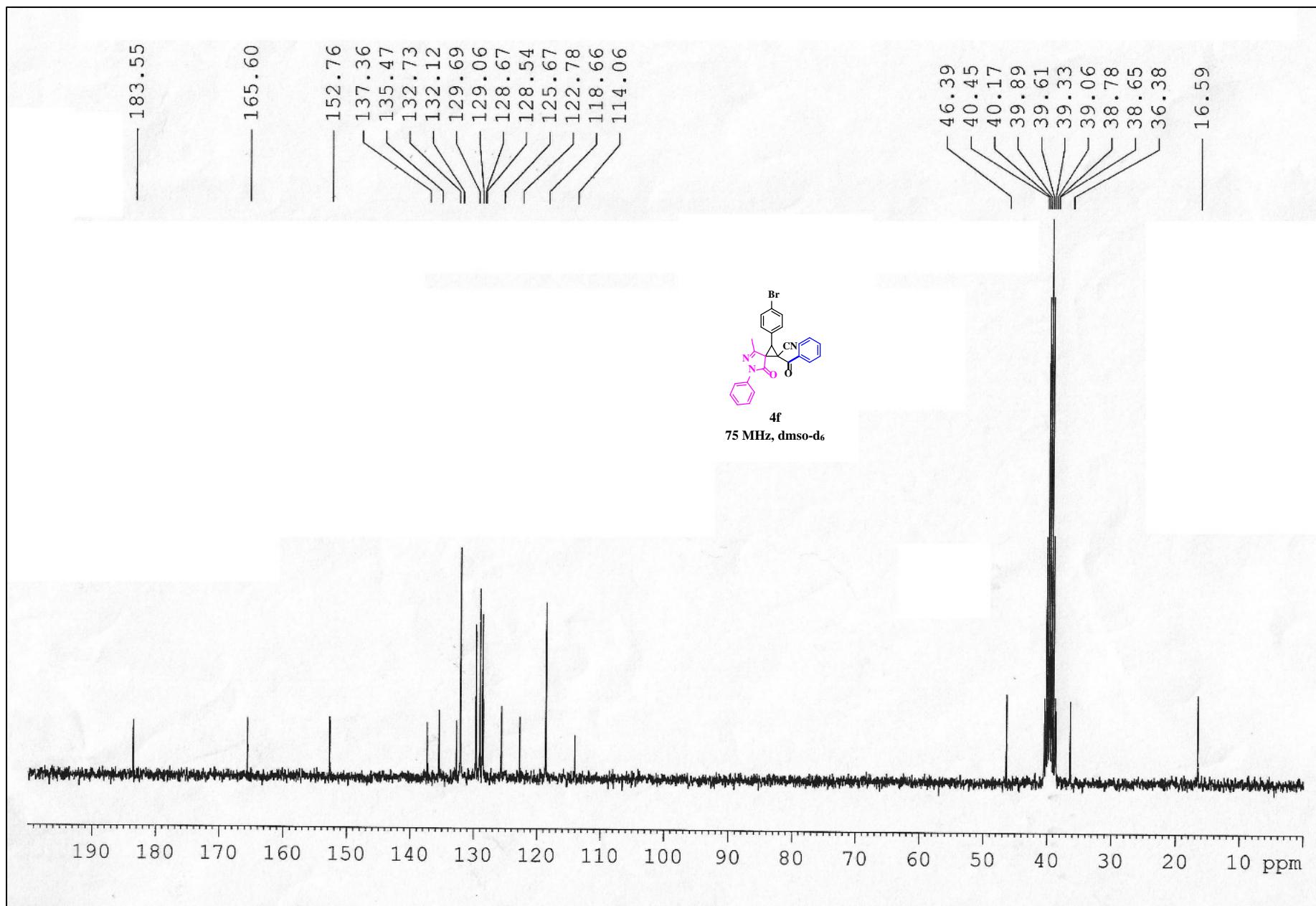


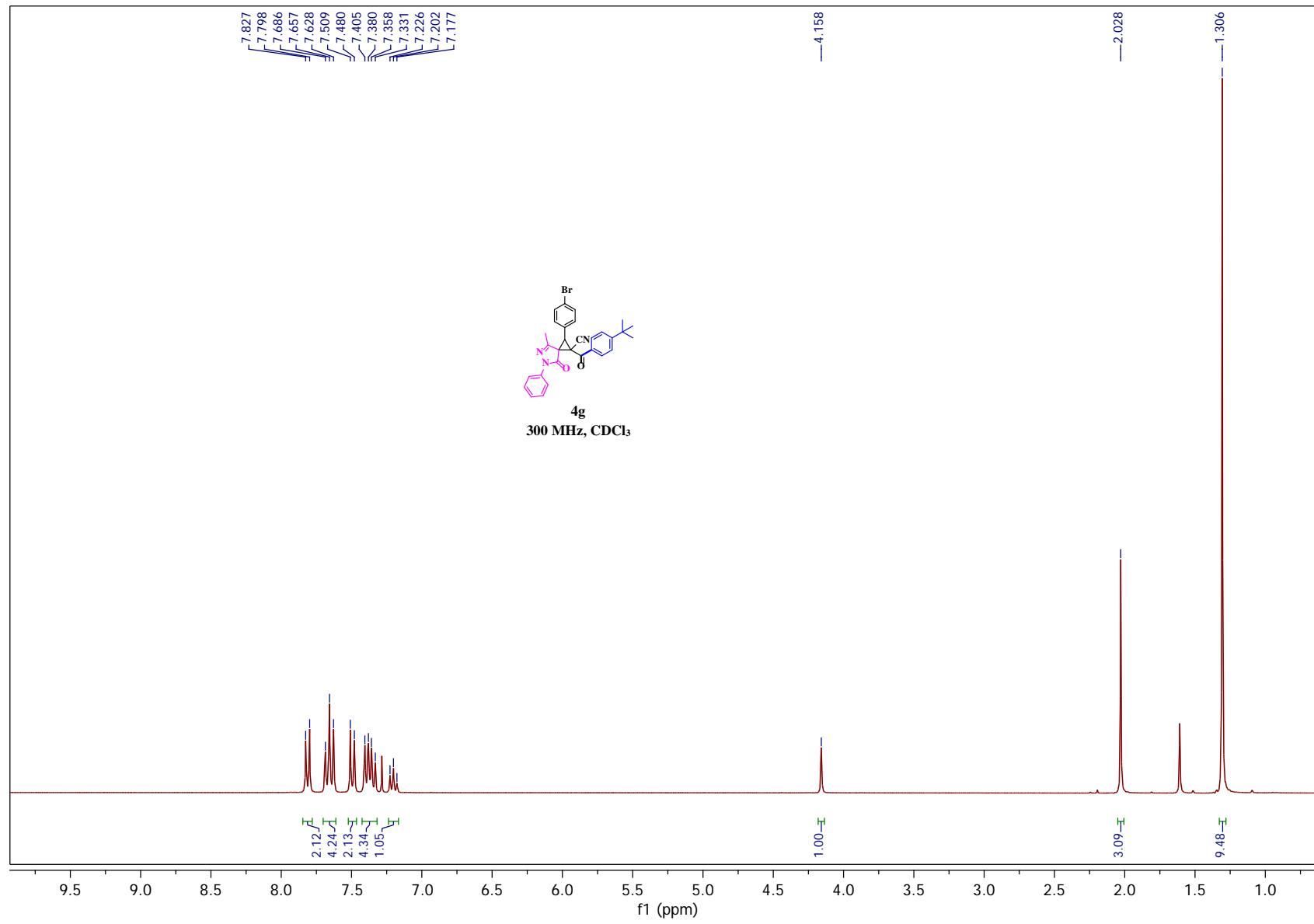


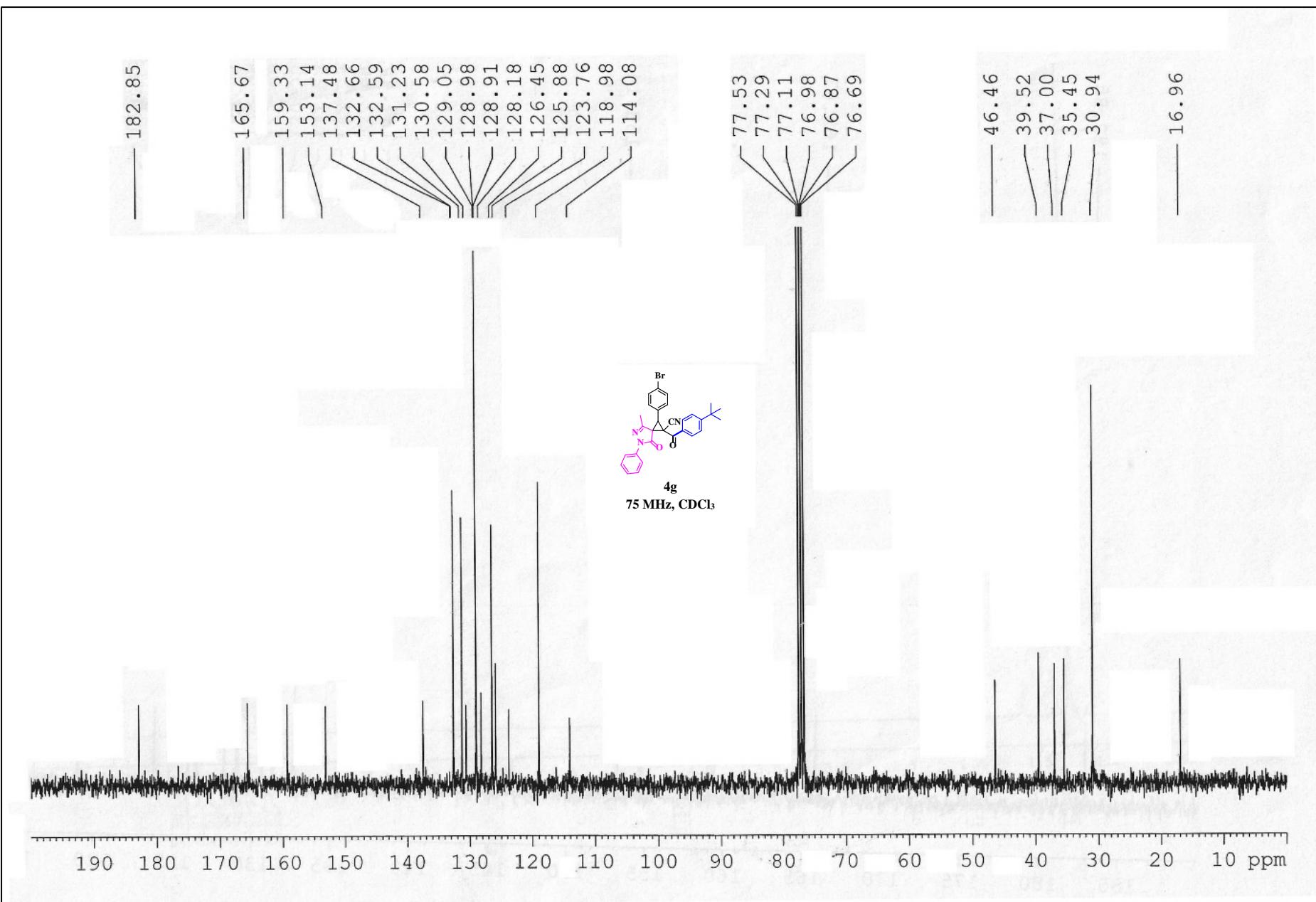


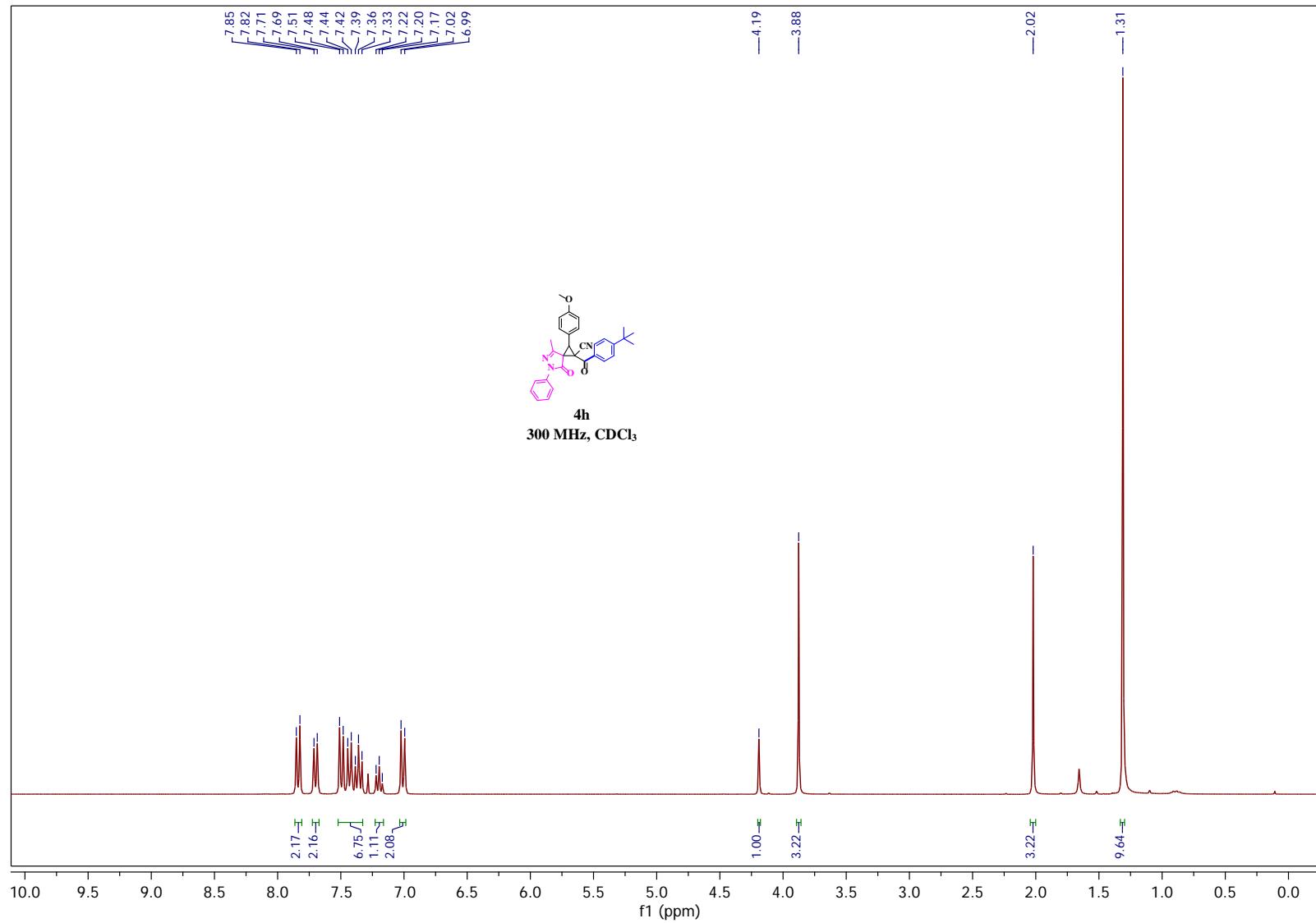


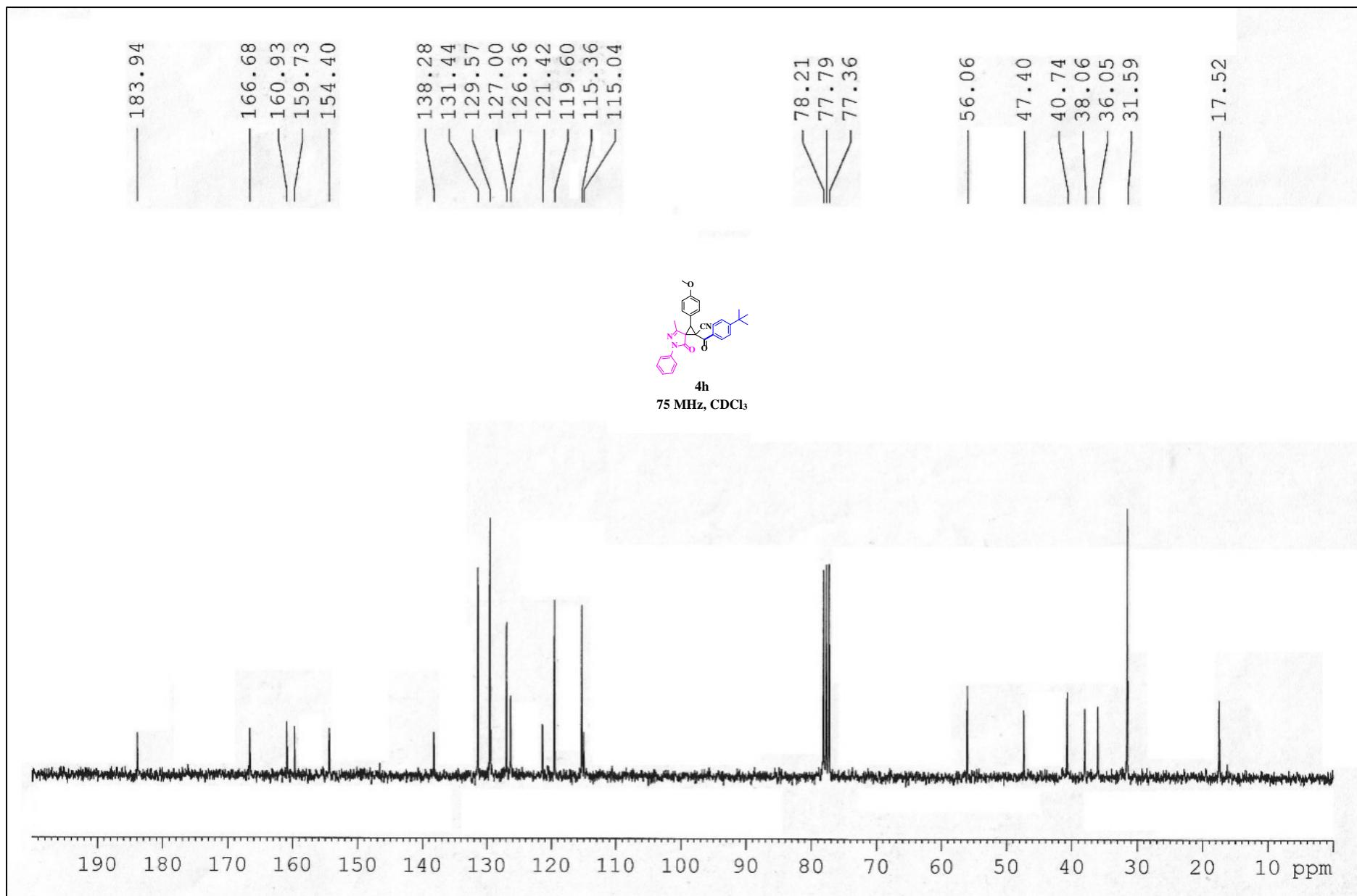


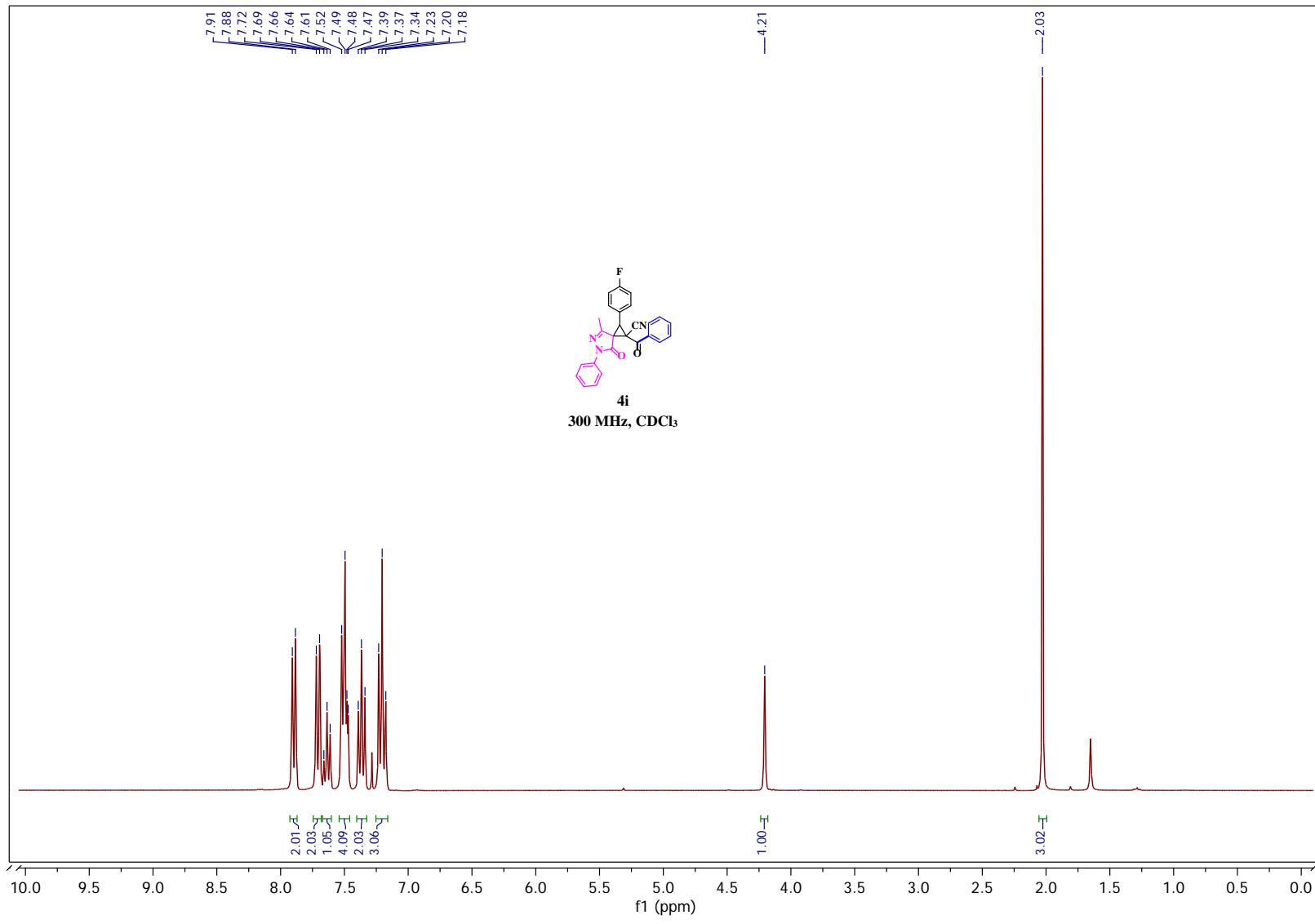




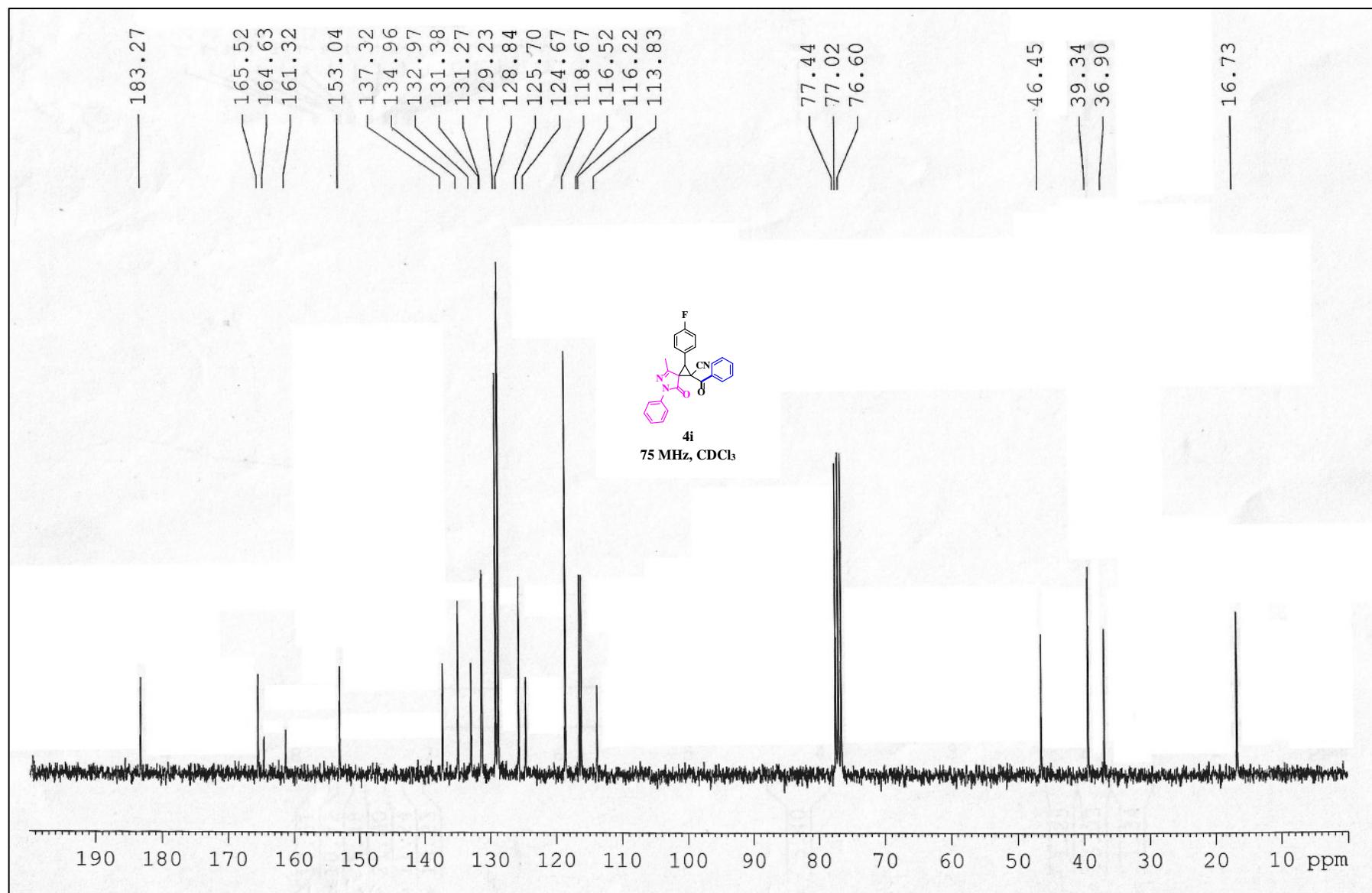


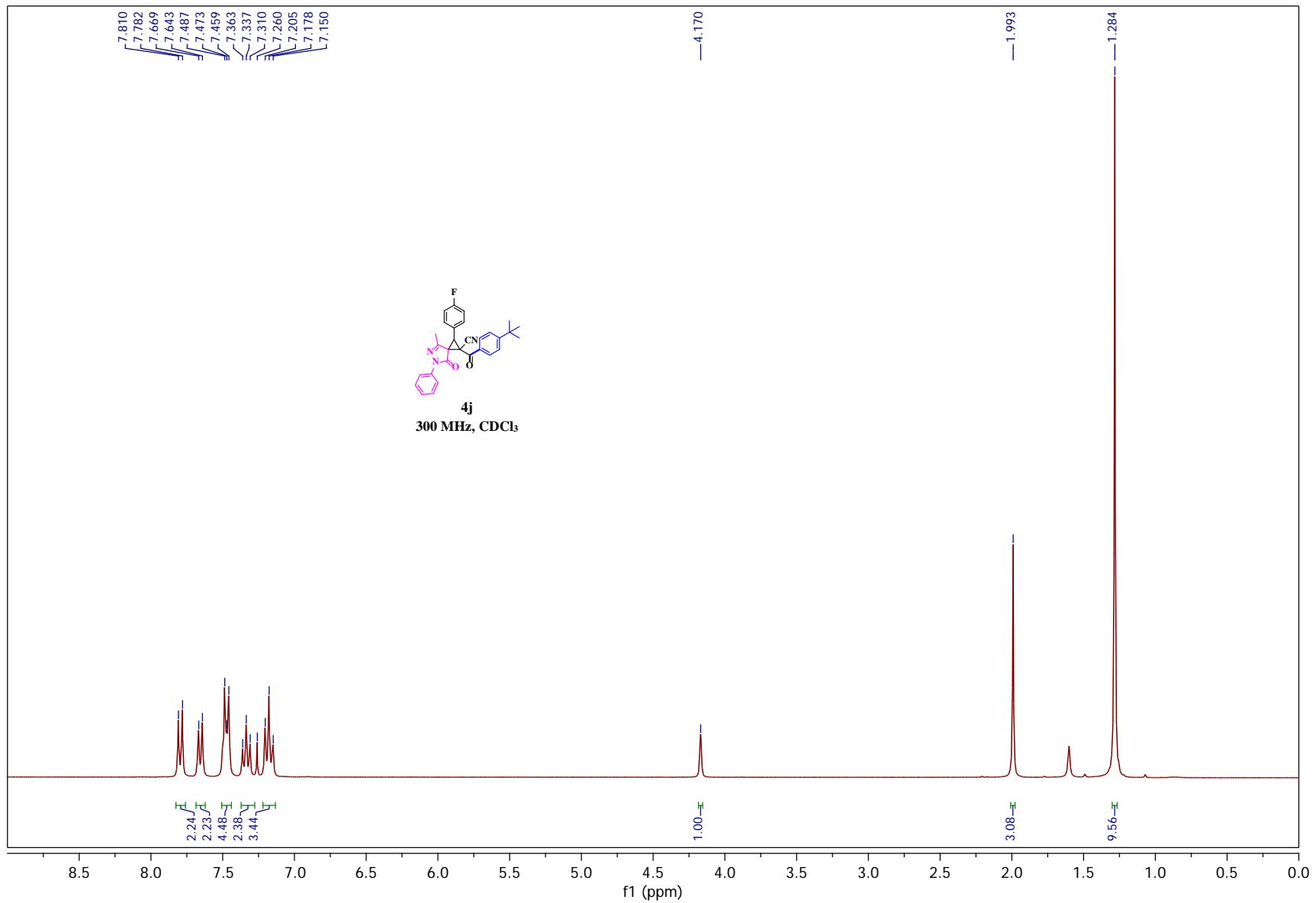


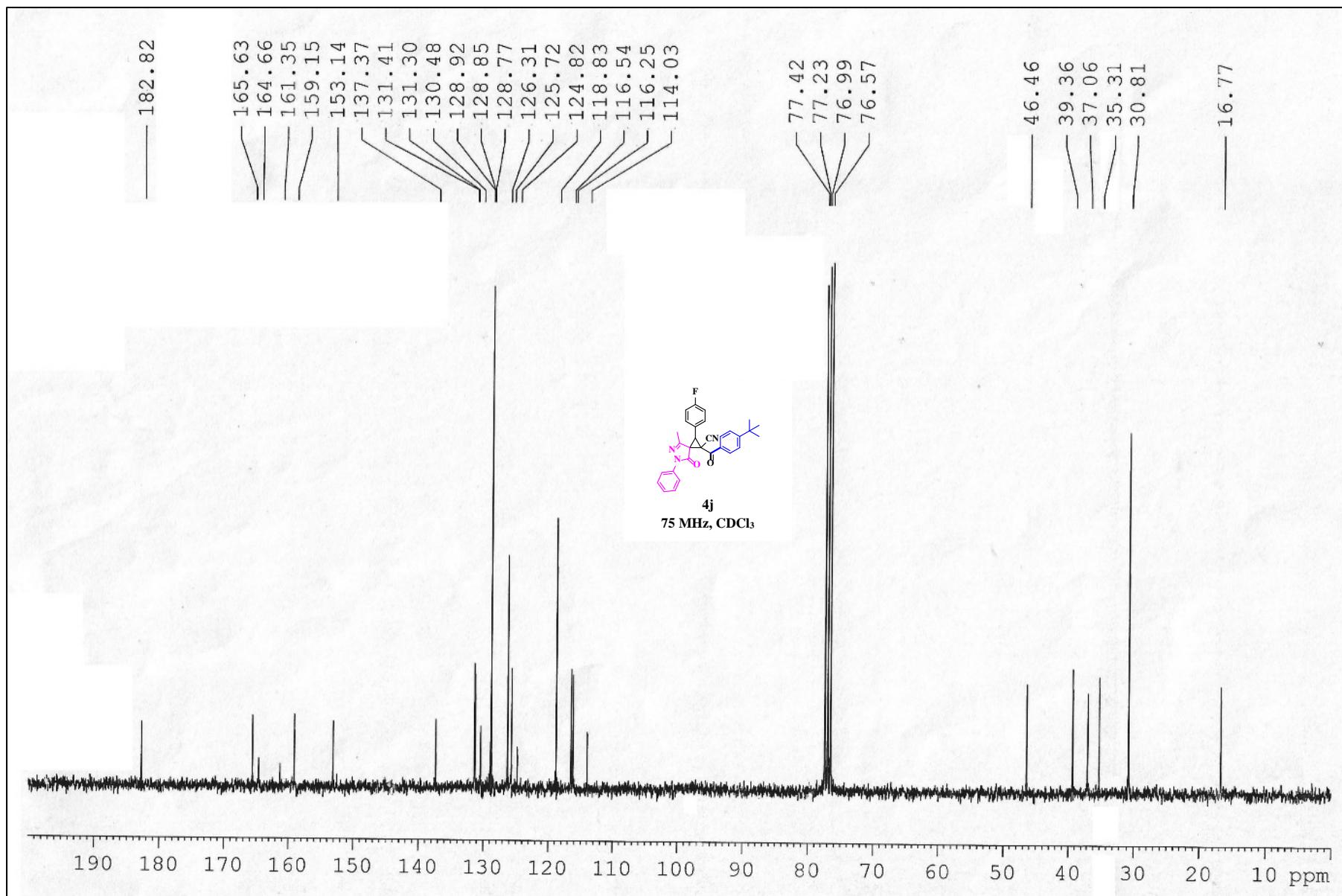


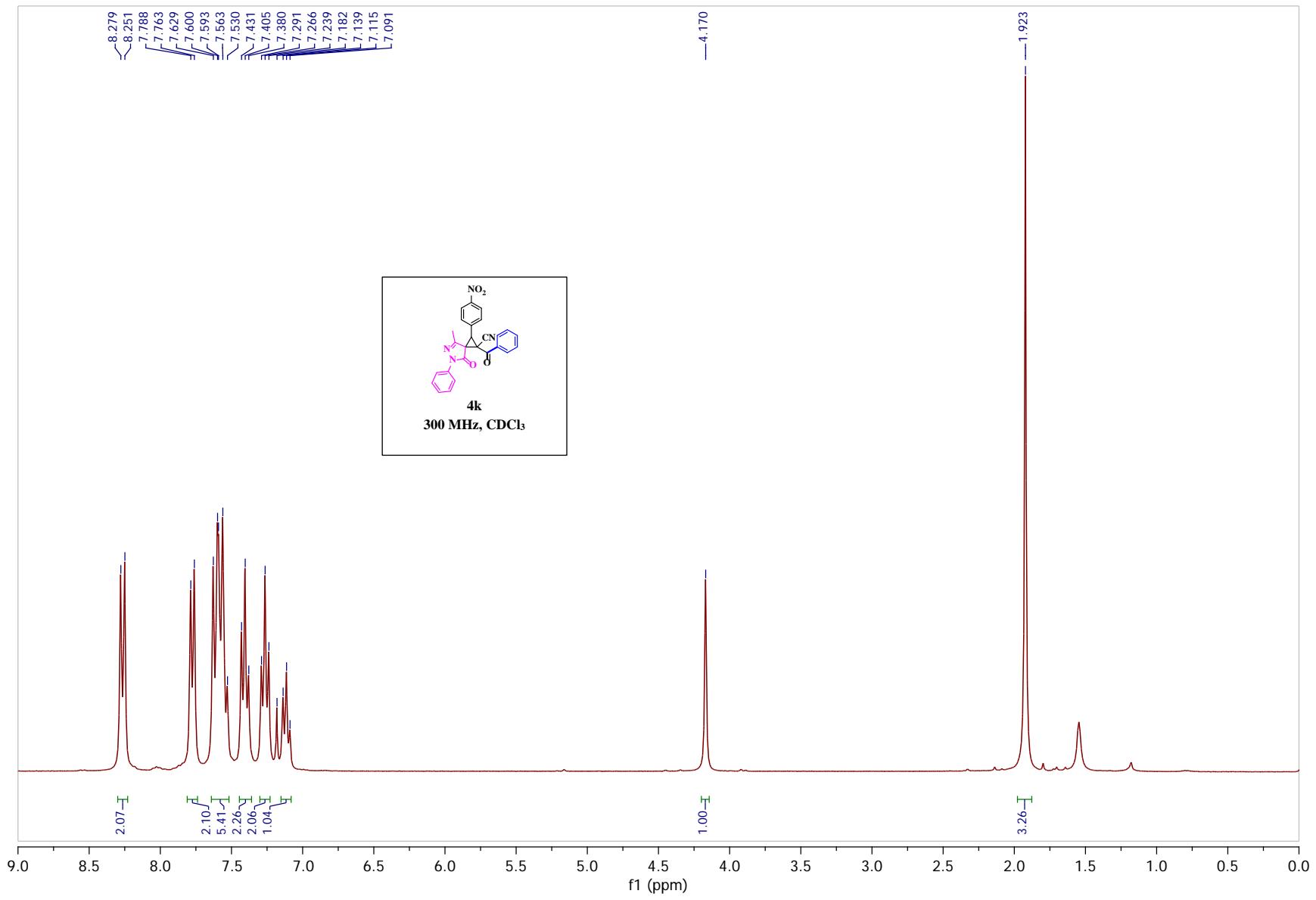


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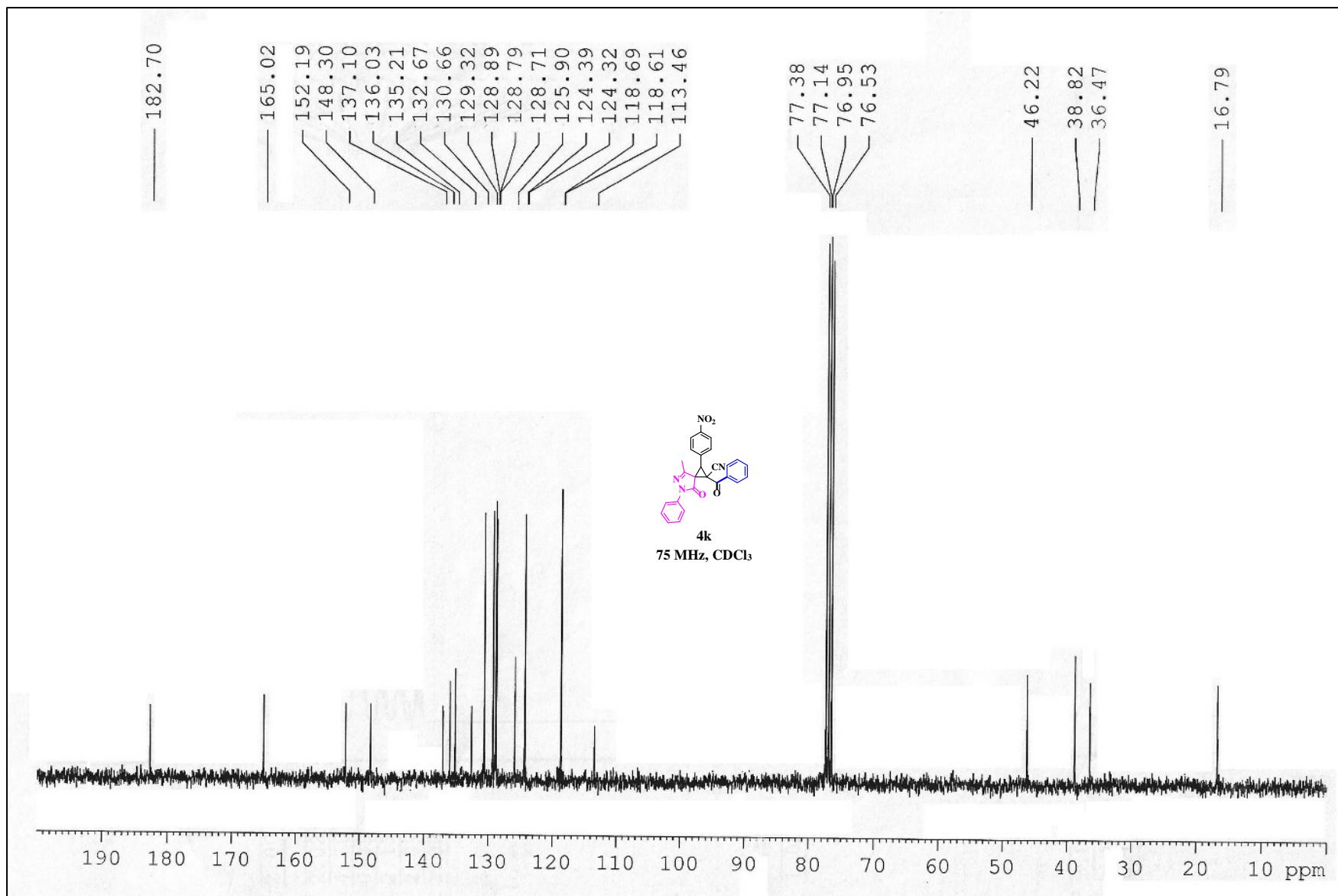


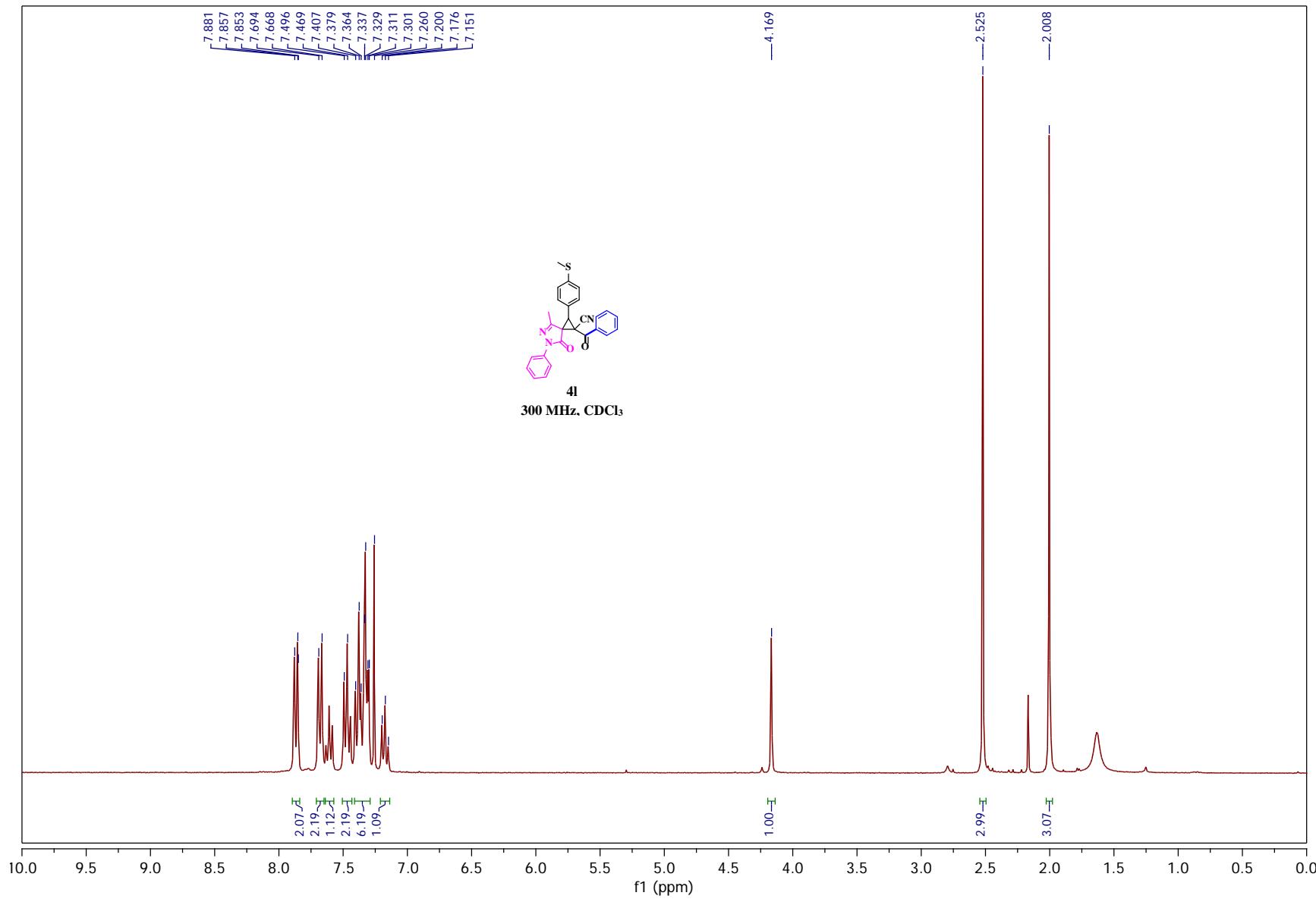




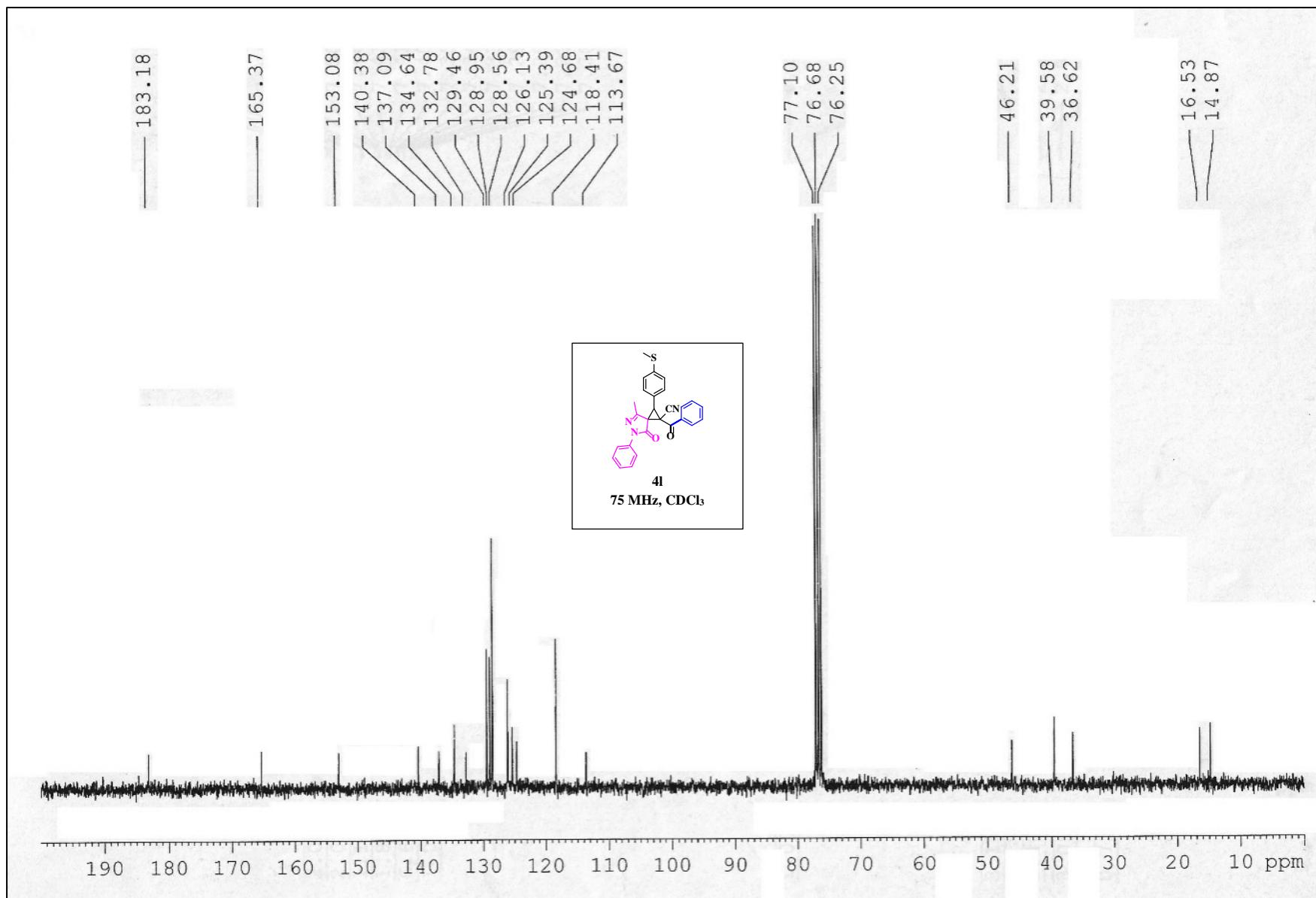


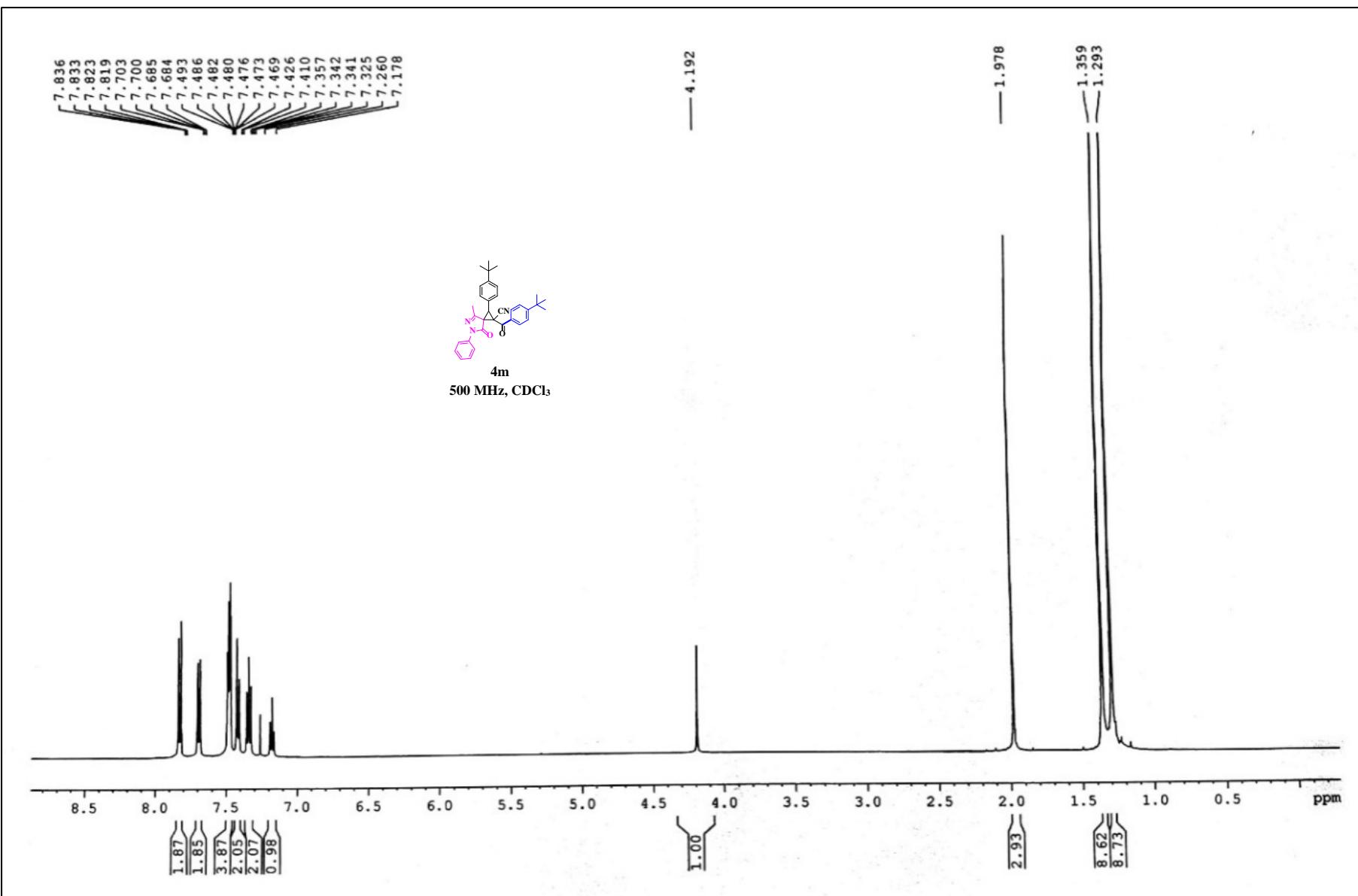
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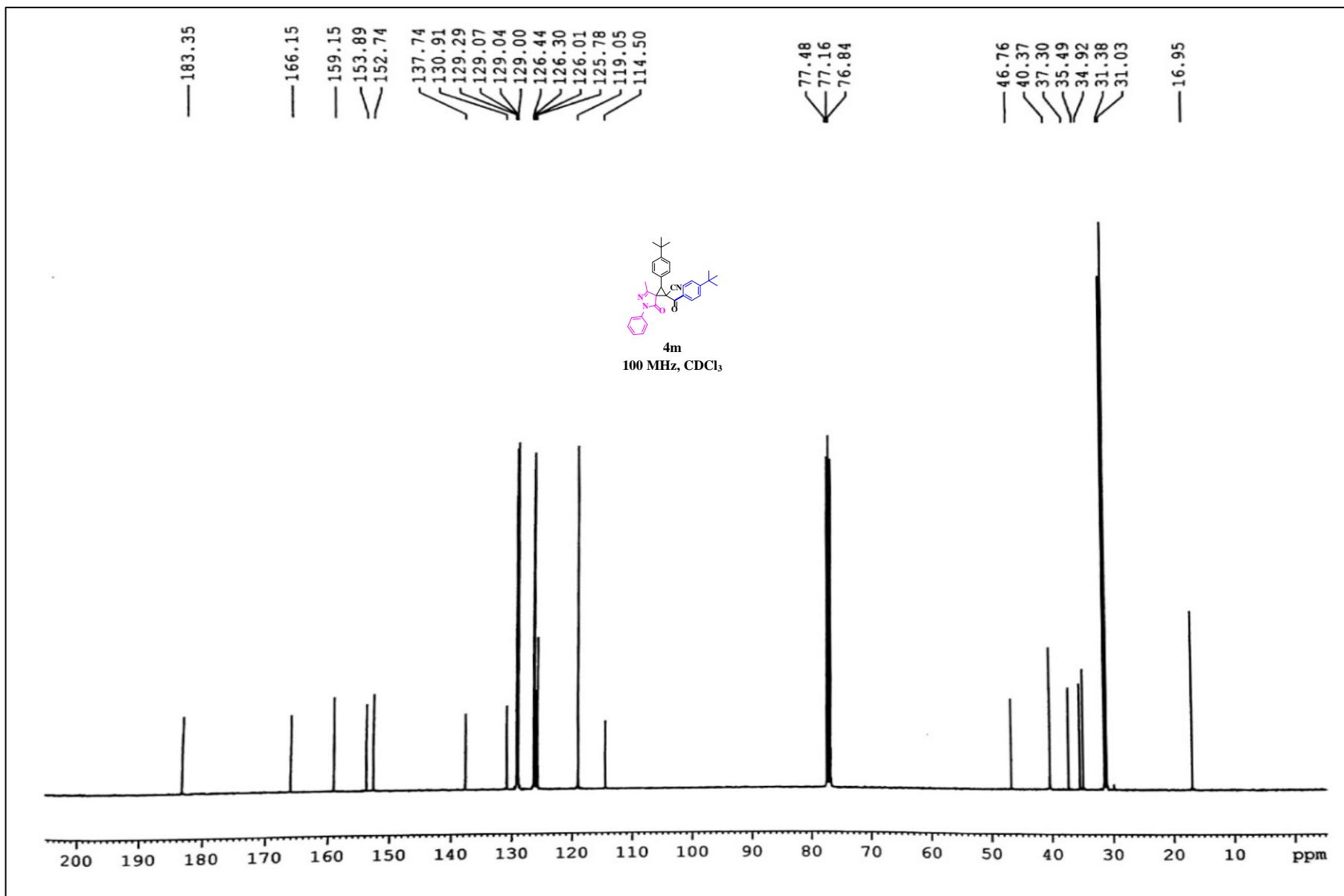


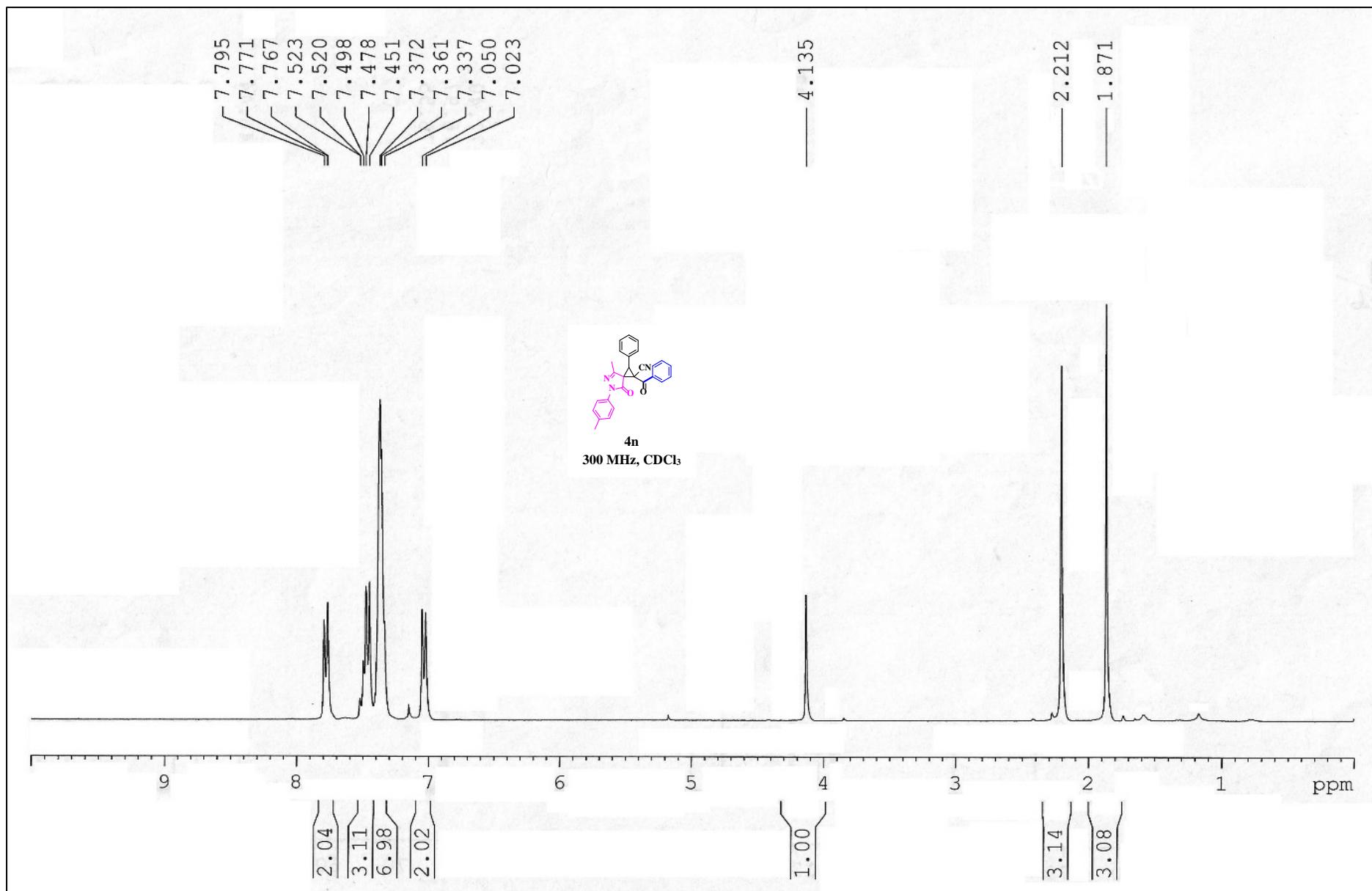


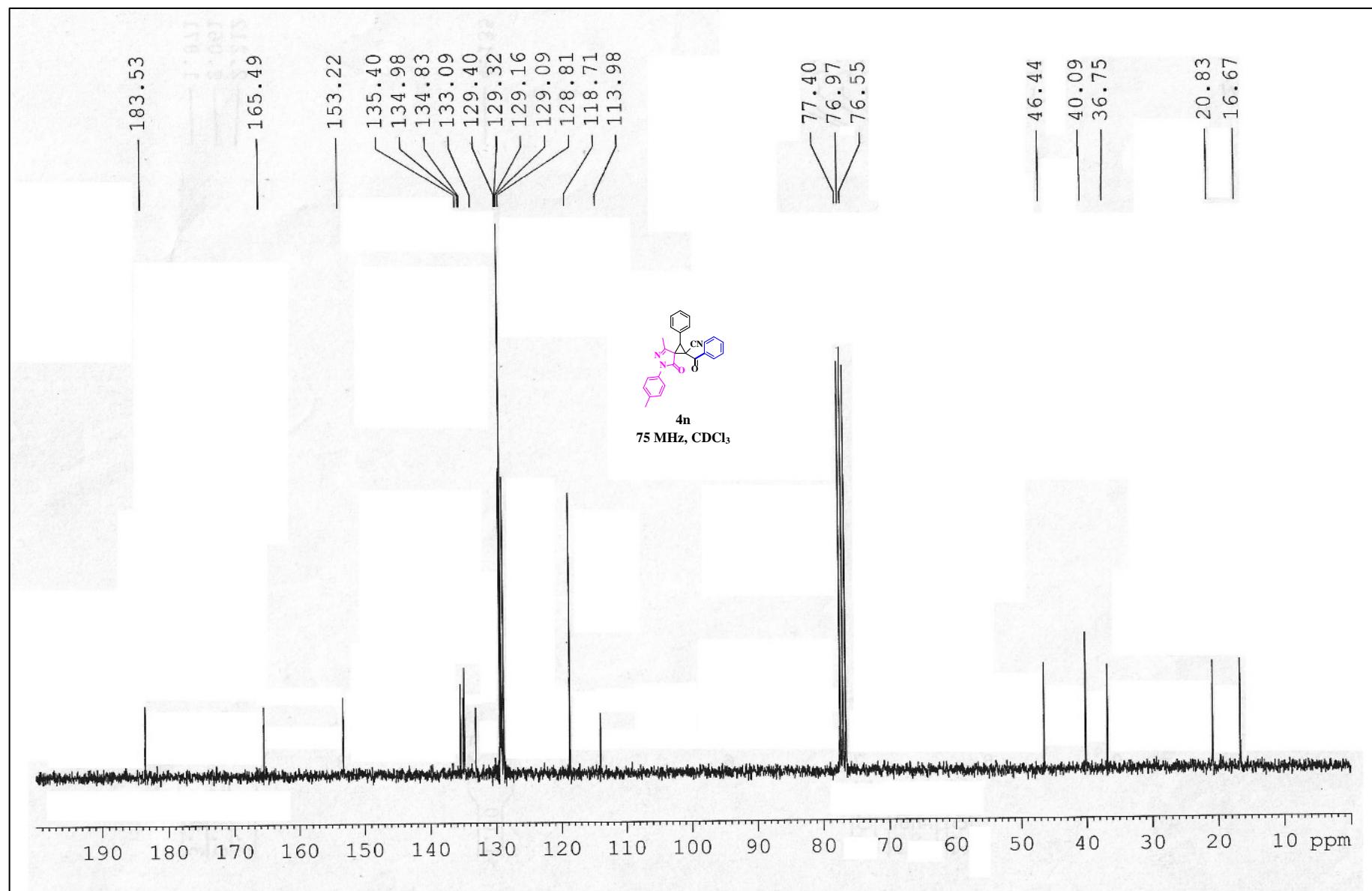
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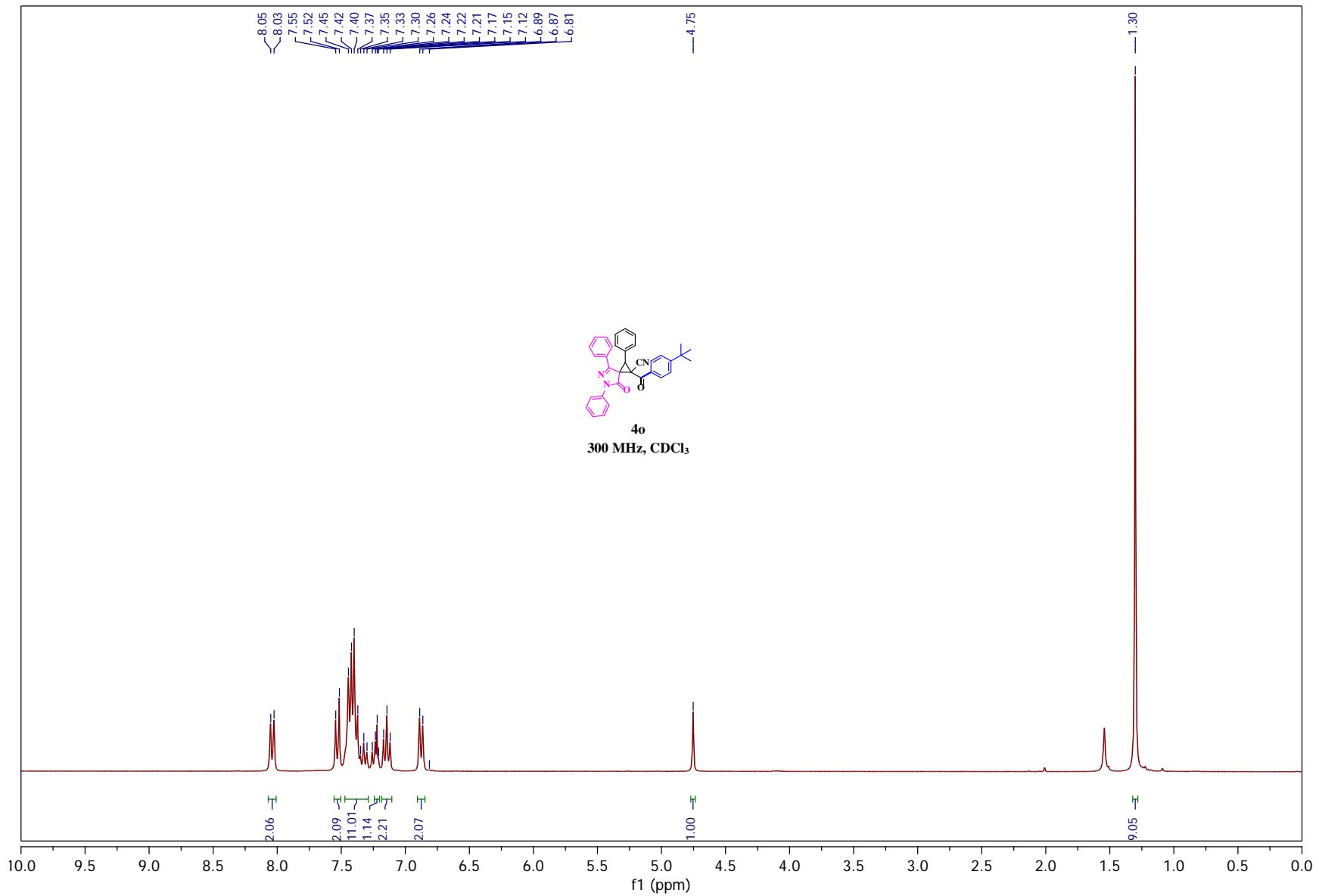




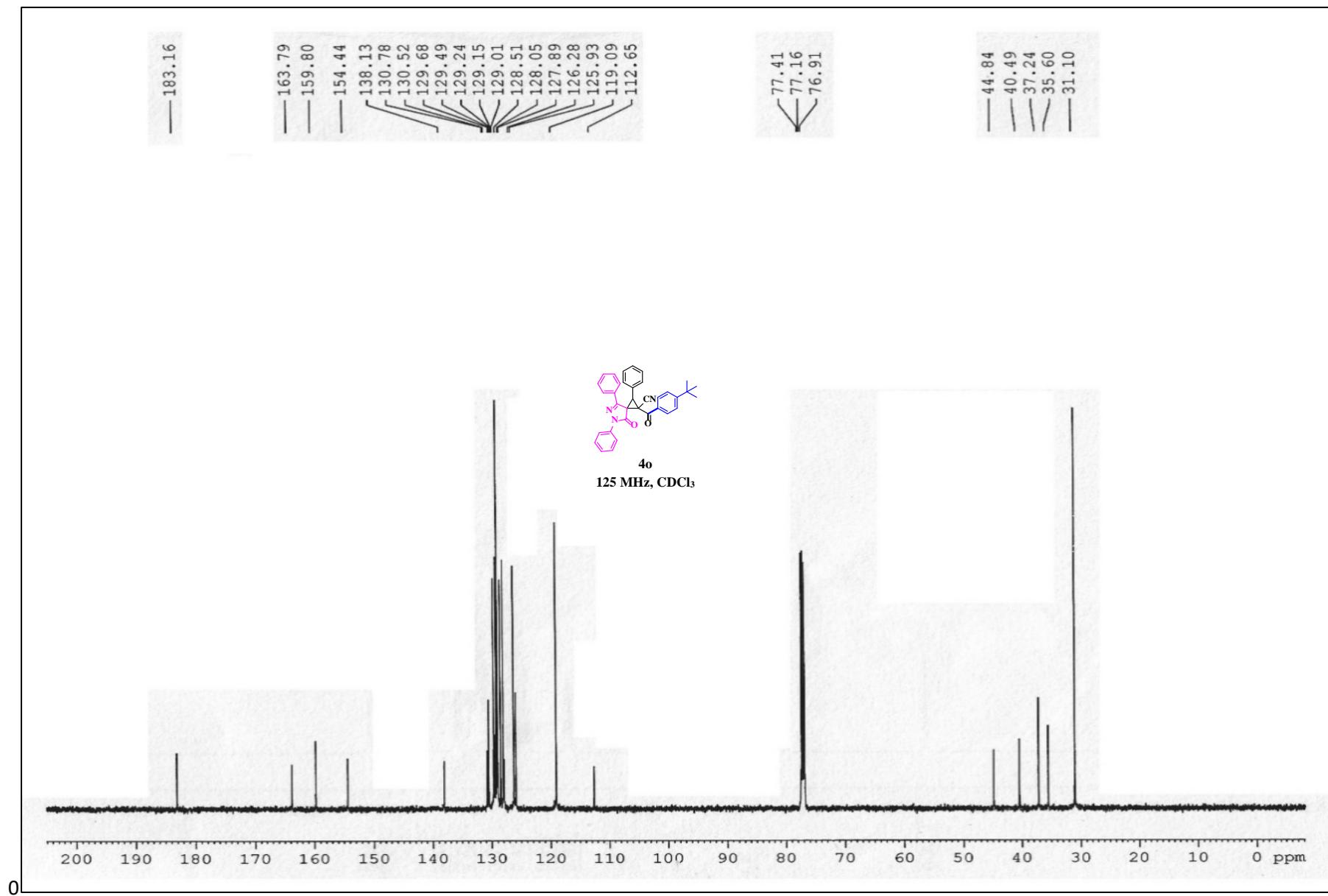


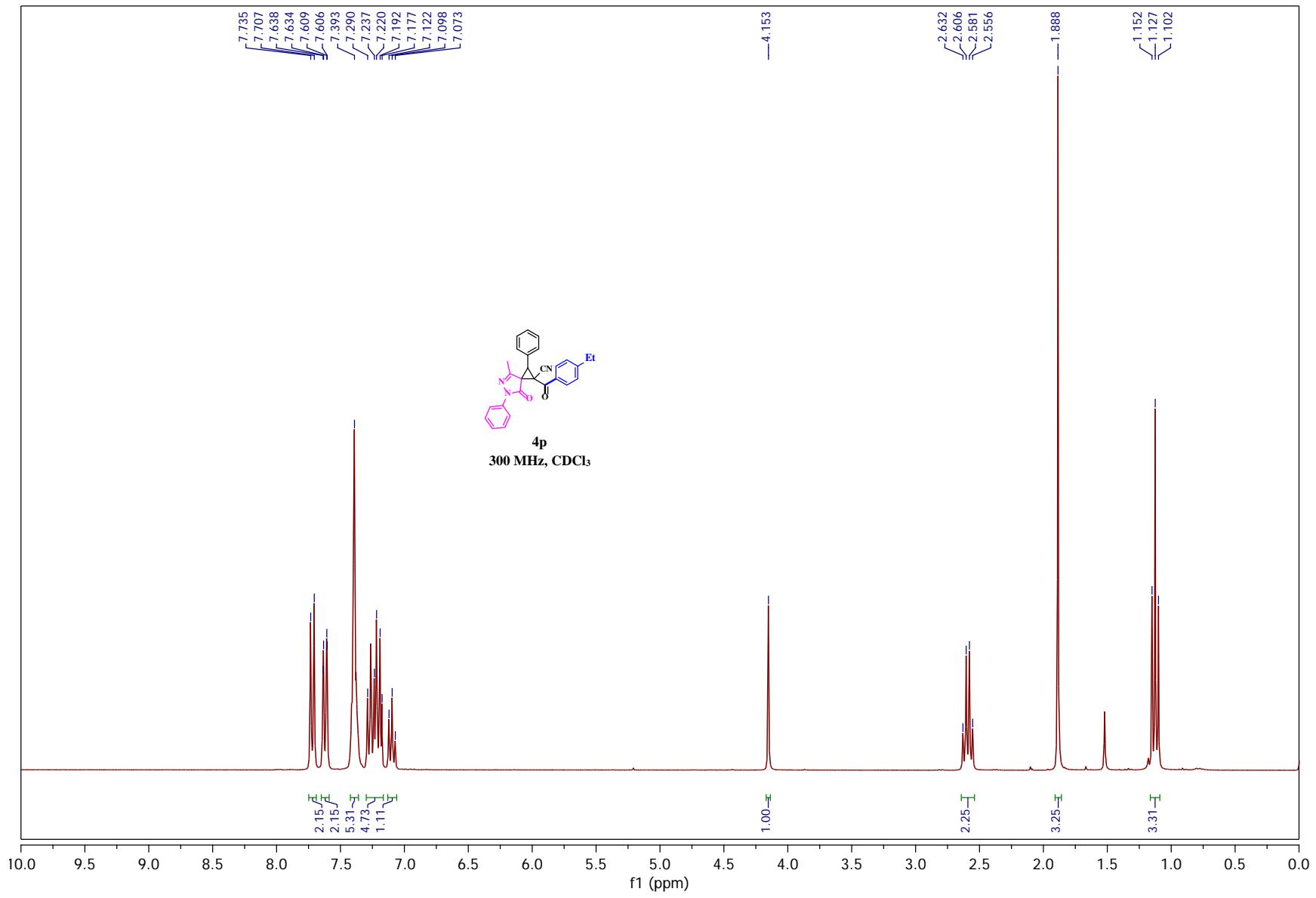


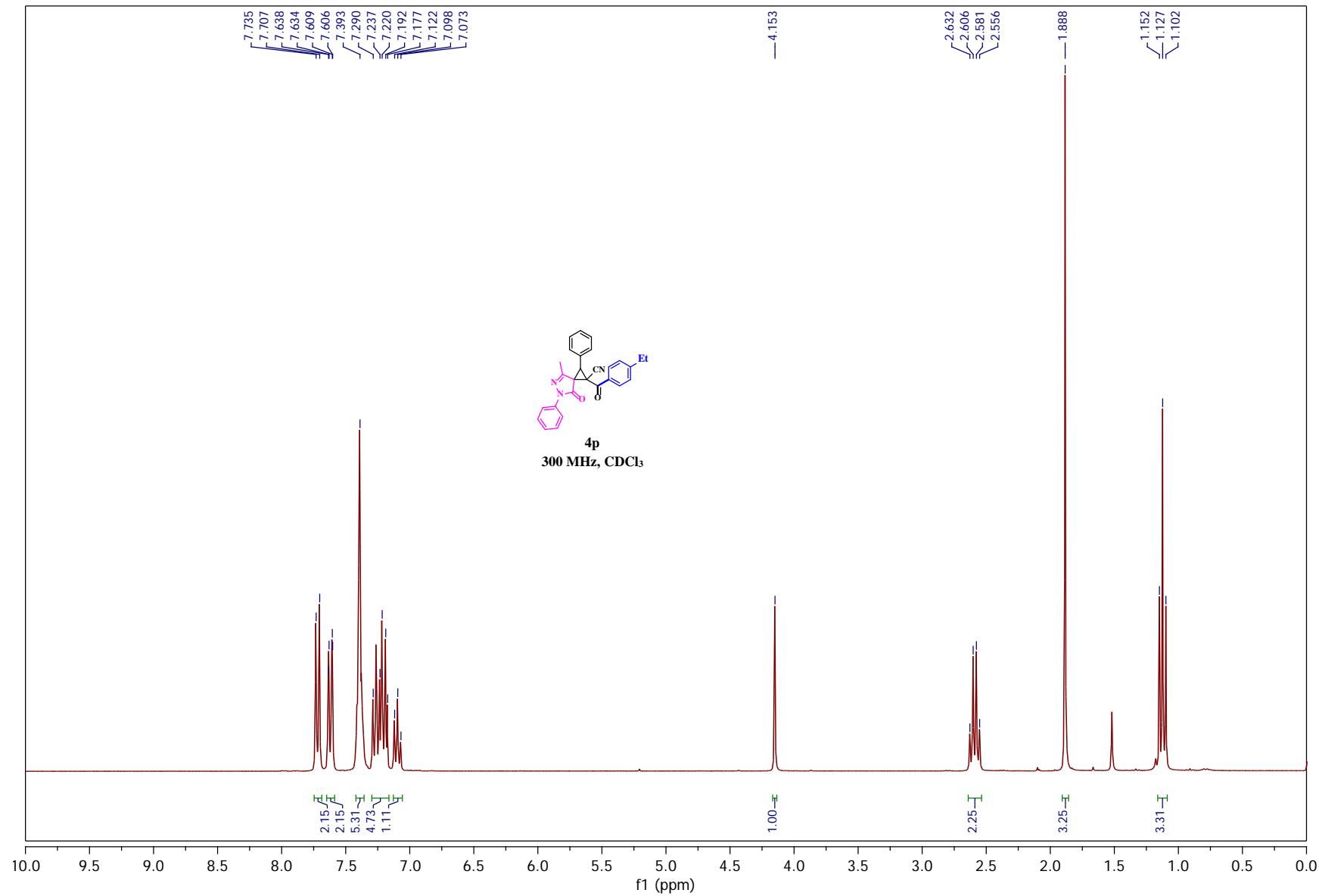


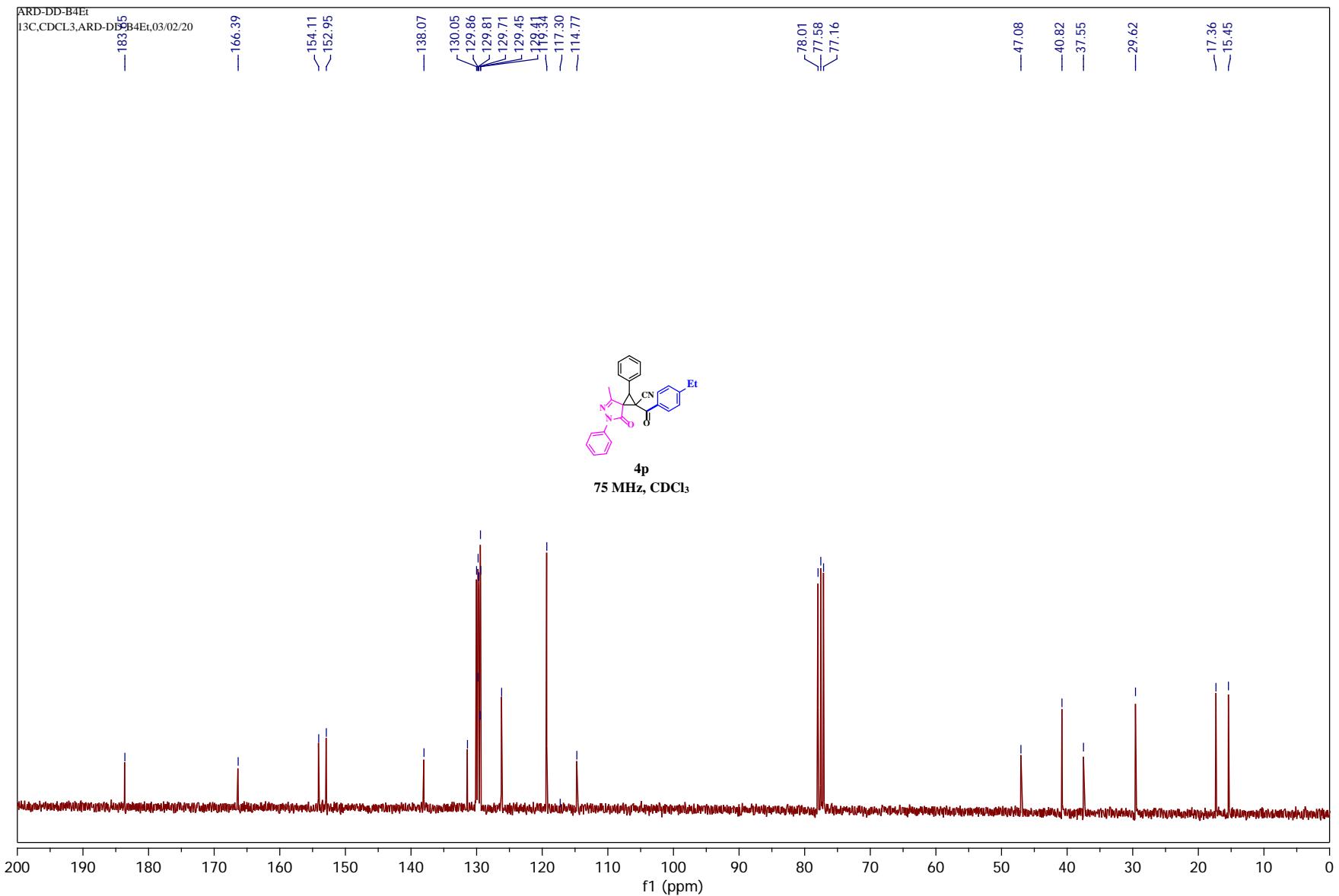


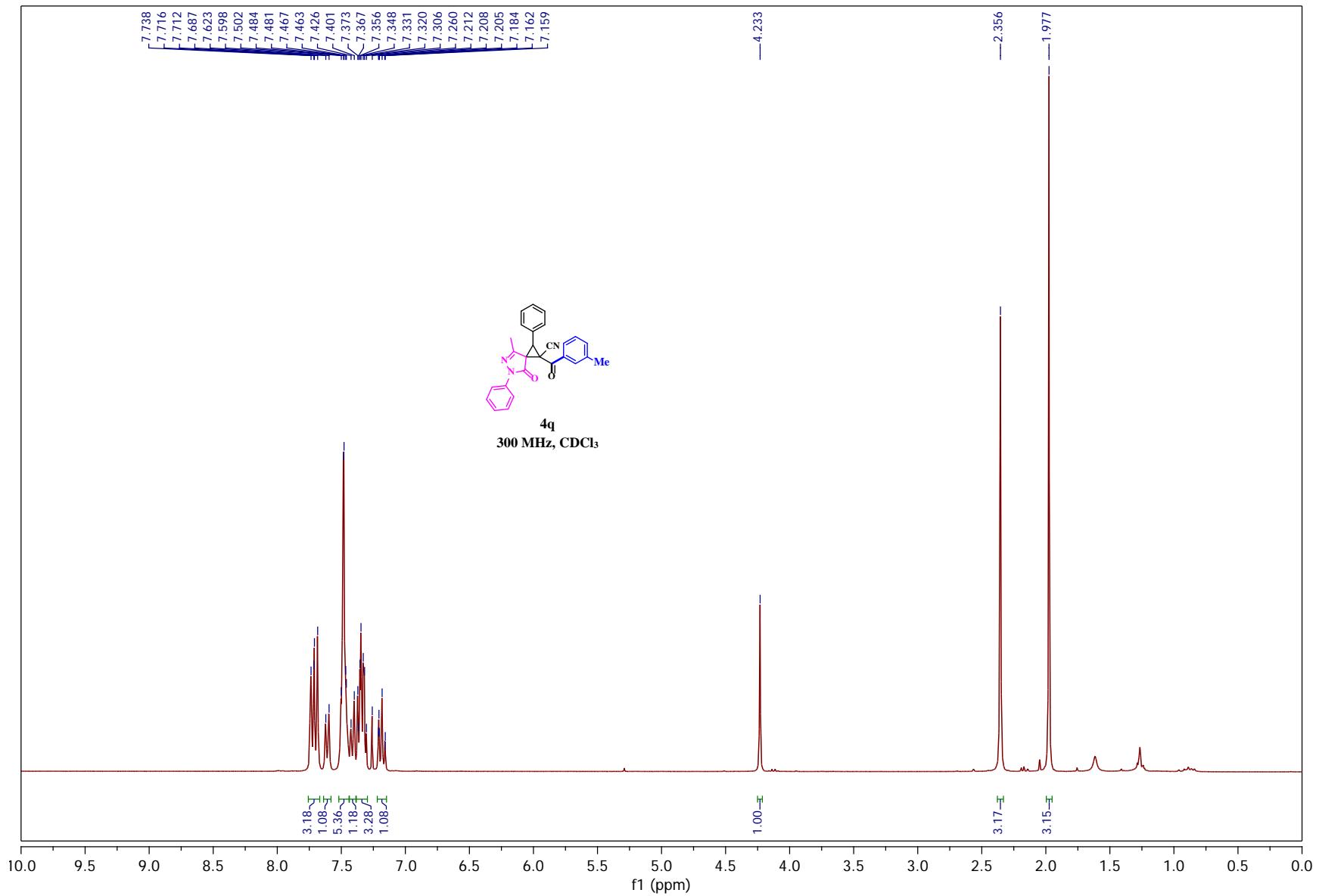
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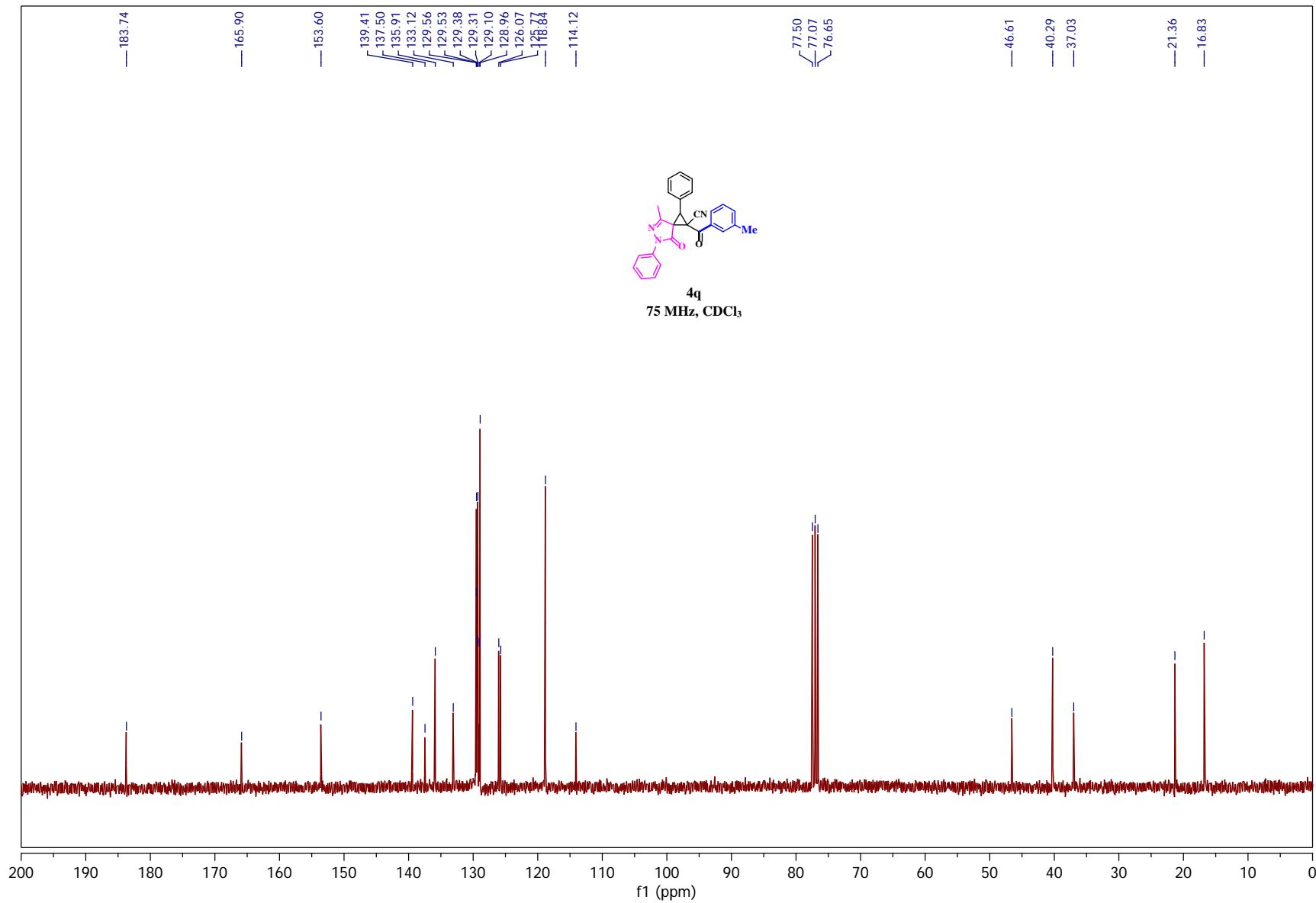


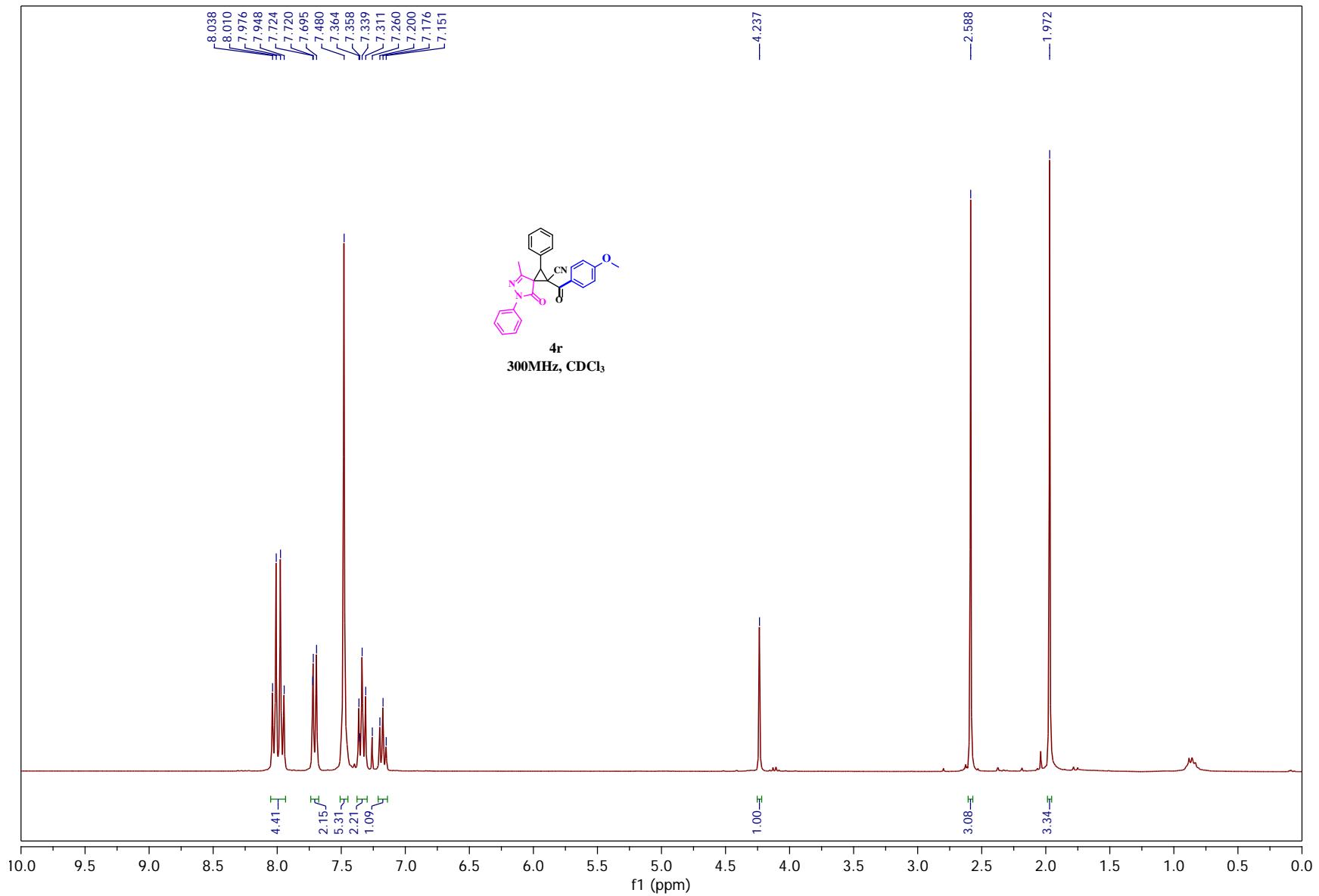


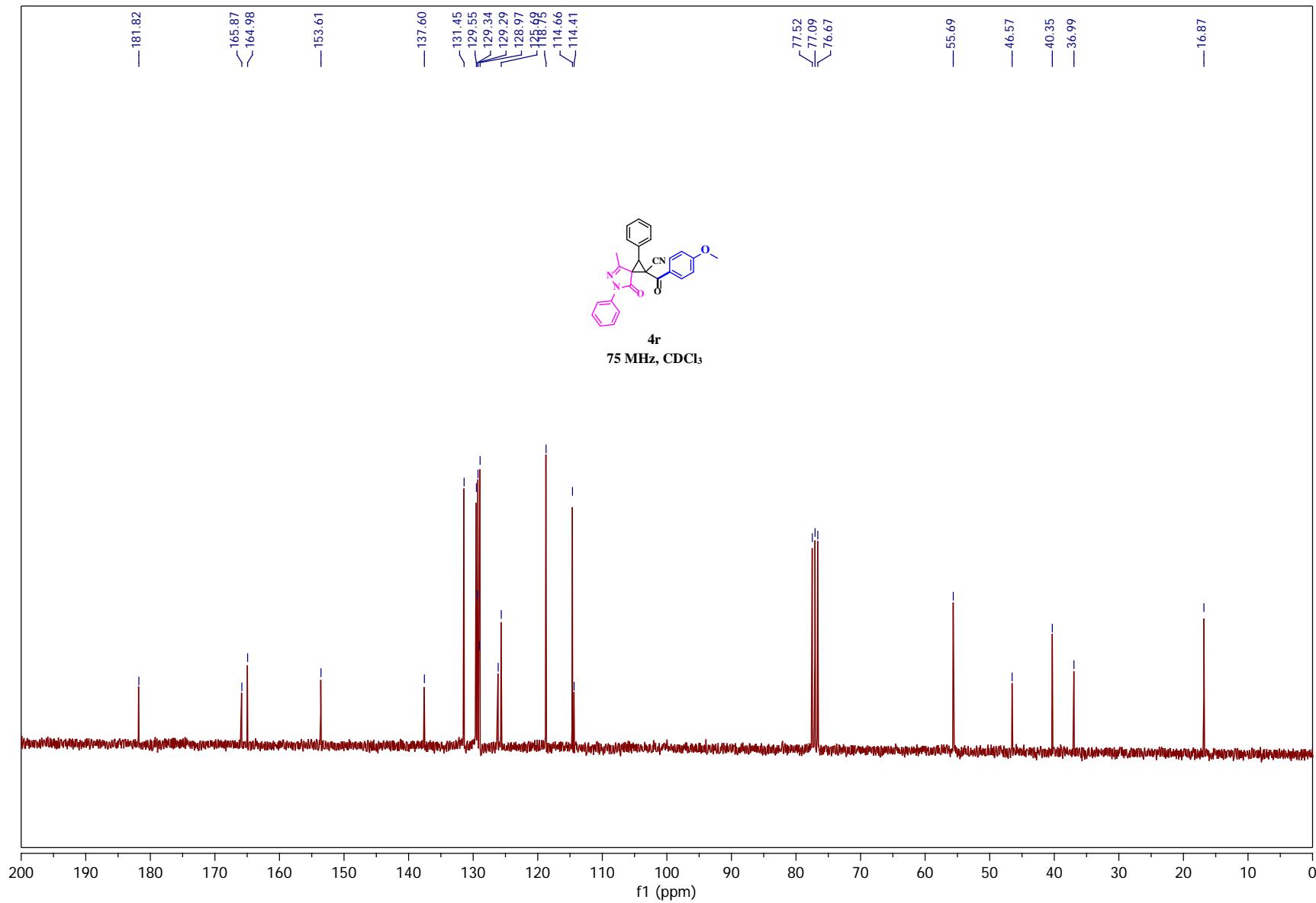


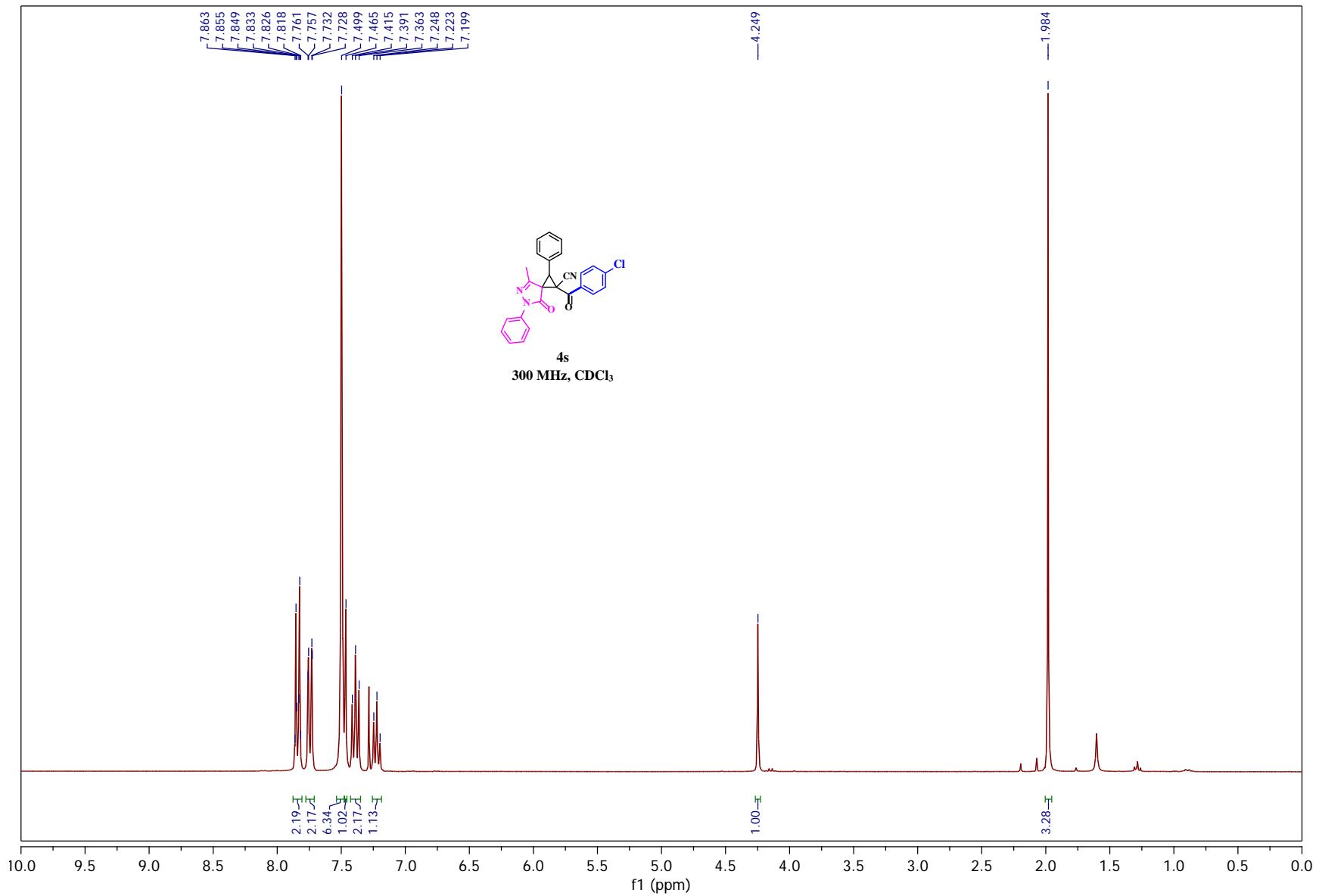


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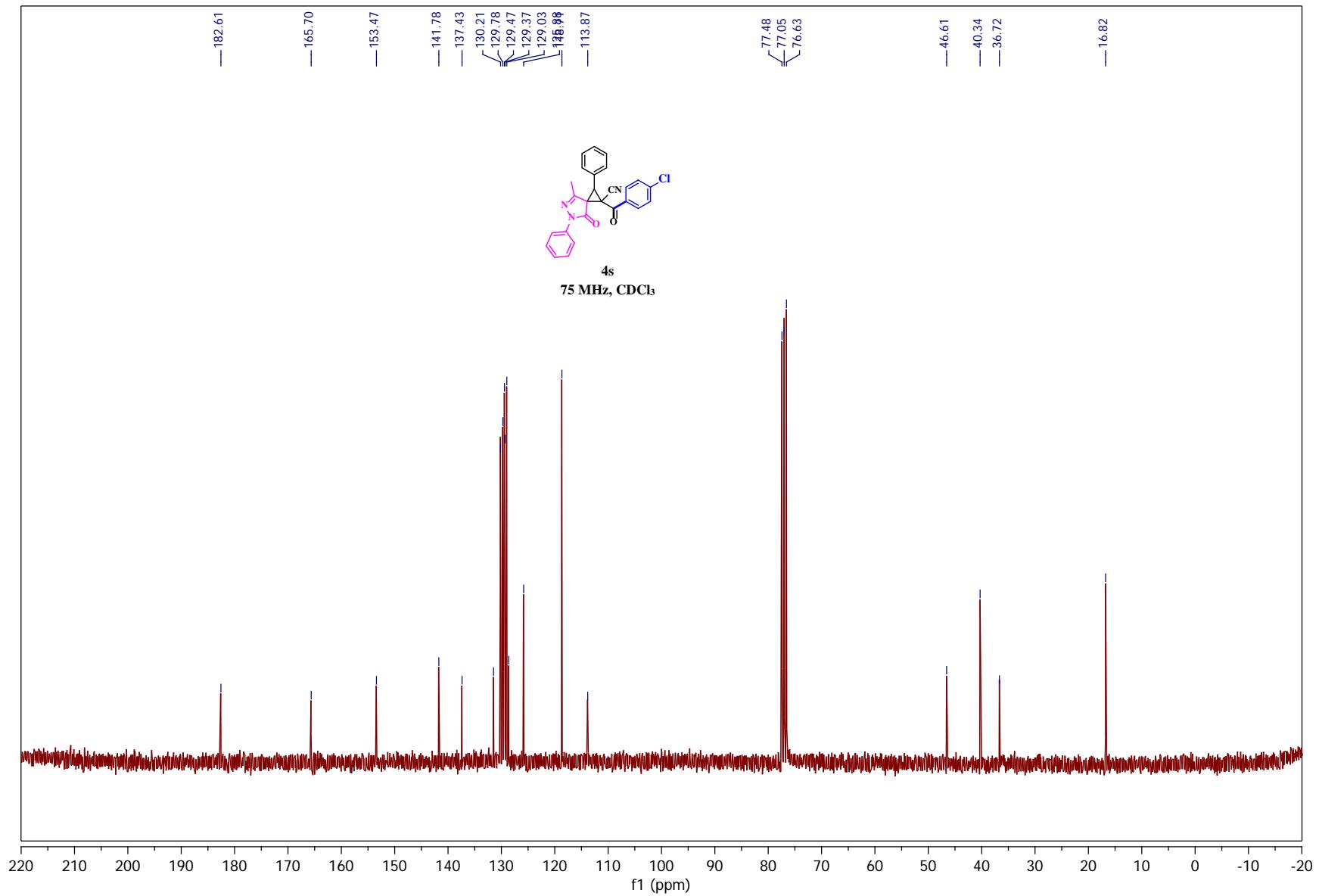


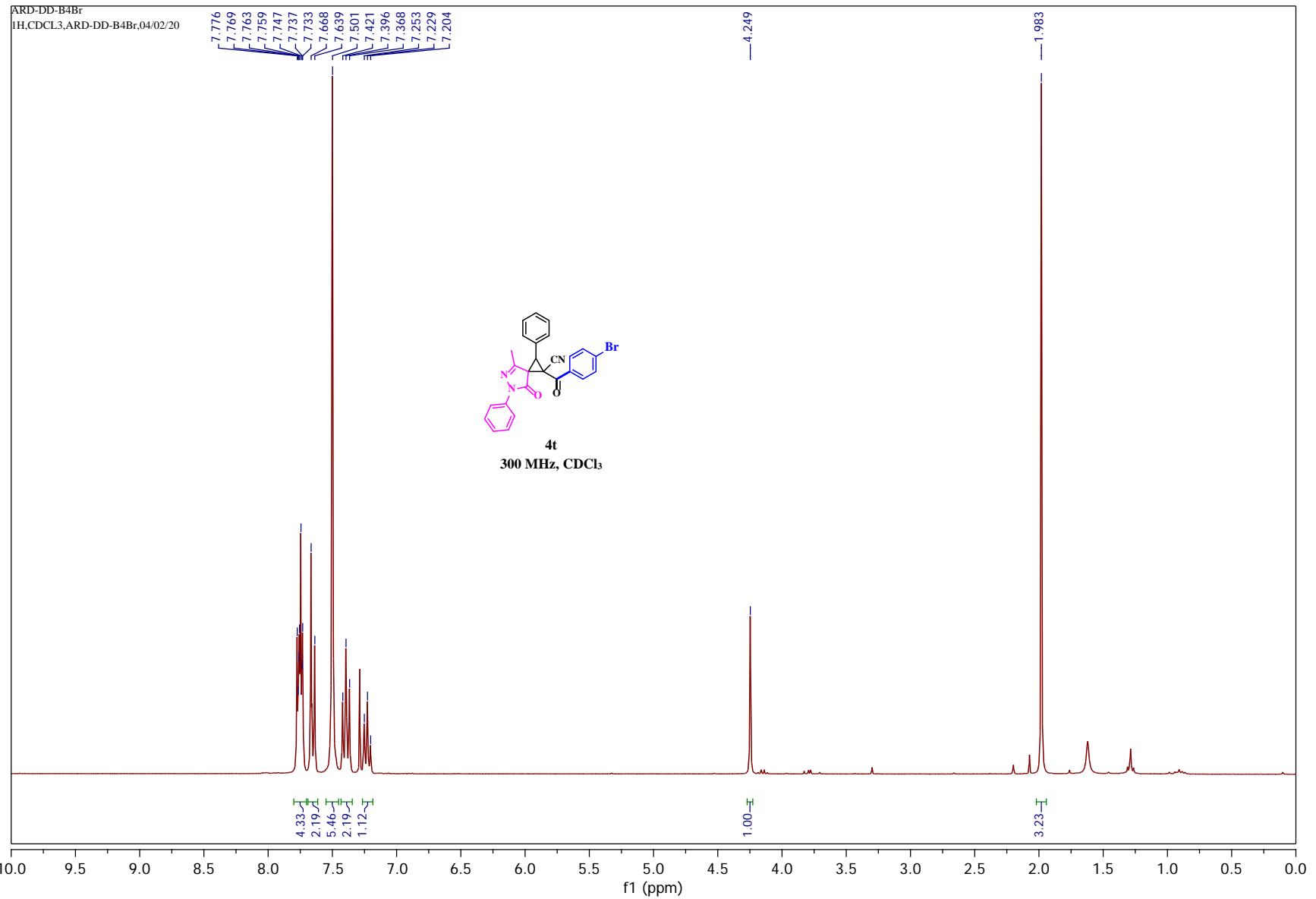


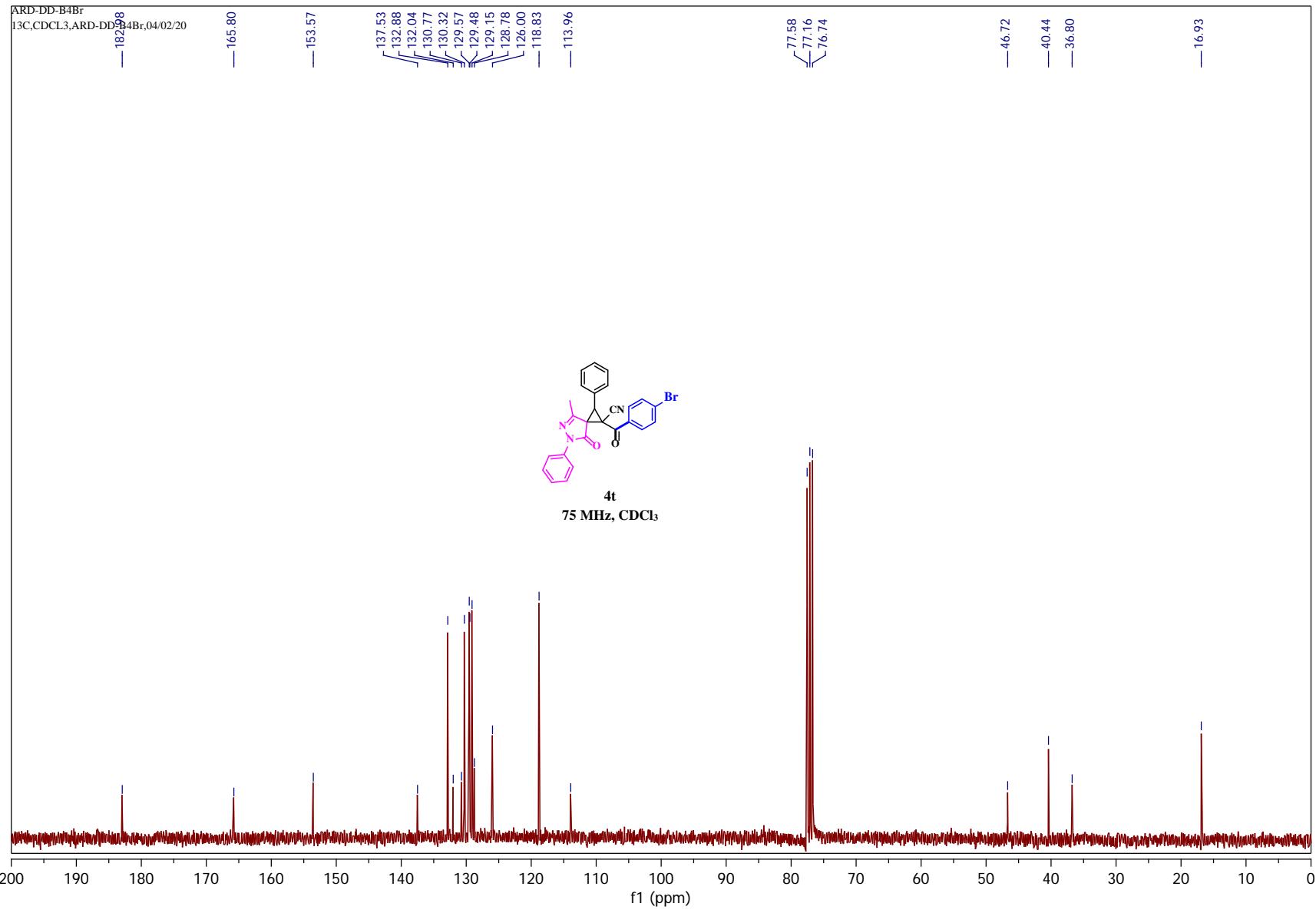


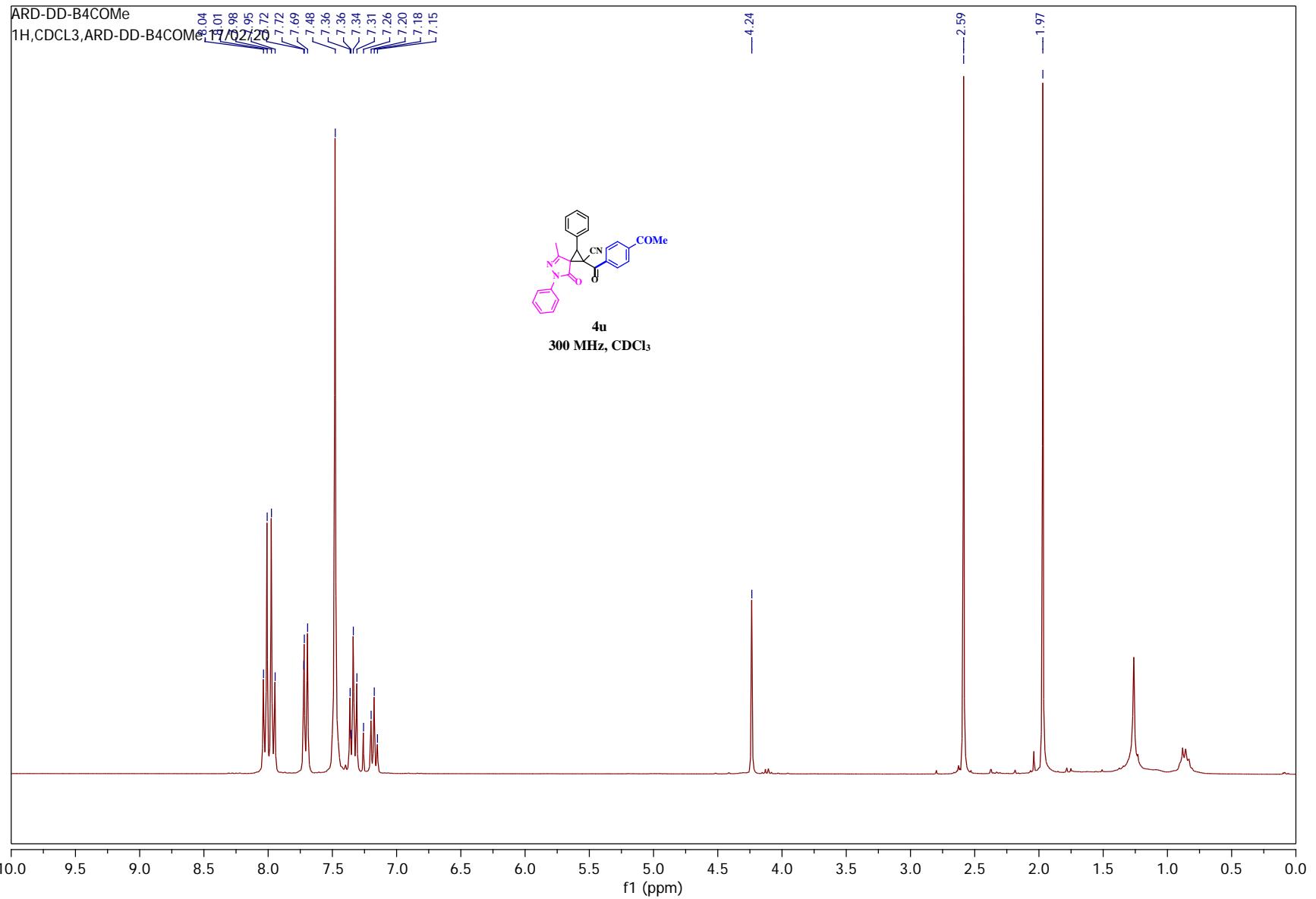


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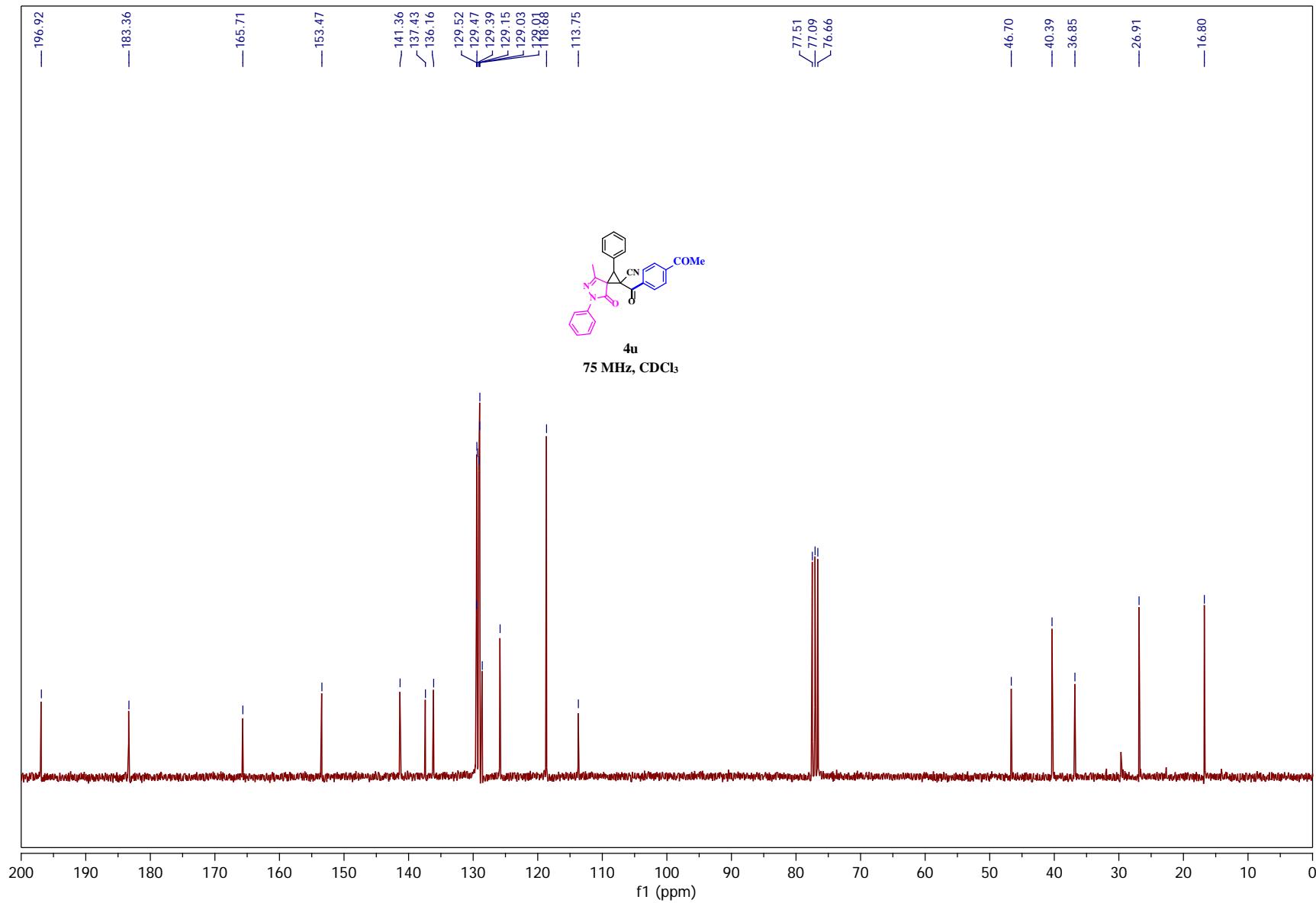


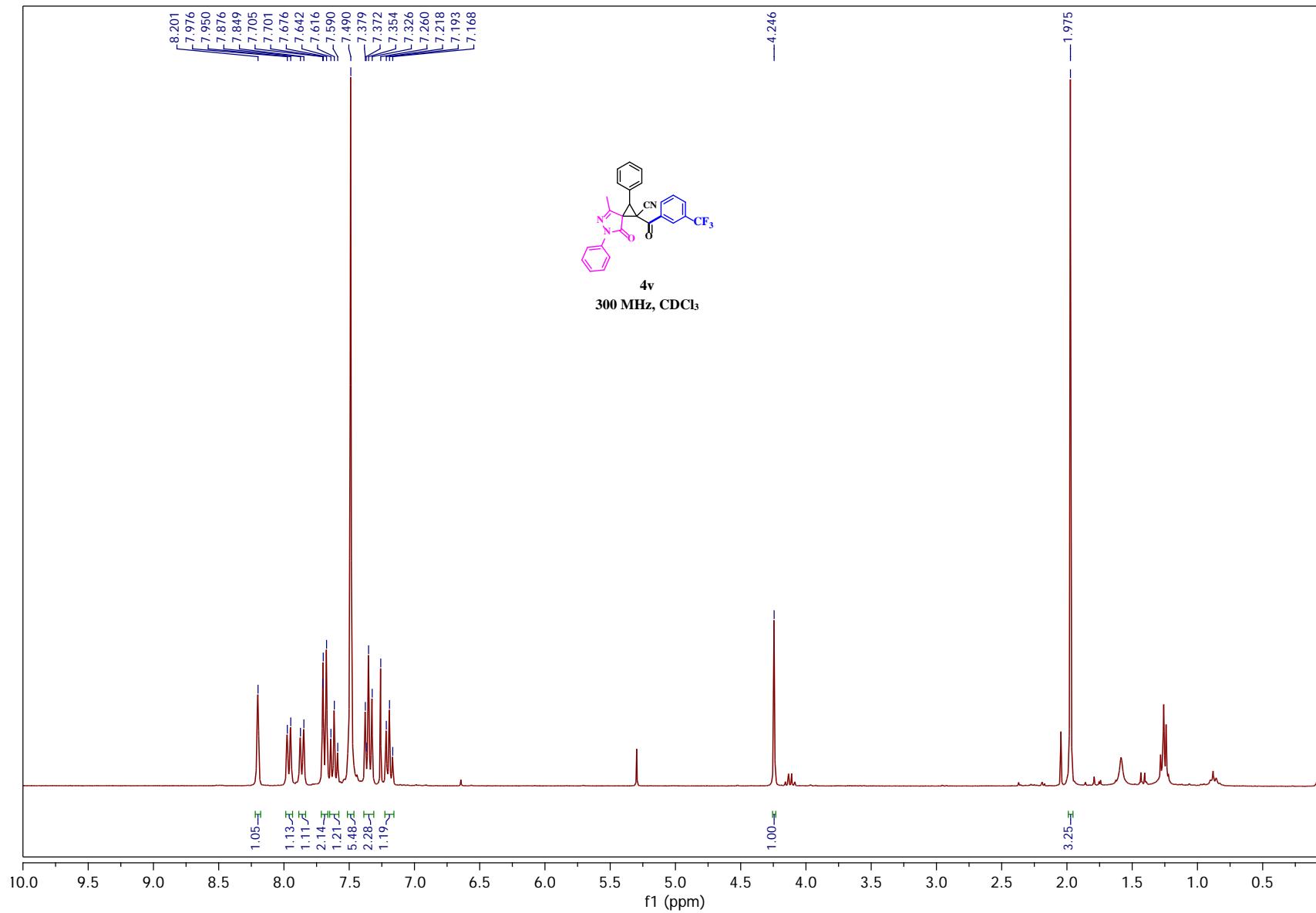




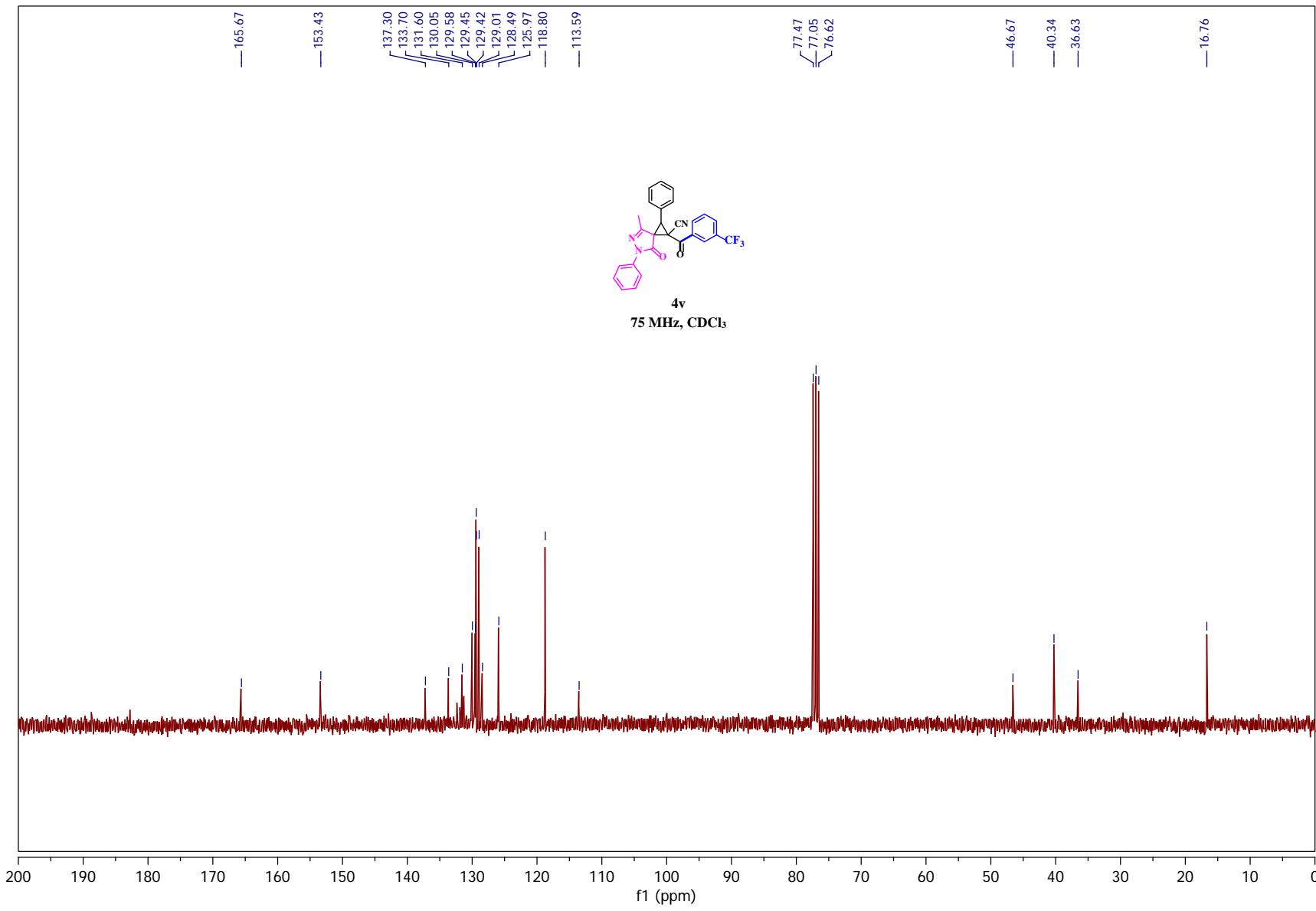


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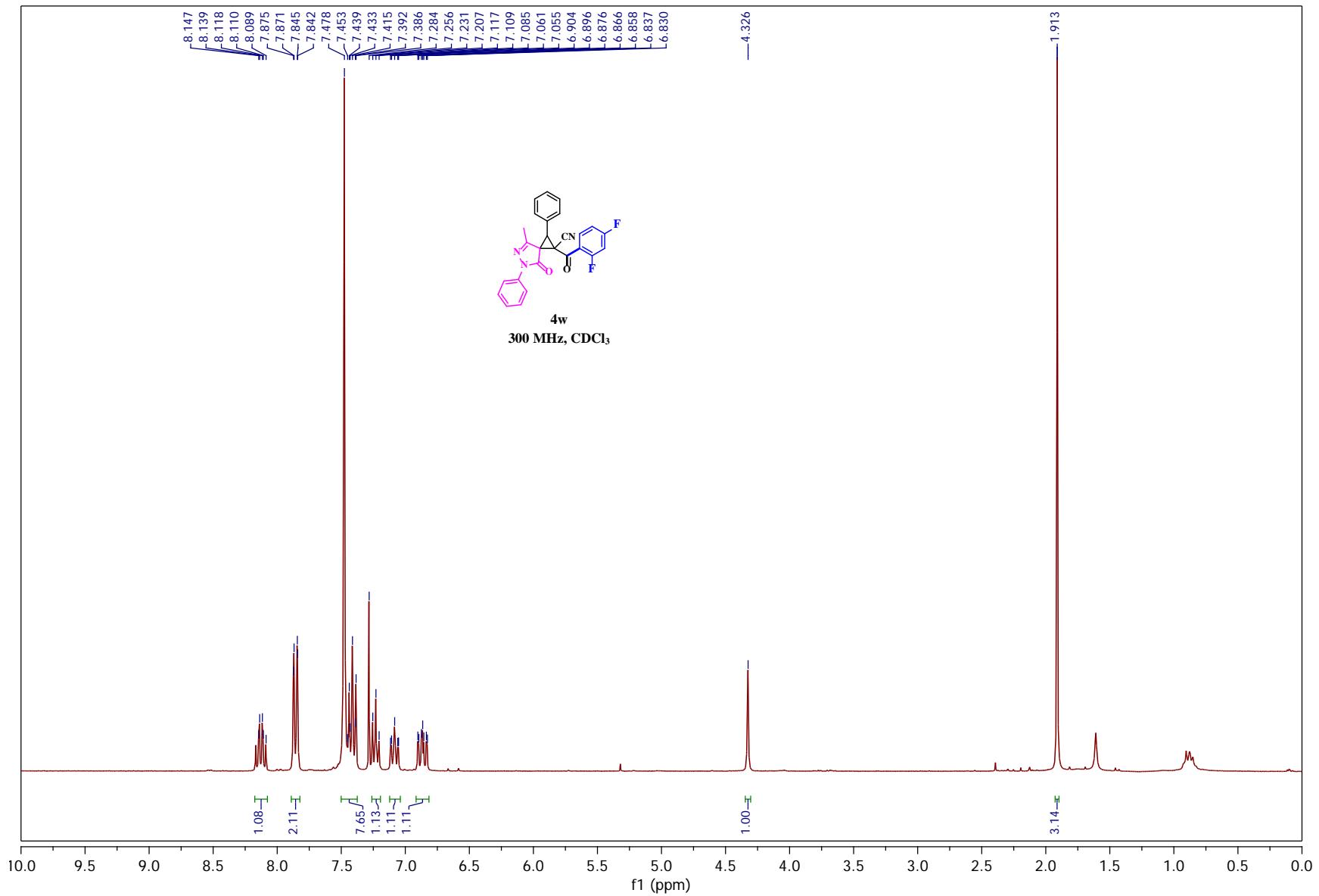




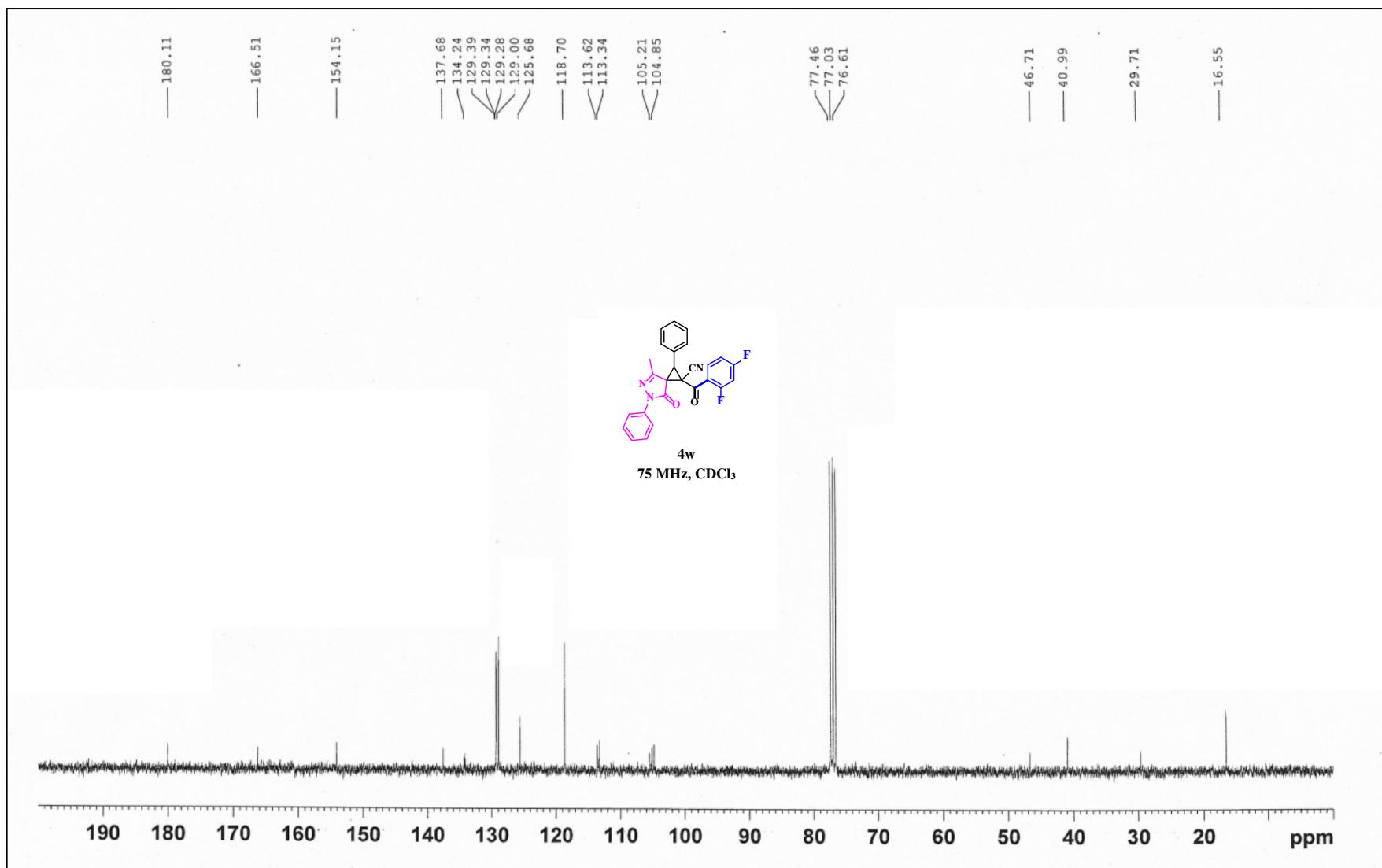
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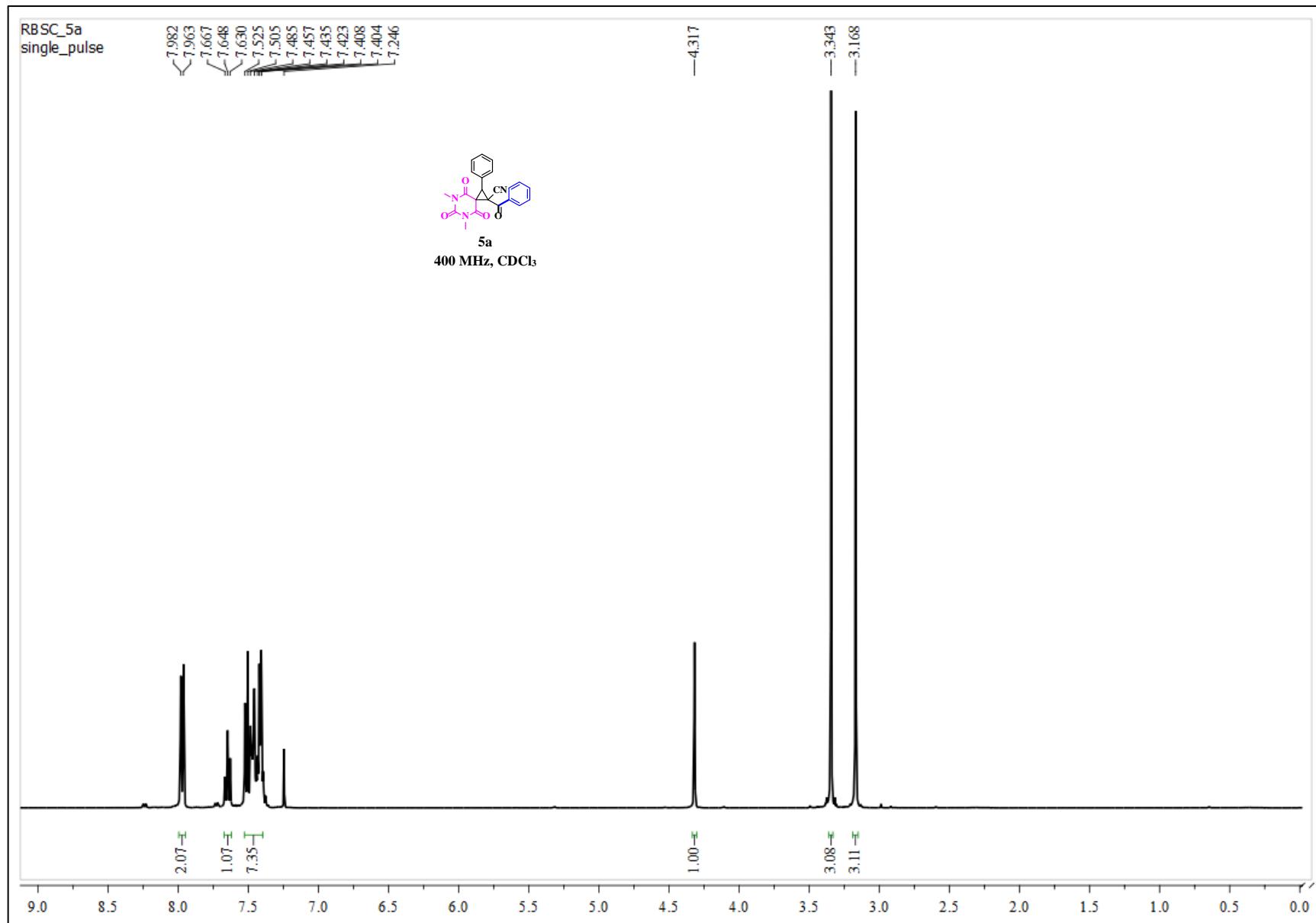


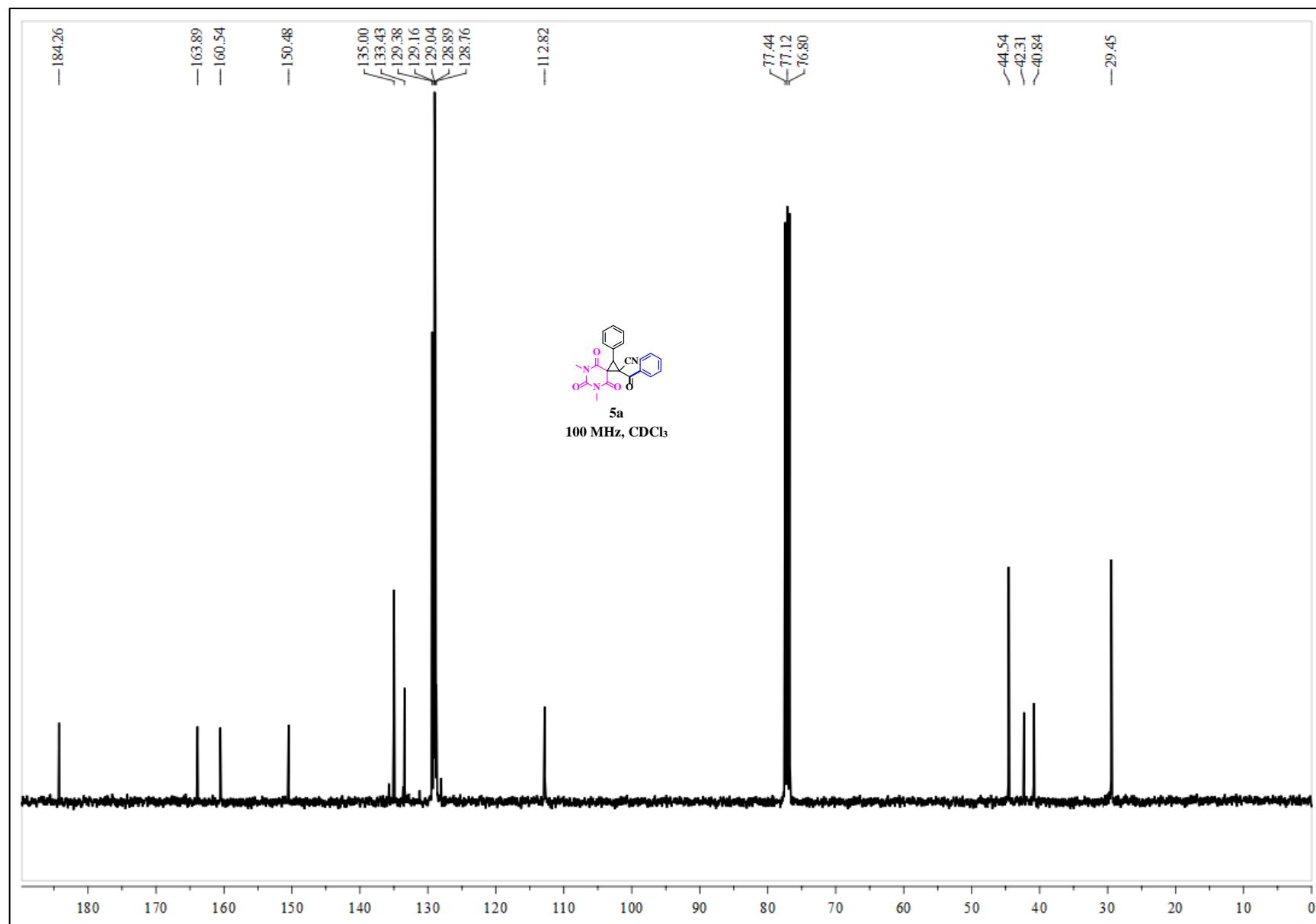
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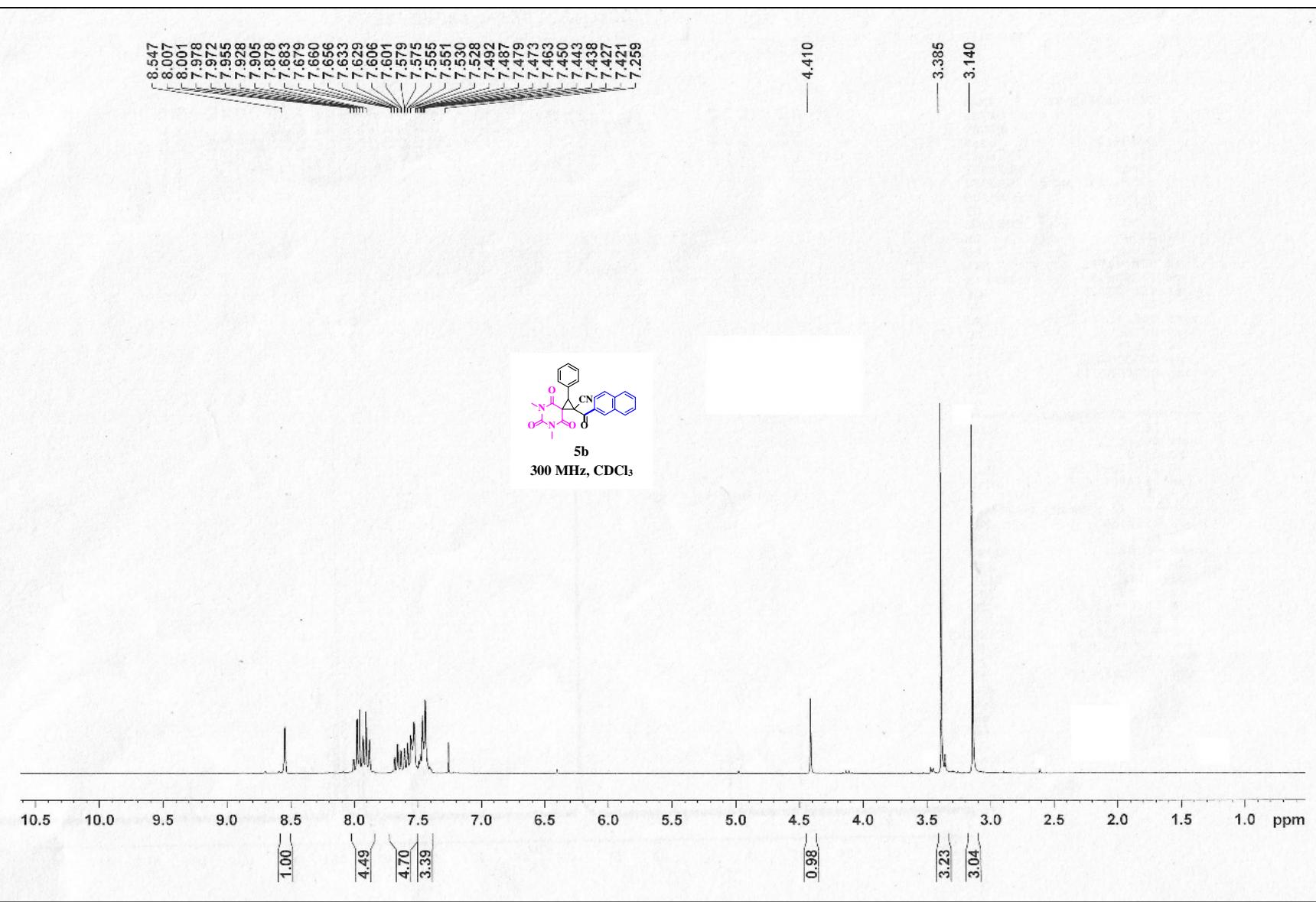


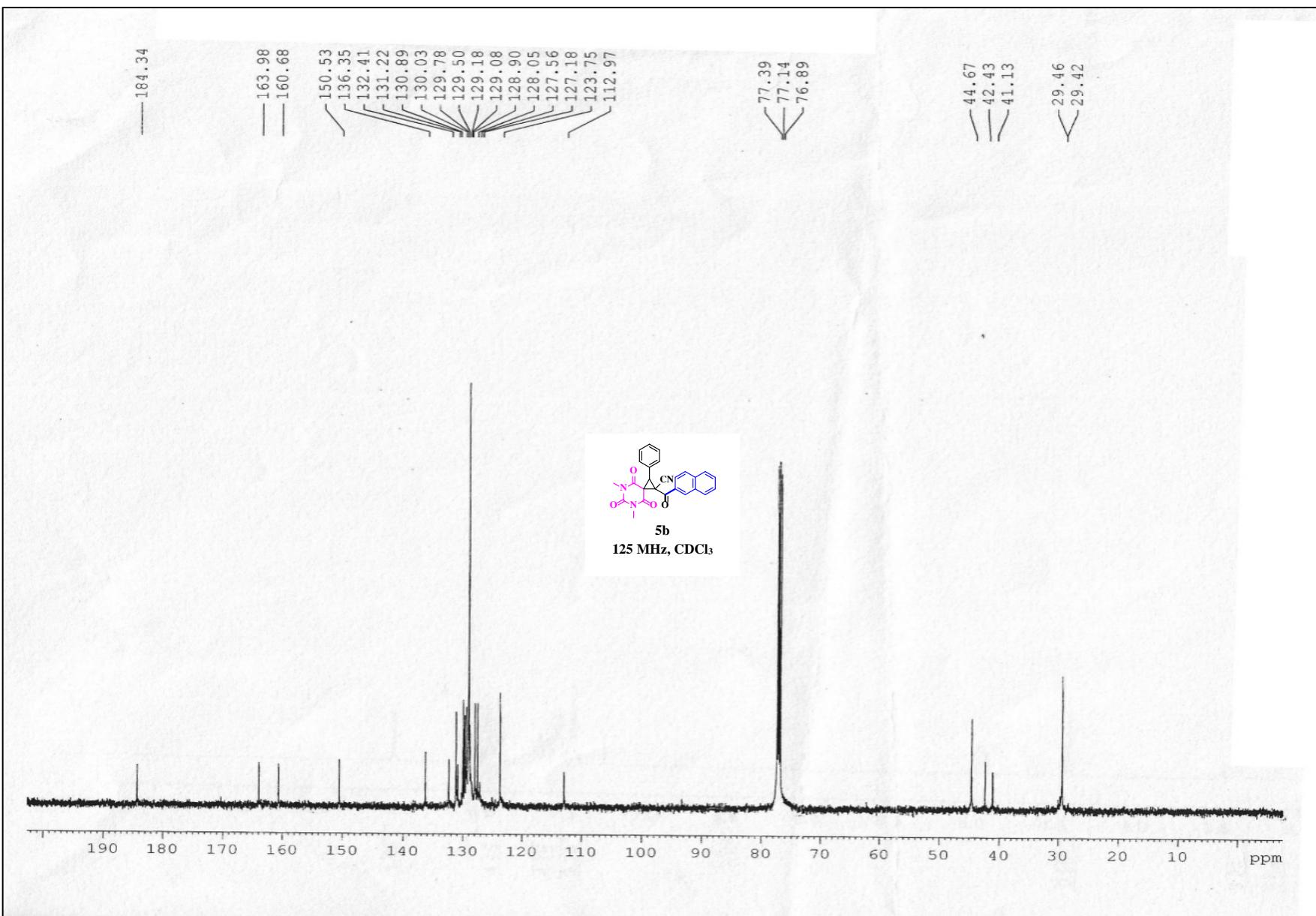
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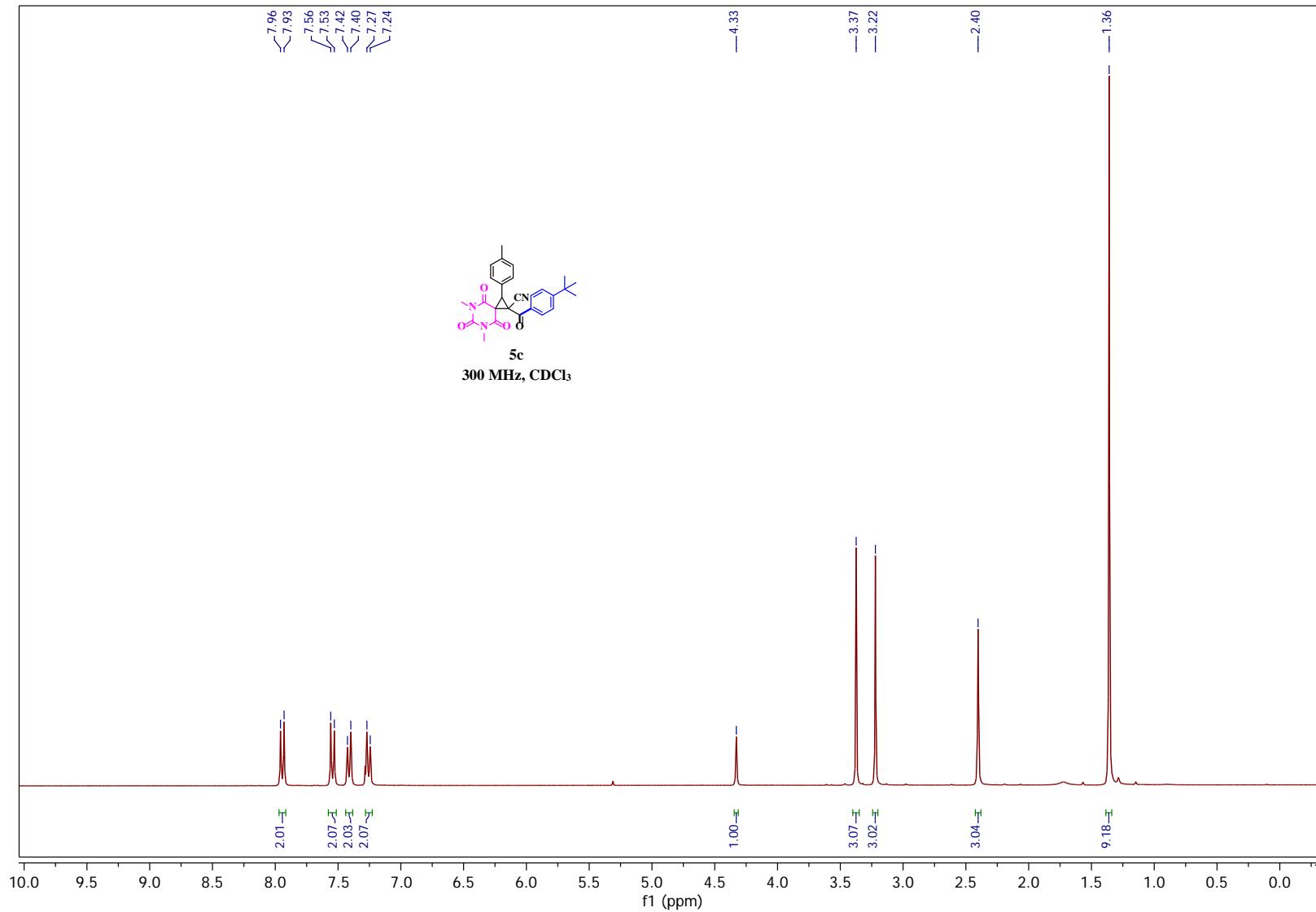


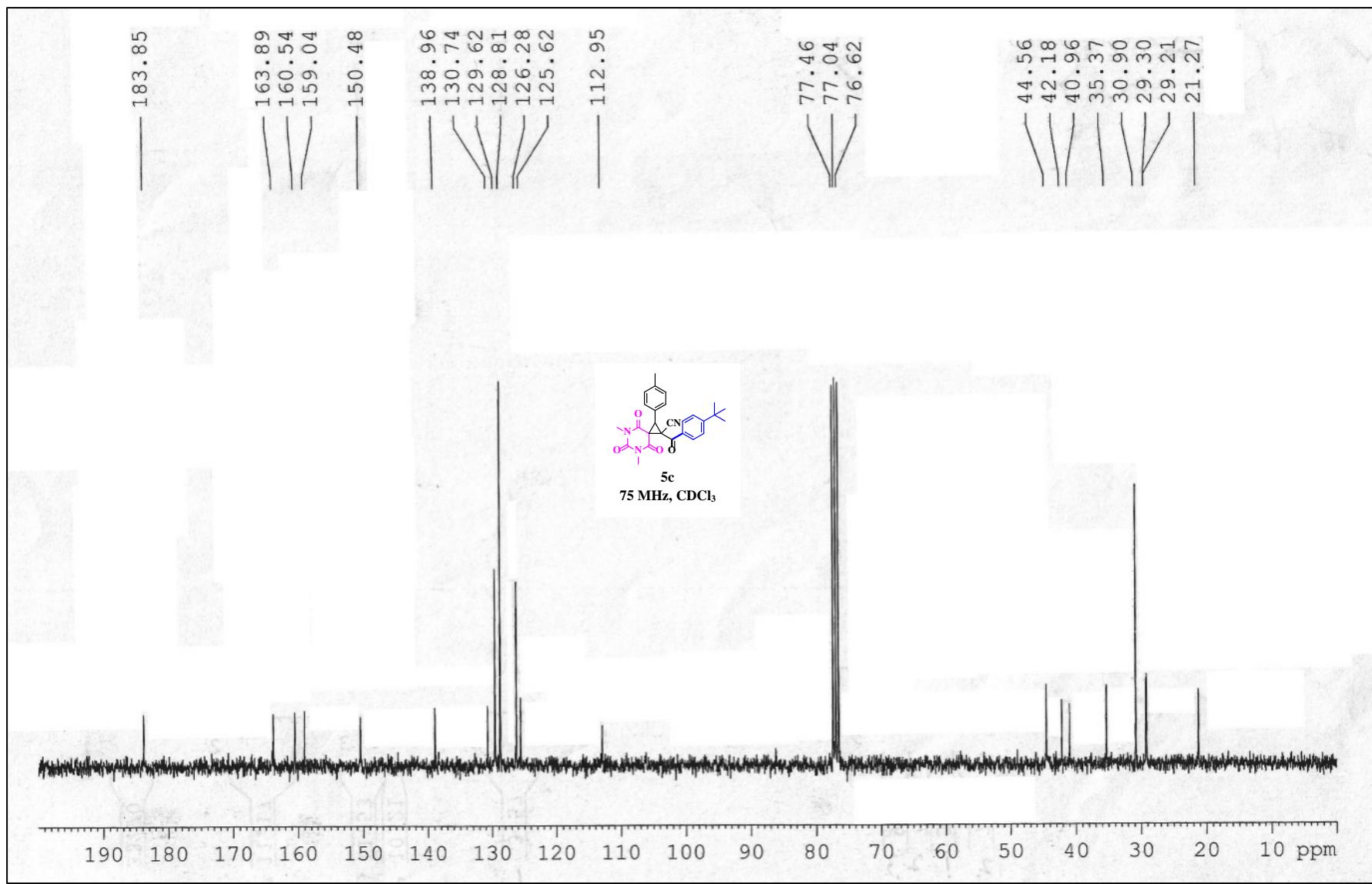


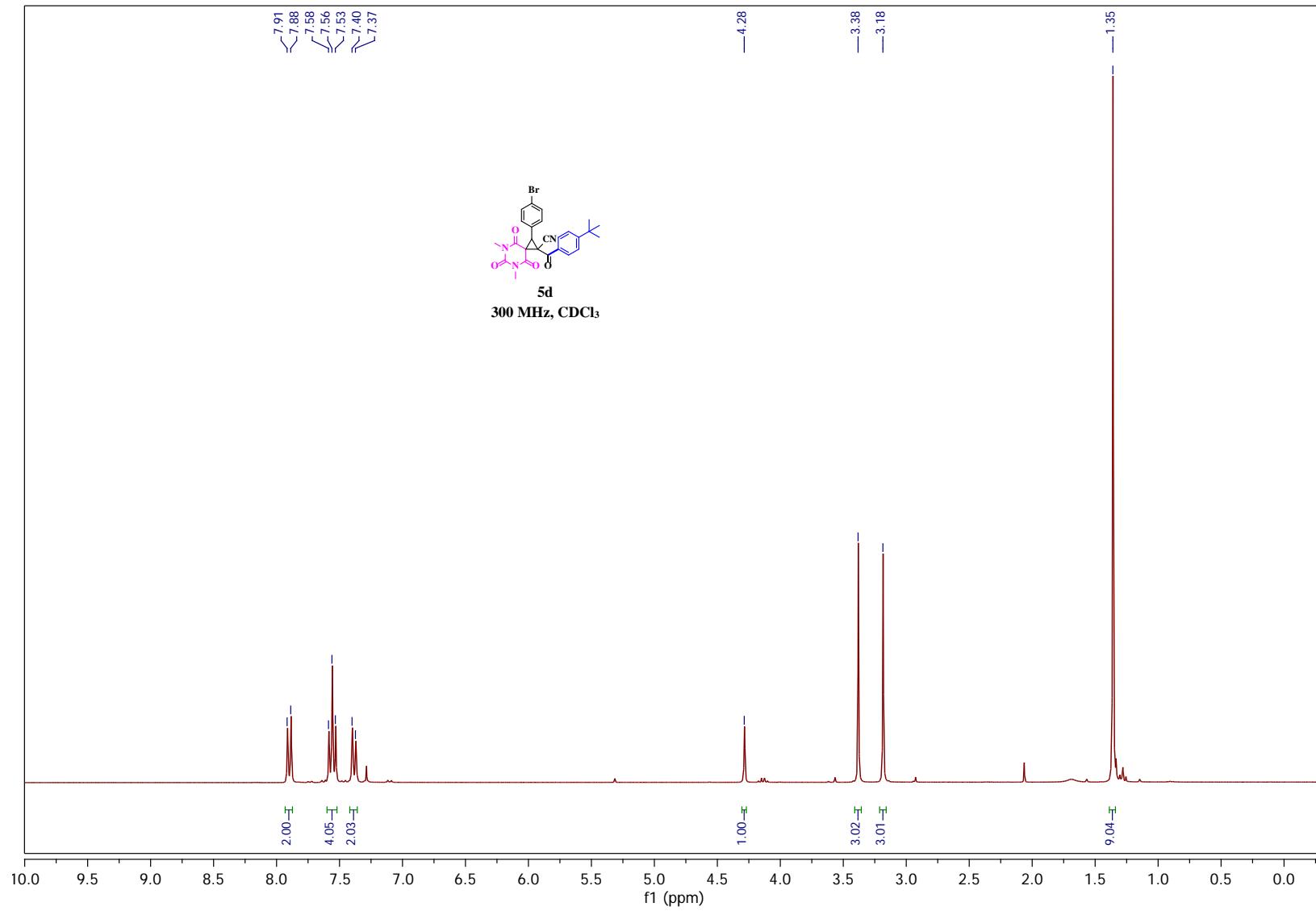


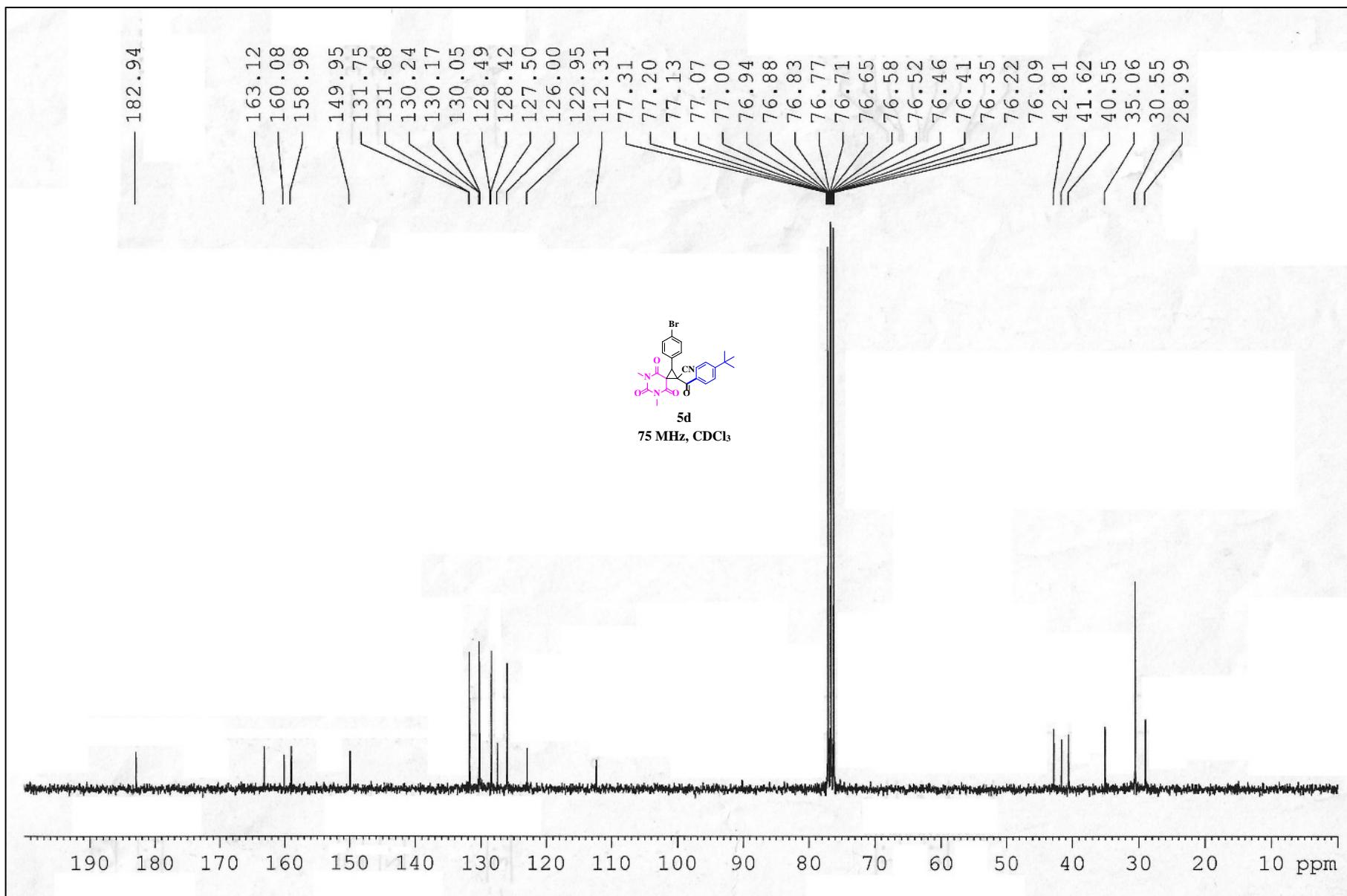


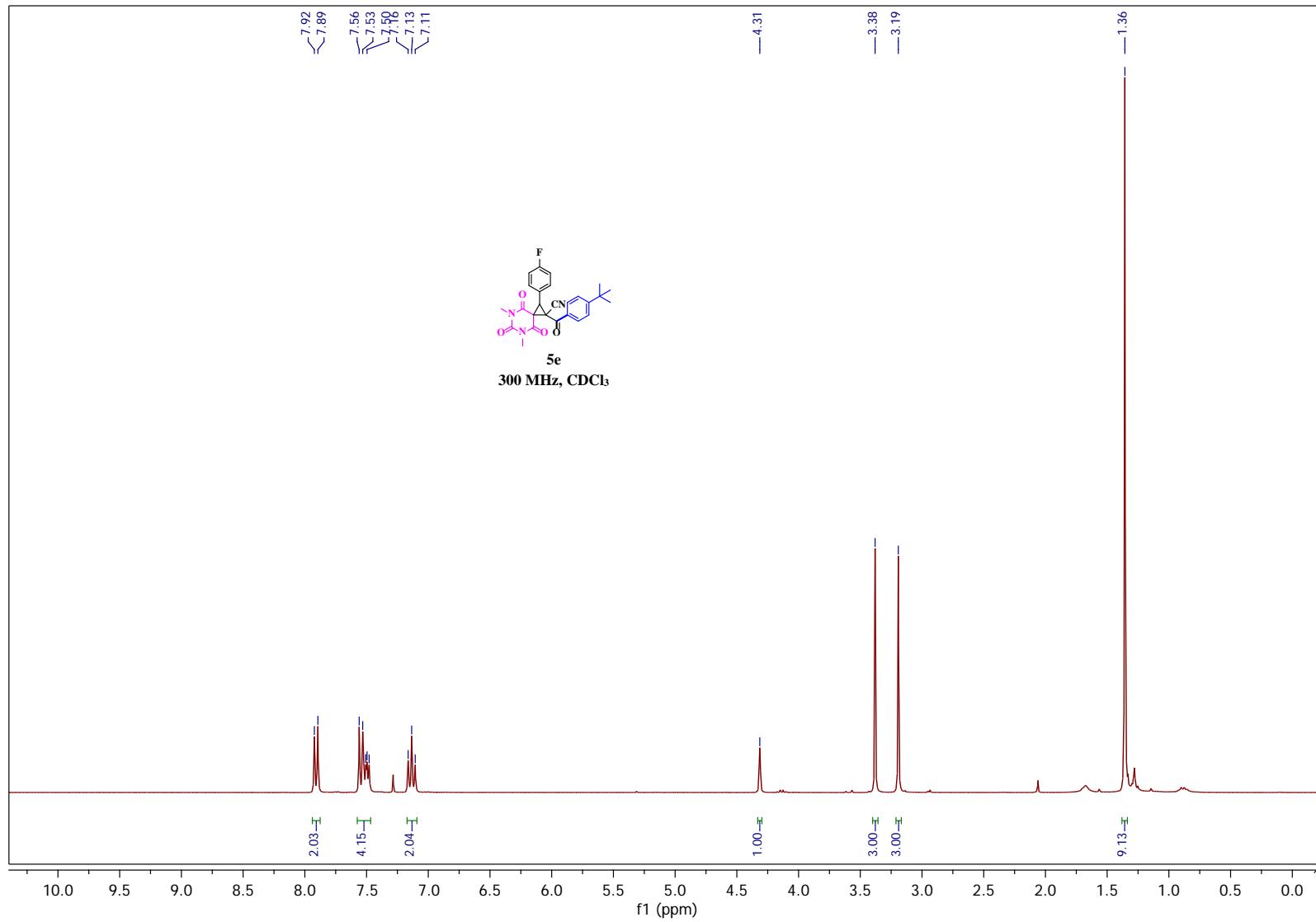


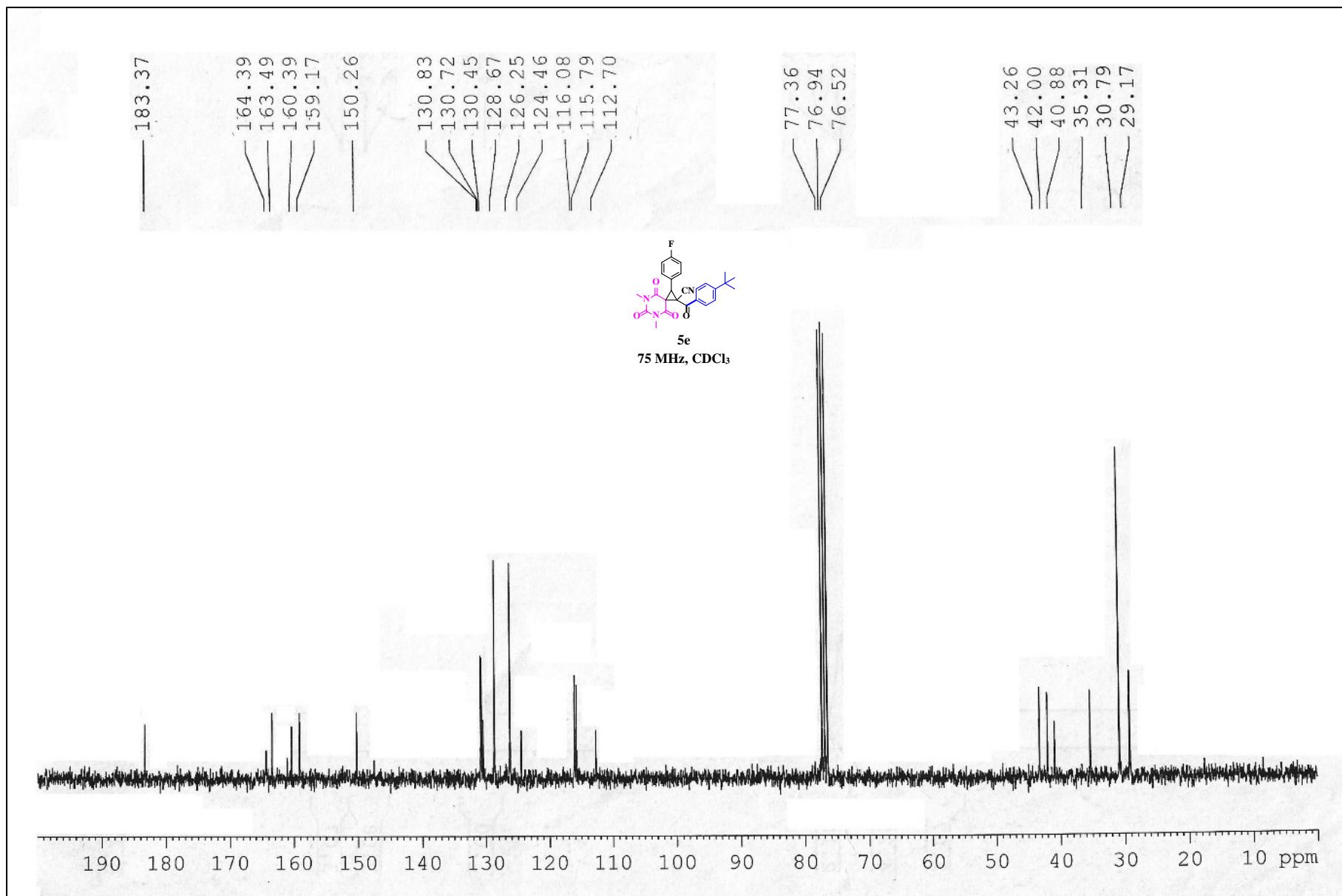


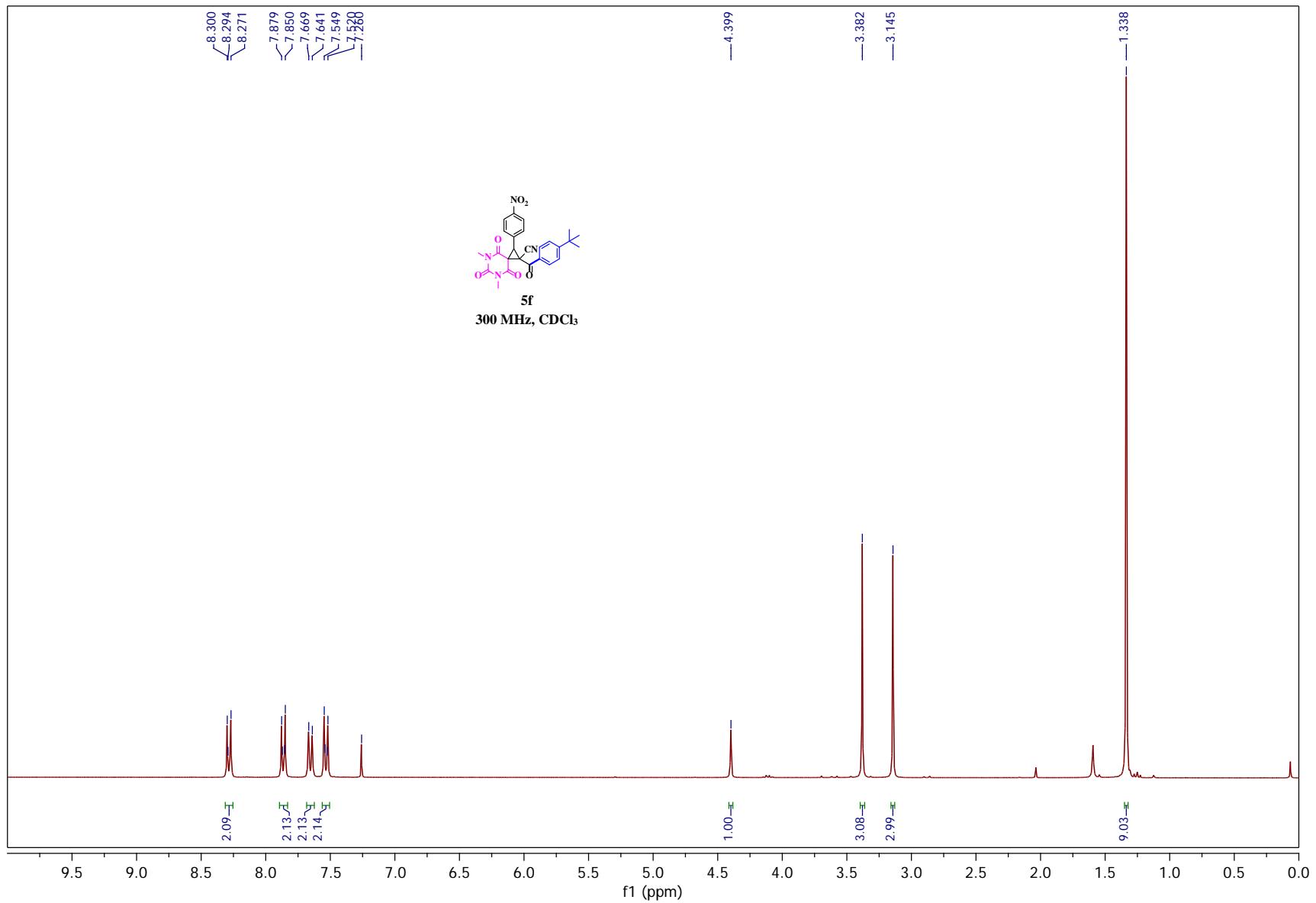




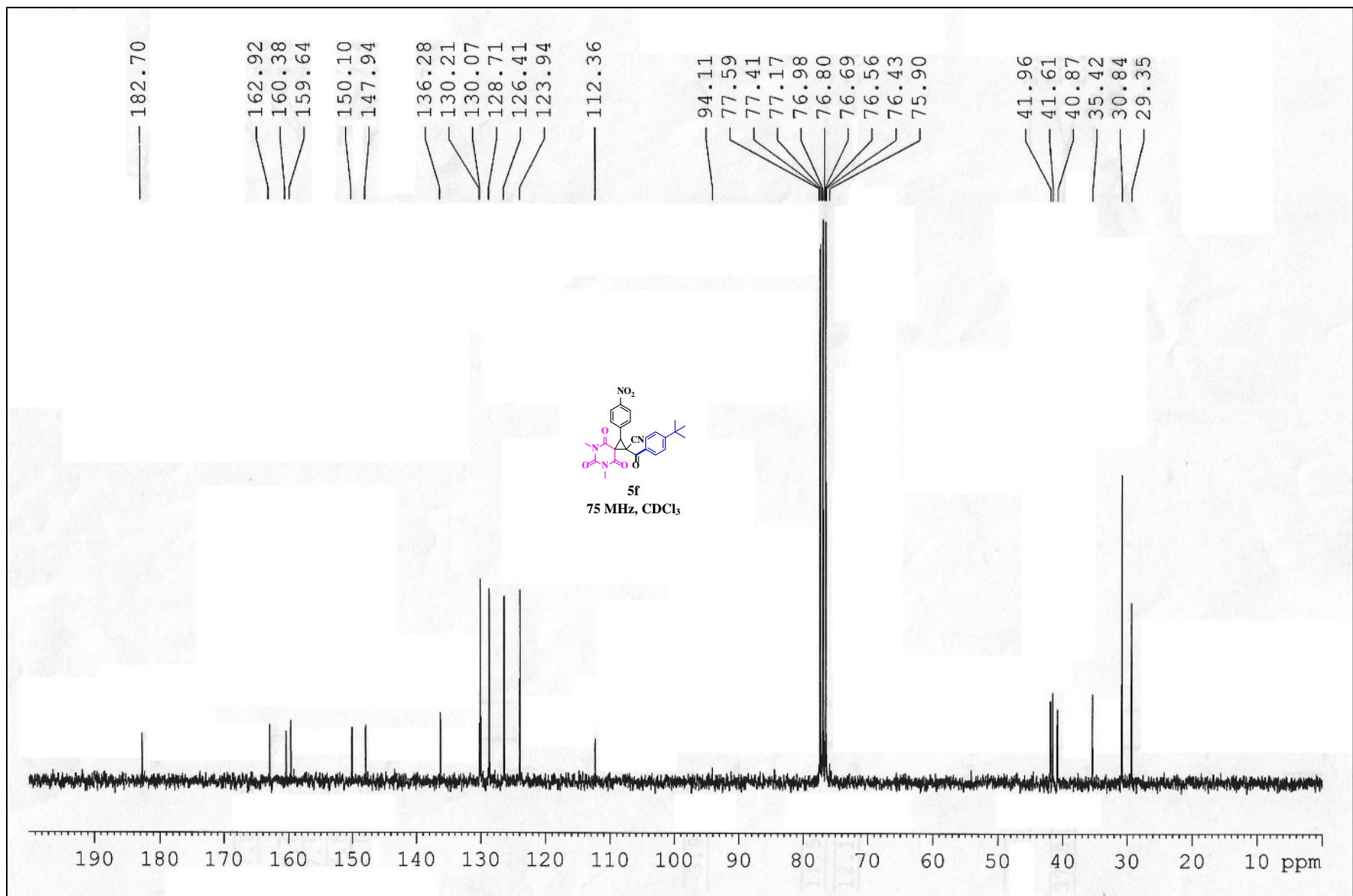


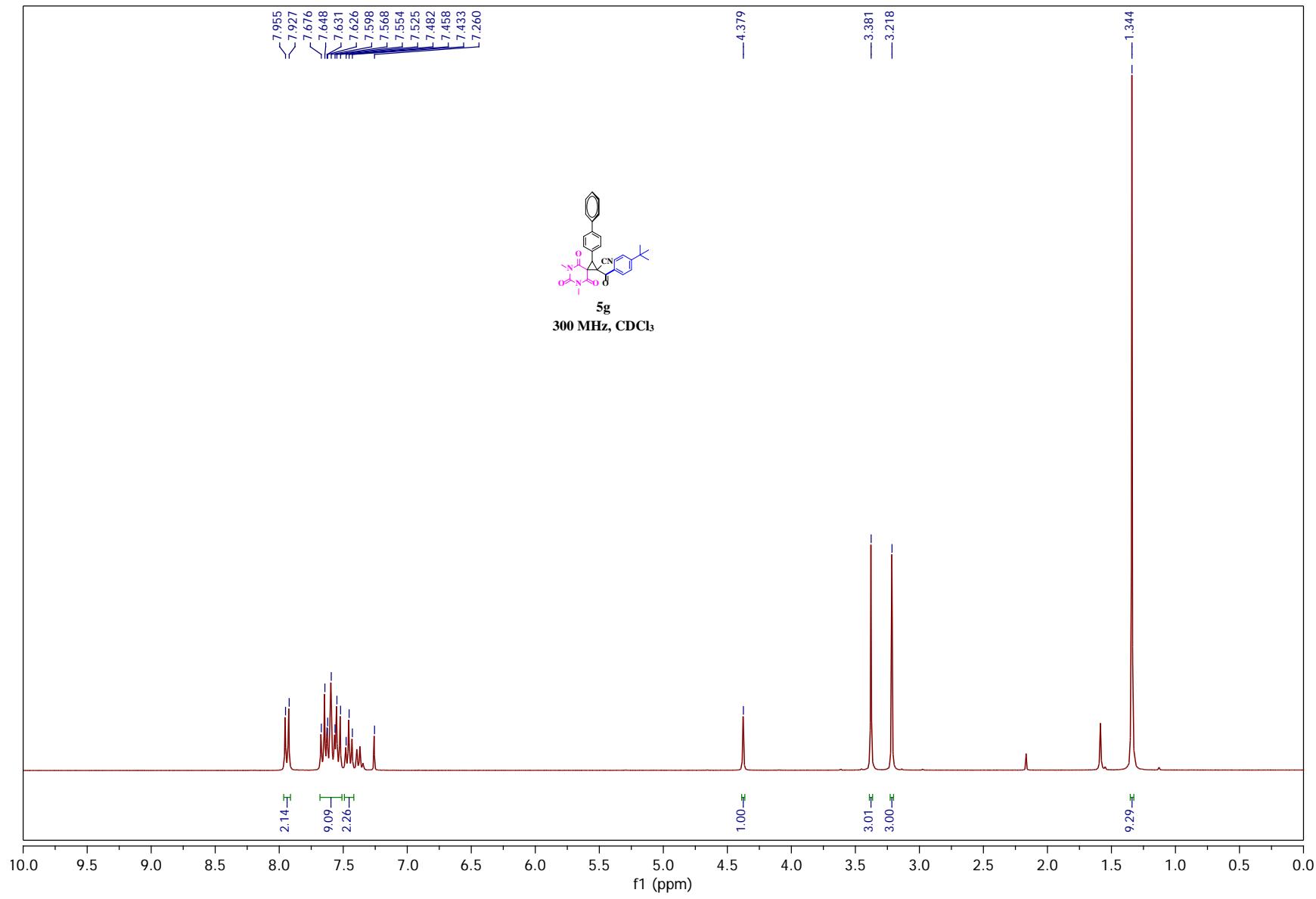






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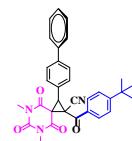
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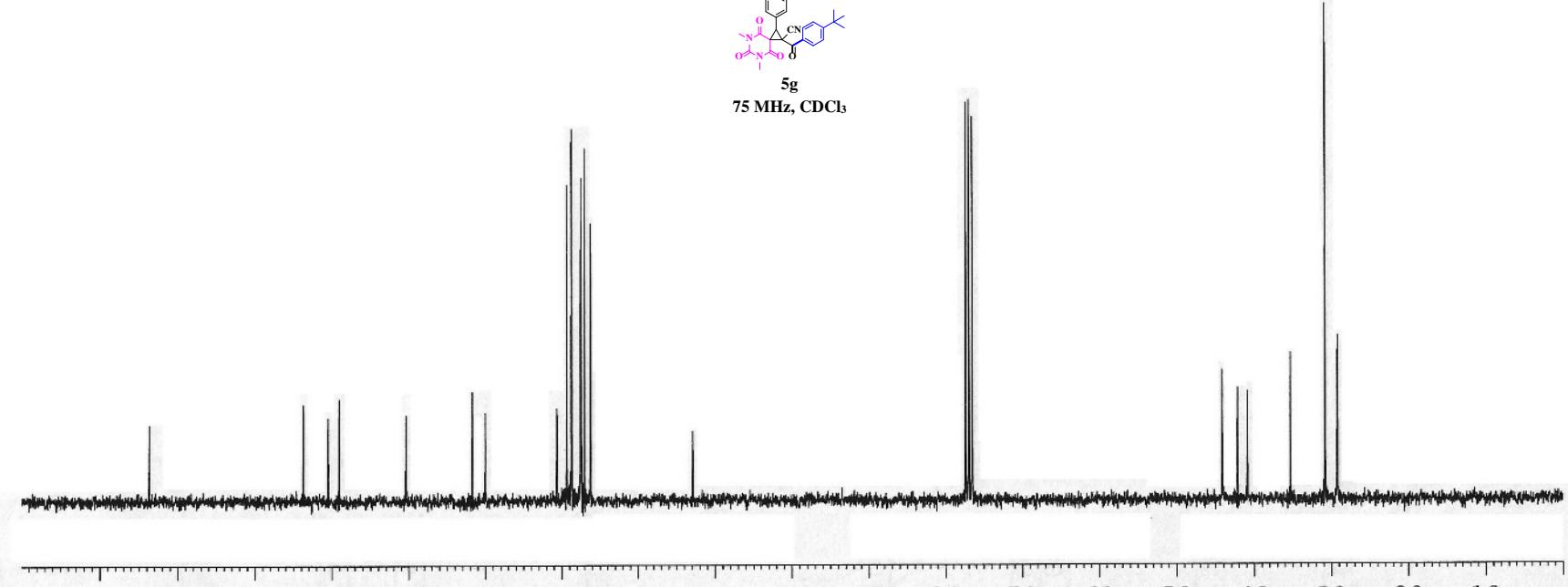
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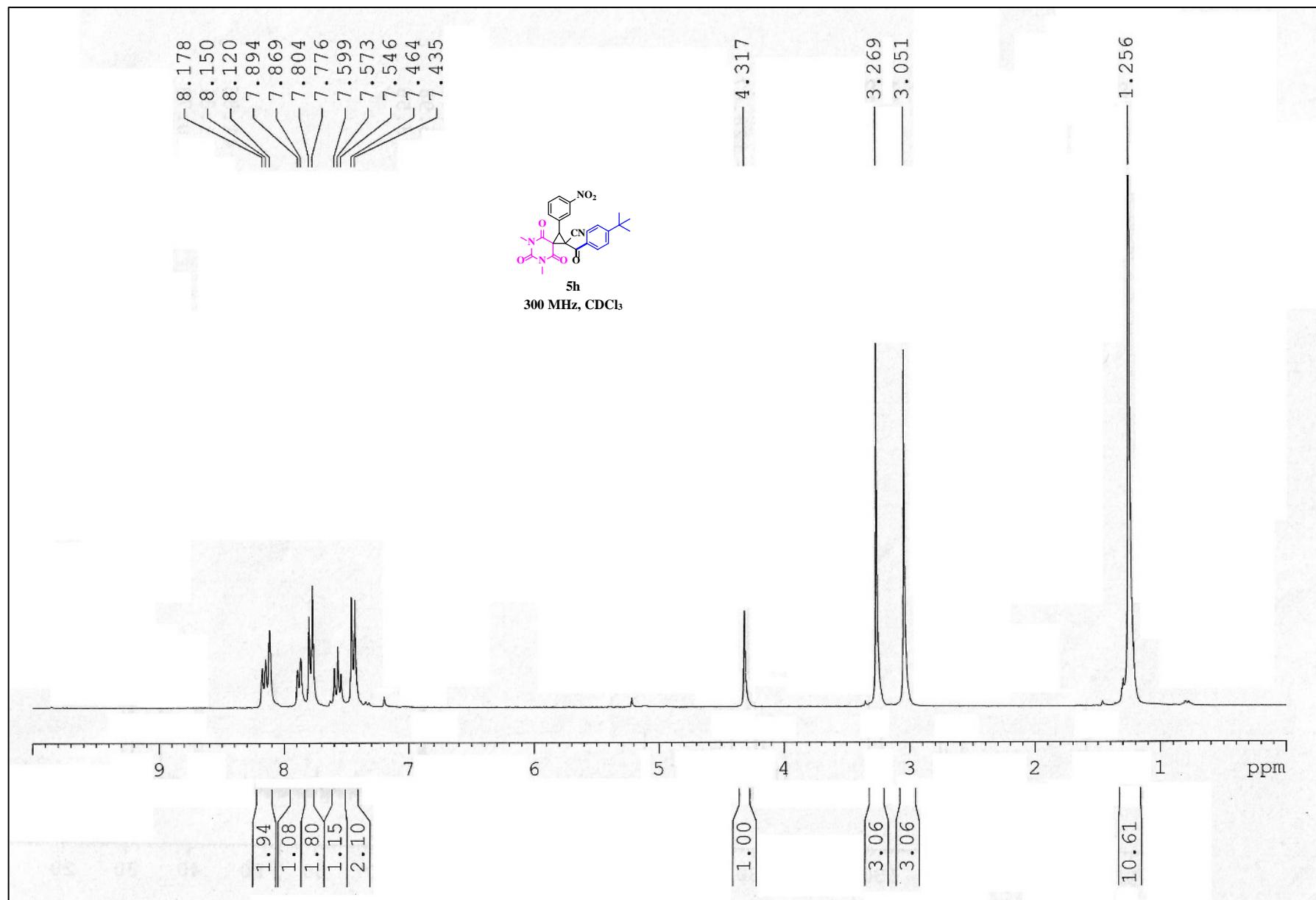
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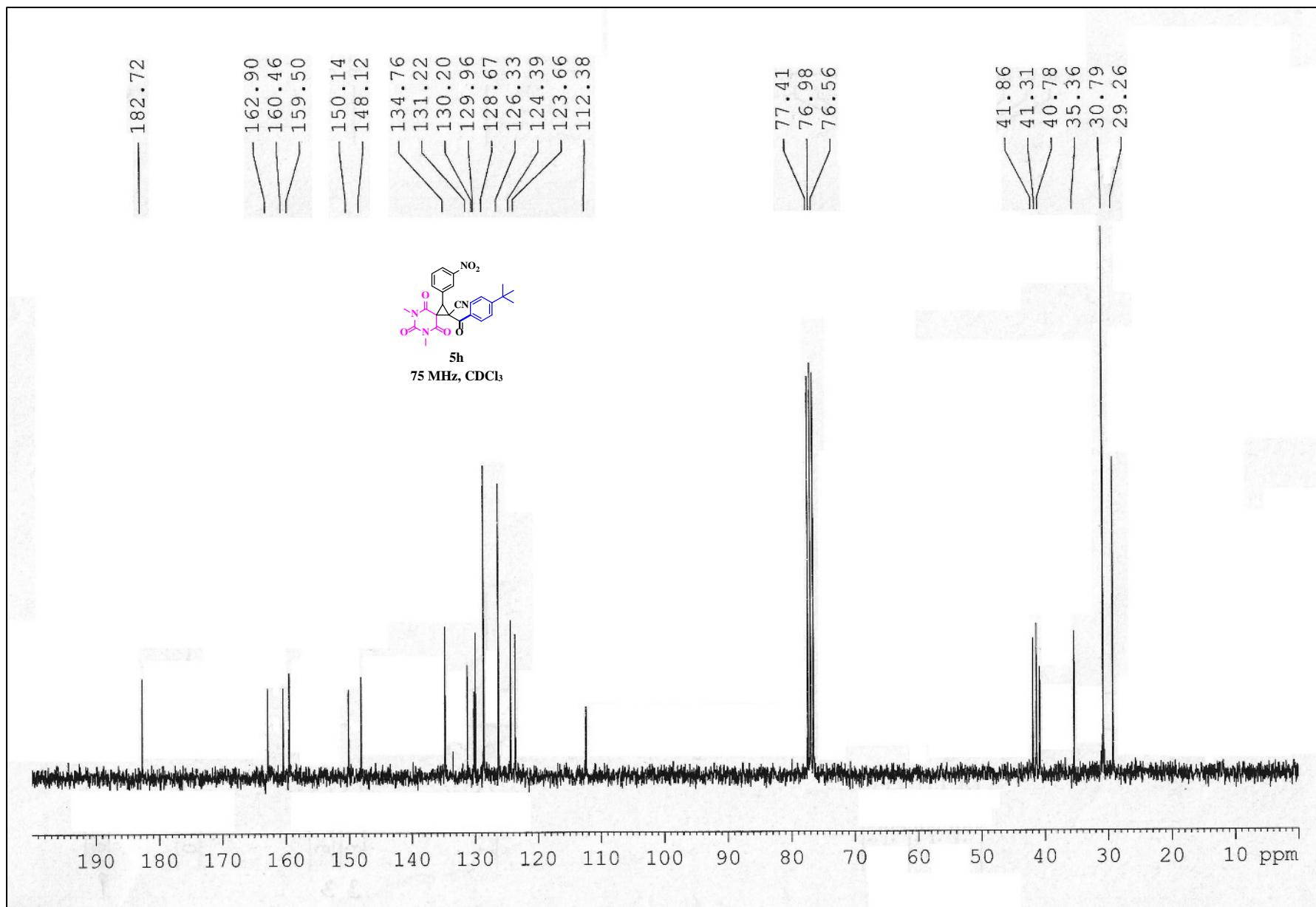
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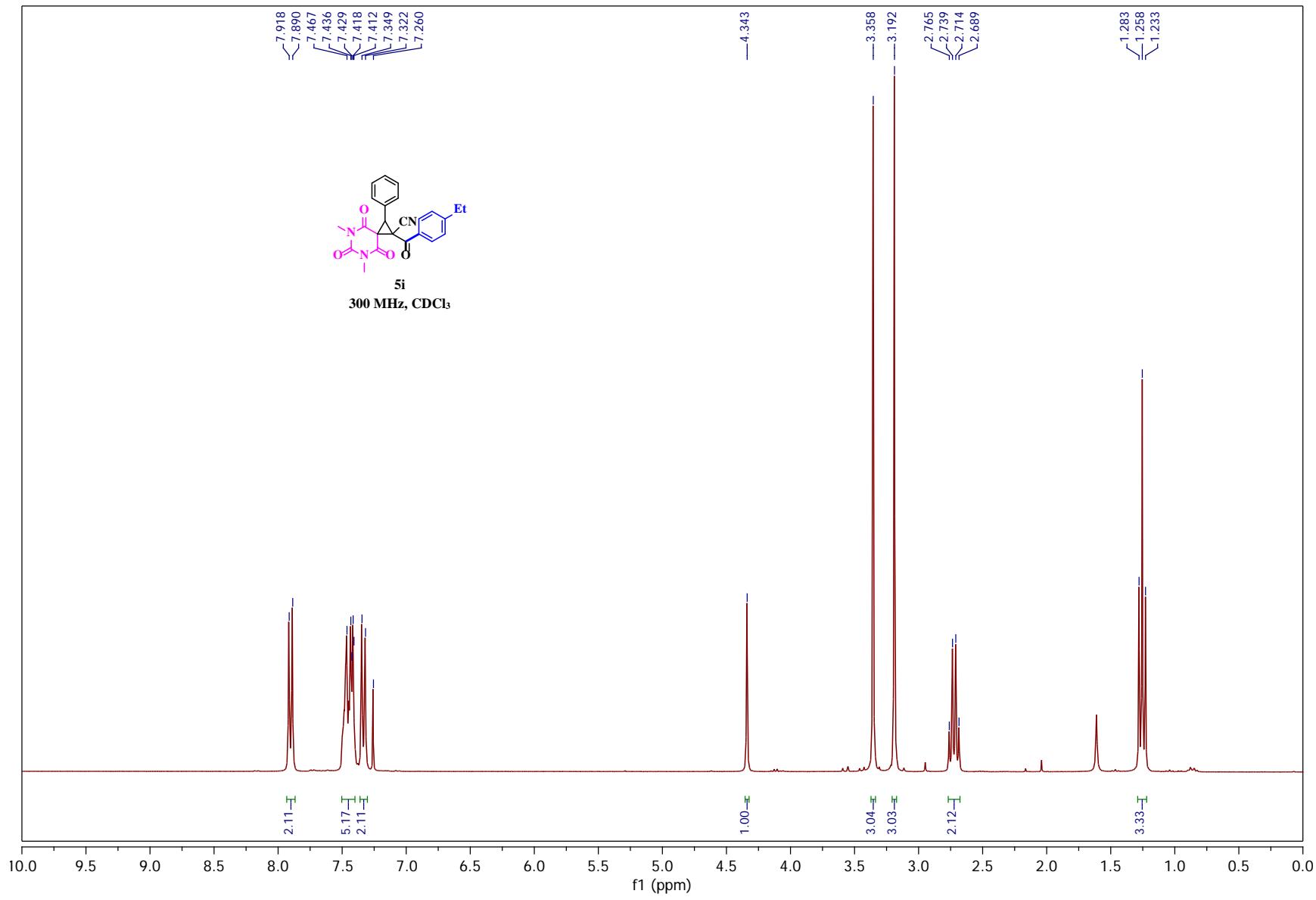


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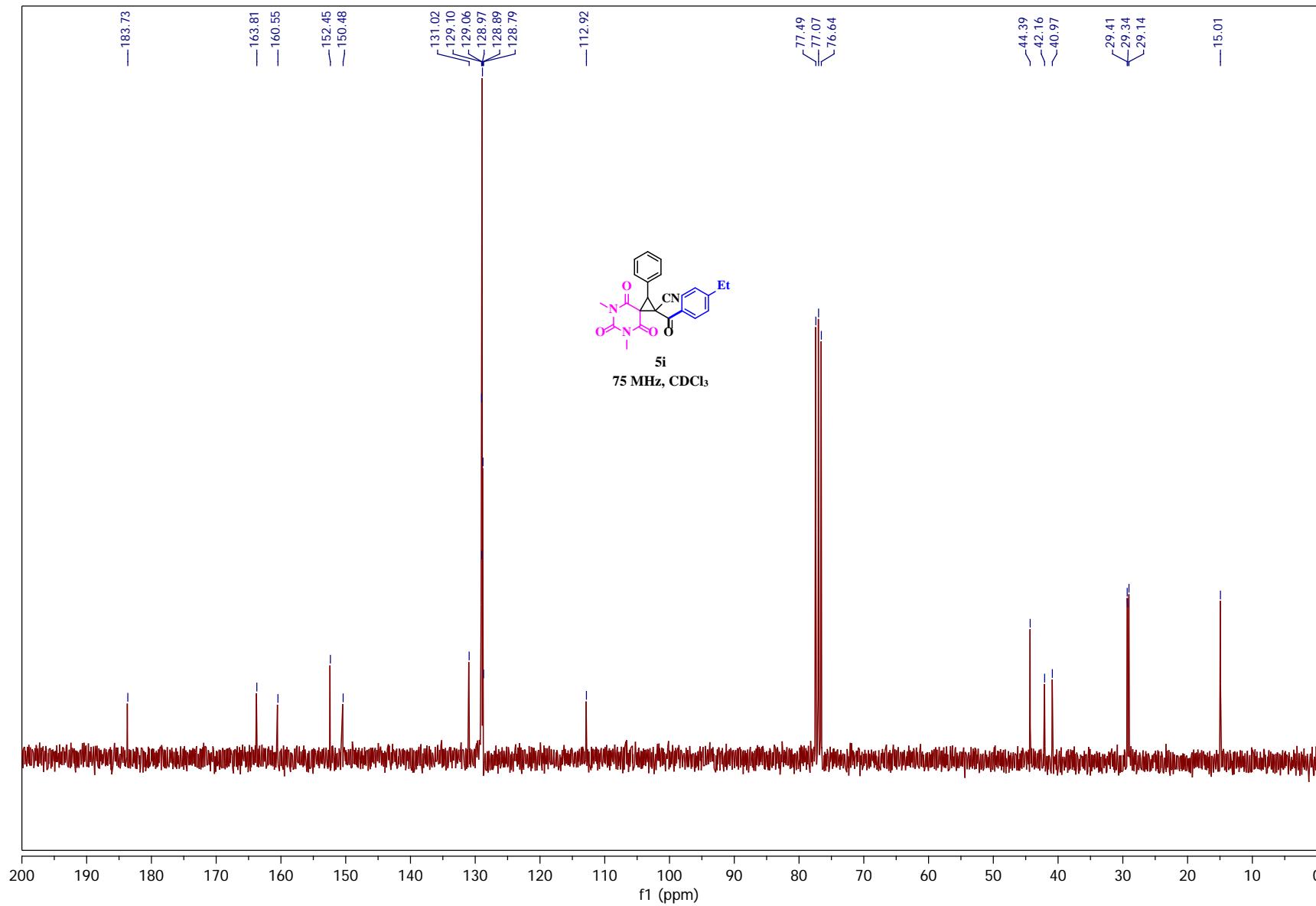






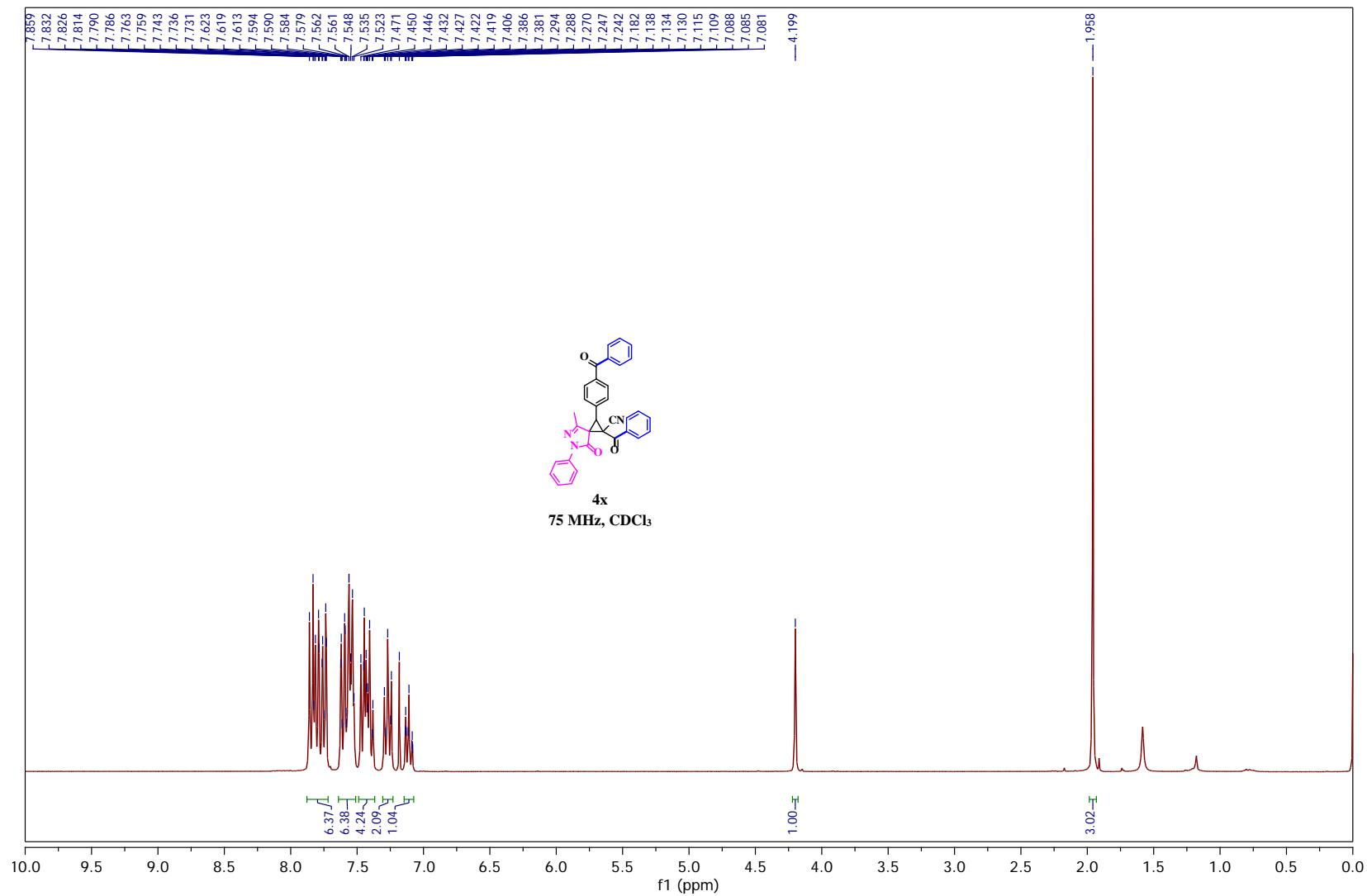


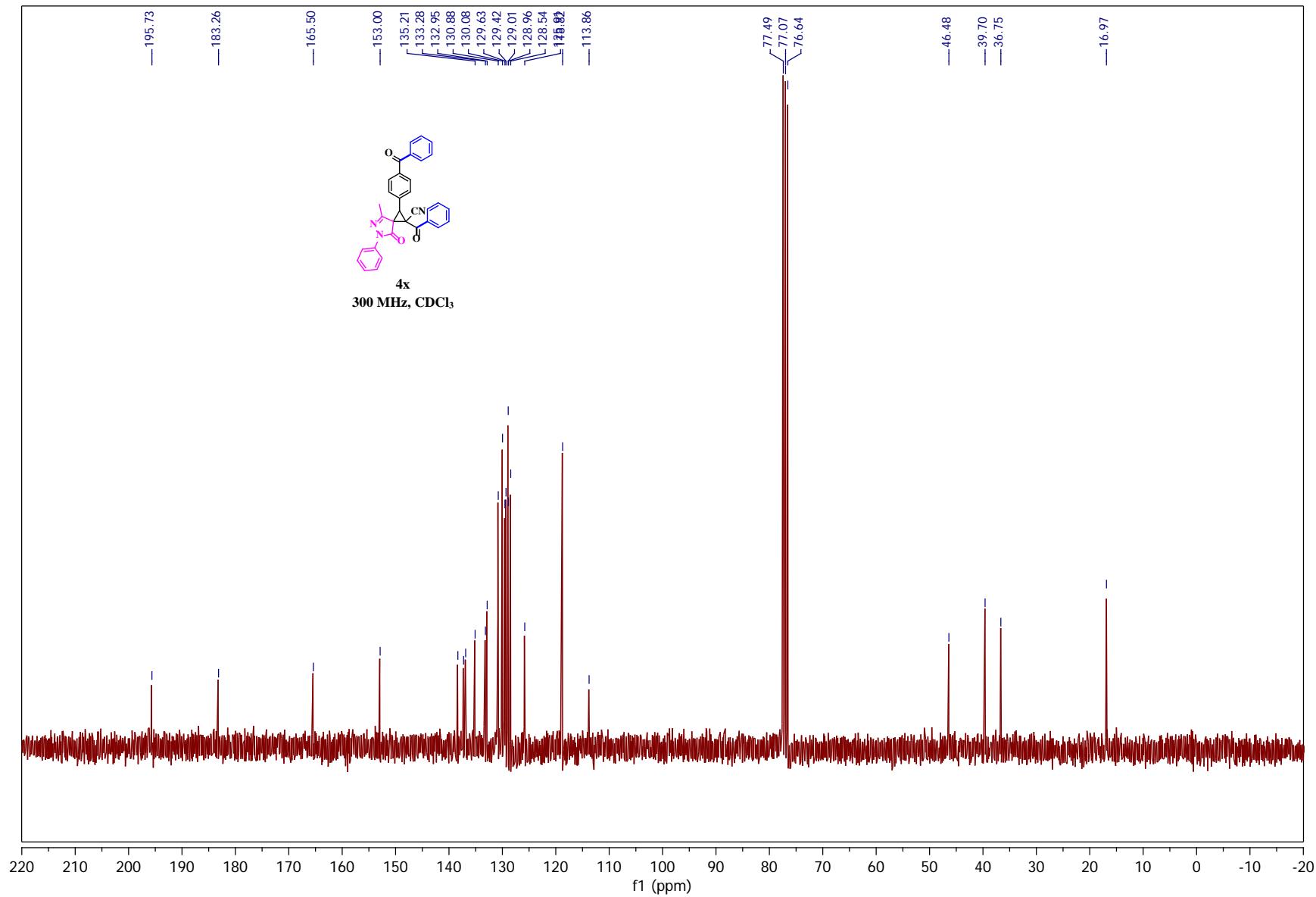
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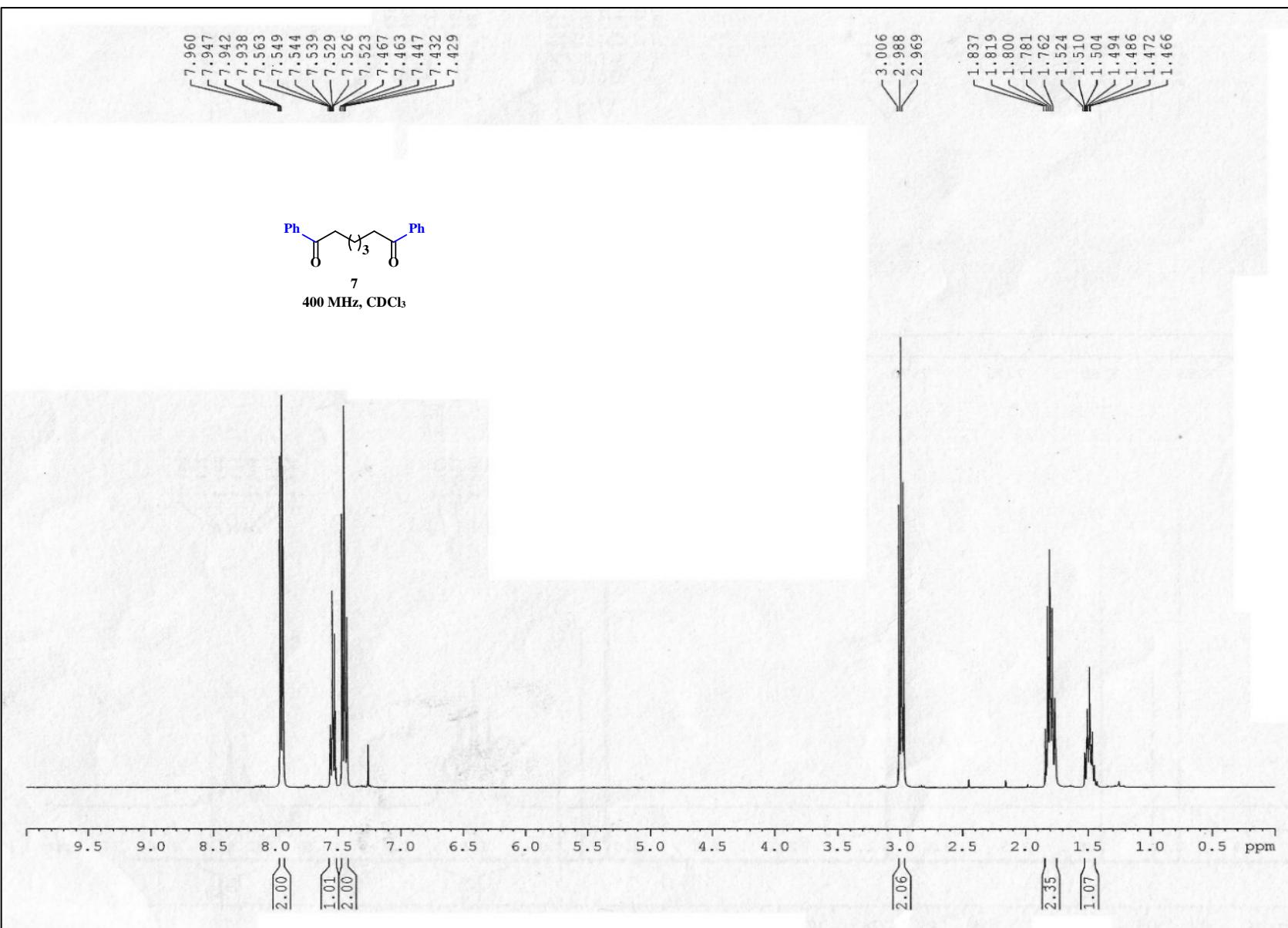


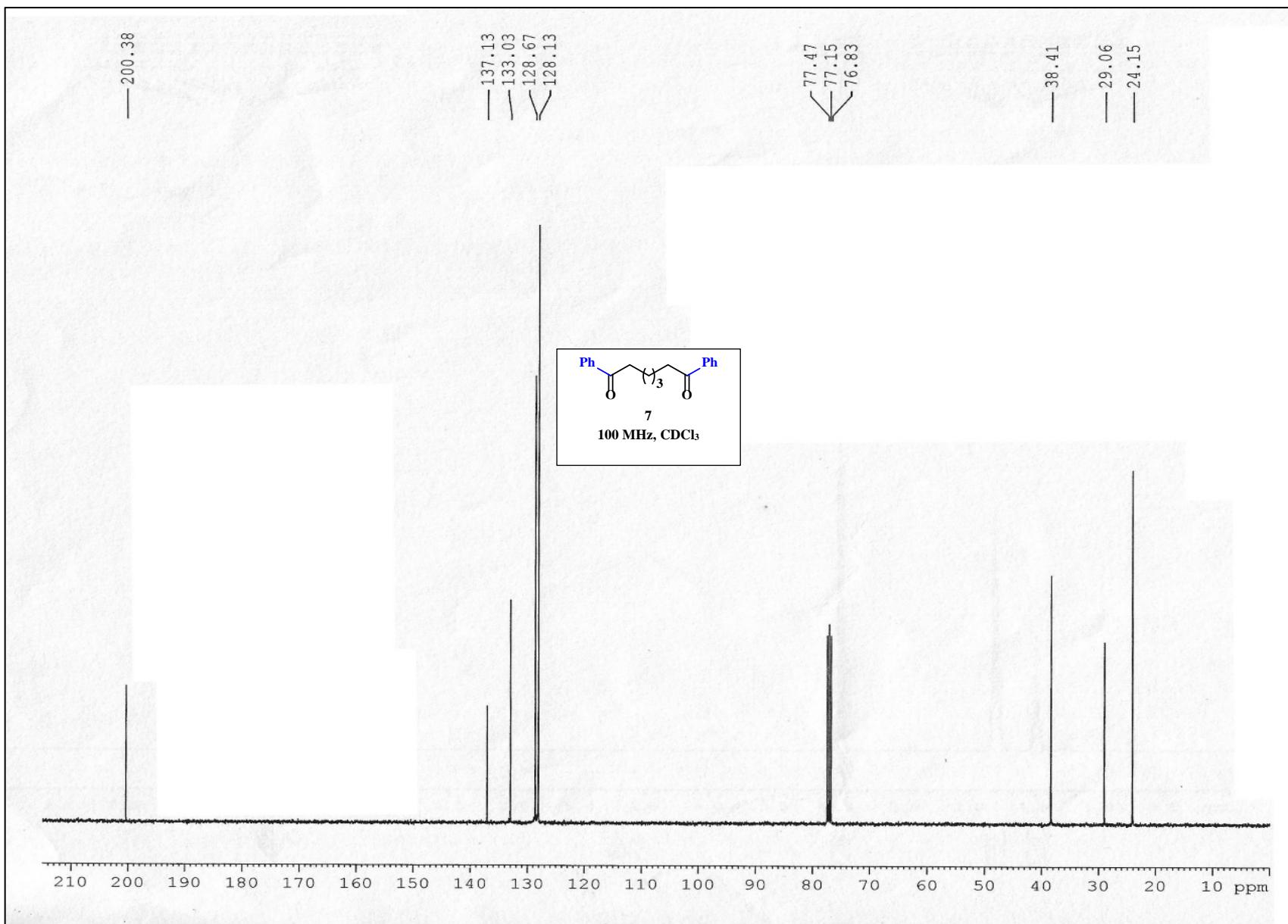
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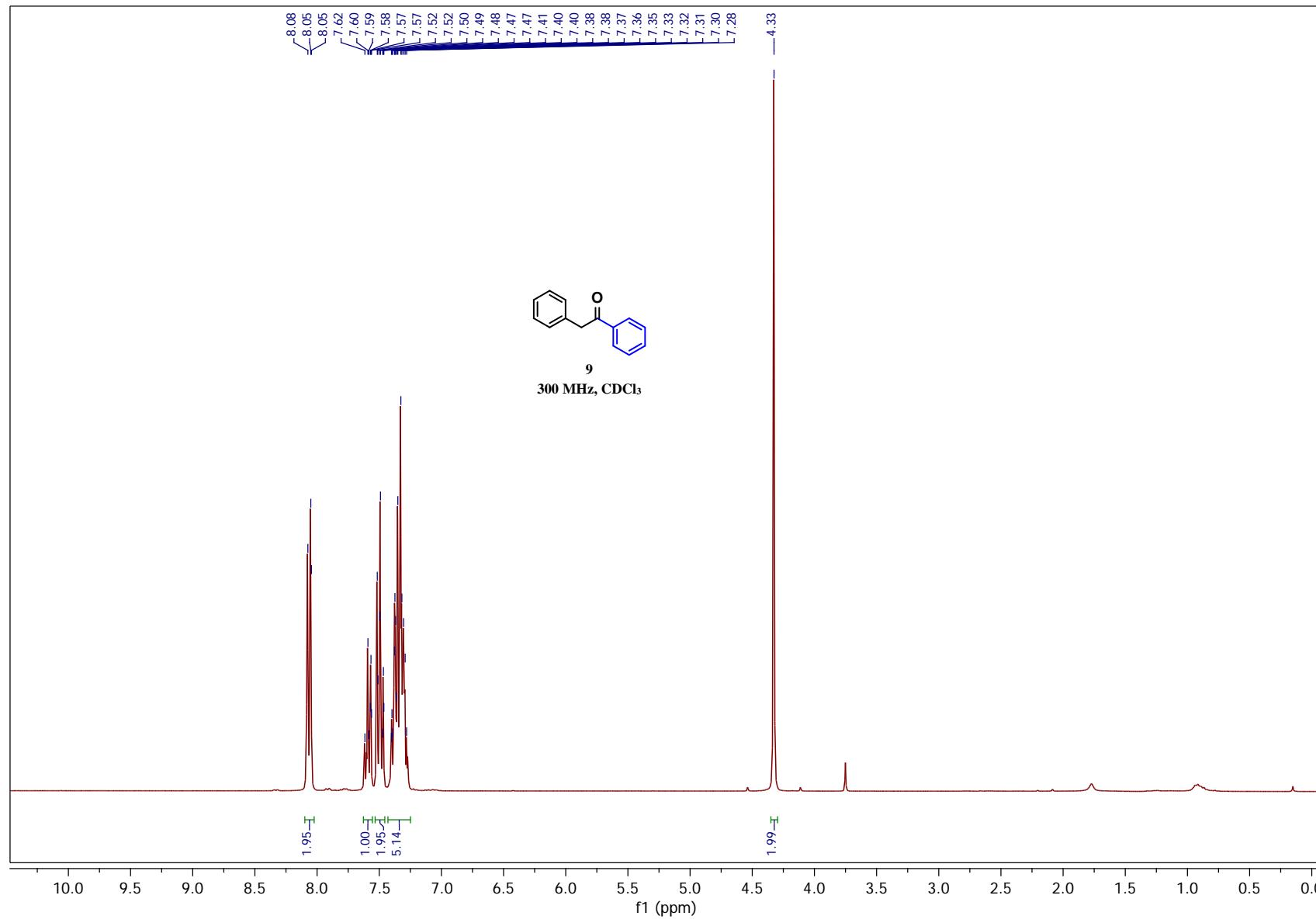
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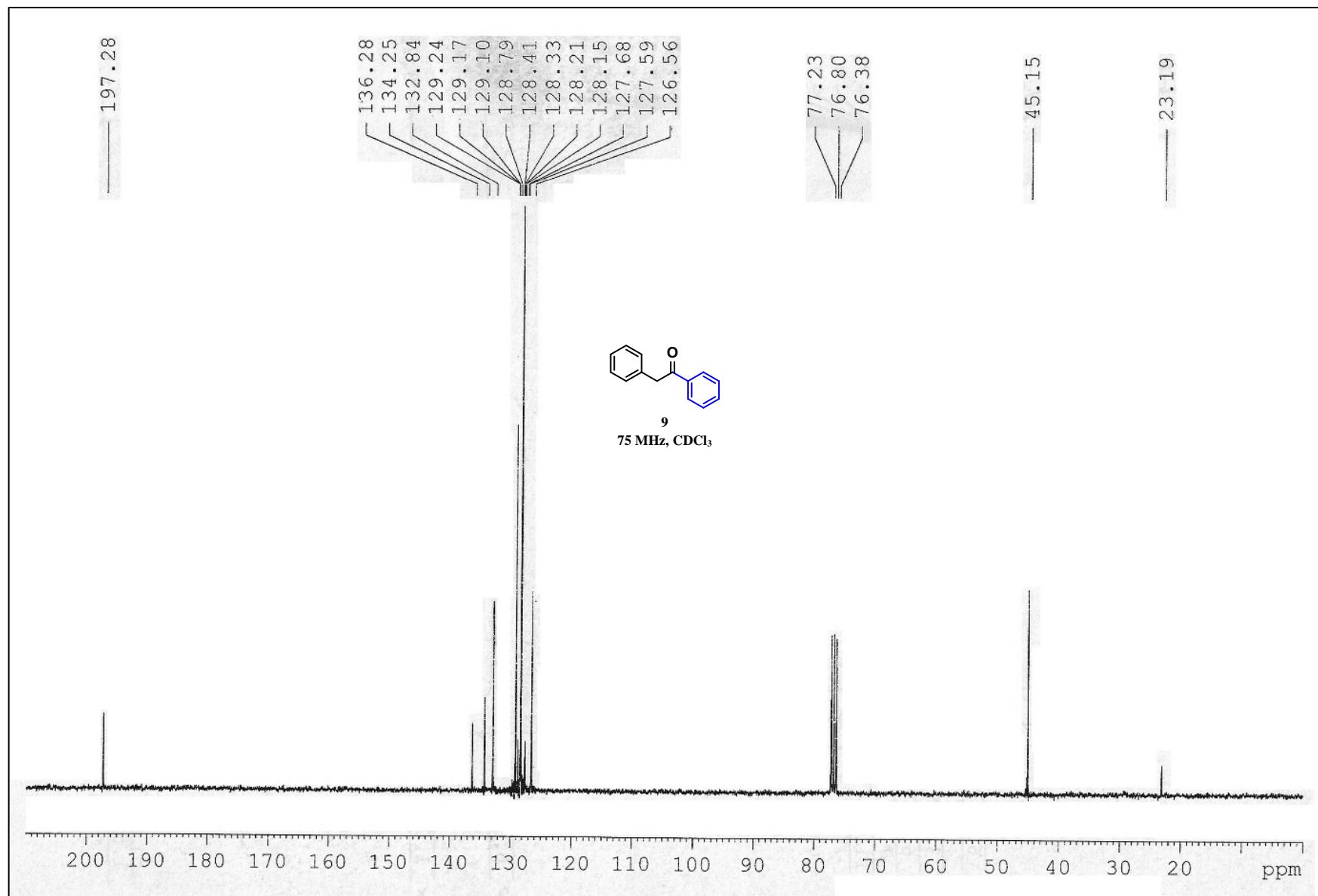


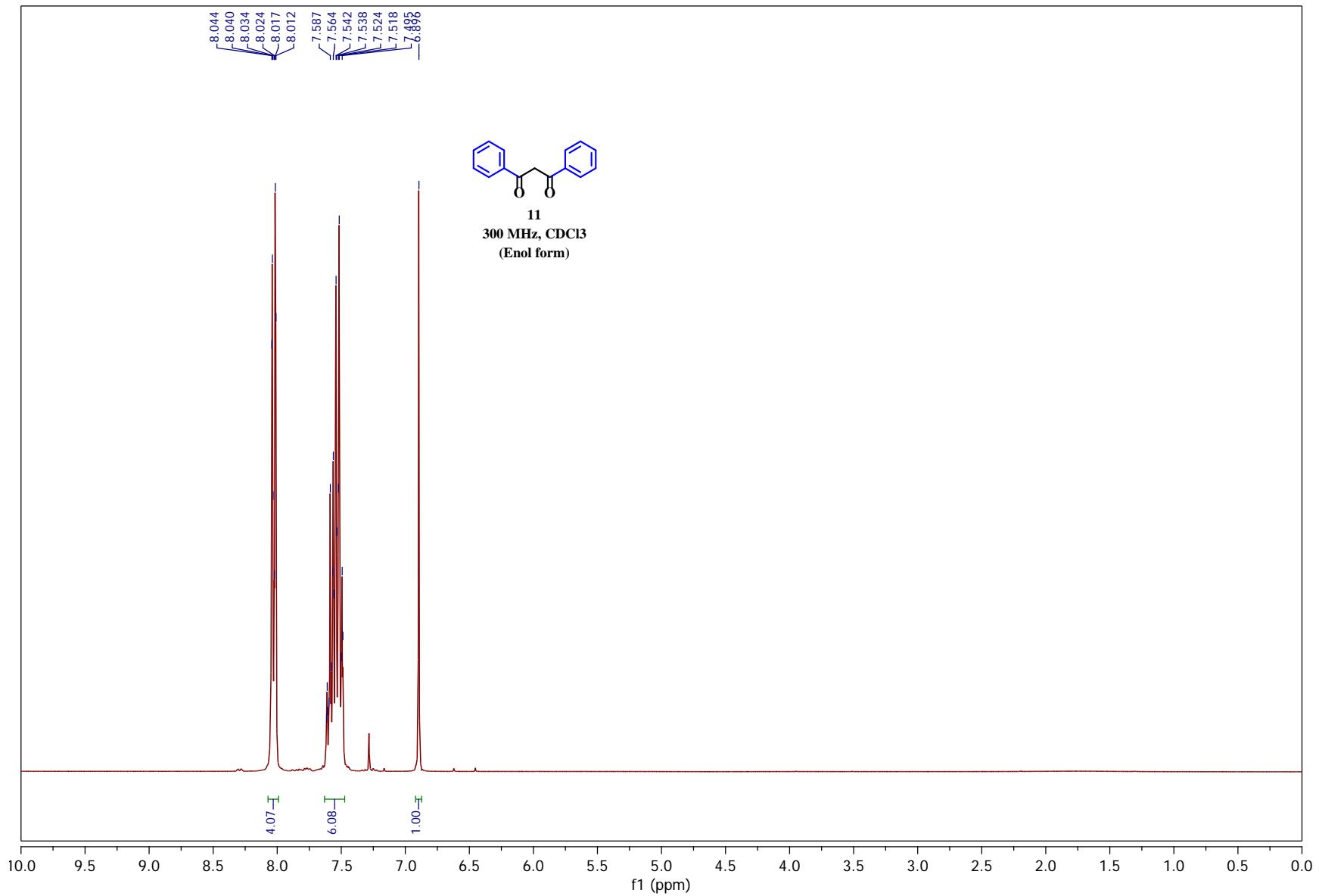




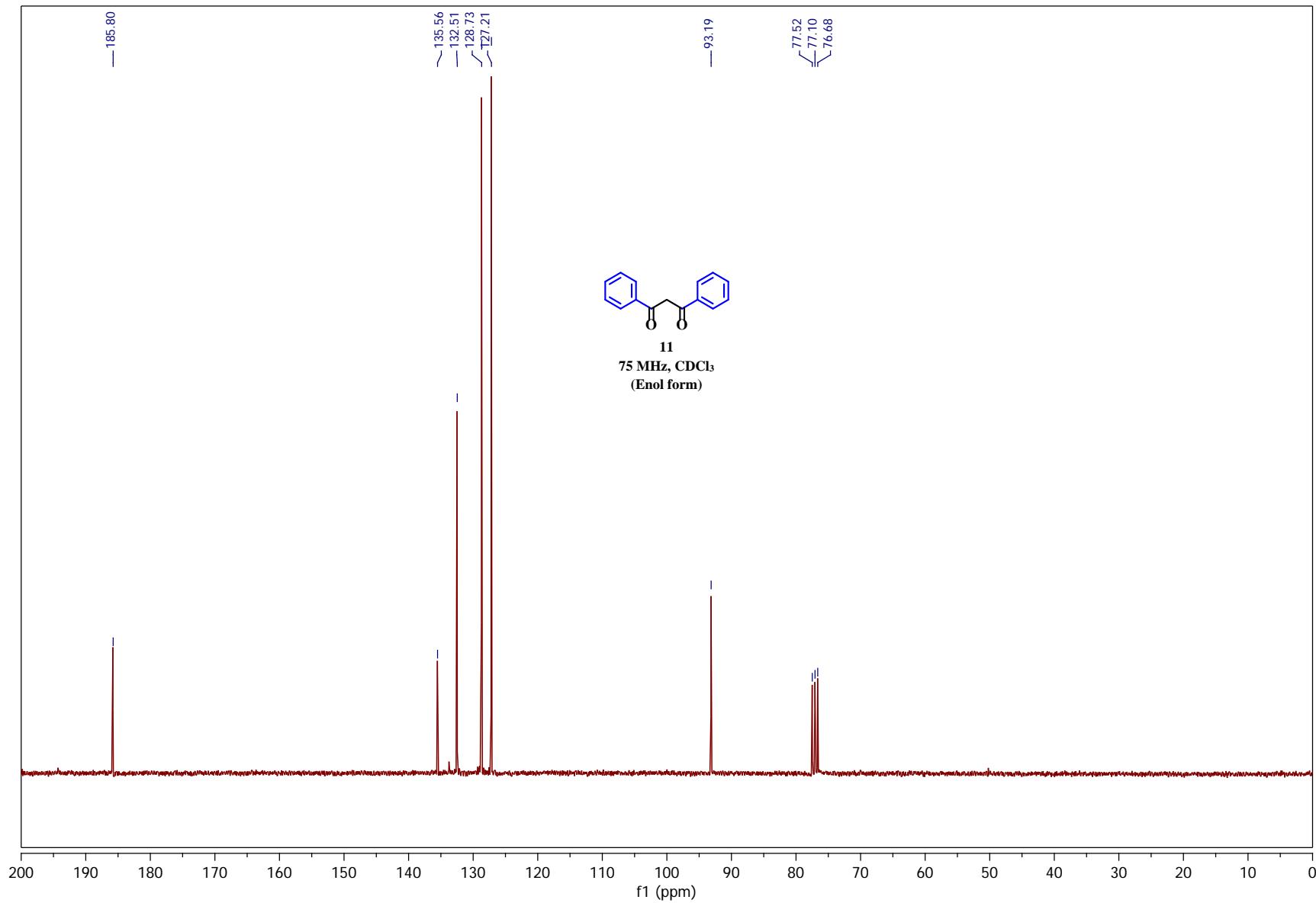


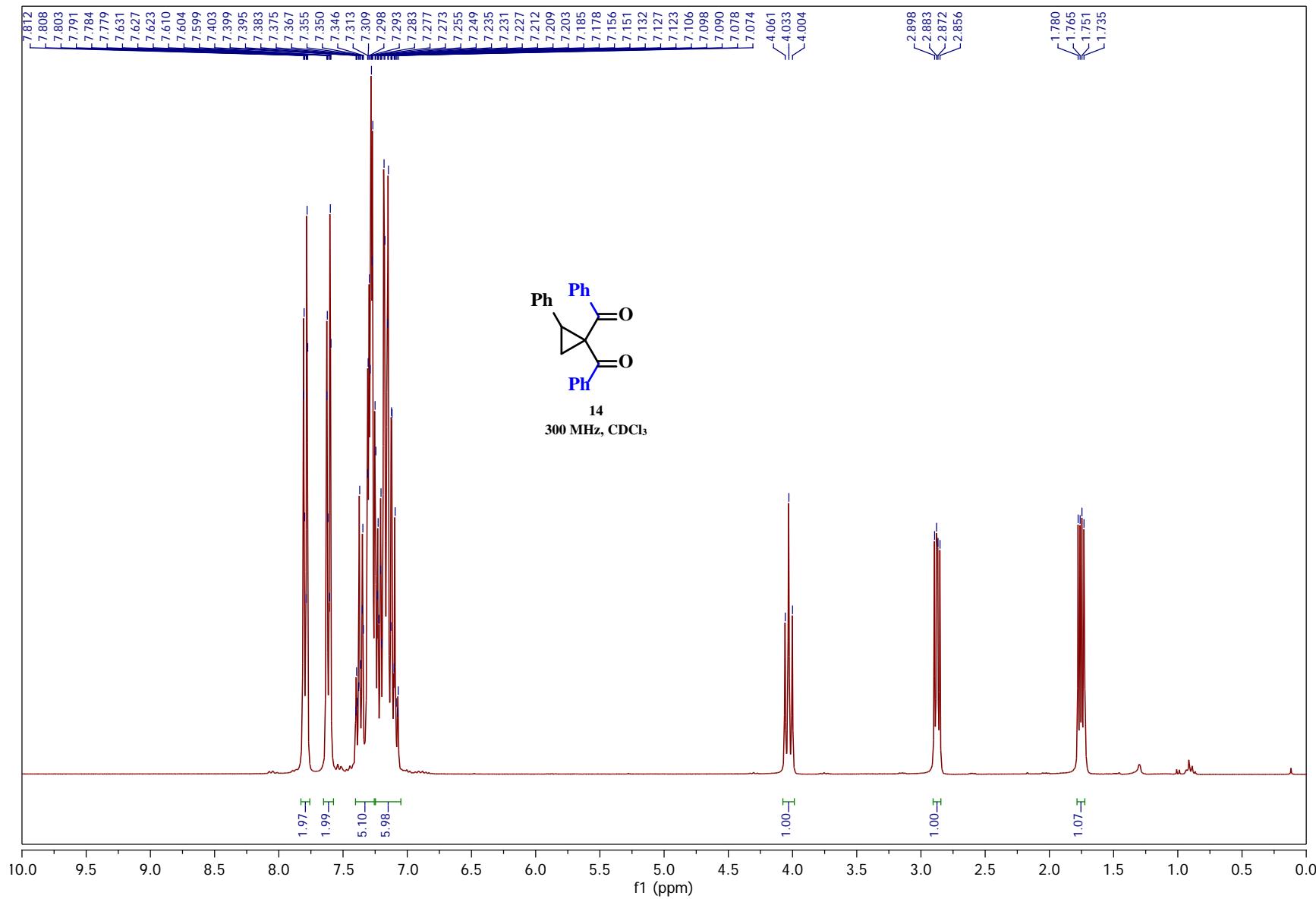
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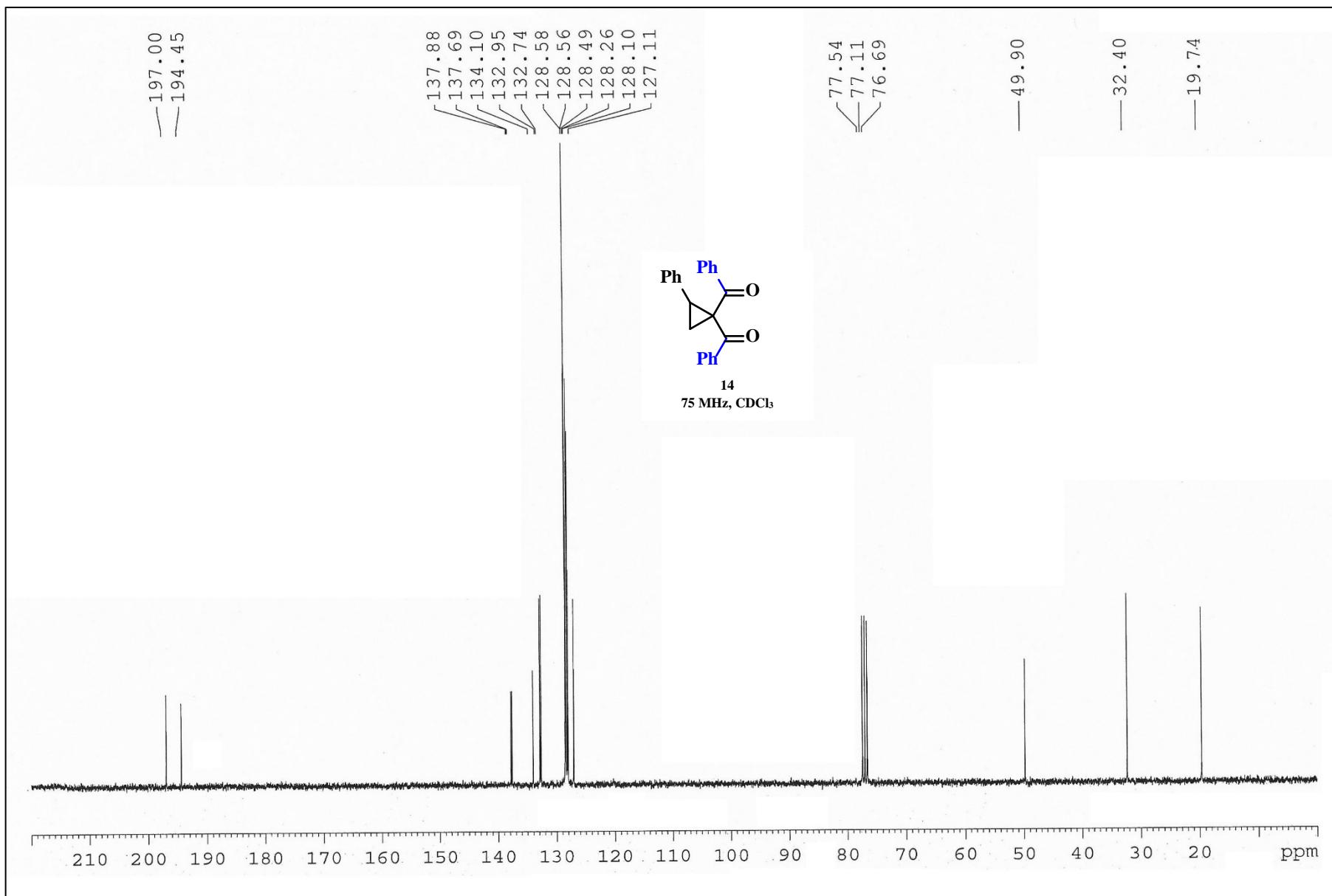


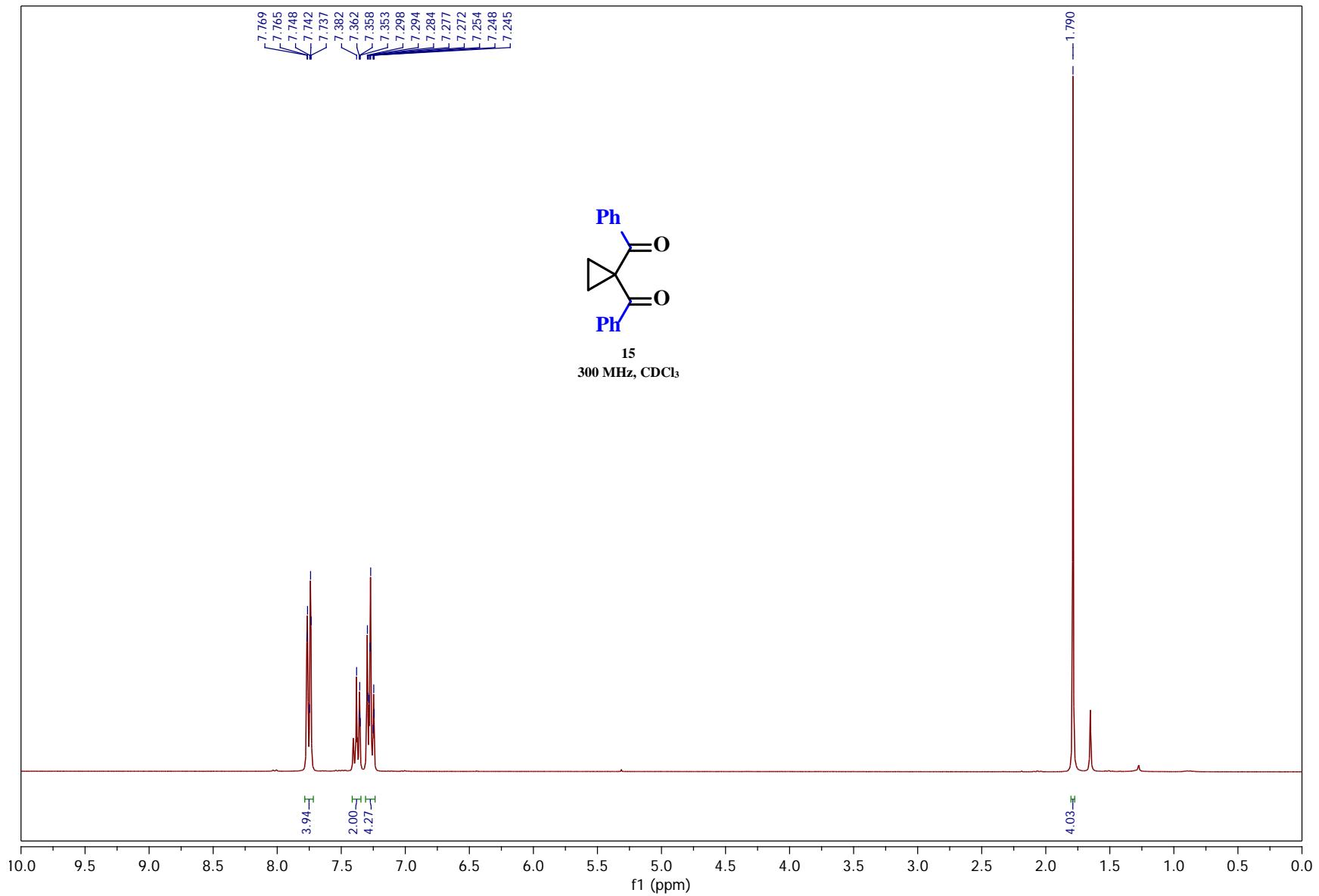


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