

Supporting Information

TMEDA-Catalyzed Synthesis of Pentasubstituted 2-Aminopyrroles from Ynehydrazides and Dialkyl Acetylenedicarboxylates

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I. General considerations

Reagents. Unless otherwise indicated, all reactions were carried out in Schlenk tube under an argon atmosphere with dry solvents. Anhydrous MeCN was purchased from Alfa Aesar and used as received. Ether/THF was dried and purified by distillation from sodium/benzophenone. CH₂Cl₂ were distilled from CaH₂. CuCl₂ was purchased from Aladdin. Other copper catalysts were purchased from Alfa Aesar, Strem, Aladdin or JK Chemical and used as received. All other reagents were purchased from commercial sources and used as received. For reactions that require heating, oil bath was used as the heat source. All ynehydrazides were synthesized according to our previously reported procedure and Batey's conditions, the NMR data were consistent with the related literature.^{[1],[2]}

Analytical Methods. All new compounds were characterized by ¹H NMR, ¹³C NMR, and HRMS. NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker AV-400 instrument in CDCl₃. All ¹H NMR spectra are reported in ppm downfield from tetramethylsilane (0 ppm). All ¹³C NMR spectra are reported in ppm relative to residual CHCl₃ (77.0 ppm). Coupling constants are reported in Hz with multiplicities denoted as s (singlet), d (doublet), t (triplet), q (quartet), m (multiplet) and br (broad). Flash column chromatography was performed over silica gel (200-300 mesh) using petroleum ether and ethyl acetate as the eluent. Reactions were monitored by thin-layer chromatography (TLC) carried out on commercial silica gel plates (GF254) using UV light as a visualizing agent. Flash chromatography was performed on silica gel 60 (200-300 mesh). High-resolution mass spectra (HRMS; (ESI)) were acquired with quadrupole and time-of-flight (TOF) mass spectrometers.

II. Optimization of reaction conditions

Table S1. Catalyst screening

Entry	Catalyst	Reaction time (h)	Yield of 3a(4a) ^a
1	DABCO	1	47%(10%)
2	TMEDA	1	85%(7%)
3	NEt ₃	3	trace
4	DMAP	3	26%(28%)
5	K ₂ CO ₃	3	trace
6	NaOAc	3	16%(10%)
7	-	1	0

^a0.2 mmol scale experiment, yields were determined by ¹H NMR using 4-nitroacetophenone as internal standard, the yield of **4a** in parentheses.

Table S2. Solvent screening

Entry	Solvent	Reaction time (h)	Yield of 3a(4a) ^a
1	DCM	1	79%(7%)
2	Xylene	1	83%(7%)
3	MeCN	1	38%(32%)
4	Toluene	1	85%(7%)
5	THF	2.5	70%(8%)

^a0.2 mmol scale experiment, yields were determined by ¹H NMR using 4-nitroacetophenone as internal standard, the yield of **4a** in parentheses.

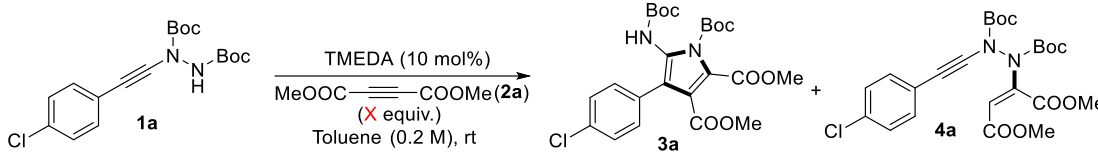
Table S3. Reaction concentration

Entry	X	Reaction time (h)	Yield of 3a(4a) ^a
1	0.4	1	84%(7%)

2	0.2	1	85%(7%)
3	0.1	2.5	83%(10%)

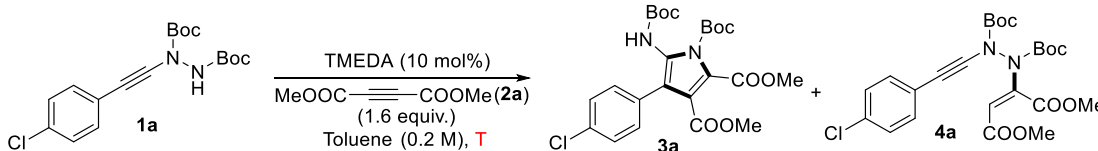
^a0.2 mmol scale experiment, yields were determined by ¹H NMR using 4-nitroacetophenone as internal standard, the yield of **4a** in parentheses.

Table S4. Equivalent of dimethyl acetylenedicarboxylate

			
Entry	X	Reaction time (h)	Yield of 3a(4a) ^a
1	0.8	1	56%(6%)
2	1.4	1	81%(7%)
3	1.6	1	85%(7%)
4	2.0	1	82%(10%)

^a0.2 mmol scale experiment, yields were determined by ¹H NMR using 4-nitroacetophenone as internal standard, the yield of **4a** in parentheses.

Table S5. Reaction temperature

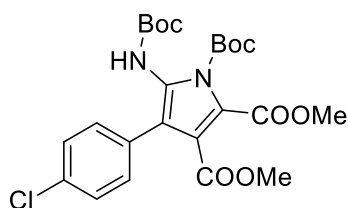
			
Entry	T (°C)	Reaction time (h)	Yield of 3a(4a) ^a
1	50	1	80%(12%)
2	rt	1	85%(7%)
3	0	5	84%(7%)

^a0.2 mmol scale experiment, yields were determined by ¹H NMR using 4-nitroacetophenone as internal standard, the yield of **4a** in parentheses.

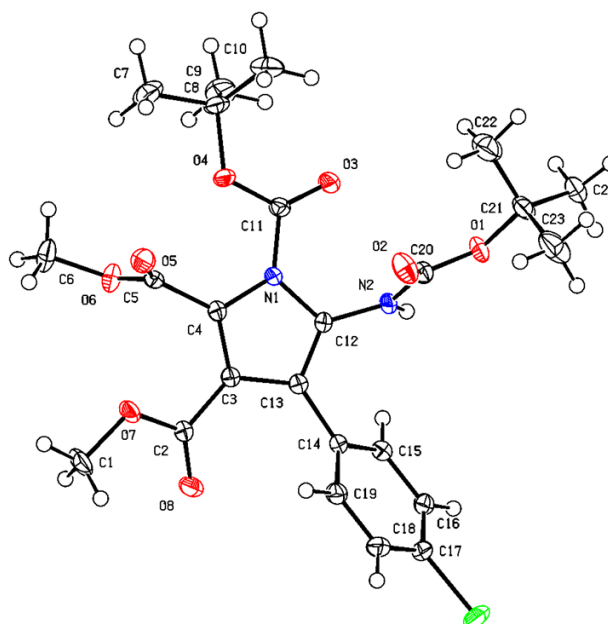
III. General procedure for the synthesis of pentasubstituted 2-aminopyrroles

General Procedure: In a 15 mL resealable screw-cap test tube, ynehydrazide (0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv.), toluene (1.0 mL), dimethyl acetylenedicarboxylate (45.5 mg, 0.32 mmol, 1.6 equiv.), *N,N,N',N'*-tetramethylethylenediamine (TMEDA, 2.3 mg, 0.02 mmol, 10 mol%) were added successively. The reaction mixture is stirred rapidly at room temperature until completion, subsequently diluted with ethyl acetate (4.0 mL), followed by the addition of saturated aqueous water (4.0 mL). The aqueous layer was extracted with ethyl acetate (3 × 6 mL). The combined organic layer was washed with brine (5.0 mL), dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered, and concentrated. The crude product was purified by flash chromatography (silica gel, 200~300 mesh) or preparative TLC to afford the related pentasubstituted 2-aminopyrroles.

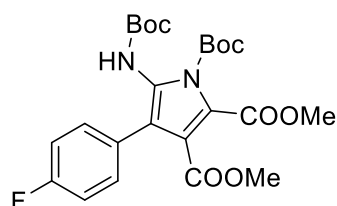
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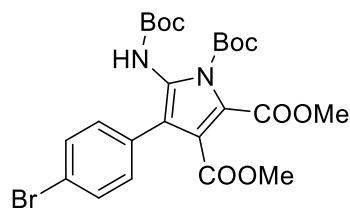
1-((*tert*-Butyl) 2,3-dimethyl 5-((*tert*-butoxycarbonyl)amino)-4-(4-chlorophenyl)-1H-pyrrole-1,2,3-tricarboxylate (3a): The representative procedure was followed using di-*tert*-butyl 1-((4-chlorophenyl)ethynyl)hydrazine-1,2-dicarboxylate (73.4 mg, 0.2 mmol). Upon stirring at room temperature for 1 h, the reaction mixture was worked up and purified by flash chromatography (silica gel, eluted with 10:1 petroleum ether:ethyl acetate) to afford **3a** (84.6 mg, 83% yield) as a white solid, m.p. 146.4-148.2 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.33 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.28 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 6.28 (s, 1H, -NH), 3.92 (s, 3H), 3.68 (s, 3H), 1.58 (s, 9H), 1.33 (br s, 9H); ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 163.4, 162.0, 153.0, 147.2, 133.4, 131.0, 130.4, 128.0, 125.7, 125.3, 121.0, 116.9, 86.9, 81.4, 52.8, 51.9, 27.9, 27.5; HRMS (ESI) *m/z*: [M + H]⁺ Calcd for C₂₄H₃₀ClN₂O₈ 509.1685, found 509.1688.



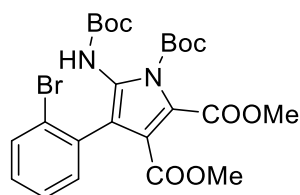
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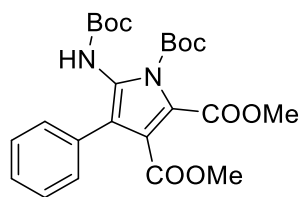
1-(*tert*-Butyl 2,3-dimethyl 5-((*tert*-butoxycarbonyl)amino)-4-(4-fluorophenyl)-1*H*-pyrrole-1,2,3-tricarboxylate (3b): The representative procedure was followed using di-*tert*-butyl 1-((4-fluorophenyl)ethynyl)hydrazine-1,2-dicarboxylate (70.1 mg, 0.2 mmol). Upon stirring at room temperature for 1 h, the reaction mixture was worked up and purified by flash chromatography (silica gel, eluted with 10:1 petroleum ether:ethyl acetate) to afford **3b** (74.2 mg, 75% yield) as a white solid, m.p. 156.2–157.6 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.34–7.27 (m, 2H), 7.03 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 8.4 Hz, 2H), 6.30 (s, 1H, -*NH*), 3.91 (s, 3H), 3.67 (s, 3H), 1.57 (s, 9H), 1.32 (s, 9H); ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 163.5, 162.2 (d, *J* = 244.8 Hz), 162.1, 153.1, 147.2, 131.4 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz), 127.8 (d, *J* = 3.3 Hz), 125.6, 125.3, 121.2, 117.1, 114.8 (d, *J* = 21.3 Hz), 86.9, 81.3, 52.8, 51.9, 28.0, 27.6; ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -114.83 (s); HRMS (ESI) *m/z*: [*M* + *H*]⁺ Calcd for C₂₄H₃₀FN₂O₈ 493.1981, found 493.1982.



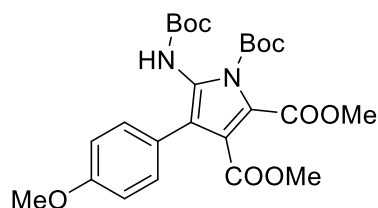
2,3-Dibenzyl 1-(*tert*-butyl) 4-(4-bromophenyl)-5-((*tert*-butoxycarbonyl)amino)-1*H*-pyrrole-1,2,3-tricarboxylate (3c): The representative procedure was followed using di-*tert*-butyl 1-((4-bromophenyl)ethynyl)hydrazine-1,2-dicarboxylate (82.3 mg, 0.2 mmol). Upon stirring at room temperature for 1 h, the reaction mixture was worked up and purified by flash chromatography (silica gel, eluted with 10:1 petroleum ether:ethyl acetate) to afford **3c** (90.7 mg, 82% yield) as a white solid, m.p. 140.6-141.8 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.47 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.21 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 6.32 (s, 1H, -NH), 3.91 (s, 3H), 3.67 (s, 3H), 1.56 (s, 9H), 1.32 (s, 9H); ¹³C {¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 163.4, 162.0, 153.0, 147.1, 131.3, 130.93, 130.86, 125.7, 125.2, 121.6, 120.9, 116.8, 86.9, 81.4, 52.8, 51.9, 27.9, 27.5; HRMS (ESI) *m/z*: [M + H]⁺ Calcd for C₂₄H₃₀BrN₂O₈ 553.1180, found 553.1184.



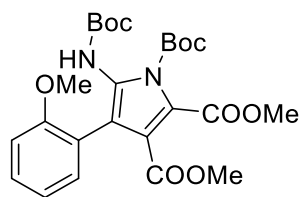
1-(*tert*-Butyl) 2,3-dimethyl 4-(2-bromophenyl)-5-((*tert*-butoxycarbonyl)amino)-1*H*-pyrrole-1,2,3-tricarboxylate (3d): The representative procedure was followed using di-*tert*-butyl 1-((2-bromophenyl)ethynyl)hydrazine-1,2-dicarboxylate (82.3 mg, 0.2 mmol). Upon stirring at room temperature for 2 h, the reaction mixture was worked up and purified by flash chromatography (silica gel, eluted with 8:1 petroleum ether:ethyl acetate) to afford **3d** (90.3 mg, 81% yield) as a white solid, m.p. 132.7-134.5 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.59 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.33-7.27 (m, 2H), 7.22-7.13 (m, 1H), 6.16 (s, 1H, -NH), 3.93 (s, 3H), 3.60 (s, 3H), 1.57 (s, 9H), 1.33 (s, 9H); ¹³C {¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 162.9, 162.4, 153.2, 147.0, 133.3, 132.1, 132.0, 129.1, 126.8, 126.7, 125.0, 124.6, 121.6, 115.9, 86.7, 81.1, 52.9, 51.7, 28.0, 27.5; HRMS (ESI) *m/z*: [M + H]⁺ Calcd for C₂₄H₃₀BrN₂O₈ 553.1180, found 553.1183.



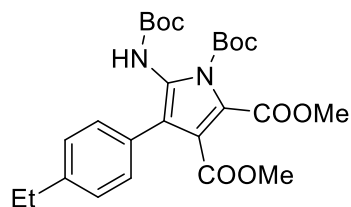
1-(*tert*-Butyl) 2,3-dimethyl 5-((*tert*-butoxycarbonyl)amino)-4-phenyl-1*H*-pyrrole-1,2,3-tricarboxylate (3e): The representative procedure was followed using di-*tert*-butyl 1-(phenylethynyl)hydrazine-1,2-dicarboxylate (66.5 mg, 0.2 mmol). Upon stirring at room temperature for 1 h, the reaction mixture was worked up and purified by flash chromatography (silica gel, eluted with 12:1 petroleum ether:ethyl acetate) to afford **3e** (70.0 mg, 74% yield) as a white solid. m.p. 147.6-149.2 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.39-7.27 (m, 5H), 6.25 (s, 1H, -NH), 3.91 (s, 3H), 3.66 (s, 3H), 1.57 (s, 9H), 1.31 (br s, 9H); ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 163.7, 162.1, 153.2, 147.3, 131.8, 129.6, 127.9, 127.4, 125.2, 122.0, 117.6, 86.7, 81.2, 52.8, 51.9, 28.0, 27.6; HRMS (ESI) m/z: [M + H]⁺ Calcd for C₂₄H₃₁N₂O₈ 475.2075, found 475.2074.



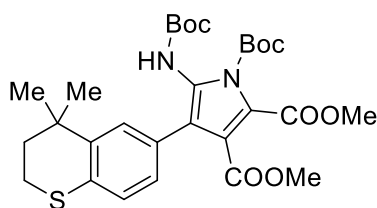
1-(*tert*-Butyl) 2,3-dimethyl 5-((*tert*-butoxycarbonyl)amino)-4-(4-methoxyphenyl)-1*H*-pyrrole-1,2,3-tricarboxylate (3f): The representative procedure was followed using di-*tert*-butyl 1-((4-methoxyphenyl)ethynyl)hydrazine-1,2-dicarboxylate (72.5 mg, 0.2 mmol). Upon stirring at room temperature for 1.5 h, the reaction mixture was worked up and purified by flash chromatography (silica gel, eluted with 8:1 petroleum ether:ethyl acetate) to afford **3f** (81.1 mg, 80% yield) as a white solid, m.p. 141.5-143.0 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.27 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.89 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.23 (s, 1H, -NH), 3.91 (s, 3H), 3.81 (s, 3H), 3.68 (s, 3H), 1.57 (s, 9H), 1.34 (br s, 9H); ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 163.8, 162.1, 158.9, 153.3, 147.2, 130.8, 125.2, 125.0, 124.0, 121.8, 117.5, 113.3, 86.5, 81.1, 55.2, 52.7, 51.8, 27.9, 27.5; HRMS (ESI) m/z: [M + H]⁺ Calcd for C₂₅H₃₂N₂O₉ 505.2181, found 505.2179.



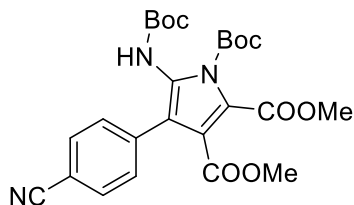
1-(*tert*-Butyl) 2,3-dimethyl 5-((*tert*-butoxycarbonyl)amino)-4-(2-methoxyphenyl)-1*H*-pyrrole-1,2,3-tricarboxylate (3g): The representative procedure was followed using di-*tert*-butyl 1-((2-methoxyphenyl)ethynyl)hydrazine-1,2-dicarboxylate (72.5 mg, 0.2 mmol). Upon stirring at room temperature for 1 h, the reaction mixture was worked up and purified by flash chromatography (silica gel, eluted with 4:1 petroleum ether:ethyl acetate) to afford **3g** (80.3 mg, 79% yield) as a yellow foam. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.23 (ddd, $J = 8.4, 8.4, 2.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.20 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 6.89 (dd, $J = 8.4, 8.4, 2.0$ Hz, 1H), 6.84 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 6.16 (s, 1H, $-\text{NH}$), 3.83 (s, 3H), 3.68 (s, 3H), 3.56 (s, 3H), 1.49 (s, 9H), 1.28 (br s, 9H); $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 163.6, 162.2, 156.8, 153.5, 147.1, 131.3, 129.0, 125.4, 125.3, 120.7, 120.2, 117.7, 110.6, 86.1, 80.9, 55.4, 52.6, 51.5, 28.0, 27.5; HRMS (ESI) m/z : $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ Calcd for $\text{C}_{25}\text{H}_{33}\text{N}_2\text{O}_9$ 505.2181, found 505.2183.



1-(*tert*-Butyl) 2,3-dimethyl 5-((*tert*-butoxycarbonyl)amino)-4-(4-ethylphenyl)-1*H*-pyrrole-1,2,3-tricarboxylate (3h): The representative procedure was followed using di-*tert*-butyl 1-((4-ethylphenyl)ethynyl)hydrazine-1,2-dicarboxylate (72.1 mg, 0.2 mmol). Upon stirring at room temperature for 1 h, the reaction mixture was worked up and purified by flash chromatography (silica gel, eluted with 9:1 petroleum ether:ethyl acetate) to afford **3h** (82.7 mg, 82% yield) as a yellow liquid. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.25 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 7.18 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 6.26 (s, 1H), 3.91 (s, 3H), 3.68 (s, 3H), 2.65 (q, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 2H), 1.57 (s, 9H), 1.36-1.28 (m, 9H), 1.24 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 3H); $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 163.8, 162.0, 153.3, 147.2, 143.3, 129.4, 128.9, 127.3, 125.1, 125.0, 121.9, 117.6, 86.5, 81.1, 52.7, 51.8, 28.6, 27.9, 27.5, 15.4; HRMS (ESI) m/z : $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ Calcd for $\text{C}_{26}\text{H}_{35}\text{N}_2\text{O}_8$ 503.2388, found 503.2396.

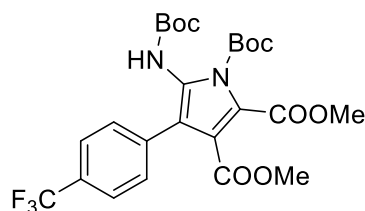


1-(*tert*-Butyl) 2,3-dimethyl 5-((*tert*-butoxycarbonyl)amino)-4-(4,4-dimethylthiochroman-6-yl)-1*H*-pyrrole-1,2,3-tricarboxylate (3i): The representative procedure was followed using di-*tert*-butyl 1-((4,4-dimethylthiochroman-6-yl)ethynyl)hydrazine-1,2-dicarboxylate (86.5 mg, 0.2 mmol). Upon stirring at room temperature for 40 min, the reaction mixture was worked up and purified by flash chromatography (silica gel, eluted with 10:1 petroleum ether:ethyl acetate) to afford **3i** (86.8 mg, 75% yield) as a yellow liquid. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.34 (d, J = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.04 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.99 (dd, J = 8.0, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 6.16 (s, 1H, -NH), 3.89 (s, 3H), 3.68 (s, 3H), 3.06-2.97 (m, 2H), 1.99-1.92 (m, 2H), 1.56 (s, 9H), 1.39-1.25 (m, 15H); $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 164.0, 161.9, 153.5, 147.2, 141.3, 131.0, 128.1, 127.3, 127.1, 126.0, 125.1, 121.9, 117.9, 86.5, 81.3, 52.7, 51.9, 37.7, 33.0, 30.3, 29.7, 28.0, 27.5, 23.1; HRMS (ESI) m/z : $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ Calcd for $\text{C}_{29}\text{H}_{39}\text{N}_2\text{O}_8\text{S}$ 575.2422, found 575.2424.

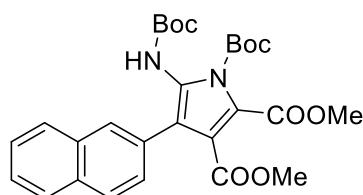


1-(*tert*-Butyl) 2,3-dimethyl 5-((*tert*-butoxycarbonyl)amino)-4-(4-cyanophenyl)-1*H*-pyrrole-1,2,3-tricarboxylate (3j): The representative procedure was followed using di-*tert*-butyl 1-((4-cyanophenyl)ethynyl)hydrazine-1,2-dicarboxylate (71.5 mg, 0.2 mmol). Upon stirring at room temperature for 50 min, the reaction mixture was worked up and purified by flash chromatography (silica gel, eluted with 4:1 petroleum ether:ethyl acetate) to afford **3j** (33.2 mg, 33% yield) as a white solid, m.p. 178.8-179.6 °C. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.63 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.45 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 6.53 (s, 1H, -NH), 3.91 (s, 3H), 3.67 (s, 3H), 1.57 (s, 9H), 1.29 (s, 9H); $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 163.1, 162.0, 152.5, 147.1, 137.3,

131.5, 130.5, 126.1, 125.8, 119.9, 119.0, 116.4, 110.9, 87.5, 81.6, 52.9, 52.0, 27.9, 27.5; HRMS (ESI) m/z : $[M + H]^+$ Calcd for $C_{25}H_{30}N_3O_8$ 500.2027, found 500.2029.

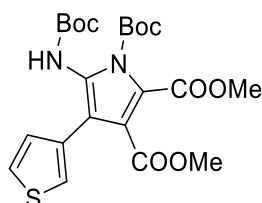


1-(*tert*-Butyl) 2,3-dimethyl 5-((*tert*-butoxycarbonyl)amino)-4-(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)-1*H*-pyrrole-1,2,3-tricarboxylate (3k): The representative procedure was followed using di-*tert*-butyl 1-((4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)ethynyl)hydrazine-1,2-dicarboxylate (80.1 mg, 0.2 mmol). Upon stirring at room temperature for 50 min, the reaction mixture was worked up and purified by preparative TLC (silica gel, eluted with 3:1 petroleum ether:ethyl acetate) to afford **3k** (64.0 mg, 59% yield) as a white solid, m.p. 142.3-144.0 °C. 1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 7.60 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.47 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.47 (s, 1H, -NH), 3.93 (s, 3H), 3.68 (s, 3H), 1.58 (s, 9H), 1.30 (s, 9H); ^{13}C $\{^1H\}$ NMR (100 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 163.3, 162.0, 152.8, 147.1, 135.9, 130.1, 129.3 (q, J = 32.3 Hz), 125.9, 125.6, 124.7 (q, J = 3.7 Hz), 124.2 (q, J = 270.3 Hz), 120.6, 116.7, 87.2, 81.4, 52.8, 51.9, 27.8, 27.5; ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ -62.56 (s); HRMS (ESI) m/z : $[M + H]^+$ Calcd for $C_{25}H_{30}F_3N_2O_8$ 543.1949, found 543.1951.

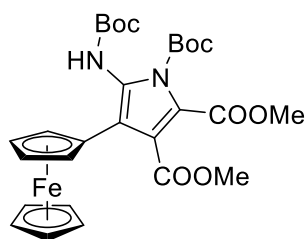


1-(*tert*-Butyl) 2,3-dimethyl 5-((*tert*-butoxycarbonyl)amino)-4-(naphthalen-2-yl)-1*H*-pyrrole-1,2,3-tricarboxylate (3l): The representative procedure was followed using di-*tert*-butyl 1-(naphthalen-2-ylethynyl)hydrazine-1,2-dicarboxylate (76.5 mg, 0.2 mmol). Upon stirring at room temperature for 1 h, the reaction mixture was worked up and purified by flash chromatography (silica gel, eluted with 8:1 petroleum ether:ethyl acetate) to afford **3l** (82.0 mg, 78% yield) as a white solid, m.p. 155.6-156.8 °C. 1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 7.87-7.77 (m, 4H), 7.53-7.37 (m, 3H), 6.27 (s, 1H, -NH), 3.93 (s, 3H), 3.65 (s, 3H), 1.59 (s, 9H), 1.29 (br s,

9H); $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 163.7, 162.1, 153.4, 147.3, 133.1, 132.6, 129.4, 128.4, 128.1, 127.9, 127.6, 127.2, 126.0, 125.9, 125.6, 125.4, 122.2, 117.5, 86.8, 81.3, 52.8, 51.9, 28.0, 27.6; HRMS (ESI) m/z : $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ Calcd for $\text{C}_{28}\text{H}_{33}\text{N}_2\text{O}_8$ 525.2231, found 525.2232.

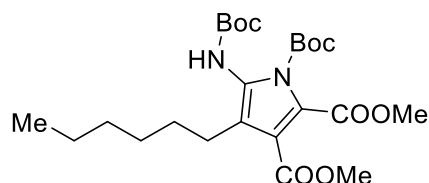


1-(*tert*-Butyl) 2,3-dimethyl 5-((*tert*-butoxycarbonyl)amino)-4-(thiophen-3-yl)-1*H*-pyrrole-1,2,3-tricarboxylate (3m): The representative procedure was followed using di-*tert*-butyl 1-(thiophen-2-ylethynyl)hydrazine-1,2-dicarboxylate (67.7 mg, 0.2 mmol). Upon stirring at room temperature for 1 h, the reaction mixture was worked up and purified by flash chromatography (silica gel, eluted with 12:1 petroleum ether:ethyl acetate) to afford **3m** (66.4 mg, 69% yield) as a white solid, m.p. 138.0-139.3 °C. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.35 (s, 1H), 7.32-7.24 (m, 1H), 7.14 (d, J = 4.8 Hz, 1H), 6.37 (s, 1H, -NH), 3.90 (s, 3H), 3.73 (s, 3H), 1.57 (s, 9H), 1.35 (br s, 9H); $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 163.8, 161.8, 153.1, 147.2, 131.3, 128.8, 125.4, 124.8, 124.3, 123.9, 117.8, 116.8, 86.7, 81.3, 52.7, 52.0, 28.0, 27.5; HRMS (ESI) m/z : $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ Calcd for $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{29}\text{N}_2\text{O}_8\text{S}$ 481.1639, found 481.1642.

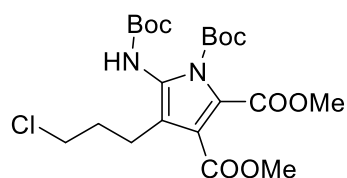


1-(*tert*-Butyl) 2,3-dimethyl 5-((*tert*-butoxycarbonyl)amino)-4-ferrocenyl-1*H*-pyrrole-1,2,3-tricarboxylate (3n): The representative procedure was followed using di-*tert*-butyl 1-(ferrocenylethynyl)hydrazine-1,2-dicarboxylate (88.1 mg, 0.2 mmol). Upon stirring at room temperature for 1 h, the reaction mixture was worked up and purified by flash chromatography (silica gel, eluted with 10:1 petroleum ether:ethyl acetate) to afford **3n** (96.7 mg, 83% yield) as a brown solid, m.p. 167.7-169.0 °C. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 6.52 (br s, 1H, -NH), 4.55 (s, 2H), 4.23 (s, 2H), 4.08 (s, 5H), 3.89 (s, 3H), 3.86 (s, 3H), 1.71-1.09 (m, 18H); $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR

(100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 165.1, 161.0, 152.8, 147.3, 125.3, 122.2, 120.7, 116.7, 86.2, 81.4, 76.4, 70.4, 69.1, 68.2, 52.4, 52.2, 28.1, 27.4; HRMS (ESI) m/z : [M + H]⁺ Calcd for C₂₈H₃₅FeN₂O₈ 583.1737, found 583.1734.

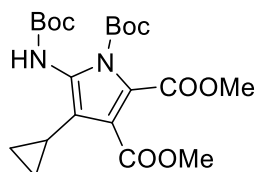


1-(*tert*-Butyl) 2,3-dimethyl 5-((*tert*-butoxycarbonyl)amino)-4-hexyl-1*H*-pyrrole-1,2,3-tricarboxylate (3o): The representative procedure was followed using di-*tert*-butyl 1-(oct-1-yn-1-yl)hydrazine-1,2-dicarboxylate (102.1 mg, 0.3 mmol). Upon stirring at room temperature for 1.5 h, the reaction mixture was worked up and purified by flash chromatography (silica gel, eluted with 10:1 petroleum ether:ethyl acetate) to afford **3o** (118.2 mg, 82% yield) as a colorless liquid. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 6.19 (br s, 1H, -NH), 3.88 (s, 3H), 3.78 (s, 3H), 2.54 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 1.54 (s, 9H), 1.50-1.38 (m, 11H), 1.33-1.21 (m, 6H), 0.86 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 3H); ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 163.6, 163.0, 153.7, 147.2, 127.2, 124.1, 123.4, 115.5, 86.2, 81.0, 52.7, 51.6, 31.6, 29.7, 29.2, 28.1, 27.6, 24.2, 22.6, 14.1; HRMS (ESI) m/z : [M + H]⁺ Calcd for C₂₄H₃₉N₂O₈ 483.2701, found 483.2711.

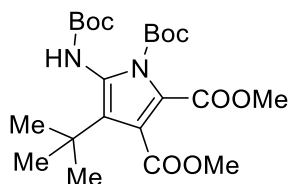


2,3-Dibenzyl 1-(*tert*-butyl) 5-((*tert*-butoxycarbonyl)amino)-4-(3-chloropropyl)-1*H*-pyrrole-1,2,3-tricarboxylate (3p): The representative procedure was followed using di-*tert*-butyl 1-(5-chloropent-1-yn-1-yl)hydrazine-1,2-dicarboxylate (66.6 mg, 0.2 mmol). Upon stirring at room temperature for 1 h, the reaction mixture was worked up and purified by flash chromatography (silica gel, eluted with 8:1 petroleum ether:ethyl acetate) to afford **3p** (78.8mg, 83% yield) as a colorless liquid. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 6.31 (br s, 1H, -NH), 3.88 (s, 3H), 3.78 (s, 3H), 3.50 (t, J = 6.4 Hz, 2H), 2.71 (t, J = 6.4 Hz, 2H), 1.99 (tt, J = 6.4, 6.4 Hz, 2H), 1.53 (s, 9H), 1.45 (s, 9H); ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 163.4, 162.8, 153.7, 147.0,

127.6, 124.7, 121.3, 115.0, 86.5, 81.2, 52.8, 51.7, 44.8, 32.0, 28.1, 27.5, 21.6; HRMS (ESI) m/z : $[M + H]^+$ Calcd for $C_{21}H_{32}ClN_2O_8$ 475.1842, found 475.1845.

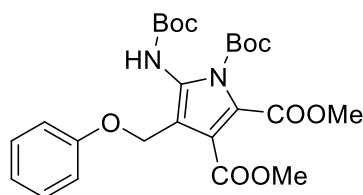


1-(*tert*-Butyl) 2,3-dimethyl 5-((*tert*-butoxycarbonyl)amino)-4-cyclopropyl-1*H*-pyrrole-1,2,3-tricarboxylate (3q): The representative procedure was followed using di-*tert*-butyl 1-(cyclopropylethynyl)hydrazine-1,2-dicarboxylate (88.9 mg, 0.3 mmol). Upon stirring at room temperature for 1.5 h, the reaction mixture was worked up and purified by flash chromatography (silica gel, eluted with 8:1 petroleum ether:ethyl acetate) to afford **3q** (114.1 mg, 87% yield) as a white solid, m.p. 119.4-121.0 °C. 1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 6.80 (br s, 1H, -NH), 3.88 (s, 3H), 3.83 (s, 3H), 1.84-1.75 (m, 1H), 1.55 (s, 9H), 1.49 (s, 9H), 0.81-0.72 (m, 2H), 0.52-0.48 (m, 2H); $^{13}C\{^1H\}$ NMR (100 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 163.8, 162.5, 152.7, 147.5, 126.2, 124.5, 120.3, 119.0, 86.5, 81.0, 52.6, 51.7, 28.1, 27.5, 6.9, 5.8; HRMS (ESI) m/z : $[M + H]^+$ Calcd for $C_{21}H_{31}N_2O_8$ 439.2075, found 439.2076.

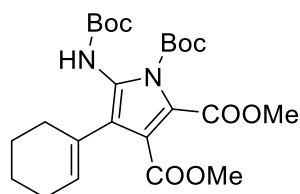


1-(*tert*-Butyl) 2,3-dimethyl 5-((*tert*-butoxycarbonyl)amino)-4-(*tert*-butyl)-1*H*-pyrrole-1,2,3-tricarboxylate (3r): The representative procedure was followed using 1-(3,3-dimethylbut-1-yn-1-yl)hydrazine-1,2-dicarboxylate (62.5 mg, 0.2 mmol) and dimethyl acetylenedicarboxylate (71.0 mg, 0.5 mmol, 2.5 equiv.). Upon stirring at room temperature for 1 h, the reaction mixture was worked up and purified by flash chromatography (silica gel, eluted with 10:1 petroleum ether:ethyl acetate) to afford **3r** (75.8 mg, 83% yield) as a white solid, m.p. 176.1-177.4 °C. 1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 6.09 (br s, 1H, -NH), 3.84 (s, 3H), 3.81 (s, 3H), 1.54 (s, 9H), 1.45 (s, 9H), 1.31 (s, 9H); $^{13}C\{^1H\}$ NMR (100 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 167.3, 160.1, 153.9,

147.6, 128.1, 124.5, 122.4, 120.3, 85.6, 81.1, 52.4, 52.1, 32.4, 30.4, 28.1, 27.3; HRMS (ESI) m/z : $[M + H]^+$ Calcd for $C_{22}H_{35}N_2O_8$ 455.2388, found 455.2390.

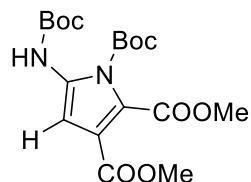


1-((tert-Butyl) 2,3-dimethyl 5-((tert-butoxycarbonyl)amino)-4-(phenoxymethyl)-1H-pyrrole-1,2,3-tricarboxylate (3s): The representative procedure was followed using di-*tert*-butyl 1-(3-phenoxyprop-1-yn-1-yl)hydrazine-1,2-dicarboxylate (72.5 mg, 0.2 mmol). Upon stirring at room temperature for 40 min, the reaction mixture was worked up and purified by preparative TLC (silica gel, eluted with 3:1 petroleum ether:ethyl acetate) to afford **3s** (49.4 mg, 49% yield) as a colorless liquid. 1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 7.24 (dd, $J = 7.2, 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 7.02-6.75 (m, 4H), 5.07 (s, 2H), 3.87 (s, 3H), 3.71 (s, 3H), 1.54 (s, 9H), 1.42 (s, 9H); $^{13}C\{^1H\}$ NMR (100 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 163.2, 162.2, 158.7, 152.9, 147.3, 129.3, 127.0, 126.3, 120.7, 116.2, 114.8, 114.6, 87.0, 81.5, 60.7, 52.8, 51.9, 28.1, 27.5; HRMS (ESI) m/z : $[M + H]^+$ Calcd for $C_{25}H_{33}N_2O_9$ 505.2181, found 505.2179.

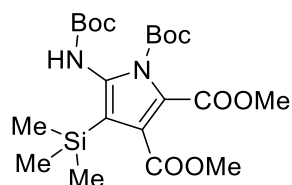


1-((tert-Butyl) 2,3-dimethyl 5-((tert-butoxycarbonyl)amino)-4-(cyclohex-1-en-1-yl)-1H-pyrrole-1,2,3-tricarboxylate (3t): The representative procedure was followed using di-*tert*-butyl 1-(cyclohex-1-en-1-ylethynyl)hydrazine-1,2-dicarboxylate (67.3 mg, 0.2 mmol). Upon stirring at room temperature for 1.5 h, the reaction mixture was worked up and purified by flash chromatography (silica gel, eluted with 10:1 petroleum ether:ethyl acetate) to afford **3t** (86.7 mg, 91% yield) as a colorless liquid. 1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 6.30 (s, 1H, -NH), 5.57 (s, 1H), 3.86 (s, 3H), 3.75 (s, 3H), 2.21-2.12 (m, 2H), 2.12-2.03 (m, 2H), 1.73-1.56 (m, 4H), 1.52 (s, 9H), 1.42 (s, 9H); $^{13}C\{^1H\}$ NMR (100 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 163.6, 162.5, 153.3, 147.3,

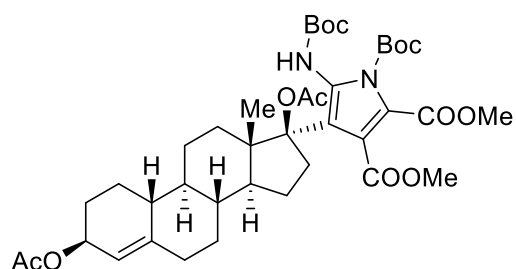
129.9, 127.2, 125.5, 124.6, 124.0, 116.7, 86.3, 80.8, 52.7, 51.8, 28.6, 28.1, 27.5, 25.5, 22.9, 22.0; HRMS (ESI) m/z : $[M + H]^+$ Calcd for $C_{24}H_{35}N_2O_8$ 479.2388, found 479.2385.



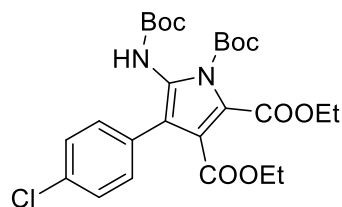
1-((*tert*-Butyl) 2,3-dimethyl 5-((*tert*-butoxycarbonyl)amino)-1*H*-pyrrole-1,2,3-tricarboxylate (3u): The representative procedure was followed using di-*tert*-butyl 1-ethynylhydrazine-1,2-dicarboxylate (76.9 mg, 0.3 mmol). Upon stirring at room temperature for 40 min, the reaction mixture was worked up and purified by preparative TLC (silica gel, 12:1 petroleum ether:ethyl acetate) to afford **3u** (61.2 mg, 51% yield) as a colorless liquid. 1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 8.81 (s, 1H, -NH), 6.65 (s, 1H), 3.88 (s, 3H), 3.77 (s, 3H), 1.55 (s, 9H), 1.49 (s, 9H); $^{13}C\{^1H\}$ NMR (100 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 163.2, 162.7, 151.2, 149.2, 131.8, 122.4, 118.5, 96.7, 87.8, 81.3, 52.7, 51.7, 28.1, 27.5; HRMS (ESI) m/z : $[M + H]^+$ Calcd for $C_{18}H_{27}N_2O_8$ 399.1762, found 399.1765.



1-((*tert*-Butyl) 2,3-dimethyl 5-((*tert*-butoxycarbonyl)amino)-4-(trimethylsilyl)-1*H*-pyrrole-1,2,3-tricarboxylate (3v): The representative procedure was followed using di-*tert*-butyl 1-((trimethylsilyl)ethynyl)hydrazine-1,2-dicarboxylate (65.7 mg, 0.2 mmol). Upon stirring at room temperature for 2 h, the reaction mixture was worked up and purified by flash chromatography (silica gel, eluted with 10:1 petroleum ether:ethyl acetate) to afford **3v** (75.2 mg, 80% yield) as a white solid, m.p. 133.2-134.4 °C. 1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 6.82 (s, 1H, -NH), 3.87 (s, 3H), 3.80 (s, 3H), 1.55 (s, 9H), 1.47 (s, 9H), 0.24 (s, 9H); $^{13}C\{^1H\}$ NMR (100 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 164.6, 162.4, 153.7, 147.5, 132.4, 126.7, 122.5, 115.3, 86.4, 81.1, 52.6, 51.6, 28.2, 27.5, -0.4; HRMS (ESI) m/z : $[M + H]^+$ Calcd for $C_{21}H_{35}N_2O_8Si$ 471.2157, found 471.2156.

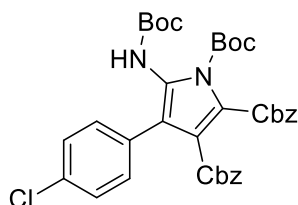


Ethynodiol diacetate derivative (3w): The representative procedure was followed using ethynodiol diacetate derivatived ynehydrazide (123 mg, 0.2 mmol). Upon stirring at room temperature for 4 h, the reaction mixture was worked up and purified by flash chromatography (silica gel, eluted with 2:1 petroleum ether:ethyl acetate) to afford **3w** (103.6 mg, 68% yield) as a white solid, m.p. 148.2-149.6 °C. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 6.32-5.85 (m, 1H, -NH), 5.35-5.23 (m, 1H), 5.23-5.12 (m, 1H), 3.79 (br s, 6H), 3.05-2.73 (m, 1H), 2.33-2.13 (m, 1H), 2.11-0.82 (m, 44H), 0.71-0.46 (m, 1H); $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 170.8, 169.9, 165.9, 159.9, 154.3, 147.1, 144.9, 125.4, 122.3, 121.9, 121.7, 119.6, 90.2, 85.7, 81.0, 70.4, 52.2, 52.1, 49.3, 48.1, 45.6, 41.7, 41.3, 35.7, 35.0, 33.2, 31.2, 28.3, 27.7, 27.5, 27.2, 25.7, 24.8, 24.3, 21.5, 21.4, 14.7; HRMS (ESI) m/z : $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ Calcd for $\text{C}_{40}\text{H}_{56}\text{N}_2\text{O}_{12}$ 757.3906, found 757.3908.

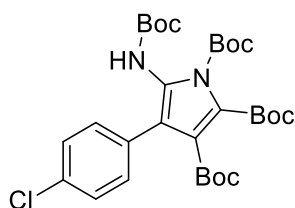


1-(*tert*-Butyl) 2,3-diethyl 5-((*tert*-butoxycarbonyl)amino)-4-(4-chlorophenyl)-1H-pyrrole-1,2,3-tricarboxylate (5a): The representative procedure was followed using di-*tert*-butyl 1-((4-chlorophenyl)ethynyl)hydrazine-1,2-dicarboxylate (73.4 mg, 0.2 mmol) and diethyl acetylenedicarboxylate (54.5 mg, 0.32 mmol, 1.6 equiv.). Upon stirring at room temperature for 1.5 h, the reaction mixture was worked up and purified by flash chromatography (silica gel, eluted with 10:1 petroleum ether:ethyl acetate) to afford **5a** (88.3 mg, 82% yield) as a white solid, m.p. 136.5-137.7 °C. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.31 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.27 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 6.28 (s, 1H), 4.36 (q, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 4.13 (q, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 1.57 (s, 9H), 1.37 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H), 1.32 (s, 9H), 1.13 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H); $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3)

δ 163.0, 161.5, 153.1, 147.2, 133.3, 131.1, 130.6, 128.0, 125.8, 125.0, 121.0, 117.2, 86.8, 81.3, 61.9, 60.8, 27.9, 27.5, 13.9, 13.8; HRMS (ESI) m/z : $[M + H]^+$ Calcd for $C_{26}H_{34}ClN_2O_8$ 537.1998, found 537.1996.

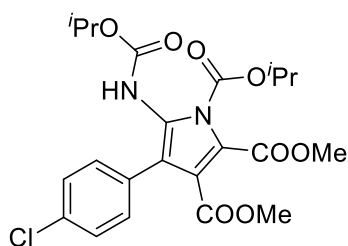


2,3-Dibenzyl 1-(tert-butyl) 5-((tert-butoxycarbonyl)amino)-4-(4-chlorophenyl)-1H-pyrrole-1,2,3-tricarboxylate (5b): The representative procedure was followed using di-*tert*-butyl 1-((4-chlorophenyl)ethynyl)hydrazine-1,2-dicarboxylate (73.4 mg, 0.2 mmol), TMEDA (4.6 mg, 0.04 mmol, 0.2 equiv.) and dibenzyl acetylenedicarboxylate (94.2 mg, 0.32 mmol, 1.6 equiv.). Upon stirring at room temperature for 30 min, the reaction mixture was worked up and purified by flash chromatography (silica gel, eluted with 15:1 petroleum ether:ethyl acetate) to afford **5b** (97.2mg, 73% yield) as a brown liquid. 1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 7.29-7.12 (m, 12H), 7.02-6.97 (m, 2H), 6.23 (s, 1H, -NH), 5.04 (s, 2H), 4.92 (s, 2H), 1.45 (s, 9H), 1.24 (br s, 9H); $^{13}C\{^1H\}$ NMR (100 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 162.7, 161.2, 153.0, 147.2, 135.1, 134.9, 133.3, 131.0, 130.3, 128.4, 128.34, 128.31, 128.2, 128.1, 128.0, 125.4, 125.2, 121.1, 117.3, 86.9, 81.3, 67.8, 66.7, 27.9, 27.5; HRMS (ESI) m/z : $[M + H]^+$ Calcd for $C_{36}H_{38}ClN_2O_8$ 661.2311, found 661.2310.



Tri-*tert*-butyl 5-((tert-butoxycarbonyl)amino)-4-(4-chlorophenyl)-1H-pyrrole-1,2,3-tricarboxylate (5c): The representative procedure was followed using di-*tert*-butyl 1-((4-chlorophenyl)ethynyl)hydrazine-1,2-dicarboxylate (73.4 mg, 0.2 mmol), TMEDA (6.9 mg, 0.06 mmol, 0.3 equiv.) and di-*tert*-butyl acetylenedicarboxylate (72.4 mg, 0.32 mmol, 1.6 equiv.). Upon stirring at room temperature for 24 h, the reaction mixture was worked up and

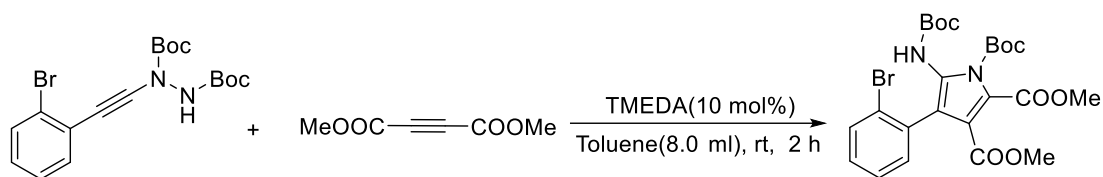
purified by flash chromatography (silica gel, eluted with 15:1 petroleum ether:ethyl acetate) to afford **5c** (47.5 mg, 40% yield) as a white solid, m.p. 172.6-173.4 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.33 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.27 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 6.20 (s, 1H, -NH), 1.59 (s, 9H), 1.58 (s, 9H), 1.35 (br s, 9H), 1.30 (s, 9H); ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 162.6, 159.4, 153.3, 147.7, 133.1, 131.1, 131.0, 127.9, 124.7, 124.5, 121.0, 120.3, 86.1, 82.7, 81.5, 81.2, 28.0, 27.8, 27.5; HRMS (ESI) *m/z*: [M + H]⁺ Calcd for C₃₀H₄₂ClN₂O₈ 593.2624, found 593.2623.



2,3-Dimethyl 1-propyl 4-(4-chlorophenyl)-5-((propoxycarbonyl)amino)-1H-pyrrole-1,2,3-tricarboxylate (5d): The representative procedure was followed using dipropyl 1-((4-chlorophenyl)ethynyl)hydrazine-1,2-dicarboxylate (67.8 mg, 0.2 mmol) and TMEDA (2.3 mg, 0.02 mmol, 0.1 equiv.). Upon stirring at room temperature for 1 h, the reaction mixture was worked up and purified by flash chromatography (silica gel, eluted with 8:1 petroleum ether:ethyl acetate) to afford **5d** (70.4 mg, 73% yield) as a yellow liquid. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.31 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.24 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 6.48 (s, 1H, -NH), 5.15 (hept, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 1H), 4.81 (hept, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 1H), 3.91 (s, 3H), 3.66 (s, 3H), 1.35 (d, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 6H), 1.20-1.05 (m, 6H); ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 163.1, 162.0, 153.9, 148.2, 133.5, 131.0, 130.0, 128.0, 126.4, 124.7, 121.8, 116.8, 74.2, 69.8, 52.9, 51.8, 21.7, 21.3; HRMS (ESI) *m/z*: [M + H]⁺ Calcd for C₂₂H₂₆ClN₂O₈ 481.1372, found 481.1381.

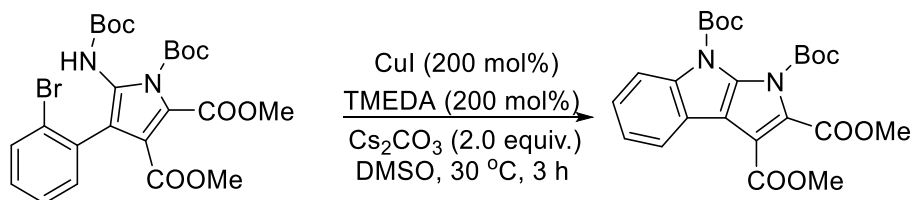
V. Synthetic applications

a. Gram-scale experiment:



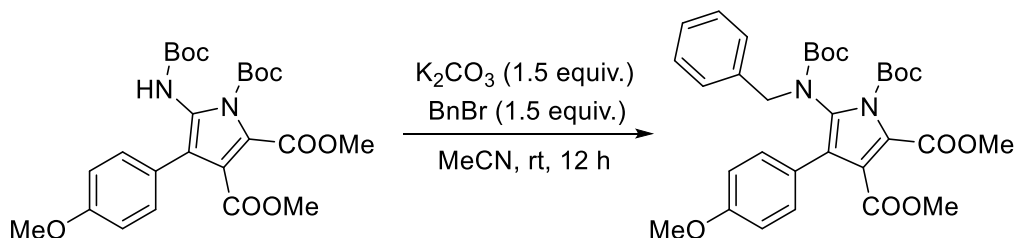
In a 25 mL round-bottomed flask, di-*tert*-butyl 1-((2-bromophenyl)ethynyl)hydrazine-1,2-dicarboxylate (658.1 mg, 1.6 mmol, 1.0 equiv.), toluene (8.0 ml), dimethyl acetylenedicarboxylate (363.8 mg, 2.56 mmol, 1.6 equiv.), TMEDA (18.5 mg, 0.16 mmol, 10 mol%) were added successively. The reaction mixture is stirred rapidly at room temperature for 2 h and diluted with ethyl acetate (15.0 mL), then saturated aq. water (20.0 mL) was added. The aqueous layer was extracted with ethyl acetate (3 × 15 mL). The combined organic layer was washed with brine (15.0 mL), dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered, and concentrated. The crude product was purified by flash chromatography (eluted with 8:1 petroleum ether:ethyl acetate) to afford the **3d** (669 mg, 75%) as a white solid.

b. Synthetic applications:

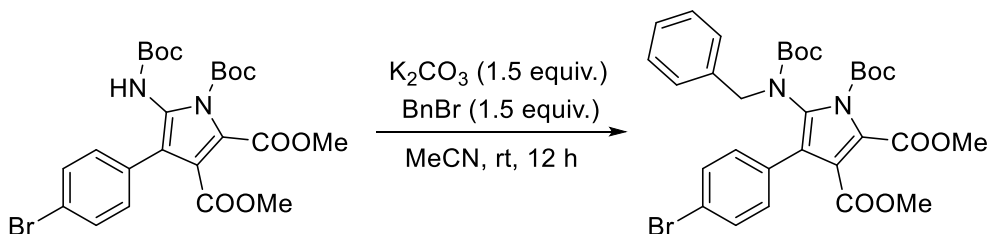


1,8-Di-*tert*-butyl 2,3-dimethyl pyrrolo[2,3-*b*]indole-1,2,3,8-tetracarboxylate (6): In a 15 mL oven-dried resealable screw-cap test tube, **3d** (110.7 mg, 0.2 mmol), cuprous iodide (76.2 mg, 0.4 mmol, 200 mol%) and cesium carbonate (130.4 mg, 0.4 mmol, 2.0 equiv.) were added. The tube was evacuated and backfilled with argon. Dimethyl sulfoxide (2.0 mL), TMEDA (46.4 mg, 0.4 mmol, 200 mol%) were added via syringe. The reaction mixture was stirred at 30 °C for 3 h, then quenched with water (6.0 mL) and extracted with ethyl acetate (3×10 mL). The combined organic phases were washed with brine (3×10 mL), dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered, and concentrated in vacuo. The crude product was purified by flash chromatography (silica gel, eluted with 15:1 petroleum ether:ethyl acetate) to afford **6** (79.5 mg, 84% yield) as a yellow liquid. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.00-7.95 (m, 1H), 7.92-7.85 (m, 1H), 7.28-7.19 (m, 2H),

3.90 (s, 6H), 1.58 (s, 9H), 1.54 (s, 9H); $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 163.5, 162.1, 149.5, 147.0, 139.8, 134.7, 128.5, 124.4, 123.6, 122.6, 121.2, 115.5, 111.4, 110.4, 86.7, 84.8, 52.9, 51.9, 28.1, 27.5; HRMS (ESI) m/z : $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ Calcd for $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{29}\text{N}_2\text{O}_8$ 473.1918, found 473.1924.

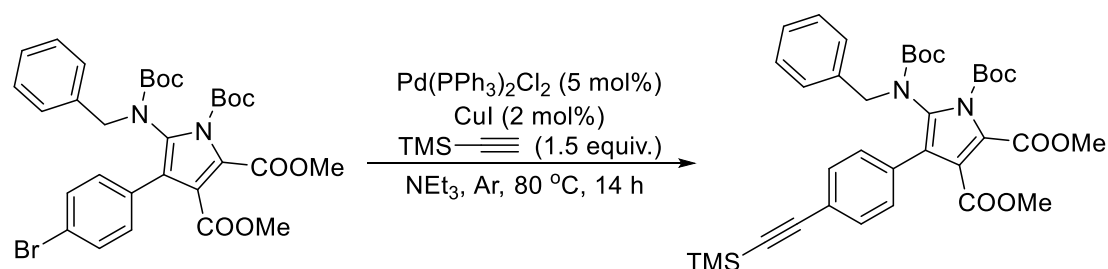


1-(tert-butyl) 2,3-dimethyl 5-(benzyl(tert-butoxycarbonyl)amino)-4-(4-methoxyphenyl)-1H-pyrrole-1,2,3-tricarboxylate (7a): In a 15 mL oven-dried resealable screw-cap test tube, a mixture of **3f** (100.9 mg, 0.2 mmol) and benzyl bromide (51.3 mg, 0.3 mmol, 1.5 equiv.), potassium carbonate (41.5 mg, 0.3 mmol, 1.5 equiv.) in acetonitrile (1.0 mL) was prepared. The reaction was stirred at room temperature for 12 h. The reaction was diluted with water (5.0 mL) and extracted with ethyl acetate (3×10 mL). The combined organic phases were washed with brine (3×10 mL), dried over Na_2SO_4 , filtered, and concentrated in vacuo. The crude product was purified by flash chromatography (silica gel, eluted with 6:1 petroleum ether:ethyl acetate) to afford **7a** (105.4 mg, 88% yield) as a white solid, m.p. 144.5-146.2 °C. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.13-6.67 (m, 9H), 4.62-4.50 (m, 1H), 4.23-4.09 (m, 1H), 3.93-3.88 (m, 3H), 3.83-3.78 (m, 3H), 3.63 (s, 3H), 1.52 (s, 9H), 1.50-1.43 (m, 9H); $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 163.6, 162.4, 158.8, 155.1, 146.6, 136.0, 130.8, 130.5, 129.0, 128.3, 127.9, 127.8, 127.1, 126.9, 126.5, 123.6, 122.6, 116.6, 133.1, 86.3, 81.2, 55.1, 53.2, 52.7, 51.7, 28.3, 27.6; HRMS (ESI) m/z : $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ Calcd for $\text{C}_{32}\text{H}_{39}\text{N}_2\text{O}_9$ 595.2650, found 595.2649.



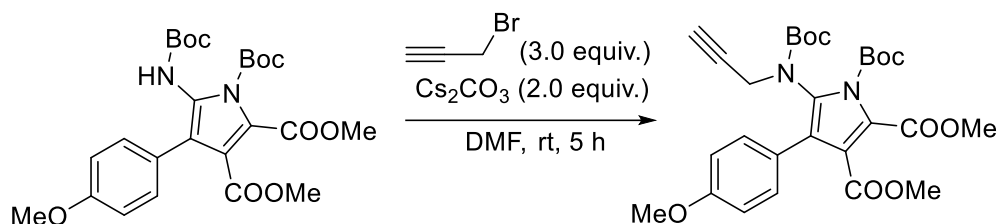
1-(tert-butyl) 2,3-dimethyl 5-(benzyl(tert-butoxycarbonyl)amino)-4-(4-bromophenyl)-1H-pyrrole-1,2,3-tricarboxylate (7b): In a 15 mL oven-dried resealable screw-cap test tube, a mixture of **3c** (442.7 mg, 0.8 mmol) and benzyl bromide (205.2 mg, 1.2 mmol, 1.5 equiv.),

potassium carbonate (165.9 mg, 1.2 mmol, 1.5 equiv.) in acetonitrile (4.0 mL) was prepared. The reaction was stirred at room temperature for 12 h. The reaction was diluted with water (10.0 mL) and extracted with ethyl acetate (3 × 15 mL). The combined organic phases were washed with brine (3 × 10 mL), dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered, and concentrated in vacuo. The crude product was purified by flash chromatography (silica gel, eluted with 9:1 petroleum ether:ethyl acetate) to afford **7b** (459.9 mg, 89% yield) as a white foam. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.28-7.19 (m, 2H), 7.16-7.06 (m, 1H), 7.06-6.97 (m, 2H), 6.87-6.79 (m, 2H), 6.71 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 4.88-4.68 (m, 1H), 4.07-3.99 (m, 1H), 3.96-3.89 (m, 3H), 3.62 (s, 3H), 1.60-1.54 (m, 9H), 1.52-1.44 (m, 9H); ¹³C {¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 163.2, 162.3, 154.9, 146.6, 135.8, 131.3, 130.9, 130.6, 128.9, 128.3, 128.0, 127.9, 127.2, 122.2, 121.5, 115.8, 86.8, 81.4, 53.3, 52.9, 51.7, 28.3, 27.6; HRMS (ESI) *m/z*: [M + Na]⁺ Calcd for C₃₁H₃₅BrN₂NaO₈ 665.1469, found 665.1463.

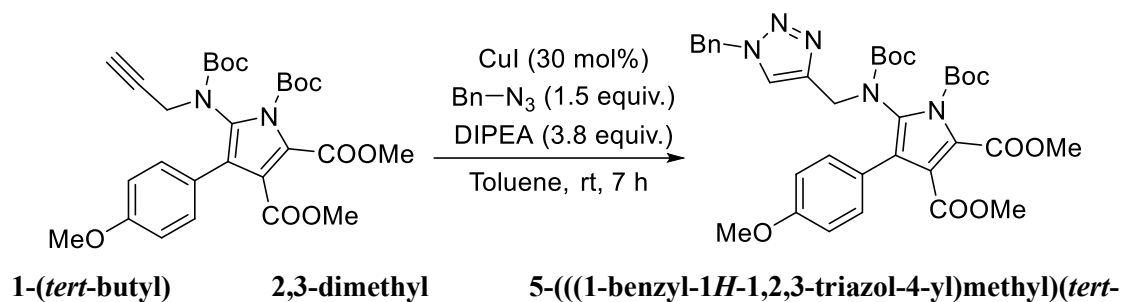


1-(*tert*-butyl) 2,3-dimethyl 5-(benzyl(*tert*-butoxycarbonyl)amino)-4-(4-((trimethylsilyl)ethynyl)phenyl)-1*H*-pyrrole-1,2,3-tricarboxylate (8): In a 15 mL oven-dried resealable screw-cap test tube, **7b** (64.4 mg, 0.1 mmol), cuprous iodide (0.38 mg, 0.002 mmol, 2 mol%) and bis(triphenylphosphine)palladium(II) dichloride (3.5 mg, 0.005 mmol, 5 mol%) were added. The tube was evacuated and backfilled with argon. Triethylamine (1.0 mL) and ethynyltrimethylsilane (14.7 mg, 0.15 mmol, 1.5 equiv.) were added via syringe. The reaction mixture was stirred at 80 °C for 14 h, The reaction mixture was carefully filtered through the Celite, and washed with ethyl acetate (30 mL). The combined filtrates were concentrated under reduced pressure to obtain a crude product. The crude product was purified by flash chromatography (silica gel, eluted with 40:1 petroleum ether:ethyl acetate) to afford **8** (50.3 mg, 76% yield) as a yellow foam. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.30-7.21 (m, 2H), 7.16-7.08 (m, 1H), 7.07-6.98 (m, 2H), 6.97-6.69 (m, 4H), 4.73-4.54 (m, 1H), 4.12 (d, *J* = 14.4 Hz,

1H), 3.97-3.87 (m, 3H), 3.59 (s, 3H), 1.57-1.52 (m, 9H), 1.52-1.42 (m, 9H), 0.31-0.22 (m, 9H); $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 163.3, 162.2, 155.3, 154.9, 146.6, 135.7, 131.8, 131.1, 129.5, 129.2, 129.1, 128.1, 127.3, 122.4, 121.9, 116.2, 105.1, 94.3, 86.6, 81.4, 53.2, 52.8, 51.7, 28.3, 27.6, 0.0; HRMS (ESI) m/z : $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$ Calcd for $\text{C}_{36}\text{H}_{44}\text{N}_2\text{NaO}_8\text{Si}$ 683.2759, found 683.2758.

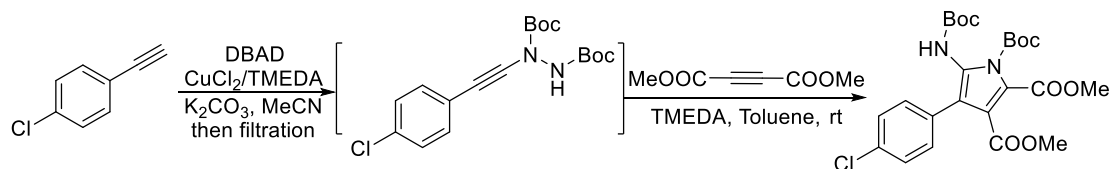


1-(*tert*-butyl) 2,3-dimethyl 5-((*tert*-butoxycarbonyl)(prop-2-yn-1-yl)amino)-4-(4-methoxyphenyl)-1H-pyrrole-1,2,3-tricarboxylate (9): In a 15 mL oven-dried resealable screw-cap test tube, a mixture of **3f** (201.8 mg, 0.4 mmol) and propargyl bromide (142.7 mg, 1.2 mmol, 3.0 equiv.), cesium carbonate (260.6 mg, 0.8 mmol, 2.0 equiv.) in N,N-dimethylformamide (2.0 mL) was prepared. The reaction was stirred at room temperature for 5 h. The reaction was diluted with water (10 mL) and extracted with EtOAc (3 \times 10 mL). The combined organic phases were washed with brine (3 \times 10 mL), dried over Na_2SO_4 , filtered, and concentrated in vacuo. The crude product was purified by flash chromatography (silica gel, eluted with 8:1 petroleum ether:ethyl acetate) to afford **9** (181.7 mg, 83% yield) as a white solid, m.p. 110.3-111.5 $^\circ\text{C}$. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.26-7.19 (m, 2H), 6.91-6.83 (m, 2H), 4.28-4.00 (m, 1H), 3.97-3.85 (m, 4H), 3.82 (s, 3H), 3.71-3.65 (m, 3H), 2.07-1.95 (m, 1H, $-\text{C}\equiv\text{CH}$), 1.62-1.53 (m, 9H), 1.52-1.36 (m, 9H); $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 163.5, 162.5, 159.1, 153.9, 146.8, 130.7, 127.8, 127.1, 123.6, 123.4, 116.0, 113.3, 86.4, 81.6, 77.6, 73.2, 55.1, 52.8, 51.7, 38.5, 28.2, 27.6; HRMS (ESI) m/z : $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$ Calcd for $\text{C}_{28}\text{H}_{34}\text{N}_2\text{NaO}_9$ 565.2157, found 565.2157.



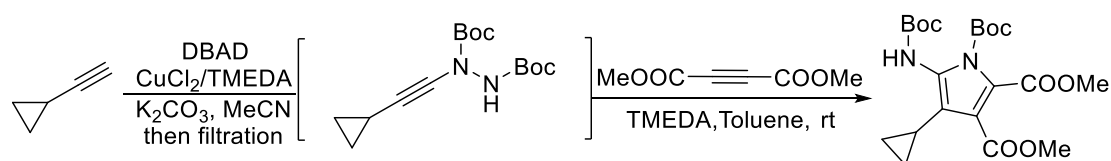
In a 15 mL oven-dried resealable screw-cap test tube, a mixture of **9** (54.3 mg, 0.1 mmol) and benzyl azide (20.0 mg, 0.15 mmol, 1.5 equiv.), *N,N*-diisopropylethylamine (DIPEA, 49.1 mg, 0.38 mmol, 3.8 equiv.), cuprous iodide (5.7 mg, 0.03 mmol, 30 mol%) in toluene (1.0 mL) was prepared. The reaction was stirred at room temperature for 7 h. The reaction mixture was diluted with aqueous sodium bicarbonate solution (10 mL) and extracted with ethyl acetate (3 × 10 mL). The combined organic phases were washed with brine (3 × 10 mL), dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered, and concentrated in vacuo. The crude product was purified by flash chromatography (silica gel, eluted with 2:1 petroleum ether:ethyl acetate) to afford **10** (57.9 mg, 85% yield) as a white foam. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.38-7.29 (m, 3H), 7.19-6.93 (m, 4H), 6.84-6.73 (m, 2H), 6.72-6.15 (m, 1H), 5.45-5.37 (m, 1H), 5.15-5.05 (m, 1H), 4.85-4.69 (m, 1H), 4.35-4.19 (m, 1H), 3.97-3.89 (m, 3H), 3.86-3.81 (m, 3H), 3.64 (s, 3H), 1.55 (s, 9H), 1.48-1.29 (m, 9H); ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 163.2, 162.3, 158.7, 154.9, 146.7, 143.8, 134.8, 134.6, 130.7, 128.9, 128.5, 127.8, 127.2, 124.0, 122.9, 122.8, 116.0, 112.9, 86.5, 81.5, 55.1, 53.7, 52.8, 51.7, 45.2, 28.3, 27.6; HRMS (ESI) *m/z*: [M + Na]⁺ Calcd for C₃₅H₄₁N₅NaO₉ 698.2796, found 698.2788.

c. Direct synthesis of pyrrole from terminal alkynes:



In a 15 mL resealable screw-cap test tube, potassium carbonate (11.0 mg, 0.08 mmol, 0.2 equiv.), di-*tert*-butyl azodicarboxylate (138.4 mg, 0.6 mmol, 1.5 equiv.), 1-chloro-4-ethynylbenzene (54.6 mg, 0.4 mmol), cupric chloride anhydrous (10.8 mg, 0.08 mmol, 20 mol%) were added successively. The tube was evacuated and backfilled with argon (this

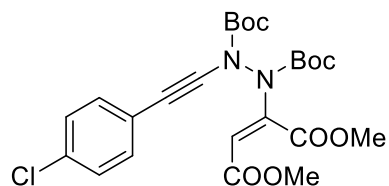
process was repeated for 3 times). Anhydrous MeCN (1.0 mL), TMEDA (9.3 mg, 0.08 mmol, 20 mol%) were added under argon atmosphere. The reaction mixture was stirred vigorously at 30 °C for 6 h. The reaction mixture was carefully filtered through the silica gel under vacuum conditions, and washed with ethyl acetate (20 mL). The combined filtrates were concentrated under reduced pressure to obtain a crude product. The crude product was placed in a new tube, toluene (1.0 mL), dimethyl acetylenedicarboxylate (79.6 mg, 0.56 mmol, 1.4 equiv.), TMEDA (4.6 mg, 0.04 mmol, 10 mol%) were added successively. The reaction mixture is stirred rapidly at room temperature until the end of the reaction and diluted with ethyl acetate (4 mL), then saturated aq. water (4.0 mL) was added. The aqueous layer was extracted with ethyl acetate (3 × 6 mL). The combined organic layer was washed with brine (15.0 mL), dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered, and concentrated. The crude product was purified by flash chromatography (eluted with 8:1 petroleum ether:ethyl acetate) to afford the **3a** (101.7 mg, 49%) as a white solid.



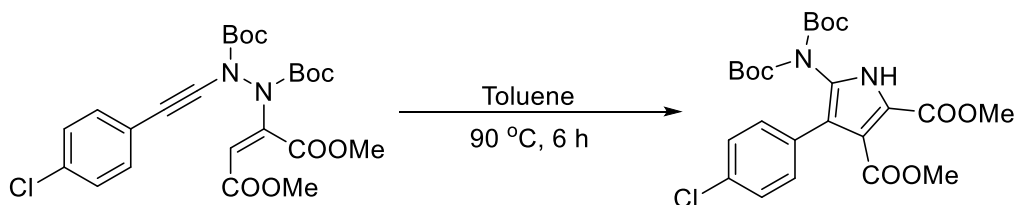
In a 15 mL resealable screw-cap test tube, potassium carbonate (11.0 mg, 0.08 mmol, 0.2 equiv.), di-*tert*-butyl azodicarboxylate (138.4 mg, 0.6 mmol, 1.5 equiv.), ethynylcyclopropane (26.4 mg, 0.4 mmol), cupric chloride anhydrous (10.8 mg, 0.08 mmol, 0.2 equiv.) were added successively. The tube was evacuated and backfilled with argon (this process was repeated for 3 times). Anhydrous MeCN (1.0 mL), TMEDA (9.3 mg 0.08 mmol, 20 mol%) were added under argon atmosphere. The reaction mixture was stirred vigorously at 30 °C for 6 h. The reaction mixture was carefully filtered through the silica gel under vacuum conditions, and washed with ethyl acetate (20 mL). The combined filtrates were concentrated under reduced pressure to obtain a crude product. The crude product was placed in a new tube, toluene (1.0 mL), dimethyl acetylenedicarboxylate (79.6 mg, 0.56 mmol, 1.4 equiv.), TMEDA (4.6 mg, 0.04 mmol, 10 mol%) were added successively. The reaction mixture is stirred rapidly at room temperature until the end of the reaction and diluted with ethyl acetate (4.0 mL), then saturated aq. water (4.0 mL) was added. The aqueous layer was extracted with ethyl acetate (3 × 6 mL). The combined organic layer was washed with brine (15 mL), dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered, and

concentrated. The crude product was purified by flash chromatography (eluted with 8:1 petroleum ether:ethyl acetate) to afford the **3q** (84.9 mg, 48%) as a white solid.

VI. Mechanism studies

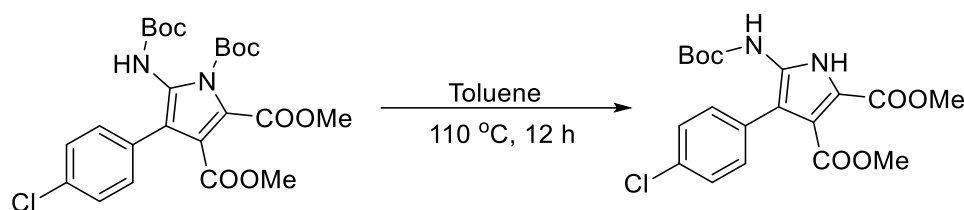


Di-tert-butyl (E)-1-((4-chlorophenyl)ethynyl)-2-(1,4-dimethoxy-1,4-dioxobut-2-en-2-yl)hydrazine-1,2-dicarboxylate (4a): The representative procedure was followed with the following modifications: di-*tert*-butyl 1-((4-chlorophenyl)ethynyl)hydrazine-1,2-dicarboxylate (73.4 mg, 0.2 mmol), cesium carbonate (6.5 mg, 0.02 mmol, 0.1 equiv.), ethyl acetate (1.0 mL) and dimethyl acetylenedicarboxylate (45.5 mg, 0.32 mmol, 1.6 equiv.). Upon stirring at room temperature for 3 h, the reaction mixture was worked up and purified by flash chromatography (silica gel, eluted with 10:1 petroleum ether:ethyl acetate) to afford **4a** (59 mg, 58% yield) as a yellow liquid. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.32-7.18 (m, 4H), 5.69-5.53 (m, 1H), 3.85 (s, 3H), 3.65 (s, 3H), 1.56-1.35 (m, 18H); $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 165.4, 162.4, 150.5, 148.8, 144.0, 134.2, 132.8, 128.6, 120.4, 102.3, 85.7, 85.6, 80.3, 72.4, 53.0, 51.8, 27.8, 27.7; HRMS (ESI) m/z : $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ Calcd for $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{30}\text{ClN}_2\text{O}_8$ 509.1685, found 509.1692.

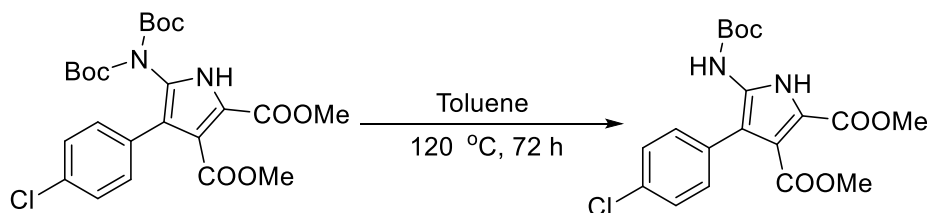


1,2-Bis(*tert*-butoxycarbonyl)-5-(4-chlorophenyl)-3,4-bis(methoxycarbonyl)-1H-pyrrole (11): In a 15 mL oven-dried resealable screw-cap test tube, **4a** (50.9 mg, 0.1 mmol) and toluene (1.0 mL) were mixed. The reaction was stirred at 90 °C for 6 h. After the reaction mixture was cooled to room temperature, the crude product was concentrated in vacuo and purified by flash

chromatography (silica gel, eluted with 4:1 petroleum ether:ethyl acetate) to afford **11** (33 mg, 65% yield) as a colorless liquid. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 10.18 (s, 1H, -NH), 7.33 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.21 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 3.91 (s, 3H), 3.76 (s, 3H), 1.32 (s, 18H); $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 165.5, 160.8, 150.0, 133.4, 130.5, 129.7, 128.7, 126.5, 120.4, 120.2, 117.9, 83.9, 52.5, 52.2, 27.6; HRMS (ESI) m/z : $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ Calcd for $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{30}\text{ClN}_2\text{O}_8$ 509.1685, found 509.1695.



Dimethyl 5-((tert-butoxycarbonyl)amino)-4-(4-chlorophenyl)-1H-pyrrole-2,3-dicarboxylate (12): In a 15 mL oven-dried resealable screw-cap test tube, **3a** (50.9 mg, 0.1 mmol) and toluene (1.0 mL) were mixed. The reaction was stirred at 110 °C for 12 h. After the reaction mixture was cooled to room temperature, the crude product was concentrated in vacuo and purified by flash chromatography (silica gel, eluted with 6:1 petroleum ether:ethyl acetate) to afford **12** (33 mg, 81% yield) as a white solid, m.p. 147.5-149.0 °C. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 10.68 (s, 1H, -NH), 7.39 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.24 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 6.84 (s, 1H, -NH_{Boc}), 3.85 (s, 3H), 3.76 (s, 3H), 1.51 (s, 9H); $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 165.7, 159.7, 152.5, 133.4, 130.4, 130.1, 129.3, 128.8, 120.8, 114.3, 108.1, 82.9, 52.3, 51.8, 28.1; HRMS (ESI) m/z : $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ Calcd for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{22}\text{ClN}_2\text{O}_6$ 409.1161, found 409.1156.



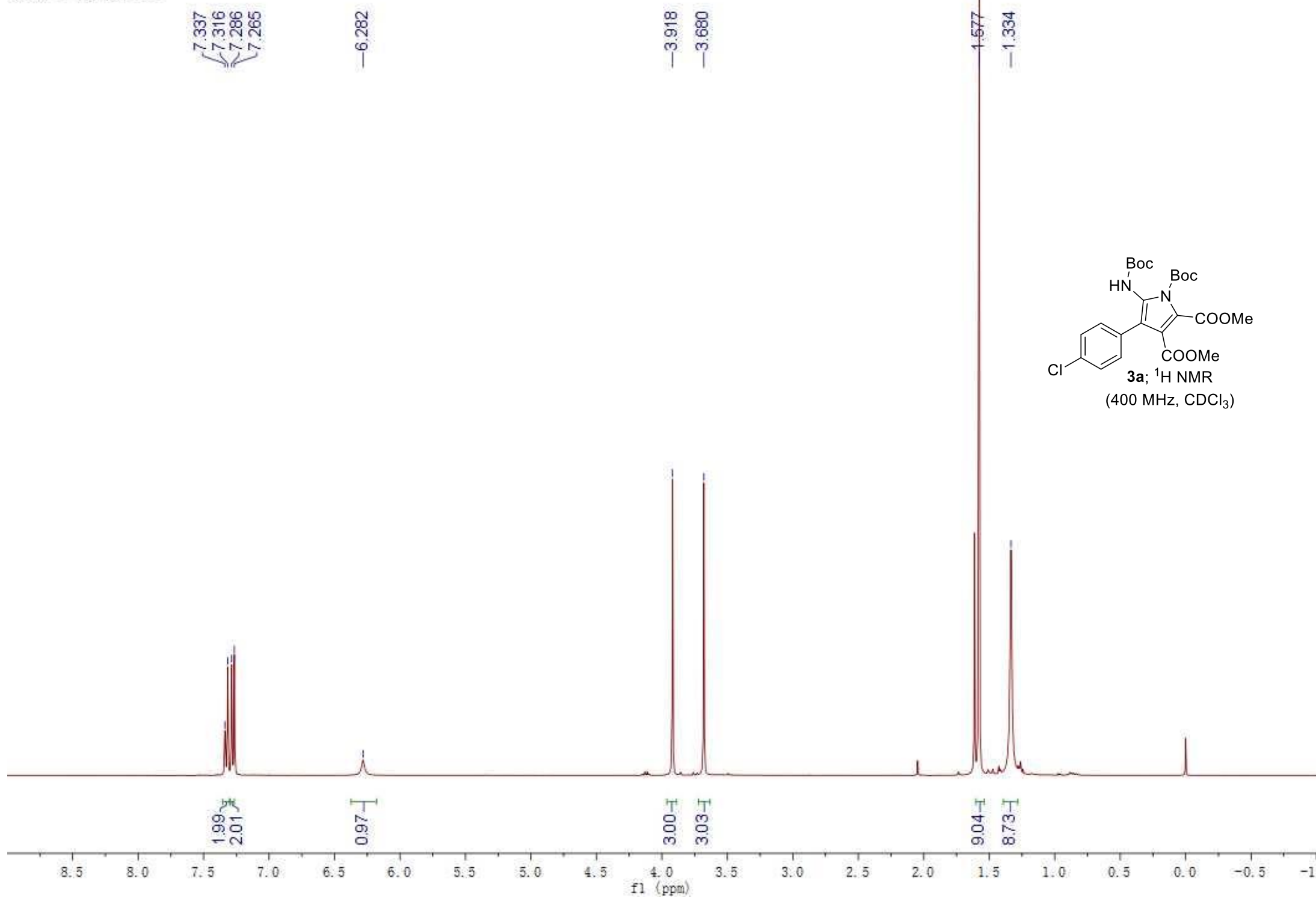
Dimethyl 5-((tert-butoxycarbonyl)amino)-4-(4-chlorophenyl)-1H-pyrrole-2,3-dicarboxylate (12): In a 15 mL oven-dried resealable screw-cap test tube, **11** (10.2 mg, 0.02 mmol) and toluene (0.5 mL) were mixed. The reaction was stirred at 120 °C for 72 h. After the

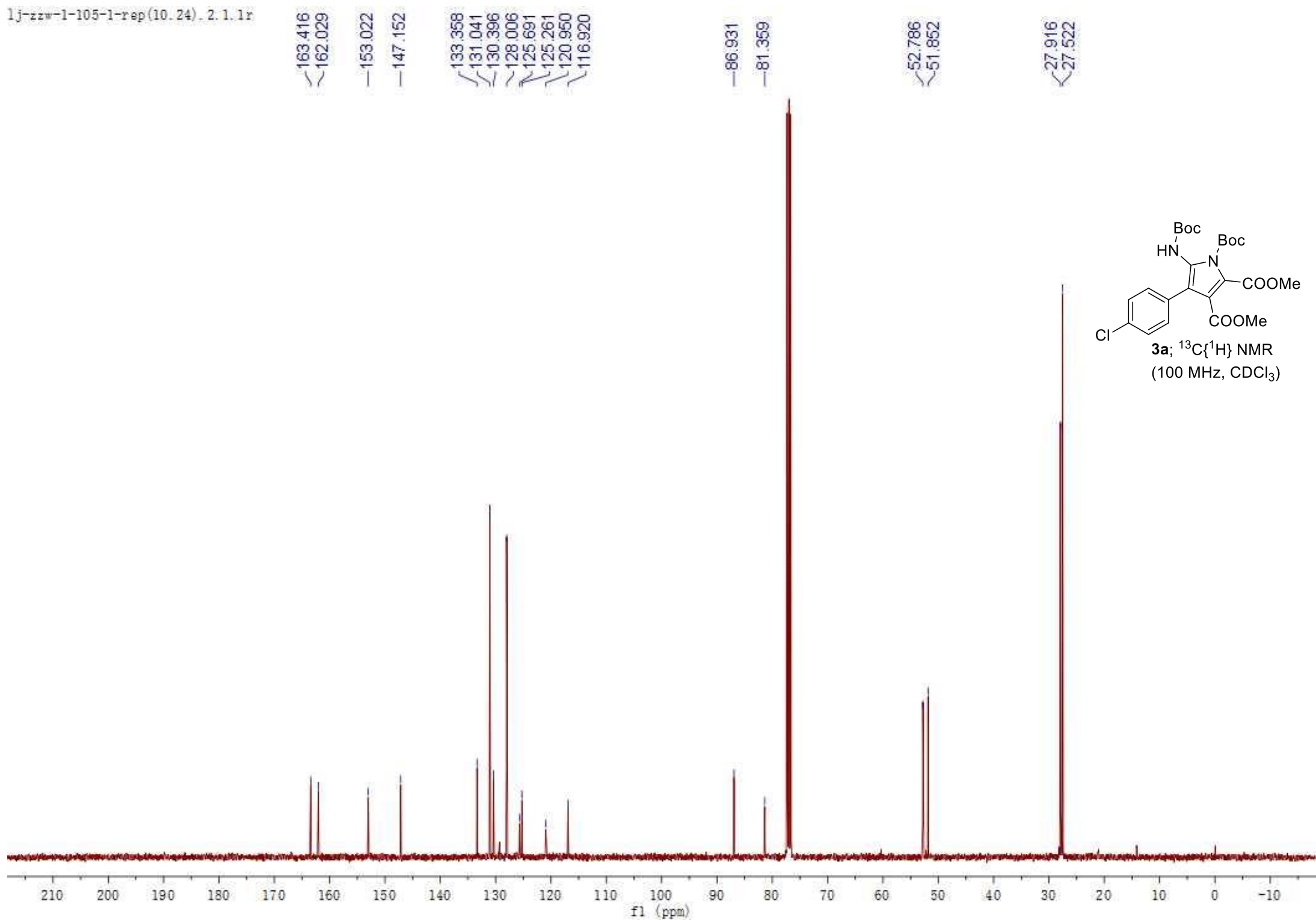
reaction mixture was cooled to room temperature, the mixture was diluted with ethyl acetate (15 mL) and 4-nitroacetophenone (3.3 mg, 0.02 mmol) was added. Crude ^1H NMR analysis indicated the formation of **9** in 74% yield.

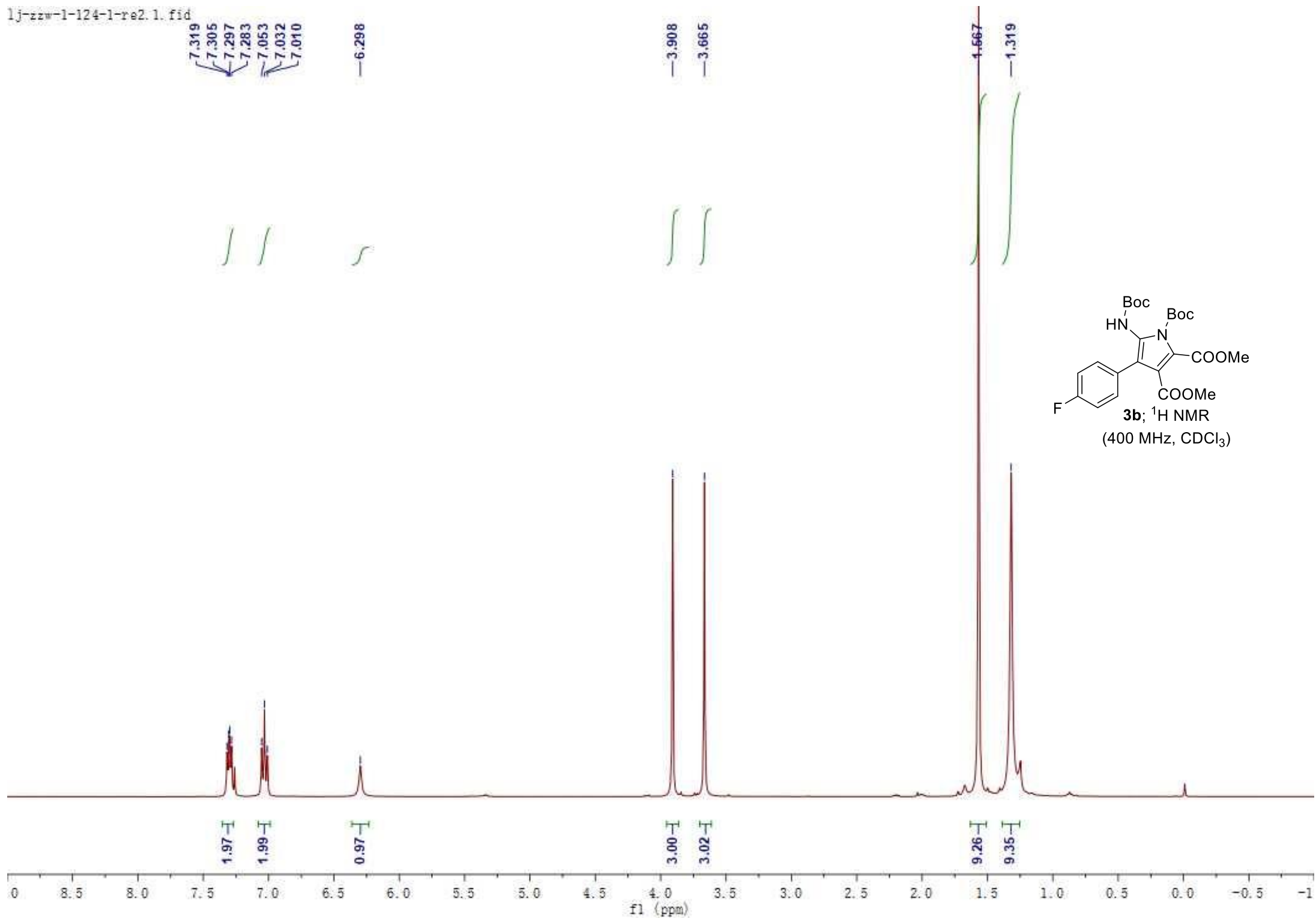
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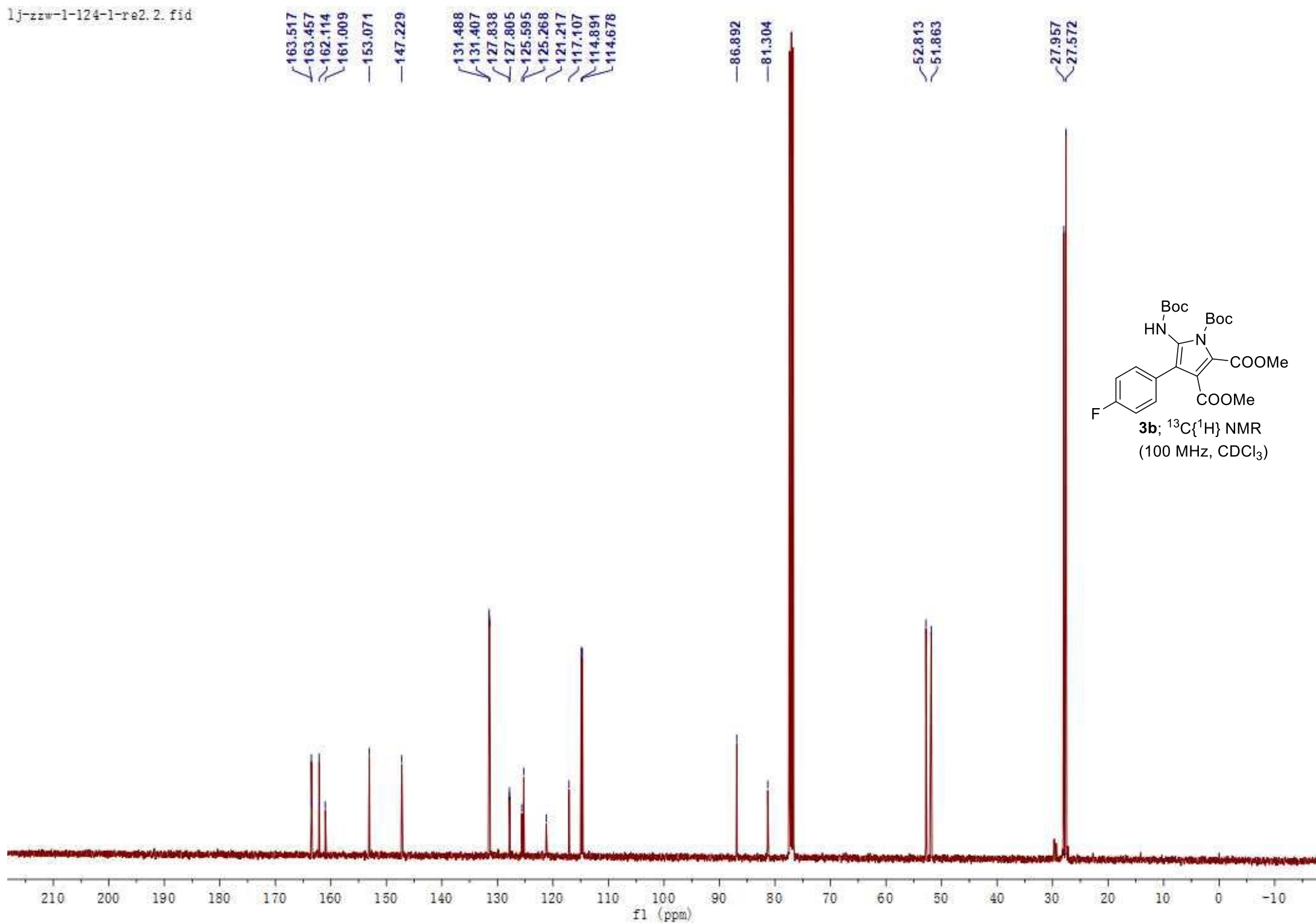
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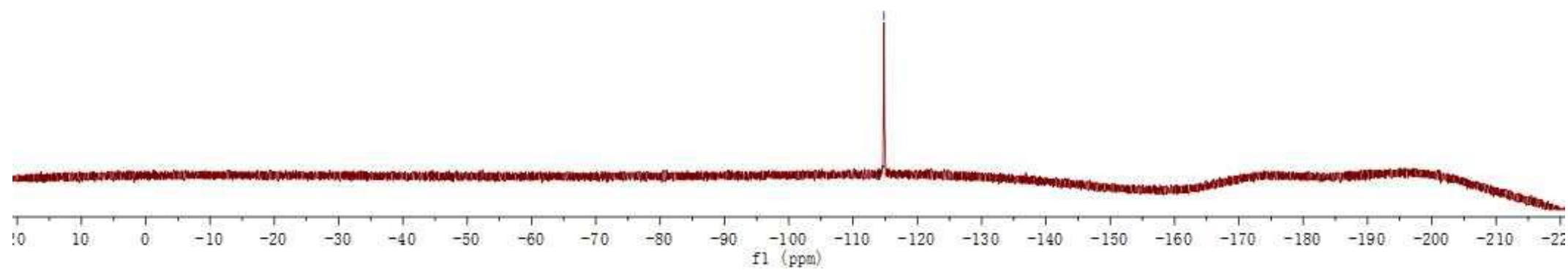
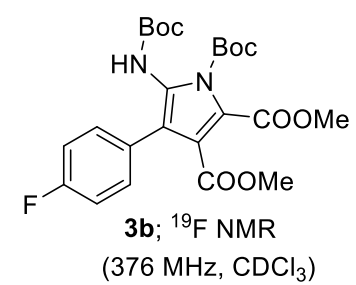
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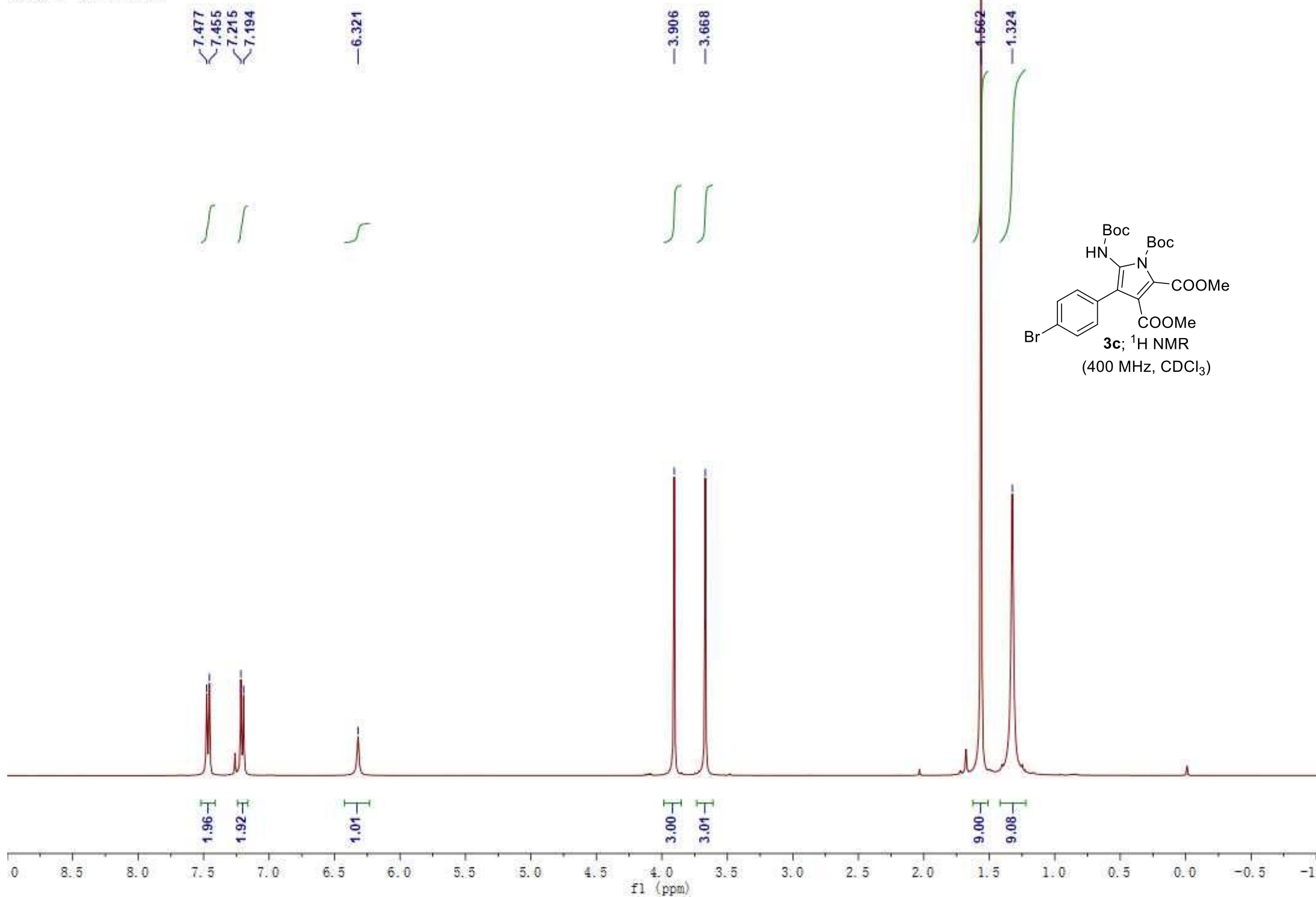


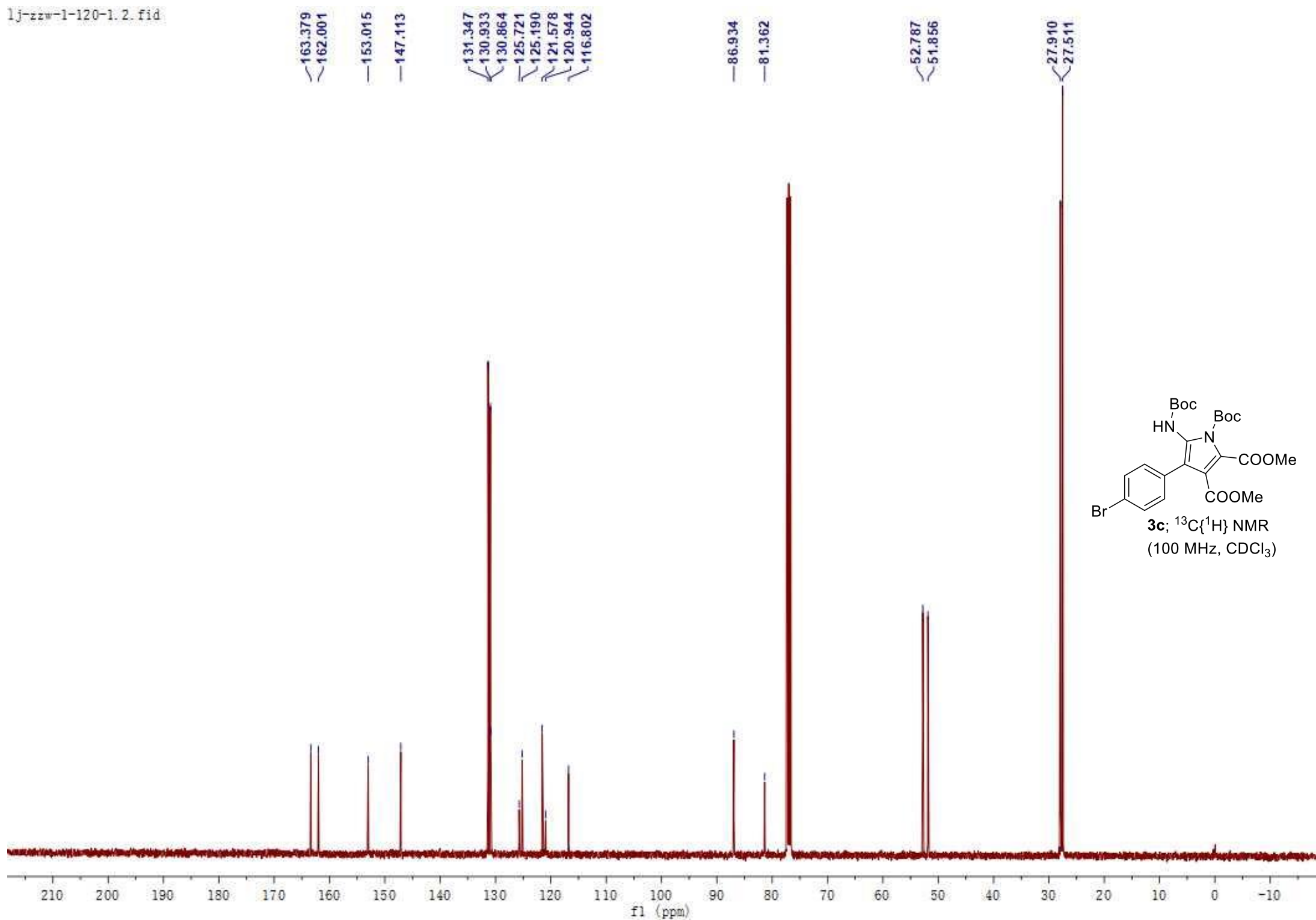


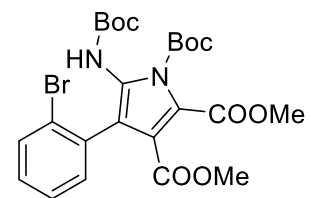
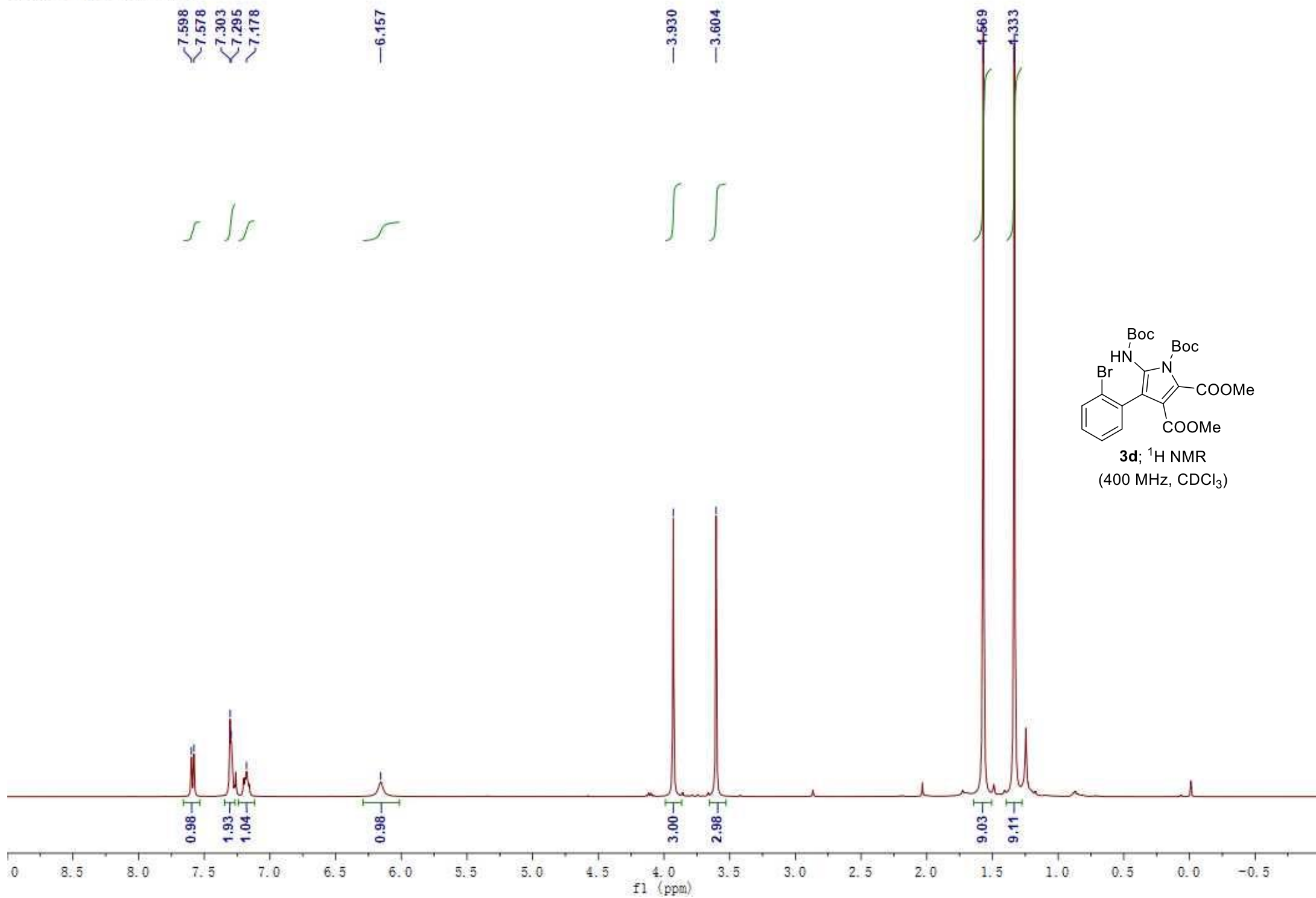




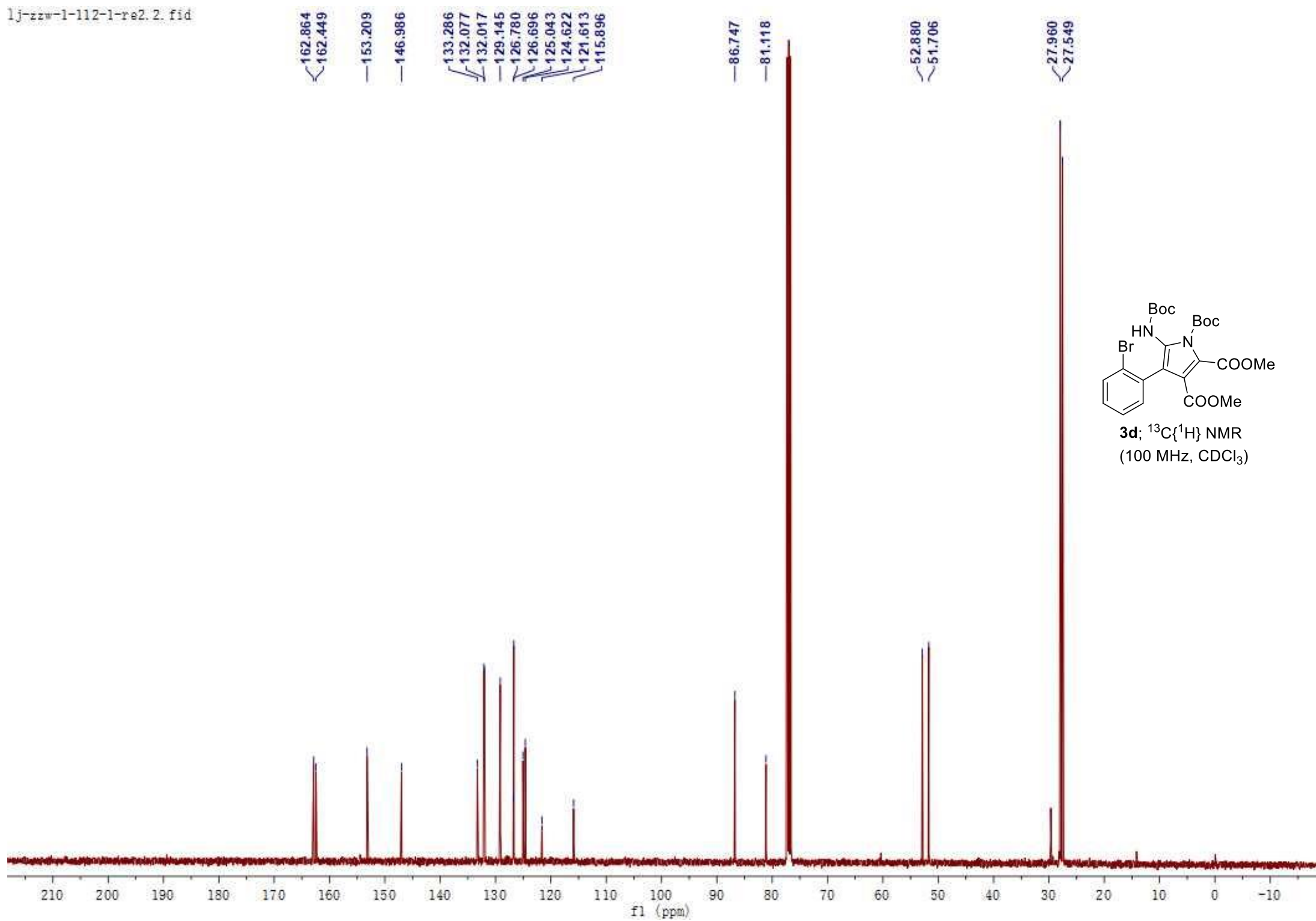


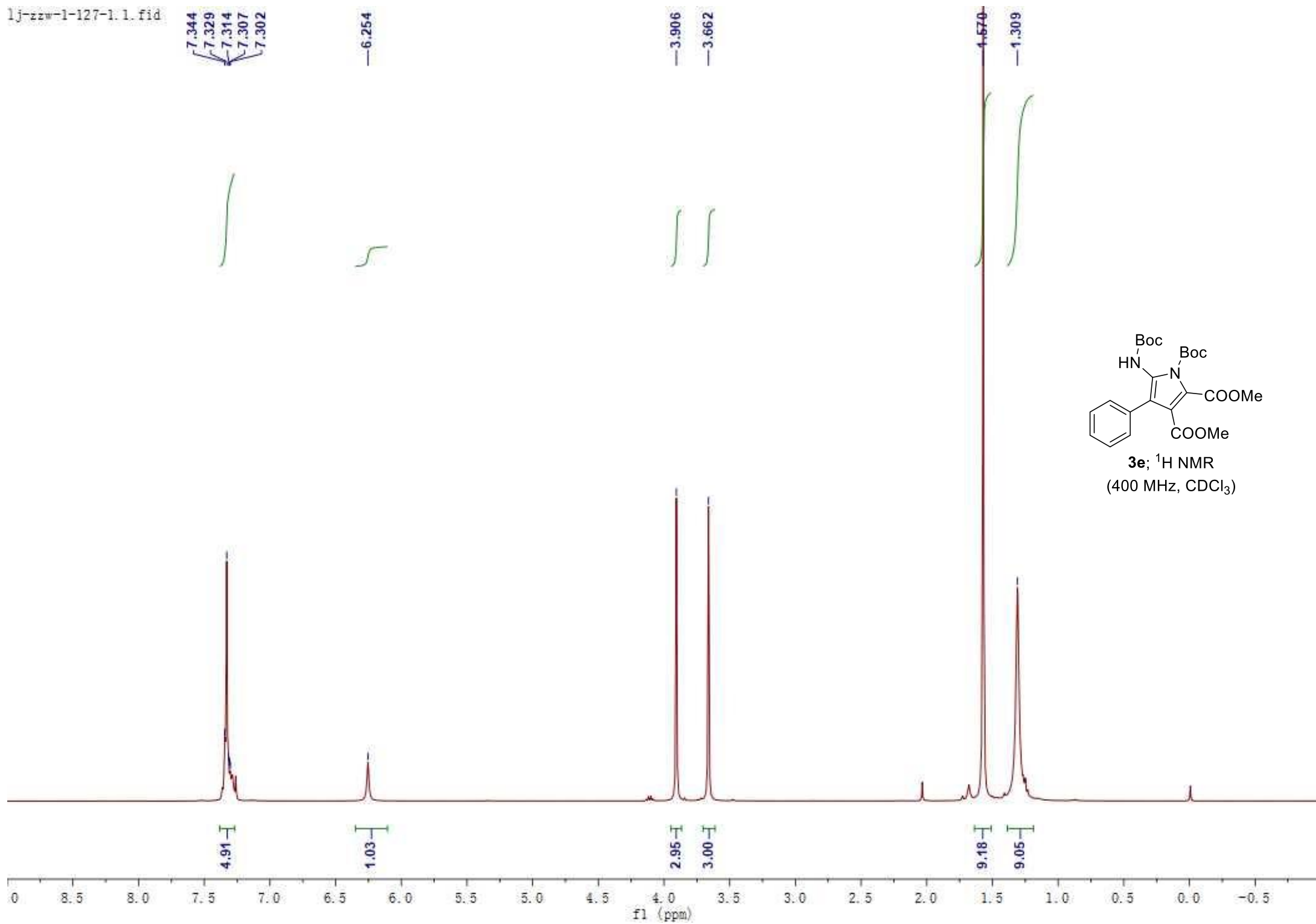


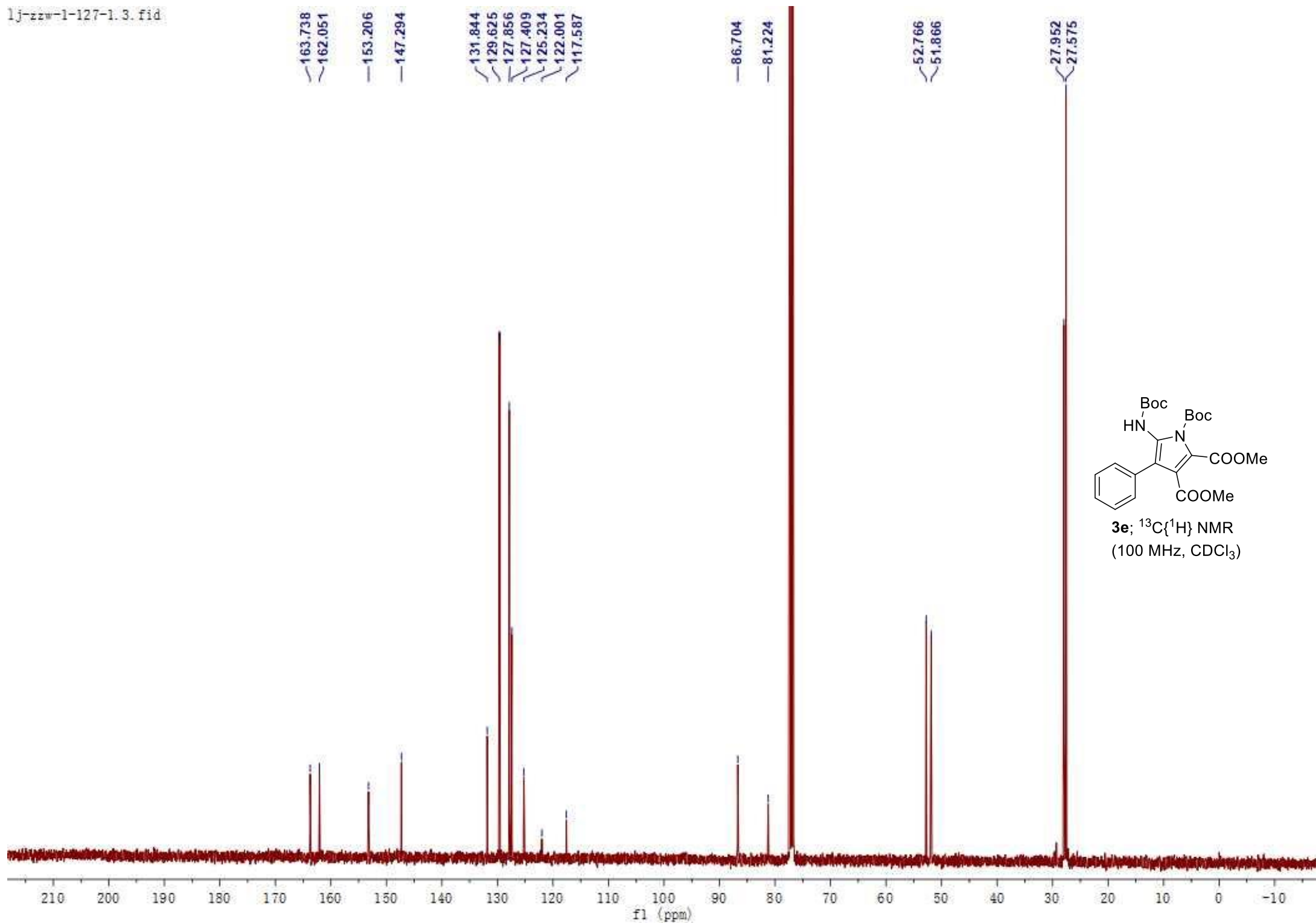


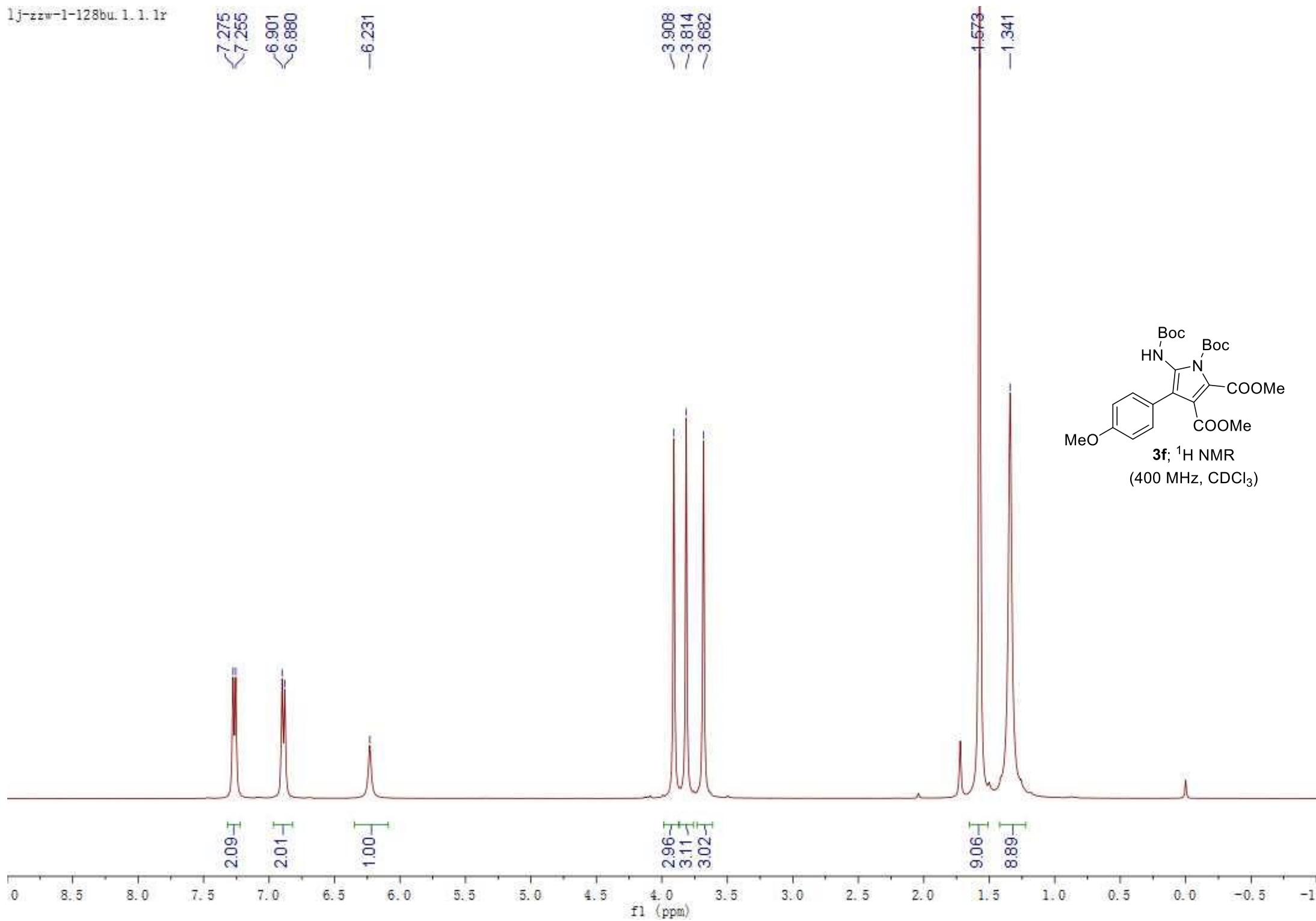


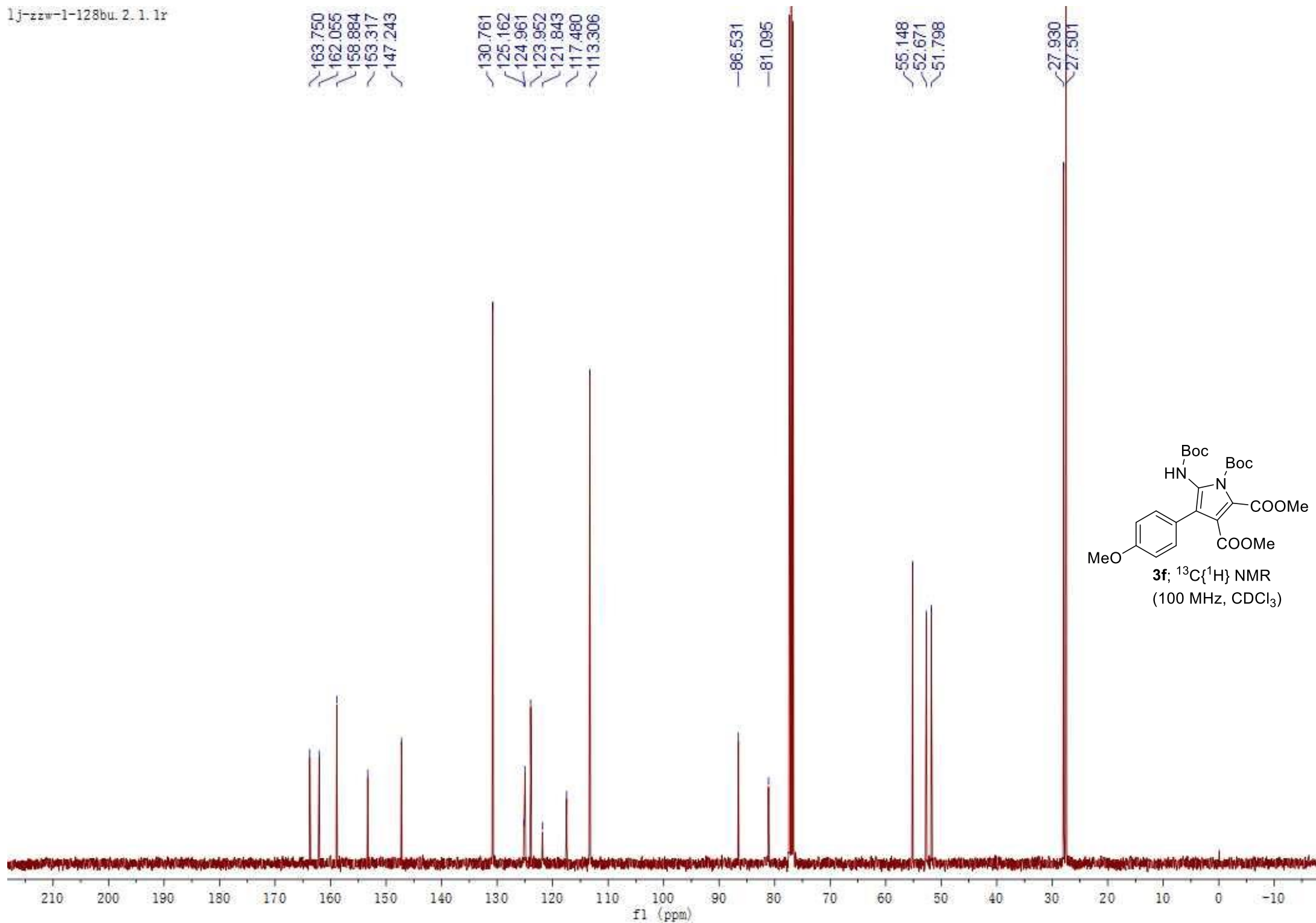
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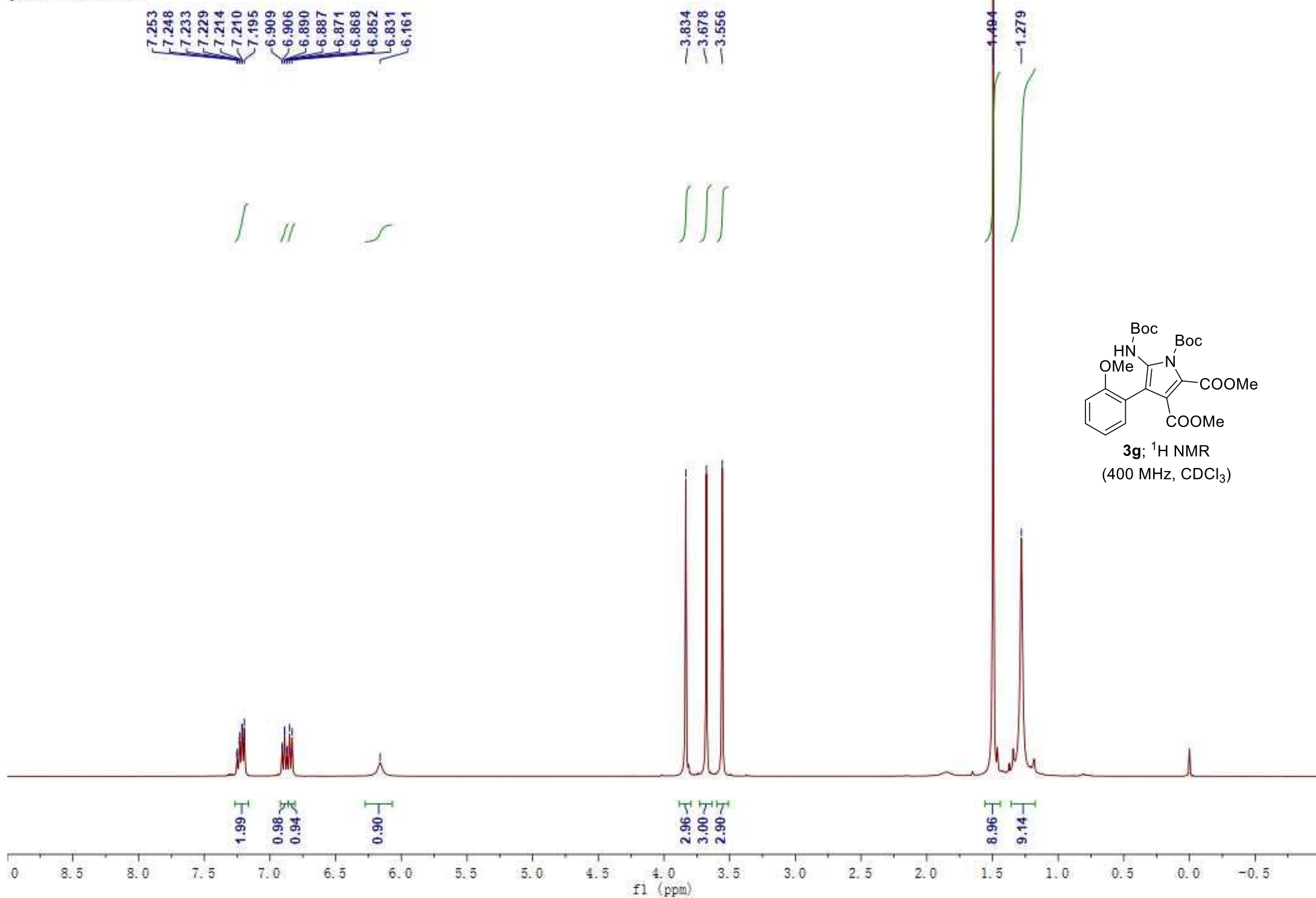


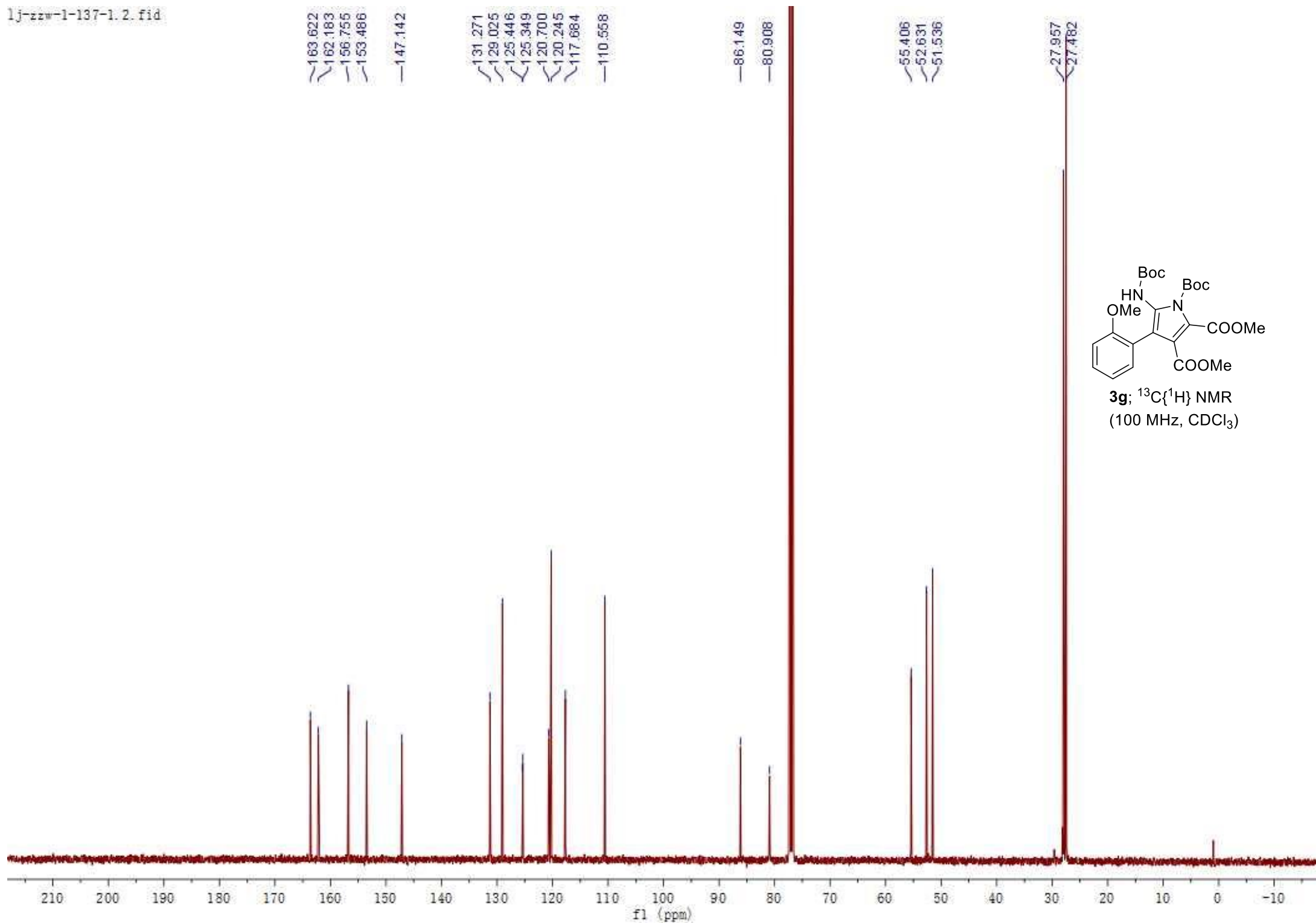


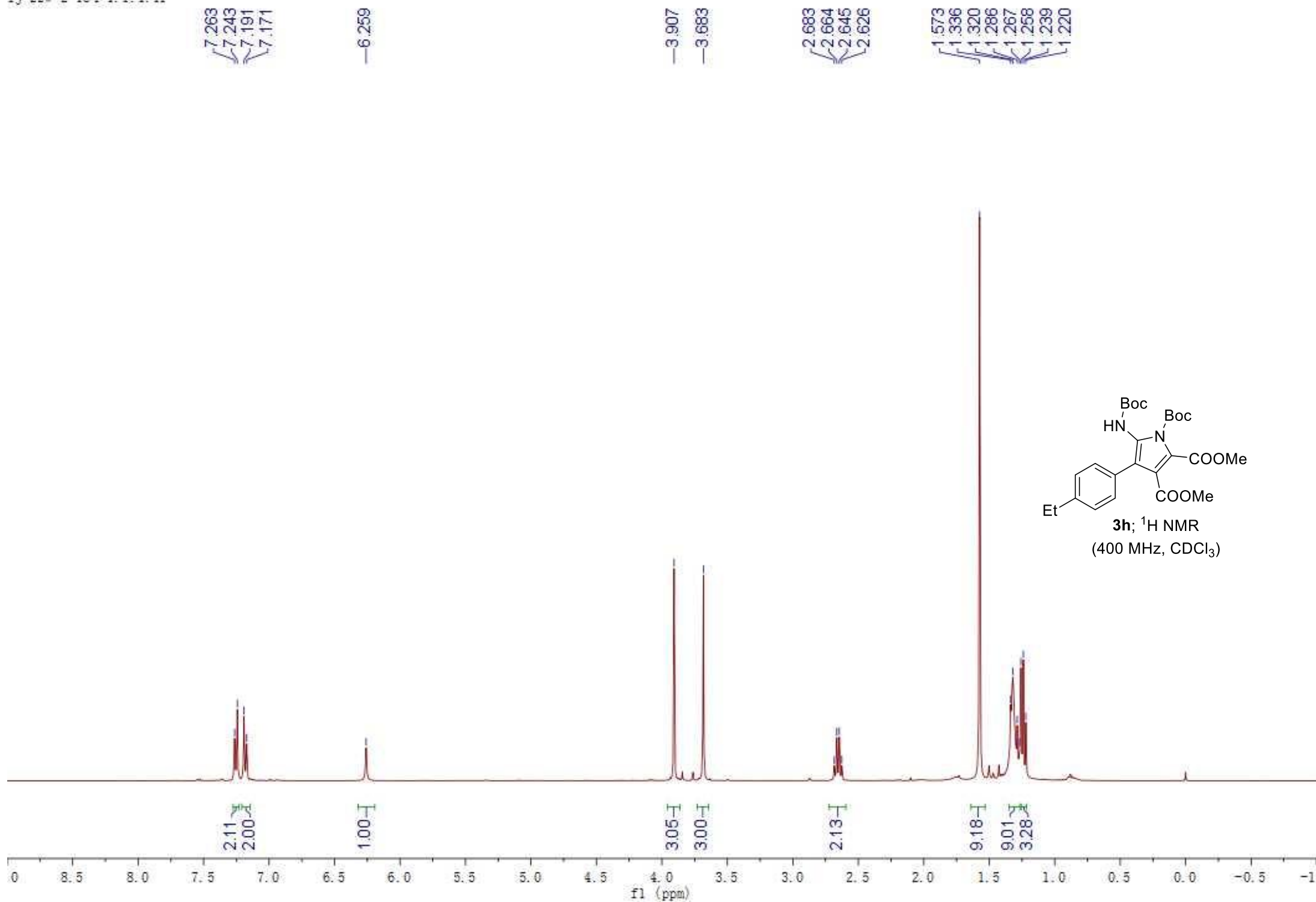


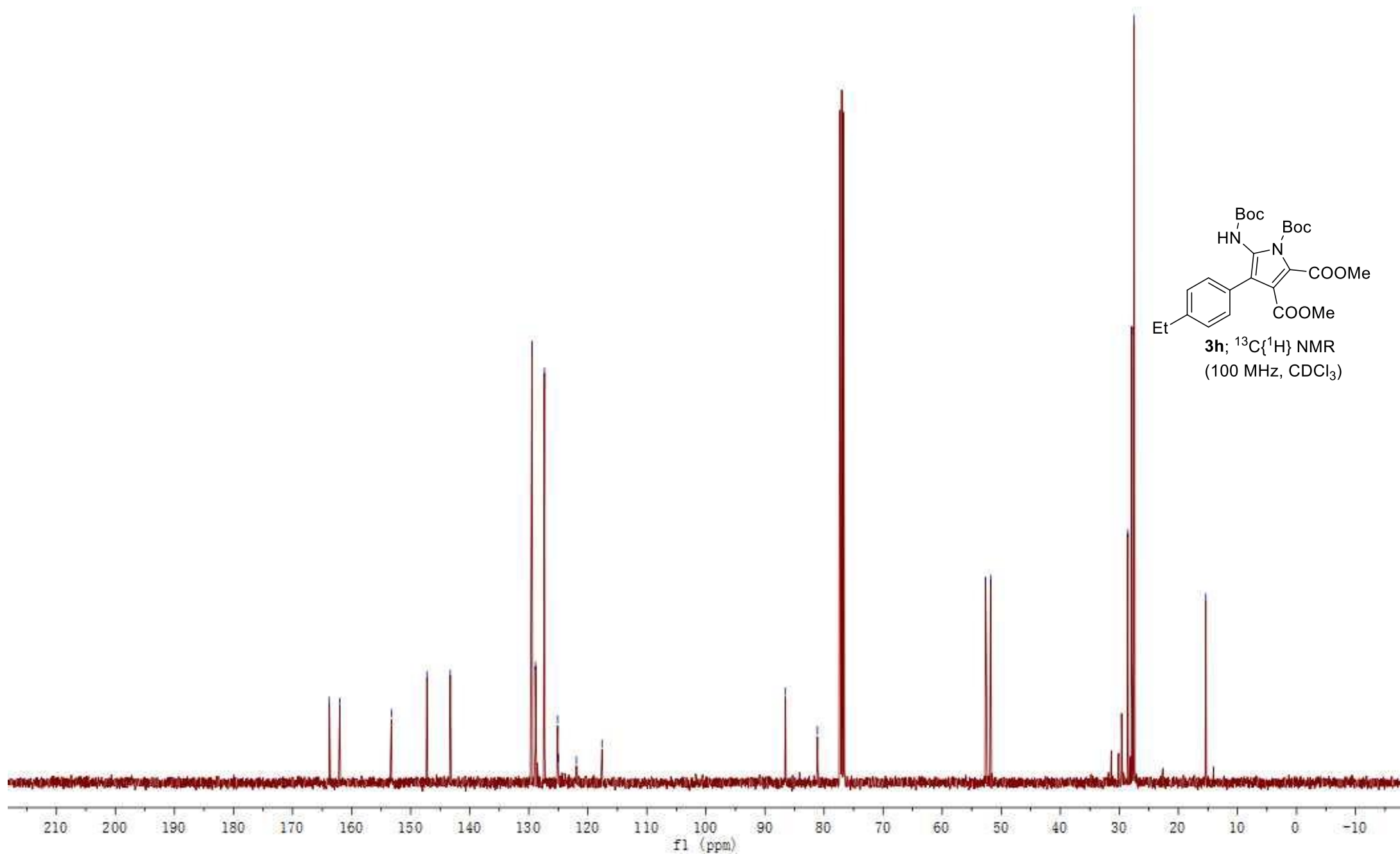


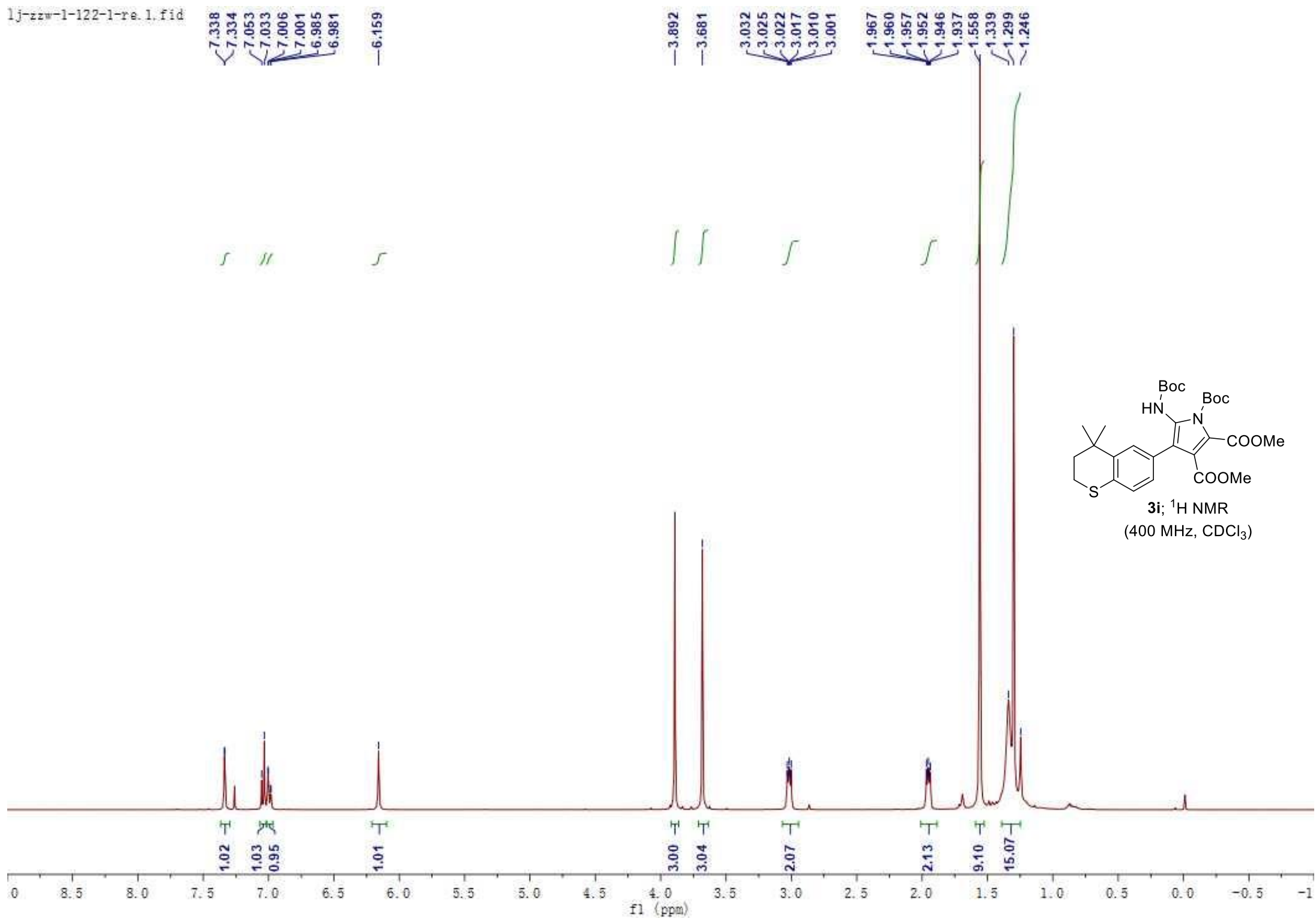


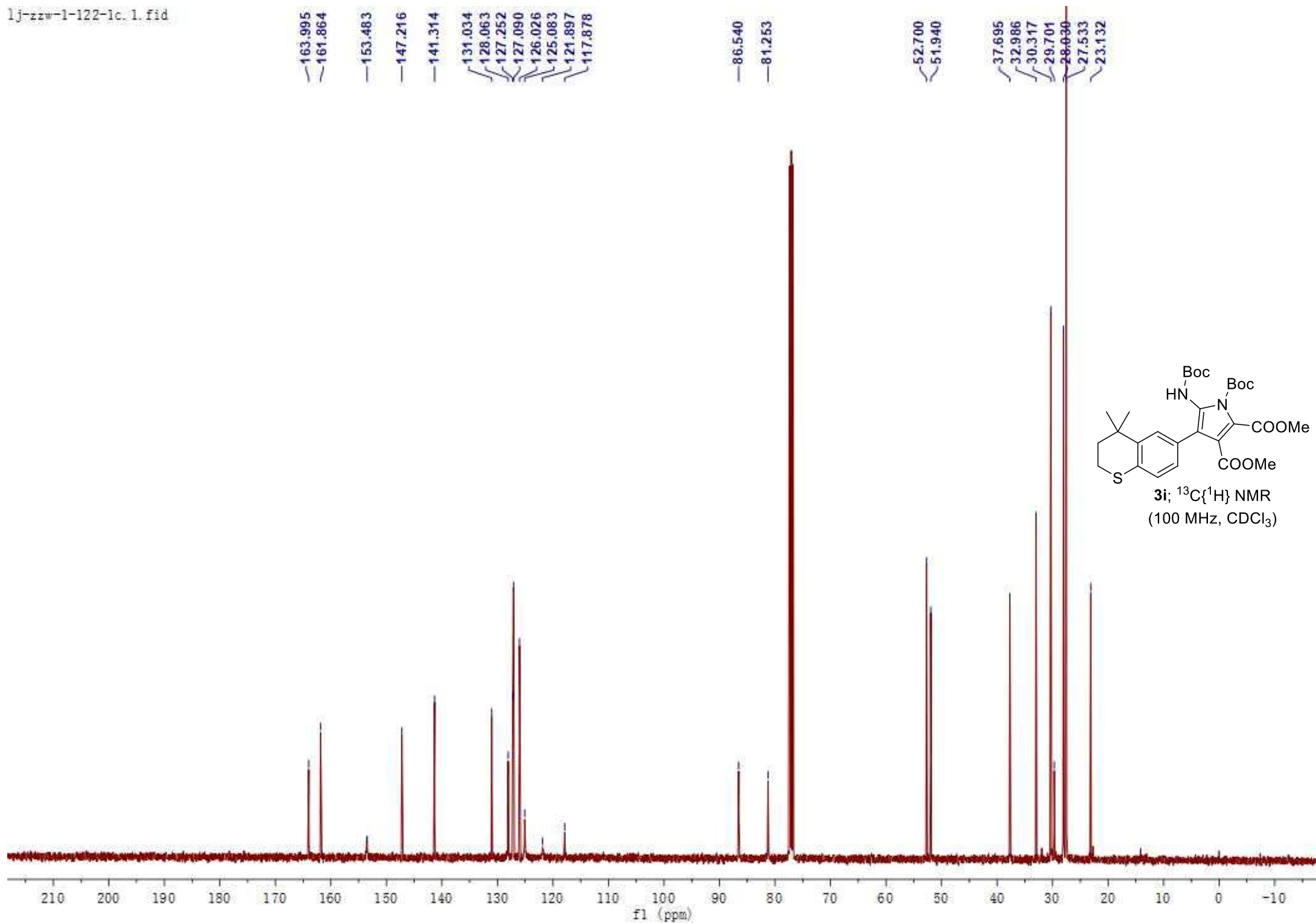


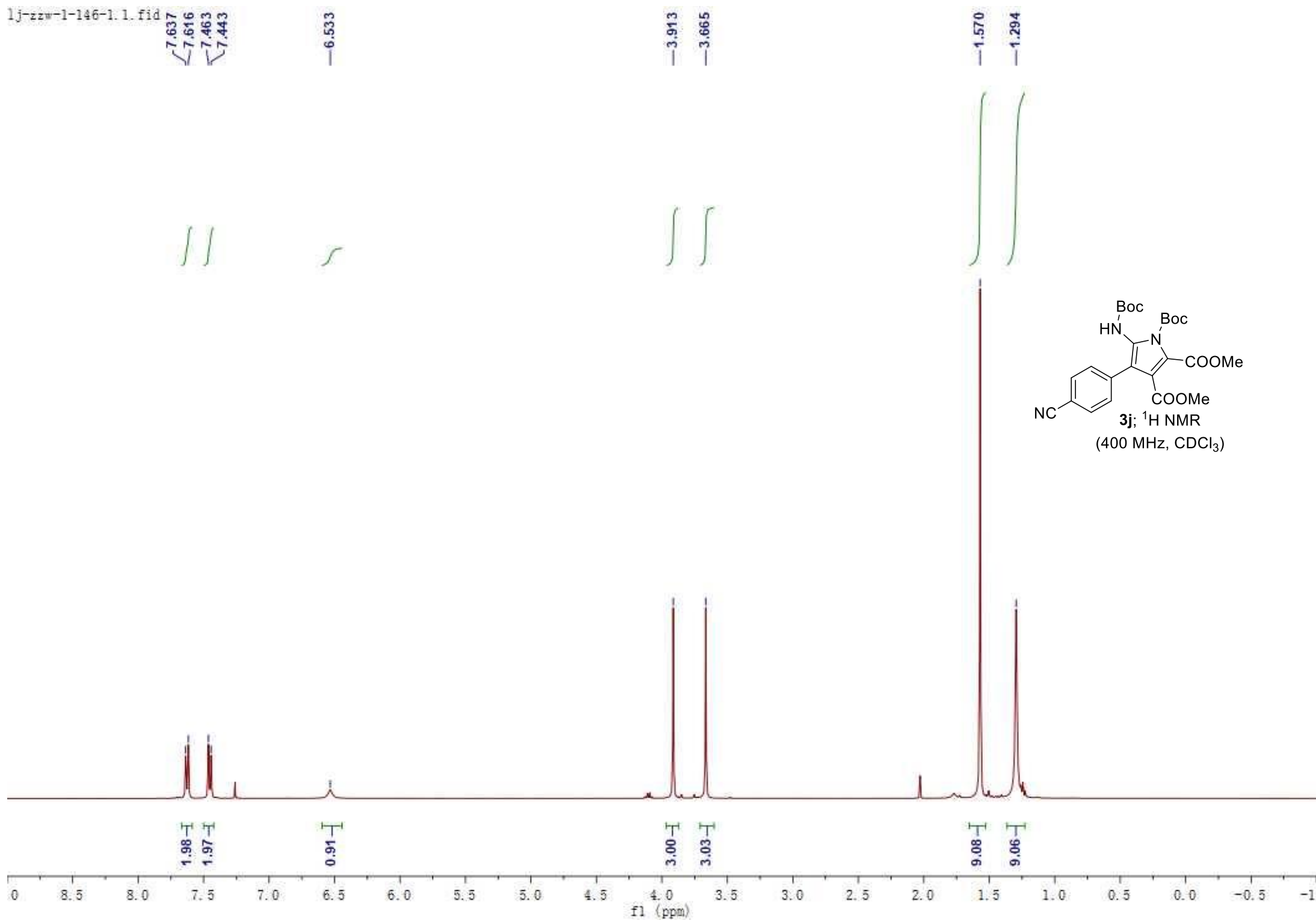


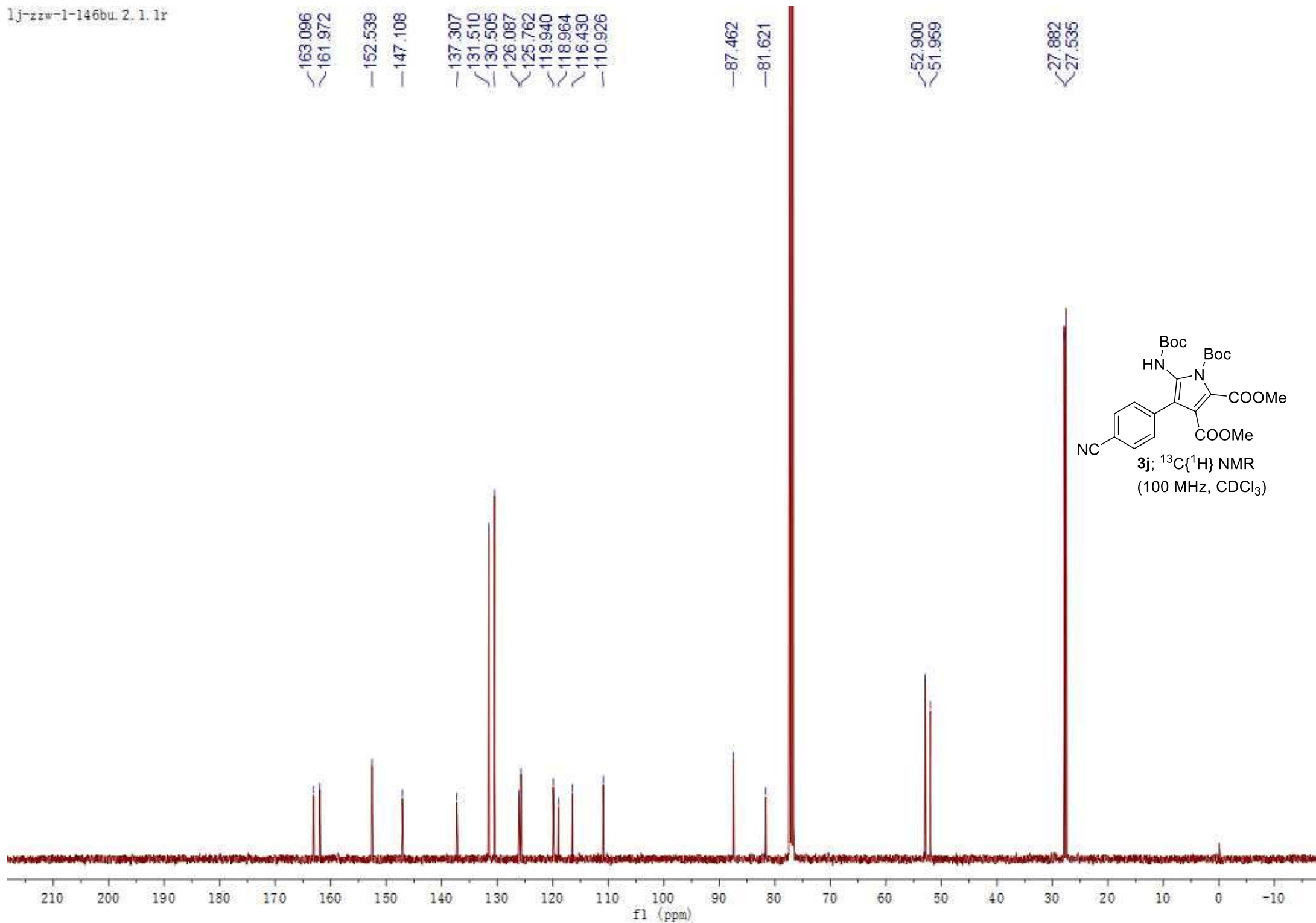


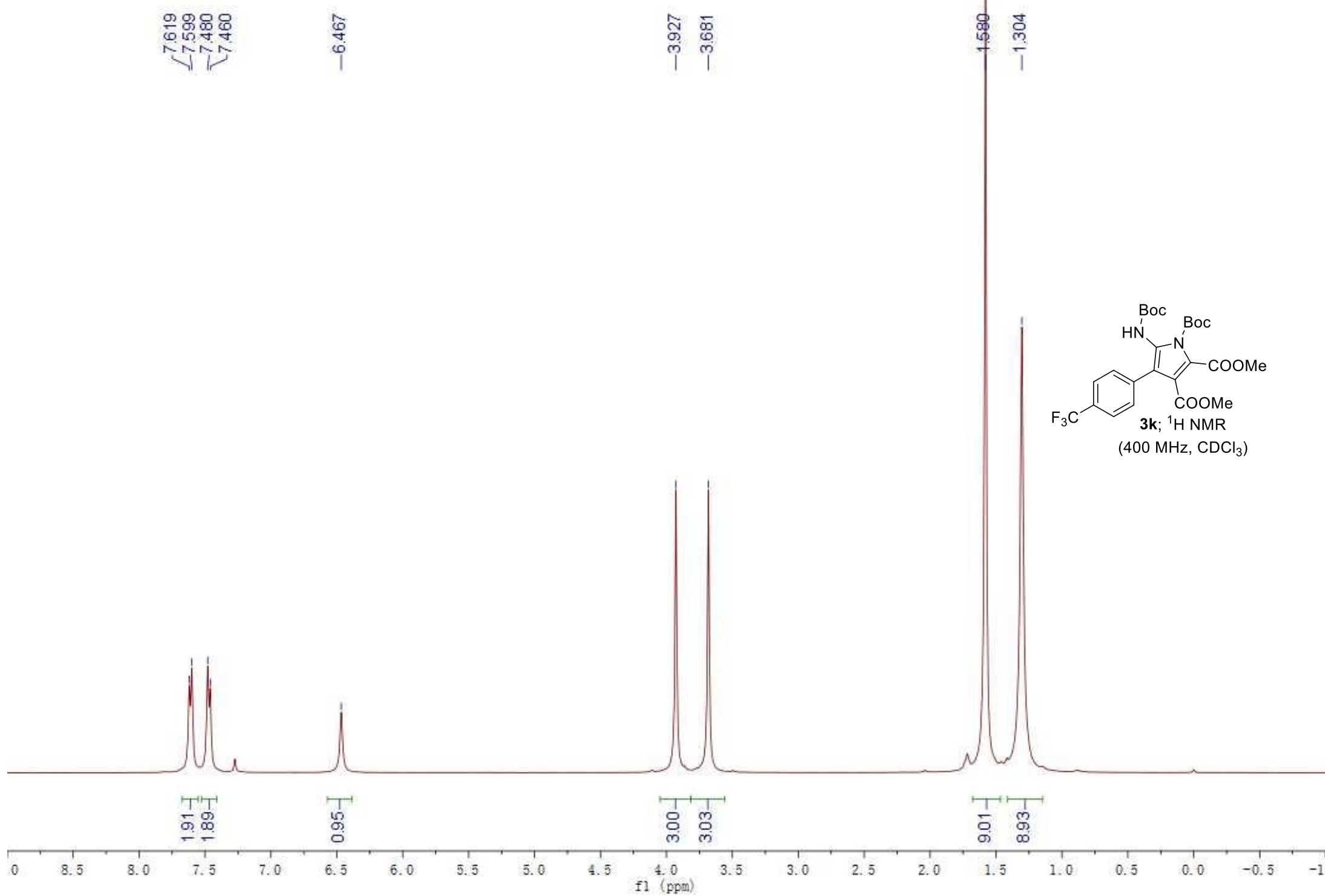




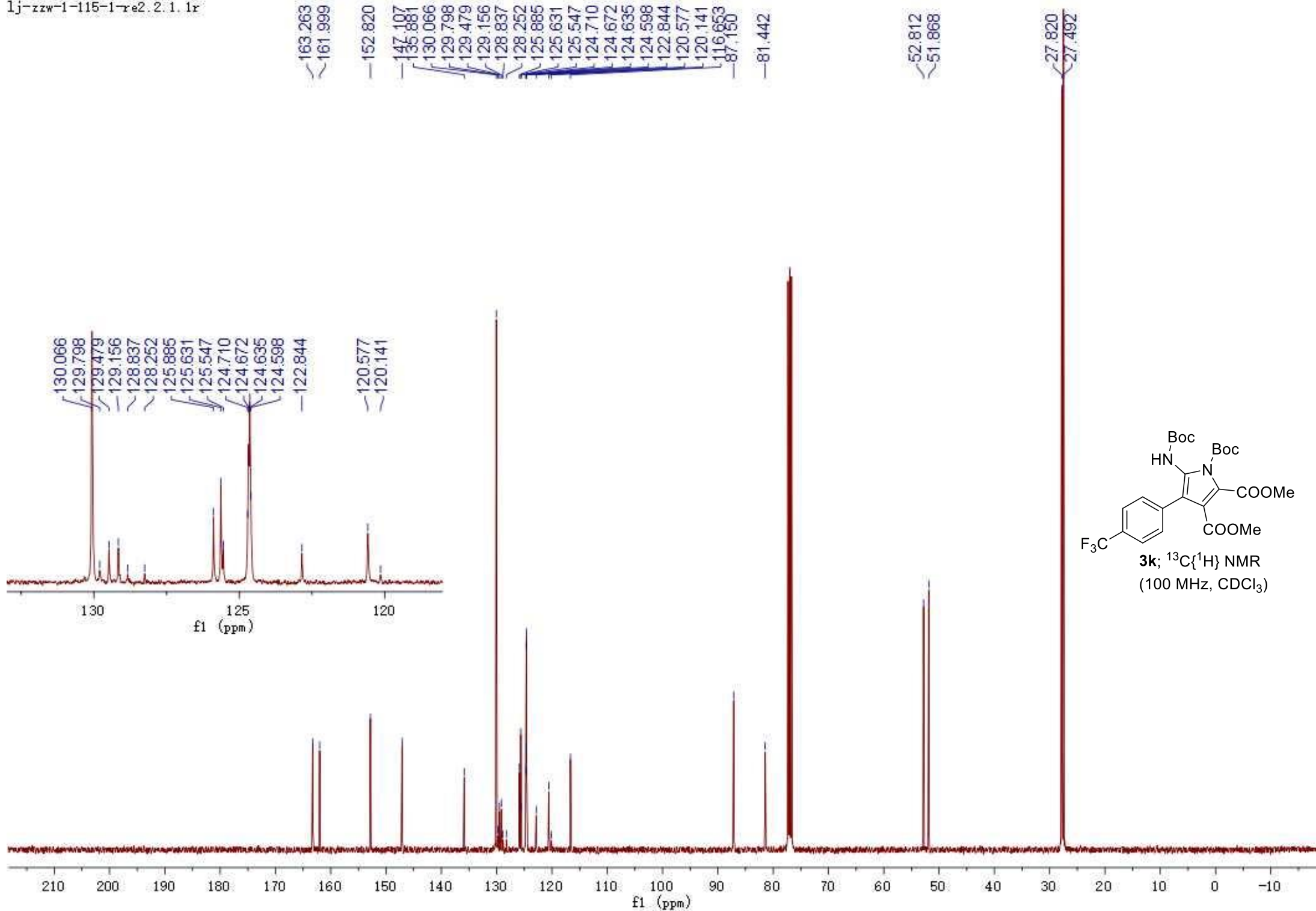






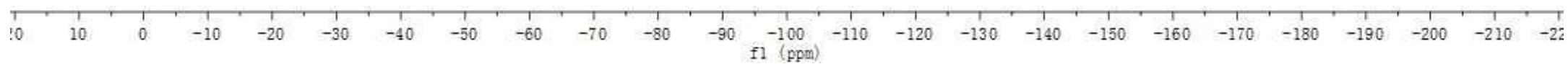
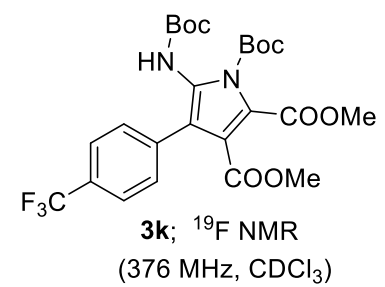


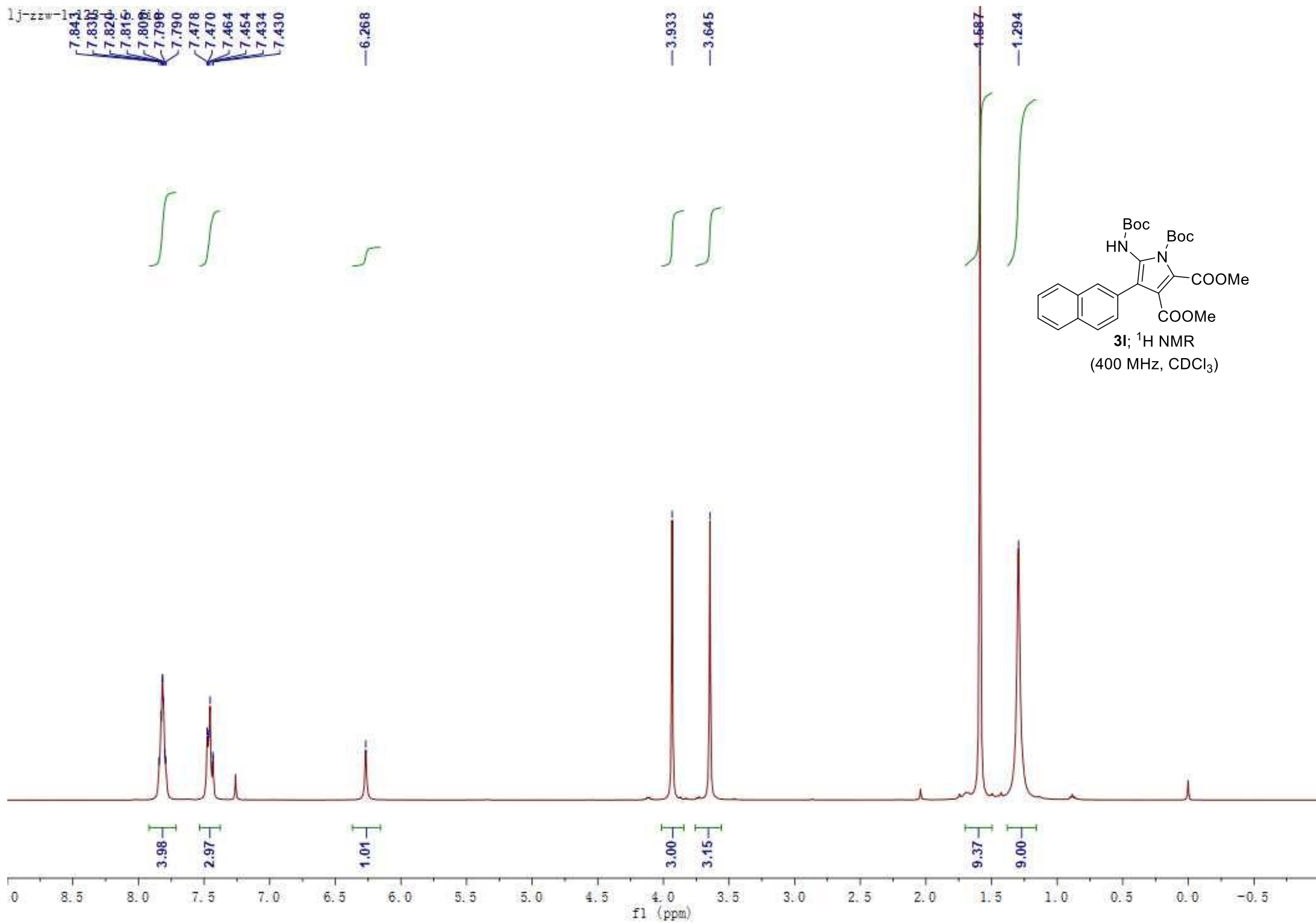
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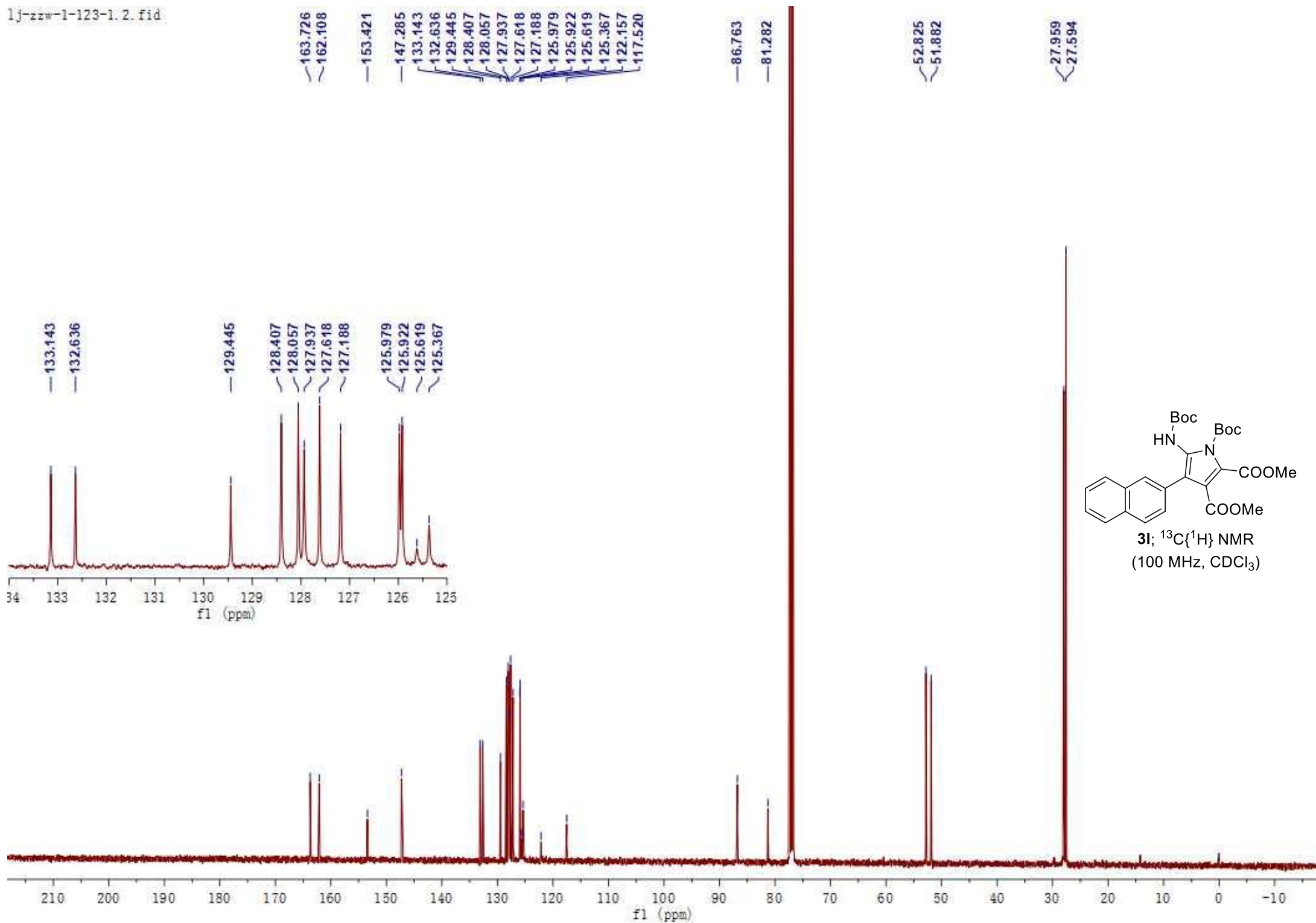


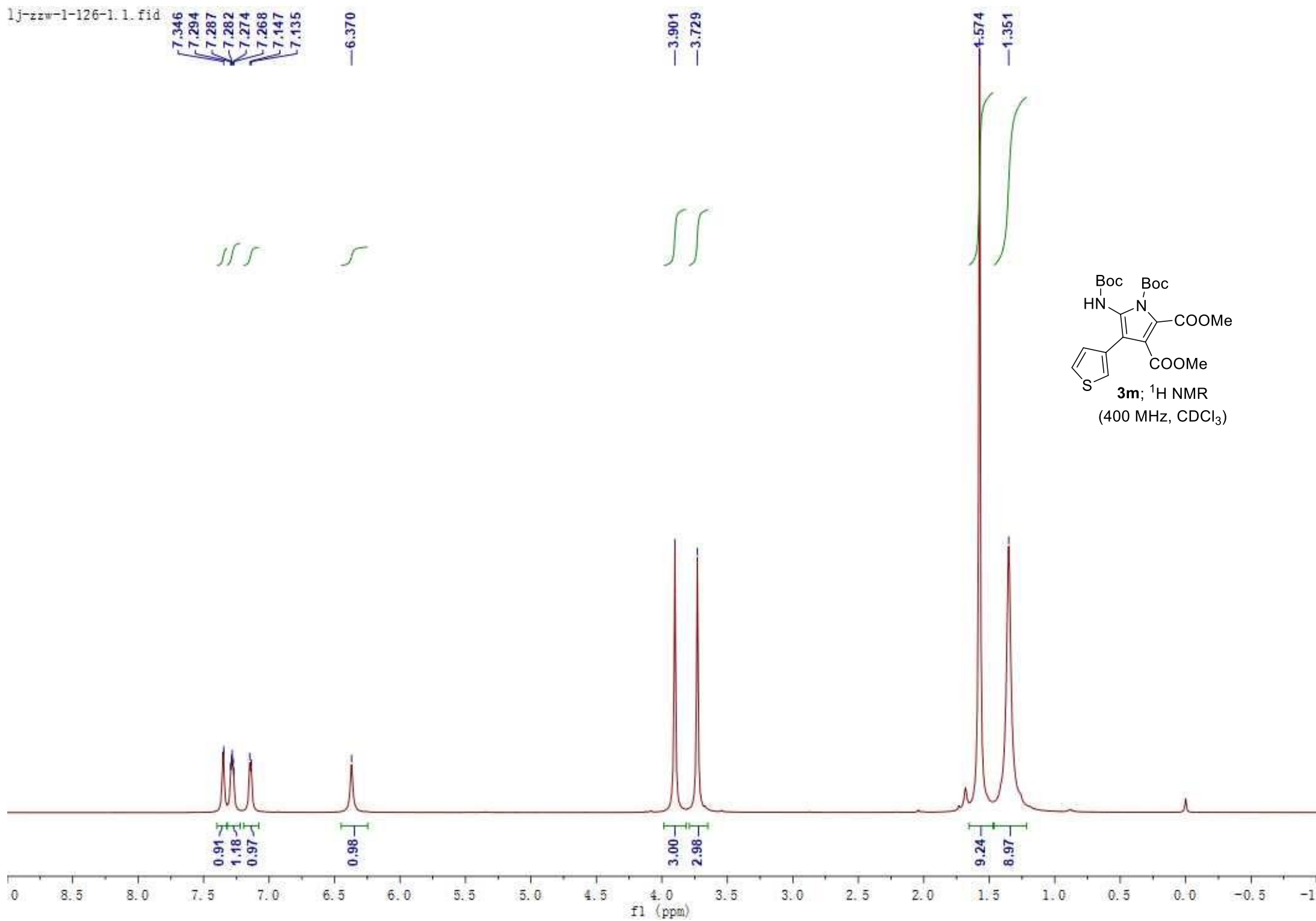
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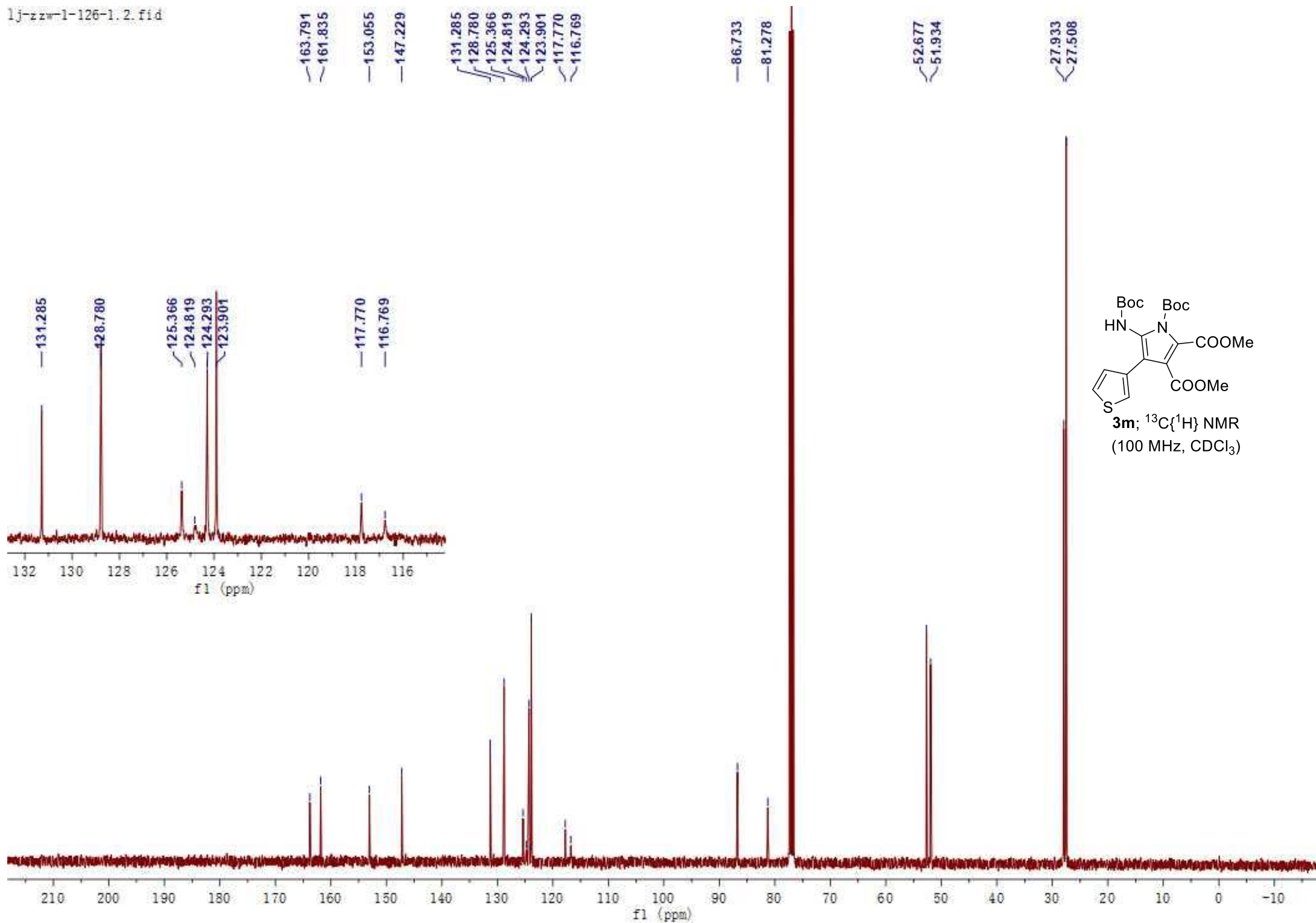
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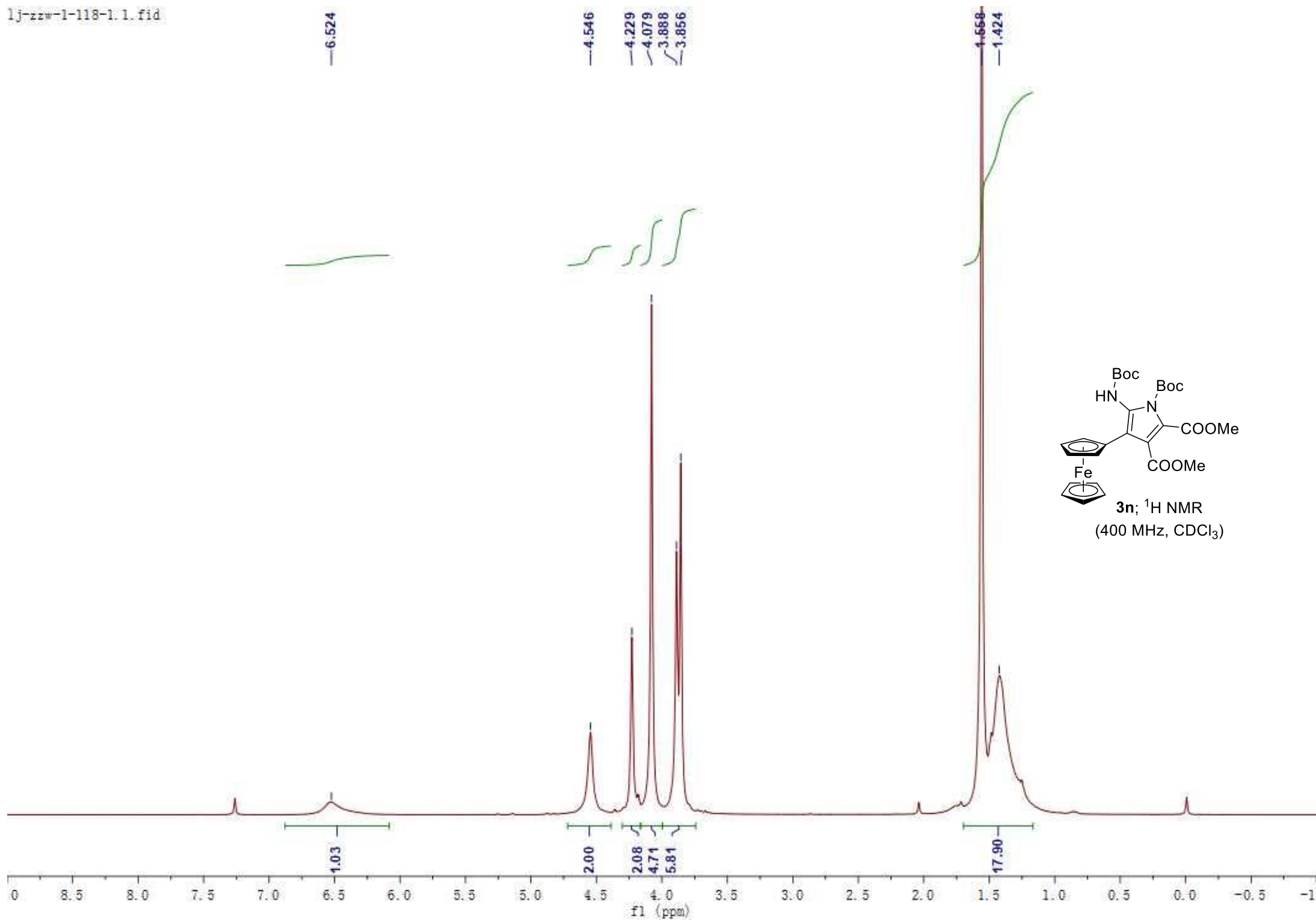


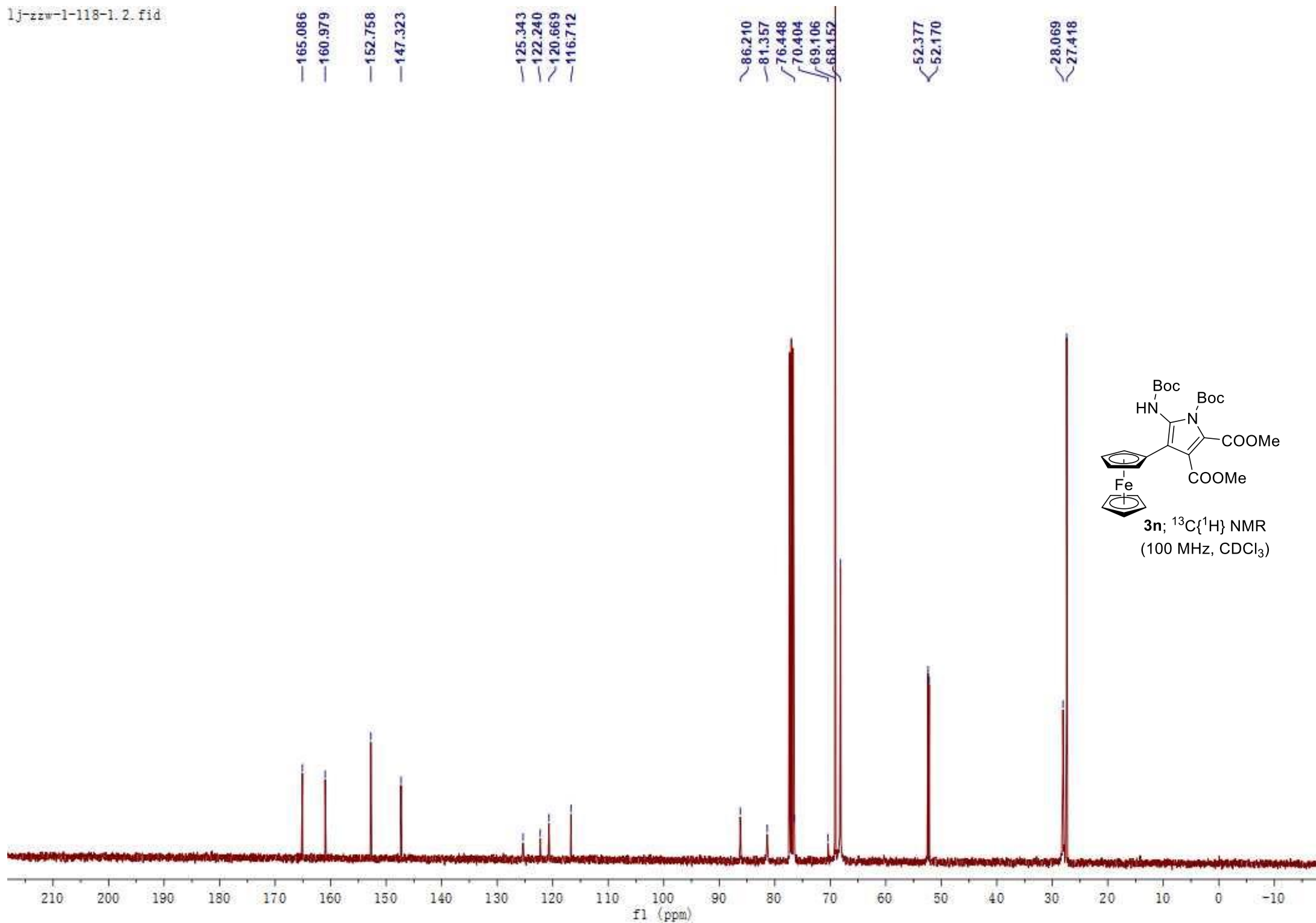


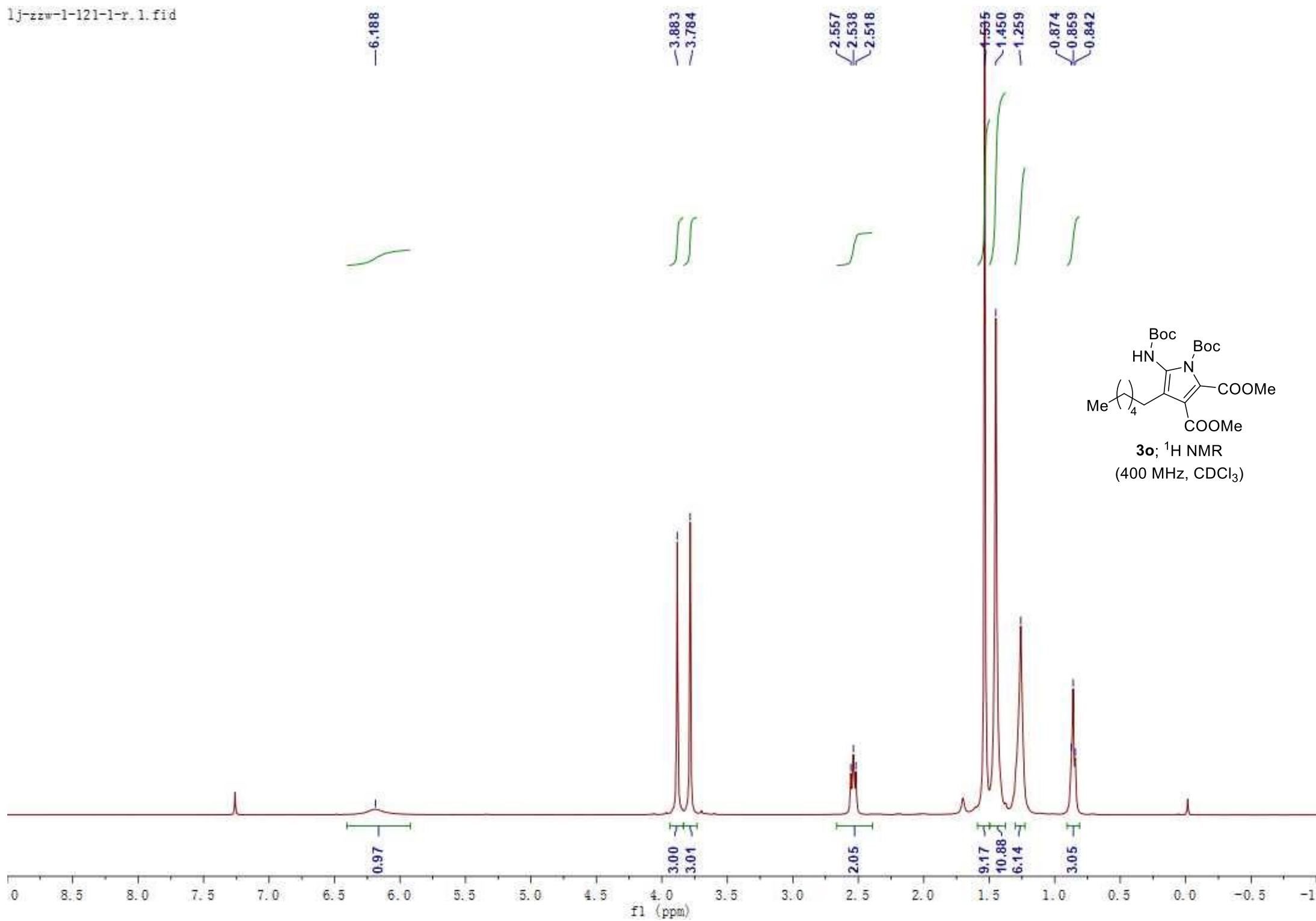


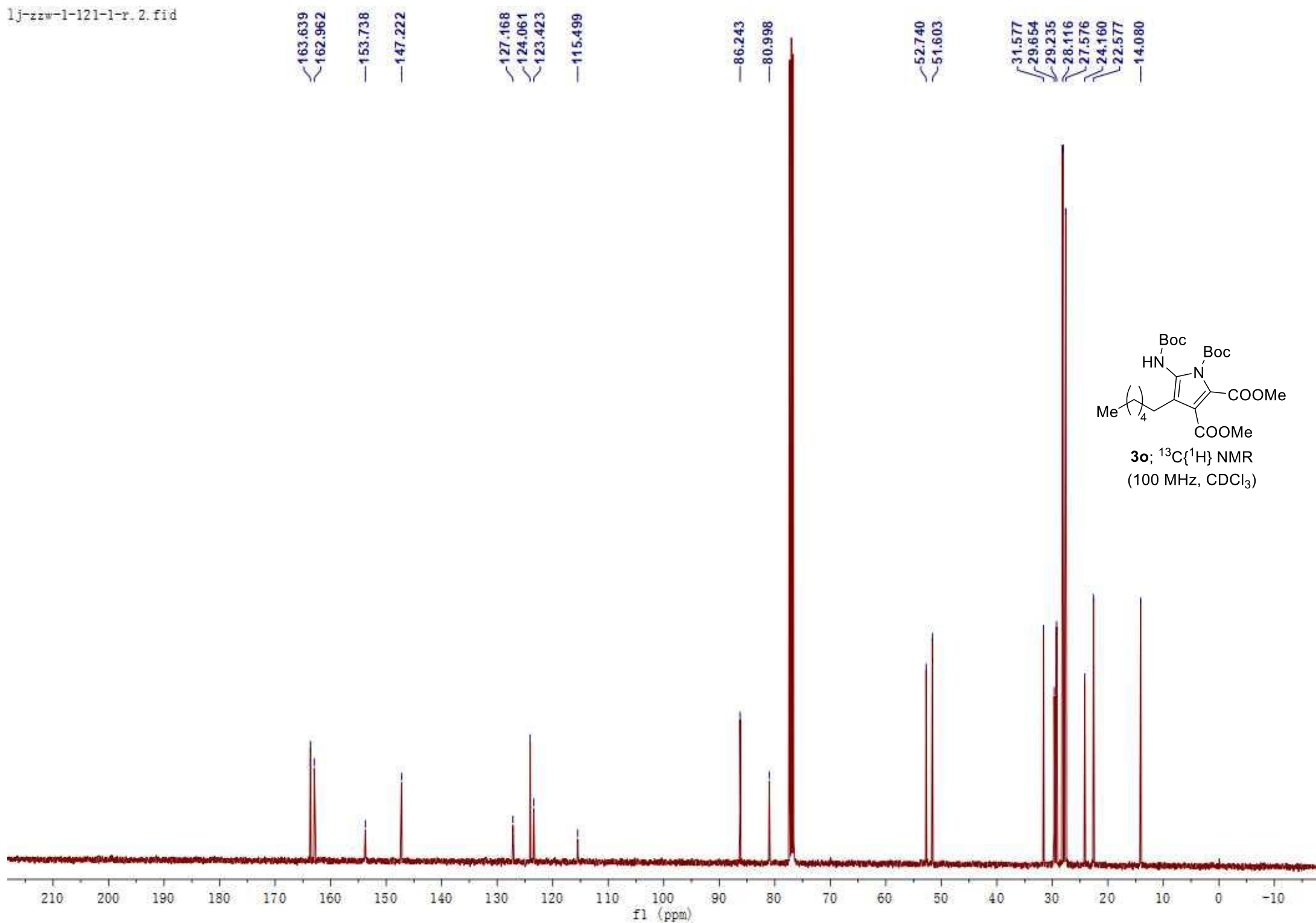


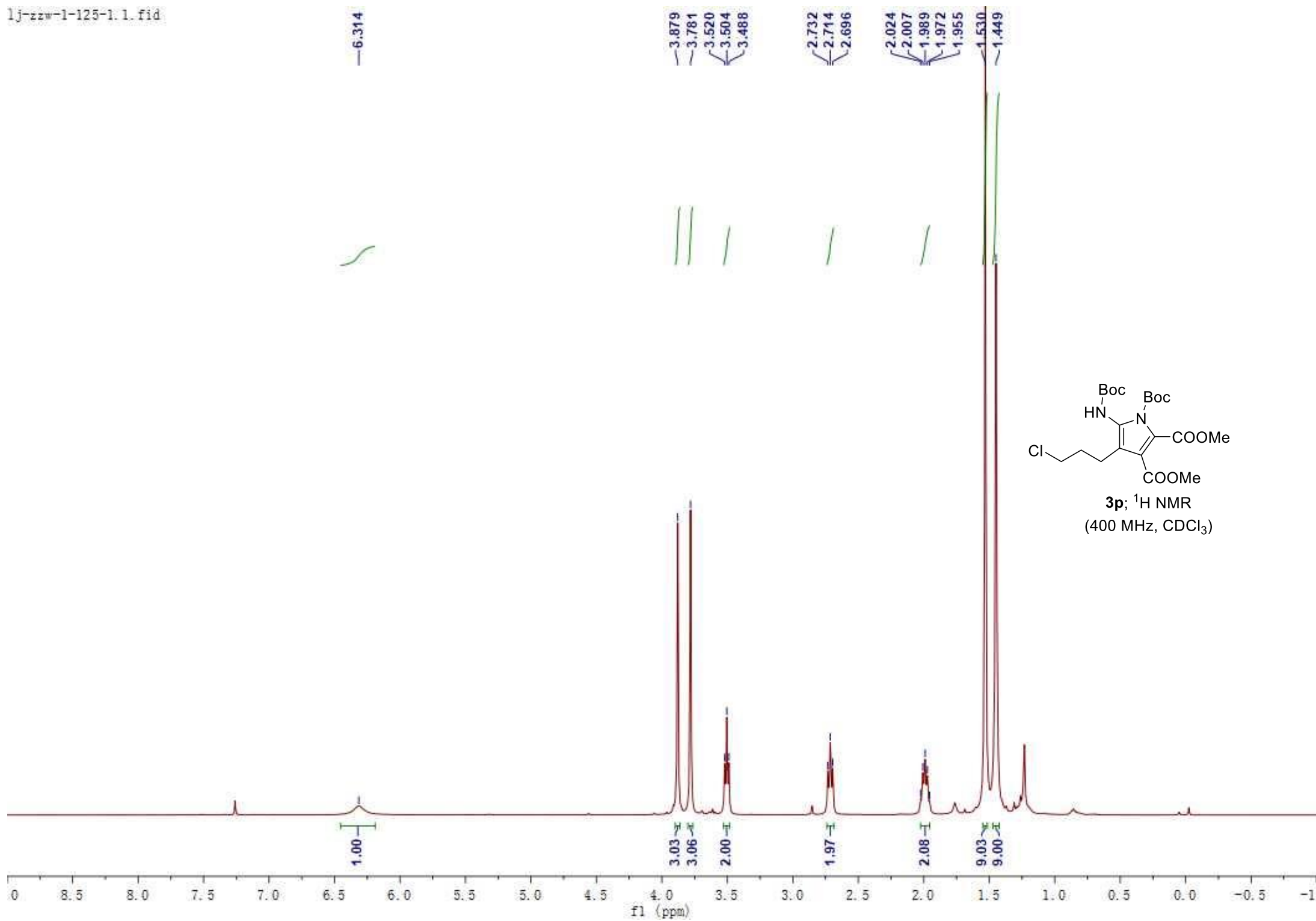


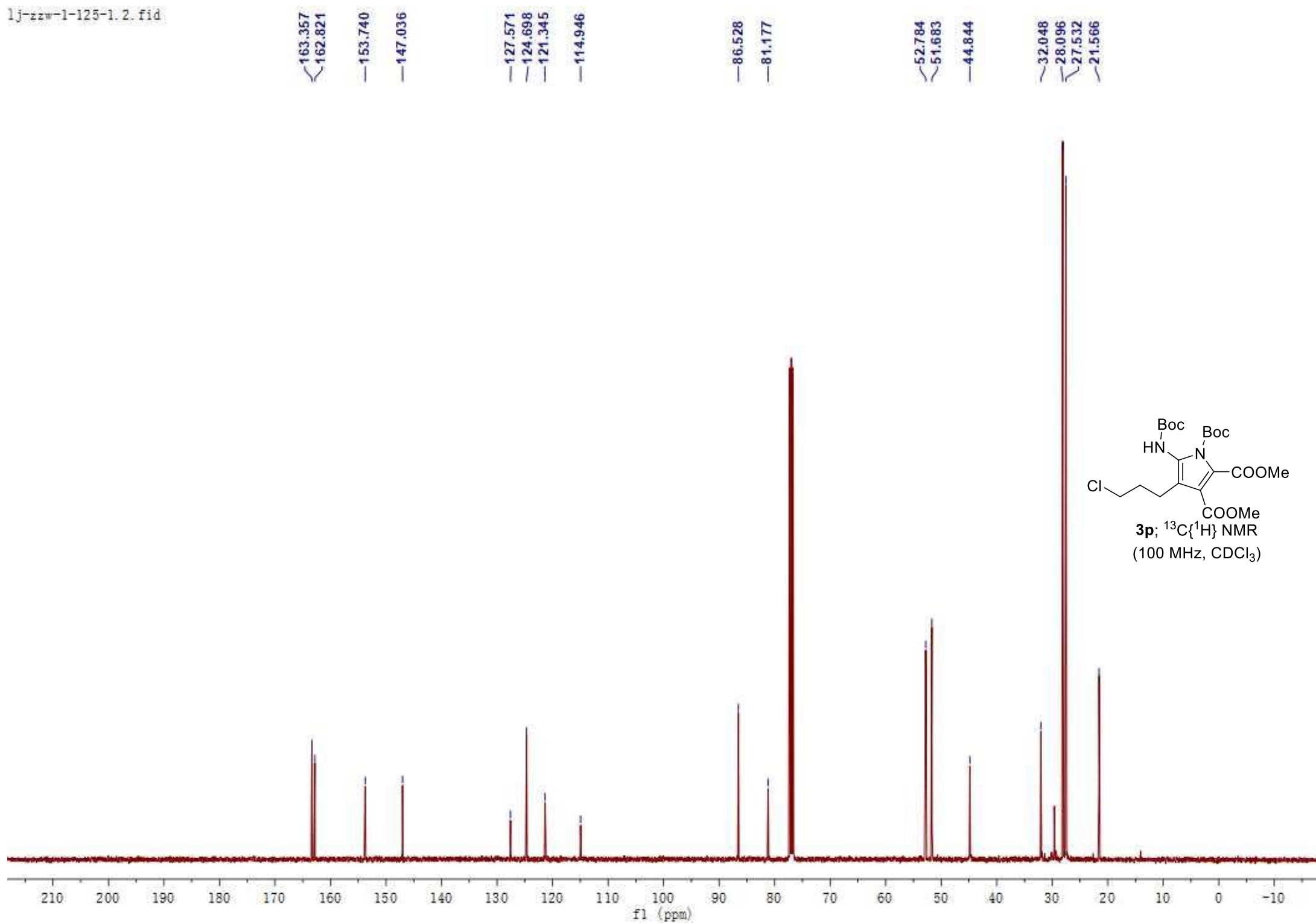


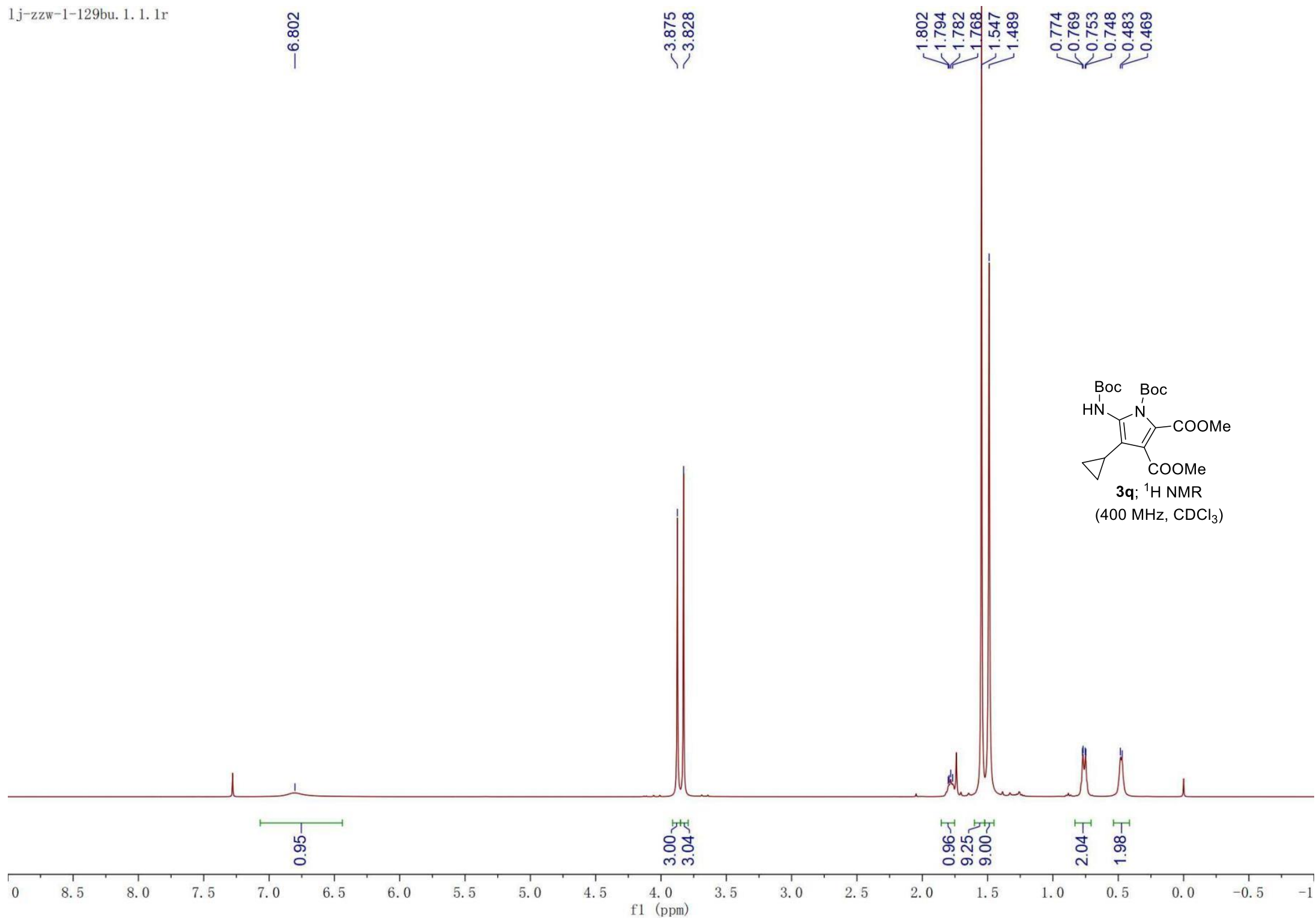


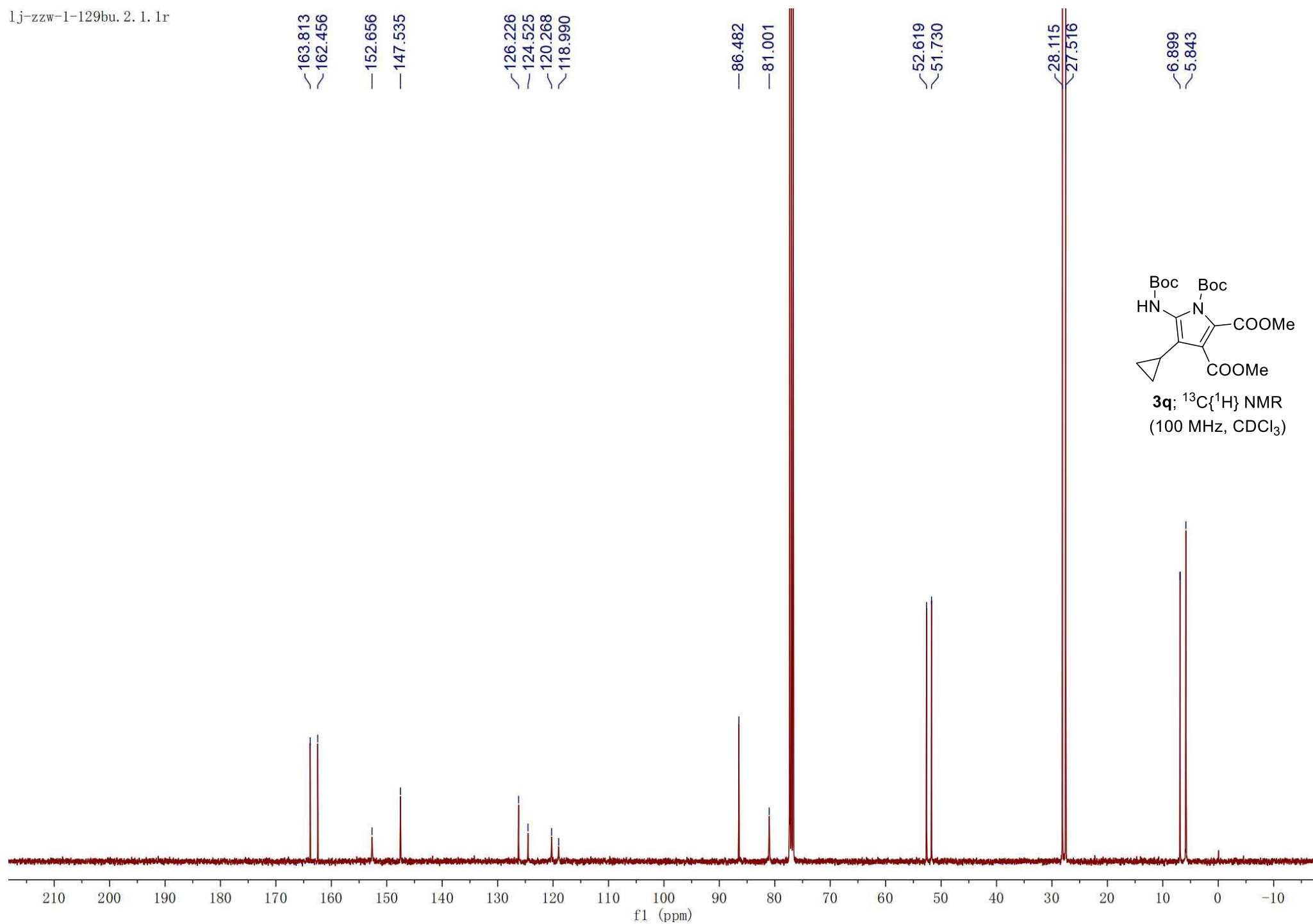


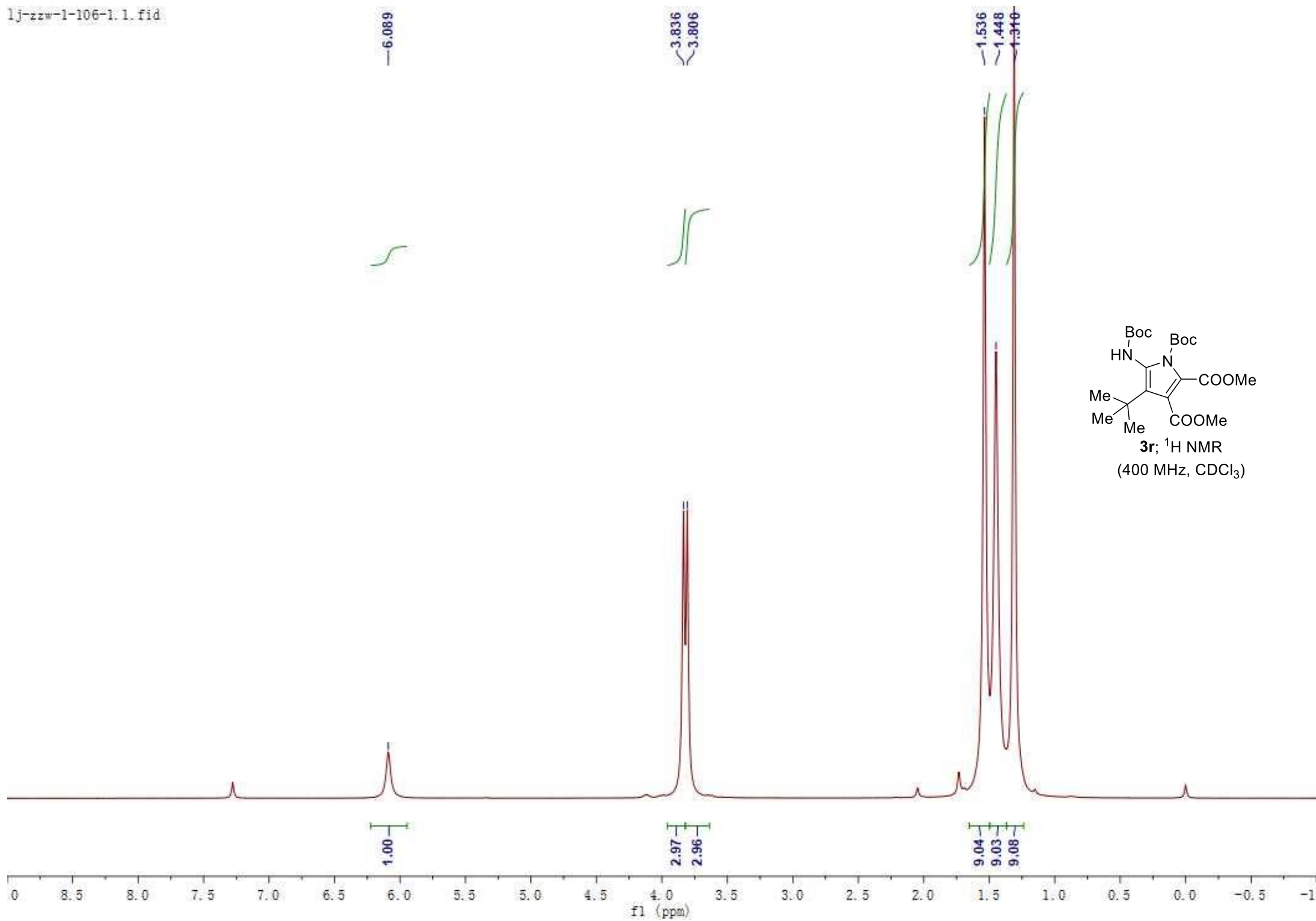


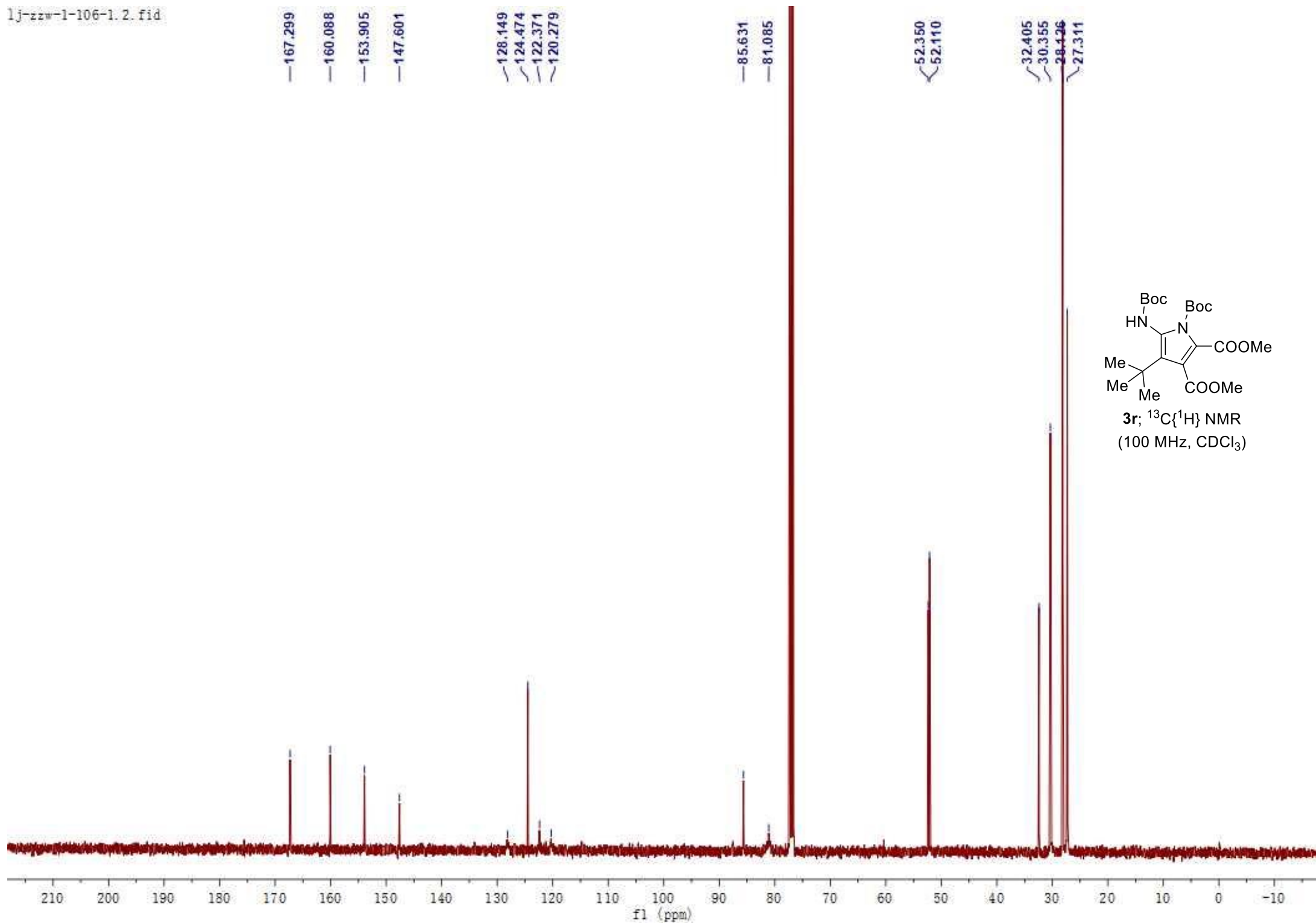


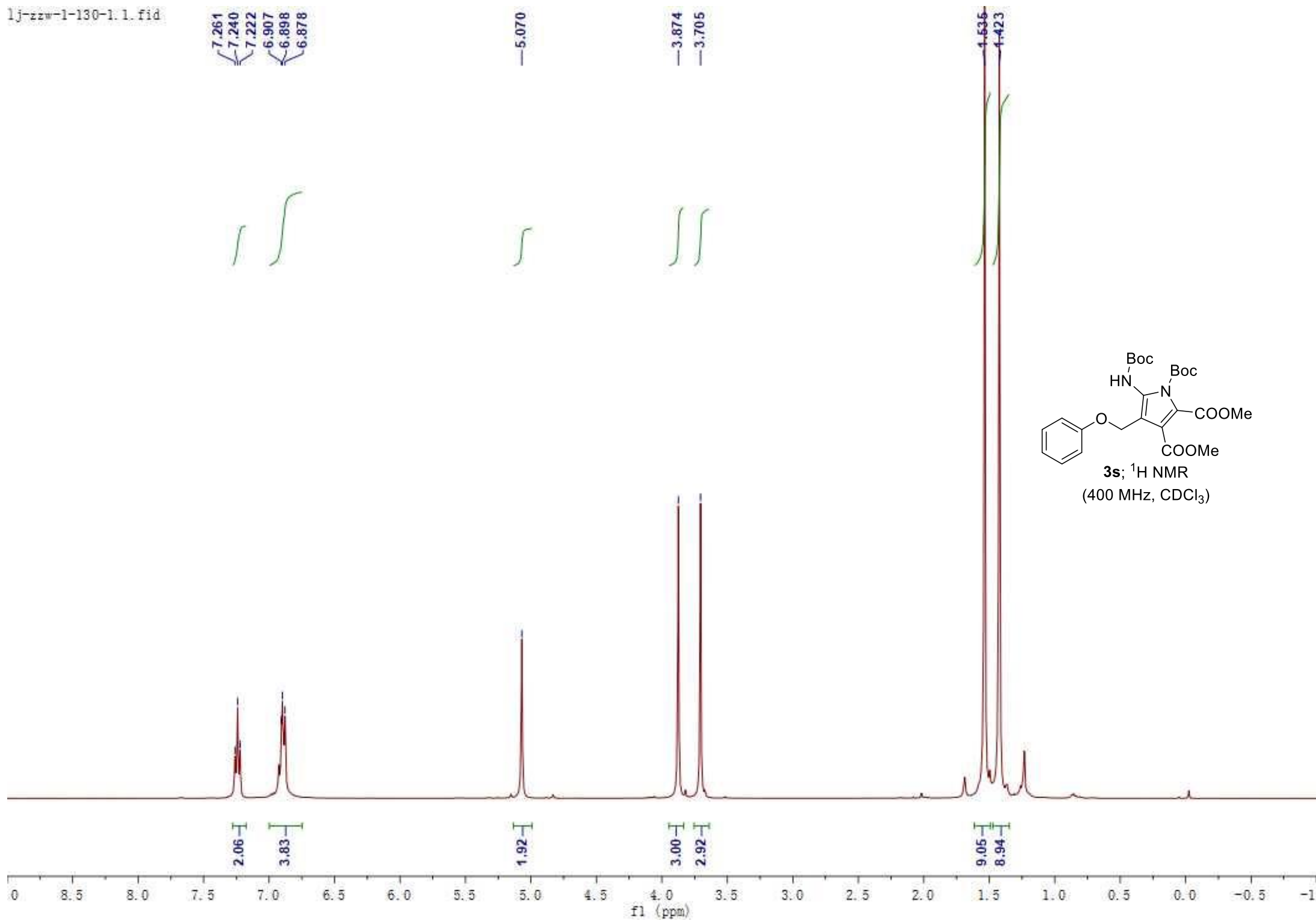


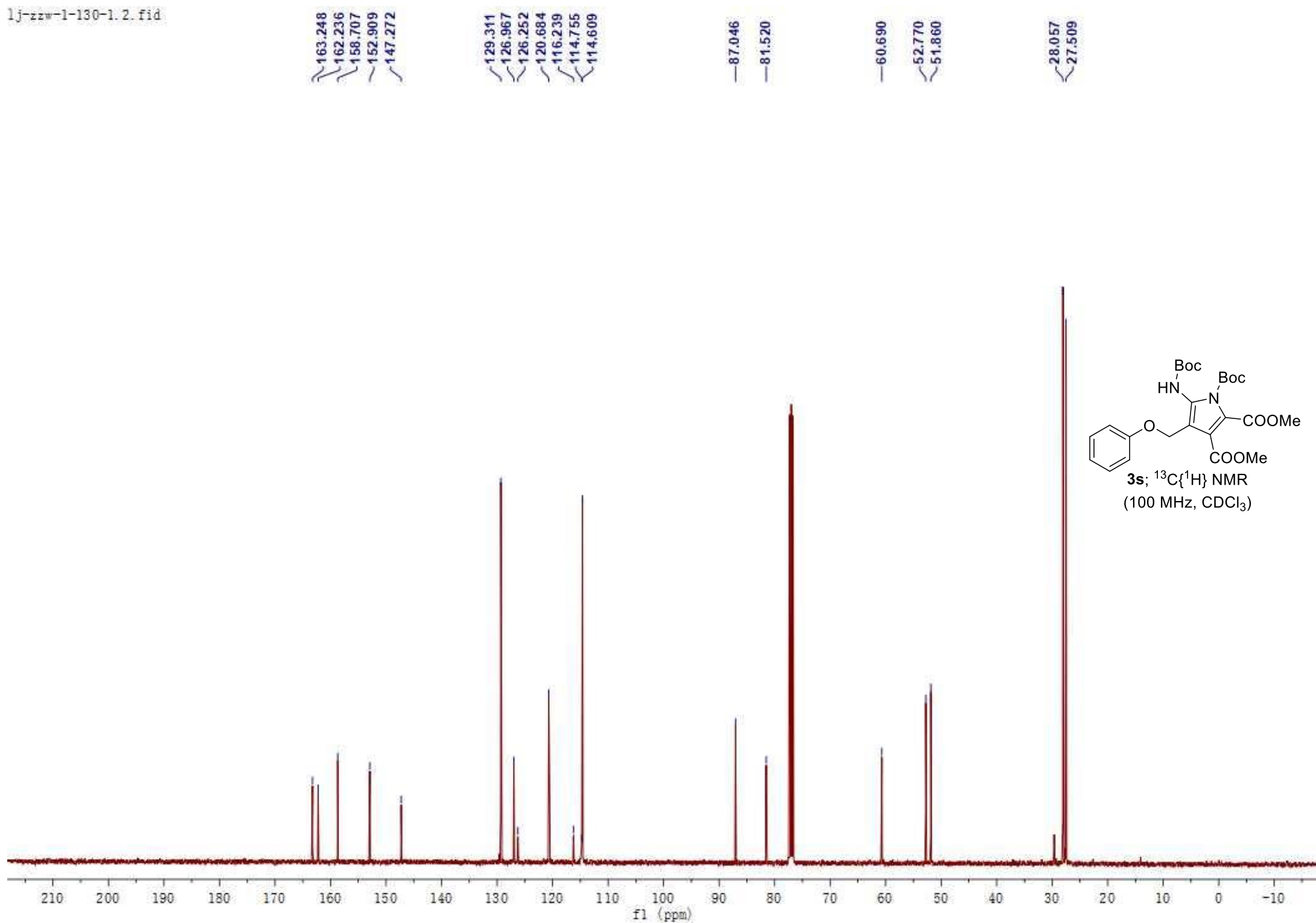


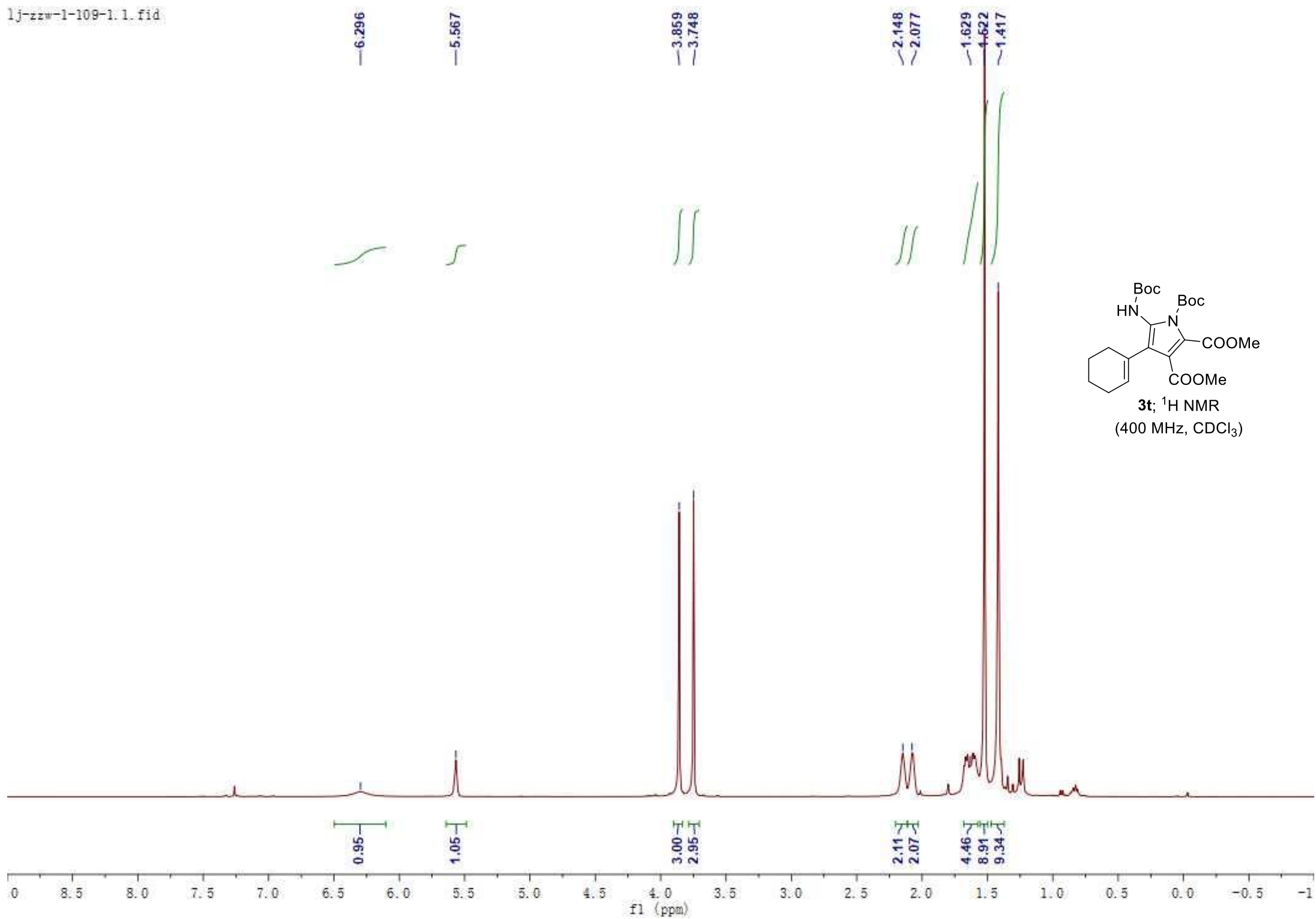












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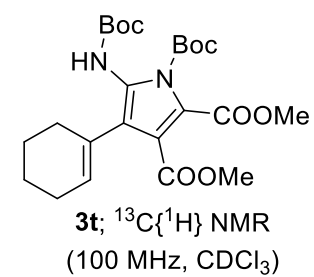
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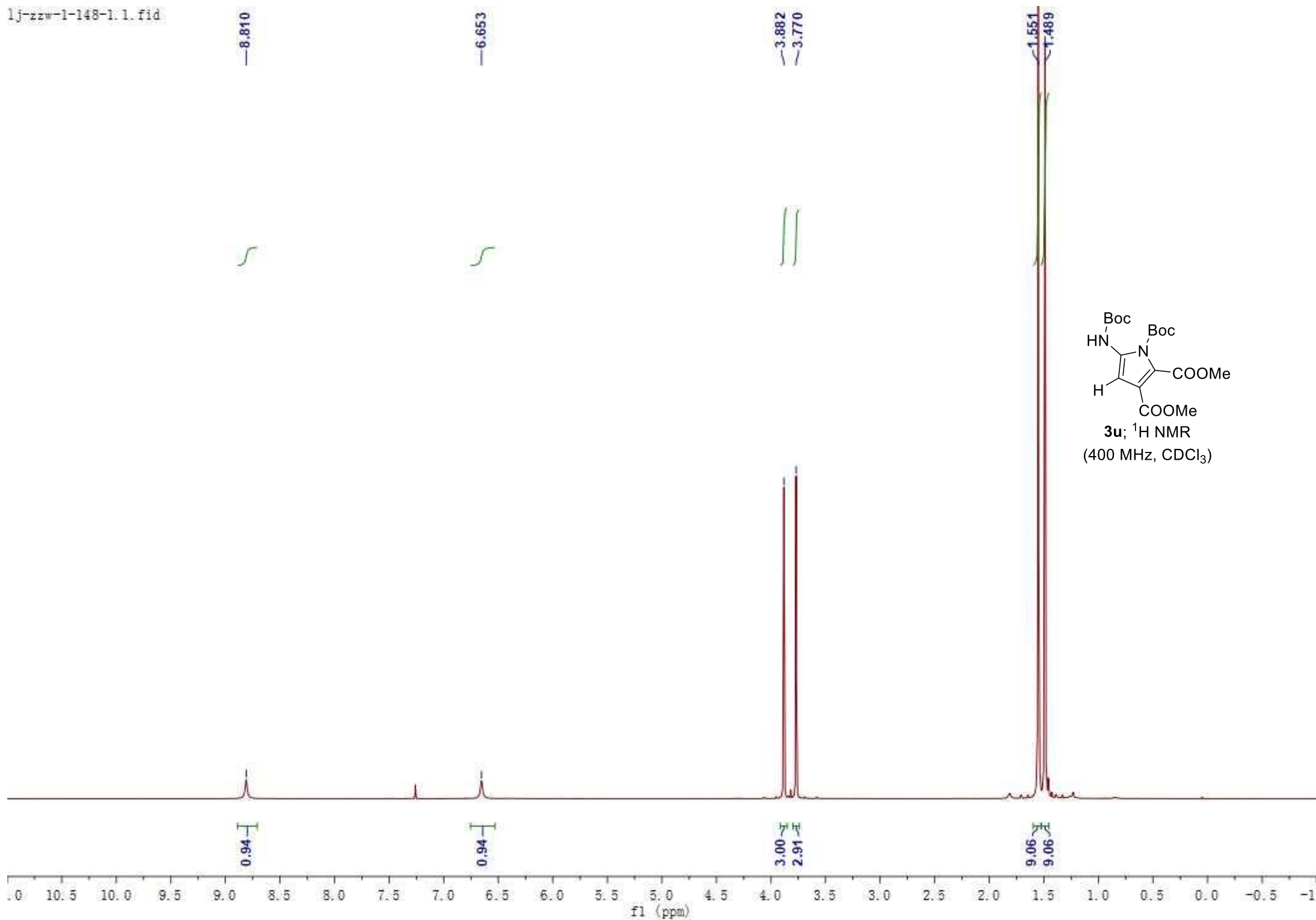
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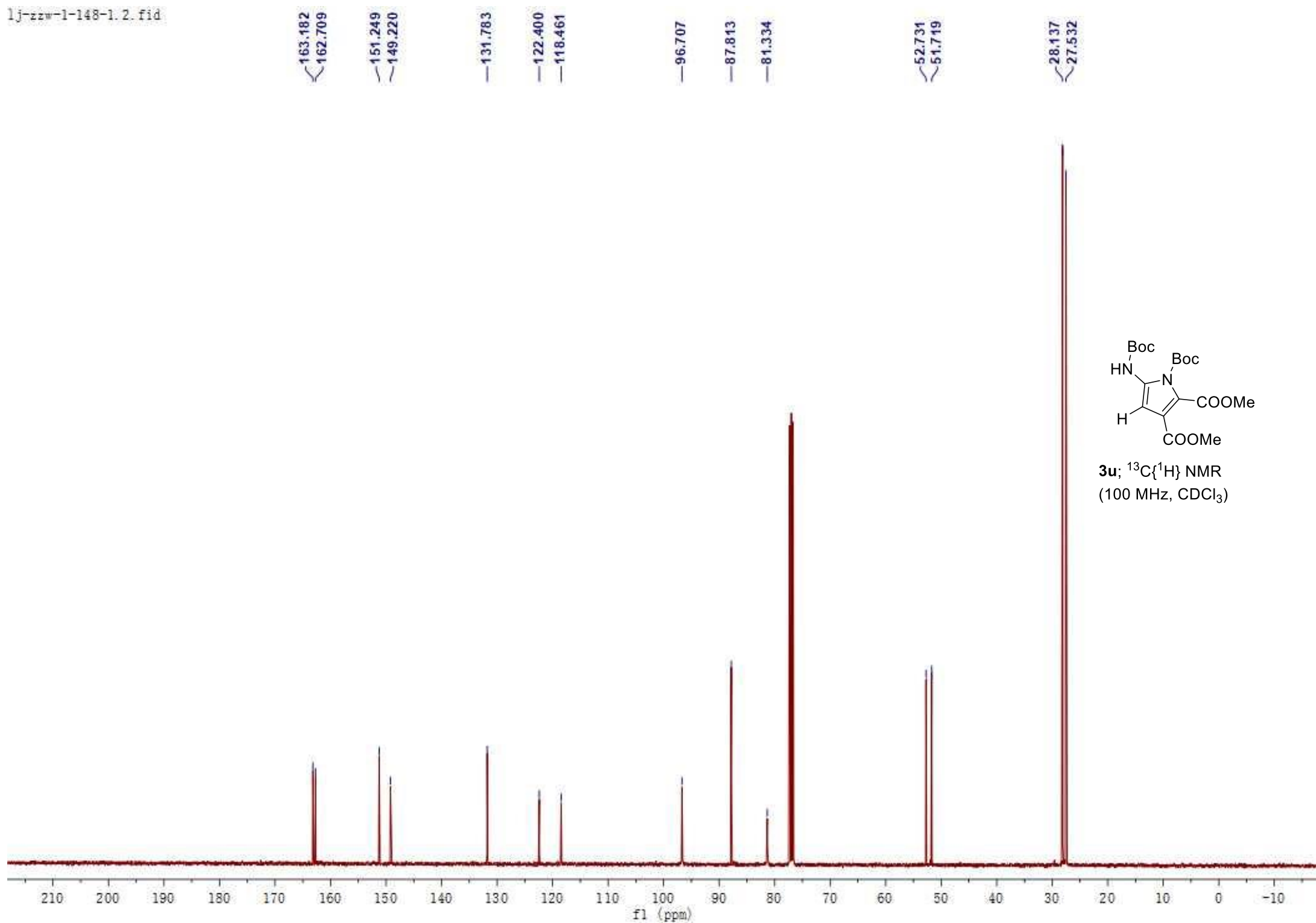
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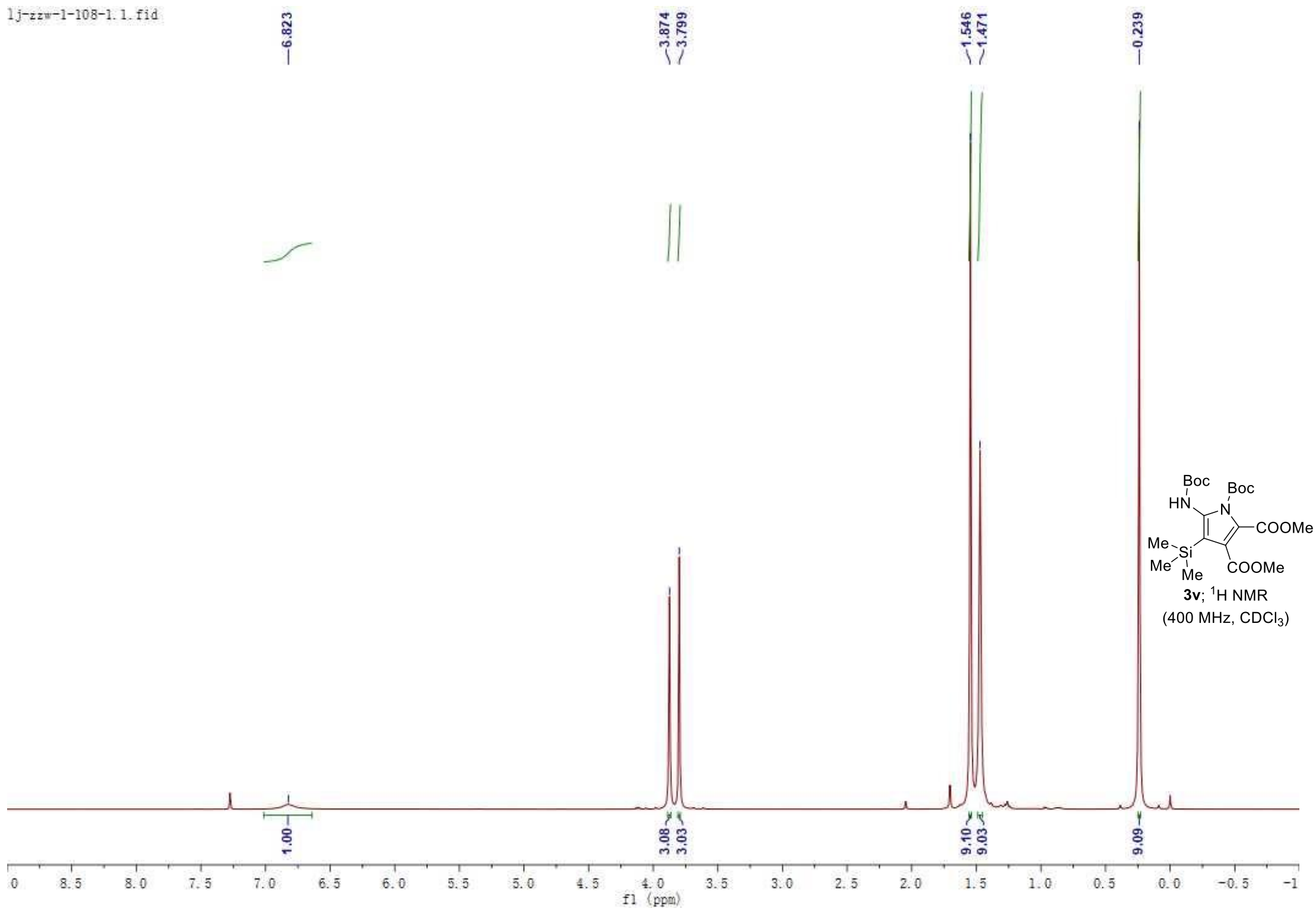


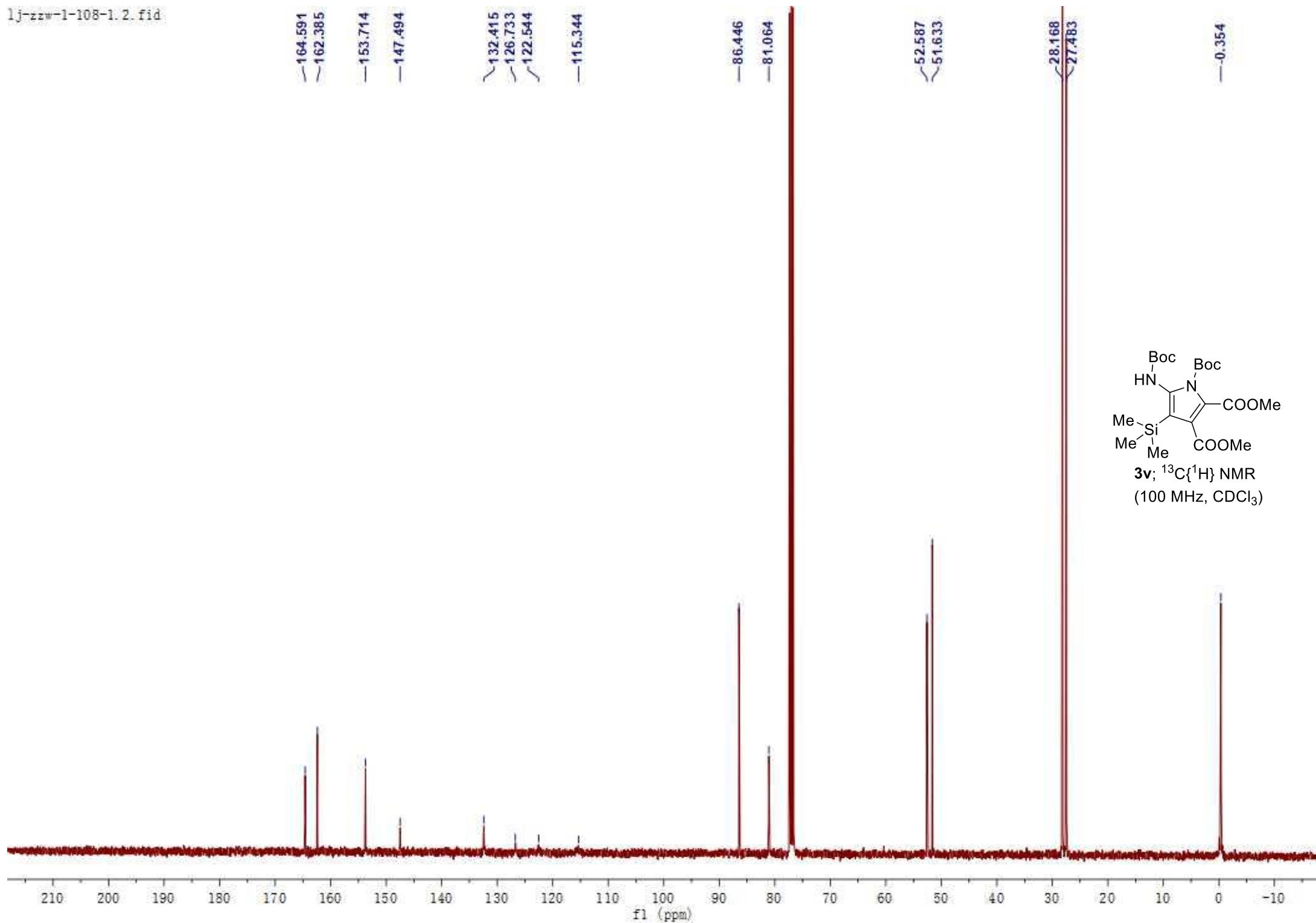
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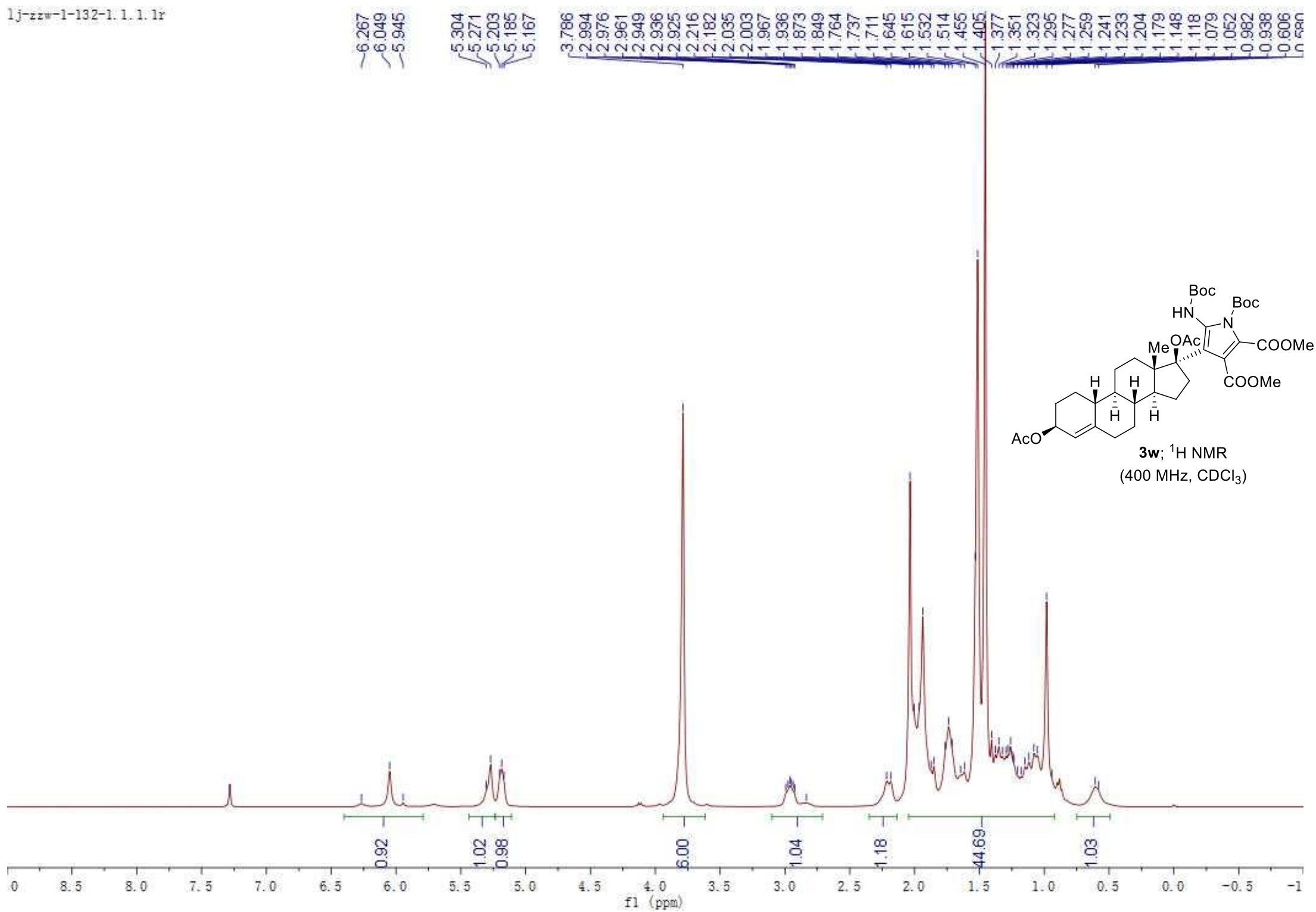








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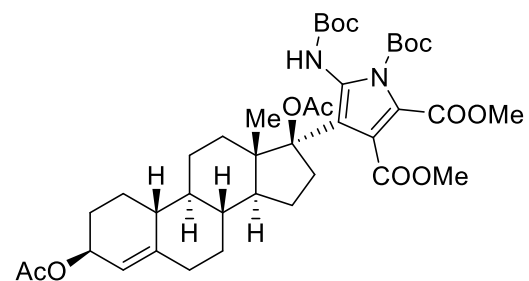
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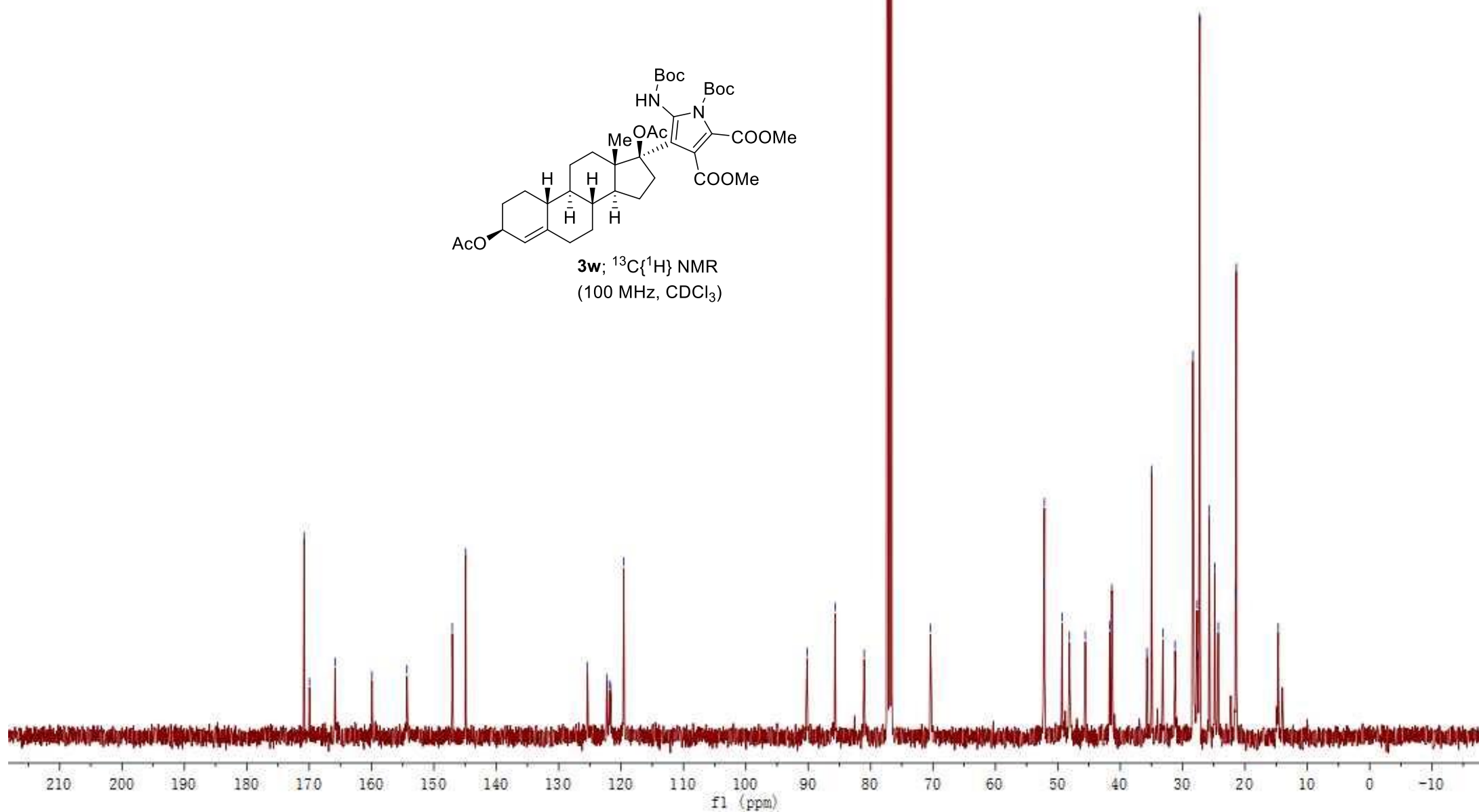
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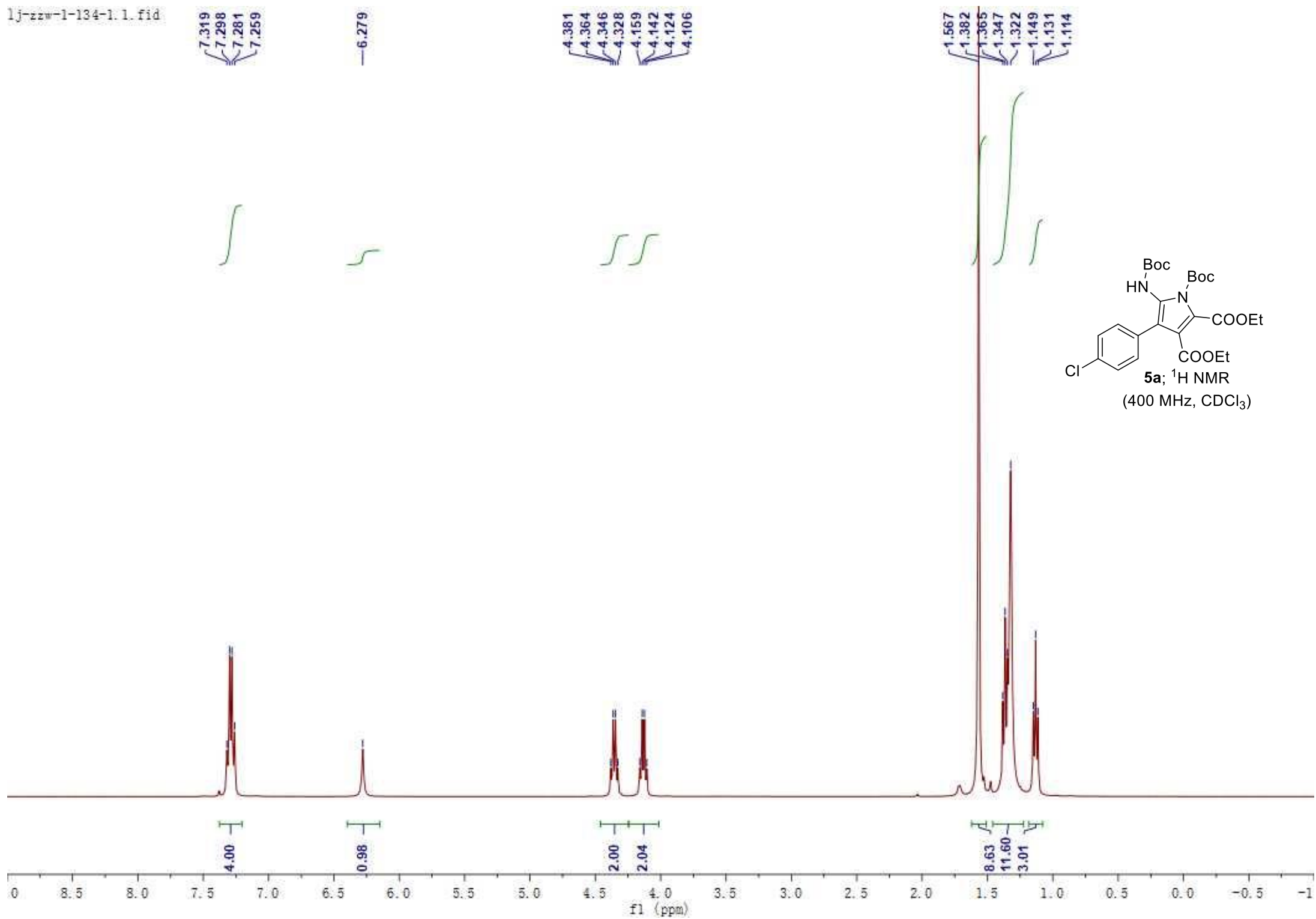
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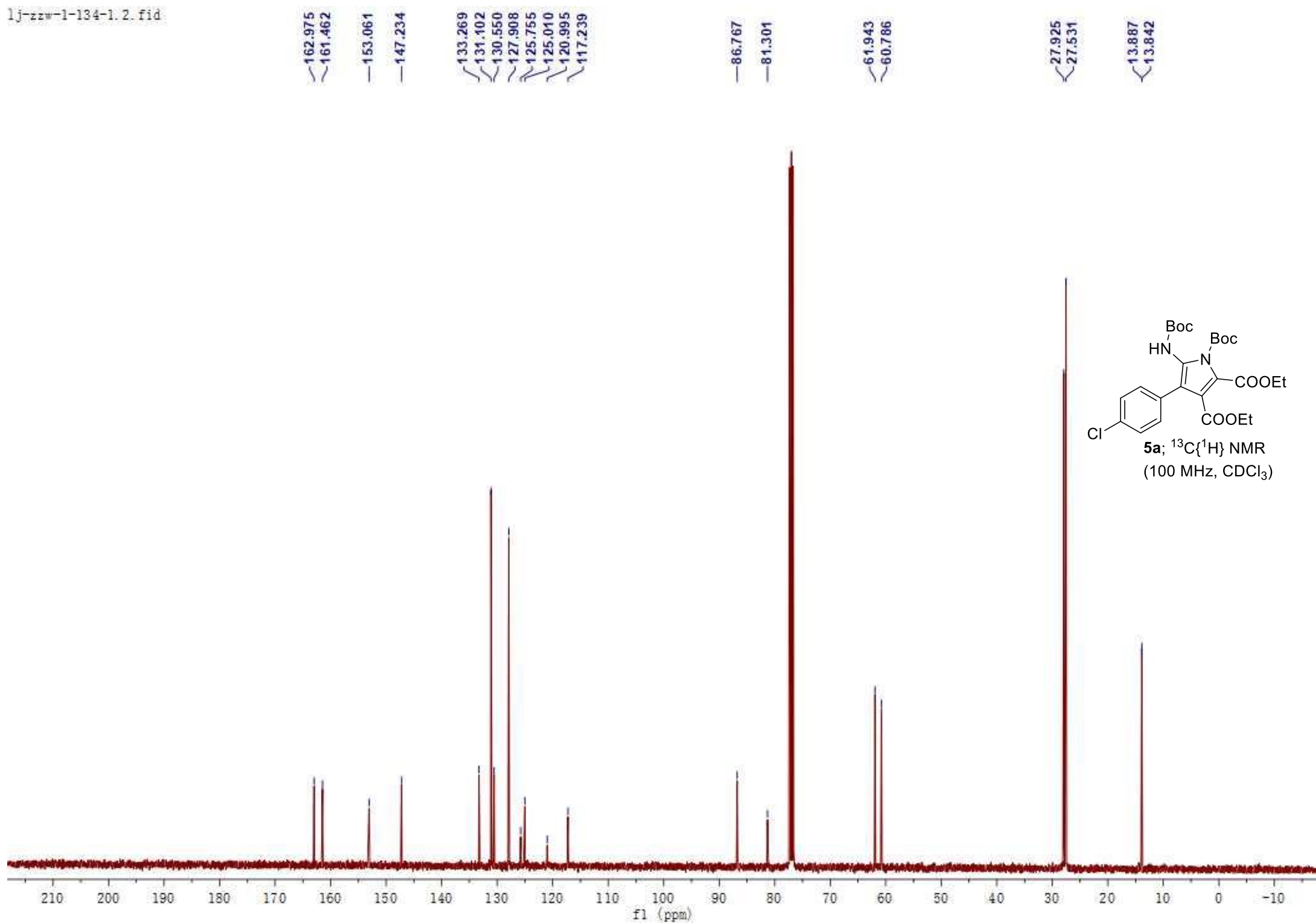
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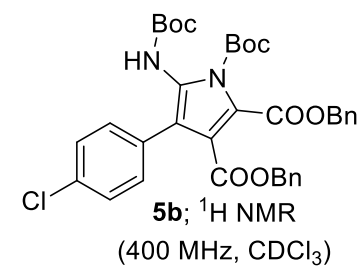
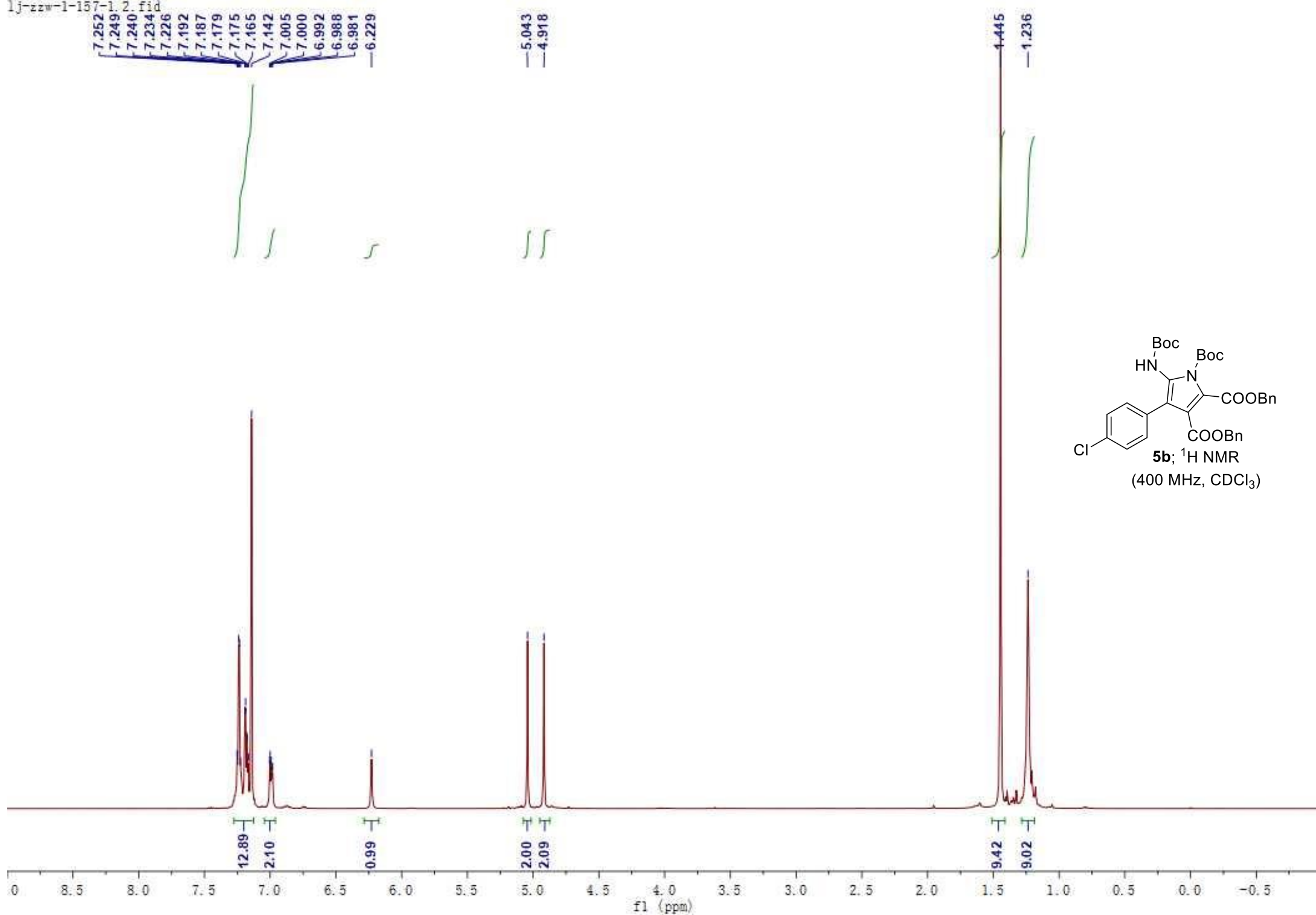
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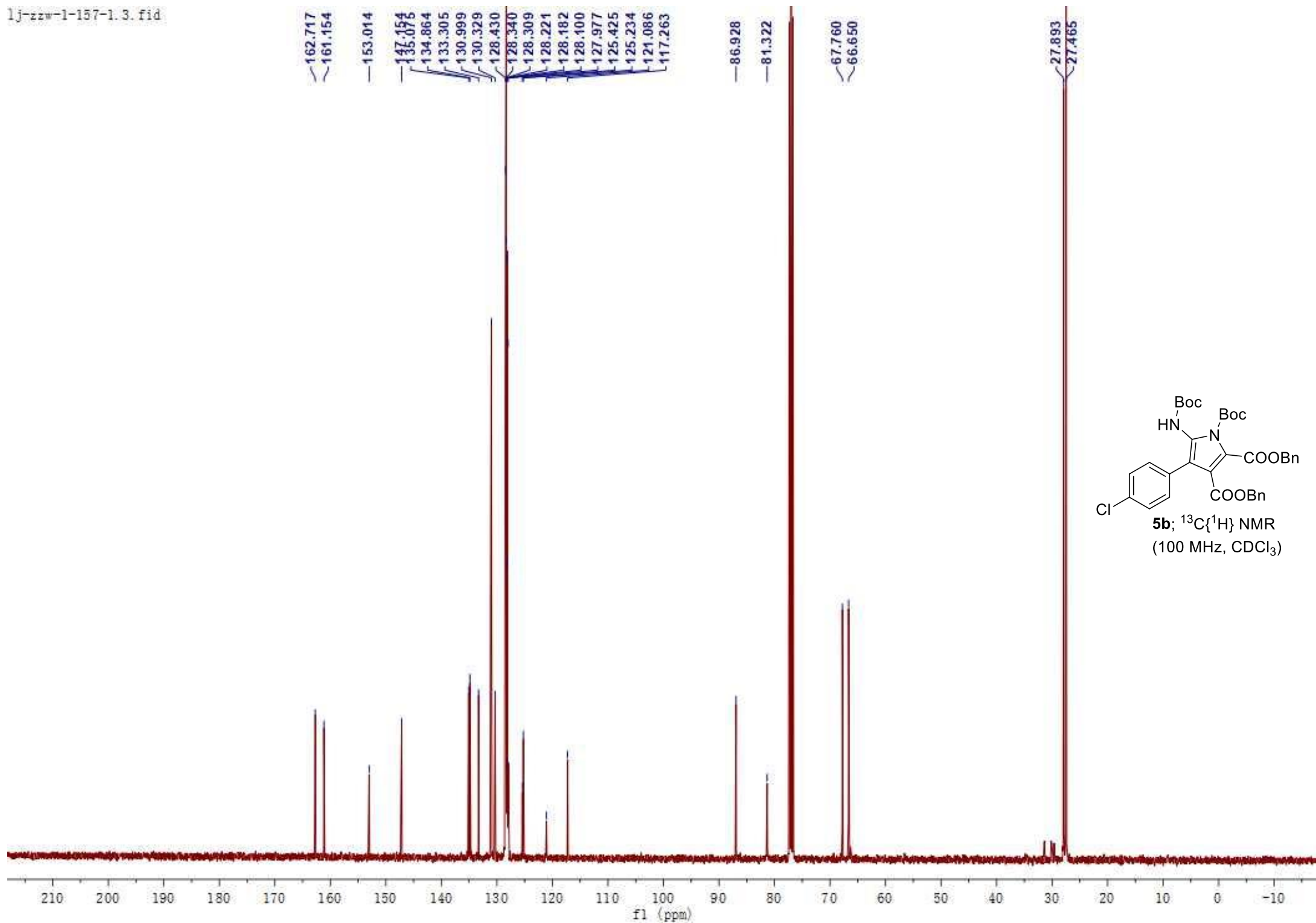


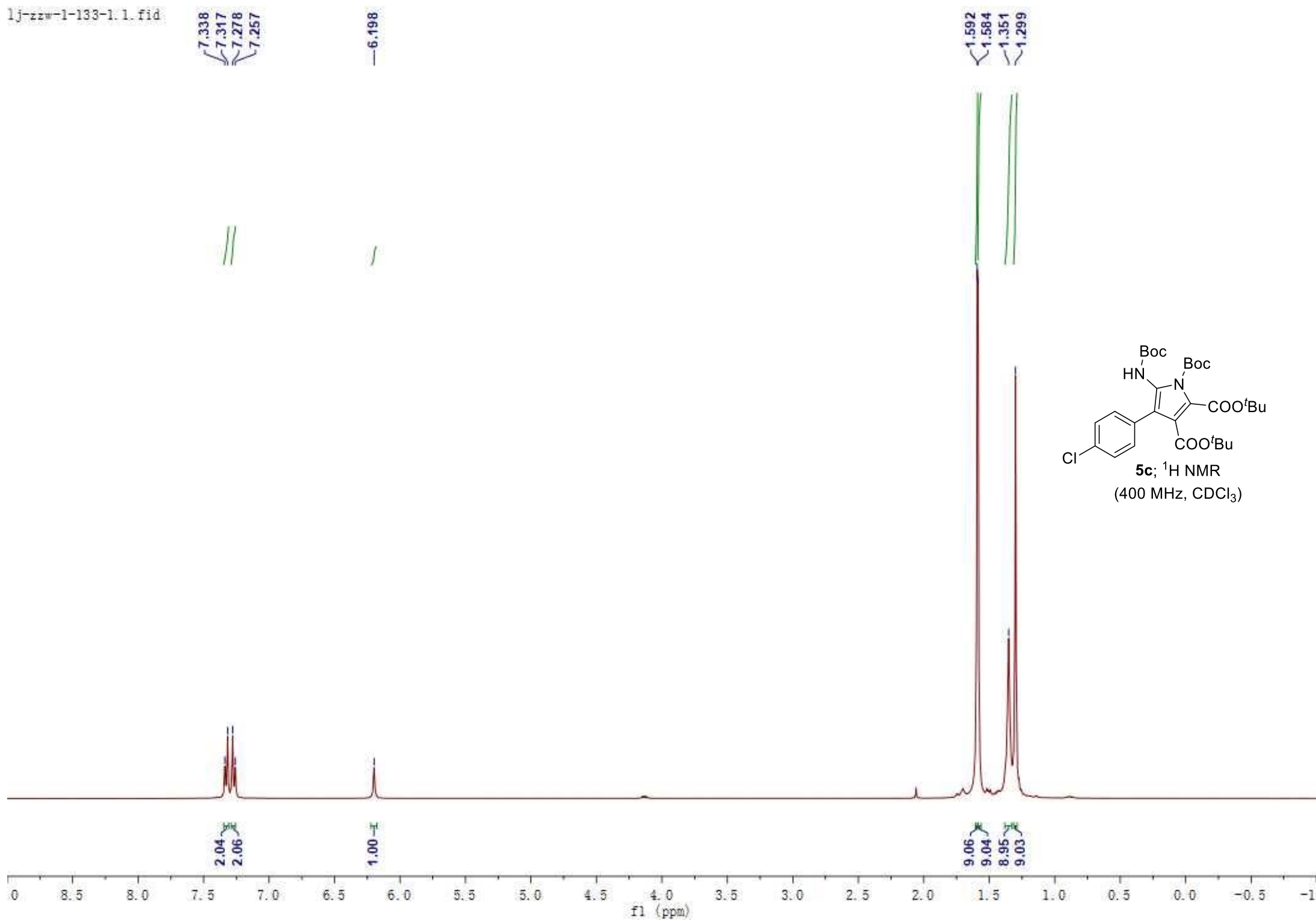


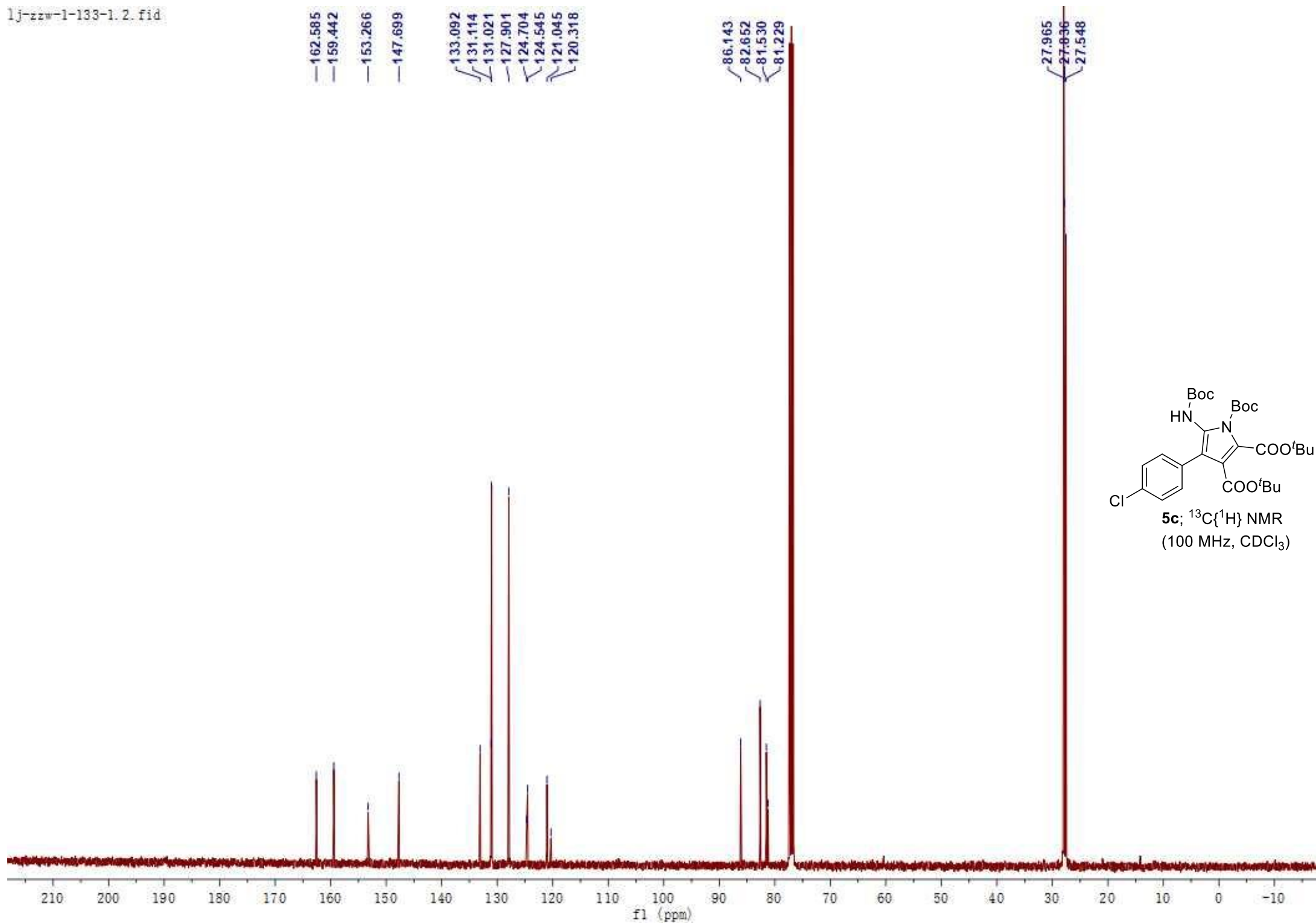


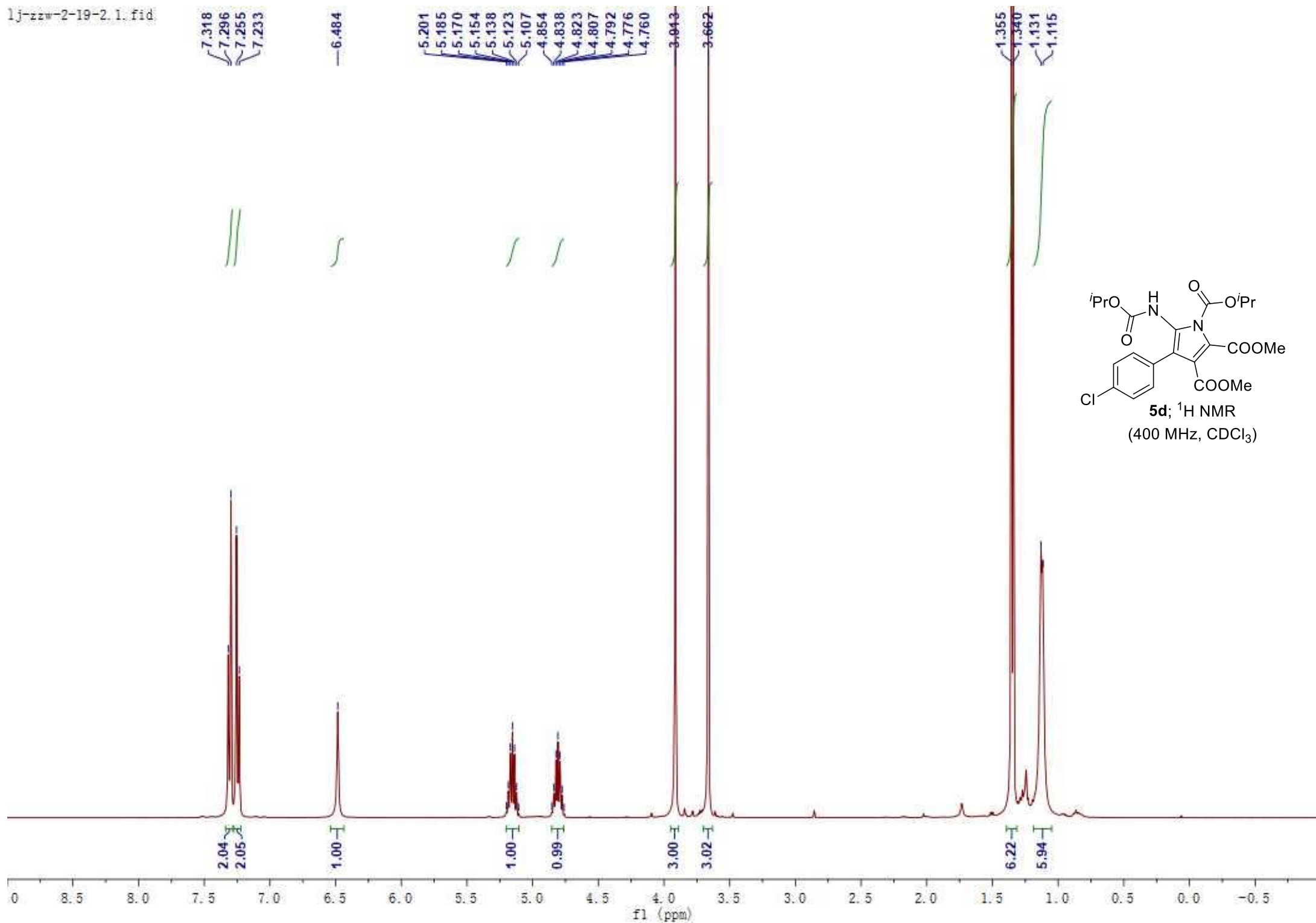
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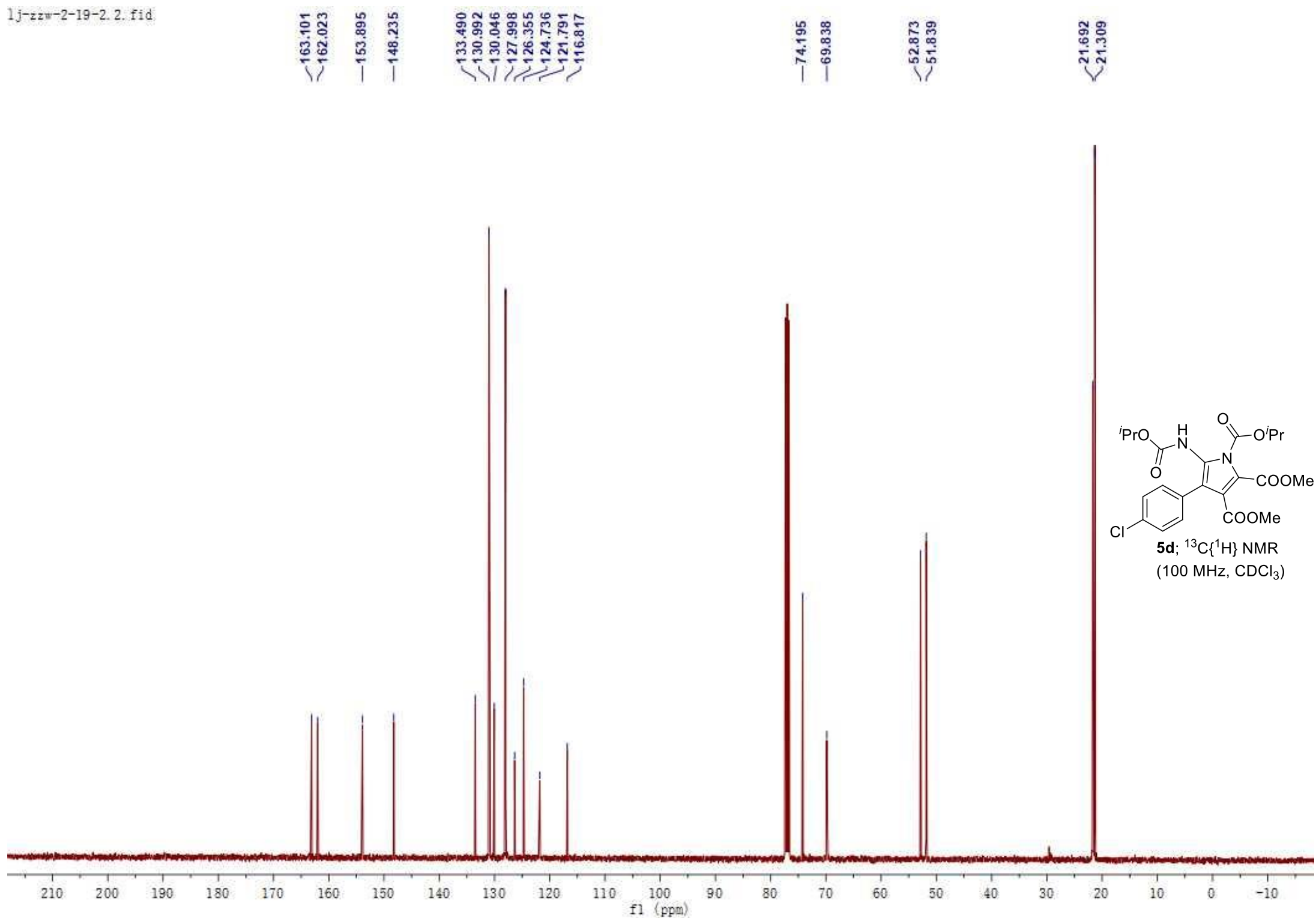


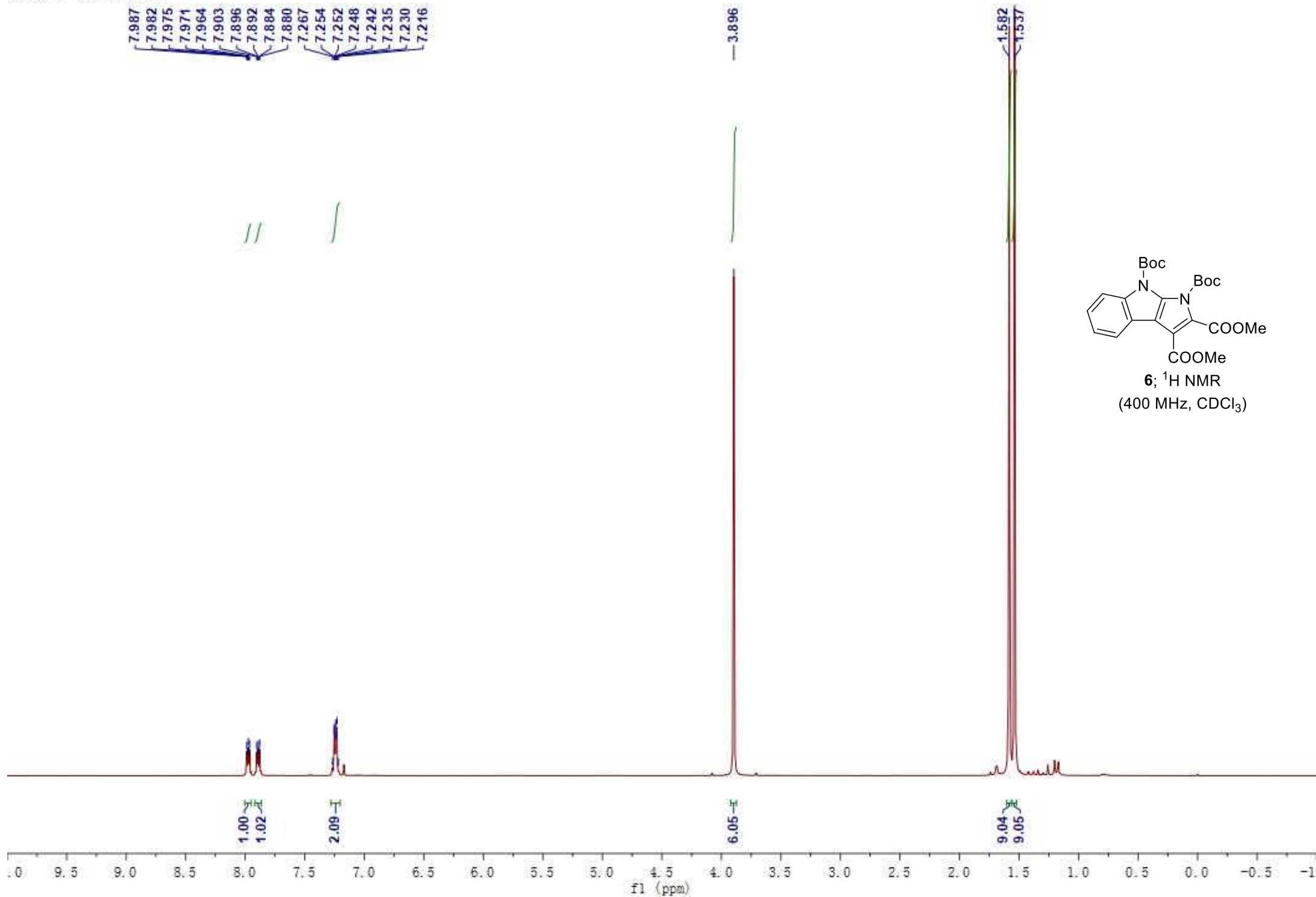


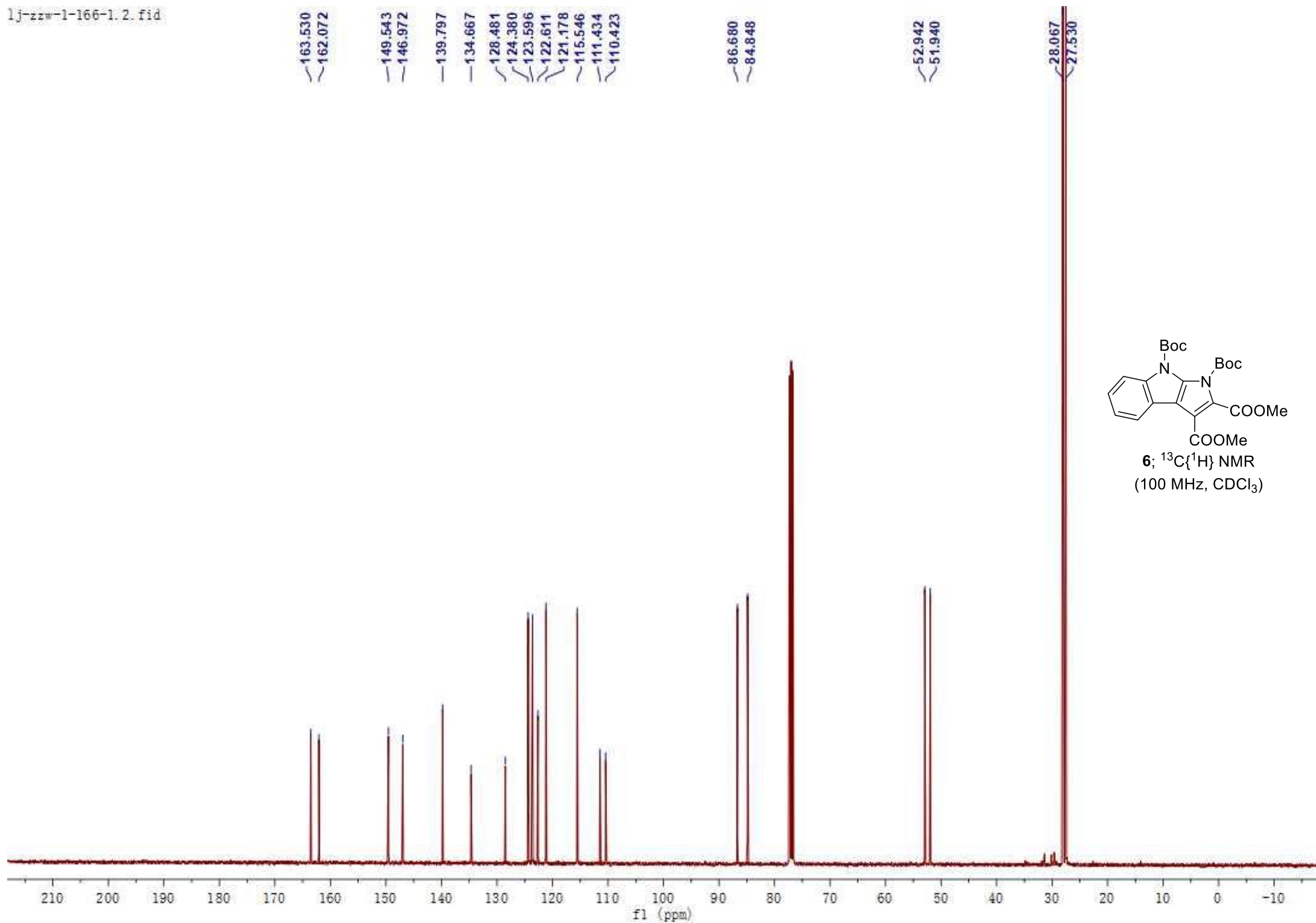




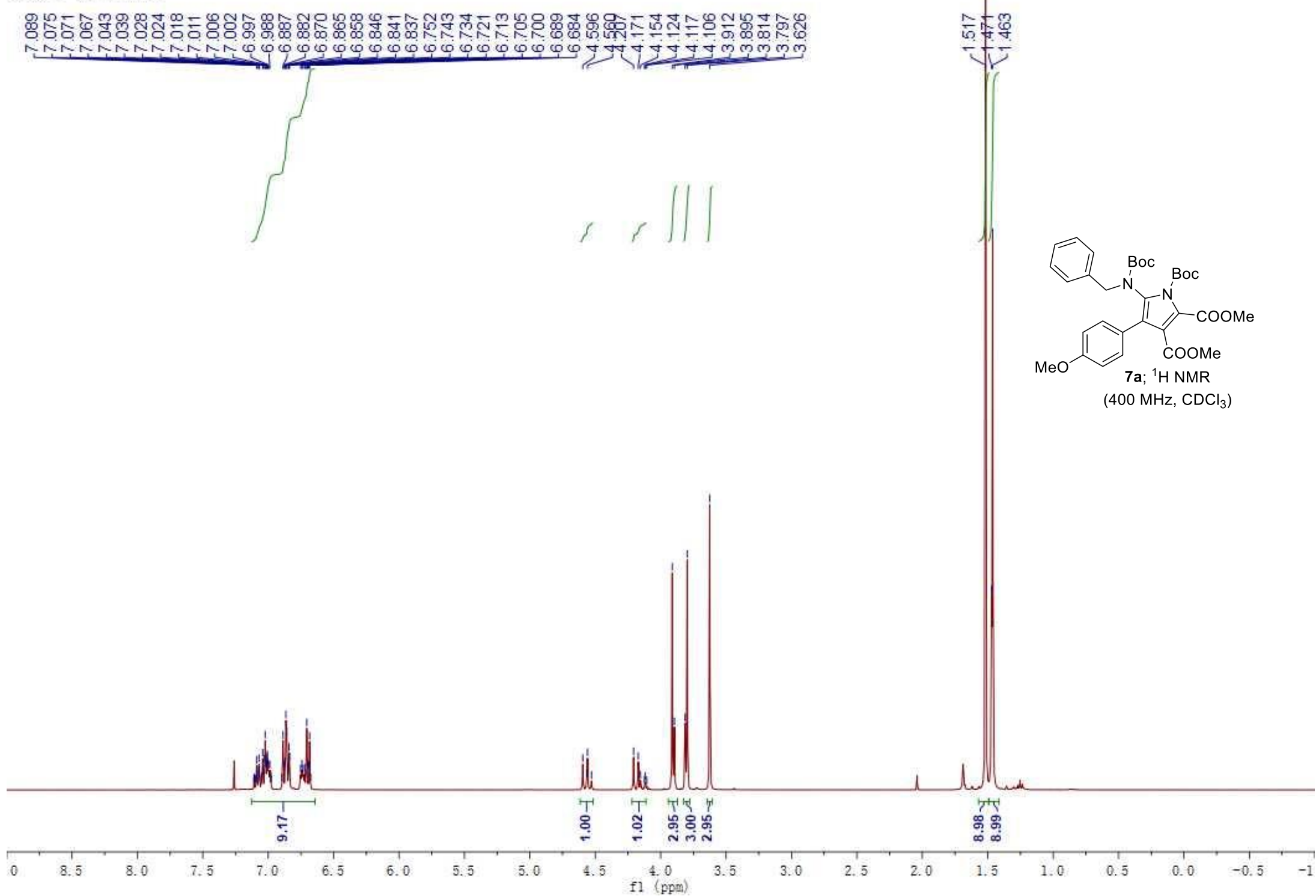


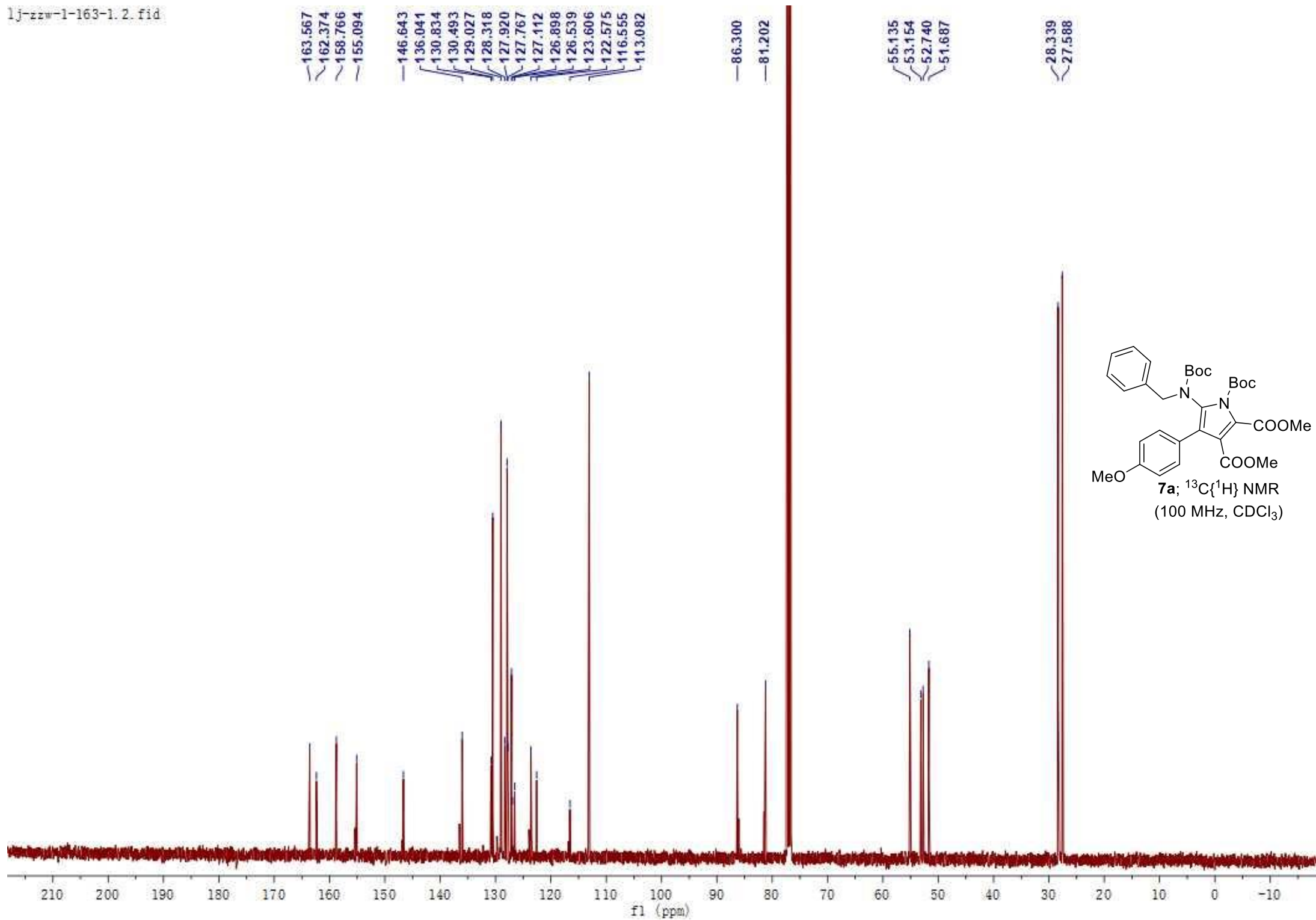




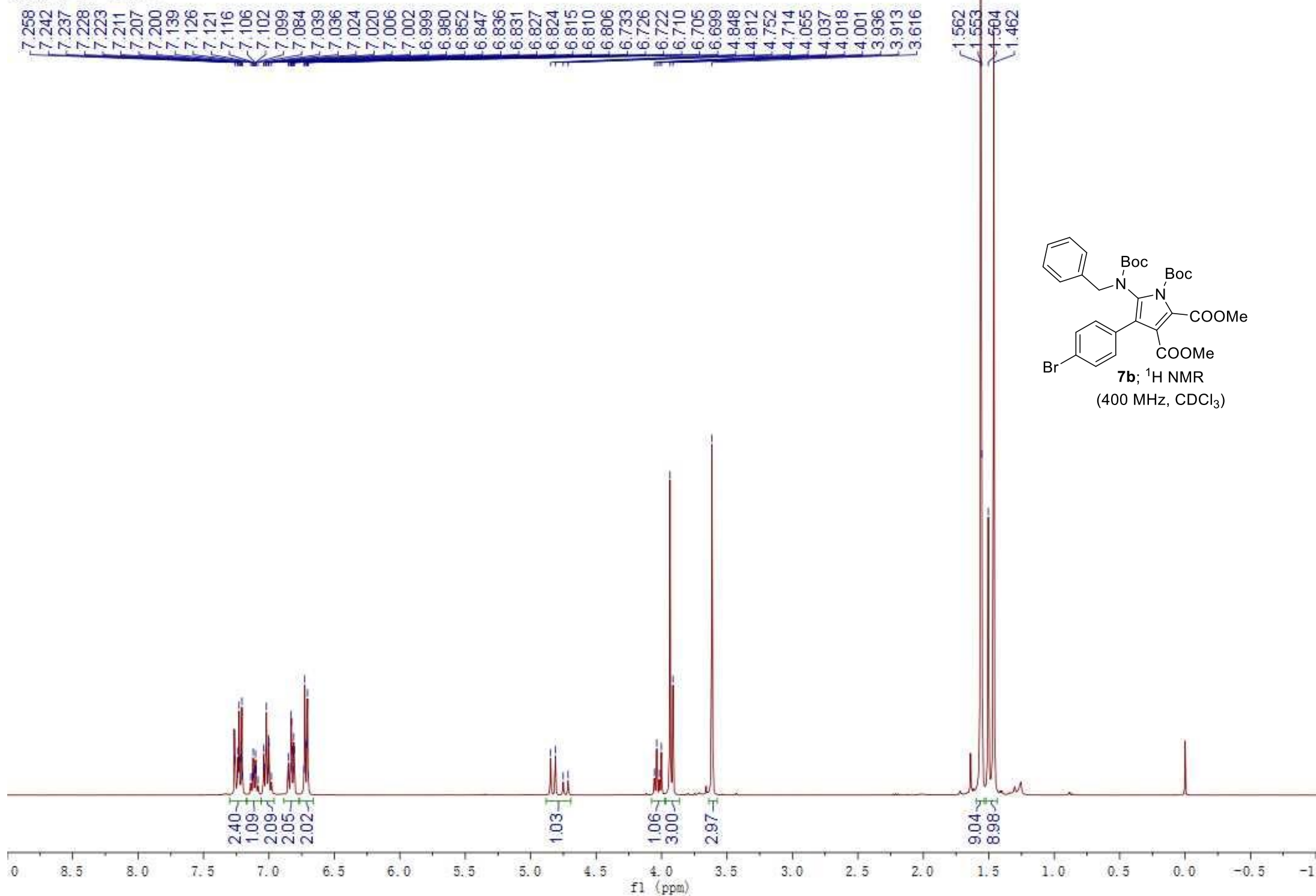


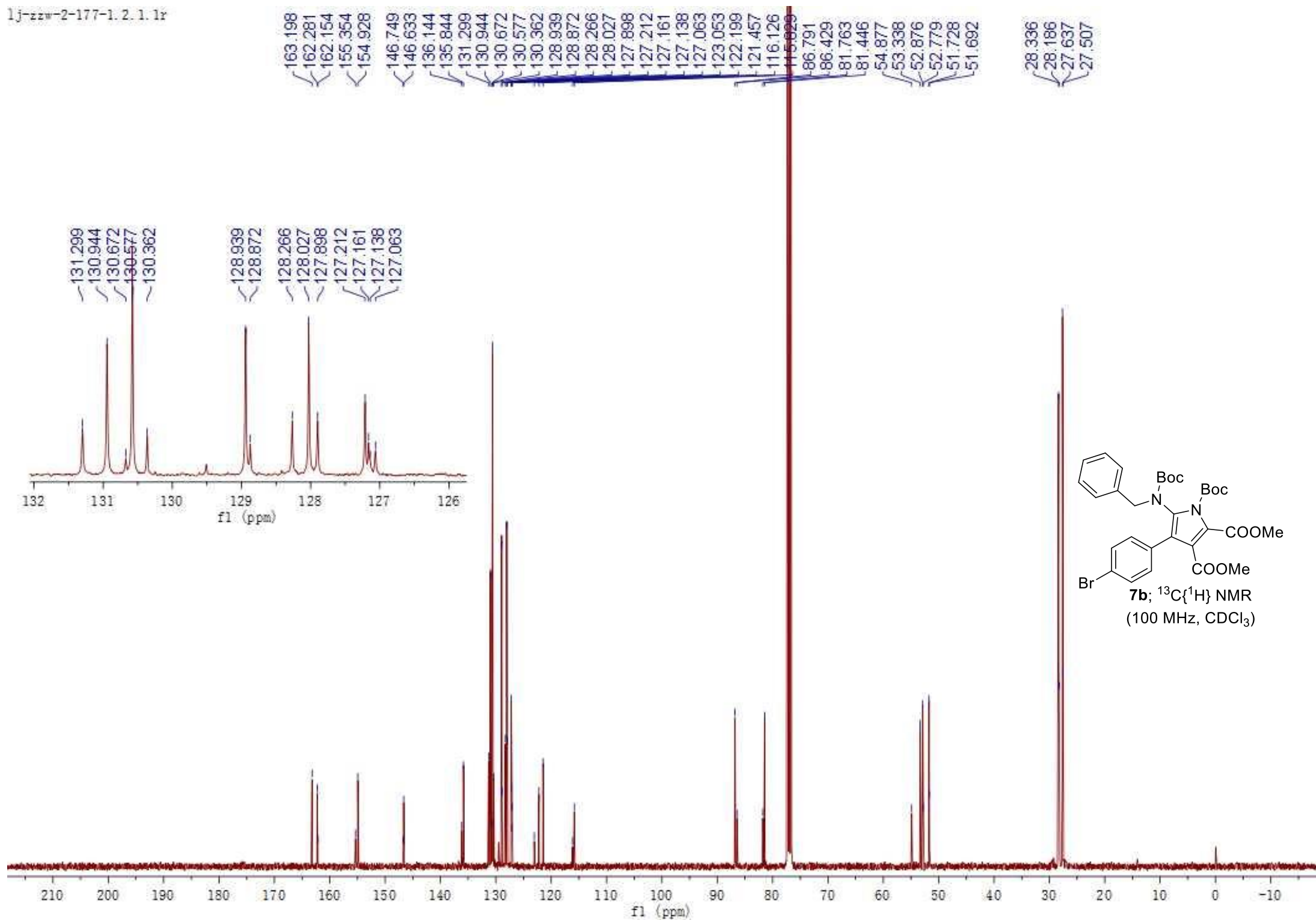
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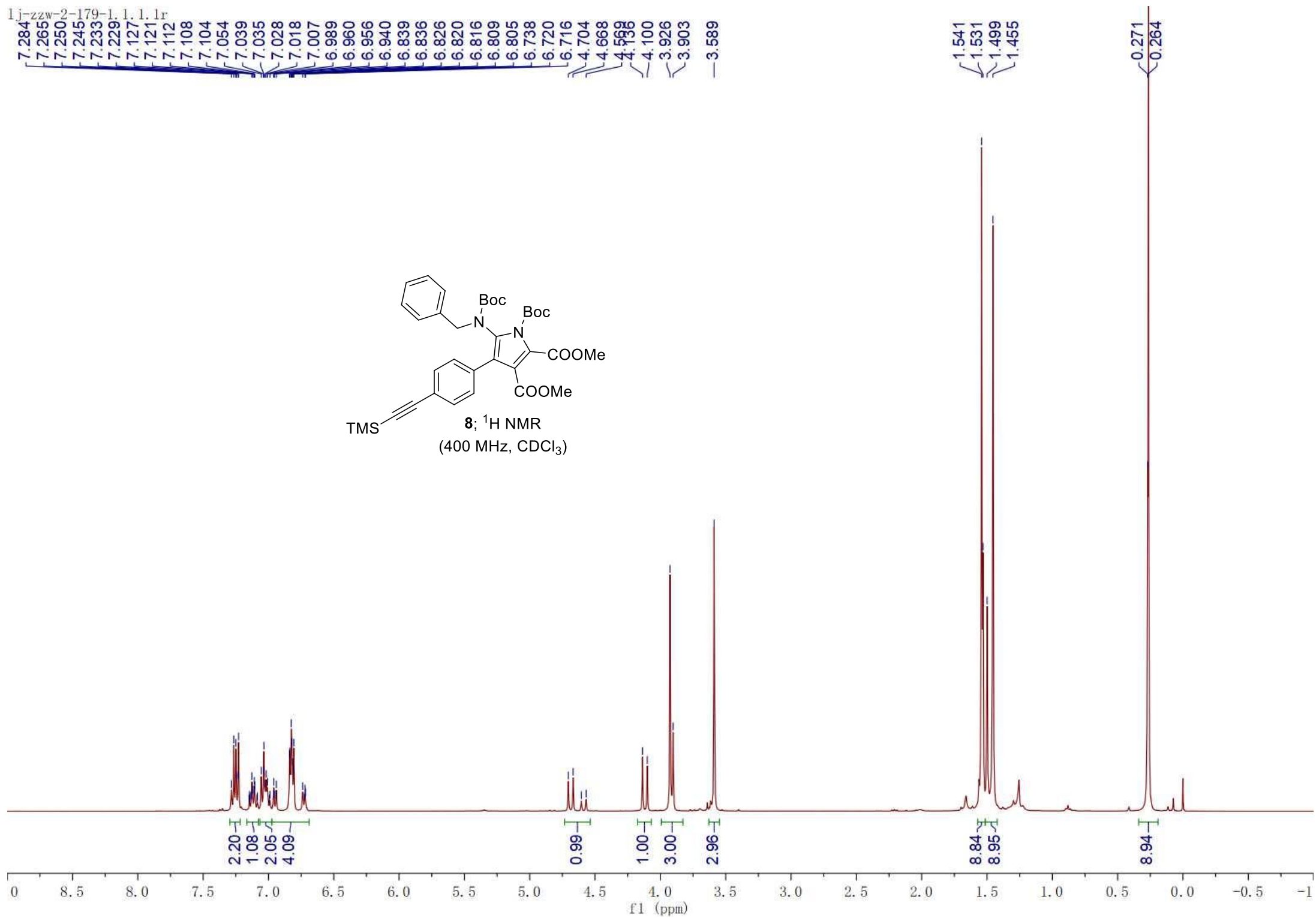


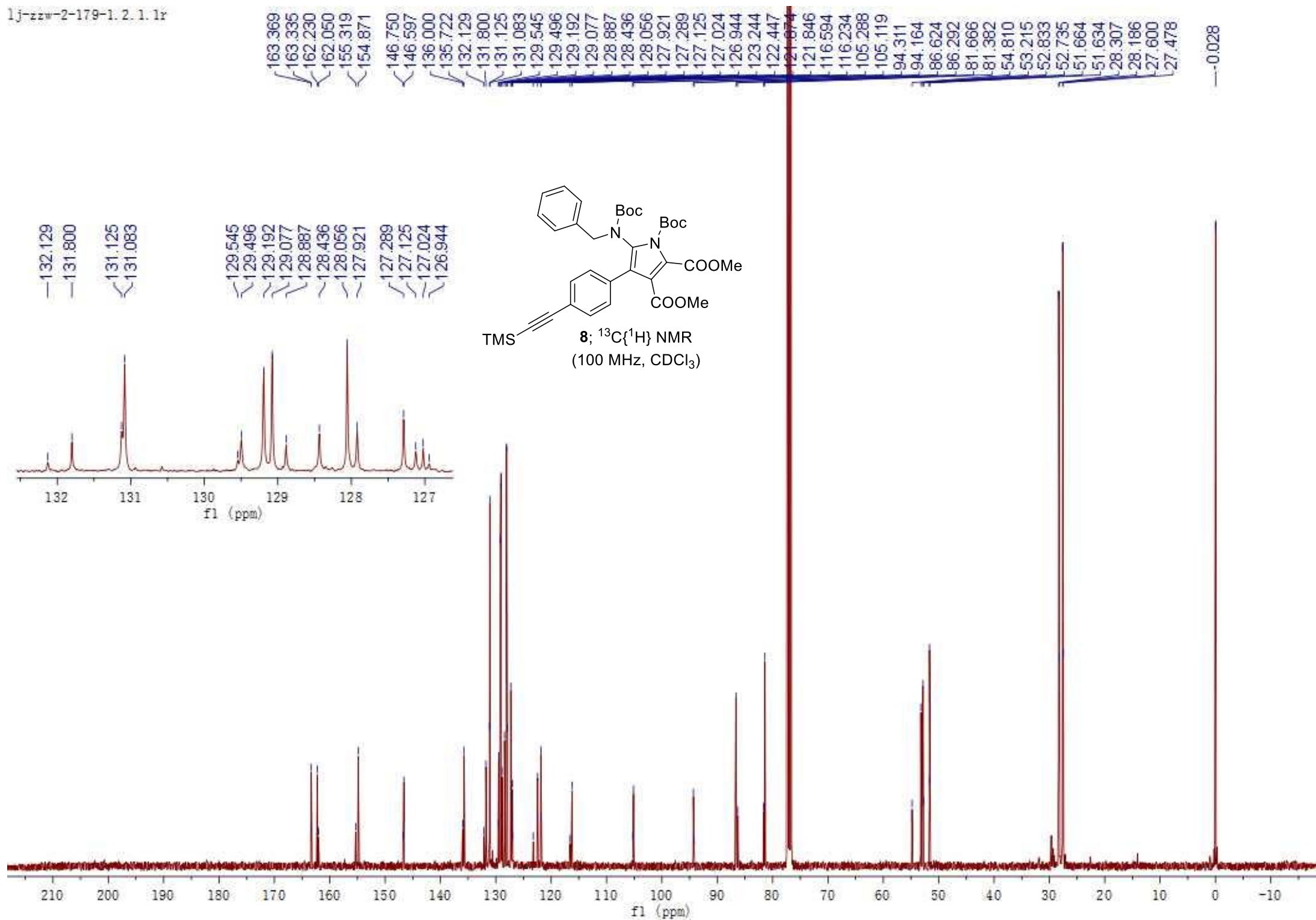


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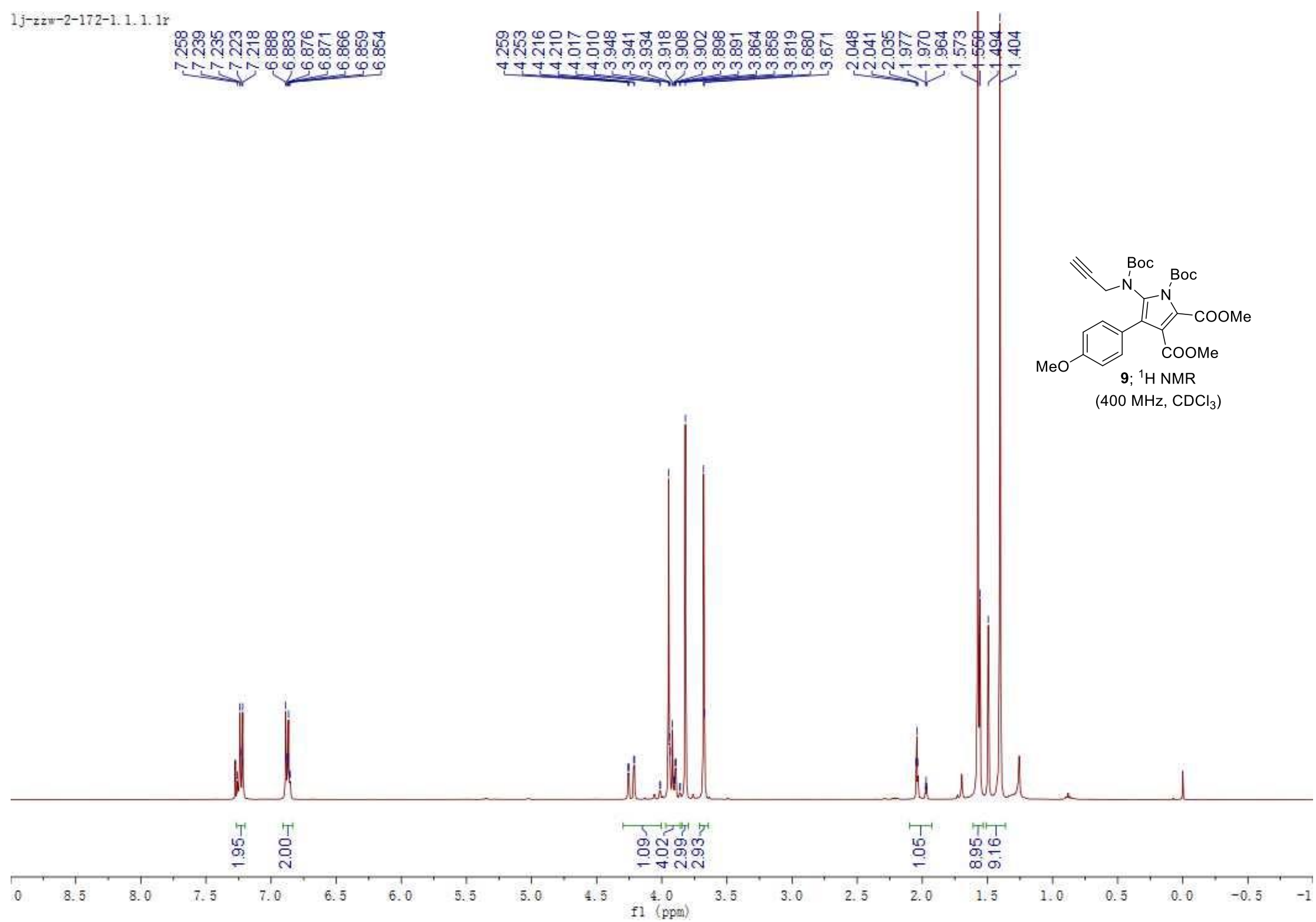


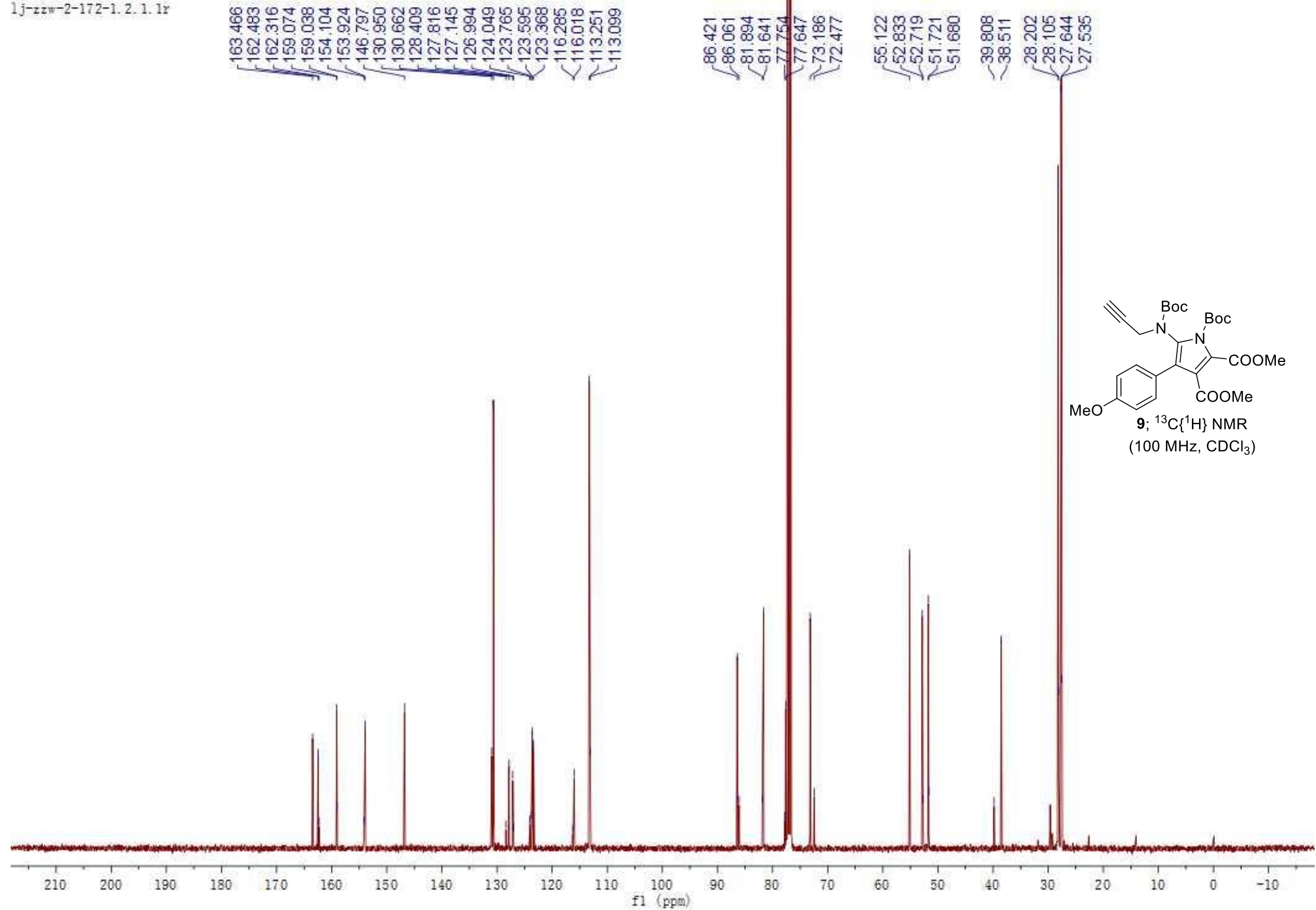


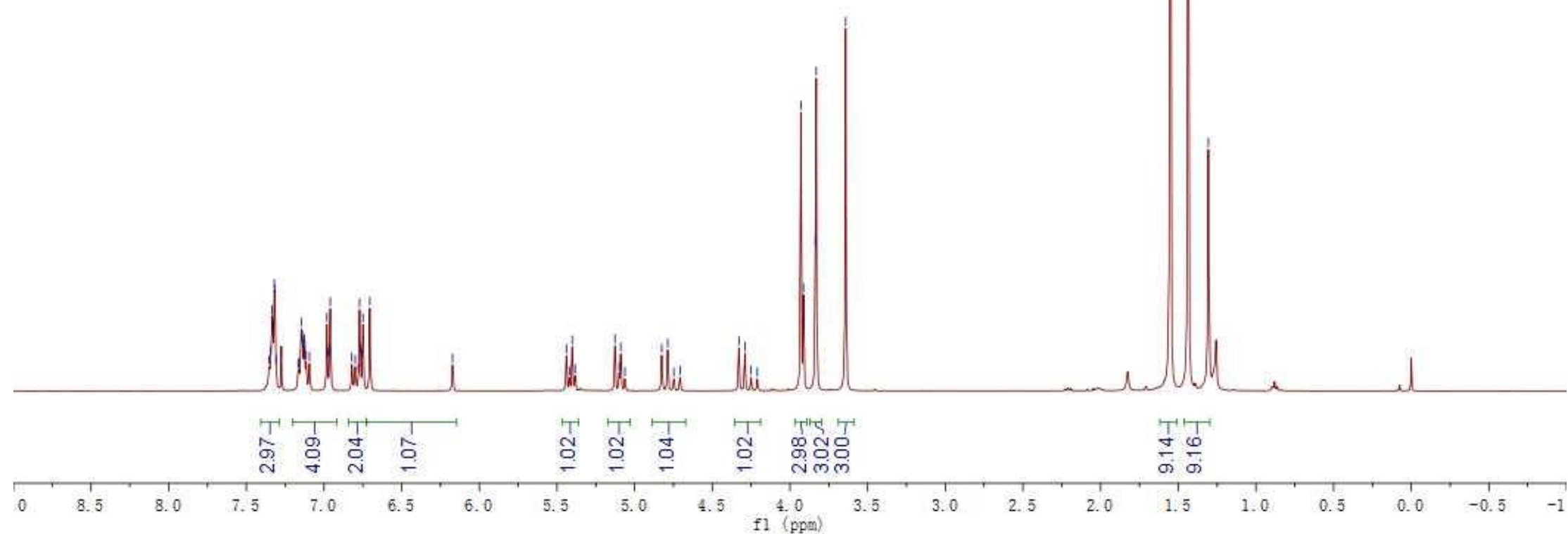


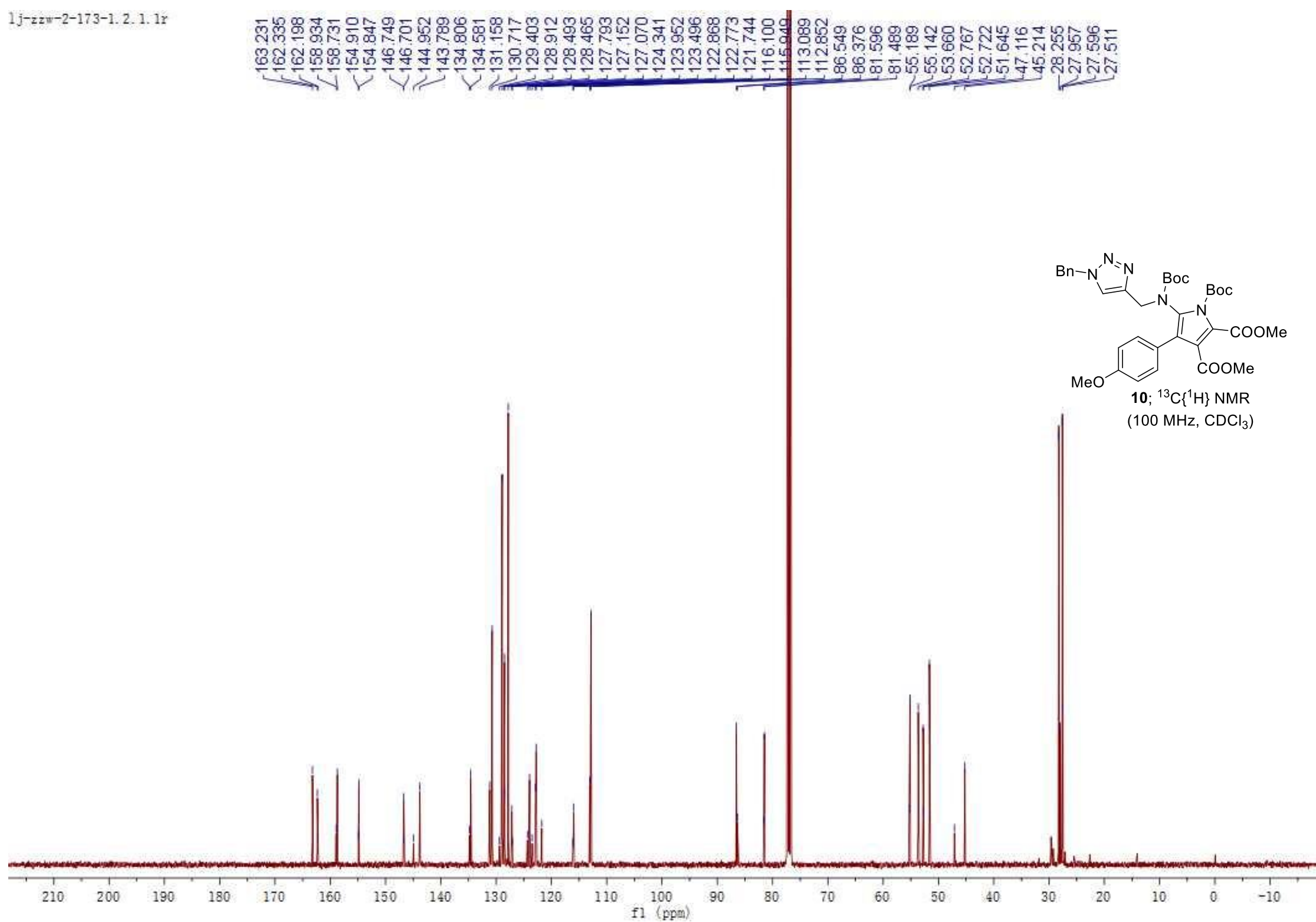


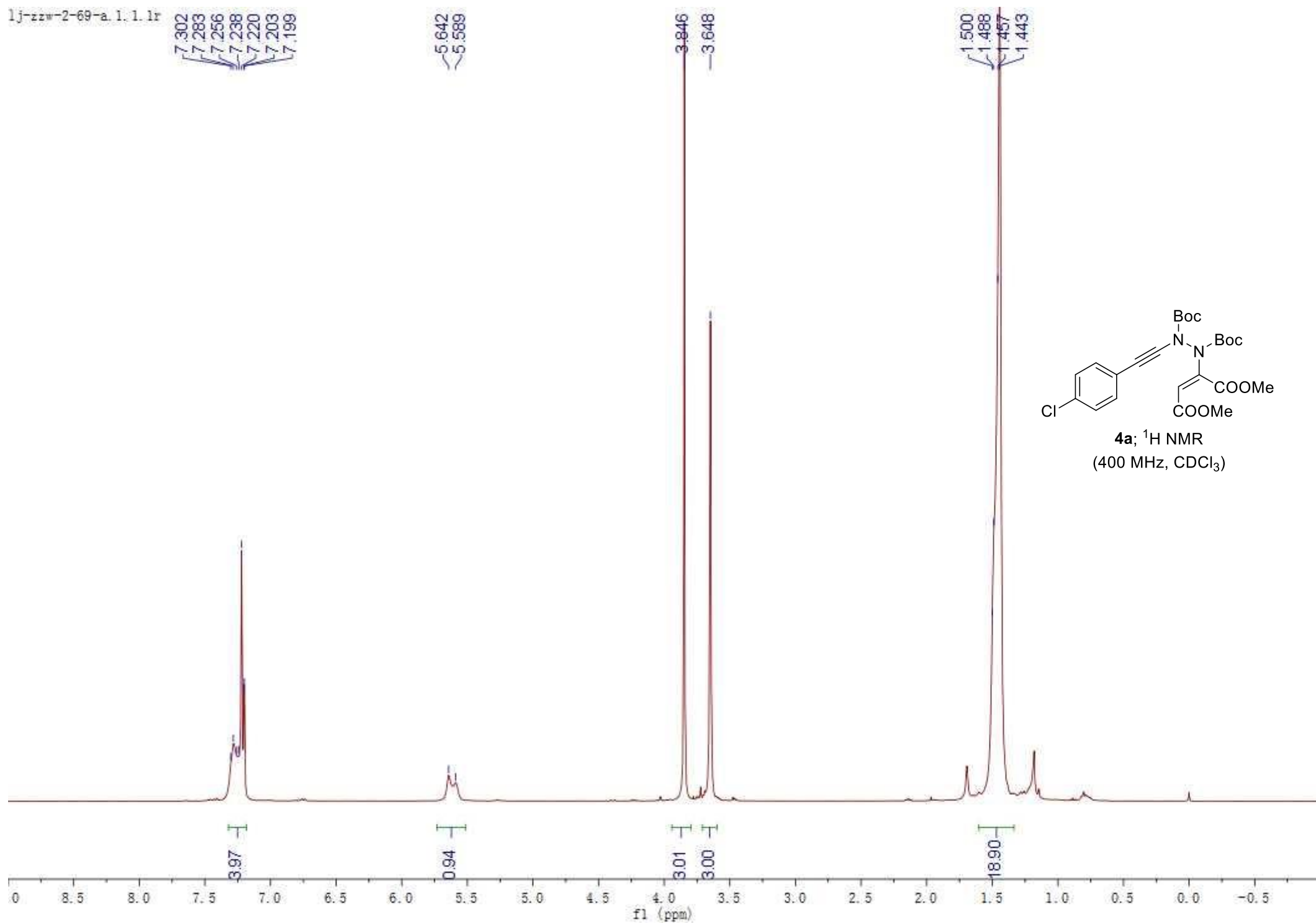
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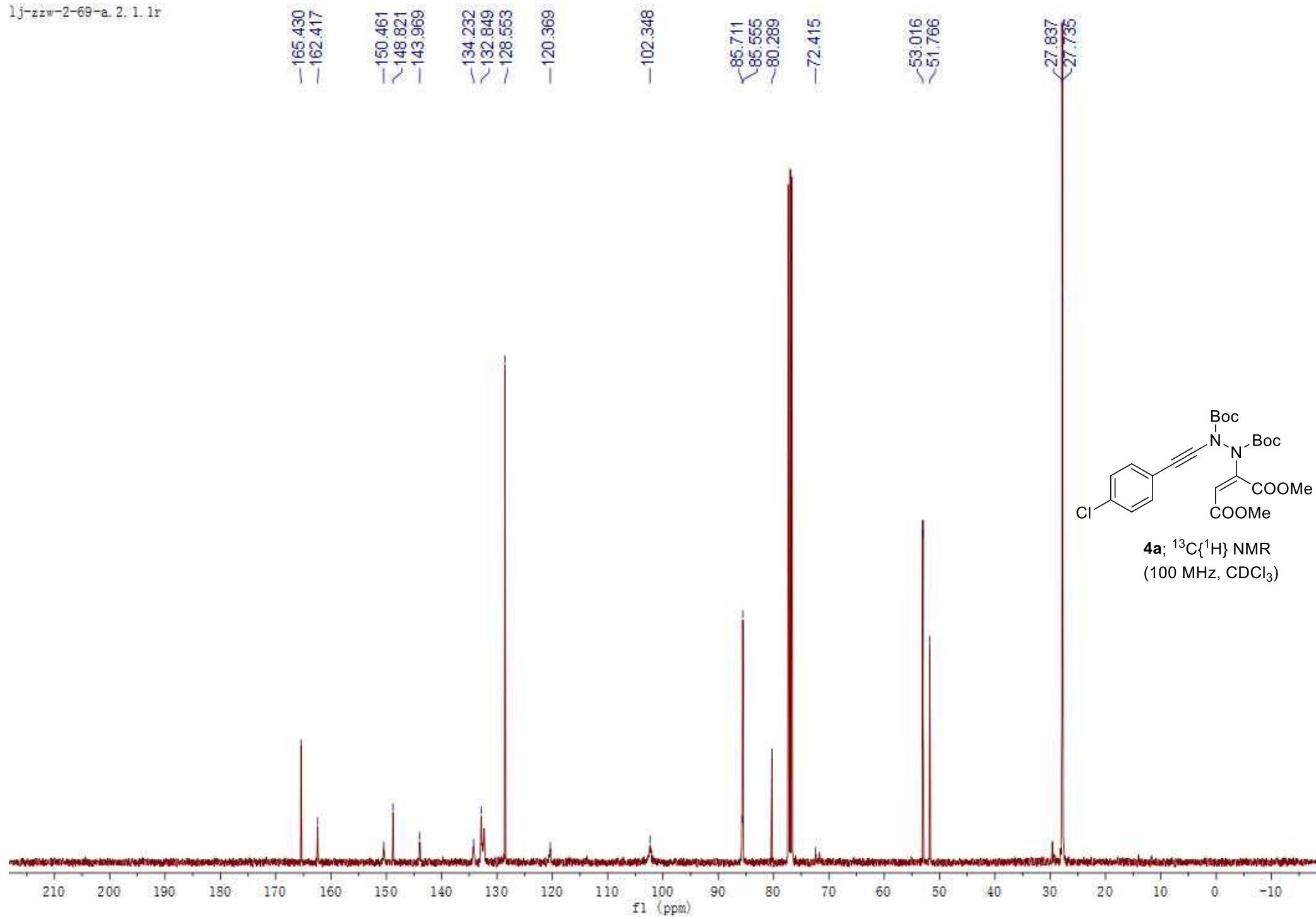




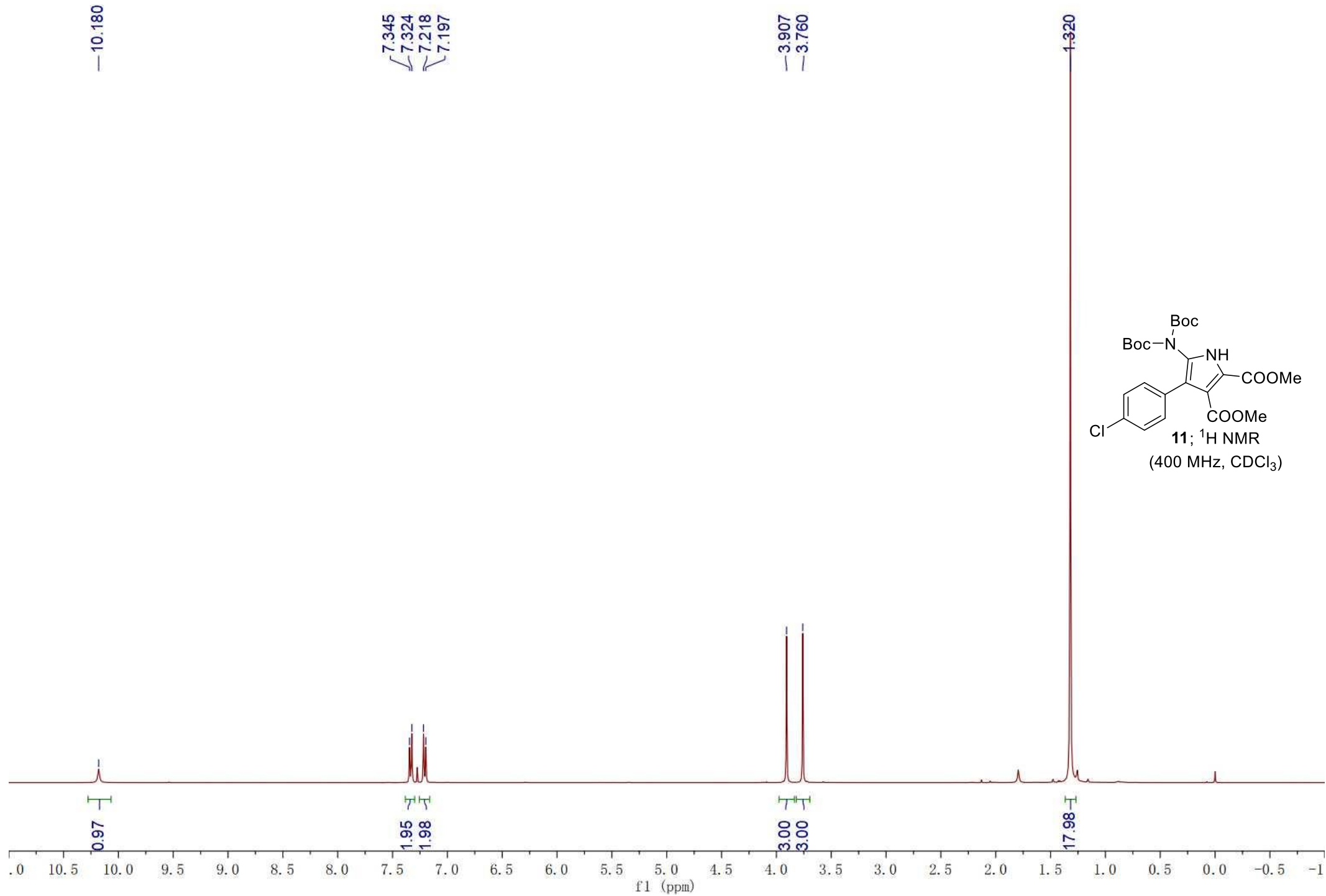
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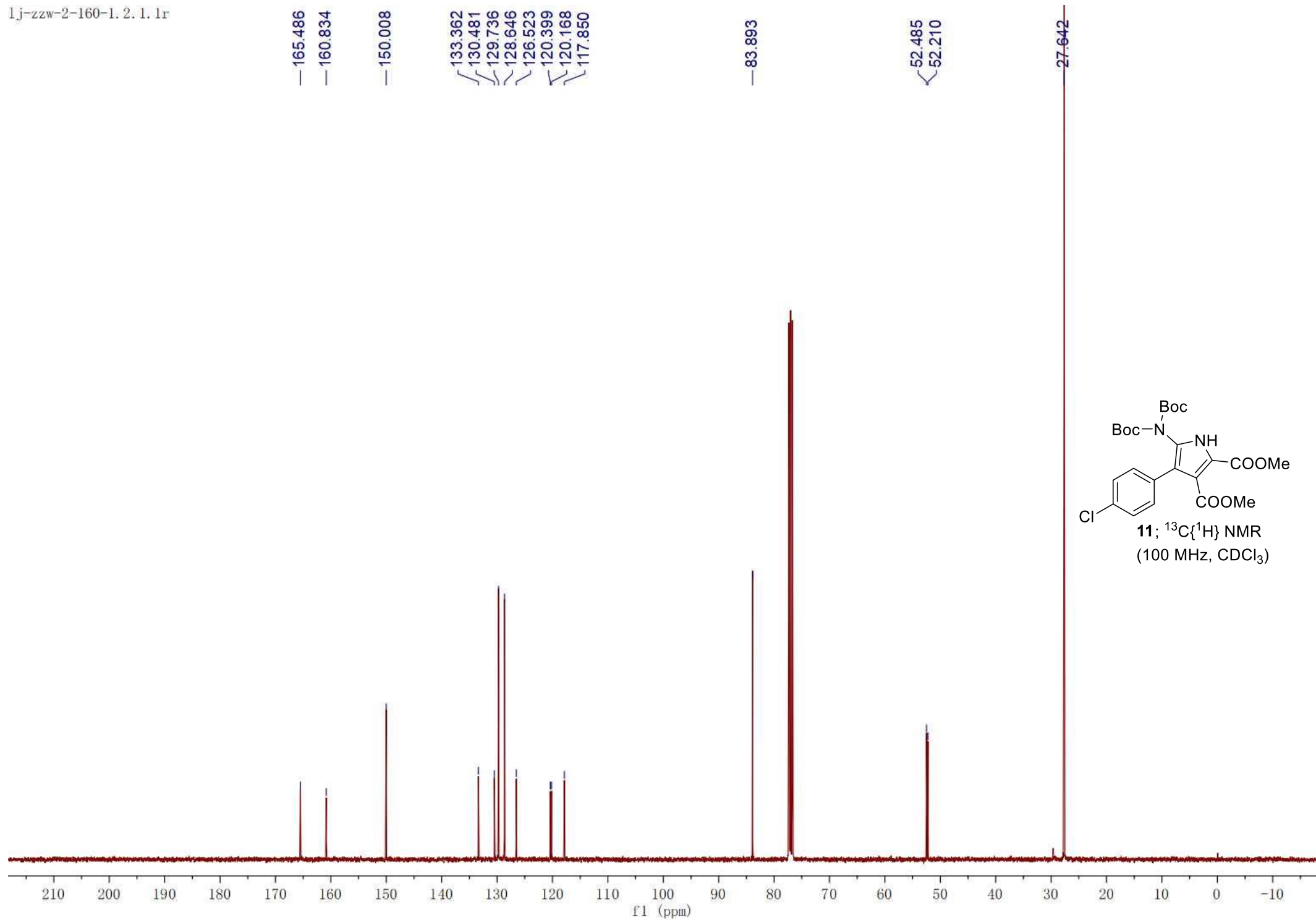




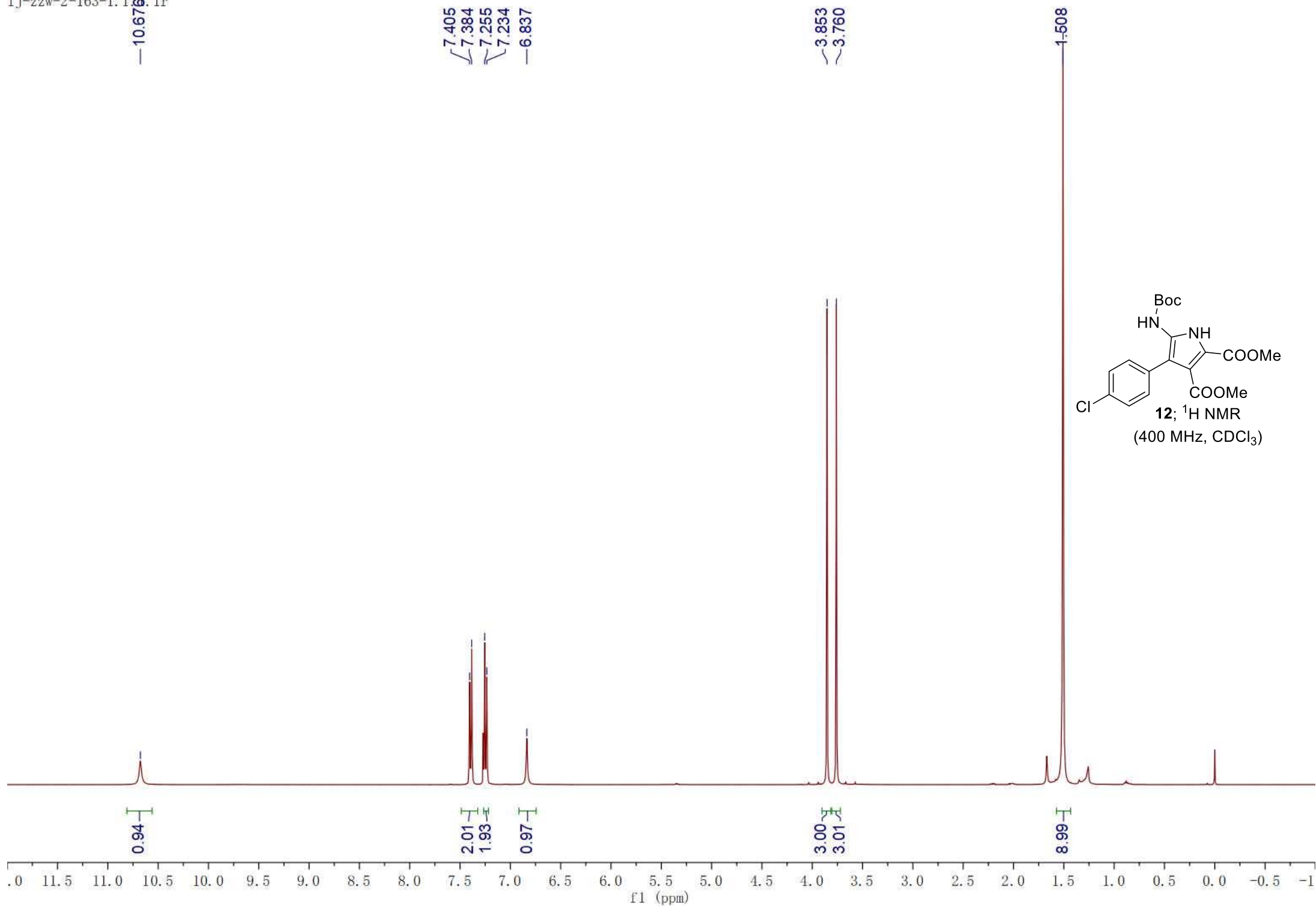


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