

Experimental Section

GENERAL REMARKS

Reactions, Solvents and Chromatography

All reactions discussed as results of this work were carried out using oven dried glassware under an atmosphere of argon (99.999%).

1,2-Dichloroethane was distilled from CaH₂. Commercial reagents were purchased with the best quality affordable and used without further purification unless otherwise stated.

Final reactions at 80 °C were performed in a Carousel Reaction Station from Radleys Discovery Technologies, equipped with gastight threaded caps with a valve, cooling reflux head system, and digital temperature controller.

TLC was performed on aluminum-backed plates coated with silica gel 60, with F245 indicator, and developed with *p*-anisaldehyde, phosphomolybdic acid or potassium permanganate stains. Column chromatography was carried out on silica gel (230 - 400 mesh) or Florisil. Solvents used in column chromatography were obtained from commercial suppliers and used without further purification.

Data Collection

¹H-NMR (300, 400 MHz) and ¹³C-NMR (75, 100MHz) spectra were measured in CDCl₃, at room temperature, on a Bruker DPX-300 MHz, Bruker AV-300 MHz, and Bruker AV-400 MHz apparatus. Data are reported as follows: chemical shift (δ) in parts per million (ppm), multiplicity (s: singlet, d: doublet, t: triplet, q: quartet, sep: septet, non: nonet, dd: double doublet, dt: double triplet, m: multiplet), coupling constants (*J*) in Hertz (Hz) and integration. ¹³C multiplicities were assigned by DEPT experiments.

High resolution mass spectra (HRMS) were determined by the University of Oviedo with a high-resolution mass spectrometer (IMPACT II, BRUKER) with a *quadrupole* and a *Time-Of-Flight* (TOF) tube as analyzers, and a conventional *Electrospray Ion Source* (ESI). The equipment uses N₂ at the nebulization (2.4 Bar), and as drying gas (250 °C, 6.0 L/min). Mass spectra were acquired in full scan mode (4 eV) and positive ion polarity. Br-79 isotope was used for HRMS calculations.

Table S1. Optimization complete

X = Br, **1a**
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X = Br, **2a**
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X = Br, **3a**
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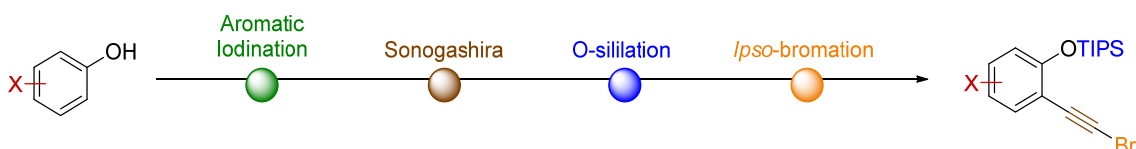
Entry	X	[Si]	Catalyst (2.5 mol%)	solvent	T (°C)	1 (%)	2 (%)	3 ^[a] (%)
1	I	TBS	IPrAuNTf ₂	DCE	80	20	0	60
2	Br	TBS	IPrAuNTf ₂	DCE	80	30	10	-
3	I	TIPS	IPrAuNTf ₂	DCE	80	30	-	40
4	Br	TIPS	IPrAuNTf ₂	DCE	80	10	60	-
5	Br	TIPS	IPrAuNTf ₂	dioxane	80	15	-	-
6	Br	TIPS	IPrAuNTf ₂	toulene	80	-	-	-
7	Br	TIPS	[IPrAu(NCMe)]SbF ₆	DCE	80	5	71	-
8	Br	TIPS	[IPrAu(NCMe)]SbF ₆	THF	80	76	-	14
9	Br	TIPS	[IPrAu(NCMe)]SbF ₆	MeCN	80	57	-	22
10	Br	TIPS	[IPrAu(NCMe)]SbF ₆	CHCl ₃	80	55	-	-
11	Br	TIPS	[IPrAu(NCMe)]SbF ₆	HFIP	80	74	5	-
12	Br	TIPS	[IPrAu(NCMe)]SbF ₆	DCM	80	36	47	-
13	Br	TIPS	[IPrAu(NCMe)]SbF ₆	DCE	rt	40	10	-
14	Br	TIPS	[IPrAu(NCMe)]BARF	DCE	80	-	78	-
15	Br	TIPS	(ArO) ₃ PAuNTf ₂	DCE	80	89	-	-
16	Br	TIPS	AuC ^[b]	DCE	rt	67	23	-
17	Br	TIPS	PicAuCl ₂	DCE	80	84	-	-

^[a] Other by-products observed include terminal alkyne, arising from protodehalogenation, and halomethylketon, arising from alkyne hydration with adventitious water. ^[b] 5 mol% of catalyst was used, and the reaction mixture was stirred for 96h.

SYNTHESIS OF STARTING MATERIAL (1)

General procedure for the synthesis of derivatives

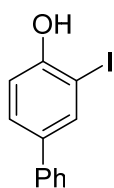
(2-(bromoethynyl)phenoxy)triisopropylsilanes (1)



Most of the substrates were synthesized by means of a 3-step reaction sequence consisting of a Sonogashira coupling with trimethylsilylacetylene, followed by O-silylation and final ipso-bromination of the silylalkyne. The whole sequence can be carried out using the crude reaction

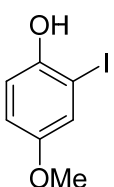
mixtures, requiring a single purification step. In a few examples, the corresponding 2-iodophenol derivative was not available and they were synthesized as follows:

3-Iodo-[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-ol



NaClO_{aq} (5% w/w, 17.86 g, 12 mmol) was added to an ice cooled solution of [1,1'-biphenyl]-4-ol (1.70 g, 10 mmol), NaI (1.5 g, 10 mmol) and NaOH (0.48g, 12 mmol).¹ Upon completion, as judged by TLC analysis, the reaction was quenched with 5% aqueous Na₂S₂O₃ (14 mL), neutralized with 2M HCl, extracted with Et₂O (3 x 50 mL), washed with brine, dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄ and concentrated in the rotavap. Purification by flash column chromatography afforded the title compound as a white solid (2.44 g, 82%). The spectroscopic data matched those reported in the literature.¹

2-Iodo-4-methoxyphenol



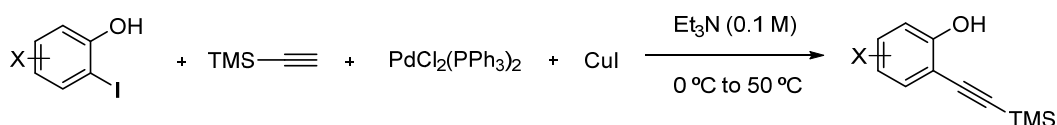
NaH (99%, 360 mg, 15 mmol) was added portionwise to a solution of 4-methoxyphenol (1.24 g, 10 mmol) in anhydrous DMF (10 mL). Once the addition was complete, MOMCl (1.1 mL, 15 mmol) was added dropwise. Once the addition was complete, the reaction mixture was stirred an additional 1 hour. The reaction mixture was then poured into H₂O (30 mL) and extracted with pentane (3 x 10 mL). The combined organic extracts were washed sequentially with H₂O (10 mL) and brine (10 mL), dried with Na₂SO₄ and concentrated. The crude residue was used without further purification. To a solution of the crude methoxymethyl ether (1.47 g, 8.74 mmol) and TMEDA (1.6 mL, 10.49 mmol) in anhydrous Et₂O (10 mL) at -78 °C was added *n*-BuLi (2.5 M in hexanes, 4.2 mL, 10.49 mmol) dropwise. The reaction mixture was stirred at this temperature for 5 minutes and then allowed to warm to -20 °C and stir for an additional 30 minutes. The reaction mixture was then cooled to -78 °C and a solution of I₂ (2.88 g, 11.36 mmol) in Et₂O (20 mL) was added via cannula. During this addition, the reaction mixture became a thick slurry, and manual swirling was necessary to ensure full mixing. When the addition was complete, the reaction mixture was swirled an additional 5 minutes at -78 °C and then allowed to warm to ambient temperature with occasional swirling. Once the reaction mixture had reached ambient temperature, it was poured into a mixture of 1 M aq. NaHCO₃ (10 mL) and sat. aq. Na₂S₂O₃ (10 mL). The organic layer was separated and washed sequentially with 1 M aq. HCl (10 mL), 1 M aq. NaOH (10 mL) and brine (10 mL). The organic extract was dried with Na₂SO₄ and concentrated to give the aryl iodide (R_f = 0.89 in 9:1 hexanes/EtOAc) as a yellow oil that was used immediately without further purification. To a solution of the crude aryl iodide (assume 100% yield) in MeOH (10 mL) was added 10% aq. HCl (3 mL, 10 mmol). The reaction mixture was heated to reflux for 20 minutes, then it was allowed to cool to ambient temperature and concentrated to remove MeOH. The resulting residue was partitioned between EtOAc (10 mL) and brine (10 mL). The organic layer was separated, and the aqueous layer was extracted with EtOAc (5 mL). The combined organic extracts were washed with brine (10 mL), dried with Na₂SO₄, and concentrated. The crude residue was purified by flash column chromatography (10:1 to 5:1 hexanes/EtOAc eluent) to give phenol as a colorless solid (1.84 g, 84% yield over 2 steps, R_f = 0.27 in 3:1 hexanes/EtOAc).² The spectroscopic data for phenol matched those presented in the literature.³

¹ Ji, F.; Lv, M.-F.; Yi, W.-B.; Cai, C. *Adv. Synth. Catal.* **2013**, 355, 3401-3406.

² Huynh, K. Q.; Seizert, C. A.; Ozumerzifon, T. J.; Allegretti, P. A.; Ferreira, E. M. *Org. Lett.* **2017**, 19, 294-297.

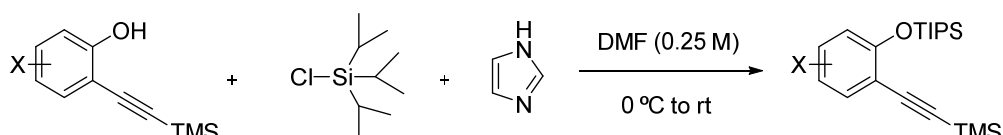
³ Inoue, M.; Carson, M. W.; Frontier, A. J.; Danishefsky, S. J. *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **2001**, 123, 1878-1889.

Sonogashira:



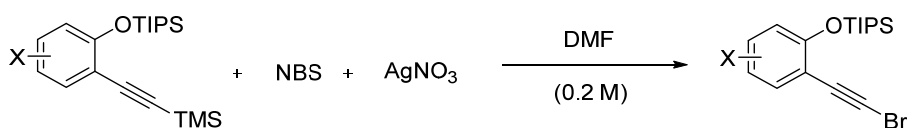
(Ph₃P)PdCl₂ (2 mol%) and CuI (2 mol%) were suspended in anhydrous trimethylamine (0.1 M) and stirred at room temperature for 5 minutes. Then, the corresponding 2-iodophenol derivative was added and stirring was maintained for 5 more minutes. Finally, the suspension was cooled to 0 °C and trimethylsilylacetylene was added dropwise and the reaction mixture was stirred at 50 °C for 5h. Upon completion, n-hexane was added and resulting suspension was filtered through celite and concentrated. The crude material was used in the next step without further purification.

O-silylation:



To a solution of the crude material obtained in step 1 and imidazole (2.5 equiv) in anhydrous DMF (0.25 M) TIPSCI (1.4 equiv) was added dropwise at 0 °C. After stirring at room temperature for 1 hour the reaction mixture was quenched with NH₄Cl and stirred for 20 minutes. Brine and Et₂O were added and the organic layer were separated and washed 5 times with brine, dried over Na₂SO₄ and concentrated. The crude material was used in the next step without further purification.

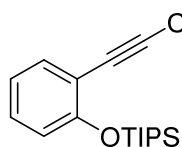
Ipsso-bromination:



NBS (1.5 equiv) and AgNO₃ (1.1 equiv) were added to a solution of substrate in anhydrous DMF (0.2 M) and the resulting mixture was stirred at room temperature. Upon completion (typically 1-2 hours), the reaction was quenched by addition of aqueous NH₄Cl, filtered through celite, extracted with Et₂O and the organic layer washed with brine (5 times). The obtained residue was purified by means of flash chromatography using hexane : ethyl acetate (100:1), unless otherwise stated.

Yields correspond to the three steps after a single purification.

(2-(Chloroethynyl)phenoxy)triisopropylsilane (S1)

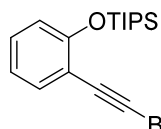


TIPSCI (0.29 mL, 1.4 equiv), was added dropwise to a solution of 2-(2-trimethylsilylethynyl)phenol (190 mg, 1mmol) and imidazole (170mg, 2.5 equiv) in anhydrous DMF (4 mL). The reaction mixture was stirred for 1h, quenched with $\text{NH}_4\text{Cl}_{\text{sat}}$, diluted with brine and extracted with Et_2O (3x5 mL).

The crude product obtained after removal of the volatiles was used in the next step without further purification. This crude material was dissolved in anhydrous acetonitrile (10 mL) and NCS (267mg, 2 mmol), AgNO_3 (51mg, 0.3 mmol) and TBAF (1M in THF, 0.6 mL, 0.6 mmol) were successively added.⁴ The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 1.5 hour. The solvent was evaporated under vacuum and the crude reaction mixture was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel plug using a hexane: ethyl acetate mixture (200:1) as eluent affording product **S1** as a colorless oil (238 mg, 77%). Chloro derivative **S1** did not provide the desired cyclization under any of the studied reaction conditions.

CHARACTERIZATION DATA FOR STARTING MATERIAL (1)

[2-(bromoethynyl)phenoxy]triisopropylsilane (1a)



Molecular formula: $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{25}\text{BrOSi}$

Appearance: Colourless oil

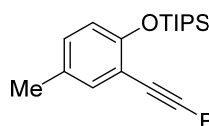
Yield: 74 %

HRMS calc for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{25}\text{BrNaOSi}$ (M+Na): 375.0750; **found (ESI):** 375.0749

^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3): δ (ppm) 7.41 (dd, J = 7.6, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.22 (td, J = 8.0, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 6.95-6.82 (m, 2H), 1.35 (septet, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H), 1.17 (d, J = 7.1 Hz, 18H).

^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3): δ (ppm) 157.8 (C), 133.6 (CH), 129.8 (CH), 120.8 (CH), 119.2 (CH), 114.9 (C), 77.5 (C), 52.7 (C-Br), 18.0 (6x CH_3), 12.9 (3xCH).

[2-(bromoethynyl)-4-methylphenoxy]triisopropylsilane (1b)



Molecular formula: $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{27}\text{BrOSi}$

Appearance: Colourless oil

Yield: 76 %

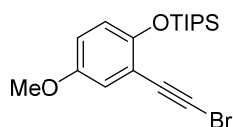
HRMS calc. for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{27}\text{BrKOSi}$ (M+K): 405.0646; **found (ESI):** 405.0641

^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3): δ (ppm) 7.18 (d, J = 2.3 Hz, 1H), 6.98 (ddd, J = 8.3, 2.3, 0.6 Hz, 1H), 6.72 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 2.24 (s, 3H), 1.29 (m, 3H), 1.13 (d, J = 7.0 Hz, 18H).

^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3): δ (ppm) 155.7 (C), 133.9 (CH), 130.6 (CH), 130.1 (C), 119.1 (CH), 114.6 (C), 77.8 (C), 52.3 (C-Br), 20.5 (CH_3), 18.1 (6x CH_3), 13.0 (3xCH).

⁴ Gulia, N.; Pigulski, B.; Charewicz, M.; Szafert, S. *Chem. Eur. J.* **2014**, *20*, 2746-2749.

[2-(bromoethynyl)-4-methoxyphenoxy]triisopropylsilane (1c)



Molecular formula: C₁₈H₂₇BrO₂Si

Appearance: Colourless oil

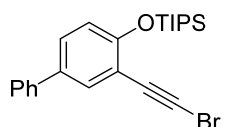
Yield: 25 %

HRMS calc. for C₁₈H₂₇BrO₂Si (M+H): 383,1036; **found (APCI):** 383,1031

¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ(ppm) 6.88 (dd, *J* = 2.1, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 6.76 – 6.75 (m, 2H), 3.74 (s, 3H), 1.33 – 1.21 (m, 3H), 1.11 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 18H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ(ppm) 153.1 (C), 151.9 (C), 119.9 (CH), 117.2 (CH), 116.5 (CH), 114.9 (C), 77.5 (C), 55.7 (CH₃), 52.8 (C-Br), 17.9 (6xCH₃), 12.8 (3xCH).

{3-(bromoethynyl)-[1,1'-biphenyl-4-yl]oxy}triisopropylsilane (1d)



Molecular formula: C₂₃H₂₉BrOSi

Appearance: Colourless oil

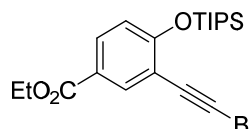
Yield: 53 %

HRMS calc. for C₂₃H₂₉BrKOSi (M+K): 467.0803; **found (ESI):** 467.0803

¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ(ppm) 7.63 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 7.55 – 7.52 (m, 2H), 7.45 – 7.39 (m, 3H), 7.34 – 7.28 (m, 1H), 6.90 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 1.39 – 1.37 (m, 3H), 1.16 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 18H).

¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): 157.4 (C), 140.0 (C), 133.9 (C), 132.2 (CH), 128.9 (2 CH), 128.6 (CH), 127.1 (CH), 126.8 (2 CH), 119.6 (CH), 115.3 (C), 77.6 (C), 52.9 (C-Br), 18.1 (6xCH₃), 13.0 (3xCH).

Ethyl 3-(bromoethynyl)-4-[(triisopropylsilyl)oxy]benzoate (1e)



Molecular formula: C₂₀H₂₉BrO₃Si

Appearance: Colourless oil

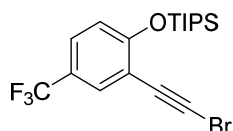
Yield: 68 %

HRMS calc. for C₂₀H₂₉BrNaO₃Si (M+Na): 447.0962; **found (ESI):** 447.0954

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ(ppm) 8.10 (d, *J* = 2.2 Hz, 1H), 7.91 (dd, *J* = 8.6, 2.2 Hz, 1H), 6.86 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 4.35 (c, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 1.38 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H), 1.35 – 1.26 (m, 3H), 1.14 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 18H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ(ppm) 165.6 (C), 161.5 (C), 135.4 (CH), 131.5 (CH), 123.2 (C), 118.8 (CH), 115.0 (C), 76.5 (C), 60.9 (CH₂), 53.6 (C-Br), 17.9 (6xCH₃), 14.3 (CH₃), 12.8 (3xCH).

(2-(bromoethynyl)-4-(trifluoromethyl)phenoxy]triisopropylsilane (1f)



Molecular formula: C₁₈H₂₄BrF₃OSi

Appearance: Colourless oil

Yield: 75 %

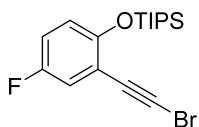
HRMS calc. for C₁₈H₂₄BrF₃NaOSi (M+Na): 443.0624; **found (ESI):** 443.0626

¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ(ppm) 7.65 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 7.43 (ddd, *J* = 8.6, 2.4, 0.6 Hz, 1H), 6.89 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 1.37 – 1.25 (m, 3H), 1.13 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 18H).

¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ(ppm) 160.5 (C), 131.1 (c, *J* = 3.5 Hz, CH), 126.9 (c, *J* = 3.4 Hz, CH), 123.1 (c, *J* = 33.1 Hz, C), 122.5 (c, *J* = 271 Hz, CF₃), 119.3 (2 CH), 115.6 (CH), 76.3 (C), 54.7 (C-Br), 18.0 (6xCH₃), 13.0 (3xCH).

¹⁹F NMR (282 MHz, CDCl₃): δ(ppm) -61.9 (s).

[2-(bromoethynyl)-4-fluorophenoxy]triisopropylsilane (1g)



Molecular formula: C₁₇H₂₄BrFOSi

Appearance: Colourless oil

Yield: 72 %

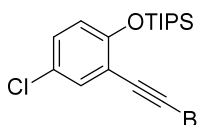
HRMS calc. for C₁₇H₂₄BrFOSi (M): 371.0837; **found (ESI):** 371.0839

¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ(ppm) 7.05 (dd, *J* = 8.6, 3.2 Hz, 1H), 6.93 – 6.86 (ddd, *J* = 9.0, 7.9, 3.2 Hz, 1H), 6.78 – 6.73 (dd, *J* = 9.0, 4.7 Hz, 1H), 1.27 (septet, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 3H), 1.11 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 18H).

¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ(ppm) 156.3 (d, *J* = 239.8 Hz, C-F), 154.1 (d, *J* = 2.2 Hz, C), 119.9 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, CH), 119.5 (d, *J* = 24.2 Hz, CH), 116.7 (d, *J* = 23.1 Hz, CH), 115.6 (d, *J* = 9.8 Hz, C), 76.5 (C), 54.1 (C-Br), 17.9 (6 CH₃), 12.8 (3 CH).

¹⁹F NMR (282 MHz, CDCl₃): δ(ppm) -123.1 (td, *J* = 8.2, 4.7 Hz, F).

[2-(bromoethynyl)-4-chlorophenoxy]triisopropylsilane (1h)



Molecular formula: C₁₇H₂₄BrClOSi

Appearance: Colourless oil

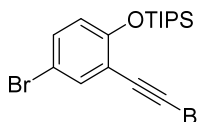
Yield: 46 %

HRMS calc. for C₁₇H₂₅BrClOSi (M+H): 387.0541; **found (APCI):** 387.0544

¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ(ppm) 7.34 (d, *J* = 2.7 Hz, 1H), 7.15 (dd, *J* = 8.8, 2.7 Hz, 1H), 6.76 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 1.30 (septet, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H), 1.14 (d, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 18H).

¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ(ppm) 156.6 (C), 133.1 (CH), 129.9 (CH), 125.4 (C), 120.3 (CH), 116.5 (C), 76.4 (C), 54.5 (C-Br), 18.0 (6 CH₃), 12.9 (3 CH).

[2-(bromoethynyl)-4-bromophenoxy]triisopropylsilane (1i)



Molecular formula: C₁₇H₂₄Br₂OSi

Appearance: Colourless oil

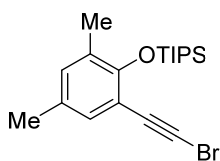
Yield: 63 %

HRMS calc. for C₁₇H₂₅Br₂OSi (M+H): 431.0036; **found (APCI):** 431.0032.

¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ(ppm) 7.50 (d, *J* = 2.6 Hz, 1H), 7.29 (dd, *J* = 8.8, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 6.72 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 1.41 – 1.21 (m, 3H), 1.13 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 18H).

¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ(ppm) 157.0 (C), 135.9 (CH), 132.7 (CH), 120.7 (CH), 116.9 (C), 112.4 (C), 76.1 (C), 54.5 (C-Br), 17.9 (6xCH₃), 12.8 (3xCH).

[2-(bromoethynyl)-4,6-dimethylphenoxy]triisopropylsilane (1j)



Molecular formula: C₁₉H₂₉BrOSi

Appearance: Colourless oil

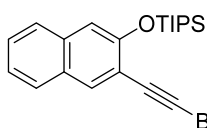
Yield: 71 %

HRMS calc. for C₁₉H₂₉BrKOSi (M+K): 419.0803; **found (ESI):** 419.0796

¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ(ppm) 7.03 (d, *J* = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 6.91 (d, *J* = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 2.21 (s, 6H), 1.37 (septet, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 3H), 1.13 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 18H).

¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ(ppm) 154.3 (C), 132.9 (CH), 132.0 (CH), 130.1 (C), 128.9 (C), 114.1 (C), 78.9 (C), 52.2 (C-Br), 20.4 (CH₃), 18.2 (6 CH₃), 17.7 (CH₃), 14.5 (3 CH).

[(3-(bromoethynyl)naphthalen-2-yl)oxy]triisopropylsilane (1k)



Molecular formula: C₂₁H₂₇BrOSi

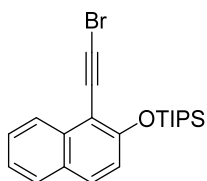
Appearance: Colourless oil

Yield: 15 %

HRMS calc. for C₁₇H₂₅BrFOSi (M+H): 403.1087; **found (APCI):** 403.1093

¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ(ppm) 7.96 (s, 1H), 7.73 (dd, *J* = 8.1, 0.6 Hz, 1H), 7.66 (dd, *J* = 8.2, 0.5 Hz, 1H), 7.45 (ddd, *J* = 8.2, 6.9, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.35 (ddd, *J* = 8.1, 6.9, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.18 (s, 1H), 1.49 – 1.31 (m, 3H), 1.20 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 18H).

[(1-(bromoethynyl)naphthalen-2-yl)oxy]triisopropylsilane (1l)



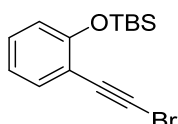
Molecular formula: C₂₁H₂₇BrOSi

Appearance: Colourless oil

Yield: 22 %

¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ(ppm) 7.86 – 7.64 (m, 1H), 7.44 (ddt, *J* = 8.1, 6.8, 1.1 Hz, 0H), 7.35 (ddt, *J* = 9.0, 6.9, 0.9 Hz, 0H), 7.28 – 7.22 (m, 0H), 7.15 (ddd, *J* = 8.7, 2.5, 1.0 Hz, 0H), 1.47 – 1.28 (m, 1H), 1.16 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 4H).

(2-(bromoethynyl)phenoxy)(tert-butyl)dimethylsilane (1m)



Molecular formula: C₁₄H₁₉BrOSi

Appearance: Colourless oil

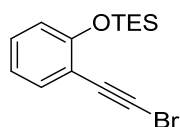
Yield: 53 %

HRMS calc. for C₁₄H₂₀BrOSi (M+H): 311.0461; **found (APCI):** 311.0469

¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ(ppm) 7.43 (dd, *J* = 7.7, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.26 (ddd, *J* = 8.2, 7.4, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 6.95 (td, *J* = 7.6, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 6.87 (dd, *J* = 8.2, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 1.12 (s, 9H), 0.29 (s, 6H).

¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ(ppm) 157.4 (C), 133.6 (CH), 129.9 (CH), 121.2 (CH), 119.9 (CH), 115.4 (C), 77.6 (C), 52.7 (C-Br), 25.7 (3xCH₃), 18.3 (C), -4.3 (2xCH₃).

(2-(bromoethynyl)phenoxy)triethylsilane (1n)



Molecular formula: C₁₄H₁₉BrOSi

Appearance: Colourless oil

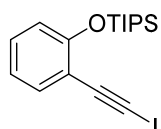
Yield: 38 %

HRMS calc. for C₁₄H₂₀BrOSi (M+H): 311.0461; **found (APCI):** 311.0472.

¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ(ppm) 7.40 (dd, *J* = 7.7, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.23 (ddd, *J* = 8.2, 7.4, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 6.92 (td, *J* = 7.5, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 6.84 (dd, *J* = 8.3, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 1.05 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 9H), 0.80 (q, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 6H).

¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ(ppm) 157.4 (C), 133.5 (CH), 129.9 (CH), 121.2 (CH), 119.8 (CH), 115.2 (C), 77.3 (C), 52.5 (C-Br), 6.6 (3xCH₃), 5.2 (3xCH₂).

(2-(iodoethynyl)phenoxy)triisopropylsilane (1o)



Molecular formula: C₁₇H₂₅IOSi

Appearance: Colourless oil

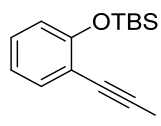
Yield: 74 %

HRMS calc for C₁₇H₂₅BrNaOSi (M+Na): 423.0612; **found (ESI):** 423.0611

¹H NMR (300 MHz, acetone-d₆): δ(ppm) 7.38 (dd, *J* = 7.9, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.32 – 7.22 (m, 1H), 7.03 – 6.86 (m, 2H), 1.46 – 1.29 (m, 3H), 1.16 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 18H).

¹³C NMR (75 MHz, acetone-d₆): δ(ppm) 157.9 (C), 133.7 (CH), 130.1 (CH), 120.9 (CH), 119.2 (CH), 115.7 (C), 90.5 (C), 17.5 (6xCH₃), 13.4 (C-I), 12.8 (3xCH).

(2-(iodoethynyl)phenoxy)(tert-butyl)dimethylsilane (1p)



Molecular formula: C₁₄H₁₉IOSi

Appearance: Colourless oil

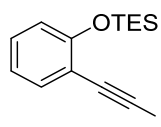
Yield: 47 %

HRMS calc. for C₁₄H₂₀IOSi (M+H): 359.0323; **found (APCI):** 359.0330.

¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ(ppm) 7.49 – 7.41 (m, 1H), 7.27 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.03 – 6.82 (m, 2H), 1.20 – 1.01 (m, 9H), 0.37 – 0.22 (m, 6H).

¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ(ppm) 157.8 (C), 134.0 (CH), 130.1 (CH), 121.3 (CH), 119.9 (CH), 116.1 (C), 91.5 (C), 25.9 (3xCH₃), 18.4 (C), 9.7 (C-I), -4.1 (2xCH₃).

(2-(iodoethynyl)phenoxy)triethylsilane (1p)



Molecular formula: C₁₄H₁₉IOSi

Appearance: Colourless oil

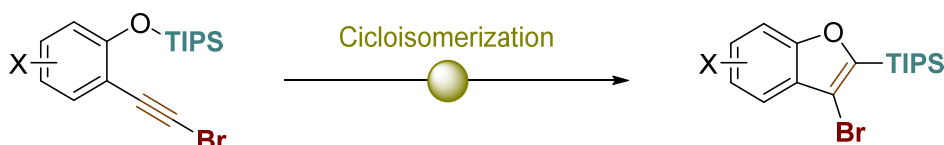
Yield: 43%

HRMS calc. for C₁₄H₂₀IOSi (M+H): 359.0323; **found (APCI):** 359.0330

¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ(ppm) 7.41 (dd, *J* = 7.7, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.23 (ddd, *J* = 8.2, 7.4, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 6.99 – 6.82 (m, 2H), 1.18 – 0.99 (m, 9H), 0.83 (qd, *J* = 7.8, 1.2 Hz, 6H).

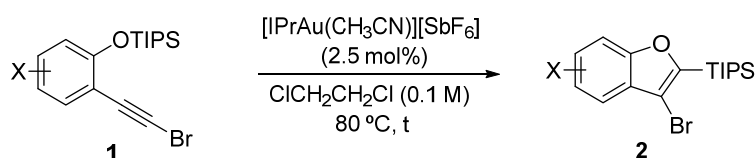
¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ(ppm) 157.8 (C), 133.9 (CH), 130.1 (CH), 121.2 (CH), 119.8 (CH), 116.0 (C), 91.2 (C), 9.2 (C-I), 6.8 (3xCH₃), 5.3 (3xCH₂).

SYNTHESIS OF PRODUCTS (2)



General procedure for the gold-catalyzed cyclization of

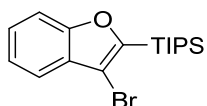
(2-(bromoethynyl)phenoxy)triisopropylsilanes (2):



[IPrAuNCMe][SbF₆] (2.5 mol%) was introduced in a flame dried Schlenk flask under an atmosphere of Argon. A solution of the corresponding substrate (0.2 mmol) in anhydrous DCE (0.1 M) was added and the reaction mixture was stirred at 80 °C until TLC analysis confirmed consumption of the starting material (typically 1-2 hours). Solvent was removed in vacuum and the residue purified by flash chromatography using n-hexane as eluent, unless otherwise stated.

CHARACTERIZATION DATA FOR PRODUCTS (2)

(3-bromobenzofuran-2-yl)triisopropylsilane (2a)



Molecular formula: C₁₇H₂₅BrOSi

Appearance: White solid; **m.p.:** 64-67°C

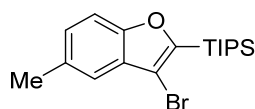
Yield: 71 %

HRMS calc. for C₁₇H₂₆BrOSi (M+H): 353.0931; **found (APCI):** 353.0941

¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ(ppm) 7.58 (dd, *J* = 7.9, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 7.53 – 7.50 (m, 1H), 7.39 – 7.29 (m, 2H), 1.67 (septet, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 3H), 1.19 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 18H).

¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ(ppm) 157.3 (C), 157.1 (C), 128.3 (C), 125.2 (CH), 122.8 (CH), 119.7 (CH), 111.4 (CH), 109.7 (CBr), 18.6 (6 CH₃), 11.5 (3 CH).

(3-bromo-5-methylbenzofuran-2-yl)triisopropylsilane (2b)



Molecular formula: C₁₈H₂₇BrOSi

Appearance: Colourless oil

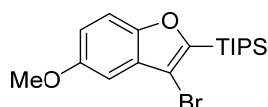
Yield: 65 %

HRMS calc. for C₃₆H₅₄Br₂NaO₂Si₂ (2M+H): 755.1921; **found (ESI):** 757.1916

¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ(ppm) 7.36 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.33 (bs, 1H), 7.15 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 2.48 (s, 3H), 1.63 (septet, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 3H), 1.16 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 18H).

¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ(ppm) 157.5 (C), 155.7 (C), 132.6 (C), 128.4 (C), 126.7 (CH), 119.4 (CH), 111.1 (CH), 109.5 (CBr), 21.4 (CH₃), 18.7 (6 CH₃), 11.6 (3 CH).

(3-bromo-5-methoxybenzofuran-2-yl)triisopropylsilane (2c)



Molecular formula: C₁₈H₂₇BrO₂Si

Appearance: Colourless oil

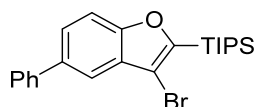
Yield: 37 %

HRMS calculated for C₁₇H₂₅BrFOSi (M+H): 383,1042; **found (APCI):** 383,1042

¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ(ppm) 7.39 (dd, *J* = 8.2, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 6.97 – 6.94 (m, 2H), 3.90 (s, 3H), 1.64 (septet, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 3H), 1.17 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 18H).

¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ(ppm) 158.3 (C), 156.3 (C), 152.1 (C), 128.7 (C), 114.8 (CH), 112.0 (CH), 109.4 (CBr), 101.1 (CH), 56.0 (CH₃), 18.6 (6 CH₃), 11.5 (CH).

(3-bromo-5-phenylbenzofuran-2-yl)triisopropylsilane (2d)



Molecular formula: C₂₃H₂₉BrOSi

Appearance: Colourless oil

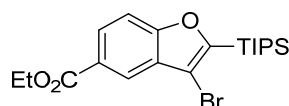
Yield: 69 %

HRMS calculated for C₁₇H₂₅BrFOSi (M+H): 429.1244; **found (APCI):** 429.1241

¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ(ppm) 7.75 (dd, *J* = 1.6, 0.8 Hz, 1H), 7.68 – 7.65 (m, 2H), 7.61 – 7.54 (m, 2H), 7.51 – 7.46 (m, 2H), 7.41 – 7.35 (m, 1H), 1.68 (septet, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 3H), 1.20 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 18H).

¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ(ppm) 158.4 (C), 156.9 (C), 141.5 (C), 136.9 (C), 129.0 (C), 128.9 (2 CH), 127.7 (2 CH), 127.2 (CH), 125.2 (CH), 118.2 (CH), 111.8 (CH), 110.0 (CBr), 18.8 (6 CH₃), 11.6 (3 CH).

Ethyl 3-bromo-2-(triisopropylsilyl)benzofuran-5-carboxylate (2e)



Molecular formula: C₂₀H₂₉BrO₃Si

Appearance: Colourless oil

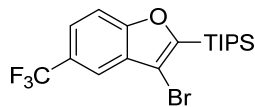
Yield: 57 %

HRMS calc. for C₁₇H₂₅BrFOSi (M+H): 425.1142; **found (APCI):** 425.1146

¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ(ppm) 8.29 (d, *J* = 0.9 Hz, 1H), 8.09 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 7.52 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 4.44 (c, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 1.71 – 1.55 (m, 3H), 1.45 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H), 1.18 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 18H).

¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ(ppm) 166.5 (C), 159.6 (C), 159.4 (C), 128.4 (C), 126.9 (CH), 125.7 (C), 122.2 (CH), 111.3 (CH), 110.1 (CBr), 61.1 (CH₂), 18.6 (6 CH₃), 14.4 (CH₂), 11.4 (3 CH).

(3-bromo-5-(trifluoromethyl)benzofuran-2-yl)triisopropylsilane (2f)



Molecular formula: C₁₈H₂₄BrF₃OSi

Appearance: Colourless oil

Yield: 33 % (41% brsm)

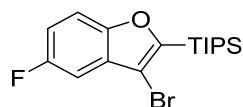
HRMS calculated for C₁₈H₂₄BrF₃OSi (M+H): 421,0810; **found (APCI):** 421,0814

¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ(ppm) 7.85 – 7.84 (m, 1H), 7.59 – 7.59 (m, 2H), 1.64 (septet, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 3H), 1.16 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 18H).

¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ(ppm) 160.3 (C), 158.6 (C), 128.7 (C), 125.9 (c, *J* = 32.5 Hz, C), 124.6 (c, *J* = 271.9 Hz, CF₃), 122.5 (c, *J* = 3.4 Hz, CH), 117.8 (c, *J* = 3.9 Hz, CH), 112.1 (CH), 109.8 (CBr), 18.7 (6 CH₃), 11.6 (3 CH).

¹⁹F NMR (282 MHz, CDCl₃): δ(ppm) -60.86 (s).

(3-bromo-5-fluorobenzofuran-2-yl)triisopropylsilane (2g)



Molecular formula: C₁₇H₂₄BrFOSi

Appearance: Colourless oil

Yield: 70 %

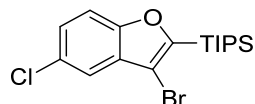
HRMS calc. for C₁₇H₂₅BrFOSi (M+H): 371.0837; **found (APCI):** 371.0849

¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ(ppm) 7.41 (dd, *J* = 8.9, 3.9 Hz, 1H), 7.20 (dd, *J* = 8.1, 2.6 Hz, 1H), 7.05 (td, *J* = 9.0, 2.6 Hz, 1H), 1.63 (septet, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 3H), 1.16 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 18H).

¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ(ppm) 159.9 (C), 159.4 (d, *J* = 239.5 Hz, C), 153.3 (C), 129.2 (d, *J* = 10.8 Hz, C), 113.1 (d, *J* = 26.6 Hz, CH), 112.1 (d, *J* = 9.5 Hz, CH), 109.2 (d, *J* = 4.1 Hz, CBr), 105.2 (d, *J* = 25.7 Hz, CH), 18.6 (6 CH₃), 11.4 (3 CH).

¹⁹F NMR (282 MHz, CDCl₃): δ(ppm) -120.5 (td, *J* = 8.6, 3.9 Hz).

(3-bromo-5-chlorobenzofuran-2-yl)triisopropylsilane (2h)



Molecular formula: C₁₇H₂₄BrClOSi

Appearance: Colourless oil

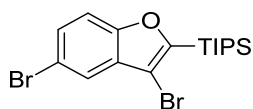
Yield: 54 %

HRMS calculated for C₁₇H₂₅BrClOSi (M+H): 387,0547; **found (APCI):** 387,0549

¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ(ppm) 7.52 (d, *J* = 2.1 Hz, 1H), 7.40 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 7.28 (dd, *J* = 8.7, 2.1 Hz, 1H), 1.62 (septet, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 3H), 1.15 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 18H).

¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ(ppm) 159.7 (C), 155.7 (C), 129.9 (C), 128.8 (C), 125.6 (CH), 119.5 (CH), 112.6 (CH), 108.9 (CBr), 18.7 (6xCH₃), 11.6 (3xCH).

(3,5-dibromobenzofuran-2-yl)triisopropylsilane (2i)



Molecular formula: C₁₇H₂₄BrClOSi

Appearance: Colourless oil

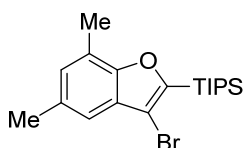
Yield: 72 %

HRMS calc. for C₁₇H₂₅Br₂OSi (M+H): 431.0036; **found (APCI):** 431.0047.

¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ(ppm) 7.70 (dd, *J* = 2.0, 0.6 Hz, 1H), 7.44 (dd, *J* = 8.7, 1.9 Hz, 1H), 7.38 (dd, *J* = 8.7, 0.6 Hz, 1H), 1.75 – 1.54 (m, 3H), 1.17 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 18H).

¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ(ppm) 159.3 (C), 155.9 (C), 130.3 (C), 128.2 (CH), 122.4 (CH), 116.1 (C), 112.9 (CH), 108.6 (C), 18.6 (6xCH₃), 11.4 (3xCH).

(3-bromo-5,7-dimethylbenzofuran-2-yl)triisopropylsilane (2j)



Molecular formula: C₁₉H₂₉BrOSi

Appearance: Colourless oil

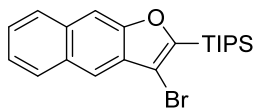
Yield: 53 %

HRMS calculated for C₃₈H₅₈Br₂NaO₂Si₂ (2M+Na): 783.2234; **found (ESI):** 785.2223

¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ(ppm) 7.16 (s, 1H), 6.97 (s, 1H), 2.48 (s, 3H), 2.44 (s, 3H), 1.67 – 1.57 (m, 3H), 1.16 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 18H).

¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ(ppm) 157.1 (C), 154.7 (C), 132.7 (C), 127.9 (C), 127.5 (CH), 121.3 (C), 116.8 (CH), 109.5 (CBr), 21.4 (CH₃), 18.8 (6 CH₃), 14.7 (CH₃), 11.6 (3 CH).

(3-Bromonaphtho[2,3-b]furan-2-yl)triisopropylsilane (2k)



Molecular formula: C₂₁H₂₇BrOSi

Appearance: Colourless oil

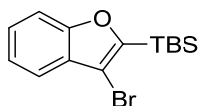
Yield: 25 %

HRMS calculated for C₂₁H₂₈BrOSi (M+H): 403.1087; **found (APCI):** 403.1080

¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ(ppm) 8.04-8.01 (m, 2H), 7.97 – 7.92 (m, 2H), 7.50 – 7.46 (m, 2H), 1.71 (septet, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 3H), 1.22 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 18H).

¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ(ppm) 160.3 (C), 155.2 (C), 131.9 (C), 130.3 (C), 129.2 (C), 128.3 (CH), 127.8 (CH), 125.4 (CH), 124.2 (CH), 117.7 (CH), 109.4 (CBr), 106.9 (CH), 18.7 (6 CH₃), 11.5 (3 CH).

(3-bromobenzofuran-2-yl)(tert-butyl)dimethylsilane (2m)



Molecular formula: C₁₄H₁₉BrOSi

Appearance: Colourless oil

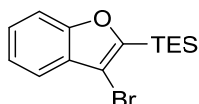
Yield: 68 %

HRMS calc. for C₁₄H₂₀BrOSi (M+H): 311.0461; **found (APCI):** 311.0467

¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ(ppm) 7.63 – 7.43 (m, 1H), 7.42 – 7.25 (m, 1H), 1.02 (s, 4H), 0.47 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ(ppm) 158.0 (C), 157.0 (C), 128.2 (C), 125.4 (CH), 122.9 (CH), 119.7 (CH), 111.5 (CH), 109.2 (C), 26.5 (3xCH₃), 18.0 (C), -5.8 (2xCH₃).

(3-bromobenzofuran-2-yl)triethylsilane (2n)



Molecular formula: C₁₄H₁₉BrOSi

Appearance: Colourless oil

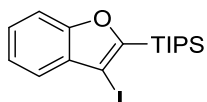
Yield: 35 %

HRMS calc. for C₁₄H₂₀BrOSi (M+H): 311.0461; **found (APCI):** 311.0457

¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ(ppm) 7.60 – 7.45 (m, 2H), 7.42 – 7.30 (m, 2H), 1.15 – 0.94 (m, 10H).

¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ(ppm) 157.9 (C), 157.1 (C), 128.1 (C), 125.3 (CH), 122.9 (CH), 119.6 (CH), 111.5 (CH), 108.9 (C), 7.3 (3xCH₃), 3.1 (3xCH₂).

(3-iodobenzofuran-2-yl)triisopropylsilane (2o)



Molecular formula: C₁₇H₂₅IOSi

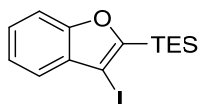
Appearance: Colourless oil

Yield: 25 %

¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ(ppm) 7.55 – 7.42 (m, 2H), 7.43 – 7.10 (m, 2H), 1.73 (p, J = 7.5 Hz, 3H), 1.25 – 1.10 (m, 18H).

¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ(ppm) 160.9 (C), 157.0 (C), 131.3 (C), 125.4 (CH), 122.9 (CH), 121.5 (CH), 111.2 (CH), 78.0 (C-I), 18.8 (6xCH₃), 11.7 (3xCH).

(3-iodobenzofuran-2-yl)triethylsilane (2p)



Molecular formula: C₁₄H₁₉IOSi

Appearance: Colourless oil

Yield: 8%

HRMS calc. for C₁₄H₂₀IOSi (M+H): 359.0323; **found (APCI):** 359.0328.

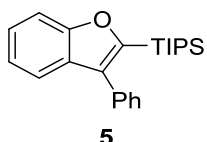
¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ(ppm) 7.53 – 7.42 (m, 2H), 7.40 – 7.29 (m, 2H), 1.11 – 0.92 (m, 15H).

¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ(ppm) 161.5 (C), 157.1 (C), 131.0 (C), 125.4 (CH), 122.9 (CH), 121.3 (CH), 111.3 (CH), 7.4 (3xCH₃), 3.3 (3xCH₂). C-I does not show.

EXPERIMENTAL PROCEDURES AND CHARACTERIZATION DATA FOR DERIVATIZATION

PRODUCTS (5,6):

triisopropyl(3-phenylbenzofuran-2-yl)silane (5)



In a MW vial, **2a** (x mg, n mmol), phenylboronic acid (x mg, n equiv), Pd(PPh₃)₄ (x mg, n mol%) and Cs₂CO₃ (x mg, n equiv) were weighed. The vial was sealed, evacuated, and back filled with Ar (x3). THF (n mL) and water (n mL) were

then added, and the mixture was deoxygenated by vigorously bubbling Ar for 10 minutes. The reaction mixture was then stirred at 100 °C overnight. Water and AcOEt were added, the two layers separated, and the aqueous layer was extracted with further AcOEt (x2). The combined organic layers were washed with brine (x2), dried over Na₂SO₄ and concentrated under vacuum. The crude product was purified by means of flash column chromatography on silica gel using hexane:AcOEt (100:1) as eluent, affording the title compound as a colorless oil (x mg, 76%).

Molecular formula: C₂₃H₃₀OSi

Appearance: white solid; **m.p.:** 72-75°C

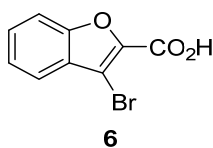
Yield: 76%

HRMS calc. for C₂₃H₃₁OSi (M+H): 351,2144; **found:** 351,2149.

¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ(ppm) 7.64 (dt, J = 8.2, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 7.61 – 7.46 (m, 3H), 7.41 (ddd, J = 8.3, 7.2, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.29 (ddd, J = 8.0, 7.2, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 1.41 (dq, J = 14.1, 7.4 Hz, 1H), 1.15 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 12H).

¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ(ppm) 157.7 (C), 156.2 (C), 133.8 (C), 133.5 (C), 130.2 (2xCH), 129.7 (C), 128.2 (2xCH), 127.7 (CH), 124.5 (CH), 122.3 (CH), 120.1 (CH), 111.2 (CH), 18.8 (6xCH₃), 11.8 (3xCH).

3-bromobenzofuran-2-carboxylic acid (**6**)



In a MW vial, CsF (36 mg, 2 equiv) was weighed and dried under vacuum at 100 °C. The vial was taken to room temperature, and **2a** (42 mg, 0.12 mmol) was added. The vial was sealed, evacuated, and back filled with CO₂ (x3). DMF (0,7 mL) was then added, and CO₂ was vigorously bubbled through the

reaction mixture for 10 minutes. The reaction mixture was then stirred at 100 °C for 1h. Water and Et₂O were added, the two layers separated, and the aqueous layer was extracted with further Et₂O (x2). The aqueous layer was acidified with concentrated HCl, until a white precipitate appeared (the pH was checked with pH paper) and extracted with Et₂O (x3). The combined organic layers were washed with water (x3), and brine (x3), dried over Na₂SO₄ and concentrated under vacuum. The crude product was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel using DCM:AcOEt 1:1 dopped with 2% AcOH as eluent, and the recrystallized by diffusion of pentane in diethyl ether (21 mg, 72%).

Molecular formula: C₉H₅BrO₃

Appearance: white solid; **m.p.:** 208-211°C

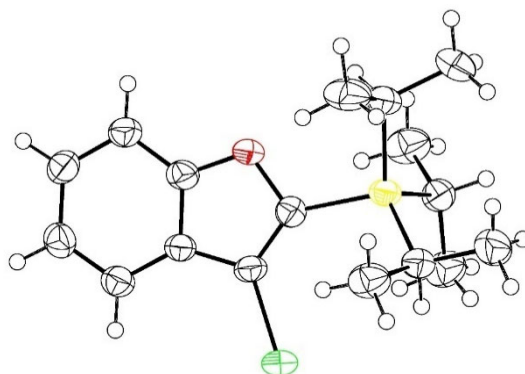
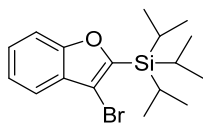
Yield: 72%

HRMS calc. for C₉H₆BrO₃ (M+H): 240.9495; **found:** 240.9494.

¹H NMR (300 MHz, acetone-d₆): δ(ppm) 7.80 – 7.61 (m, 3H), 7.49 (ddd, J = 8.2, 6.9, 1.4 Hz, 1H).

¹³C NMR (75 MHz, acetone-d₆): δ(ppm) 158.7, 153.9, 142.1, 129.1, 128.0, 124.6, 121.4, 112.4, 104.9.

X-ray structure of (3-bromobenzofuran-2-yl)triisopropylsilane (2a)



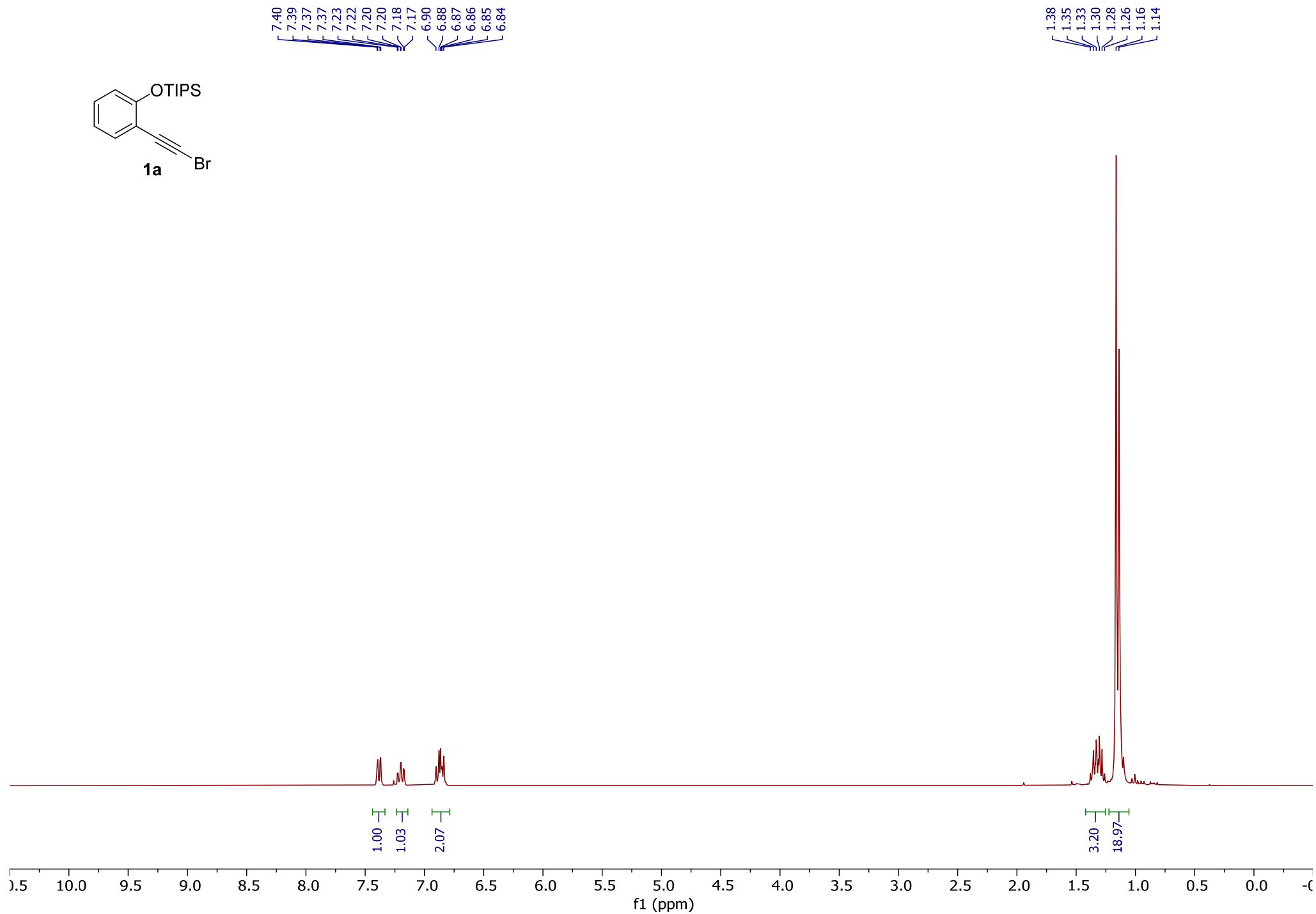
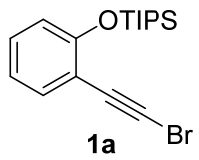
ORTEP diagram (50% probability level)

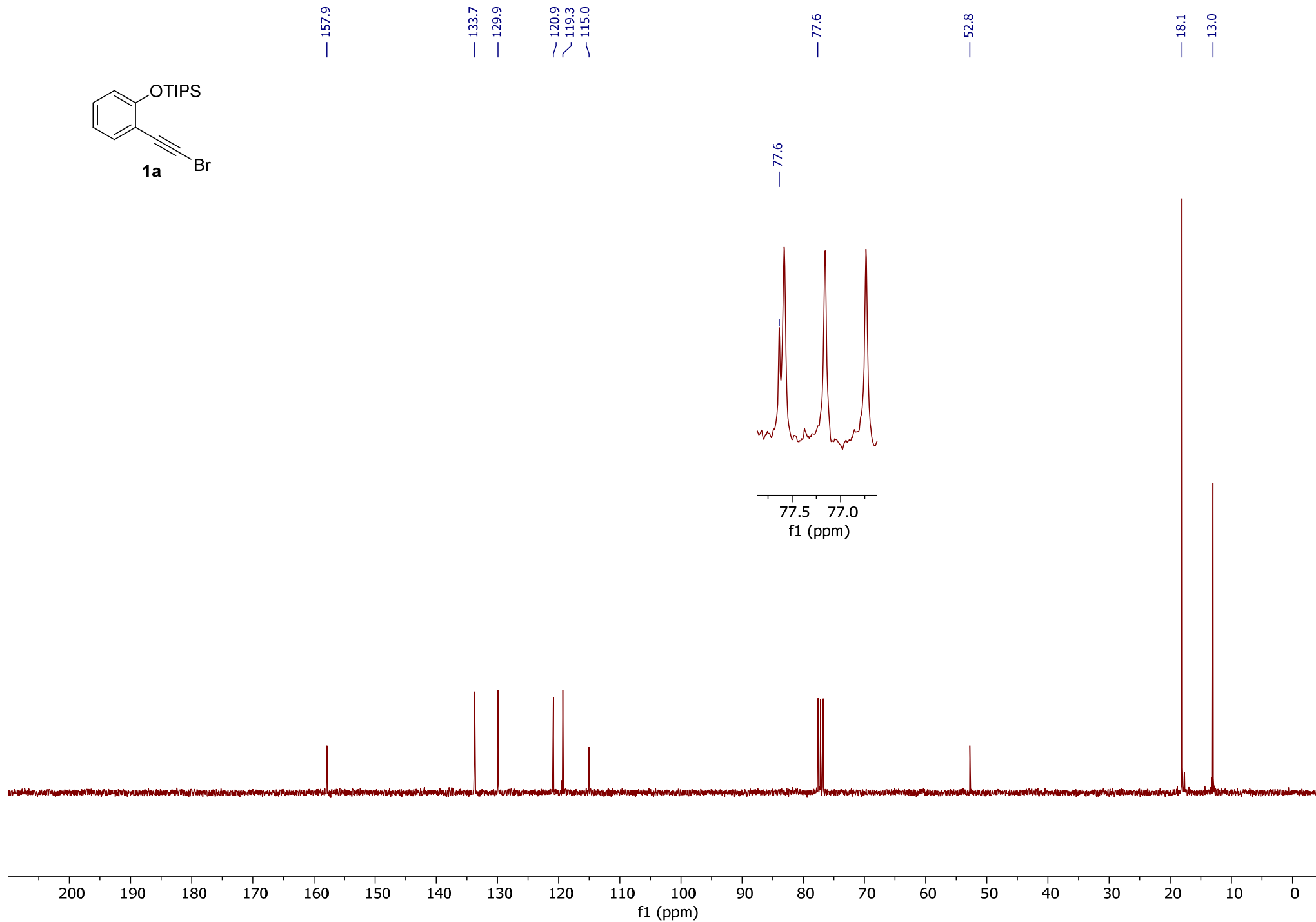
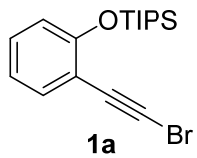
2a: C₁₇H₂₅BrOSi *M_r* = 353.37; *T* = 149.9(2) K; λ = 1.54184 Å; **Crystal system:** Triclinic; **Space group:** P -1.

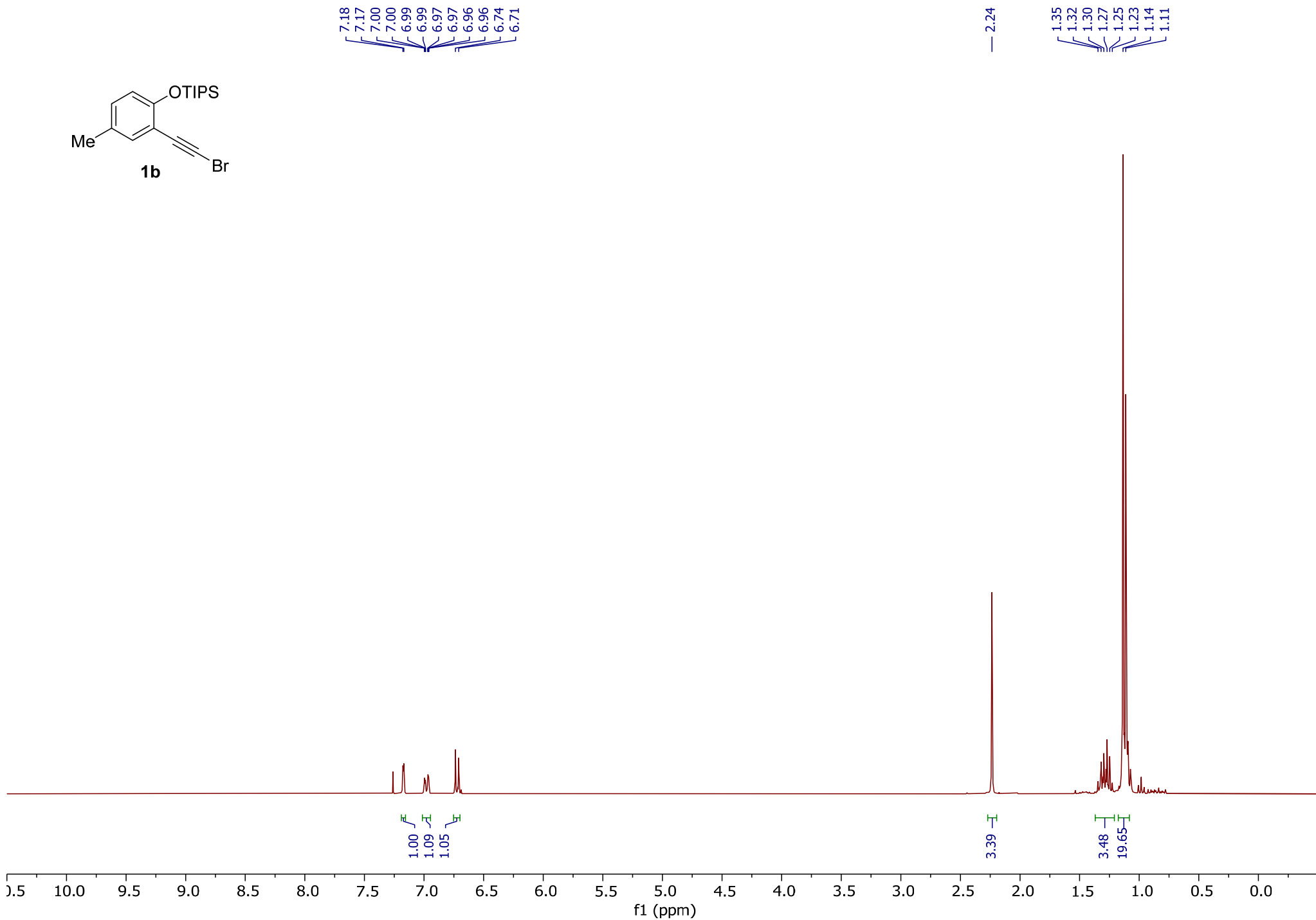
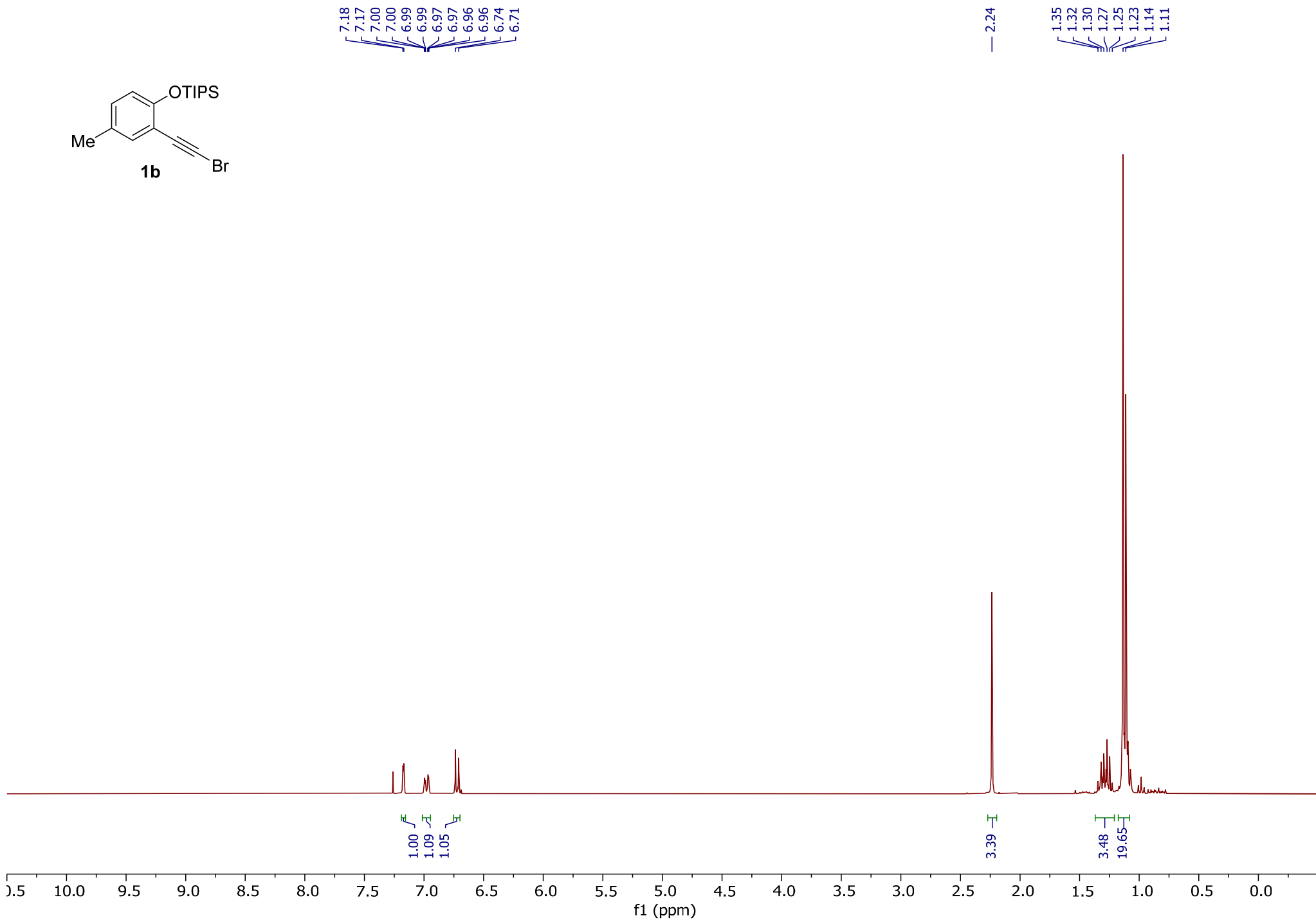
Unit cell dimensions: *a* = 7.7171(8), *b* = 8.9100(7), *c* = 12.9401(8) Å, α = 82.729(6)°, β = 84.143(7)°, γ = 80.754(8)°. **Volume** = 868.09(13) Å³; **Z** = 2, **Calculated density** = 1.352 Mg m⁻³

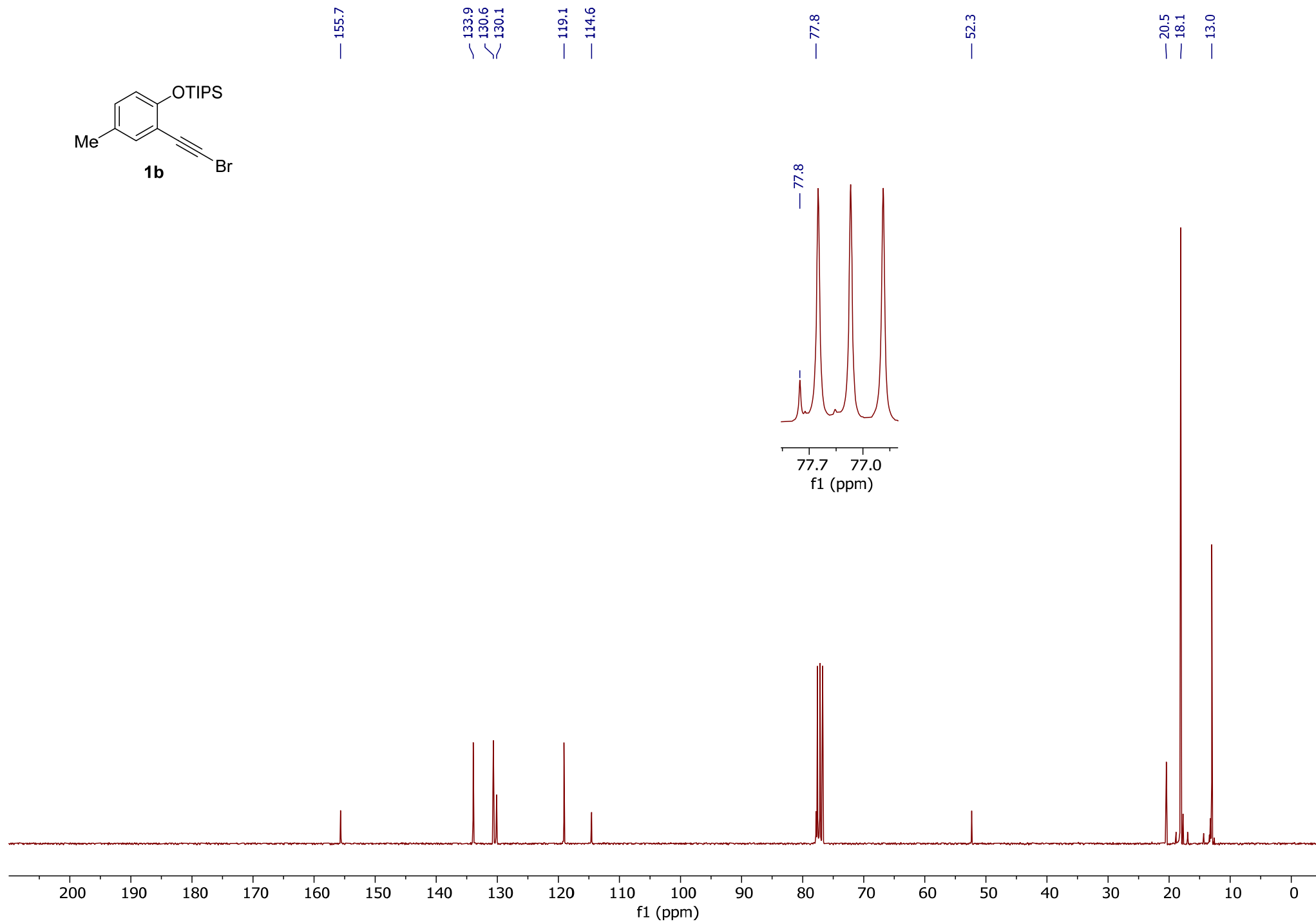
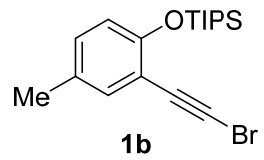
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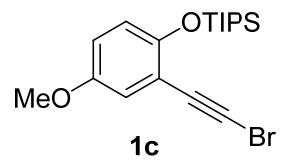
θ range data collection = 5.8027-69.5842°; **Index ranges:** -9 ≤ *h* ≤ 8, -10 ≤ *k* ≤ 10, -15 ≤ *l* ≤ 12; **Reflections collected/unique** = 6507 / 3166 [*R*_{int} = 0.0493]; **Completeness to θ** = 67.4579 (99.14%); **Absorption correction:** Semiempirical from equivalents; **Max. and min. transmission** = 1.0000 and 0.49738; **Refinement method:** full matrix least-squares on *F*²; **Data / restraints / parameters** = 3166/0/187; **Goodness-of-fit on *F*²** = 1.137; **Final *R* indices [*I* > 2σ(*I*)]:** *R*₁ = 0.0543, *wR*₂ = 0.1557; ***R* indices (all data):** *R*₁ = 0.0595, *wR*₂ = 0.1700; **Largest difference peak and hole** = 0.711 and -1.322 eÅ⁻³. **Deposit number:** CCDC2174330.







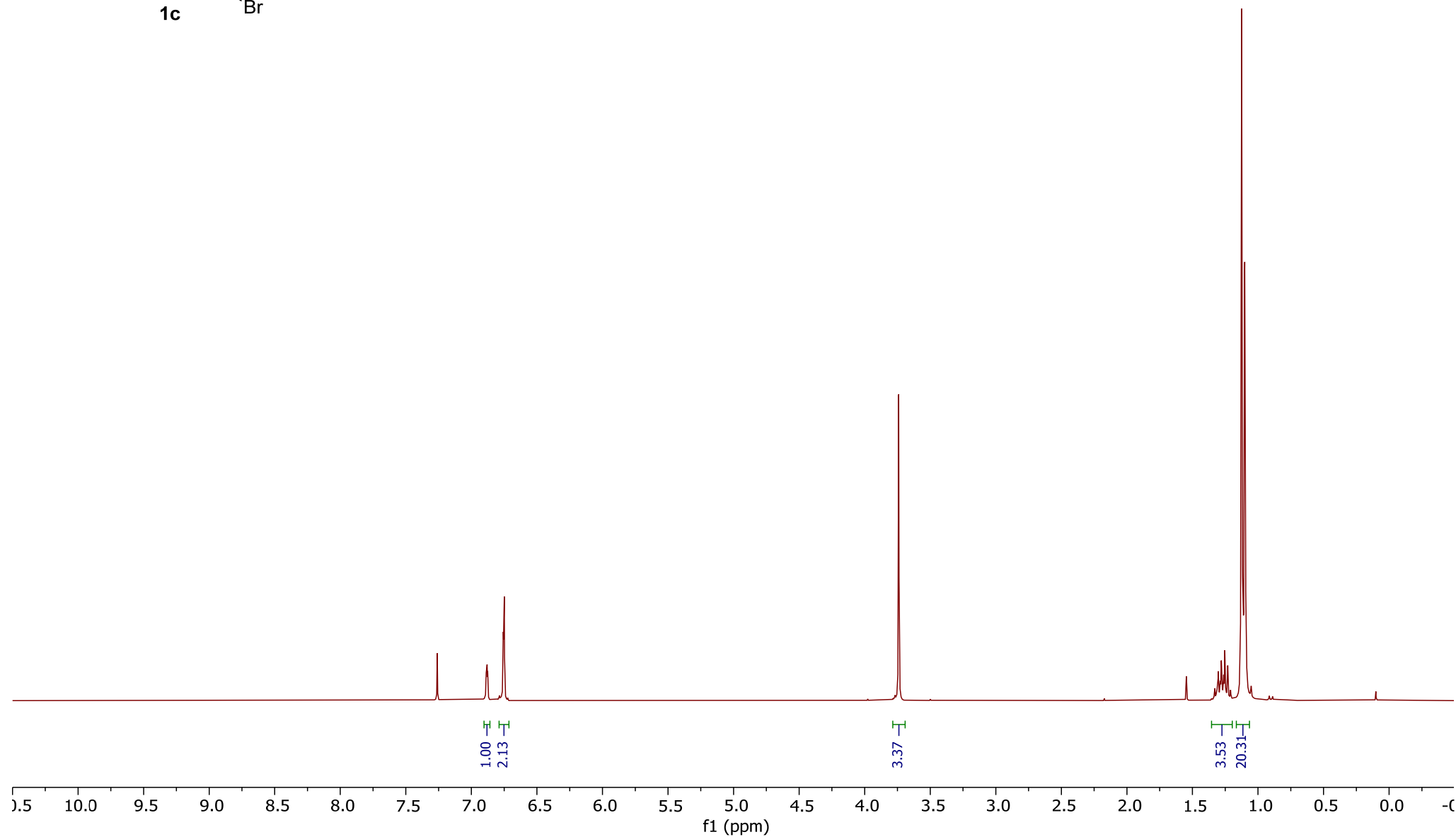


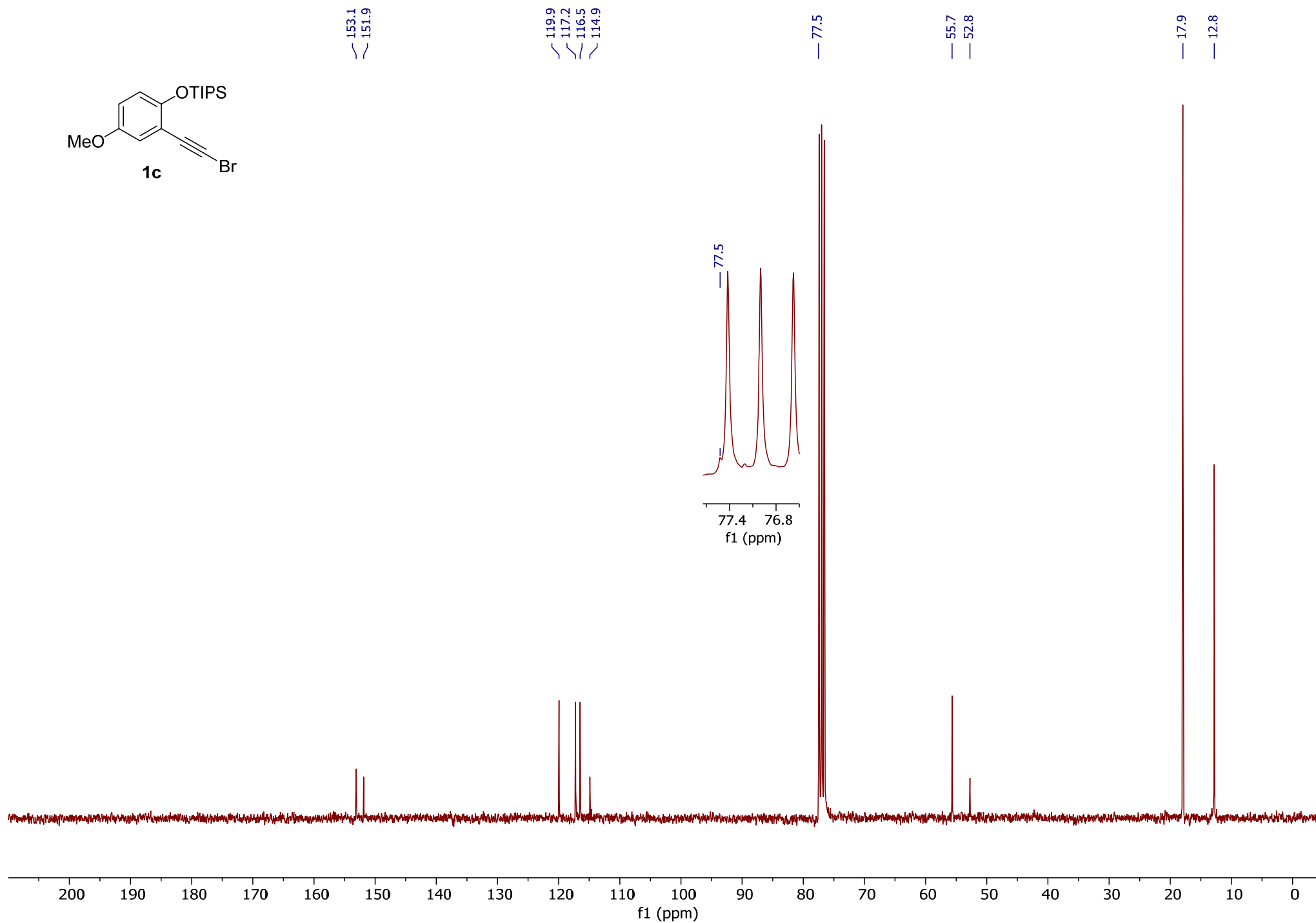
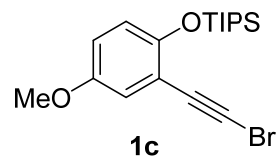


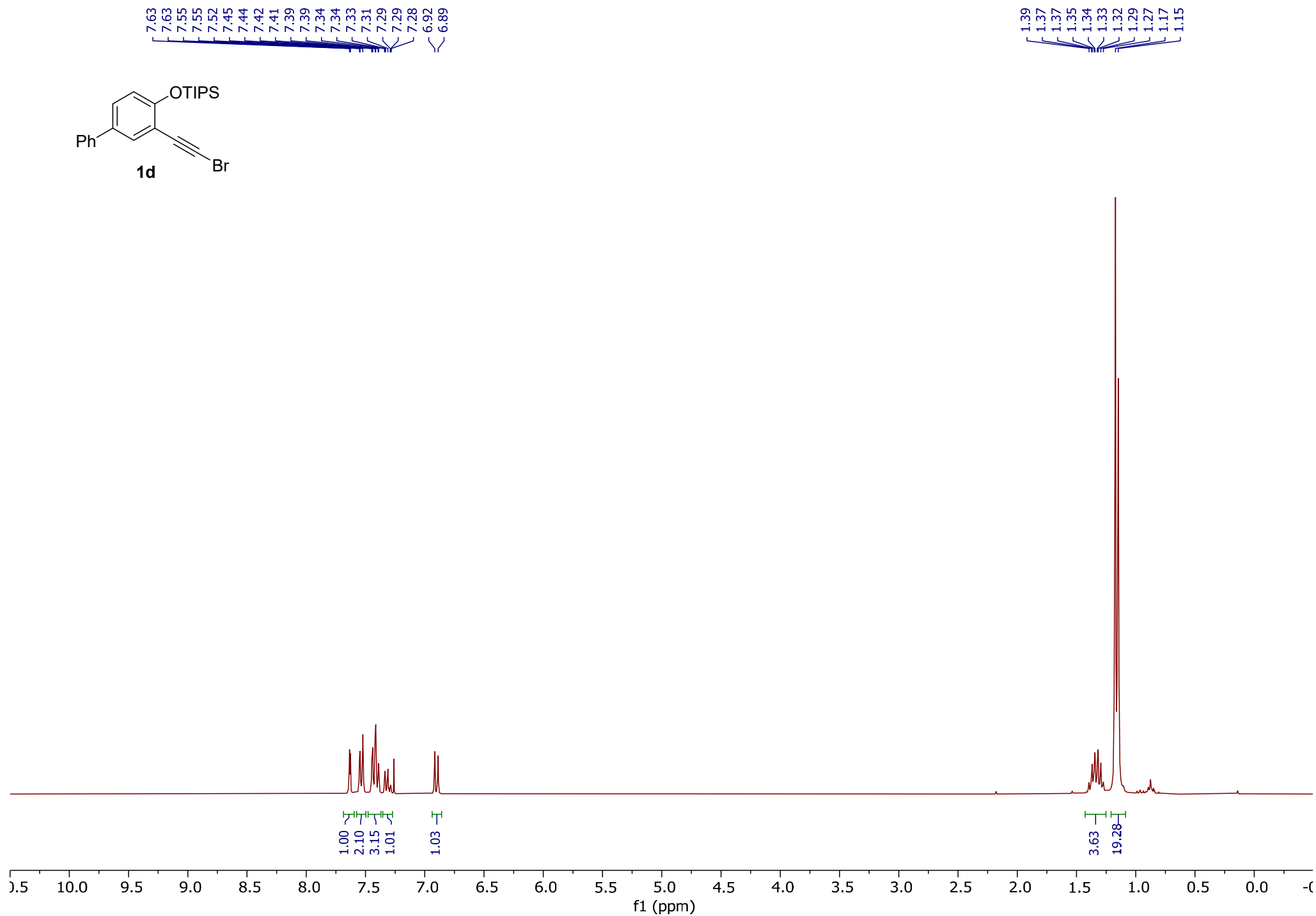
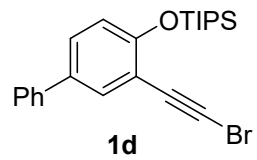
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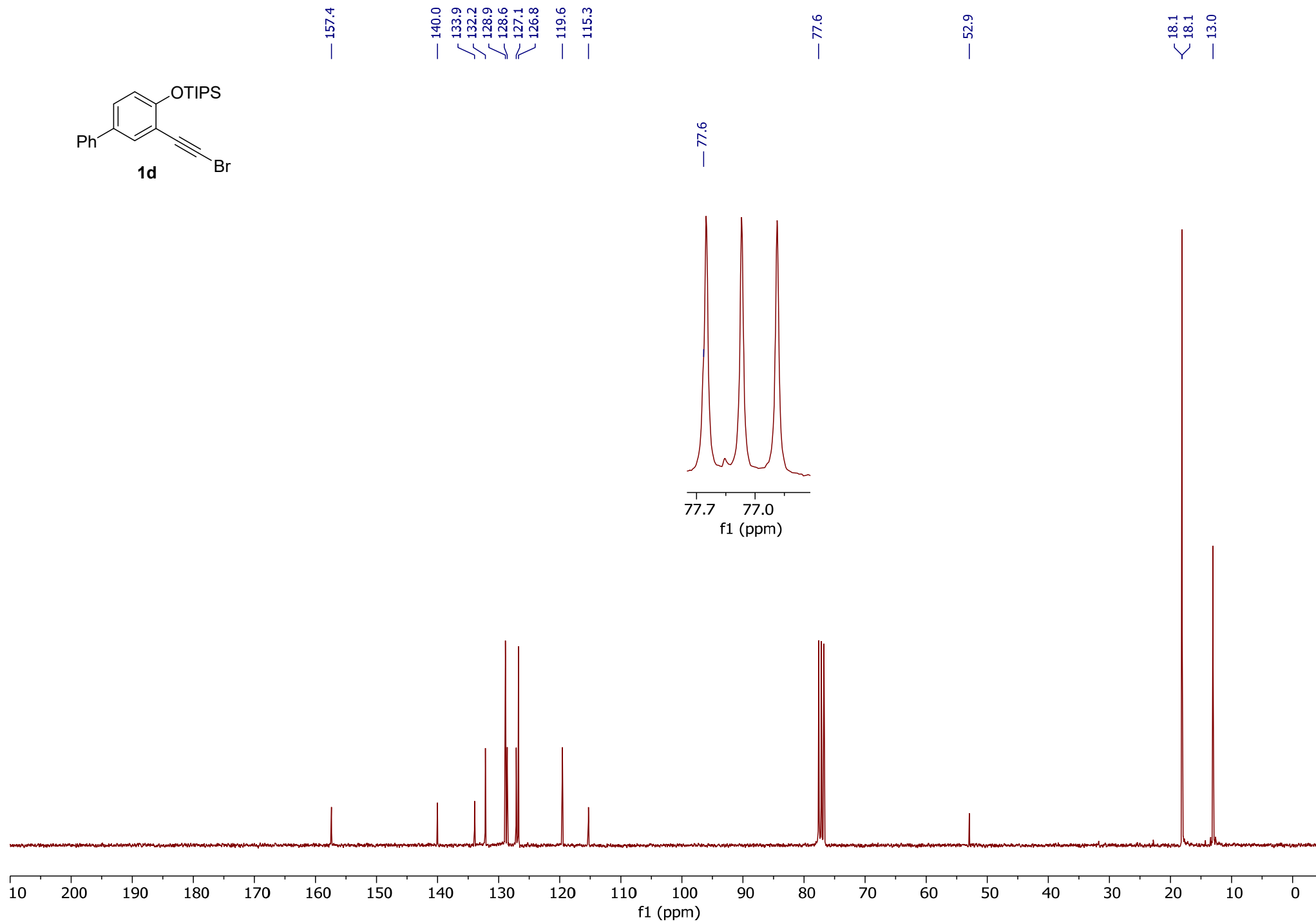
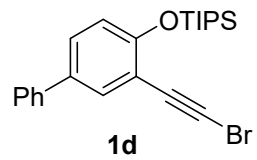
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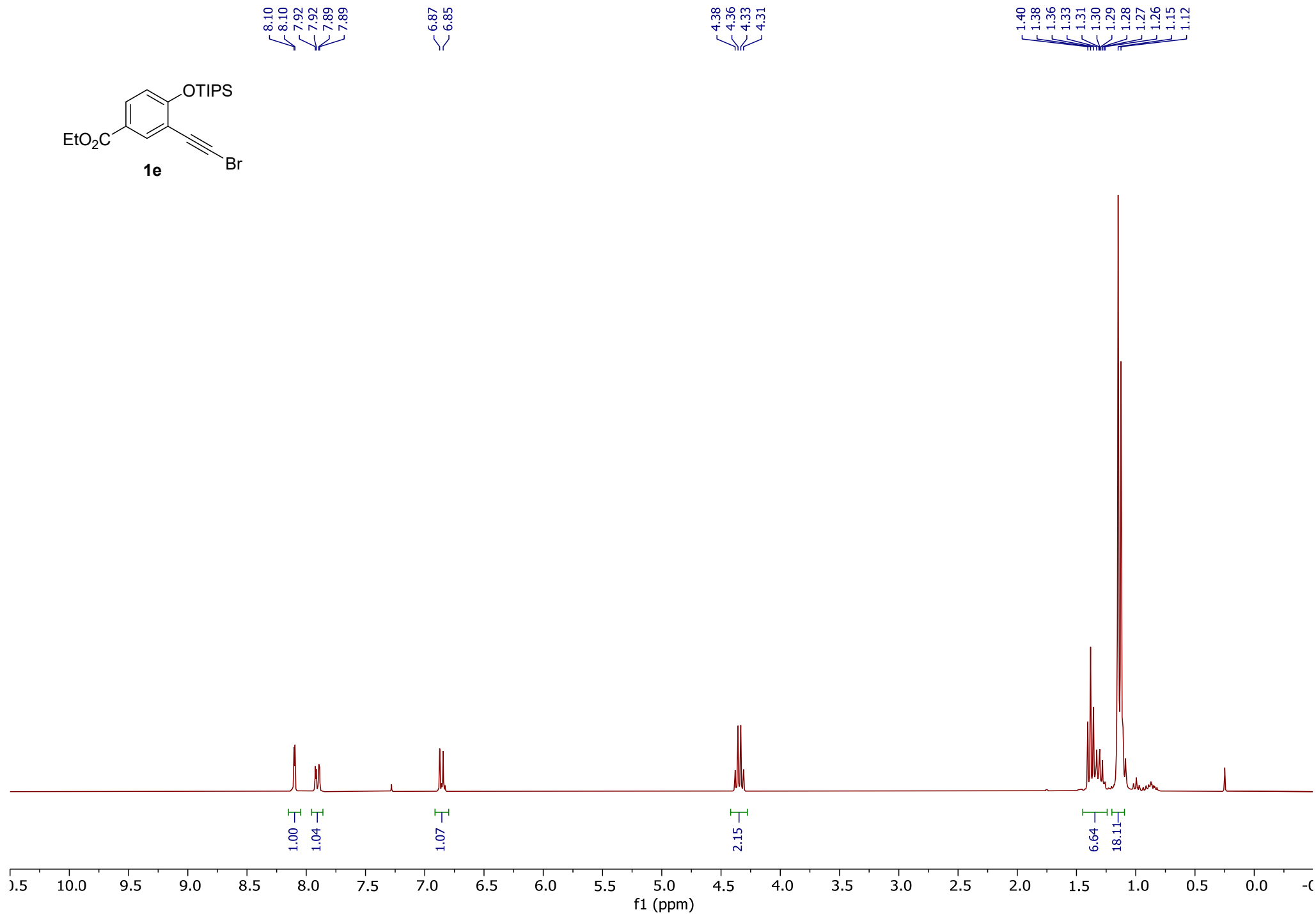
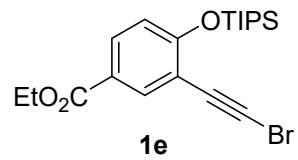
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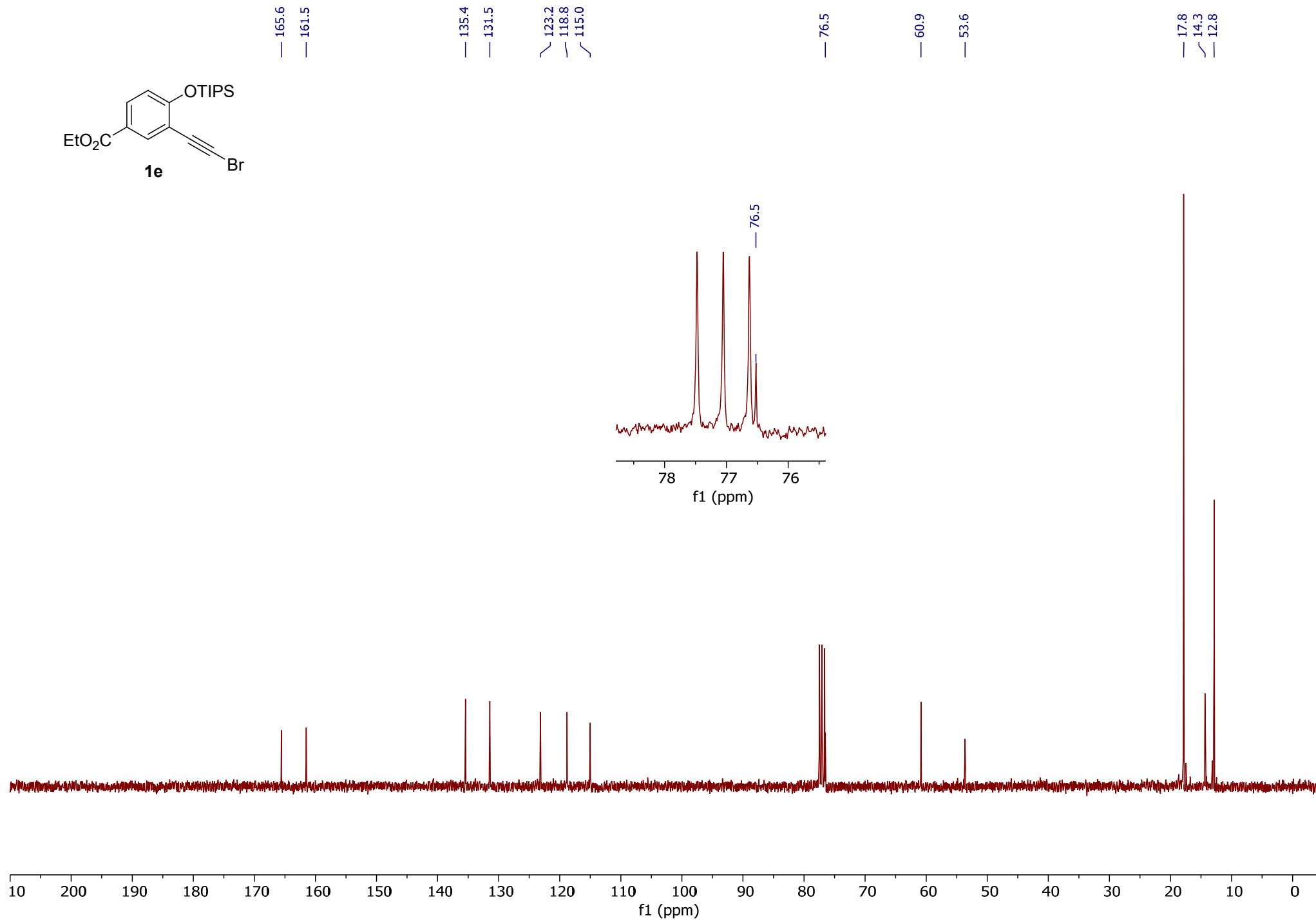
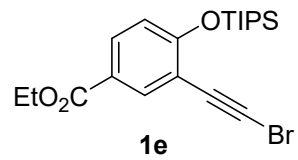


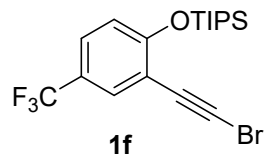






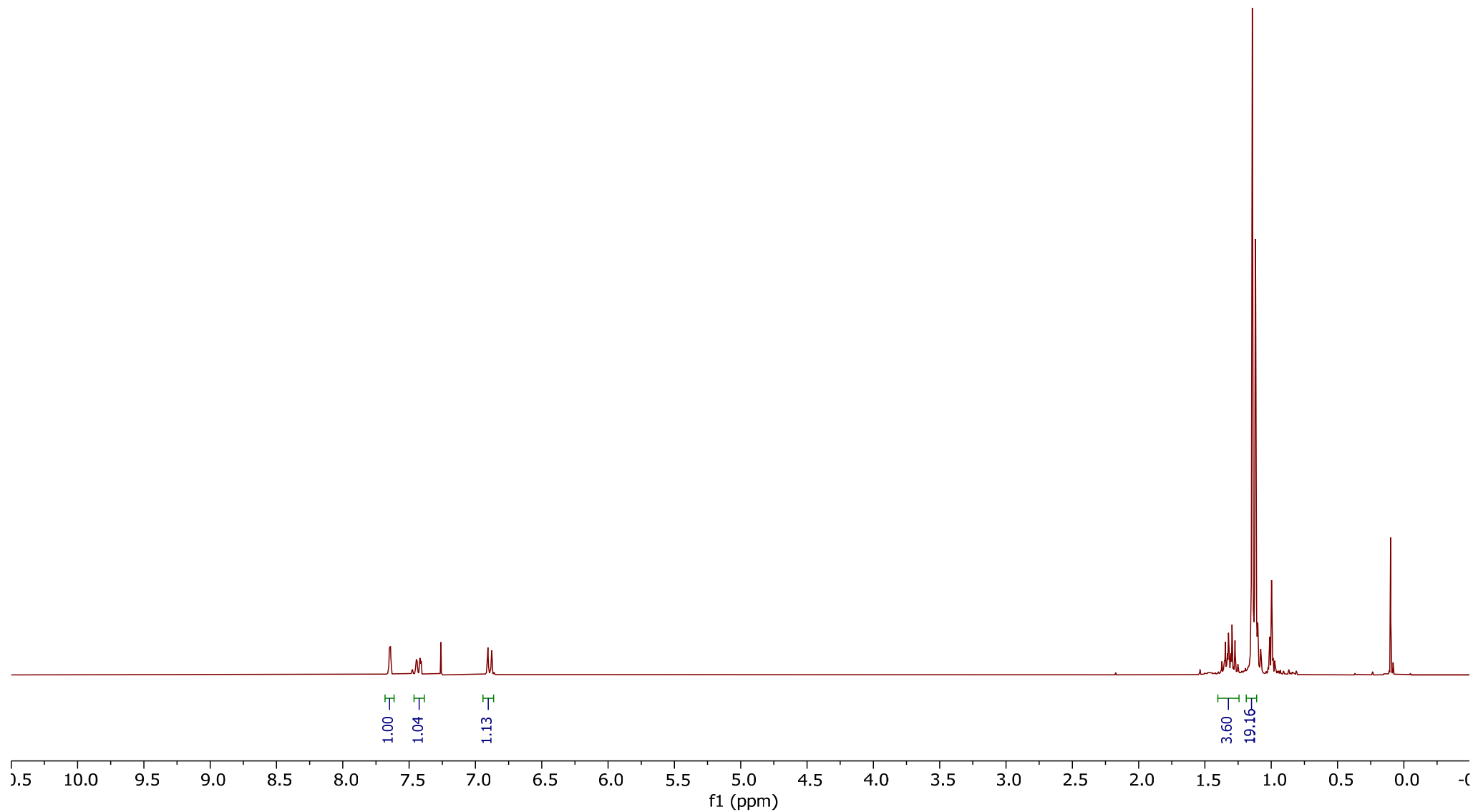


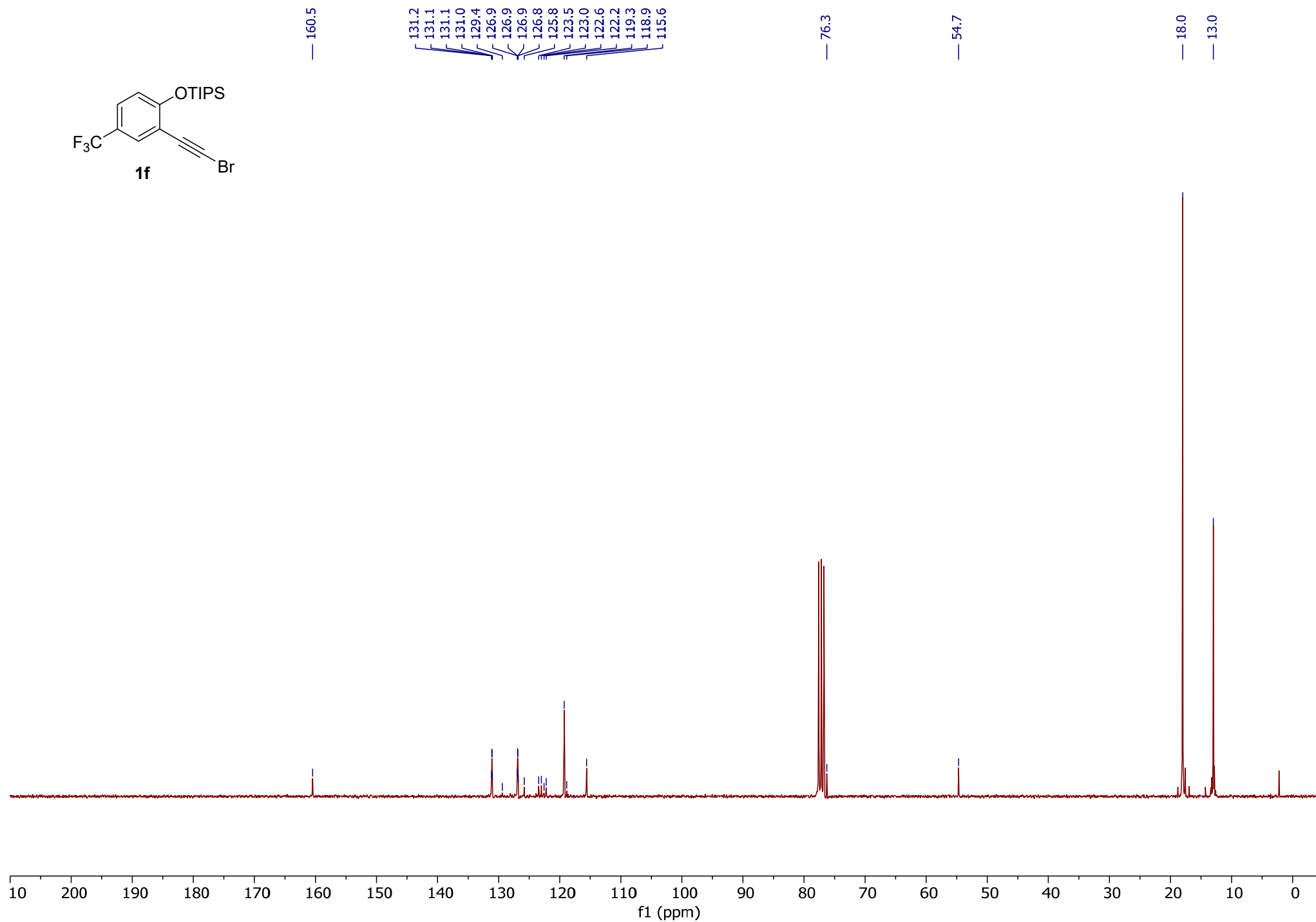
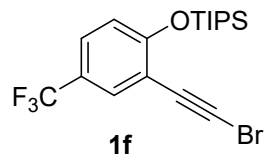


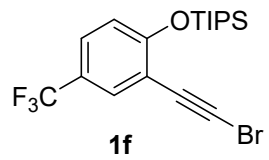


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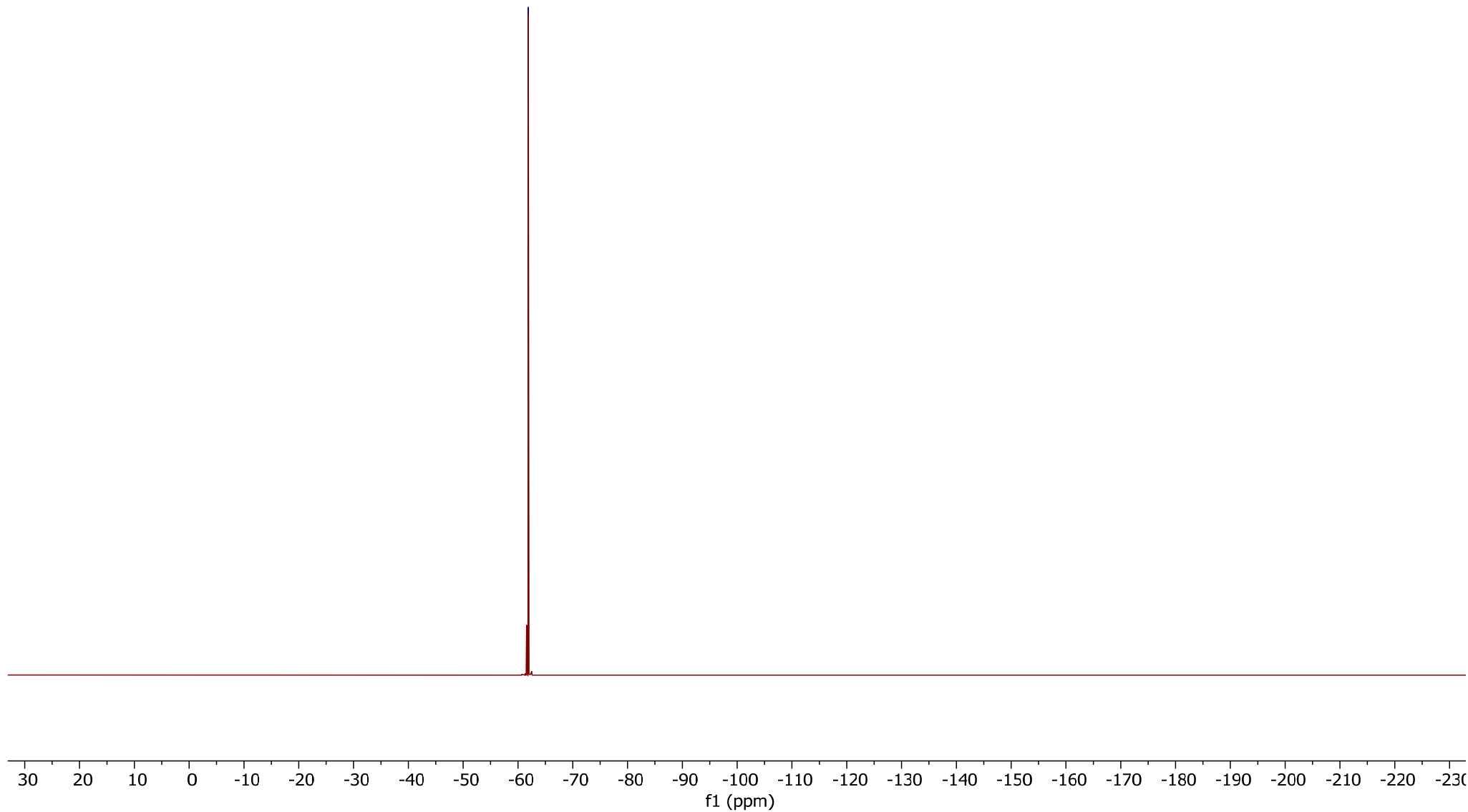
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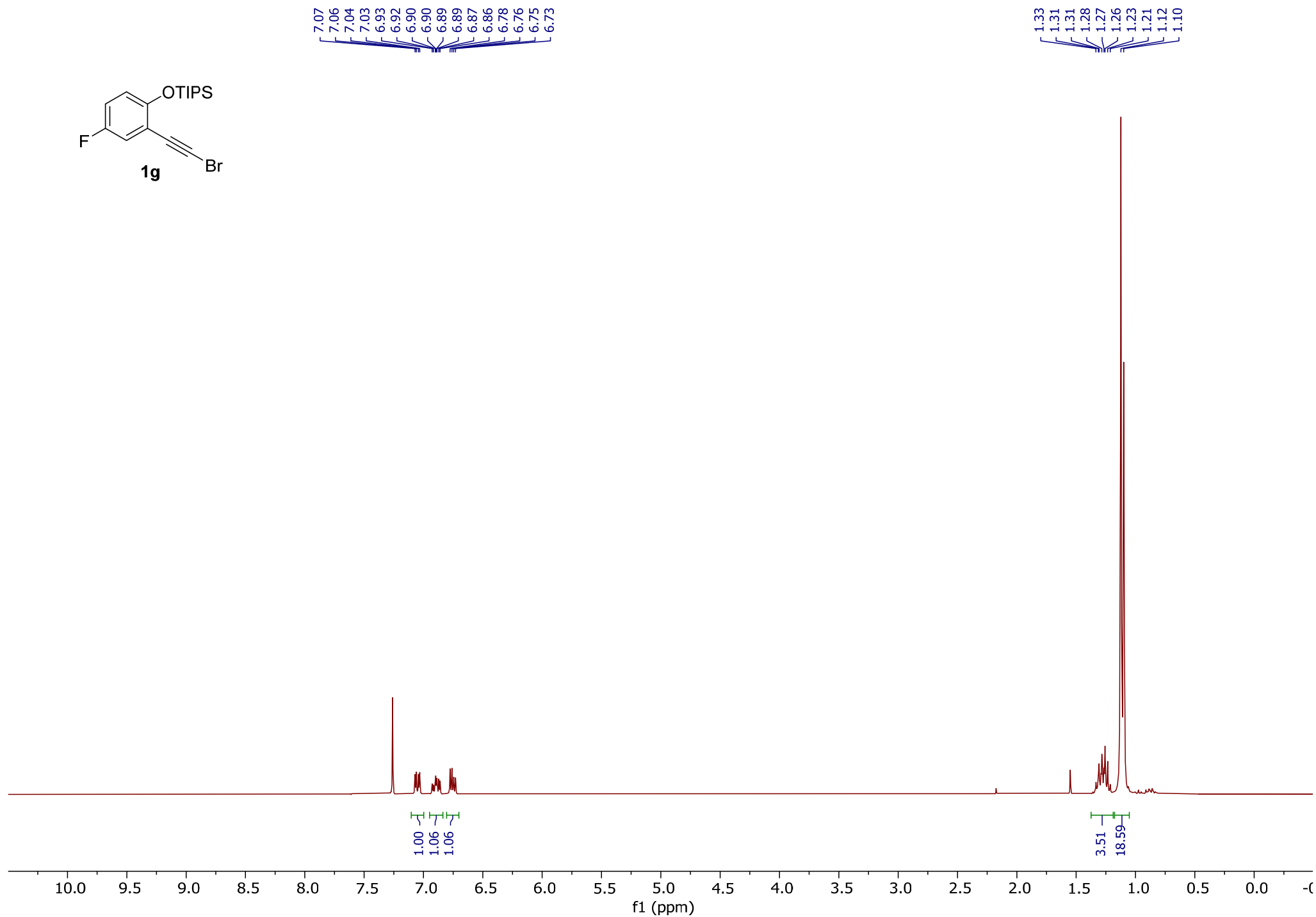
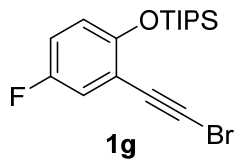


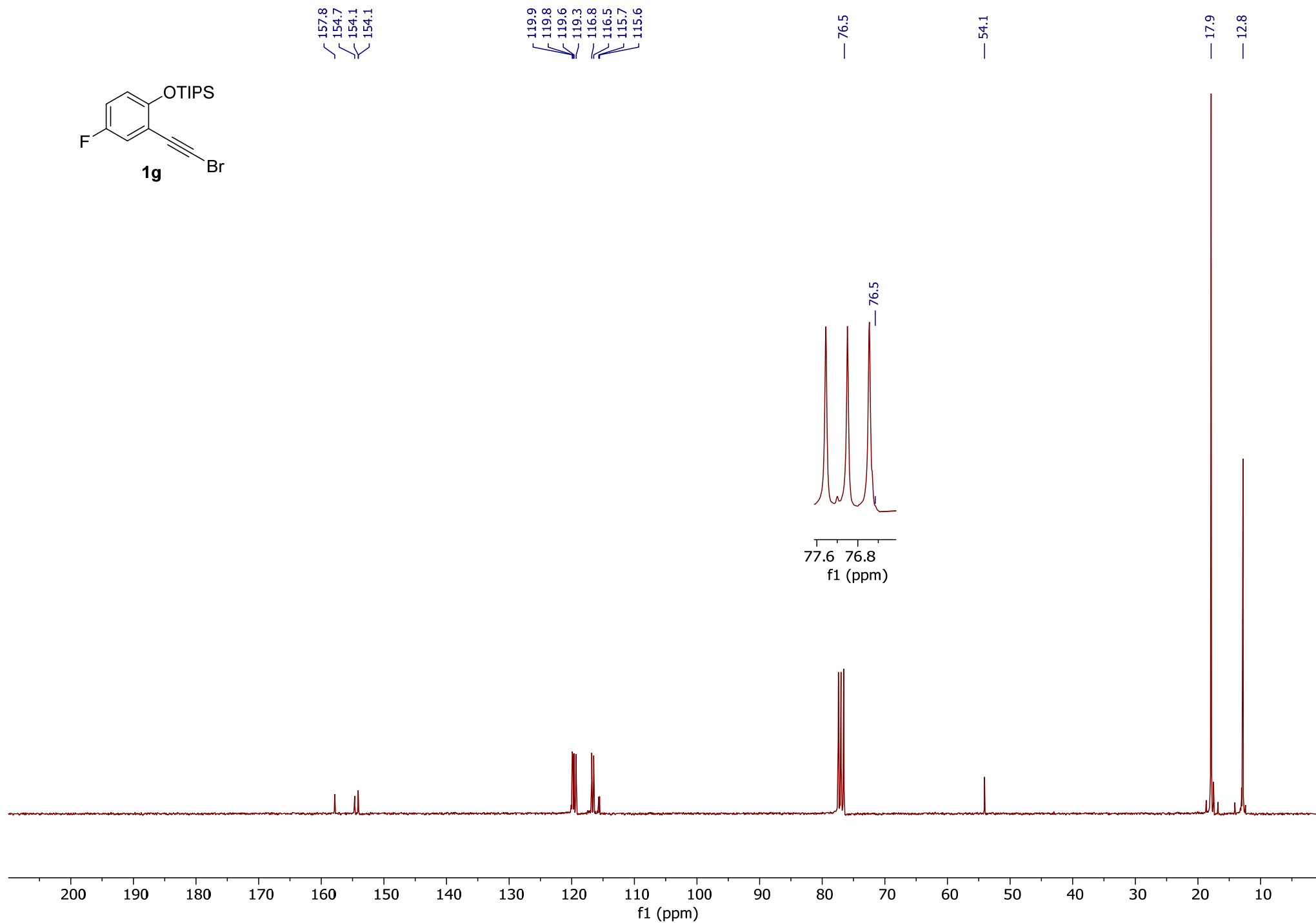
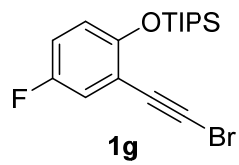


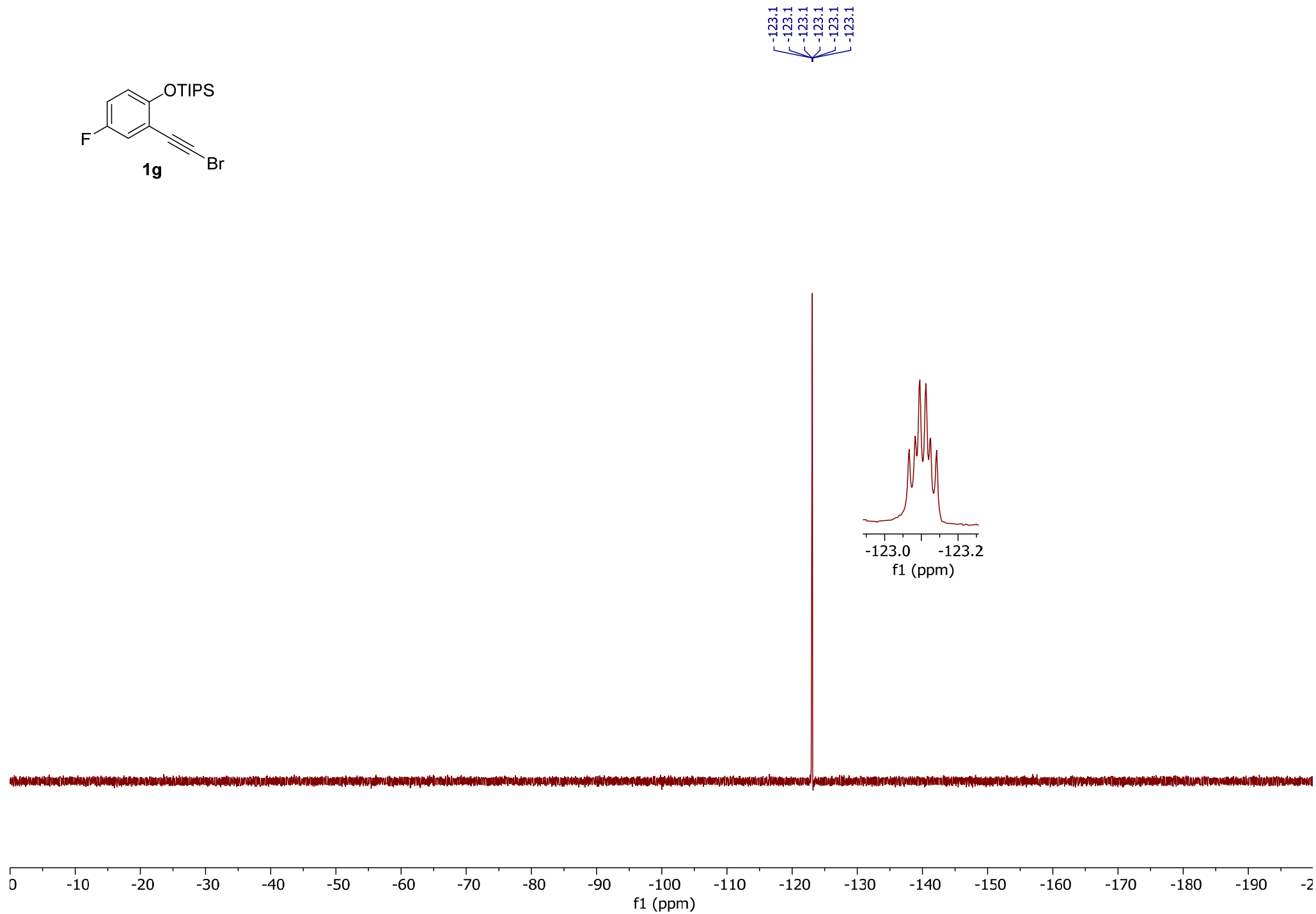
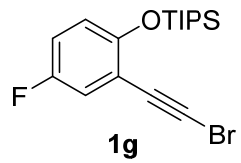


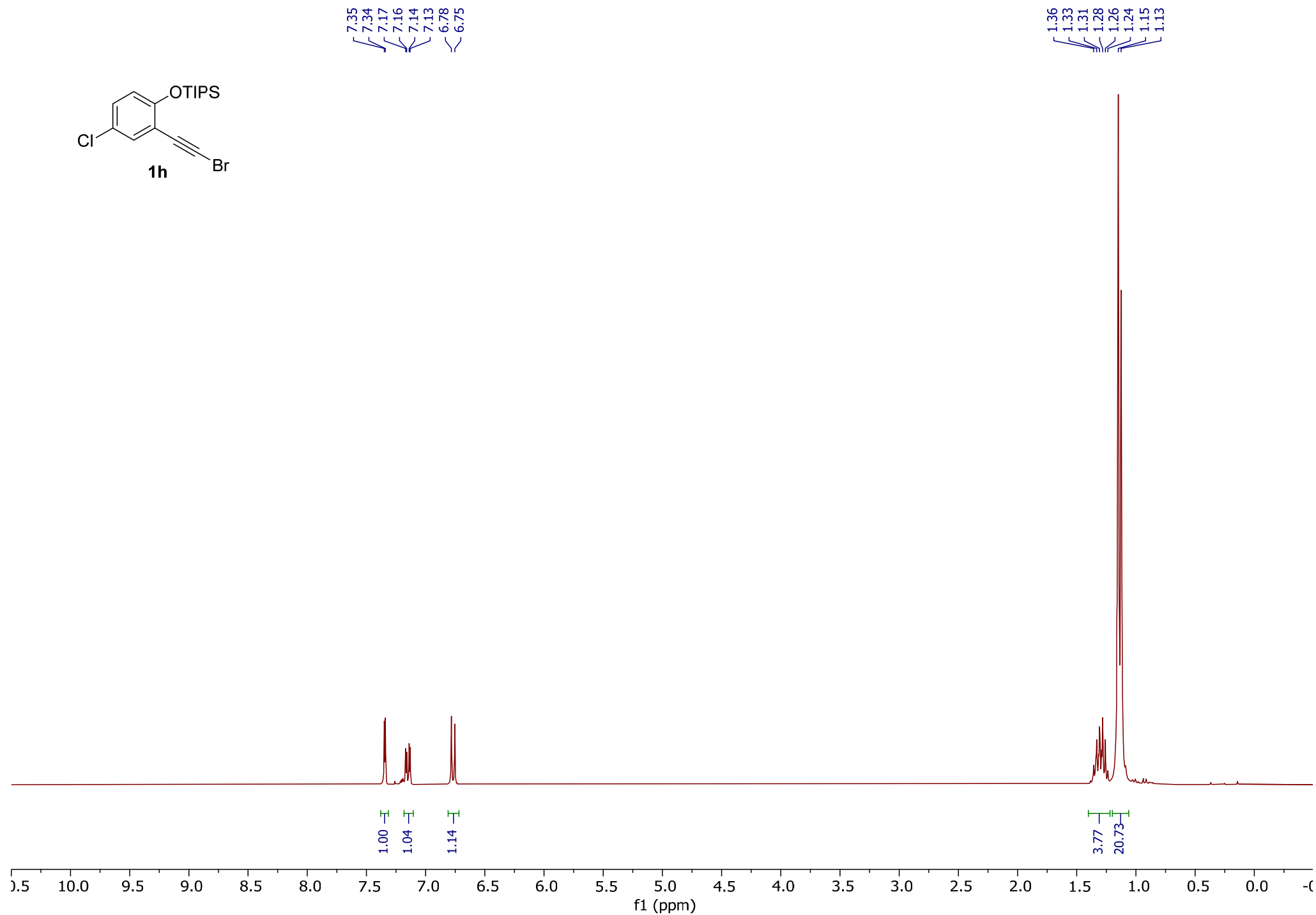
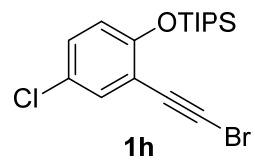
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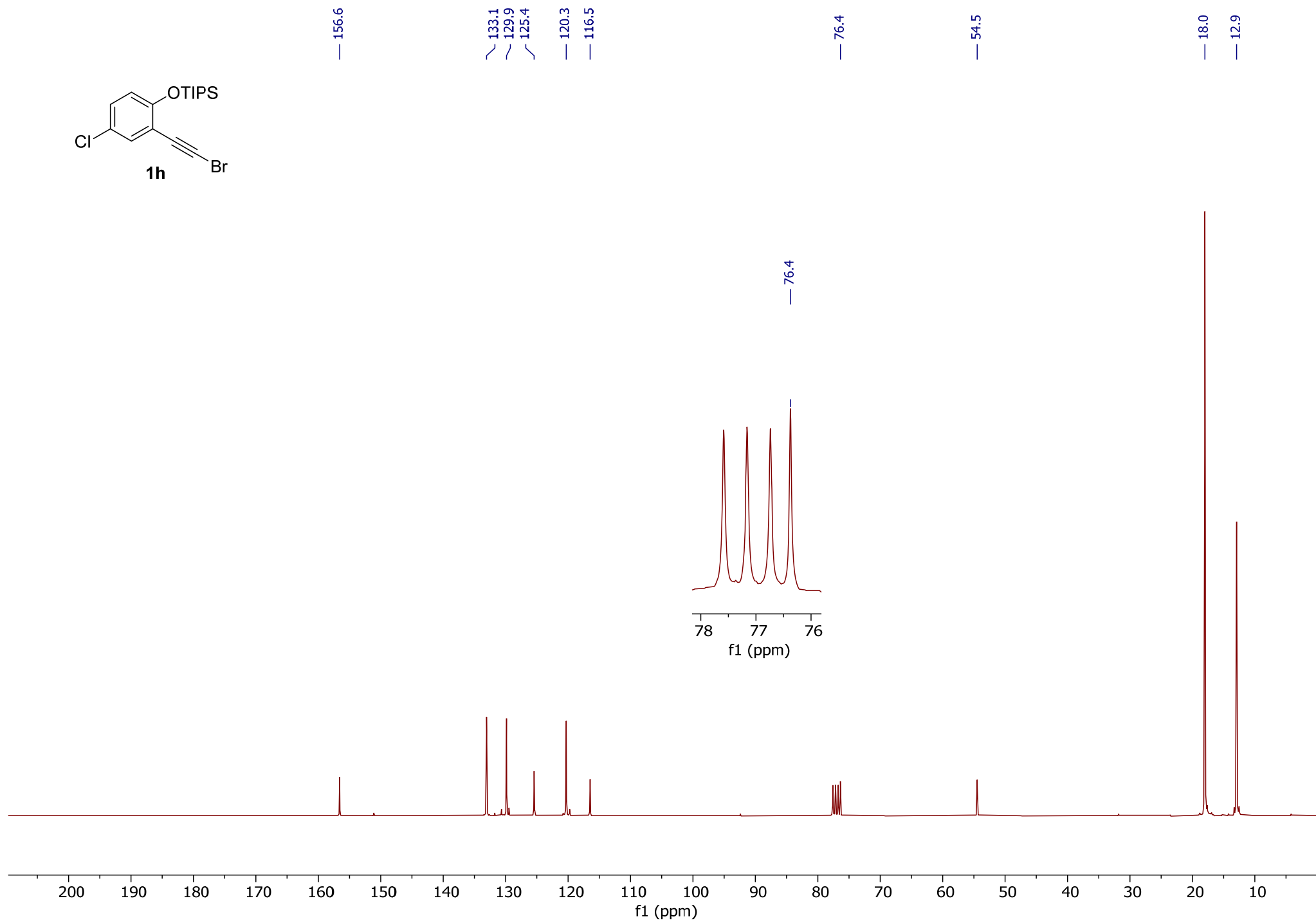
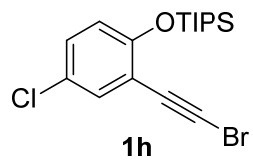


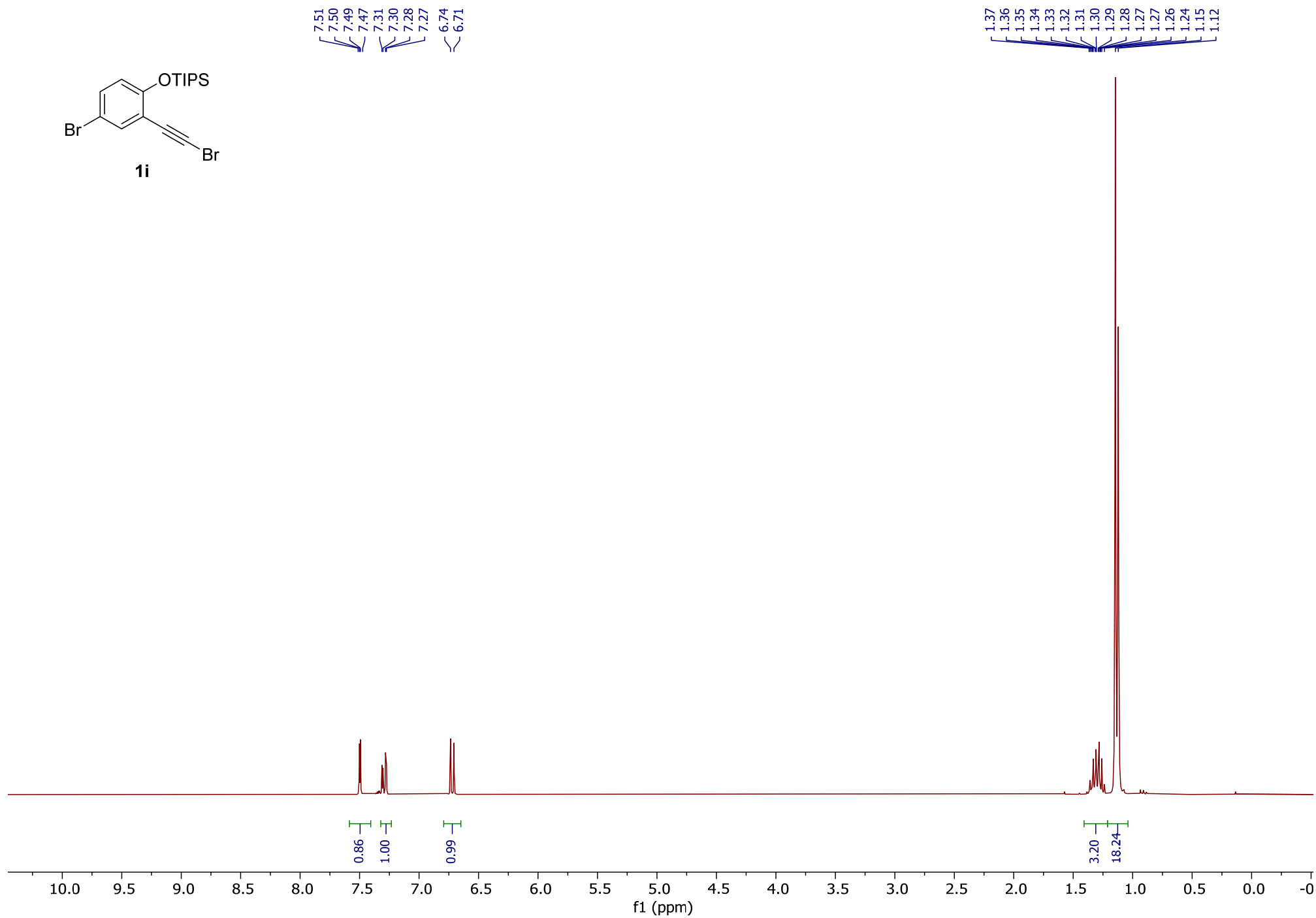
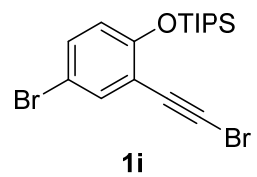


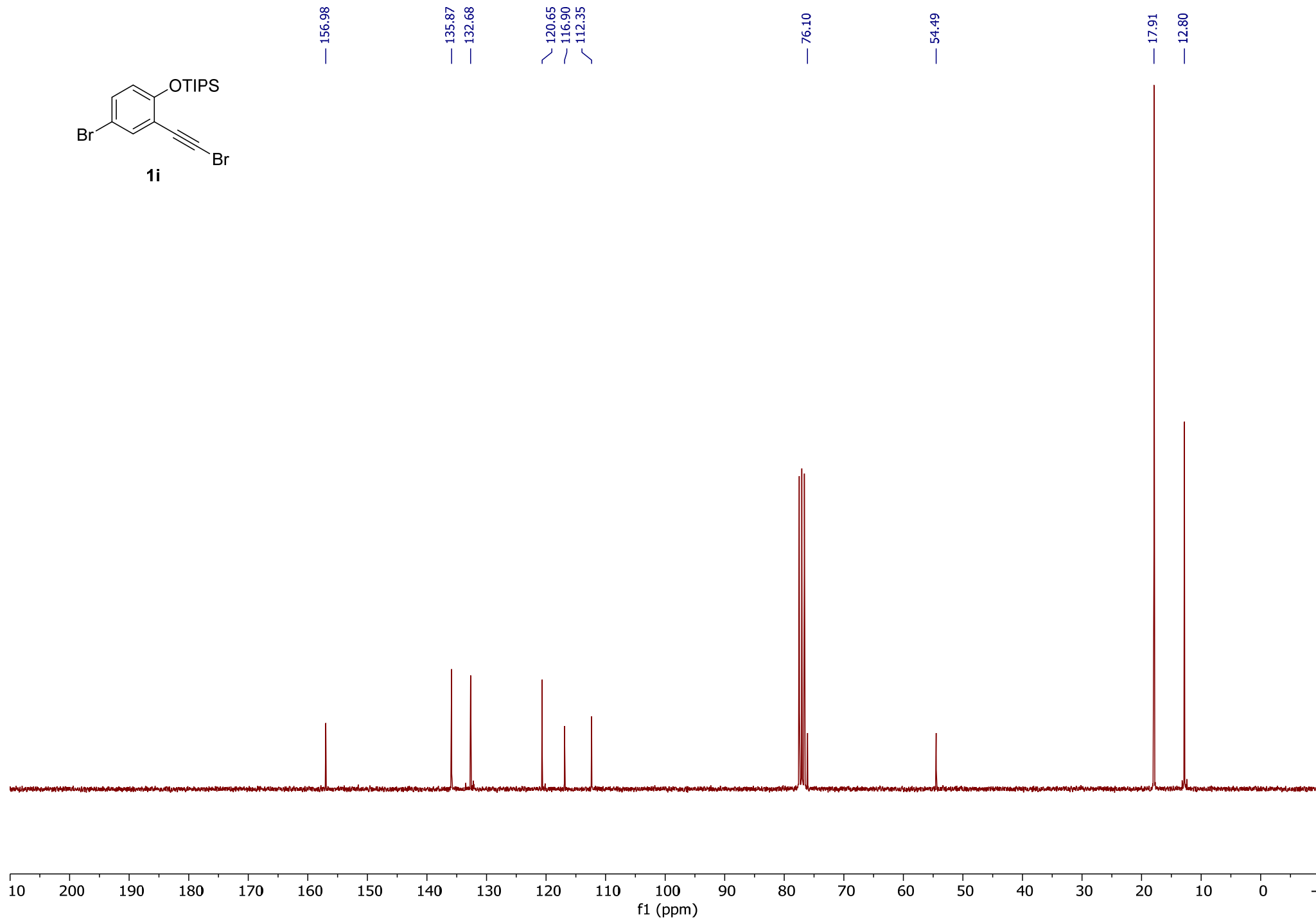
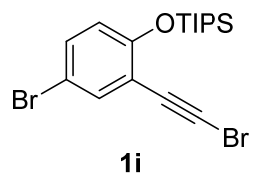


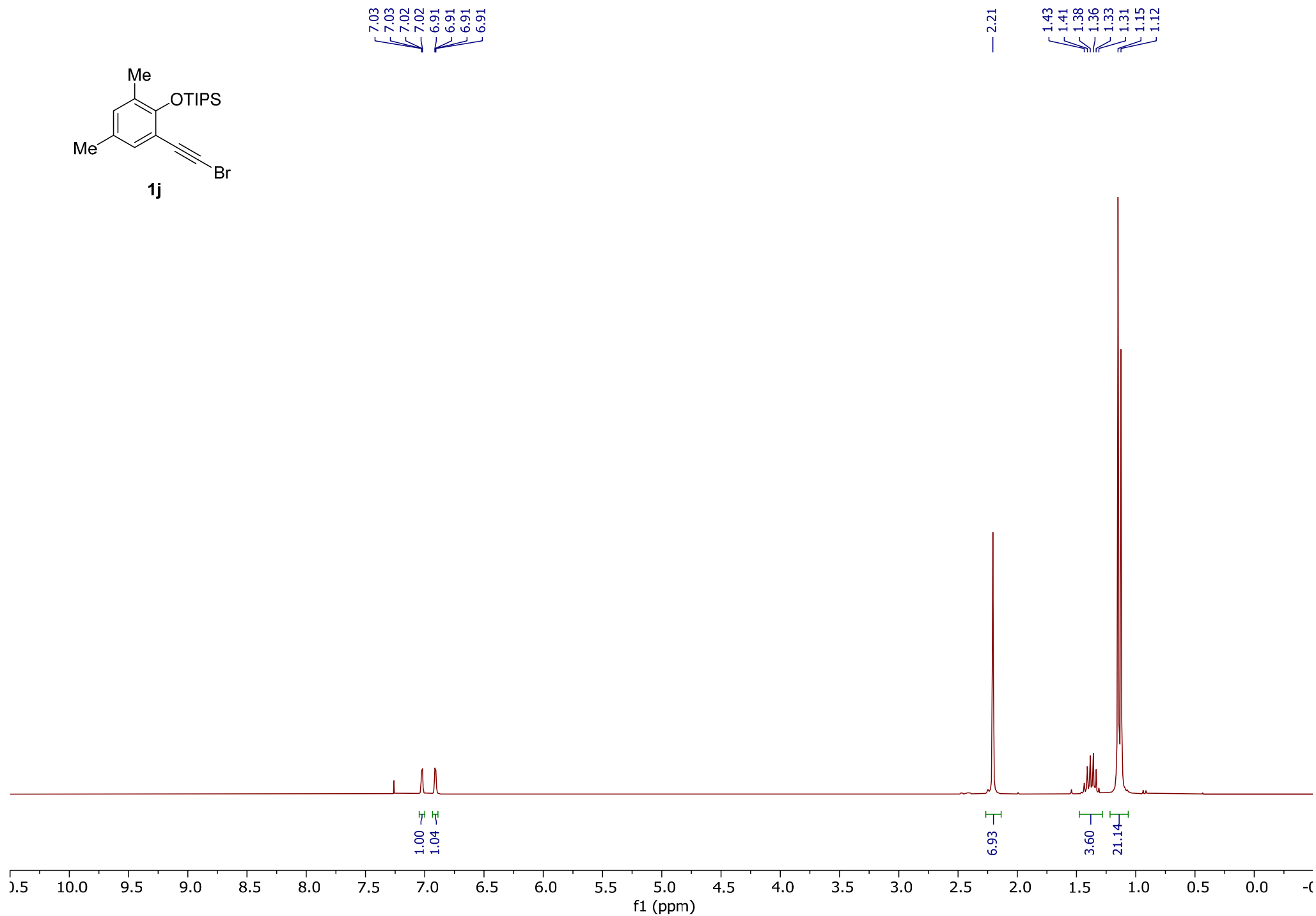
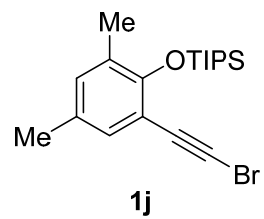


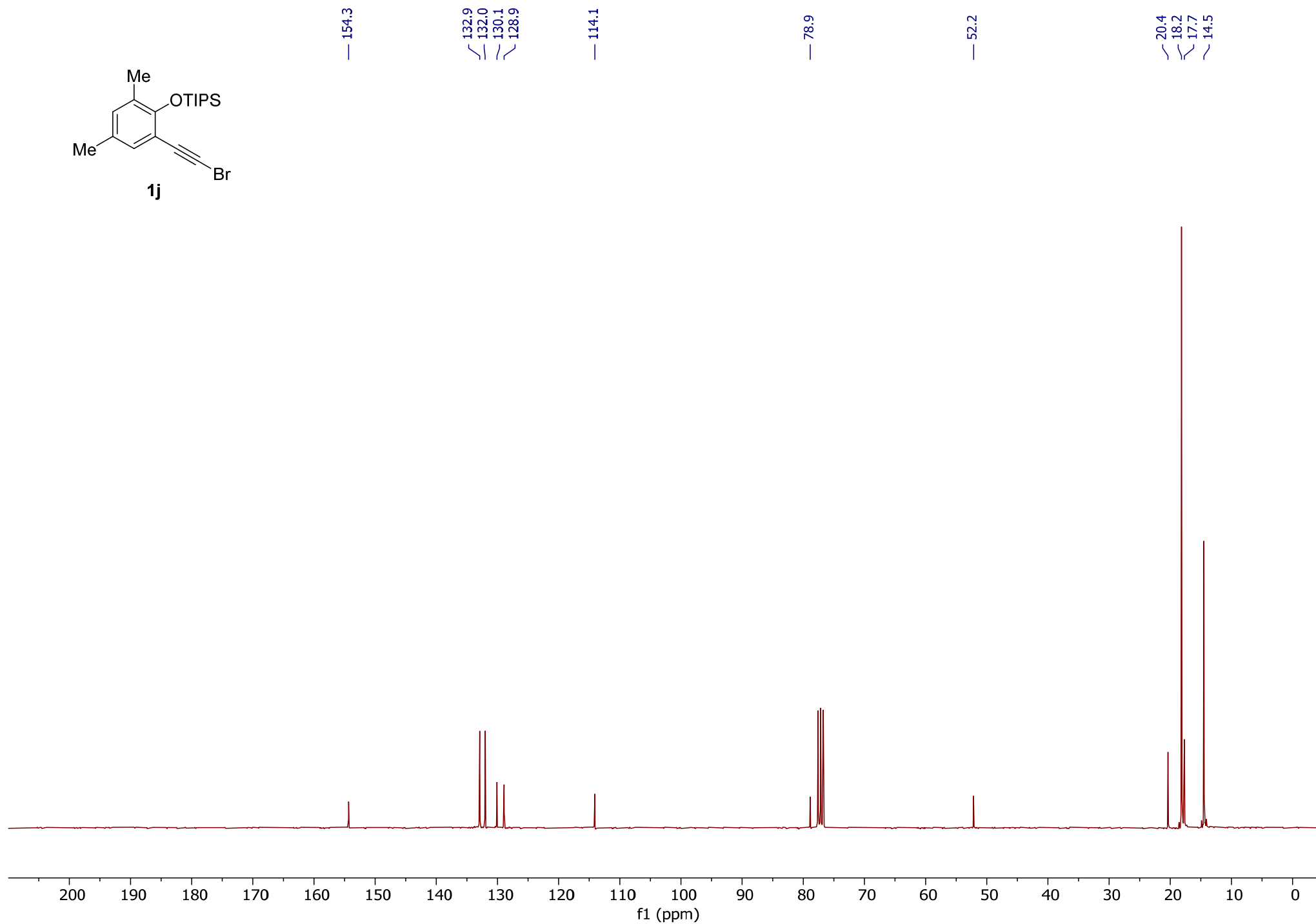
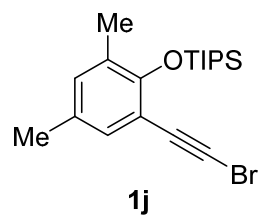


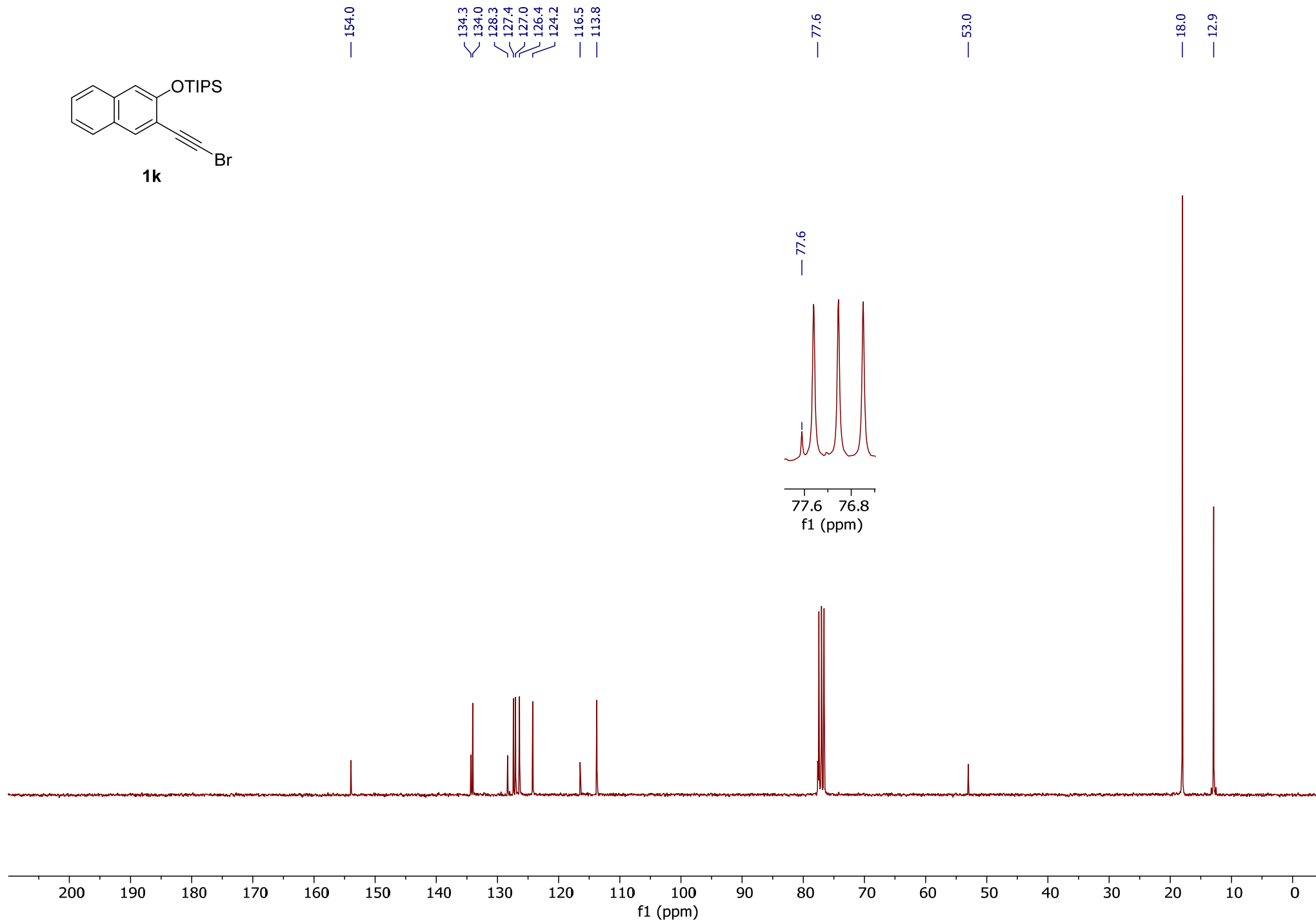
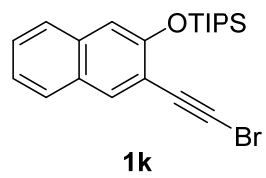


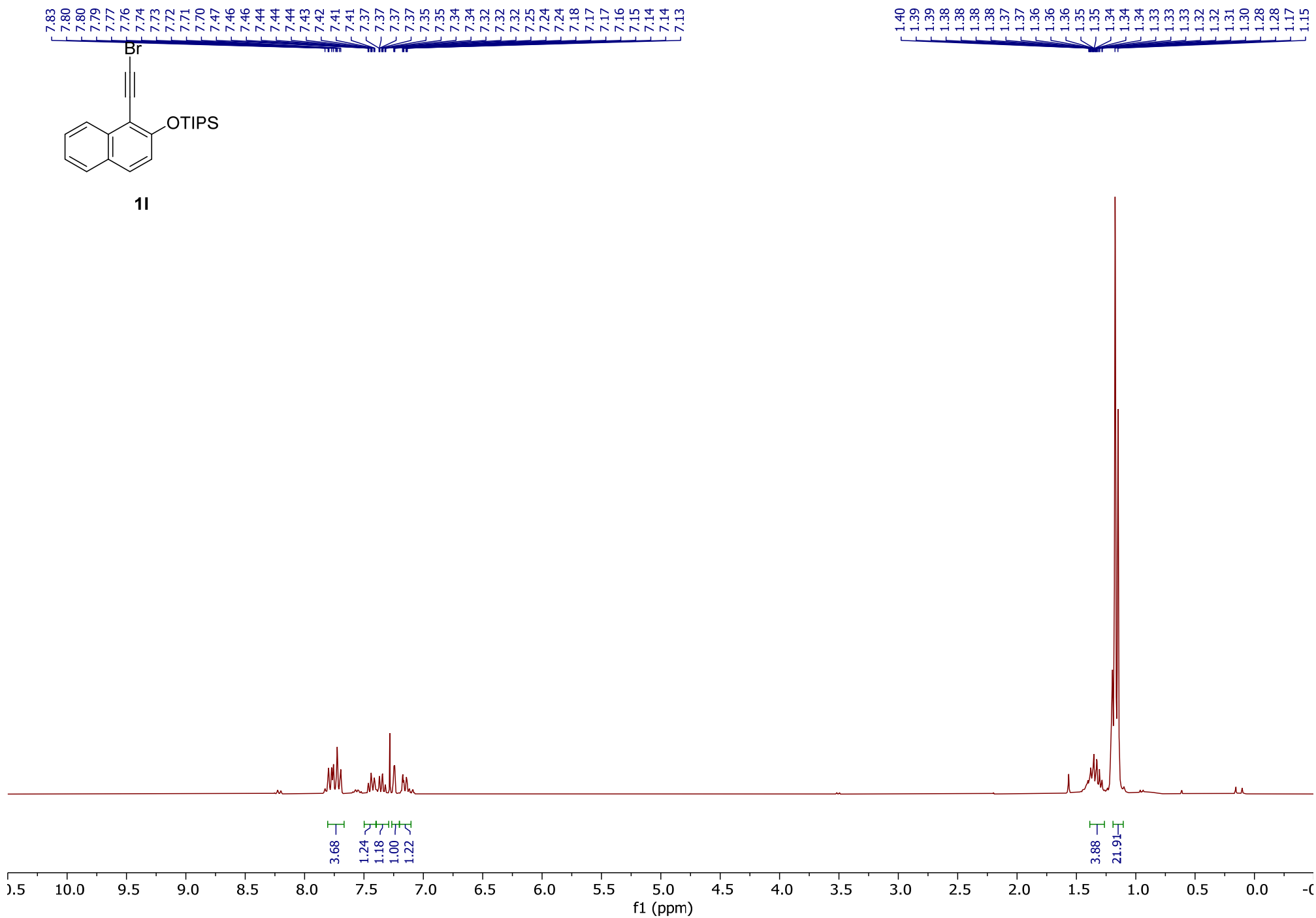


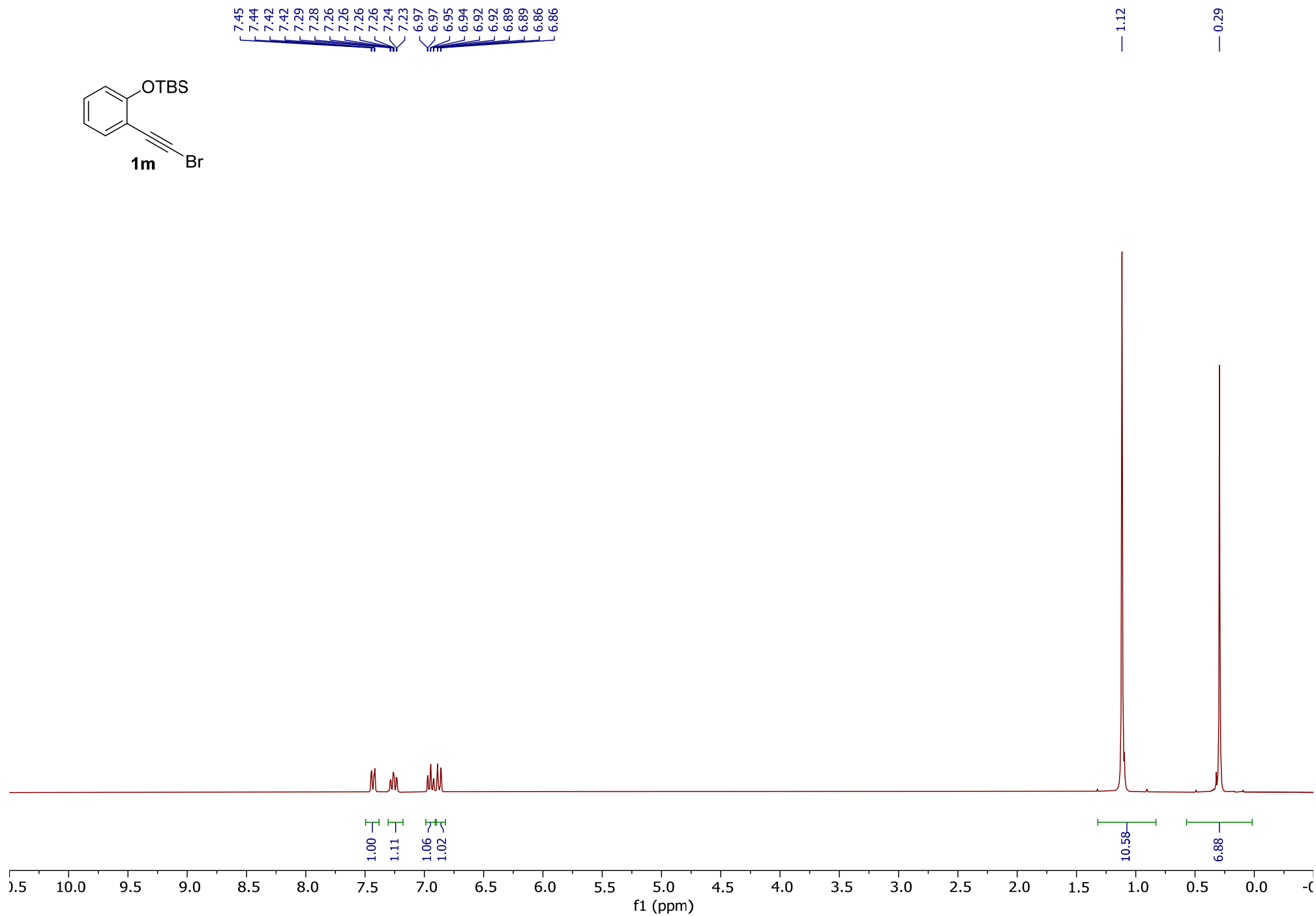
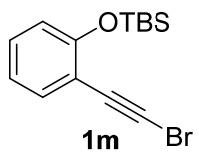


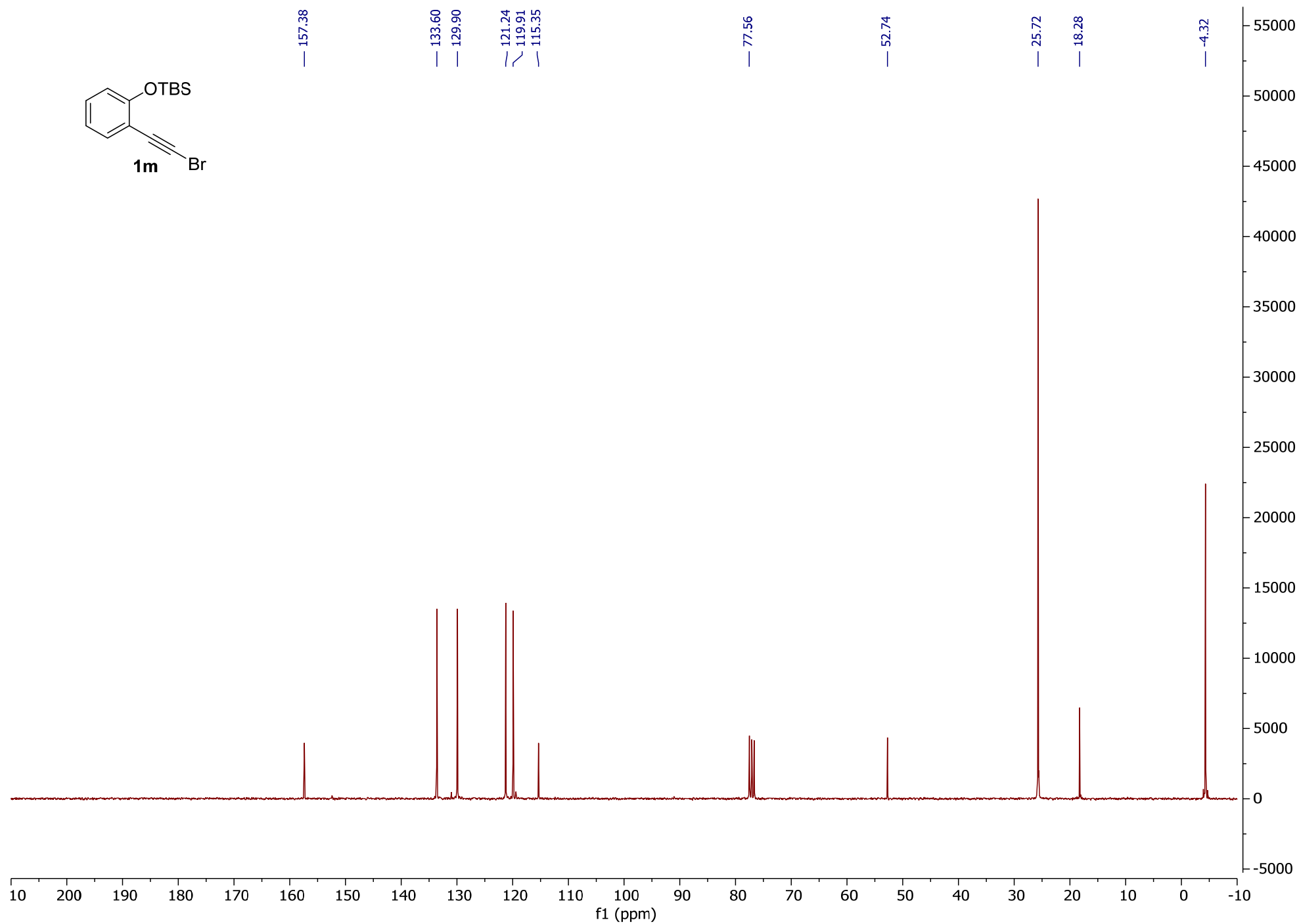
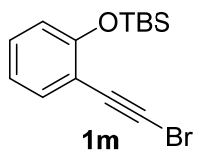


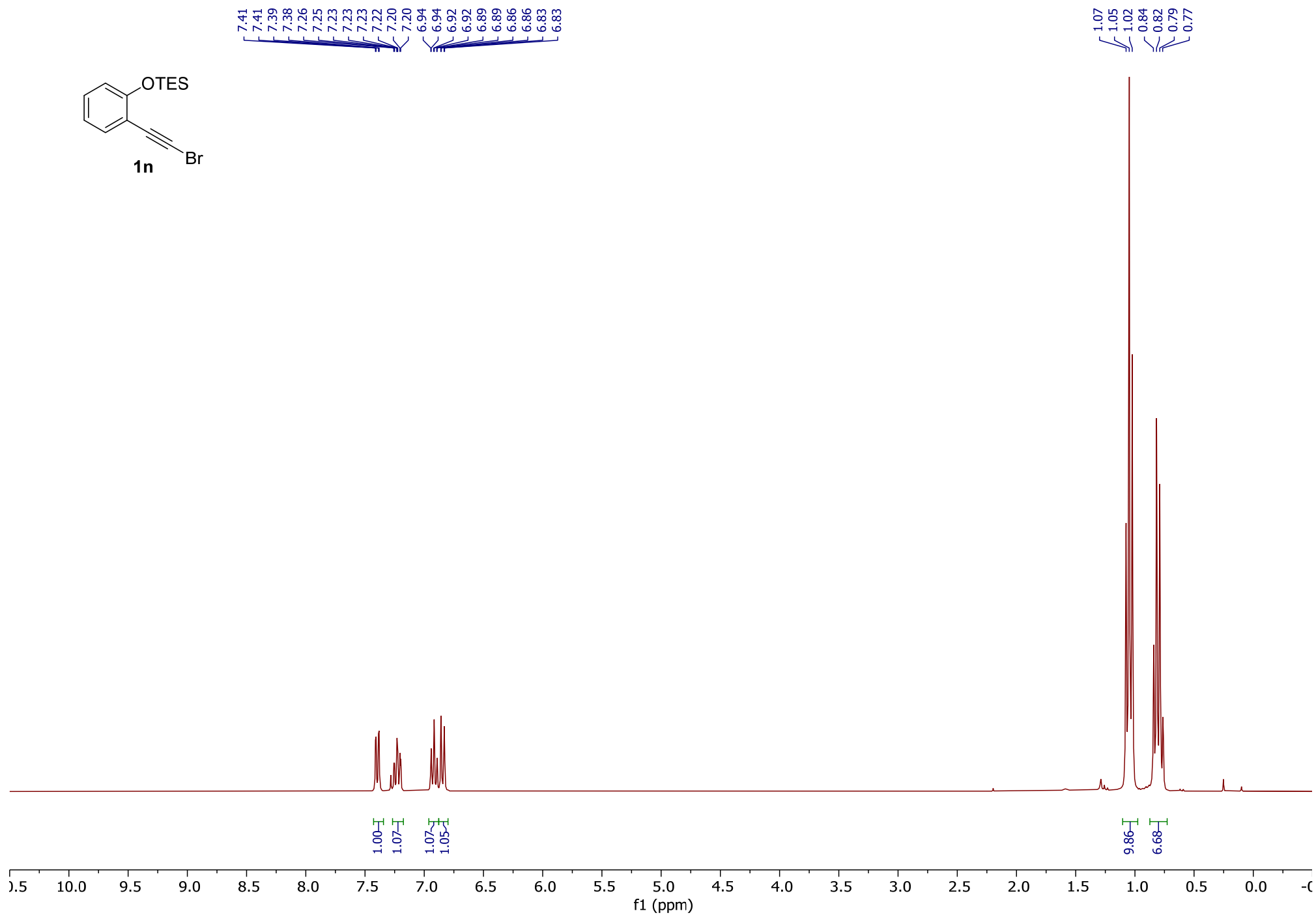
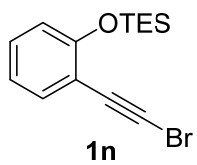


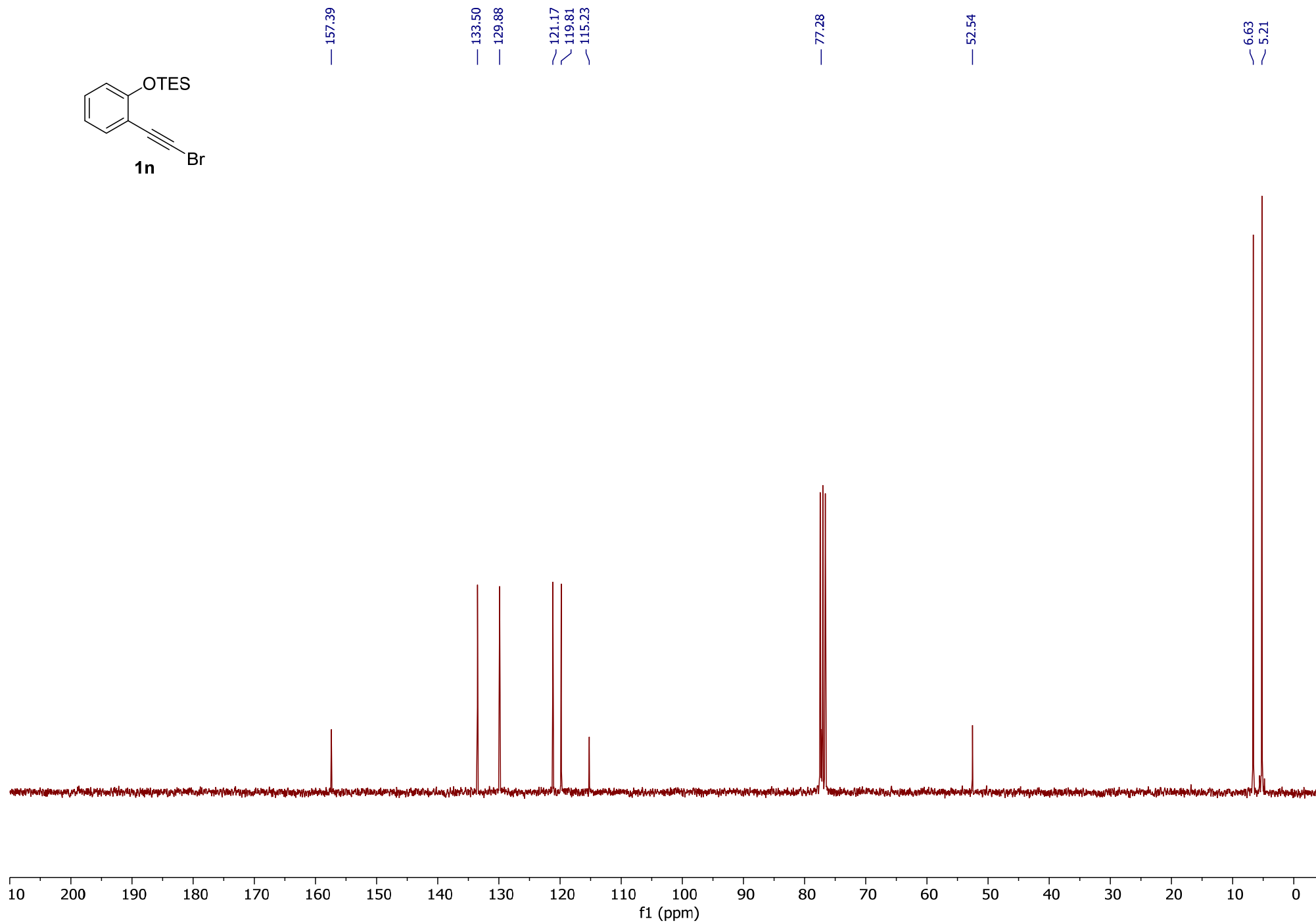
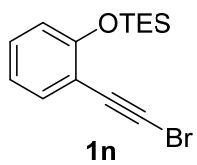


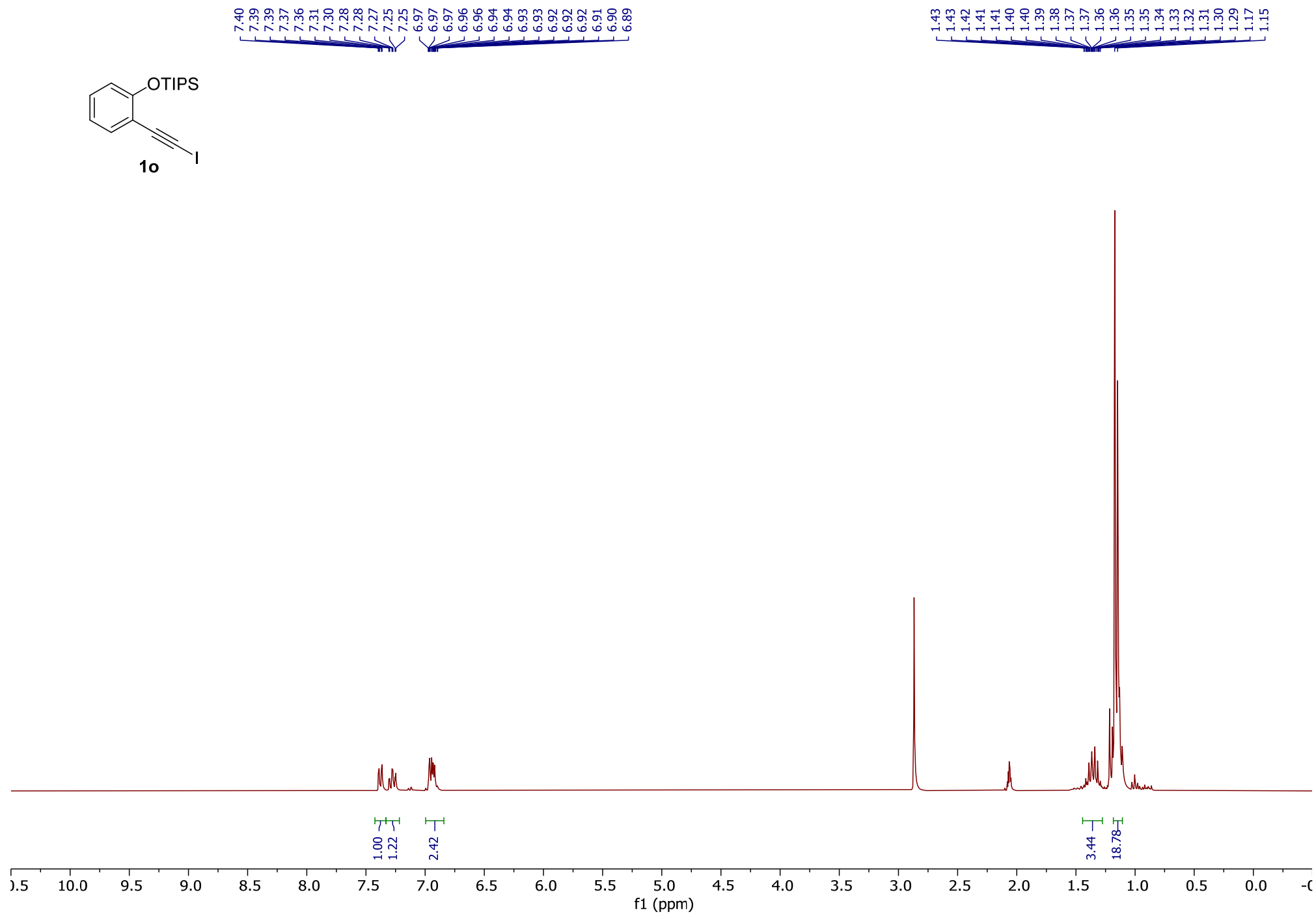
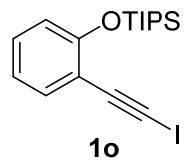


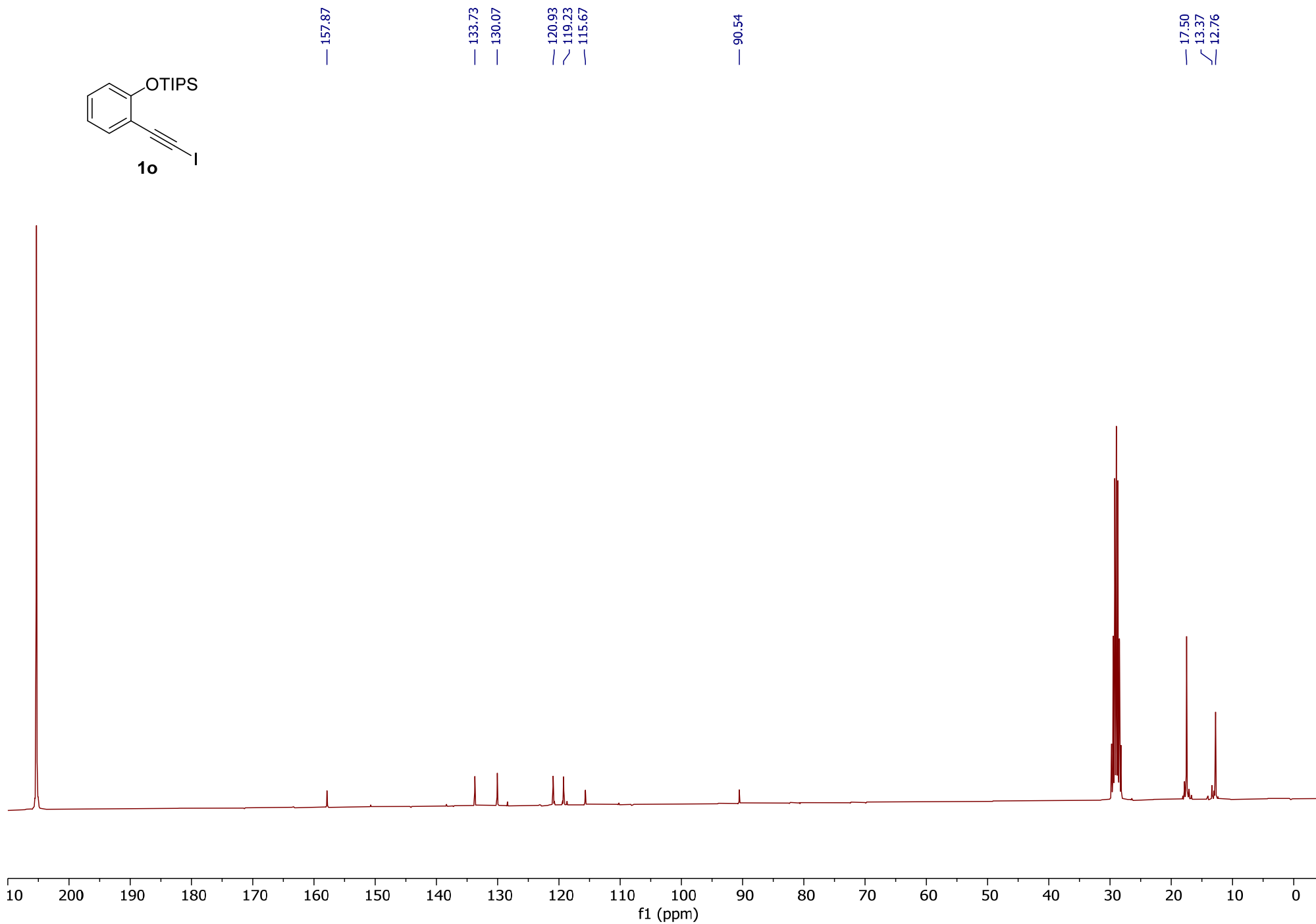


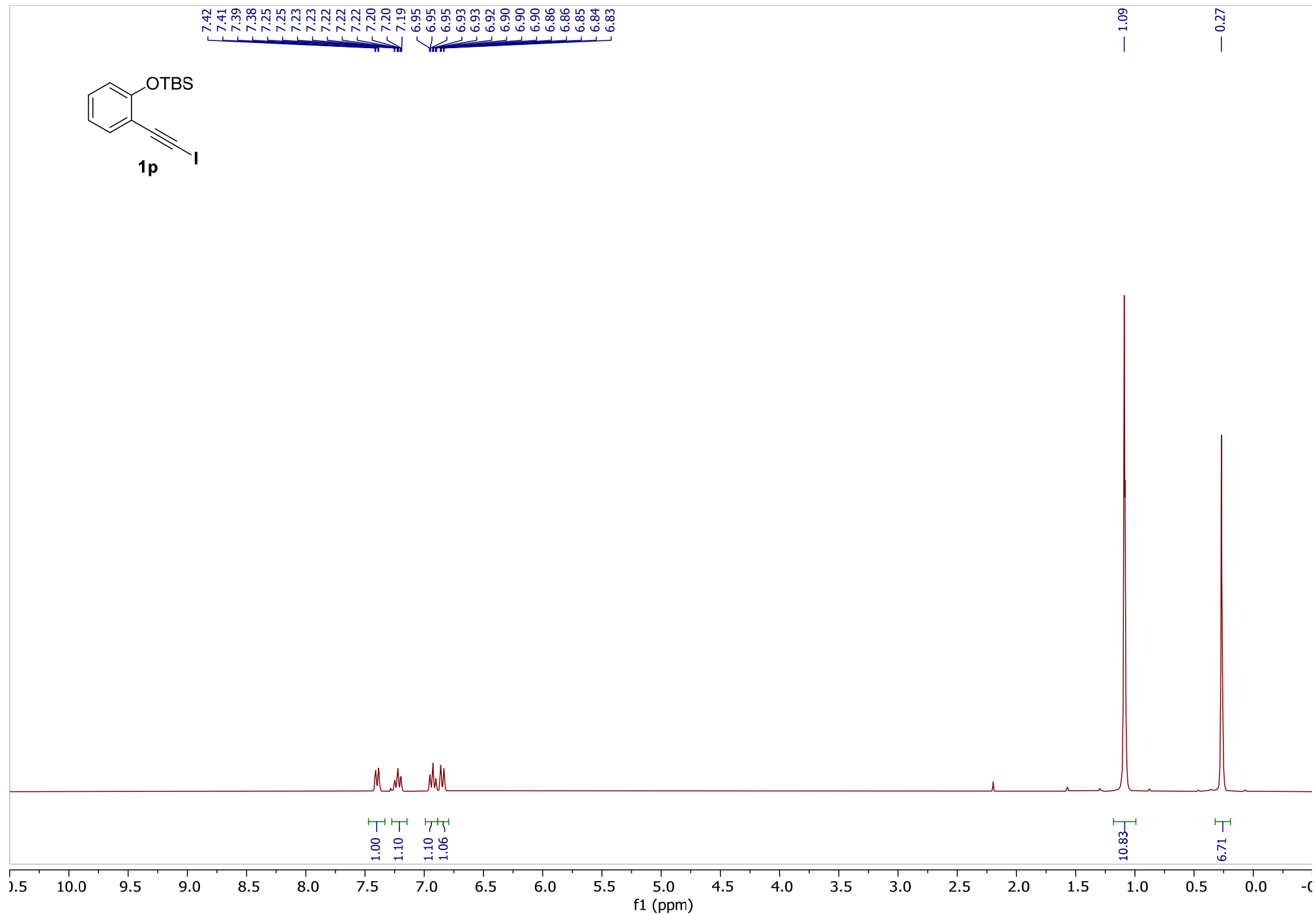
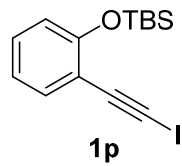


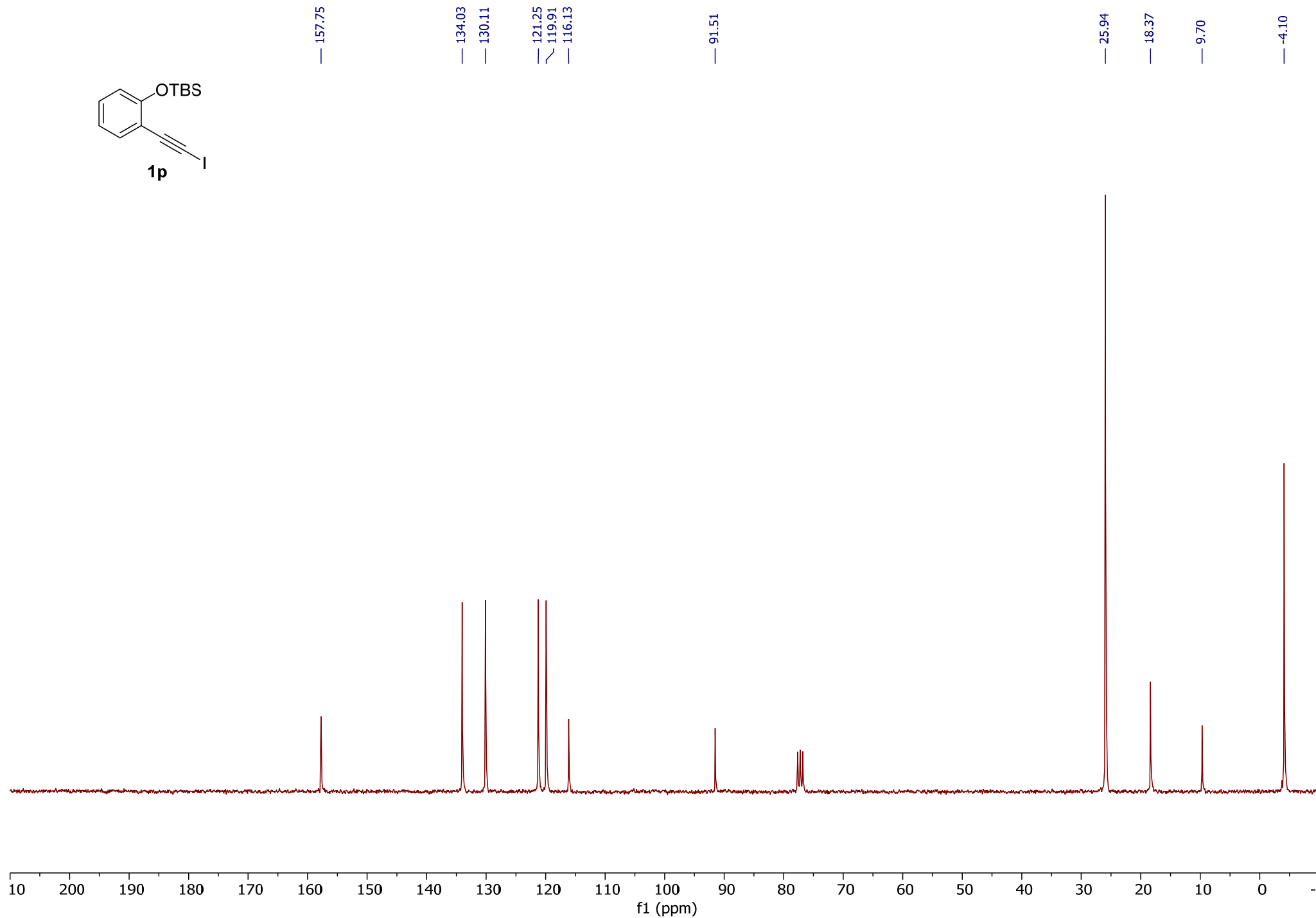
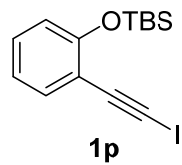


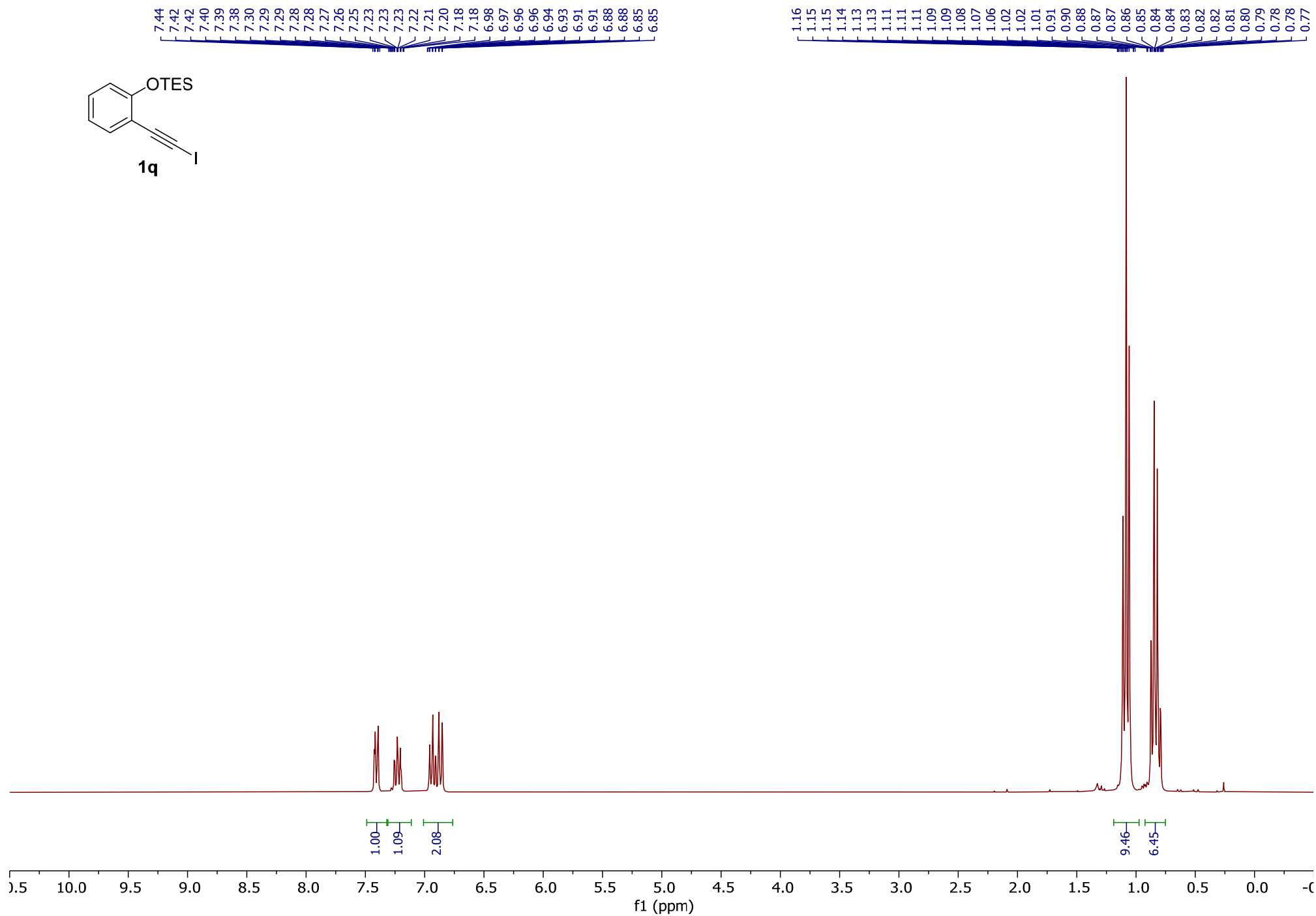
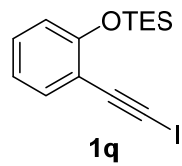


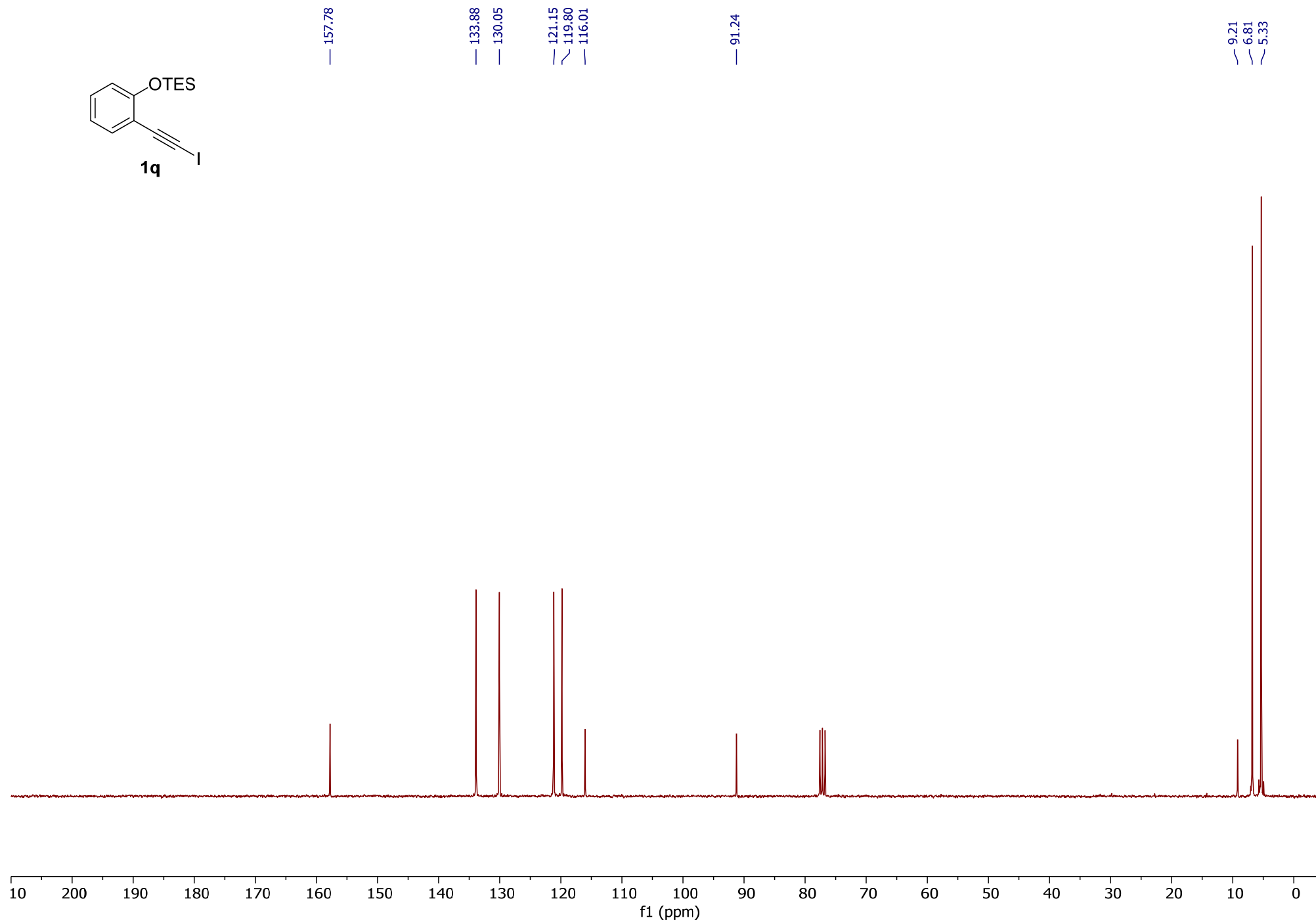
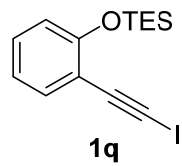


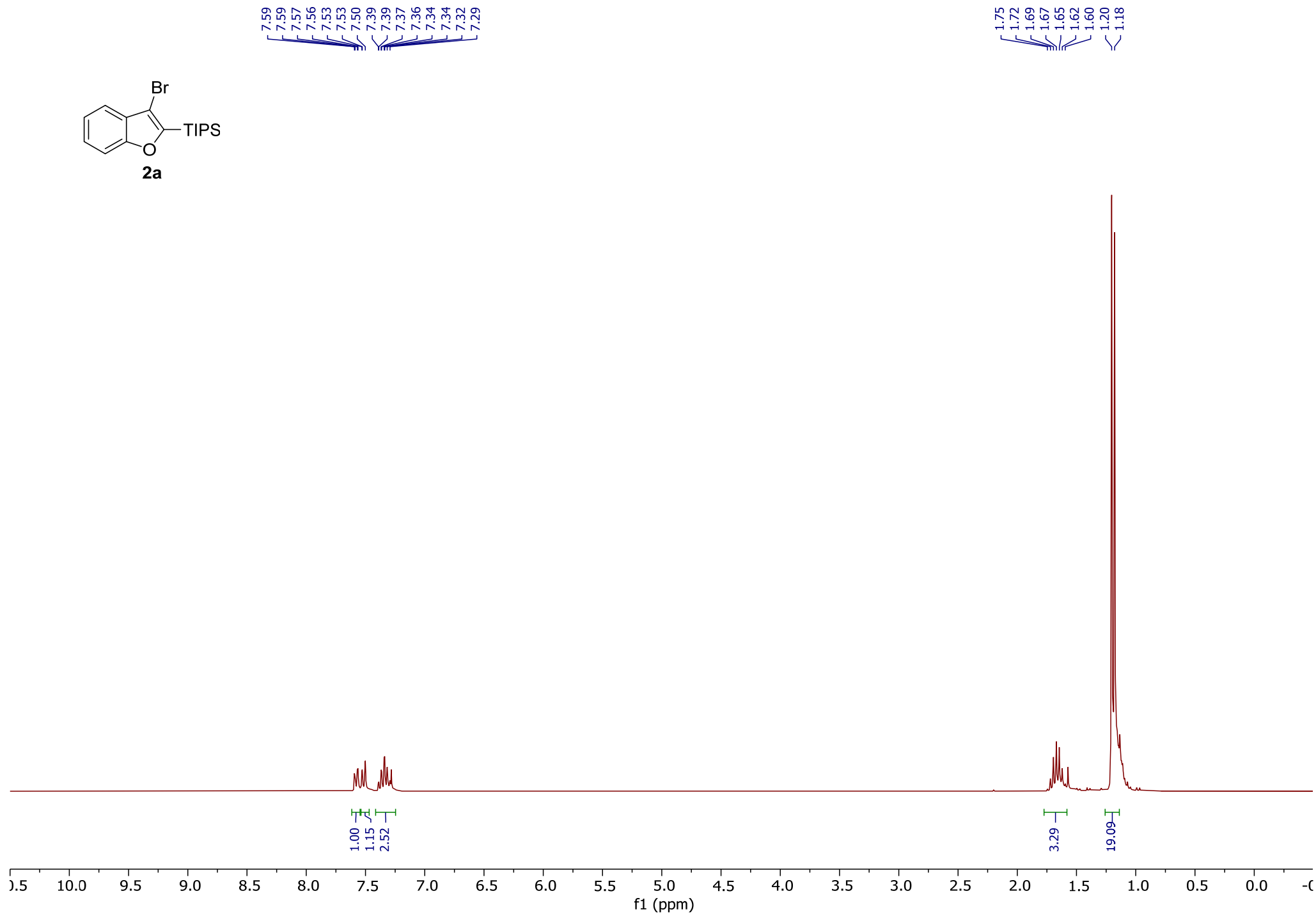
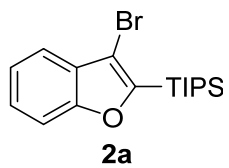


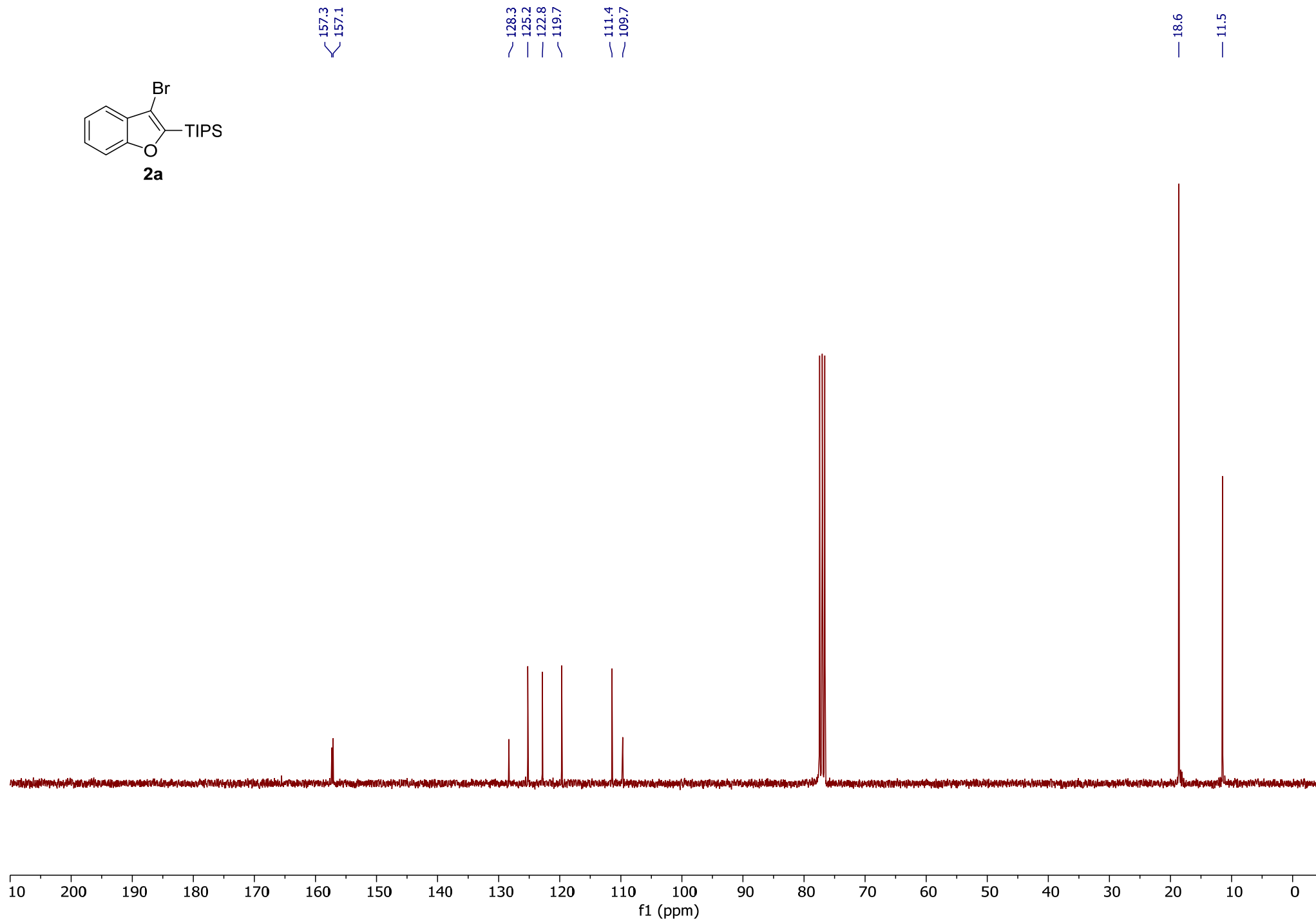
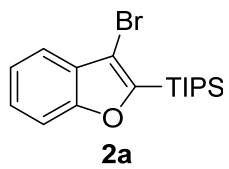


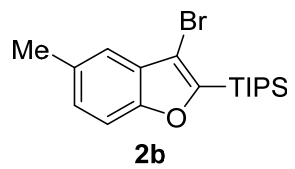






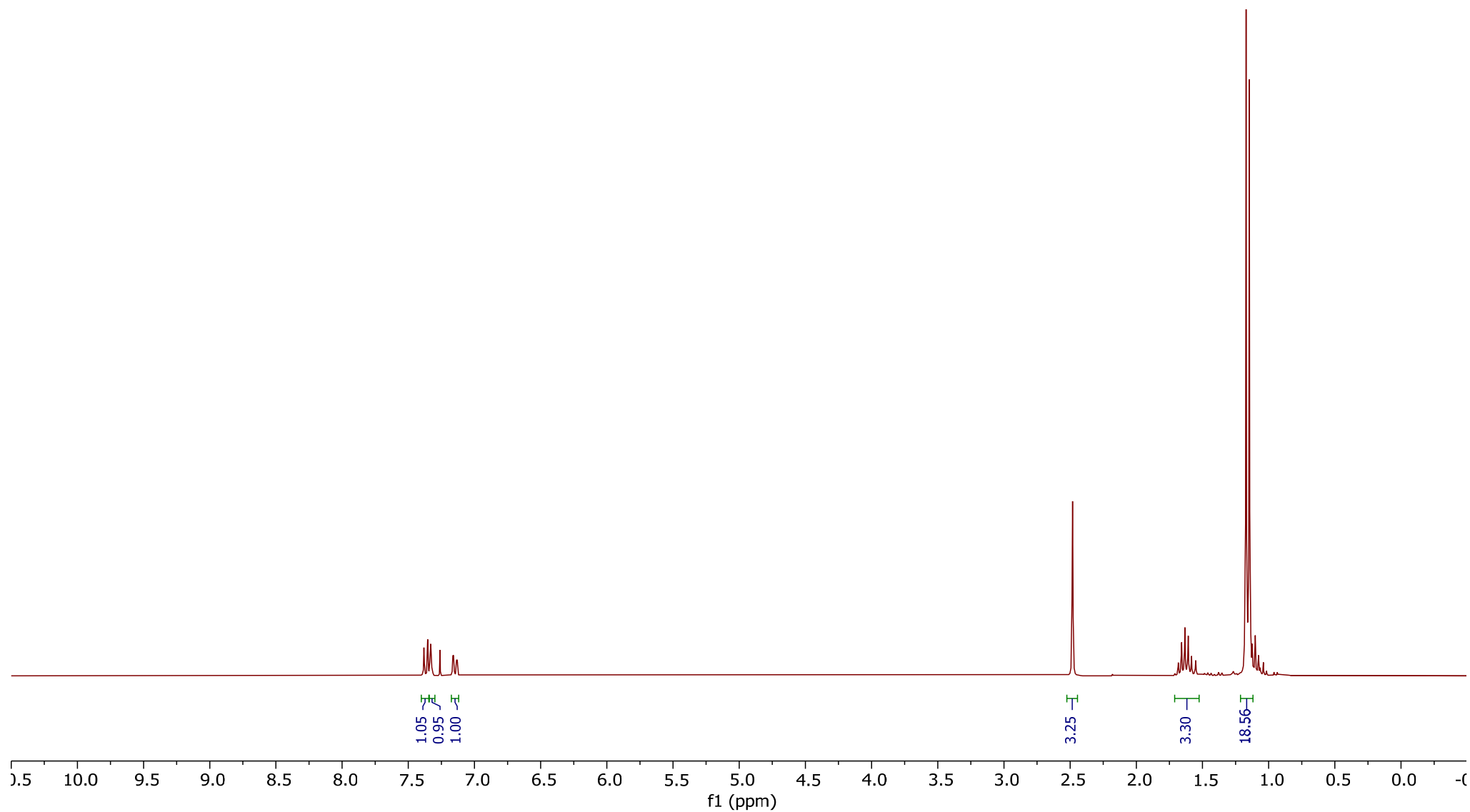


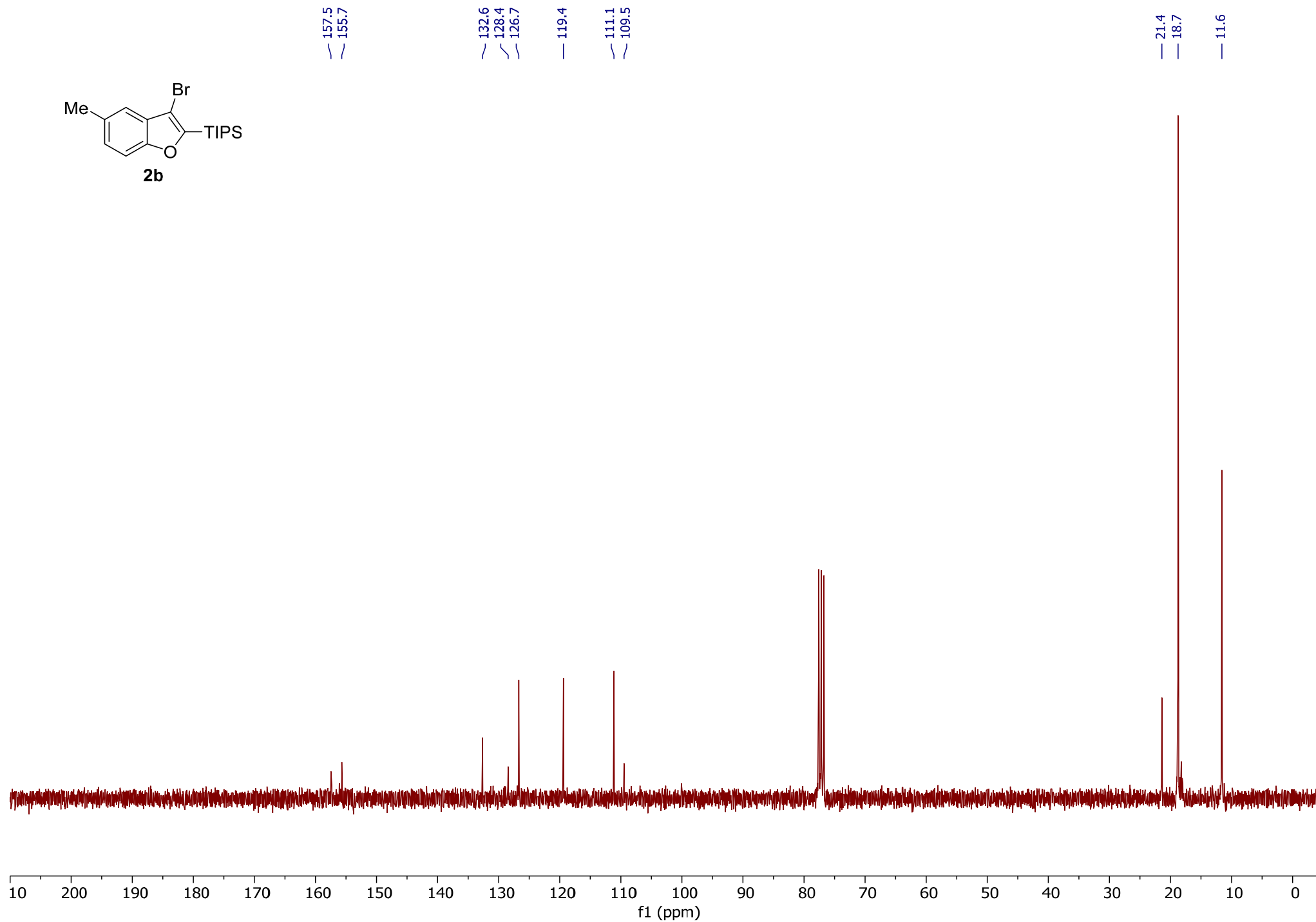
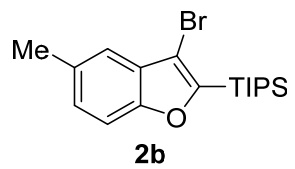


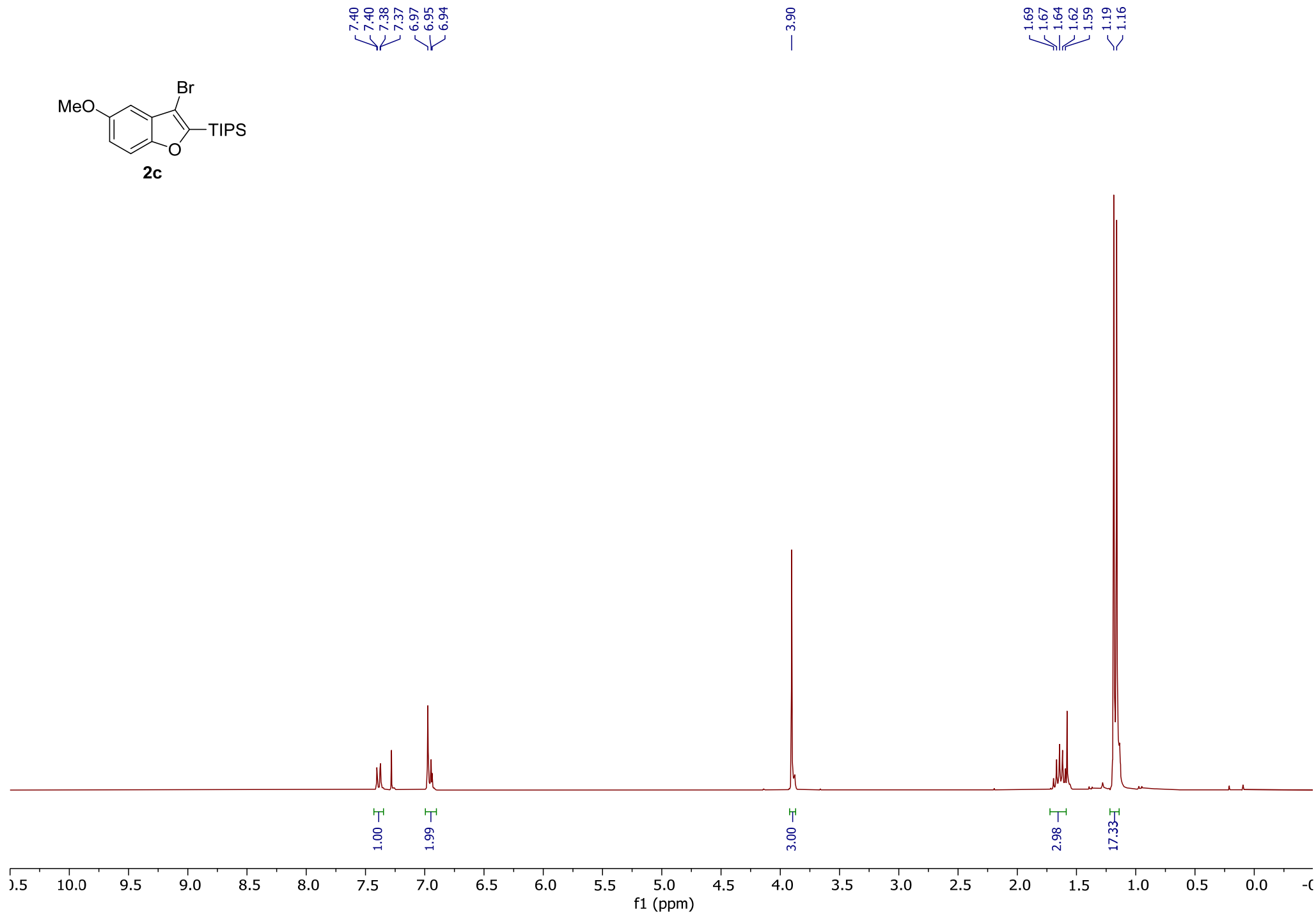
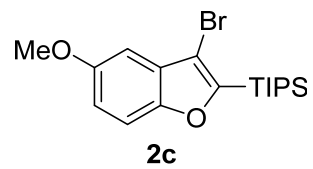


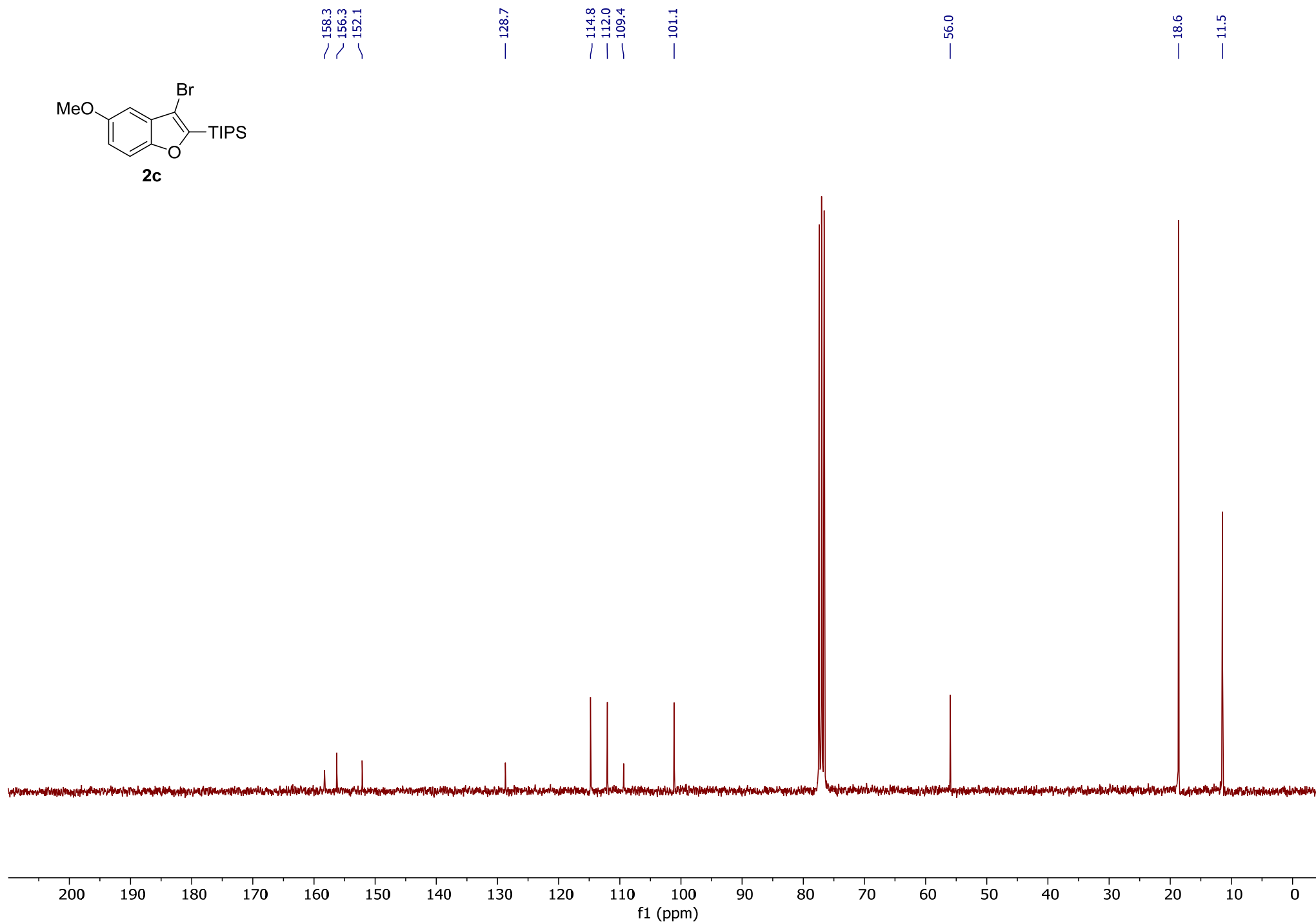
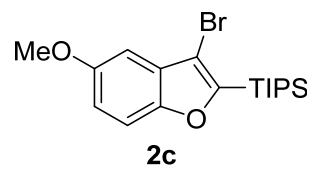
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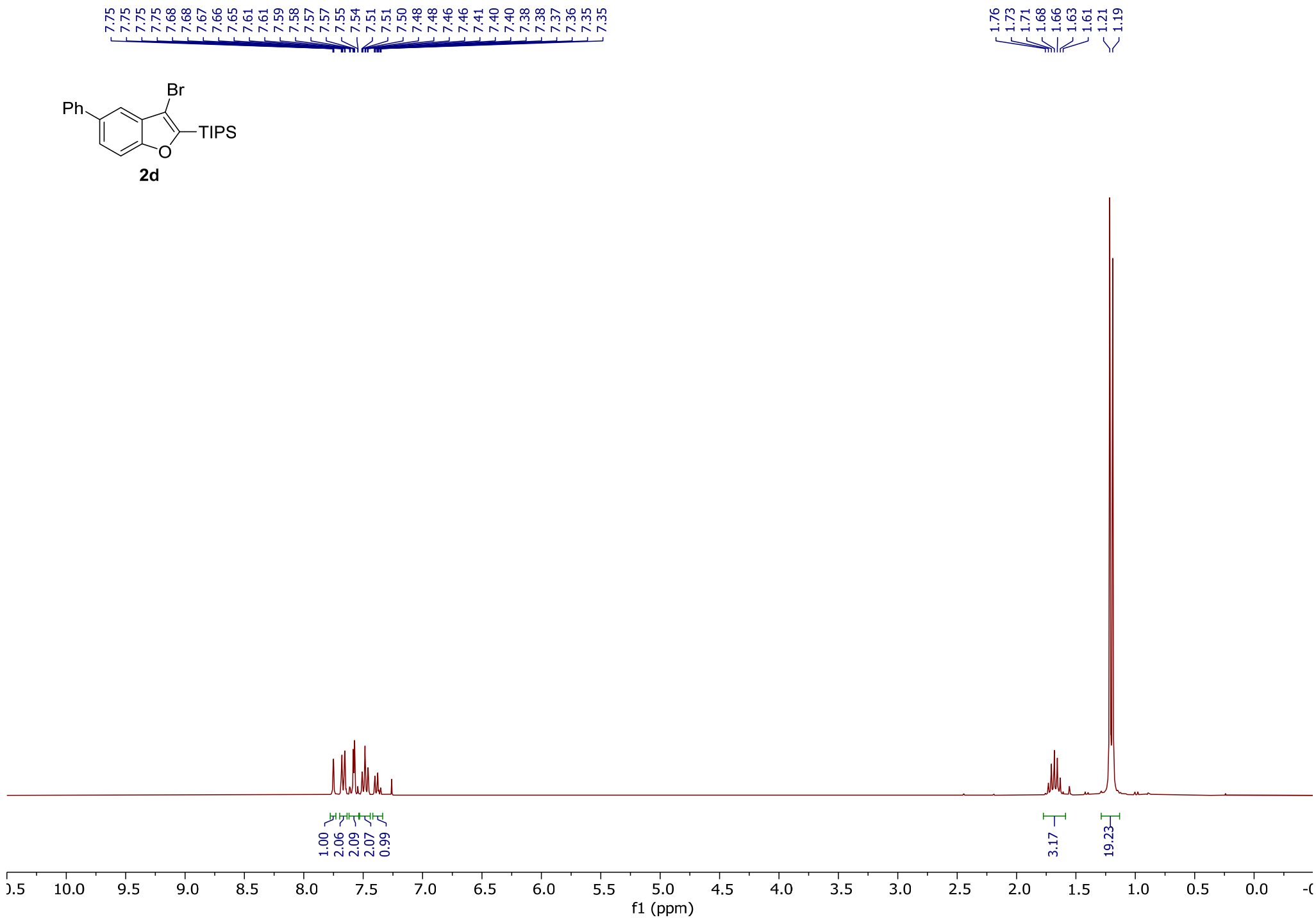
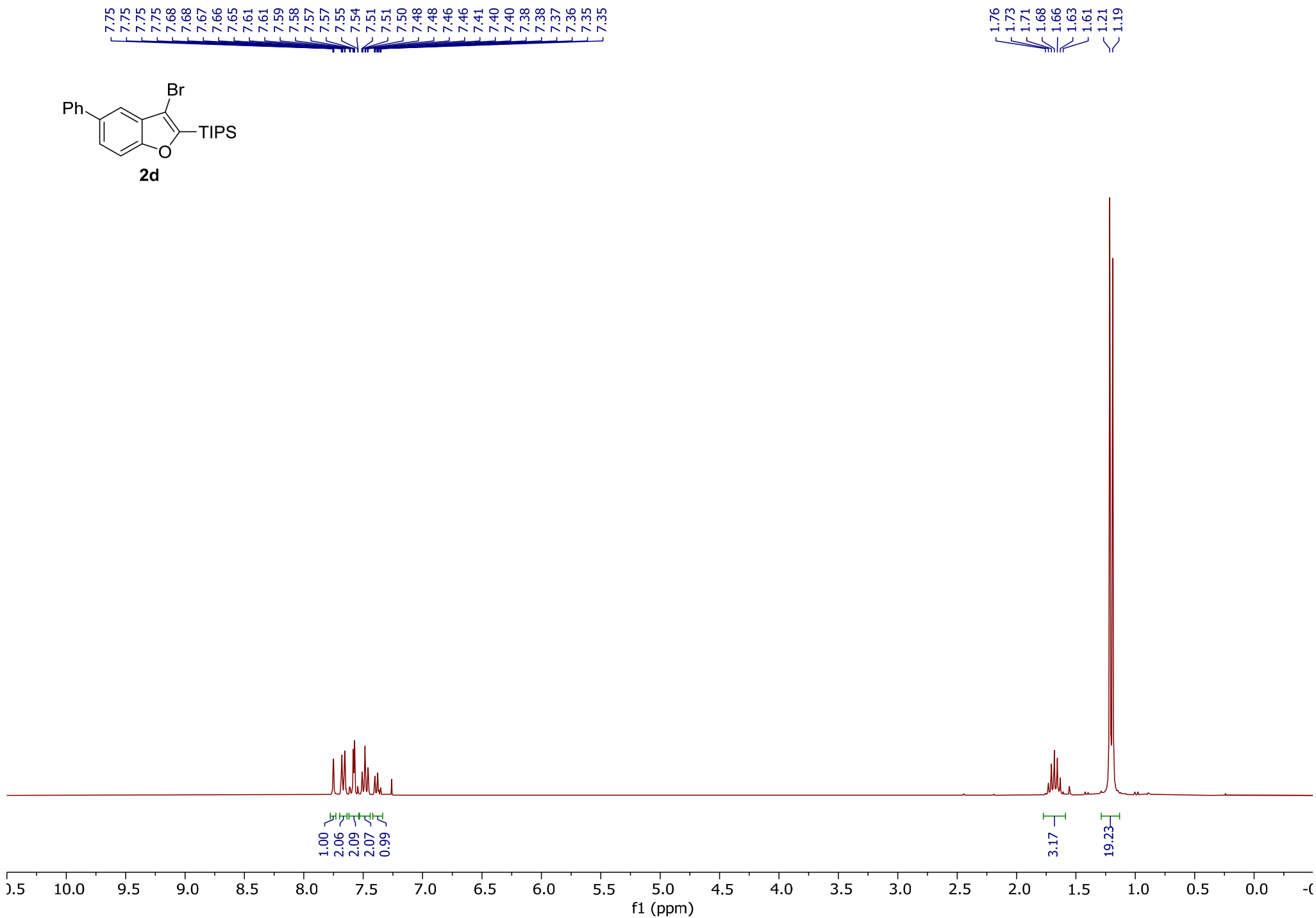
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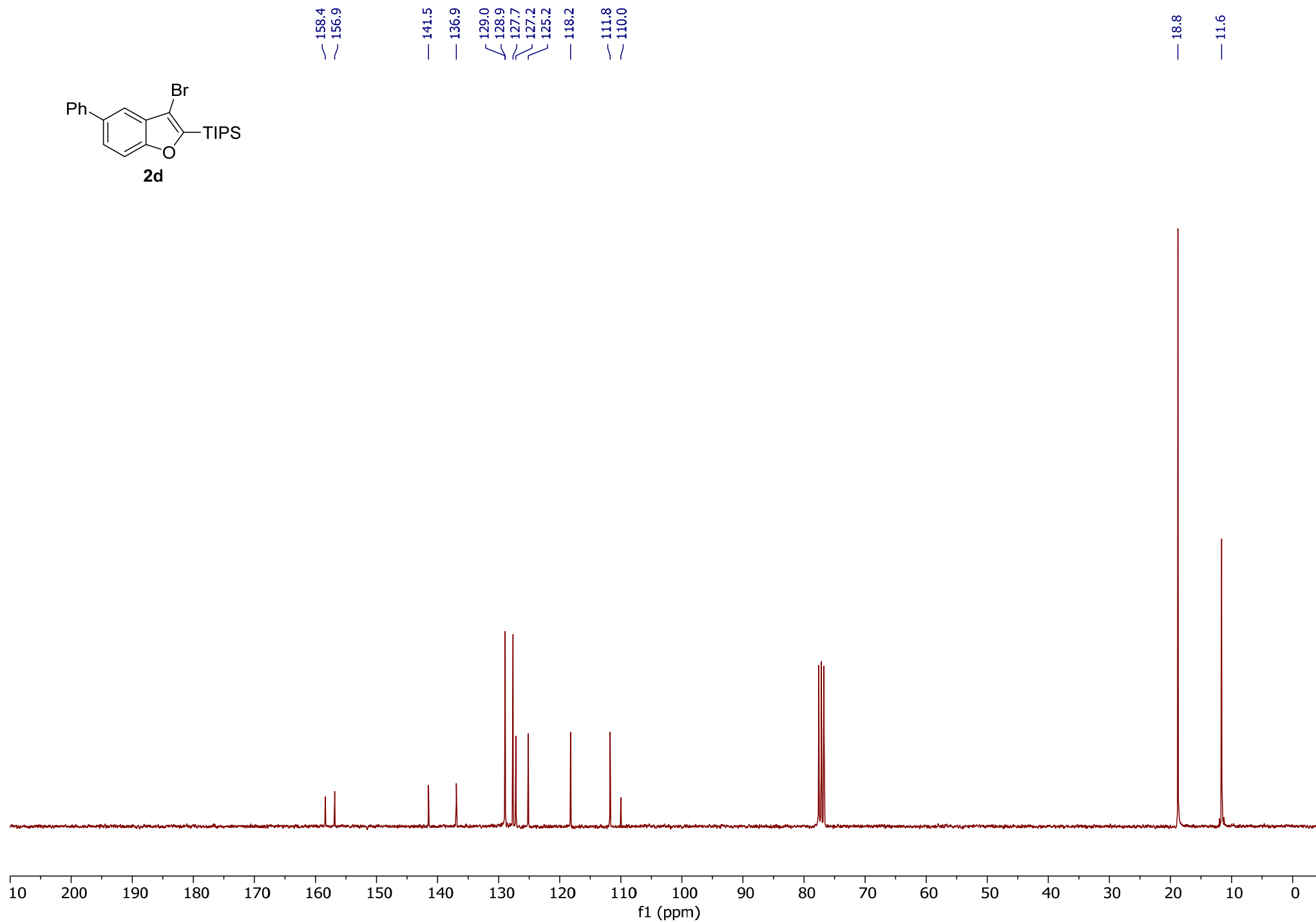
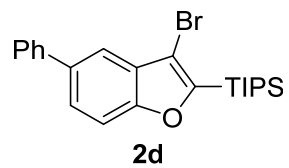


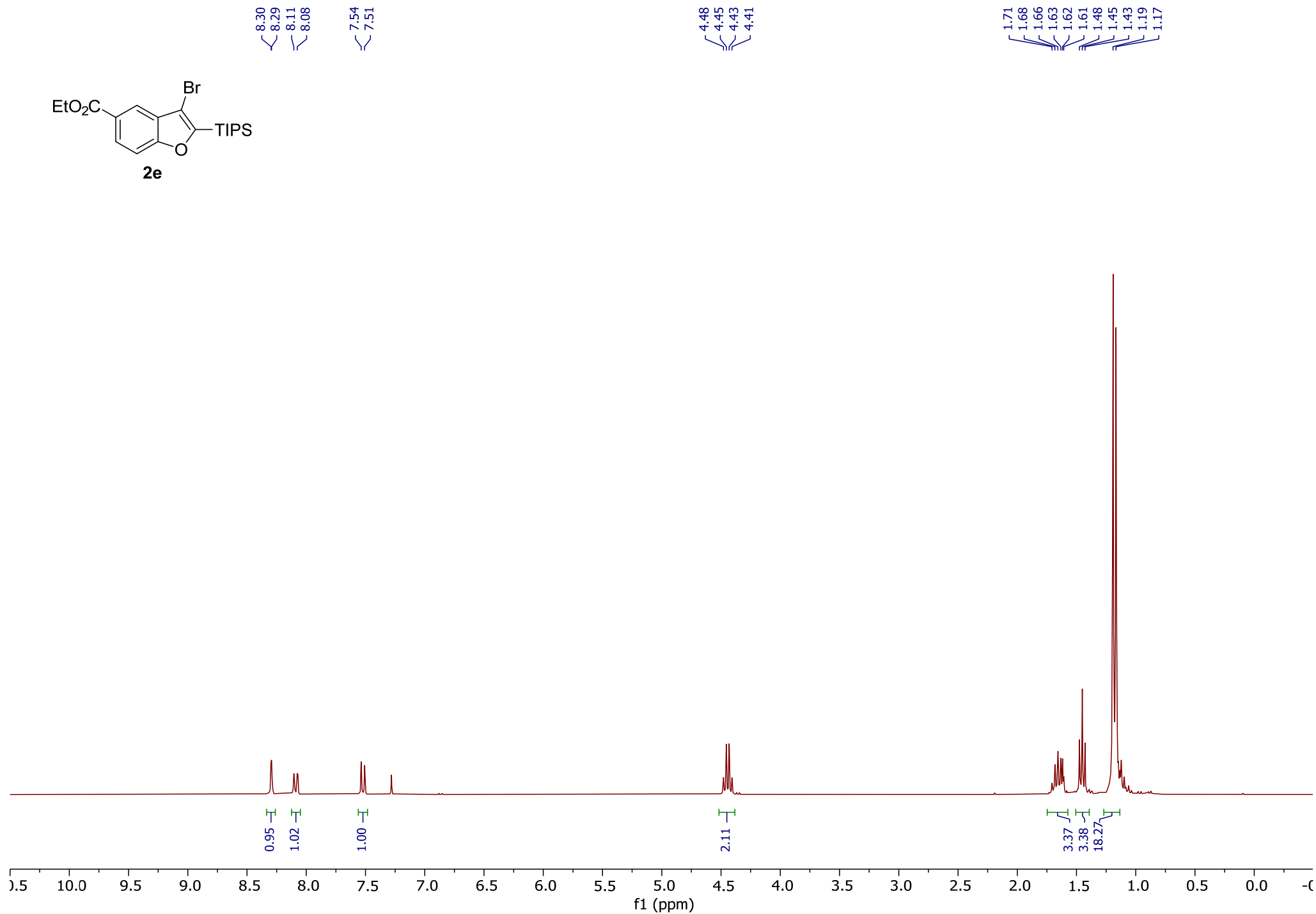
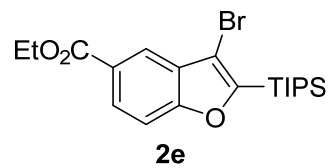


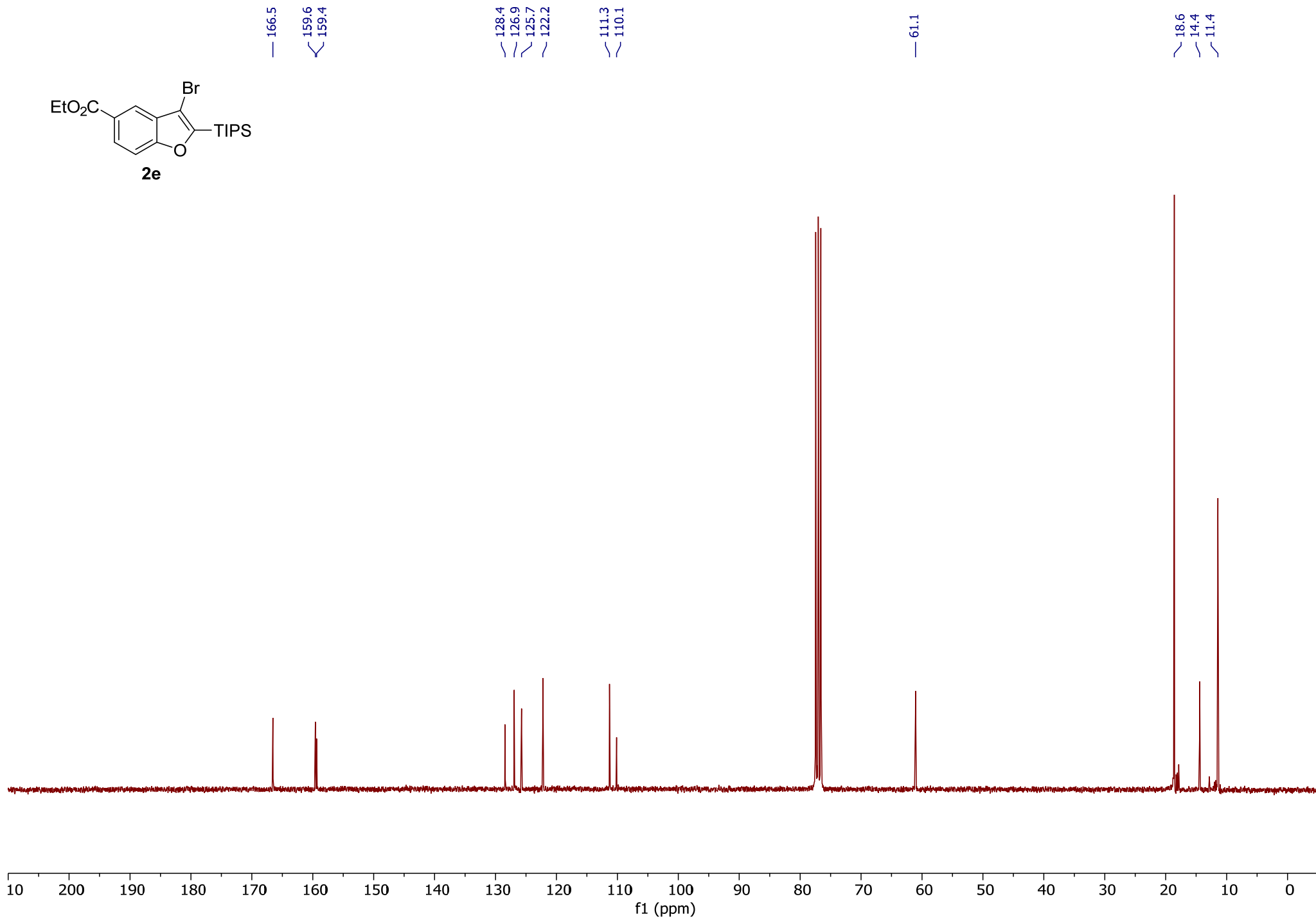
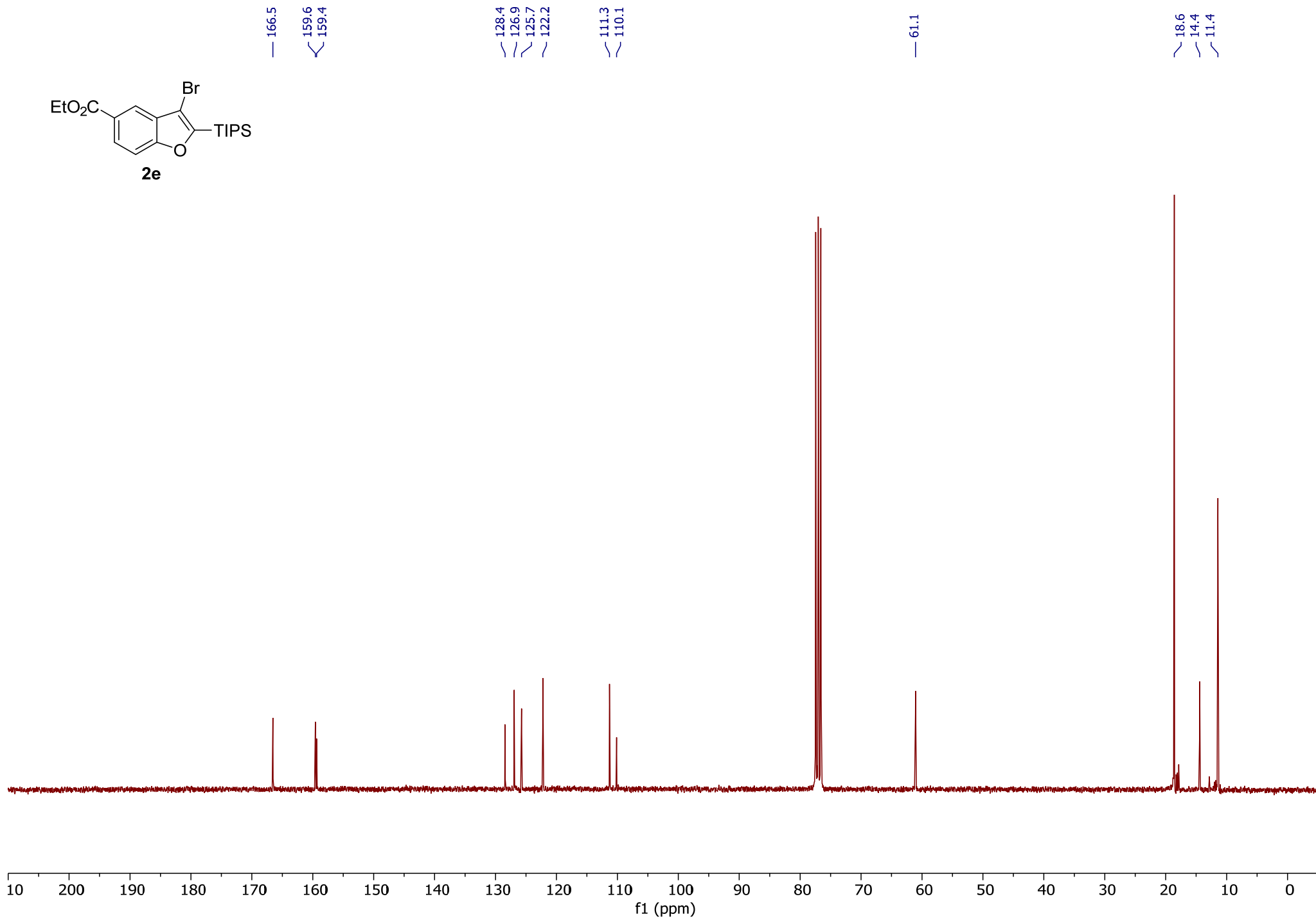


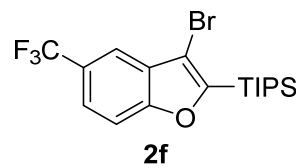






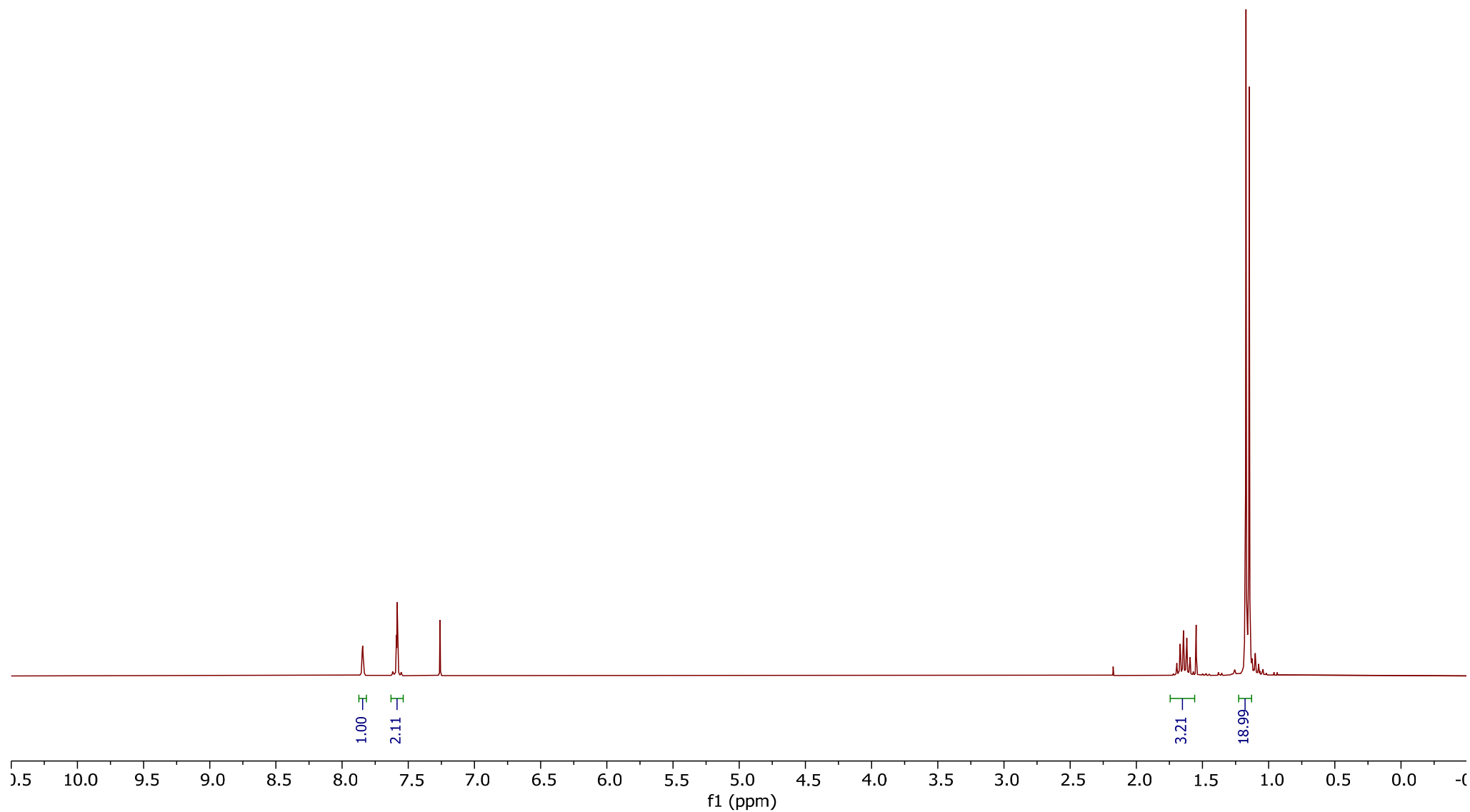


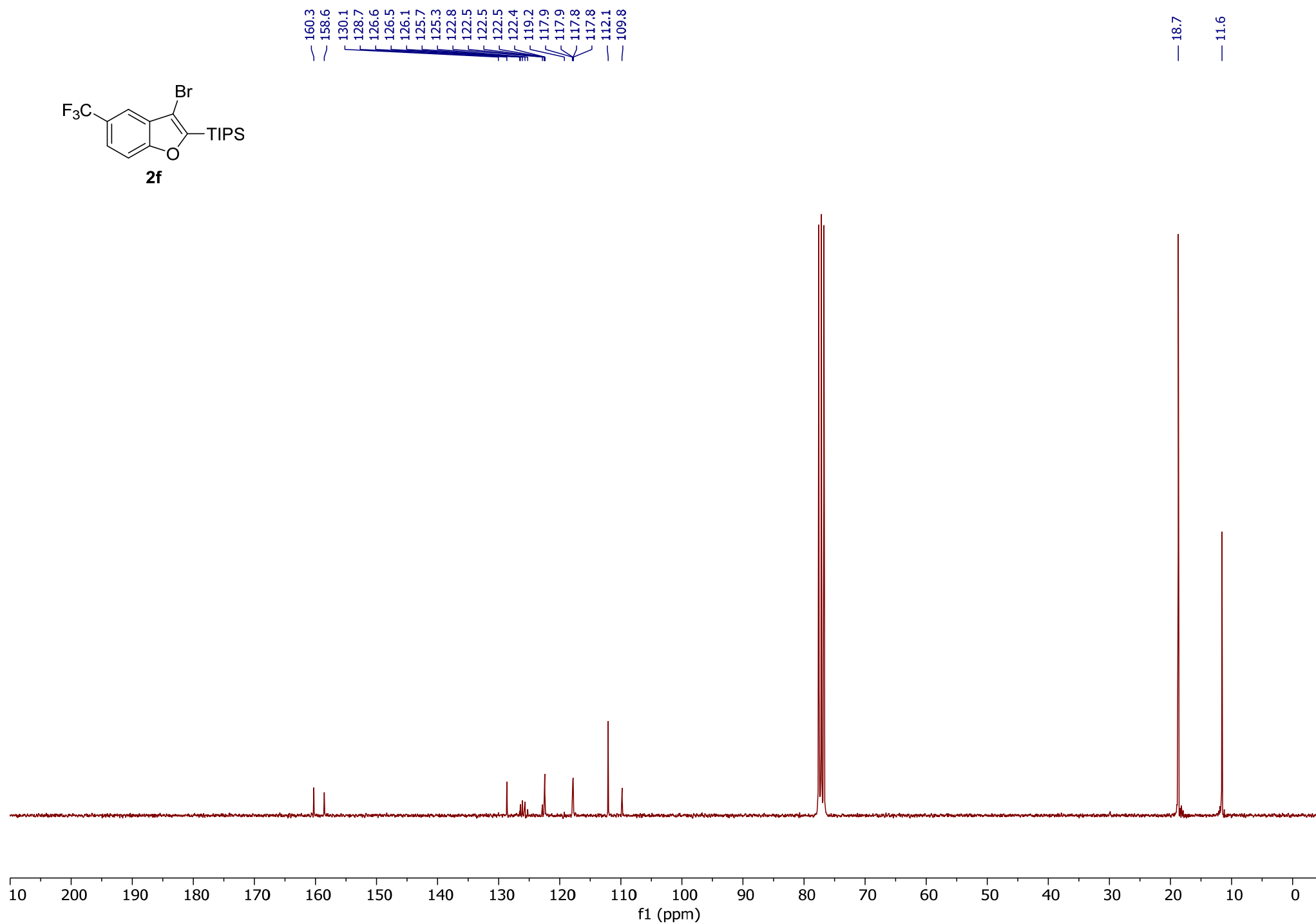
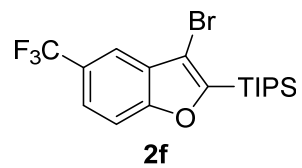


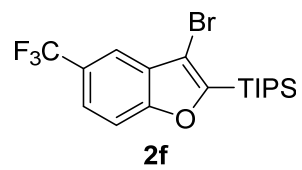


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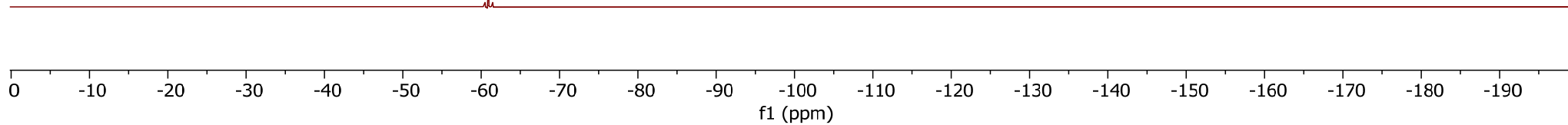
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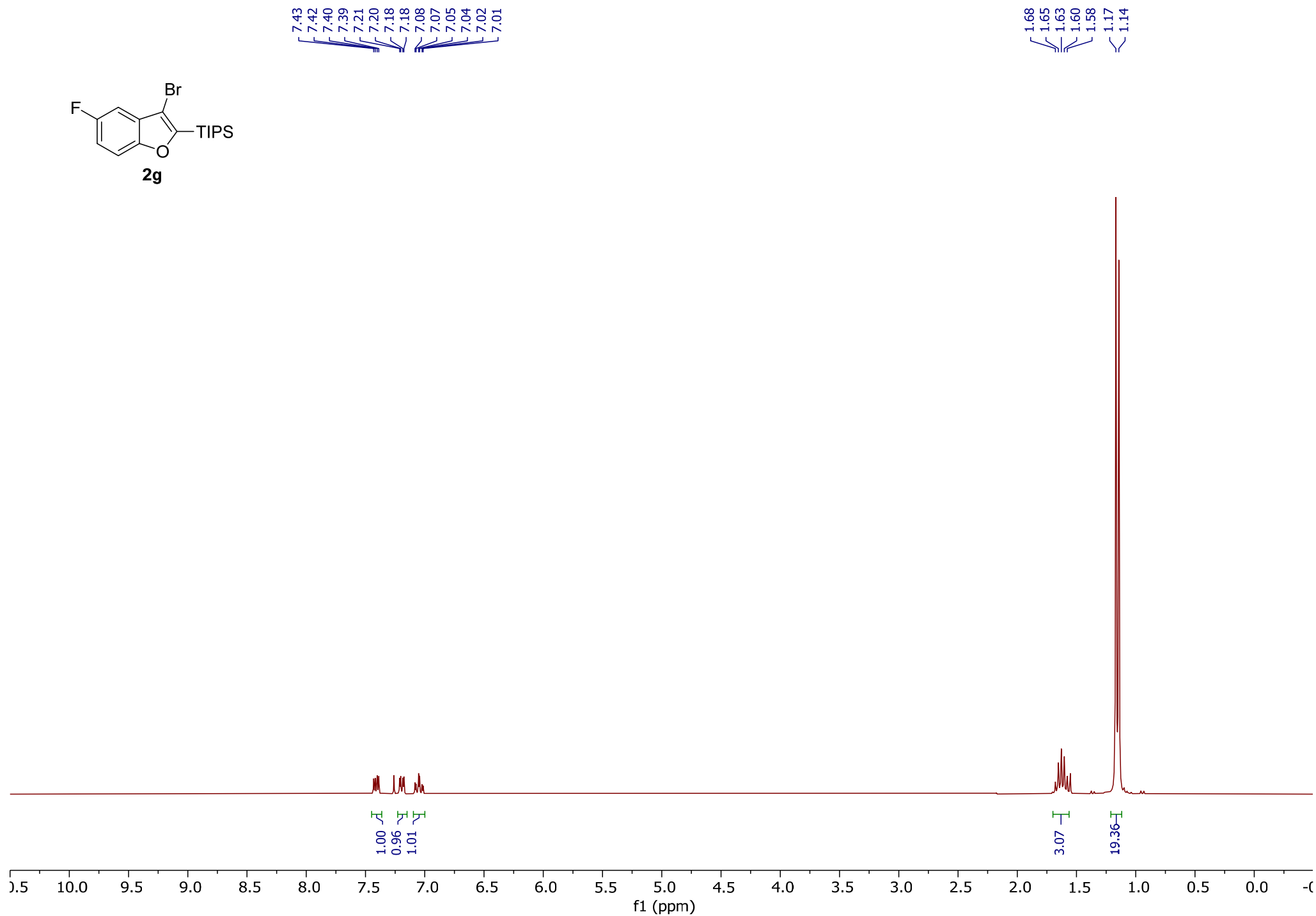
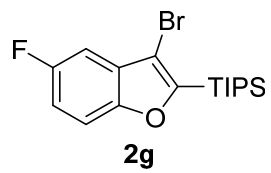


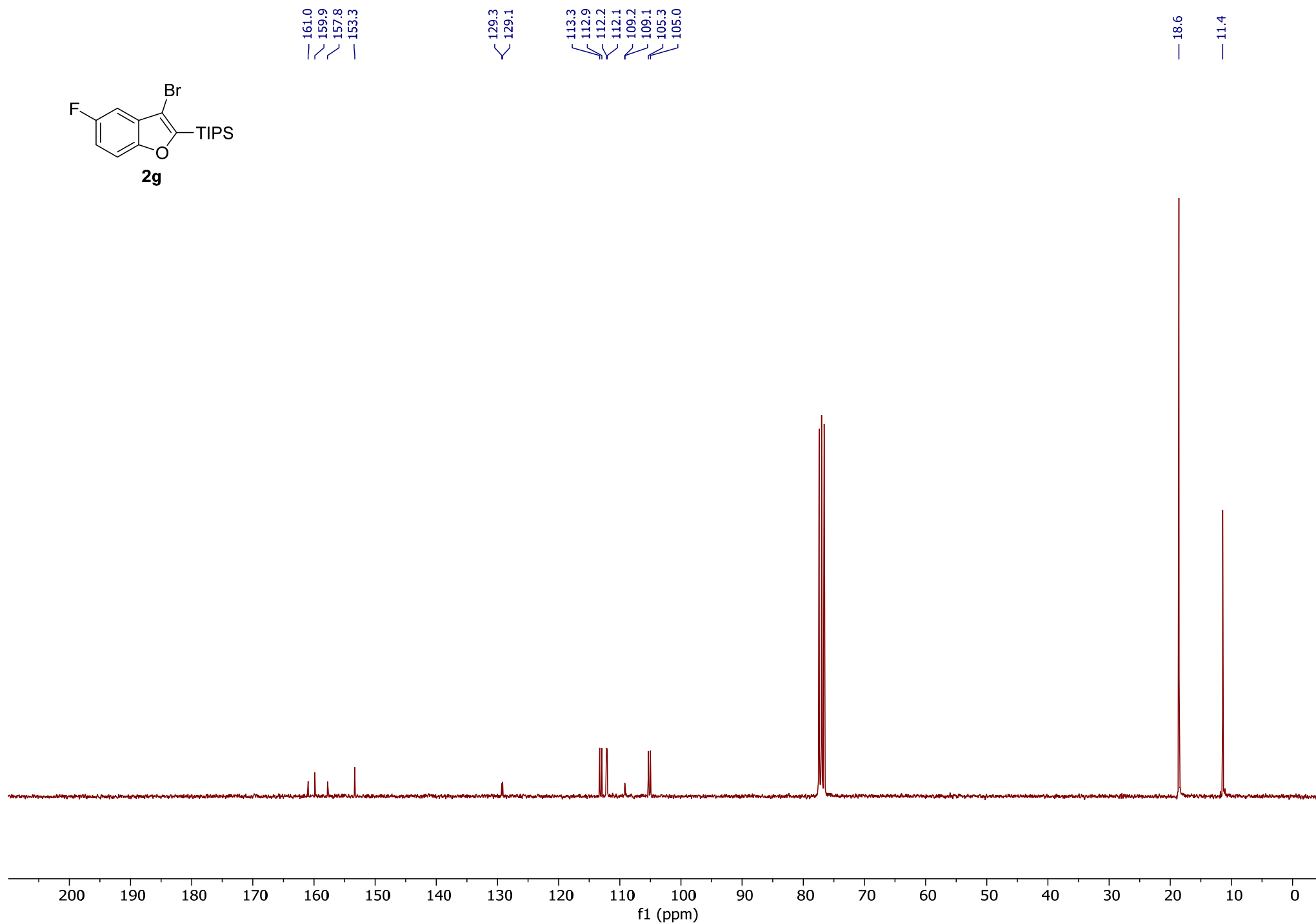
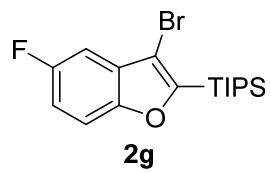


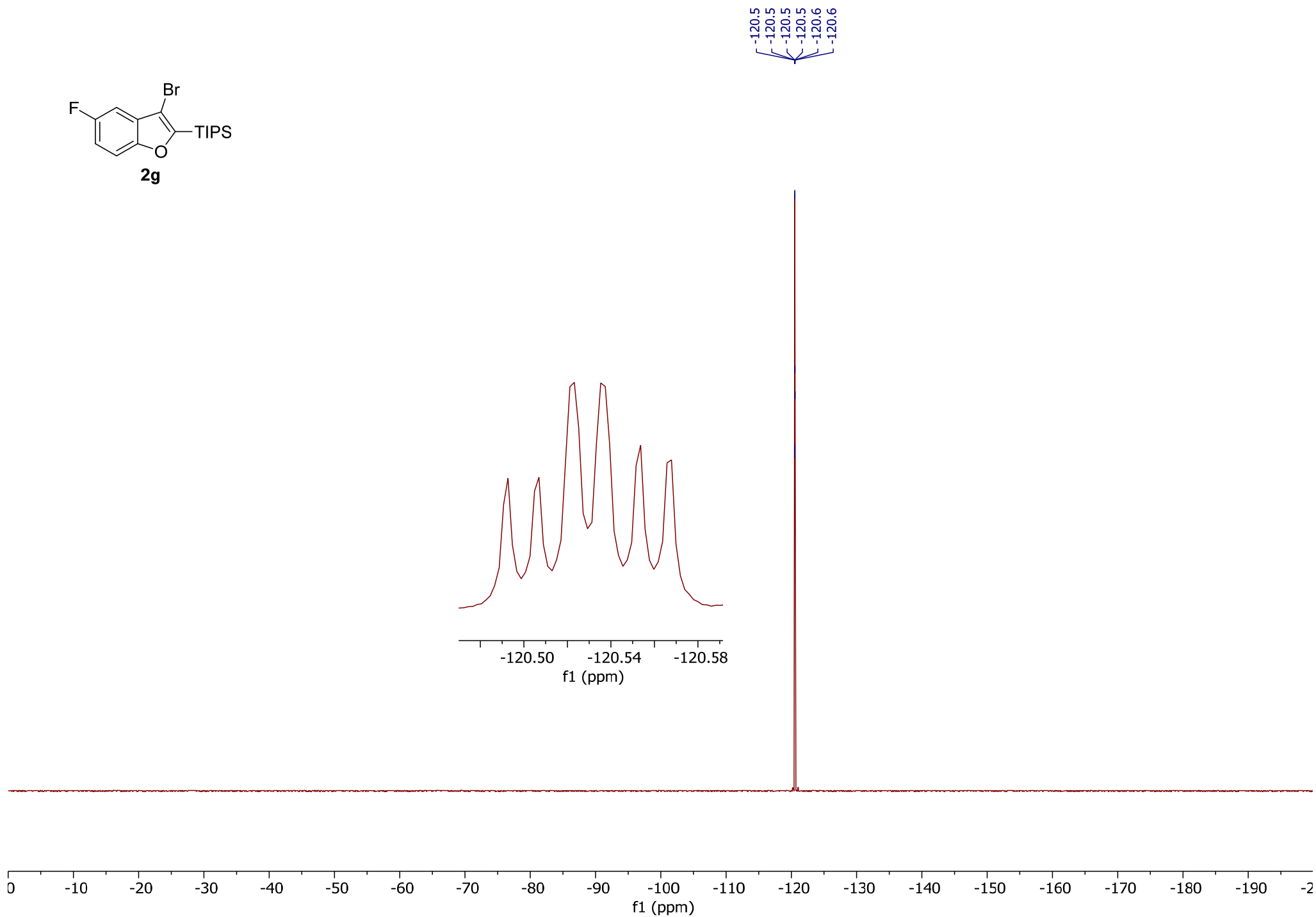
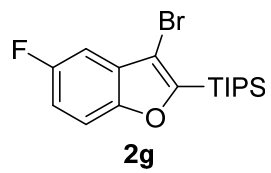


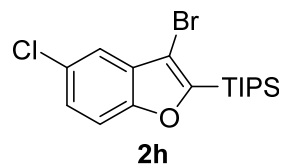
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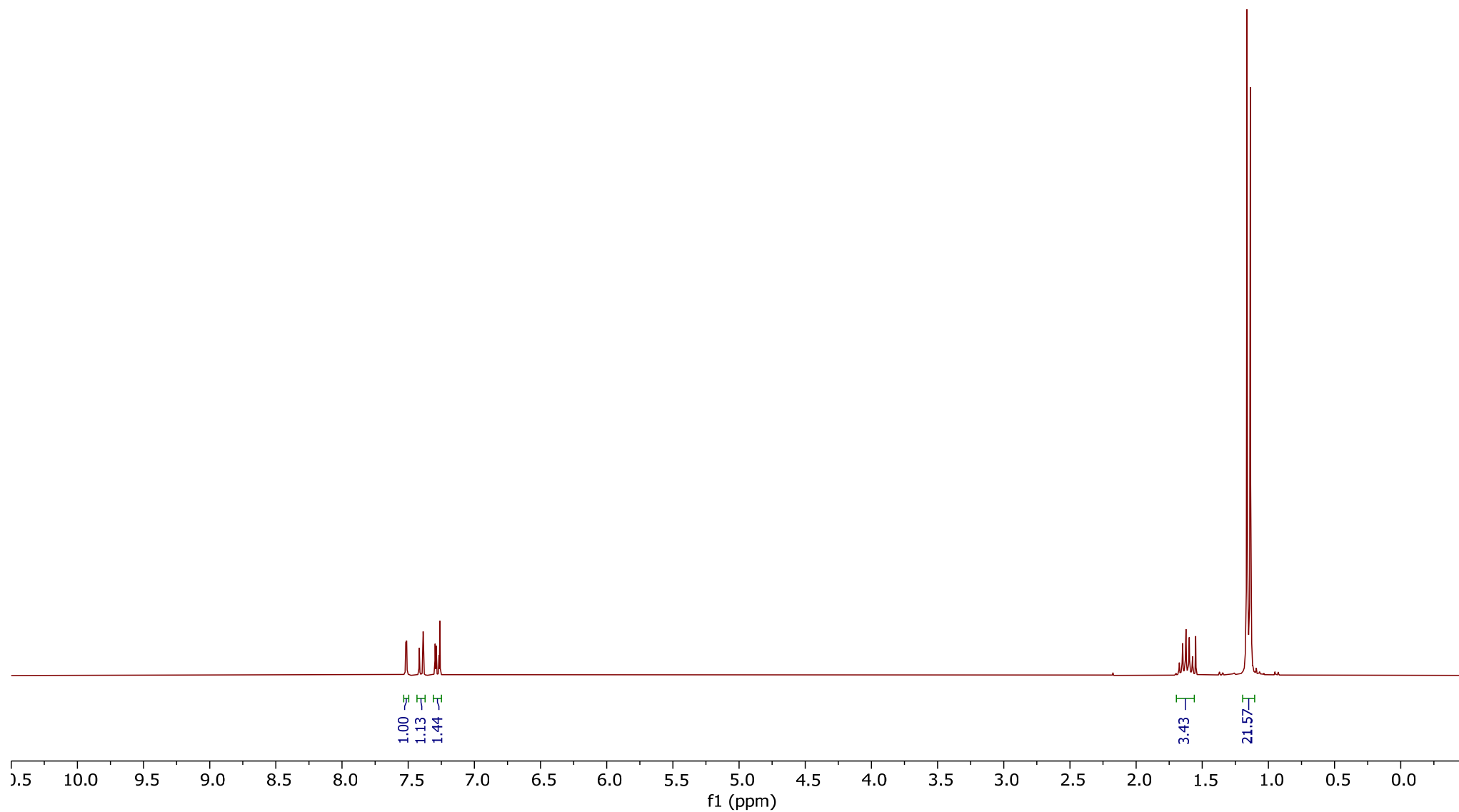


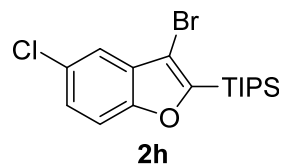




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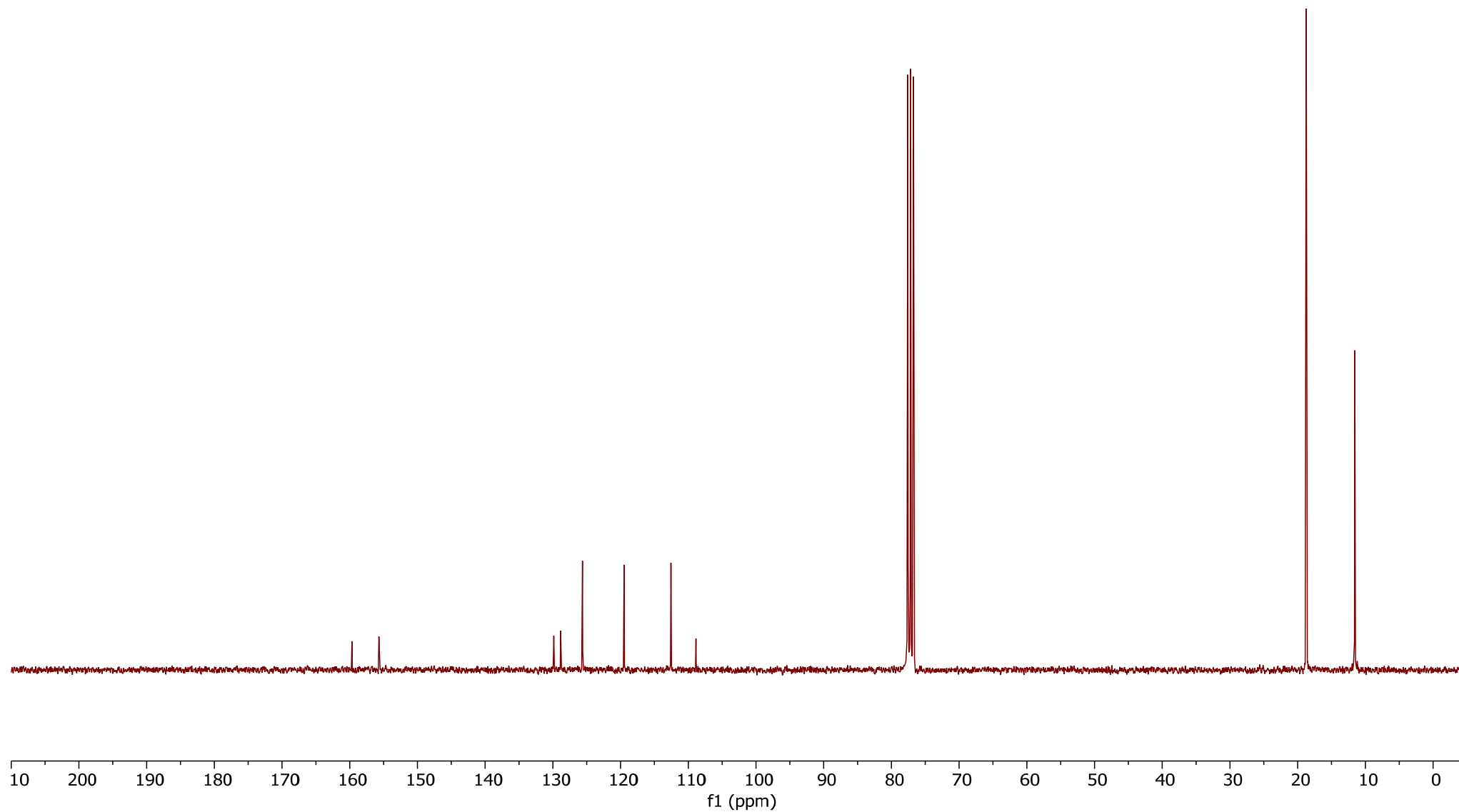
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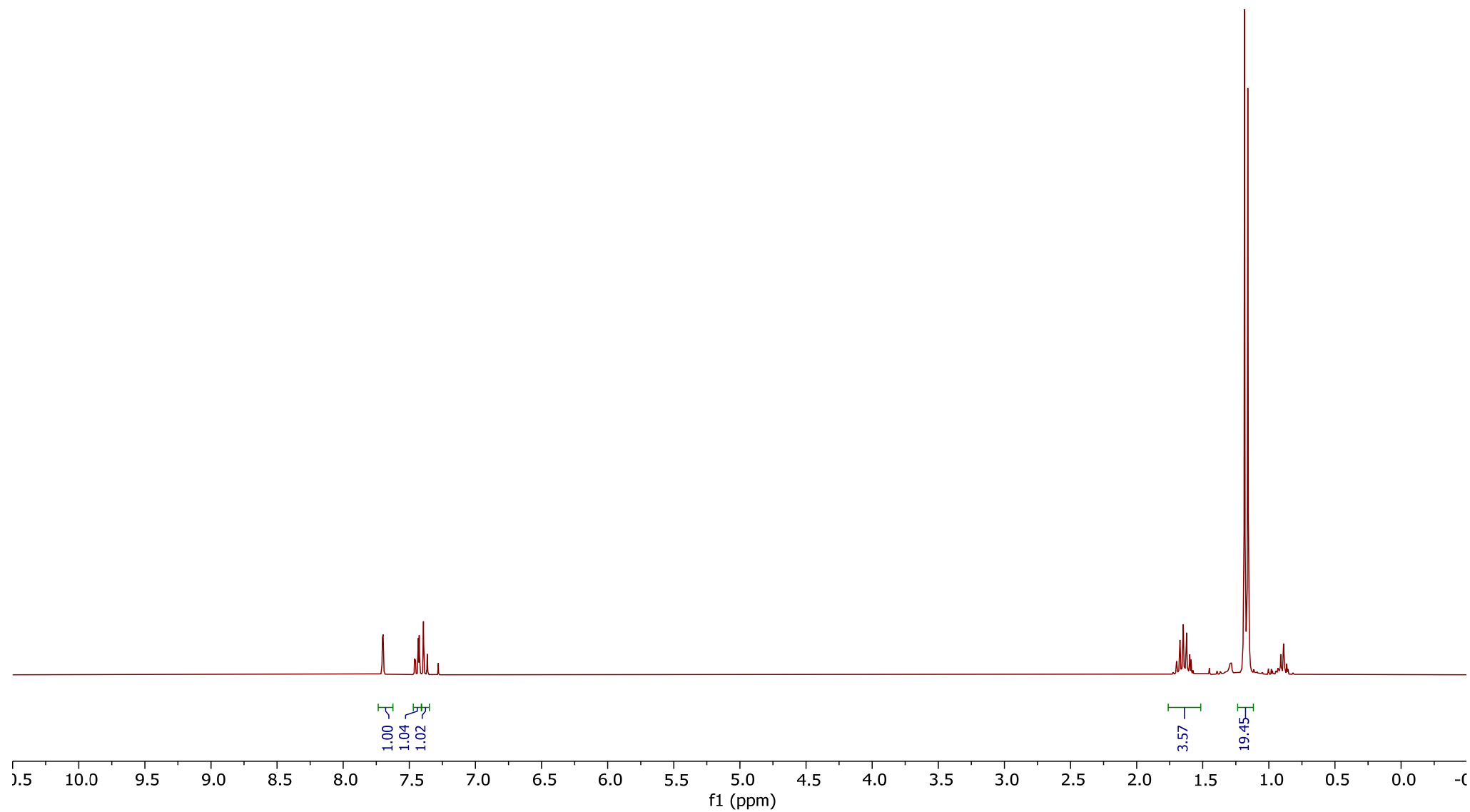
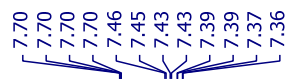
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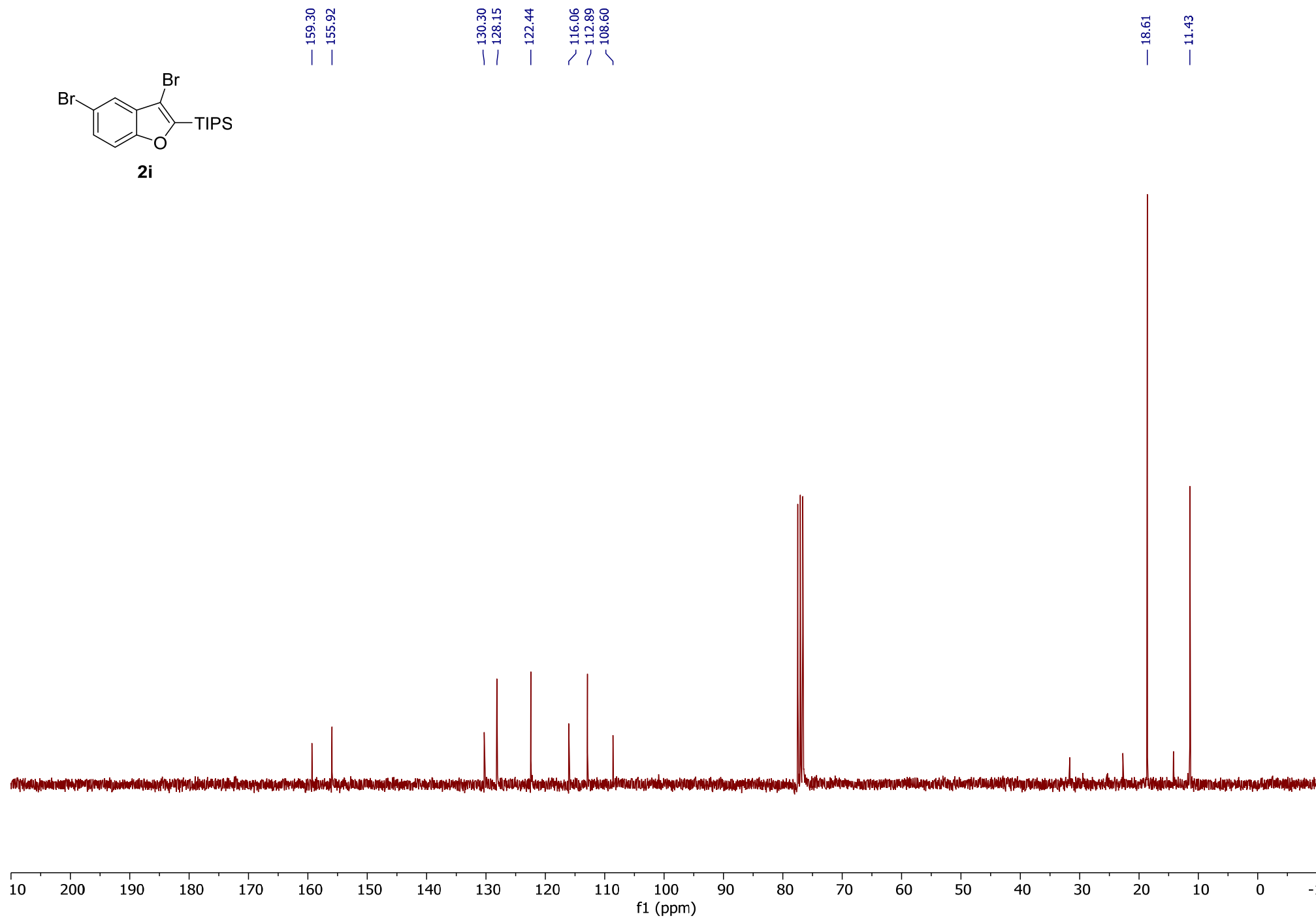
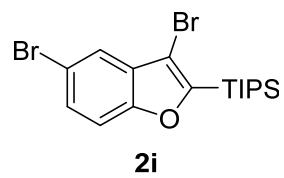
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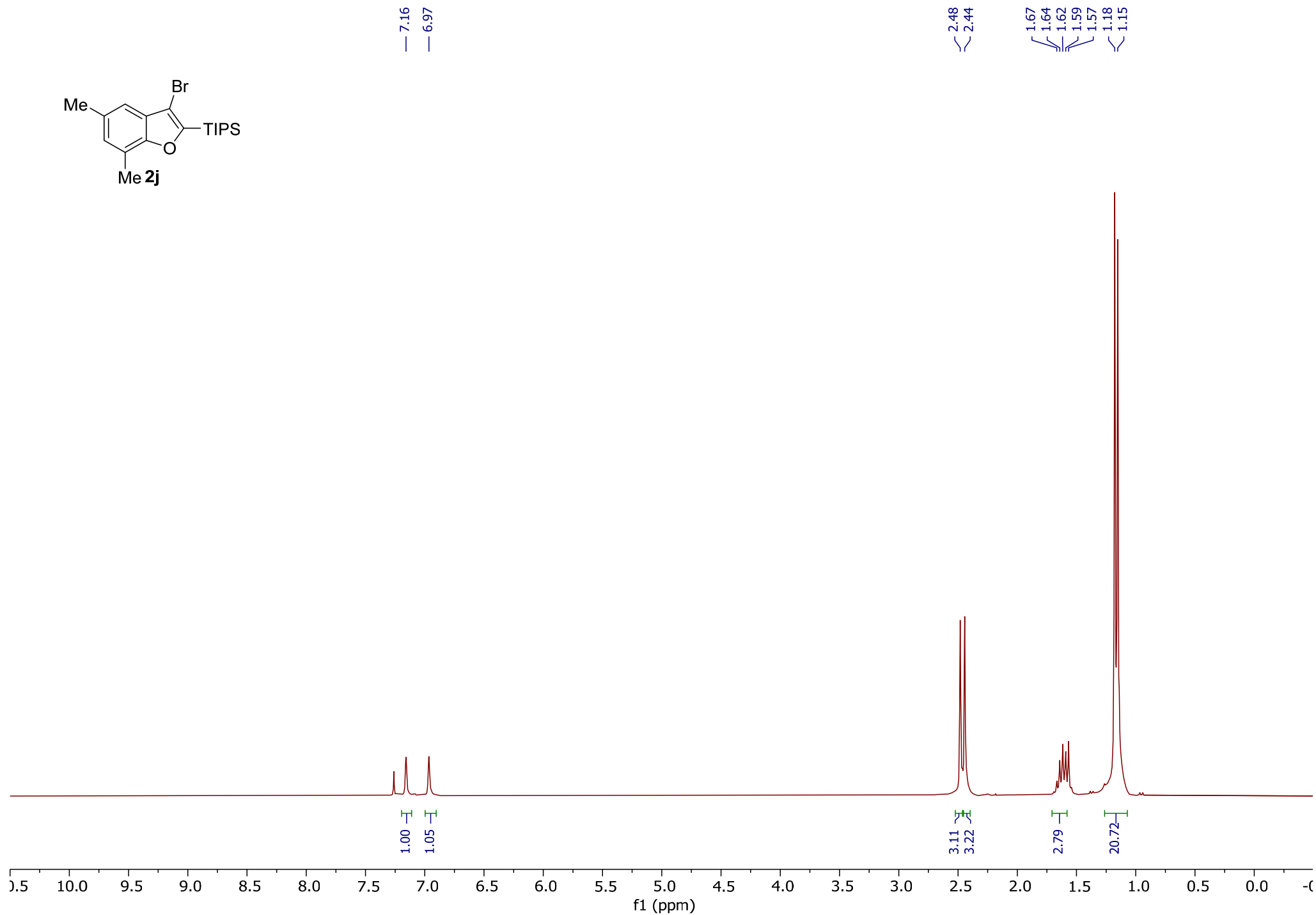
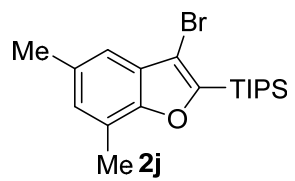
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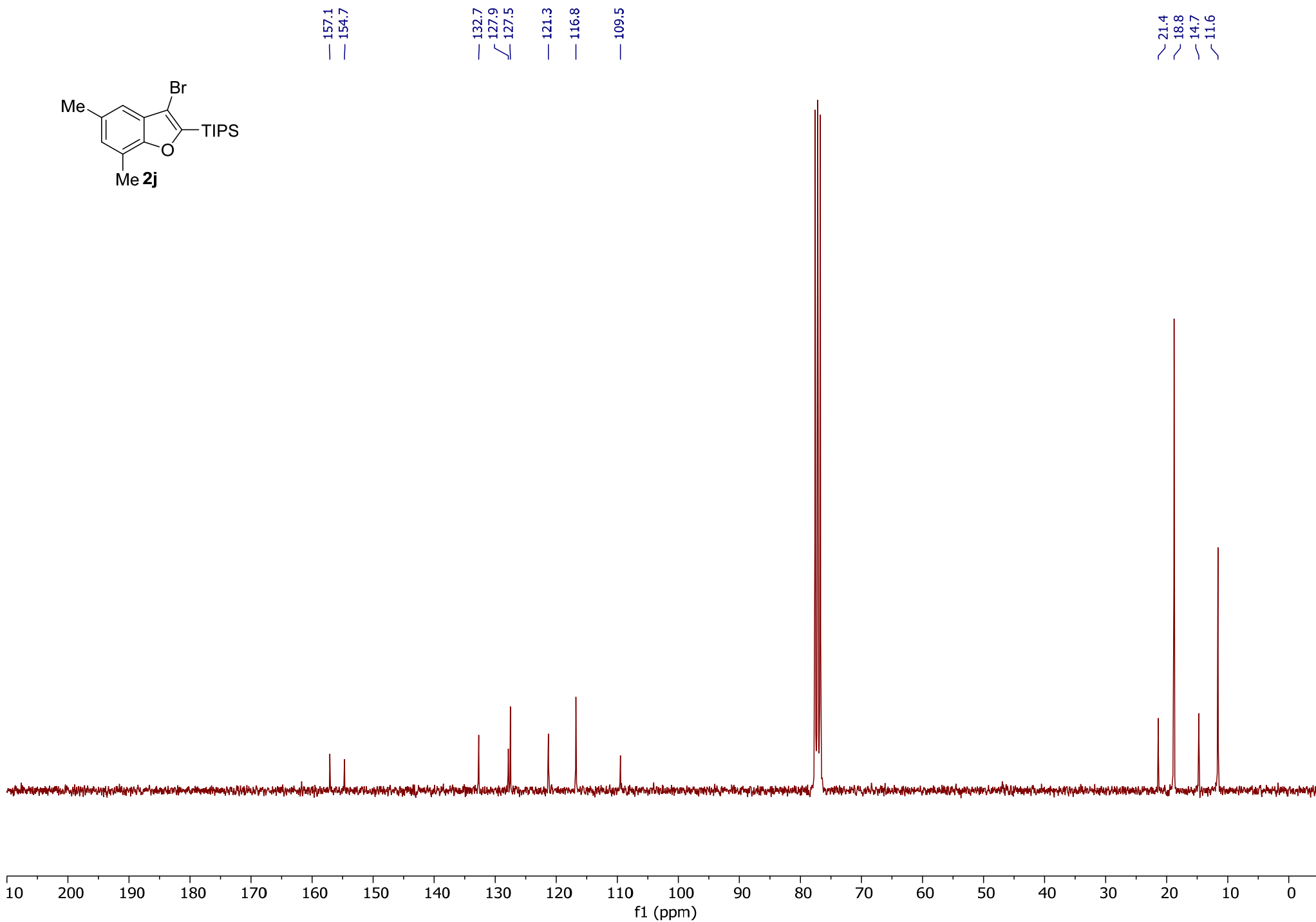
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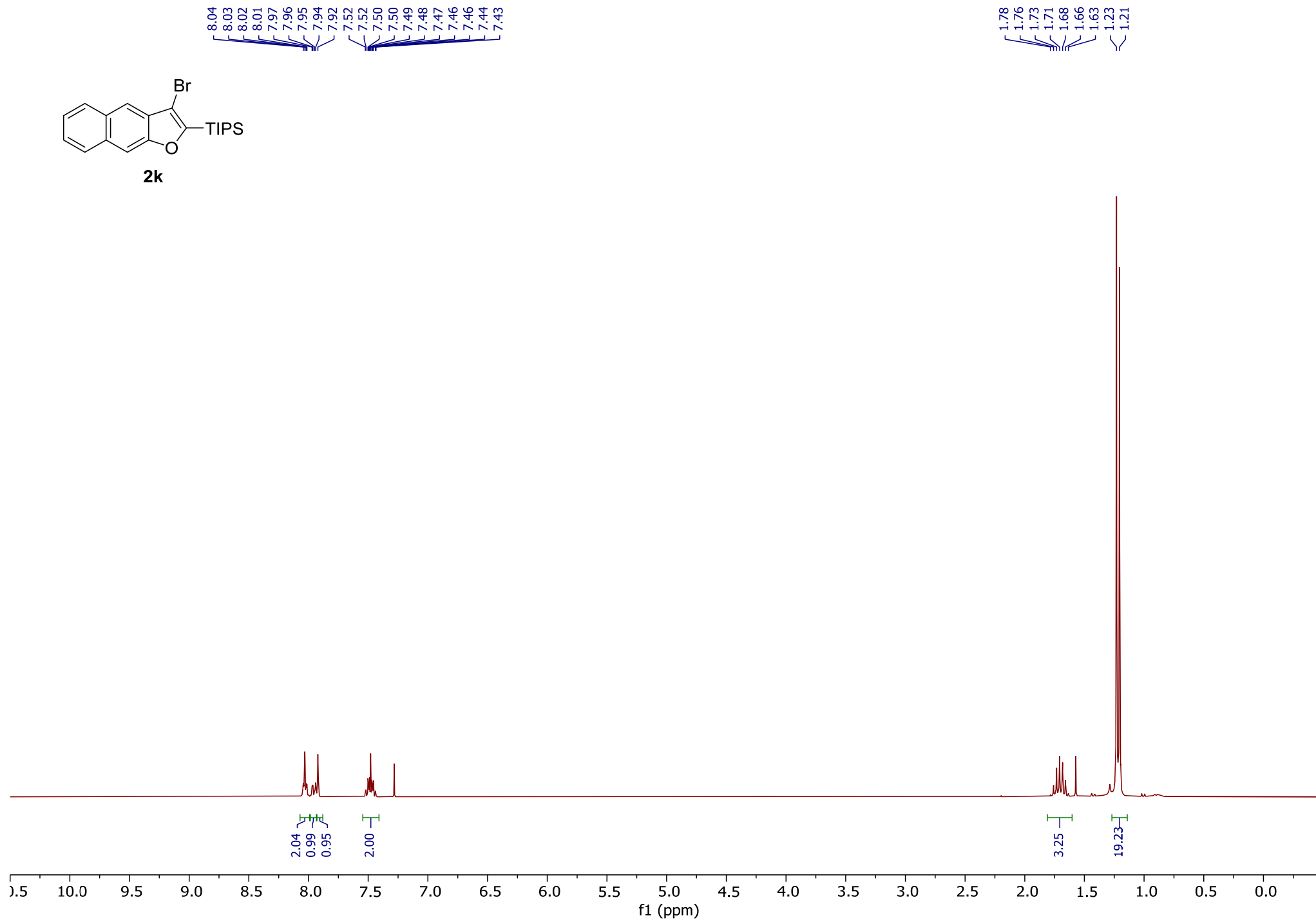
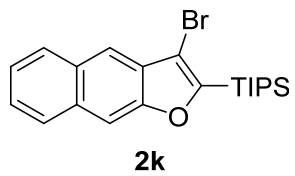


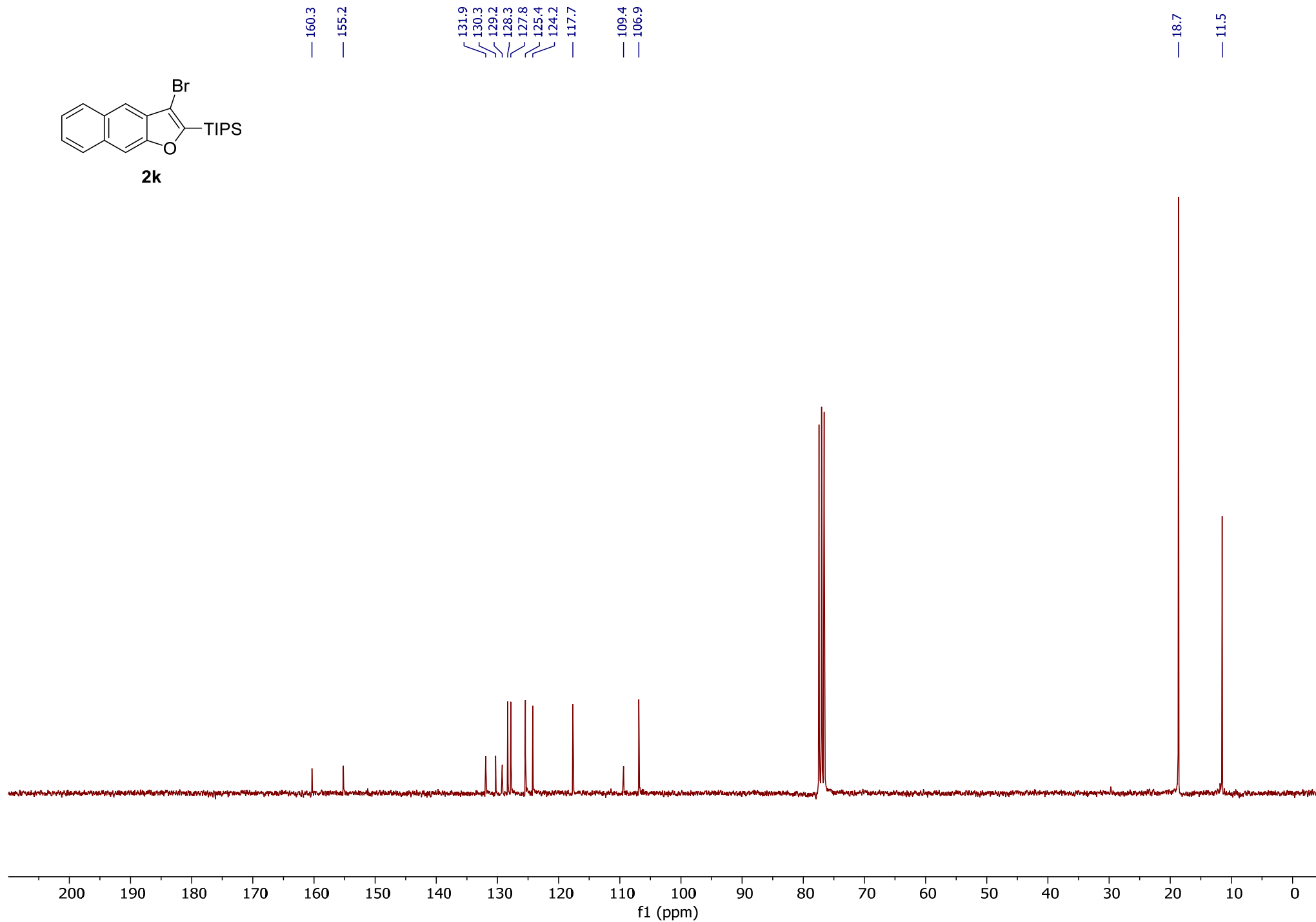
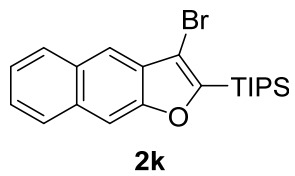


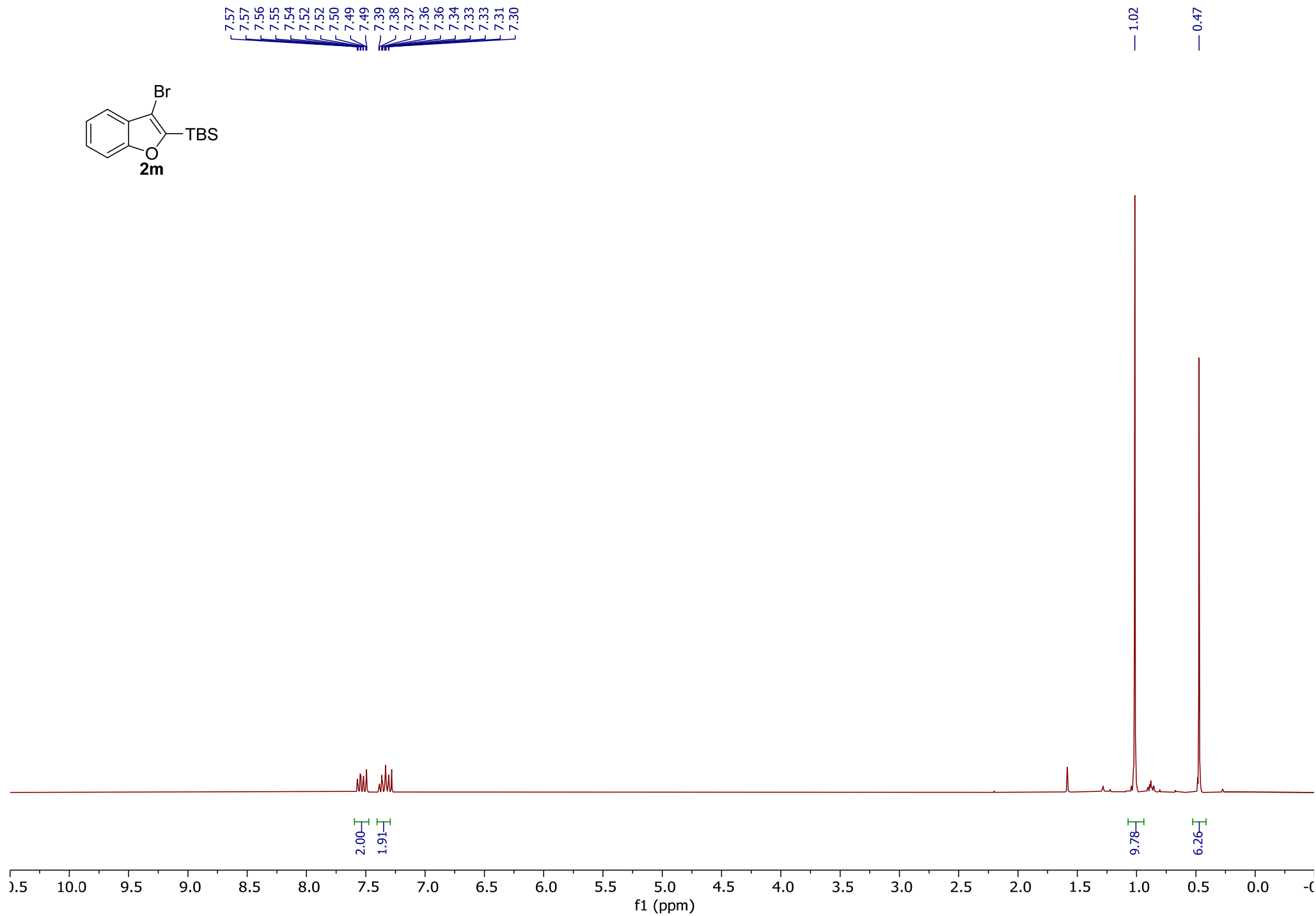
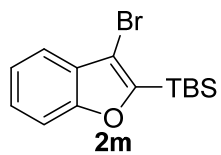


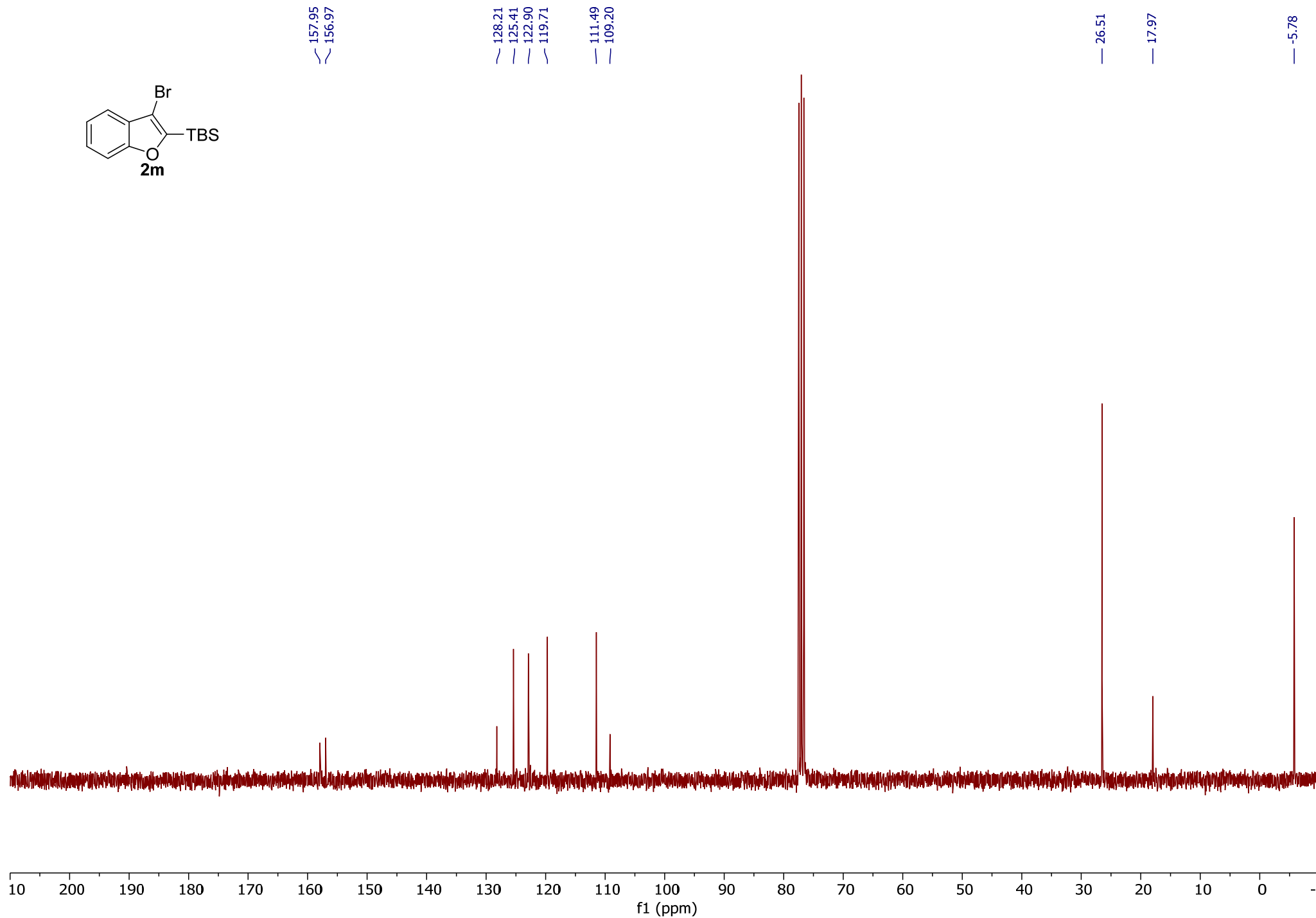
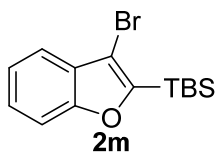


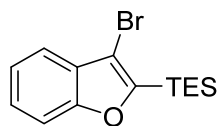




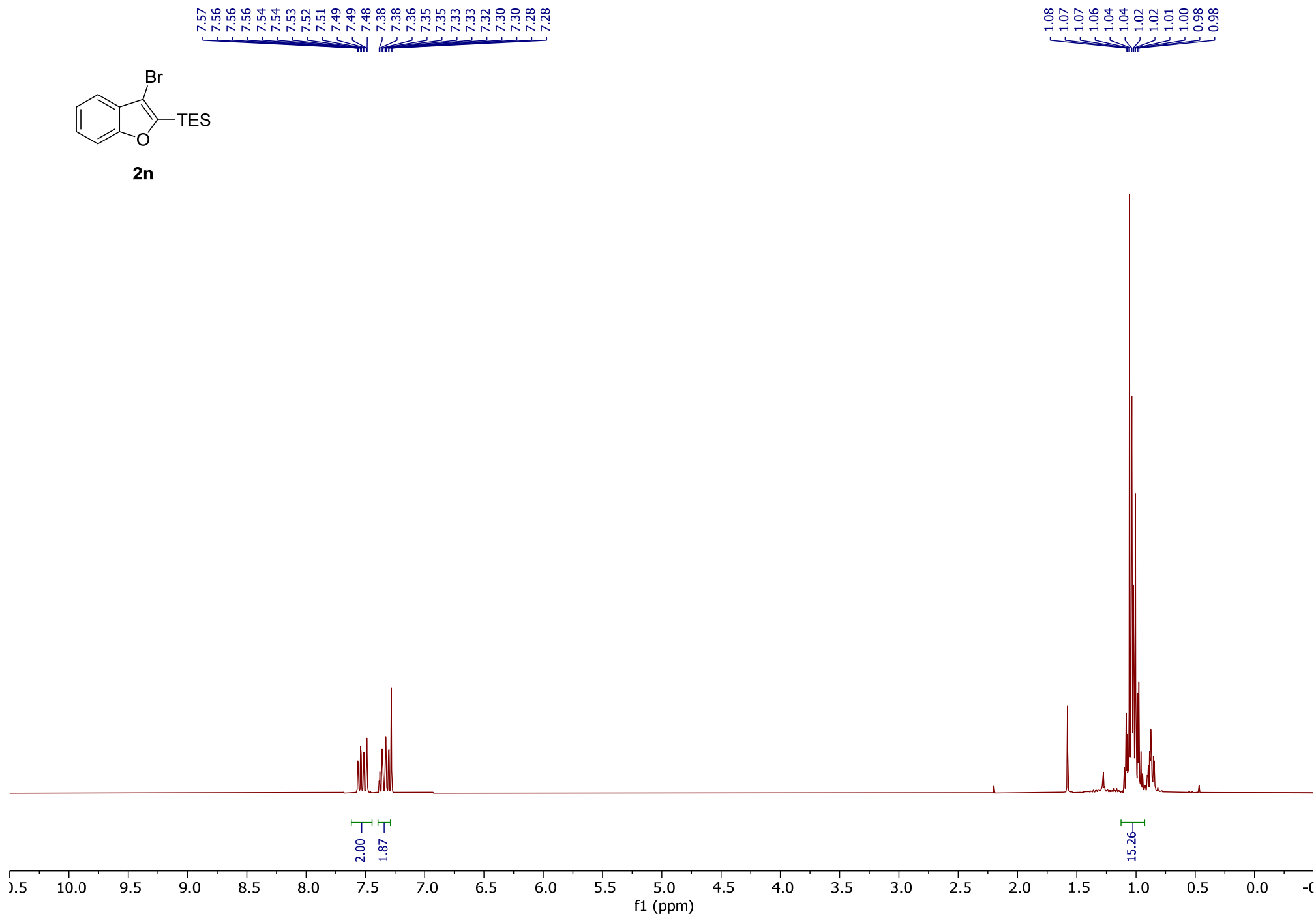


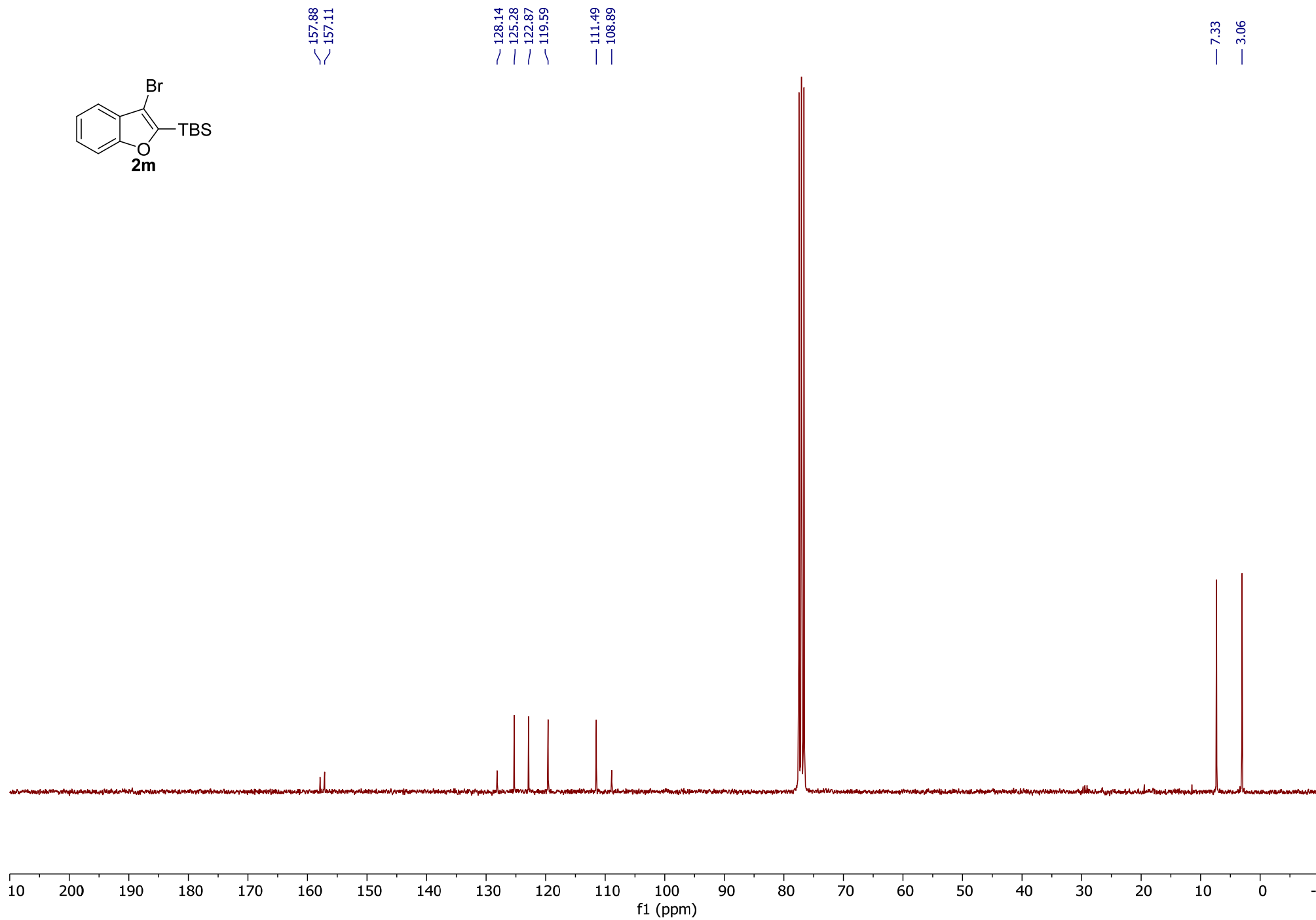
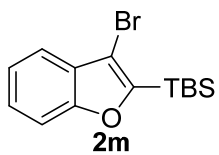


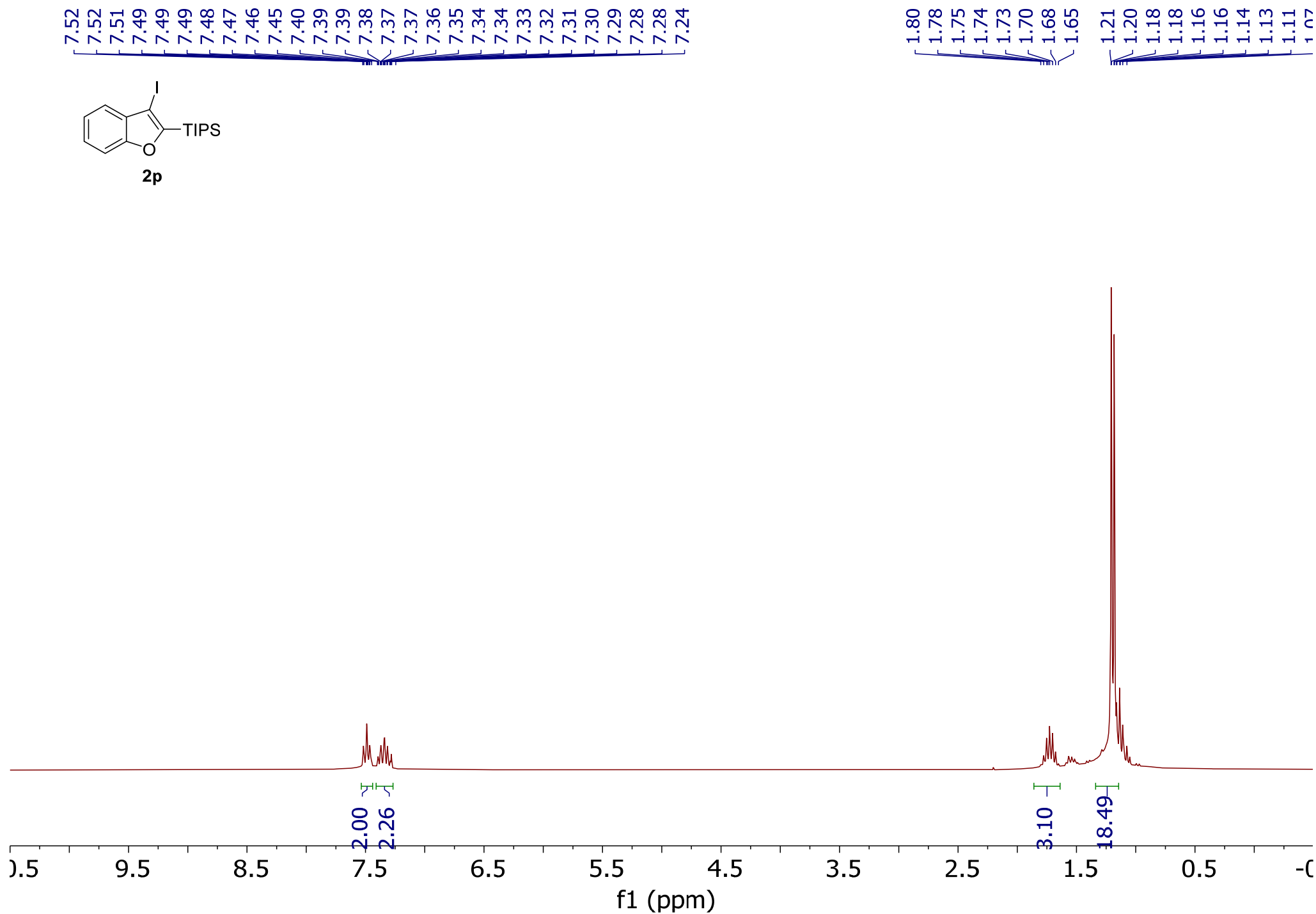


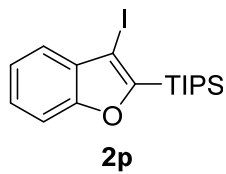


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