

## One-pot Organocatalyzed Synthesis of Polycyclic Indolizines

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### SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- S2-S66 NMR (<sup>1</sup>H, <sup>13</sup>C, <sup>19</sup>F) spectra for compounds **4ab**, **4eb**, **4gb**, **4ja**, **5aa-5ic**, **6ag**, **6eb**, **7**, **8**, **10** and **11**.
- S67-S68 HPLC chromatograms of compounds *rac*-**11** and (*R*)-**11**.
- S69-S79 Computational Calculations

# **$^1\text{H}$ NMR and $^{13}\text{C}$ NMR spectra**

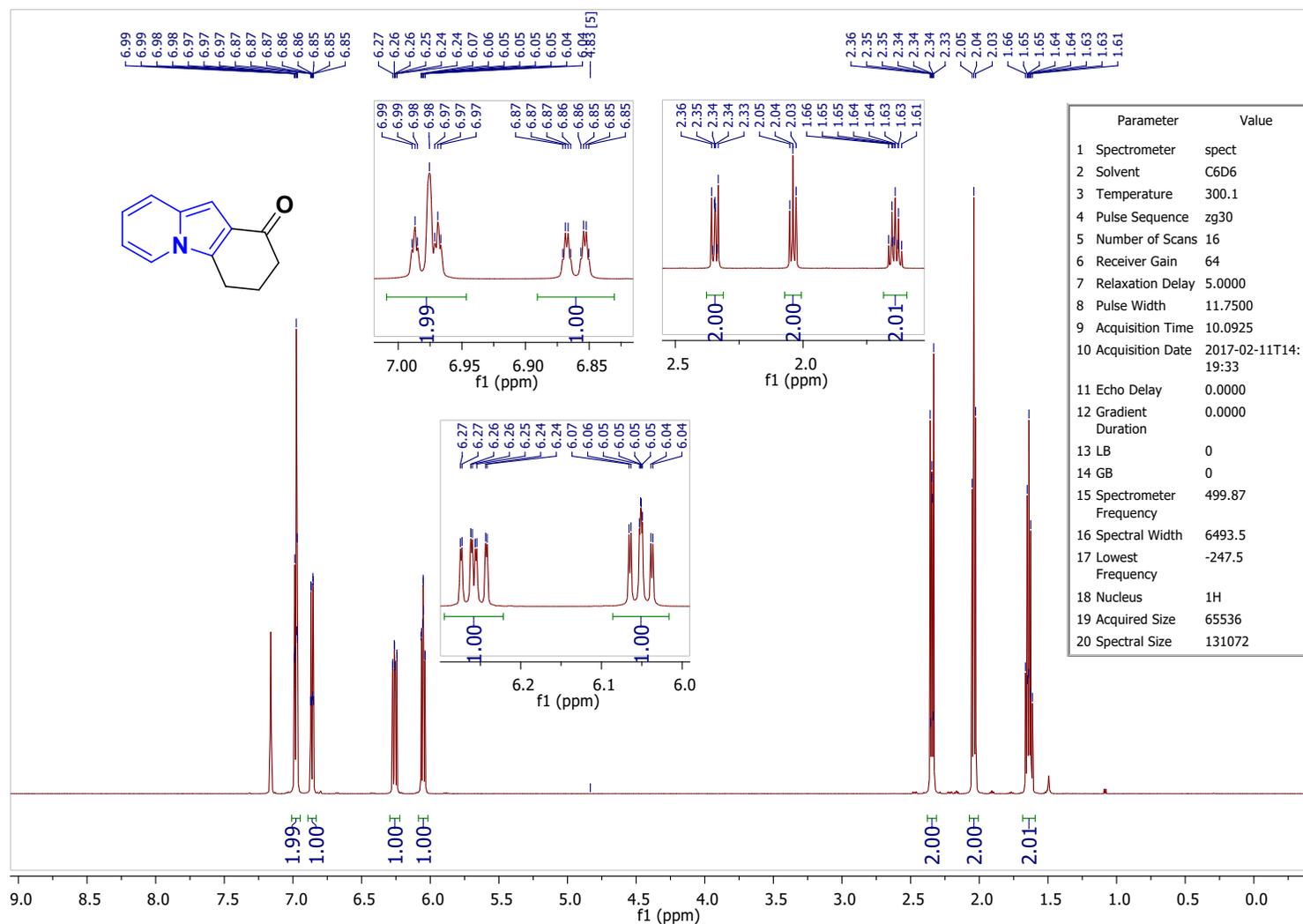
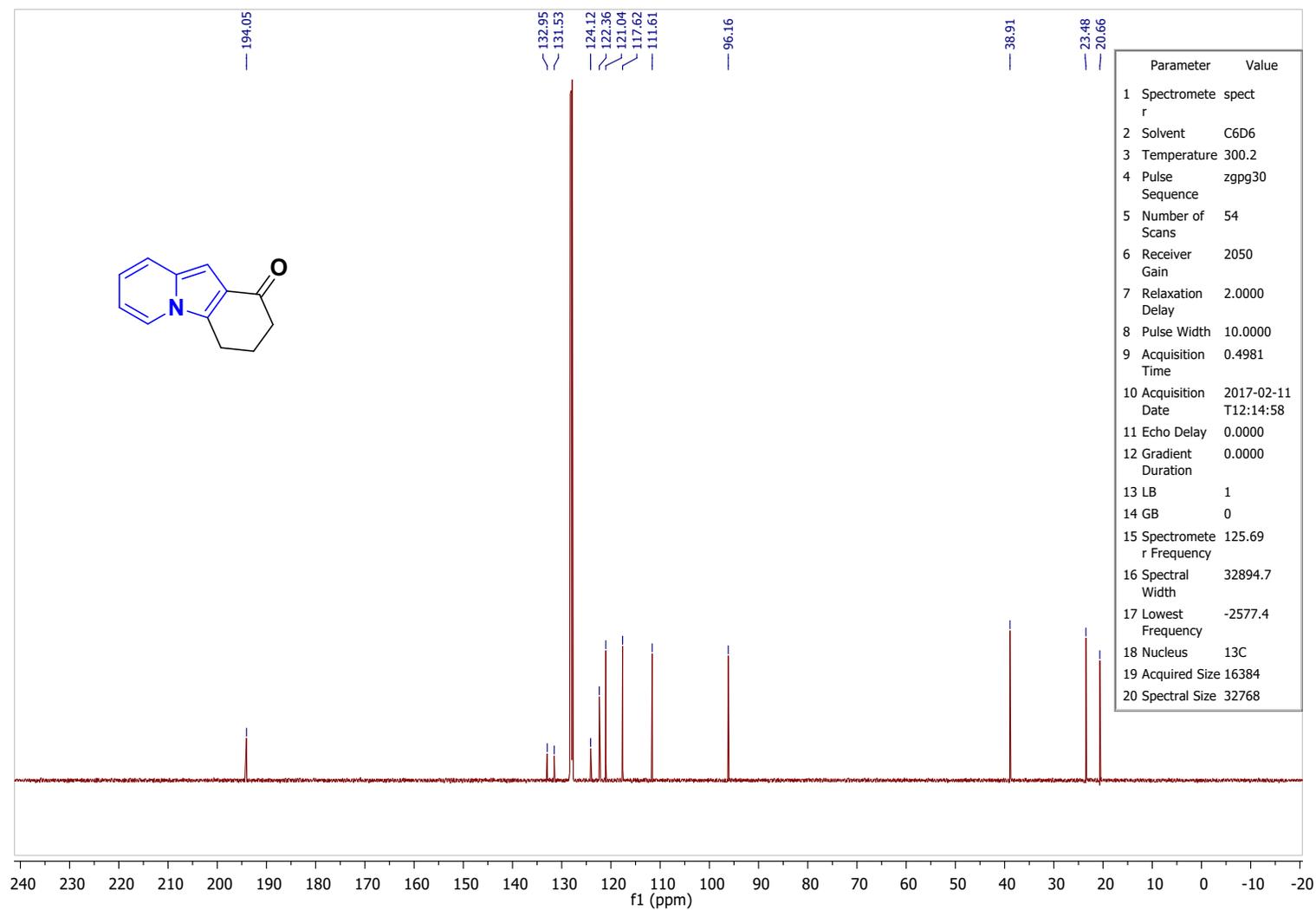
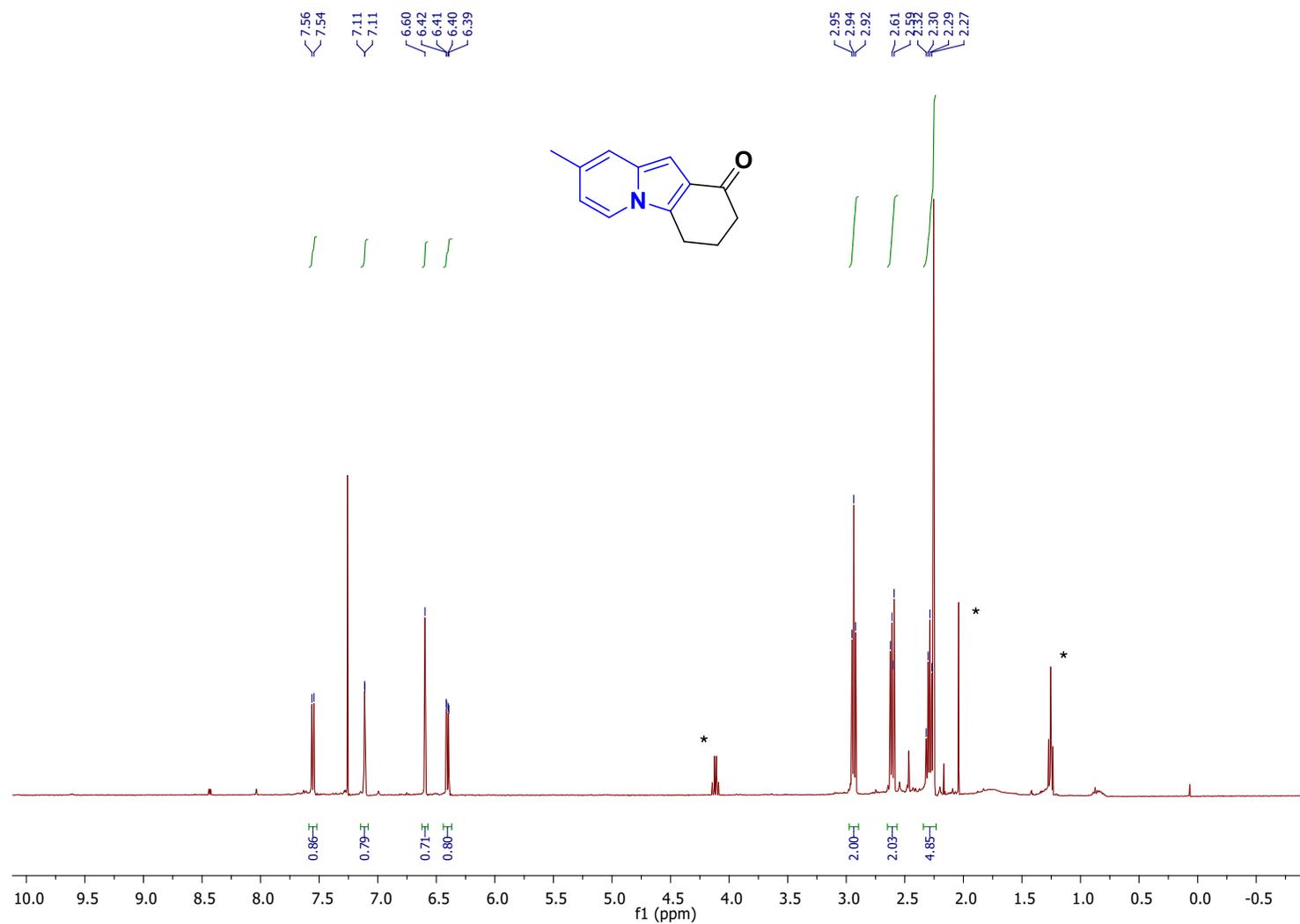


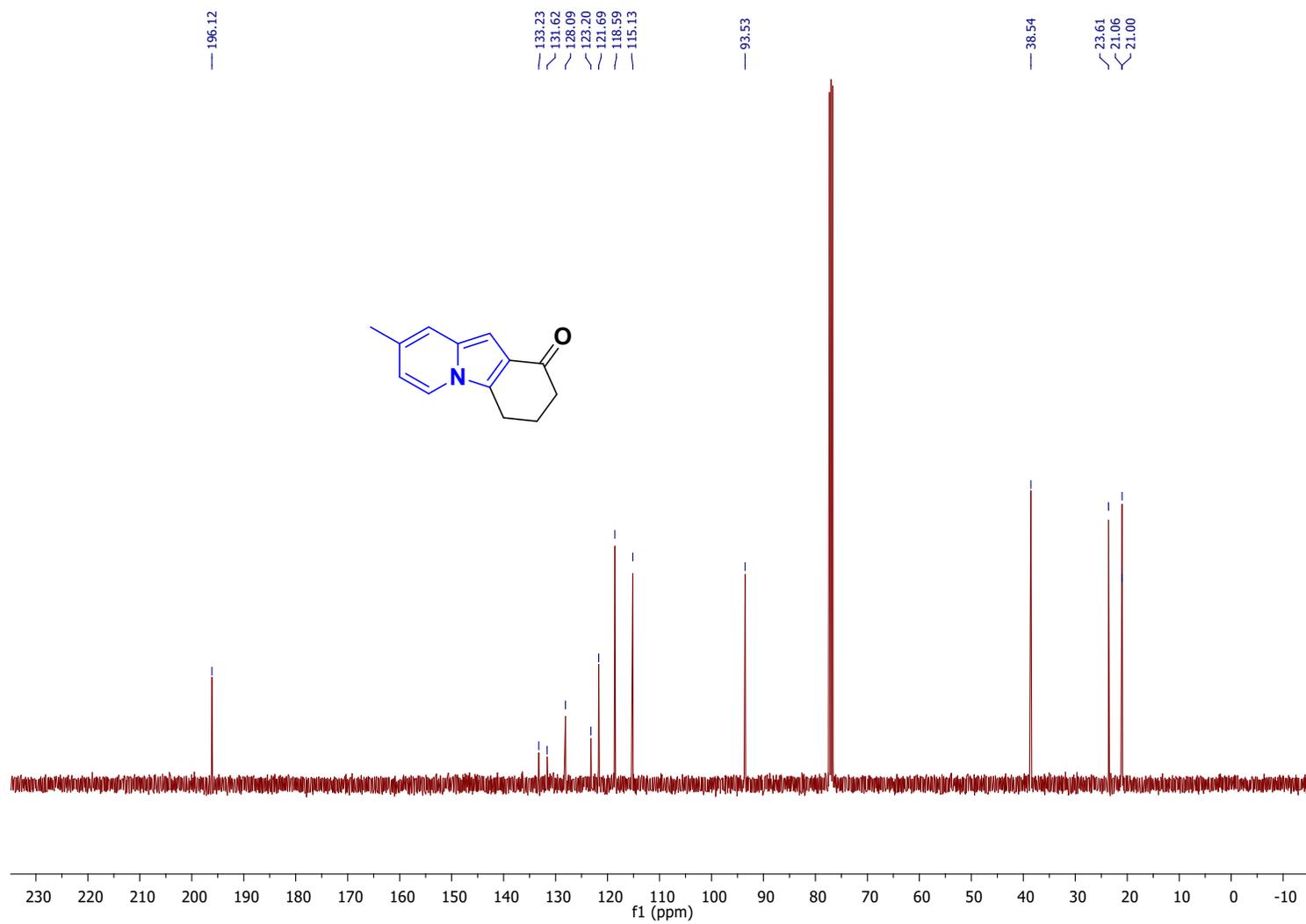
Figure S1. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum (500 MHz, C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>) of compound 5aa.



**Figure S2.** <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum (126 MHz, C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>) of compound **5aa**.



**Figure S3.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) of compound **5ba** (\* = residual peaks from ethyl acetate).



**Figure S4.**  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) of compound **5ba**.

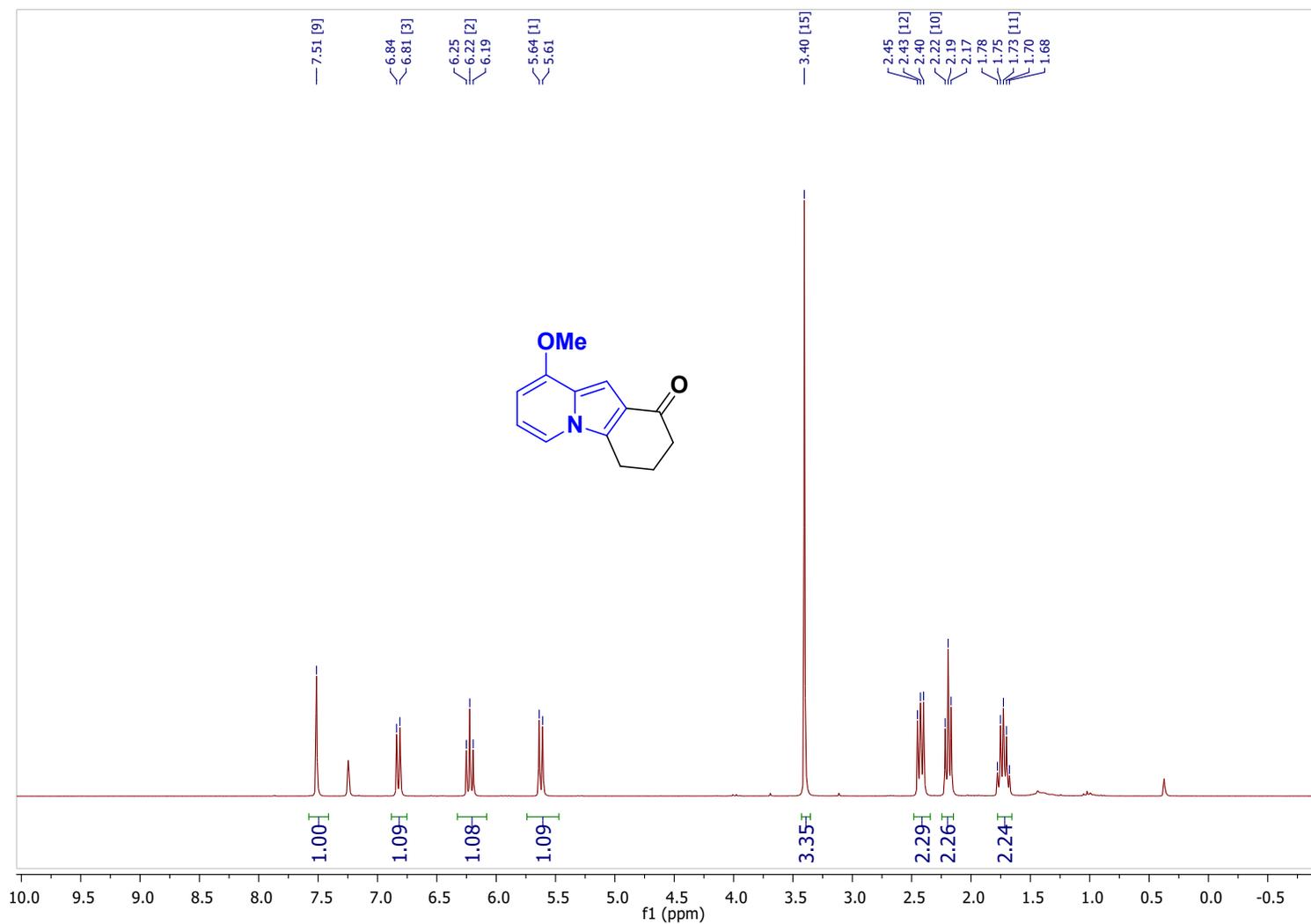


Figure S5.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum (250 MHz,  $\text{C}_6\text{D}_6$ ) of compound 5ca.

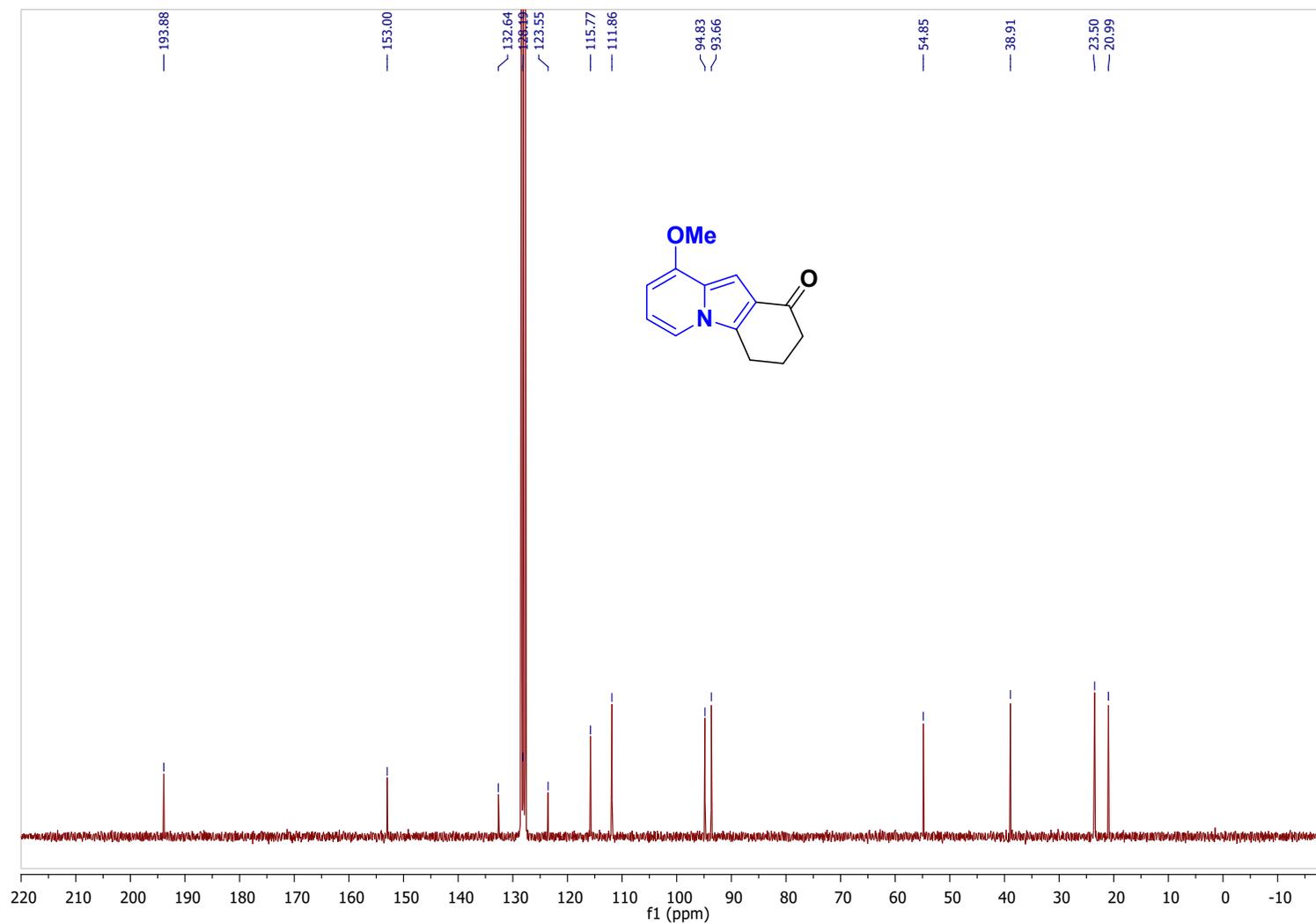


Figure S6.  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum (62.5 MHz,  $\text{C}_6\text{D}_6$ ) of compound 5ca.

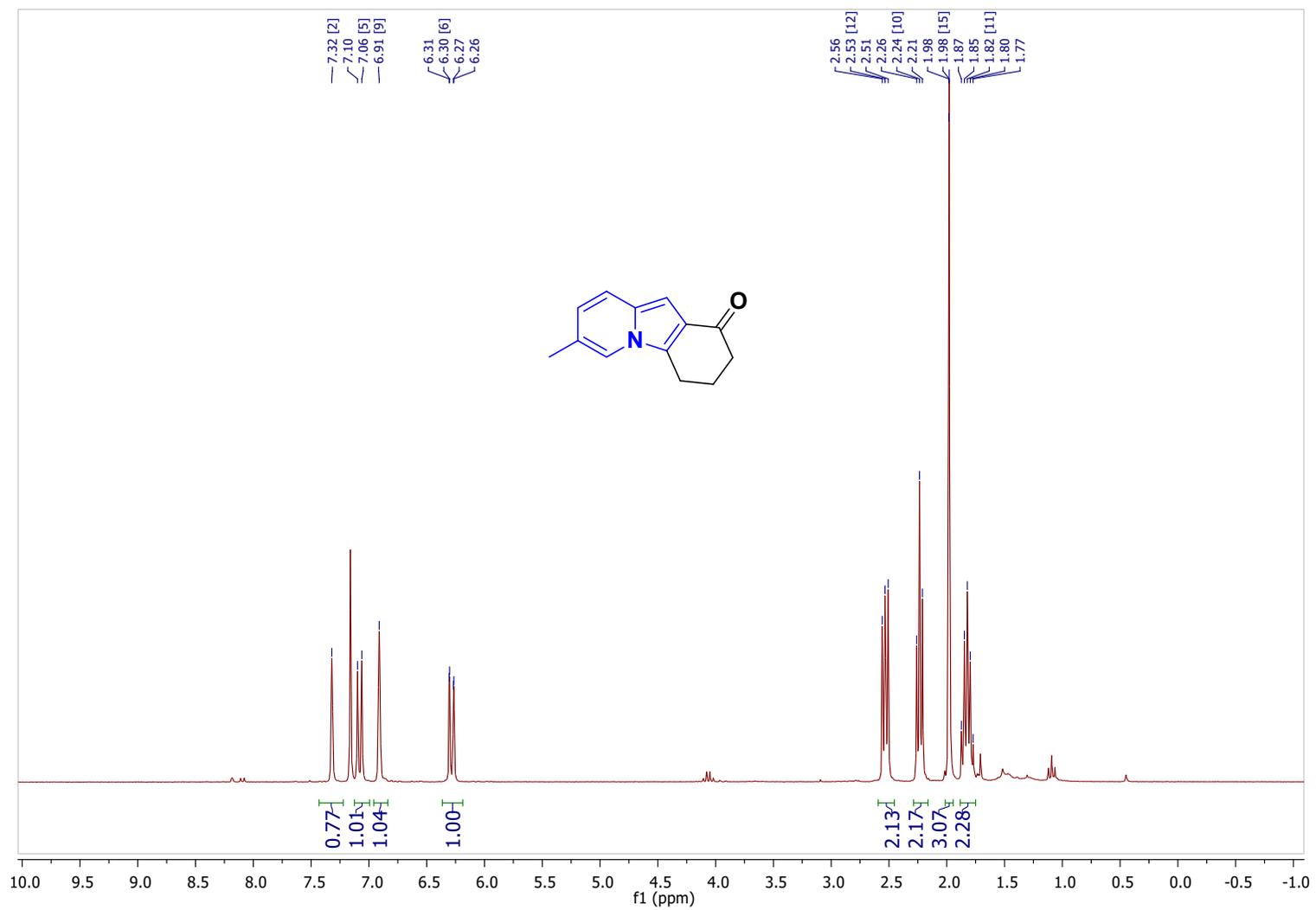
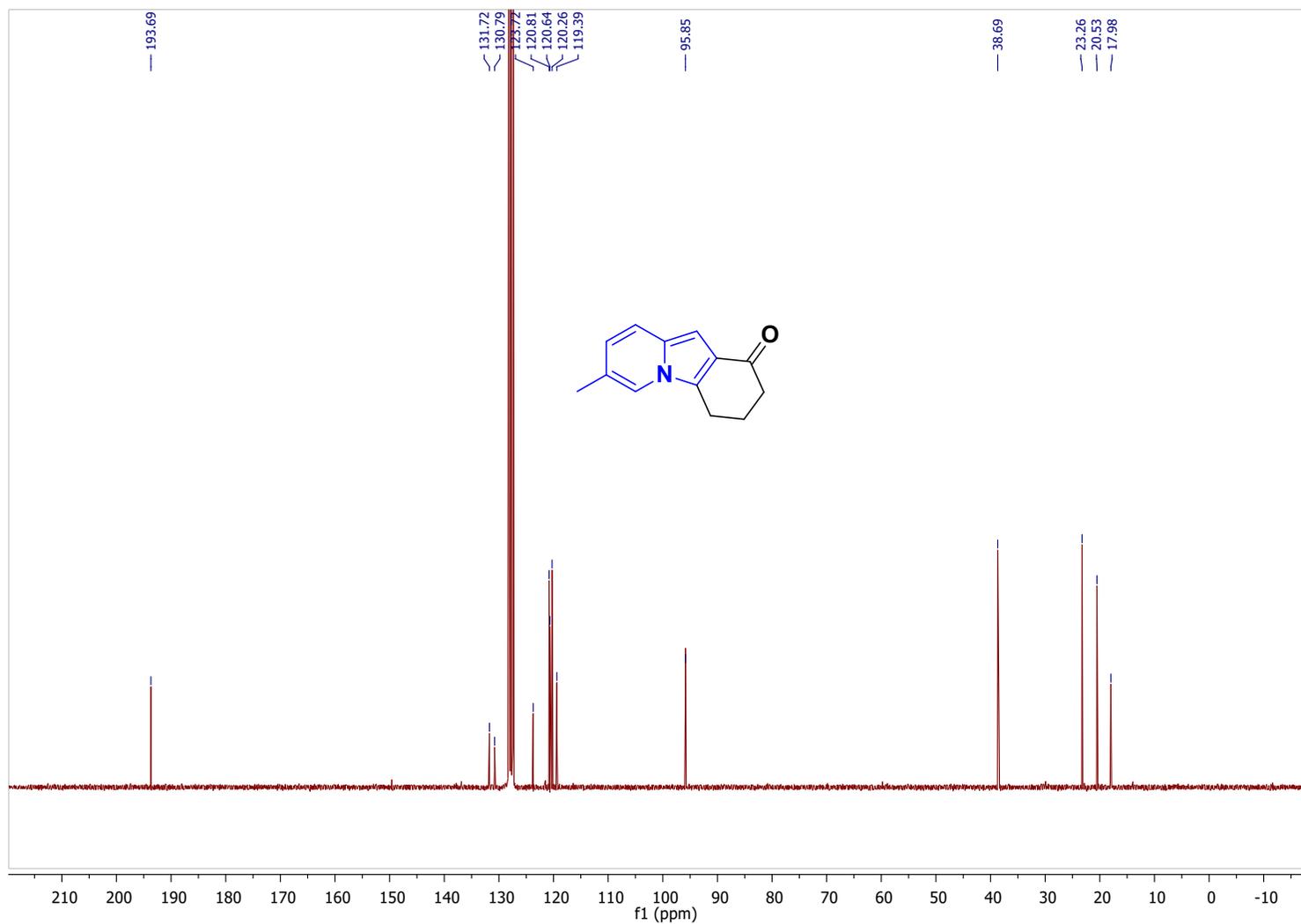


Figure S7. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum (250 MHz, C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>) of compound 5da.



**Figure S8.**  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum (62.5 MHz,  $\text{C}_6\text{D}_6$ ) of compound **5da**.

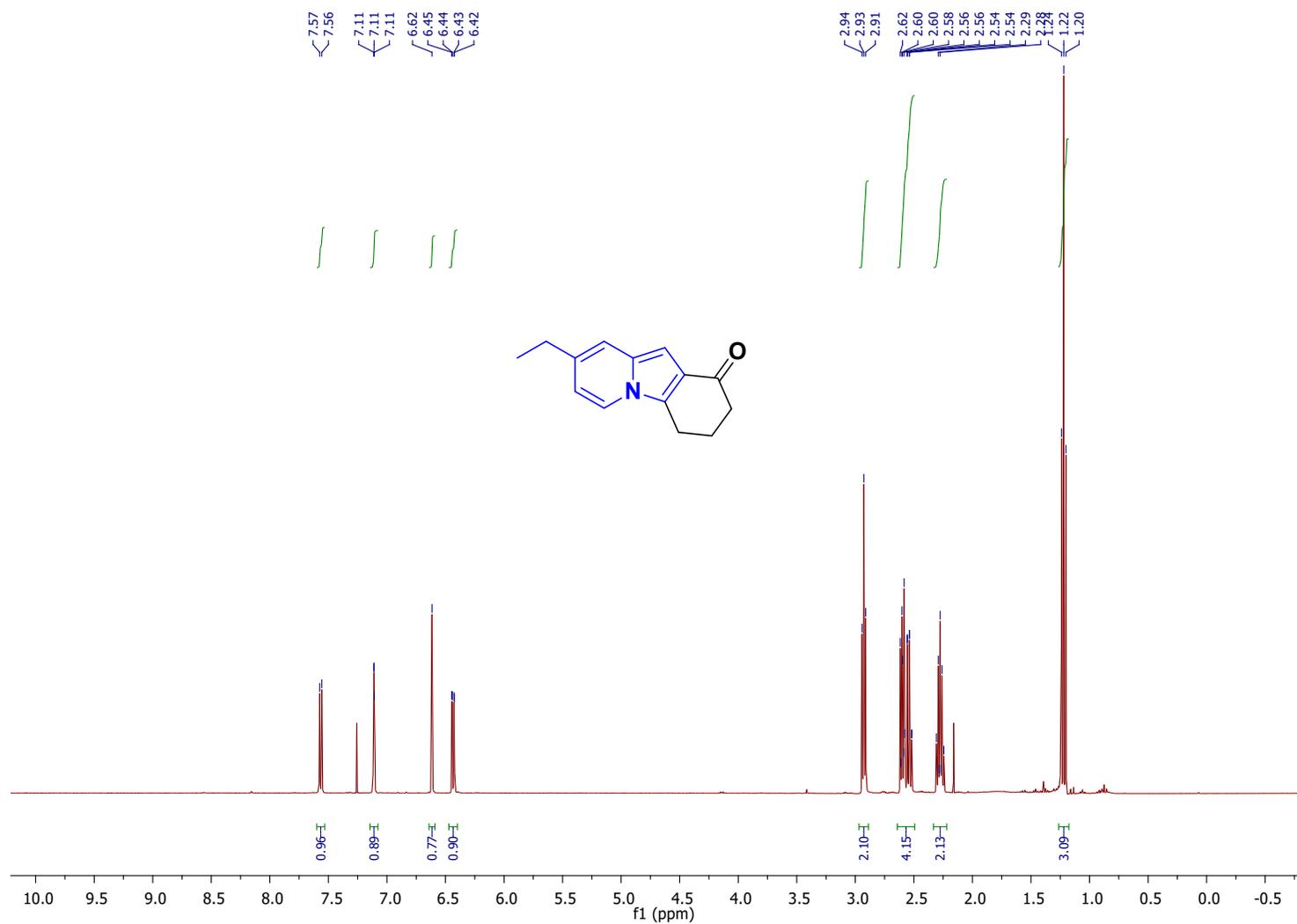


Figure S9.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) of compound 5ea.

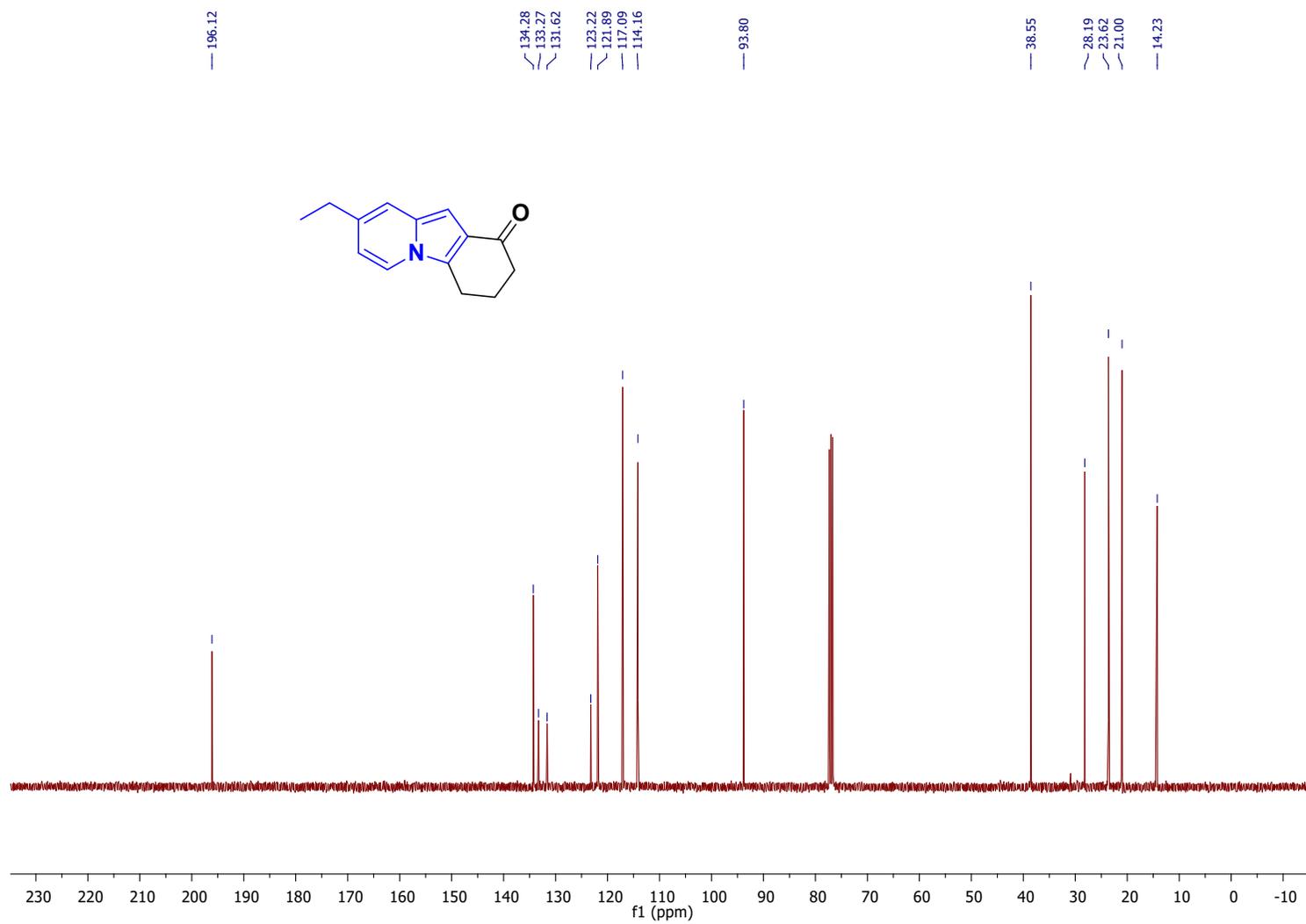
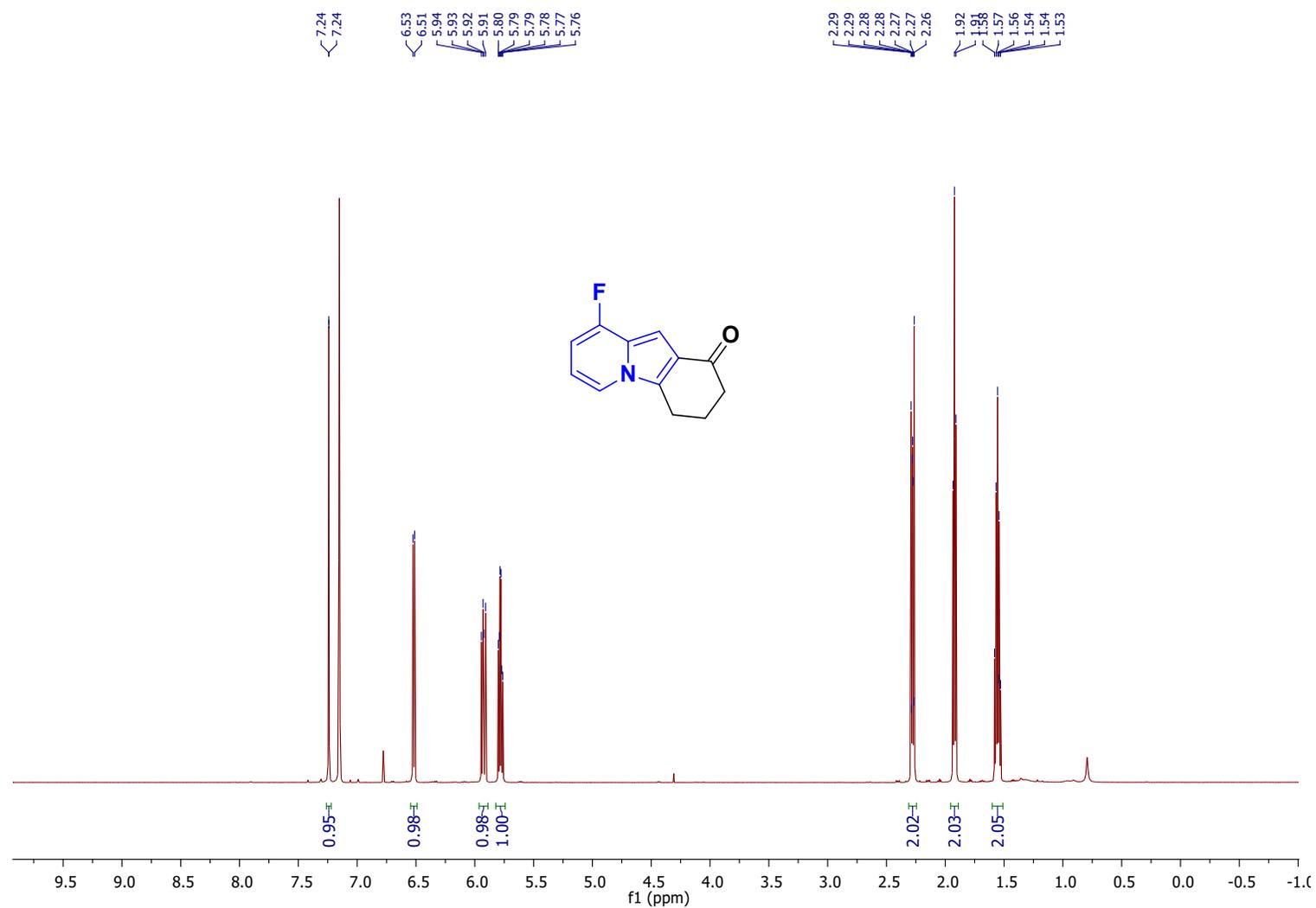
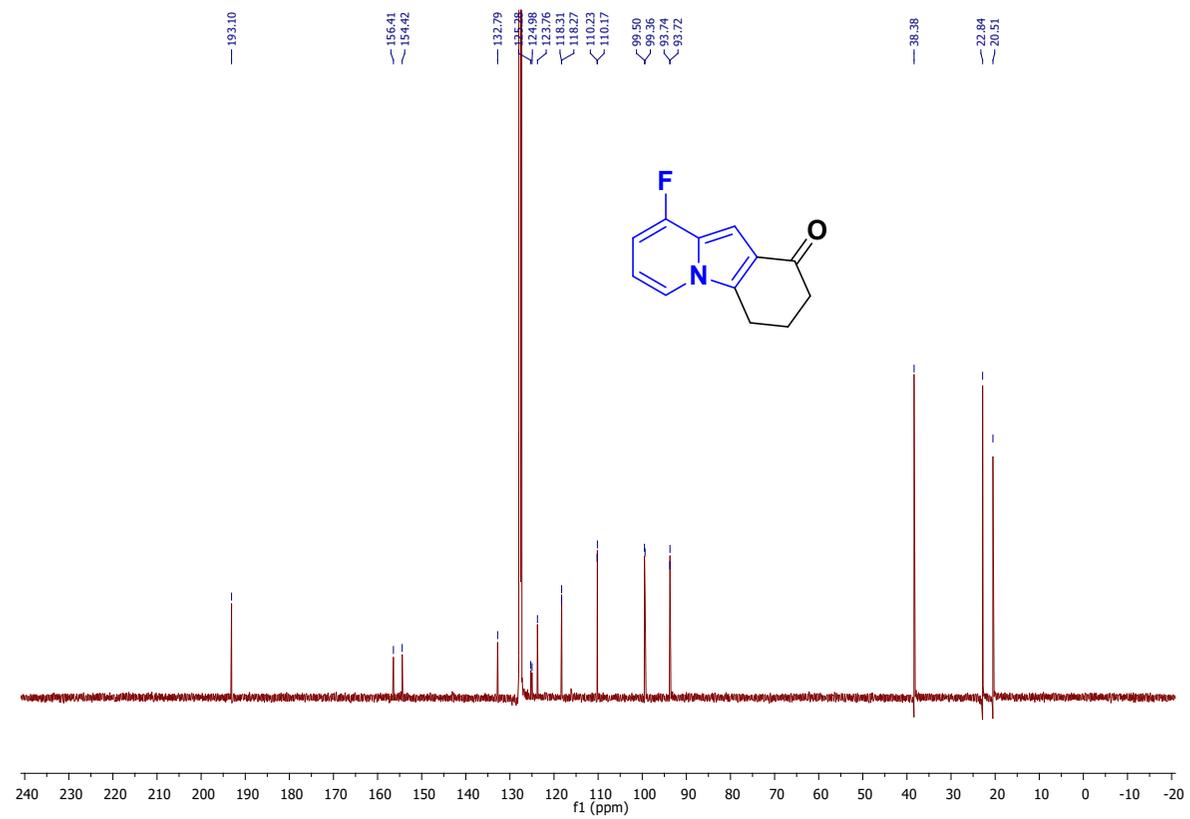


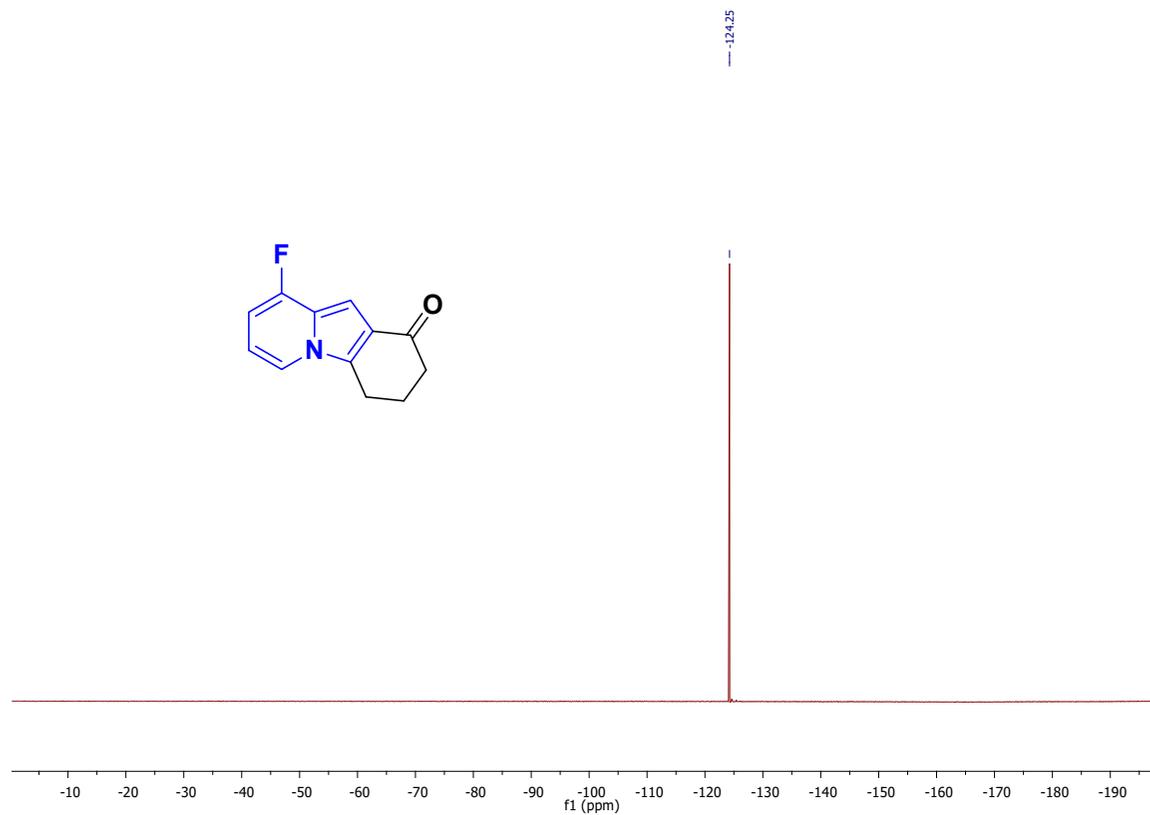
Figure S10.  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) of compound 5ea.



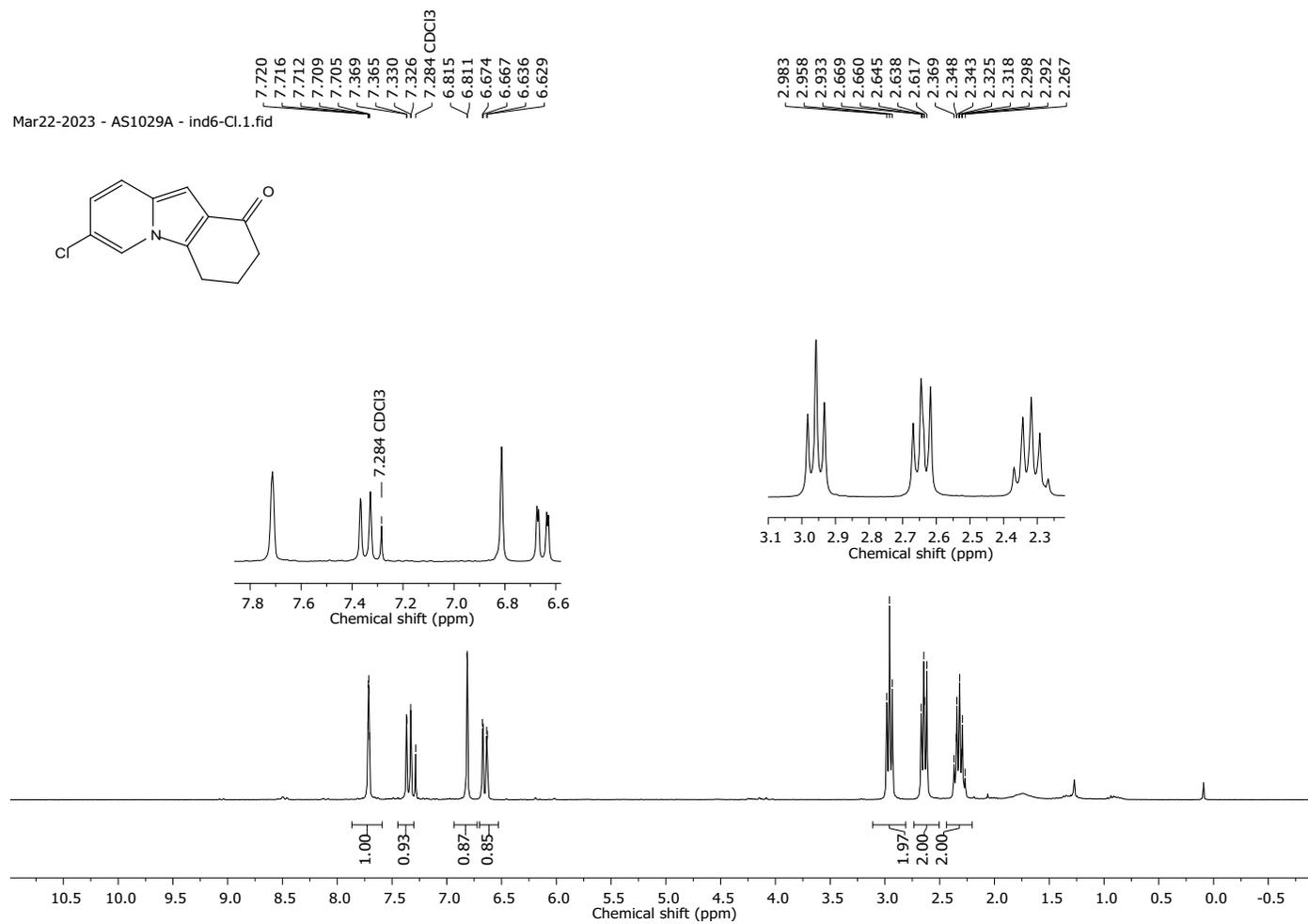
**Figure S11.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum (500 MHz, C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>) of compound **5fa**.



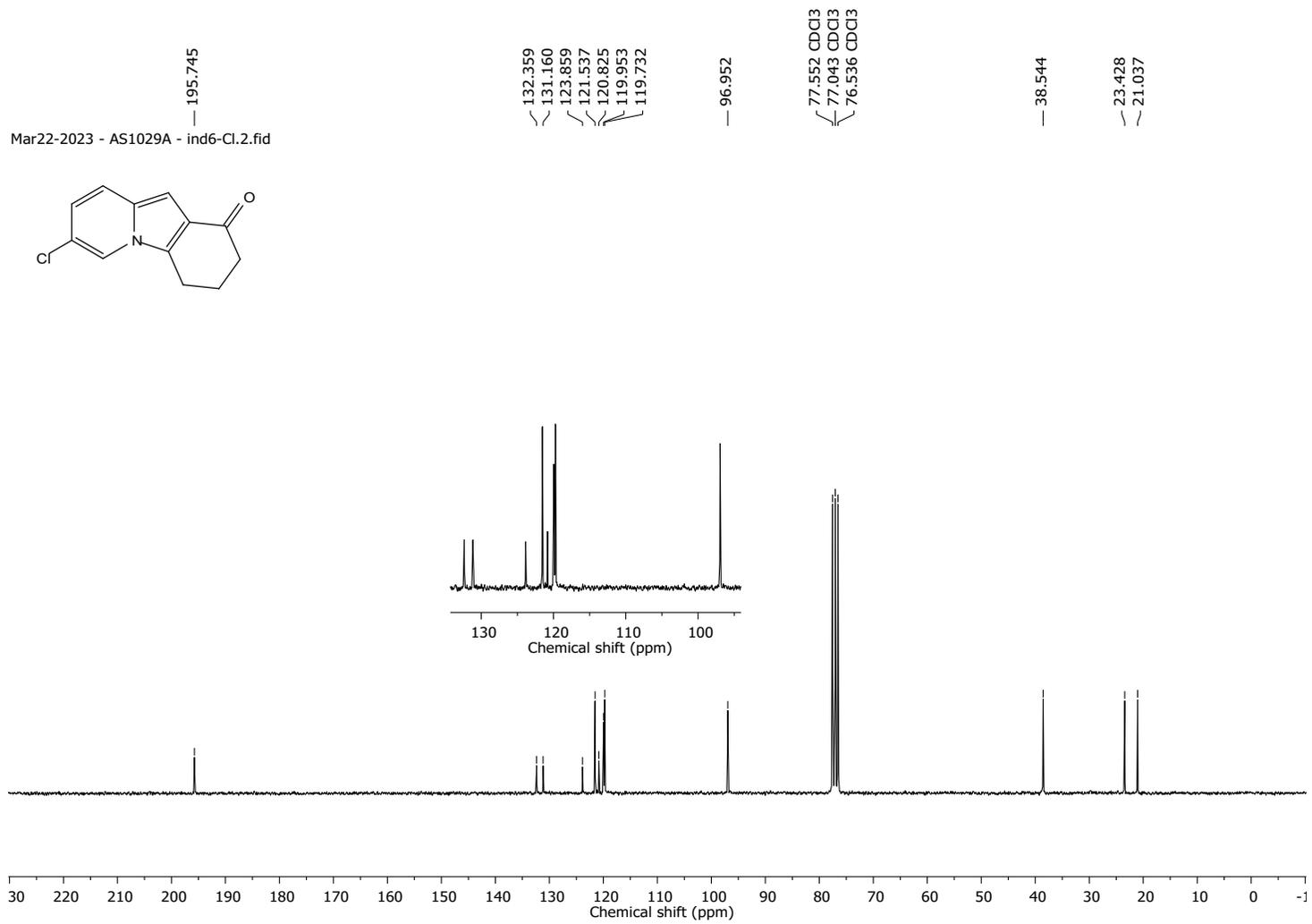
**Figure S12.**  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum (126 MHz,  $\text{C}_6\text{D}_6$ ) of compound **5fa**.



**Figure S13.**  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR spectrum (470 MHz,  $\text{C}_6\text{D}_6$ ) of compound **5fa**.



**Figure S14.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum (250 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) of compound **5ga**.



**Figure S15.** <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum (63 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) of compound **5ga**.

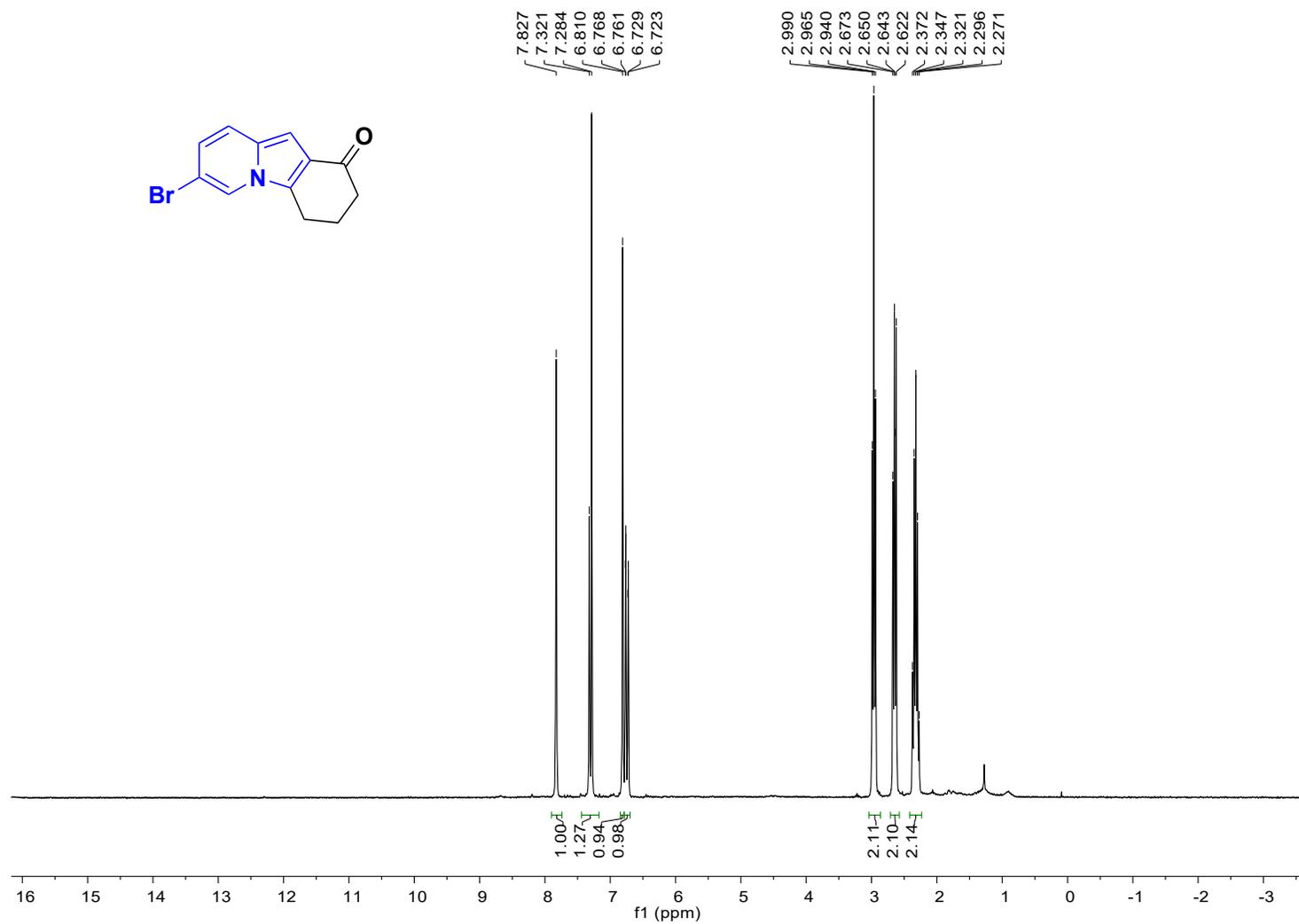
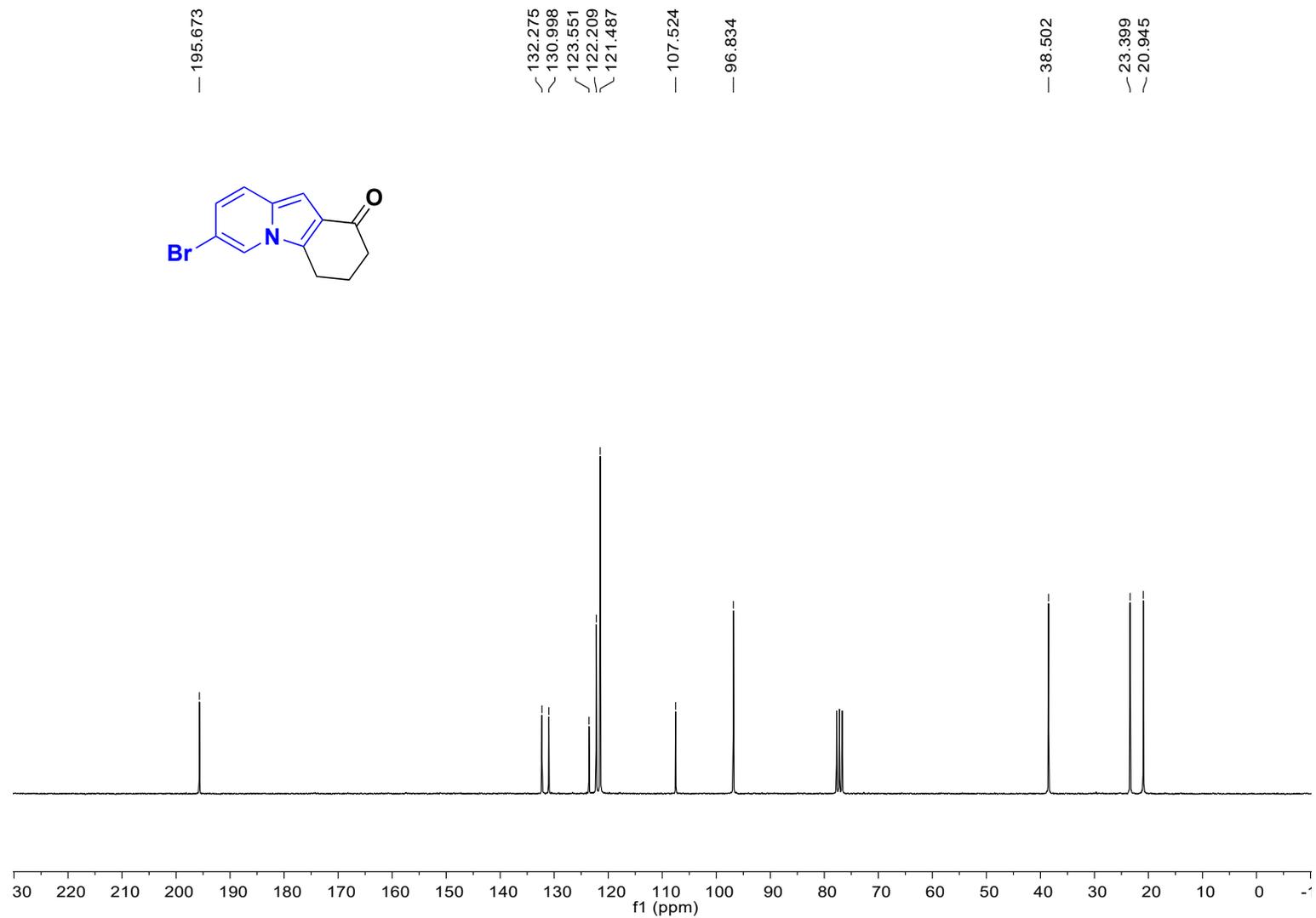
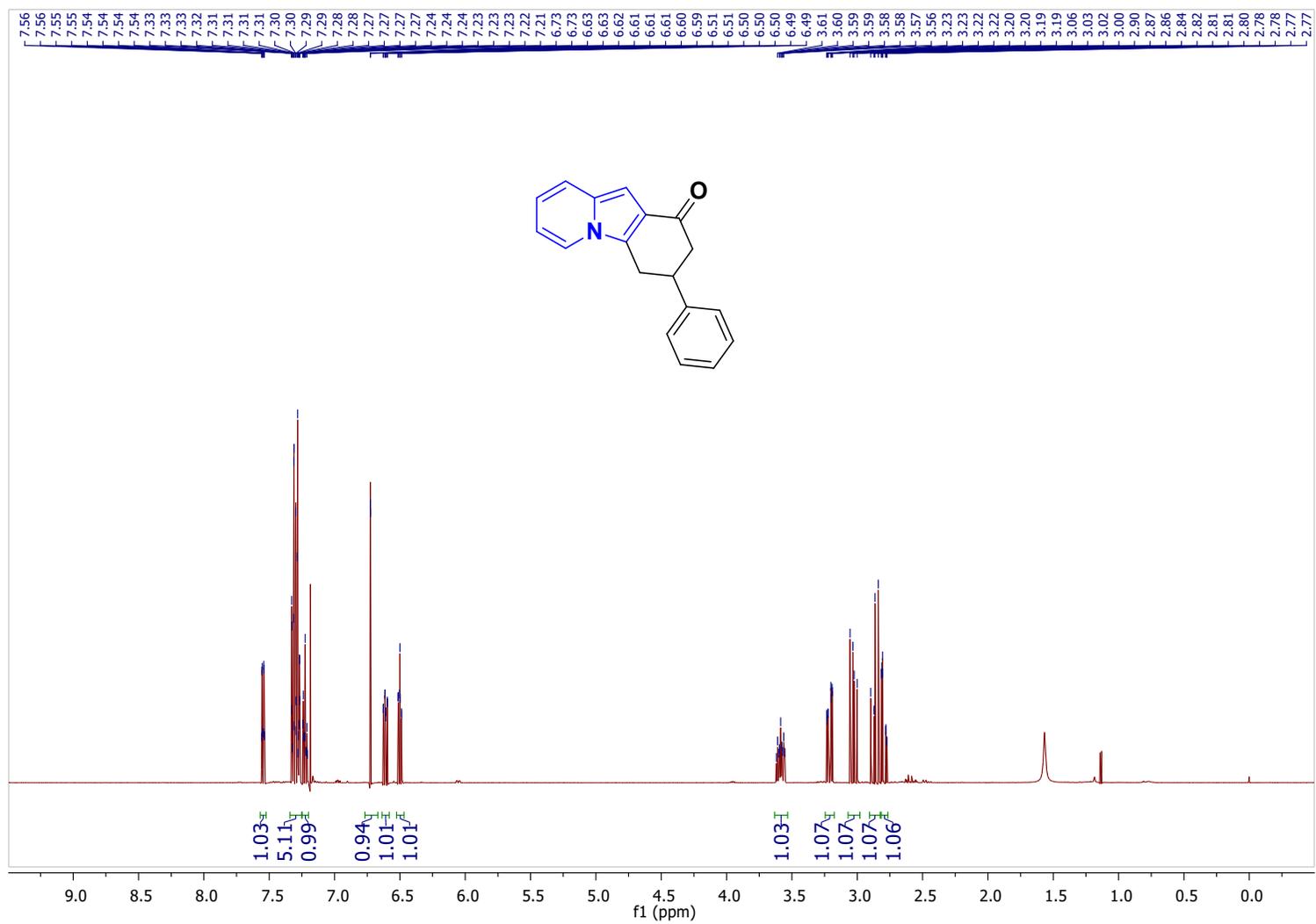


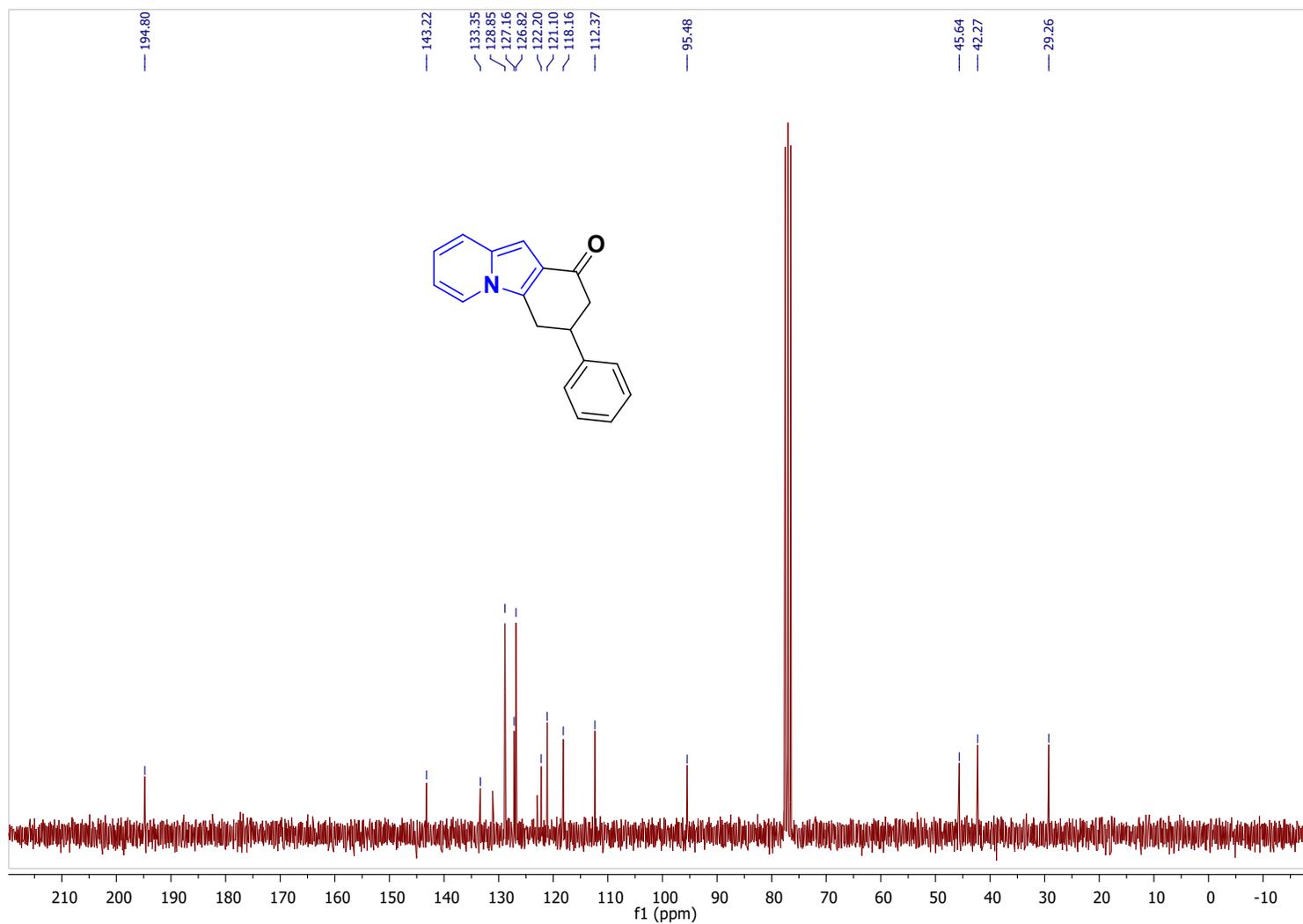
Figure S16.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum (500 MHz,  $\text{C}_6\text{D}_6$ ) of compound **5ia**.



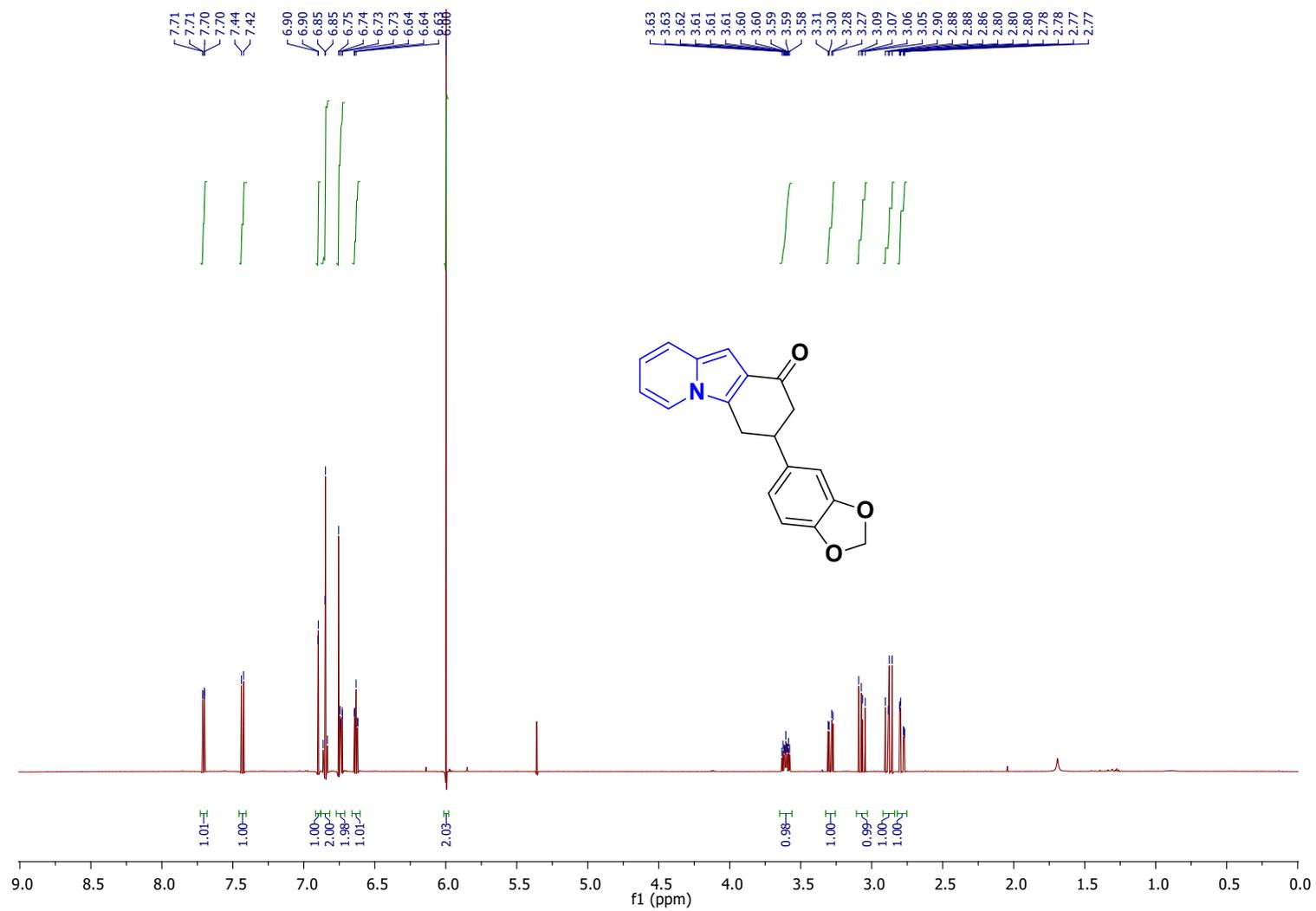
**Figure S17.** <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum (126 MHz, C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>) of compound **5ia**.



**Figure S18.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) of compound **5ae**.



**Figure S19.** <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum (63 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) of compound **5ae**.



**Figure S20.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum (600 MHz,  $\text{CD}_2\text{Cl}_2$ ) of compound **5af**.

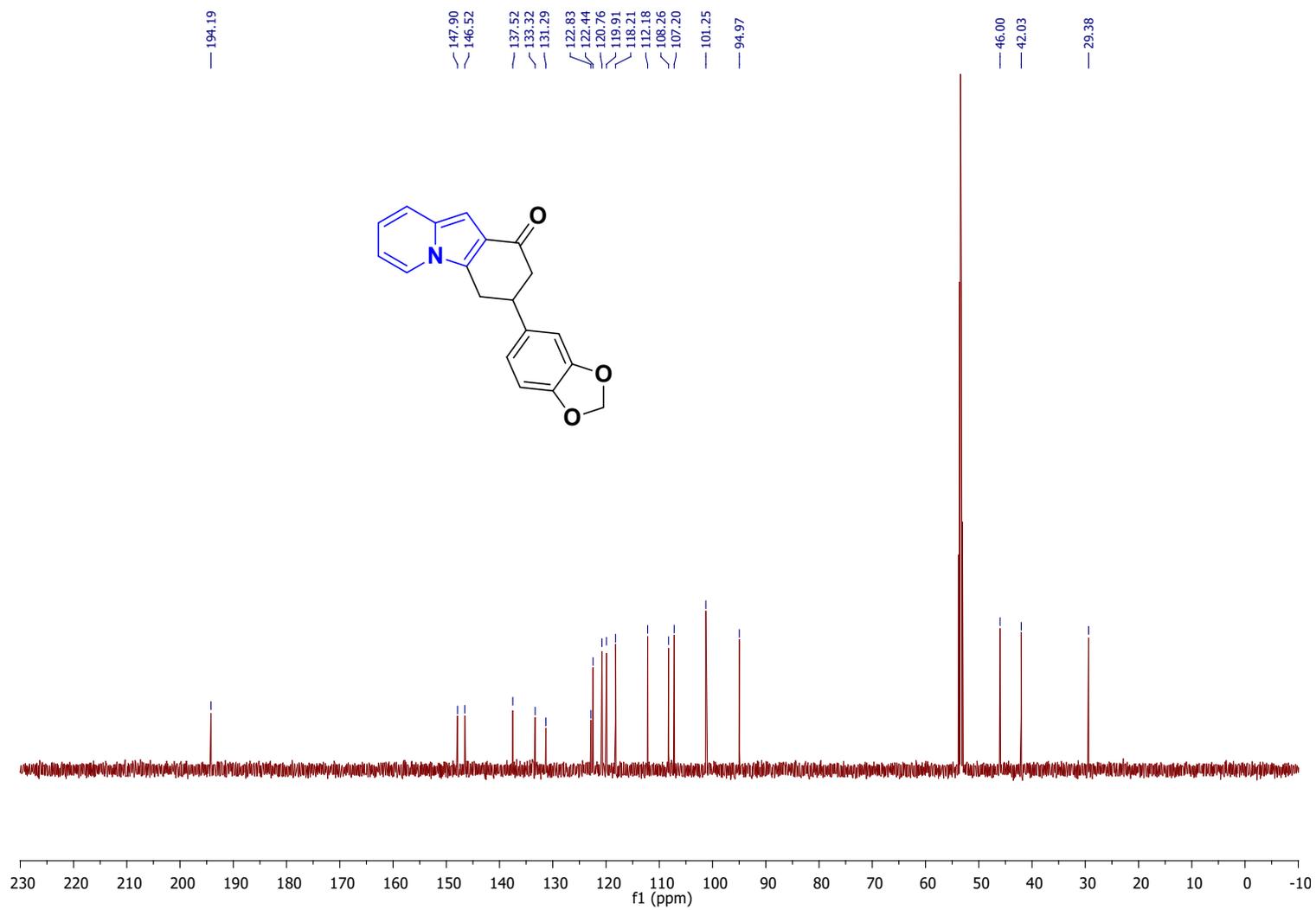
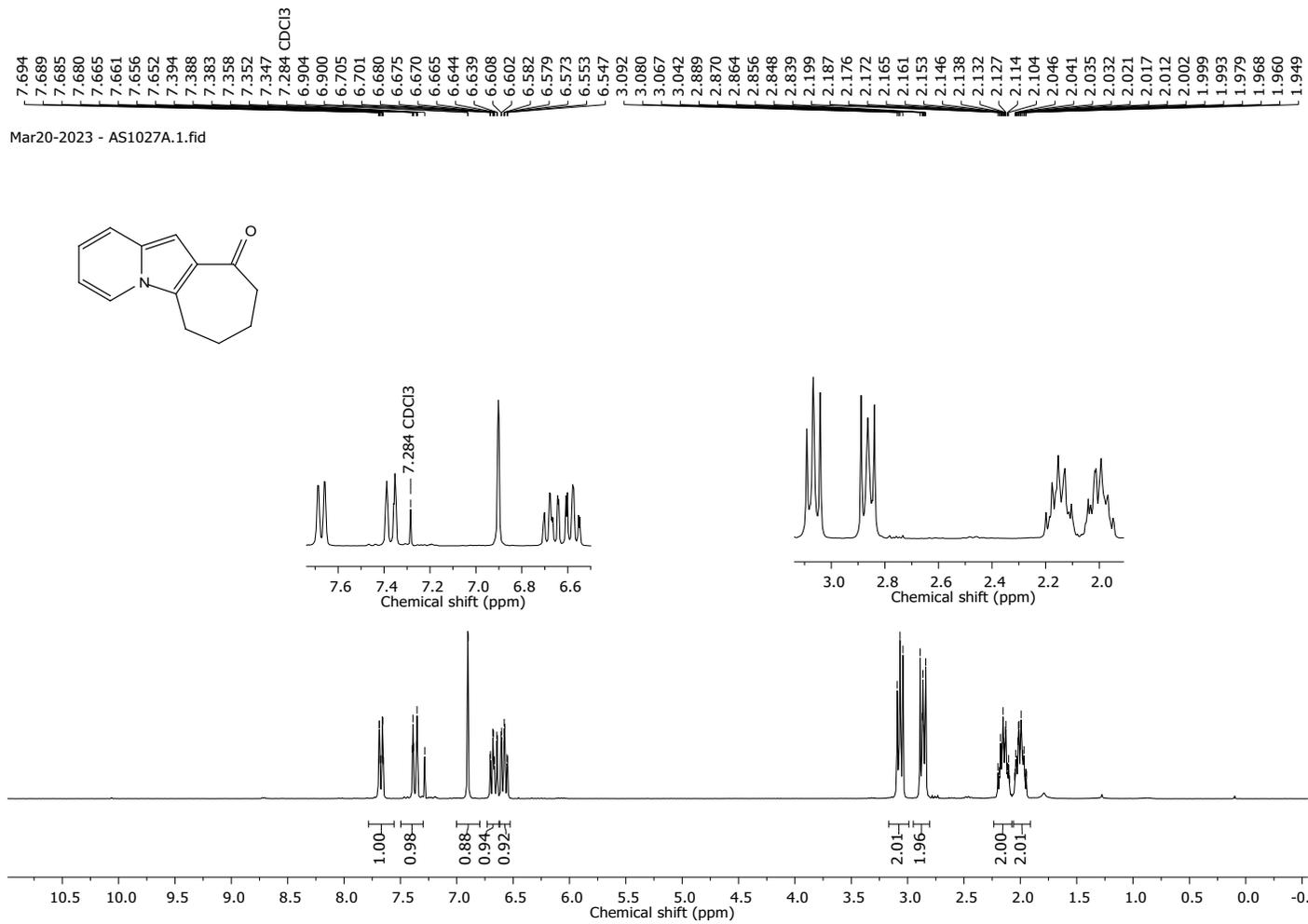


Figure S21. <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum (151 MHz, CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>) of compound 5af.



**Figure S22.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum (250 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) of compound **5ac**.

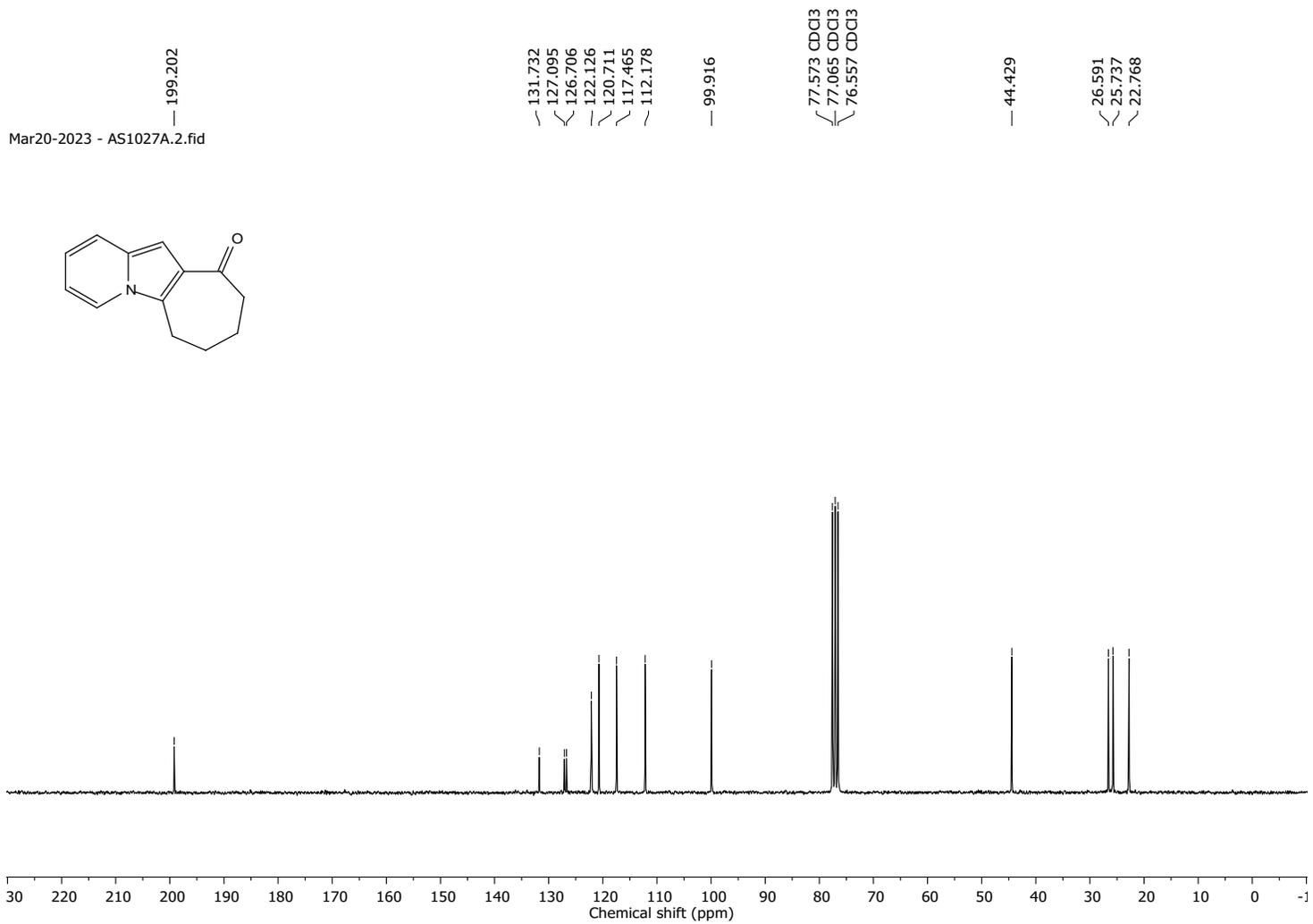
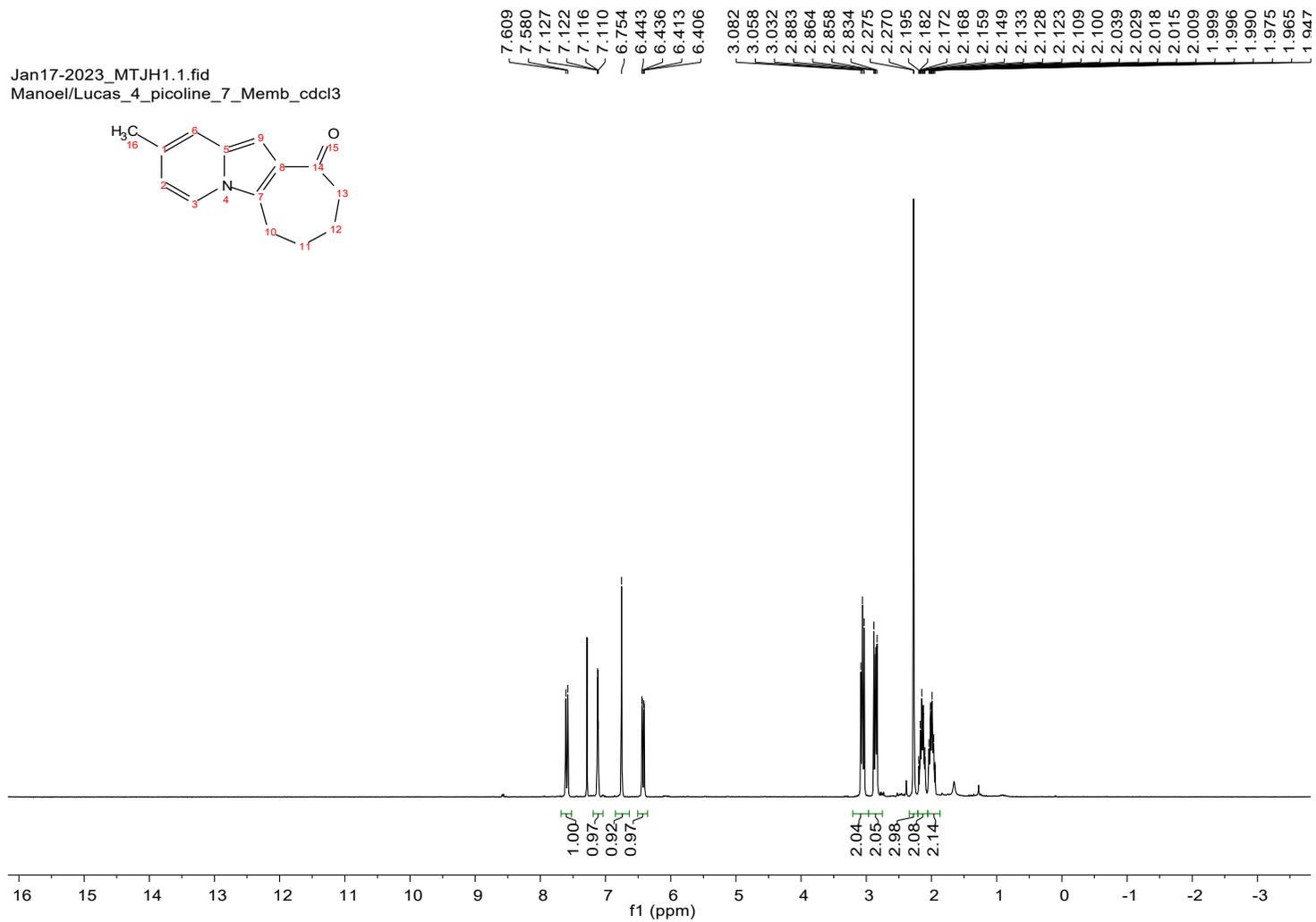
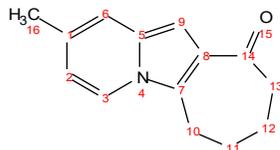


Figure S23. <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum (63 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) of compound **5ac**.



**Figure S24.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum (250 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) of compound **5bc**.

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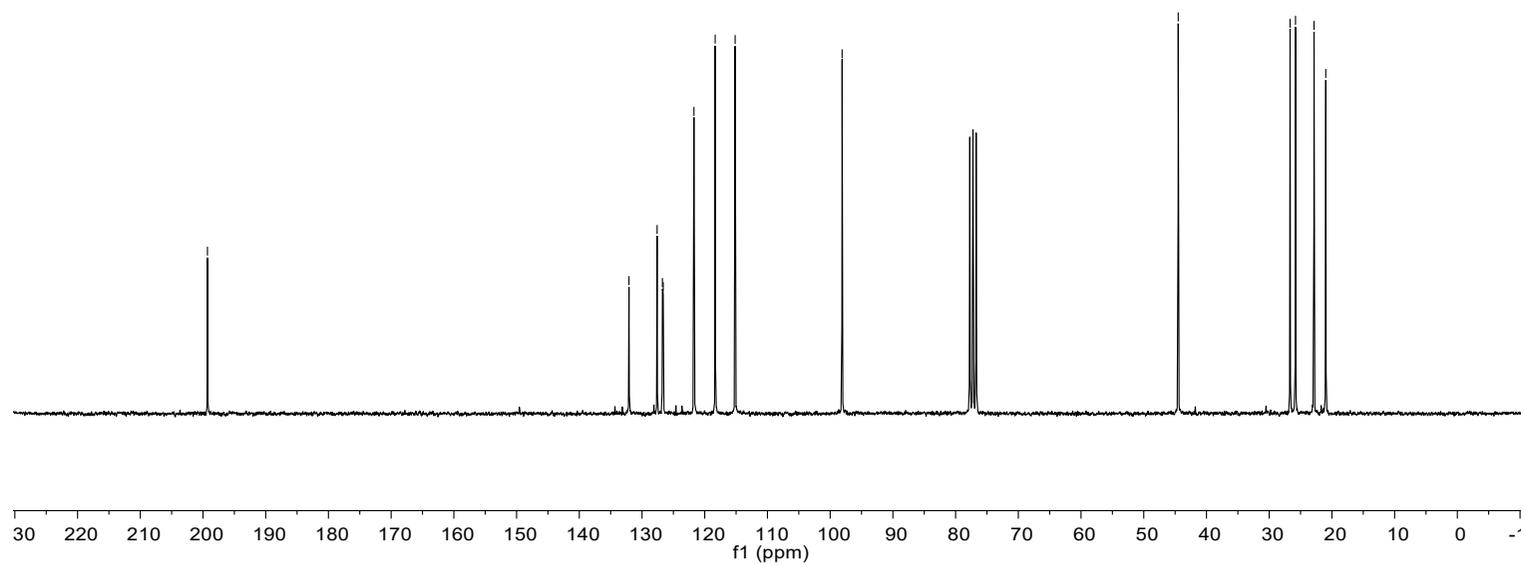


Figure S25.  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum (63 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) of compound **5bc**.

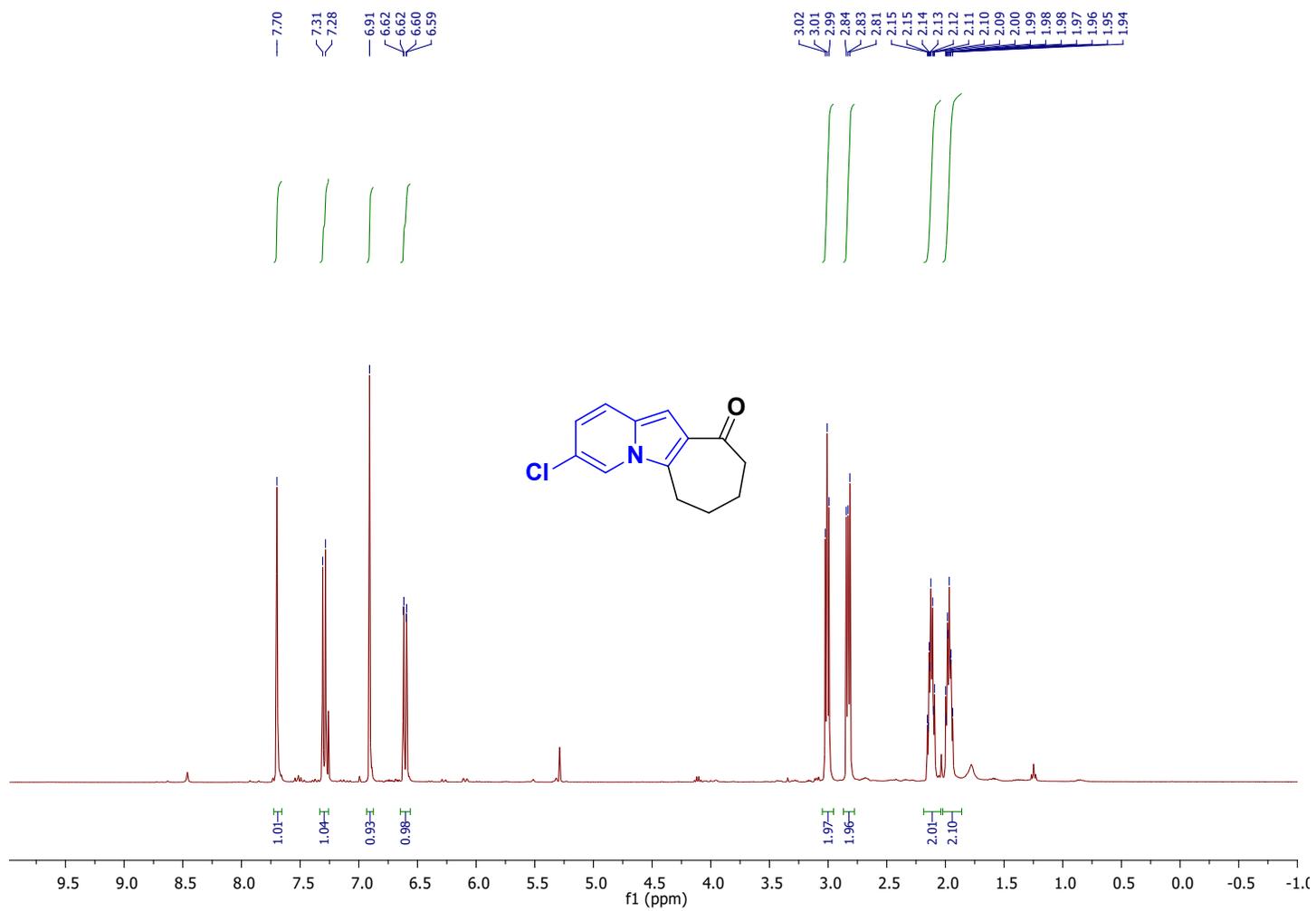
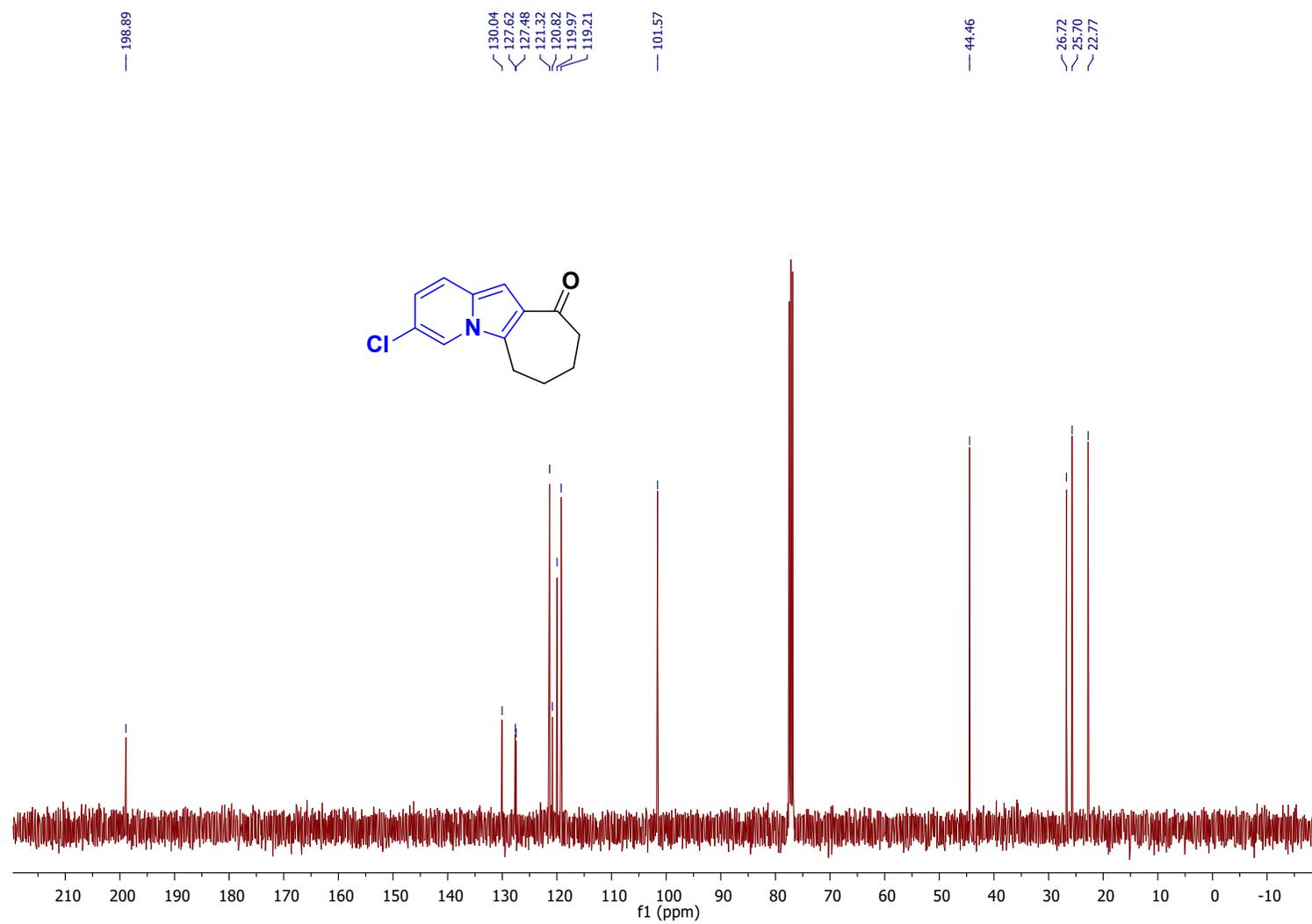
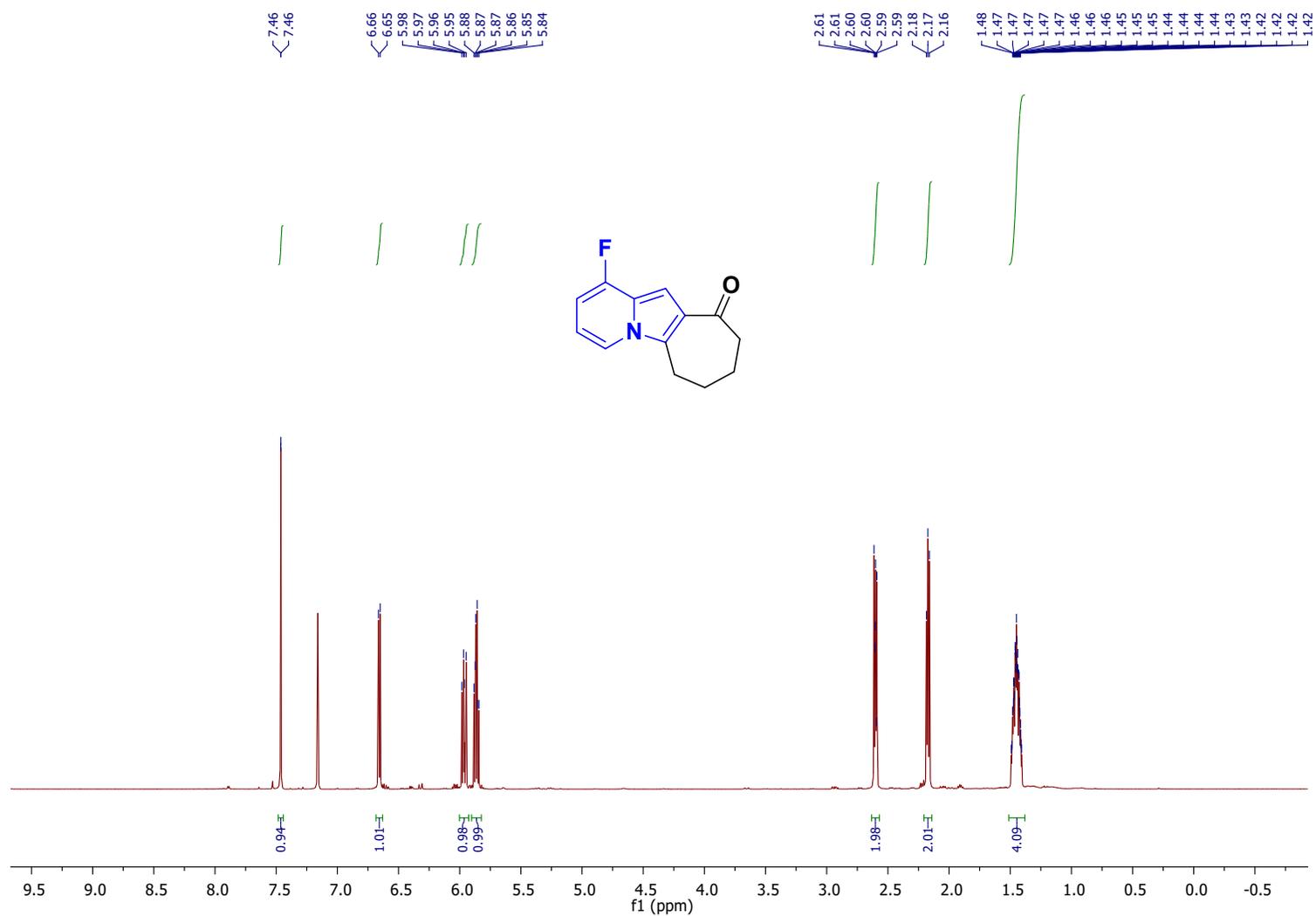


Figure S26. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) of compound 5gc.



**Figure S27.**  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) of compound **5gc**.



**Figure S28.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum (500 MHz, C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>) of compound **5fc**.

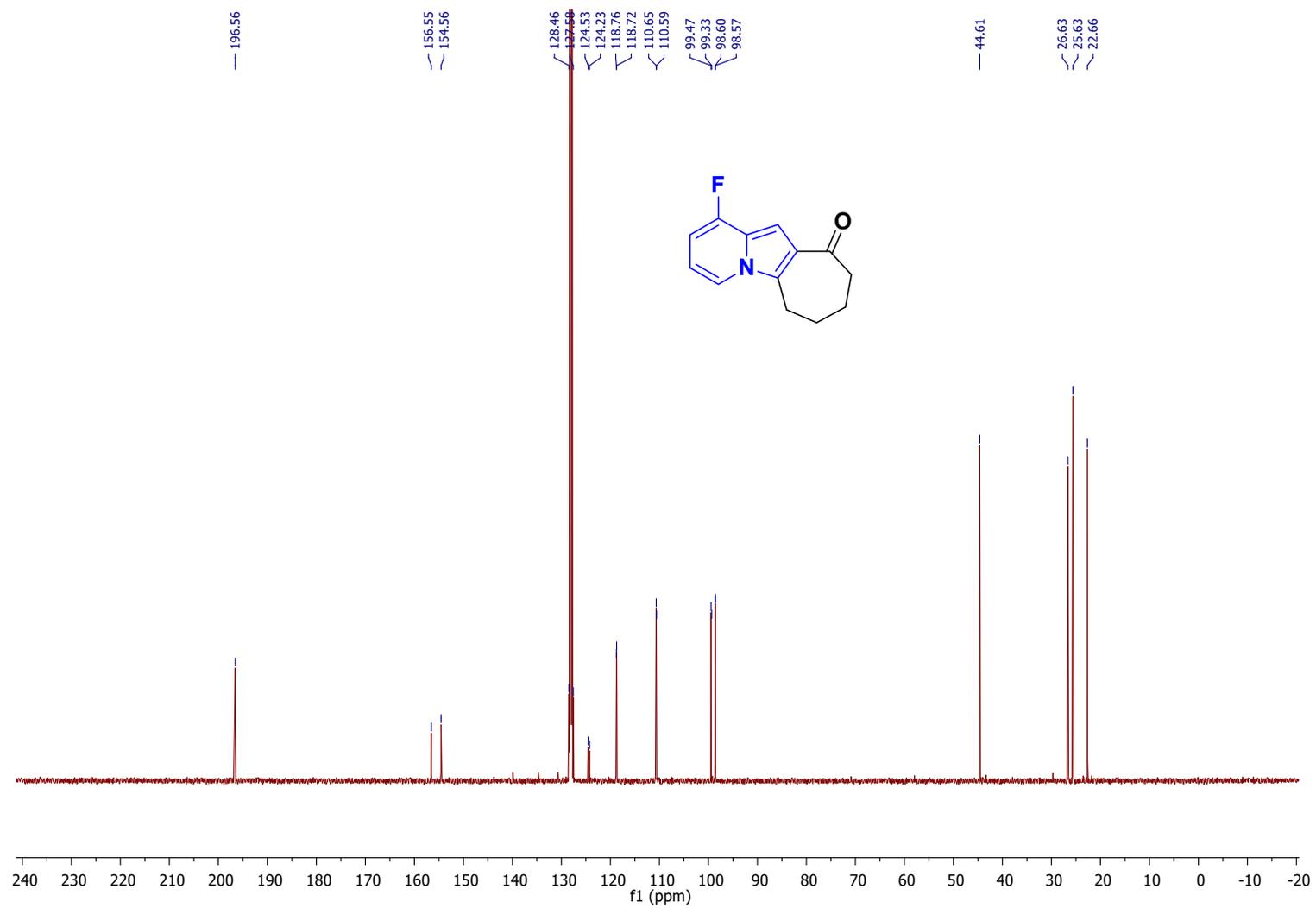
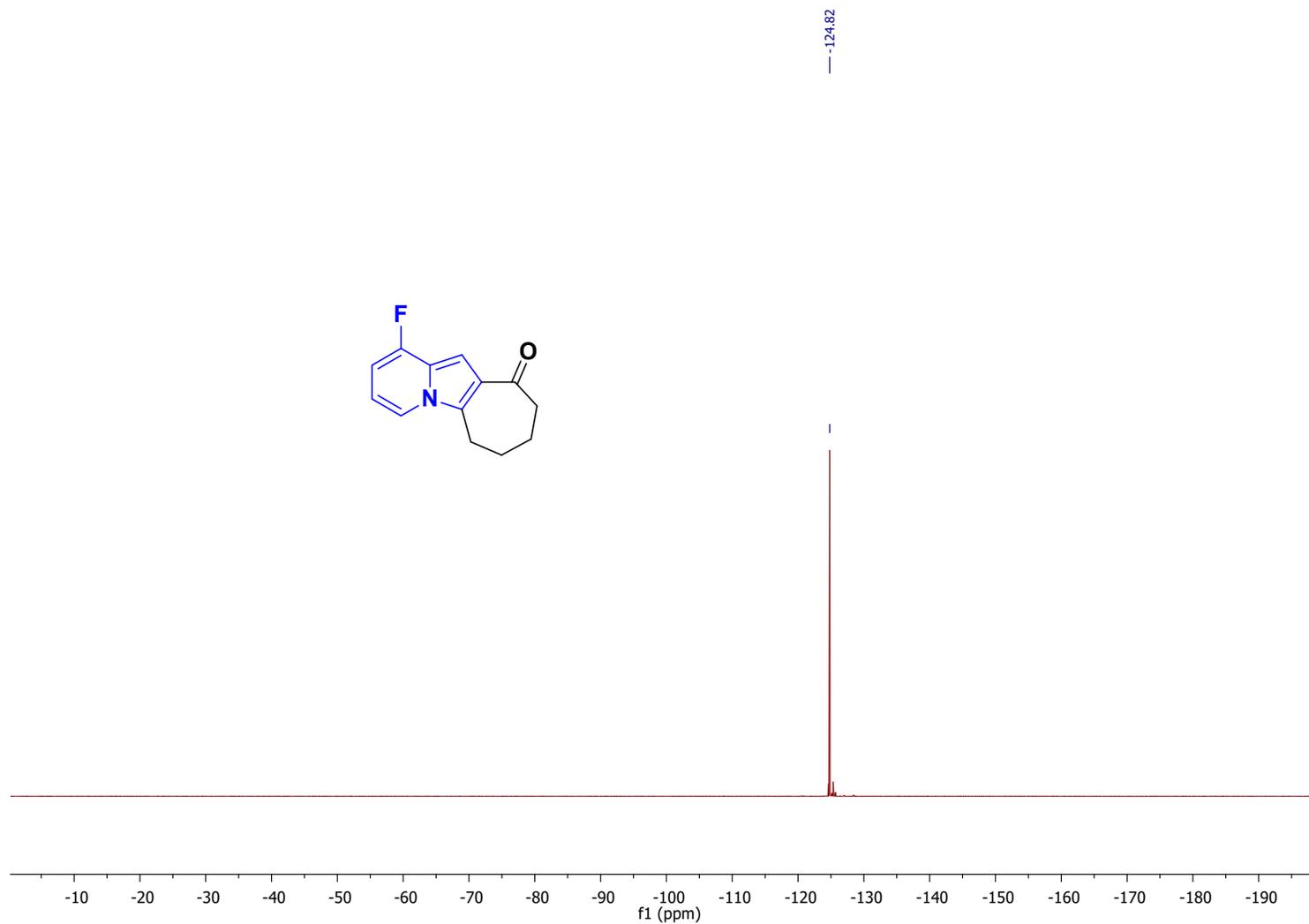
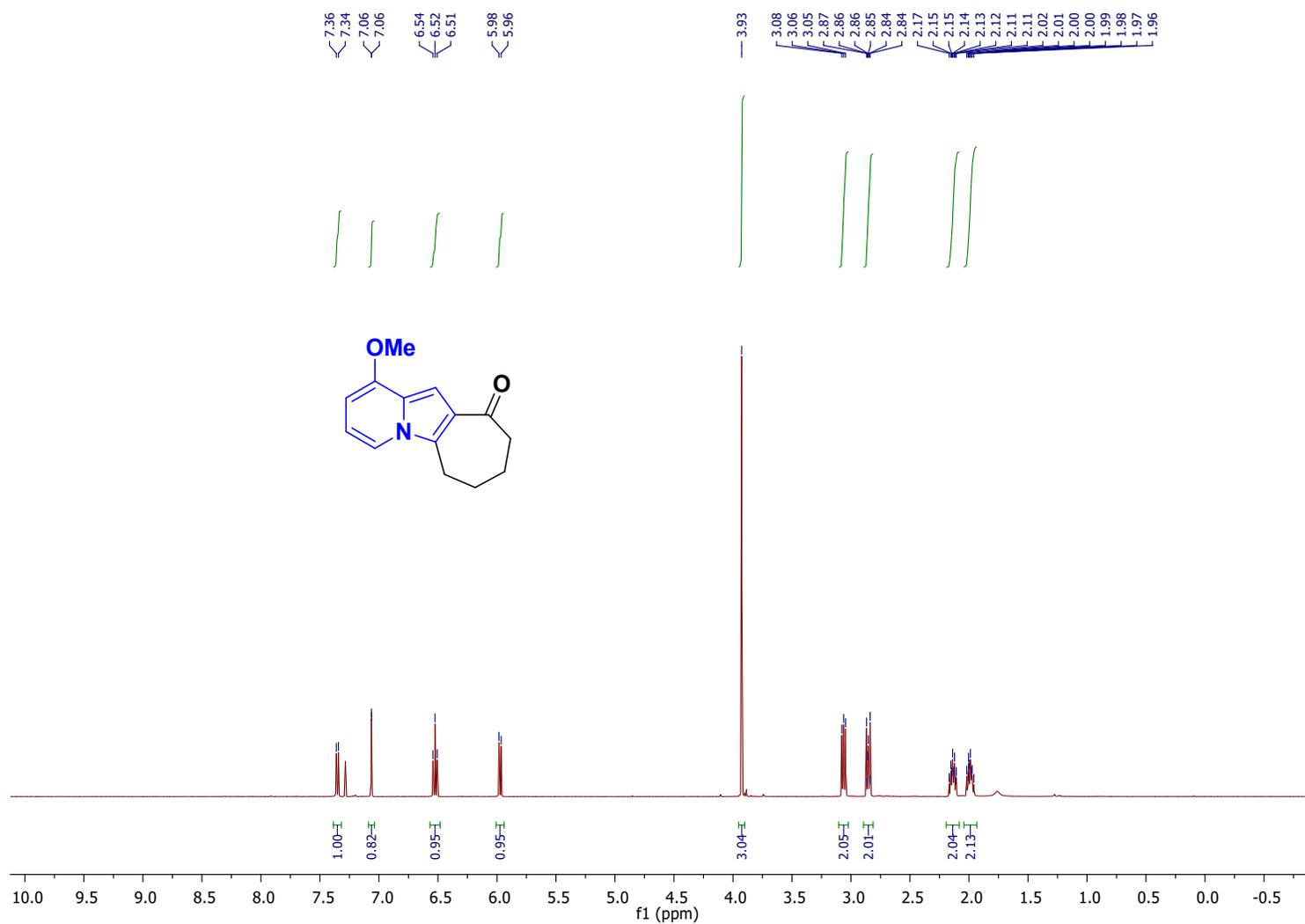


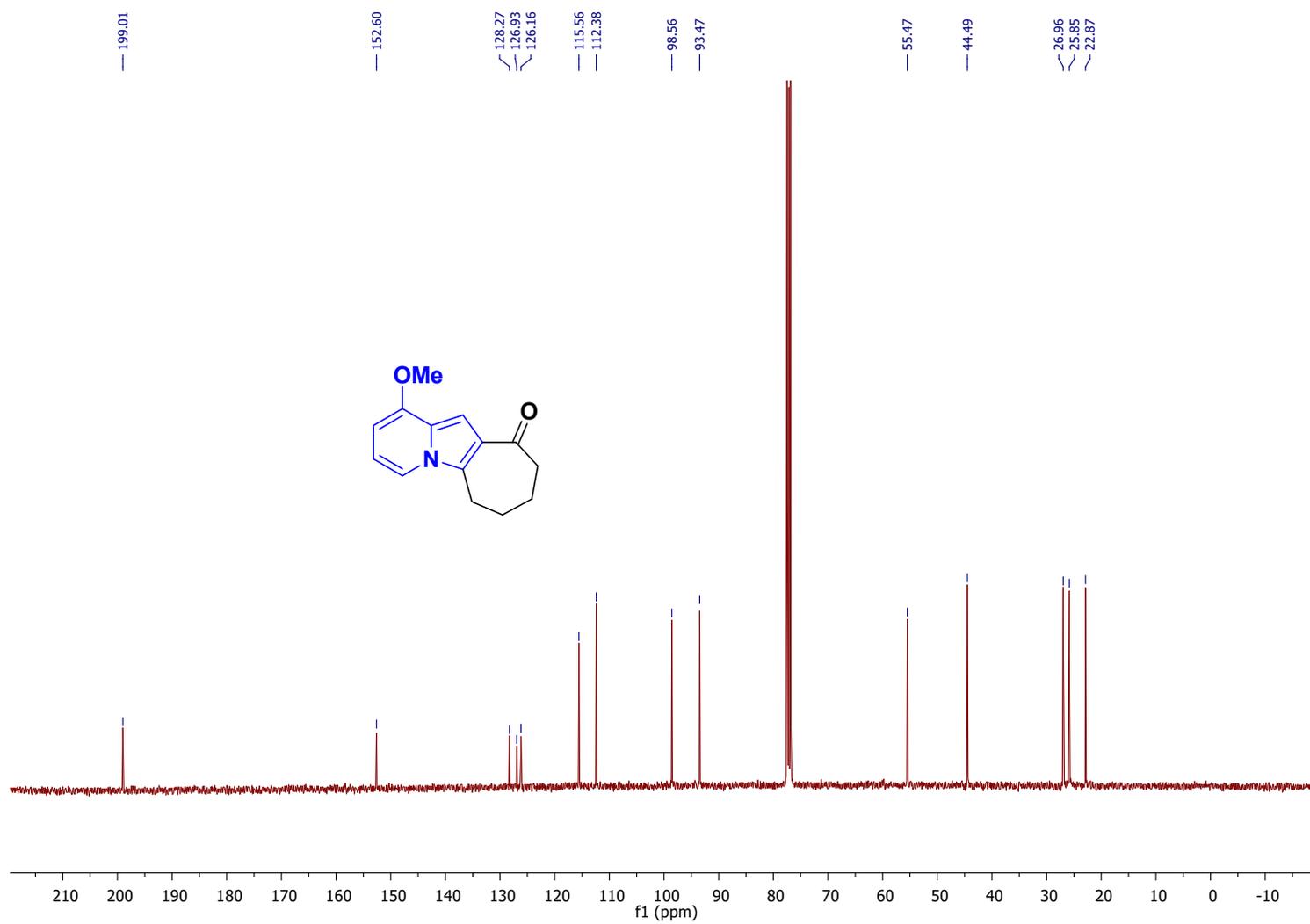
Figure S29.  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum (126 MHz,  $\text{C}_6\text{D}_6$ ) of compound 5fc.



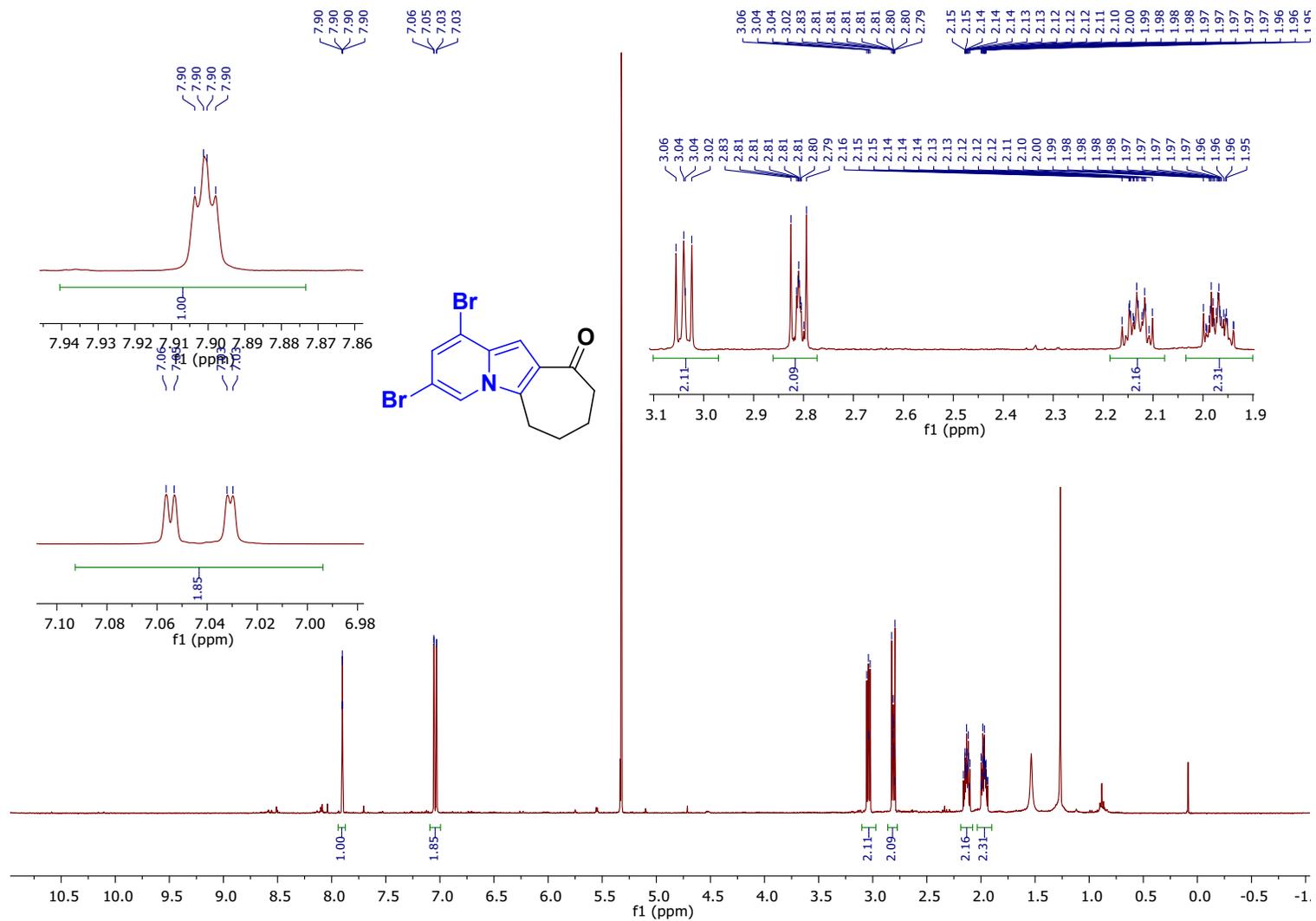
**Figure S30.**  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR spectrum (470 MHz,  $\text{C}_6\text{D}_6$ ) of compound **5fc**.



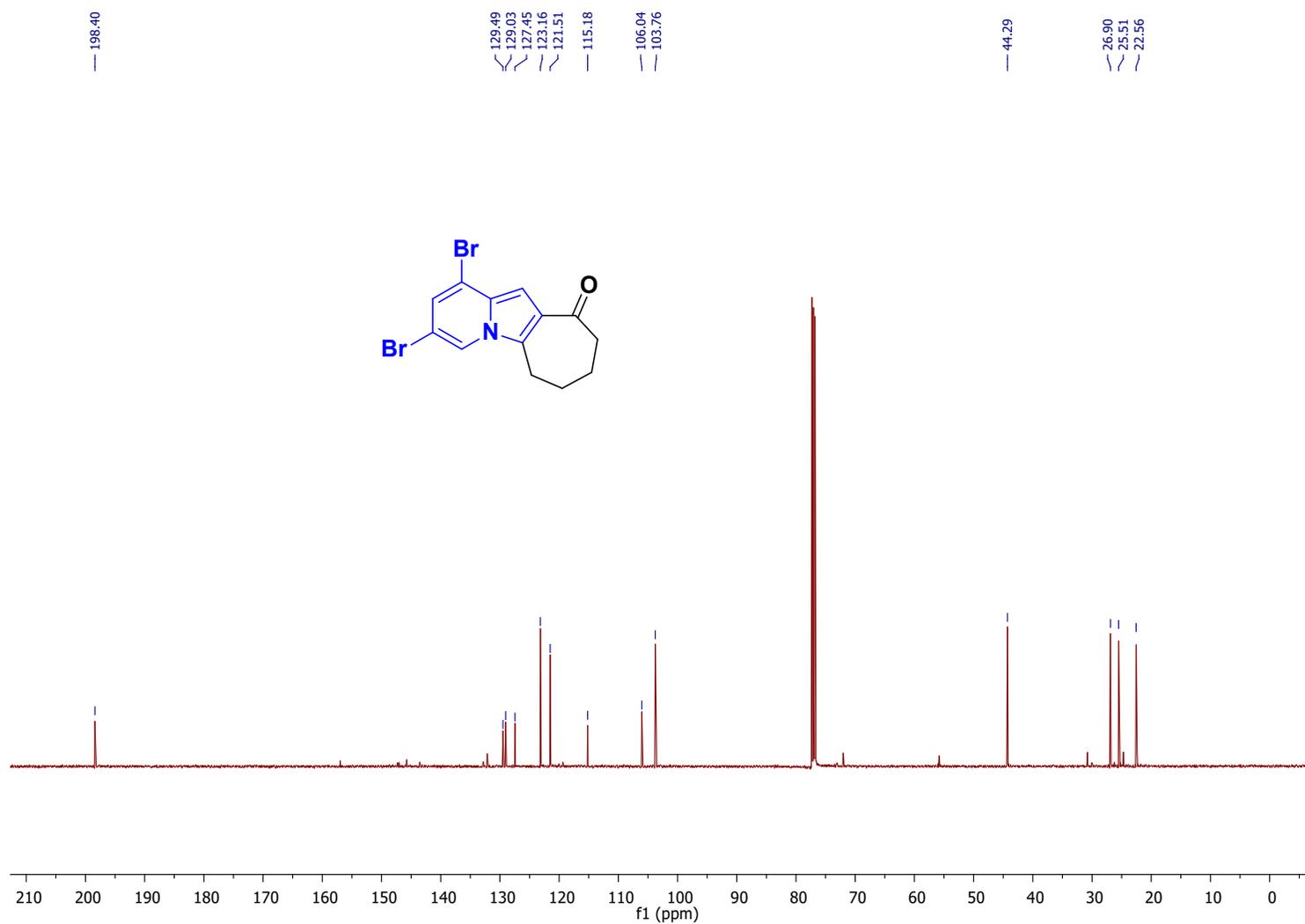
**Figure S31.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) of compound **5cc**.



**Figure 32.**  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) of compound **5cc**.



**Figure S33.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum (400 MHz, CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>) of compound **5hc**.



**Figure S34.**  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum (126 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) of compound **5hc**.

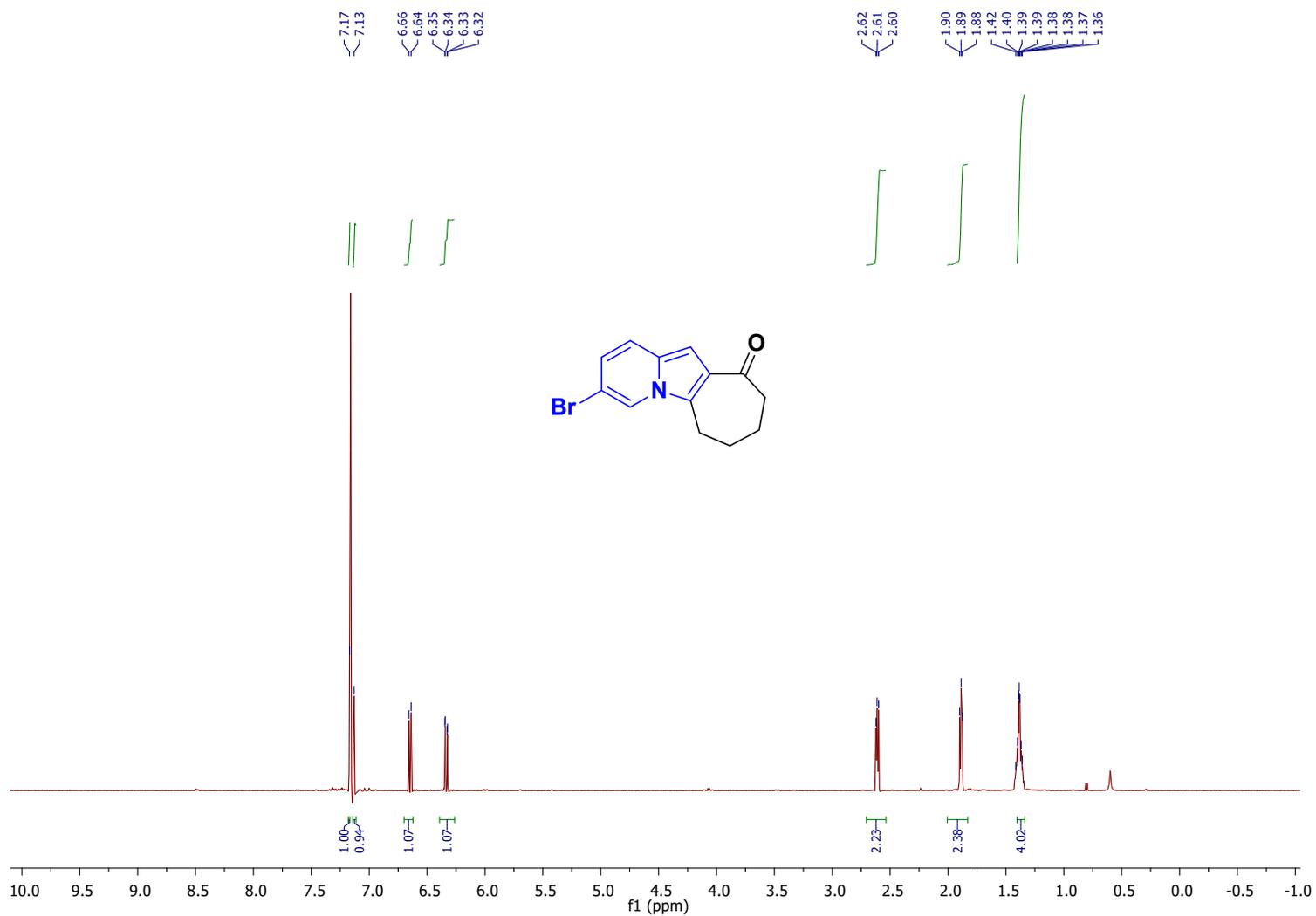


Figure S35.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum (250 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) of compound **5ic**.

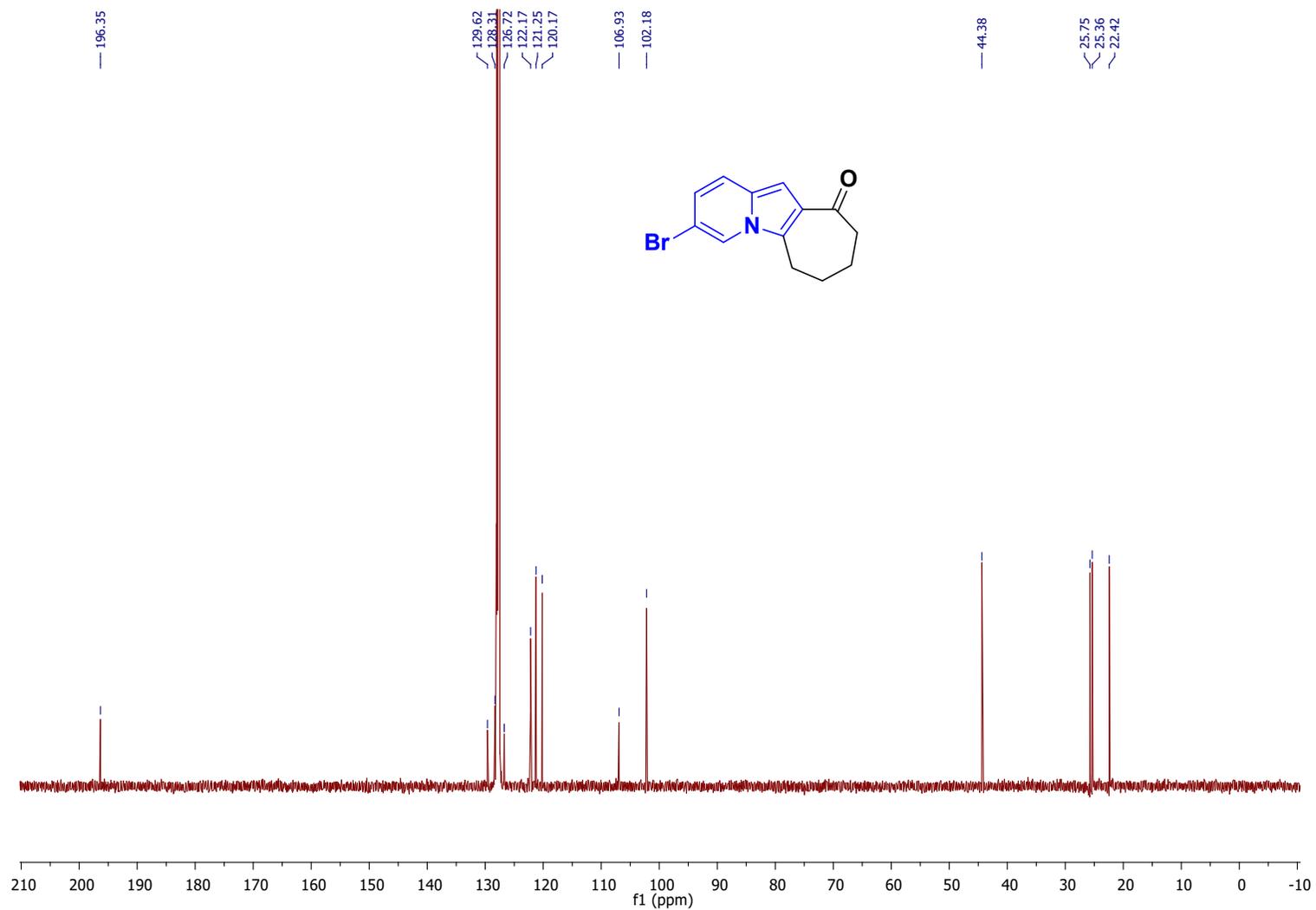
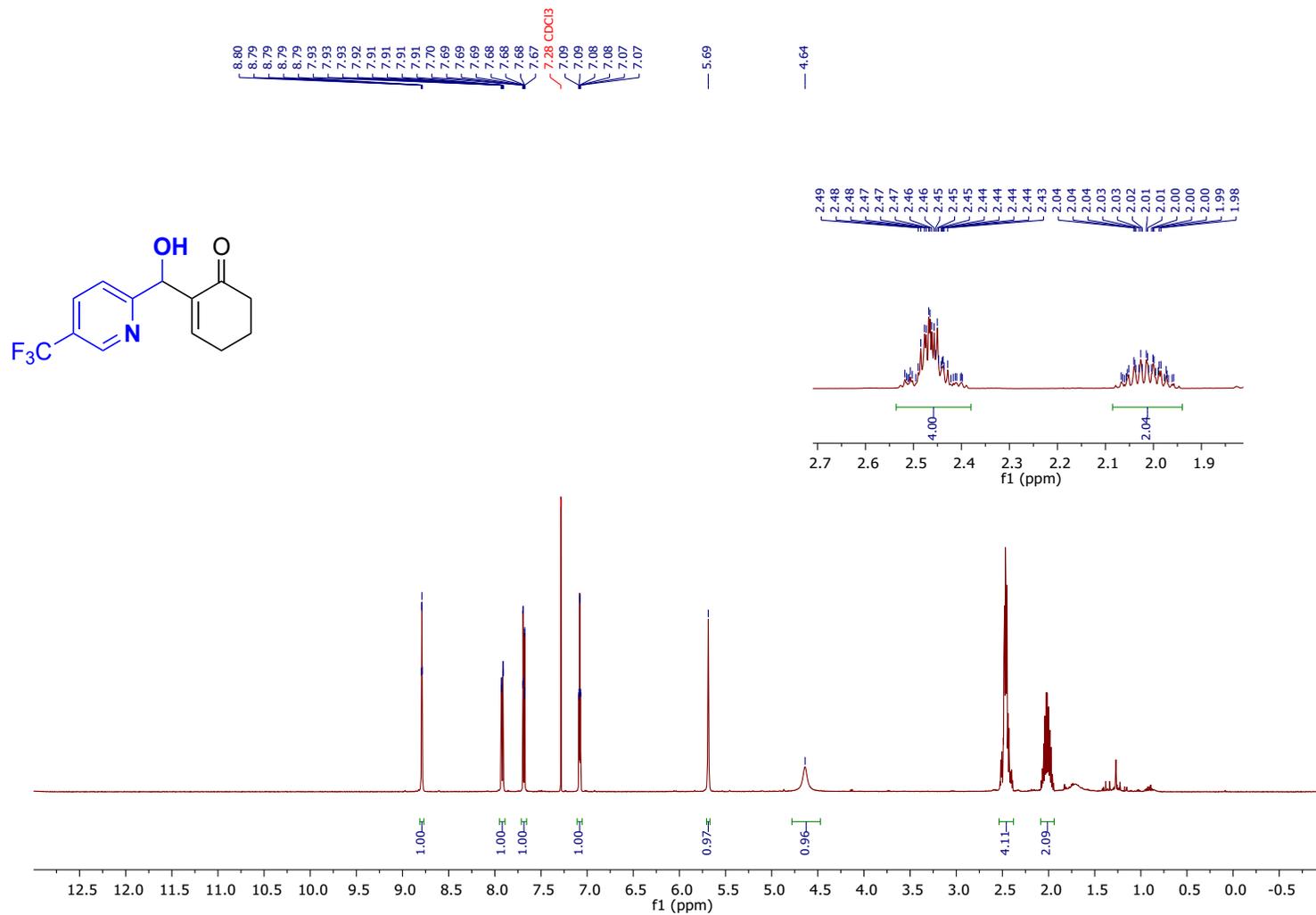


Figure S36.  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum (62.5 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) of compound **5ic**.



**Figure S37.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) of compound 4ja.

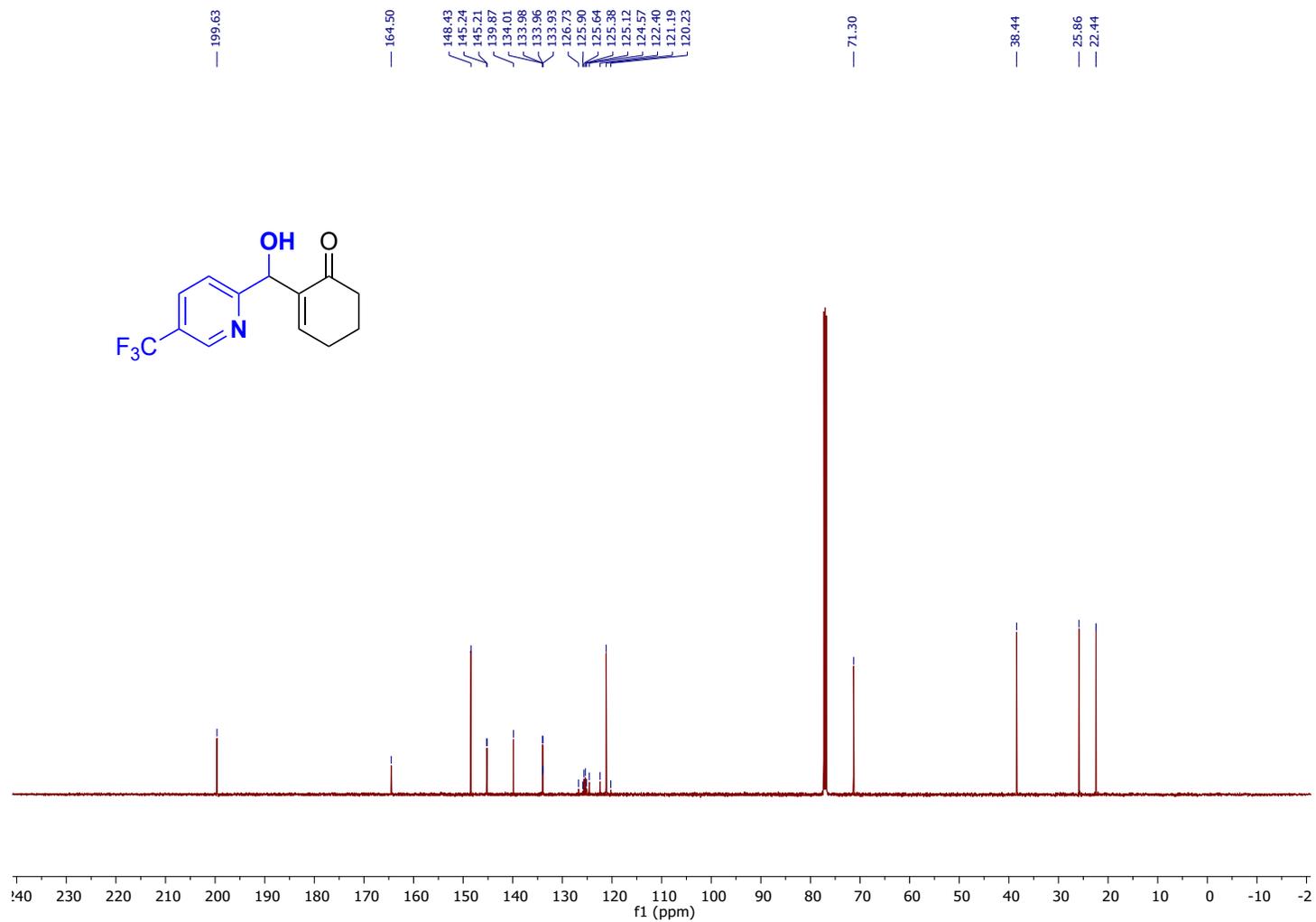
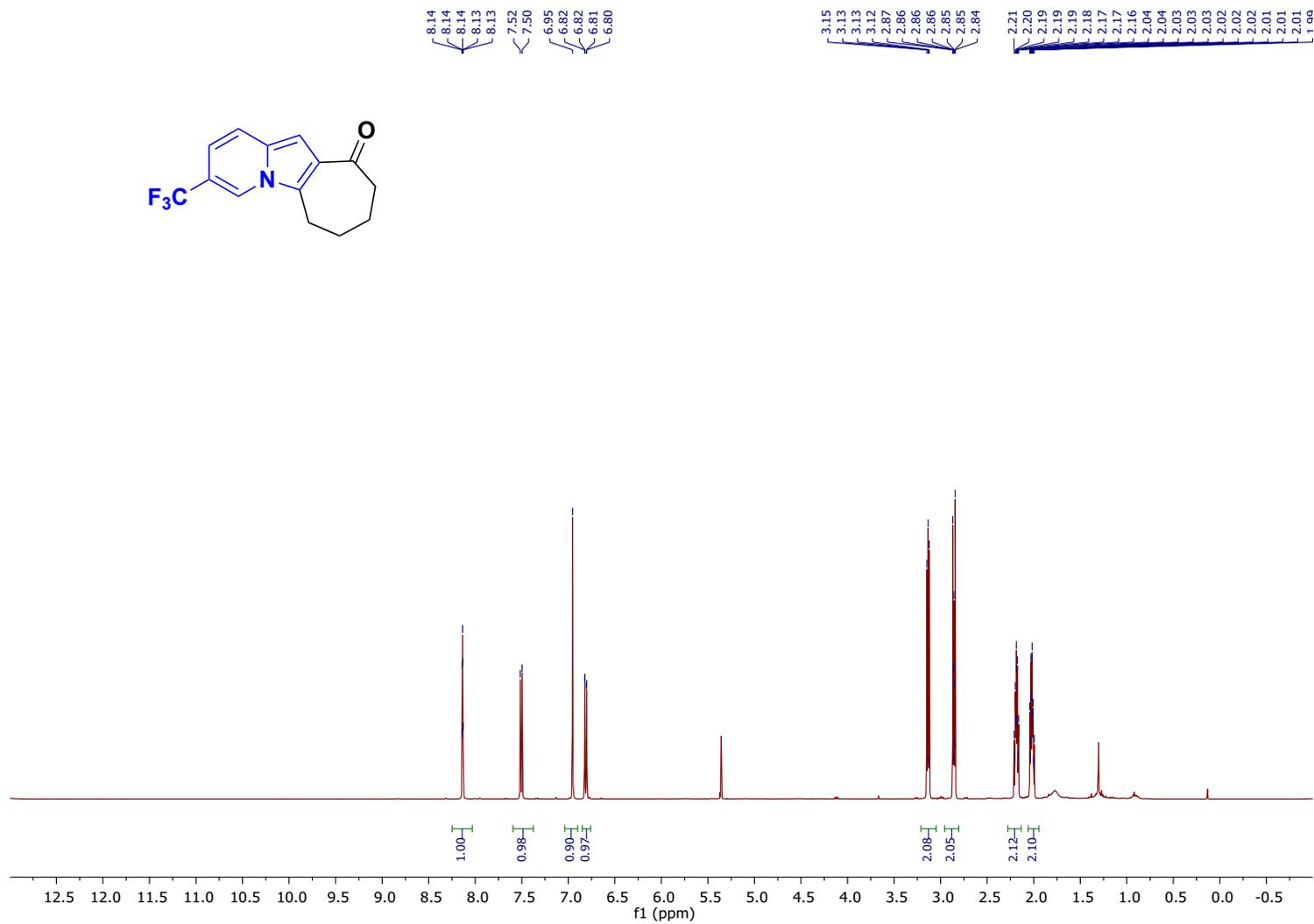
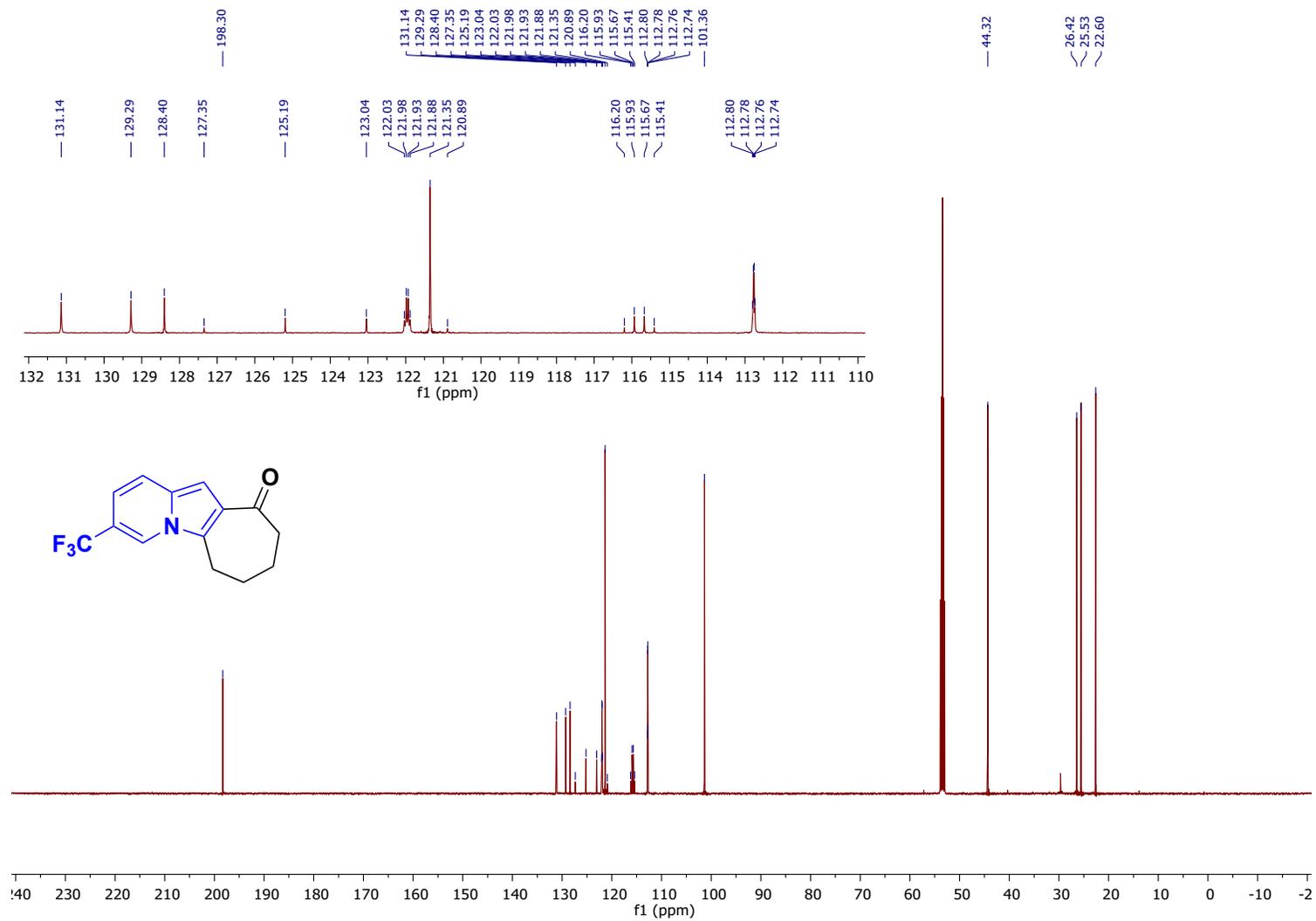


Figure S38.  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum (126 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) of compound 4ja.



**Figure S39.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum (500 MHz,  $\text{CD}_2\text{Cl}_2$ ) of compound **5jc**.



**Figure S40.**  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum (126 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) of compound **5jc**.

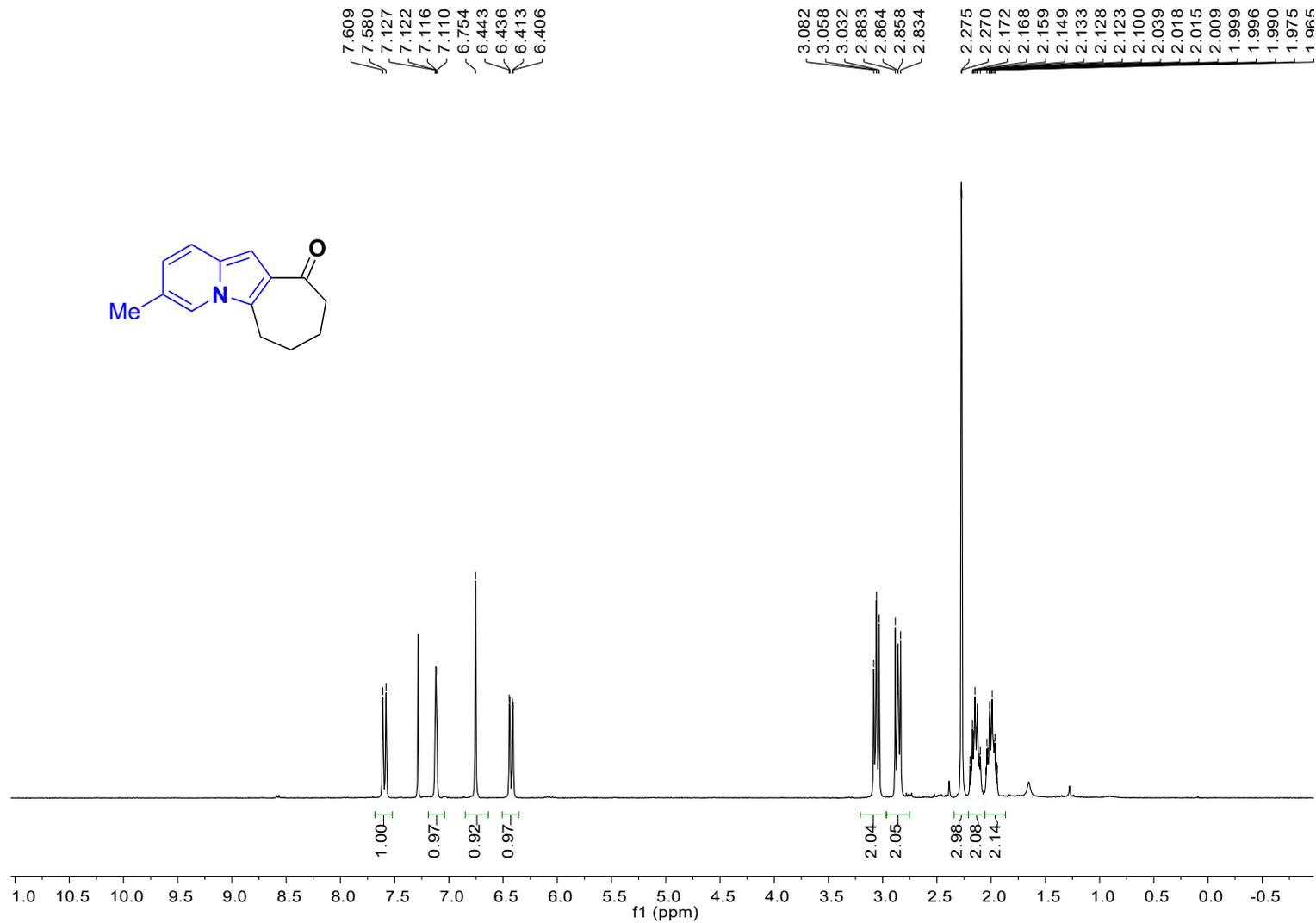
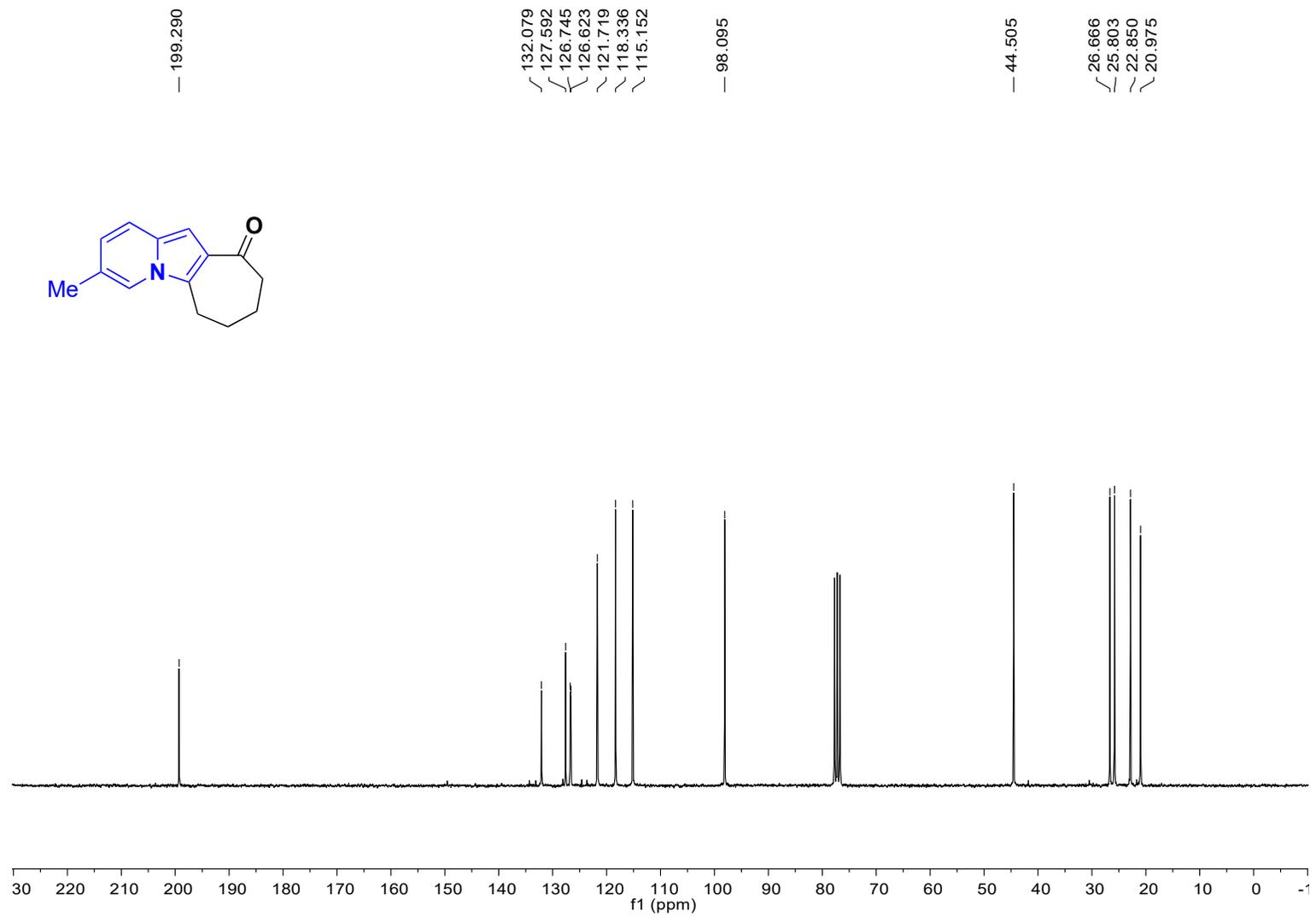
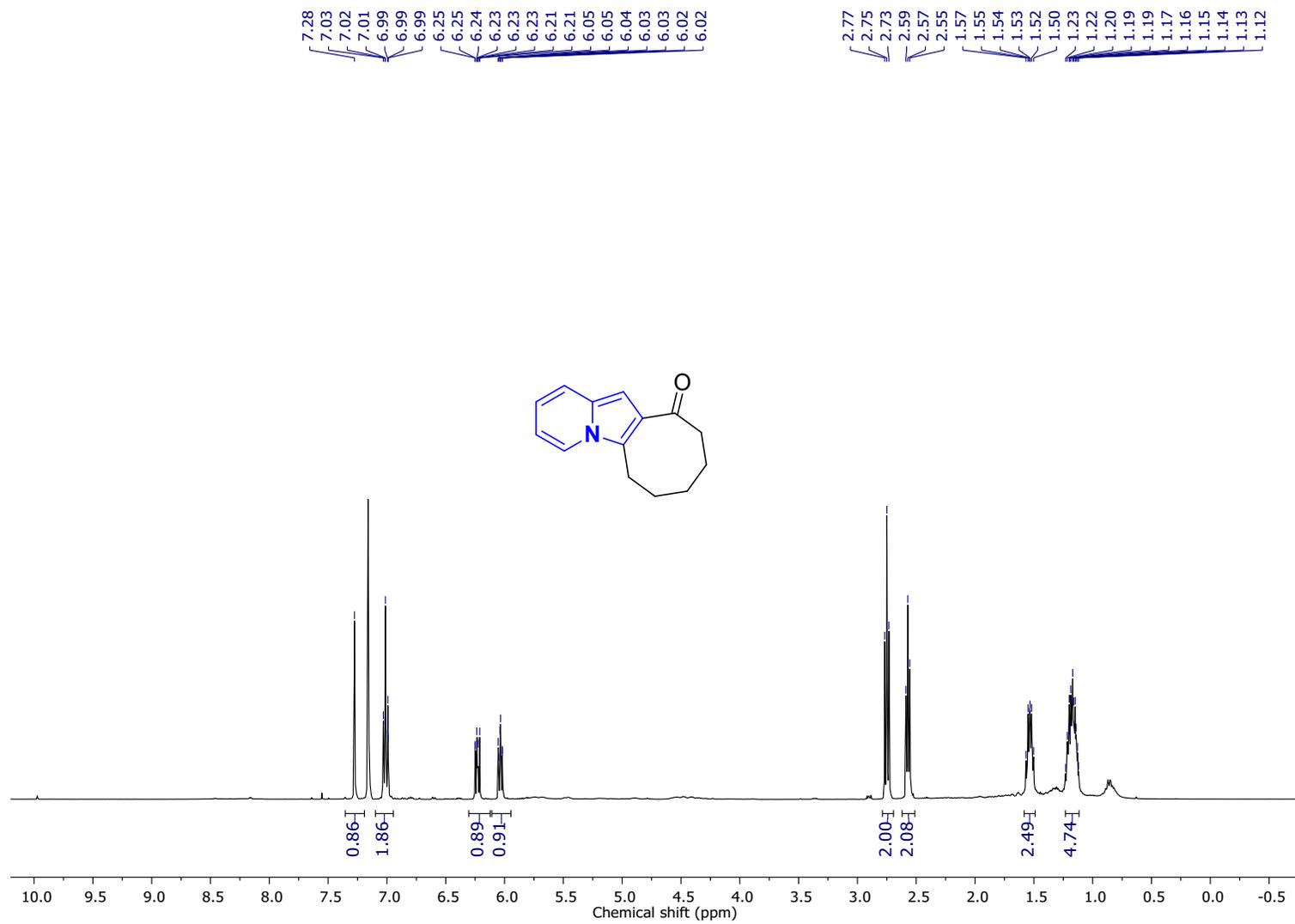


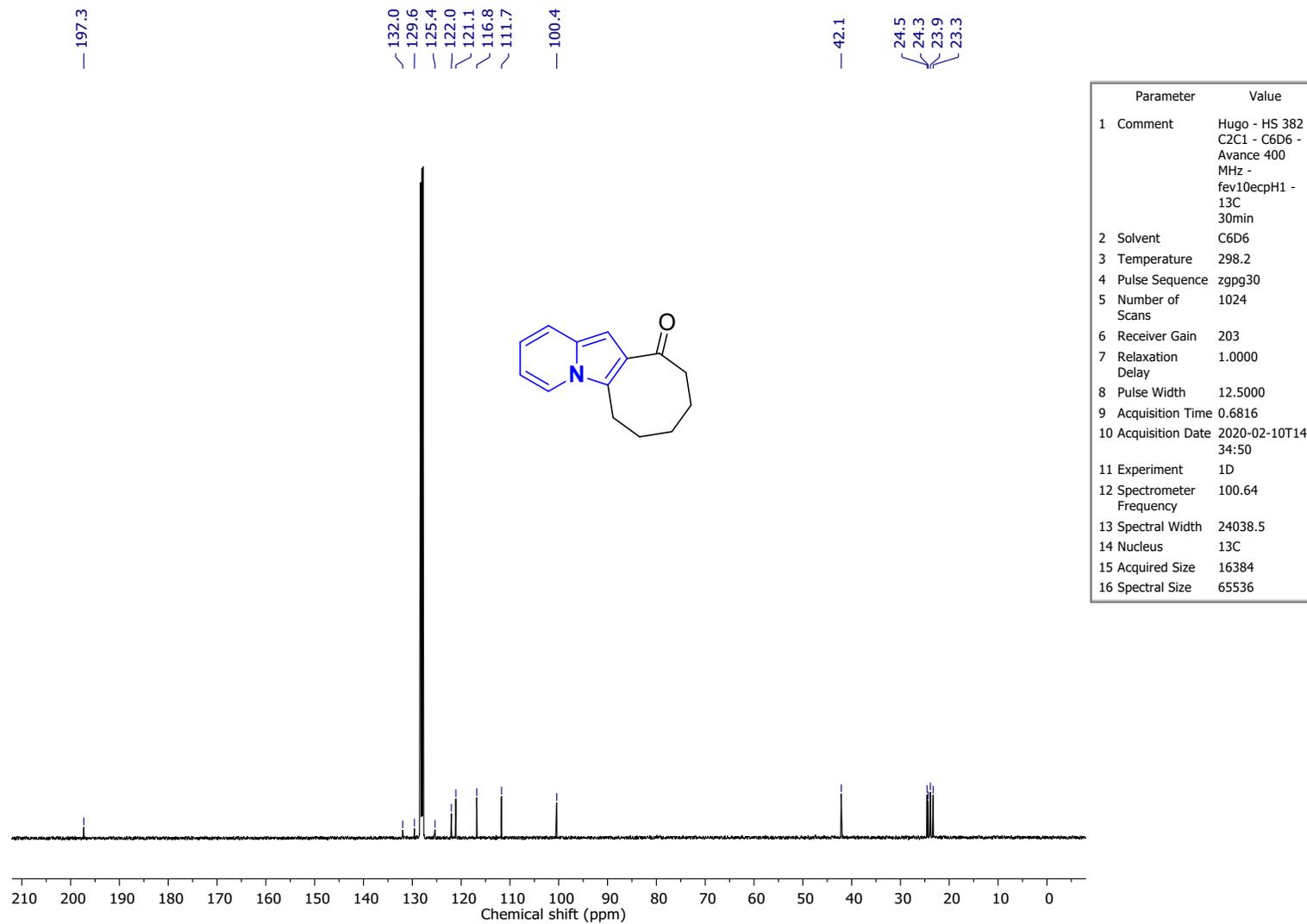
Figure S41. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum (250 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) of compound **5dc**.



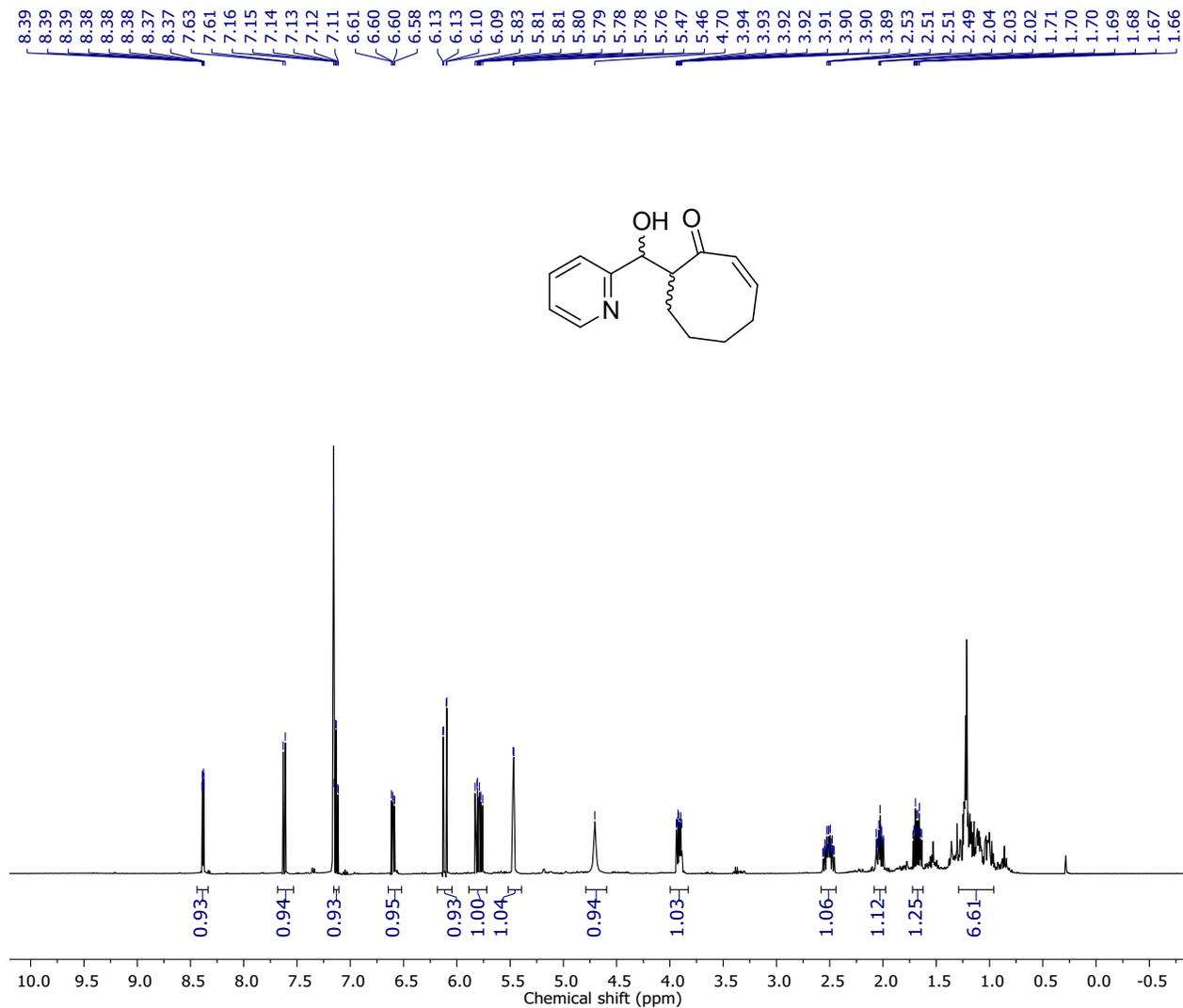
**Figure S42.**  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum (62.5 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) of compound **5dc**.



**Figure S43.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum (400 MHz, C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>) of compound **5ag**.

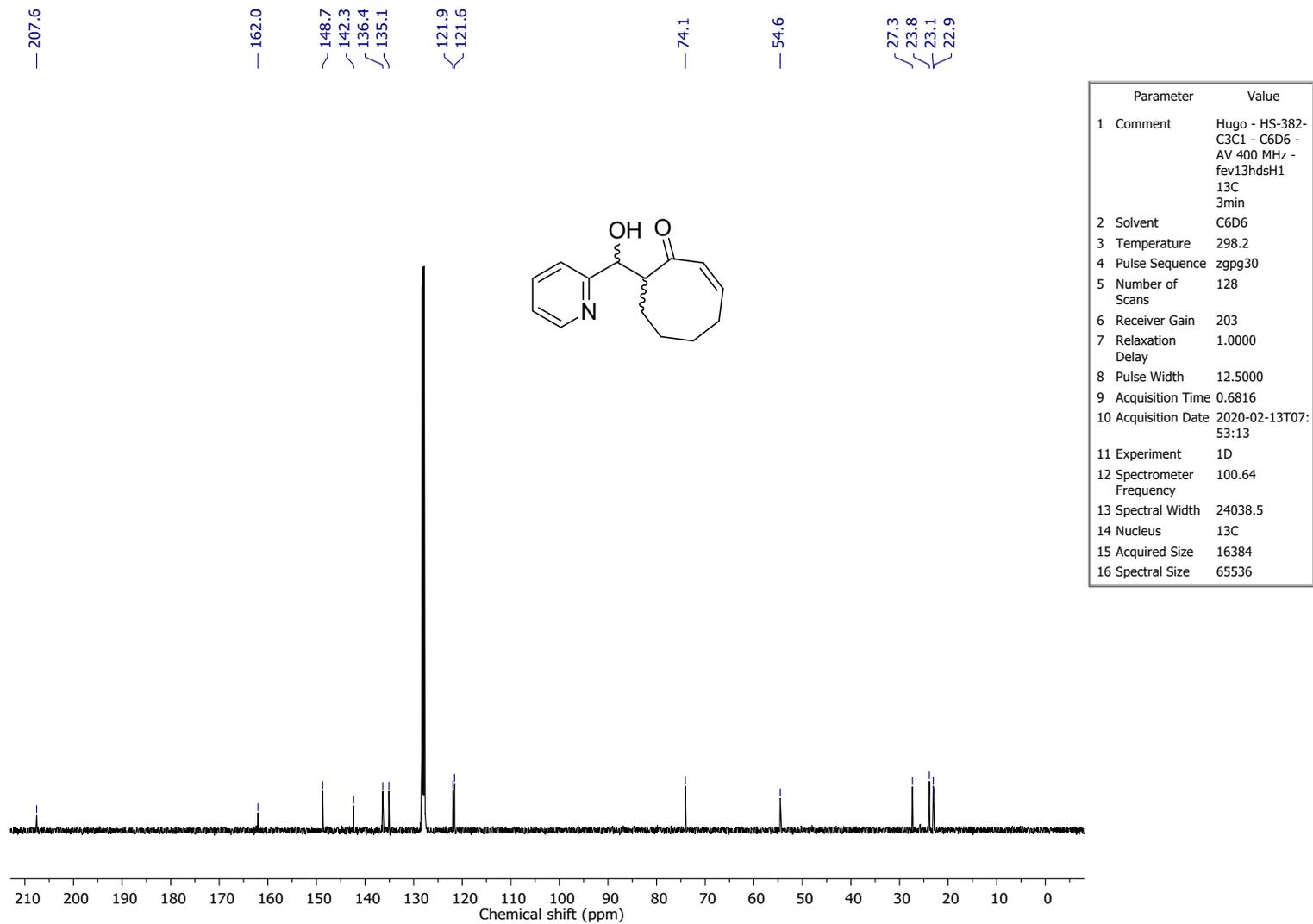


**Figure S44.**  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum (101 MHz,  $\text{C}_6\text{D}_6$ ) of compound **5ag**.



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Figure S45. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum (500 MHz, C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>) of compound **6ag** (major).



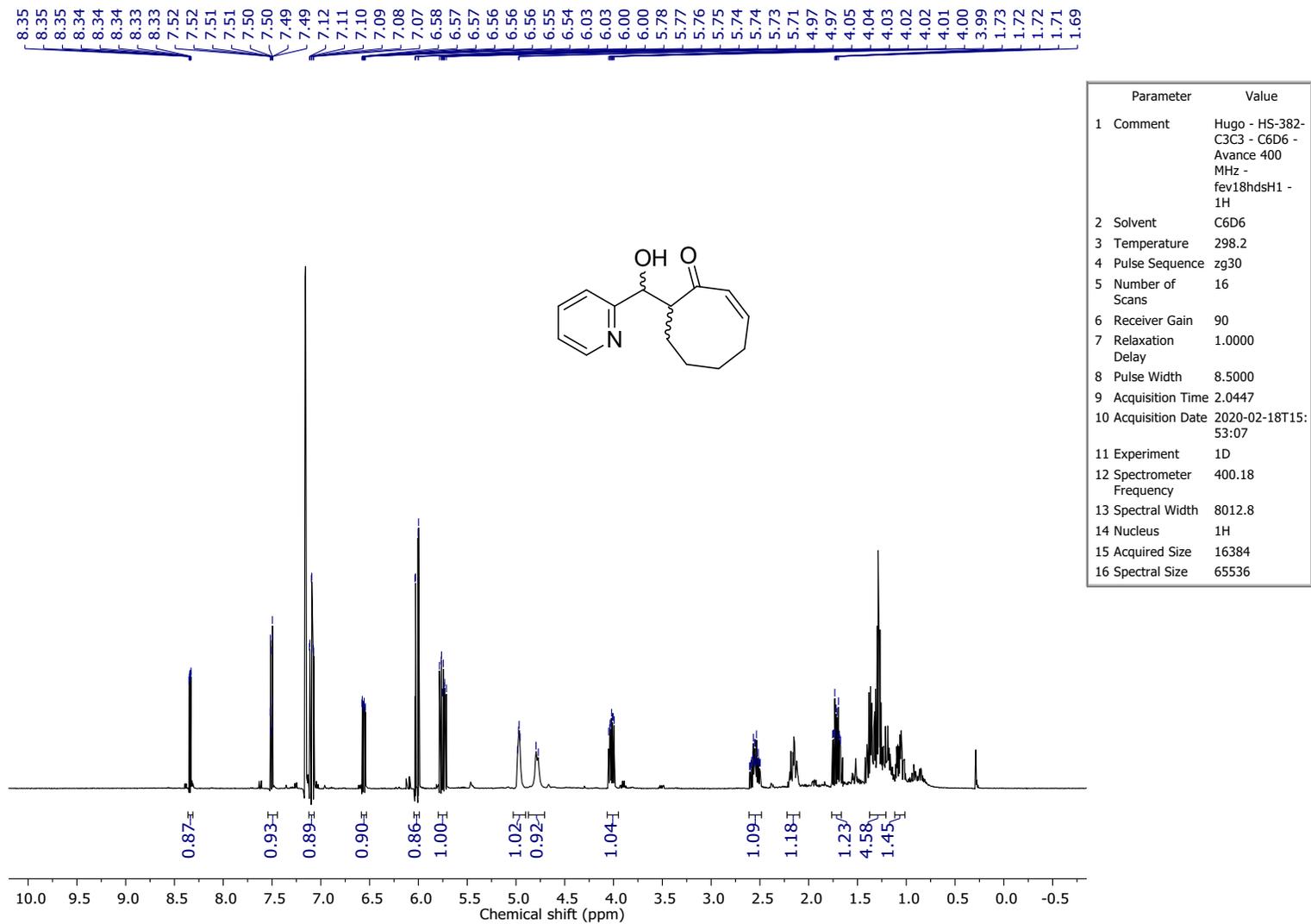
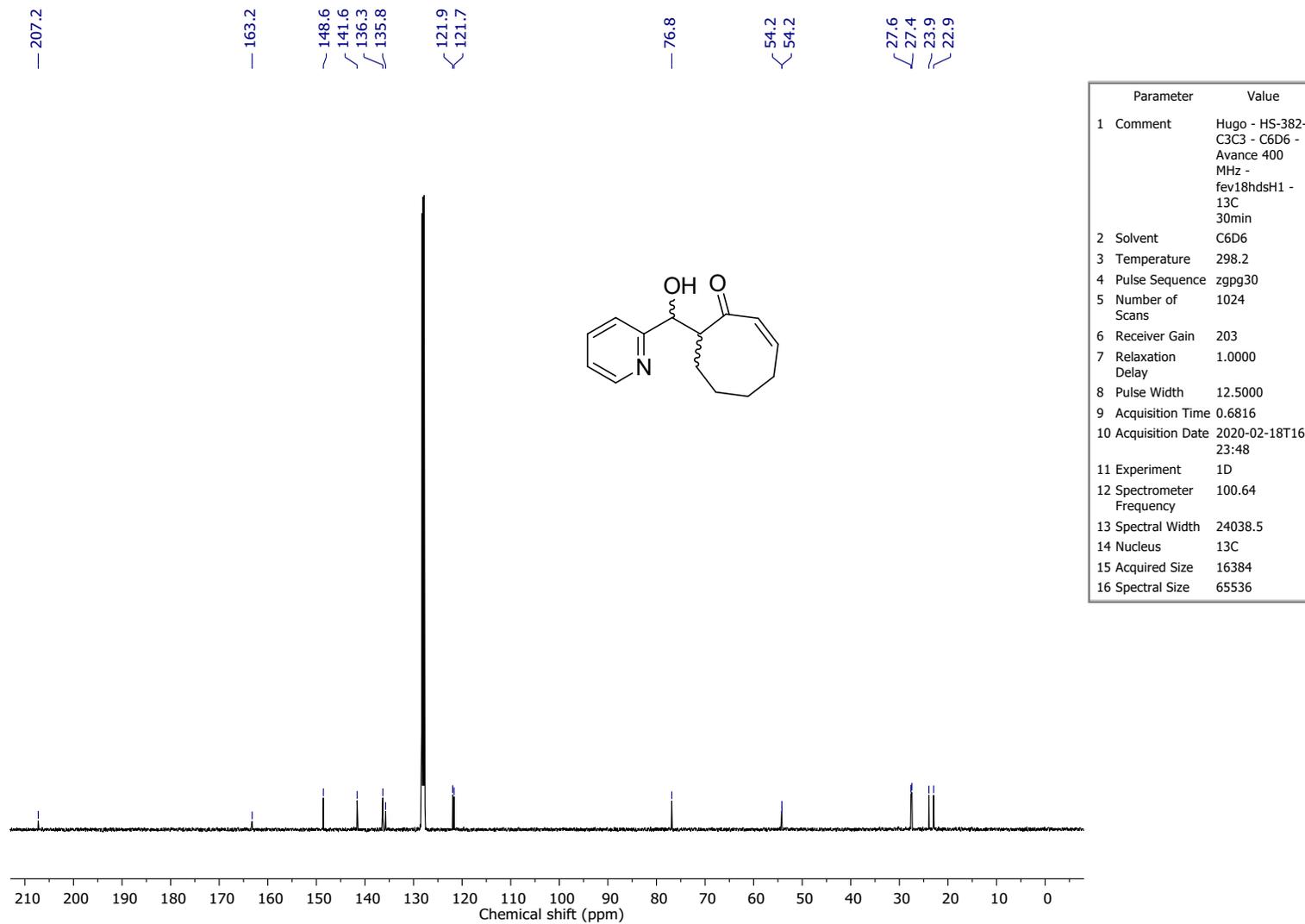
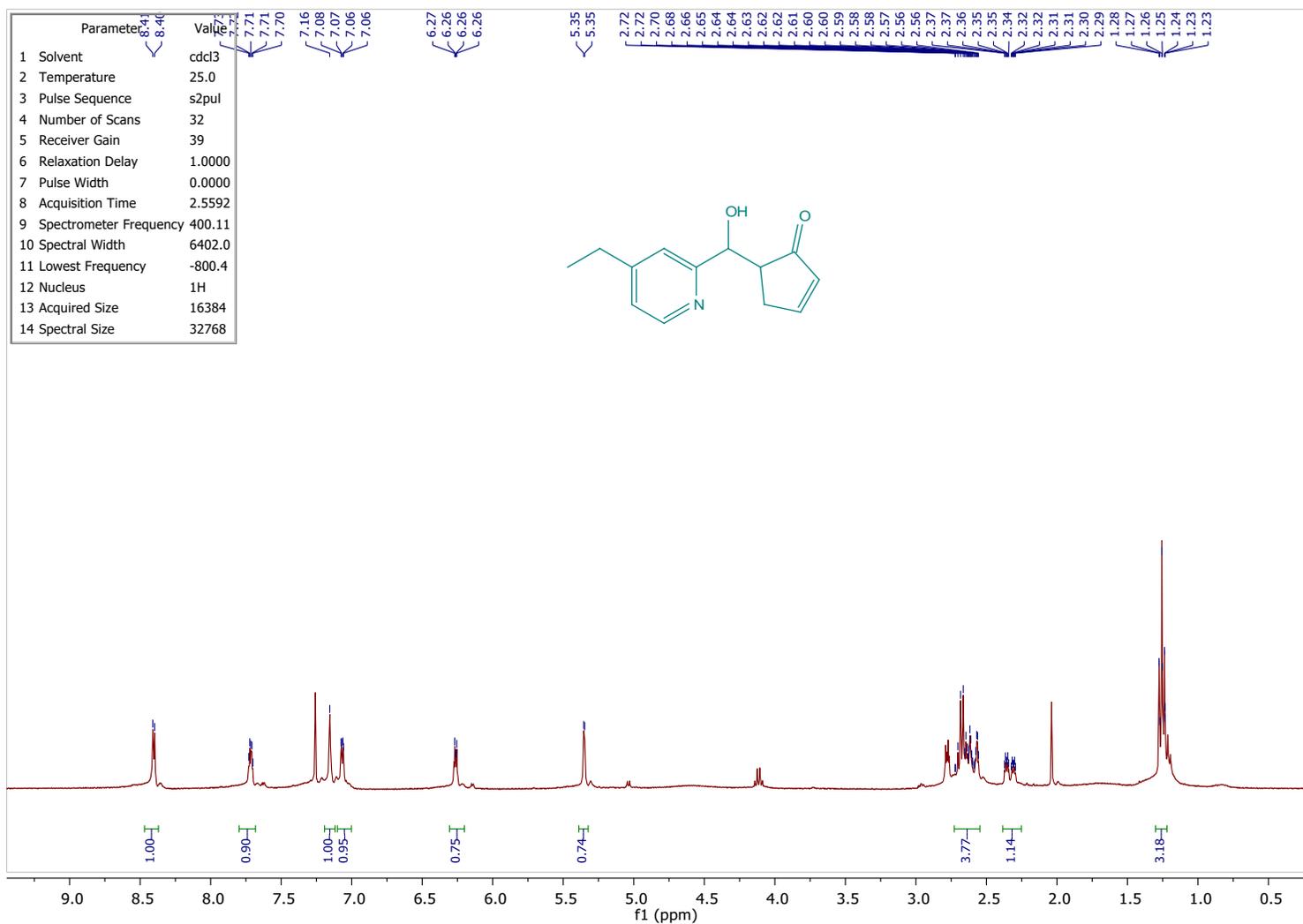


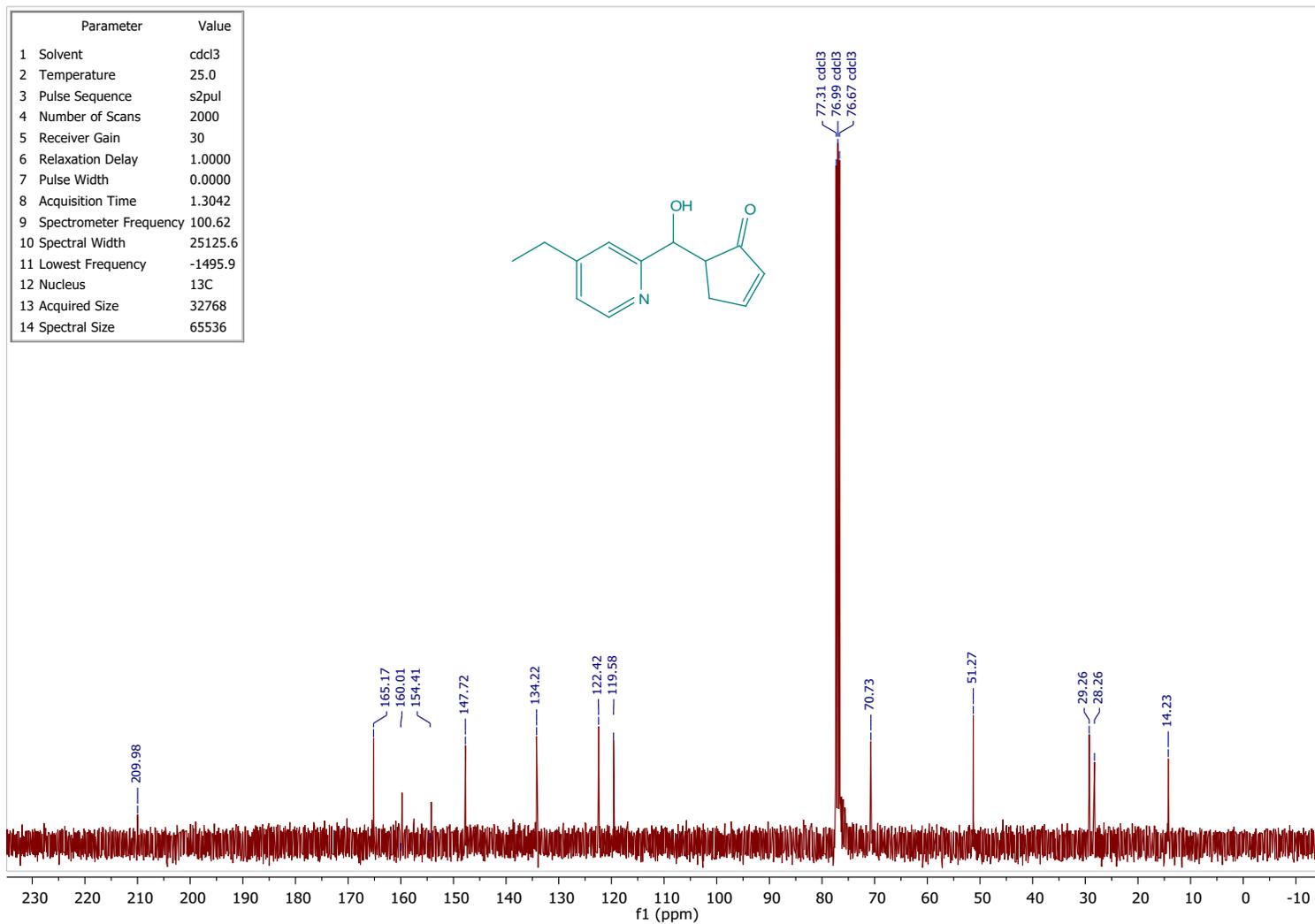
Figure S47.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum (500 MHz,  $\text{C}_6\text{D}_6$ ) of compound **6ag** (minor).



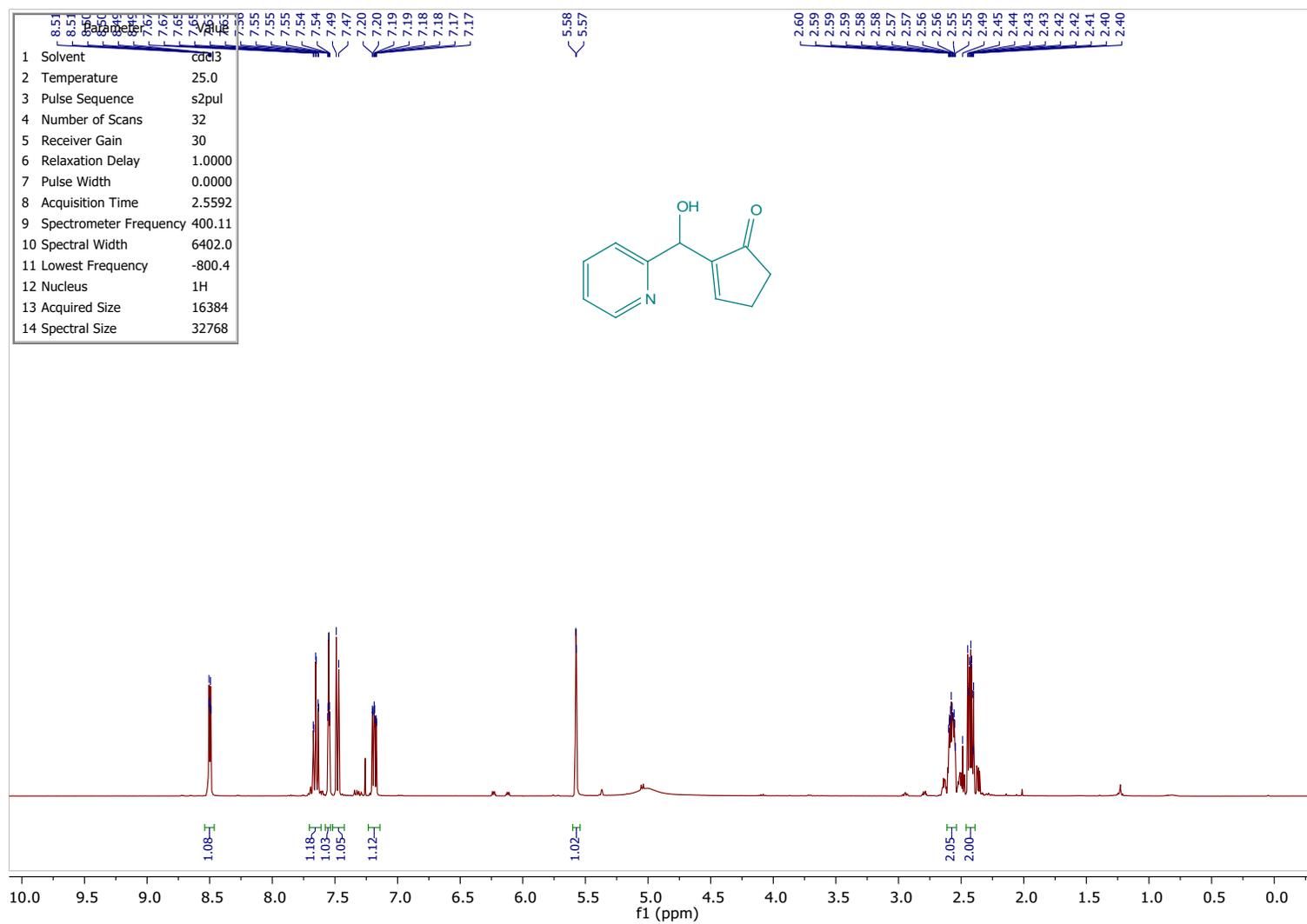
**Figure S48.** <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum (101 MHz, C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>) of compound **6ag** (minor).



**Figure S49.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) of compound **6eb**.



**Figure S50.**  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) of compound **6eb**.



**Figure S51.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) of compound **4ab**.

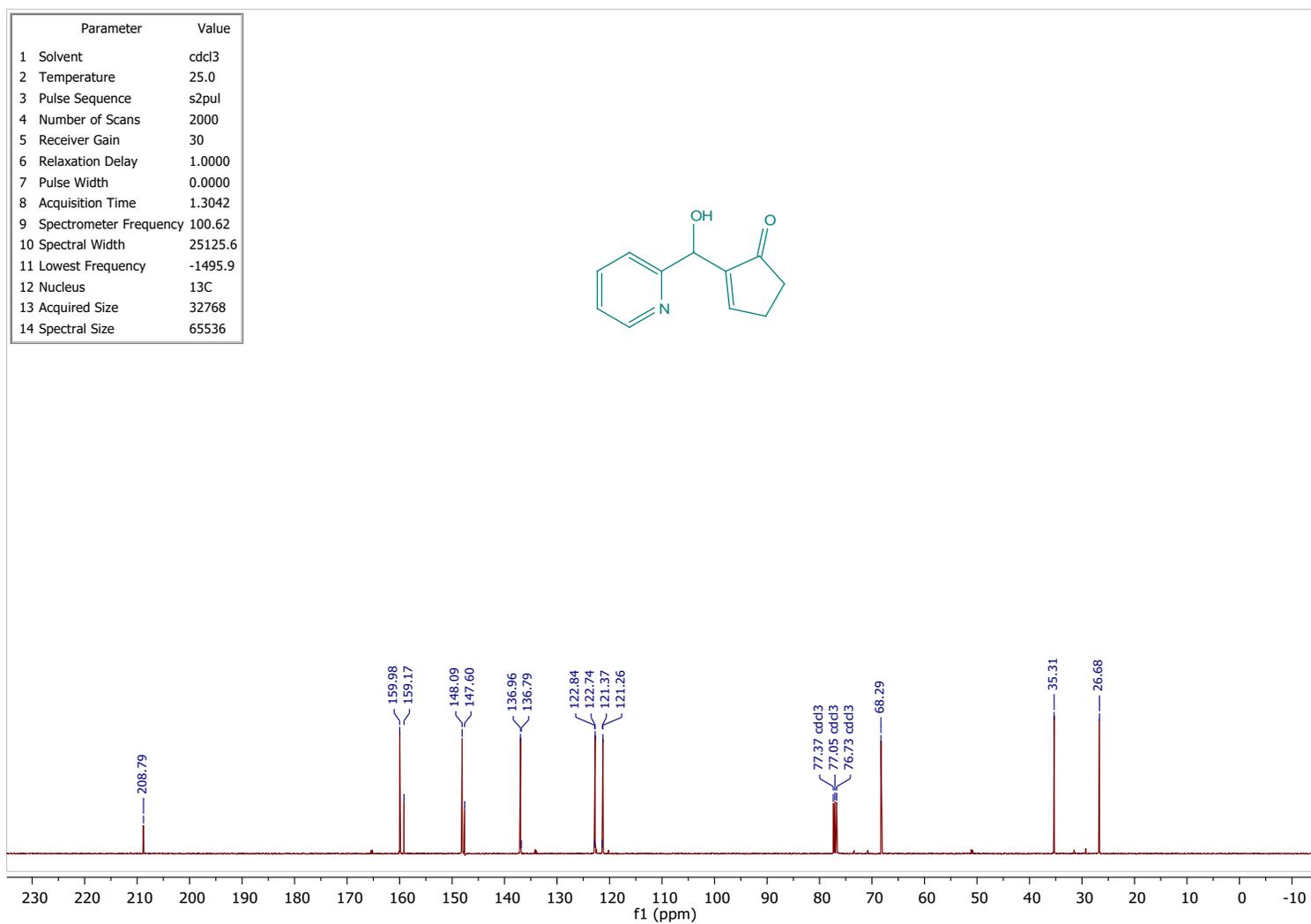
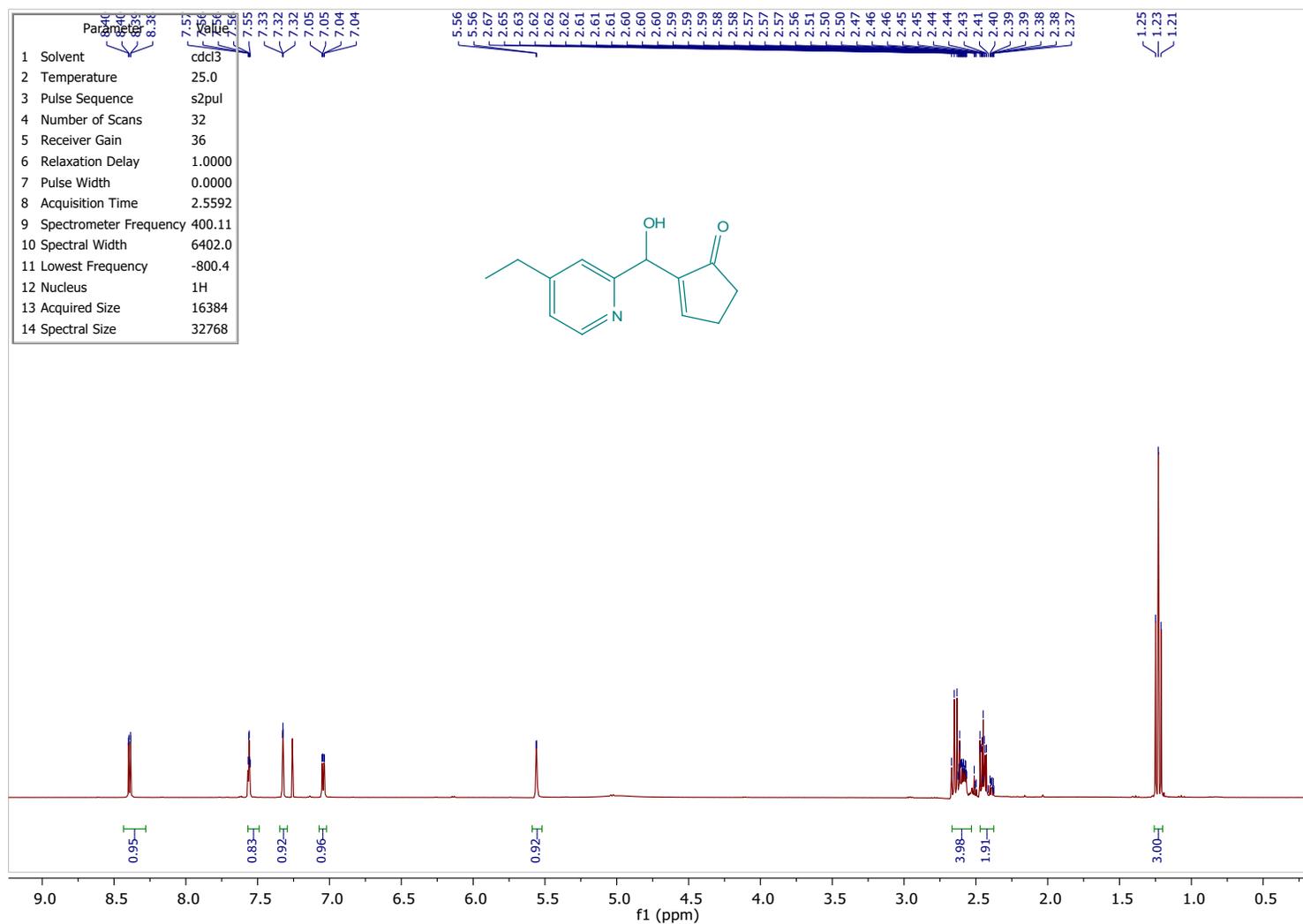


Figure S52. <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) of compound **4ab**.



**Figure S53.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) of compound **4eb**.

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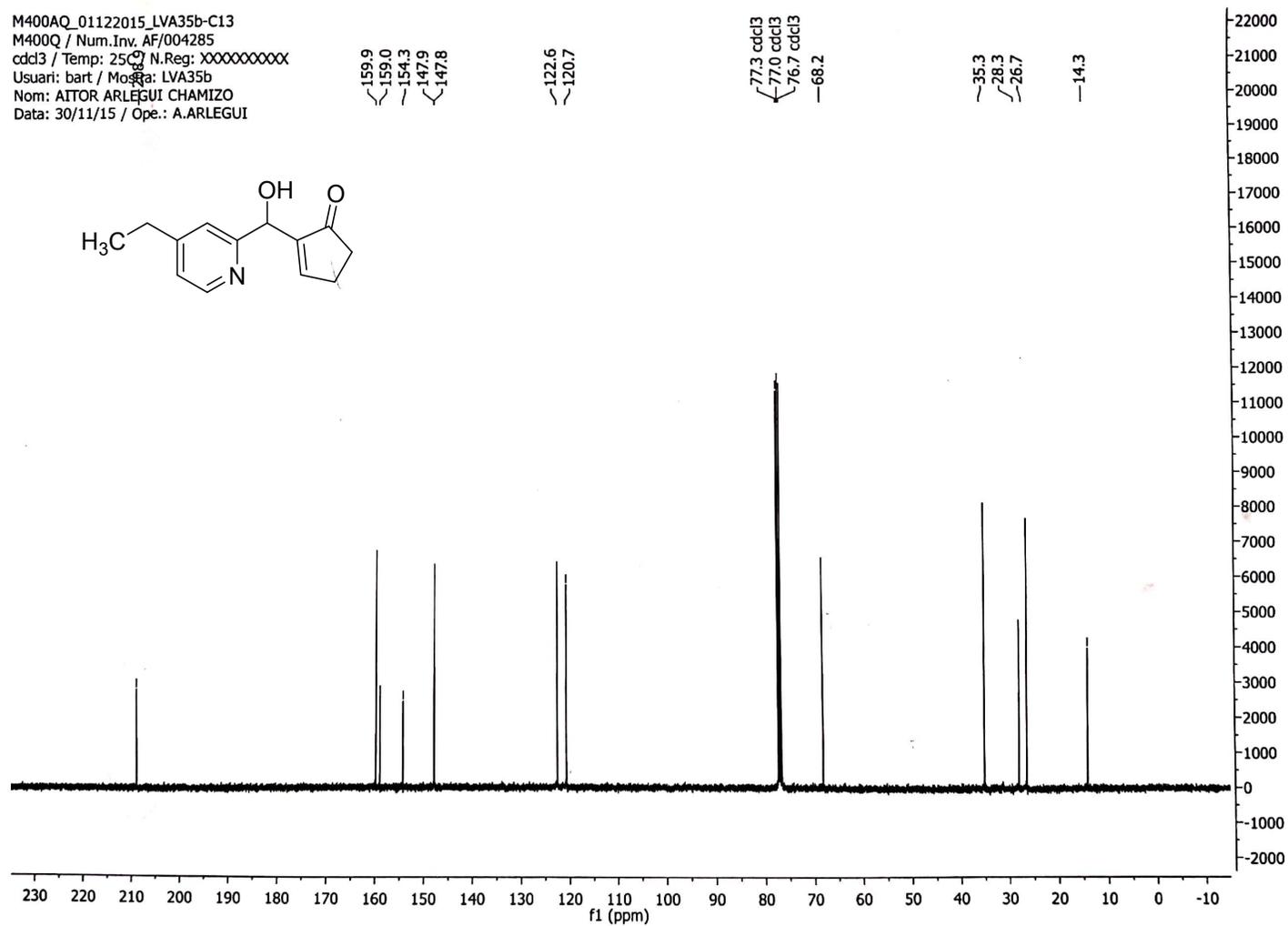


Figure S54.  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) of compound **4eb**

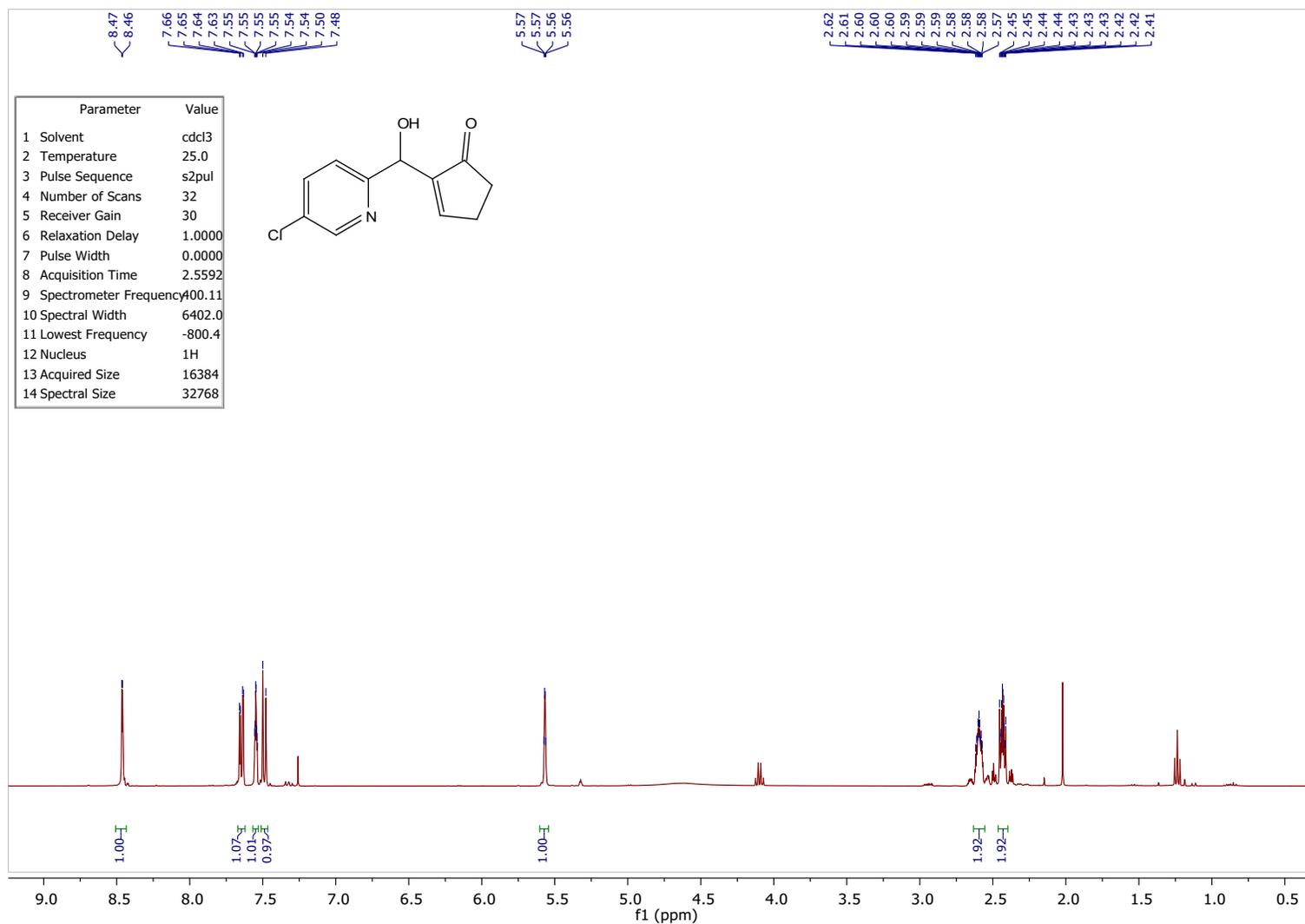
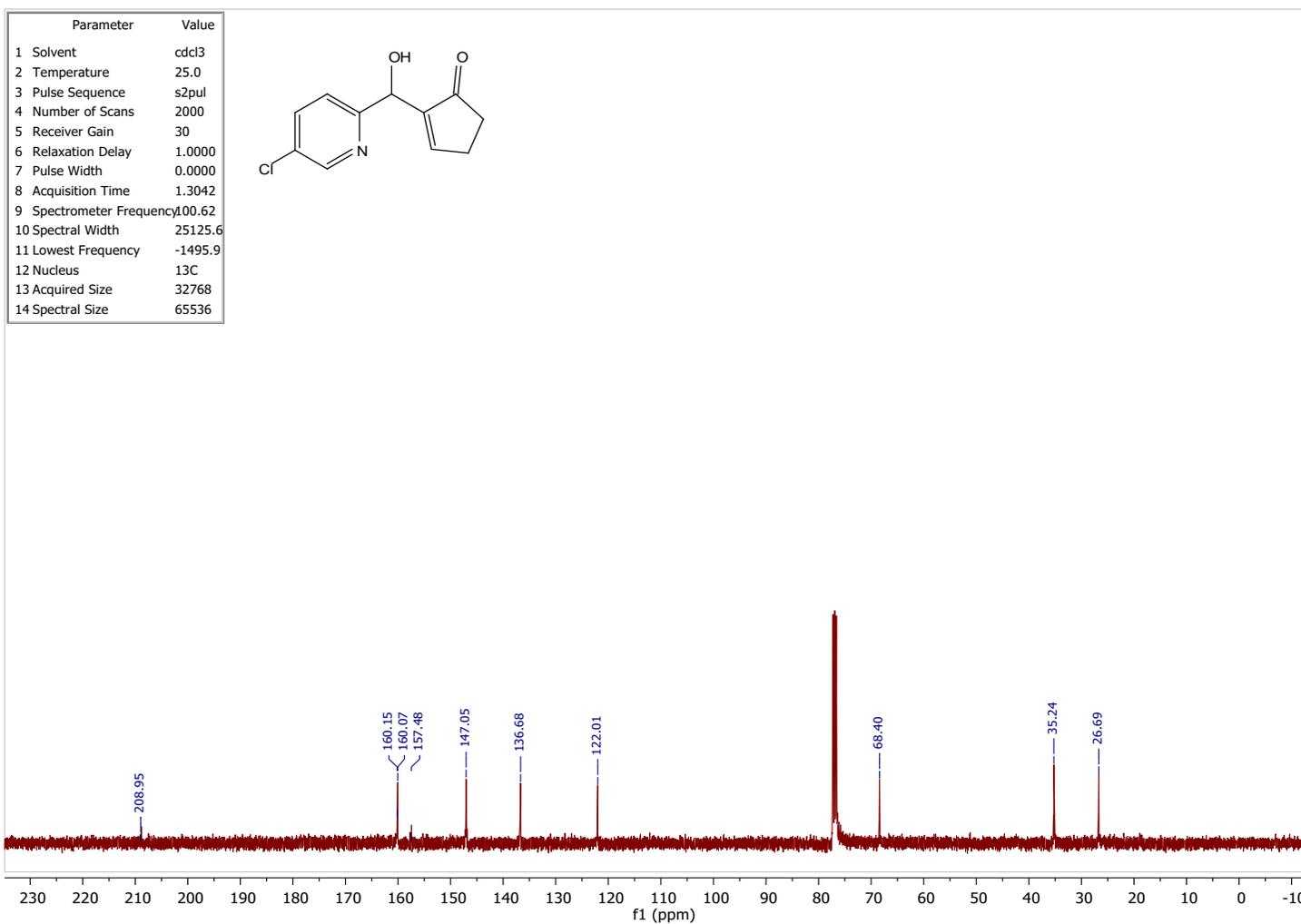
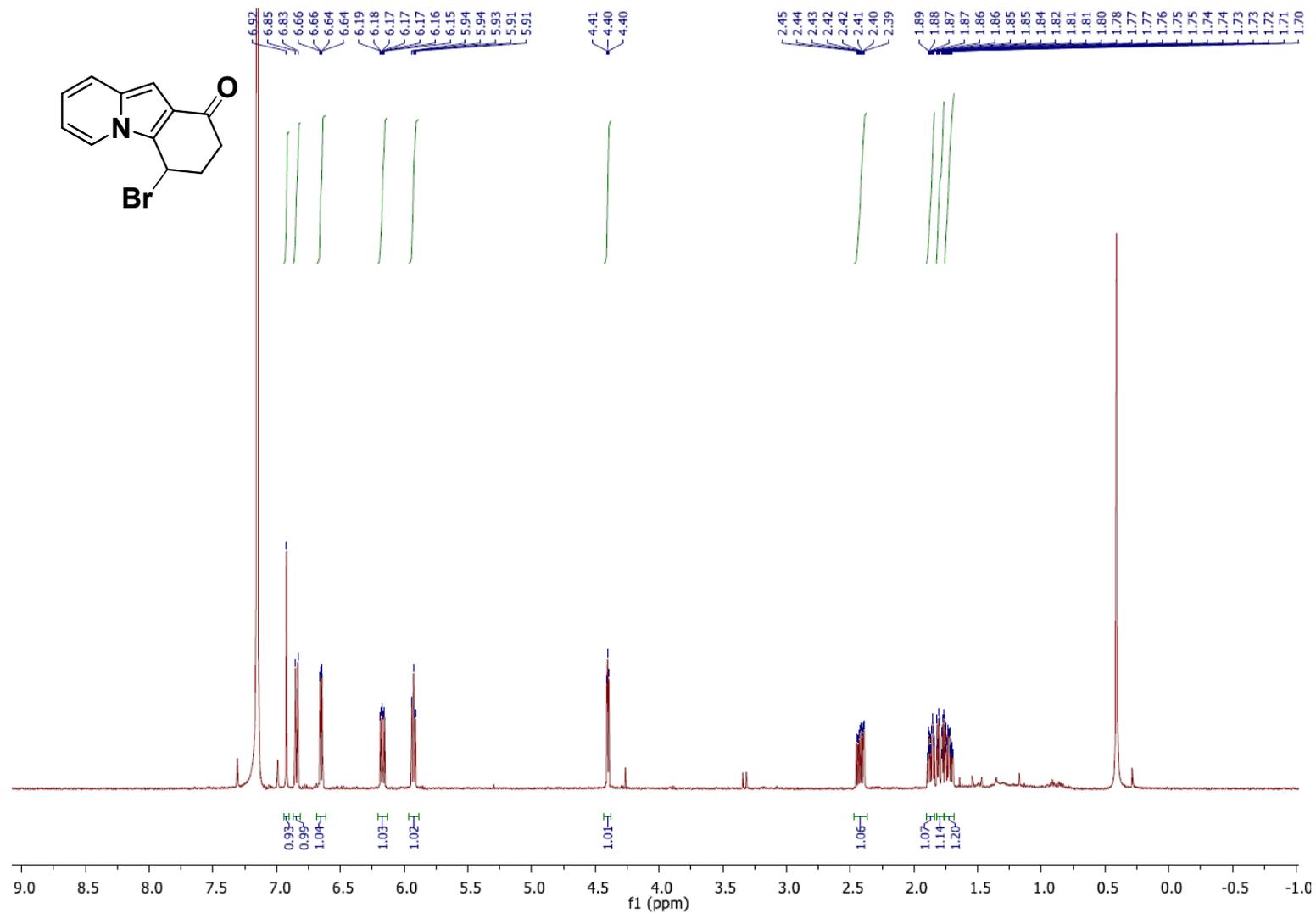


Figure S55.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) of compound **4gb**.





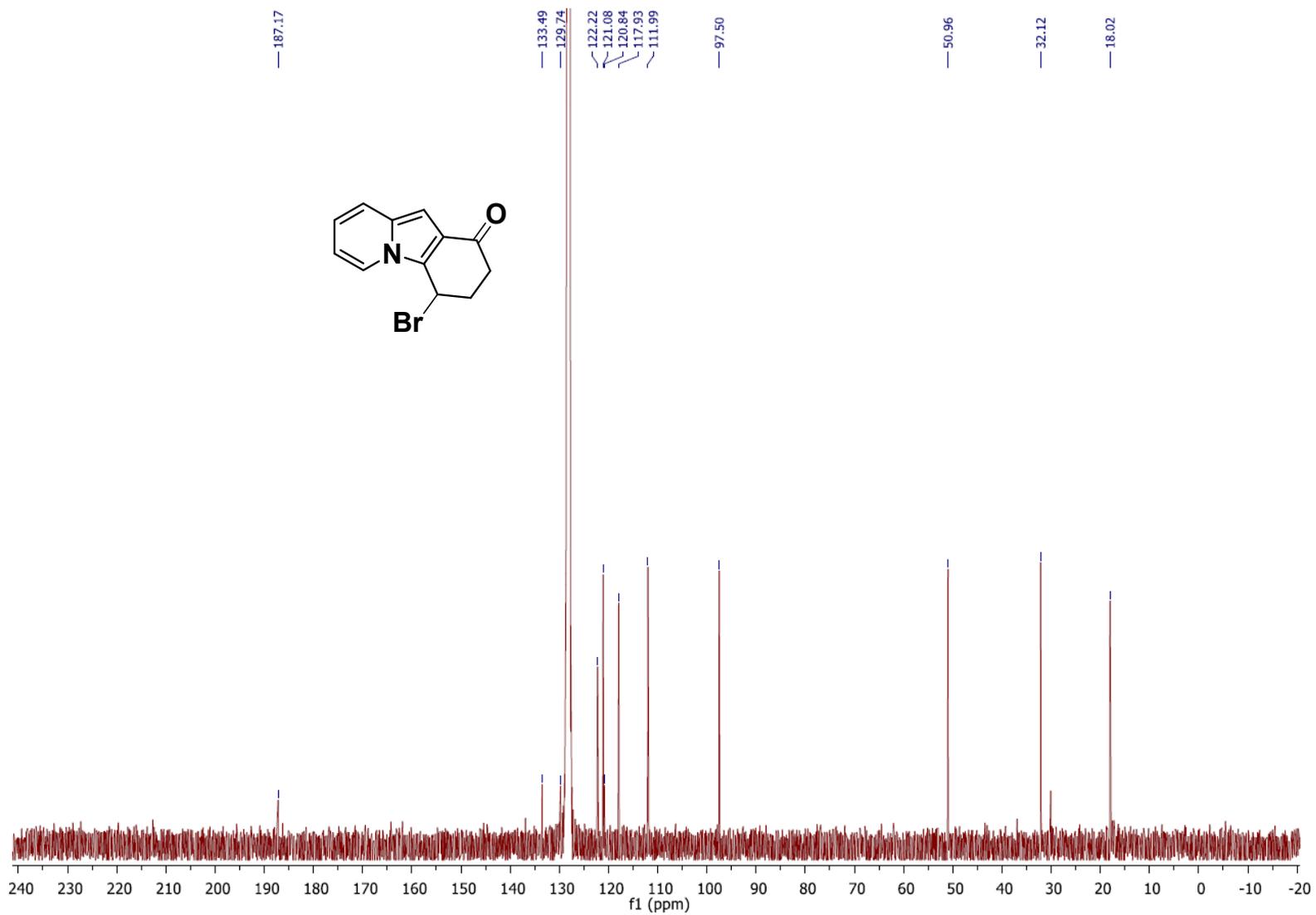


Figure S58.  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum (151 MHz,  $\text{C}_6\text{D}_6$ ) of compound 7.

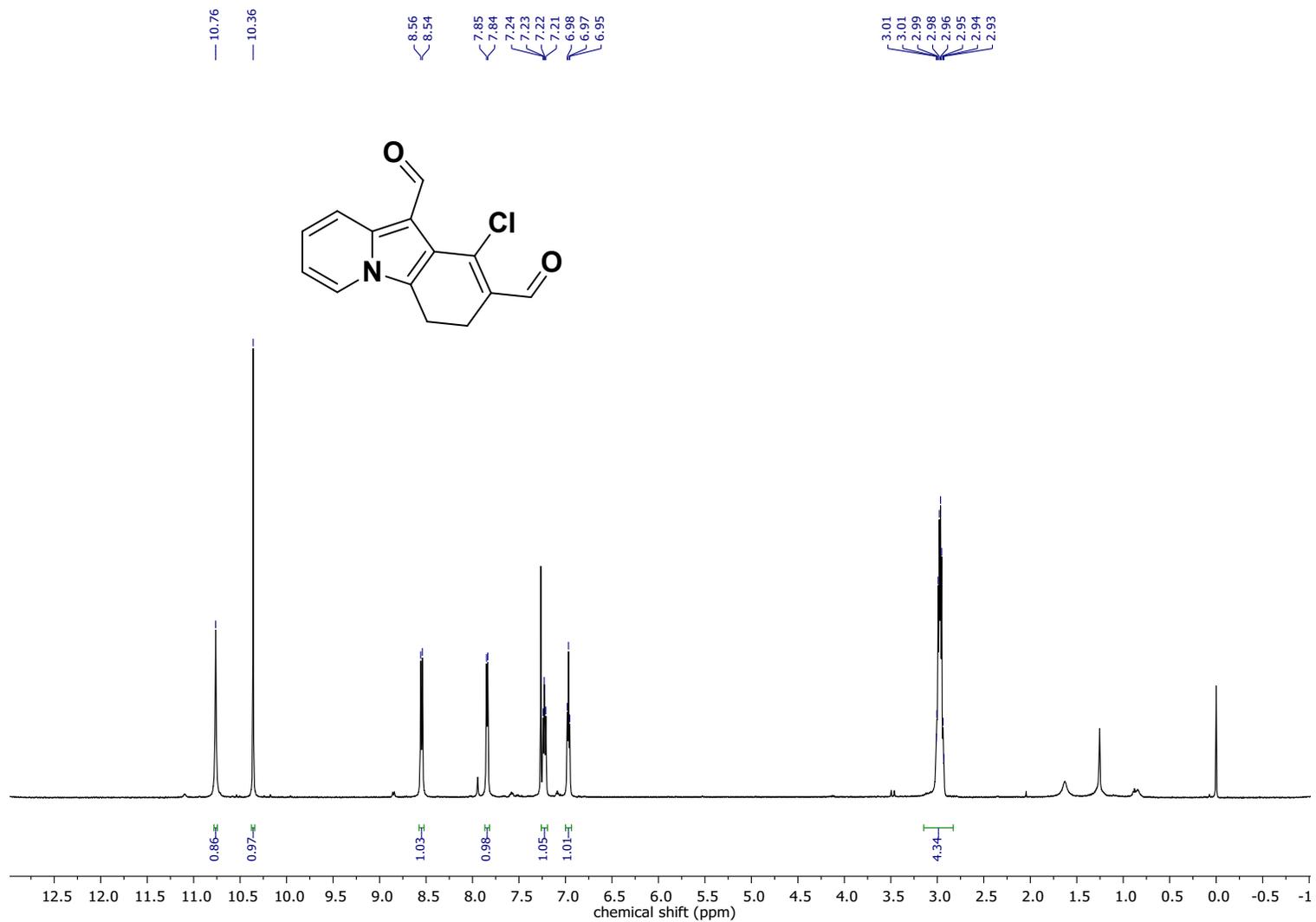
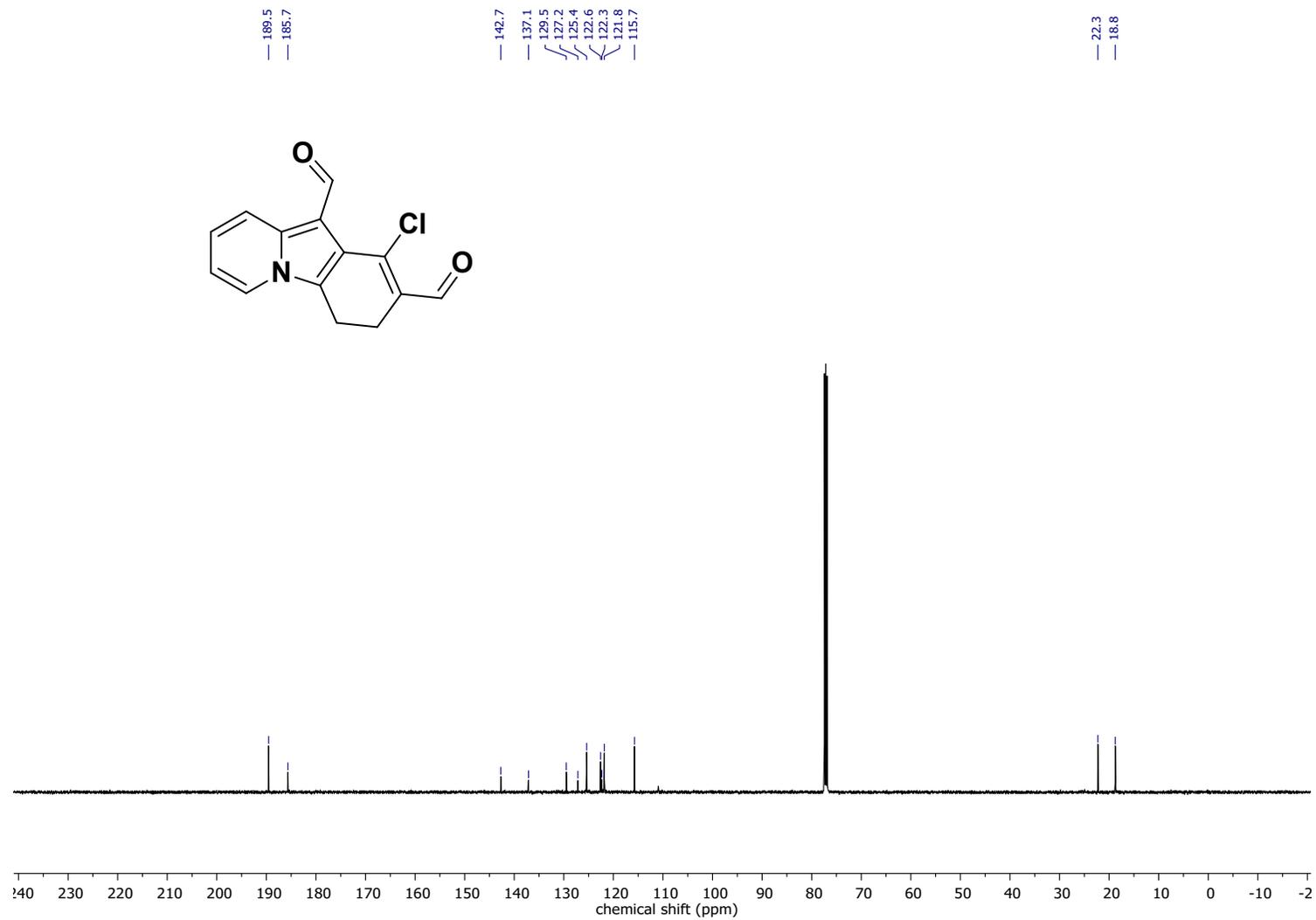


Figure S59. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) of compound 8.



**Figure S60.** <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) of compound 8.

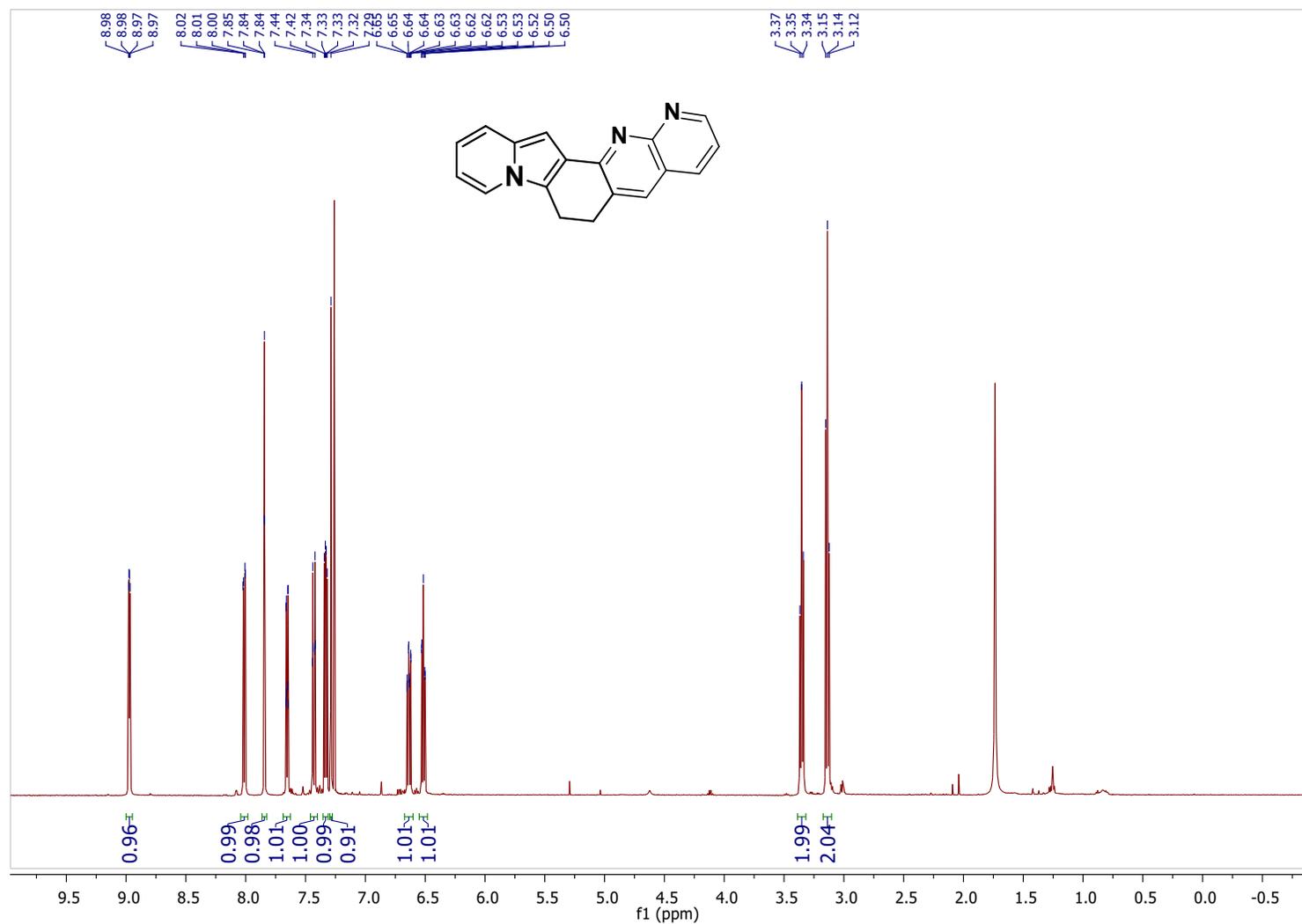


Figure S61.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) of compound 10.

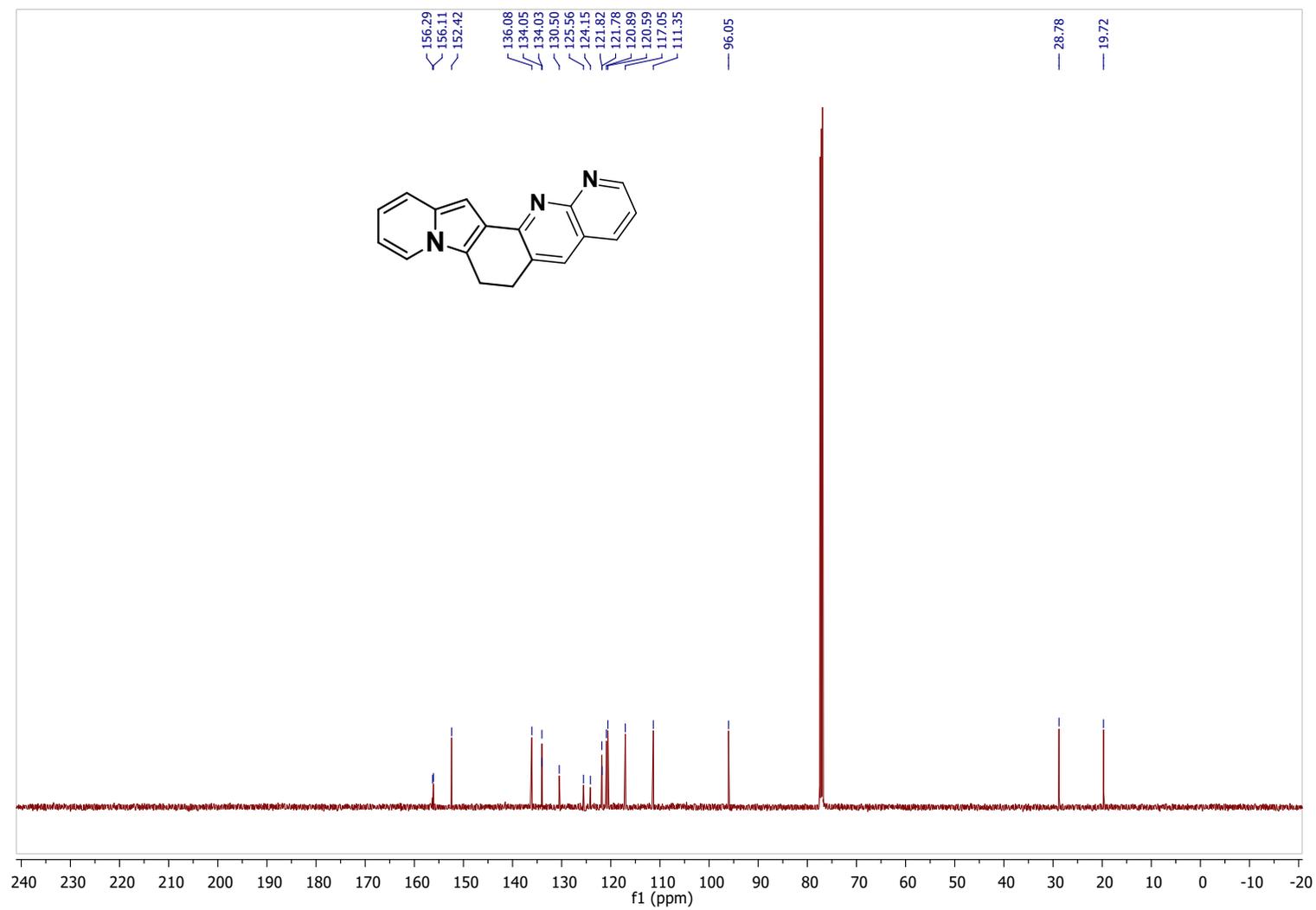


Figure S62. <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) of compound 10.

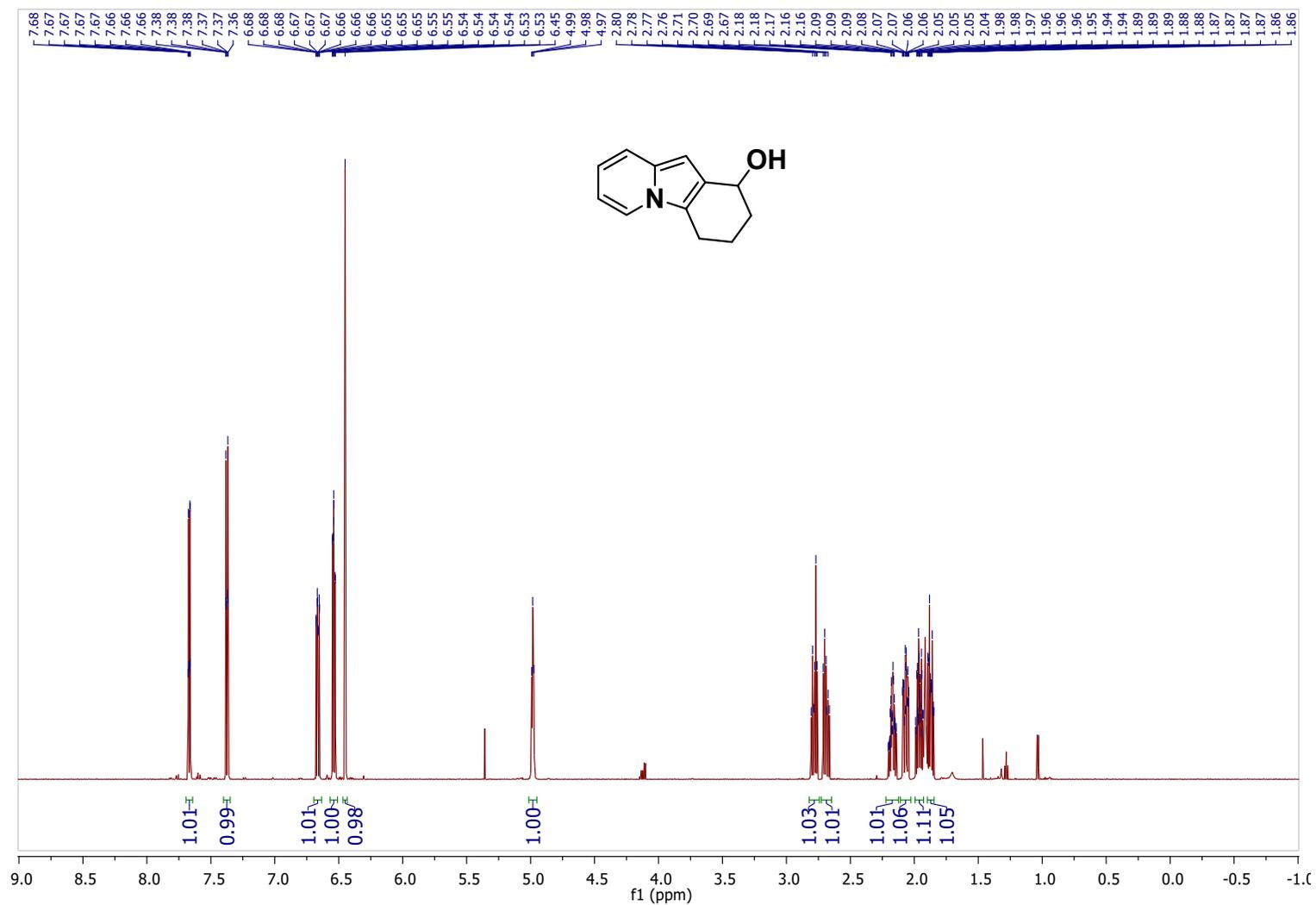


Figure S63.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum (600 MHz,  $\text{CD}_2\text{Cl}_2$ ) of compound *rac*-11.

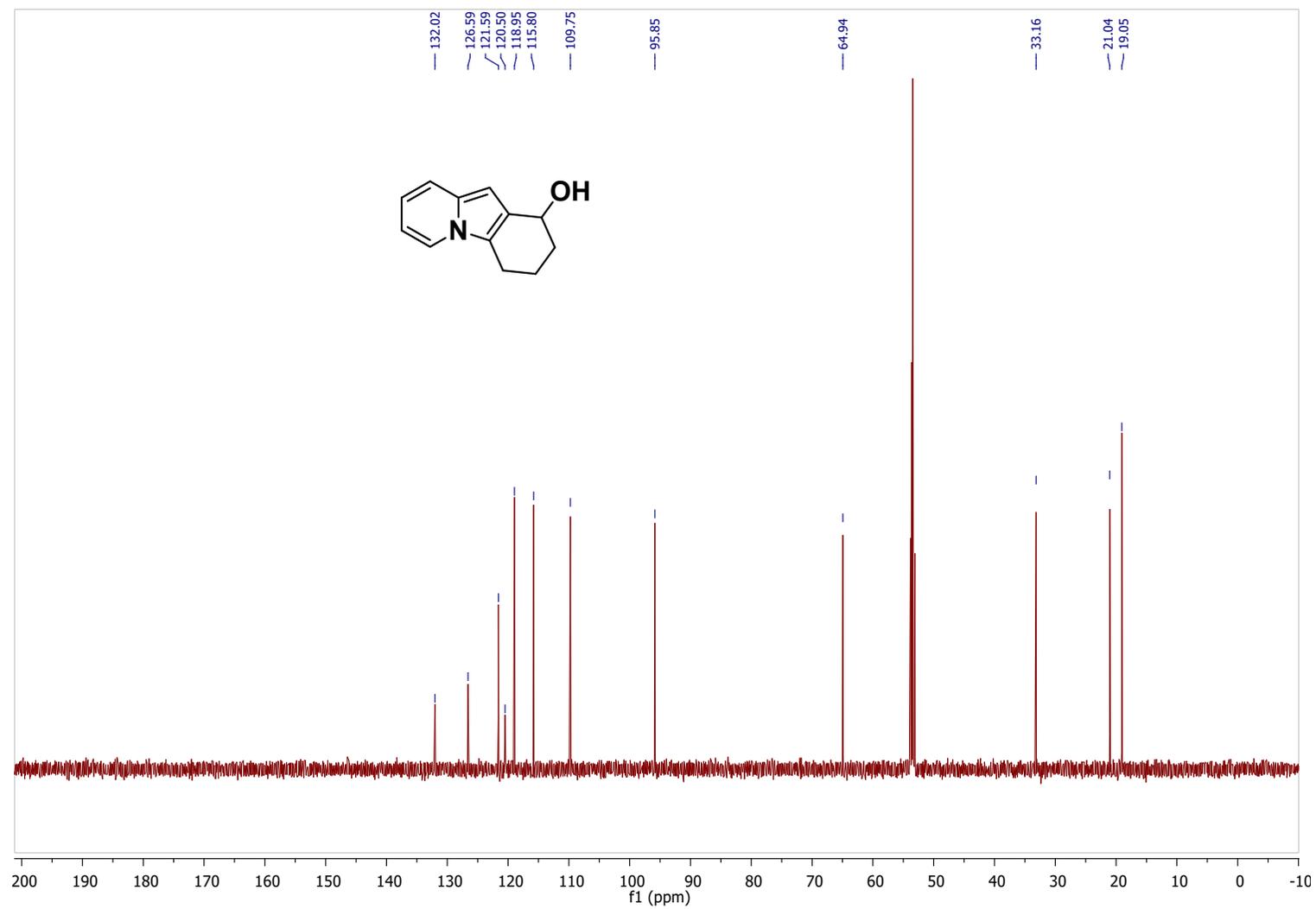
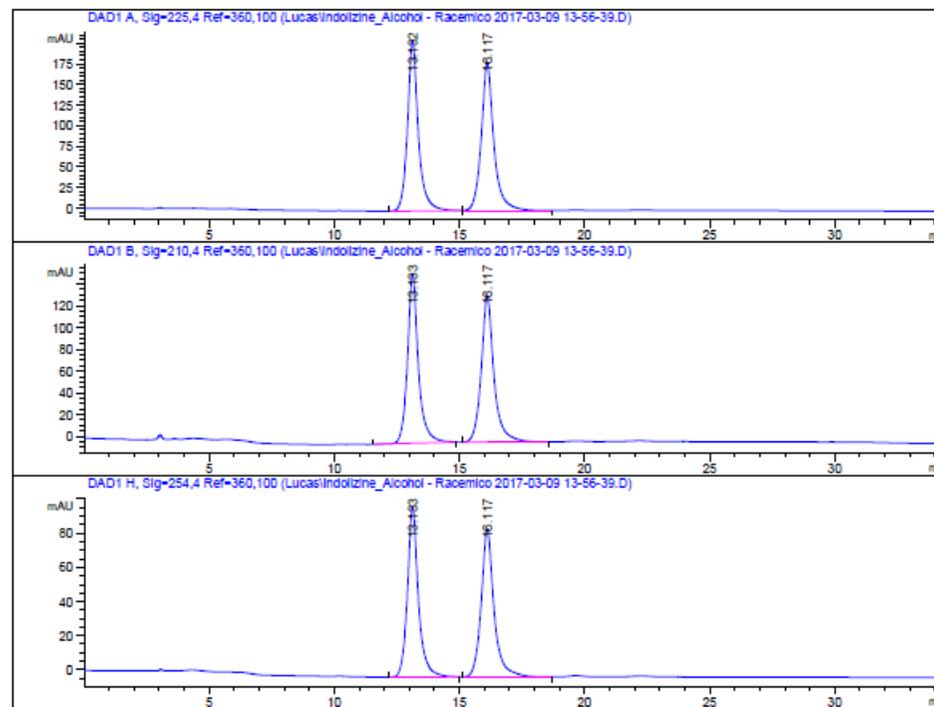
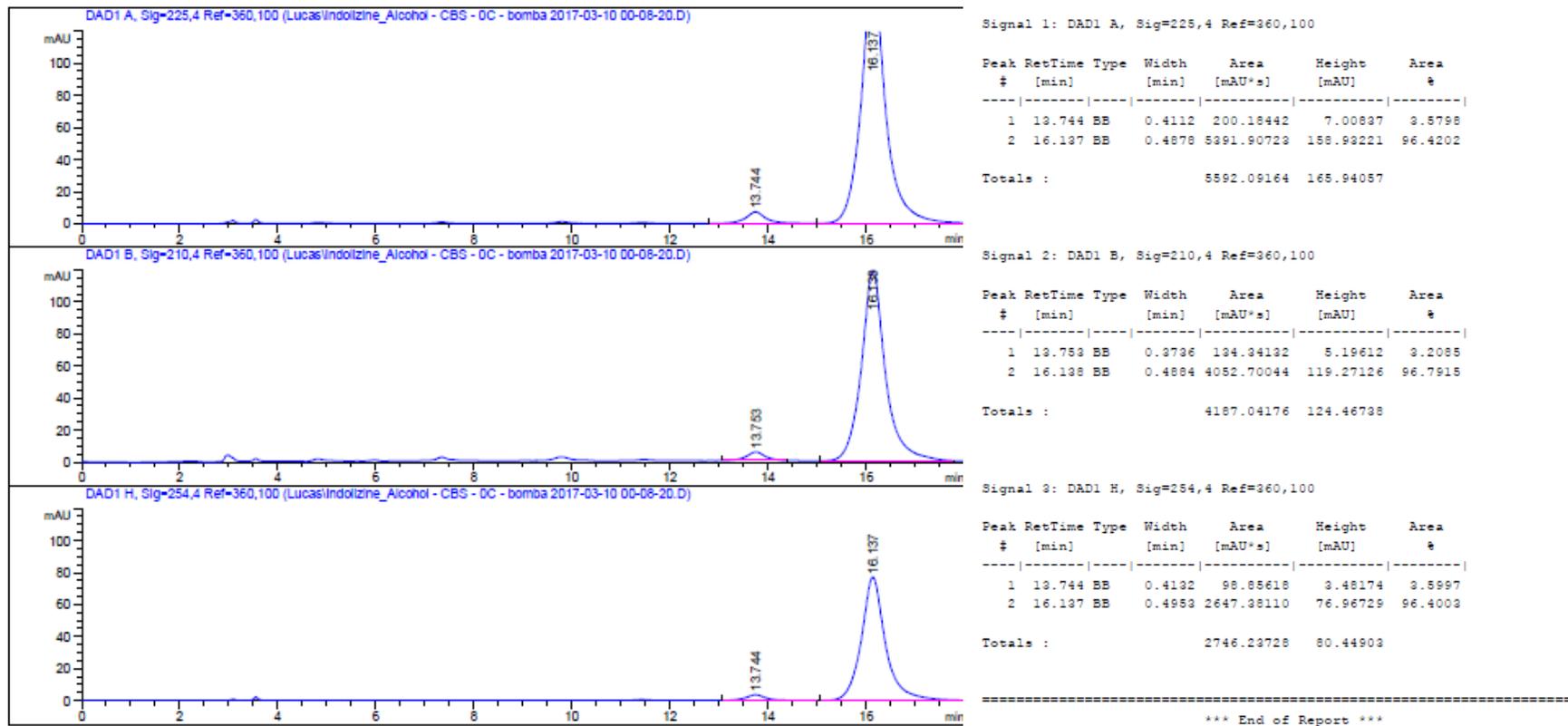


Figure S64.  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum (151 MHz,  $\text{CD}_2\text{Cl}_2$ ) of compound *rac*-11.



**Figure S65.** HPLC chromatogram of *rac-11*.

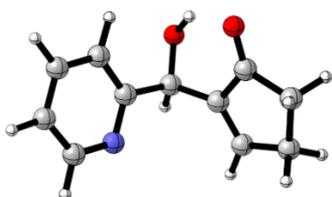


**Figure S66.** HPLC chromatogram of (*R*)-11.

## Computational Calculations

**Table S1:** Cartesian coordinates obtained for each species at the  $\omega$ B97xD/aug-cc-pVTZ level in water using the IEFPCM implicit solvent model. The corresponding Gibbs free energies (hartrees) and lowest harmonic vibrational frequency (LHVF) are given for each case.

### Starting material 5 members

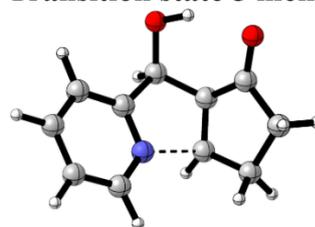


**Gibbs free energy** = -630.842490 hartrees  
**LHVF** = 25.3465 cm<sup>-1</sup>

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C	3.093354	0.600620	-0.863834
C	3.450500	-0.733484	-0.776978
C	2.642108	-1.579300	-0.033940
N	1.541967	-1.174863	0.593366
H	3.695506	1.297146	-1.430802
H	1.648198	2.069182	-0.249392
H	4.333717	-1.114991	-1.267800
H	2.891485	-2.629292	0.062975
C	-0.078661	0.496072	1.236481
H	-0.010944	0.067828	2.236752
C	-1.271001	-0.091378	0.532482
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C	-1.890808	0.570866	-0.625482
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C	-3.039580	-1.501579	-0.172919
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H	-3.985388	-1.590985	0.362763
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### Prod 5 members

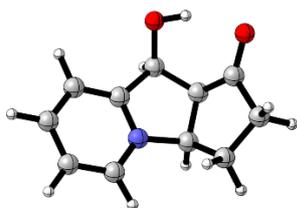
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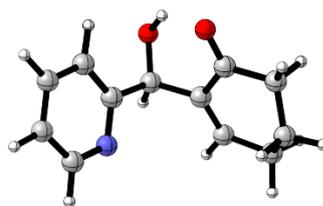
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**LHVF** = -317.8570cm<sup>-1</sup>

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C	3.217126	0.345998	-0.566855
C	3.060278	-1.033718	-0.555427
C	1.876982	-1.558658	-0.074220
N	0.903887	-0.757645	0.344187
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### Starting material 6 members



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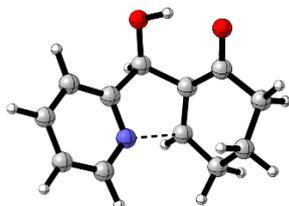


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Transition State 6 members



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Prod 6 members



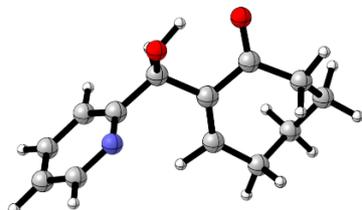
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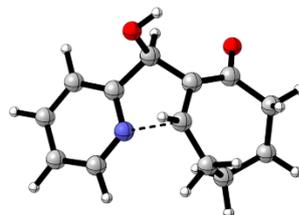
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**Transition state 7 members**

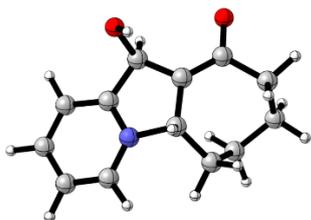


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H	1.327365	-3.037884	0.130242	H	0.152047	-2.703700	0.500629
H	2.065864	-2.098553	1.393659	H	1.573434	-2.171805	1.328386
C	3.892233	-0.713702	-0.062770	C	3.064988	-1.284483	-0.651669
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O	2.066471	2.098835	-0.574395	O	2.485368	2.012559	-0.567633
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### Prod 7 members



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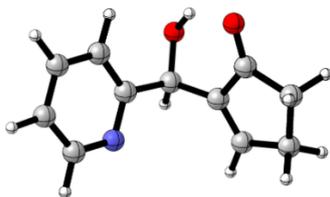
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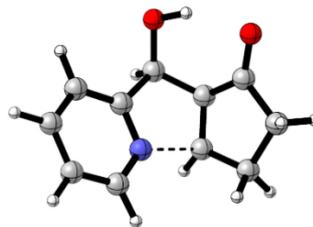
**Table S2:** Cartesian coordinates obtained for each species at the  $\omega$ B97xD/aug-cc-pVTZ level in the gas phase. The corresponding Gibbs free energies (hartrees) and lowest harmonic vibrational frequency (LHVF) are given for each case.

**Starting material 5 members**



**Gibbs free energy** = -630.830711 hartrees  
**LHVF** = 31.1128 cm<sup>-1</sup>

**Transition state 5 members**



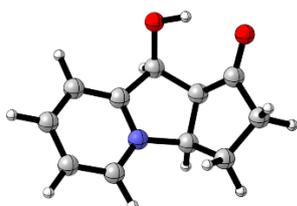
**Gibbs free energy** = -630.780543 hartrees  
**LHVF** = -274.1821 cm<sup>-1</sup>

C	1.208096	0.145195	0.479537
C	2.012372	1.043103	-0.204864
C	3.151278	0.565085	-0.830393
C	3.448543	-0.783664	-0.744454
C	2.585006	-1.598806	-0.029688
N	1.487434	-1.153066	0.568701
H	3.798519	1.238646	-1.375782
H	1.748821	2.089130	-0.233041
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H	2.785331	-2.659706	0.067449
C	-0.068029	0.586972	1.191592
H	0.009852	0.223941	2.217752
C	-1.259915	-0.057386	0.537409
C	-1.827771	-1.231999	0.804831
C	-1.949418	0.564565	-0.608475
H	-1.501183	-1.898955	1.591202
C	-3.054834	-0.372092	-1.058071

C	0.999188	0.610367	0.367658
C	2.150162	1.190511	-0.132928
C	3.151560	0.365108	-0.611926
C	2.999642	-1.016434	-0.556046
C	1.836258	-1.528951	-0.023092
N	0.876629	-0.712356	0.399267
H	4.051980	0.791219	-1.032678
H	2.226787	2.267297	-0.162945
H	3.765097	-1.682092	-0.925183
H	1.645912	-2.590889	0.059086
C	-0.260376	1.337035	0.895085
H	-0.045832	1.589949	1.942876
C	-1.286765	0.261988	0.739974
C	-0.756508	-1.027240	1.012706
C	-2.110982	0.209791	-0.403857
H	-0.443645	-1.318571	2.013563
C	-2.442590	-1.250200	-0.710892

C	-2.965545	-1.572885	-0.111052
H	-2.893433	-0.635862	-2.102612
H	-4.009082	0.150367	-1.002925
H	-2.764393	-2.506867	-0.638519
H	-3.885546	-1.728814	0.454789
O	-1.682545	1.640781	-1.101821
O	-0.205874	1.983267	1.260388
H	-0.600288	2.277849	0.428831

**Prod 5 members**



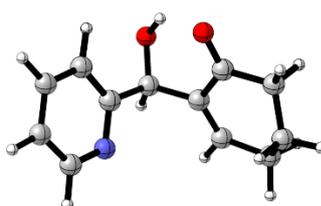
**Gibbs free energy = -630.781914 hartrees**  
**LHVF = 41.5761 cm<sup>-1</sup>**

C	0.969707	0.687733	0.343300
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C	3.134279	0.429314	-0.608241
C	2.994126	-0.953045	-0.518365
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C	-0.308087	1.373045	0.848729
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C	-1.266798	0.224497	0.758470
C	-0.550282	-1.038561	0.945861
C	-2.157707	0.128696	-0.310824
H	-0.314528	-1.360897	1.965354
C	-2.377181	-1.345541	-0.655525
C	-1.304115	-2.107640	0.140276
H	-2.274227	-1.462484	-1.734033
H	-3.385772	-1.661636	-0.391254
H	-0.630440	-2.662980	-0.514705
H	-1.735670	-2.833349	0.827209
O	-2.663306	1.060364	-0.966786
O	-0.627797	2.487336	0.078261
H	-1.426023	2.236863	-0.440469

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C	-1.530825	-2.065234	0.218489
H	-2.253634	-1.430889	-1.768579
H	-3.498398	-1.450059	-0.531955
H	-0.857594	-2.722936	-0.333933
H	-2.089406	-2.700898	0.904834
O	-2.479598	1.157614	-1.110193
O	-0.506249	2.516298	0.196056
H	-1.243476	2.322622	-0.417895

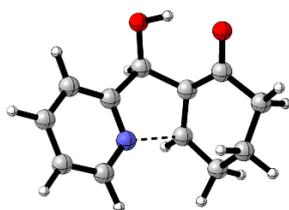
**Starting material 6 members**



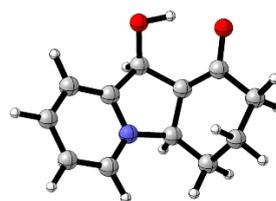
**Gibbs free energy = -670.119474 hartrees**  
**LHVF = 27.8603 cm<sup>-1</sup>**

C	1.433253	0.118863	0.481194
C	2.353977	0.900104	-0.200977
C	3.409147	0.273504	-0.840591
C	3.513617	-1.104849	-0.771403
C	2.549064	-1.796720	-0.056894
N	1.529582	-1.206850	0.555397
H	4.141069	0.855200	-1.384663
H	2.243017	1.973076	-0.220257
H	4.321826	-1.635152	-1.254135
H	2.598248	-2.876279	0.029053
C	0.241227	0.727755	1.216785
H	0.303592	0.369664	2.245662
C	-1.052986	0.209495	0.622655
C	-1.731950	-0.796757	1.177498
C	-1.542982	0.837042	-0.623371
C	-2.953937	-1.423638	0.586944
H	-1.371475	-1.207514	2.114174
C	-2.837025	0.317259	-1.203667
C	-3.055504	-1.160172	-0.909752
H	-3.836046	-1.027072	1.103161
H	-2.943528	-2.494691	0.792740
H	-2.840200	0.538942	-2.269215
H	-3.638057	0.911294	-0.749555
H	-2.291188	-1.746331	-1.424908
H	-4.022591	-1.484458	-1.292961
O	-0.955613	1.771362	-1.139560
O	0.288149	2.129576	1.281780
H	0.012567	2.452462	0.414837

**Prod 6 members**



**Gibbs free energy = -670.074700 hartrees**  
**LHVF = -281.5936 cm<sup>-1</sup>**

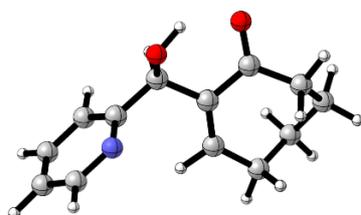


**Gibbs free energy = -670.076294 hartrees**  
**LHVF = 48.4528 cm<sup>-1</sup>**

C	1.252313	0.610327	0.327645
C	2.423263	1.069713	-0.245497
C	3.330171	0.140507	-0.723219
C	3.066557	-1.218947	-0.592929
C	1.888789	-1.606384	0.011112
N	1.019765	-0.693238	0.429815
H	4.243430	0.468296	-1.200668
H	2.585245	2.134136	-0.328599
H	3.756490	-1.963627	-0.960070
H	1.617127	-2.644337	0.149944
C	0.085360	1.450787	0.879385
H	0.327063	1.616034	1.942402
C	-1.061737	0.490900	0.717501
C	-0.628389	-0.799171	1.133557
C	-2.010112	0.668576	-0.306401
C	-1.356592	-2.026358	0.657595
H	-0.270868	-0.892044	2.159990
C	-2.851187	-0.539452	-0.690339
C	-2.006689	-1.809772	-0.701638
H	-2.123236	-2.248824	1.405527
H	-0.685121	-2.887699	0.652729
H	-3.285113	-0.338262	-1.667893
H	-3.676003	-0.642867	0.020282
H	-1.228978	-1.715563	-1.465115
H	-2.611303	-2.676969	-0.969083
O	-2.198207	1.750583	-0.898637
O	-0.019804	2.679737	0.243559
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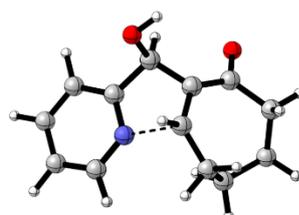
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C	3.074548	-1.131611	-0.532743
C	1.896547	-1.525482	0.057092
N	1.002183	-0.608318	0.429354
H	4.235961	0.552924	-1.177620
H	2.540106	2.220939	-0.380630
H	3.783029	-1.876701	-0.860067
H	1.637955	-2.559984	0.223511
C	0.024596	1.502573	0.810348
H	0.267329	1.759089	1.859490
C	-1.047340	0.449524	0.710658
C	-0.412878	-0.836042	1.052953
C	-2.089731	0.579498	-0.195191
C	-1.122546	-2.087963	0.569087
H	-0.163133	-0.943034	2.116768
C	-2.830520	-0.686730	-0.602660
C	-1.866880	-1.861457	-0.739797
H	-1.840040	-2.352100	1.349047
H	-0.434605	-2.933596	0.502455
H	-3.335827	-0.475751	-1.543385
H	-3.601552	-0.918264	0.137495
H	-1.152360	-1.648341	-1.540676
H	-2.397323	-2.772029	-1.021900
O	-2.437278	1.673672	-0.713703
O	-0.169507	2.663727	0.078447
H	-1.065549	2.549712	-0.338218

**Starting material 7 members**



**Gibbs free energy = -709.391351 hartrees**  
**LHVF = 28.4687 cm<sup>-1</sup>**

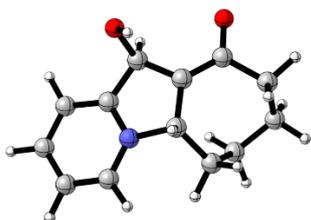
**Transition state 7 members**



**Gibbs free energy = -709.350448 hartrees**  
**LHVF = -292.2495 cm<sup>-1</sup>**

C	1.826901	0.379732	0.151907	C	-1.491738	0.610238	-0.109127
C	2.648138	0.140190	1.245190	C	-2.710906	0.799773	-0.738355
C	3.851650	-0.516826	1.051666	C	-3.553787	-0.285268	-0.894122
C	4.195967	-0.905078	-0.229899	C	-3.181118	-1.528211	-0.395636
C	3.310373	-0.621270	-1.259367	C	-1.965756	-1.639777	0.246636
N	2.151069	-0.002429	-1.081726	N	-1.159465	-0.590601	0.349597
H	4.510055	-0.715136	1.886532	H	-4.503313	-0.167920	-1.397940
H	2.348856	0.470907	2.230190	H	-2.982924	1.783472	-1.090609
H	5.126242	-1.415442	-0.434330	H	-3.816372	-2.393756	-0.508322
H	3.544711	-0.910592	-2.277597	H	-1.611924	-2.571706	0.667628
C	0.511966	1.104379	0.325835	C	-0.425124	1.654633	0.175204
H	0.440160	1.412679	1.375773	H	-0.262841	2.297941	-0.691499
O	0.550466	2.254006	-0.493883	O	-0.960118	2.416970	1.270198
H	-0.212045	2.786315	-0.250594	H	-0.216939	2.893753	1.643742
C	-0.711365	0.237520	0.045846	C	0.797560	0.858220	0.451370
C	-0.657956	-1.091735	-0.060130	C	0.450093	-0.321285	1.171764
C	-1.988713	1.004774	-0.007331	C	1.935854	1.039343	-0.393696
C	-1.793490	-2.072907	-0.155318	C	1.220390	-1.614891	1.104129
C	-3.153771	0.419143	-0.766053	C	3.149653	0.143305	-0.166463
C	-3.030731	-1.705505	0.669441	C	1.695079	-1.973204	-0.303402
H	-1.416246	-3.039349	0.179412	H	0.586764	-2.407741	1.507896
H	-2.069189	-2.216886	-1.205991	H	2.063720	-1.542882	1.796008
C	-3.924331	-0.651978	0.016736	C	2.995158	-1.276796	-0.717750
H	-2.770246	-0.014079	-1.691573	H	3.364224	0.097987	0.903313
H	-3.818735	1.240321	-1.025628	H	3.995855	0.629836	-0.647472
H	-3.619176	-2.604485	0.855528	H	1.825687	-3.053536	-0.380504
H	-2.692474	-1.349746	1.644862	H	0.901458	-1.707374	-1.005524
H	-4.612946	-1.133358	-0.679732	H	3.847869	-1.868214	-0.375953
H	-4.535066	-0.169454	0.780271	H	3.052214	-1.250520	-1.806838
O	-2.064558	2.108638	0.498456	O	2.011868	1.930304	-1.242998
H	0.323513	-1.548474	-0.022771	H	-0.033376	-0.179799	2.137984

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Gibbs free energy = -709.355765 hartrees

LHVF = 28.7933 cm<sup>-1</sup>

C	-1.461956	0.658739	-0.199038
C	-2.716587	0.884599	-0.742172
C	-3.656978	-0.122299	-0.698370
C	-3.346299	-1.333639	-0.084146
C	-2.097484	-1.500634	0.458624
N	-1.189918	-0.523290	0.368775

H	-4.637724	0.028691	-1.127405
H	-2.928785	1.849416	-1.176088
H	-4.064971	-2.136009	-0.024722
H	-1.793361	-2.403061	0.964977
C	-0.298492	1.592038	-0.089086
H	-0.053645	2.055732	-1.049700
O	-0.742928	2.638584	0.807703
H	0.052606	3.130330	1.024074
C	0.780163	0.694510	0.359608
C	0.219738	-0.554723	0.949146
C	2.097429	0.970313	-0.029963
C	0.929697	-1.881798	0.647121
C	3.167880	-0.088754	0.208905
C	1.607865	-1.924997	-0.719323
H	0.223780	-2.707946	0.754696
H	1.665222	-2.039330	1.436623
C	3.015905	-1.311369	-0.703882
H	3.149334	-0.402492	1.255930
H	4.133756	0.380833	0.033678
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H	3.731847	-2.072441	-0.382760
H	3.292245	-1.034658	-1.722336
O	2.422898	2.034847	-0.587521
H	0.019462	-0.514962	2.029695

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**Table S3:** Calculated relative energies (in kcal mol<sup>-1</sup>) between two conformers of **6mem** transition state obtained from several DFT functionals and the DLPNO-CCSD(T) theoretical method. The DLPNO-CCSD(T)/CBS energy was used as the benchmark to obtain the mean absolute deviations (MAD).

	$\Delta G$	MAD
<b>B3LYP aug-cc-pVTZ</b>	1.05	0.37
<b>B3LYP-D3/aug-cc-pVTZ</b>	1.46	0.17
<b>PBE1PBE/aug-cc-pVTZ</b>	1.27	0.27
<b>PBE1PBE-D3/aug-cc-pVTZ</b>	1.53	0.14
<b>M06L/aug-cc-pVTZ</b>	1.54	0.13
<b>wB97xD/aug-cc-pVTZ</b>	1.68	0.06
<b>X3LYP/aug-cc-pVTZ</b>	1.11	0.35
<b>O3LYP/aug-cc-pVTZ</b>	0.94	0.43
<b>CAM-B3LYP/aug-cc-pVTZ</b>	1.29	0.26
<b>M11/aug-cc-pVTZ</b>	1.59	0.11
<b>M052X/aug-cc-pVTZ</b>	1.52	0.14
<b>HF/aug-cc-pVTZ</b>	1.34	0.23
<b>DLPNO-CCSD(T)/def2-TZVP</b>	1.80	0.00

**Table S4:** Calculated relative energies (in kcal mol<sup>-1</sup>) for 21 conformers (conformer 11 is the lowest in energy) of **7mem** transition state obtained from several DFT functionals and the DLPNO-CCSD(T) theoretical method. The DLPNO-CCSD(T)/CBS energy was used as the benchmark to obtain the mean absolute deviations (MAD).

	Conf 1	Conf 2	Conf 3	Conf 4	Conf 5	Conf 6	Conf 7	Conf 8	Conf 9	Conf 10	Conf 11	Conf 12	Conf 13	Conf 14	Conf 15	Conf 16	Conf 17	Conf 18	Conf 19	Conf 21	MAD
<b>B3LYP aug-cc-pVTZ</b>	3.55	3.04	3.83	4.73	5.52	3.46	3.55	5.40	4.73	5.52	0.00	18.73	18.73	22.24	18.54	0.04	3.04	0.00	3.34	2.14	<b>1.16</b>
<b>B3LYP-D3/aug-cc-pVTZ</b>	3.68	3.23	4.78	5.79	6.83	3.58	3.68	6.46	5.79	6.83	0.00	18.55	18.50	22.66	19.43	0.92	3.23	0.00	4.33	3.43	<b>1.06</b>
<b>PBE1PBE/aug-cc-pVTZ</b>	4.47	3.98	5.06	5.66	7.21	4.40	4.47	6.35	5.66	7.21	0.00	21.81	21.74	25.38	21.22	0.36	3.98	0.00	4.59	2.83	<b>1.90</b>
<b>PBE1PBE-D3/aug-cc-pVTZ</b>	4.55	4.09	5.67	6.30	8.02	4.48	4.55	6.99	6.30	8.02	0.00	21.78	21.62	25.69	21.86	0.92	4.09	0.00	5.22	3.63	<b>2.13</b>
<b>M06L/aug-cc-pVTZ</b>	4.16	3.81	5.30	6.52	8.14	4.25	4.16	7.23	6.52	8.14	0.00	18.37	18.92	22.28	19.63	0.94	3.81	0.00	4.96	4.18	<b>1.45</b>
<b>wB97xD/aug-cc-pVTZ</b>	3.87	3.32	5.14	5.80	7.43	3.82	3.87	6.59	5.80	7.43	0.00	19.14	18.65	23.48	19.67	1.09	3.32	0.00	4.62	3.89	<b>1.25</b>
<b>X3LYP/aug-cc-pVTZ</b>	3.69	3.17	4.05	4.86	5.76	3.62	3.69	5.58	4.86	5.76	0.00	18.93	18.95	22.53	18.75	0.13	3.17	0.00	3.55	2.26	<b>1.16</b>
<b>O3LYP/aug-cc-pVTZ</b>	2.82	2.42	2.68	3.62	4.28	2.58	2.82	4.03	3.62	4.28	0.00	19.51	19.28	22.44	18.79	-0.42	2.42	0.00	2.31	1.43	<b>1.57</b>
<b>CAM-B3LYP/aug-cc-pVTZ</b>	4.11	3.47	4.74	5.21	6.59	4.14	4.11	6.16	5.21	6.59	0.00	19.18	23.40	18.96	0.41	3.47	0.00	4.13	1.17	4.14	<b>2.44</b>
<b>M11/aug-cc-pVTZ</b>	4.44	3.81	5.80	7.10	9.20	4.51	4.44	8.15	7.10	9.20	0.00	17.22	17.20	22.15	18.01	1.21	3.81	0.00	5.20	5.27	<b>1.56</b>
<b>M052X/aug-cc-pVTZ</b>	4.15	3.47	5.30	6.29	8.10	4.17	4.16	7.34	6.29	8.10	0.00	19.65	19.55	24.08	20.36	0.95	3.47	0.00	4.66	4.36	<b>1.60</b>
<b>HF/aug-cc-pVTZ</b>	1.43	0.55	1.87	2.23	3.34	1.61	1.43	3.74	2.23	3.34	0.00	12.55	12.28	17.67	13.56	0.13	0.55	0.00	1.03	2.65	<b>2.03</b>
<b>DLPNO-CCSD(T)/def2-TZVP</b>	2.79	2.40	4.04	5.15	6.92	2.87	2.79	5.97	5.15	6.92	0.00	14.79	14.65	20.00	16.93	1.06	2.40	0.00	3.63	4.27	<b>0.00</b>