

Supporting Information

Palladium-catalyzed intermolecular 1,3-dienylation of propargyl esters with alcohols for constructing polysubstituted 1,3-dienes

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I. General remarks

NMR spectra were obtained on Bruker AV-400 MHz and AV-600 MHz spectrometers. The ^1H NMR chemical shifts were measured relative to CDCl_3 as the internal reference (CDCl_3 : $\delta = 7.26$ ppm). The ^{13}C NMR chemical shifts were given using CDCl_3 as the internal standard (CDCl_3 : $\delta = 77.16$ ppm). High resolution mass spectra (HRMS) were obtained with a Waters-Q-TOF-Premier (ESI).

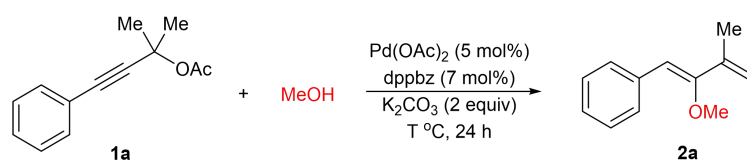
Unless noted otherwise, commercially available chemicals were used as received without purification. The propargyl esters were prepared according to the literatures.¹ All catalytic experiments were carried out using ultra dry solvents purchased from J&K Scientific. The GC internal standard, $n\text{-C}_{12}\text{H}_{26}$ was degassed with nitrogen and dried over activated 4 Å molecular sieve beads before use. Gas chromatography (GC) analysis was performed on a Agilent8890B GC System with Agilent J & W GC column DB-5MS-UI.

II. General procedure for optimization of conditions

(1) MeOH as both substrate and solvent:

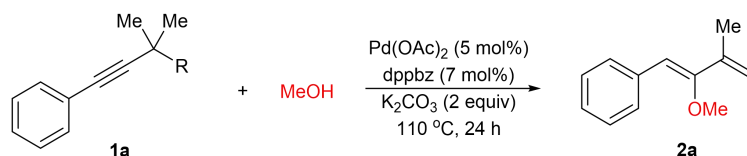
A Schlenk tube with a magnetic stir bar was charged with Pd catalyst (5 mol%), diphosphine ligand (7 mol%), base (2 equiv), propargyl acetate **1a** (20.2 mg, 0.2 mmol, 1 equiv), CH_3OH (1 mL) and GC standard $n\text{-C}_{12}\text{H}_{26}$ (10 μL) under an N_2 atmosphere. The reaction mixture was stirred at 110 $^\circ\text{C}$ for 24 h by use of module heating. After completion of the reaction, the reaction mixture was cooled to room temperature and diluted with 3 mL of EtOAc. Aliquots were taken from the organic phase and passed through a short plug of silica gel with EtOAc washing (about 2 mL). The filtrate was subjected to GC analysis to determine the GC yield of the product **2a**.

Table S1. The effect of temperature

		
Entry	T ($^\circ\text{C}$)	Yield (2a)
1	70	trace

2	80	40
3	90	68
4	110	85
5	120	85
6	130	83

Table S2. The effect of leaving group

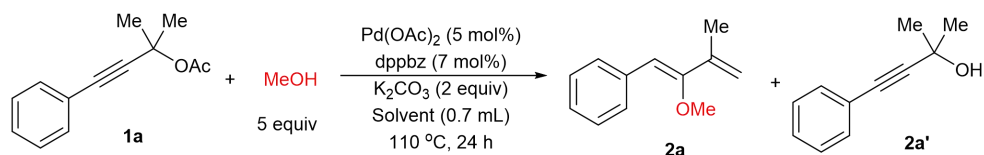


Entry	R	Yield (3a)
1	OAc	85
2	Br	trace
3	OH	10
4	OBoc	72
5	OBz	50
6	OPiv	84

(2) 5 equiv of MeOH as substrate:

A Schlenk tube with a magnetic stir bar was charged with Pd(OAc)₂ (2.2 mg, 5 mol%), dppbz (6.3 mg, 7 mol%), K₂CO₃ (55.3 mg, 0.4 mmol, 2 equiv), propargyl acetate **1a** (40.4 mg, 0.2 mmol, 1 equiv), MeOH (81 μ L, 1 mmol, 5 equiv), solvent (0.7 mL) and GC standard *n*-C₁₂H₂₆ (10 μ L) under an N₂ atmosphere. The reaction mixture was stirred at 110 °C for 24 h by use of module heating. After completion of the reaction, the reaction mixture was cooled to room temperature and diluted with 3 mL of EtOAc. Aliquots were taken from the organic phase and passed through a short plug of silica gel with EtOAc washing (about 2 mL). The filtrate was subjected to GC analysis to determine the GC yield of the product **2a**.

Table S3. optimization of conditions using 5 equiv of MeOH as substrate



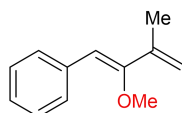
Entry	Solvent	Conv. (1a)	Yield (2a)	Yield (2a')
1	acetonitrile	15%	<5%	<5%
2	toluene	20%	0	8%
3	THF	17%	0	10%

4	DMSO	<5%	0	0
5	DMF	<5%	0	0
6	cyclohexane	12%	0	<5%
7	isopropanol	32%	21%	<5%
8 ^a	isopropanol	42%	32%	<5%

^a 7 equiv of MeOH was used.

III. General procedure for 1,3-dienylation of propargyl acetates with alcohols

A Schlenk tube with a magnetic stir bar was charged with Pd(OAc)₂ (2.2 mg, 5 mol%), dppbz (6.3 mg, 7 mol%), K₂CO₃ (55.3 mg, 0.4 mmol, 2 equiv), propargyl acetate **1** (0.2 mmol, 1 equiv) and alcohol (1 mL). The reaction mixture was stirred at 110 °C for 24 h by use of module heating. After completion of the reaction, the reaction mixture was cooled to room temperature and diluted with 3 mL of EtOAc. The solution was filtered through a celite pad and washed with 10-20 mL of EtOAc. The filtrate was concentrated and the residue was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel with petroleum ether/EtOAc as eluent to give the desired product **2** or **3**.



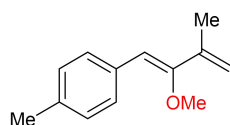
(Z)-(2-Methoxy-3-methylbuta-1,3-dien-1-yl)benzene (**2a**)²

Following the general procedure, product was isolated by flash chromatography (petroleum ether/EtOAc = 100/1, v/v) as faint yellow oil (28.6 mg, 82% yield).

¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 7.67 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.35 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.22 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 5.99 (s, 1H), 5.44 (s, 1H), 5.11 (s, 1H), 3.61 (s, 3H), 1.99 (s, 3H) ppm.

¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 157.4, 138.7, 135.7, 129.0, 128.5, 126.9, 114.3, 113.8, 58.7, 20.2 ppm.

HRMS (ESI): calcd for C₁₂H₁₅O [M+H]⁺ 175.1123, found 175.1125.



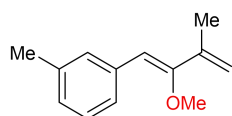
(Z)-1-(2-Methoxy-3-methylbuta-1,3-dien-1-yl)-4-methylbenzene (**2b**)

Following the general procedure, product was isolated by flash chromatography (petroleum ether/EtOAc = 100/1, v/v) as faint yellow oil (30.5 mg, 81% yield).

^1H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 7.55 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.15 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 5.96 (s, 1H), 5.41 (d, J = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 5.07 (s, 1H), 3.59 (s, 3H), 2.35 (s, 3H), 1.97 (s, 3H) ppm.

^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 156.7, 138.7, 136.8, 132.8, 129.3, 129.0, 113.9, 113.8, 58.7, 21.4, 20.2 ppm.

HRMS (ESI): calcd for $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{17}\text{O}$ ($\text{M}+\text{H}$) $^+$ 189.1279, found 189.1274.



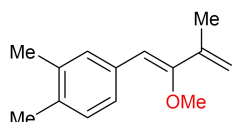
(Z)-1-(2-Methoxy-3-methylbuta-1,3-dien-1-yl)-3-methylbenzene (2c)

Following the general procedure, product was isolated by flash chromatography (petroleum ether/EtOAc = 100/1, v/v) as faint yellow oil (29 mg, 77% yield).

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 7.50-7.45 (m, 2H), 7.23 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.03 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 5.95 (s, 1H), 5.42 (d, J = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 5.09 (s, 1H), 3.60 (s, 3H), 2.35 (s, 3H), 1.97 (s, 3H) ppm.

^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 157.3, 138.8, 138.0, 135.6, 129.8, 128.4, 127.8, 126.2, 114.2, 114.0, 58.8, 21.7, 20.2 ppm.

HRMS (ESI): calcd for $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{17}\text{O}$ ($\text{M}+\text{H}$) $^+$ 189.1279, found 189.1276.



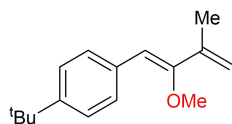
(Z)-4-(2-Methoxy-3-methylbuta-1,3-dien-1-yl)-1,2-dimethylbenzene (2d)

Following the general procedure, product was isolated by flash chromatography (petroleum ether/EtOAc = 100/1, v/v) as faint yellow oil (32.4 mg, 80% yield).

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 7.44-7.42 (m, 2H), 7.10 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 5.94 (s, 1H), 5.40 (d, J = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 5.06 (s, 1H), 3.59 (s, 3H), 2.27 (s, 3H), 2.26 (s, 3H), 1.97 (s, 3H) ppm.

^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 156.6, 138.8, 136.5, 135.6, 133.3, 130.4, 129.9, 126.6, 114.0, 113.7, 58.7, 20.2, 20.0, 19.7 ppm.

HRMS (ESI): calcd for $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{19}\text{O}$ ($\text{M}+\text{H}$) $^+$ 203.1436, found 203.1431.



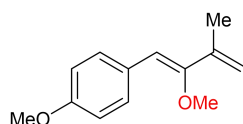
(Z)-1-(*tert*-Butyl)-4-(2-methoxy-3-methylbuta-1,3-dien-1-yl)benzene (2e)

Following the general procedure, product was isolated by flash chromatography (petroleum ether/EtOAc = 100/1, v/v) as faint yellow oil (36 mg, 78% yield).

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 7.61-7.58 (m, 2H), 7.38-7.34 (m, 2H), 5.96 (s, 1H), 5.41 (d, J = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 5.07 (s, 1H), 3.61 (s, 3H), 1.97 (s, 3H), 1.33 (s, 9H) ppm.

^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ = 156.9, 150.0, 138.8, 132.9, 128.8, 125.5, 113.9, 113.8, 58.7, 34.7, 31.4, 20.2 ppm.

HRMS (ESI): calcd for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{23}\text{O}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 231.1749, found 231.1745.



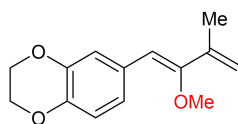
(Z)-1-Methoxy-4-(2-methoxy-3-methylbuta-1,3-dien-1-yl)benzene (2f)

Following the general procedure, product was isolated by flash chromatography (petroleum ether/EtOAc = 50/1, v/v) as faint yellow oil (28.6 mg, 70% yield).

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 7.61 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 6.88 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 5.93 (s, 1H), 5.38 (d, J = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 5.05 (s, 1H), 3.82 (s, 3H), 3.58 (s, 3H), 1.96 (s, 3H) ppm.

^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 158.6, 155.8, 138.6, 130.4, 128.4, 114.0, 113.6, 113.4, 58.6, 55.4, 20.2 ppm.

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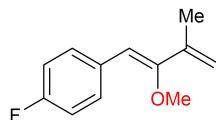
(Z)-6-(2-Methoxy-3-methylbuta-1,3-dien-1-yl)-2,3-dihydrobenzo[b][1,4]dioxine (2g)

Following the general procedure, product was isolated by flash chromatography (petroleum ether/EtOAc = 40/1, v/v) as faint yellow oil (34.8 mg, 75% yield).

^1H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 7.28 (d, J = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.10 (dd, J = 5.6, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 6.82 (d, J = 5.6 Hz, 1H), 5.86 (s, 1H), 5.37 (d, J = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 5.05 (s, 1H), 4.28-4.26 (m, 4H), 3.59 (s, 3H), 1.95 (s, 3H) ppm.

^{13}C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 156.2, 143.4, 142.7, 138.6, 129.4, 122.8, 117.6, 117.1, 113.7, 113.4, 64.6, 64.5, 58.6, 20.2 ppm.

HRMS (ESI): calcd for $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{17}\text{O}_3(\text{M}+\text{H})^+$ 233.1178, found 233.1166.



(Z)-1-Fluoro-4-(2-methoxy-3-methylbuta-1,3-dien-1-yl)benzene (2h)

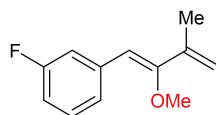
Following the general procedure, product was isolated by flash chromatography (petroleum ether/EtOAc = 150/1, v/v) as a faint yellow oil (28.5 mg, 74% yield).

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 7.65-7.60 (m, 2H), 7.05-6.99 (m, 2H), 5.93 (s, 1H), 5.41 (d, J = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 5.10 (s, 1H), 3.58 (s, 3H), 1.97 (s, 3H) ppm.

^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ = 161.6 (d, $J_{\text{C-F}}$ = 247.8 Hz), 157.0 (d, $J_{\text{C-F}}$ = 2.1 Hz), 138.5, 131.8 (d, $J_{\text{C-F}}$ = 3.4 Hz), 130.6 (d, $J_{\text{C-F}}$ = 8.0 Hz), 115.4 (d, $J_{\text{C-F}}$ = 21.3 Hz), 114.4, 112.7, 58.6, 20.1 ppm.

^{19}F NMR (377 MHz, CDCl_3) δ = -114.8 ppm.

HRMS (ESI): calcd for $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{14}\text{FO}(\text{M}+\text{H})^+$ 193.1029, found 193.1031.



(Z)-1-Fluoro-3-(2-methoxy-3-methylbuta-1,3-dien-1-yl)benzene (2i)

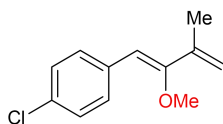
Following the general procedure, product was isolated by flash chromatography (petroleum ether/EtOAc = 150/1, v/v) as a faint yellow oil (27.7 mg, 72% yield).

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 7.50-7.46 (m, 1H), 7.33-7.24 (m, 2H), 6.93-6.90 (m, 1H), 5.93 (s, 1H), 5.44 (d, J = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 5.13 (s, 1H), 3.61 (s, 3H), 1.97 (s, 3H) ppm.

^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ = 163.1 (d, $J_{\text{C-F}}$ = 240.4 Hz), 158.4, 138.5, 137.9 (d, $J_{\text{C-F}}$ = 8.1 Hz), 129.7 (d, $J_{\text{C-F}}$ = 8.7 Hz), 124.9 (d, $J_{\text{C-F}}$ = 2.6 Hz), 115.5, 115.3, 113.7 (d, $J_{\text{C-F}}$ = 21.4 Hz), 112.7 (d, $J_{\text{C-F}}$ = 2.7 Hz), 58.8, 20.1 ppm.

^{19}F NMR (377 MHz, CDCl_3) δ = -113.7 ppm.

HRMS (ESI): calcd for $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{14}\text{FO}(\text{M}+\text{H})^+$ 193.1029, found 193.1025.



(Z)-1-Chloro-4-(2-methoxy-3-methylbuta-1,3-dien-1-yl)benzene (2j)

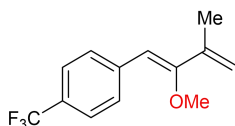
Following the general procedure, product was isolated by flash chromatography (petroleum ether/EtOAc = 150/1, v/v) as faint yellow oil (27 mg, 65% yield).

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 7.60-7.57 (m, 2H), 7.31-7.27 (m, 2H), 5.92 (s, 1H), 5.42 (d, J = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 5.12 (s, 1H), 3.58 (s, 3H), 1.96 (s, 3H) ppm.

^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 157.9, 138.5, 134.2, 132.3, 130.2, 128.7, 114.9, 112.6, 58.7, 20.1 ppm.

HRMS (ESI): calcd for $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{14}\text{ClO}$ ($\text{M}+\text{H}$) $^+$ 209.0733, found 209.0735.

The structure of **2j** was further confirmed by 1D NOESY spectrum.



(Z)-1-(2-Methoxy-3-methylbuta-1,3-dien-1-yl)-4-(trifluoromethyl)benzene (2k)

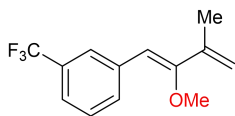
Following the general procedure, product was isolated by flash chromatography (petroleum ether/EtOAc = 150/1, v/v) as faint yellow oil (34.8 mg, 72% yield).

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 7.74 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.56 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 5.98 (s, 1H), 5.47 (d, J = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 5.17 (s, 1H), 3.60 (s, 3H), 1.98 (s, 3H) ppm.

^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ = 159.3, 139.3, 138.5, 129.0, 125.4 (q, $J_{\text{C-F}}$ = 4.1 Hz), 124.4 (q, $J_{\text{C-F}}$ = 273.1 Hz), 115.8, 112.3, 58.9, 20.1 ppm.

^{19}F NMR (377 MHz, CDCl_3) δ = -113.7 ppm.

HRMS (ESI): calcd for $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{14}\text{F}_3\text{O}$ [$\text{M}+\text{H}$] $^+$ 243.0997, found 243.0982.



(Z)-1-(2-Methoxy-3-methylbuta-1,3-dien-1-yl)-3-(trifluoromethyl)benzene (2l)

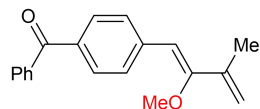
Following the general procedure, product was isolated by flash chromatography (petroleum ether/EtOAc = 150/1, v/v) as faint yellow oil (31 mg, 64% yield). ^1H

NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 7.93 (s, 1H), 7.81-7.80 (m, 1H), 7.46-7.41 (m, 2H), 5.98 (s, 1H), 5.46 (d, J = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 5.16 (s, 1H), 3.60 (s, 3H), 1.98 (s, 3H) ppm.

^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ = 158.9, 138.5, 136.5, 132.0, 128.9, 125.6 (q, $J_{\text{C-F}}$ = 3.7 Hz), 124.4 (q, $J_{\text{C-F}}$ = 273.4 Hz), 123.3 (q, $J_{\text{C-F}}$ = 3.8 Hz), 115.6, 112.2, 58.8, 20.1 ppm.

^{19}F NMR (377 MHz, CDCl_3) δ = -62.7 ppm.

HRMS (ESI): calcd for $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{14}\text{F}_3\text{O}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 243.0997, found 243.0991.



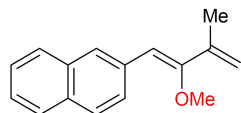
(Z)-4-(2-Methoxy-3-methylbuta-1,3-dien-1-yl)phenyl(phenyl)methanone (2m)

Following the general procedure, product was isolated by flash chromatography (petroleum ether/EtOAc = 40/1, v/v) as colorless oil (40 mg, 72% yield).

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 7.82-7.79 (m, 4H), 7.76-7.74 (m, 2H), 7.61-7.56 (m, 1H), 7.50-7.47 (m, 2H), 6.02 (s, 1H), 5.48 (d, J = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 5.18 (s, 1H), 3.64 (s, 3H), 2.00 (s, 3H) ppm.

^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 196.4, 159.6, 140.2, 138.6, 138.1, 135.4, 132.3, 130.6, 130.1, 128.7, 128.4, 115.9, 112.7, 58.9, 20.2 ppm.

HRMS (ESI): calcd for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{19}\text{O}_2$ $(\text{M}+\text{H})^+$ 279.1385, found 279.1379.



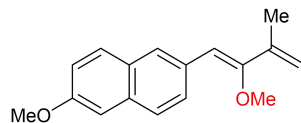
(Z)-2-(2-Methoxy-3-methylbuta-1,3-dien-1-yl)naphthalene (2n)

Following the general procedure, product was isolated by flash chromatography (petroleum ether/EtOAc = 100/1, v/v) as faint yellow oil (26.9 mg, 60% yield).

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 8.08 (s, 1H), 7.85-7.79 (m, 4H), 7.46-7.43 (m, 2H), 6.16 (s, 1H), 5.49 (d, J = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 5.14 (s, 1H), 3.65 (s, 3H), 2.03 (s, 3H) ppm.

^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 157.8, 138.7, 133.7, 133.3, 132.5, 128.2, 128.0, 127.9, 127.6, 127.3, 126.1, 125.9, 114.5, 114.0, 59.0, 20.2 ppm.

HRMS (ESI): calcd for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{17}\text{O}$ $(\text{M}+\text{H})^+$ 225.1279, found 225.1271.



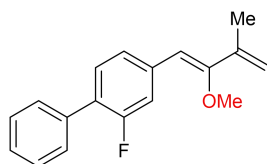
(Z)-2-Methoxy-6-(2-methoxy-3-methylbuta-1,3-dien-1-yl)naphthalene (2o)

Following the general procedure, product was isolated by flash chromatography (petroleum ether/EtOAc = 50/1, v/v) as faint yellow oil (33 mg, 65% yield).

^1H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 8.01, (s, 1H), 7.83-7.82 (m, 1H), 7.72-7.69 (m, 2H), 7.14-7.11 (m, 2H), 6.13 (s, 1H), 5.46 (d, J = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 5.11 (s, 1H), 3.93 (s, 3H), 3.64 (s, 3H), 2.02 (s, 3H) ppm.

^{13}C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 157.9, 157.1, 138.7, 133.7, 131.2, 129.8, 129.2, 127.9, 127.8, 126.8, 118.9, 114.1, 114.0, 105.7, 58.9, 55.5, 20.2 ppm.

HRMS (ESI): calcd for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{19}\text{O}_2$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 255.1385, found 255.1387.



(Z)-2-Fluoro-4-(2-methoxy-3-methylbuta-1,3-dien-1-yl)-1,1'-biphenyl (2p)

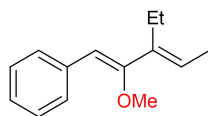
Following the general procedure, product was isolated by flash chromatography (petroleum ether/EtOAc = 100/1, v/v) as colorless oil (45.6 mg, 85% yield).

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 7.59-7.56 (m, 3H), 7.47-7.42 (m, 2H), 7.41-7.34 (m, 3H), 5.96 (s, 1H), 5.46 (d, J = 1.2 Hz, 1H), 5.15 (s, 1H), 3.65 (s, 3H), 1.99 (s, 3H) ppm.

^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 159.9 (d, $J_{\text{C-F}}$ = 247.2 Hz), 158.6, 138.5, 137.0 (d, $J_{\text{C-F}}$ = 8.8 Hz), 135.9, 130.4 (d, $J_{\text{C-F}}$ = 4.6 Hz), 129.0 (d, $J_{\text{C-F}}$ = 3.2 Hz), 128.6, 127.7, 127.2 (d, $J_{\text{C-F}}$ = 13.8 Hz), 125.2 (d, $J_{\text{C-F}}$ = 3.0 Hz), 116.0 (d, $J_{\text{C-F}}$ = 24.6 Hz), 115.3, 112.4 (d, $J_{\text{C-F}}$ = 2.4 Hz), 58.8, 20.1 ppm.

^{19}F NMR (377 MHz, CDCl_3) δ = -118.5 ppm.

HRMS (ESI): calcd for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{18}\text{FO}$ $(\text{M}+\text{H})^+$ 269.1342, found 269.1338.



((1Z,3E)-3-Ethyl-2-methoxypenta-1,3-dien-1-yl)benzene (2q)

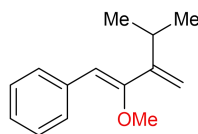
Following the general procedure, product was isolated by flash chromatography (petroleum ether/EtOAc = 100/1, v/v) as faint yellow oil (34.8 mg, 86% yield).

^1H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 7.62 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.31 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.17 (t, J = 3.0 Hz, 1H), 5.94 (q, J = 6.6 Hz, 1H), 5.80 (s, 1H), 3.55 (s, 3H), 2.28 (q, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 1.78 (d, J = 6.6 Hz, 3H), 1.05 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H) ppm.

^{13}C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 158.0, 138.1, 136.5, 128.7, 128.4, 126.2, 124.1,

111.1, 57.9, 20.8, 13.7, 13.3 ppm.

HRMS (ESI): calcd for C₁₄H₁₉O (M+H)⁺ 203.1436, found 203.1432.



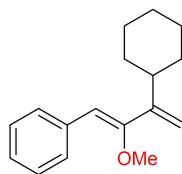
(Z)-(2-Methoxy-4-methyl-3-methylenepent-1-en-1-yl)benzene (2r)

Following the general procedure, product was isolated by flash chromatography (petroleum ether/EtOAc = 100/1, v/v) as faint yellow oil (30 mg, 74% yield).

¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 7.65 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.32 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.19 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 5.87 (s, 1H), 5.38 (d, J = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 5.12 (s, 1H), 3.58 (s, 3H), 2.63-2.56 (m, 1H), 1.15 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 6H) ppm.

¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 157.5, 151.1, 136.1, 128.8, 128.4, 126.5, 112.0, 111.9, 57.6, 30.0, 22.3 ppm.

HRMS (ESI): calcd for C₁₄H₁₉O (M+H)⁺ 203.1436, found 203.1430.



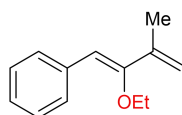
(Z)-(3-Cyclohexyl-2-methoxybuta-1,3-dien-1-yl)benzene (2s)

Following the general procedure, product was isolated by flash chromatography (petroleum ether/EtOAc = 100/1, v/v) as faint yellow oil (36.8 mg, 76% yield).

¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 7.63 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.31 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.18 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 5.83 (s, 1H), 5.34 (d, J = 1.2 Hz, 1H), 5.08 (s, 1H), 3.57 (s, 3H), 2.19-2.15 (m, 1H), 1.93-1.90 (m, 2H), 1.82-1.80 (m, 2H), 1.74-1.71 (m, 1H), 1.37-1.31 (m, 3H), 1.24-1.18 (m, 2H) ppm.

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 157.6, 150.4, 136.1, 128.8, 128.4, 126.5, 112.5, 111.8, 57.6, 40.4, 33.0, 27.1, 26.6 ppm.

HRMS (ESI): calcd for C₁₇H₂₃O (M+H)⁺ 243.1749, found 243.1751.



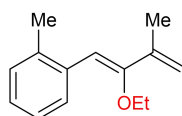
(Z)-(2-Ethoxy-3-methylbuta-1,3-dien-1-yl)benzene (3a)

Following the general procedure, product was isolated by flash chromatography (petroleum ether/EtOAc = 100/1, v/v) as faint yellow oil (27.1 mg, 72% yield).

^1H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 7.67 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.33 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.20 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 5.99 (s, 1H), 5.44 (d, J = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 5.07 (s, 1H), 3.76 (q, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 1.98 (s, 3H), 1.33 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H) ppm.

^{13}C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 156.3, 139.3, 136.0, 129.0, 128.4, 126.8, 114.1, 114.0, 66.7, 20.2, 15.7 ppm.

HRMS (ESI): calcd for $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{16}\text{NaO}$ ($\text{M}+\text{Na}$) $^+$ 211.1099, found 211.1092.



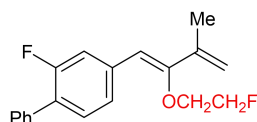
(Z)-1-(2-Ethoxy-3-methylbuta-1,3-dien-1-yl)-2-methylbenzene (3b)

Following the general procedure, product was isolated by flash chromatography (petroleum ether/EtOAc = 100/1, v/v) as faint yellow oil (24.7 mg, 61% yield).

^1H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 7.83 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.18-7.15 (m, 2H), 7.13-7.11 (m, 1H), 6.08 (s, 1H), 5.47 (d, J = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 5.06 (s, 1H), 3.62 (q, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 2.31 (s, 3H), 1.99 (s, 3H), 1.19 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H) ppm.

^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 156.2, 139.7, 136.1, 134.8, 129.9, 129.2, 126.8, 125.8, 114.0, 111.0, 67.2, 29.9, 20.2, 15.6 ppm.

HRMS (ESI): calcd for $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{18}\text{NaO}$ ($\text{M}+\text{Na}$) $^+$ 225.1255, found 225.1250.



(Z)-2-Fluoro-4-(2-(2-fluoroethoxy)-3-methylbuta-1,3-dien-1-yl)-1,1'-biphenyl (3c)

Following the general procedure, product was isolated by flash chromatography (petroleum ether/EtOAc = 150/1, v/v) as faint yellow oil (39.6 mg, 66% yield).

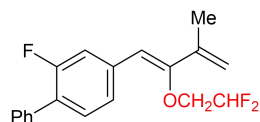
^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 7.59-7.55 (m, 3H), 7.46-7.40 (m, 4H), 7.38-7.34 (m, 1H), 6.03 (s, 1H), 5.53 (s, 1H), 5.16 (s, 1H), 4.74-4.72 (m, 1H), 4.62-4.60 (m, 1H), 4.03-4.01 (m, 1H), 3.96-3.94 (m, 1H), 2.00 (s, 3H) ppm.

^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 159.8 (d, $J_{\text{C-F}}$ = 247.7 Hz), 156.6, 138.3, 136.6 (d, $J_{\text{C-F}}$ = 8.5 Hz), 135.8, 130.5 (d, $J_{\text{C-F}}$ = 4.2 Hz), 129.0 (d, $J_{\text{C-F}}$ = 3.1 Hz), 128.6, 127.7, 127.5 (d, $J_{\text{C-F}}$ = 13.7 Hz), 125.3 (d, $J_{\text{C-F}}$ = 2.9 Hz), 116.3 (d, $J_{\text{C-F}}$ = 24.3 Hz), 115.6,

113.3 (d, $J_{C-F} = 2.4$ Hz), 82.7 (d, $J_{C-F} = 171.5$ Hz), 70.0 (d, $J_{C-F} = 19.6$ Hz), 20.2 ppm.

^{19}F NMR (377 MHz, CDCl_3) $\delta = -118.3, -118.4$ (m) ppm.

HRMS (ESI): calcd for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{19}\text{F}_2\text{O}$ ($\text{M}+\text{H}$) $^+$ 301.1404, found 301.1401.



(Z)-4-(2-(2,2-Difluoroethoxy)-3-methylbuta-1,3-dien-1-yl)-2-fluoro-1,1'-biphenyl (3d)

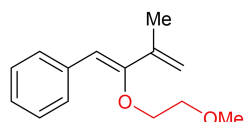
Following the general procedure, product was isolated by flash chromatography (petroleum ether/EtOAc = 150/1, v/v) as faint yellow oil (41.4 mg, 65% yield).

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 7.60$ -7.58 (m, 2H), 7.52-7.49 (m, 1H), 7.48-7.42 (m, 4H), 7.39-7.35 (m, 1H), 6.05 (s, 1H), 6.00 (tt, $J = 40.4, 4.0$ Hz, 1H), 5.50 (s, 1H), 5.19 (s, 1H), 3.93 (td, $J = 13.6, 4.0$ Hz, 2H), 2.00 (s, 3H) ppm.

^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 159.8$ (d, $J_{C-F} = 248.2$ Hz), 156.0, 137.8, 136.0 (d, $J_{C-F} = 8.7$ Hz), 135.7 (d, $J_{C-F} = 1.3$ Hz), 130.6 (d, $J_{C-F} = 4.1$ Hz), 129.0 (d, $J_{C-F} = 3.1$ Hz), 128.6, 127.8 (t, $J_{C-F} = 7.1$ Hz), 125.3 (d, $J_{C-F} = 3.0$ Hz), 116.4 (d, $J_{C-F} = 24.8$ Hz), 115.8, 113.8, 113.5 (d, $J_{C-F} = 2.3$ Hz), 111.4, 69.6 (t, $J_{C-F} = 28.4$ Hz), 29.9, 20.2 ppm.

^{19}F NMR (377 MHz, CDCl_3) $\delta = -118.1, -125.3$ ppm.

HRMS (ESI): calcd for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{18}\text{F}_3\text{O}$ ($\text{M}+\text{H}$) $^+$ 319.1310, found 319.1301.



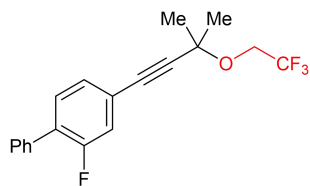
(Z)-(2-(2-Methoxyethoxy)-3-methylbuta-1,3-dien-1-yl)benzene (3e)

Following the general procedure, product was isolated by flash chromatography (petroleum ether/EtOAc = 75/1, v/v) as faint yellow oil (32.3 mg, 74% yield).

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 7.70$ -7.67 (m, 2H), 7.34-7.30 (m, 2H), 7.22-7.18 (m, 1H), 6.01 (s, 1H), 5.52 (d, $J = 2.0$ Hz, 1H), 5.10 (s, 1H), 3.85-3.82 (m, 2H), 3.64-3.62 (m, 2H), 3.39 (s, 3H), 1.98 (s, 3H) ppm.

^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 156.0, 138.8, 135.7, 129.2, 128.5, 126.9, 114.6, 114.3, 72.0, 69.9, 59.1, 20.2$ ppm.

HRMS (ESI): calcd for $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{19}\text{O}_2$ ($\text{M}+\text{H}$) $^+$ 219.1385, found 219.1389.



2-Fluoro-4-(3-methyl-3-(2,2,2-trifluoroethoxy)but-1-yn-1-yl)-1,1'-biphenyl (3f)

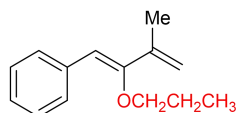
Following the general procedure, product was isolated by flash chromatography (petroleum ether/EtOAc = 150/1, v/v) as colorless oil (55.2 mg, 82% yield).

^1H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 7.55-7.54 (m, 2H), 7.45 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.41-7.38 (m, 2H), 7.28-7.27 (m, 1H), 7.23-7.21 (m, 1H), 4.01 (q, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 1.61 (s, 6H) ppm.

^{13}C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 159.3 (d, $J_{\text{C-F}}$ = 249.0 Hz), 135.1, 130.8 (d, $J_{\text{C-F}}$ = 4.2 Hz), 129.9 (d, $J_{\text{C-F}}$ = 13.4 Hz), 129.1 (d, $J_{\text{C-F}}$ = 3.0 Hz), 128.7, 128.2, 128.0 (d, $J_{\text{C-F}}$ = 3.6 Hz), 124.2 (q, $J_{\text{C-F}}$ = 277.7 Hz), 122.9 (d, $J_{\text{C-F}}$ = 9.7 Hz), 119.4 (d, $J_{\text{C-F}}$ = 24.8 Hz), 100.1, 90.8, 84.3, 72.5, 62.8 (q, $J_{\text{C-F}}$ = 34.7 Hz), 28.6 ppm.

^{19}F NMR (565 MHz, CDCl_3) δ = -74.1, -117.6--117.7 (m) ppm.

HRMS (ESI): calcd for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{16}\text{F}_4\text{NaO}$ ($\text{M}+\text{Na}$) $^+$ 359.1035, found 359.1027.



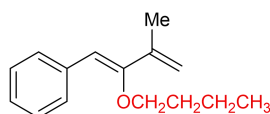
(Z)-(3-Methyl-2-propoxybuta-1,3-dien-1-yl)benzene (3g)

Following the general procedure, product was isolated by flash chromatography (petroleum ether/EtOAc = 100/1, v/v) as faint yellow oil (18.6 mg, 46% yield).

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 7.66 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.31 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.21-7.17 (m, 1H), 5.98 (s, 1H), 5.43 (d, J = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 5.06 (s, 1H), 3.63 (t, J = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 1.98 (s, 3H), 1.74 (q, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 0.99 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H) ppm.

^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 156.5, 139.3, 136.0, 129.0, 128.4, 126.8, 114.2, 113.9, 72.6, 23.6, 20.3, 10.7 ppm.

HRMS (ESI): calcd for $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{18}\text{NaO}$ ($\text{M}+\text{Na}$) $^+$ 225.1250, found 225.1253.



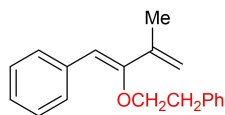
(Z)-(2-Butoxy-3-methylbuta-1,3-dien-1-yl)benzene (3h)

Following the general procedure, product was isolated by flash chromatography (petroleum ether/EtOAc = 100/1, v/v) as faint yellow oil (24.2 mg, 56% yield).

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 7.66 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.32 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.21-7.17 (m, 1H), 5.98 (s, 1H), 5.43 (d, J = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 5.07 (s, 1H), 3.67 (t, J = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 1.98 (s, 3H), 1.74-1.67 (m, 2H), 1.50-1.40 (m, 2H), 0.93 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H) ppm.

^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 156.5, 139.3, 136.0, 129.0, 128.4, 126.8, 114.2, 113.8, 70.8, 32.5, 20.3, 19.4, 14.1 ppm.

HRMS (ESI): calcd for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{24}\text{NO}$ ($\text{M}+\text{NH}_4$) $^+$ 234.1852, found 234.1857.



(Z)-2-((3-Methyl-1-phenylbuta-1,3-dien-2-yl)oxy)ethylbenzene (3i)

Following the general procedure, product was isolated by flash chromatography (petroleum ether/EtOAc = 100/1, v/v) as faint yellow oil (32.8 mg, 62% yield).

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 7.53 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.30 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.26-7.21 (m, 5H), 7.18-7.14 (m, 1H), 5.97 (s, 1H), 5.29 (s, 1H), 5.01 (s, 1H), 3.87 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 3.01 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 1.94 (s, 3H) ppm.

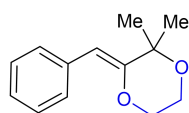
^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 156.1, 139.0, 138.6, 135.7, 129.3, 129.0, 128.5, 128.4, 126.8, 126.5, 114.3, 114.2, 71.5, 36.9, 20.2 ppm.

HRMS (ESI): calcd for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{20}\text{NaO}$ ($\text{M}+\text{Na}$) $^+$ 287.1406, found 287.1402.

IV. General procedure for alkenylation of propargyl acetates with ethylene glycol

Procedure A (ethylene glycol as both substrate and solvent): A Schlenk tube with a magnetic stir bar was charged with $\text{Pd}(\text{OAc})_2$ (2.2 mg, 5 mol%), dppbz (6.3 mg, 7 mol%), K_2CO_3 (55.3 mg, 0.4 mmol, 2 equiv), propargyl acetate **1** (0.2 mmol, 1 equiv) and ethylene glycol (1 mL). The reaction mixture was stirred at 110 °C for 24 h by use of module heating. After completion of the reaction, the reaction mixture was cooled to room temperature and diluted with 3 mL of EtOAc. The solution was filtered through a celite pad and washed with 10-20 mL of EtOAc. The filtrate was concentrated and the residue was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel with petroleum ether/EtOAc as eluent to give the desired product **4**.

Procedure B (*isopropanol as solvent*): A Schlenk tube with a magnetic stir bar was charged with Pd(OAc)₂ (2.2 mg, 5 mol%), dppbz (6.3 mg, 7 mol%), K₂CO₃ (55.3 mg, 0.4 mmol, 2 equiv), propargyl acetate **1** (0.2 mmol, 1 equiv), ethylene glycol (1 mmol, 5 equiv) and isopropanol (0.7 mL). The reaction mixture was stirred at 110 °C for 24 h by use of module heating. After completion of the reaction, the reaction mixture was cooled to room temperature and diluted with 3 mL of EtOAc. The solution was filtered through a celite pad and washed with 10-20 mL of EtOAc. The filtrate was concentrated and the residue was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel with petroleum ether/EtOAc as eluent to give the desired product **4**.



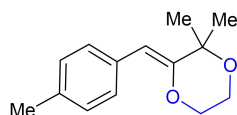
(Z)-3-Benzylidene-2,2-dimethyl-1,4-dioxane (4a)³

Following the *procedure A*, product was isolated by flash chromatography (petroleum ether/EtOAc = 25/1, v/v) as faint yellow oil (31 mg, 76% yield). Following the *procedure B*, product was isolated in 64% yield.

¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 7.58 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.30 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.17 (t, J = 6.6 Hz, 1H), 5.61 (s, 1H), 4.10 (t, J = 4.2 Hz, 2H), 3.95 (t, J = 4.8 Hz, 2H), 1.53 (s, 6H) ppm.

¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 157.0, 135.6, 128.7, 128.3, 126.4, 106.5, 73.3, 68.3, 60.4, 26.7 ppm.

HRMS (ESI): calcd for C₁₃H₁₇O₂ (M+H)⁺ 205.1229, found 205.1219.



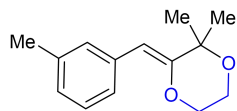
(Z)-2,2-Dimethyl-3-(4-methylbenzylidene)-1,4-dioxane (4b)

Following the *procedure A*, product was isolated by flash chromatography (petroleum ether/EtOAc = 25/1, v/v) as faint yellow oil (34 mg, 78% yield). Following the *procedure B*, product was isolated in 65% yield.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 7.47 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.10 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 5.59 (s, 1H), 4.08 (t, J = 4.8 Hz, 2H), 3.94 (t, J = 4.8 Hz, 2H), 2.32 (s, 3H), 1.52 (s, 6H) ppm.

^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 156.3, 136.1, 132.7, 129.0, 128.6, 106.5, 73.3, 68.3, 60.5, 26.6, 21.3 ppm.

HRMS (ESI): calcd for $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{19}\text{O}_2$ ($\text{M}+\text{H}$) $^+$ 219.1385, found 219.1381.



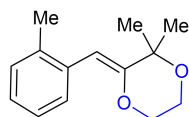
(Z)-2,2-Dimethyl-3-(3-methylbenzylidene)-1,4-dioxane (4c)

Following the *procedure A*, product was isolated by flash chromatography (petroleum ether/EtOAc = 25/1, v/v) as faint yellow oil (32.3 mg, 74% yield). Following the *procedure B*, product was isolated in 60% yield.

^1H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 7.40 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.38 (s, 1H), 7.19 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.00 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 5.58 (s, 1H), 4.09 (t, J = 4.8 Hz, 2H), 3.94 (t, J = 4.8 Hz, 2H), 2.33 (s, 3H), 1.52 (s, 6H) ppm.

^{13}C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 156.8, 137.8, 135.4, 129.4, 128.2, 127.2, 125.8, 106.6, 73.3, 68.3, 60.5, 26.7, 21.7 ppm.

HRMS (ESI): calcd for $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{19}\text{O}_2$ ($\text{M}+\text{H}$) $^+$ 219.1385, found 219.1382.



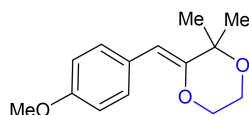
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Following the *procedure A*, product was isolated by flash chromatography (petroleum ether/EtOAc = 25/1, v/v) as faint yellow oil (28.4 mg, 65% yield). Following the *procedure B*, product was isolated in 52% yield.

^1H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 7.66 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.17-7.14 (m, 2H), 7.11-7.09 (m, 1H), 5.72 (s, 1H), 4.02 (t, J = 4.8 Hz, 2H), 3.93 (t, J = 4.8 Hz, 2H), 2.29 (s, 3H), 1.55 (s, 6H) ppm.

^{13}C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 156.5, 135.9, 133.9, 129.9, 129.3, 126.5, 125.7, 104.3, 73.3, 68.5, 60.5, 26.8, 20.3 ppm.

HRMS (ESI): calcd for $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{19}\text{O}_2$ ($\text{M}+\text{H}$) $^+$ 219.1385, found 219.1388.



(Z)-3-(4-Methoxybenzylidene)-2,2-dimethyl-1,4-dioxane (4e)

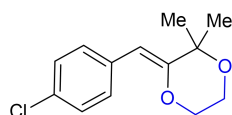
Following the *procedure A*, product was isolated by flash chromatography (petroleum ether/EtOAc = 20/1, v/v) as faint yellow oil (36.6 mg, 78% yield). Following the *procedure B*, product was isolated in 62% yield.

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 7.53 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 6.84 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 5.56 (s, 1H), 4.08-4.06 (m, 2H), 3.95-3.92 (m, 2H), 3.80 (s, 3H), 1.51 (s, 6H) ppm.

^{13}C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 158.1, 155.4, 129.9, 128.3, 113.8, 106.1, 73.3, 68.3, 60.5, 55.4, 26.6 ppm.

HRMS (ESI): calcd for $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{19}\text{O}_3$ ($\text{M}+\text{H}$) $^+$ 235.1334, found 235.1338.

The structure of **4e** was further confirmed by 1D NOESY spectrum.



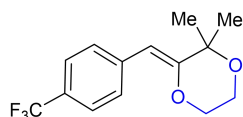
(Z)-3-(4-Chlorobenzylidene)-2,2-dimethyl-1,4-dioxane (4f)

Following the *procedure A*, product was isolated by flash chromatography (petroleum ether/EtOAc = 30/1, v/v) as faint yellow oil (34.4 mg, 72% yield). Following the *procedure B*, product was isolated in 58% yield.

^1H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 7.51 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.24 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 5.55 (s, 1H), 4.10-4.08 (m, 2H), 3.95-3.93 (m, 2H), 1.51 (s, 6H) ppm.

^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 157.6, 134.1, 131.7, 123.0, 128.4, 105.3, 73.3, 68.3, 60.4, 26.8 ppm.

HRMS (ESI): calcd for $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{15}\text{ClNaO}_2$ ($\text{M}+\text{Na}$) $^+$ 261.0658, found 261.0653.



(Z)-2,2-Dimethyl-3-(4-(trifluoromethyl)benzylidene)-1,4-dioxane (4g)

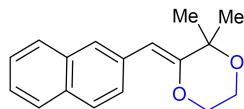
Following the *procedure A*, product was isolated by flash chromatography (petroleum ether/EtOAc = 30/1, v/v) as faint yellow oil (39.2 mg, 72% yield). Following the *procedure B*, product was isolated in 61% yield.

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 7.66 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.52 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 5.61 (s, 1H), 4.12 (t, J = 4.8 Hz, 2H), 3.95 (t, J = 4.8 Hz, 2H), 1.53 (s, 6H) ppm.

^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 159.2, 139.2, 135.1 (q, $J_{\text{C-F}}$ = 288.8 Hz), 128.7, 127.5 (q, $J_{\text{C-F}}$ = 31.8 Hz), 125.2 (q, $J_{\text{C-F}}$ = 4.0 Hz), 105.1, 73.3, 68.2, 60.3, 26.9 ppm.

^{19}F NMR (377 MHz, CDCl_3) $\delta = -62.4$ ppm.

HRMS (ESI): calcd for $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{16}\text{F}_3\text{O}_2$ ($\text{M}+\text{H}$) $^+$ 273.1102, found 273.1106.



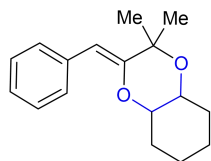
(Z)-2,2-Dimethyl-3-(naphthalen-2-ylmethylene)-1,4-dioxane (4h)

Following the *procedure A*, product was isolated by flash chromatography (petroleum ether/EtOAc = 25/1, v/v) as faint yellow oil (32.6 mg, 64% yield). Following the *procedure B*, product was isolated in 48% yield.

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 8.01$ (s, 1H), 7.80-7.76 (m, 4H), 7.46-7.39 (m, 2H), 5.78 (s, 1H), 4.16 (t, $J = 4.8$ Hz, 2H), 3.98 (t, $J = 4.8$ Hz, 2H), 1.58 (s, 6H) ppm.

^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 157.5$, 133.7, 133.2, 132.3, 128.1, 127.7, 127.6, 127.3, 127.2, 126.0, 125.5, 106.6, 73.4, 68.4, 60.5, 26.8 ppm.

HRMS (ESI): calcd for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{19}\text{O}_2$ ($\text{M}+\text{H}$) $^+$ 255.1385, found 255.1381.



(Z)-3-Benzylidene-2,2-dimethyloctahydrobenzo[b][1,4]dioxine (4i)

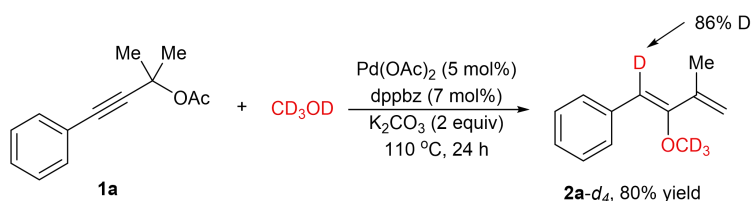
Following the *procedure A*, product was isolated by flash chromatography (petroleum ether/EtOAc = 25/1, v/v) as faint yellow oil (23.8 mg, 46% yield). Following the *procedure B*, product was isolated in 25% yield.

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 7.61$ (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 2H), 7.30-7.26 (m, 2H), 7.17-7.13 (m, 1H), 5.58 (s, 1H), 3.72-3.56 (m, 2H), 2.16-2.13 (m, 1H), 1.89-1.86 (m, 1H), 1.80-1.75 (m, 2H), 1.55 (s, 3H), 1.51 (s, 3H), 1.34-1.26 (m, 4H) ppm.

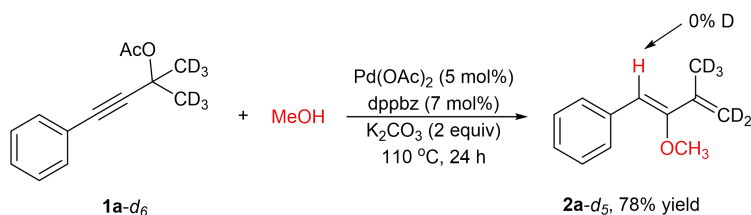
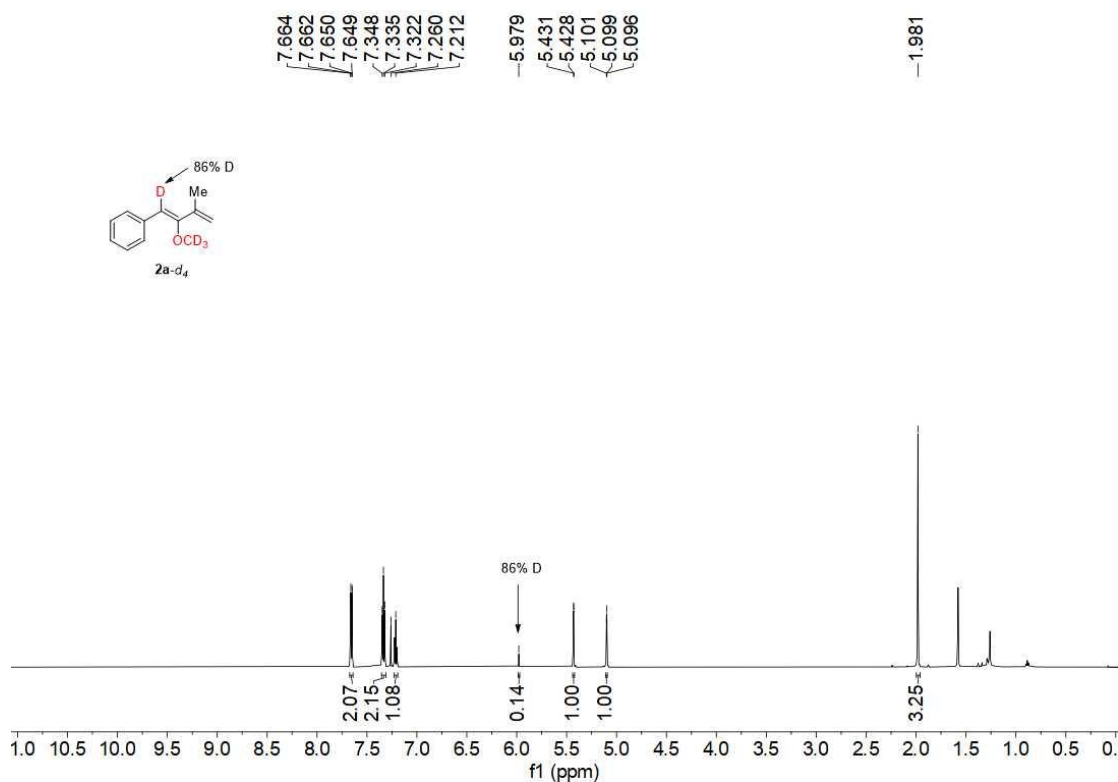
^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 157.7$, 135.9, 128.7, 128.3, 126.2, 105.9, 81.8, 73.9, 73.2, 30.7, 30.5, 28.5, 26.4, 24.3, 24.1 ppm.

HRMS (ESI): calcd for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{23}\text{O}_2$ ($\text{M}+\text{H}$) $^+$ 259.1693, found 259.1693.

V. Mechanistic studies

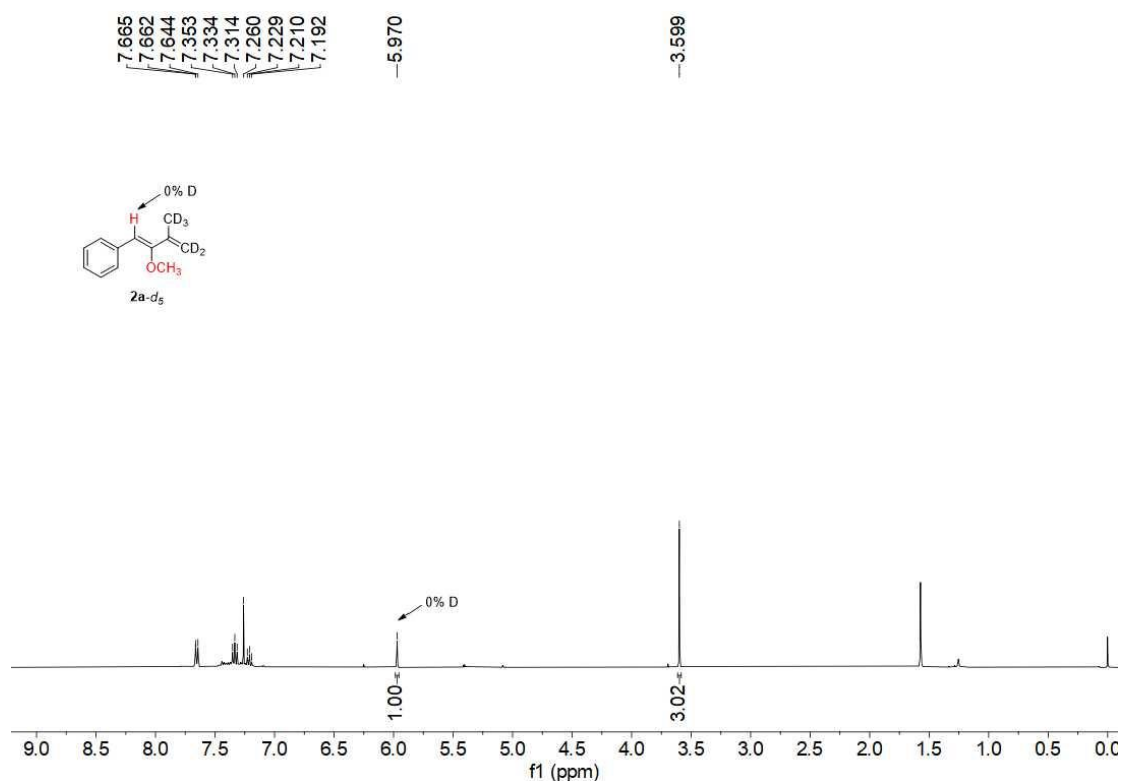


A typical procedure: A Schlenk tube with a magnetic stir bar was charged with Pd(OAc)₂ (2.2 mg, 5 mol%), dppbz (6.3 mg, 7 mol%), K₂CO₃ (55.3 mg, 0.4 mmol, 2 equiv), **1a** (0.2 mmol, 1 equiv) and CD₃OD (1 mL). The reaction mixture was stirred at 110 °C for 24 h by use of module heating. After completion of the reaction, the reaction mixture was cooled to room temperature and diluted with 3 mL of EtOAc. The solution was filtered through a celite pad and washed with 10-20 mL of EtOAc. The filtrate was concentrated and the residue was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel with petroleum ether/EtOAc (100/1, v/v) as eluent to give the desired product **2a-d₄** in 80% yield. ¹H-NMR showed the deuterium content of the vinyl C-D is 86%.



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equiv), **1a-d₆** (0.2 mmol, 1 equiv) and CD₃OD (1 mL). The reaction mixture was stirred at 110 °C for 24 h by use of module heating. After completion of the reaction, the reaction mixture was cooled to room temperature and diluted with 3 mL of EtOAc. The solution was filtered through a celite pad and washed with 10-20 mL of EtOAc. The filtrate was concentrated and the residue was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel with petroleum ether/EtOAc (100/1, v/v) as eluent to give the desired product **2a-d₅** in 78% yield. ¹H-NMR showed the deuterium content is 0%.



1a-d₆ was prepared according to the literature.¹ The experimental data for **1a-d₆**:
¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 7.44-7.42 (m, 2H), 7.29-7.27 (m, 3H), 2.05 (s, 3H) ppm.

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 169.5, 131.9, 128.4, 128.3, 122.8, 90.3, 84.1, 72.3, 22.2 ppm.

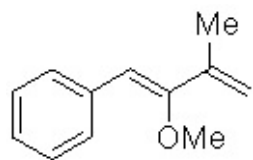
HRMS (ESI): calcd for C₁₃H₉D₆O₂ (M+H)⁺ 209.1449, found 209.1445.

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VII. Copies of ^1H , ^{13}C NMR, ^{19}F NMR and 1D NOESY spectra



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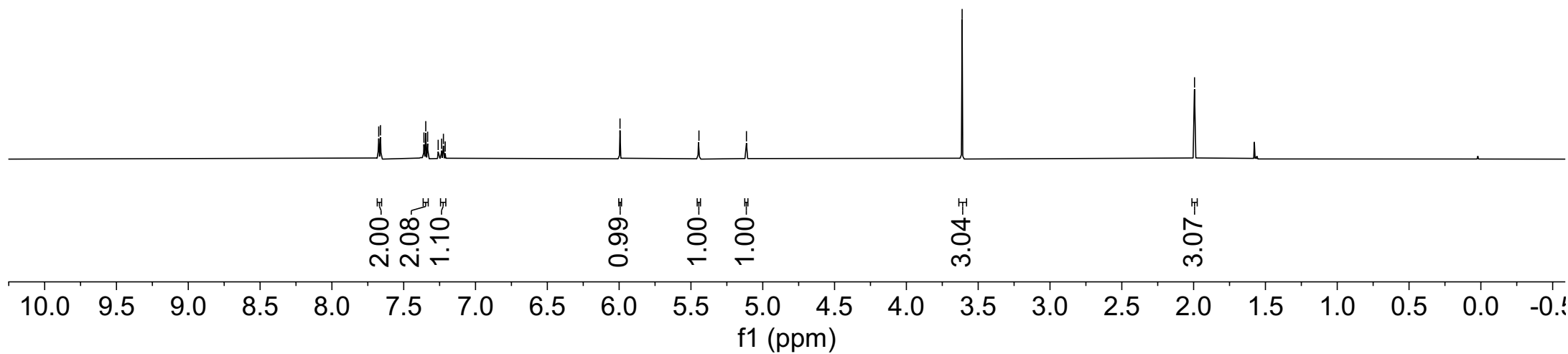
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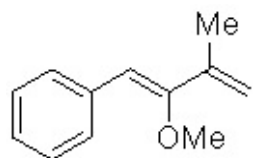
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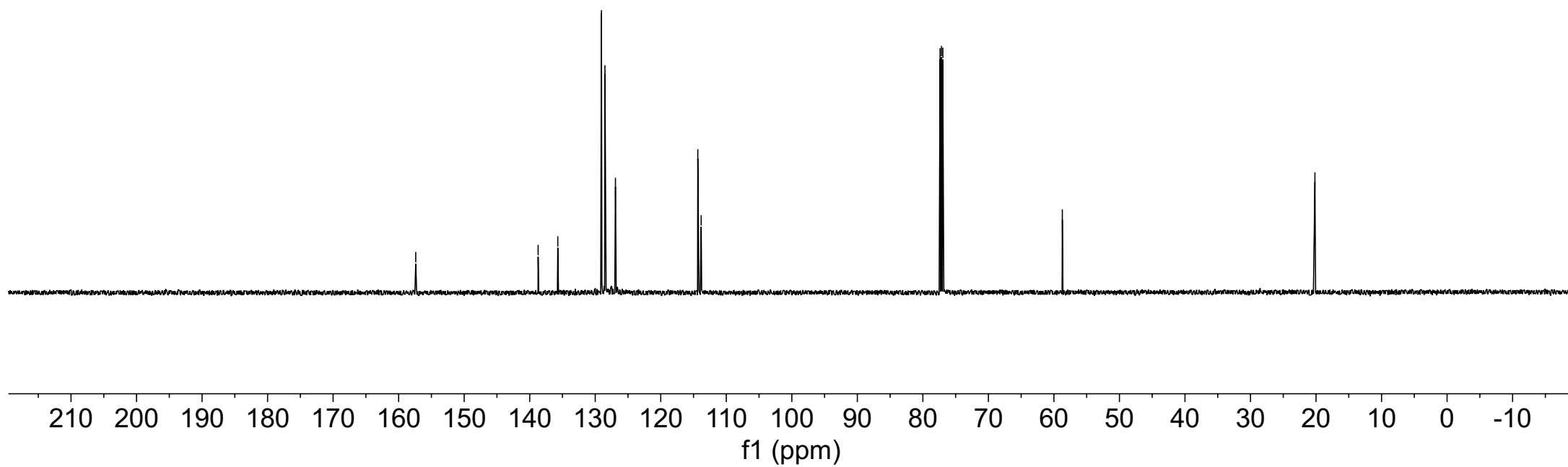
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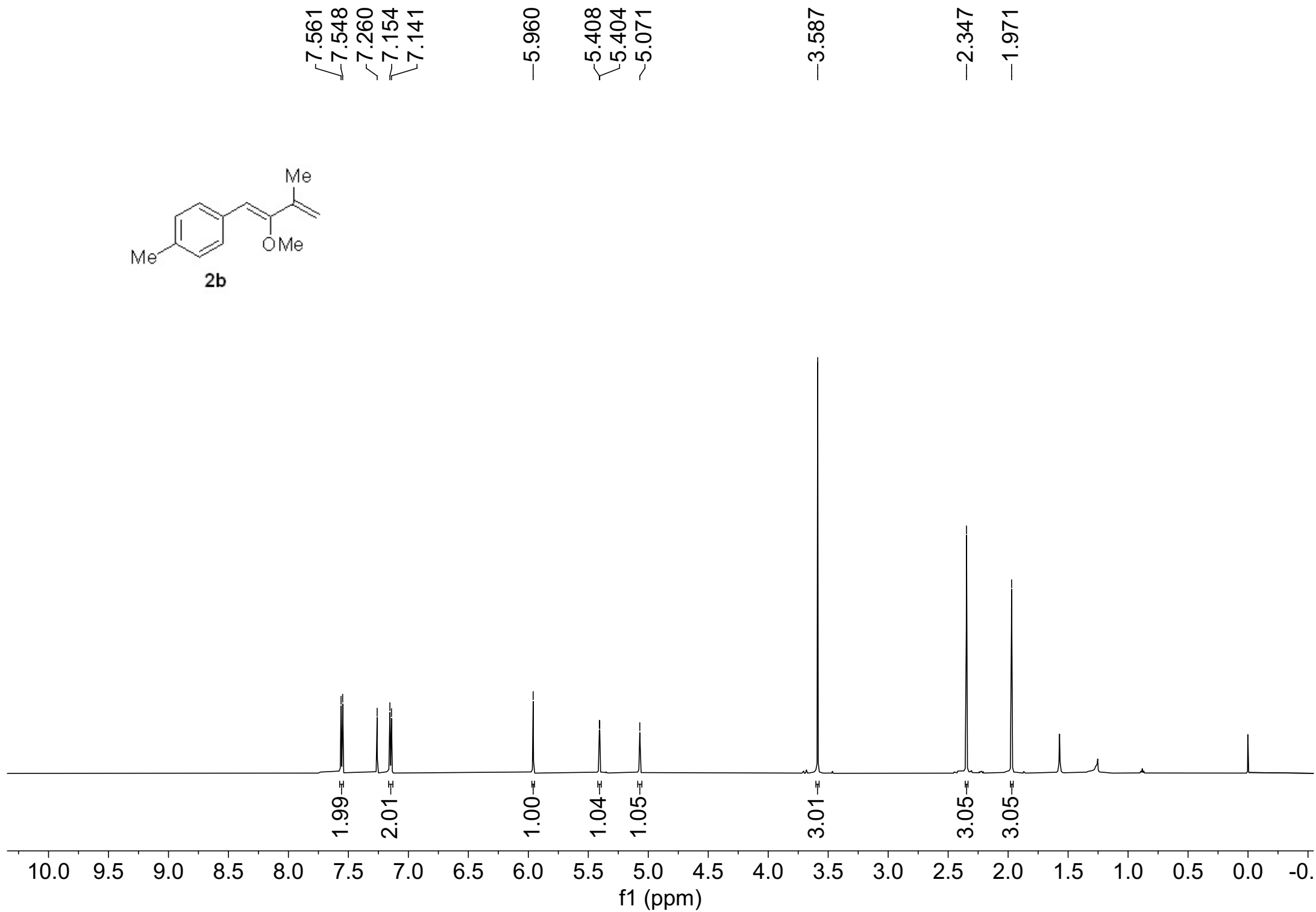
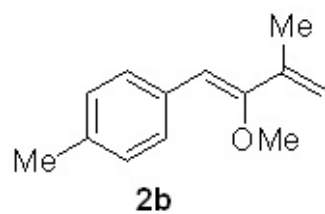
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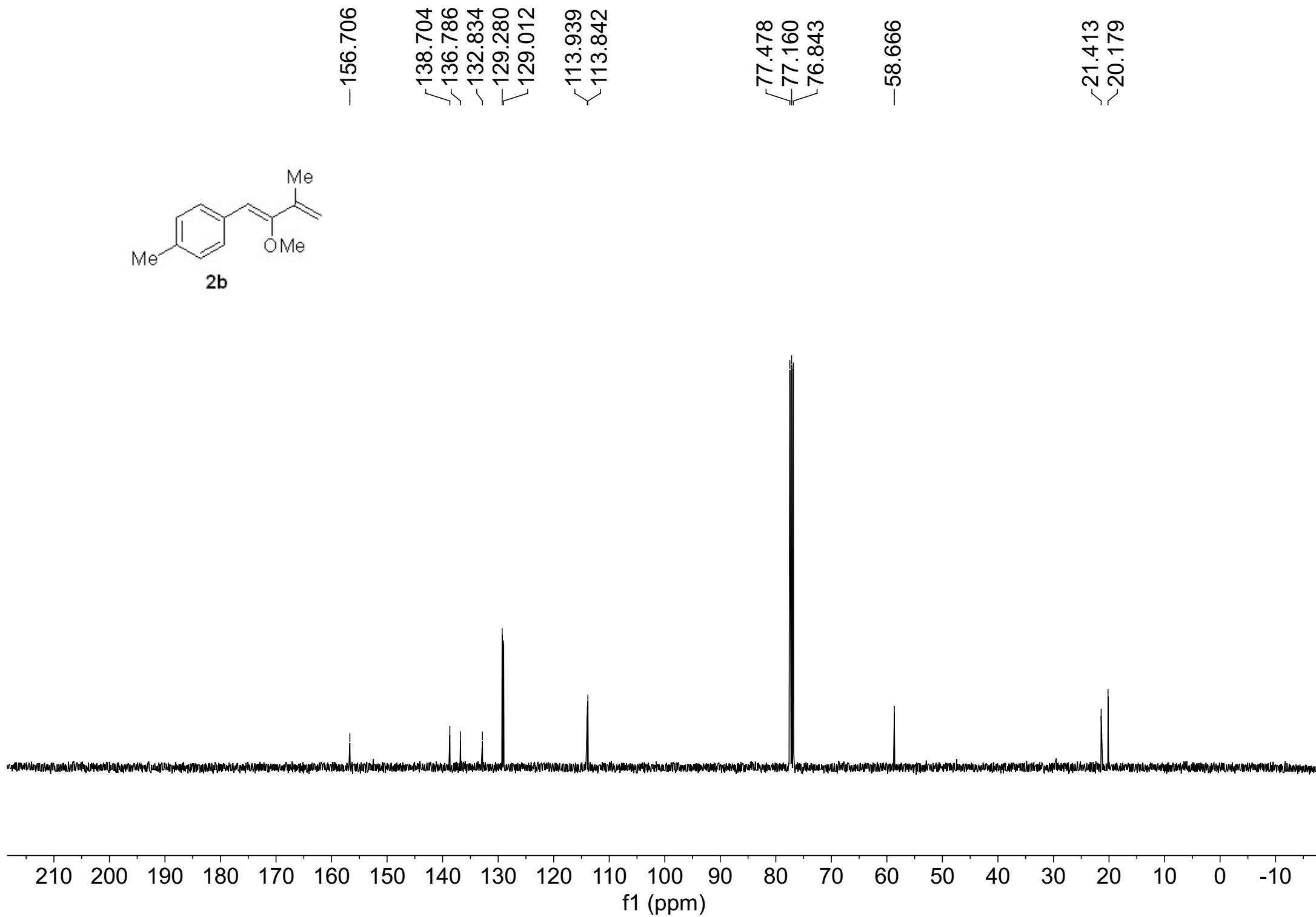
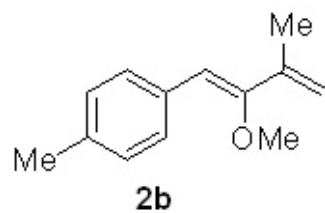
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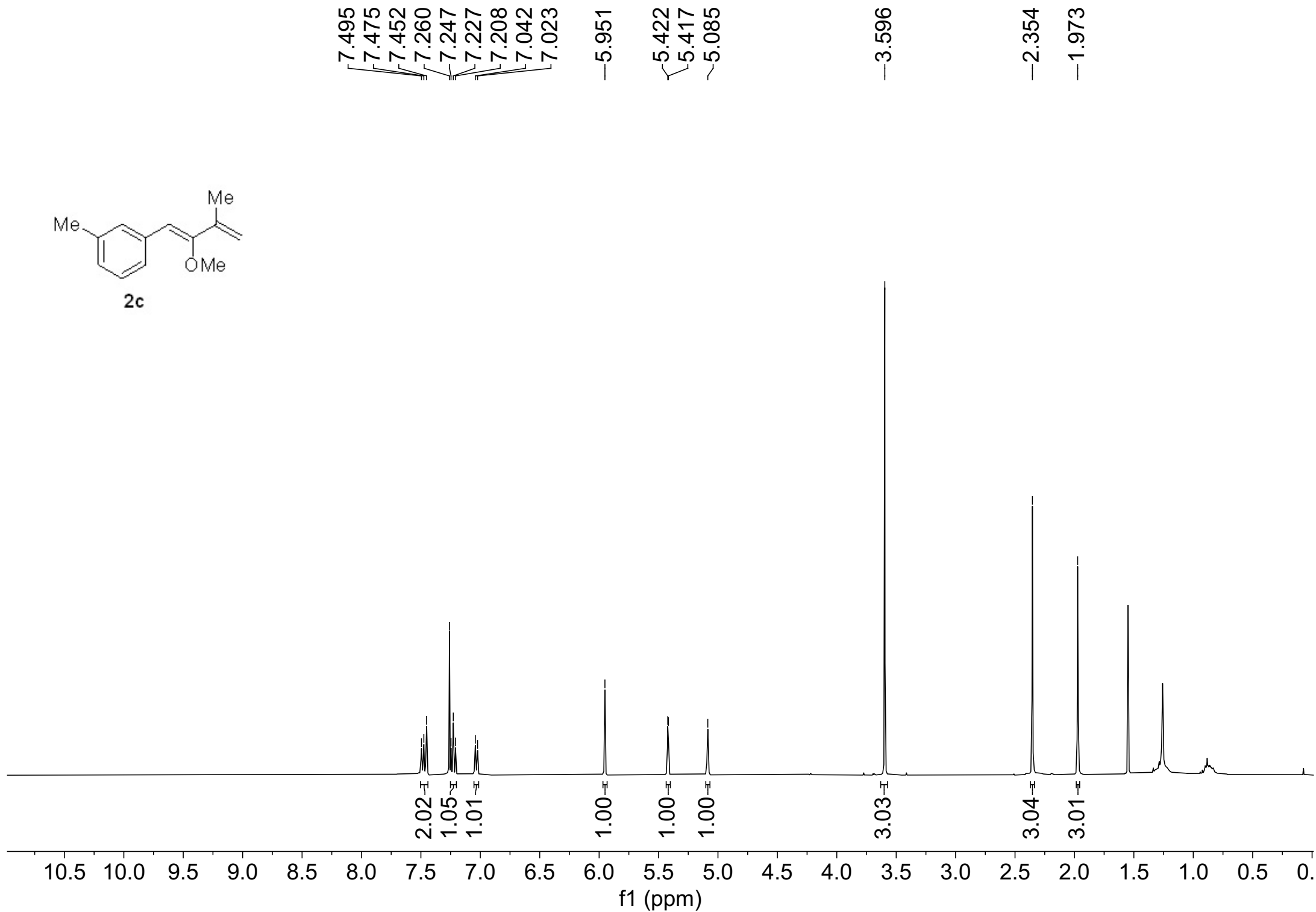
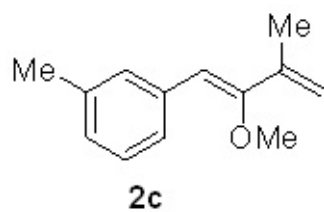
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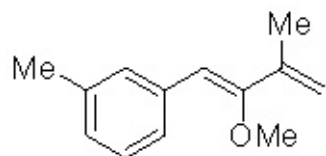
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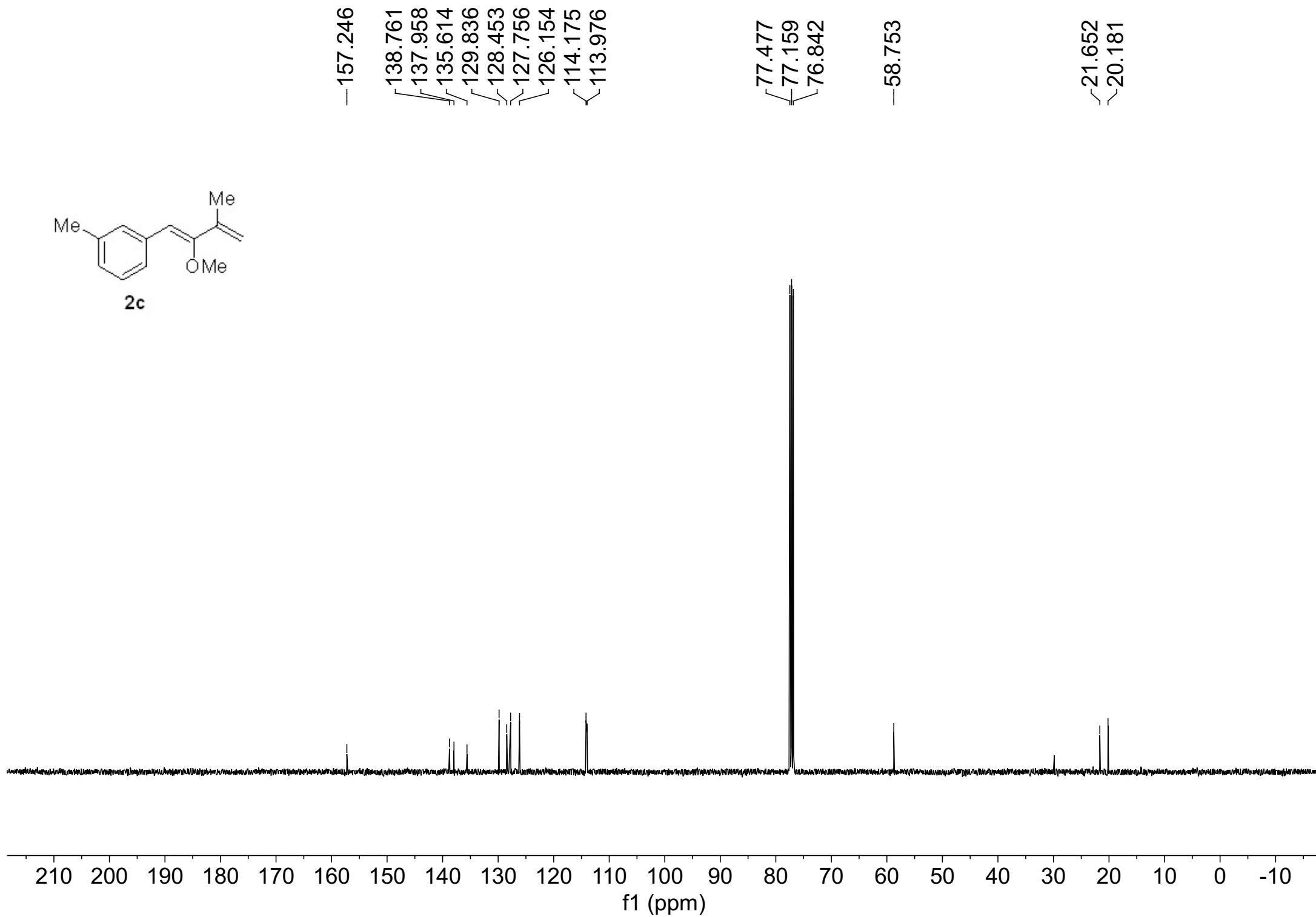


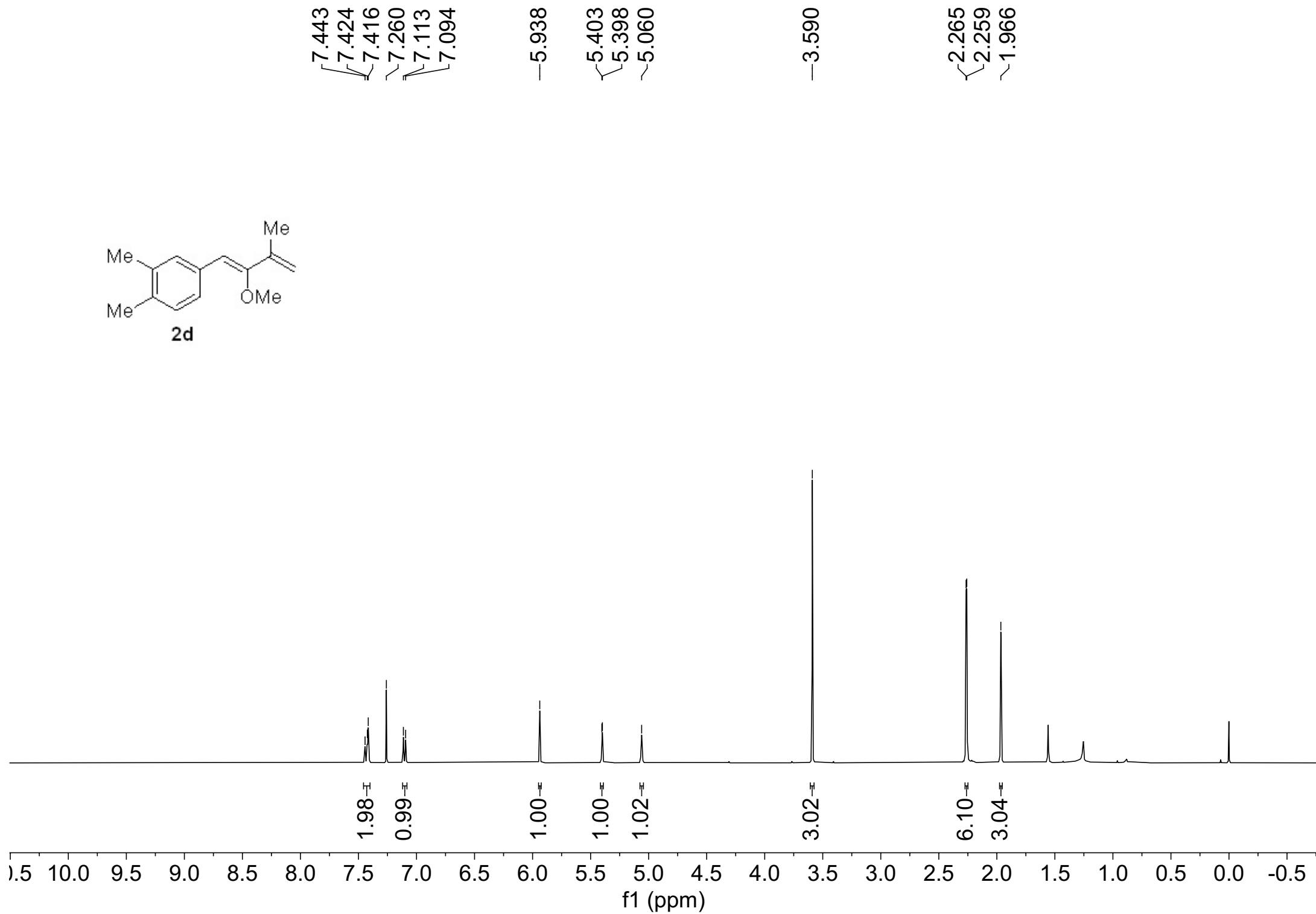
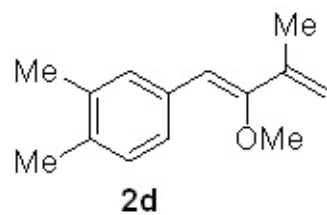


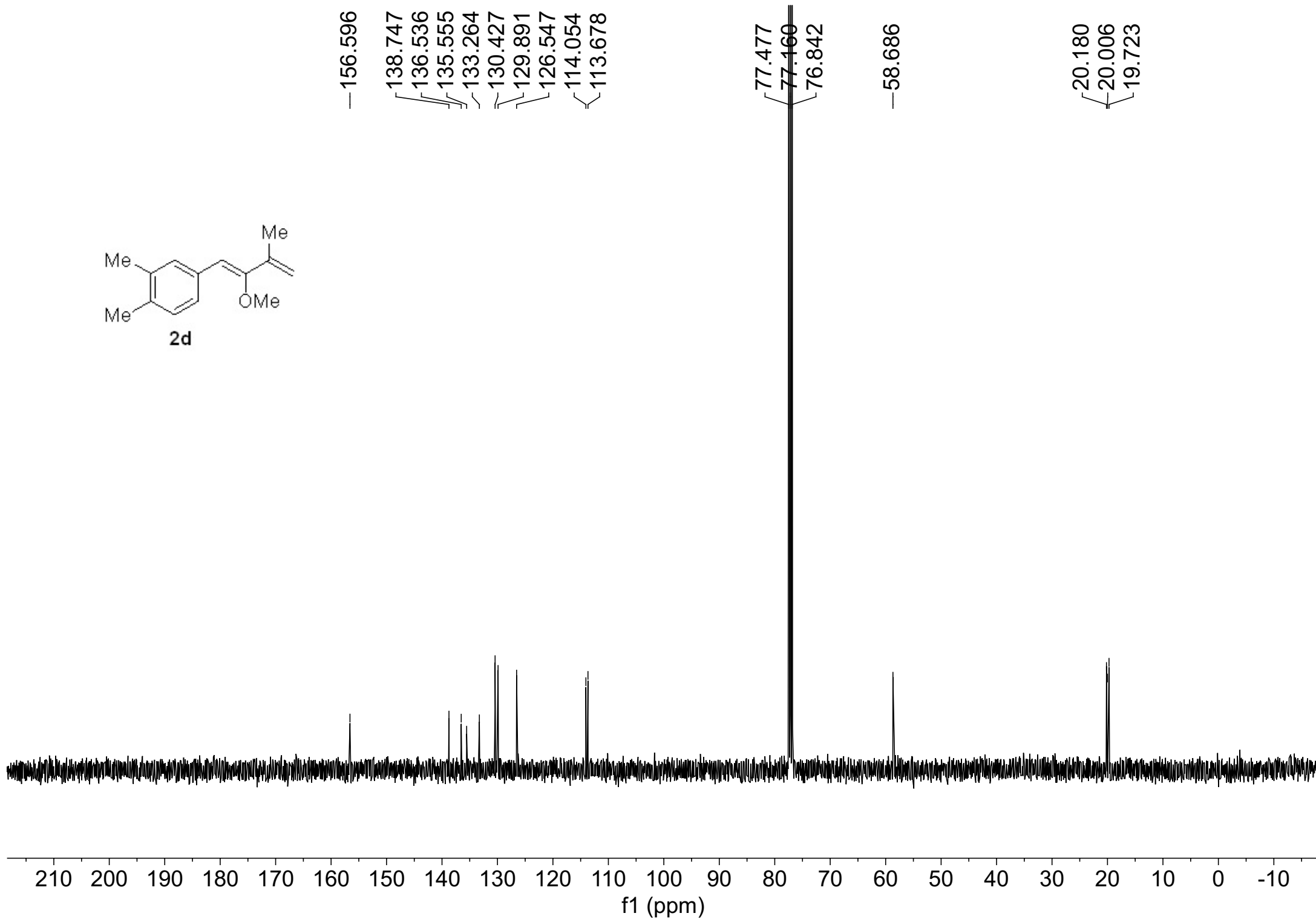
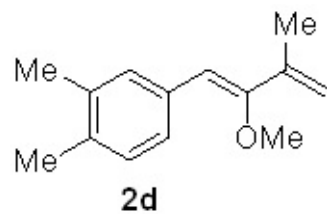


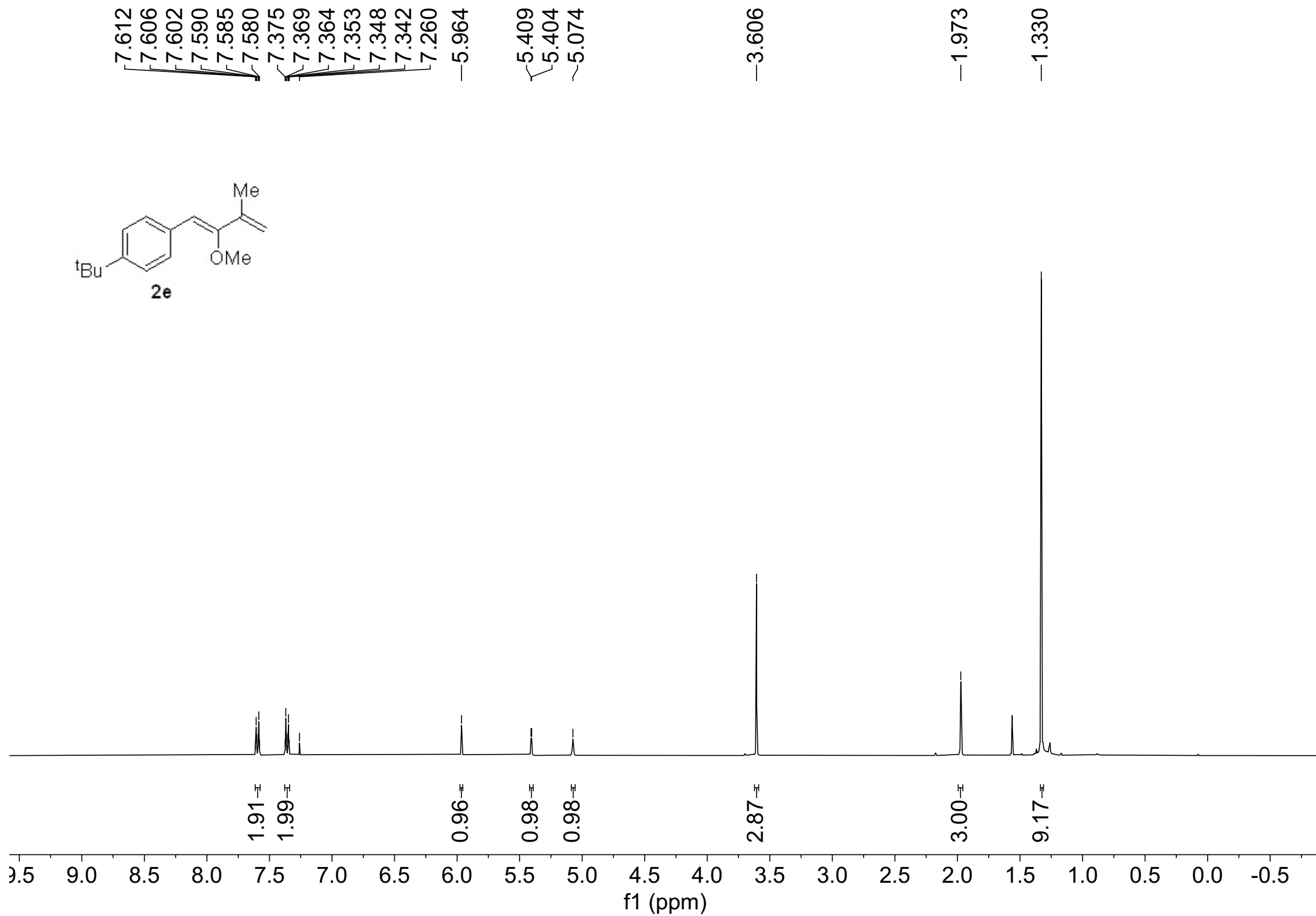
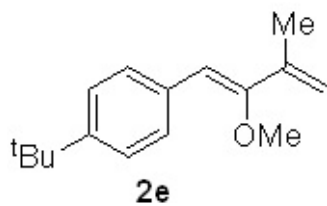


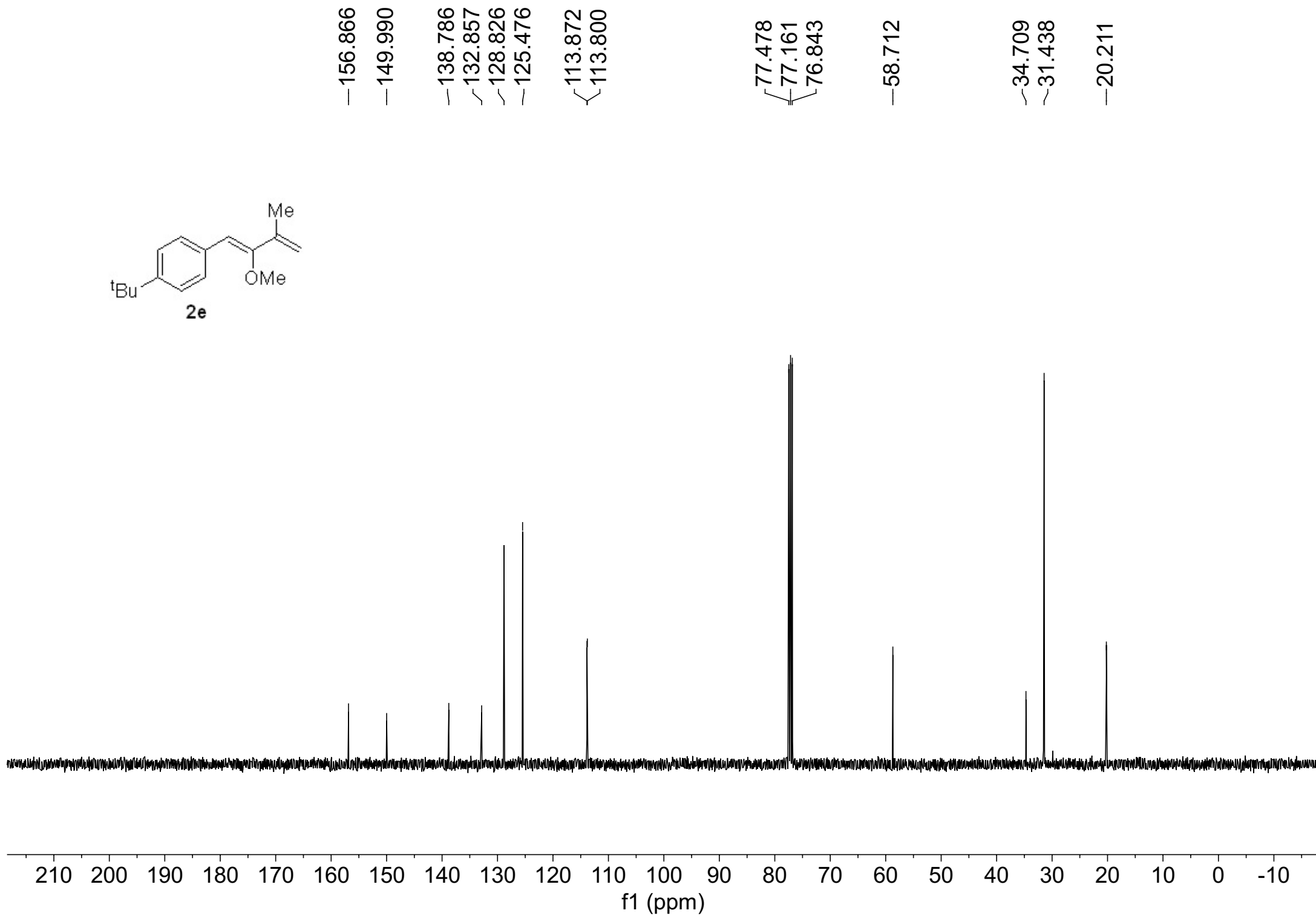
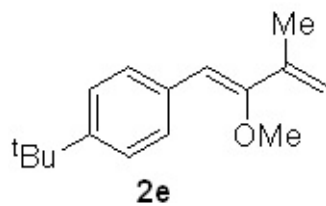
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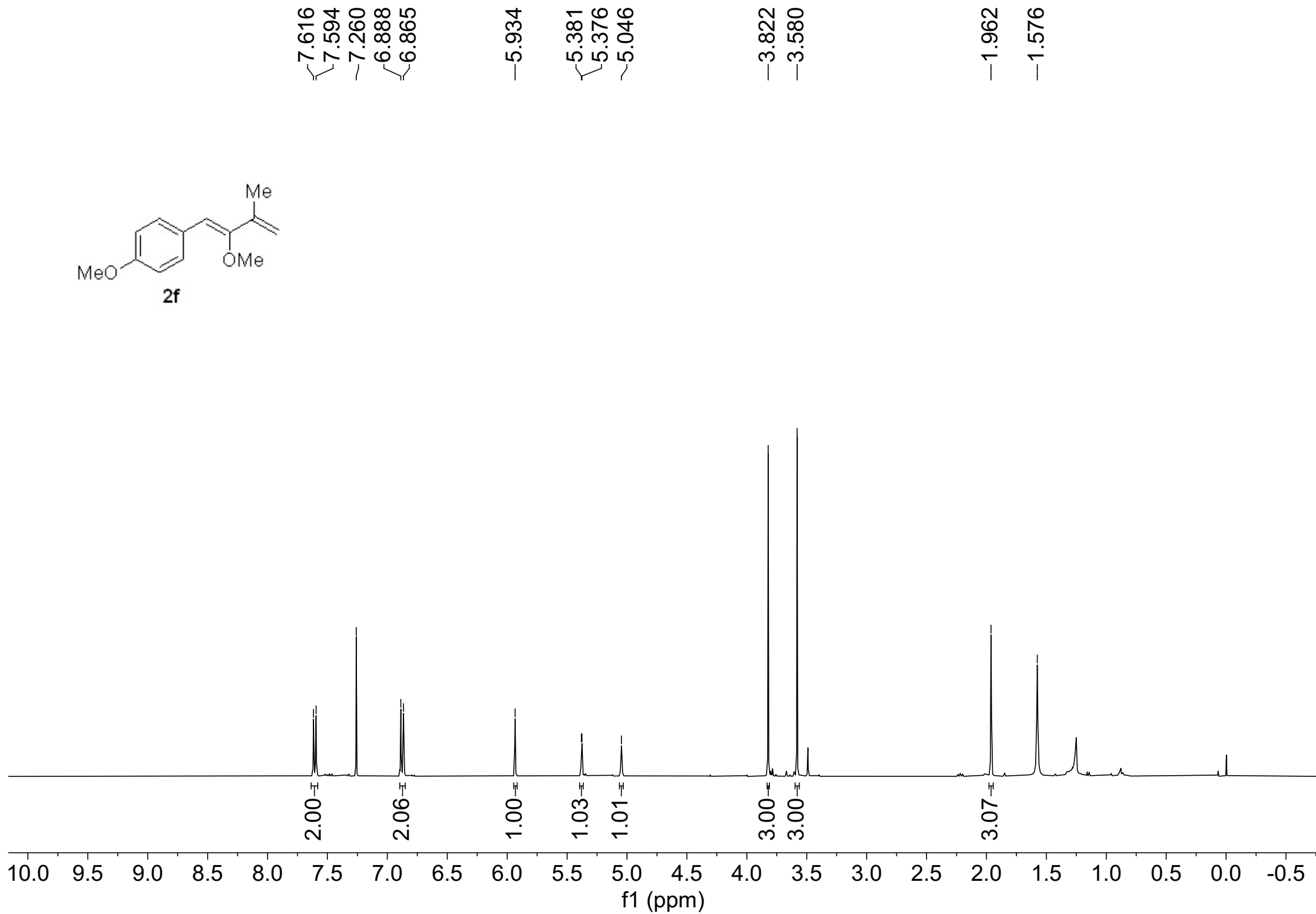
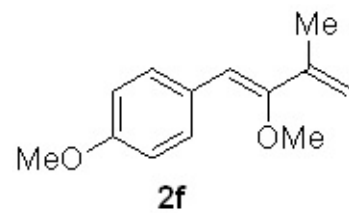


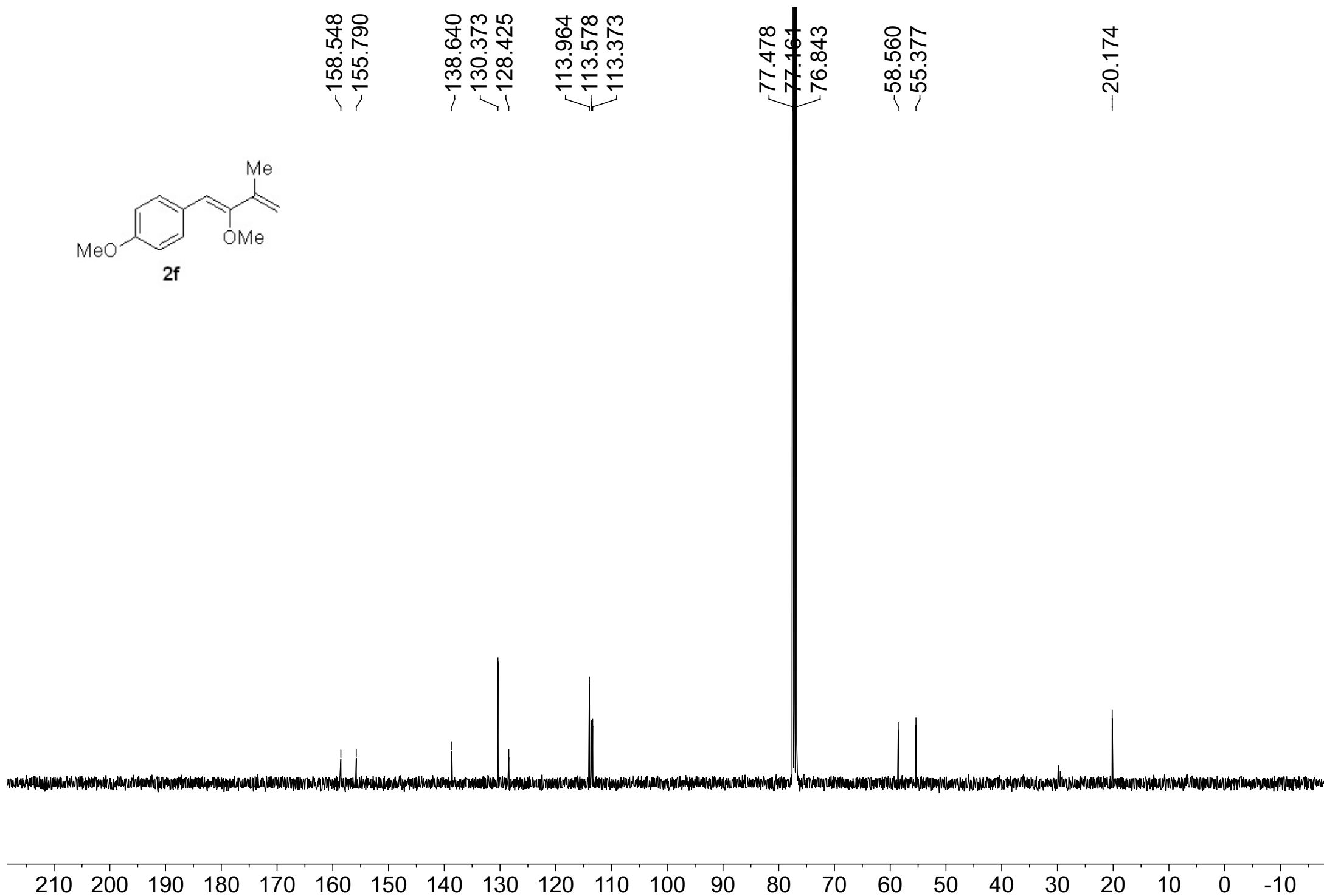
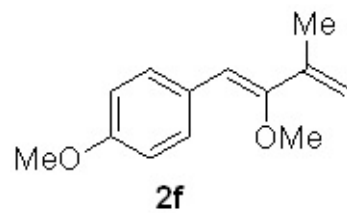


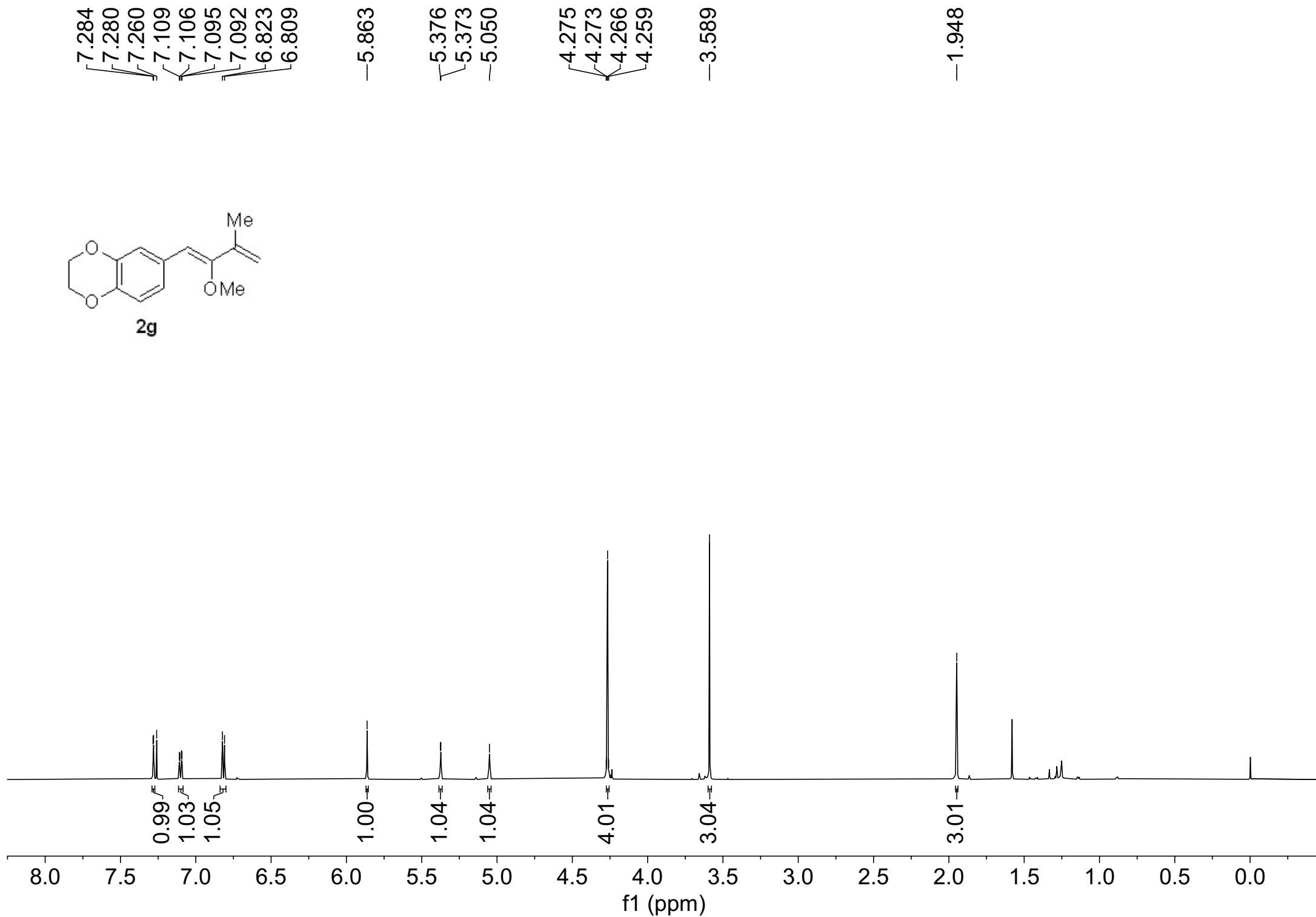
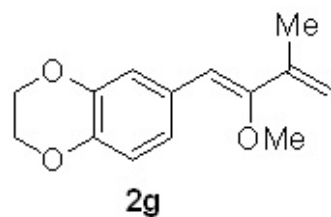


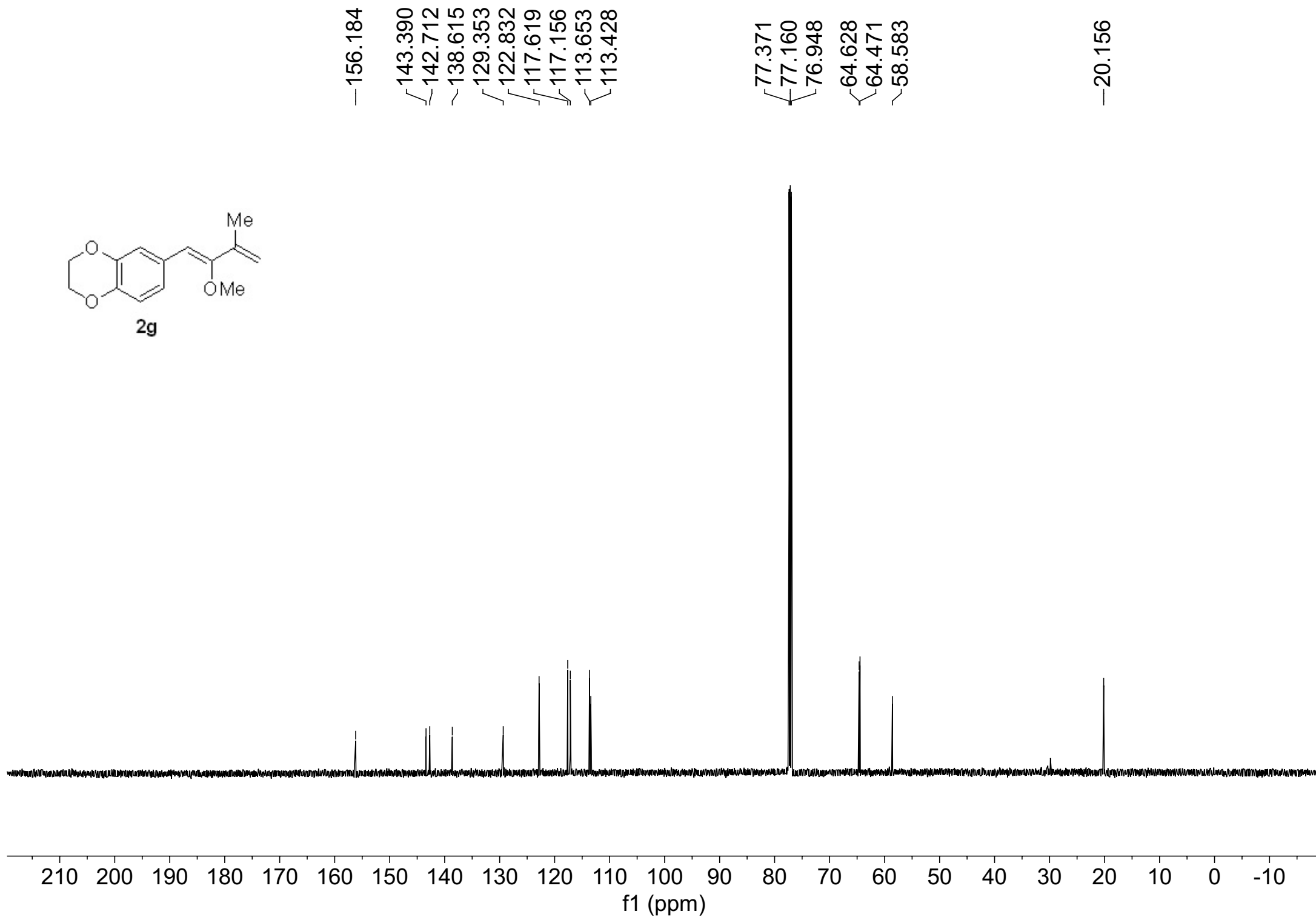
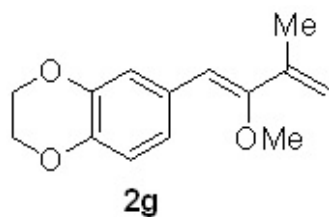


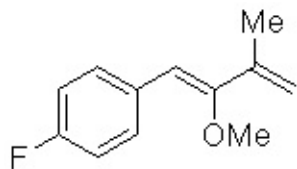




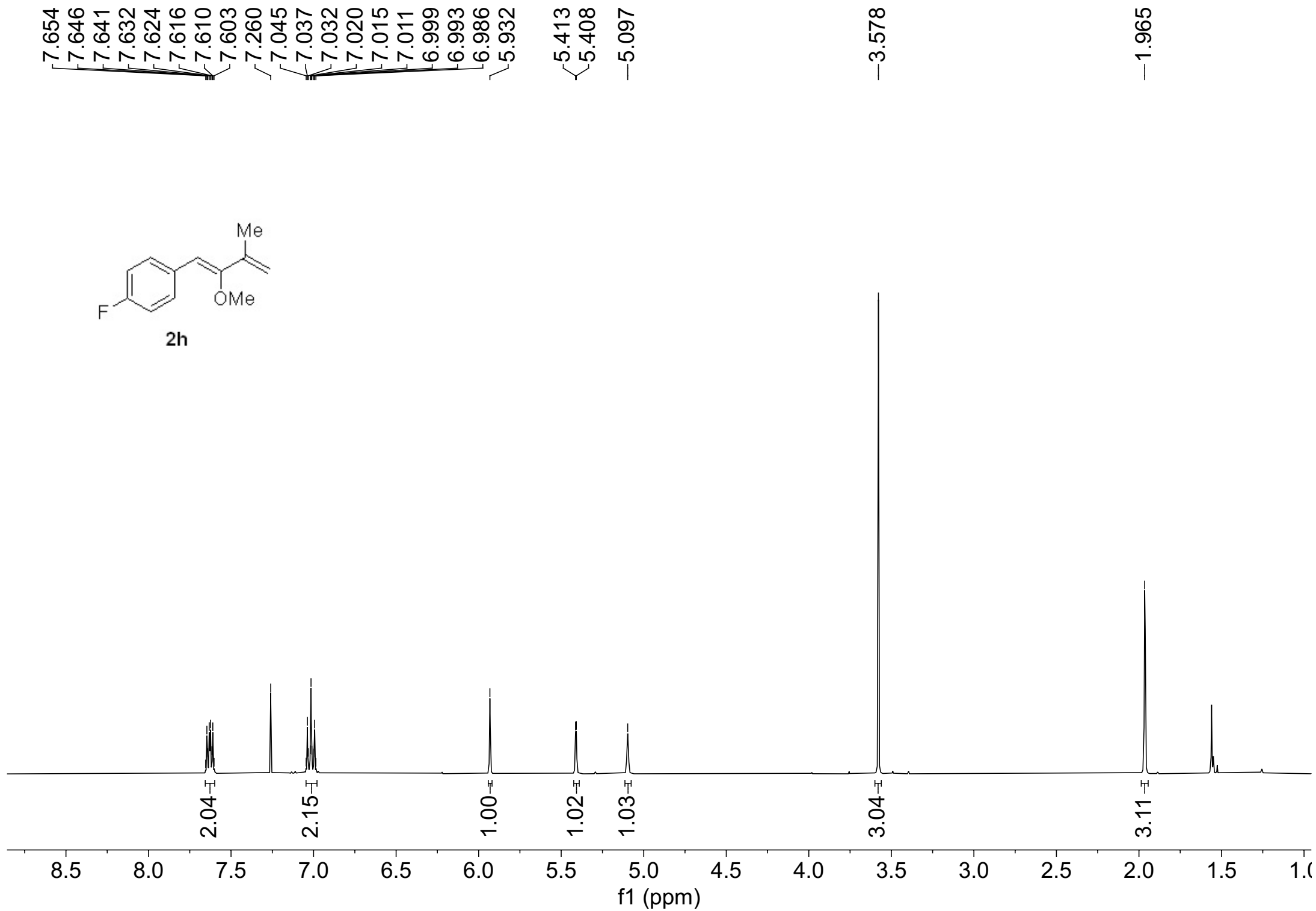


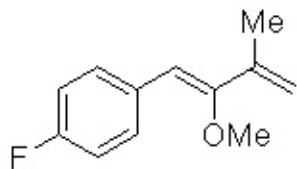




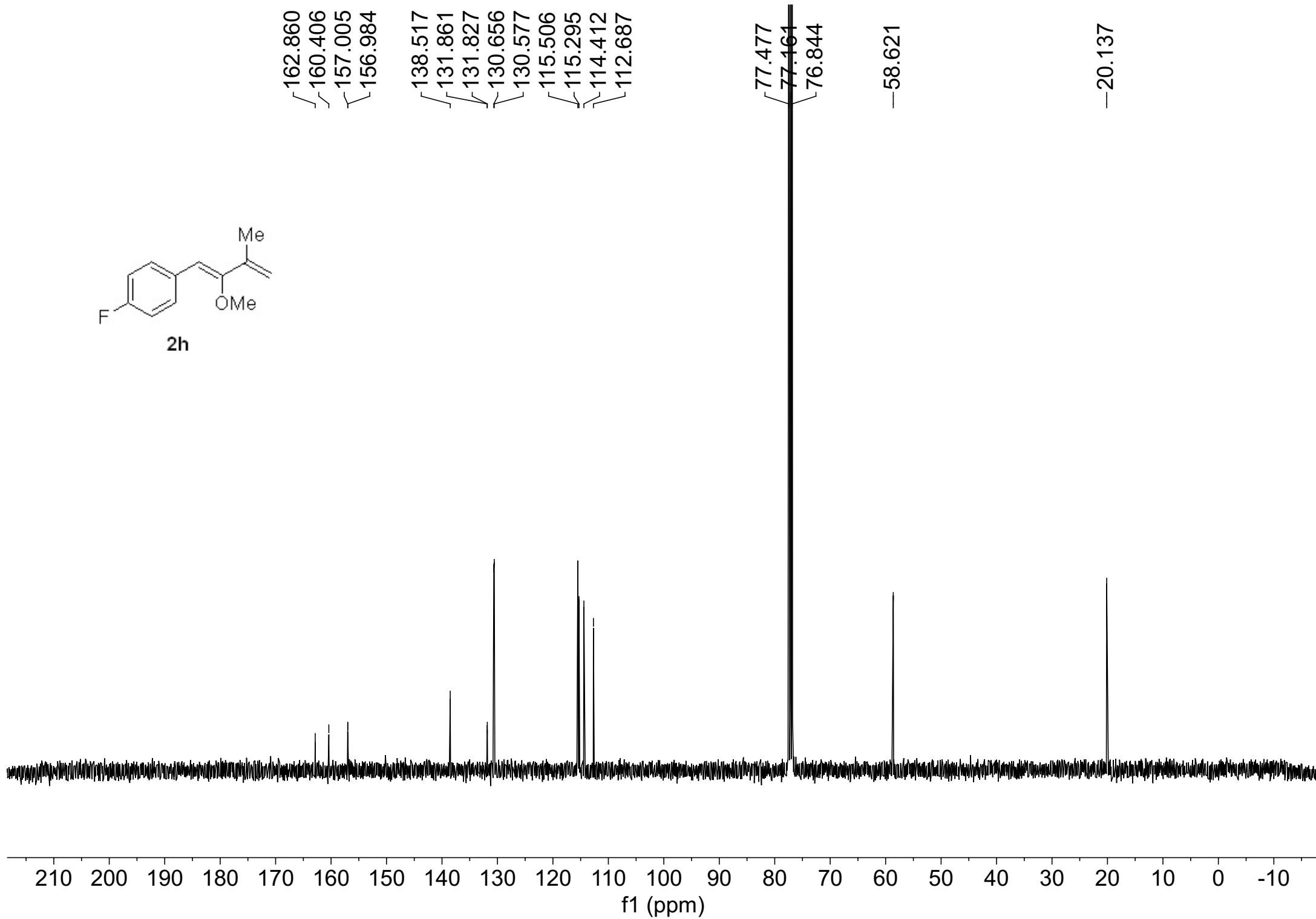


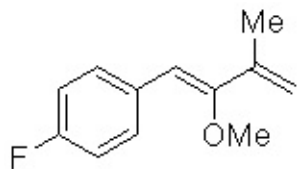
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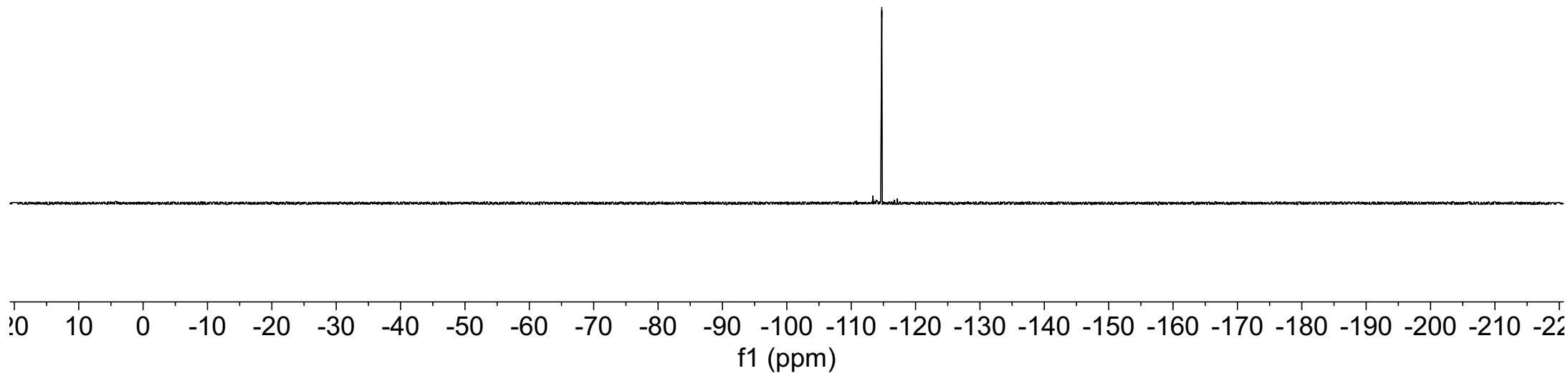
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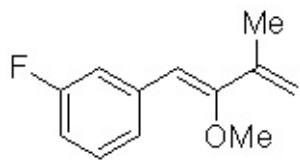




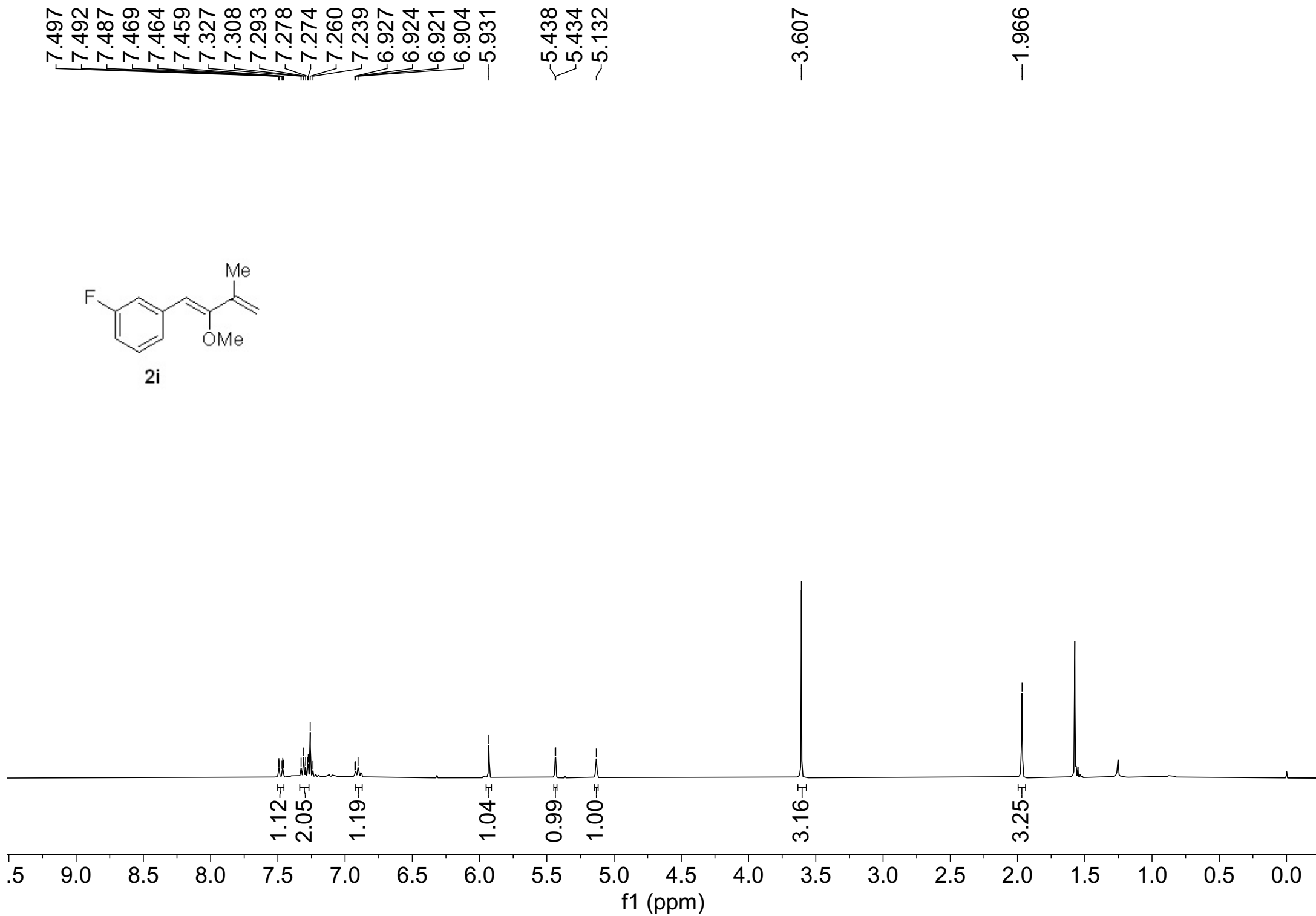
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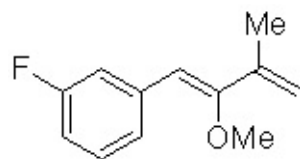
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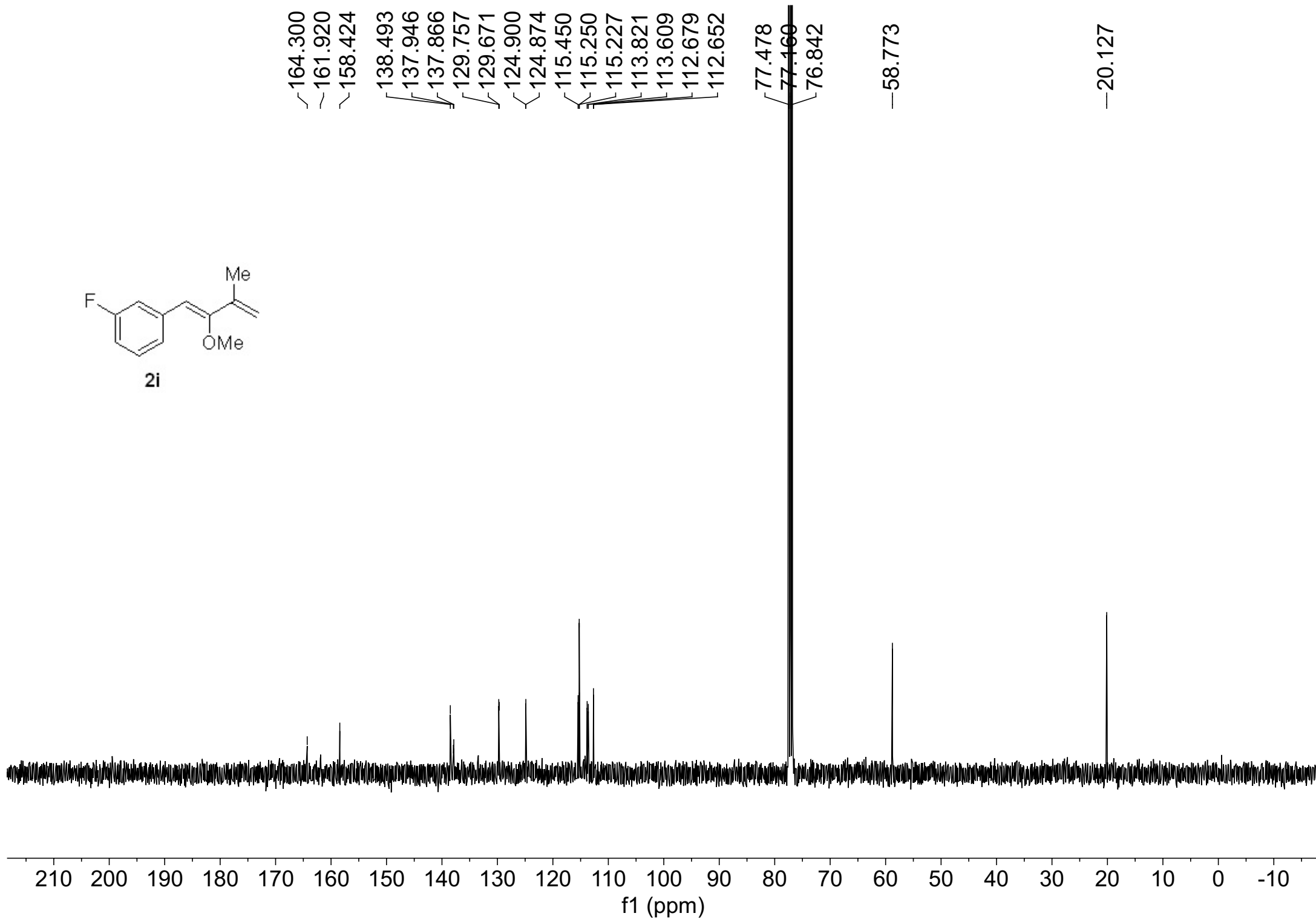


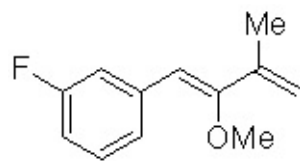
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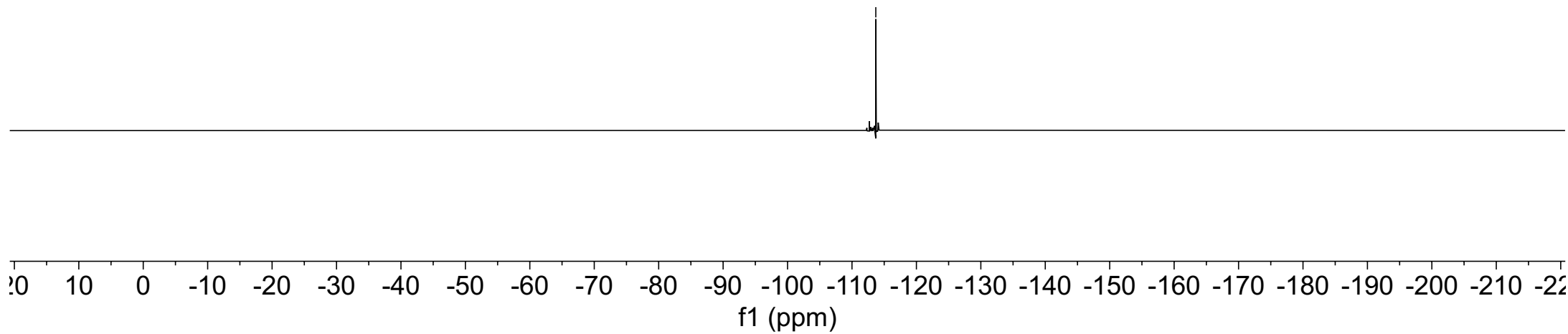
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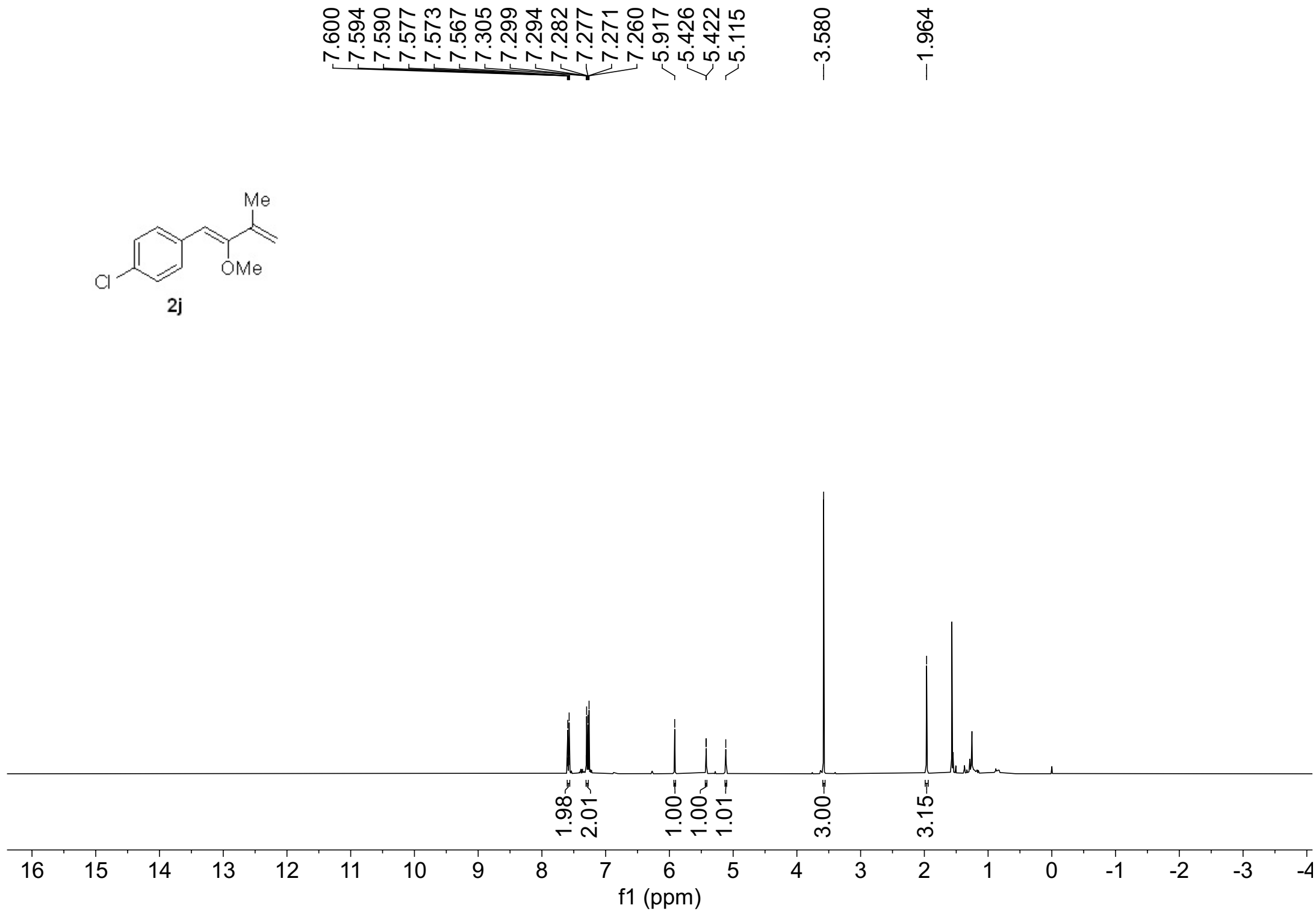
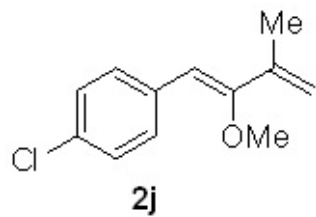


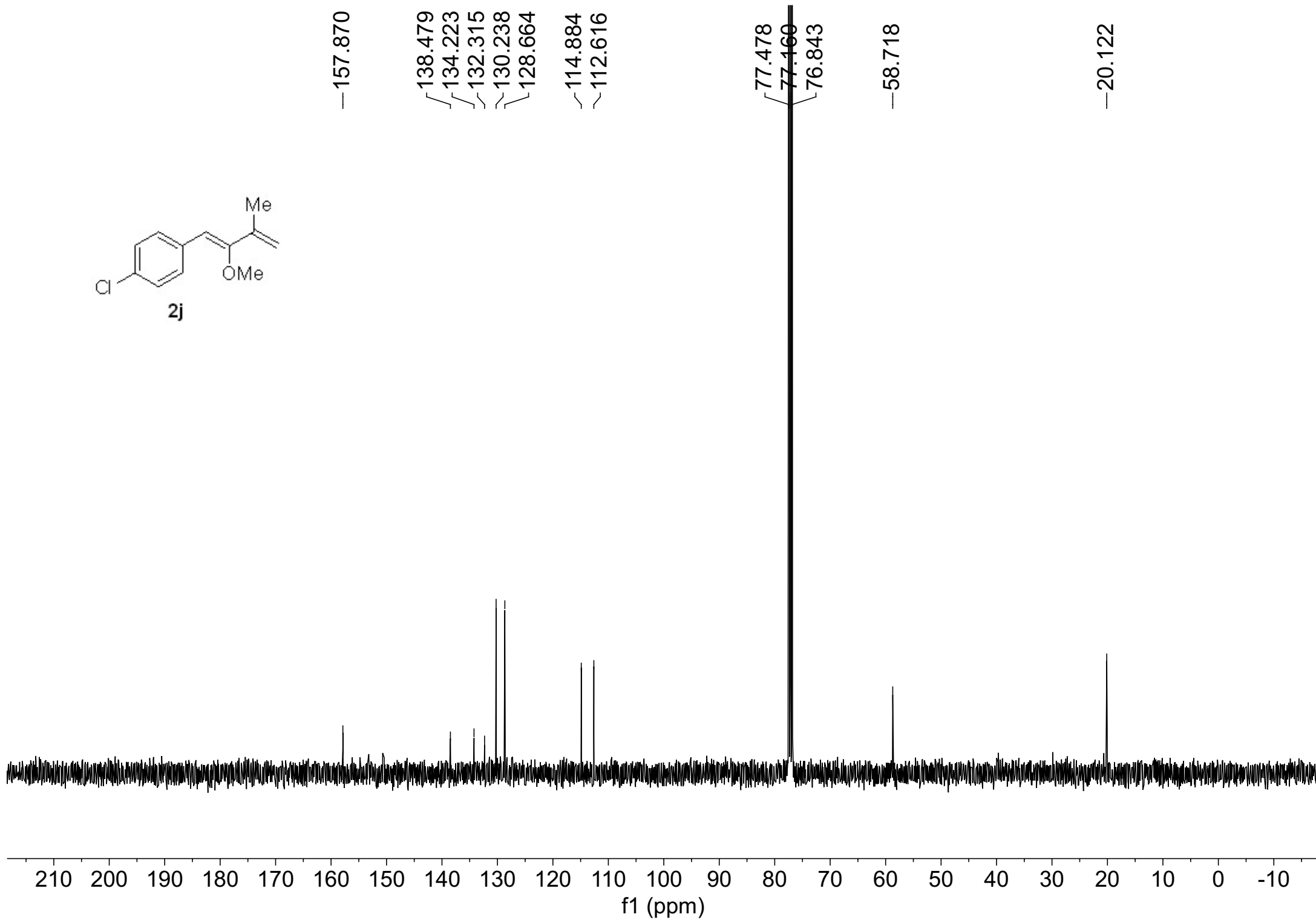
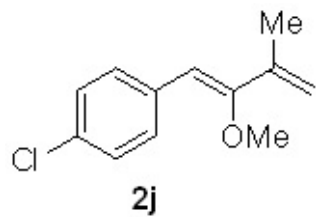


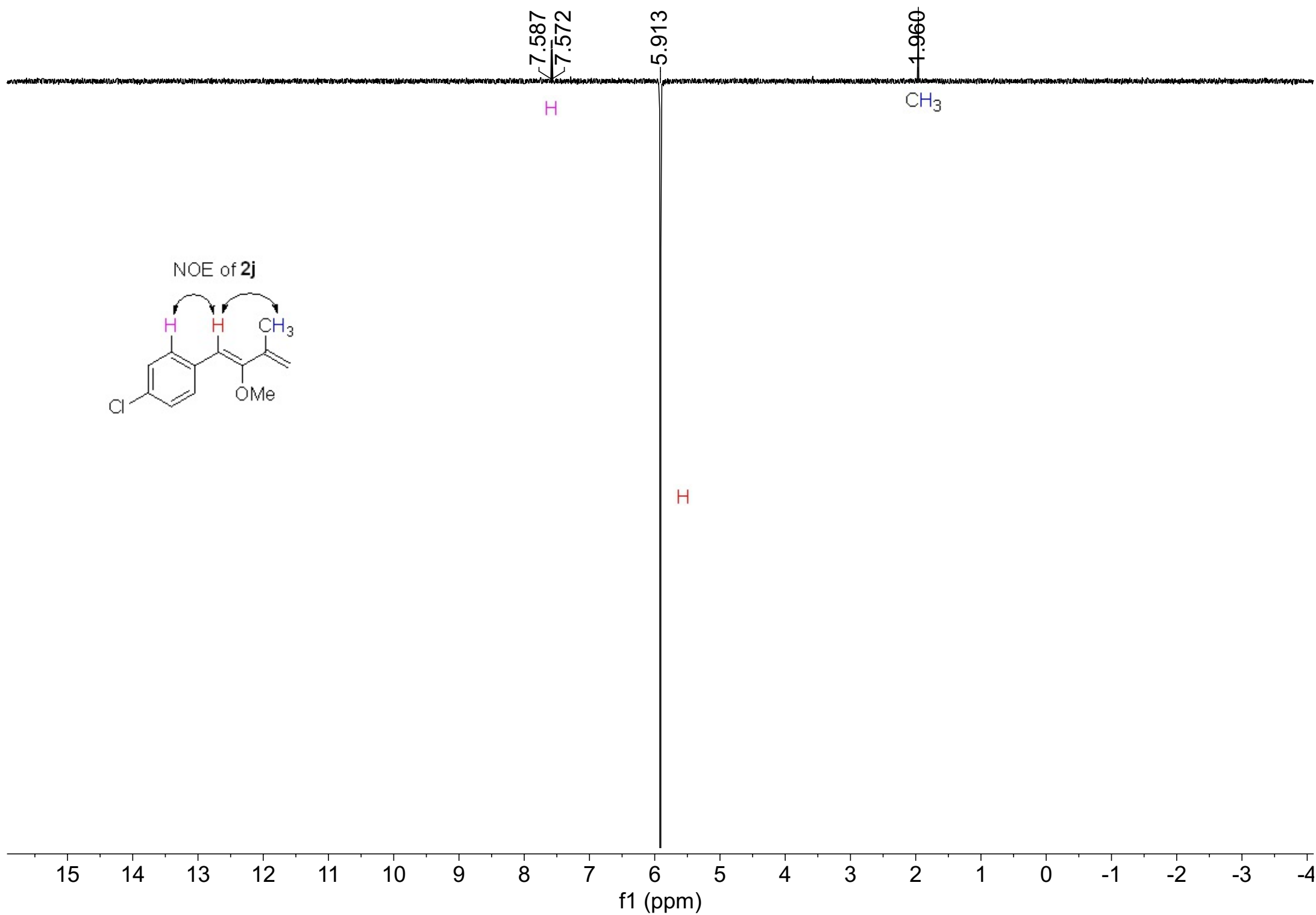
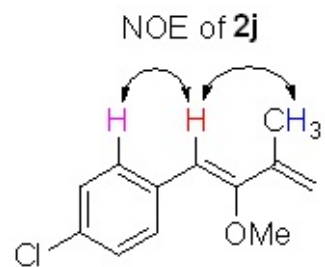
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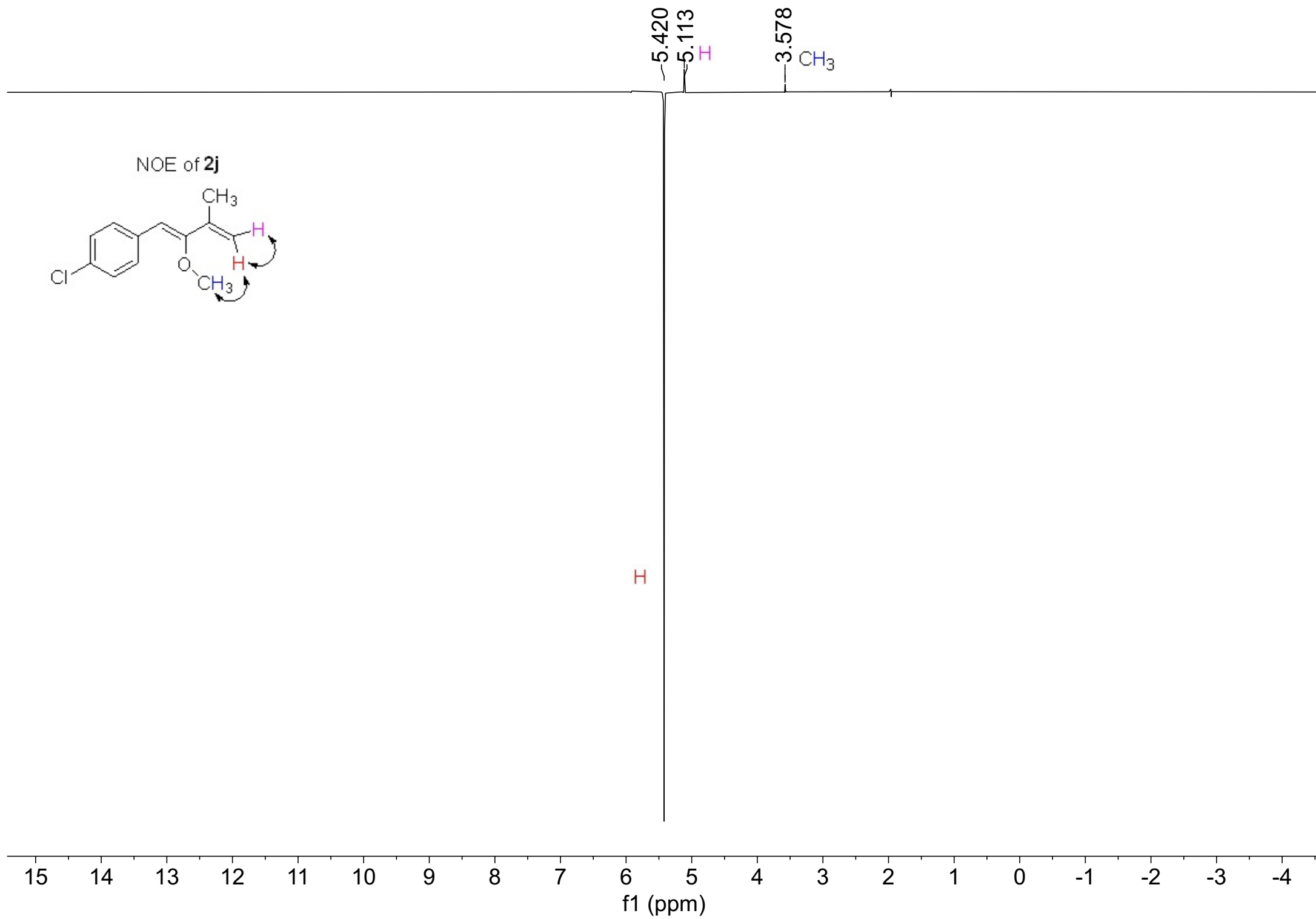
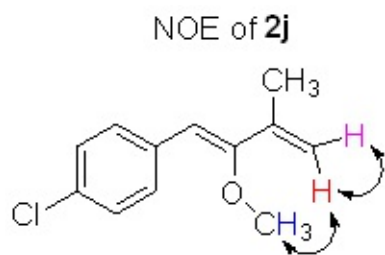
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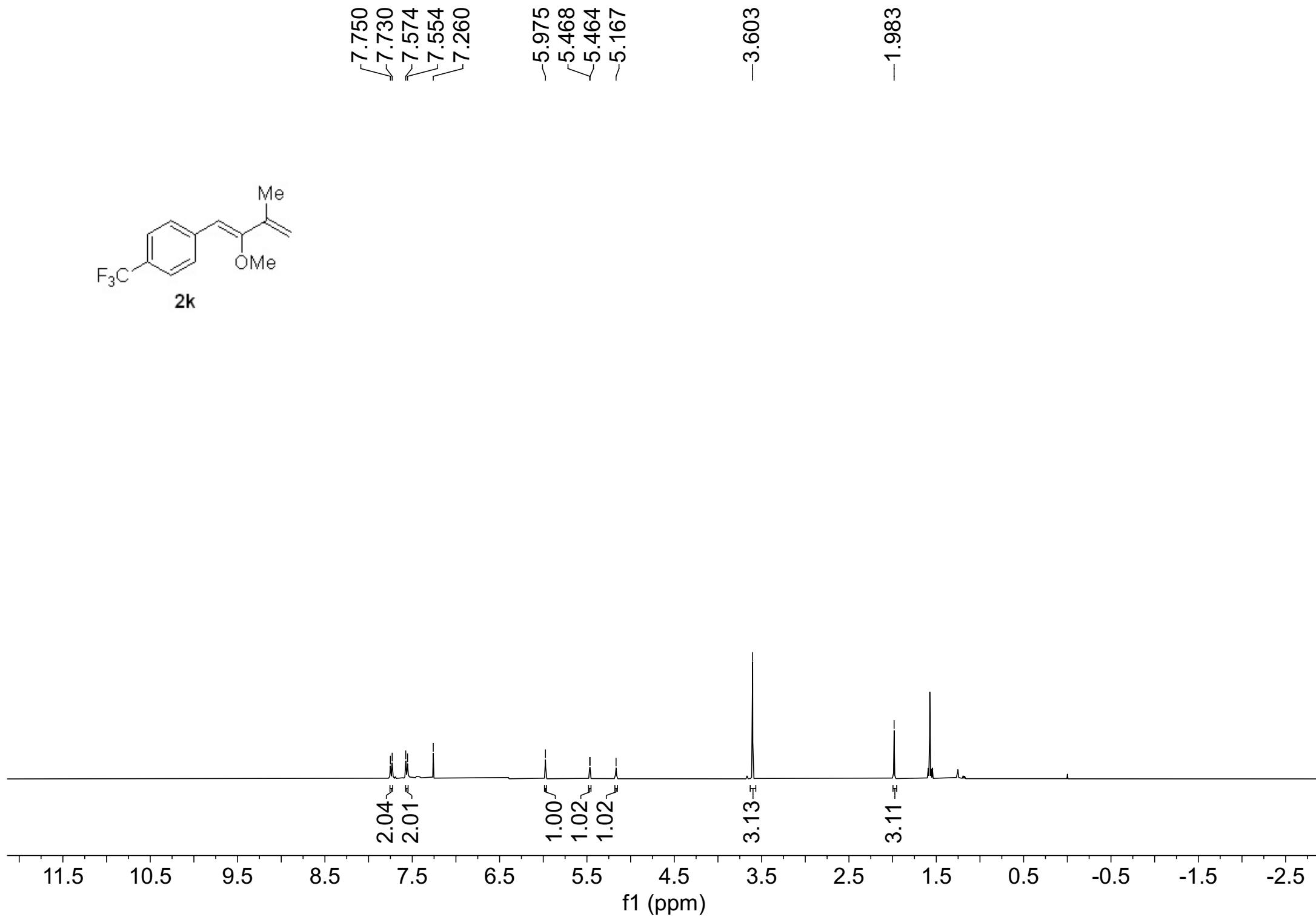
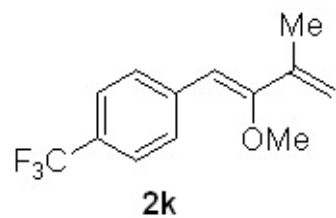


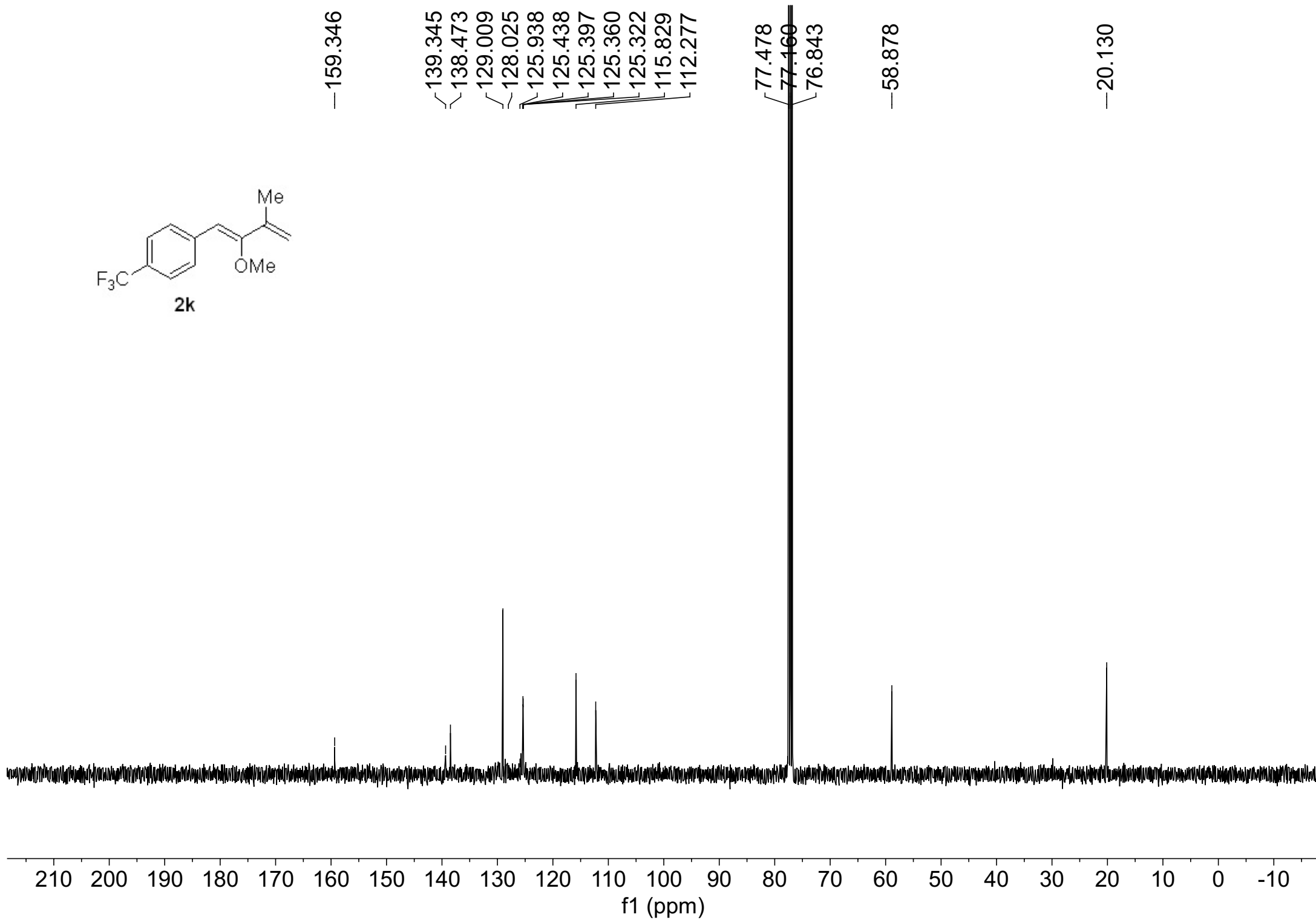
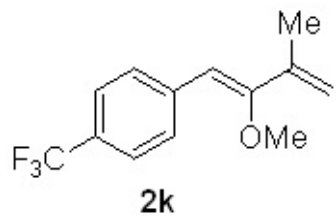


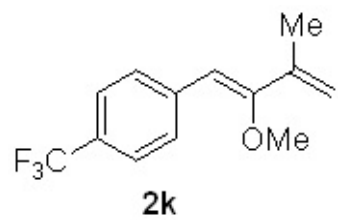




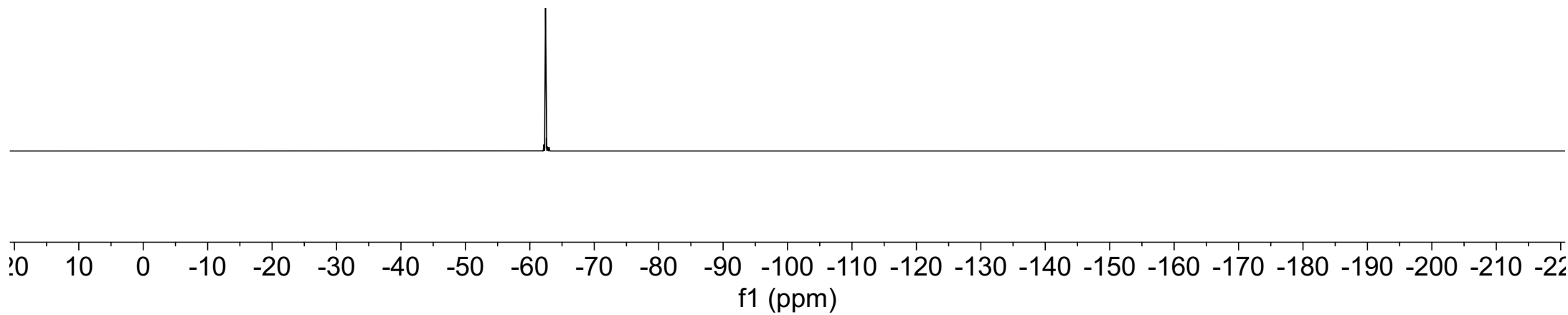


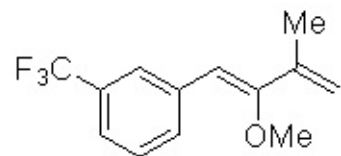




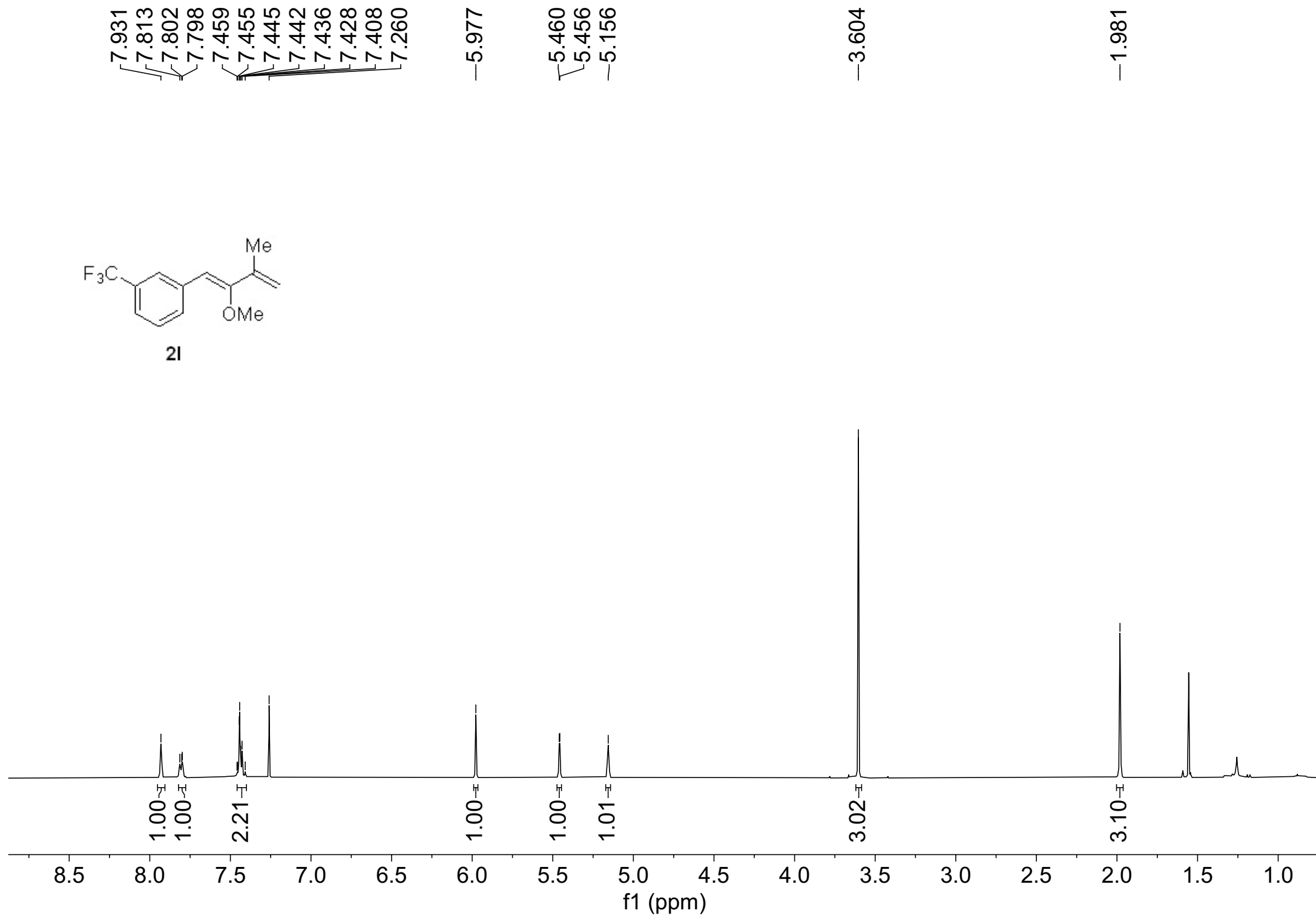


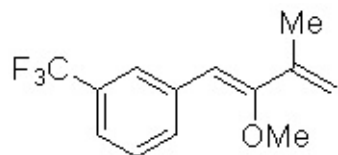
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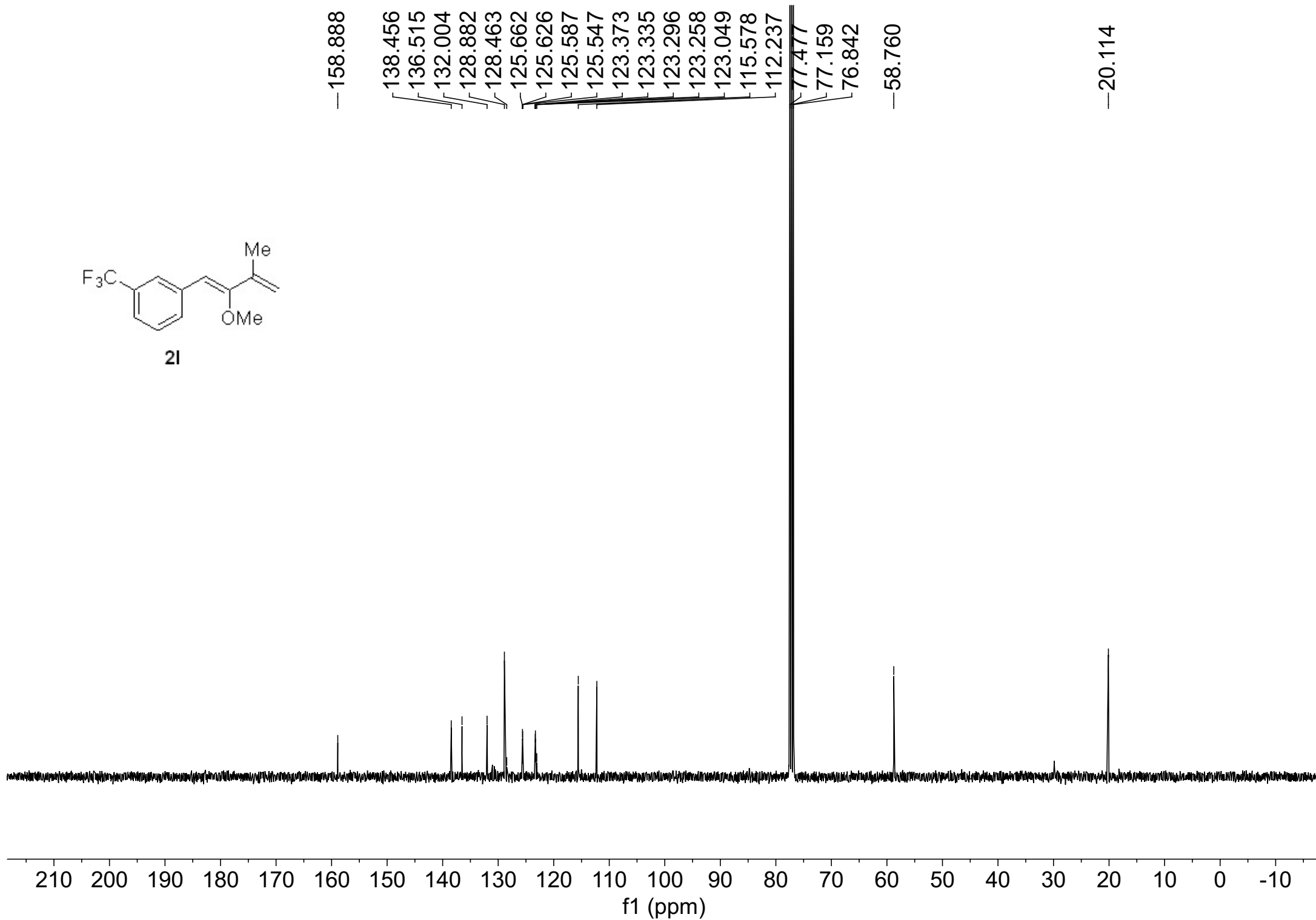


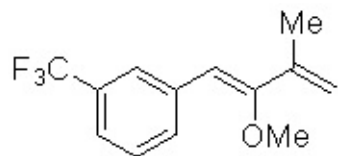
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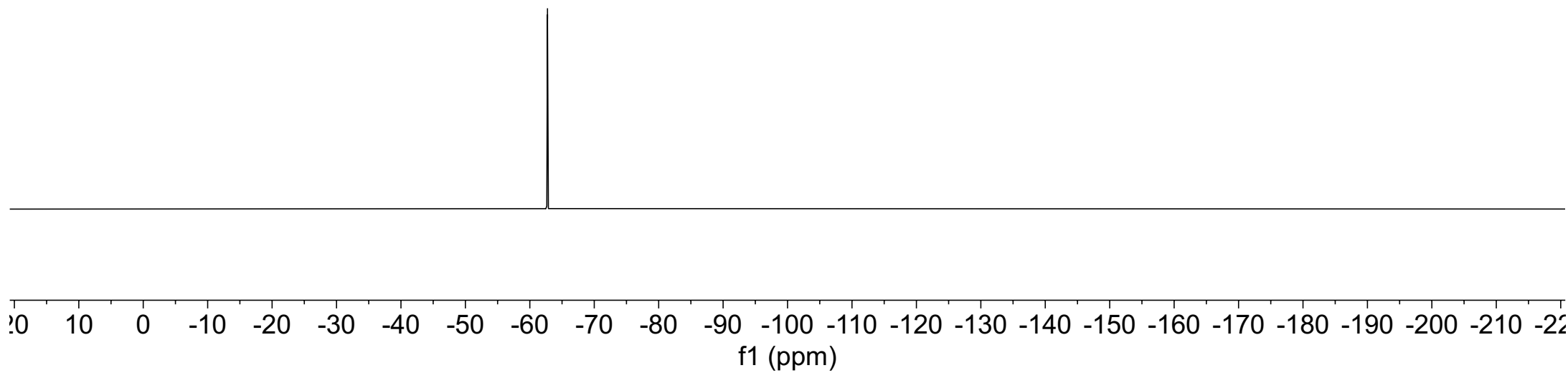
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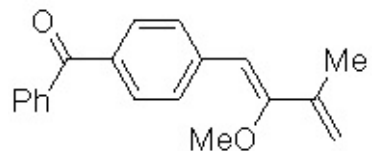




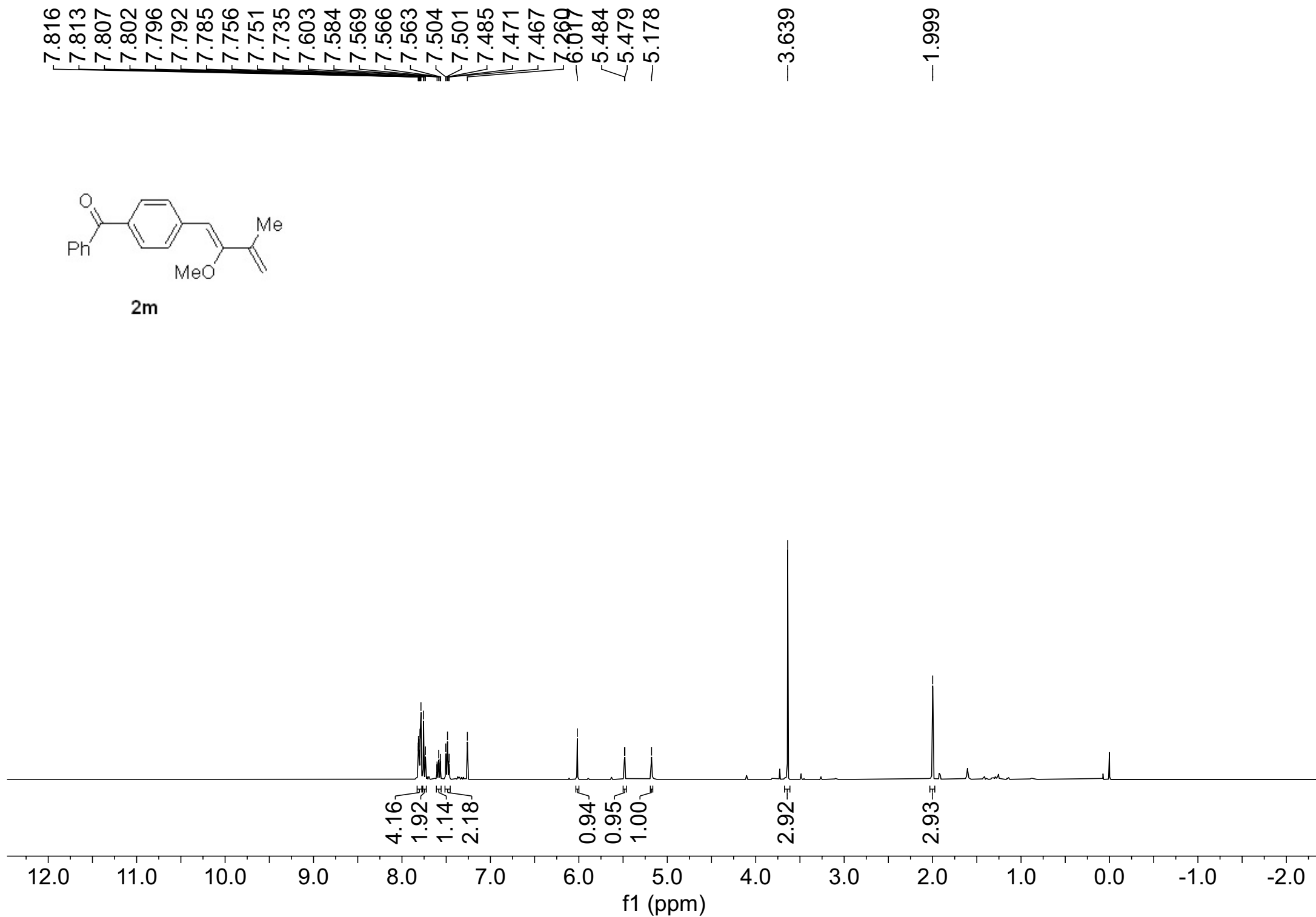
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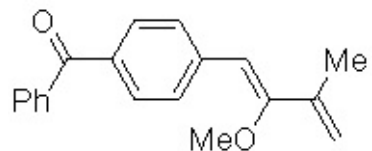
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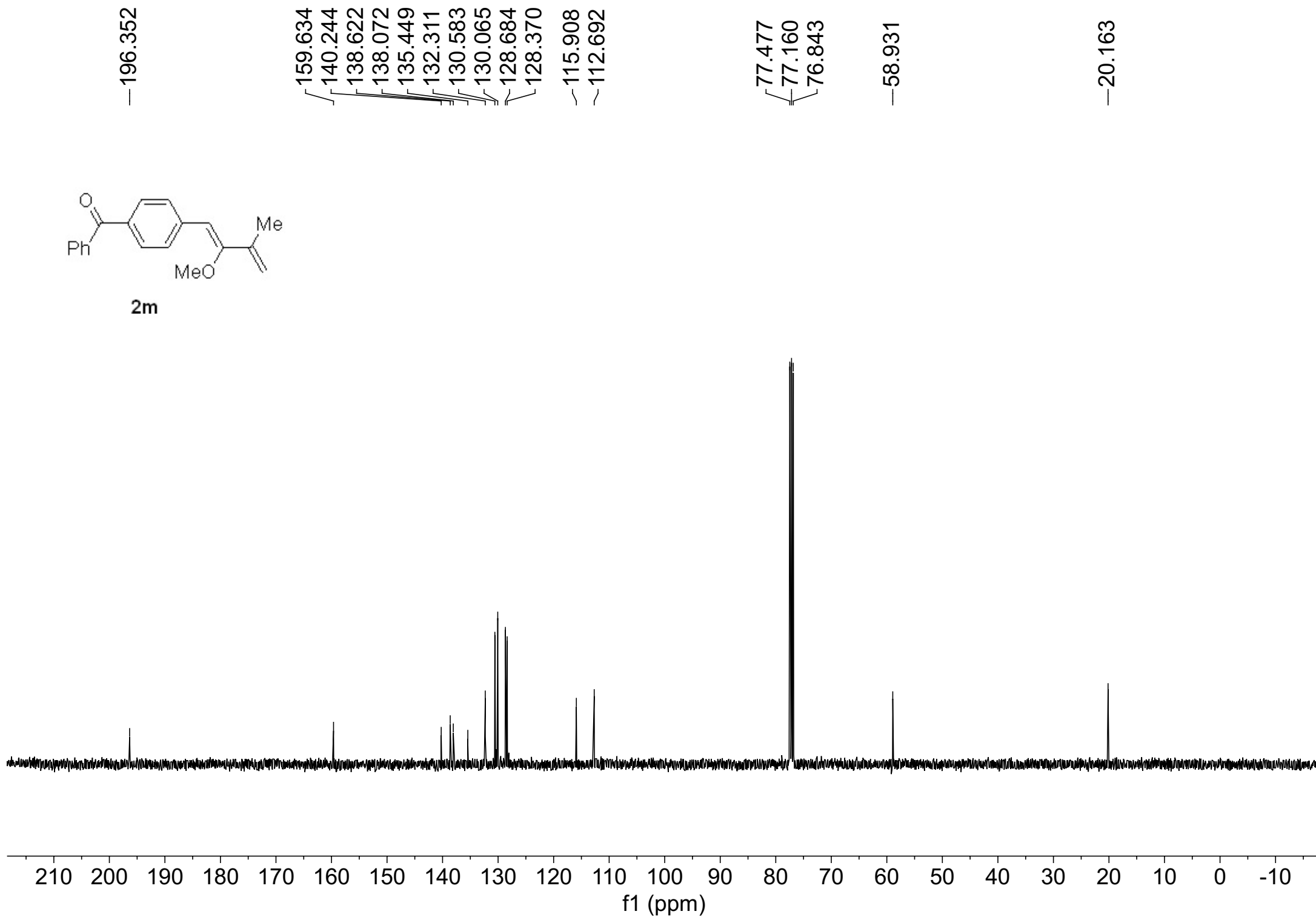


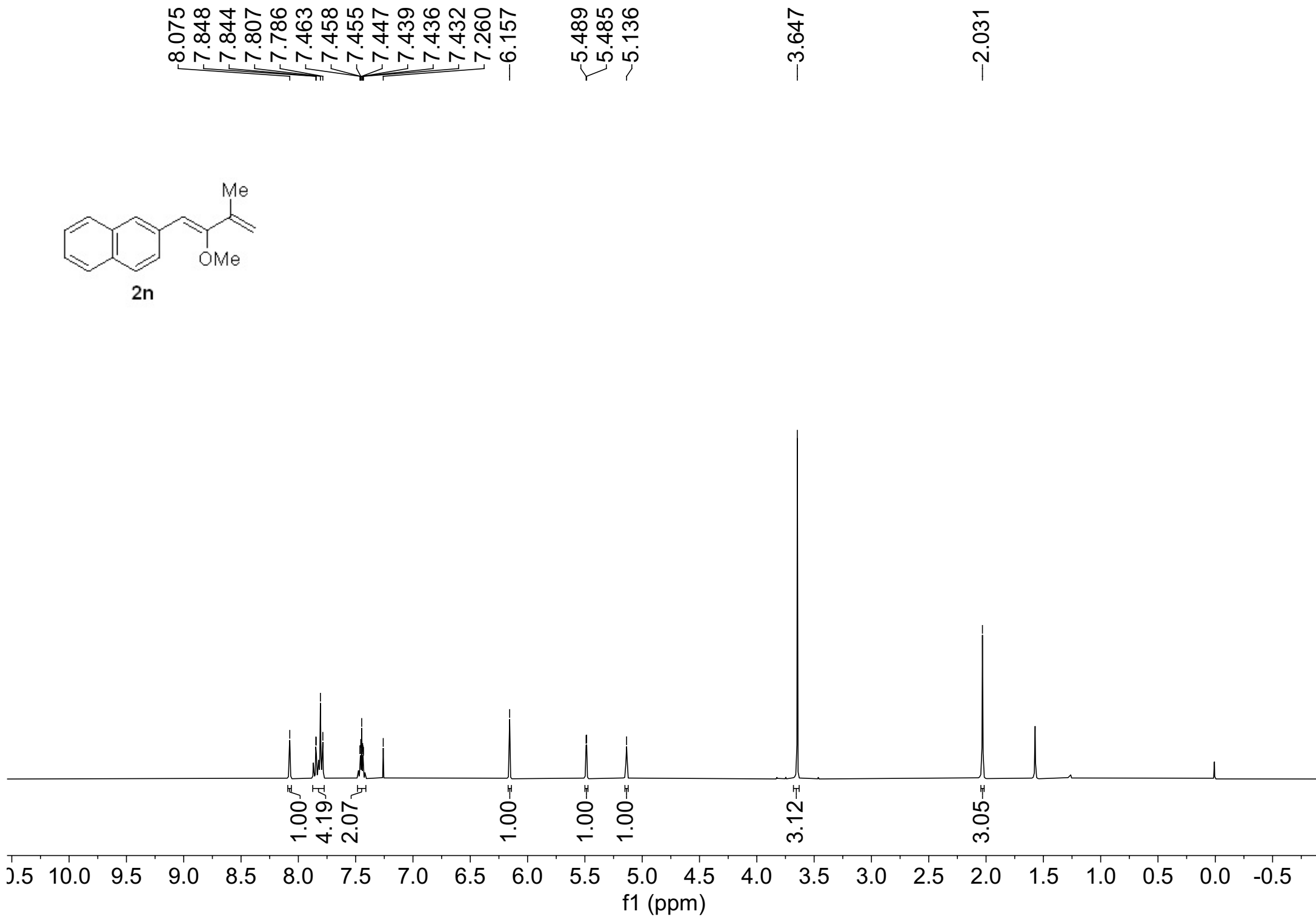
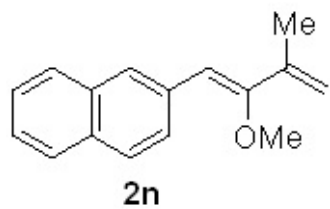
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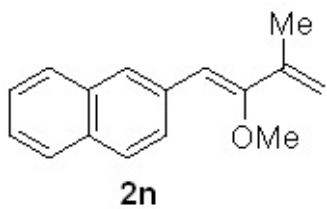




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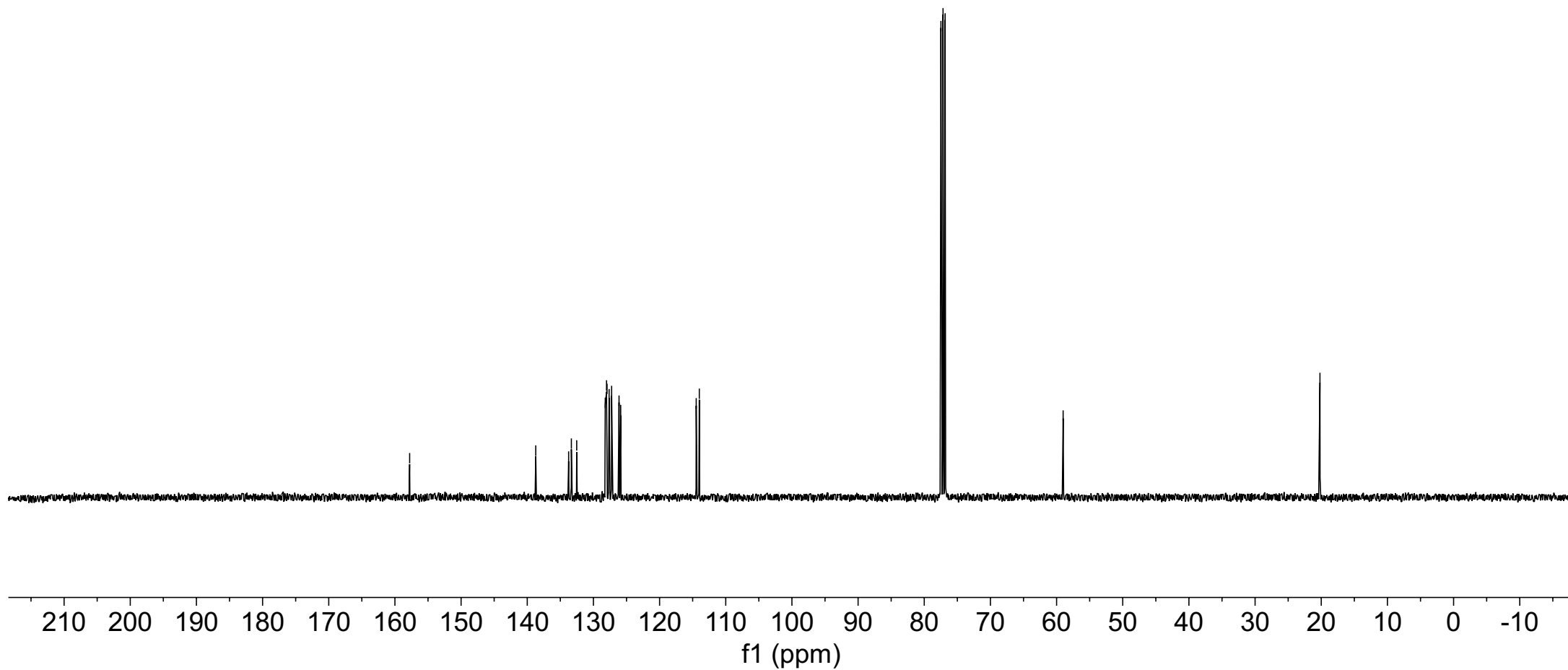


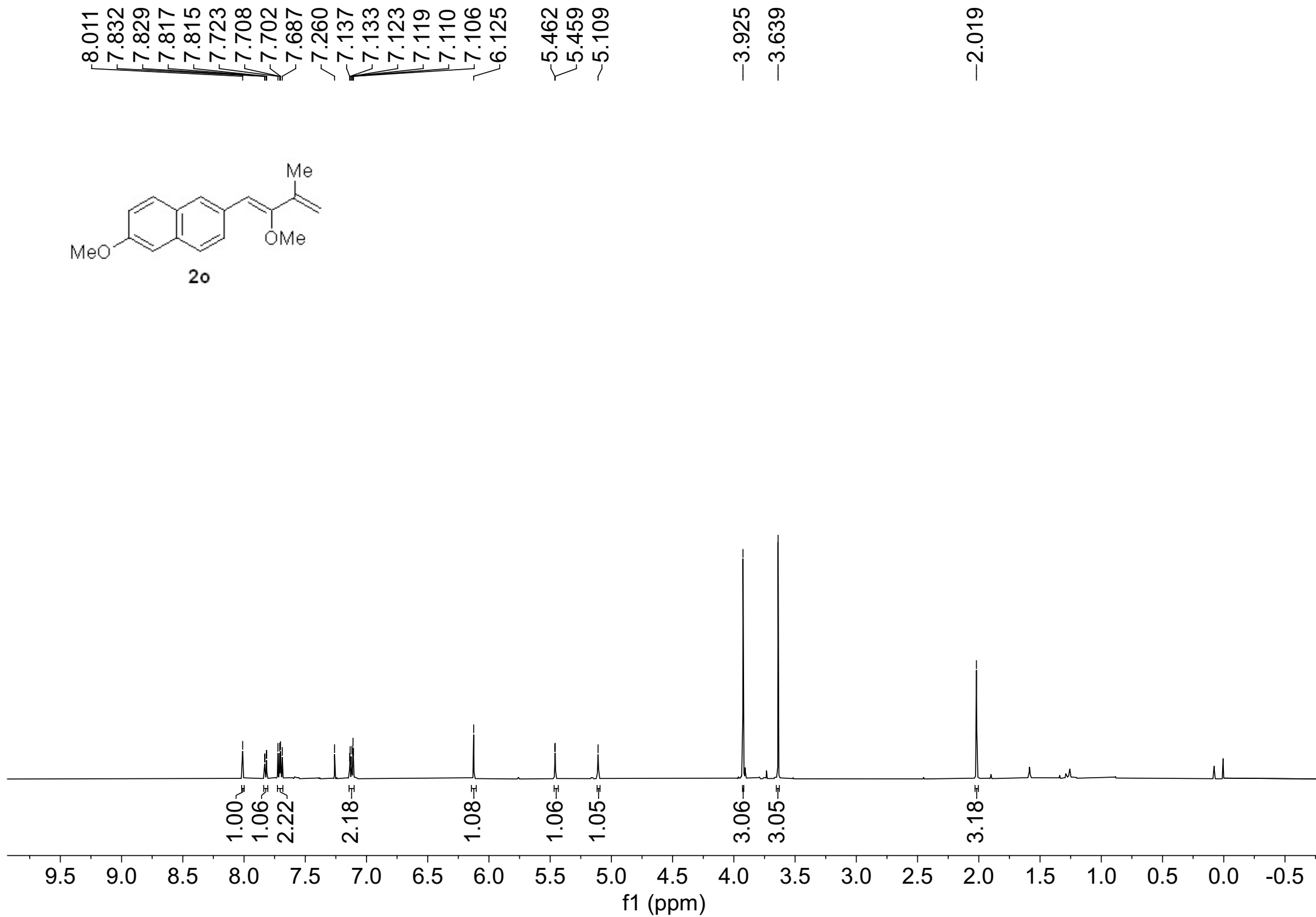
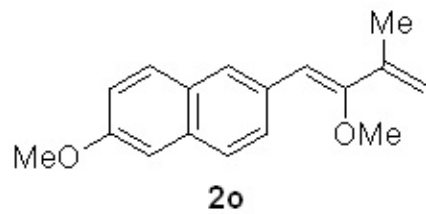
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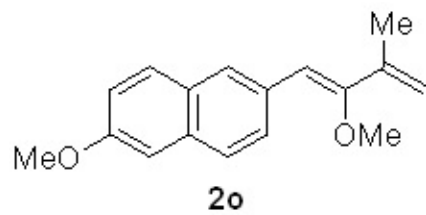
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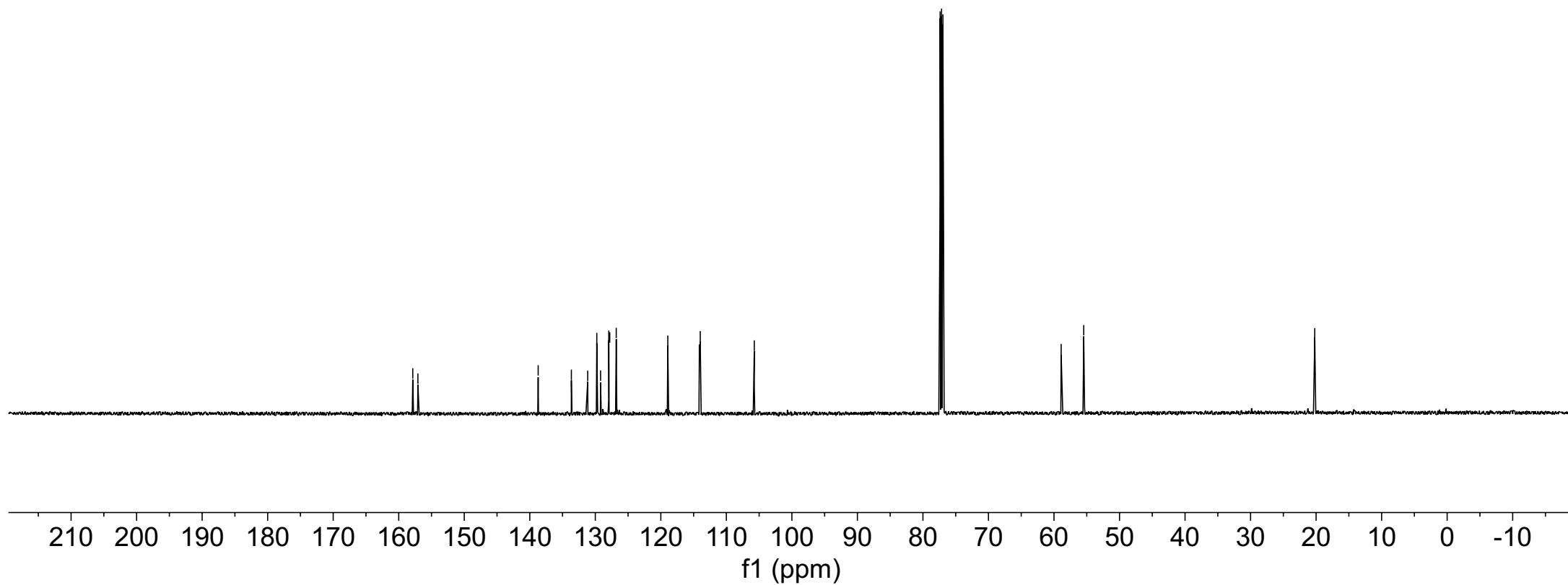
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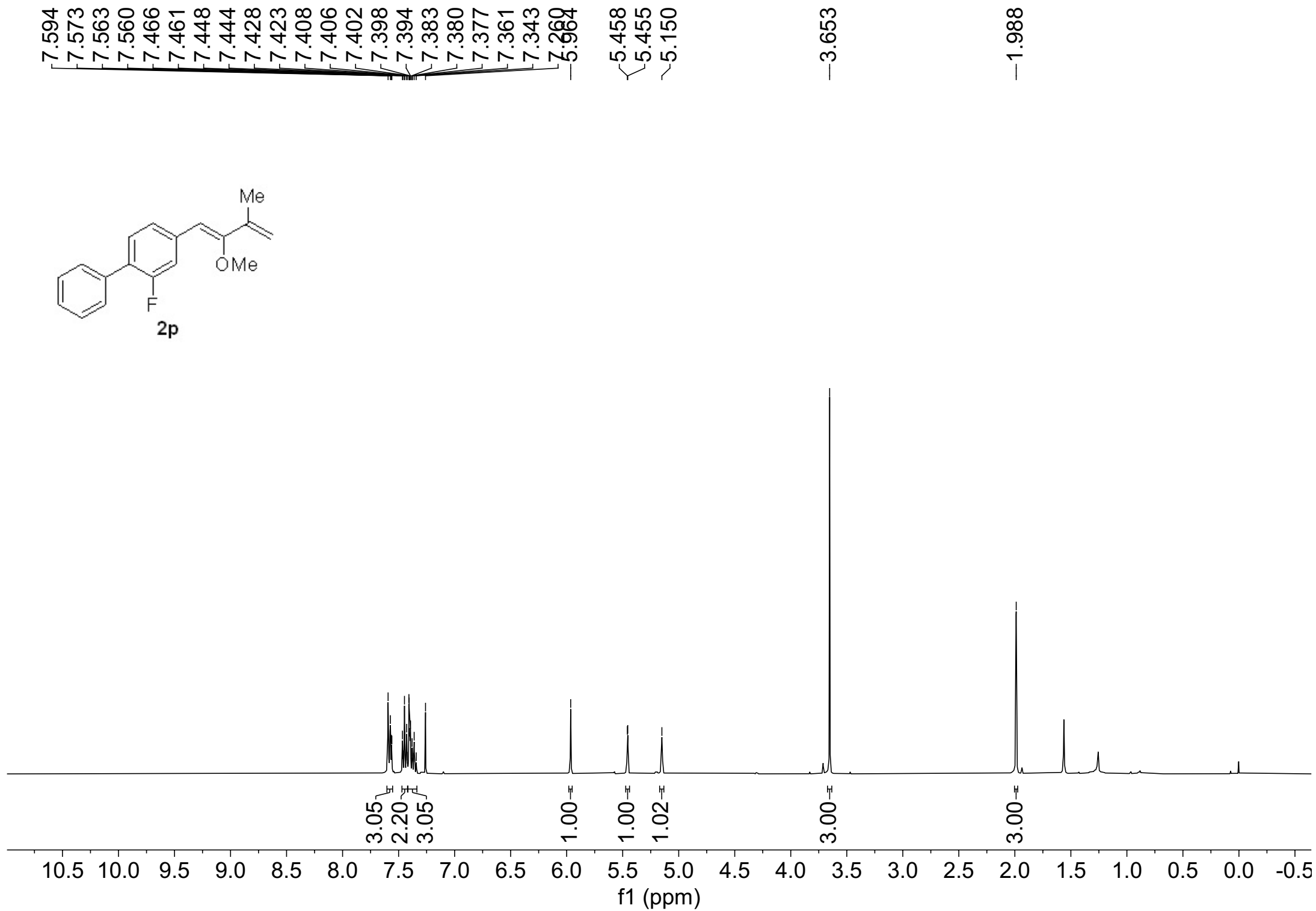
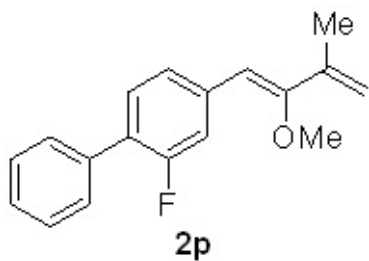


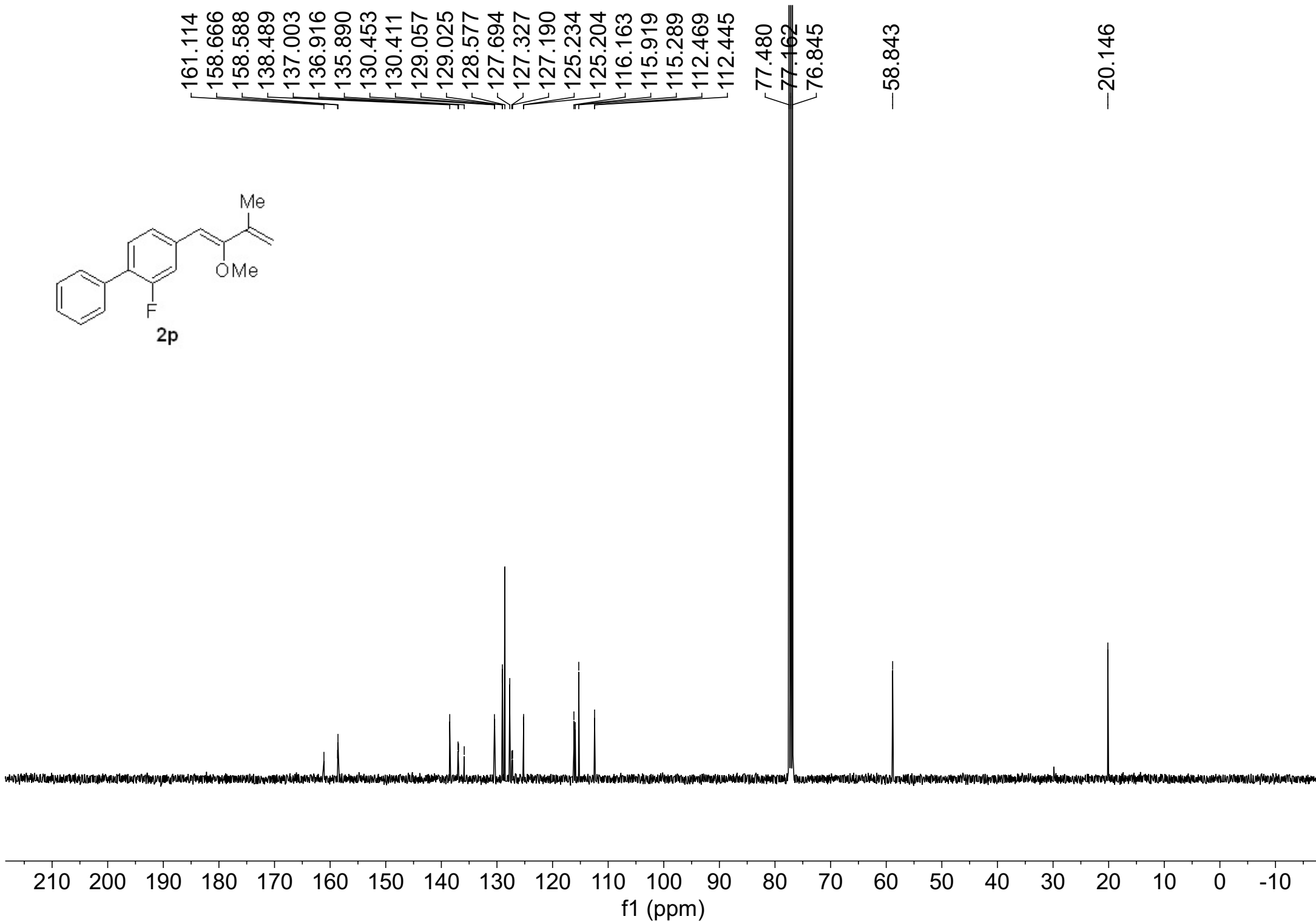
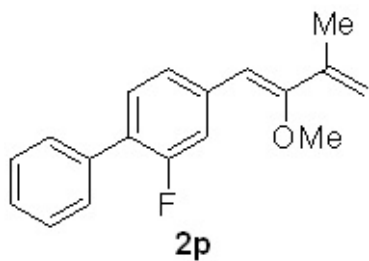




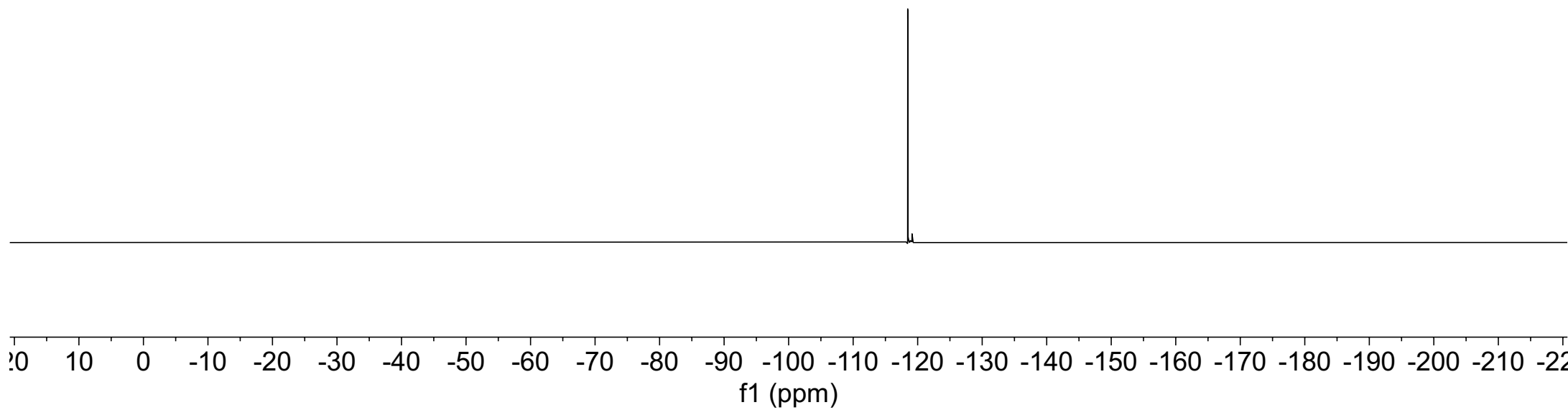
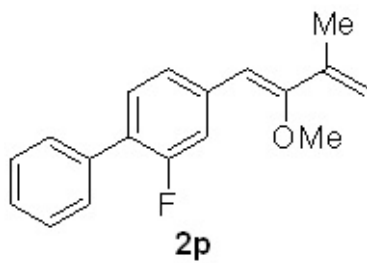
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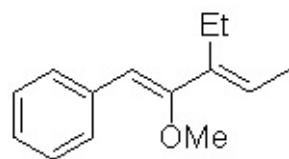




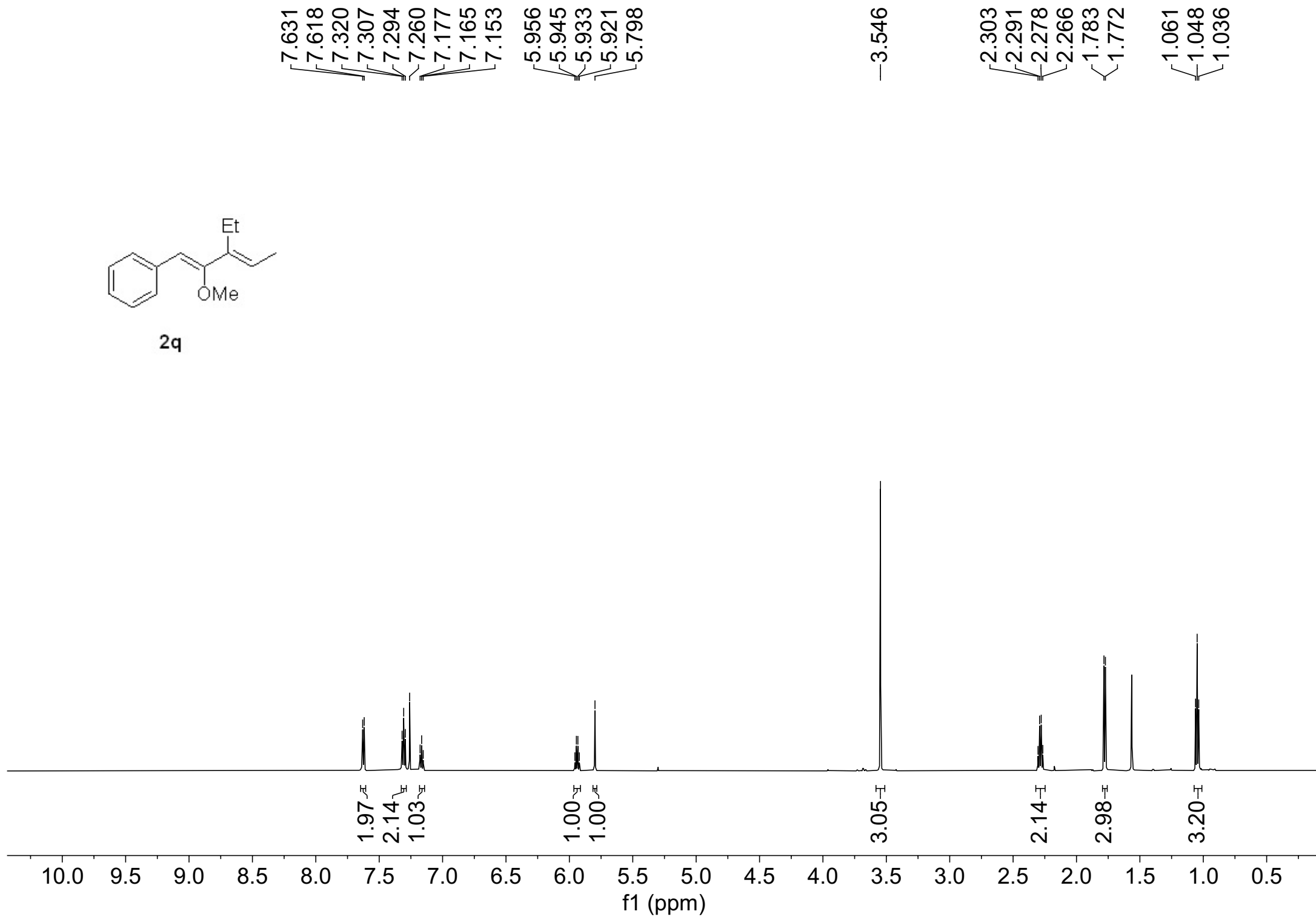


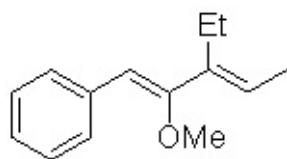
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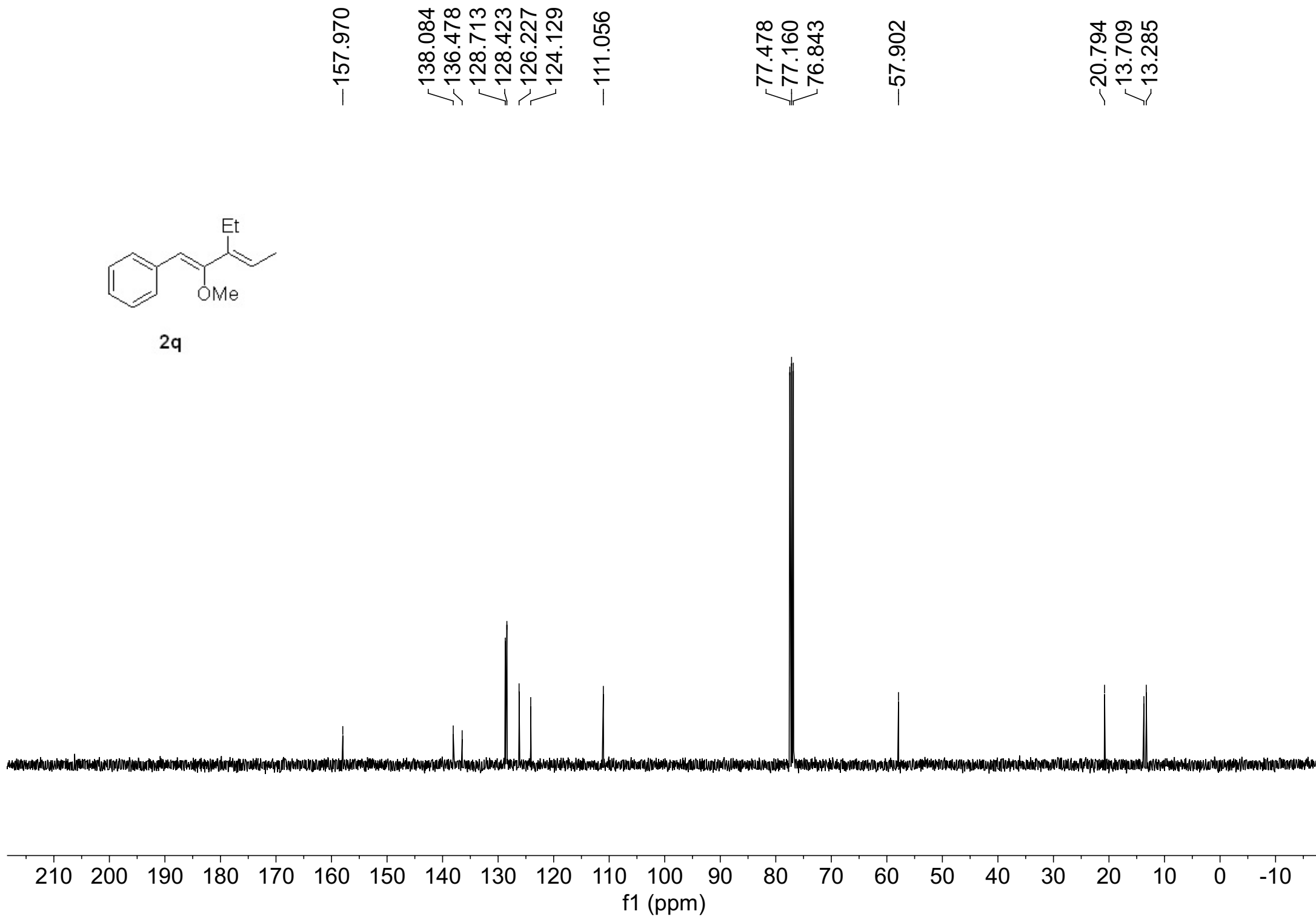


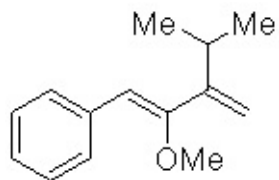
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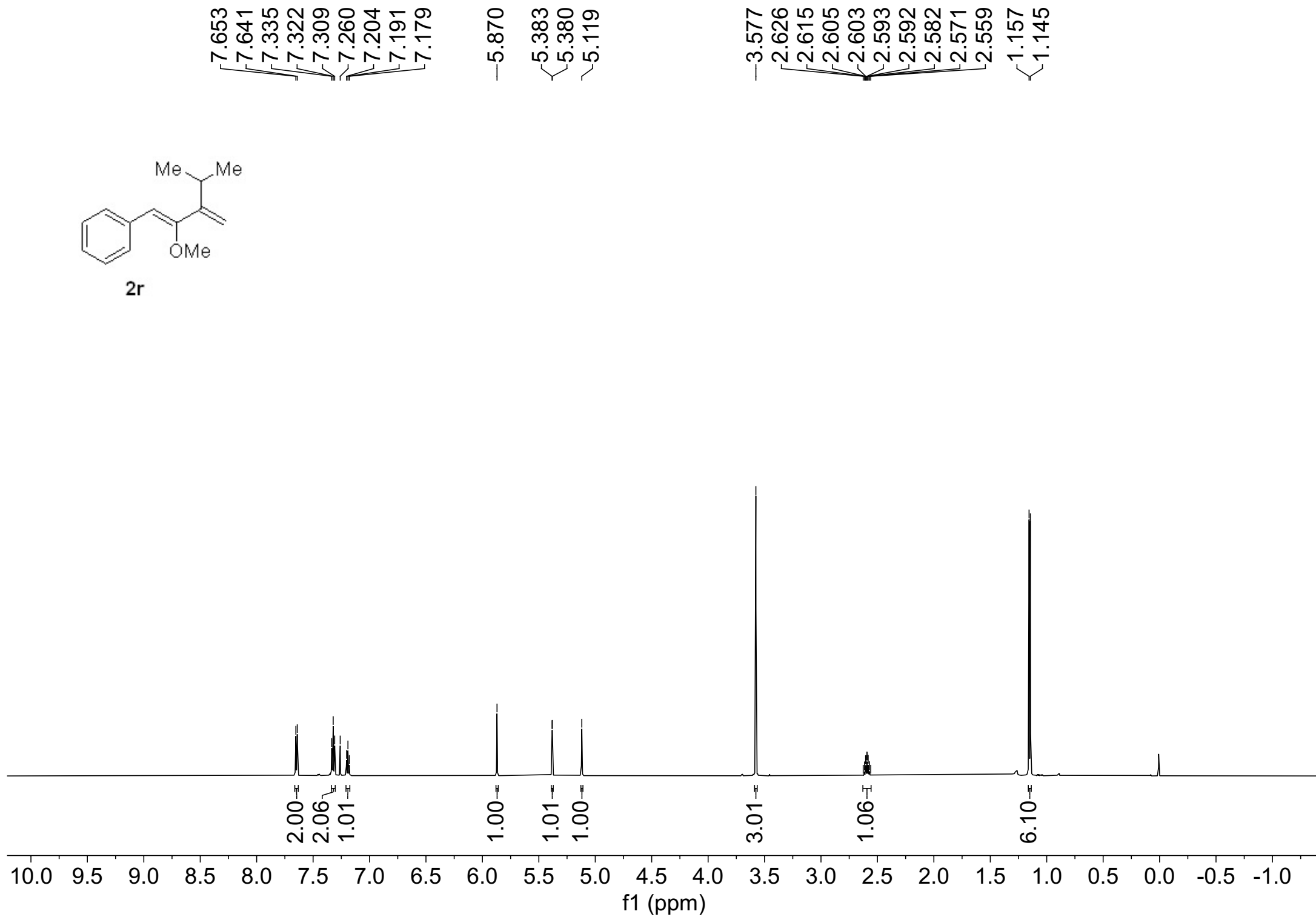


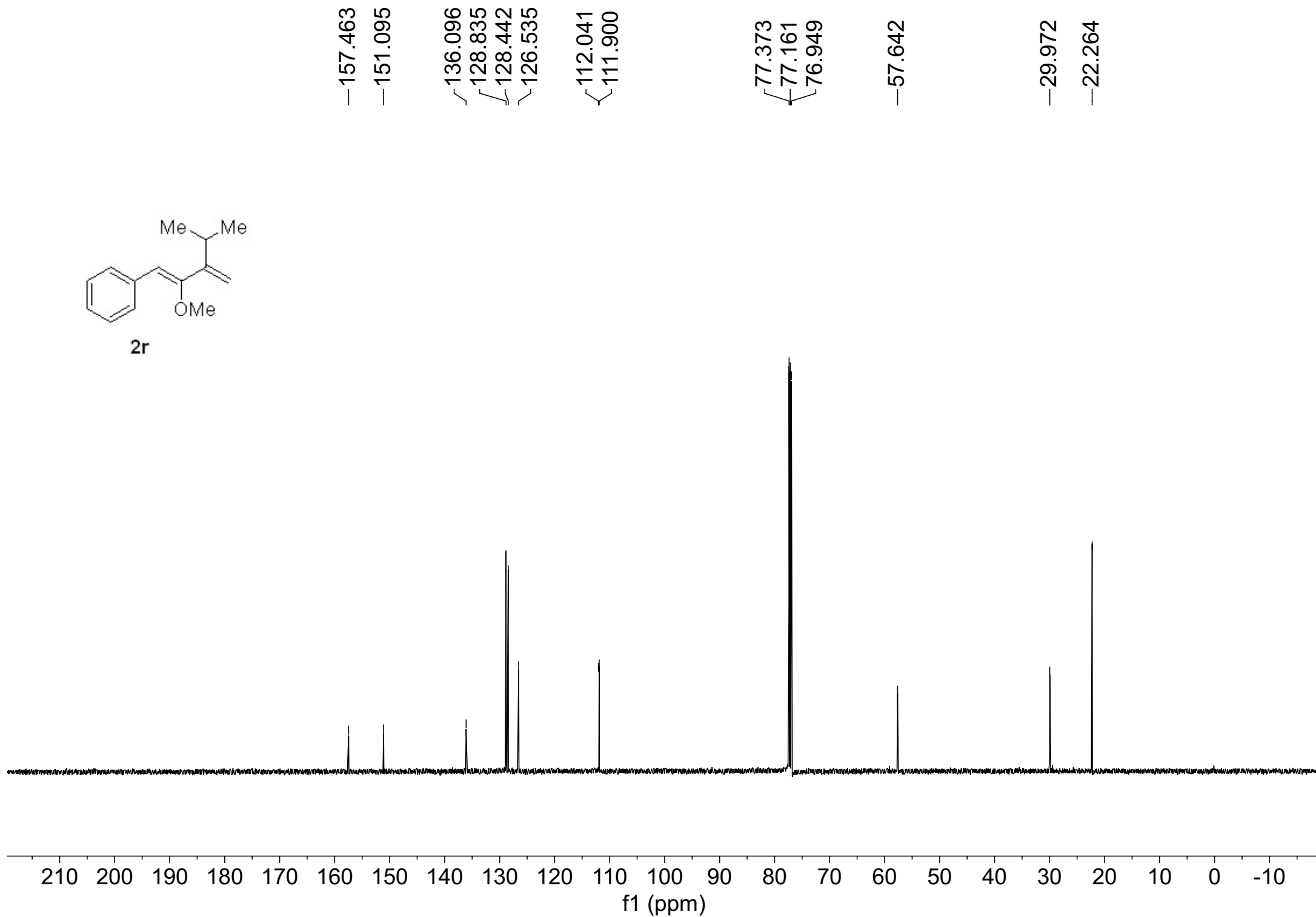
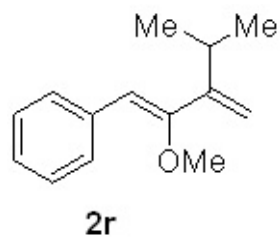
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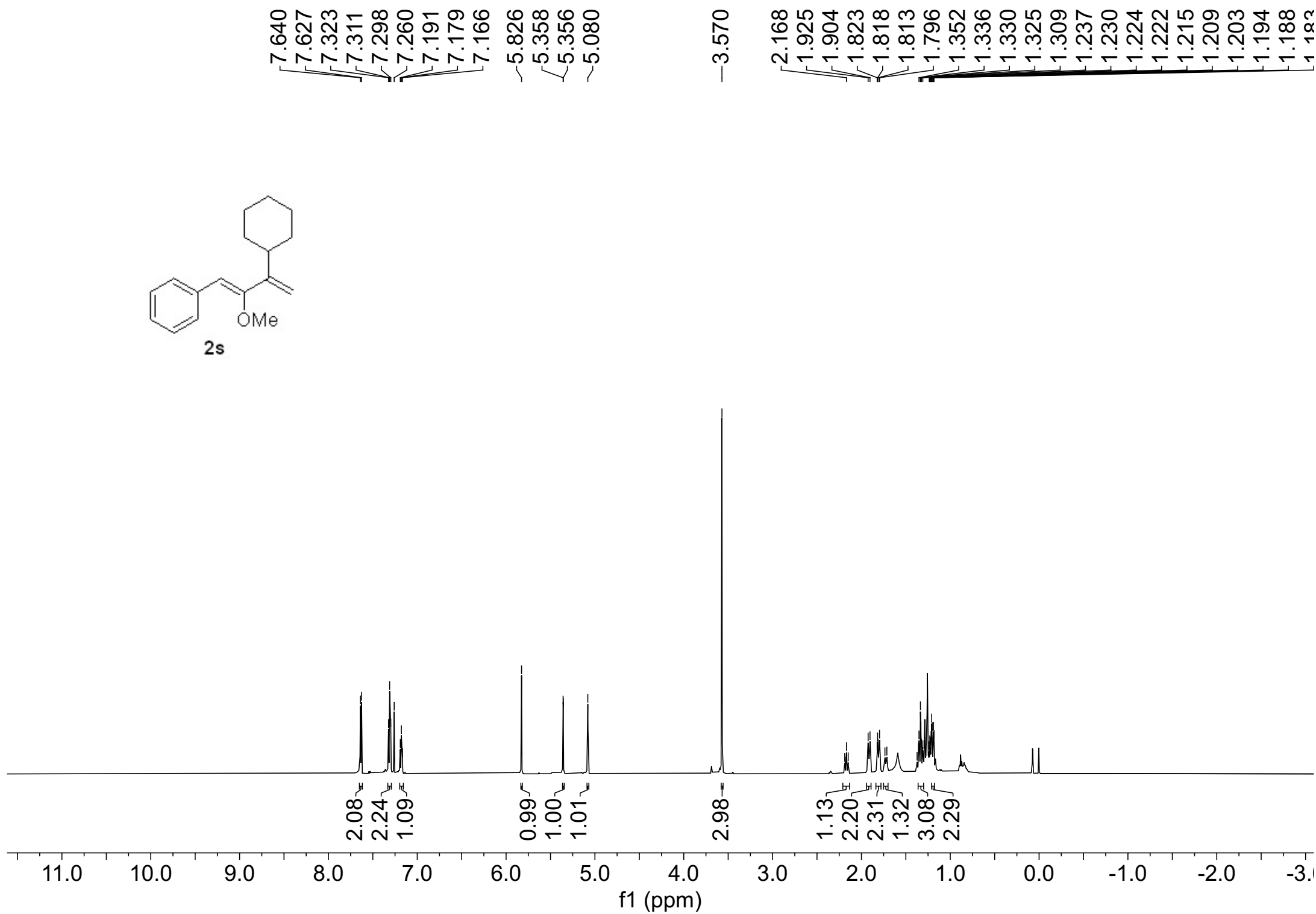
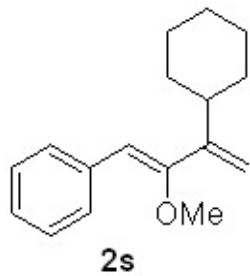


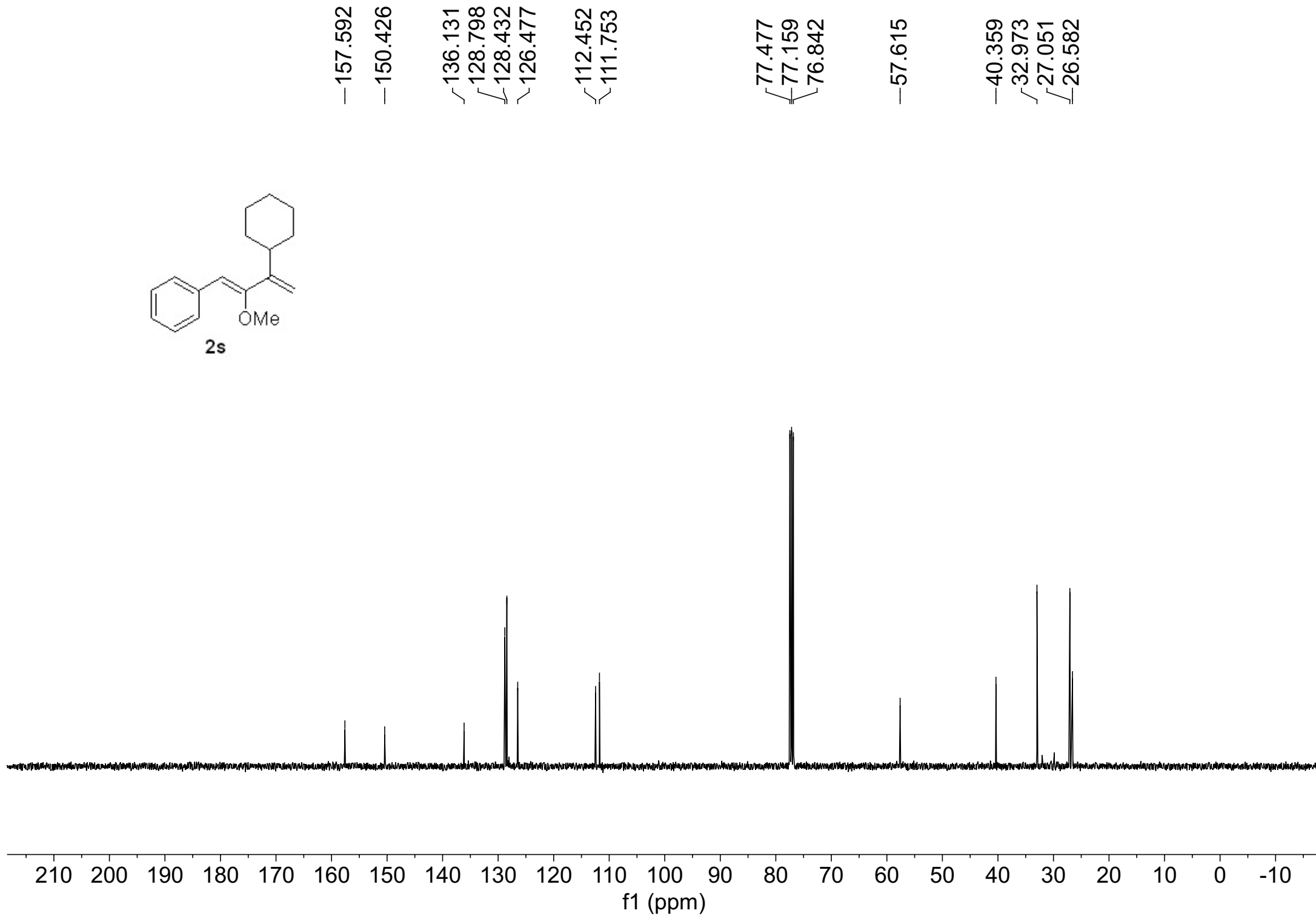
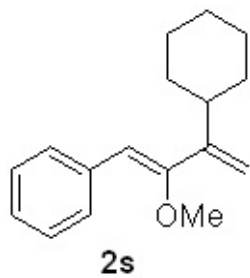


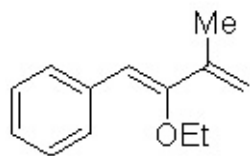
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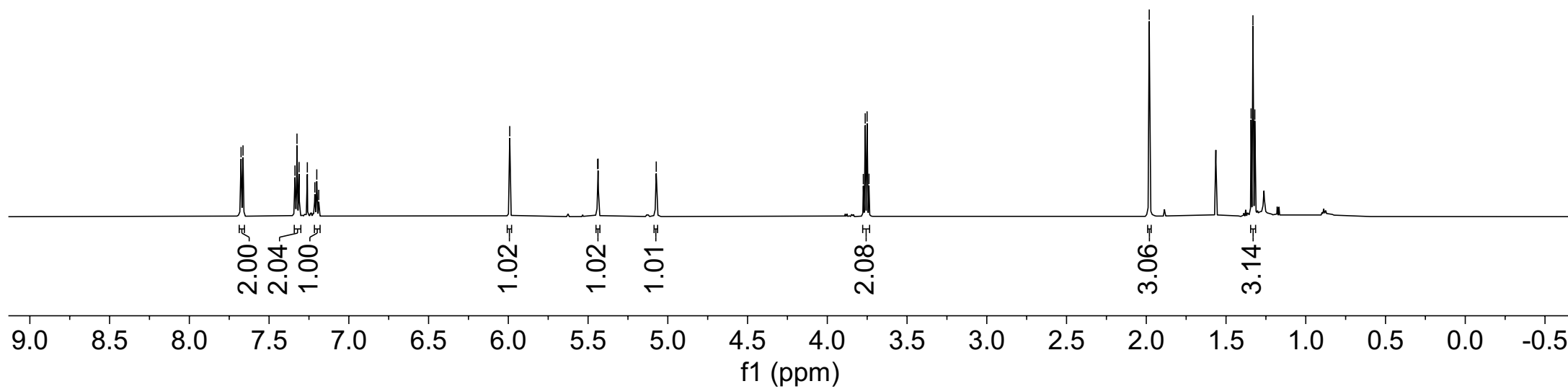
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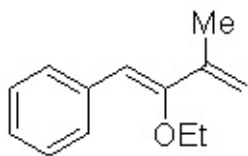
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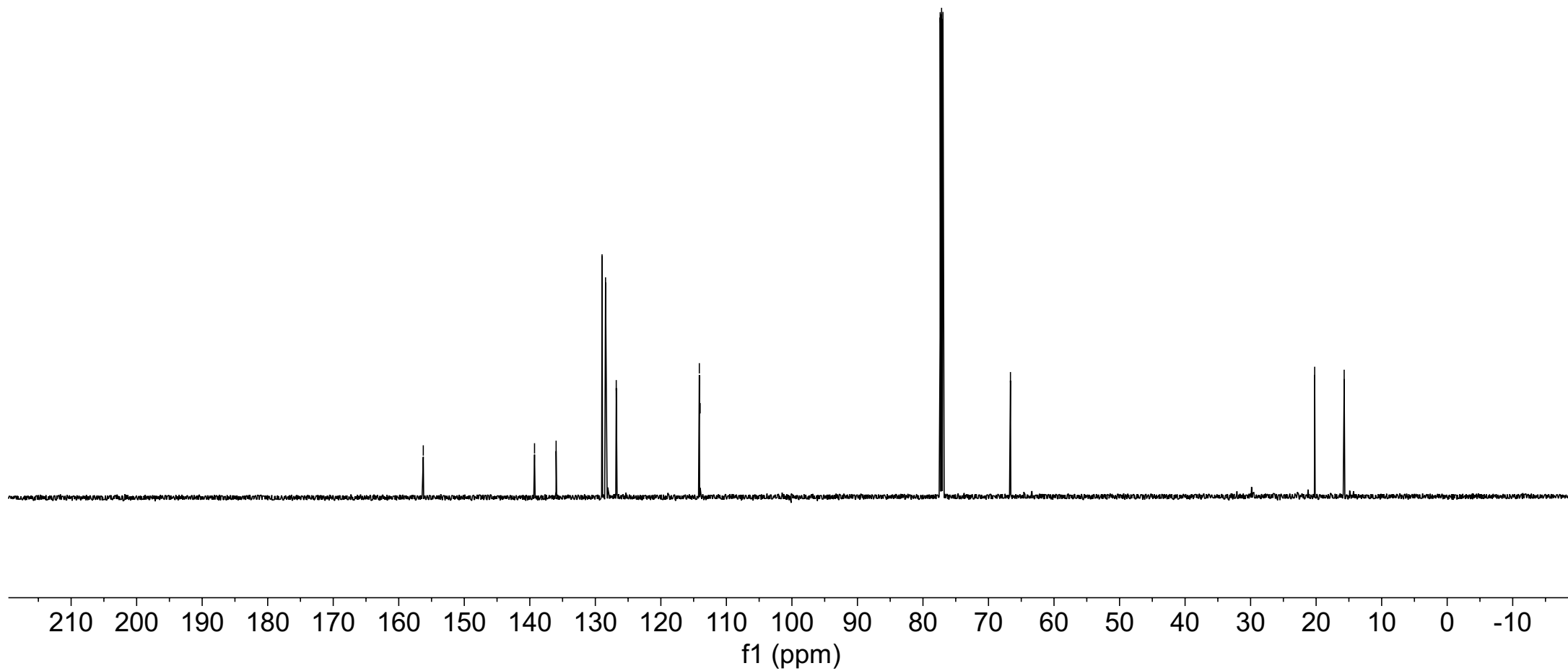
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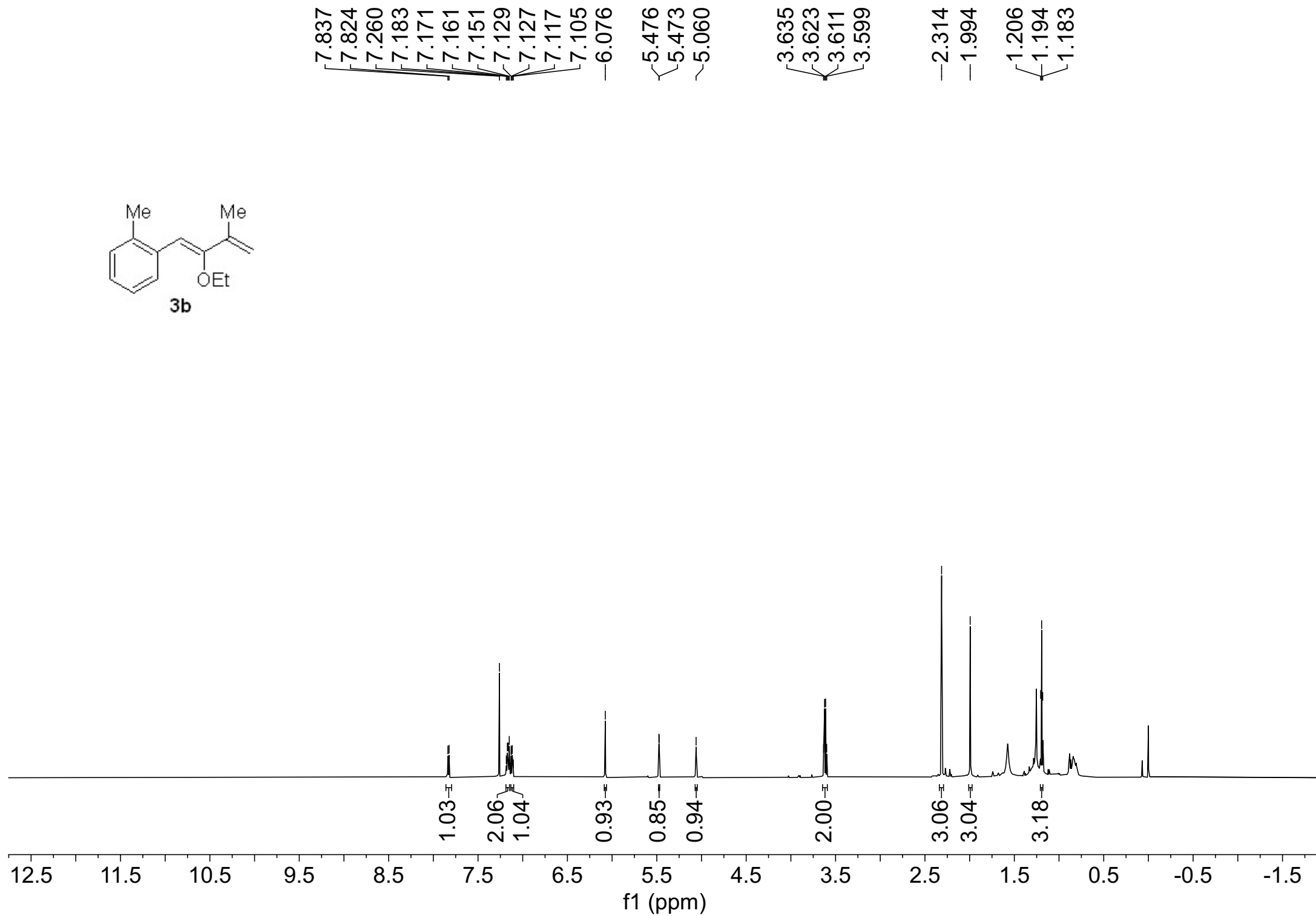
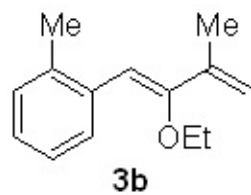
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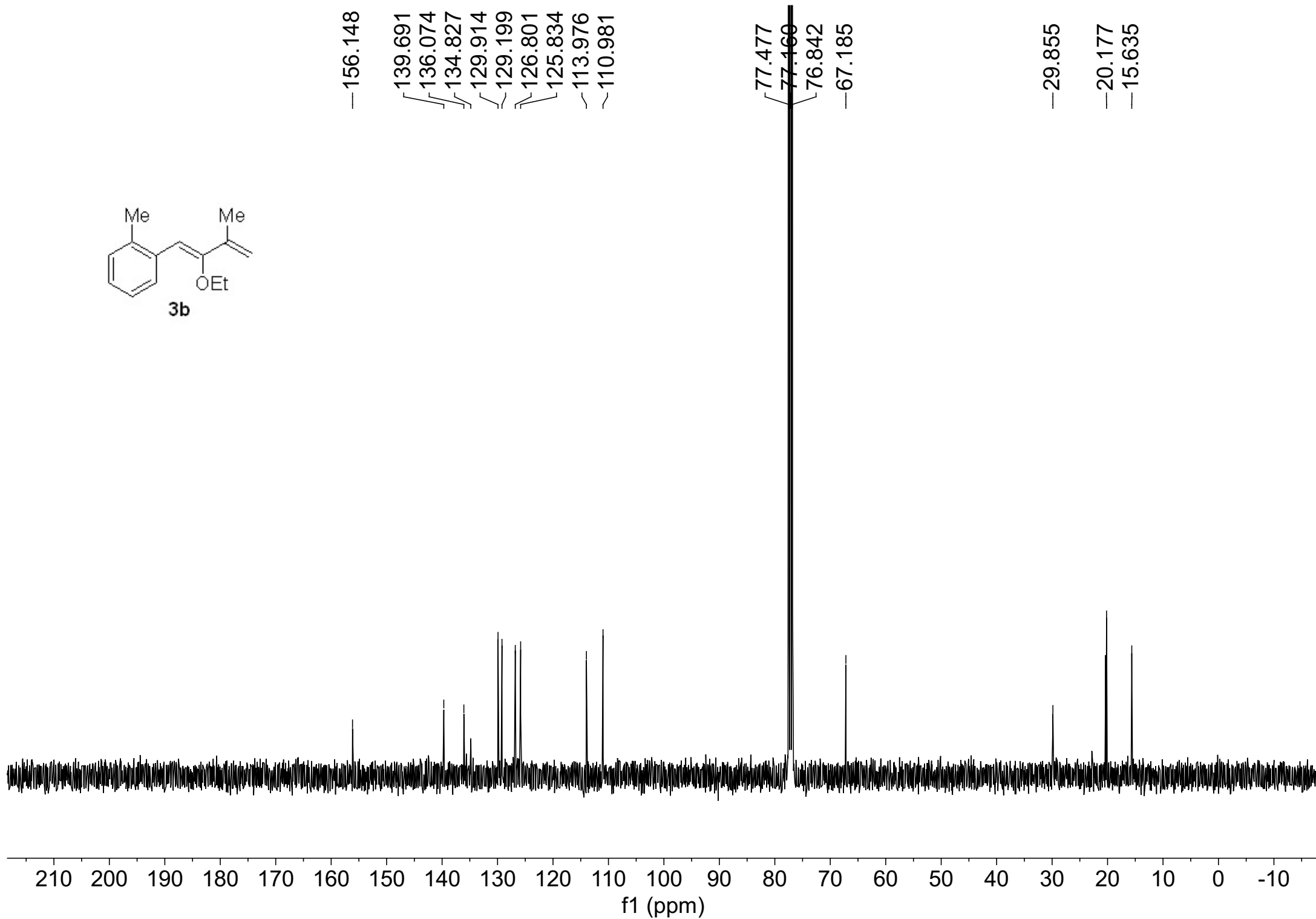
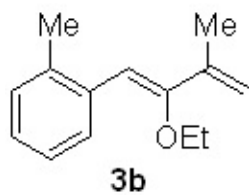
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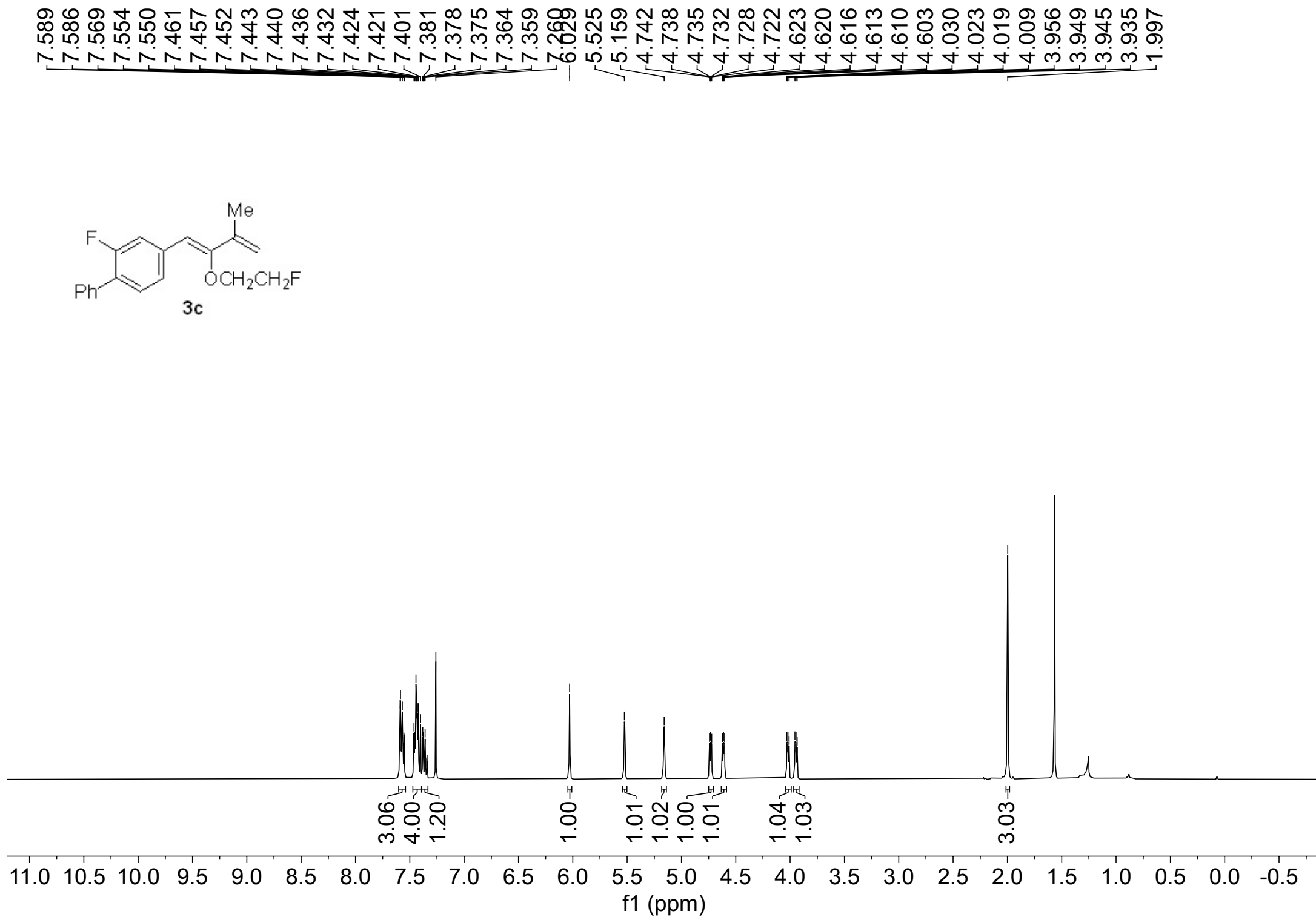
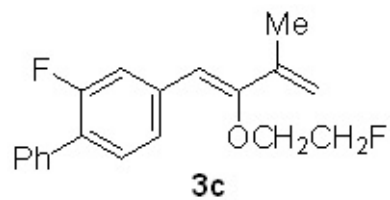
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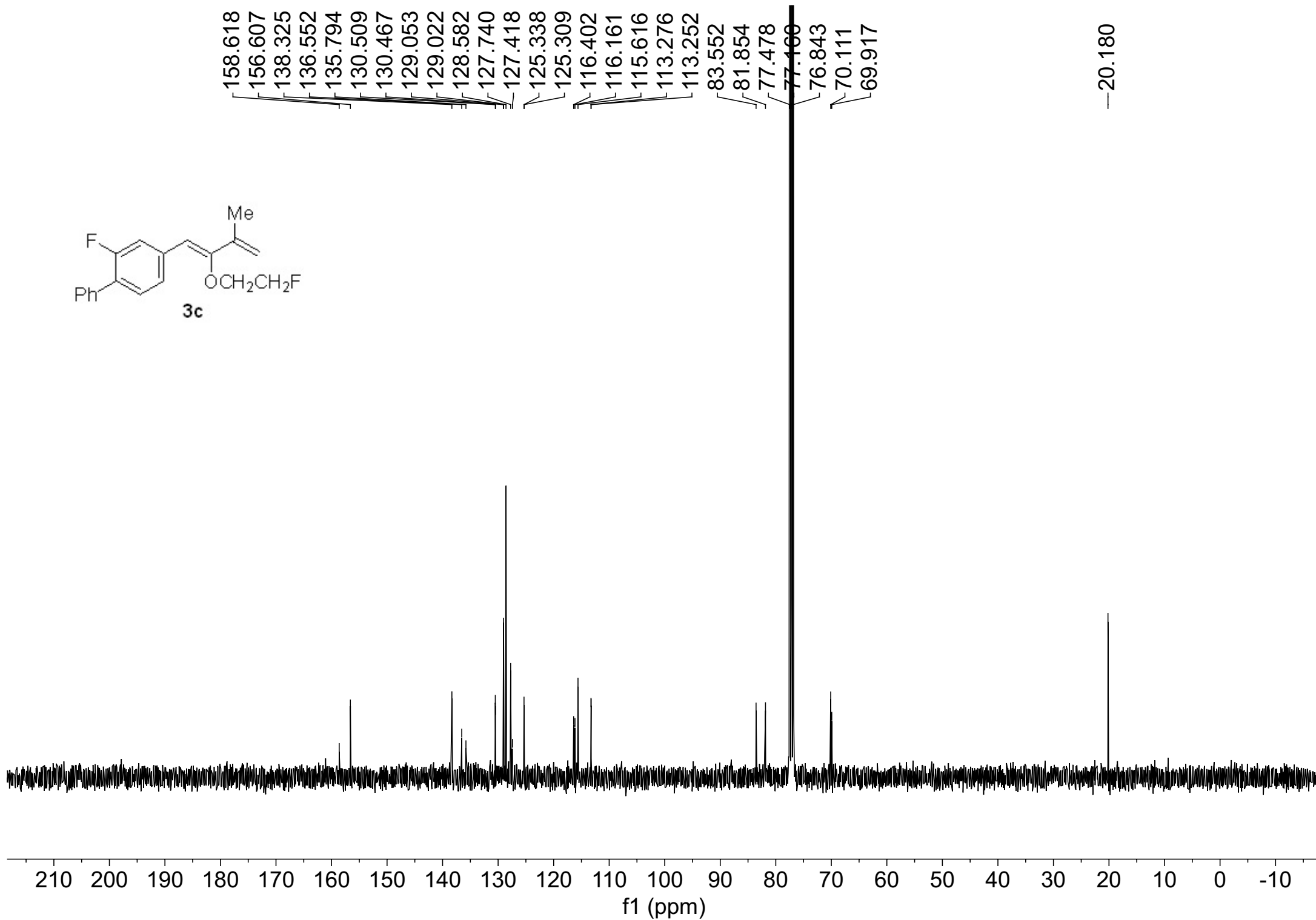
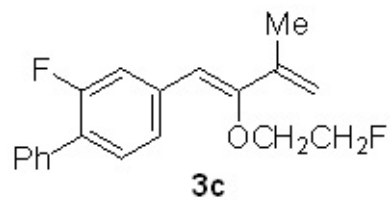
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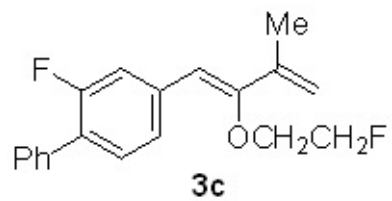




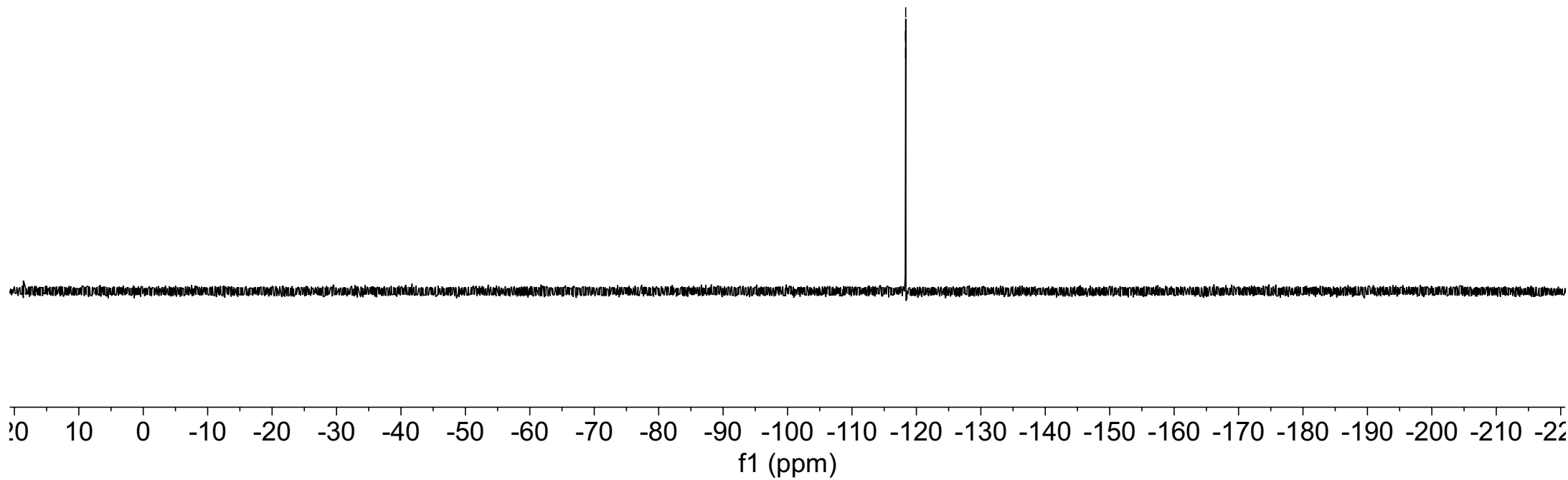


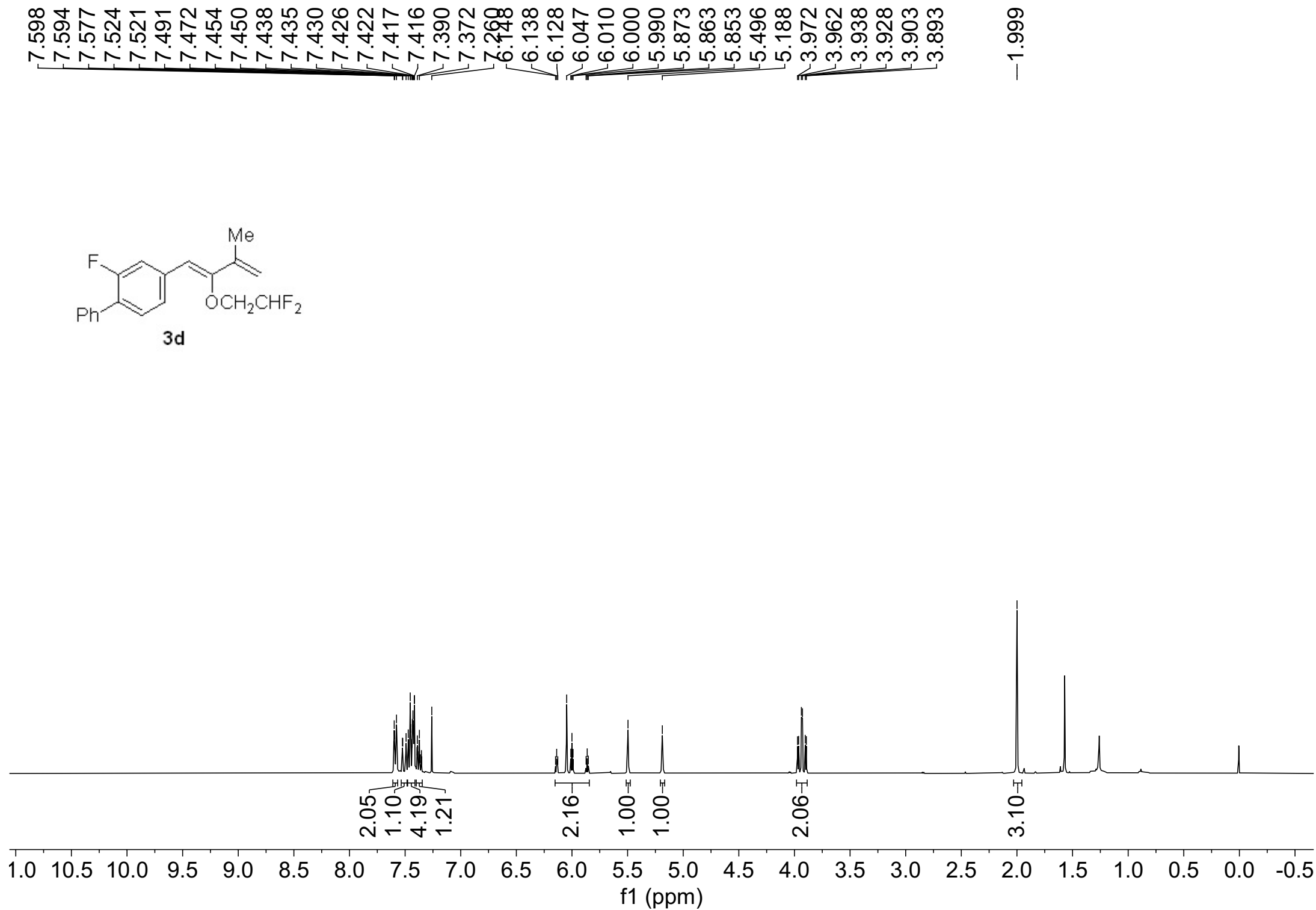
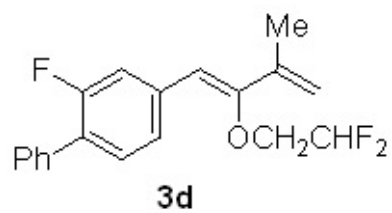


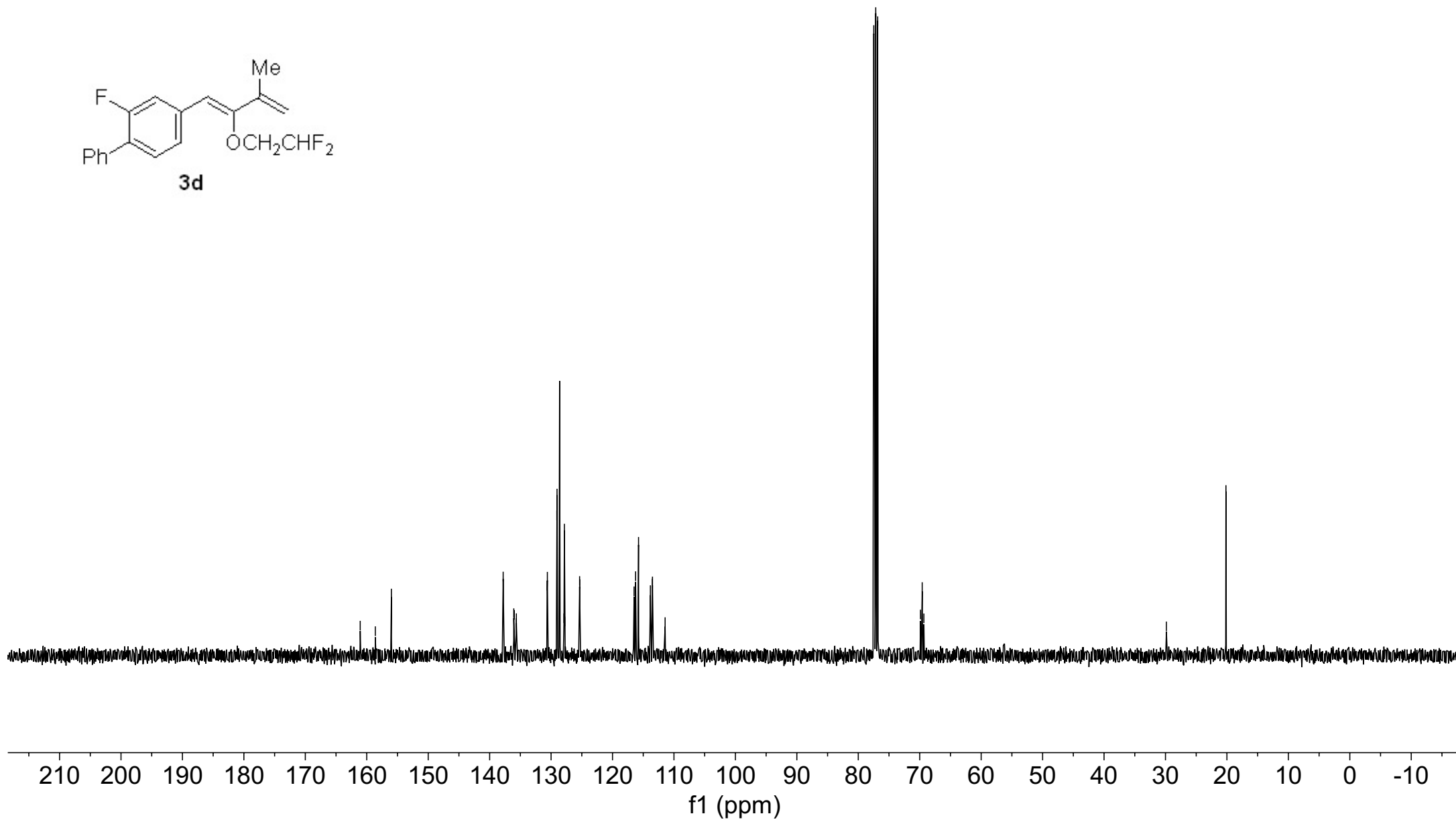
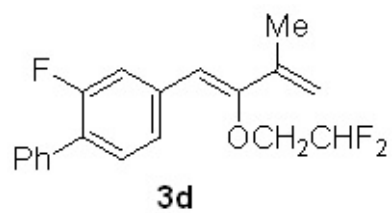


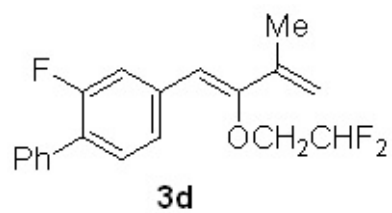


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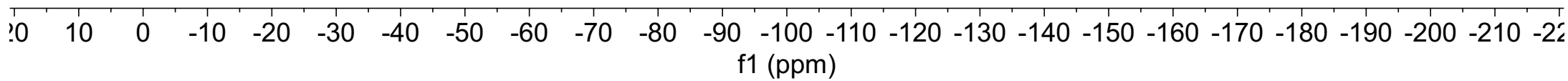


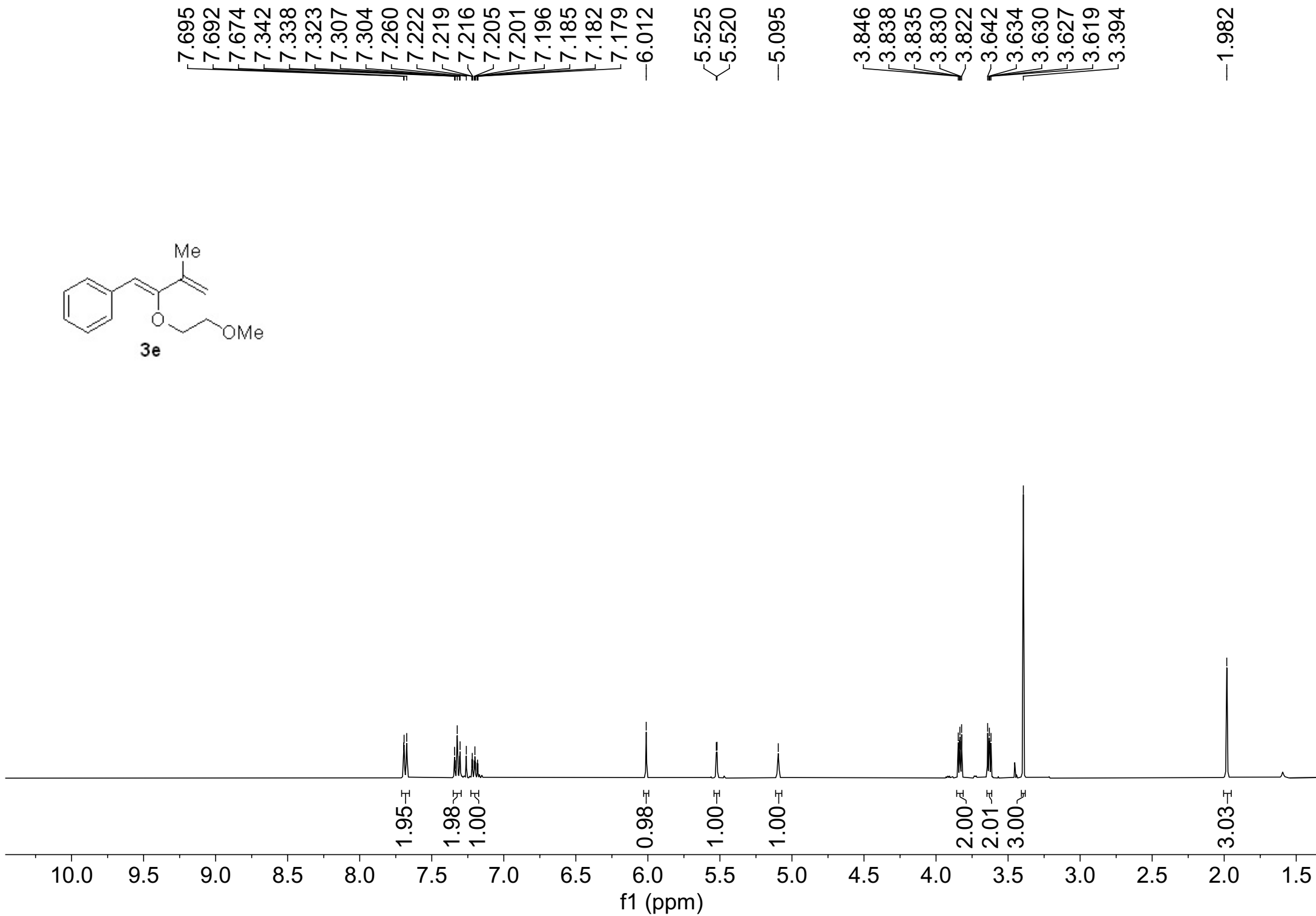
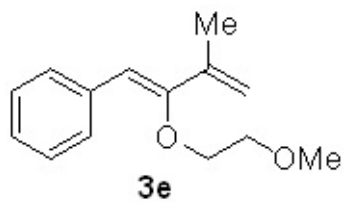


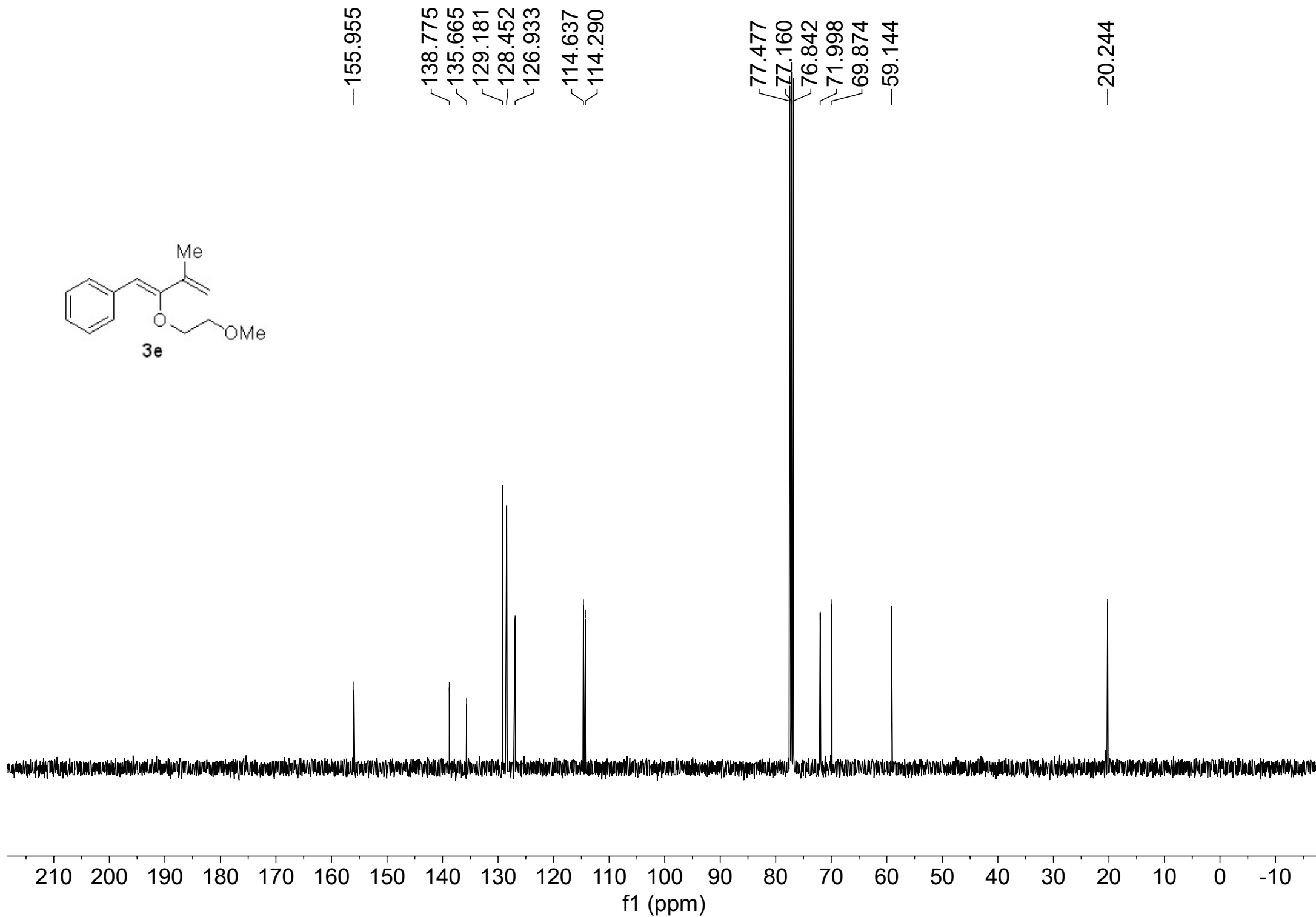
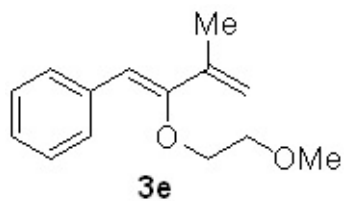


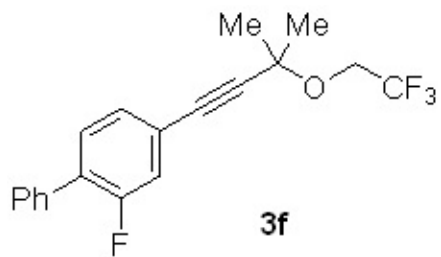
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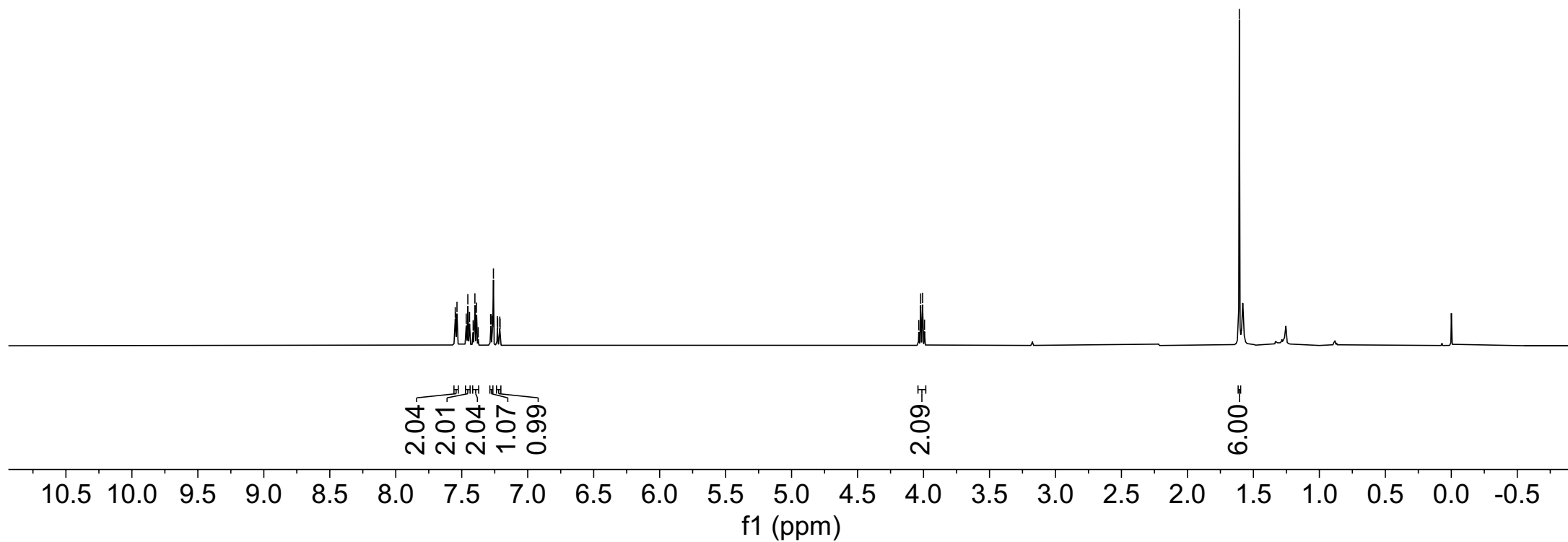


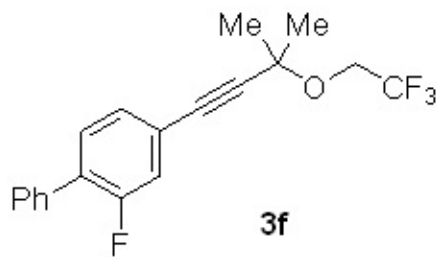


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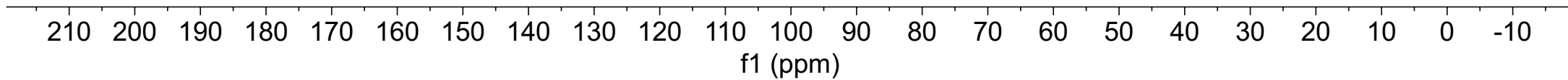
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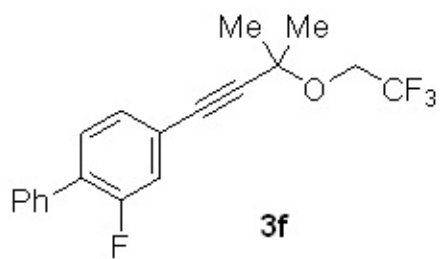
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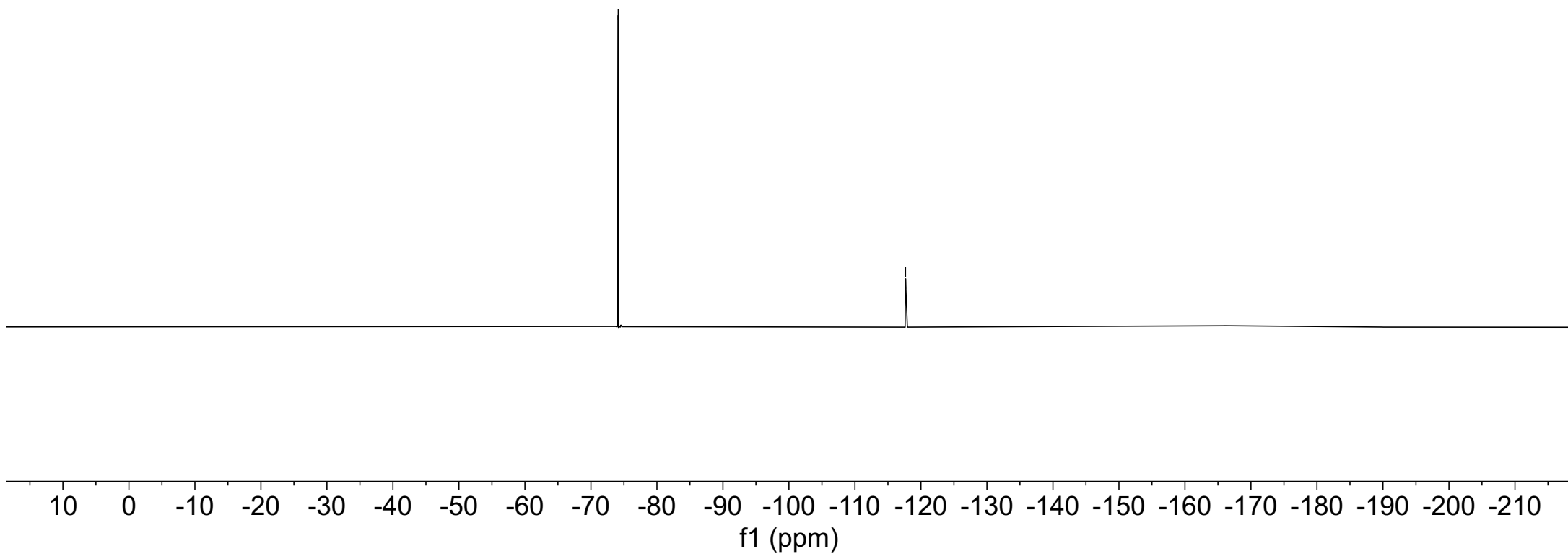


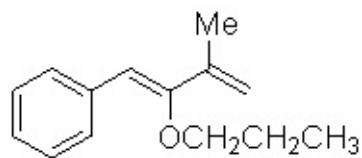


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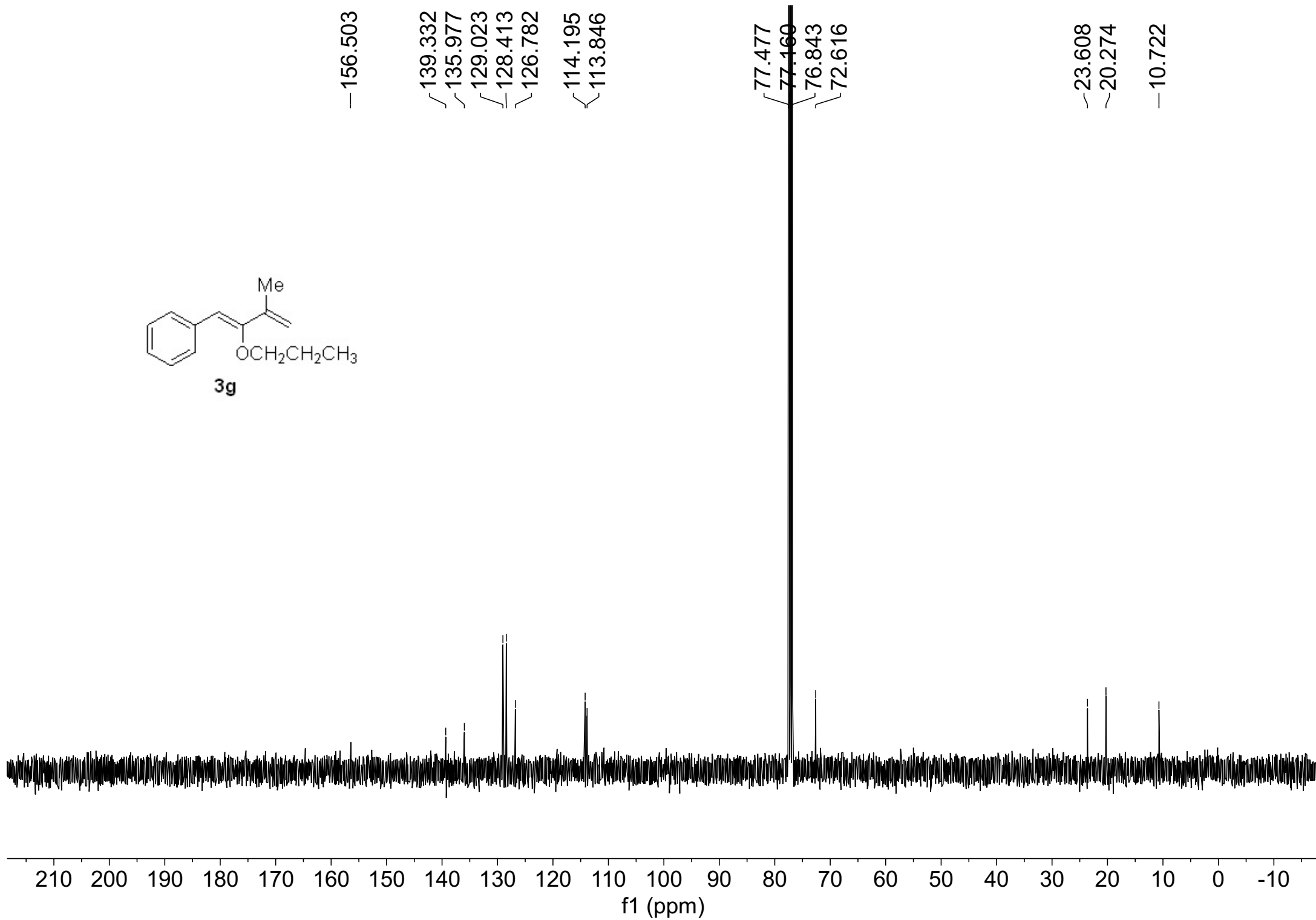
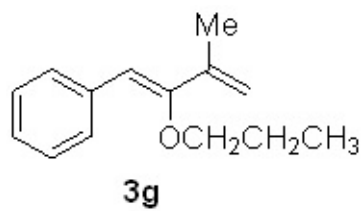
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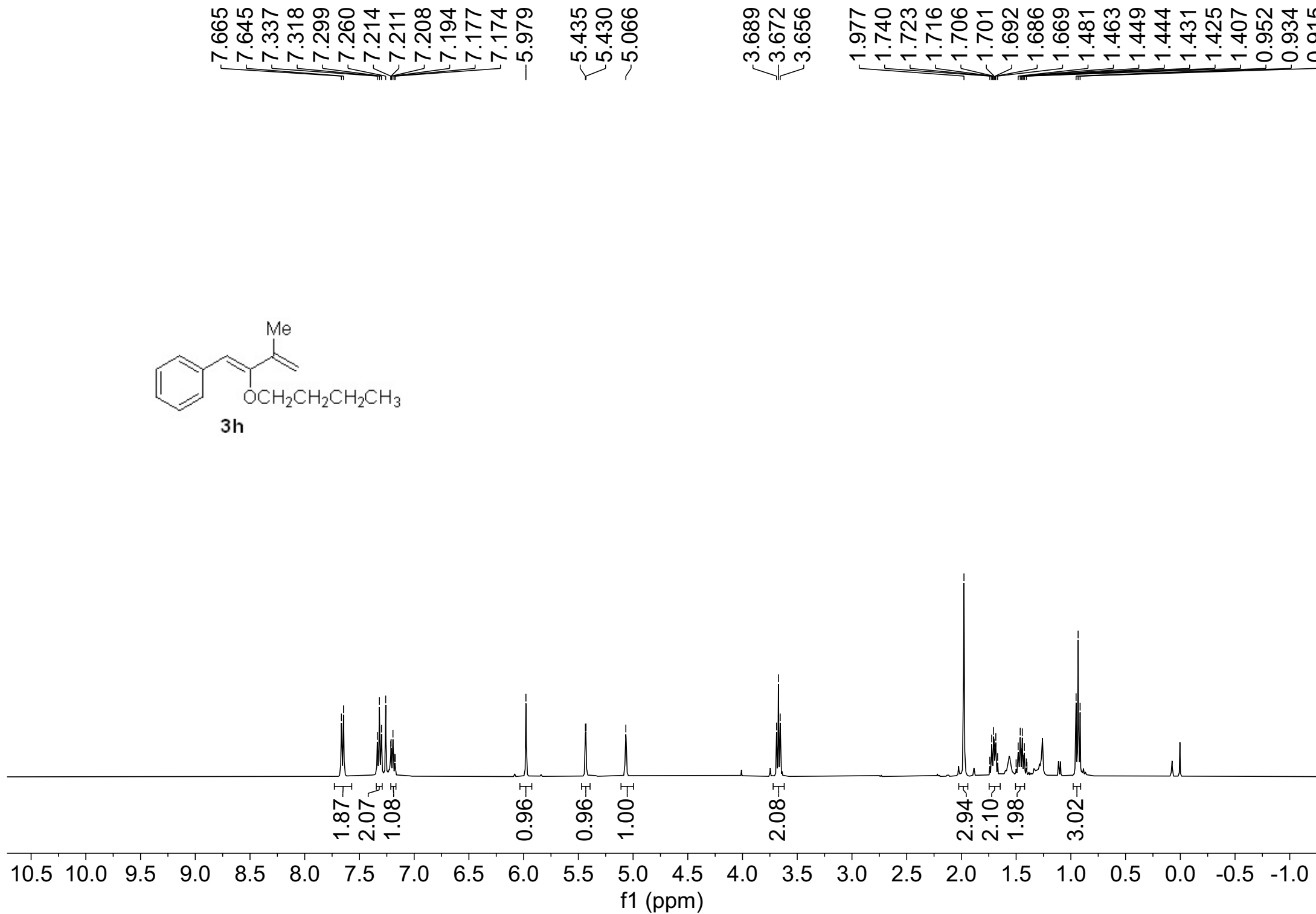
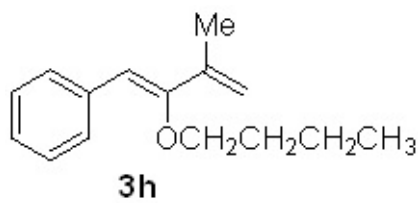
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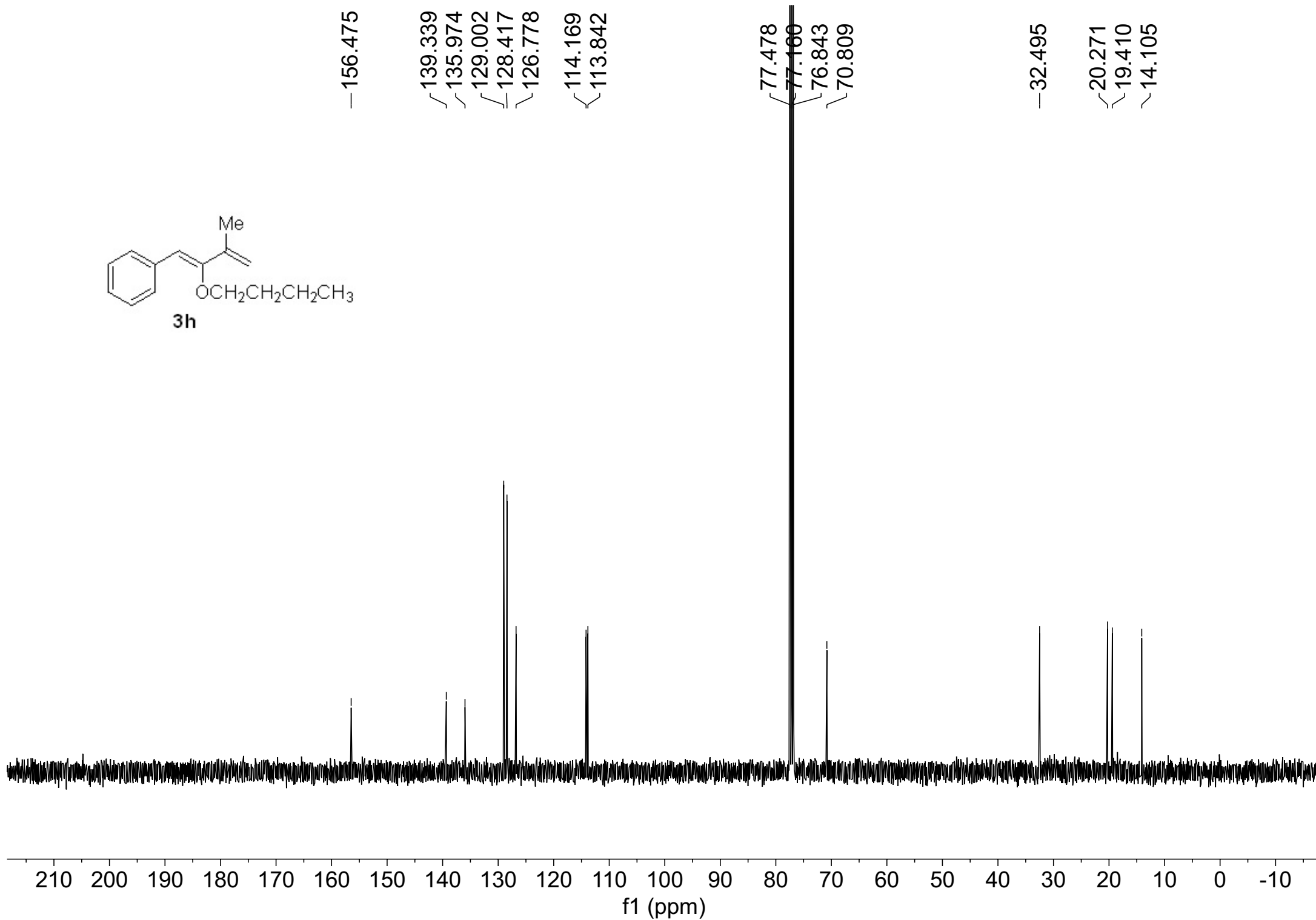
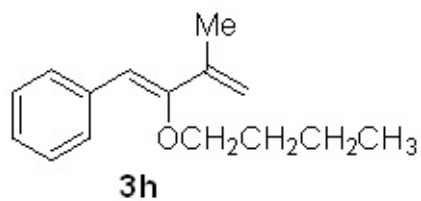
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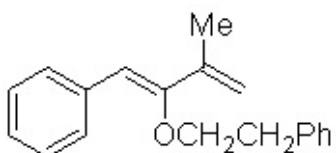
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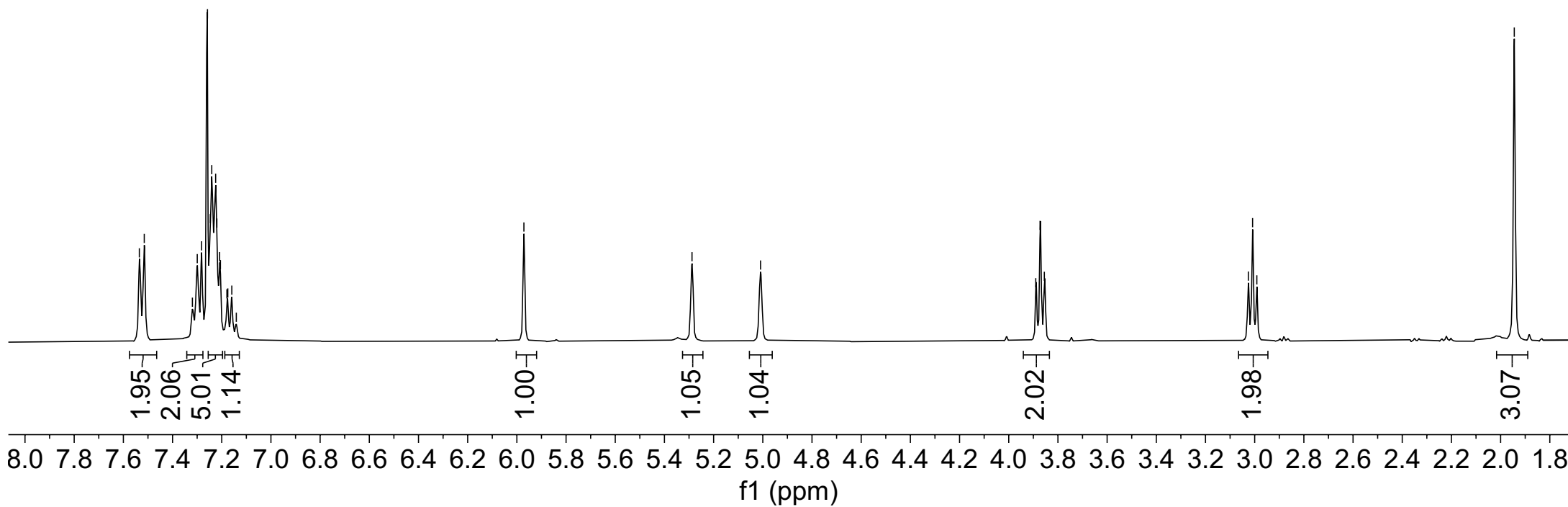
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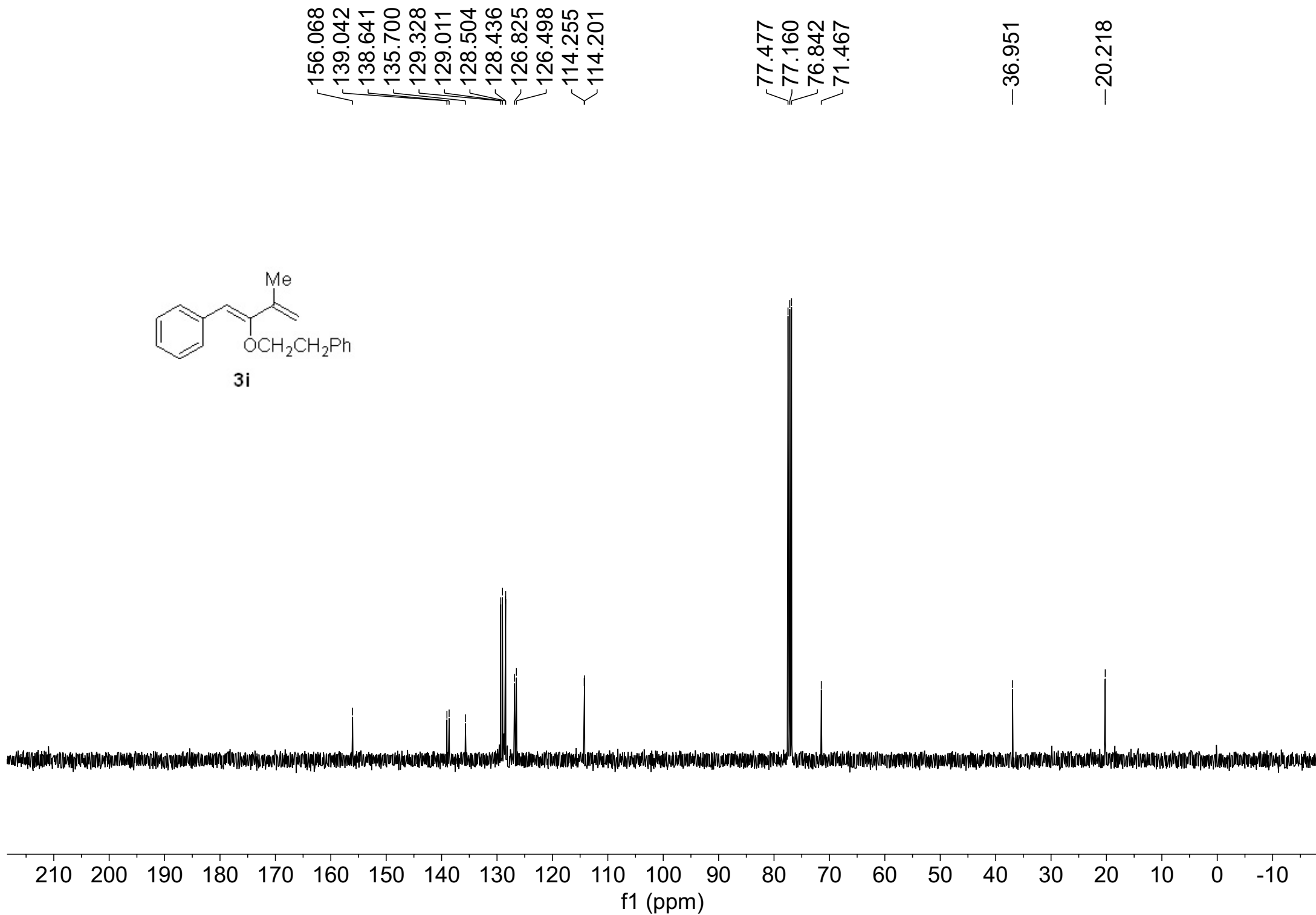
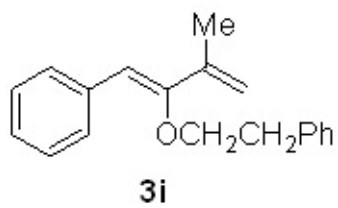
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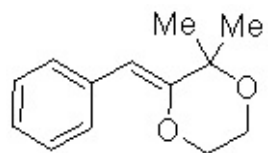
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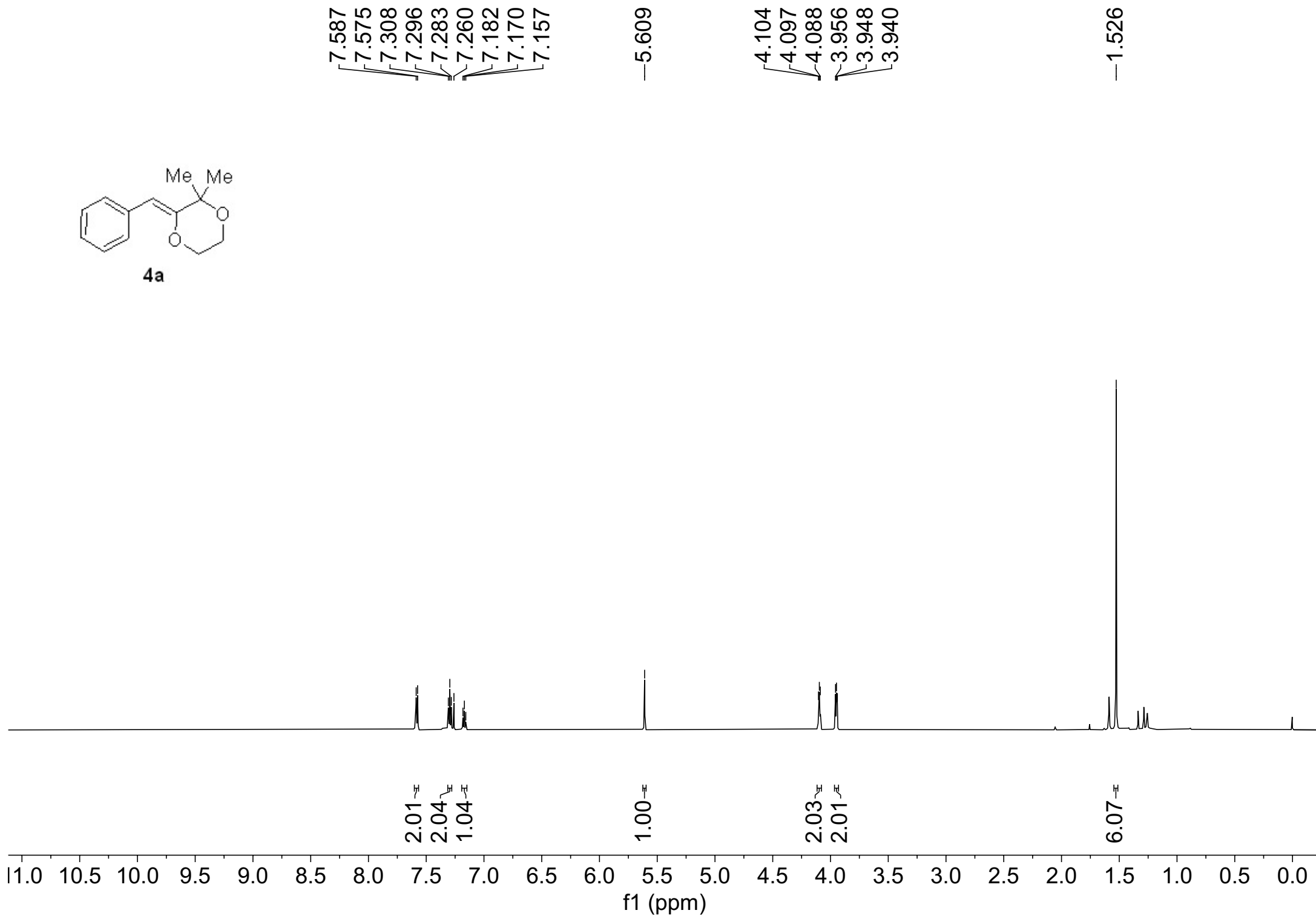
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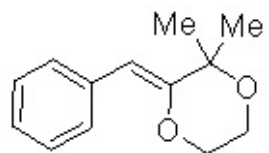






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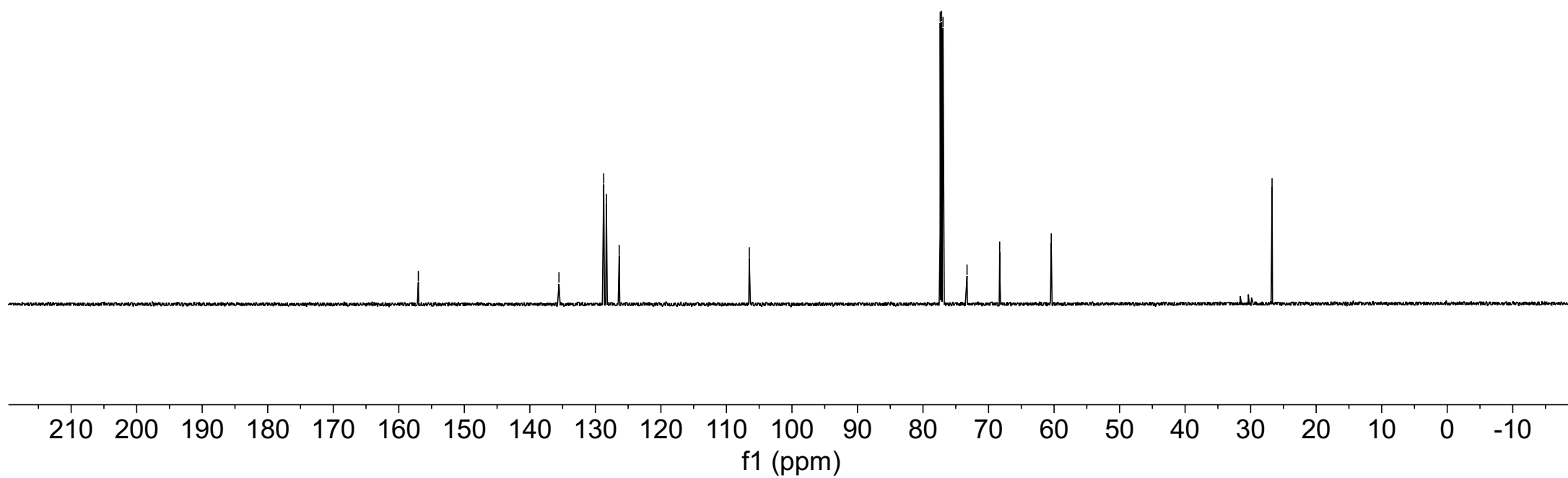
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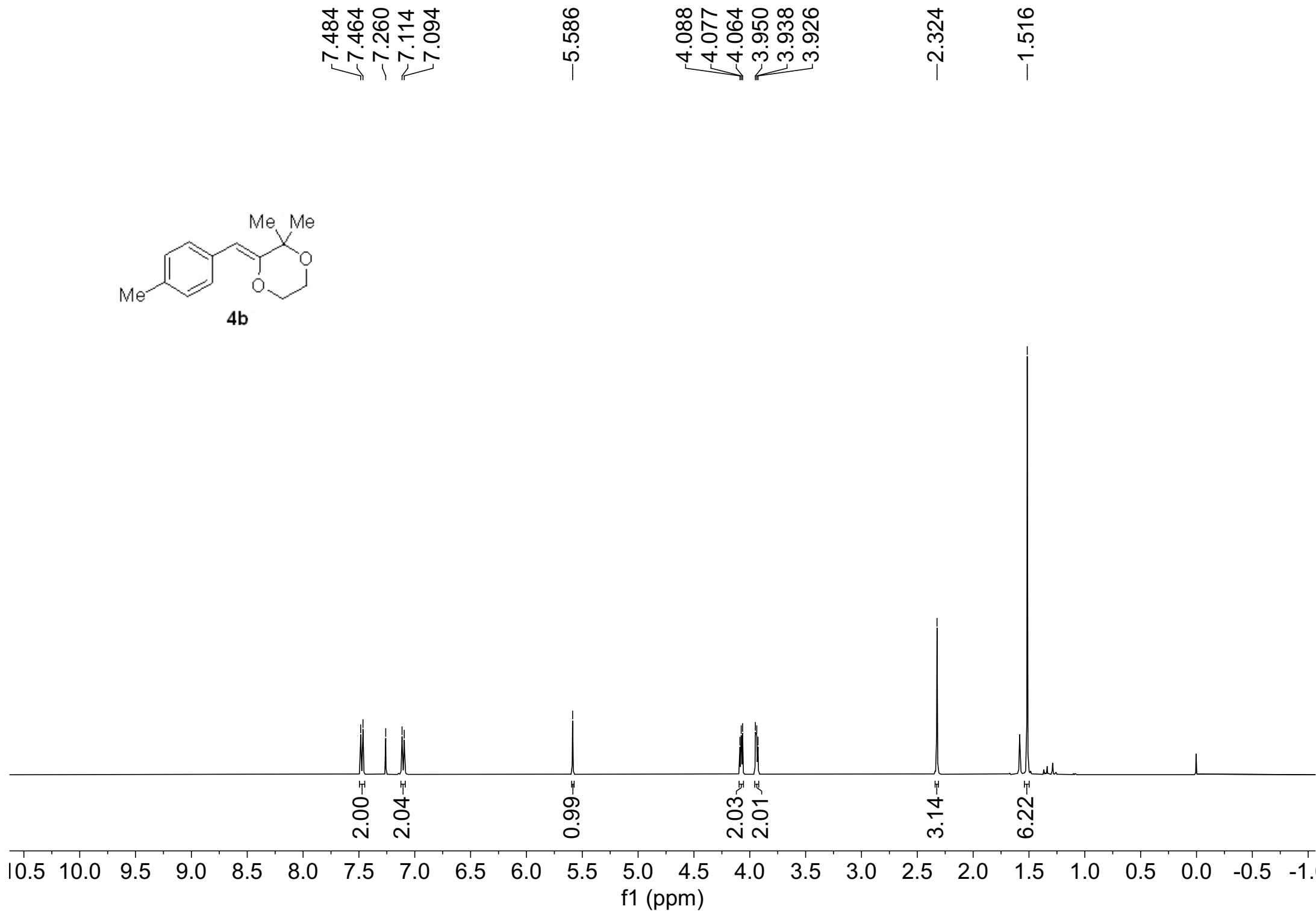
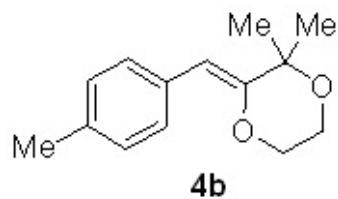
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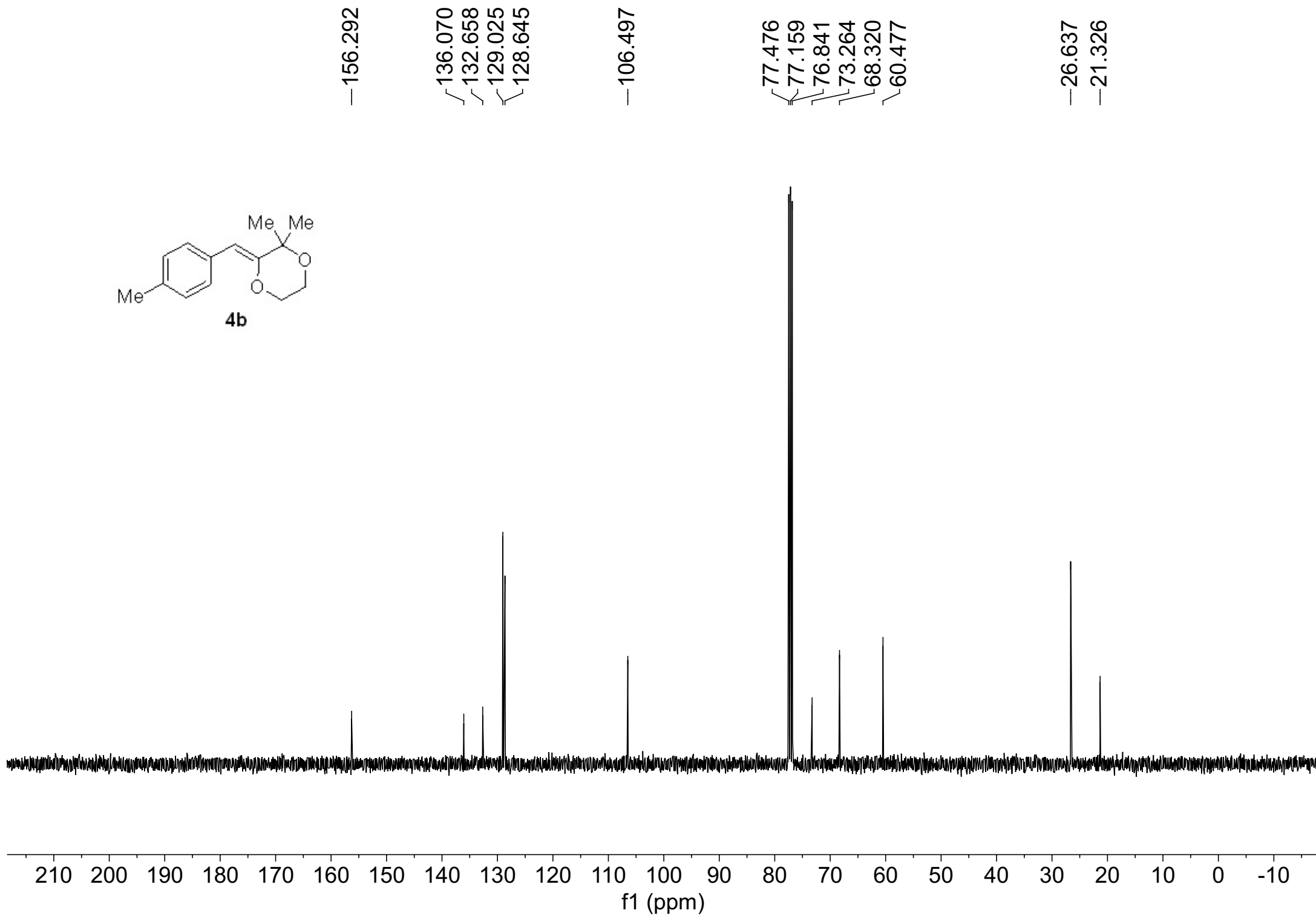
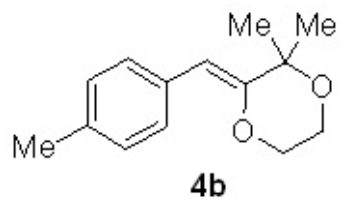
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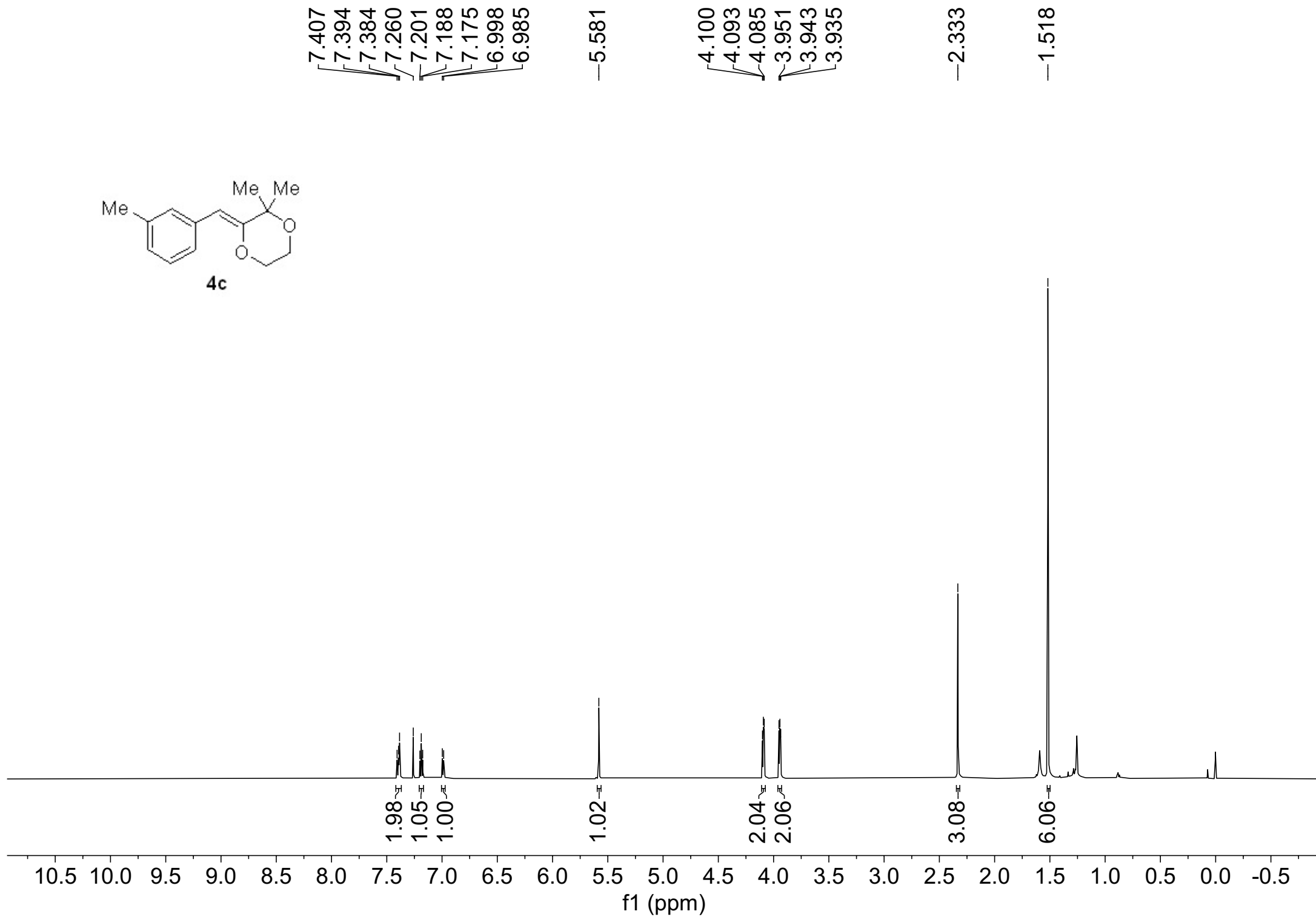
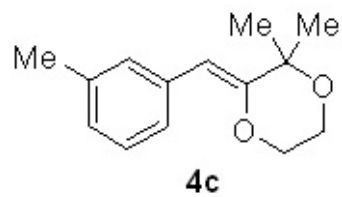
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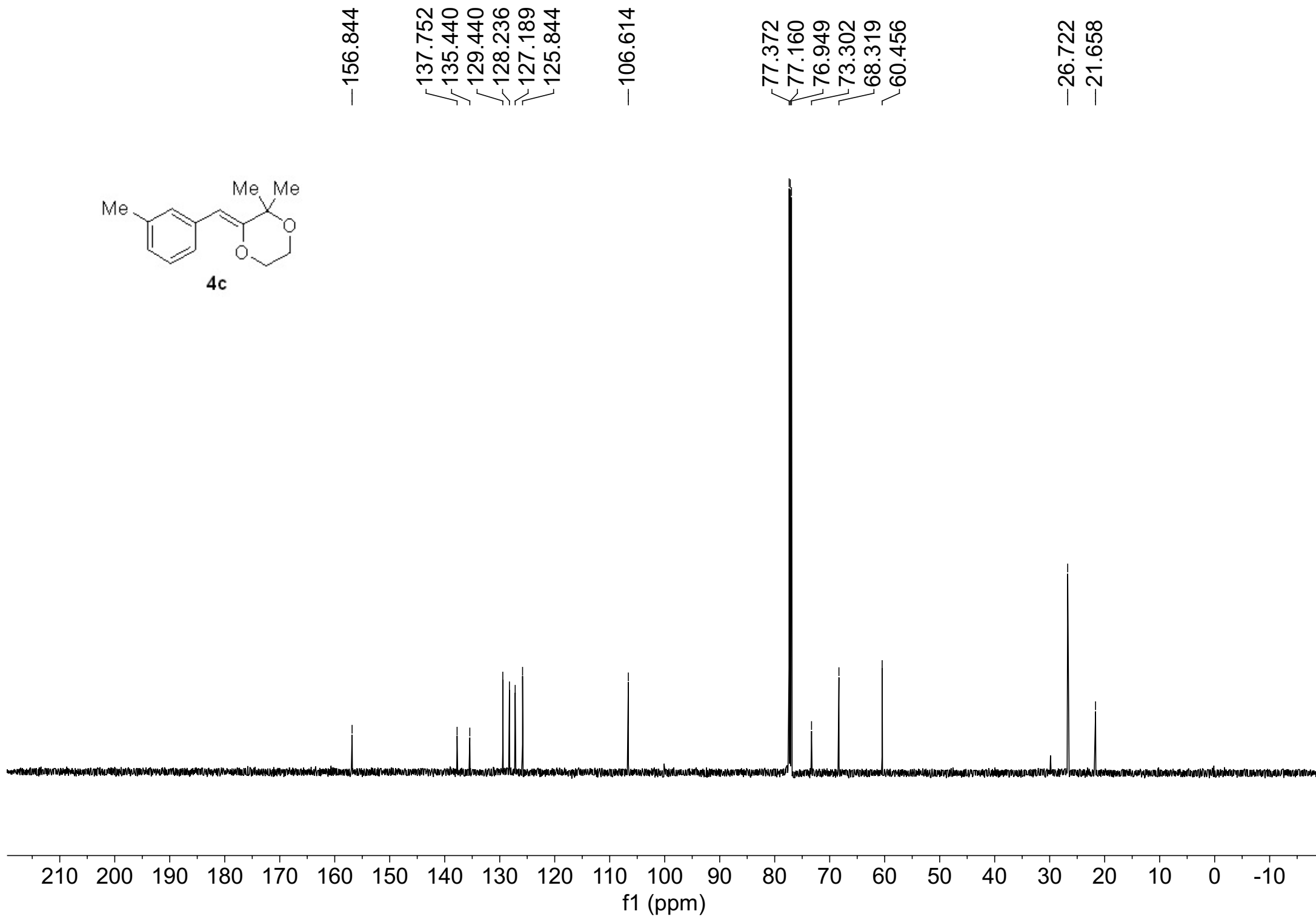
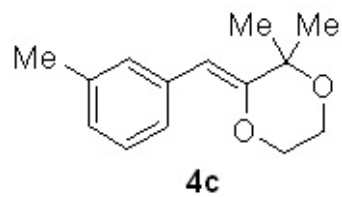
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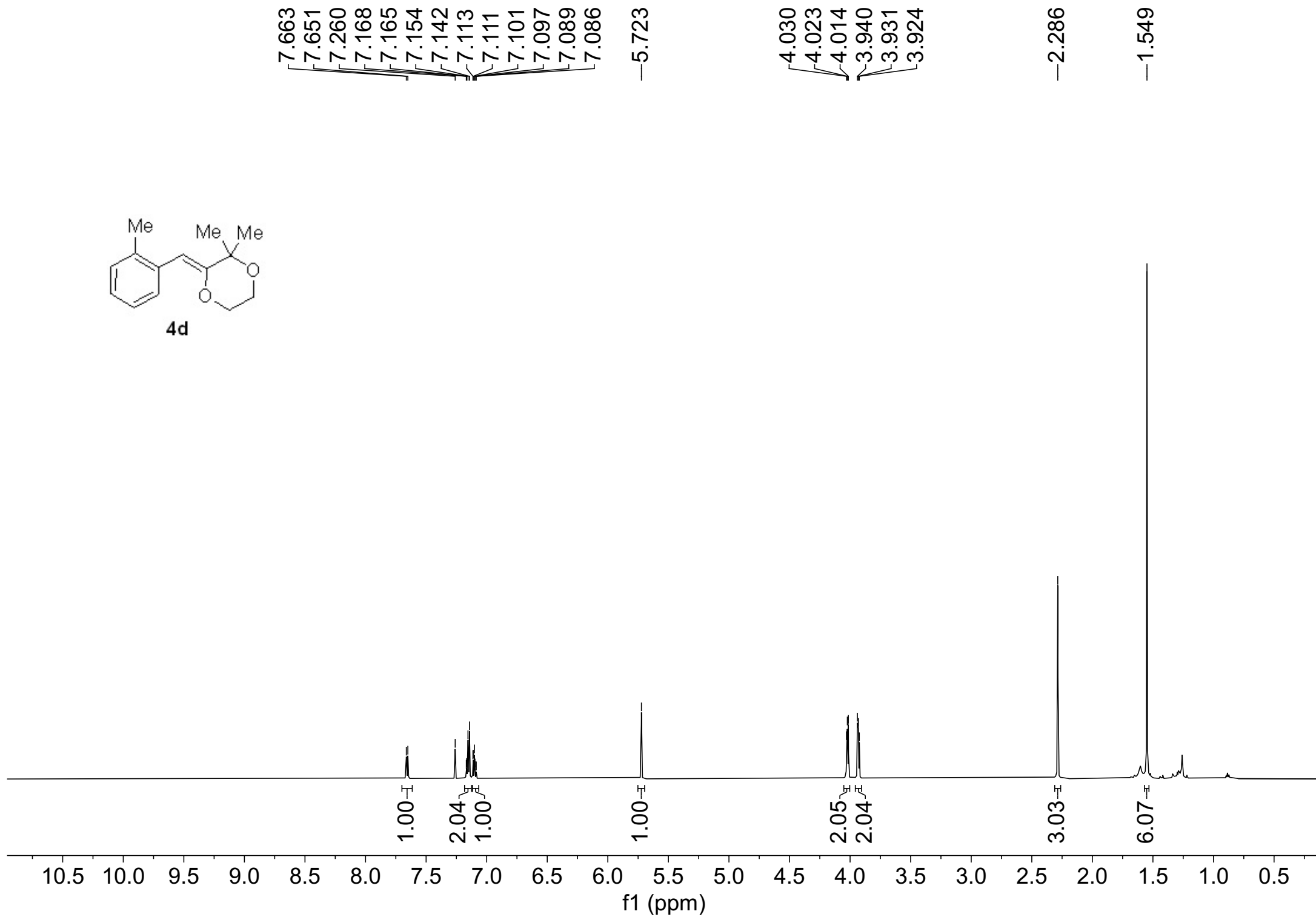
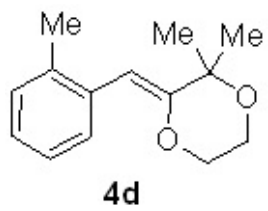


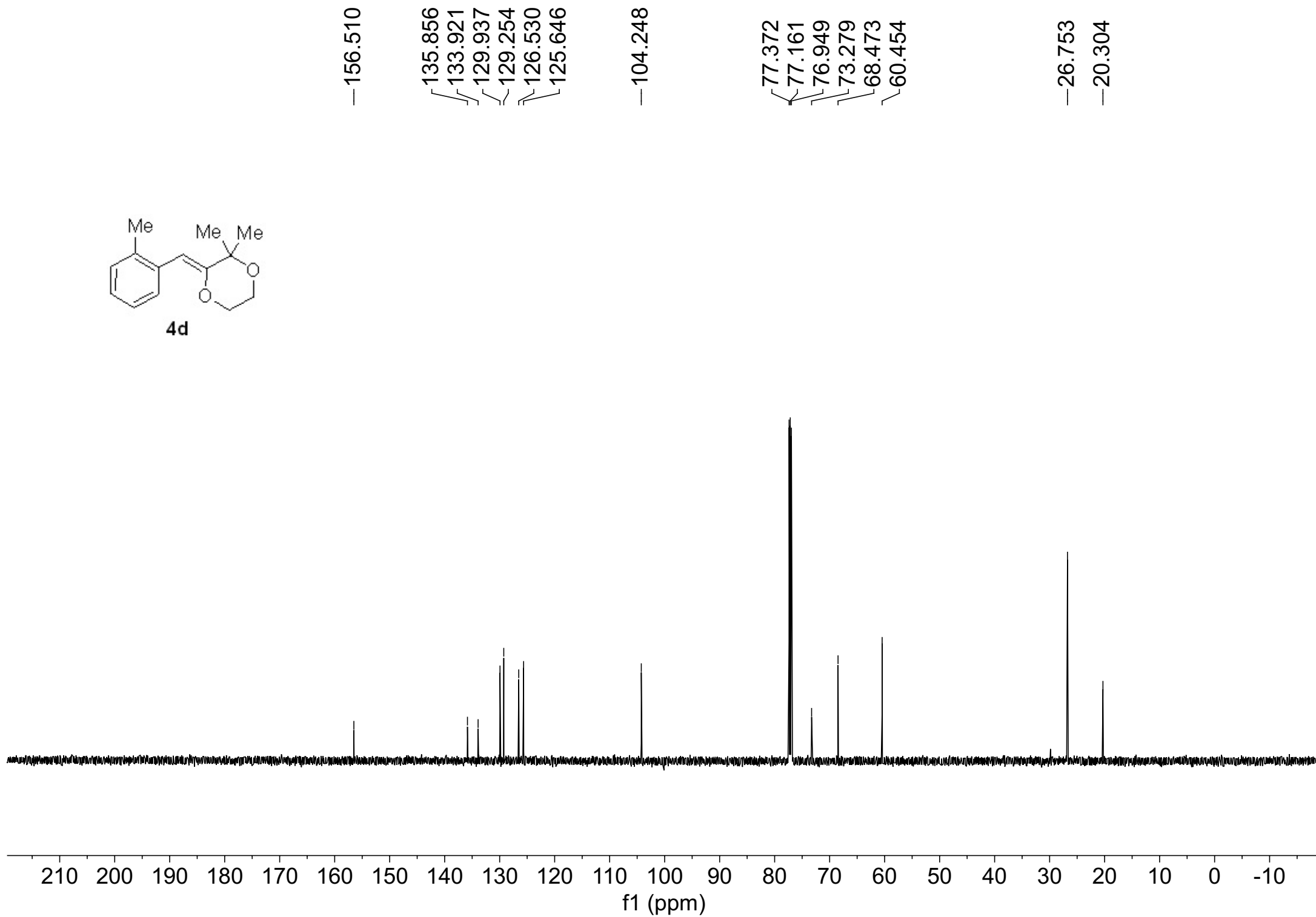
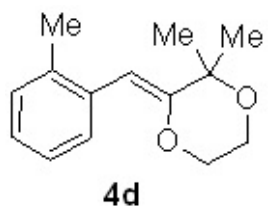


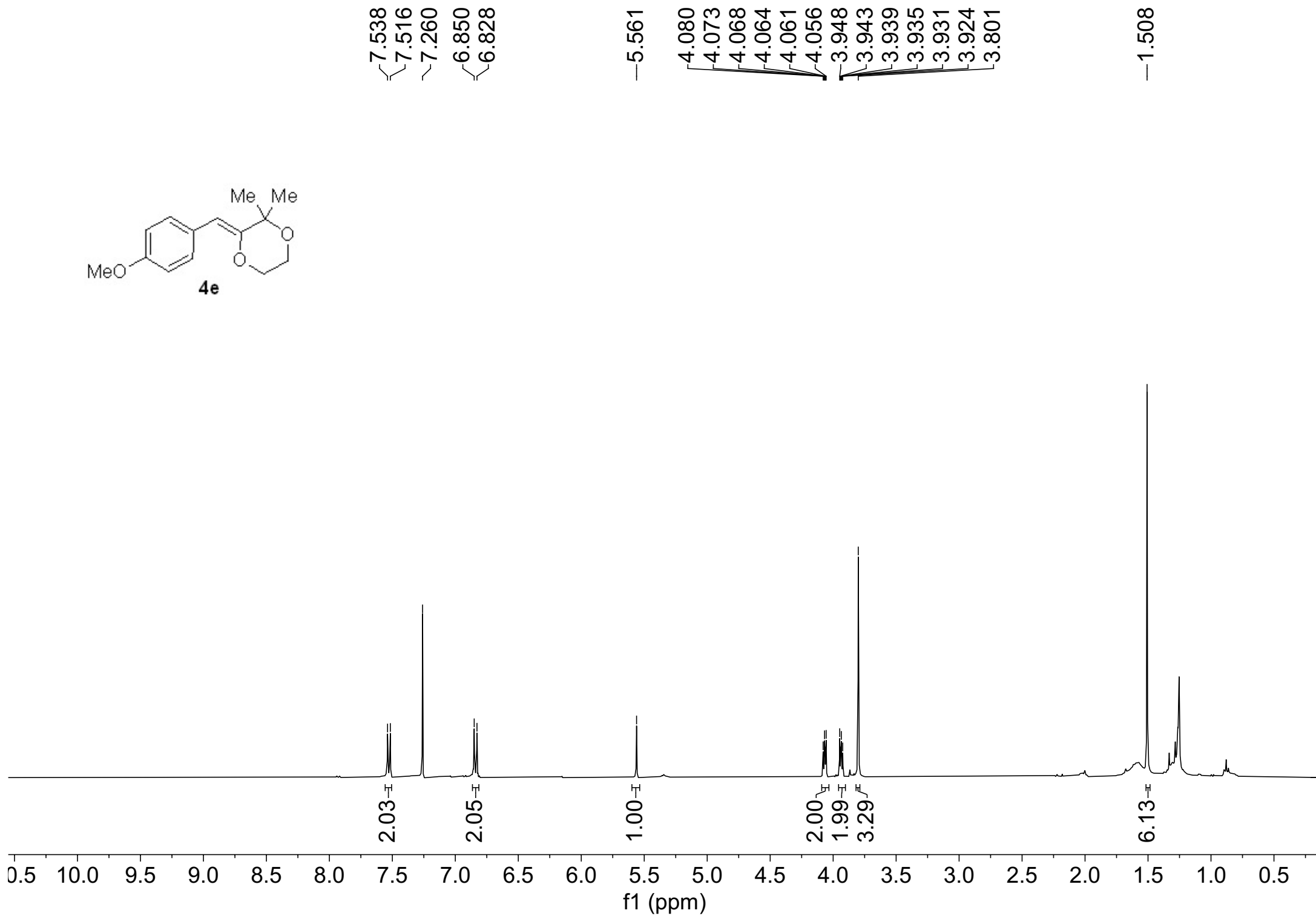
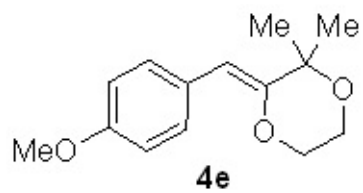


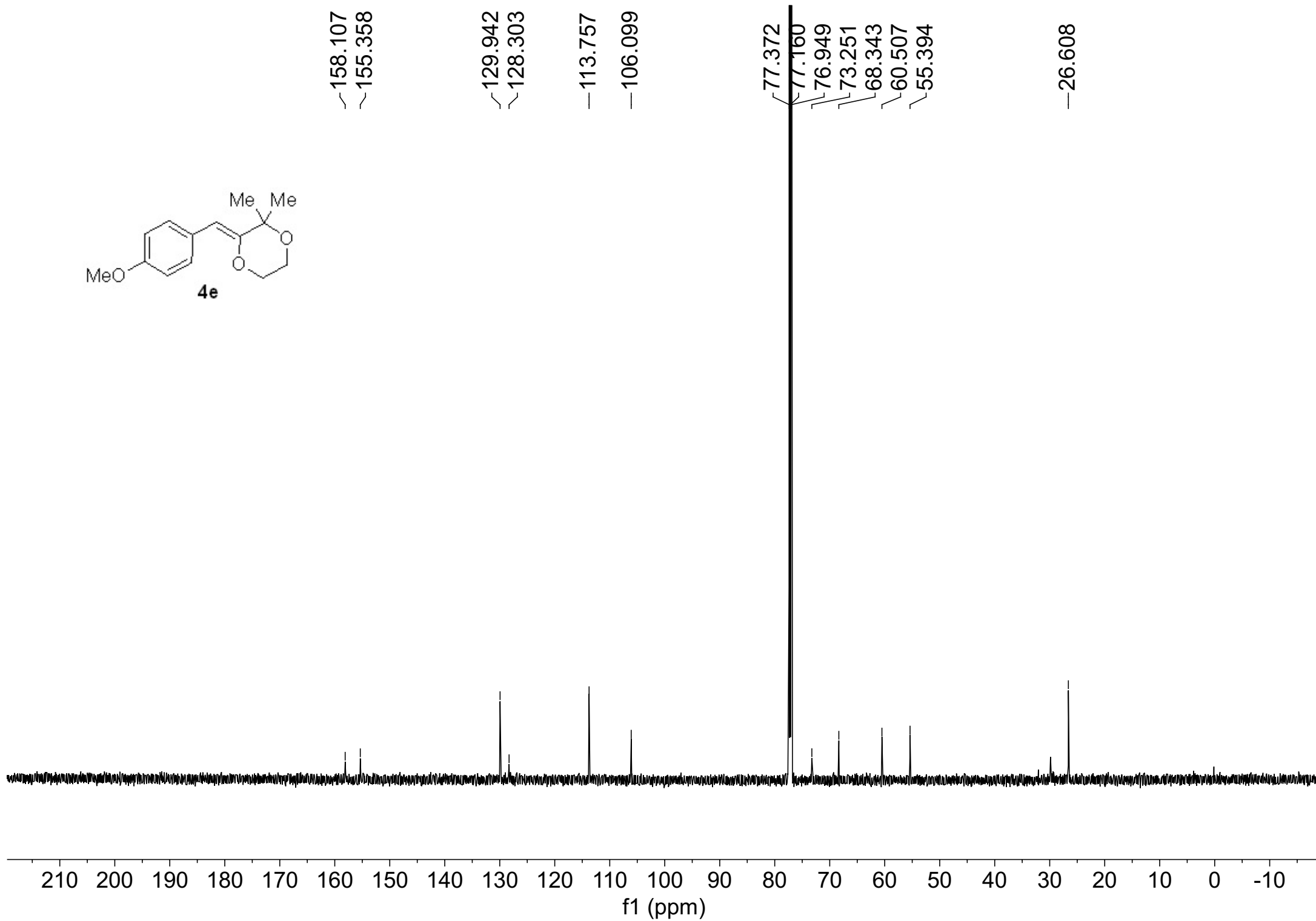
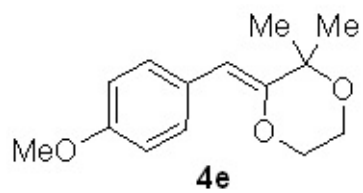


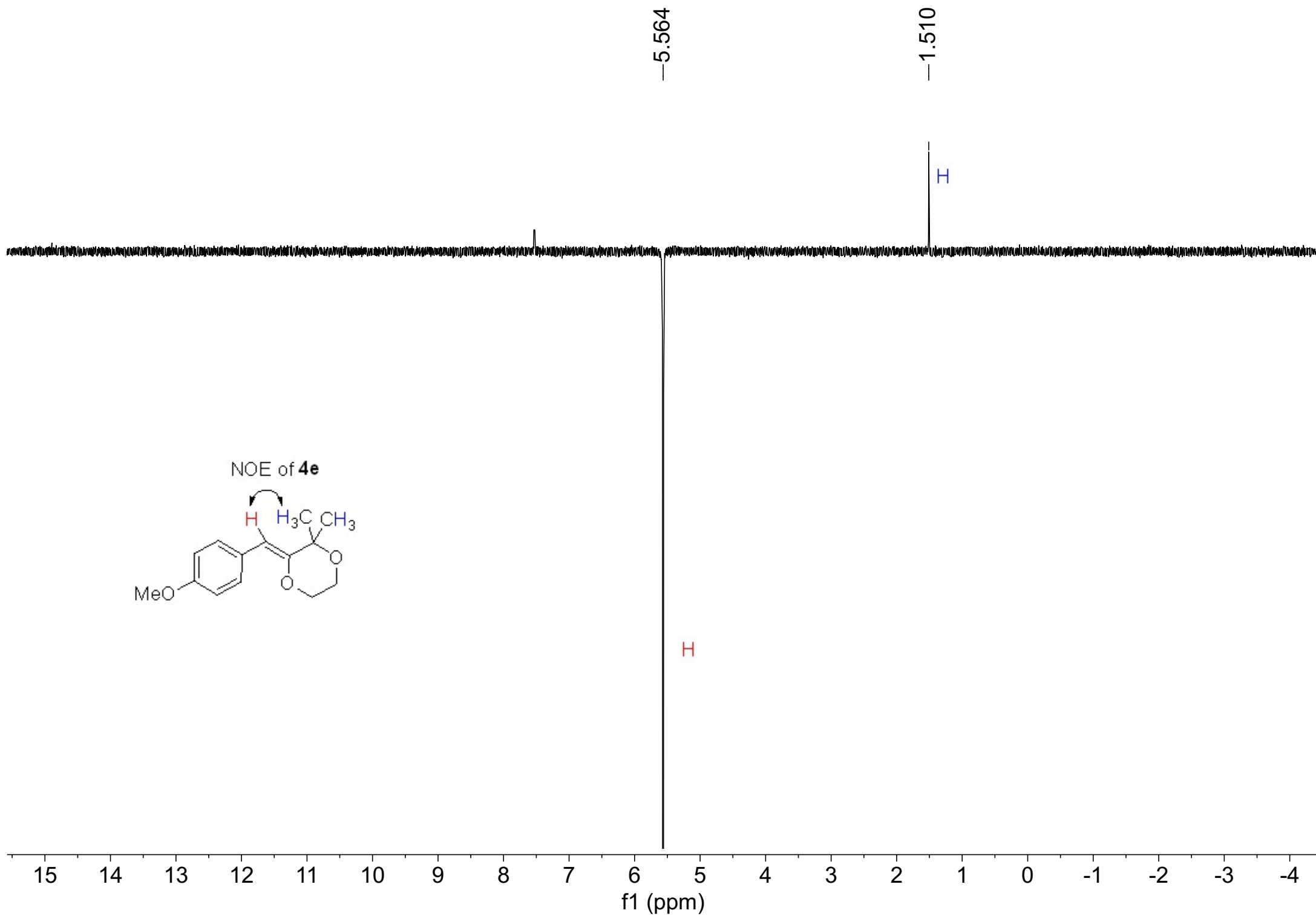
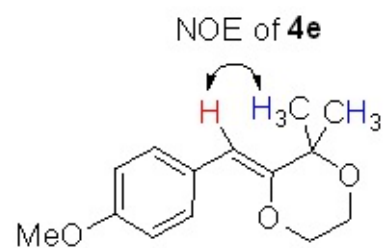


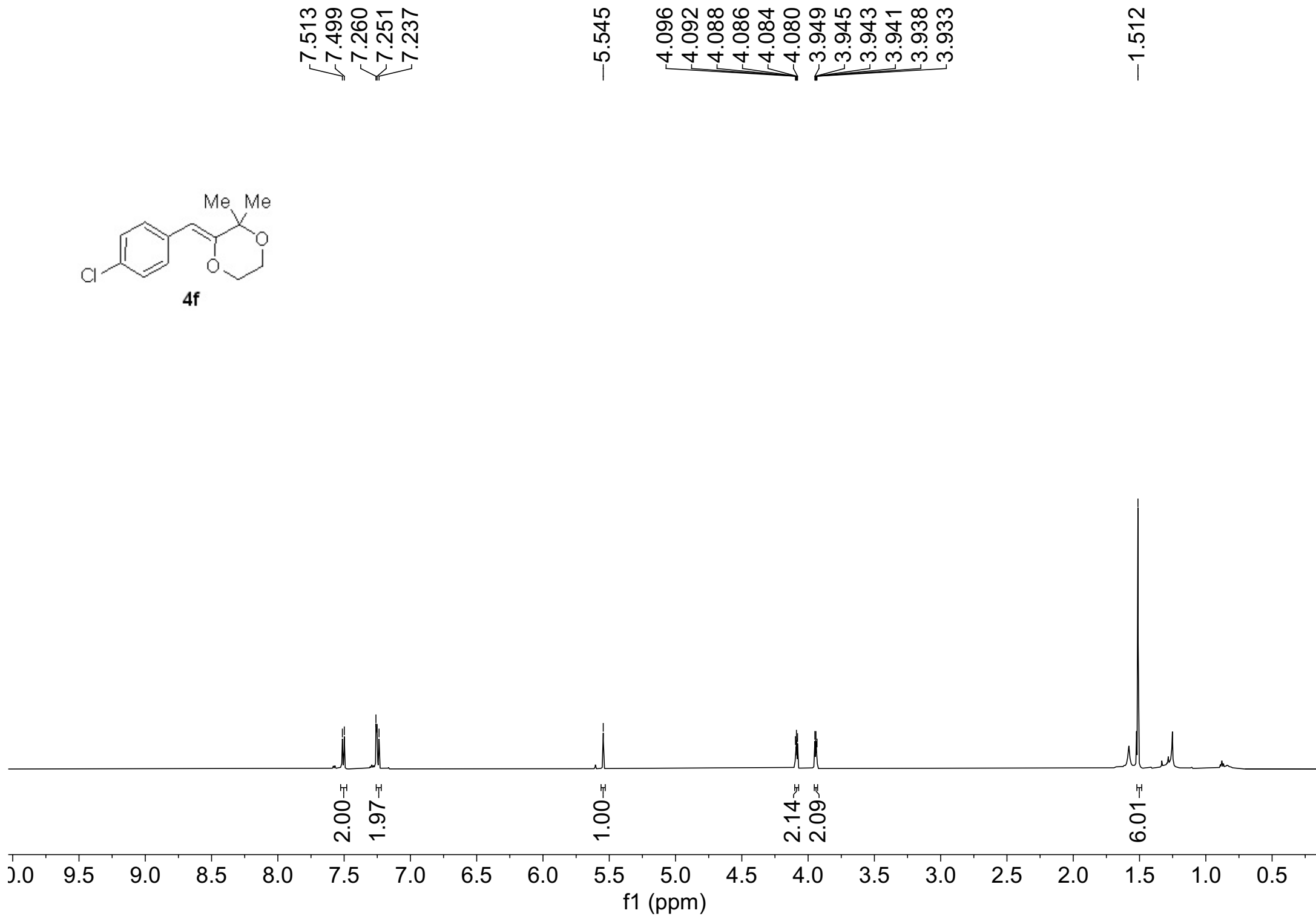
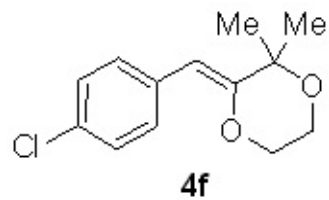


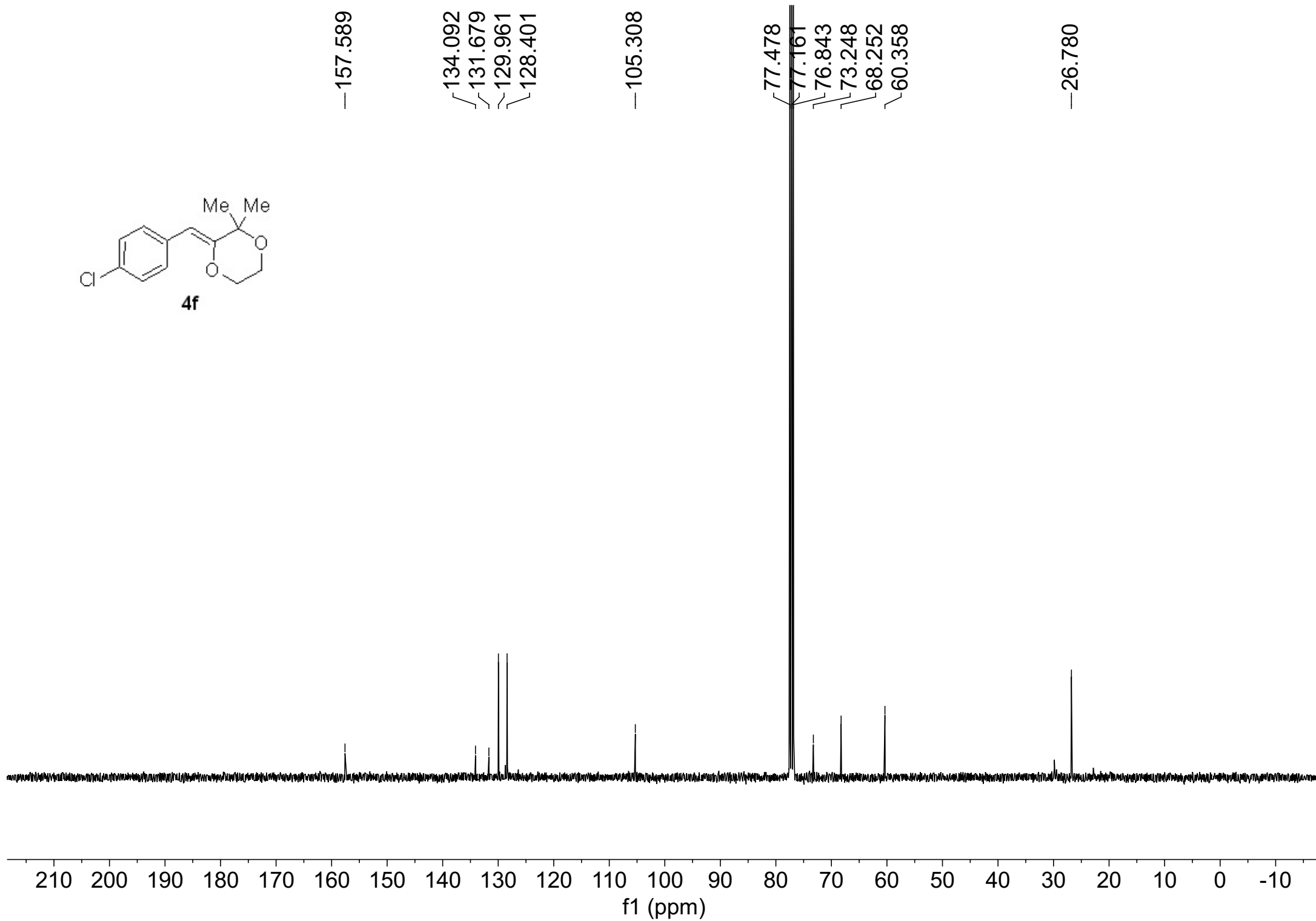
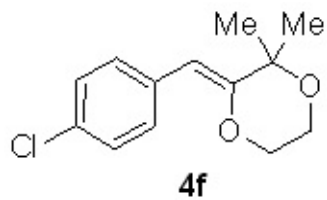


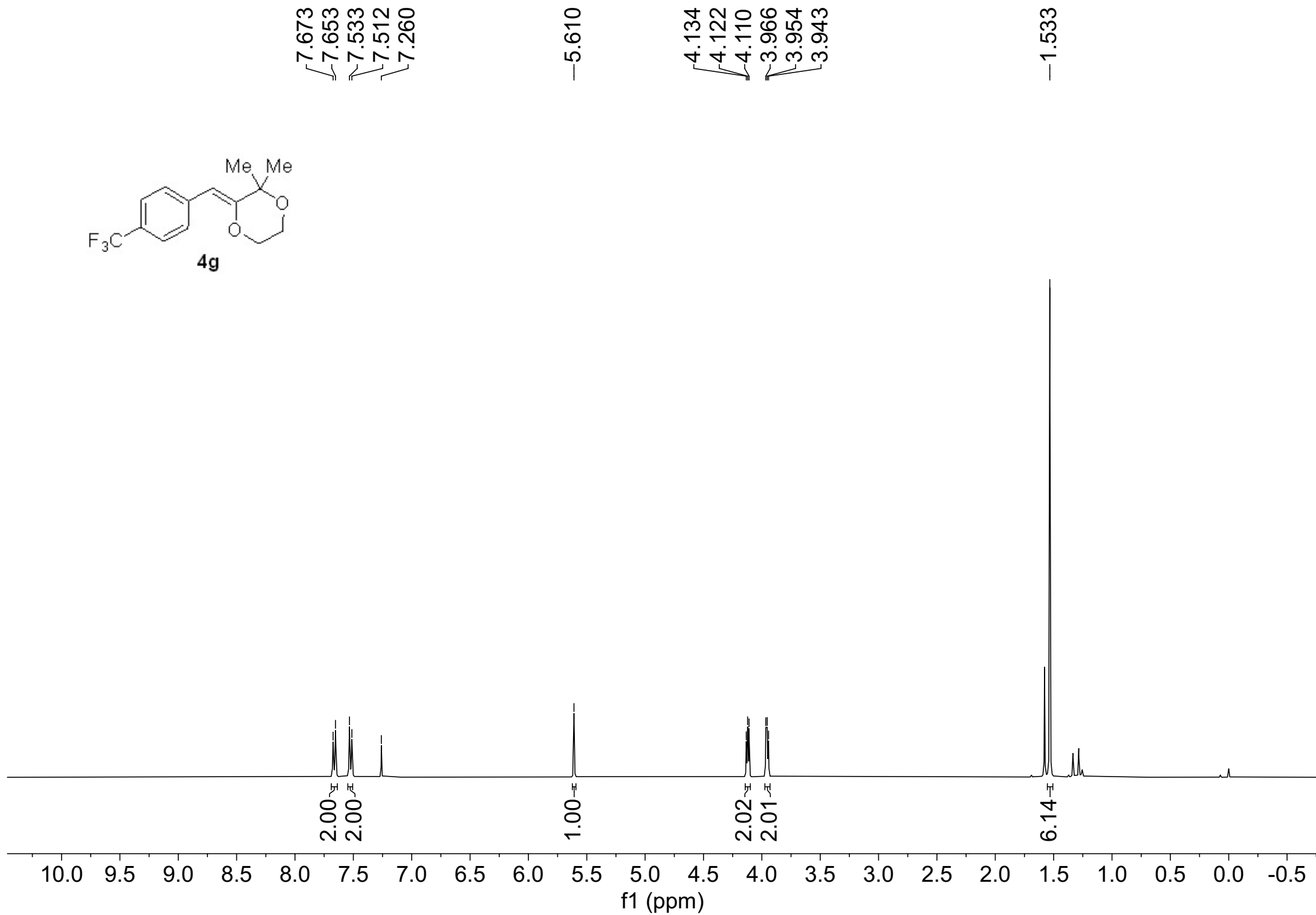
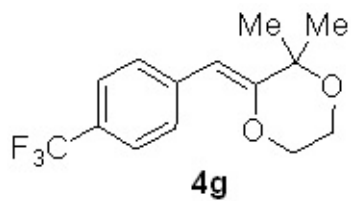


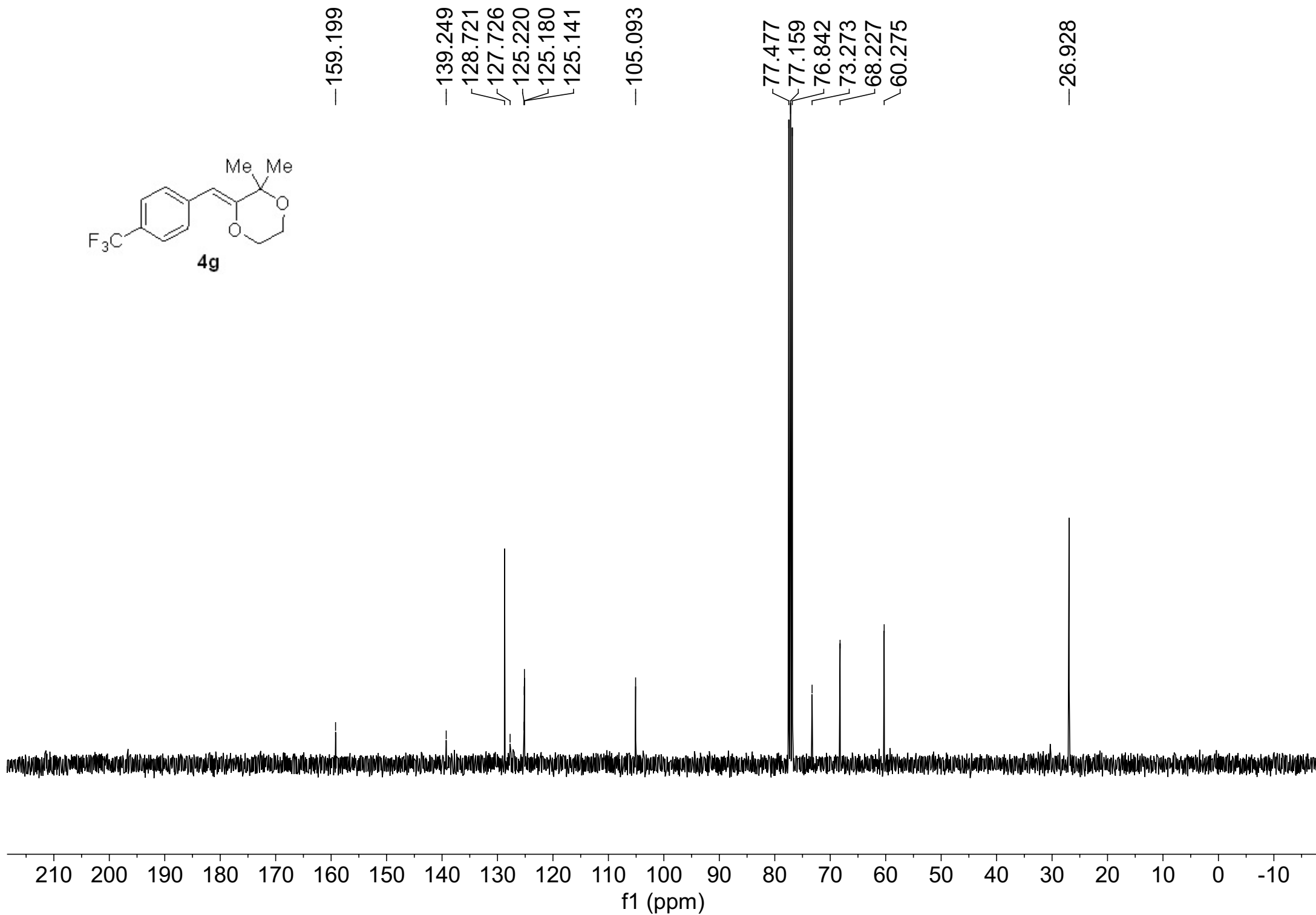
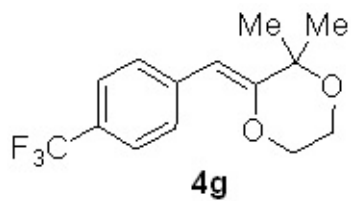


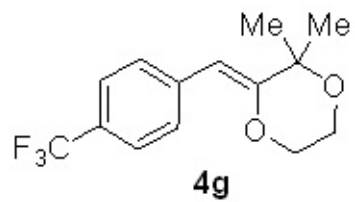




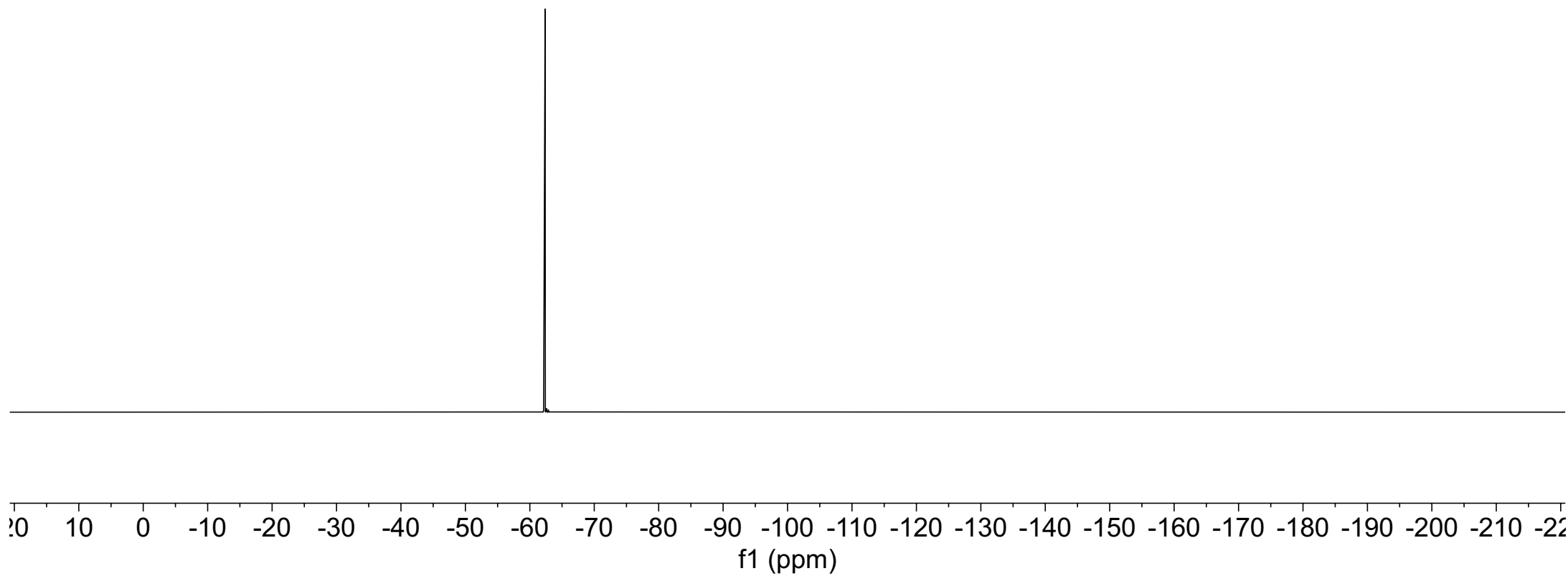


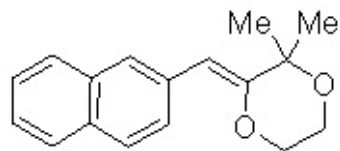






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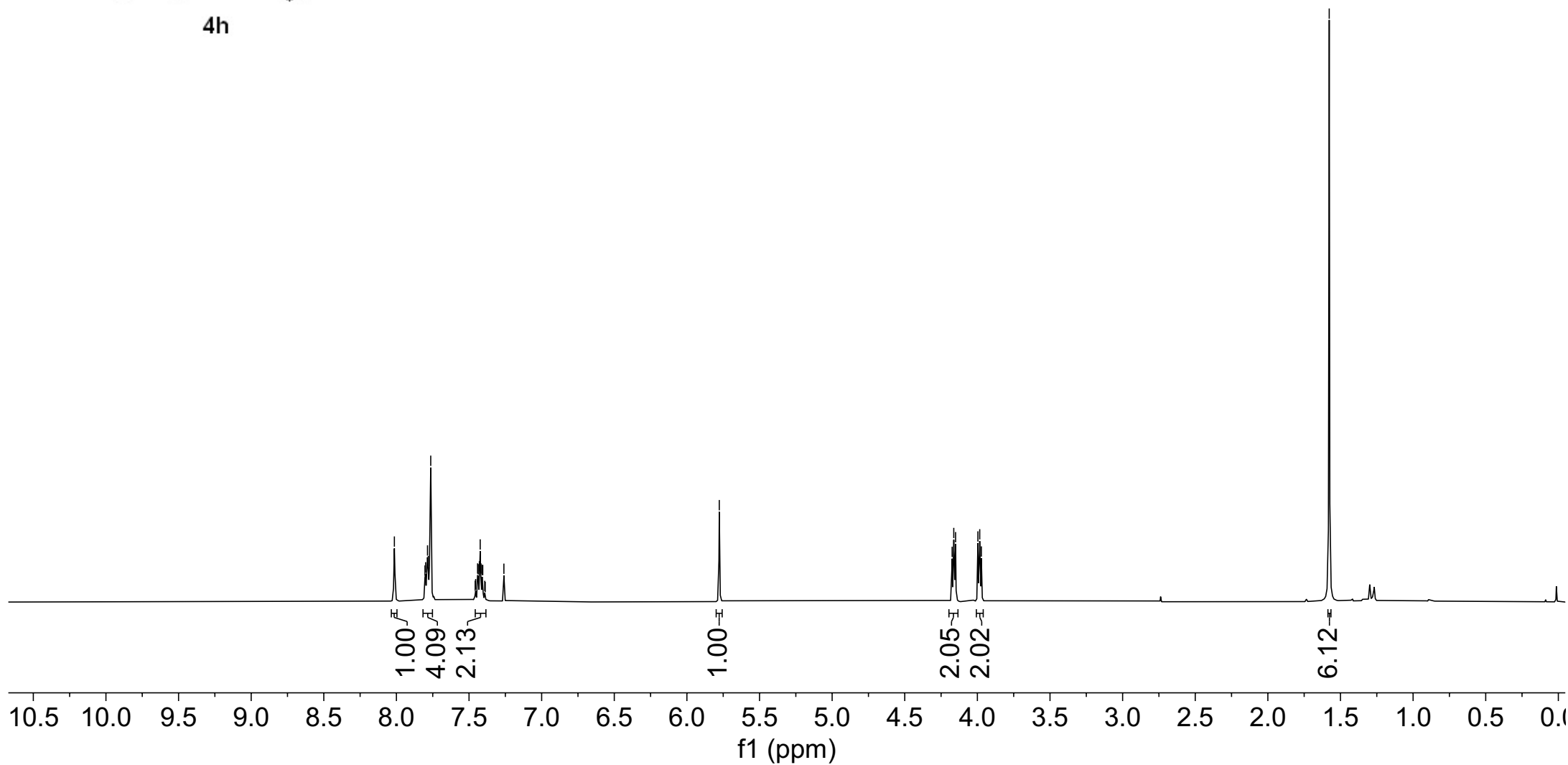


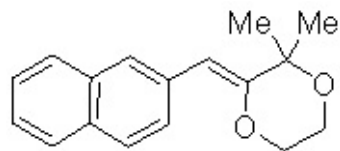
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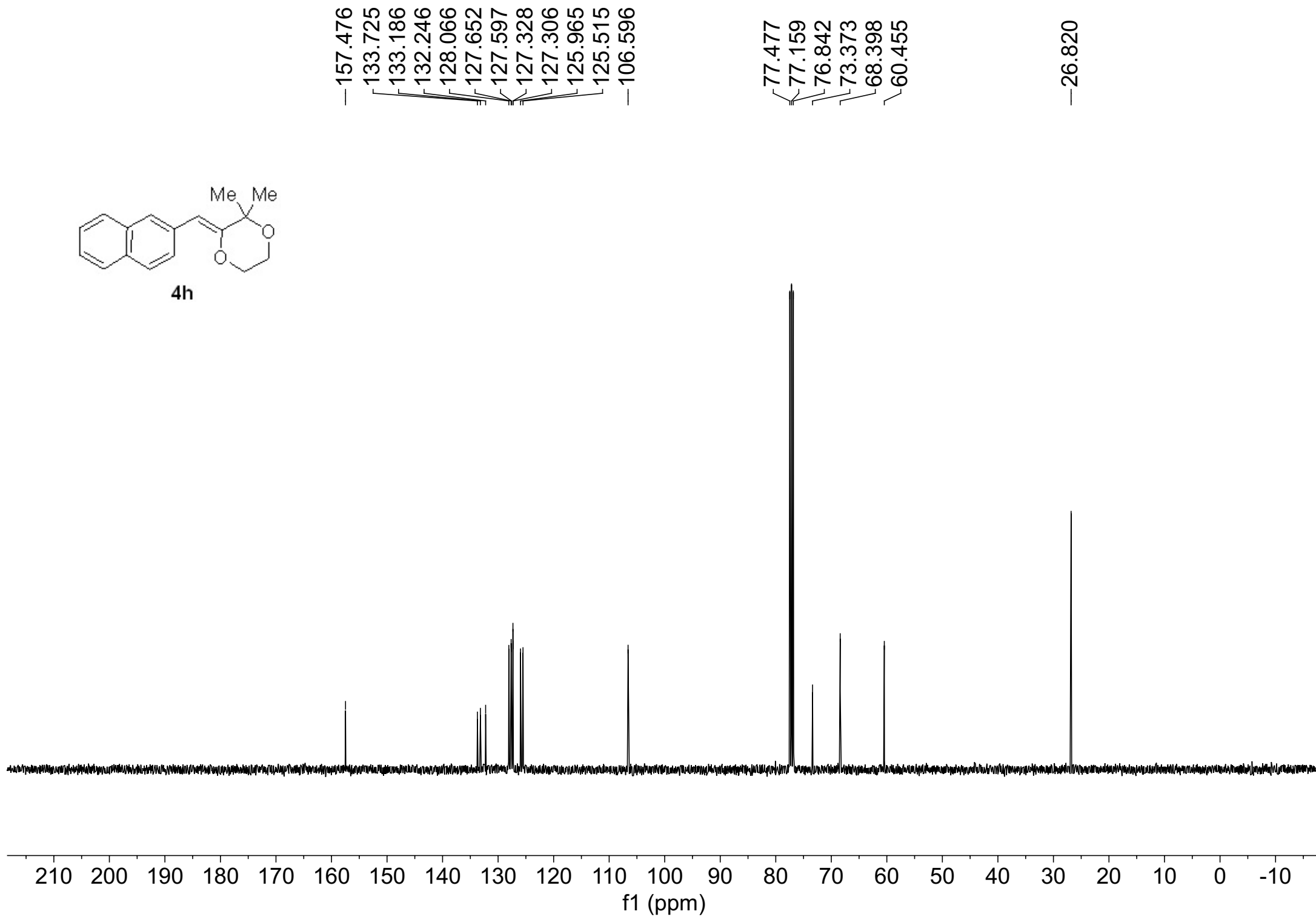
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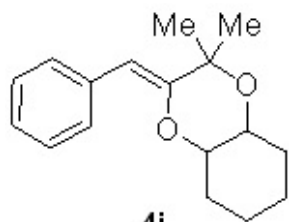
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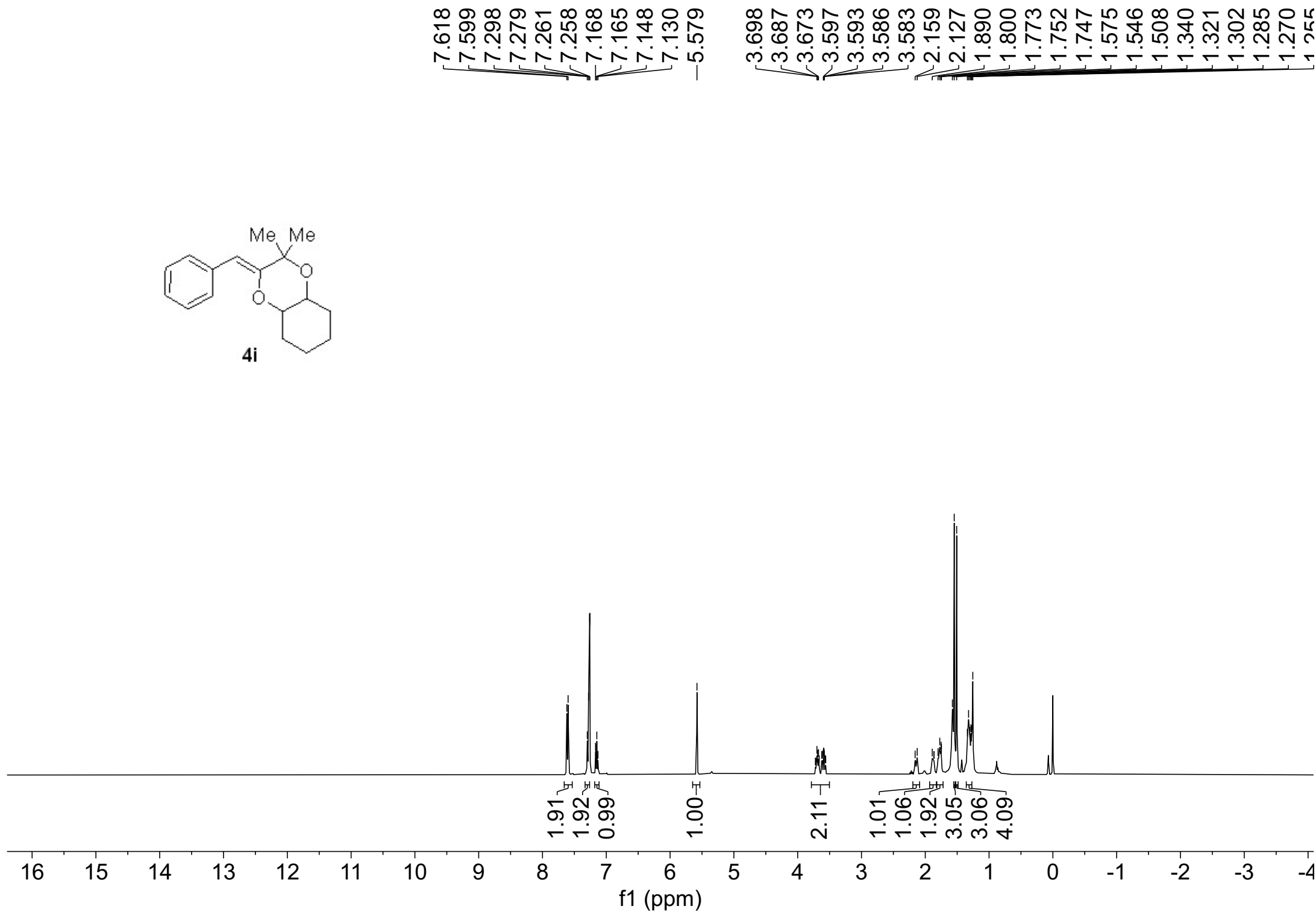


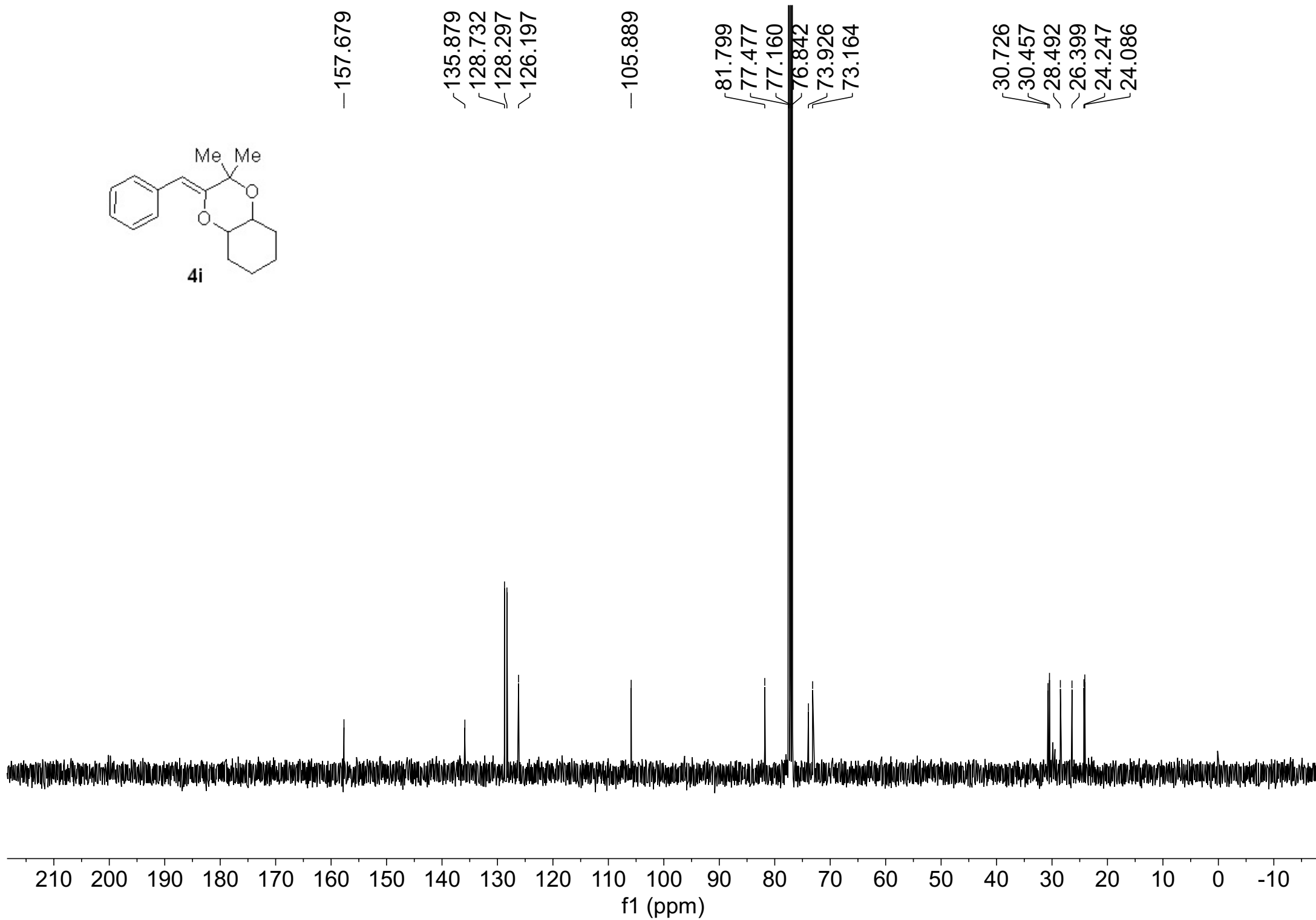
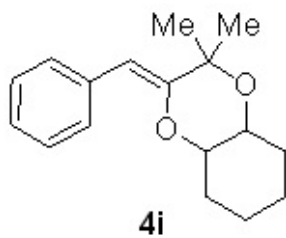
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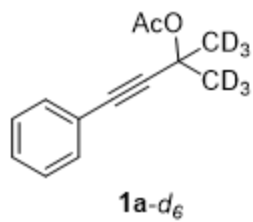




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