

Synthesis of 3,3-Dichloroindolin-2-ones from Isatin-3-hydrazone and (Dichloroiodo)benzene

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Experimental Details and Characterization Data General: Reactions were carried out in flame-dried glassware under a positive nitrogen atmosphere, however the chlorination reactions have been found to proceed equally well under an air atmosphere. Transfer of anhydrous solvents and reagents was accomplished with oven-dried syringes. Solvents were dried and purified using a JC Meyer solvent purification system, and were used without further purification. Thin layer chromatography was performed on glass plates pre-coated with 0.25 mm Kieselgel 60 F₂₅₄ (Silicycle). Flash chromatography columns were packed with 230-400 mesh silica gel (Silicycle). Infrared spectra were recorded on a Perkin Elmer FT-IR Spectrum Two with UATR Two. Proton NMR spectra (^1H NMR) were recorded at 300 or 500 MHz, and are reported (ppm) relative to the residual chloroform peak (7.26 ppm) or dimethylsulfoxide peak (2.50 ppm), and coupling constants (J) are reported in hertz (Hz). Carbon NMR spectra (^{13}C NMR) were recorded at 125 or 75 MHz and are reported (ppm) relative to the center line of the triplet from chloroform-*d* (77.16 ppm) or the center line of the septet of dimethylsulfoxide-*d*₆ (39.52 ppm). Fluorine NMR spectra (^{19}F NMR) were recorded at 282 or 470 MHz, and are reported (ppm) relative to the peak of trifluoroacetic acid (-76.53 ppm). Positive ion Electrospray (ESI) experiments were performed on a ThermoFisher Scientific Q-Exactive hybrid mass spectrometer. Accurate mass determinations were performed at a mass resolution of 70,000. Samples were infused at 5 mL/min in 1:1 CH₃OH:H₂O + 0.1% formic acid.

Characterization Data: Isatin Synthesis: Isatins **8a**, **8i**, **8k-o**, **8q-r** were purchased from Aldrich, Chem-Impex (USA) or Oakwood Chemical (USA), and were used without further purification. Isatins **8b-h** were prepared according to the *N*-alkylation procedure (Method B) of Muthusamy,¹ and their spectra were consistent with literature values. Isatins **8j**, **8p-r** were prepared according to the procedure of Liu (Procedure 4.1.2.),² and their spectra were consistent with literature values.³ Isatin **8s** was prepared from **8a** according to the standard nitration procedure.⁴

Iodobenzene dichloride:⁵ Iodobenzene (2.0 g, 9.8 mmol), was suspended in 5% sodium hypochlorite (commercial household bleach, 60 ml) in a 300 mL round bottom flask equipped with a magnetic stir bar at rt. The mixture was stirred vigorously as conc. HCl (20 mL) was added dropwise over a few minutes. The yellow suspension was allowed to

stir for 5 minutes, then the suspension was filtered, washed with H₂O (200 mL) then petroleum ether (50 mL). The yellow solid is spread thinly on a watch glass or beaker (with a rubber spatula) and allowed to air-dry in the dark overnight in a desiccator. PhICl₂ is recovered as a pale yellow solid (2.5 g, 93% yield). The product with a melting point of 110 – 112 °C was used in the chlorination reactions. Note: The reaction occurred with better reproducibility when bleach formulations that do not contain sodium hydroxide were used.

General procedure for the synthesis of the 3-hydrazone-2-oxindoles 13a-13s: Isatin **12a** (500 mg, 3.03 mmol, 1 eq) was dissolved in absolute methanol (7.6 mL, 0.4 M) and stirred vigorously. To this solution was added hydrazine hydrate, reagent grade 98% (300 µL, 2.0 eq) in one portion and the solution was heated to reflux. After consumption of **12a** as determined by TLC the solution was allowed to cool to RT. Any precipitate formed at this stage was isolated by filtration and washed with a small quantity of cold methanol. Additional product was isolated and purified from the filtrate by silica gel chromatography after concentration by rotary evaporation. The hydrazones were often isolated as a mixture of (E) and (Z) isomers.

3-Hydrazone-2-oxindole 13a: Prepared according to the general procedure above starting with 3.75 g of Isatin **12a** to give **13a** (3.97 g, 97%) as a yellow solid. R_f: 0.43 (40% EtOAc/hexanes, UV active); m.p. 231-232 °C (Lit.⁶ 221 °C); IR (ATR) 3352, 3147, 1680, 1655, 1585, 1546, 1464, 1189 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₈H₈N₃O (M+H)⁺ 162.0662; found 162.0662. NMR spectral data is consistent with literature values.⁷

1-Methyl-3-Hydrazone-2-oxindole 13b: Prepared according to the general procedure above starting with 440 mg of N-Methylisatin **12b** to give **13b** (402 mg, 84%) as an orange solid. R_f: 0.43 (40% EtOAc/hexanes, UV active); m.p: 88-90 °C; IR (ATR) 3325, 3225, 2925, 1674, 1468, 1234 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₉H₁₀ON₃ (M+H)⁺ 176.0818; found 176.0816. NMR spectral data is consistent with literature values.⁷

1-i-Propyl-3-hydrazone-2-oxindole 13c: Prepared according to the general procedure above starting with 500 mg of N-*i*-Propylisatin **12c** to give **13c** (301 mg, 56%) as a yellow solid. R_f: 0.42 (30% EtOAc/hexanes, UV active); m.p. 111-112 °C; IR (ATR) 3349, 3217, 3159, 1672, 1592, 1566, 1466, 1101 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.55 (d, *J*=7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.33 (app. t, *J*=7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.06 (m, 2H), 6.93 (br. s, 1H), 4.76 (sept., *J*=7.0 Hz, 1H), 1.62 (br. s, 1H), 1.49 (d, *J*=7.0 Hz, 6H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 164.7, 142.0, 132.5, 129.9, 123.3, 121.9, 117.0, 110.4, 43.7, 19.7; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₁₁H₁₄N₃O (M+H)⁺ 204.1131; found 204.1131.

1-Hexyl-3-hydrazone-2-oxindole 13d: Prepared according to the general procedure above starting with 500 mg of N-Hexylisatin **12d** to give **13d** (233 mg, 44%) as an orange solid. R_f: 0.17 (40% EtOAc/hexanes, UV active); m.p. 108-109 °C; IR (ATR) 3376, 3213, 2924, 1682, 1590, 1557, 1464, 1101 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) d 7.54 (d, *J*=7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.35 (app. t, *J*=7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.07 (app. t, *J*=7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.90-6.96 (m, 3H), 3.76 (t, *J*=7.4 Hz, 2H), 1.68 (m, 2H), 1.20-1.50 (m, 6H), 0.87 (t, *J*=6.8 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 165.1, 142.3, 131.6, 129.7, 123.0, 122.1, 116.5,

108.7, 39.9, 31.5, 27.7, 26.6, 22.5, 14.0; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $C_{14}H_{20}N_3O$ ($M+H$)⁺ 246.1601; found 246.1600.

1-Allyl-3-hydrazone-2-oxindole 13e: Prepared according to the general procedure above starting with 225 mg of N-Allylisatin **12e** to give **13e** (201 mg, 83%) as a yellow solid. R_f : 0.29 (20% EtOAc/hexanes, UV active); m.p. 105-106 °C (Lit.⁸ 108-109 °C); IR (ATR) 3346, 3202, 3155, 1673, 1593, 1566, 1464, 1177 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.52 (d, $J=7.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.24 (ddd, $J=1.2, 7.7$ Hz, 1H), 7.08 (ddd, $J=0.85, 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 6.85 (d, $J=7.8$ Hz, 1H), 5.88 (ddt, $J=17.4, 10.3, 5.2$ Hz, 1H), 5.25 (m, 1H), 5.20 (m, 1H), 4.42 (ddd, $J=6.2, 1.6$ Hz, 2H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 161.5, 140.3, 131.6, 128.7, 128.0, 122.6, 121.6, 118.7, 117.7, 109.2, 41.7; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $C_{11}H_{12}N_3O$ ($M+H$)⁺ 202.0975; found 202.0975.

1-Benzyl-3-hydrazone-2-oxindole 13f: Prepared according to the general procedure above starting with 500 mg of N-Benzylisatin **12f** to give **13f** (340 mg, 64%) as a yellow solid. R_f : 0.43 (40% EtOAc/hexanes, UV active); m.p. 162-163 °C; IR (ATR) 3489, 3397, 3260, 3035, 1681, 1562, 1476, 1150 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ 10.69 (d, $J=14.4$ Hz, 1H), 10.00 (d, $J=14.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.20-7.35 (m, 7H), 6.95 (m, 2H), 4.97 (s, 2H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 161.8, 140.1, 135.9, 128.8, 128.5, 127.9, 127.7, 127.3, 122.6, 121.7, 118.6, 109.2, 43.0; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $C_{15}H_{14}N_3O$ ($M+H$)⁺ 252.1131; found 252.1131.

1-Propargyl-3-hydrazone-2-oxindole 13g: Prepared according to the general procedure above starting with 1.85 g N-Propargylisatin **12g** to give **13g** (1.51 g, 75%) as an orange solid. R_f : 0.74 (50% EtOAc/hexanes, UV active); m.p. 137-139 °C; IR (ATR) 3387, 3362, 3295, 2117, 1678, 1557, 1465, 1173 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ 10.49 (d, $J=13.9$ Hz, 1H), 9.81 (d, $J=13.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.43 (d, $J=7.3$ Hz, 1H), 7.28 (app. t, $J=7.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.05-7.14 (m, 2H), 4.60 (s, 2H), 3.27 (s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ 159.8, 138.0, 126.9, 124.6, 122.3, 121.5, 117.3, 109.3, 78.2, 74.2, 27.9; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $C_{11}H_{10}N_3O$ ($M+H$)⁺ 200.0818; found 200.0818.

1-Methoxymethyl-3-hydrazone-2-oxindole 13h: Prepared according to the general procedure above starting with 500 mg N-Methoxymethylisatin **12h** to give **13h** (230 mg, 43%) as a yellow-orange solid. R_f : 0.47 (40% EtOAc/hexanes, UV active); m.p. 108-109 °C; IR (ATR) 3358, 3161, 2927, 1677, 1597, 1560, 1222, 1075 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ Major: 10.54 (br. s, 1H), 7.6 (br. s, 1H), 7.50 (d, $J=7.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.24 (app. t, $J=7.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.08 (app. t, $J=7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.03 (d, $J=7.9$ Hz, 1H), 5.16 (s, 2H), 3.33 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz) δ 162.0, 139.3, 128.0, 123.0, 121.1, 119.7, 118.6, 109.6, 70.7, 56.3; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $C_{10}H_{12}N_3O_2$ ($M+H$)⁺ 206.0924; found 206.0925.

5-Methyl-3-hydrazone-2-oxindole 13i: Prepared according to the general procedure above starting with 500 mg of 5-Methylisatin **12i** to give **13i** (300 mg, 55%) as an orange-yellow solid. R_f : 0.31 (40% EtOAc/hexanes, UV active); m.p. 207-210 °C; IR (ATR) 3386, 3177, 1697, 1572, 1478, 1176 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ 10.23 (br. s, 1H), 8.70 (br. s, 2H), 7.77 (s, 1H), 7.01 (d, $J=7.5$ Hz, 1H), 6.72 (d, $J=7.4$

Hz, 1H), 2.27 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, DMSO- d_6) 166.0, 138.3, 129.9, 129.0, 128.8, 123.5, 117.0, 109.3, 20.7; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_9\text{H}_{10}\text{N}_3\text{O} (\text{M}+\text{H})^+$ 176.0818; found 176.0816.

5-t-Butyl-3-hydrazone-2-oxindole 13j: Prepared according to the general procedure above starting with 750 mg of 5-t-Butylisatin **12j** to give **13j** (603 mg, 75%) as an orange solid. R_f : 0.49 (40% EtOAc/hexanes, UV active); m.p. 187-190 °C; IR (ATR) 3318, 3211, 2955, 1736, 1697, 1562, 1481, 1215 cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 10.59 (br. s, 1H), 10.48 (br. d, $J=14.1$ Hz, 1H), 9.46 (br. d, $J=13.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.36 (s, 1H), 7.19 (d, $J=8.2$ Hz, 1H), 6.78 (d, $J=8.1$ Hz, 1H), 1.27 (s, 9H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 163.1, 143.8, 136.5, 126.6, 124.0, 121.9, 114.2, 109.5, 34.2, 31.5; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{16}\text{ON}_3 (\text{M}+\text{H})^+$ 218.1288; found 218.1288.

5-Fluoro-3-hydrazone-2-oxindole 13k: Prepared according to the general procedure above starting with 500 mg of 5-Fluoroisatin **12k** to give **13k** (500 mg, 92%) as a yellow solid. R_f : 0.23 (40% EtOAc/hexanes, UV active); m.p. 239-241 °C (Lit.⁹ 183-185 °C for mixture of (E) and (Z) isomers); IR (ATR) 3372, 3190, 1684, 1621, 1551, 1471, 1207 cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO- d_6) Major: δ 10.36 (br. s, 1H), 8.98 (br. s, 2H), 7.88 (d, $J=9.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.03 (app.t, $J=8.4$ Hz, 1H), 6.80 (m, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, DMSO- d_6) Major: δ 166.0, 157.5 (d, $J=234$ Hz), 136.6, 127.6, 117.2 (d, $J=7.5$ Hz), 114.4 (d, $J=23.7$ Hz), 110.1, 109.8 (d, $J=15.2$ Hz); ^{19}F NMR (282 MHz, DMSO- d_6) Major: δ -122.84; Minor: δ -122.84; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_8\text{H}_7\text{N}_3\text{OF} (\text{M}+\text{H})^+$ 180.0568; found 180.0567. ^1H and ^{13}C NMR spectra for minor isomer match literature values.¹⁰

5-Chloro-3-hydrazone-2-oxindole 13l: Prepared according to the general procedure above starting with 500 mg of 5-Chloroisatin **12l** to give **13l** (450 mg, 83%) as a yellow solid. R_f : 0.32 (40% EtOAc/hexanes, UV active); m.p. 228-230 °C (Lit.¹¹ 252-254°C for (E) and (Z) isomeric mixture); IR (ATR) 3401, 3177, 1712, 1632, 1576, 1464, 1198 cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO- d_6) Major: δ 10.5 (br. s, 1H), 9.05 (br. s, 2H), 8.06 (s, 1H), 7.18 (d, $J=8.1$ Hz, 1H), 6.83 (d, $J=8.4$ Hz, 1H), Minor: δ 10.68 (br. s, 1H), 10.66 (br. d, $J=14.8$ Hz, 1H), 9.86 (br. d, $J=14.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.32 (d, $J=1.3$ Hz, 1H), 7.15 (dd, $J=8.1, 1.7$ Hz, 1H), 6.86 (m, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, DMSO- d_6) Major: δ 165.7, 139.1, 127.9, 126.9, 125.2, 122.2, 118.0, 110.8; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_8\text{H}_7\text{N}_3\text{OCl} (\text{M}+\text{H})^+$ 196.0272; found 196.0272.

5-Bromo-3-hydrazone-2-oxindole 13m: Prepared according to the general procedure above starting with 500 mg of 5-Bromoisatin **12m** to give **13m** (401 mg, 76% yield, 1:1 mixture of isomers) as a yellow solid. R_f : (40% EtOAc/hexanes, UV active); m.p. 230-232 °C (Lit.¹² 252-254 °C for (E) and (Z) isomeric mixture); IR (ATR) 3394, 3178, 1711, 1633, 1573, 1461, 1199 cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO- d_6) Major: δ 10.81 (br. s, 1H), 10.64 (br. d, $J=14.6$ Hz, 1H), 9.84 (br. d, $J=14.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.34 (d, $J=7.7$ Hz, 1H), 6.8 (m, 1H), Minor: 10.49 (s, 1H), 9.04 (s, 1H), 7.44 (s, 1H), 7.34 (d, $J=7.4$ Hz, 1H), 6.79 (m, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 166.0, 162.9, 139.9, 138.0, 131.2, 129.6, 127.2, 125.3, 125.2, 125.0, 120.2, 119.0, 113.8, 113.5, 112.4, 111.8; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_8\text{H}_7\text{N}_3\text{OBBr} (\text{M}+\text{H})^+$ 239.9767; found 239.9767.

7-Bromo-3-hydrazone-2-oxindole 13n: Prepared according to the general procedure above starting with 330 mg of 7-Bromoisatin **12n** to give **13n** (340 mg, 97%) as an orange solid. R_f : 0.27 (30% EtOAc/hexanes, UV active); m.p. 226-228 °C; IR (ATR) 3426, 3161, 1681, 1587, 1546, 1176 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) Major: δ 10.99 (s, 1H), 10.68 (d, *J*=14.8 Hz, 1H), 9.88 (d, *J*=14.7 Hz, 1H), 7.34 (m, 2H), 6.92 (dd, *J*=7.7, 7.6 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 162.6, 137.3, 129.4, 125.5, 124.3, 123.0, 116.3, 102.6; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₈H₇N₃OB_r (M+H)⁺ 239.9767; found 239.9766.

5-Methoxy-3-hydrazone-2-oxindole 13o: Prepared according to the general procedure above starting with 500 mg of 5-Methoxyisatin **12o** to give **13o** (300 mg, 56%) as an orange solid. R_f : 0.22 (40% EtOAc/hexanes, UV active); m.p. 186-188 °C; IR (ATR) 3384, 3322, 3155, 2833, 1697, 168, 1479, 1203 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 10.17 (br. s, 1H), 8.81 (br. s, 2H), 7.57 (s, 1H), 6.7-6.8 (m, 2H), 3.74 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 166.0, 154.5, 134.2, 128.6, 117.4, 113.7, 109.9, 109.7, 55.8; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₉H₁₀N₃O₂ (M+H)⁺ 192.0768; found 192.0766.

5,6,7-Trimethoxy-3-hydrazone-2-oxindole 13p: Prepared according to the general procedure above starting with 300 mg 5,6,7-Trimethoxyisatin **12p** to give **13p** (200 mg, 63%) as a yellow solid. RF: 0.15 (50% EtOAc/hexanes, UV active); m.p. 188-189 °C; IR (ATR) 3269, 2939, 1696, 152, 1474, 1130 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 10.5-10.7 (m, 2H), 9.31 (br. d, *J*=13.5 Hz, 1H), 6.30 (s, 1H), 3.80 (s, 3H), 3.78 (s, 3H), 3.66 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 163.0, 153.2, 147.4, 136.7, 135.4, 126.1, 106.6, 91.5, 60.9, 60.1, 56.0; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₁₁H₁₄N₃O₄ (M+H)⁺ 246.0485; found 246.0485.

5-(Trifluoromethoxy)-3-hydrazone-2-oxindole 13q: Prepared according to the general procedure above starting with 300 mg of 5-(Trifluoromethoxy)isatin **12q** to give **13q** (240 mg, 75% yield) as an orange-yellow solid. R_f : 0.22 (40% EtOAc/hexanes, UV active); m.p. 195-198 °C; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 10.86 (br. s, 1H), 10.68 (br. d, *J*=14.8 Hz, 1H), 9.90 (br. d, *J*=14.6 Hz, 1H), 7.27 (s, 1H), 7.13 (d, *J*=8.5 Hz, 1H), 6.93 (d, *J*=8.4 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 162.9, 143.2 (q, *J*=2.0 Hz), 137.3, 125.1, 126.3, 123.5 (q, *J*=255 Hz), 119.7, 110.8, 110.4; ¹⁹F NMR (282 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ -57.5; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₉H₇N₃O₂F₃ (M+H)⁺ 246.0485; found 246.0485.

5-(Trifluoromethyl)-3-hydrazone-2-oxindole 13r: Prepared according to the general procedure above starting with 420 mg of 5-(Trifluoromethyl)isatin **12r** to give **13r** (400 mg, 89% yield) as an orange-yellow solid. R_f : 0.11 (30% EtOAc/hexanes, UV active); m.p. 166-168 °C; IR (ATR) 3395, 3233, 1711, 1698, 1552, 1311, 1111 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 11.09 (br. s, 1H), 10.69 (br. d, *J*=15.1 Hz, 1H), 9.99 (br. d, *J*=14.9 Hz, 1H), 7.59 (s, 1H), 7.50 (d, *J*=8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.03 (d, *J*=8.0 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 167.8, 163.4, 142.5, 129.3, 125.6, 124.3, 122.7, 118.7, 110.2; ¹⁹F NMR (282 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ -60.0; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₉H₇N₃OF₃ (M+H)⁺ 230.0536; found 230.0536.

5-Nitro-3-hydrazone-2-oxindole 13s: Prepared according to the general procedure

above starting with 500 mg of 5-Nitroisatin **12s** to give **13s** (460 mg, 86%) as a yellow solid. Purification by column chromatography (100% EtOAc) gave an analytically pure sample of the *Z*-isomer for characterization. R_f : 0.44 (100% EtOAc, UV active); m.p. 166-168 °C; IR (ATR) 3460, 3413, 3308, 1705, 1622, 1593, 1322 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 11.38 (br. s, 1H), 10.75 (d, *J*=14.9 Hz, 1H), 10.22 (d, *J*=14.8 Hz, 1H), 8.13-8.09 (m, 2H), 7.07 (d, 9.3 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 163.4, 144.1, 142.6, 124.5, 123.6, 123.5, 112.7, 110.5; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₈H₉N₄O₄ (M+H₃O⁺)⁺ 225.0618; found 225.0618.

General procedure for the chlorination of 3-Hydrazono-2-oxindole derivatives at reflux: Into a flame-dried round bottom flask was added 3-hydrazono-2-oxindoles **13** (0.3 mmol, 1.0 eq.) and to this was added DCE (0.2 M, 1.5 mL) and pyridine (5 mol%, as a 10% solution in CH₂Cl₂). The reaction was heated to reflux and PhICl₂ (1.1 eq., 91 mg) was added in one portion while quickly removing the condenser. The reaction was stirred and followed by TLC analysis until starting material was consumed. The reaction mixture was partially concentrated by rotary evaporation and then purified by gradient column chromatography providing analytically pure samples of dichlorides **9**. Spectral data for compounds **9a-f, i-m, o, q, s** are consistent with literature values.¹³

3,3-Dichloro-2-oxindole 9a: Compound **13a** (49 mg) was subjected to the general chlorination procedure to give **9a** (61 mg, 97% yield) as an off-white solid. NMR spectra and melting point (162-163 °C) were consistent with those reported in the literature.

N-Methyl-3,3-Dichloro-2-oxindole 9b: Compound **13b** (35mg) was subjected to the general chlorination procedure to give **9b** (34 mg, 78% yield) as a red solid. NMR spectra were consistent with those reported in the literature.

N-i-Propyl-3,3-Dichloro-2-oxindole 9c: Compound **13c** (61 mg) was subjected to the general chlorination procedure to give **9c** (73 mg, 99% yield) as a yellow solid. NMR spectra were consistent with those reported in the literature.

N-Hexyl-3,3-Dichloro-2-oxindole 9d: Compound **13d** (76 mg) was subjected to the general chlorination procedure to give **9d** (76 mg, 85% yield) as a red oil. NMR spectra were consistent with those reported in the literature.

N-Allyl-3,3-Dichloro-2-oxindole 9e: Compound **13e** (60 mg) was subjected to the general chlorination procedure to give **9e** (51 mg, 70% yield) as a red oil. NMR spectra were consistent with those reported in the literature.

N-Benzyl-3,3-Dichloro-2-oxindole 9f: Compound **13f** (75 mg) was subjected to the general chlorination procedure to give **9f** (74 mg, 85% yield) as clear crystals. NMR spectra were consistent with those reported in the literature.

N-Propargyl-3,3-Dichloro-2-oxindole 9g: Compound **13g** (60 mg) was subjected to the general chlorination procedure to give **9g** (60 mg, 82% yield) as pale red crystals. R_f : 0.79 (50% EtOAc/hexanes, UV active); m.p. 87-90 °C; IR (ATR) 3295, 2126 (weak),

1743, 1609, 1173 cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 7.65 (d, $J=7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.43 (app. t, $J=7.7$ Hz, 1H), 7.22 (app. t, $J=7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.09 (d, $J=7.9$ Hz, 1H), 4.53 (d, $J=1.6$ Hz, 2H), 2.32 (t, $J=2.5$ Hz, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 168.0, 138.9, 132.0, 129.2, 125.0, 124.7, 110.3, 74.2, 74.1, 73.7, 30.4; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_8\text{ONCl}_2(\text{M}+\text{H})^+$ 239.9978; found 239.9975.

N-Methoxymethyl-3,3-Dichloro-2-oxindole 9h: Compound **13h** (62 mg) was subjected to the general chlorination procedure to give **9h** (60 mg, 81% yield) as a red solid. R_f : 0.66 (40% EtOAc/hexanes, UV active); m.p. 188-189 °C; IR (ATR) 1726, 1662, 1343 cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 7.66 (d, $J=7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.42 (app. t, $J=7.7$ Hz, 1H), 7.23 (app. t, $J=7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.06 (d, $J=7.9$ Hz, 1H), 5.17 (s, 2H), 3.37 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 166.6, 139.0, 132.1, 129.0, 125.0, 124.8, 110.8, 74.5, 72.4, 56.6; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_{11}\text{O}_2\text{NCl}_2(\text{M}+\text{H})^+$ 246.0083; found 246.0083.

5-Methyl-3,3-dichloro-2-oxindole 9i: Prepared according to the general chlorination procedure above starting with 53 mg of **13i** to give **9i** (39 mg, 60% yield) as a clear yellow solid. NMR spectra were consistent with those reported in the literature.

5-t-Butyl-3,3-dichloro-2-oxindole 9j: Prepared according to the general chlorination procedure above starting with 66 mg of **13j** to give **9j** (49 mg, 63% yield) as an orange solid. NMR spectra were consistent with those reported in the literature.

5-Fluoro-3,3-dichloro-2-oxindole 9k: Prepared according to the general procedure above starting with 54 mg of **13k** to give **9k** (64 mg, 88% yield) as a clear brown solid. NMR spectra were consistent with those reported in the literature.

5-Chloro-3,3-dichloro-2-oxindole 9l: Prepared according to the general procedure above starting with 59 mg of **13l** to give **9l** (57 mg, 80% yield) as a clear yellow solid. NMR spectra were consistent with those reported in the literature.

5-Bromo-3,3-dichloro-2-oxindole 9m: Prepared according to the general procedure above starting with 74 mg of **13m** to give **9m** (73 mg, 87% yield) as pale yellow crystals. NMR spectra were consistent with those reported in the literature.

7-Bromo-3,3-dichloro-2-oxindole 9n: Prepared according to the general procedure above starting with 74 mg of **13n** to give **9n** (61 mg, 73% yield) as an off white-solid. R_f : 0.47 (30% EtOAc/hexanes, UV active); m.p. 198-200 °C (dec.); IR (ATR) 3166, 1738, 1609, 1469, 1158 cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 11.70 (br. s, 1H), 7.68 (d, $J=7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.62 (d, $J=8.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.12 (app. t, $J=7.7$ Hz, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 168.9, 138.7, 135.2, 130.2, 125.3, 124.0, 103.2, 75.0; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_8\text{H}_5\text{ONBrCl}_2(\text{M}+\text{H})^+$ 279.8926, found 279.8927.

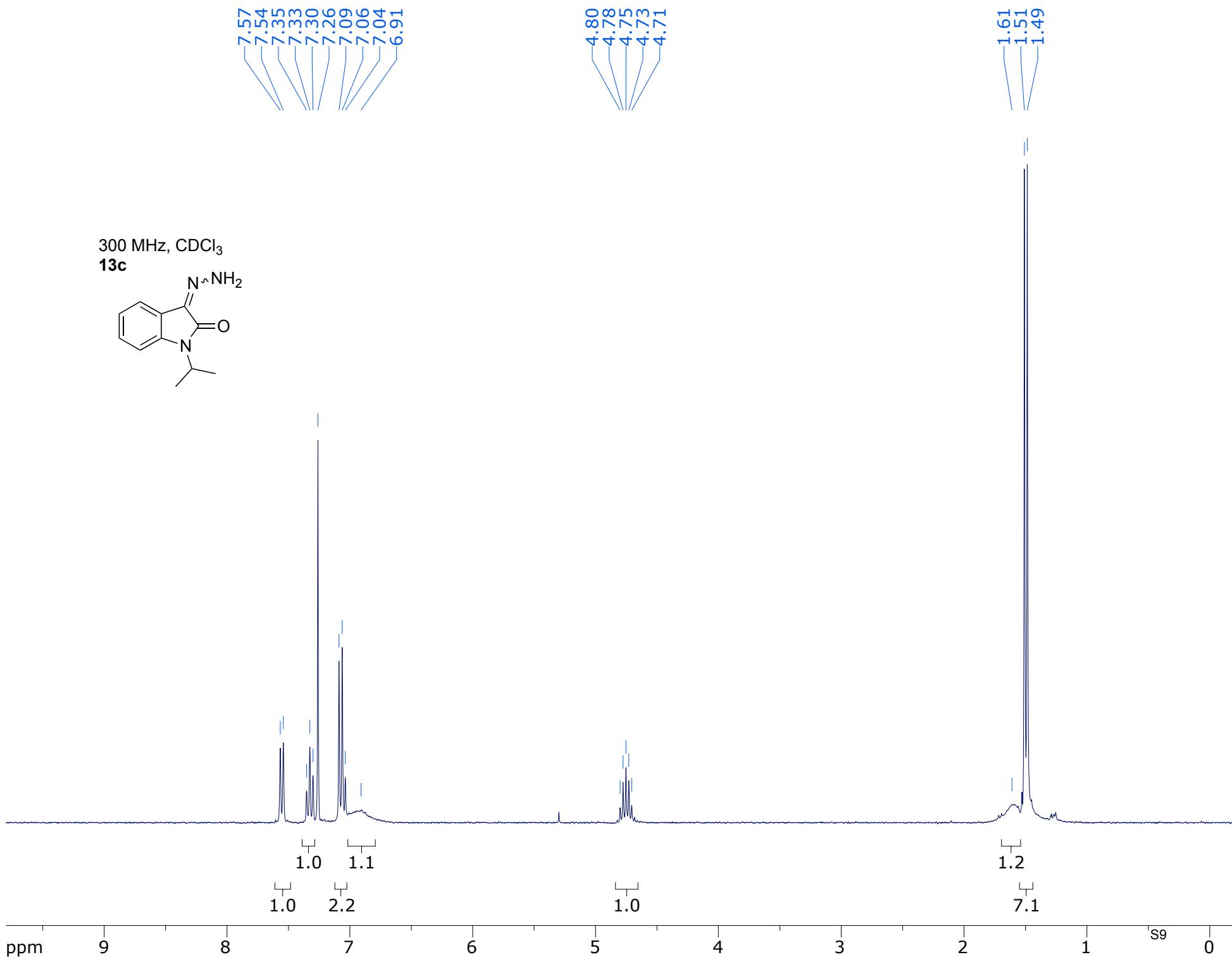
5-Methoxy-3,3-dichloro-2-oxindole 9o: Prepared according to the general procedure above starting with 58 mg of **13o** to give **9o** (41 mg, 59% yield) as a yellow solid. NMR spectra were consistent with those reported in the literature.

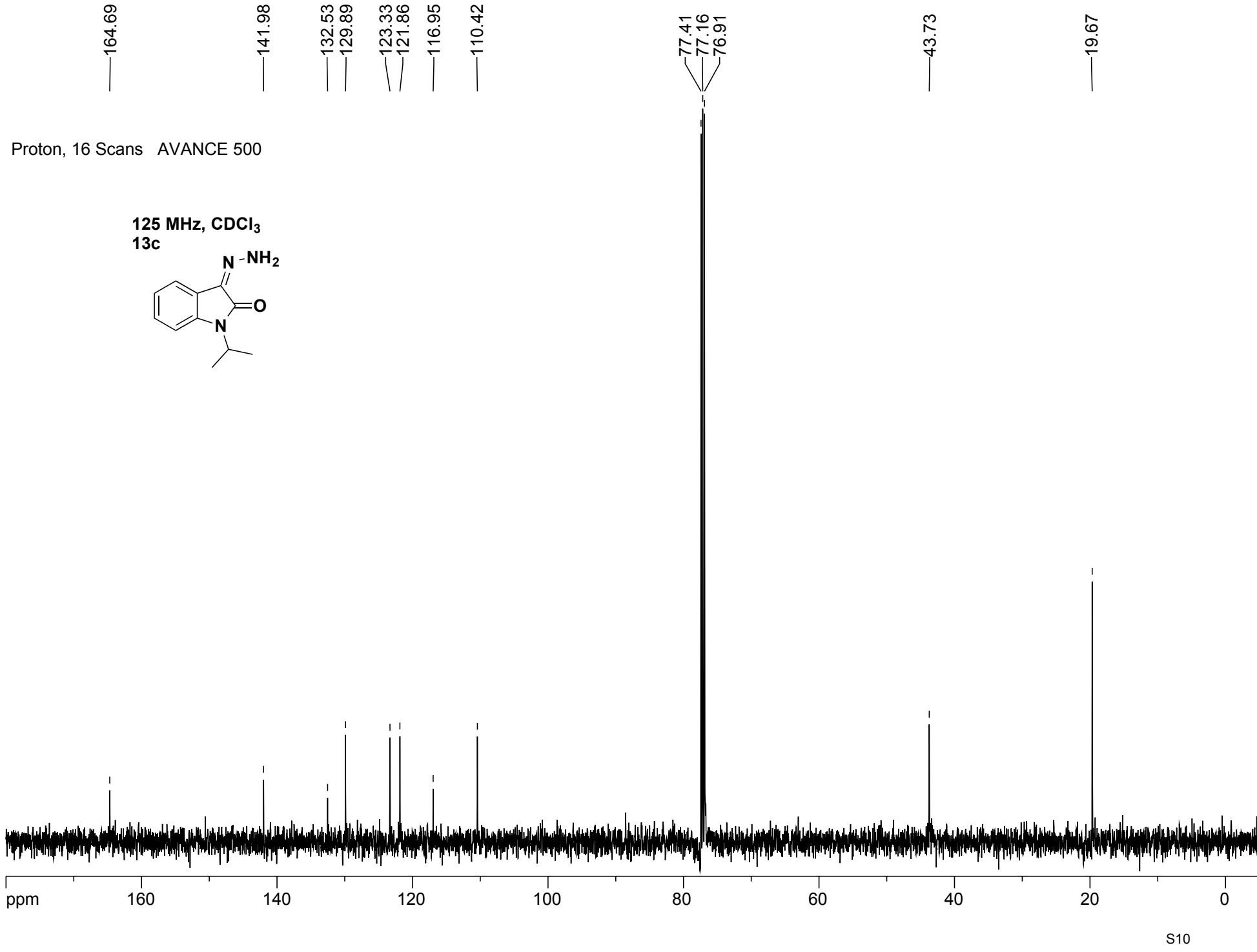
5-(Trifluoromethoxy)-3,3-dichloro-2-oxindole 9q: Prepared according to the general procedure above starting with 74 mg of **13q** to give **9q** (77 mg, 89% yield) as pale pink crystals. NMR spectra were consistent with those reported in the literature.

5-(Trifluoromethyl)-3,3-dichloro-2-oxindole 9r: Prepared according to the general procedure above starting with 69 mg of **13r** to give **9r** (67 mg, 83% yield) as pale red crystals. R_f : 0.28 (30% EtOAc/hexanes, UV active); m.p. 188-189 °C; IR (ATR) 3147, 1768, 1736, 1632, 1119 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.69 (br. s, 1H), 7.89 (s, 1H), 7.66 (d, J =8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.10 (d, J =8.3 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 170.9, 140.8, 130.3, 129.7 (q, J =3.8 Hz), 127.2, (q, J =33.4 Hz), 123.6 (q, J =272.1 Hz), 122.7 (q, J =3.7 Hz), 111.7, 73.5; ¹⁹F NMR (282 MHz) δ -62.30; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₉H₇N₃OCl₂F₃ (M+H)⁺ 269.9695; found 269.9694.

5-Nitro-3,3-dichloro-2-oxindole 9s: Prepared according to the general procedure above starting with 22 mg of **13s** to give **9s** (13 mg, 49% yield) as a clear yellow solid. NMR spectra were consistent with those reported in the literature.

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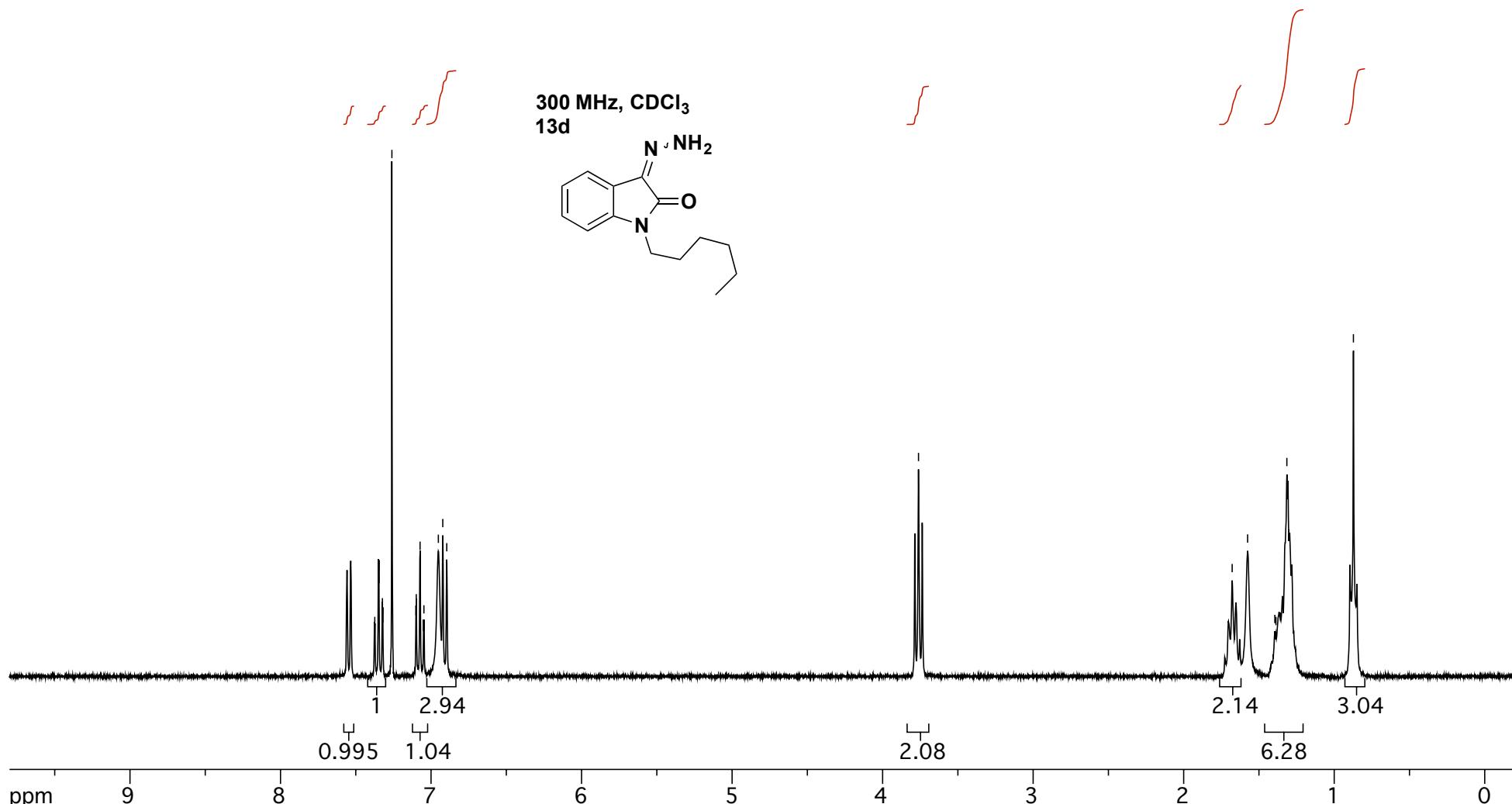
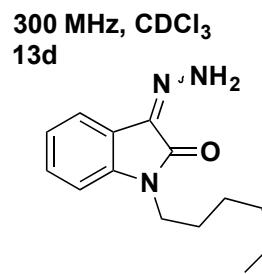
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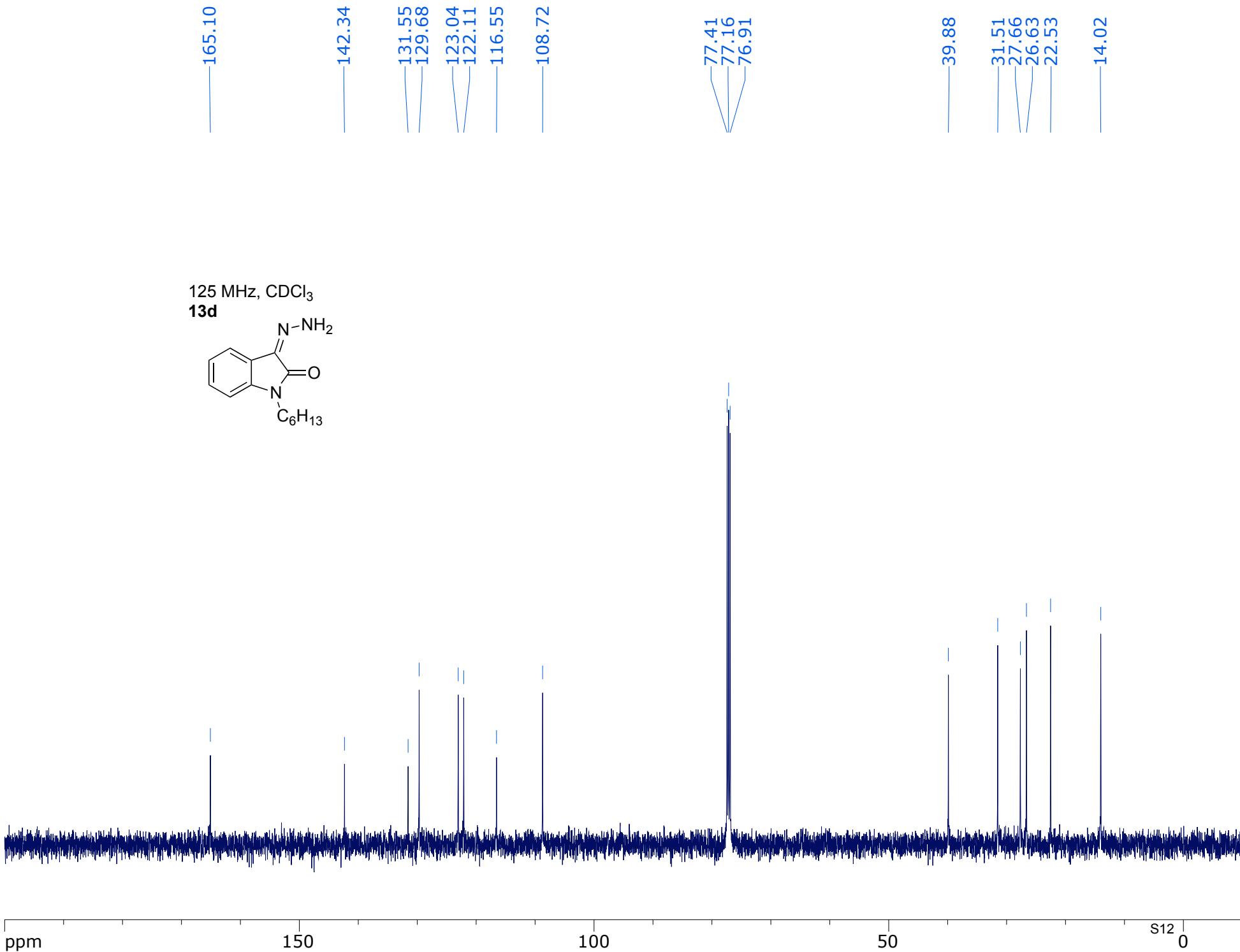
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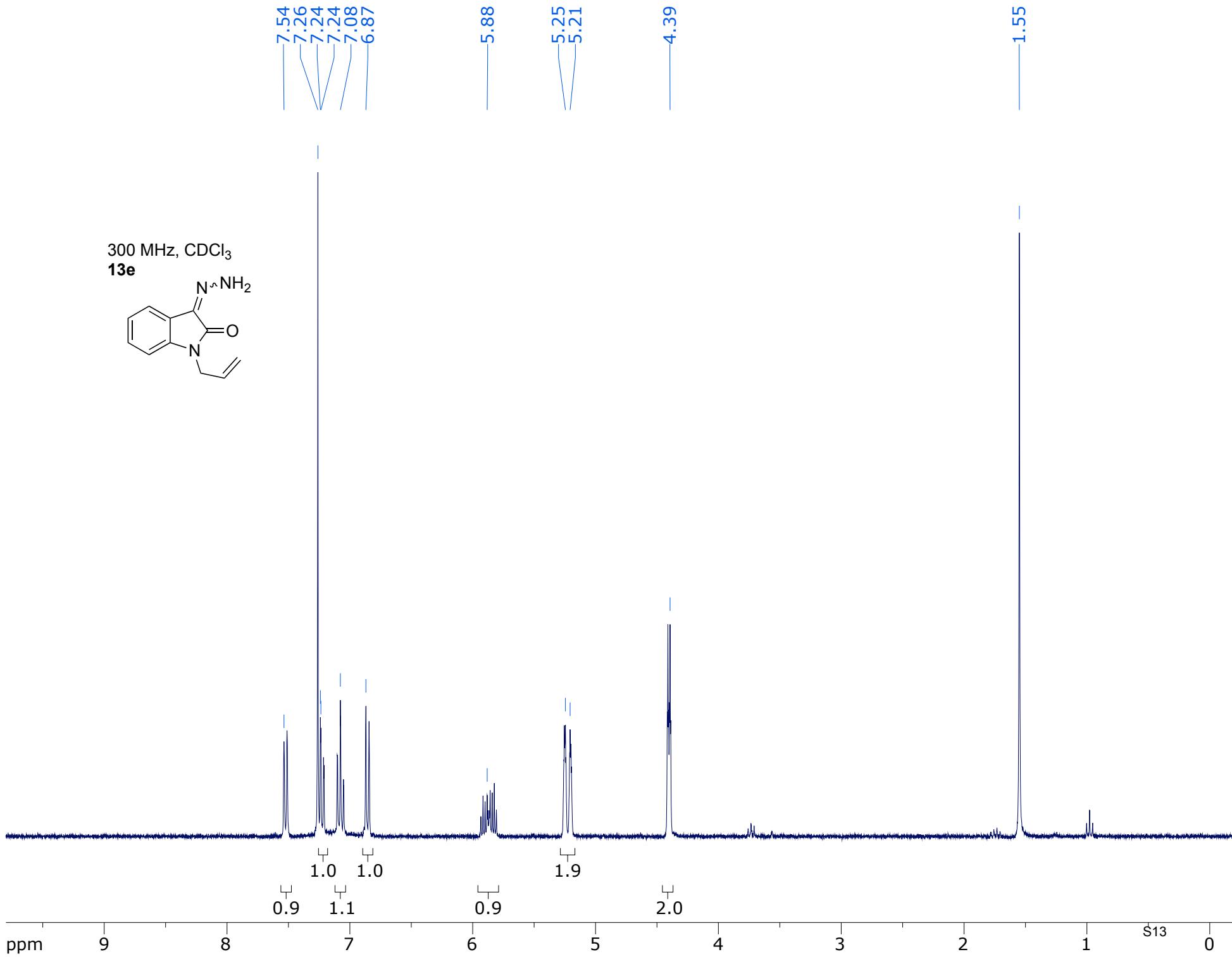
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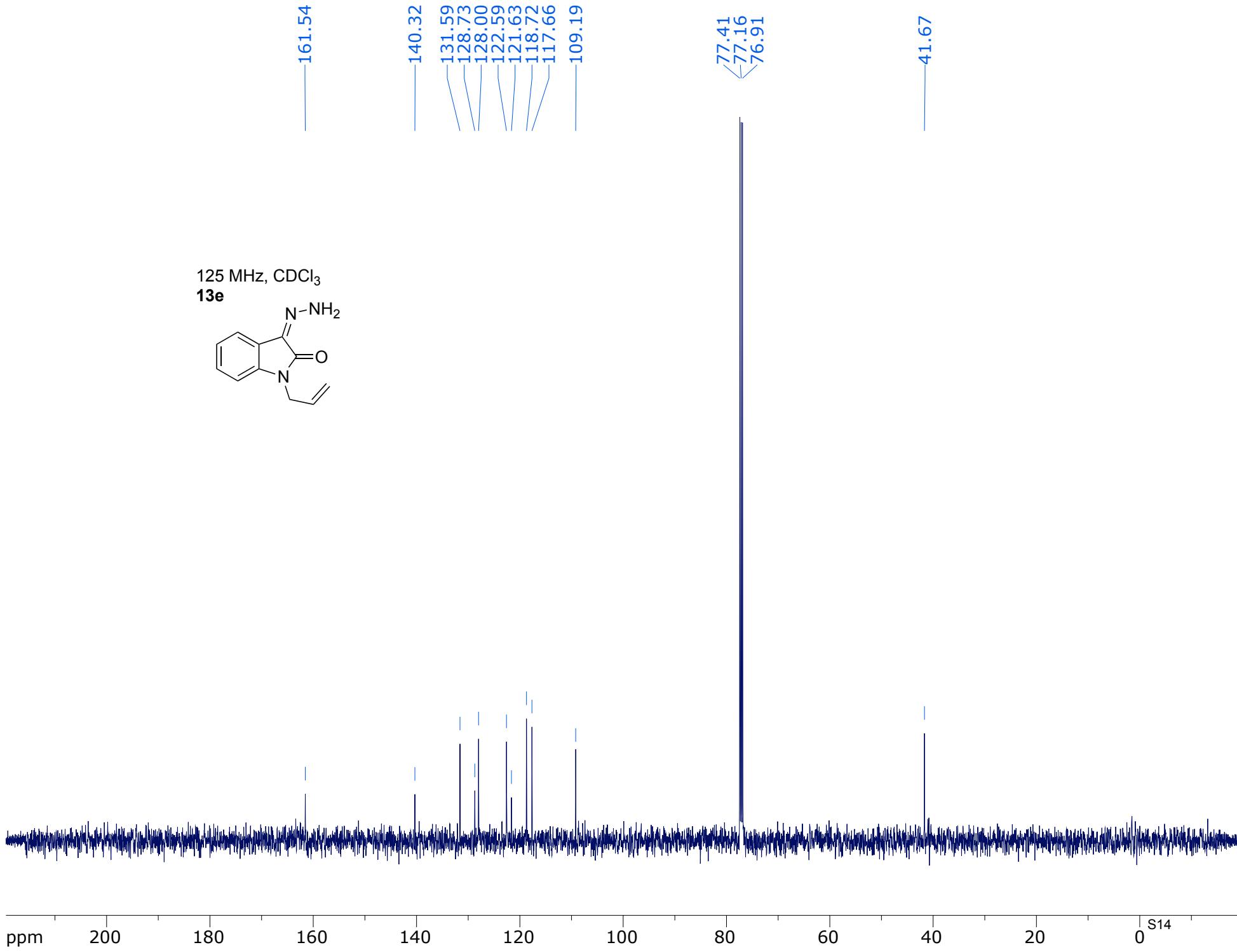
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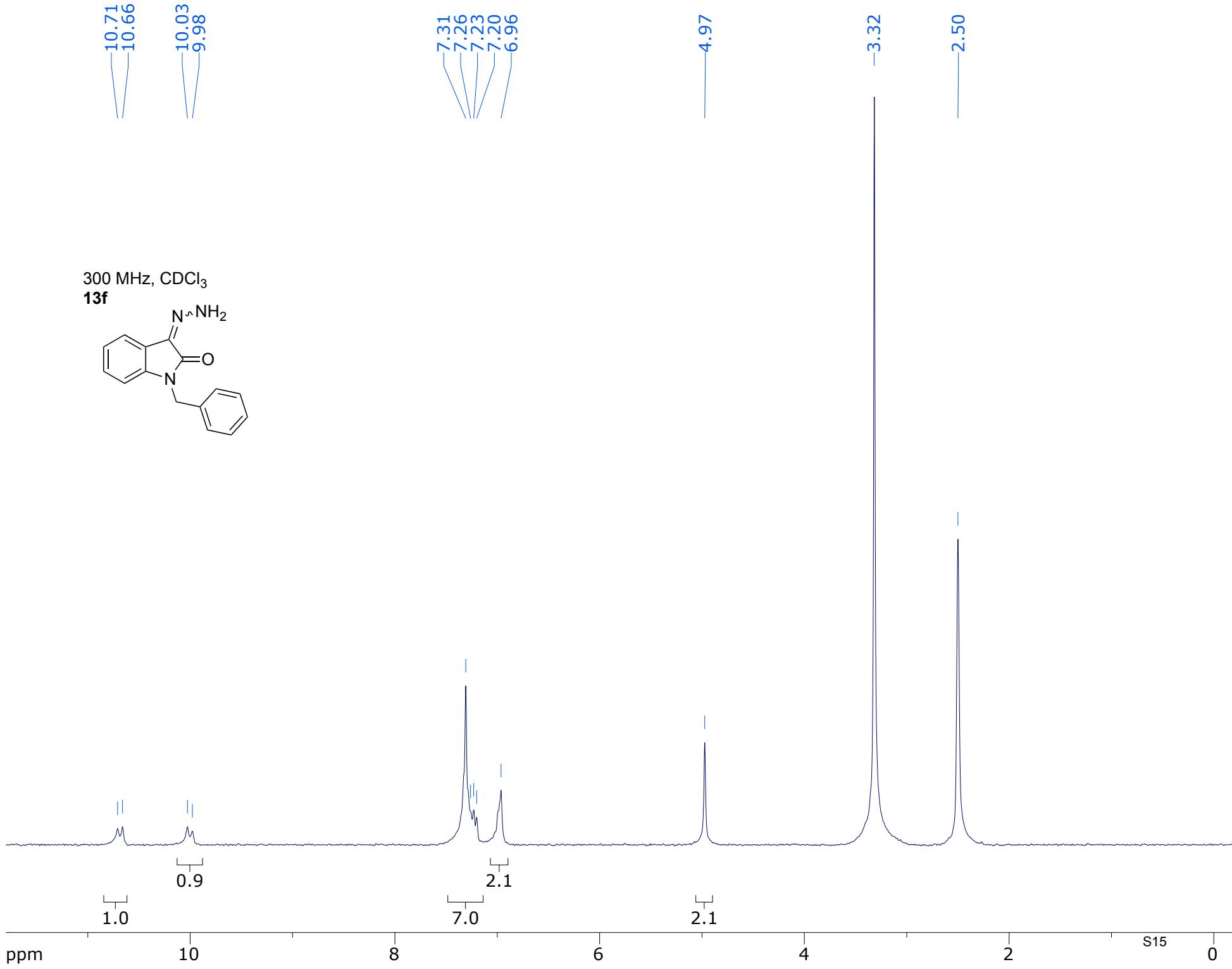
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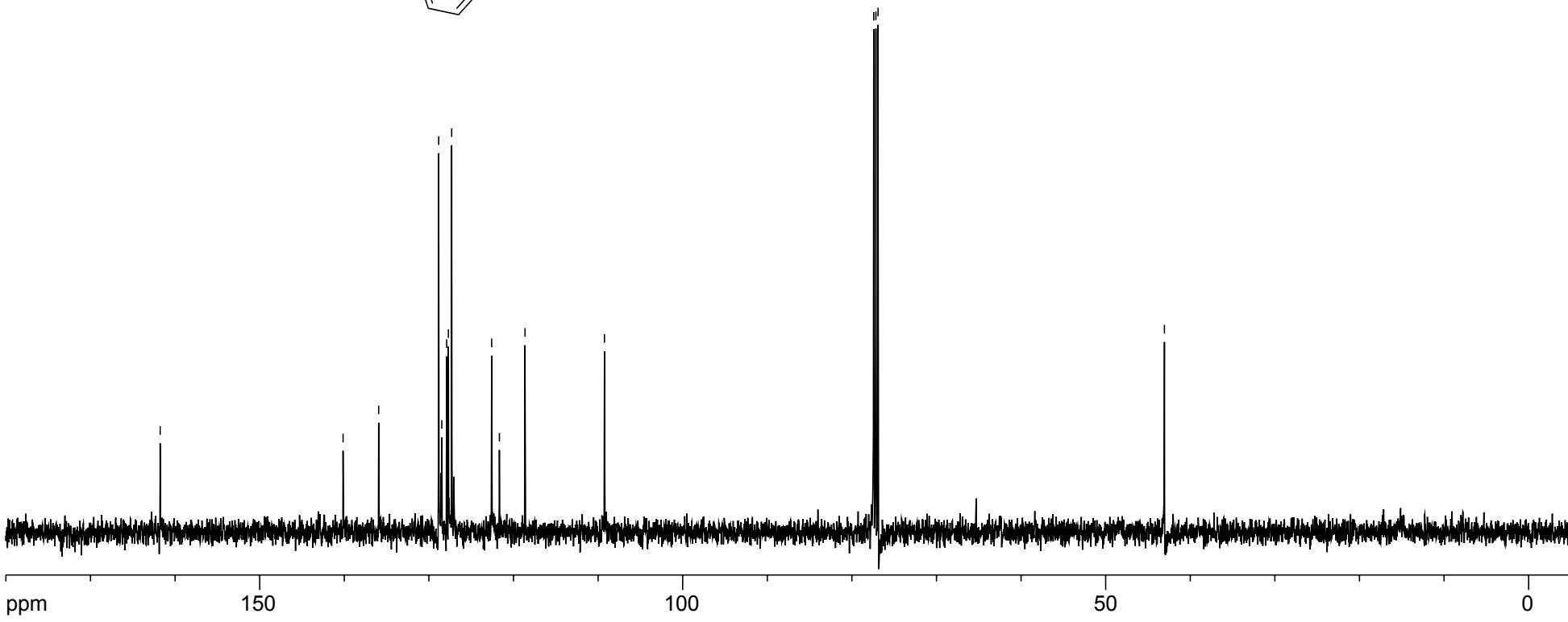
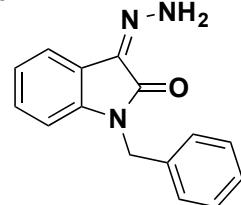
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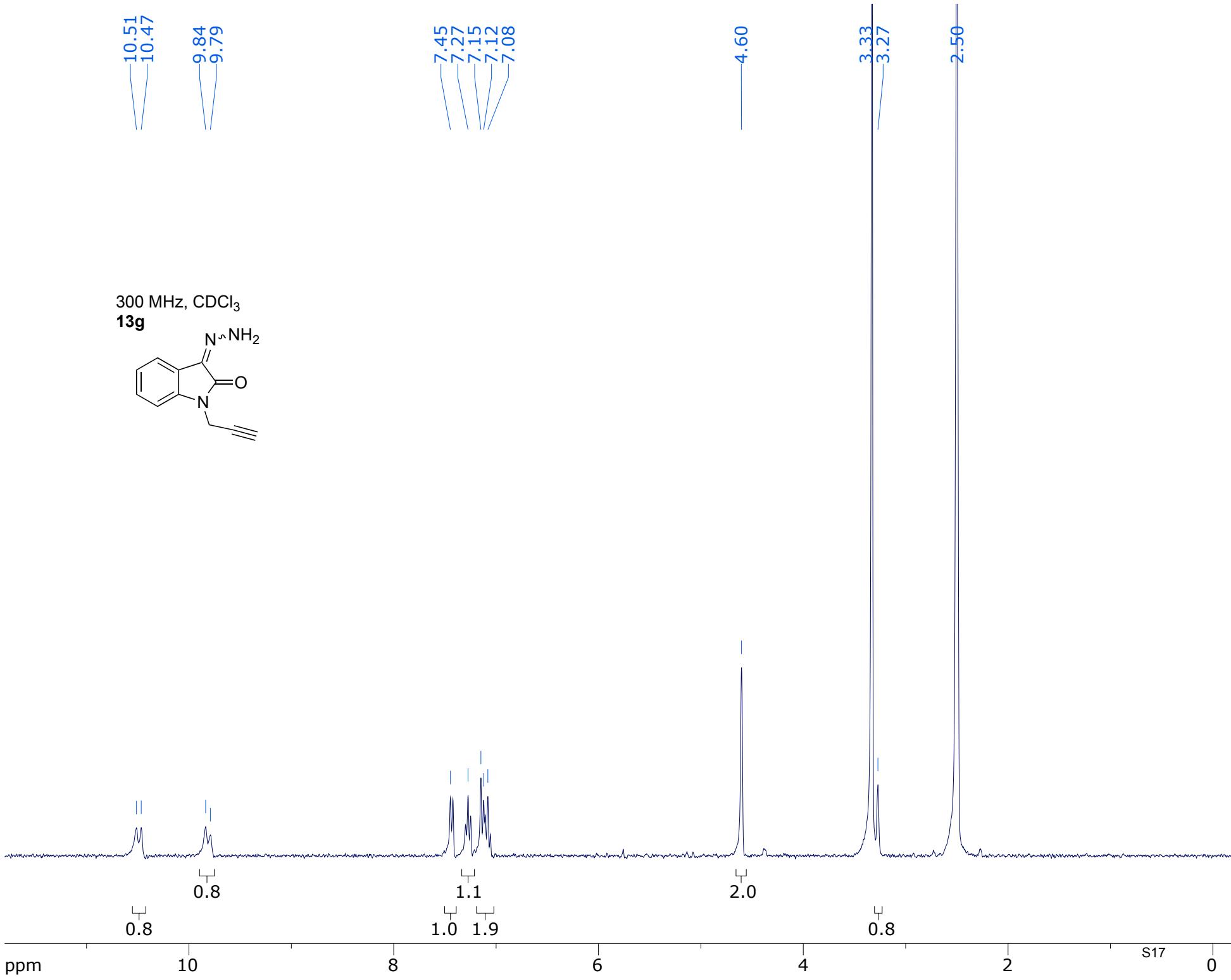
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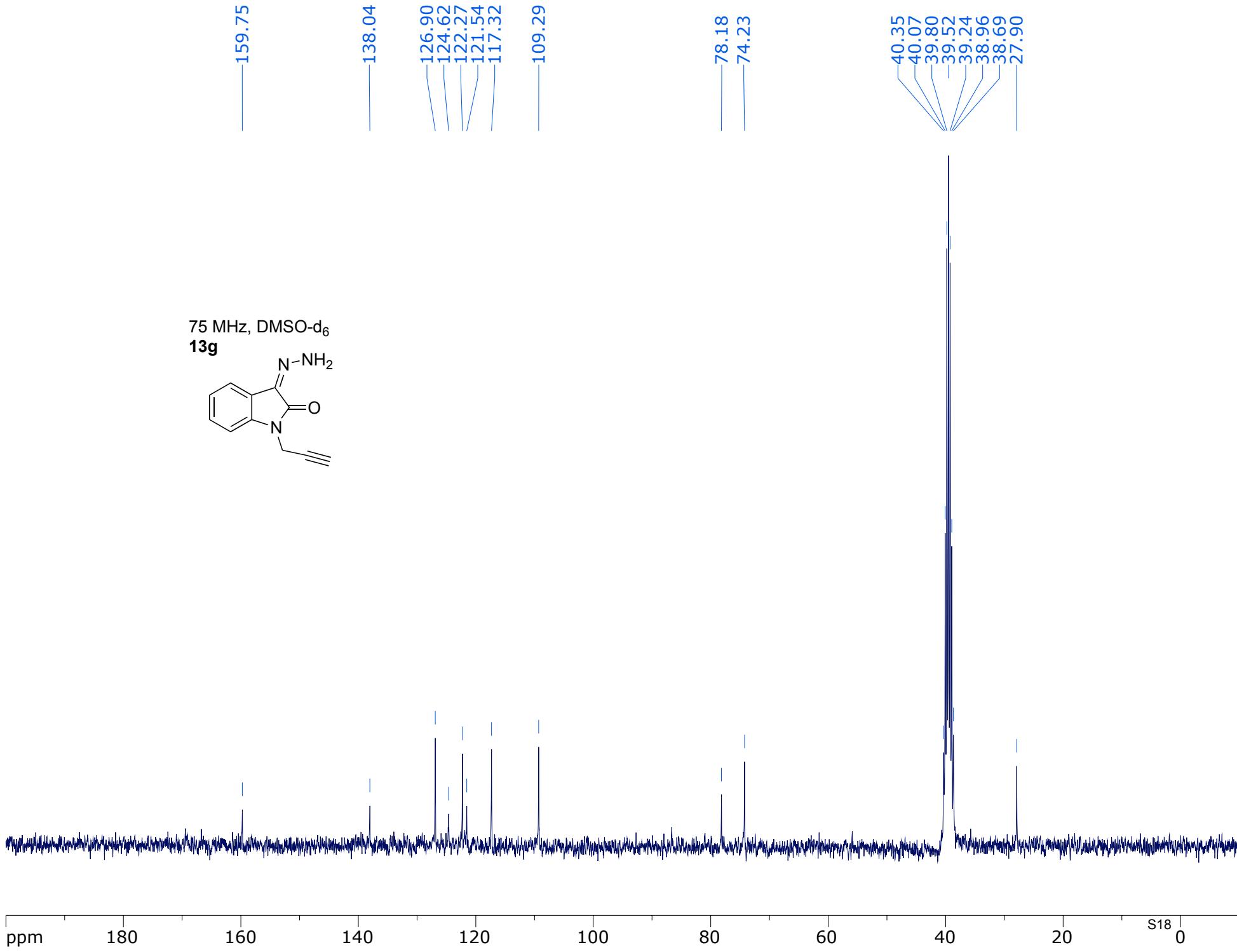
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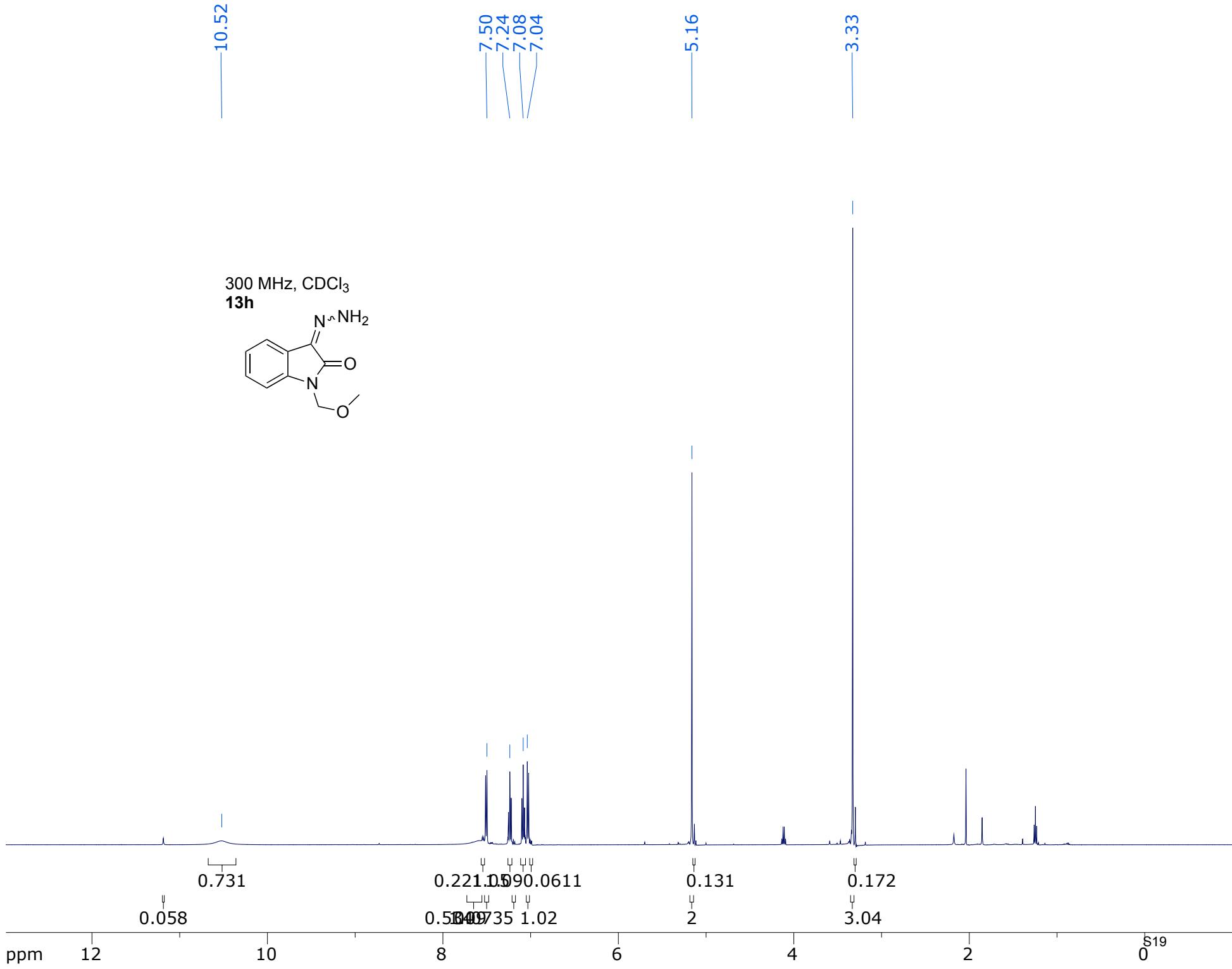
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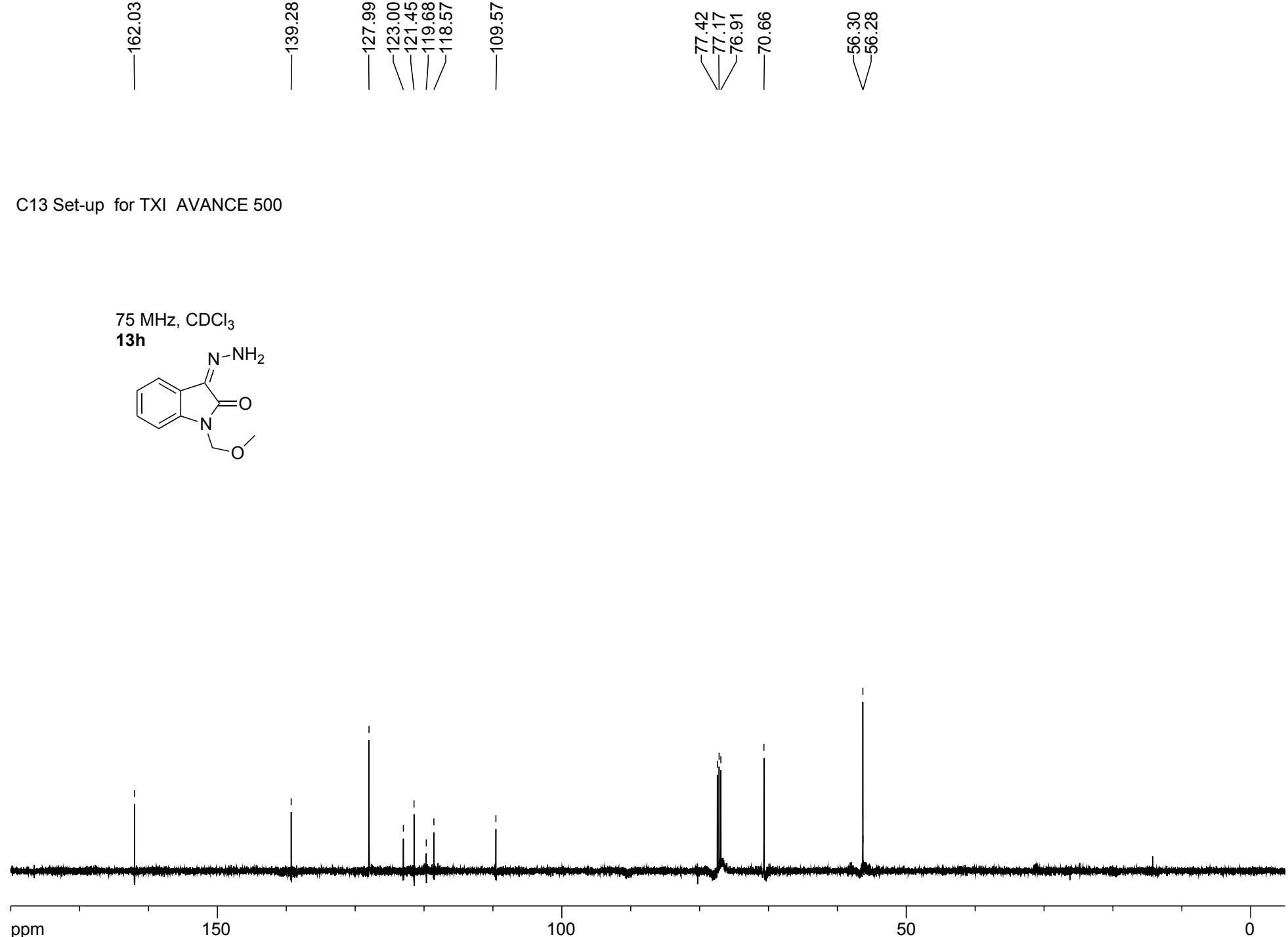
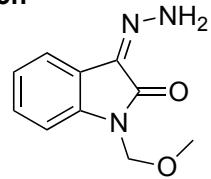


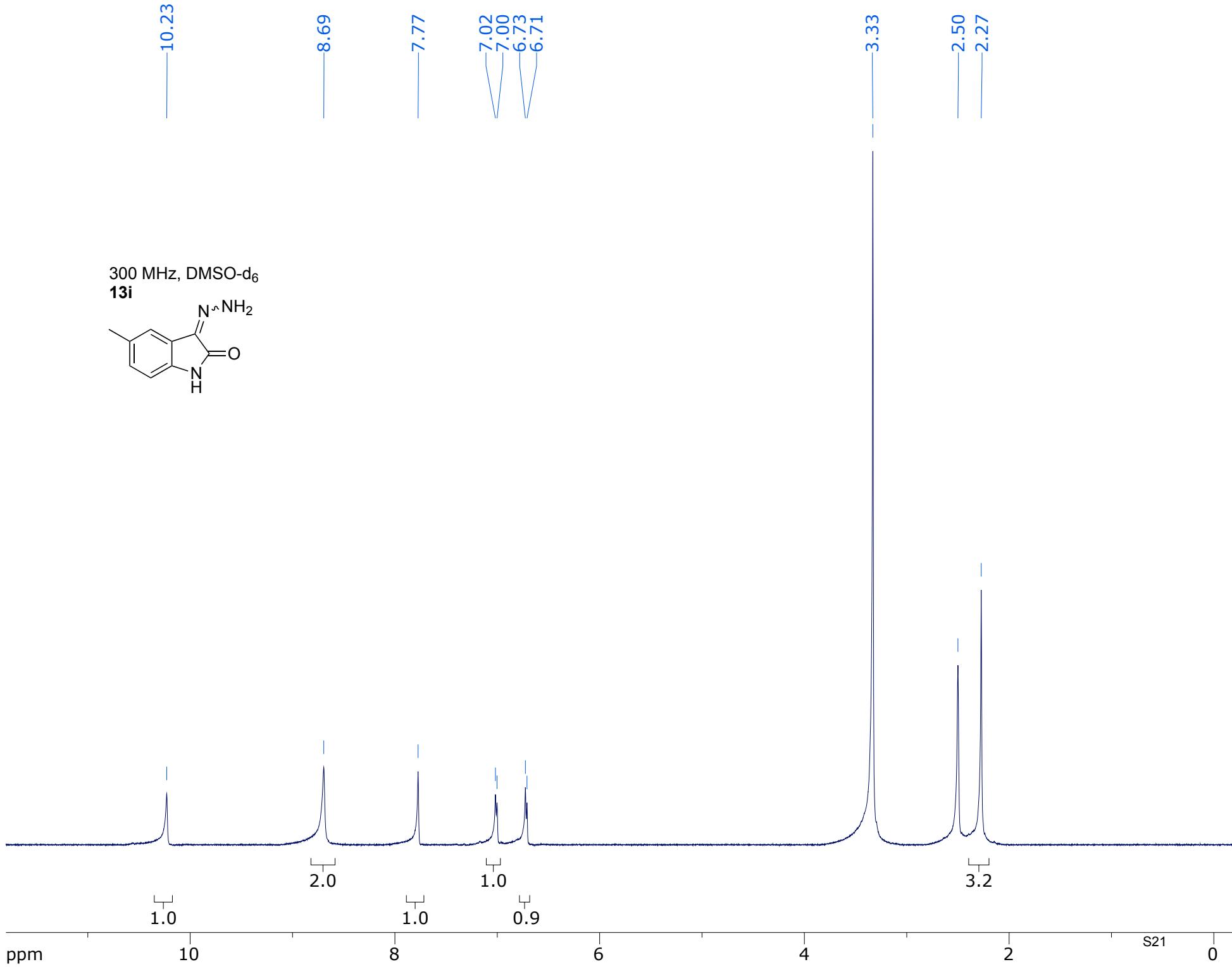


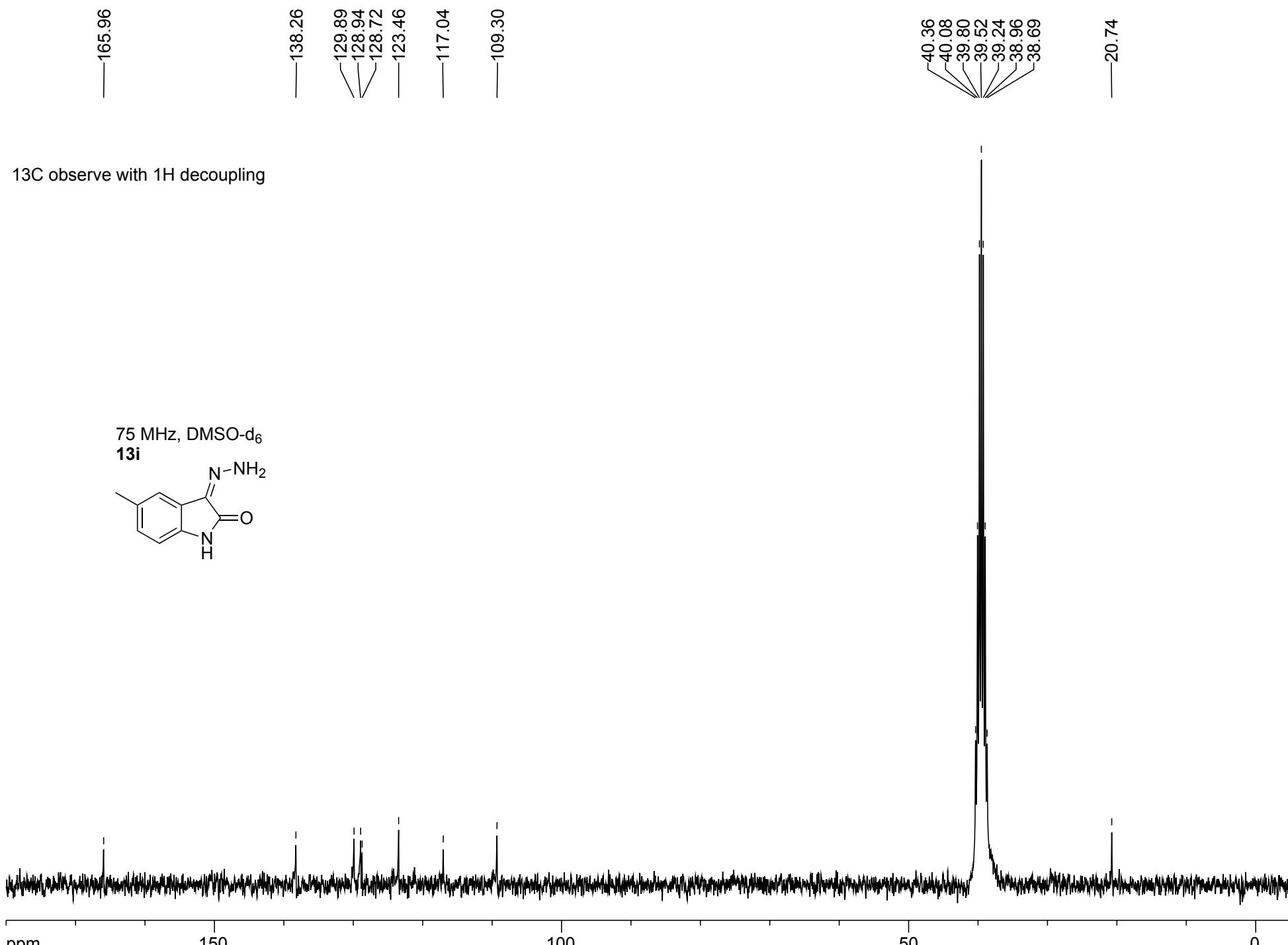


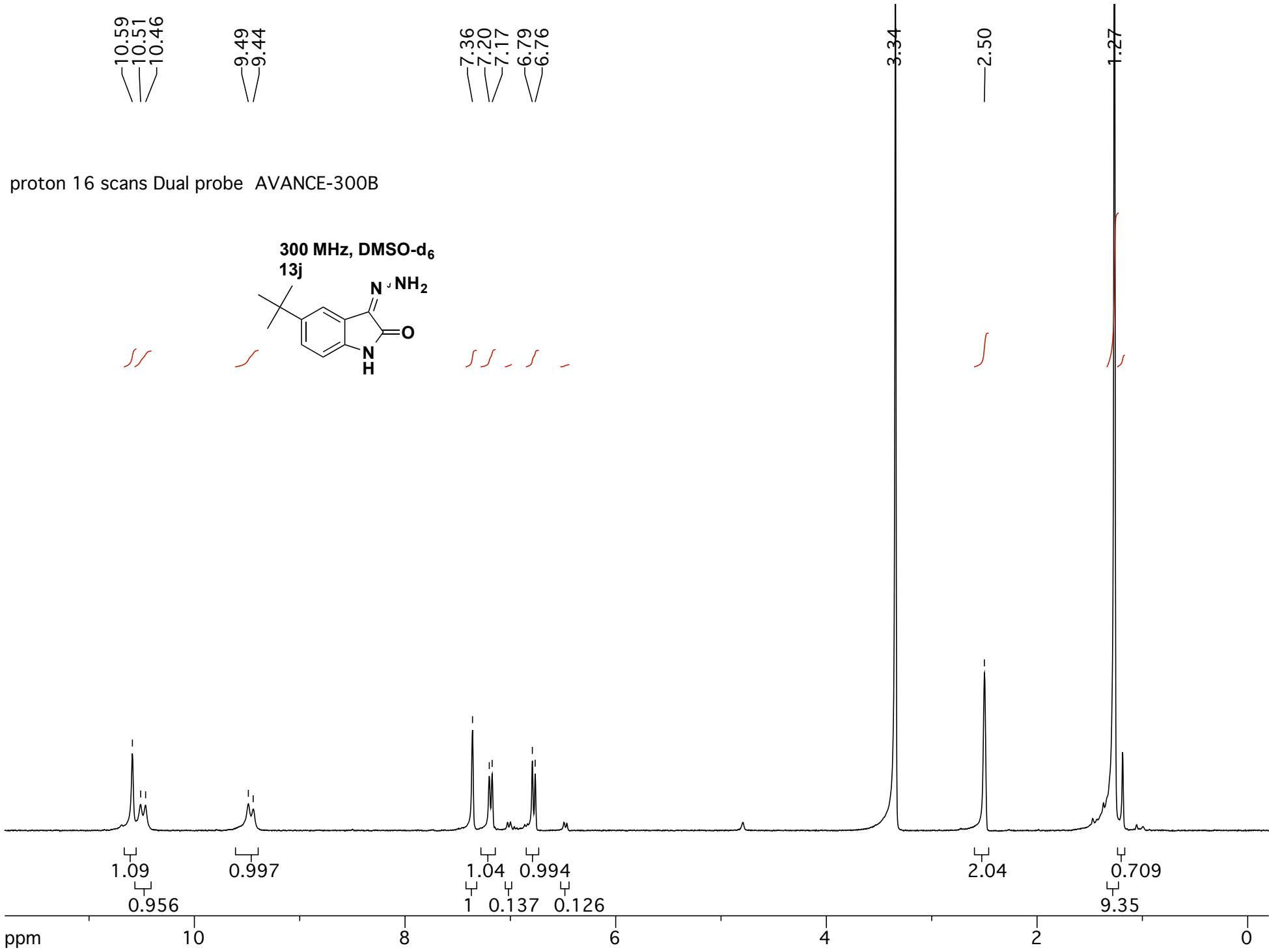
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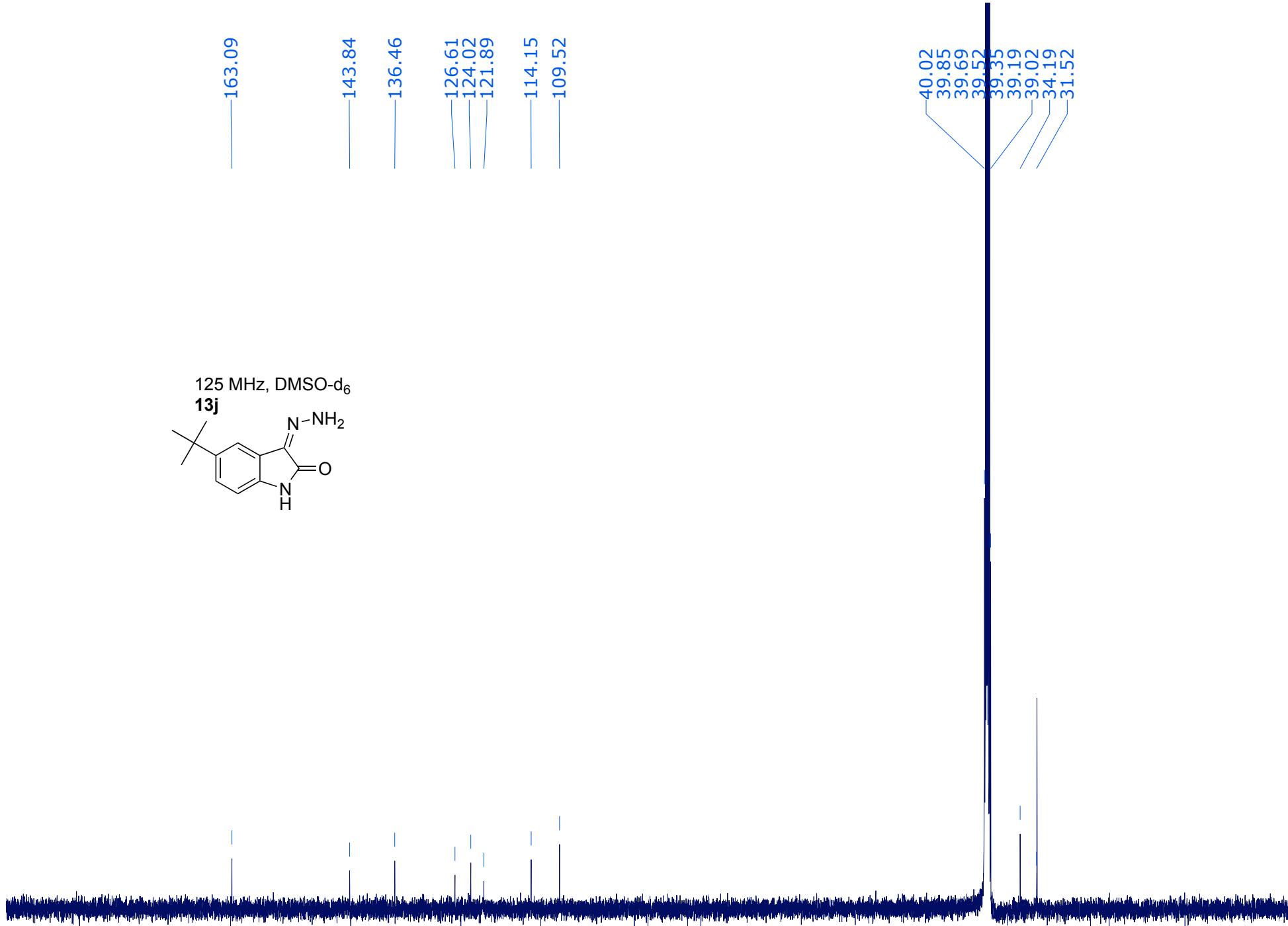
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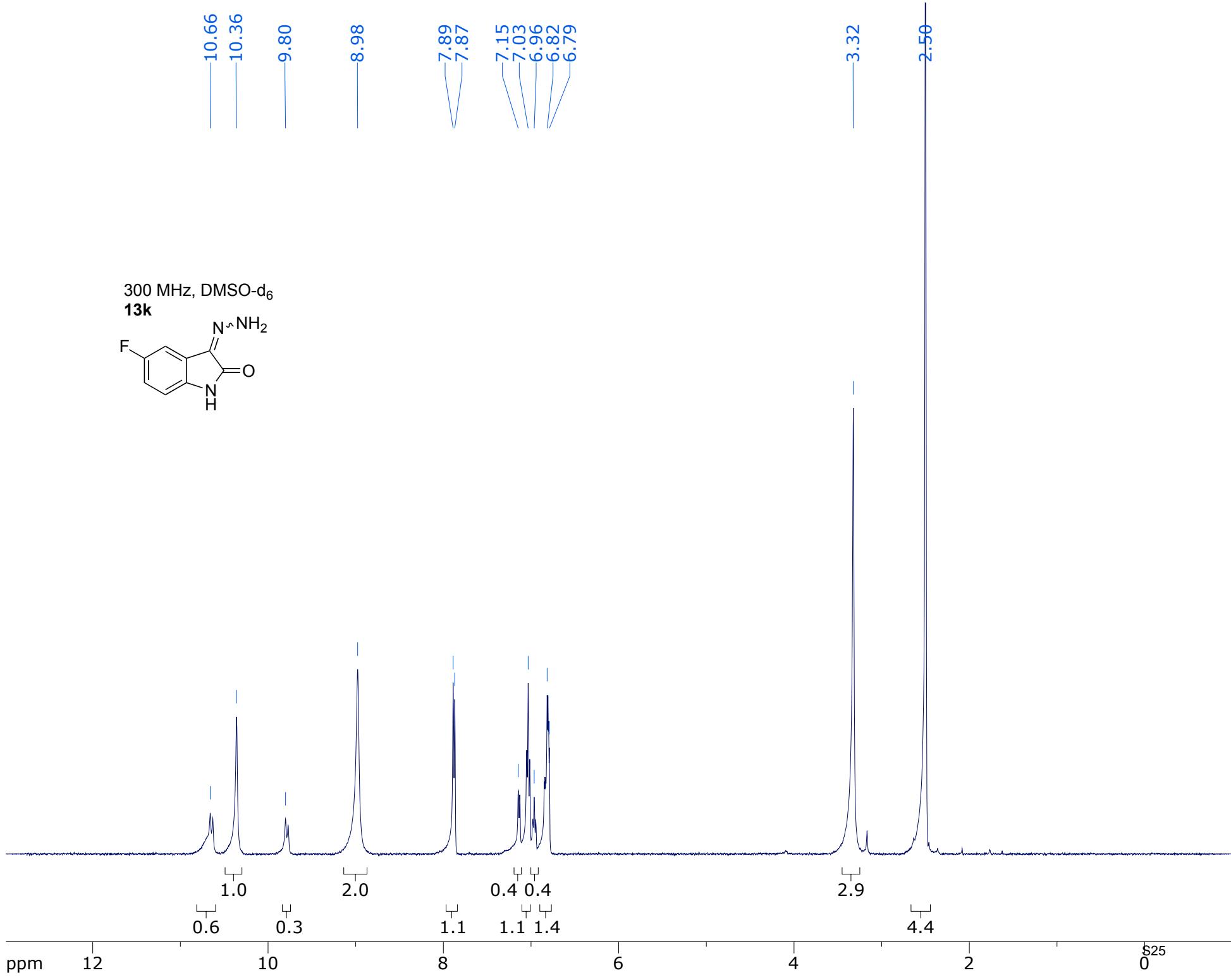




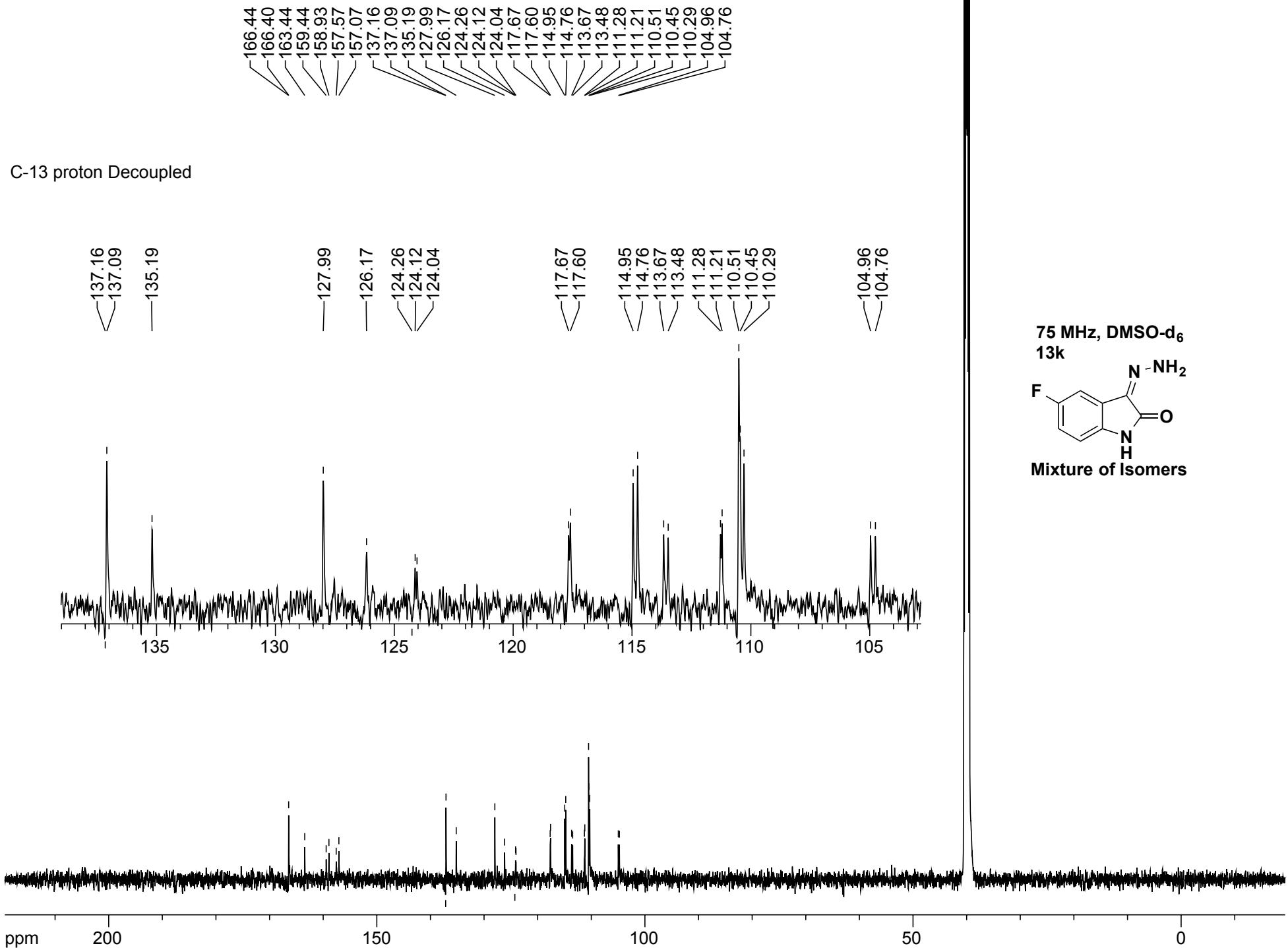






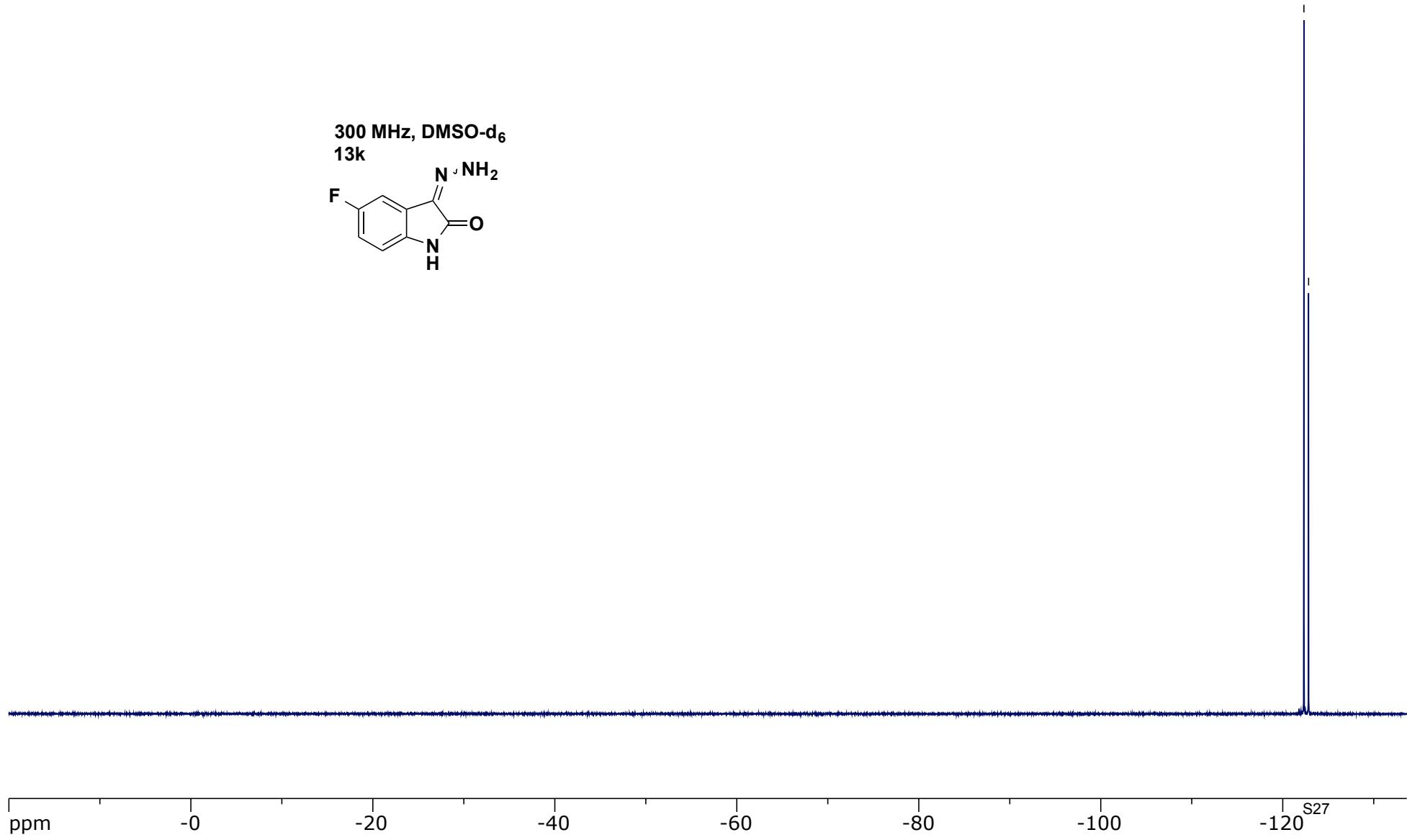
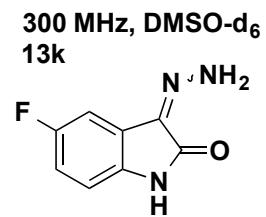


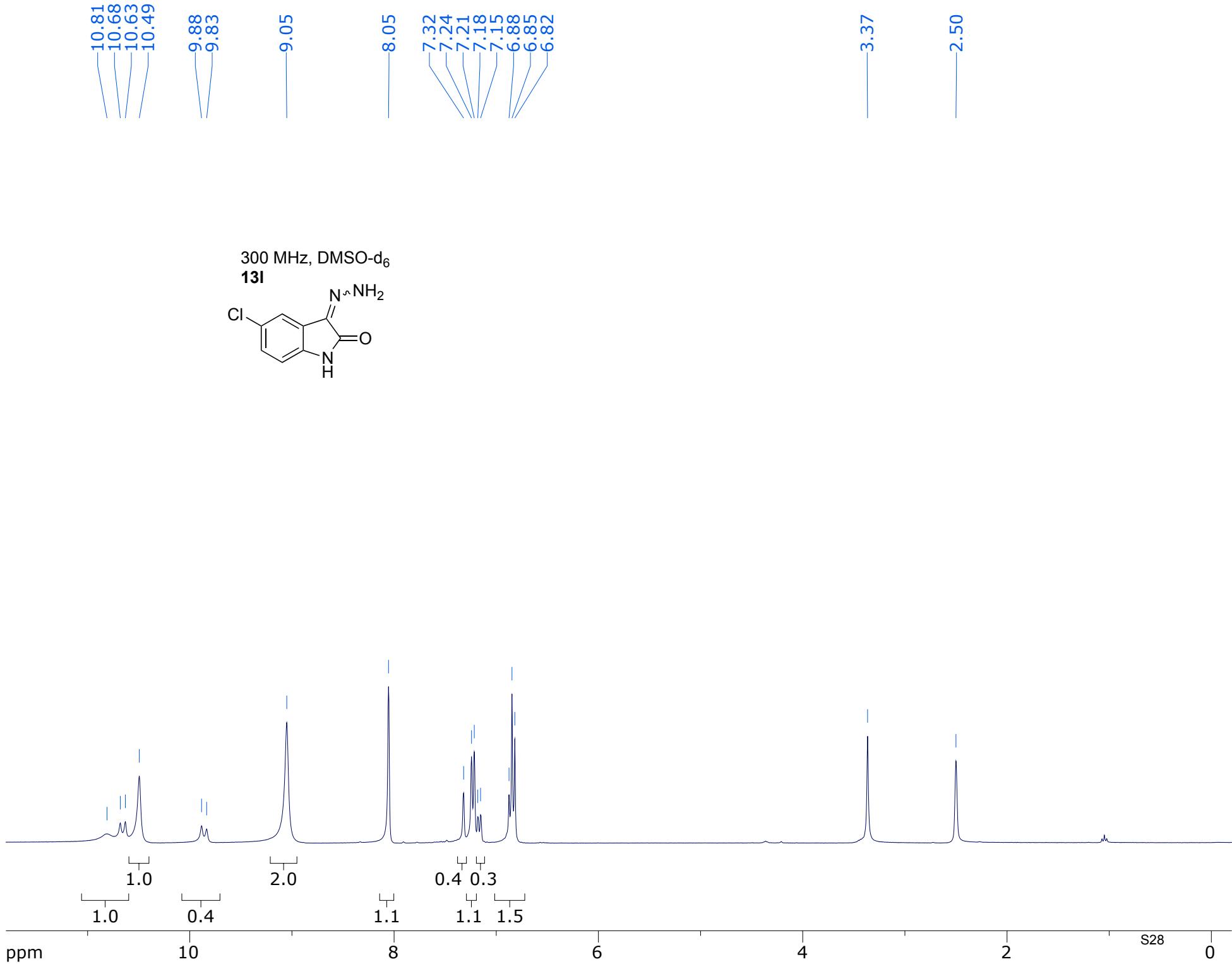
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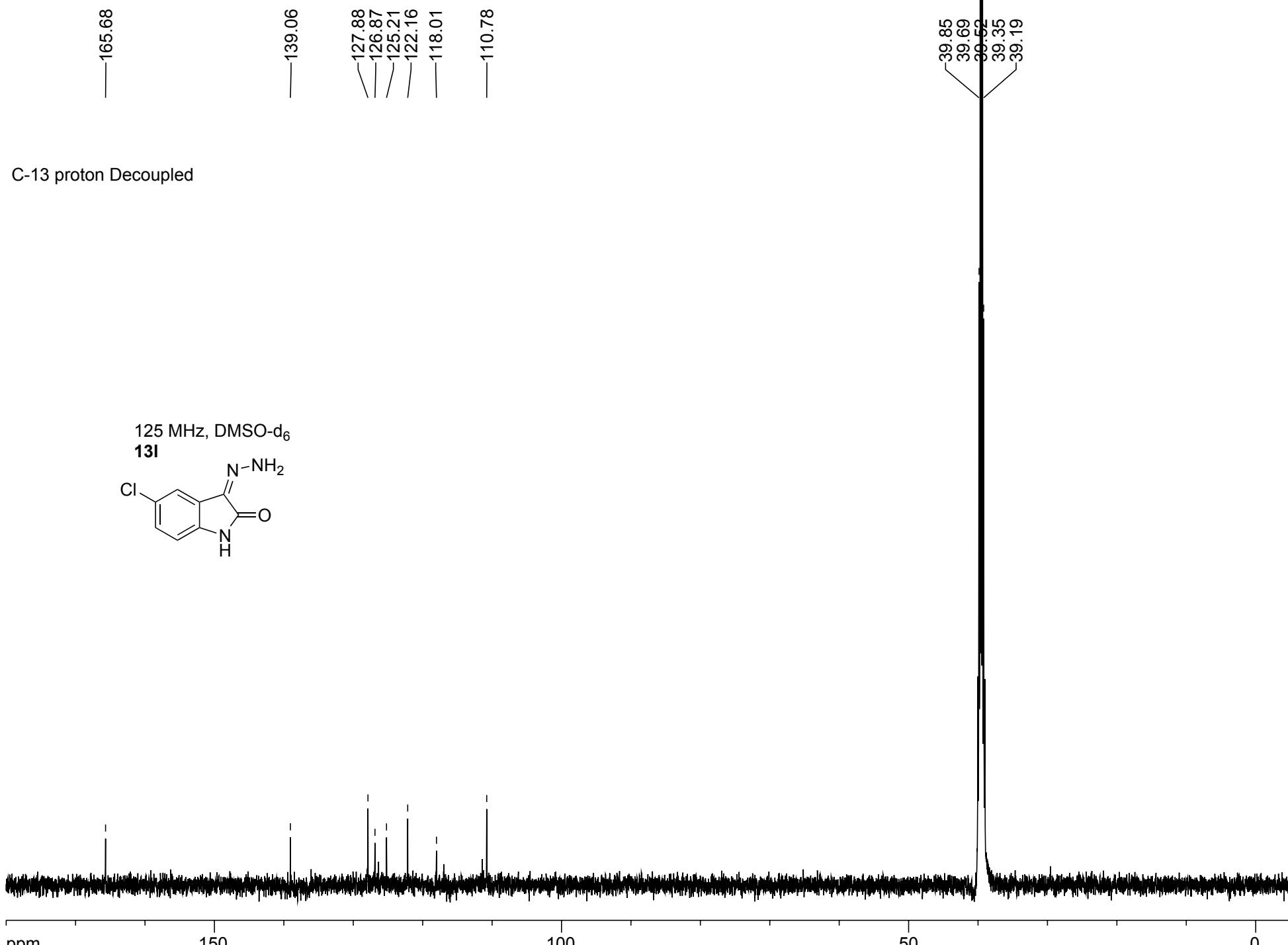


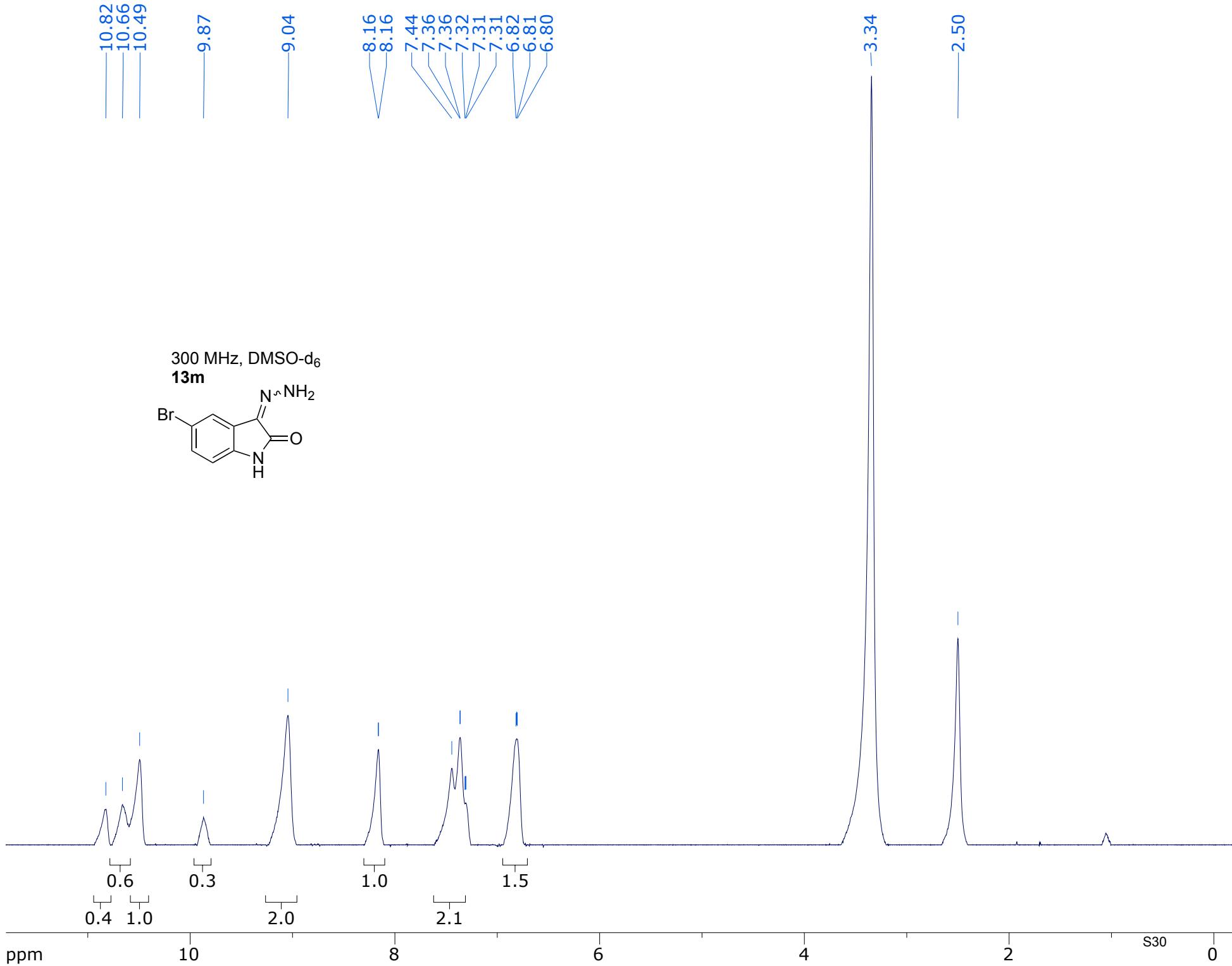
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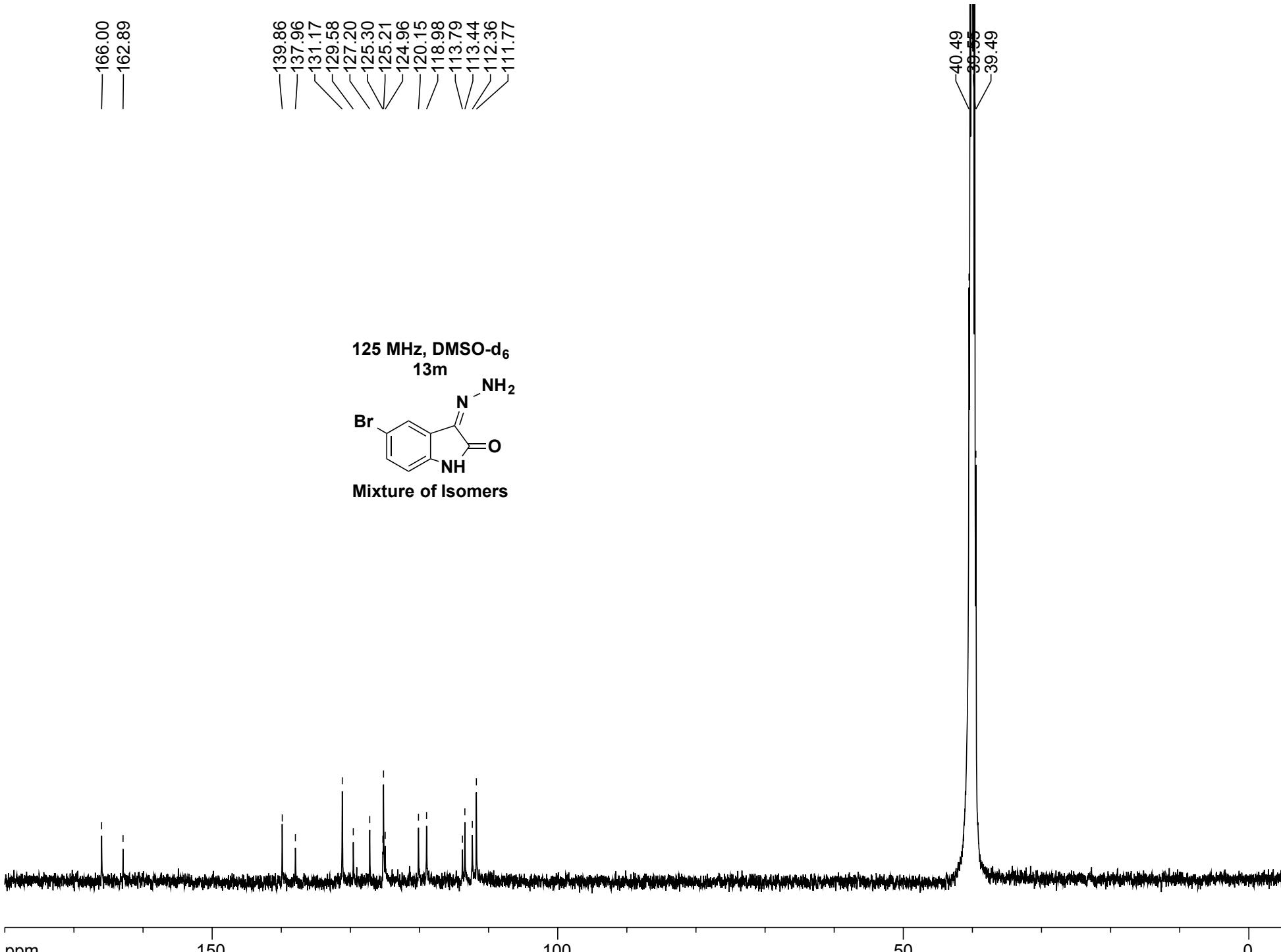
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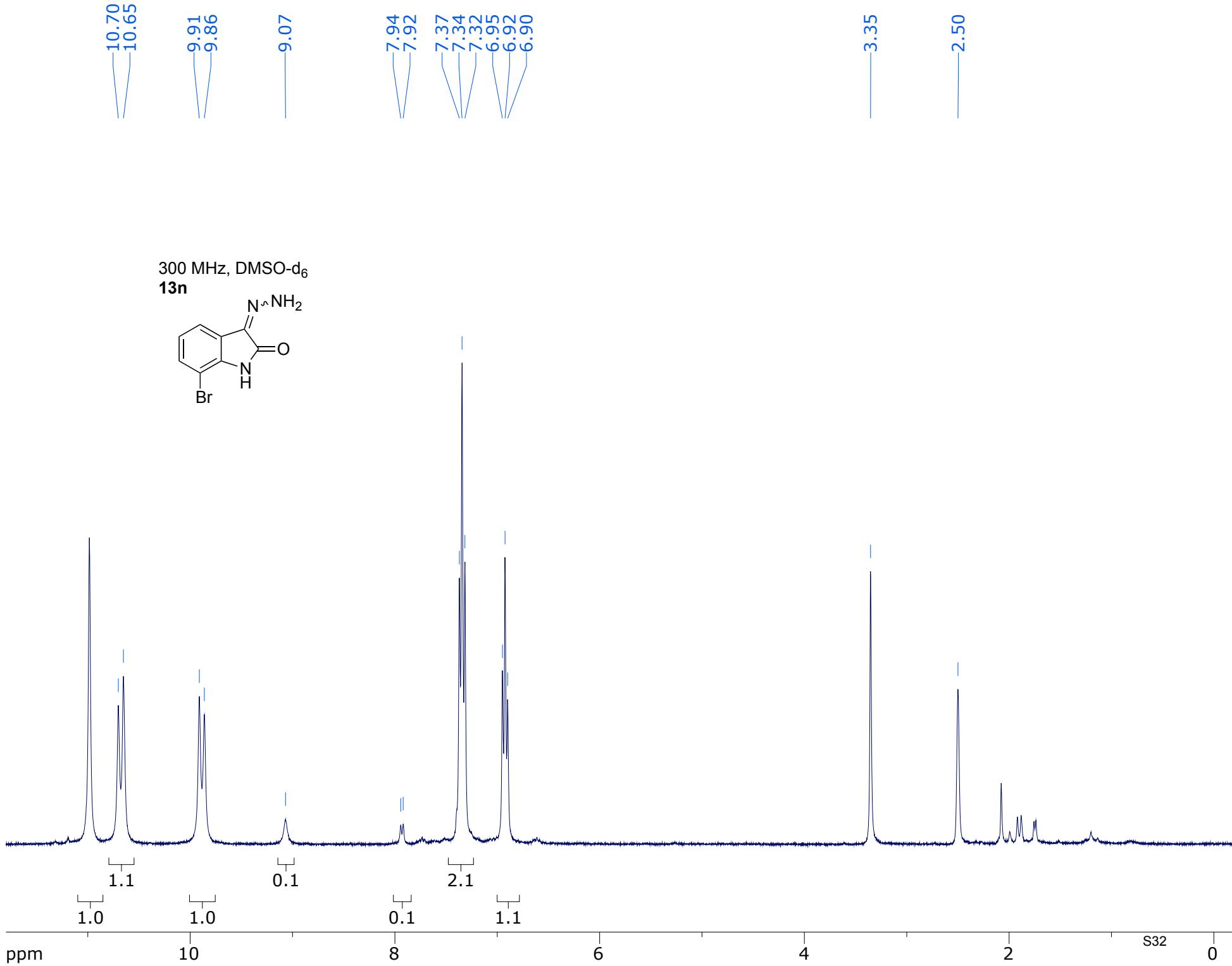




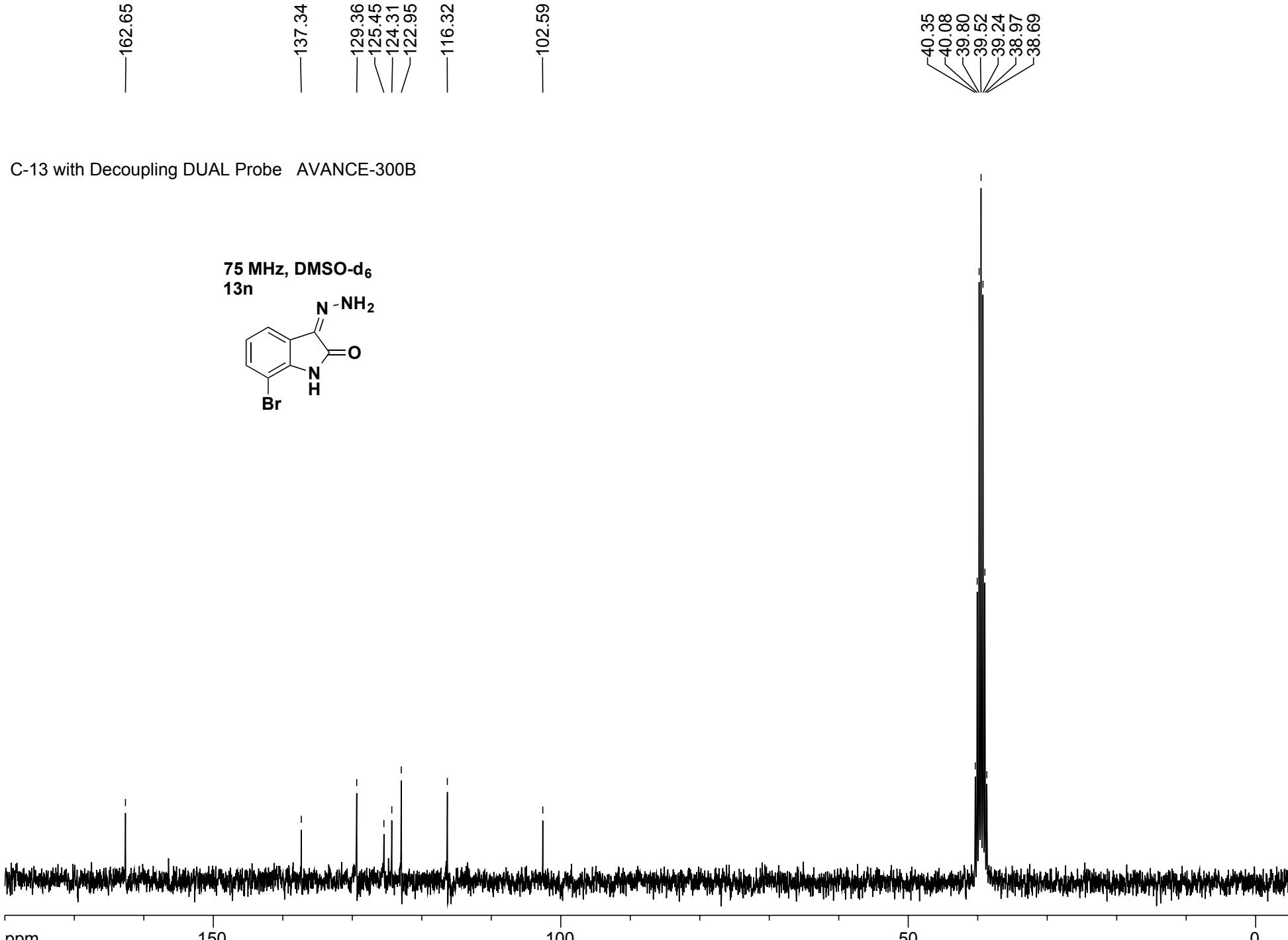


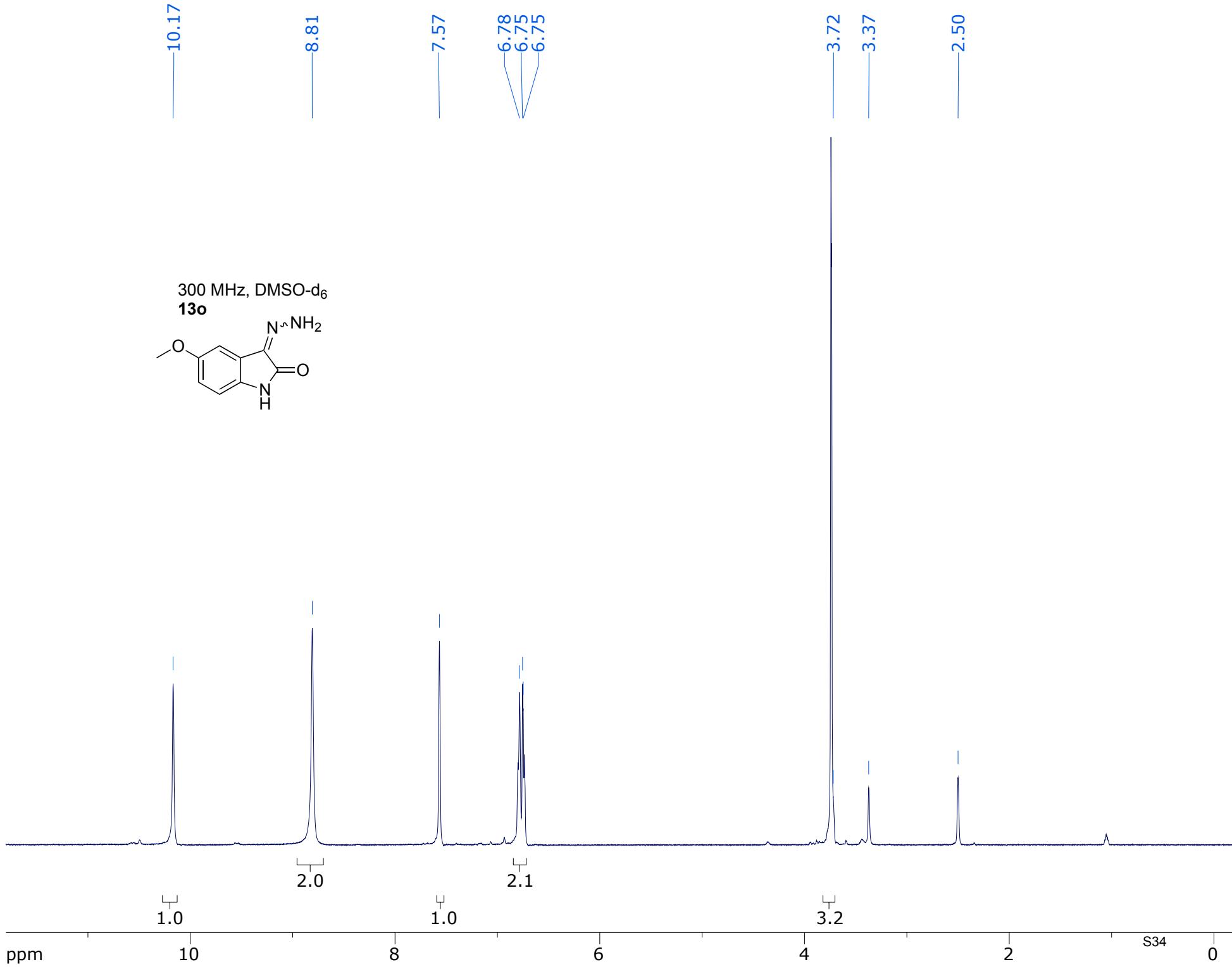


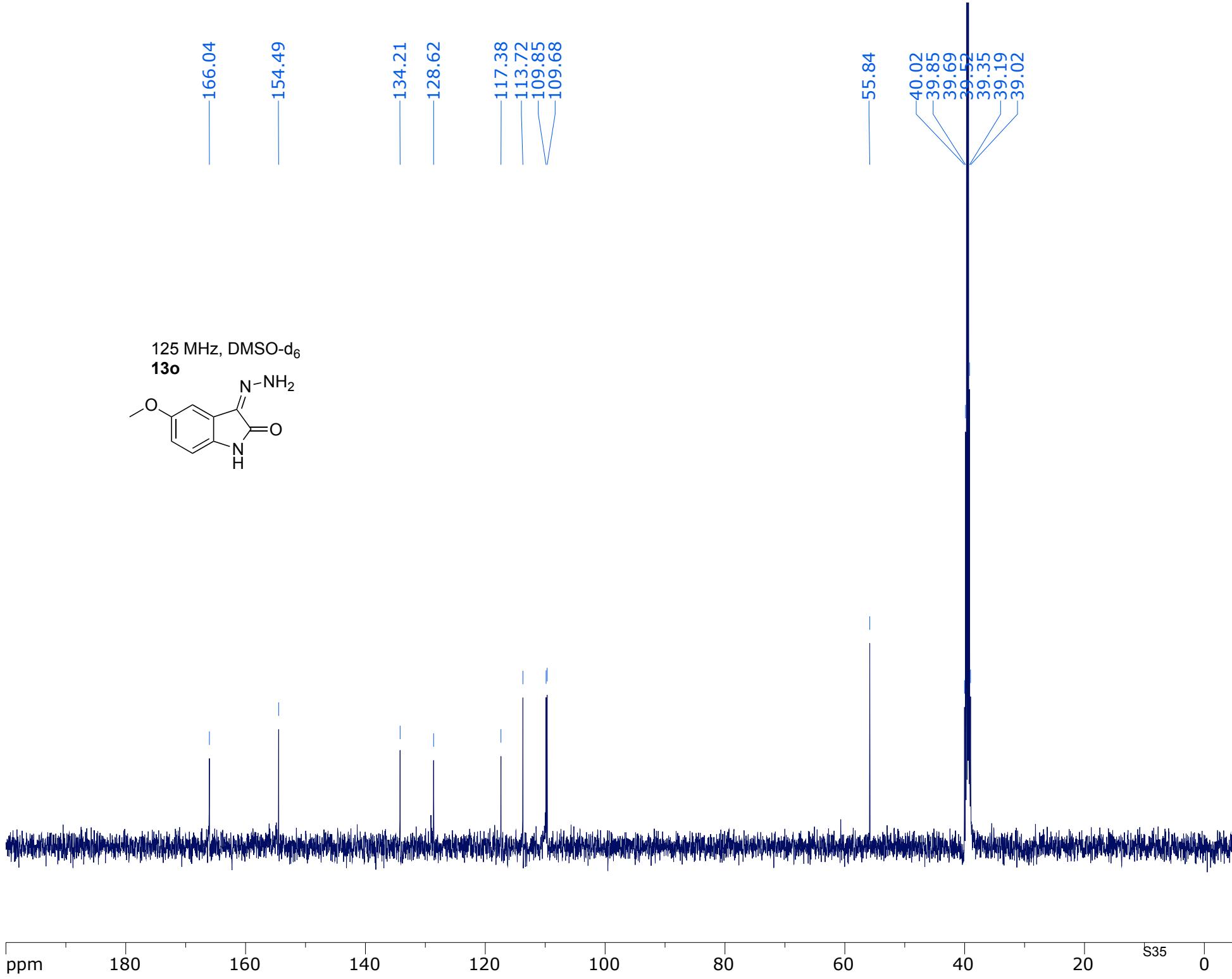


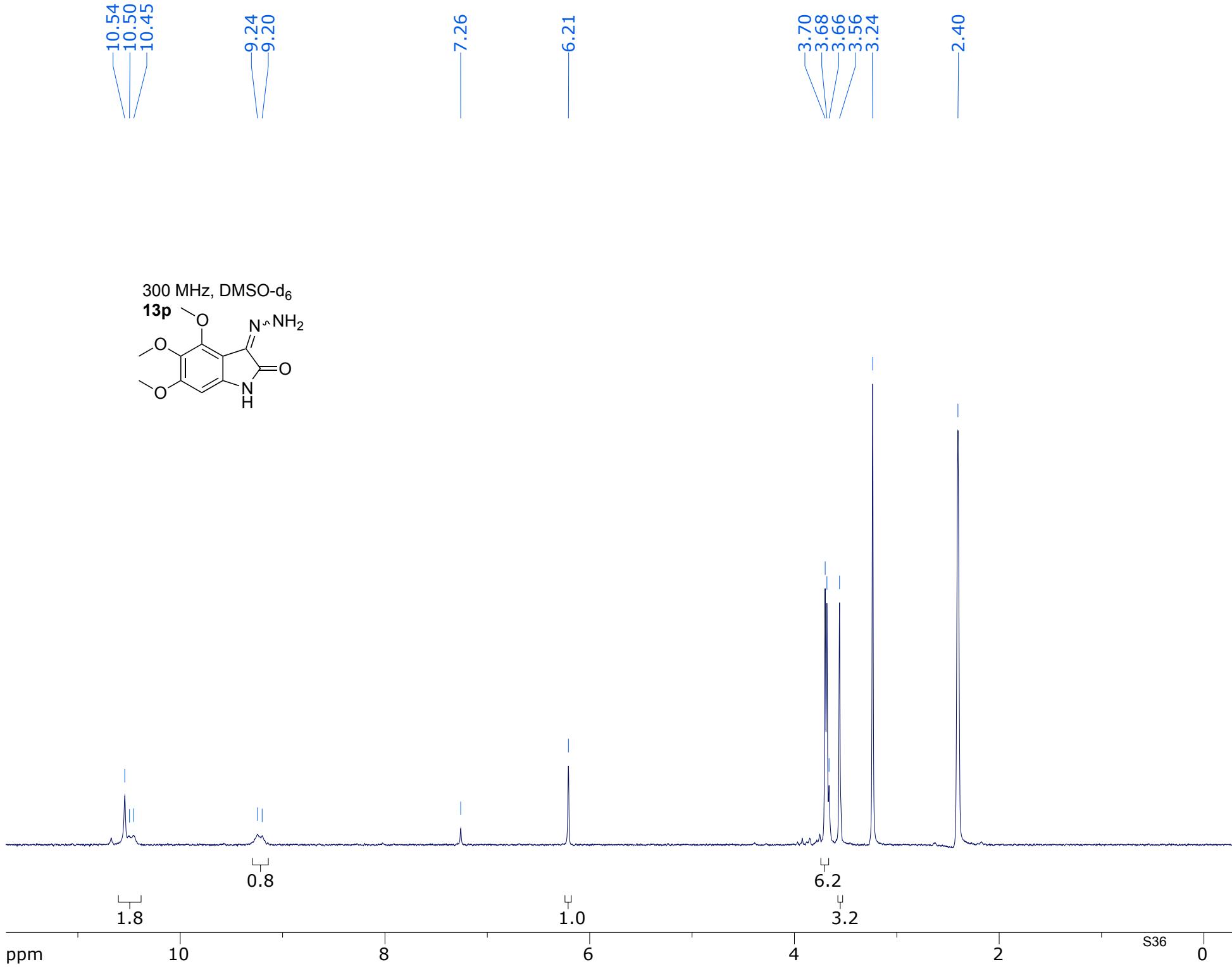


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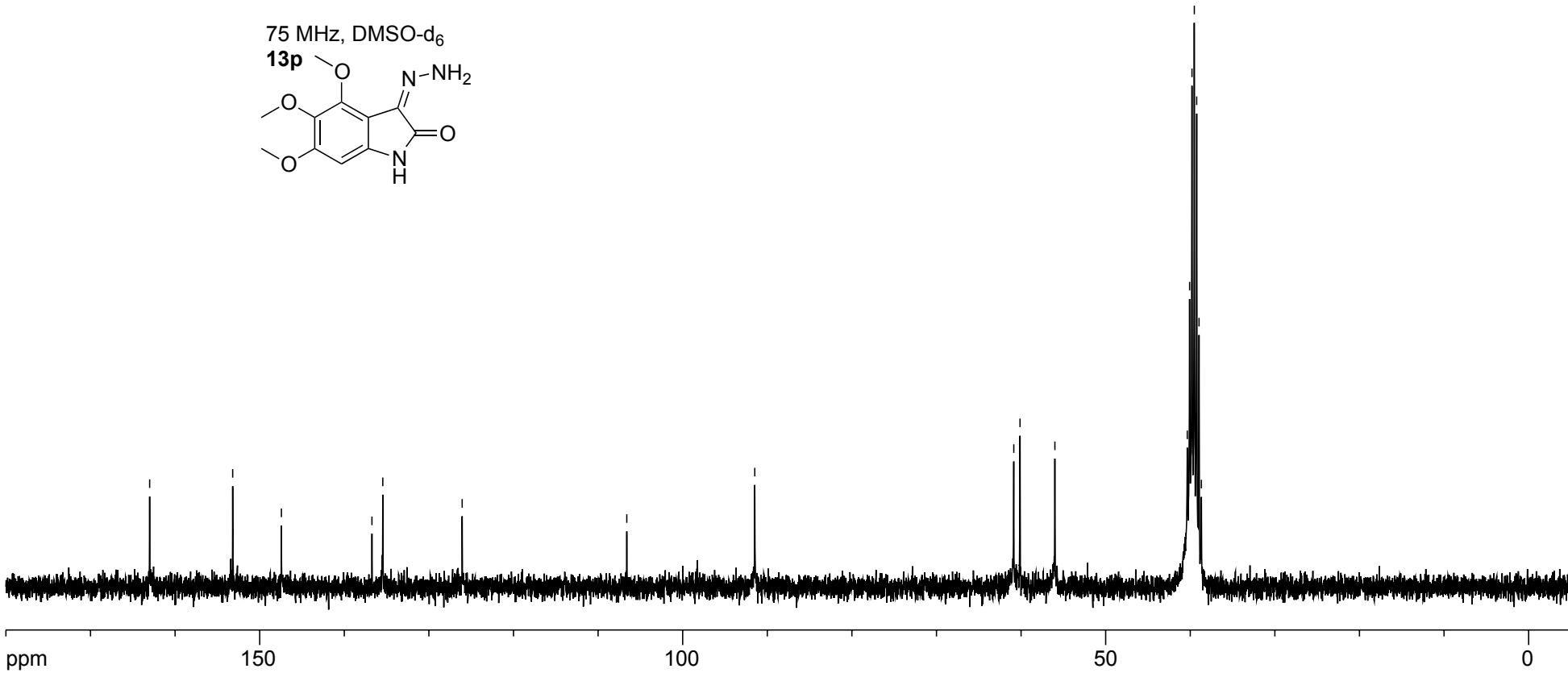
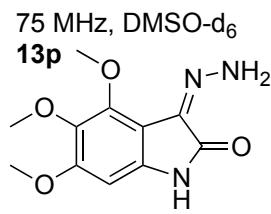


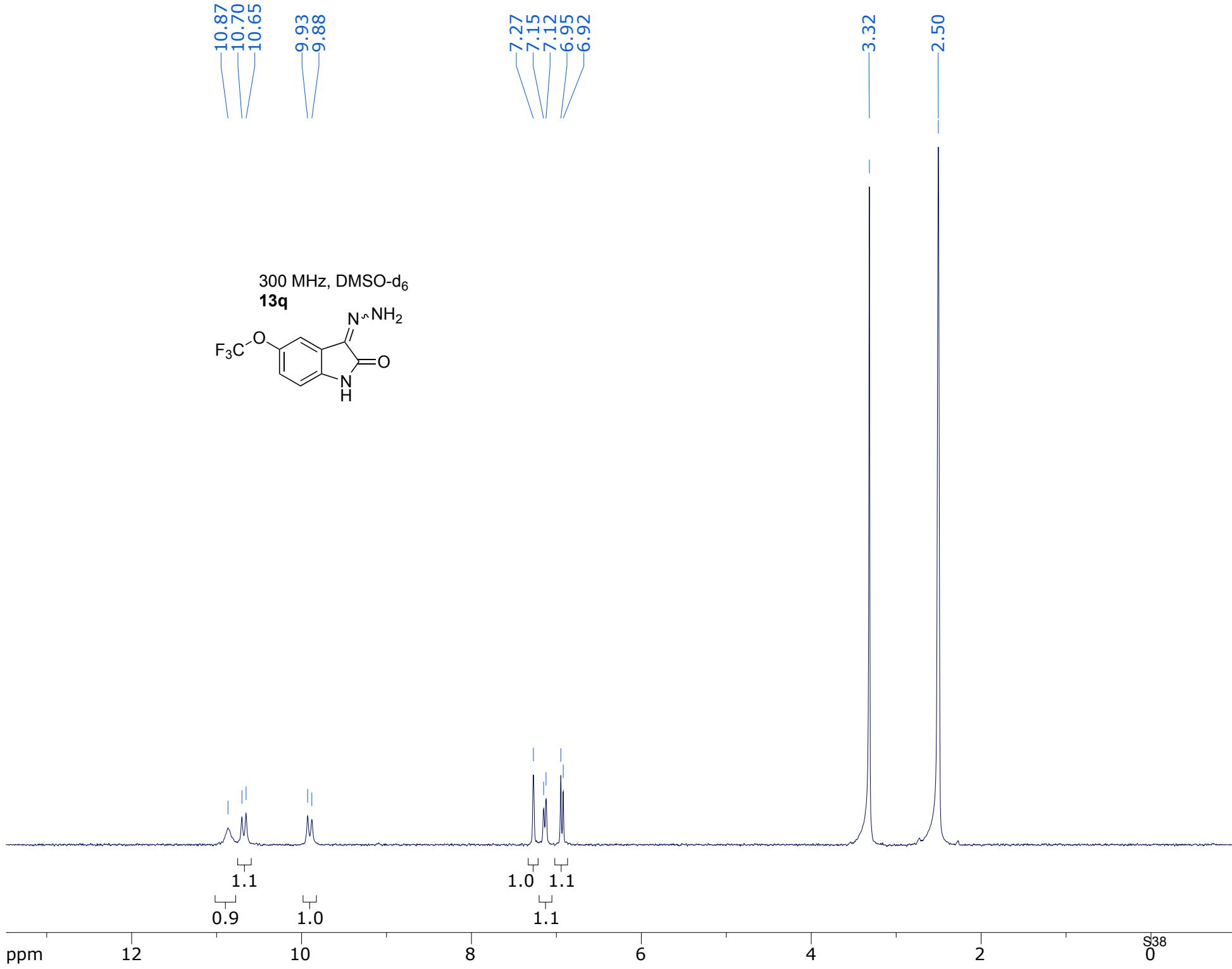


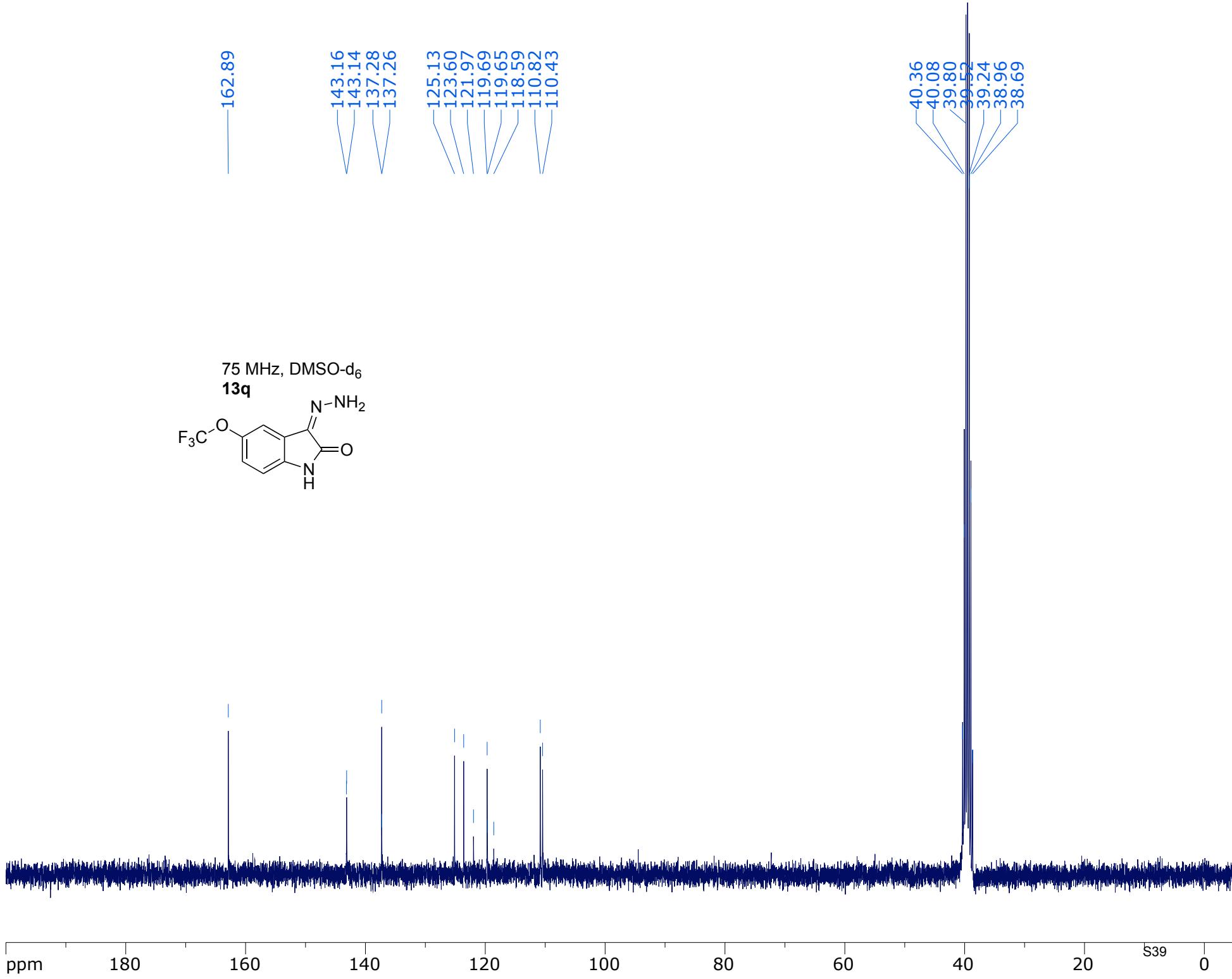


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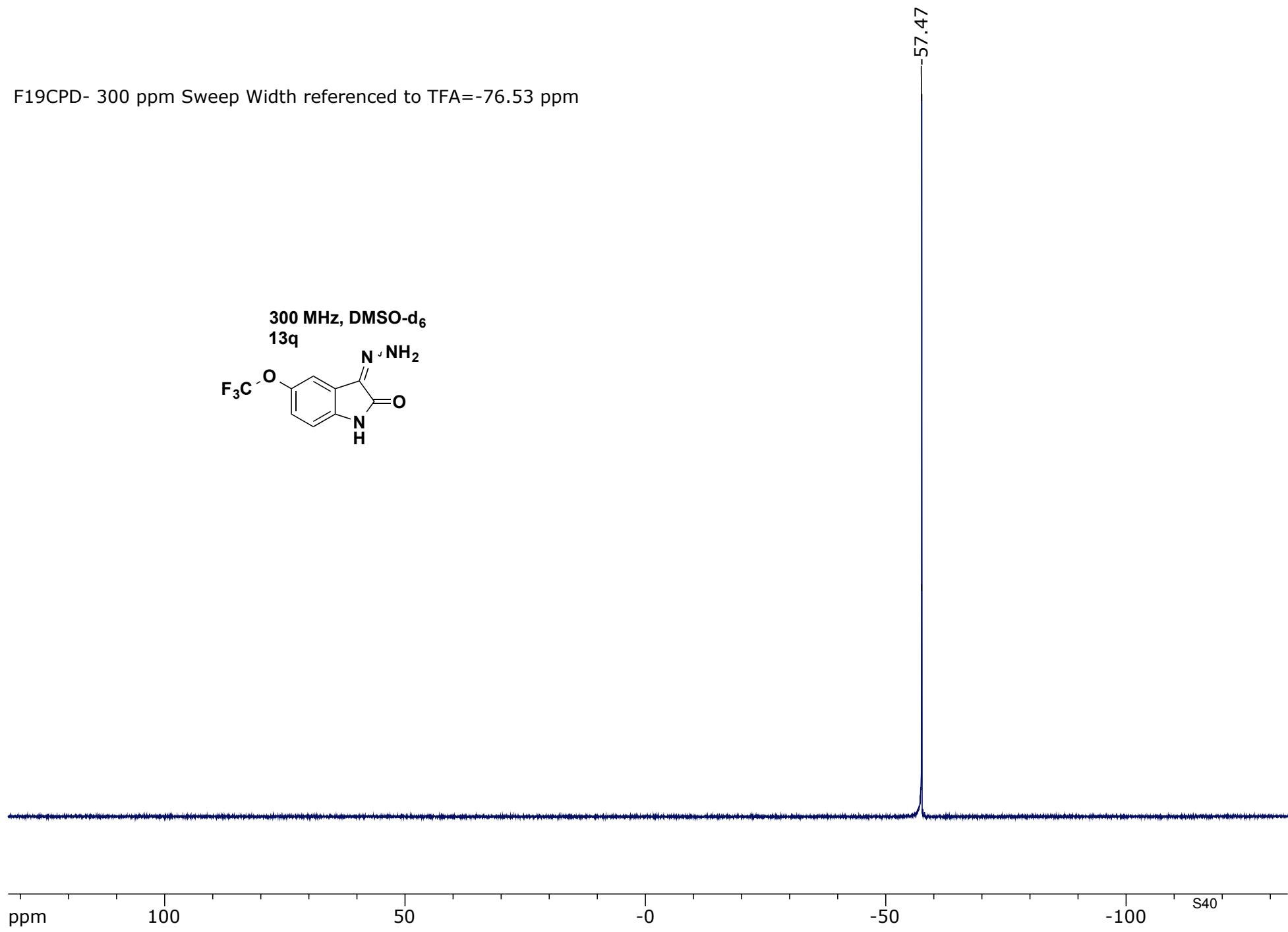
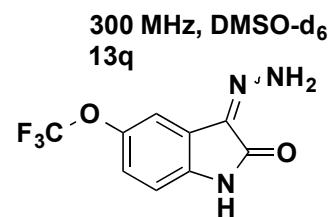
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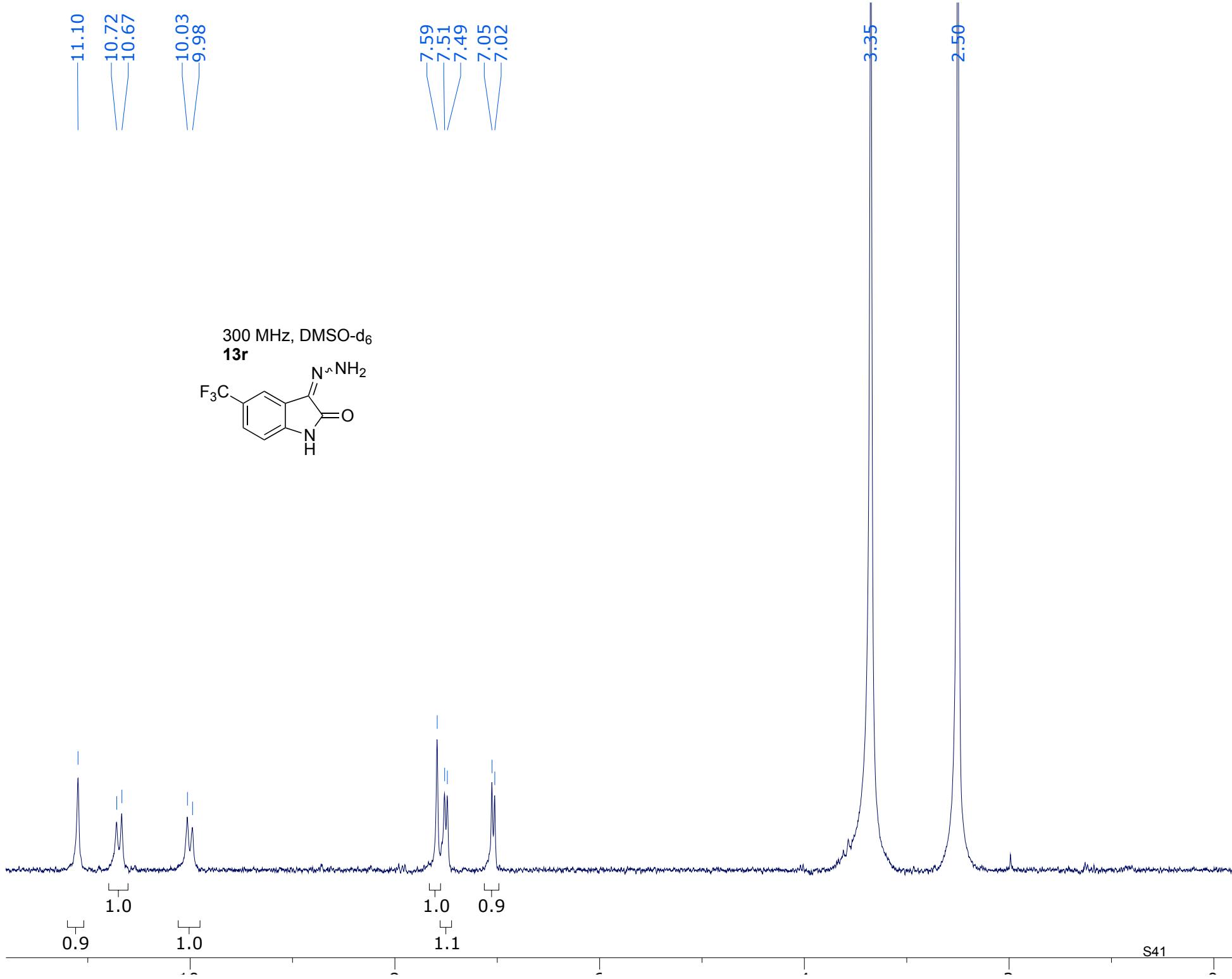






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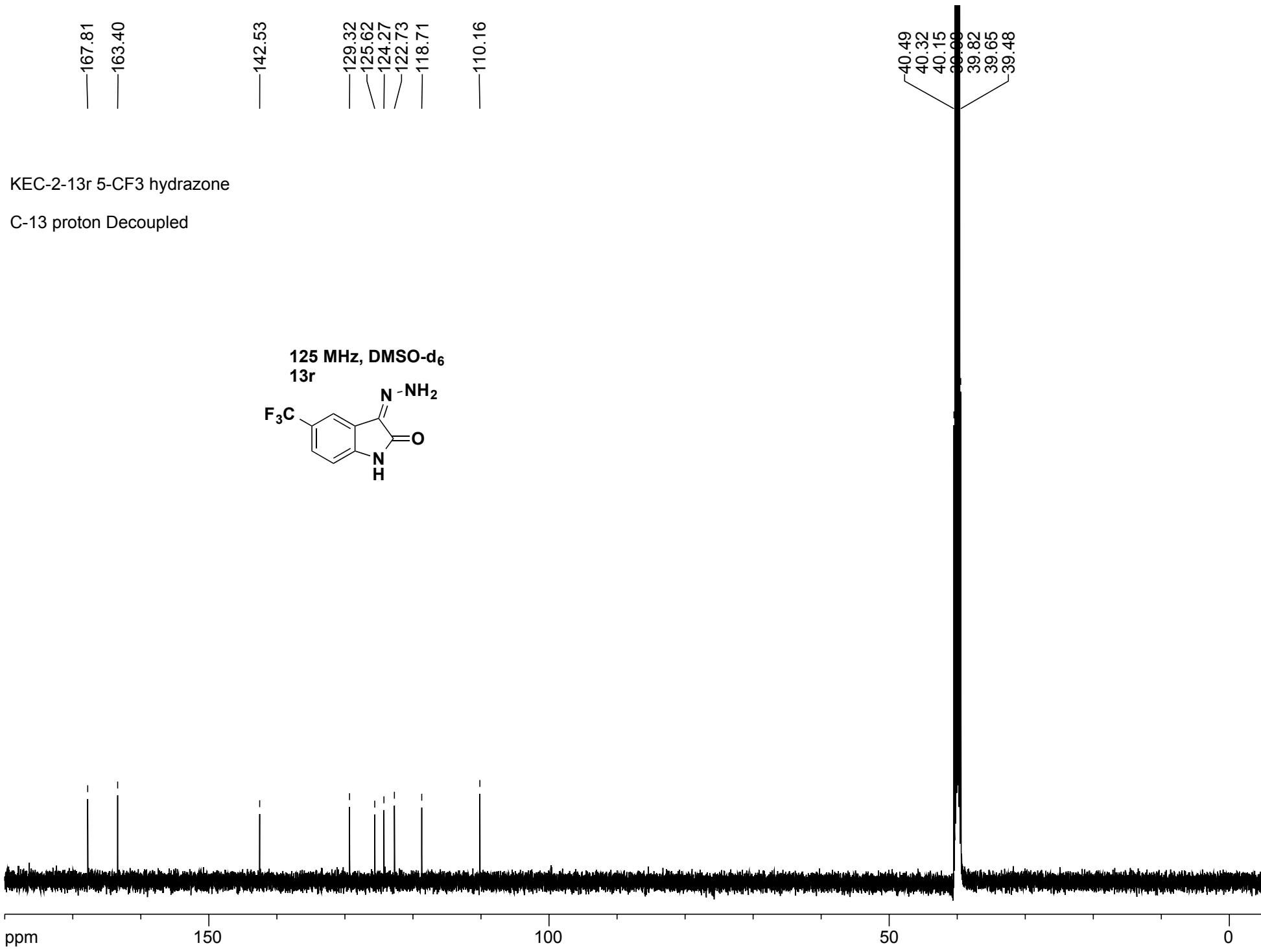
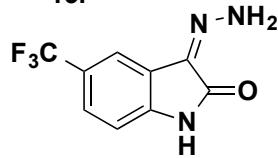
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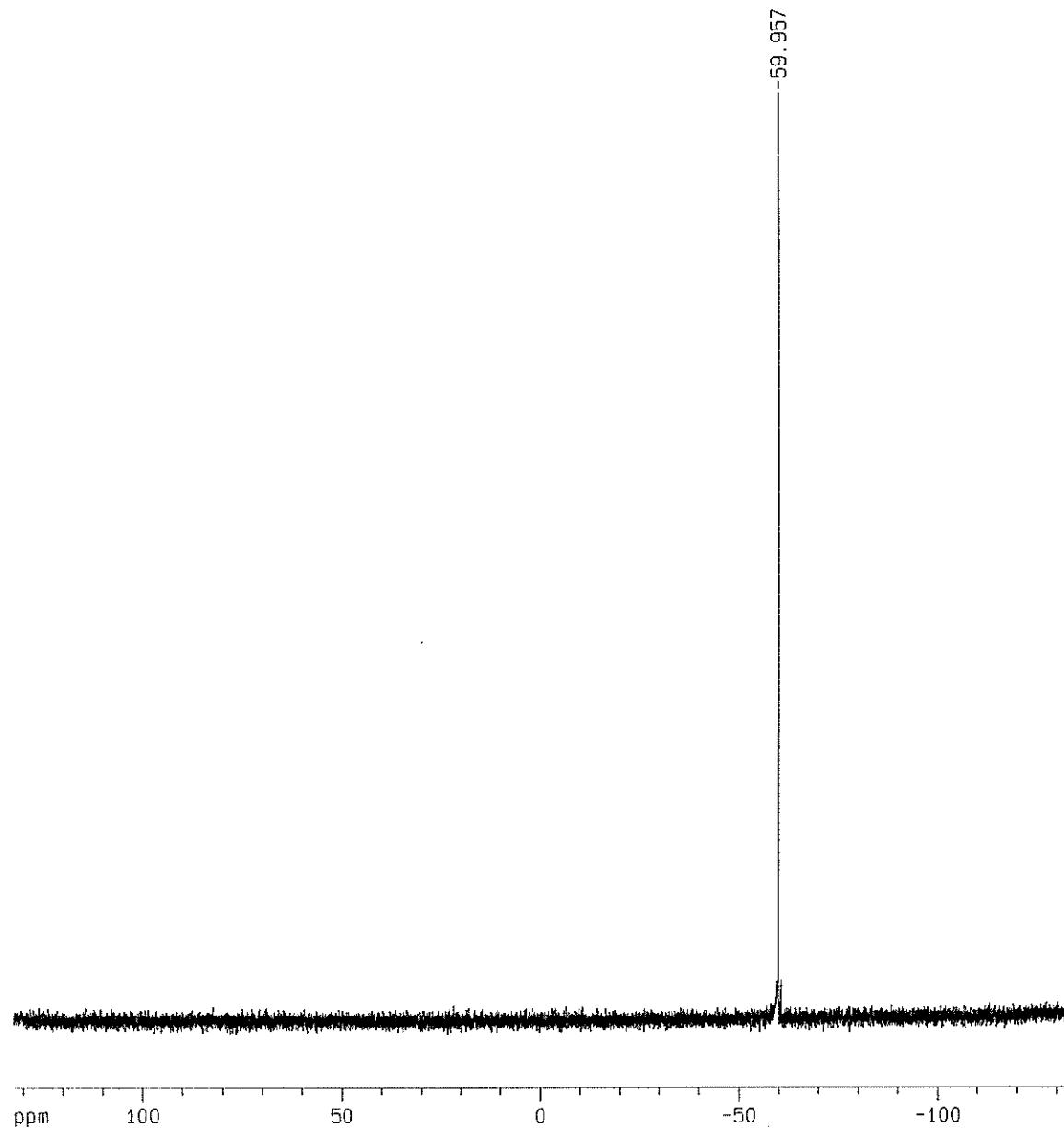
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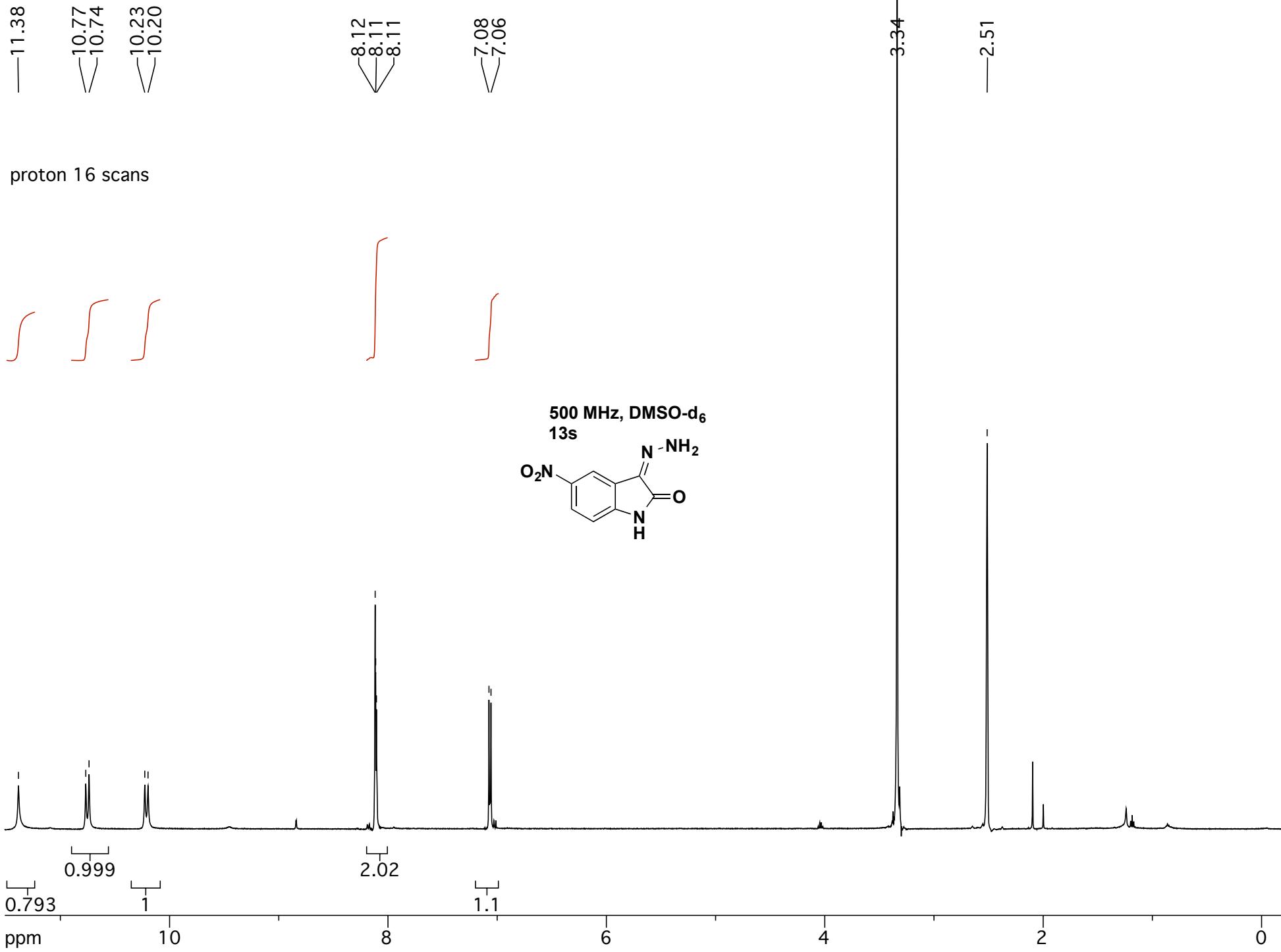
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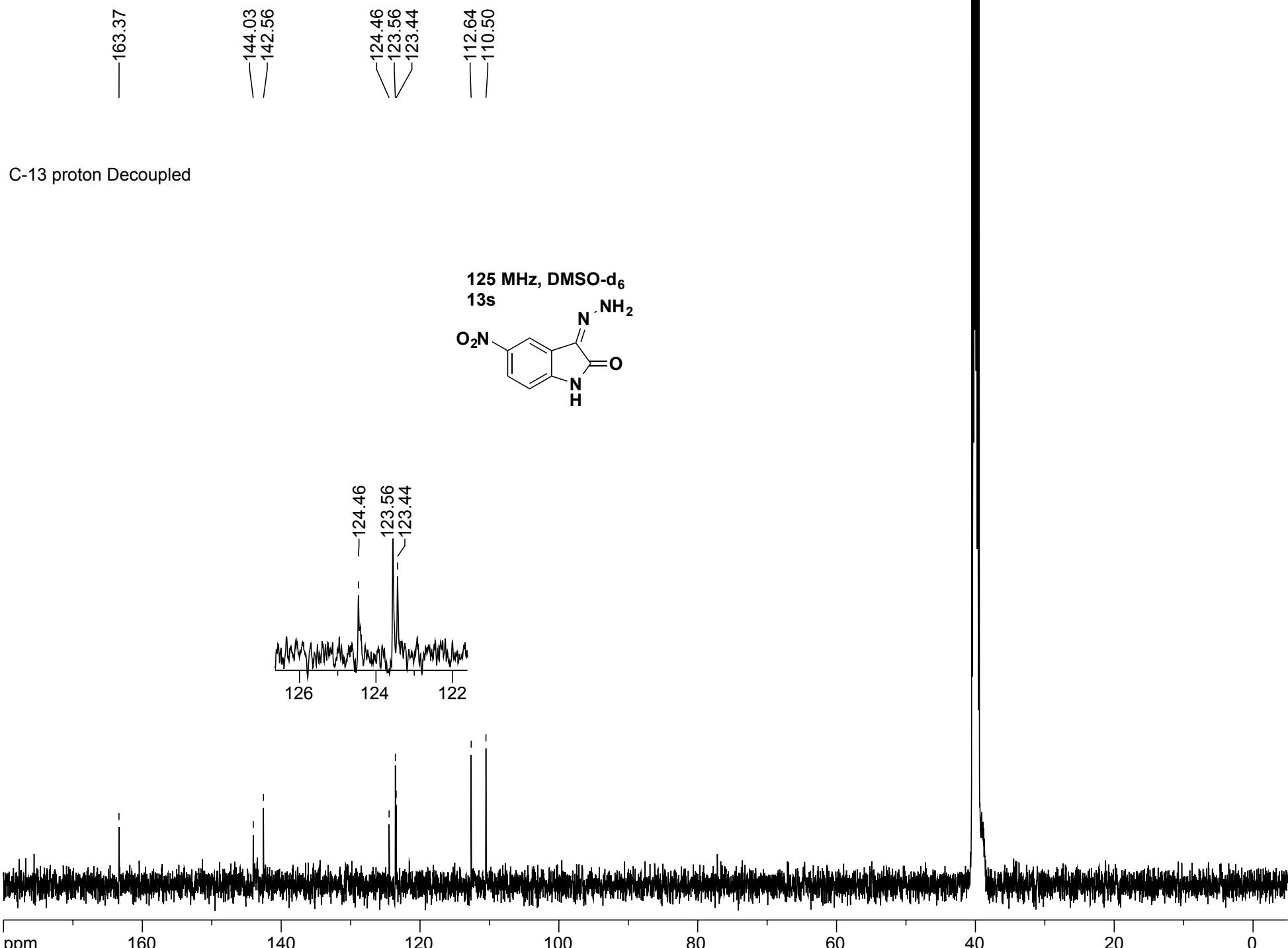
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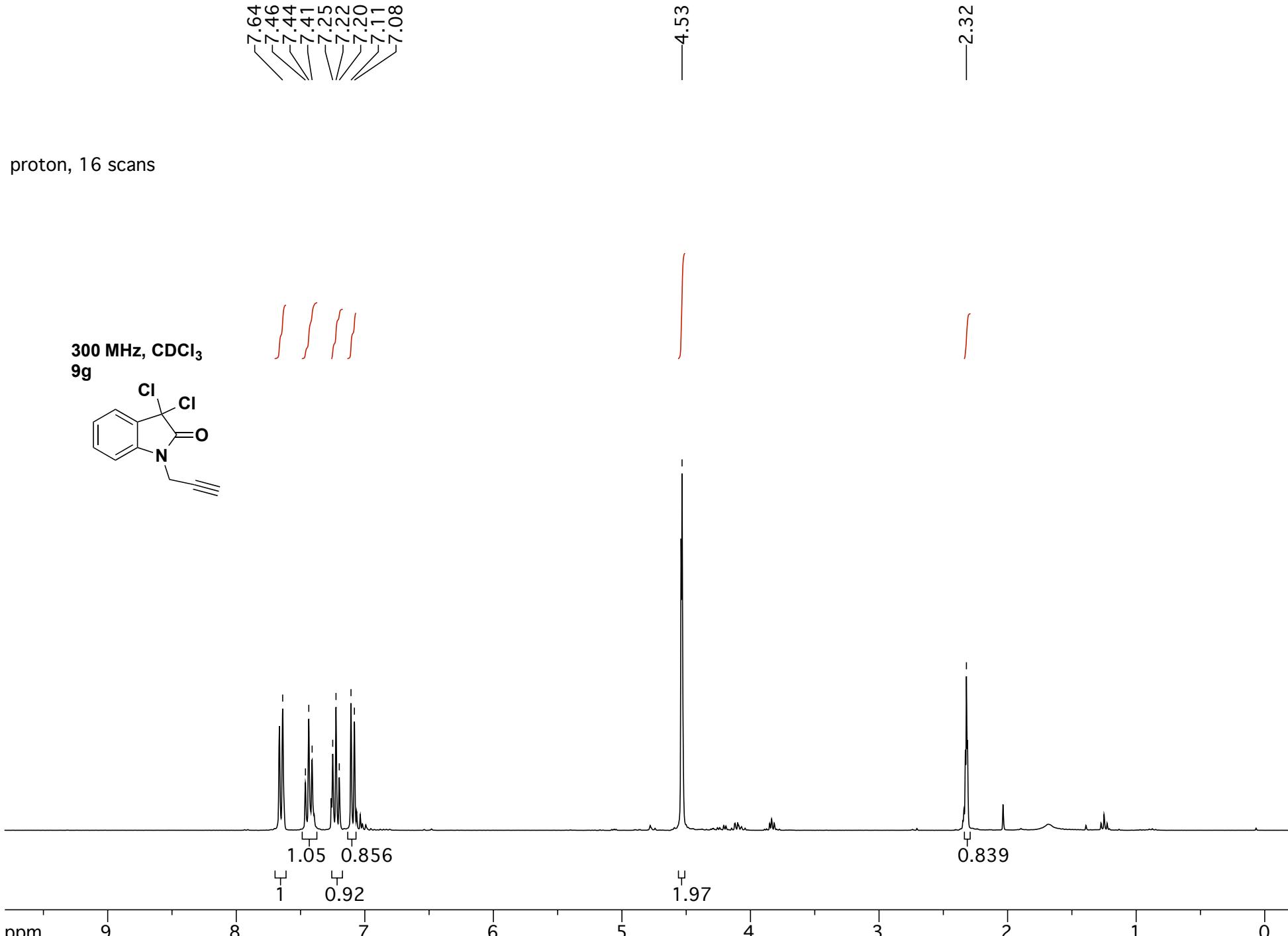
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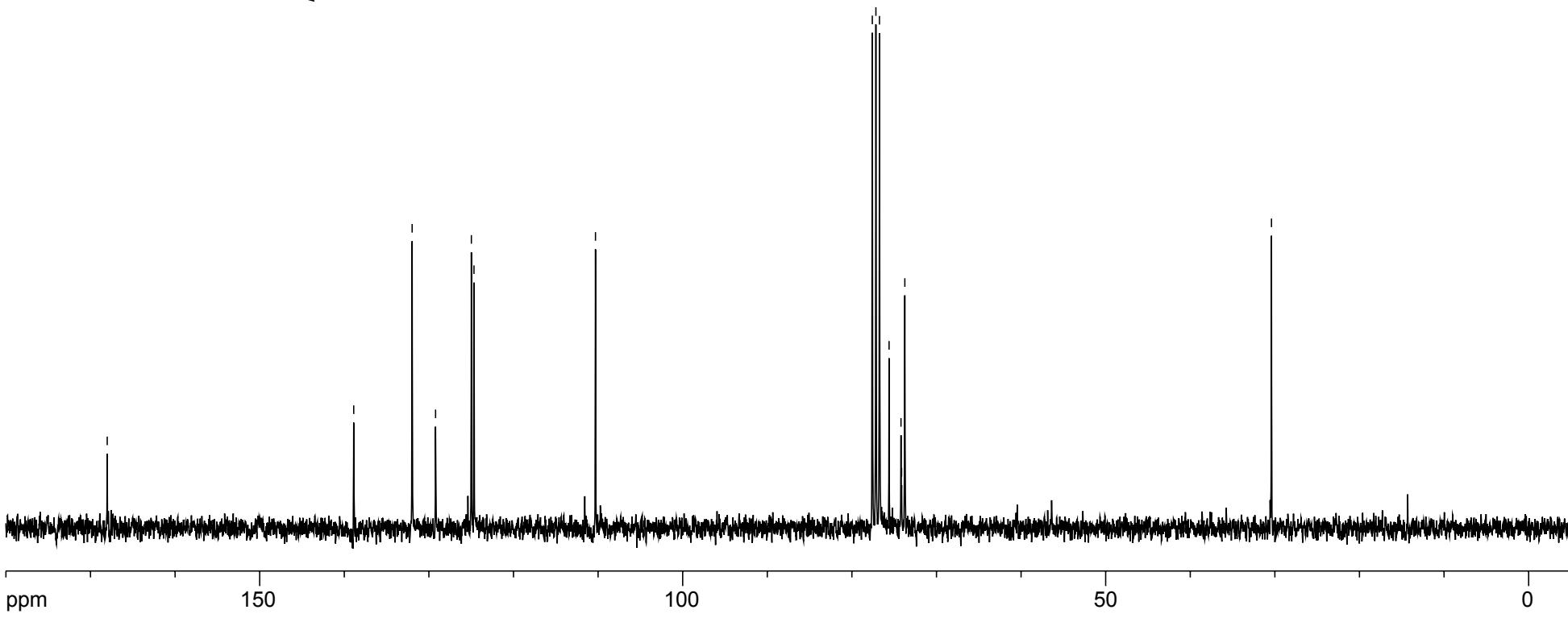
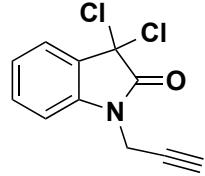
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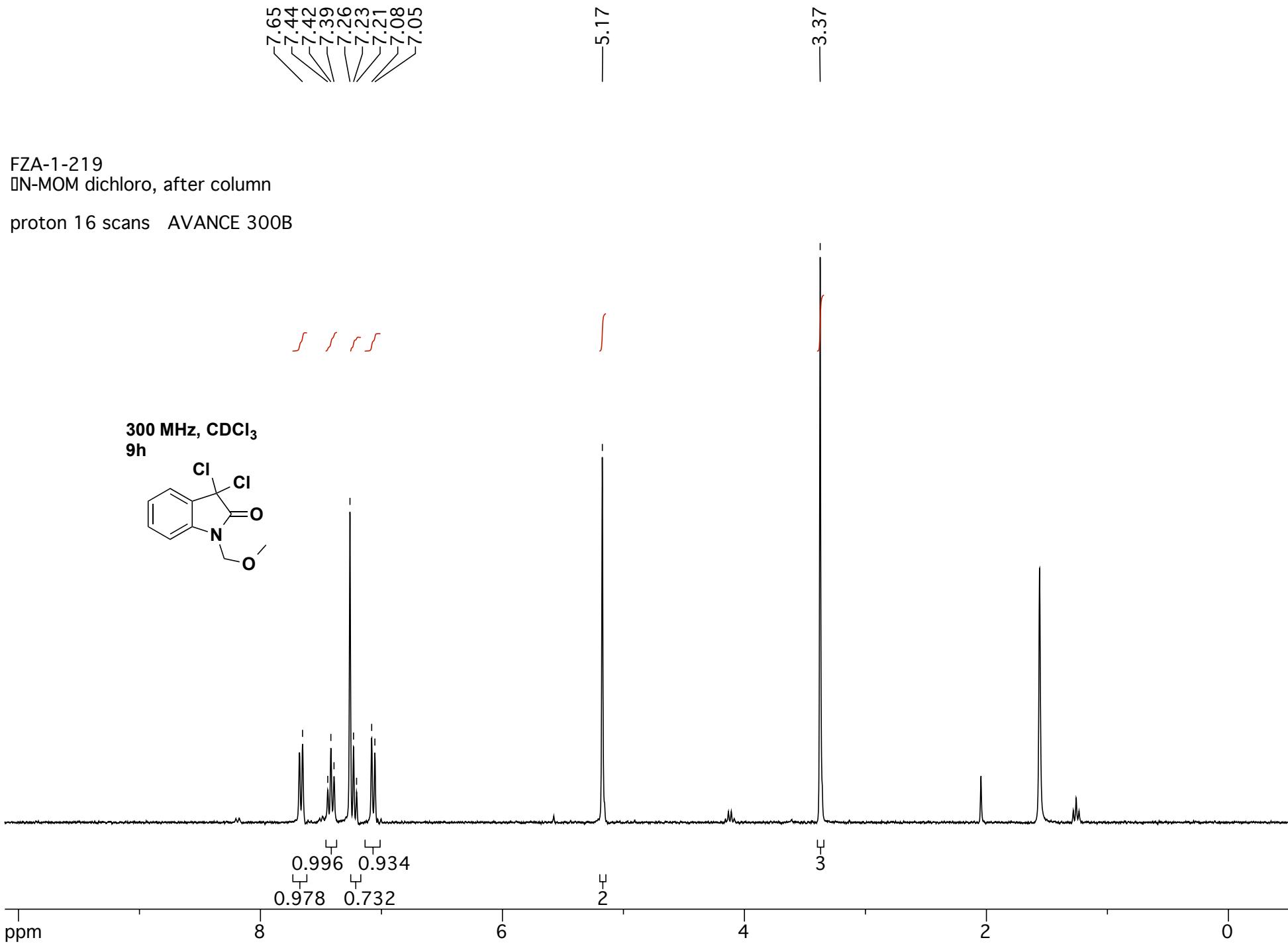
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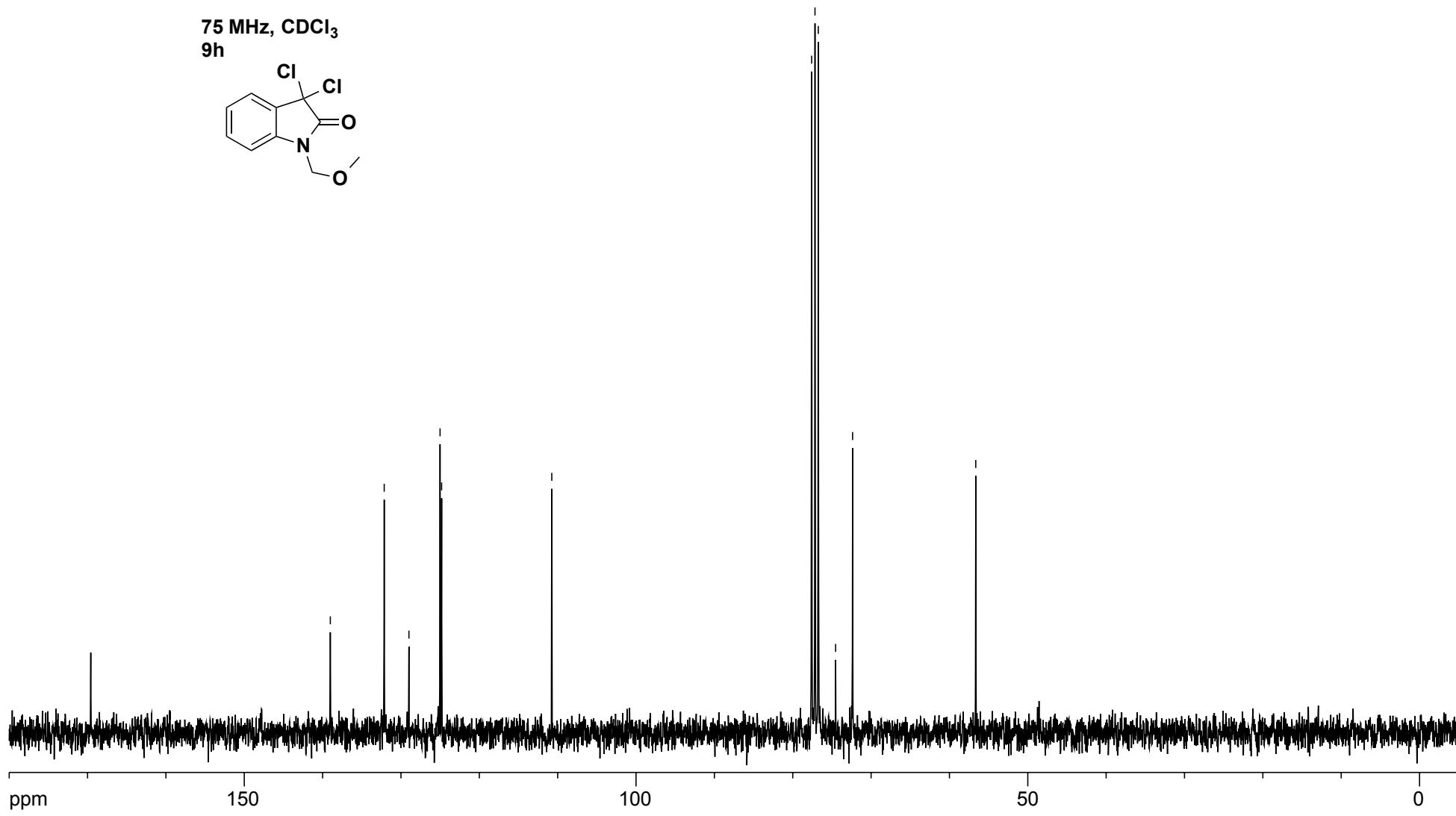
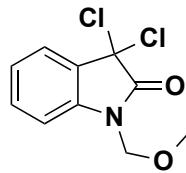
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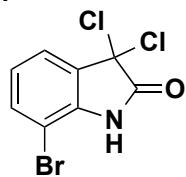
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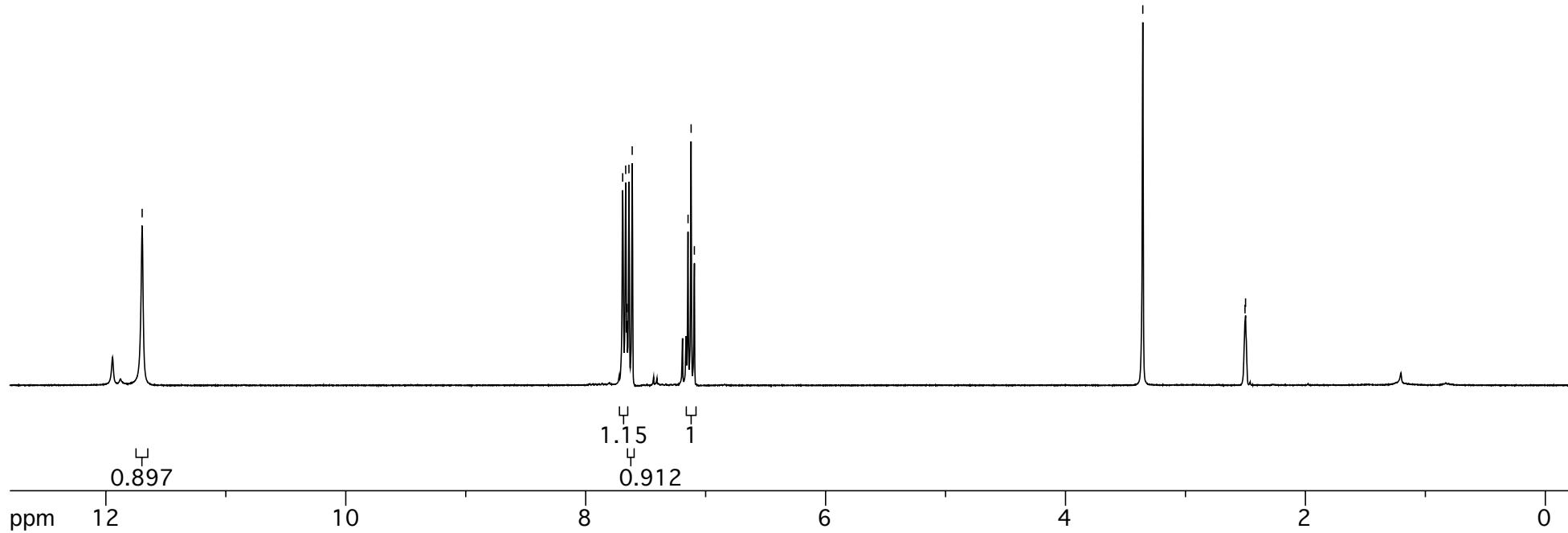
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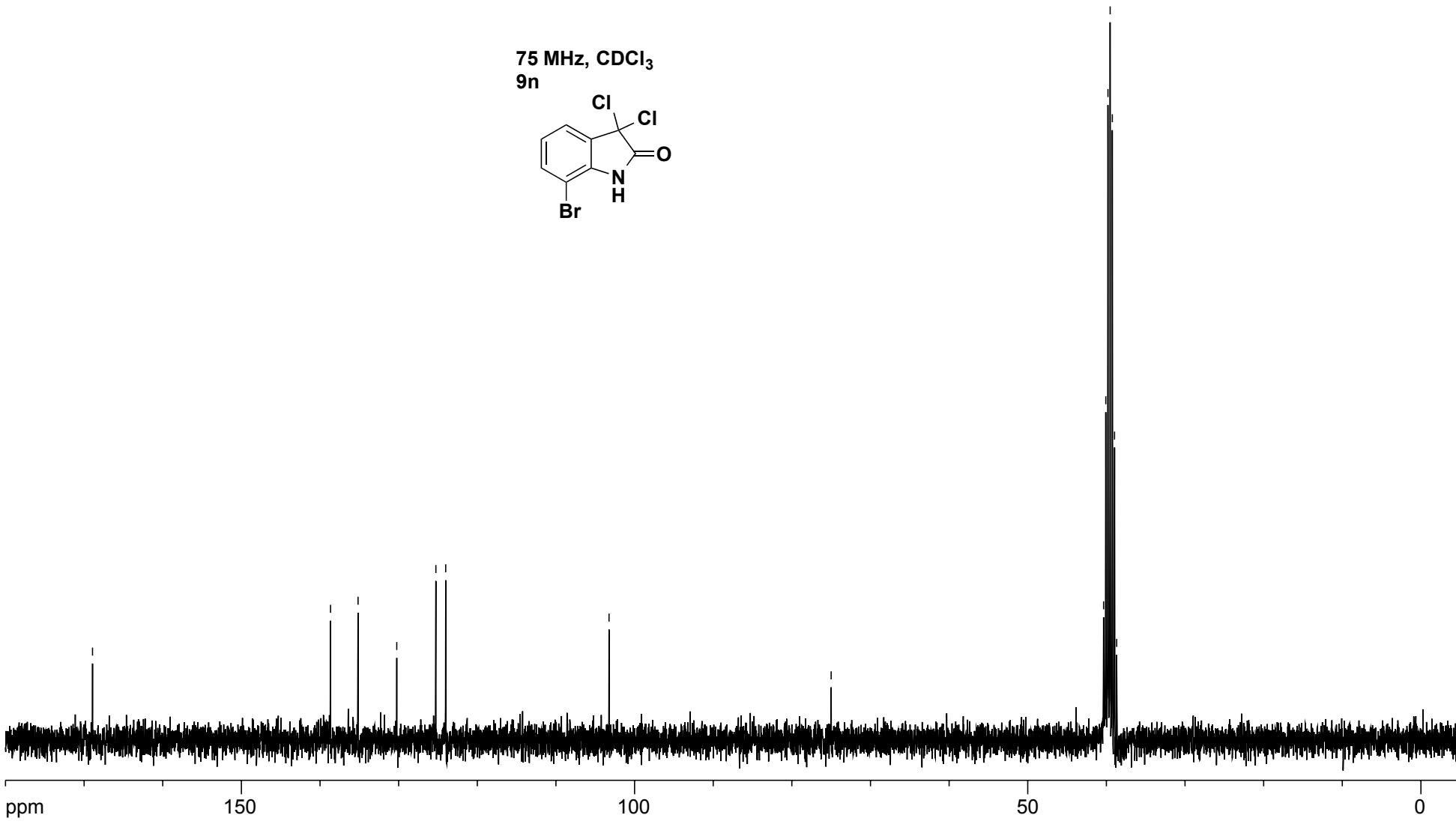
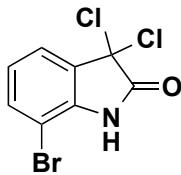
—138.66
—135.16
—130.24
—125.27
—124.02

—103.25

—75.00

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40.08
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39.24
38.96
38.69

75 MHz, CDCl₃
9n

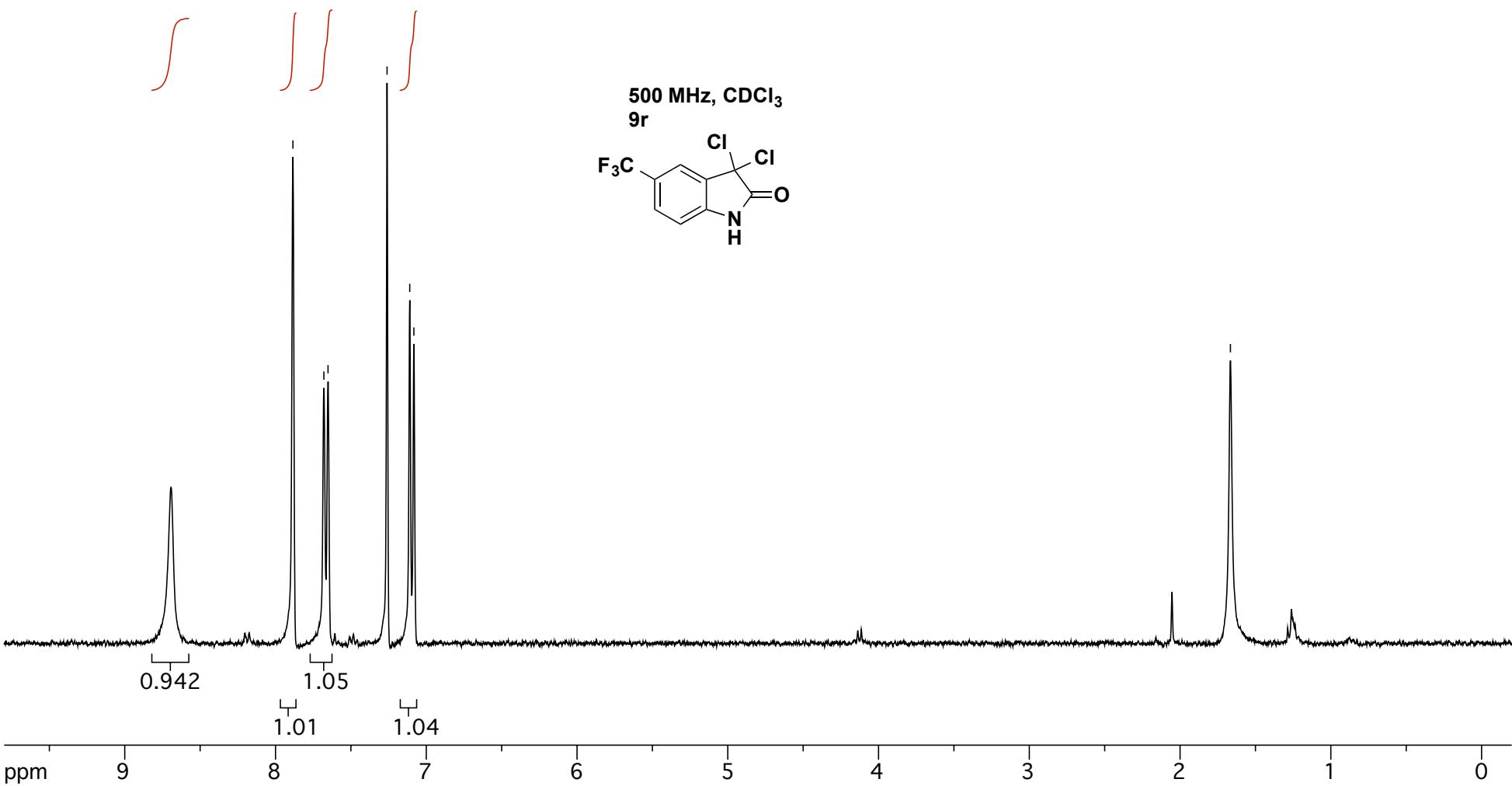


8.8
7.98
7.95
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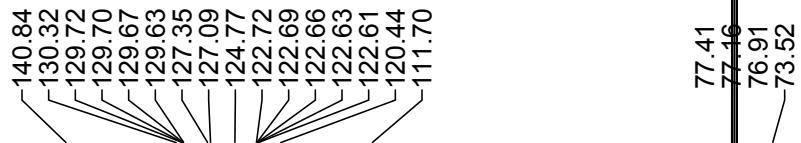
— 1.67 —

FZA-1-239
D5-CF3 dichloro
Dafter column
Dyellow solid

proton 16 scans AVANCE 300B

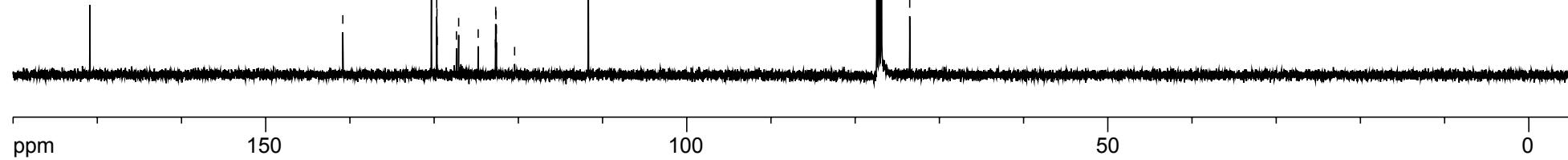
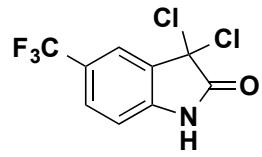


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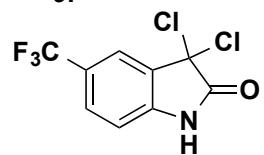
C-13 proton Decoupled

125 MHz, CDCl_3
9r



F19 Decoupled

500 MHz, CDCl₃
9r



62.02

ppm 10 -0 -10 -20 -30 -40 -50 -60 -70 -80 -90 -100 -110 ⁵⁴Si