

Supplementary Information for:

**Synthesis of Chiral Hexynones for Use as Precursors to Native Photosynthetic
Hydroporphyrins**

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(1) Detection of an epimer by ^1H NMR spectroscopy

The integrity of the stereogenic centers in **4** is contrasted with those in the mixture of **4** and **4-epi** upon examination by ^1H NMR spectroscopy. The spectra are displayed in Figure S1. In the most upfield region, two singlets (partially merged with each other) corresponding to the trimethylsilyl group of **4** and **4-epi** appear at 0.14 and 0.13 ppm, respectively. Each type of methyl group in **4** and **4-epi** appears at the same position, giving rise to two resonances, one triplet and one doublet, centered at 1.03 and 1.17 ppm, respectively. The methylene protons of the ethyl group from two epimers resonate at the range corresponding to the multiplet centered at 1.50 ppm. The multiplet centered at 2.40 ppm can be assigned to one methyne proton in **4** and the analogous one in **4-epi**. The other methyne protons in **4** and **4-epi** appear in the downfield region and are well resolved as two distinctive resonances at 2.55 and 2.76 ppm, respectively. The same scenario was also noted for the aldehydic resonances of the two epimers: the higher one (9.67 ppm) can be easily assigned to the major component, **4-epi**, while the smaller one at 9.76 ppm is assigned to the minor component, **4**.

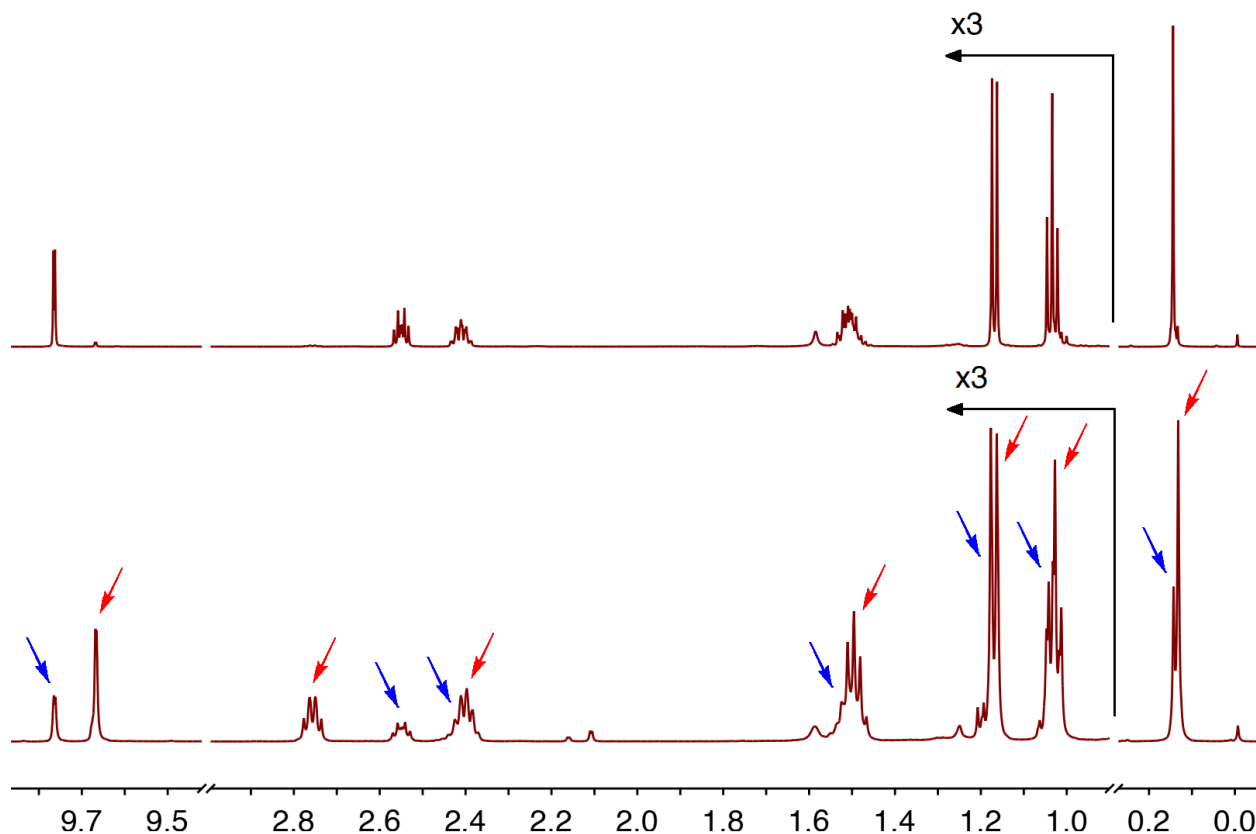


Figure S1. ^1H NMR spectra in CDCl_3 of **4** (top, 600 MHz instrument) obtained by exhaustive reduction followed by oxidation¹⁰ and an inseparable mixture of **4** and **4-epi** (bottom, 500 MHz instrument) obtained by hydrolysis of **7**. Resonances corresponding to **4** and **4-epi** in the mixture are marked by blue and red arrows, respectively.

(2) Single-crystal X-ray diffraction data

Table S1. Data for compound **10**.

CCDC registry	2287122
Chemical formula	C ₁₇ H ₃₁ NO ₃ Si
Formula weight (g/mol)	325.52
Temperature (K)	100
Wavelength (Å)	0.71073
Crystal size (mm)	0.63 × 0.22 × 0.09
Crystal habit	Colorless plate
Crystal system	Monoclinic
Space group	P ₂₁
Unit cell dimensions, <i>a</i> (Å)	6.1517 (11)
Unit cell dimensions, <i>b</i> (Å)	11.1177 (19)
Unit cell dimensions, <i>c</i> (Å)	14.455 (2)
α, deg	90
β, deg	91.786 (6)
γ, deg	90
Volume (Å ³)	988.1 (3)
<i>Z</i>	2
Density (calculated) (g/cm ³)	1.094
Absorption coefficient (mm ⁻¹)	0.13
F(000)	356
Theta range for data collection, deg	2.3 to 26.7
Index ranges	-6 ≤ <i>h</i> ≤ 7, -14 ≤ <i>k</i> ≤ 14, -18 ≤ <i>l</i> ≤ 18
Reflections collected	11928
Independent reflections	4010 [R(int) = 0.042]
R ₁	0.0433
wR ₂	0.0859
R ₁ (all data)	0.0514
wR ₂ (all data)	0.0900
Largest diff. peak and hole (eÅ ⁻³)	0.21, -0.28
R.M.S. deviation from mean (eÅ ⁻³)	0.041
Absolute structure parameter	-0.02 (9)

Table S2. Data for compound **11**.

CCDC registry	2287123
Chemical formula	C ₂₅ H ₃₆ Co ₂ N ₂ O ₁₀ Si
Formula weight (g/mol)	670.51
Temperature (K)	100
Wavelength (Å)	0.71073
Crystal size (mm)	0.253 × 0.065 × 0.024
Crystal habit	Clear dark red prism
Crystal system	Orthorhombic
Space group	P2 ₁ 2 ₁ 2 ₁
Unit cell dimensions, <i>a</i> (Å)	9.0216 (3)
Unit cell dimensions, <i>b</i> (Å)	13.8726 (5)
Unit cell dimensions, <i>c</i> (Å)	24.6824 (9)
α, deg	90
β, deg	90
γ, deg	90
Volume (Å ³)	3089.08 (19)
Z	4
Density (calculated) (g/cm ³)	1.442
Absorption coefficient (mm ⁻¹)	1.166
F(000)	1392
Theta range for data collection, deg	4.808 to 54.272
Index ranges	-11 ≤ <i>h</i> ≤ 11, -17 ≤ <i>k</i> ≤ 17, -31 ≤ <i>l</i> ≤ 31
Reflections collected	37149
Independent reflections	6743 [R(int) = 0.0656]
R ₁	0.0303
wR ₂	0.0639
R ₁ (all data)	0.0367
wR ₂ (all data)	0.0667
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R.M.S. deviation from mean (eÅ ⁻³)	0.058
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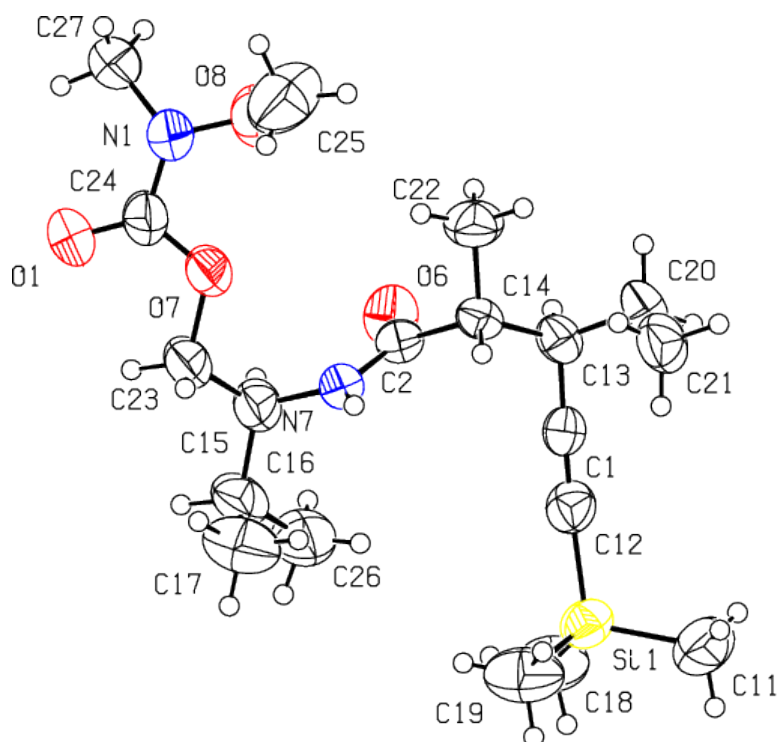
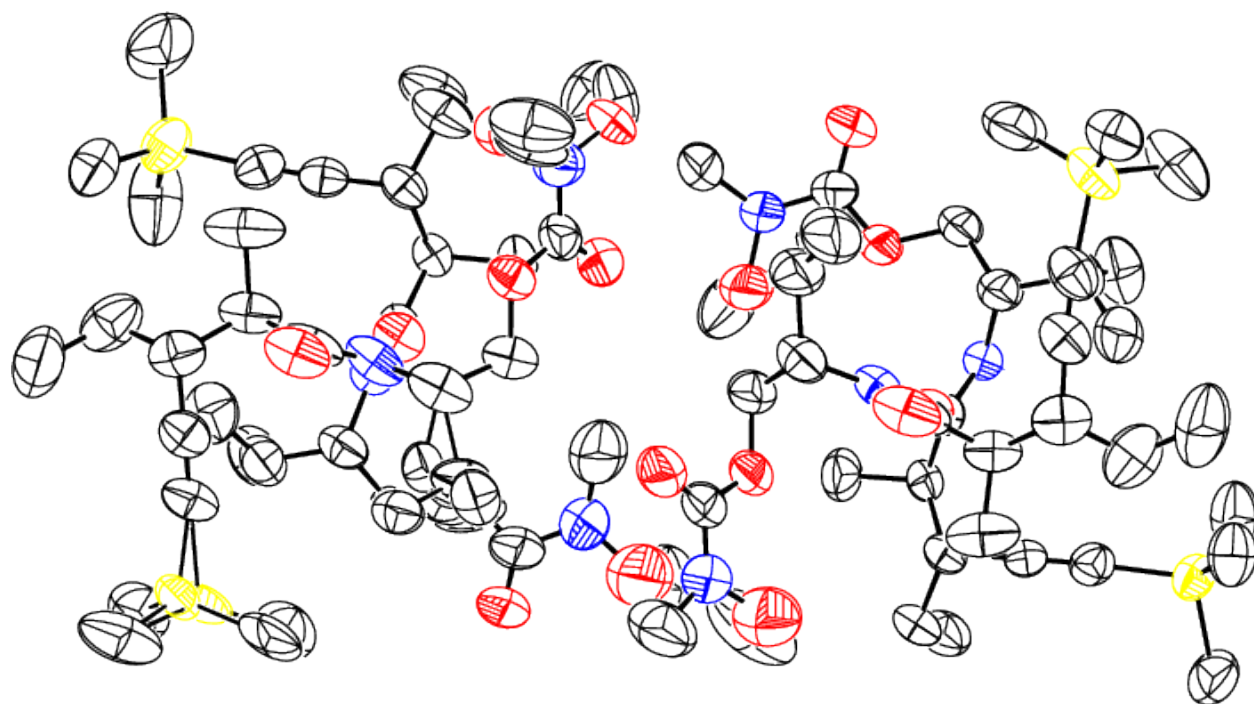
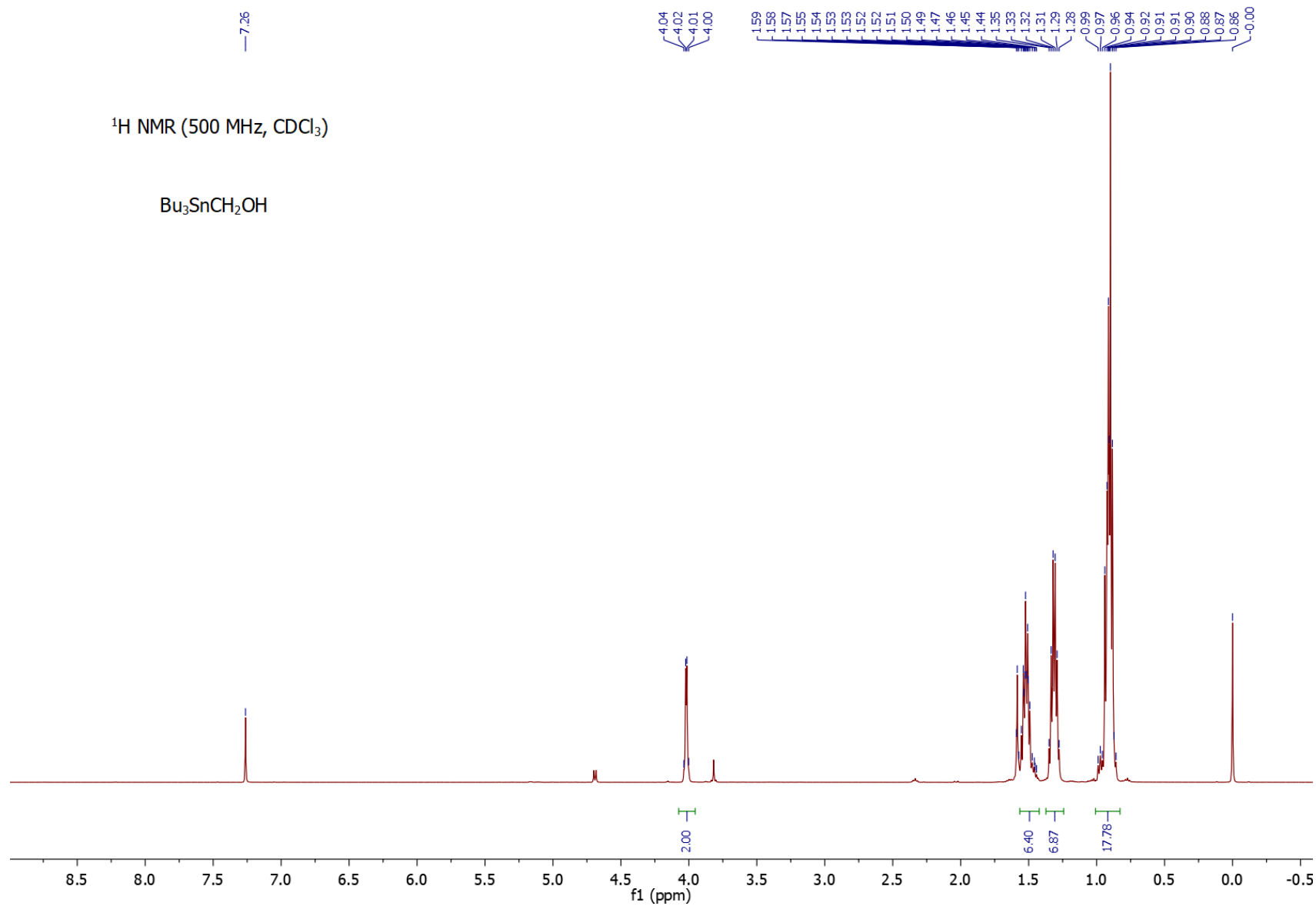


Figure S2. Top: ORTEP diagram of compound **12** containing four crystallographically independent moieties with thermal ellipsoids drawn at the 50% probability level and omitted H atoms for clarity; bottom: ORTEP diagram of the best moiety of compound **12** with thermal ellipsoids drawn at the 50% probability level.

Table S3. Data for compound **12**.

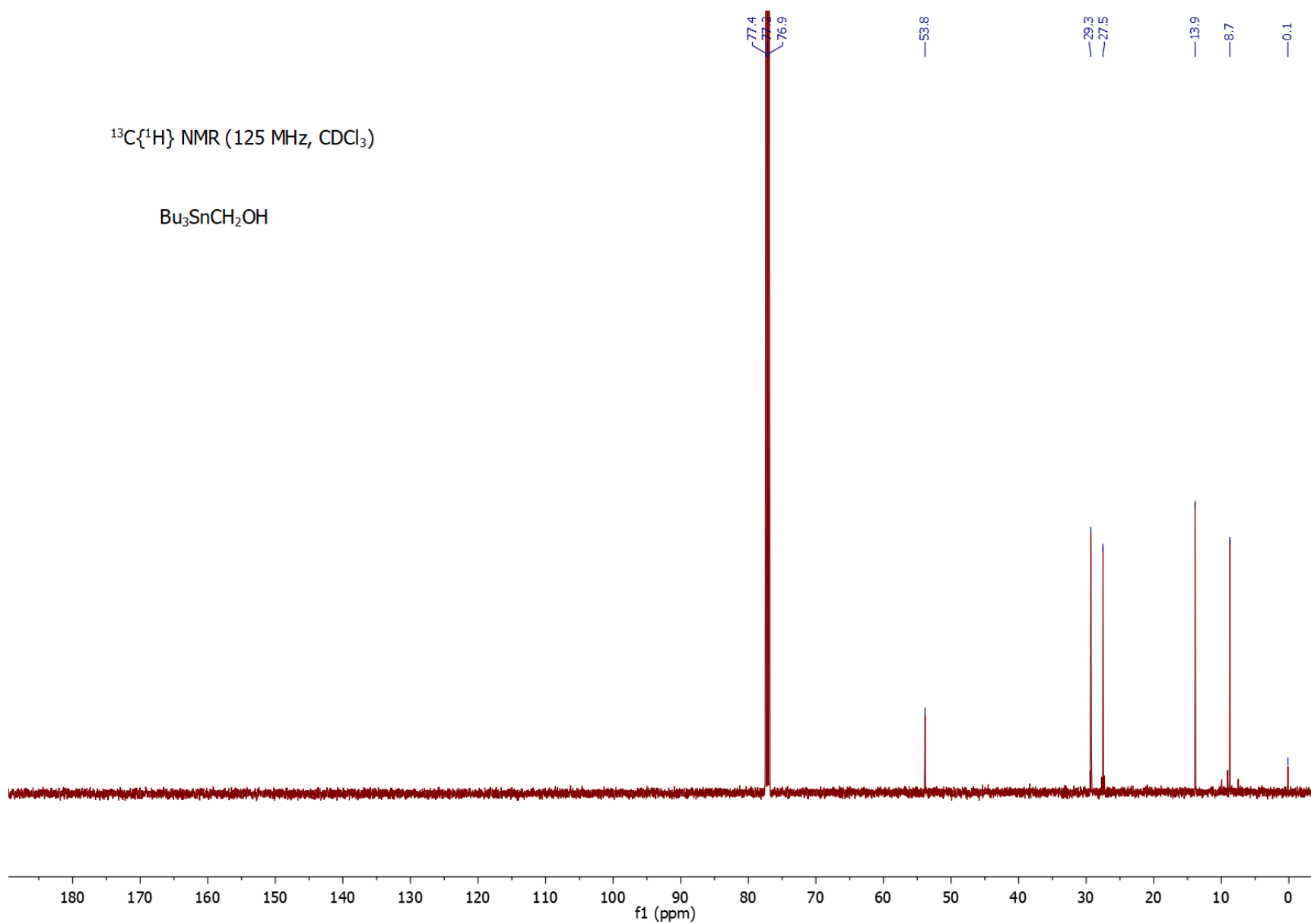
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Wavelength (Å)	1.54178
Crystal size (mm)	0.327 × 0.137 × 0.044
Crystal habit	Clear light colorless plate
Crystal system	Monoclinic
Space group	P2 ₁
Unit cell dimensions, <i>a</i> (Å)	9.5029 (4)
Unit cell dimensions, <i>b</i> (Å)	44.825 (2)
Unit cell dimensions, <i>c</i> (Å)	11.1259 (6)
α, deg	90
β, deg	90.692 (3)
γ, deg	90
Volume (Å ³)	4739.0 (4)
Z	8
Density (calculated) (g/cm ³)	1.078
Absorption coefficient (mm ⁻¹)	1.06
F(000)	1680
Theta range for data collection, deg	3.945 to 66.592
Index ranges	-10 ≤ <i>h</i> ≤ 11, -53 ≤ <i>k</i> ≤ 53, -13 ≤ <i>l</i> ≤ 13
Reflections collected	60586
Independent reflections	16704 [R(int) = 0.056]
R ₁	0.0799
wR ₂	0.2241
R ₁ (all data)	0.0918
wR ₂ (all data)	0.2413
Largest diff. peak and hole (eÅ ⁻³)	0.861, -0.341
R.M.S. deviation from mean (eÅ ⁻³)	0.055
Absolute structure parameter	0.022 (15)

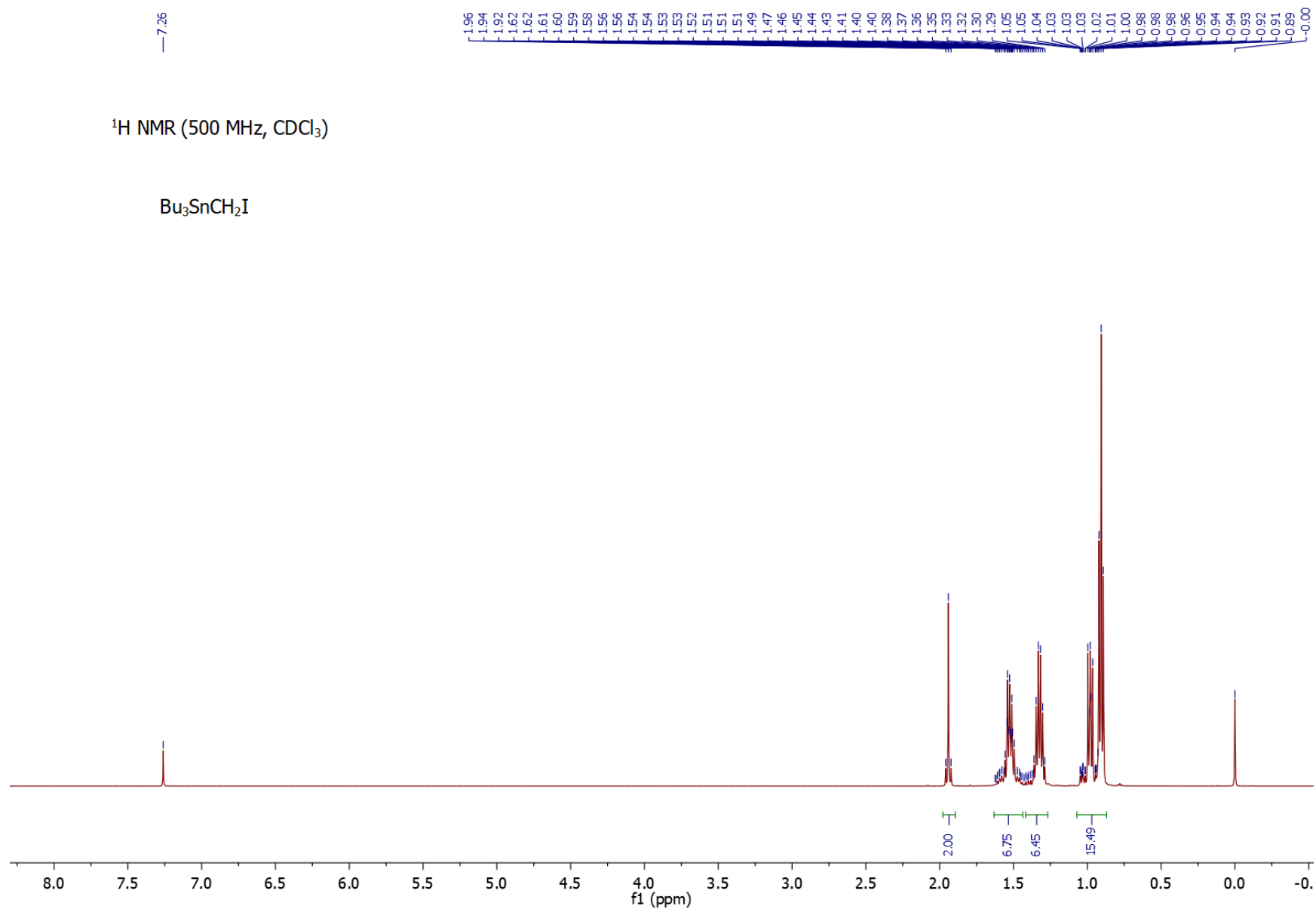
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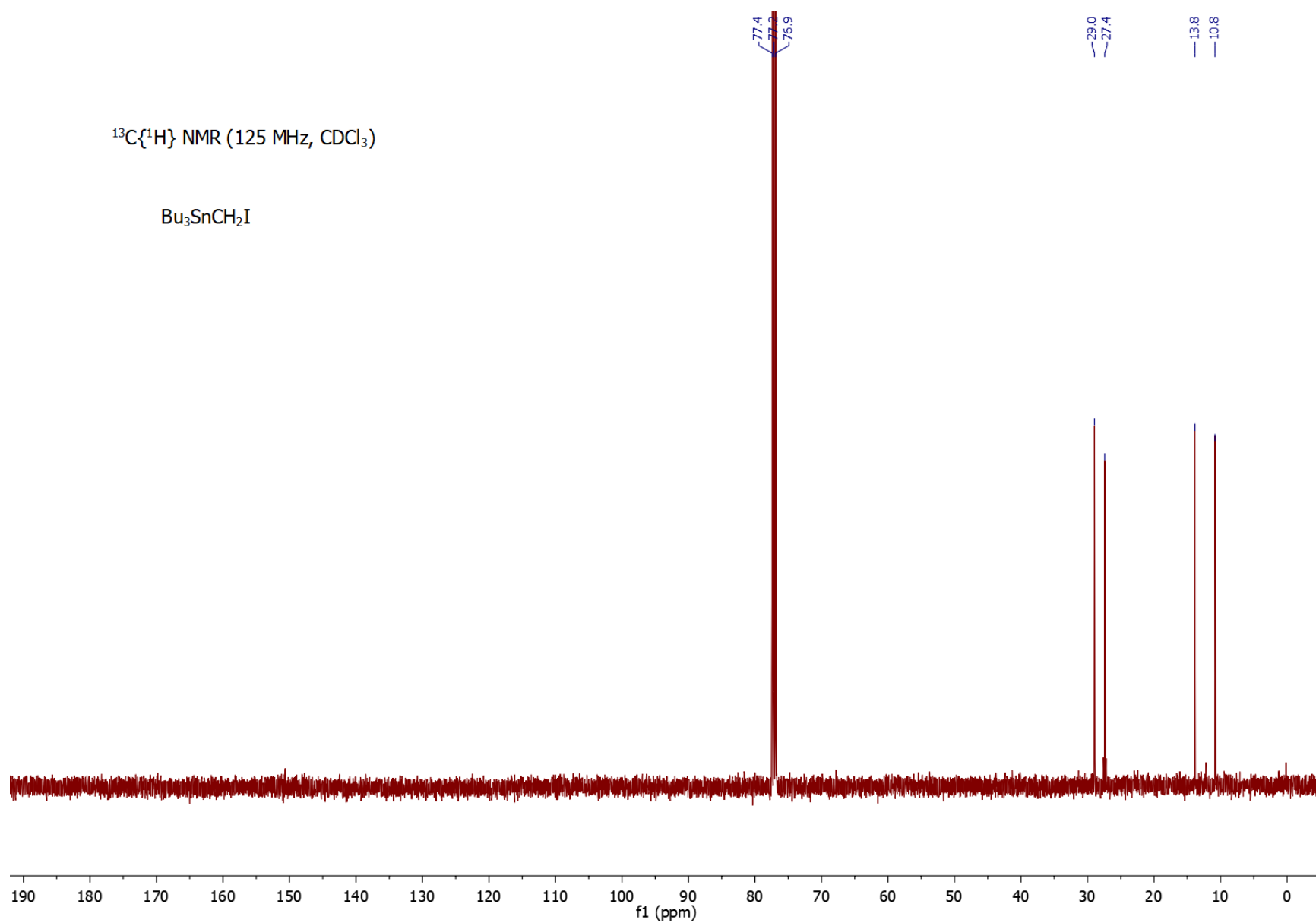


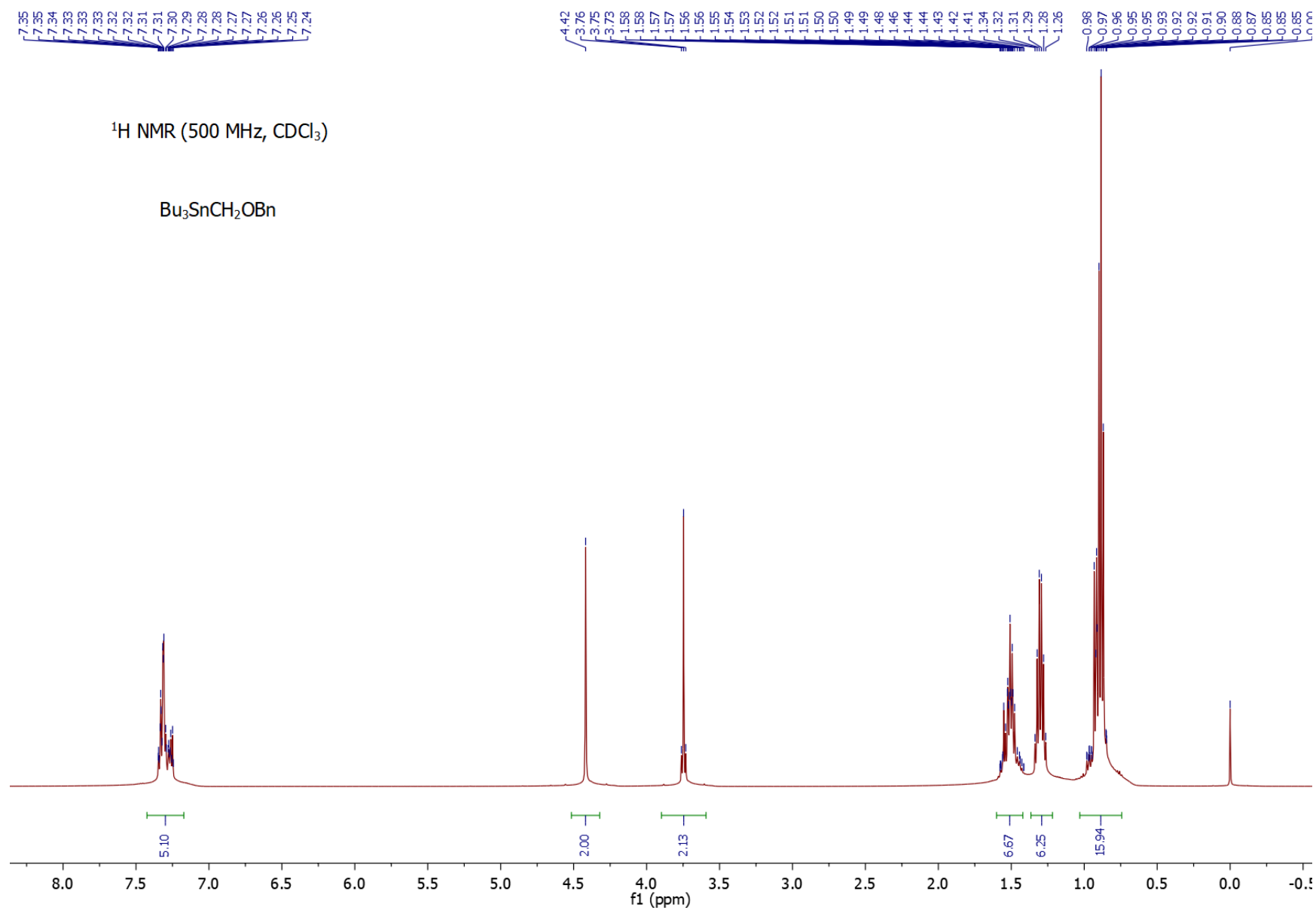
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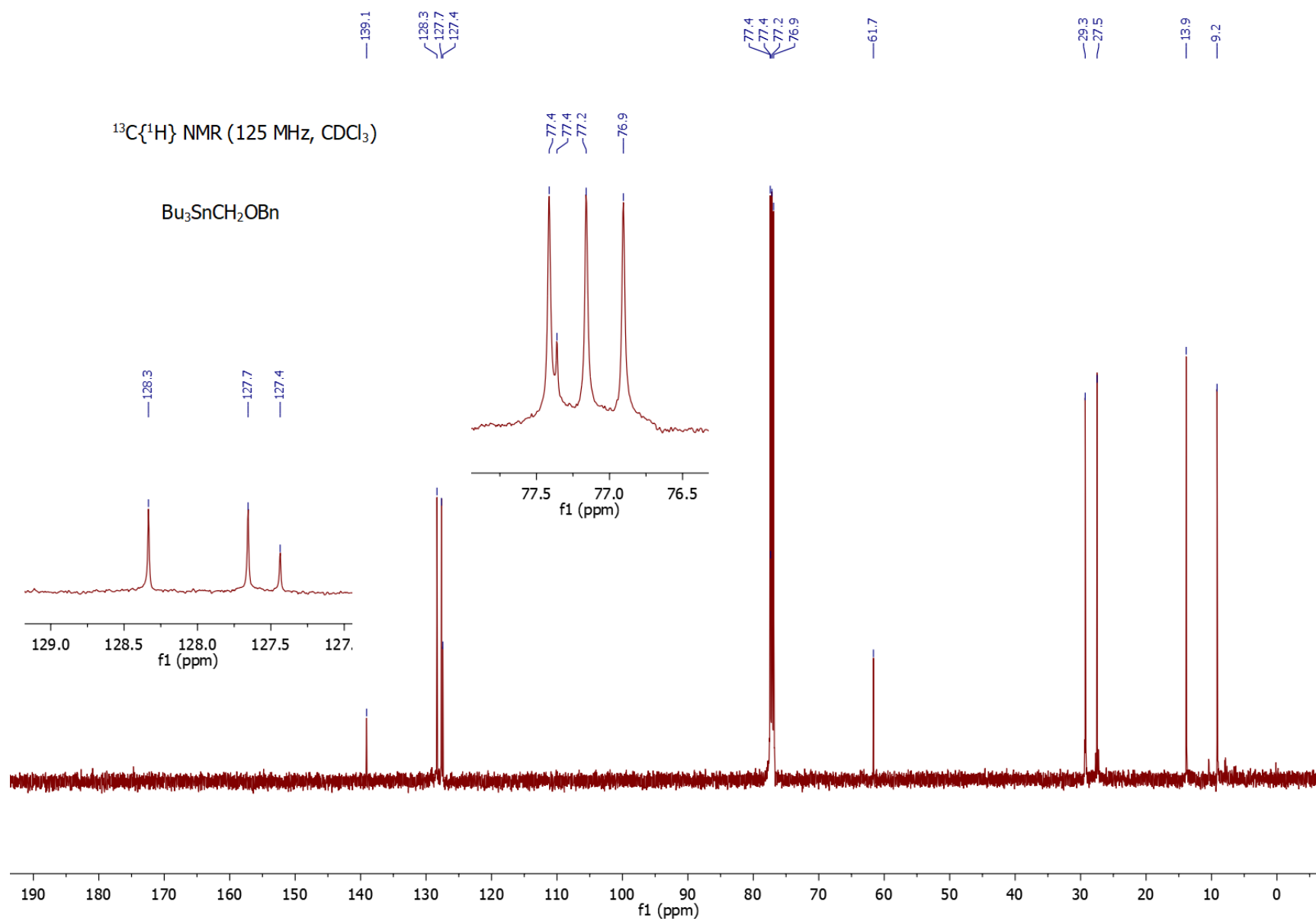
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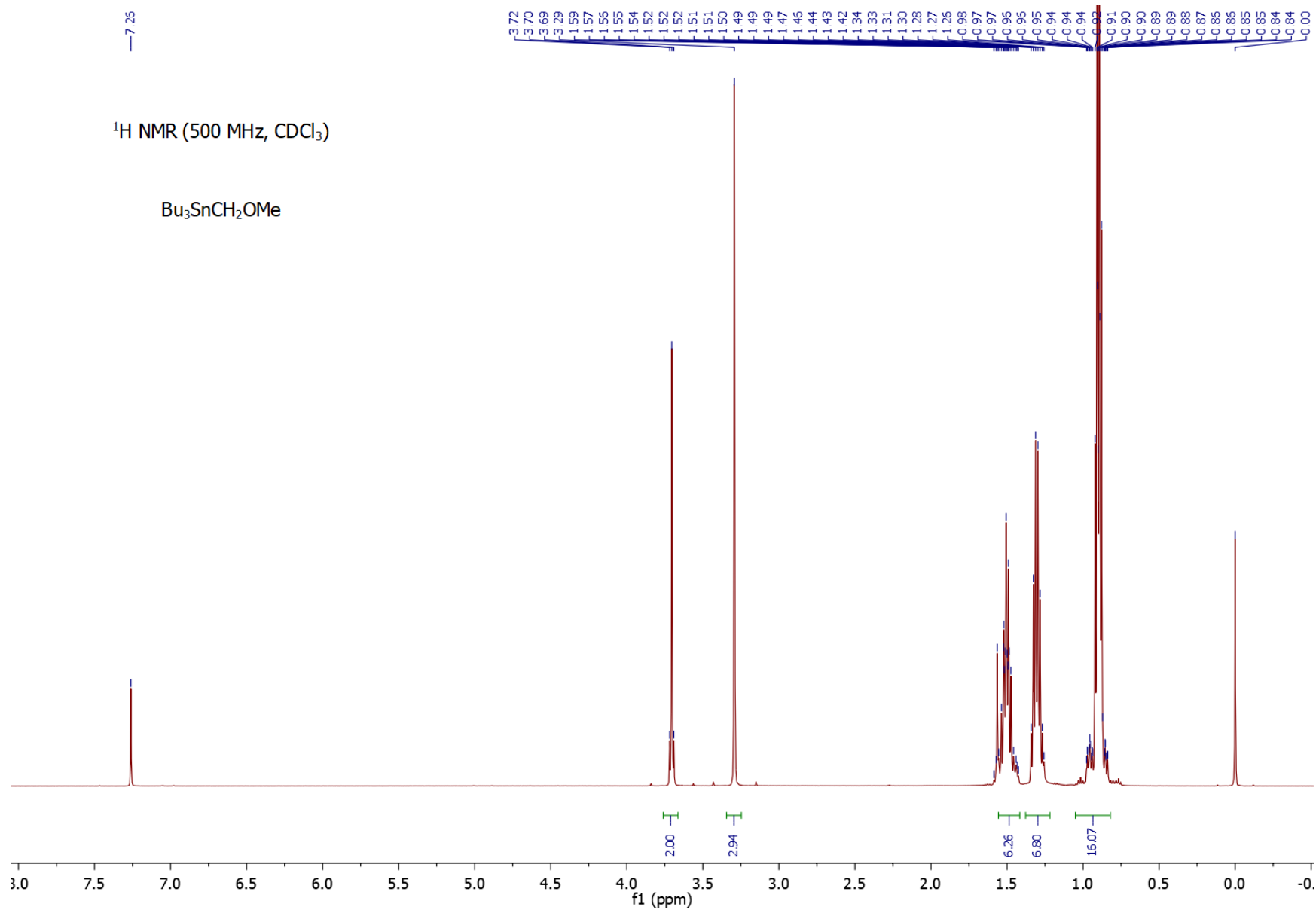






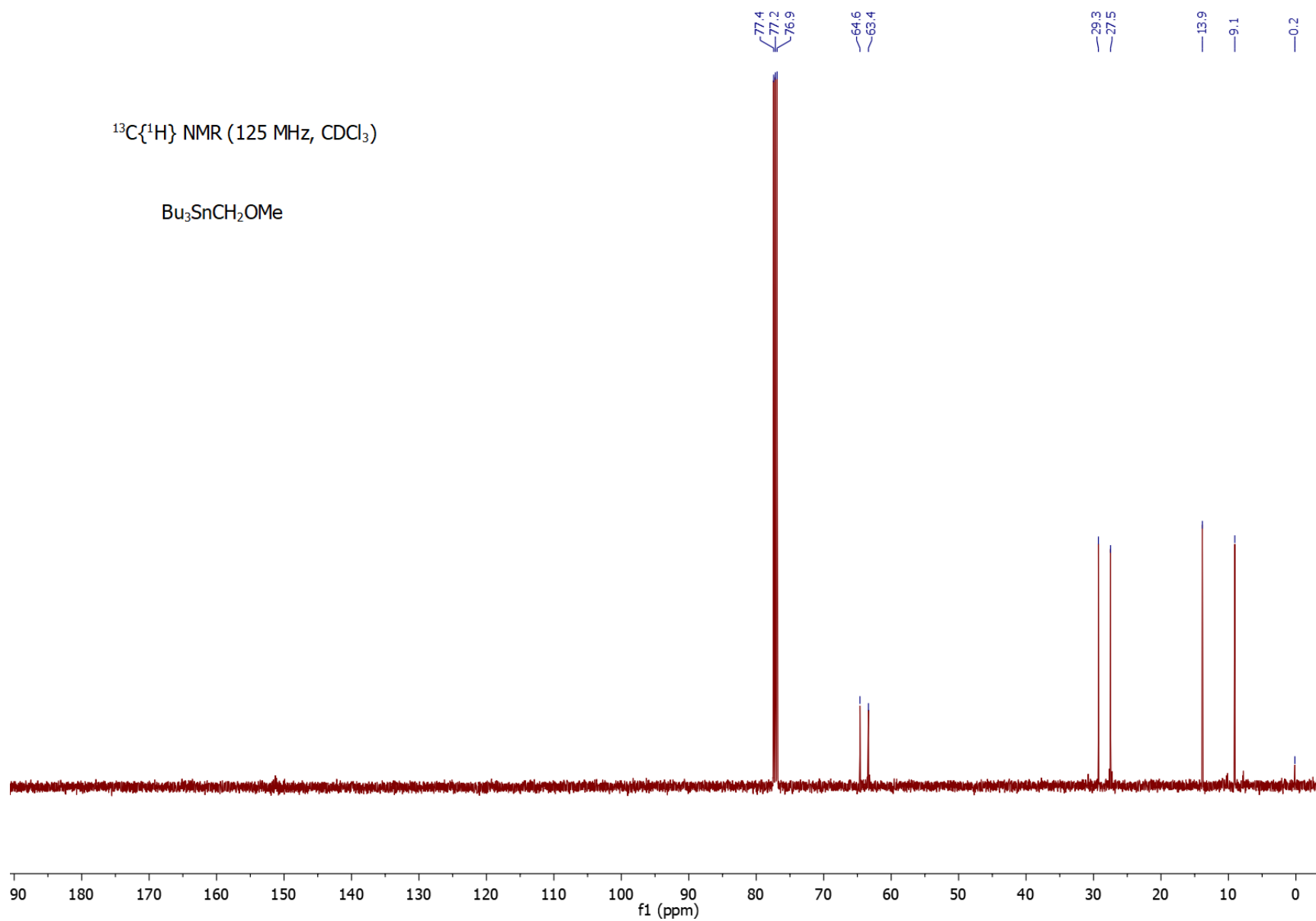


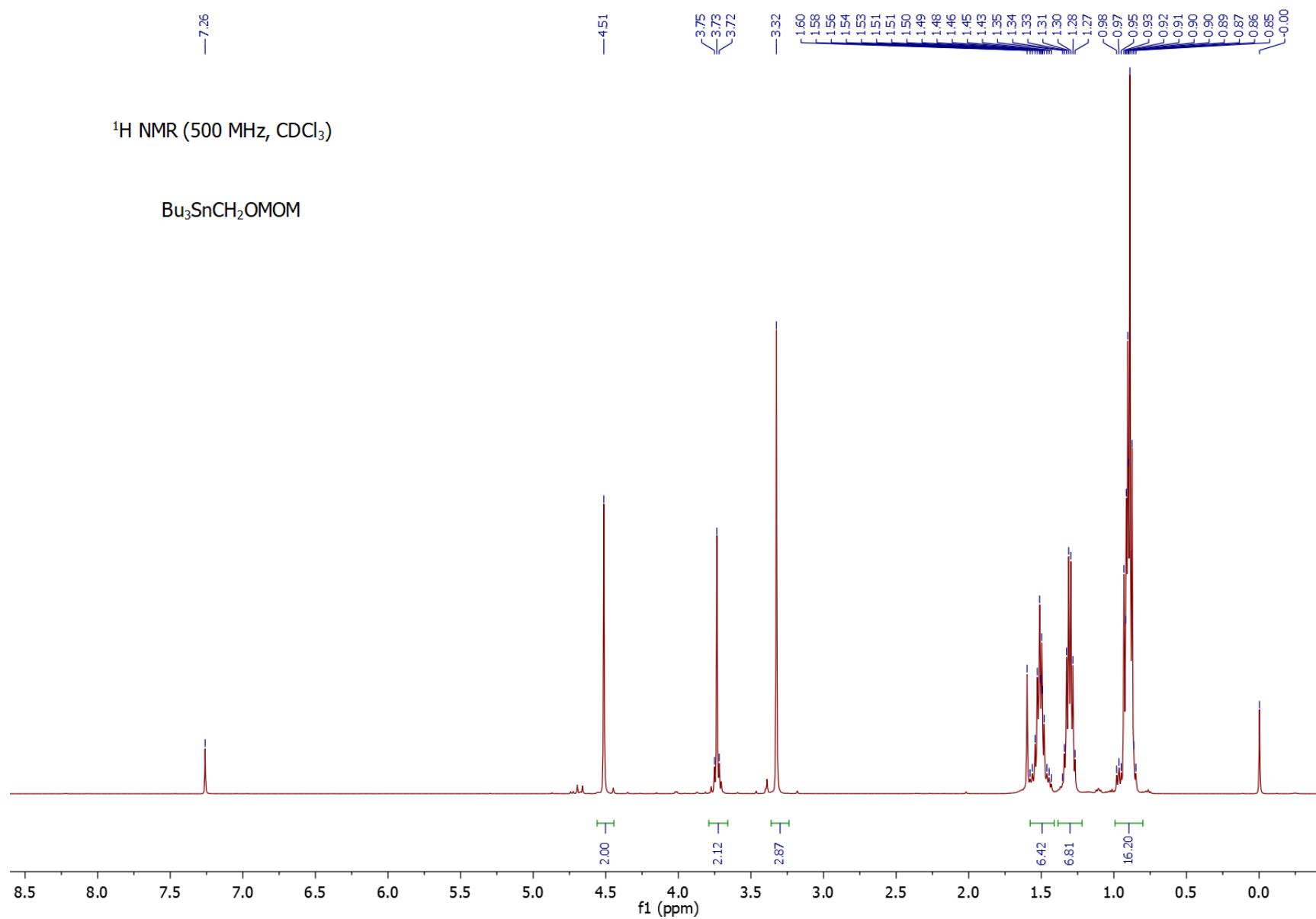


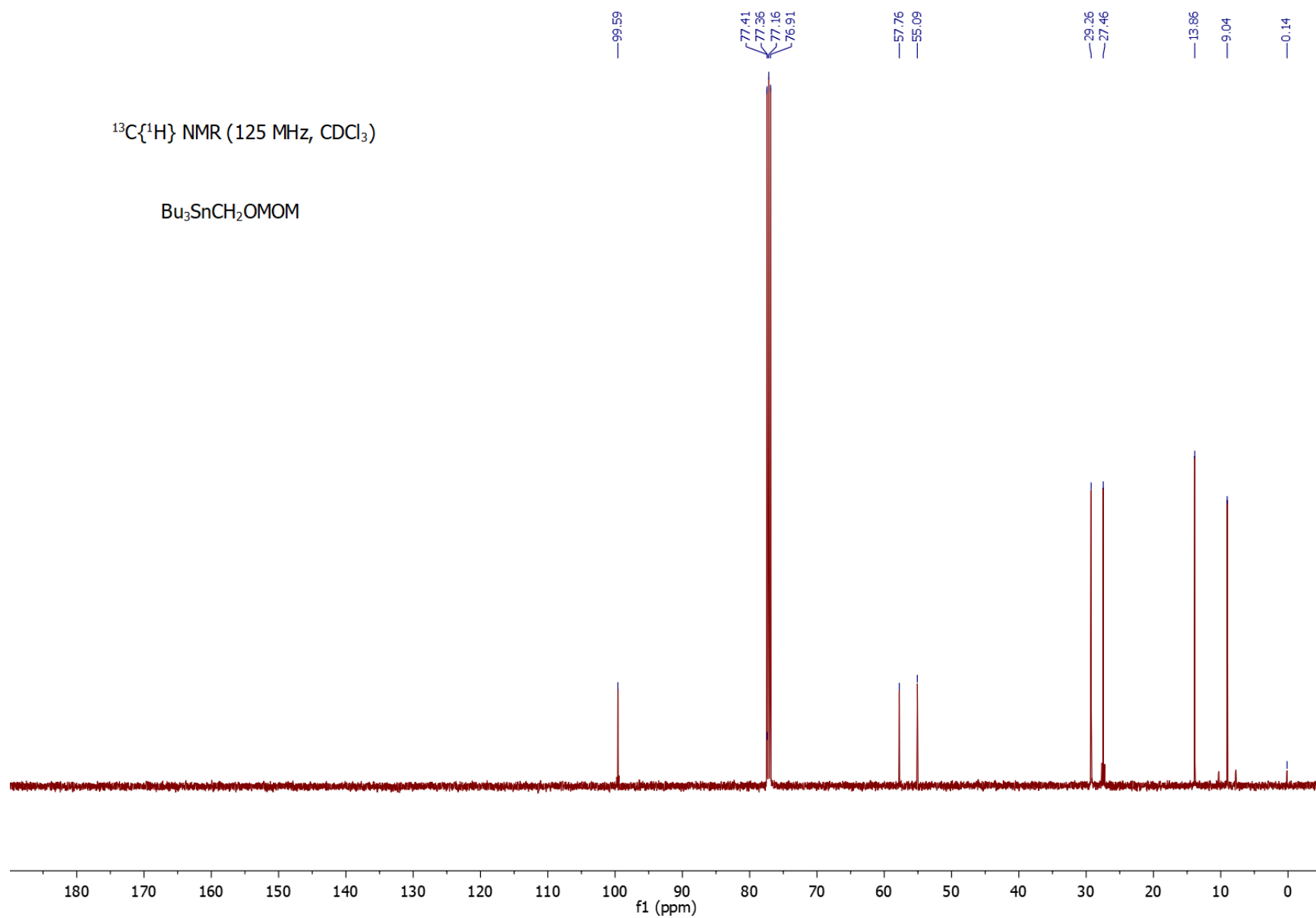


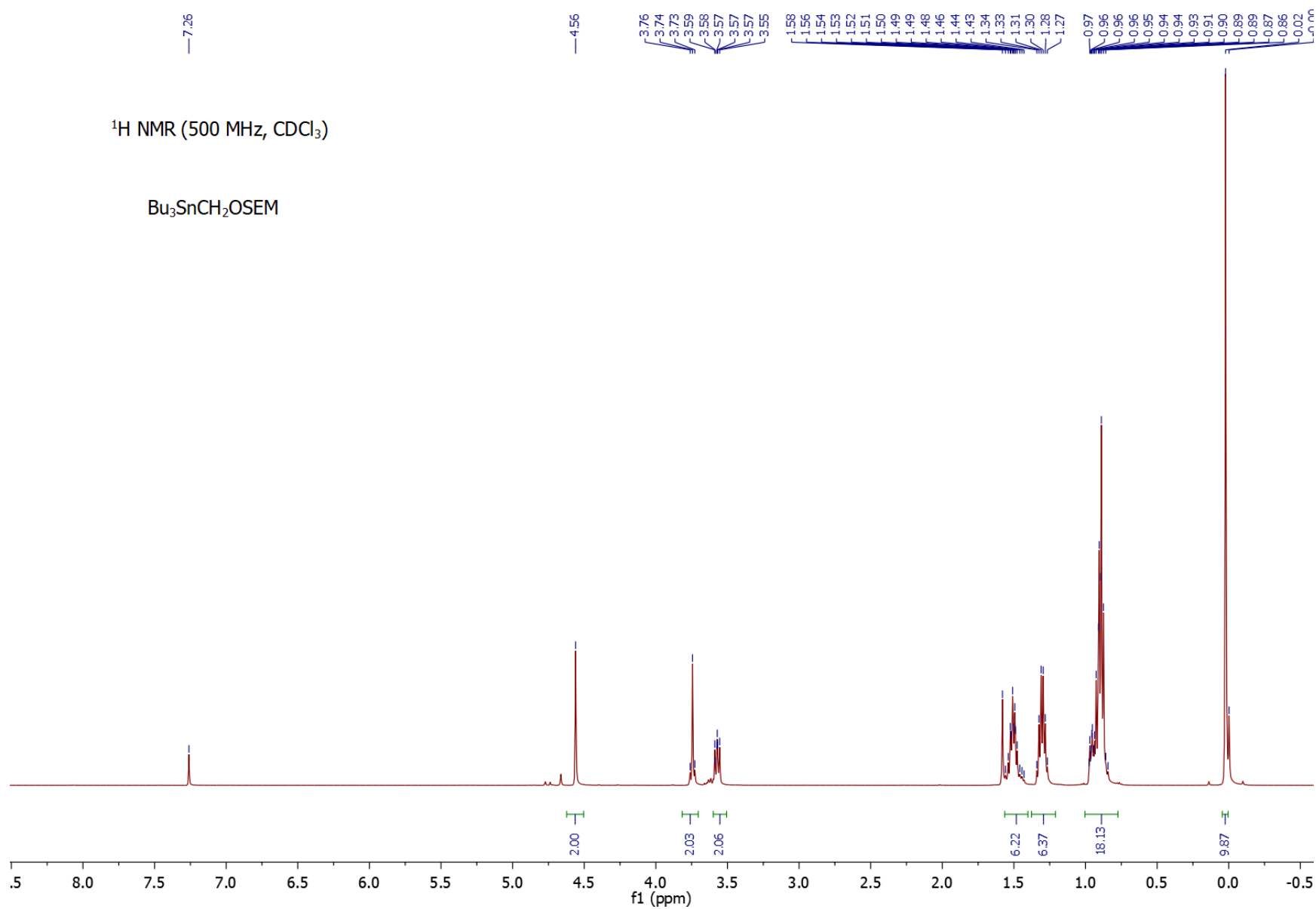
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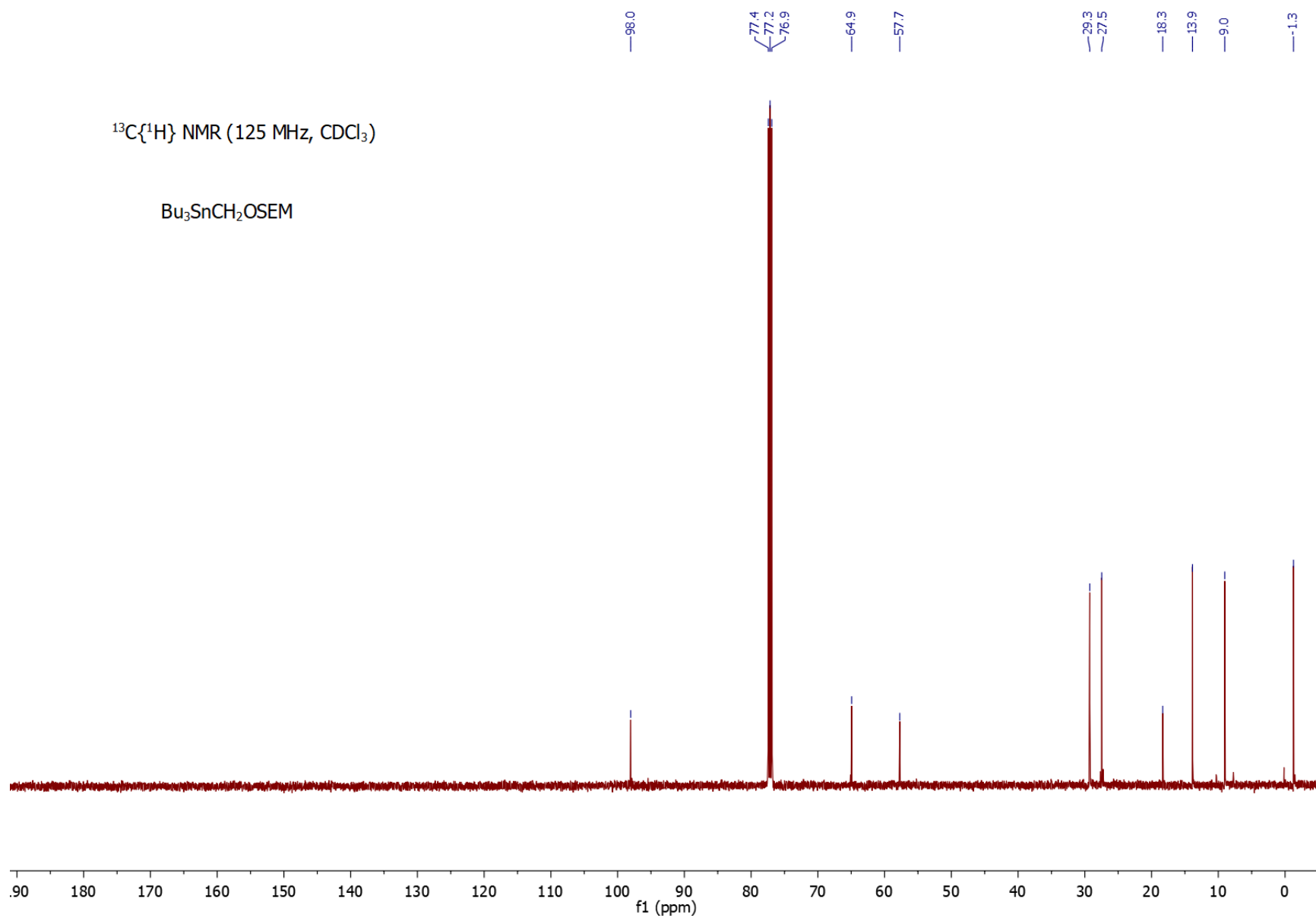
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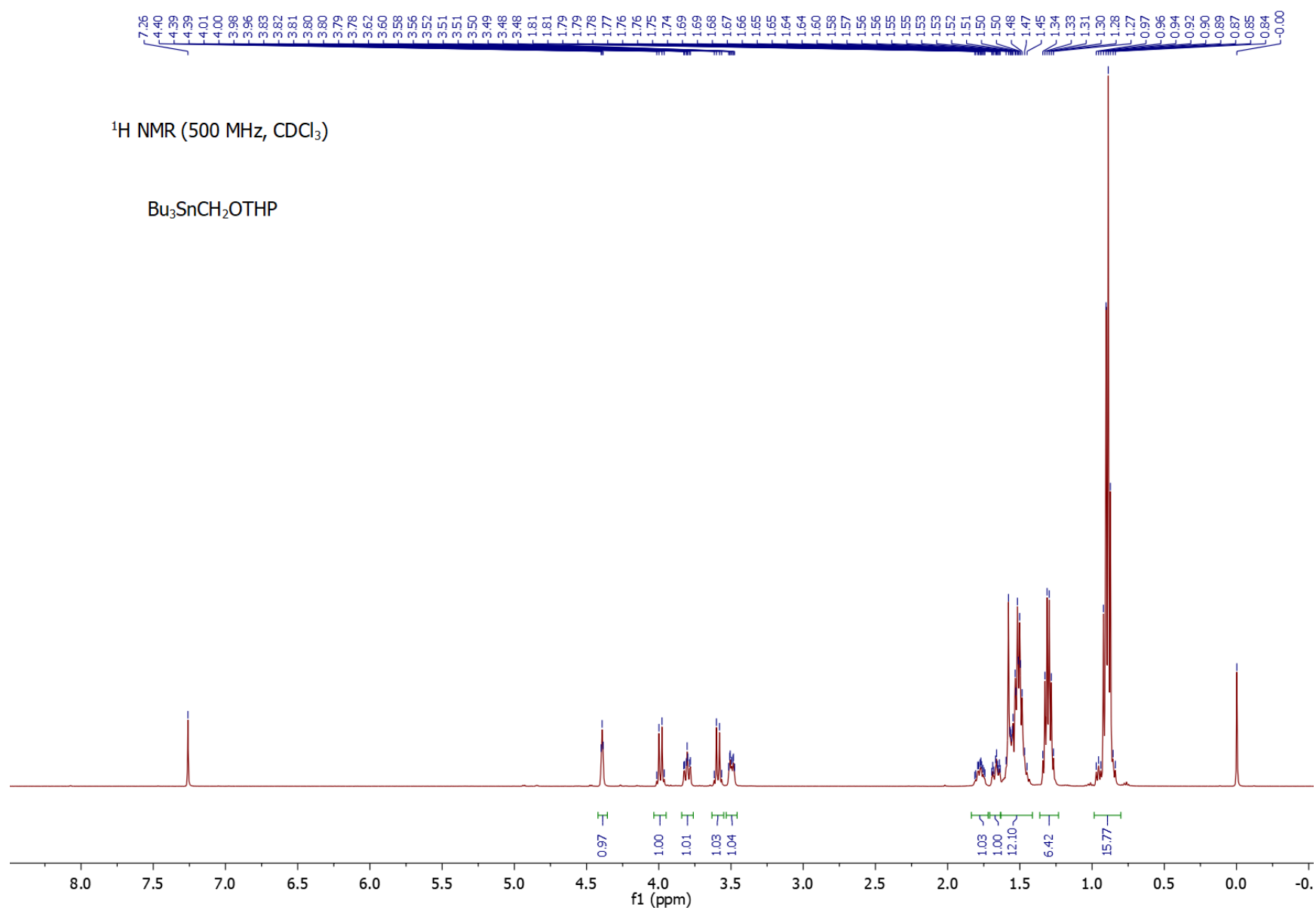


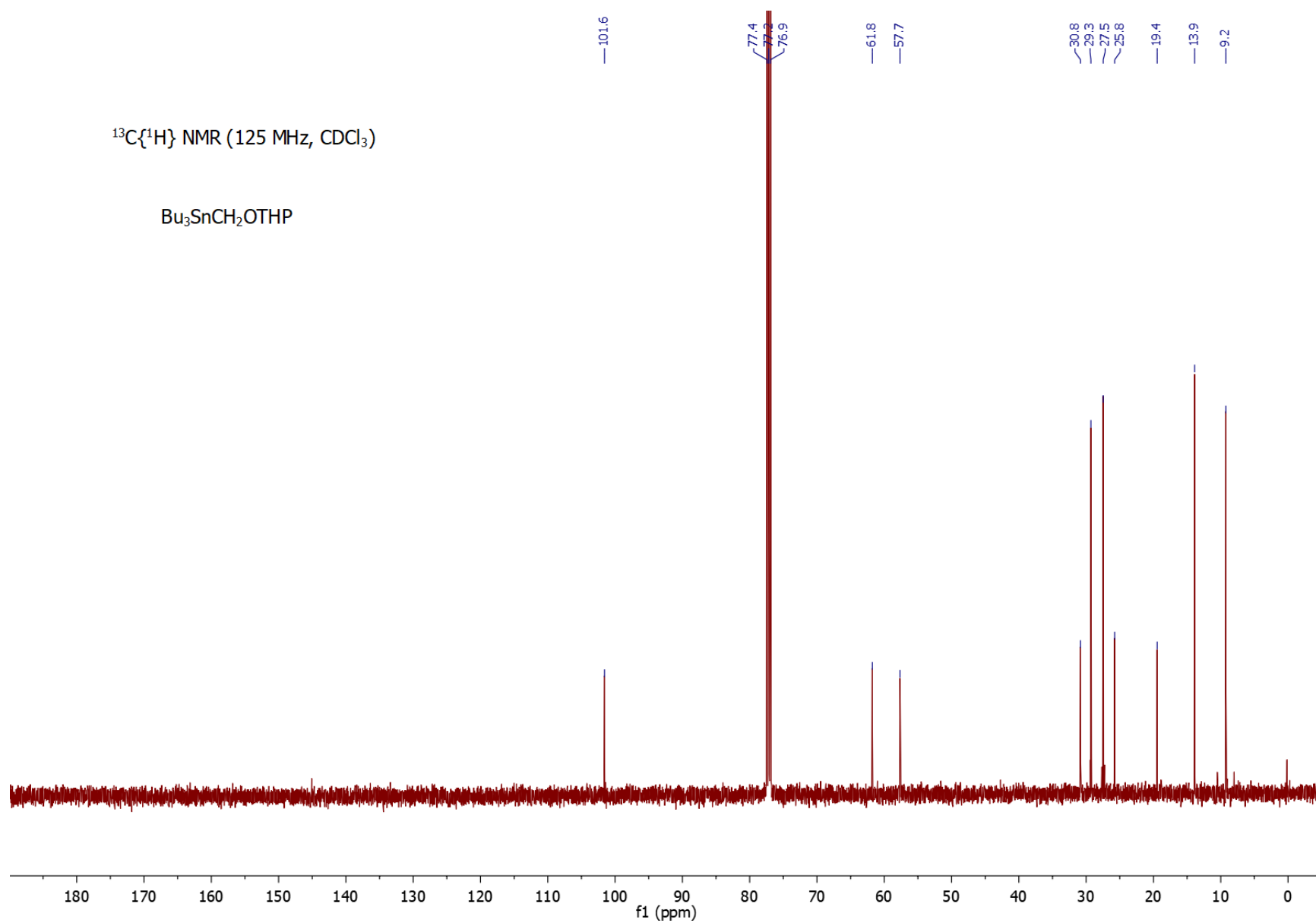


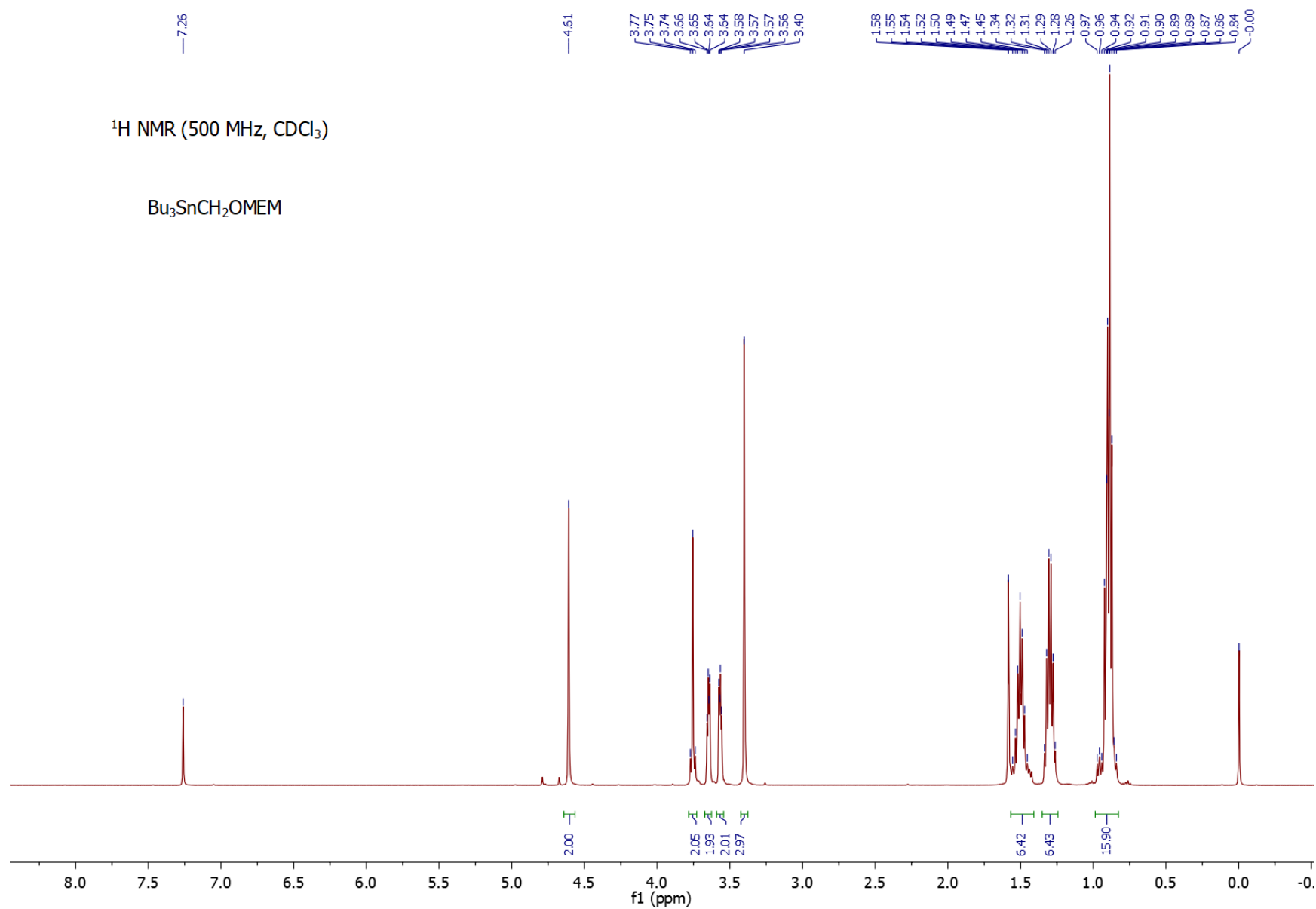






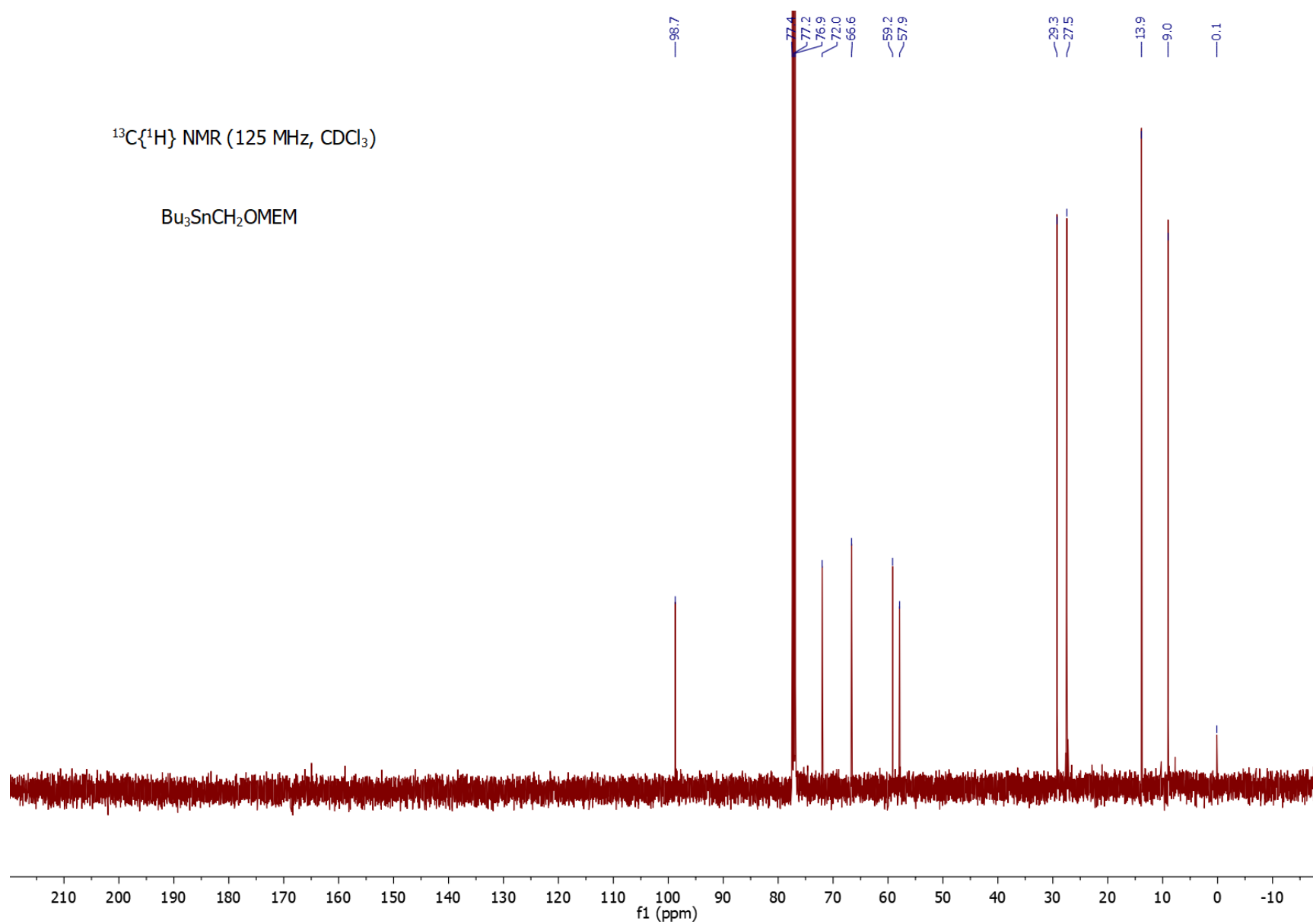


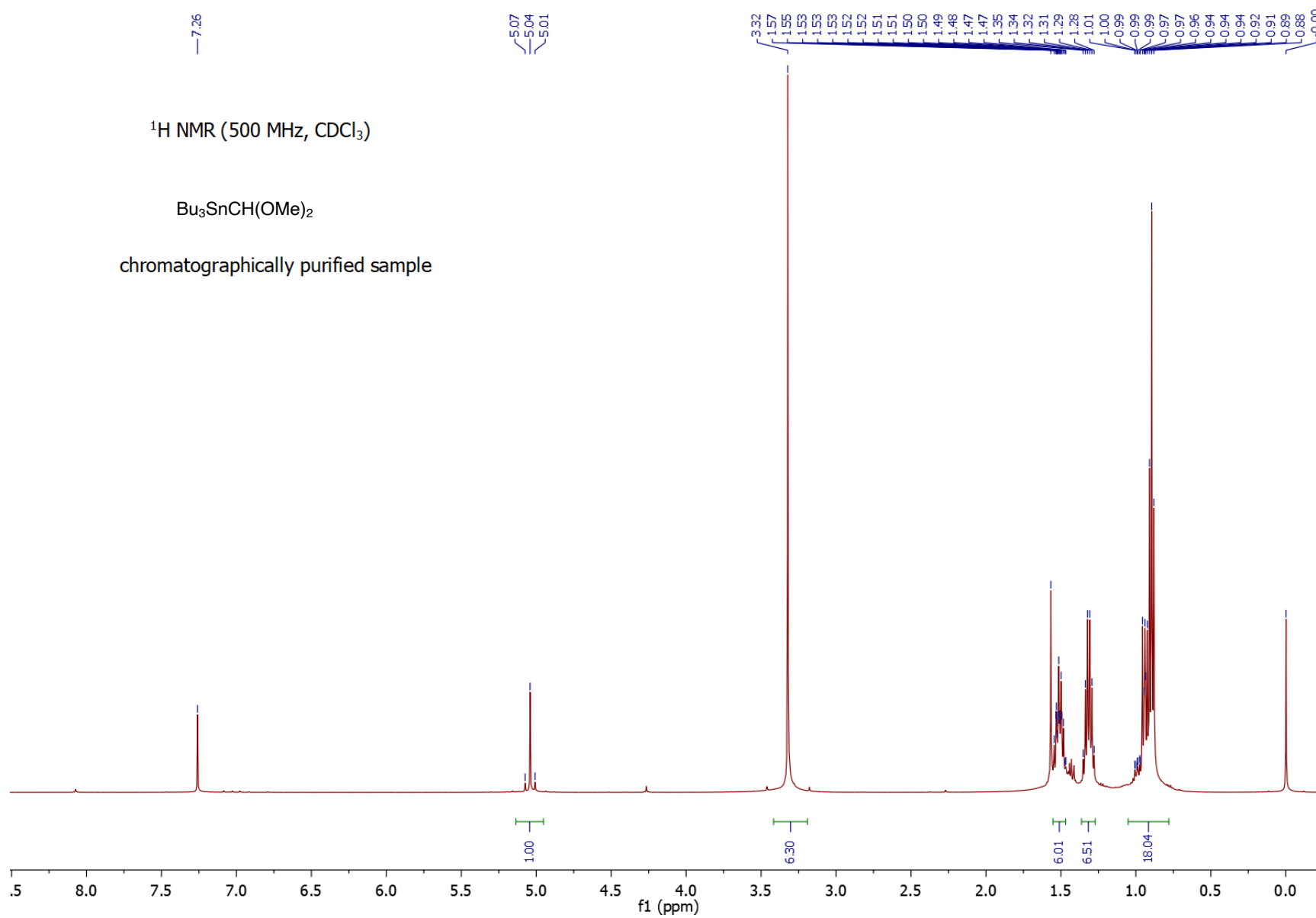


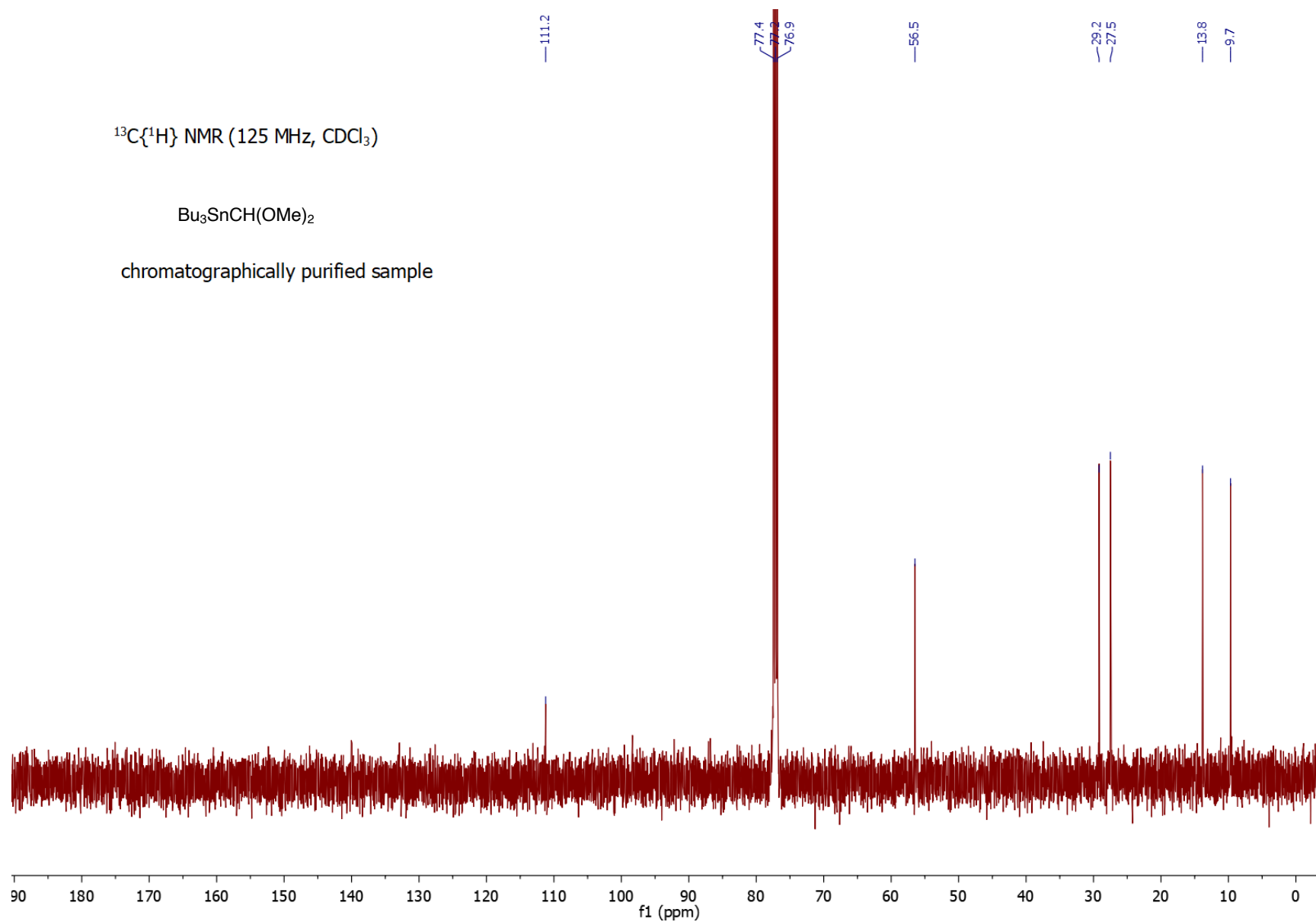


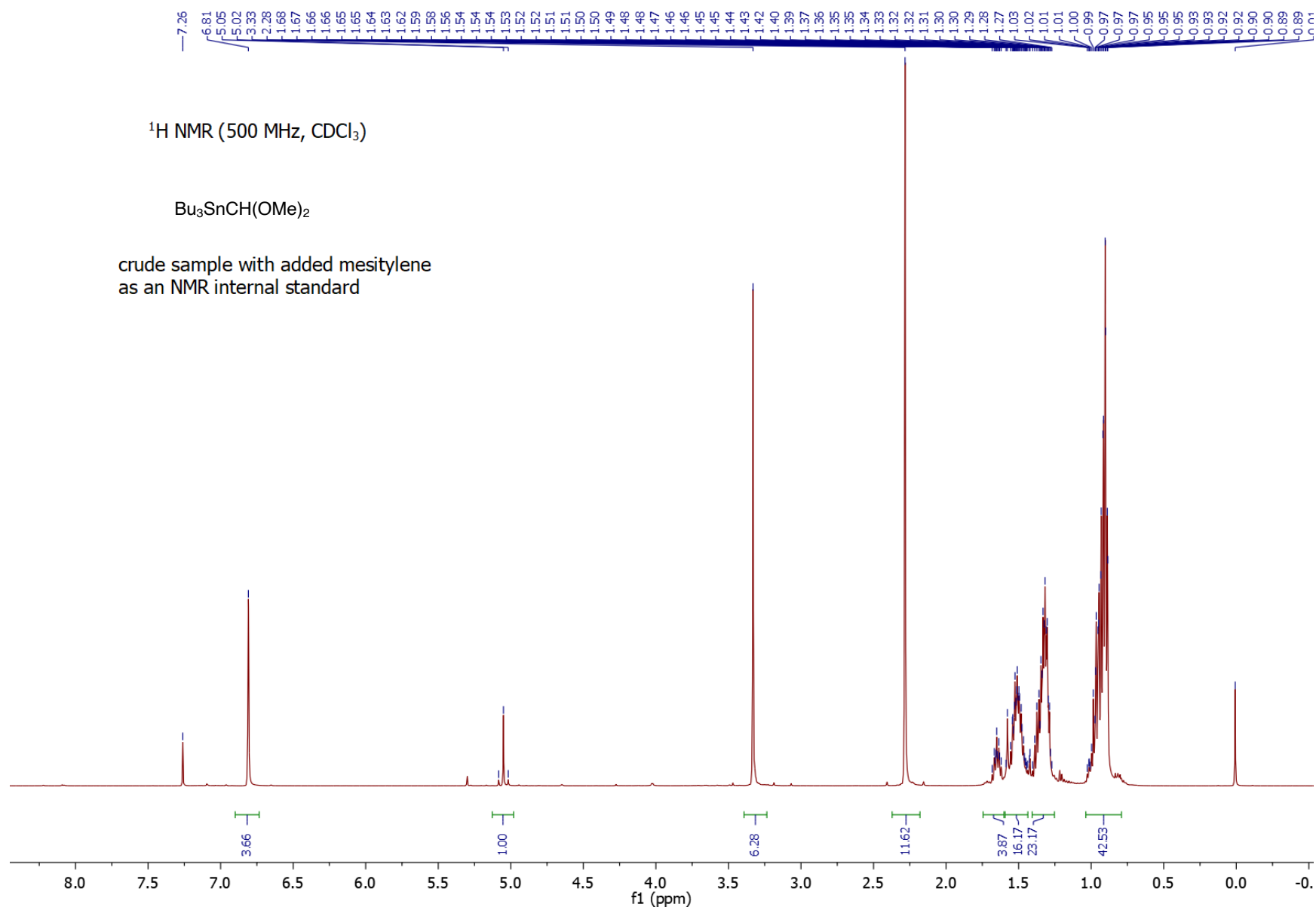
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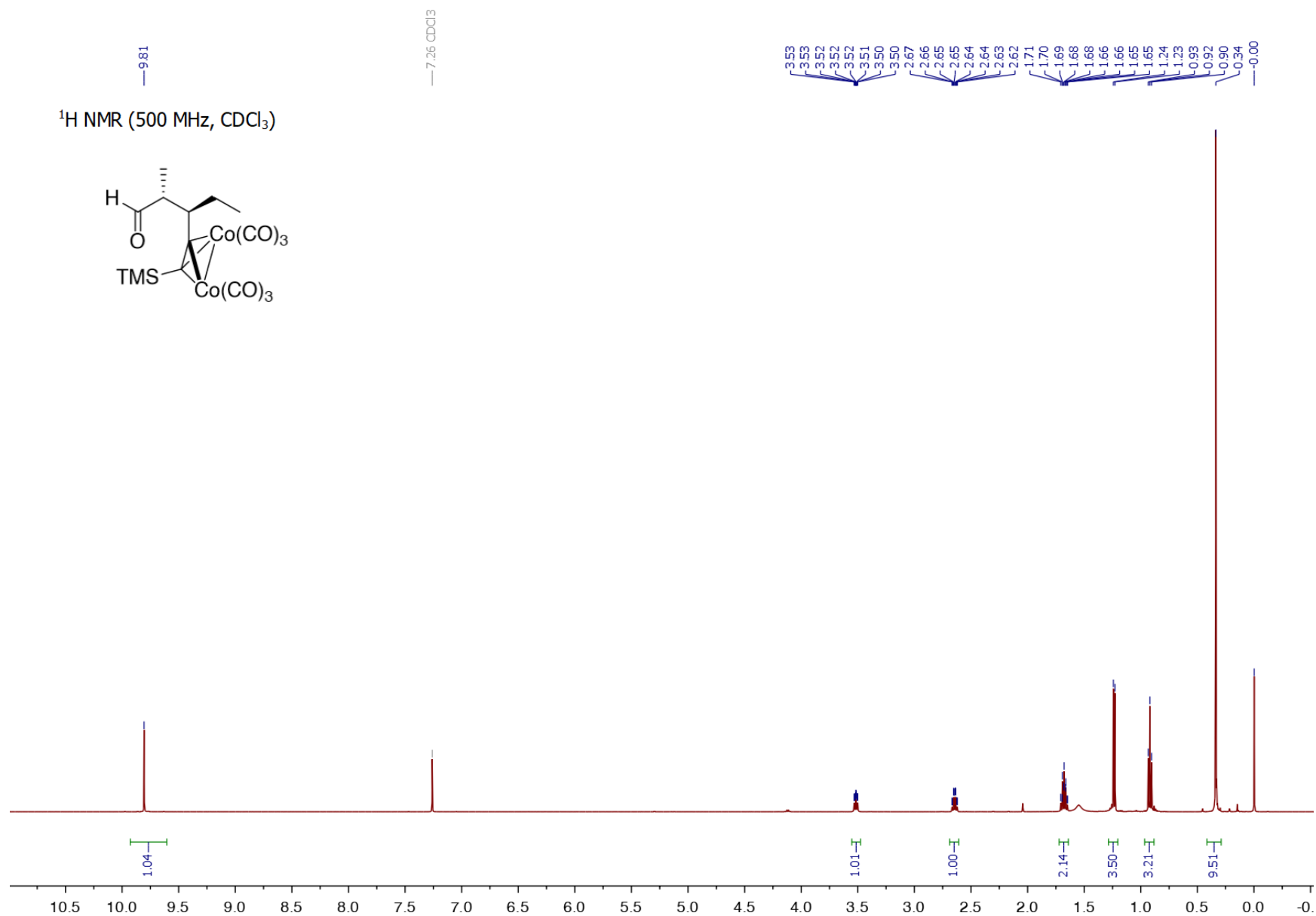
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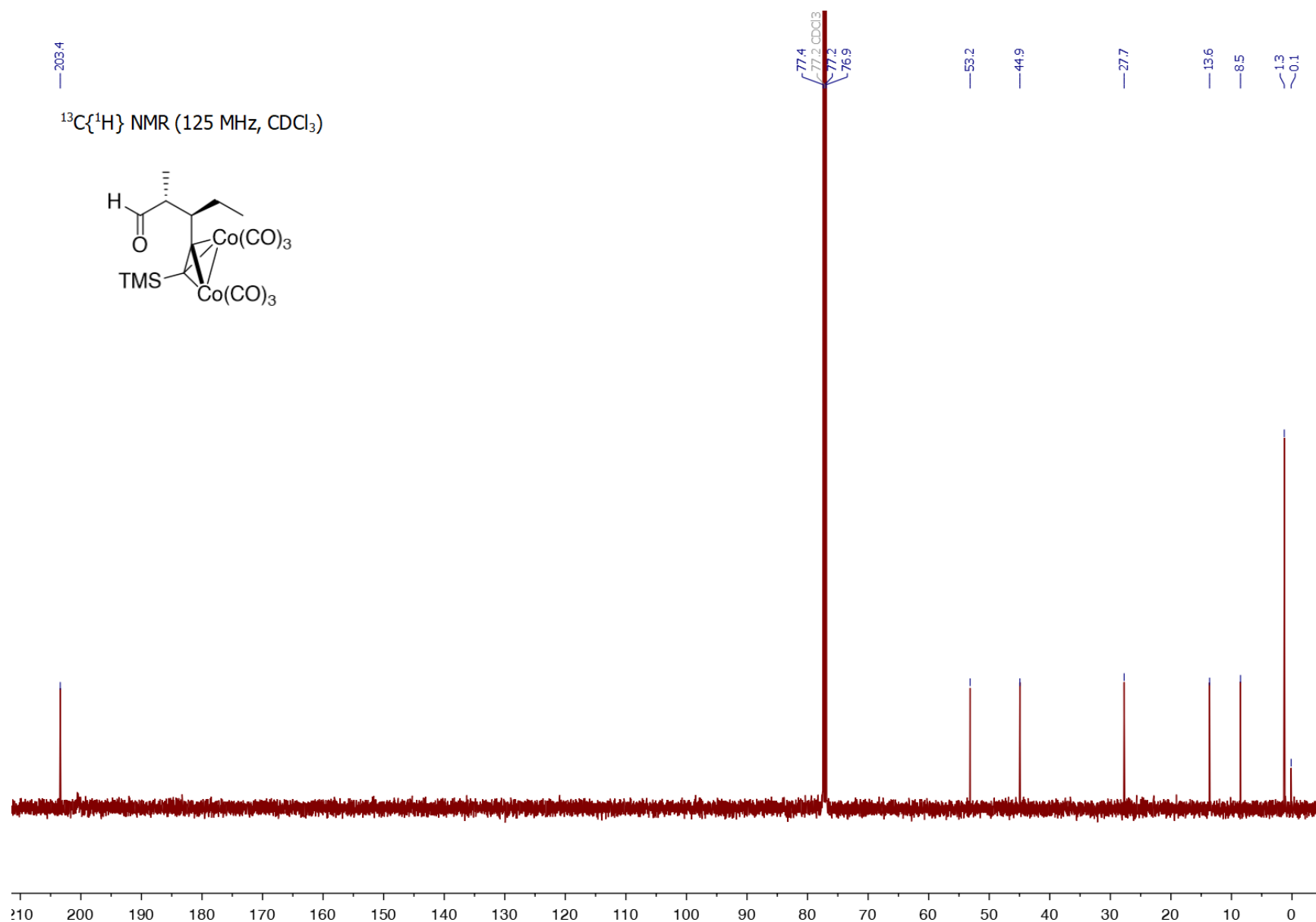


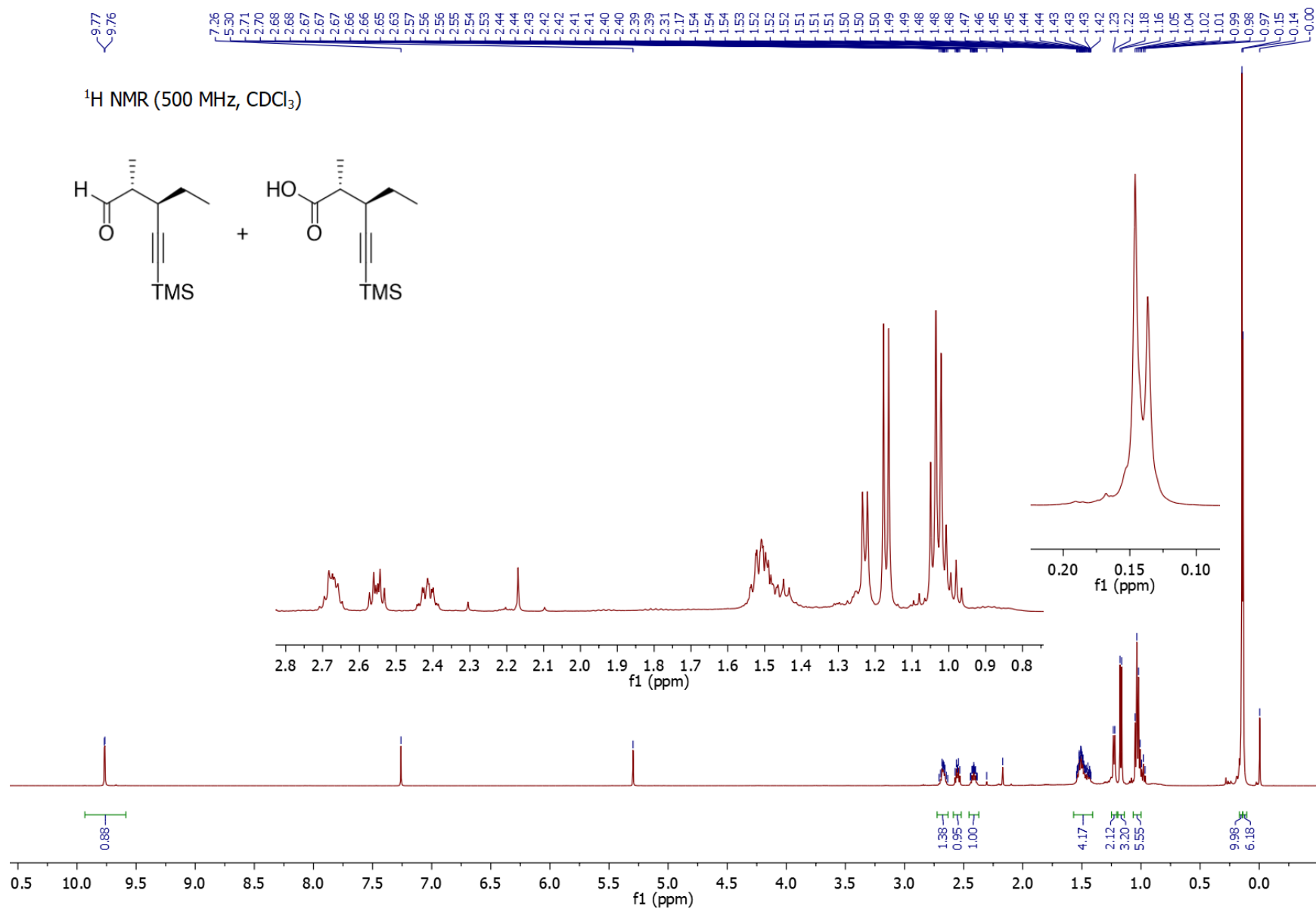


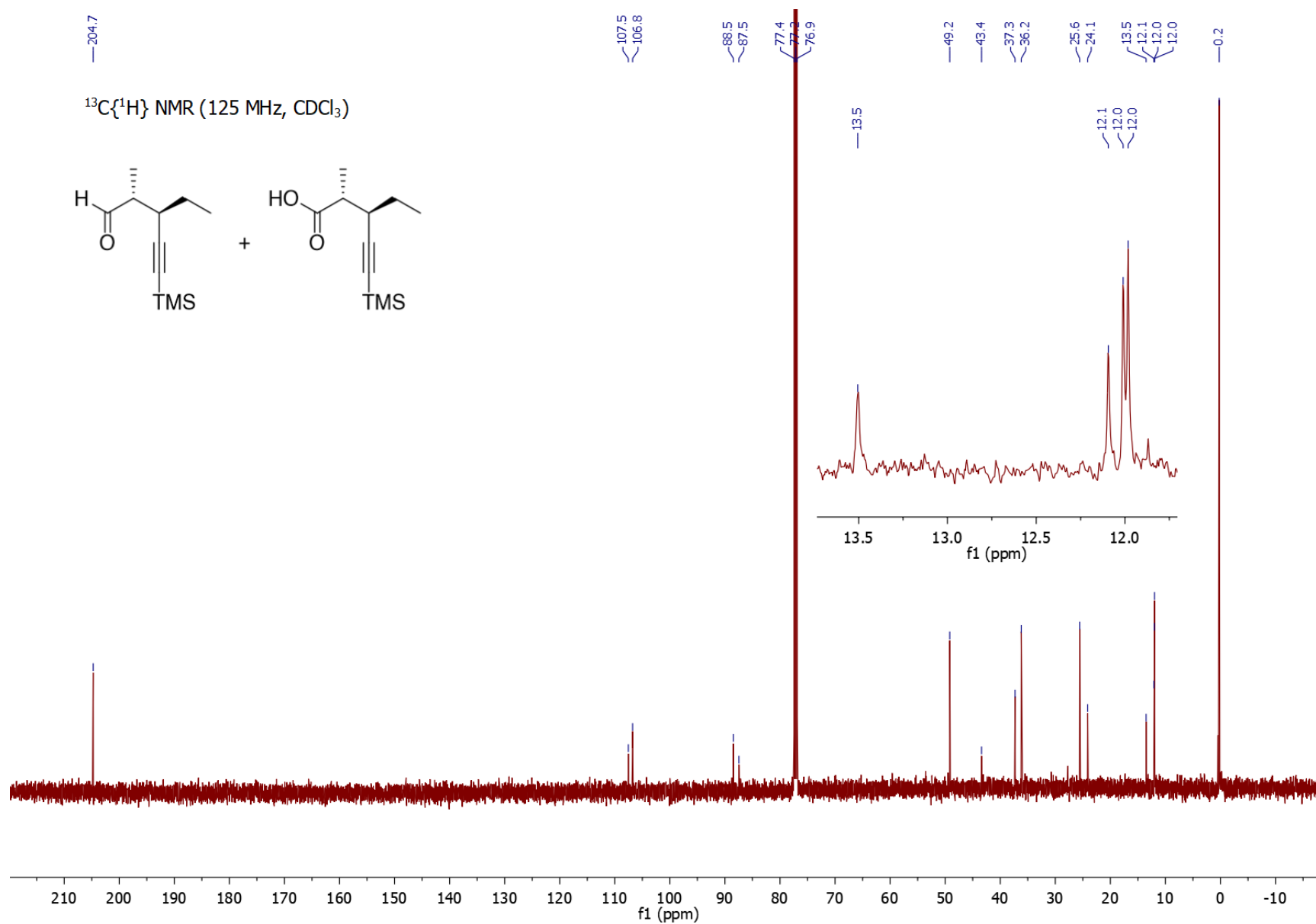


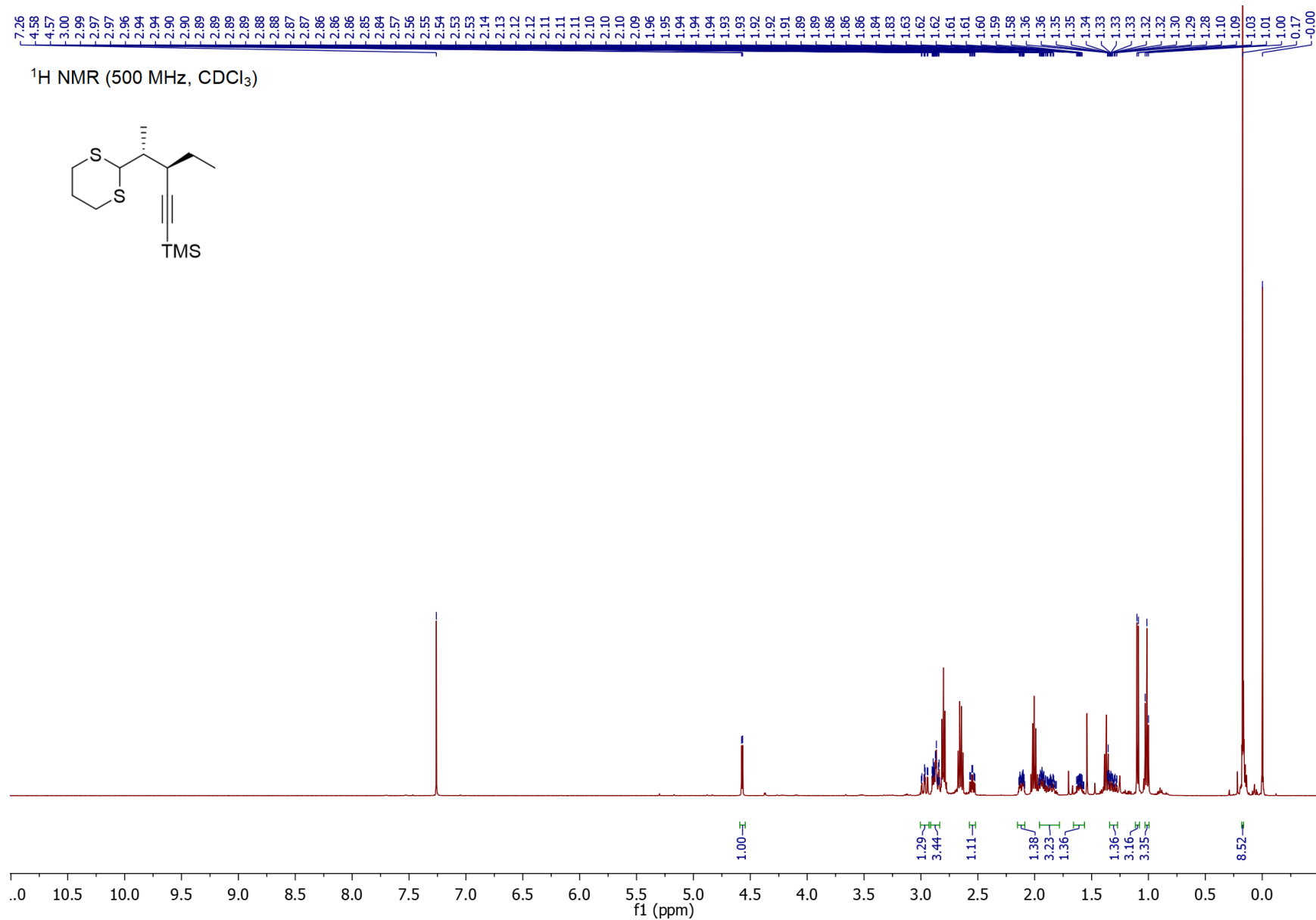


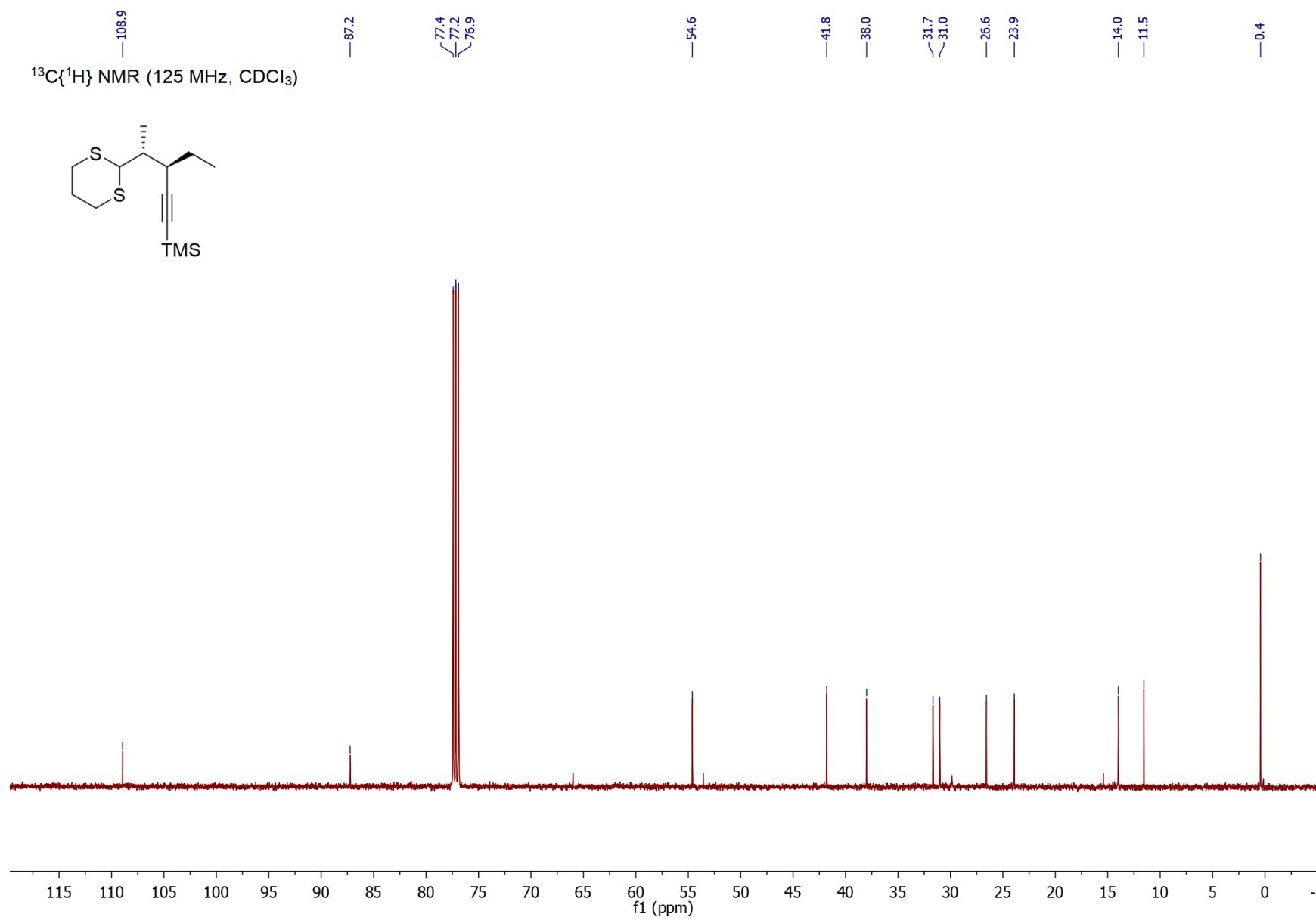


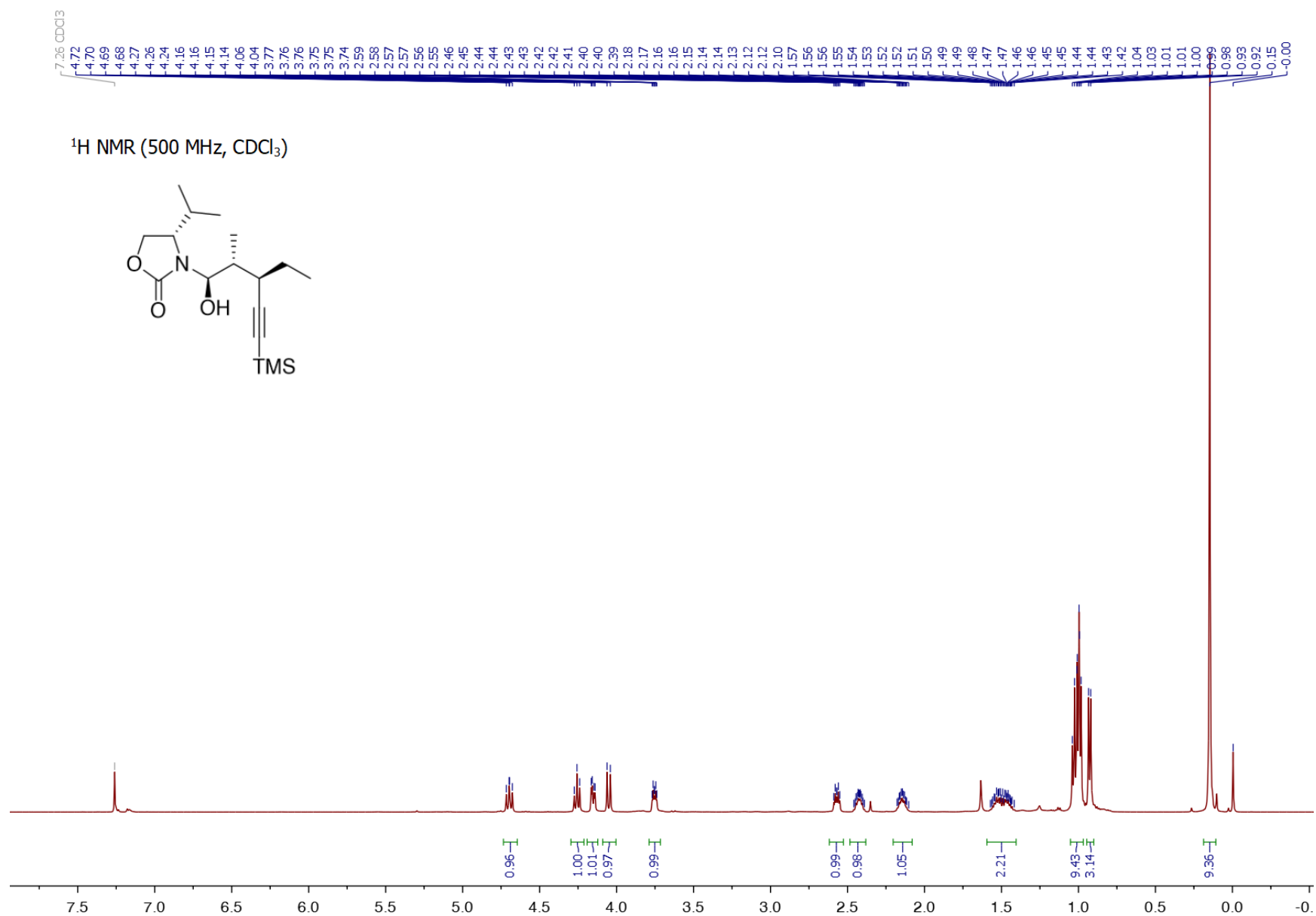


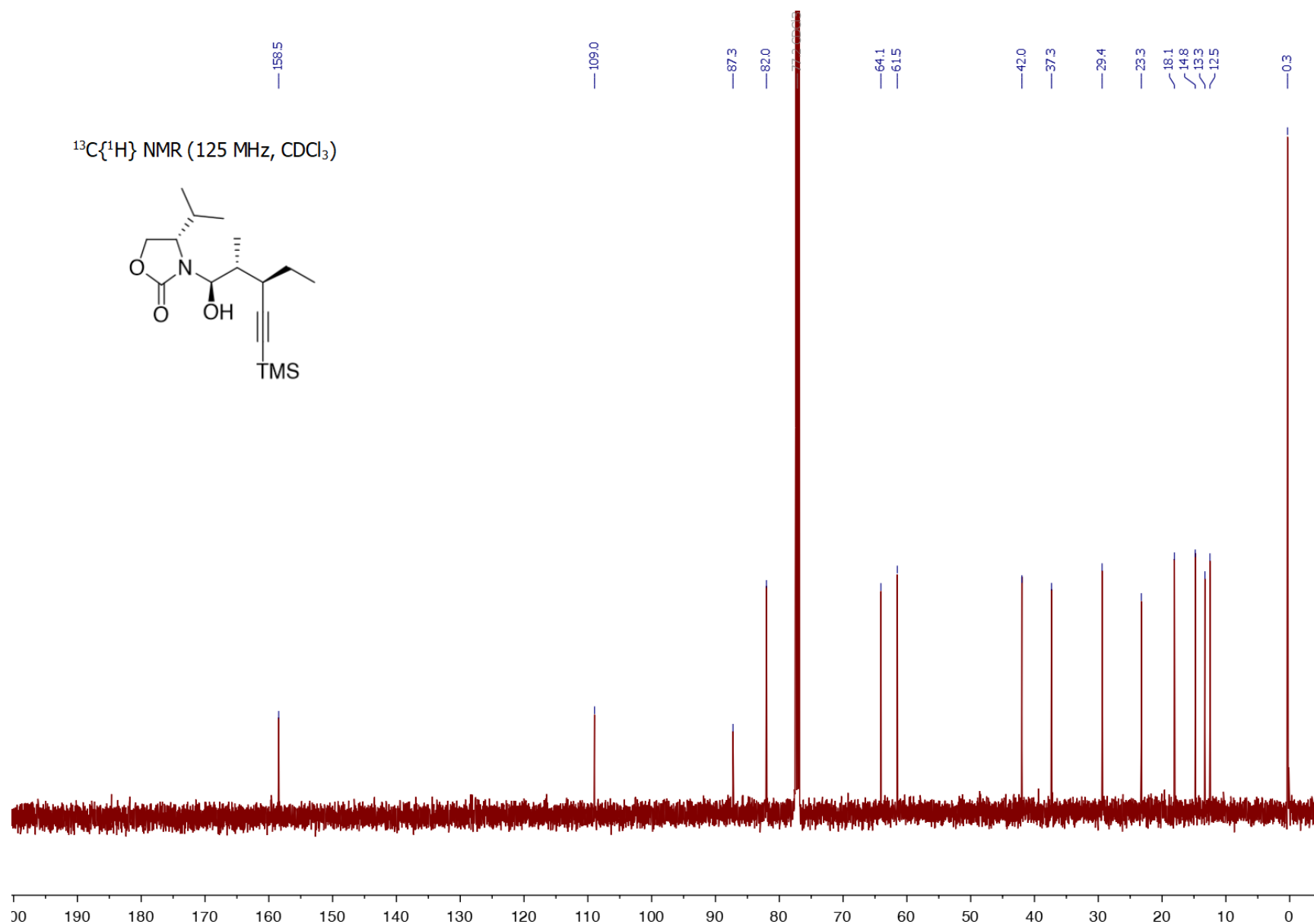


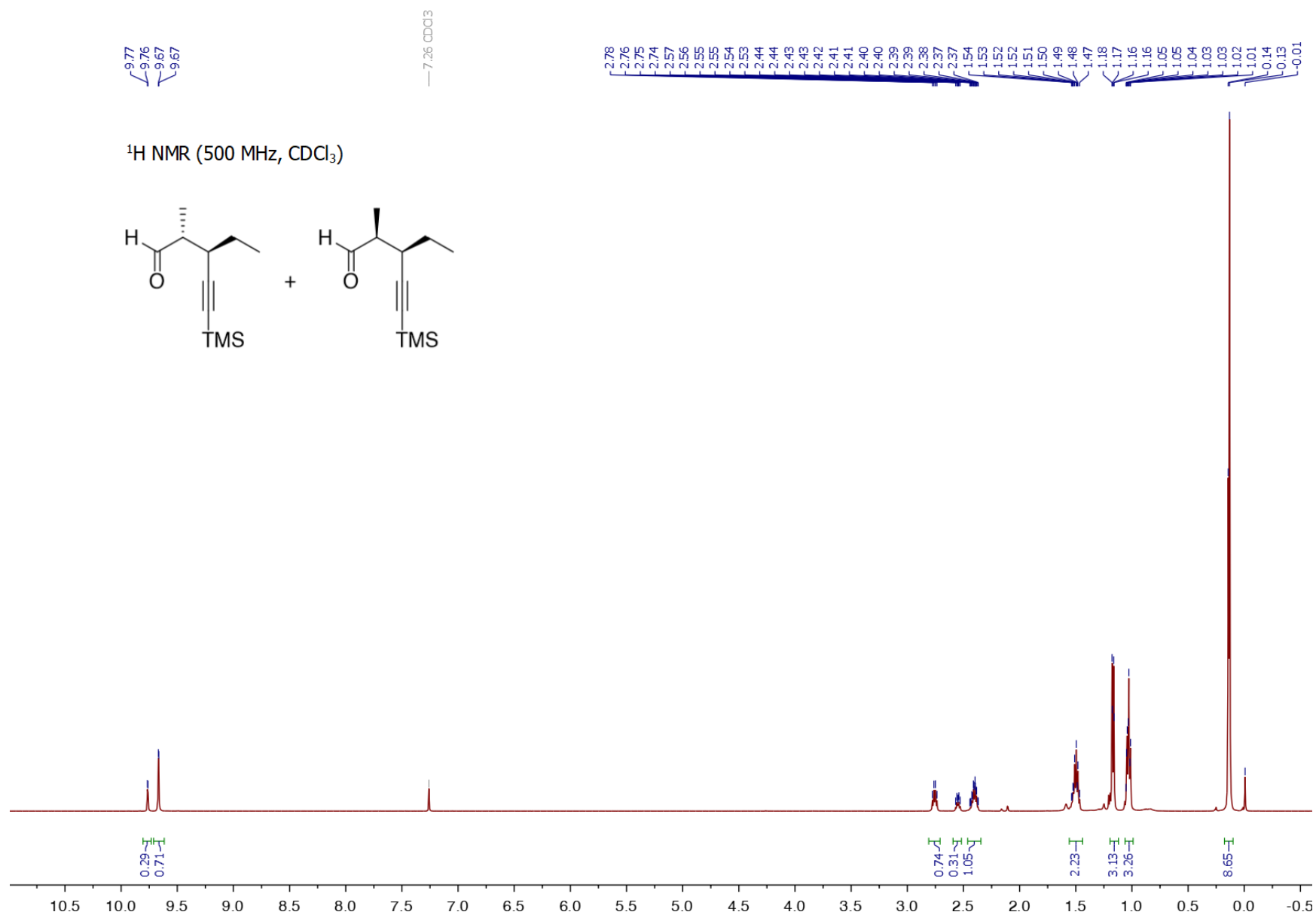


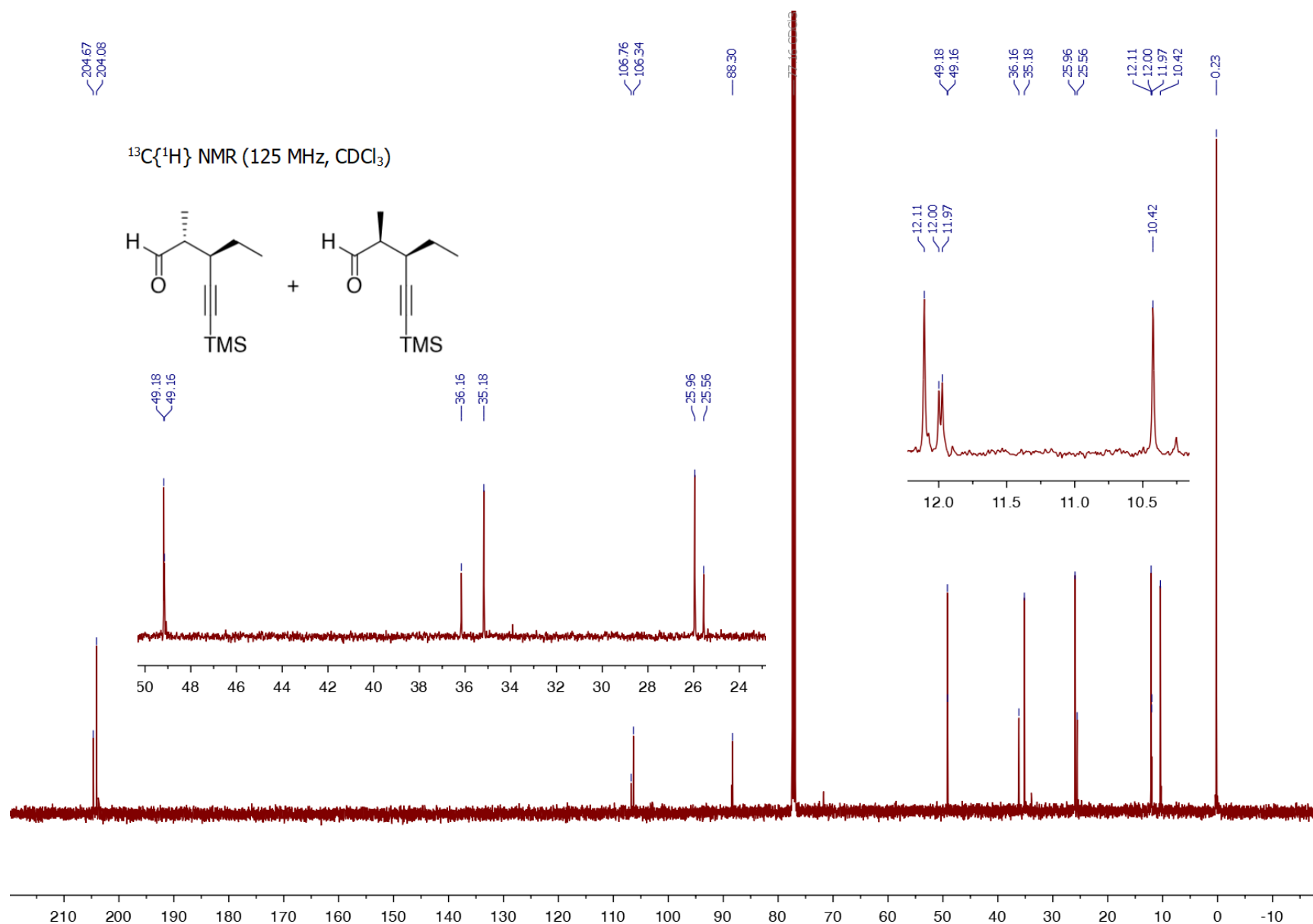


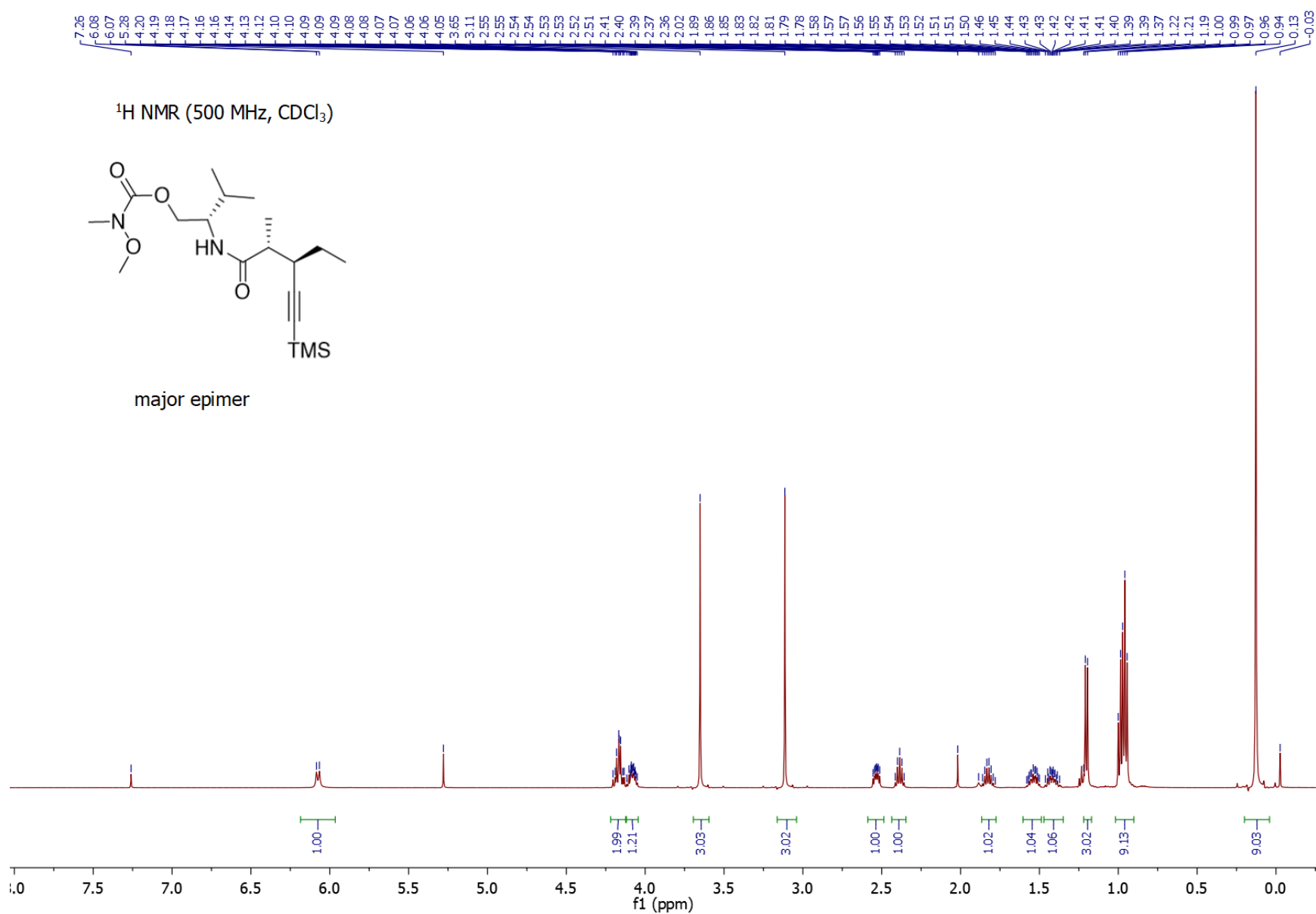


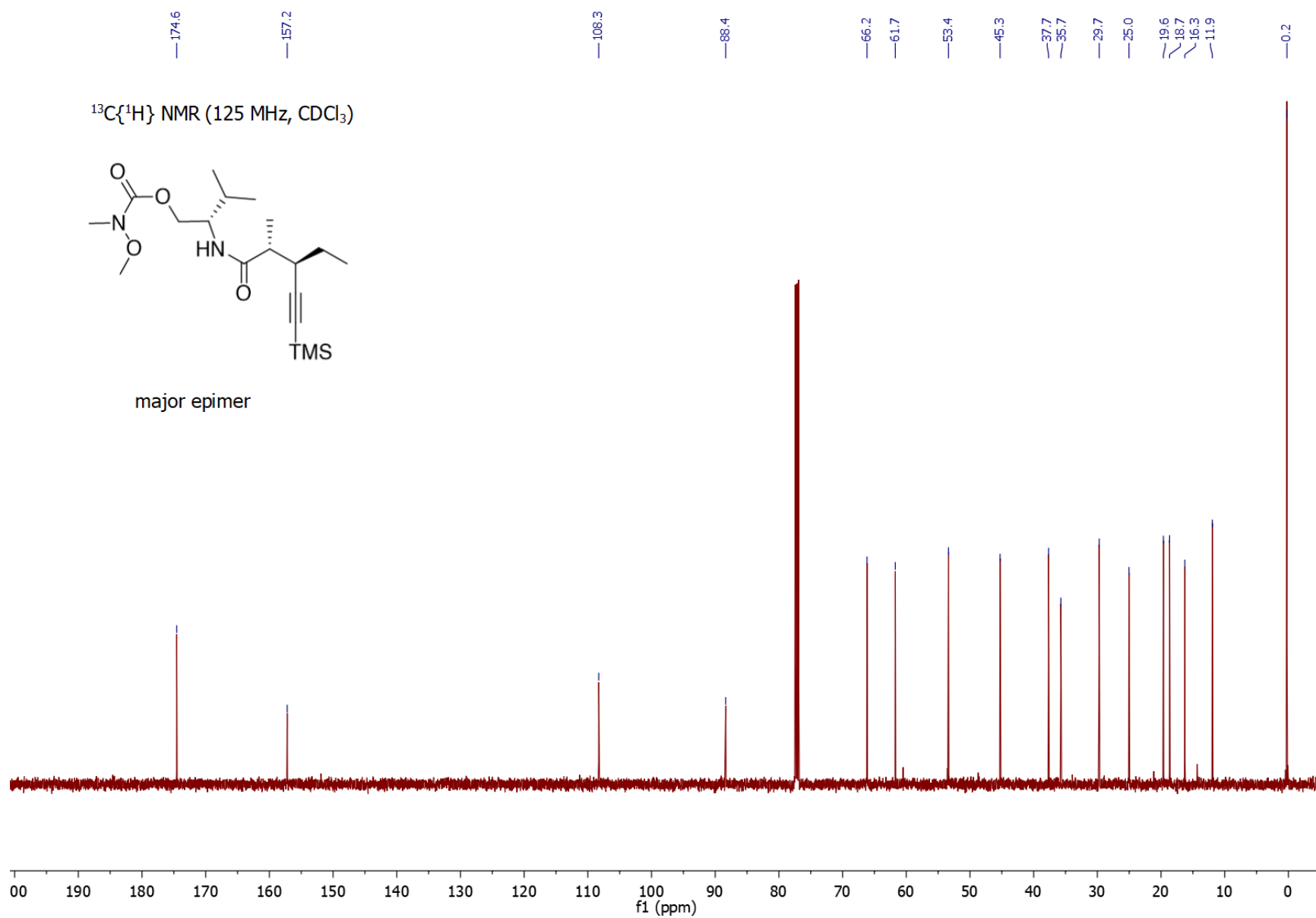


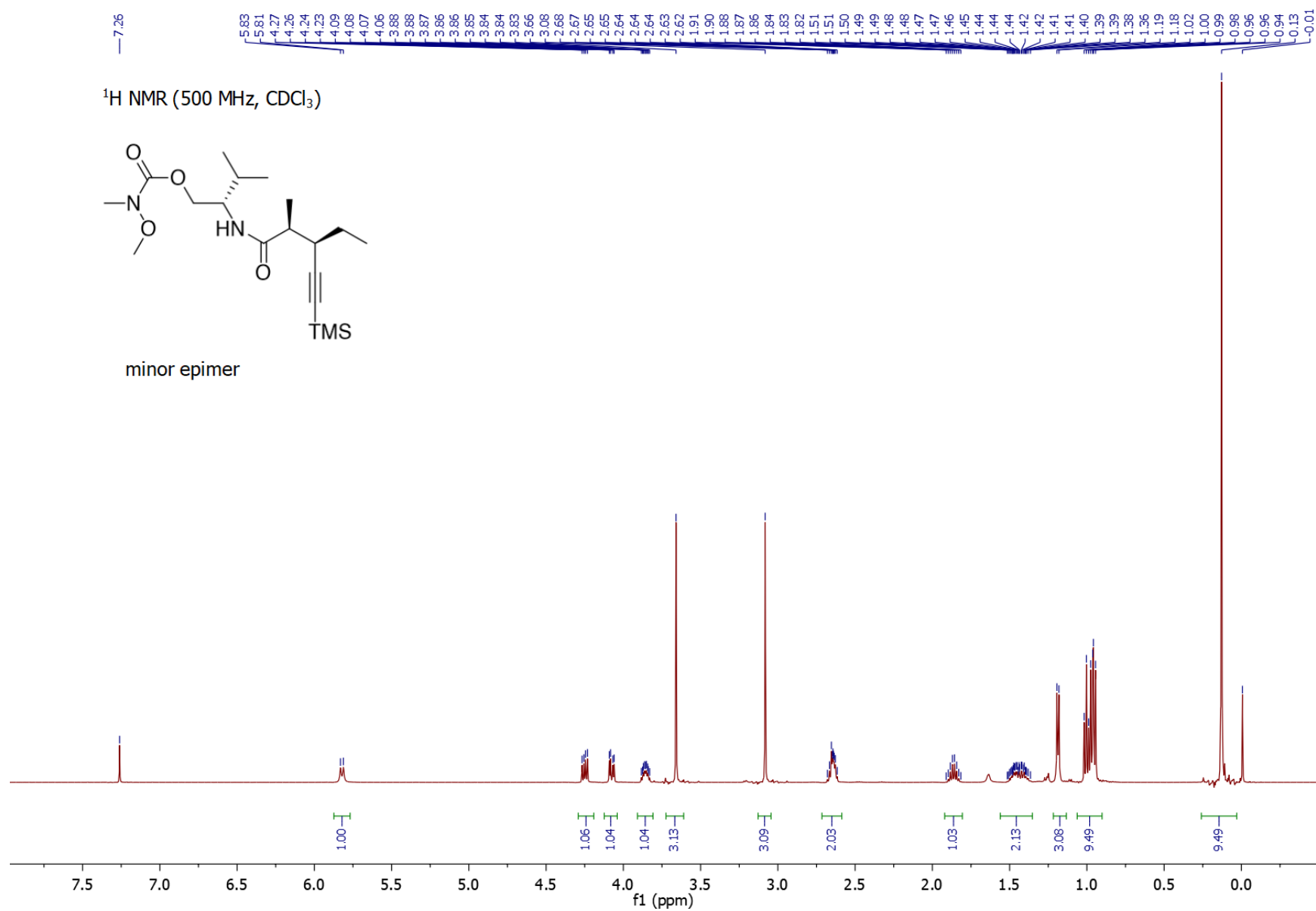


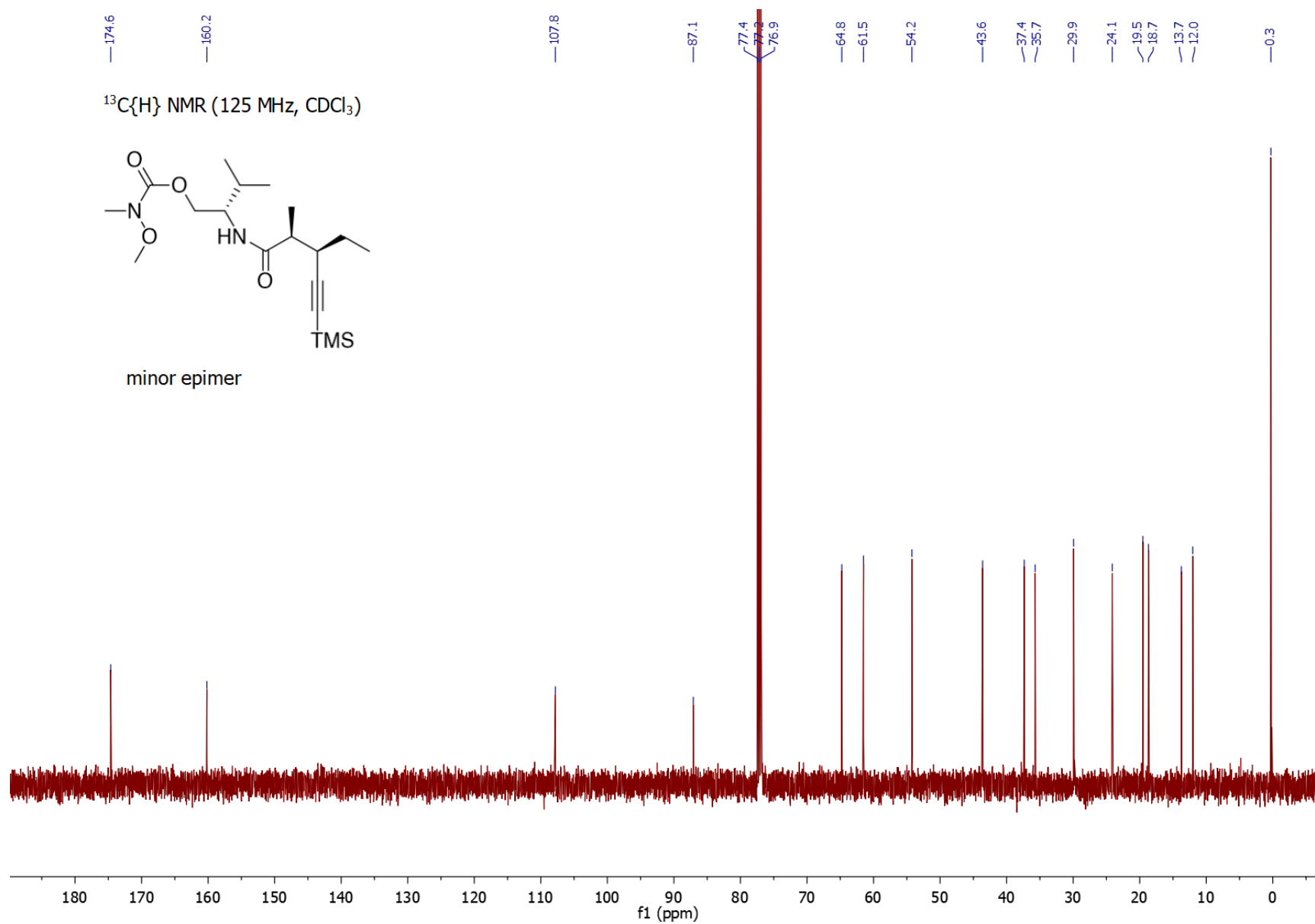


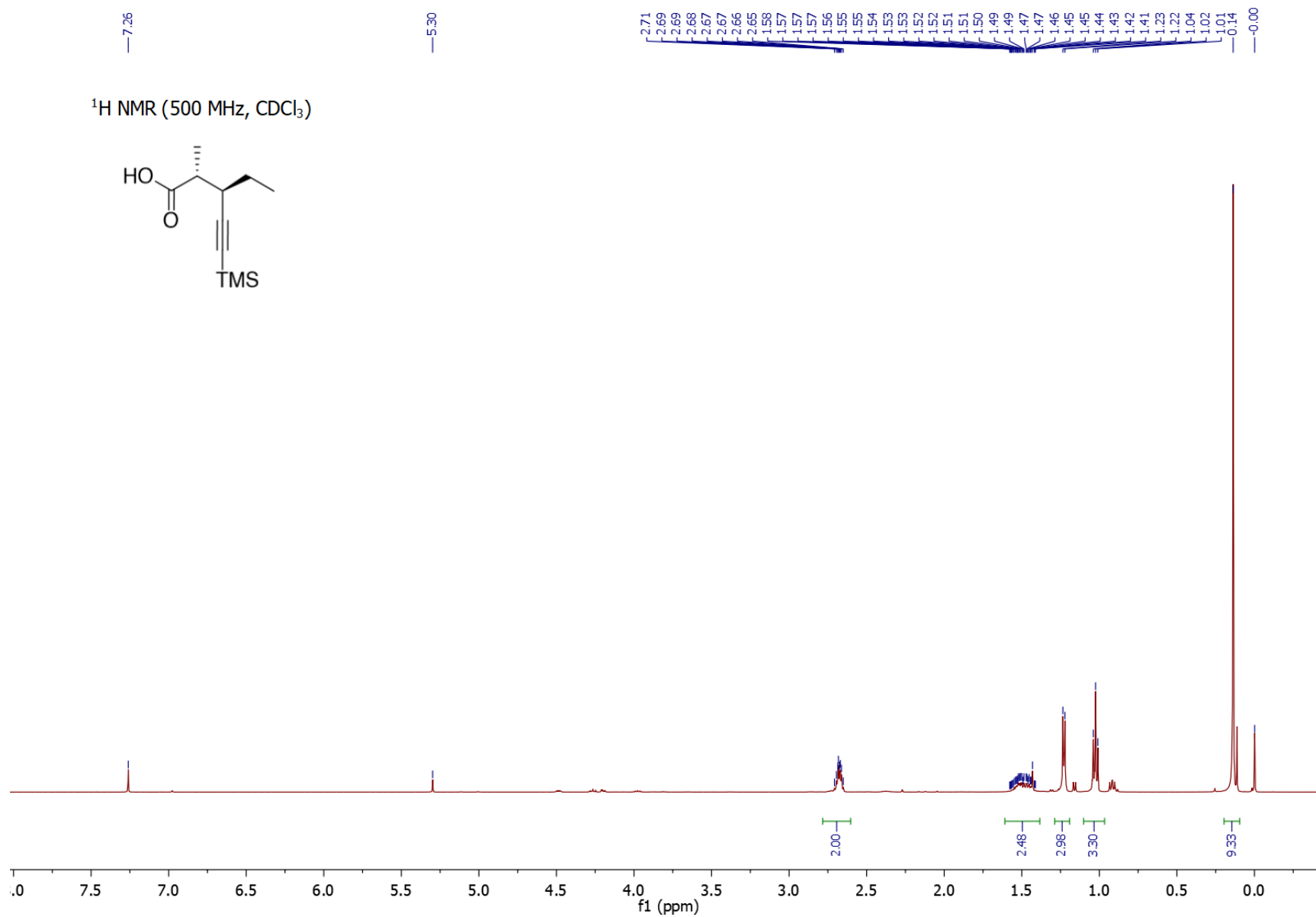


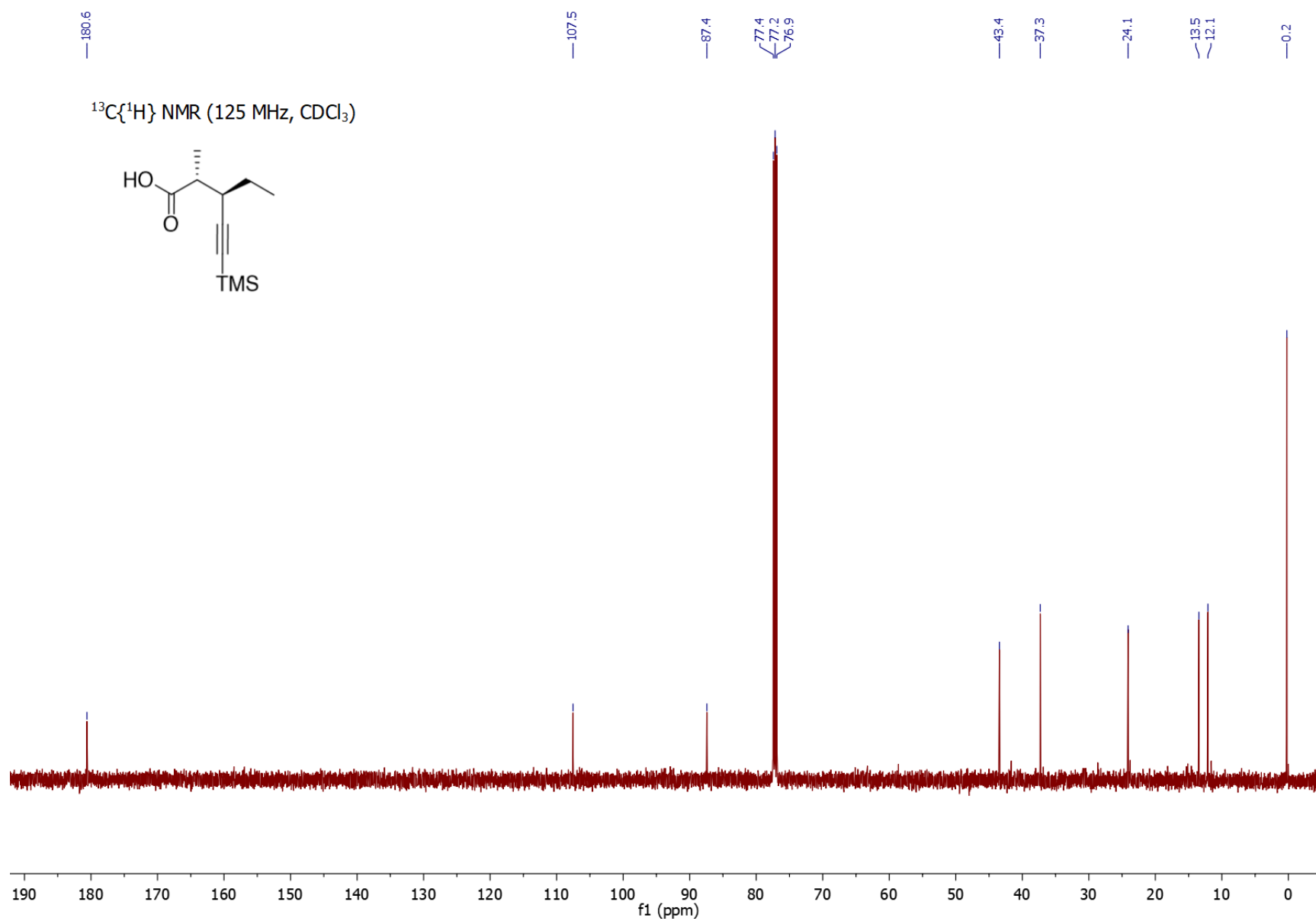


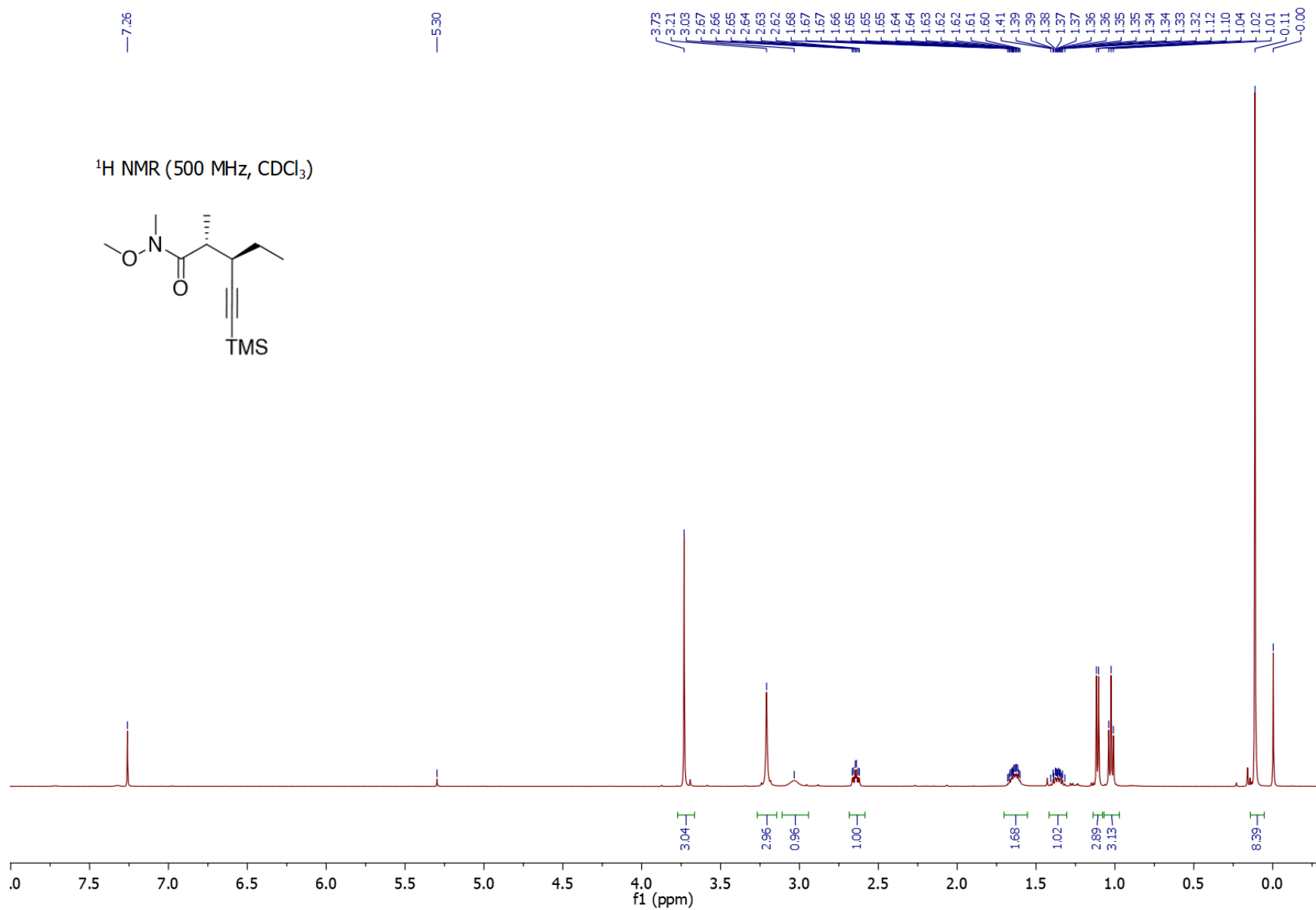




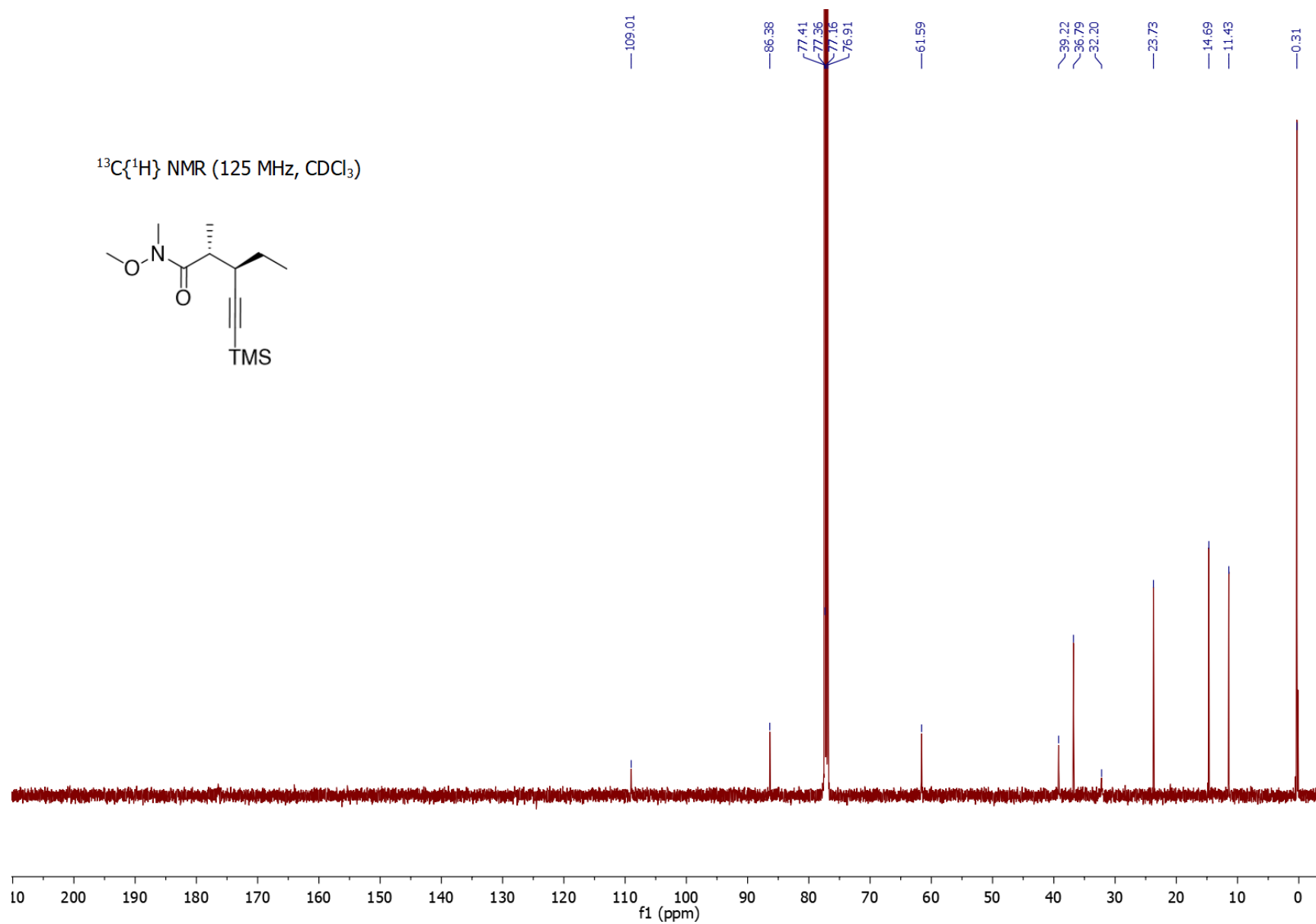
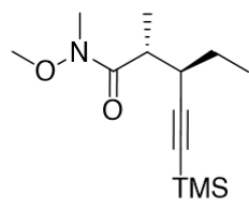


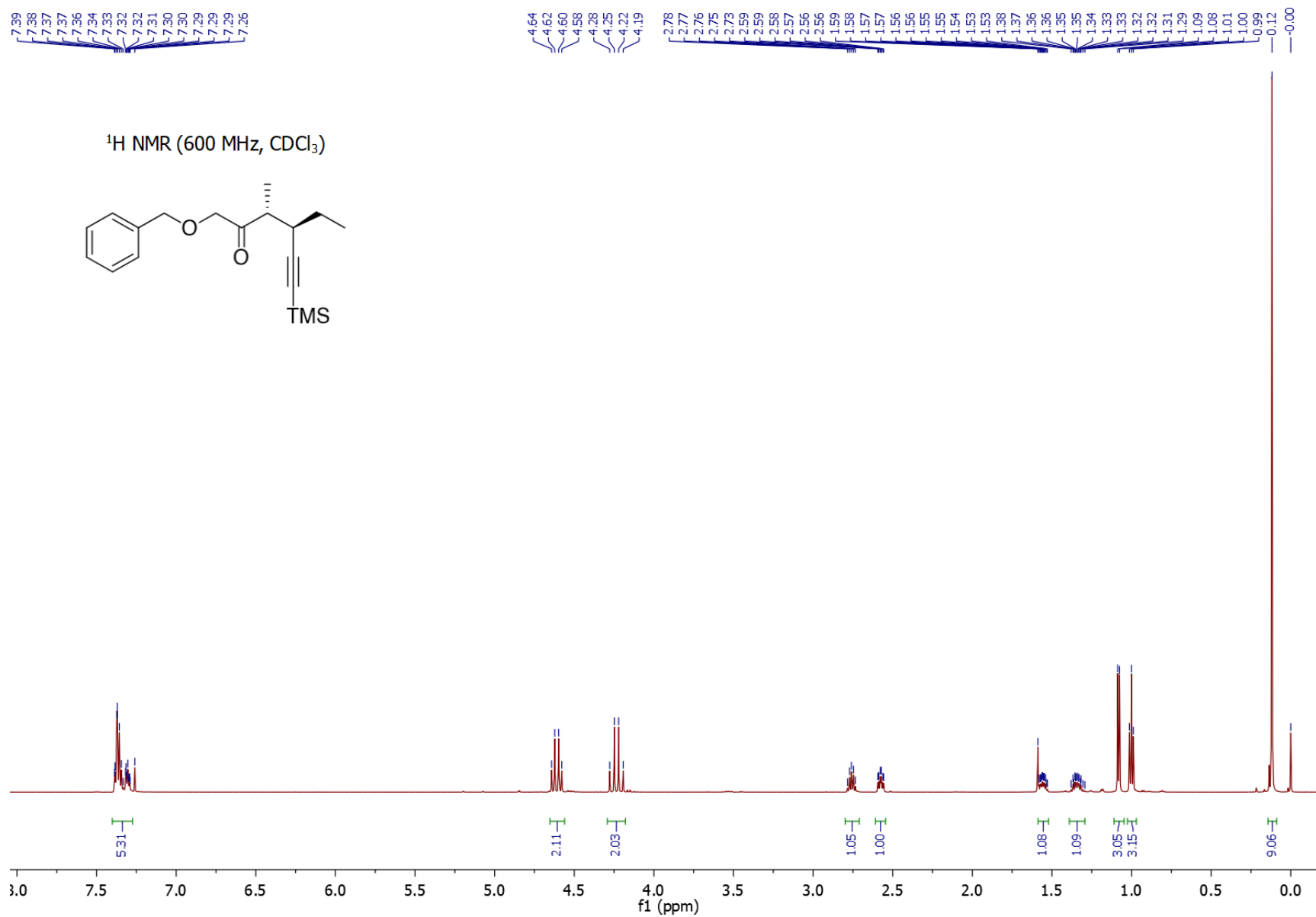


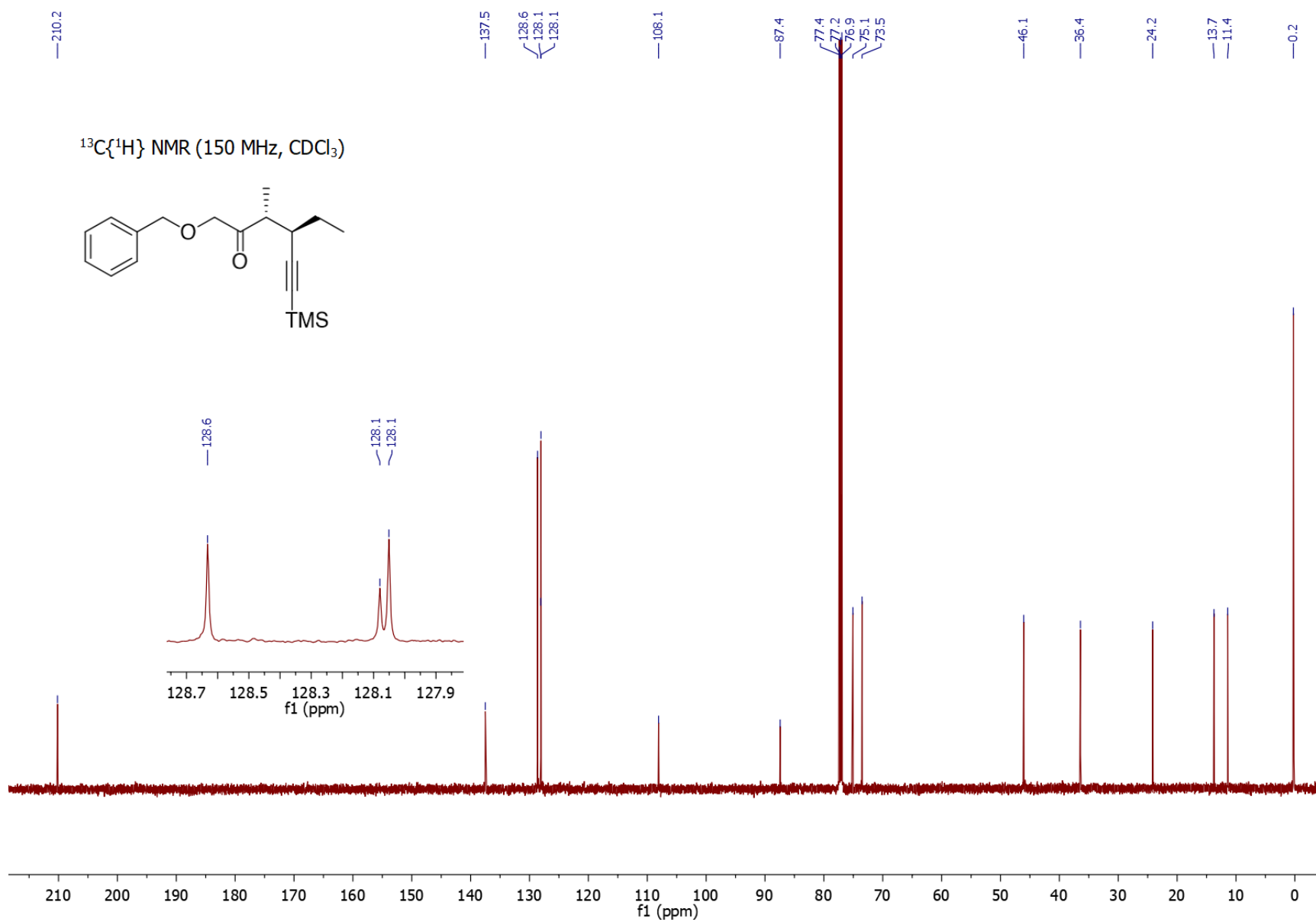




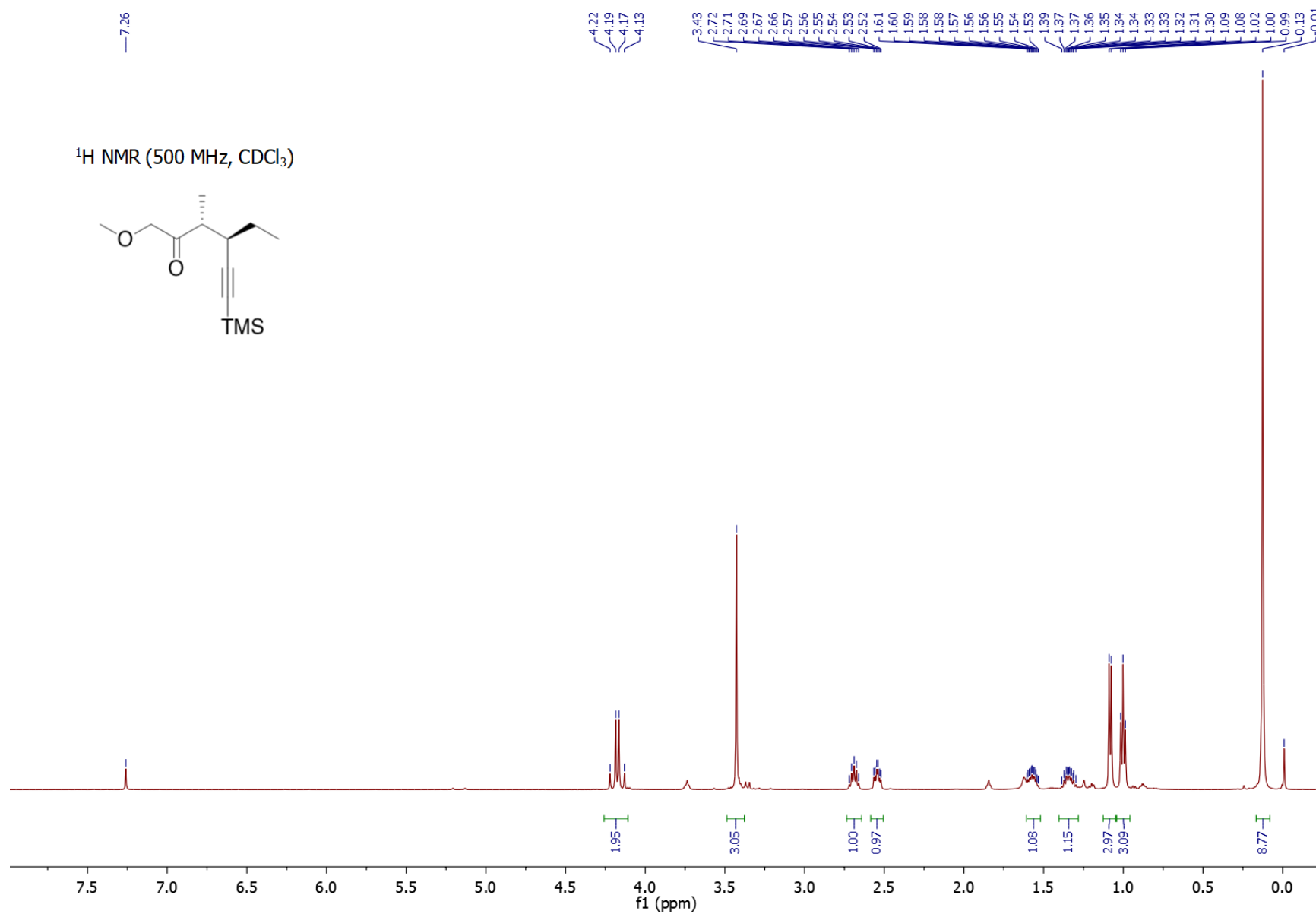
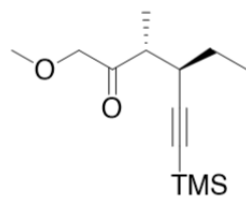
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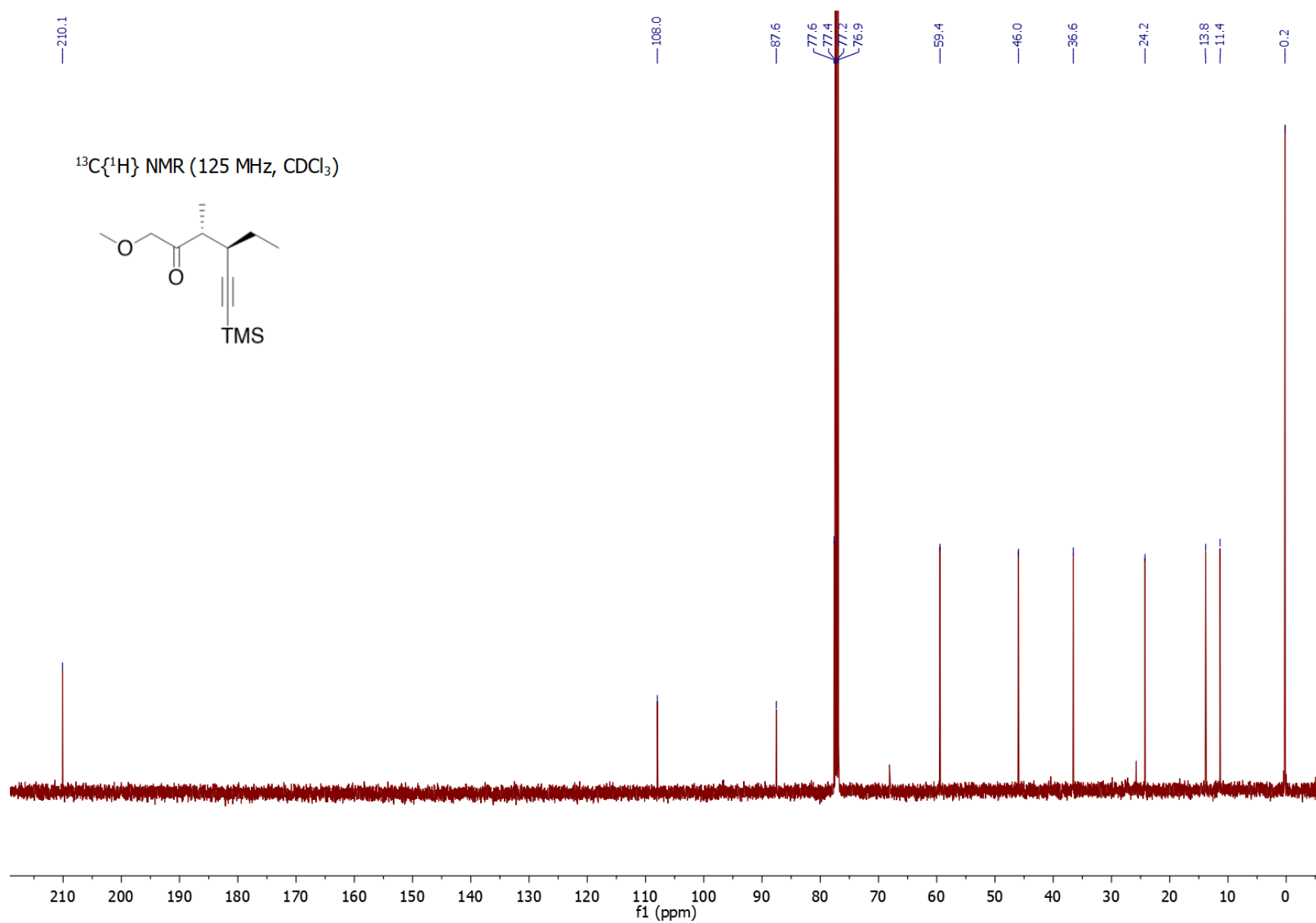


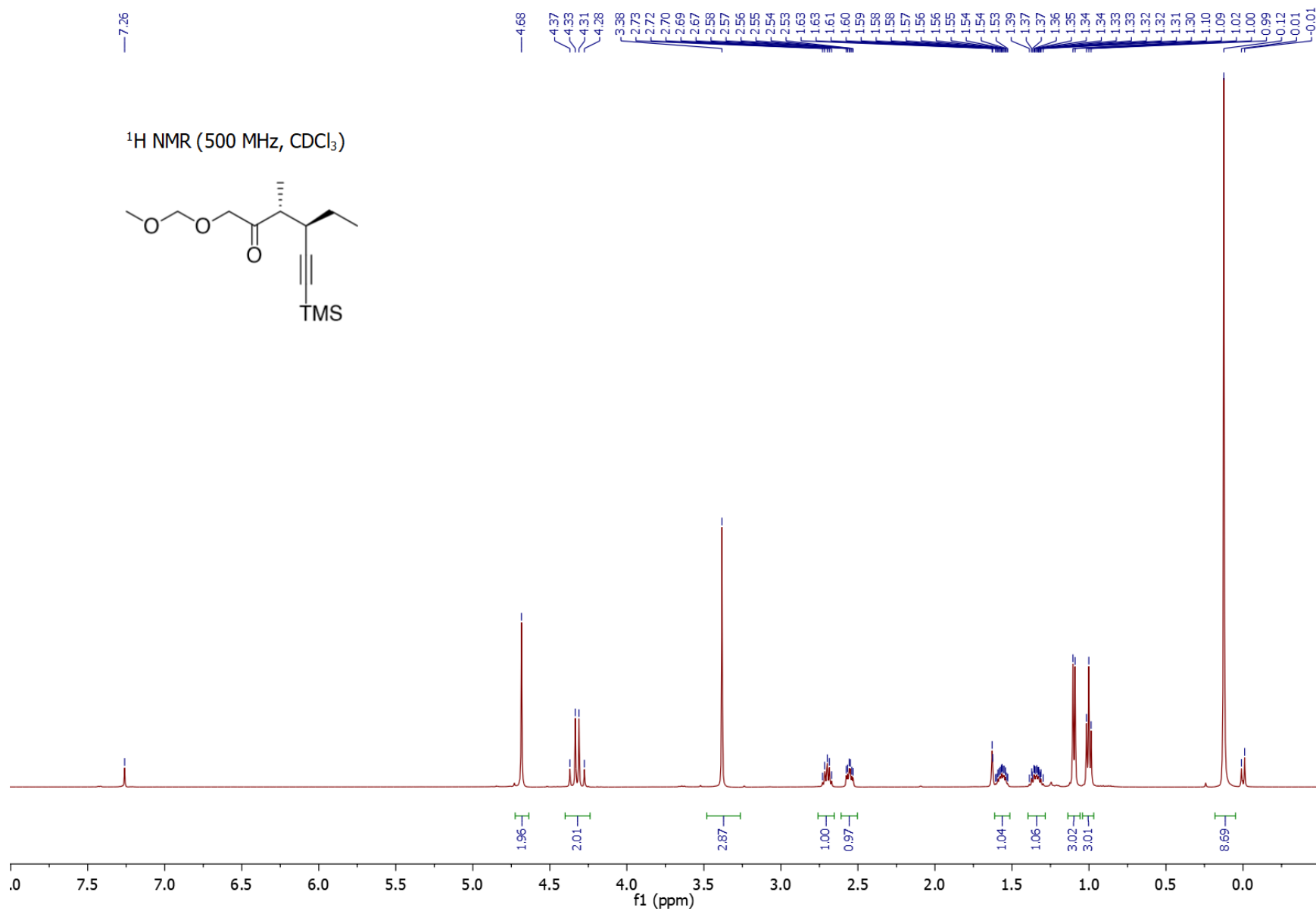


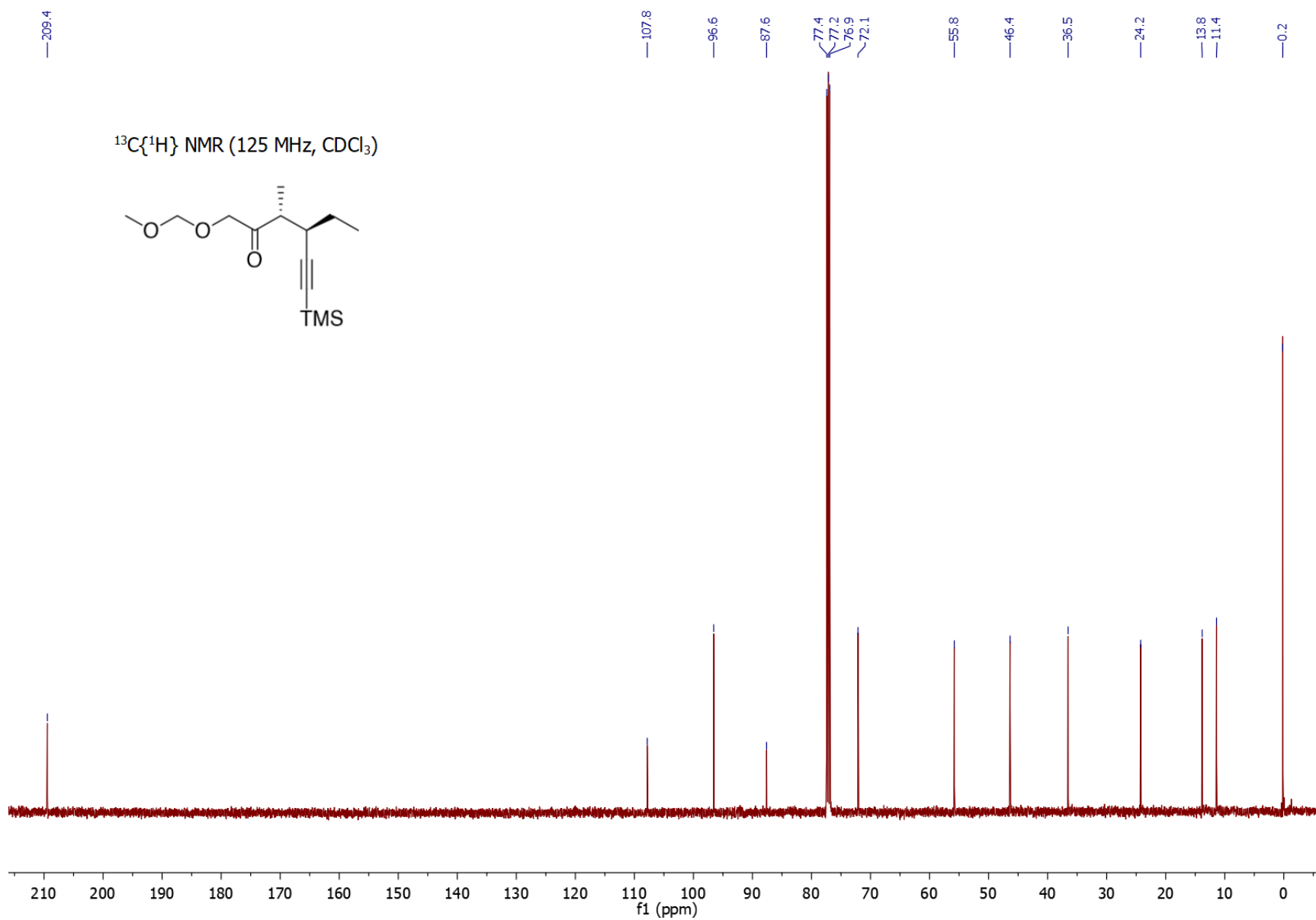


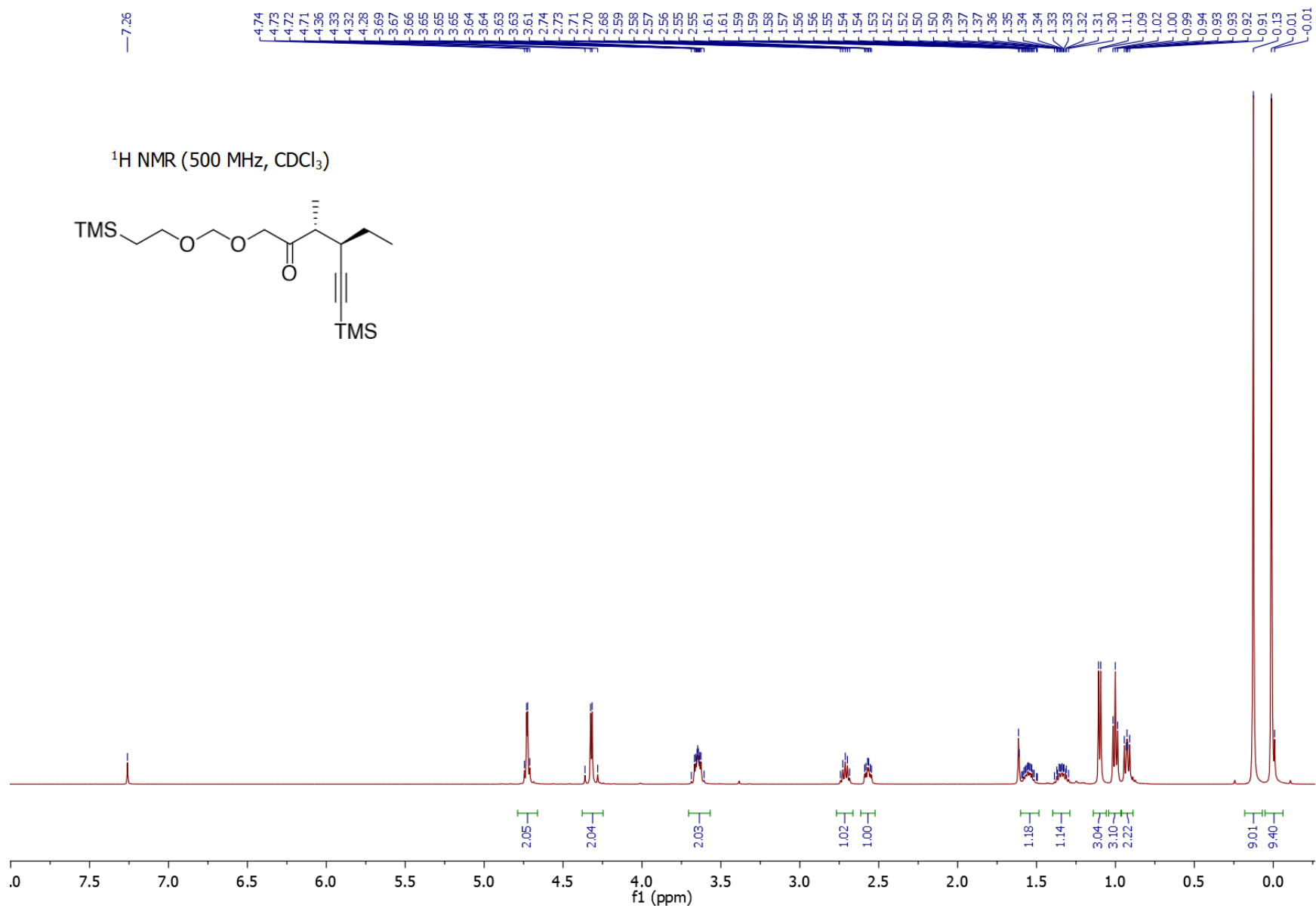
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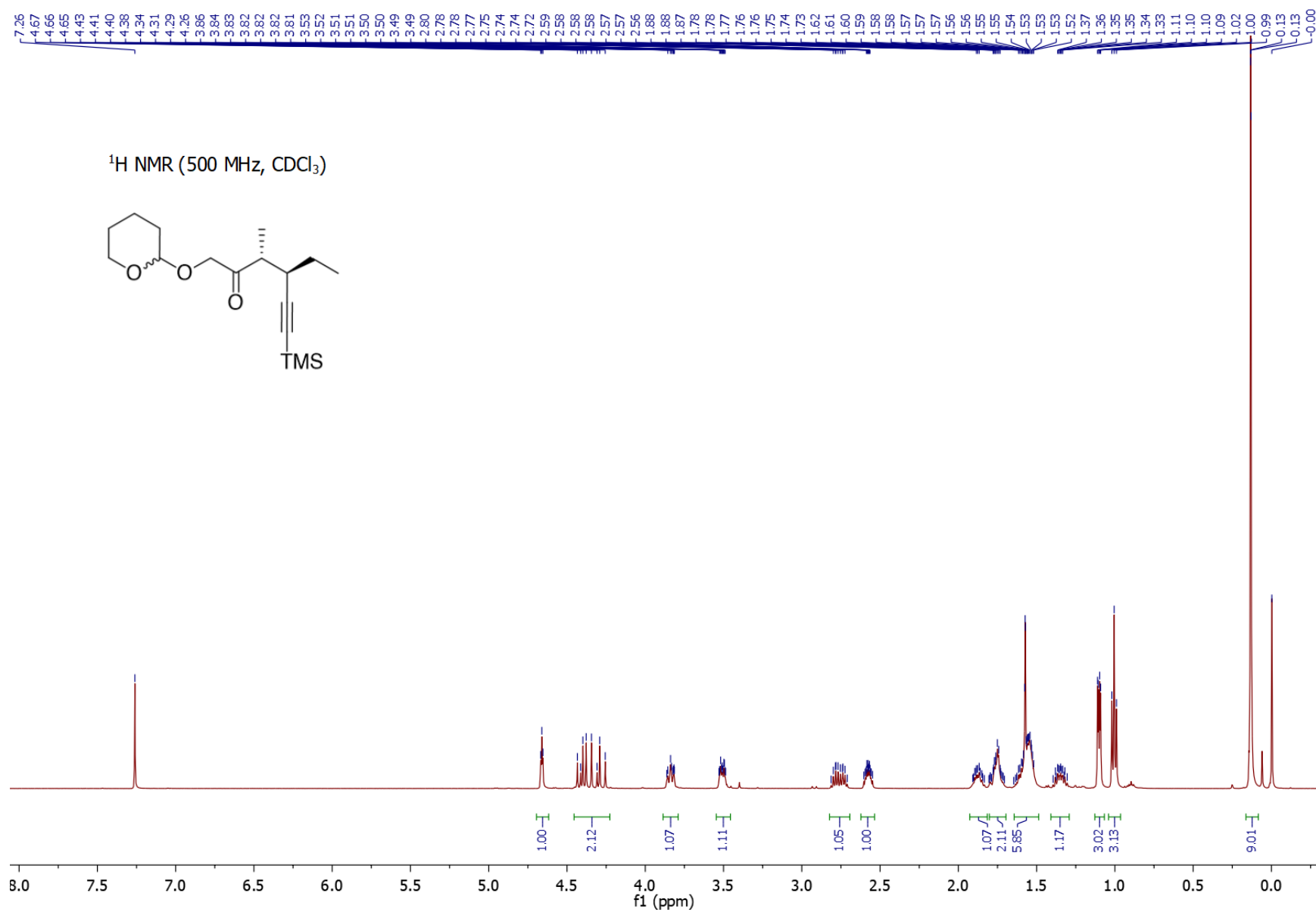


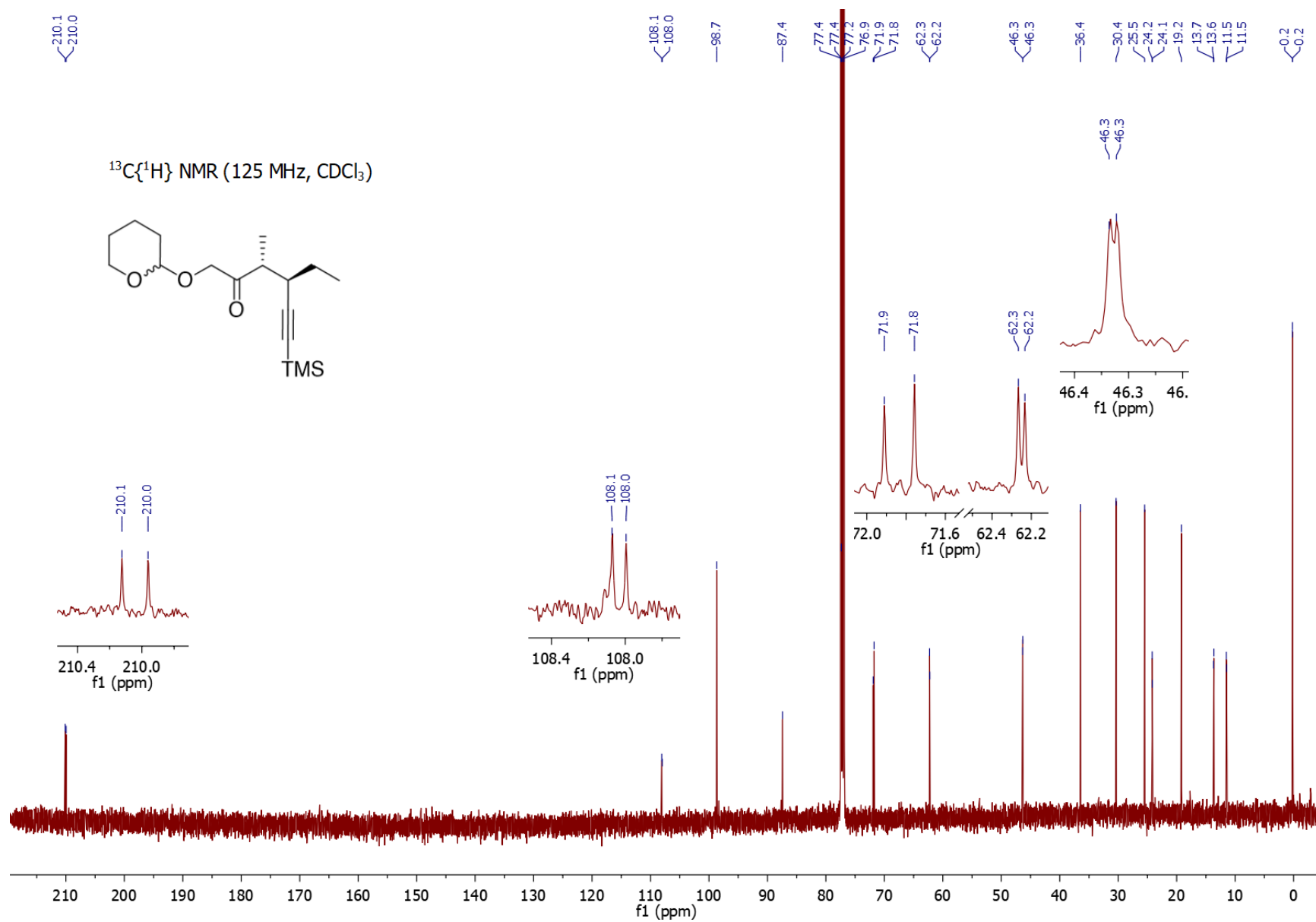






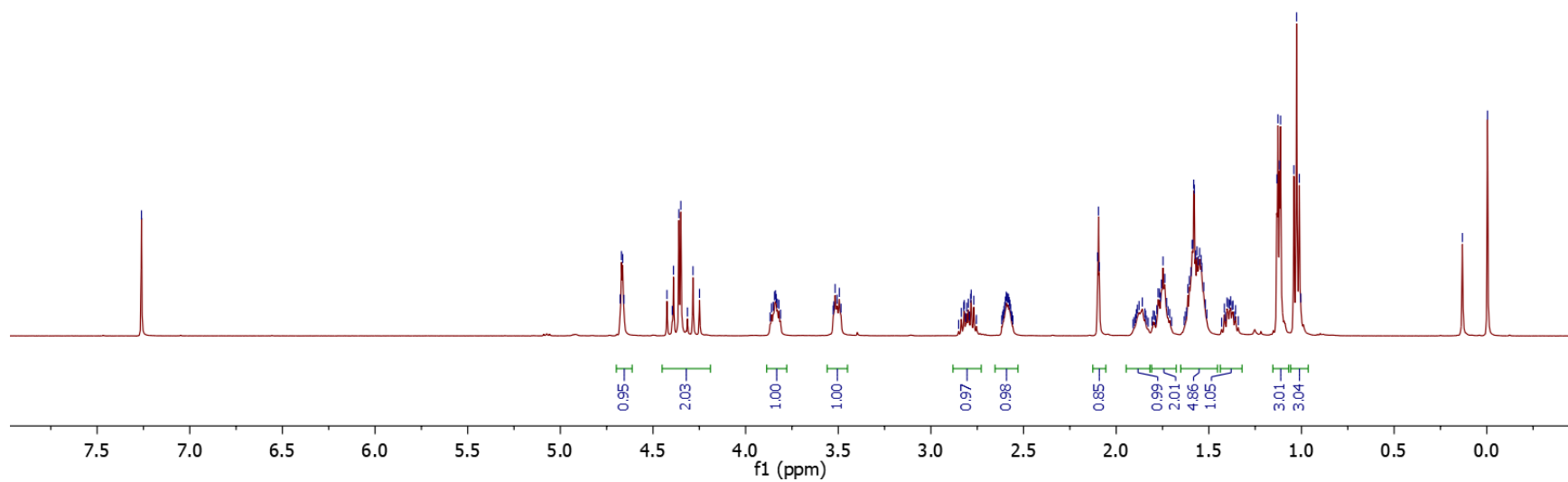
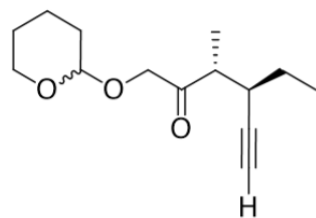


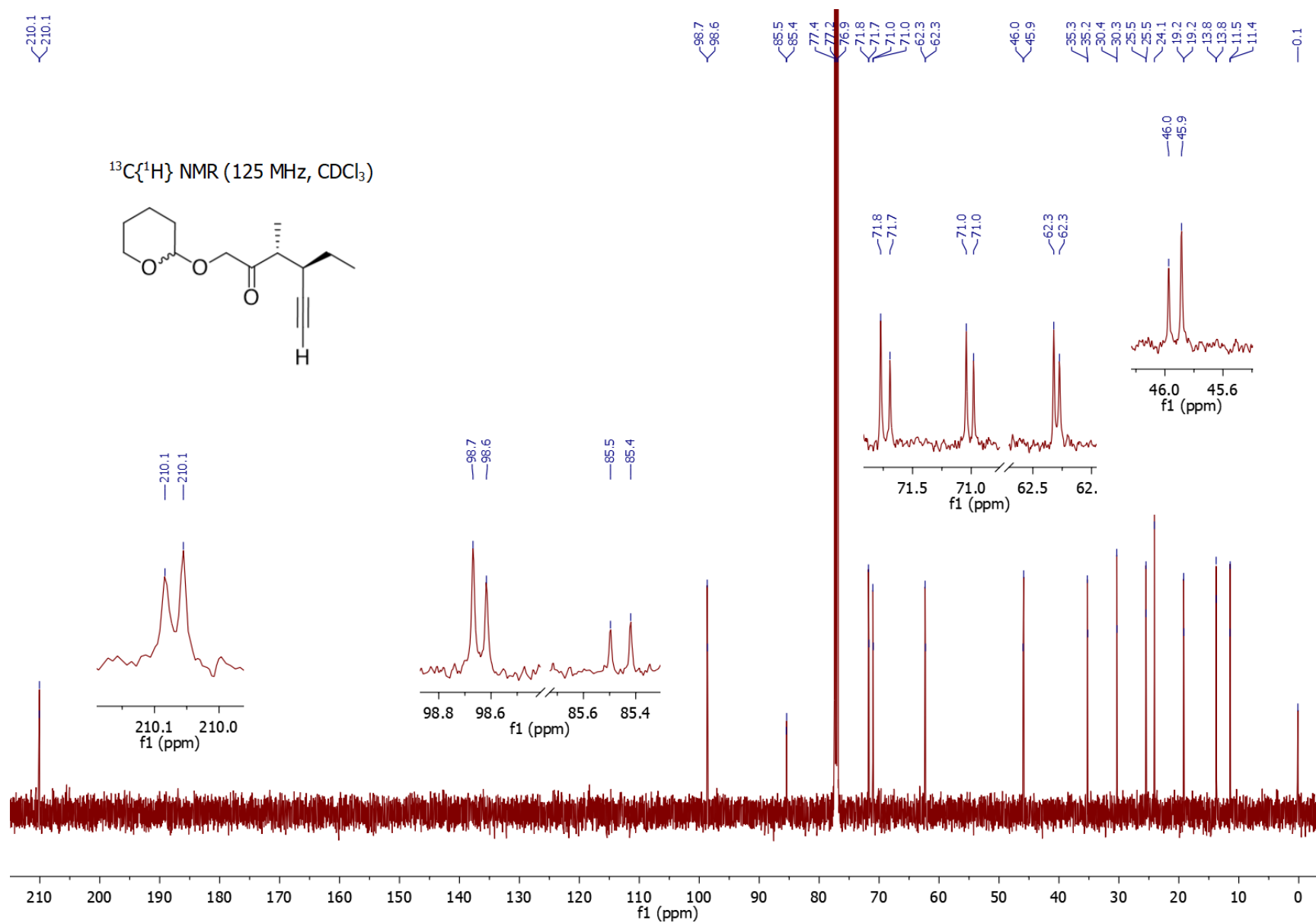




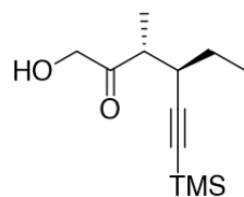


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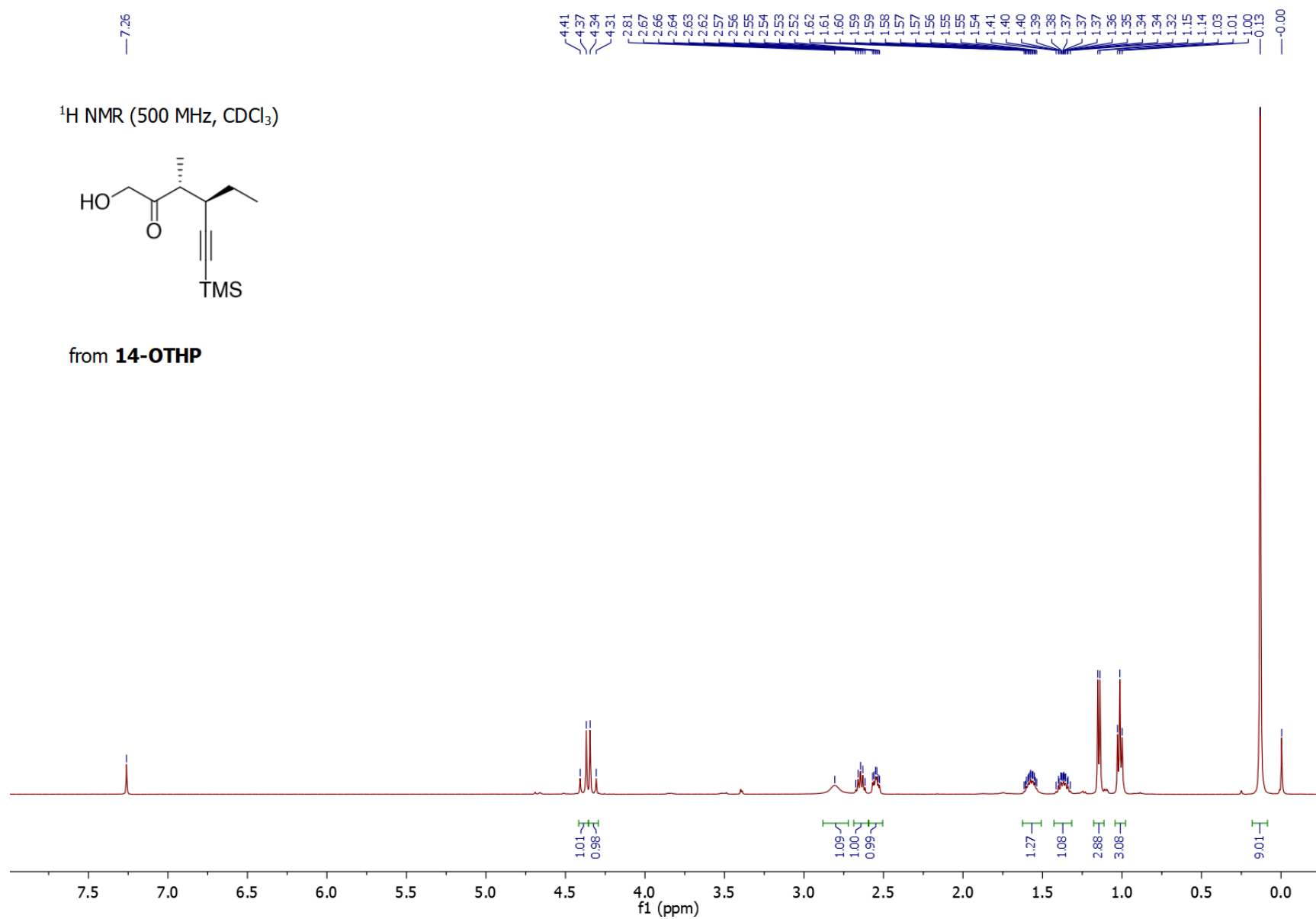


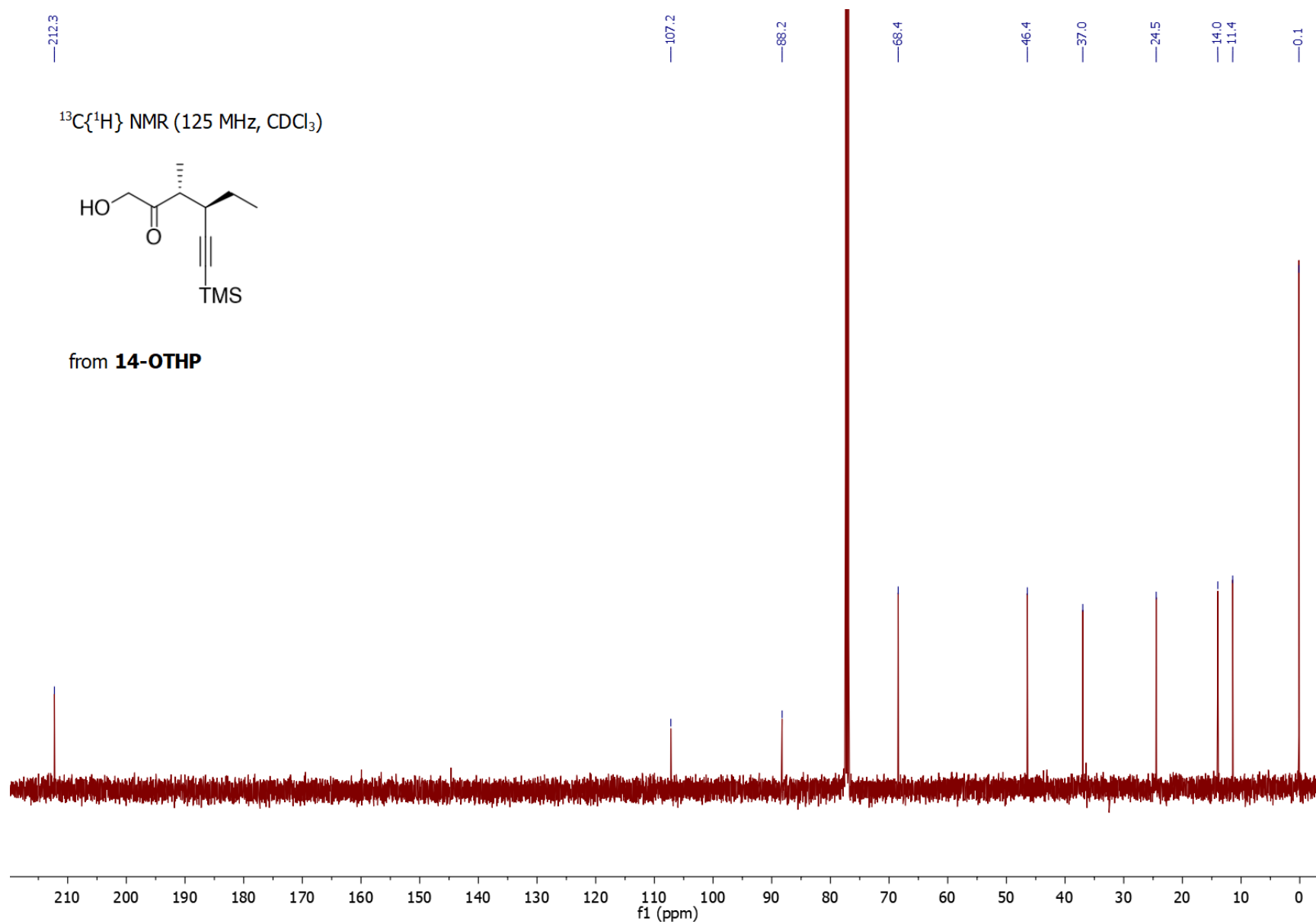


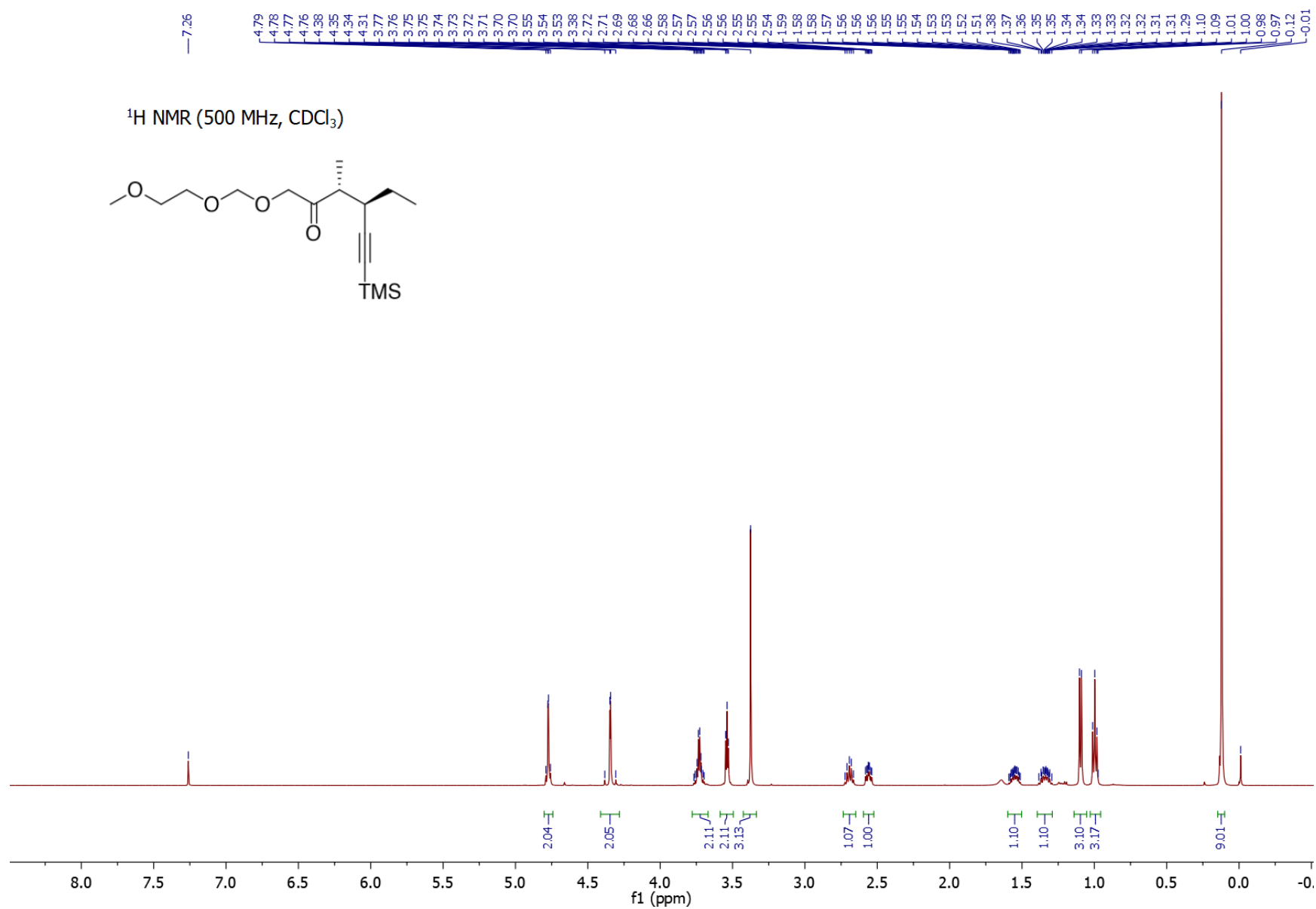
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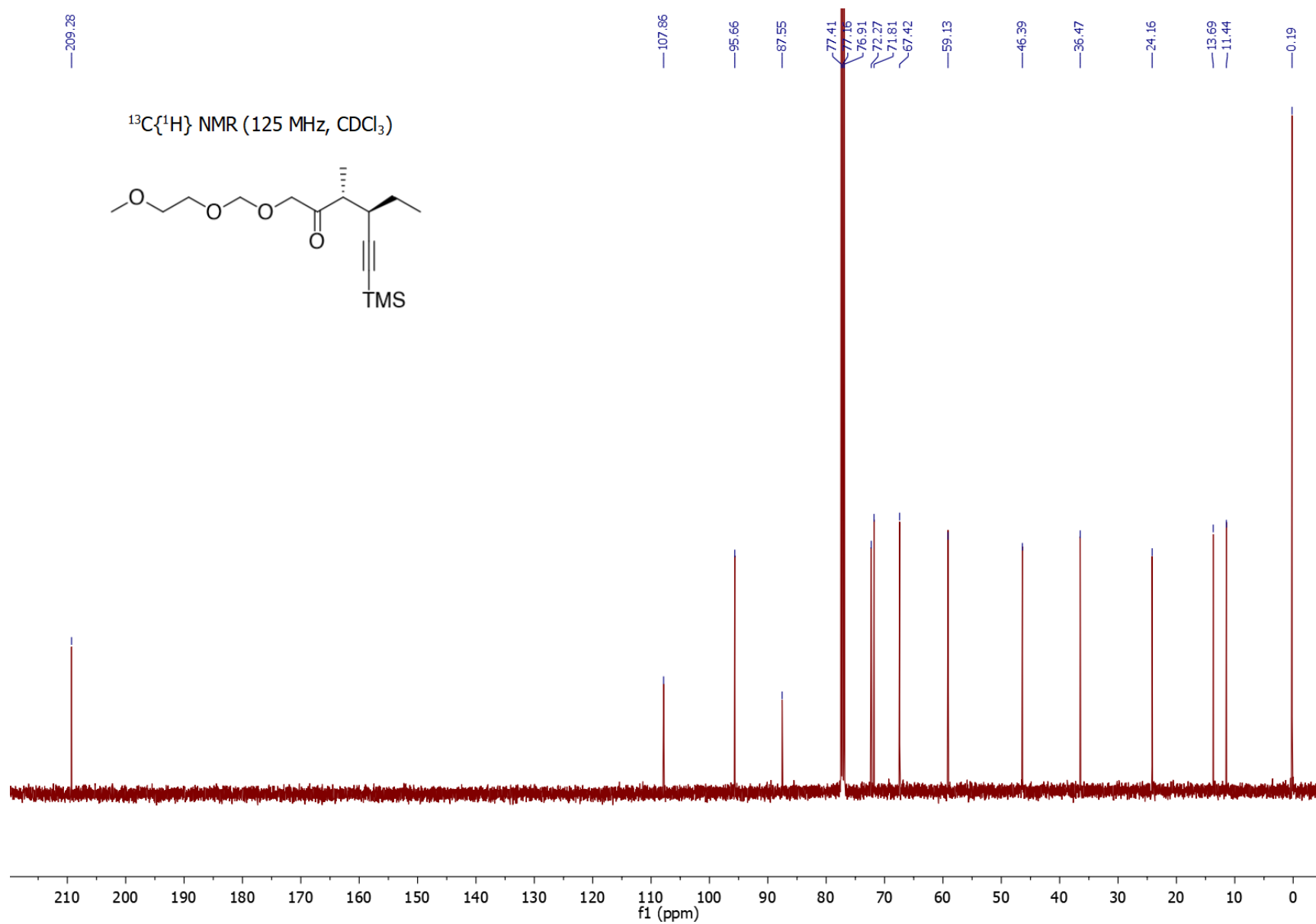


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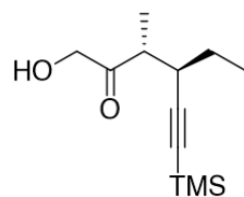




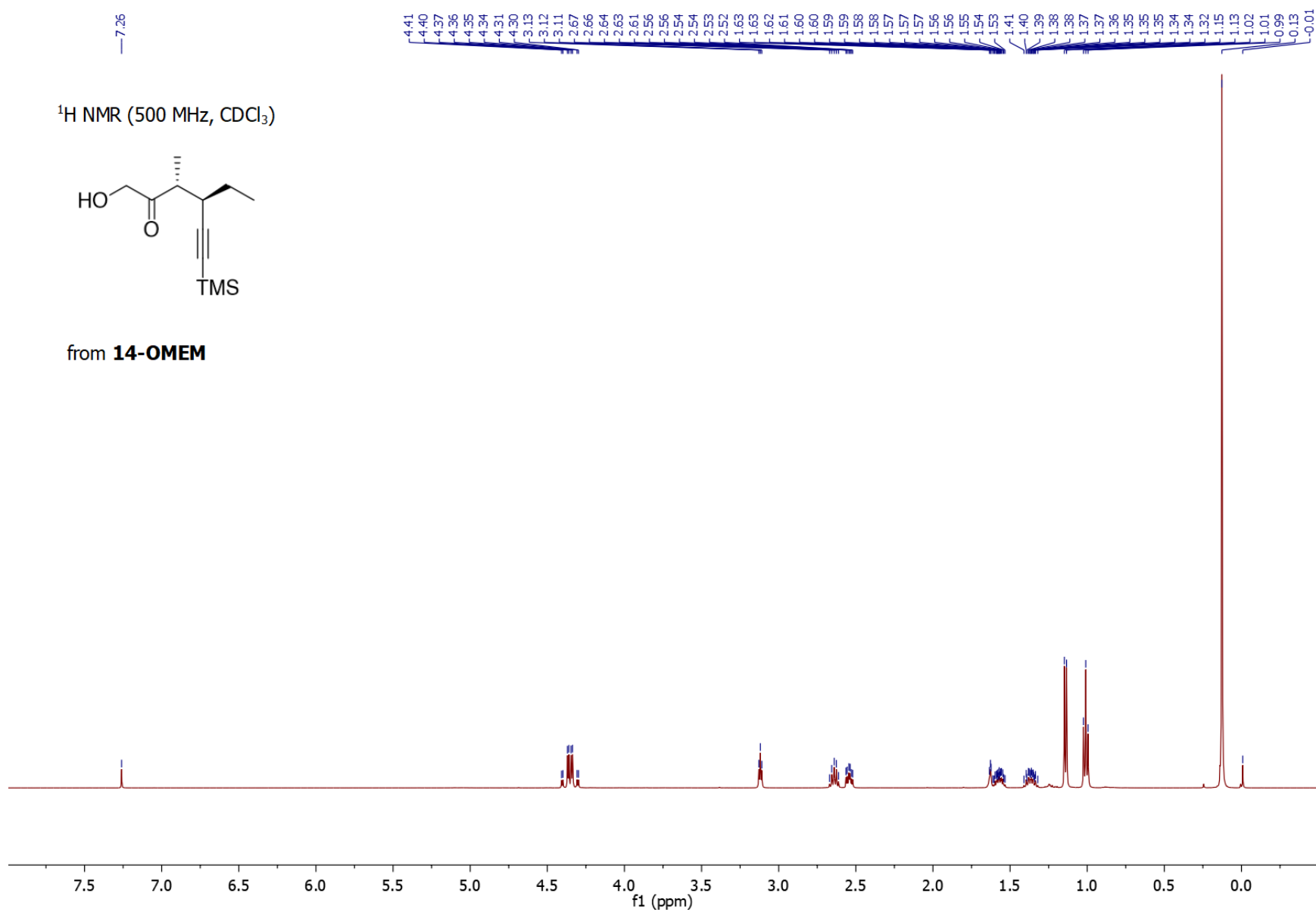


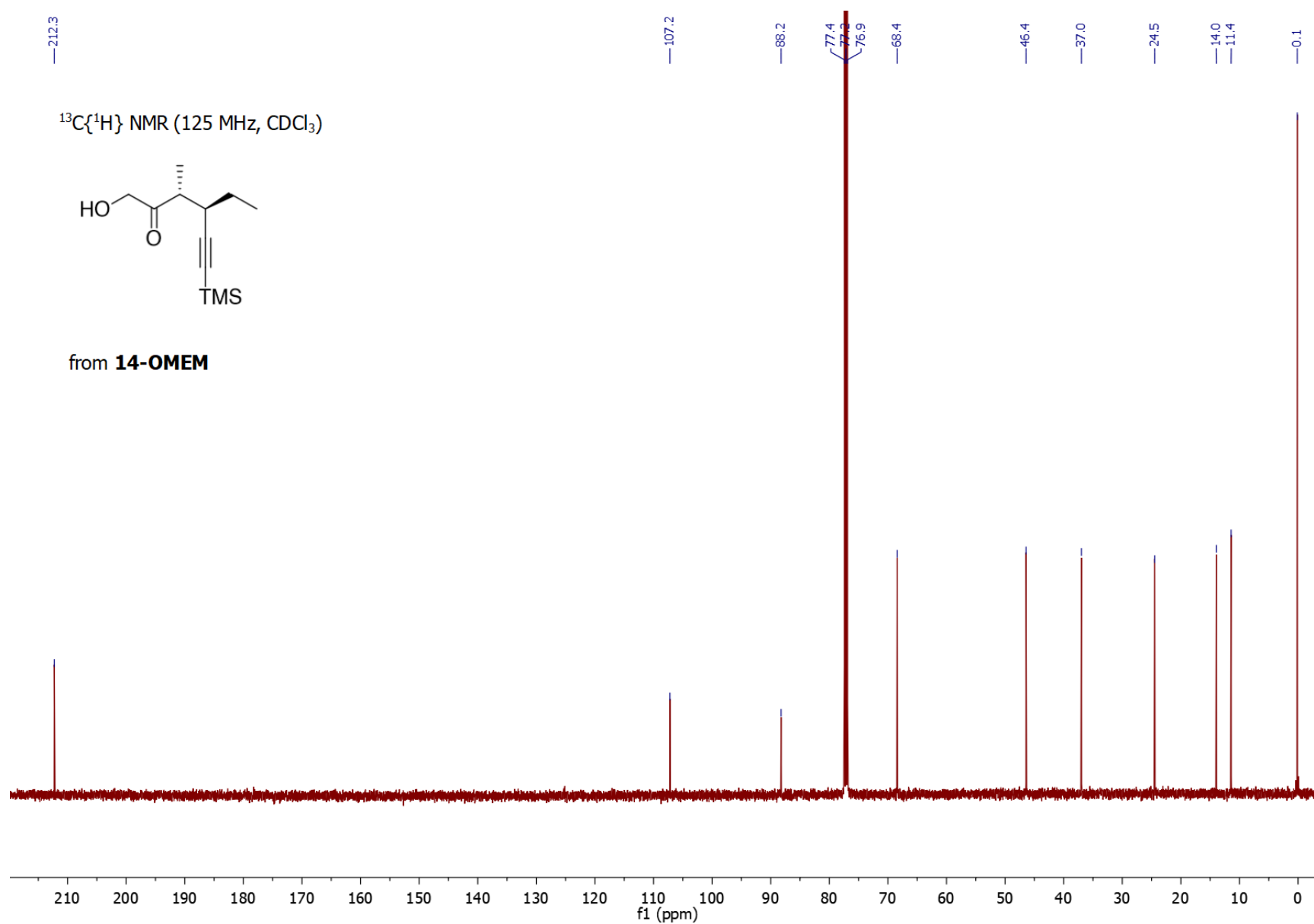
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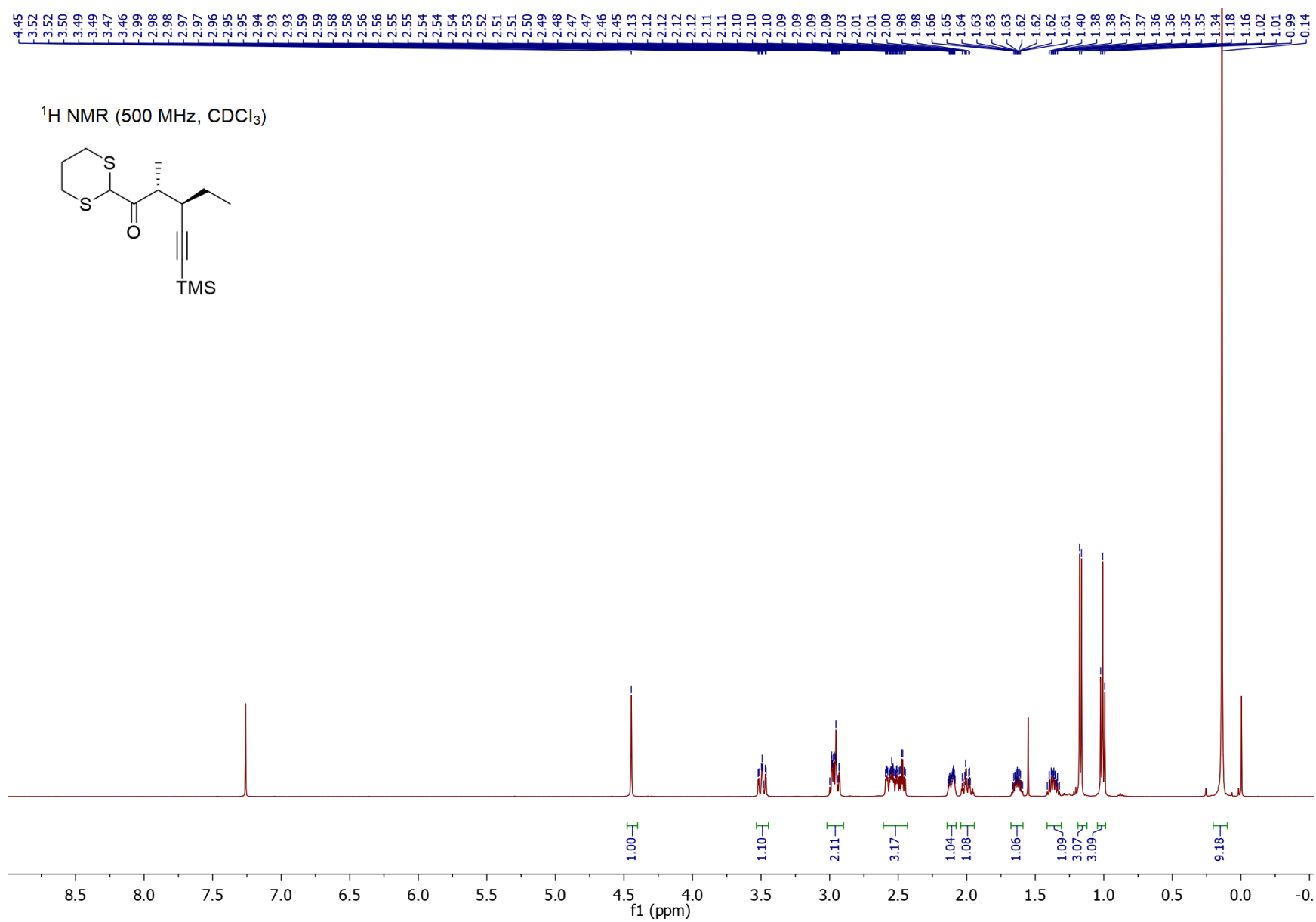
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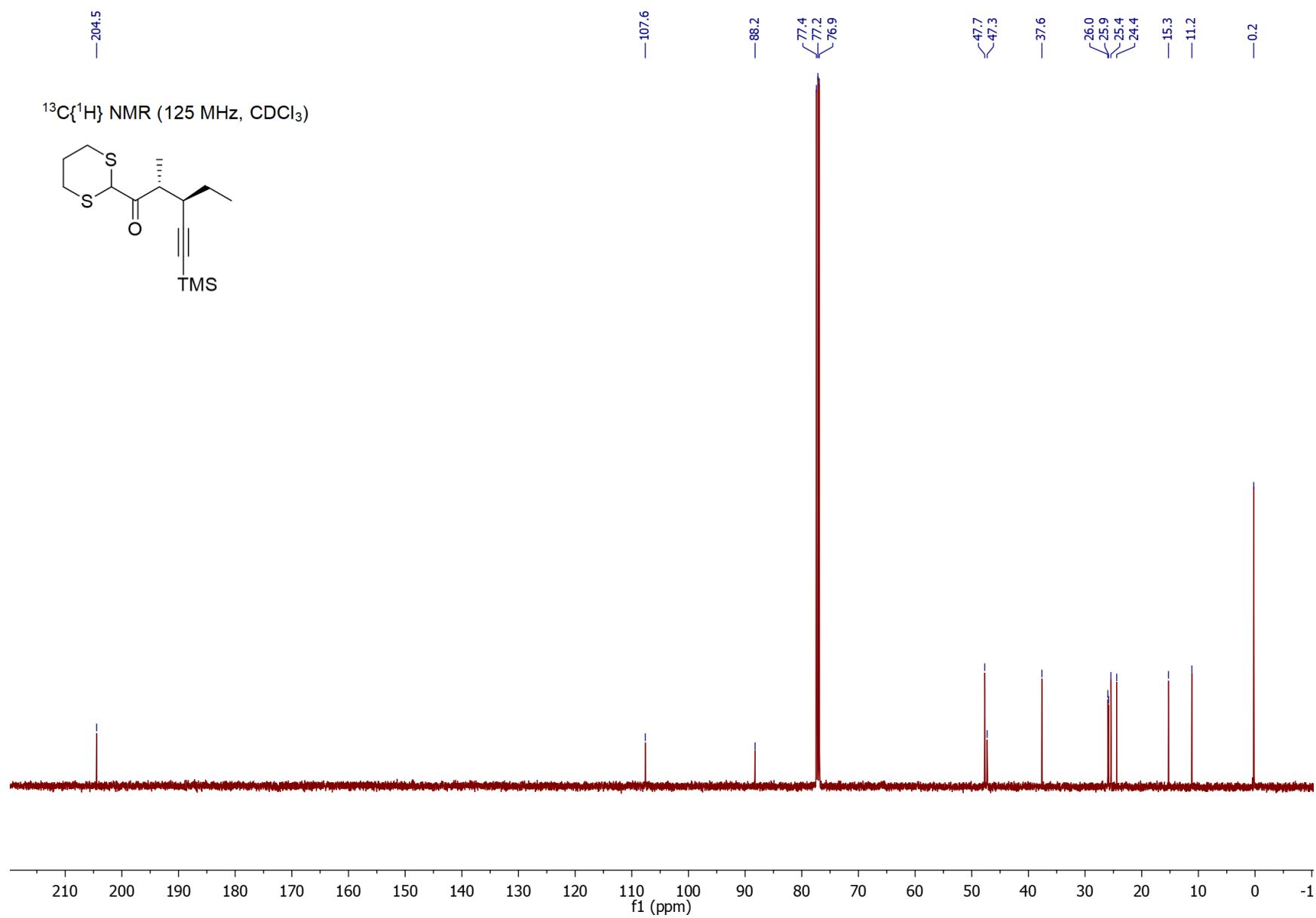


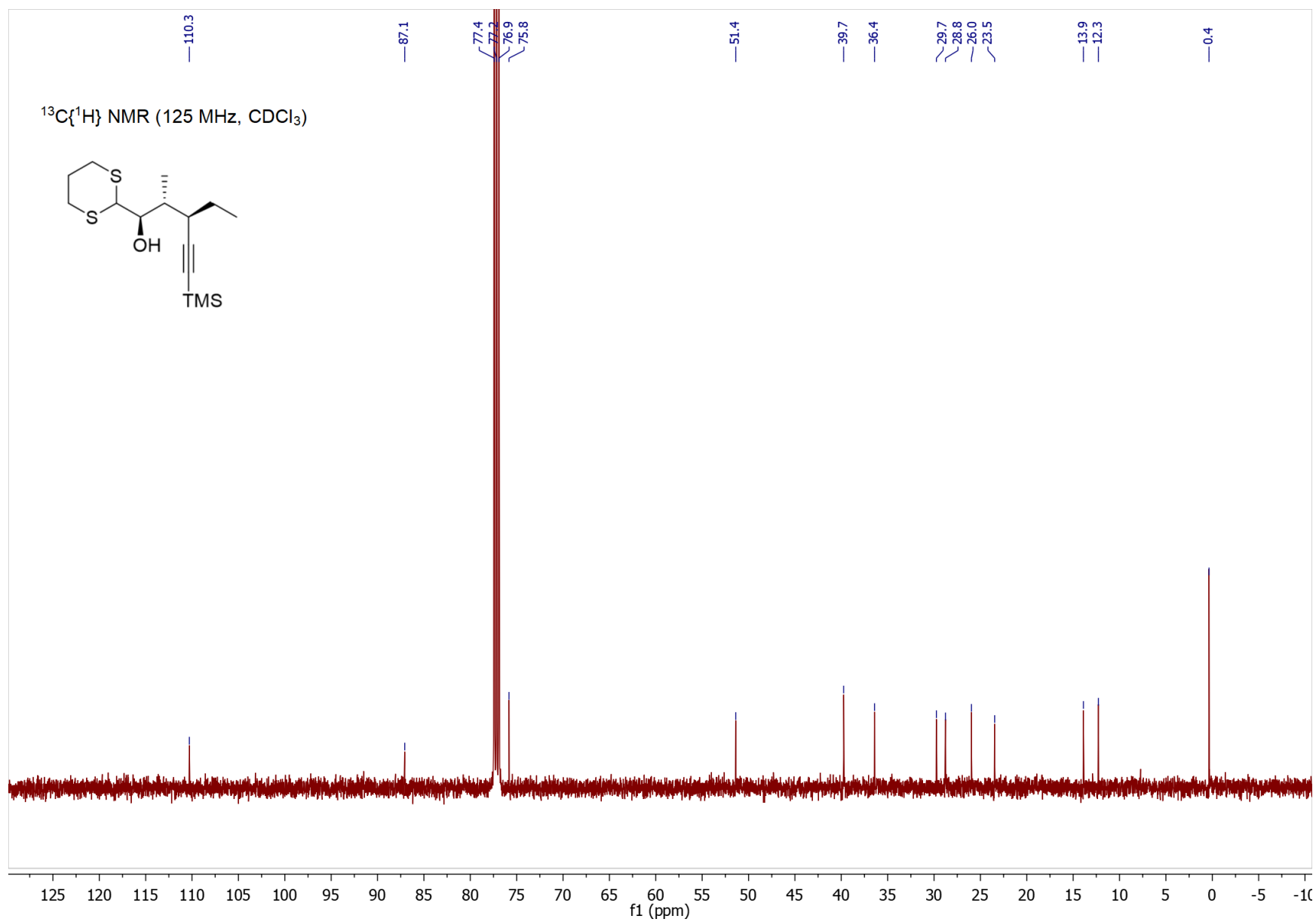
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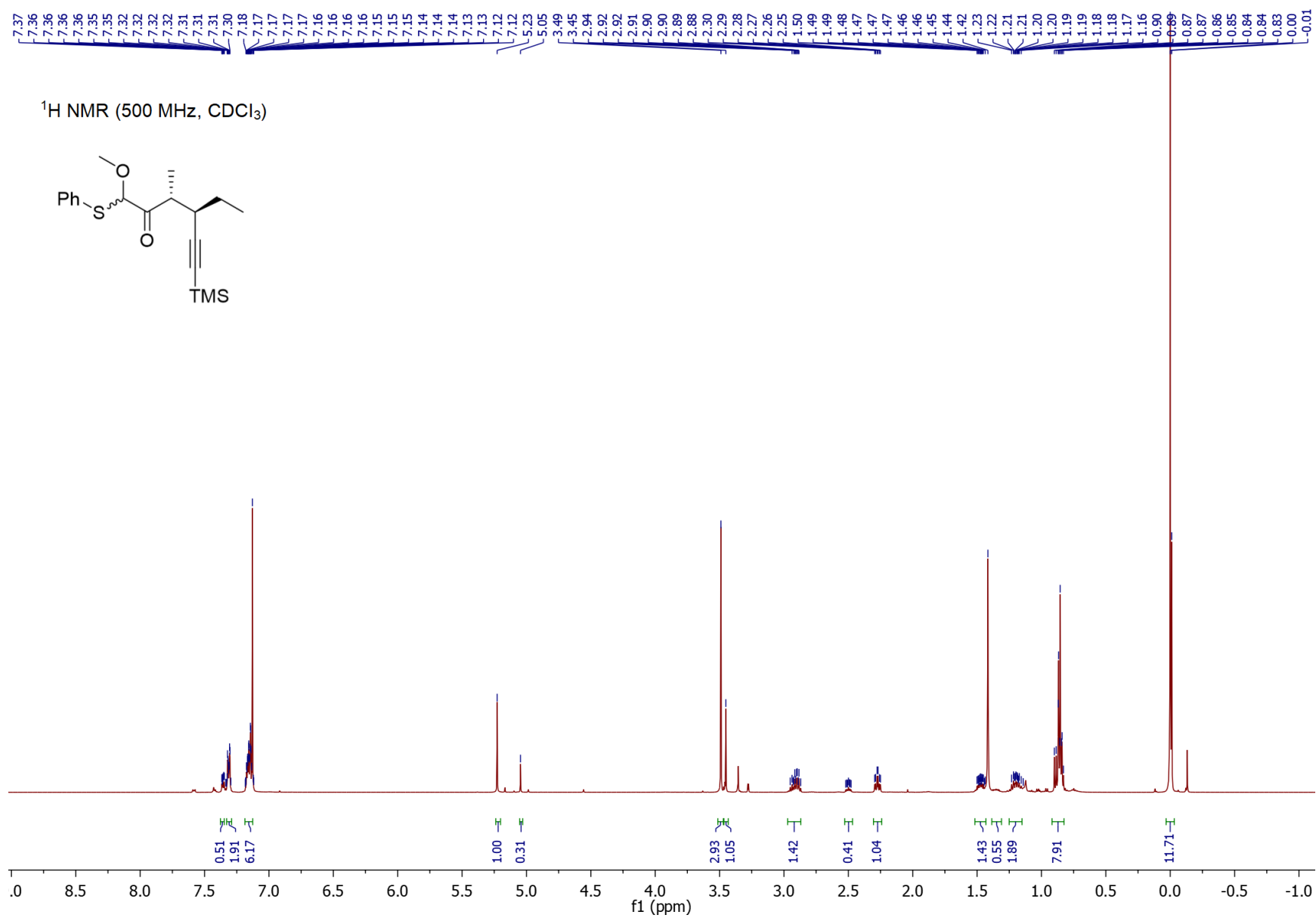


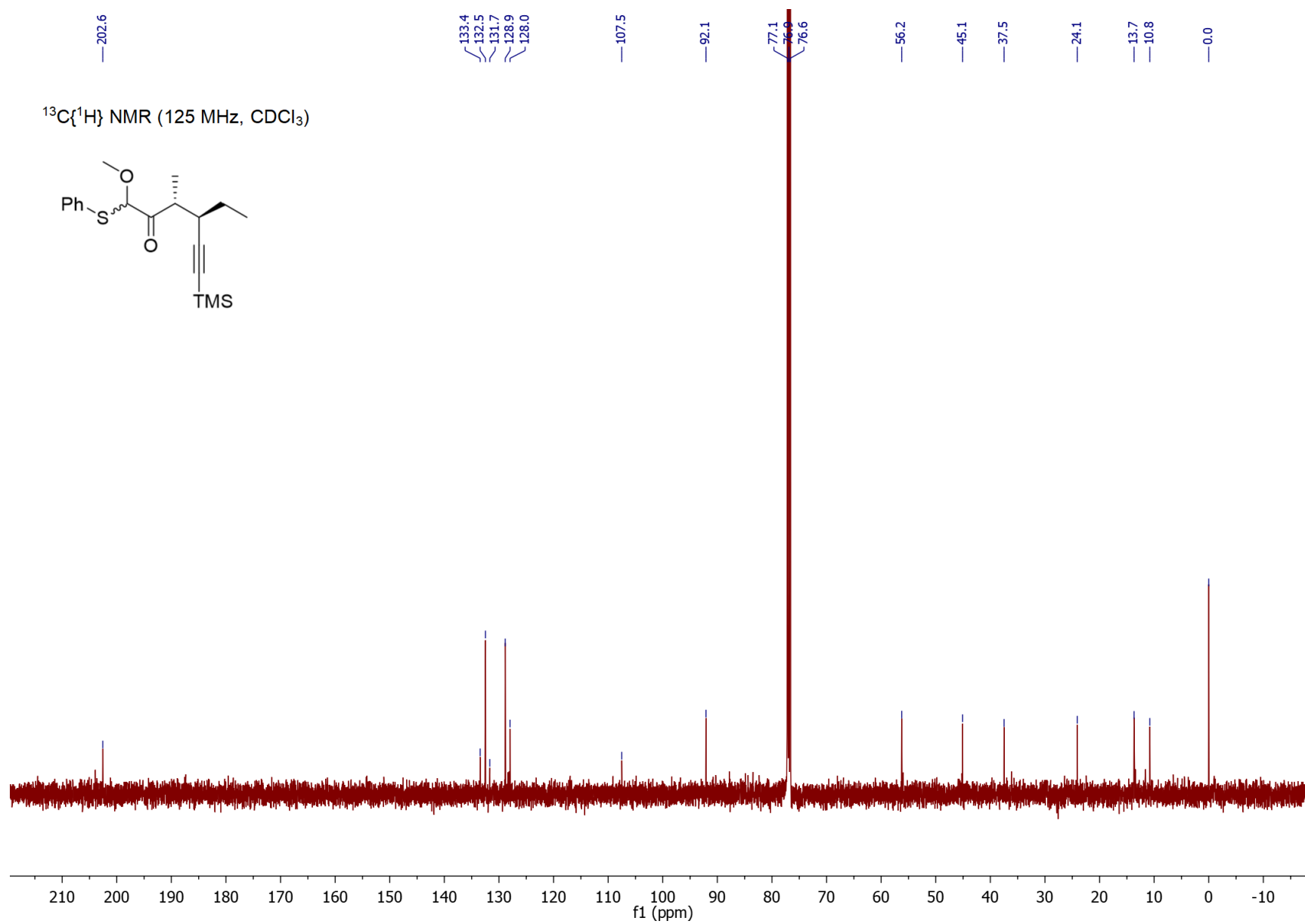




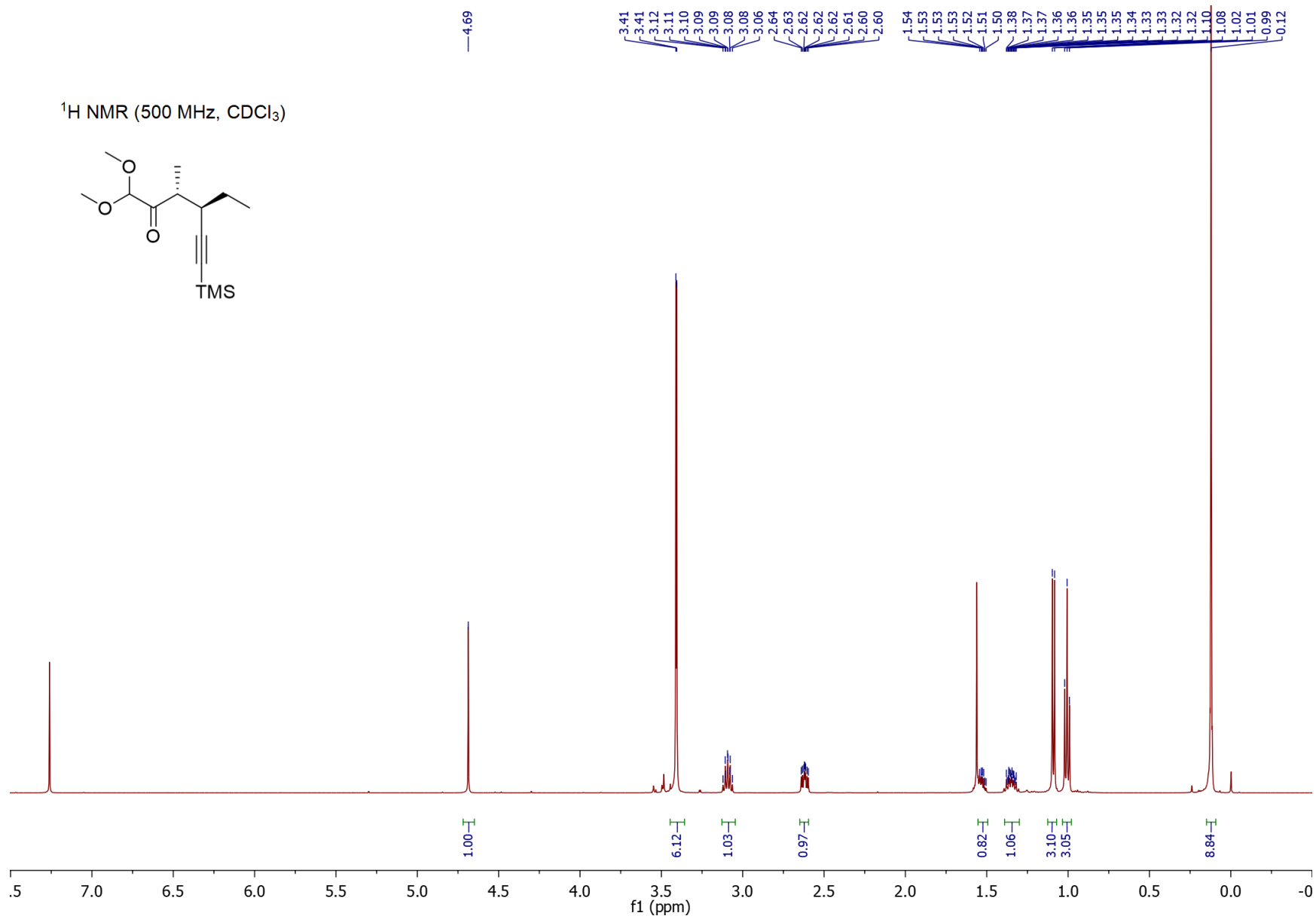
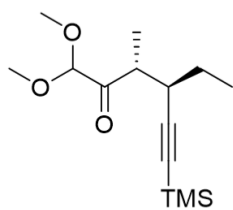


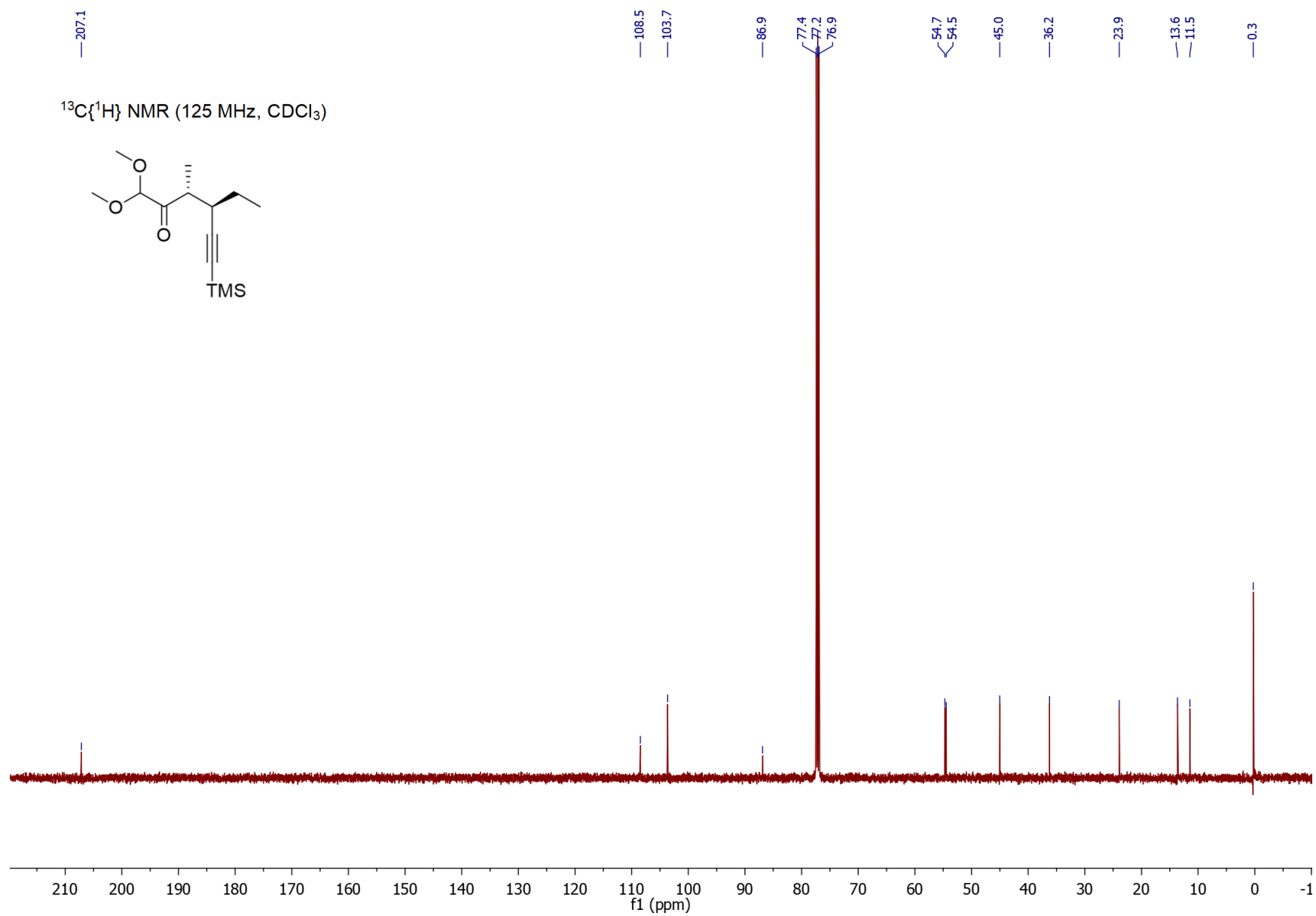






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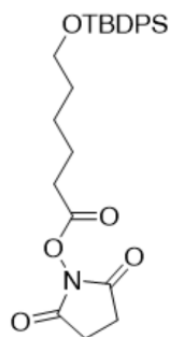
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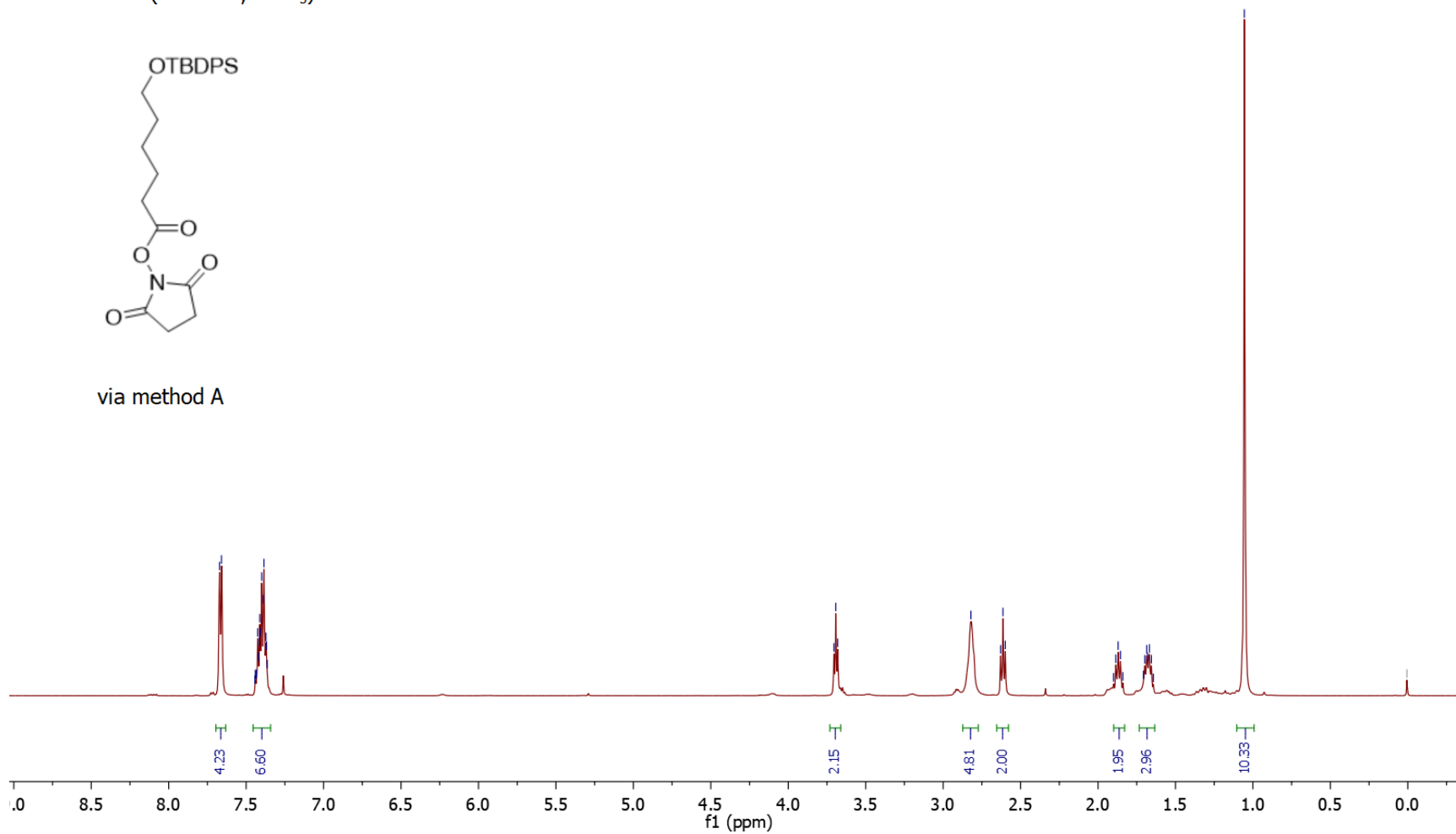
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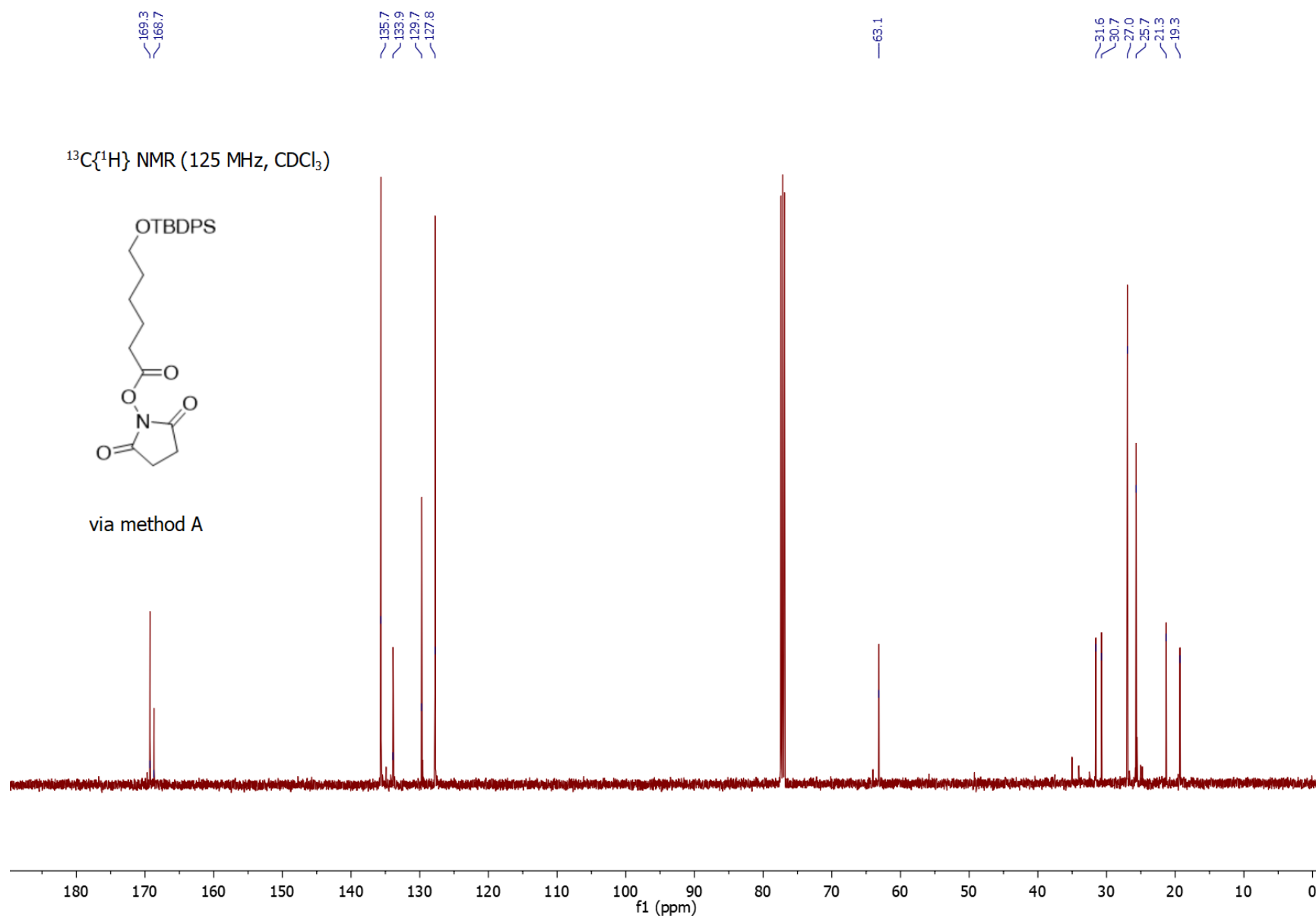
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^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3)



via method A





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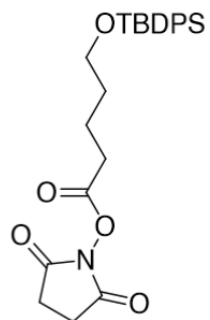
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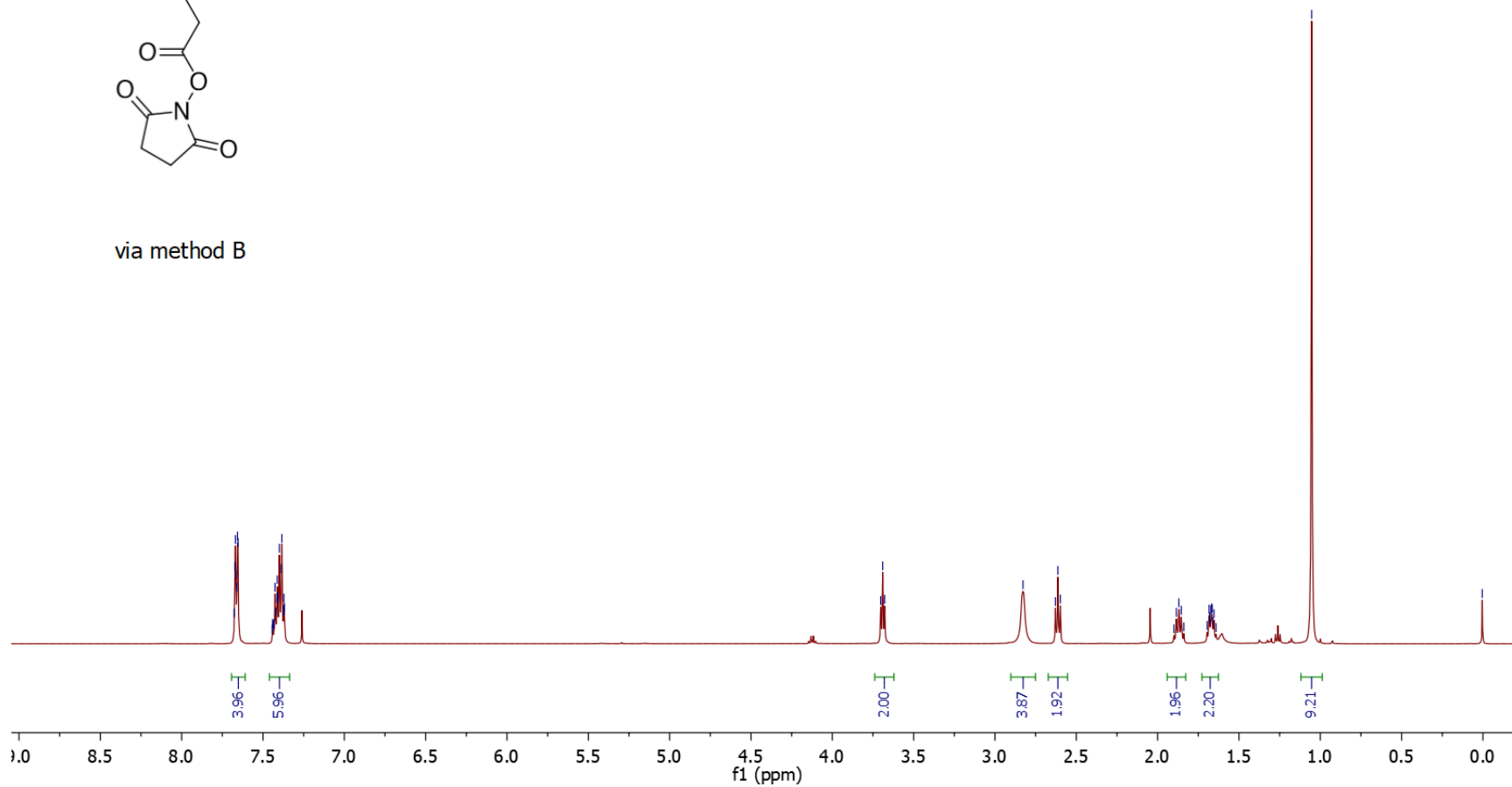
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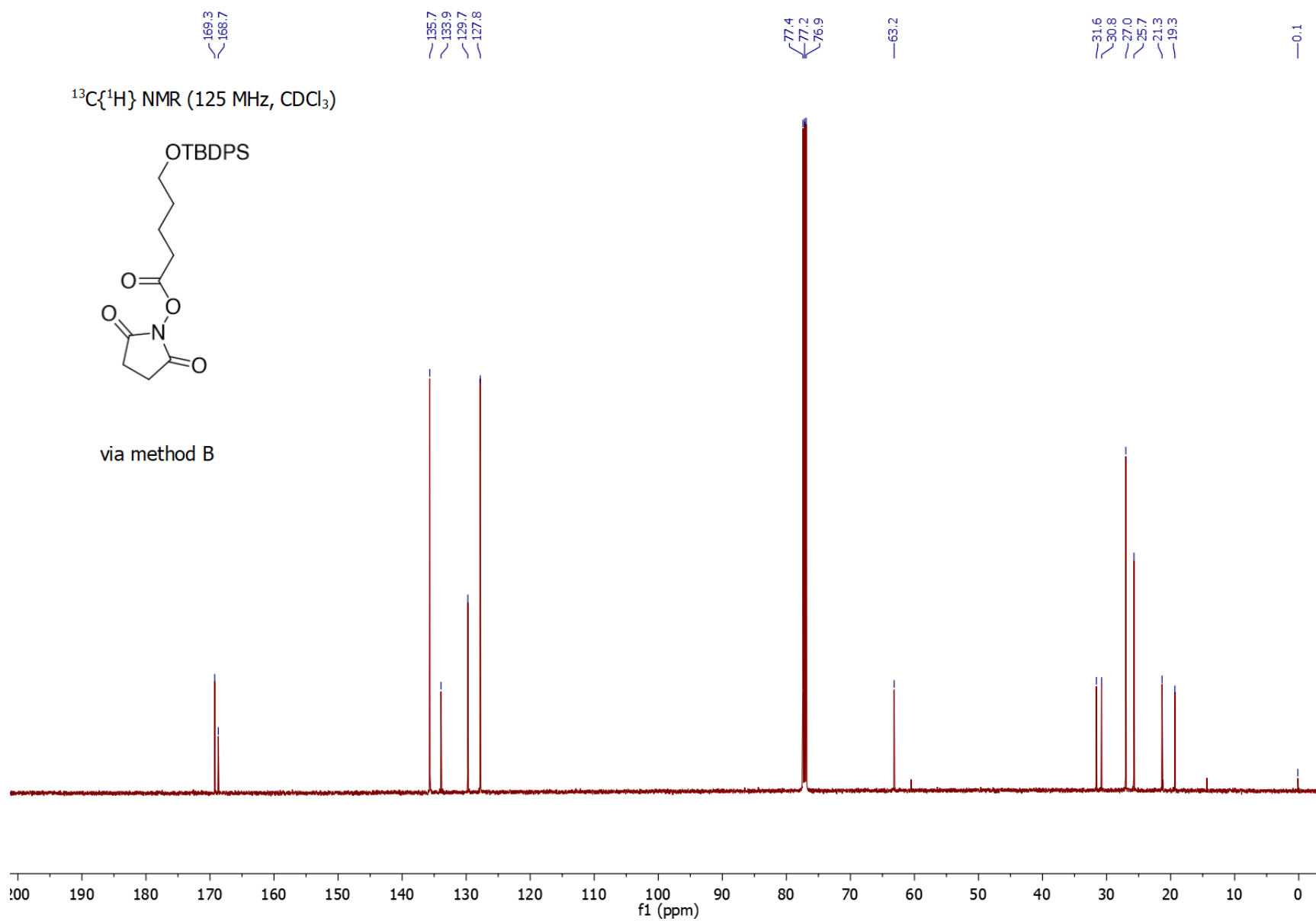
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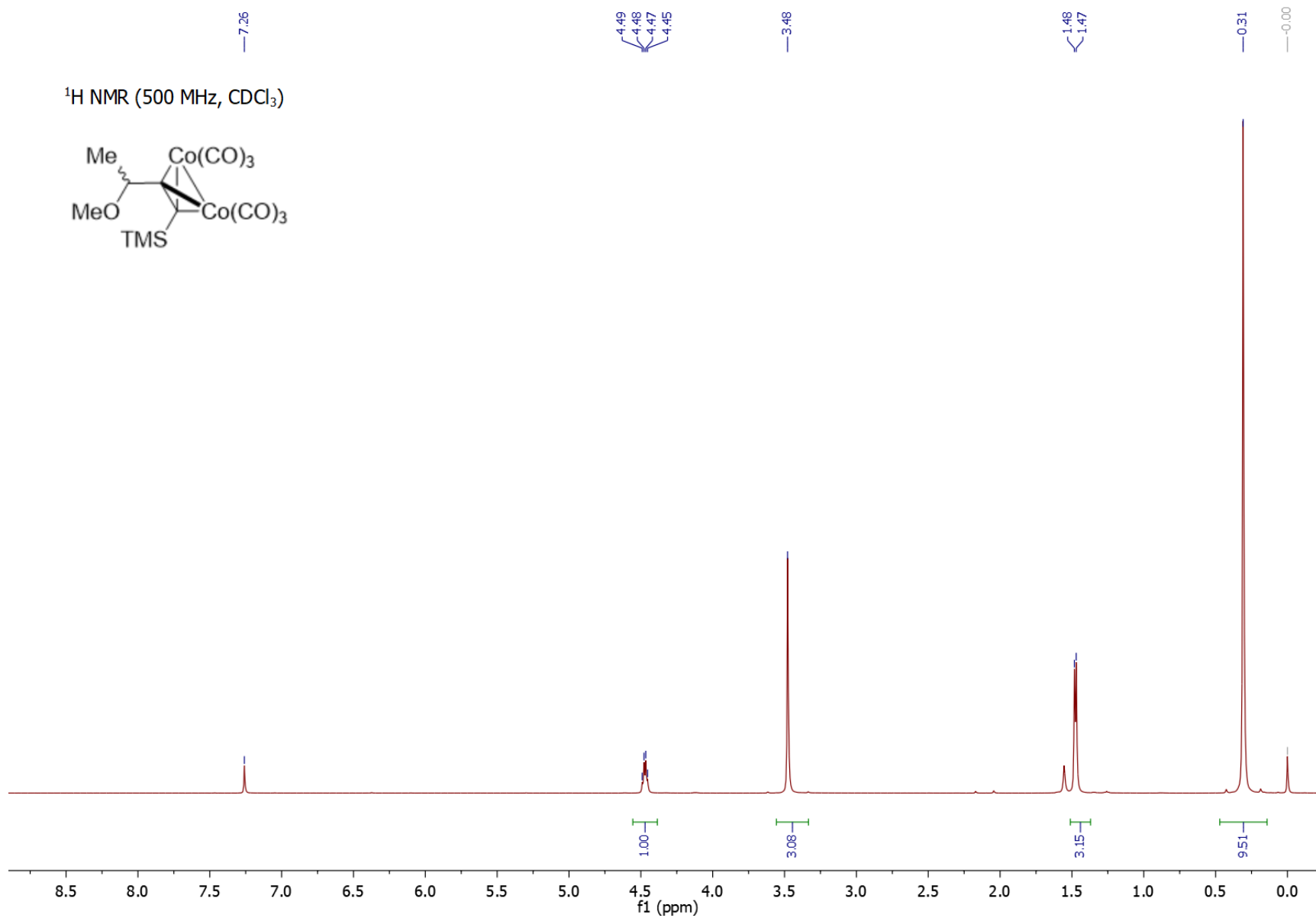
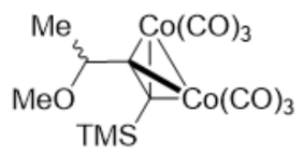


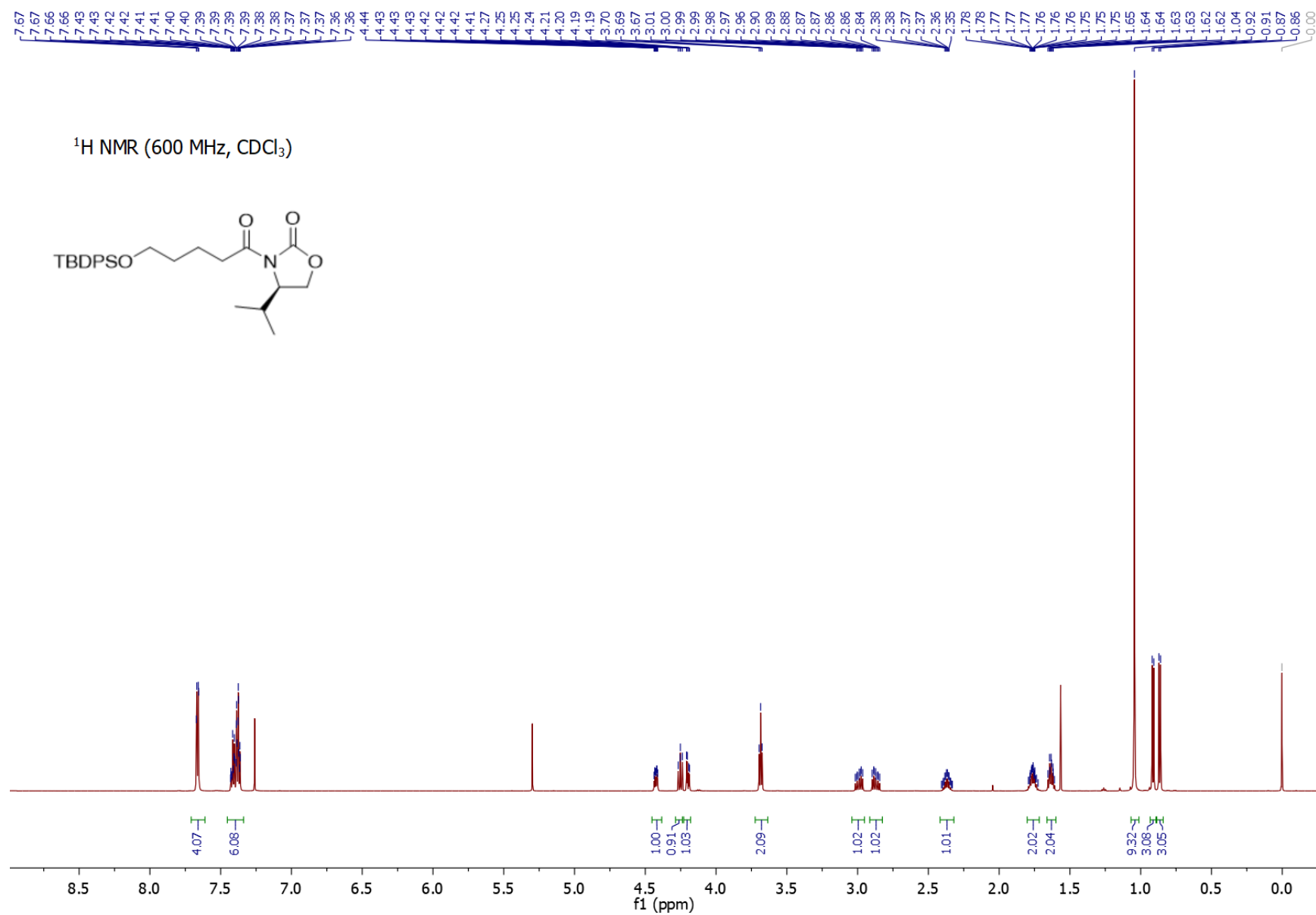
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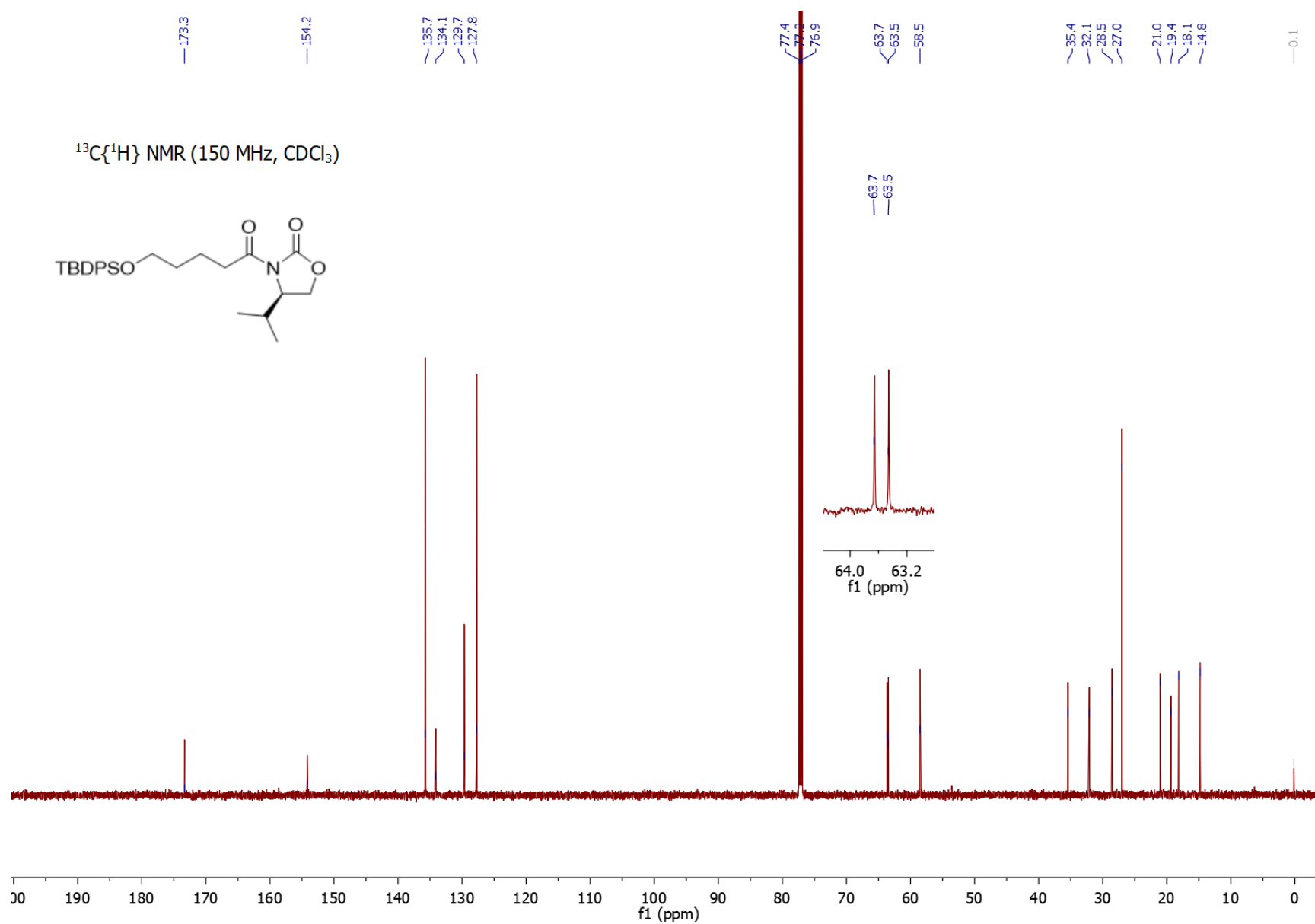




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$^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR (150 MHz, CDCl_3)

