

## Supporting Information

# Acylation of Alkenes with the aid of $\text{AlCl}_3$ and 2,6-Dibromopyridine

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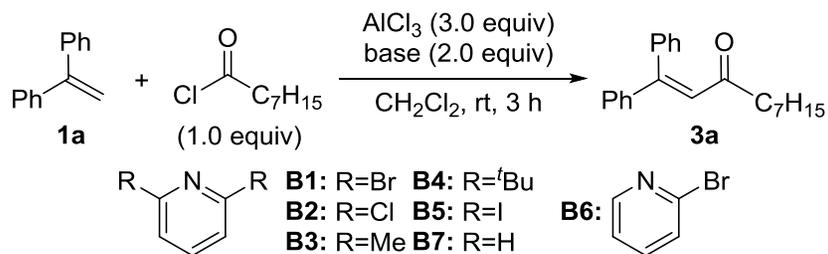
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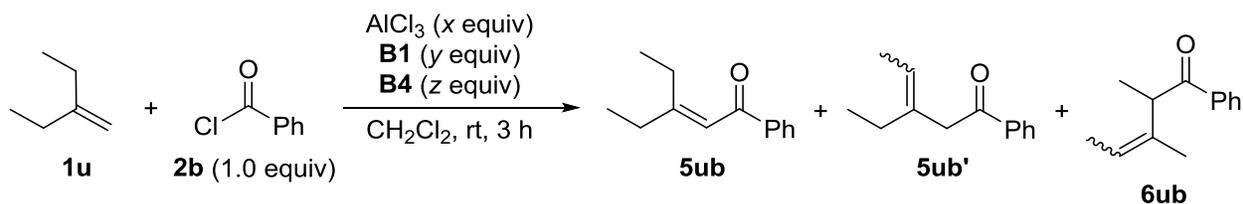
**Table S1.** Acylation of 1,1-Diphenylethylene (**1a**) with Octanoyl Chloride in the Presence of Various Bases.<sup>a</sup>



entry	base	pK <sub>a</sub> <sup>b</sup>	<b>3a</b> (%) <sup>c</sup>	<b>1a</b> (%) <sup>c</sup>
1	<b>B1</b>	-2.2	quant	n.d.
2	<b>B2</b>	-2.8	59	trace
3	<b>B5</b>	-1.9	68	20
4	<b>B6</b>	0.9	35	trace
5	<b>B4</b>	5.5	8	14
6	<b>B3</b>	6.5	n.d.	n.d.
7	<b>B7</b>	5.2	16	2
8	Et <sub>3</sub> N	10.8	5	n.d.
9	iPr <sub>2</sub> NEt	10.8	5	n.d.
10	none	-	14	9

<sup>a</sup> Reaction conditions: **1a** (0.40 mmol), **2a** (0.40 mmol), AlCl<sub>3</sub> (1.20 mmol), base (0.80 mmol), CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (1.0 mL), rt, 3 h. <sup>b</sup> Calculated value for the conjugate acid. <sup>c</sup> Determined by <sup>1</sup>H NMR analysis using CH<sub>2</sub>Br<sub>2</sub> as the internal standard.

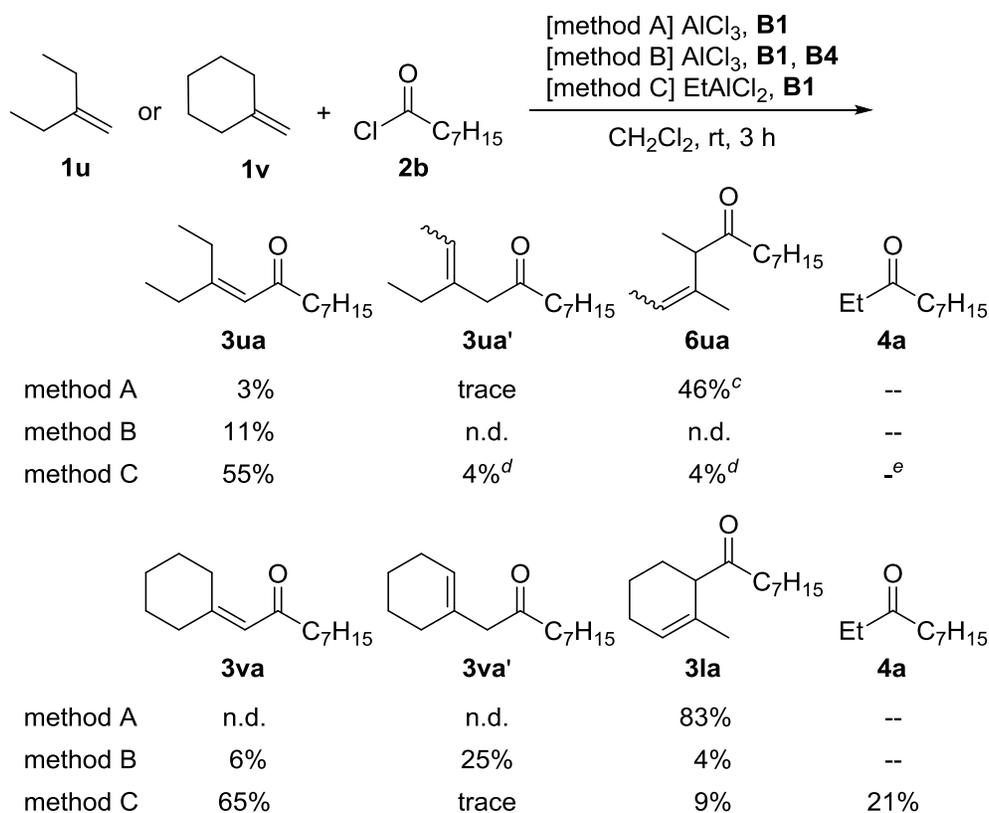
**Table S2.** Optimization of Molar Equivalences of AlCl<sub>3</sub>/**B1**/**B4** in the Acylation of 2-Ethylbut-1-ene (**1s**) with Benzoyl Chloride (**2b**).<sup>a</sup>



entry	<i>x</i>	<i>y</i>	<i>z</i>	<b>5ub</b> (%) <sup>b</sup>	<b>5ub'</b> (%) <sup>b</sup>	<b>6ub</b> (%) <sup>b</sup>
1	1.0	0.5	1.0	5	trace	trace
2	1.0	1.0	1.0	2	n.d.	n.d.
3	2.0	0.5	1.0	trace	5	10
4	2.0	0.5	1.5	33	6	10
5	2.0	1.0	1.0	2	2	trace
6	3.0	0.5	1.0	28	9	23
7	3.0	0.5	1.5	28	6	6
8	3.0	1.0	1.0	29	n.d.	12
9	3.0	1.0	1.5	35	trace	trace
10	3.0	2.0	1.0	42	3	9
11	3.0	2.0	1.5	28	trace	trace

<sup>a</sup> Reaction conditions: **1** (0.40 mmol), **2b** (0.40 mmol), AlCl<sub>3</sub> (0.40*x* mmol), **B1** (0.40*y* mmol), **B4** (0.40*z* mmol), CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (1.0 mL), rt, 3 h. <sup>b</sup> Determined by <sup>1</sup>H NMR analysis.

**Scheme S1.** Acylation of Terminal Alkenes with Octanoyl Chloride.<sup>a,b</sup>

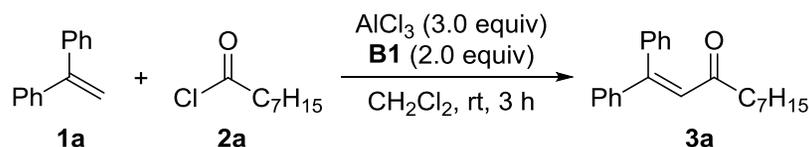


<sup>a</sup> Reaction conditions: **1** (0.40 mmol), **2** (0.40 mmol), AlCl<sub>3</sub> (1.20 mmol), **B1** (0.80 mmol) for method A, **1** (0.40 mmol), **2** (0.40 mmol), AlCl<sub>3</sub> (1.20 mmol), **B1** (0.40 mmol), **B4** (0.60 mmol) for method B, **1** (0.40 mmol), **2** (0.50 mmol), EtAlCl<sub>2</sub> (0.40 mmol), **B1** (0.40 mmol) for method C. <sup>b</sup> The products could not be separated by column chromatography. The yields are those calculated by <sup>1</sup>H NMR analysis of the mixture. <sup>c</sup> *E/Z* = 78/22. <sup>d</sup> *E/Z* could not be determined. <sup>e</sup> Yield could not be determined because of the signal overlap.

## 2. General Information

Melting points were taken with a micro melting point apparatus and are uncorrected.  $^1\text{H}$  and  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectra were measured with tetramethylsilane as an internal standard and  $\text{CDCl}_3$  as a solvent unless otherwise noted. Silica gel 60GF<sub>254</sub> was used for TLC. Silica gel columns were prepared by use of Silica gel 60 (63–200  $\mu\text{m}$ ). Water- and air-sensitive reactions were routinely carried out under nitrogen. Toluene was distilled from sodium diphenyl ketyl. Dichloromethane was distilled from calcium hydride.

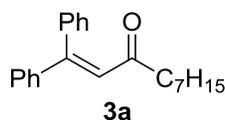
## 3. Typical Procedure for the Acylation



To a suspension of 2,6-dibromopyridine (**B1**) (190 mg, 0.80 mmol) and  $\text{AlCl}_3$  (160 mg, 1.20 mmol) in dichloromethane (1.0 mL) were added ethene-1,1-diyldibenzene (**1a**) ( $d = 1.03$ ; 70.0  $\mu\text{L}$ , 0.40 mmol), and octanoyl chloride ( $d = 0.95$ ; 68.5  $\mu\text{L}$ , 0.40 mmol) under nitrogen, and the mixture was stirred at room temperature for 3 h. The reaction was quenched with 2 M HCl, and the mixture was extracted with chloroform. The extract was dried over  $\text{MgSO}_4$ , and evaporated to leave a residue, which was purified by column chromatography on silica gel with hexane/ethyl acetate (7:1) as the eluent to give **3a** (117.3 mg, 96%).

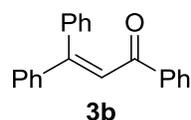
A large scale reaction (1.0 mmol) was carried out in a 10 mL flask using ethene-1,1-diyldibenzene (**1a**) ( $d = 1.03$ ; 176  $\mu\text{L}$ , 1.00 mmol), octanoyl chloride ( $d = 0.95$ ; 171  $\mu\text{L}$ , 1.00 mmol),  $\text{AlCl}_3$  (400 mg, 3.00 mmol), 2,6-dibromopyridine (**B1**) (474 mg, 2.00 mmol), dichloromethane (2.5 mL) to give **3a** (259 mg, 85%).

### 1,1-Diphenyldec-1-en-3-one (**3a**)



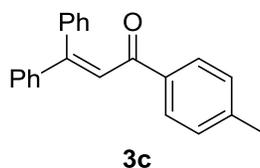
Purified by column chromatography with hexane/ethyl acetate (7:1) as the eluent to give **3a** (117 mg, 96%). A yellow oil,  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz)  $\delta$  0.86 (t,  $J = 7.1$  Hz, 3H), 1.09–1.30 (m, 8H), 1.48 (quint,  $J = 7.0$  Hz, 2H), 2.22 (t,  $J = 7.5$  Hz, 2H), 6.56–6.59 (s, 1H), 7.17–7.23 (m, 2H), 7.27–7.42 (m, 8H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz)  $\delta$  14.1, 22.6, 24.4, 29.0, 29.2, 31.7, 43.3, 126.8, 128.3, 128.4, 128.6, 129.3, 129.6, 139.1, 141.1, 153.1, 202.7 (one signal is missing); IR (ATR) 696, 767, 1446, 1572, 1591, 1691, 2856, 2929, 2655, 3023  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HR-MS (EI-magnetic sector) calcd for  $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{26}\text{O}$  (M), 306.1984, found 306.1983.

### 1,3,3-Triphenylprop-2-en-1-one (3b)<sup>1,2</sup>



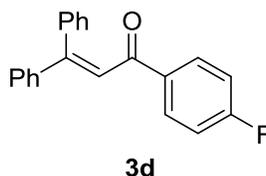
Purified by column chromatography with chloroform as the eluent to give **3b** (91 mg, 80%). A colorless oil, **<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (400 MHz)  $\delta$  7.11 (s, 1H), 7.14–7.20 (m, 2H), 7.21–7.28 (m, 3H), 7.32–7.41 (m, 7H), 7.43–7.48 (m, 1H), 7.87–7.93 (m, 2H); **<sup>13</sup>C NMR** (100 MHz)  $\delta$  124.1, 128.1, 128.4, 128.5, 128.7, 128.8, 129.4, 129.8, 132.7, 138.3, 139.1, 141.4, 154.7, 192.7 (one signal is missing); **IR** (ATR) 695, 762, 1213, 1269, 1448, 1491, 1598, 1661, 3058, 3440  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; **HR-MS** (EI-magnetic sector) calcd for  $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{16}\text{O}$  (M), 284.1201, found 284.1205.

### 3,3-Diphenyl-1-(*p*-tolyl)prop-2-en-1-one (3c)



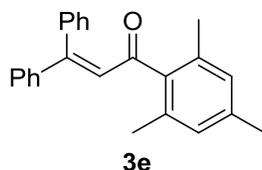
Purified by column chromatography with chloroform/hexane (4:1) as the eluent to give **3c** (104 mg, 87%). A yellow powder, **<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (400 MHz)  $\delta$  2.35 (s, 3H), 7.10 (s, 1H), 7.14–7.21 (m, 4H), 7.22–7.30 (m, 3H), 7.31–7.40 (m, 5H), 7.80–7.82 (m, 2H); **<sup>13</sup>C NMR** (100 MHz)  $\delta$  21.7, 124.3, 128.1, 128.3, 128.5, 128.6, 129.0, 129.2, 129.3, 139.8, 135.8, 139.2, 141.6, 143.6, 154.2, 192.3; **IR** (ATR) 697, 754, 1034, 1137, 1209, 1220, 1270, 1446, 1606, 1659, 2922, 3027, 3058  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; **HR-MS** (EI-magnetic sector) calcd for  $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{18}\text{O}$  (M), 298.1358, found 298.1353.

### 1-(4-Fluorophenyl)-3,3-diphenylprop-2-en-1-one (3d)



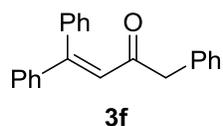
Purified by column chromatography with chloroform/hexane (4:1) as the eluent to give **3d** (116 mg, 96%). A yellow powder, **<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (400 MHz)  $\delta$  7.01 (t,  $J = 8.7$  Hz), 7.04 (s, 1H Hz), 7.13–7.18 (m, 2H), 7.22–7.28 (m, 3H), 7.33–7.40 (m, 5H), 7.86–7.93 (m, 2H); **<sup>13</sup>C NMR** (100 MHz)  $\delta$  115.5 ( $^2J_{\text{C-F}} = 22.0$  Hz), 123.9, 128.2, 128.57, 128.59, 128.7, 129.5, 129.9, 131.5 ( $^3J_{\text{C-F}} = 9.5$  Hz), 134.6 ( $^4J_{\text{C-F}} = 2.9$  Hz), 139.0, 141.3, 154.9, 165.5 ( $^1J_{\text{C-F}} = 252.9$  Hz), 191.5; **IR** (ATR) 699, 764, 845, 1032, 1153, 1213, 1505, 1598, 1662, 3027, 3060  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; **HR-MS** (EI-magnetic sector) calcd for  $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{15}\text{FO}$  (M), 302.1107, found 302.1109.

### 1-Mesityl-3,3-diphenylprop-2-en-1-one (3e)



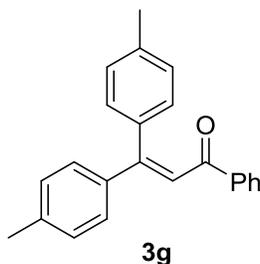
Purified by column chromatography with chloroform/hexane (4:1) as the eluent to give **3e** (109 mg, 83%). A yellow paste,  $^1\text{H NMR}$  (400 MHz)  $\delta$  2.16 (s, 3H), 2.20 (s, 6H), 6.61 (s, 2H), 6.86 (s, 1H), 7.06–7.09 (m, 2H), 7.14–7.21 (m, 3H), 7.28–7.36 (m, 5H);  $^{13}\text{C NMR}$  (100 MHz)  $\delta$  20.1, 21.0, 127.4, 127.6, 128.0, 128.5, 128.6, 129.0, 129.7, 133.9, 138.2, 138.3, 139.0, 141.2, 155.2, 199.3 (one signal is missing); **IR** (ATR) 699, 759, 1063, 1216, 1285, 1446, 1567, 1629, 2922, 3012  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; **HR-MS** (EI-magnetic sector) calcd for  $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{22}\text{O}$  (M), 326.1671, found 326.1670.

### 1,4,4-Triphenylbut-3-en-2-one (3f)



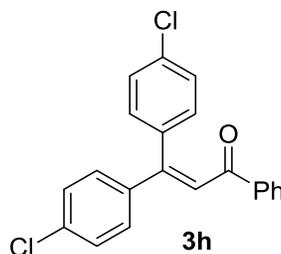
Purified by column chromatography with chloroform/hexane (4:1) as the eluent to give **3f** (47 mg, 40%). A yellow paste,  $^1\text{H NMR}$  (400 MHz)  $\delta$  3.56 (s, 2H), 6.60 (s, 1H), 7.08–7.11 (m, 2H), 7.16–7.41 (m, 13H);  $^{13}\text{C NMR}$  (100 MHz)  $\delta$  50.3, 125.9, 127.1, 128.46, 128.51, 128.6, 128.7, 128.8, 129.6, 129.68, 129.74, 134.7, 139.0, 141.1, 154.2, 199.1; **IR** (ATR) 698, 756, 1077, 1446, 1494, 1570, 1589, 1686, 2924, 3028, 3059  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; **HR-MS** (EI-magnetic sector) calcd for  $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{16}\text{O}$  (M-2H), 296.1201, found 296.1203.

### 1-Phenyl-3,3-di-*p*-tolylprop-2-en-1-one (3g)



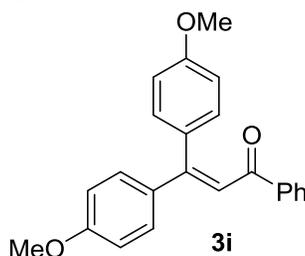
Purified by column chromatography with chloroform/hexane (4:1) as the eluent to give **3g** (106 mg, 85%). A yellow powder,  $^1\text{H NMR}$  (400 MHz)  $\delta$  2.31 (s, 3H), 2.37 (s, 3H), 7.06–7.09 (m, 5H), 7.14–7.18 (m, 2H), 7.26–7.30 (m, 2H), 7.34–7.39 (m, 2H), 7.44–7.49 (m, 1H), 7.89–7.93 (m, 2H);  $^{13}\text{C NMR}$  (100 MHz)  $\delta$  21.39, 21.43, 122.8, 128.4, 128.74, 128.78, 128.84, 129.2, 129.8, 132.6, 136.3, 138.3, 138.6, 138.9, 139.7, 155.4, 192.6; **IR** (ATR) 758, 1018, 1209, 1448, 1508, 1598, 1658, 2921, 3026  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; **HR-MS** (EI-magnetic sector) calcd for  $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{20}\text{O}$  (M), 312.1514, found 312.1520.

### 3,3-Bis(4-chlorophenyl)-1-phenylprop-2-en-1-one (3h)



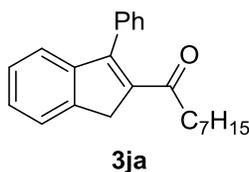
Purified by column chromatography with chloroform/hexane (1:1) as the eluent to give **3h** (130 mg, 92%). A yellow powder,  $^1\text{H NMR}$  (400 MHz)  $\delta$  7.08–7.12 (m, 2H), 7.12 (s, 1H), 7.24–7.30 (m, 4H), 7.33–7.37 (m, 2H), 7.38–7.43 (m, 2H), 7.50–7.54 (m, 1H), 7.88–7.92 (m, 2H);  $^{13}\text{C NMR}$  (100 MHz)  $\delta$  124.6, 128.6, 128.7, 128.8, 128.9, 129.9, 131.1, 133.2, 134.7, 135.8, 137.1, 138.0, 139.5, 152.4, 192.1; **IR** (ATR) 692, 758, 831, 1014, 1091, 1214, 1448, 1492, 1582, 1661, 3028, 3062  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; **HR-MS** (EI-magnetic sector) calcd for  $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{14}\text{Cl}_2\text{O}$  (M), 352.0422, found 352.0422.

### 3,3-Bis(4-methoxyphenyl)-1-phenylprop-2-en-1-one (3i)<sup>3</sup>



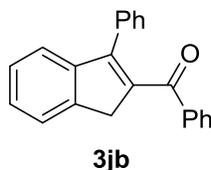
Purified by column chromatography with chloroform as the eluent to give **3i** (76 mg, 55%). A yellow paste,  $^1\text{H NMR}$  (400 MHz)  $\delta$  3.78 (s, 3H), 3.84 (s, 3H), 6.76–6.82 (m, 2H), 6.86–6.91 (m, 2H), 7.00 (s, 1H), 7.10–7.15 (m, 2H), 7.31–7.40 (m, 4H), 7.44–7.50 (m, 1H), 7.88–7.93 (m, 2H);  $^{13}\text{C NMR}$  (100 MHz)  $\delta$  55.3, 55.5, 113.6, 113.9, 121.6, 128.4, 128.8, 130.4, 131.6, 132.5, 134.4, 138.9, 155.2, 160.0, 160.9, 192.7 (one signal is missing); **IR** (ATR) 761, 834, 1035, 1174, 1214, 1250, 1511, 1605, 1654, 2838, 3012  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; **HR-MS** (EI-magnetic sector) calcd for  $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{20}\text{O}_3$  (M), 344.1412, found 344.1411.

### 1-(3-Phenyl-1H-inden-2-yl)octan-1-one (3ja)



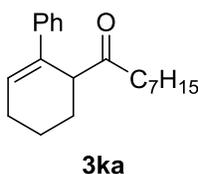
Purified by column chromatography with hexane/ethyl acetate (7:1) as the eluent to give **3ja** (106 mg, 83%). A yellow oil,  $^1\text{H NMR}$  (400 MHz)  $\delta$  0.84 (t,  $J = 7.3$  Hz, 3H), 1.00–1.27 (m, 8H,  $\text{CH}_2$ ), 1.46 (quint,  $J = 7.4$  Hz), 2.28 (t,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 2H), 3.86 (s, 2H), 7.17 (d,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 1H), 7.29 (t,  $J = 7.3$  Hz, 1H), 7.34–7.39 (m, 3H), 7.44–7.57 (m, 4H);  $^{13}\text{C NMR}$  (100 MHz)  $\delta$  14.1, 22.6, 24.6, 29.0, 29.1, 31.7, 39.3, 41.7, 123.1, 124.2, 126.9, 128.0, 128.5, 128.7, 128.7, 135.3, 141.1, 143.3, 145.8, 151.1, 200.4; **IR** (ATR) 726, 758, 1377, 1462, 1650, 2856, 2927, 3024, 3062  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; **HR-MS** (EI-magnetic sector) calcd for  $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{26}\text{O}$  (M), 318.1984, found 318.1983.

### Phenyl(3-phenyl-1*H*-inden-2-yl)methanone (**3jb**)



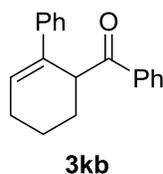
Purified by column chromatography with chloroform as the eluent to give **3jb** (115 mg, 96%). A orange paste, **<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (400 MHz)  $\delta$  4.03 (s, 2H), 7.06–7.12 (m, 2H), 7.12–7.19 (m, 3H), 7.20–7.27 (m, 3H), 7.33–7.42 (m, 2H), 7.47–7.51 (m, 1H), 7.53–7.58 (m, 2H), 7.58–7.63 (m, 1H); **<sup>13</sup>C NMR** (100 MHz)  $\delta$  40.7, 122.7, 124.4, 127.0, 127.6, 127.8, 128.2, 129.3, 129.4, 131.9, 134.1, 138.0, 140.3, 143.7, 144.3, 149.9, 195.7 (one signal is missing); **IR** (ATR) 726, 747, 1214, 1628, 1712, 2401, 3017, 3682  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; **HR-MS** (EI-magnetic sector) calcd for  $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{16}\text{O}$  (M), 296.1201, found 296.1196.

### 1-(2-Phenyl-2-cyclohexen-1-yl)octan-1-one (**3ka**)



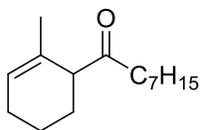
Purified by column chromatography with hexane/ethyl acetate (8:1) as the eluent to give **3ka** (115 mg, 100%). A yellow oil, **<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (400 MHz)  $\delta$  0.85 (t,  $J = 7.3$  Hz, 3H), 1.02–1.45 (m, 10H), 1.60–1.76 (m, 2H), 1.85–2.01 (m, 2H), 2.20–2.38 (m, 4H), 3.73–3.79 (m, 1H), 6.22 (td,  $J = 4.0, 1.3$  Hz, 1H), 7.17–7.30 (m, 5H); **<sup>13</sup>C NMR** (100 MHz)  $\delta$  14.1, 19.5, 22.6, 23.7, 25.7, 26.5, 29.1, 31.7, 40.5, 51.3, 125.7, 126.9, 128.5, 128.8, 135.4, 142.0, 212.9 (one signal is missing); **IR** (ATR) 697, 758, 1355, 1445, 1494, 1708, 2857, 2928, 3024, 3058  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; **HR-MS** (EI-magnetic sector) calcd for  $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{28}\text{O}$  (M), 284.2140, found 284.2142.

### Phenyl(2-phenylcyclohex-2-en-1-yl)methanone (**3kb**)



Purified by column chromatography with chloroform/hexane (4:1) as the eluent to give **3kb** (83 mg, 79%). A white powder, **<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (400 MHz)  $\delta$  1.63–1.66 (m, 2H), 1.98–2.18 (m, 2H), 2.20–2.41 (m, 2H), 4.68–4.76 (m, 1H), 6.36–6.41 (m, 1H), 7.10–7.16 (m, 1H), 7.17–7.22 (m, 2H), 7.25–7.30 (m, 2H), 7.42–7.48 (m, 2H), 7.52–7.57 (m, 1H), 7.98–8.03 (m, 2H); **<sup>13</sup>C NMR** (100 MHz)  $\delta$  18.8, 25.7, 27.4, 45.3, 125.5, 126.8, 128.4, 128.6, 128.8, 129.0, 133.0, 135.3, 136.2, 141.8, 201.2; **IR** (ATR) 699, 747, 901, 976, 1209, 1338, 1447, 1597, 1681, 2937, 3011  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; **HR-MS** (EI-magnetic sector) calcd for  $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{18}\text{O}$  (M), 262.1358, found 262.1358.

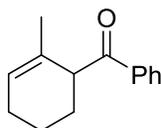
### 1-(2-Methyl-2-cyclohexen-1-yl)octan-1-one (31a)



31a

Purified by column chromatography with hexane/ethyl acetate (7:1) as the eluent to give **31a** (85.2 mg, 96%). A yellow oil,  $^1\text{H NMR}$  (400 MHz)  $\delta$  0.88 (t,  $J = 7.1$  Hz, 3H), 1.22–1.34 (m, 8H), 1.46–1.65 (m, 7H), 1.68–1.88 (m, 2H), 1.94–2.11 (m, 2H), 2.39–2.53 (m, 2H), 3.06–3.12 (brt,  $J = 6.2$  Hz, 1H), 5.62–5.67 (m, 1H);  $^{13}\text{C NMR}$  (100 MHz)  $\delta$  14.1, 19.7, 22.7, 22.7, 24.0, 25.1, 26.3, 29.2, 29.3, 31.7, 41.4, 53.2, 125.4, 130.9, 213.4; **IR** (ATR) 754, 1094, 1130, 1377, 1407, 1455, 1708, 2857, 2926, 3403  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; **HR-MS** (EI-magnetic sector) calcd for  $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{26}\text{O}$  (M), 222.1984, found 222.1985.

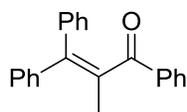
### (2-Methylcyclohex-2-en-1-yl)(phenyl)methanone (31b)



31b

Purified by column chromatography with chloroform/hexane (4:1) as the eluent to give **31b** (69 mg, 85%). A dark brown paste,  $^1\text{H NMR}$  (400 MHz)  $\delta$  1.50–1.68 (m, 2H), 1.63 (d,  $J = 1.8$  Hz, 3H), 1.81–1.90 (m, 1H), 1.93–2.18 (m, 3H), 4.00 (t,  $J = 5.8$  Hz, 1H), 5.74 (m, 1H), 7.45–7.50 (m, 2H), 7.53–7.58 (m, 1H), 7.98–8.03 (m, 2H);  $^{13}\text{C NMR}$  (100 MHz)  $\delta$  19.6, 22.9, 25.2, 27.5, 47.9, 125.8, 128.6, 128.8, 131.3, 133.0, 136.8, 202.3; **IR** (ATR) 702, 753, 1210, 1448, 1580, 1597, 1676, 2934, 3011  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; **HR-MS** (EI-magnetic sector) calcd for  $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{16}\text{O}$  (M), 200.1201, found 200.1199.

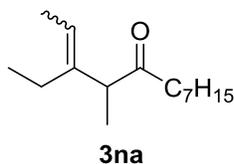
### 2-Methyl-1,3,3-triphenylprop-2-en-1-one (3mb)



3mb

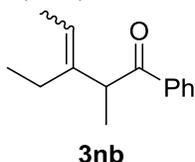
Purified by column chromatography with chloroform/hexane (4:1) as the eluent to give **3mb** (77 mg, 64%). A white powder,  $^1\text{H NMR}$  (400 MHz)  $\delta$  2.15 (s, 3H), 6.95–7.03 (m, 5H), 7.22–7.42 (m, 8H), 7.76–7.82 (m, 2H);  $^{13}\text{C NMR}$  (100 MHz)  $\delta$  20.0, 127.6, 127.7, 127.9, 128.2, 128.4, 129.3, 129.97, 130.03, 132.7, 134.9, 136.9, 141.0, 141.4, 143.8, 201.3; **IR** (ATR) 701, 753, 1216, 1261, 1325, 1448, 1492, 1597, 1653, 2919, 3022, 3059  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; **HR-MS** (EI-magnetic sector) calcd for  $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{18}\text{O}$  (M), 298.1358, found 298.1353.

### 3-Ethyl-4-methyldodec-2-en-5-one (3na)



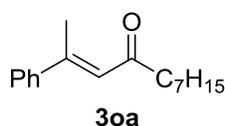
Purified by column chromatography with hexane/ethyl acetate (10:1) as the eluent to give **3na** (67 mg, 51%, *E/Z* = 76:24). A brown oil, **<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (400 MHz)  $\delta$  for the *E* isomer 0.87 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H), 0.94–0.99 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 3H), 1.13 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 3H), 1.19–1.36 (m, 10H), 1.63 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 3H), 2.20–2.07 (q, 2H), 2.27–2.51 (m, 2H), 3.13 (q, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 5.29 (q, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 1H); **<sup>13</sup>C NMR** (100 MHz)  $\delta$  for the *E* isomer 13.4, 14.2, 15.7, 22.7, 22.8, 24.2, 29.2, 29.3, 31.8, 40.5, 53.9, 120.2, 121.9, 141.3, 212.5; **IR** (ATR) 1016, 1068, 1135, 1375, 1410, 1459, 1713, 2857, 2928, 2961, 3411  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; **HR-MS** (EI-magnetic sector) calcd for  $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{28}\text{O}$  (M), 224.2140, found 224.2137.

### 3-Ethyl-2-methyl-1-phenylpent-3-en-1-one (3nb)



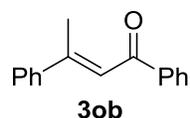
Purified by column chromatography with hexane/ethyl acetate (20:1) as the eluent to give **3nb** (42 mg, 52%, *E/Z* = 92:8). A colorless oil, **<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (400 MHz)  $\delta$  for the *E* isomer 0.97 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 3H), 1.31 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 3H), 1.58 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 3H), 2.03–2.21 (m, 2H), 4.09 (q, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 5.35 (q, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 7.38–7.45 (m, 2H), 7.48–7.55 (m, 1H), 7.94–7.99 (m, 2H); **<sup>13</sup>C NMR** (100 MHz)  $\delta$  for the *E* isomer 13.6, 17.1, 22.5, 48.7, 122.4, 128.5, 128.6, 132.7, 137.3, 141.7, 201.9 (1 signal is missing); **IR** (ATR) 693, 758, 977, 1220, 1449, 1597, 1682, 1726, 2935, 2970  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; **HR-MS** (EI-magnetic sector) calcd for  $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{18}\text{O}$  (M), 202.1358, found 202.1358.

### (*E*)-2-Phenylundec-2-en-4-one (3oa)



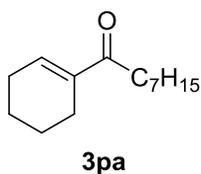
Purified by column chromatography with hexane/ethyl acetate (7:1) as the eluent to give **3oa** (52 mg, 53%). A colorless oil, **<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (400 MHz)  $\delta$  0.88 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 3H), 1.13–1.38 (m, 10H), 2.53 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 2.54 (s, 3H), 6.50 (s, 1H), 7.34–7.41 (m, 3H), 7.45–7.51 (m, 2H); **<sup>13</sup>C NMR** (100 MHz)  $\delta$  14.1, 18.4, 22.7, 24.4, 29.2, 29.3, 31.8, 45.0, 124.3, 126.5, 128.6, 129.0, 142.7, 153.6, 201.8; **IR** (ATR) 694, 726, 755, 1446, 1574, 1600, 1683, 2855, 2926, 3024  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; **HR-MS** (EI-magnetic sector) calcd for  $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{24}\text{O}$  (M), 244.1827, found 244.1825.

**(E)-1,3-Diphenylbut-2-en-1-one (3ob)<sup>4</sup>**



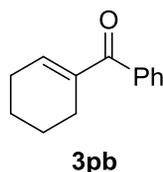
Purified by column chromatography with chloroform as the eluent to give **3ob** (32 mg, 35%). A yellow oil, <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz) δ 2.60 (d, *J* = 1.4 Hz, 3H), 7.17 (q, *J* = 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.38–7.50 (m, 5H), 7.52–7.61 (m, 3H), 7.97–8.02 (m, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz) δ 19.0, 122.3, 126.6, 128.4, 128.7, 128.8, 129.3, 132.7, 139.5, 142.9, 155.3, 192.0; IR (ATR) 695, 751, 1048, 1215, 1276, 1448, 1493, 1600, 1655, 2926, 3019 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HR-MS (EI-magnetic sector) calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>14</sub>O (M), 222.1045, found 222.1047.

**1-(Cyclohex-1-en-1-yl)octan-1-one (3pa)**



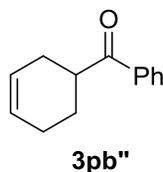
The reaction was conducted in 1,2-dichloroethane at 60 °C for 3 h. Purified by column chromatography with hexane/ethyl acetate (7:1) as the eluent. **3pa** (50%) was obtained as a mixture containing **3pa'** and **3pa''** (see, Table 3). A yellow oil, <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz) δ 0.88 (t, 3H, *J* = 7.0 Hz), 1.20–1.36(m, 8H), 1.52–1.66(m, 6H), 2.19–2.28 (m, 4H), 2.61 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 6.89 (brs, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz) δ 14.1, 21.6, 22.0, 22.6, 23.2, 24.9, 26.1, 29.2, 29.4, 31.7, 37.1, 139.3, 139.4, 201.9; IR (ATR) 760, 1216, 1458, 1668, 1713, 2859, 2931, 3462, 3506, 3538 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HR-MS (EI-magnetic sector) calcd for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>24</sub>O (M), 208.1827, found 208.1826.

**Cyclohex-1-en-1-yl(phenyl)methanone (3pb)<sup>5</sup>**



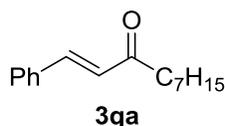
Purified by column chromatography with chloroform/hexane (4:1) as the eluent to give **3pb** (17 mg, 22%). A colorless oil, <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz) δ 1.64–1.80 (m, 4H), 2.23–2.31 (m, 2H), 2.39–2.46 (m, 2H), 6.58–6.64 (m, 1H), 7.37–7.53 (m, 3H), 7.60–7.66 (m, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz) δ 21.8, 22.2, 24.1, 26.3, 128.1, 129.3, 131.4, 138.9, 144.2, 198.4; IR (ATR) 706, 757, 1217, 1258, 1380, 1447, 1578, 1644, 2863, 2938, 3019, 3394 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HR-MS (EI-magnetic sector) calcd for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>14</sub>O (M), 186.1045, found 186.1044.

### Cyclohex-3-en-1-yl(phenyl)methanone (**3pb''**)



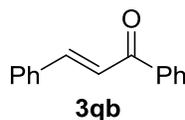
Purified by column chromatography with chloroform/hexane (4:1) as the eluent to give **3pb''** (22 mg, 30%). A light yellow oil, **<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (400 MHz)  $\delta$  1.66–1.79 (m, 1H), 1.94–2.05 (m, 1H), 2.11–2.29 (m, 3H), 2.30–2.42 (m, 1H), 3.48–3.59 (m, 1H), 5.71–5.82 (m, 2H), 7.48 (t,  $J = 7.4$  Hz, 2H), 7.53–7.60 (m, 1H), 7.92–8.01 (m, 2H); **<sup>13</sup>C NMR** (100 MHz)  $\delta$  25.0, 25.9, 28.0, 41.7, 125.9, 126.7, 128.4, 128.8, 133.0, 136.4, 203.6; **IR** (ATR) 699, 755, 1231, 1448, 1597, 1681, 2840, 2928, 3026  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; **HR-MS** (EI-magnetic sector) calcd for  $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{14}\text{O}$  (M), 186.1045, found 186.1045.

### (*E*)-1-Phenyldec-1-en-3-one (**3qa**)



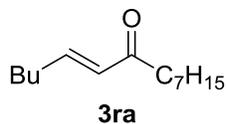
Purified by column chromatography with chloroform as the eluent to give **3qa** (36 mg, 39%). A orange paste, **<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (400 MHz)  $\delta$  0.86–0.91 (m, 3H), 1.23–1.38 (m, 8H), 1.68 (quint,  $J = 7.3$  Hz, 2H), 2.66 (t,  $J = 7.3$  Hz, 2H), 6.74 (d,  $J = 16.1$  Hz, 1H), 7.36–7.41 (m, 3H), 7.50–7.61 (m, 3H); **<sup>13</sup>C NMR** (100 MHz)  $\delta$  14.1, 22.7, 24.4, 29.2, 29.3, 31.7, 41.0, 126.3, 128.3, 129.0, 130.4, 134.6, 142.3, 200.7; **IR** (ATR) 688, 747, 1175, 1450, 1611, 1651, 1690, 2854, 2926, 3019, 3063  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; **HR-MS** (EI-magnetic sector) calcd for  $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{22}\text{O}$  (M), 230.1671, found 230.1671.

### (*E*)-1,3-Diphenyl-2-propen-1-one (**3qb**)<sup>6-8</sup>



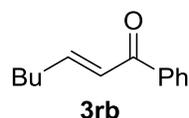
Purified by column chromatography with chloroform as the eluent to give **3qb** (21 mg, 25%). A orange paste, **<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (400 MHz)  $\delta$  7.40–7.45 (m, 3H), 7.48–7.68 (m, 6H), 7.82 (d,  $J = 15.5$  Hz, 1H), 8.00–8.05 (m, 2H); **<sup>13</sup>C NMR** (100 MHz)  $\delta$  122.3, 128.6, 128.7, 128.8, 129.1, 130.7, 132.9, 135.0, 138.4, 145.0, 190.7; **IR** (ATR) 689, 747, 1017, 1215, 1335, 1450, 1605, 1663, 2922, 3026, 3060  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; **HR-MS** (EI-magnetic sector) calcd for  $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{12}\text{O}$  (M), 208.0888, found 208.0891.

**(E)-Tetradec-5-en-7-one (3ra)**



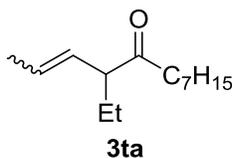
Purified by column chromatography with chloroform as the eluent to give **3ra** (31 mg, 37%). A yellow oil,  $^1\text{H NMR}$  (400 MHz)  $\delta$  0.82–0.95 (m, 6H), 1.18–1.38 (m, 10H), 1.40–1.49 (m, 2H), 1.56–1.63 (m, 2H), 2.21 (qd,  $J = 7.0, 1.5$  Hz, 2H), 2.52 (t,  $J = 7.5$  Hz, 2H), 6.09 (dt,  $J = 15.8, 1.5$  Hz, 1H), 6.83 (dt,  $J = 15.8, 7.0$  Hz, 1H);  $^{13}\text{C NMR}$  (100 MHz)  $\delta$  13.8, 14.1, 22.3, 22.6, 24.4, 29.1, 29.3, 30.2, 31.7, 32.1, 40.1, 130.3, 147.3, 201.1; **IR** (ATR) 981, 1288, 1378, 1409, 1466, 1631, 1675, 1699, 2858, 2928, 2958  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; **HR-MS** (EI-magnetic sector) calcd for  $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{26}\text{O}$  (M), 210.1984, found 210.1985.

**(E)-1-Phenylhept-2-en-1-one (3rb)**



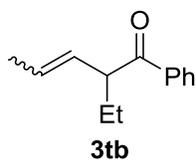
Purified by column chromatography with chloroform as the eluent to give **3rb** (15 mg, 20%). A colorless oil,  $^1\text{H NMR}$  (400 MHz)  $\delta$  0.94 (t,  $J = 7.3$  Hz, 3H), 1.39 (sxt,  $J = 7.3$  Hz, 2H), 1.52 (quint,  $J = 7.3$  Hz, 2H), 2.33 (qd,  $J = 7.0, 1.4$  Hz, 2H), 6.88 (dt,  $J = 15.5, 1.5$  Hz, 1H), 7.07 (dt,  $J = 15.5, 7.0$  Hz, 1H), 7.43–7.50 (m, 2H), 7.52–7.58 (m, 1H), 7.90–7.95 (m, 2H);  $^{13}\text{C NMR}$  (100 MHz)  $\delta$  14.0, 22.5, 30.4, 32.7, 126.0, 128.6, 128.7, 132.7, 138.2, 150.3, 191.1; **IR** (ATR) 755, 1005, 1218, 1448, 1621, 1670, 2873, 2930, 2960, 3015  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; **HR-MS** (EI-magnetic sector) calcd for  $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{16}\text{O}$  (M), 188.1201, found 188.1198.

**4-Ethyldec-2-en-5-one (3ta)**



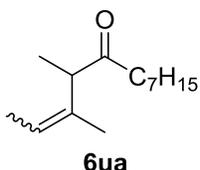
Purified by column chromatography with hexane/ethyl acetate (5:1) as the eluent to give **3ta** (38 mg, 12%,  $E:Z = 71:29$ ). Obtained as a hardly separable mixture with byproducts. The yield was calculated by  $^1\text{H NMR}$  analysis of the mixture. A yellow oil,  $^1\text{H NMR}$  (400 MHz)  $\delta$  for the *E* isomer 0.81–0.90 (m, 6H), 1.21–1.32 (m, 8H), 1.43 (quint,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 2H), 1.51–1.60 (m, 2H), 1.69 (d,  $J = 6.5$  Hz, 3H), 2.38 (t,  $J = 7.5$  Hz, 2H), 2.93 (q,  $J = 8.1$  Hz, 1H), 5.30 (ddq,  $J = 15.2, 9.0, 1.6$  Hz, 1H), 5.56 (dq,  $J = 15.2, 6.5, 0.5$  Hz, 1H);  $^{13}\text{C NMR}$  (100 MHz)  $\delta$  for the *E* isomer 11.9, 14.2, 22.7, 23.7, 24.4, 29.2, 29.3, 29.4, 31.8, 41.6, 43.0, 128.7, 129.4, 212.4; **IR** (ATR) 968, 1378, 1408, 1460, 1669, 1713, 1769, 2857, 2926, 2958  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; **HR-MS** (EI-magnetic sector) calcd for  $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{26}\text{O}$  (M), 210.1984, found 210.1984.

### 2-Ethyl-1-phenyl-pent-3-en-1-one (3tb)



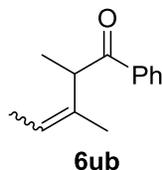
Purified by column chromatography with hexane/ethyl acetate (10:1) as the eluent to give **3tb** (26 mg, 15%, *E:Z* = 70:30). Obtained as a hardly separable mixture with byproducts. The yield was calculated by  $^1\text{H}$  NMR analysis of the mixture. A yellow oil,  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz)  $\delta$  for the *E* isomer 0.91 (t,  $J$  = 7.1 Hz, 3H), 1.59–1.66 (m, 2H), 1.67 (d,  $J$  = 6.2 Hz, 3H), 3.89 (q,  $J$  = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 5.50 (ddq,  $J$  = 15.3, 8.4, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 5.59 (q,  $J$  = 15.3, 6.2, 1.1 Hz), 7.52–7.57 (m, 1H), 7.42–7.49 (m, 2H), 7.95–7.99 (m, 2H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz)  $\delta$  for the *E* isomer 12.0, 18.2, 25.7, 52.5, 128.56, 128.60, 128.65, 128.7, 129.8, 132.9, 201.8; IR (ATR) 700, 1204, 1262, 1447, 1580, 1597, 1682, 2875, 2964, 3346, 3519  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HR-MS (EI-magnetic sector) calcd for  $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{16}\text{O}$  (M), 188.1201, found 188.1203.

### 3,4-Dimethyldodec-2-en-5-one (6ua)



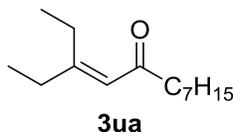
Purified by column chromatography with hexane/ethyl acetate (8:1) as the eluent. Obtained as a hardly separable mixture with byproducts (**6ua**, 46%, *E/Z* = 78/22, see Scheme S1). The yield was calculated by  $^1\text{H}$  NMR analysis of the mixture. A yellow oil,  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz)  $\delta$  for the *E* isomer 0.87 (t,  $J$  = 7.9 Hz, 3H), 1.11 (d,  $J$  = 6.8 Hz, 3H), 1.19–1.32 (m, 8H), 1.47–1.57 (m, 5H), 1.62 (dq,  $J$  = 6.8, 1.0 Hz, 3H), 2.27–2.49 (m, 2H), 3.16 (q,  $J$  = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 5.38–5.47 (m, 1H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz)  $\delta$  for the *E* isomer 13.4, 13.7, 14.2, 14.5, 22.7, 24.1, 29.2, 29.3, 31.8, 40.4, 56.1, 122.6, 135.1, 212.5; IR (ATR) 1133, 1376, 1409, 1463, 1617, 1688, 1714, 2857, 2928, 2959, 3494  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HR-MS (EI-magnetic sector) calcd for  $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{26}\text{O}$  (M), 210.1984, found 210.1985.

### 2,3-Dimethyl-1-phenylpent-3-en-1-one (6ub)



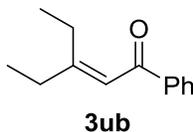
Purified by column chromatography with hexane/ethyl acetate (10:1) as the eluent. Obtained as a hardly separable mixture with byproducts (**6ub**, 46%, *E/Z* = 81/19, see Scheme 2). The yield was calculated by  $^1\text{H}$  NMR analysis of the mixture. A yellow oil,  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz)  $\delta$  1.29 (d,  $J = 7.0$  Hz, 3H), 1.55–1.58 (m, 3H), 1.59–1.61 (m, 3H), 4.07 (q,  $J = 7.0$  Hz, 1H), 5.40–5.48 (m, 1H), 7.38–7.45 (m, 2H), 7.48–7.55 (m, 1H), 7.94–8.00 (m, 2H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz)  $\delta$  for the mixture 12.2, 12.4, 13.2, 13.5, 13.76, 13.79, 14.5, 16.1, 16.8, 19.6, 26.4, 27.3, 31.3, 43.9, 48.5, 50.7, 111.0, 118.9, 121.2, 122.6, 128.1, 128.3, 128.50, 128.52, 128.6, 132.4, 132.7, 132.87, 132.90, 135.8, 136.2, 136.9, 137.0, 150.9, 201.2, 201.5, 202.0; IR (ATR) 691, 743, 963, 1179, 1372, 1448, 1682, 2935, 2972, 3349  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HR-MS (EI-magnetic sector) calcd for  $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{16}\text{O}$  (M), 188.1201, found 188.1200.

### 3-Ethyldec-3-en-5-one (3ua)



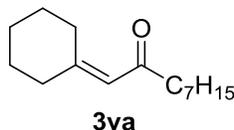
The reaction was conducted using **2a** ( $d = 0.95$ ; 81.9  $\mu\text{L}$ , 0.48 mmol),  $\text{EtAlCl}_2$  (1.0 M solution in hexane; 0.38 mL, 0.40 mmol) and **B1** (95 mg, 0.40 mmol). Purified by column chromatography with chloroform as the eluent. Obtained as a hardly separable mixture with byproducts (**3ua**, 55%, see Scheme S1). The yield was calculated by  $^1\text{H}$  NMR analysis of the mixture. A yellow oil,  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz)  $\delta$  0.88 (t,  $J = 7.0$  Hz, 3H), 1.05 (t,  $J = 7.5$  Hz, 3H), 1.07 (t,  $J = 7.5$  Hz, 3H), 1.21–1.34 (m, 8H), 1.54–1.64 (m, 2H), 2.17 (qd,  $J = 7.5, 1.2$  Hz, 2H), 2.42 (t,  $J = 7.5$  Hz, 2H), 2.57 (q,  $J = 7.5$  Hz, 2H), 5.99 (s, 1H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz)  $\delta$  12.3, 13.1, 14.2, 22.8, 24.4, 25.9, 29.3, 29.4, 31.1, 31.8, 44.6, 121.4, 165.7, 201.3; IR (ATR) 759, 1216, 1372, 1456, 1713, 2858, 2928, 2957  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HR-MS (EI-magnetic sector) calcd for  $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{26}\text{O}$  (M), 210.1984, found 210.1984.

### 3-Ethyl-1-phenylpent-2-en-1-one (3ub)



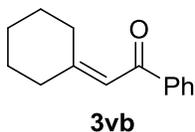
The reaction was conducted using **2b** ( $d = 0.69$ ; 49  $\mu\text{L}$ , 0.40 mmol),  $\text{EtAlCl}_2$  (1.0 M solution in hexane; 0.77 mL, 0.80 mmol) and **B1** (95 mg, 0.40 mmol). Purified by column chromatography with hexane/ethyl acetate (10:1) as the eluent. Obtained as a hardly separable mixture with byproducts (**3ub**, 64%, see Scheme 2). The yield was calculated by  $^1\text{H NMR}$  analysis of the mixture. A yellow oil,  $^1\text{H NMR}$  (400 MHz)  $\delta$  1.13 (t,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 3H), 1.17 (t,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 3H), 2.31 (qd,  $J = 7.6, 1.2$  Hz, 2H), 2.62 (q,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 2H), 6.67 (s, 1H), 7.38–7.45 (m, 2H), 7.48–7.55 (m, 1H), 7.91–7.95 (m, 2H);  $^{13}\text{C NMR}$  (100 MHz)  $\delta$  12.4, 13.2, 26.4, 31.3, 119.0, 128.3, 128.6, 132.4, 139.6, 167.3, 191.7; **IR** (ATR) 692, 757, 871, 1231, 1273, 1448, 1609, 1662, 2936, 2971  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; **HR-MS** (EI-magnetic sector) calcd for  $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{16}\text{O}$  (M), 188.1201, found 188.1202.

### 1-Cyclohexylidenenonan-2-one (3va)



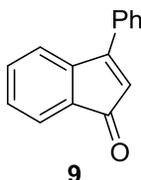
The reaction was conducted using **2a** ( $d = 0.95$ ; 81.9  $\mu\text{L}$ , 0.48 mmol),  $\text{EtAlCl}_2$  (1.0 M solution in hexane; 0.38 mL, 0.40 mmol) and **B1** (95 mg, 0.40 mmol). Purified by column chromatography with chloroform as the eluent. Obtained as a hardly separable mixture with byproducts (**3va**, 68%, see Scheme S1). The yield was calculated by  $^1\text{H NMR}$  analysis of the mixture. A yellow oil,  $^1\text{H NMR}$  (400 MHz)  $\delta$  0.88 (t,  $J = 6.8$  Hz, 3H), 1.21–1.36 (m, 8H), 1.53–1.70 (m, 8H), 2.13–2.19 (m, 2H), 2.40 (t,  $J = 7.4$  Hz, 2H), 2.60–2.82 (m, 2H), 5.97 (s, 1H);  $^{13}\text{C NMR}$  (100 MHz)  $\delta$  14.2, 22.7, 24.4, 26.4, 28.0, 28.9, 29.3, 29.4, 30.0, 31.8, 38.2, 44.6, 121.1, 161.6, 202.3; **IR** (ATR) 761, 1217, 1378, 1457, 1621, 1710, 2858, 2929, 3446  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; **HR-MS** (EI-magnetic sector) calcd for  $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{26}\text{O}$  (M), 222.1984, found 222.1984.

### 2-Cyclohexylidene-1-phenylethanone (**3vb**)<sup>9,10</sup>



The reaction was conducted using **2b** ( $d = 0.95$ ; 48.1  $\mu\text{L}$ , 0.40 mmol),  $\text{EtAlCl}_2$  (1.0 M solution in hexane; 0.58 mL, 0.60 mmol) and **B1** (95mg, 0.40 mmol). Purified by column chromatography with hexane/ethyl acetate (10:1) as the eluent. Obtained as a hardly separable mixture with byproducts (**3vb**, 63%, see Scheme S1). The yield was calculated by  $^1\text{H}$  NMR analysis of the mixture. A yellow oil,  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz)  $\delta$  1.59–1.75 (m, 6H), 2.27–2.34 (m, 2H), 2.74–2.81 (m, 2H), 6.60 (s, 1H), 7.42–7.55 (m, 3H), 7.92–7.96 (m, 2H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz)  $\delta$  26.4, 28.1, 29.0, 30.8, 38.5, 118.8, 128.4, 128.5, 132.4, 139.4, 162.9, 192.5; IR (ATR) 699, 979, 1448, 1610, 1656, 1817, 1963, 2586, 2933, 3510 $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HR-MS (EI-magnetic sector) calculated for  $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{16}\text{O}$  (M), 200.1201, found 200.1202.

### 3-Phenyl-1*H*-inden-1-one (**9**)<sup>11</sup>



The reaction was conducted using **7b** (120 mg, 0.40 mmol),  $\text{AlCl}_3$  (160mg, 0.60 mmol) and **B1** (190mg, 0.80 mmol). Purified by column chromatography with chloroform/hexane (2:1) as the eluent to give **9** (55.8 mg, 68%). A brown oil,  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz)  $\delta$  6.01 (s, 1H), 7.28–7.42 (m, 3H), 7.48–7.59 (m, 2H), 7.63–7.74 (m, 2H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz)  $\delta$  121.7, 122.8, 123.1, 127.5, 129.1, 129.4, 130.6, 132.5, 133.0, 133.2, 144.1, 163.0, 197.2.

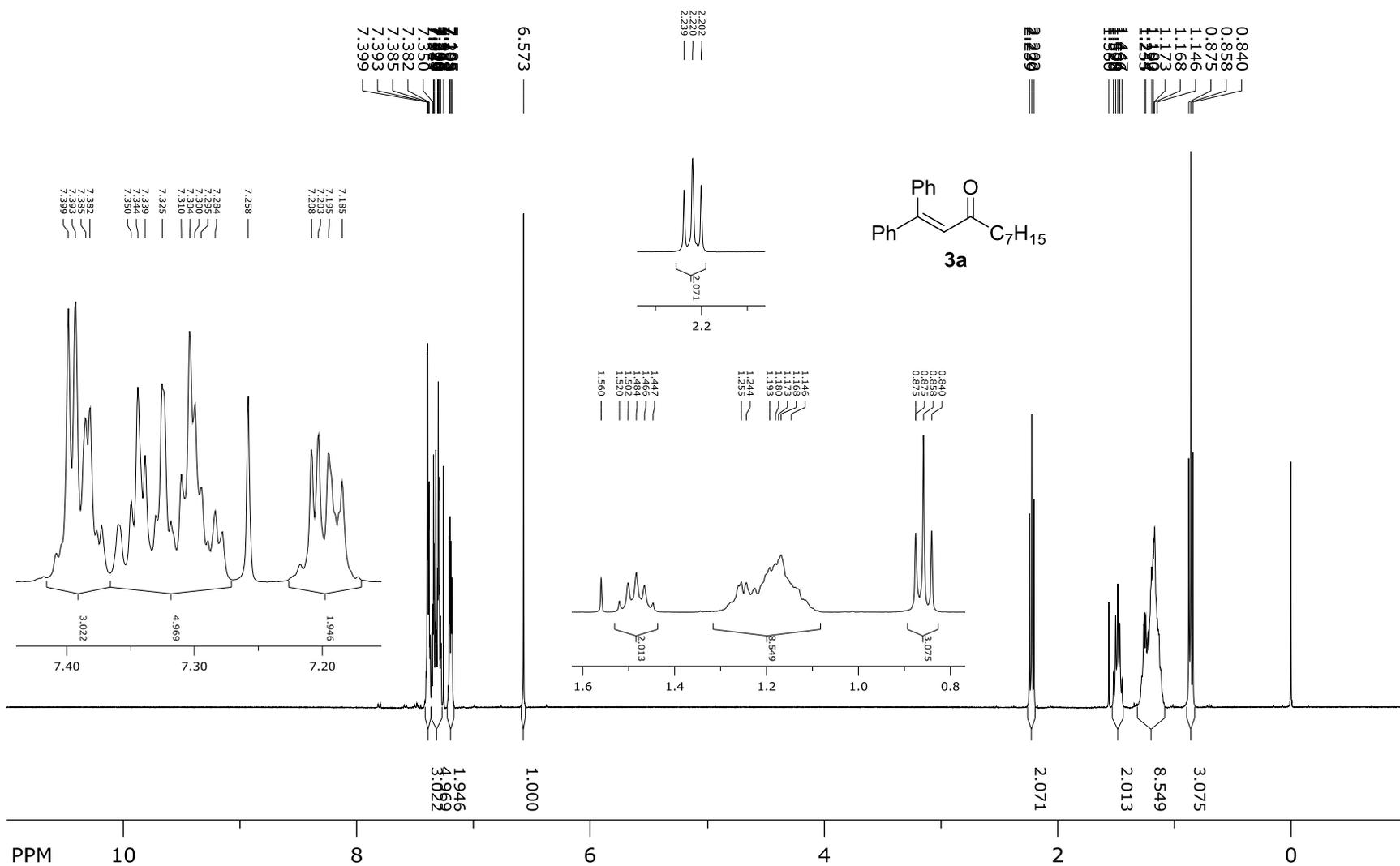
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## 5. <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR Spectral Charts for Compounds Synthesized

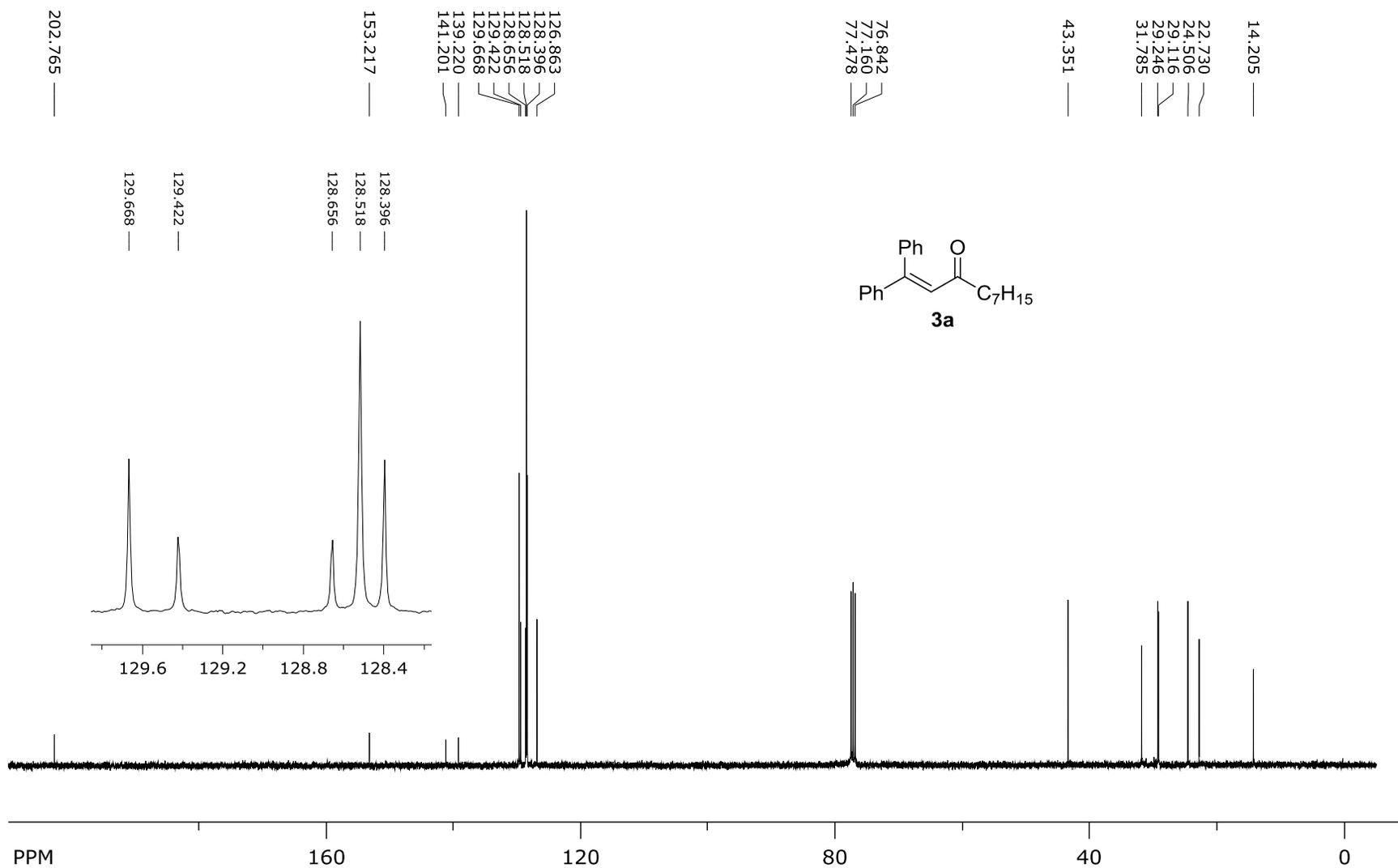
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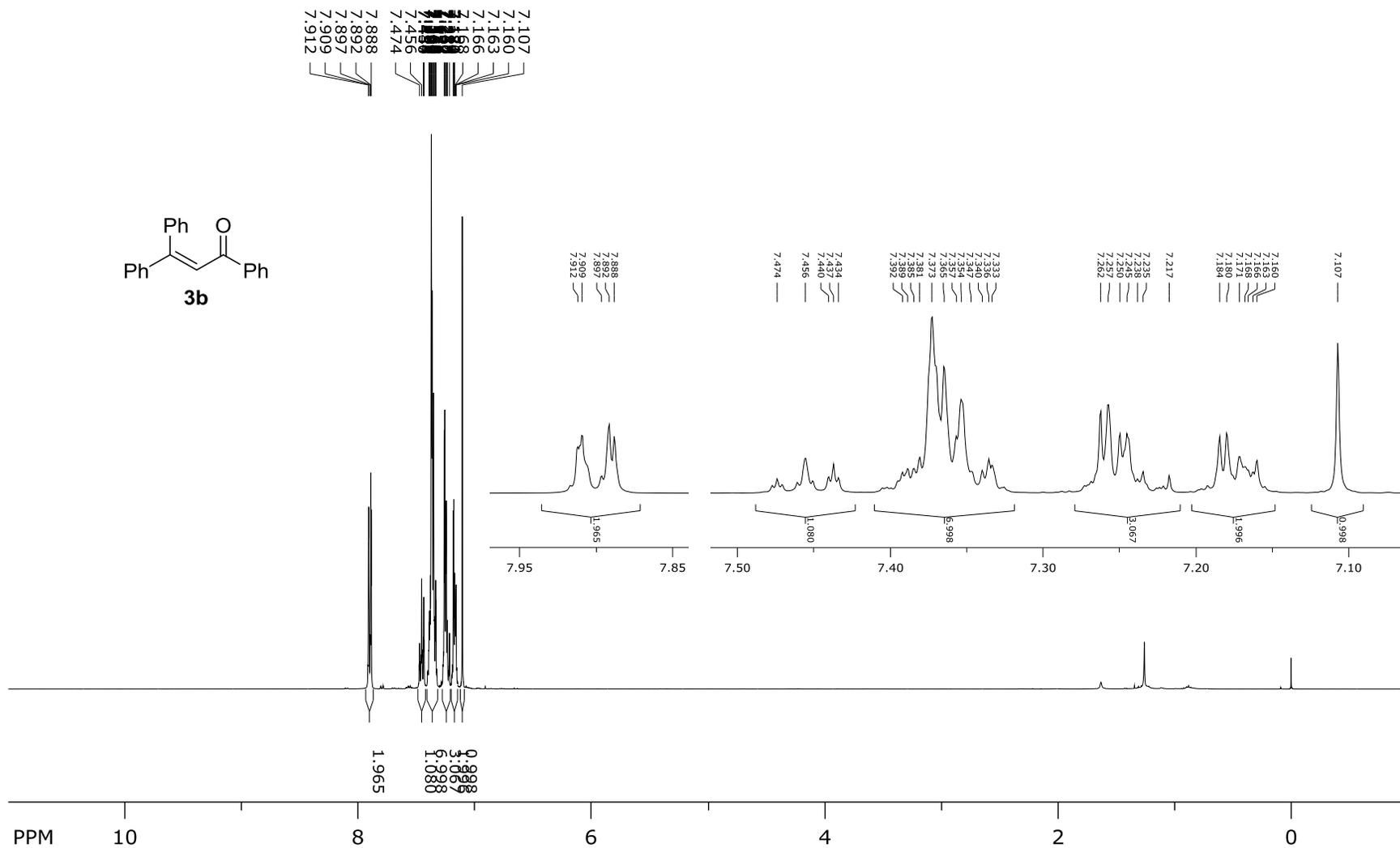
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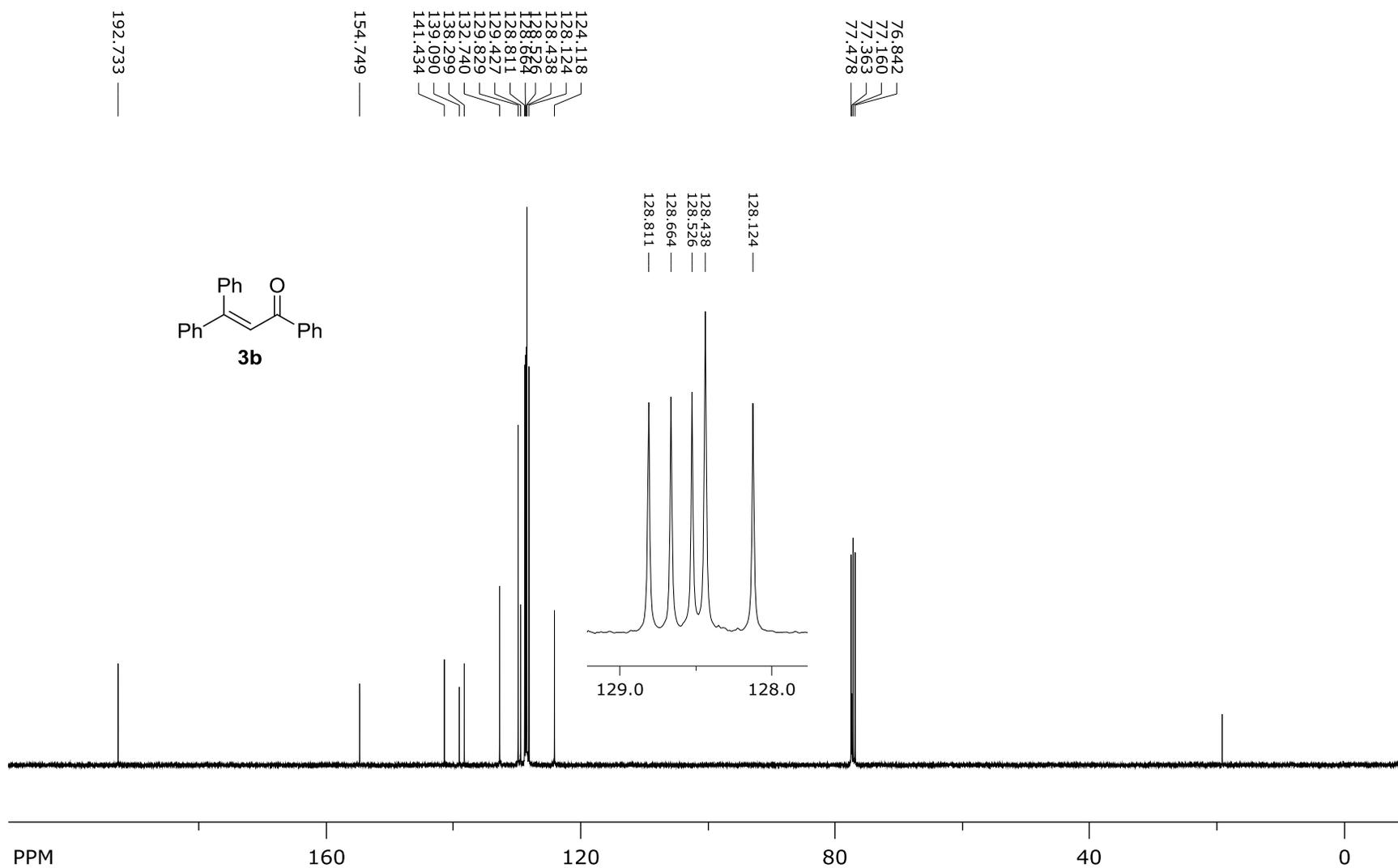
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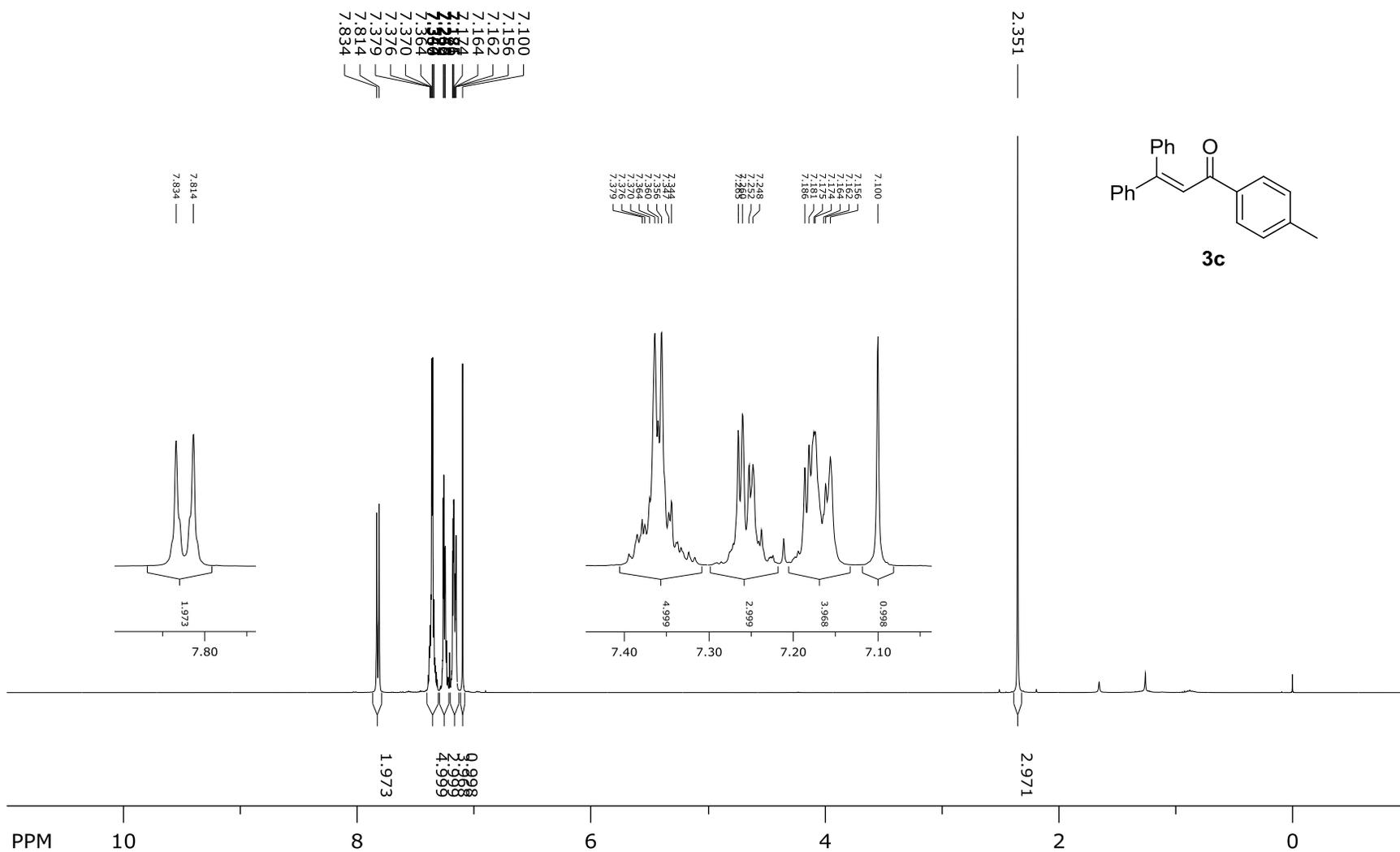
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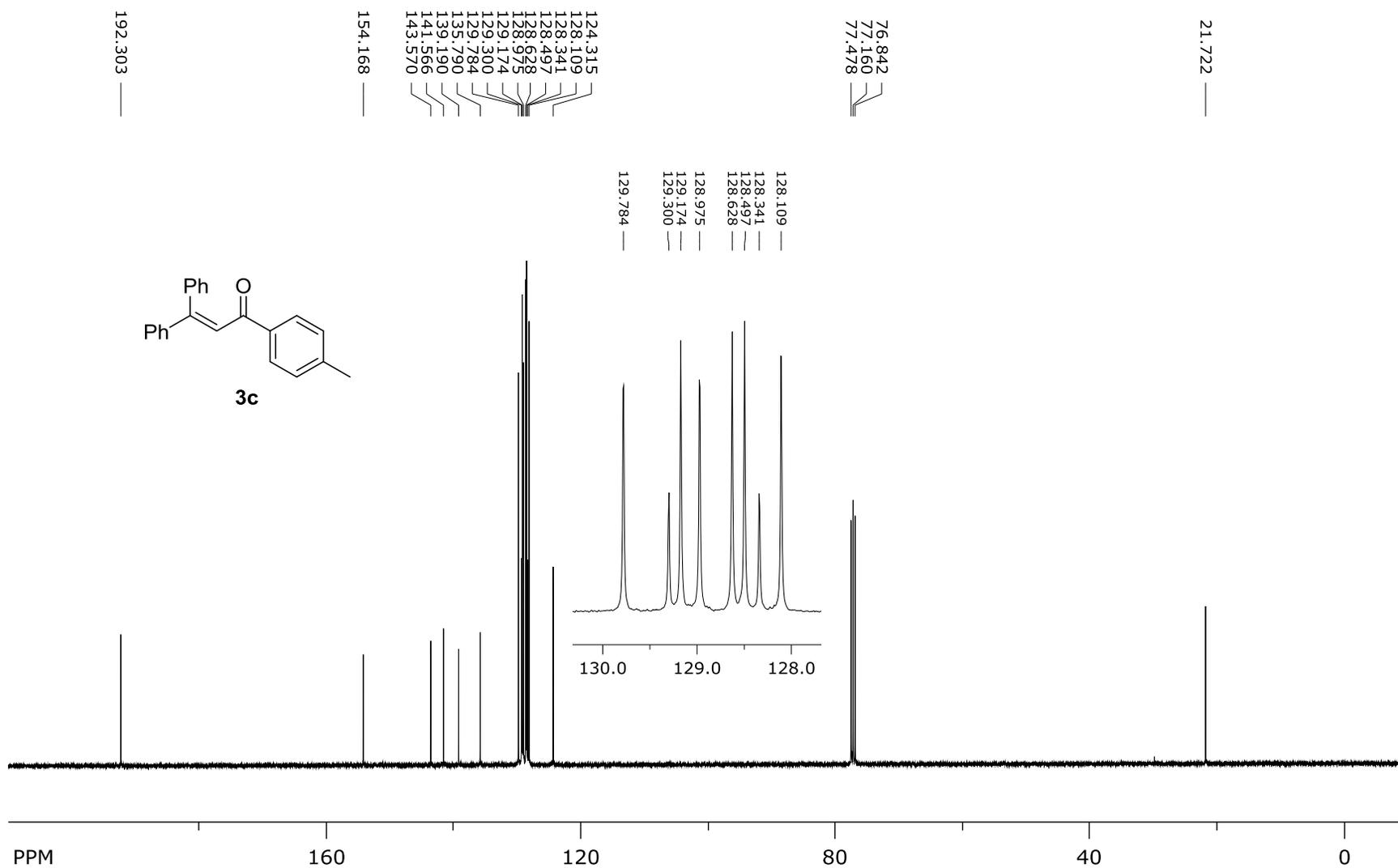
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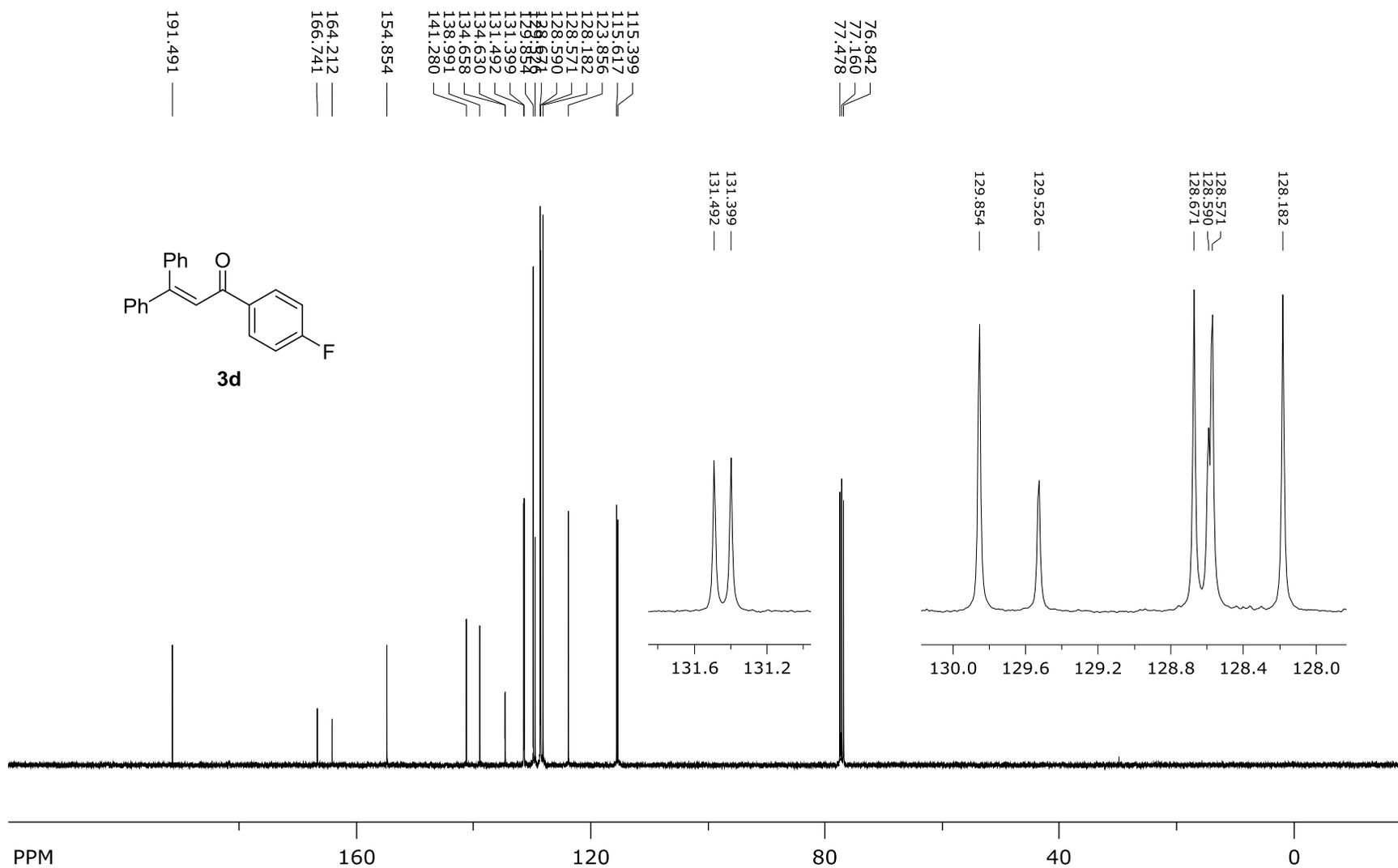
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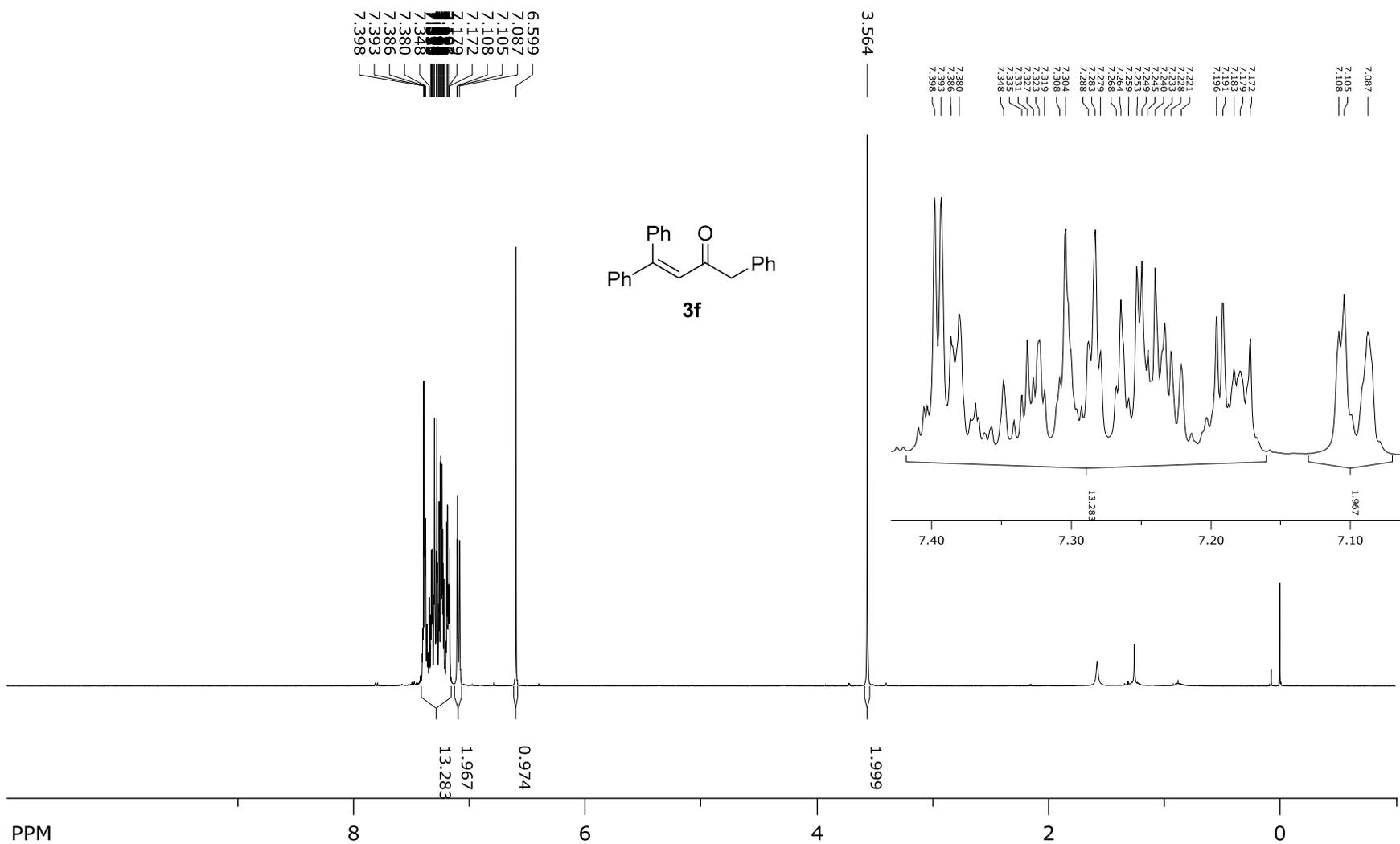






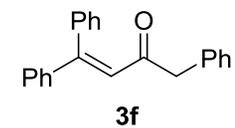
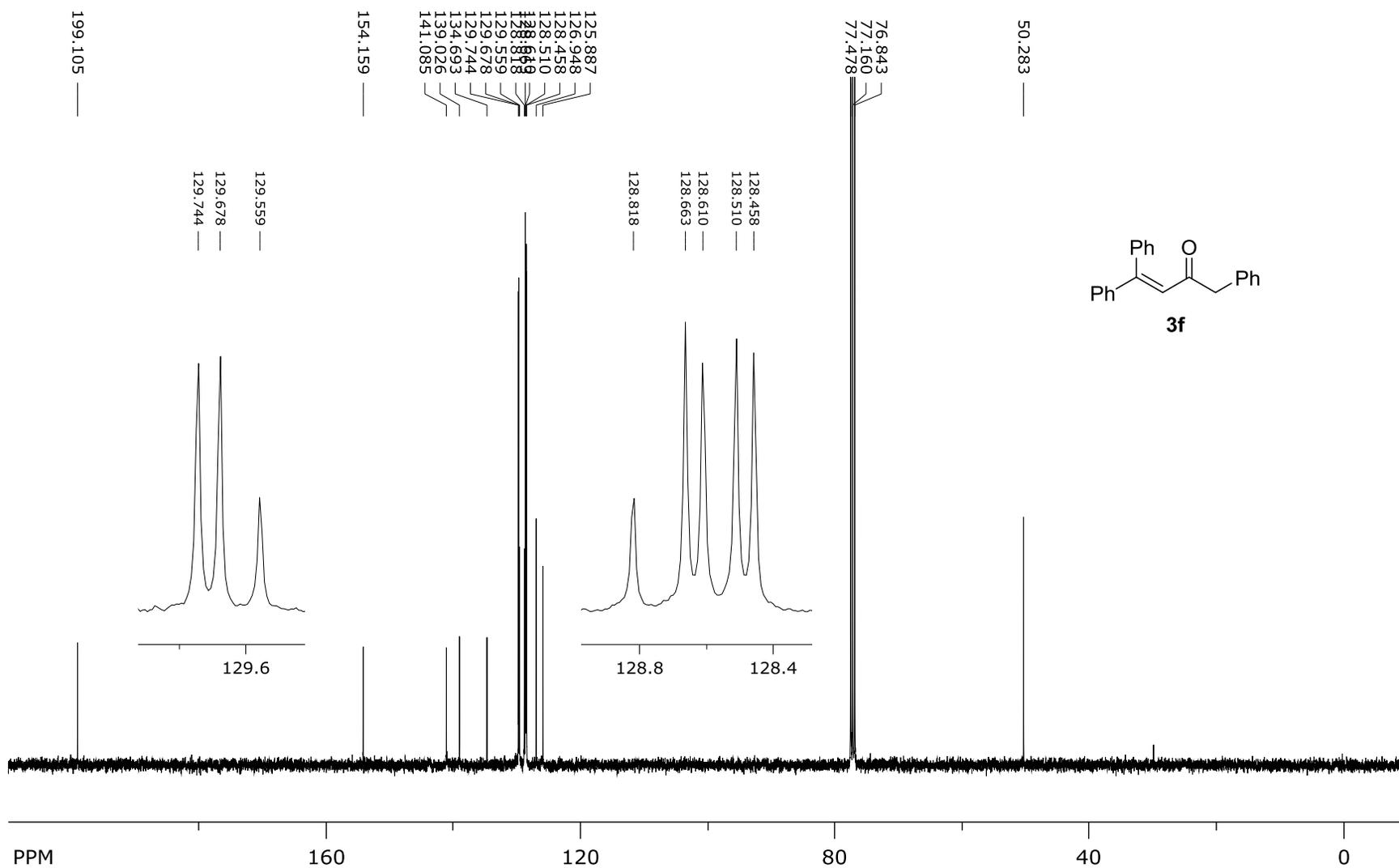
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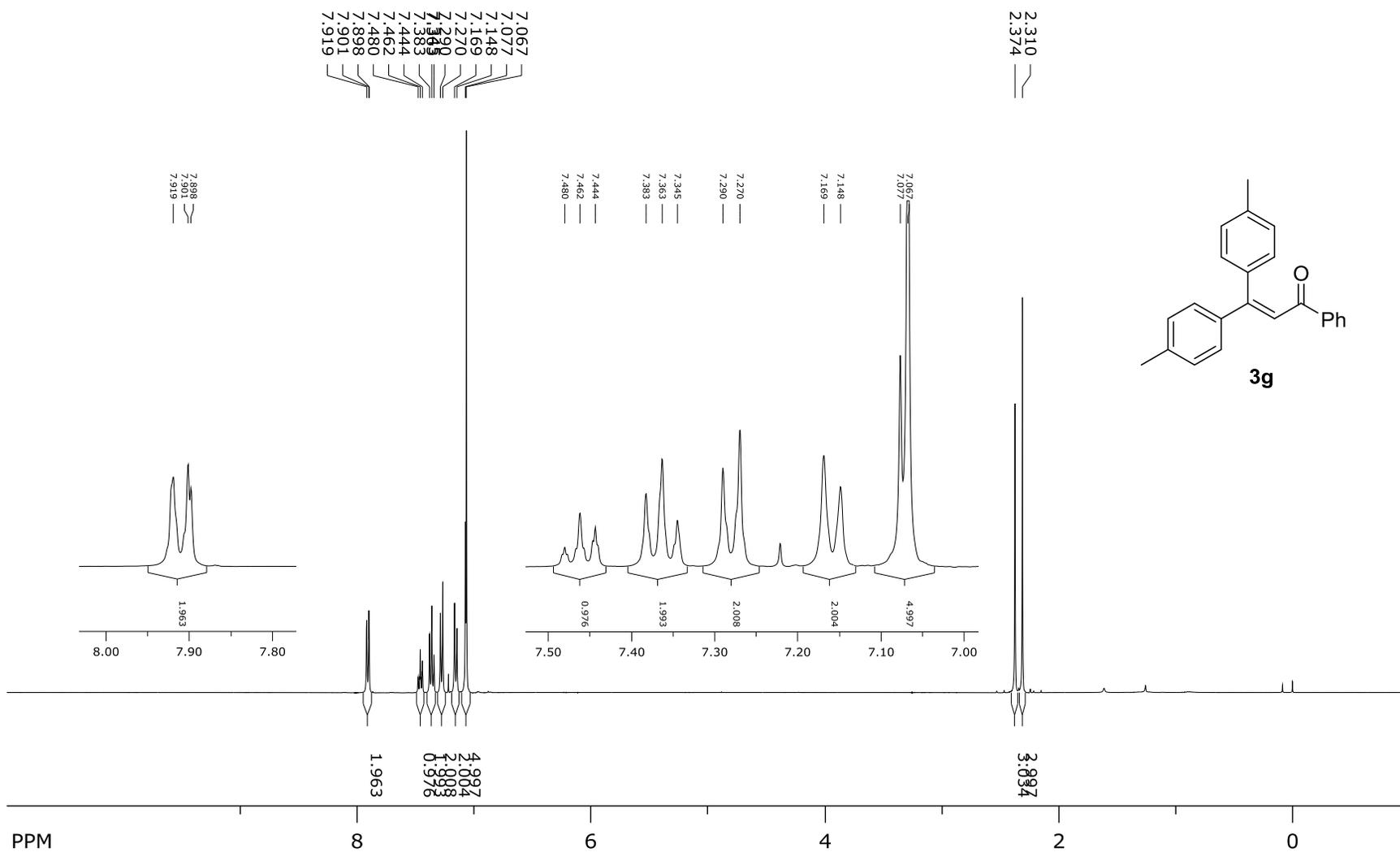
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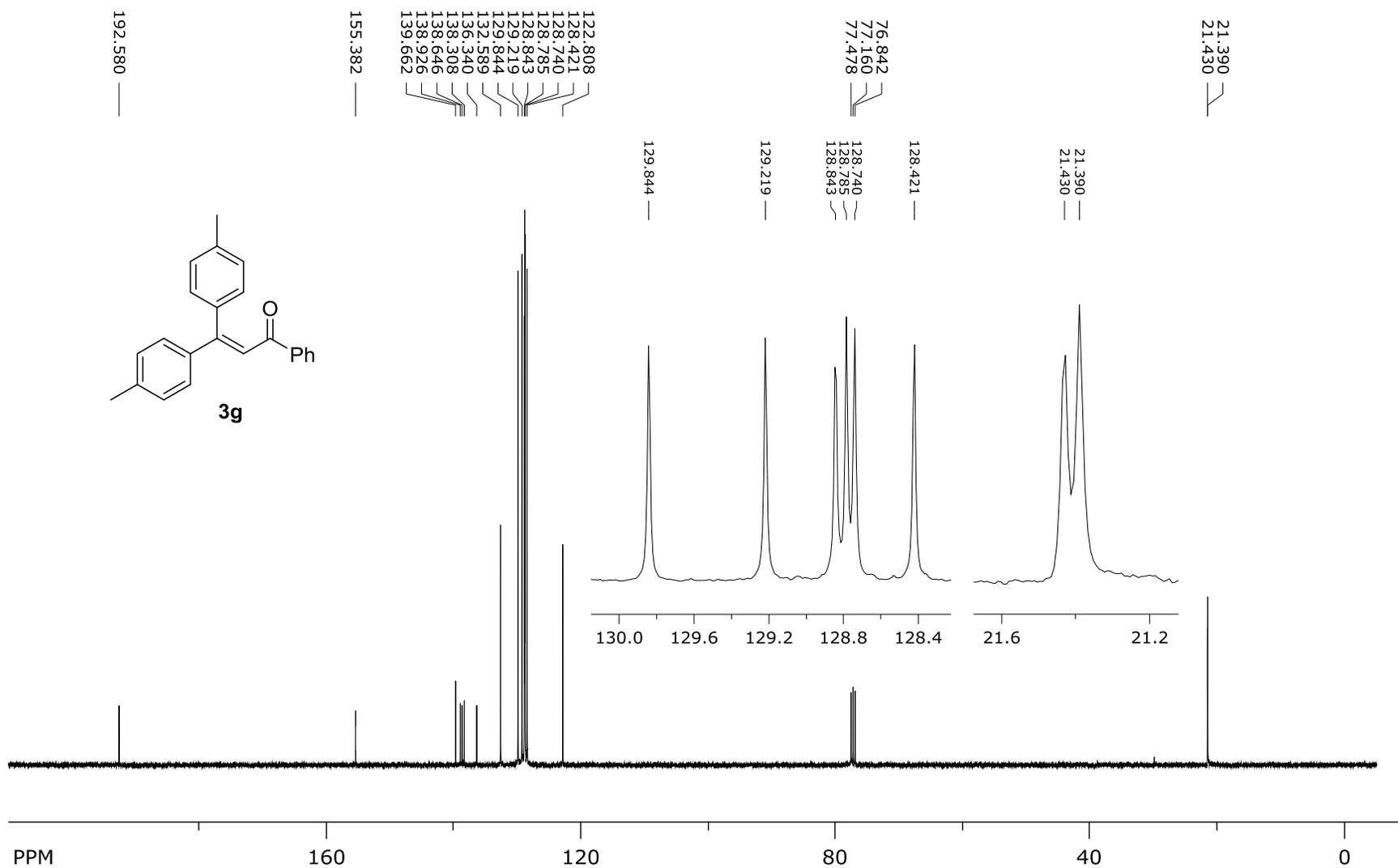
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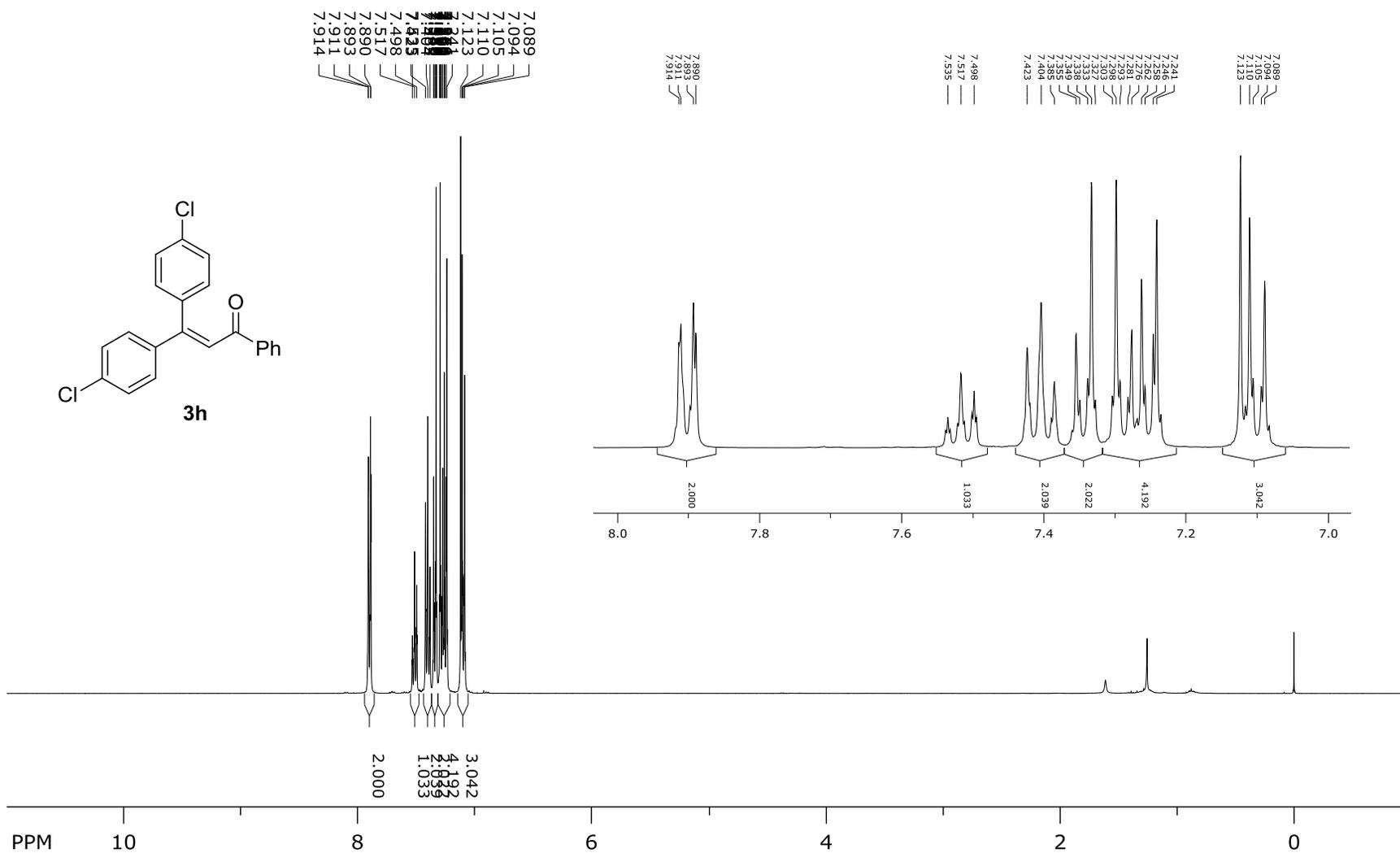
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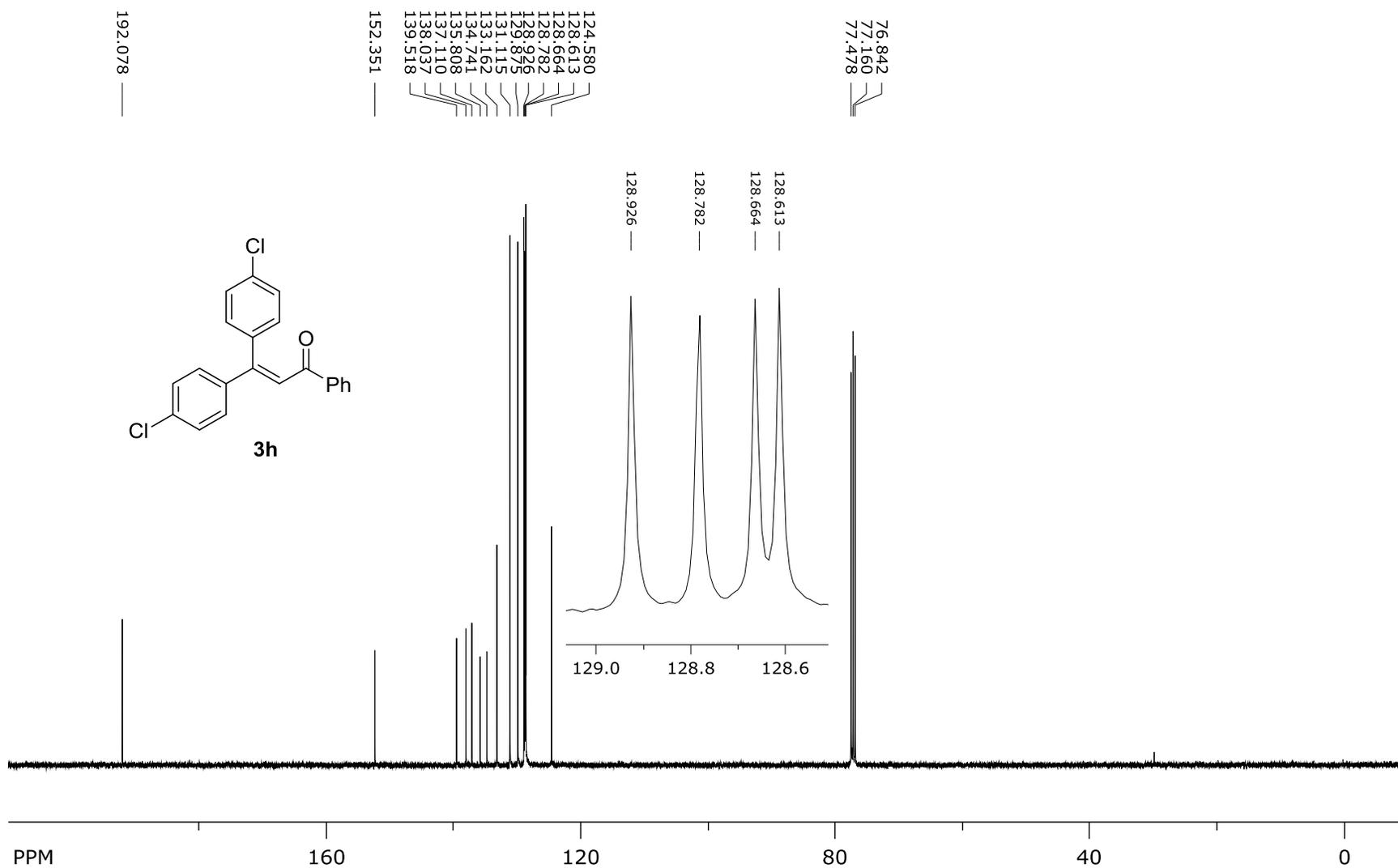
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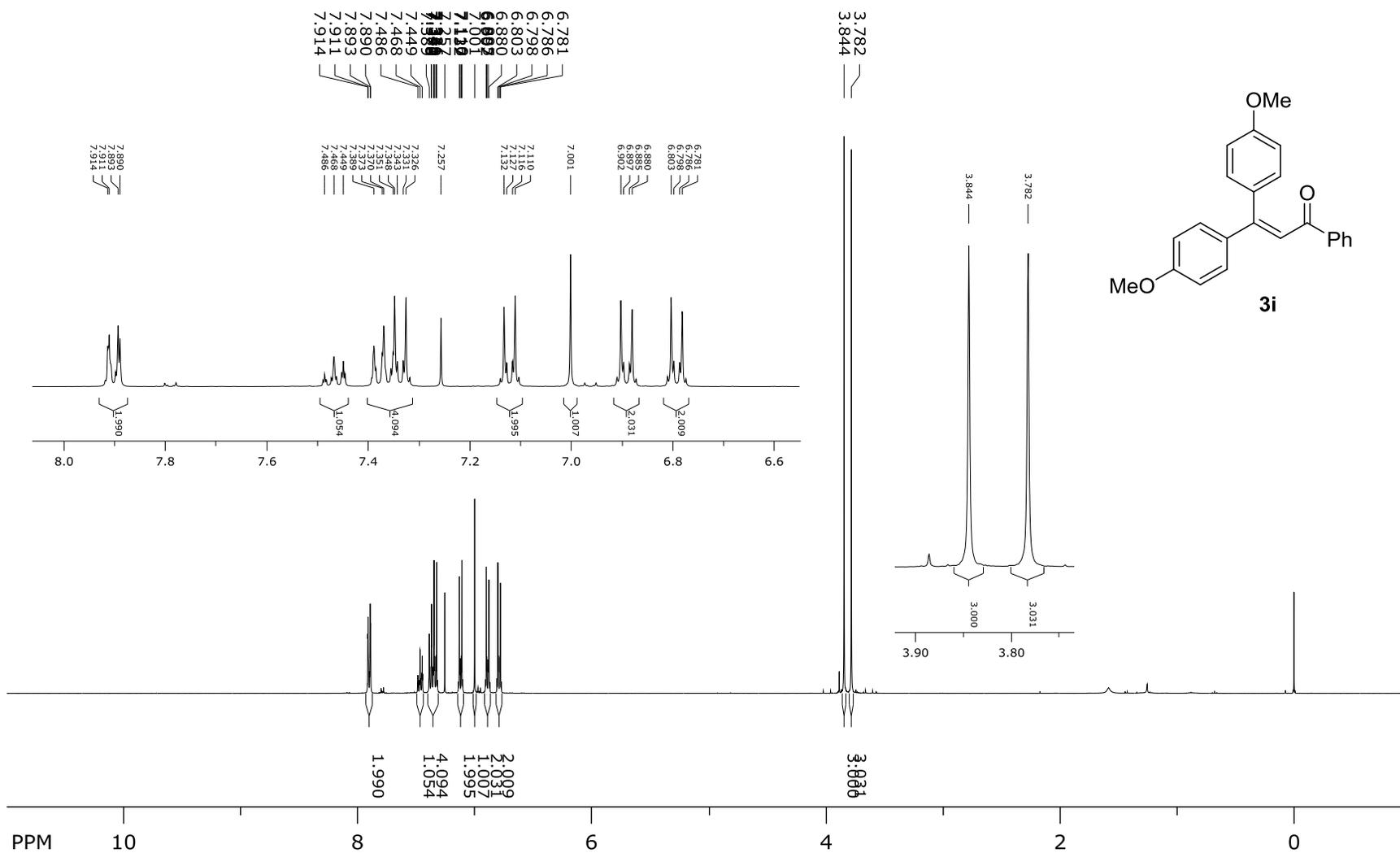
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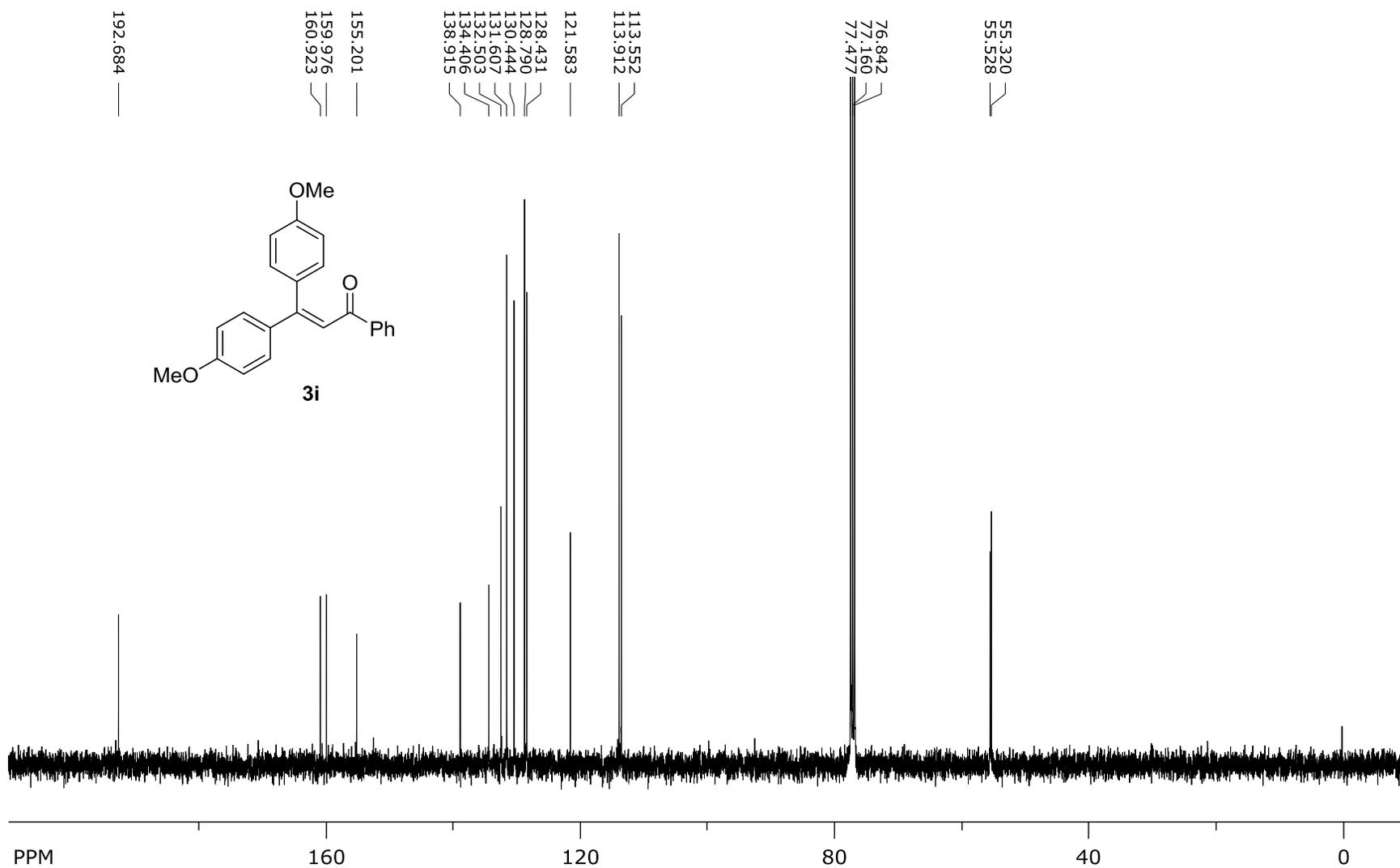
### 5.9. 3,3-Bis(4-methoxyphenyl)-1-phenylprop-2-en-1-one (3i)

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz)



### 3,3-Bis(4-methoxyphenyl)-1-phenylprop-2-en-1-one (3i)

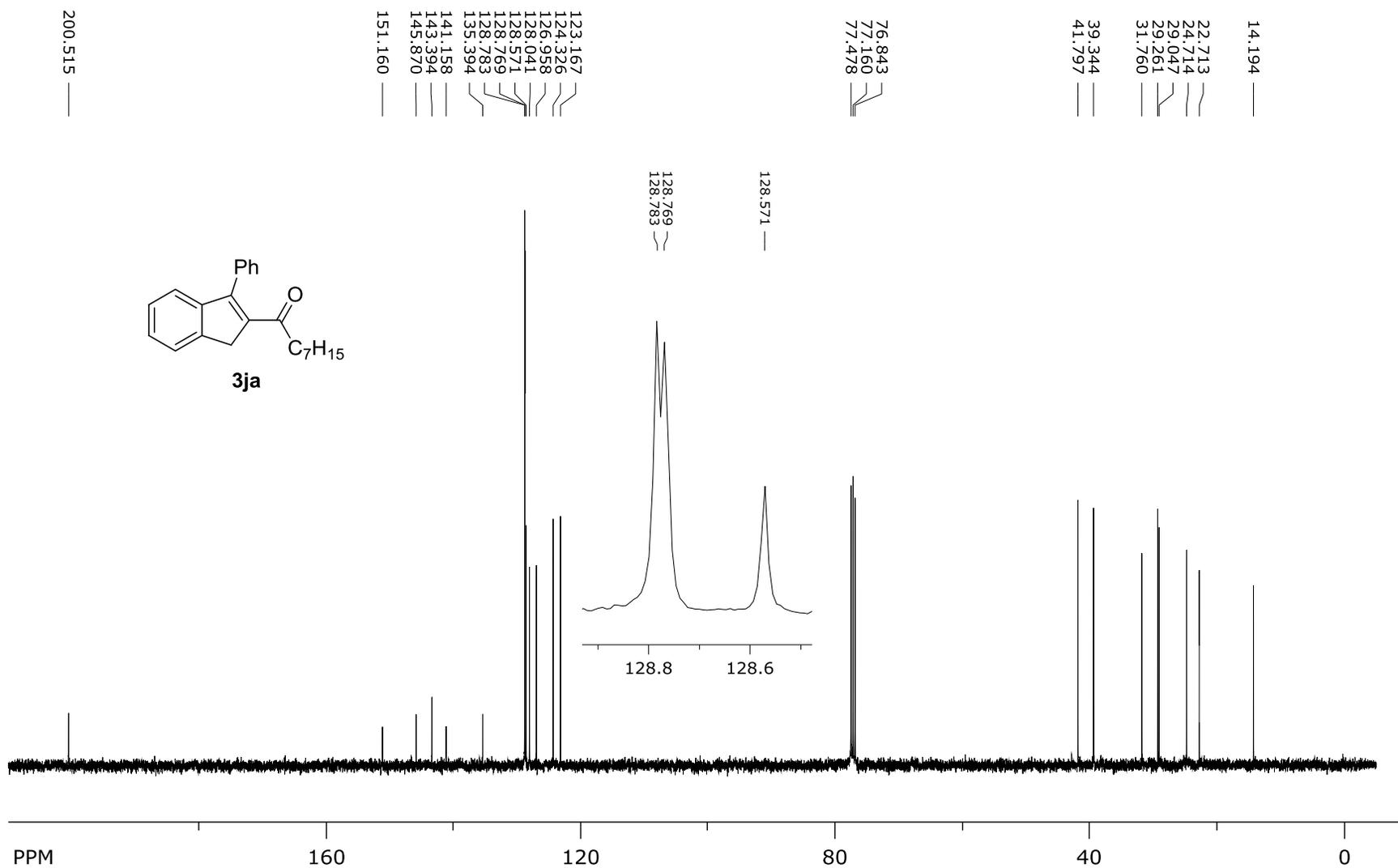
$^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz)





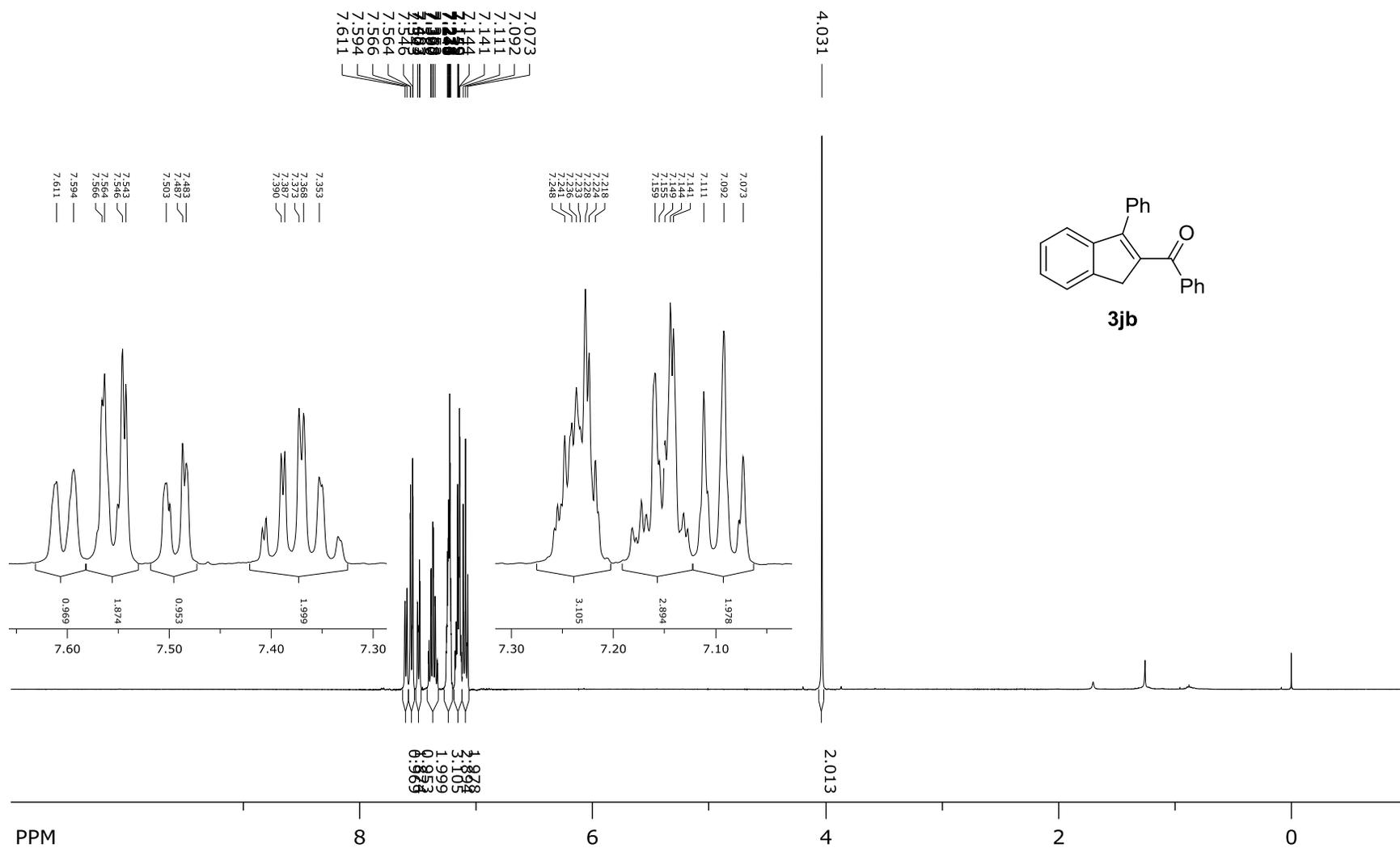
# 1-(3-Phenyl-1*H*-inden-2-yl)octan-1-one (3ja)

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz)



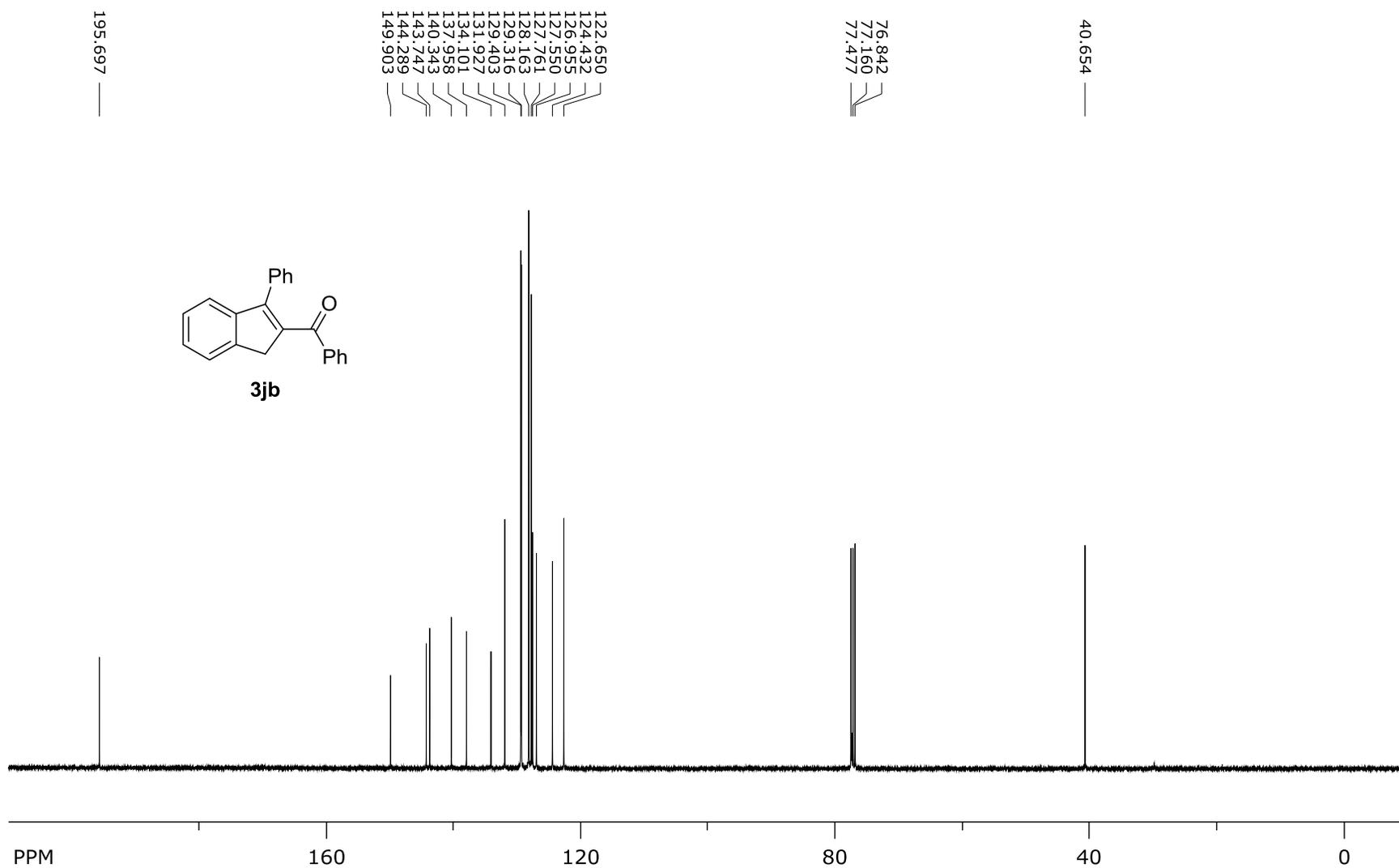
### 5.11. Phenyl(3-phenyl-1*H*-inden-2-yl)methanone (3jb)

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz)



# Phenyl(3-phenyl-1*H*-inden-2-yl)methanone (3jb)

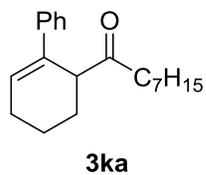
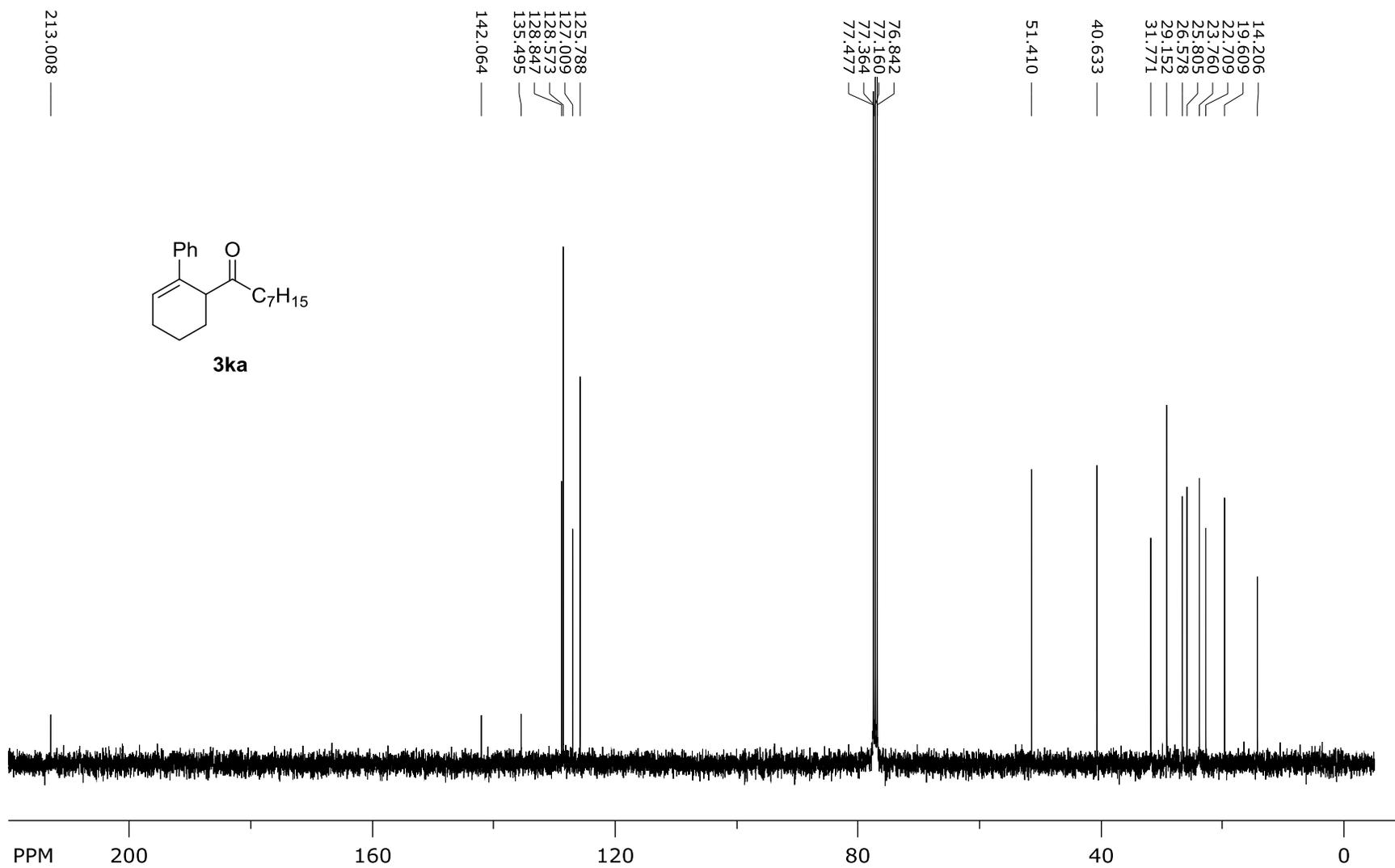
<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz)





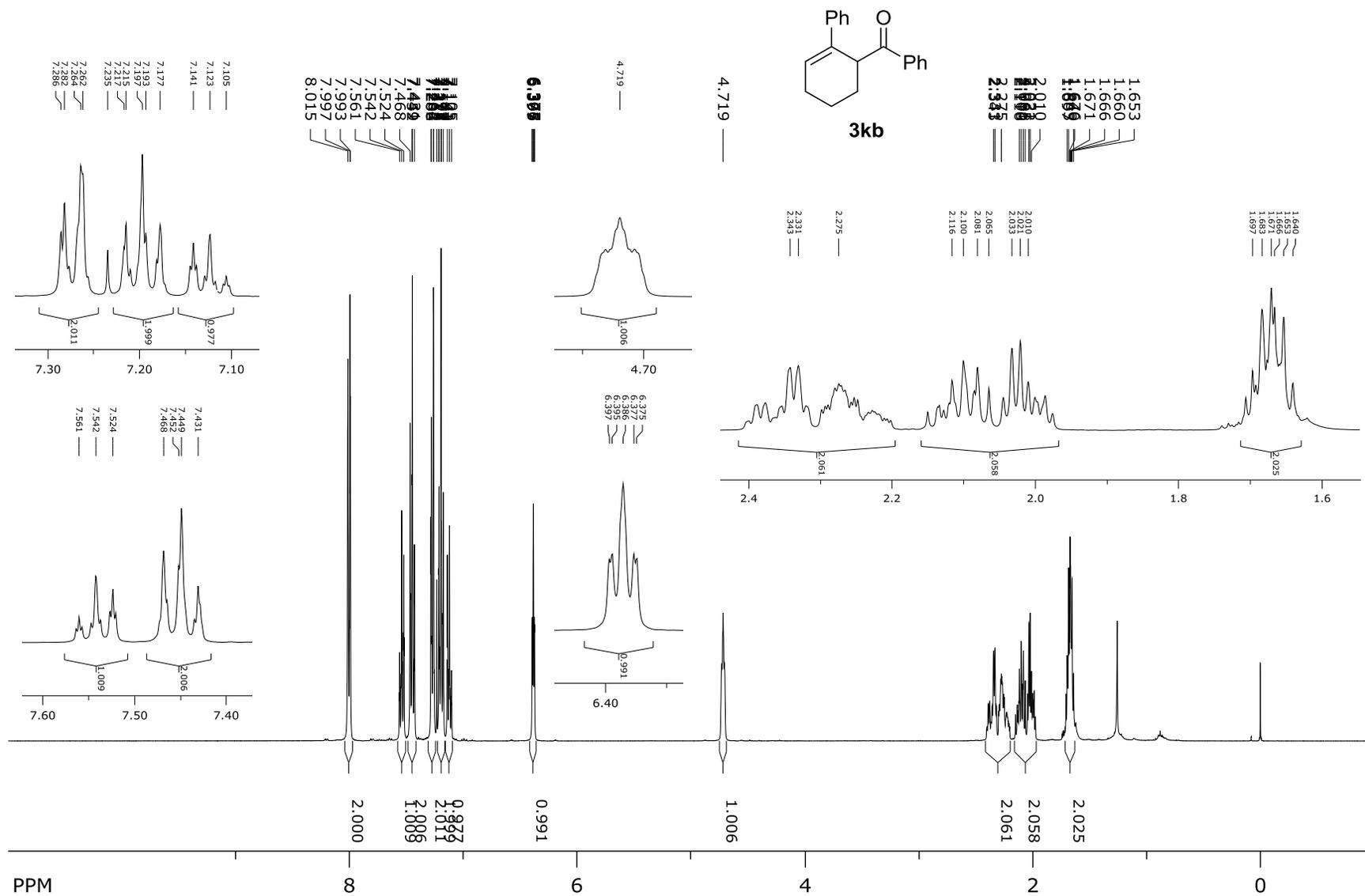
# 1-(2-Phenyl-2-cyclohexen-1-yl)octan-1-one (3ka)

$^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz)



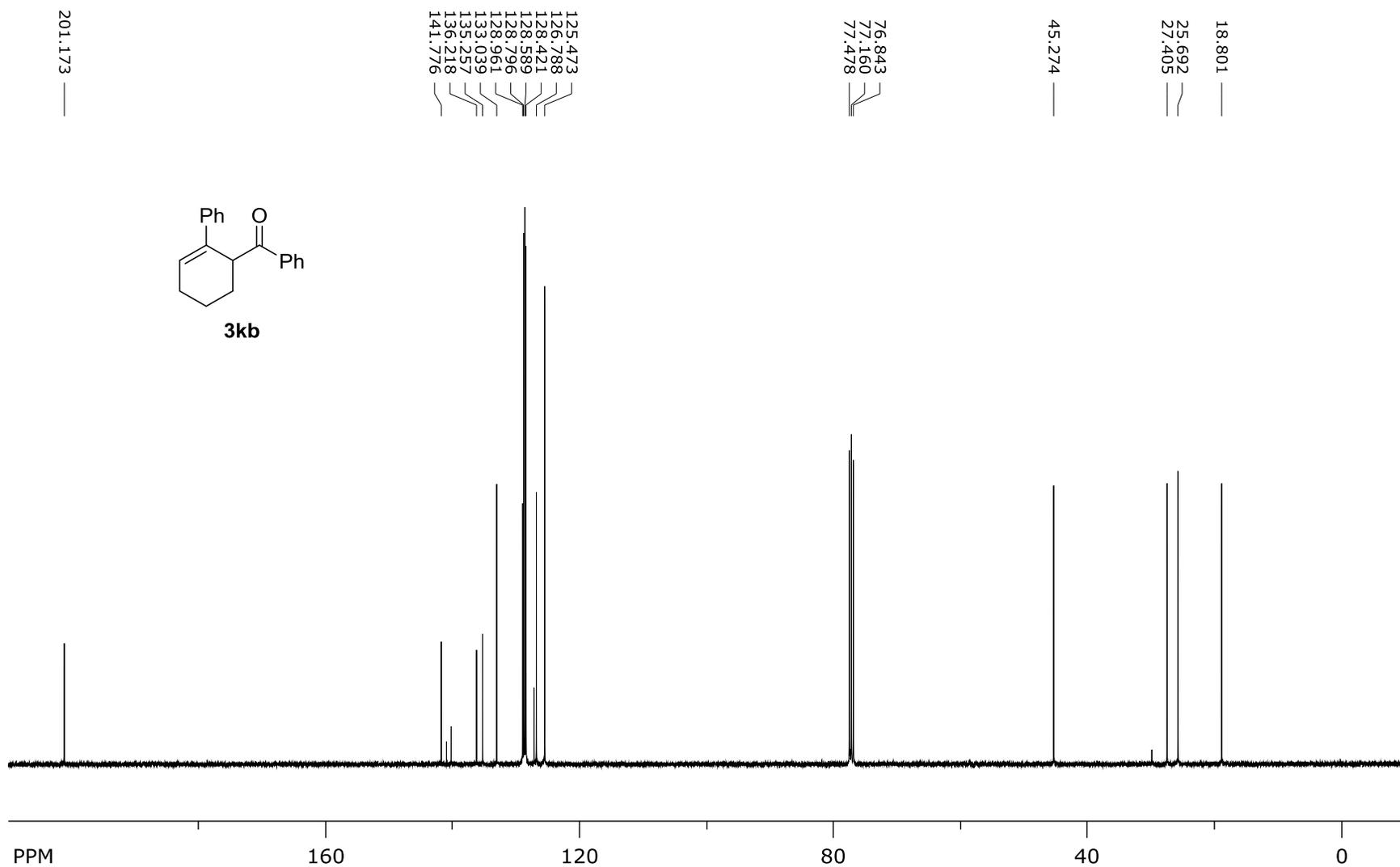
### 5.13. (2-Phenylcyclohex-2-en-1-yl)(phenyl)methanone (3kb)

$^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz)



**(2-Phenylcyclohex-2-en-1-yl)(phenyl)methanone (3kb)**

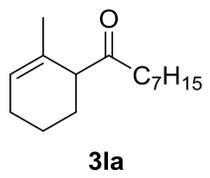
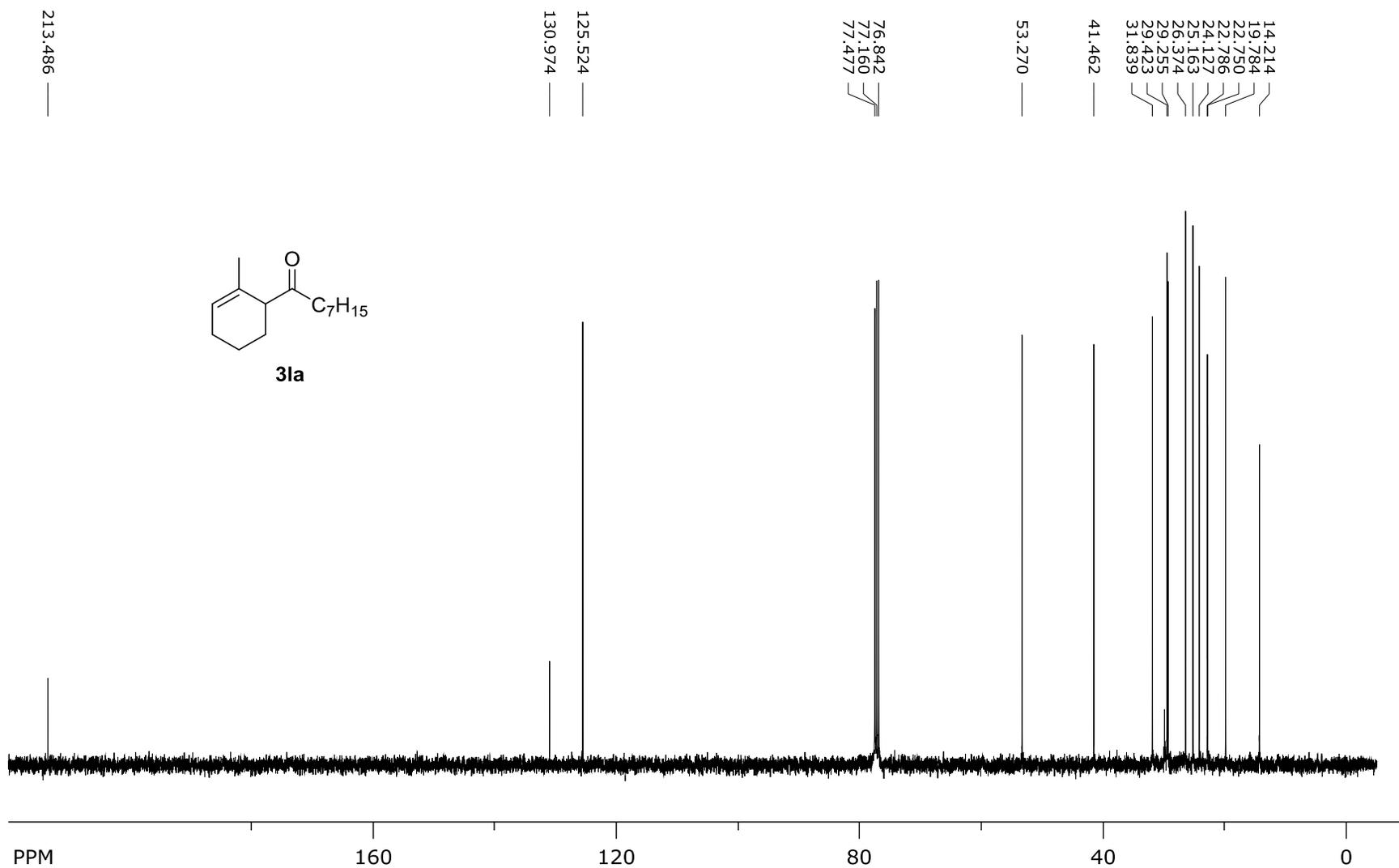
$^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz)





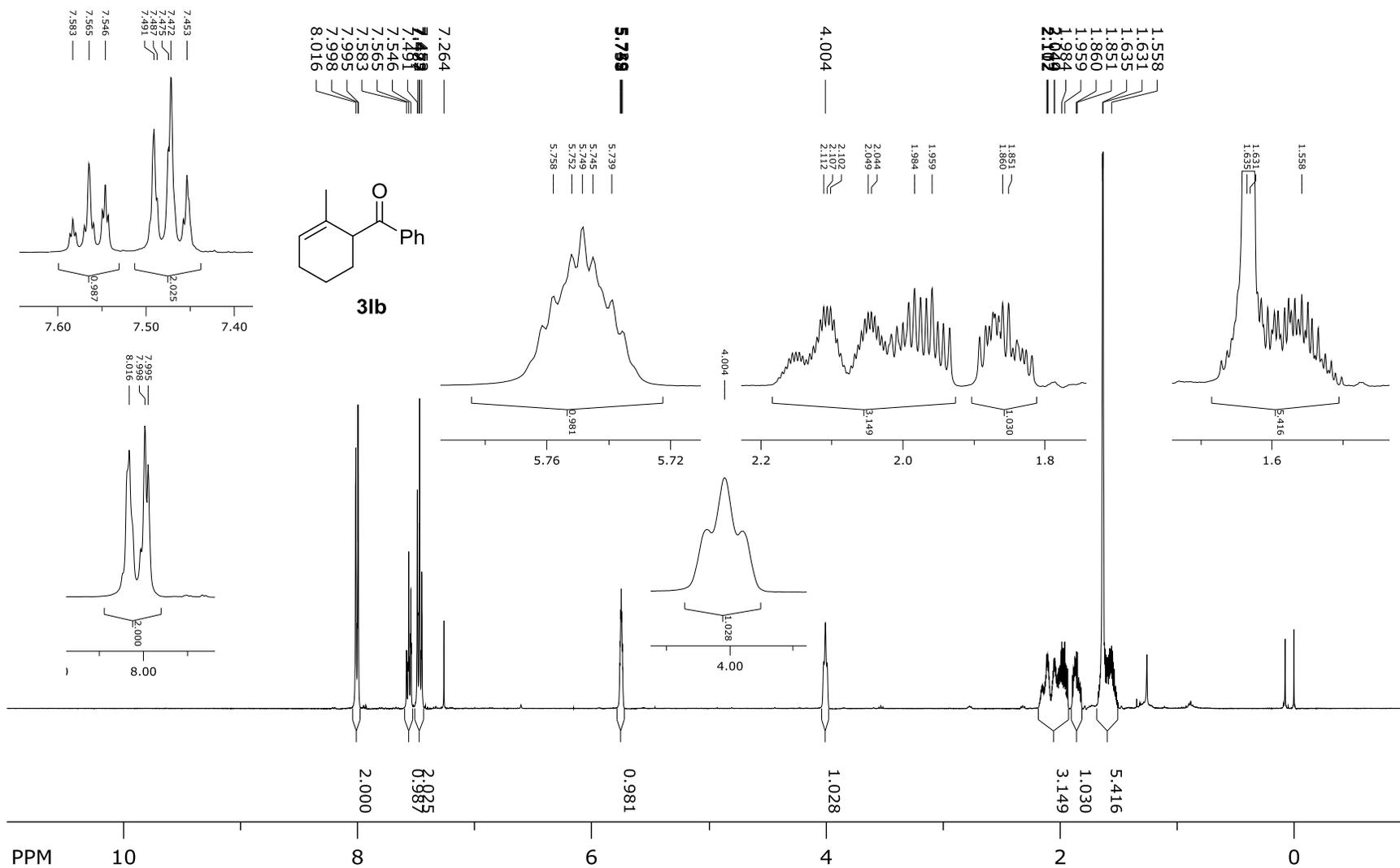
# 1-(2-Methyl-2-cyclohexen-1-yl)octan-1-one (3la)

$^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz)



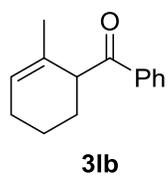
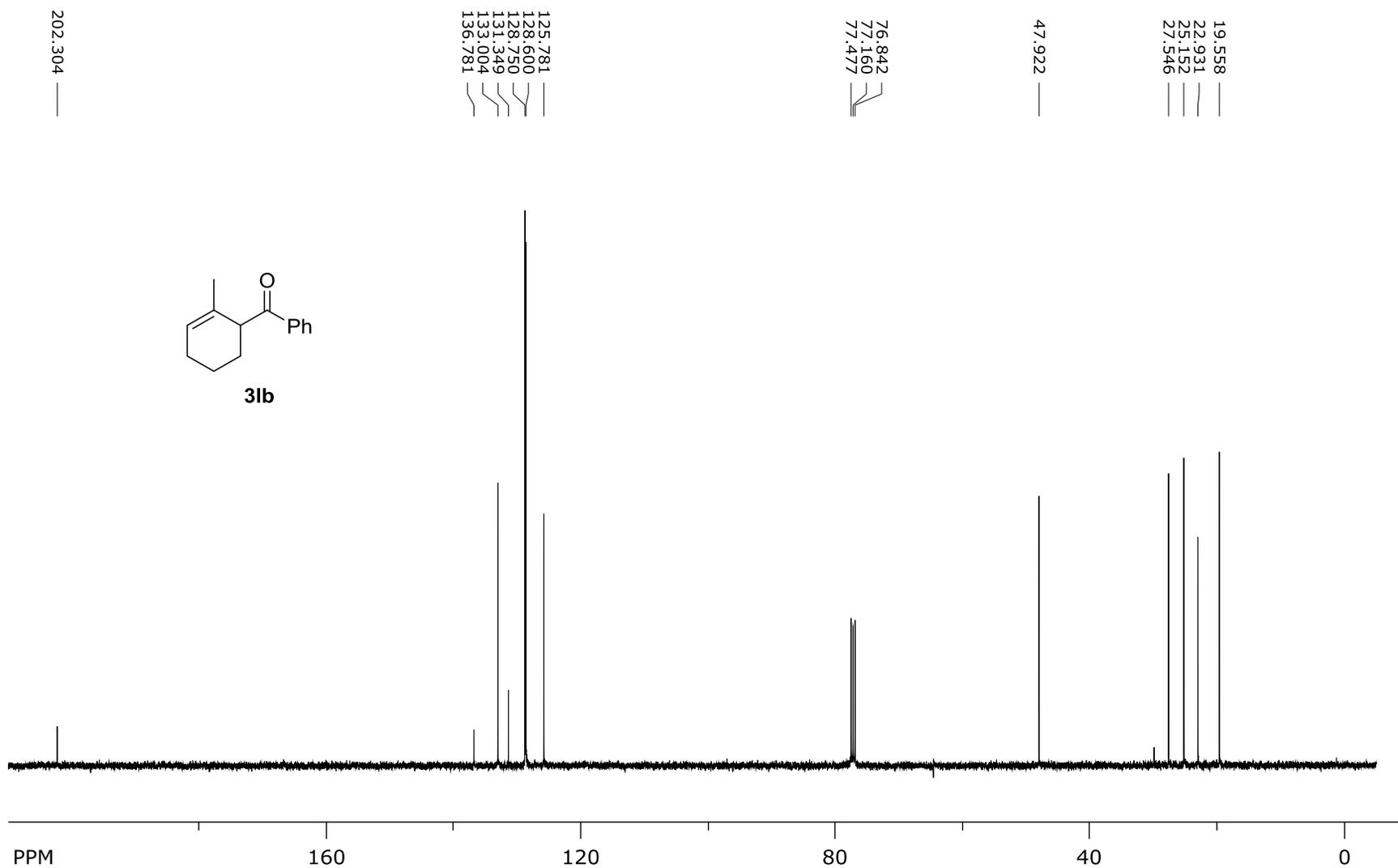
### 5.15. (2-Methylcyclohex-2-en-1-yl)(phenyl)methanone (3b)

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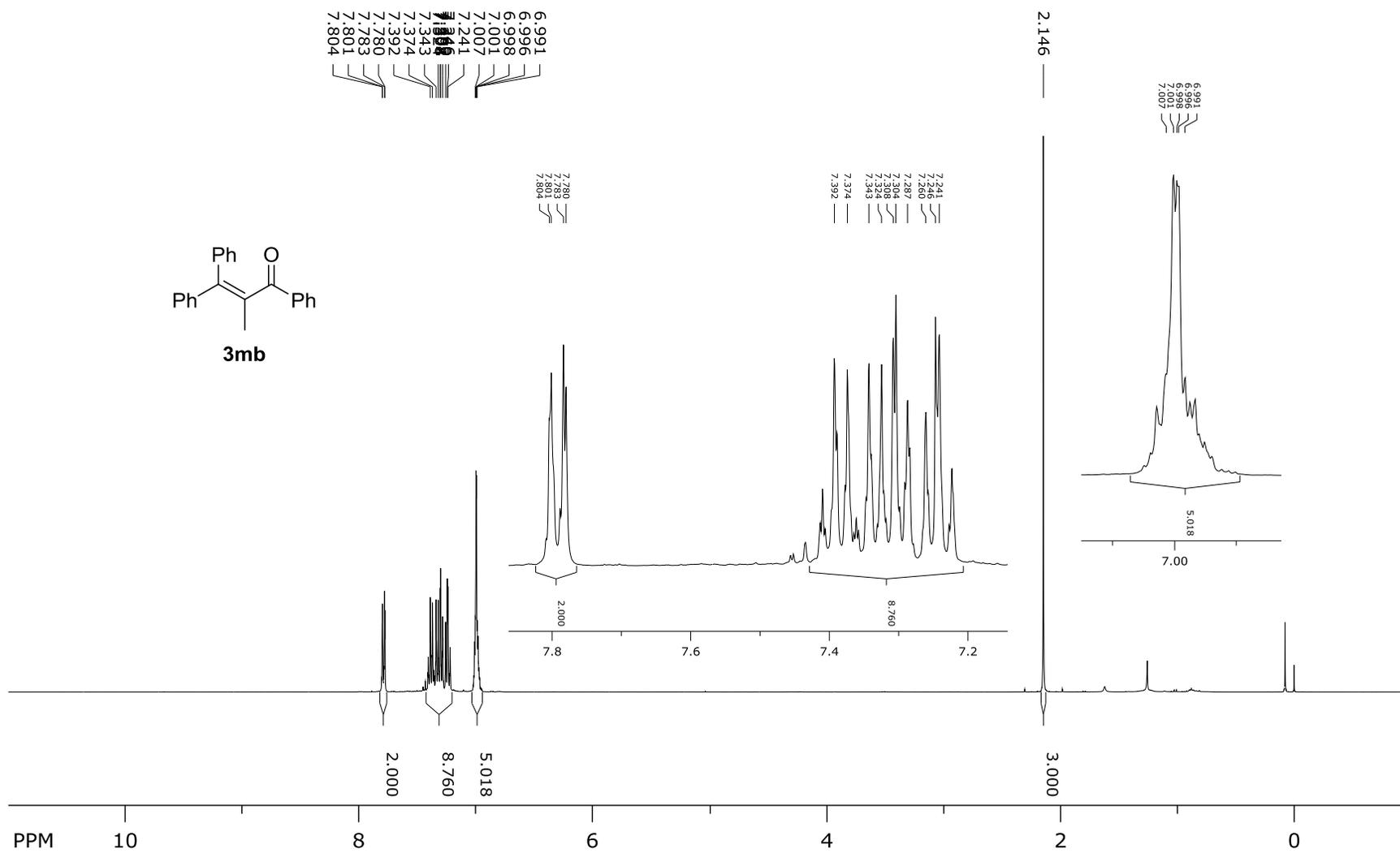
**(2-Methylcyclohex-2-en-1-yl)(phenyl)methanone (31b)**

$^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz)



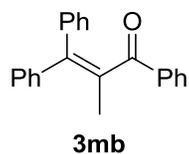
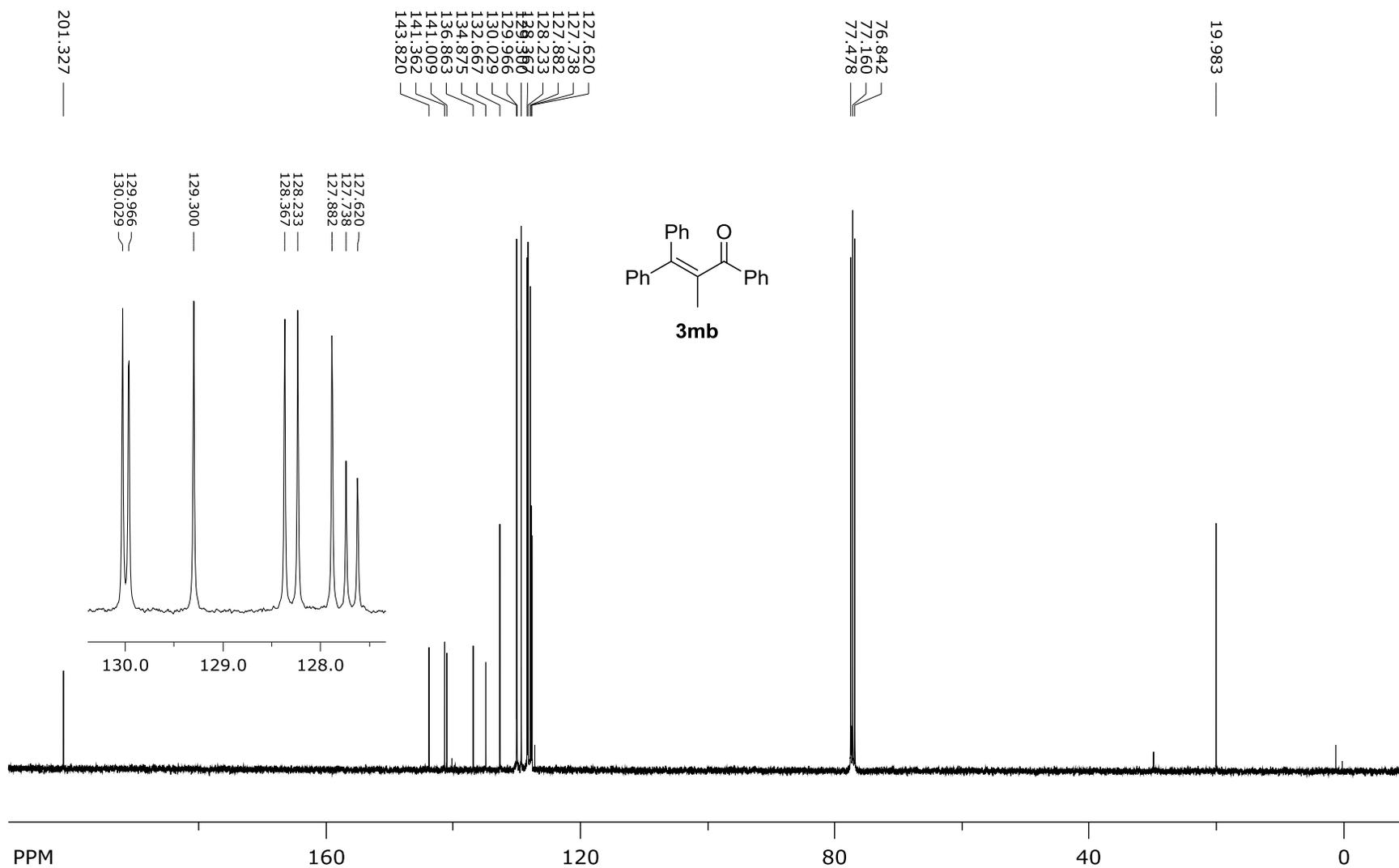
### 5.16. 2-Methyl-1,3,3-triphenylprop-2-en-1-one (3mb)

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz)



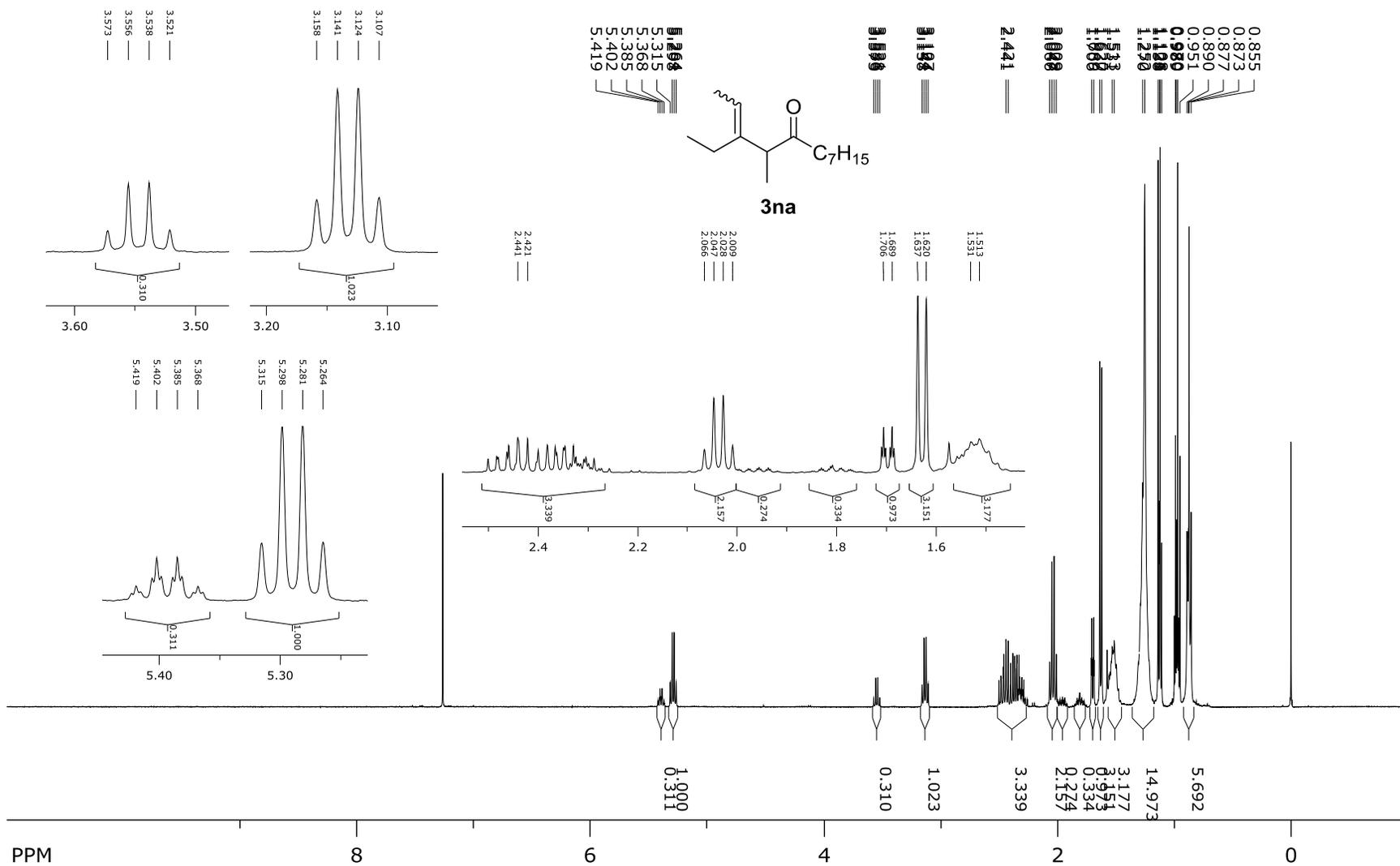
# 2-Methyl-1,3,3-triphenylprop-2-en-1-one (3mb)

$^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz)



### 5.17. 3-Ethyl-4-methyldodec-2-en-5-one (3na)

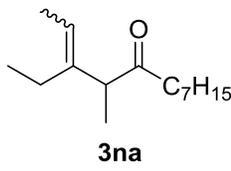
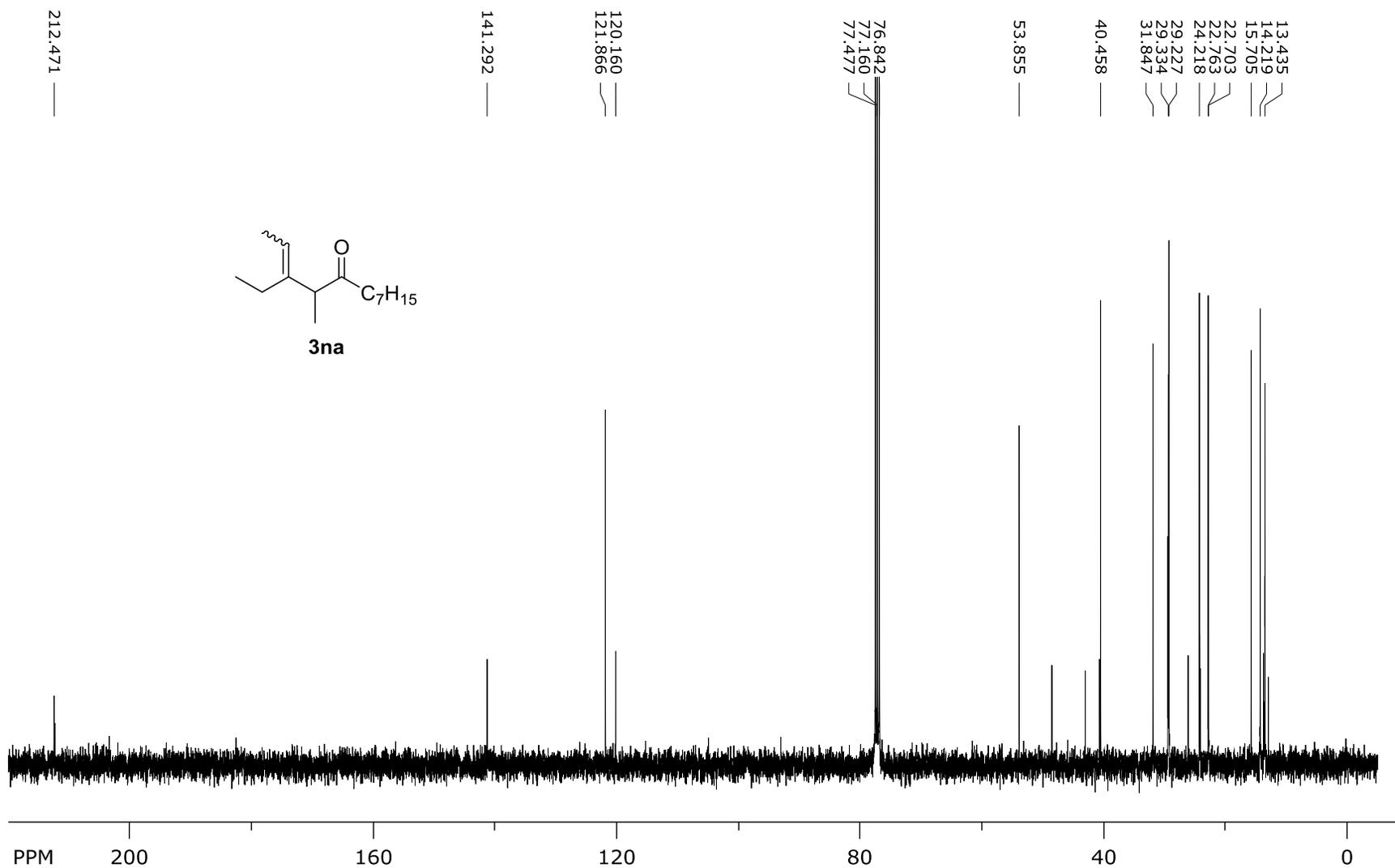
$^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz)



### 3-Ethyl-4-methyldodec-2-en-5-one (3na)

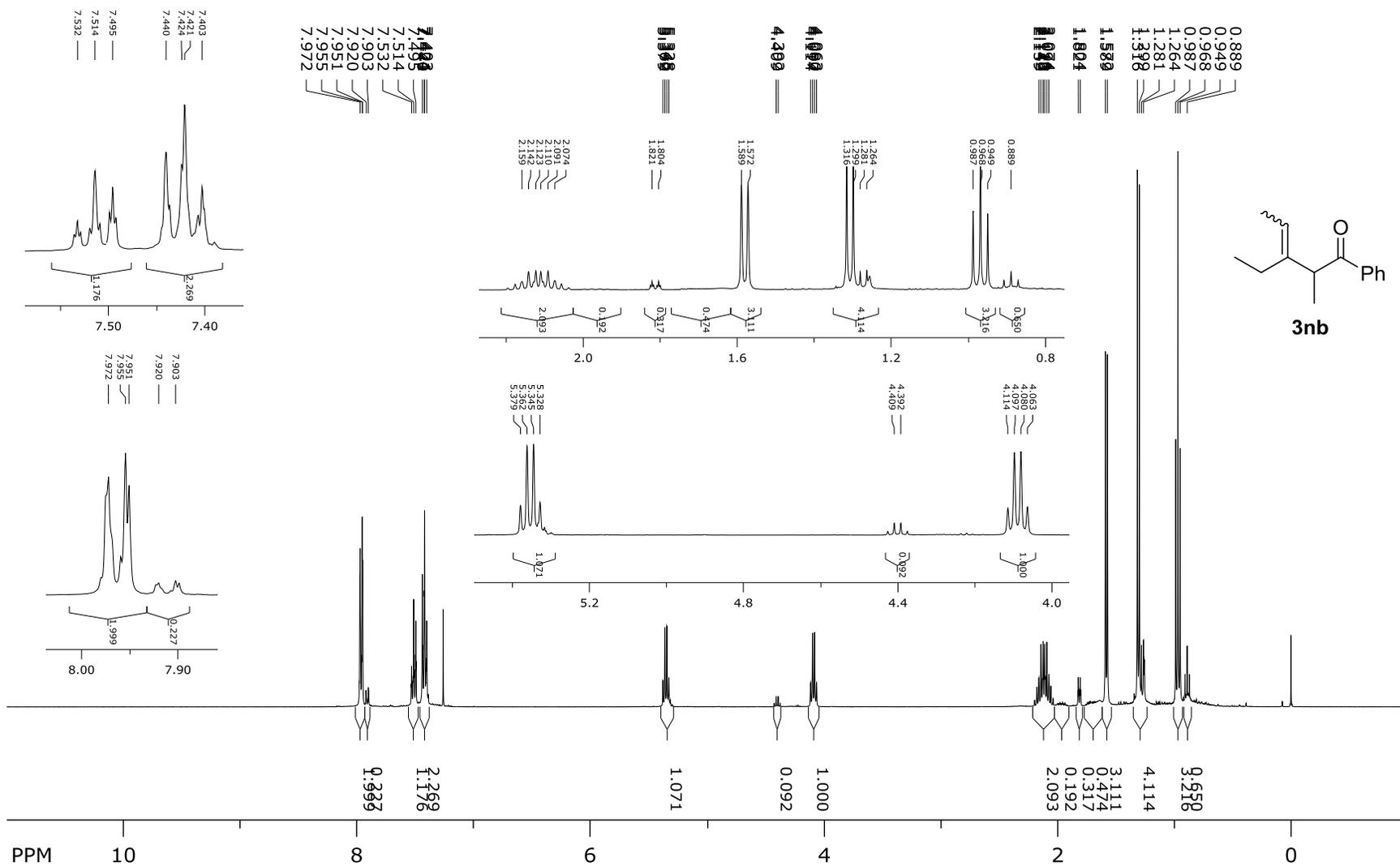
$^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz)

Only signals of the *E* isomer were picked up.



### 5.18. 3-Ethyl-2-methyl-1-phenylpent-3-en-1-one (3nb)

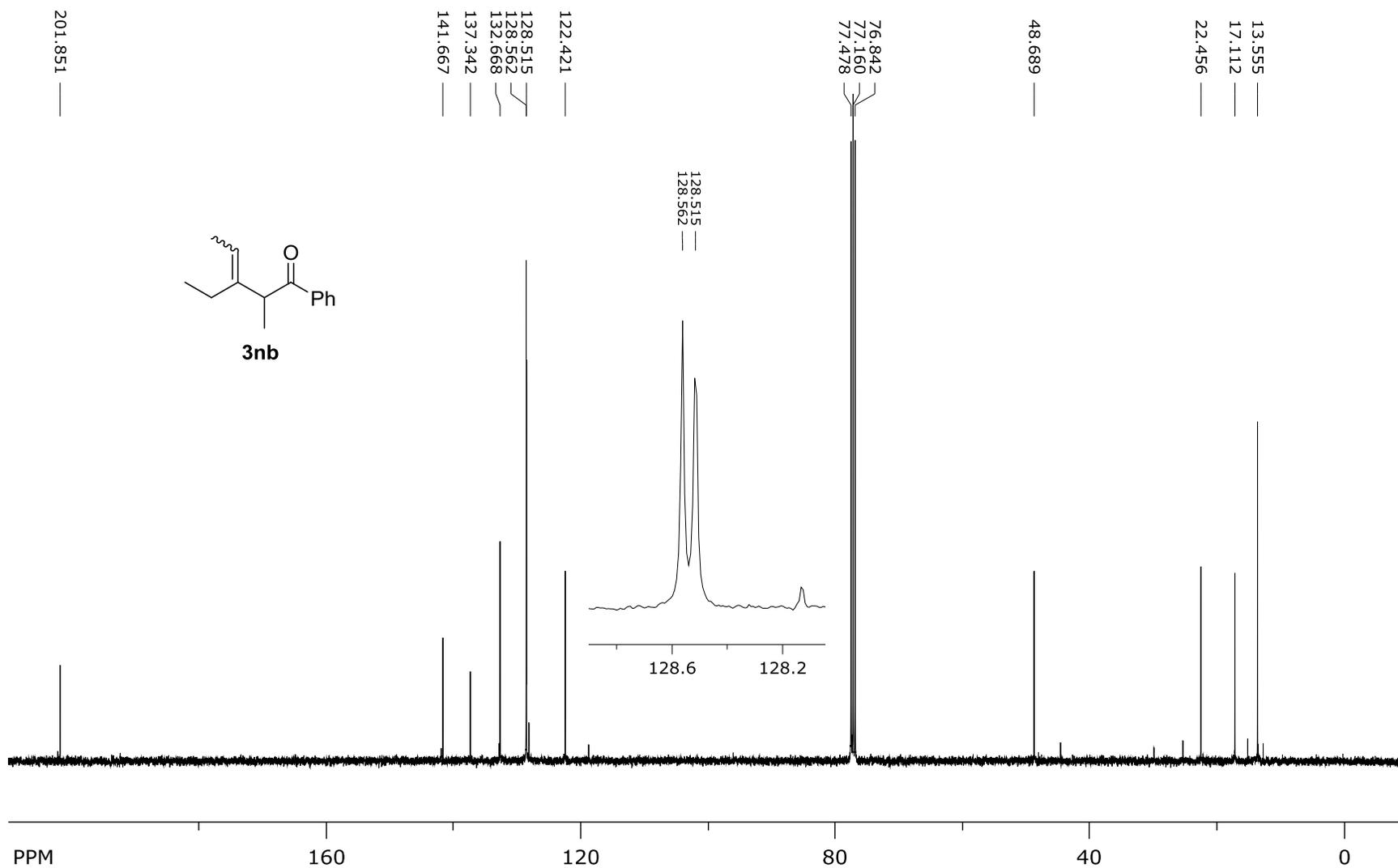
$^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz)



### 3-Ethyl-2-methyl-1-phenylpent-3-en-1-one (3nb)

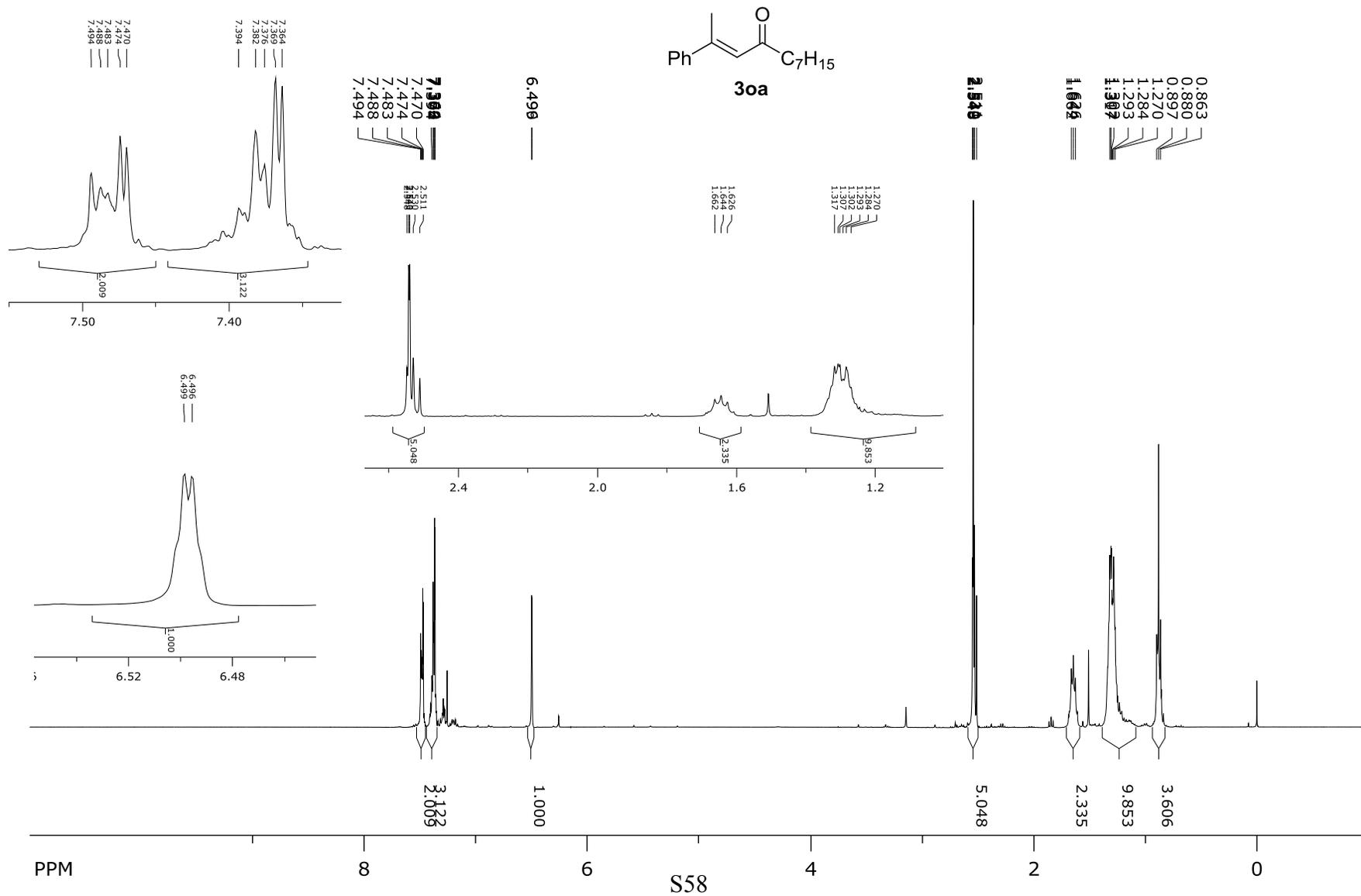
$^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz)

Only signals of the *E* isomer were picked up.



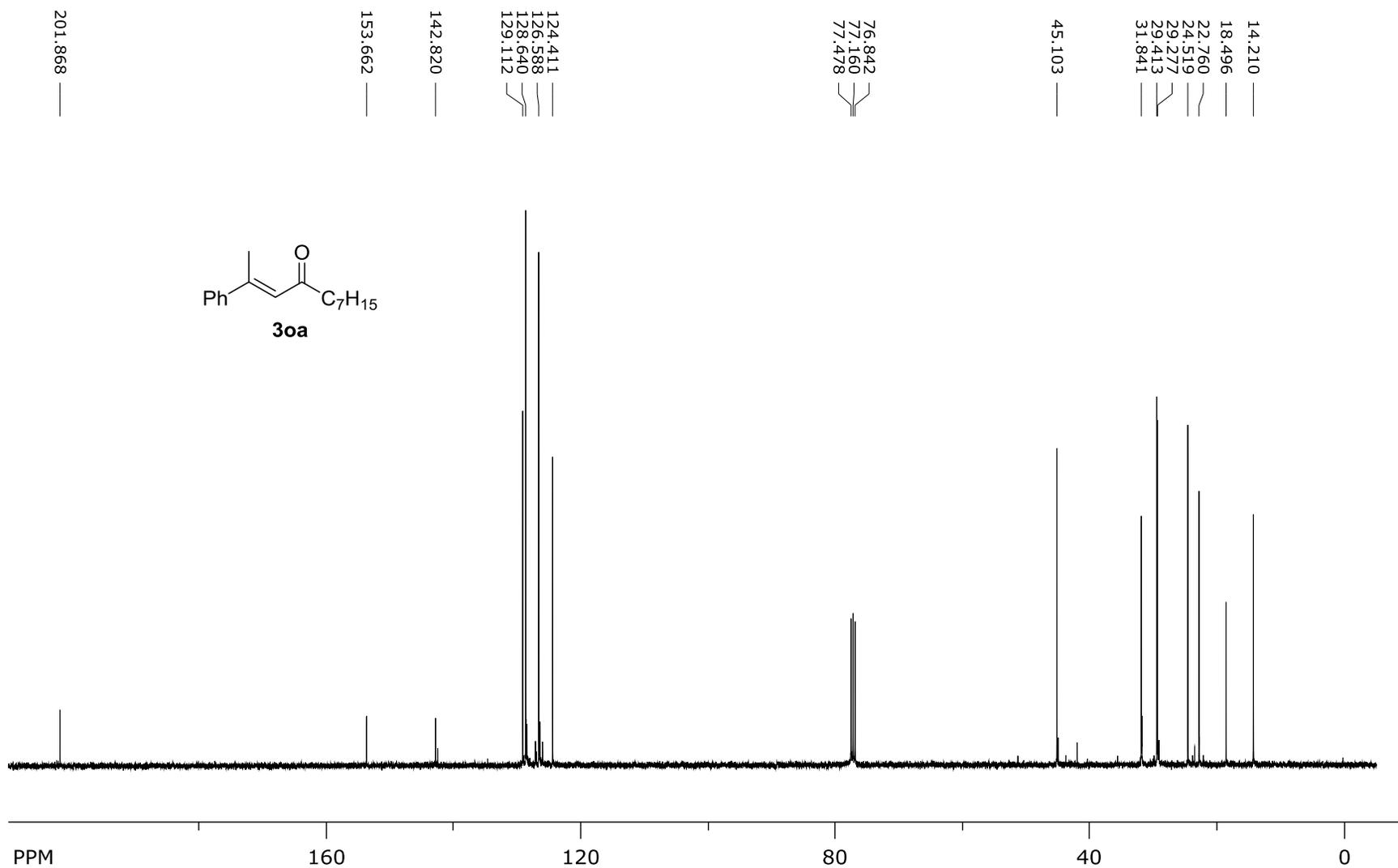
### 5.19. (E)-2-Phenylundec-2-en-4-one (30a)

$^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz)



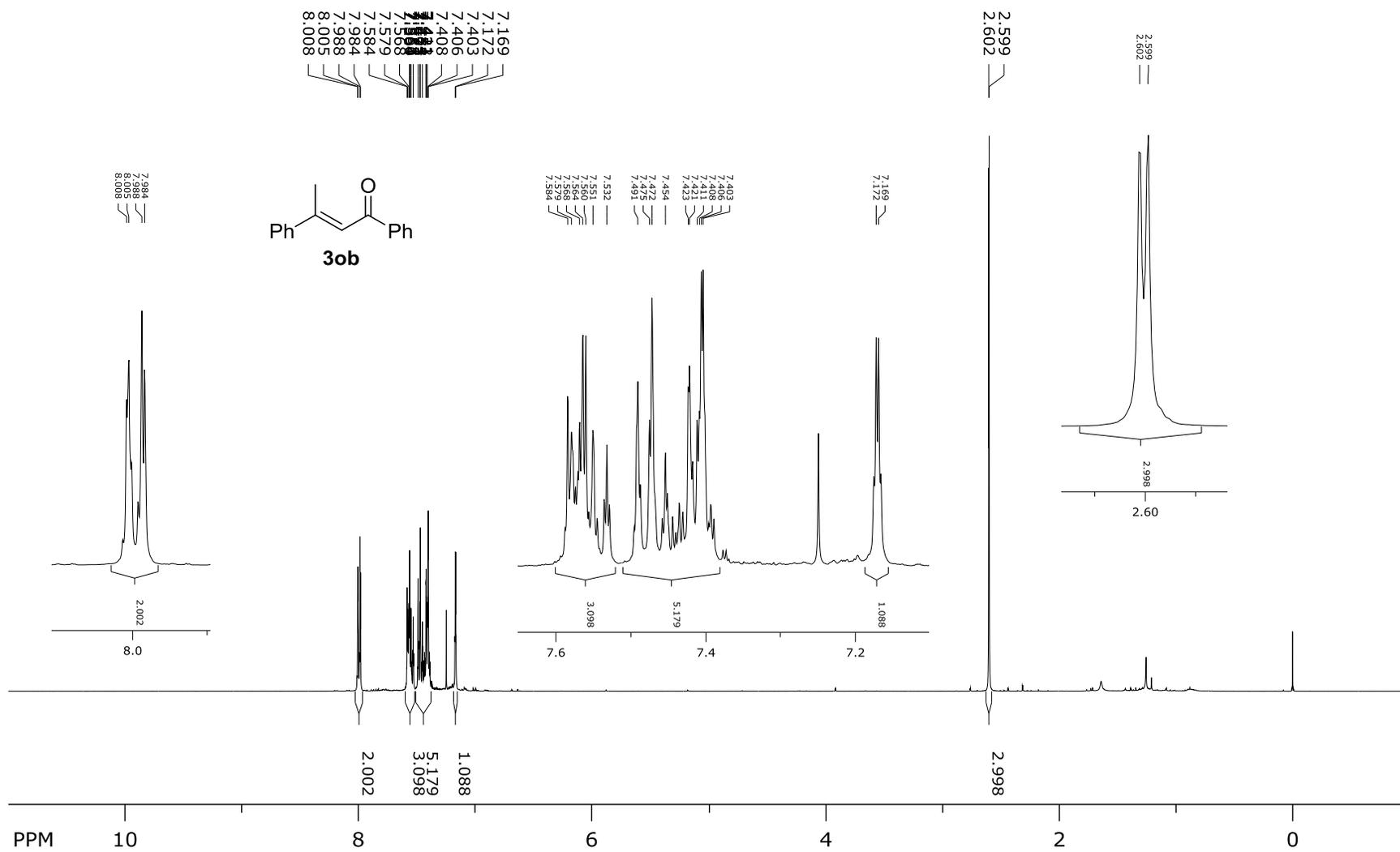
**(E)-2-Phenylundec-2-en-4-one (3oa)**

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz)



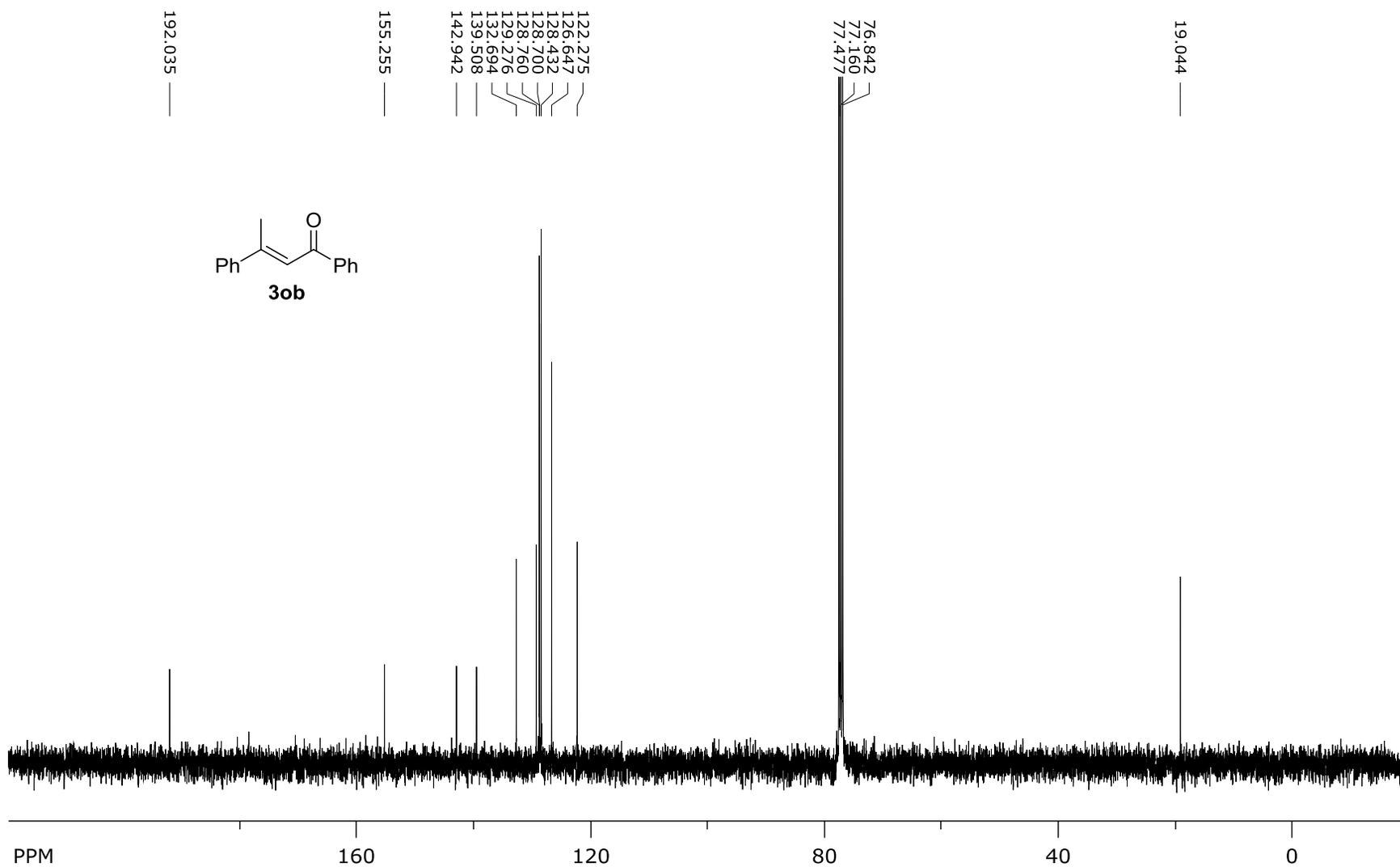
### 5.20. (E)-1,3-Diphenylbut-2-en-1-one (3ob)

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz)



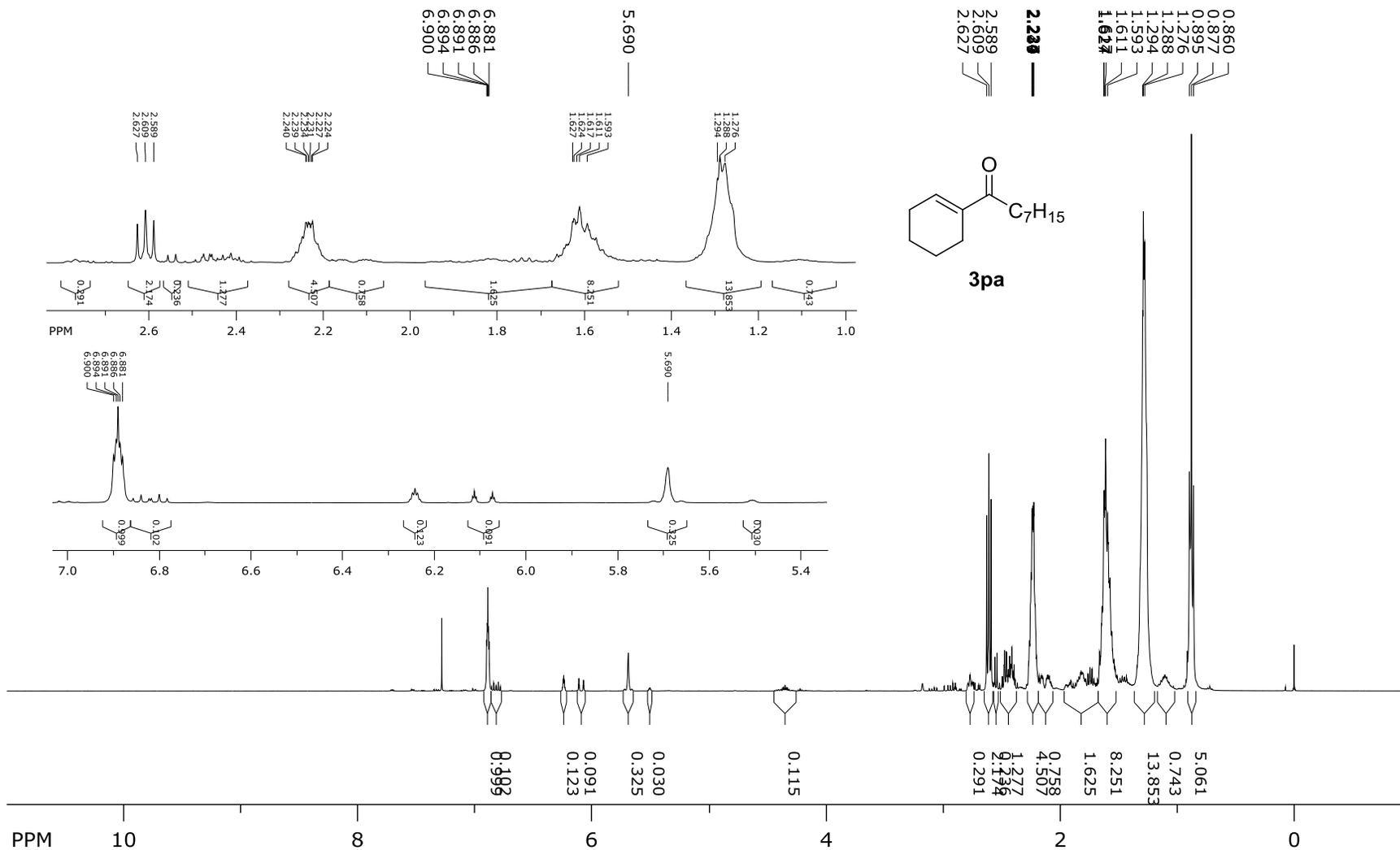
**(E)-1,3-Diphenylbut-2-en-1-one (3ob)**

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz)



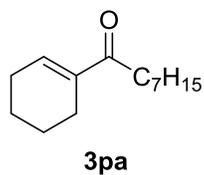
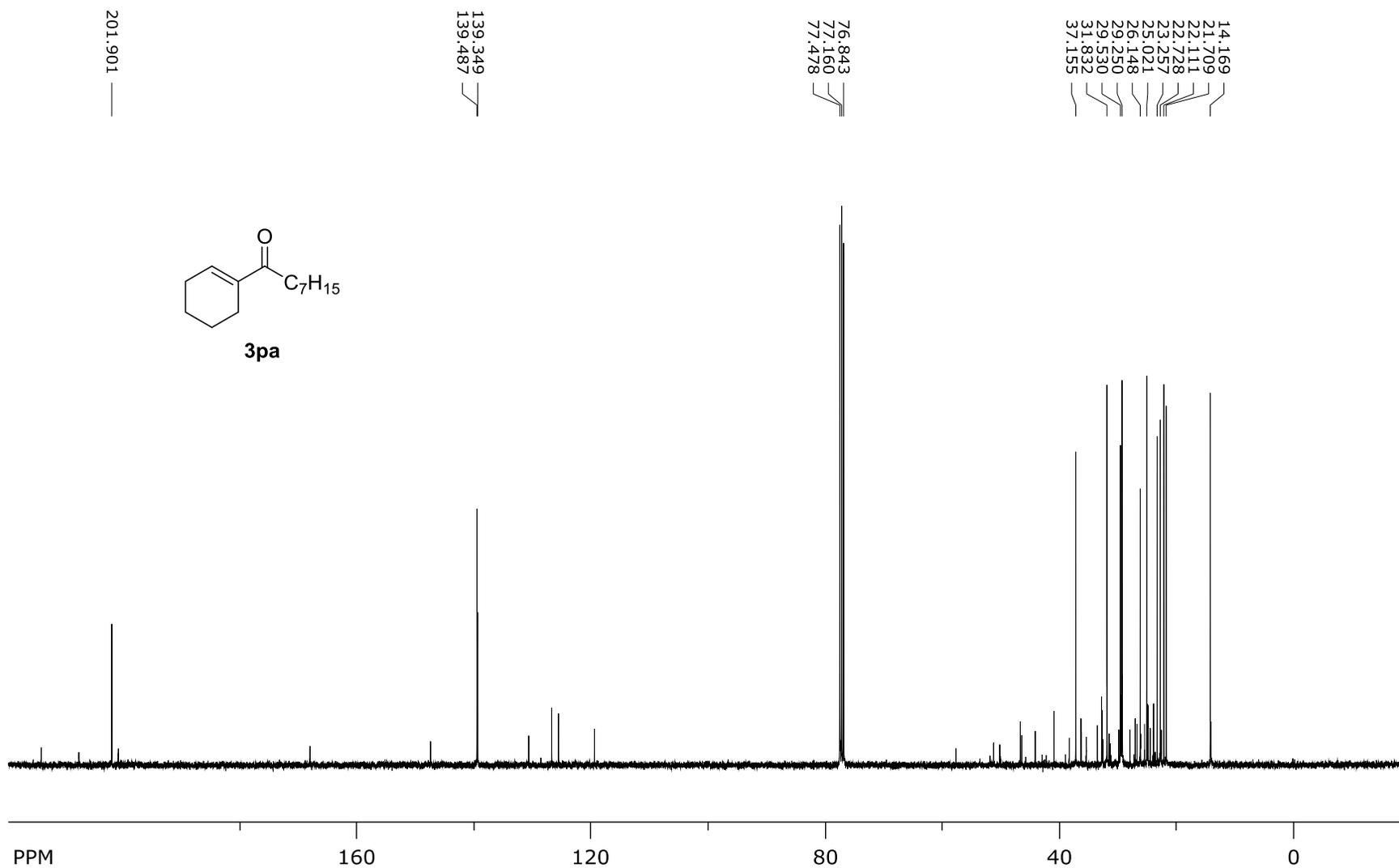
### 5.21. 1-(Cyclohex-1-en-1-yl)octan-1-one (3pa)

$^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz)



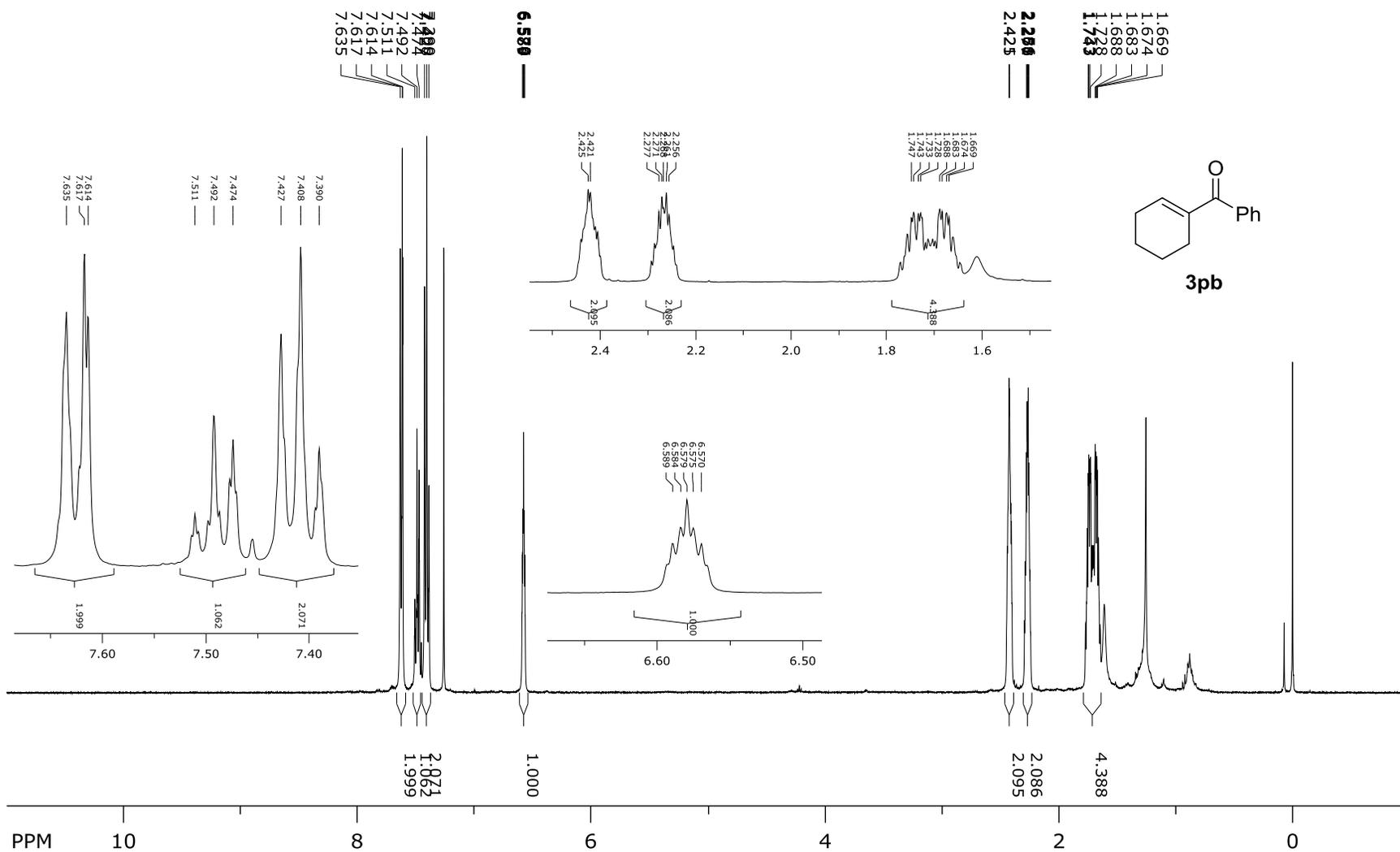
**1-(Cyclohex-1-en-1-yl)octan-1-one (3pa)**

$^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz)



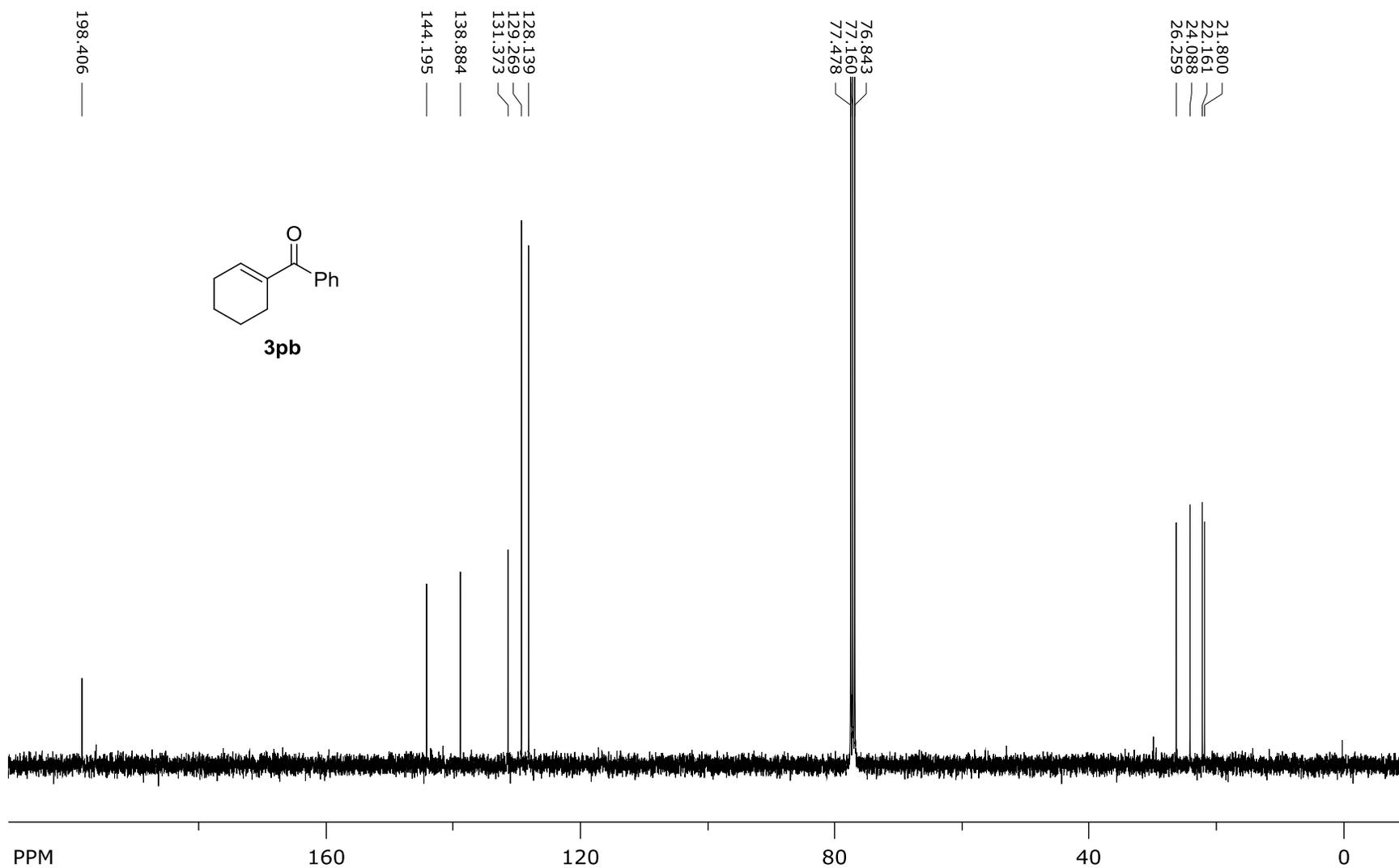
## 5.22. Cyclohex-1-en-1-yl(phenyl)methanone (3pb)

$^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz)



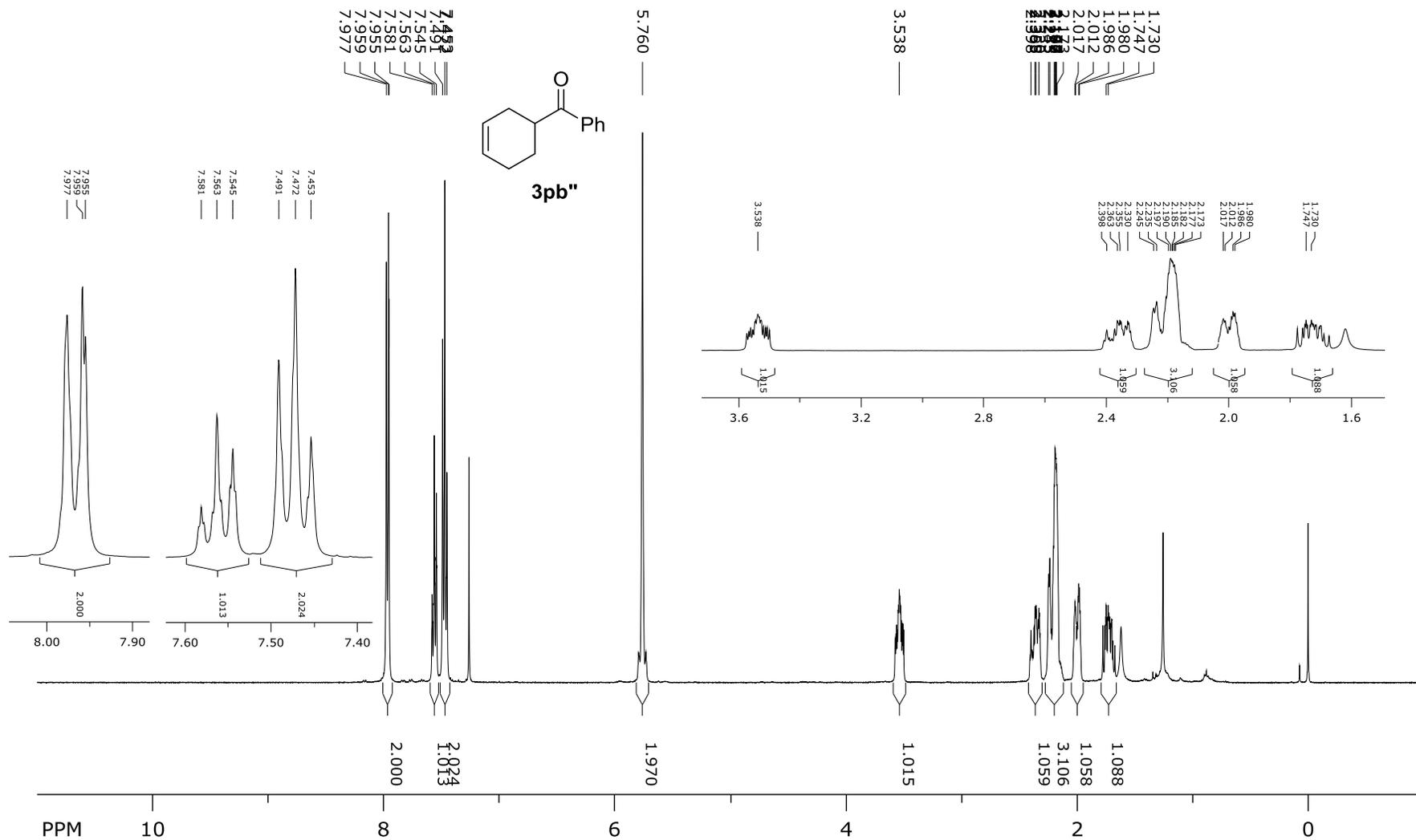
# Cyclohex-1-en-1-yl(phenyl)methanone (3pb)

$^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz)



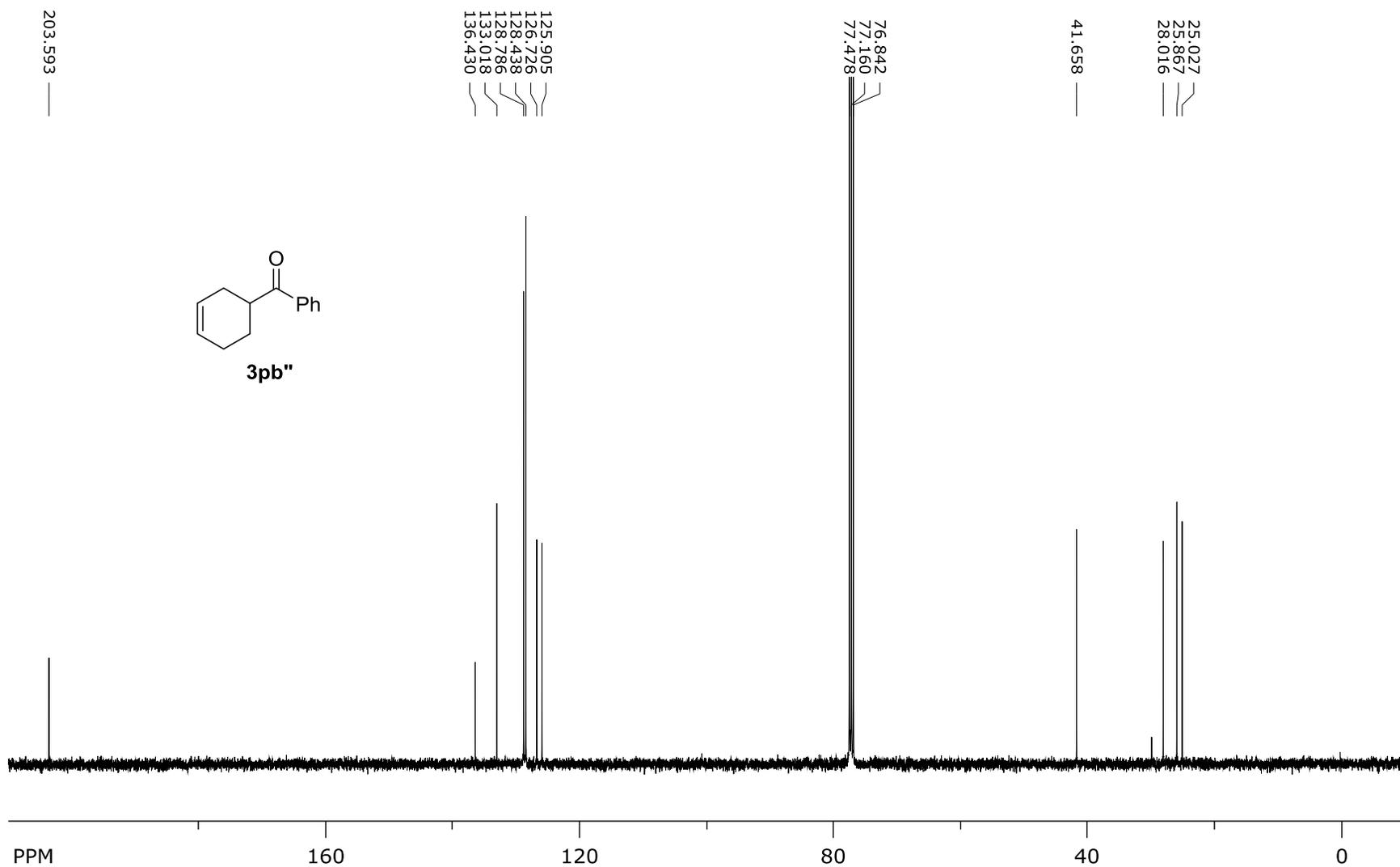
### 5.23. Cyclohex-3-en-1-yl(phenyl)methanone (3pb'')

$^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz)



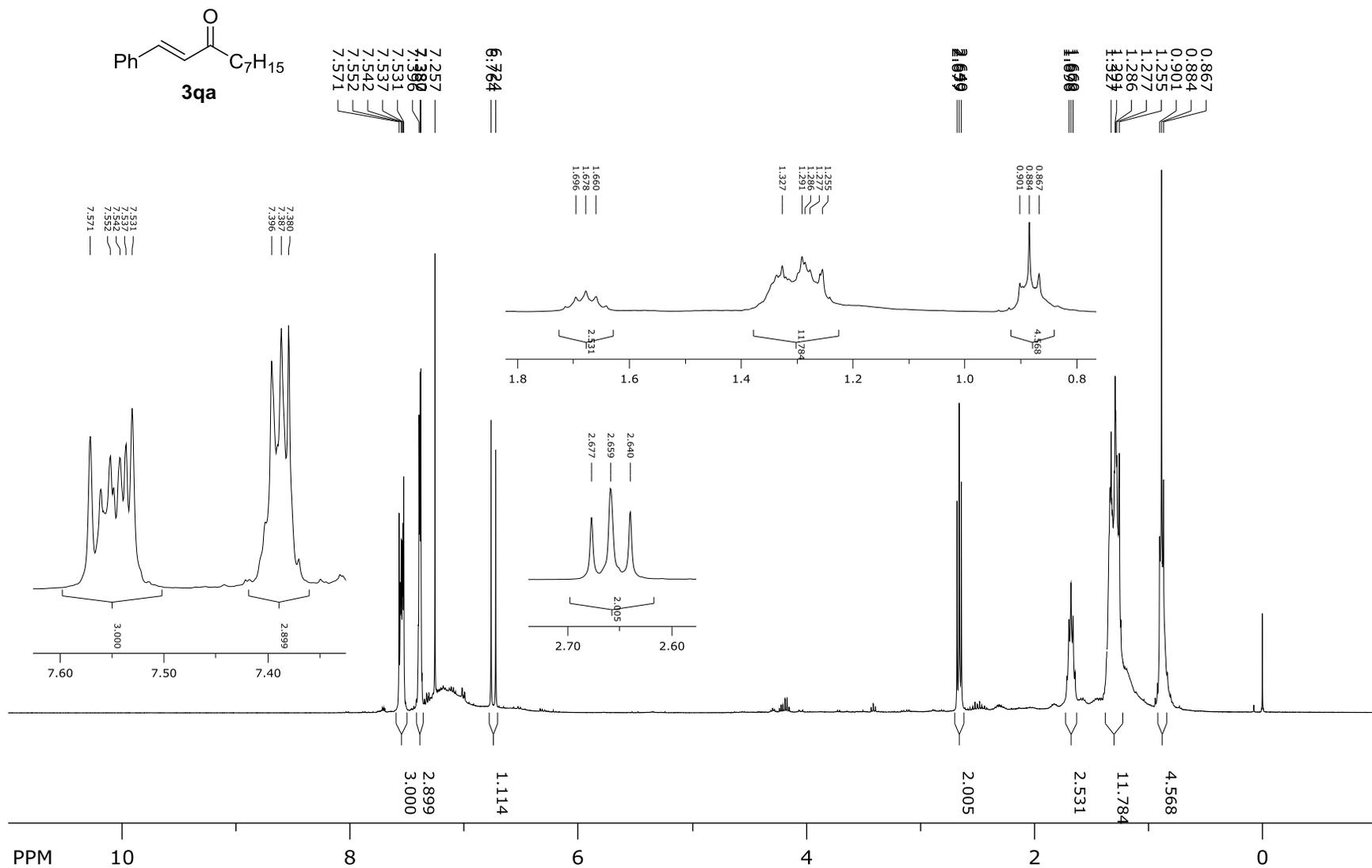
**Cyclohex-3-en-1-yl(phenyl)methanone (3pb'')**

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz)



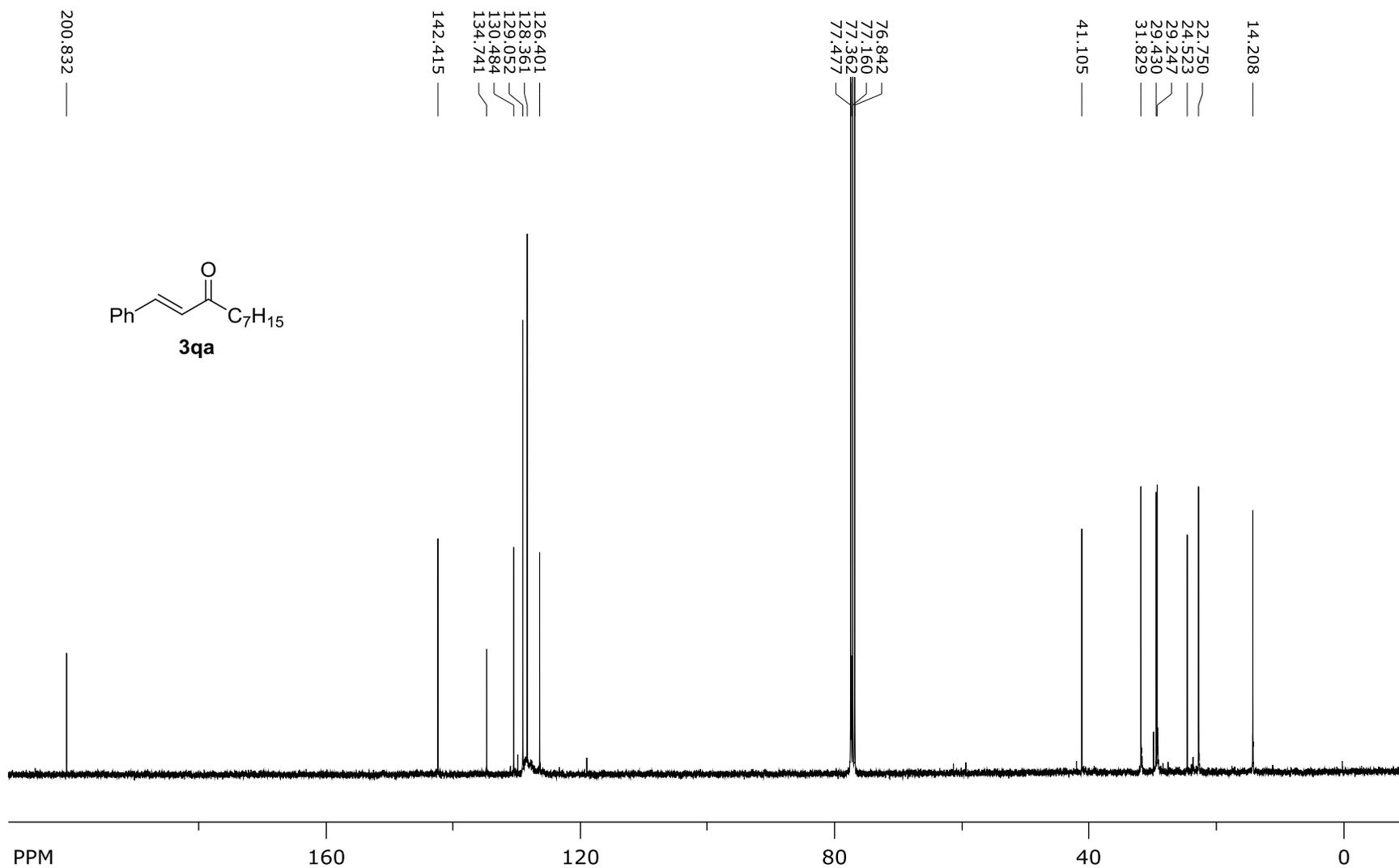
5.24. (E)-1-Phenyldec-1-en-3-one (3qa)

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz)



**(E)-1-Phenyldec-1-en-3-one (3qa)**

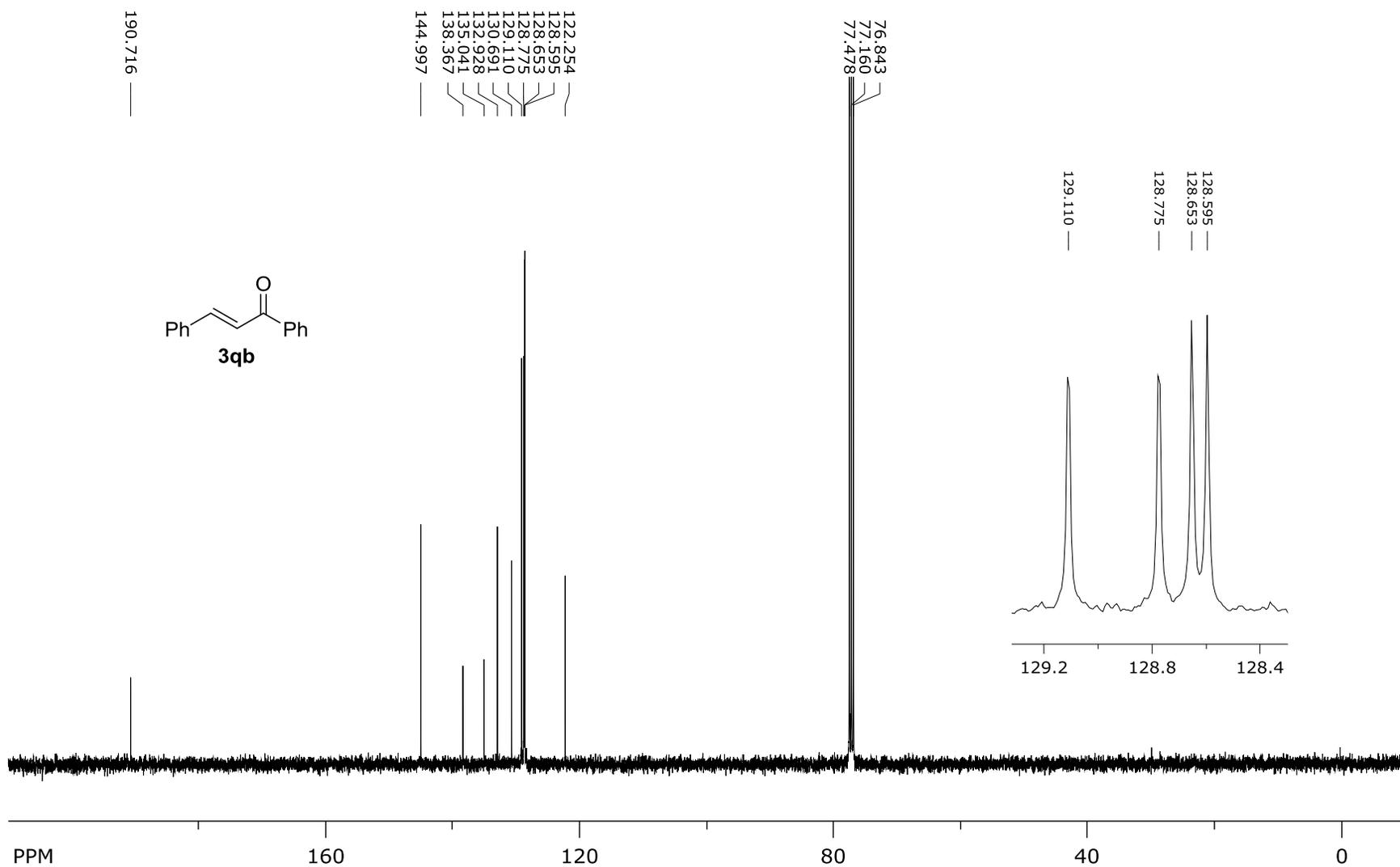
<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz)





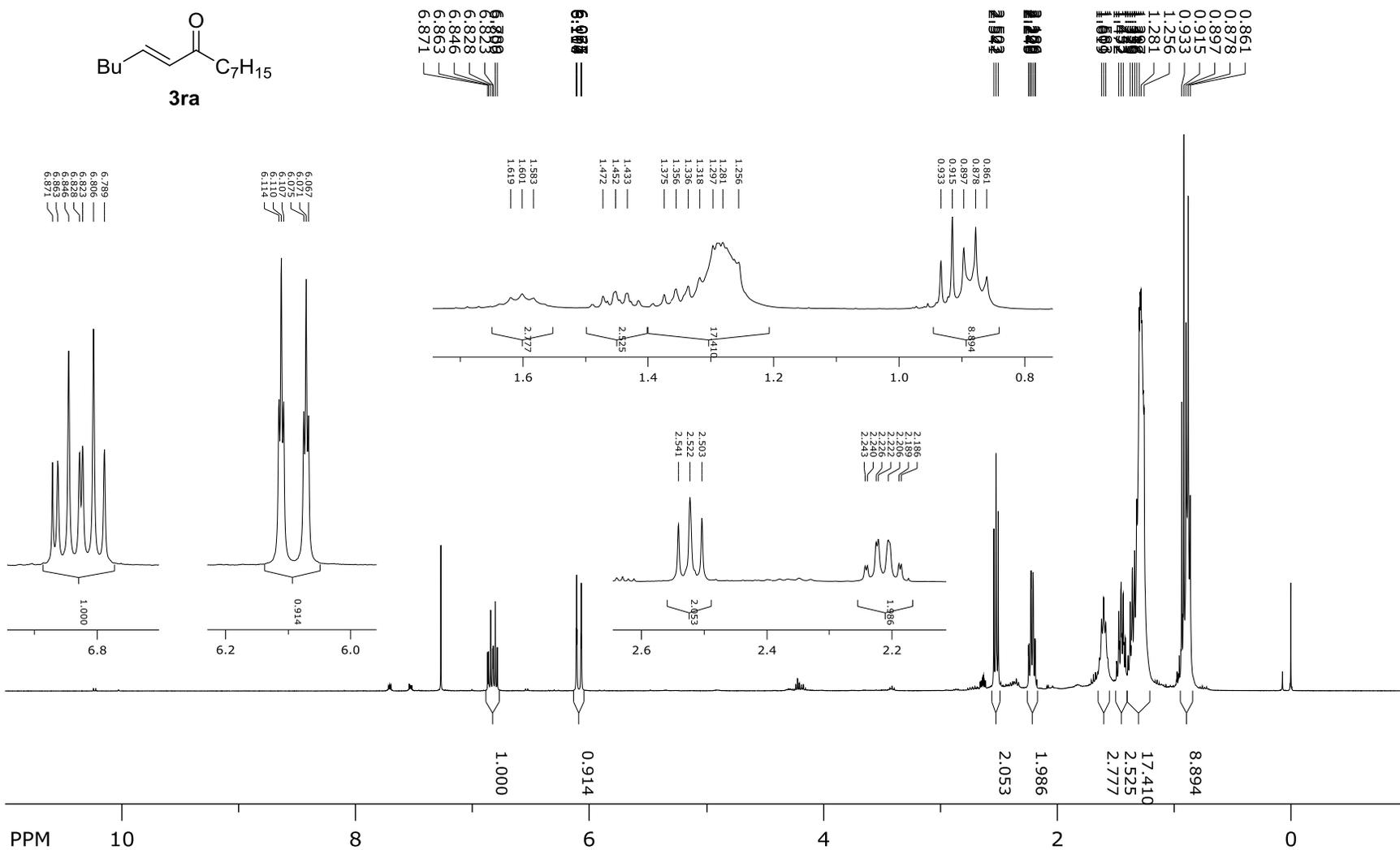
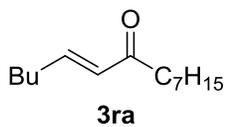
**(E)-1,3-Diphenyl-2-propen-1-one (3qb)**

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz)



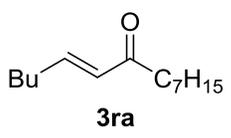
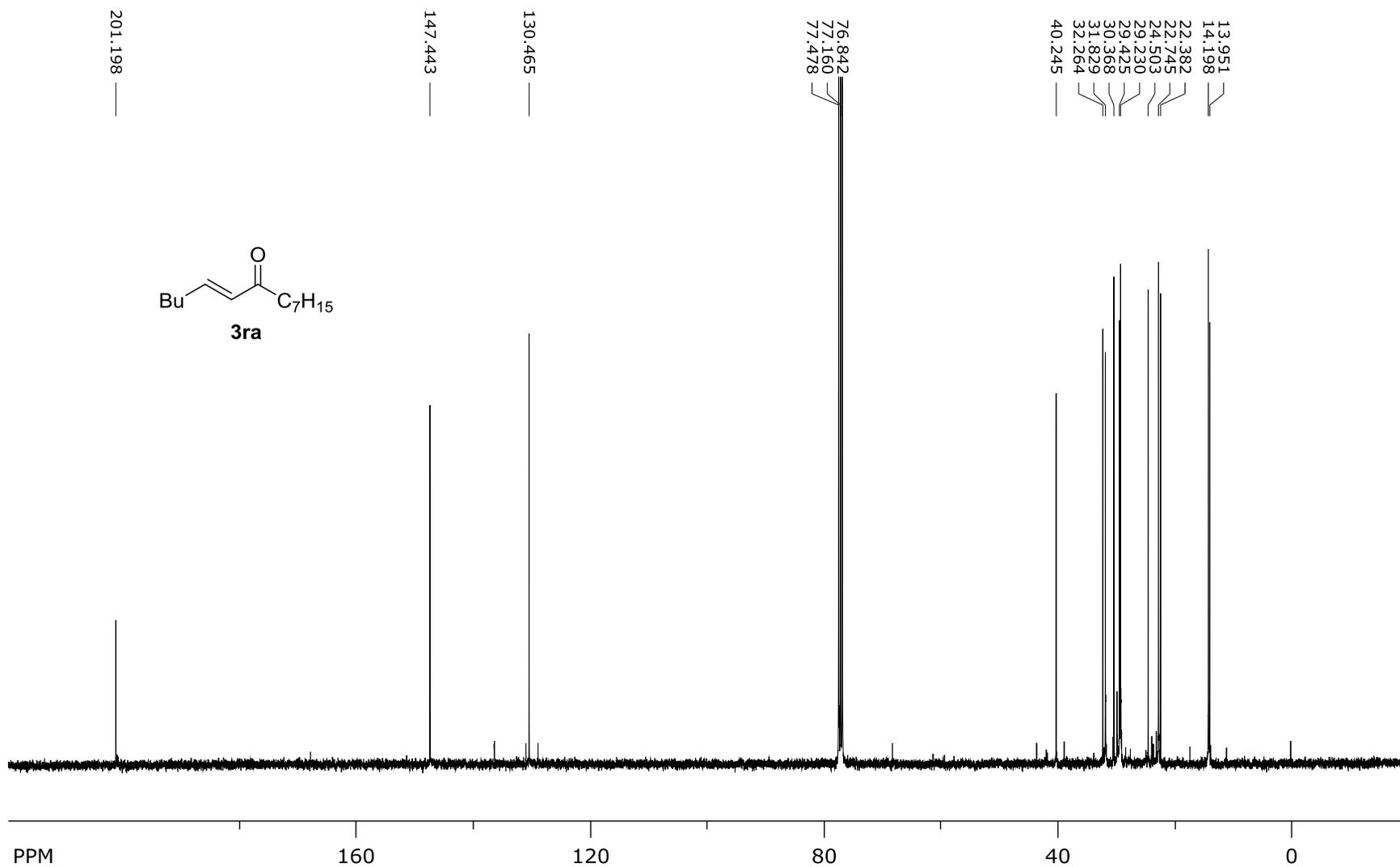
### 5.26. (E)-Tetradec-5-en-7-one (3ra)

$^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz)



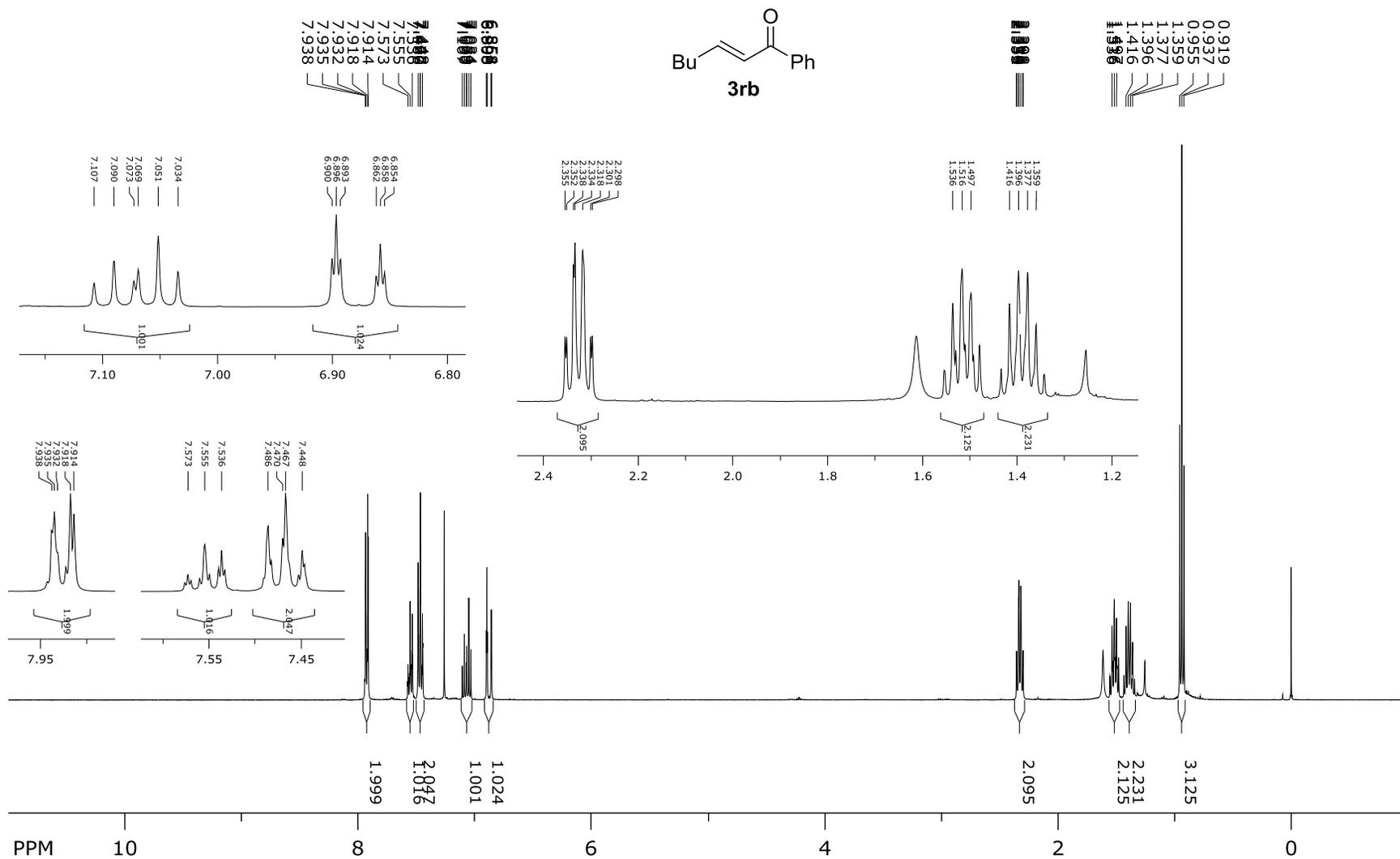
**(E)-Tetradec-5-en-7-one (3ra)**

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz)



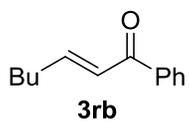
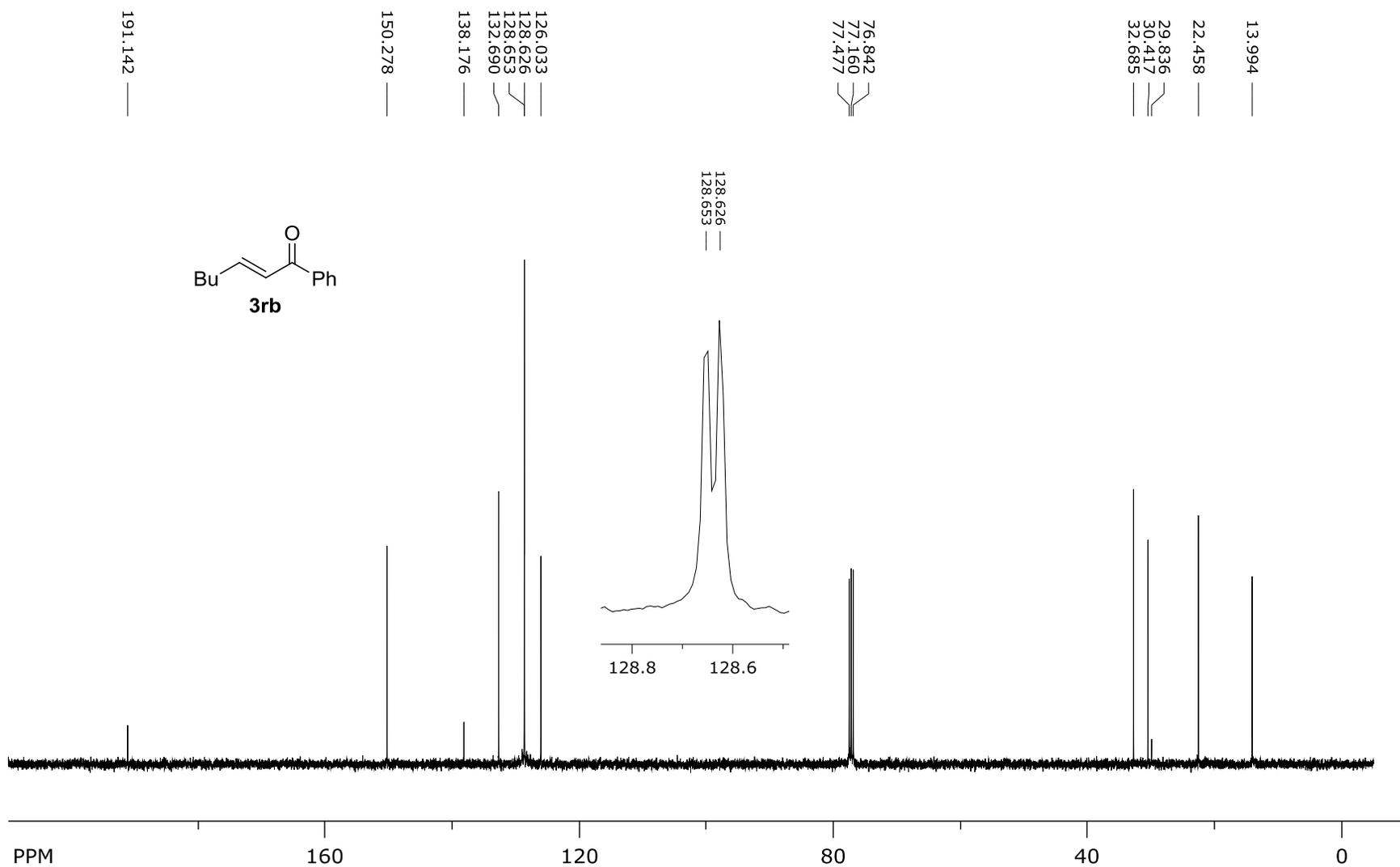
### 5.27. (E)-1-Phenylhept-2-en-1-one (3rb)

$^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz)



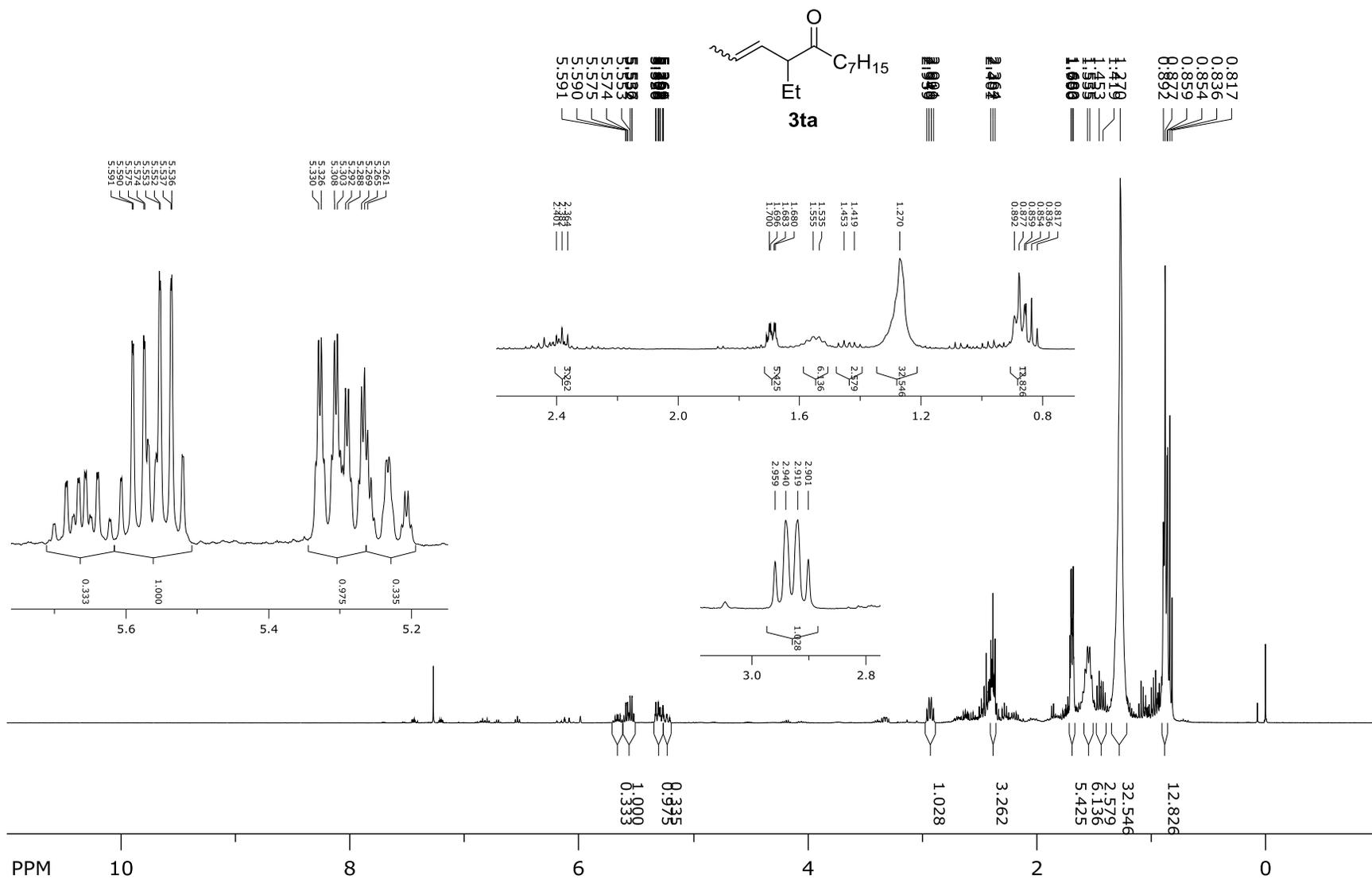
**(E)-1-Phenylhept-2-en-1-one (3rb)**

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz)



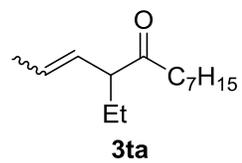
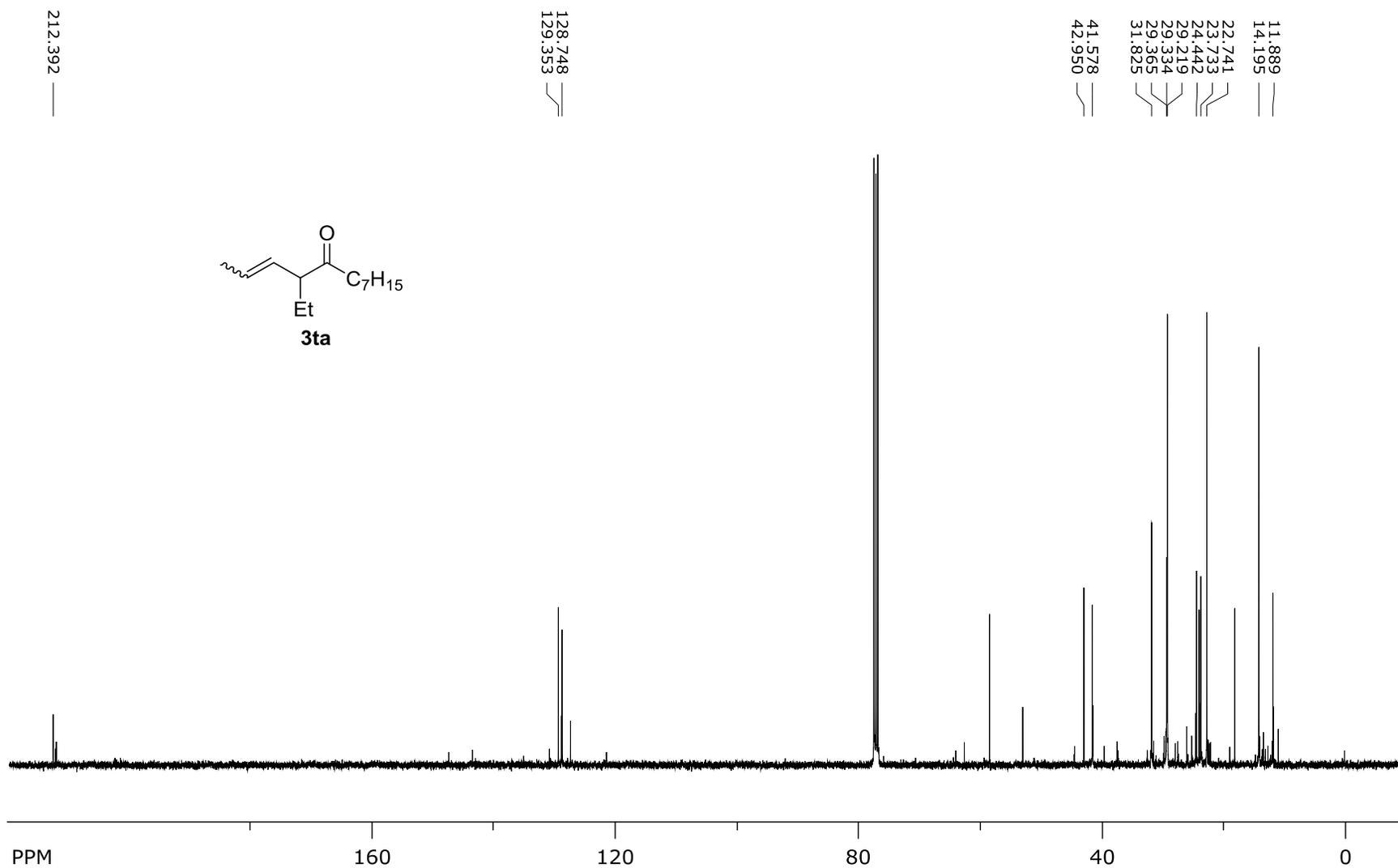
### 5.28. 4-Ethyldec-2-en-5-one (3ta)

$^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz)



# 4-Ethyldec-2-en-5-one (3ta)

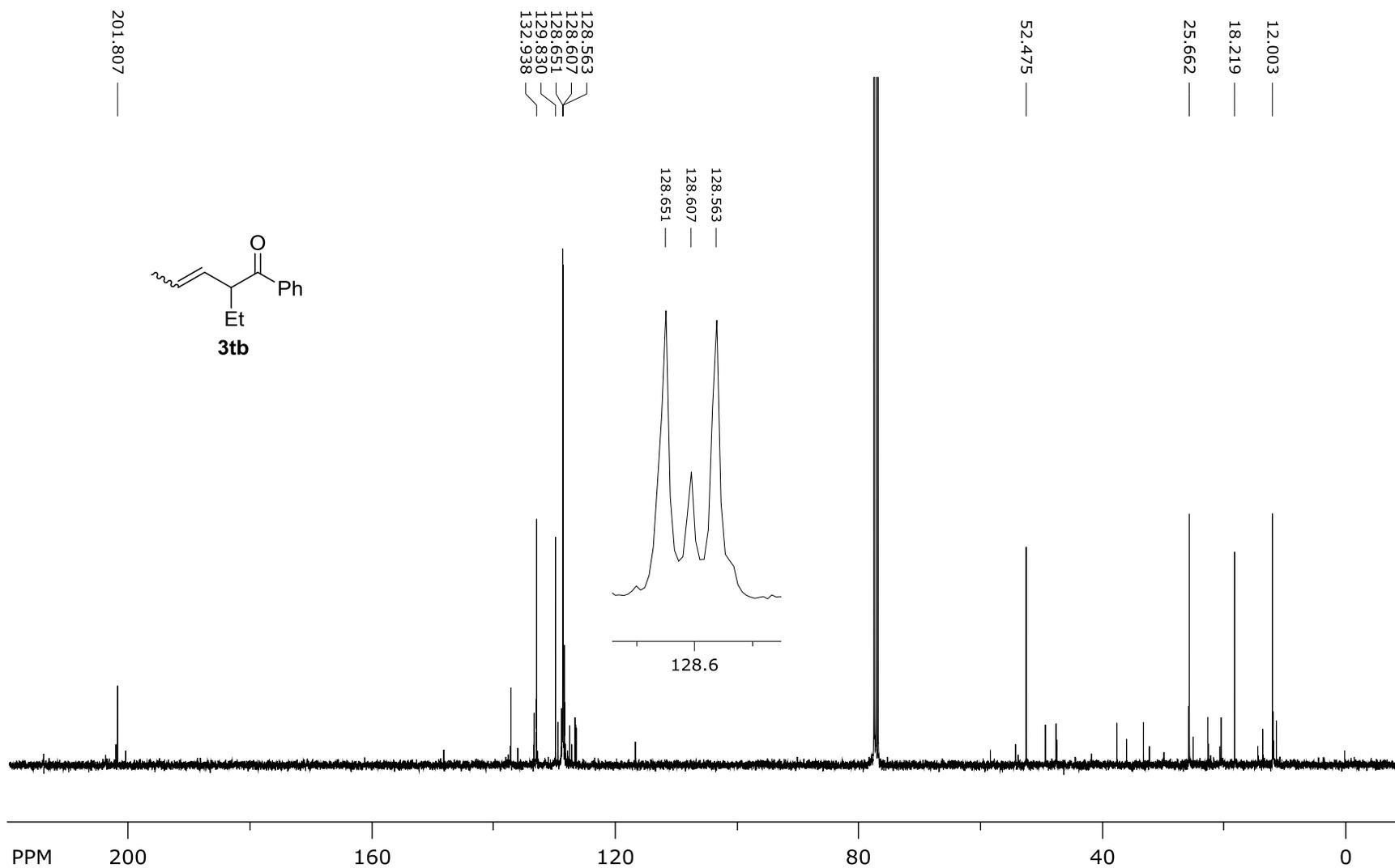
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**2-Ethyl-1-phenyl-pent-3-en-1-one (3tb)**

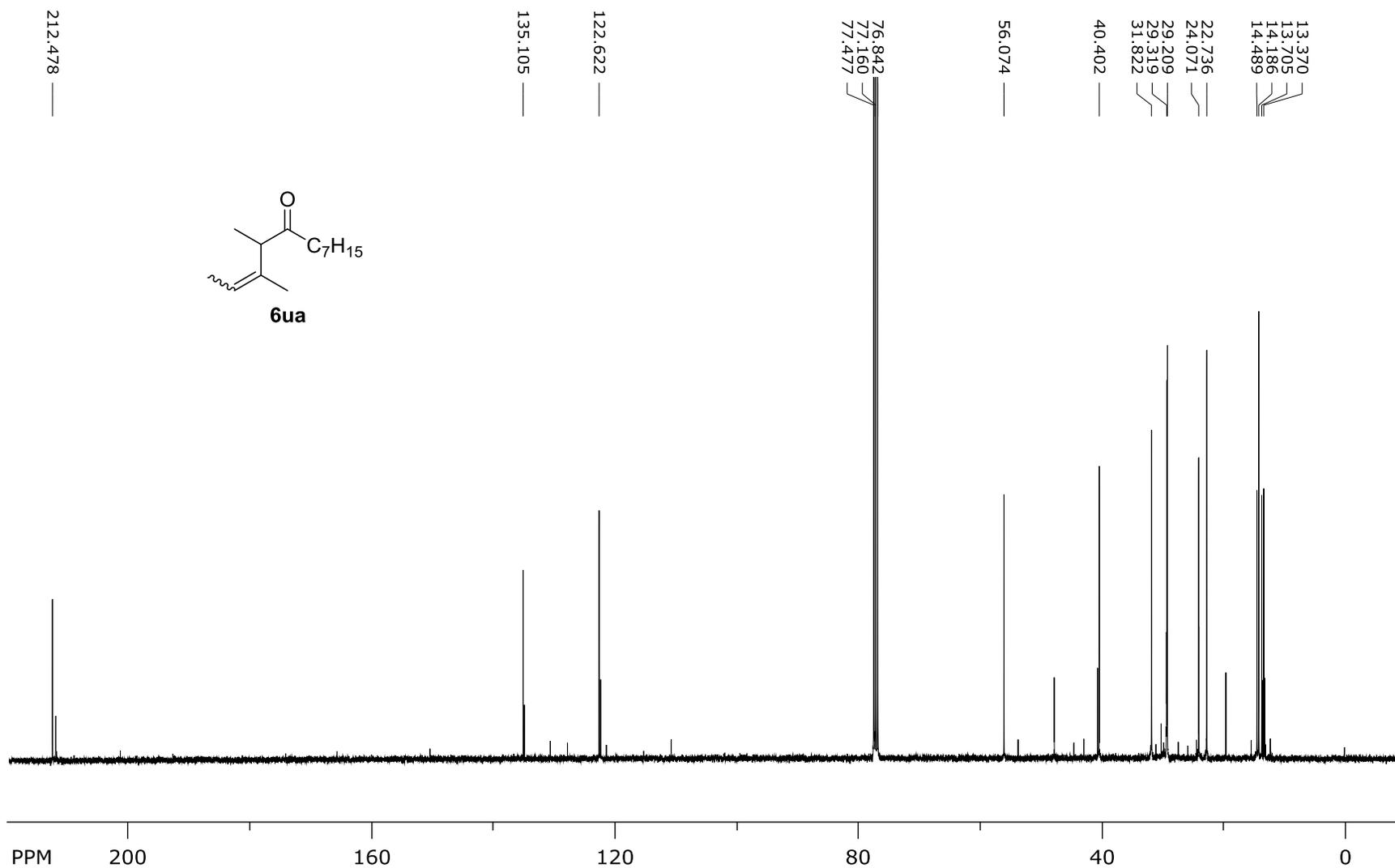
$^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz)





# 3,4-Dimethyldodec-2-en-5-one (6ua)

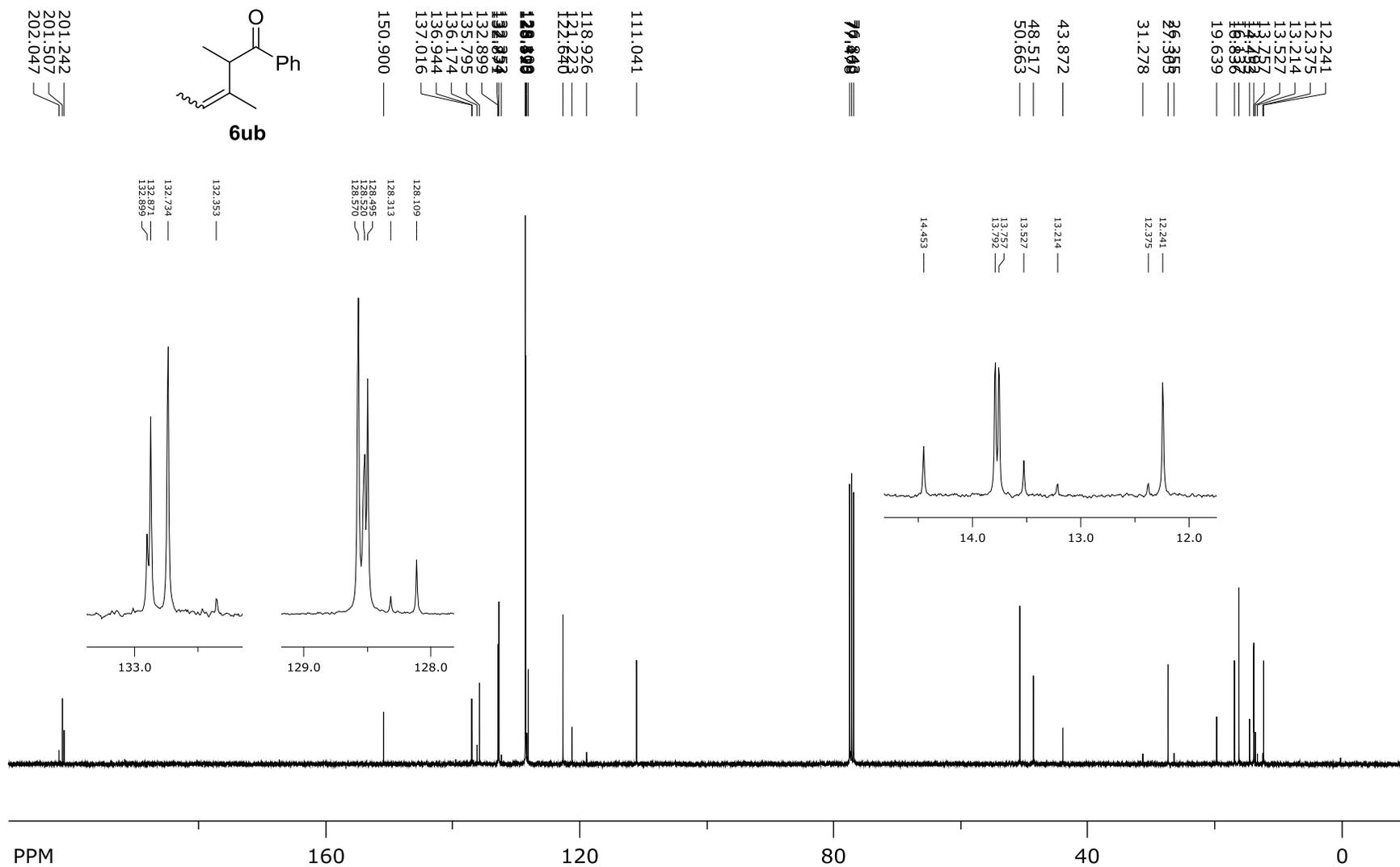
$^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz)





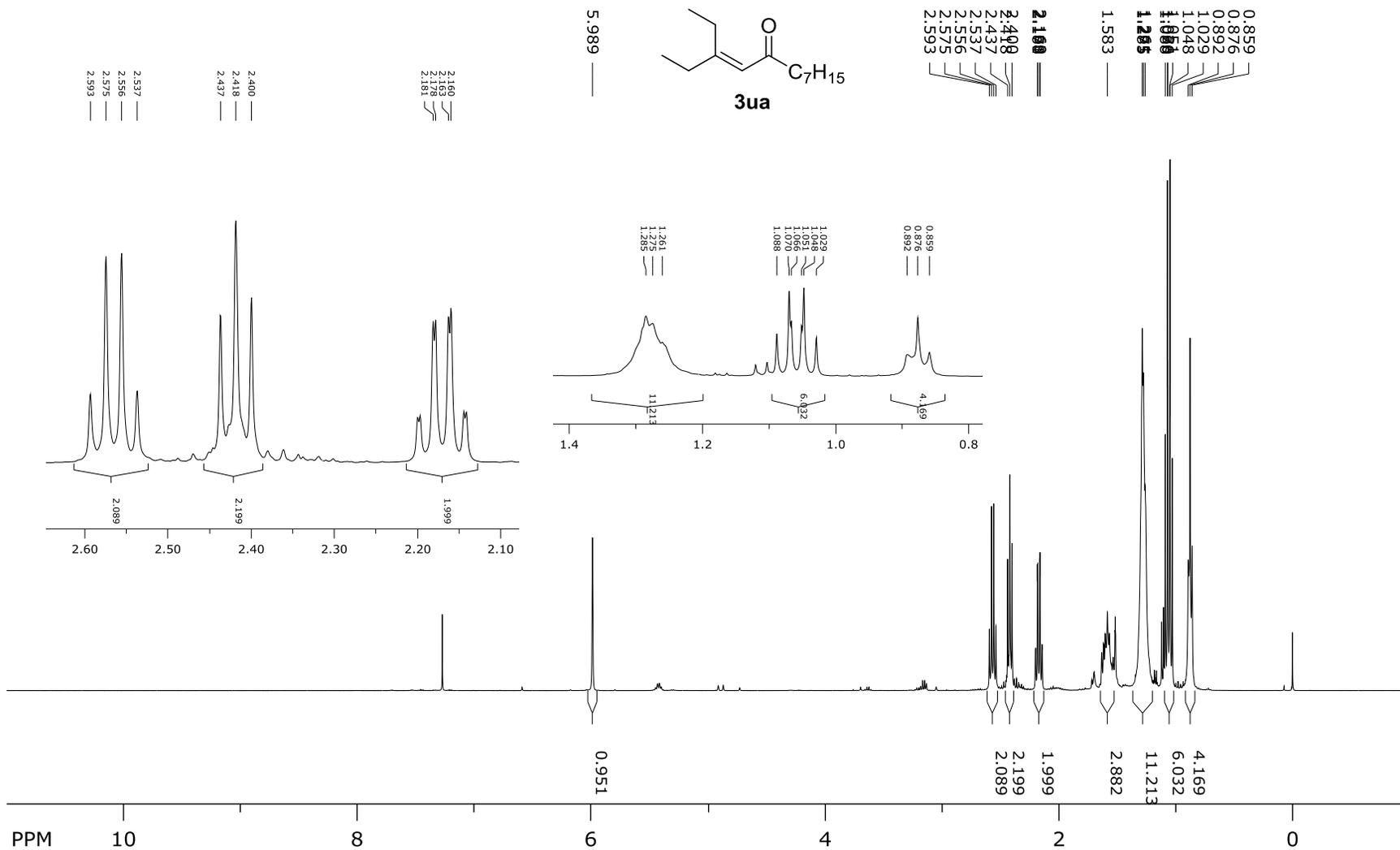
# 2,3-Dimethyl-1-phenylpent-3-en-1-one (6ub)

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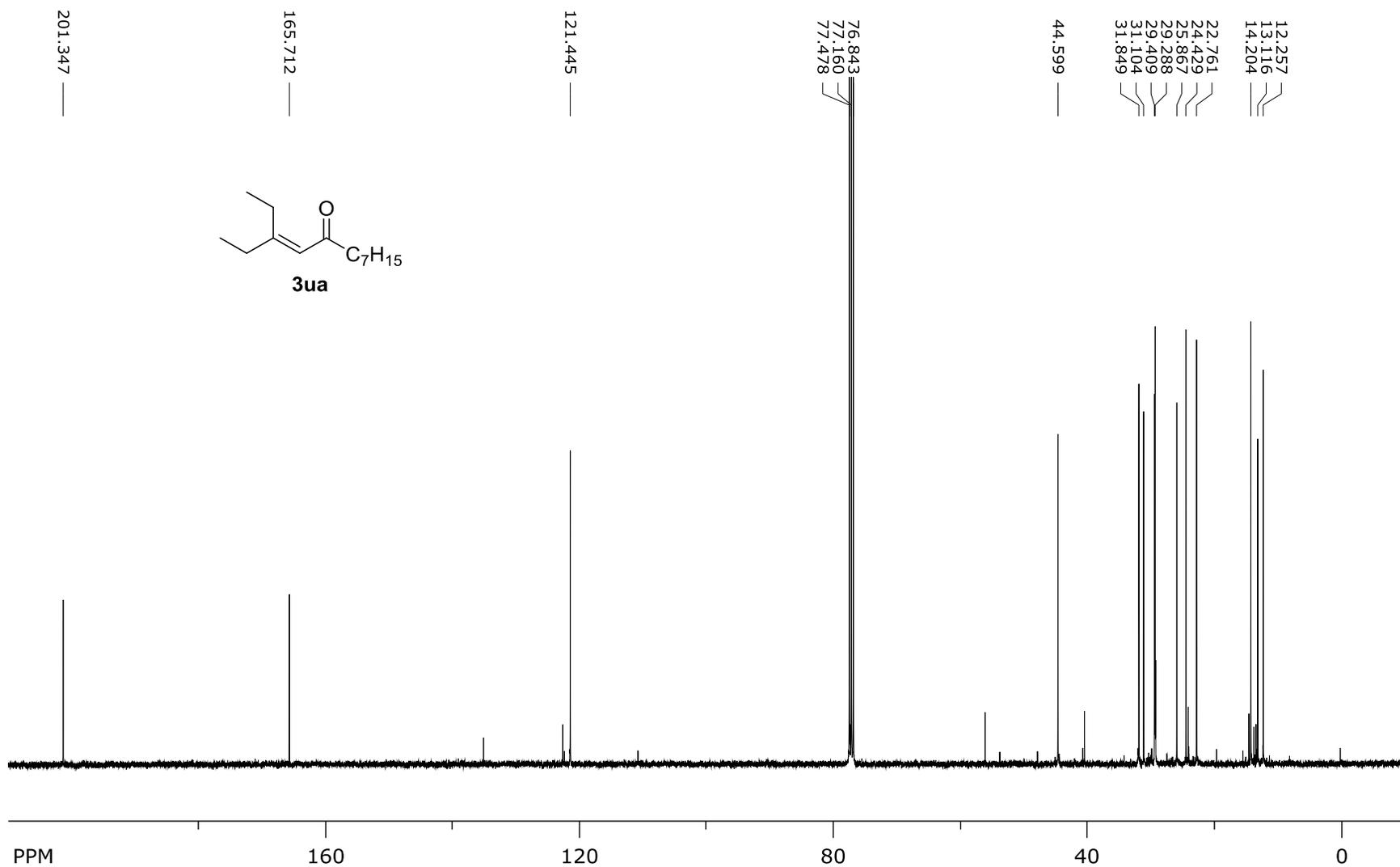
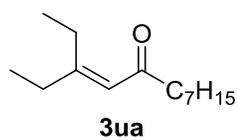
### 5.32. 3-Ethyldec-3-en-5-one (3ua)

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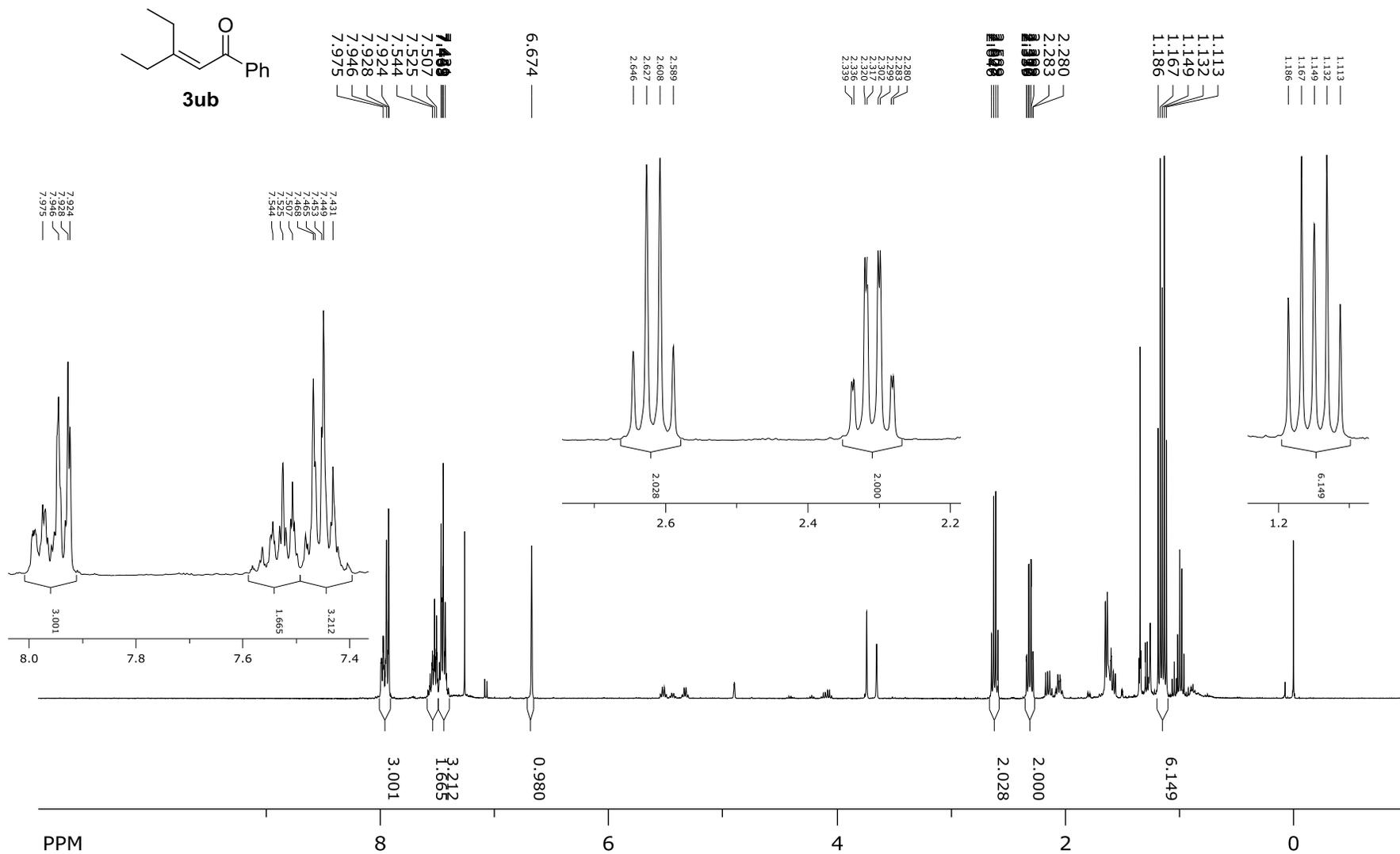
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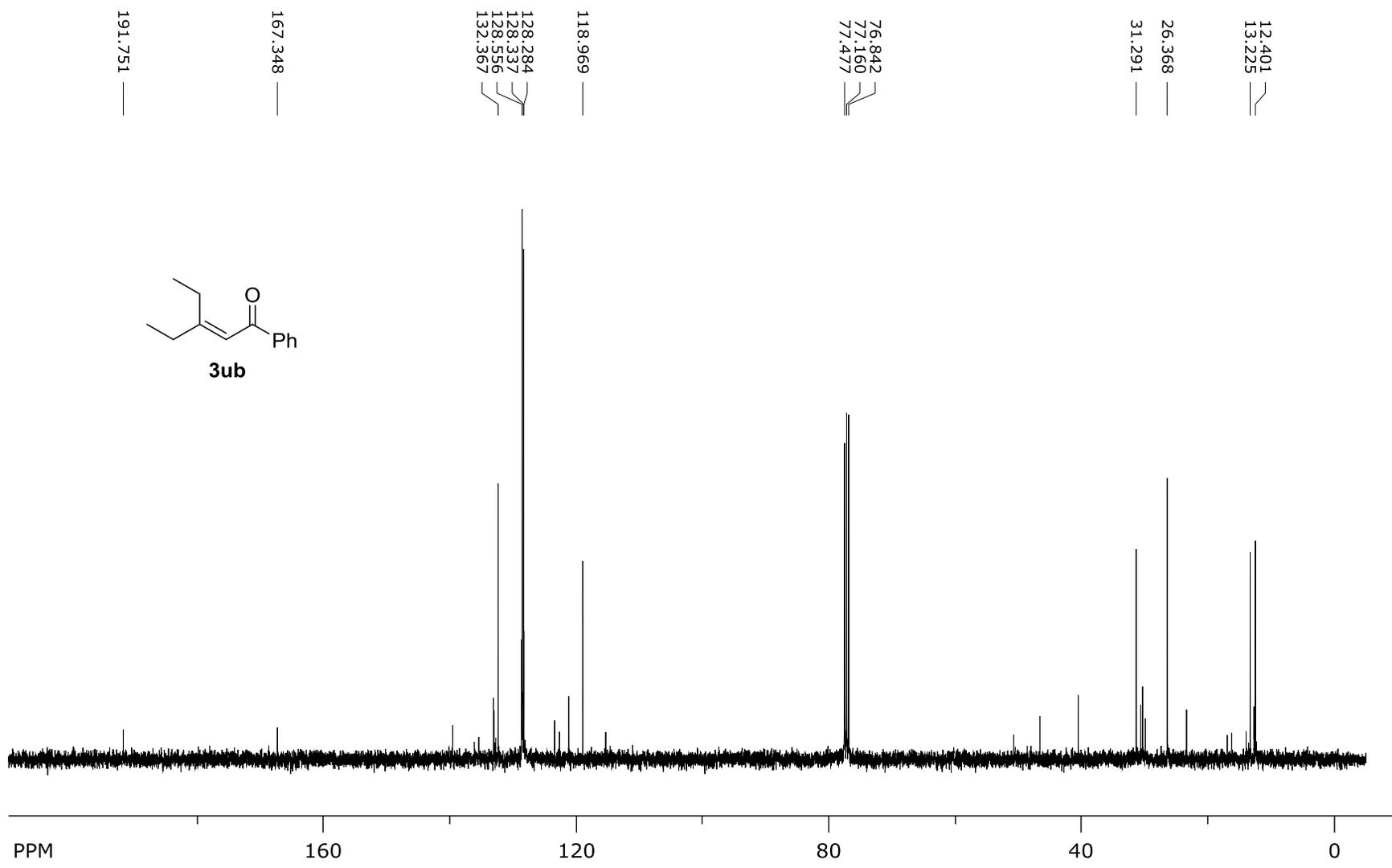
### 5.33. 3-Ethyl-1-phenylpent-2-en-1-one (3ub)

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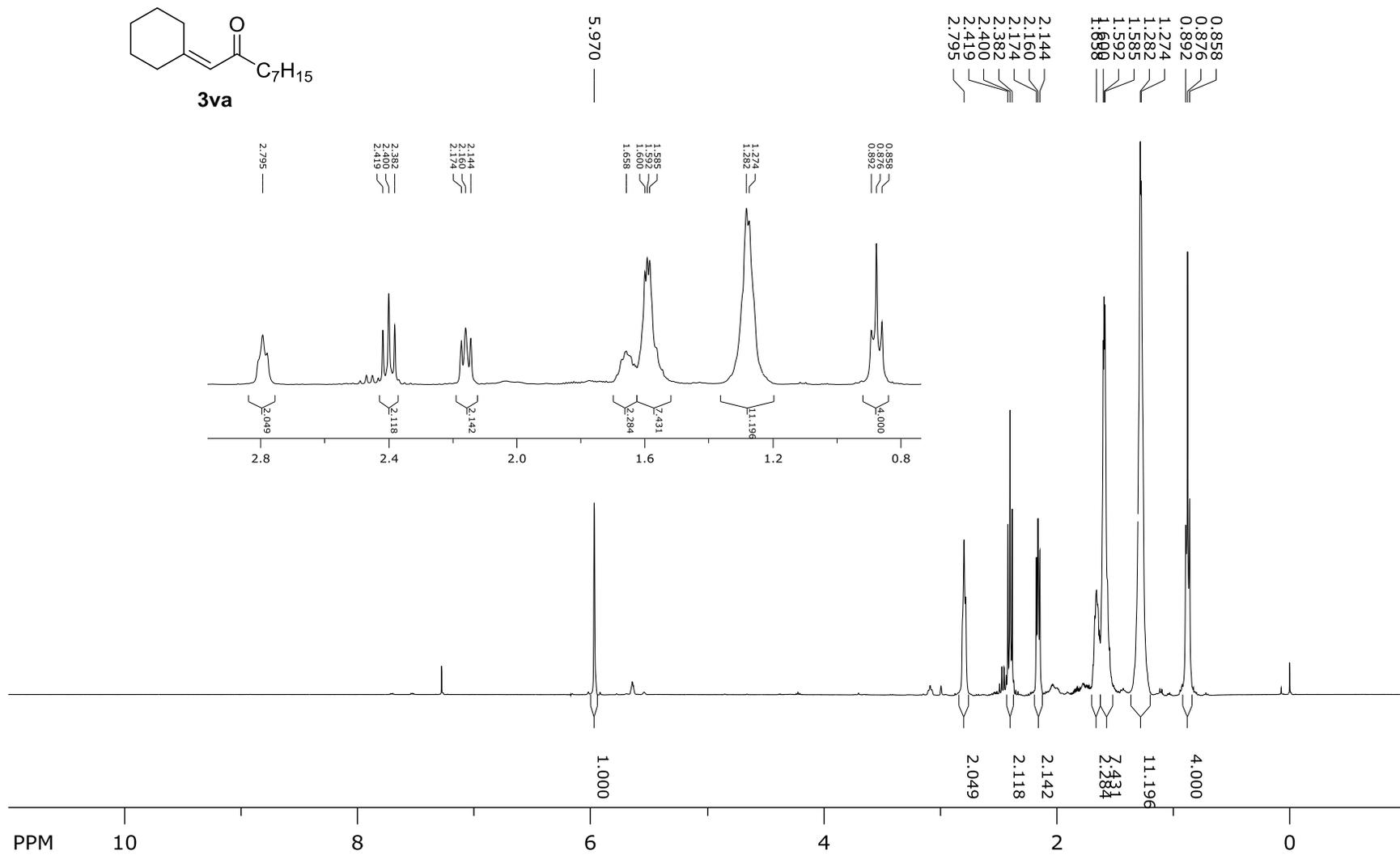
### 3-Ethyl-1-phenylpent-2-en-1-one (3ub)

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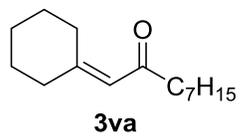
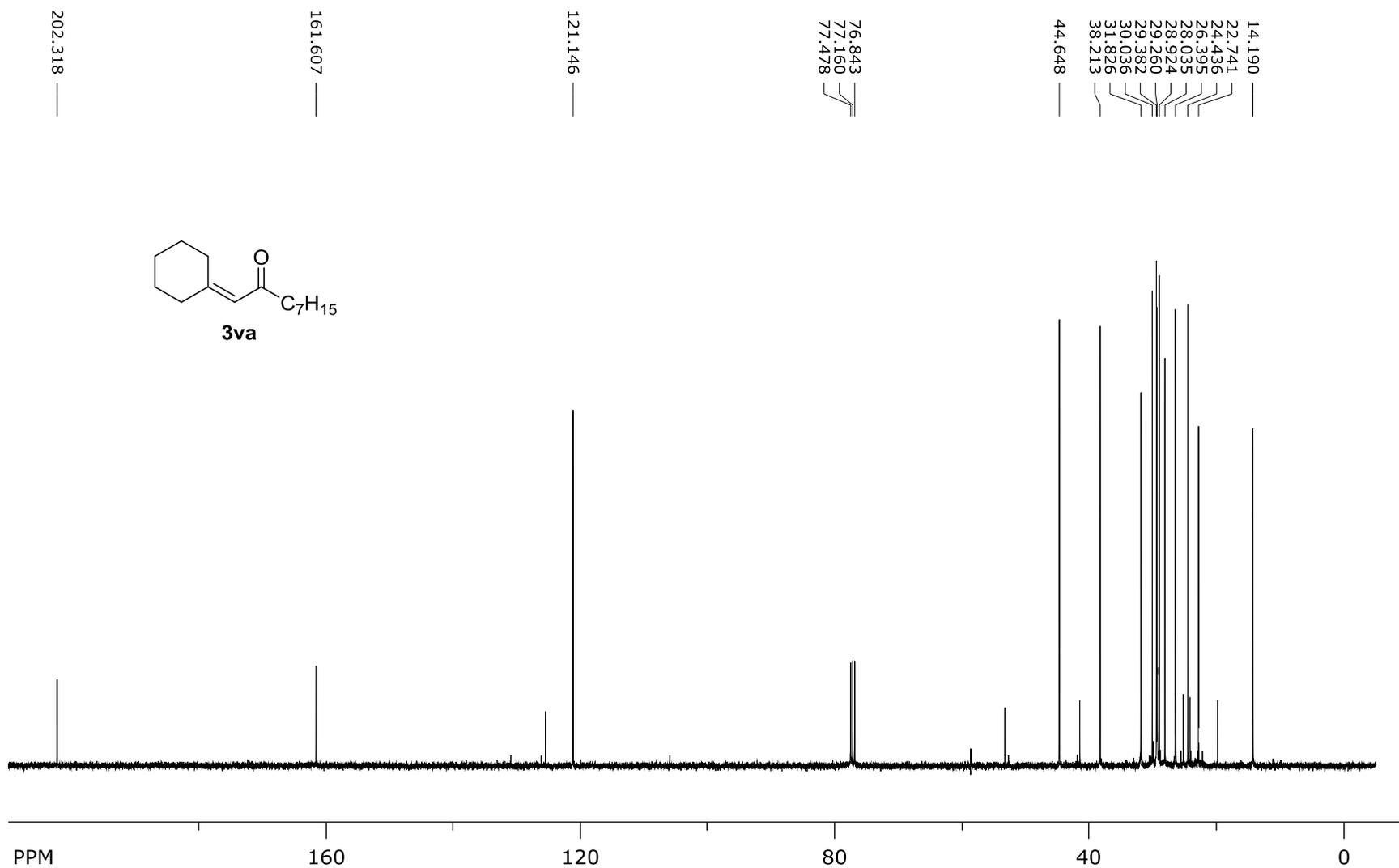
### 5.34. 1-Cyclohexylidenenonan-2-one (3va)

$^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz)



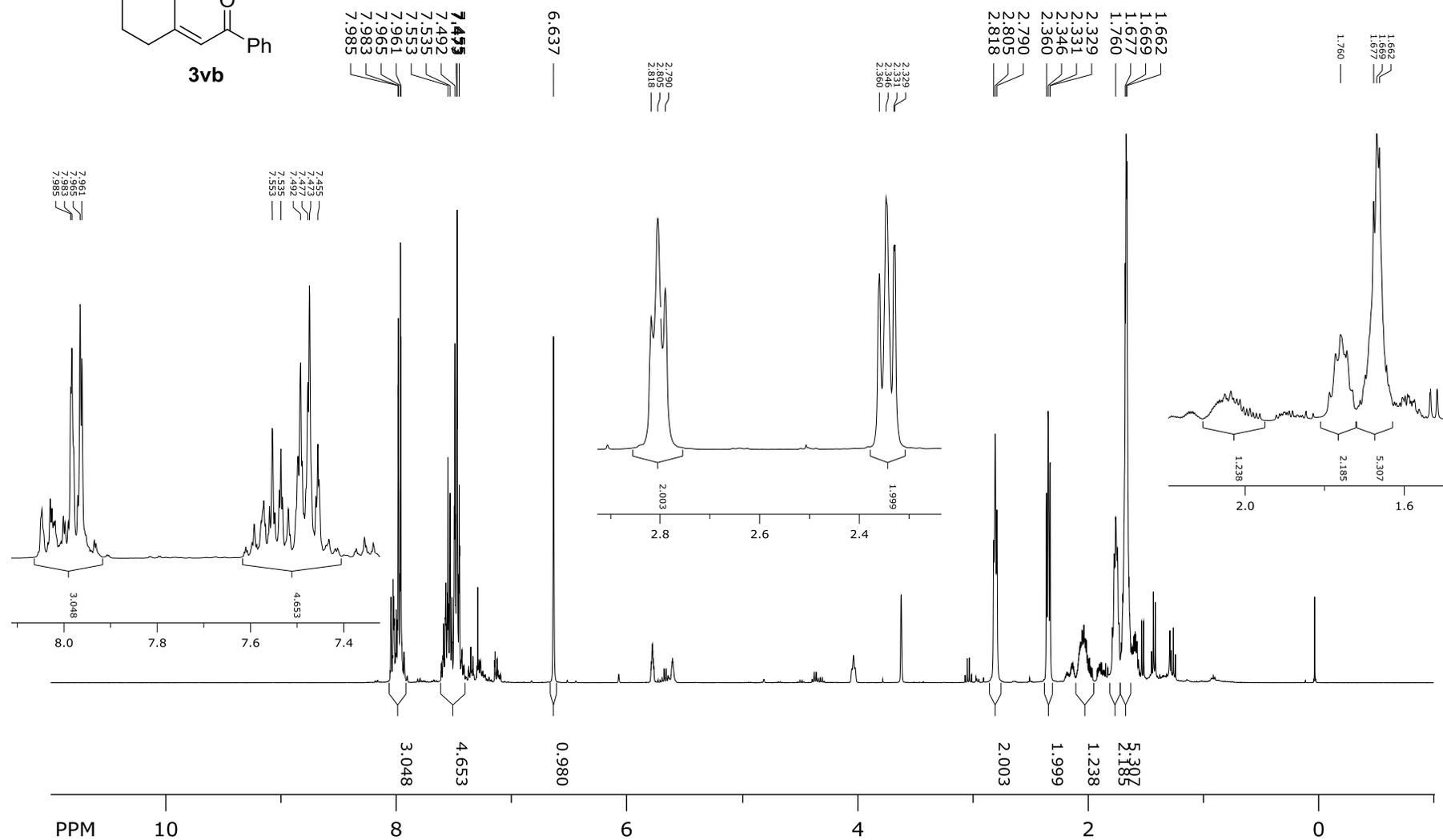
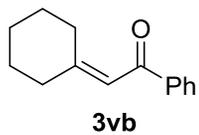
# 1-Cyclohexylidenenonan-2-one (3va)

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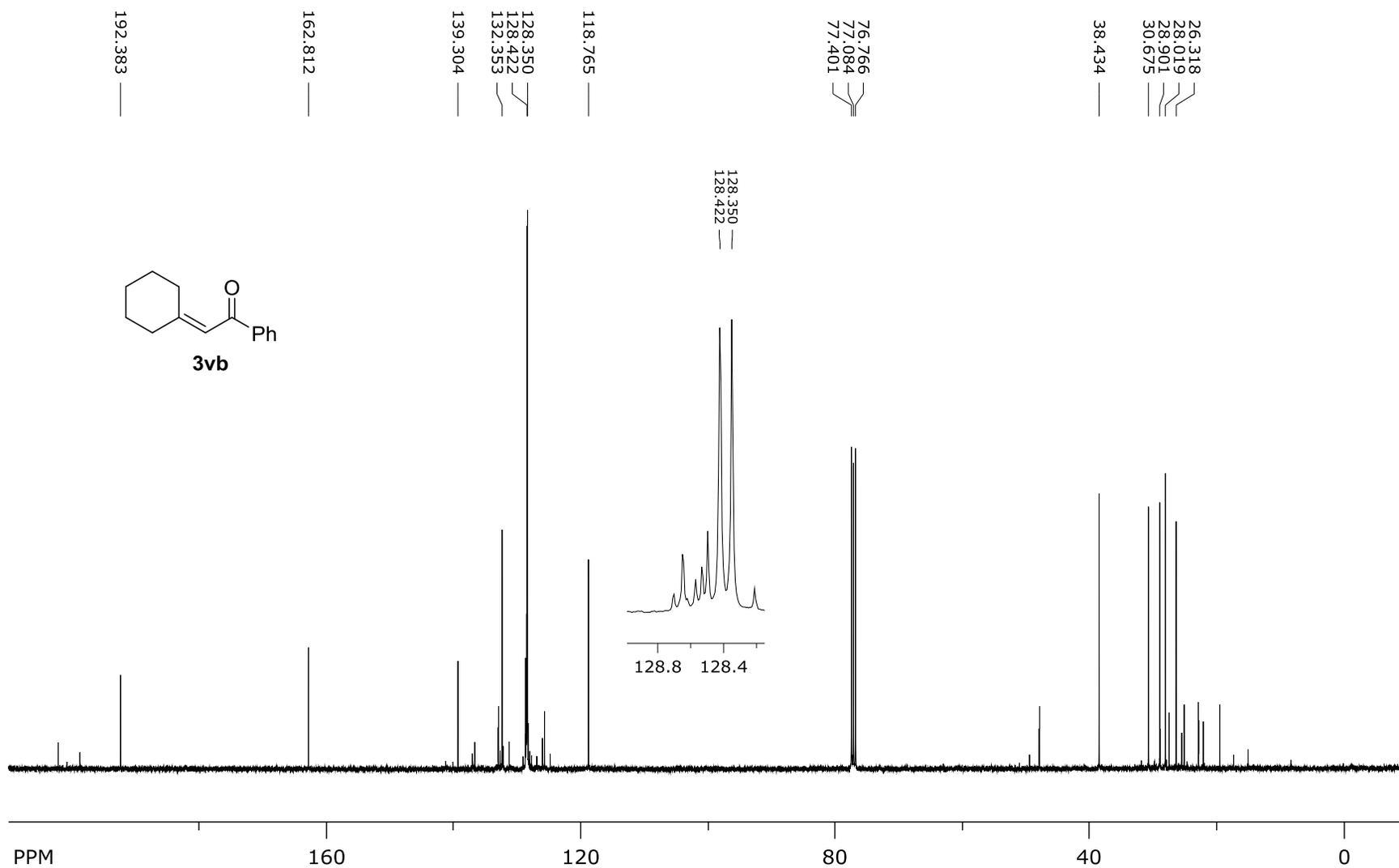
### 5.35. 2-Cyclohexylidene-1-phenylethanone (3vb)

$^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz)



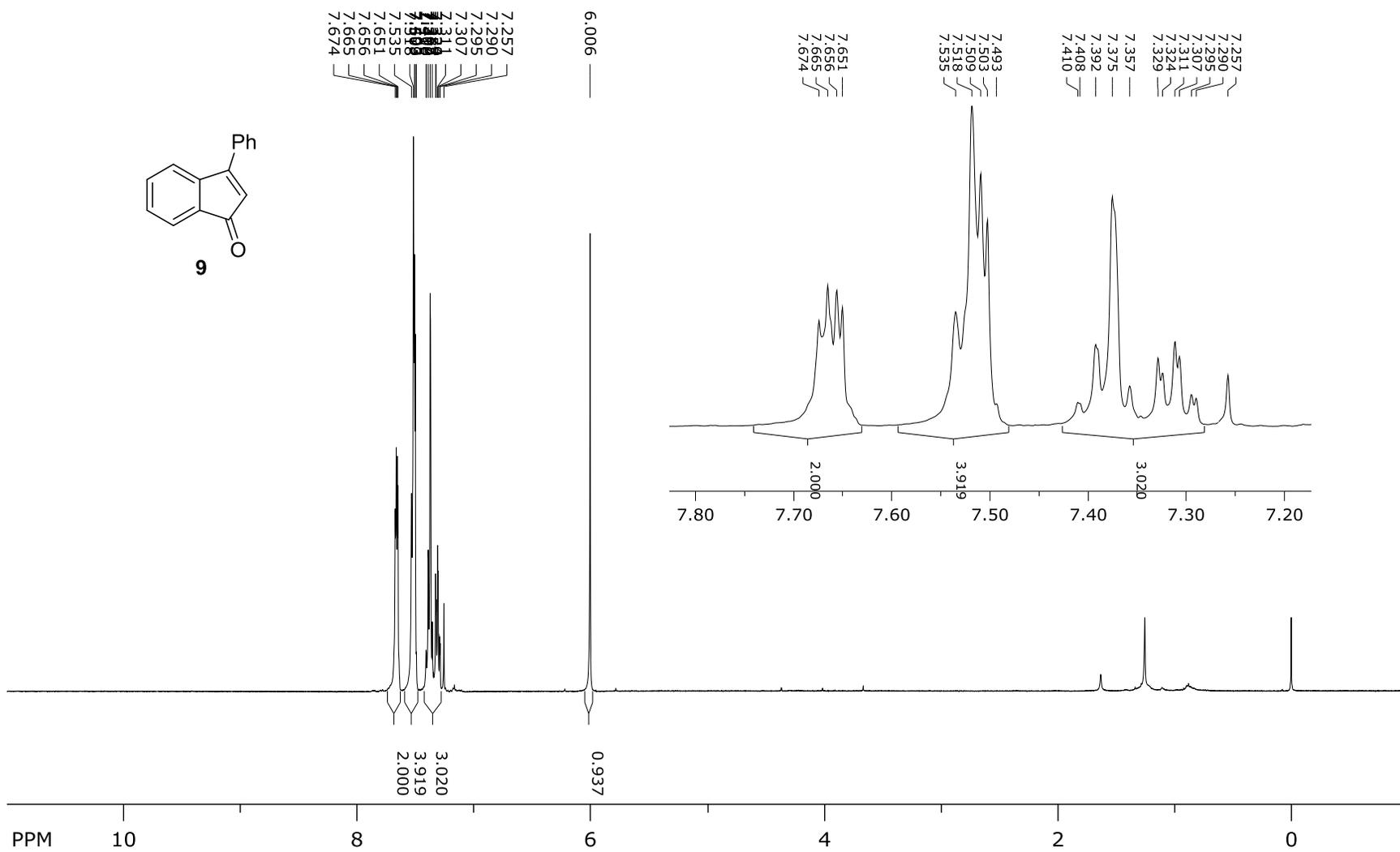
# 2-Cyclohexylidene-1-phenylethanone (3vb)

$^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz)



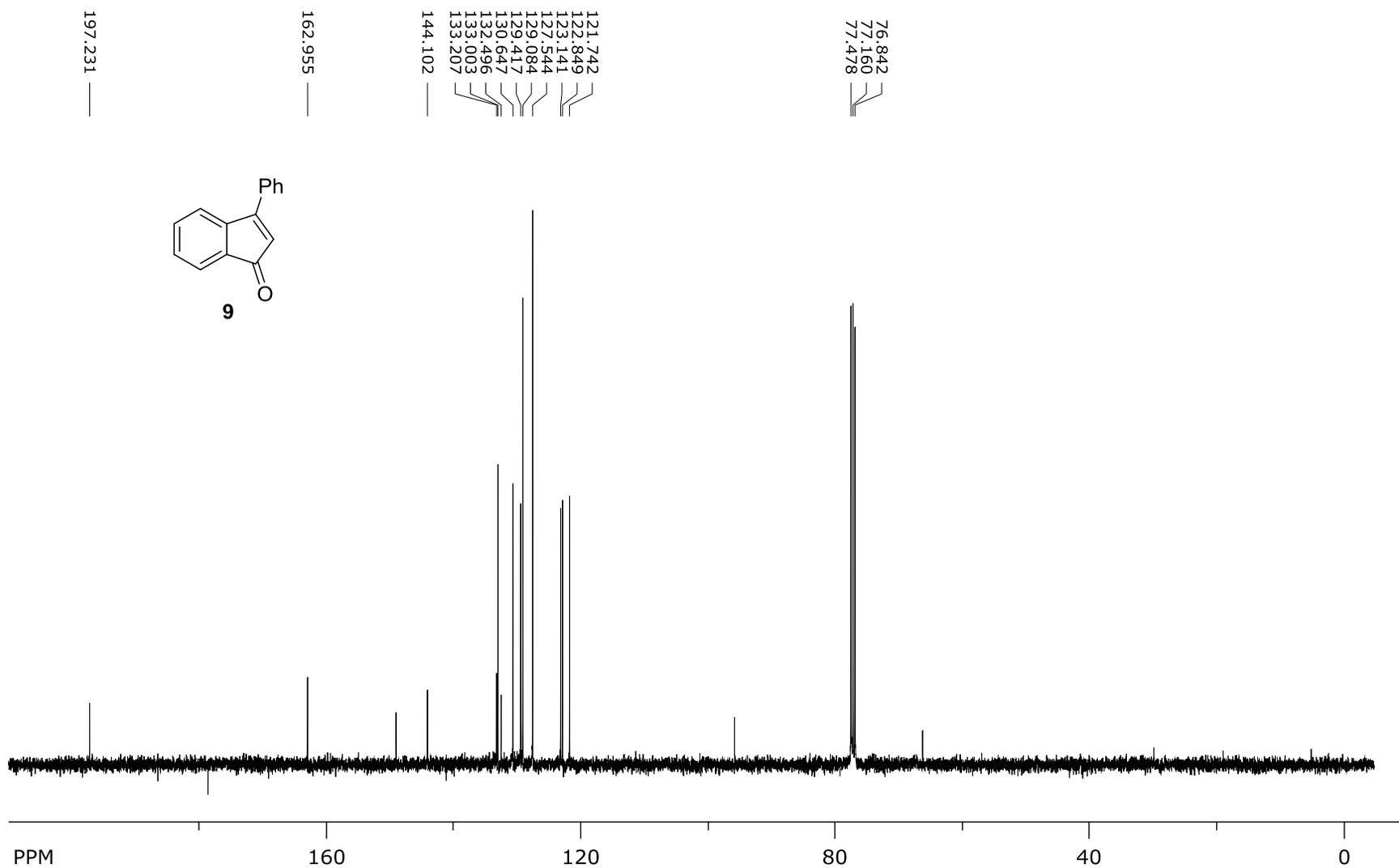
### 5.36. 3-Phenyl-1*H*-inden-1-one (9)

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz)



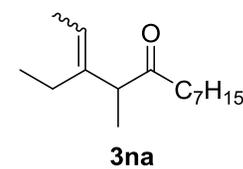
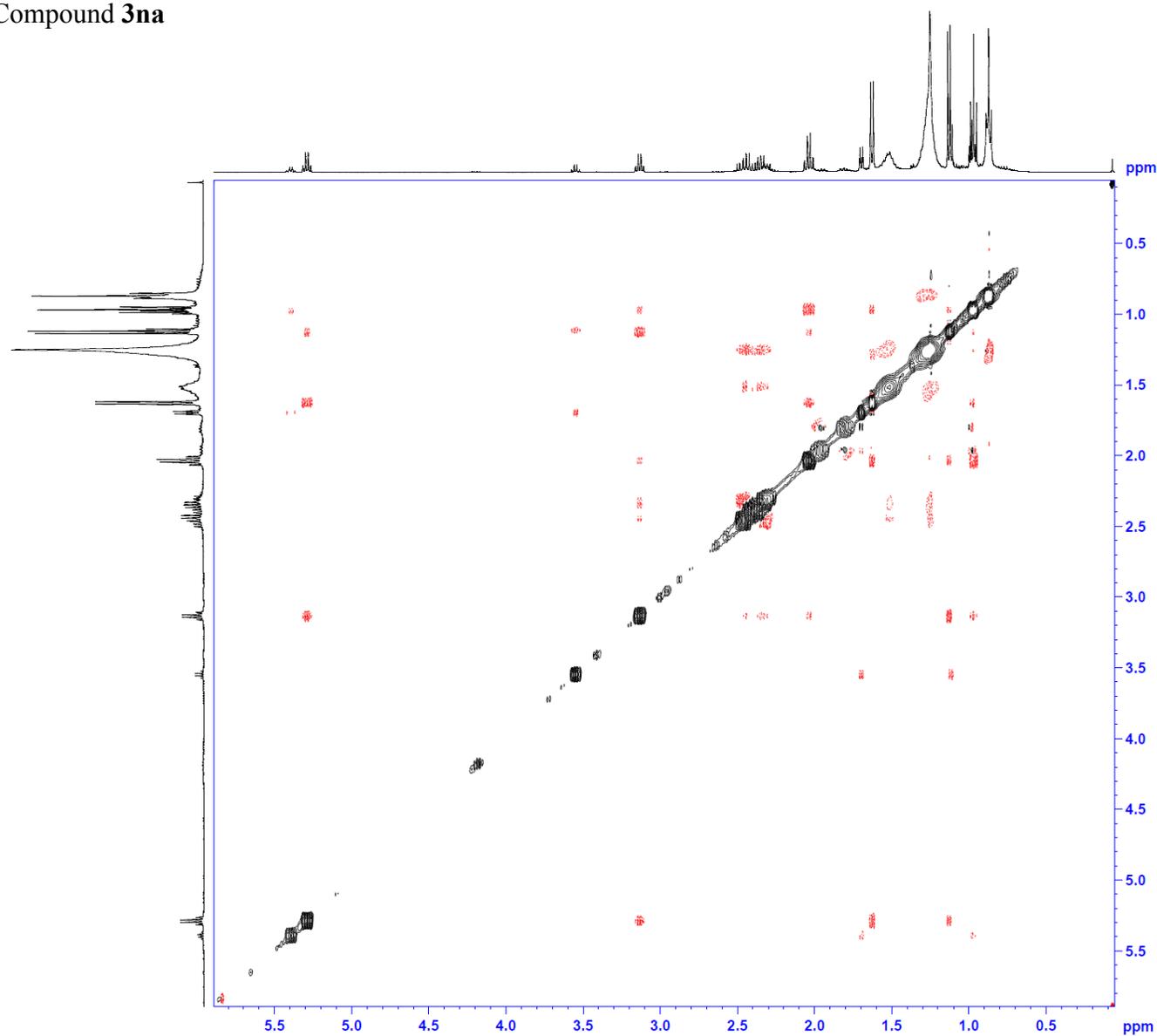
### 3-Phenyl-1*H*-inden-1-one (9)

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz)



## 6. NOESY Spectral Charts

### 6.1. Compound 3na

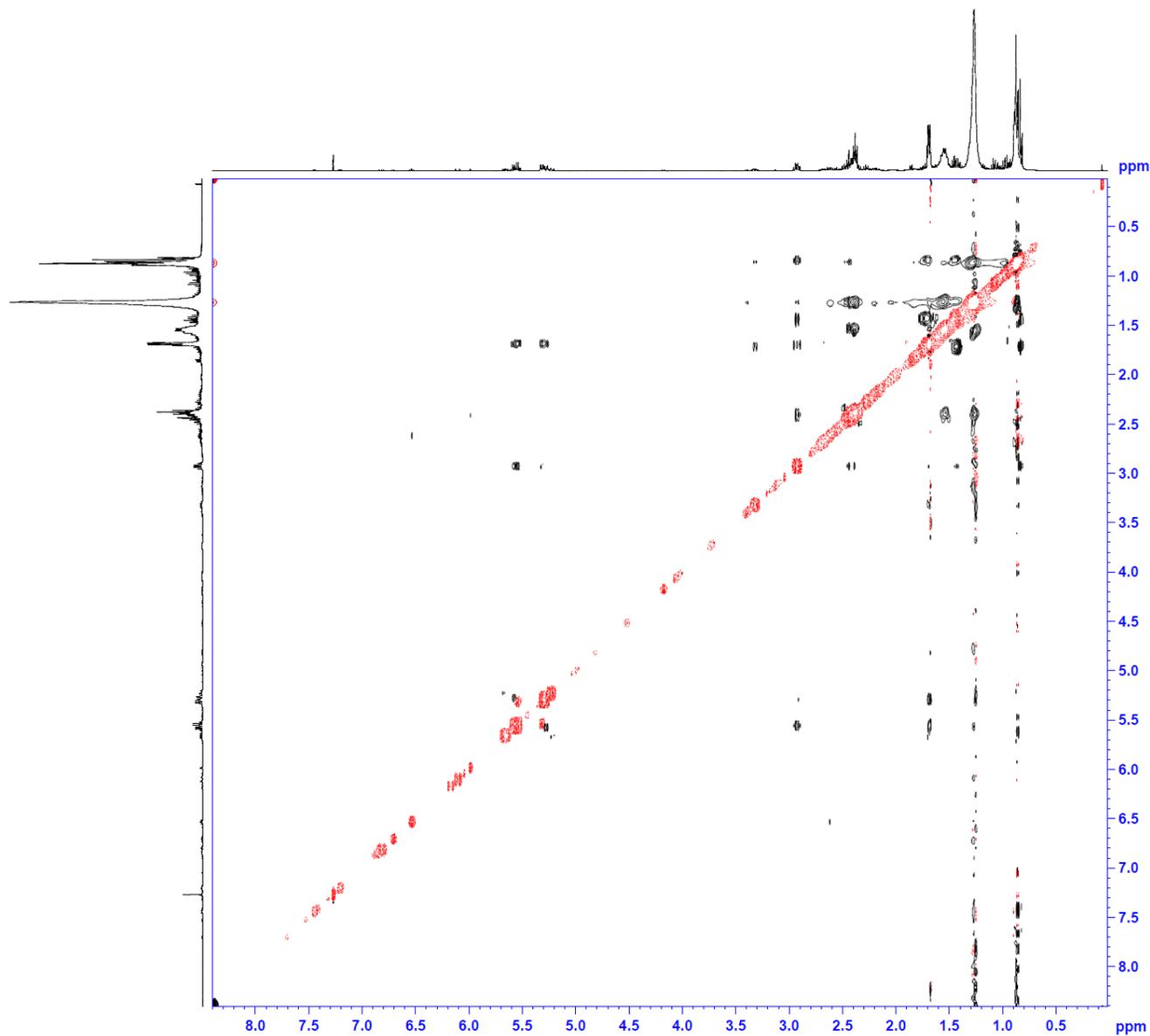
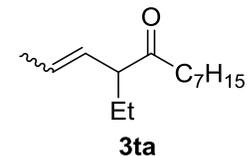


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GPNAM1       SINE.100
GPZ1         40.00 t
P16          1000.00 usec
NDO          1
TD           256
SFO1         400.0312 MHz
FIDRES       9.126752 Hz
SW           5.841 ppm
PQM0DE      States-TPPI
SI           1024
SF           400.0300082 MHz
WDW          QSINE
SSB          2
LB           0.00 Hz
GB           0
PC           1.00
SI           1024
MC2          States-TPPI
SF           400.0300082 MHz
WDW          QSINE
SSB          2
LB           0.00 Hz
GB           0
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## 6.2. Compound 3ta



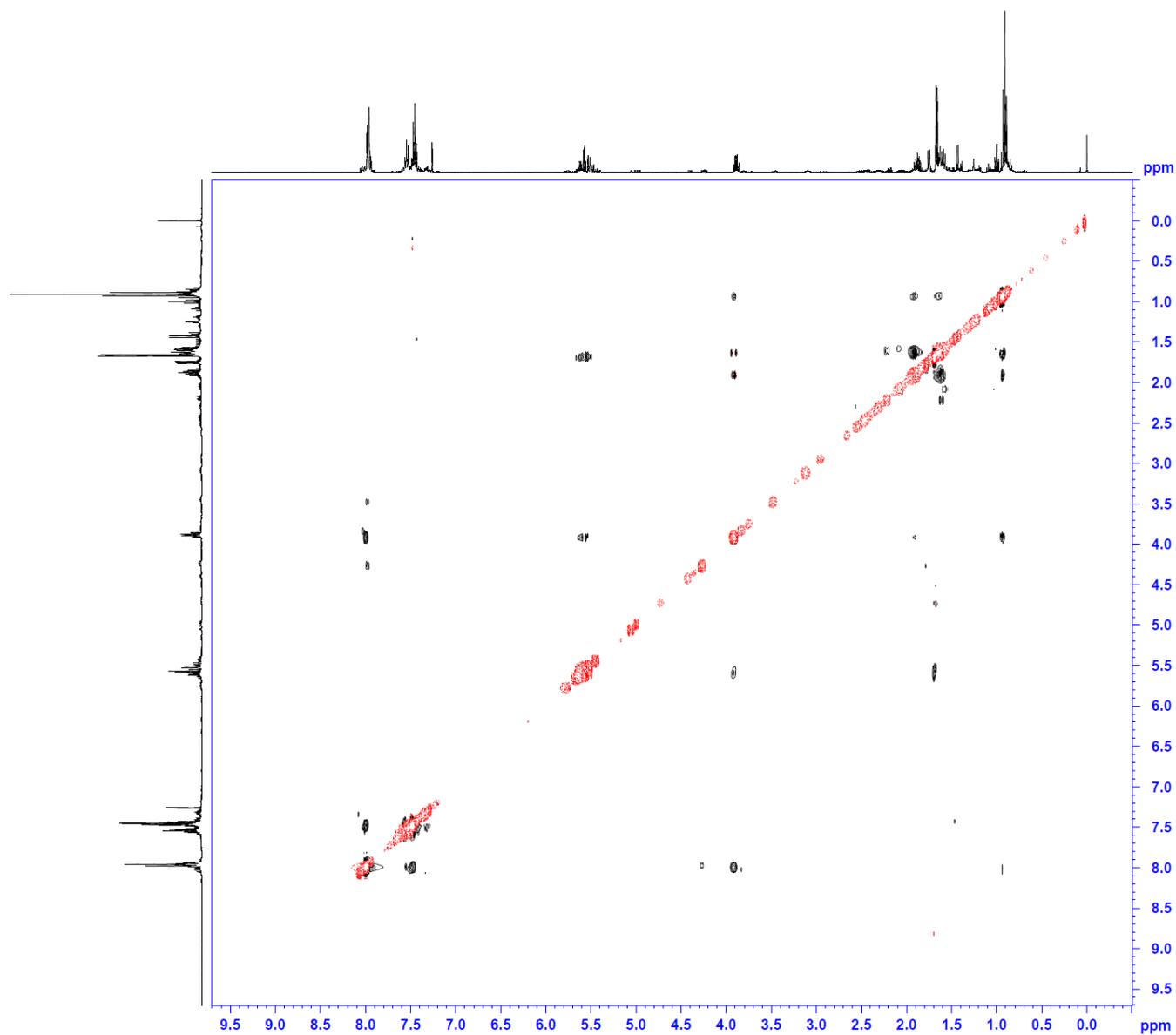
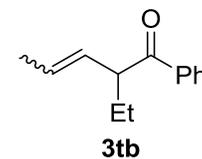
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NAME          esp6-18-6-a
EXPNO         2
PROCNO        1
Date_         20190922
Time          20.14
INSTRUM       spect
PROBHD        5 mm PABBO BB-
PULPROG       noesygpph
TD            2048
SOLVENT       CDCl3
NS            24
DS            4
SWH           3355.705 Hz
FIDRES        1.638528 Hz
AQ            0.3052020 sec
RG            64
DW            149.000 usec
DE            6.50 usec
TE            298.0 K
D0            0.00012990 sec
D1            6.00000000 sec
D8            2.50000000 sec
D16           0.00020000 sec
IN0           0.00029800 sec

===== CHANNEL f1 =====
NUC1          1H
P1            15.00 usec
P2            30.00 usec
PL1           -0.50 dB
PL1W          13.47187042 W
SFO1          400.0316919 MHz

===== GRADIENT CHANNEL =====
GPMAM1       SINE.100
GZ21         40.00 %
P16          1000.00 usec
NDO          1
TD           256
SFO1         400.0317 MHz
FIDRES        13.108221 Hz
SW            8.389 ppm
P1MODE       States-TPPI
SI           1024
SF           400.0300075 MHz
WFW          QSINE
SSB          2
LB           0.00 Hz
GB           0
PC           1.00
SI           1024
MC2          States-TPPI
SF           400.0300075 MHz
WFW          QSINE
SSB          2
LB           0.00 Hz
GB           0
    
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## 6.2. Compound 3tb



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2.0 NAME      espc-18-7-b
   EXPNO      2
   PROCNO     1
   Date_      20190923
   Time       20.14
   INSTRUM    spect
   PROBH      5 mm PABBO BB-
   PULPROG    noesygpph
   TD         2048
   SOLVENT    CDCl3
   NS         24
   DS         4
   SWH        4084.967 Hz
   FIDRES     1.994613 Hz
   AQ         0.2507252 sec
   RG         128
   DW         122.400 usec
   DE         6.50 usec
   TE         297.7 K
   DO         0.00010333 sec
   DL         6.00000000 sec
   DB         2.50000000 sec
   D16        0.00020000 sec
   INO        0.00024485 sec

5.0 ===== CHANNEL f1 =====
   NUC1       1H
   P1         15.00 usec
   P2         30.00 usec
   PL1        -0.50 dB
   PL1W       13.47187042 W
   SFO1       400.0318414 MHz

6.0 ===== GRADIENT CHANNEL =====
   GPMAM1     SINE.100
   GPZ1       40.00 %
   P16        1000.00 usec
   NDO        1
   TD         256
   SFO1       400.0318 MHz
   FIDRES     15.952915 Hz
   SW         10.209 ppm
   PFMODE     States-TPPI
   SI         1024
   SF         400.0300000 MHz
   WDW        QSINE
   SSB        2
   LB         0.00 Hz
   GB         0
   PC         1.00
   SI         1024
   MC2        States-TPPI
   SF         400.0300000 MHz
   WDW        QSINE
   SSB        2
   LB         0.00 Hz
   GB         0

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