

Supporting Information

of

Sterically Demanding Aryl-Alkyl Suzuki-Miyaura Coupling

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1. General Considerations.

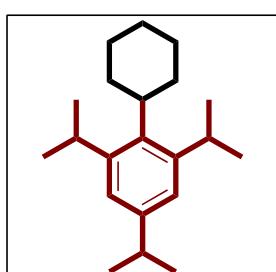
All reactions were carried out under a nitrogen atmosphere unless otherwise specified. Unless otherwise noted, commercialized reagents were used without further purifications. Toluene and xylenes were purchased from Sigma-Aldrich Chemical Co. All other solvents were purified and dried according to standard methods prior to use.

¹H NMR, ³¹P NMR, and ¹³C NMR data were recorded on a Bruker-Ultrashield PLUS400 NMR or a 500 MHz Agilent spectrometer with CDCl₃ as the solvent. ¹H chemical shifts were referenced to CDCl₃ at 7.26 ppm. ¹³C chemical shifts were referenced to CDCl₃ at 77 ppm and obtained with ¹H decoupling. ³¹P chemical shifts were referenced to 85% H₃PO₄ in D₂O at 0.0 ppm as external standard and obtained with ¹H decoupling. Multiplicities are abbreviated as follows: singlet (s), doublet (d), triplet (t), quartet (q), doublet-doublet (dd), quintet (quint), septet (sept), multiplet (m), and broad (br). MS was measured on Agilent 7890A/5975C Series GC/MSD mass spectrometer. HPLC yield were determined on Agilent 1200 Infinity Series.

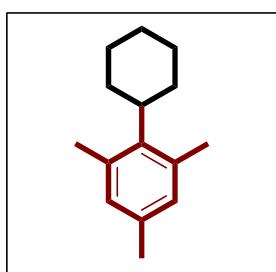
2. General procedures for aryl-alkyl Suzuki-Miyaura couplings.

To a mixture of aryl halide (1 mmol), arylboronic acid (1.5 mmol), potassium phosphate (3 mmol), Pd(OAc)₂(1 mol % Pd), phosphorus ligand (**BI-DIME** or **AntPhos**, 2 mol %, Pd:L = 1:2) was charged degassed toluene or xylenes (2 mL). The mixture was pumped and refilled with nitrogen three times. The resulting mixture was stirred at 110°C under nitrogen for 24 h, and then cooled to room temperature, partitioned with water (10 mL) and dichloromethane (10 mL). The organic layer was separated, dried over sodium sulfate, concentrated, and purified by silica gel column chromatography (hexanes/EtOAc as eluent) to provide the coupling product.

2. Analytical data of Suzuki-Miyaura coupling products.

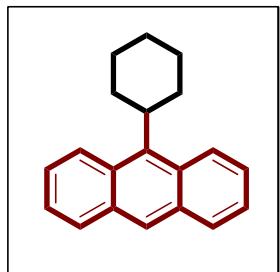


2-Cyclohexyl-1,3,5-triisopropylbenzene: ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.00 (s, 1H), 6.96 (s, 1H), 3.58 (septet, *J* = 6.75 Hz, 1H), 3.24 (septet, *J* = 6.80 Hz, 1H), 3.08~3.13 (m, 1H), 2.85 (septet, *J* = 6.85 Hz, 1H), 1.86~1.94 (m, 4H), 1.72~1.78 (m, 3H), 1.29~1.44 (m, 3H), 1.24~1.26 (m, 18H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 148.0, 145.5, 145.5, 138.1, 122.8, 120.9, 39.2, 33.8, 32.0, 30.3, 29.5, 27.9, 26.2, 25.0, 24.2, 23.9; EI-MS: *m/z* 286.3 [M]⁺; HRMS (EI) *m/z* calcd for C₂₁H₃₄ (M⁺): 286.2661, found: 286.2662.

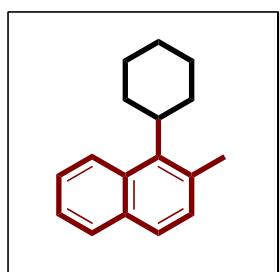


2-Cyclohexyl-1,3,5-trimethylbenzene: ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 6.85 (s, 2H), 2.97~3.03 (m, 1H), 2.37~2.46 (m, 6H), 2.27 (s, 3H), 1.88~1.99 (m, 4H), 1.80 (d, *J* = 12.50 Hz, 1H), 1.72 (s, 1H), 1.70 (s, 1H), 1.27~1.45 (m, 3H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 140.2, 136.1, 134.8, 131.1, 129.2, 41.3, 30.5, 27.8, 26.4,

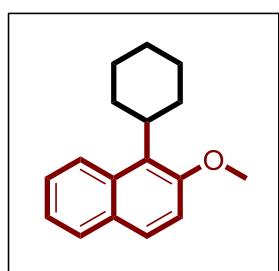
22.1, 21.6, 20.6; EI-MS: m/z 202.2 [M]⁺; HRMS (EI) m/z calcd for C₁₅H₂₂ (M⁺): 202.1722, found: 202.1720.



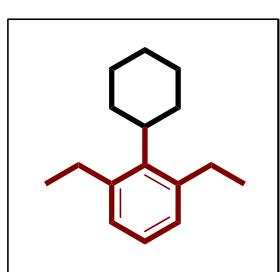
9-Cyclohexylanthracene: ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.65 (s, 1H), 8.40 (s, 1H), 8.29 (s, 1H), 7.89 (d, J = 8.08 Hz, 2H), 7.40~7.45 (m, 4H), 4.09~4.15 (m, 1H), 2.52 (m, 2H), 2.01 (d, J = 11.8 Hz, 2H), 1.92 (m, 3H), 1.57~1.65 (m, 3H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 139.4, 131.7, 129.7, 129.6, 128.2, 126.5, 126.3, 125.4, 124.5, 123.9, 40.5, 32.0, 28.0, 26.5; EI-MS: m/z 260.1 [M]⁺; HRMS (EI) m/z calcd for C₂₀H₂₀ (M⁺): 260.1565, found: 260.1563.



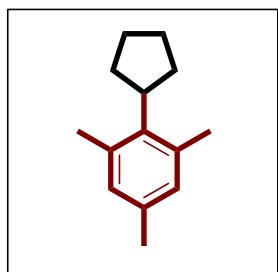
Cyclohexyl-2-methylnaphthalene: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, two rotamers) δ 8.44 (d, J = 7.80 Hz, 1H, major), 8.20 (br s, 1H, minor), 7.79 (d, J = 7.96 Hz, 1H), 7.60 (d, J = 8.28 Hz, 1H), 7.37~7.42 (m, 2H), 7.29 (d, J = 7.88 Hz, 1H), 3.69 (br s, 1H, minor), 3.35 (t, J = 13.20 Hz, 1H, major), 2.66 (br s, 3H, minor), 2.53 (s, 3H, major), 2.32~2.41 (m, 2H, major), 2.03~2.13 (m, 2H, minor), 1.95 (s, 2H), 1.83 (t, J = 13.6 Hz, 3H), 1.49 (br s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 140.1, 133.7, 132.7, 132.1, 129.6, 129.0, 126.3, 126.1, 124.4, 124.0, 41.7, 31.1, 27.8, 26.4, 21.8; EI-MS: m/z 224.2 [M]⁺; HRMS (EI) m/z calcd for C₁₇H₂₀ (M⁺): 224.1565, found: 224.1560.



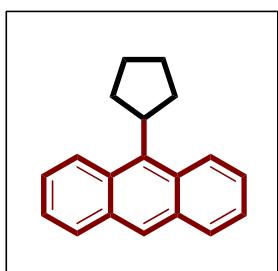
1-Cyclohexyl-2-methoxynaphthalene: ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.18 (s, 1H), 7.80 (d, J = 8.05 Hz, 1H), 7.73 (d, J = 8.95 Hz, 1H), 7.48 (m, 1H), 7.34 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.29 (d, J = 9.00 Hz, 1H), 3.95 (s, 3H), 3.45 (s, 1H), 2.28 (d, J = 11.60 Hz, 2H), 1.91 (d, J = 11.35 Hz, 2H), 1.83 (d, J = 10.50 Hz, 1H), 1.73 (d, J = 10.80 Hz, 2H), 1.40~1.51 (m, 3H); ¹³C NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 132.84, 128.73, 127.70, 126.10, 123.05, 122.86, 114.98, 109.97, 56.48, 38.71, 30.48, 27.71, 26.43; EI-MS: m/z 240.2 [M]⁺; HRMS (EI) m/z calcd for C₁₇H₂₀O (M⁺): 240.1514, found: 240.1512.



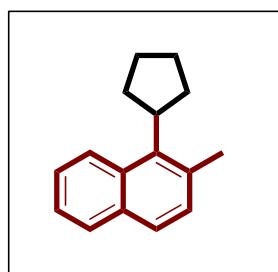
2-Cyclohexyl-1,3-diethylbenzene: ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.05~7.10 (m, 2H), 7.00 (d, J = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 2.99~3.04 (m, 1H), 2.85 (dd, J = 14.9, 7.5 Hz, 2H), 2.69 (dd, J = 15.0, 7.5 Hz, 2H), 1.87~1.94 (m, 4H), 1.72~1.80 (m, 3H), 1.30~1.45 (m, 3H), 1.26 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 3H), 1.20 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 143.4, 142.3, 142.1, 128.8, 127.0, 125.9, 40.7, 31.9, 28.7, 27.8, 26.6, 26.3, 17.3, 16.3; EI-MS: m/z 216.2 [M]⁺; HRMS (EI) m/z calcd for C₁₆H₂₄ (M⁺): 216.1878, found: 216.1874.



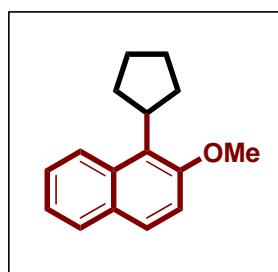
2-Cyclopentyl-1,3,5-trimethylbenzene: ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 6.89 (s, 2H), 3.53 (quintet, $J = 8.80$ Hz, 1H), 2.40 (s, 1H), 2.30 (s, 1H), 1.91~1.95 (m, 6H), 1.76 (s, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 138.5, 136.4, 134.8, 130.0, 40.3, 31.1, 27.1, 21.3, 20.6; EI-MS: m/z 188.2 [M^+]; HRMS (EI) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{20}$ (M^+): 188.1565, found: 188.1568.



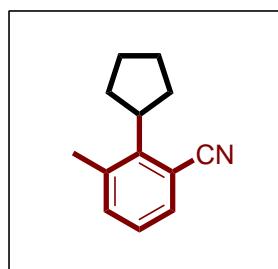
9-Cyclopentylanthracene: ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.37 (d, $J = 2.2$ Hz, 1H), 8.34 (s, 1H), 8.31 (s, 1H), 7.97~8.00 (m, 2H), 7.40~7.46 (m, 4H), 4.61 (quintet, $J = 9.6$ Hz, 1H), 2.35~2.44 (m, 2H), 2.17~2.27 (m, 4H), 1.93~2.02 (m, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 138.1, 132.0, 129.7, 129.7, 128.2, 126.3, 126.3, 125.4, 125.0, 124.8, 124.5, 39.6, 33.7, 27.8; EI-MS: m/z 246.1 [M^+]; HRMS (EI) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{18}$ (M^+): 246.1409, found: 246.1410.



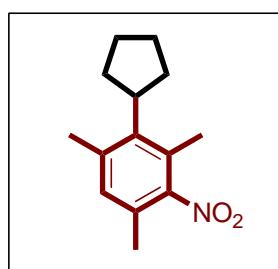
1-Cyclopentyl-2-methylnaphthalene: ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.08 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.79 (dd, $J = 7.7, 1.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.58 (d, $J = 8.3$ Hz, 1H), 7.34~7.42 (m, 2H), 7.26 (d, $J = 8.3$ Hz, 1H), 3.88 (quintet, $J = 9.4$ Hz, 1H), 2.52 (s, 3H), 2.13~2.20 (m, 2H), 2.04~2.10 (m, 4H), 1.81~1.88 (m, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 138.4, 133.6, 133.5, 131.6, 129.7, 129.2, 126.3, 125.0, 124.8, 124.1, 40.6, 32.2, 27.6, 21.7; EI-MS: m/z 210.1 [M^+]; HRMS (EI) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{18}$ (M^+): 210.1409, found: 210.1405.



1-Cyclopentyl-2-methoxynaphthalene: ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.14 (d, $J = 10.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.80 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 1H), 7.73 (d, $J = 9.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.46 (t, $J = 7.9$ Hz, 1H), 7.34 (t, $J = 7.9$ Hz, 1H), 7.27~7.30 (m, 1H), 4.05 (quintet, $J = 9.3$ Hz, 1H), 3.95 (s, 3H), 2.09~2.15 (m, 2H), 1.95~2.03 (m, 4H), 1.79~1.82 (m, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 155.1, 133.0, 129.7, 128.8, 127.5, 127.3, 125.7, 123.6, 123.0, 114.4, 56.5, 36.7, 31.9, 27.5; EI-MS: m/z 226.1 [M^+]; HRMS (EI) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{18}\text{O}$ (M^+): 226.1358, found: 226.1359.

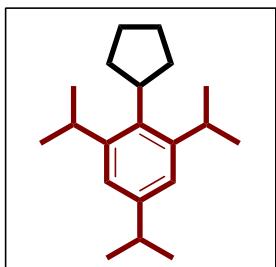


2-Cyclopentyl-3-methylbenzonitrile: ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.51, (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.34 (d, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.15 (t, $J = 7.7$ Hz, 1H), 3.50 (quintet, $J = 8.9$ Hz, 1H), 2.41 (s, 3H), 2.02~2.05 (m, 6H), 1.71~1.78 (m, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 147.9, 137.5, 135.0, 132.7, 125.9, 119.3, 111.2, 41.6, 32.5, 27.0, 20.7; EI-MS: m/z 185.1 [M^+]; HRMS (EI) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{15}\text{N}$ (M^+): 185.1204, found: 185.1201.

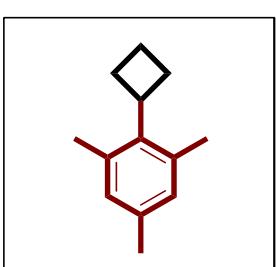


2-Cyclopentyl-1,3,5-trimethyl-4-nitrobenzene: ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 6.91 (s, 1H), 3.49 (quintet, $J = 9.40$ Hz, 1H), 2.37 (s, 1H), 2.25 (s, 1H), 2.21 (s, 1H), 1.90~1.94 (m, 4H), 1.79~1.86 (m, 2H), 1.72~1.77 (m, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (125

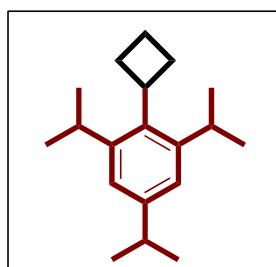
MHz, CDCl₃) δ 141.0, 138.5, 131.1, 126.9, 125.5, 40.4, 31.0, 27.0, 21.4, 16.7, 15.1; EI-MS: *m/z* 233.1 [M]⁺; HRMS (EI) *m/z* calcd for C₄H₁₉NO₂ (M⁺): 233.1416, found: 233.1415.



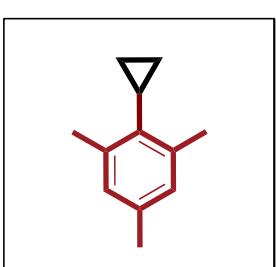
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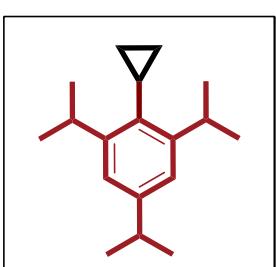
2-Cyclobutyl-1,3,5-trimethylbenzene: ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 6.79 (s, 2H), 3.86 (quintet, *J* = 9.6 Hz, 1H), 2.39~2.45 (m, 4H), 2.33 (s, 6H), 2.25 (s, 3H), 1.95 (sextet, *J* = 10.3 Hz, 1H), 1.82~1.87 (m, 1H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 138.6, 136.4, 134.7, 129.8, 39.3, 30.7, 21.6, 20.5, 19.0; EI-MS: *m/z* 174.1 [M]⁺; HRMS (EI) *m/z* calcd for C₁₃H₁₈ (M⁺): 174.1409, found: 174.1404.



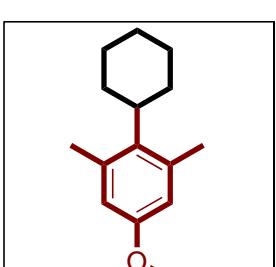
2-Cyclobutyl-1,3,5-triisopropylbenzene: ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 6.99 (s, 2H), 4.20 (quintet, *J* = 9.7 Hz, 1H), 3.53 (septet, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 2.87 (septet, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 2.49 (quintet, *J* = 9.9 Hz, 2H), 2.35~2.41 (m, 2H), 2.08~2.16 (m, 1H), 1.99~2.05 (m, 1H), 1.28 (d, *J* = 6.3 Hz, 12H), 1.26 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 6H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 147.6, 145.9, 135.9, 121.7, 34.9, 34.0, 30.7, 29.4, 24.7, 24.0, 17.7; EI-MS: *m/z* 258.1 [M]⁺; HRMS (EI) *m/z* calcd for C₁₉H₃₀ (M⁺): 258.2348, found: 258.2350.



2-Cyclopropyl-1,3,5-trimethylbenzene: ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 6.88 (s, 2H), 2.45 (s, 6H), 2.31 (s, 3H), 1.71 (septet, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 1.02~1.05 (m, 2H), 0.55~0.58 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 138.9, 136.1, 135.6, 128.6, 20.8, 20.5, 11.8, 8.1; EI-MS: *m/z* 160.1 [M]⁺; HRMS (EI) *m/z* calcd for C₁₂H₁₆ (M⁺): 160.1252, found: 160.1254.



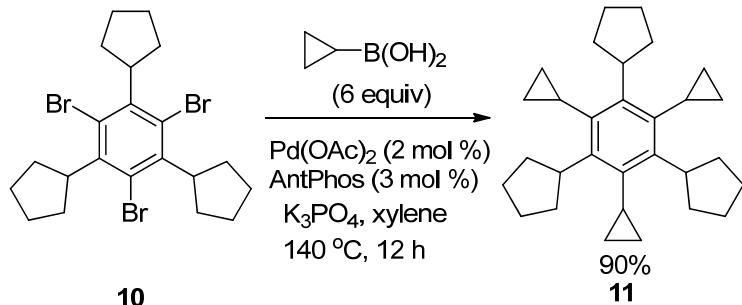
2-Cyclopropyl-1,3,5-triisopropylbenzene: ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.10 (s, 2H), 4.00 (septet, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 2H), 3.01 (septet, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 1.80 (quintet, *J* = 6.2 Hz, 1H), 1.40 (dd, *J* = 6.9, 0.9 Hz, 6H), 1.37 (dd, *J* = 6.9, 0.9 Hz, 12H), 1.16~1.20 (m, 2H), 0.70~0.73 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 149.5, 146.8, 134.0, 122.0, 34.2, 29.0, 24.6, 24.2, 10.5, 8.6; EI-MS: *m/z* 244.2 [M]⁺; HRMS (EI) *m/z* calcd for C₁₈H₂₈ (M⁺): 244.2191, found: 244.2190.



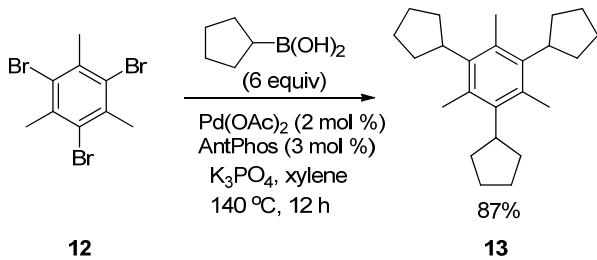
2-Cyclohexyl-5-methoxy-1,3-dimethylbenzene: ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 6.57 (s, 2H), 3.78 (s, 3H), 2.92~2.98 (m, 1H), 2.46 (s, 3H), 2.37 (s, 3H),

1.87~1.96 (m, 4H), 1.79 (d, J = 12.6 Hz, 1H), 1.69 (d, J = 11.9 Hz, 2H), 1.25~1.43 (m, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 156.7, 137.6, 135.7, 115.4, 113.9, 55.0, 41.0, 30.8, 27.8, 26.4, 22.3; EI-MS: m/z 218.2 [M] $^+$; HRMS (EI) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{22}$ (M^+): 218.1671, found: 218.1670.

4. Synthesis of hexaalkylbenzenes



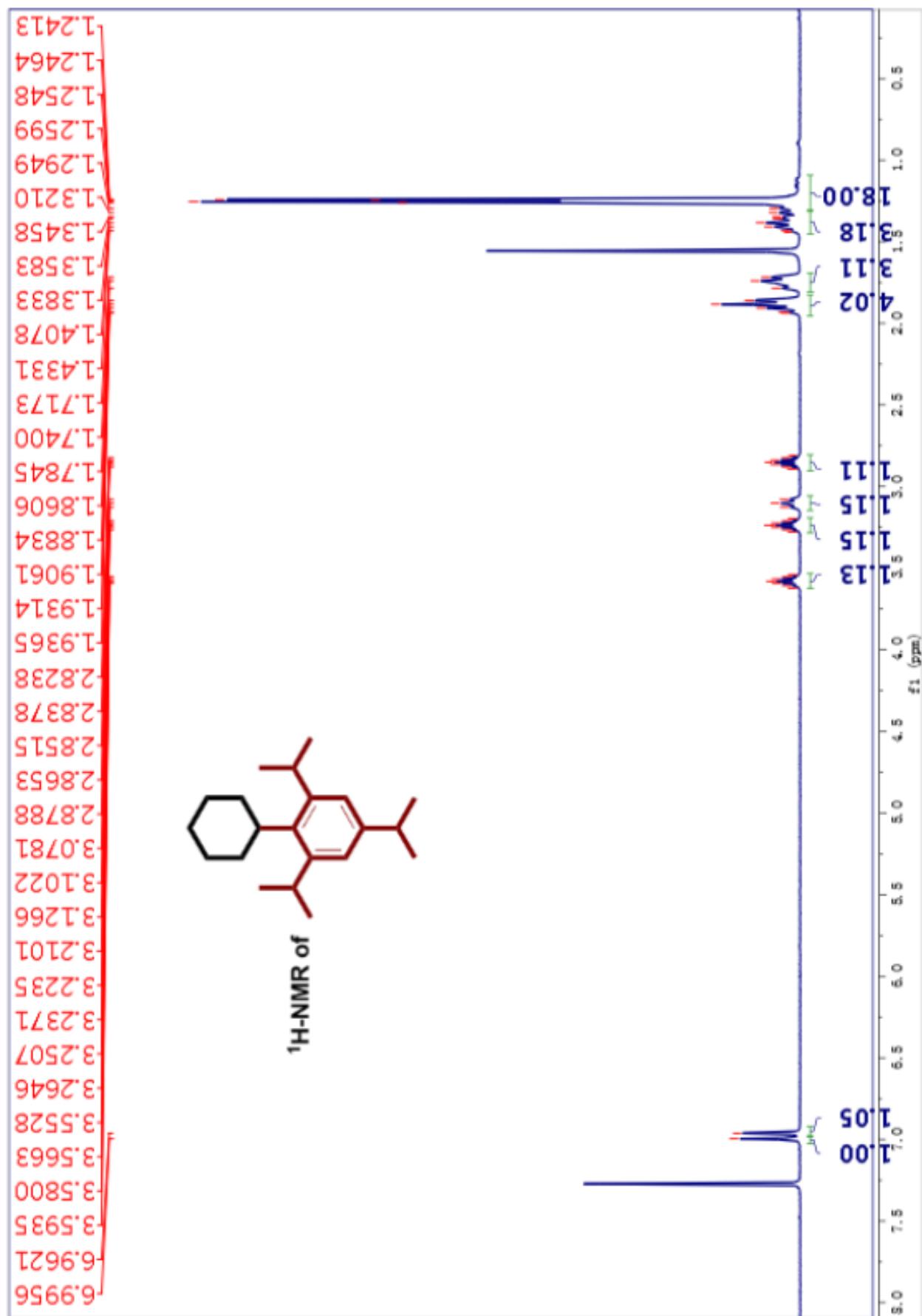
To a mixture of 1,3,5-tribromo-2,4,6-tricyclopentylbenzene (**10**, 260 mg, 0.5 mmol, 1 equiv), cyclopropylboronic acid (258 mg, 3 mmol, 6 equiv), potassium phosphate (636 mg, 3 mmol, 6 equiv), $\text{Pd}(\text{OAc})_2$ (2.2 mg, 0.01 mmol, 2 mol %), AntPhos (5.6 mg, 0.015 mmol, 3 mol %) was charged degassed *o*-xylene (3 mL). The mixture was pumped and refilled with nitrogen three times. The resulting mixture was stirred at 140°C under nitrogen for 12 h, and then cooled to room temperature, partitioned with water (10 mL) and dichloromethane (10 mL). The organic layer was separated, dried over sodium sulfate, concentrated, and purified by silica gel column chromatography (hexanes as eluent) to provide the coupling product **11** as white solid (90%). 1,3,5-Tricyclopentyl-2,4,6-trimethylbenzene (**11**): ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 3.93 (quintet, J = 9.3 Hz, 3H), 2.10~2.17 (m, 6H), 1.85~1.97 (m, 9H), 1.65~1.73 (m, 6H), 1.58~1.63 (m, 6H), 0.87~0.92 (m, 6H), 0.39~0.43 (m, 6H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 144.94, 139.77, 43.84, 32.16, 26.17, 16.10, 11.52; EI-MS: m/z 402.0 [M] $^+$; HRMS (EI) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{30}\text{H}_{42}$ (M^+): 402.3287, found: 402.3290.

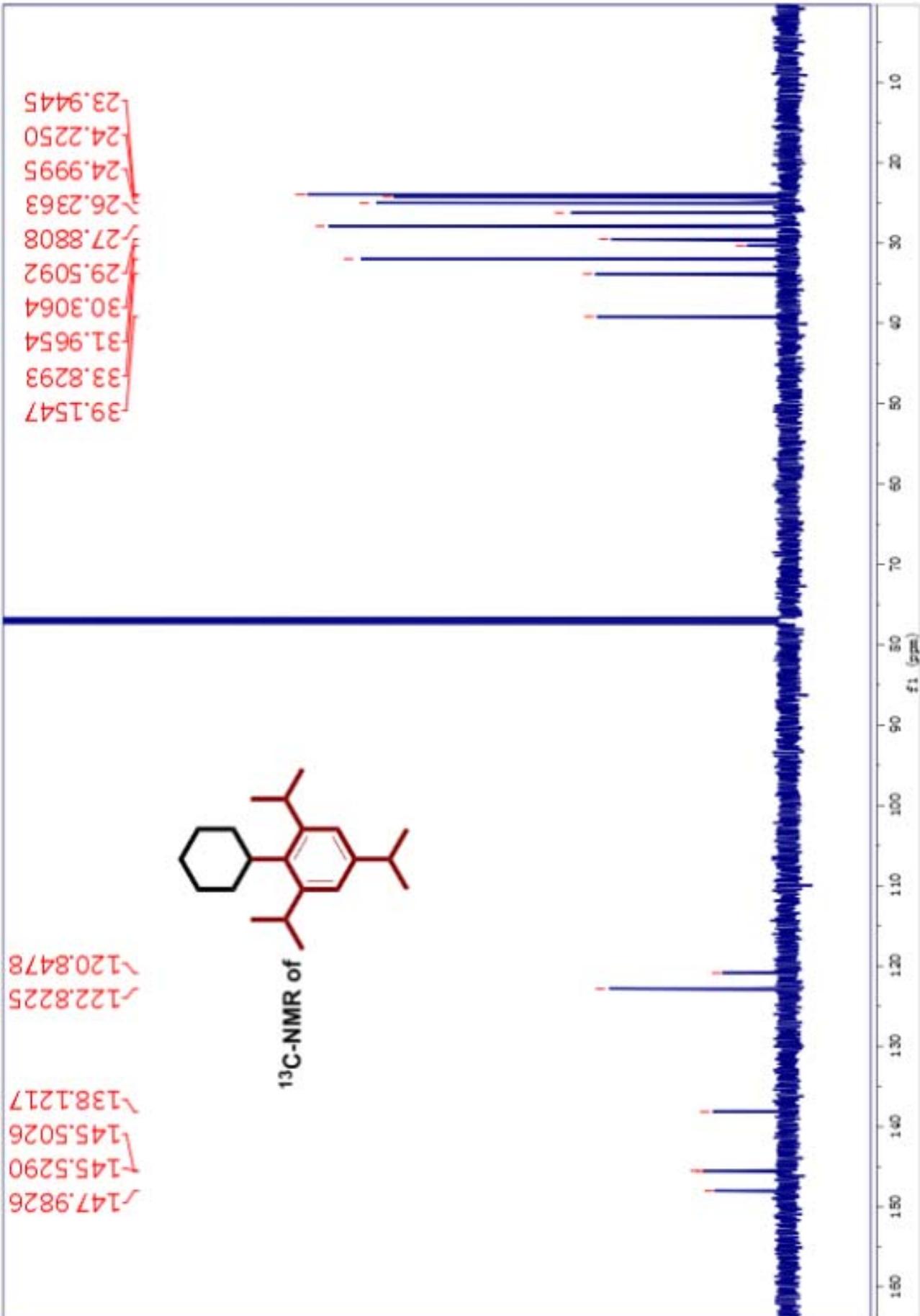


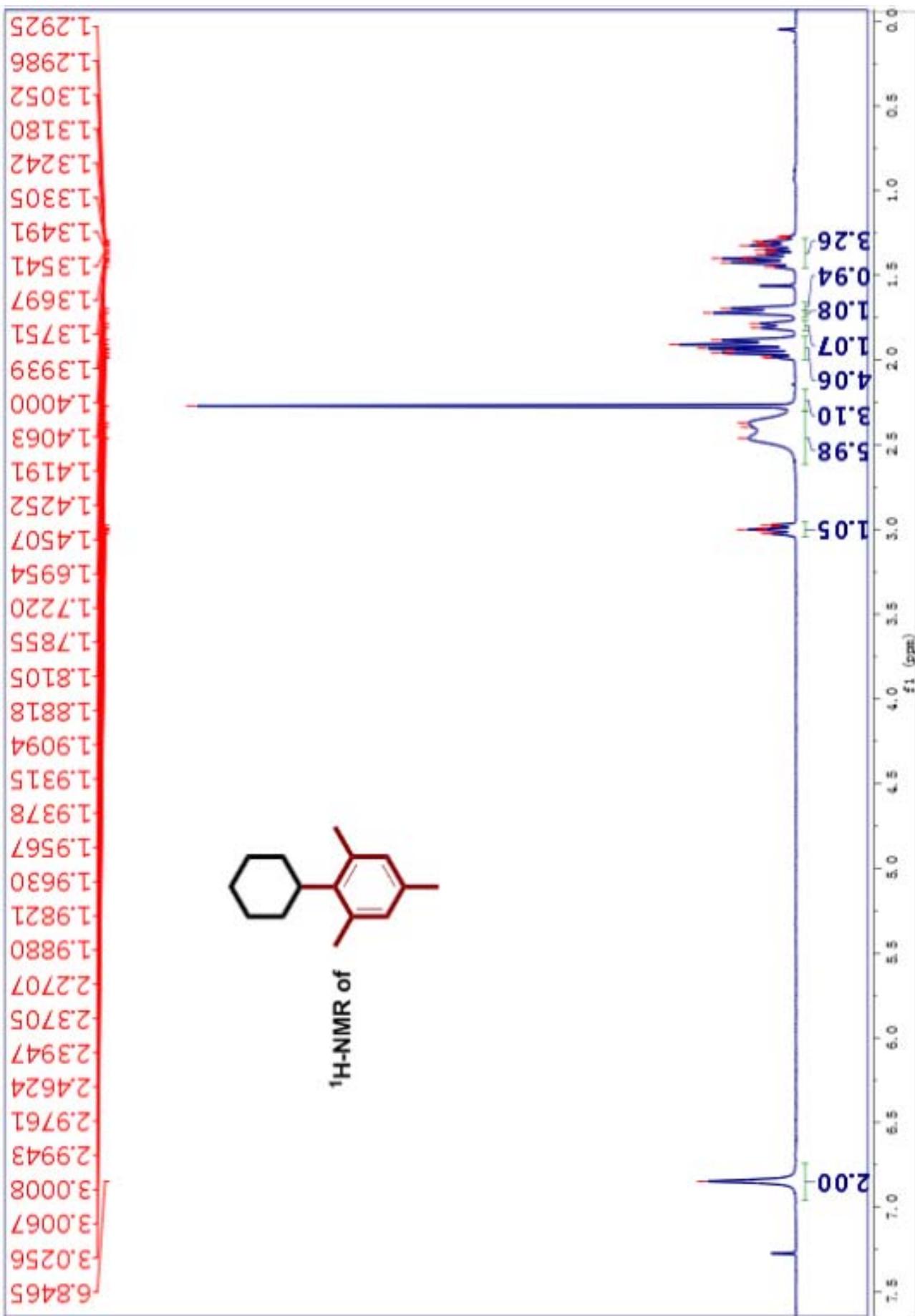
To a mixture of 1,3,5-tribromo-2,4,6-trimethylbenzene (**12**, 179 mg, 0.5 mmol, 1 equiv), cyclopentaneboronic acid (342 mg, 3 mmol, 6 equiv), potassium phosphate (636 mg, 3 mmol, 6 equiv), $\text{Pd}(\text{OAc})_2$ (2.2 mg, 0.01 mmol, 2 mol %), AntPhos (5.6 mg, 0.015 mmol, 3 mol %) was charged degassed *o*-xylene (3 mL). The mixture was pumped and refilled with nitrogen three times. The resulting mixture was stirred at 140°C under nitrogen for 12 h, and then cooled to room temperature, partitioned with water (10 mL) and dichloromethane (10 mL). The organic layer was separated, dried over sodium sulfate,

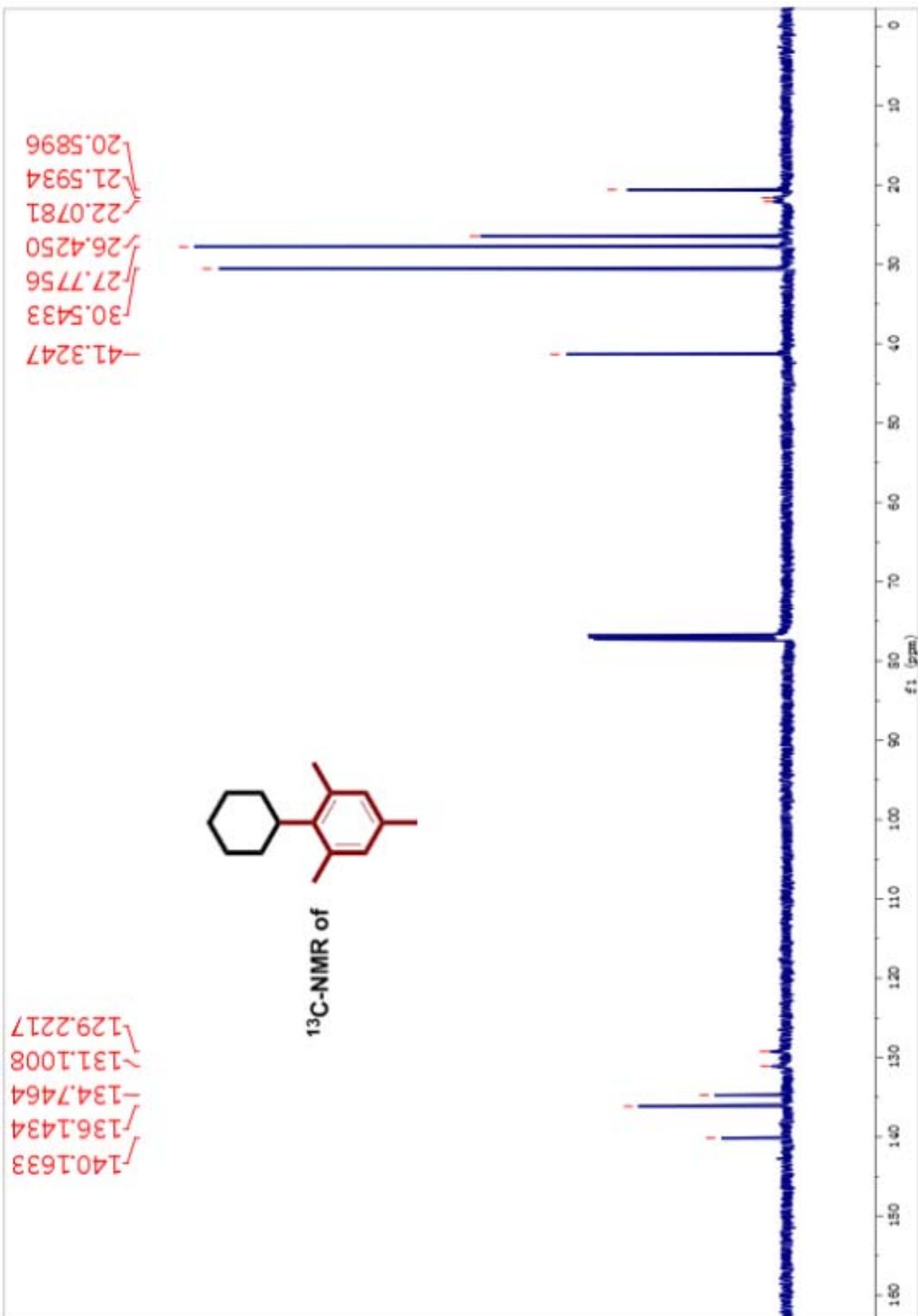
concentrated, and purified by silica gel column chromatography (hexanes as eluent) to provide the coupling product **13** as white solid (87 %). 1,3,5-Tricyclopentyl-2,4,6-trimethylbenzene (**13**): ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 3.66 (quintet, *J* = 9.4 Hz, 3H), 2.34 (s, 9H), 1.87~1.95 (m, 18H), 1.74~1.77 (m, 9H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 140.8, 133.3, 40.6, 31.3, 27.3, 18.9; EI-MS: *m/z* 324.2 [M]⁺; HRMS (EI) *m/z* calcd for C₂₄H₃₆ (M⁺): 324.2817, found: 324.2816.

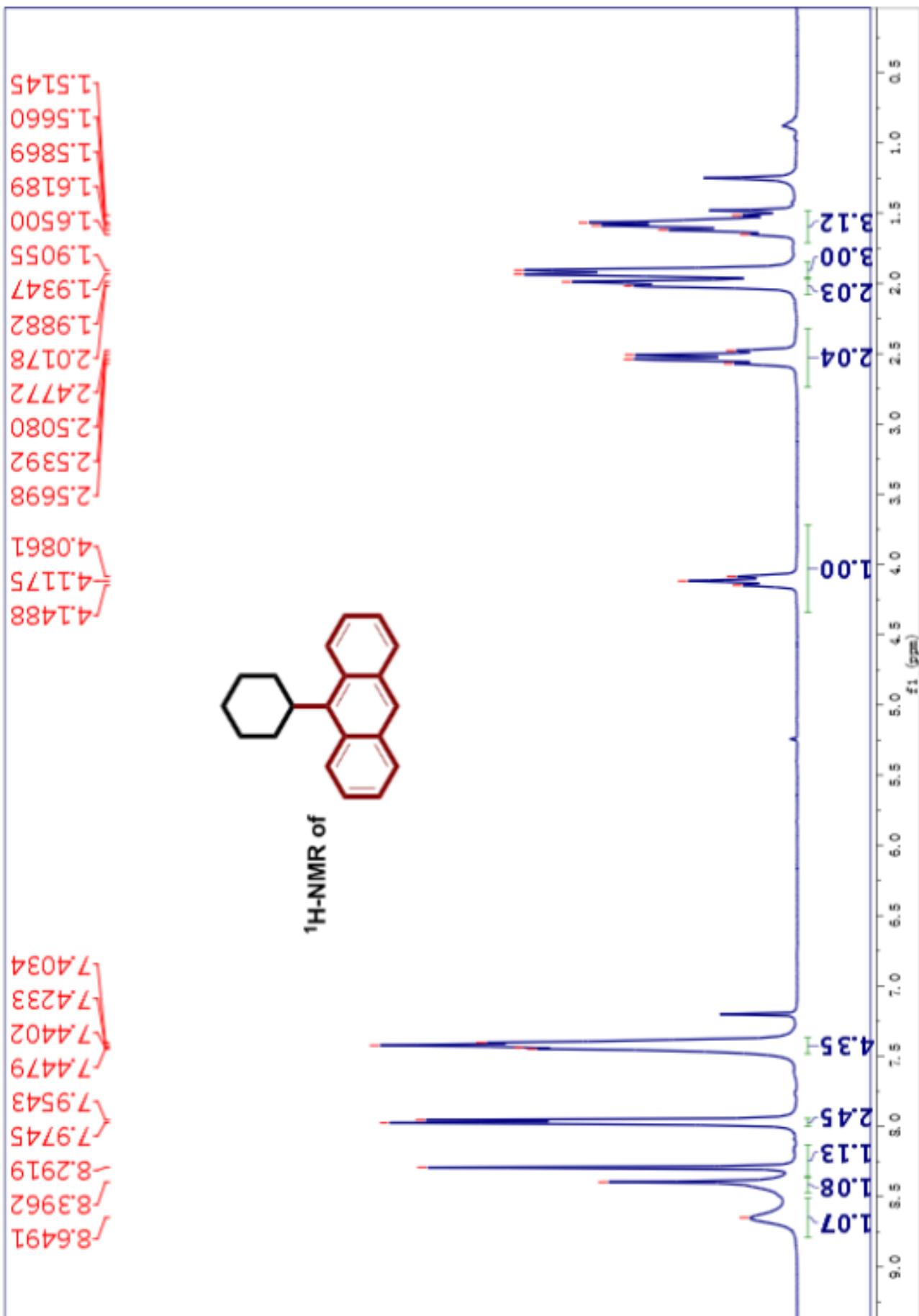
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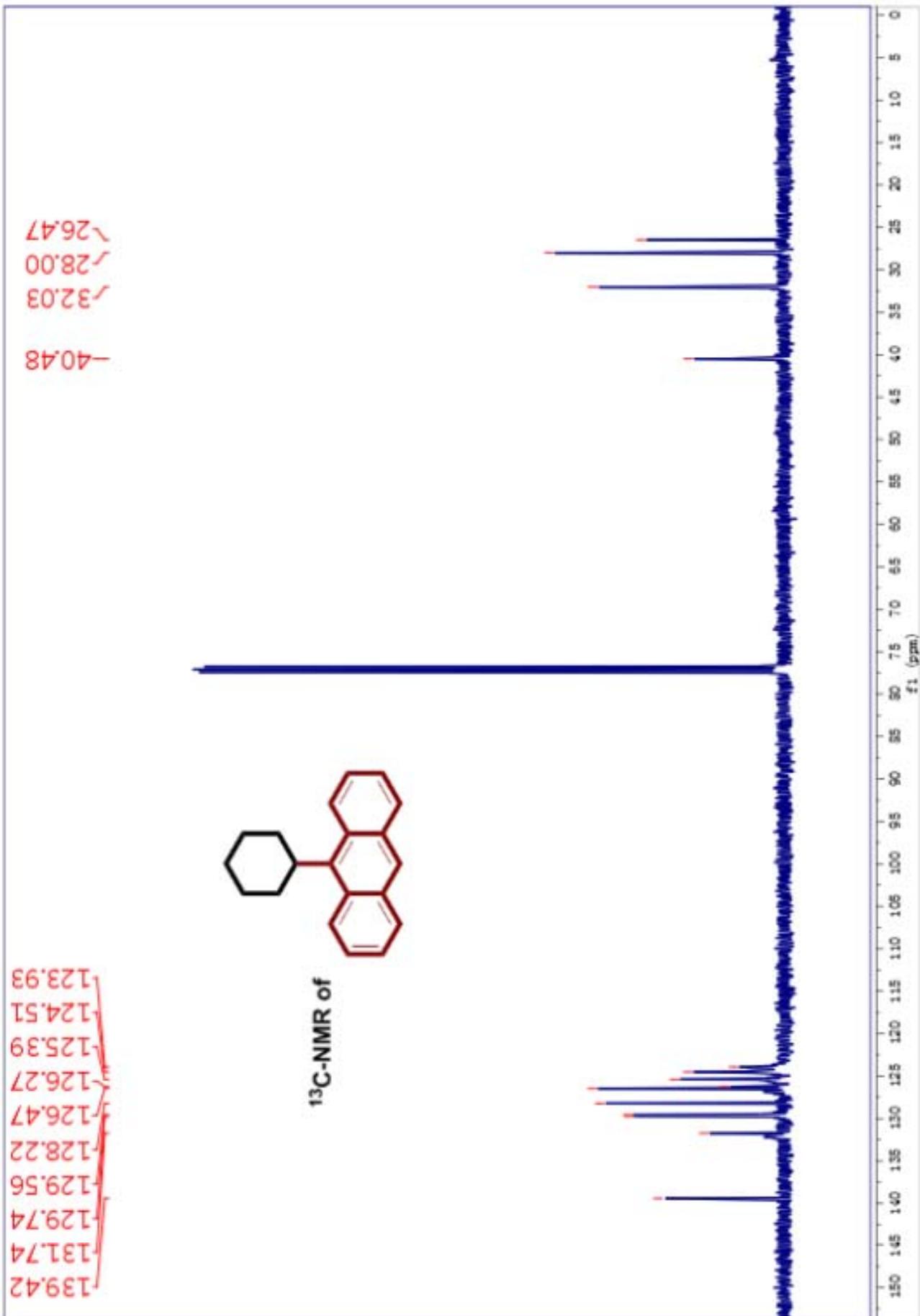


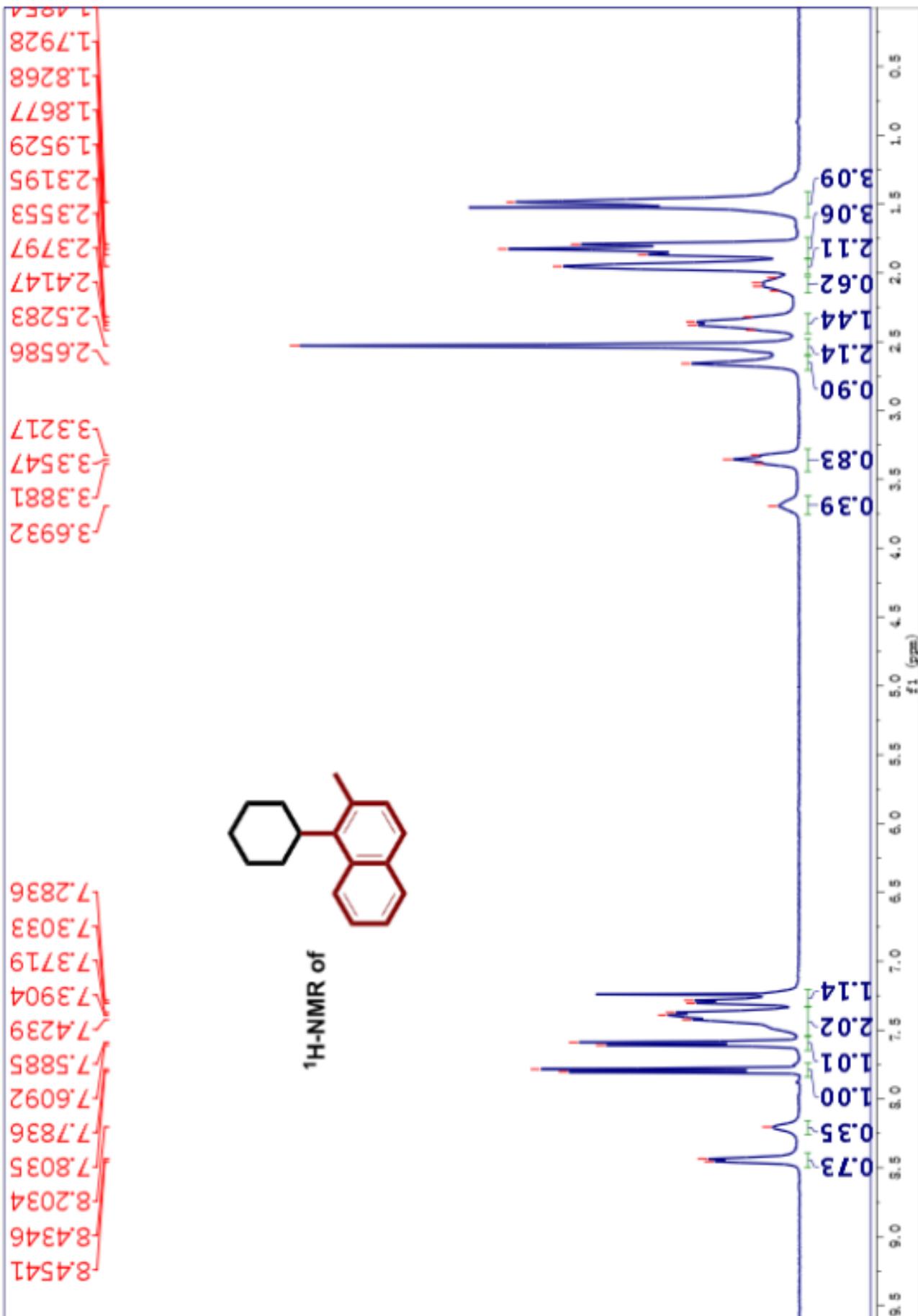


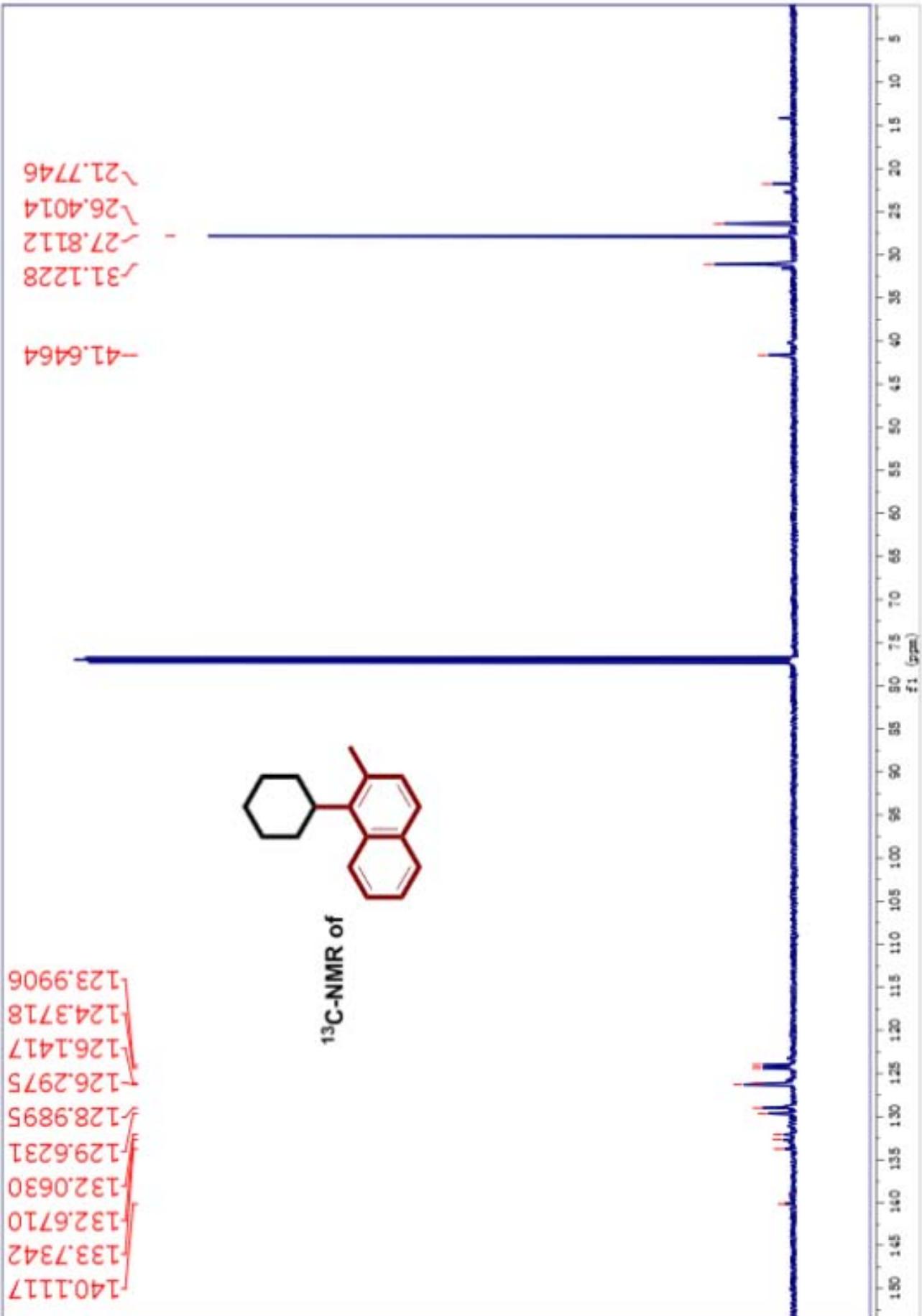


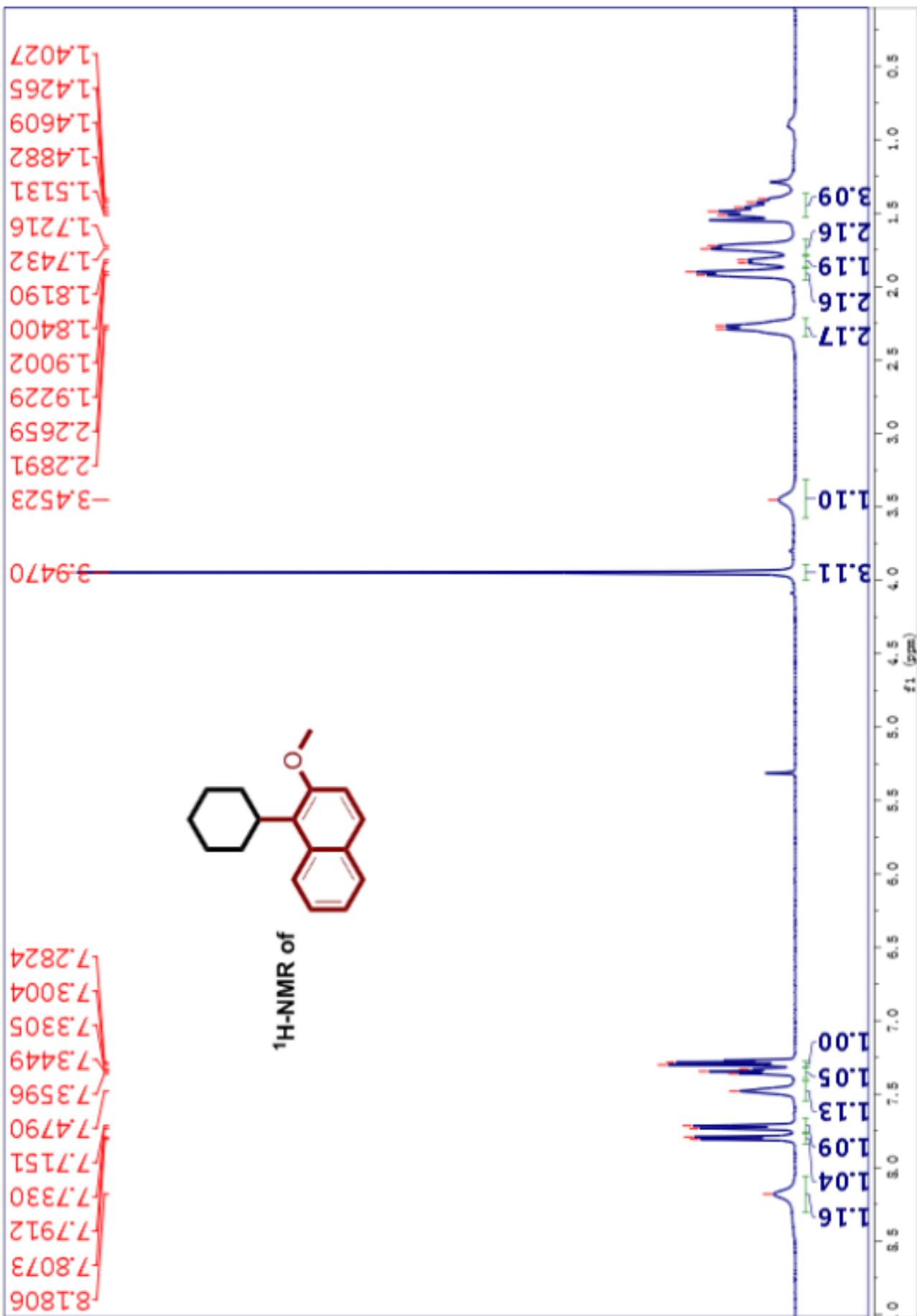


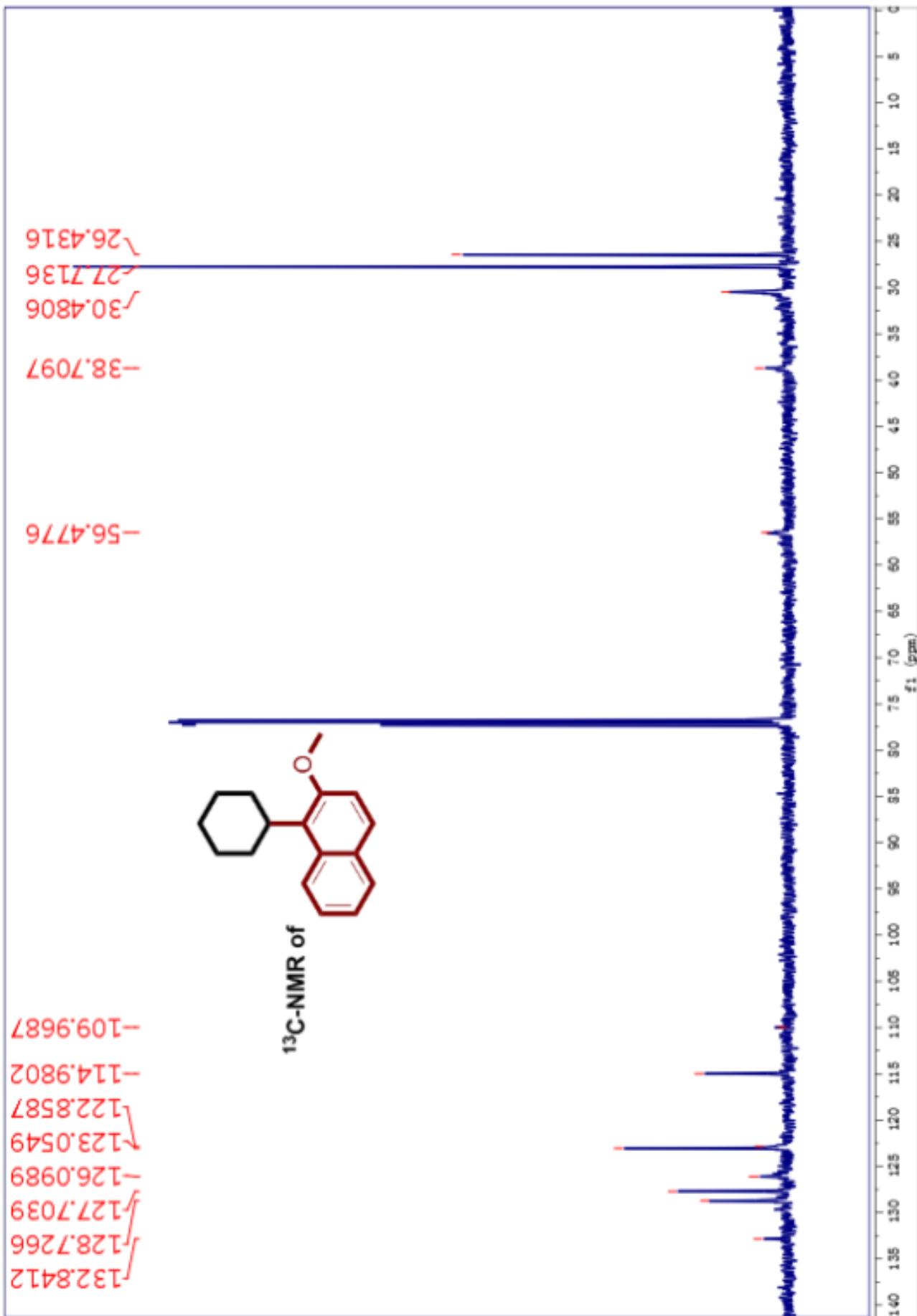


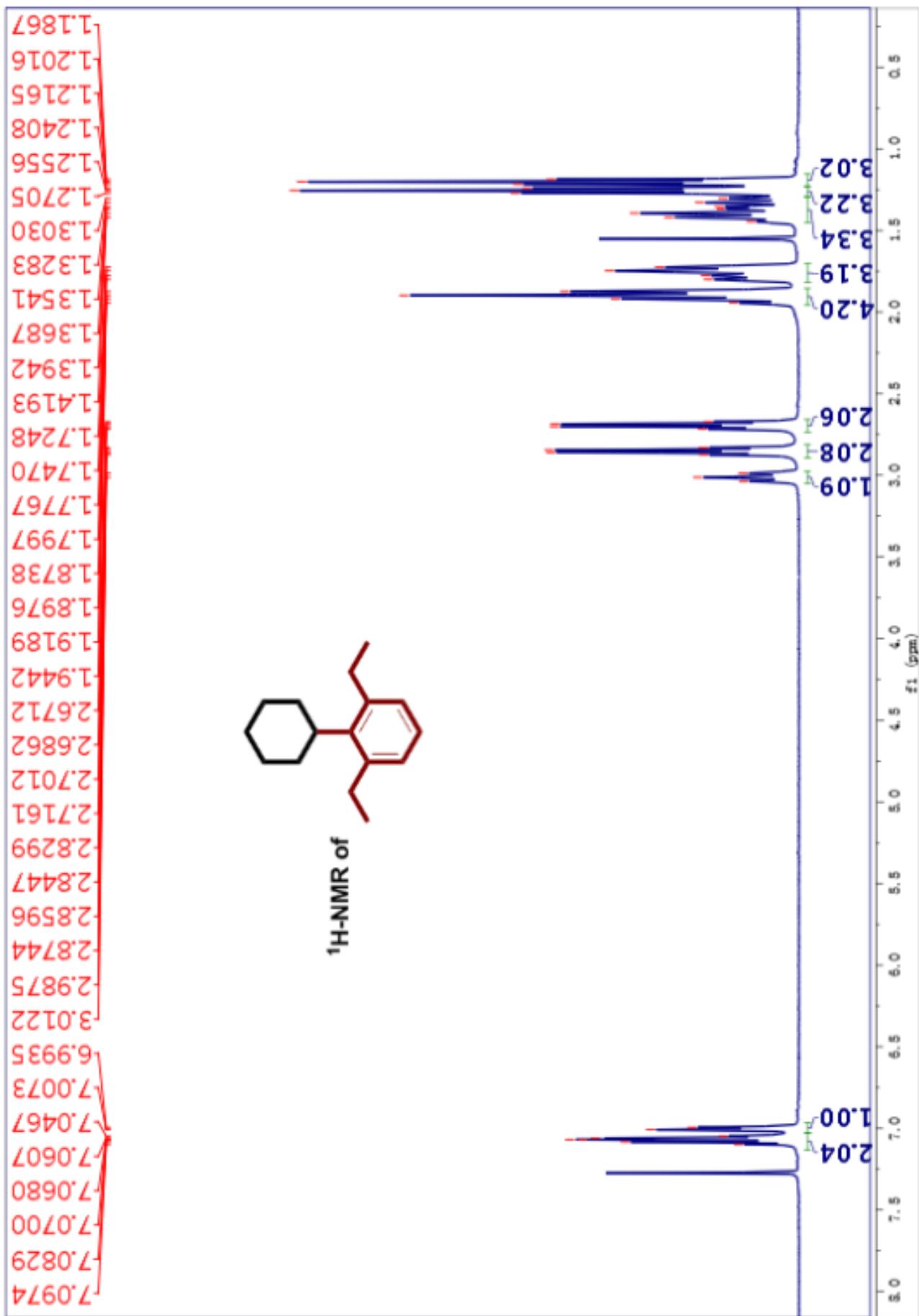


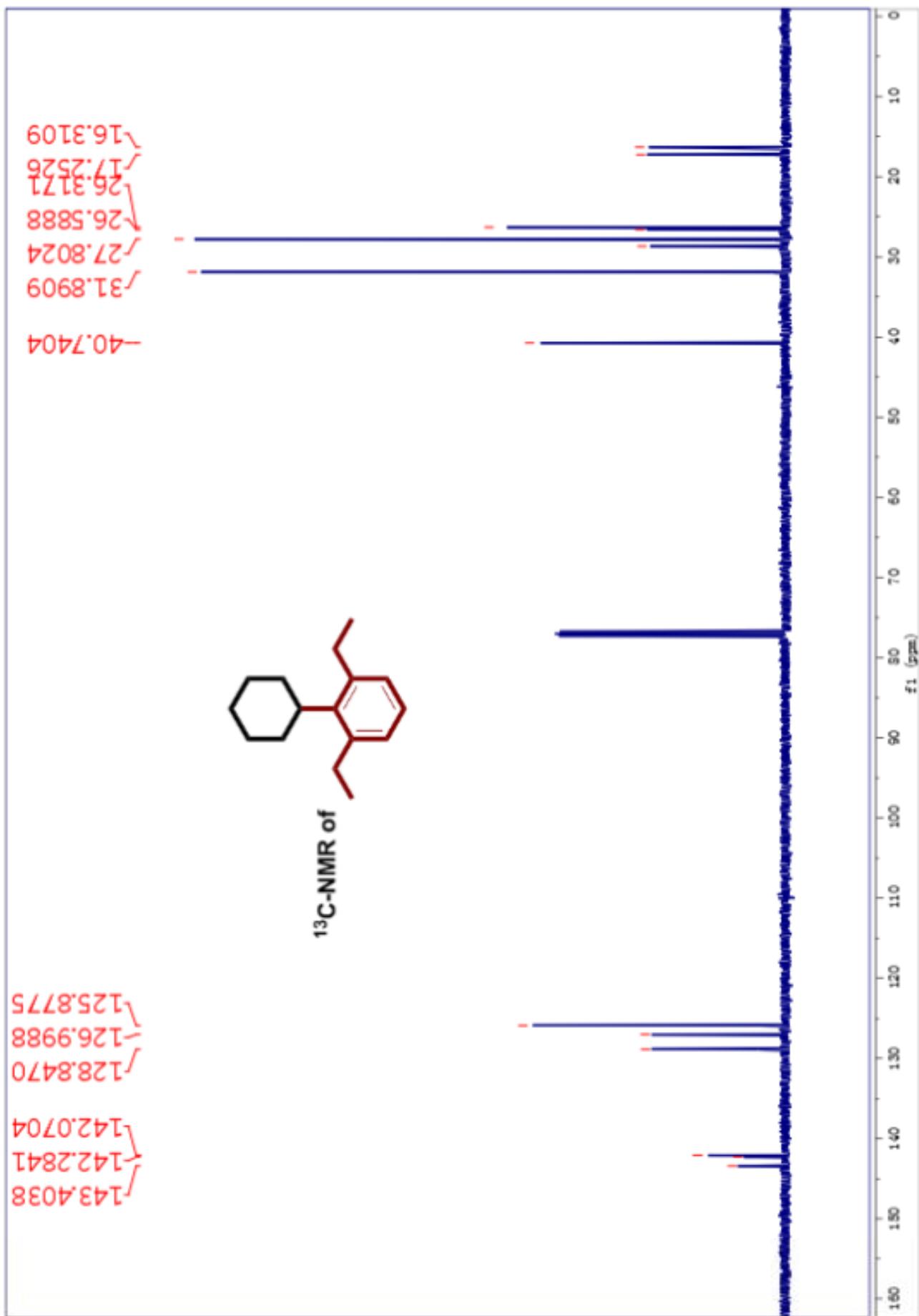


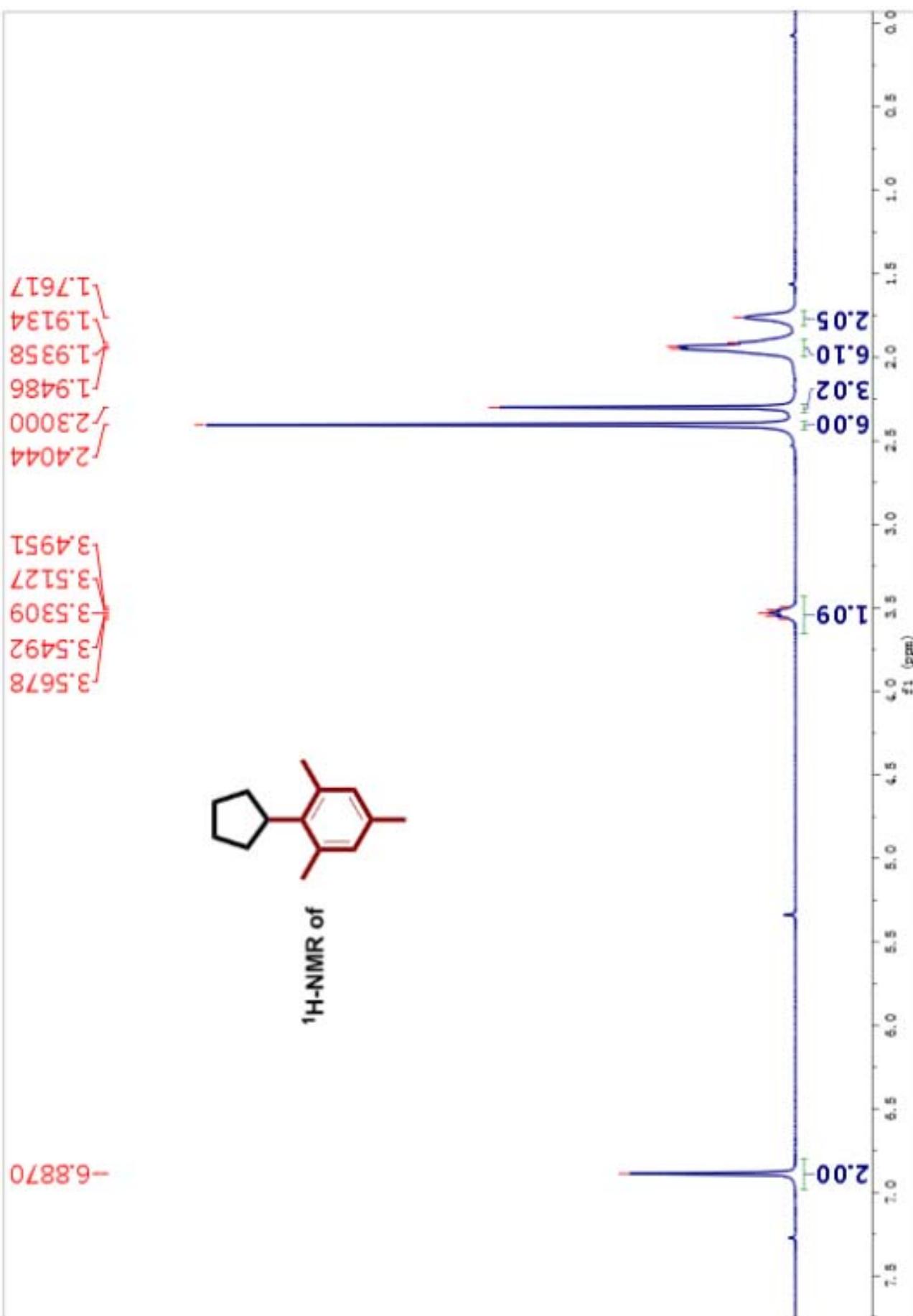


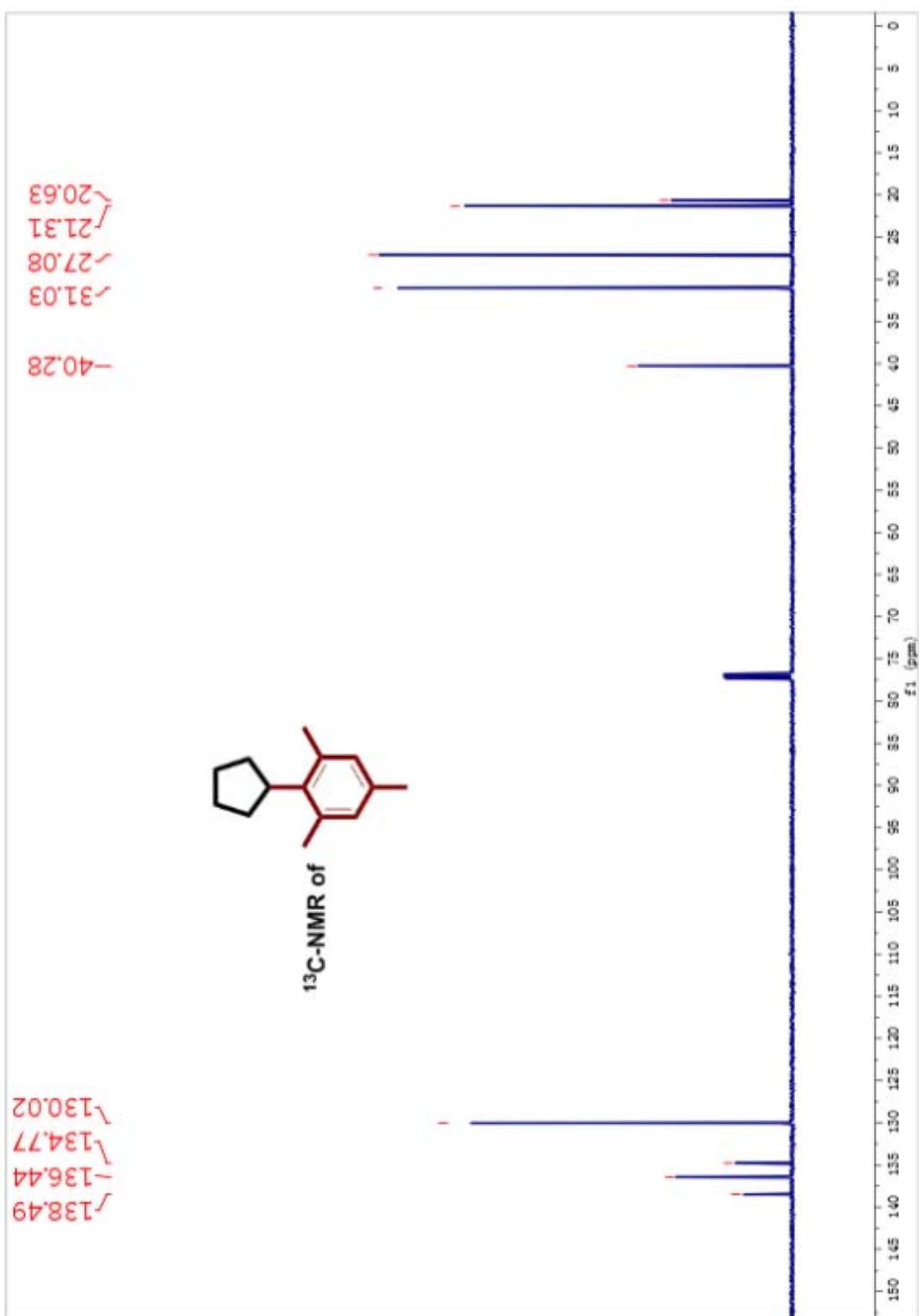


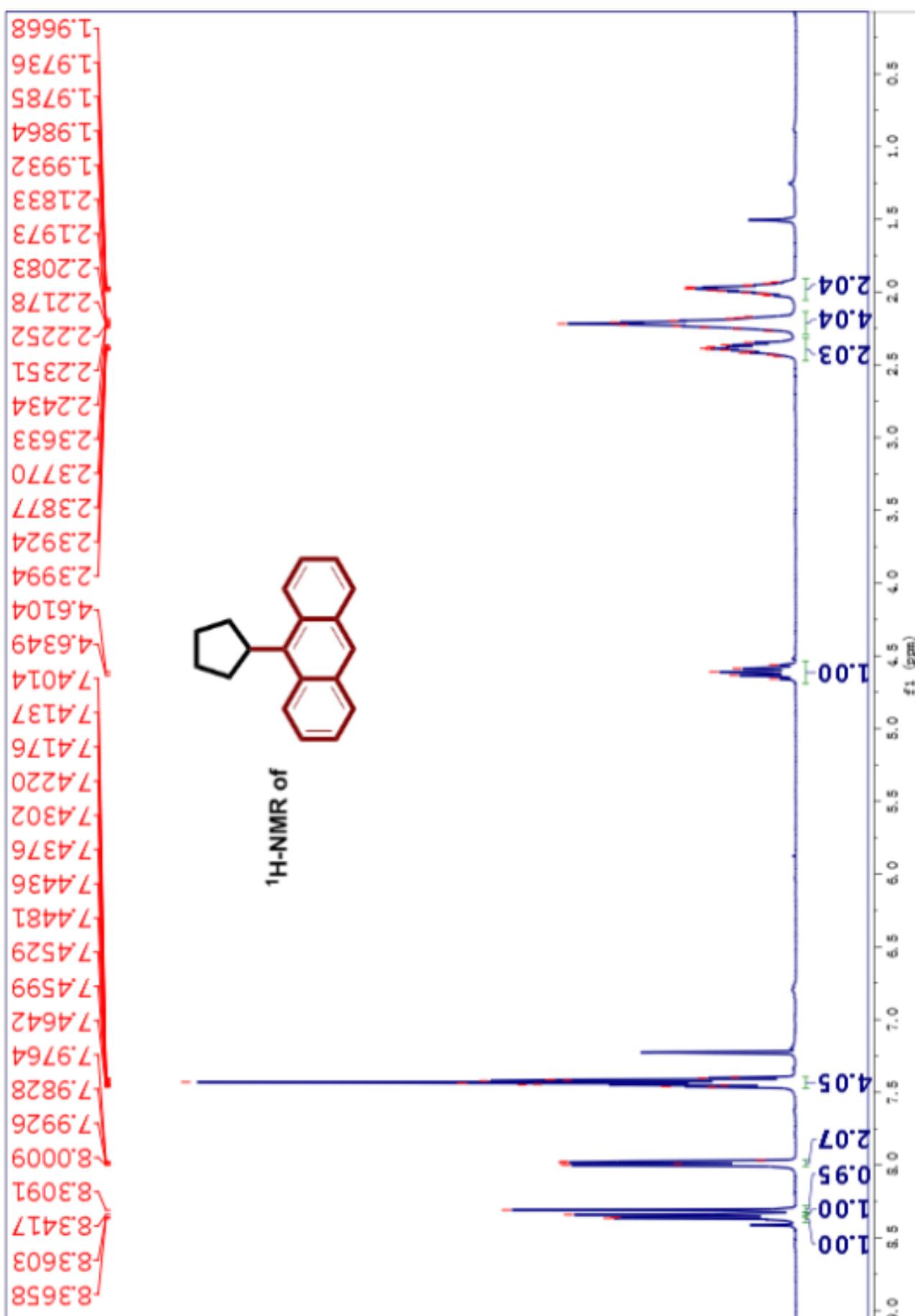


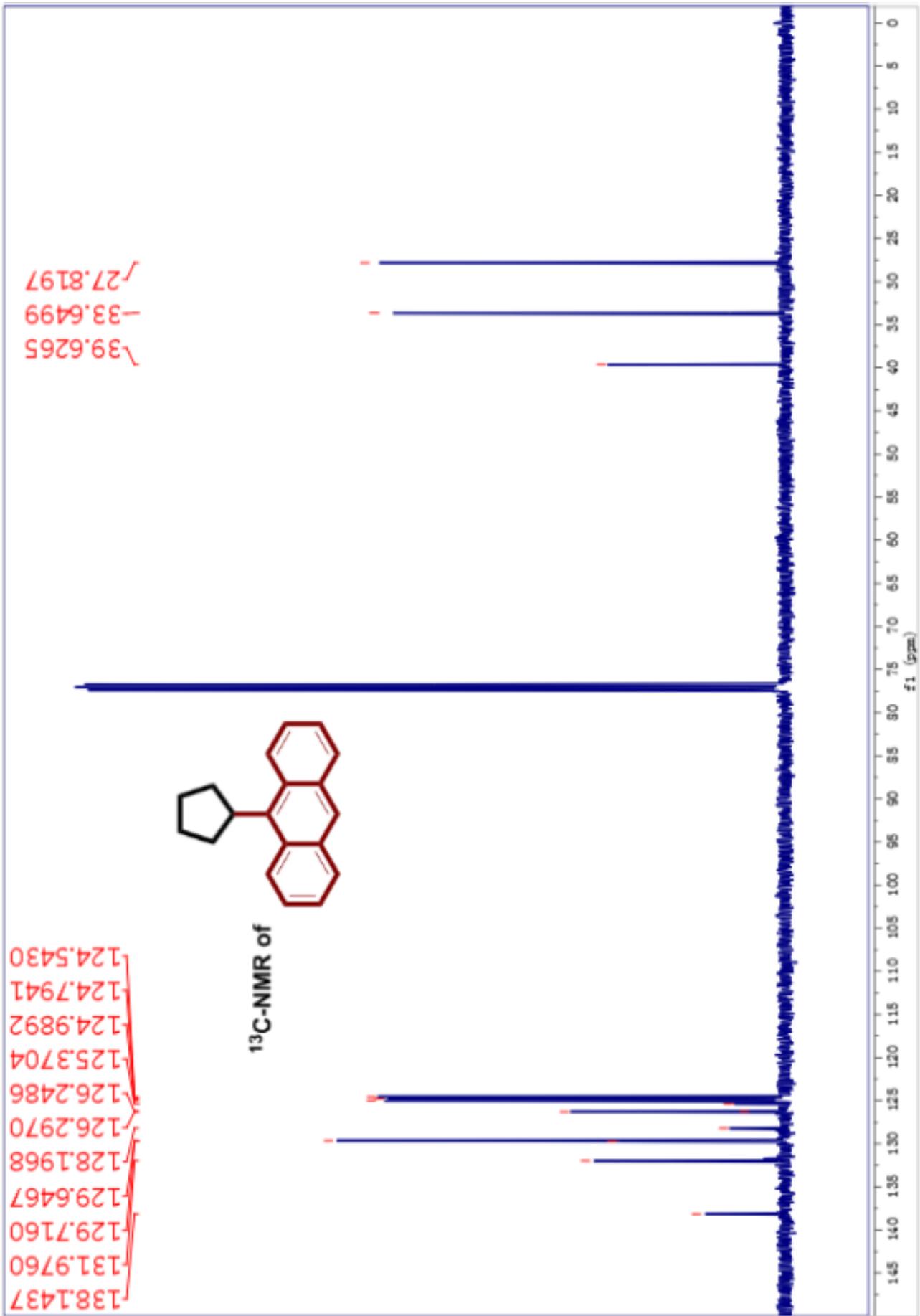


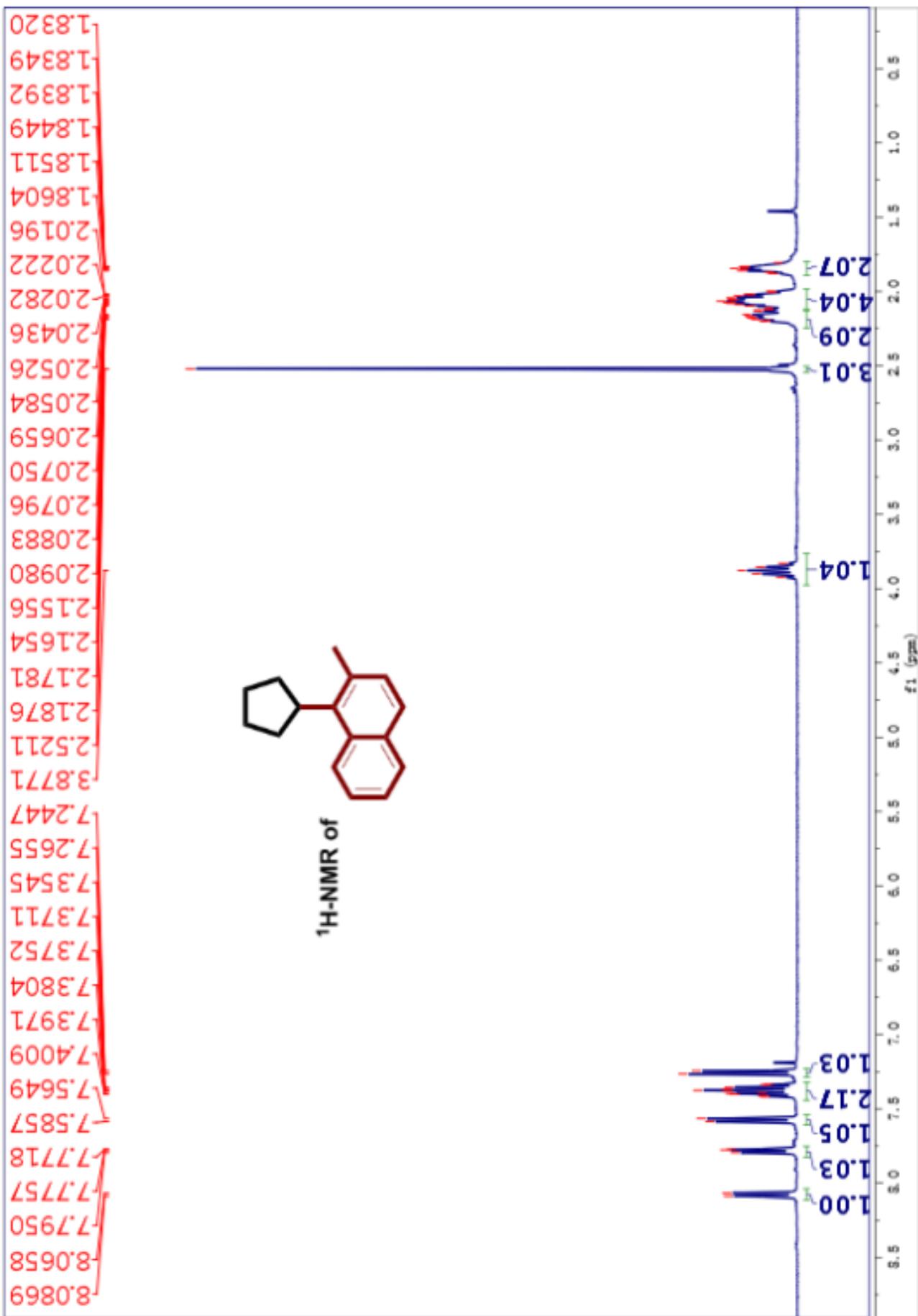




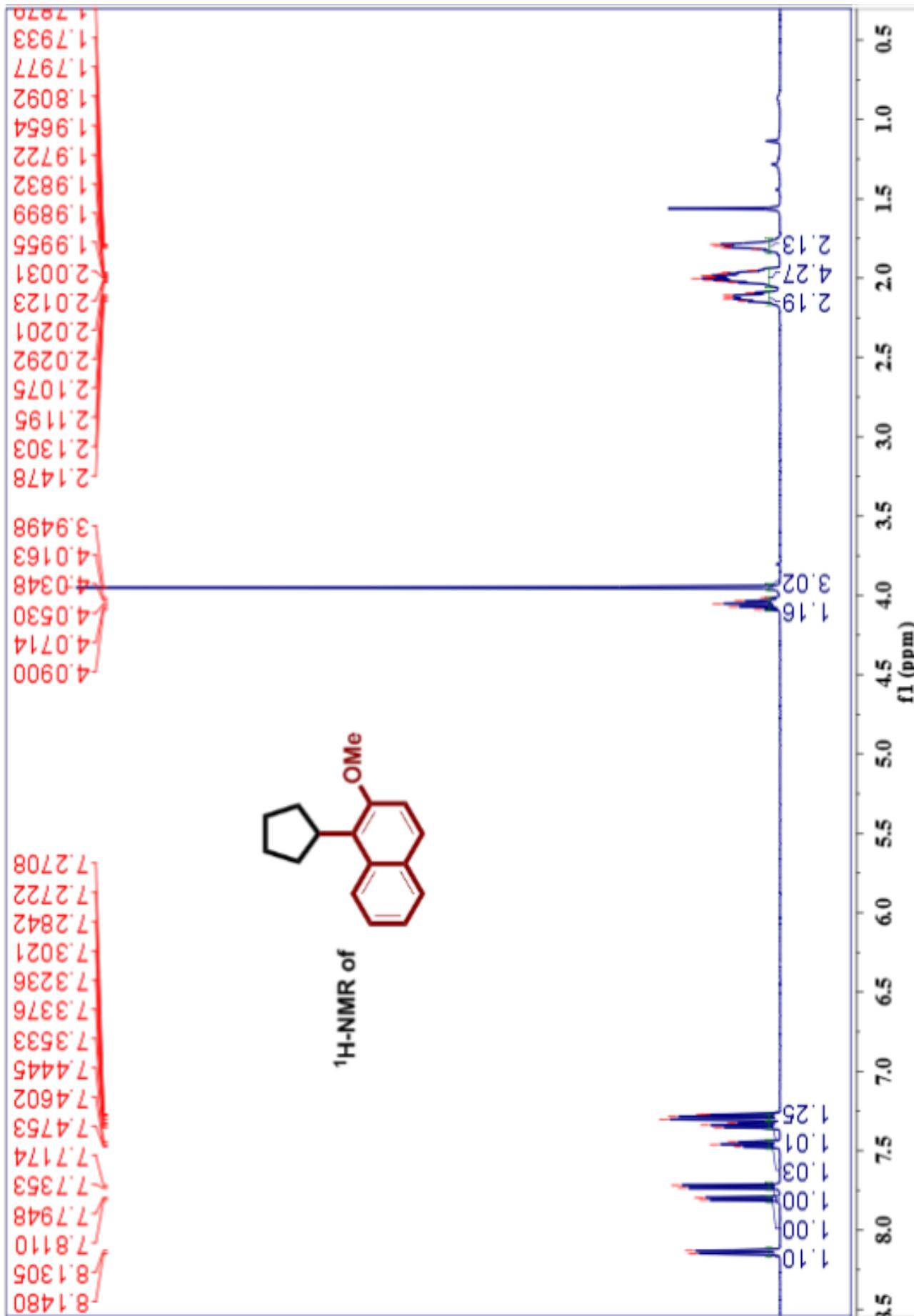


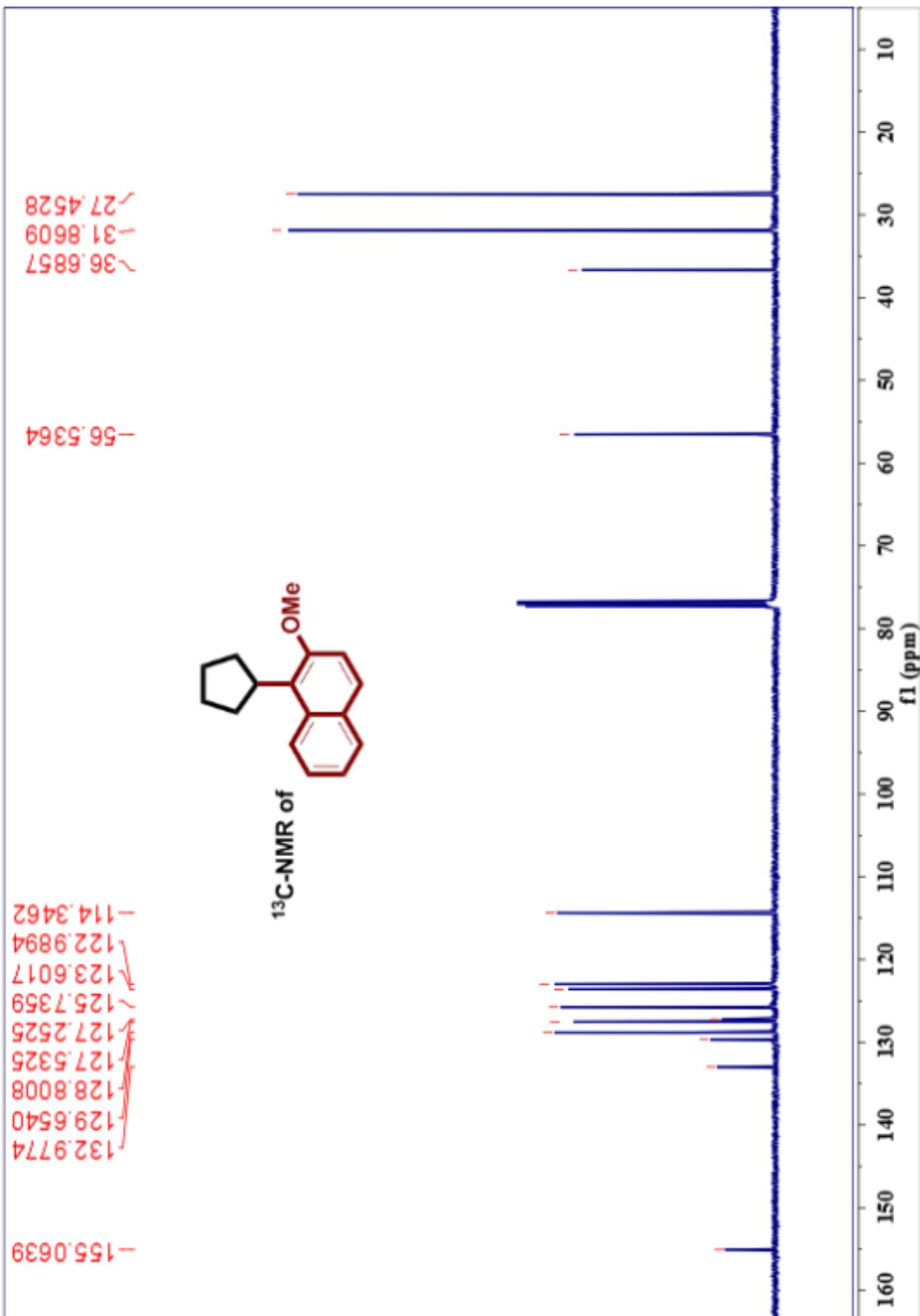


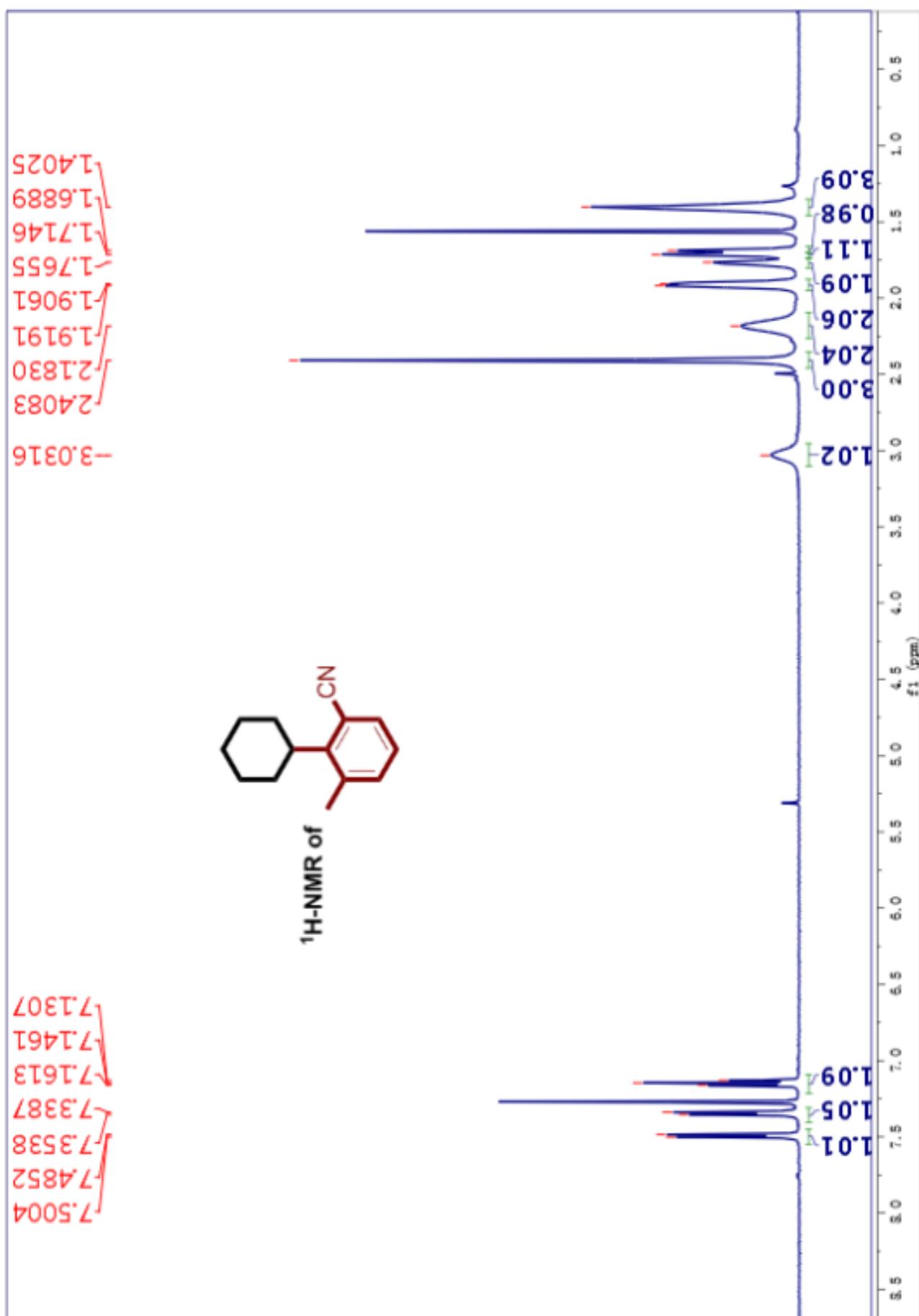


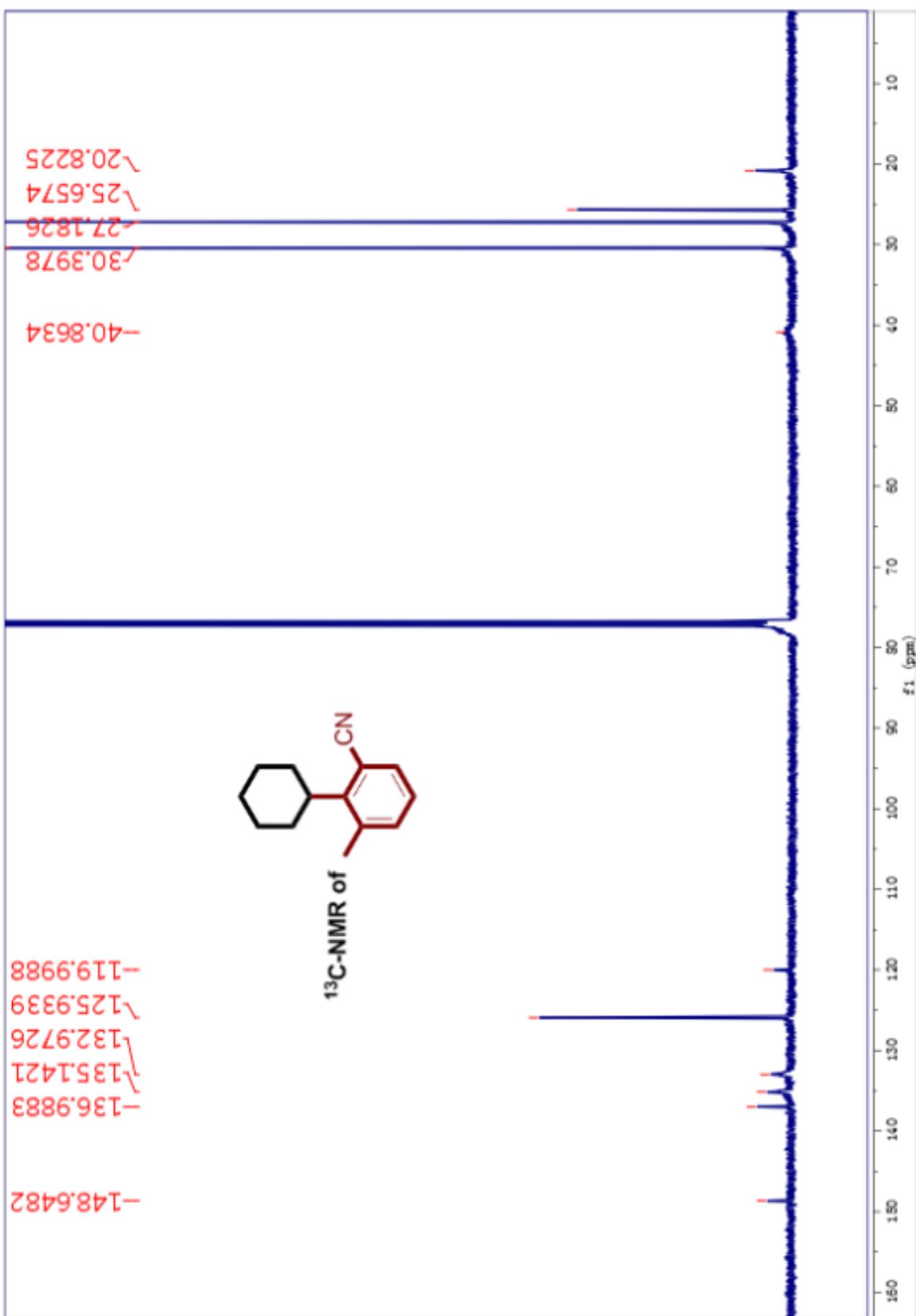


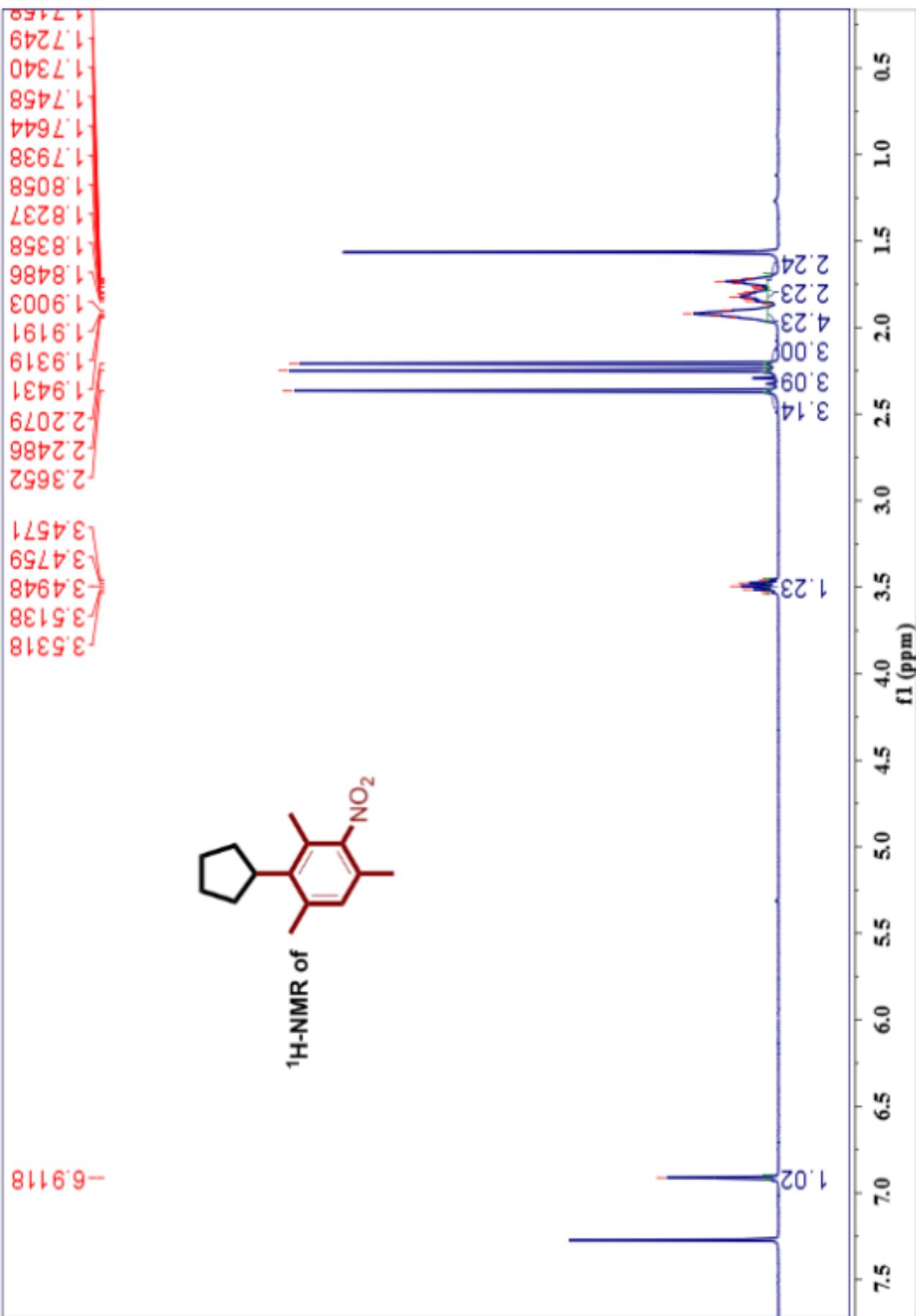


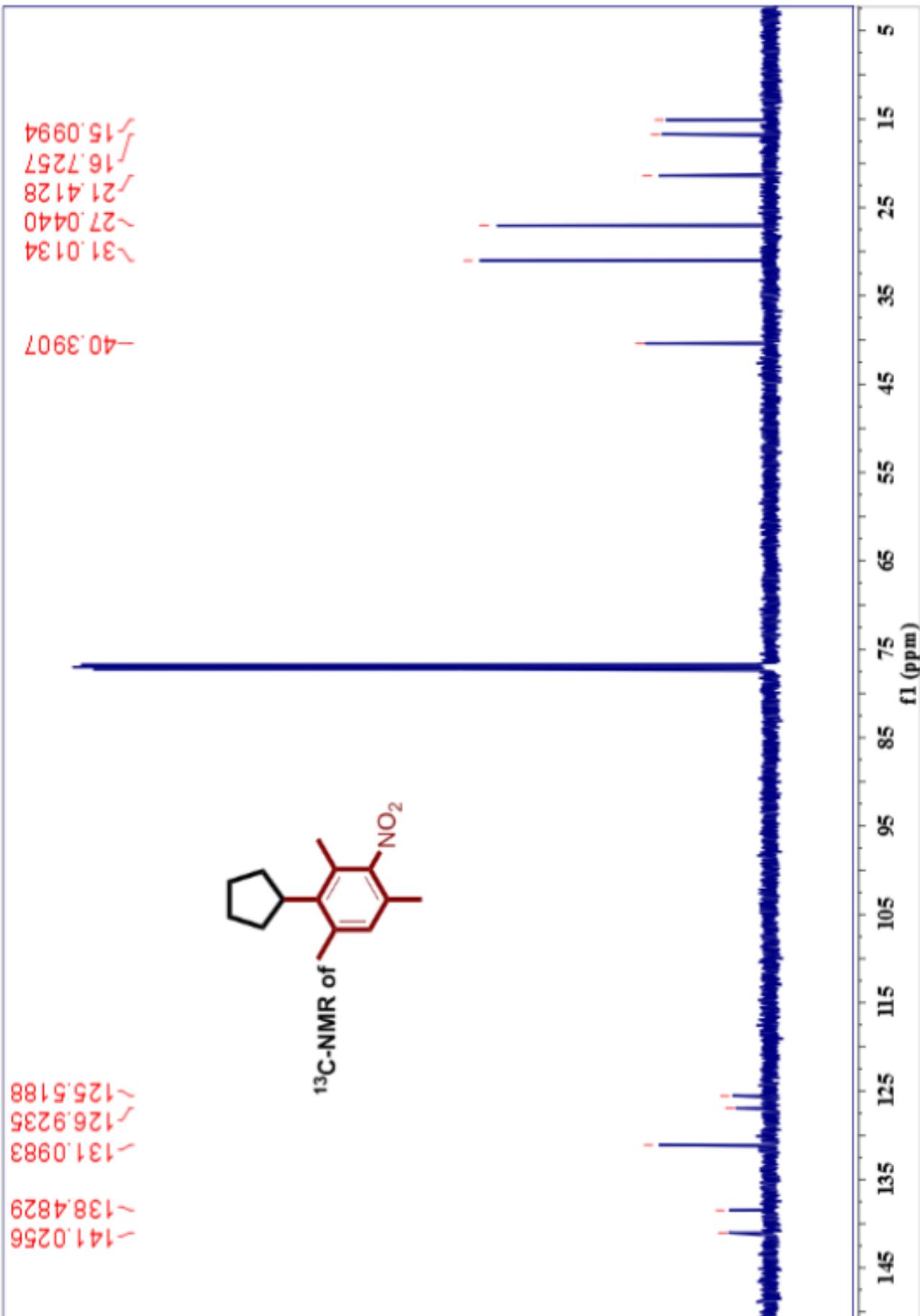


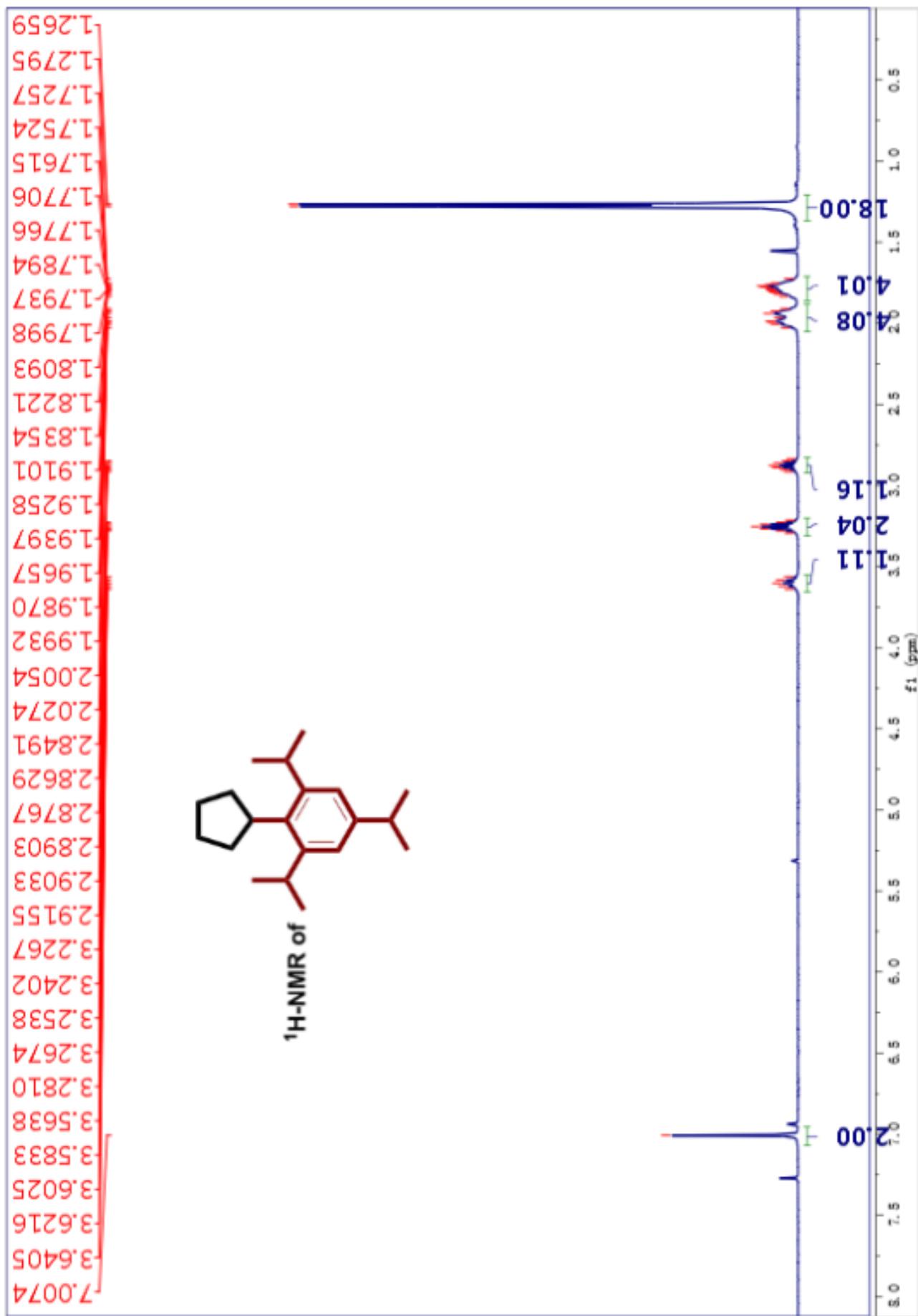


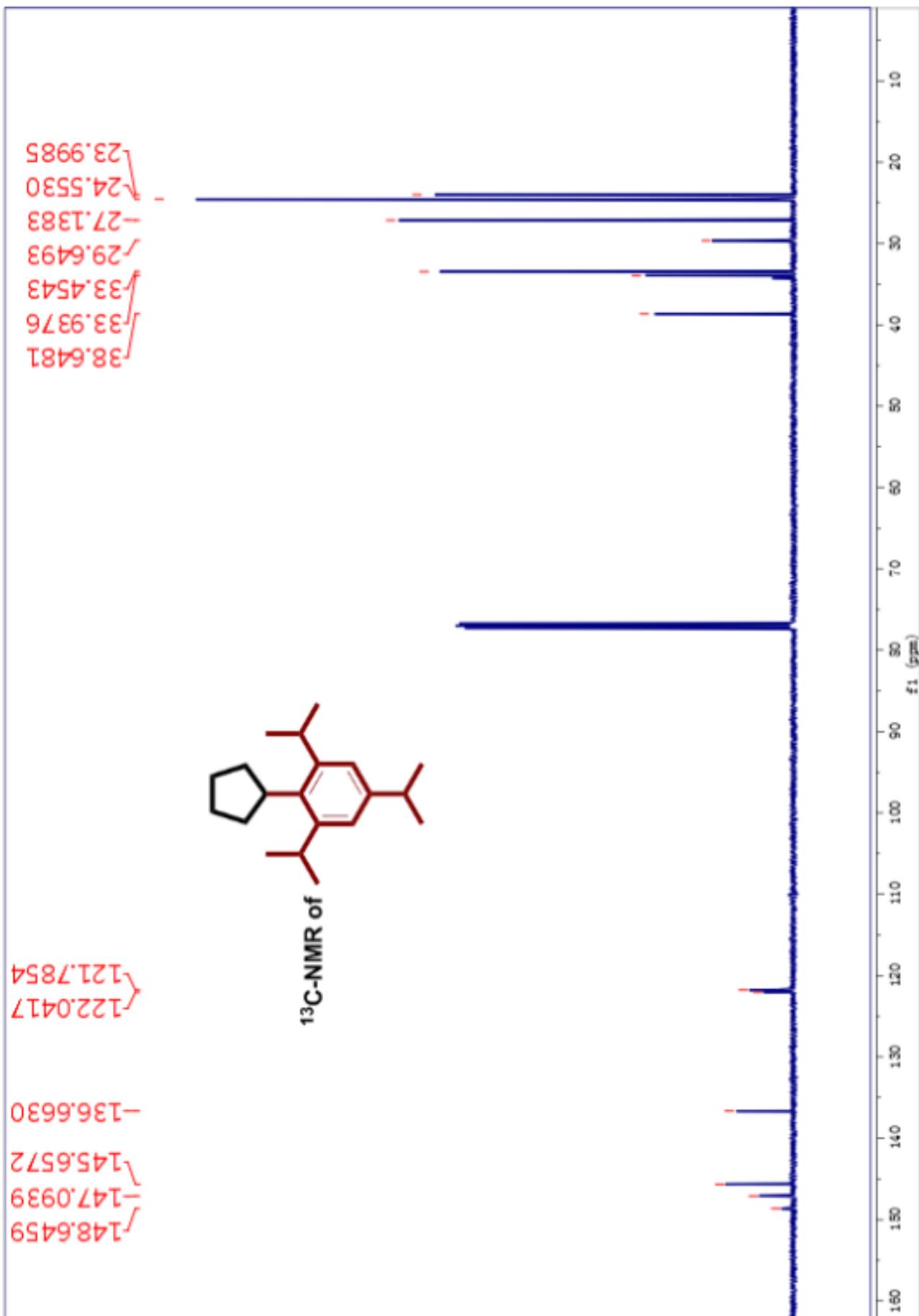


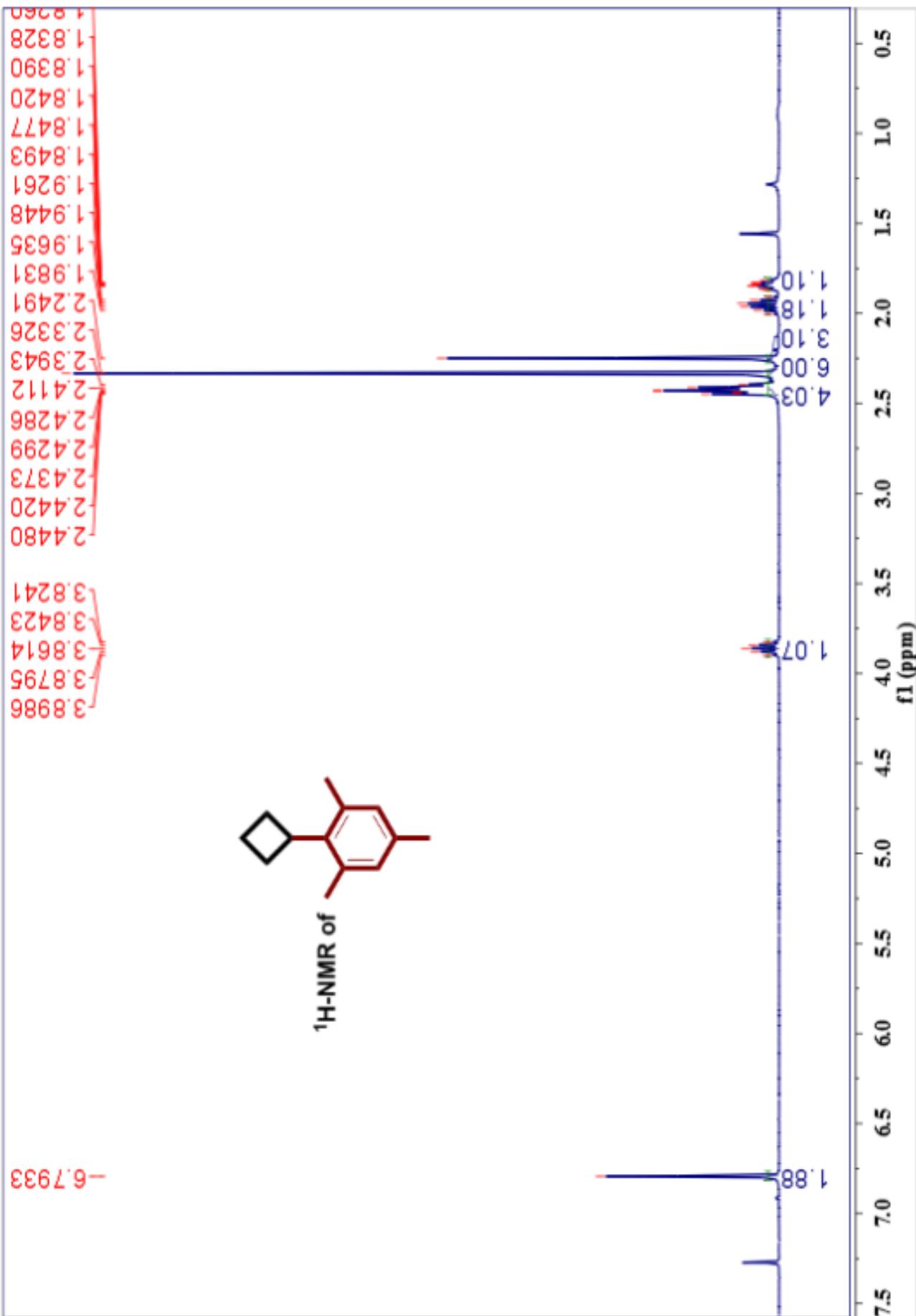


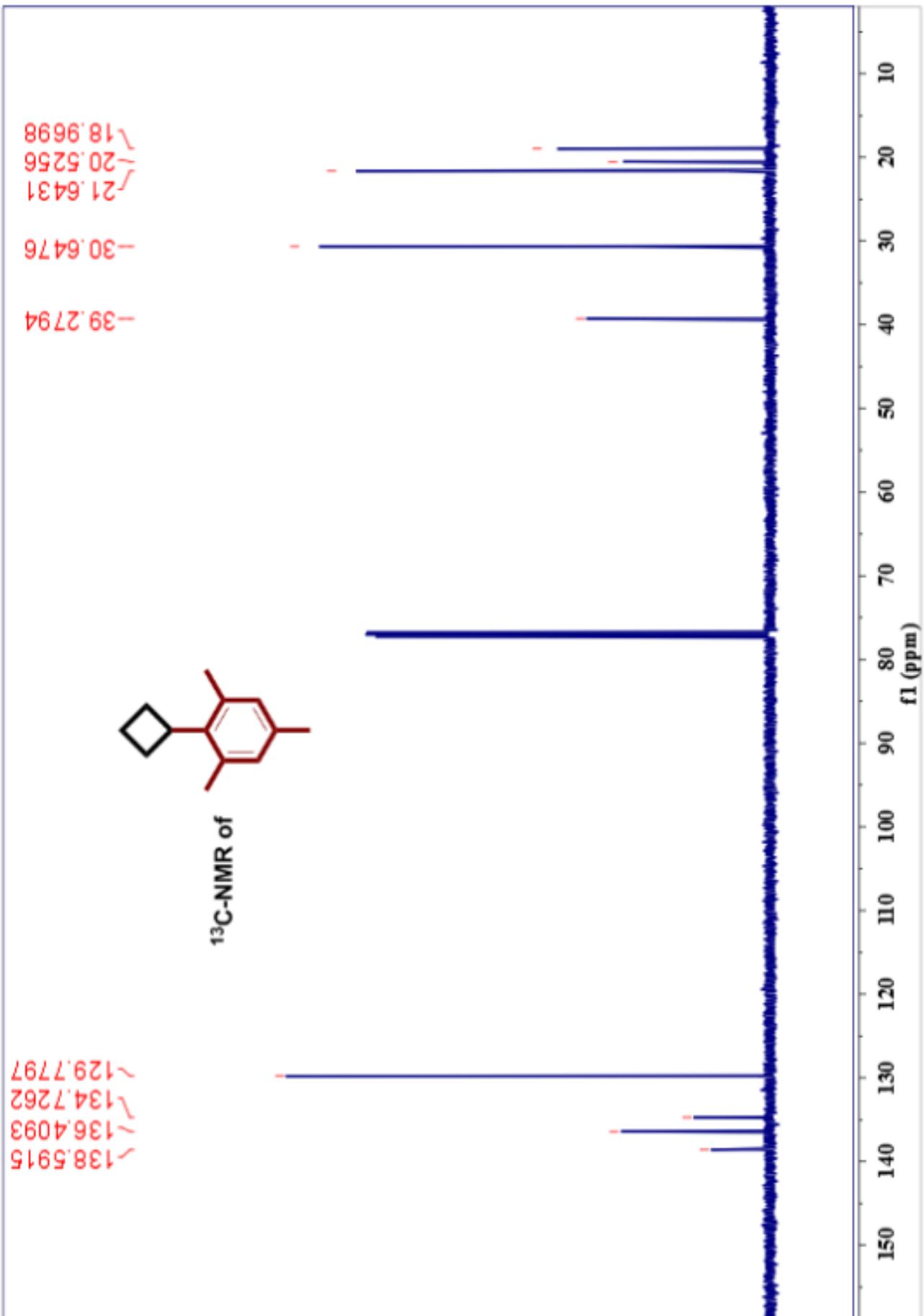


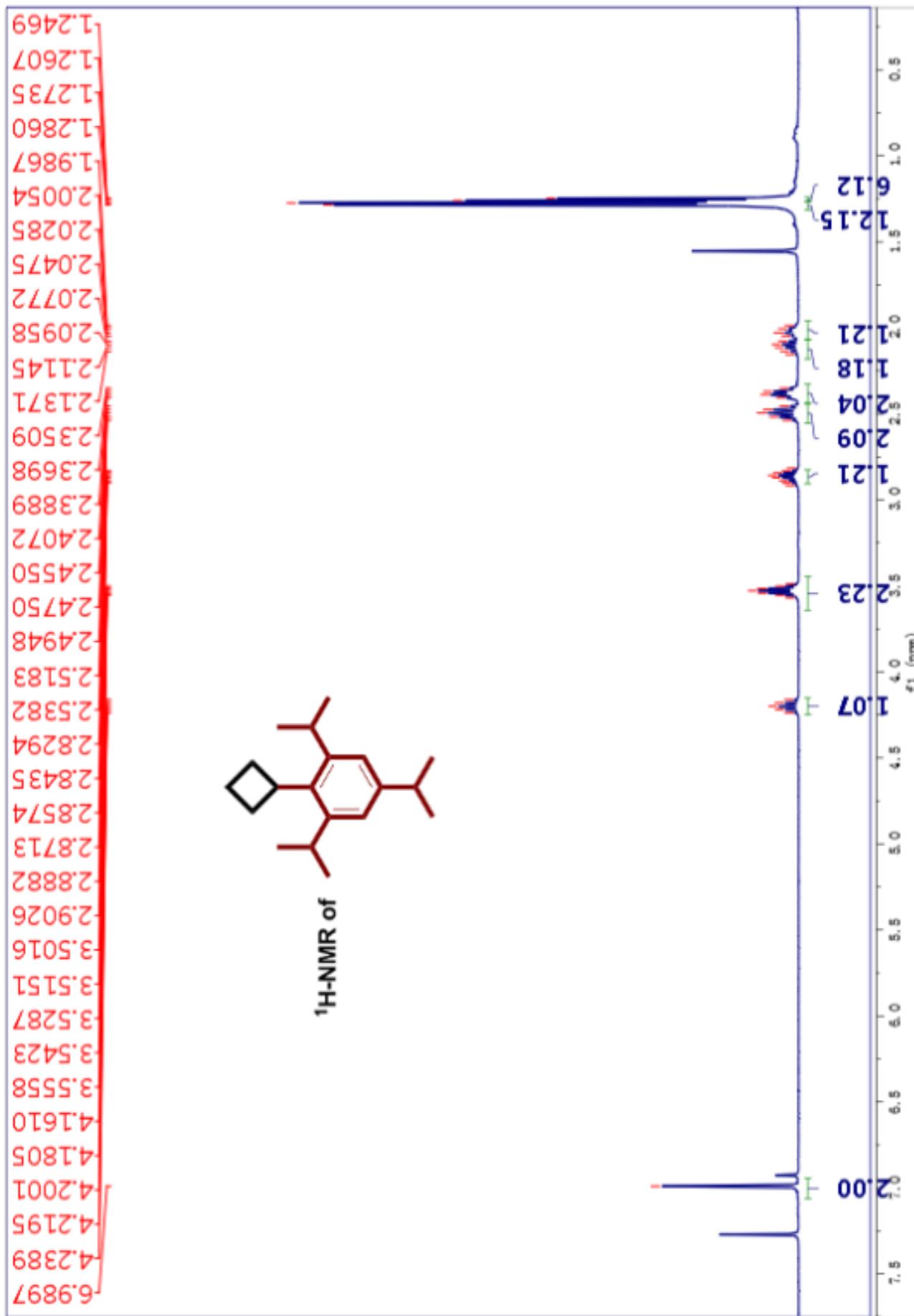


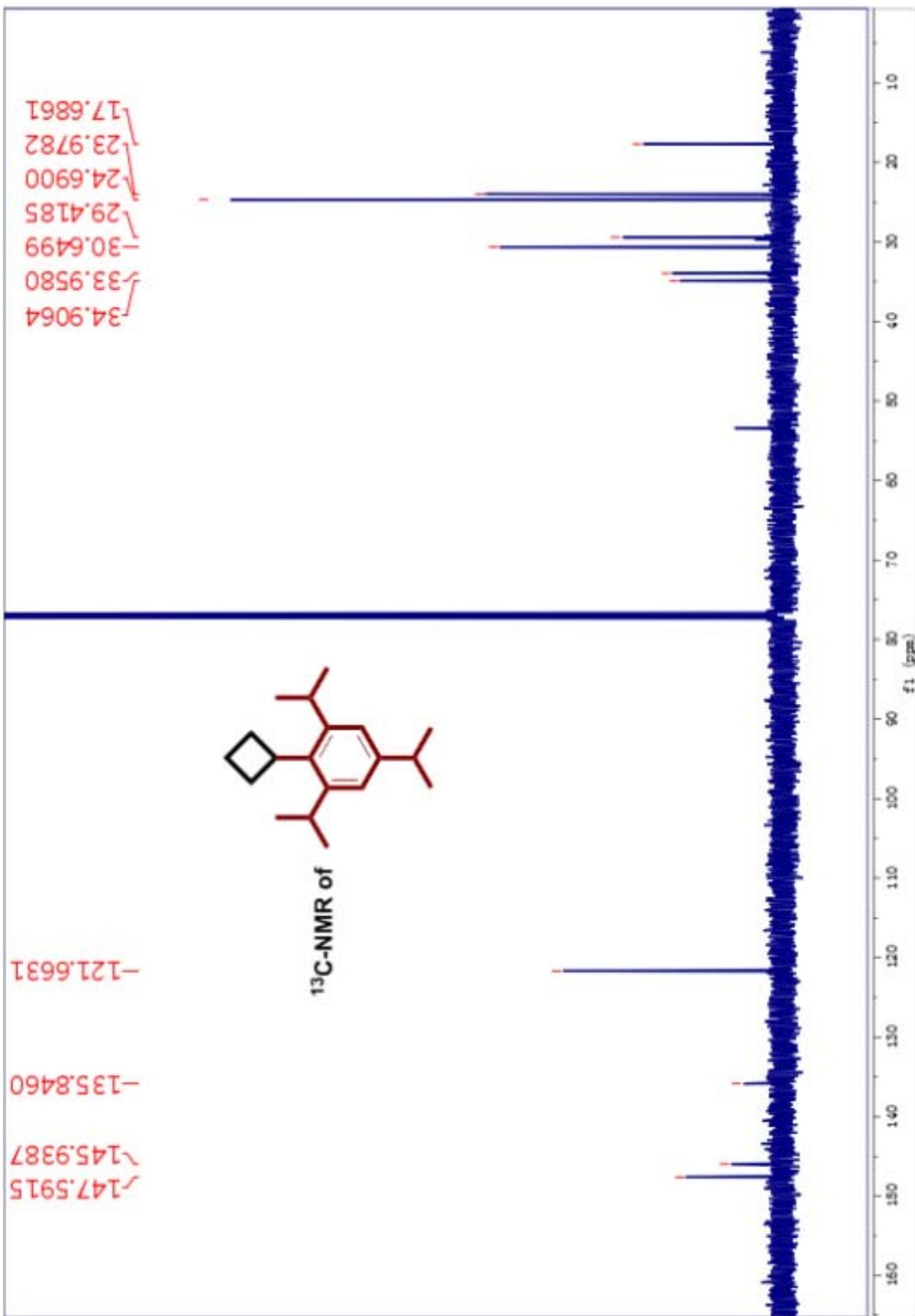


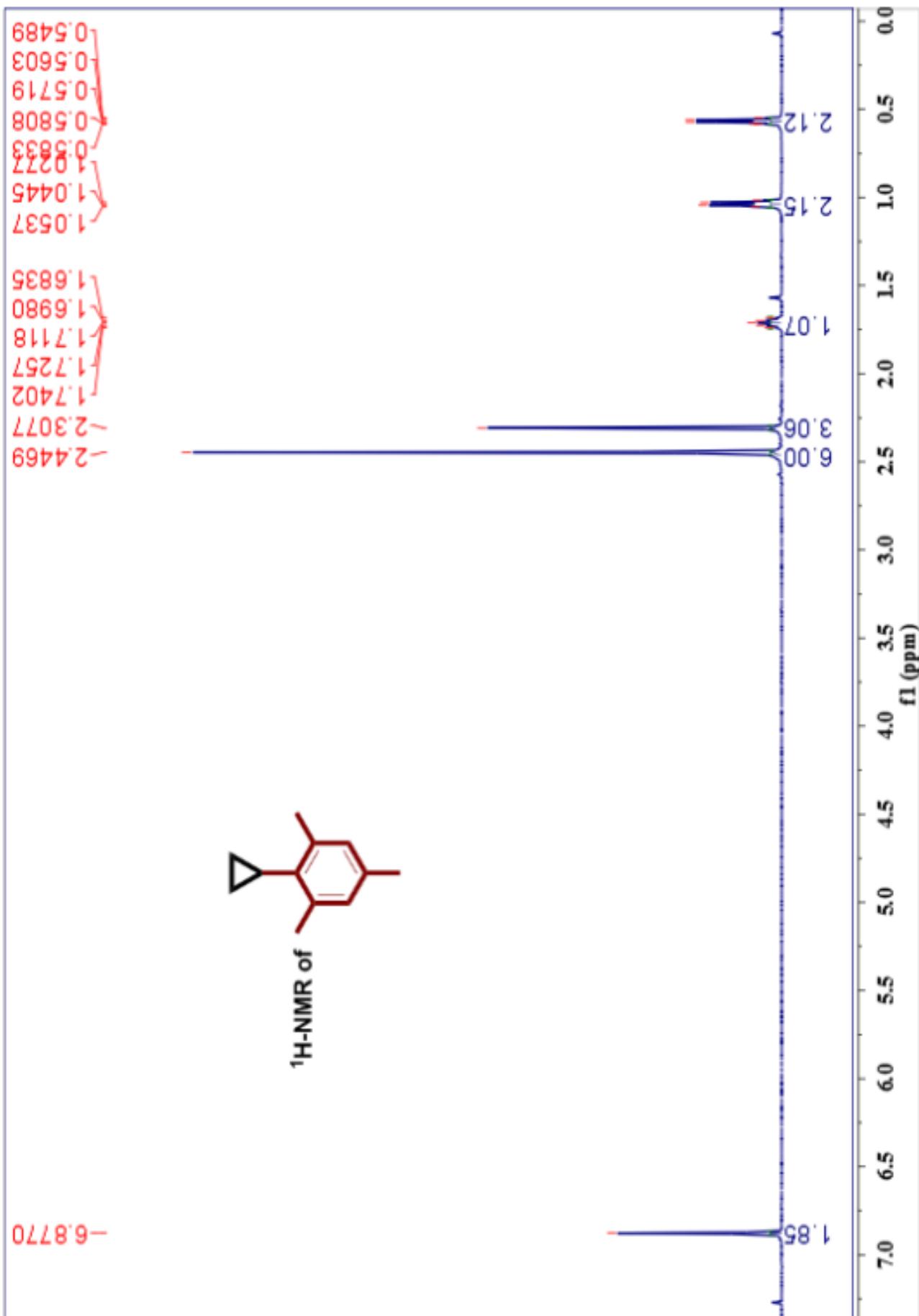


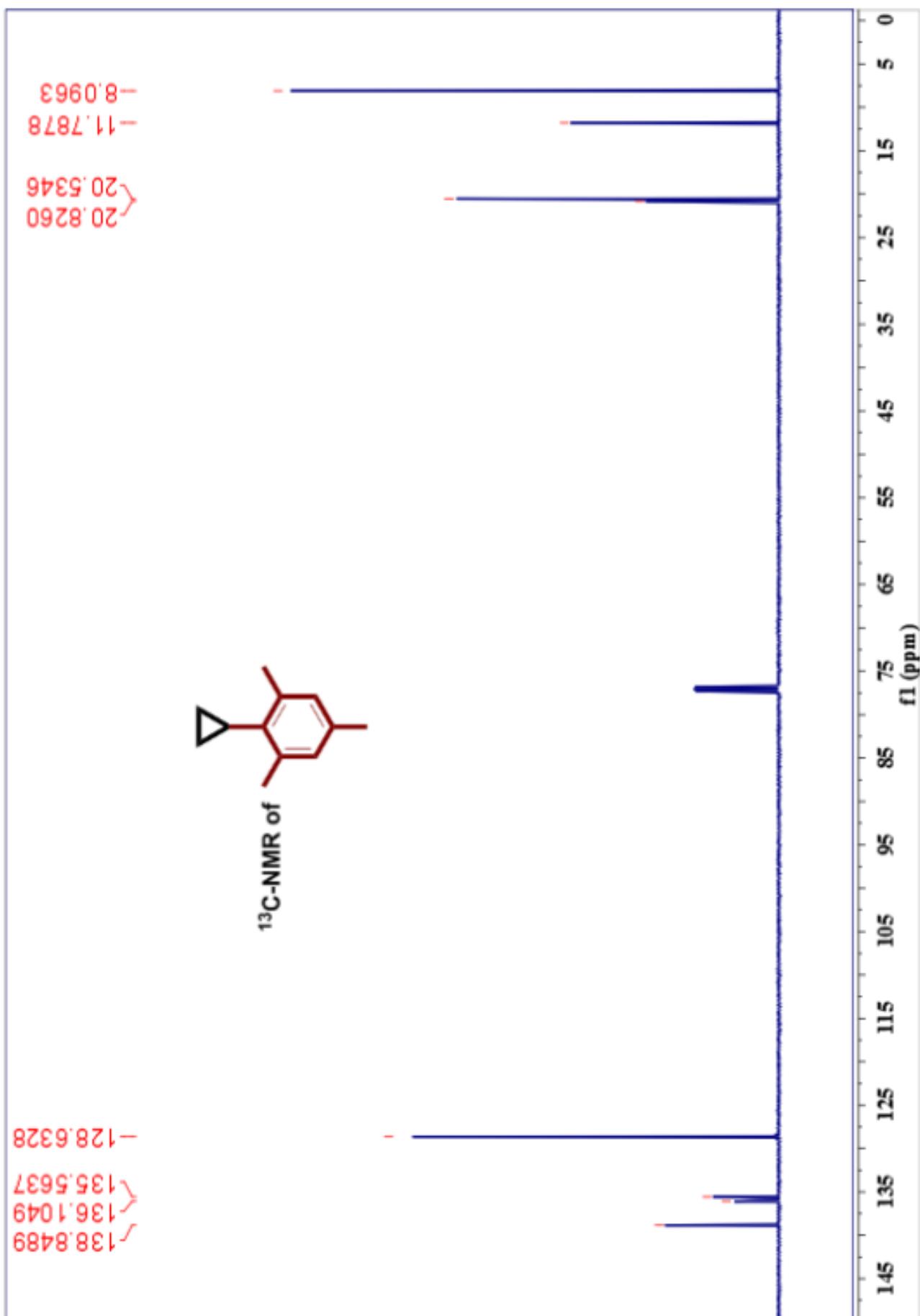


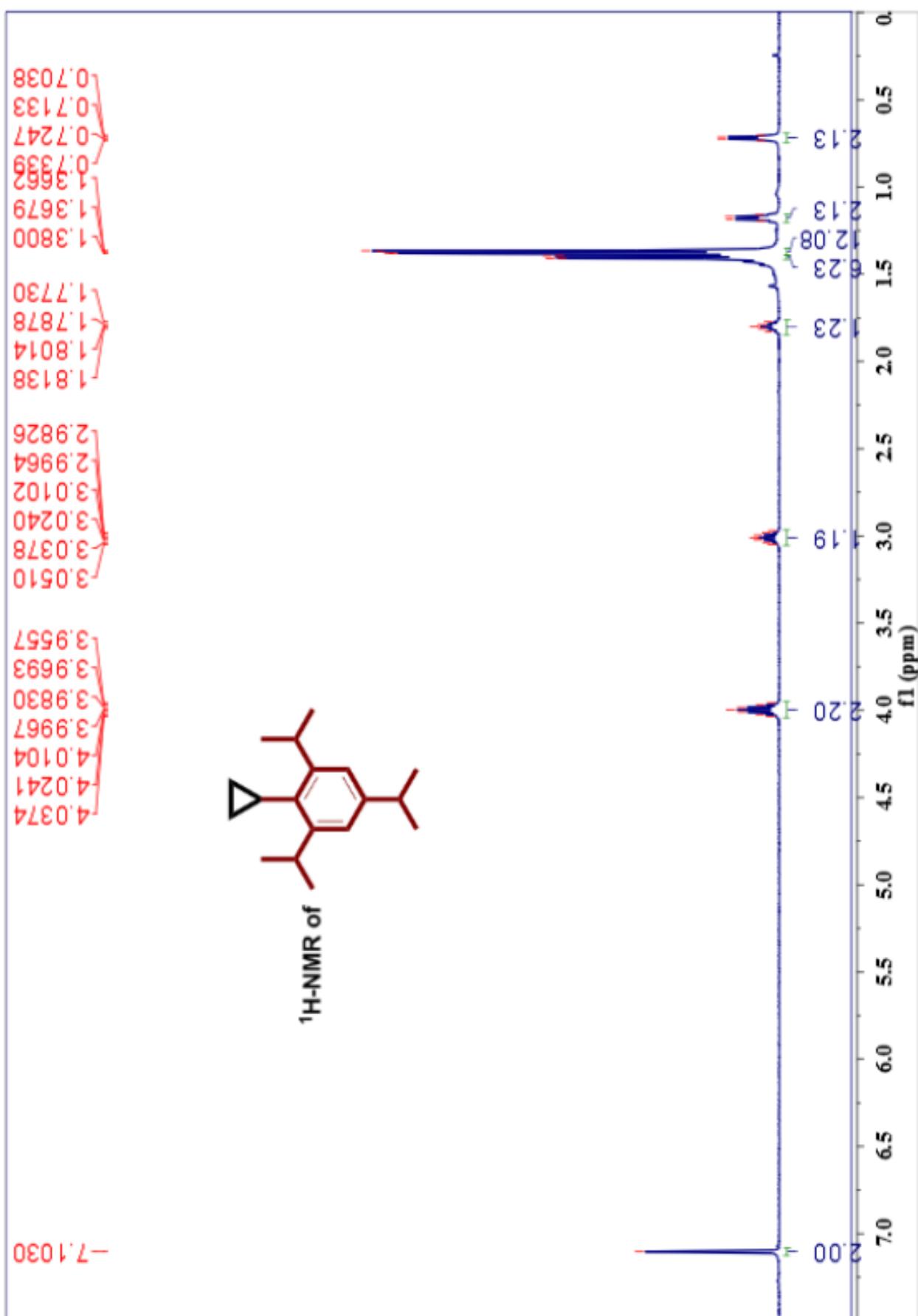


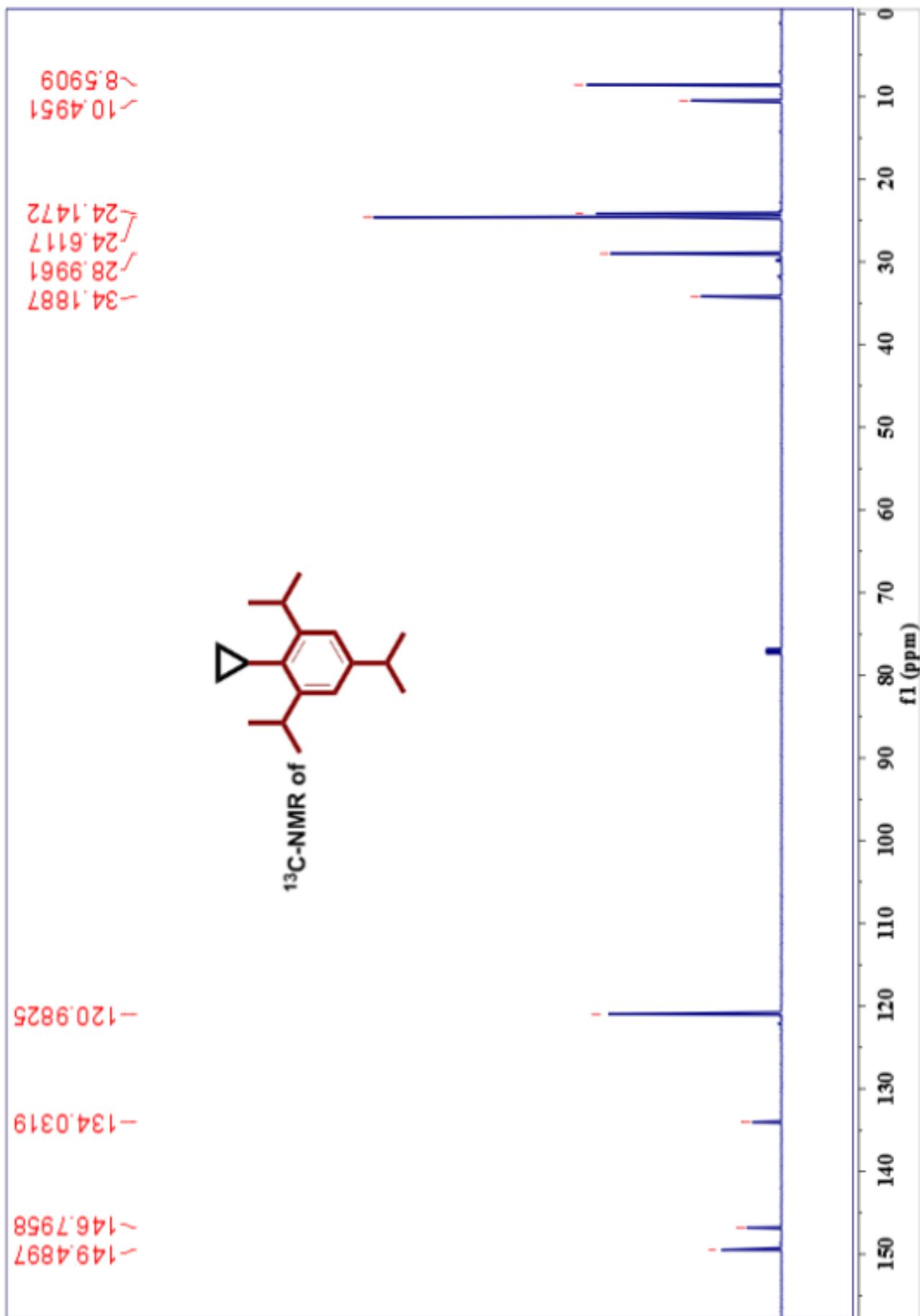


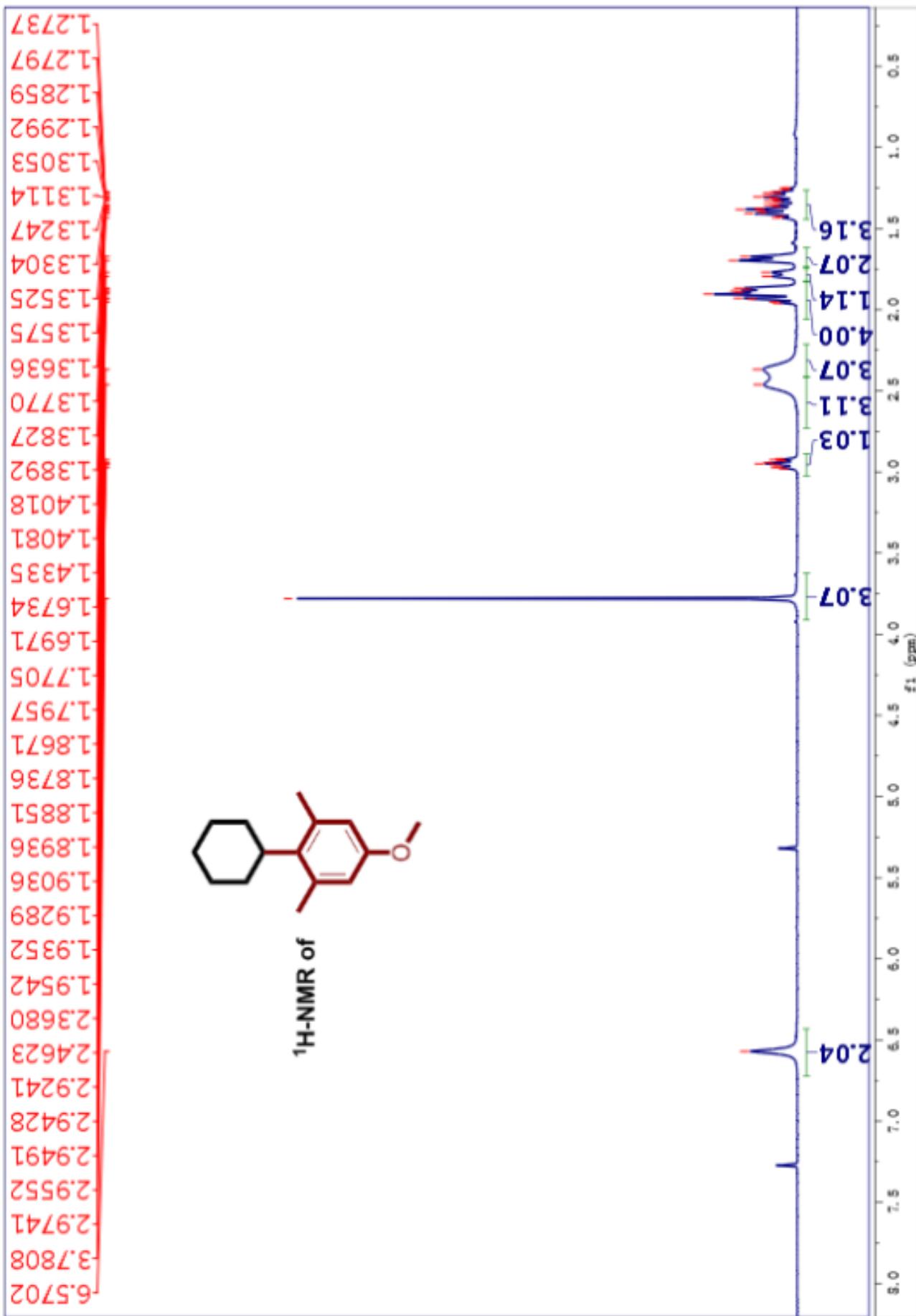


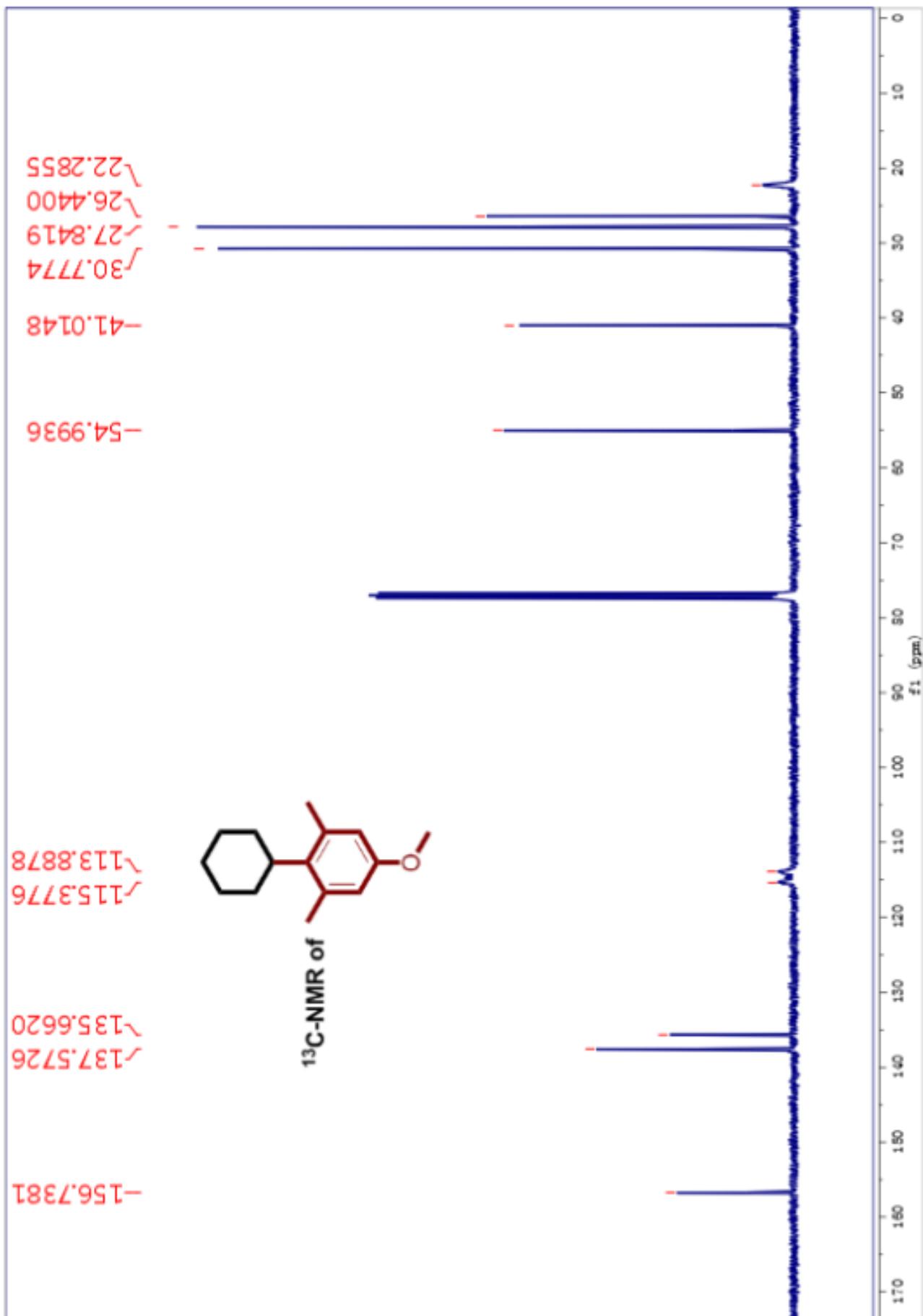












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