

Supporting Information

LiNTf₂-*i*Pr₂NEt: A Catalyst for the Acylation of Phenols and Primary Alcohols with Carboxylic Anhydrides

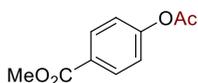
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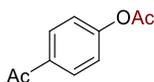
General Information. Unless otherwise stated, all the reagents and solvents were purchased and used as received without further purification. Anhydrous dichloromethane was of Extra Dry grade with molecular sieves (water \leq 50 ppm). For reactions conducted at elevated temperatures, an oil bath was used as the heat source (silicone oil). Thin-layer chromatography analyses were performed on precoated GF254 silica gel plates and visualized under UV 254 nm light or by iodine staining. NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker AVANCE-400 FT NMR spectrometer with TMS as internal standard. The melting points were uncorrected. PE = petroleum ether (60–90).

Methyl 4-Acetoxybenzoate (**2**). **General Procedure A.**



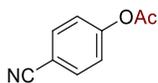
To a 100 mL round-bottom flask was added in sequence methyl 4-hydroxybenzoate (**1**, 0.152 g, 1 mmol), *i*Pr₂NEt (0.004 g, 0.03 mmol, 3 mol%), Ac₂O (0.153 g, 1.5 mmol, 1.5 equiv), LiNTf₂ (0.003 g, 0.01 mmol, 1 mol%), and DCM (2 mL). The mixture was stirring for 18 h at room temperature, then silica gel (100–200 mesh) was added, and the volatiles were removed by a rotary evaporator. *Note: extraction with EtOAc was unnecessary.* The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (200–300 mesh, eluent: PE/EtOAc = 4:1, v/v) to afford **2** as a white solid; yield: 0.193 g (99%); mp 80–82 °C (lit.¹ 79–81 °C); *R*_f = 0.55 (PE/EtOAc = 3:1). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 8.08 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 7.17 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 3.92 (s, 3H), 2.33 (s, 3H). Unless specified otherwise, the following compounds were prepared following this general procedure.

4-Acetylphenyl Acetate (**4a**)



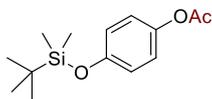
From 4-acetylphenol (**3a**, 0.136 g, 1 mmol); white solid; yield: 0.175 g (98%); mp 44–46 °C (lit.² 45–46 °C); *R*_f = 0.17 (PE/EtOAc = 10:1). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 8.00 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 7.20 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 2.60 (s, 3H), 2.33 (s, 3H).

4-Cyanophenyl Acetate (**4b**)



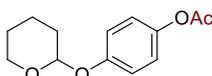
From 4-cyanophenol (**3b**, 0.119 g, 1 mmol); white solid; yield: 0.156 g (96%); mp 54–56 °C (lit.² 56–57 °C); *R*_f = 0.55 (PE/EtOAc = 3:1). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 8.00 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 7.20 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 2.60 (s, 3H), 2.33 (s, 3H).

4-((*tert*-Butyldimethylsilyl)oxy)phenyl Acetate (**4c**)³



From 4-((*tert*-butyldimethylsilyl)oxy)phenol (**3c**, 0.224 g, 1 mmol); colorless liquid; yield: 0.263 g (98%); *R*_f = 0.56 (PE/EtOAc = 10:1). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 6.93 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 2H), 6.81 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 2H), 2.27 (s, 3H), 0.98 (s, 9H), 0.19 (s, 6H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 169.8, 153.3, 144.6, 122.2, 120.5, 25.6, 21.1, 18.2, -4.5.

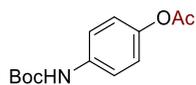
4-((Tetrahydro-2*H*-pyran-2-yl)oxy)phenyl Acetate (**4d**)⁴



From 4-((tetrahydro-2*H*-pyran-2-yl)oxy)phenol (**3d**, 0.194 g, 1 mmol); colorless liquid; yield: 0.219 g (92%); *R*_f = 0.58 (PE/EtOAc = 3:1). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 7.05 (d, *J* = 9.2 Hz, 2H), 6.98 (d, *J* = 9.2 Hz, 2H), 5.37 (t, *J* = 3.2 Hz, 1H), 3.90 (ddd, *J*₁ = 11.4 Hz, *J*₂ = 9.5 Hz, *J*₃ = 3.1 Hz, 1H), 3.60 (dtd, *J*₁ = 11.4 Hz, *J*₂ = 4.1 Hz, *J*₃ = 1.5 Hz, 1H), 2.28 (s, 3H), 1.99 (ddtd, *J*₁ = 11.6 Hz, *J*₂ = 9.1 Hz, *J*₃ = 6.9 Hz, *J*₄ = 3.0 Hz, 1H), 1.85 (ddd, *J*₁ = 8.2 Hz, *J*₂ = 4.3 Hz, *J*₃ = 3.1 Hz, 2H), 1.74 – 1.59 (m, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃)

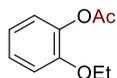
δ : 169.9, 154.8, 144.8, 122.2, 117.2, 96.7, 62.0, 30.4, 25.2, 21.1, 18.7.

4-((*tert*-Butoxycarbonyl)amino)phenyl Acetate (**4e**)⁵



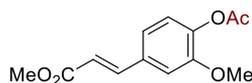
From 4-((*tert*-butoxycarbonyl)amino)phenol (**3e**, 0.209 g, 1 mmol); white solid; yield: 0.248 g (98%); mp 120 °C; R_f = 0.63 (PE/EtOAc = 3:1). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 8.28 (d, J = 9.2 Hz, 2H), 7.29 (d, J = 9.1 Hz, 2H), 2.36 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 169.7, 152.7, 146.0, 136.0, 122.0, 119.4, 80.7, 28.3, 21.1.

2-Ethoxyphenyl Acetate (**4f**)⁶



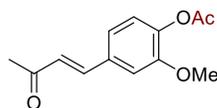
From 2-ethoxyphenol (**3f**, 0.138 g, 1 mmol); colorless liquid; yield: 0.146 g (81%); R_f = 0.41 (PE/EtOAc = 10:1). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 7.17 (ddd, J_1 = 8.2 Hz, J_2 = 7.4 Hz, J_3 = 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.03 (dd, J_1 = 7.8 Hz, J_2 = 1.7 Hz, 1H), 6.96 (dd, J_1 = 8.0 Hz, J_2 = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 6.93 (td, J_1 = 7.6 Hz, J_2 = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 4.05 (q, J = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 2.31 (s, 3H), 1.39 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 169.1, 150.5, 140.1, 126.8, 122.7, 120.7, 113.5, 64.3, 20.6, 14.8.

Methyl (*E*)-3-(4-Acetoxy-3-methoxyphenyl)acrylate (**4g**)



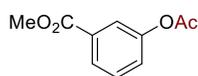
From methyl ferulate (**3g**, 0.208 g, 1 mmol); white solid; yield: 0.249 g (99%); mp 118–120 °C (lit.⁷ 118.5–119.5 °C); R_f = 0.41 (PE/EtOAc = 3:1). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 7.65 (d, J = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 7.12 (dd, J_1 = 8.1 Hz, J_2 = 1.9 Hz, 1H), 7.10 (d, J = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.05 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.39 (d, J = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 3.86 (s, 3H), 3.81 (s, 3H), 2.33 (s, 3H).

(*E*)-2-Methoxy-4-(3-oxobut-1-en-1-yl)phenyl Acetate (**4h**)



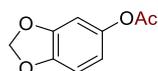
From vanillylideneacetone (**3h**, 0.192 g, 1 mmol); white solid; yield: 0.226 g (96%); mp 111–113 °C (lit.⁸ 115–116 °C); R_f = 0.65 (PE/EtOAc = 3:1). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 7.47 (d, J = 16.2 Hz, 1H), 7.14 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 7.13 (s, 1H), 7.06 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 6.66 (d, J = 16.3 Hz, 1H), 3.87 (s, 3H), 2.38 (s, 3H), 2.33 (s, 3H).

Methyl 3-Acetoxybenzoate (**4i**)



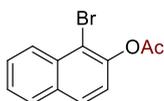
From methyl 3-hydroxybenzoate (**3i**, 0.152 g, 1 mmol); yield: 0.188 g (96%); mp 48–50 °C (lit.⁹ 29 °C); R_f = 0.31 (PE/EtOAc = 10:1). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 7.92 (dt, J_1 = 7.8 Hz, J_2 = 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.79–7.74 (m, 1H), 7.46 (t, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.29 (ddd, J_1 = 8.1 Hz, J_2 = 2.4 Hz, J_3 = 1.1 Hz, 1H), 3.92 (s, 3H), 2.32 (s, 3H).

Benzo[*d*][1,3]dioxol-5-yl Acetate (**4j**)¹⁰



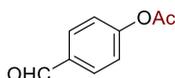
From 3,4-methylenedioxyphenol (**3j**, 0.138 g, 1 mmol); colorless liquid; yield: 0.169 g (93%); R_f = 0.41 (PE/EtOAc = 10:1). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 6.77 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 6.60 (d, J = 2.3 Hz, 1H), 6.52 (dd, J_1 = 8.4 Hz, J_2 = 2.3 Hz, 1H), 5.98 (s, 2H), 2.27 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 169.8, 148.0, 145.4, 145.0, 113.9, 108.0, 103.7, 101.7, 21.0.

1-Bromonaphthalen-2-yl Acetate (**4k**)¹¹



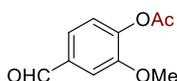
From 1-bromonaphthalen-2-ol (**3k**, 0.223 g, 1 mmol); viscous oil; yield: 0.257 g (96%); $R_f = 0.57$ (PE/EtOAc = 10:1). $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.26 (d, $J = 8.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.84 (dd, $J_1 = 8.5$ Hz, $J_2 = 4.7$ Hz, 2H), 7.62 (ddd, $J_1 = 8.4$ Hz, $J_2 = 6.9$ Hz, $J_3 = 1.3$ Hz, 1H), 7.53 (ddd, $J_1 = 8.1$ Hz, $J_2 = 6.9$ Hz, $J_3 = 1.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.26 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 1H), 2.43 (s, 3H). $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : 168.8, 146.4, 132.7, 132.5, 128.9, 128.2, 127.9, 127.0, 126.4, 121.9, 115.1, 20.9.

4-Formylphenyl Acetate (**4l**)¹²



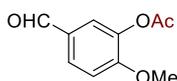
From 4-formylphenol (**3l**, 0.122 g, 1 mmol); colorless liquid; yield: 0.151 g (92%); $R_f = 0.65$ (PE/EtOAc = 3:1). $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : 9.99 (s, 1H), 7.93 (d, $J = 8.6$ Hz, 2H), 7.28 (d, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 2H), 2.34 (s, 3H). $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : 190.9, 168.7, 155.4, 134.0, 131.2, 122.4, 21.2. This compound is unstable and undergoes oxidation rapidly even at room temperature.

4-Formyl-2-methoxyphenyl Acetate (**4m**)



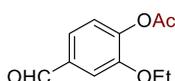
From vanillin (**3m**, 0.152 g, 1 mmol); white solid; yield: 0.182 g (93%); mp 74–76 °C (lit.¹³ 74–76 °C); $R_f = 0.49$ (PE/EtOAc = 3:1). $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : 9.95 (s, 1H), 7.50 (d, $J = 1.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.48 (dd, $J_1 = 7.9$ Hz, $J_2 = 1.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.22 (d, $J = 7.9$ Hz, 1H), 3.91 (s, 3H), 2.35 (s, 3H).

5-Formyl-2-methoxyphenyl Acetate (**4n**)



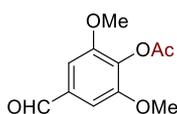
From isovanillin (**3n**, 0.152 g, 1 mmol); white solid; yield: 0.187 g (96%); mp 84–85.5 °C (lit.¹⁴ 84–86 °C); $R_f = 0.30$ (PE/EtOAc = 3:1). $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : 9.87 (s, 1H), 7.77 (dd, $J_1 = 8.4$ Hz, $J_2 = 2.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.59 (d, $J = 2.1$ Hz, 1H), 7.08 (d, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 1H), 3.93 (s, 3H), 2.34 (s, 3H).

2-Ethoxy-4-formyl-phenyl Acetate (**4o**)



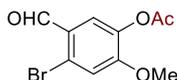
From ethylvanillin (**3o**, 0.166 g, 1 mmol); white solid; yield: 0.199 g (95%); mp 42–44 °C (lit.¹⁵ 48–49 °C); $R_f = 0.53$ (PE/EtOAc = 3:1). $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : 9.93 (s, 1H), 7.47 (d, $J = 1.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.46 (dd, $J_1 = 8.0$ Hz, $J_2 = 1.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.21 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 4.13 (q, $J = 7.0$ Hz, 2H), 2.34 (s, 3H), 1.42 (t, $J = 7.0$ Hz, 3H).

4-Formyl-2,6-dimethoxyphenyl Acetate (**4p**)



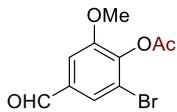
From 4-hydroxy-3,5-dimethoxybenzaldehyde (**3p**, 0.182 g, 1 mmol); white solid; yield: 0.222 g (99%); mp 112–114 °C (lit.¹⁶ 116–117 °C); $R_f = 0.46$ (PE/EtOAc = 3:1). $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : 9.91 (s, 1H), 7.15 (s, 2H), 3.90 (s, 6H), 2.36 (s, 3H).

4-Bromo-5-formyl-2-methoxyphenyl Acetate (**4q**)



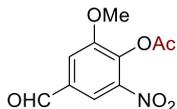
From 2-bromo-5-hydroxy-4-methoxybenzaldehyde (**3q**, 0.231 g, 1 mmol); white solid; yield: 0.175 g (64%); mp 102–104 °C (lit.¹⁷ 106–107 °C); R_f = 0.36 (PE/EtOAc = 3:1). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 10.18 (s, 1H), 7.63 (s, 1H), 7.17 (s, 1H), 3.92 (s, 3H), 2.32 (s, 3H).

2-Bromo-4-formyl-6-methoxyphenyl Acetate (**4r**)



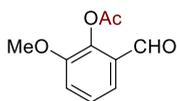
From 5-bromovanillin (**3r**, 0.231 g, 1 mmol); white solid; yield: 0.269 g (98%); mp 81–83 °C (lit.¹⁸ 84 °C); R_f = 0.51 (PE/EtOAc = 3:1). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 9.89 (s, 1H), 7.69 (d, J = 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.43 (d, J = 1.7 Hz, 1H), 3.91 (s, 3H), 2.39 (s, 3H).

4-Formyl-2-methoxy-6-nitrophenyl Acetate (**4s**)



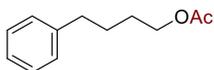
From 5-nitrovanillin (**3s**, 0.197 g, 1 mmol); white solid; yield: 0.201 g (84%); mp 94.5–96.5 °C (lit.¹⁹ 88 °C); R_f = 0.28 (PE/EtOAc = 3:1). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 9.99 (s, 1H), 8.12 – 8.09 (m, 1H), 7.74 – 7.71 (m, 1H), 3.99 (s, 3H), 2.41 (s, 3H).

2-Formyl-6-methoxyphenyl Acetate (**4t**)



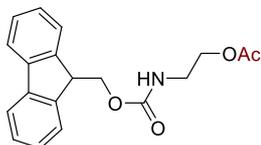
From *o*-vanillin (**3t**, 0.152 g, 1 mmol); white solid; yield: 0.191 g (98%); mp 73–75 °C (lit.²⁰ 75–77 °C); R_f = 0.36 (PE/EtOAc = 3:1). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 10.13 (s, 1H), 7.46 (dd, J_1 = 7.8 Hz, J_2 = 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.34 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.22 (dd, J_1 = 8.2 Hz, J_2 = 1.5 Hz, 1H), 3.88 (s, 3H), 2.40 (s, 3H).

4-Phenylbutyl Acetate (**4u**)²¹



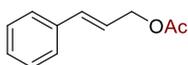
From 4-phenylbutan-1-ol (**3u**, 0.150 g, 1 mmol); colorless liquid; yield: 0.181 g (94%); R_f = 0.72 (PE/EtOAc = 3:1). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 7.31 – 7.26 (m, 2H), 7.21 – 7.15 (m, 3H), 4.08 (t, J = 6.2 Hz, 2H), 2.64 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 2.04 (s, 3H), 1.72 – 1.64 (m, 4H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 171.2, 142.0, 128.4, 128.3, 125.8, 64.4, 35.5, 28.2, 27.7, 21.0.

2-(((9*H*-Fluoren-9-yl)methoxy)carbonyl)amino)ethyl Acetate (**4v**)²²



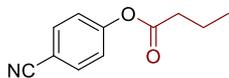
From (9*H*-fluoren-9-yl)methyl (2-hydroxyethyl)carbamate (**3v**, 0.283 g, 1 mmol); white solid; mp 120–121 °C; yield: 0.316 g (97%); R_f = 0.72 (PE/EtOAc = 1:1). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ *anti*-**4v**: 7.77 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.59 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.41 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.32 (td, J_1 = 7.5 Hz, J_2 = 1.2 Hz, 2H), 5.04 (br s, 1H), 4.43 (d, J = 6.9 Hz, 2H), 4.22 (t, J = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 4.15 (t, J = 5.3 Hz, 2H), 3.47 (q, J = 5.6 Hz, 2H), 2.08 (s, 3H); *syn*-**4v**: 7.77 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.59 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.41 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.32 (td, J_1 = 7.5 Hz, J_2 = 1.2 Hz, 2H), 4.76 (br s, 1H), 4.46 (br s, 2H), 4.22 (t, J = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 3.99 (br s, 2H), 3.34 (br s, 2H), 2.08 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 171.0, 156.3, 143.9, 141.3, 127.7, 127.1, 125.0, 120.0, 66.8, 63.4, 47.2, 40.2, 20.9.

Cinnamyl Acetate (**4w**)²³



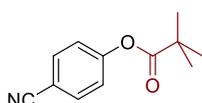
From cinnamyl alcohol (**3w**, 0.134 g, 1 mmol), DTBMP (0.012 g, 0.06 mmol, 0.06 equiv), Ac₂O (0.153 g, 1.5 mmol, 1.5 equiv), and LiNTf₂ (0.006 g, 0.02 mmol, 0.02 equiv); colorless oil; yield: 0.164 g (93%); *R*_f = 0.77 (PE/EtOAc = 3:1). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 7.39 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 7.32 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.26 (tt, *J*₁ = 7.2 Hz, *J*₂ = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 6.66 (d, *J* = 15.9 Hz, 1H), 6.29 (dt, *J*₁ = 15.9 Hz, *J*₂ = 6.4 Hz, 1H), 4.73 (dd, *J*₁ = 6.5 Hz, *J*₂ = 1.3 Hz, 2H), 2.10 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 170.9, 136.2, 134.2, 128.6, 128.1, 126.6, 123.2, 65.1, 21.0.

4-Cyanophenyl Butyrate (**4x**)



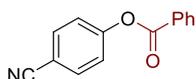
From **3b** (0.119 g, 1 mmol) and (*n*PrCO)₂O (0.227 g, 1.5 mmol, 1.5 equiv); colorless liquid, solidified after standing overnight at bench; yield: 0.188 g (99%); mp 32–34 °C (lit.² 32–33 °C); *R*_f = 0.40 (PE/EtOAc = 10:1). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 7.69 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.23 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 2.57 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 1.79 (h, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 1.05 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 171.3, 154.0, 133.7, 122.8, 118.3, 109.6, 36.1, 18.3, 13.6.

4-Cyanophenyl Pivalate (**4y**)



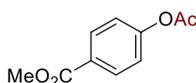
From **3b** (0.119 g, 1 mmol) and Piv₂O (0.279 g, 1.5 mmol, 1.5 equiv); white solid; yield: 0.146 g (71%); mp 32–34 °C (lit.² 32–33 °C); *R*_f = 0.40 (PE/EtOAc = 10:1). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 7.69 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 7.20 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 1.36 (s, 9H).

4-Cyanophenyl Benzoate (**4z**)



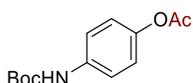
From **3b** (0.119 g, 1 mmol) and Bz₂O (0.339 g, 1.5 mmol, 1.5 equiv); white solid; yield: 0.195 g (87%); mp 91–93 °C (lit.²⁴ 90–91.8 °C); *R*_f = 0.34 (PE/EtOAc = 10:1). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 8.20 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.75 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 7.68 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.54 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.38 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H).

Methyl 4-Acetoxybenzoate (**2**). General Procedure B.



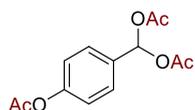
To a 100 mL round-bottom flask was added Ac₂O (0.153 g, 1.5 mmol, 1.5 equiv), methyl 4-hydroxybenzoate (**1**, 0.152 g, 1 mmol), Cu(NTf₂)₂ (0.006 g, 0.01 mmol, 1 mol%), and DCM (1.5 mL) in sequence. After stirring for 18 h at room temperature, silica gel (100–200 mesh) was added, and the volatiles were removed by a rotary evaporator. *Note: extraction with EtOAc was unnecessary.* The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (200–300 mesh, eluent: PE/EtOAc = 4:1, v/v) to afford **2** as a white solid, yield: 0.189 g (97%). Unless specified otherwise, the following compounds were prepared following this general procedure, and the characterization data of the following products match those prepared following General Procedure A.

4-((*tert*-Butoxycarbonyl)amino)phenyl Acetate (**4e**)⁵



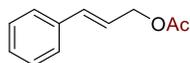
From 4-((*tert*-butoxycarbonyl)amino)phenol (**3e**, 0.209 g, 1 mmol); white solid; yield: 0.099 g (39%).

(4-Acetoxyphenyl)methylene Diacetate (**4l'**)



From 4-hydroxybenzaldehyde (**3i**, 0.122 g, 1 mmol) and Ac₂O (0.510 g, 5 mmol, 5 equiv); white solid; yield: 0.146 g (54%); mp 91–93 °C (lit.²⁵ 90–92 °C); *R*_f = 0.47 (PE/EtOAc = 2:1). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 7.67 (s, 1H), 7.55 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.13 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 2.31 (s, 3H), 2.12 (s, 6H).

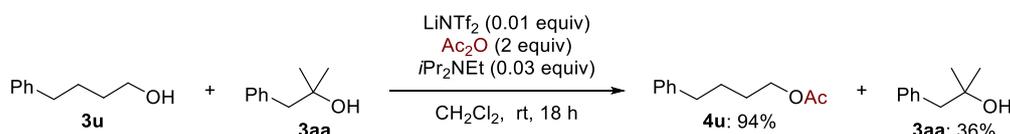
Cinnamyl Acetate (**4w**)²³



From cinnamyl alcohol (**3w**, 0.134 g, 1 mmol) and Mn(NTf₂)₂ (0.006 g, 0.01 mmol, 1 mol%) in neat Ac₂O (0.153 g, 1.5 mmol) for 10 minutes at room temperature. Then Al₂O₃ was added to the reaction mixture, followed by purification with column chromatography on silica gel (200–300 mesh, eluent: PE/EtOAc = 10:1, v/v); colorless oil; yield: 0.159 g (90%).

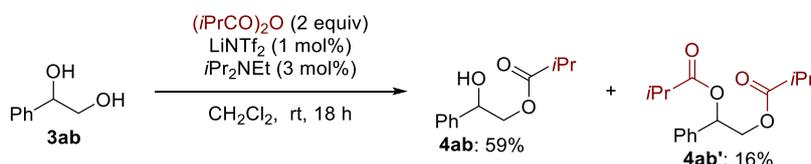
Chemoselective Acylation

4-Phenylbutyl Acetate (**4u**)



A mixture of **3u** (0.151 g, 1 mmol) and **3aa** (0.150 g, 1 mmol, 1 equiv) was treated with LiNTf₂ (0.003 g, 0.01 mmol, 1 mol%), *i*Pr₂NEt (0.004 g, 0.03 mmol, 3 mol%), and Ac₂O (0.204 g, 2 mmol, 2 equiv) following General Procedure A to afford **4u**; yield: 0.182 g (94%). Unreacted **3aa** was recovered (0.055 g, 36%). The poor recovery of **3aa** was seemingly due to decomposition.

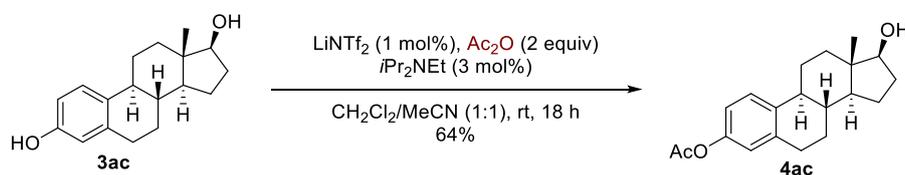
2-Hydroxy-2-phenylethyl isobutyrate (**4ab**)²⁶



1-Phenylethane-1,2-diol (**3ab**, 0.138 g, 1 mmol) was treated with LiNTf₂ (0.003 g, 0.01 mmol, 1 mol%), *i*Pr₂NEt (0.004 g, 0.03 mmol, 3 mol%), and (*i*PrCO)₂O (0.316 g, 2 mmol, 2 equiv) following General Procedure A to afford **4ab** as a colorless oil, yield: 0.124 g (59%); *R*_f = 0.46 (PE/EtOAc = 3:1). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 7.42 – 7.29 (m, 5H), 4.97 (dd, *J*₁ = 8.2 Hz, *J*₂ = 3.5 Hz, 1H), 4.29 (dd, *J*₁ = 11.6 Hz, *J*₂ = 3.5 Hz, 1H), 4.18 (dd, *J*₁ = 11.6 Hz, *J*₂ = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 2.60 (hept, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 1.176 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 3H), 1.173 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 177.4, 139.8, 128.6, 128.2, 126.2, 72.5, 69.2, 33.9, 19.0.

1-Phenylethane-1,2-diyl Diisobutyrate (**4ab***)²⁶ was obtained as a by-product during the preparation of **4ab**; colorless oil; yield: 0.046 g (16%); *R*_f = 0.75 (PE/EtOAc = 3:1). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 7.43 – 7.28 (m, 5H), 6.03 (dd, *J*₁ = 7.2 Hz, *J*₂ = 4.8 Hz, 1H), 4.35 – 4.26 (m, 2H), 2.62 (hept, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 2.54 (hept, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 1.20 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 3H), 1.17 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 3H), 1.143 (dd, *J* = 7.1, 3H), 1.139 (dd, *J* = 7.0, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 176.6, 176.0, 136.8, 128.6, 128.5, 126.6, 73.0, 66.0, 34.1, 33.9, 19.0, 18.9, 18.9.

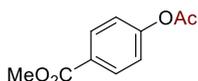
Estrodiol Acetate (**4ac**)



Estrogen (**3ac**, 0.272 g, 1 mmol) was treated with LiNTf₂ (0.003 g, 0.01 mmol, 1 mol%), *i*Pr₂NEt (0.004 g, 0.03 mmol, 3 mol%), and Ac₂O (0.153 g, 1.5 mmol, 1.5 equiv) in anhydrous dichloromethane (5 mL) and anhydrous MeCN (5 mL) following General Procedure A to afford **4ac** as a white solid; yield: 0.203 g (64%); mp 138–140 °C (lit.²⁷ 135–136 °C); *R*_f = 0.32 (PE/EtOAc = 3:1). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 7.29 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 6.84 (dd, *J*₁ = 8.5 Hz, *J*₂ = 2.6 Hz, 1H), 6.79 (d, *J* = 2.6 Hz, 1H), 3.73 (td, *J*₁ = 8.5 Hz, *J*₂ = 4.3 Hz, 1H), 2.86 (dt, *J*₁ = 7.3 Hz, *J*₂ = 4.7 Hz, 2H), 2.38–2.26 (m, 1H), 2.28 (s, 3H), 2.26 – 2.17 (m, 1H), 2.12 (dtd, *J*₁ = 12.8 Hz, *J*₂ = 9.3 Hz, *J*₃ = 5.4 Hz, 1H), 1.95 (ddd, *J*₁ = 12.6 Hz, *J*₂ = 3.9 Hz, *J*₃ = 2.6 Hz, 1H), 1.92 – 1.83 (m, 1H), 1.76 – 1.64 (m, 1H), 1.56 – 1.13 (m, 8H), 0.78 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 169.9, 148.4, 138.3, 138.0, 126.4, 121.5, 118.6, 81.9, 50.0, 44.1, 43.2, 38.4, 36.7, 30.6, 29.5, 27.0, 26.1, 23.1, 21.1, 11.0.

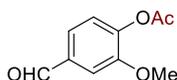
Gram-scale Preparations

Methyl 4-Acetoxybenzoate (**2**)



From **1** (1.521 g, 10 mmol), *i*Pr₂NEt (0.038 g, 0.3 mmol, 3 mol%), Ac₂O (1.530 g, 15 mmol, 1.5 equiv), and LiNTf₂ (0.029 g, 0.1 mmol, 1 mol%) in CH₂Cl₂ (20 mL), following General Procedure B; yield: 1.905 g (98%).

4-Formyl-2-methoxyphenyl Acetate (**4m**)

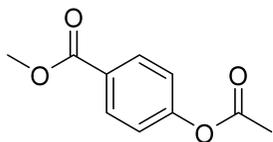


From **3m** (1.521 g, 10 mmol), *i*Pr₂NEt (0.038 g, 0.3 mmol, 3 mol%), Ac₂O (1.530 g, 15 mmol, 1.5 equiv) and LiNTf₂ (0.029 g, 0.1 mmol, 1 mol%) in CH₂Cl₂ (20 mL), following General Procedure B; yield: 1.753 g (90%).

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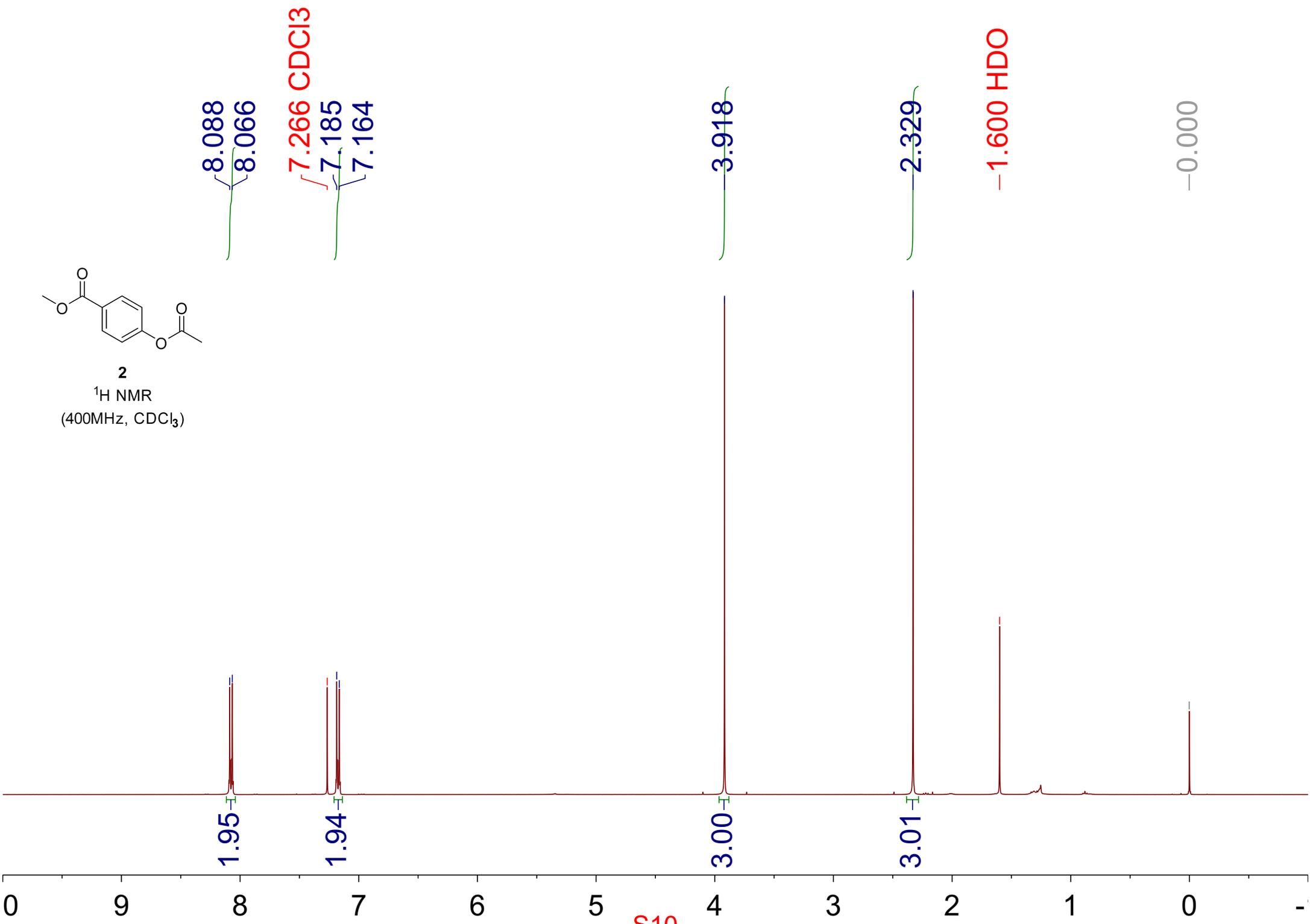
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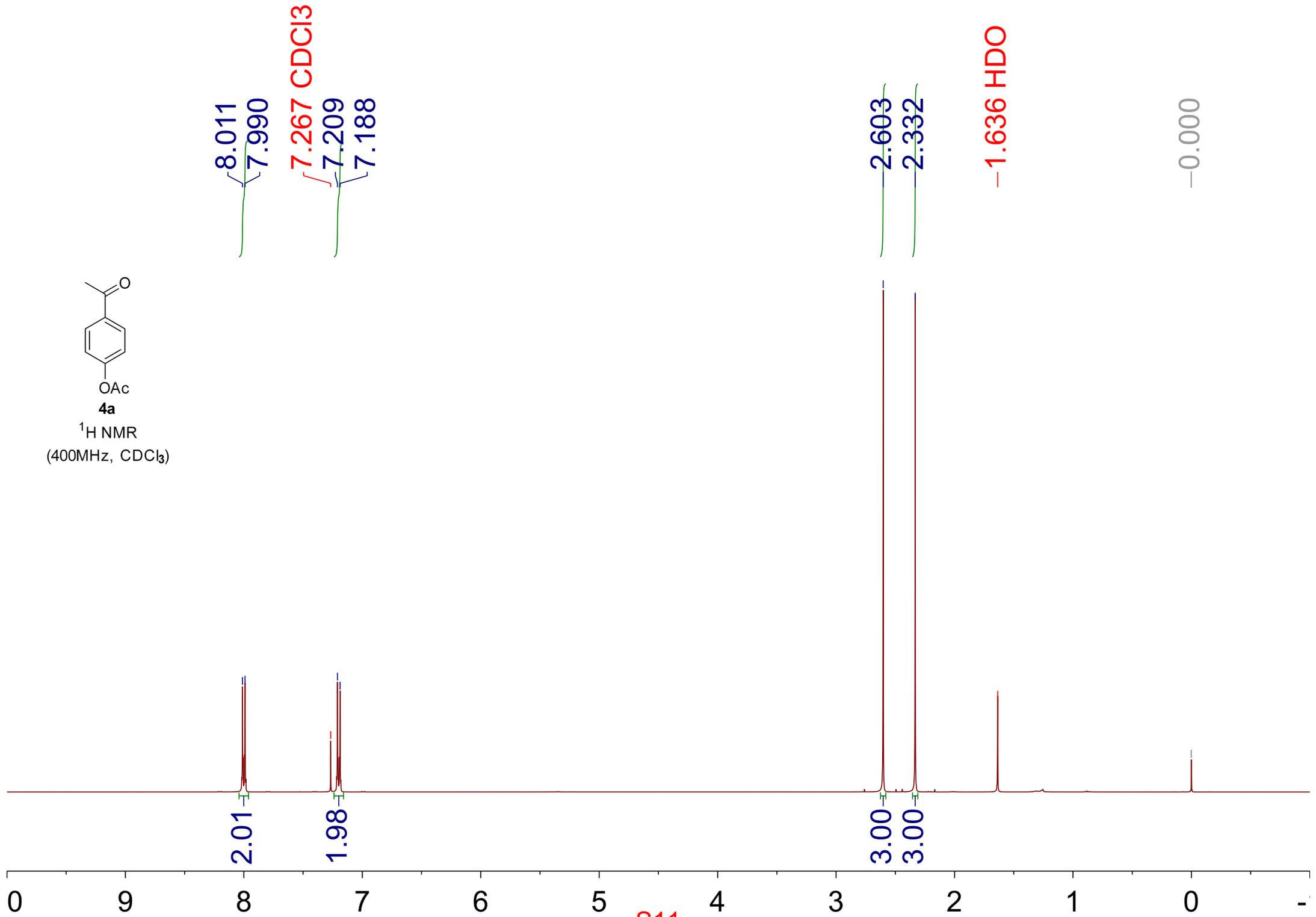
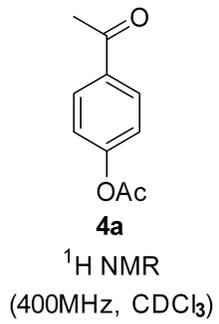
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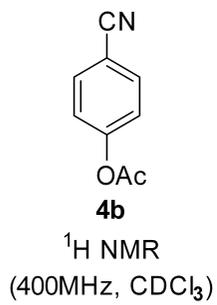


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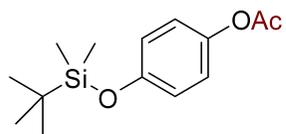
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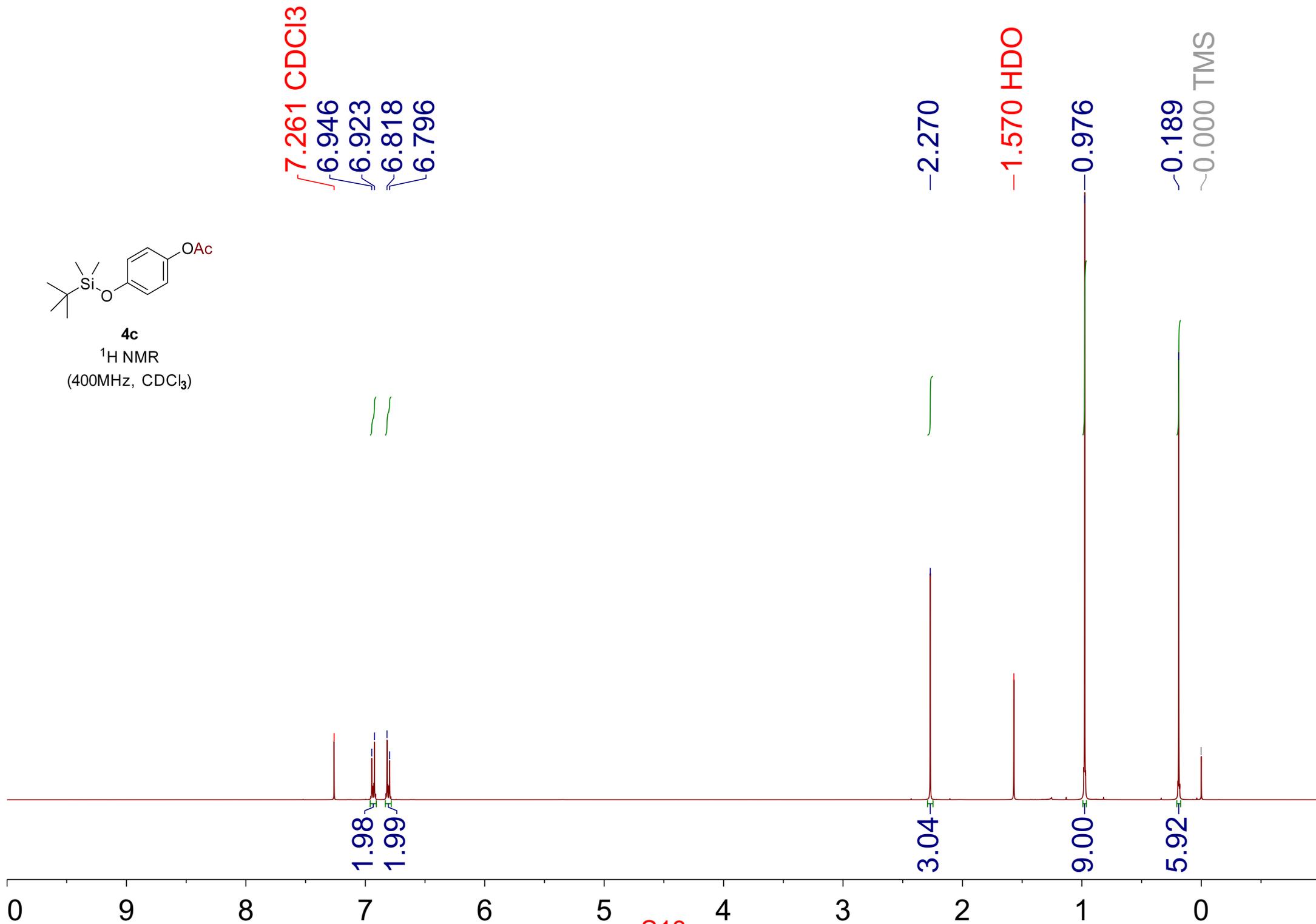
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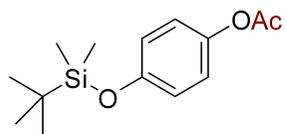
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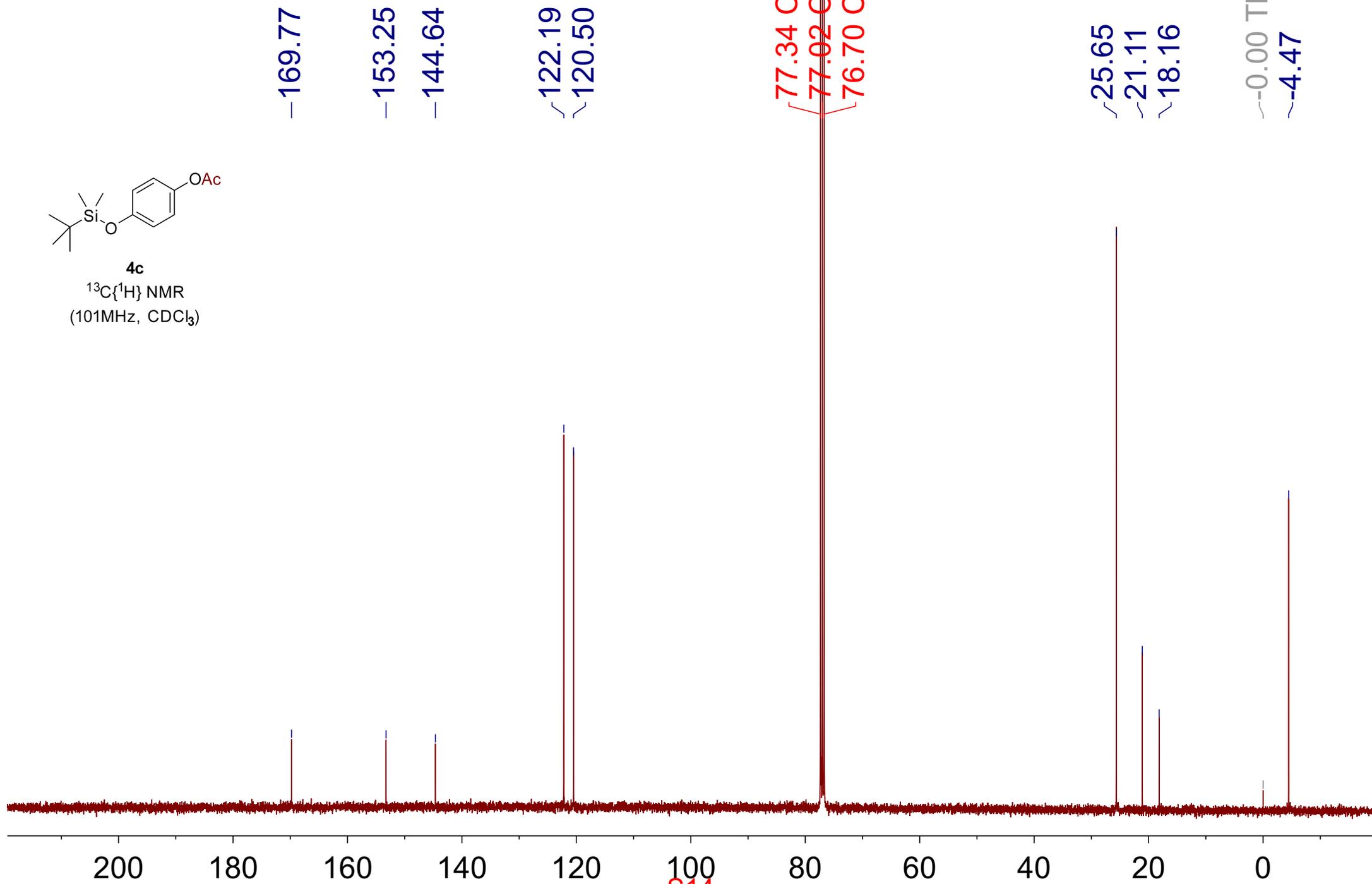
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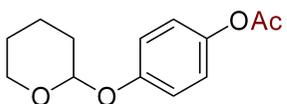




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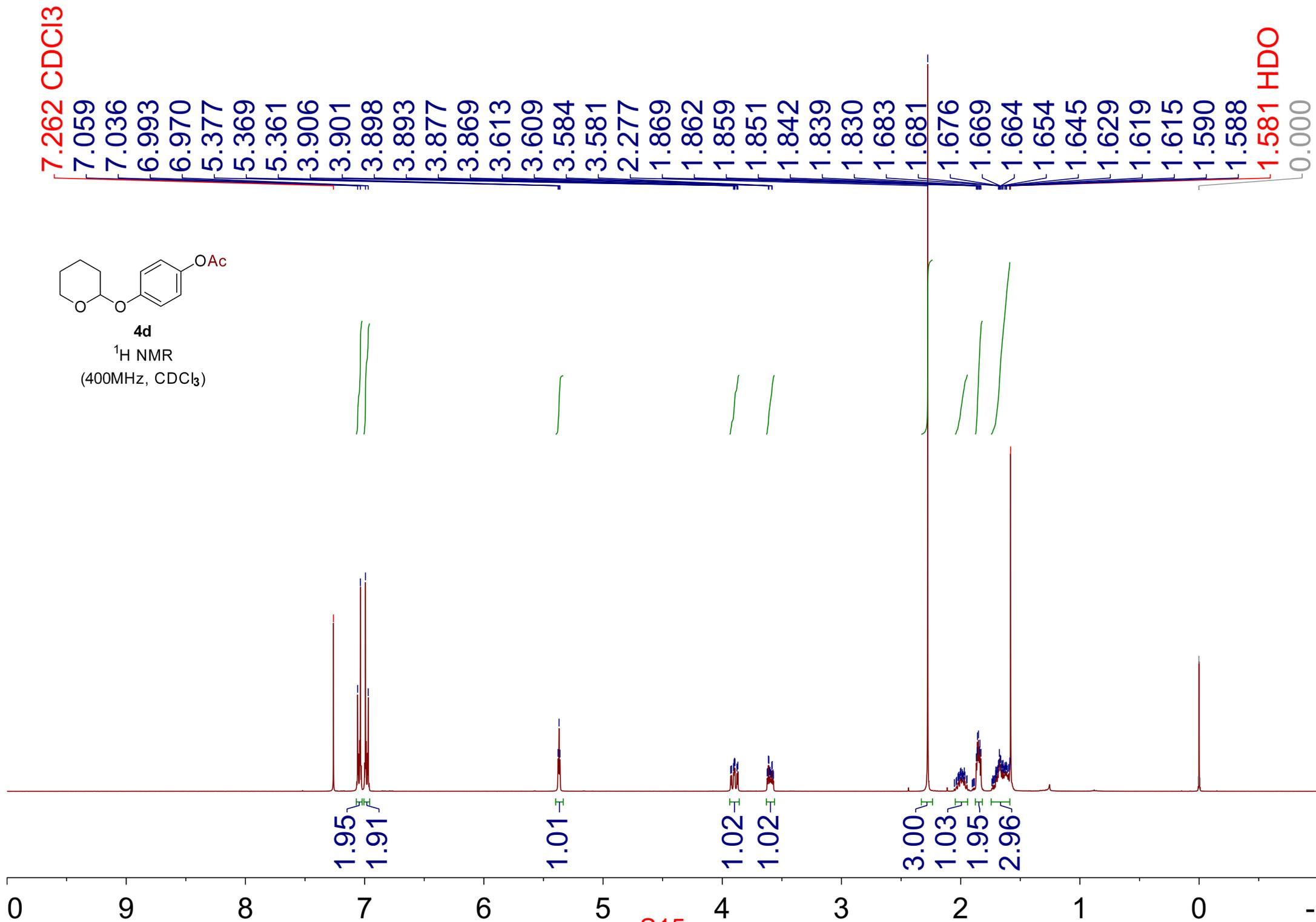
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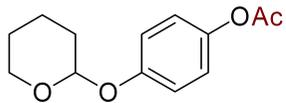




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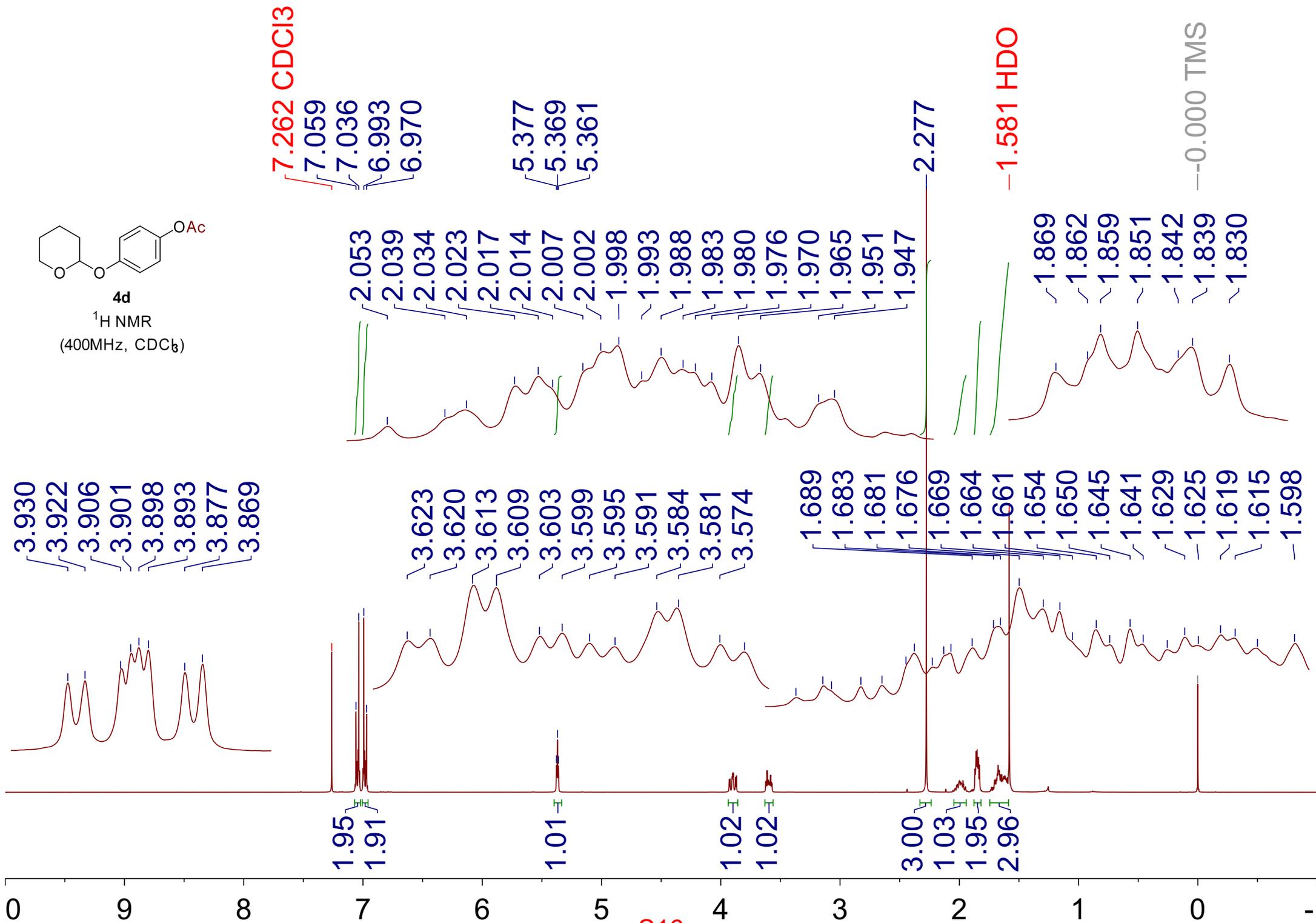
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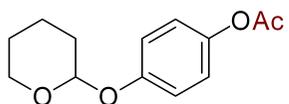




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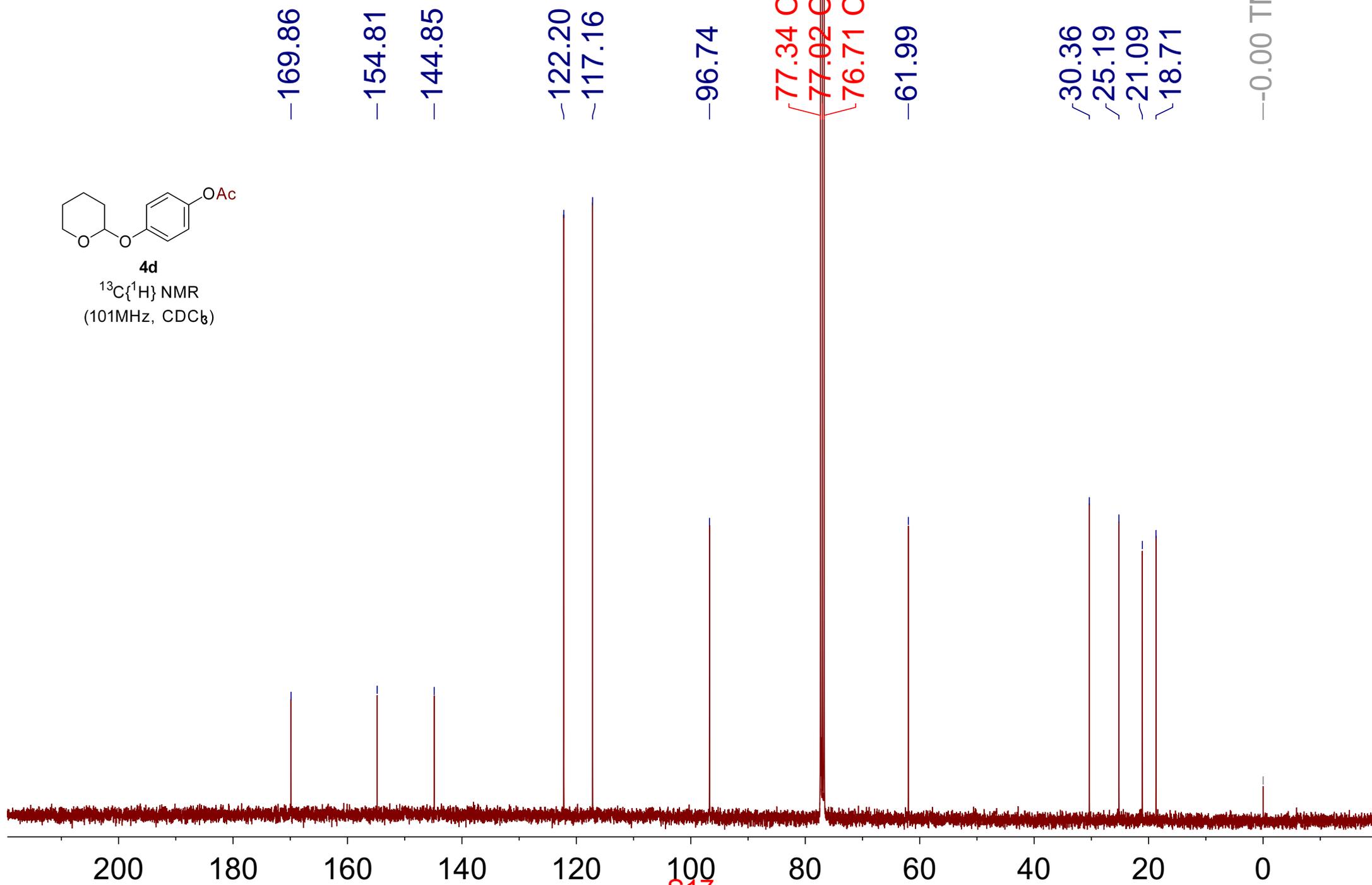
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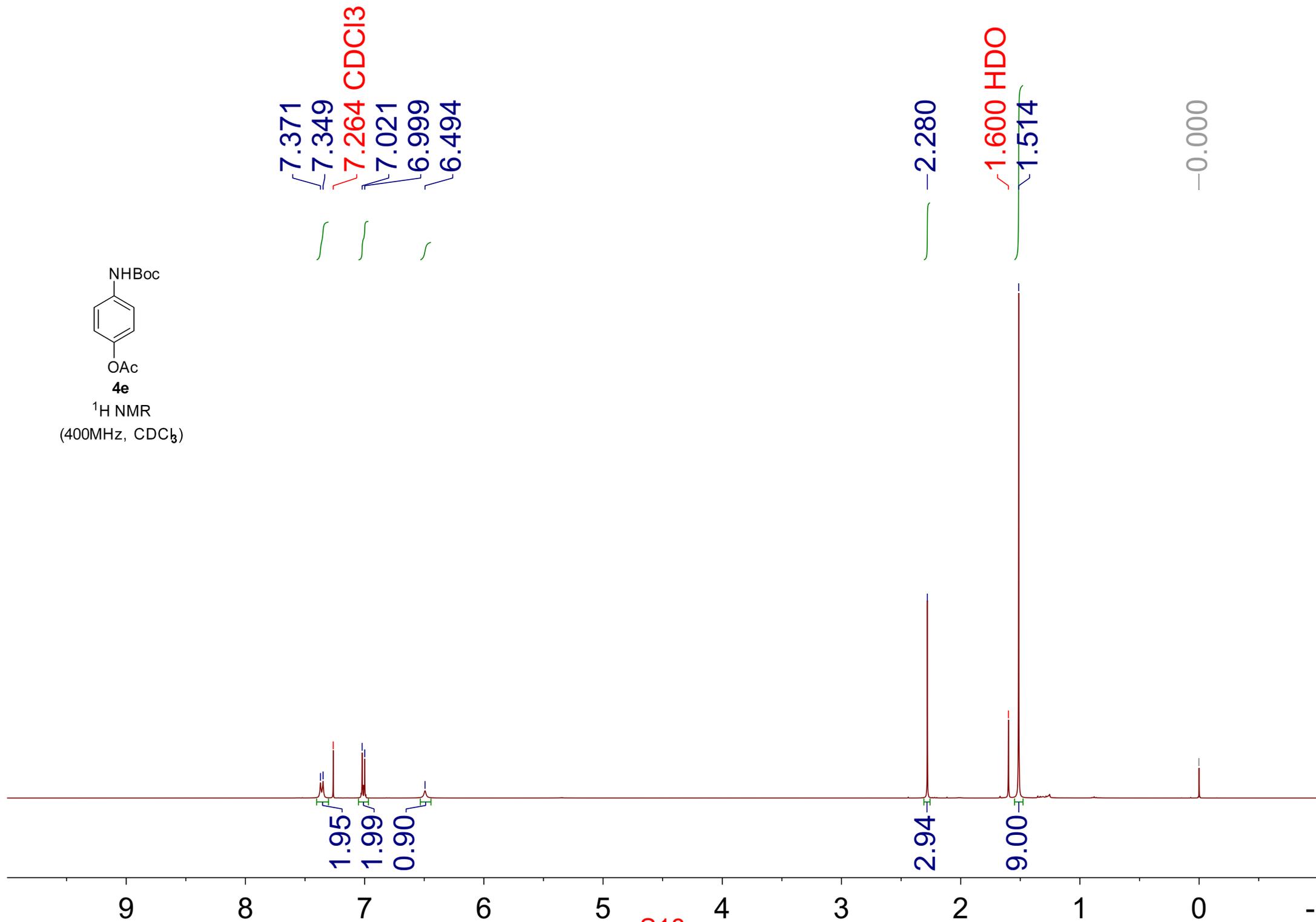
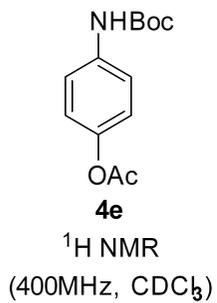


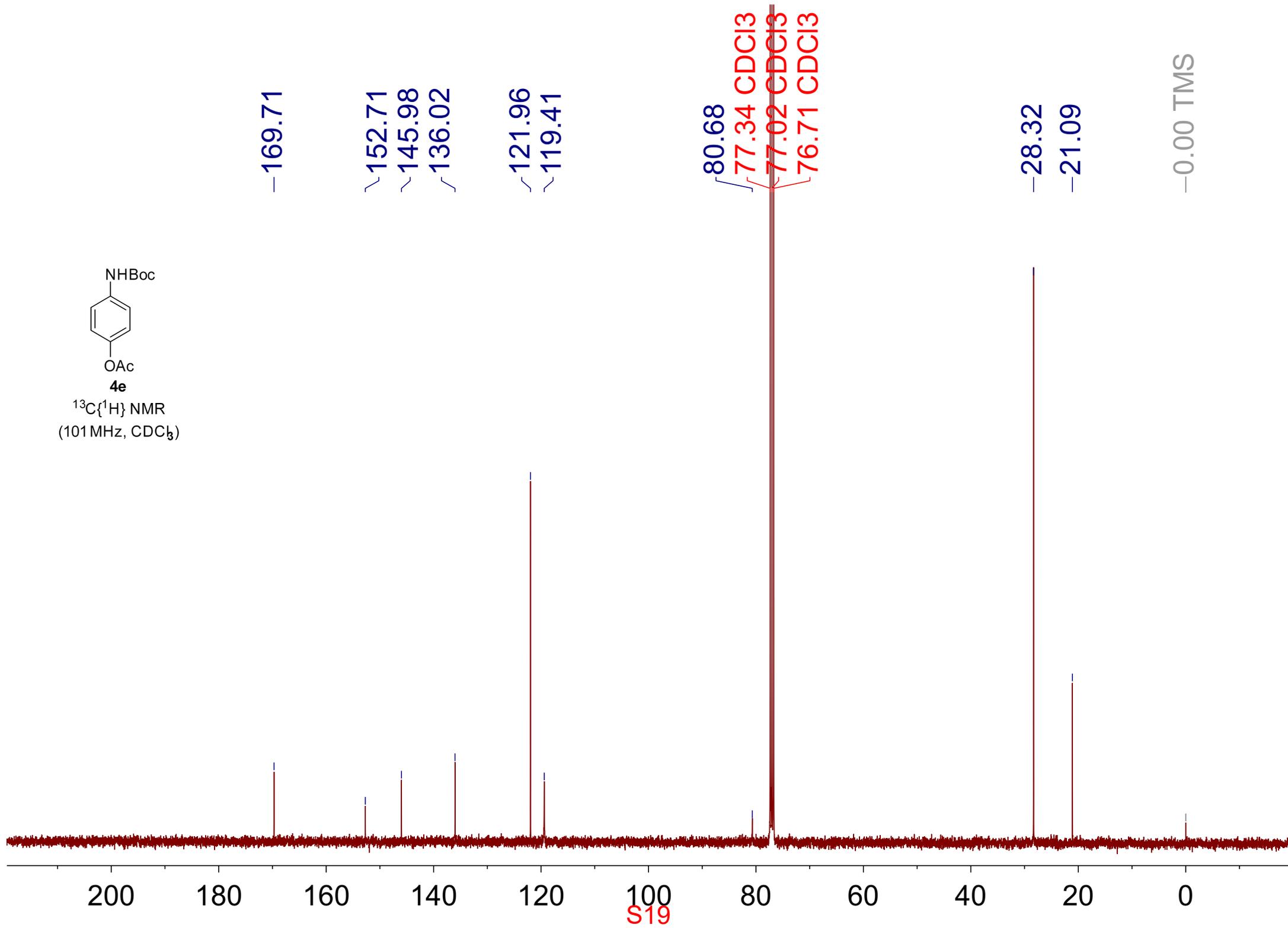
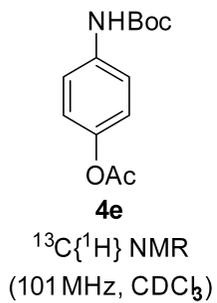


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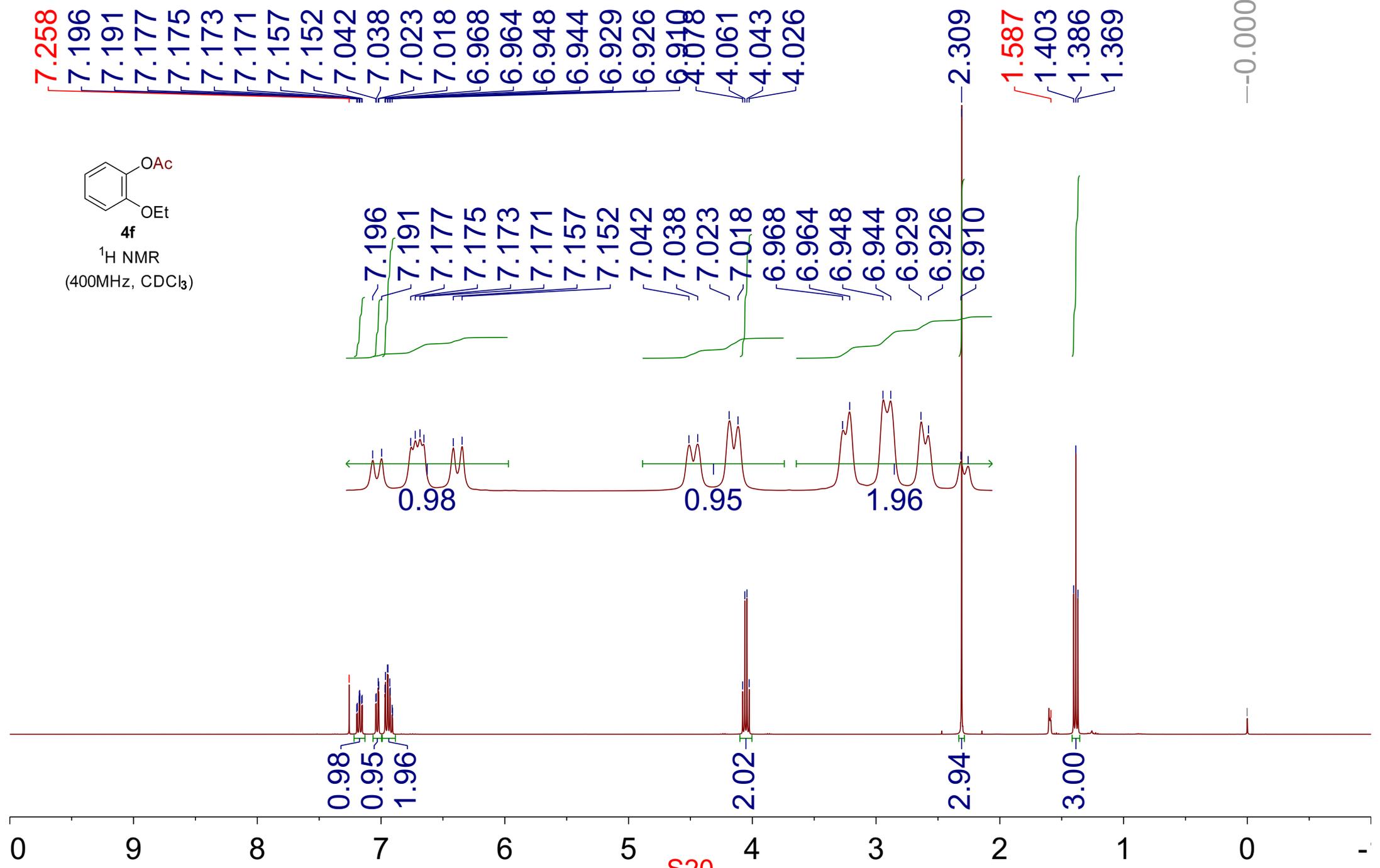
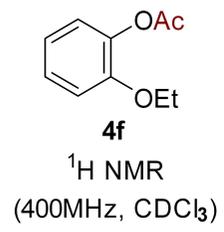
$^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR
(101MHz, CDCl_3)

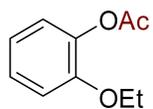






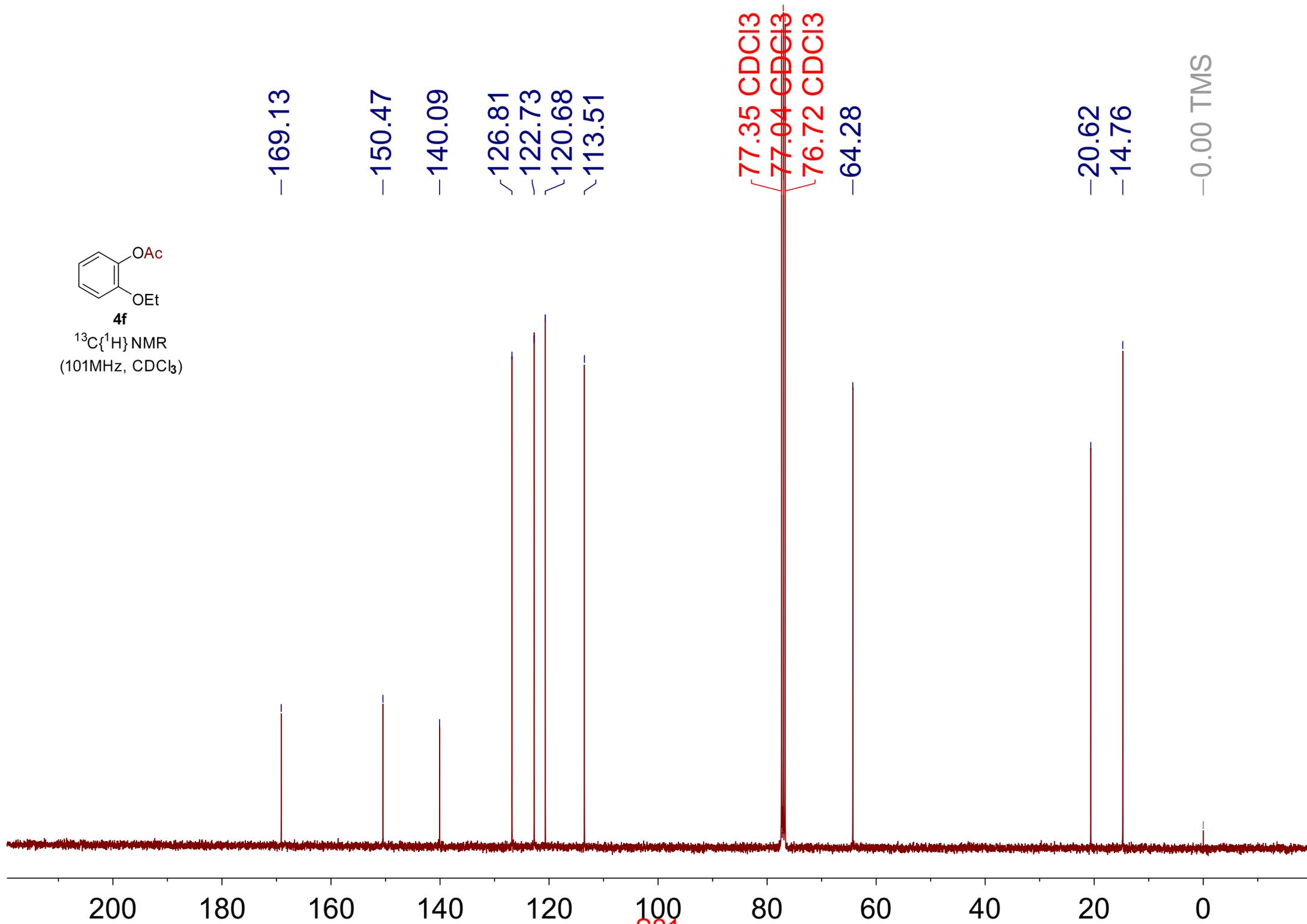
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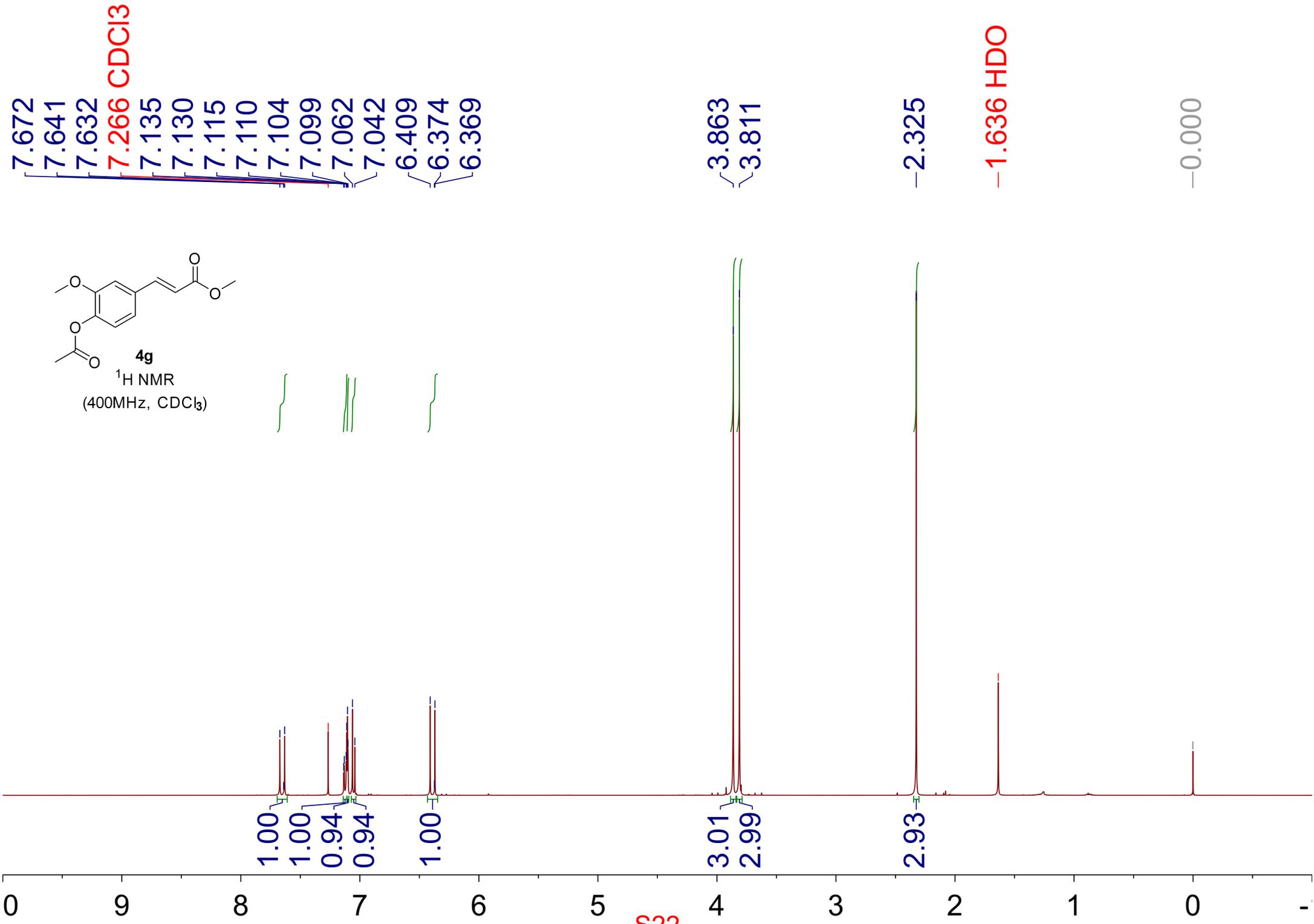


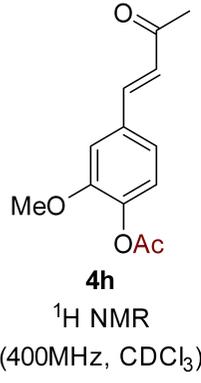


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$^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR
(101MHz, CDCl_3)





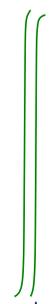
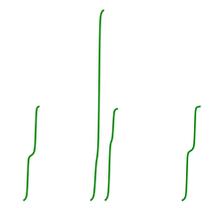


7.490
7.449
7.270 CDCl₃
7.147
7.126
7.075
7.054
6.681
6.640

-3.868

2.385
2.327

-0.000

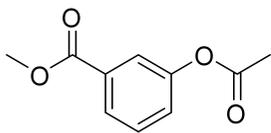


0.98
1.98
0.96
0.98

3.00

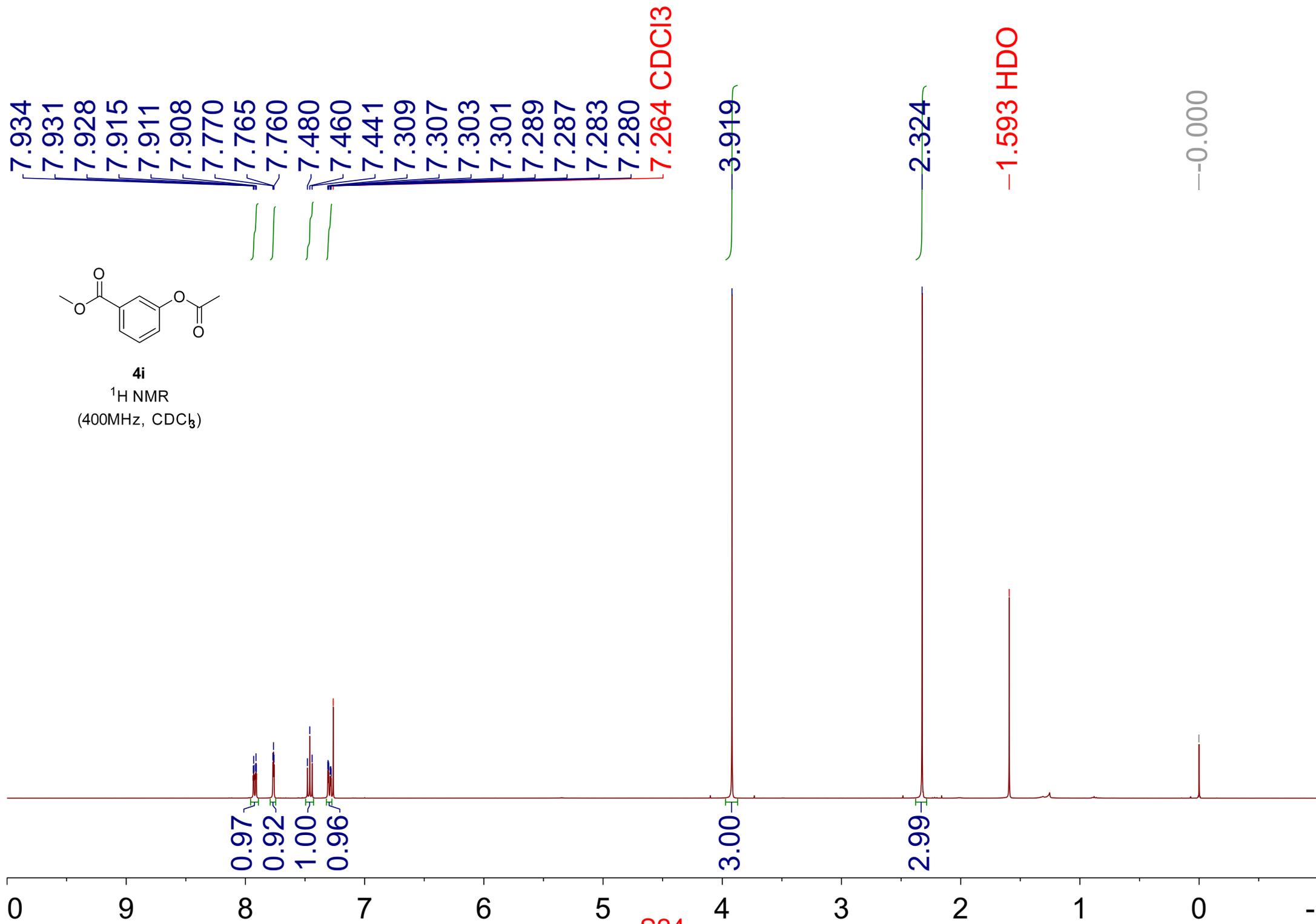
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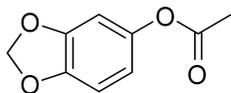




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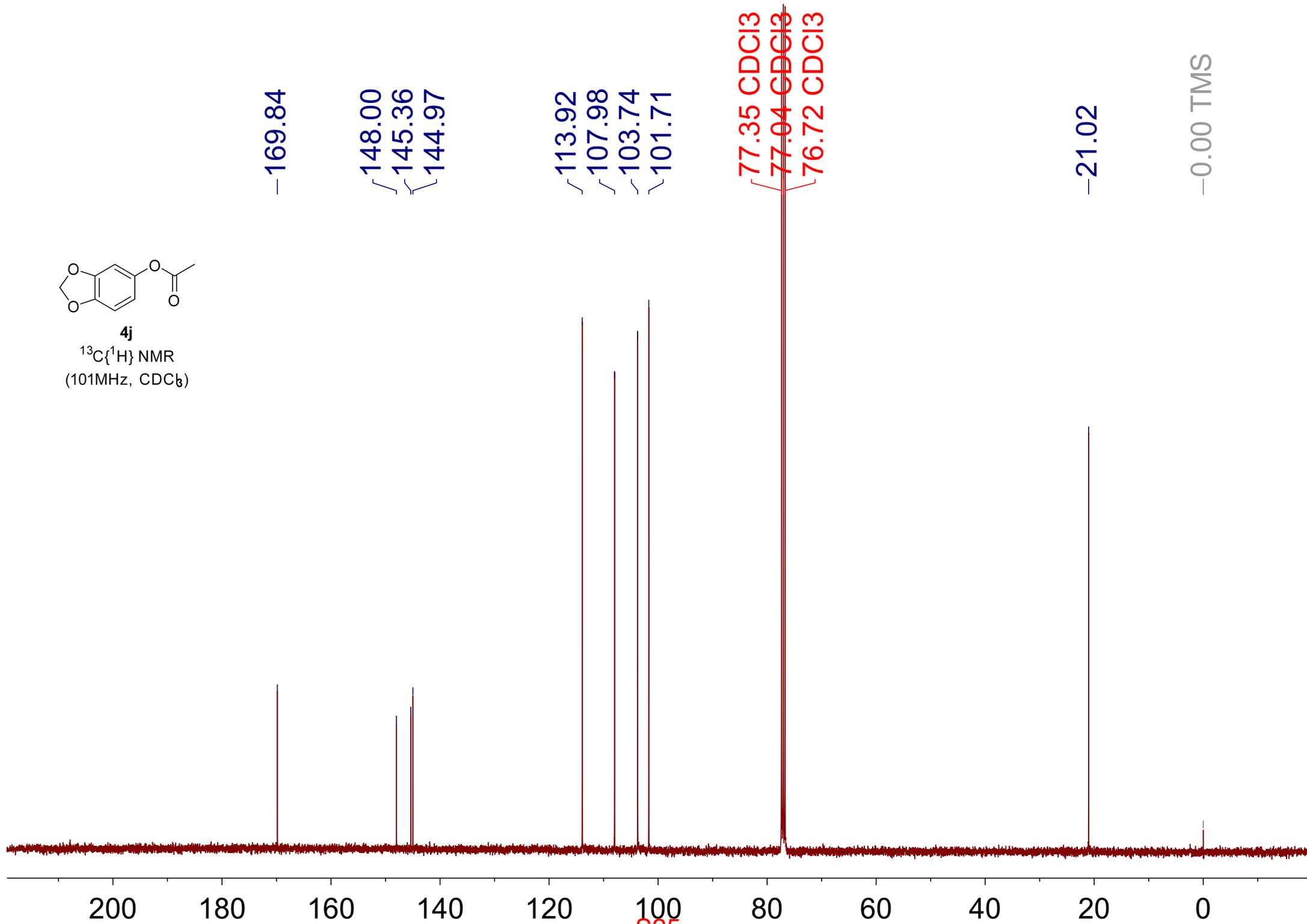
¹H NMR
(400MHz, CDCl₃)

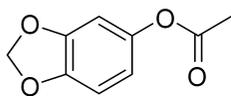




4j

$^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR
(101MHz, CDCl_3)





4j

¹H NMR
(400MHz, CDCl₃)

7.262 CDCl₃
6.780
6.759
6.605
6.599
6.534
6.529
6.514
6.508
5.976

0.92
0.84
0.91

1.97

3.00
2.268

-1.608 H₂O

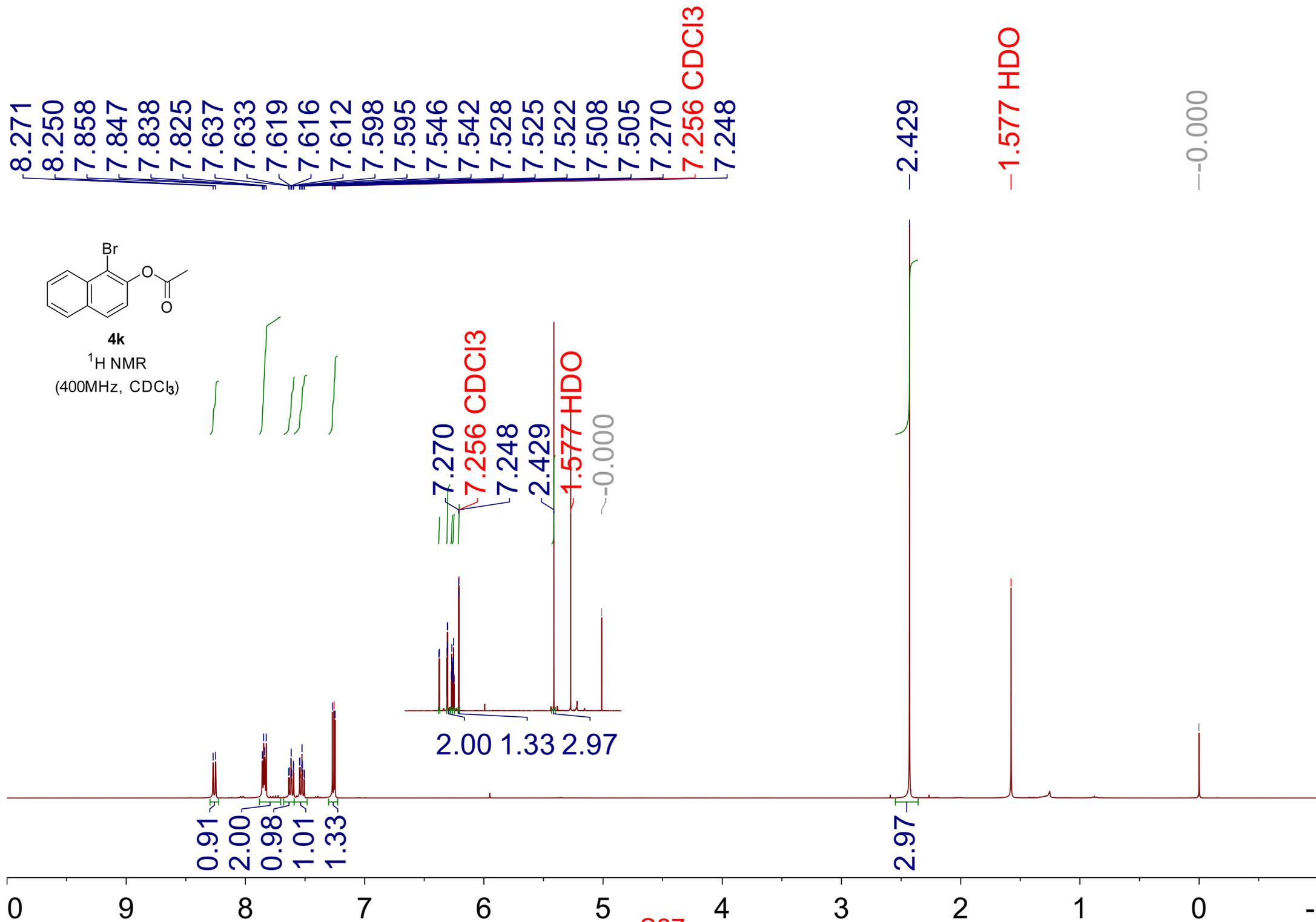
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4k

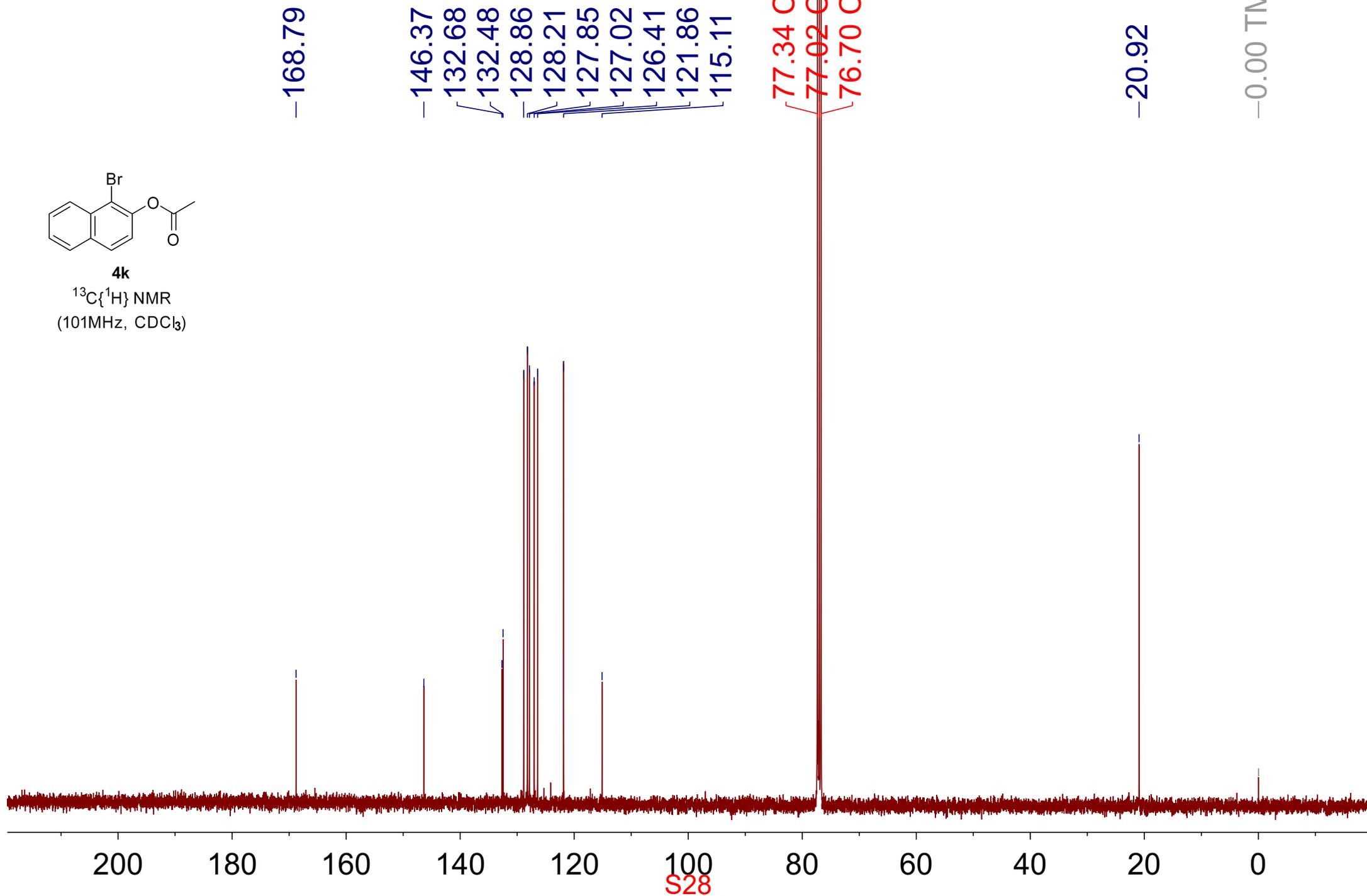
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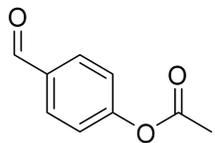




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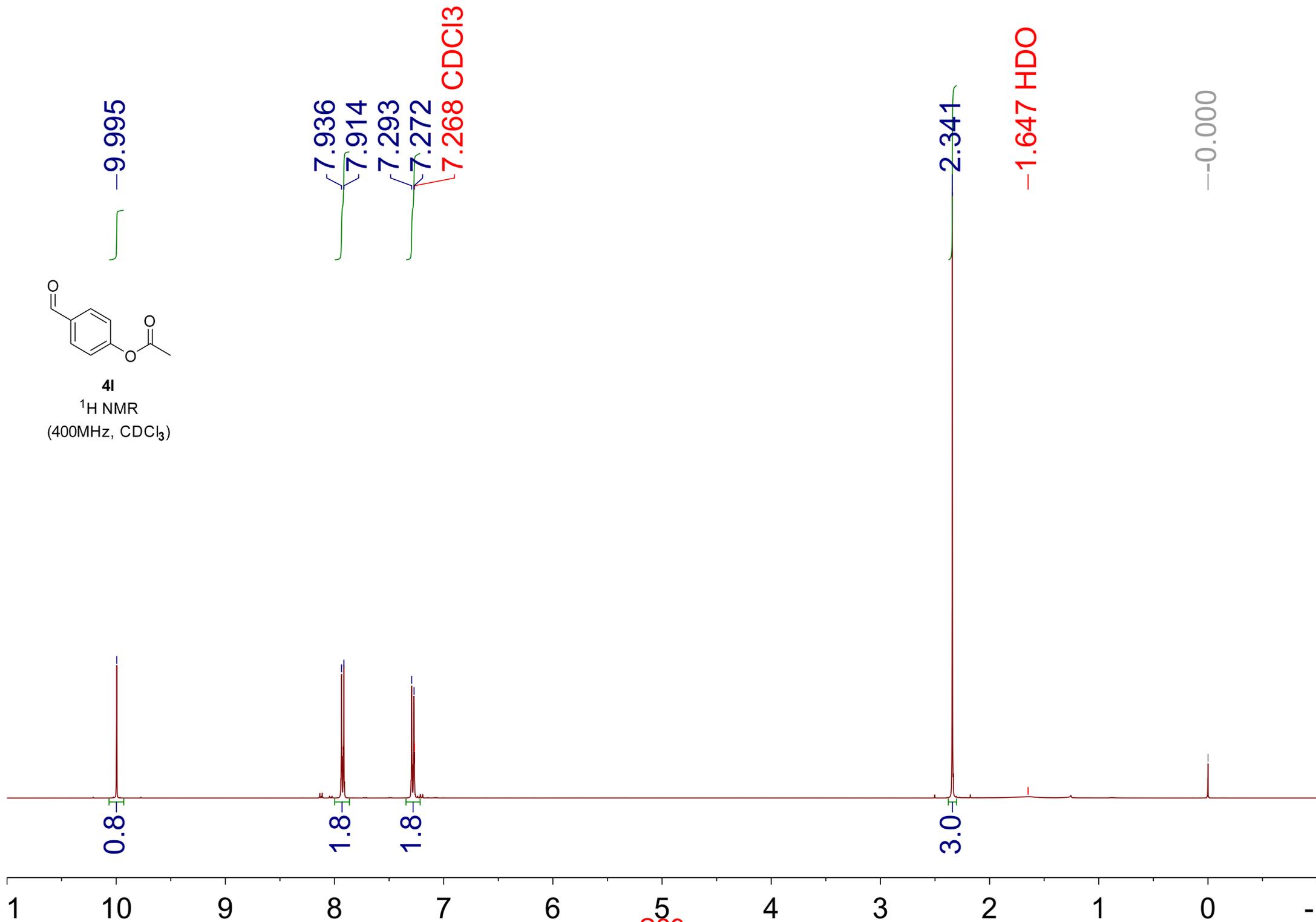
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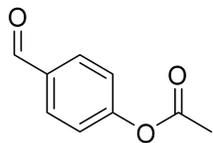




4l

¹H NMR
(400MHz, CDCl₃)





4I

$^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR
(101MHz, CDCl_3)

-190.94

-168.73

-155.35

-134.01

-131.23

-122.38

77.35 CDCl_3

77.03 CDCl_3

76.72 CDCl_3

-21.17

-0.00 TMS

200

180

160

140

120

100

80

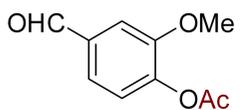
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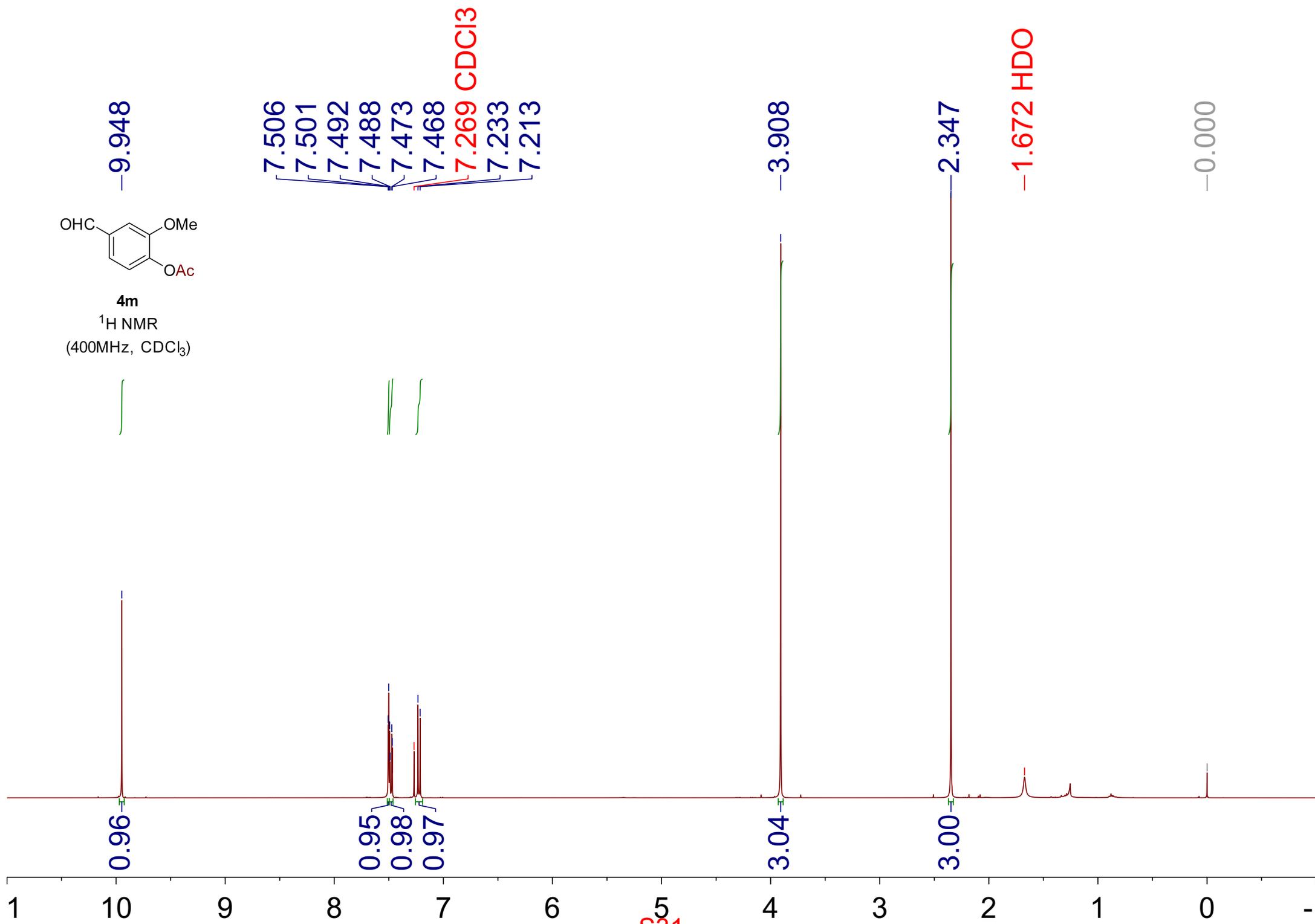
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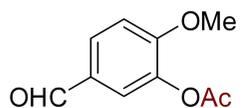
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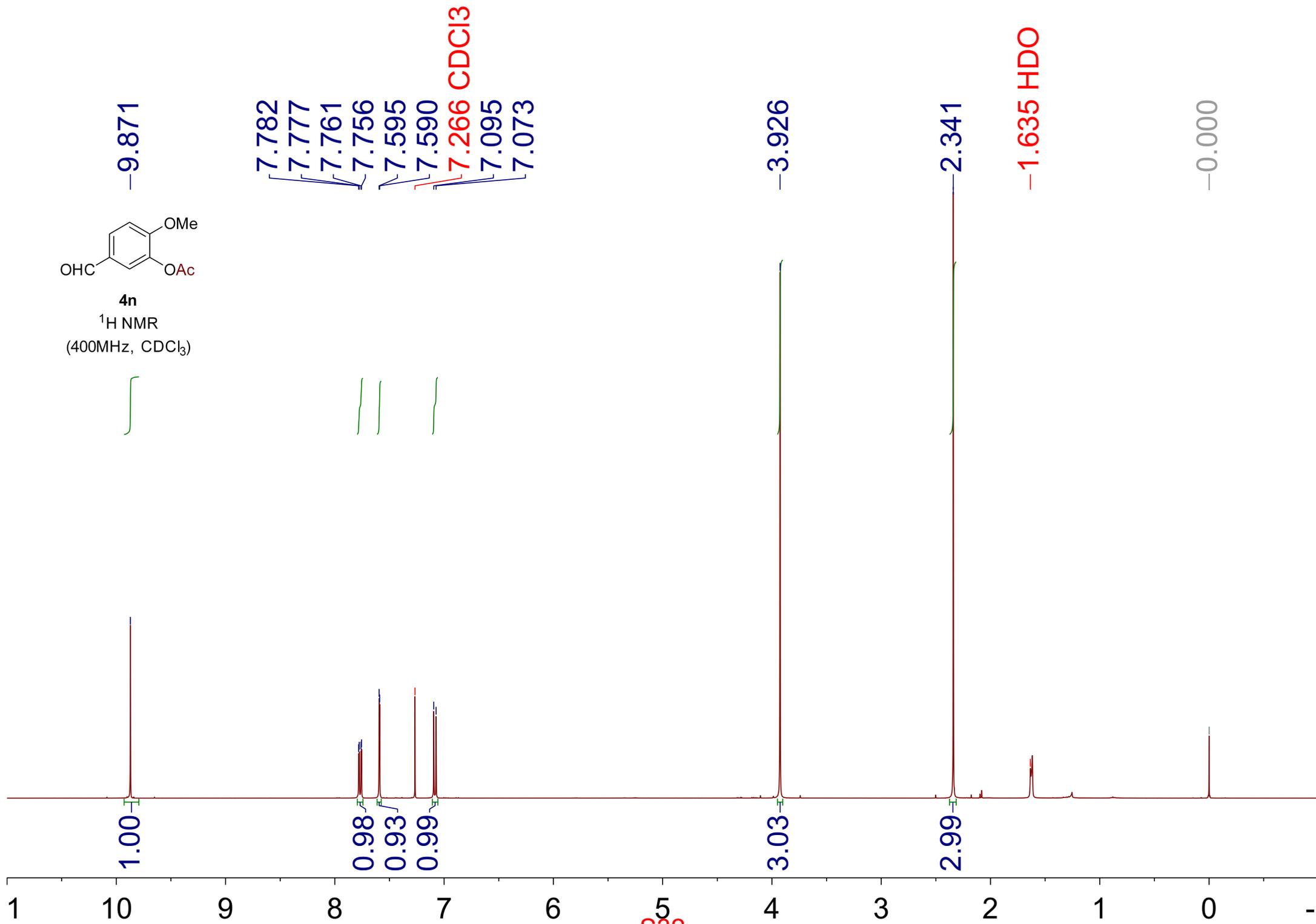
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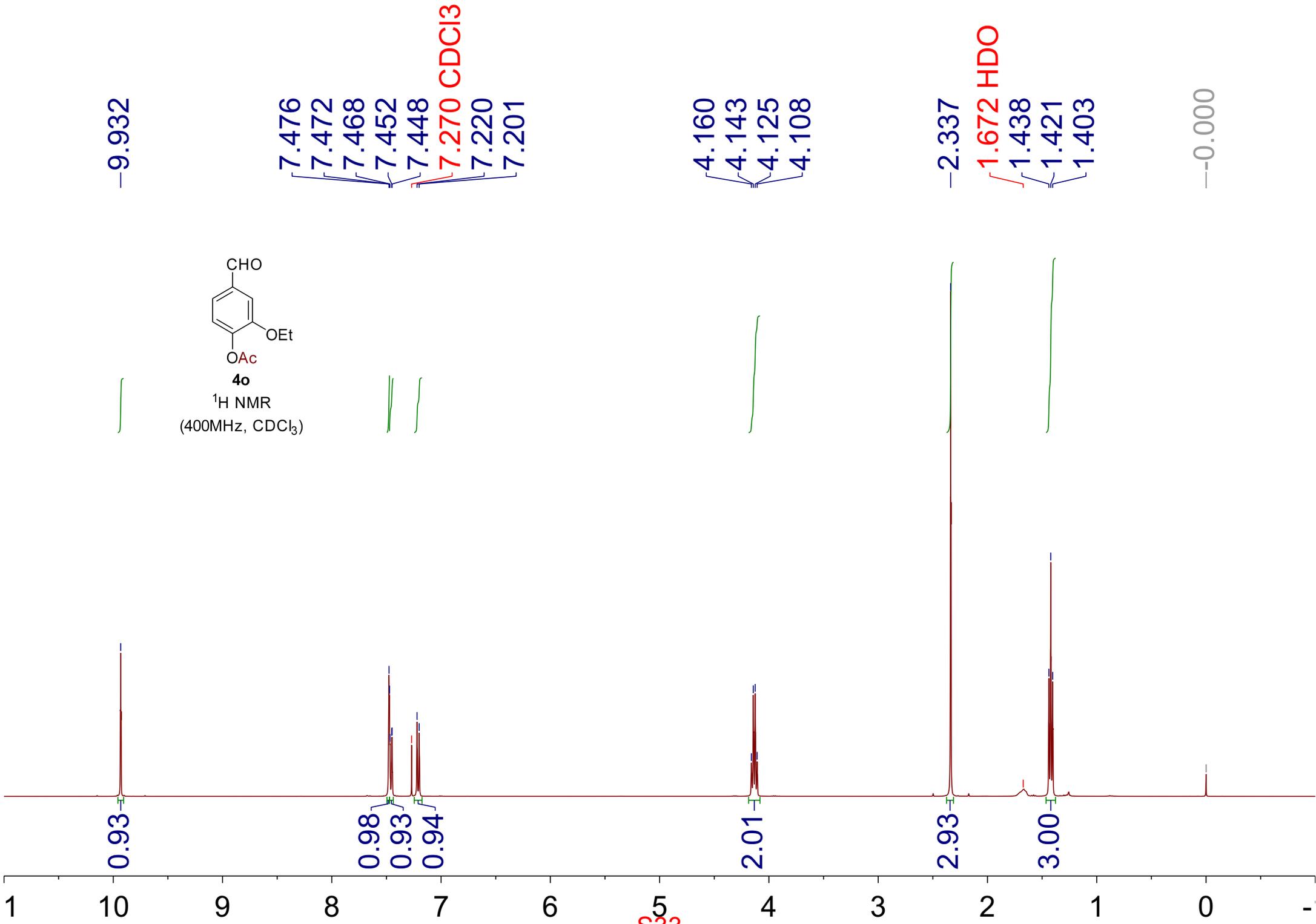


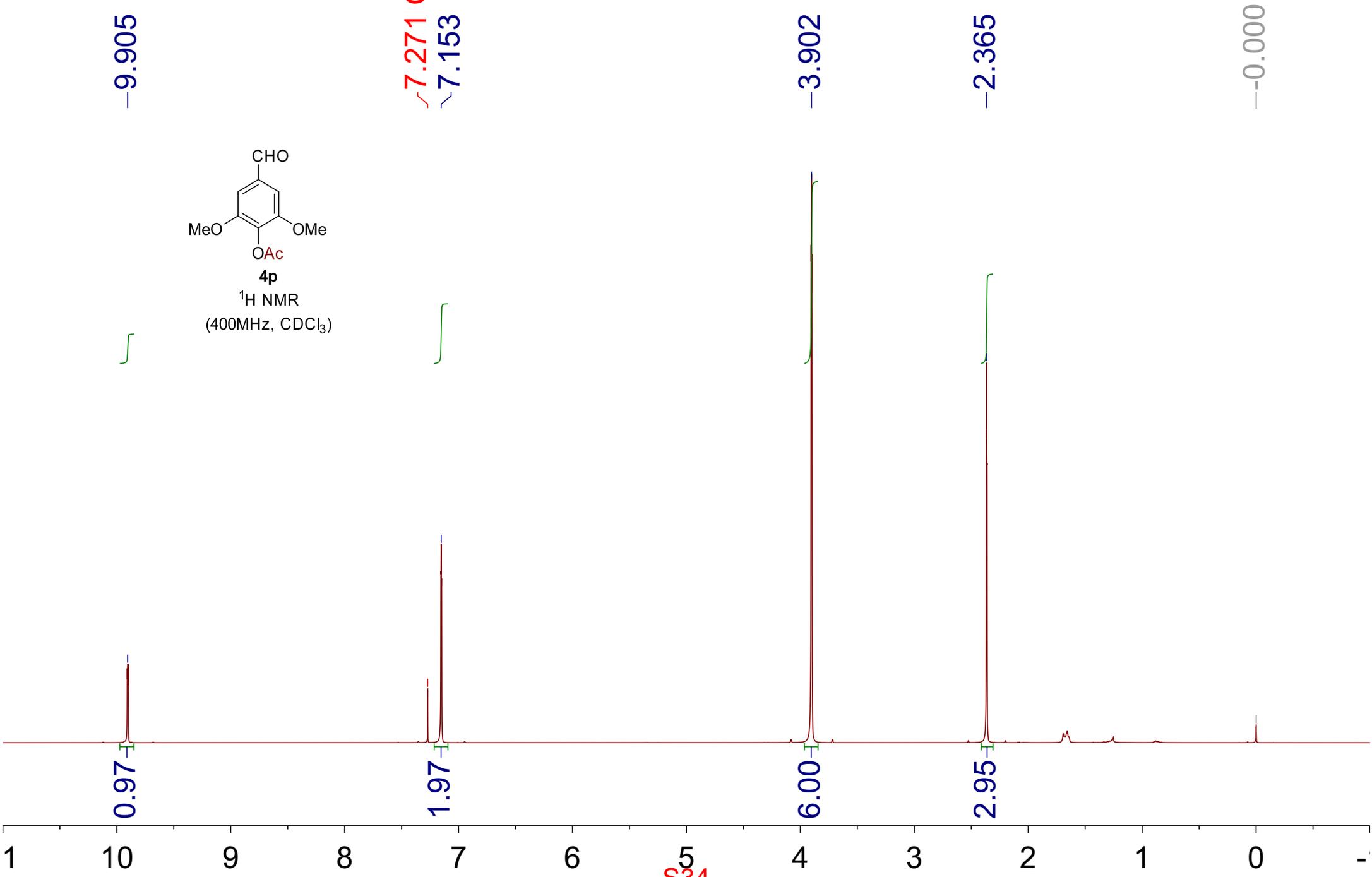
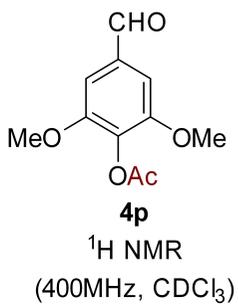


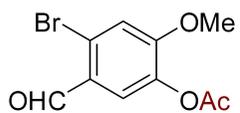
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¹H NMR
(400MHz, CDCl₃)



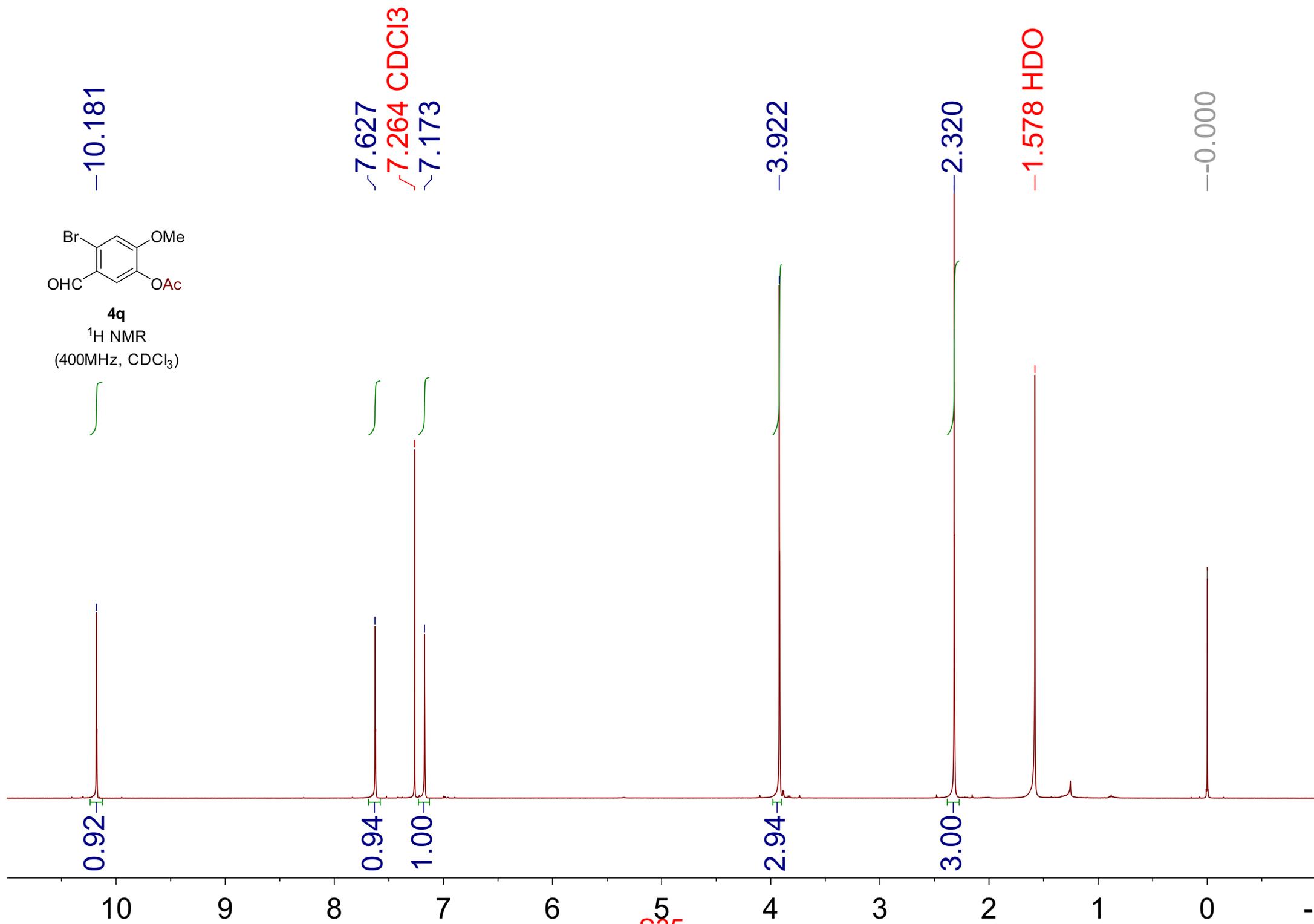


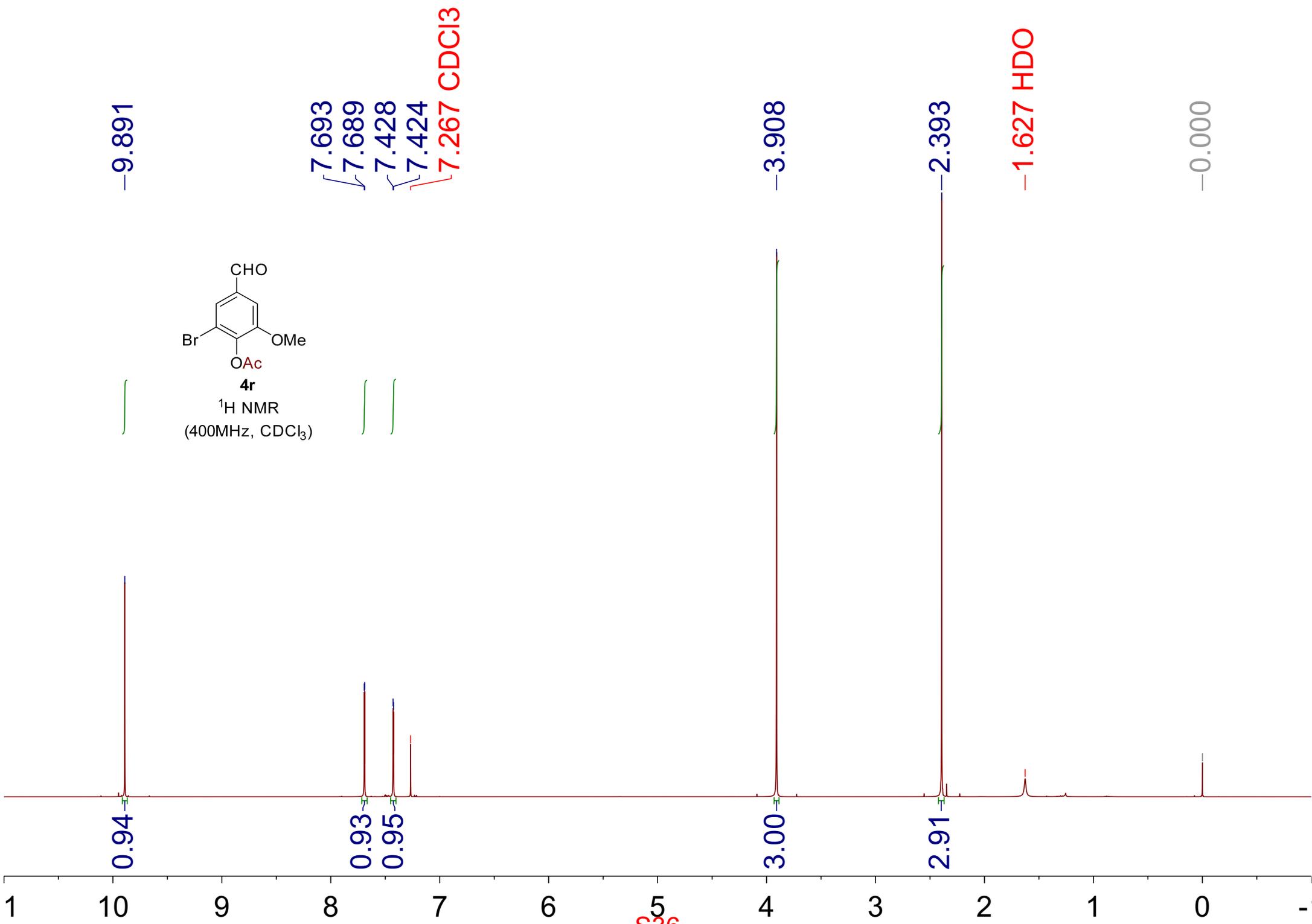


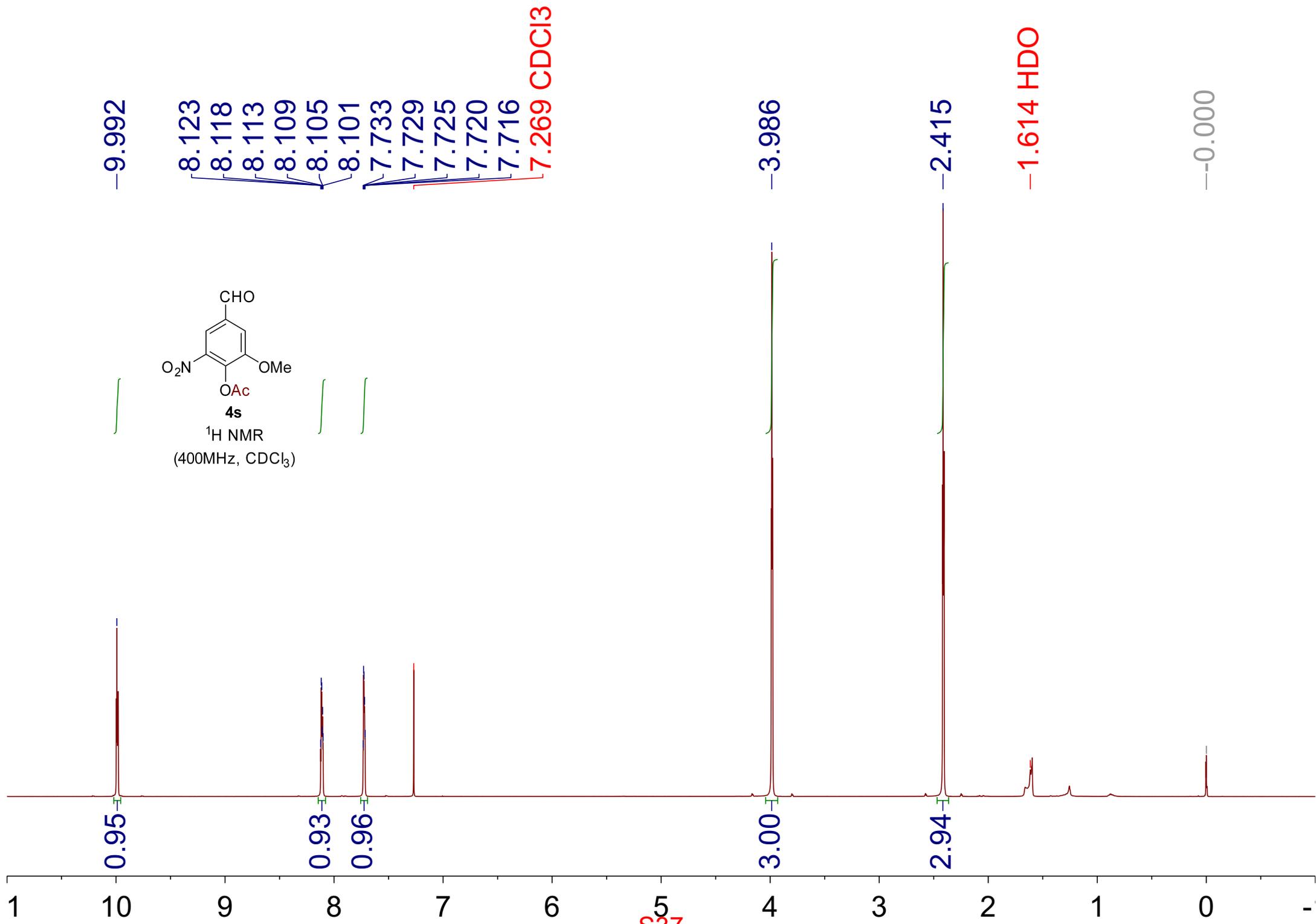


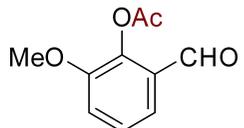
4q

¹H NMR
(400MHz, CDCl₃)









4t

¹H NMR
(400MHz, CDCl₃)

10.134

7.470
7.466
7.450
7.446
7.358
7.337
7.318
7.267 CDCl₃
7.231
7.227
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7.207

3.876

2.404

1.650 HDO

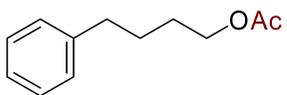
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0.90

0.96
0.99
0.98

3.04

3.00



4u

¹H NMR
(400MHz, CDCl₃)

7.303
7.283
7.265
7.258 CDCl₃
7.205
7.202
7.188
7.168

4.094
4.079
4.063

2.662
2.644
2.626
2.041
1.704
1.697
1.693
1.686
1.677
1.669
1.662
1.655
1.650
1.644
0.000

7.303
7.283
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7.205
7.202
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2.06

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4.03

9

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7

6

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S39

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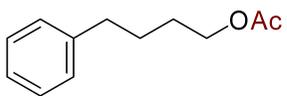
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4u

$^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR
(101MHz, CDCl_3)

-171.23

-142.04

128.39

128.35

125.84

128.39

128.35

77.34 CDCl_3

77.03 CDCl_3

76.71 CDCl_3

-64.37

35.45

28.20

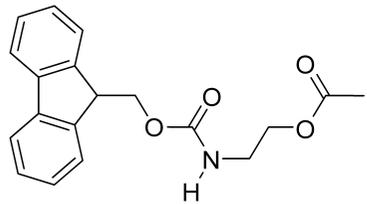
27.73

21.00

-0.00 TMS

S40

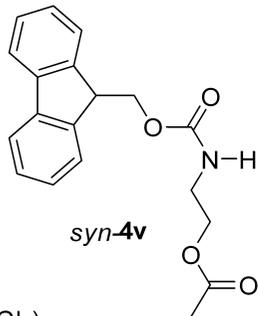




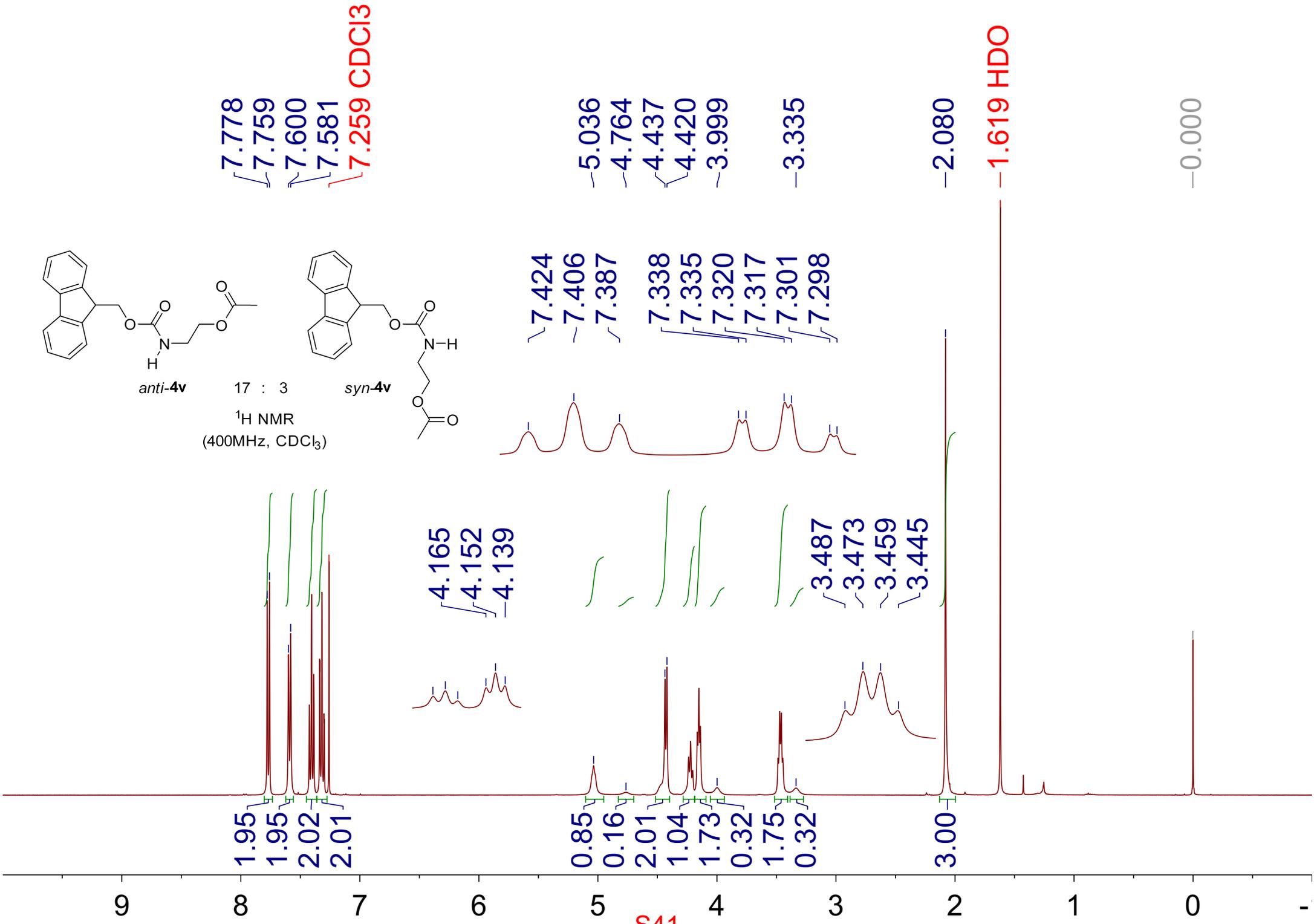
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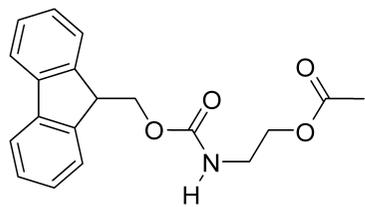
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¹H NMR
(400MHz, CDCl₃)



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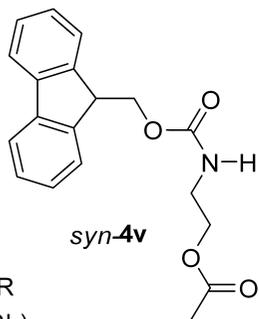




anti-4v

17 : 3

$^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR
(101Hz, CDCl_3)



syn-4v

-170.99

-156.34

143.86

141.33

127.72

127.06

124.99

120.00

77.35 CDCl_3

77.03 CDCl_3

76.71 CDCl_3

66.76

63.43

-47.22

-40.16

-20.88

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200

180

160

140

120

100

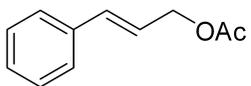
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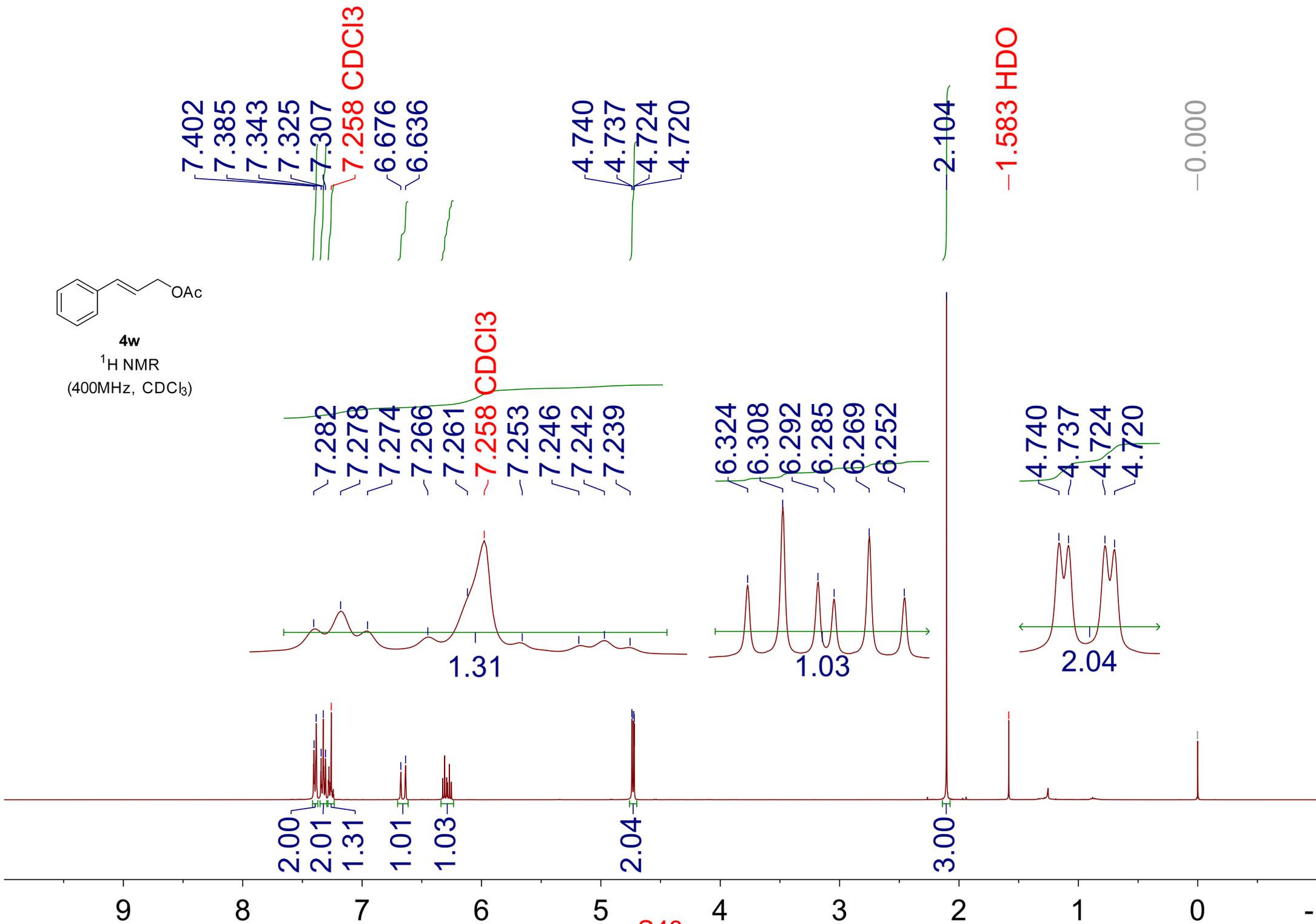
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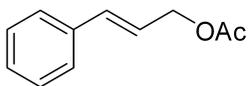
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4w

¹H NMR
(400MHz, CDCl₃)





4w

$^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR
(101MHz, CDCl_3)

170.86

136.20

134.22

128.61

128.08

126.61

123.16

77.34 CDCl_3

77.02 CDCl_3

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65.09

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0.00 TMS

200

180

160

140

120

100

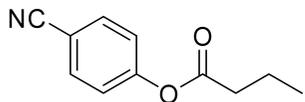
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4x

¹H NMR
(400MHz, CDCl₃)

7.700
7.678
7.264 CDCl₃
7.240
7.218

2.589
2.571
2.552
1.837
1.819
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1.782
1.764
1.745
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1.067
1.049
1.030
0.000

1.9

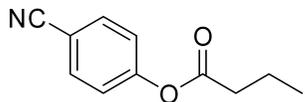
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4x

$^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR
(101MHz, CDCl_3)

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-154.03

133.66

122.76

118.29

109.63

77.35 CDCl_3

77.03 CDCl_3

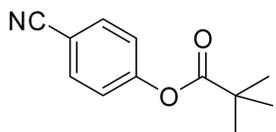
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-18.30

-13.59

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4y

¹H NMR
(400MHz, CDCl₃)

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7.213
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1.577 HDO

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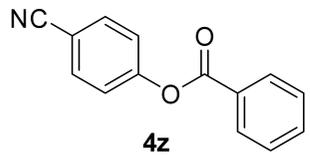
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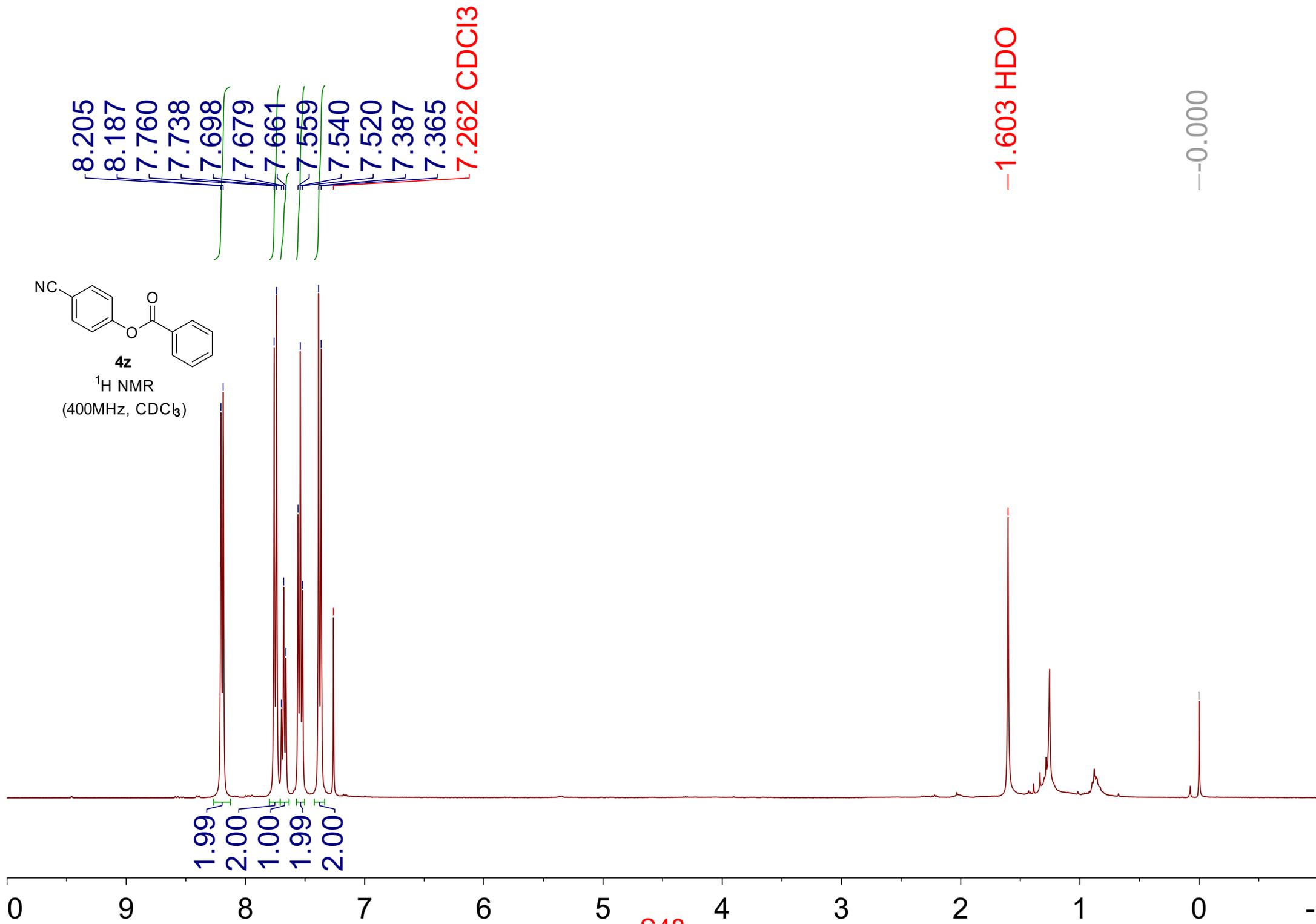
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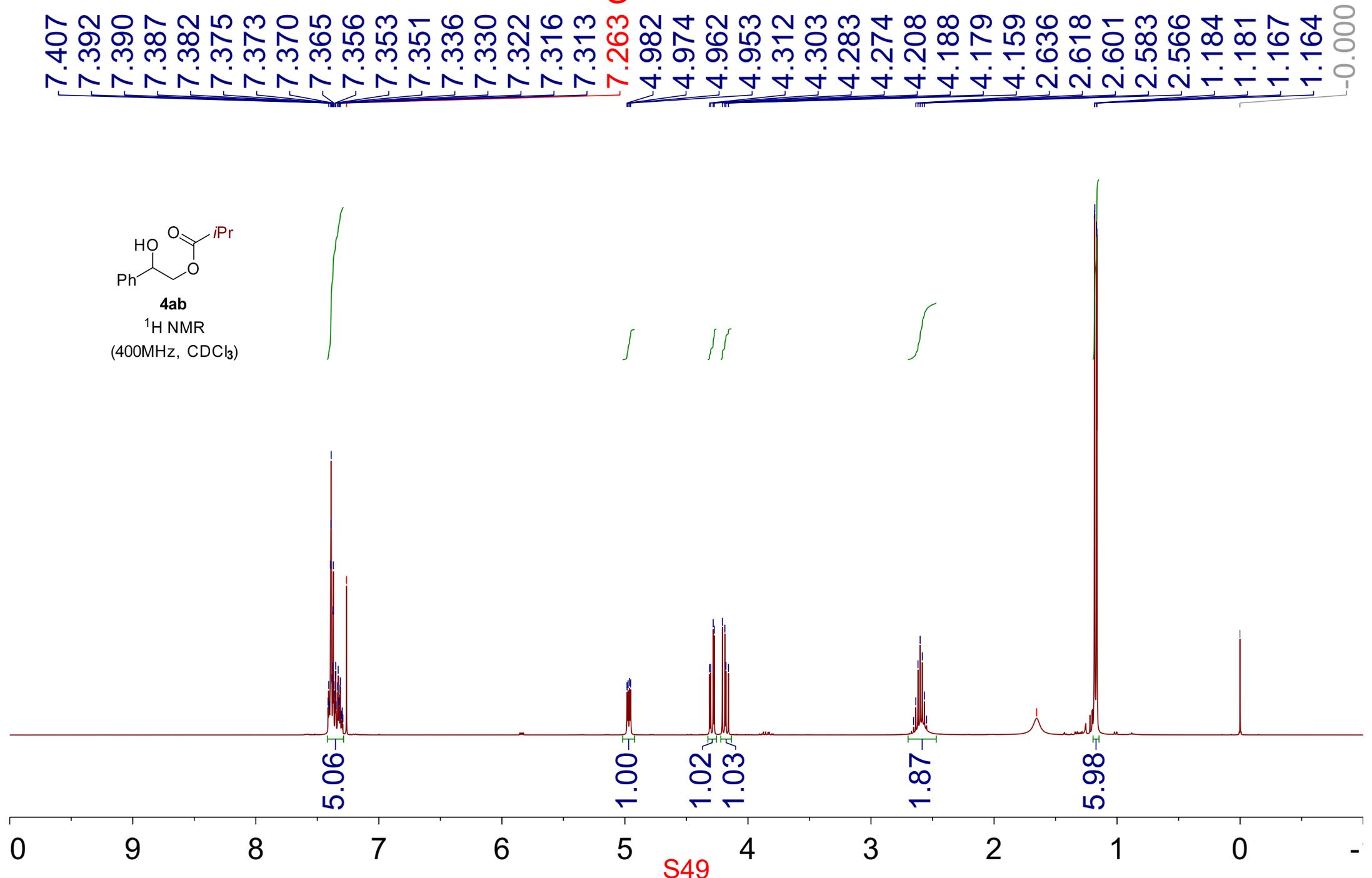
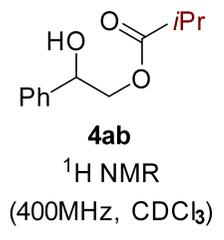
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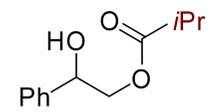
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¹H NMR
(400MHz, CDCl₃)

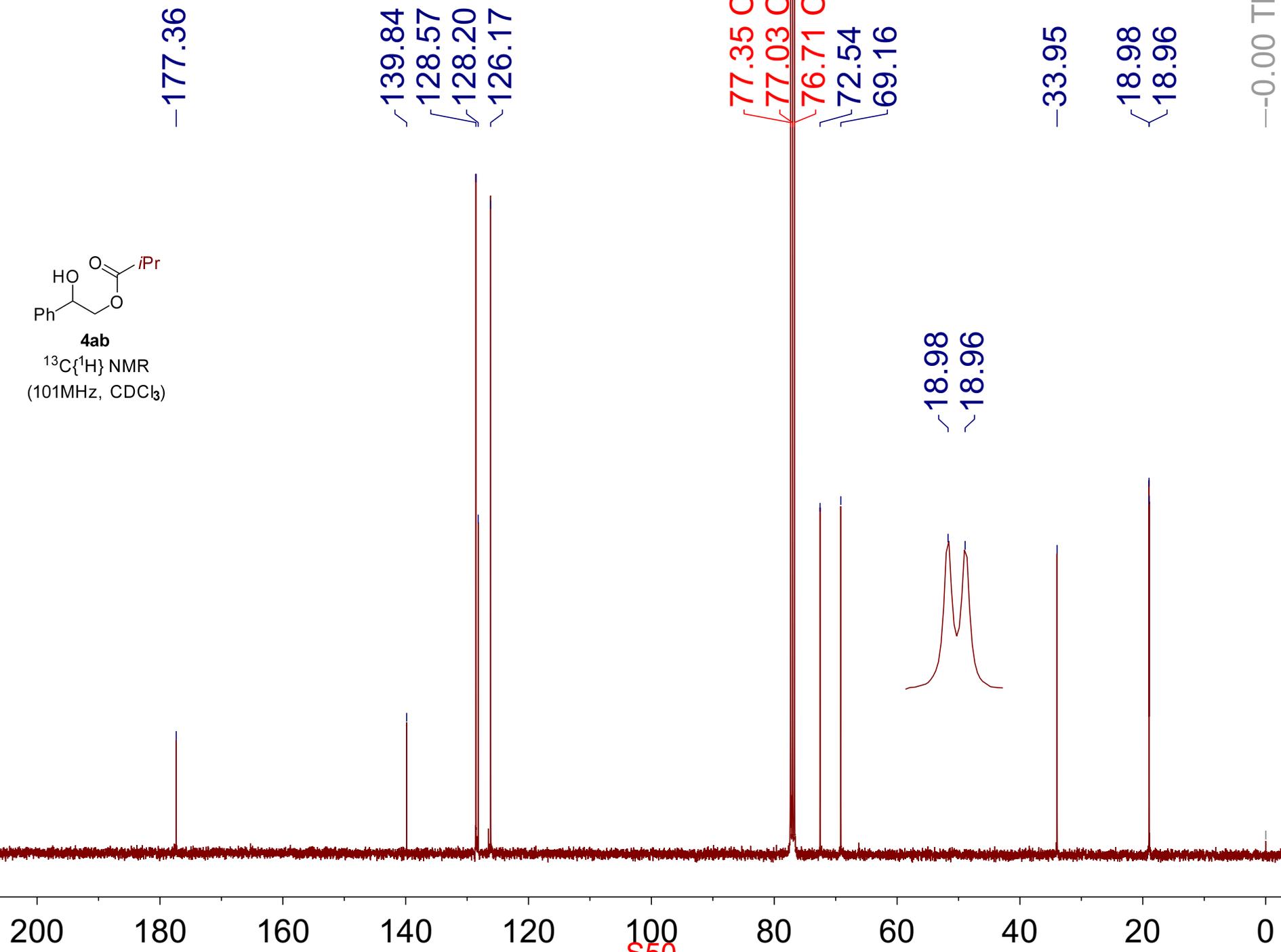


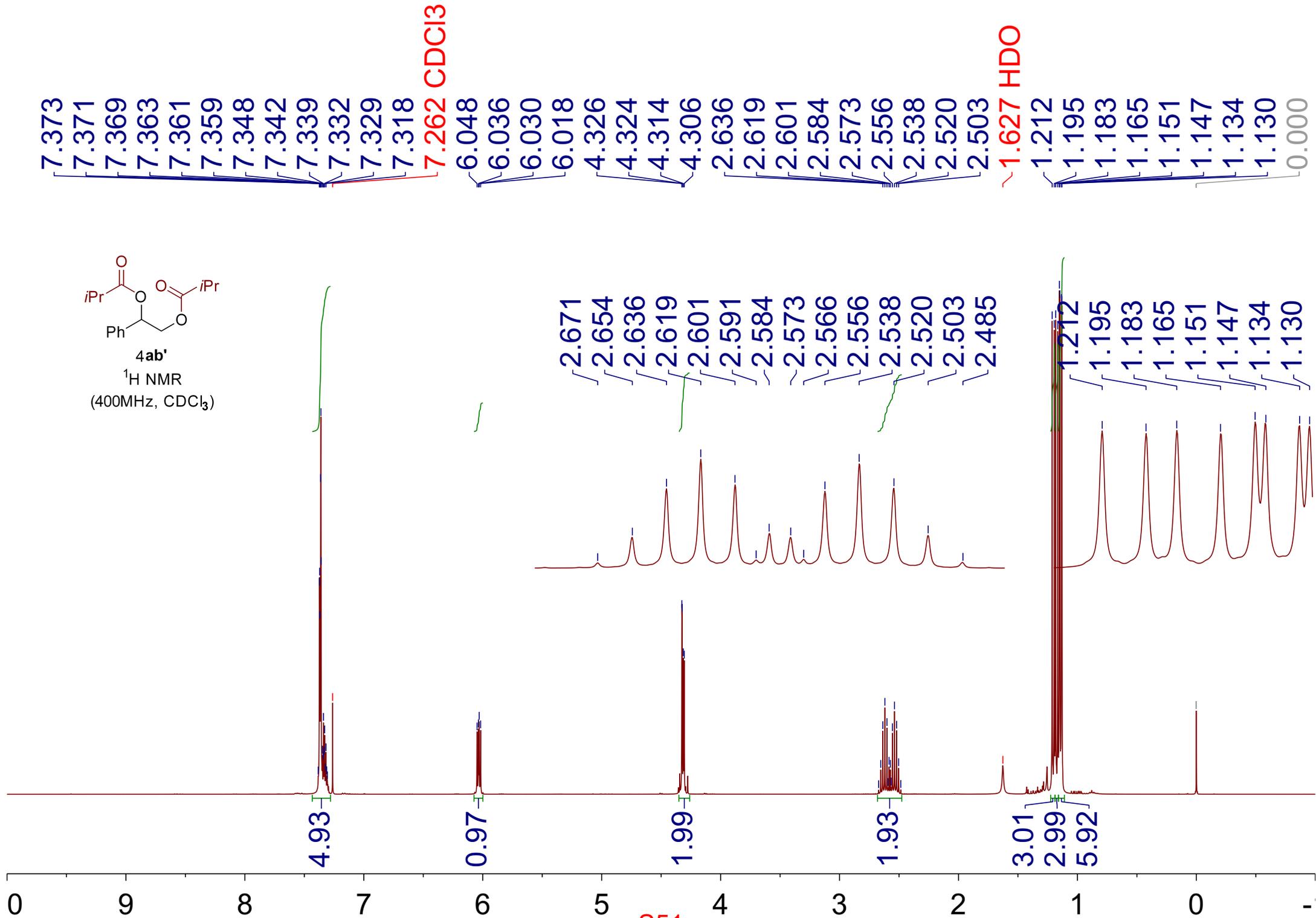


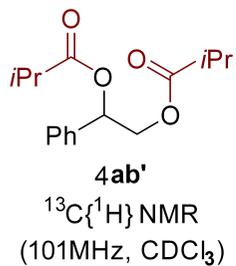


4ab

$^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR
(101MHz, CDCl_3)







176.61
175.99

136.76
128.61
128.50
126.61

77.35 CDCl_3
77.03 CDCl_3
76.72 CDCl_3
72.99
66.01

34.09
33.93
18.95
18.87
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200

180

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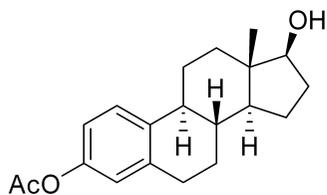
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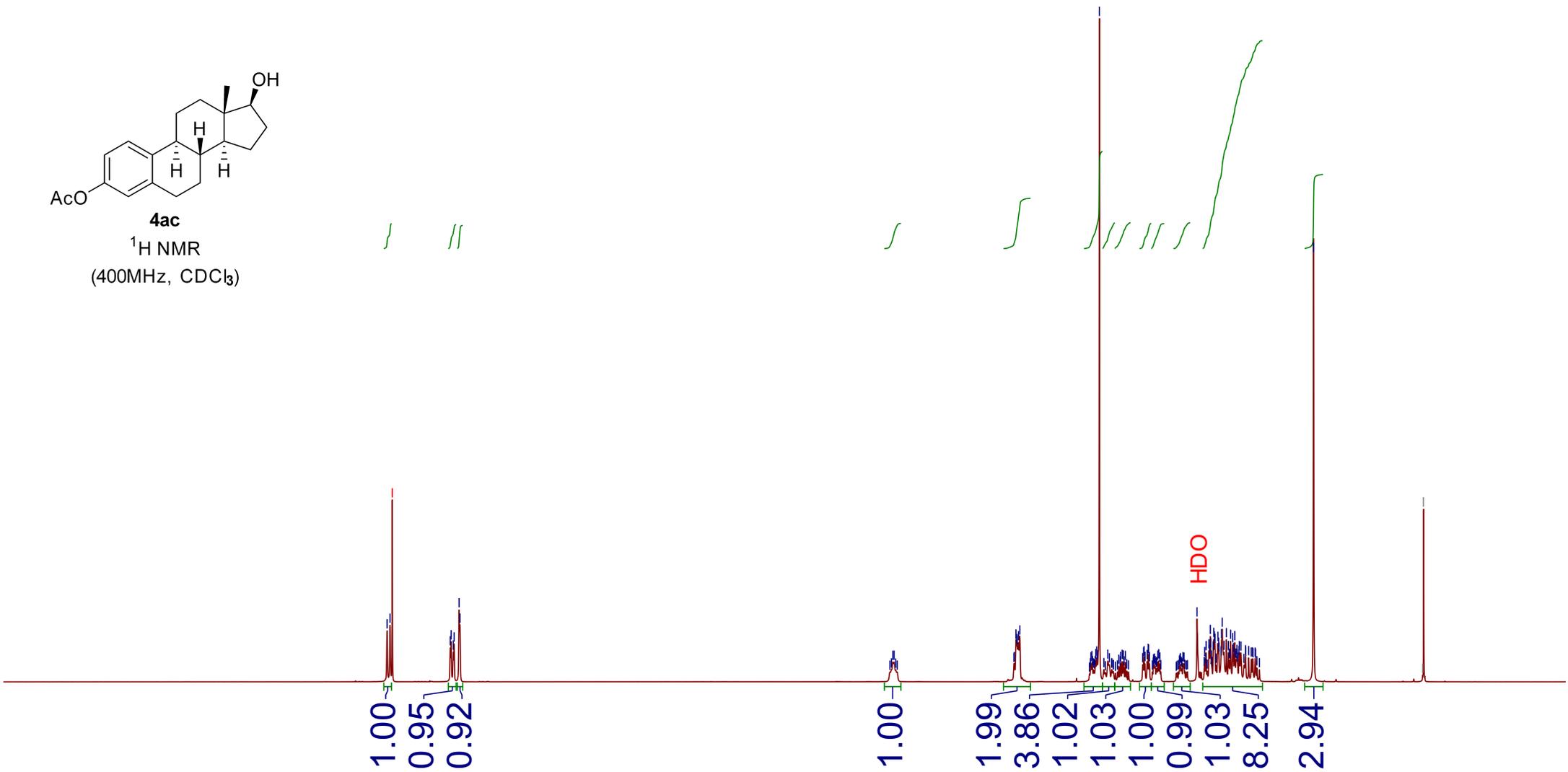
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4ac

¹H NMR
(400MHz, CDCl₃)

7.298
7.277
7.261 CDCl₃
6.853
6.847
6.832
6.826
6.791
6.784
2.870
2.864
2.861
2.852
2.843
2.283
1.596
1.532
1.512
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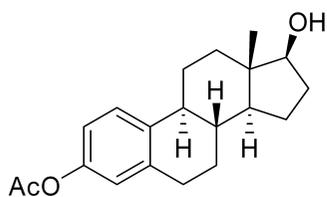


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1.00
0.99
1.03
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2.94

H₂O



4ac

$^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR
(101MHz, CDCl_3)

