

Iron(III)-Mediated Bicyclization of 1,2-Allenyl Aryl Ketones: Assembly of Indanone-Fused Polycyclic Scaffolds and Dibenzo[*a,e*]pentalene Derivatives

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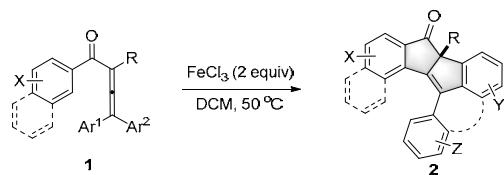
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1. General Methods.

NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker AV-400 MHz spectrometer. The ¹H NMR (400 MHz) chemical shifts were reported in parts per million (δ) relative to internal standard TMS (0 ppm) in CDCl₃ and solvent signals (2.50 ppm) in DMSO-d₆. The coupling constants, J values were reported in Hertz (Hz). The ¹³C NMR (100 MHz) chemical shifts were referenced to the internal solvent signals (77.0 ppm in CDCl₃, 39.52 ppm in DMSO-d₆). High-resolution mass spectra (HRMS) were recorded on a Waters TOFMS GCT Premier using ESI ionization. UV-Vis spectra were taken on a HITACHI U3010 Spectrophotometer. Fluorescence measurements were performed on an Agilent Cary Eclipse Fluorescence Spectrophotometer. Melting points were measured with WRR digital point apparatus and not corrected. All commercial reagents were used without additional purification and solvents were dried by standard methods when necessary. The anhydrous FeCl₃ (AR) was purchased from Aladdin Reagent Company, Inc. Petroleum ether referred to the fraction with boiling point in the range 60–90 °C. All reactions were monitored by TLC with GF 254 silica gel coated plates. Flash column chromatography was carried out using 200–300 mesh silica gel. The materials 1,3,3-triarylpropyne¹, 2-methyl-1,4,4-triphenylbuta-2,3-dien-1-one **2o**² and 4-(4-isobutylphenyl)-2-methyl-1-phenylpenta-2,3-dien-1-one **2z**² was prepared according to the literature procedure.

2. Procedure and experiment data for indanone-fused polycyclic compounds 2

(a) General procedure:

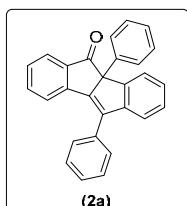


The solution of *tetra*-substituted allenyl ketones **1** (0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv) in 2 mL of DCM was added

FeCl3 (0.4 mmol, 2.0 equiv) in the open air. Then the vessel was sealed and submerged in an oil bath preheated to 50 °C for 12 h. After completion of the reaction, the mixture was quenched by adding 10 mL of H2O and extracted with EtOAc (3×10 mL). The combined organic phase was washed with H2O (3×10 mL), dried over anhydrous Na2SO4, concentrated *in vacuo* and purified by flash silica gel chromatography to afford indanone-fused polycycles **2**.

(b) Experiment data:

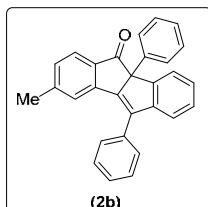
4b,10-diphenyldeno[2,1-a]inden-5(4bH)-one (2a)



The reaction of 1,2,4,4-tetraphenylbuta-2,3-dien-1-one **1a** (74.8 mg, 0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv), FeCl3 (65 mg, 0.4 mmol, 2.0 equiv), in 2 mL of DCM at 50 °C for 12 h afforded **2a** (64.7 mg, 87%) as a yellow solid; **5.580 g (15 mmol) scale reaction:**

The reaction of 1,2,4,4-tetraphenylbuta-2,3-dien-1-one **1a** (5.580 g, 15 mmol, 1.0 equiv), FeCl3 (4.860 g, 30 mmol, 2.0 equiv), in 150 mL of DCM at 50 °C for 12 h afforded **2a** (4.456 g, 80%) as a yellow solid; m.p. 167-168 °C (Petroleum ether/EtOAc); $R_f = 0.45$ (Petroleum ether/EtOAc = 10/1); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl3): δ 7.77-7.72 (m, 3H), 7.71-7.67 (m, 3H), 7.64 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.57 (t, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 2H), 7.51-7.47 (m, 1H), 7.43-7.38 (m, 2H), 7.29-7.24 (m, 4H), 7.22 (s, 1H), 7.20-7.17 (m, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl3): δ 194.9, 146.5, 145.6, 145.2, 144.5, 144.1, 139.9, 139.1, 134.9, 133.8, 129.6, 128.9, 128.7, 128.6, 128.1, 127.8, 127.7, 126.9, 126.2, 125.0, 124.6, 122.7, 121.9, 74.1; HRMS (ES⁺-TOF) calcd for C28H19O ([M+H]⁺): 371.1430, found 371.1433.

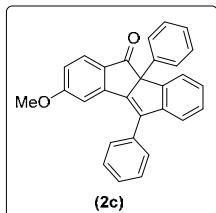
8-methyl-4b,10-diphenyldeno[2,1-a]inden-5(4bH)-one (2b)



The reaction of 2,4,4-triphenyl-1-(*p*-tolyl)buta-2,3-dien-1-one **1b** (77.2 mg, 0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv), FeCl3 (65 mg, 0.4 mmol, 2.0 equiv), in 2 mL of DCM at 50 °C for 12 h afforded **2b** (72.6 mg, 94%) as a yellow solid; m.p. 194-196 °C

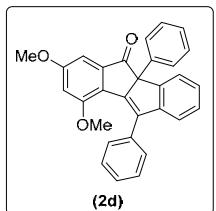
(Petroleum ether/EtOAc); $R_f = 0.45$ (Petroleum ether/EtOAc = 10/1); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.76-7.71 (m, 3H), 7.68-7.63 (m, 3H), 7.58 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 2H), 7.51-7.49 (m, 1H), 7.43 (s, 1H), 7.38-7.37 (m, 1H), 7.26-7.22 (m, 4H), 7.19-7.18 (m, 1H), 7.04 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 2.29 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 194.4, 146.6, 146.0, 145.6, 145.3, 144.4, 142.3, 140.2, 138.7, 134.0, 129.6, 129.3, 128.9, 128.7, 128.5, 127.7, 127.5, 126.8, 126.2, 124.8, 124.6, 123.2, 121.8, 74.4, 22.2; HRMS (ES⁺-TOF) calcd for $\text{C}_{29}\text{H}_{21}\text{O}$ ($[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$): 385.1587, found 385.1595.

8-methoxy-4b,10-diphenylindeno[2,1-a]inden-5(4bH)-one (2c)



The reaction of 1-(4-methoxyphenyl)-2,4,4-triphenylbuta-2,3-dien-1-one **1c** (80.9 mg, 0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv), FeCl_3 (65 mg, 0.4 mmol, 2.0 equiv), in 2 mL of DCM at 50 °C for 12 h afforded **2c** (75.0 mg, 92%) as a yellow solid; m.p. 197-198 °C (Petroleum ether/EtOAc); $R_f = 0.26$ (Petroleum ether/EtOAc = 10/1); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.76-7.74 (m, 1H), 7.72-7.67 (m, 5H), 7.56 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 7.50-7.46 (m, 1H), 7.39-7.37 (m, 1H), 7.28-7.22 (m, 4H), 7.20-7.16 (m, 1H), 7.08 (d, $J = 2.0$ Hz, 1H), 6.75 (dd, $J_1 = 4.4$ Hz, $J_2 = 1.0$ Hz, 1H), 3.72 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 193.2, 165.1, 146.5, 146.4, 145.5, 145.4, 140.3, 139.2, 137.6, 133.9, 129.6, 128.85, 128.76, 128.5, 127.7, 127.5, 127.0, 126.7, 126.2, 124.7, 121.9, 114.8, 107.0, 74.2, 55.5; HRMS (ES⁺-TOF) calcd for $\text{C}_{29}\text{H}_{21}\text{O}_2$ ($[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$): 401.1536, found 401.1546.

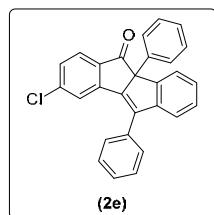
7,9-dimethoxy-4b,10-diphenylindeno[2,1-a]inden-5(4bH)-one (2d)



The reaction of 1-(3,5-dimethoxyphenyl)-2,4,4-triphenylbuta-2,3-dien-1-one **1d** (86.5 mg, 0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv), FeCl_3 (65 mg, 0.4 mmol, 2.0 equiv), in 2 mL of DCM at 50 °C for 12 h afforded **2d** (40.8 mg, 47%) as a yellow solid; m.p. 156-158 °C (Petroleum ether/EtOAc); $R_f = 0.30$ (Petroleum ether/EtOAc = 5/1); ^1H NMR (400 MHz,

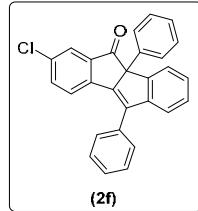
CDCl_3): δ 7.74-7.71 (m, 1H), 7.68-7.66 (m, 2H), 7.48-7.38 (m, 5H), 7.23-7.14 (m, 6H), 6.87 (d, J = 1.0 Hz, 1H), 6.55 (d, J = 1.0 Hz, 1H), 3.79 (s, 3H), 3.44 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 194.5, 161.4, 156.3, 147.4, 147.1, 144.0, 143.8, 140.4, 135.4, 134.8, 129.1, 128.9, 127.9, 127.7, 127.6, 127.4, 126.2, 125.9, 124.0, 121.5, 106.1, 99.2, 75.3, 55.8, 55.0; HRMS (ES⁺-TOF) calcd for $\text{C}_{30}\text{H}_{23}\text{O}_3$ ($[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$): 431.1642, found 431.1646.

8-chloro-4b,10-diphenylindeno[2,1-a]inden-5(4bH)-one (2e)



The reaction of 1-(4-chlorophenyl)-2,4,4-triphenylbuta-2,3-dien-1-one **1e** (81.4 mg, 0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv), FeCl_3 (65 mg, 0.4 mmol, 2.0 equiv), in 2 mL of DCM at 50 °C for 12 h afforded **2e** (73.0 mg, 89%) as a yellow solid; m.p. 188-189 °C (Petroleum ether/EtOAc); R_f = 0.45 (Petroleum ether/EtOAc = 10/1); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.75-7.73 (m, 1H), 7.70-7.68 (m, 2H), 7.67-7.64 (m, 3H), 7.61-7.57 (m, 3H), 7.53-7.50 (m, 1H), 7.40-7.38 (m, 1H), 7.29-7.23 (m, 4H), 7.21-7.18 (m, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 193.6, 145.3, 144.8, 142.8, 141.4, 140.6, 139.5, 133.4, 129.5, 129.1, 129.0, 128.8, 128.4, 127.9, 127.8, 127.3, 126.1, 126.0, 124.7, 122.8, 122.2, 74.4; HRMS (ES⁺-TOF) calcd for $\text{C}_{28}\text{H}_{18}\text{ClO}$ ($[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$): 405.1041, found 405.1049.

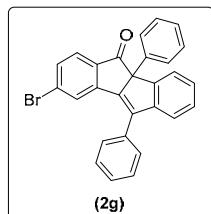
7-chloro-4b,10-diphenylindeno[2,1-a]inden-5(4bH)-one (2f)



The reaction of 1-(3-chlorophenyl)-2,4,4-triphenylbuta-2,3-dien-1-one **1f** (81.4 mg, 0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv), FeCl_3 (65 mg, 0.4 mmol, 2.0 equiv), in 2 mL of DCM at 50 °C for 12 h afforded **2f** (71.2 mg, 87%) as a yellow solid; m.p. 140-142 °C (Petroleum ether/EtOAc); R_f = 0.45 (Petroleum ether/EtOAc = 10/1); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.75-7.73 (m, 1H), 7.71-7.68 (m, 3H), 7.66-7.64 (m, 2H), 7.59-7.55 (m, 3H), 7.52-7.50 (m, 1H), 7.40-7.34 (m, 2H), 7.29-7.20 (m, 5H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 193.7, 145.7, 145.4, 145.1,

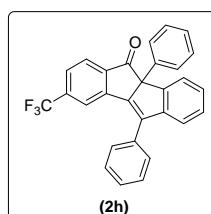
145.0, 142.2, 139.8, 139.3, 134.8, 134.5, 133.6, 129.5, 129.1, 128.9, 128.7, 127.91, 127.87, 127.2, 126.2, 125.0, 124.6, 123.6, 122.1, 74.5; HRMS (ES⁺-TOF) calcd for C₂₈H₁₈ClO ([M+H]⁺): 405.1041, found 405.1042.

8-bromo-4b,10-diphenylindeno[2,1-a]inden-5(4bH)-one (2g)



The reaction of 1-(4-bromophenyl)-2,4,4-triphenylbuta-2,3-dien-1-one **1g** (90.2 mg, 0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv), FeCl₃ (65 mg, 0.4 mmol, 2.0 equiv), in 2 mL of DCM at 50 °C for 12 h afforded **2g** (80.5 mg, 93%) as a yellow solid; m.p. 213-215 °C (Petroleum ether/EtOAc); R_f = 0.45 (Petroleum ether/EtOAc = 10/1); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.76-7.73 (m, 2H), 7.70-7.68 (m, 2H), 7.65-7.58 (m, 5H), 7.54-7.50 (m, 1H), 7.40-7.36 (m, 2H), 7.30-7.26 (m, 3H), 7.23-7.20 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 193.8, 145.4, 145.2, 144.7, 143.2, 140.6, 139.4, 133.4, 131.3, 130.2, 129.5, 129.1, 129.0, 128.8, 127.9, 127.8, 127.3, 126.14, 126.10, 125.8, 124.7, 122.3, 74.3; HRMS (ES⁺-TOF) calcd for C₂₈H₁₈BrO ([M+H]⁺): 449.0536, found 449.0544.

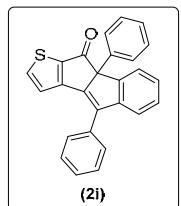
4b,10-diphenyl-8-(trifluoromethyl)indeno[2,1-a]inden-5(4bH)-one (2h)



The reaction of 2,4,4-triphenyl-1-(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)buta-2,3-dien-1-one **1h** (88.1 mg, 0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv), FeCl₃ (65 mg, 0.4 mmol, 2.0 equiv), in 2 mL of DCM at 50 °C for 12 h afforded **2g** (74.0 mg, 83%) as a yellow solid; m.p. 214-216 °C (Petroleum ether/EtOAc); R_f = 0.40 (Petroleum ether/EtOAc = 10/1); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.87-7.82 (m, 2H), 7.76-7.71 (m, 3H), 7.65 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.60 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.55-7.48 (m, 2H), 7.44-7.42 (m, 1H), 7.32-7.21 (m, 5H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 194.0, 146.9, 145.2, 144.6, 144.2, 141.1, 139.0, 136.0 (q, ²J_{C-F} = 32.0 Hz), 133.2, 129.4, 129.3, 129.1, 128.8, 128.0, 127.5, 126.2, 125.4, 124.9 (q, ³J_{C-F} = 1.7 Hz), 124.7, 123.3 (q, ¹J_{C-F} = 275.0 Hz), 122.4, 119.5

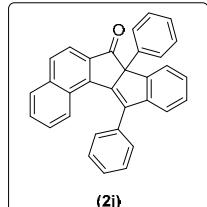
(broad), 74.6; HRMS (ES⁺-TOF) calcd for C₂₉H₁₈F₃O ([M+H]⁺): 439.1304, found 439.1311.

4,8b-diphenylbenzo[4,5]pentaleno[2,1-b]thiophen-9(8bH)-one (2i)



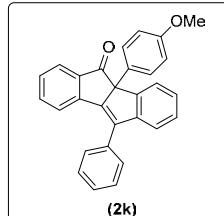
The reaction of 2,4,4-triphenyl-1-(thiophen-2-yl)buta-2,3-dien-1-one **1i** (75.7 mg, 0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv), FeCl₃ (65 mg, 0.4 mmol, 2.0 equiv), in 2 mL of DCM at 50 °C for 12 h afforded **2i** (43.1 mg, 57%) as a yellow solid; m.p. 174-176 °C (Petroleum ether/EtOAc); R_f = 0.50 (Petroleum ether/EtOAc = 10/1); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.79-7.62 (m, 6H), 7.59-7.41 (m, 4H), 7.32-7.15 (m, 5H), 7.08 (d, J = 4.0 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 186.5, 157.1, 146.5, 145.4, 144.7, 143.3, 140.8, 140.4, 135.7, 133.8, 129.0, 128.83, 128.78, 128.7, 127.8, 127.6, 127.2, 126.1, 124.6, 122.1, 121.2, 77.9; HRMS (ES⁺-TOF) calcd for C₂₆H₁₇OS ([M+H]⁺): 377.0995, found 377.0998.

7a,12-diphenylbenzo[4,5]pentaleno[1,2-a]naphthalen-7(7aH)-one (2j)



The reaction of 1-(naphthalen-2-yl)-2,4,4-triphenylbuta-2,3-dien-1-one **1j** (84.6 mg, 0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv), FeCl₃ (65 mg, 0.4 mmol, 2.0 equiv), in 2 mL of DCM at 50 °C for 12 h afforded **2j** (60.6 mg, 72%) as a yellow solid; m.p. 238-240 °C (Petroleum ether/EtOAc); R_f = 0.50 (Petroleum ether/EtOAc = 10/1); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.84-7.79 (m, 3H), 7.75-7.70 (m, 3H), 7.51-7.45 (m, 2H), 7.40-7.34 (m, 5H), 7.23-7.14 (m, 7H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 193.7, 146.9, 145.6, 145.5, 144.6, 143.4, 140.3, 137.1, 136.7, 134.5, 129.04, 128.98, 128.9, 128.5, 128.2, 127.9, 127.6, 127.5, 126.8, 126.5, 126.1, 124.4, 122.0, 120.5, 76.2; HRMS (ES⁺-TOF) calcd for C₃₂H₂₁O ([M+H]⁺): 421.1587, found 421.1591.

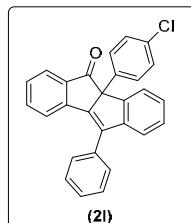
4b-(4-methoxyphenyl)-10-phenylinden-5(4bH)-one (2k)



The reaction of 2-(4-methoxyphenyl)-1,4,4-triphenylbuta-2,3-dien-1-one **1k** (80.4 mg, 0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv), FeCl₃ (65 mg, 0.4 mmol, 2.0 equiv), in 2 mL of

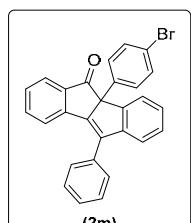
DCM at 50 °C for 12 h afforded **2k** (75.6 mg, 94%) as a yellow solid; m.p. 151-153 °C (Petroleum ether/EtOAc); R_f = 0.25 (Petroleum ether/EtOAc = 10/1); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.77-7.66 (m, 4H), 7.65-7.51 (m, 5H), 7.46 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.40-7.32 (m, 2H), 7.27-7.16 (m, 3H), 6.76 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 3.65 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 194.9, 159.0, 146.6, 145.5, 145.4, 144.4, 143.9, 138.9, 134.7, 133.8, 131.8, 129.5, 128.6, 128.5, 128.1, 127.6, 127.3, 126.8, 124.9, 124.5, 122.6, 121.8, 114.3, 73.4, 55.1; HRMS (ES⁺-TOF) calcd for $\text{C}_{29}\text{H}_{21}\text{O}_2$ ([M+H]⁺): 401.1536, found 401.1540.

4b-(4-chlorophenyl)-10-phenylinden-5(4bH)-one (2l)



The reaction of 2-(4-chlorophenyl)-1,4,4-triphenylbuta-2,3-dien-1-one **1l** (81.4 mg, 0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv), FeCl_3 (65 mg, 0.4 mmol, 2.0 equiv), in 2 mL of DCM at 50 °C for 12 h afforded **2l** (62.7 mg, 77%) as a yellow solid; m.p. 169-171 °C (Petroleum ether/EtOAc); R_f = 0.40 (Petroleum ether/EtOAc = 10/1); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.76-7.69 (m, 4H), 7.64-7.55 (m, 5H), 7.52-7.48 (m, 1H), 7.45-7.38 (m, 2H), 7.31-7.27 (m, 3H), 7.21 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 194.6, 146.1, 145.5, 144.9, 144.3, 144.0, 139.5, 138.4, 135.1, 133.6, 129.6, 129.1, 128.85, 128.77, 128.6, 128.3, 128.0, 127.6, 127.1, 125.1, 124.6, 122.7, 122.1, 73.5; HRMS (ES⁺-TOF) calcd for $\text{C}_{28}\text{H}_{18}\text{ClO}$ ([M+H]⁺): 405.1041, found 405.1038.

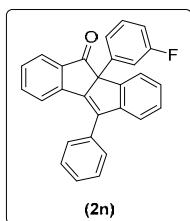
4b-(4-bromophenyl)-10-phenylinden-5(4bH)-one (2m)



The reaction of 2-(4-bromophenyl)-1,4,4-triphenylbuta-2,3-dien-1-one **1m** (90.2 mg, 0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv), FeCl_3 (65 mg, 0.4 mmol, 2.0 equiv), in 2 mL of DCM at 50 °C for 12 h afforded **2m** (82.0 mg, 91%) a yellow solid; m.p. 188-190 °C (Petroleum ether/EtOAc); R_f = 0.40 (Petroleum ether/EtOAc = 10/1); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.75 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.72-7.69 (m, 3H), 7.63 (d, J = 13.6 Hz, 1H), 7.69-7.48 (m, 5H), 7.45-7.35 (m, 4H),

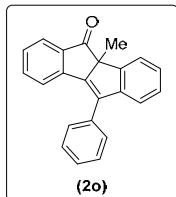
7.31-7.25 (m, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 194.5, 146.0, 145.5, 144.8, 144.3, 143.9, 139.5, 139.0, 135.1, 133.6, 132.0, 129.5, 128.9, 128.6, 128.3, 128.0, 127.1, 125.1, 124.5, 122.7, 122.1, 121.8, 73.5; HRMS (ES $^+$ -TOF) calcd for $\text{C}_{28}\text{H}_{18}\text{BrO}$ ($[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$): 449.0536, found 449.0539.

4b-(3-fluorophenyl)-10-phenylinden[2,1-a]inden-5(4bH)-one (2n)



The reaction of 2-(3-fluorophenyl)-1,4,4-triphenylbuta-2,3-dien-1-one **1n** (78.0 mg, 0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv), FeCl_3 (65 mg, 0.4 mmol, 2.0 equiv), in 2 mL of DCM at 50 °C for 12 h afforded **2n** (45.8 mg, 58%) as a yellow solid; m.p. 152-154 °C (Petroleum ether/EtOAc); $R_f = 0.40$ (Petroleum ether/EtOAc = 10/1); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.77-7.70 (m, 4H), 7.64 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.58 (t, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 2H), 7.52-7.47 (m, 2H), 7.45-7.35 (m, 3H), 7.31-7.25 (m, 3H), 7.23-7.21 (m, 1H), 6.90-6.88 (m, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 194.5, 162.9 (d, $^1J_{\text{C-F}} = 245.2$ Hz), 146.0, 145.6, 144.7, 144.3, 144.1, 142.2 (d, $^3J_{\text{C-F}} = 7.4$ Hz), 139.6, 135.1, 133.6, 130.3 (d, $^3J_{\text{C-F}} = 8.1$ Hz), 129.6, 128.9, 128.6, 128.3, 128.0, 127.1, 125.1, 124.6, 122.8, 122.1, 122.0, 114.7 (d, $^2J_{\text{C-F}} = 21.1$ Hz), 113.4 (d, $^2J_{\text{C-F}} = 22.9$ Hz), 73.7; HRMS (ES $^+$ -TOF) calcd for $\text{C}_{28}\text{H}_{18}\text{FO}$ ($[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$): 389.1336, found 389.1340.

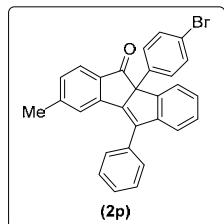
4b-methyl-10-phenylinden[2,1-a]inden-5(4bH)-one (2o)



The reaction of 2-methyl-1,4,4-triphenylbuta-2,3-dien-1-one **1o** (62.1 mg, 0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv), FeCl_3 (65 mg, 0.4 mmol, 2.0 equiv), in 2 mL of DCM at 50 °C for 12 h afforded **2o** (46.8 mg, 75%) as a yellow solid; m.p. 112-114 °C (Petroleum ether/EtOAc); $R_f = 0.45$ (Petroleum ether/EtOAc = 10/1); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.81 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.78-7.76 (m, 1H), 7.64-7.60 (m, 3H), 7.53 (t, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 2H), 7.47-7.44 (m, 2H), 7.42-7.40 (m, 1H), 7.34-7.32 (m, 3H), 1.72 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 197.8, 149.1, 145.40, 145.37, 143.6, 143.4, 136.9, 134.8, 134.1, 129.5, 128.5, 128.0, 127.7, 126.7, 125.1, 123.7,

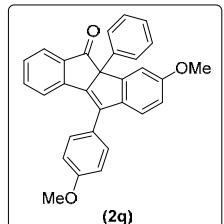
122.9, 121.9, 66.5, 26.9; HRMS (ES⁺-TOF) calcd for C₂₃H₁₇O ([M+H]⁺): 309.1274, found 309.1279.

4b-(4-bromophenyl)-8-methyl-10-phenylindeneno[2,1-a]inden-5(4bH)-one (2p)



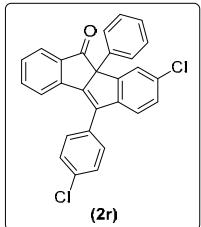
The reaction of 2-(4-bromophenyl)-4,4-diphenyl-1-(*p*-tolyl)buta-2,3-dien-1-one **1p** (93.1 mg, 0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv), FeCl₃ (65 mg, 0.4 mmol, 2.0 equiv), in 2 mL of DCM at 50 °C for 12 h afforded **2p** (82.2 mg, 88%) as a yellow solid; m.p. 193-195 °C (Petroleum ether/EtOAc); R_f = 0.40 (Petroleum ether/EtOAc = 10/1); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.71-7.65 (m, 3H), 7.64 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.59-7.50 (m, 5H), 7.42 (s, 1H), 7.39-7.34 (m, 3H), 7.28-7.24 (m, 2H), 7.08-7.06 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 2.30 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 194.1, 146.3, 146.1, 145.5, 144.8, 144.2, 142.0, 139.3, 139.0, 133.7, 132.0, 129.6, 129.5, 128.8, 128.6, 127.9, 127.0, 124.9, 124.5, 123.2, 122.0, 121.6, 73.7, 22.3; HRMS (ES⁺-TOF) calcd for C₂₉H₂₀BrO ([M+H]⁺): 463.0692, found 463.0693.

3-methoxy-10-(4-methoxyphenyl)-4b-phenylindeneno[2,1-a]inden-5(4bH)-one (2q)



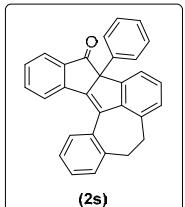
The reaction of 4,4-bis(4-methoxyphenyl)-1,2-diphenylbuta-2,3-dien-1-one **1q** (86.6 mg, 0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv), FeCl₃ (65 mg, 0.4 mmol, 2.0 equiv), in 2 mL of DCM at 50 °C for 12 h afforded **2q** (19.8 mg, 23%) as a yellow solid; m.p. 197-199 °C (Petroleum ether/EtOAc); R_f = 0.30 (Petroleum ether/EtOAc = 5/1); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.73 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.66-7.64 (m, 4H), 7.61 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.42-7.38 (m, 1H), 7.61-7.28 (m, 2H), 7.24-7.19 (m, 4H), 7.09 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 6.80 (dd, *J*₁ = 8.4 Hz, *J*₂ = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 3.92 (s, 3H), 3.83 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 195.4, 160.0, 159.4, 147.2, 144.8, 144.0, 143.8, 140.2, 139.0, 138.6, 124.9, 130.9, 128.9, 127.6, 127.5, 126.4, 126.2, 125.0, 122.4, 122.3, 114.0, 113.2, 111.2, 73.6, 55.6, 55.4; HRMS (ES⁺-TOF) calcd for C₃₀H₂₃O₃ ([M+H]⁺): 431.1642, found 431.1642.

3-chloro-10-(4-chlorophenyl)-4b-phenylindeneno[2,1-a]inden-5(4bH)-one (2r)



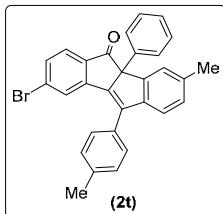
The reaction of 4,4-bis(4-chlorophenyl)-1,2-diphenylbuta-2,3-dien-1-one **1r** (88.4 mg, 0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv), FeCl₃ (65 mg, 0.4 mmol, 2.0 equiv), in 2 mL of DCM at 50 °C for 12 h afforded **2r** (82.8 mg, 95%) as a yellow solid; m.p. 207-209 °C (Petroleum ether/EtOAc); R_f = 0.45 (Petroleum ether/EtOAc = 10/1); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.76 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.73-7.70 (m, 1H), 7.65-7.51 (m, 7H), 7.45 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.32-7.20 (m, 6H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 193.8, 147.2, 146.5, 144.4, 143.7, 143.5, 139.0, 137.0, 135.1, 134.8, 133.2, 131.9, 130.7, 129.1, 129.0, 128.6, 128.1, 128.0, 126.1, 125.3, 122.7, 122.3, 74.0; HRMS (ES⁺-TOF) calcd for C₂₈H₁₇Cl₂O ([M+H]⁺): 439.0651, found 439.0651.

9b-phenyl-6,9b-dihydrodibenzo[cd,h]indeneno[1,2-a]azulen-10(5H)-one (2s)



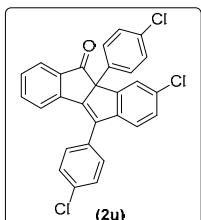
The reaction of 3-(10,11-dihydro-5H-dibenzo[a,d][7]annulen-5-ylidene)-1,2-diphenylprop-2-en-1-one **1s** (79.7 mg, 0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv), FeCl₃ (65 mg, 0.4 mmol, 2.0 equiv), in 2 mL of DCM at 50 °C for 12 h afforded **2s** (62.2 mg, 78%) as a yellow solid; m.p. 205-206 °C (Petroleum ether/EtOAc); R_f = 0.40 (Petroleum ether/EtOAc = 10/1); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.03 (s, 2H), 7.79 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.64-7.58 (m, 3H), 7.50-7.36 (m, 3H), 7.30-7.24 (m, 2H), 7.21-7.17 (m, 3H), 7.10 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.01 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 3.12-2.97 (m, 4H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 195.4, 145.1, 144.7, 144.4, 143.0, 142.5, 140.4, 138.6, 134.8, 133.2, 133.0, 129.6, 129.3, 128.9, 128.6, 128.3, 127.5, 126.4, 126.2, 125.7, 125.1, 122.4, 122.2, 77.2, 36.3, 34.1; HRMS (ES⁺-TOF) calcd for C₃₀H₂₁O ([M+H]⁺): 397.1587, found 397.1591.

8-bromo-3-methyl-4b-phenyl-10-(p-tolyl)indeneno[2,1-a]inden-5(4bH)-one (2t)



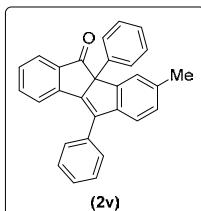
The reaction of 1-(4-bromophenyl)-2-phenyl-4,4-di-*p*-tolylbuta-2,3-dien-1-one **1t** (95.9 mg, 0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv), FeCl₃ (65 mg, 0.4 mmol, 2.0 equiv), in 2 mL of DCM at 50 °C for 12 h afforded **2t** (51.0 mg, 55%) as a yellow solid; m.p. 232-234 °C (Petroleum ether/EtOAc); R_f = 0.35 (Petroleum ether/EtOAc = 10/1); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.77 (d, *J* = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.64-7.54 (m, 5H), 7.39 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.36-7.33 (m, 1H), 7.29-7.20 (m, 5H), 7.08 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 2.49 (s, 3H), 2.37 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 194.4, 145.7, 145.5, 143.3, 142.9, 142.8, 140.8, 139.7, 139.1, 137.5, 130.9, 130.5, 130.2, 129.4, 129.0, 128.6, 127.7, 126.2, 126.0, 125.7, 125.5, 122.0, 74.0, 21.6, 21.5; HRMS (ES⁺-TOF) calcd for C₃₀H₂₂BrO ([M+H]⁺): 477.0849, found 477.0859.

3-chloro-4b,10-bis(4-chlorophenyl)indeno[2,1-a]inden-5(4bH)-one (2u)



The reaction of 2,4,4-tris(4-chlorophenyl)-1-phenylbuta-2,3-dien-1-one **1u** (95.2 mg, 0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv), FeCl₃ (65 mg, 0.4 mmol, 2.0 equiv), in 2 mL of DCM at 50 °C for 12 h afforded **2u** (76.1 mg, 80%) as a yellow solid; m.p. 243-245 °C (Petroleum ether/EtOAc); R_f = 0.40 (Petroleum ether/EtOAc = 10/1); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.76 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.68-7.67 (m, 1H), 7.61-7.54 (m, 7H), 7.46 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.32-7.27 (m, 1H), 7.25-7.23 (m, 3H), 7.22-7.21 (m, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 193.5, 146.8, 146.2, 144.1, 143.6, 143.4, 137.5, 137.4, 135.3, 135.0, 134.0, 133.4, 131.6, 130.7, 129.3, 129.0, 128.7, 128.3, 127.5, 125.3, 125.2, 122.7, 122.5, 73.3; HRMS (ES⁺-TOF) calcd for C₂₈H₁₆Cl₃O ([M+H]⁺): 473.0261, found 473.0276.

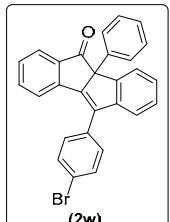
2-methyl-4b,10-diphenylindeno[2,1-a]inden-5(4bH)-one (2v)



The reaction of 1,2,4-triphenyl-4-(*p*-tolyl)buta-2,3-dien-1-one **1v** (77.2 mg, 0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv), FeCl₃ (65 mg, 0.4 mmol, 2.0 equiv), in 2 mL of DCM at 50 °C

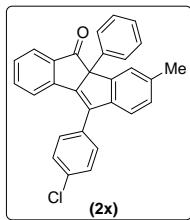
for 12 h afforded **2v** (72.2 mg, 94%) as a yellow solid; m.p. 164-166 °C (Petroleum ether/EtOAc); R_f = 0.45 (Petroleum ether/EtOAc = 10/1); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.75-7.67 (m, 5H), 7.63-7.54 (m, 4H), 7.50-7.48 (m, 1H), 7.41-7.37 (m, 2H), 7.28-7.25 (m, 2H), 7.23-7.19 (m, 2H), 7.07 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 2.37 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 195.2, 145.7, 145.5, 144.4, 144.3, 143.0, 140.1, 139.2, 137.1, 134.8, 129.6, 129.5, 129.3, 128.9, 128.6, 128.5, 127.9, 127.6, 126.2, 125.6, 125.0, 122.6, 121.6, 74.0, 21.6; HRMS (ES⁺-TOF) calcd for $\text{C}_{29}\text{H}_{21}\text{O}$ ($[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$): 385.1587, found 385.1594.

10-(4-bromophenyl)-4b-phenylindeno[2,1-a]inden-5(4bH)-one (2w)



The reaction of 4-(4-bromophenyl)-1,2,4-triphenylbuta-2,3-dien-1-one **1w** (90.3 mg, 0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv), FeCl_3 (65 mg, 0.4 mmol, 2.0 equiv), in 2 mL of DCM at 50 °C for 12 h afforded **2w** (80.5 mg, 89%) as a yellow solid; m.p. 211-213 °C (Petroleum ether/EtOAc); R_f = 0.45 (Petroleum ether/EtOAc = 10/1); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.76-7.74 (m, 2H), 7.70-7.64 (m, 4H), 7.59-7.56 (m, 3H), 7.43-7.39 (m, 1H), 7.32-7.30 (m, 1H), 7.28-7.25 (m, 2H), 7.24-7.15 (m, 4H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 194.5, 147.1, 145.2, 145.1, 144.6, 143.7, 139.6, 137.8, 134.9, 132.8, 131.8, 131.1, 129.5, 129.1, 129.0, 128.7, 128.3, 127.9, 127.8, 127.7, 127.1, 126.2, 125.1, 124.7, 122.8, 122.6, 121.6, 74.3; HRMS (ES⁺-TOF) calcd for $\text{C}_{28}\text{H}_{18}\text{BrO}$ ($[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$): 449.0536, found 449.0534.

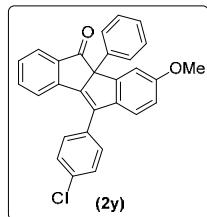
10-(4-chlorophenyl)-2-methyl-4b-phenylindeno[2,1-a]inden-5(4bH)-one (2x)



The reaction of 4-(4-chlorophenyl)-1,2-diphenyl-4-(*p*-tolyl)buta-2,3-dien-1-one **1x** (84.2 mg, 0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv), FeCl_3 (65 mg, 0.4 mmol, 2.0 equiv), in 2 mL of DCM at 50 °C for 12 h afforded **2x** (71.0 mg, 85%) as a yellow solid; m.p. 181-183 °C (Petroleum ether/EtOAc); R_f = 0.45 (Petroleum ether/EtOAc = 10/1); ^1H NMR (400 MHz,

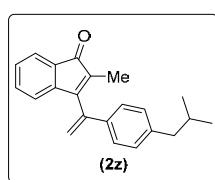
CDCl_3): δ 7.73 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.65-7.61 (m, 4H), 7.56 (t, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 2H), 7.51 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2H), 7.40 (t, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.24-7.16 (m, 5H), 7.06 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 2.35 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 194.8, 146.2, 145.4, 144.4, 144.0, 142.6, 139.8, 137.9, 137.3, 134.9, 134.5, 132.5, 130.8, 128.9, 128.8, 128.6, 128.1, 127.6, 126.2, 125.7, 125.1, 122.5, 121.3, 74.0, 21.6; HRMS (ES⁺-TOF) calcd for $\text{C}_{29}\text{H}_{20}\text{ClO} ([\text{M}+\text{H}]^+)$: 419.1197, found 419.1194.

10-(4-chlorophenyl)-2-methoxy-4b-phenylindeno[2,1-a]inden-5(4bH)-one (2y)



The reaction of 4-(4-chlorophenyl)-4-(4-methoxyphenyl)-1,2-diphenylbuta-2,3-dien-1-one **1y** (87.4 mg, 0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv), FeCl_3 (65 mg, 0.4 mmol, 2.0 equiv), in 2 mL of DCM at 50 °C for 12 h afforded **2y** (55.1 mg, 63%) as a yellow solid; m.p. 169-172 °C (Petroleum ether/EtOAc); $R_f = 0.45$ (Petroleum ether/EtOAc = 5/1); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.74 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.64-7.62 (m, 4H), 7.56-7.51 (m, 3H), 7.42-7.38 (m, 1H), 7.32 (d, $J = 2.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.25-7.16 (m, 5H), 6.81-6.78 (m, 1H), 3.80 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 194.8, 159.6, 147.1, 145.2, 144.22, 144.17, 139.8, 138.0, 137.9, 134.9, 134.5, 132.5, 130.8, 129.0, 128.8, 127.9, 127.7, 126.1, 125.1, 122.3, 122.2, 113.3, 111.3, 73.8, 55.6; HRMS (ES⁺-TOF) calcd for $\text{C}_{29}\text{H}_{20}\text{ClO}_2 ([\text{M}+\text{H}]^+)$: 435.1146, found 435.1146.

3-(1-(4-isobutylphenyl)vinyl)-2-methyl-1H-inden-1-one (2z)

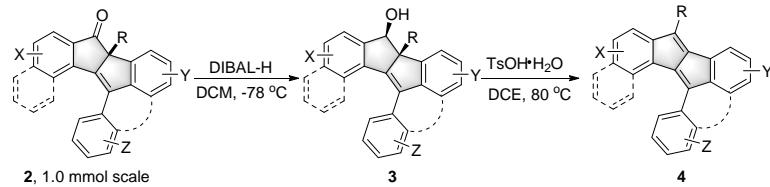


The reaction of 4-(4-isobutylphenyl)-2-methyl-1-phenylpenta-2,3-dien-1-one **1z** (60.9 mg, 0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv), FeCl_3 (65 mg, 0.4 mmol, 2.0 equiv), in 2 mL of DCM at 50 °C for 12 h afforded **2z** (43.0 mg, 70%) as an orange liquid; $R_f = 0.45$ (Petroleum ether/EtOAc = 10/1); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.43 (d, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.32 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 7.18-7.10 (m, 4H), 6.65 (d, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 1H), 5.91 (s, 1H), 5.41 (s, 1H), 2.47 (d, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 1.88-1.85 (m, 1H), 1.79 (s, 3H), 0.90 (d, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 6H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ

198.3, 155.4, 146.1, 142.2, 141.2, 135.3, 133.3, 132.6, 130.8, 129.4, 127.8, 126.4, 122.2, 120.9, 116.3, 45.1, 30.1, 22.3, 8.7; HRMS (ES⁺-TOF) calcd for C₂₂H₂₃O ([M+H]⁺): 303.1743, found 303.1749.

3. Access to unsymmetrical dibenzo[*a,e*]pentalenes 4 from 2

(a) General procedure:

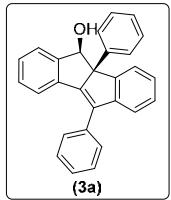


Step one: To a solution of indanone-fused polycyclic compounds **2** (1.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv) in 5 mL of dry DCM at -78 °C under N₂ was added dropwise DIBAL-H (1.5 M solution in toluene, 1.05 mmol, 1.05 equiv). After the solution was stirred at -78 °C for 1.0 h, the reaction was quenched by adding 10 mL of cold water and kept stirring for another 0.5 h. Then the mixture was allowed to warm up to room temperature and extracted with DCM (3×20 mL). The combined organic layers were dried over Na₂SO₄ and concentrated *in vacuo*. The residue was purified by flash silica gel chromatography to afford reduction products **3** with high regioselectivity.

Step two: The solution of **3** (0.3 mmol, 1.0 equiv) in 3 mL of DCE was added TsOH·H₂O (0.6 mmol, 2.0 equiv). This mixture was allowed to stir at 80 °C for 12 h. After completion, the reaction was quenched by adding 10 mL of H₂O and extracted with DCM (3×10 mL). The combined organic phase was washed with H₂O (3×10 mL), dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄, concentrated *in vacuo* and purified by flash silica gel chromatography to afford dibenzo[*a,e*]pentalenes **4**.

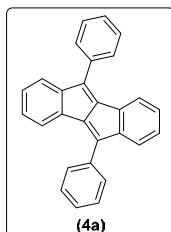
(b) Experiment data for 3 and 4:

cis-4b,10-diphenyl-4b,5-dihydroindeno[2,1-a]inden-5-ol (3a)



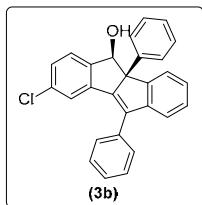
The solution of 4b,10-diphenylindeno[2,1-*a*]inden-5(4b*H*)-one **2a** (370.4 mg, 1.0 mmol) and DIBAL-H (1.5 M solution in toluene, 0.7 mL, 1.05 mmol) in 5 mL of dry DCM afforded **3a** (357.0 mg, 96%) as a white solid; m.p. 97-98 °C (Petroleum ether/EtOAc); R_f = 0.25 (Petroleum ether/EtOAc = 10/1); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.90 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 7.65 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.61-7.57 (m, 3H), 7.52 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.43 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.35-7.33 (m, 2H), 7.29-7.25 (m, 2H), 7.22-7.15 (m, 5H), 5.11 (d, J = 12.0 Hz, 1H), 2.11-2.07 (m, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 152.9, 150.7, 148.8, 146.7, 138.8, 136.1, 135.7, 134.3, 129.4, 129.2, 128.42, 128.35, 128.07, 128.05, 127.4, 127.2, 125.5, 124.5, 124.2, 121.7, 121.4, 77.3, 74.6; HRMS (ES⁺-TOF) calcd for C₂₈H₂₁O ([M+H]⁺): 373.1587, found 373.1596.

5,10-diphenylinde[2,1-*a*]indene (4a)



The solution of *cis*-4b,10-diphenyl-4b,5-dihydroindeno[2,1-*a*]inden-5-ol **3a** (111.8 mg, 0.3 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and TsOH·H₂O (114 mg, 0.6 mmol, 2.0 equiv) in 3 mL of DCE afforded **4a** (86.4 mg, 78%) as a red solid; m.p. 237-238 °C (Petroleum ether/EtOAc); R_f = 0.35 (Petroleum ether/EtOAc = 20/1); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.68-7.66 (m, 2H), 7.52 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.46-7.42 (m, 1H), 7.21 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.02 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 6.92-6.88 (m, 1H), 6.86-6.82 (m, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 149.7, 143.2, 140.7, 135.2, 133.9, 128.8, 128.6, 128.5, 127.8, 127.4, 122.5, 121.9; HRMS (ES⁺-TOF) calcd for C₂₈H₁₉ ([M+H]⁺): 355.1481, found 355.1483. (Spectroscopic data match that previously reported³)

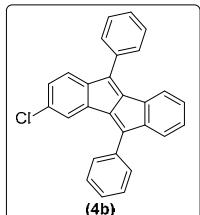
cis-8-chloro-4b,10-diphenyl-4b,5-dihydroindeno[2,1-*a*]inden-5-ol (3b)



The solution of 8-chloro-4b,10-diphenylindeno[2,1-*a*]inden-5(4b*H*)-one **2e** (409.8 mg, 1.0 mmol) and DIBAL-H (1.5 M solution in toluene, 0.7 mL, 1.05 mmol) in 5 mL of dry DCM afforded **3b** (342.0 mg, 85%) as a white solid; m.p. 176-177 °C

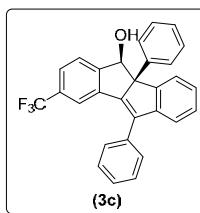
(Petroleum ether/EtOAc); $R_f = 0.20$ (Petroleum ether/EtOAc = 5/1); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.85-7.83 (m, 1H), 7.65-7.63 (m, 2H), 7.57-7.50 (m, 5H) 7.46-7.42 (m, 1H), 7.36-7.35 (m, 2H), 7.31-7.26 (m, 2H), 7.24-7.18 (m, 4H), 5.12 (d, $J = 11.2$ Hz, 1H), 2.06-2.03 (m, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 152.6, 150.3, 148.4, 146.7, 137.5, 136.4, 135.4, 134.1, 133.3, 130.4, 129.3, 128.52, 128.48, 128.4, 128.2, 127.6, 125.7, 124.4, 124.1, 121.9, 121.6, 77.2, 74.2; HRMS (ES⁺-TOF) calcd for $\text{C}_{28}\text{H}_{20}\text{ClO}$ ([M+H]⁺): 407.1197, found 407.1184.

3-chloro-5,10-diphenylindeno[2,1-a]indene (4b)



The solution of *cis*-8-chloro-4b,10-diphenyl-4b,5-dihydroindeno[2,1-*a*]inden-5-ol **3b** (123.3 mg, 0.3 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and TsOH· H_2O (114 mg, 0.6 mmol, 2.0 equiv) in 3 mL of DCE afforded **4b** (106.7 mg, 85%) a red solid; m.p. 219-222 °C (Petroleum ether/EtOAc); $R_f = 0.30$ (Petroleum ether/EtOAc = 20/1); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.64 (d, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 7.58 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2H), 7.52-7.42 (m, 5H), 7.19 (d, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.14 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.01 (d, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 6.94 (d, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 6.89 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 6.83 (d, $J = 7.0$ Hz, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 149.7, 149.3, 143.5, 143.0, 141.1, 139.1, 135.0, 134.9, 134.5, 133.7, 132.4, 129.8, 129.0, 128.9, 128.7, 128.5, 128.0, 127.8, 127.6, 122.6, 122.1, 122.0, 121.8; HRMS (ES⁺-TOF) calcd for $\text{C}_{28}\text{H}_{17}\text{ClNa}$ ([M+Na]⁺): 411.0911, found 411.0898.

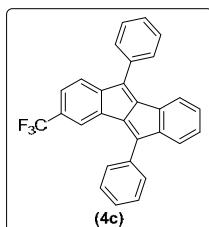
cis-4b,10-diphenyl-8-(trifluoromethyl)-4b,5-dihydroindeno[2,1-a]inden-5-ol (3c)



The solution of 4b,10-diphenyl-8-(trifluoromethyl)indeno[2,1-*a*]inden-5(4b*H*)-one **2h** (442.5 mg, 1.0 mmol) and DIBAL-H (1.5 M solution in toluene, 0.7 mL, 1.05 mmol) in 5 mL of dry DCM afforded **3c** (404.0 mg, 90%) as a white solid; m.p. 92-95 °C (Petroleum ether/EtOAc); $R_f = 0.25$ (Petroleum ether/EtOAc = 5/1); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.91-7.89 (m, 1H), 7.79 (s, 1H), 7.6-7.64 (m, 2H), 7.58-7.53 (m, 4H), 7.48-7.44 (m, 3H),

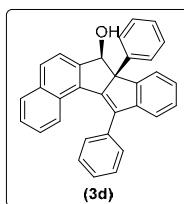
7.39-7.37 (m, 1H), 7.32-7.24 (m, 4H), 7.23-7.17 (m, 1H), 5.11 (d, $J = 12.0$ Hz, 1H), 2.22 (d, $J = 12.0$ Hz, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 156.3, 148.7, 146.3, 138.2, 138.1, 136.2, 133.6, 130.6 (q, $^2J_{\text{C}-\text{F}} = 31.2$ Hz), 129.2, 129.0, 128.63, 128.58, 127.7, 127.6, 126.1, 124.9 (q, $^3J_{\text{C}-\text{F}} = 3.6$ Hz), 124.6, 124.5, 124.0 (q, $^1J_{\text{C}-\text{F}} = 270.8$ Hz), 121.9, 118.3 (broad), 77.1, 74.8; HRMS (ES⁺-TOF) calcd for $\text{C}_{29}\text{H}_{20}\text{F}_3\text{O}$ ($[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$): 441.1461, found 441.1448.

5,10-diphenyl-3-(trifluoromethyl)indeno[2,1-a]indene (4c)



The solution of *cis*-4b,10-diphenyl-8-(trifluoromethyl)-4b,5-dihydroindeno[2,1-*a*]inden-5-ol **3c** (133.4 mg, 0.3 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and $\text{TsOH}\cdot\text{H}_2\text{O}$ (114 mg, 0.6 mmol, 2.0 equiv) in 3 mL of DCE afforded **4c** (96.0 mg, 72%) as a red solid; m.p. 207-210 °C (Petroleum ether/EtOAc); $R_f = 0.30$ (Petroleum ether/EtOAc = 20/1); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.67-7.64 (m, 4H), 7.57-7.47 (m, 6H), 7.38 (s, 1H), 7.22 (d, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.10 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.11-7.05 (m, 2H), 6.96-6.92 (m, 1H), 6.90-6.86 (m, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 152.7, 149.4, 145.3, 142.8, 141.6, 139.3, 135.5, 134.9, 133.3 (q, $^3J_{\text{C}-\text{F}} = 2.4$ Hz), 129.7, 129.4, 129.1, 128.9, 128.8, 128.4, 128.0, 124.9 (q, $^3J_{\text{C}-\text{F}} = 3.7$ Hz), 124.3 (q, $^1J_{\text{C}-\text{F}} = 270.2$ Hz), 123.1, 121.9, 118.1 (broad); HRMS (ES⁺-TOF) calcd for $\text{C}_{29}\text{H}_{17}\text{F}_3\text{Na}$ ($[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$): 445.1175, found 445.1186.

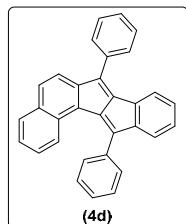
cis-7a,12-diphenyl-7,7a-dihydrobenzo[4,5]pentaleno[1,2-*a*]naphthalen-7-ol (3d)



The solution of 7a,12-diphenylbenzo[4,5]pentaleno[1,2-*a*]naphthalen-7(7aH)-one **2j** (420.5 mg, 1.0 mmol) and DIBAL-H (1.5 M solution in toluene, 0.7 mL, 1.05 mmol) in 5 mL of dry DCM afforded **3d** (336.0 mg, 80%) as a white solid; m.p. 207-208 °C (Petroleum ether/EtOAc); $R_f = 0.25$ (Petroleum ether/EtOAc = 5/1); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.81-7.76 (m, 2H), 7.52 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.38 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.30 (t, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 1H),

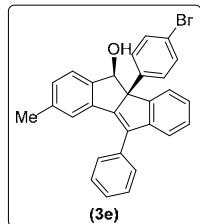
7.23-7.12 (m, 6H), 7.05-6.96 (m, 4H), 6.93-6.90 (m, 2H), 6.86-6.73 (m, 2H), 5.68-5.64 (m, 1H), 4.48 (d, J = 6.4 Hz, 1H), 13.4 (d, J = 11.6 Hz, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 145.1, 143.7, 142.5, 139.7, 138.9, 138.1, 137.8, 133.9, 130.3, 130.1, 129.5, 128.7, 128.2, 127.7, 127.3, 127.03, 126.99, 126.8, 126.5, 125.3, 125.1, 121.8, 76.5, 64.6; HRMS (ES $^+$ -TOF) calcd for $\text{C}_{32}\text{H}_{23}\text{O}$ ($[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$): 423.1743, found 423.1746.

7,12-diphenylbenzo[4,5]pentaleno[1,2-a]naphthalene (4d)



The solution of *cis*-7a,12-diphenyl-7,7a-dihydrobenzo[4,5]pentaleno[1,2-a]naphthalen-7-ol **3d** (126.8 mg, 0.3 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and $\text{BF}_3\cdot\text{Et}_2\text{O}$ (0.6 mmol, 2.0 equiv) in 3 mL of DCE afforded **4d** (103.9 mg, 82%) as a red solid; m.p. 218-220 °C (Petroleum ether/EtOAc); R_f = 0.30 (Petroleum ether/EtOAc = 20/1); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.72-7.62 (m, 5H), 7.45-7.31 (m, 8H), 7.25-7.17 (m, 4H), 7.07 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 6.75 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.50 (s, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 149.6, 143.5, 142.6, 142.4, 141.6, 136.0, 133.2, 132.7, 132.6, 131.8, 131.4, 129.3, 129.2, 128.9, 128.8, 128.7, 128.6, 128.5, 128.4, 128.3, 128.12, 128.06, 127.7, 127.5, 126.2, 124.9, 123.5, 119.5; HRMS (ES $^+$ -TOF) calcd for $\text{C}_{32}\text{H}_{21}$ ($[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$): 405.1638, found 405.1643.

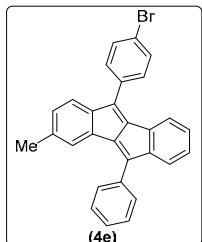
cis-4b-(4-bromophenyl)-8-methyl-10-phenyl-4b,5-dihydroindeneno[2,1-a]inden-5-ol (3e)



The solution of 4b-(4-bromophenyl)-8-methyl-10-phenylindeeno[2,1-a]inden-5(4bH)-one **2p** (444.5 mg, 1.0 mmol) and DIBAL-H (1.5 M solution in toluene, 0.7 mL, 1.05 mmol) in 5 mL of dry DCM afforded **3e** (414.0 mg, 93%) as a white solid; m.p. 168-170 °C (Petroleum ether/EtOAc); R_f = 0.25 (Petroleum ether/EtOAc = 20/1); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.83-7.81 (m, 1H), 7.64 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.53 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.47-7.42 (m, 3H), 7.36-7.32 (m, 4H), 7.29-7.26 (m, 2H), 7.24-7.22 (m, 1H), 7.03 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H),

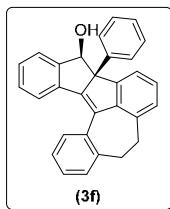
5.08 (d, $J = 11.6$ Hz, 1H), 2.30 (s, 3H), 2.01-1.97 (m, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 150.3, 149.9, 148.3, 146.7, 138.4, 138.2, 136.0, 135.5, 134.2, 131.3, 130.8, 129.4, 129.1, 128.5, 128.2, 127.6, 125.6, 124.3, 123.8, 122.5, 121.5, 121.4, 74.4, 21.6; HRMS (ES⁺-TOF) calcd for $\text{C}_{29}\text{H}_{21}\text{BrNaO}$ ($[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$): 487.0668, found 487.0666.

10-(4-bromophenyl)-3-methyl-5-phenylindeno[2,1-a]indene (4e)



The solution of *cis*-4b-(4-bromophenyl)-8-methyl-10-phenyl-4b,5-dihydroindeno[2,1-*a*]inden-5-ol **3e** (133.8 mg, 0.3 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and $\text{TsOH}\cdot\text{H}_2\text{O}$ (114 mg, 0.6 mmol, 2.0 equiv) in 3 mL of DCE afforded **4e** (84.8 mg, 63%) as a red solid; m.p. 197-199 °C (Petroleum ether/EtOAc); $R_f = 0.30$ (Petroleum ether/EtOAc = 20/1); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.66-7.63 (m, 4H), 7.54-7.51 (m, 4H), 7.45 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.14 (d, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.01 (d, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 2H), 6.91-6.82 (m, 3H), 6.70 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 2.16 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 149.6, 146.6, 143.0, 142.9, 140.7, 139.5, 137.6, 135.3, 135.0, 133.9, 133.0, 131.9, 130.1, 128.8, 128.7, 128.5, 128.2, 127.8, 127.4, 123.2, 122.7, 122.5, 122.0, 121.7, 21.4; HRMS (ES⁺-TOF) calcd for $\text{C}_{29}\text{H}_{20}\text{Br}$ ($[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$): 447.0743, found 447.0753.

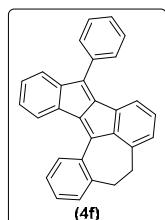
cis-9b-phenyl-5,6,9b,10-tetrahydrodibenzo[cd,h]indeno[1,2-a]azulen-10-ol (3f)



The solution of 9b-phenyl-6,9b-dihydrodibenzo[cd,h]indeno[1,2-*a*]azulen-10(5*H*)-one **2s** (400.5 mg, 1.0 mmol) and DIBAL-H (1.5 M solution in toluene, 0.7 mL, 1.05 mmol) in 5 mL of dry DCM afforded **3f** (352.0 mg, 88%) as a white solid; m.p. 153-156 °C (Petroleum ether/EtOAc); $R_f = 0.25$ (Petroleum ether/EtOAc = 5/1); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 8.04-7.66 (m, 3H), 7.61-7.46 (m, 2H), 7.36 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.28-7.07 (m, 9H), 7.02 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 5.12 (s, 1H), 3.30-2.83 (m, 4H), 2.30-2.03 (m, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 153.6 (broad), 149.0 (broad), 143.5, 142.5, 139.3, 138.0, 136.1, 133.8, 129.3, 129.1, 128.6, 128.5,

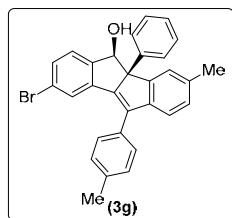
128.3, 128.2, 127.1, 125.6, 124.9, 124.1, 121.9 (broad), 77.3, 35.6 (broad), 34.1; HRMS (ES⁺-TOF) calcd for C₃₀H₂₃O ([M+H]⁺): 399.1743, found 399.1740.

10-phenyl-5,6-dihydrodibenzo[cd,h]indeno[1,2-a]azulene (4f)



The solution of *cis*-9b-phenyl-5,6,9b,10-tetrahydrodibenzo[cd,h]indeno[1,2-a]azulen-10-ol **3f** (119.6 mg, 0.3 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and TsOH·H₂O (114 mg, 0.6 mmol, 2.0 equiv) in 3 mL of DCE afforded **4f** (108.0 mg, 91%) as a red solid; m.p. 185-186 °C (Petroleum ether/EtOAc); R_f = 0.30 (Petroleum ether/EtOAc = 20/1); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.98-7.92 (m, 1H), 7.66-7.63 (m, 2H), 7.52-7.46 (m, 3H), 7.42 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.32-7.28 (m, 2H), 7.23-7.18 (m, 1H), 7.06-6.99 (m, 2H), 6.92-6.85 (m, 2H), 6.74-6.63 (m, 2H), 3.40-3.92 (m, 2H), 2.90-2.83 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 149.9, 146.5, 143.4, 143.2, 142.5, 142.2, 139.8, 139.1, 135.5, 135.3, 133.9, 133.7, 131.2, 129.6, 129.5, 129.4, 128.6, 127.6, 127.4, 127.0, 126.0, 122.3, 119.5, 35.6, 33.4; HRMS (ES⁺-TOF) calcd for C₃₀H₂₁ ([M+H]⁺): 381.1638, found 381.1627.

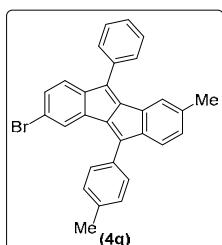
cis-8-bromo-3-methyl-4b-phenyl-10-(p-tolyl)-4b,5-dihydroindeno[2,1-a]inden-5-ol (3g)



The solution of 8-bromo-3-methyl-4b-phenyl-10-(p-tolyl)indeno[2,1-a]inden-5(4bH)-one **2t** (476.5 mg, 1.0 mmol) and DIBAL-H (1.5 M solution in toluene, 0.7 mL, 1.05 mmol) in 5 mL of dry DCM afforded **3g** (444.0 mg, 93%) as a white solid; m.p. 226-228 °C (Petroleum ether/EtOAc); R_f = 0.25 (Petroleum ether/EtOAc = 5/1); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.70-7.68 (m, 2H), 7.57 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.51 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.34 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.29-7.24 (m, 4H), 7.20-7.16 (m, 2H), 7.09 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 5.01 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 2.46 (s, 3H), 2.43 (s, 3H), 2.06 (d, J = 12.0 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 151.5, 148.9, 147.5, 143.9, 138.6, 138.3, 137.8, 137.7, 135.8, 130.9, 130.5, 129.3, 129.2, 129.0, 128.5, 128.2, 127.4, 126.4, 125.52, 125.49, 124.5, 122.3, 121.5, 74.3, 21.7, 21.4; HRMS (ES⁺-TOF)

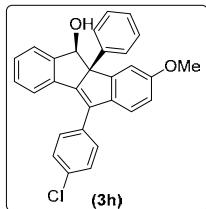
calcd for C₃₀H₂₄BrO ([M+H]⁺): 479.1005, found 479.0992.

8-bromo-2-methyl-5-phenyl-10-(*p*-tolyl)indeno[2,1-*a*]indene (4g)



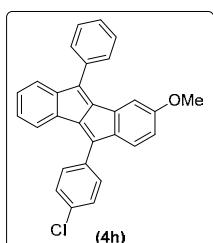
The solution of *cis*-8-bromo-3-methyl-4b-phenyl-10-(*p*-tolyl)-4b,5-dihydroindeno[2,1-*a*]inden-5-ol **3g** (143.5 mg, 0.3 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and TsOH·H₂O (114 mg, 0.6 mmol, 2.0 equiv) in 3 mL of DCE afforded **4g** (107.6 mg, 75%) as a red solid; m.p. 227-229 °C (Petroleum ether/EtOAc); R_f = 0.30 (Petroleum ether/EtOAc = 20/1); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.62 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.54-7.50 (m, 4H), 7.44 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.35-7.43 (m, 3H), 7.01-7.00 (m, 2H), 6.91 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.85 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.71 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 2.46 (s, 3H), 2.16 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 148.3, 146.7, 143.3, 142.8, 140.7, 139.3, 139.2, 137.9, 137.2, 135.5, 133.7, 130.6, 129.8, 129.5, 128.8, 128.7, 128.4, 128.31, 128.27, 124.6, 123.20, 123.16, 122.7, 121.4, 21.5, 21.4; HRMS (ES⁺-TOF) calcd for C₃₀H₂₂Br ([M+H]⁺): 461.0899, found 461.0885.

cis-10-(4-chlorophenyl)-2-methoxy-4b-phenyl-4b,5-dihydroindeno[2,1-*a*]inden-5-ol (3h)



The solution of 10-(4-chlorophenyl)-2-methoxy-4b-phenylindeno[2,1-*a*]inden-5(4bH)-one **2x** (434.9 mg, 1.0 mmol) and DIBAL-H (1.5 M solution in toluene, 0.7 mL, 1.05 mmol) in 5 mL of dry DCM afforded **3h** (365.3 mg, 84%) as a white solid; m.p. 107-109 °C (Petroleum ether/EtOAc); R_f = 0.25 (Petroleum ether/EtOAc = 5/1); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.58-7.54 (m, 4H), 7.51-7.47 (m, 4H), 7.36-7.34 (m, 1H), 7.24-7.16 (m, 6H), 6.81 (dd, J₁ = 8.4 Hz, J₂ = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 5.12 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 3.87 (s, 3H), 2.07 (d, J = 12.0 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 158.5, 152.5, 150.5, 149.4, 139.4, 138.7, 135.6, 134.7, 133.8, 133.0, 130.6, 129.0, 128.7, 128.4, 127.9, 127.3, 124.2, 121.6, 121.3, 112.2, 112.1, 74.4, 55.7; HRMS (ES⁺-TOF) calcd for C₂₉H₂₂ClO₂ ([M+H]⁺): 437.1303, found 437.1311.

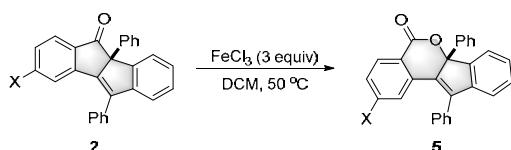
10-(4-chlorophenyl)-2-methoxy-5-phenylindeno[2,1-a]indene (4h)



The solution of *cis*-10-(4-chlorophenyl)-2-methoxy-4b-phenyl-4b,5-dihydroindeno[2,1-*a*]inden-5-ol **3h** (131.1 mg, 0.3 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and TsOH·H₂O (114 mg, 0.6 mmol, 2.0 equiv) in 3 mL of DCE afforded **4h** (78.7 mg, 60%) as red solid; m.p. 204–206 °C (Petroleum ether/EtOAc); *R*_f = 0.30 (Petroleum ether/EtOAc = 10/1); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.66–7.59 (m, 4H), 7.53–7.43 (m, 5H), 7.15 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.03 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.92–6.84 (m, 4H), 6.39–6.36 (m, 1H), 3.71 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 160.2, 149.2, 142.4, 142.2, 142.1, 140.9, 139.8, 137.0, 135.0, 134.5, 133.8, 132.5, 129.8, 129.0, 128.8, 128.7, 128.5, 128.4, 127.5, 122.7, 122.6, 121.4, 110.6, 110.4, 55.4; HRMS (ES⁺-TOF) calcd for C₂₉H₂₀ClO ([M+H]⁺): 419.1197, found 419.1183.

4. Diverse transformations of 2 for the synthesis of 3D-polycyclic compounds 5–10

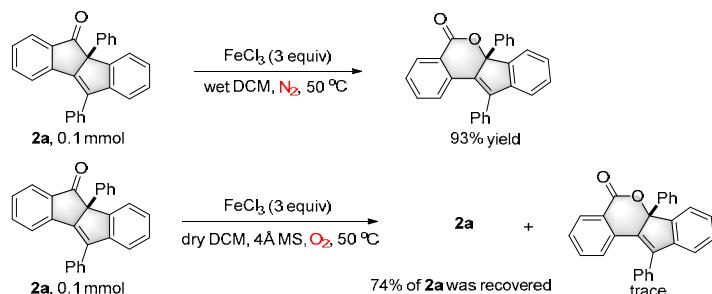
(a) General procedure for the synthesis of compounds 5:



The solution of indanone-fused polycyclic compounds **2** (0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv) in 2 mL of DCM was added FeCl₃ (97 mg, 0.6 mmol, 3.0 equiv). Then the vessel was sealed and submerged in an oil bath preheated to 50 °C for 2.5 h. After completion, the mixture was quenched by adding 10 mL of H₂O and extracted with DCM (3×10 mL). The combined organic phase was washed with H₂O (3×10 mL), dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄, concentrated *in vacuo* and purified by flash silica gel chromatography to afford polycyclic compounds **5**.

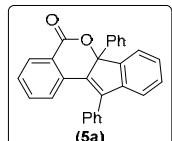
Controlled experiments were carried out: (1) **2a** could be transformed to lactam **5a** in 93% yield

under N₂ protection condition (without O₂). (2) Most of starting material **2a** was recovered when the reaction was conducted in dry DCM, 4Å MS and O₂ balloon condition. These results indicated that the O of **5a** might from H₂O in solvent.



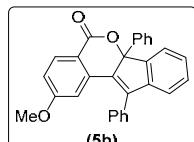
(b) Experiment data for 5:

6a,11-diphenylindeno[1,2-c]isochromen-5(6aH)-one (5a)



The solution of 4b,10-diphenylindeno[2,1-a]inden-5(4bH)-one **2a** (74.0 mg, 0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and FeCl₃ (97 mg, 0.6 mmol, 3.0 equiv) in 2 mL of DCM at 50 °C for 2.5 h afford **5a** (66.8 mg, 86%) as a white solid; m.p. 223-226 °C (Petroleum ether/EtOAc); R_f = 0.25 (Petroleum ether/EtOAc = 10/1); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.04 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.55-7.45 (m, 7H), 7.41 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 7.31-7.27 (m, 3H), 7.23-7.17 (m, 6H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 166.2, 146.5, 143.4, 142.6, 139.8, 135.7, 133.6, 133.3, 132.8, 131.1, 129.3, 129.1, 128.9, 128.7, 128.5, 128.0, 127.7, 125.5, 124.6, 124.1, 123.7, 121.8, 91.6; HRMS (ES⁺-TOF) calcd for C₂₈H₁₉O₂ ([M+H]⁺): 387.1380, found 387.1385.

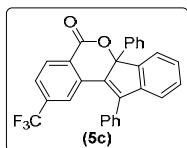
2-methoxy-6a,11-diphenylindeno[1,2-c]isochromen-5(6aH)-one (5b)



The solution of 8-methoxy-4b,10-diphenylindeno[2,1-a]inden-5(4bH)-one **2c** (80.2 mg, 0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and FeCl₃ (97 mg, 0.6 mmol, 3.0 equiv) in 2 mL of DCM at 50 °C for 2.5 h afford **5b** (74.2 mg, 89%) as a white solid; m.p. 169-171 °C (Petroleum ether/EtOAc); R_f = 0.4 (Petroleum ether/EtOAc = 5/1); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.97 (d, J =

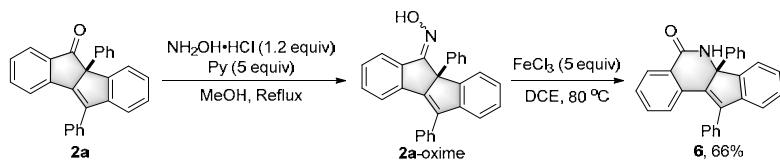
8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.55-7.47 (m, 7H), 7.40 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 7.27-7.14 (m, 6H), 6.76-6.73 (m, 1H), 6.61 (d, J = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 3.53 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 166.0, 163.4, 146.7, 143.2, 142.7, 139.9, 136.1, 135.1, 133.2, 132.8, 129.2, 129.0, 128.9, 128.8, 127.9, 127.7, 124.6, 124.0, 121.8, 116.3, 115.3, 109.4, 91.5, 55.1; HRMS (ES⁺-TOF) calcd for $\text{C}_{29}\text{H}_{21}\text{O}_3$ ([M+H]⁺): 417.1485, found 417.1494.

6a,11-diphenyl-2-(trifluoromethyl)indeno[1,2-c]isochromen-5(6aH)-one (5c)



The solution of 4b,10-diphenyl-8-(trifluoromethyl)indeno[2,1-a]inden-5(4bH)-one **2h** (87.6 mg, 0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and FeCl_3 (97 mg, 0.6 mmol, 3.0 equiv) in 2 mL of DCM at 50 °C for 2.5 h afford **5c** (47.2 mg, 52%) as a white solid; m.p. 209-211 °C (Petroleum ether/EtOAc); R_f = 0.35 (Petroleum ether/EtOAc = 10/1); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 8.16 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.56-7.54 (m, 5H), 7.50-7.48 (m, 3H), 7.43-7.42 (m, 2H), 7.31-7.27 (m, 3H), 7.25-7.20 (m, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 165.0, 146.5, 144.6, 142.9, 139.2, 135.0 (q, $^2J_{\text{C-F}}$ = 32.7 Hz), 134.3, 134.0, 131.9, 131.8, 129.6, 129.5, 129.3, 129.1, 128.5, 128.33, 128.30, 126.4, 124.9 (q, $^3J_{\text{C-F}}$ = 3.2 Hz), 123.0 (q, $^1J_{\text{C-F}}$ = 271.6 Hz), 122.5 (q, $^3J_{\text{C-F}}$ = 3.1 Hz), 122.3, 91.8; HRMS (ES⁺-TOF) calcd for $\text{C}_{29}\text{H}_{18}\text{F}_3\text{O}_2$ ([M+H]⁺): 455.1253, found 455.1257.

Synthesis of compound 6:

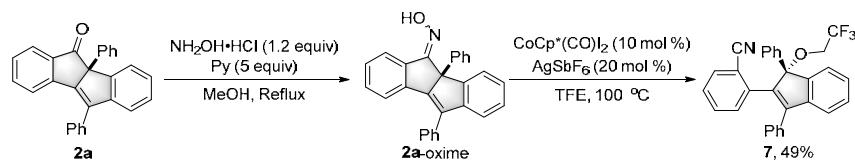


6a,11-diphenyl-6,6a-dihydro-5H-indeno[1,2-c]isoquinolin-5-one (6)

The solution of 4b,10-diphenylinde[2,1-a]inden-5(4bH)-one **2a** (74 mg, 0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv) in 5 mL of MeOH was added pyridine (79 mg, 1.0 mmol, 5.0 equiv) and hydroxylamine hydrochloride (18 mg, 0.24 mmol, 1.2 equiv). Then the vessel was sealed and submerged in an oil bath preheated to

80 °C for 24 h. After completion of the reaction, the solvent was removed under reduced pressure. 10 mL of H₂O was added to the residual solid and extracted with DCM (3×10 mL). The combined organic layers were dried over Na₂SO₄ and concentrated *in vacuo*. The residue was purified with flash silica gel chromatography to afford **2a**-oxime as a solid, which was used for the next step. To a solution of **2a**-oxime in 16 mL of DCE were added FeCl₃ (162 mg, 1.0 mmol, 5.0 equiv). Then the mixture was stirred at 80 °C for 5 h. After completion of the reaction, the mixture was quenched by adding 10 mL of H₂O and extracted with DCM (3×10 mL). The combined organic phase was washed with H₂O (3×10 mL), dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄, concentrated *in vacuo* and purified by flash silica gel chromatography to afford **6** (50.9 mg, over all yield: 66%) as a red solid; m.p. 277-279 °C (Petroleum ether/EtOAc); R_f = 0.30 (Petroleum ether/EtOAc = 3/1); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ 9.89 (s, 1H), 7.89-7.87 (m, 1H), 7.57-7.51 (m, 6H), 7.37 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.30-7.21 (m, 6H), 7.15-7.08 (m, 2H), 7.01-7.00 (m, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ 166.1, 148.0, 143.6, 142.4, 140.0, 139.5, 132.8, 132.1, 132.0, 129.1, 128.8, 128.7, 128.6, 128.4, 128.3, 128.2, 127.7, 127.2, 127.0, 125.4, 124.8, 123.9, 120.9, 70.7; HRMS (ES⁺-TOF) calcd for C₂₈H₂₀NO ([M+H]⁺): 386.1539, found 386.1541.

Synthesis of compound **7**:

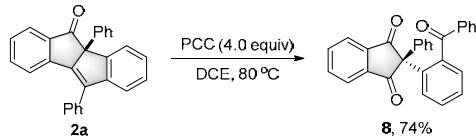


2-(1,3-diphenyl-1-(2,2,2-trifluoroethoxy)-1H-inden-2-yl)benzonitrile (**7**)

The solution of 4b,10-diphenyldeno[2,1-*a*]inden-5(4b*H*)-one **2a** (74 mg, 0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv) in 5 mL of MeOH was added pyridine (79 mg, 1.0 mmol, 5.0 equiv) and hydroxylamine hydrochloride (18 mg, 0.24 mmol, 1.2 equiv). Then the vessel was sealed and submerged in an oil bath preheated to

80 °C for 24 h. After completion of the reaction, the solvent was removed under reduced pressure. 10 mL of H₂O was added to the residual solid and extracted with DCM (3×10 mL). The combined organic layers were dried over Na₂SO₄ and concentrated *in vacuo*. The residue was purified with flash silica gel chromatography to afford **2a**-oxime as a solid, which was used for next step. To a solution of **2a**-oxime in 6 mL of TFE were added CoCp*(CO)I₂ (9.5 mg, 0.02 mmol, 10 mol %) and AgSbF₆ (13.7 mg, 0.04 mmol, 20 mol %). Then the vessel was sealed and submerged in an oil bath preheated to 100 °C for 4 h. After completion of the reaction, the mixture was quenched by adding 10 mL of H₂O and extracted with DCM (3×10 mL). The combined organic phase was washed with H₂O (3×10 mL), dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄, concentrated *in vacuo* and purified by flash silica gel chromatography to afford **7** (46.2 mg, over all yield: 49%) as a colorless liquid; R_f = 0.45 (Petroleum ether/EtOAc = 10/1); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.52 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.42-7.33 (m, 11H), 7.29-7.26 (m, 4H), 7.23-7.21 (m, 1H), 6.99 (s, 1H), 4.01-3.92 (m, 1H), 3.75-3.66 (m, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 146.9, 145.5, 142.8, 140.4, 138.5, 138.1, 133.2, 132.7, 132.1, 132.0, 129.6, 129.5, 128.6, 128.4, 128.1, 127.9, 127.8, 127.2, 126.9, 125.9, 124.6 (q, *J* = 275.6 Hz), 122.1, 118.2, 113.6, 92.7, 62.3 (q, *J* = 34.3 Hz); HRMS (ES⁺-TOF) calcd for C₃₀H₂₀F₃NNaO ([M+Na]⁺): 490.1389, found 490.1399.

Synthesis of compound **8**:

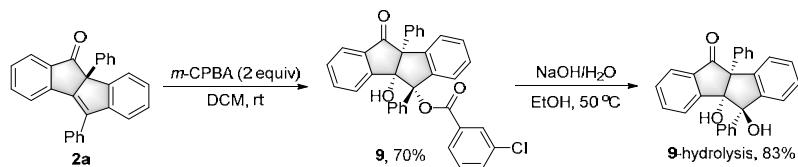


2-(2-benzoylphenyl)-2-phenyl-1H-indene-1,3(2H)-dione (8)

The solution of 4b,10-diphenylindeno[2,1-*a*]inden-5(4b*H*)-one **2a** (74.4 mg, 0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv) in 4 mL of DCE was added PCC (172 mg, 0.8 mmol, 4.0 equiv). Then the mixture was stirred at 80 °C

for 4 h. After completion of the reaction, the mixture was quenched by adding 10 mL of H₂O and extracted with EtOAc (3×10 mL). The combined organic phase was washed with H₂O (3×10 mL), dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄, concentrated *in vacuo* and purified by flash silica gel chromatography to afford **8** (59.8 mg, 74%) as a white solid; m.p. 220-222 °C (Petroleum ether/EtOAc); R_f = 0.35 (Petroleum ether/EtOAc = 5/1); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.92-7.90 (m, 2H), 7.75-7.73 (m, 4H), 7.56-7.54 (m, 1H), 7.46-7.38 (m, 5H), 7.38-7.29 (m, 5H), 6.93 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 198.6, 198.4, 140.9, 138.5, 137.3, 137.1, 136.6, 135.2, 134.2, 132.8, 131.3, 130.6, 130.4, 129.2, 129.1, 128.3, 128.1, 126.7, 123.5, 69.3; HRMS (ES⁺-TOF) calcd for C₂₈H₁₉O₃ ([M+H]⁺): 403.1329, found 403.1338.

Synthesis of compound **9** and its hydrolysis:



(4b*R*,5*R*,9*bR*)-4*b*-hydroxy-10-oxo-5,9*b*-diphenyl-4*b*,5,5*a*,9*a*,9*b*,10-hexahydroindeno[2,1-*a*]inden-5-yl 3-chlorobenzoate (**9**)

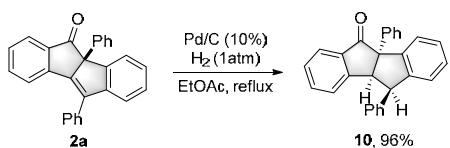
The solution of 4*b*,10-diphenylindeeno[2,1-*a*]inden-5(4*b*H)-one **2a** (72.4 mg, 0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv) in 2 mL of DCM was added *m*-CPBA (64.8 mg, 0.4 mmol, 2.0 equiv) in the open air. Then the mixture was stirred at 25 °C for 48 h. After completion of the reaction, the mixture was quenched by adding 10 mL of H₂O and extracted with EtOAc (3×10 mL). The combined organic phase was washed with H₂O (3×10 mL), dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄, concentrated *in vacuo* and purified by flash silica gel chromatography to afford **9** (76.0 mg, 70%) as a white solid; m.p. 148-150 °C (Petroleum ether/EtOAc); R_f = 0.30 (Petroleum ether/EtOAc = 5/1); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.93-7.91 (m, 1H), 7.74-7.70 (m, 1H), 7.61-7.58 (m, 1H), 7.51-7.29 (m, 13H), 7.22-7.15 (m, 2H), 7.03 (d, *J* =

7.6 Hz, 2H), 6.93 (s, 1H), 5.74 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 3.27 (s, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 203.0, 162.1, 150.0, 143.8, 138.6, 138.3, 136.0, 135.8, 134.5, 134.1, 133.2, 131.6, 131.4, 130.9, 130.5, 130.1, 129.5, 128.8, 128.7, 128.6, 128.5, 128.4, 128.1, 127.8, 126.5, 123.7, 93.3, 91.3, 73.0; HRMS (ES⁺-TOF) calcd for $\text{C}_{35}\text{H}_{24}\text{ClO}_4$ ([M+H]⁺): 543.1358, found 543.1364.

**(4b*S*,9b*R*,10*R*)-9*b*,10-dihydroxy-4*b*,10-diphenyl-9*b*,10-dihydroindeno[2,1-*a*]inden-5(4*b*H)-one
(9-hydrolysis)**

The solution of (4bR,5R,9bR)-4b-hydroxy-10-oxo-5,9b-diphenyl-4b,5,9b,10-tetrahydroindeno[2,1-*a*]inden-5-yl 3-chlorobenzoate **9** (0.1 mmol, 54.3 mg, 1.0 equiv) in 2 mL of EtOH was added NaOH (1 M solution in H_2O , 1 mL) with stirring at 50 °C for 4 h. After completion of the reaction, the mixture was quenched by adding 10 mL of H_2O and extracted with EtOAc (3×10 mL). The combined organic phase was washed with H_2O (3×10 mL), dried over anhydrous Na_2SO_4 , concentrated *in vacuo* and purified by flash silica gel chromatography to afford **9**-hydrolysis. (33.8 mg, 83%) as a white solid; m.p. 170-172 °C (Petroleum ether/EtOAc); R_f = 0.30 (Petroleum ether/EtOAc = 3/1); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, $\text{DMSO}-d_6$): δ 7.60 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1 H), 7.43-7.16 (m, 12H), 6.62-6.90 (m, 2H), 6.72 (s, 1H), 5.95 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 5.09 (s, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, $\text{DMSO}-d_6$): δ 204.2, 153.0, 145.2, 142.7, 141.4, 140.5, 135.2, 134.0, 130.3, 129.6, 129.2, 128.9, 128.3, 128.1, 127.6, 127.3, 126.6, 126.5, 125.9, 122.5, 90.8, 84.3, 73.4; HRMS (ES⁺-TOF) calcd for $\text{C}_{28}\text{H}_{20}\text{NaO}_3$ ([M+Na]⁺): 427.1305, found 427.1314.

Synthesis of compound **10:**



(4b*S*,9b*S*,10*R*)-4*b*,10-diphenyl-9*b*,10-dihydroindeno[2,1-*a*]inden-5(4*b*H)-one

The solution of 4b,10-diphenylindeno[2,1-*a*]inden-5(4b*H*)-one **2a** (74.4 mg, 0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv) in 5 mL of EA was added Pd/C (10%, 7.4 mg) with refluxing for 12 h under a hydrogen atmosphere. After completion of the reaction, the mixture was quenched by adding 10 mL of H₂O and extracted with EtOAc (3×10 mL). The combined organic phase was washed with H₂O (3×10 mL), dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄, concentrated *in vacuo* and purified by flash silica gel chromatography to afford **10** (71.4 mg, 96%) a white solid; m.p. 184-187 °C (Petroleum ether/EtOAc); R_f = 0.45 (Petroleum ether/EtOAc = 10/1); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.76 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.65-7.63 (m, 1H), 7.32-7.24 (m, 11H), 7.18-7.13 (m, 1H), 7.09-7.07 (m, 2H), 7.04-7.02 (m, 1H), 6.01 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 5.18 (d, *J* = 9.6 Hz, 1H), 4.32 (d, *J* = 9.6 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 205.7, 152.2, 145.3, 143.0, 142.4, 139.4, 136.7, 133.7, 130.4, 128.8, 128.6, 128.5, 128.1, 127.8, 127.7, 127.5, 127.2, 127.0, 126.3, 125.9, 124.0, 70.8, 60.2, 53.0; HRMS (ES⁺-TOF) calcd for C₂₈H₂₁O ([M+H]⁺): 373.1587, found 373.1593.

5. Emission spectra and density functional theory (DFT) bandgap calculation

The cyclopenta-fused skeletons of compounds **2** and **3** might be intriguing units for new functional materials, including organic light emitting diodes, electroluminescence materials, and organic transistors. As a consequence, the fluorescent spectroscopic properties of a series of compounds **2** and **4** were checked as showed. Fluorescence spectra of **2** in both dilute dichloromethane (DCM) solution and solid state were measured (*Figure S1* and *S2*). All of tested compounds **2** covered the light ranging from 400 to 650 nm with a maximum at around 490 nm in its DCM solution. Obviously, the nature of substituents attaching to the carbonyl aromatic ring greatly affected the fluorescent intensity (See *Figure S1*: examples **2b**, **2d**, **2e** and **2h**). For examples, **2d** with strong

electron-donating group 7,9-diMeO displayed highest fluorescent intensity while **2h** with strong electron-withdrawing group 8-CF₃ showed the lowest one. The substituents on the benzene ring at the 4-position of compounds **2** had little effect on the fluorescence (See *Figure S1*: examples **2a**, **2k** and **2l**). Functional groups tethered to indene units remarkably changed the fluorescent emission bands (See *Figure S1*: examples **2a**, **2q**, **2r** and **2s**). Luminescence wavelength of compound **2q** (about 510 nm) had a remarkable bathochromic shift together with increasing fluorescent intensity comparing with substrates **2a**, **2r** and **2s** because of its donor-acceptor architecture. Moreover, all of the employed compounds also showed fluorescent emission in its solid state (*Figure S2*). Interestingly, compounds **2i** and **2s** exhibited highly emissive in solid state probably due to the influence of S-atom in π -conjugated system in the case of **2i** and the rotation restriction of the phenyl ring in the C11-position of **2s**, respectively. Although no fluorescence of compounds **4** was observed in solid state due to the planar structure of **4** with the existence of intermolecular π – π stacking, these compounds were strongly luminescent in dilute DCM, with maximum emissions at 410 nm and 430 nm, respectively (*Figure S3*). The substituents affected the π -conjugated systems in similar fashions. For examples, the strong electron-donating group on the aromatic ring (**4e**, **4f**, and **4h**) could pronouncedly increase fluorescent intensity and the electron-withdrawing group (**4b** and **4c**) led to decrease of fluorescent intensity. Furthermore, cuvette images of the compounds **2b**, **2d**, **2j**, **2q**, **4e** and **4h** were taken under a handheld UV-lamp ($\lambda_{\text{ex}} = 365$ nm), **2b**, **2j**, **4e**, **4h** showed blue color and **2d**, **2q** displayed light green color (*Figure S4*). Besides, the fluorescent quantum yield of selected compounds **2d** and **2h** was found to be $\Phi_{2d} = 0.45$ and $\Phi_{4h} = 0.43$ based on the standard of quinine sulfate ($\Phi = 0.55$ in 0.1 M H₂SO₄, See *Figure S5*). Finally, the density functional theory (DFT) bandgap calculation shows that the HOMO-LUMO gap of compounds **2b**, **2d**, **2h**, **2k**, **2l** and **2q**

decreases (see *Figure S6*) with the increase of push-pull electron effect (see *Figure S1*), which is consistent with their fluorescence response.

Emission spectra:

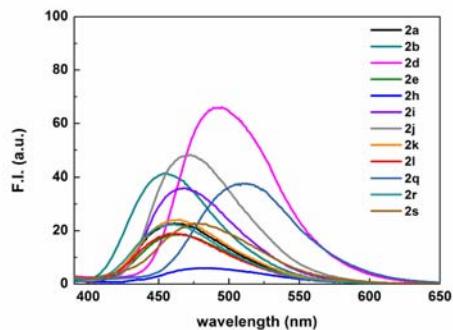


Figure S1. Emission spectra of **2a–b**, **2d–e**, **2h–l**, and **2q–s** in DCM ($c = 10^{-5}$ mol/L).

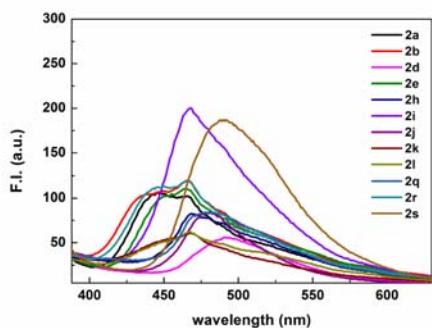


Figure S2. Solid emission spectra of **2a–b**, **2d–e**, **2h–l**, and **2q–s**

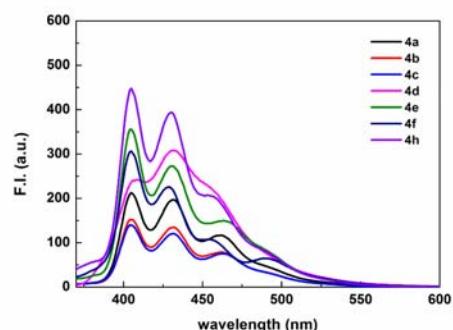


Figure S3. Emission spectra of **4a–f**, and **4h** in DCM ($c = 10^{-5}$ mol/L)

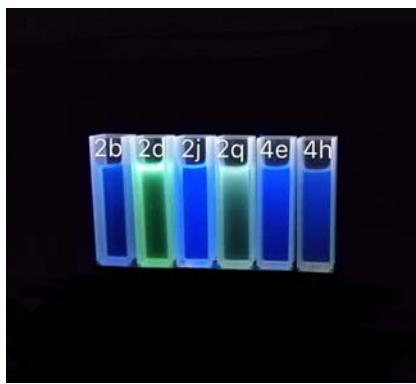


Figure S4. Cuvette images of the compounds **2b**, **2d**, **2j**, **2q**, **4e** and **4h** taken under a handheld UV-lamp ($\lambda_{\text{ex}} = 365$ nm).

Table S1. Emission and excitation wavelength of all compounds in DCM

Compounds	Emission wavelength/nm	Excitation wavelength/nm	Stokes Shift/nm
2a	384	463	79
2b	395	455	60
2d	401	492	91
2e	351	464	113
2h	410	484	74
2i	387	467	80
2j	393	473	80
2k	324	464	140
2l	355	461	106
2q	363	511	148
2r	341	458	117
2s	414	480	66
4a	315	431	116
4b	318	432	114
4c	320	433	113
4d	340	432	92
4e	337	430	93
4f	326	428	102
4h	316	430	114

Sample preparation:

2d UV Absorbance 0.022 in DCM

4h UV Absorbance 0.033 in DCM

Quinine sulfate UV Absorbance 0.024 in 0.1 M H₂SO₄

Quantum yield determination: The quantum yields of samples were determined based on quinine sulfate 0.1 M H₂SO₄ in deionized water.

(Φ_{2d} = 0.458253).

(Φ_{4h} = 0.433607).

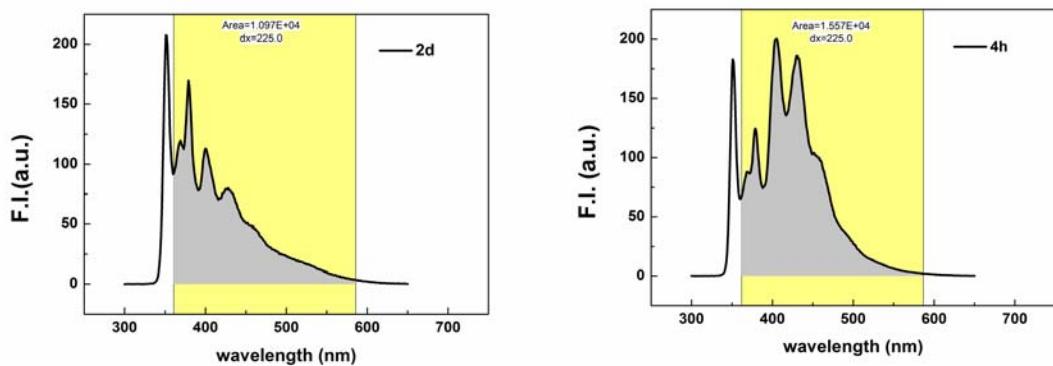
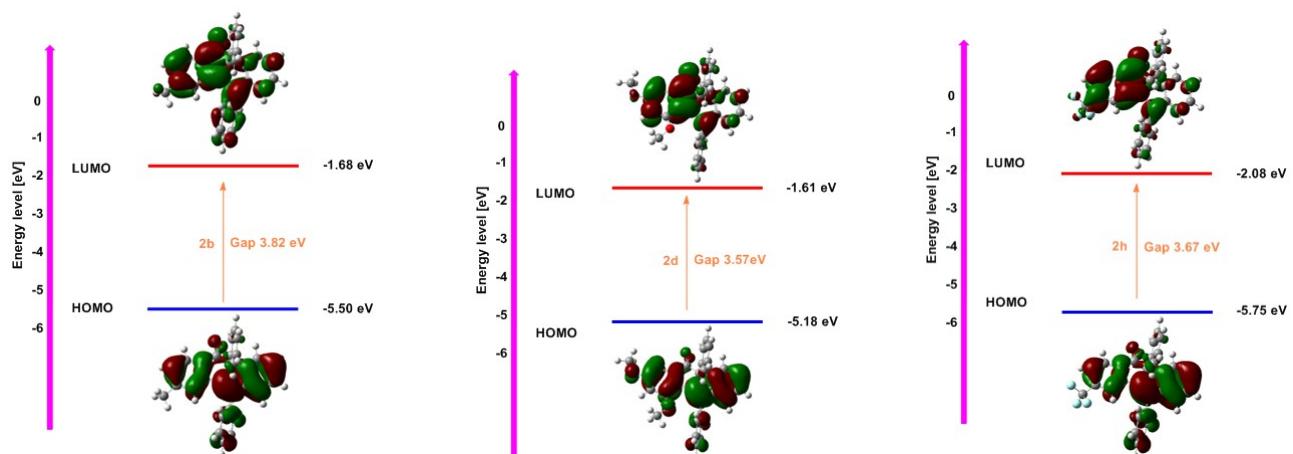


Figure S5. UV/FL spectra and quantum yields of 2d and 4h:

DFT calculations at the B3LYP-D3/6-311G(d,p) level of theory were carried out to optimize the structure and for the calculation of vibrational frequencies. DFT calculations are based on a Gaussian 09 program.

Density functional theory (DFT) calculation:



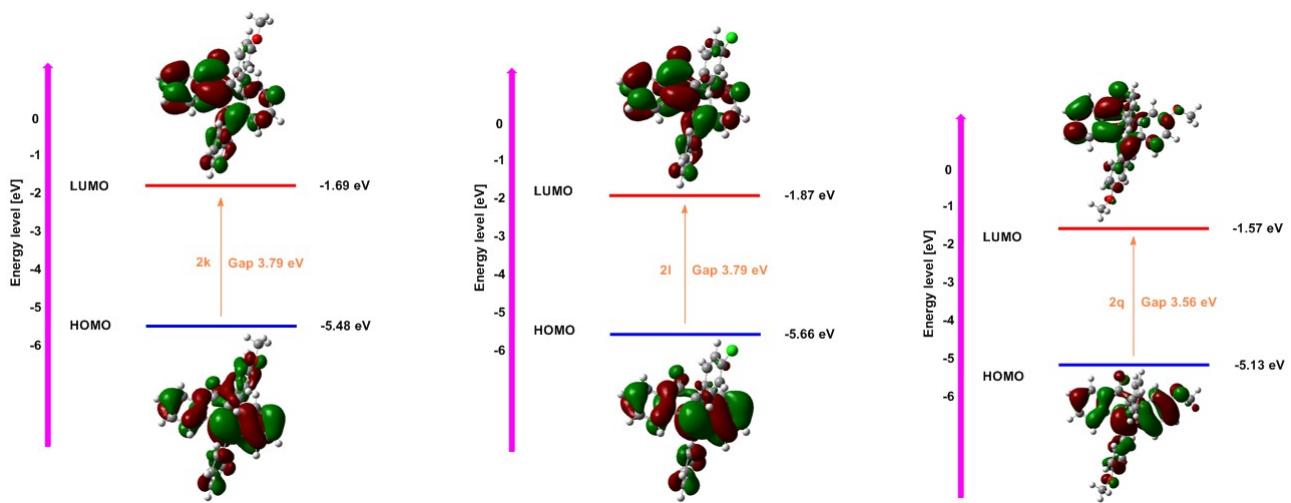


Figure S6. Energy gaps (ΔE L/H), HOMO and LUMO energy levels of the frontier molecular orbitals of compounds **2b**, **2d**, **2h**, **2k**, **2l** and **2q**

Cartesian coordinates for all relevant optimized structures

Structure 2b

E(RPBE1PBE) = -229.85041052554658 a.u.

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C	-0.60154900	1.50420300	-0.25143800
C	0.30995200	2.05404300	-1.18397800
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Structure 2q

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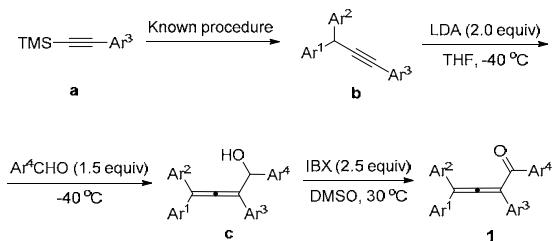
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6. Preparation of allenyl ketones 1

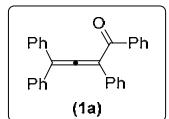
Synthesis of starting materials *1a–In*, *1p–1y* by revised method, and ^1H and ^{13}C NMR spectra data for the reported ones showed good agreement with the literature data⁴ (H. Ren, M. Miao, H. Xu, Y. Luo, M. Jin, Z. Chen, J. Xu, *Synthesis* **2017**, *50*, 349). Belows are new general procedure and the summarized characterization data for the newly synthesized allenyl ketones **1**.



To a solution of 1,3,3-triarylpropyne **b**, which was synthesized according to the reported procedure¹ (5.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv) in 20 mL of anhydrous THF, was added dropwise to a solution of LDA (2 M in hexane, 10.0 mmol, 2.0 equiv) at -40 °C under the N₂ atmosphere. The reaction was stirred for 20 min. Then aldehyde (7.5 mmol, 1.5 equiv) dissolving in 5 mL of dry THF was injected to the mixture by a syringe at -40 °C. After 15 min, the mixture was allowed to warm up to room temperature, quenched by adding 50 mL of H₂O and extracted with EA (3×50 mL). The combined organic layers were dried over Na₂SO₄ and concentrated *in vacuo*. The residue was purified with flash silica gel chromatography to afford allenyl alcohol **c**. To a solution of the mixture of **c** in 20 mL of DMSO were added 2.5 equiv of IBX with stirring at 30 °C for 30 min. After completion of the reaction, the mixture was quenched by adding 20 mL of H₂O and extracted with EtOAc (3×50 mL). The combined organic phase was washed with H₂O (3×50 mL), dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄,

concentrated *in vacuo* and purified by flash silica gel chromatography to give the starting materials **1**.

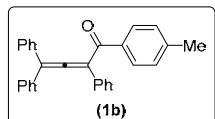
1,2,4,4-tetraphenylbuta-2,3-dien-1-one (1a)



The reaction of prop-2-yne-1,1,3-triyltribenzene (1.342 g, 5.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv), LDA (5 mL, 2.0 M in hexane, 2.0 equiv), and benzaldehyde (0.795 g, 7.5 mmol, 1.5 equiv)

in 20 mL of THF. The resulted mixture was further oxidized by IBX (3.500 g, 12.5 mmol, 2.5 equiv) in 20 mL of DMSO to afford **1a** (1.562 g, 84%) as a yellow solid. (Known compound)

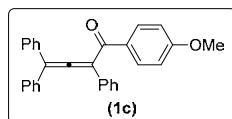
2,4,4-triphenyl-1-(*p*-tolyl)buta-2,3-dien-1-one (1b)



The reaction of prop-2-yne-1,1,3-triyltribenzene (1.342 g, 5.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv), LDA (5 mL, 2.0 M in hexane, 2.0 equiv), and 4-methylbenzaldehyde (0.900 g, 7.5

mmol, 1.5 equiv) in 20 mL of THF. The resulted mixture was further oxidized by IBX (3.500 g, 12.5 mmol, 2.5 equiv) in 20 mL of DMSO to afford **1b** (1.585 g, 82%) as a yellow solid. (Known compound)

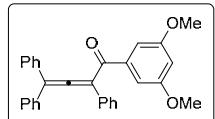
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The reaction of prop-2-yne-1,1,3-triyltribenzene (1.340 g, 5.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv), LDA (5 mL, 2.0 M in hexane, 2.0 equiv), and 4-methoxybenzaldehyde (1.022 g,

7.5 mmol, 1.5 equiv) in 20 mL of THF. The resulted mixture was further oxidized by IBX (3.500g, 12.5 mmol, 2.5 equiv) in 20 mL of DMSO to afford **1c** (1.610 g, 80%) as a yellow solid. (Known compound)

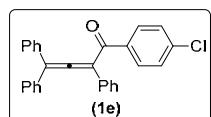
1-(3,5-dimethoxyphenyl)-2,4,4-triphenylbuta-2,3-dien-1-one (1d)



The reaction of prop-2-yne-1,1,3-triyltribenzene (1.342 g, 5.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv), LDA (5 mL, 2.0 M in hexane, 2.0 equiv), and 3,5-dimethoxybenzaldehyde (1.247

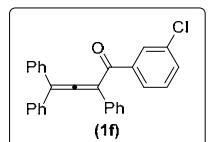
g, 7.5 mmol, 1.5 equiv) in 20 mL of THF. The resulted mixture was further oxidized by IBX (3.500 g, 12.5 mmol, 2.5 equiv) in 20 mL of DMSO to afford **1d** (1.758 g, 81%) as a yellow solid. (Known compound)

1-(4-chlorophenyl)-2,4,4-triphenylbuta-2,3-dien-1-one (1e)



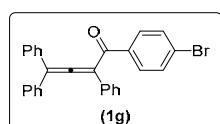
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1-(3-chlorophenyl)-2,4,4-triphenylbuta-2,3-dien-1-one (1f)



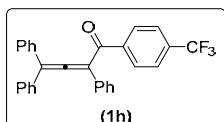
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1-(4-bromophenyl)-2,4,4-triphenylbuta-2,3-dien-1-one (1g)



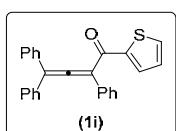
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2,4,4-triphenyl-1-(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)buta-2,3-dien-1-one (1h)



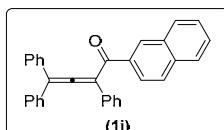
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(Known compound)

2,4,4-triphenyl-1-(thiophen-2-yl)buta-2,3-dien-1-one (1i**)**



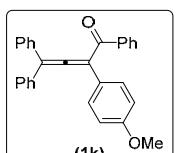
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2,4,4-triphenyl-1-(thiophen-2-yl)buta-2,3-dien-1-one (1j**)**



The reaction of prop-2-yne-1,1,3-triyltribenzene (1.342 g, 5.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv), LDA (5 mL, 2.0 M in hexane, 2.0 equiv), and 2-naphthaldehyde (1.172 g, 7.5 mmol, 1.5 equiv) in 20 mL of THF. The resulted mixture was further oxidized by IBX (3.500 g, 12.5 mmol, 2.5 equiv) in 20 mL of DMSO to afford **1j** (1.622 g, 77%) as a yellow solid. (Known compound)

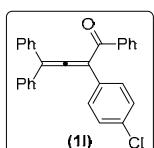
1-(4-methoxyphenyl)-2,4,4-triphenylbuta-2,3-dien-1-one (1k**)**



The reaction of (3-(4-methoxyphenyl)prop-2-ynyl)dibenzene (1.490g, 5.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv), LDA (5 mL, 2.0 M in hexane, 2.0 equiv), and benzaldehyde (0.795g, 7.5 mmol, 1.5 equiv) in 20 mL of THF. The resulted mixture was further oxidized by IBX (3.500 g, 12.5 mmol, 2.5 equiv) in 20 mL of DMSO to afford **1k** (1.208 g, 60%) as a yellow solid; m.p. 66-68 °C (Petroleum ether/EtOAc); R_f = 0.25 (Petroleum ether/EtOAc = 10/1); ¹H NMR (400

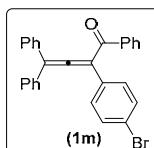
MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.79-7.77 (m, 2H), 7.49-7.45 (m, 3H), 7.35-7.32 (m, 6H), 7.24-7.21 (m, 6H), 6.93-6.90 (m, 2H), 3.82 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 212.7, 193.5, 159.5, 138.2, 135.0, 132.8, 129.31, 129.27, 128.7, 128.5, 128.14, 128.09, 125.0, 115.5, 114.2, 110.9, 55.3; HRMS (ES⁺-TOF) calcd for C₂₉H₂₃O₂ ([M+H]⁺): 403.1693, found 403.1687.

2-(4-chlorophenyl)-1,4,4-triphenylbuta-2,3-dien-1-one (1l)



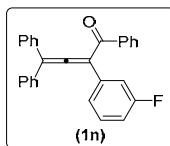
The reaction of (3-(4-chlorophenyl)prop-2-yne-1,1-diyl)dibenzene (1.514g, 5.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv), LDA (5 mL, 2.0 M in hexane, 2.0 equiv), and benzaldehyde (0.795g, 7.5 mmol, 1.5 equiv) in 20 mL of THF. The resulted mixture was further oxidized by IBX (3.500 g, 12.5 mmol, 2.5 equiv) in 20 mL of DMSO to afford **1l** (1.607 g, 79%) as a yellow solid; m.p. 72-74 °C (Petroleum ether/EtOAc); R_f = 0.45 (Petroleum ether/EtOAc = 10/1); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.77-7.75 (m, 2H), 7.50-7.44 (m, 3H), 7.37-7.34 (m, 8H), 7.24-7.21 (m, 6H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 213.1, 192.9, 137.9, 134.5, 133.9, 133.0, 131.5, 129.4, 129.3, 128.9, 128.8, 128.5, 128.4, 128.2, 116.0, 110.3; HRMS (ES⁺-TOF) calcd for C₂₈H₂₀ClO ([M+H]⁺): 407.1197, found 407.1202.

2-(4-bromophenyl)-1,4,4-triphenylbuta-2,3-dien-1-one (1m)



The reaction of (3-(4-bromophenyl)prop-2-yne-1,1-diyl)dibenzene (1.737 g, 5.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv), LDA (5 mL, 2.0 M in hexane, 2.0 equiv), and benzaldehyde (0.796 g, 7.5 mmol, 1.5 equiv) in 20 mL of THF. The resulted mixture was further oxidized by IBX (3.500 g, 12.5 mmol, 2.5 equiv) in 20 mL of DMSO to afford **1m** (1.625 g, 72%) as a yellow solid. (Known compound)

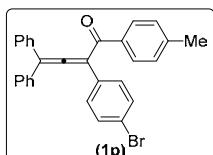
2-(3-fluorophenyl)-1,4,4-triphenylbuta-2,3-dien-1-one (1n)



The reaction of (3-(3-fluorophenyl)prop-2-yne-1,1-diyl)dibenzene (1.431 g, 5.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv), LDA (5 mL, 2.0 M in hexane, 2.0 equiv), and benzaldehyde (0.796

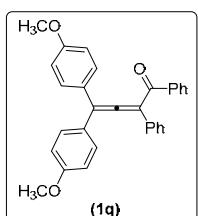
g, 7.5 mmol, 1.5 equiv) in 20 mL of THF. The resulted mixture was further oxidized by IBX (3.500 g, 12.5 mmol, 2.5 equiv) in 20 mL of DMSO to afford **1n** (0.918 g, 47%) as a yellow solid. (Known compound)

2-(4-bromophenyl)-4,4-diphenyl-1-(*p*-tolyl)buta-2,3-dien-1-one (1p**)**



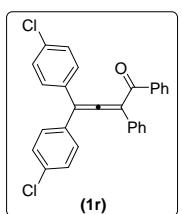
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4,4-bis(4-methoxyphenyl)-1,2-diphenylbuta-2,3-dien-1-one (1q**)**



The reaction of 4,4'-(3-phenylprop-2-yne-1,1-diyl)bis(methoxybenzene) (1.642 g, 5.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv), LDA (5 mL, 2.0 M in hexane, 2.0 equiv), and benzaldehyde (0.796 g, 7.5 mmol, 1.5 equiv) in 20 mL of THF. The resulted mixture was further oxidized by IBX (3.500 g, 12.5 mmol, 2.5 equiv) in 20 mL of DMSO to afford **1q** (0.908 g, 42%) a yellow solid. (Known compound)

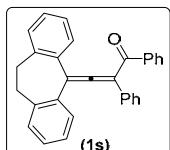
4,4-bis(4-chlorophenyl)-1,2-diphenylbuta-2,3-dien-1-one (1r**)**



The reaction of 4,4'-(3-phenylprop-2-yne-1,1-diyl)bis(chlorobenzene) (1.886 g, 5.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv), LDA (5 mL, 2.0 M in hexane, 2.0 equiv), and benzaldehyde (0.796

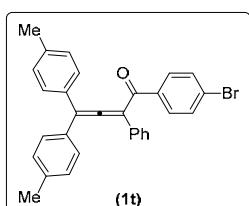
g, 7.5 mmol, 1.5 equiv) in 20 mL of THF. The resulted mixture was further oxidized by IBX (3.500 g, 12.5 mmol, 2.5 equiv) in 20 mL of DMSO to afford **1r** (1.368 g, 62%) as a yellow solid. (Known compound)

3-(10,11-dihydro-5H-dibenzo[a,d][7]annulen-5-ylidene)-1,2-diphenylprop-2-en-1-one (1s)



The reaction of 5-(phenylethynyl)-10,11-dihydro-5H-dibenzo[a,d][7]annulene (1.473g, 5.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv), LDA (5 mL, 2.0 M in hexane, 2.0 equiv), and benzaldehyde (0.795g, 7.5 mmol, 1.5 equiv) in 20 mL of THF. The resulted mixture was further oxidized by IBX (3.500 g, 12.5 mmol, 2.5 equiv) in 20 mL of DMSO to afford **1s** (1.415 g, 71%) as a yellow solid; m.p. 86-89 °C (Petroleum ether/EtOAc); $R_f = 0.45$ (Petroleum ether/EtOAc = 10/1); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.74 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 2H), 7.65 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 2H), 7.47-7.34 (m, 6H), 7.23-7.10 (m, 8H), 2.85-2.73 (m, 4H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 213.2, 193.4, 139.1, 138.5, 134.7, 133.1, 132.6, 129.6, 129.4, 129.2, 128.8, 128.4, 128.0, 127.8, 126.5, 117.1, 109.1, 33.1; HRMS (ES⁺-TOF) calcd for $\text{C}_{30}\text{H}_{23}\text{O}$ ($[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$): 399.1743, found. 399.1747.

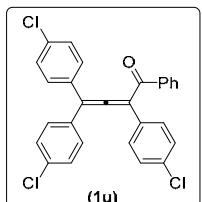
1-(4-bromophenyl)-2-phenyl-4,4-di-p-tolybuta-2,3-dien-1-one (1t)



The reaction of 4,4'-(3-(4-bromophenyl)prop-2-yne-1,1-diyl)bis(methylbenzene) (1.871 g, 5.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv), LDA (5 mL, 2.0 M in hexane, 2.0 equiv), and 4-bromobenzaldehyde (1.388 g, 7.5 mmol, 1.5 equiv) in 20 mL of THF. The resulted mixture was further oxidized by IBX (3.500 g, 12.5 mmol, 2.5 equiv) in 20 mL of DMSO to afford **1t** (1.758 g, 71%) as a yellow solid; m.p. 113-115 °C (Petroleum ether/EtOAc); $R_f = 0.45$ (Petroleum ether/EtOAc = 10/1); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.64 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2H), 7.52 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 7.38-7.35 (m, 4H), 7.32-7.30 (m, 1H), 7.17-7.12 (m, 8H), 2.37 (m, 6H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 213.2, 192.2, 138.3, 136.9, 133.0, 131.7, 131.4, 130.8, 129.5, 128.7, 128.4, 128.1,

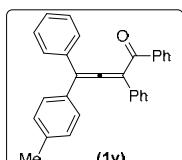
128.0, 127.9, 115.7, 110.8, 21.2; HRMS (ES⁺-TOF) calcd for C₃₀H₂₄BrO ([M+H]⁺): 479.1005, found 479.1015.

2,4,4-tris(4-chlorophenyl)-1-phenylbuta-2,3-dien-1-one (1u)



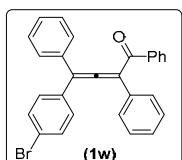
The reaction of 4,4',4''-(prop-2-yne-1,1,3-triyl)tris(chlorobenzene) (1.859 g, 5.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv), LDA (5 mL, 2.0 M in hexane, 2.0 equiv), and benzaldehyde (0.796 g, 7.5 mmol, 1.5 equiv) in 20 mL of THF. The resulted mixture was further oxidized by IBX (3.502 g, 12.5 mmol, 2.5 equiv) in 20 mL of DMSO to afford **1u** (1.665 g, 70%) as a yellow solid; m.p. 121-122 °C (Petroleum ether/EtOAc); R_f = 0.45 (Petroleum ether/EtOAc = 10/1); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.75 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.50 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.42 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.36-7.33 (m, 6H), 7.29-7.27 (m, 2H), 7.14 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 4H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 212.0, 192.4, 137.7, 134.6, 134.3, 133.3, 132.8, 130.9, 129.6, 129.24, 129.15, 129.1, 128.3, 114.3, 110.9; HRMS (ES⁺-TOF) calcd for C₂₈H₁₈Cl₃O ([M+H]⁺): 475.0418, found 475.0418.

1,2,4-triphenyl-4-(p-tolyl)buta-2,3-dien-1-one (1v)



The reaction of (3-(p-tolyl)prop-1-yne-1,3-diyl)dibenzene (1.412 g, 5.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv), LDA (5 mL, 2.0 M in hexane, 2.0 equiv), and benzaldehyde (0.796 g, 7.5 mmol, 1.5 equiv) in 20 mL of THF. The resulted mixture was further oxidized by IBX (3.500 g, 12.5 mmol, 2.5 equiv) in 20 mL of DMSO to afford **1v** (1.353 g, 70%) as a yellow solid. (Known compound)

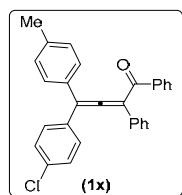
4-(4-bromophenyl)-1,2,4-triphenyl-3*t*5-buta-2,3-dien-1-one (1w)



The reaction of (3-(4-bromophenyl)prop-1-yne-1,3-diyl)dibenzene (1.736 g, 5.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv), LDA (5 mL, 2.0 M in hexane, 2.0 equiv), and benzaldehyde (0.796 g, 7.5 mmol, 1.5 equiv) in 20 mL of THF. The resulted mixture was further oxidized by IBX

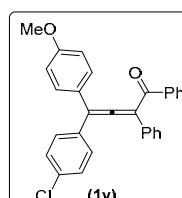
(3.502 g, 12.5 mmol, 2.5 equiv) in 20 mL of DMSO to afford **1w** (1.422 g, 63%) as a yellow solid; m.p. 136-137 °C (Petroleum ether/EtOAc); R_f = 0.40 (Petroleum ether/EtOAc = 10/1); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.80-7.78 (m, 2H), 7.52-7.46 (m, 5H), 7.38-7.31 (m, 6H) 7.25-7.24 (m, 4H), 7.15-7.12 (m, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 212.0, 192.9, 137.9, 134.4, 133.9, 133.1, 132.7, 131.9, 130.0, 129.3, 128.8, 128.7, 128.4, 128.2, 127.9, 122.3, 114.9, 111.5, 106.0; HRMS (ES⁺-TOF) calcd for $\text{C}_{28}\text{H}_{20}\text{BrO}$ ($[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$): 451.0692, found 451.0692.

4-(4-chlorophenyl)-1,2-diphenyl-4-(*p*-tolyl)buta-2,3-dien-1-one (1x**)**



The reaction of 1-chloro-4-(3-phenyl-1-(*p*-tolyl)prop-2-yn-1-yl)benzene (1.584g, 5.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv), LDA (5 mL, 2.0 M in hexane, 2.0 equiv), and benzaldehyde (0.795g, 7.5 mmol, 1.5 equiv) in 20 mL of THF. The resulted mixture was further oxidized by IBX (3.500 g, 12.5 mmol, 2.5 equiv) in 20 mL of DMSO to afford **1x** (1.368 g, 65%) as a yellow solid; m.p. 118-121°C (Petroleum ether/EtOAc); R_f = 0.45 (Petroleum ether/EtOAc = 10/1); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.80-7.78 (m, 2H), 7.52-7.45 (m, 3H), 7.39-7.35 (m, 2H), 7.32-7.25 (m, 5H), 7.20-7.11 (m, 6H), 2.37 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 212.1, 193.0, 138.4, 138.0, 134.1, 133.6, 133.0, 132.9, 131.4, 129.7, 129.5, 129.3, 128.9, 128.8, 128.4, 128.3, 128.2, 128.1, 128.0, 114.7, 111.4, 21.2; HRMS (ES⁺-TOF) calcd for $\text{C}_{29}\text{H}_{22}\text{ClO}$ ($[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$): 421.1354, found 421.1365.

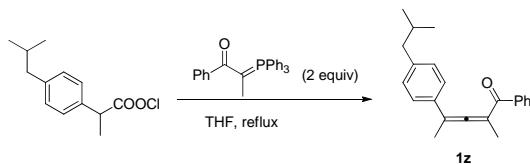
4-(4-chlorophenyl)-4-(4-methoxyphenyl)-1,2-diphenylbuta-2,3-dien-1-one (1y**)**



The reaction of 1-chloro-4-(1-(4-methoxyphenyl)-3-phenylprop-2-yn-1-yl)benzene (1.664 g, 5.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv), LDA (5 mL, 2.0 M in hexane, 2.0 equiv), and benzaldehyde (0.795g, 7.5 mmol, 1.5 equiv) in 20 mL of THF. The resulted mixture was further oxidized by IBX (3.500 g, 12.5 mmol, 2.5 equiv) in 20 mL of DMSO to afford **1y** (1.529

g, 70%) as a yellow solid; m.p. 89-91 °C (Petroleum ether/EtOAc); R_f = 0.45 (Petroleum ether/EtOAc = 10/1); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.80-7.78 (m, 2H), 7.52-7.45 (m, 3H), 7.40-7.36 (m, 2H), 7.32-7.24 (m, 5H), 7.20-7.19 (m, 1H), 7.18-7.15 (m, 3H), 6.90-6.87 (m, 2H), 3.82 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 212.1, 193.1, 159.8, 138.0, 134.1, 133.7, 133.0, 132.9, 129.7, 129.6, 129.3, 128.9, 128.8, 128.2, 128.1, 127.9, 126.5, 114.5, 114.3, 111.3, 55.3; HRMS (ES⁺-TOF) calcd for $\text{C}_{29}\text{H}_{22}\text{ClO}_2$ ([M+H]⁺): 437.1303, found 437.1305.

4.2 Synthesis of Starting Materials **1z**.



4-(4-isobutylphenyl)-2-methyl-1-phenylpenta-2,3-dien-1-one (1z**)**

To a solution of 1-phenyl-2-(triphenylphosphanylidene)propan-1-one (3.375 g, 8.6 mmol, 2.0 equiv) in dry THF (30 mL) under N_2 was added to hypochlorous 2-(4-isobutylphenyl)propanoic anhydride (0.963 g, 4.3 mmol, 1.0 equiv), then the solution was refluxed for 4.0 h. After completion of the reaction, the mixture was quenched by adding 50 mL of H_2O and extracted with EtOAc (3×50 mL). The combined organic phase was washed with H_2O (3×30 mL), dried over anhydrous Na_2SO_4 , concentrated *in vacuo* and purified by flash silica gel chromatography to afford **1z**. (795 mg, 60%) as a red liquid; R_f = 0.40 (Petroleum ether/EtOAc = 10/1); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.72-7.70 (m, 2H), 7.42-7.39 (m, 1H), 7.28 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.17 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.09 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 2.45 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 2.11 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 6H), 1.88-1.81 (m, 1H), 0.90 (s, 3H), 0.88 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 214.6, 195.2, 141.2, 138.6, 132.6, 131.7, 129.3, 128.5, 127.8, 125.7, 104.0, 103.1, 45.0, 30.2, 22.3, 16.5, 15.0; HRMS (ES⁺-TOF) calcd for $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{25}\text{O}$ ([M+H]⁺): 305.1900, found 305.1911.

5. X-ray diffraction analysis of **2p**, **2y**, **5a**, **9**, and **10**

Crystallographic structure analysis of **2p**, **2y**, **5a**, **9** and **10**: A suitable single crystal was mounted on a *Xcalibur*, *Atlas*, *Gemini ultra* at $T_{(2p)} = 150$ K, $T_{(2y)} = 293$ K, $T_{(5a)} = 298$ K, $T_{(9)} = 170$ K or $T_{(10)} = 298$ K using Mo K α radiation($\lambda_{(2p)} = 0.71073$ Å, $\lambda_{(2y)} = 0.71073$ Å, $\lambda_{(5a)} = 0.71073$ Å, $\lambda_{(9)} = 0.71073$ Å, $\lambda_{(10)} = 0.71073$ Å). The intensity data were collected with *CrysAlisPro* program and reduced by *CrysAlisPro* program. The structure was solved by direct methods, expended by difference Fourier syntheses and refined by Full-matrix squares on F^2 using *SHELXL* program packages. All non-hydrogen atoms were refined anisotropically. Hydrogen atoms were placed in ideal positions and refined as riding atoms. Details of the X-ray experiments and crystal data are summarized in **Table S2**, **Table S3**, **Table S4**, **Table S5** and **Table S6**.

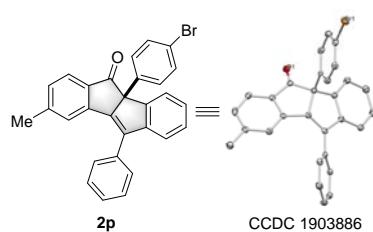


Figure S7. ORTEP drawing of **2p** with ellipsoid contour at 30% probability level

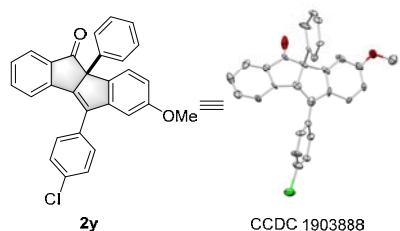


Figure S8. ORTEP drawing of **2y** with ellipsoid contour at 30% probability level

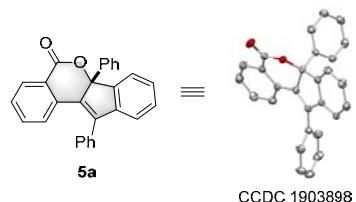


Figure S9. ORTEP drawing of **5a** with ellipsoid contour at 30% probability level

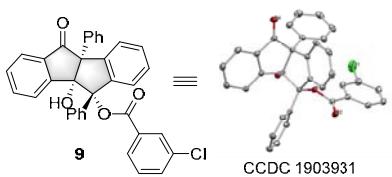


Figure S10. ORTEP drawing of **9** with ellipsoid contour at 30% probability level

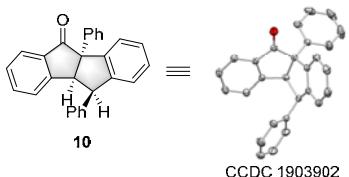


Figure S11. ORTEP drawing of **10** with ellipsoid contour at 30% probability level

Table S2. Crystal data and structure refinement for **2p**.

Empirical formula	$C_{29}H_{19}BrO$	
Formula weight	463.35	
Temperature	150 K	
Wavelength	0.71073 Å	
Crystal system, Space group	trigonal, R -3	
Unit cell dimensions	$a = 28.0155(18)$ Å	$\alpha = 90^\circ$
	$b = 28.0155(18)$ Å	$\beta = 90^\circ$
	$c = 14.9771(11)$ Å	$\gamma = 120^\circ$
Volume	$10180.1(15)$ Å ³	
Z	18	
Density(calculated)	1.360 Mg/m ³	
Absorption coefficient	1.835 mm ⁻¹	
F(000)	4248	
Crystal size	$0.42 \times 0.36 \times 0.29$ mm ³	
Theta range for data collection	3.197 to 25.349°.	
Index ranges	$-18 \leq h \leq 33, -33 \leq k \leq 28, -17 \leq l \leq 14$	
Reflections collected	6978 [R(int)= 0.0382]	
Independent reflections	4126	
Completeness to theta= 25.350°	99.6%	

Absorption correction	Multi-scan from equivalents
Refinement method	Full-matrix squares on F^2
Data/restraints/parameters	4126 /0/ 281
Goodness-of-fit on F^2	1.026
Final R indices [$I > 2\sigma(I)$]	$R_1 = 0.0438, wR_2 = 0.0924$
R indices(all data)	$R_1 = 0.0656, wR_2 = 0.1045$
Extinction coefficient	?
Largest diff. peak and hole	0.606 and -0.547 Å ³

Table S3. Crystal data and structure refinement for **2y**.

Empirical formula	<chem>C29H19ClO2</chem>	
Formula weight	434.11	
Temperature	293K	
Wavelength	0.71073 Å	
Crystal system, Space group	monoclinic, P 1 21/m 1	
Unit cell dimensions	$a = 11.7014(12)$ Å	$\alpha = 90^\circ$
	$b = 8.6987(8)$ Å	$\beta = 94.856(9)^\circ$
	$c = 21.7780(2)$ Å	$\gamma = 90^\circ$
Volume	2208.7(4) Å ³	
Z	2	
Density(calculated)	1.987 Mg/m ³	
Absorption coefficient	1.341 mm ⁻¹	
F(000)	1312.0	
Crystal size	?	
Theta range for data collection	5.844 to 45°	
Index ranges	-11≤h≤12, -9≤k≤7, -23≤l≤21	
Reflections collected	6550 [R(int)= 0.0547]	
Independent reflections	3954	

Completeness to theta= 25.350°	99.77%
Absorption correction	Multi-scan from equivalents
Refinement method	Full-matrix squares on F ²
Data/restraints/parameters	3954 /2/579
Goodness-of-fit on F ²	2.246
Final R indices [I>2sigma(I)]	R ₁ = 0.1747, wR ₂ = 0.4869
R indices(all data)	R ₁ = 0.1879, wR ₂ = 0.5017
Extinction coefficient	?
Largest diff. peak and hole	0.83 and -0.60 Å ³

Table S4. Crystal data and structure refinement for **5a**.

Empirical formula	C ₂₈ H ₁₈ O ₂	
Formula weight	386.45	
Temperature	298 K	
Wavelength	0.71073 Å	
Crystal system, Space group	monoclinic, P 1 21/n 1	
Unit cell dimensions	a= 11.7597(9) Å	α= 90°
	b= 10.1515(7) Å	β= 105.118(7)°
	c= 16.9119(11) Å	γ= 90°
Volume	1949.0(3) Å ³	
Z	4	
Density(calculated)	1.3169 Mg/m ³	
Absorption coefficient	0.082 mm ⁻¹	
F(000)	808.3831	
Crystal size	?	
Theta range for data collection	3.16 to 29.38°	
Index ranges	-15≤h≤15, -14≤k≤7, -21≤l≤14	
Reflections collected	8659 [R(int)= 0.0291]	

Independent reflections	4522
Completeness to theta= 25.350°	99.76%
Absorption correction	Multi-scan from equivalents
Refinement method	Full-matrix squares on F ²
Data/restraints/parameters	4522 /0/ 270
Goodness-of-fit on F ²	0.9907
Final R indices [I>2sigma(I)]	R ₁ = 0.0546, wR ₂ = 0.4869
R indices(all data)	R ₁ = 0.1155, wR ₂ = 0.1301
Extinction coefficient	?
Largest diff. peak and hole	0.3932 and -0.4098 Å ³

Table S5. Crystal data and structure refinement for **9**.

Empirical formula	C ₃₅ H ₂₃ ClO ₄	
Formula weight	542.13	
Temperature	170 K	
Wavelength	0.71073Å	
Crystal system, Space group	monoclinic, -P 2ybc	
Unit cell dimensions	a= 8.9363(2) Å	α= 90°
	b= 17.2110(4)Å	β= 101.2240(10)°
	c= 20.3755(4)Å	γ= 90°
Volume	3073.87(12) Å ³	
Z	4	
Density(calculated)	1.364 Mg/m ³	
Absorption coefficient	0.174mm ⁻¹	
F(000)	1320	
Crystal size	?	
Theta range for data collection	2.577 to 25.350°	
Index ranges	-10<=h<=10, -20<=k<=20, -22<=l<=24	
Reflections collected	28853 [R(int)= 0.0368]	

Independent reflections	5636
Completeness to theta= 25.350°	99.6%
Absorption correction	Multi-scan from equivalents
Refinement method	Full-matrix squares on F ²
Data/restraints/parameters	5636 /0/ 418
Goodness-of-fit on F ²	1.015
Final R indices [I>2sigma(I)]	R ₁ = 0.0546 , wR ₂ = 0.0925
R indices(all data)	R ₁ = 0.0451, wR ₂ = 0.0994
Extinction coefficient	?
Largest diff. peak and hole	0.246 and -0.388 Å ³

Table S6. Crystal data and structure refinement for **10**.

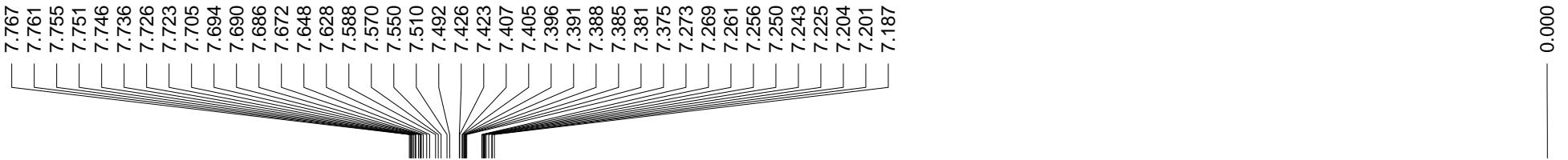
Empirical formula	C ₂₈ H ₂₀ O
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Unit cell dimensions	a= 10.1558(17) Å α= 83.002(10)° b= 10.2913(8) Å β= 62.589(17)° c= 10.8220(18) Å γ= 85.427(9)°
Volume	996.3(3) Å ³
Z	2
Density(calculated)	1.2416 Mg/m ³
Absorption coefficient	0.074 mm ⁻¹
F(000)	392.1694
Crystal size	?
Theta range for data collection	2.77 to 29.47°
Index ranges	-13<=h<=13, -14<=k<=9, -13<=l<=14
Reflections collected	8182 [R(int)= 0.0279]

Independent reflections	4621
Completeness to theta= 25.350°	99.80%
Absorption correction	Multi-scan from equivalents
Refinement method	Full-matrix squares on F ²
Data/restraints/parameters	4621 /0/ 261
Goodness-of-fit on F ²	0.9598
Final R indices [I>2sigma(I)]	R ₁ = 0.0534, wR ₂ = 0.0925
R indices(all data)	R ₁ = 0.1029, wR ₂ = 0.1207
Extinction coefficient	?
Largest diff. peak and hole	0.3016and -0.3609Å ³

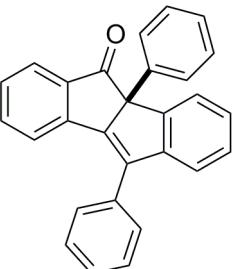
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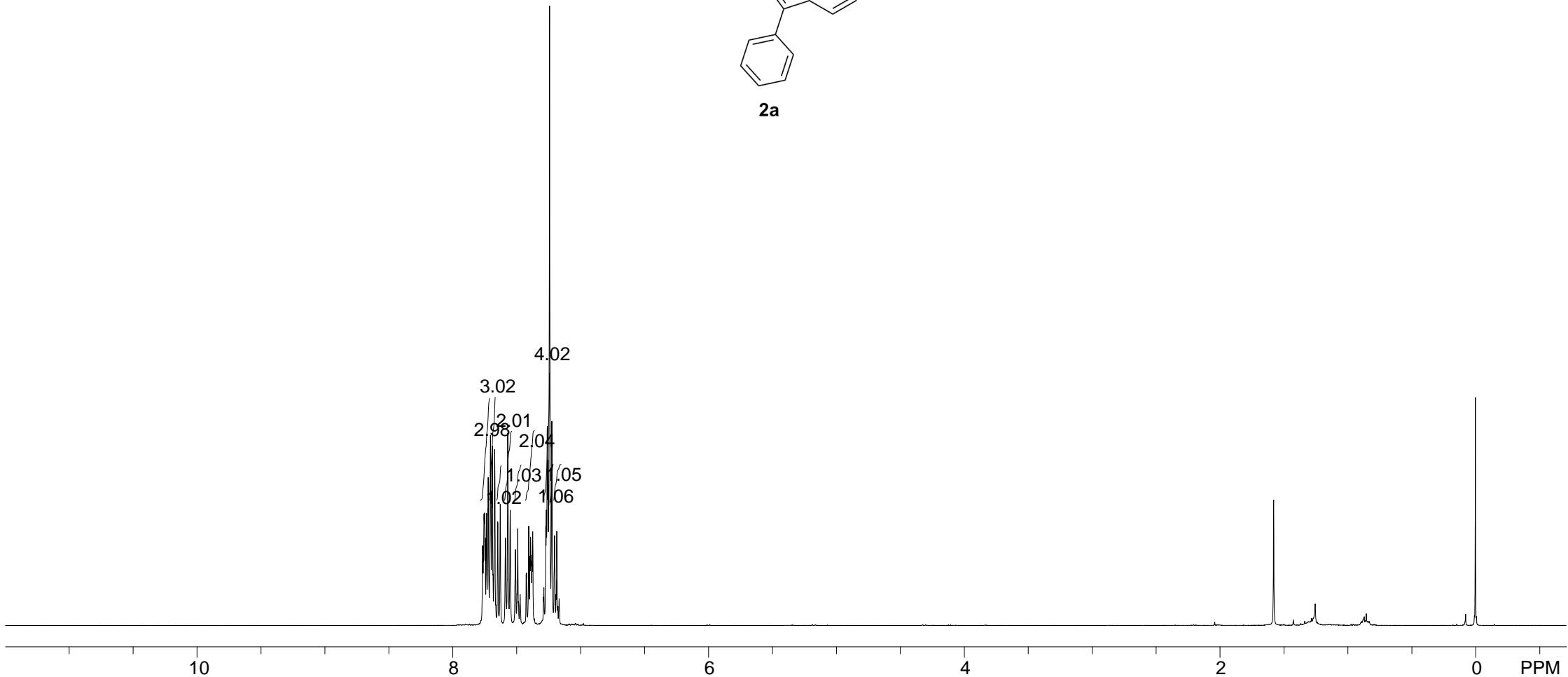
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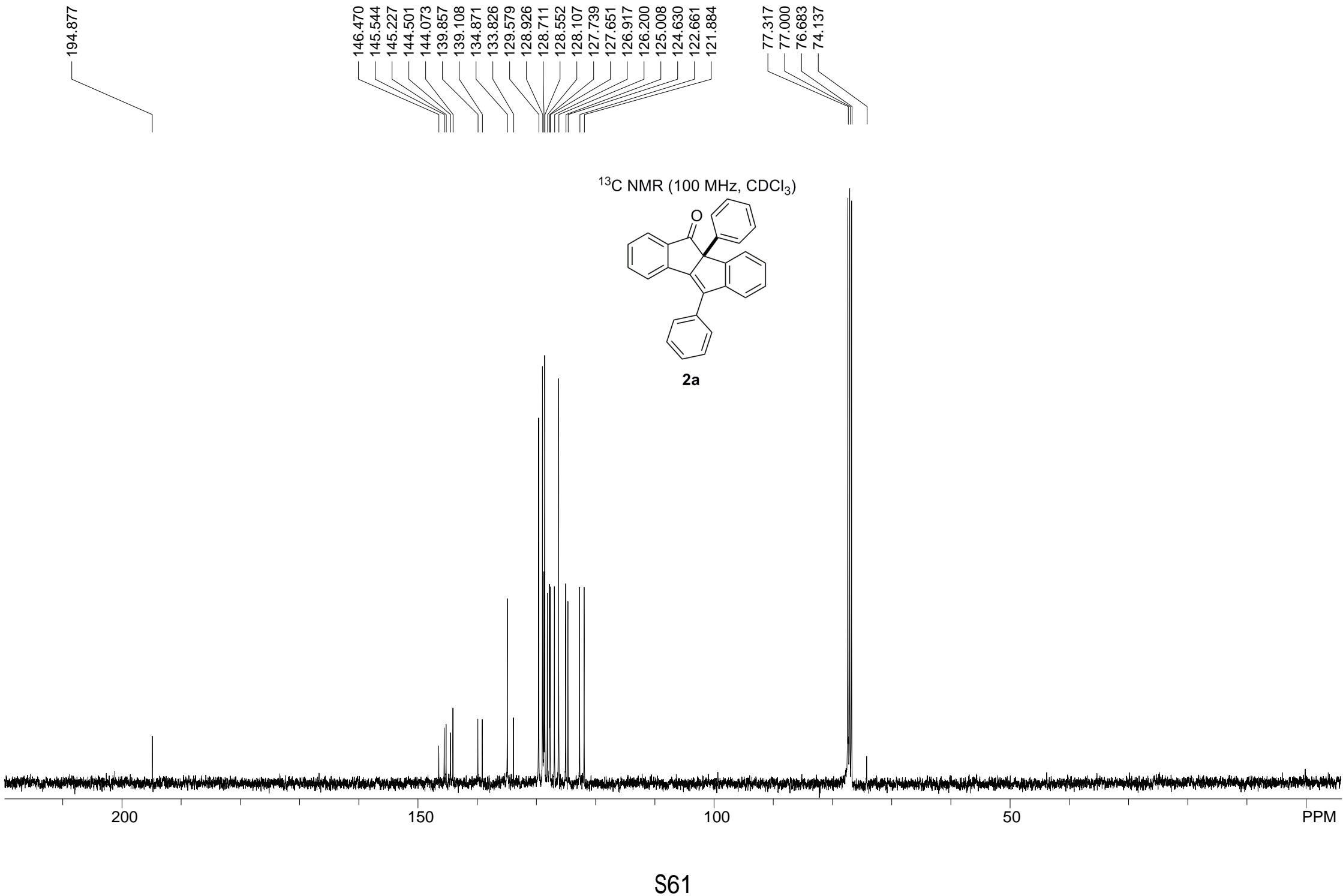


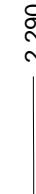
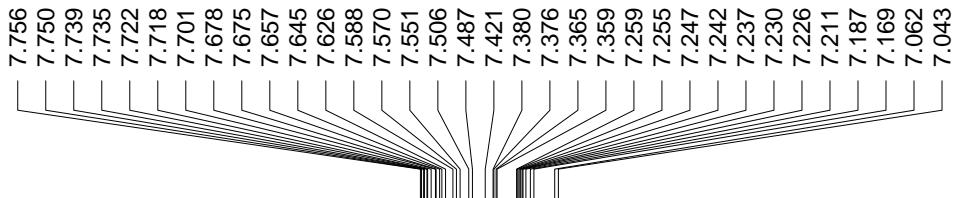
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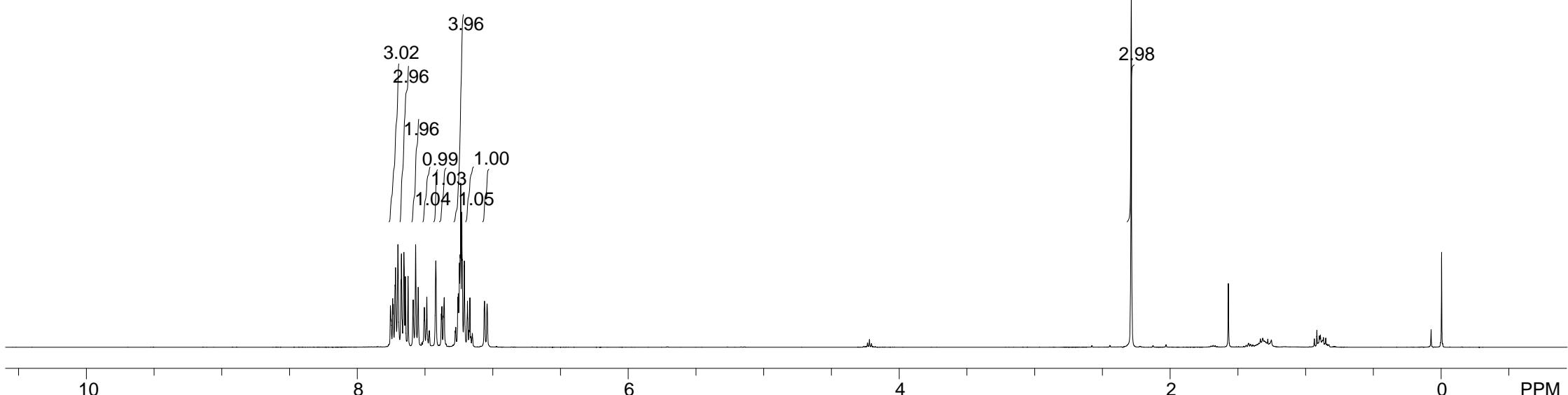
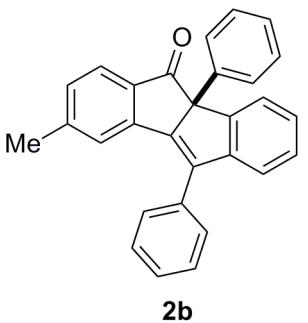
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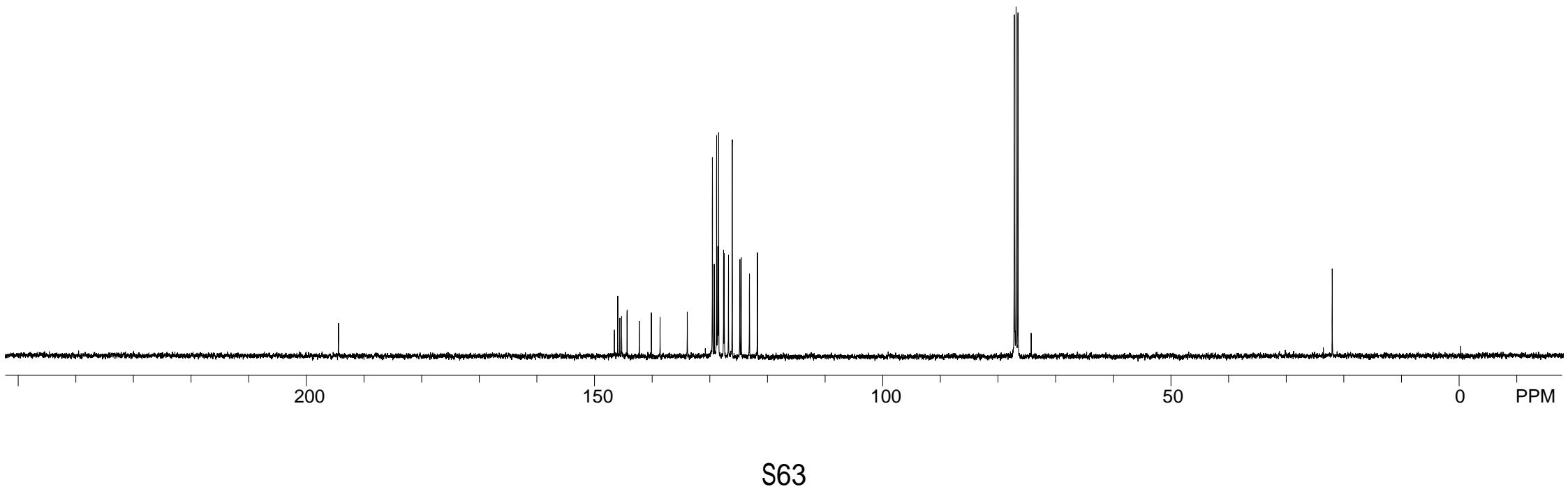




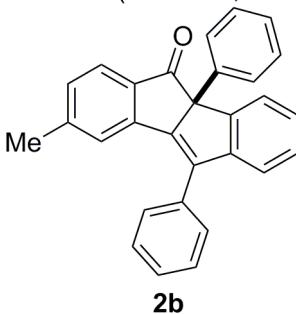


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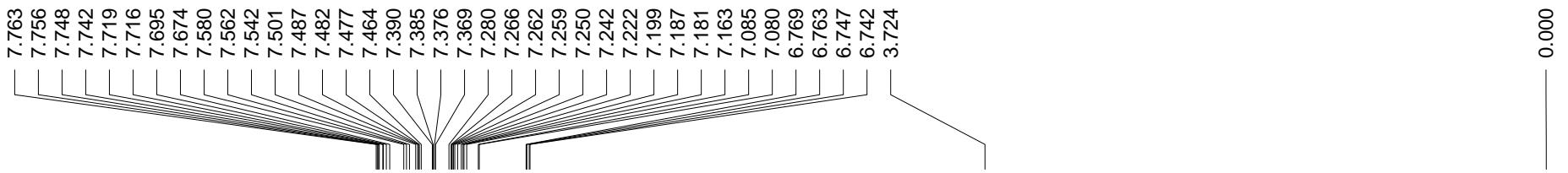
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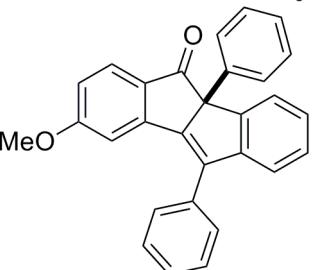
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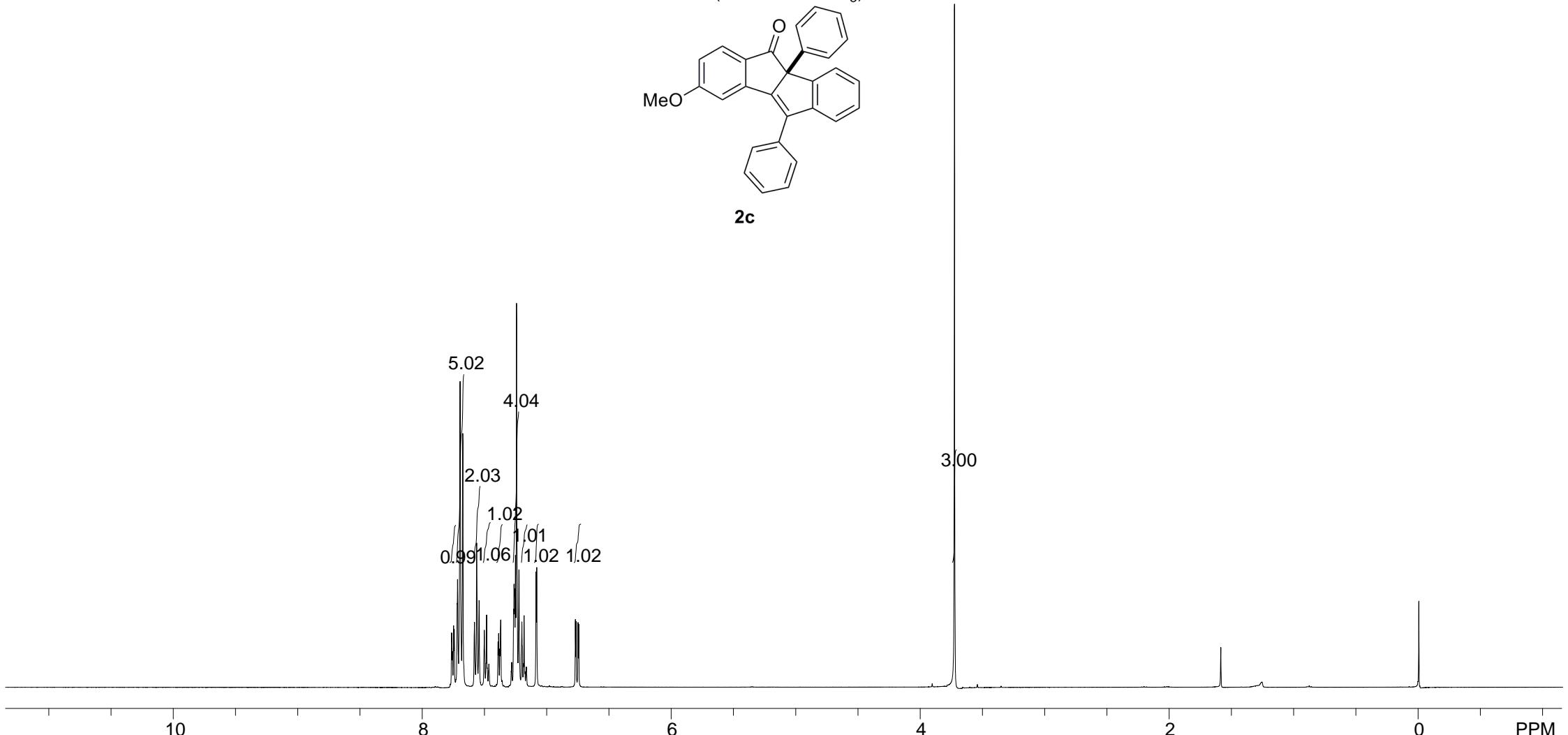
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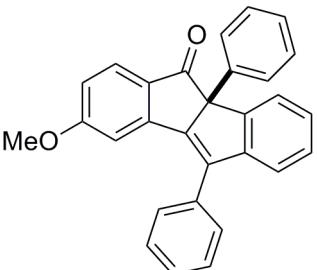
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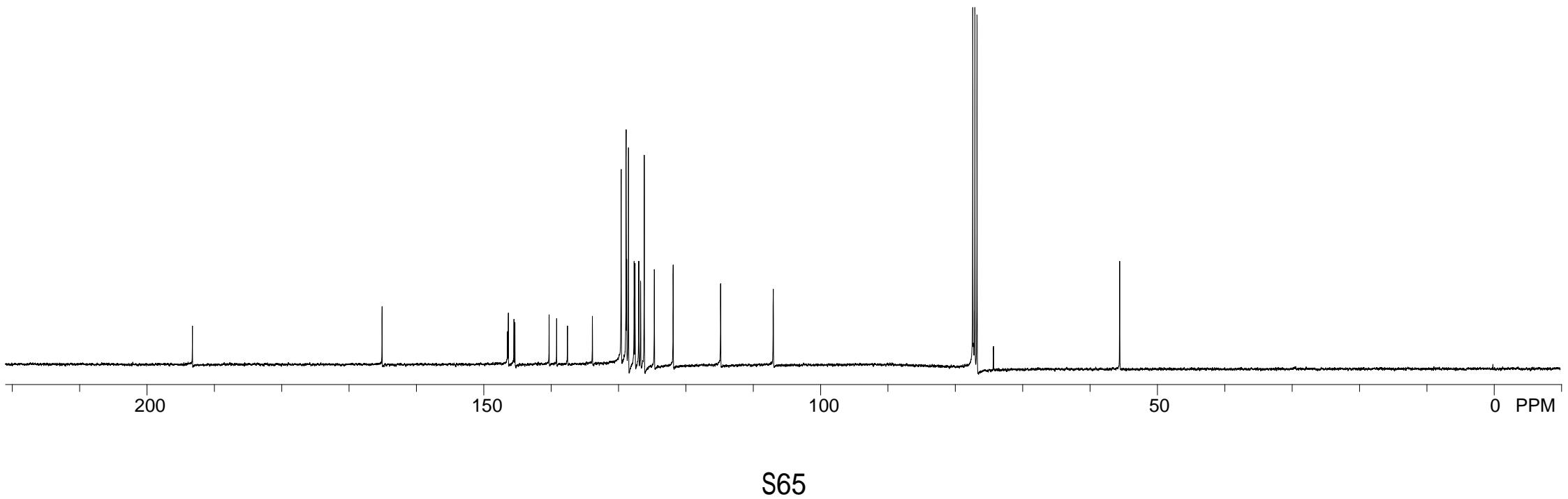
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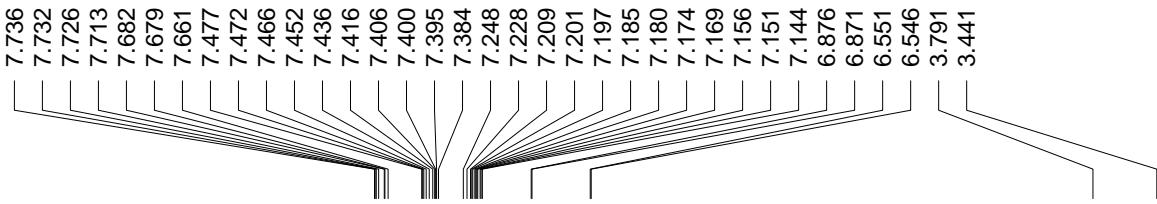
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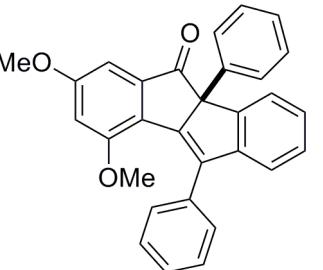


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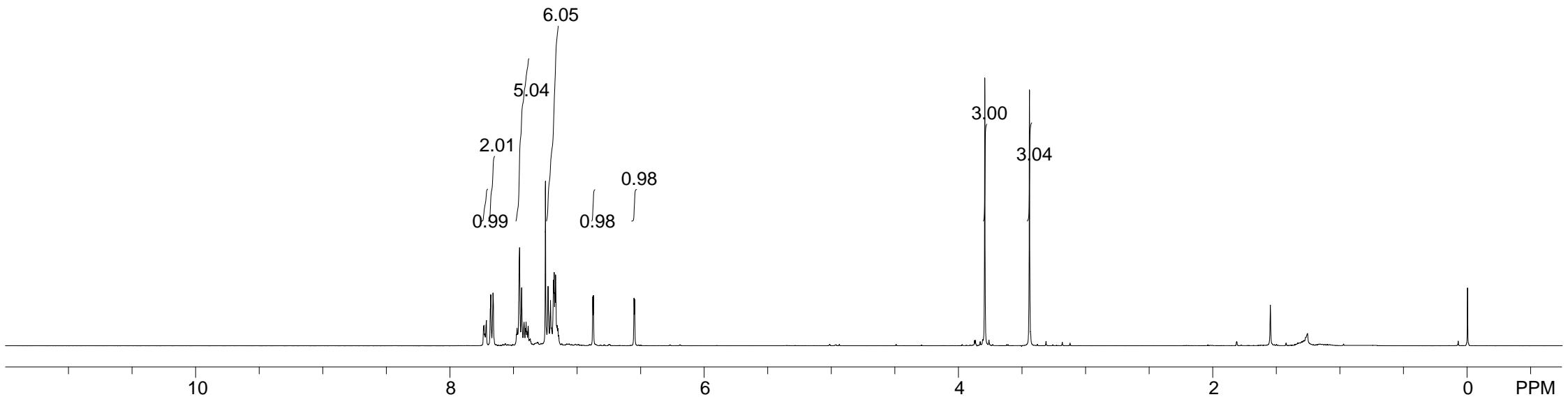


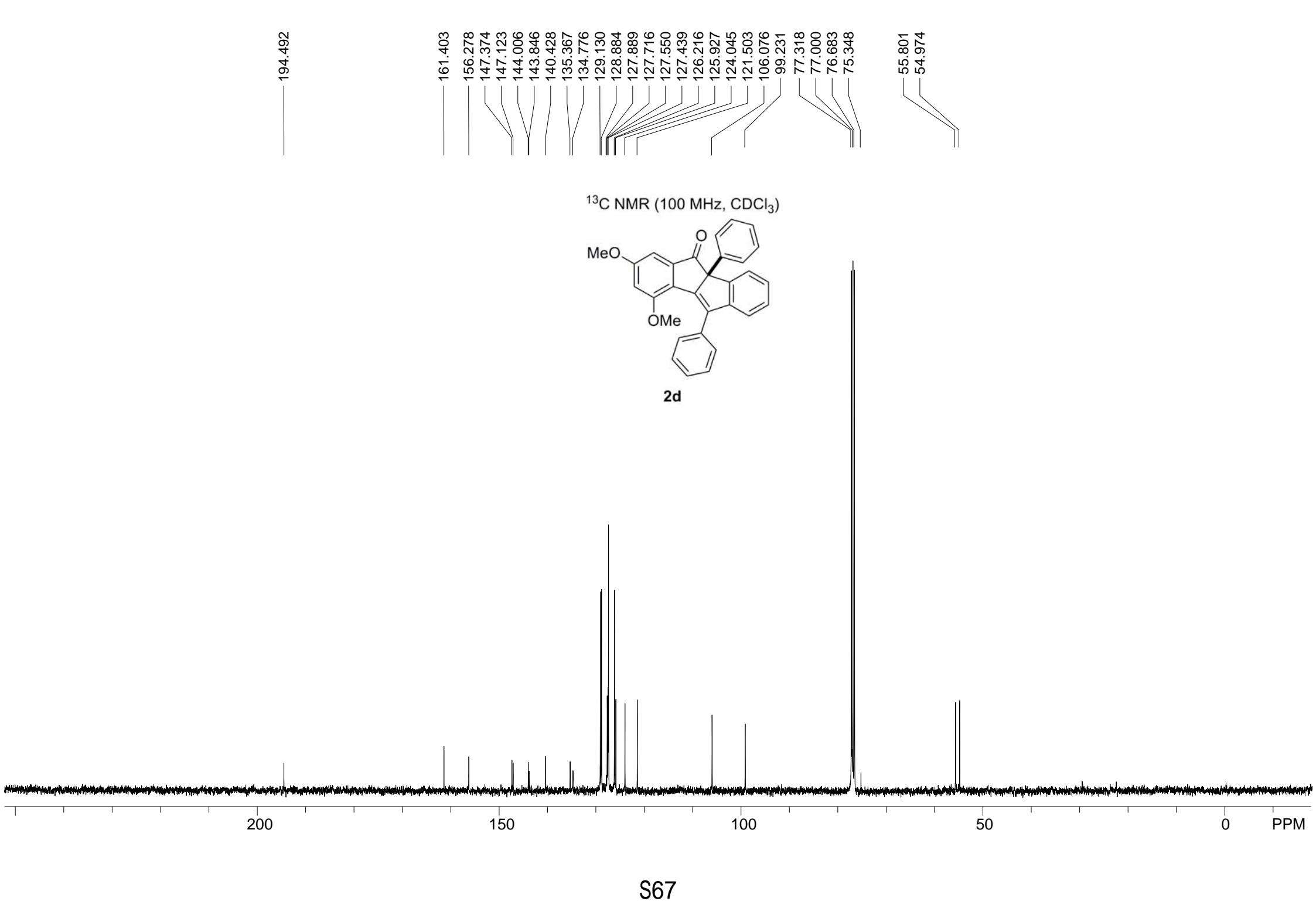


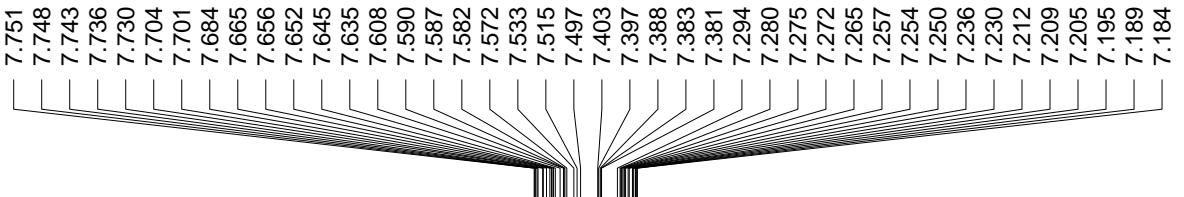
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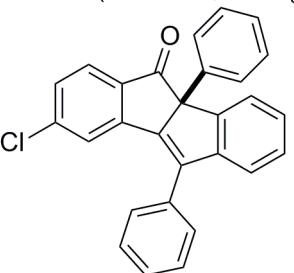




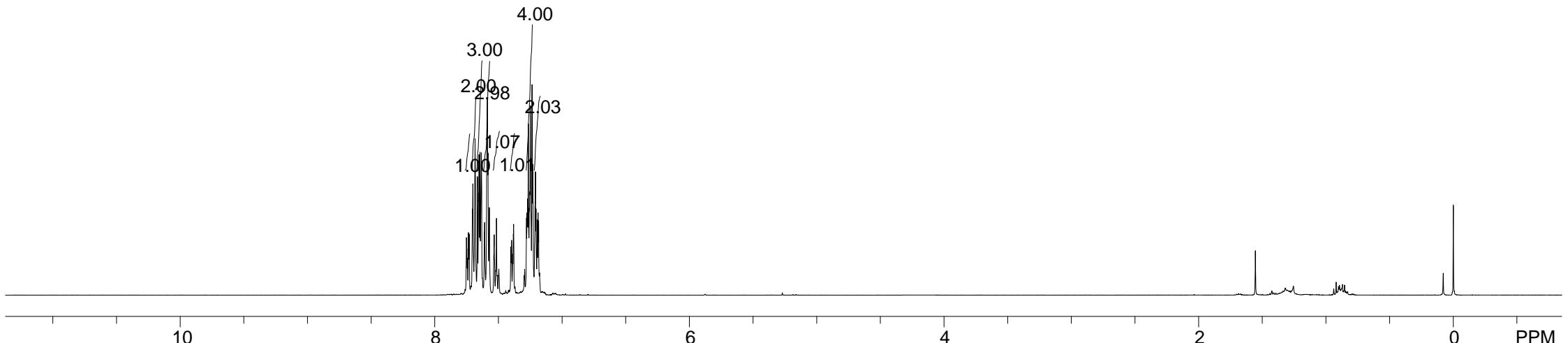


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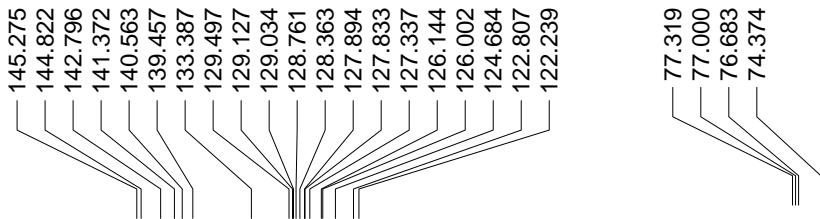
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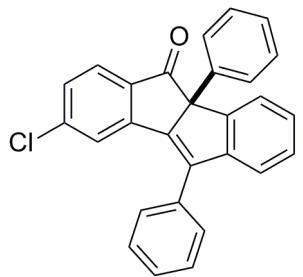
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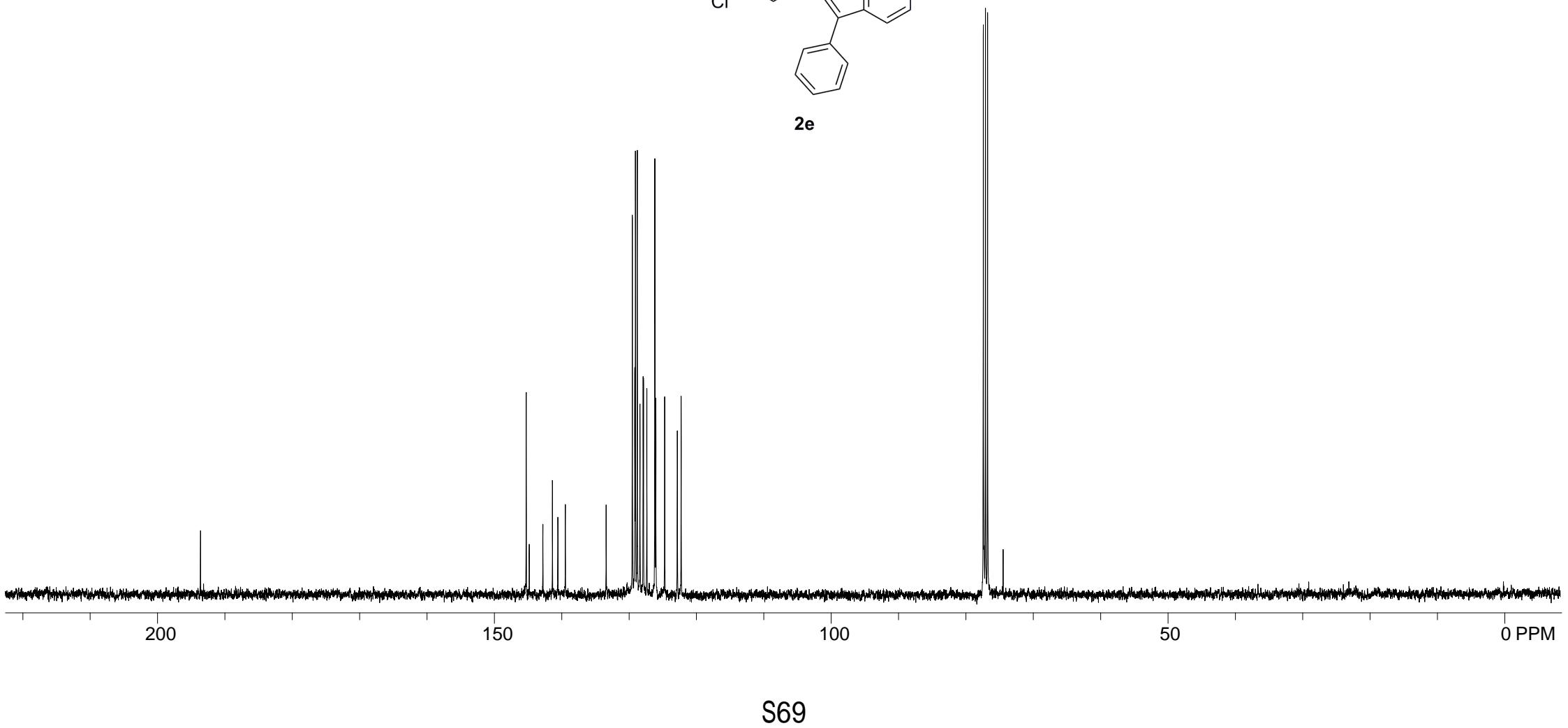
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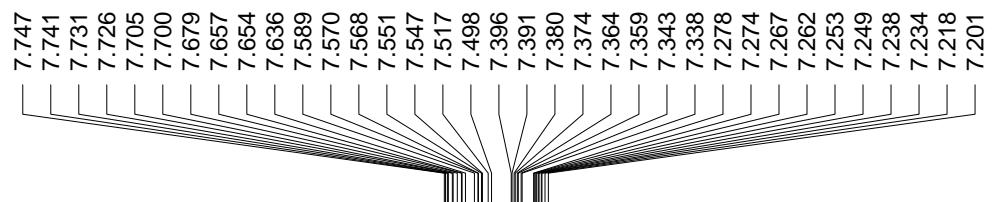


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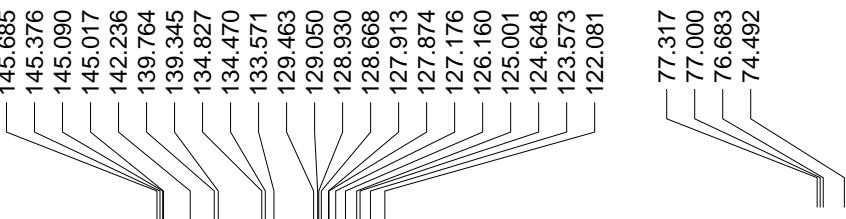
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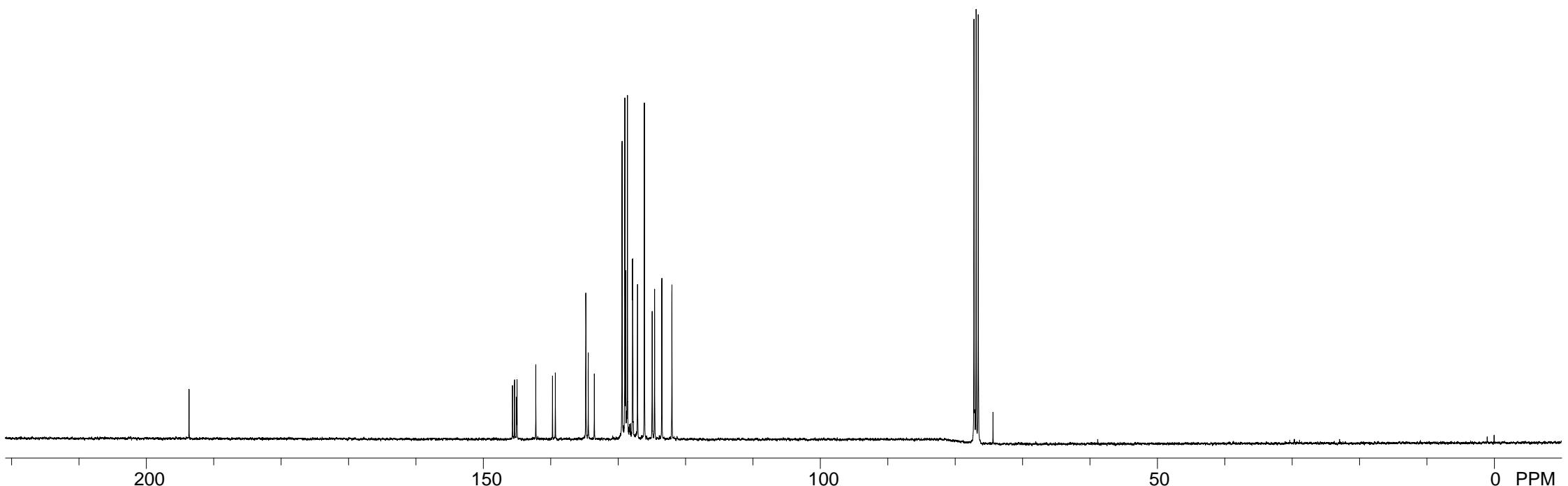
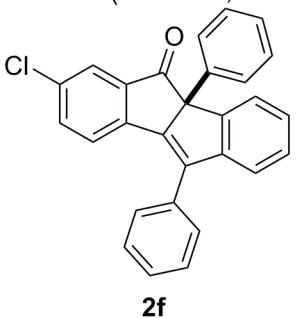
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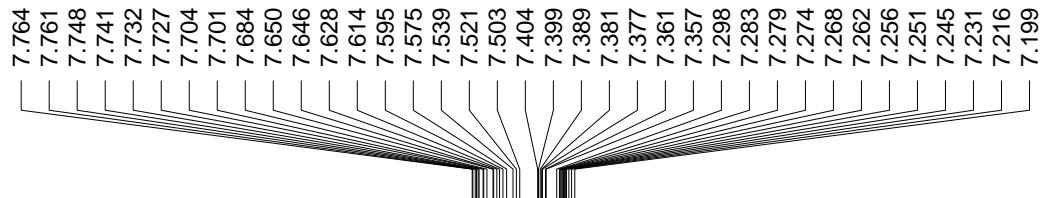
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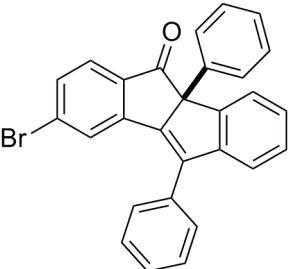


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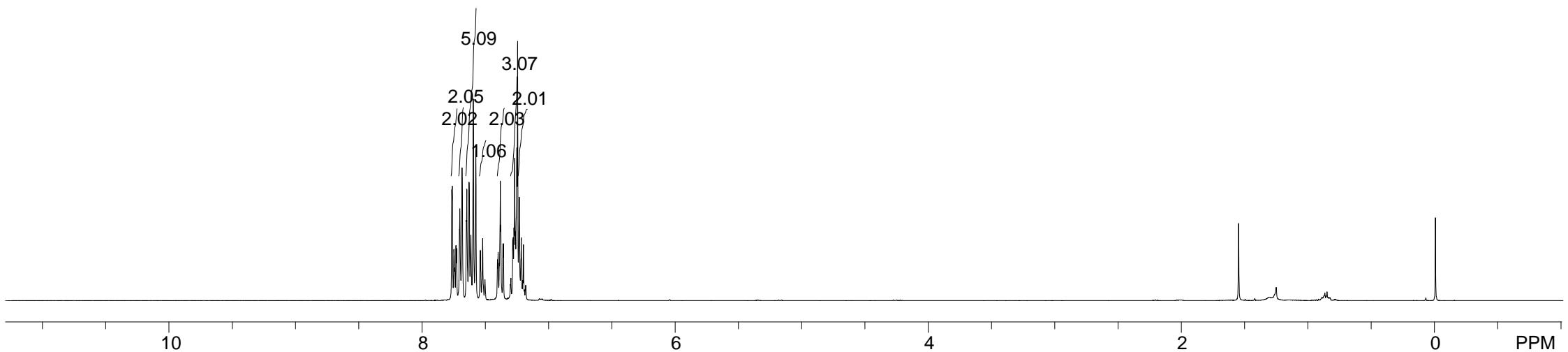




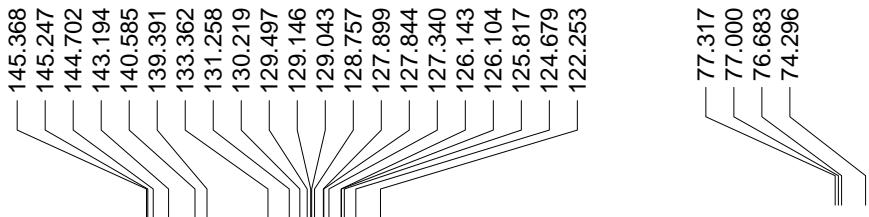
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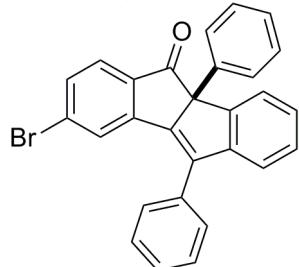
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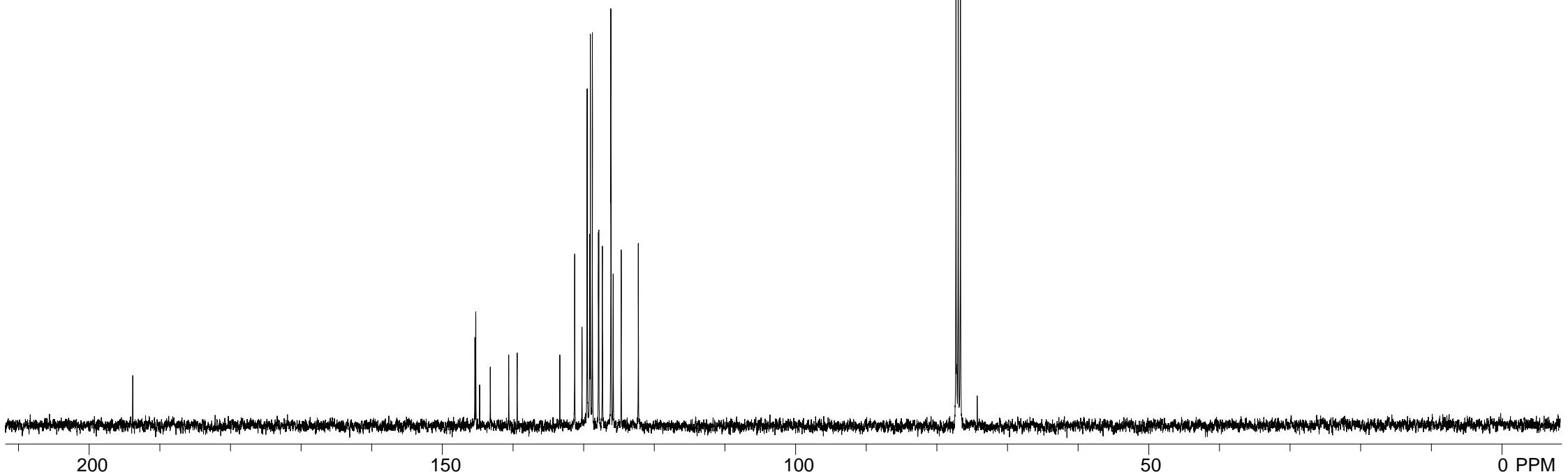
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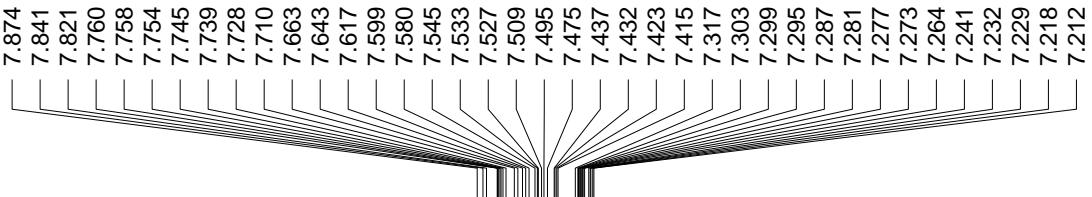


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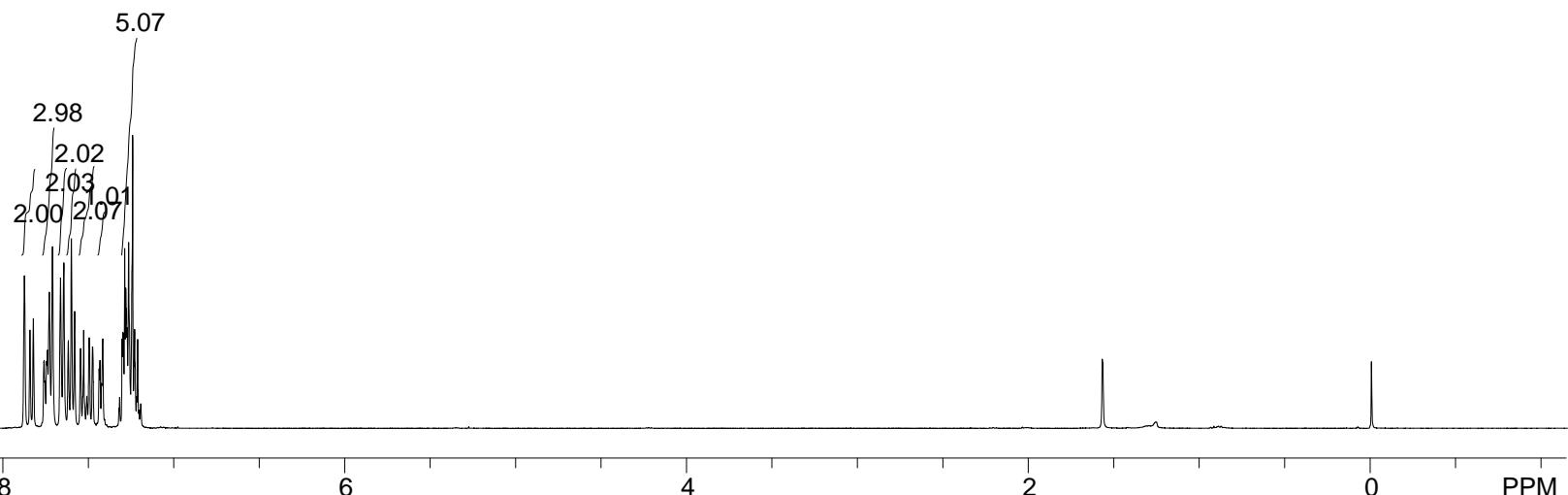
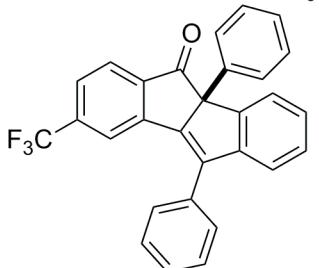


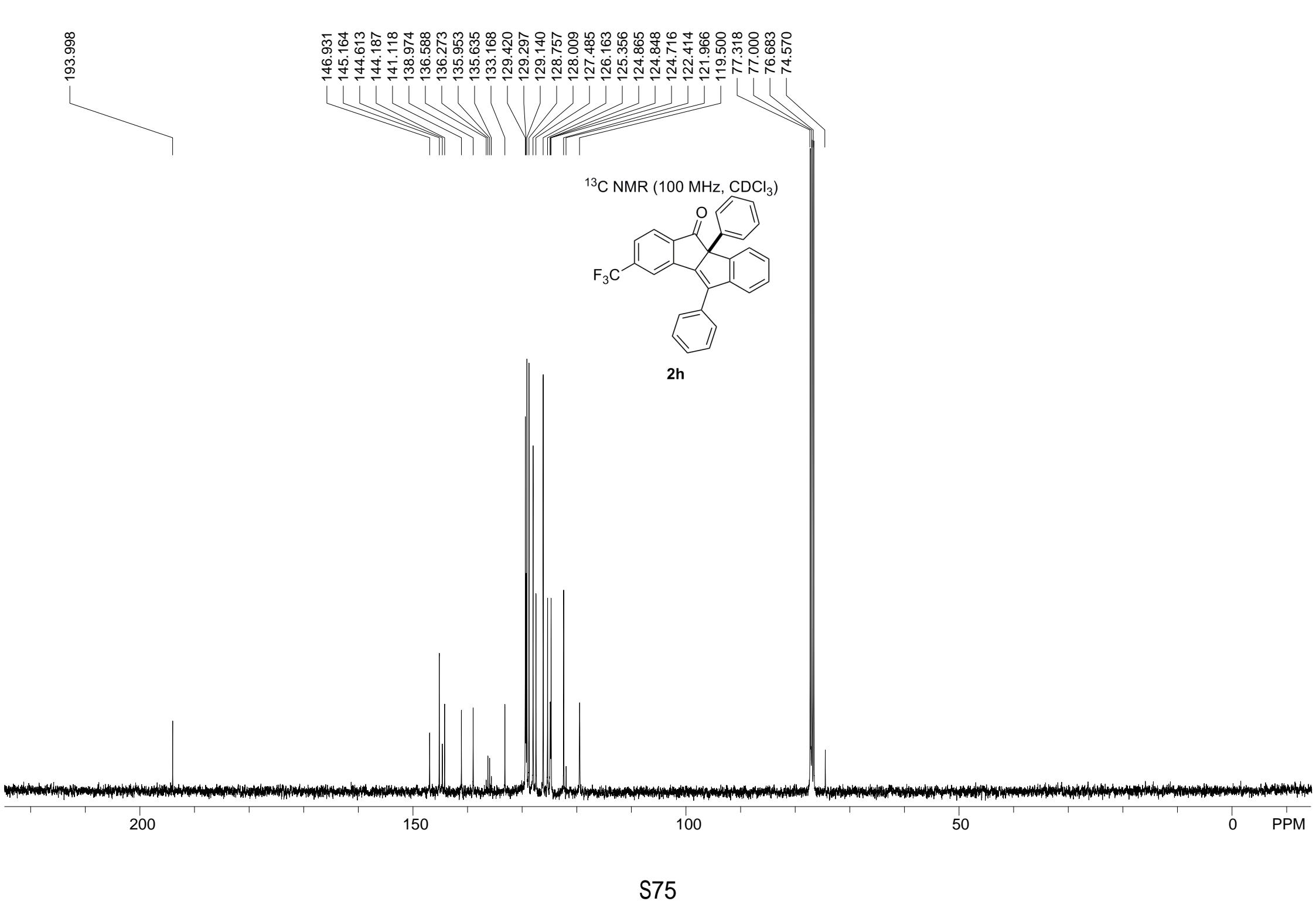
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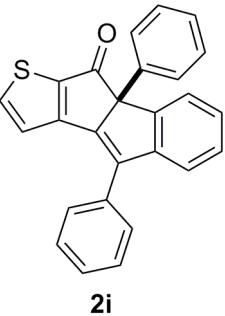
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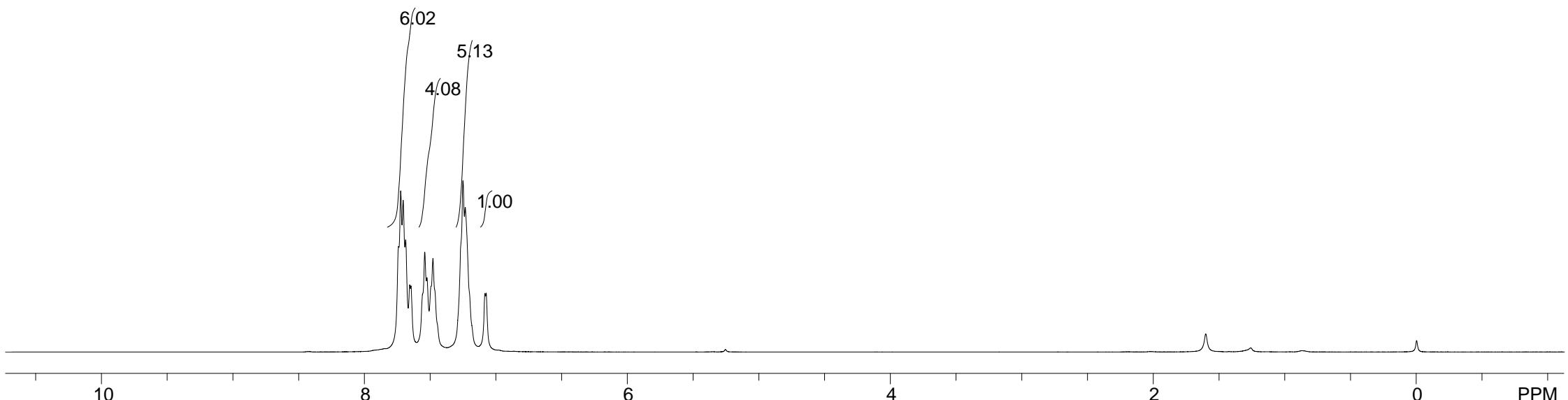




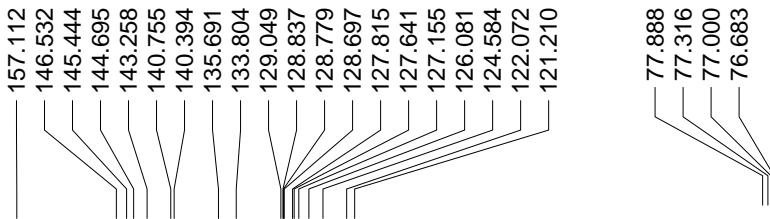
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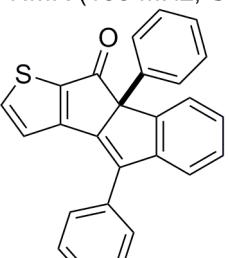
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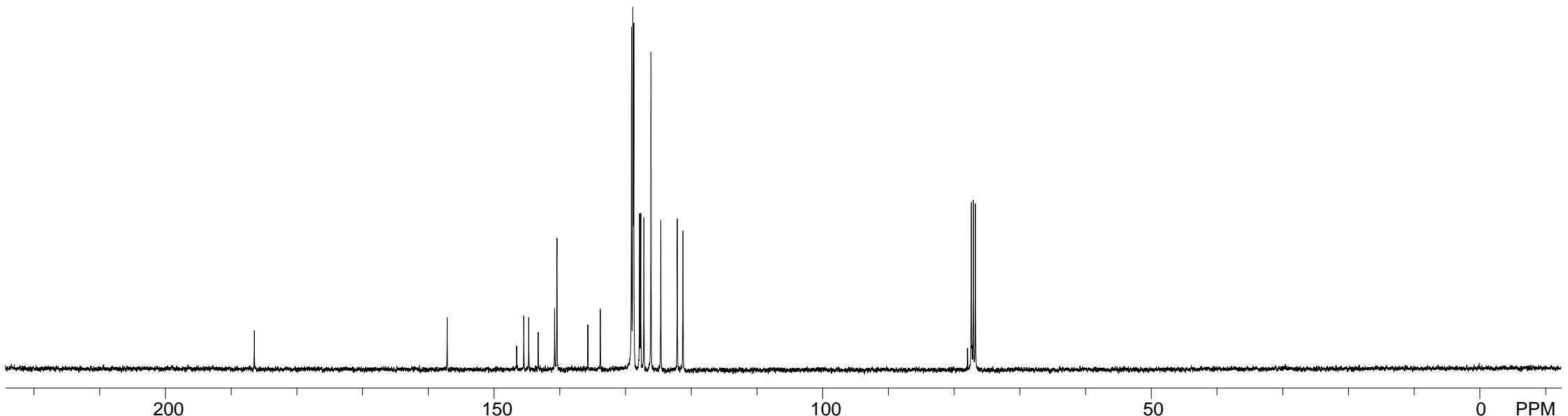
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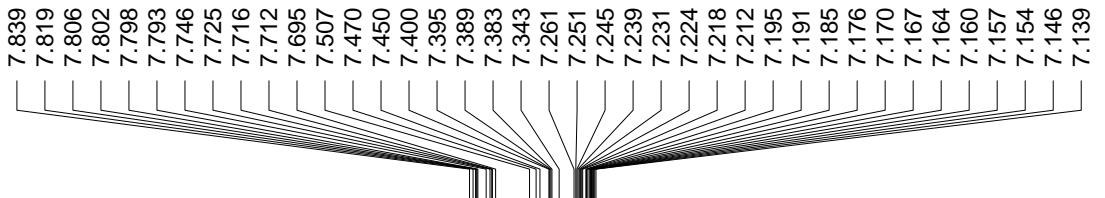


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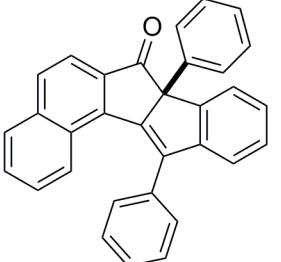


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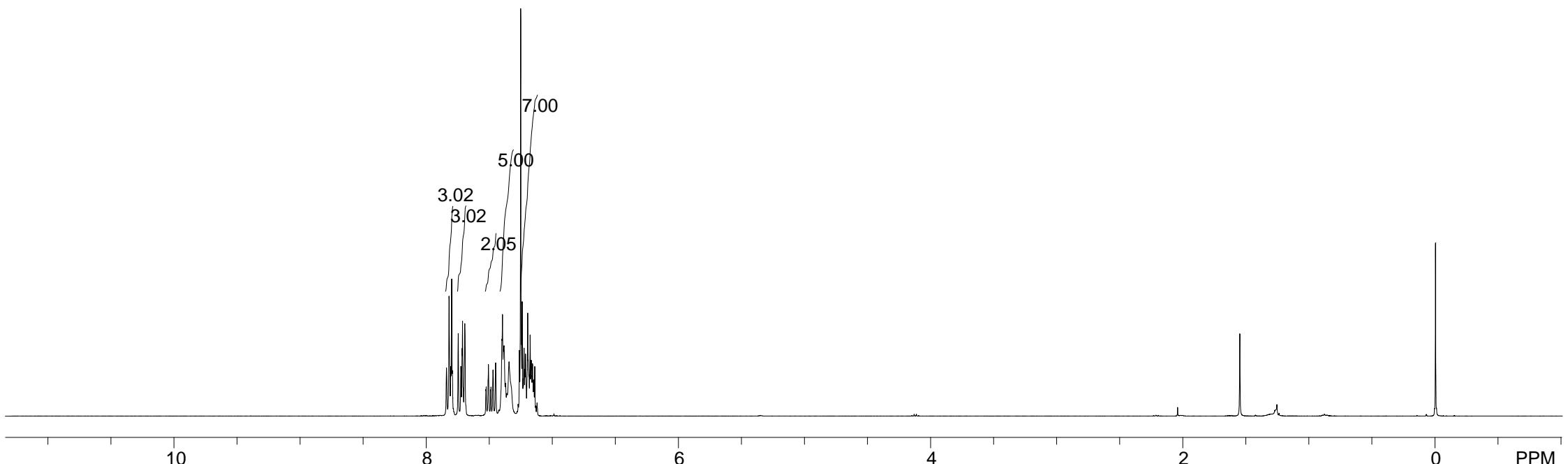




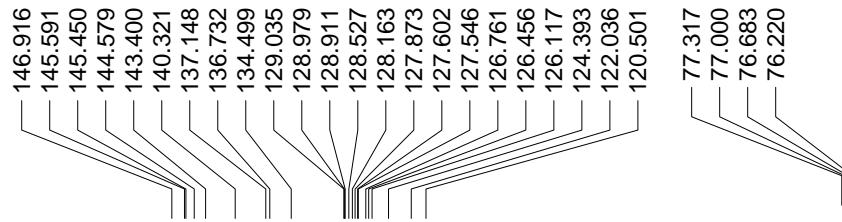
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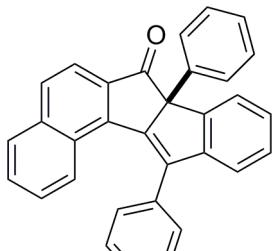
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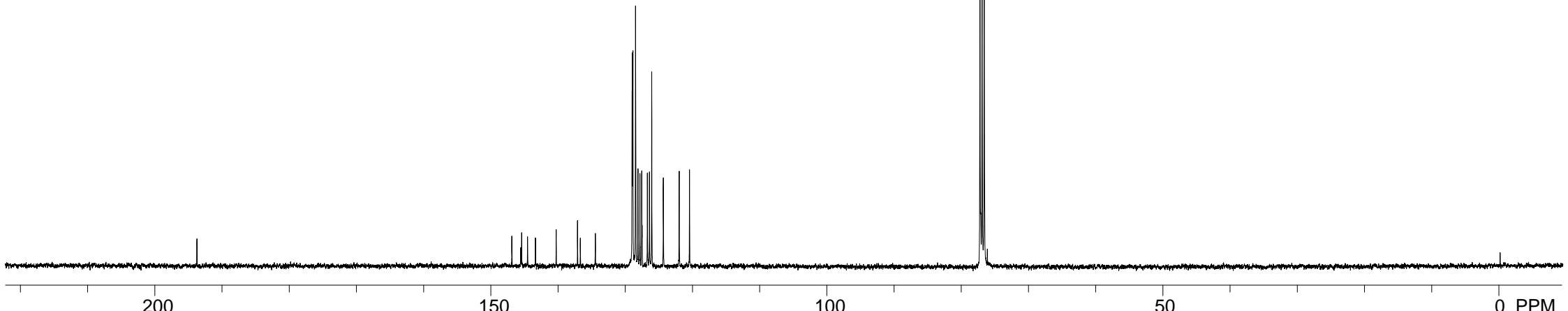
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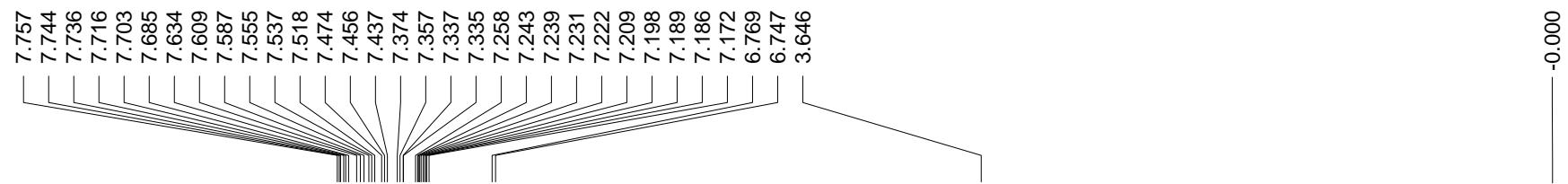


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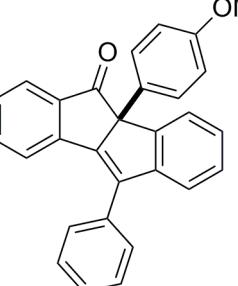


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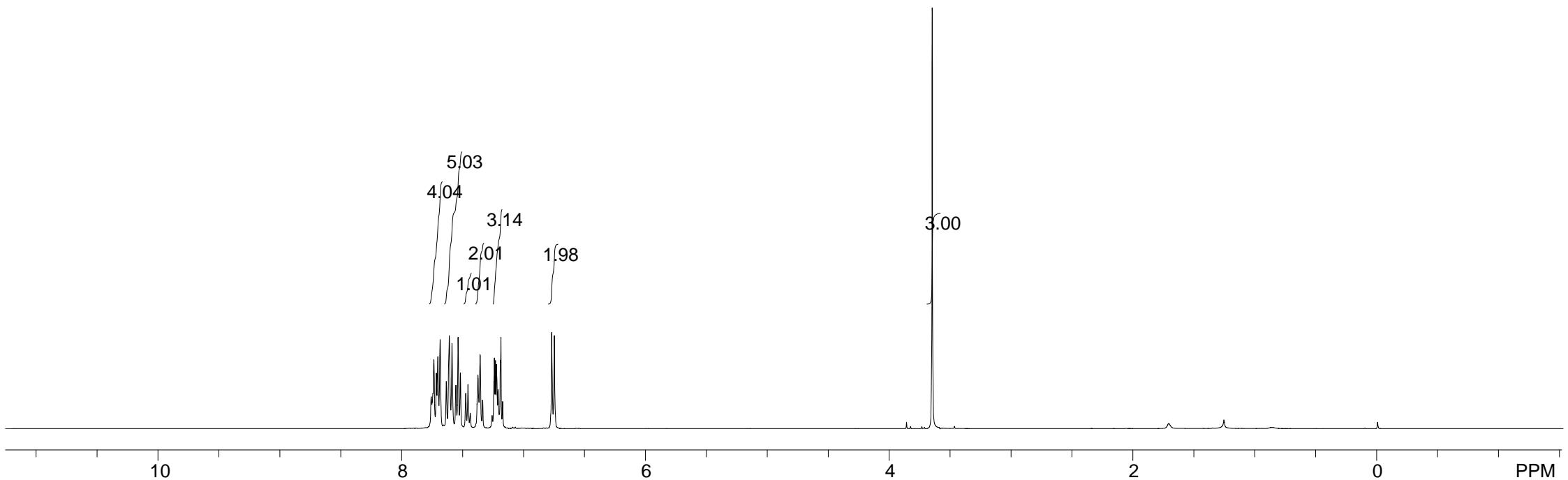


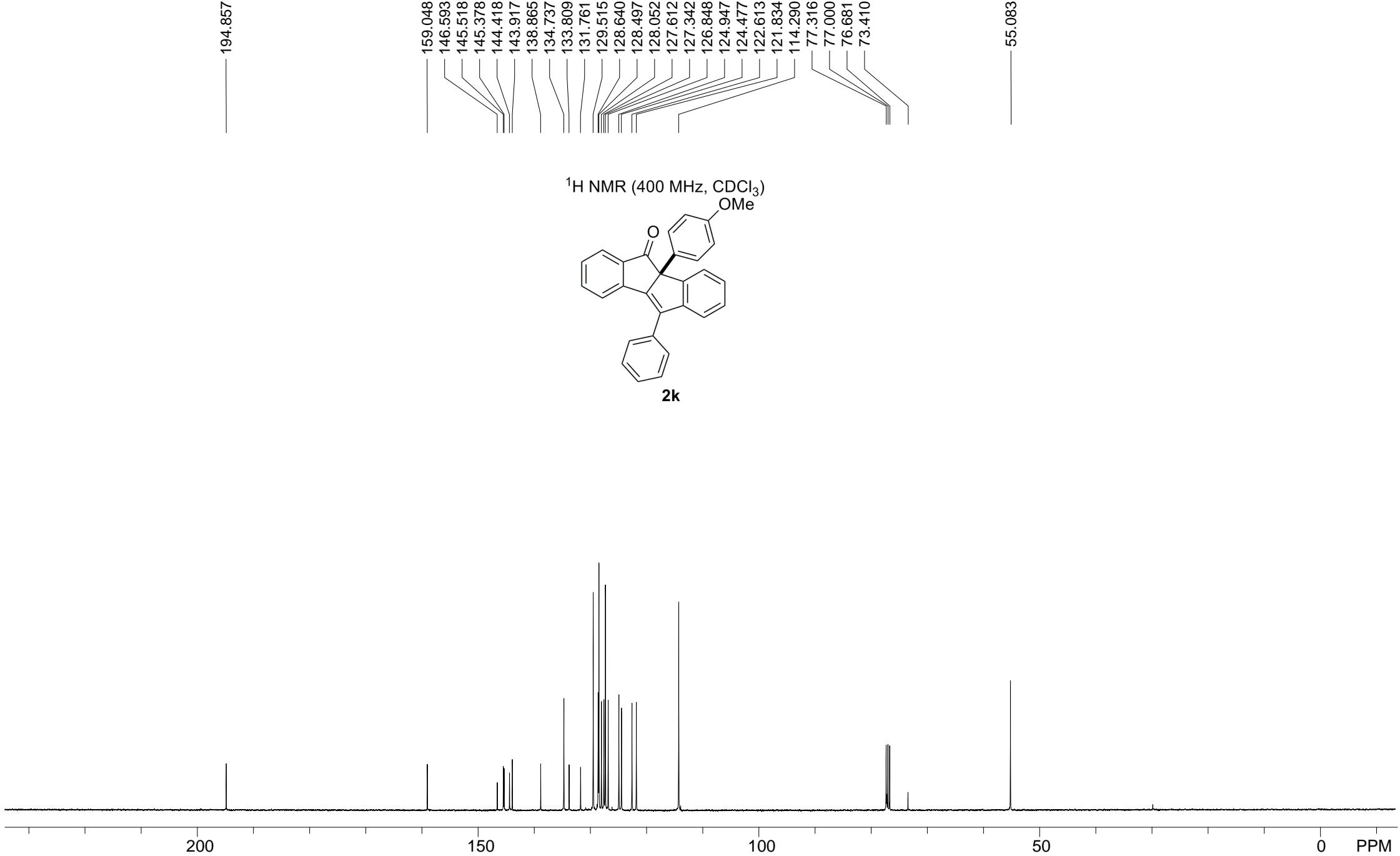


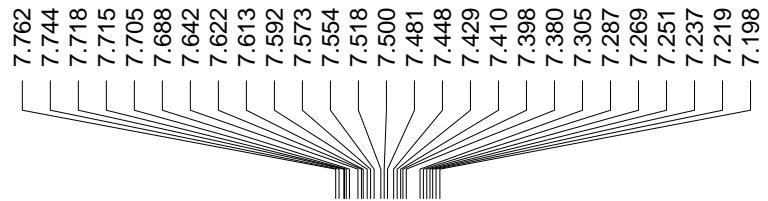
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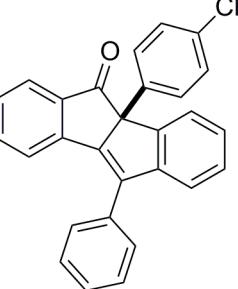
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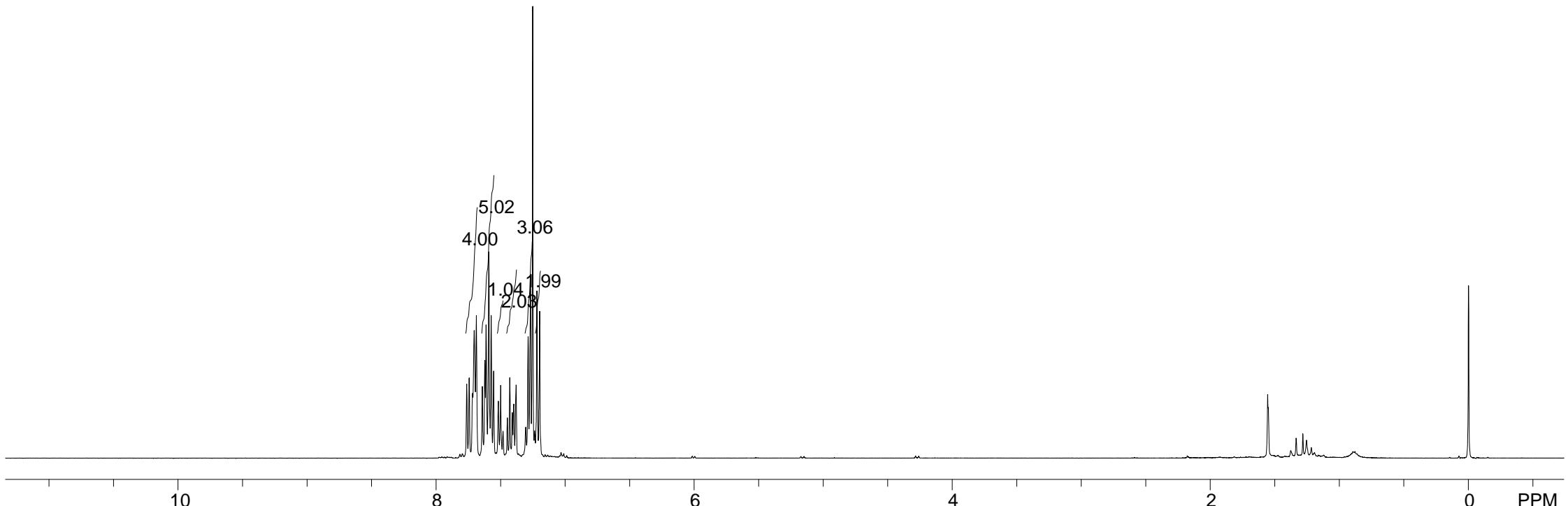




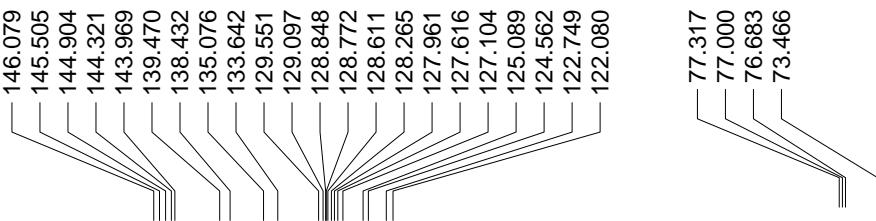
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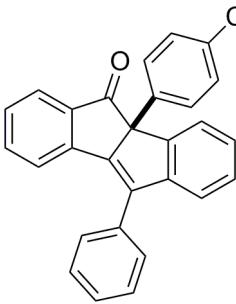
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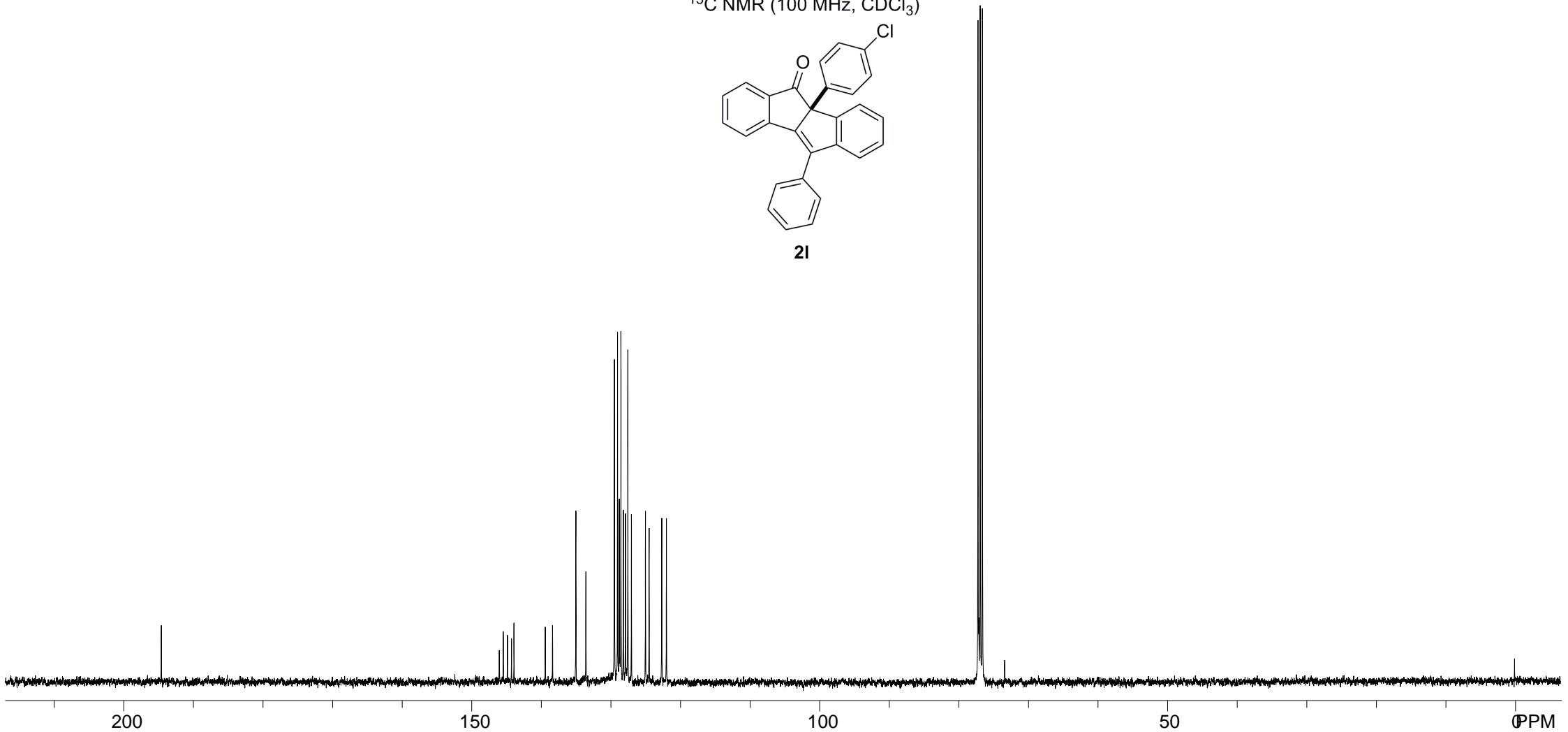
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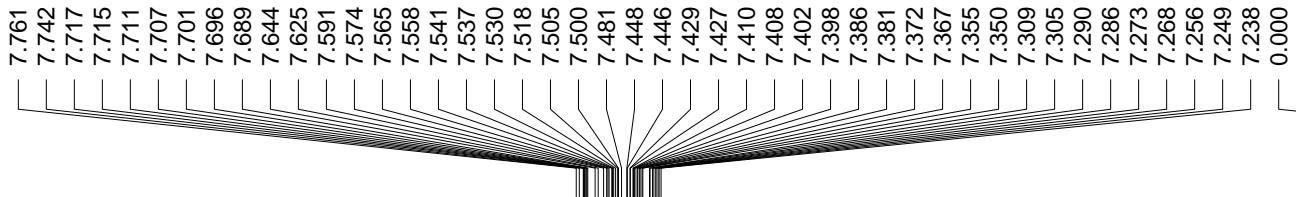


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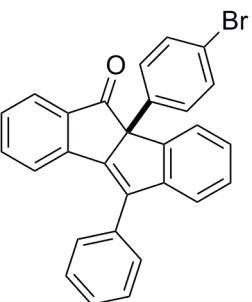


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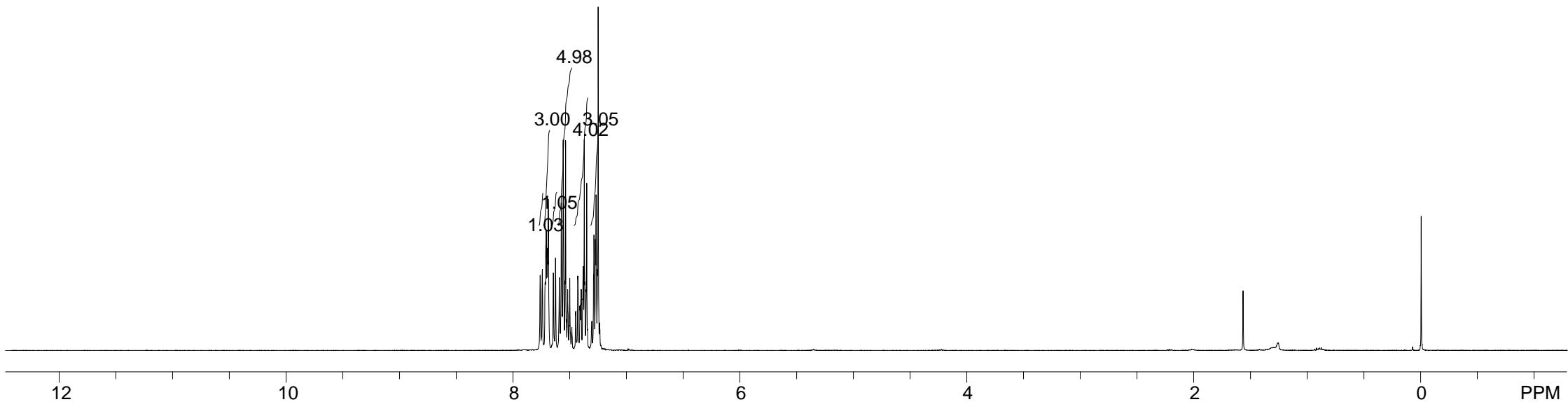


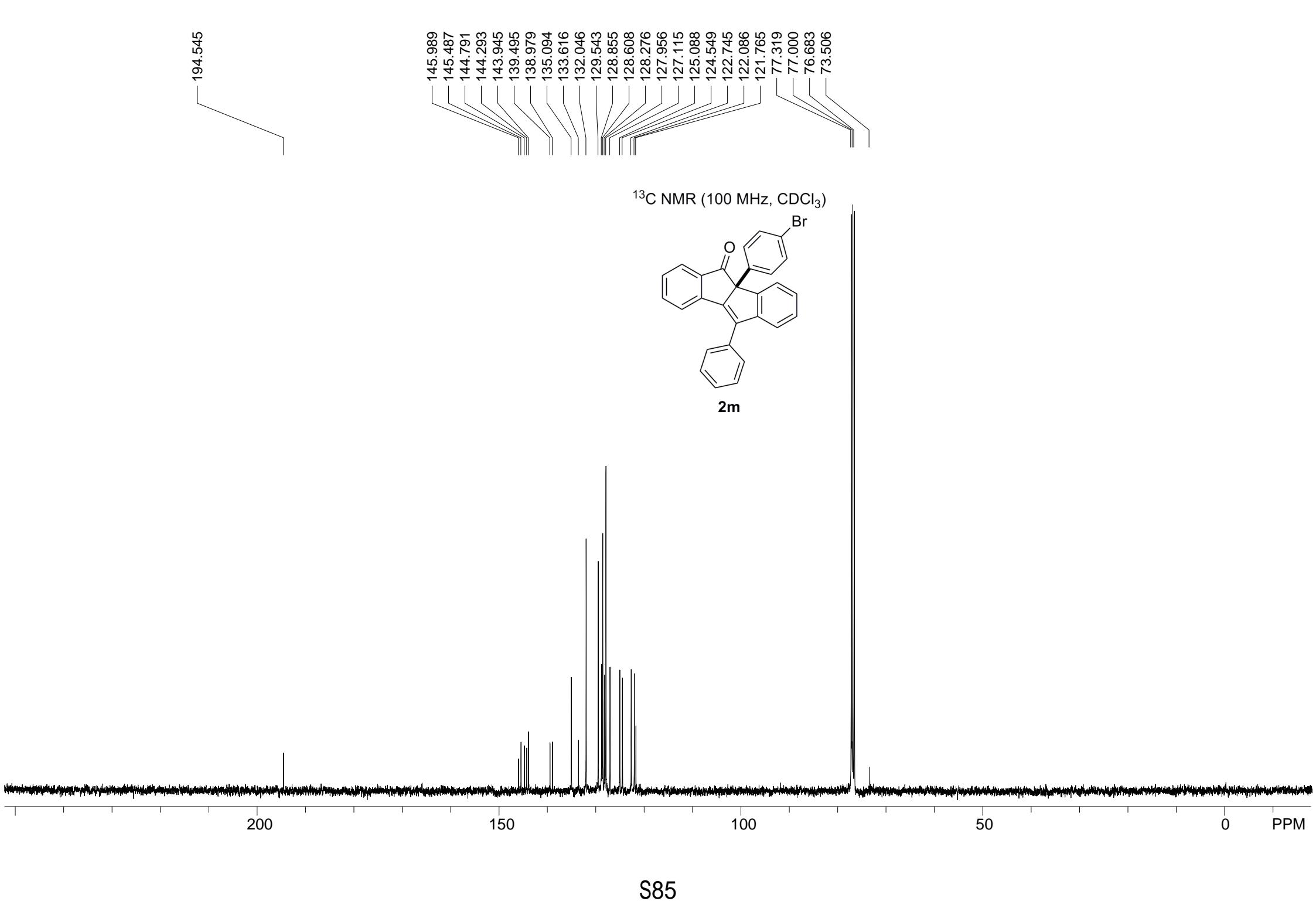


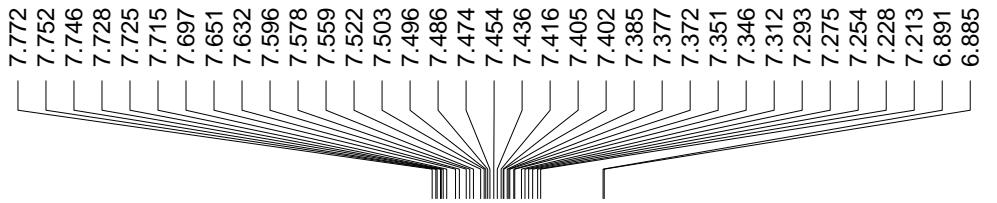
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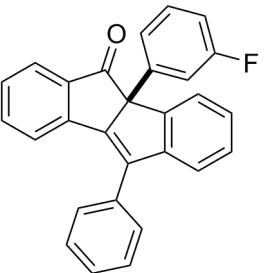
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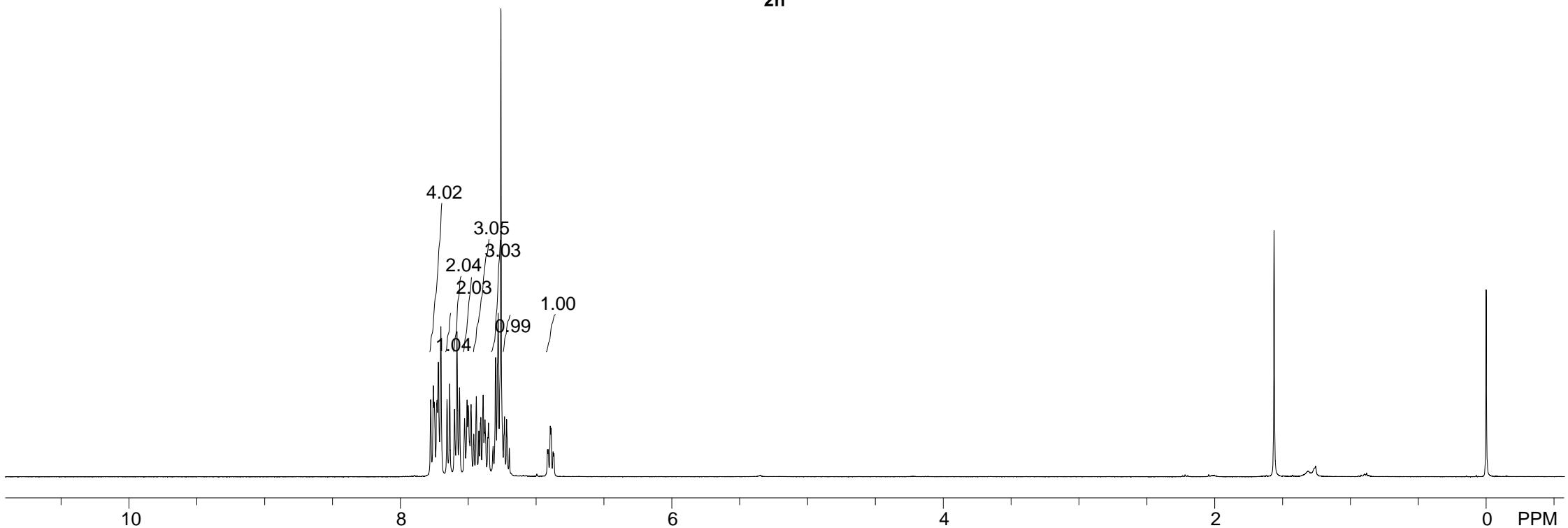


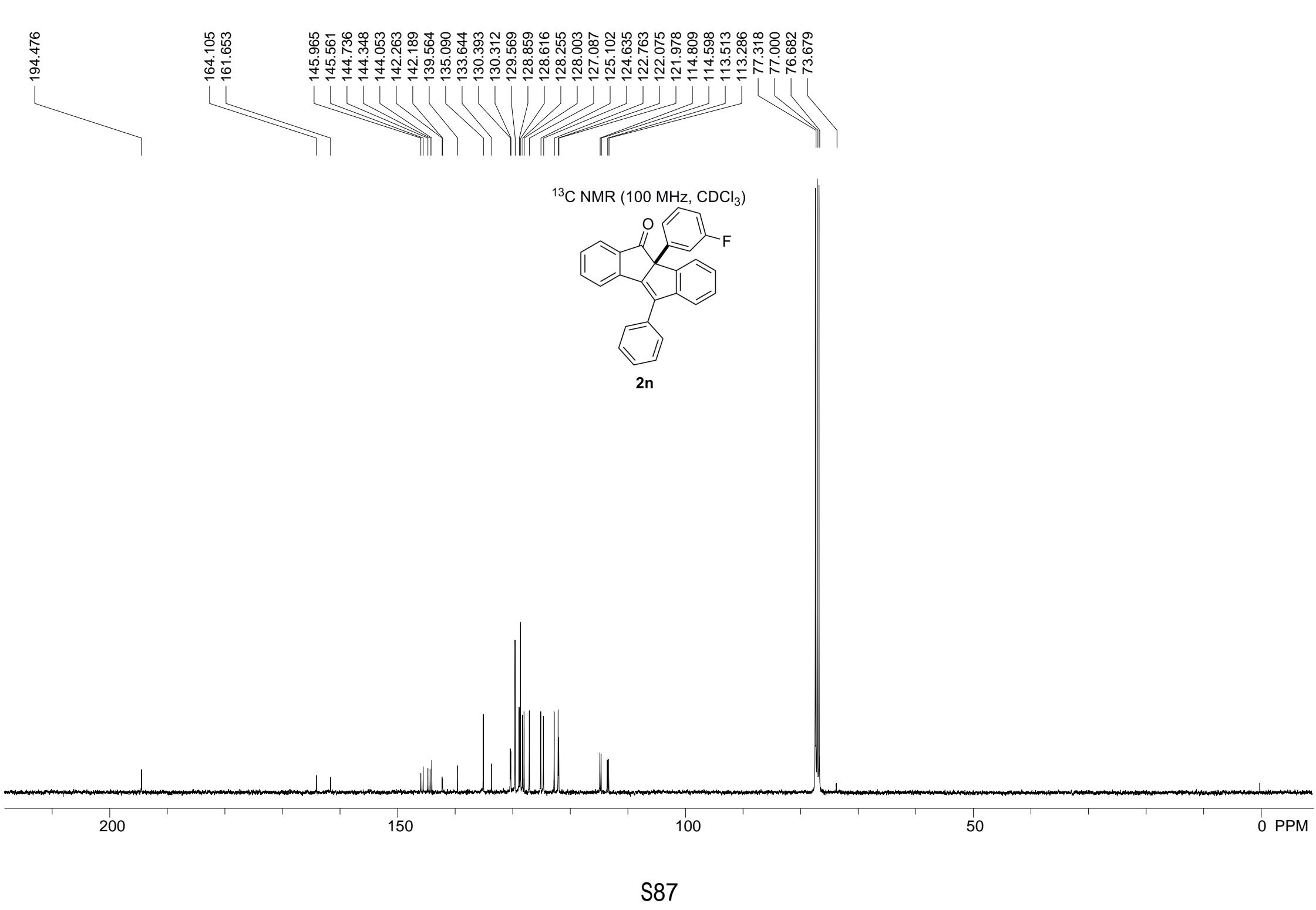


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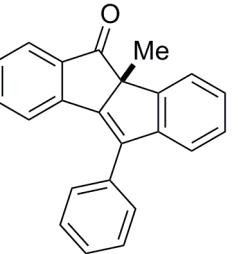
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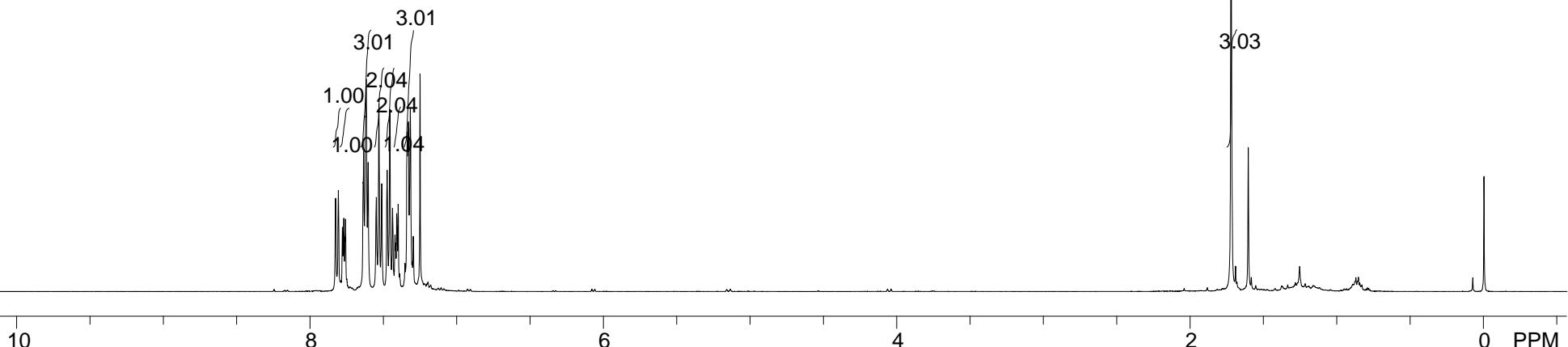




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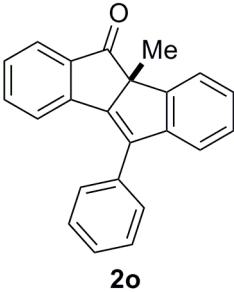
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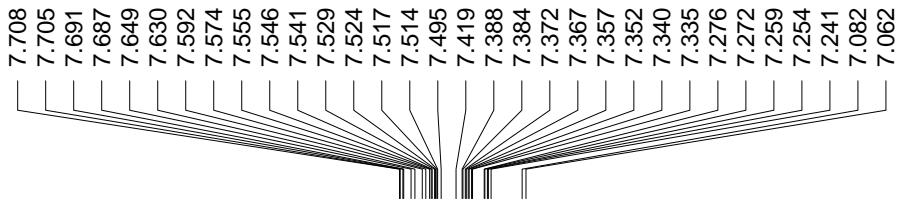
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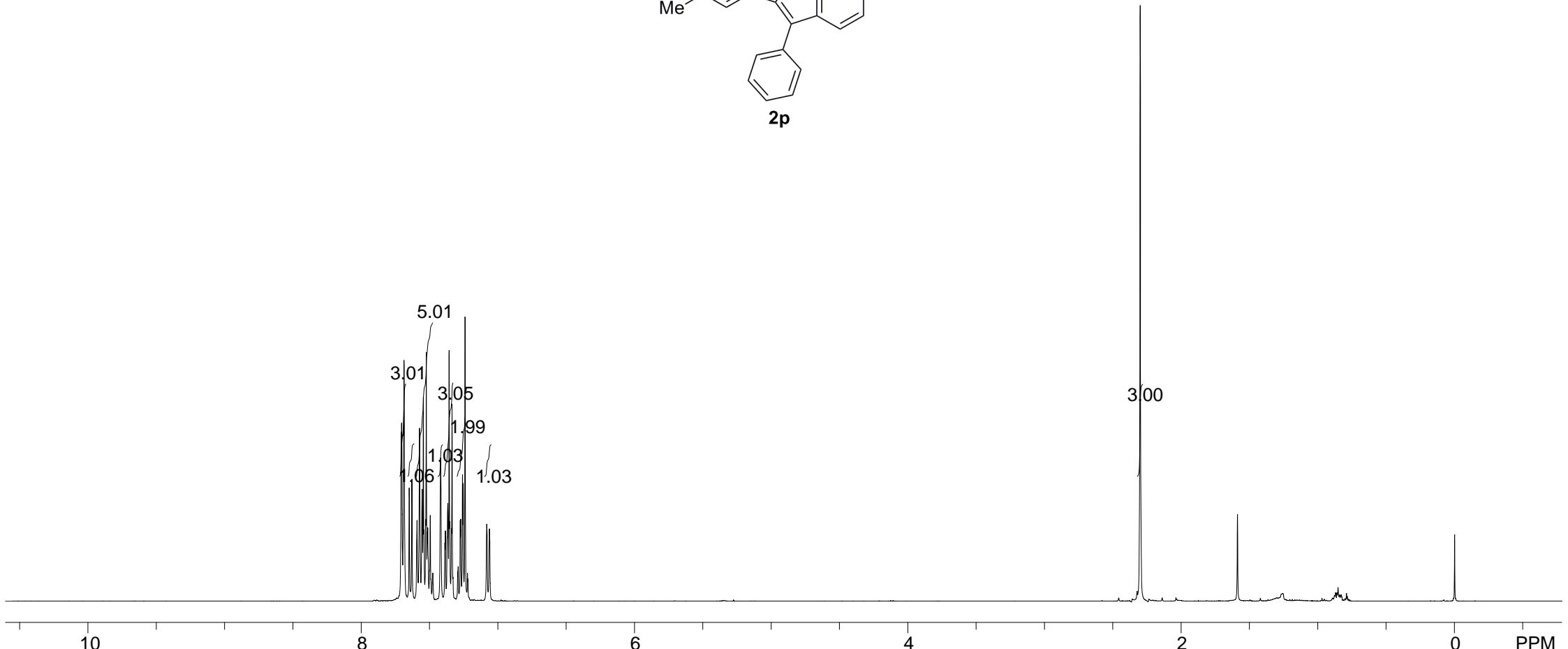
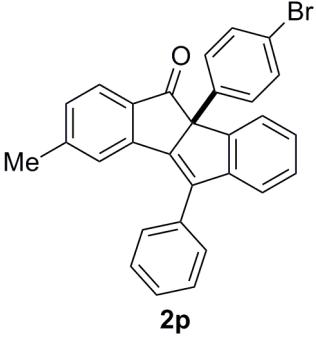
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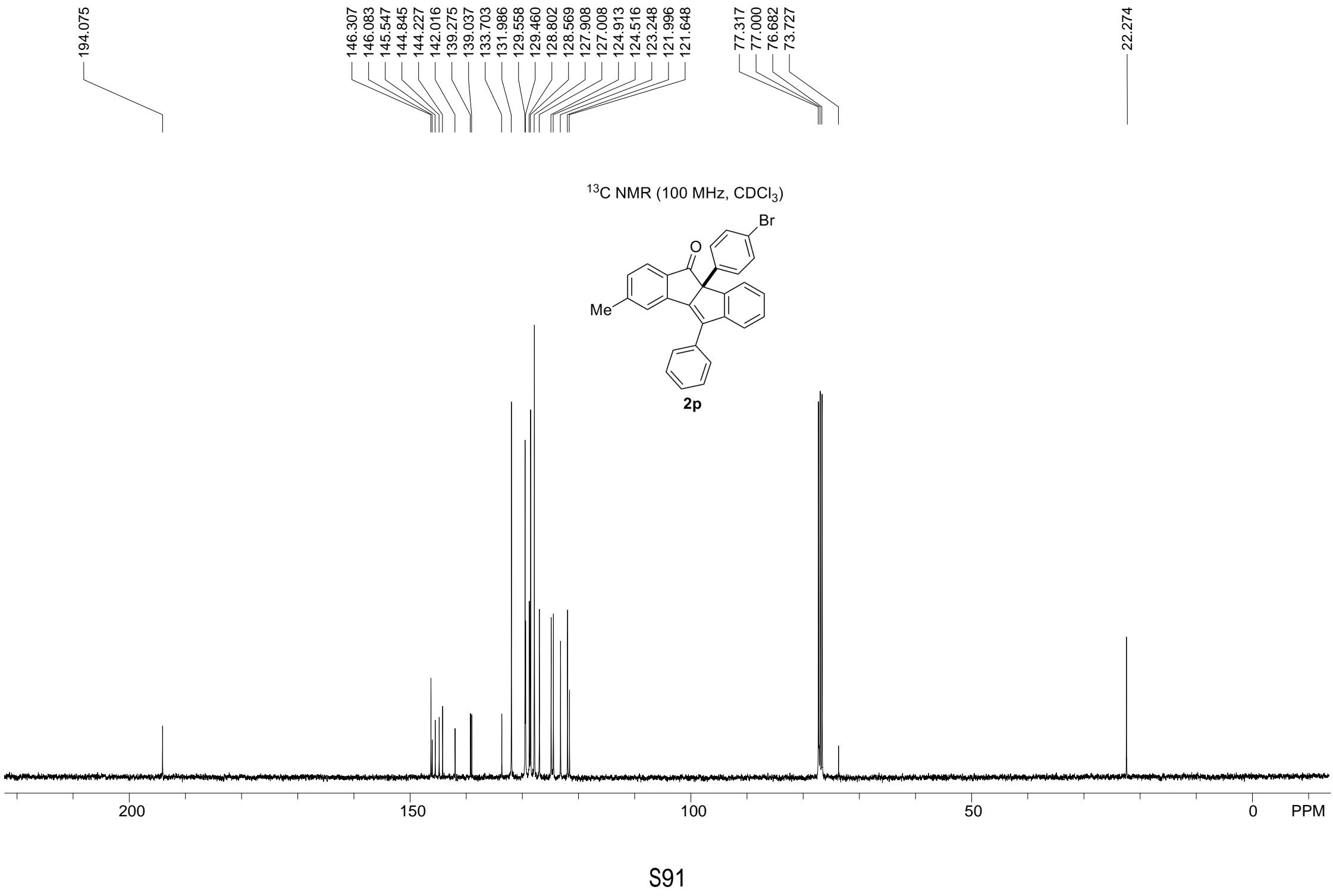
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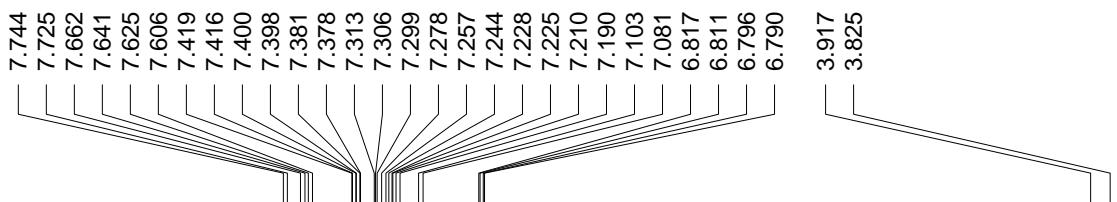
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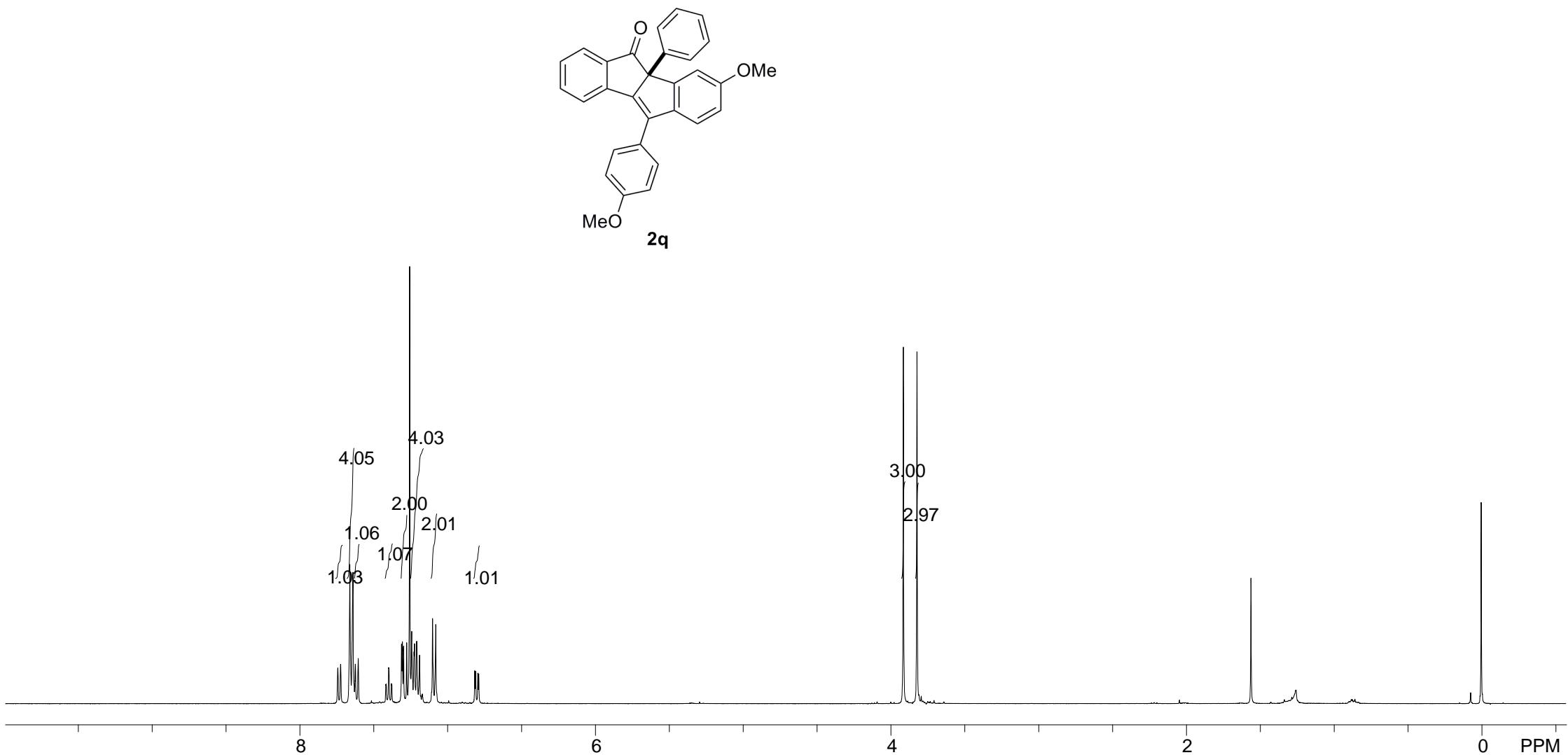
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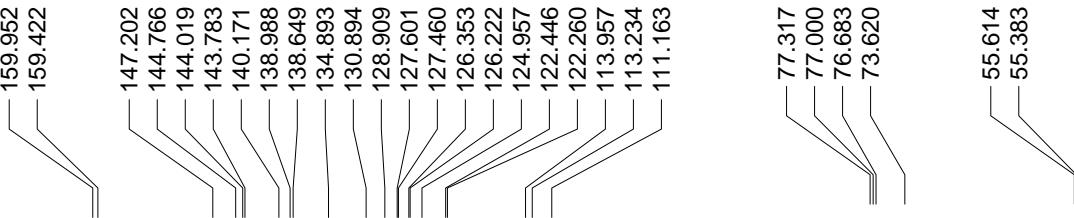




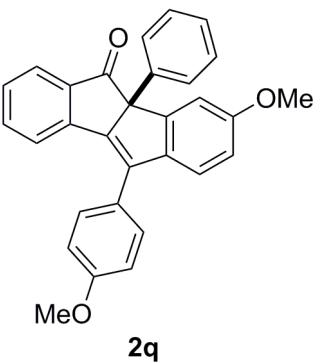
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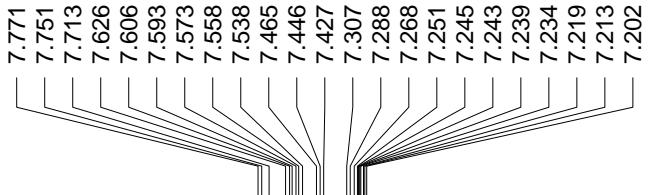
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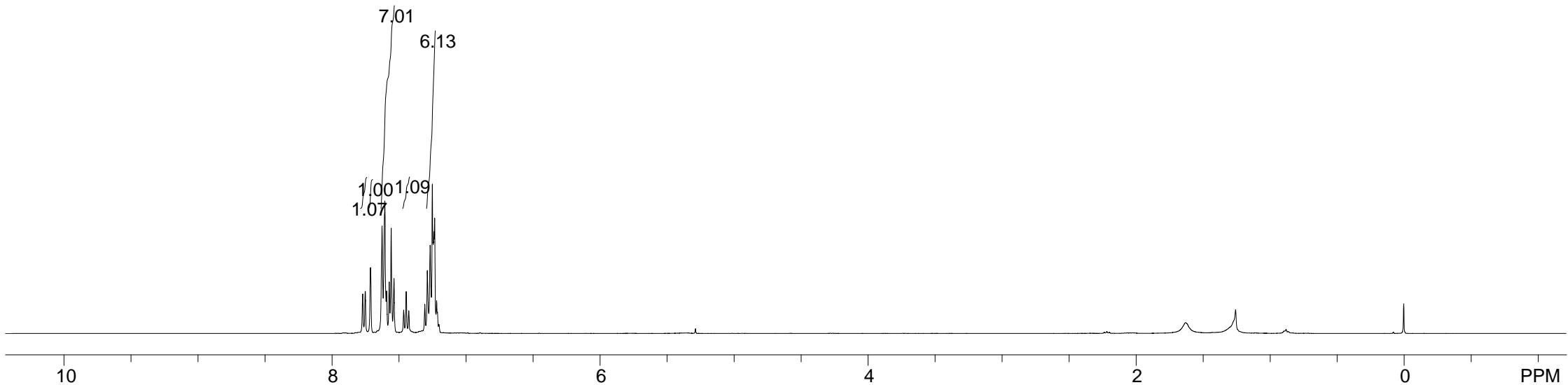
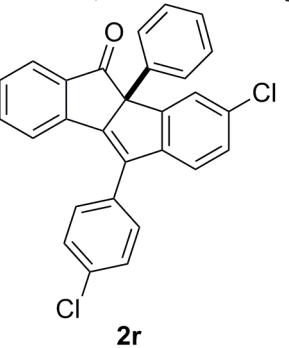
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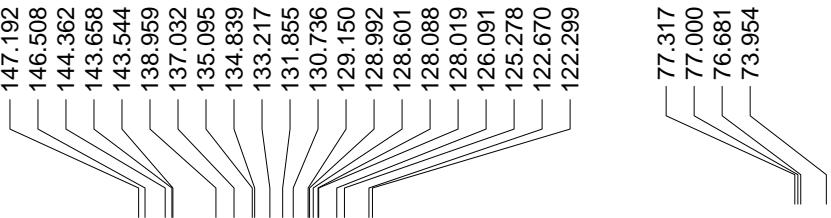
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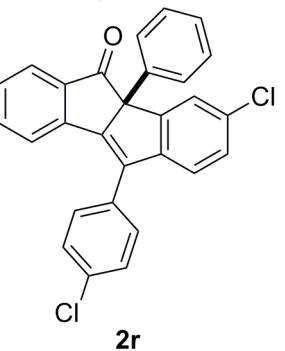
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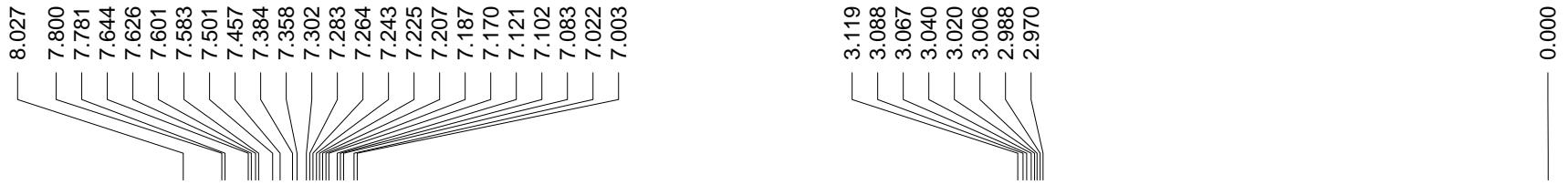


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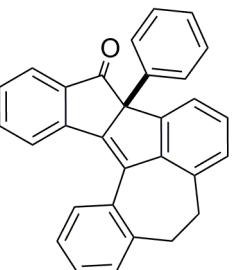


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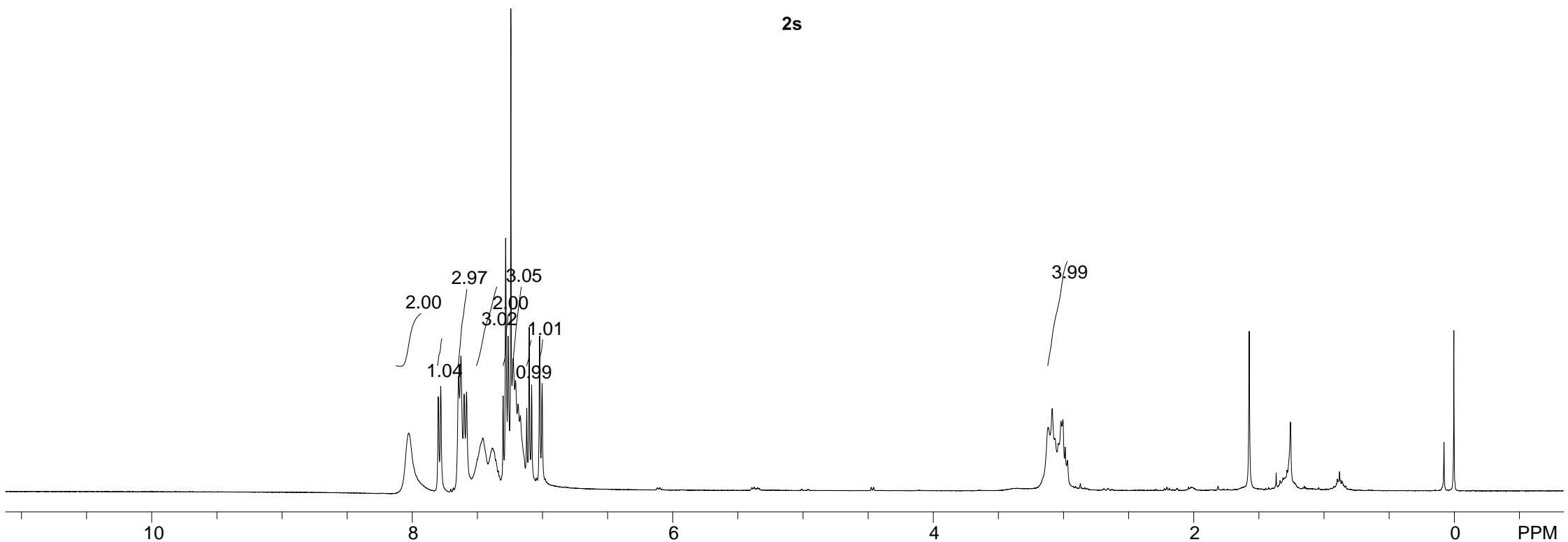




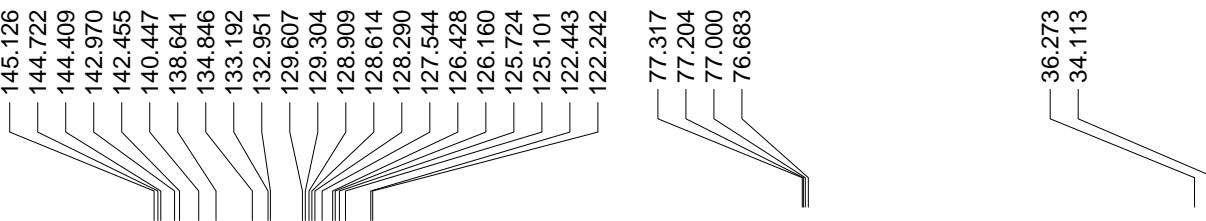
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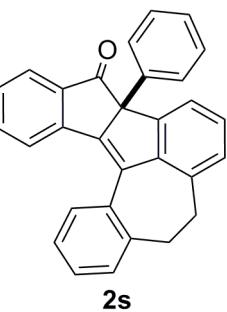
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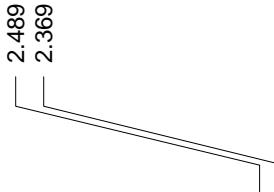
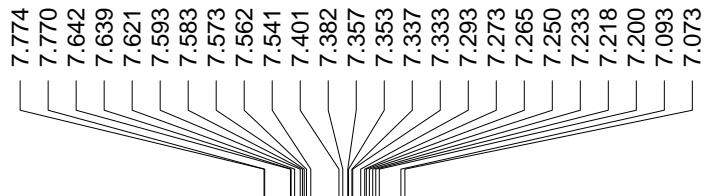
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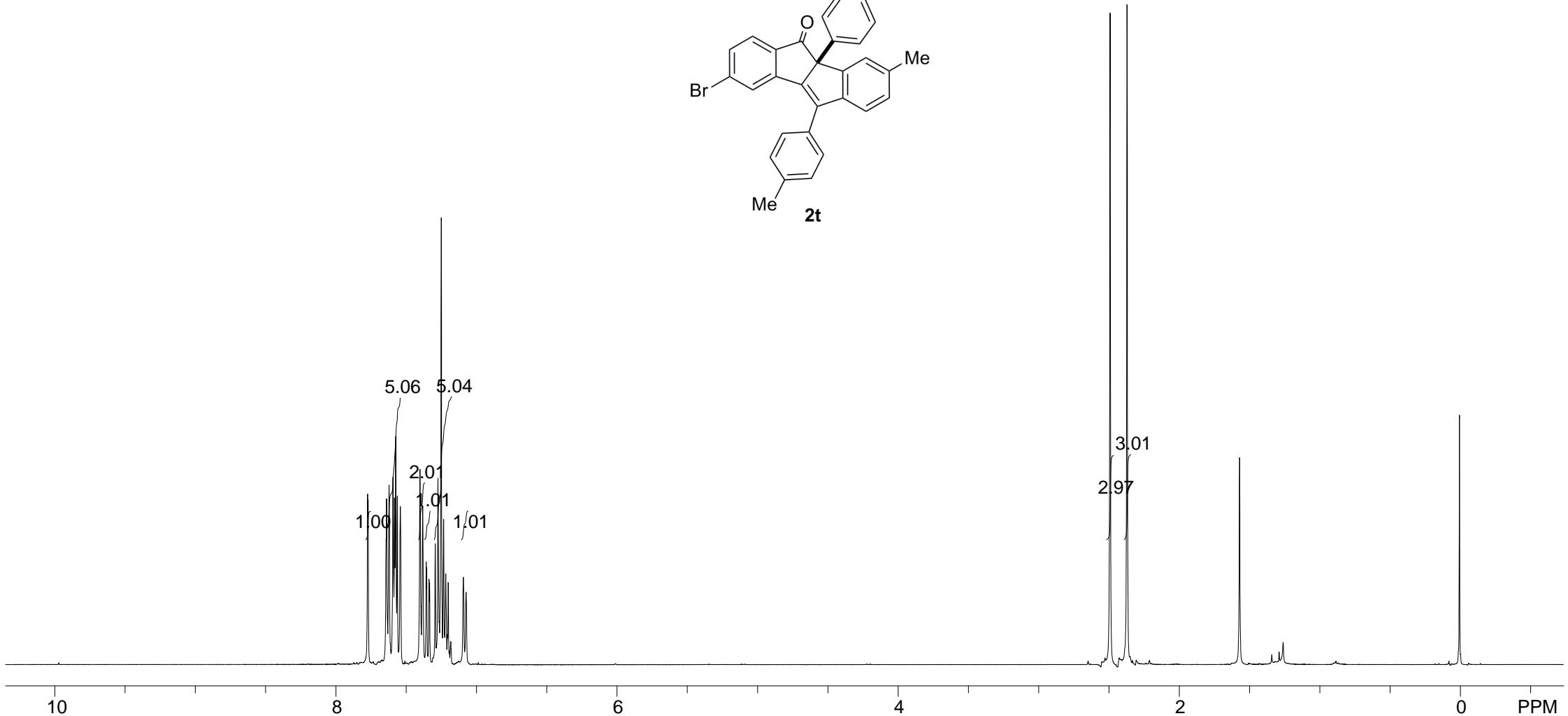
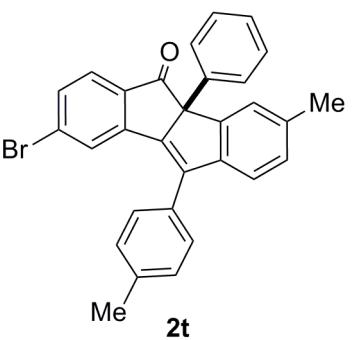
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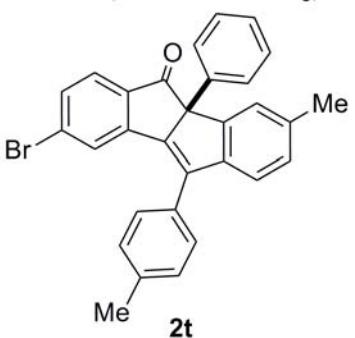
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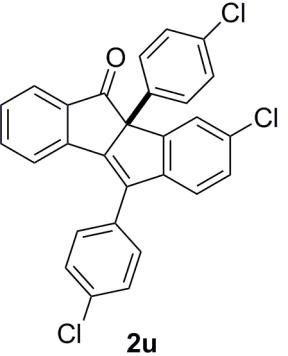
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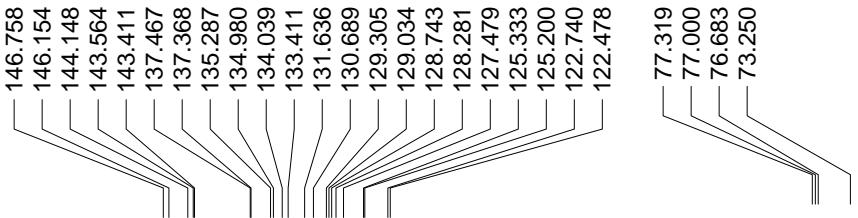
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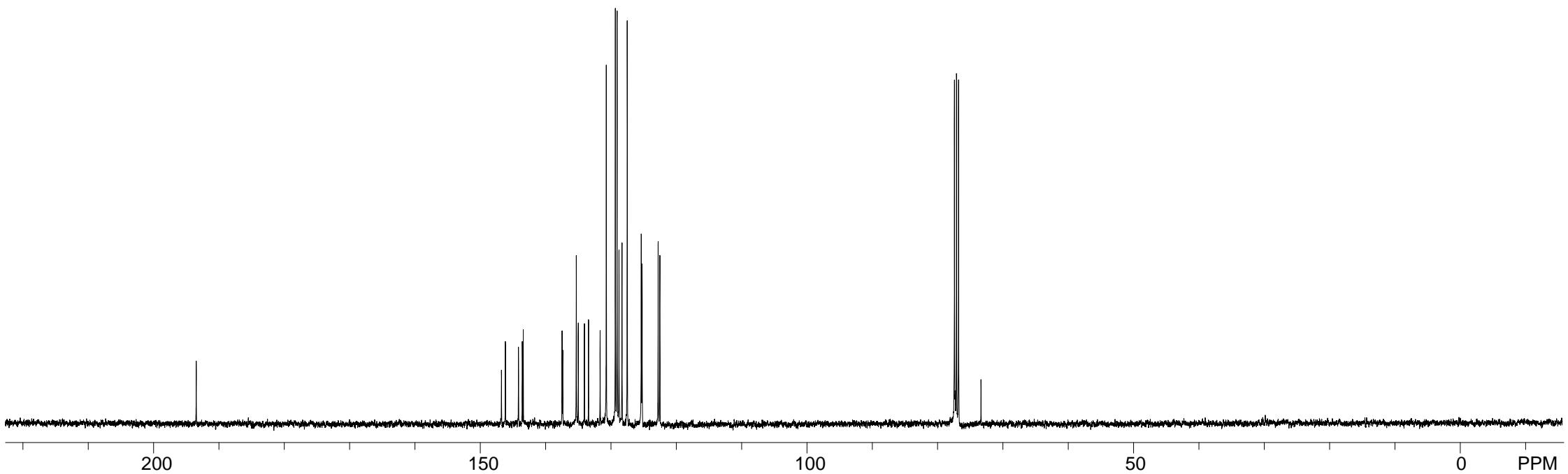
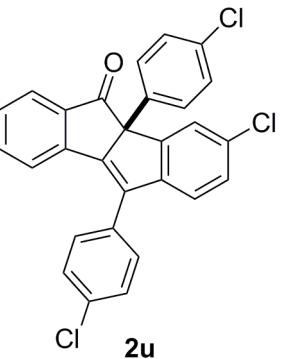
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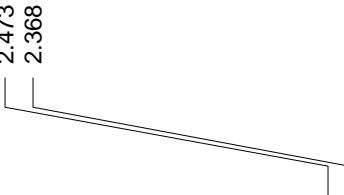
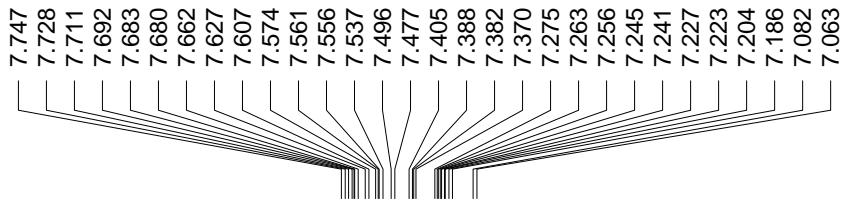
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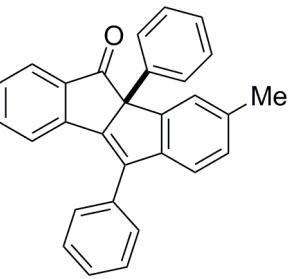


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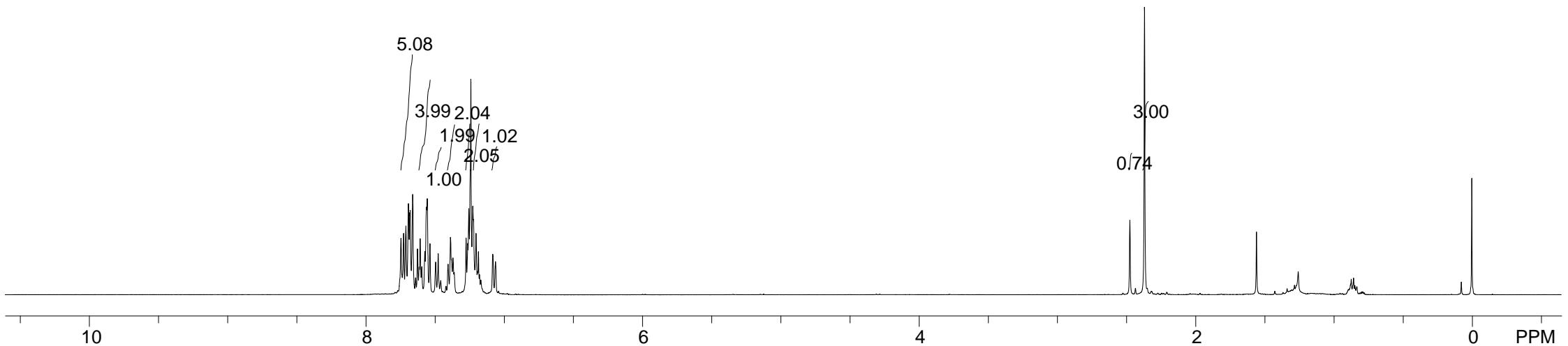


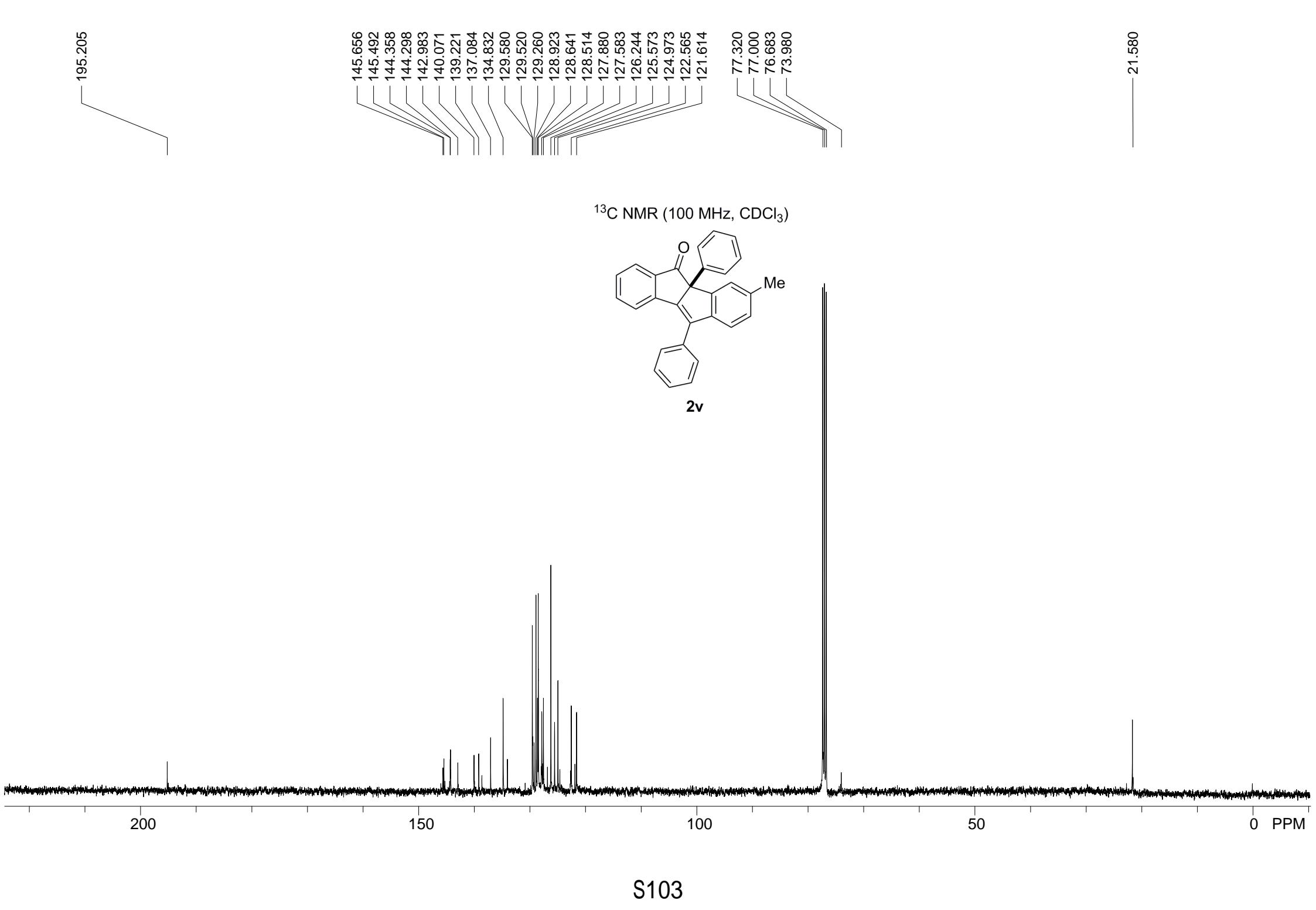


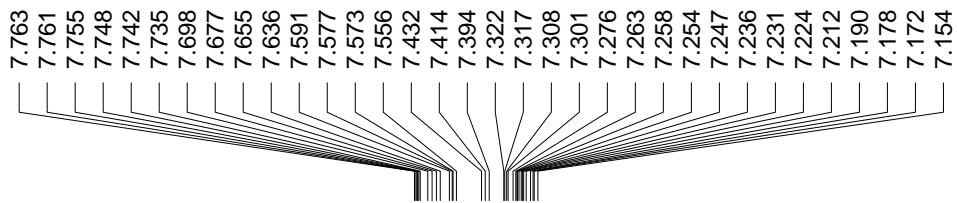
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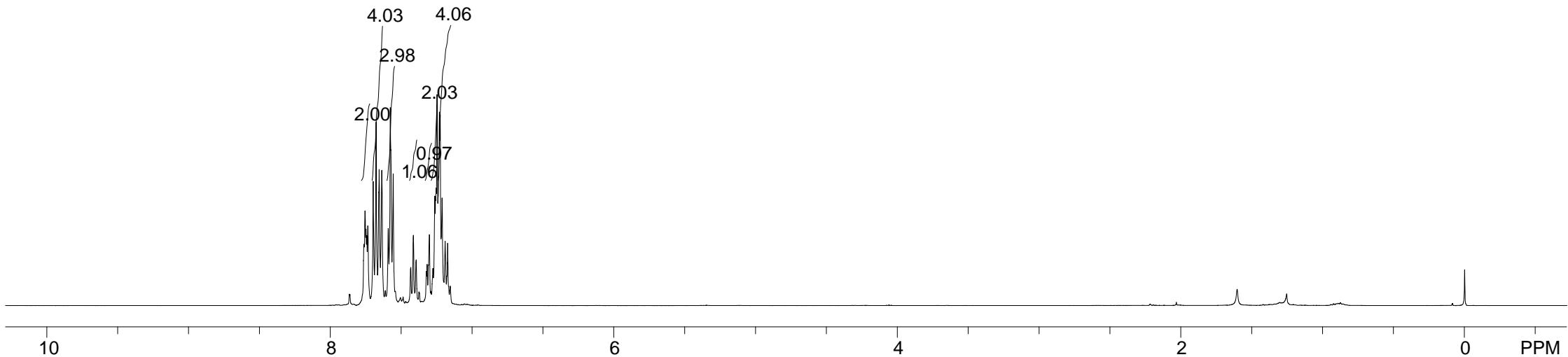
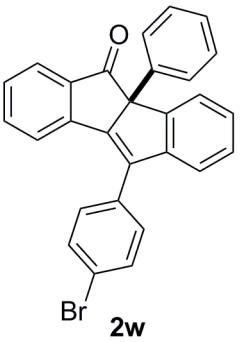
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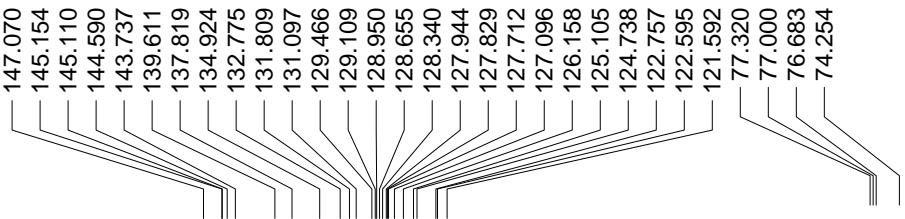




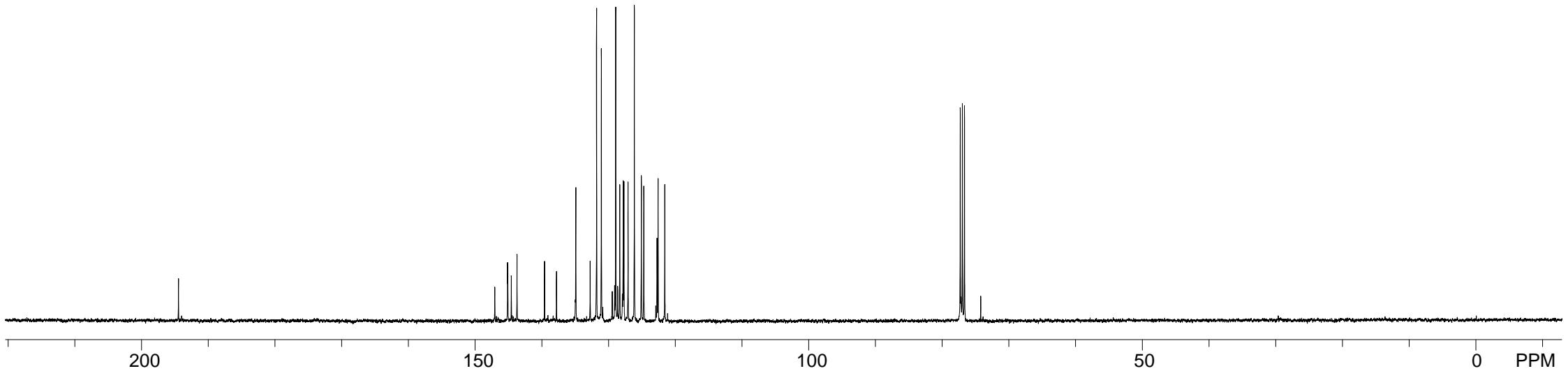
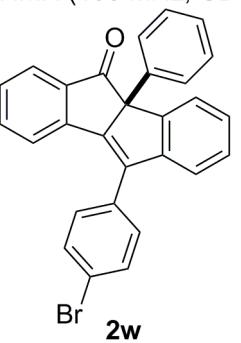
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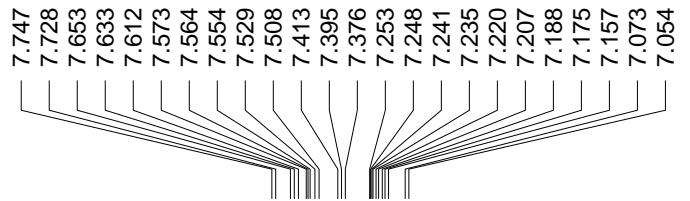


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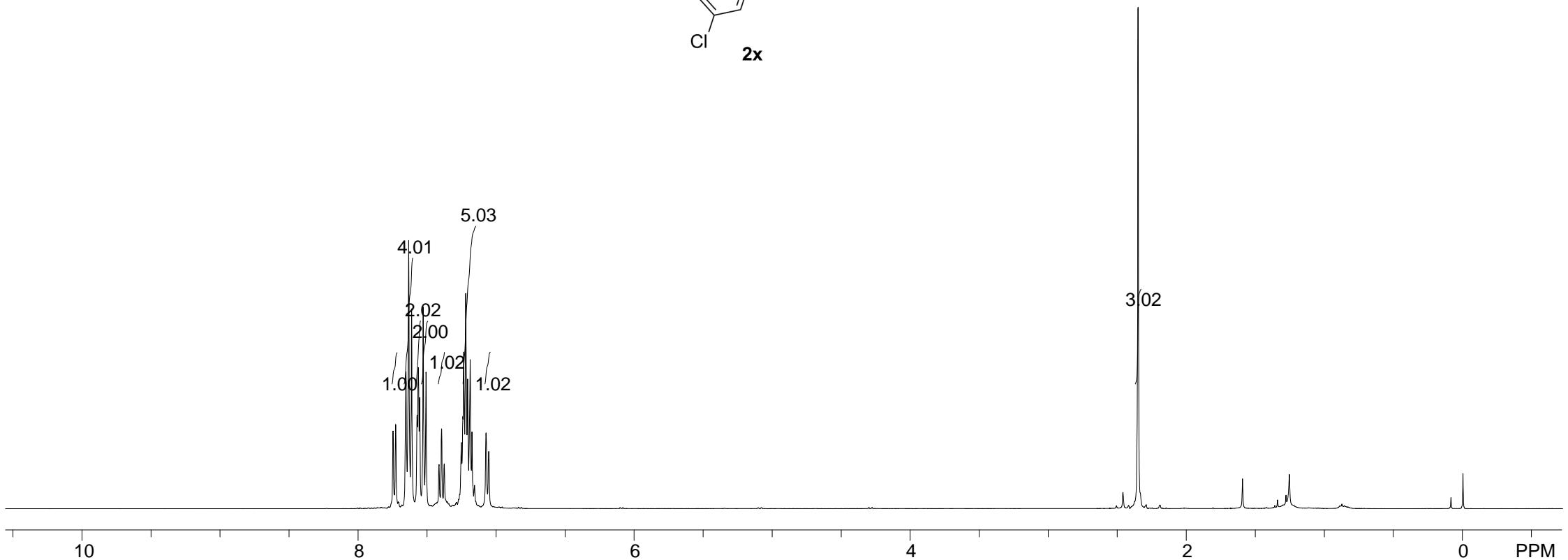
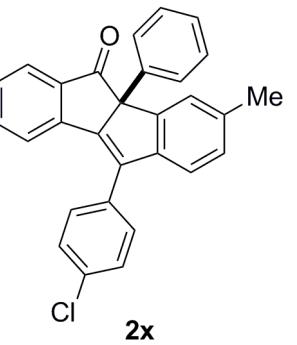


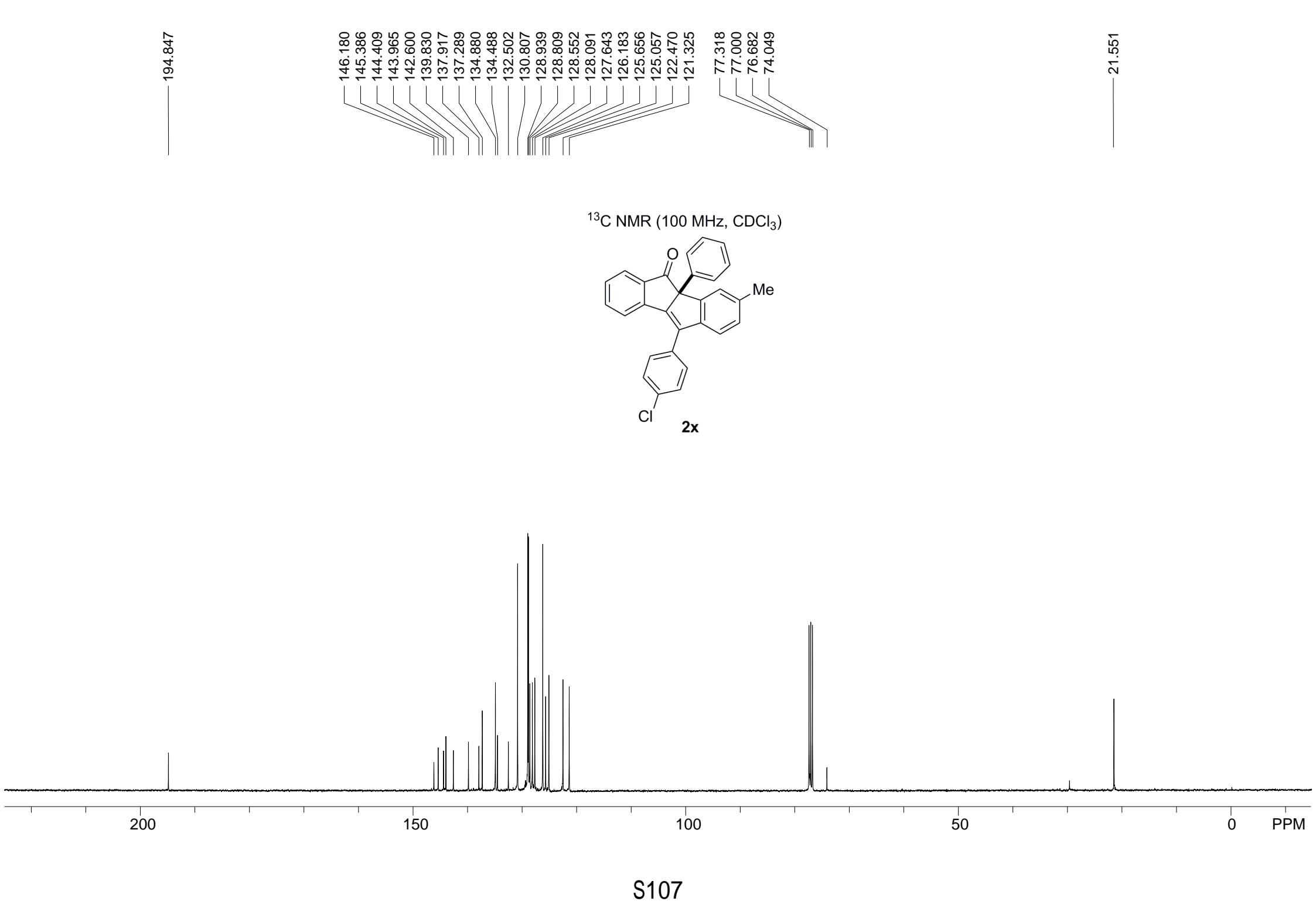
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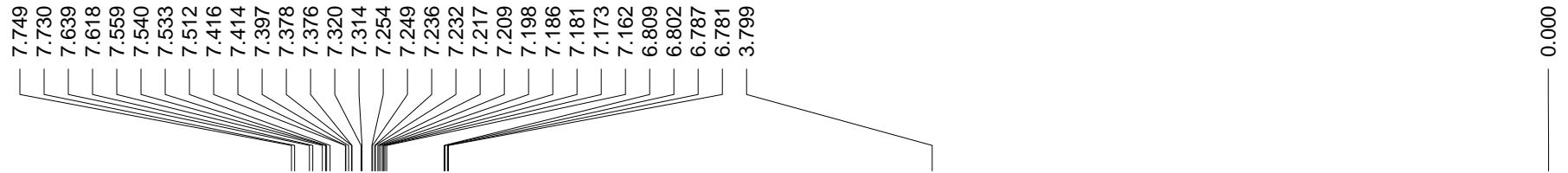




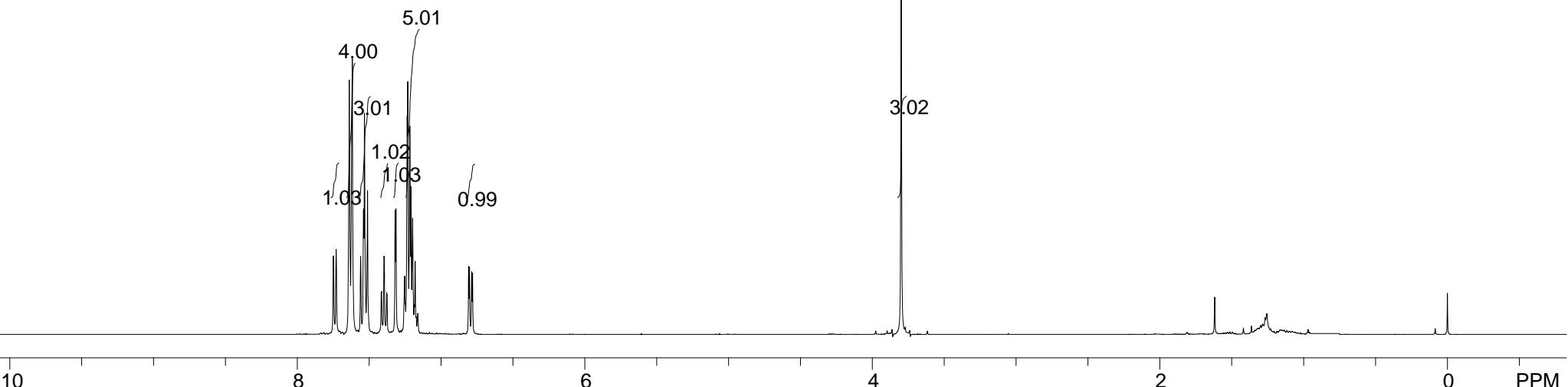
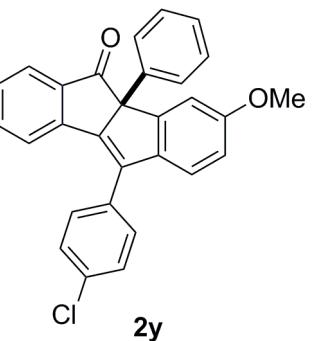
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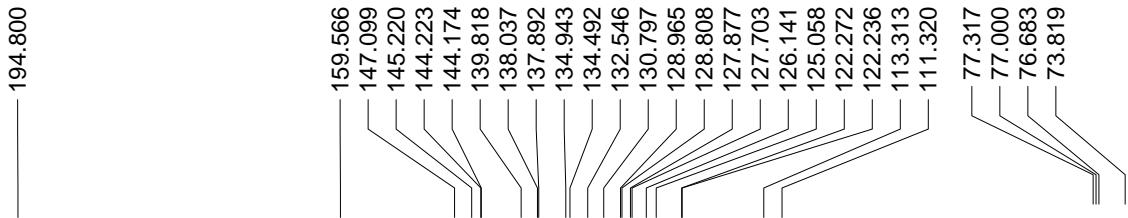




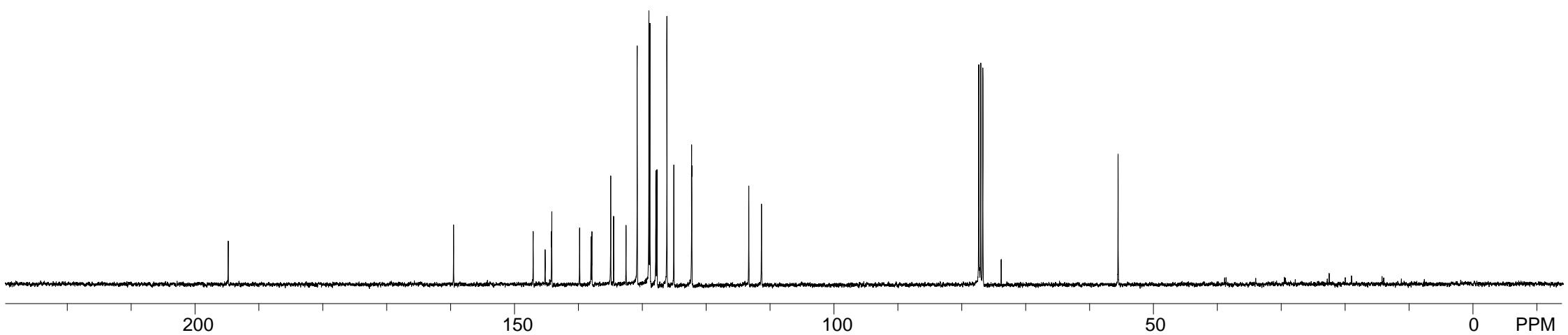
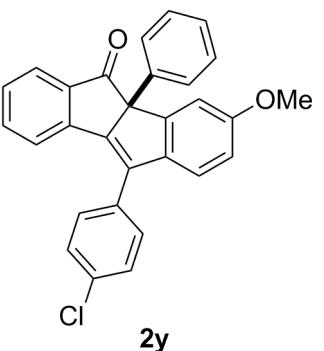


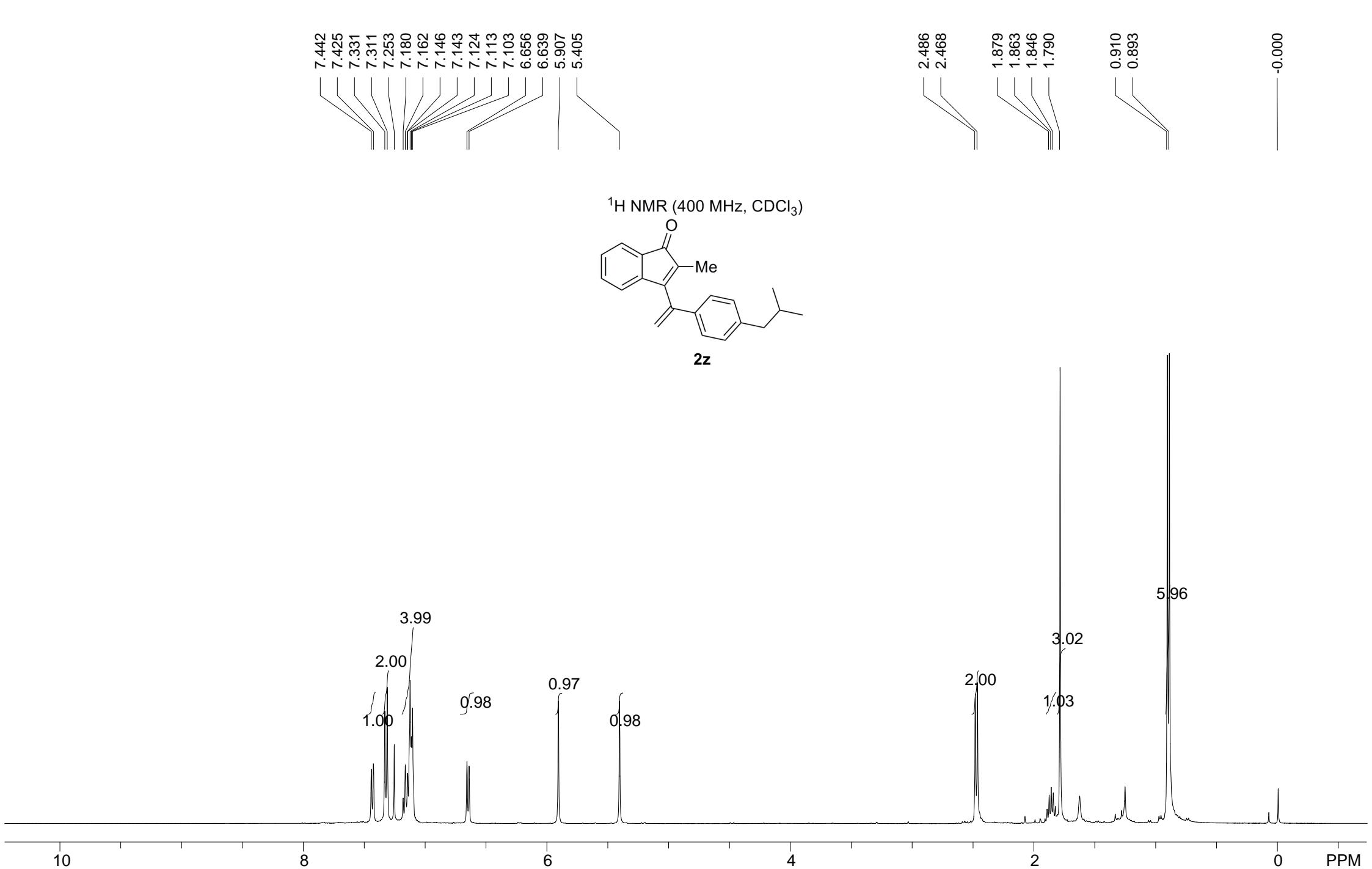
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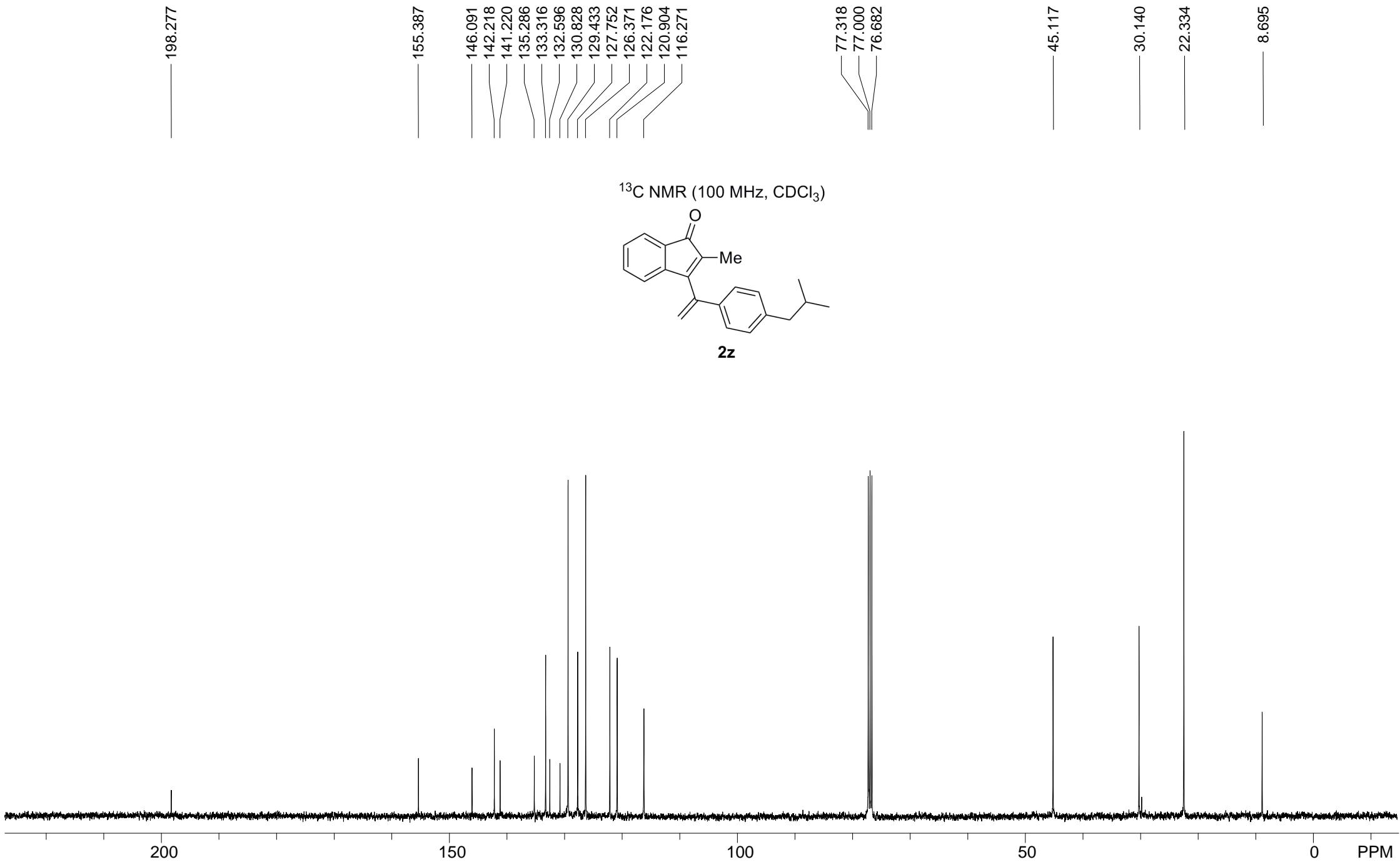


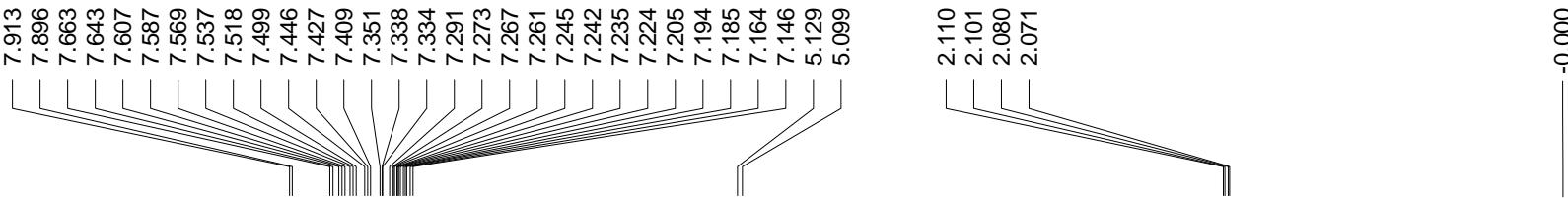


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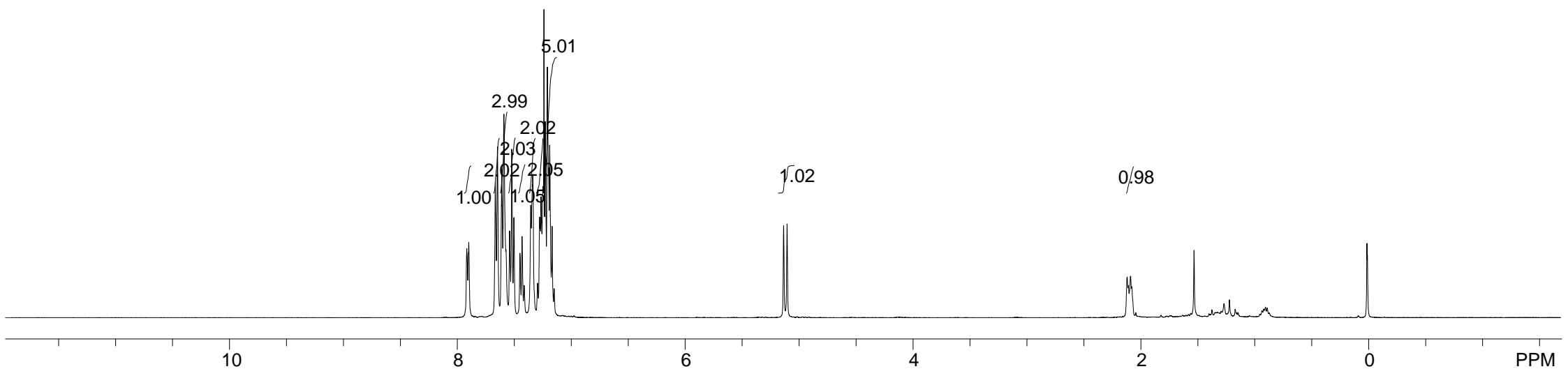
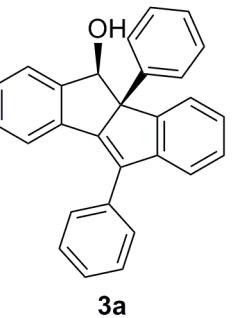


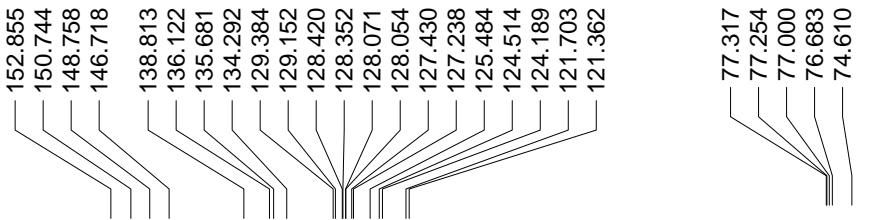




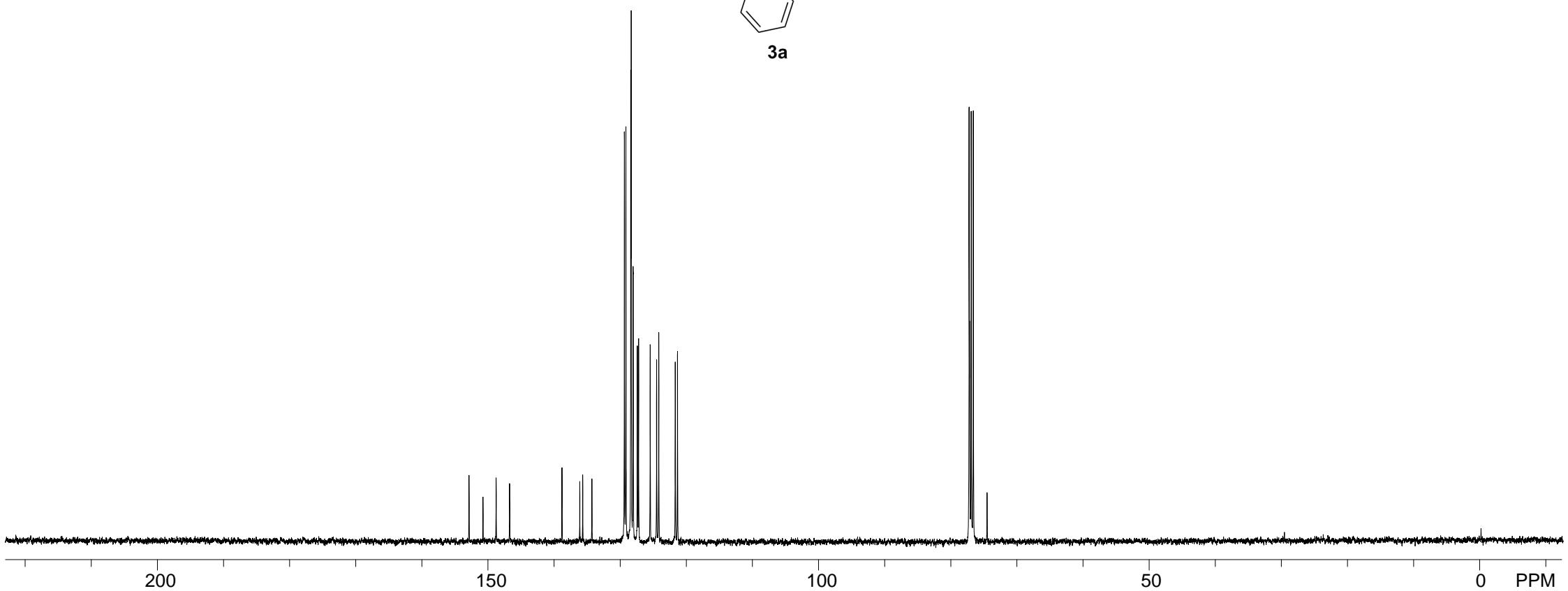
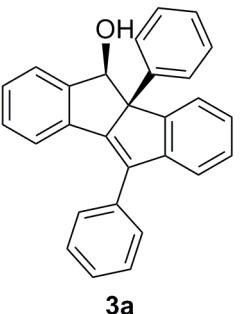


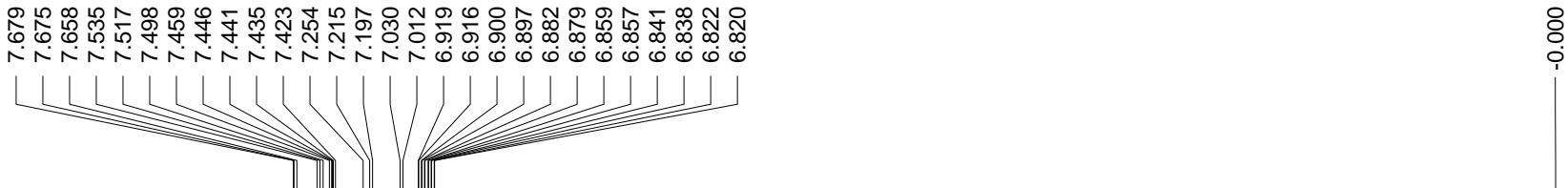
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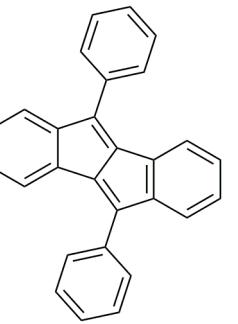


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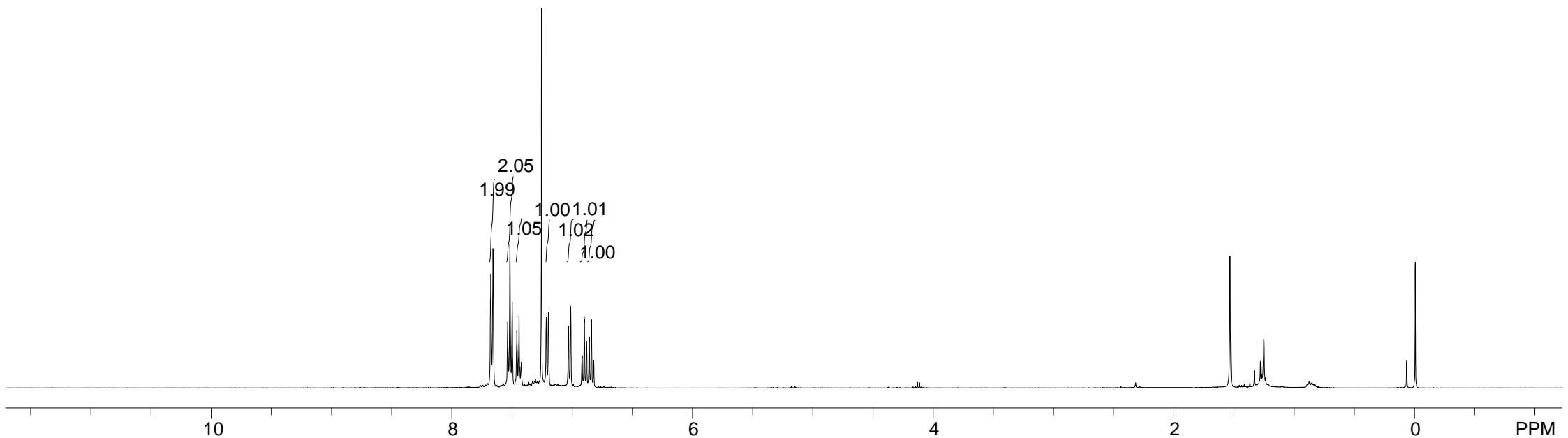


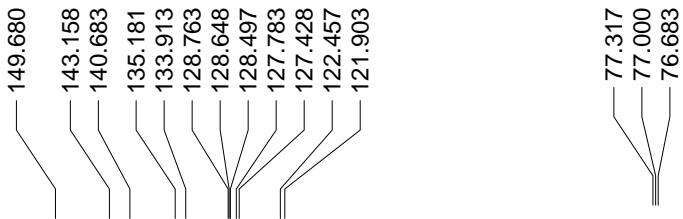


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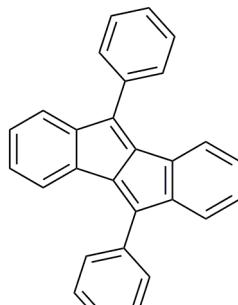


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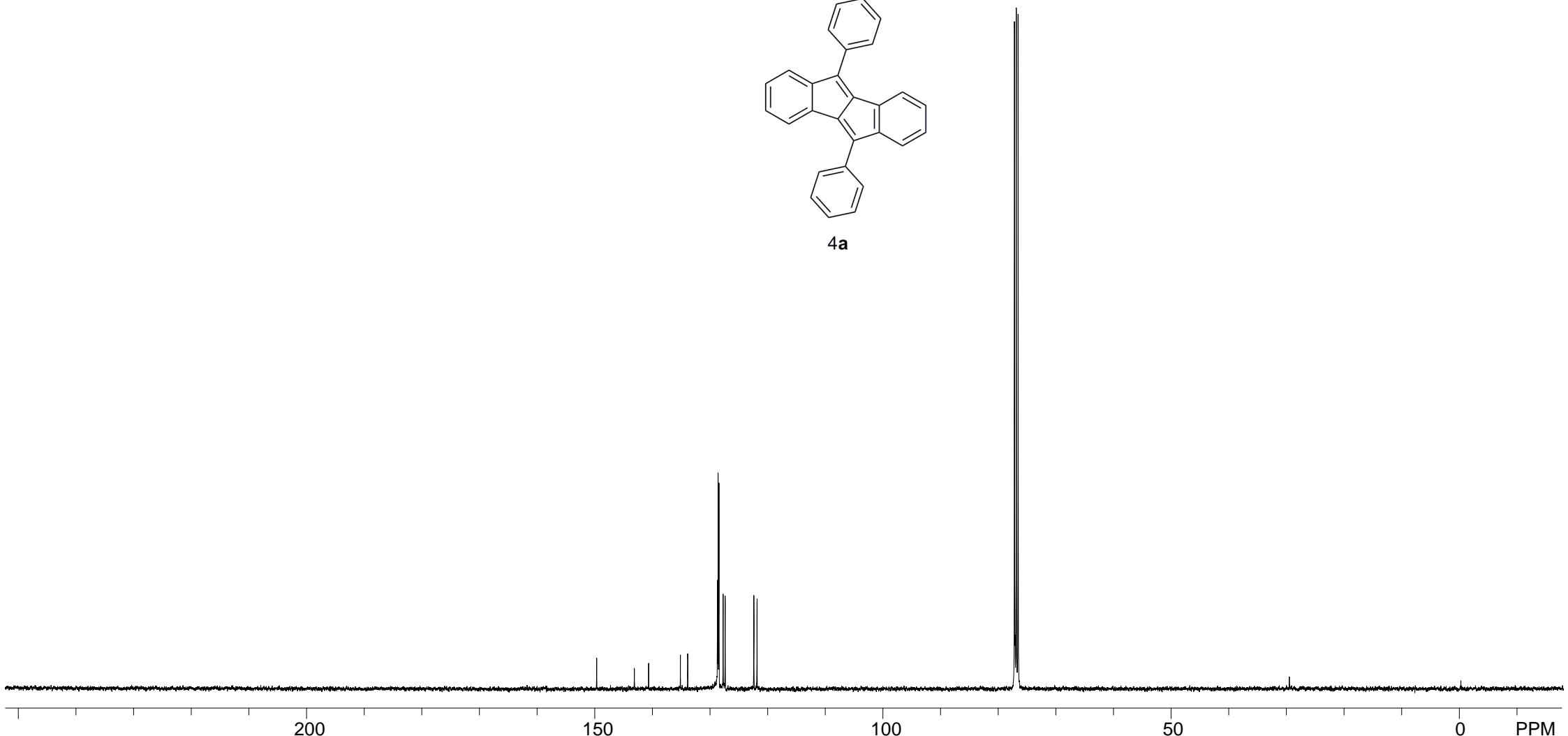


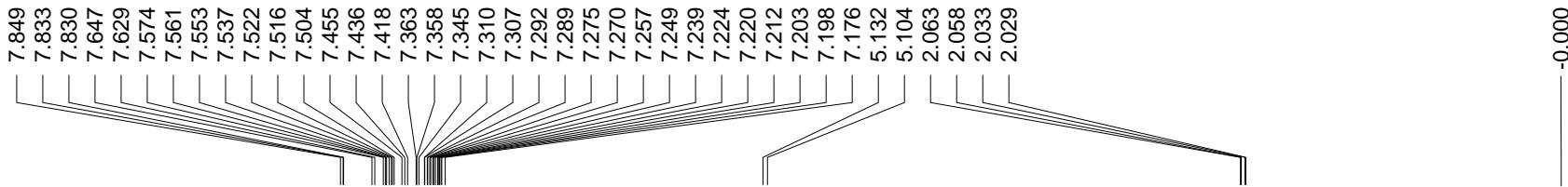


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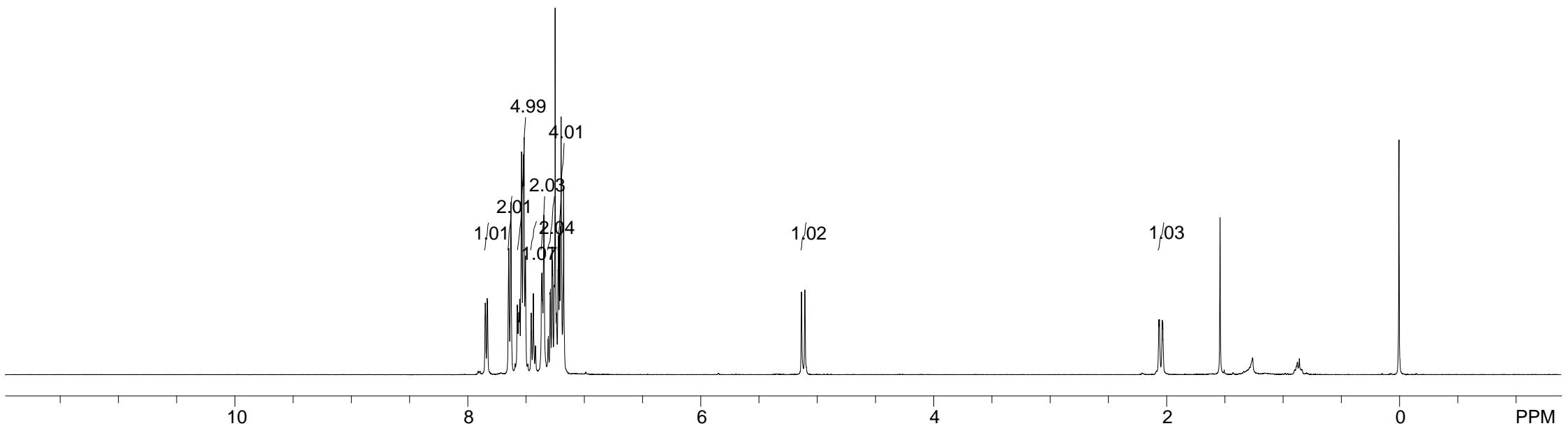
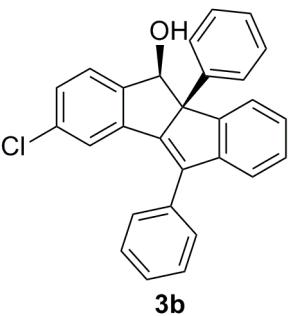


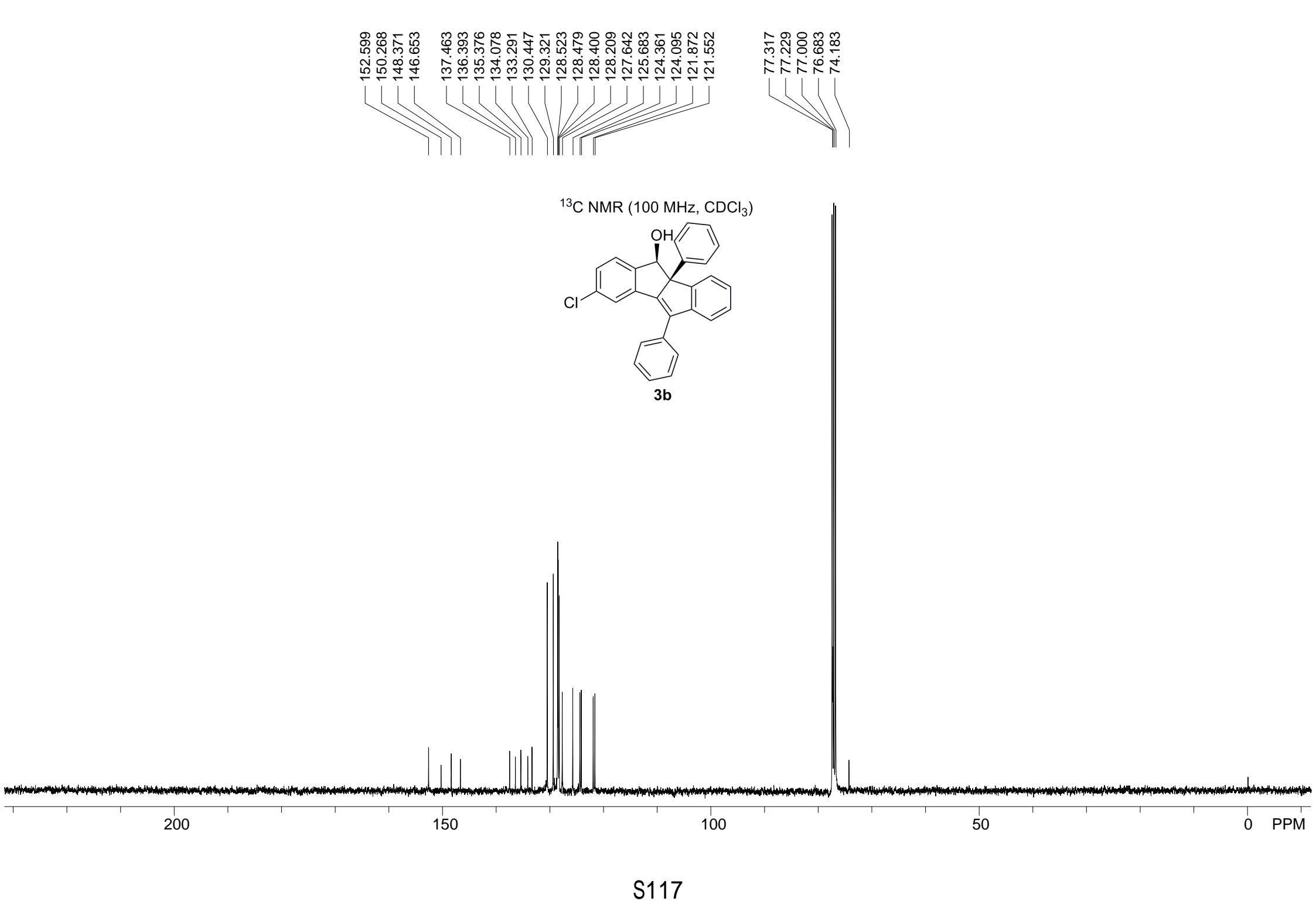
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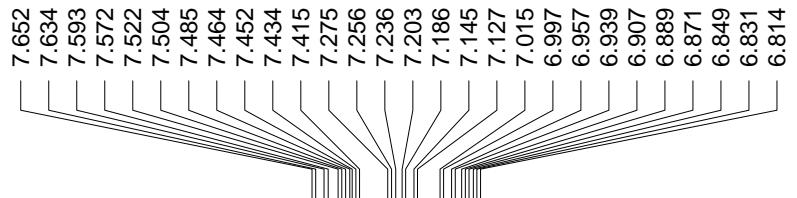




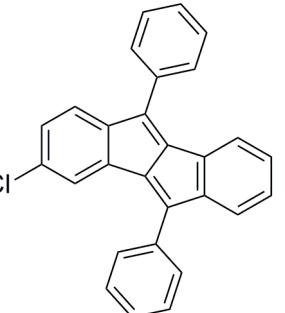
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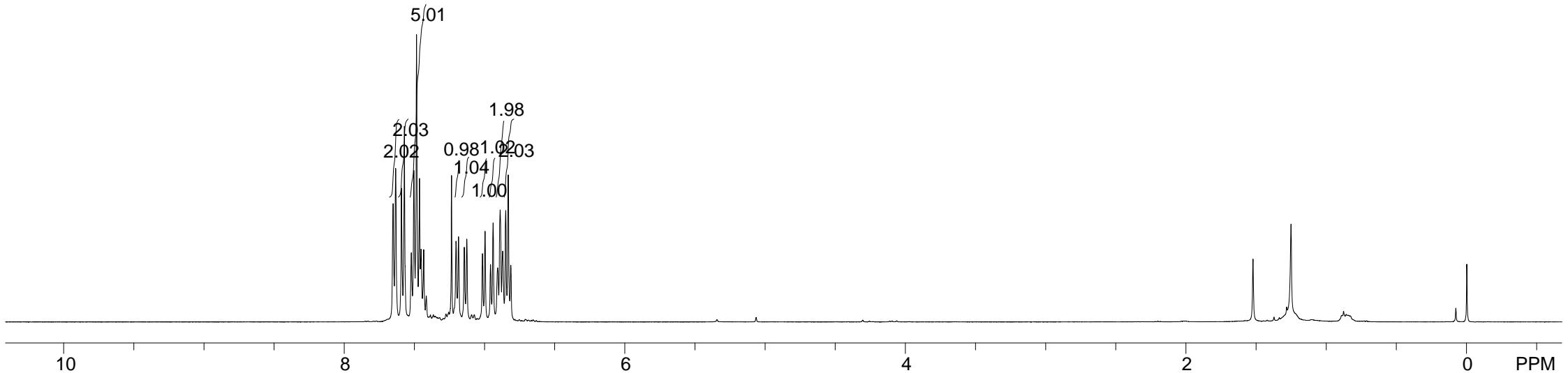


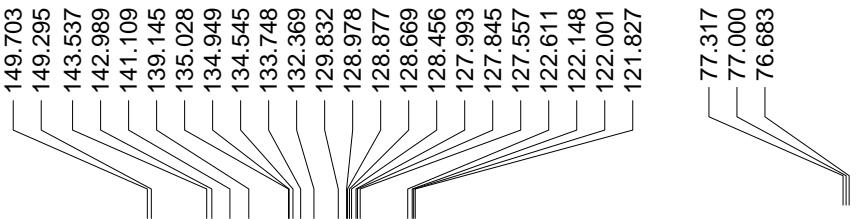


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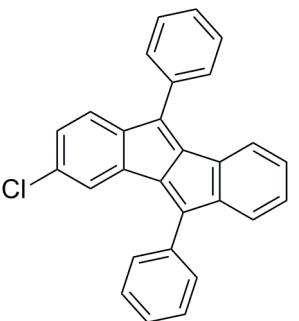


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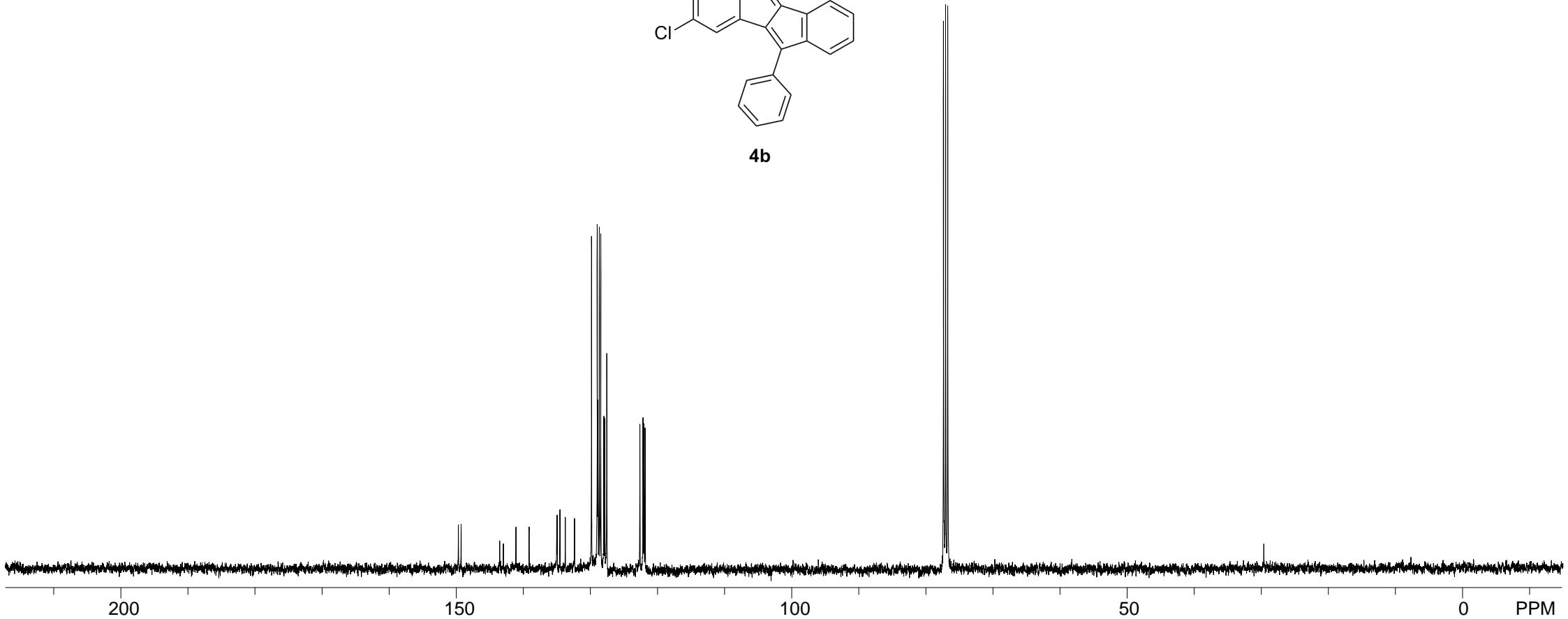


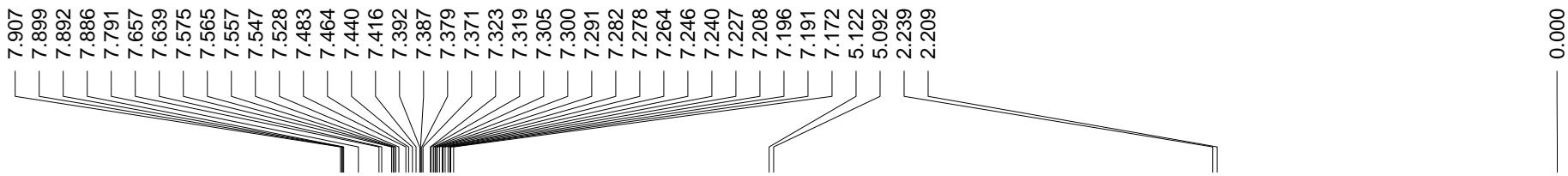


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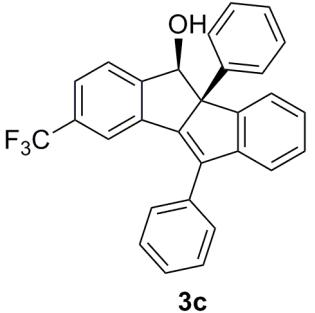


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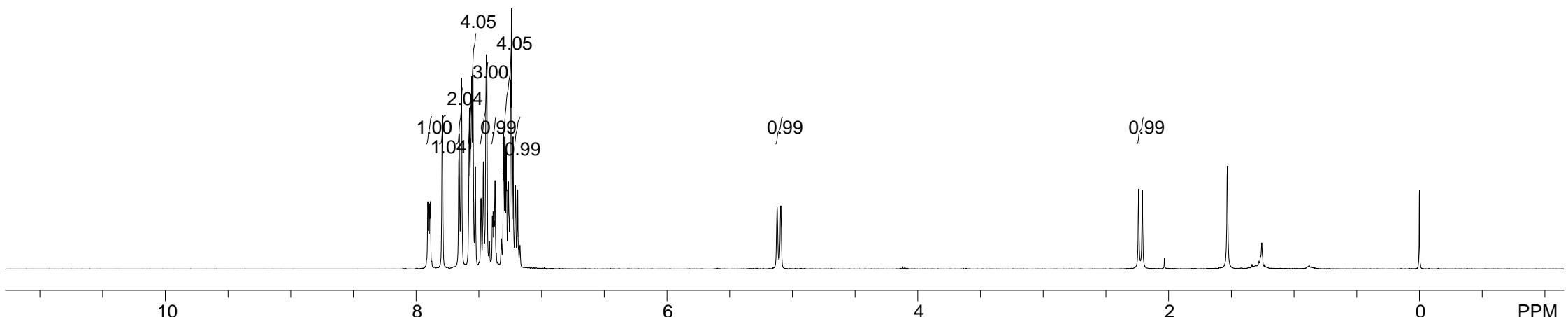




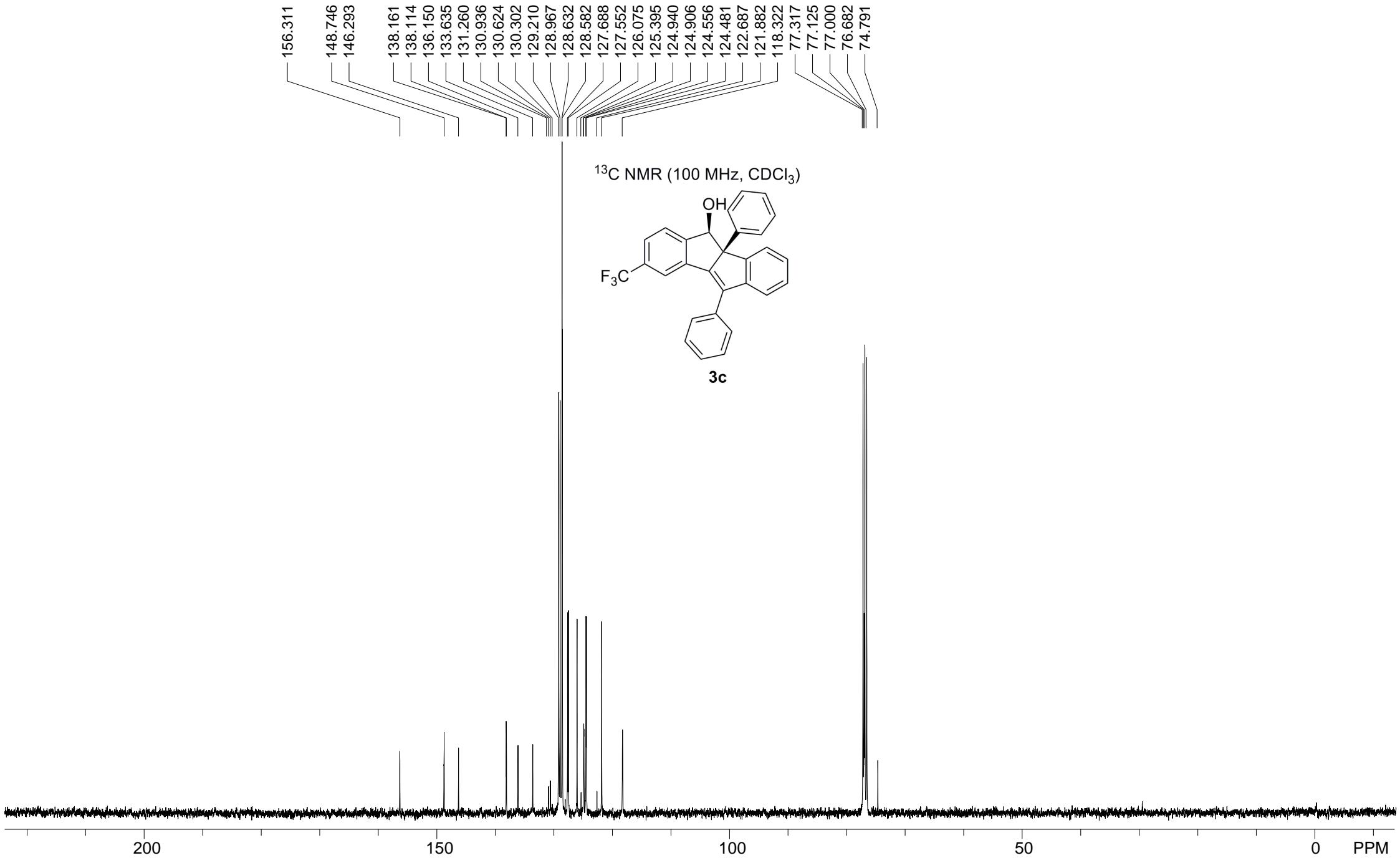
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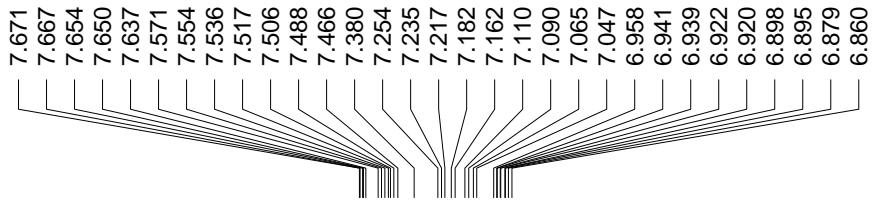


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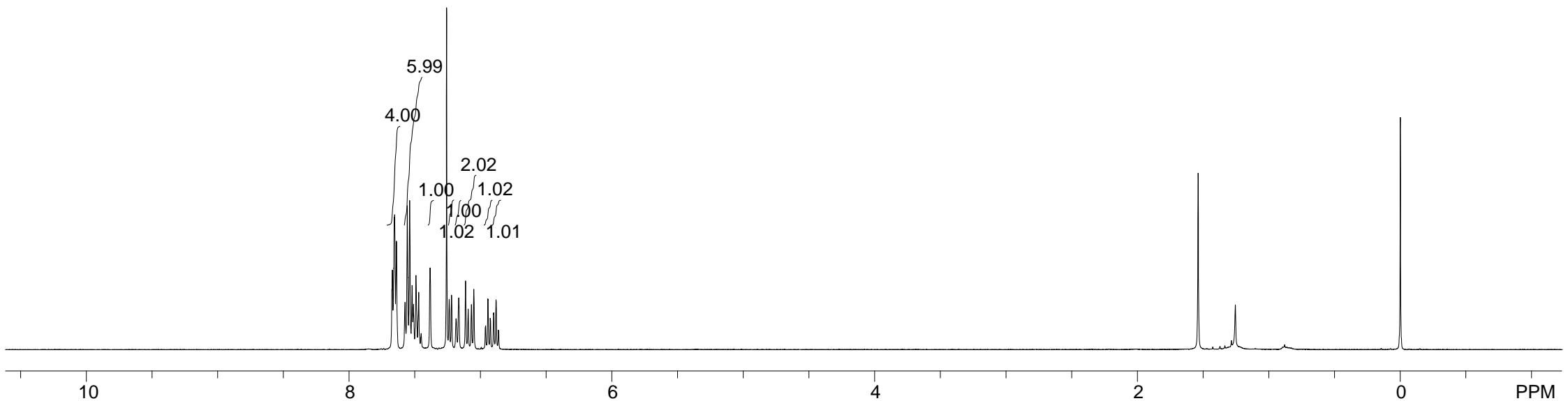
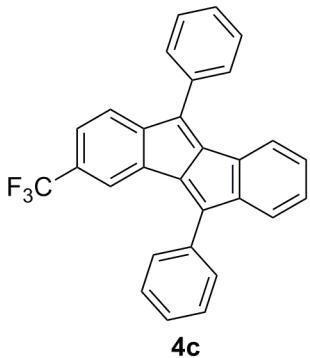


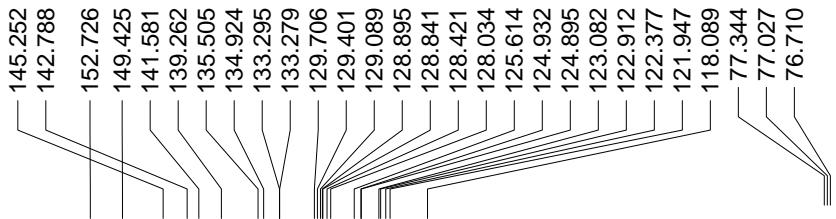
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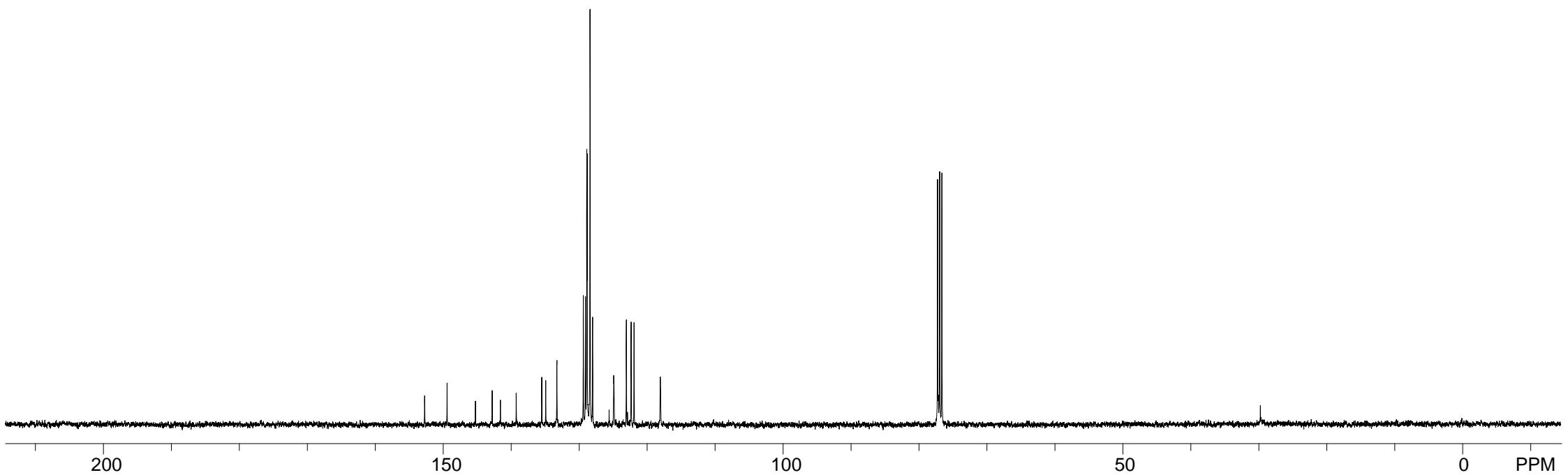
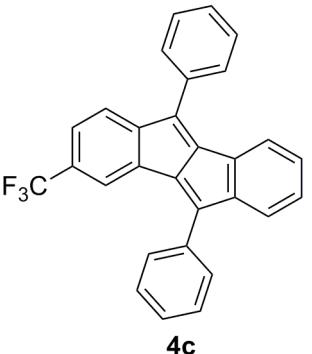


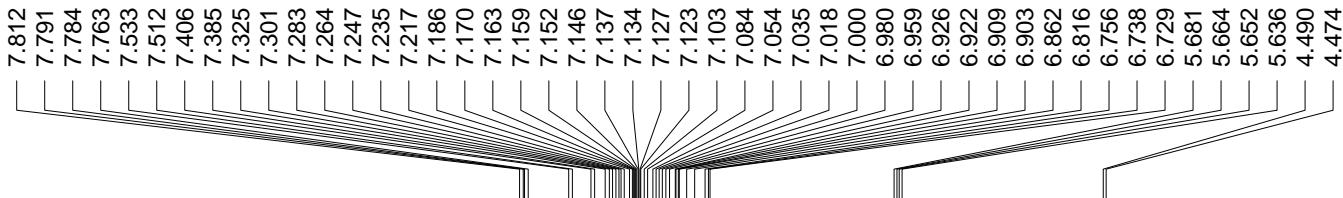
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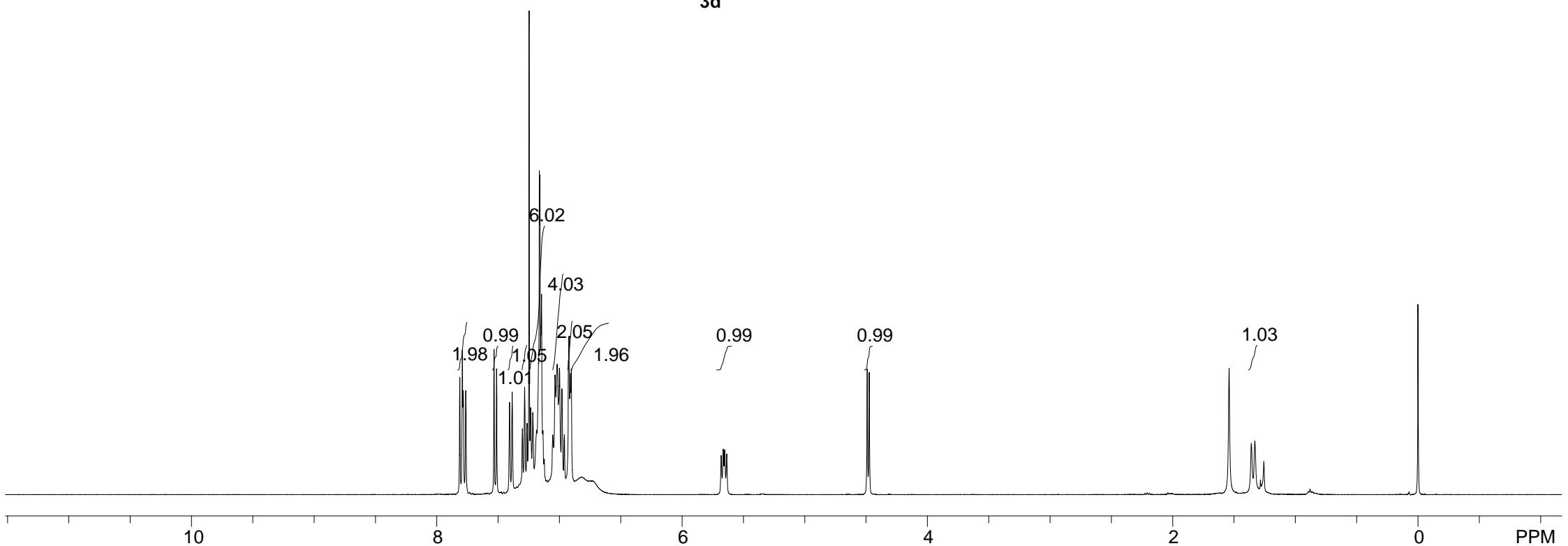
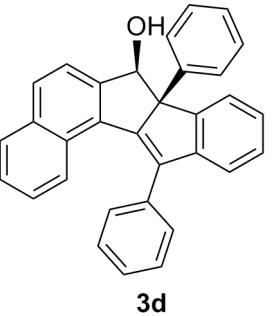


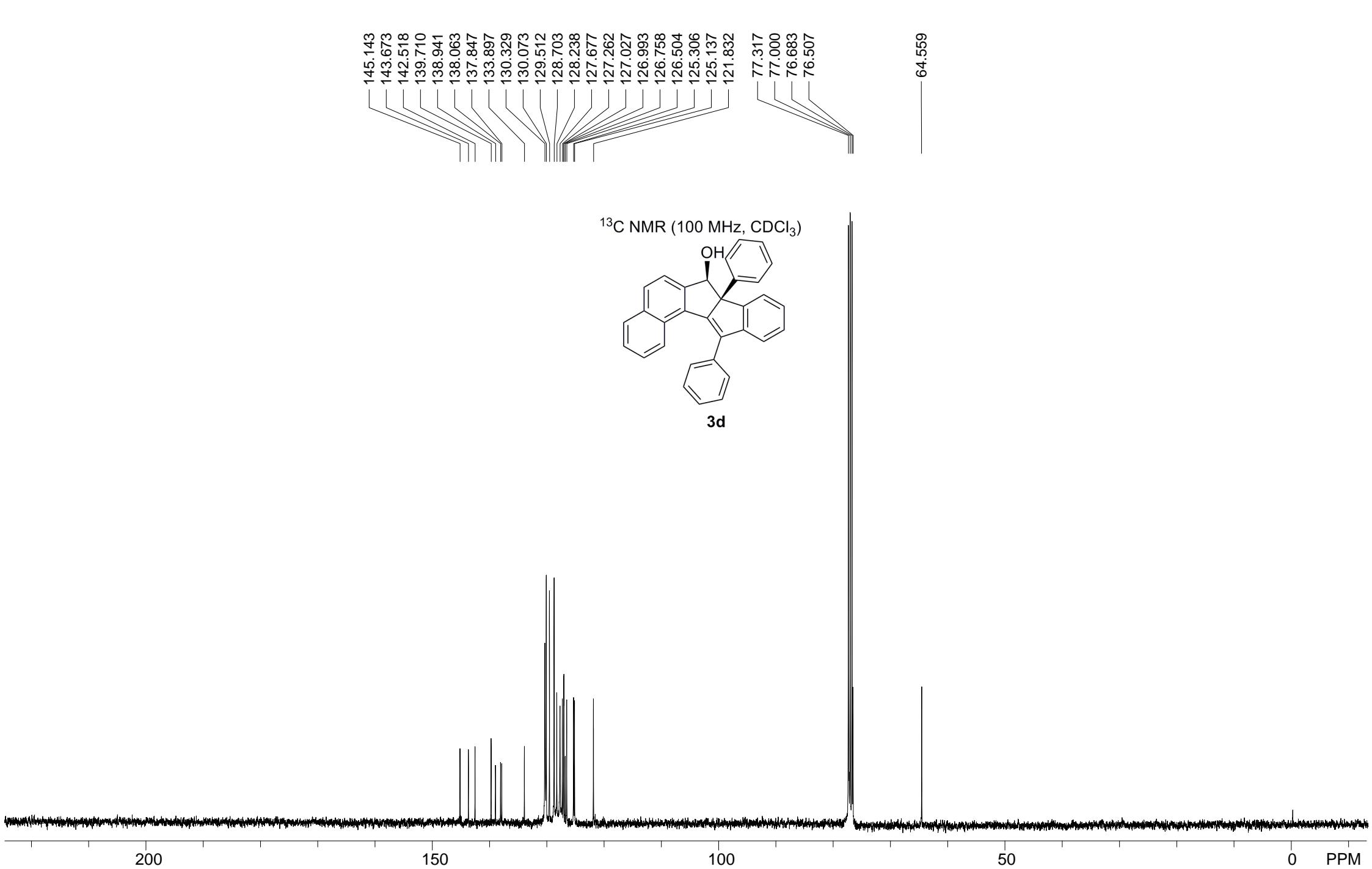
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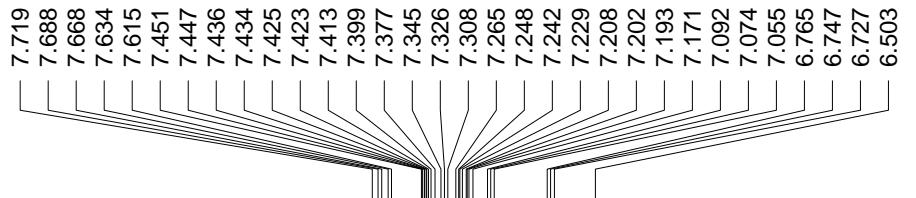




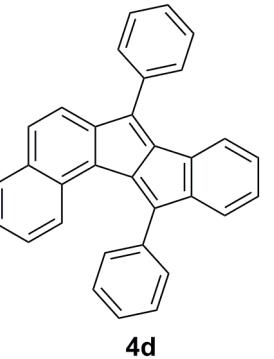
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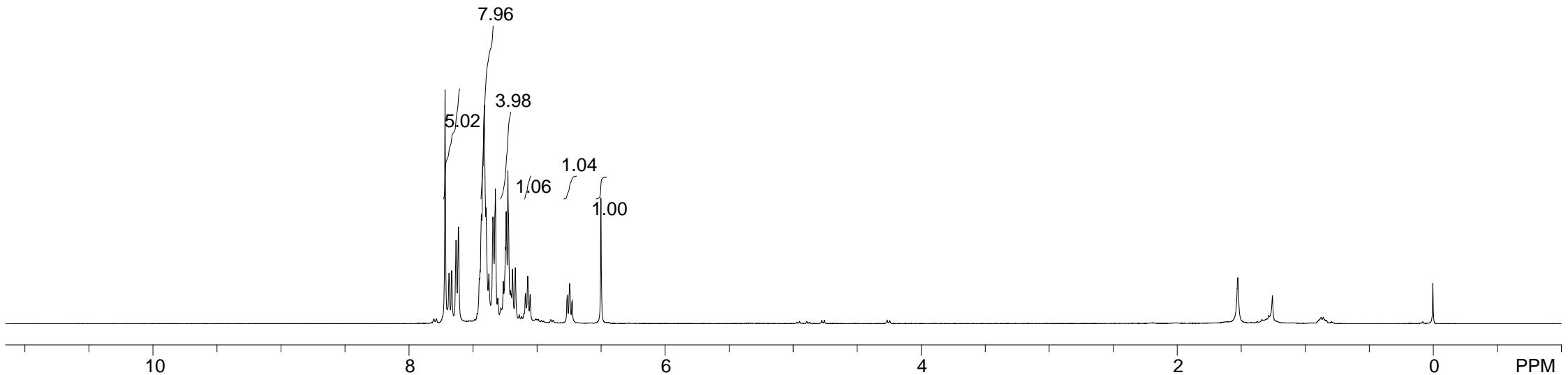


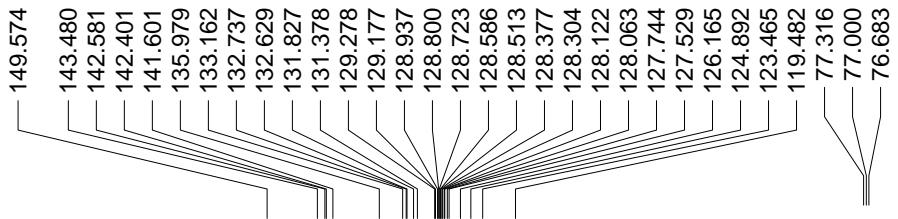


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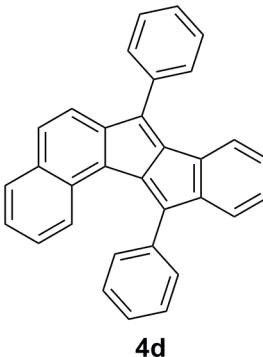


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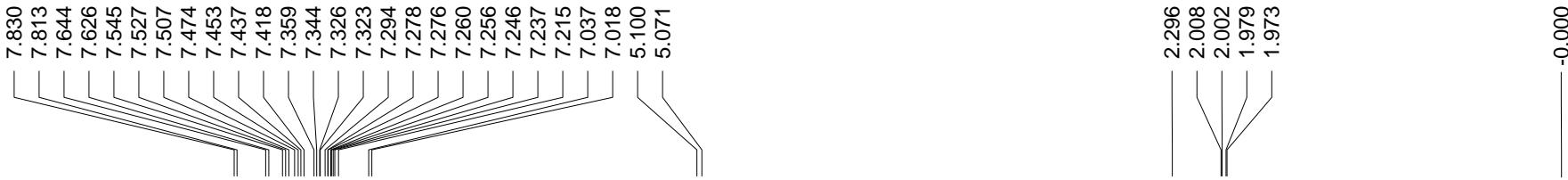
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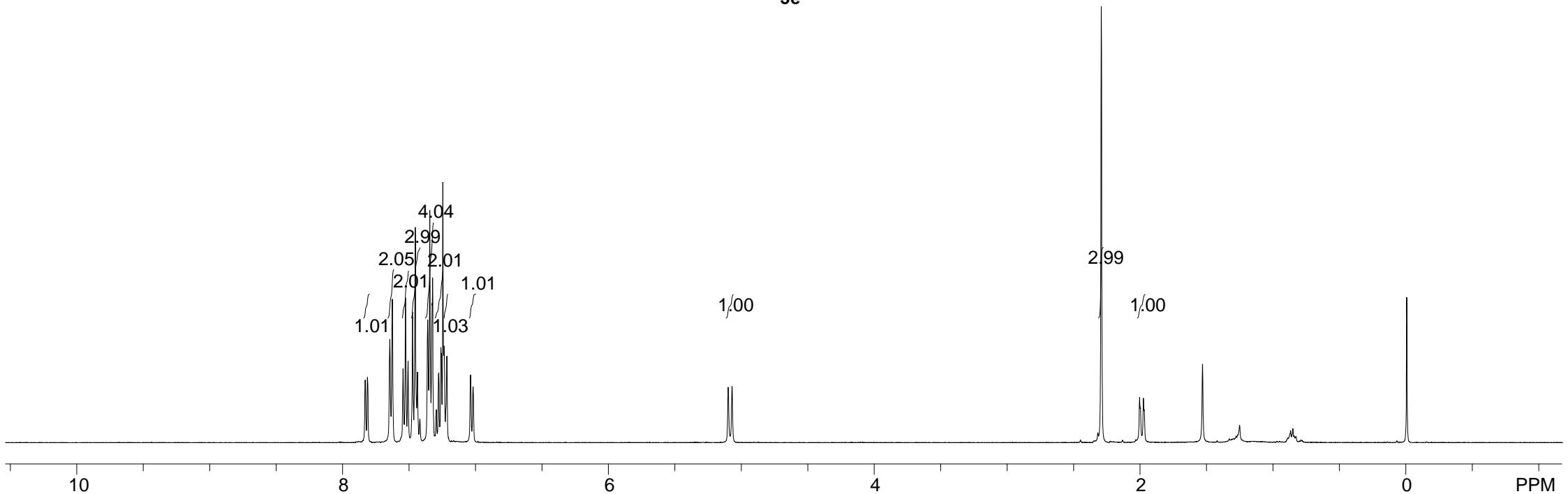
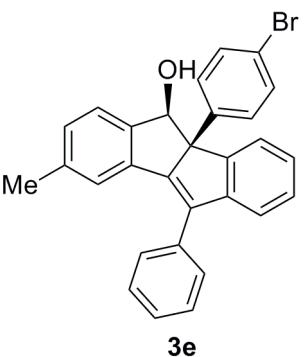
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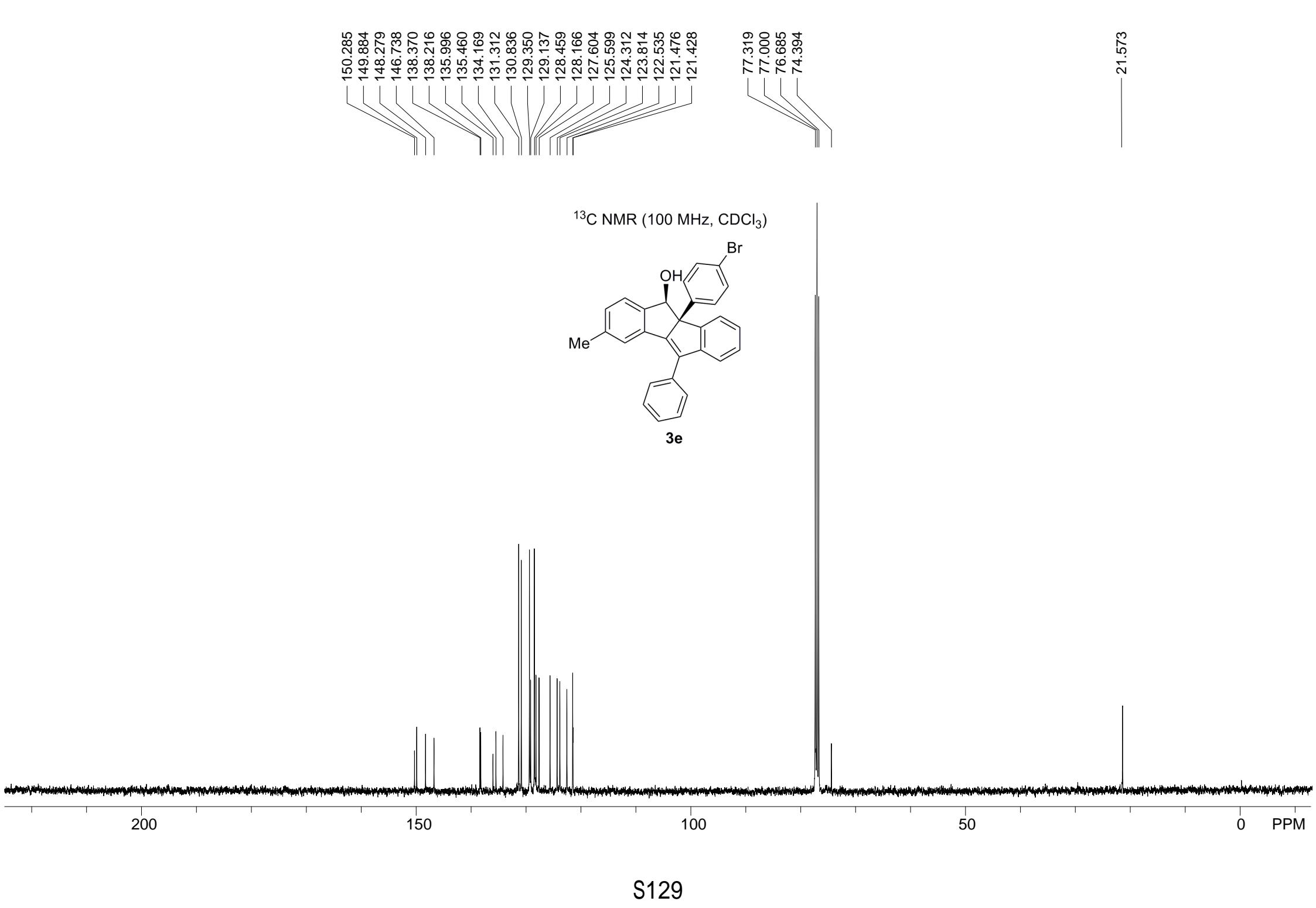
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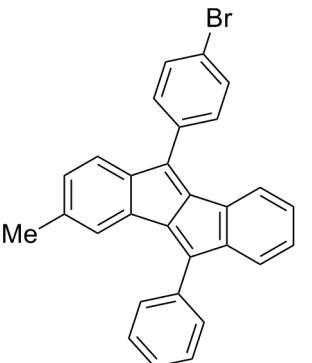
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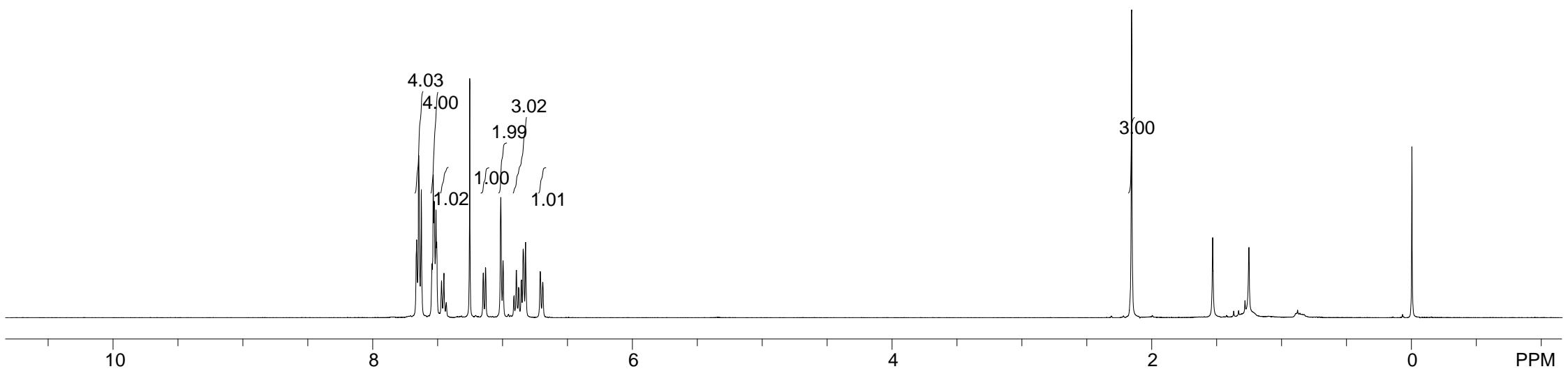


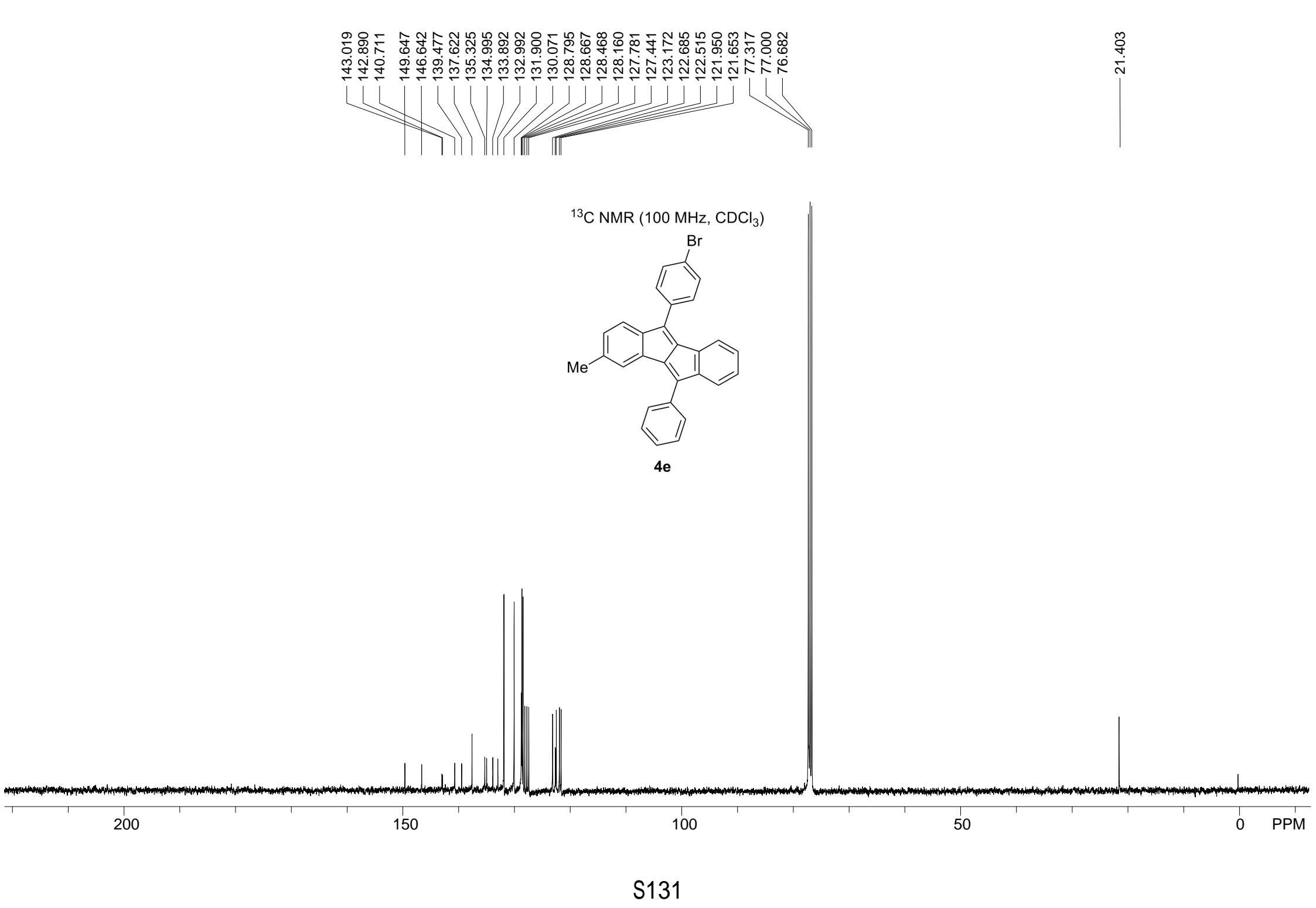


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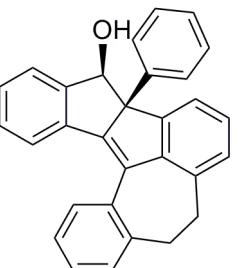
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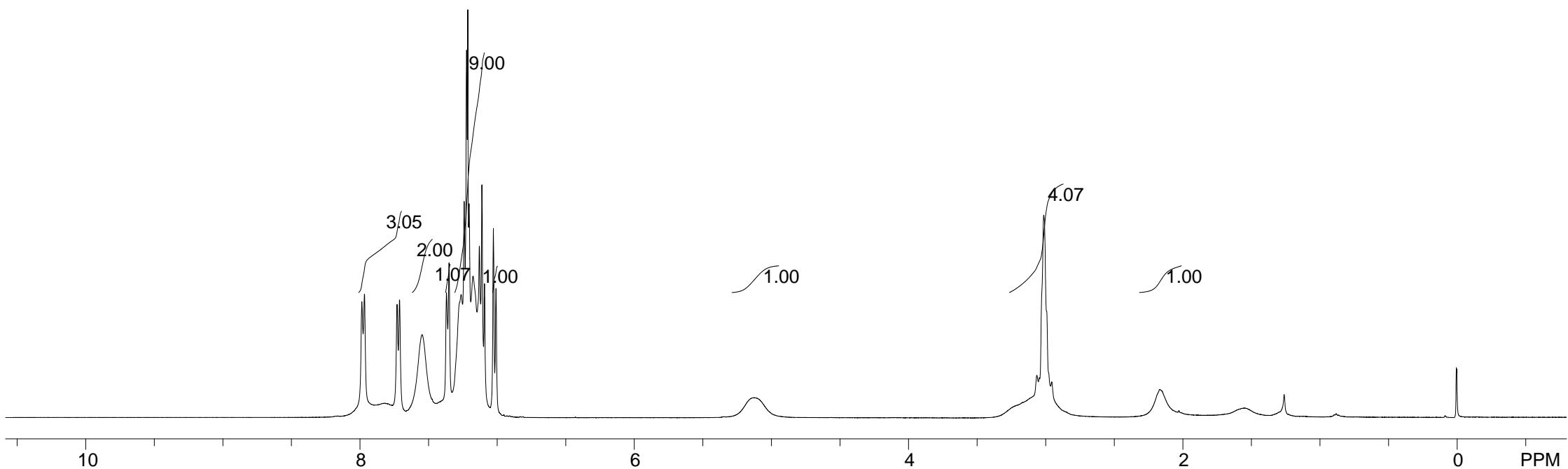


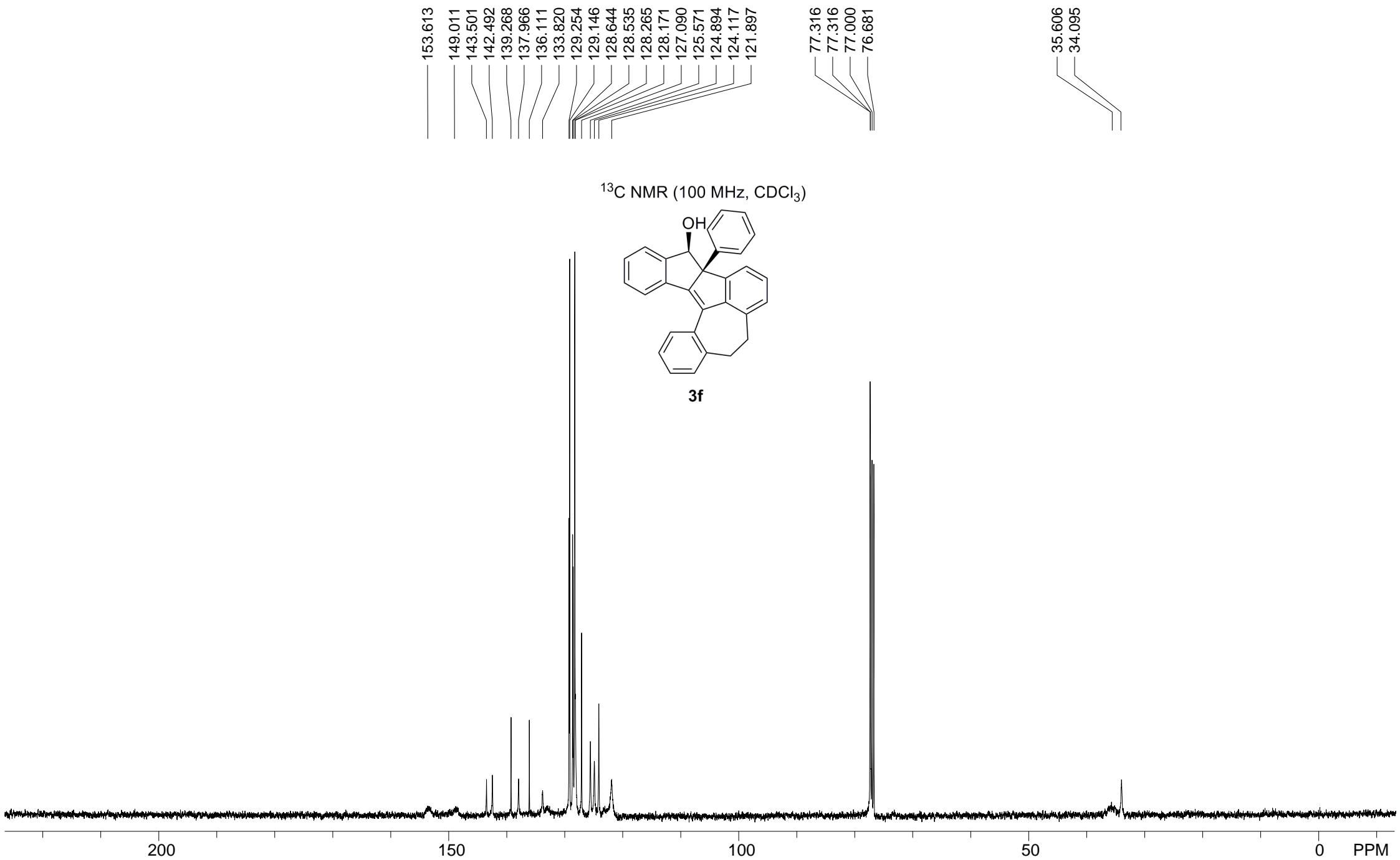


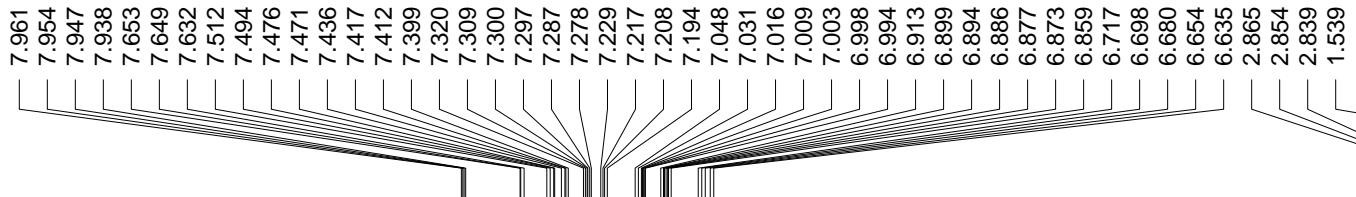
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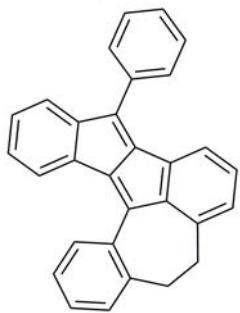
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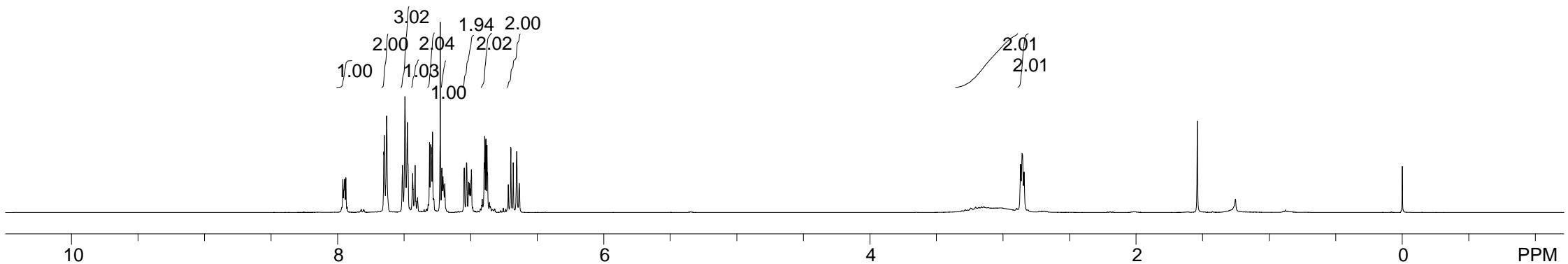


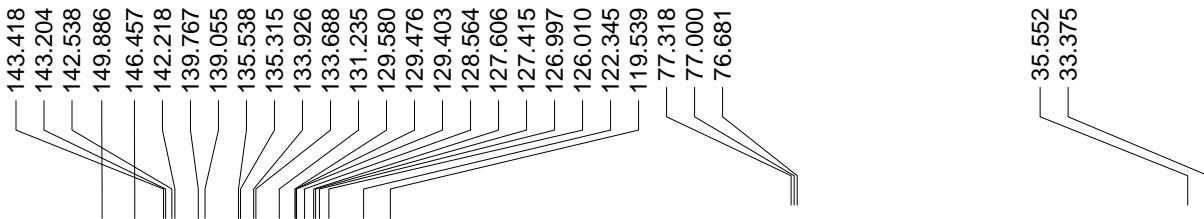


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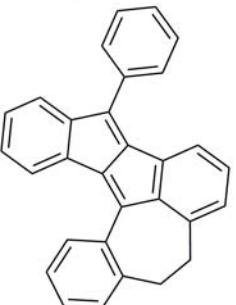


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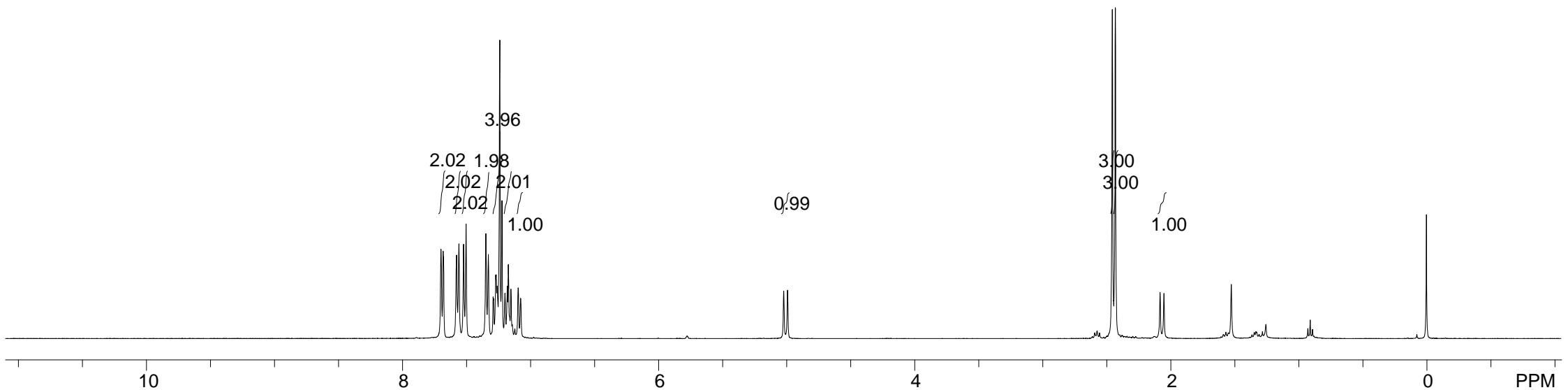
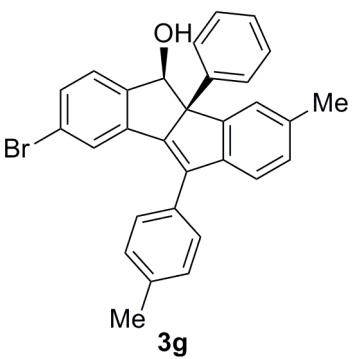
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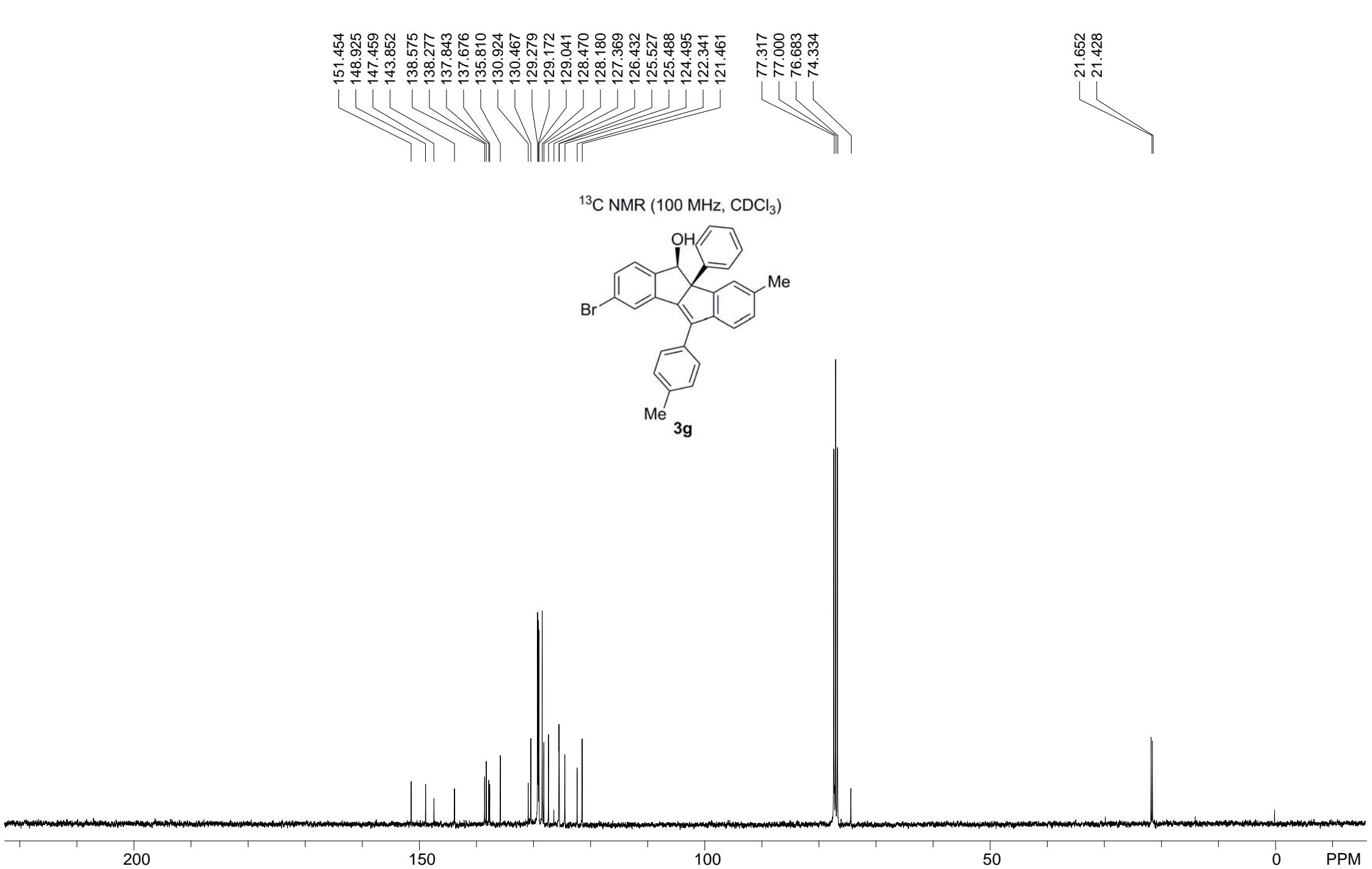
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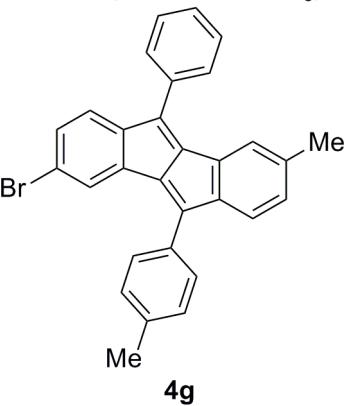
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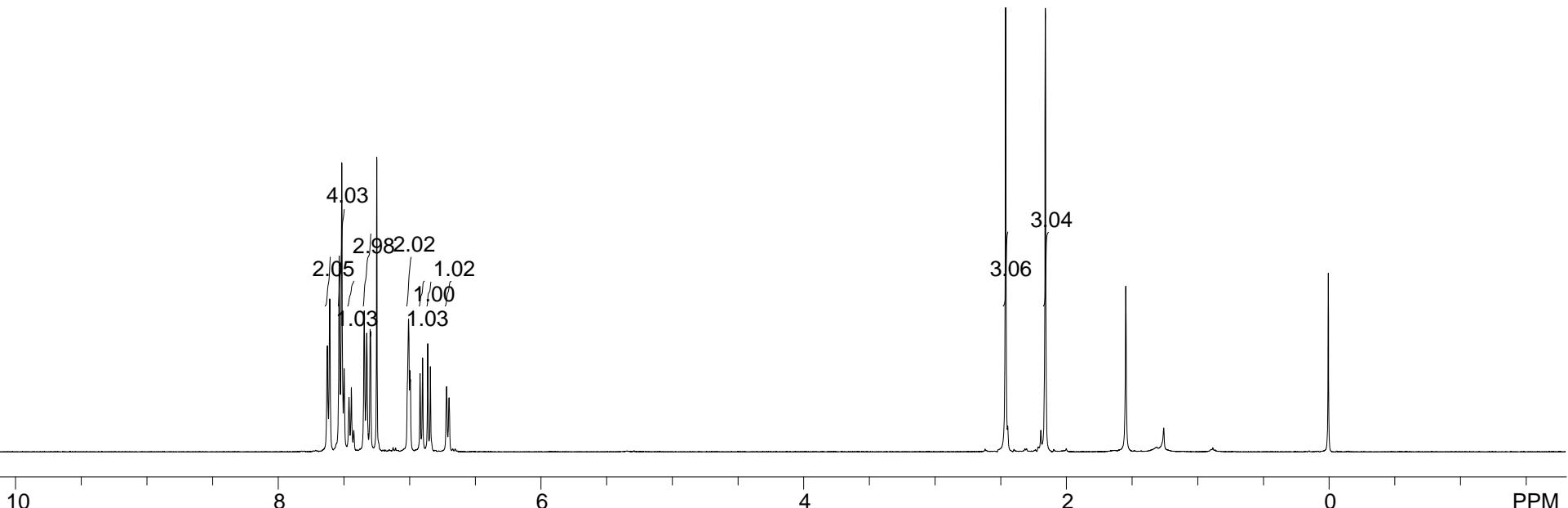


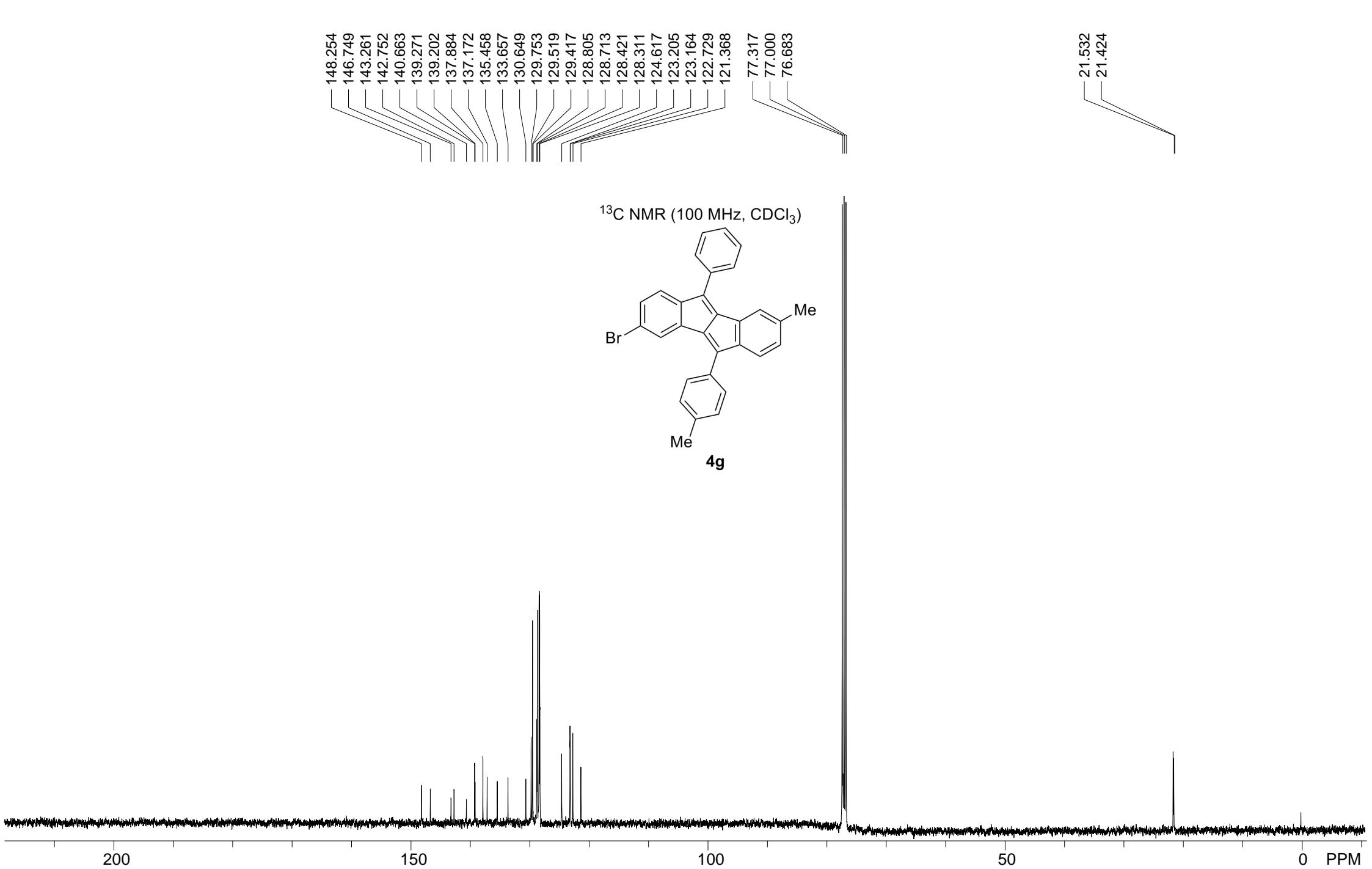


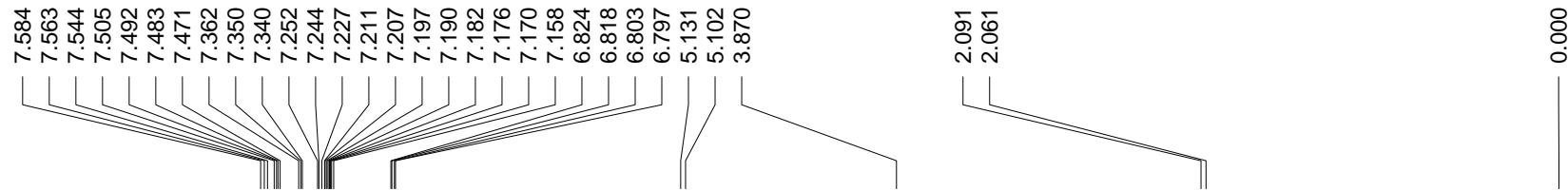
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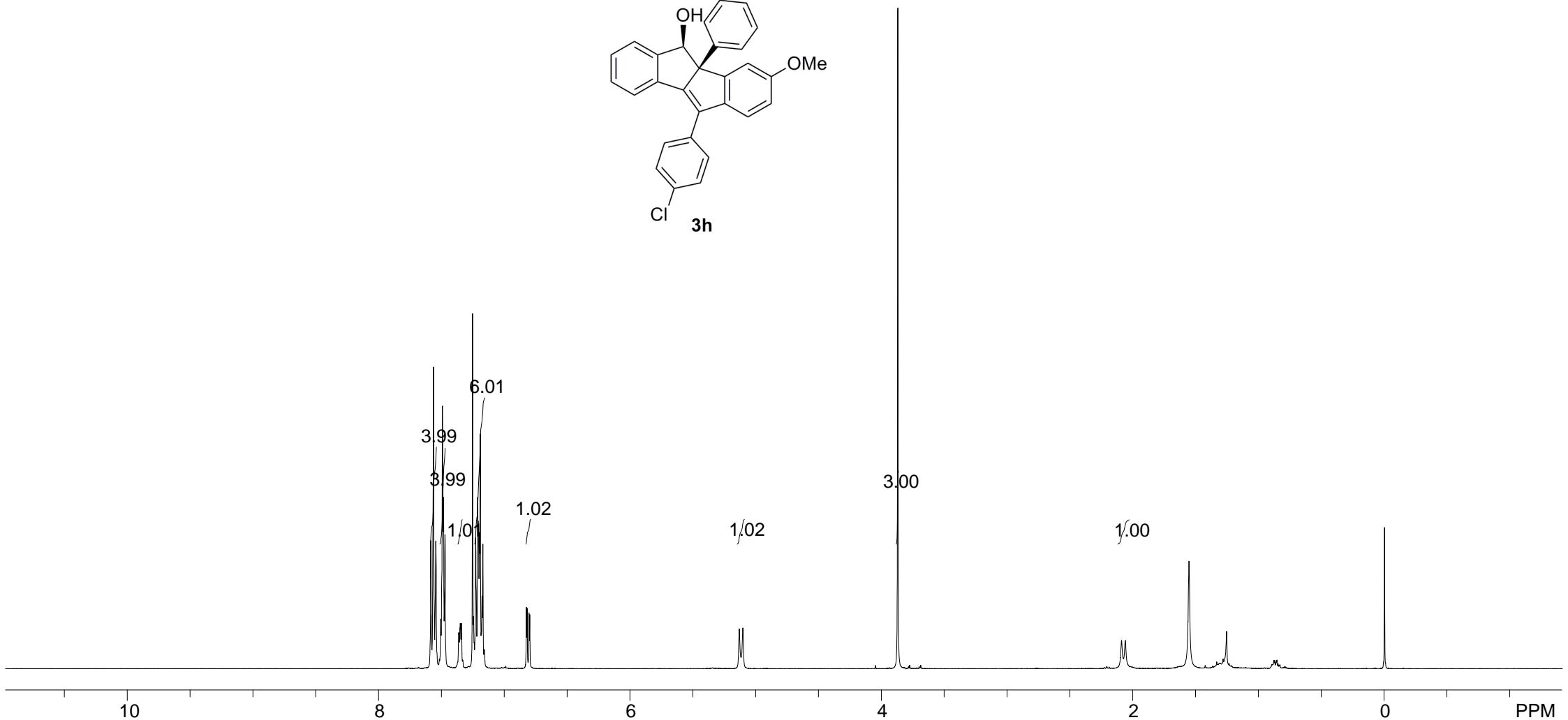
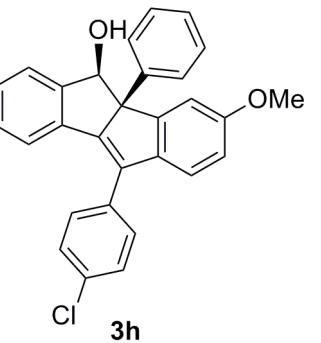
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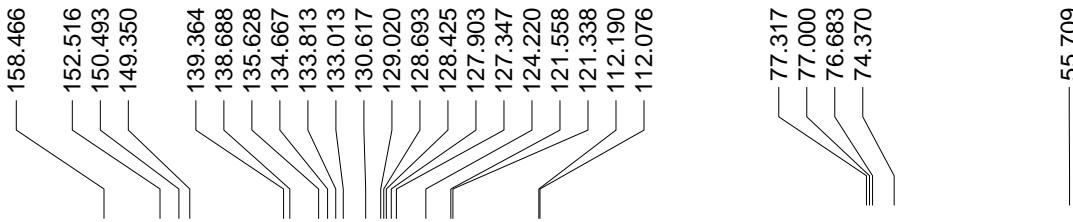




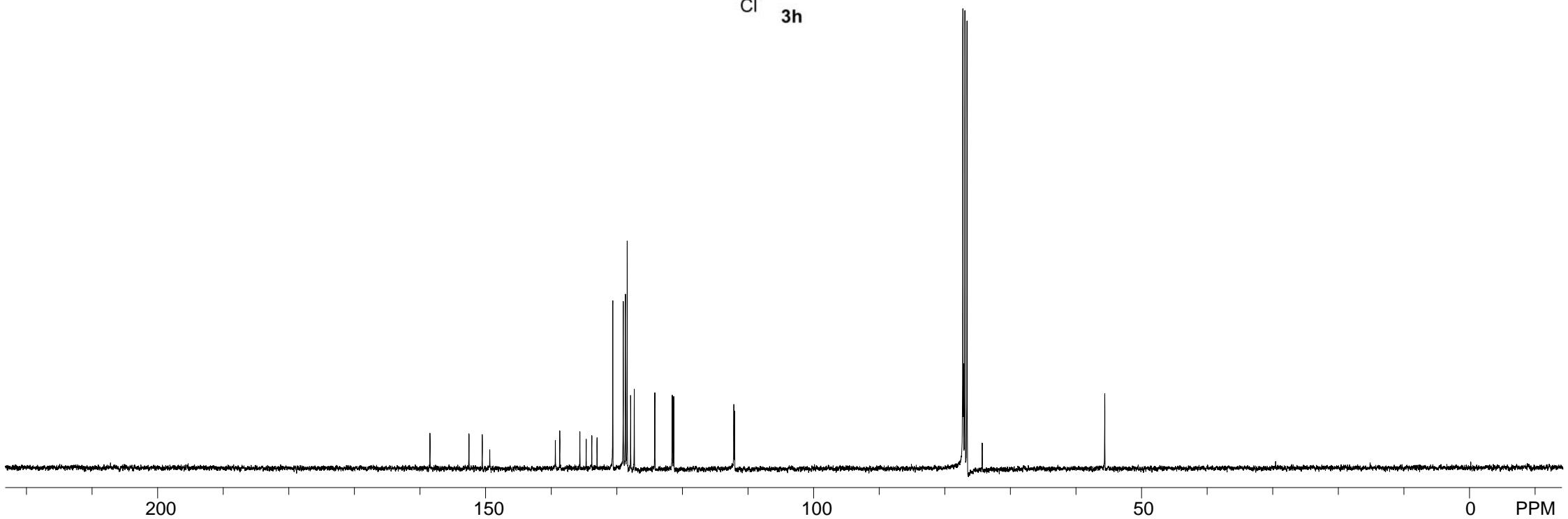
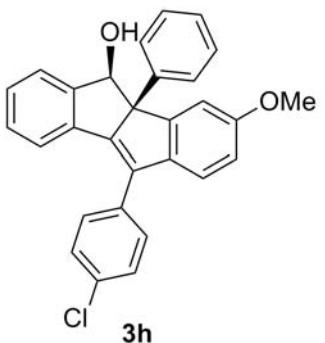


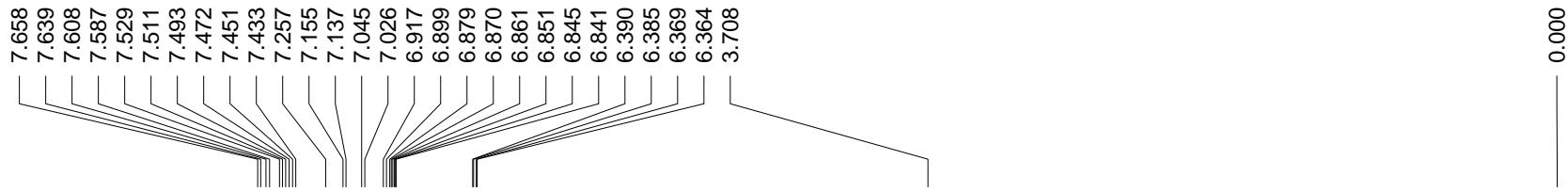
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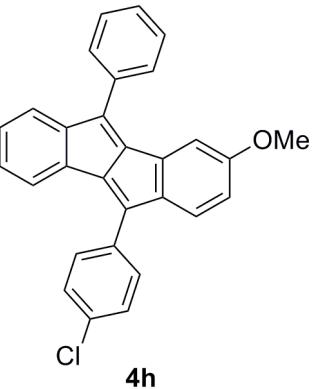


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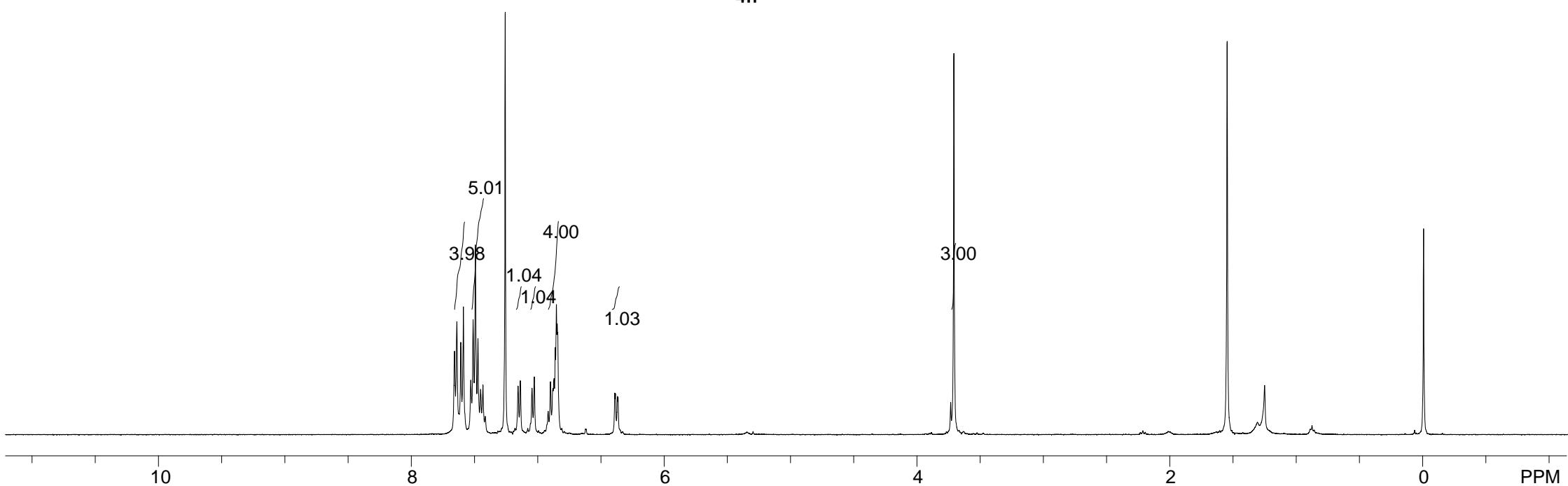


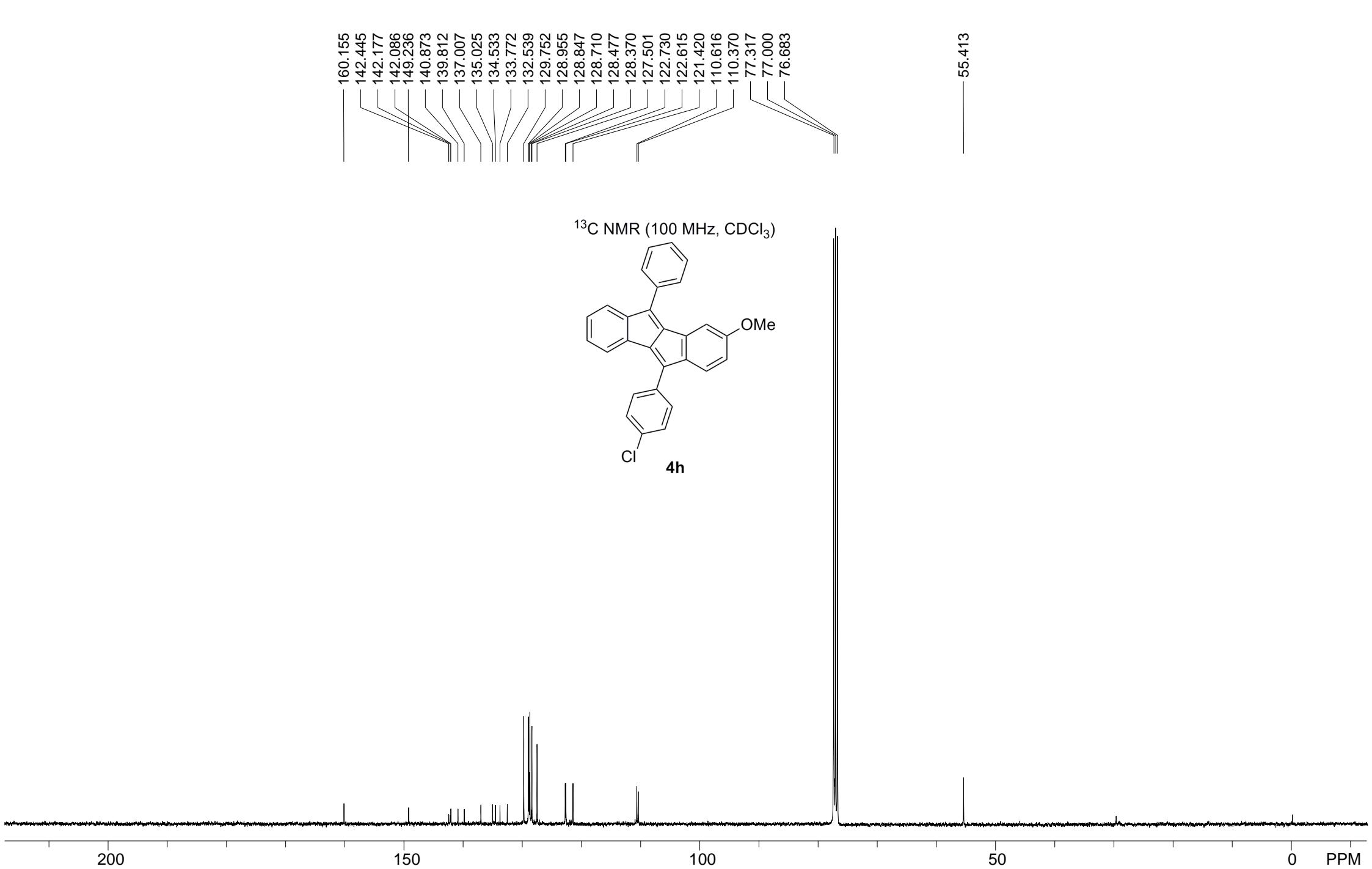


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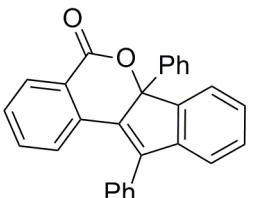
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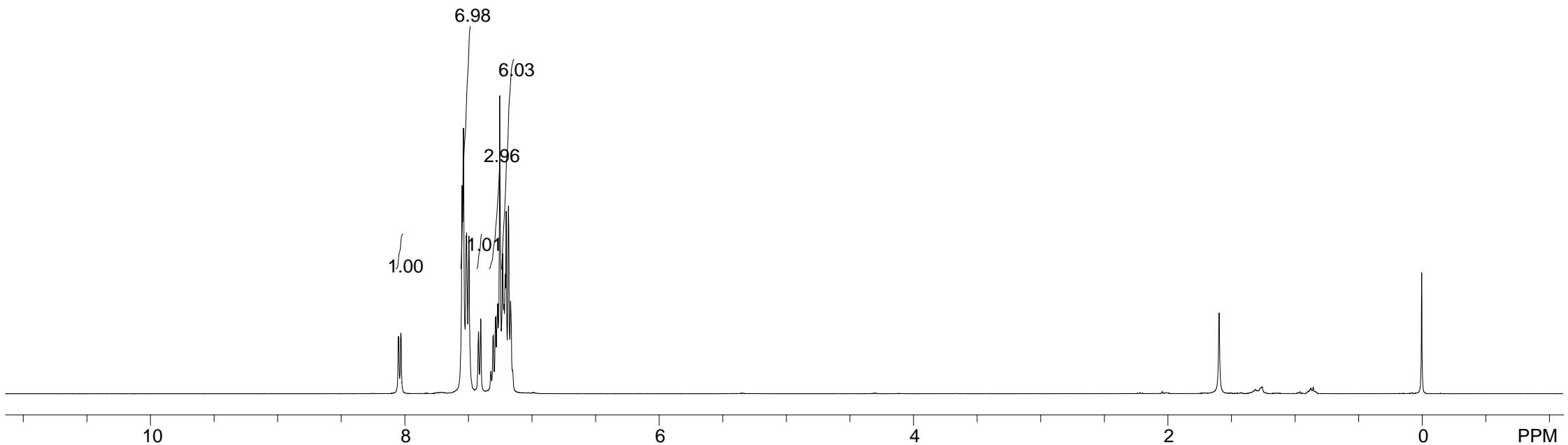


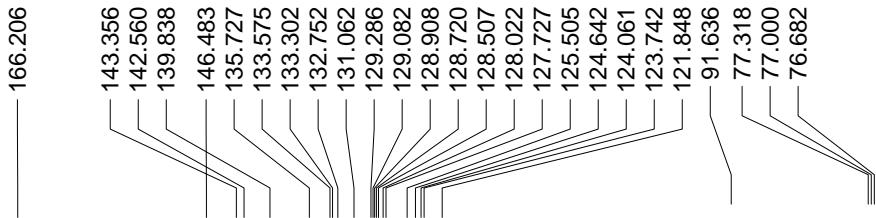


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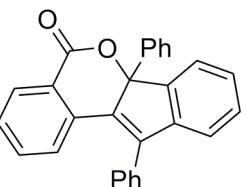


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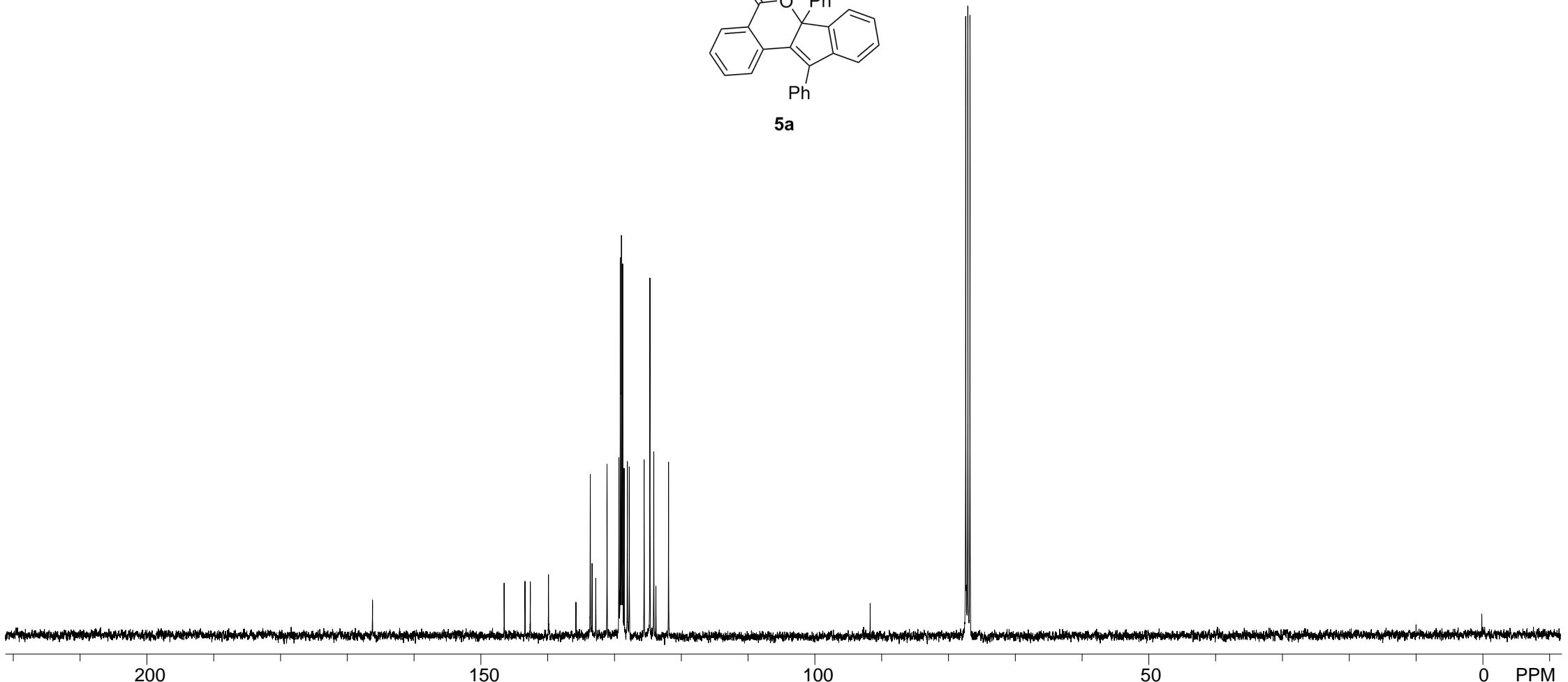


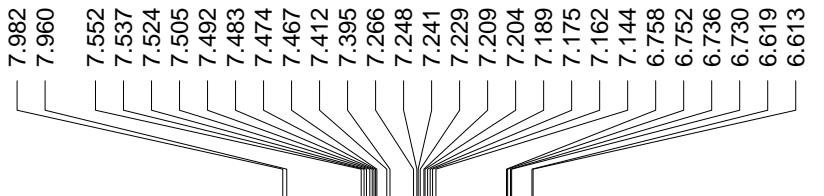


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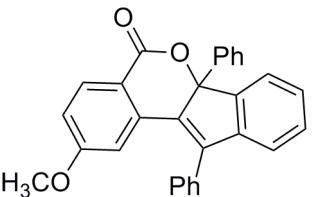


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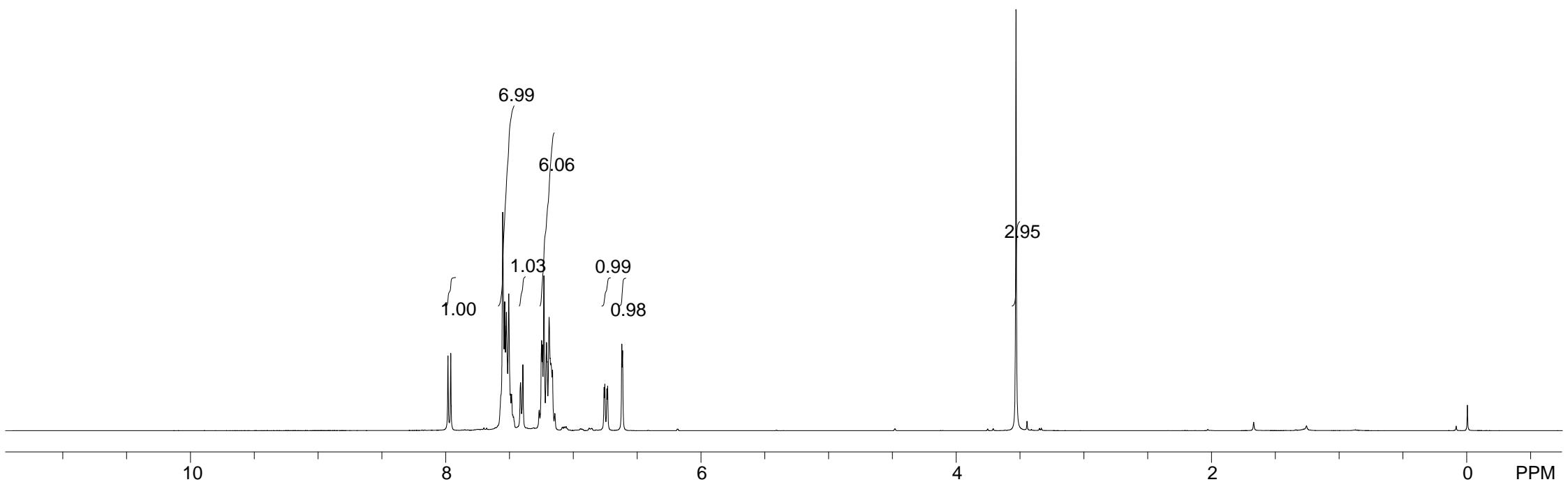


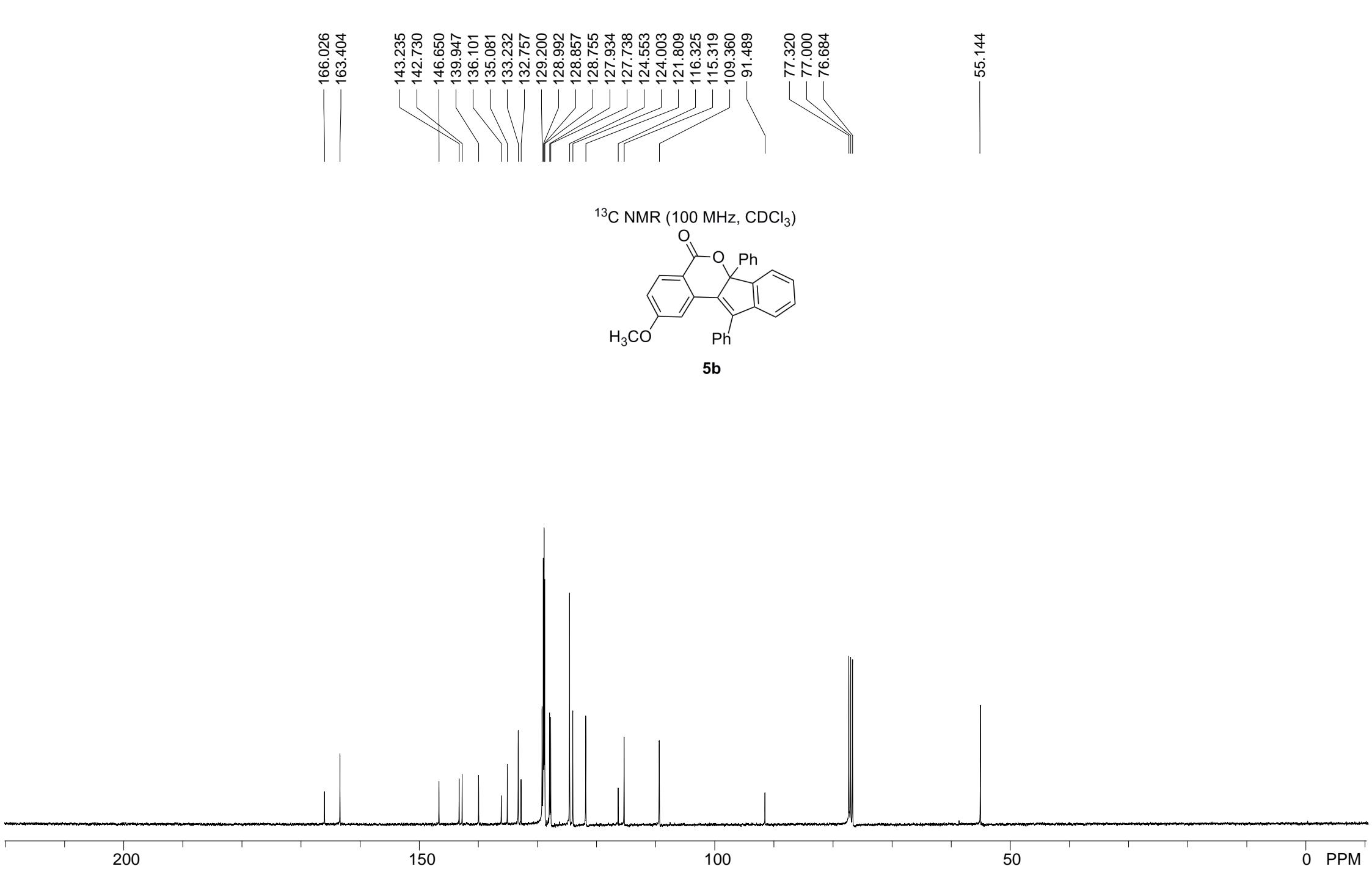


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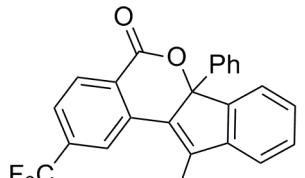
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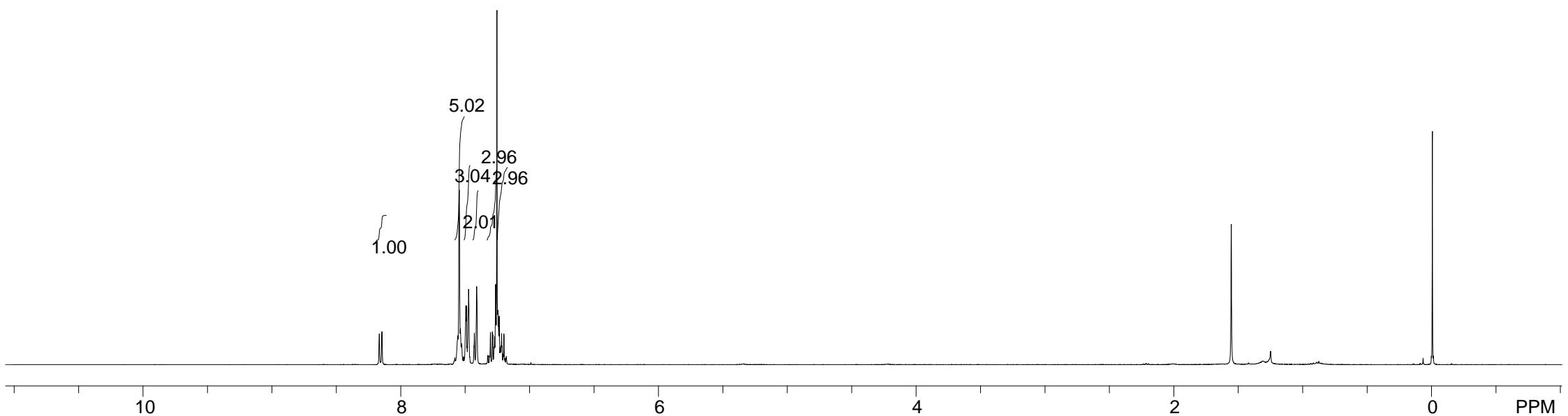


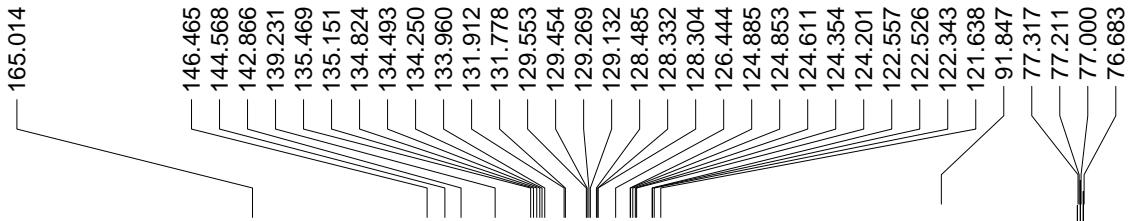


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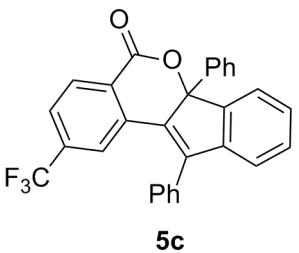


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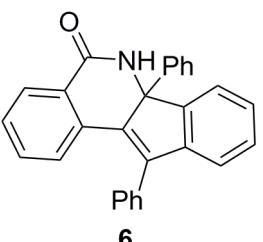
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¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d₆)

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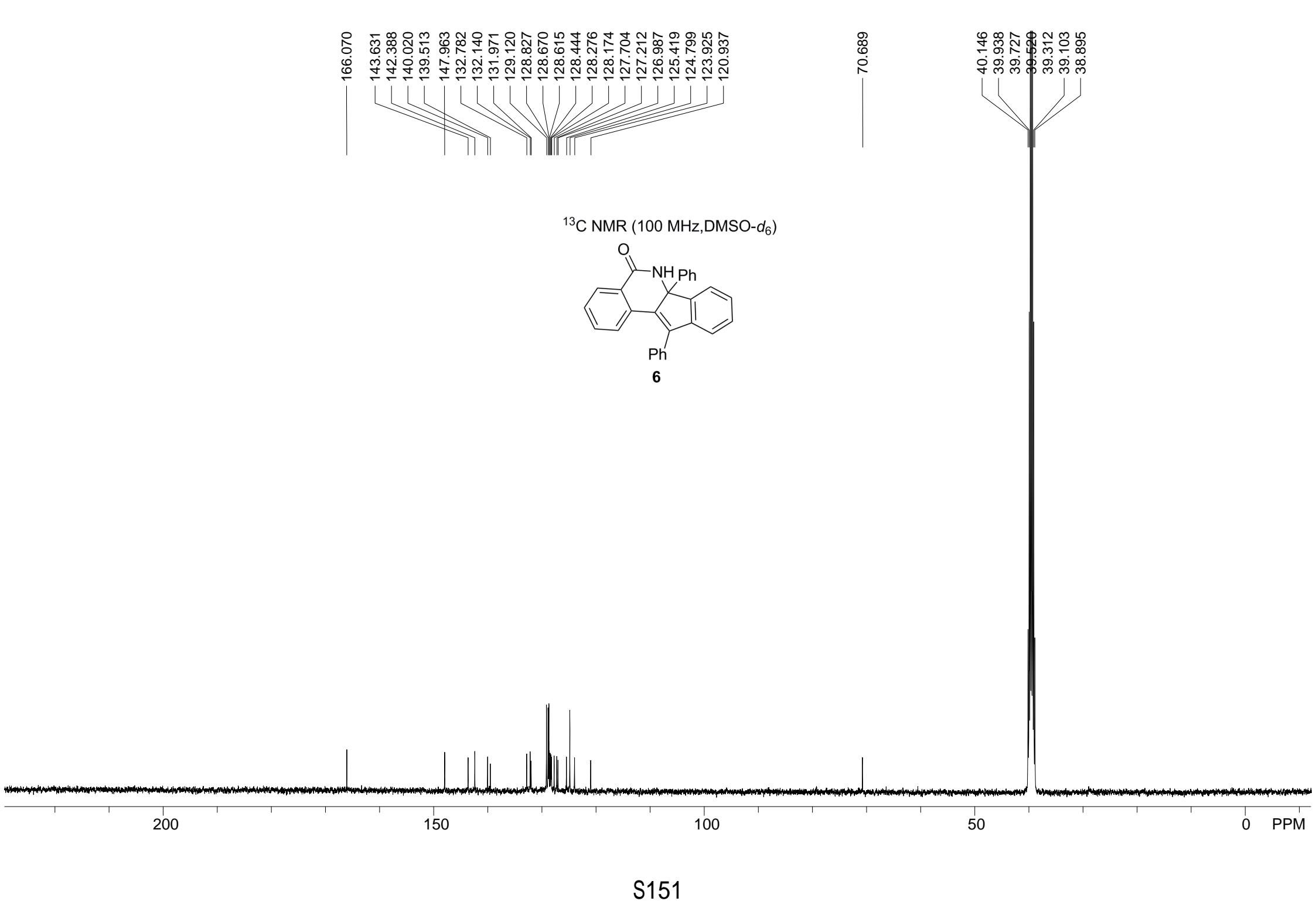
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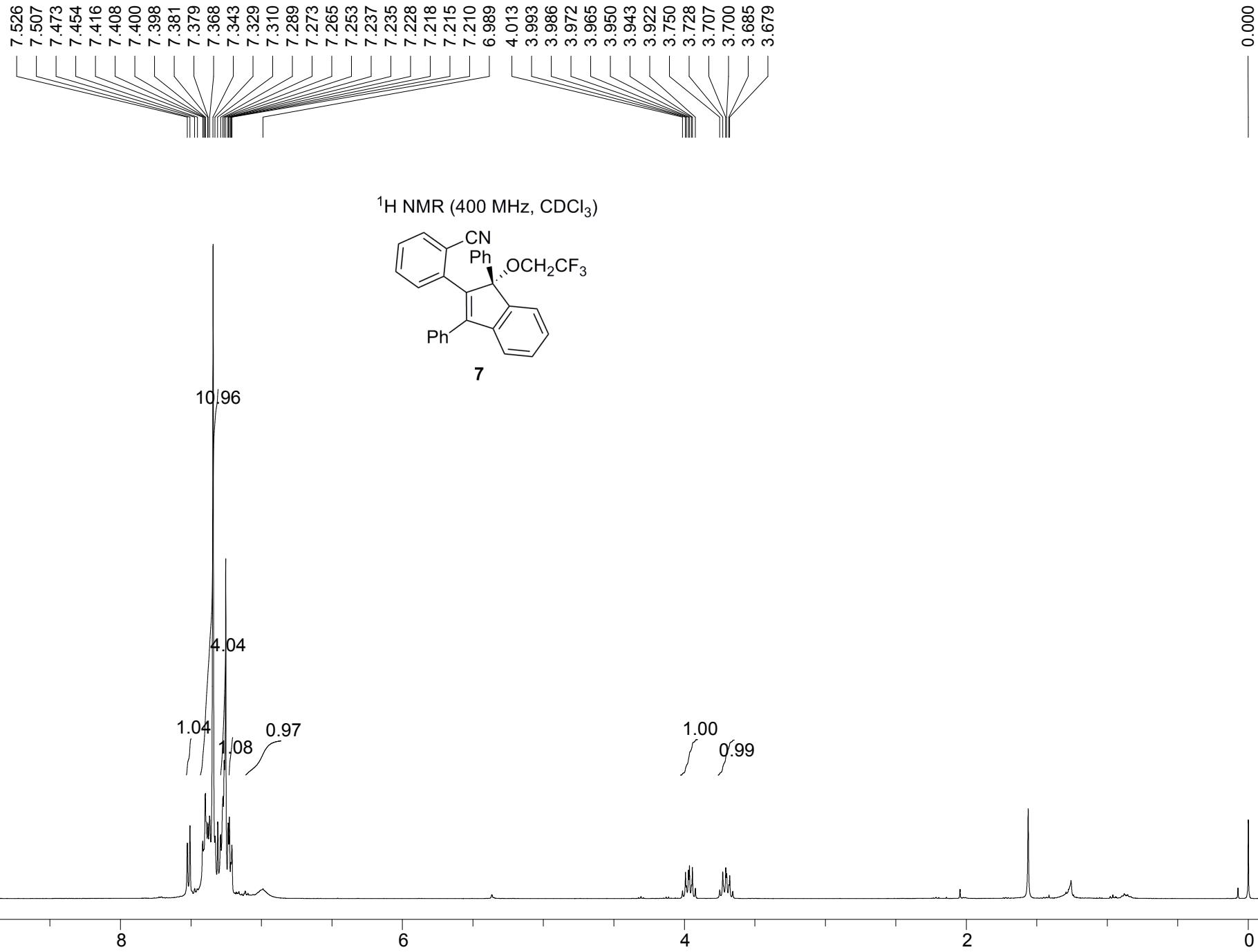
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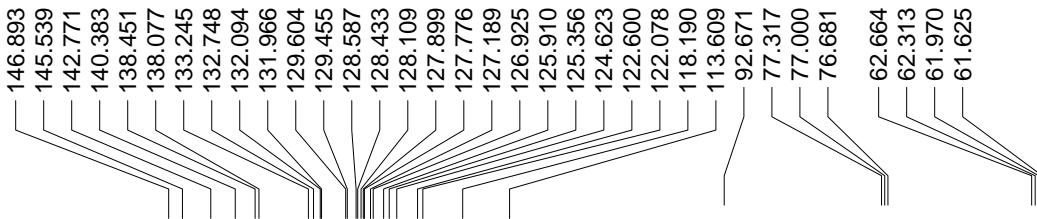
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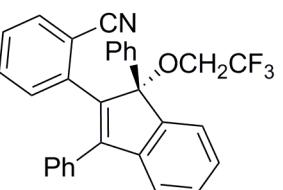
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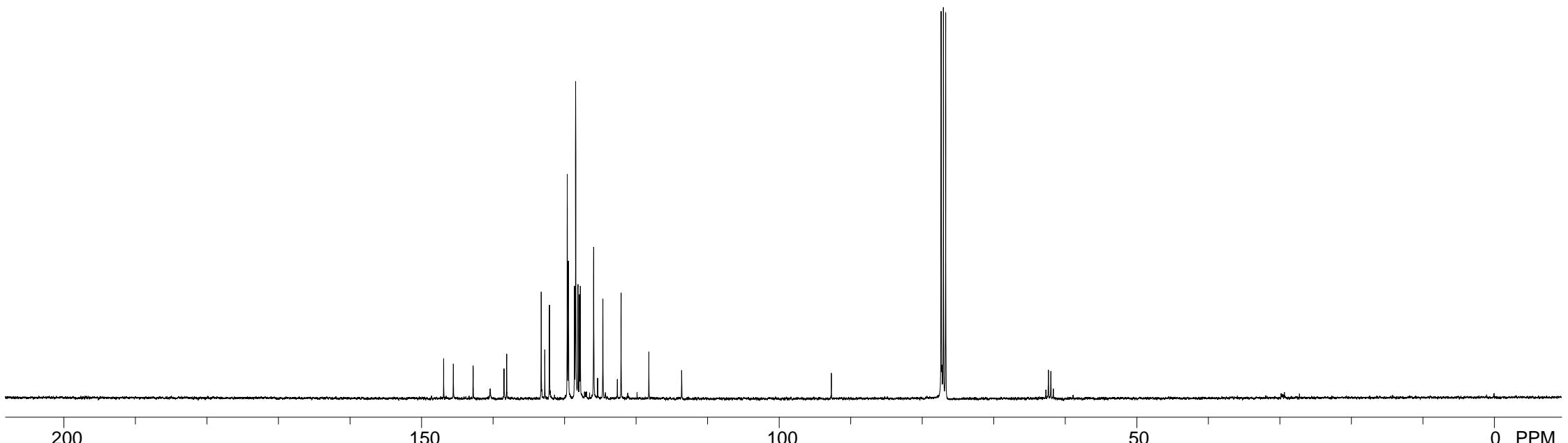




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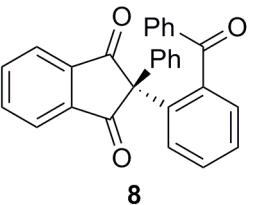


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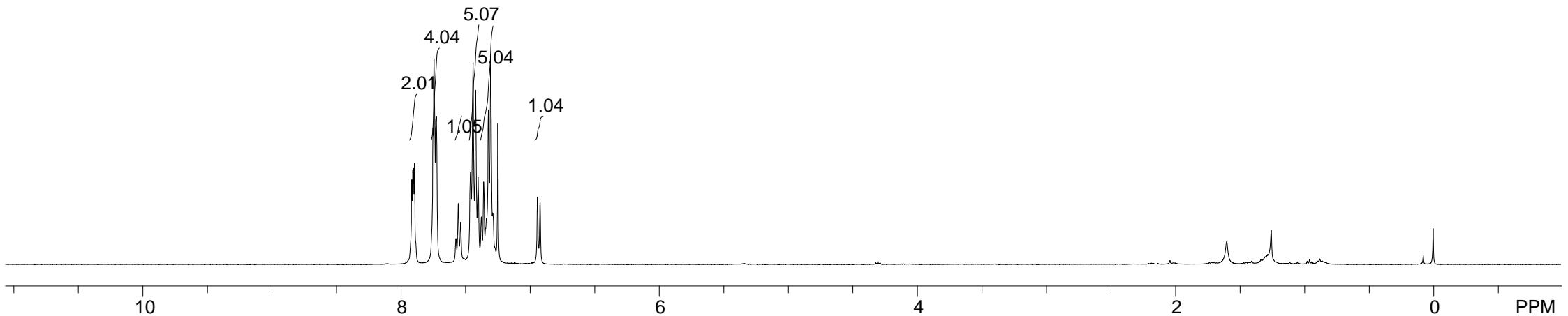


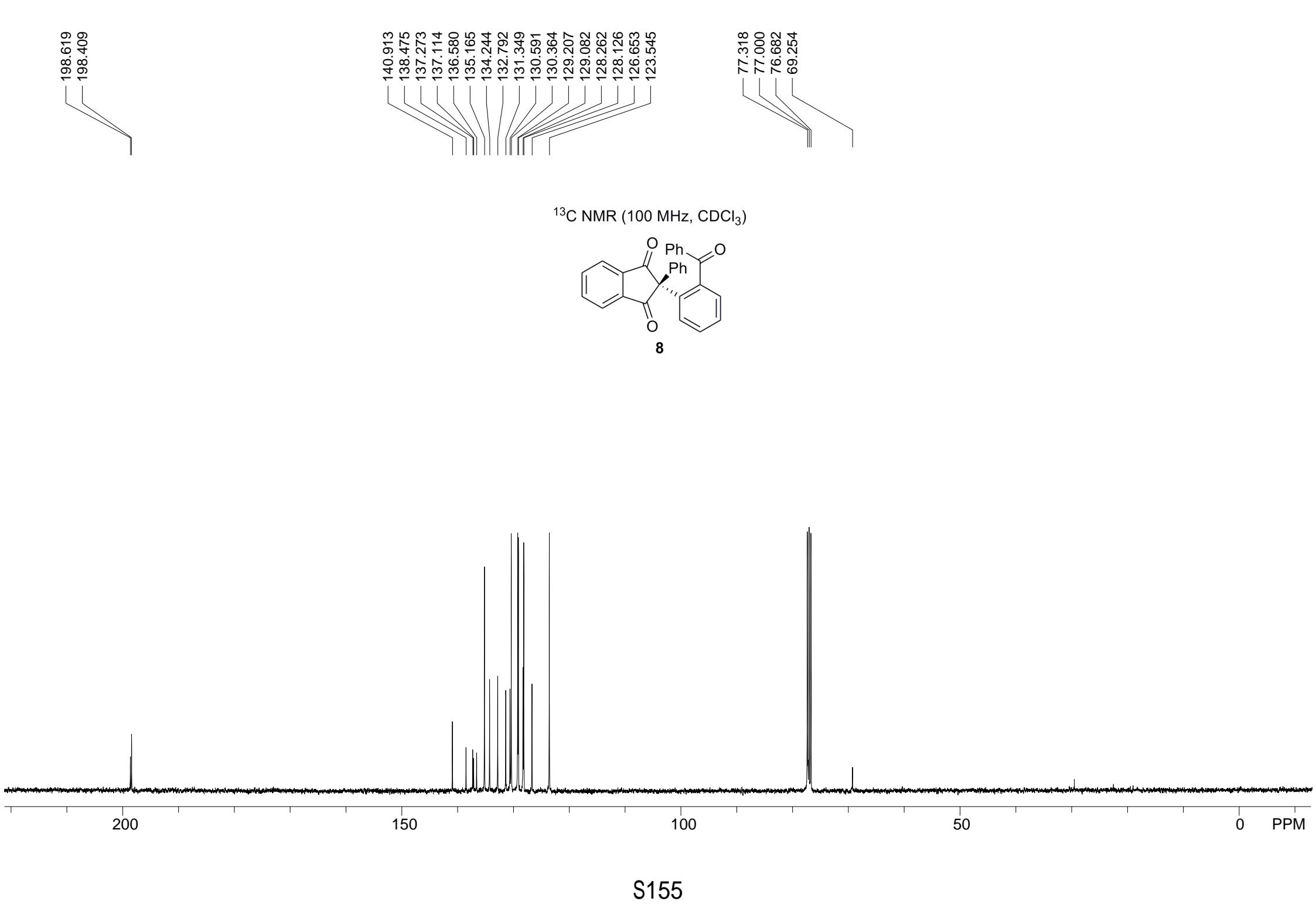


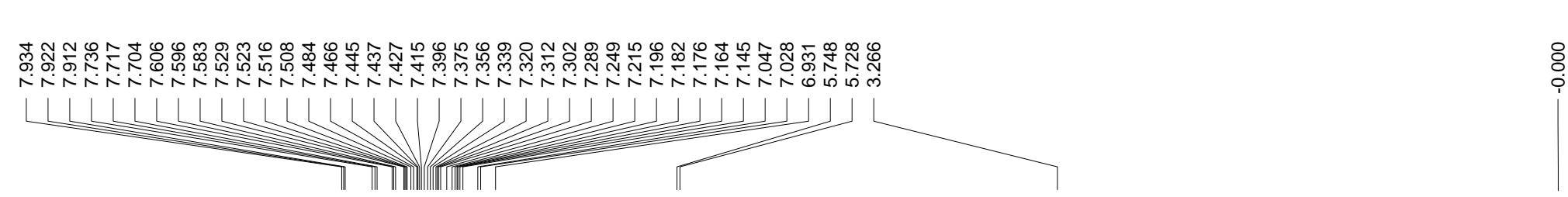
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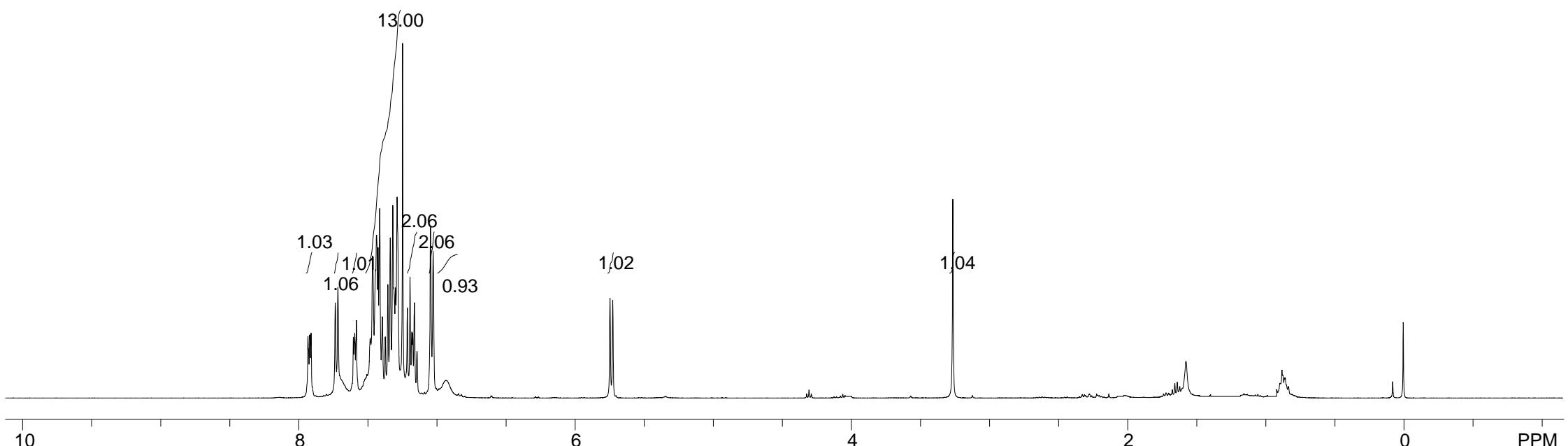
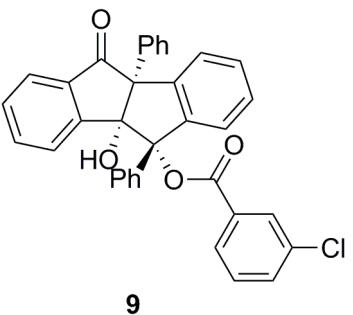
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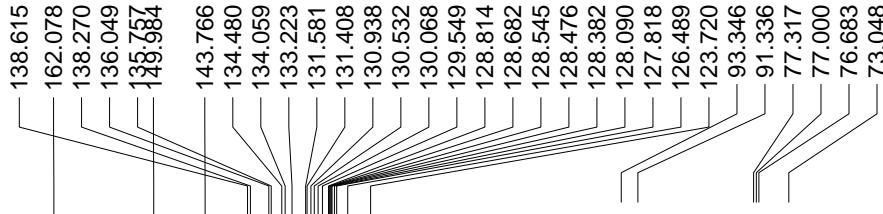




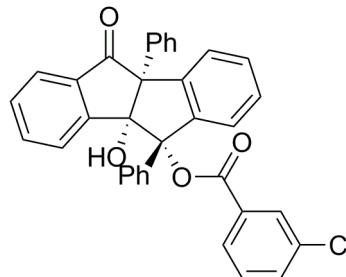
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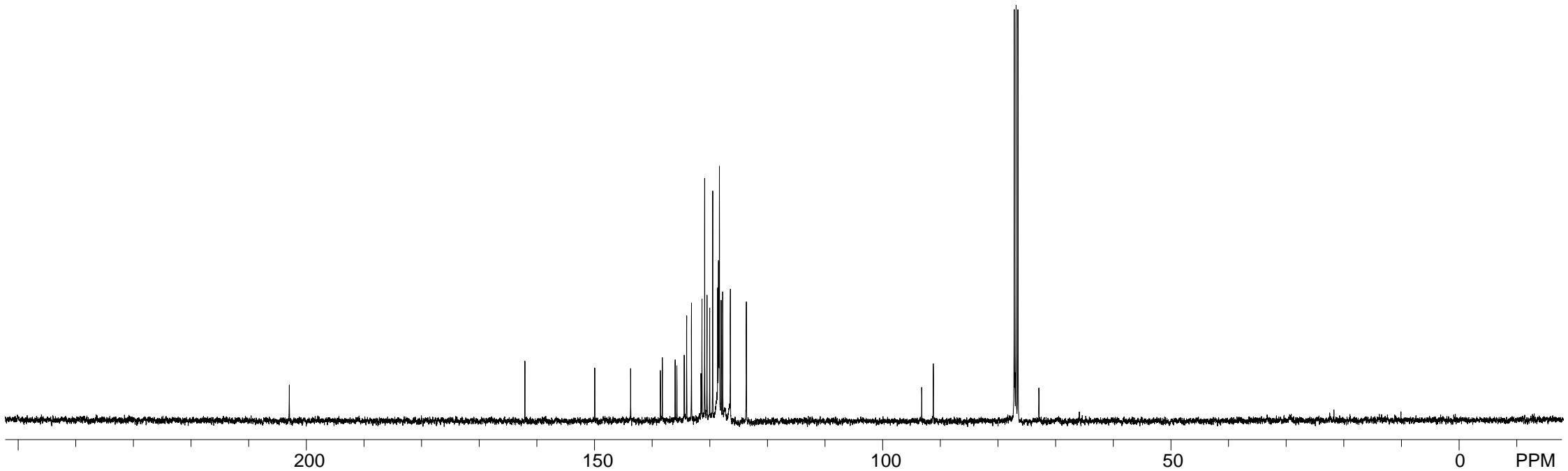
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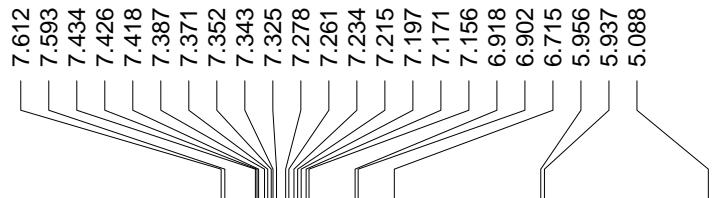


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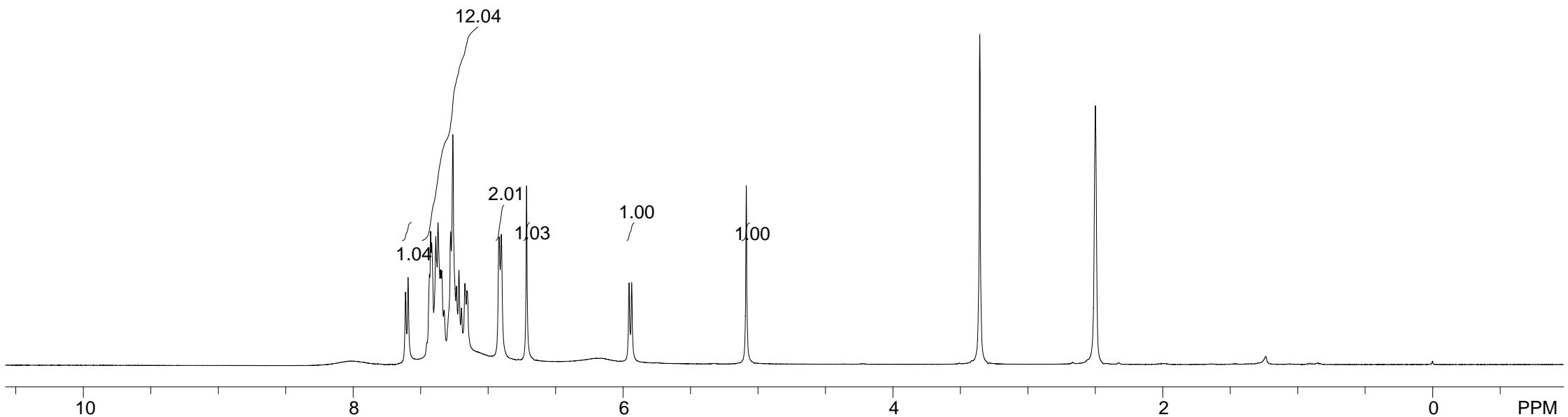
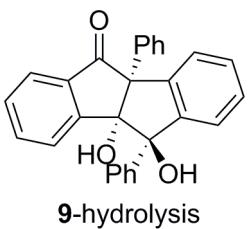


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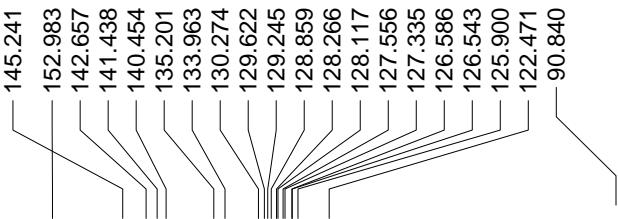




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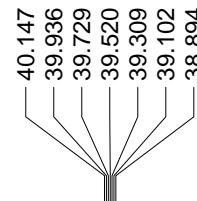


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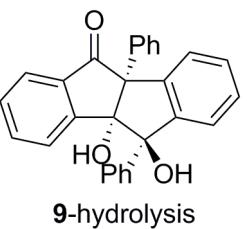


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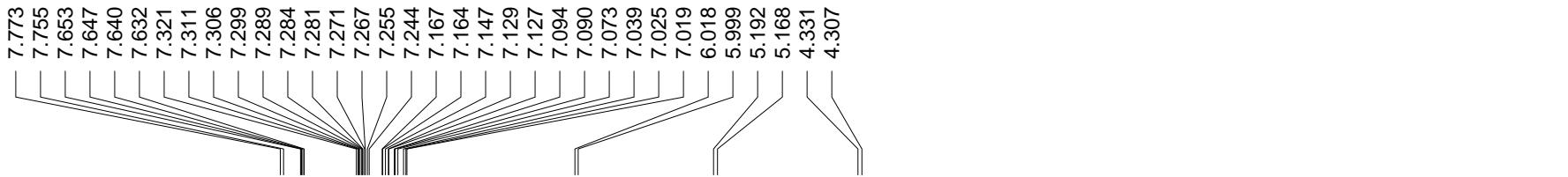
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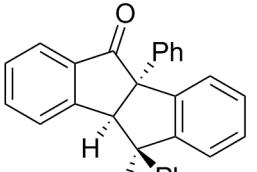
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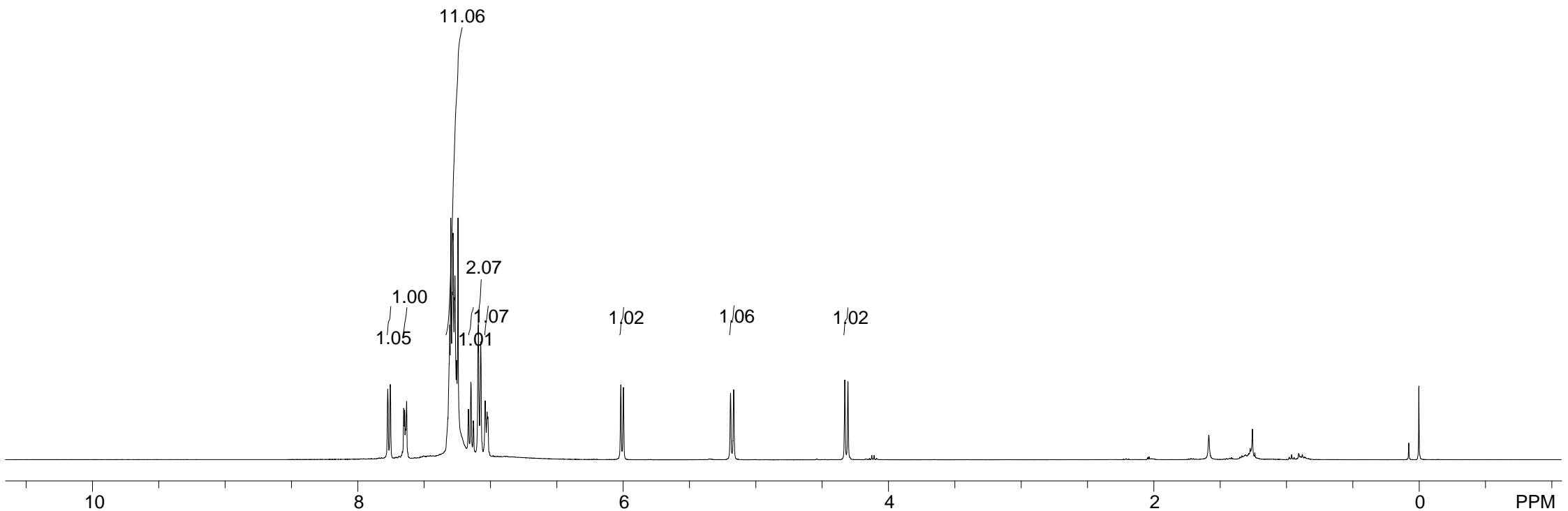
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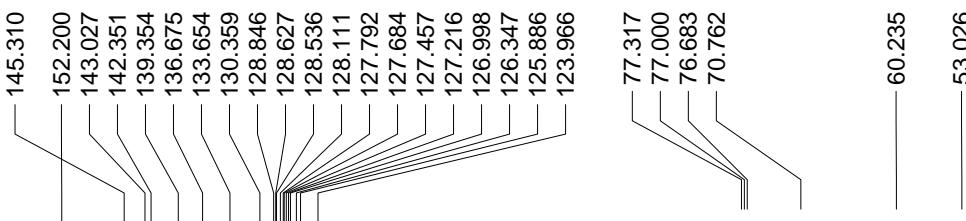
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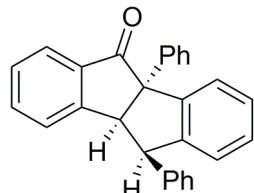
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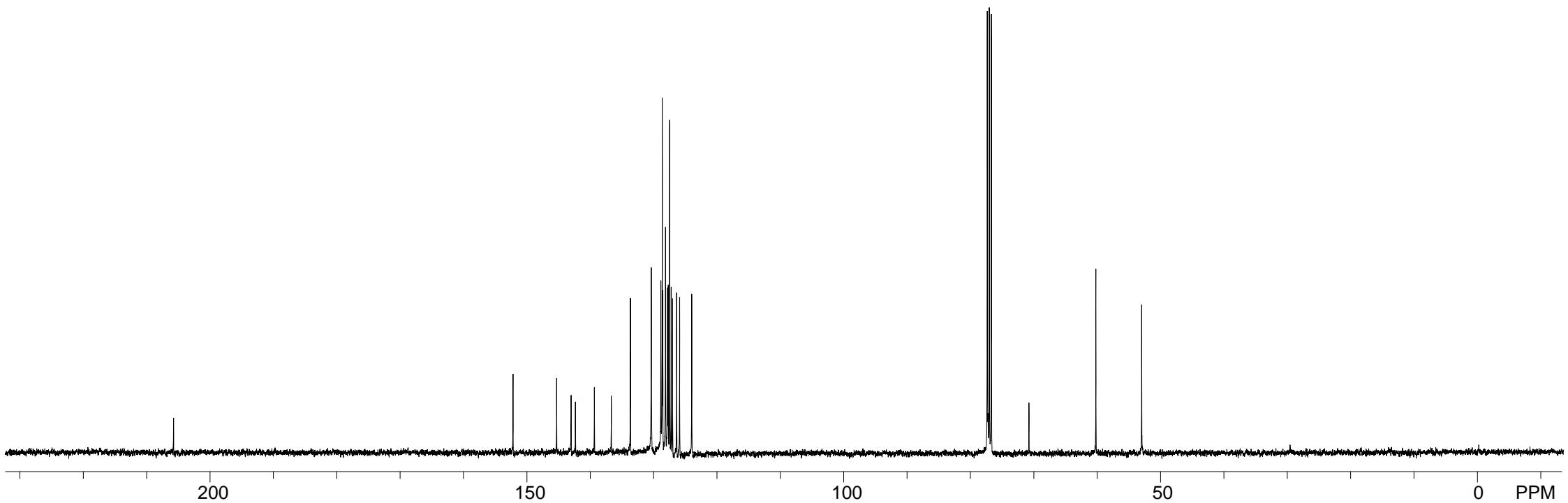
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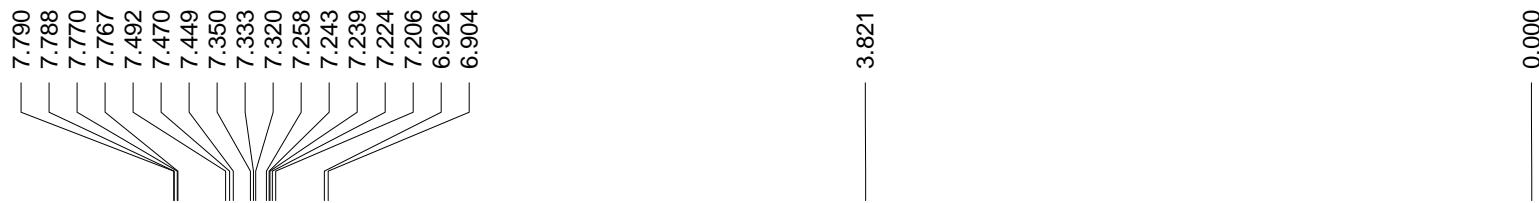


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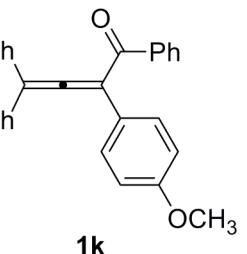


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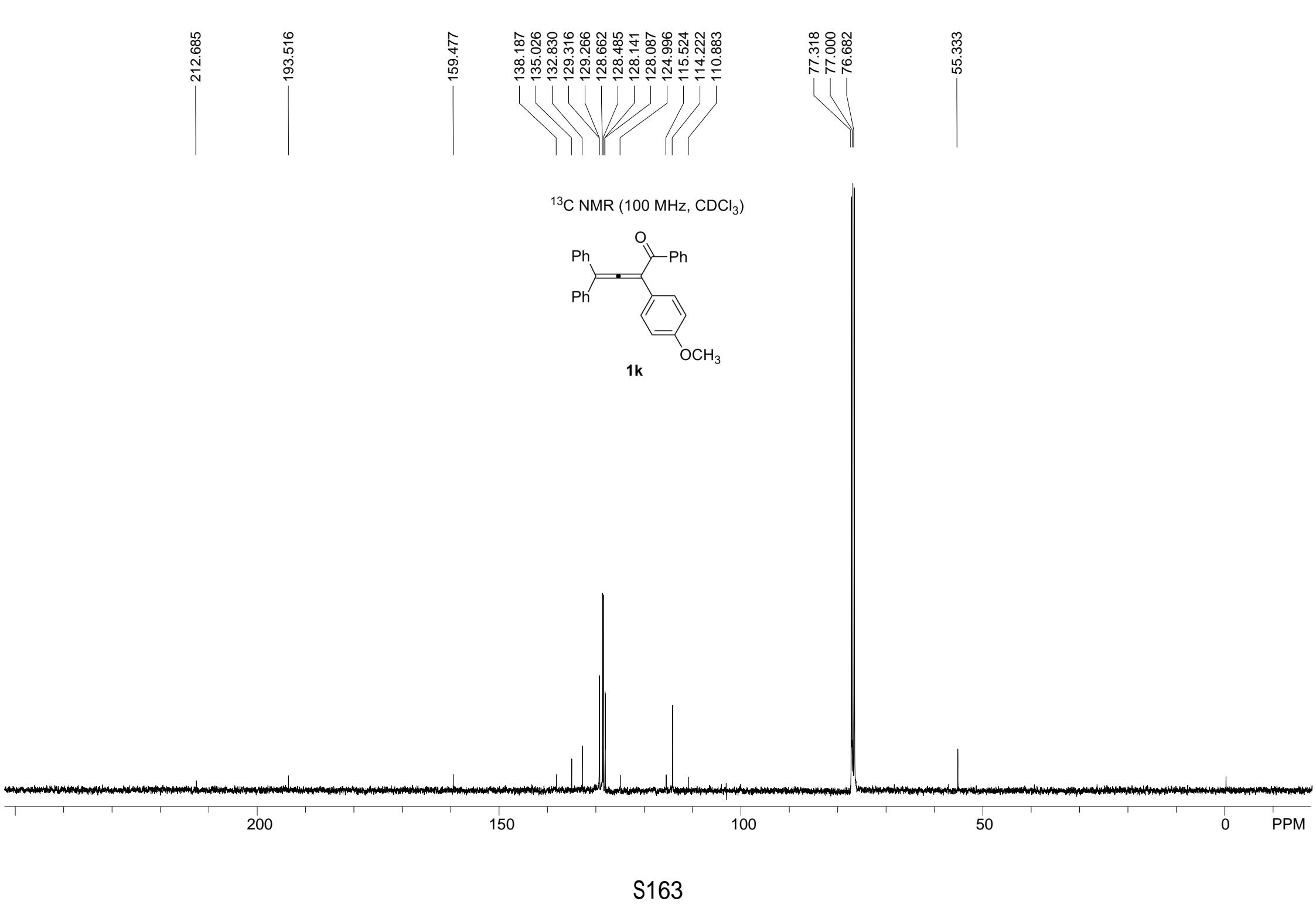
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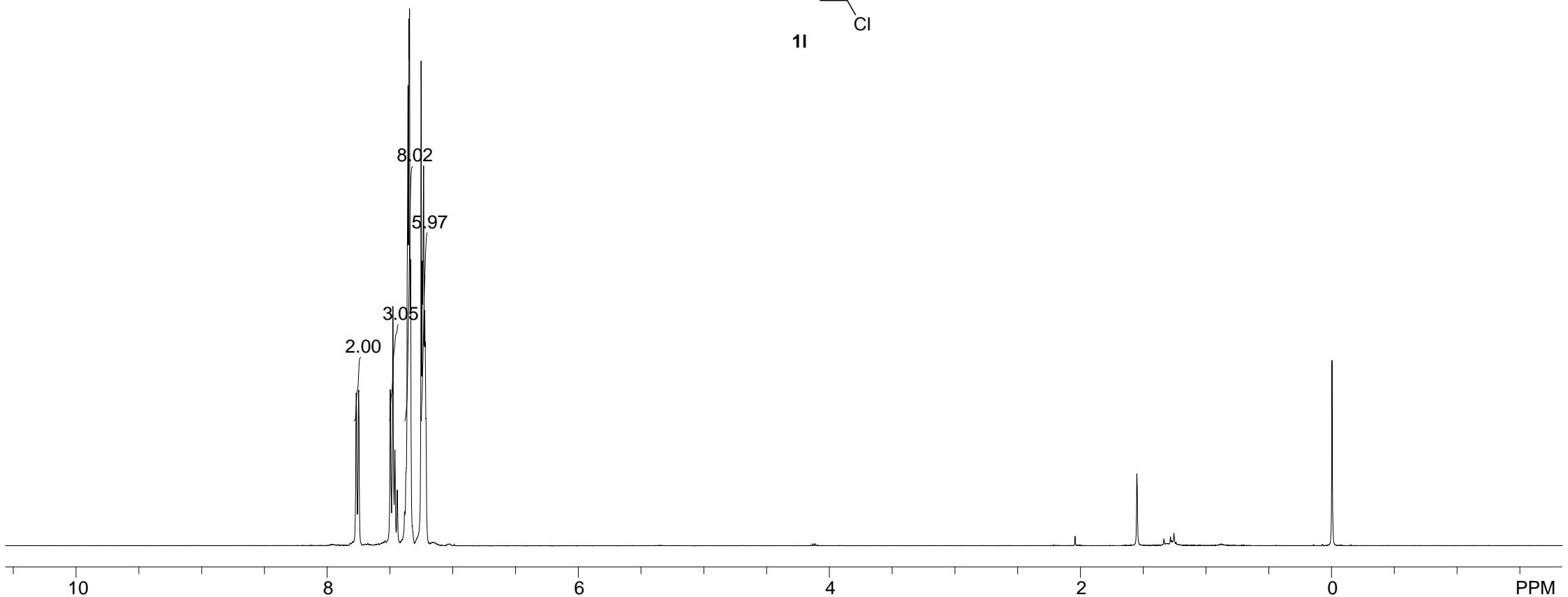
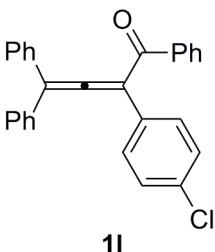
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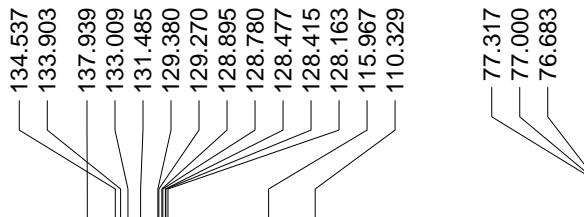


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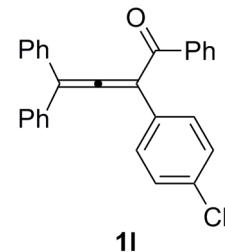


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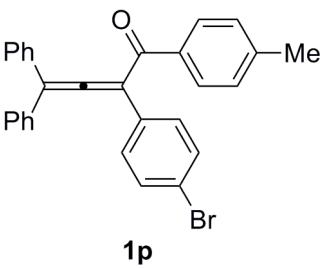
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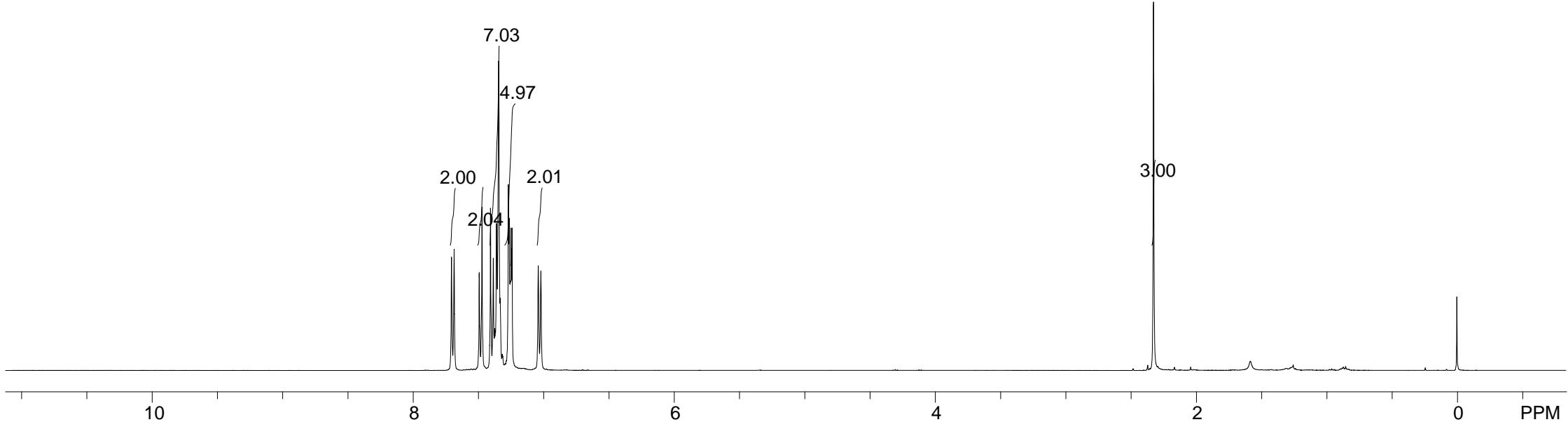
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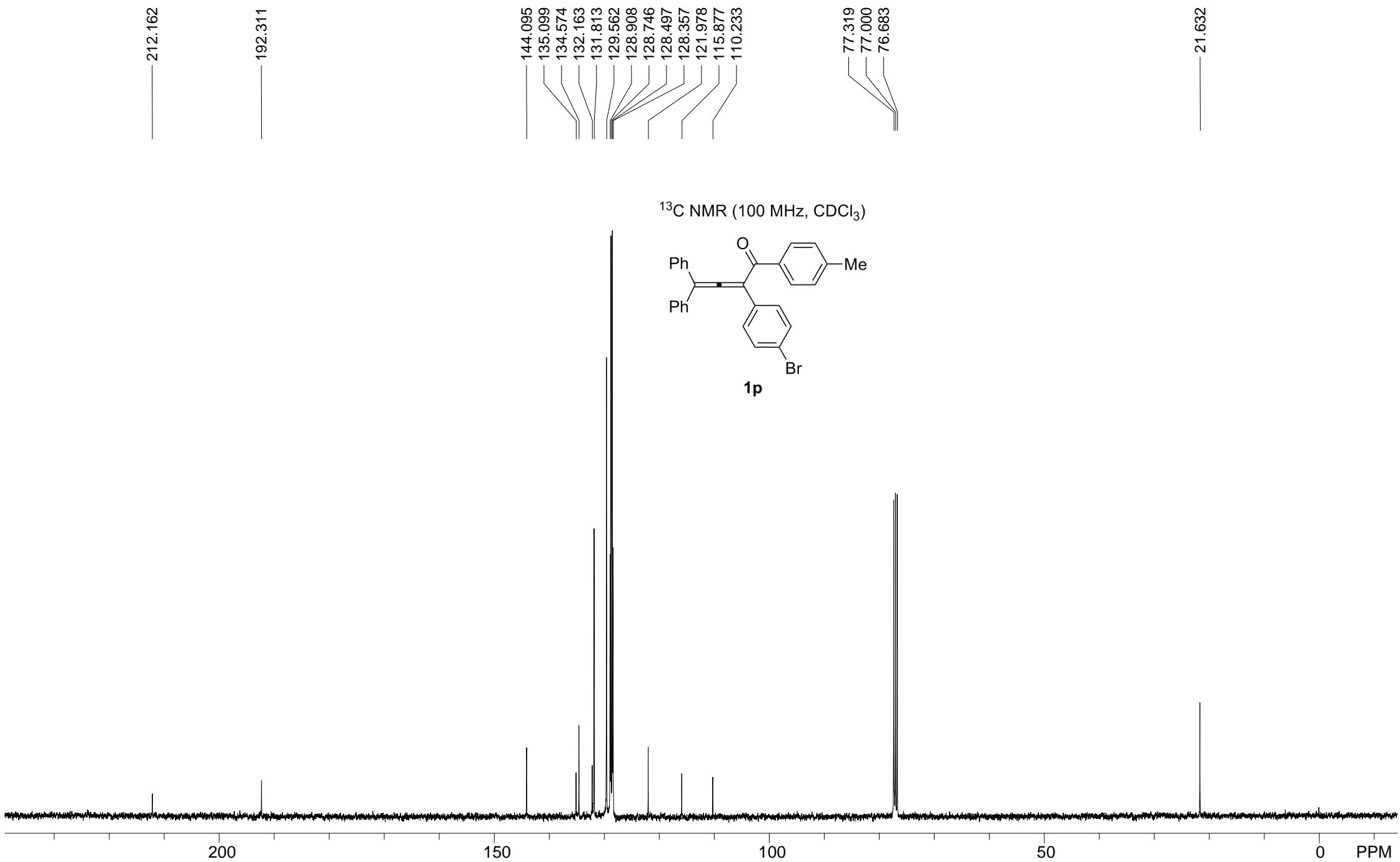


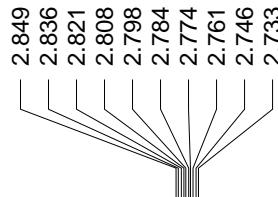
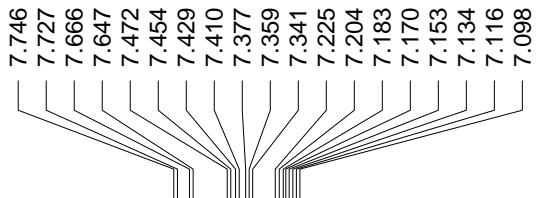
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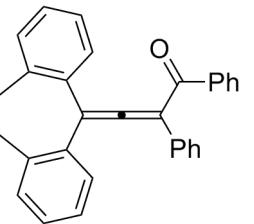
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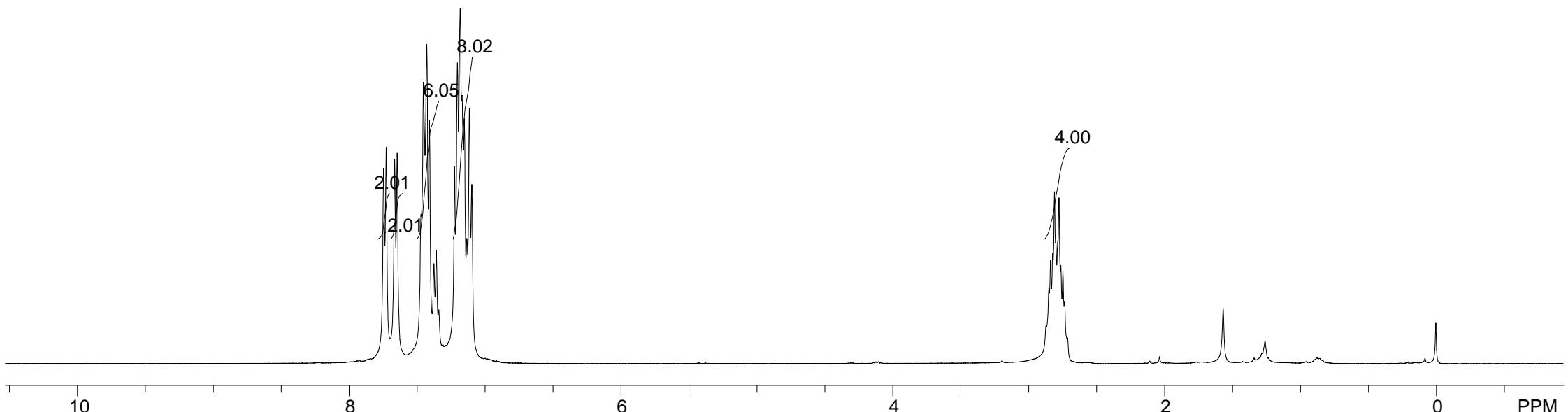


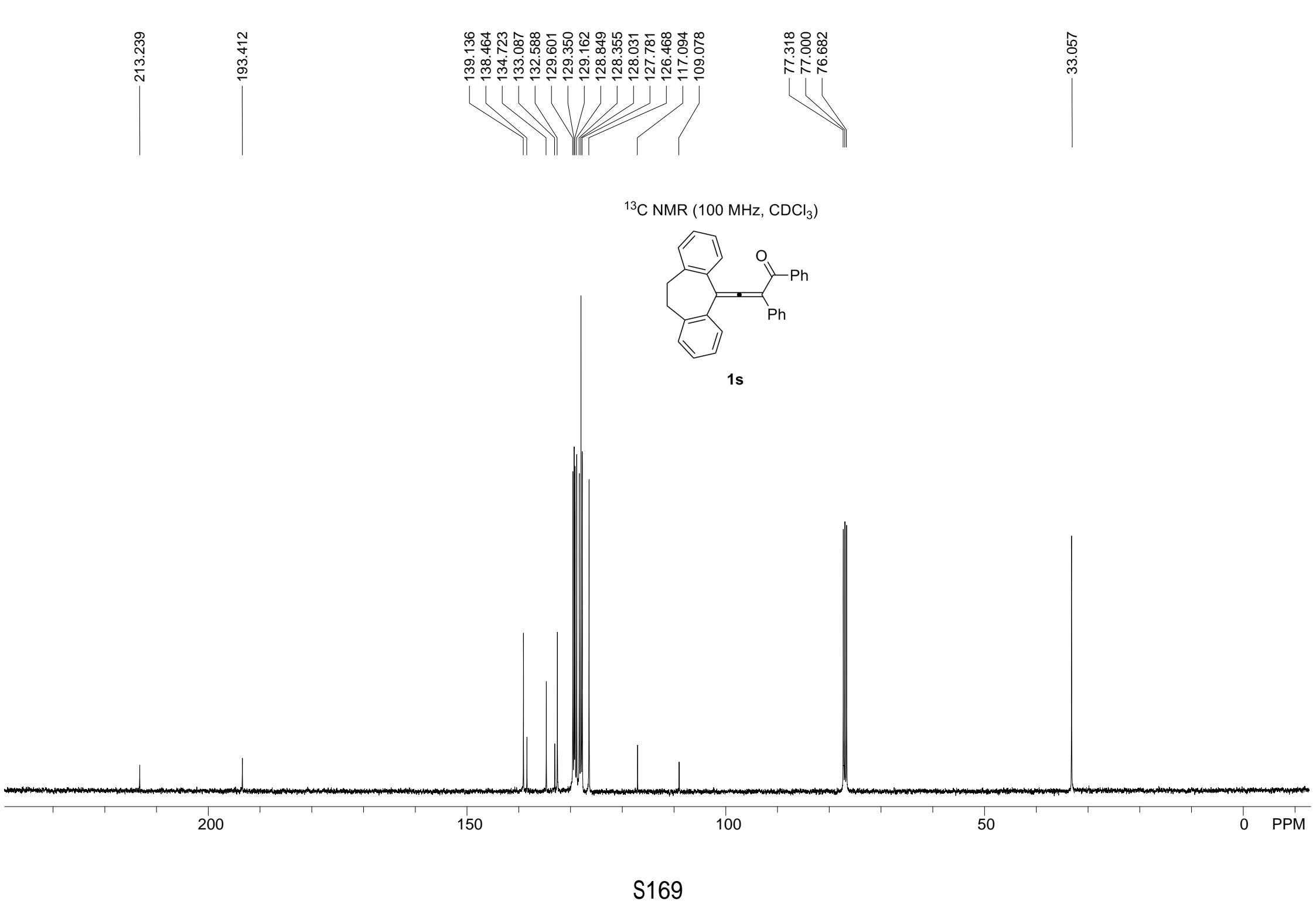


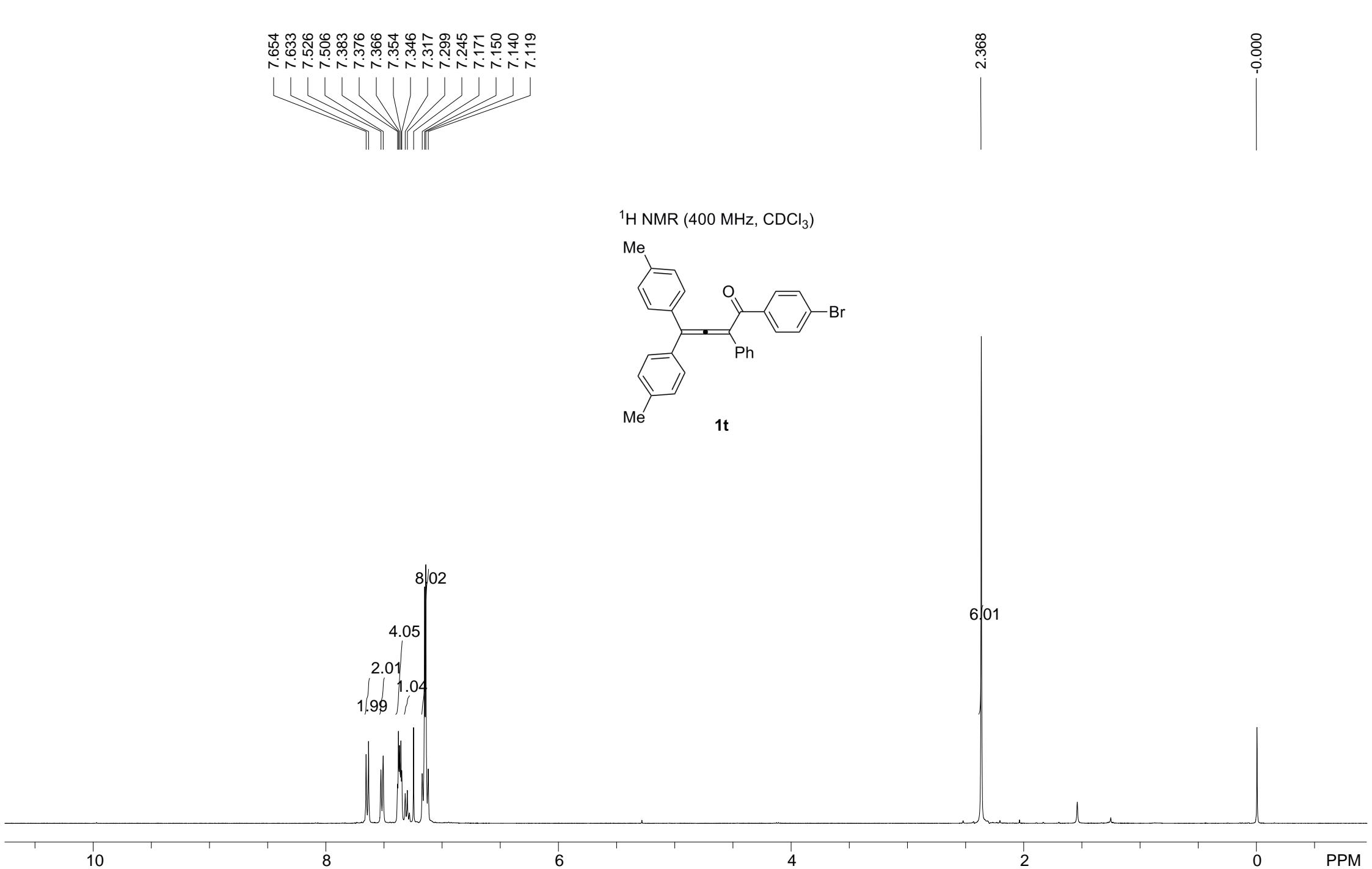
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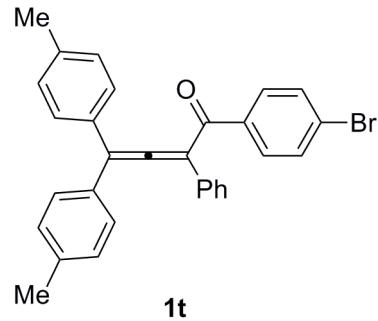


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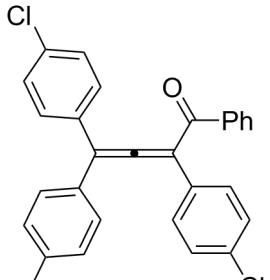
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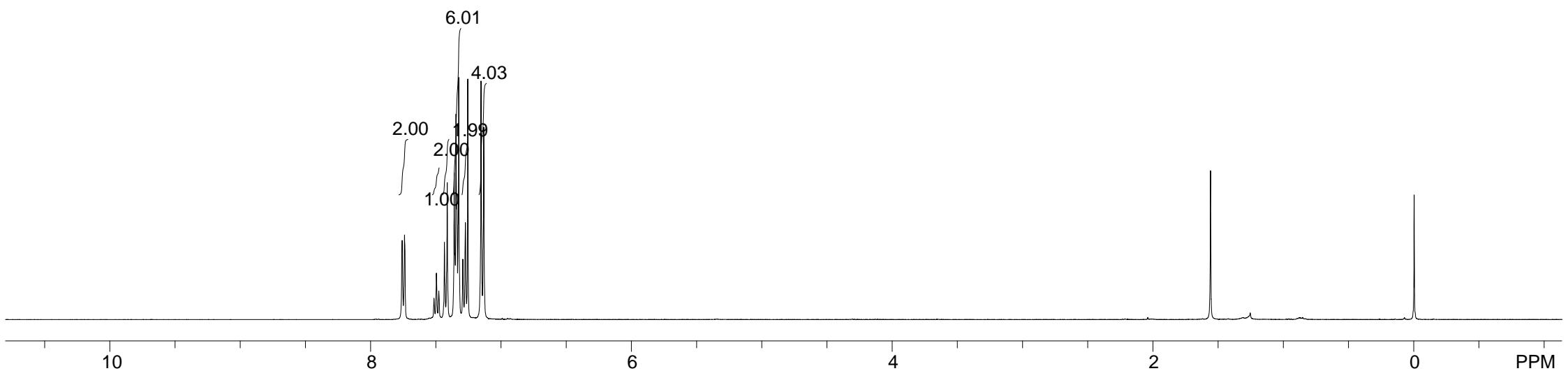
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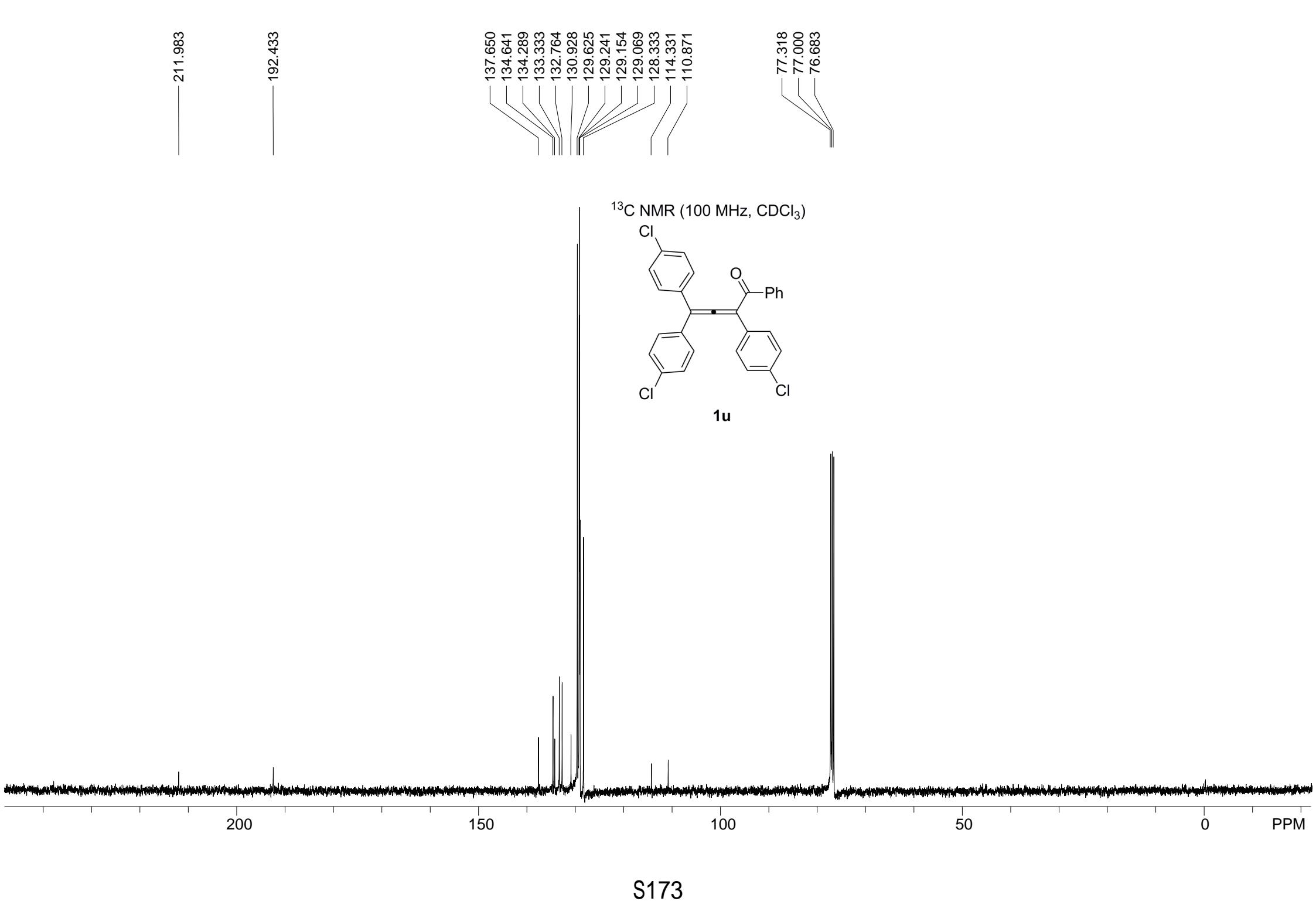


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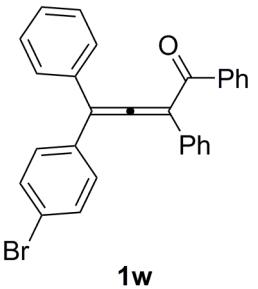
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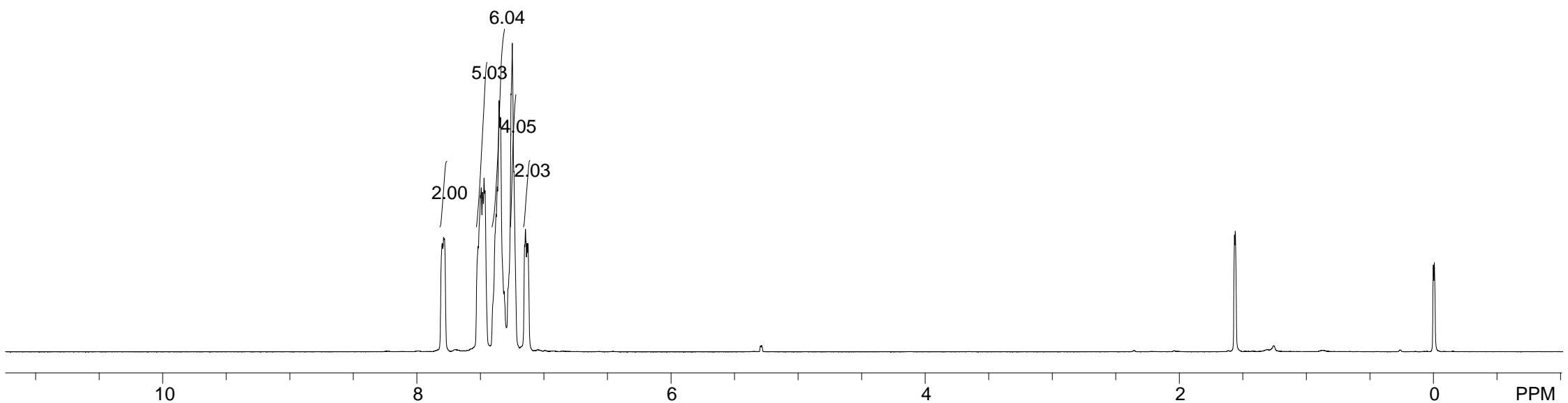




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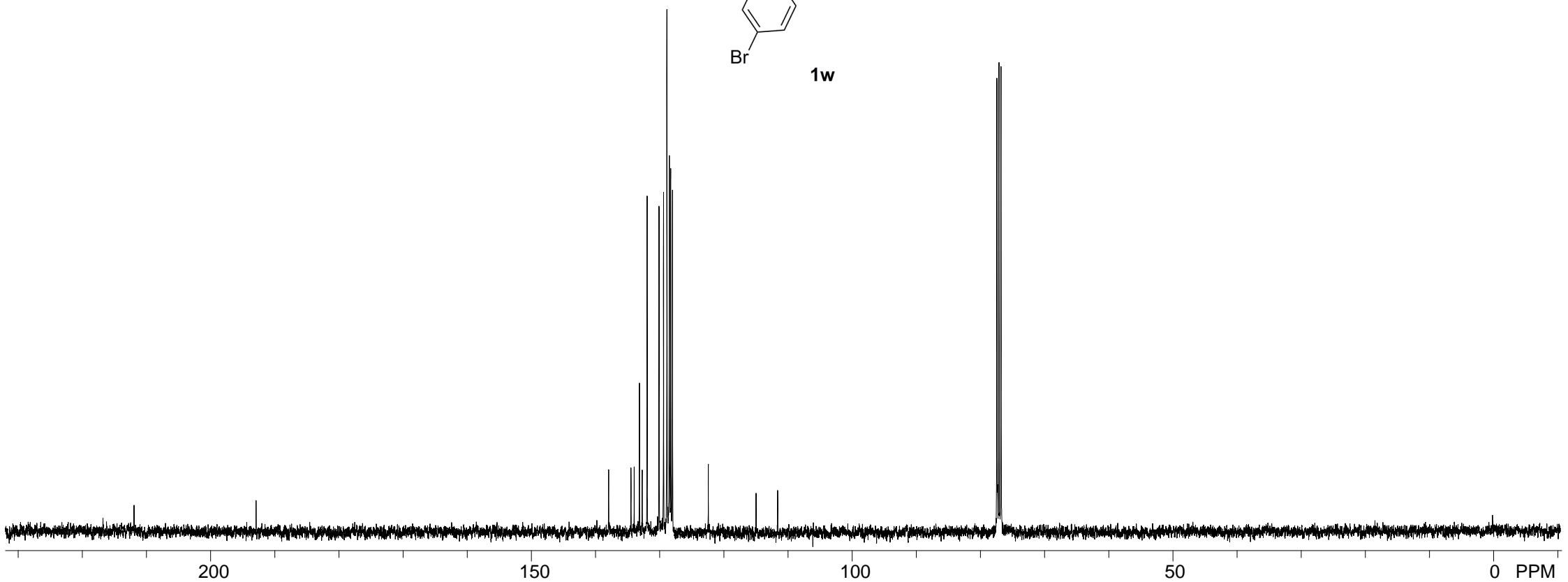
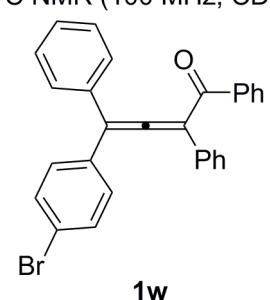
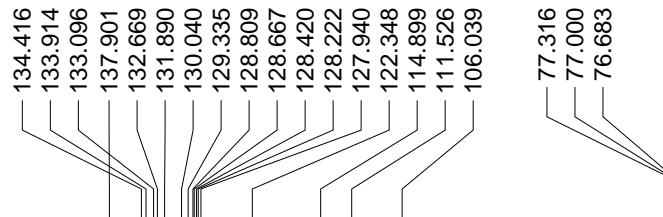


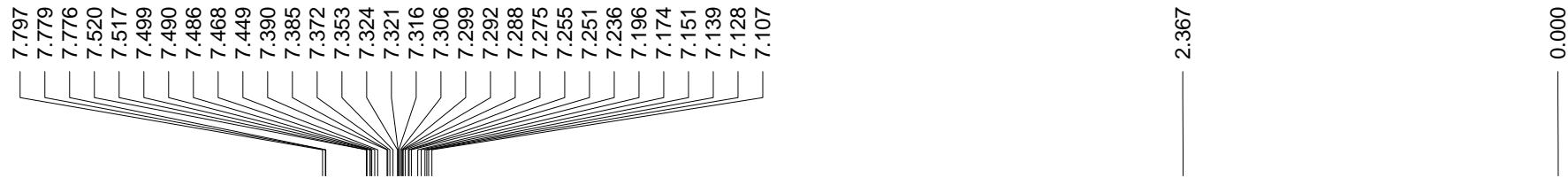
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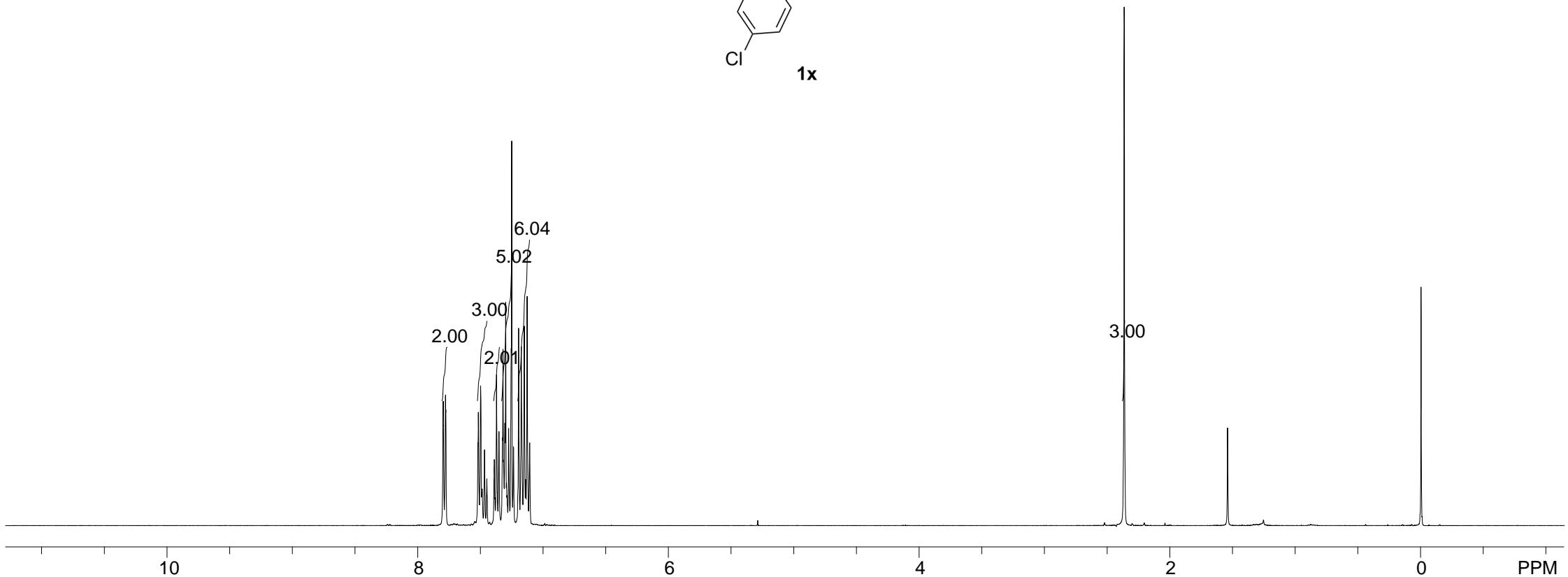
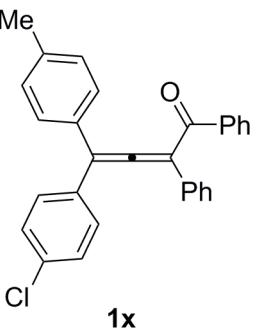
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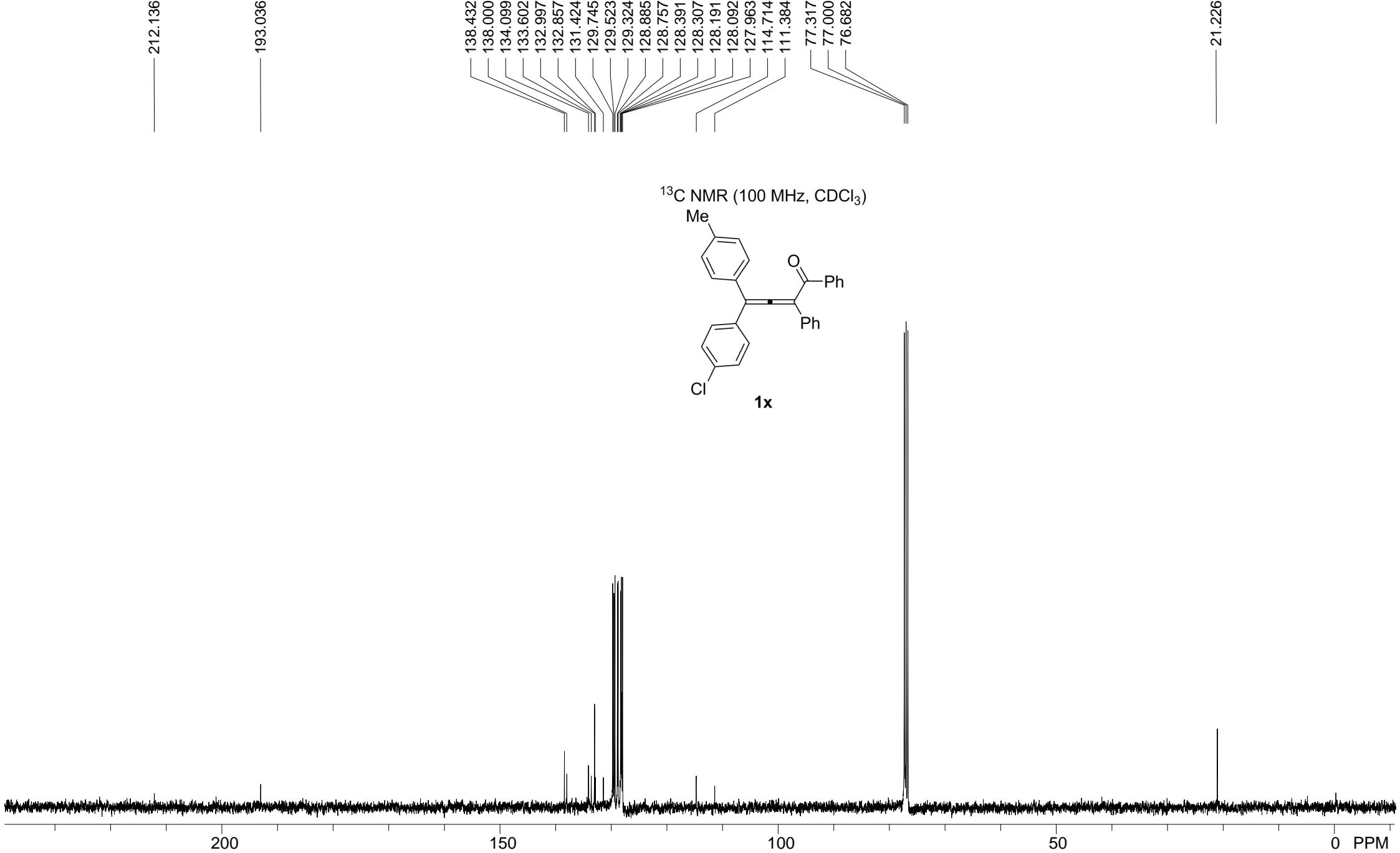
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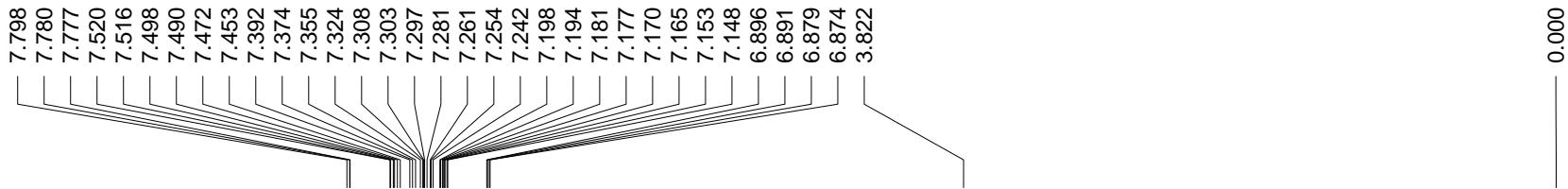




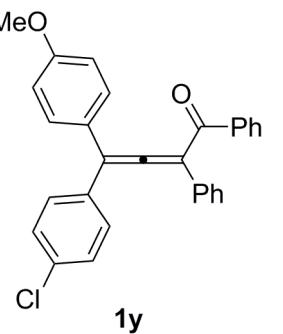
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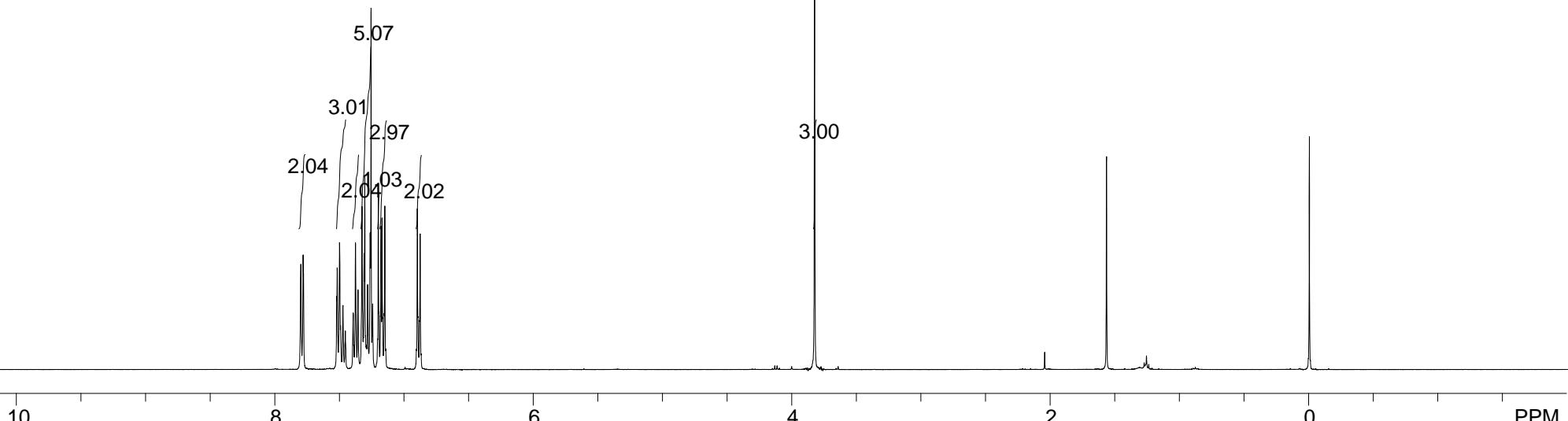


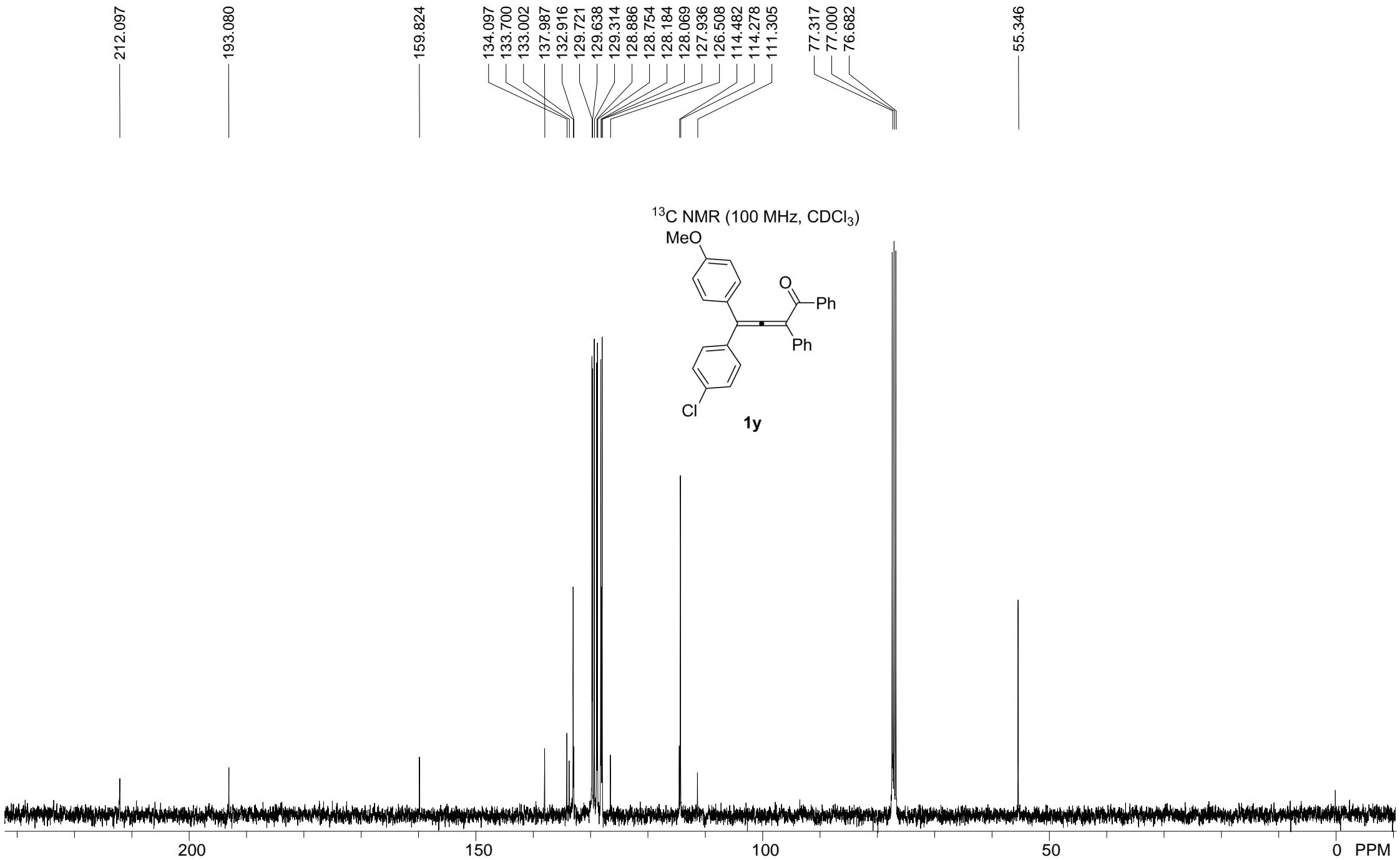


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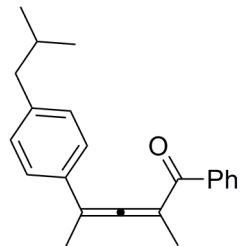
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