

Supplementary Information for:  
**Synthesis of Model Bacteriochlorophylls Containing Substituents of  
Native Rings A, C and E**

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## 1. Single-crystal X-ray data

**Table S1.** Single-crystal X-ray structure data for **7**

CCDC registry	2083658
Chemical formula	C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>6</sub> BrNO
Formula weight (g/mol)	188.03
Temperature (K)	100(2)
Wavelength (Å)	1.54178
Crystal size (mm)	0.052 × 0.066 × 0.232
Crystal habit	Colorless rod
Crystal system	monoclinic
Space group	P 1 21/c 1
Unit cell dimensions, <i>a</i> (Å)	11.2353(7)
Unit cell dimensions, <i>b</i> (Å)	7.3127(5)
Unit cell dimensions, <i>c</i> (Å)	15.8256(10)
$\alpha$ , deg	90
$\beta$ , deg	90.408(2)
$\gamma$ , deg	90
Volume (Å <sup>3</sup> )	1300.20(15)
<i>Z</i>	8
Density (calculated) (g/cm <sup>3</sup> )	1.921
Absorption coefficient (mm <sup>-1</sup> )	7.888
F(000)	736
Theta range for data collection, deg	3.93 to 72.93
Index ranges	-13 ≤ <i>h</i> ≤ 13, -9 ≤ <i>k</i> ≤ 9, -19 ≤ <i>l</i> ≤ 18
Reflections collected	19445
Independent reflections	2562 [R(int) = 0.0446]
<i>R</i> <sub>1</sub>	0.0320
w <i>R</i> <sub>2</sub>	0.0826
<i>R</i> <sub>1</sub> (all data)	0.0323
w <i>R</i> <sub>2</sub> (all data)	0.0828
Largest diff. peak and hole (eÅ <sup>-3</sup> )	1.004 and -0.434
R.M.S. deviation from mean (eÅ <sup>-3</sup> )	0.110

**Table S2.** Single-crystal X-ray structure data for **8**

CCDC registry	2083659
Chemical formula	C <sub>13</sub> H <sub>12</sub> BrNO <sub>3</sub> S
Formula weight (g/mol)	342.21
Temperature (K)	100(2)
Wavelength (Å)	0.71073
Crystal size (mm)	0.098 × 0.180 × 0.223
Crystal habit	Colorless block
Crystal system	triclinic
Space group	P -1
Unit cell dimensions, <i>a</i> (Å)	8.3674(3)
Unit cell dimensions, <i>b</i> (Å)	8.5936(3)
Unit cell dimensions, <i>c</i> (Å)	10.4526(3)
$\alpha$ , deg	88.161(2)
$\beta$ , deg	88.2410(10)
$\gamma$ , deg	63.805(2)
Volume (Å <sup>3</sup> )	673.95(4)
<i>Z</i>	2
Density (calculated) (g/cm <sup>3</sup> )	1.686
Absorption coefficient (mm <sup>-1</sup> )	3.207
F(000)	344
Theta range for data collection, deg	1.95 to 30.51
Index ranges	-11 ≤ <i>h</i> ≤ 11, -12 ≤ <i>k</i> ≤ 12, -14 ≤ <i>l</i> ≤ 14
Reflections collected	39430
Independent reflections	4118 [R(int) = 0.0483]
<i>R</i> <sub>1</sub>	0.0338
w <i>R</i> <sub>2</sub>	0.0882
<i>R</i> <sub>1</sub> (all data)	0.0441
w <i>R</i> <sub>2</sub> (all data)	0.0931
Largest diff. peak and hole (eÅ <sup>-3</sup> )	1.894 and -0.624
R.M.S. deviation from mean (eÅ <sup>-3</sup> )	0.081

**Table S3.** Single-crystal X-ray structure data for **10**

CCDC registry	2083662
Chemical formula	C <sub>22</sub> H <sub>30</sub> BrN <sub>2</sub> O <sub>7.50</sub> S
Formula weight (g/mol)	554.45
Temperature (K)	100(2)
Wavelength (Å)	1.54178
Crystal size (mm)	0.057 × 0.102 × 0.183
Crystal habit	Colorless plate
Crystal system	monoclinic
Space group	C2/c
Unit cell dimensions, <i>a</i> (Å)	36.3995(13)
Unit cell dimensions, <i>b</i> (Å)	6.3576(2)
Unit cell dimensions, <i>c</i> (Å)	25.0600(9)
$\alpha$ , deg	90
$\beta$ , deg	123.6400(10)
$\gamma$ , deg	90
Volume (Å <sup>3</sup> )	4828.1(3)
<i>Z</i>	8
Density (calculated) (g/cm <sup>3</sup> )	1.526
Absorption coefficient (mm <sup>-1</sup> )	3.545
F(000)	2296
Theta range for data collection, deg	2.92 to 79.59
Index ranges	-46 ≤ <i>h</i> ≤ 42, -8 ≤ <i>k</i> ≤ 7, -30 ≤ <i>l</i> ≤ 31
Reflections collected	49434
Independent reflections	5163 [R(int) = 0.0246]
<i>R</i> <sub>1</sub>	0.0232
w <i>R</i> <sub>2</sub>	0.0609
<i>R</i> <sub>1</sub> (all data)	0.0234
w <i>R</i> <sub>2</sub> (all data)	0.0610
Largest diff. peak and hole (eÅ <sup>-3</sup> )	0.385 and -0.295
R.M.S. deviation from mean (eÅ <sup>-3</sup> )	0.050



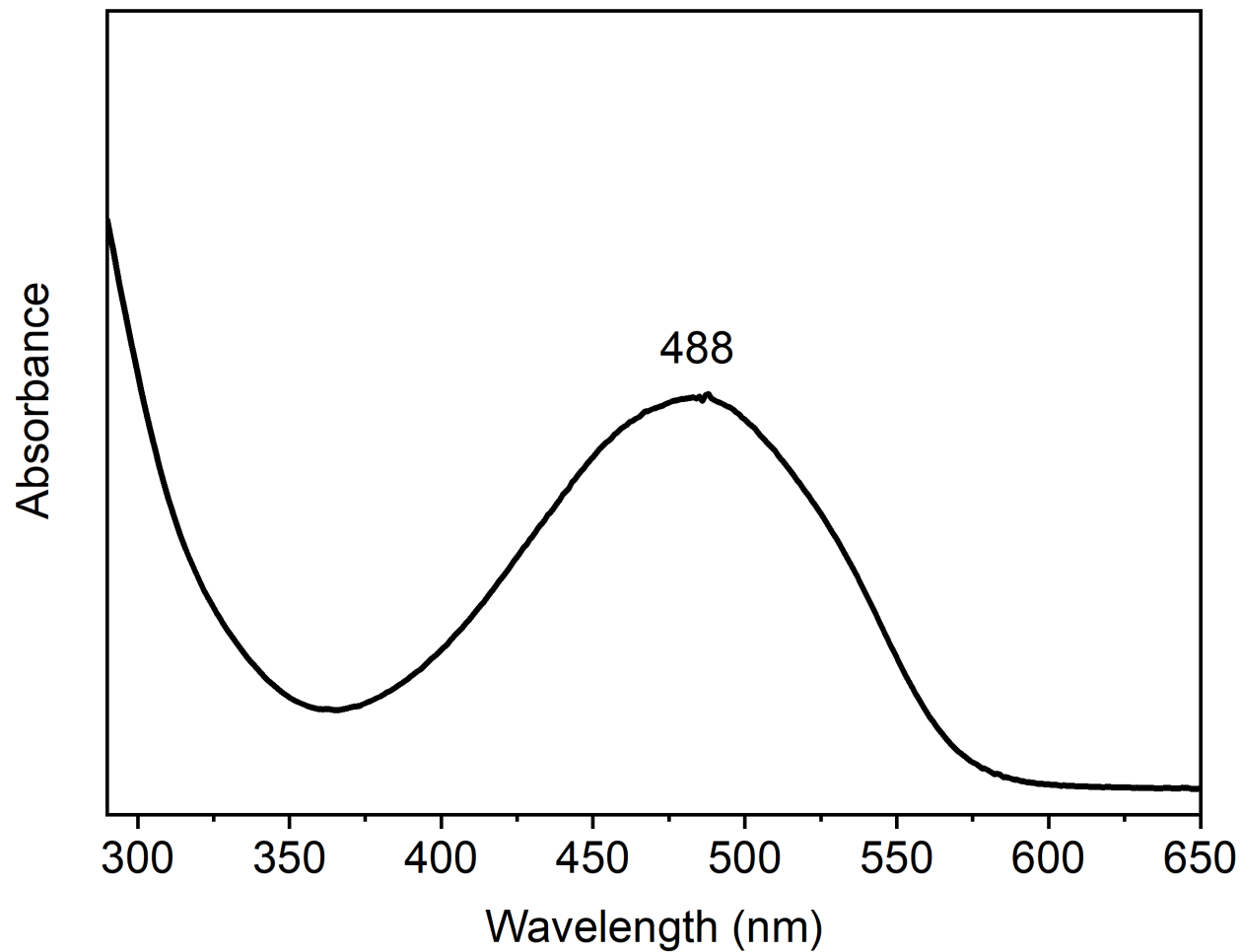
**Table S4.** Single-crystal X-ray structure data for **11**

CCDC registry	2083661
Chemical formula	C <sub>26</sub> H <sub>34</sub> N <sub>2</sub> O <sub>10</sub> S
Formula weight (g/mol)	566.61
Temperature (K)	100(2)
Wavelength (Å)	0.71073
Crystal size (mm)	0.161 × 0.184 × 0.260
Crystal habit	Colorless plate
Crystal system	Monoclinic
Space group	C 1 2/c 1
Unit cell dimensions, <i>a</i> (Å)	29.6209(10)
Unit cell dimensions, <i>b</i> (Å)	12.7399(4)
Unit cell dimensions, <i>c</i> (Å)	16.3799(6)
$\alpha$ , deg	90
$\beta$ , deg	116.8250(10)
$\gamma$ , deg	90
Volume (Å <sup>3</sup> )	5516.1(6)
<i>Z</i>	8
Density (calculated) (g/cm <sup>3</sup> )	1.365
Absorption coefficient (mm <sup>-1</sup> )	0.176
F(000)	2400
Theta range for data collection, deg	2.46 to 32.04
Index ranges	-44 ≤ <i>h</i> ≤ 44, -18 ≤ <i>k</i> ≤ 18, -24 ≤ <i>l</i> ≤ 24
Reflections collected	98657
Independent reflections	9585 [R(int) = 0.0560]
<i>R</i> <sub>1</sub>	0.0383
w <i>R</i> <sub>2</sub>	0.0936
<i>R</i> <sub>1</sub> (all data)	0.0535
w <i>R</i> <sub>2</sub> (all data)	0.1026
Largest diff. peak and hole (eÅ <sup>-3</sup> )	0.387 and -0.380
R.M.S. deviation from mean (eÅ <sup>-3</sup> )	0.052

**Table S5.** Single-crystal X-ray structure data for **15**

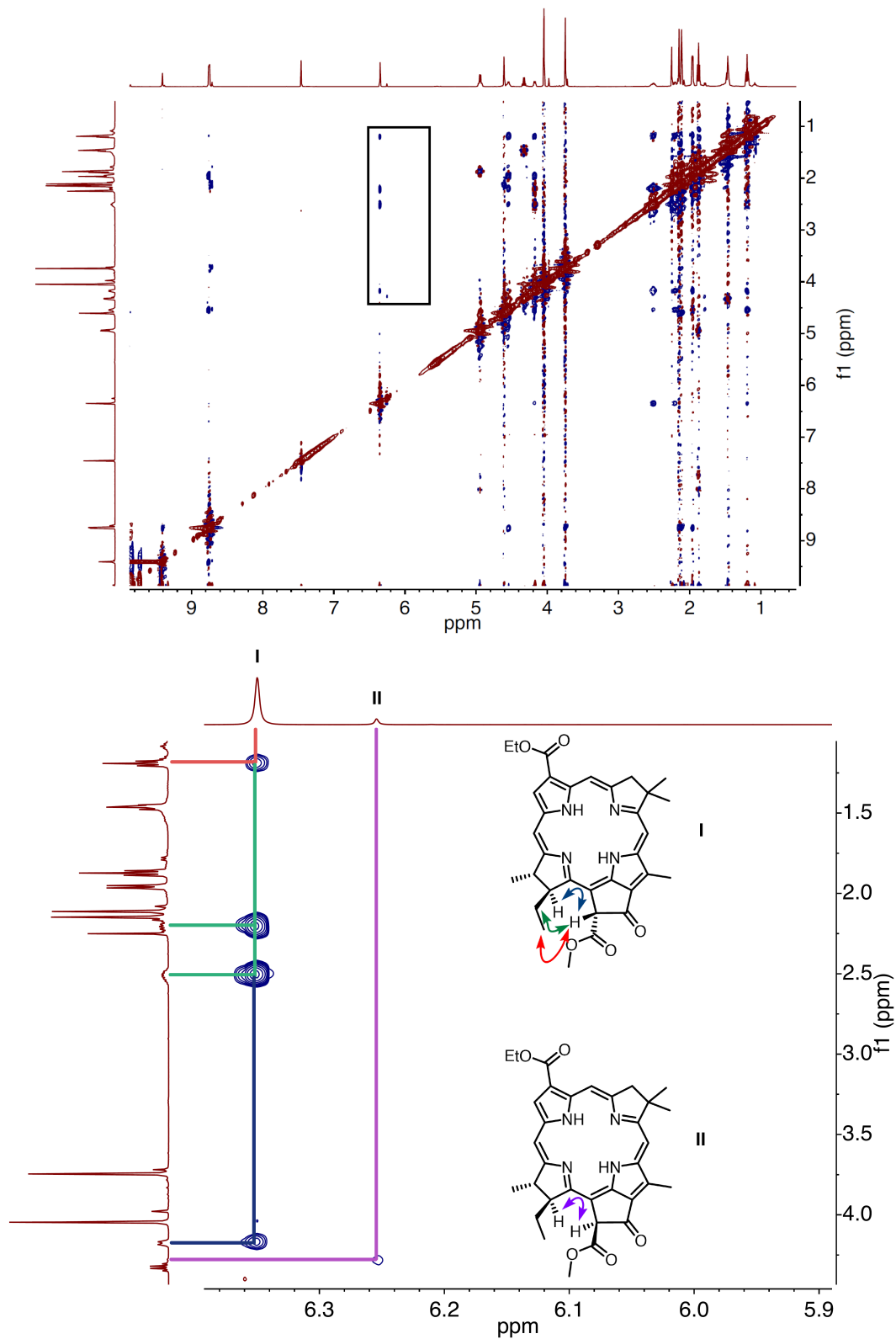
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Chemical formula	C <sub>7</sub> H <sub>8</sub> INO
Formula weight (g/mol)	249.04
Temperature (K)	108
Wavelength (Å)	0.71073
Crystal size (mm)	0.11 × 0.10 × 0.09
Crystal habit	Colorless block
Crystal system	Orthorhombic
Space group	<i>P b c a</i>
Unit cell dimensions, <i>a</i> (Å)	8.8097(5)
Unit cell dimensions, <i>b</i> (Å)	12.6229(8)
Unit cell dimensions, <i>c</i> (Å)	14.4382(9)
$\alpha$ , deg	90
$\beta$ , deg	90
$\gamma$ , deg	90
Volume (Å <sup>3</sup> )	1605.59(17)
<i>Z</i>	8
Density (calculated) (g/cm <sup>3</sup> )	2.061
Absorption coefficient (mm <sup>-1</sup> )	3.920
F(000)	944
Theta range for data collection, deg	2.82 to 33.11
Index ranges	-13 ≤ <i>h</i> ≤ 13, -19 ≤ <i>k</i> ≤ 19, -22 ≤ <i>l</i> ≤ 22
Reflections collected	67230
Independent reflections	3062 [R(int) = 0.059]
<i>R</i> <sub>1</sub>	0.0198
w <i>R</i> <sub>2</sub>	0.0388
<i>R</i> <sub>1</sub> (all data)	0.0310
w <i>R</i> <sub>2</sub> (all data)	0.0415
Largest diff. peak and hole (eÅ <sup>-3</sup> )	0.716 and -0.850
R.M.S. deviation from mean (eÅ <sup>-3</sup> )	0.117

## 2. Absorption spectrum of unknown Knoevenagel product



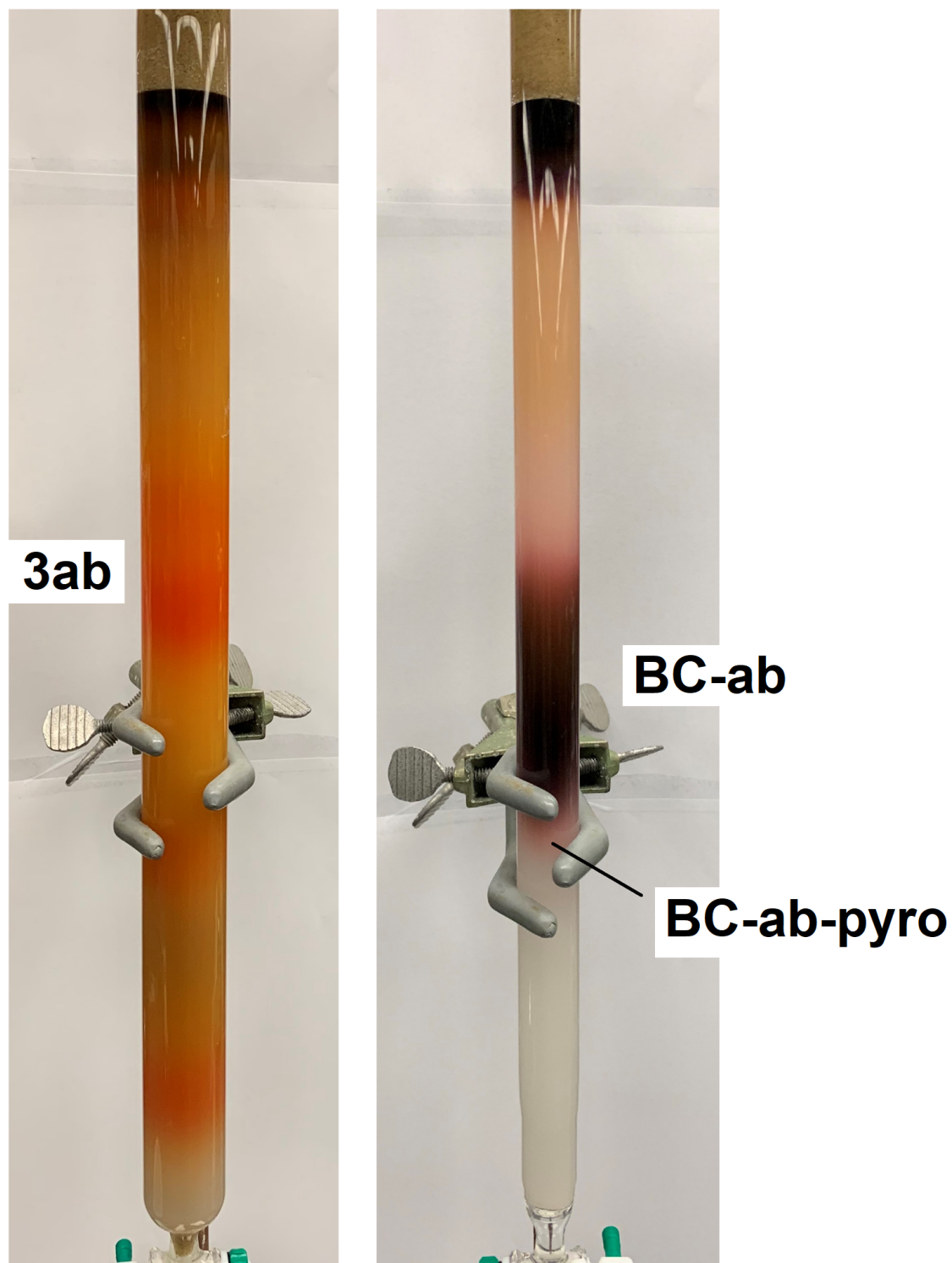
**Figure S1.** Absorption spectrum of the unknown side product in the Knoevenagel reaction of preparing **3bb**.

### 3. Stereochemistry via NOESY for bacteriochlorophyll analogues

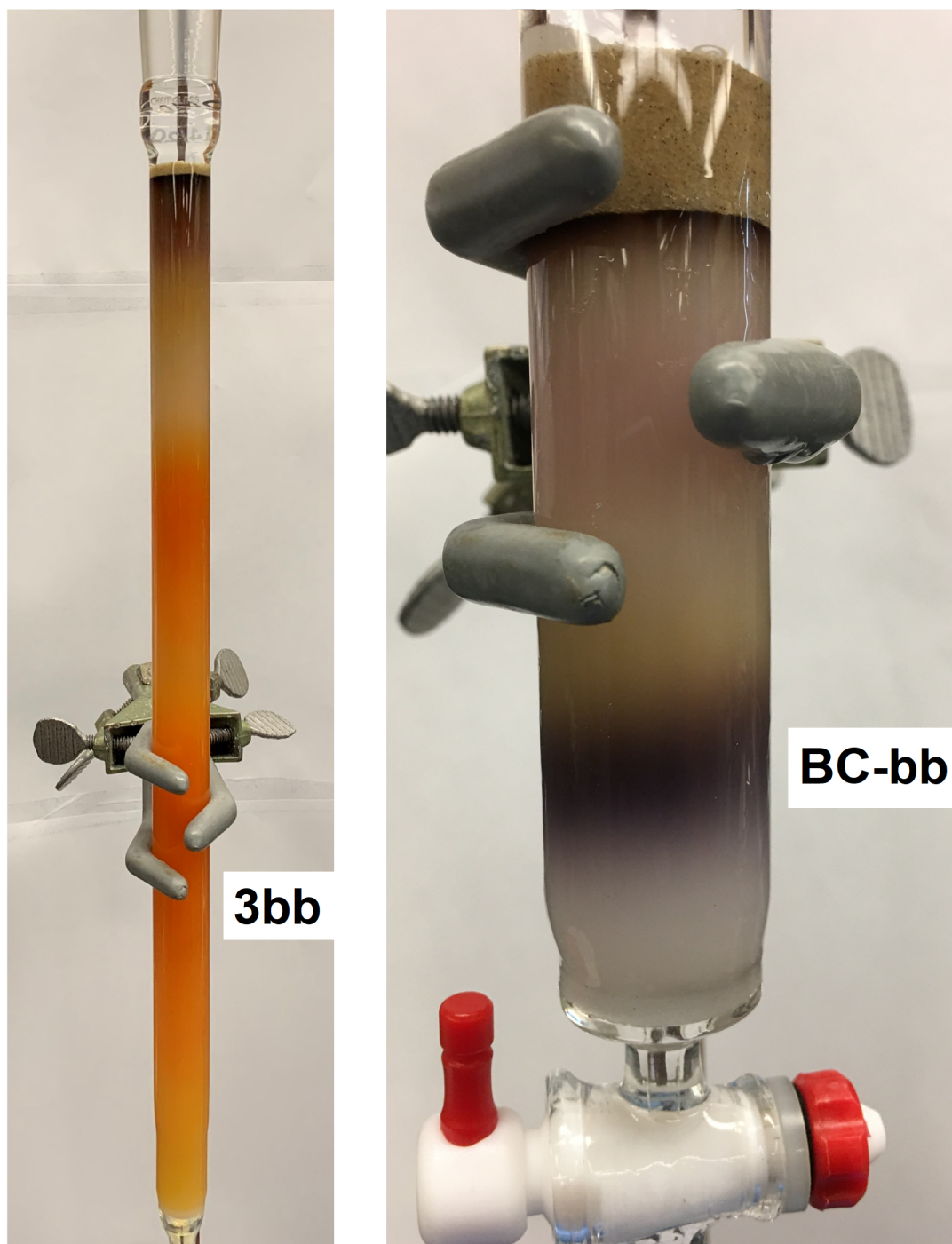


**Figure S2.** Full NOESY spectrum of **BC-ab** sample (top) and enlarged region showing the correlations supporting the configuration assignment of each epimer in the sample (bottom).

#### 4. Chromatography for Knoevenagel and double-ring closure reactions

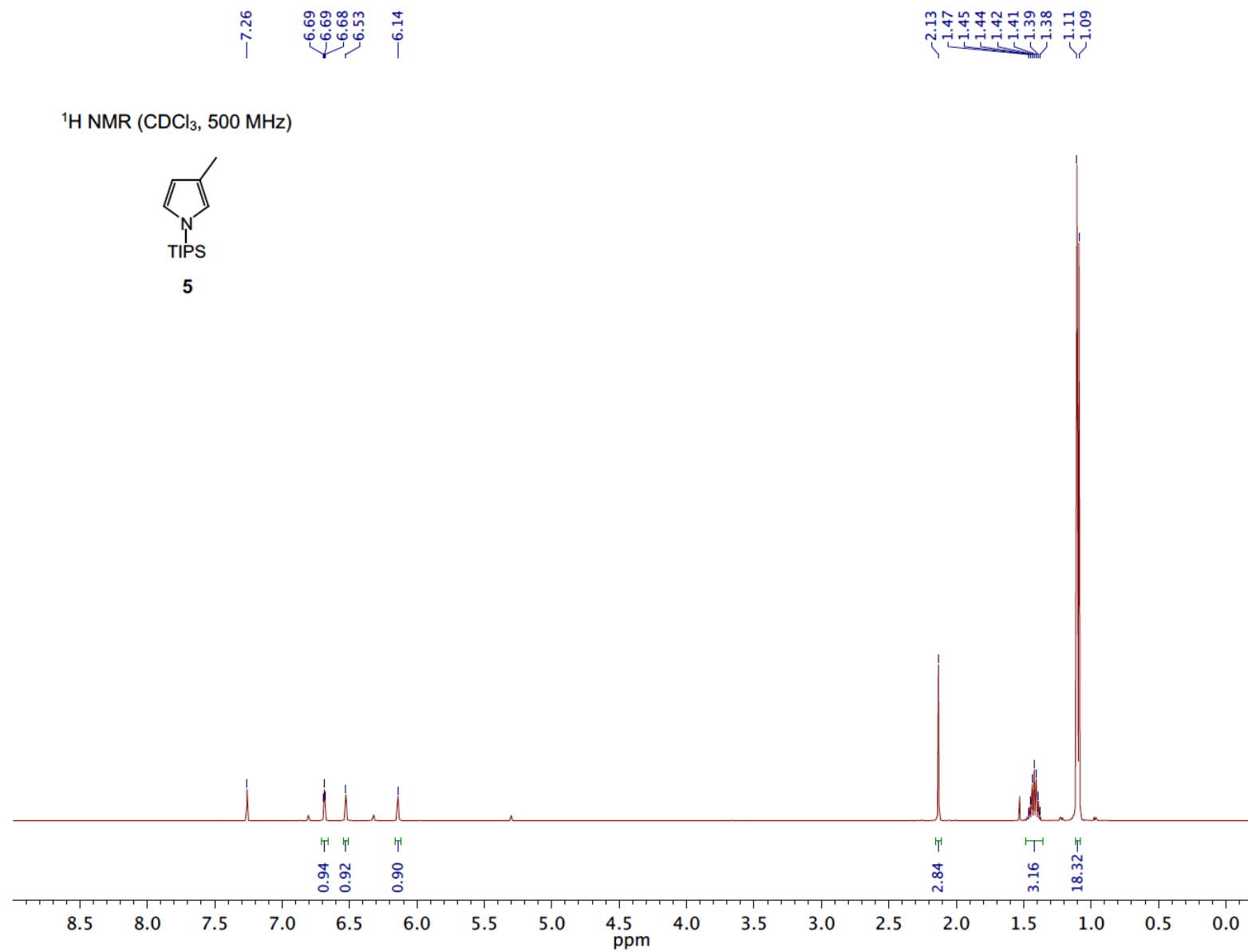


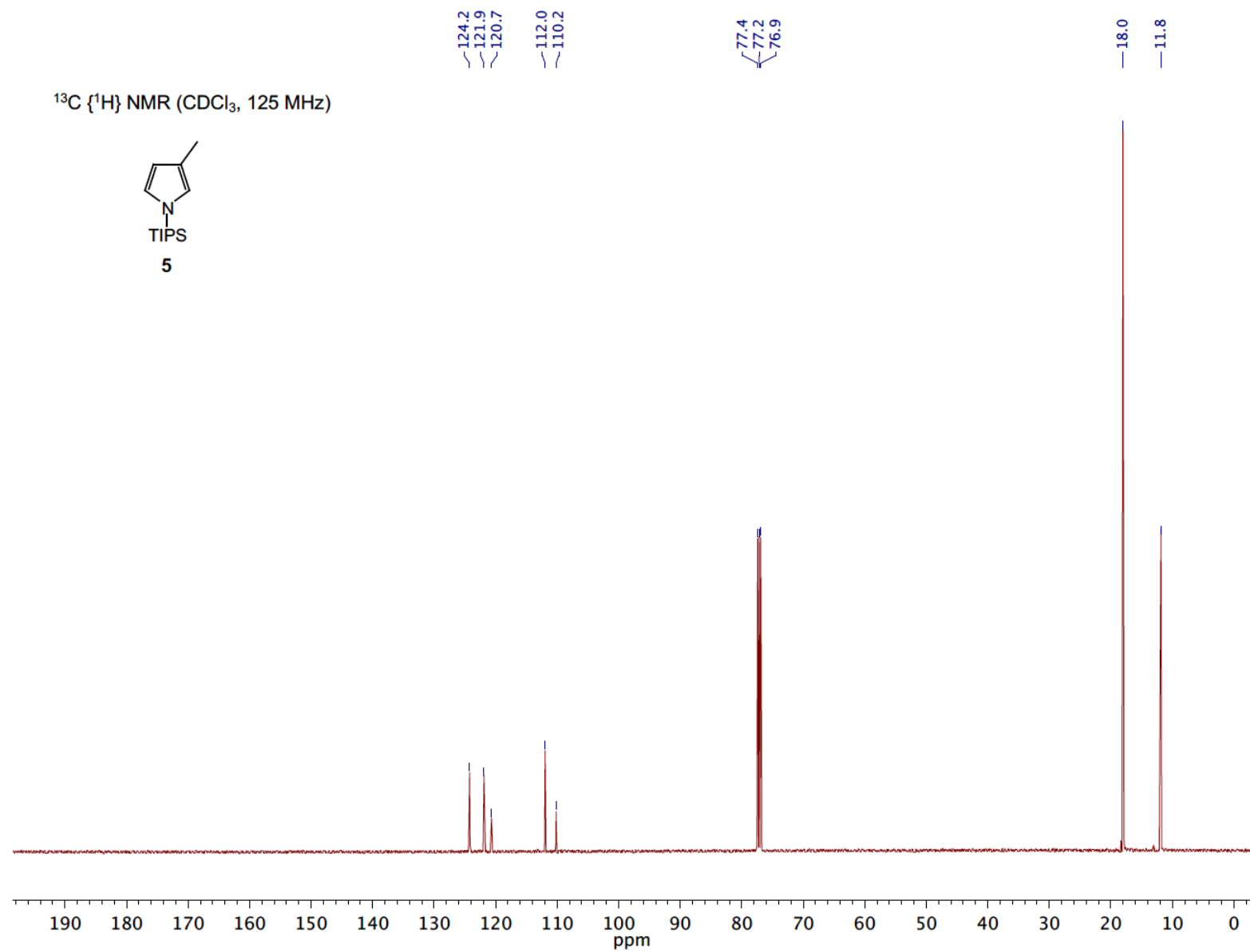
**Figure S3.** Column chromatography for reaction mixtures following Knoevenagel reaction (left) and one-flask double-ring closure (right) in preparation of **BC-ab**.



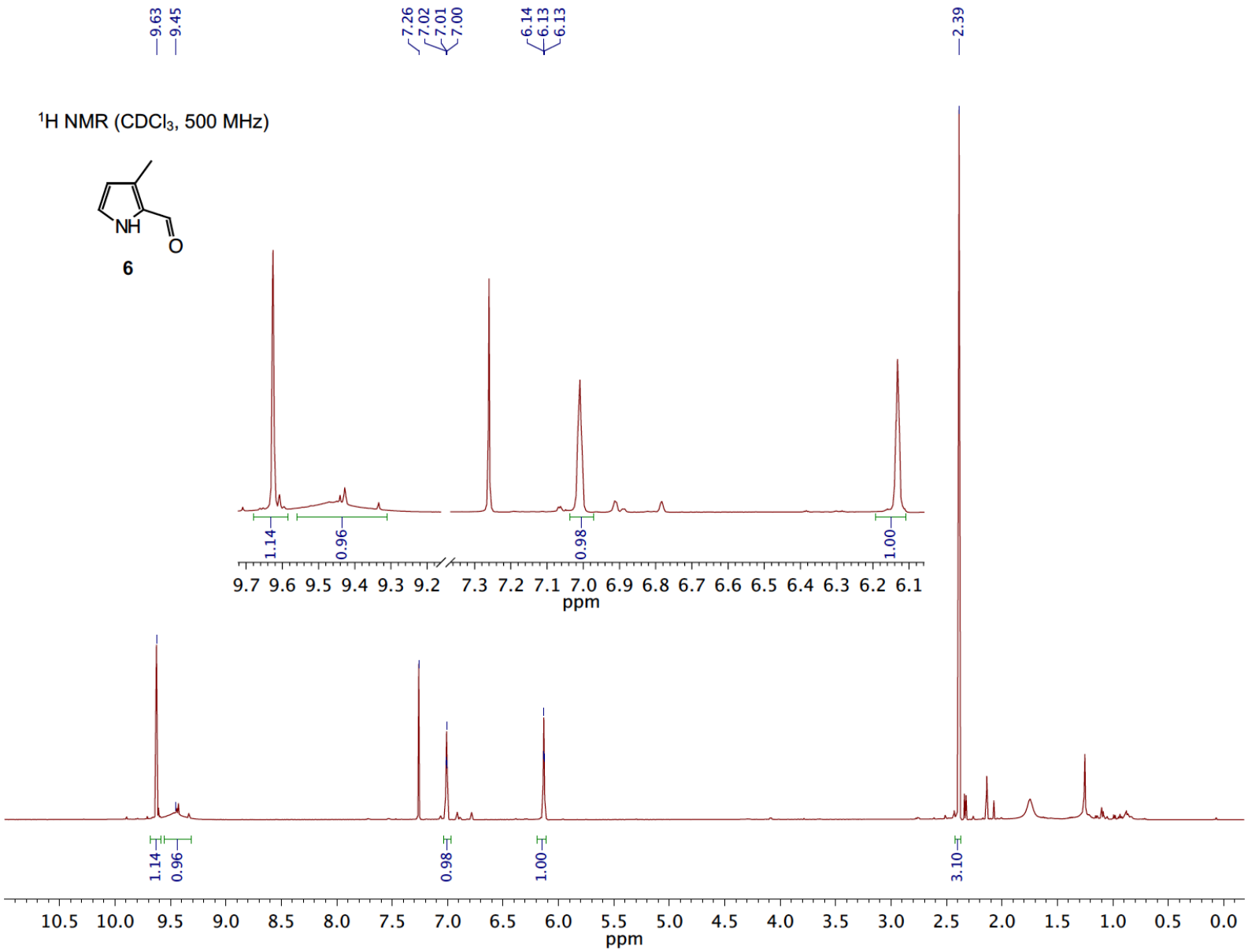
**Figure S4.** Column chromatography for reaction mixtures following Knoevenagel reaction (left) and one-flask double-ring closure (right) in preparation of **BC-bb**.

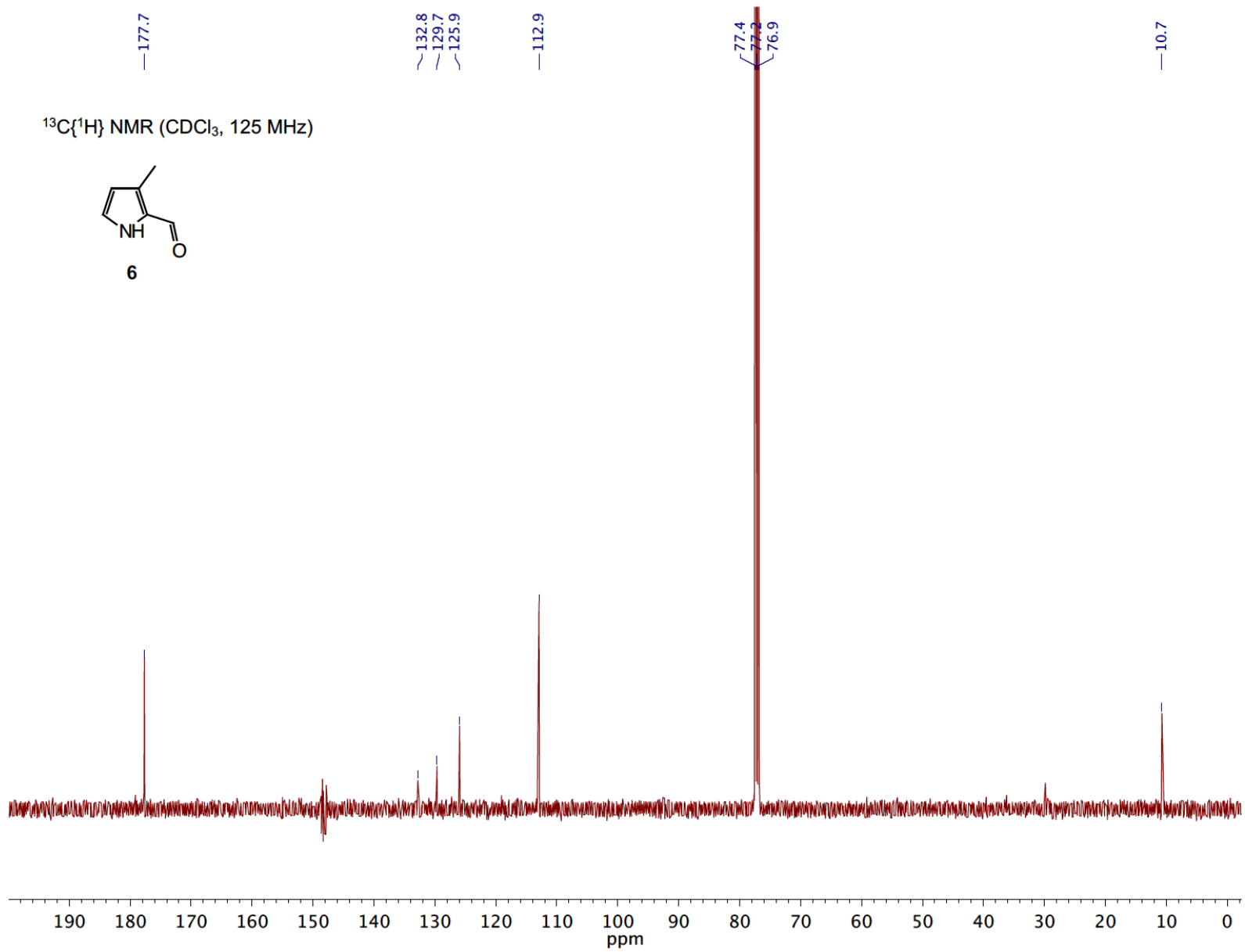
## 5. NMR spectra

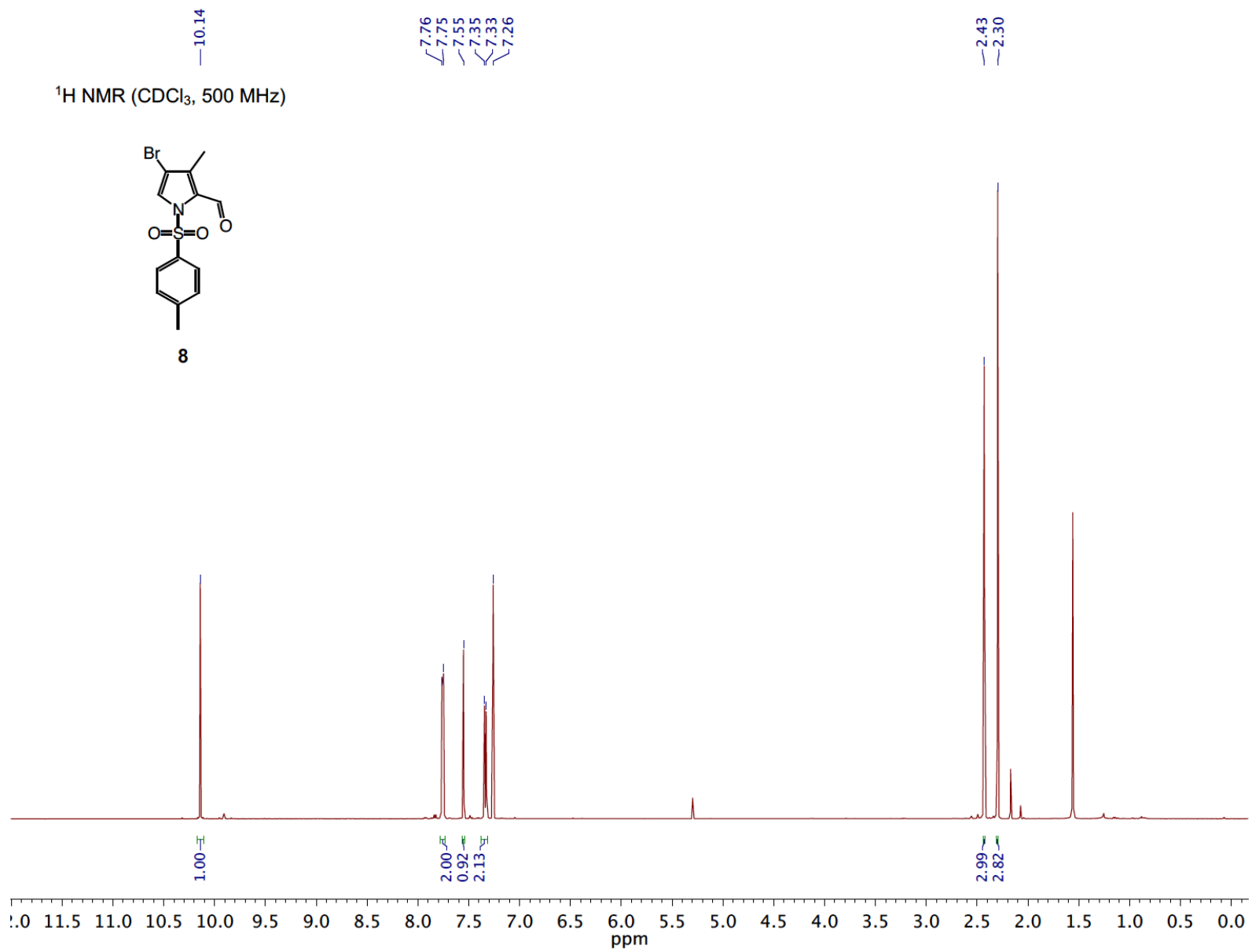


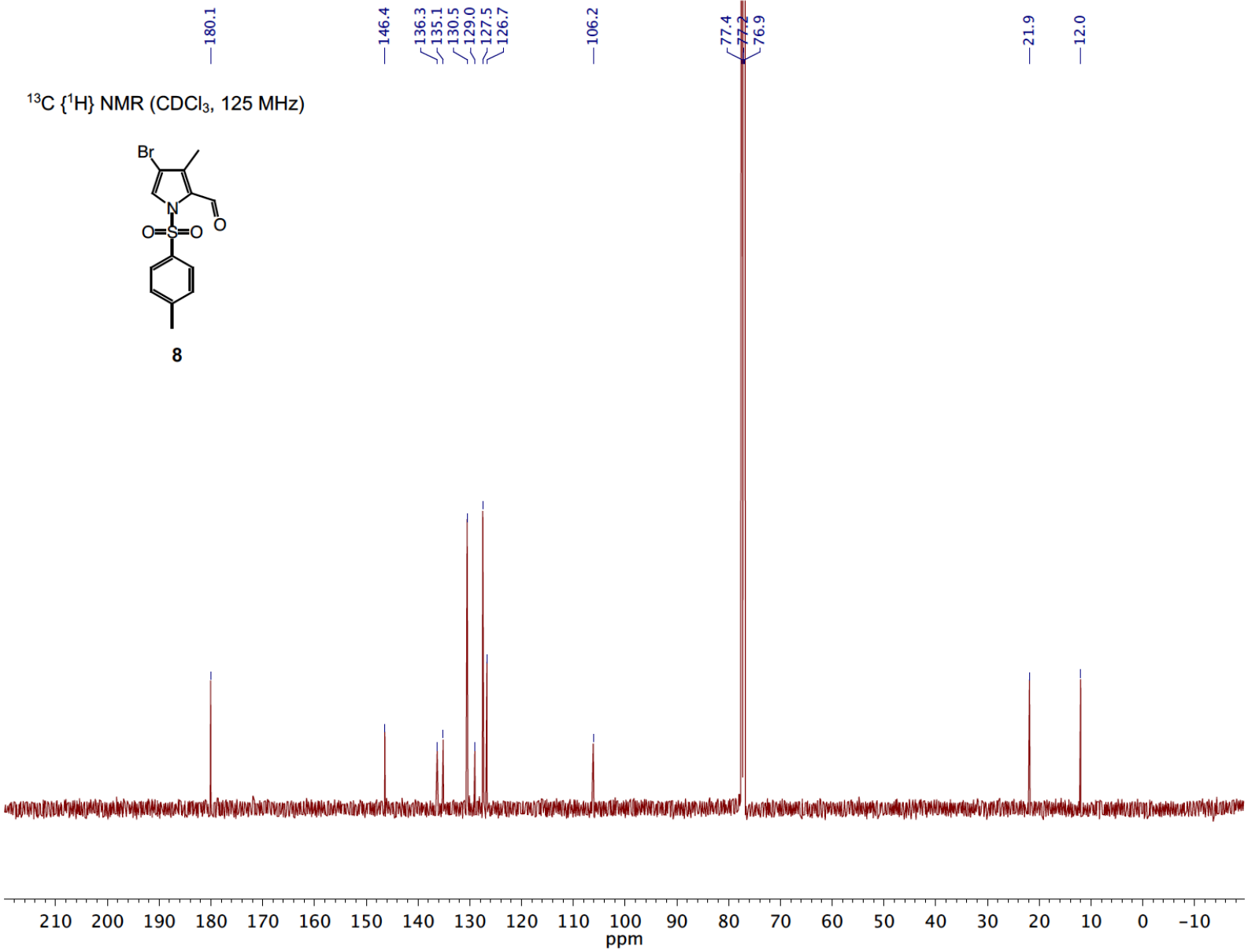


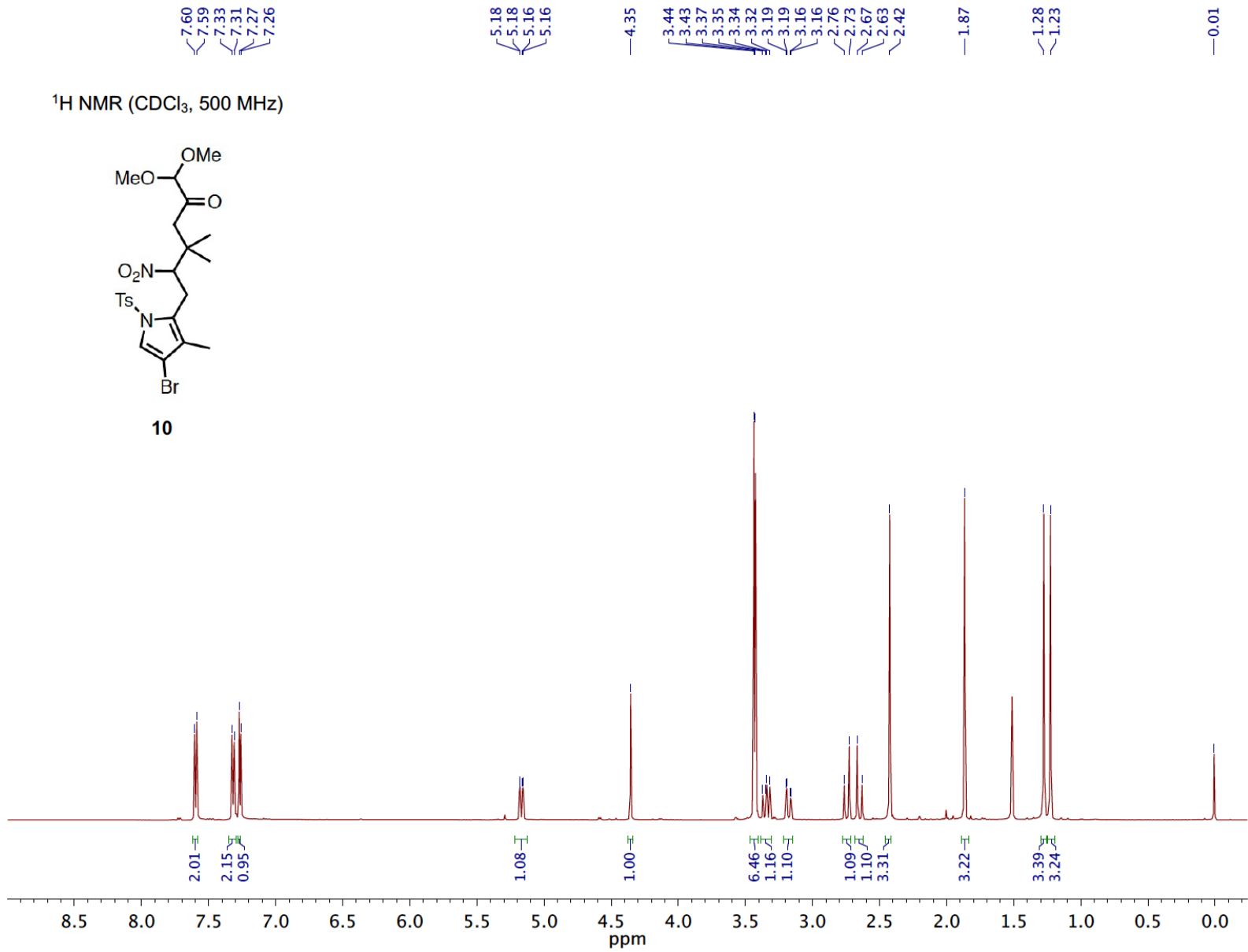


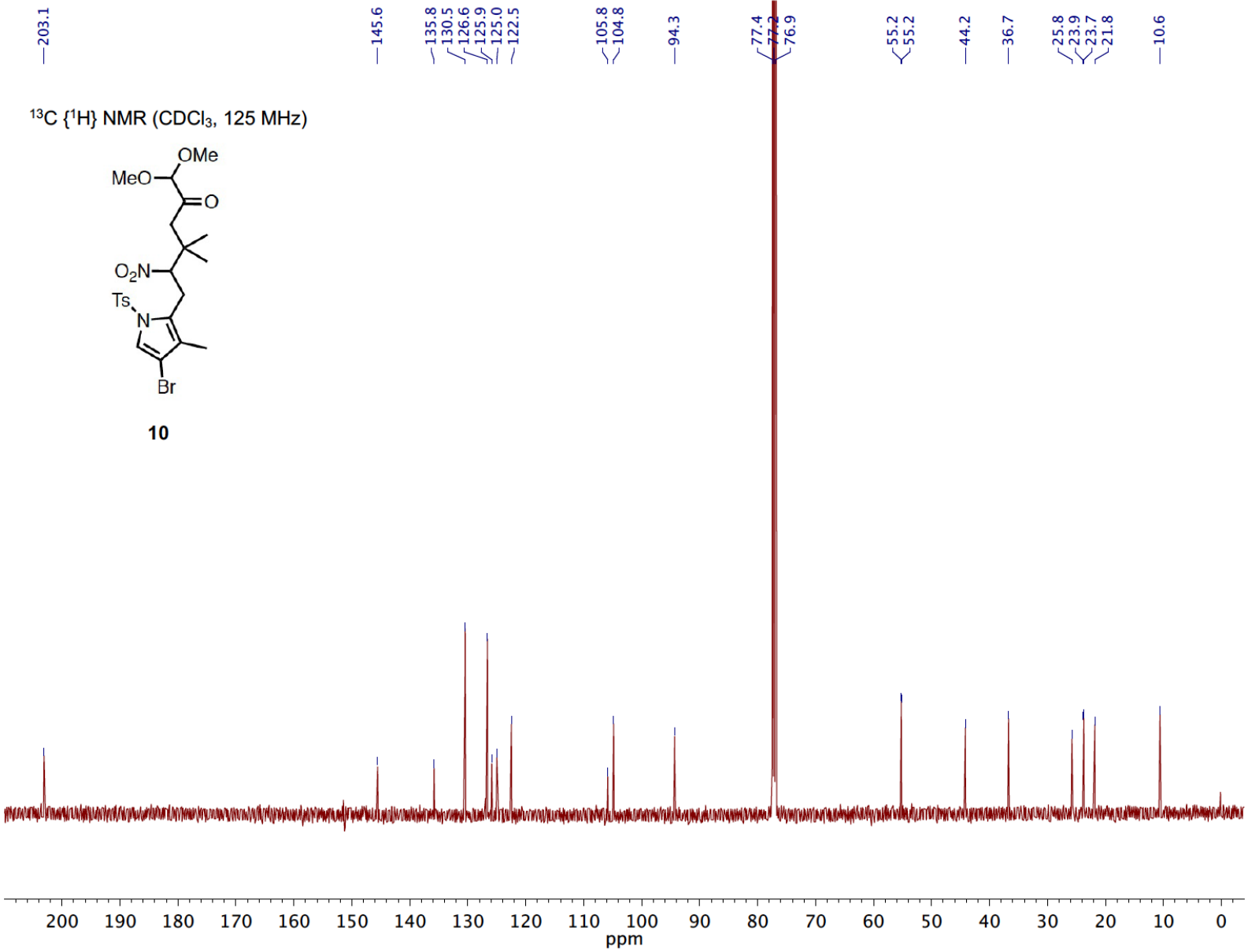


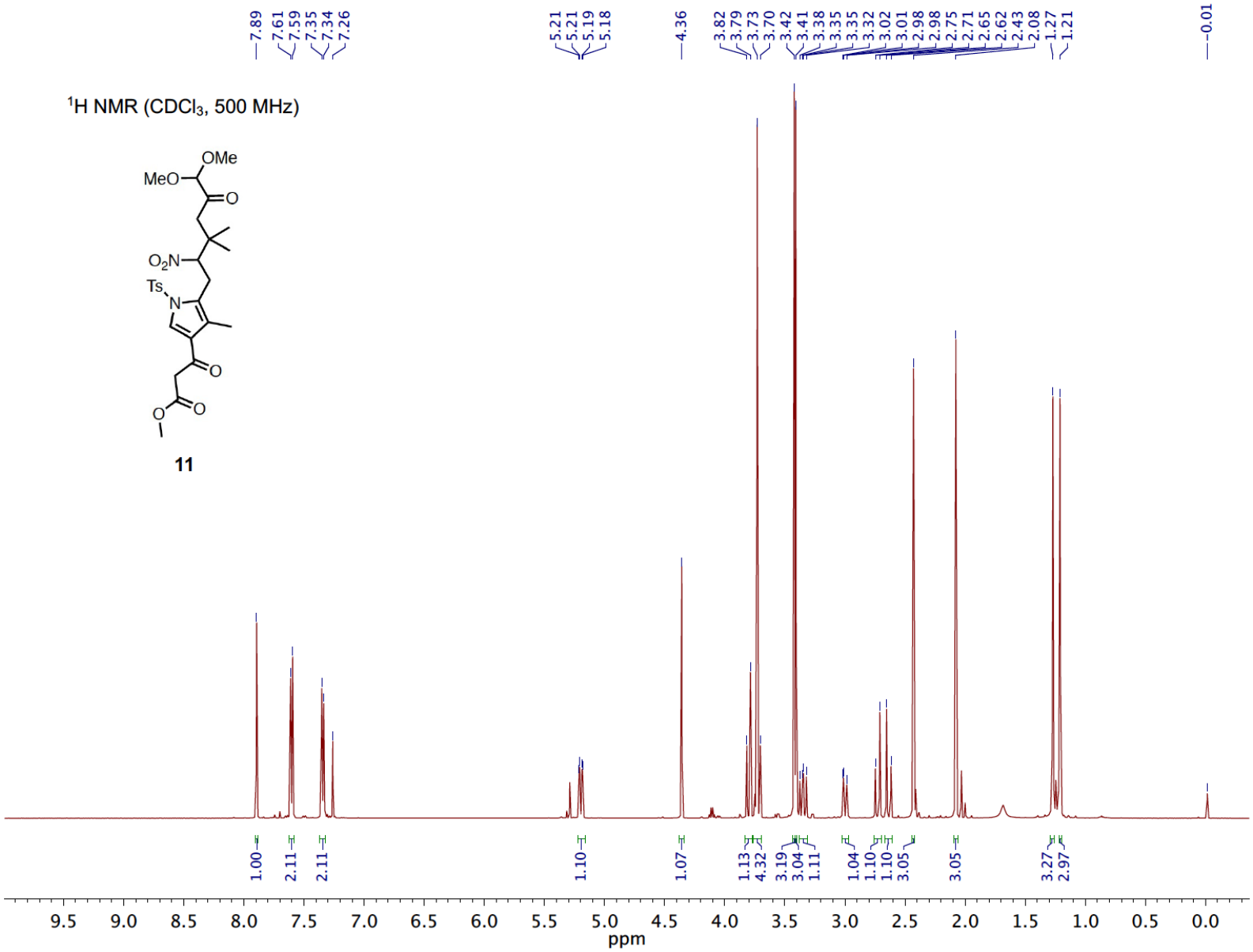


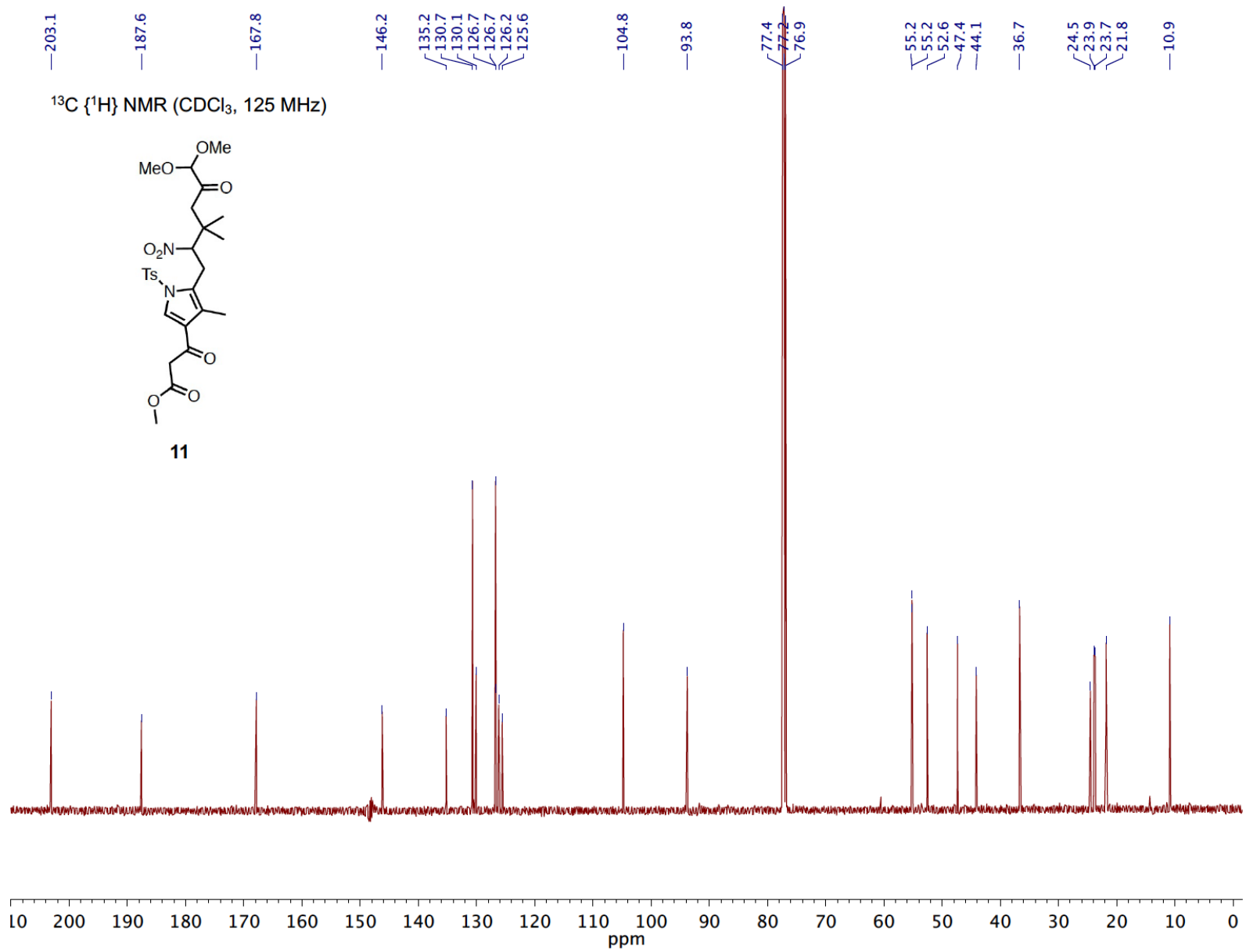




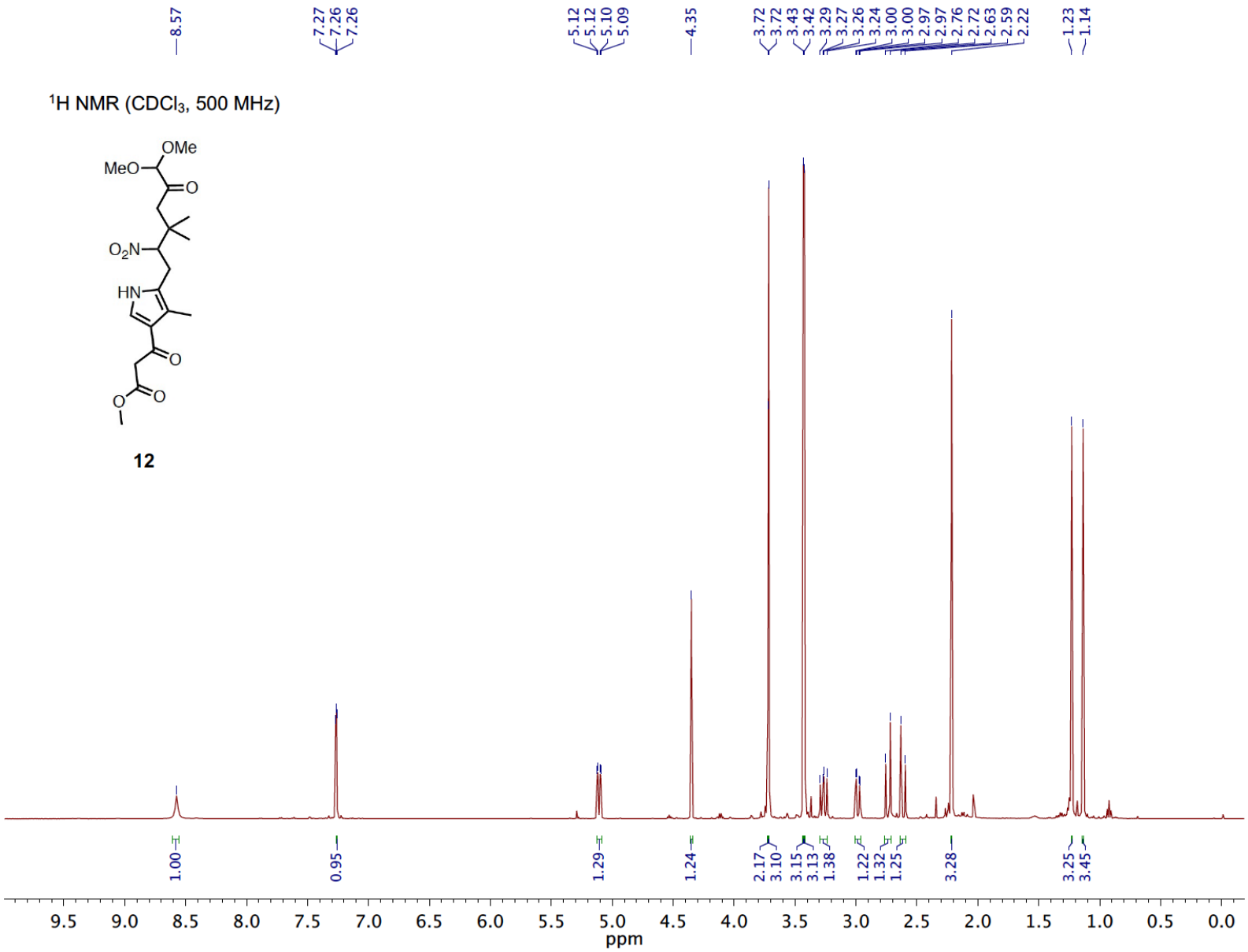


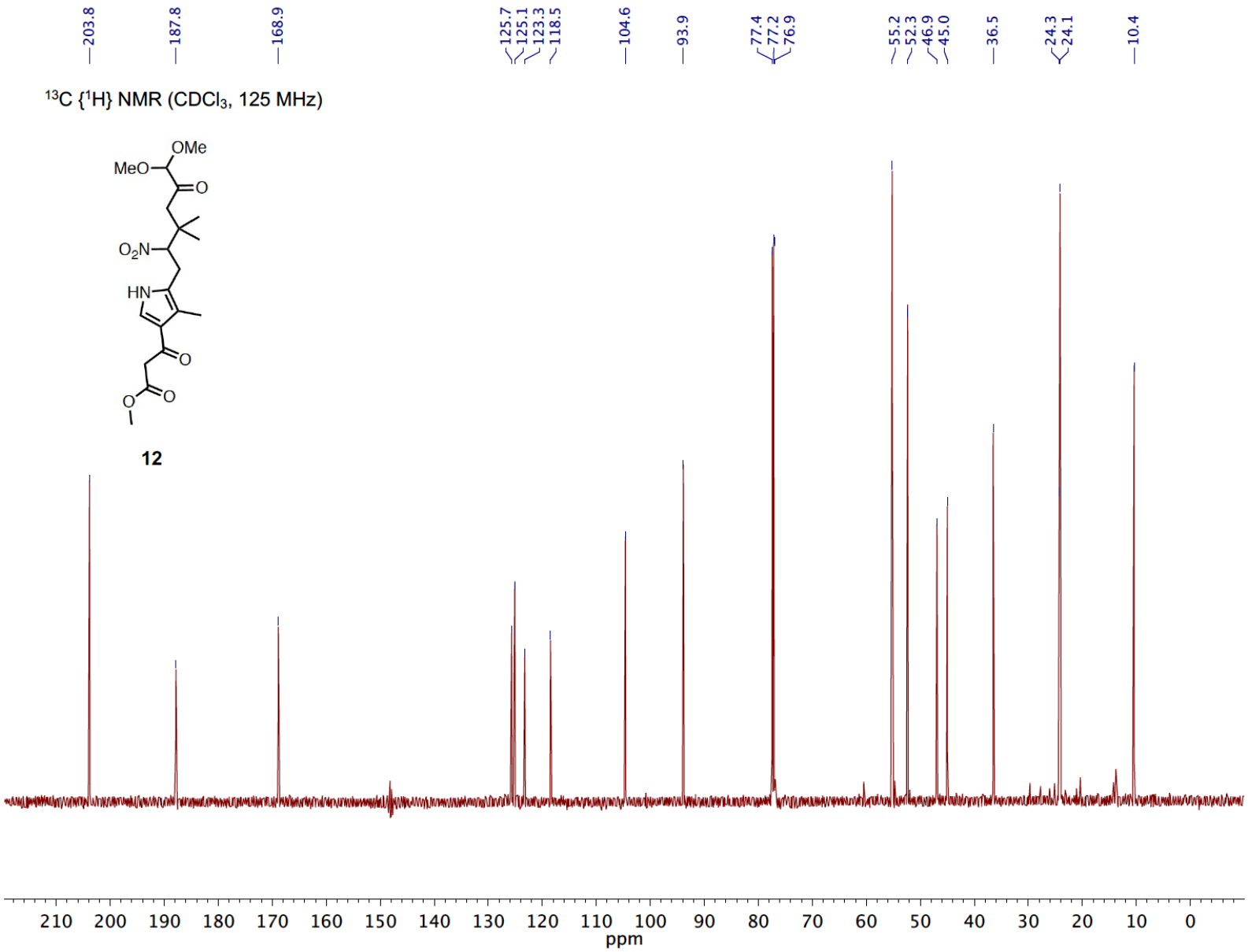


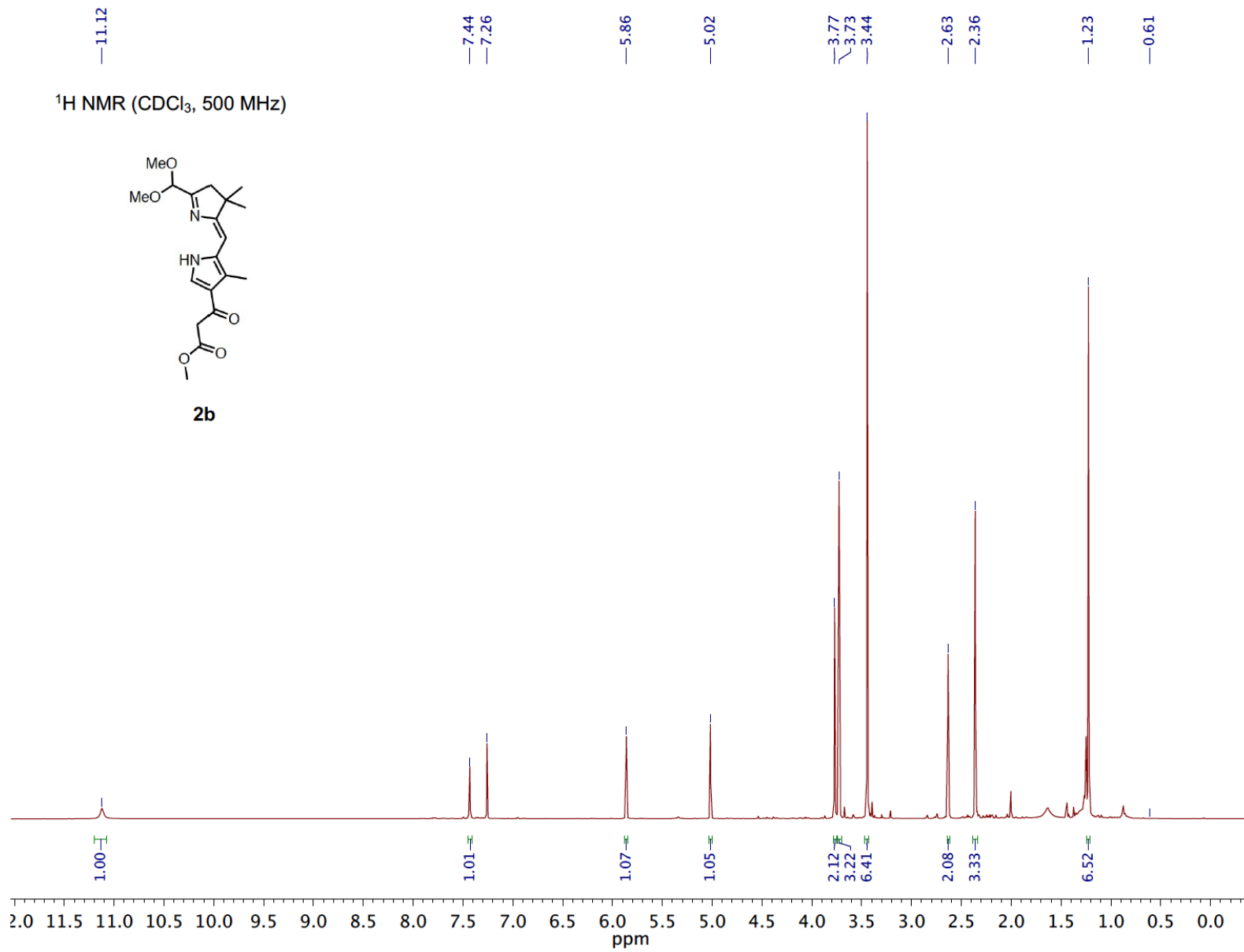




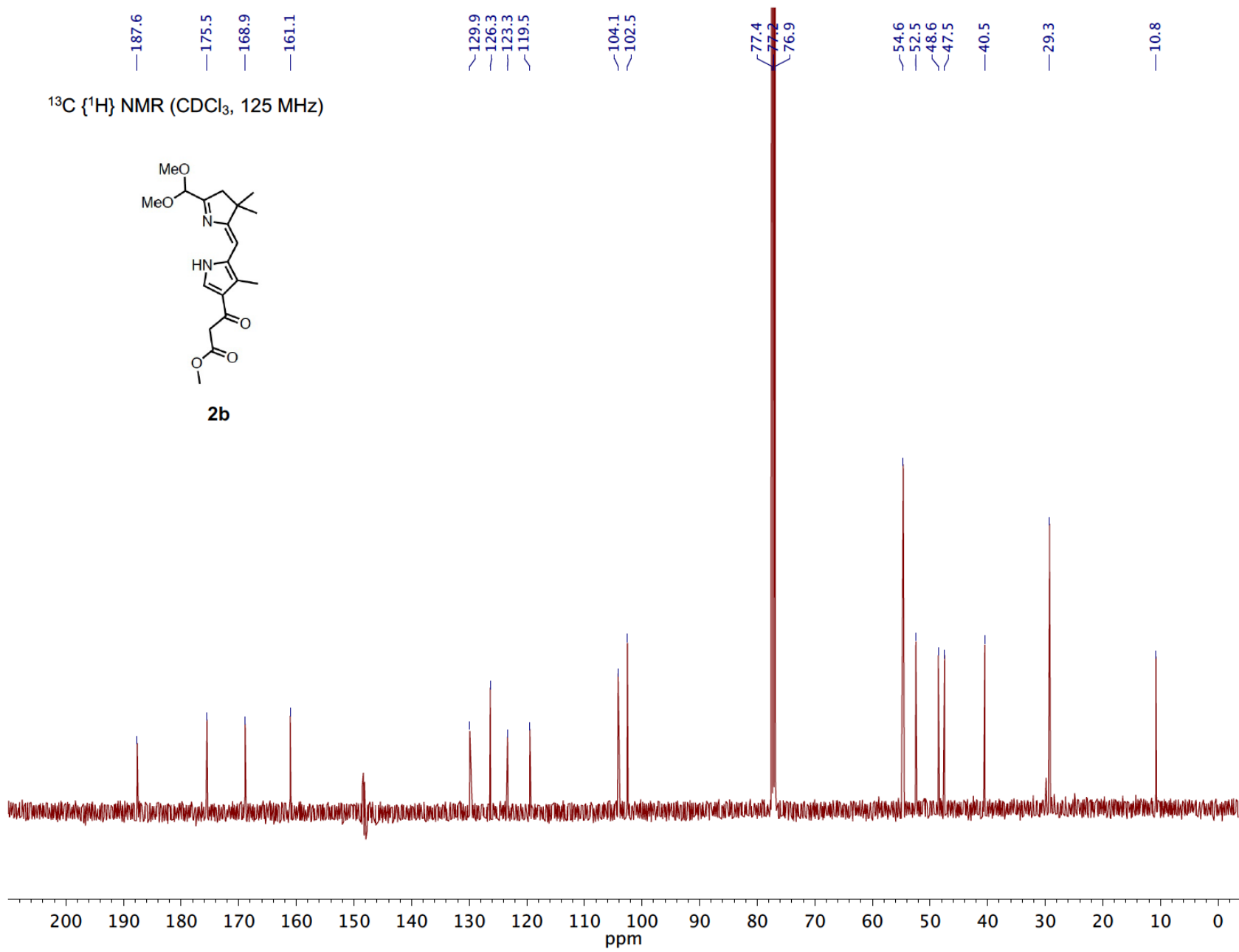
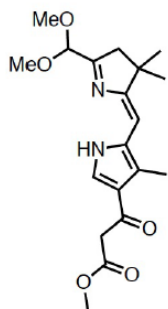


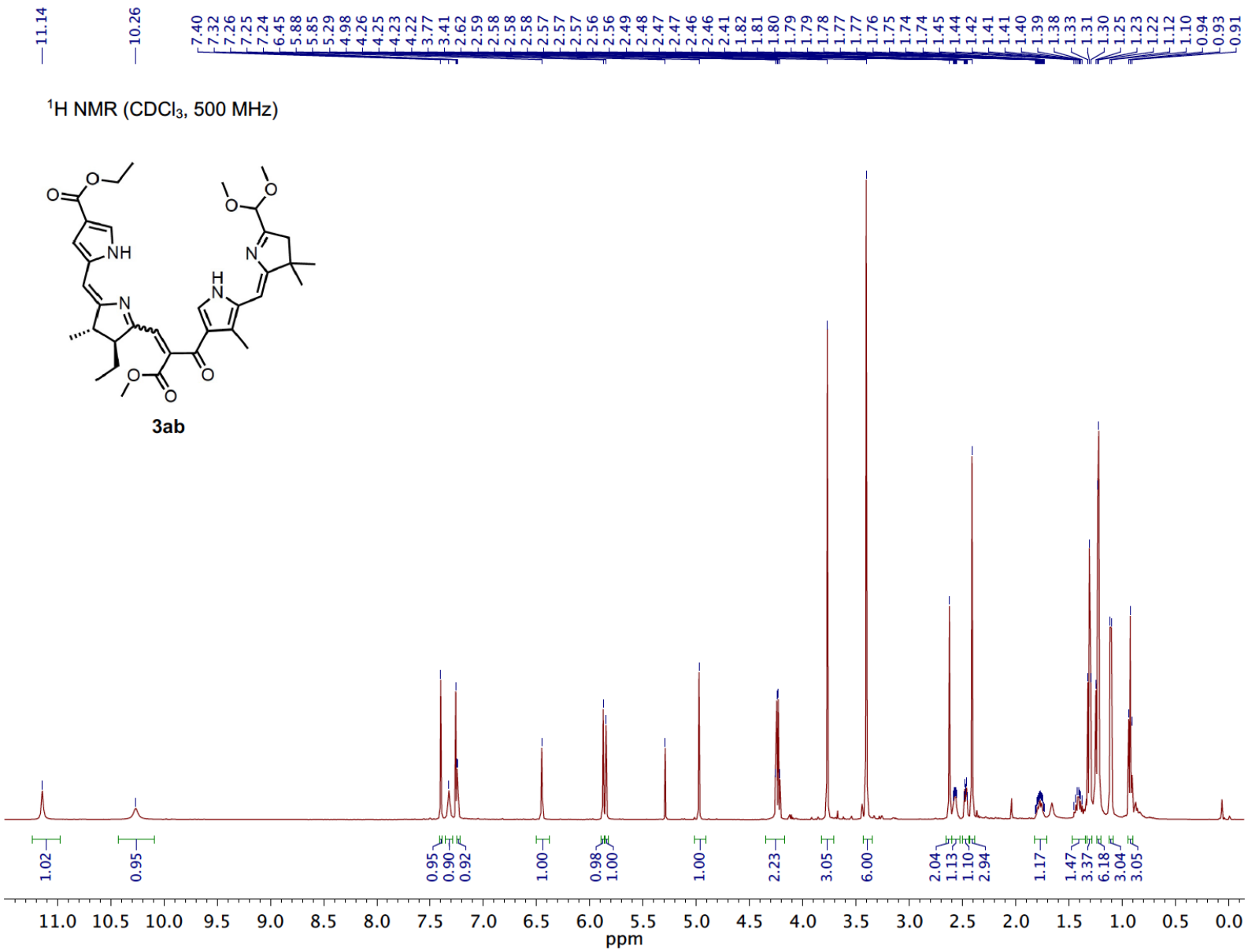


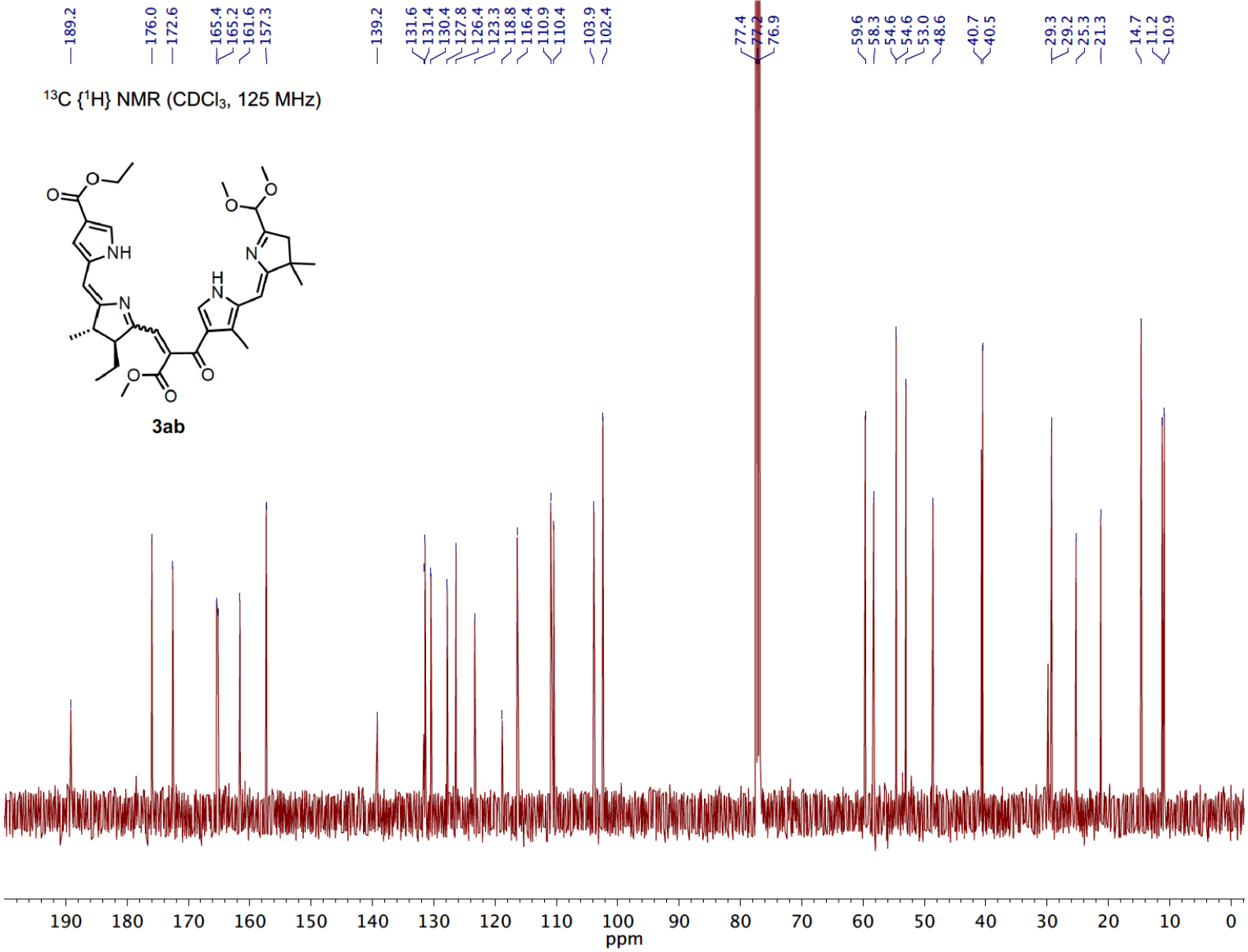


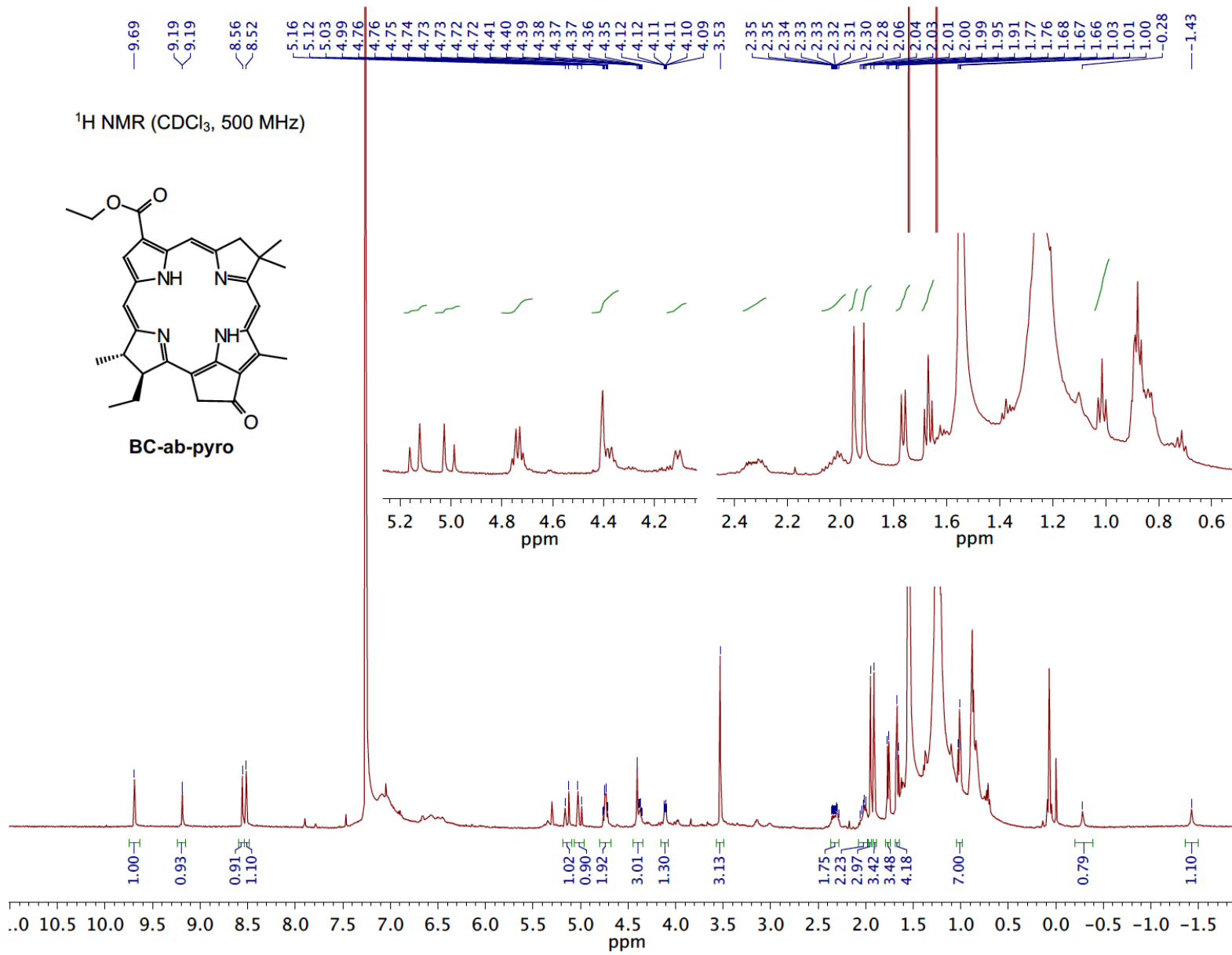


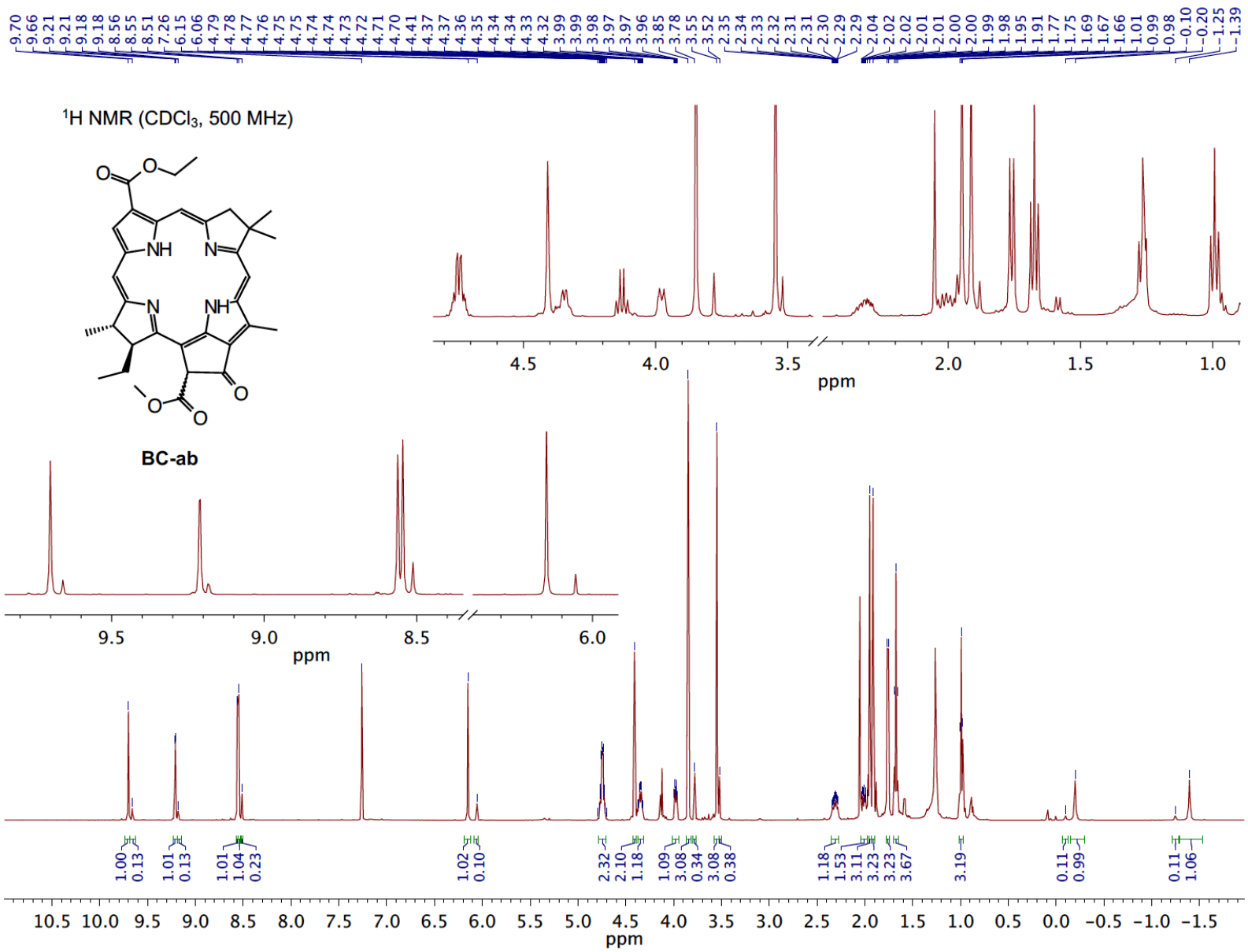
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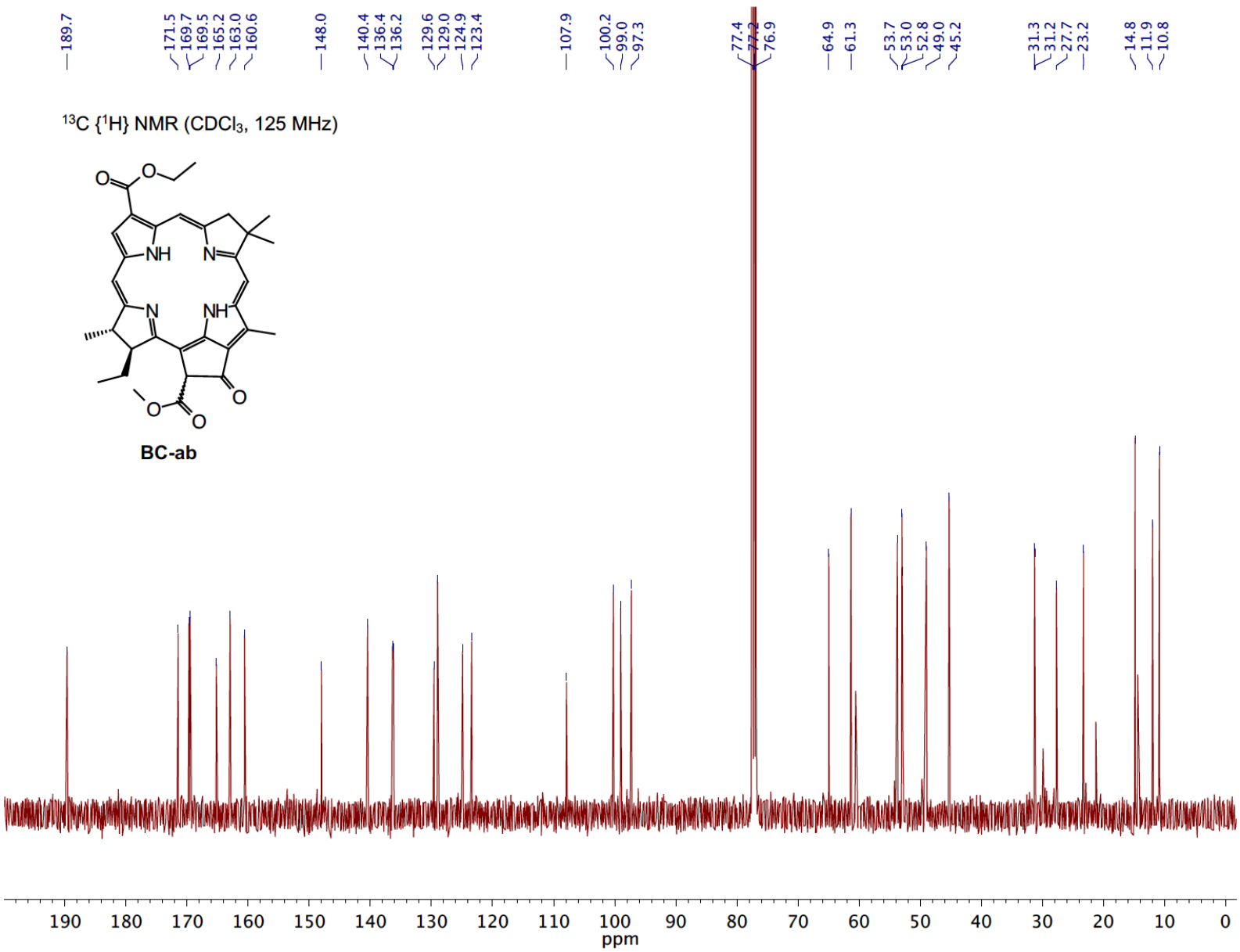


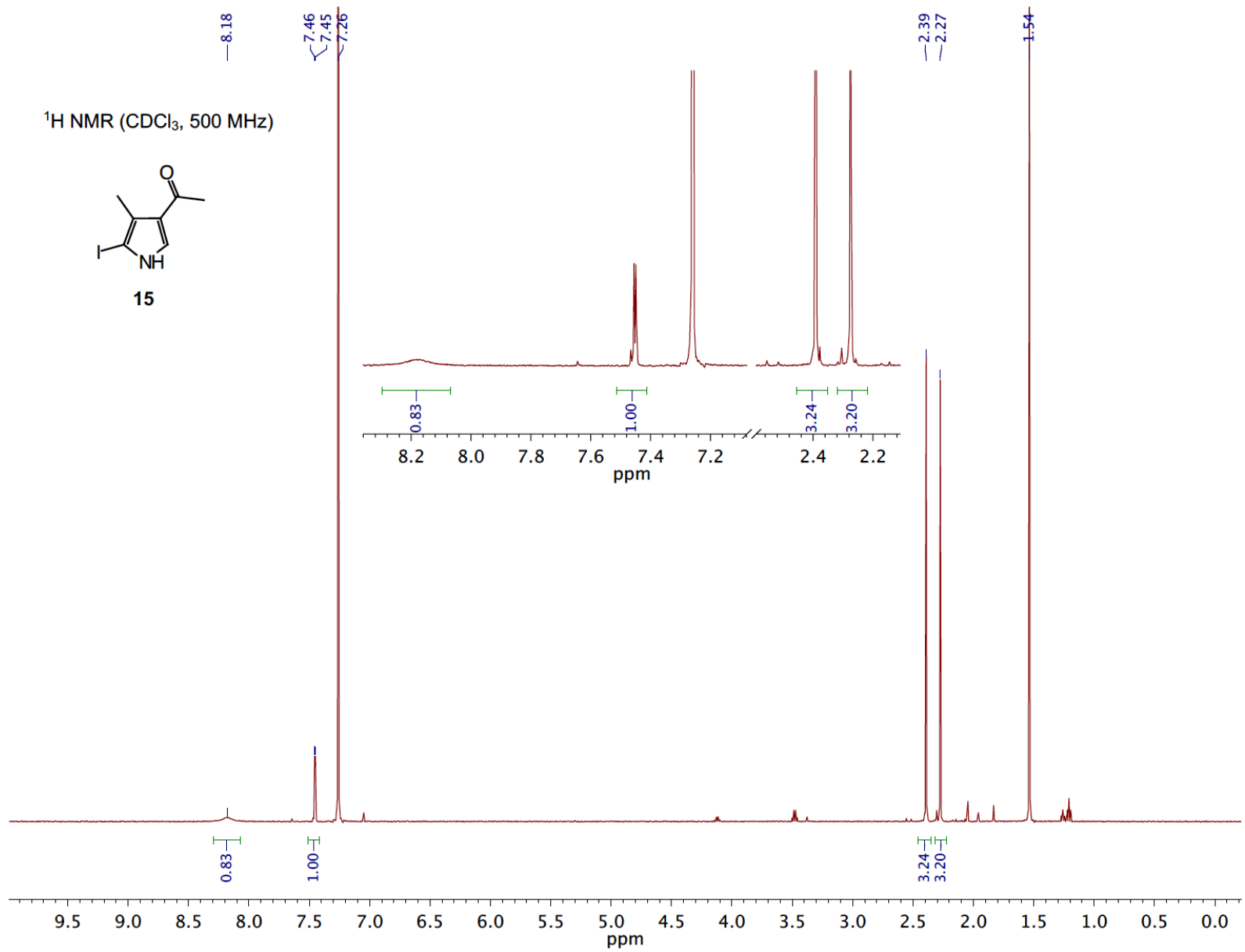


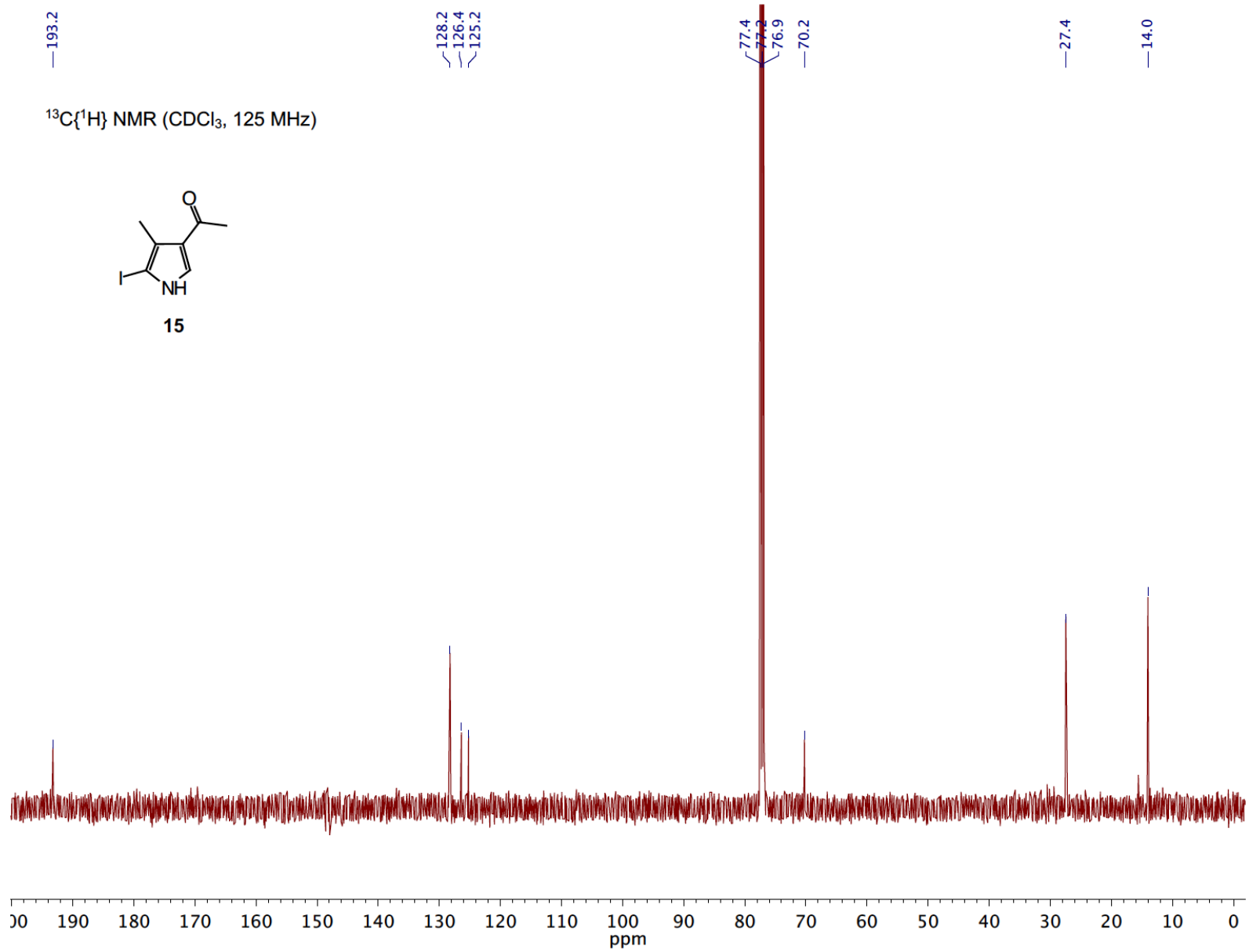












<sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz)

