

*Supporting Information for:*

**Chemical Synthesis Study Establishes the Correct Structure of the  
Potent Anti-Inflammatory Agent Myrsinoic Acid F**

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## Biological Evaluations

**Anti-inflammatory Test.** The TPA-induced mouse ear edema assay inflammatory tests used in this study were modifications of a protocol defined by Gschwendt<sup>1</sup> and employed in the original evaluation of myrsinoic acid F.<sup>2</sup> Specifically, 20 µL solutions of each of compounds **3**, **7**, **8**, **12** and **13** in acetone at concentrations of 1.4 or 0.56 µmol were applied to the outer surface of right ears of the mice by means of an automatic microliter pipet. After 0.5 h, 12-*O*-tetradecanoylphorbol-13-acetate (TPA) (0.5 µg in 20 µL of acetone) was applied to the right ears of each animal. Blank controls received acetone alone while indometacin served as the positive control. After a further 7 h the animals were sacrificed and both ears removed. Plugs of 0.8 cm in diameter were then obtained from the tips of both the right and left ears with the aid of a punch and these were weighed to the nearest 0.1 mg. The extent of the edema was determined from the mean difference in weight of right and left ear-plugs (Δweight) and taken to represent the degree of swelling. The inhibition rate (in % terms) was determined using the following equation:

$$\text{Inhibition rate (\%)} = \frac{\Delta\text{weight of control} - \Delta\text{weight of sample}}{\Delta\text{weight of control}} \times 100\%$$

**Table S1. The Anti-inflammatory Activities of Compounds 3, 7, 8, 12 and 13 in a Mouse Ear Inflammation Test**

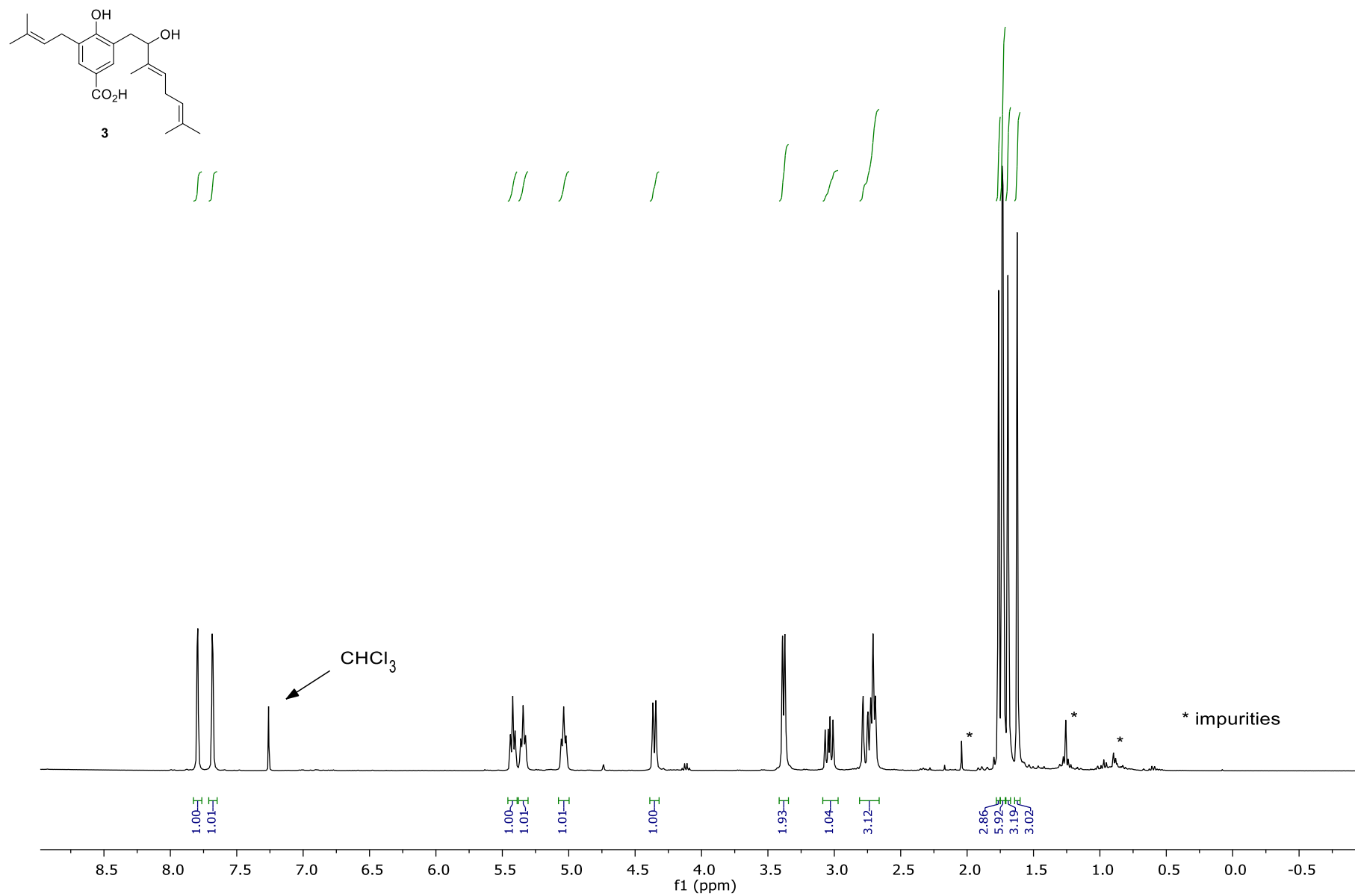
Sample	Concentration	Swelling degree	Inhibition rate (%)
Blank	–	0.0222±0.0058	–
Indomethacin	1.4 µmol	0.0155±0.0031 <sup>*</sup>	30
	0.6 µmol	0.0152±0.0025 <sup>*</sup>	32
<b>3</b>	1.4 µmol	0.0069±0.0024 <sup>*</sup>	69
	0.6 µmol	0.0100±0.0042 <sup>*</sup>	55
<b>7</b>	1.4 µmol	0.0152±0.0026 <sup>*</sup>	32
	0.6 µmol	0.0161±0.0044 <sup>*</sup>	27
<b>8</b>	1.4 µmol	0.0155±0.0026 <sup>*</sup>	32
	0.6 µmol	0.0142±0.0024 <sup>*</sup>	36
<b>12</b>	1.4 µmol	0.0153±0.0014 <sup>*</sup>	31
	0.6 µmol	0.013±0.0024 <sup>*</sup>	41
<b>13</b>	1.4 µmol	0.0137±0.0018 <sup>*</sup>	38
	0.6 µmol	0.0125±0.0042 <sup>*</sup>	44

<sup>\*</sup>Significantly different, P<0.01.

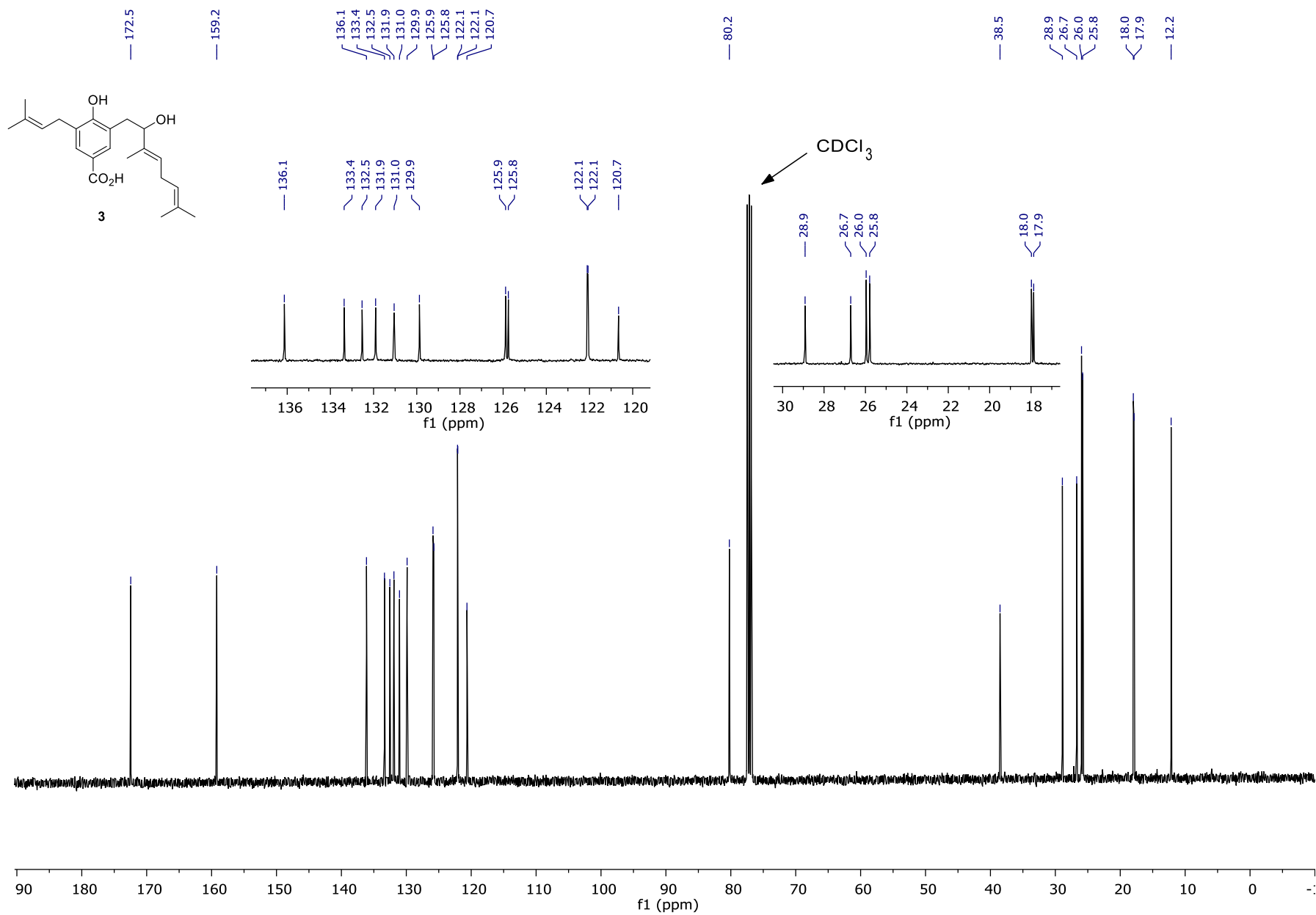
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1. Gschwendt, M.; Kittstein, W.; Furstenberger, G.; Marks, F., *Cancer Letters*, **1984**, 25, 177.
2. See ref. 1 of paper.

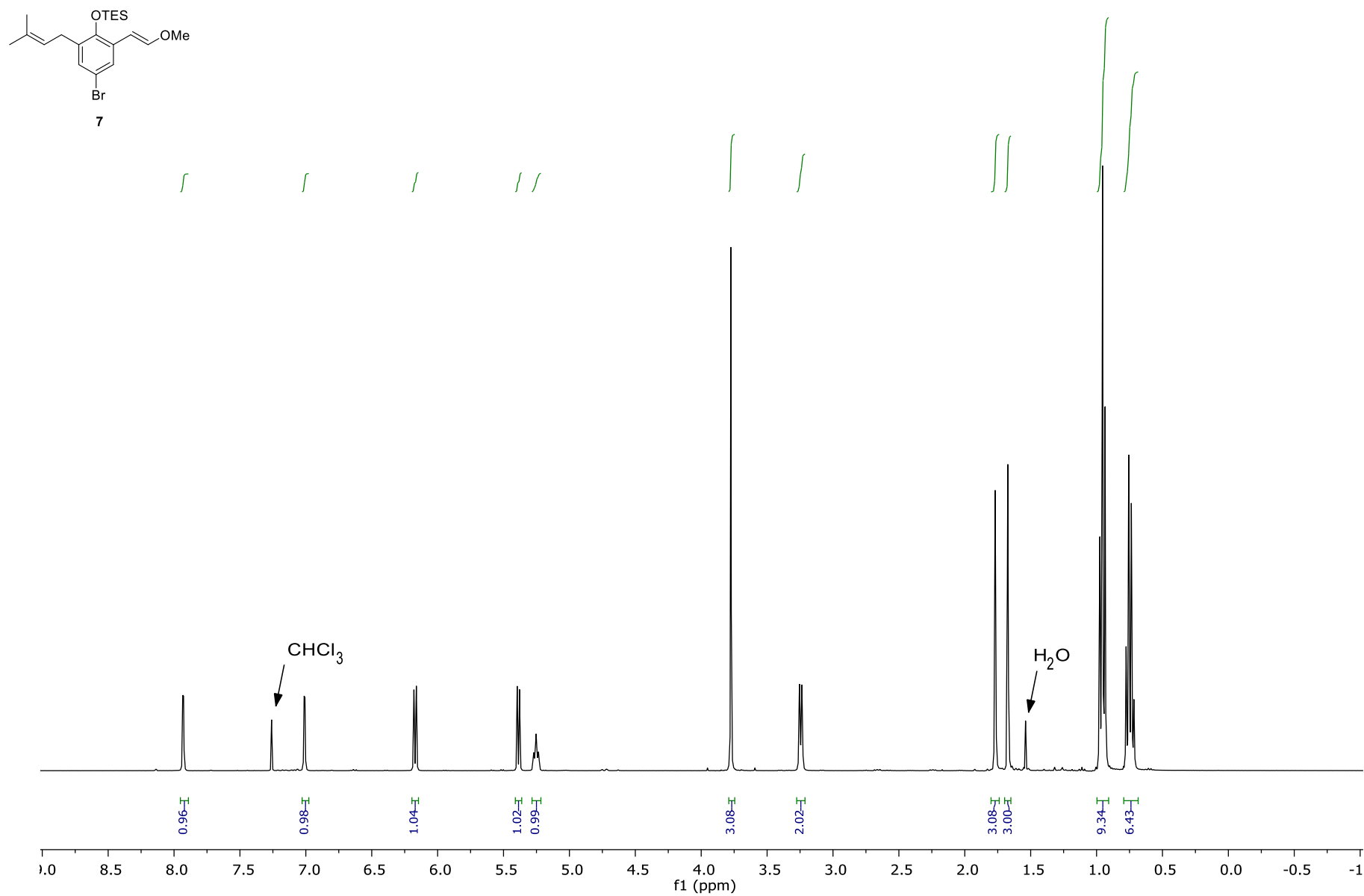
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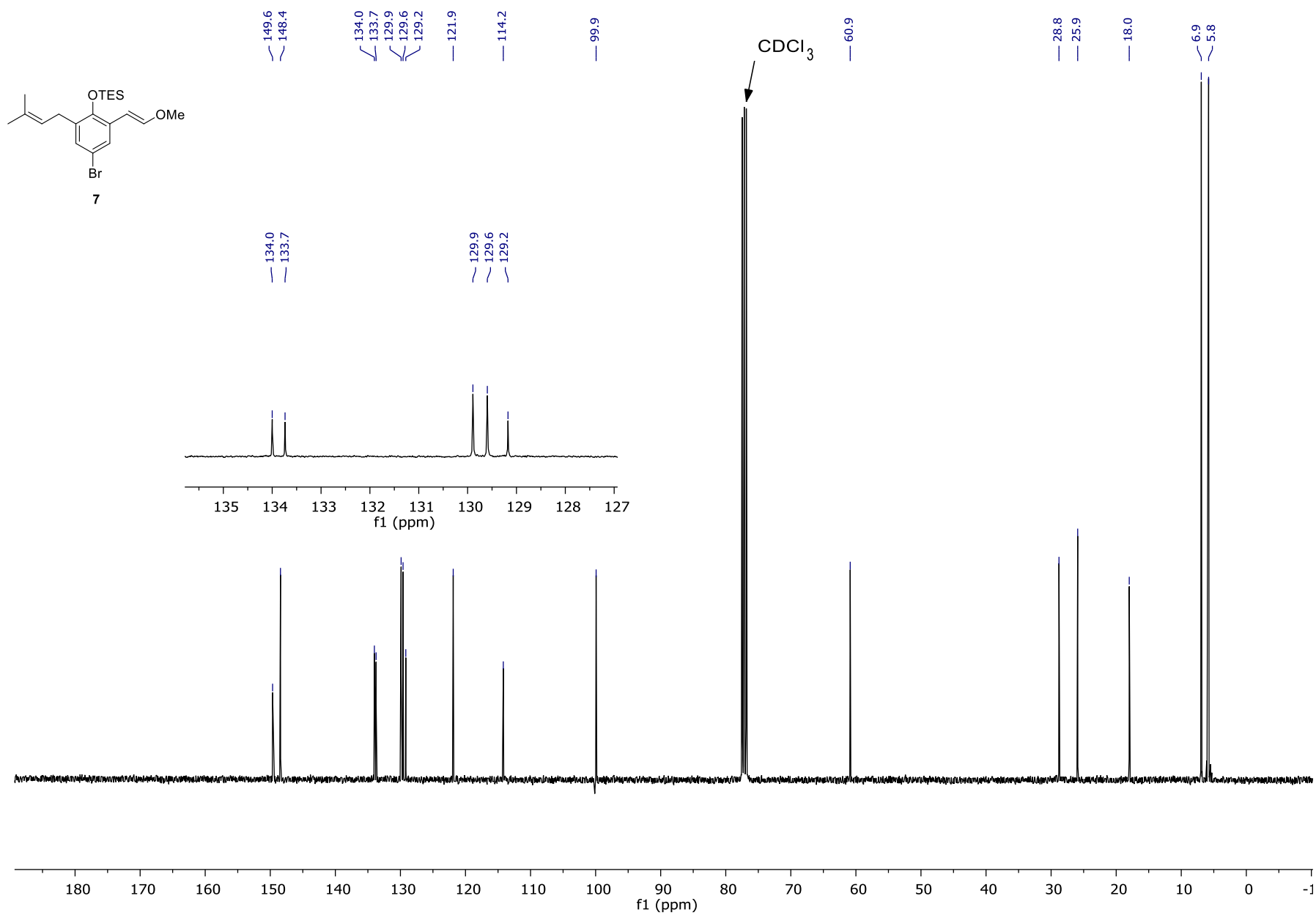
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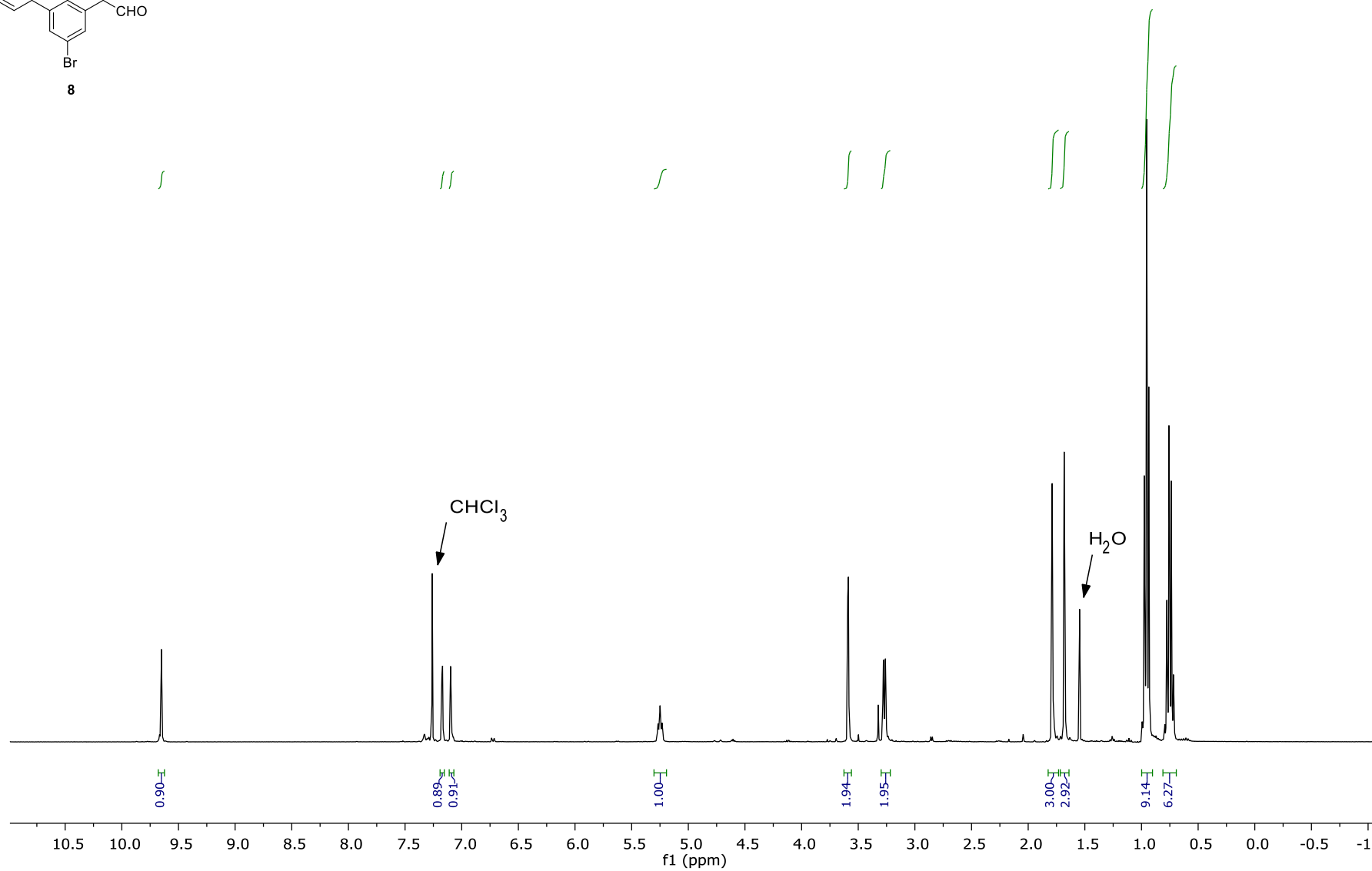
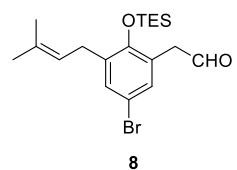
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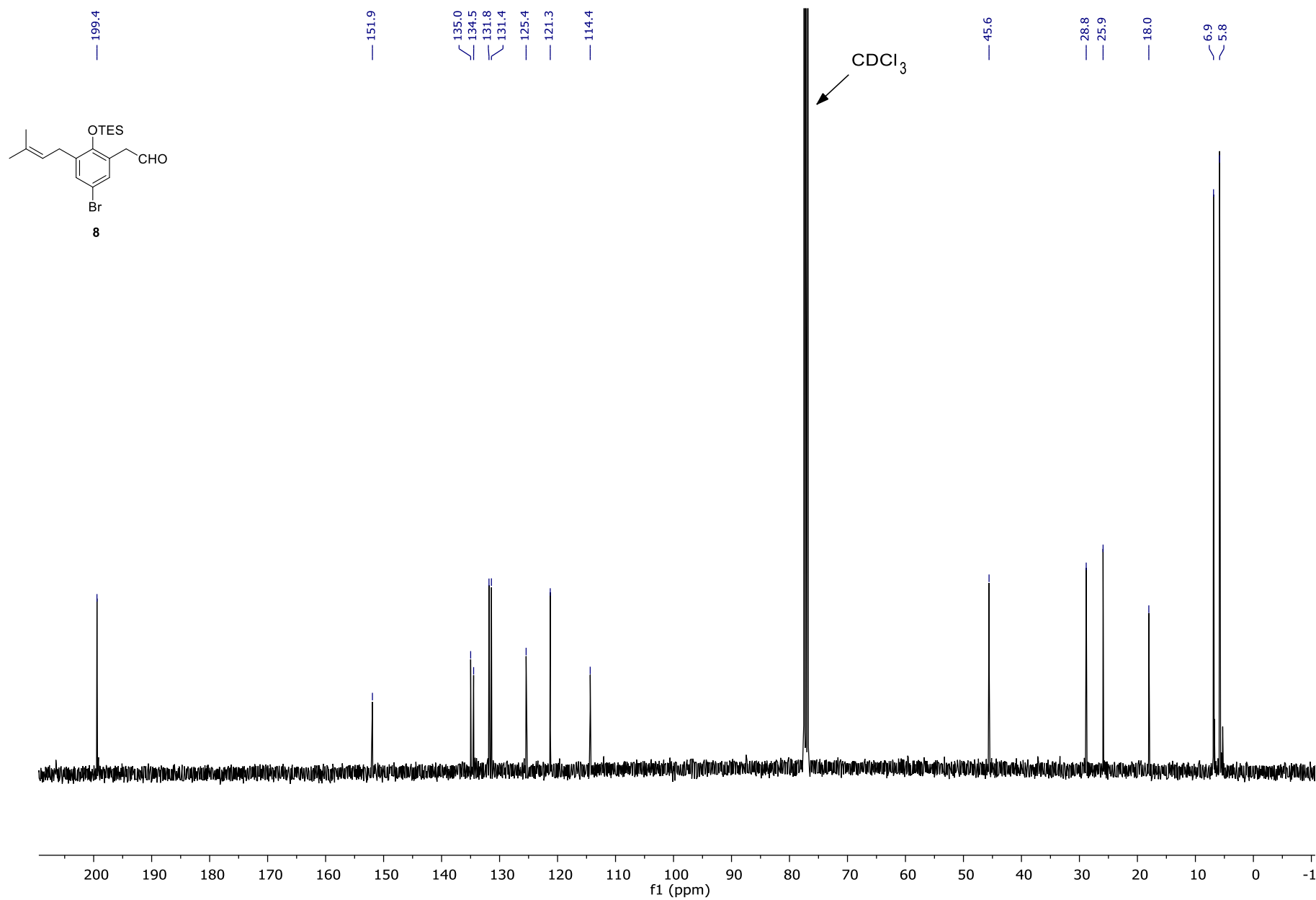


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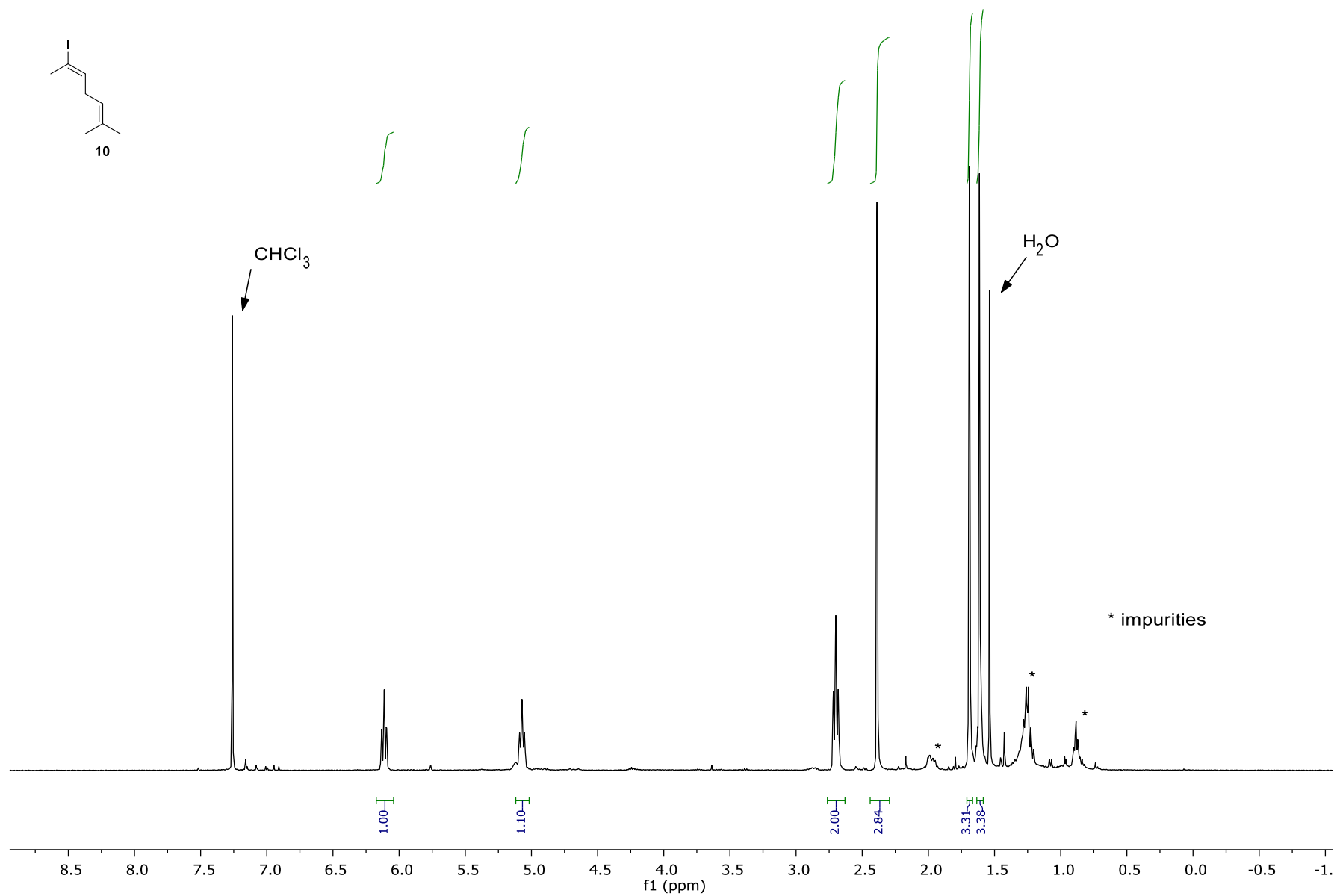




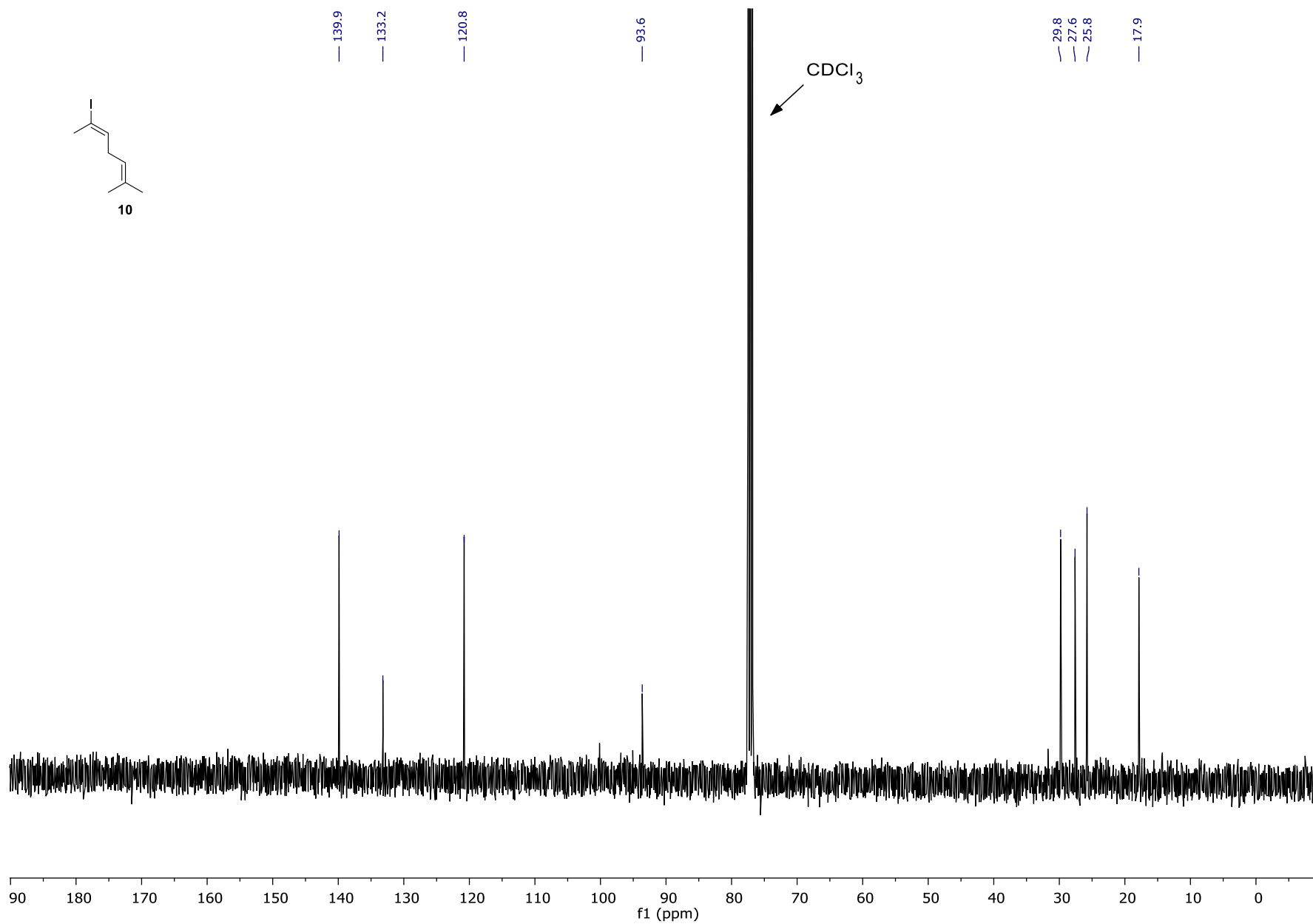
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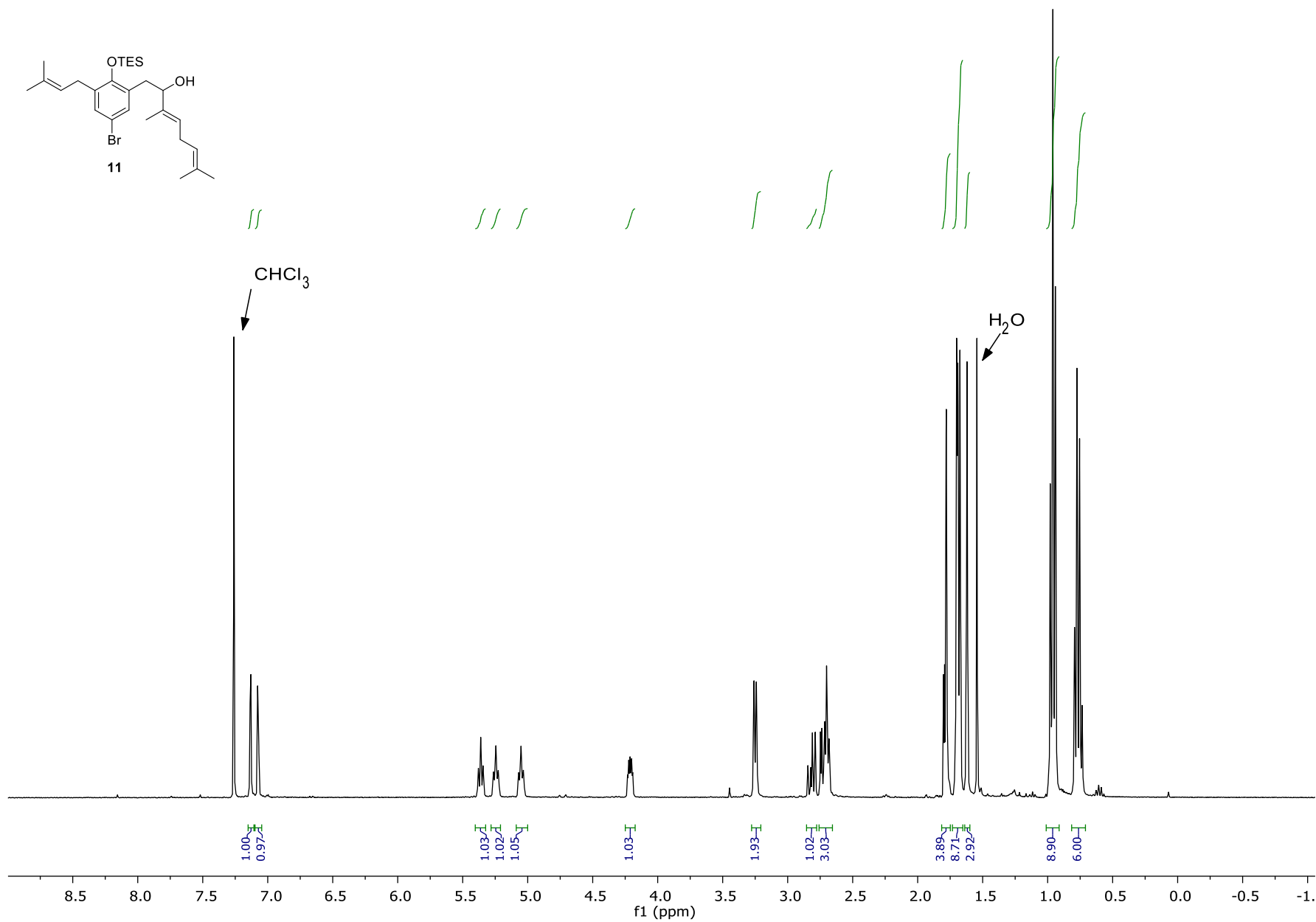
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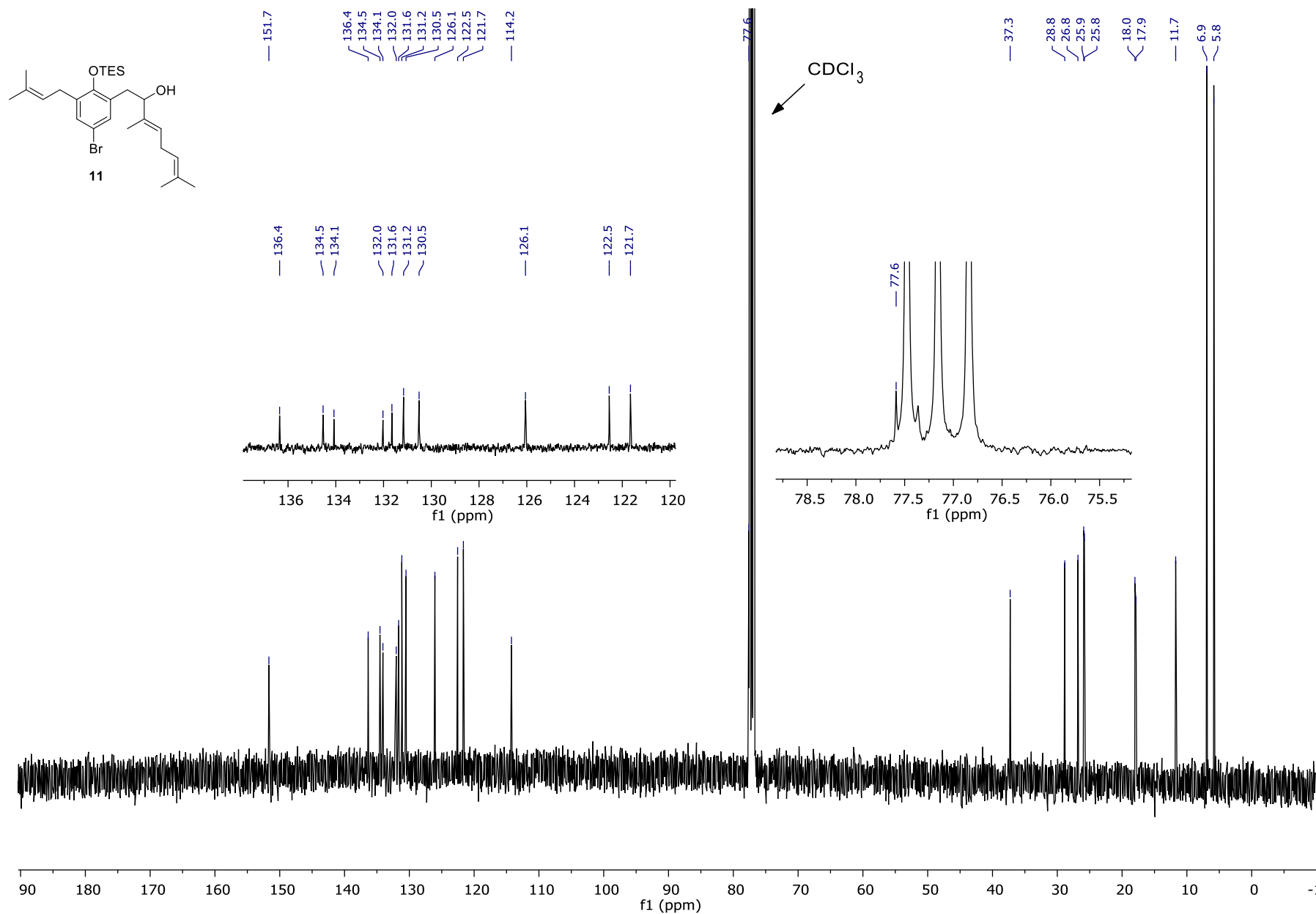
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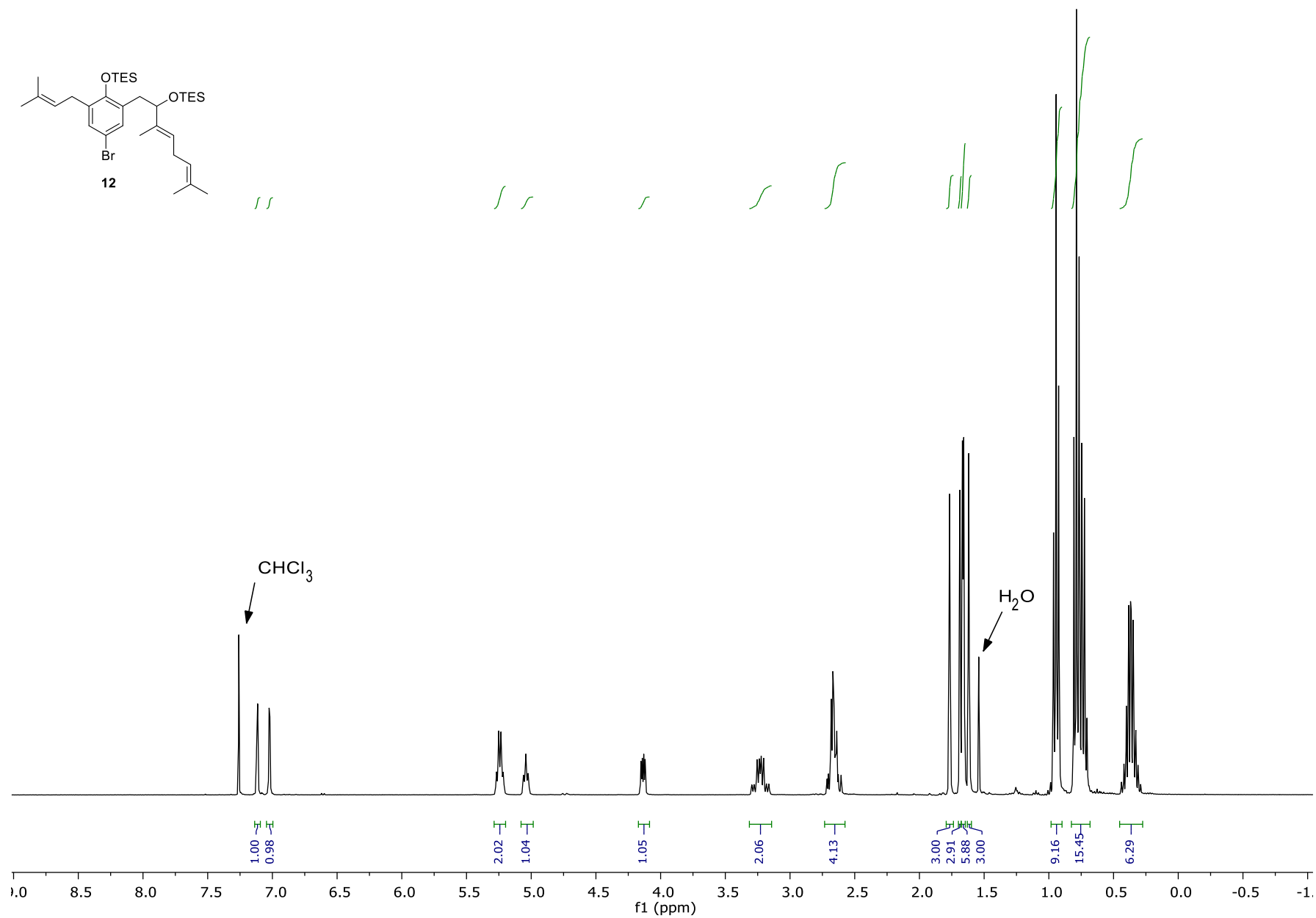
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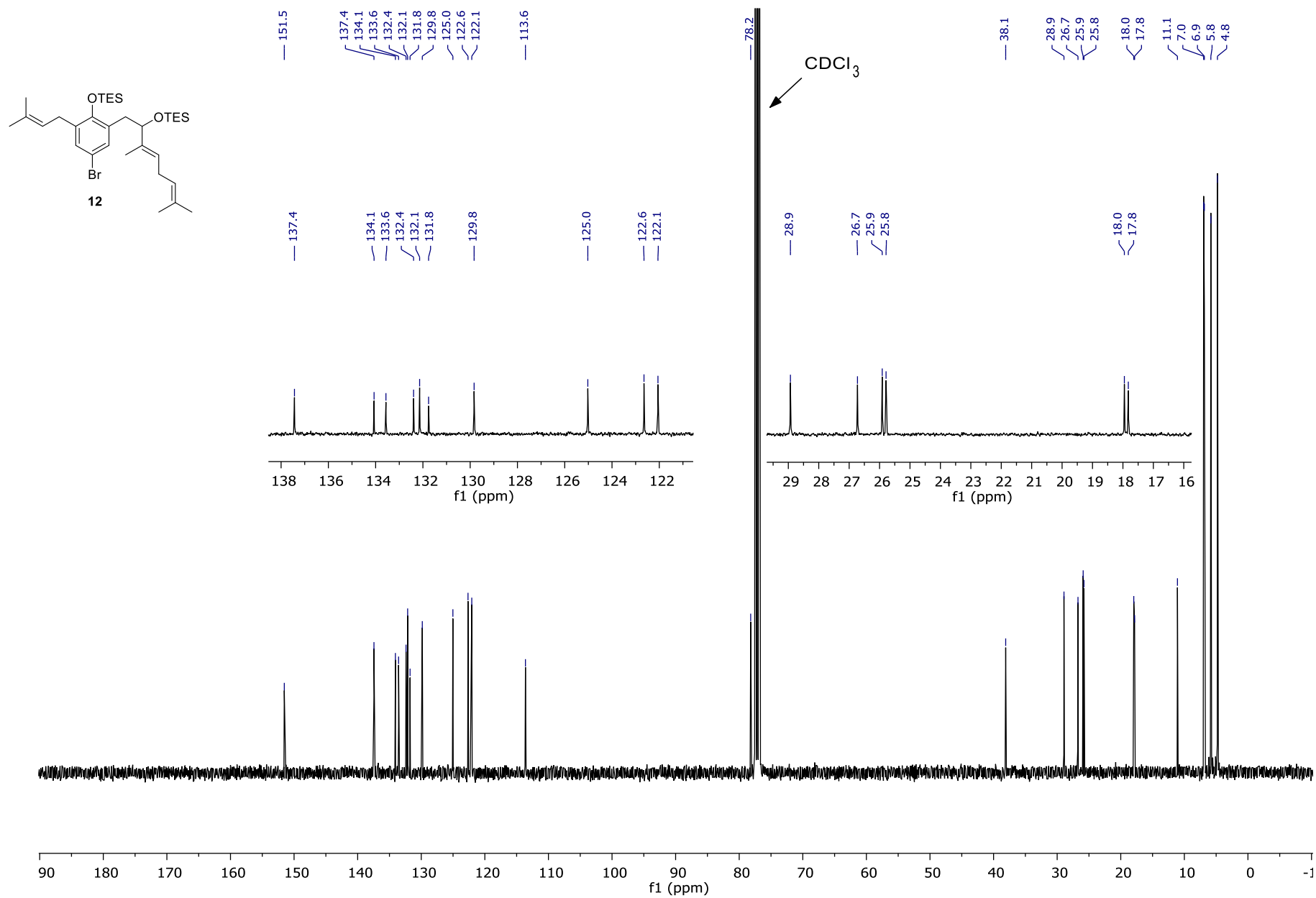
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400 MHz  $^1\text{H}$  NMR Spectrum of Compound **12** (recorded in  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )



100 MHz <sup>13</sup>C NMR Spectrum of Compound **12** (recorded in CDCl<sub>3</sub>)



400 MHz  $^1\text{H}$  NMR Spectrum of Compound **13** (recorded in  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )

