

## Supporting Information

### SYNTHESIS OF STERICALLY SHIELDED STABLE CARBENES OF THE 1,2,4-TRIAZOLE SERIES AND THEIR CORRESPONDING PALLADIUM COMPLEXES: EFFICIENT CATALYSTS FOR CHLOROARENNE HYDRODECHLORINATION

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3-Phenyl-4-(2,4,6-trimethylphenyl)-1,2,4-triazole (**6b**) ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ ).

3-Phenyl-4-(2,6-diisopropylphenyl)-1,2,4-triazole (**6c**) ( $\text{CDCl}_3$  and  $\text{DMSO-d}_6$ )

1-(1-Adamantyl)-3-phenyl-4-(2,4,6-trimethylphenyl)-1,2,4-triazolium perchlorate (**7b**) ( $\text{DMSO-d}_6$ ).

1-*tert*-Butyl-3-phenyl-4-(2,6-diisopropylphenyl)-1,2,4-triazolium perchlorate (**7c**) ( $\text{DMSO-d}_6$ ).

1-(1-Adamantyl)-3-phenyl-4-(2,6-diisopropylphenyl)-1,2,4-triazolium perchlorate (**7d**) ( $\text{DMSO-d}_6$ ).

1-(1-Adamantyl)-3-phenyl-4-(2,4,6-trimethylphenyl)-1,2,4-triazol-5-ylidene (**8b**) ( $\text{C}_6\text{D}_6$ ).

1-*tert*-Butyl-3-phenyl-4-(2,6-diisopropylphenyl)-1,2,4-triazol-5-ylidene (**8c**) ( $\text{C}_6\text{D}_6$ ).

1-(1-Adamantyl)-3-phenyl-4-(2,6-diisopropylphenyl)-1,2,4-triazol-5-ylidene (**8d**) ( $\text{C}_6\text{D}_6$ ).

*Trans-trans*-bis(1-*tert*-butyl-3-phenyl-4-*n*-bromophenyl-1,2,4-triazol-5-ylidene)palladium chloride (**9a**) ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ ).

Bis(1-*tert*-butyl-3-phenyl-4-*p*-bromophenyl-1,2,4-triazol-5-ylidene)palladium iodide (**9b**) ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ ).

Bis-1-(1-adamantyl-3-phenyl-4-(2,4,6-trimethylphenyl)-1,2,4-triazol-5-ylidene)palladium iodide (**9c**) (solid state).

Bis(1-*tert*-butyl-3-phenyl-4-(2,6-diisopropylphenyl)-1,2,4-triazol-5-ylidene)palladium iodide (**9d**) (solid state).

1-*tert*-Butyl-3-phenyl-4-(2,6-diisopropylphenyl)-1,2,4-triazol-5-ylidene)palladium chloride (**10a**) ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ ).

[1-*tert*-Butyl-3-phenyl-4-(2,6-diisopropylphenyl)-1,2,4-triazol-5-ylidene]palladium iodide (**10b**) ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , solid state).

[1-(1-Adamantyl)-3-phenyl-4-(2,6-diisopropylphenyl)-1,2,4-triazol-5-ylidene]palladium chloride (**10c**) ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , solid state).

[1-(1-Adamantyl)-3-phenyl-4-(2,6-diisopropylphenyl)-1,2,4-triazol-5-ylidene]palladium iodide (**10d**) (solid state).

## 1. Crystallographic data for 8c, 9a,b and 10a

Table 1. Crystal data and structure refinement for **8c**.

Identification code	shelx1		
Empirical formula	C <sub>24</sub> H <sub>31</sub> N <sub>3</sub>		
Formula weight	361.52		
Temperature	153(2) K		
Wavelength	0.71069 Å		
Crystal system	Monoclinic		
Space group	P2 <sub>1</sub> /c		
Unit cell dimensions	a = 13.988(5) Å	α = 90°.	
	b = 10.458(4) Å	β = 90.960(5)°.	
	c = 15.065(5) Å	γ = 90°.	
Volume	2203.5(14) Å <sup>3</sup>		
Z	4		
Density (calculated)	1.090 Mg/m <sup>3</sup>		
Absorption coefficient	0.064 mm <sup>-1</sup>		
F(000)	784		
Crystal size	0.41 x 0.35 x 0.22 mm <sup>3</sup>		
Theta range for data collection	2.37 to 27.49°.		
Index ranges	-18<=h<=18, -13<=k<=13, -19<=l<=19		
Reflections collected	22884		
Independent reflections	5057 [R(int) = 0.0804]		
Completeness to theta = 27.49°	99.8 %		
Absorption correction	Semi-empirical from equivalents		
Max. and min. transmission	0.9860 and 0.9741		
Refinement method	Full-matrix least-squares on F <sup>2</sup>		

Data / restraints / parameters	5057 / 0 / 251
Goodness-of-fit on F <sup>2</sup>	1.075
Final R indices [I>2sigma(I)]	R1 = 0.0494, wR2 = 0.1326
R indices (all data)	R1 = 0.0587, wR2 = 0.1407
Largest diff. peak and hole	0.267 and -0.236 e.Å <sup>-3</sup>

Table 2. Crystal data and structure refinement for **9a**.

Identification code	shelxl		
Empirical formula	C <sub>38</sub> H <sub>39</sub> Br <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub> N <sub>7</sub> Pd		
Formula weight	930.88		
Temperature	100(2) K		
Wavelength	0.71069 Å		
Crystal system	Triclinic		
Space group	P-1		
Unit cell dimensions	a = 12.082(2) Å	α = 86.615(2)°.	
	b = 12.898(3) Å	β = 71.761(2)°.	
	c = 14.669(3) Å	γ = 63.699(8)°.	
Volume	1937.8(7) Å <sup>3</sup>		
Z	2		
Density (calculated)	1.595 Mg/m <sup>3</sup>		
Absorption coefficient	2.716 mm <sup>-1</sup>		
F(000)	932		
Crystal size	0.22 x 0.11 x 0.07 mm <sup>3</sup>		
Theta range for data collection	1.47 to 27.50°.		
Index ranges	-15≤h≤15, -16≤k≤16, -19≤l≤18		

Reflections collected	34348
Independent reflections	8830 [R(int) = 0.0556]
Completeness to theta = 27.50°	99.1 %
Absorption correction	Semi-empirical from equivalents
Max. and min. transmission	0.8326 and 0.5864
Refinement method	Full-matrix least-squares on F <sup>2</sup>
Data / restraints / parameters	8830 / 84 / 493
Goodness-of-fit on F <sup>2</sup>	1.176
Final R indices [I>2sigma(I)]	R1 = 0.0520, wR2 = 0.0948
R indices (all data)	R1 = 0.0584, wR2 = 0.0978
Largest diff. peak and hole	0.632 and -0.851 e.Å <sup>-3</sup>

Table 3. Crystal data and structure refinement for **9b**.

Identification code	shelxl	
Empirical formula	C36 H36 Br2 I2 N6 Pd	
Formula weight	1072.73	
Temperature	100(2) K	
Wavelength	0.71069 Å	
Crystal system	Monoclinic	
Space group	P21/c	
Unit cell dimensions	a = 19.283(3) Å	α = 90°.
	b = 12.104(2) Å	β = 116.657(2)°.
	c = 18.228(3) Å	γ = 90°.
Volume	3802.2(11) Å <sup>3</sup>	
Z	4	

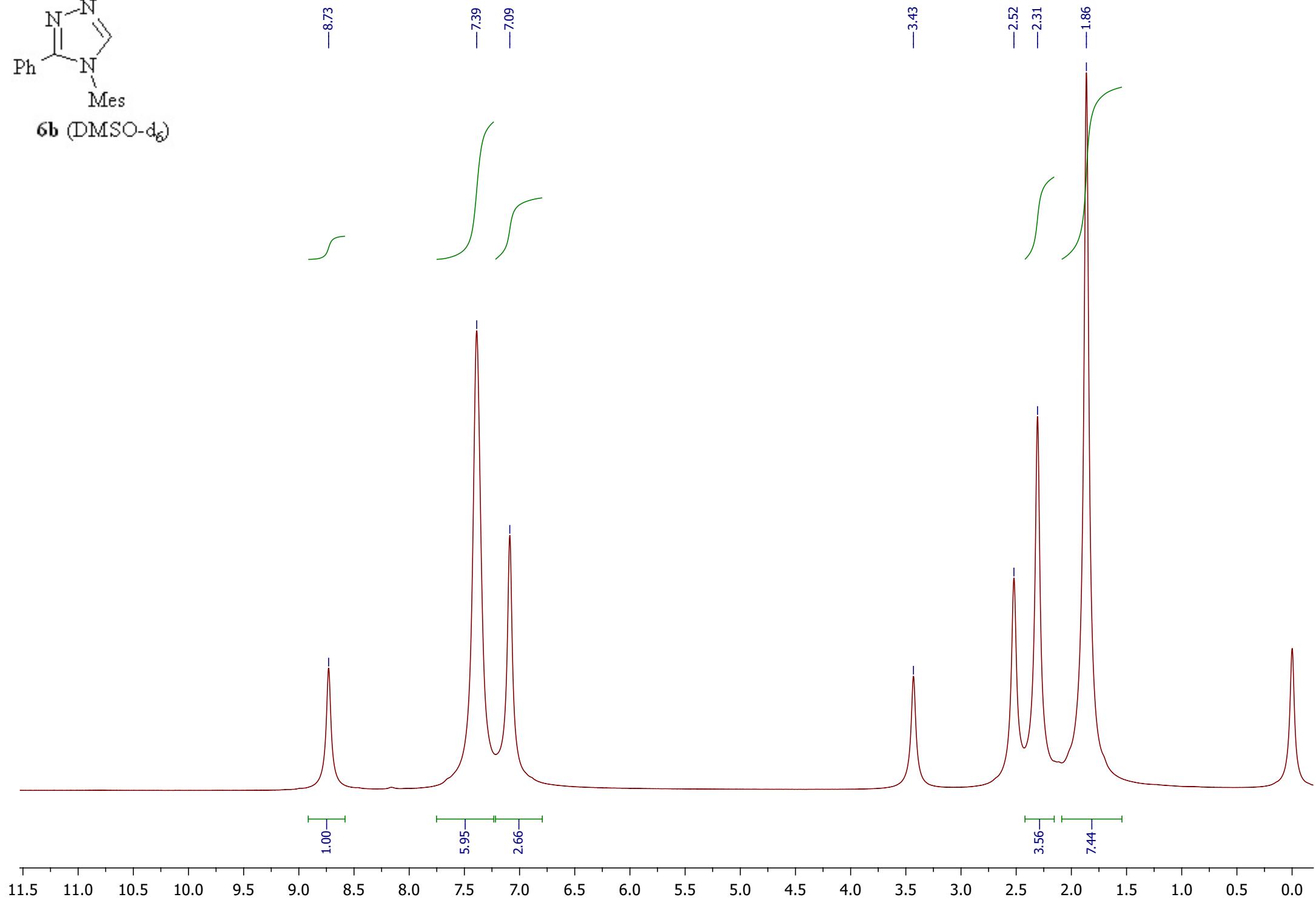
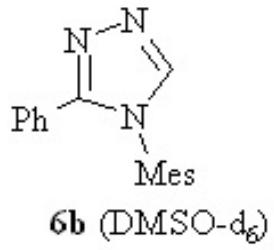
Density (calculated)	1.874 Mg/m <sup>3</sup>
Absorption coefficient	4.247 mm <sup>-1</sup>
F(000)	2064
Crystal size	0.20 x 0.10 x 0.06 mm <sup>3</sup>
Theta range for data collection	2.06 to 27.50°.
Index ranges	-25<=h<=25, -15<=k<=15, -23<=l<=23
Reflections collected	84753
Independent reflections	8741 [R(int) = 0.0632]
Completeness to theta = 27.50°	100.0 %
Absorption correction	Semi-empirical from equivalents
Max. and min. transmission	0.7847 and 0.4838
Refinement method	Full-matrix least-squares on F <sup>2</sup>
Data / restraints / parameters	8741 / 0 / 430
Goodness-of-fit on F <sup>2</sup>	1.331
Final R indices [I>2sigma(I)]	R1 = 0.0542, wR2 = 0.1107
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Largest diff. peak and hole	1.099 and -1.466 e.E <sup>-3</sup>

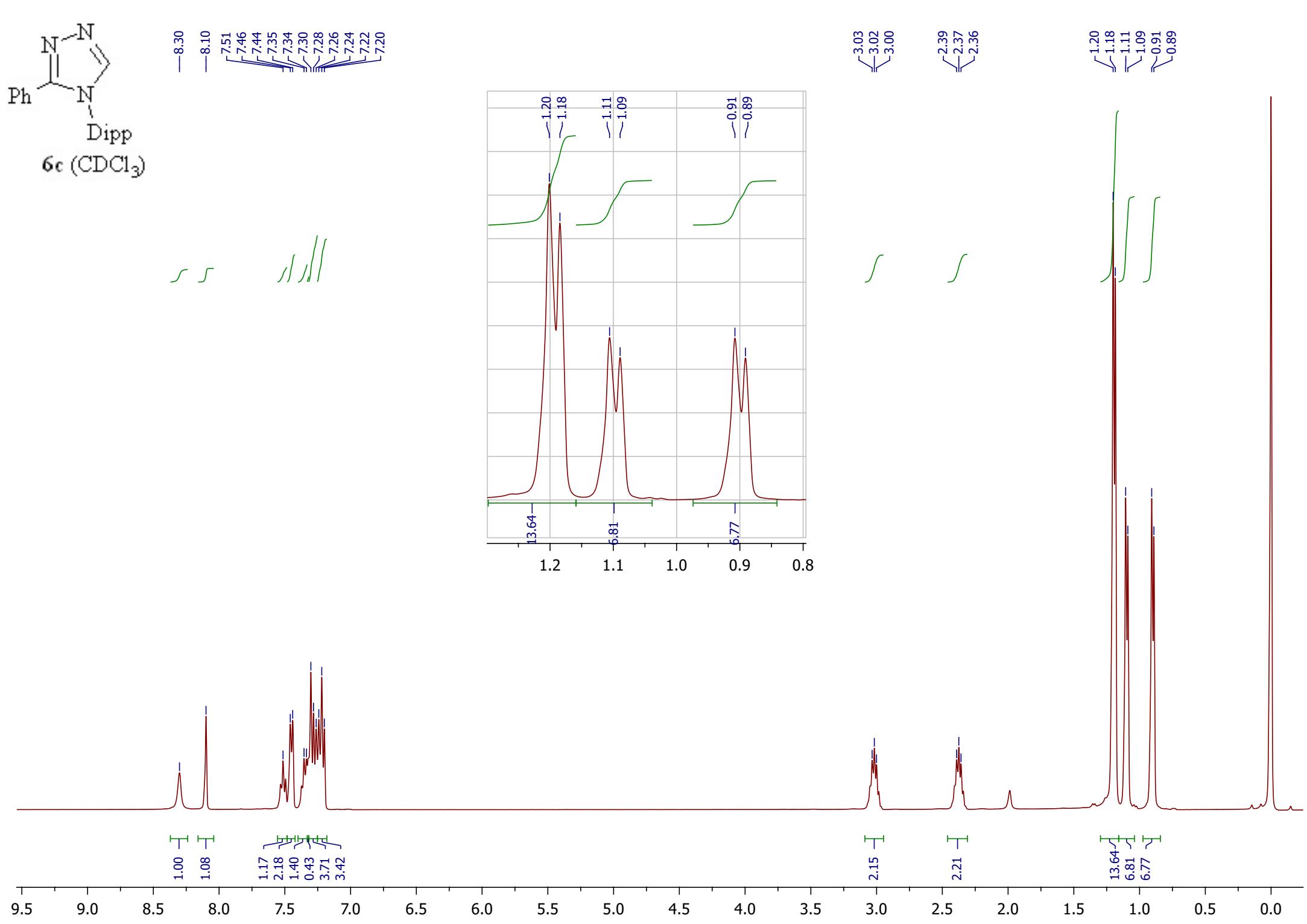
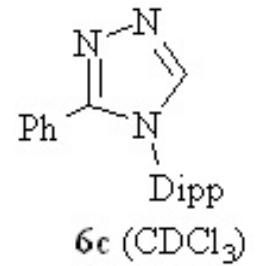
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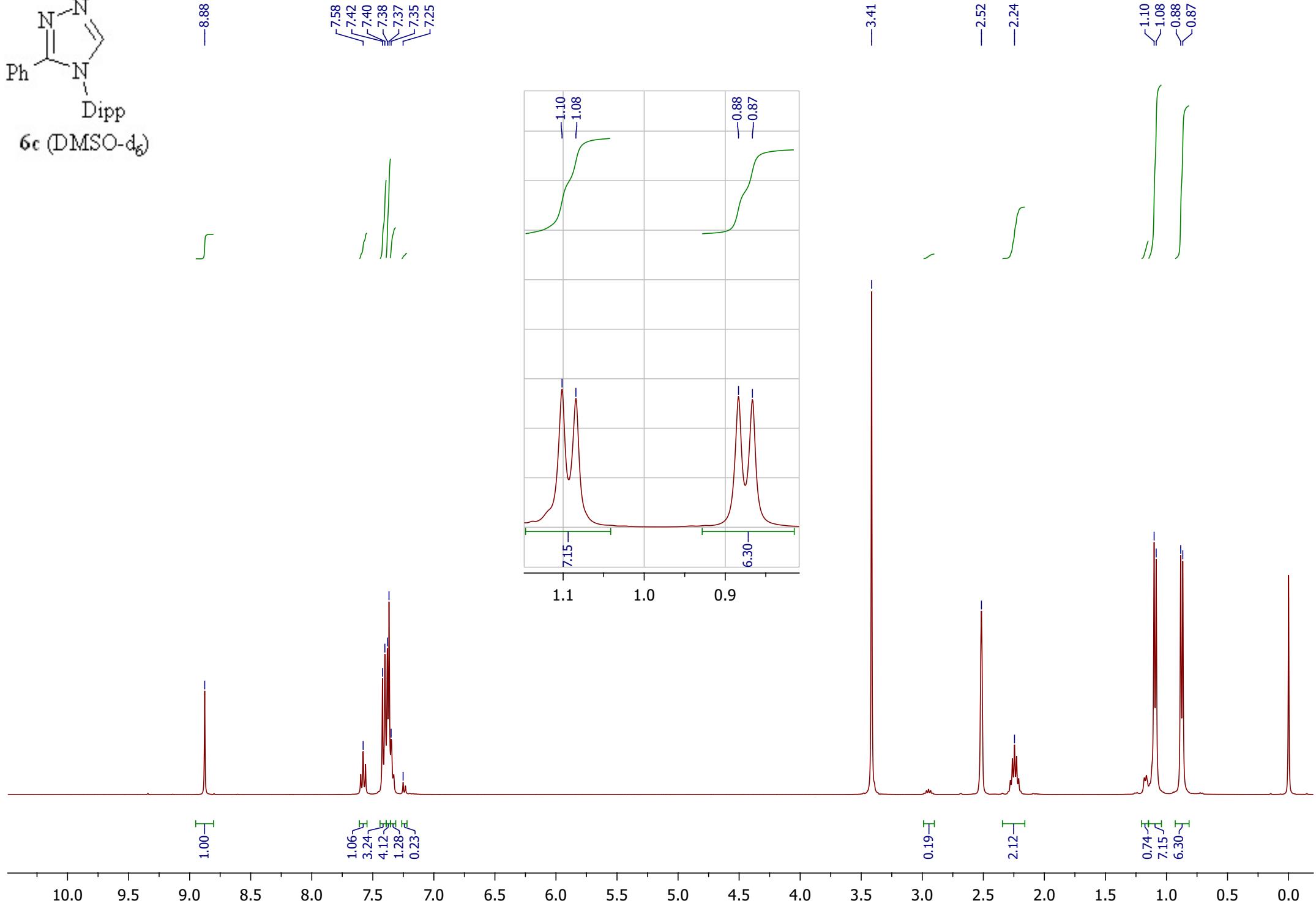
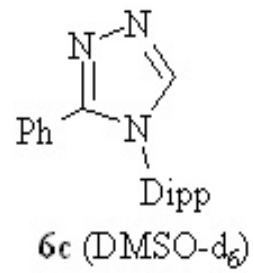
Identification code	shelx1
Empirical formula	C28 H37 Cl2 N5 Pd
Formula weight	620.93
Temperature	120(2) K
Wavelength	0.71069 Å
Crystal system	Monoclinic

Space group	I 2/a
Unit cell dimensions	a = 15.164(3) Å $\alpha$ = 90°. b = 11.1580(17) Å $\beta$ = 99.668(6)°. c = 35.432(5) Å $\gamma$ = 90°.
Volume	5909.9(16) Å <sup>3</sup>
Z	8
Density (calculated)	1.396 Mg/m <sup>3</sup>
Absorption coefficient	0.834 mm <sup>-1</sup>
F(000)	2560
Crystal size	0.32 x 0.27 x 0.25 mm <sup>3</sup>
Theta range for data collection	1.92 to 25.00°.
Index ranges	-18 <= h <= 18, -13 <= k <= 13, -42 <= l <= 42
Reflections collected	24783
Independent reflections	5194 [R(int) = 0.0436]
Completeness to theta = 25.00°	99.7 %
Refinement method	Full-matrix least-squares on F <sup>2</sup>
Data / restraints / parameters	5194 / 0 / 334
Goodness-of-fit on F <sup>2</sup>	1.190
Final R indices [I>2sigma(I)]	R1 = 0.0319, wR2 = 0.1016
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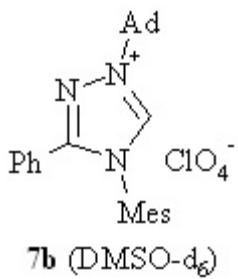
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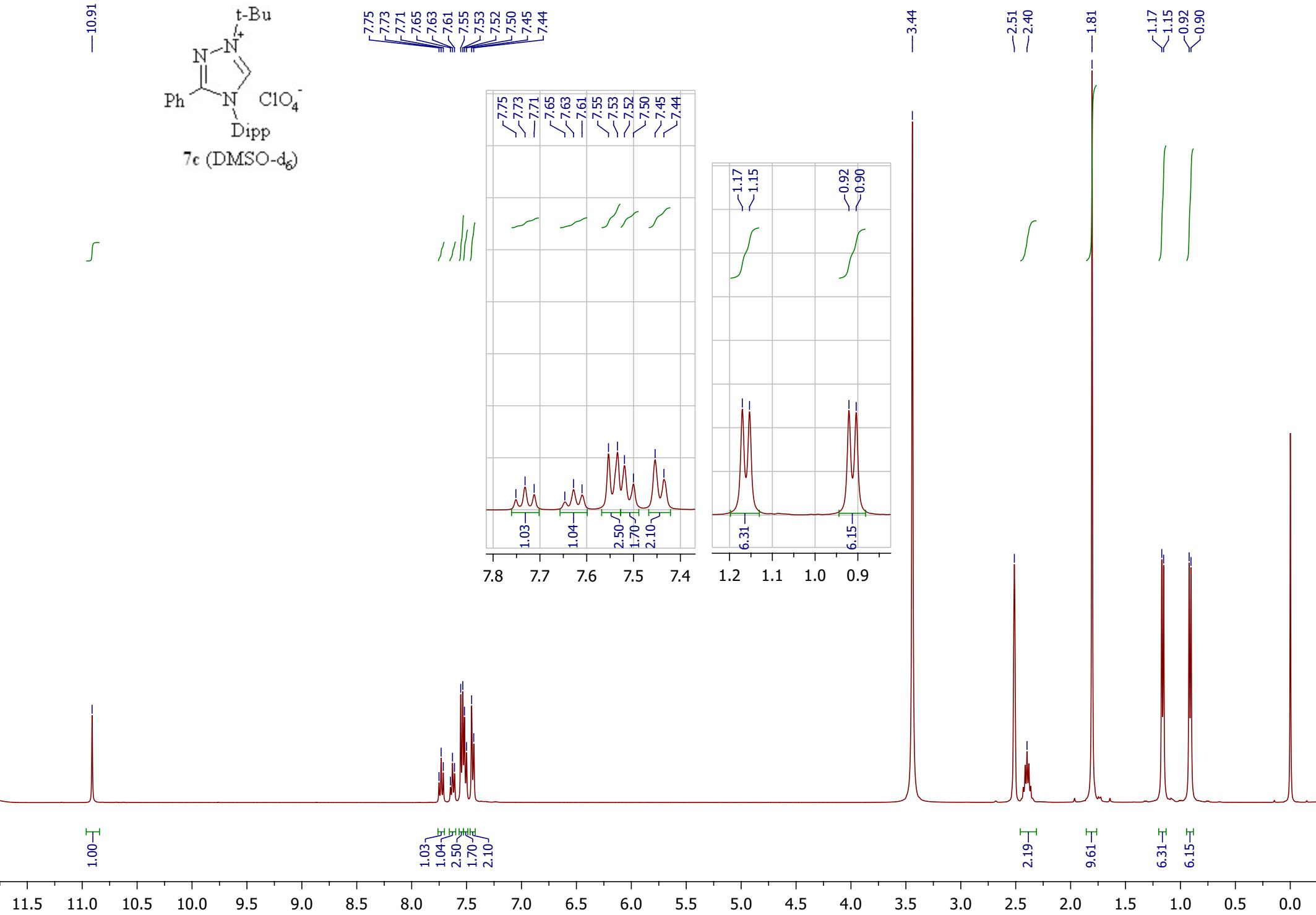
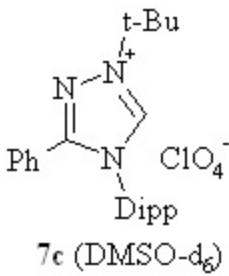
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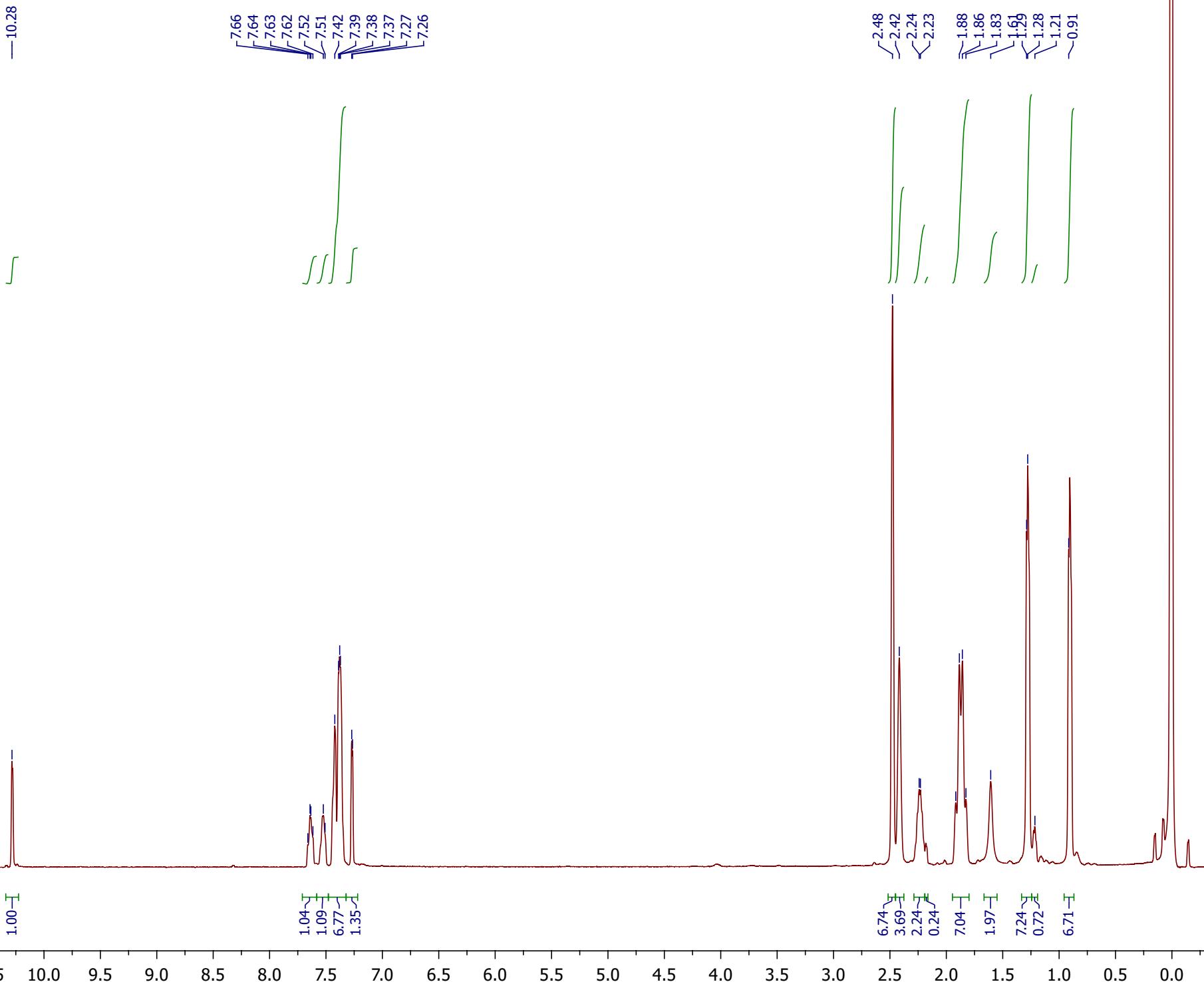
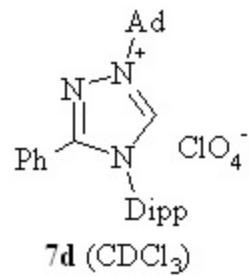
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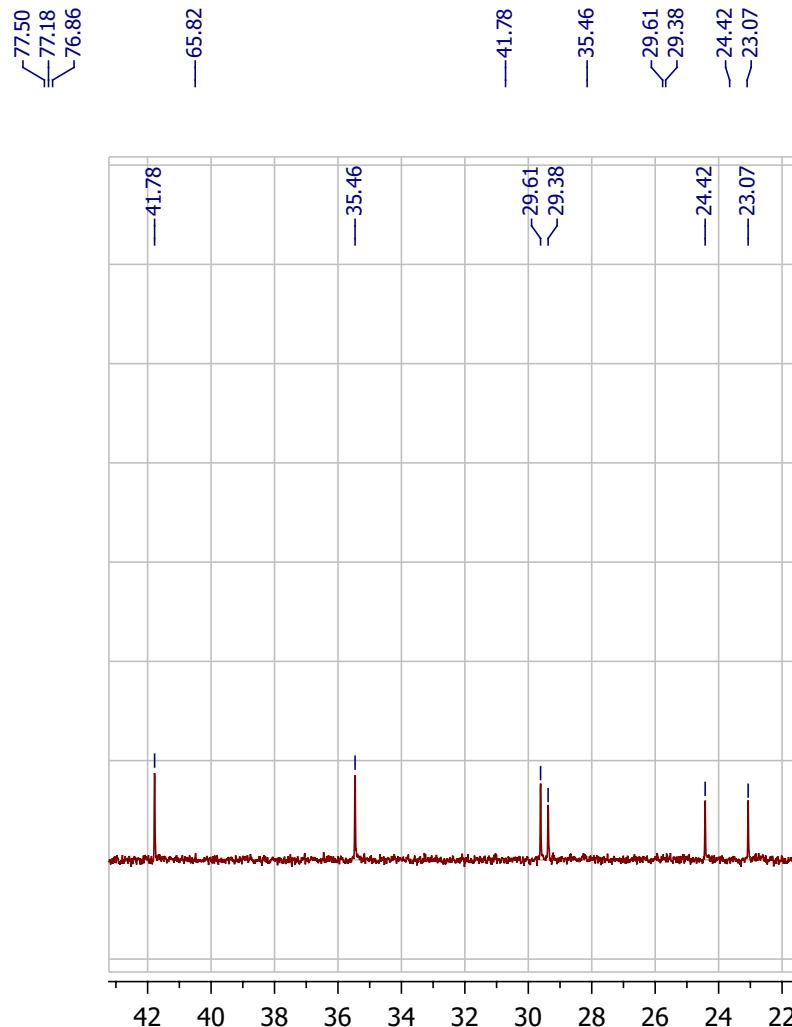
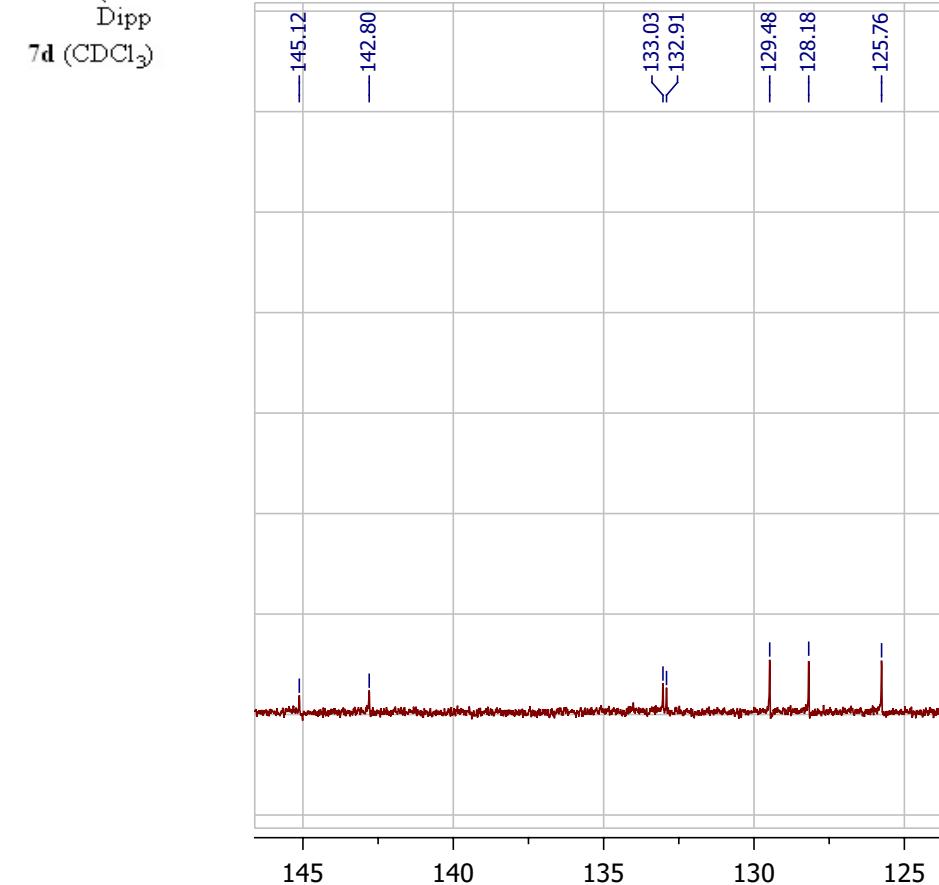
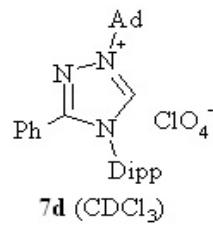
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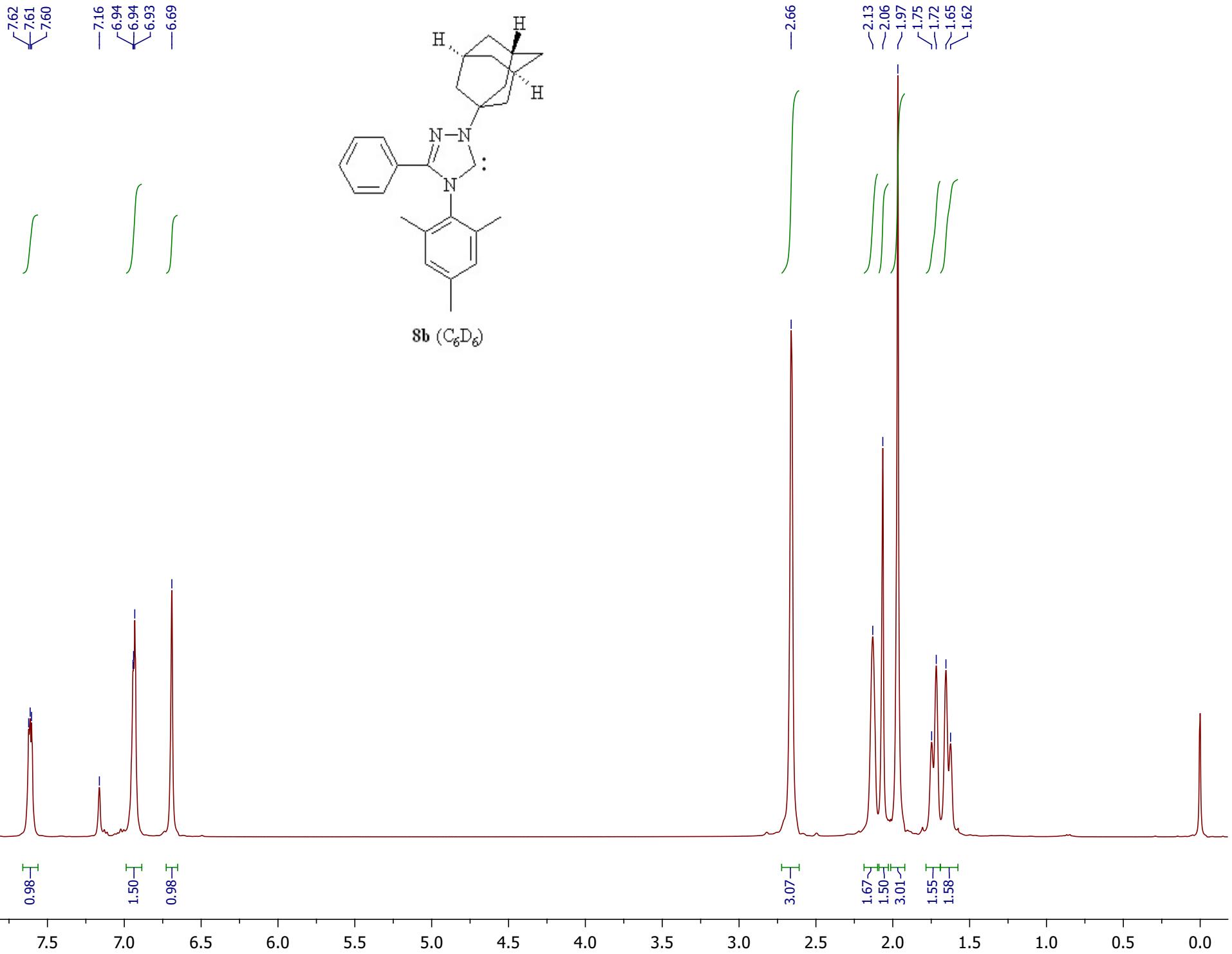
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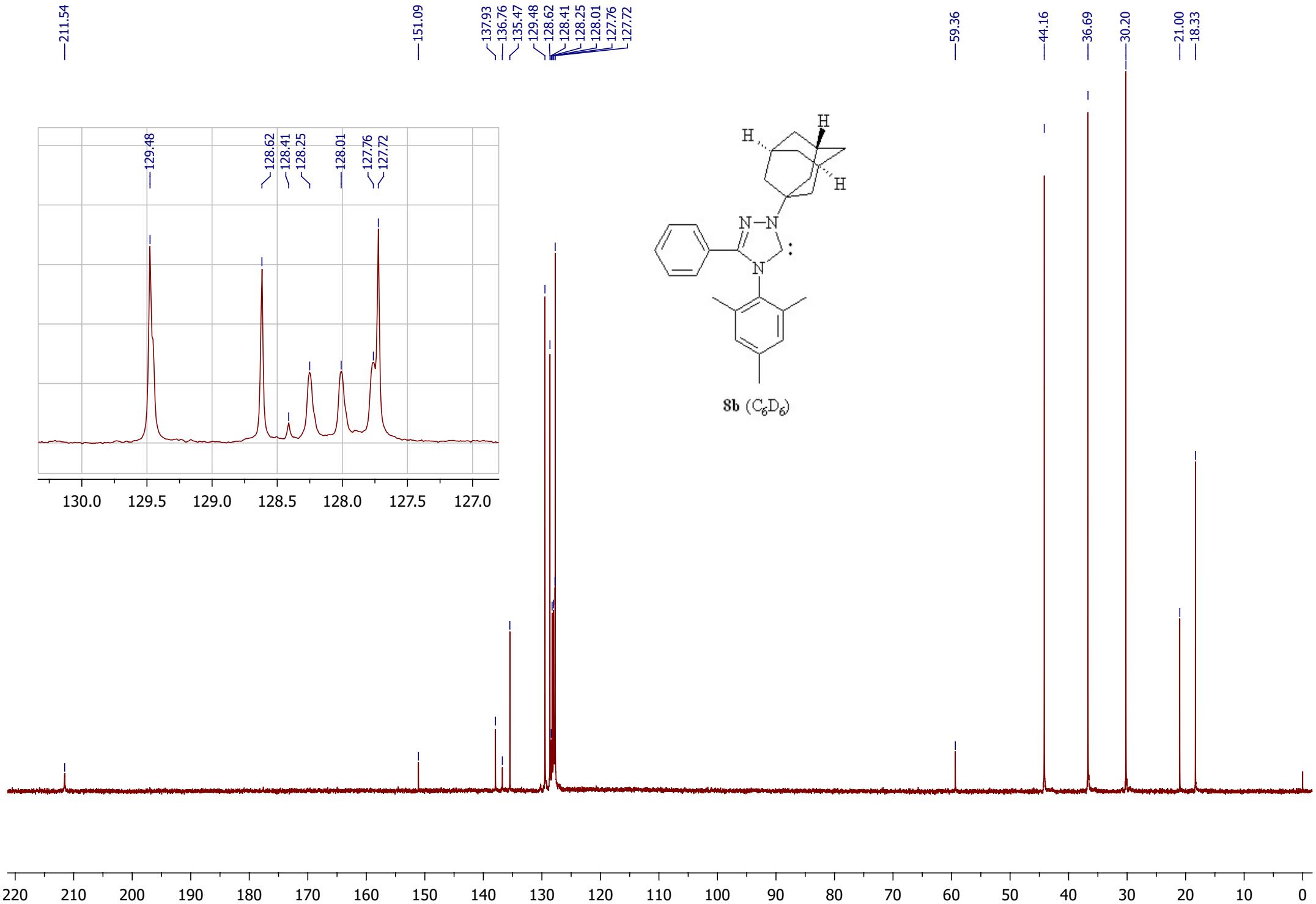


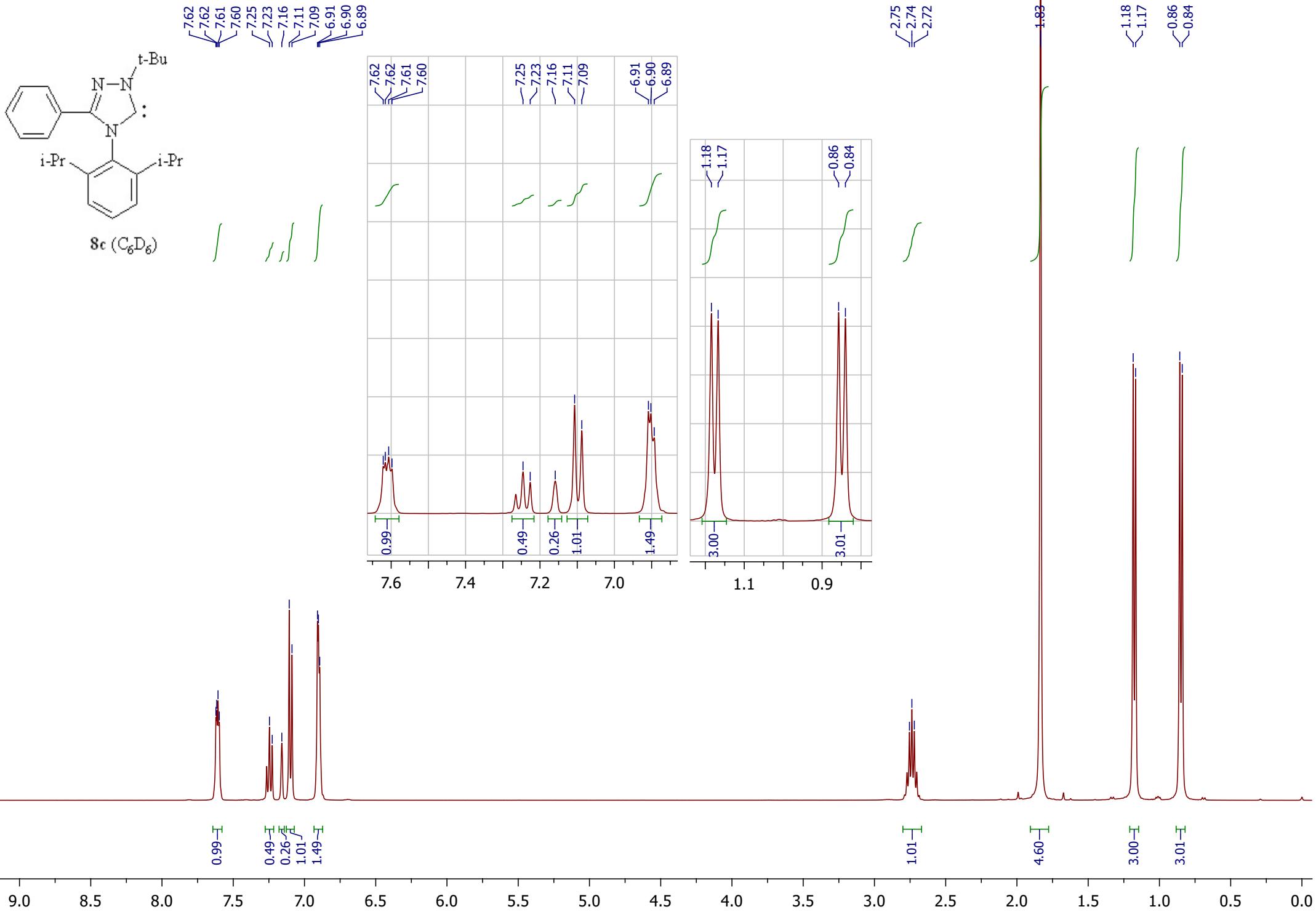




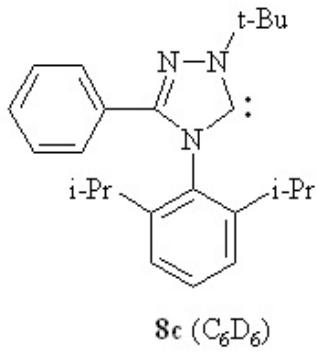
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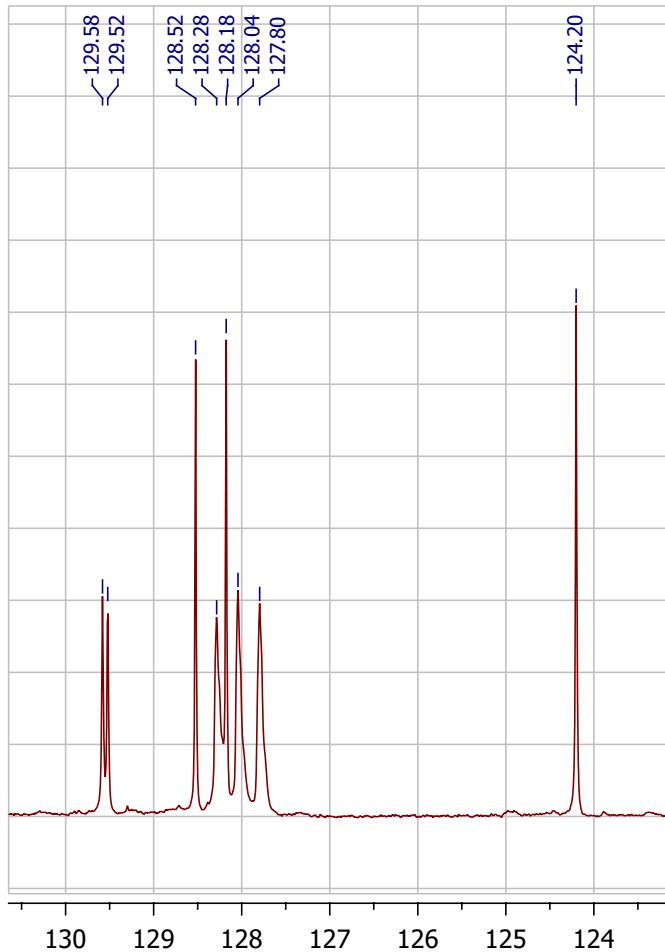
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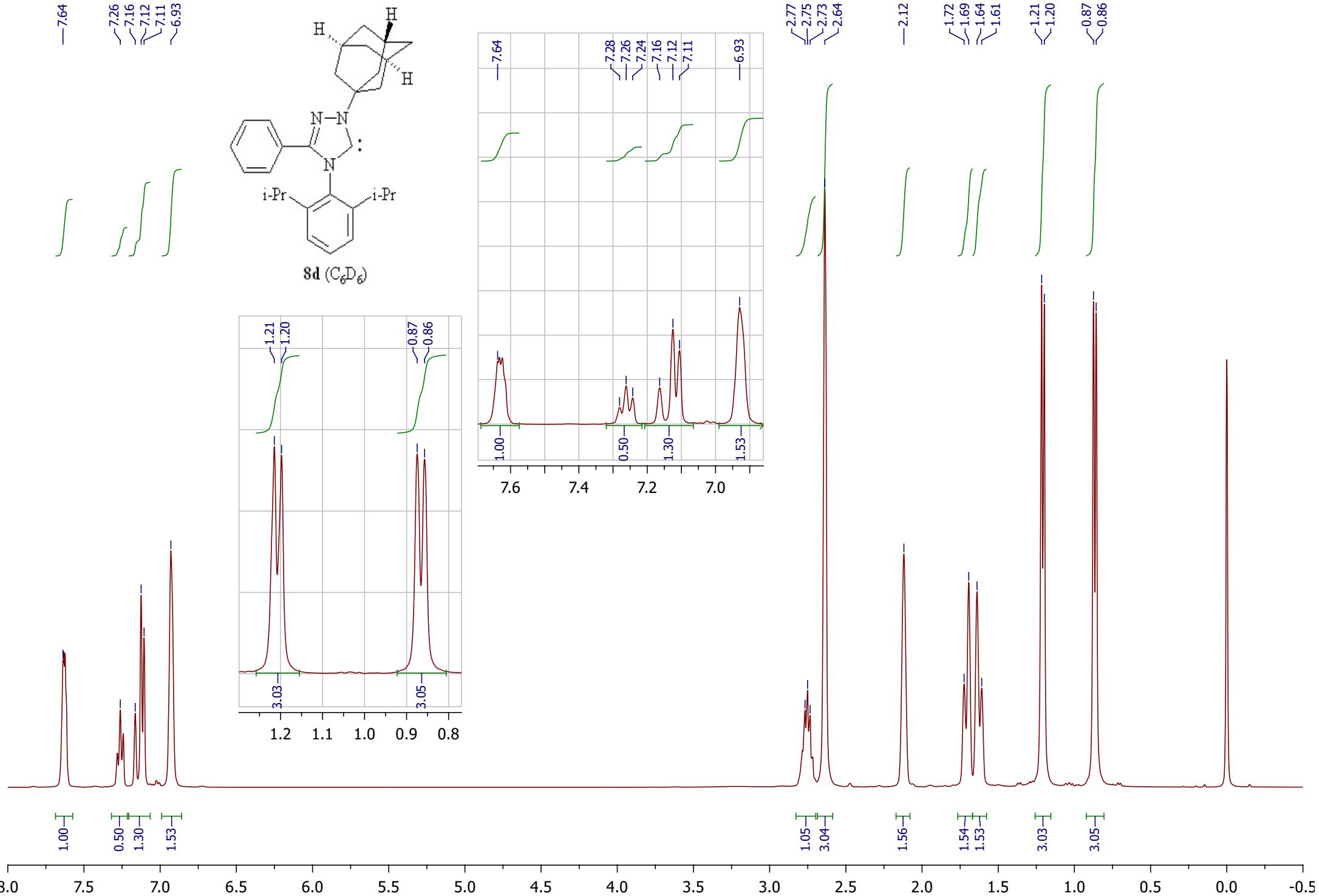
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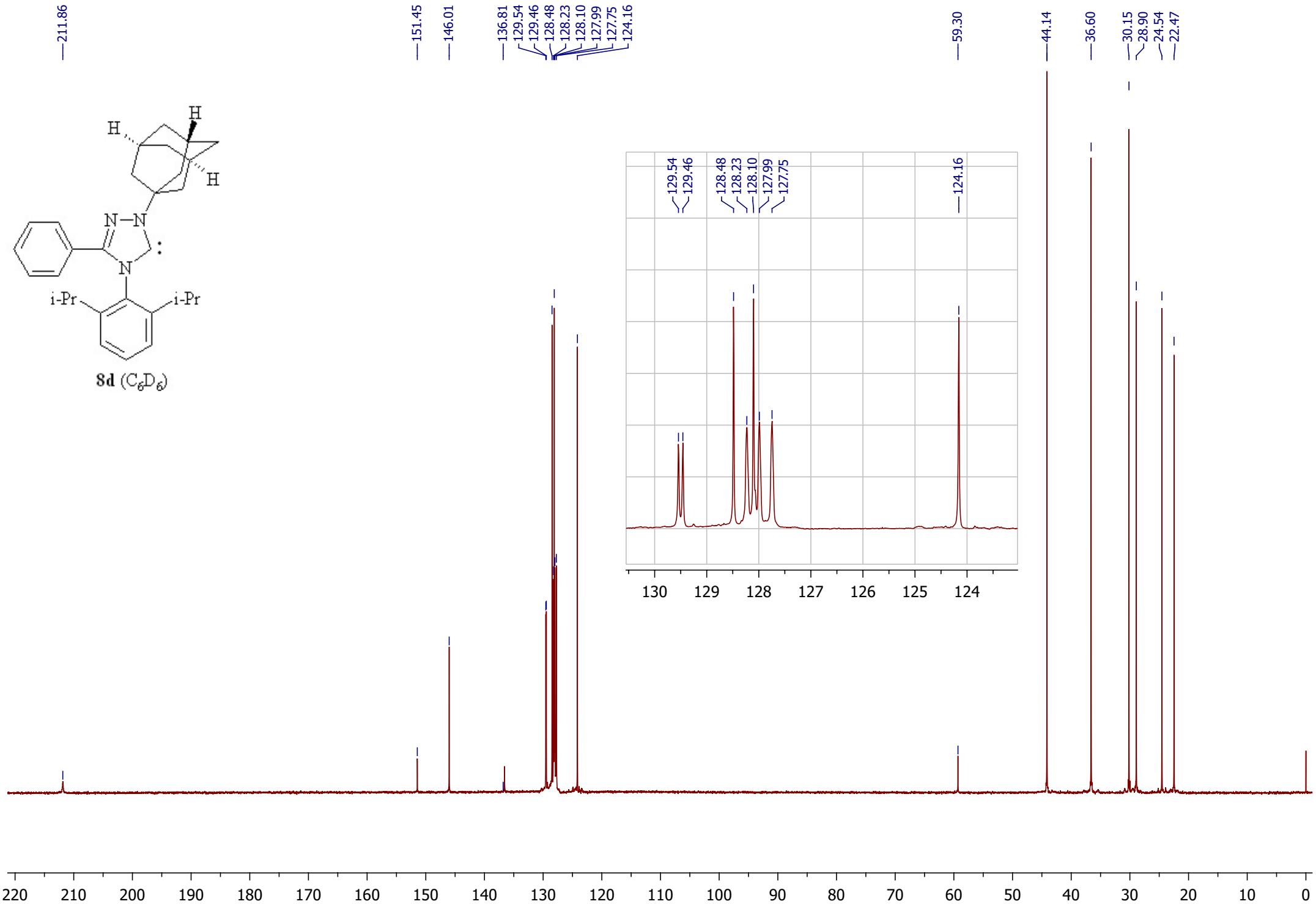
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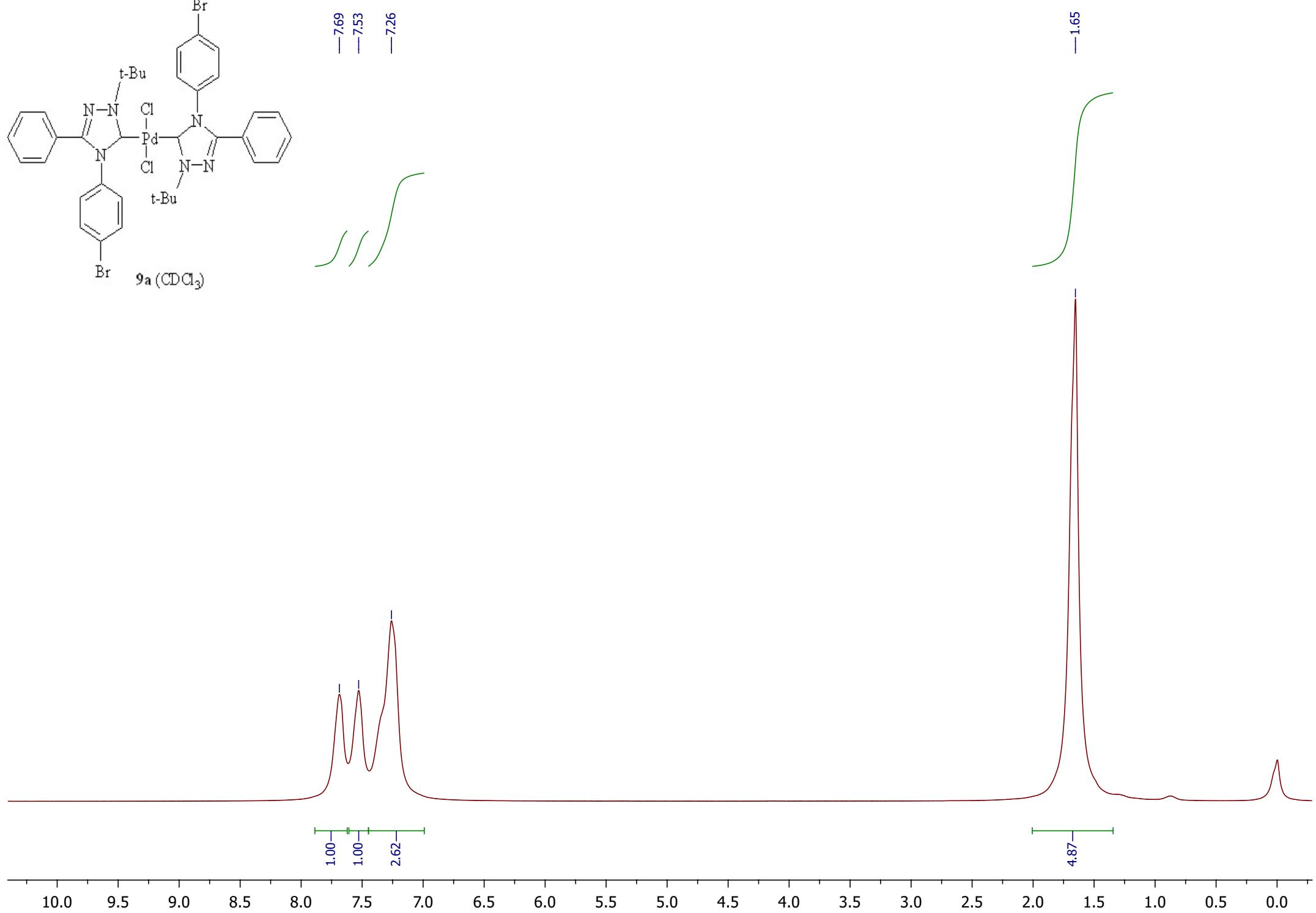
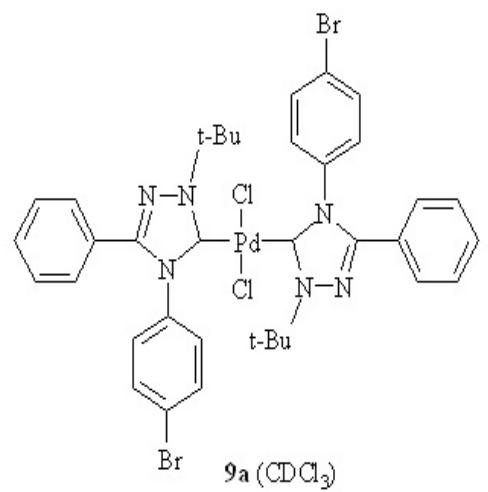
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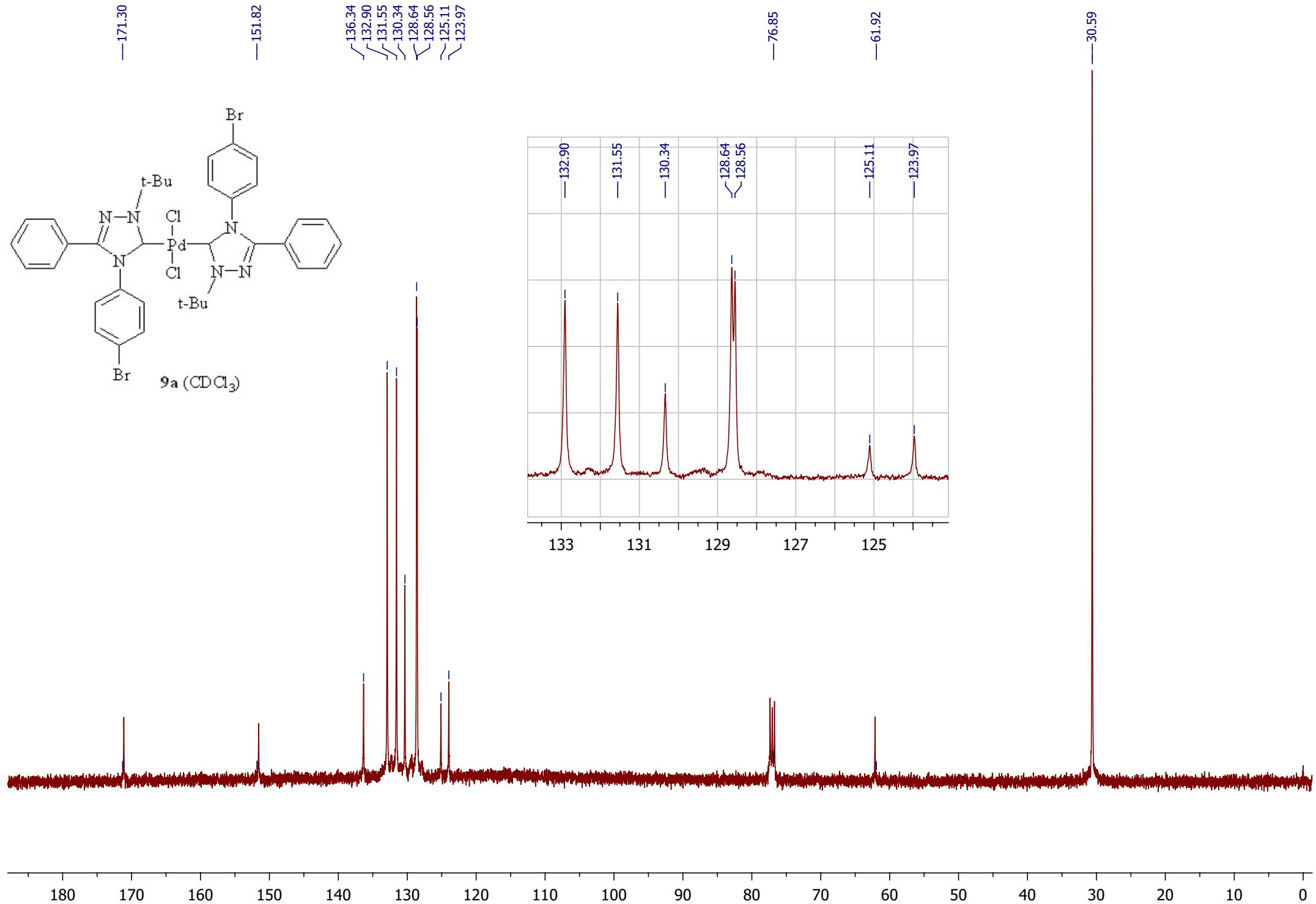


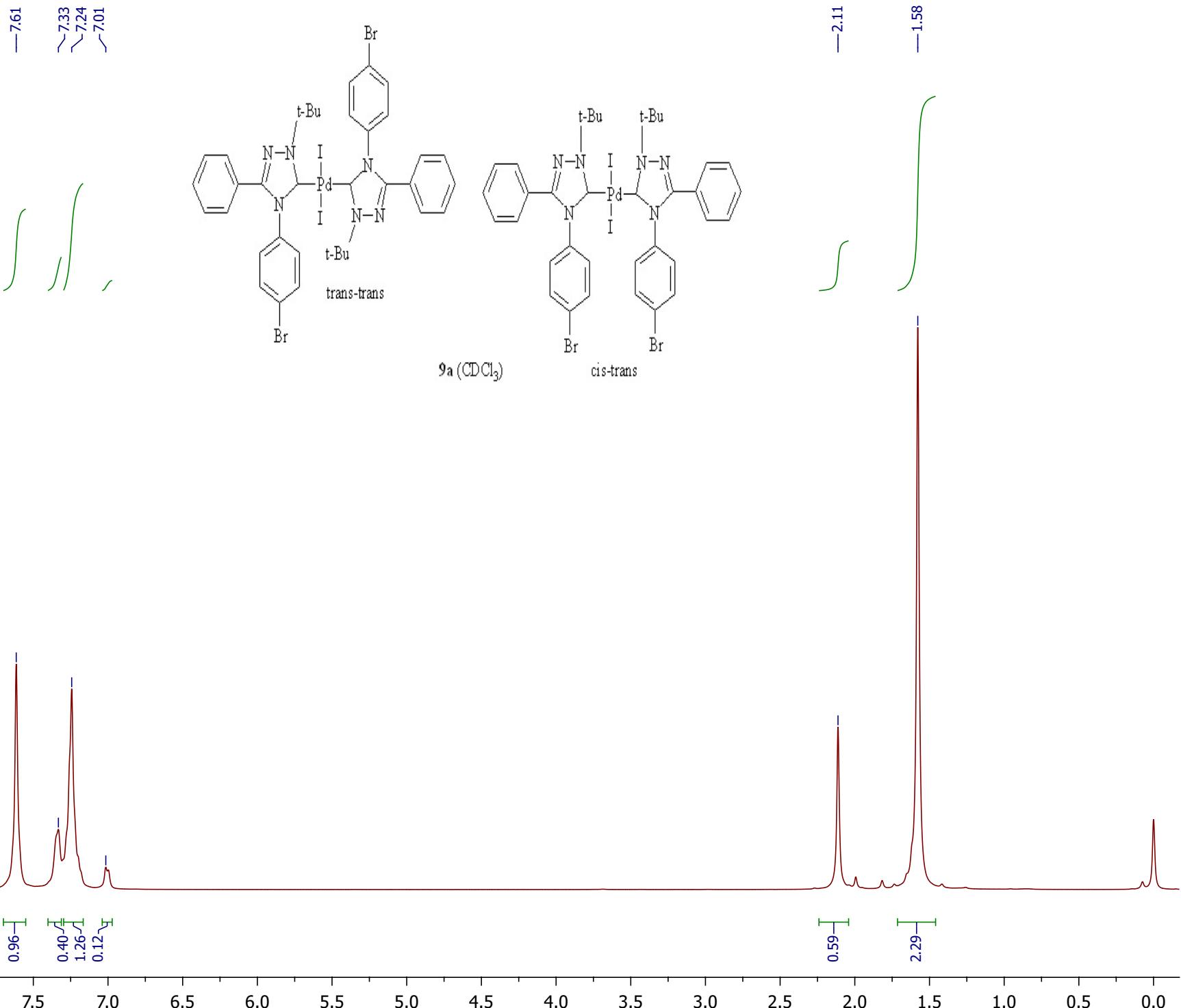
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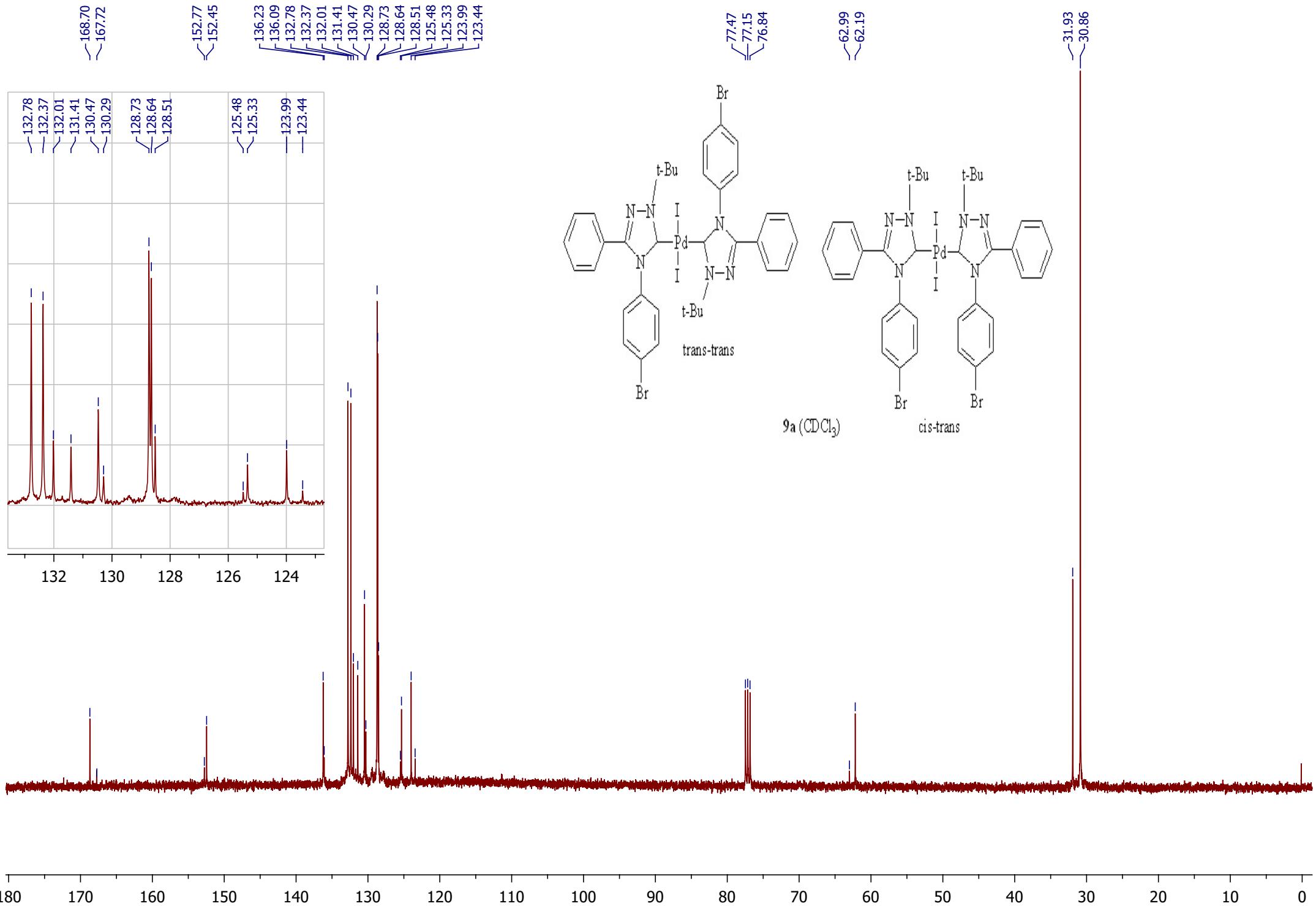


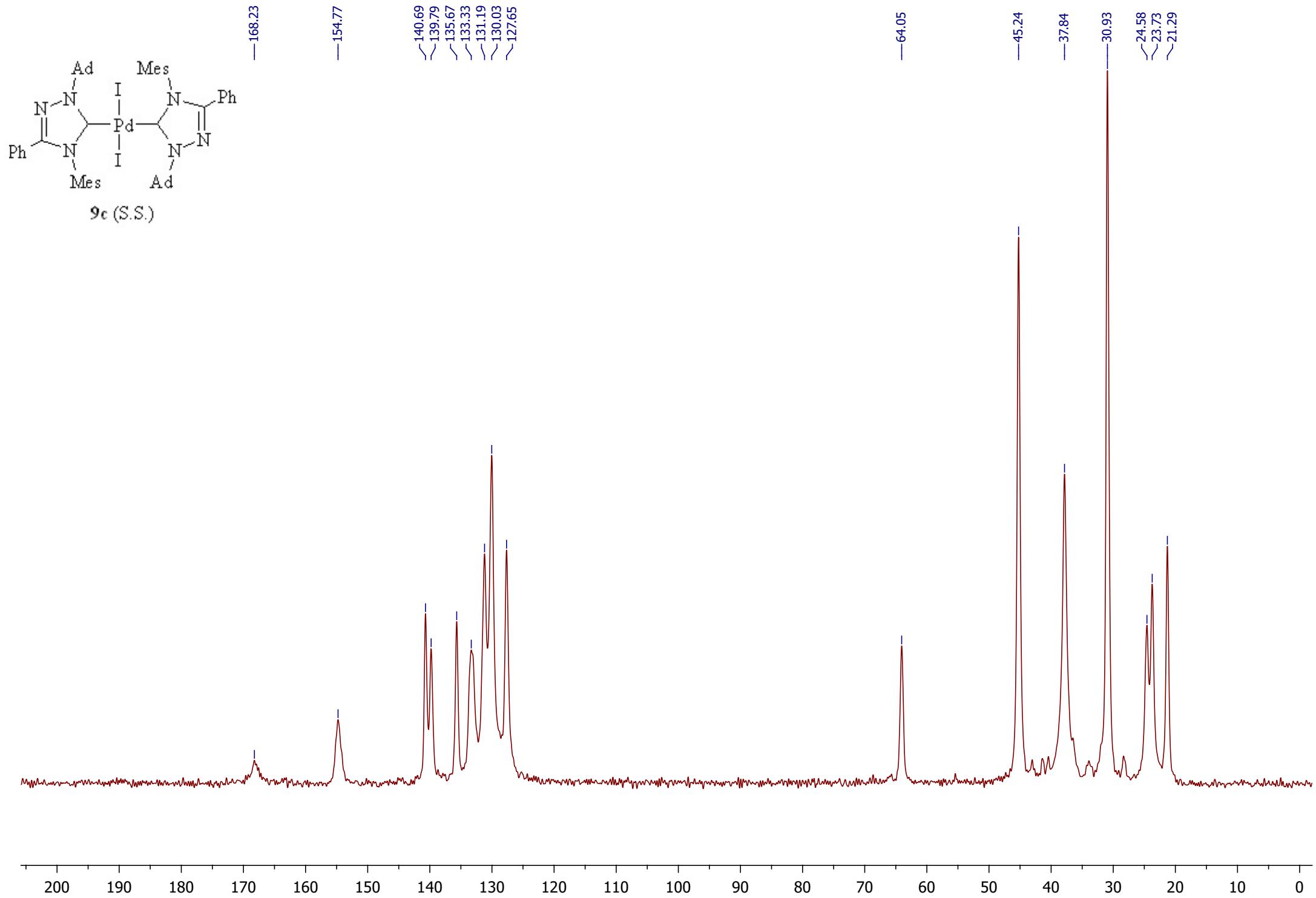


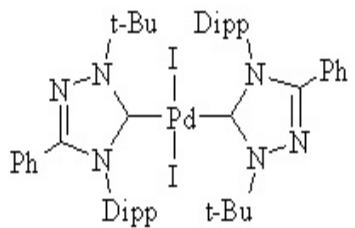




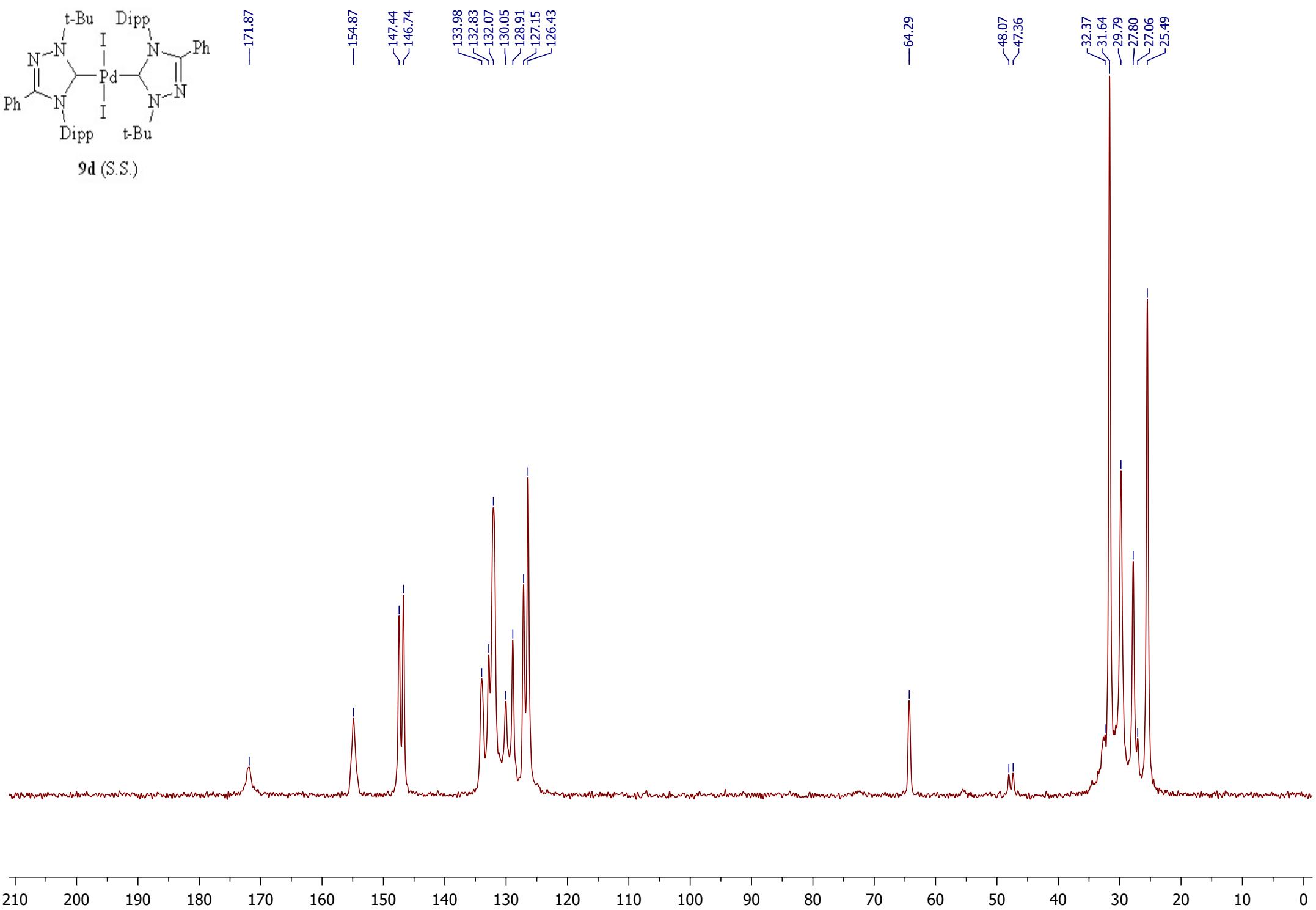


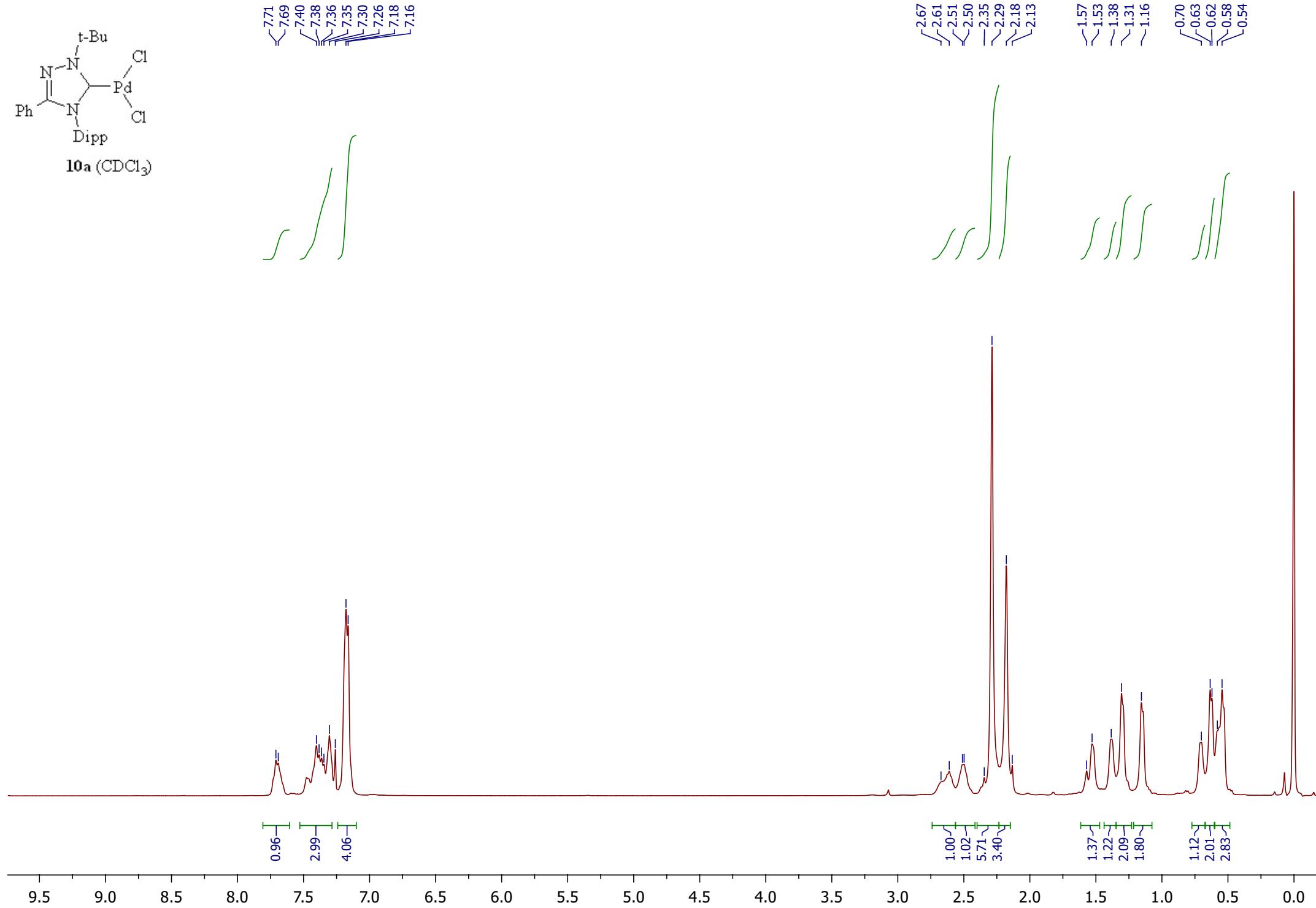
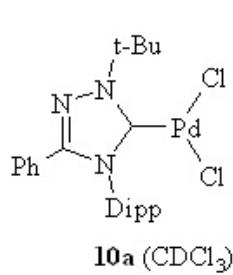


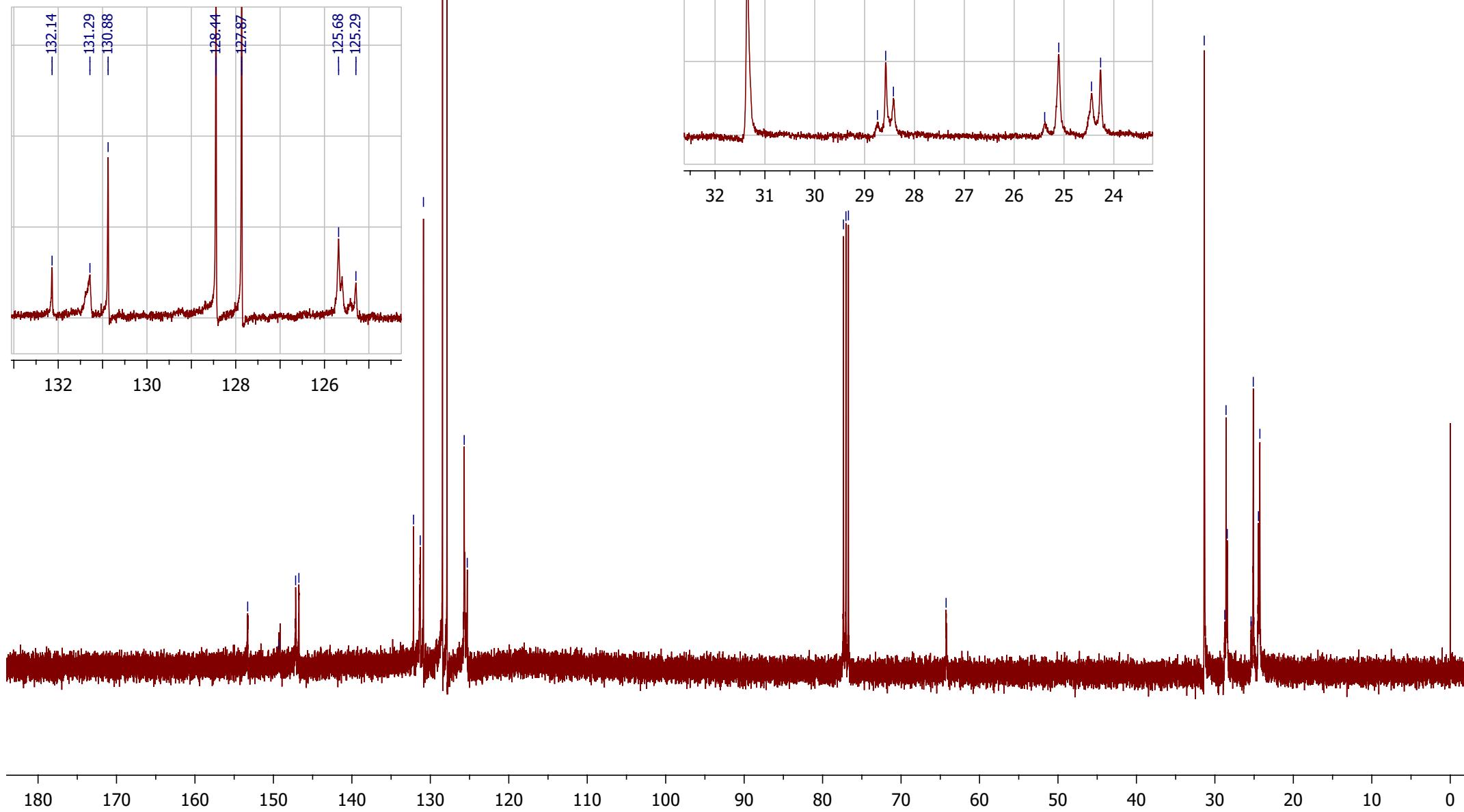
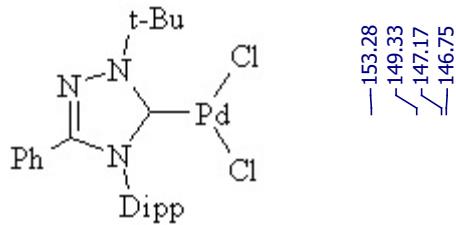


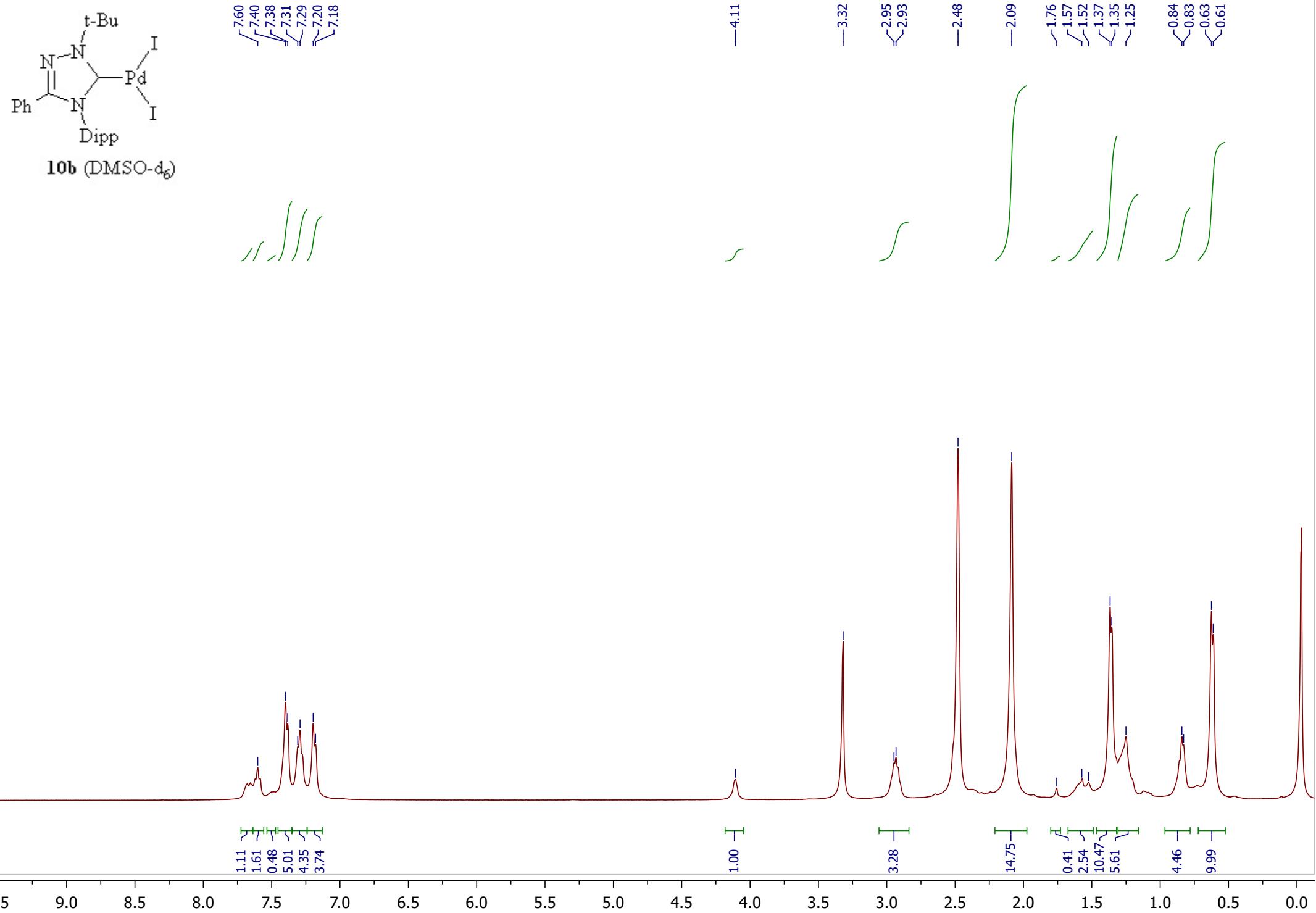


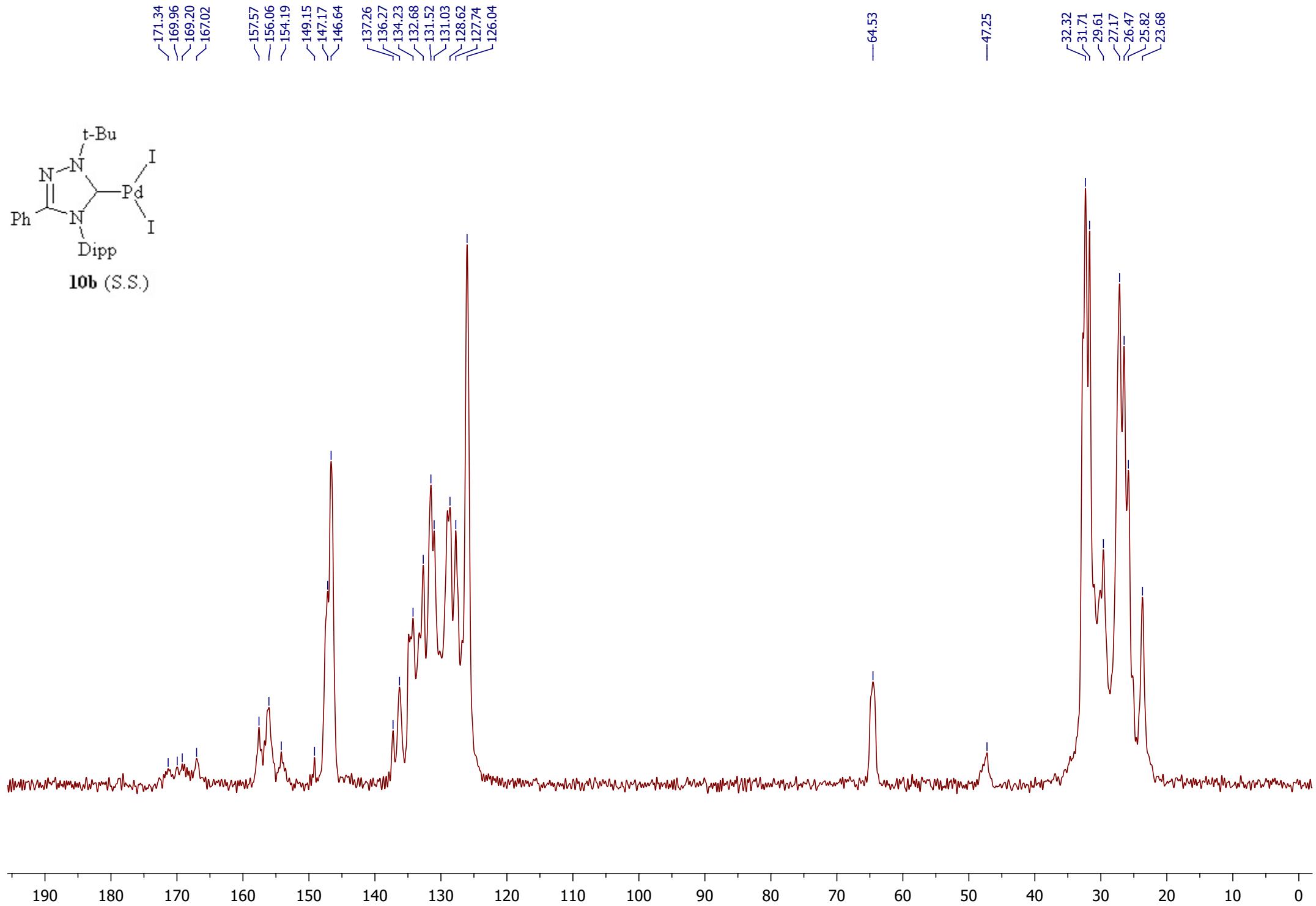
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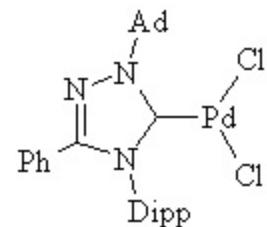




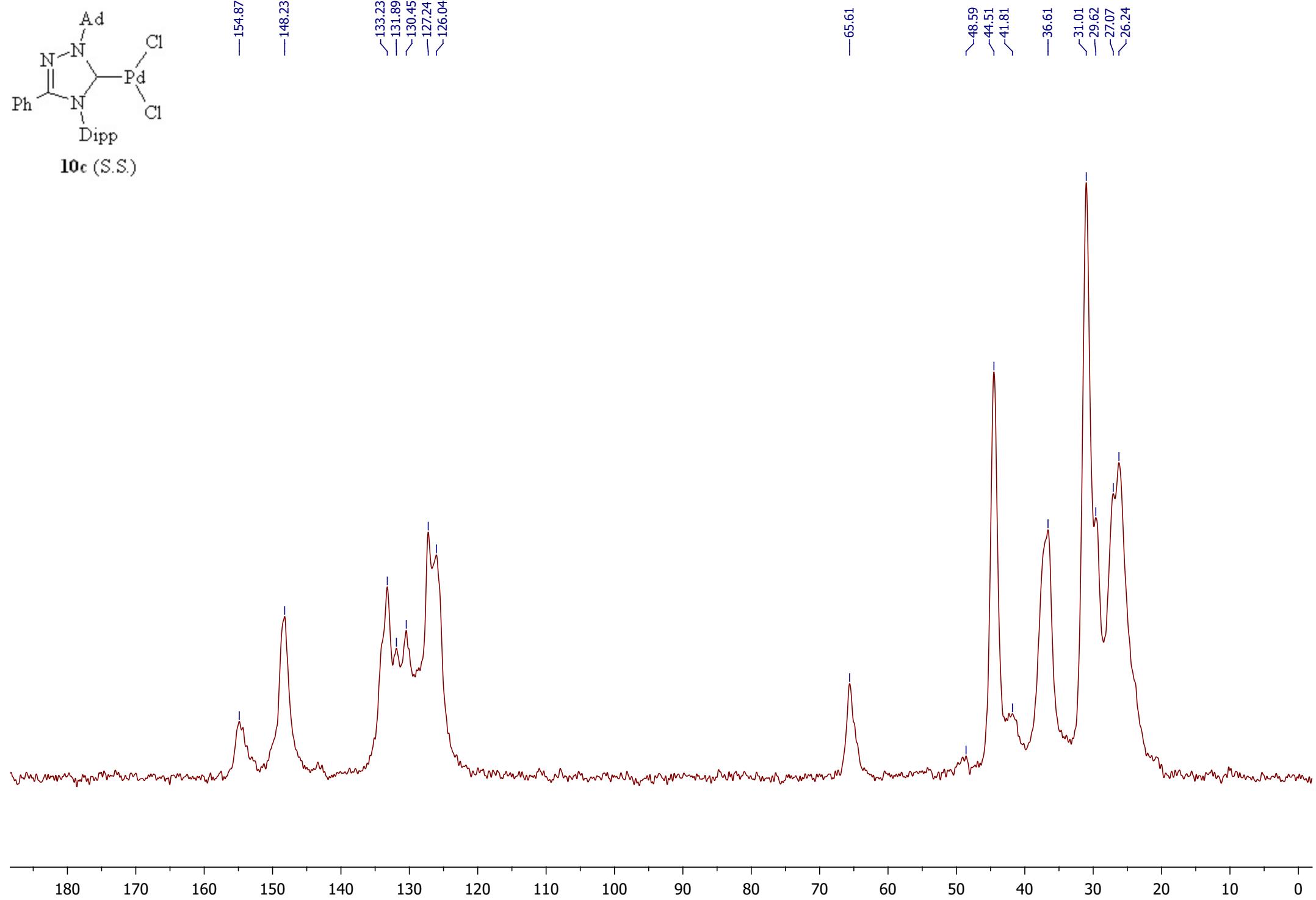


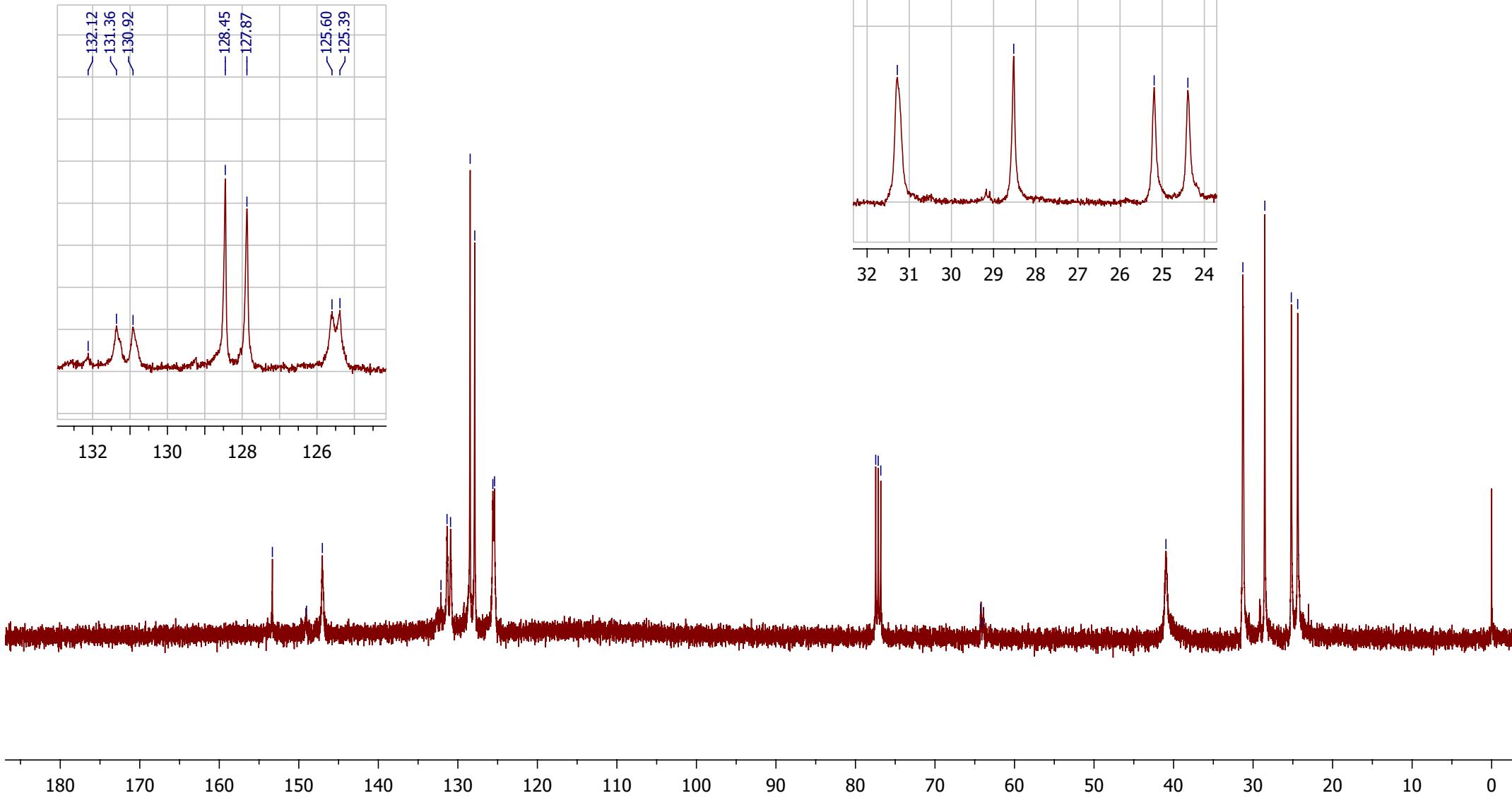
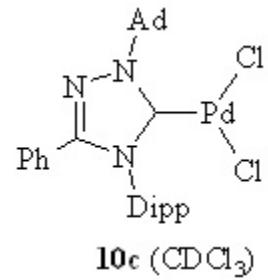


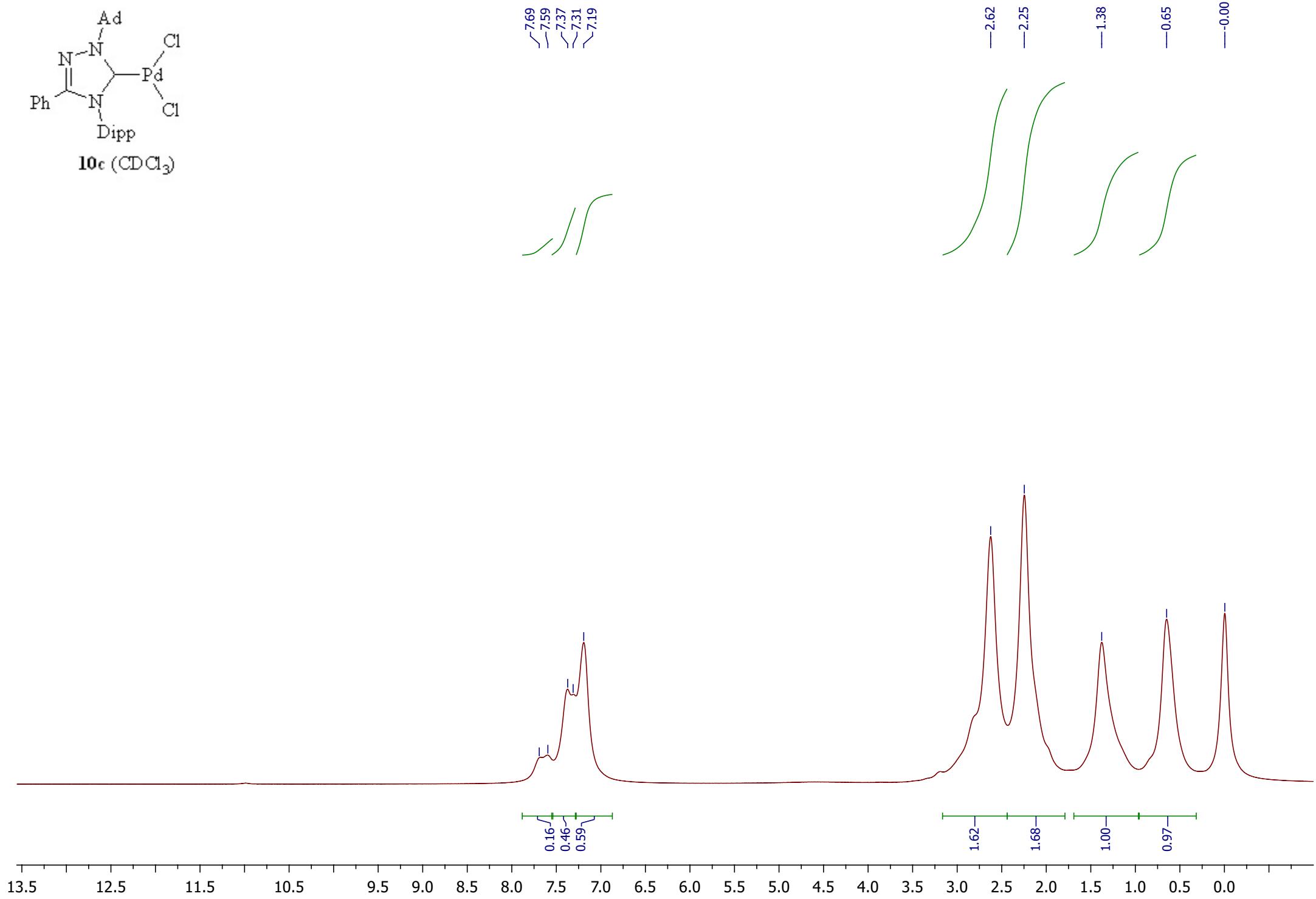
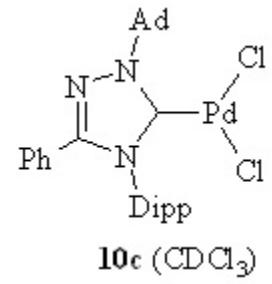


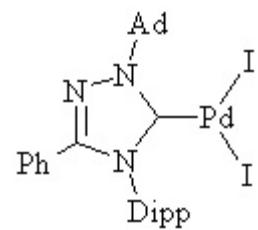
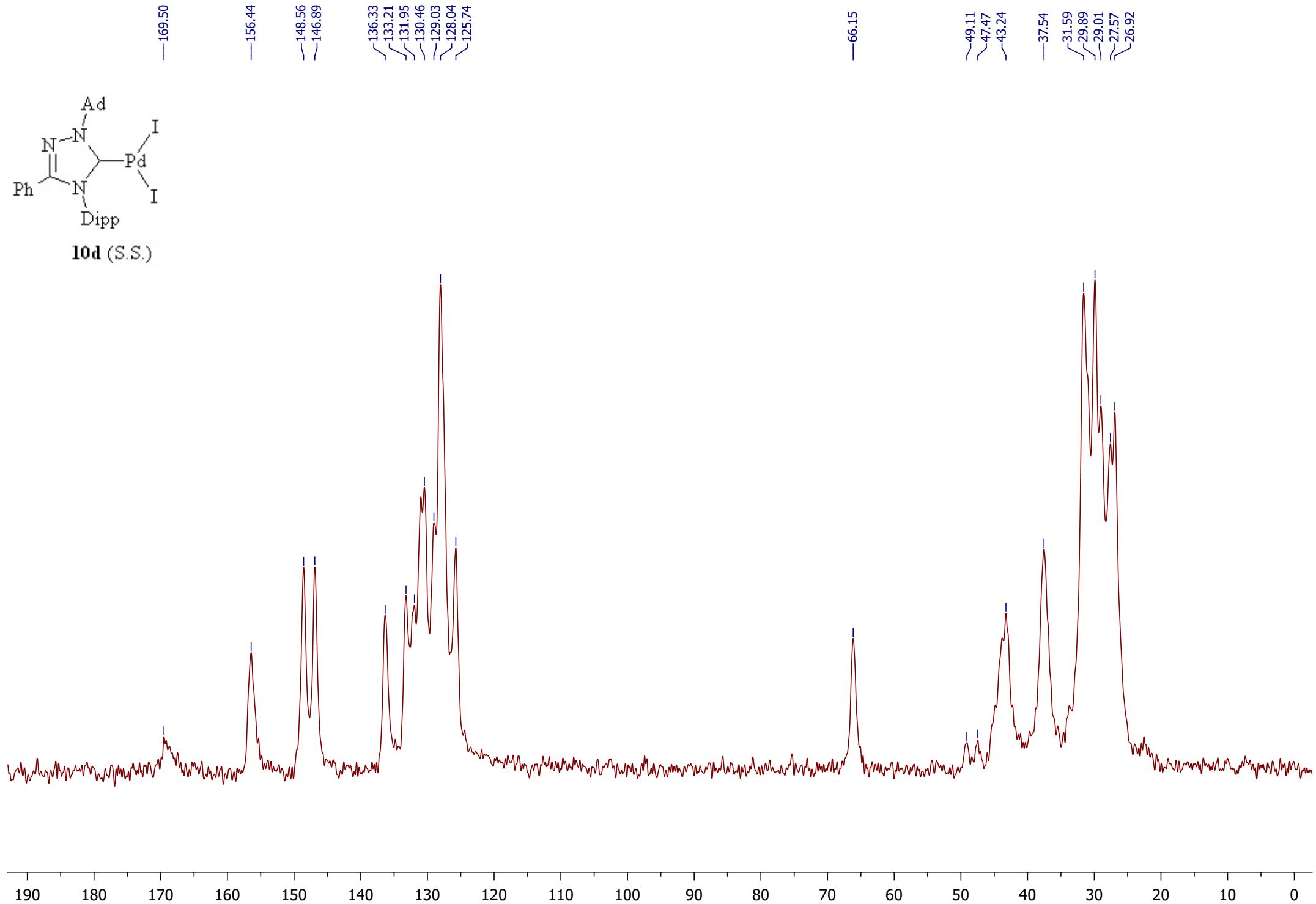


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