

Supporting Information

Solvent-Free Solid Acid-Catalyzed Nucleophilic Substitution of Propargylic Alcohols: A Green Approach for the Synthesis of 1,4-diynes

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1 **Experimental**

2 **General methods and materials.** NMR spectra were in CDCl₃ (¹H at 400 MHz and
3 ¹³C at 100 MHz). Column chromatography was performed on silica gel (300-400
4 mesh). Unless otherwise noted, all reagents were obtained commercially and used
5 without further purification.

6 **Acid-treatment procedure.** A mixture of K10 montmorillonite (10 g) and
7 hydrochloric acid (200 ml) was stirred at certain temperature for 6 h. The slurry
8 obtained was filtered and washed with deionized water until no Cl⁻ could be detected
9 by a silver nitrate test. The clay was then dried at 110 °C to afford the H-mont K10 as
10 a whitish-gray powder.

11 **General procedure for alkylation of propargylic alcohol.** A mixture of
12 propargylic alcohol (1 mmol), alkynylsilane (1 mmol) and H-K10 mont (20 wt% of
13 propargylic alcohol) was stirred at 40 °C in a round-bottom flask. When the reaction
14 was completed (monitored by TLC), the product was dissolved in ethyl acetate and
15 separated from catalyst by filtration. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure,
16 and then the residue was further purified by silica gel column chromatography
17 (petroleum ether) to afford 1,4-diyne. The recovered catalyst could be reused after
18 drying at 110 °C for 1 hour.

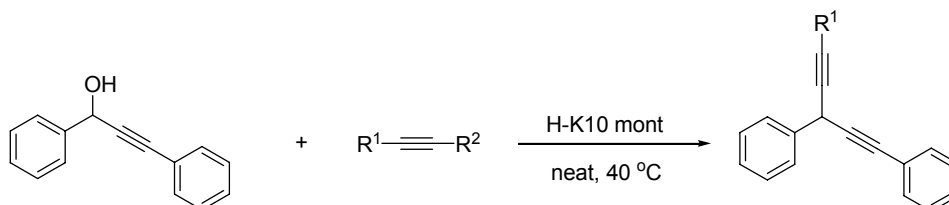
19 **NH₃-TPD (Ammonia Temperature-programmed Desorption) Measurement.** The
20 sample was first treated for 1 h at 373 K under He flow, and ammonia was adsorbed at
21 the same temperature by 0.5 %NH₃/He gas flow. NH₃-TPD was then carried out under
22 He flow at a reduced pressure (160 Torr) from 373 K to 1073 K at a heating rate of 10
23 K min⁻¹. The desorbed NH₃ was detected by a mass spectrometer.

24 **Details for ‘Sheldon test’.** A mixture of propargylic alcohol **1a** (1 mmol),
25 alkynylsilane **2a** (5 mmol) and H-K10 mont (20 wt% of **1a**) was stirred at 40 °C in a
26 round-bottom flask. After stirred for 5 min, **1a** had partially transformed to 1,4-diyne
27 **3aa**, the molar ratio of **1a** and **3aa** was 3.7:1 (monitored by ¹H NMR spectroscopy).
28 By then the reaction mixture was filtered at 40 °C and the filtrate was further stirred at
29 same temperature. ¹H NMR analysis showed that after 2 h, the molar ratio of **1a** and

1 **3aa** in the reaction mixture was still unchanged. This result indicated that **1a** failed to
2 transform any more in the absence of H-K10 mont even with prolonged reaction time.
3 The substitution reaction proved to be a heterogeneous reaction.

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5 **Table S1** Substitution of propargylic alcohol **1a** with other nucleophiles^a

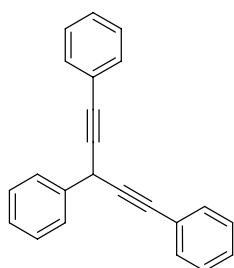


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entry	1a R ¹	2 R ²	time	3 yield (%)
1	Phenyl	H	20 min	trace ^b
2	p- MeO-phenyl	H	20 min	trace ^b
3	p-Br-phenyl	H	20 min	trace ^b
4 ^c	Phenyl	H	3 h	trace ^b
5	H	TMS	24 h	n. r. ^d
6	<i>n</i> -Bu	TMS	24 h	n. r. ^d
7	1-cyclohexenyl	TMS	6.5 h	not detected ^b

7 ^a Reaction conditions: **1a** (1 mmol), **2** (1 mmol), H-K10 mont (20 wt% of **1a**),
8 solvent-free, 40 °C. ^b Obtained as a complex mixture. ^c Performed at room
9 temperature. ^d n. r. = no reaction. Starting materials were recovered.

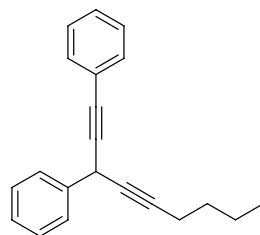
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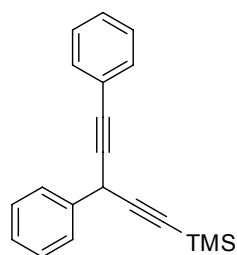
3aa

12 penta-1,4-diyne-1,3,5-triyltribenzene (**3aa**)^{1,2}: A pale yellow oil. δ_{H} (400 MHz;
13 CDCl₃) 5.26 (s, 1H), 7.32-7.36 (m, 7H), 7.43-7.46 (m, 2H), 7.52-7.55 (m, 4H),
14 7.72-7.74 (m, 2H) ppm; δ_{C} (100 MHz; CDCl₃) 30.2, 83.0, 86.7, 123.1, 127.5, 127.7,
15 128.3, 128.4, 128.9, 132.0, 138.1 ppm; HRMS (APCI) *m/z* calc. for C₂₃H₁₇ [M+H⁺]:
16 293.1325, found: 293.1324.



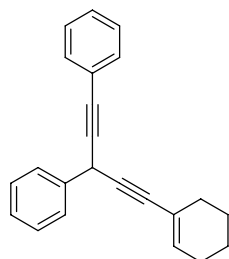
1 **3ba**

2 nona-1, 4-diyne-1,3-diyl dibenzene (**3ba**): A colourless oil. δ_{H} (400 MHz; CDCl_3) 0.94
3 (t, 3H, $J = 7.2$ Hz), 1.43-1.50 (m, 2H), 1.52-1.58 (m, 2H), 2.28 (dt, 2H, $J = 2$ and 7.2
4 Hz), 4.99 (t, 1H, $J = 2$ Hz), 7.29-7.33 (m, 4H), 7.37-7.42 (m, 2H), 7.45-7.49 (m, 2H),
5 7.62-7.65 (m, 2H) ppm; δ_{C} (100 MHz; CDCl_3) 13.8, 18.7, 22.1, 29.7, 30.9, 77.3, 82.4,
6 83.5, 87.7, 123.3, 127.3, 127.4, 128.2, 128.3, 128.7, 131.9, 138.8 ppm; HRMS (APCI)
7 m/z calc. for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{21}$ [$\text{M}+\text{H}^+$]: 273.1638, found: 273.1638.



8 **3ca**

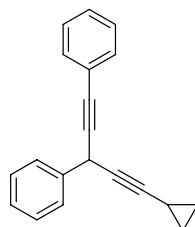
9 (3,5-diphenylpenta-1,4-diynyl)trimethylsilane (**3ca**): A pale yellow oil. δ_{H} (400 MHz;
10 CDCl_3) 0.24 (s, 9H), 5.05 (s, 1H), 7.30-7.35 (m, 4H), 7.39-7.43 (m, 2H), 7.47-7.51 (m,
11 2H), 7.63-7.66 (m, 2H) ppm; δ_{C} (100 MHz; CDCl_3) 0.1, 30.6, 82.9, 86.7, 87.6, 102.7,
12 123.2, 127.4, 127.6, 128.3(2), 128.8, 131.9, 137.9 ppm; HRMS (APCI) m/z calc. for
13 $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{21}\text{Si}$ [$\text{M}+\text{H}^+$]: 289.1407, found: 289.1408.



14 **3da**

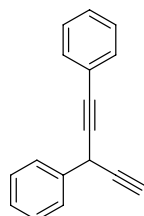
15 (5-cyclohexenylpenta-1,4-diyne-1,3-diyl) dibenzene (**3da**): A pale yellow oil. δ_{H} (400
16 MHz; CDCl_3) 1.55-1.66 (m, 4H), 2.07-2.10 (m, 2H), 2.14-2.19 (m, 2H), 5.10 (s, 1H),

1 6.14-6.17 (m, 1H), 7.27-7.32 (m, 4H), 7.36-7.40 (m, 2H), 7.45-7.48 (m, 2H),
2 7.60-7.63 (m, 2H) ppm; δ_C (100 MHz; $CDCl_3$) 21.7, 22.4, 25.8, 29.3, 30.1, 82.6, 83.8,
3 84.8, 87.2, 120.5, 123.3, 127.4, 127.5, 128.3, 128.3, 128.8, 131.9, 135.2, 138.5 ppm;
4 HRMS (APCI) m/z calc. for $C_{23}H_{21}$ [$M+H^+$]: 297.1638, found: 297.1639.



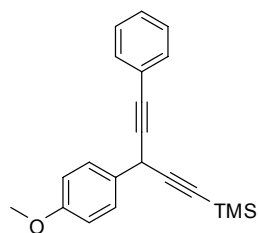
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6 (5-cyclopropylpenta-1,4-diyne-1,3-diyl)dibenzene (**3ea**): A pale yellow oil. δ_H (400
7 MHz; $CDCl_3$) 0.71-0.81 (m, 4H), 1.28-1.36 (m, 1H), 4.95 (d, 1H, $J = 0.8$ Hz),
8 7.28-7.32 (m, 4H), 7.36-7.41 (m, 2H), 7.46-7.49 (m, 2H), 7.59-7.62 (m, 2H) ppm; δ_C
9 (100 MHz; $CDCl_3$): -0.2, 8.3, 29.6, 72.5, 82.5, 86.3, 87.5, 123.3, 127.3, 127.5, 128.3,
10 128.3, 128.7, 131.9, 138.7 ppm; HRMS (APCI) m/z calc. for $C_{20}H_{17}$ [$M+H^+$]:
11 257.1325, found: 257.1321.



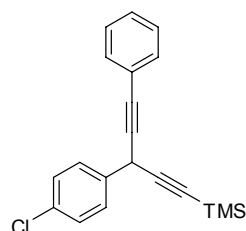
12 **3fa**

13 penta-1,4-diyne-1,3-diyl dibenzene (**3fa**)³: A pale yellow oil. δ_H (400 MHz; $CDCl_3$)
14 2.46 (d, 1H, $J = 2.4$ Hz), 5.03 (d, 1H, $J = 2.4$ Hz), 7.31-7.37 (m, 4H), 7.41-7.45 (m,
15 2H), 7.48-7.53 (m, 2H), 7.64-7.67 (m, 2H) ppm; δ_C (100 MHz; $CDCl_3$) 29.4, 71.1,
16 81.4, 83.1, 86.1, 122.9, 127.3, 127.8, 128.3, 128.5, 128.9, 131.9, 137.4 ppm; HRMS
17 (APCI) m/z calc. for $C_{17}H_{13}$ [$M+H^+$]: 217.1012, found: 217.1014.



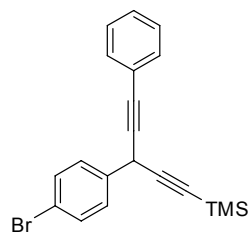
1 **3ga**

2 (3-(4-methoxyphenyl)-5-phenylpenta-1,4-diynyl)trimethylsilane (**3ga**): δ_{H} (400 MHz;
3 CDCl_3) 0.23 (s, 9H), 3.83 (s, 3H), 4.99 (s, 1H), 6.92-6.95 (m, 2H), 7.30-7.33 (m, 3H),
4 7.47-7.48 (m, 2H), 7.52-7.55 (m, 2H) ppm; δ_{C} (100 MHz; CDCl_3) 0.1, 29.8, 55.4, 82.6,
5 87.0, 87.2, 103.0, 114.2, 123.2, 128.3(2), 128.4, 129.9, 131.9, 159.1 ppm; HRMS
6 (ESI) m/z calc. for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{21}\text{OSi}$ [$\text{M}-\text{H}^+$]: 317.1367, found: 317.1366.



7 **3ha**

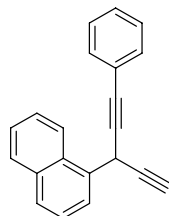
8 (3-(4-chlorophenyl)-5-phenylpenta-1,4-diynyl)trimethylsilane (**3ha**): A pale yellow
9 oil. δ_{H} (400 MHz; CDCl_3) 0.23 (s, 9H), 5.00 (s, 1H), 7.31-7.33 (m, 3H), 7.35-7.38 (m,
10 2H), 7.46-7.49 (m, 2H), 7.55-7.58 (m, 2H) ppm; δ_{C} (100 MHz; CDCl_3) 0.0, 30.0, 83.2,
11 86.1, 88.0, 102.1, 122.9, 128.4, 128.5, 128.8, 128.9, 131.9, 133.5, 136.4 ppm; HRMS
12 (ESI) m/z calc. for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{18}\text{ClSi}$ [$\text{M}-\text{H}^+$]: 321.0872, found: 321.0870.



13 **3ia**

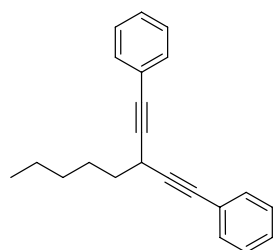
14 (3-(4-bromophenyl)-5-phenylpenta-1,4-diynyl)trimethylsilane (**3ia**): A pale yellow
15 solid. δ_{H} (400 MHz; CDCl_3): 0.22 (s, 9H), 4.97(s, 1H), 7.30-7.31 (m, 1H), 7.32-7.33
16 (m, 2H), 7.45-7.47 (m, 1H), 7.47-7.48 (m, 1H), 7.50-7.51 (m, 4H) ppm; δ_{C} (100 MHz;

1 CDCl₃) 0.0, 30.1, 83.2, 86.0, 88.0, 102.0, 121.6, 122.9, 128.4, 128.5, 129.2, 131.9,
2 131.9, 137.0 ppm; HRMS (ESI) m/z calc. for C₂₀H₁₈BrSi [M-H⁺]: 365.0367, found:
3 365.0366.



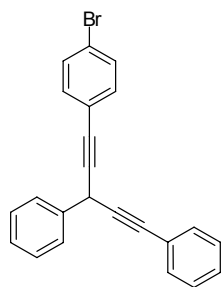
4 **3ka**

5 1-(1-phenylpenta-1,4-diyne-3-yl)naphthalene (**3ka**): A pale yellow oil. δ_{H} (400 MHz;
6 CDCl₃) 2.46 (d, 1H, $J = 2.4$ Hz), 5.56 (d, 1H, $J = 2.4$ Hz), 7.27-7.31 (m, 3H),
7 7.44-7.46 (m, 2H), 7.49-7.54 (m, 2H), 7.59-7.64 (m, 1H), 7.85 (d, 1H, $J = 8.4$ Hz),
8 7.90-7.95 (m, 2H), 8.32-8.34 (m, 1H) ppm; δ_{C} (100 MHz; CDCl₃) 27.6, 71.6, 81.3,
9 83.6, 86.1, 123.0, 123.9, 125.5, 125.7, 126.1, 126.5, 128.3, 128.5, 128.9, 129.0, 130.6,
10 131.9, 133.0, 134.3 ppm; HRMS (APCI) m/z calc. for C₂₁H₁₅ [M+H⁺]: 267.1168,
11 found: 267.1165.



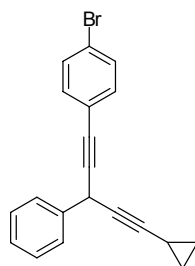
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13 (3-pentylpenta-1,4-diyne-1,5-diyl)dibenzene (**3la**): A pale yellow oil. δ_{H} (400 MHz;
14 CDCl₃) 0.93 (t, 3H, $J = 7.2$ Hz), 1.35-1.40 (m, 4H), 1.63-1.67 (m, 2H), 1.87-1.93 (m,
15 2H), 3.81 (t, 1H, $J = 7.2$ Hz), 7.27-7.32 (m, 6H), 7.43-7.47 (m, 4H) ppm; δ_{C} (100
16 MHz; CDCl₃) 14.0, 22.5, 24.6, 26.7, 31.3, 36.0, 81.2, 88.0, 123.3, 128.0, 128.2, 131.8
17 ppm; HRMS (APCI) m/z calc. for C₂₂H₂₃ [M+H⁺]: 287.1794, found: 287.1796.



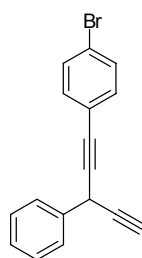
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2 (5-(4-bromophenyl)penta-1,4-diyne-1,3-diyl)dibenzene (**3ab**): A pale yellow oil. δ_{H}
3 (400 MHz; CDCl_3) 5.20 (s, 1H), 7.30-7.37 (m, 6H), 7.40-7.46 (m, 4H), 7.48-7.51 (m,
4 2H), 7.65-7.69 (m, 2H) ppm; δ_{C} (100 MHz; CDCl_3) 30.3, 81.9, 83.1, 86.4, 88.0, 122.1,
5 122.7, 123.0, 127.4, 127.8, 128.4, 128.5, 128.9, 131.6, 132.0, 133.4, 137.9 ppm;
6 HRMS (ESI) m/z calc. for $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{14}\text{Br}$ [$\text{M}-\text{H}^+$]: 369.0284, found: 369.0285.



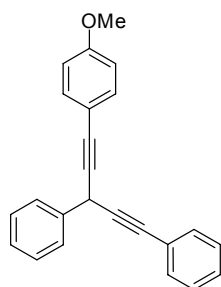
7 **3eb**

8 1-bromo-4-(5-cyclopropyl-3-phenylpenta-1,4-diyne)benzene (**3eb**): A colourless oil.
9 δ_{H} (400 MHz; CDCl_3) 0.69-0.80 (m, 4H), 1.28-1.32 (m, 1H), 4.91 (d, 1H, $J = 1.6$ Hz),
10 7.28-7.32 (m, 3H), 7.35-7.39 (m, 2H), 7.40-7.44 (m, 2H), 7.55-7.58 (m, 2H) ppm; δ_{C}
11 (100 MHz; CDCl_3) -0.2, 8.3, 29.7, 72.2, 81.4, 86.5, 88.8, 122.2, 122.5, 127.3, 127.6,
12 128.8, 131.6, 133.4, 138.4 ppm; HRMS (ESI) m/z calc. for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{14}\text{Br}$ [$\text{M}-\text{H}^+$]:
13 333.0284, found: 333.0284.



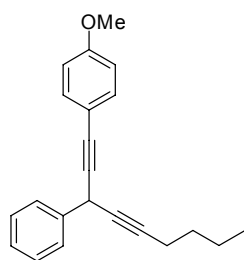
14 **3fb**

1 1-bromo-4-(3-phenylpenta-1,4-diynyl)benzene (**3fb**): A colourless oil. δ_{H} (400 MHz;
2 CDCl_3) 2.43 (d, 1H, $J = 2.4$ Hz), 4.97 (d, 1H, $J = 2.4$ Hz), 7.30-7.36 (m, 3H),
3 7.38-7.40 (m, 2H), 7.41-7.45 (m, 2H), 7.58-7.61 (m, 2H) ppm; δ_{C} (100 MHz; CDCl_3)
4 29.5, 71.3, 81.1, 82.0, 87.4, 121.9, 122.8, 127.3, 127.9, 129.0, 131.7, 133.4, 137.2
5 ppm; HRMS (ESI) m/z calc. for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{10}\text{Br}$ [$\text{M}-\text{H}^+$]: 292.9971, found: 292.9970.



6 **3ac**

7 (5-(4-methoxyphenyl)penta-1,4-diyne-1,3-diyl)dibenzene (**3ac**): A pale yellow oil. δ_{H}
8 (400 MHz; CDCl_3) 3.81 (s, 3H), 5.22 (s, 1H), 6.84-6.86 (m, 2H), 7.30-7.34 (m, 4H),
9 7.40-7.47 (m, 4H), 7.49-7.52 (m, 2H), 7.69-7.72 (m, 2H) ppm; δ_{C} (100 MHz; CDCl_3)
10 30.2, 55.4, 82.8(2), 85.2, 87.0, 114.0, 115.2, 123.2, 127.5, 127.6, 128.3(2), 128.8,
11 131.9, 133.4, 138.3, 159.7 ppm; HRMS (ESI) m/z calc. for $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{17}\text{O}$ [$\text{M}-\text{H}^+$]:
12 321.1285, found: 321.1283.



13 **3bc**

14 1-methoxy-4-(3-phenylnona-1,4-diynyl)benzene (**3bc**): A pale yellow oil. δ_{H} (400
15 MHz; CDCl_3) 0.93 (t, 3H, $J = 7.2$ Hz), 1.41-1.49 (m, 2H), 1.51-1.58 (m, 2H), 2.27 (dt,
16 2H, $J = 2.4$ and 7.2 Hz), 3.80 (s, 3H), 4.96 (t, 1H, $J = 2.4$ Hz), 6.81-6.84 (m, 2H),
17 7.29-7.32 (m, 1H), 7.36-7.43 (m, 4H), 7.60-7.63 (m, 2H) ppm; δ_{C} (100 MHz; CDCl_3):
18 13.8, 18.7, 22.1, 29.6, 30.9, 55.4, 77.4, 82.2, 83.4, 86.1, 113.9, 115.4, 127.3(2), 128.7,

1 133.3, 139.0, 159.6 ppm; HRMS (ESI) m/z calc. for C₂₂H₂₁O [M-H⁺]: 301.1598,
2 found: 301.1597.

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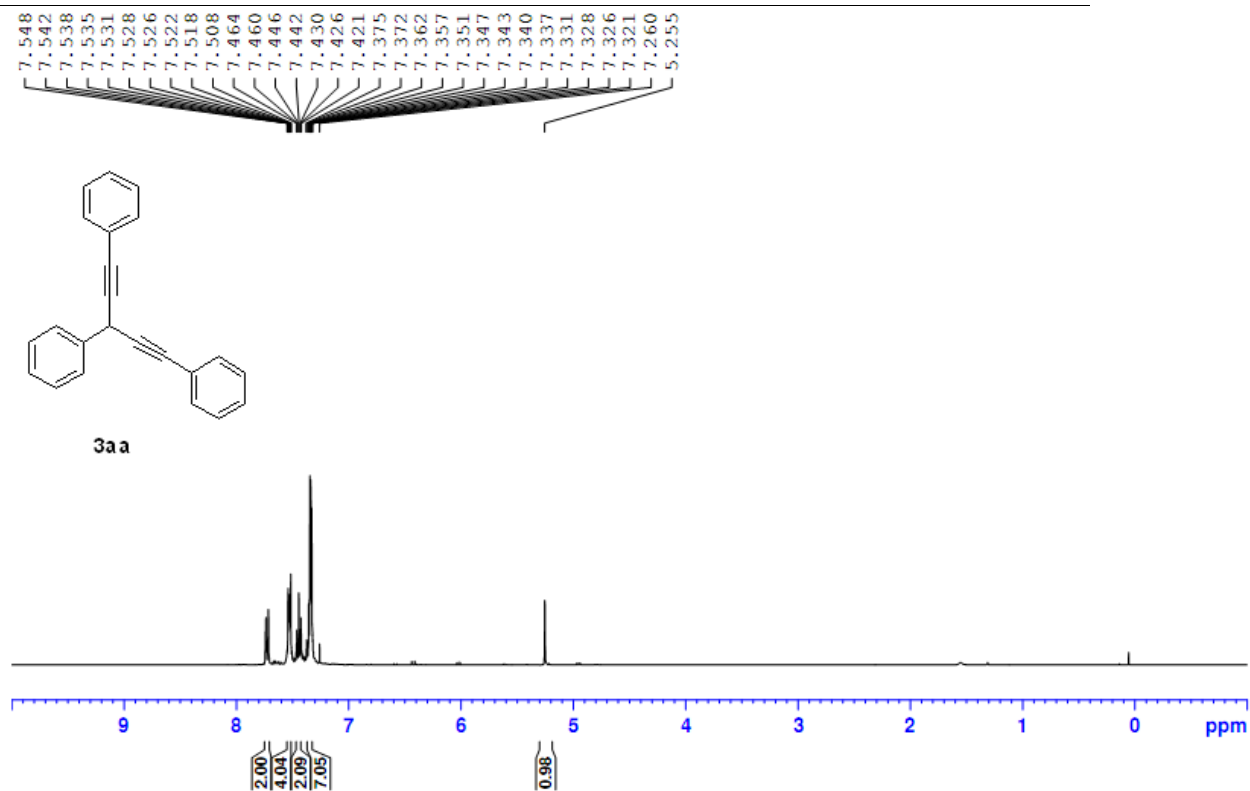
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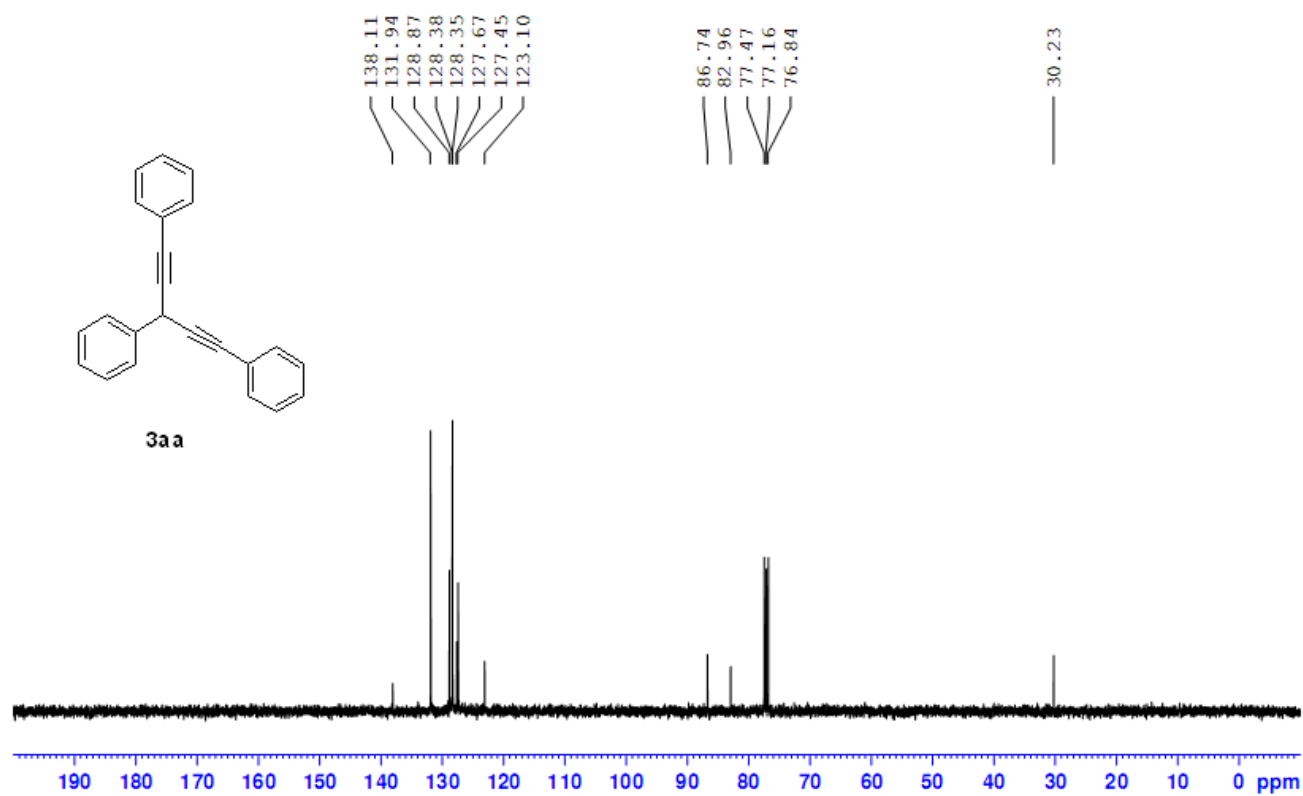
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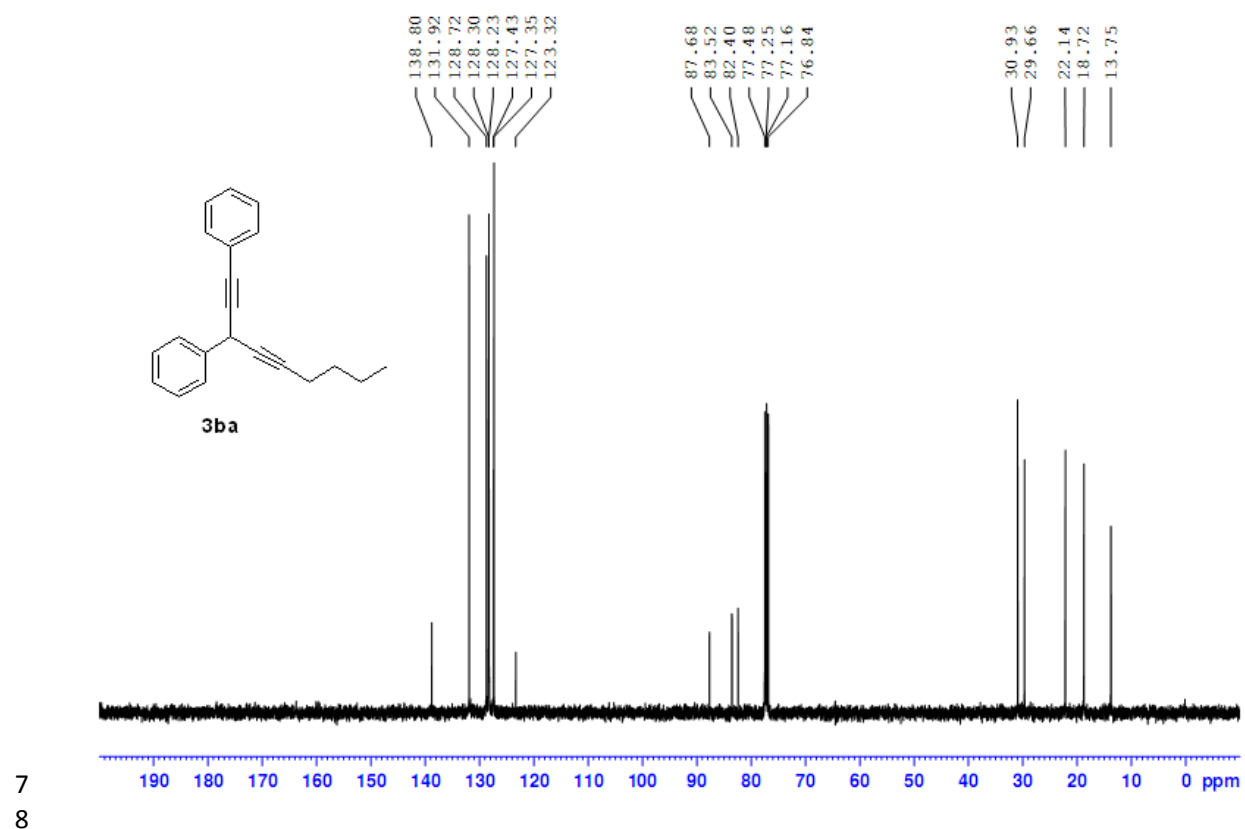
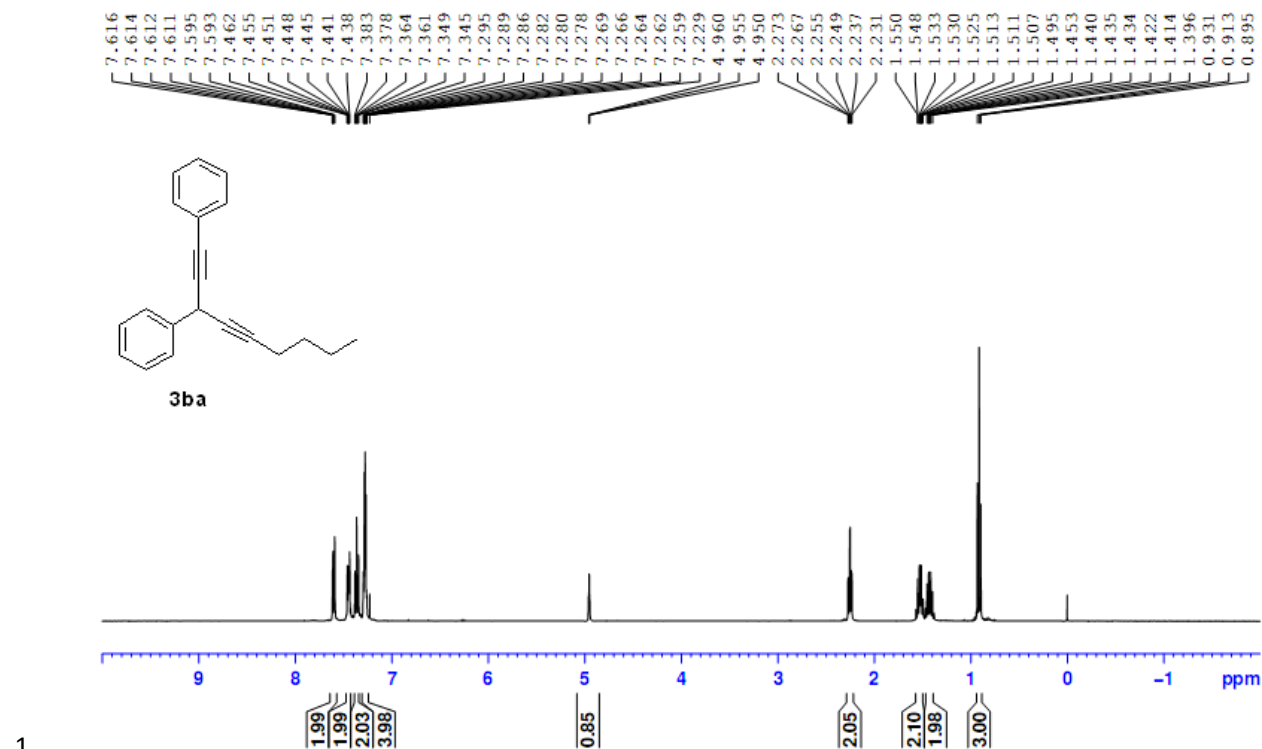
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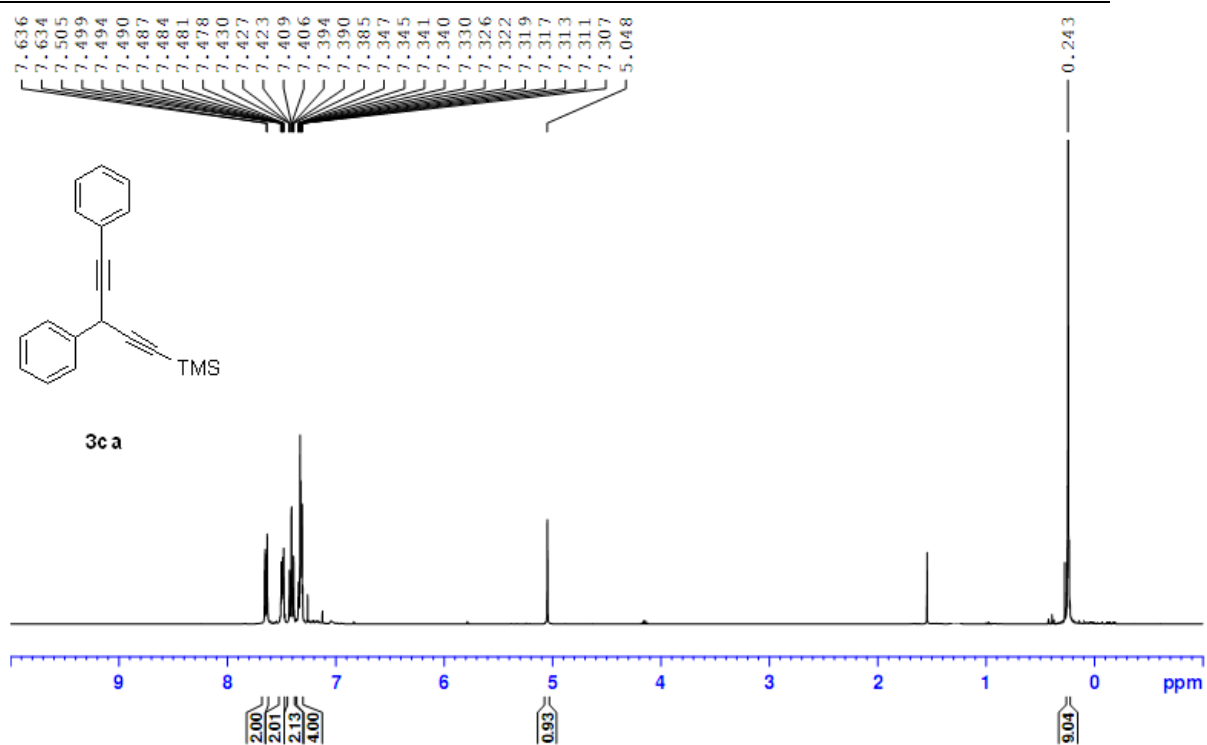


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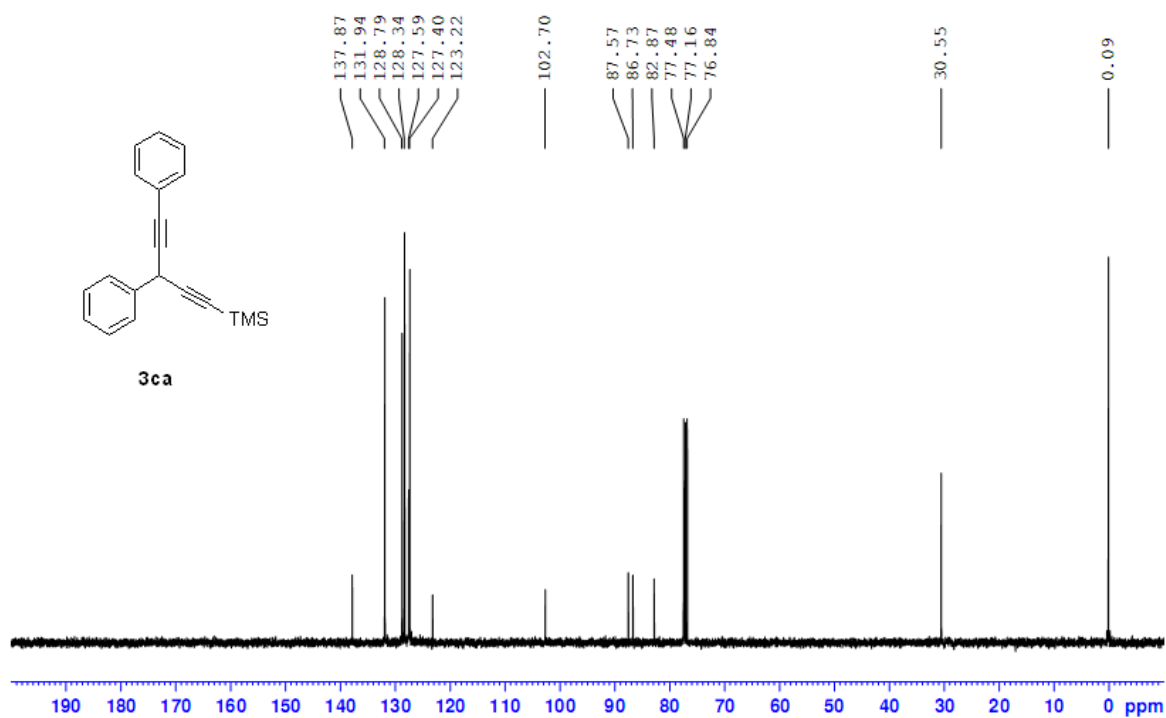


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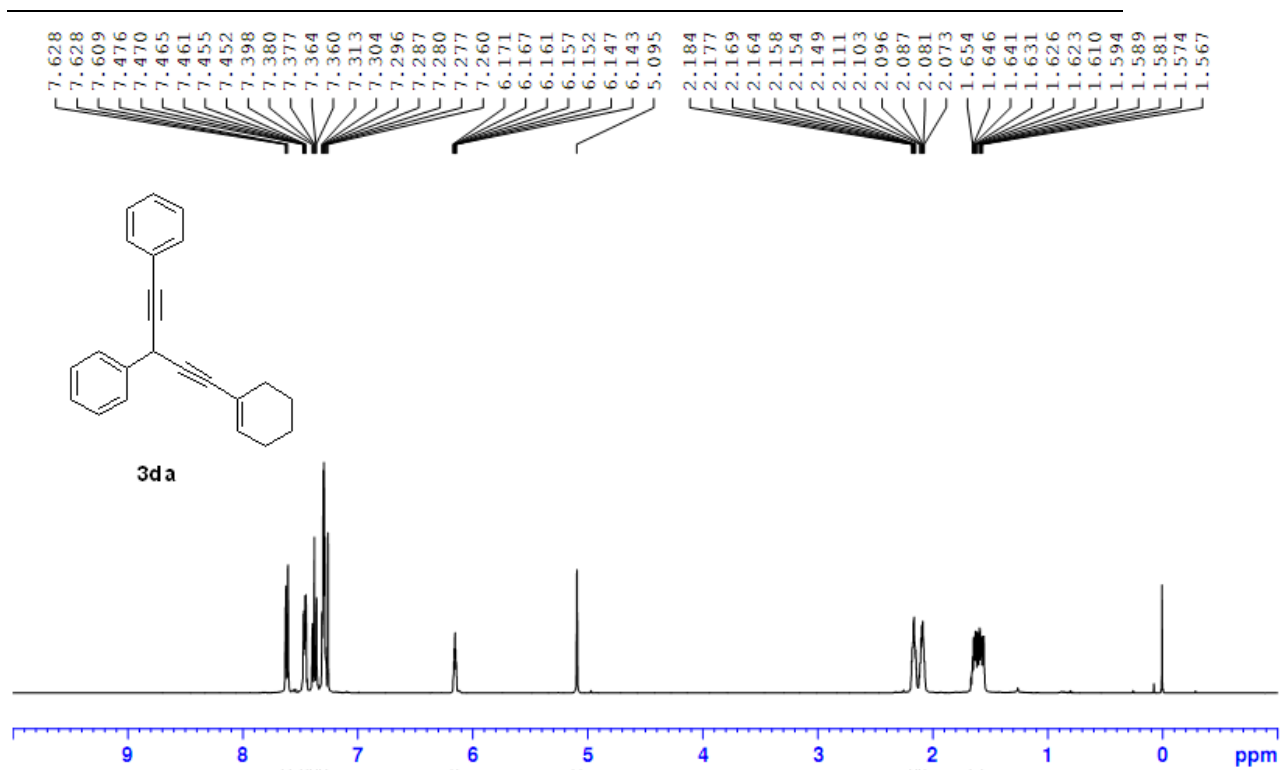




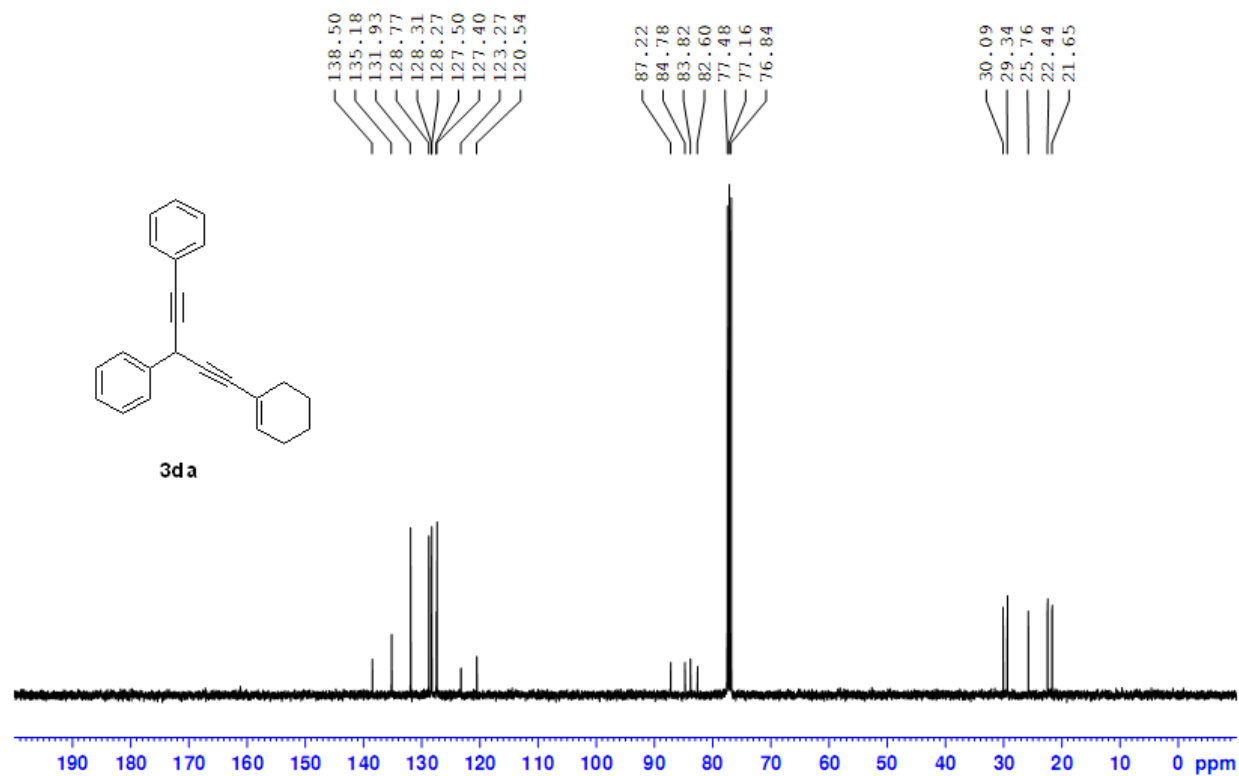
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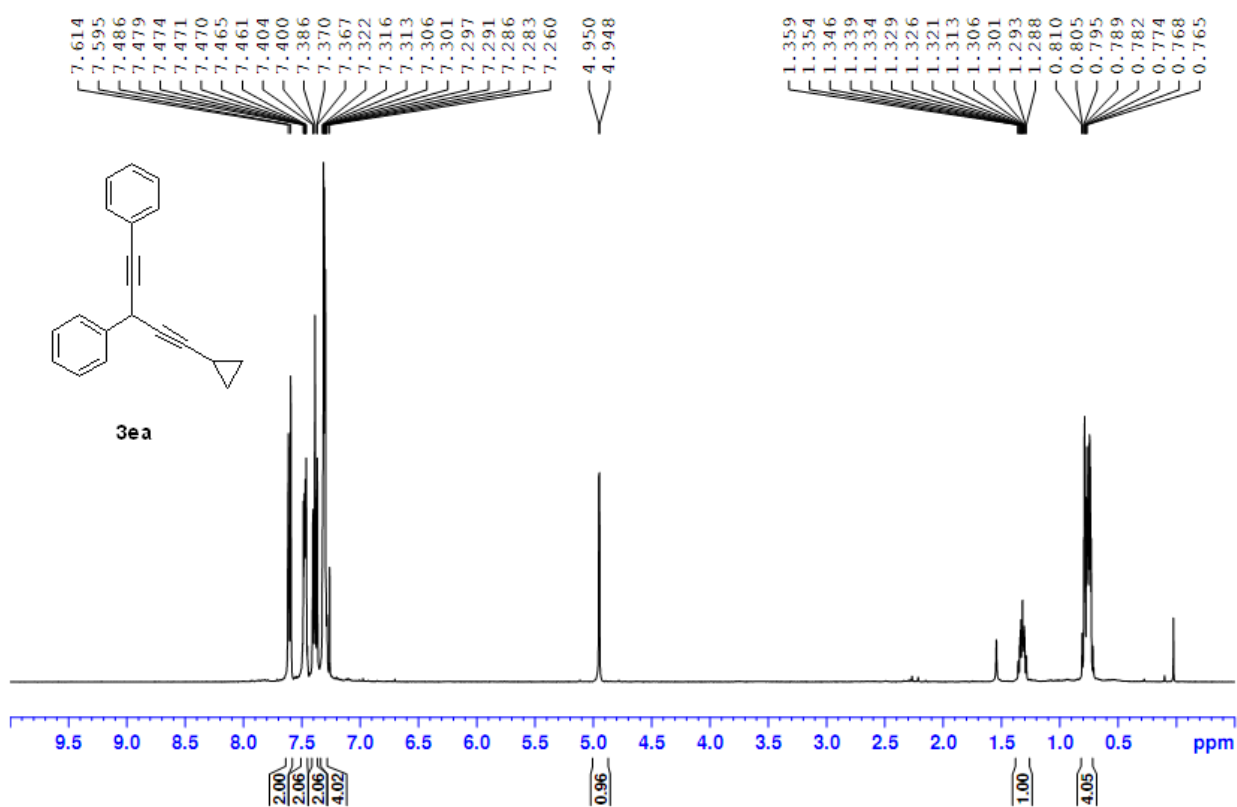
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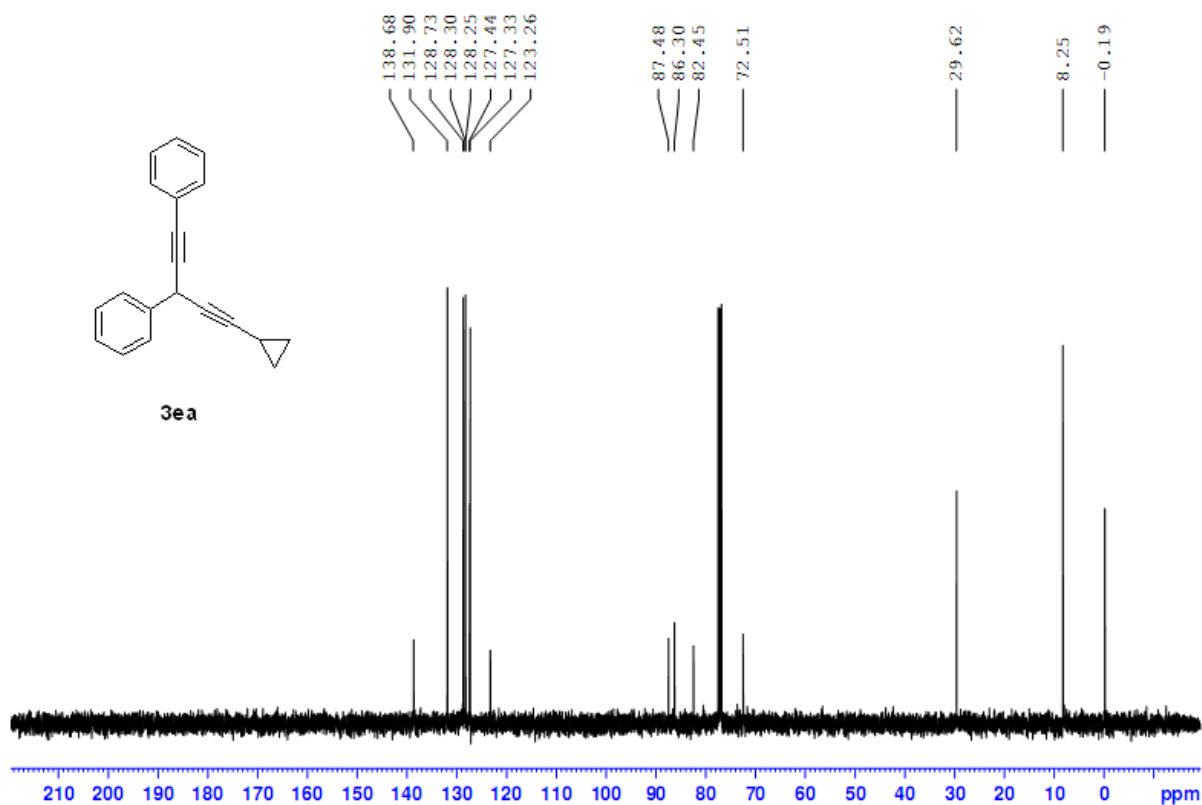
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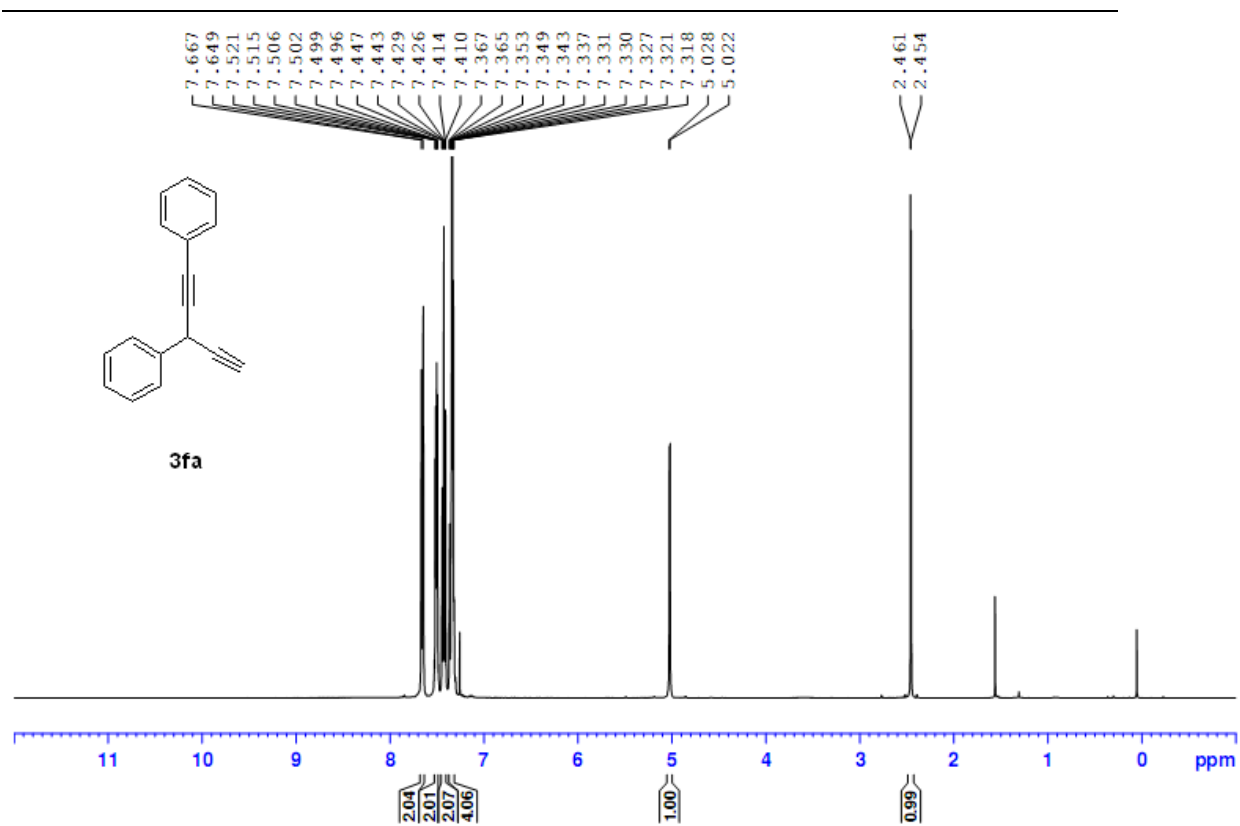
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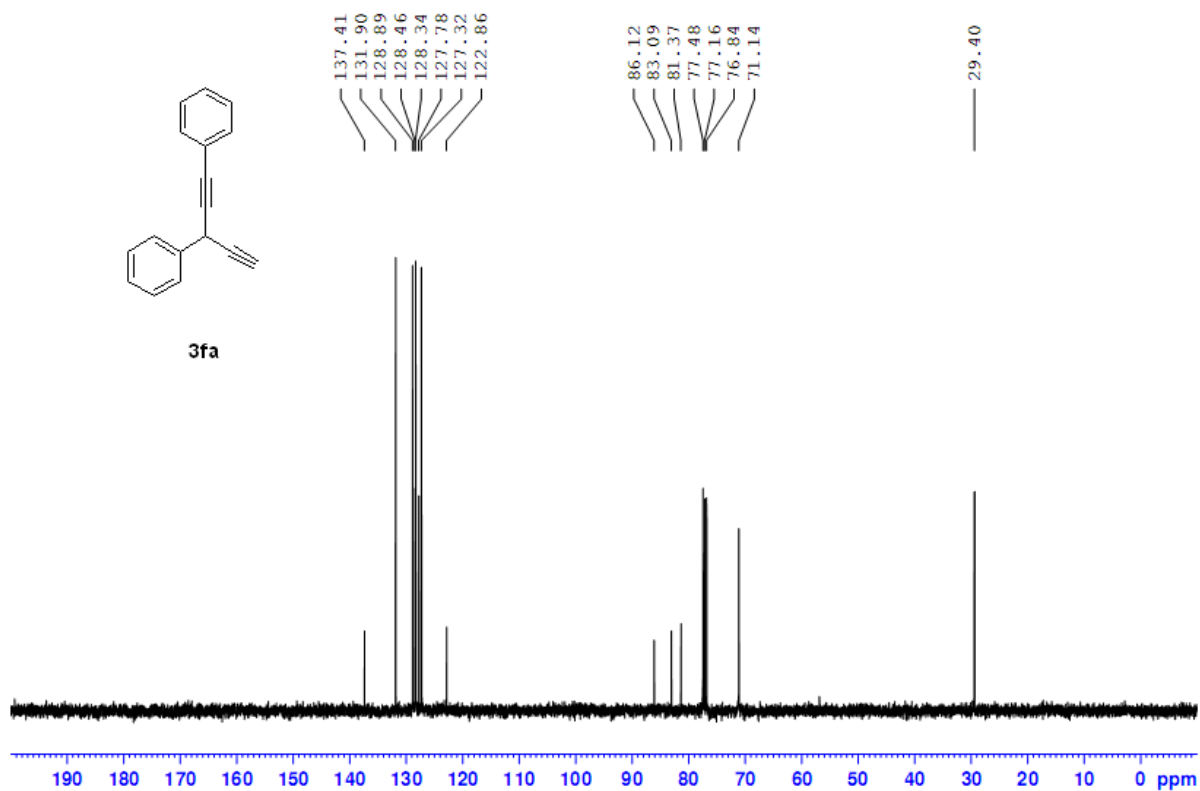
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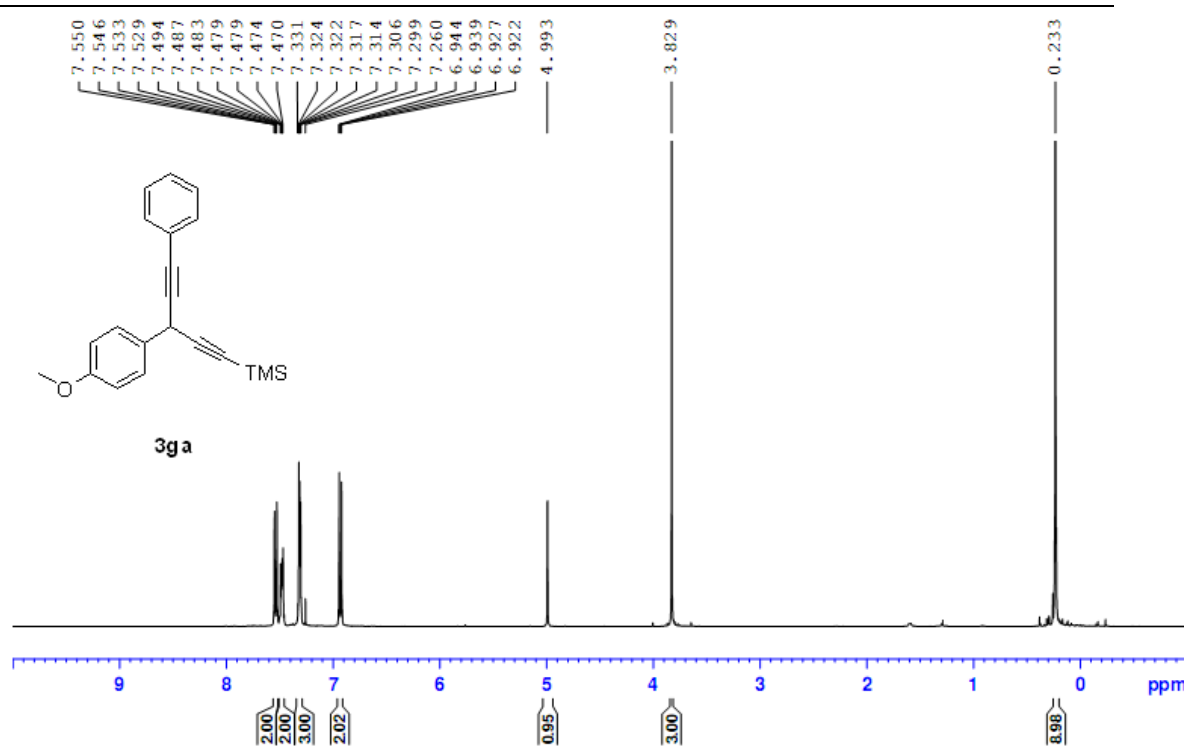
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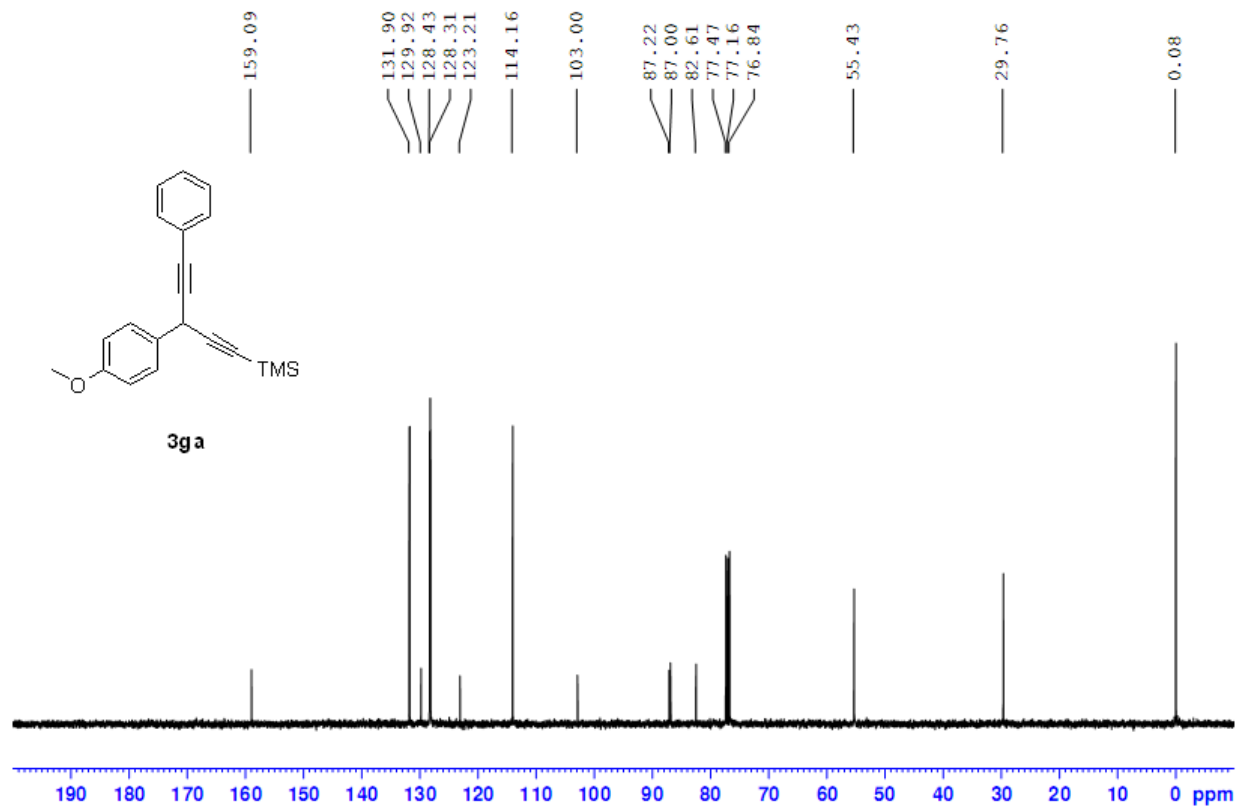
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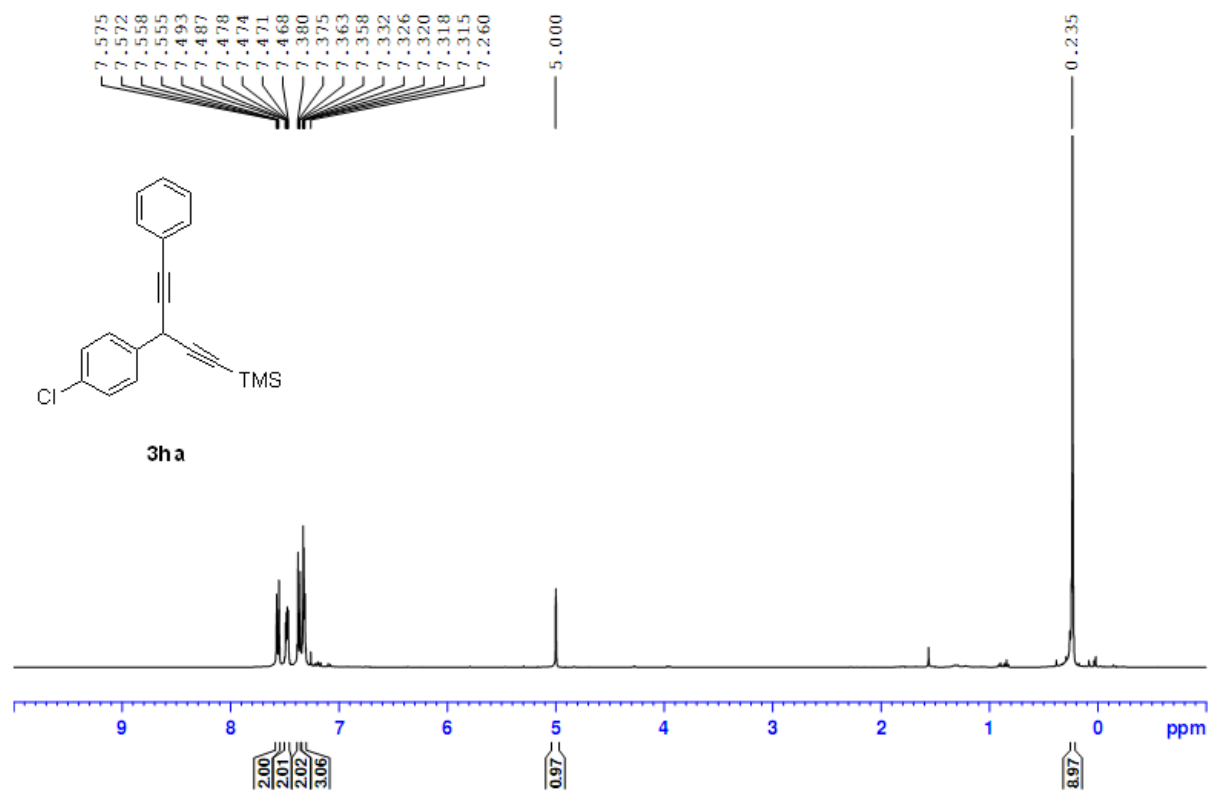
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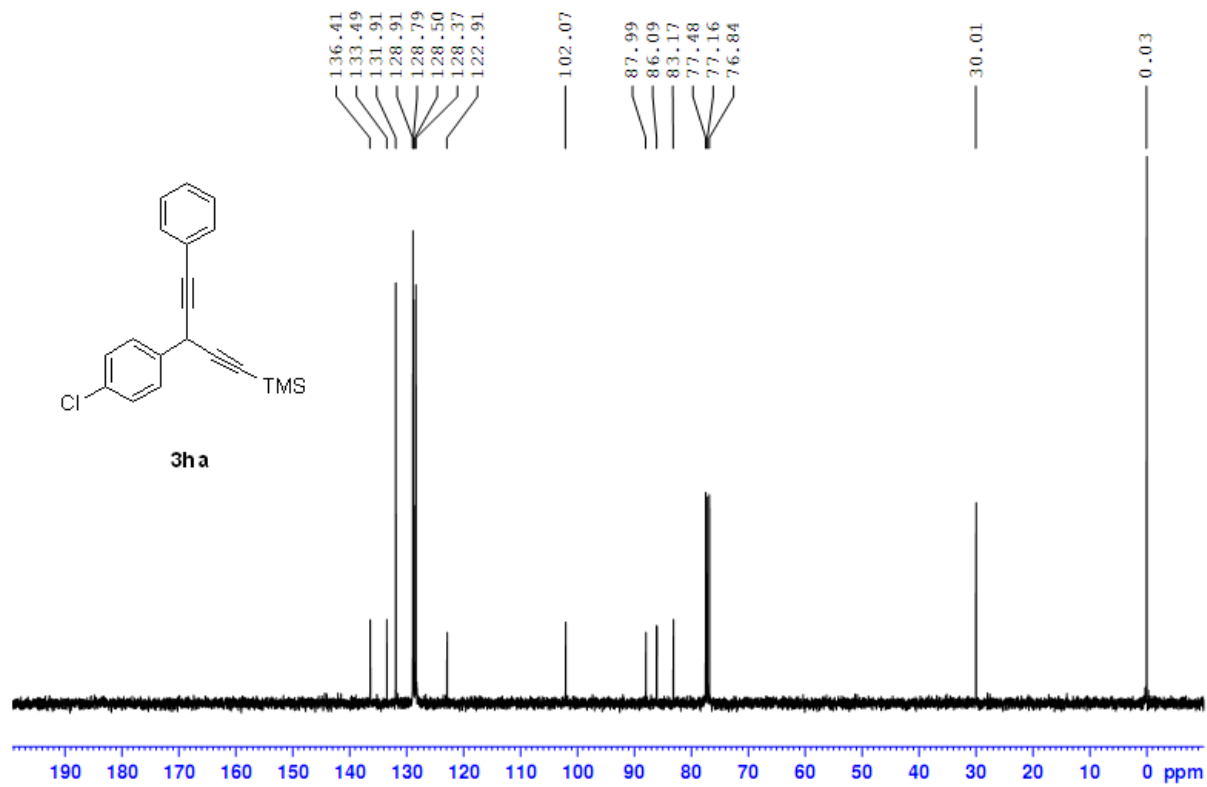
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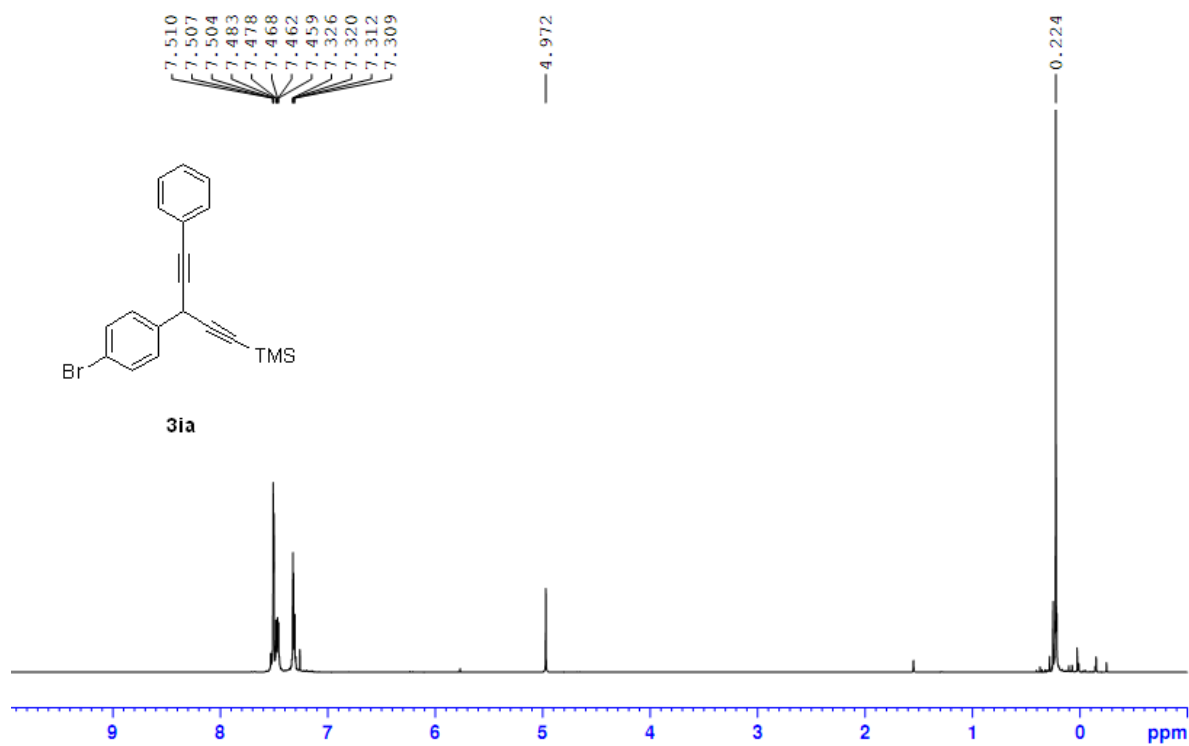
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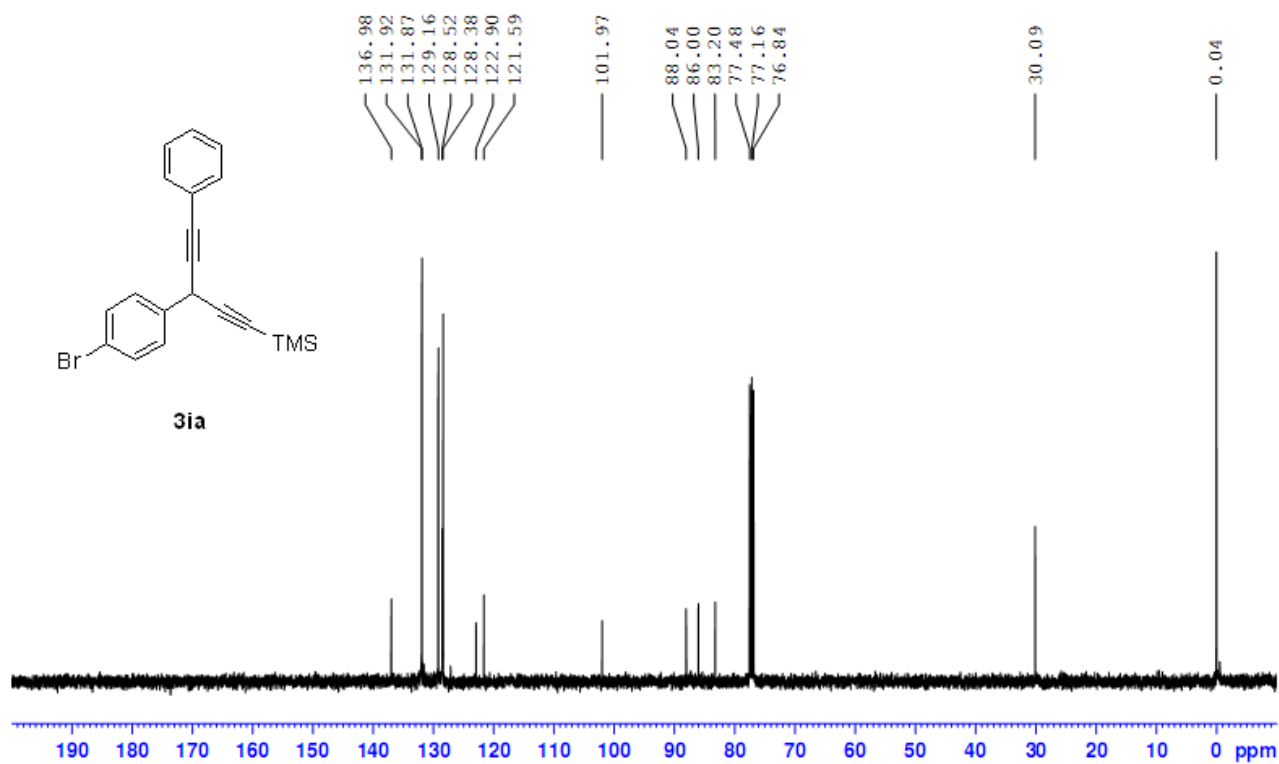
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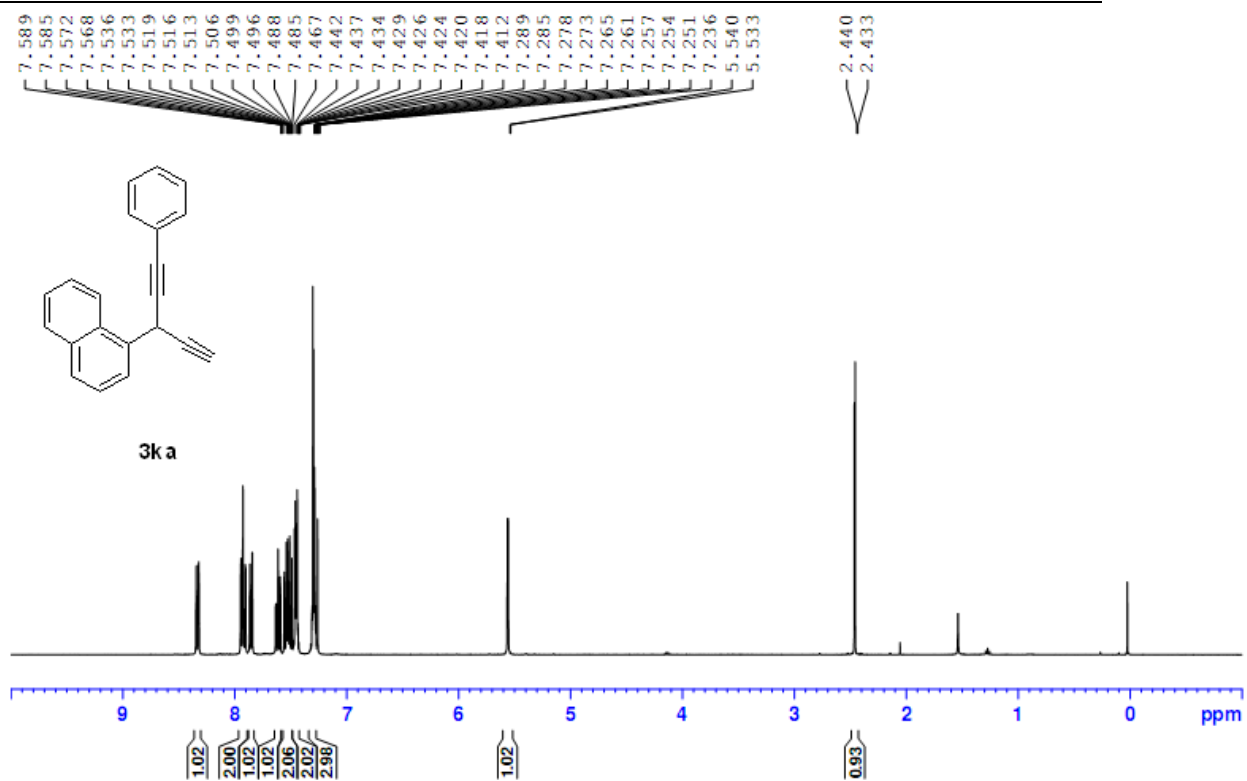
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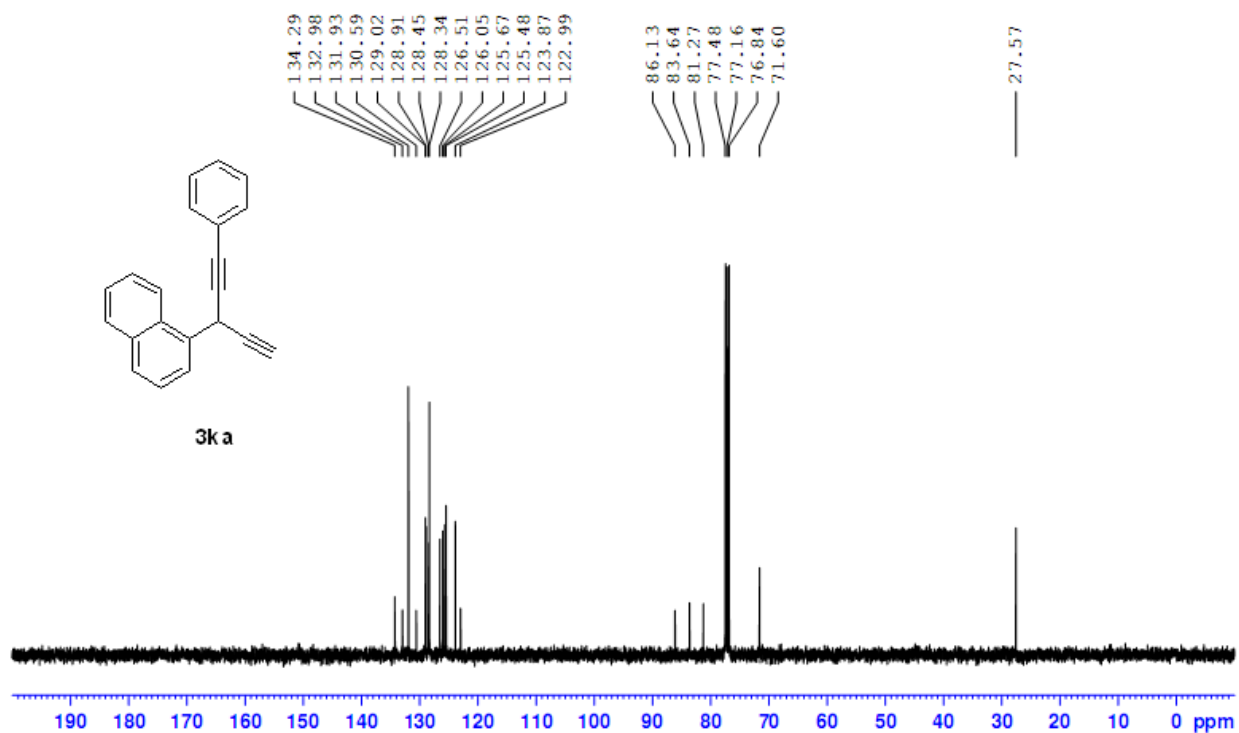
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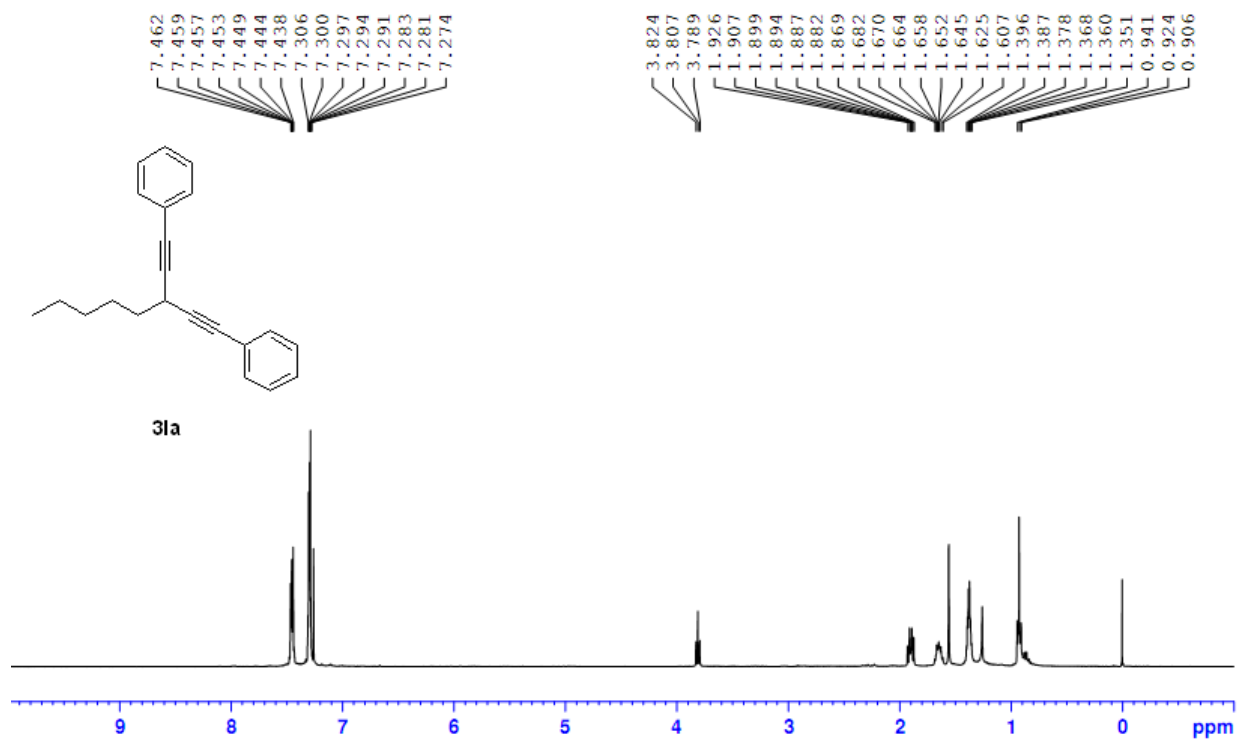
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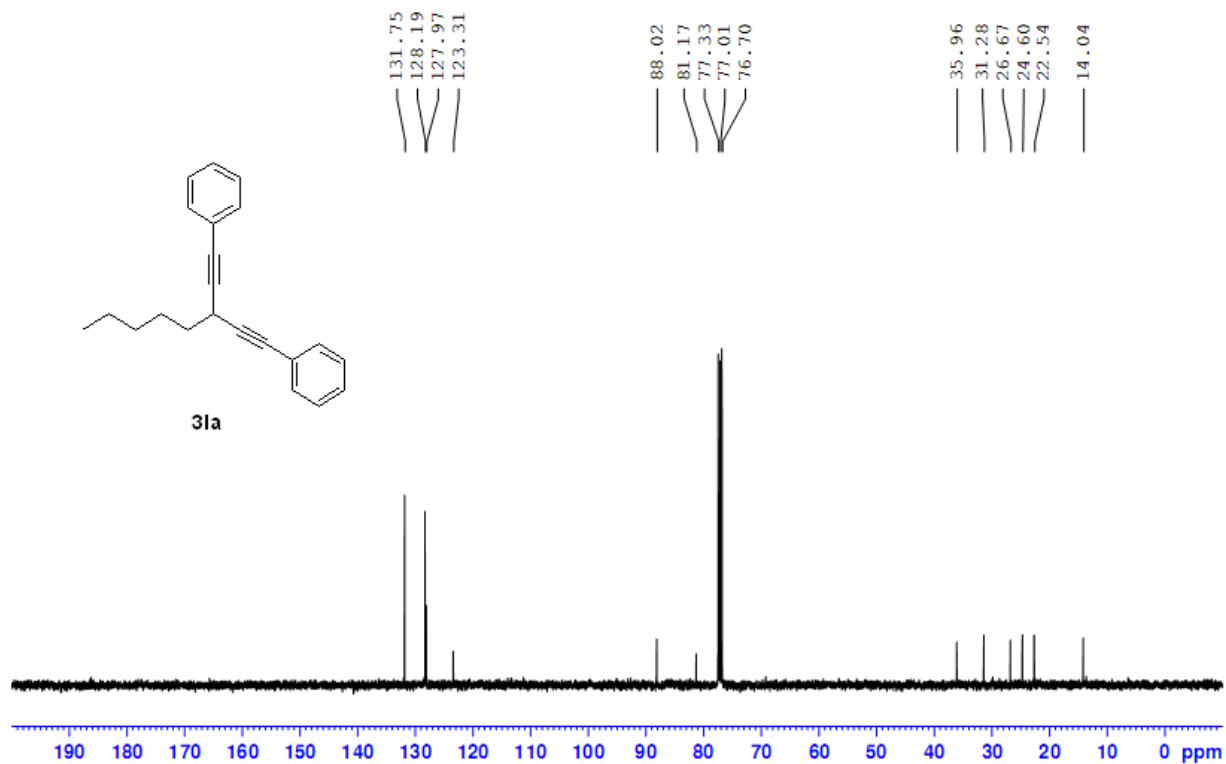
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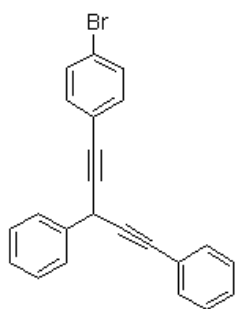
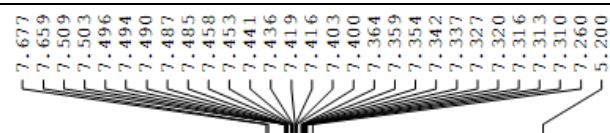
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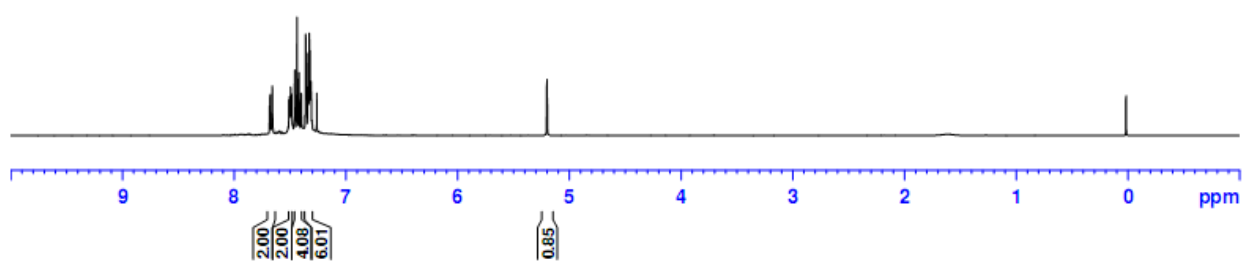
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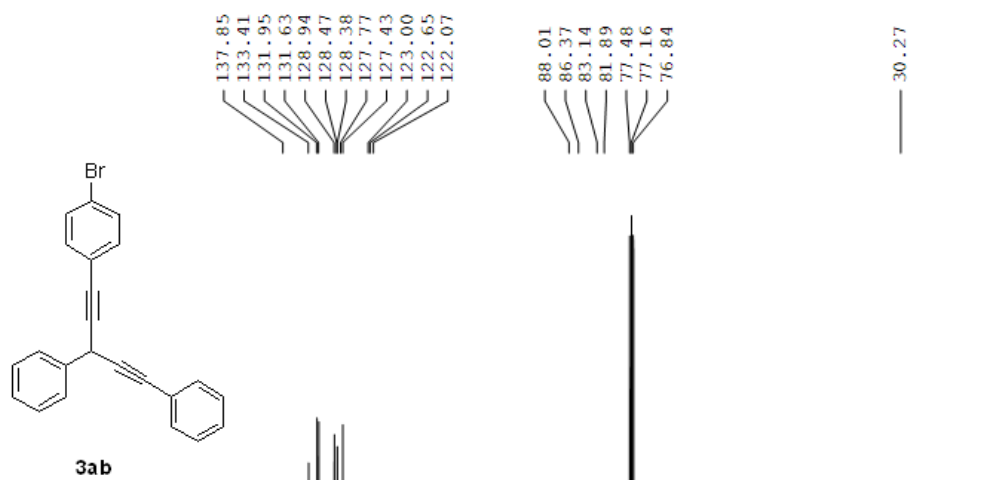
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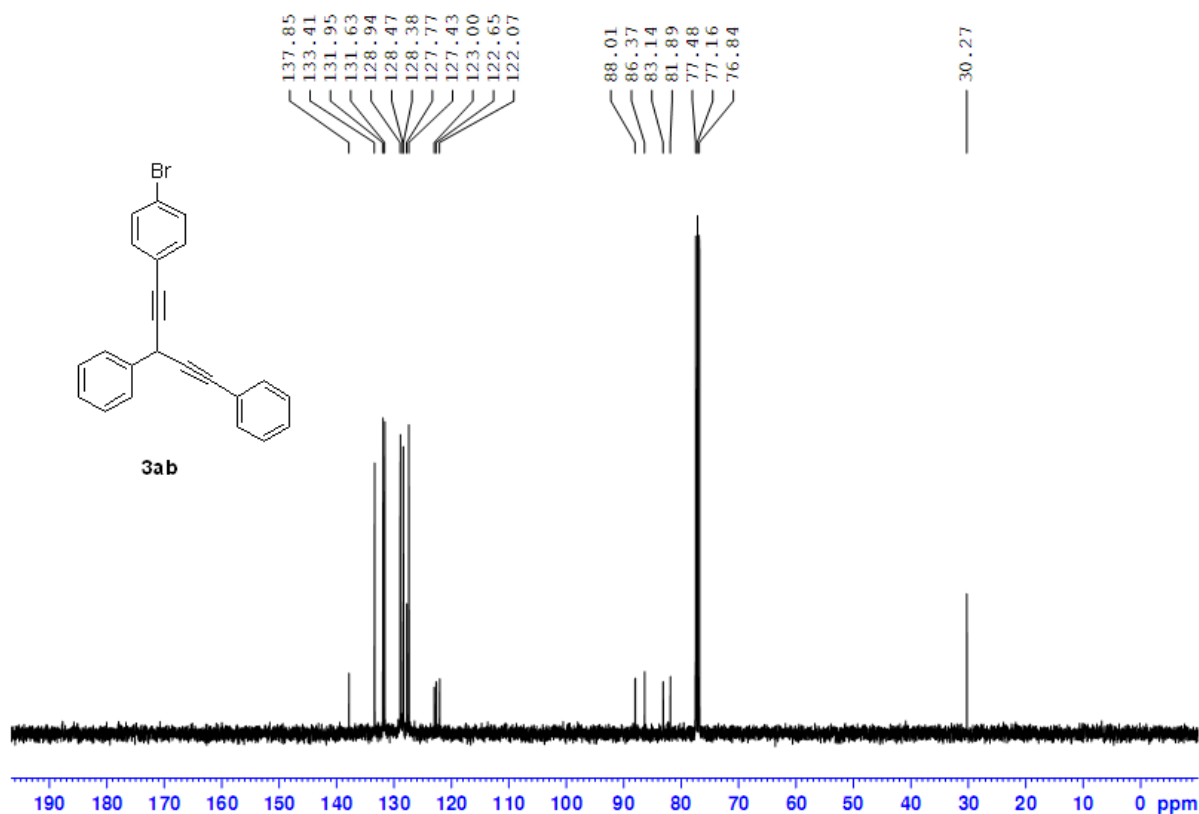
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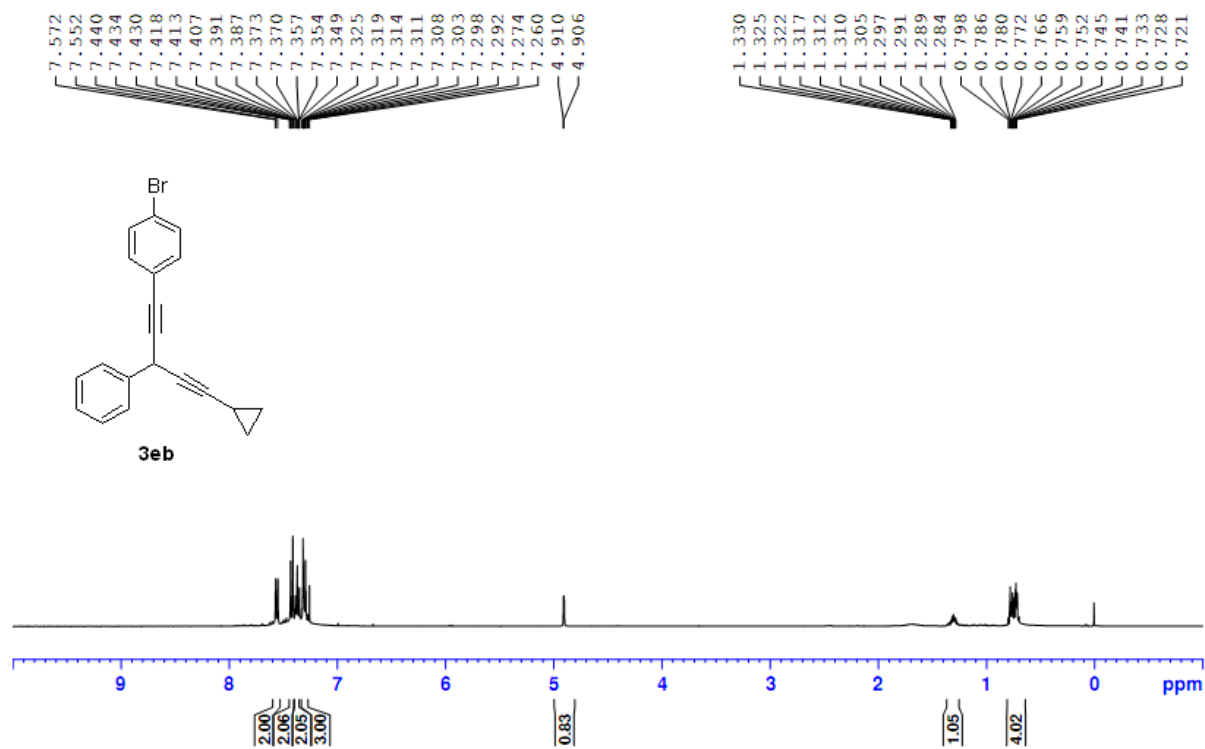
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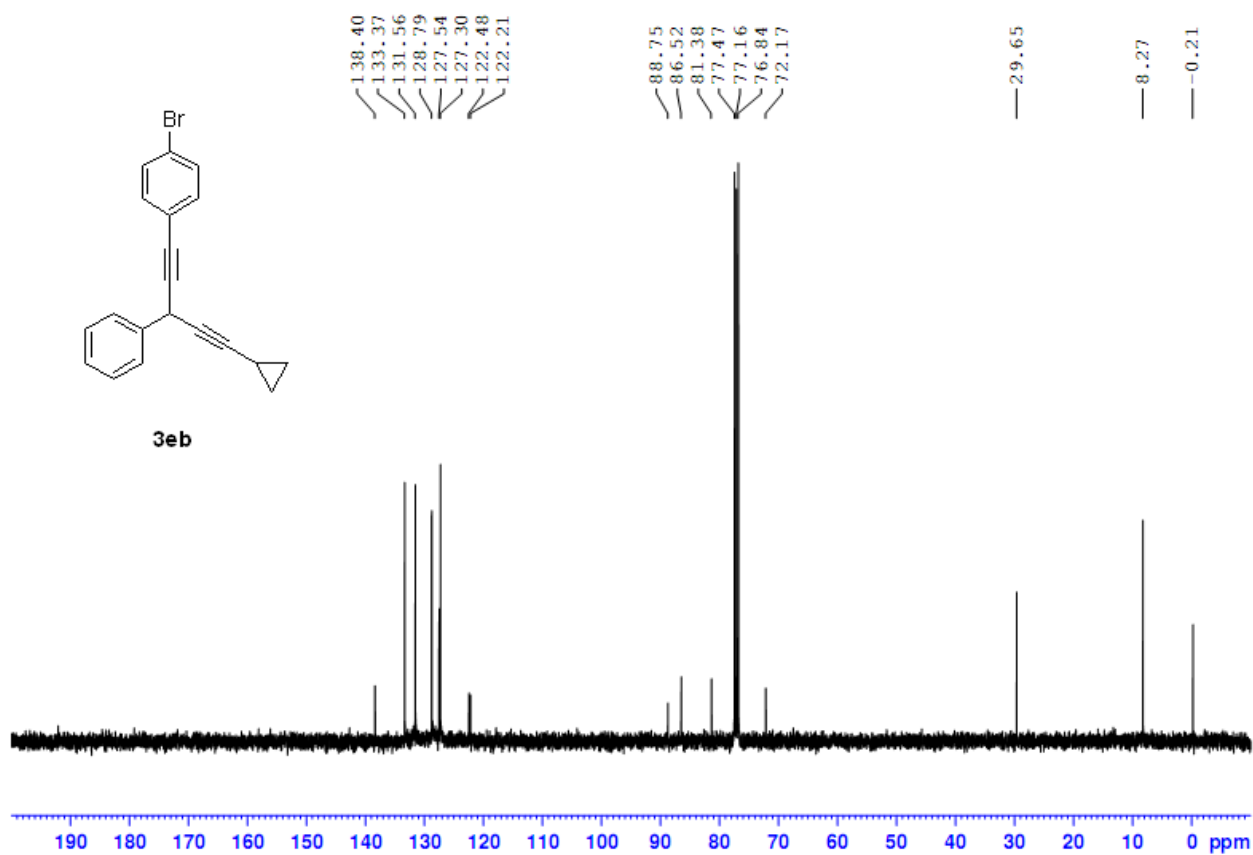
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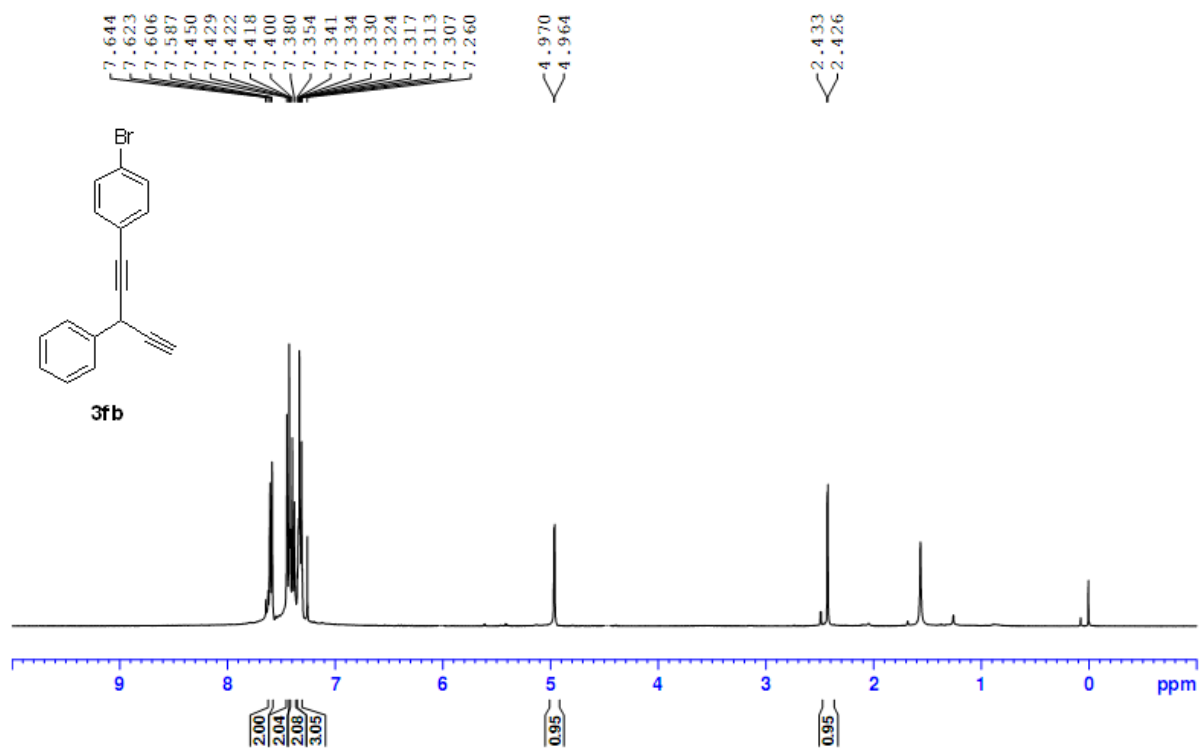
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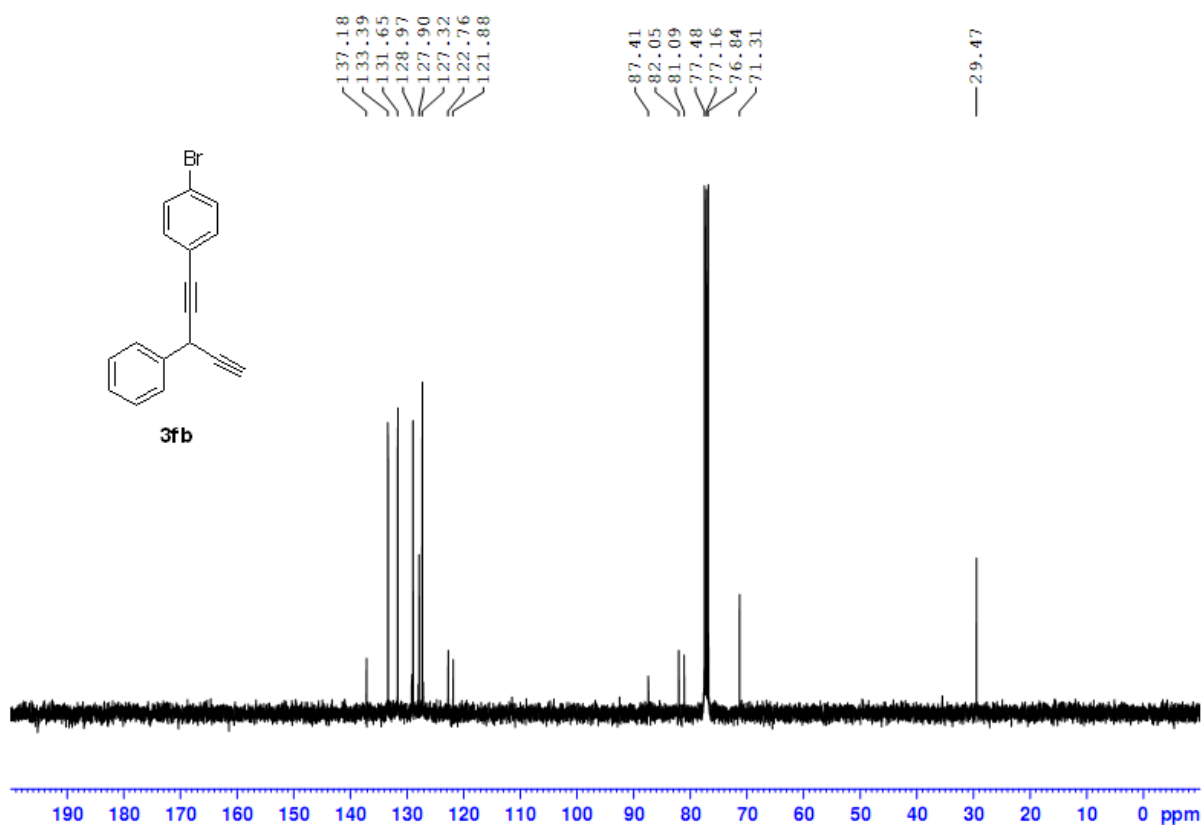
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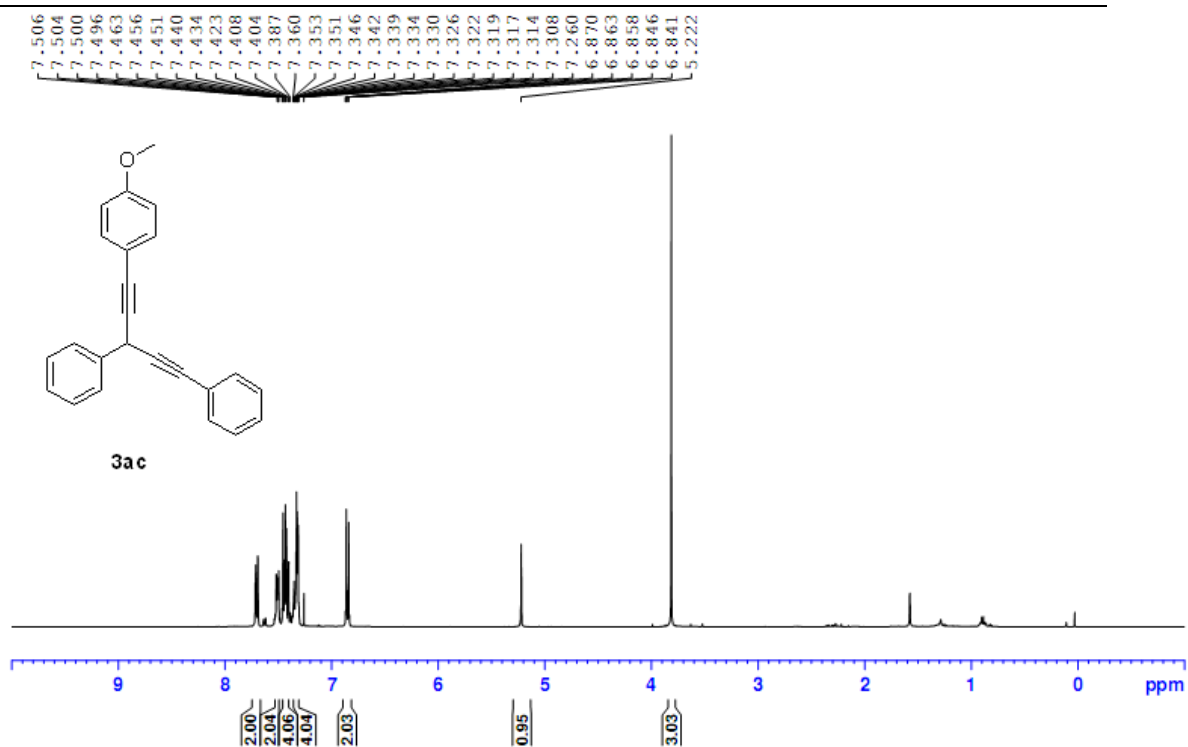


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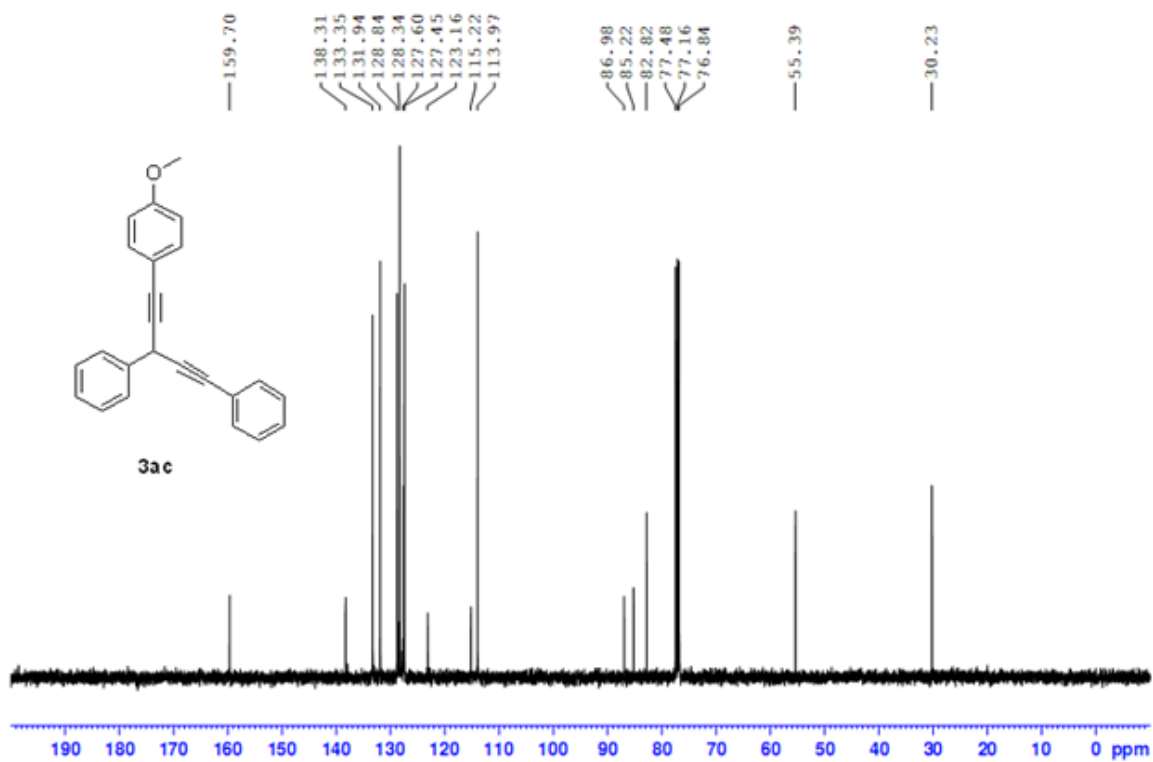


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