

# **Synthesis of Trisubstituted Alkenes via Direct Oxidative Arene-alkene Coupling**

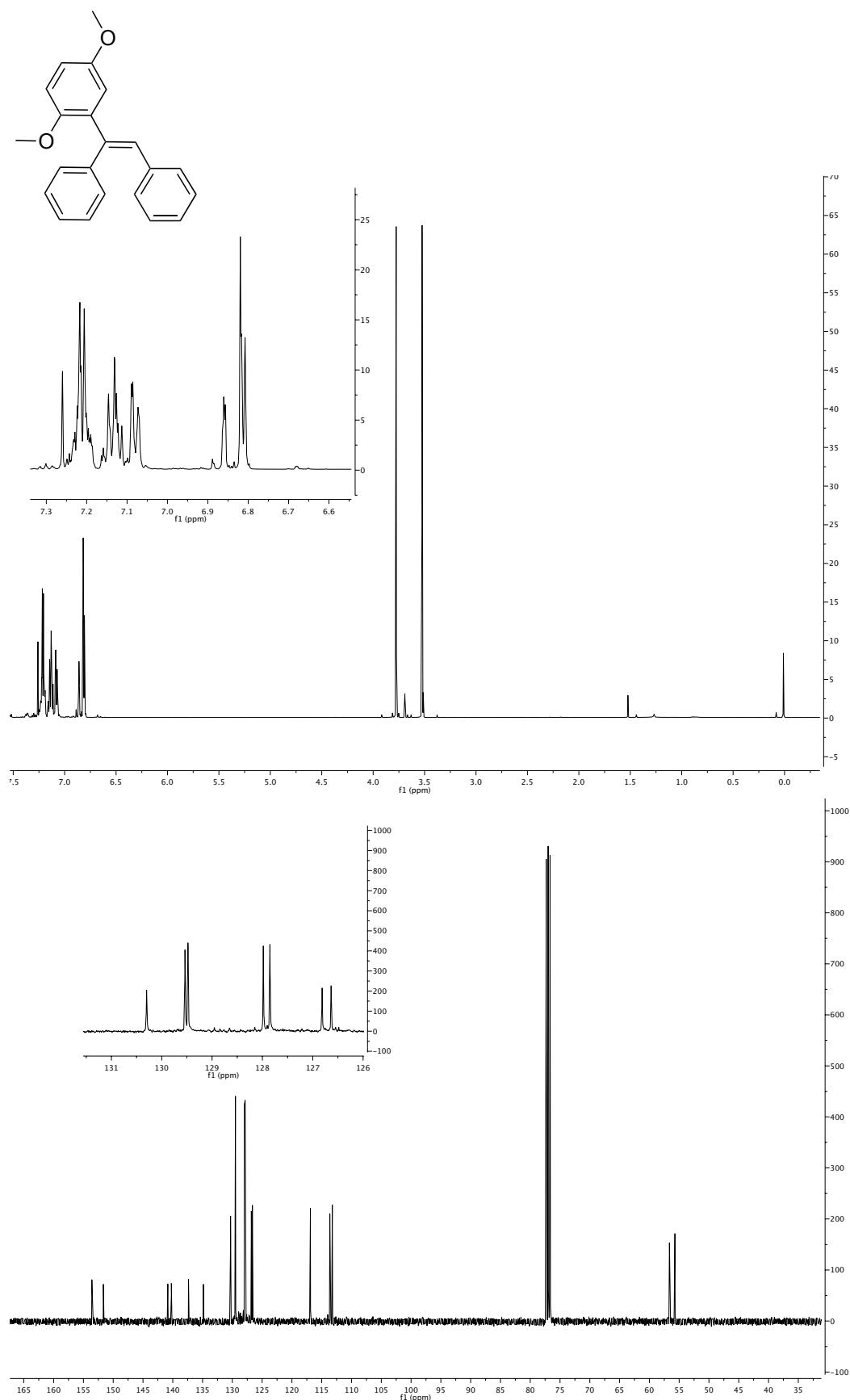
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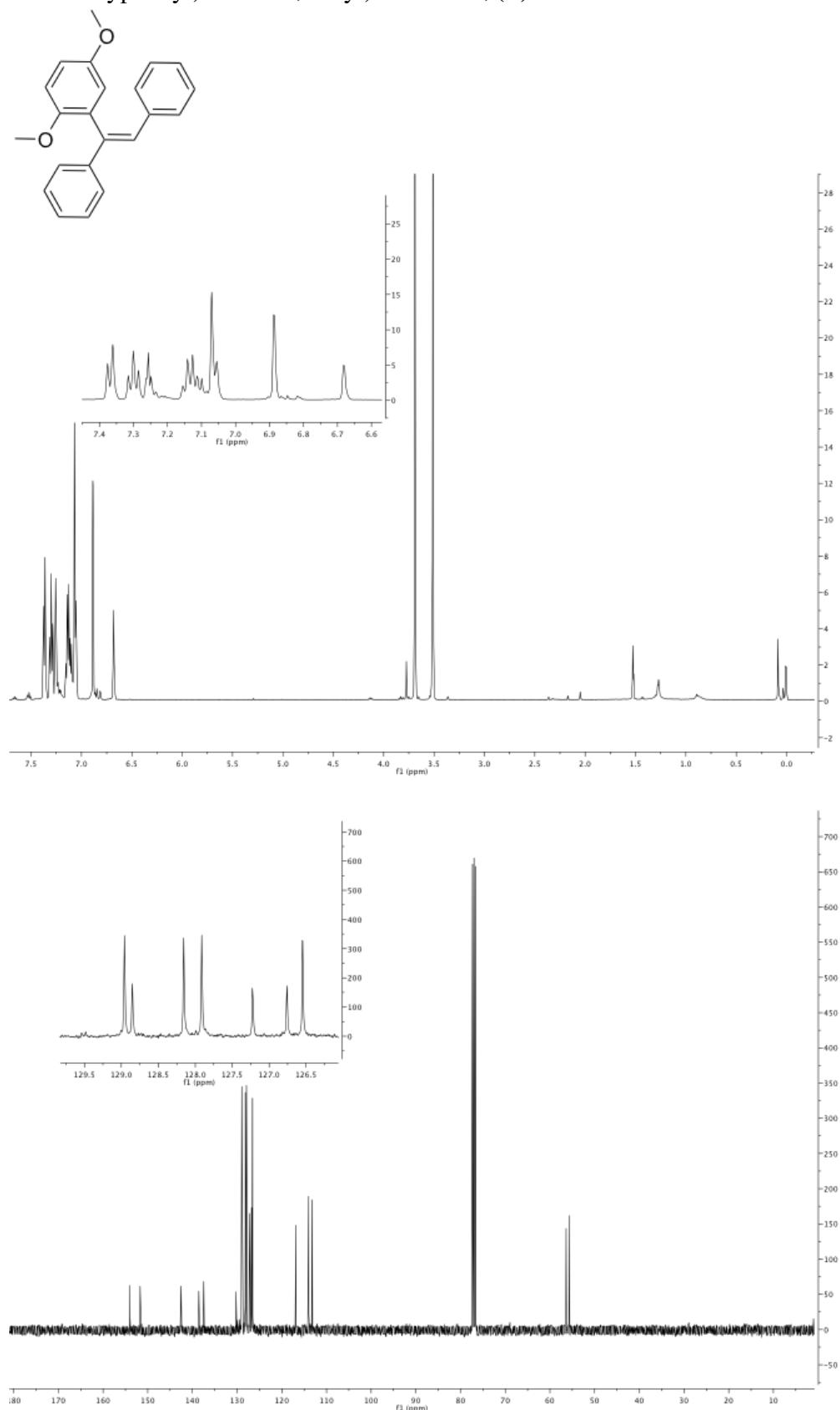
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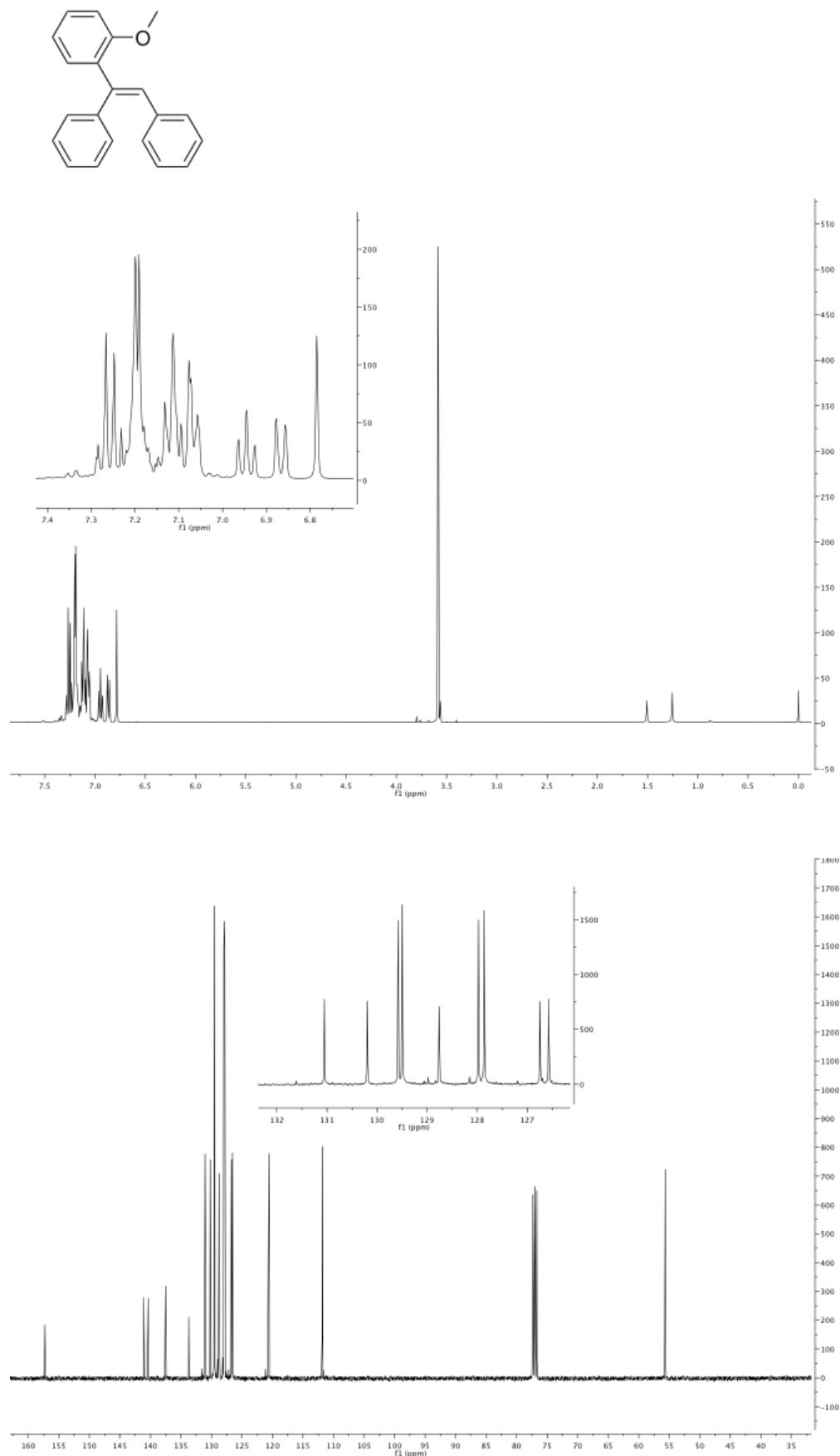
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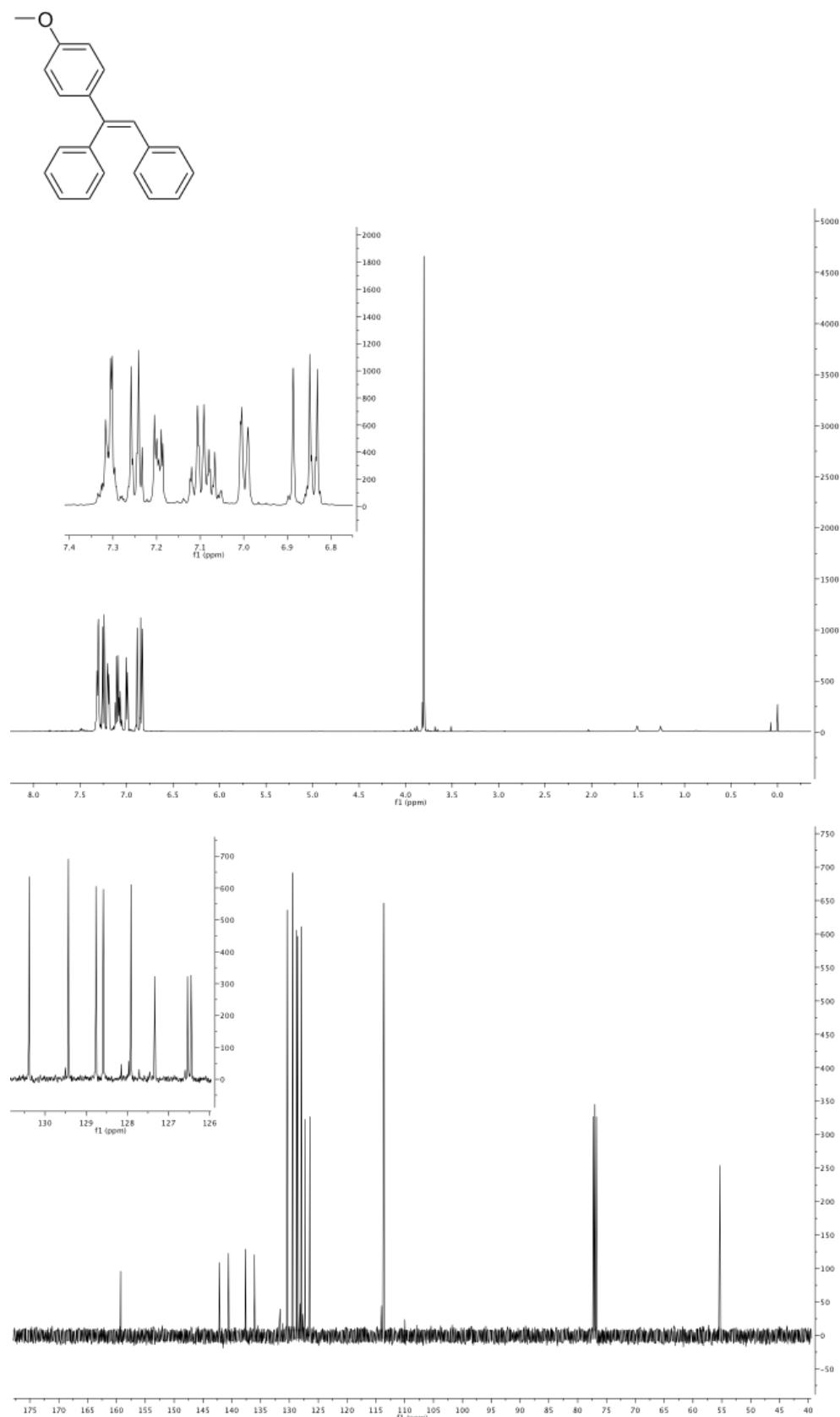
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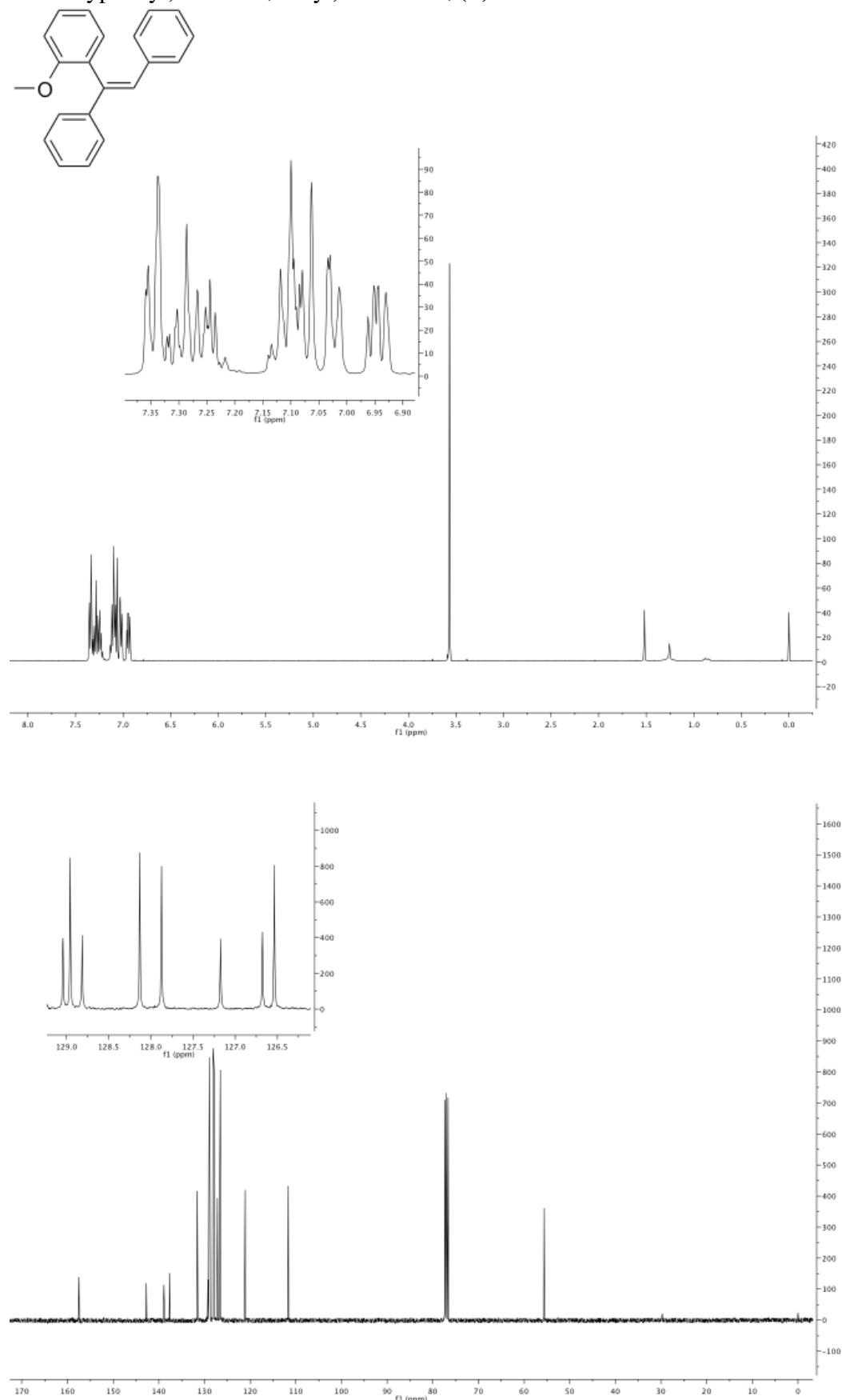
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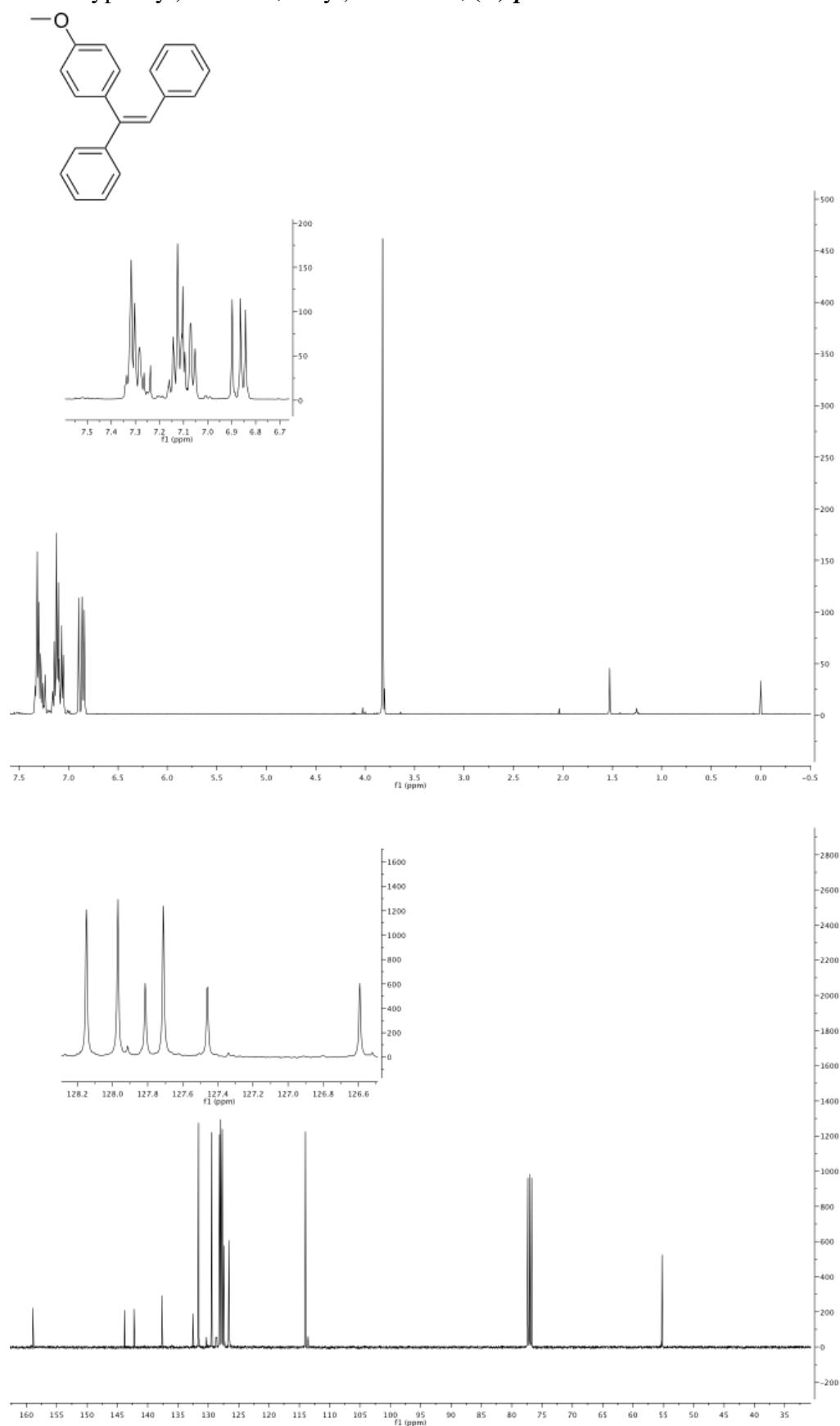
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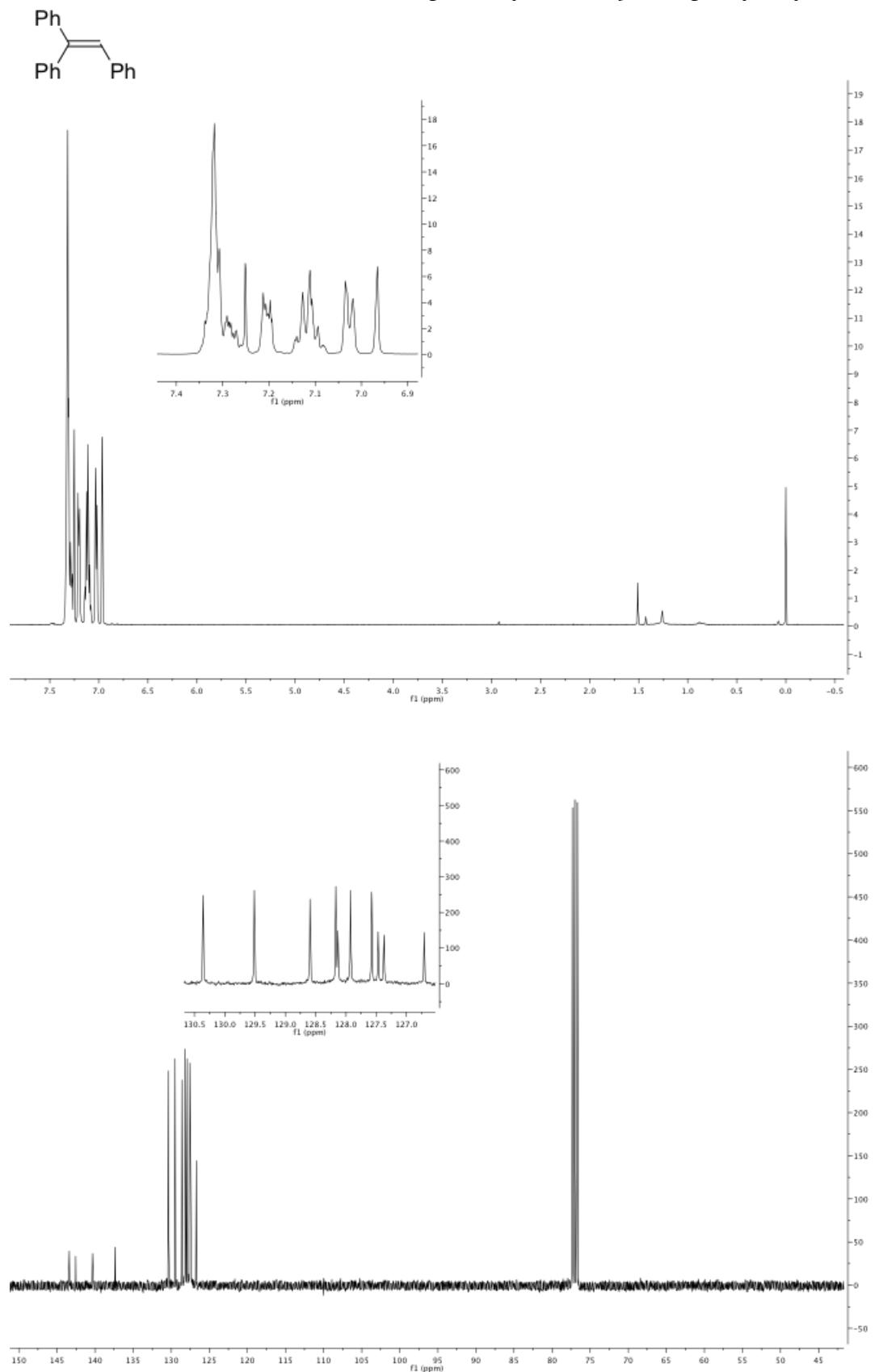
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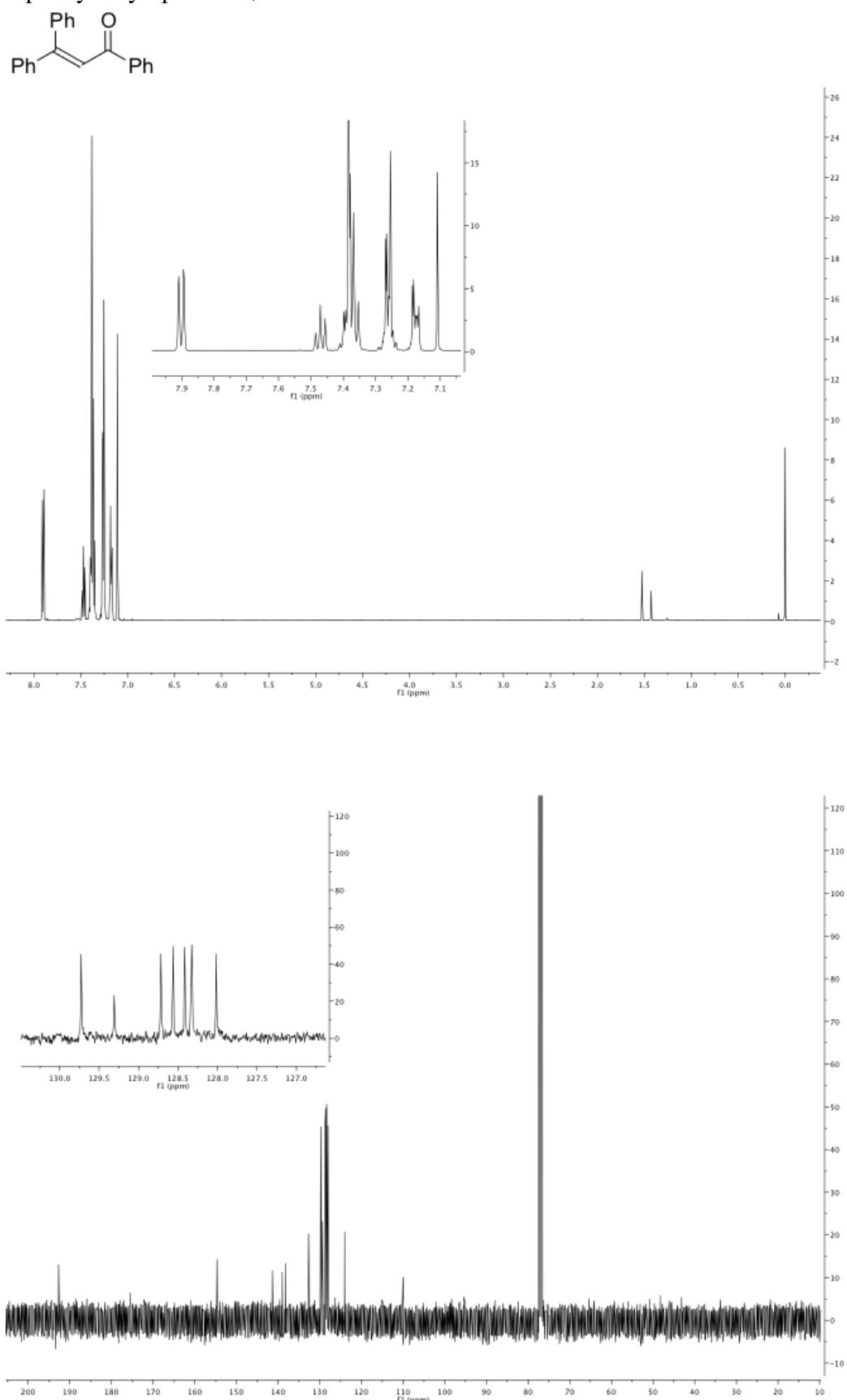
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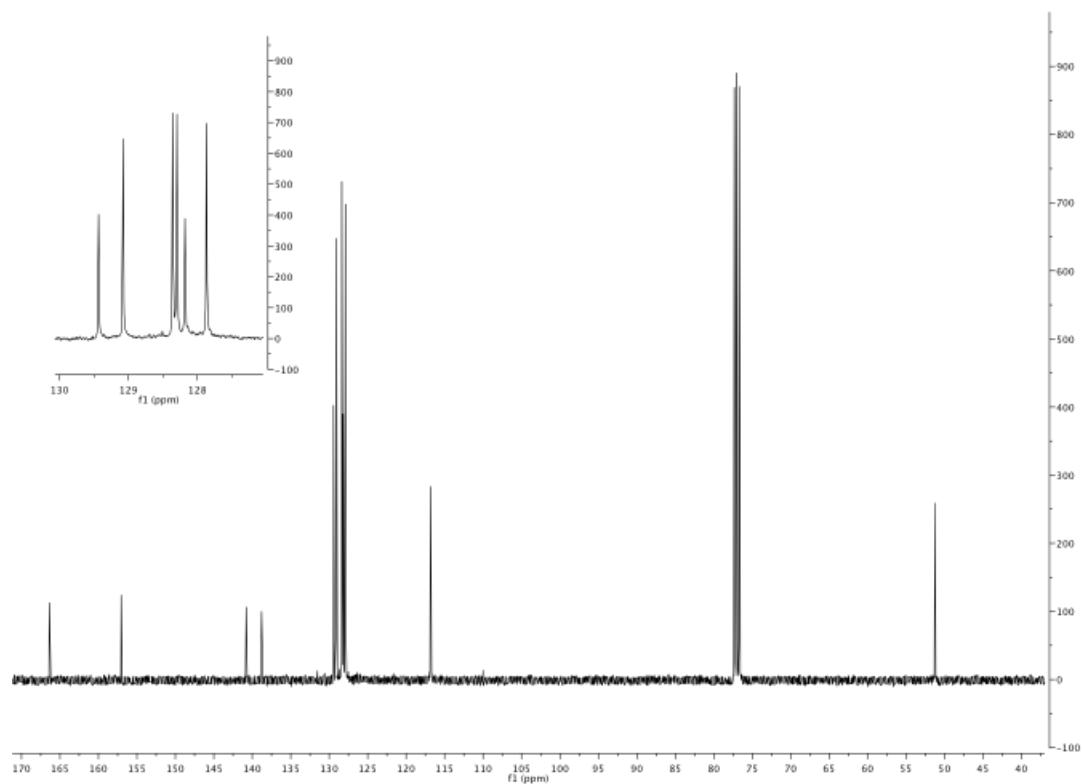
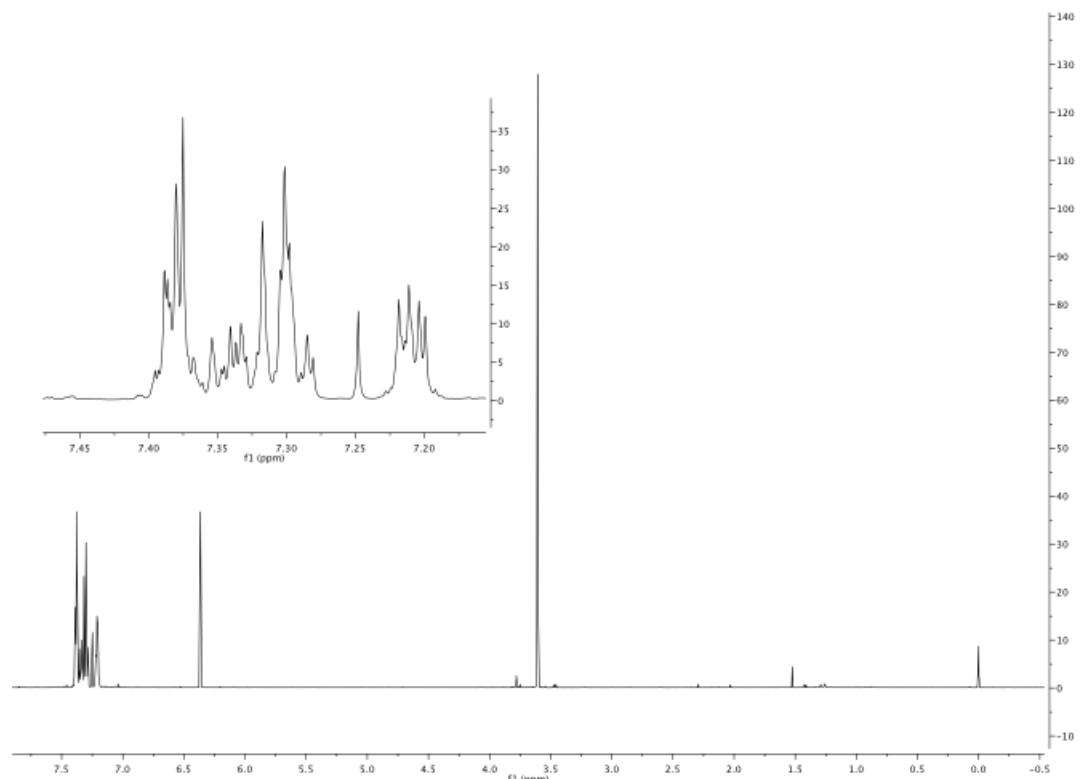
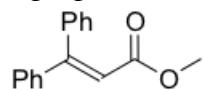
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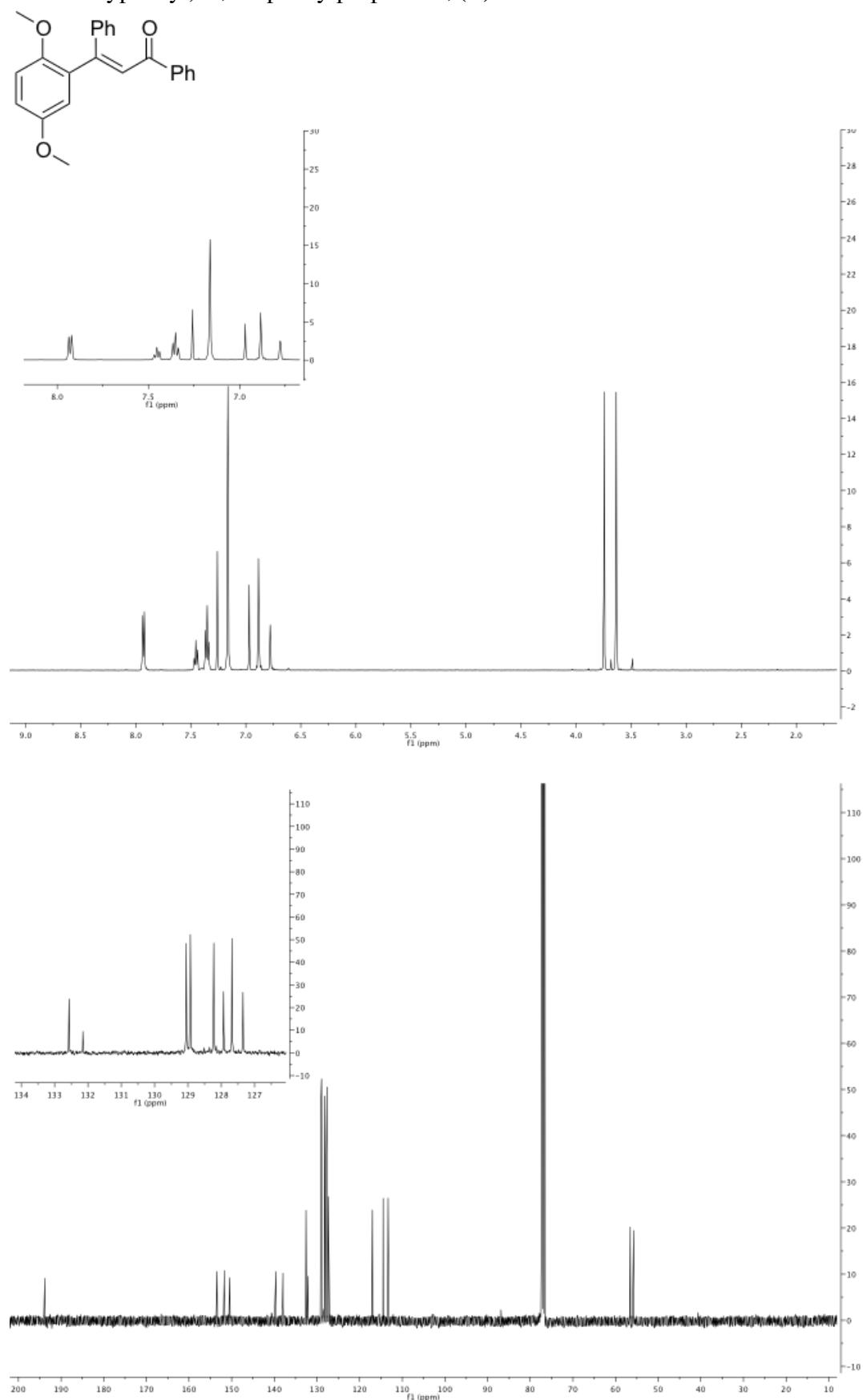
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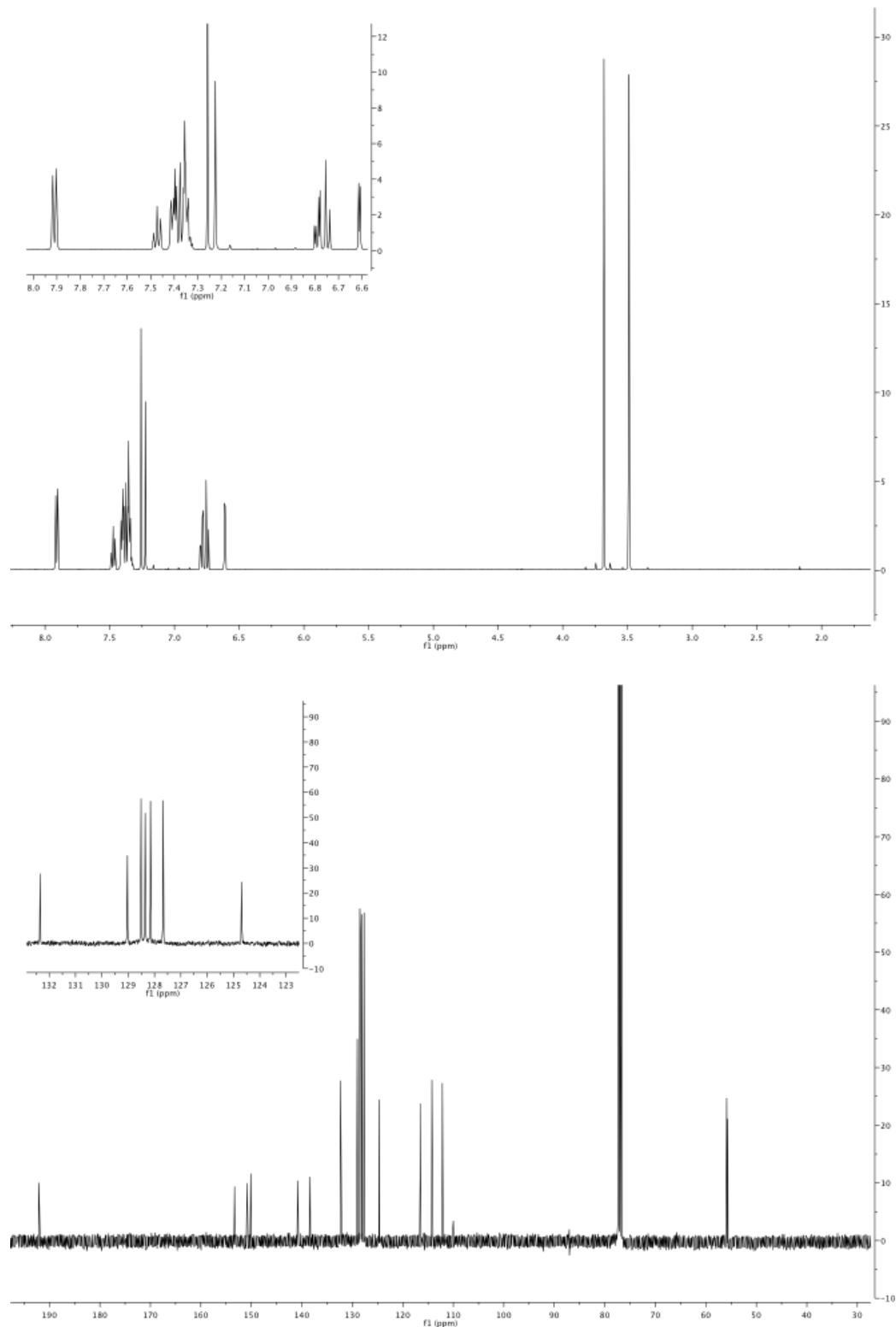
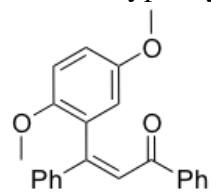
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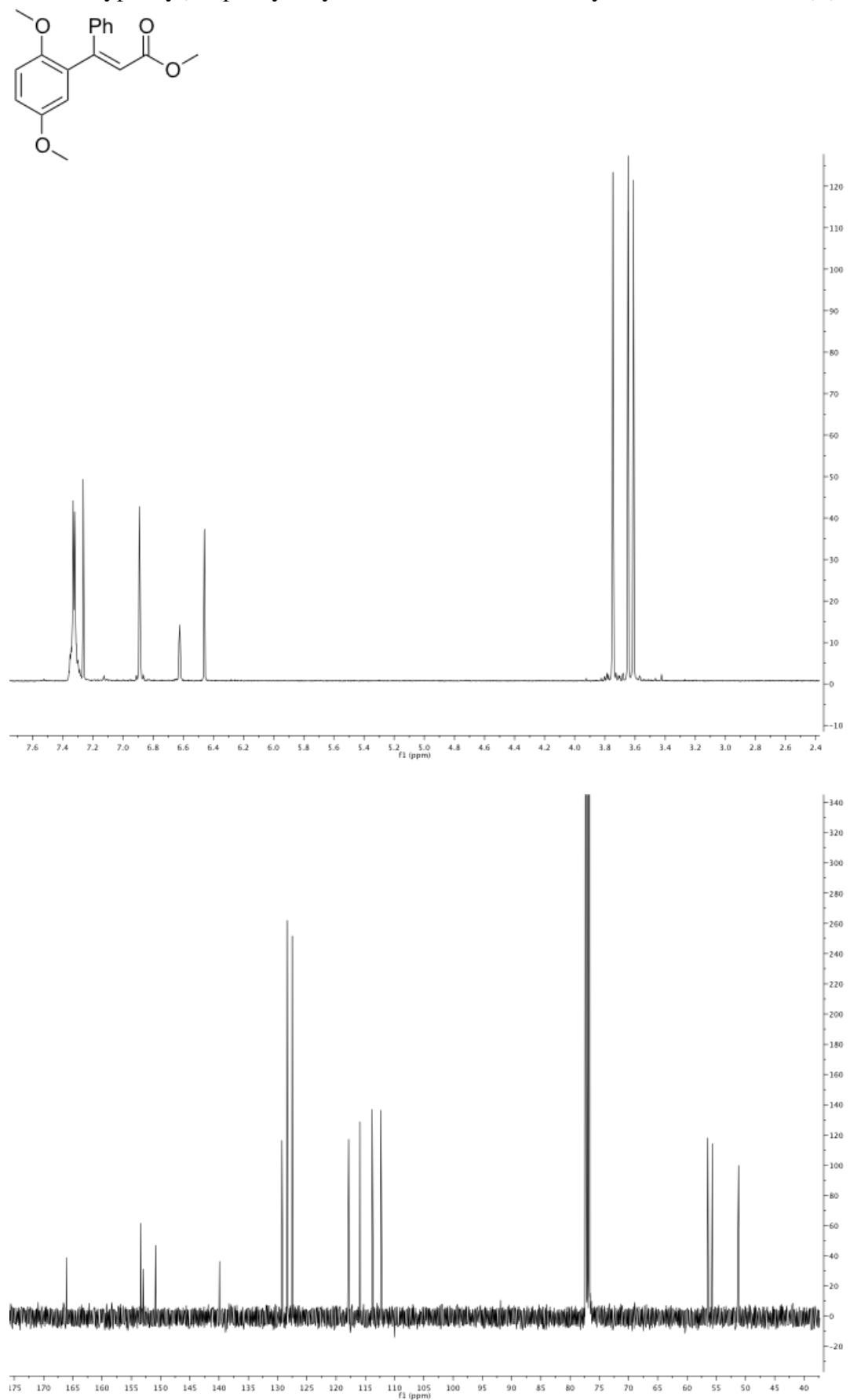
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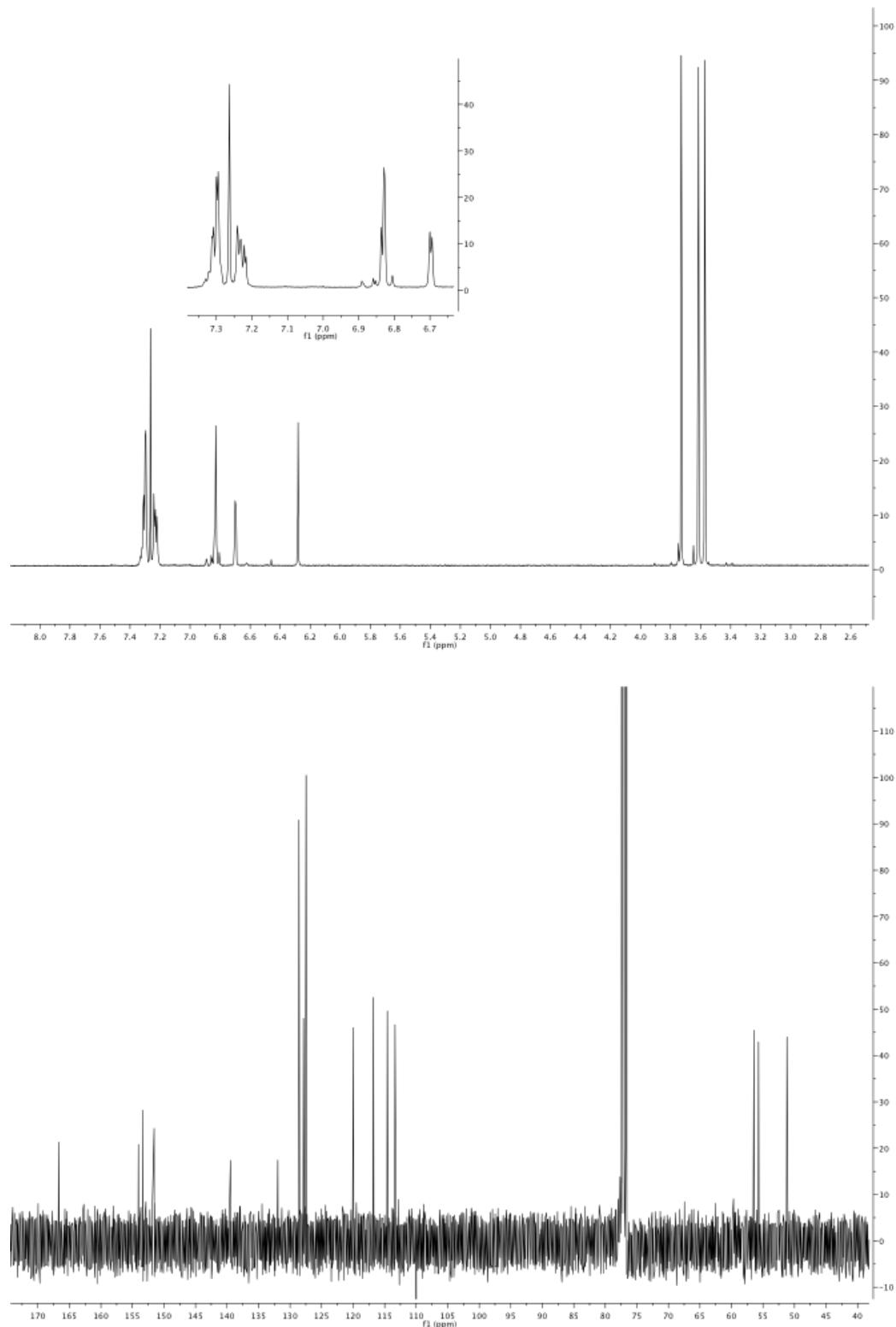
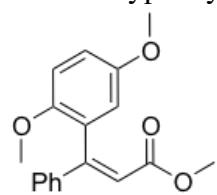
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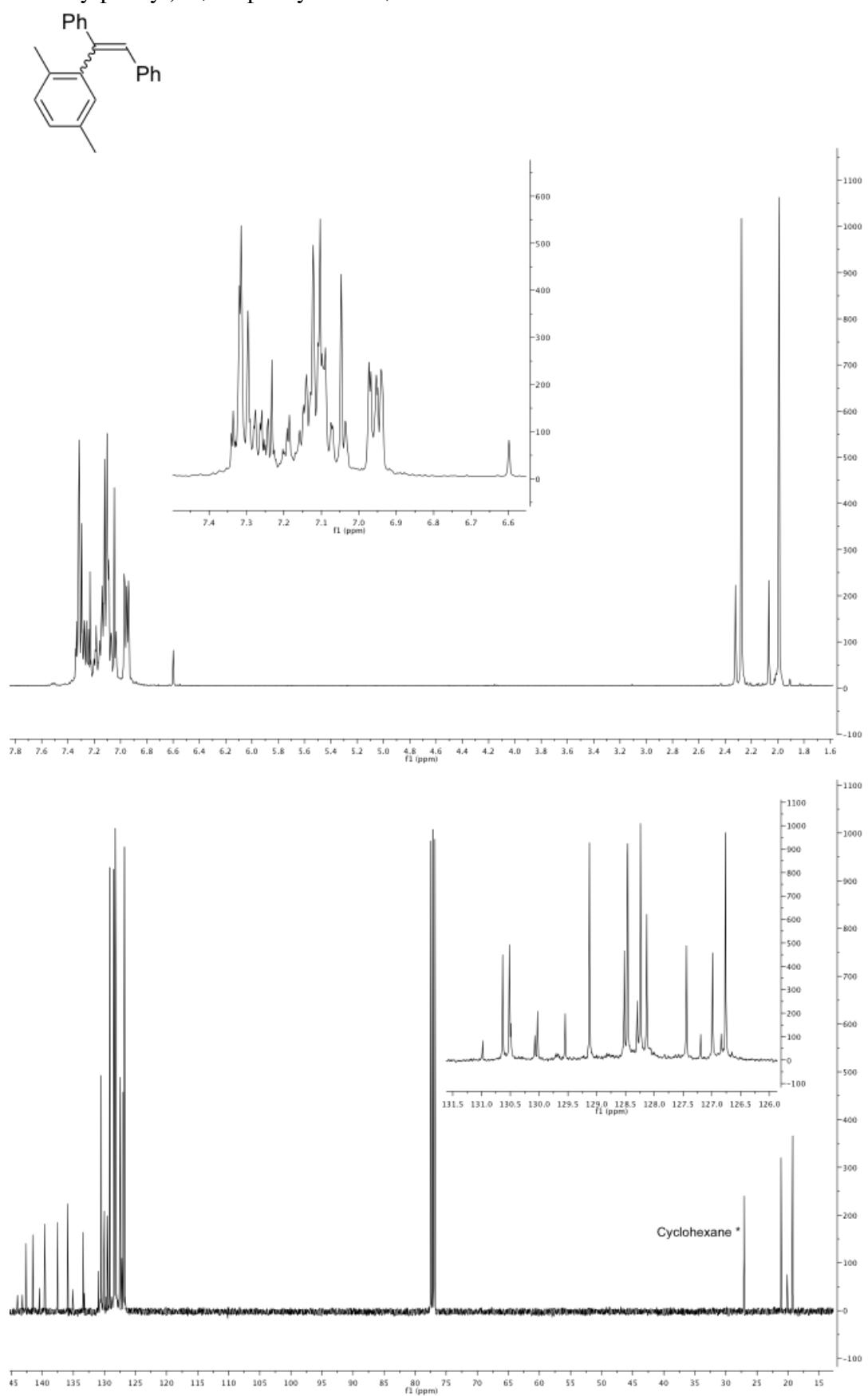
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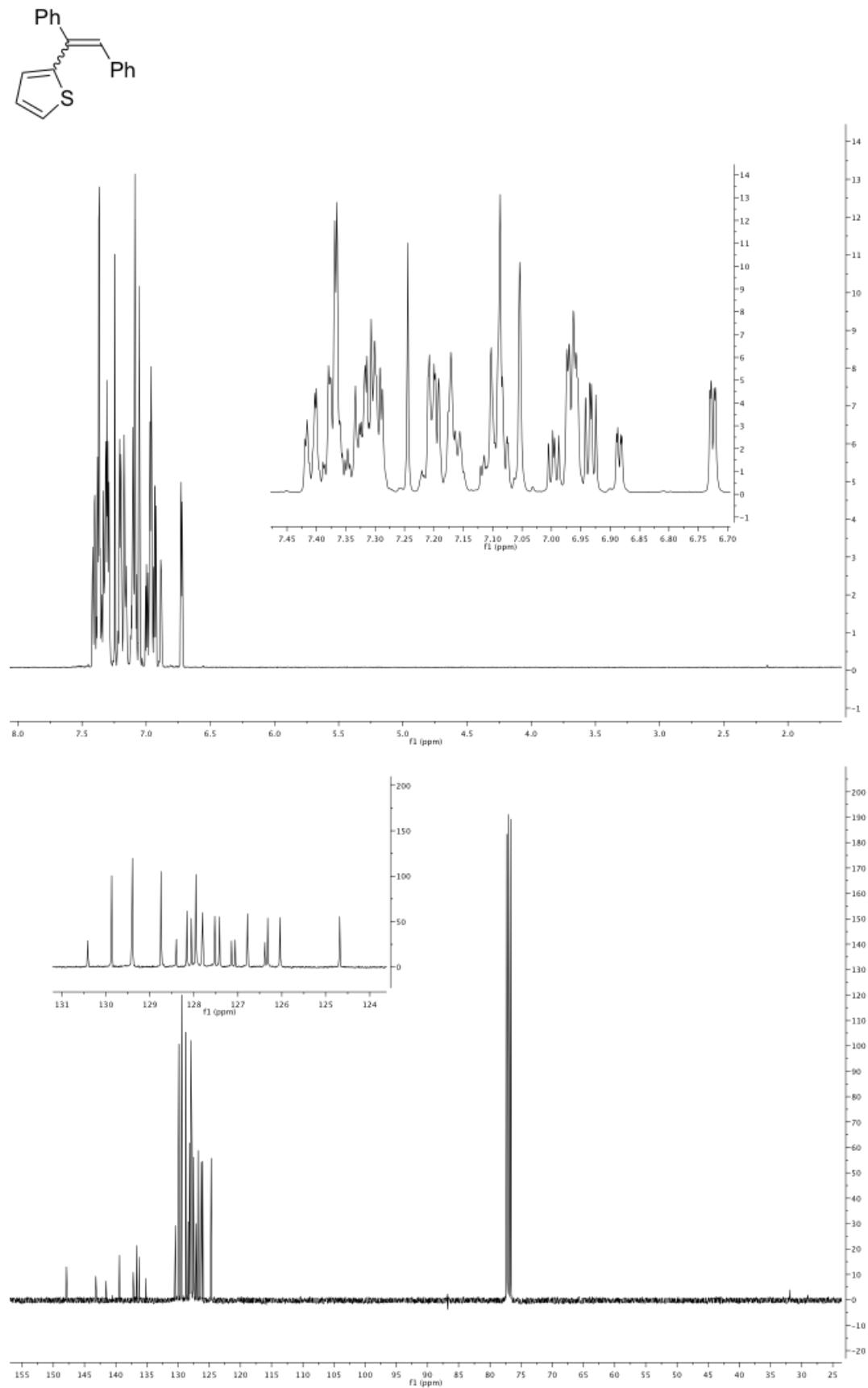
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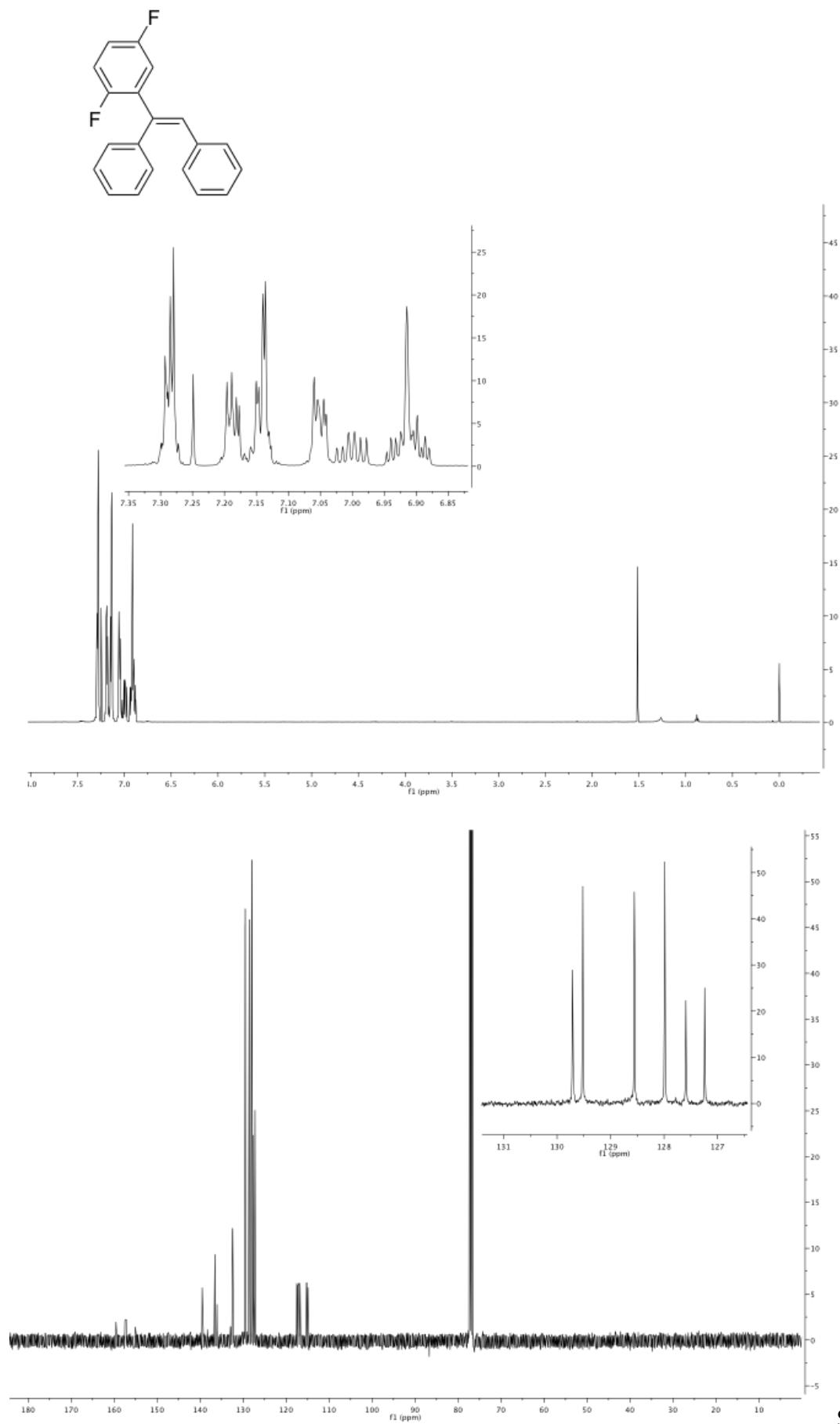
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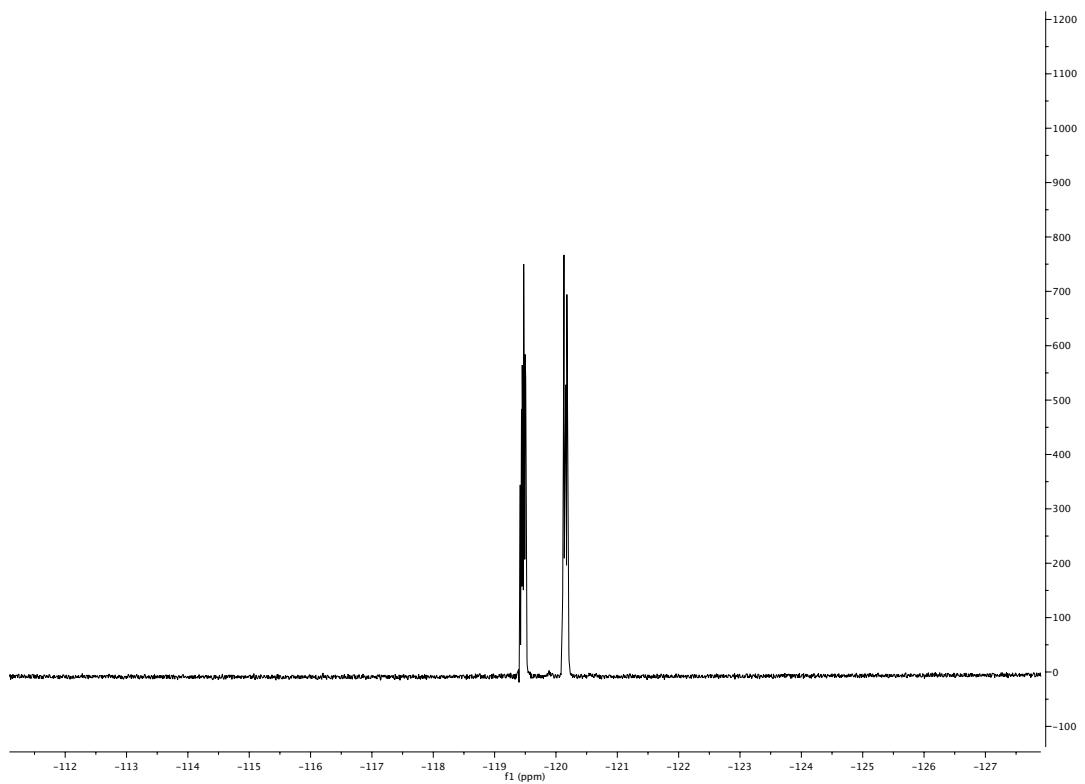


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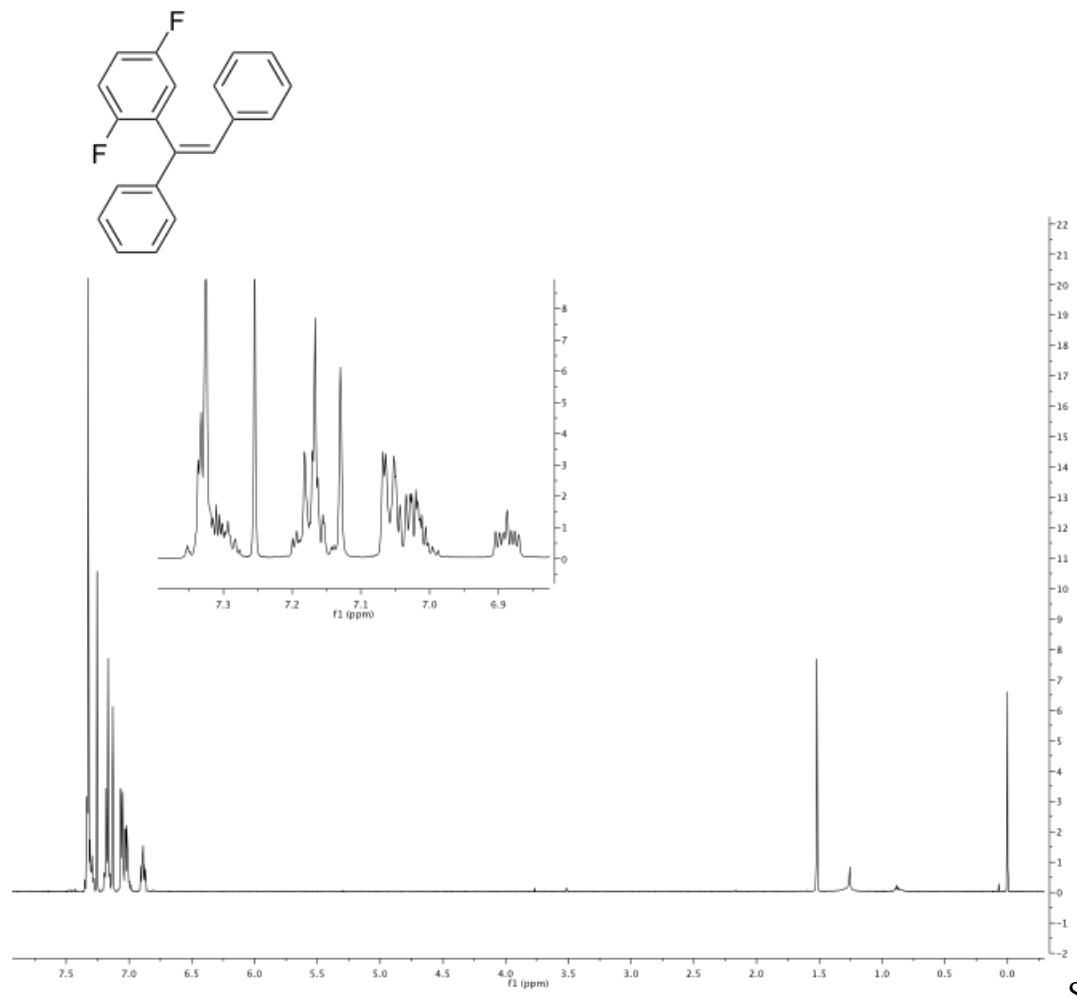


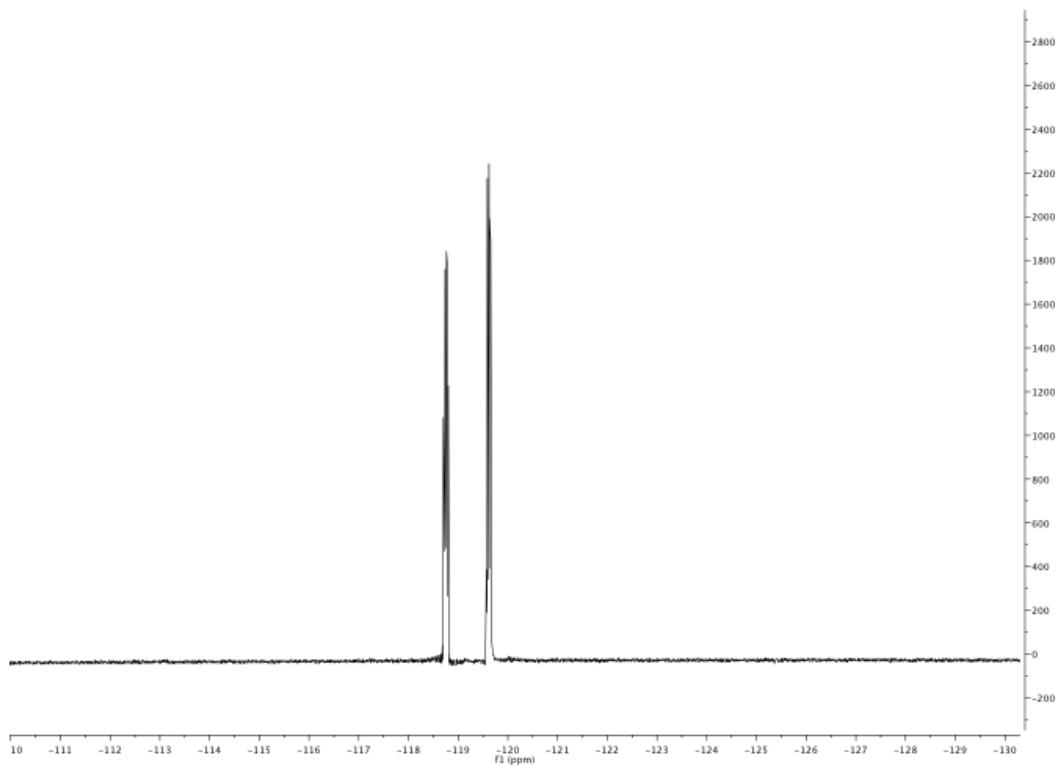
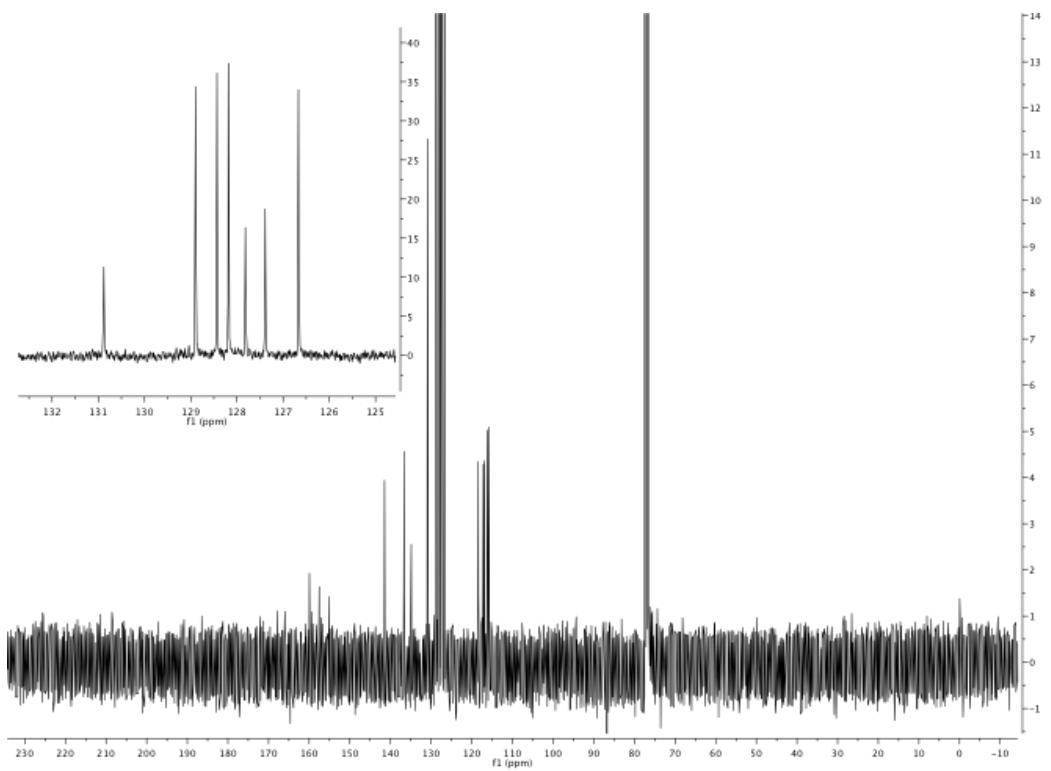
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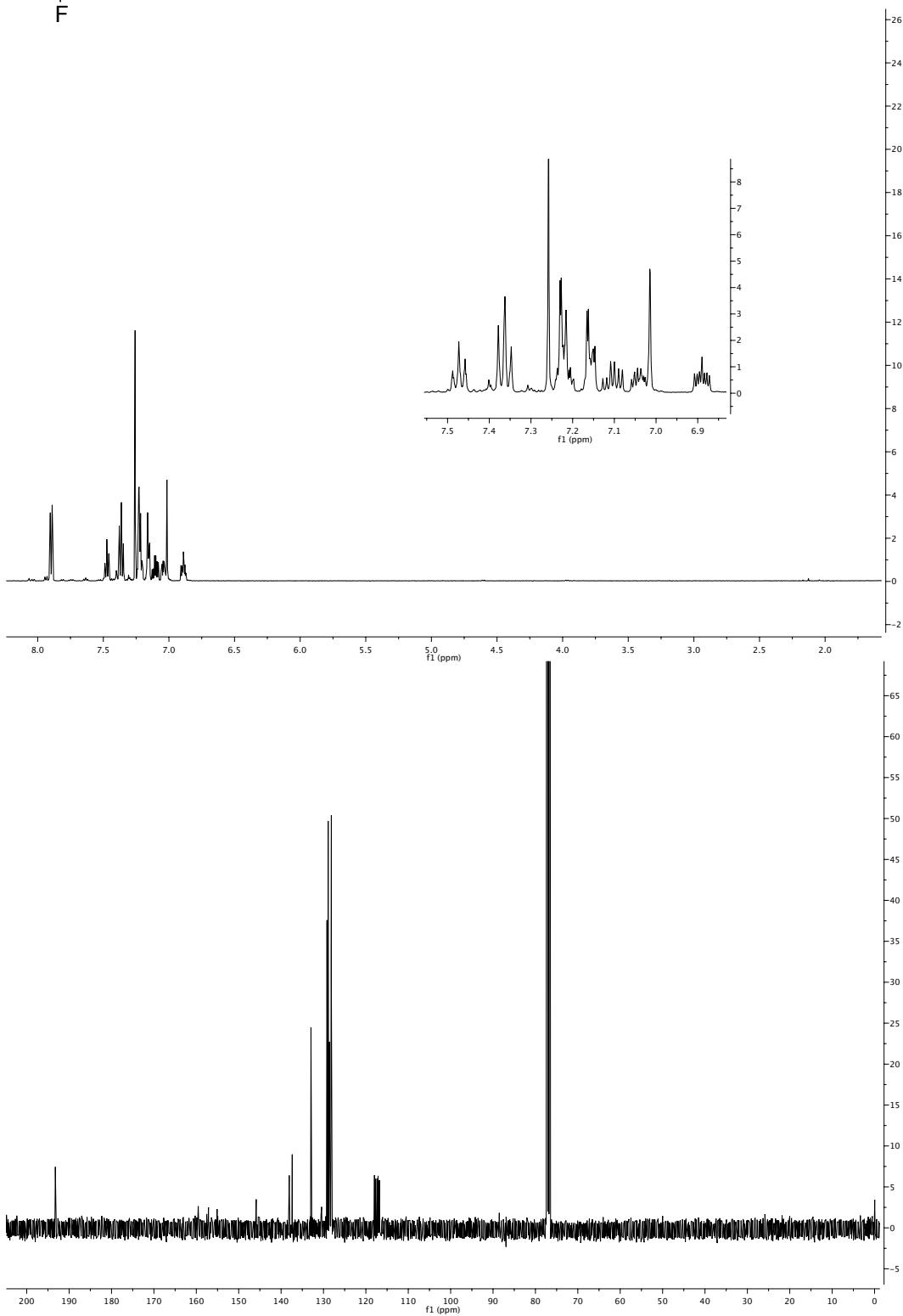
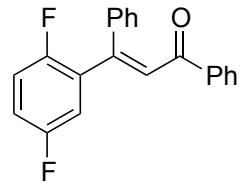


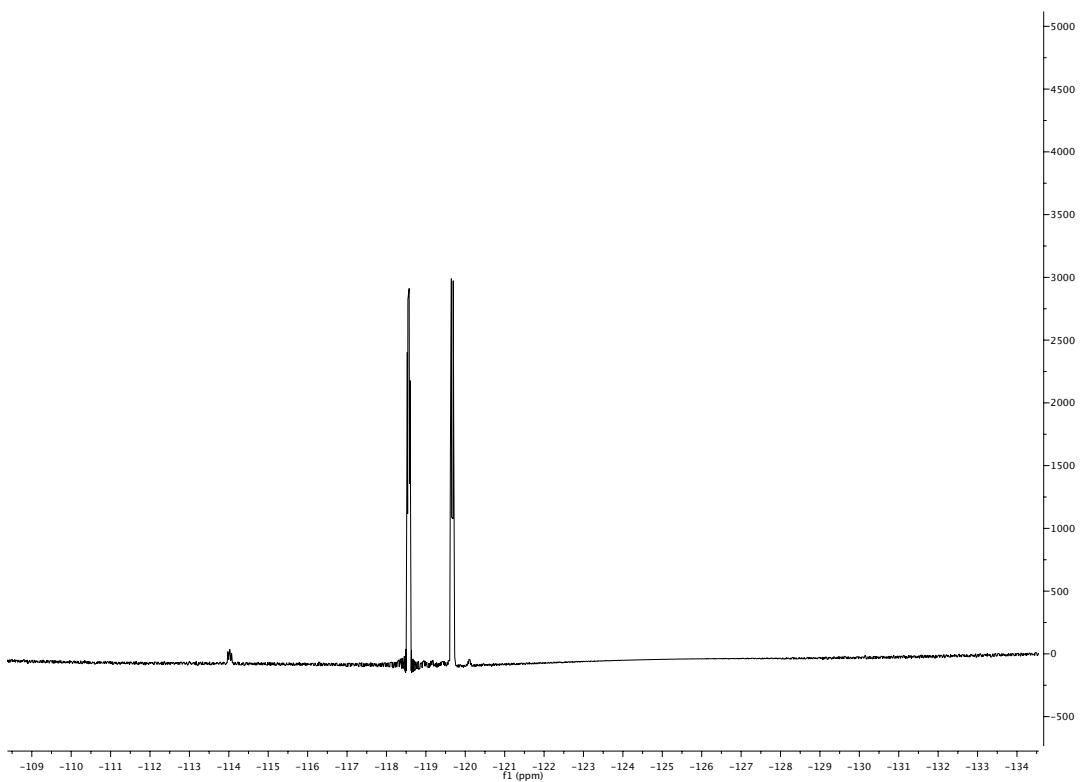
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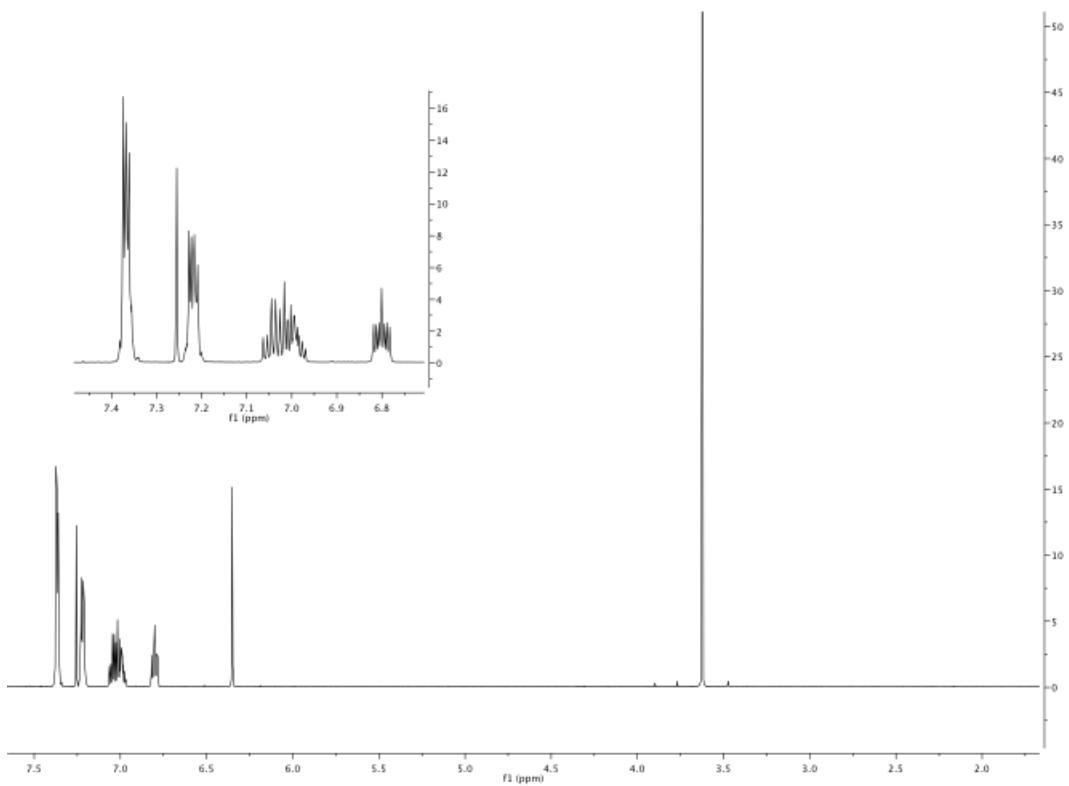
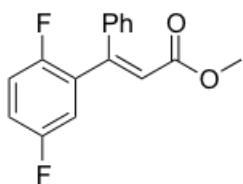


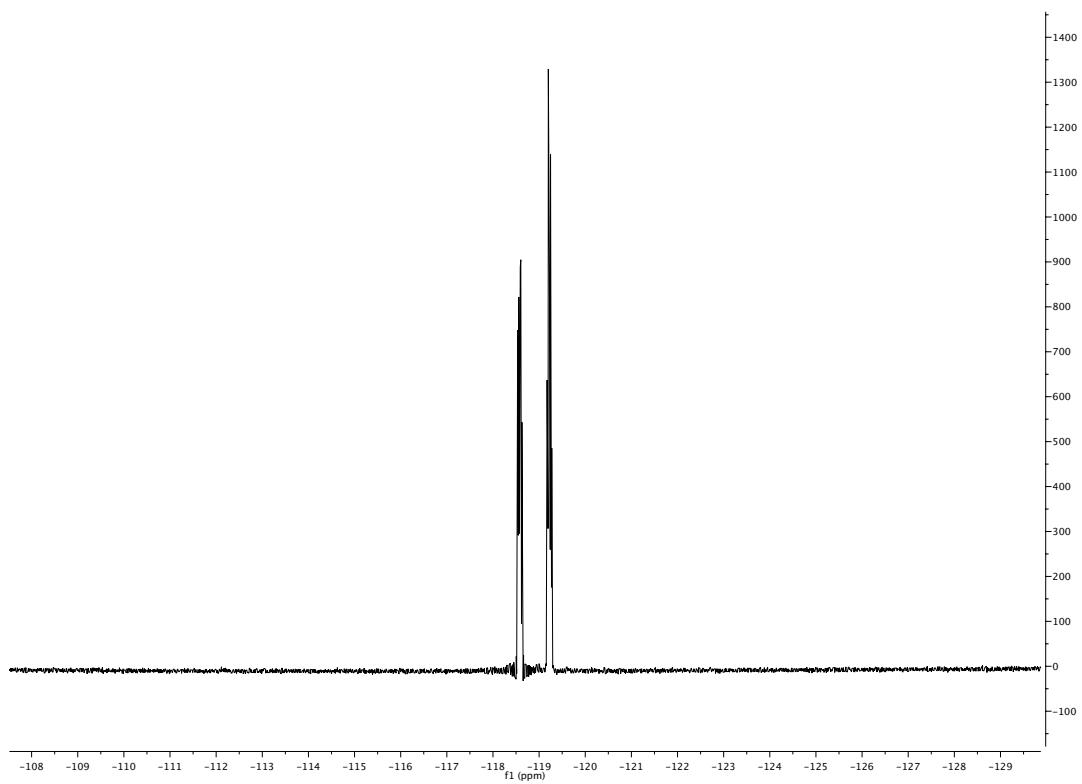
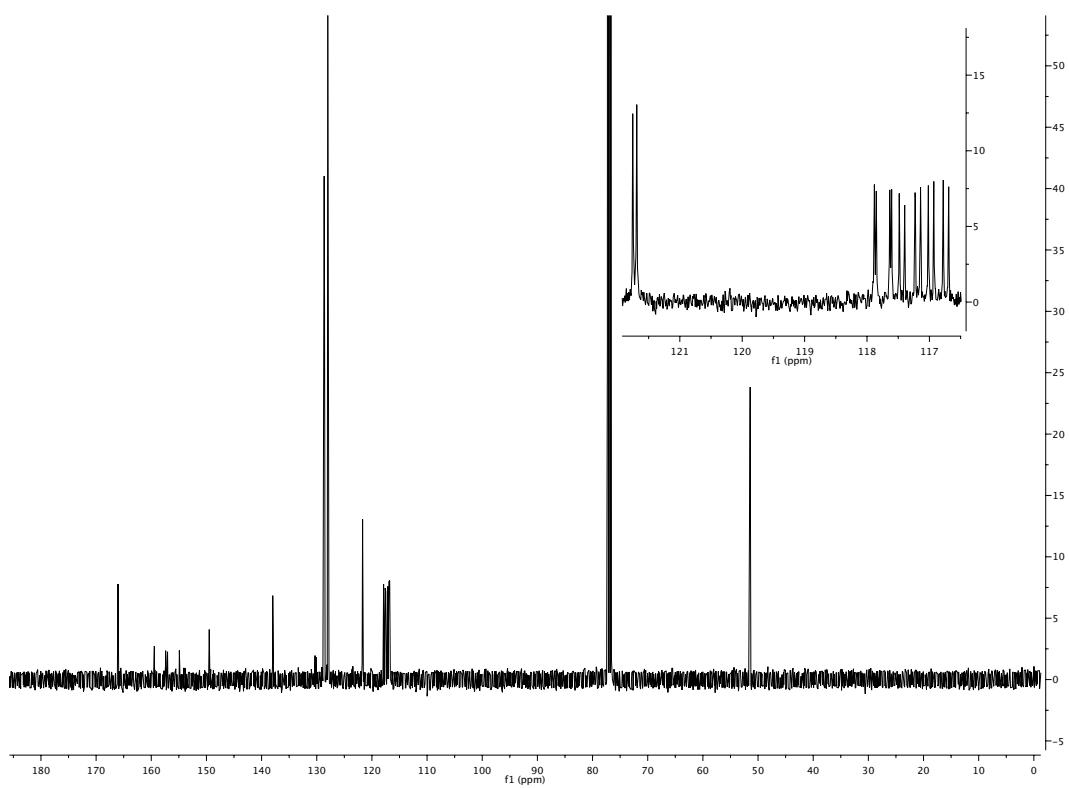
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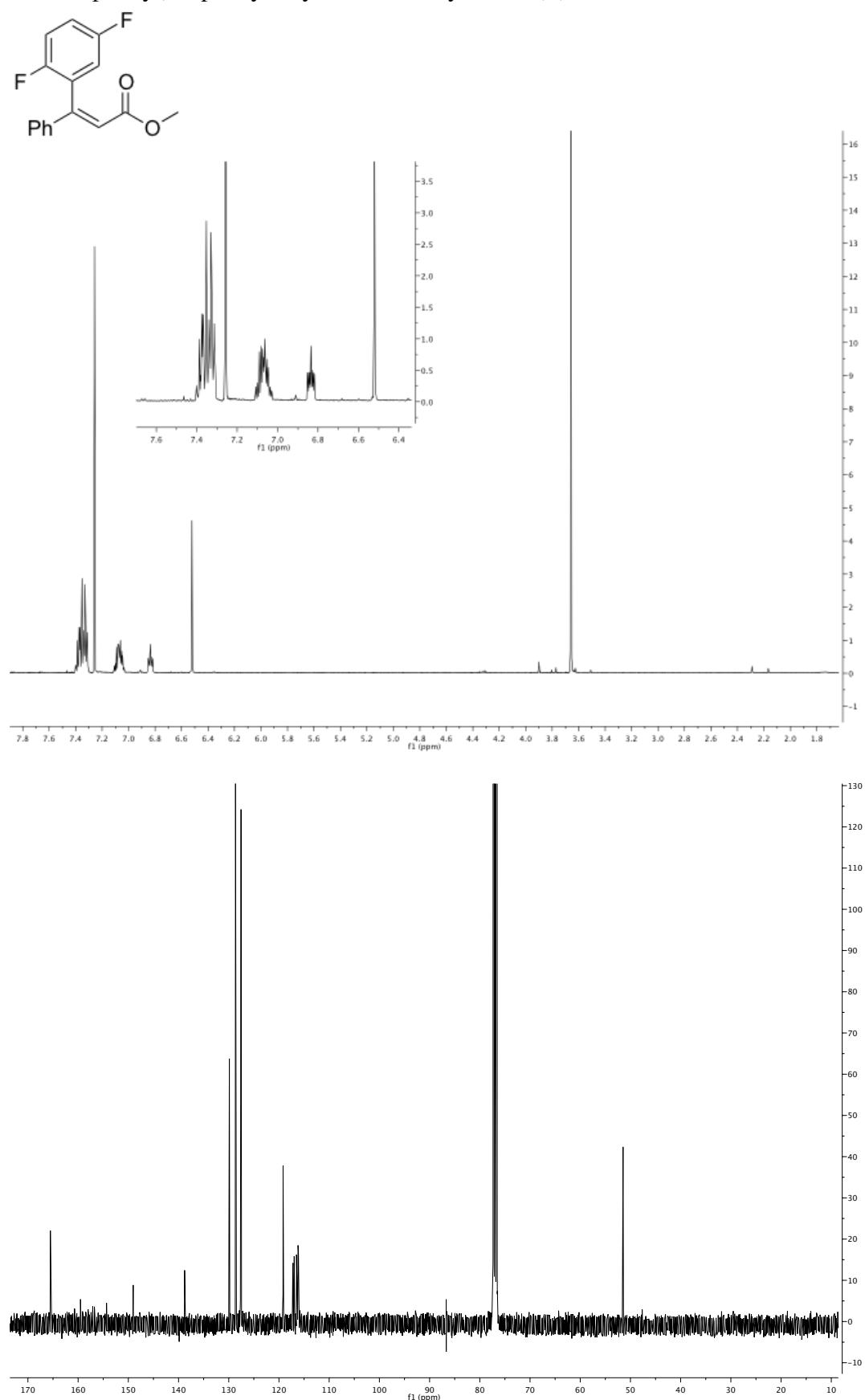


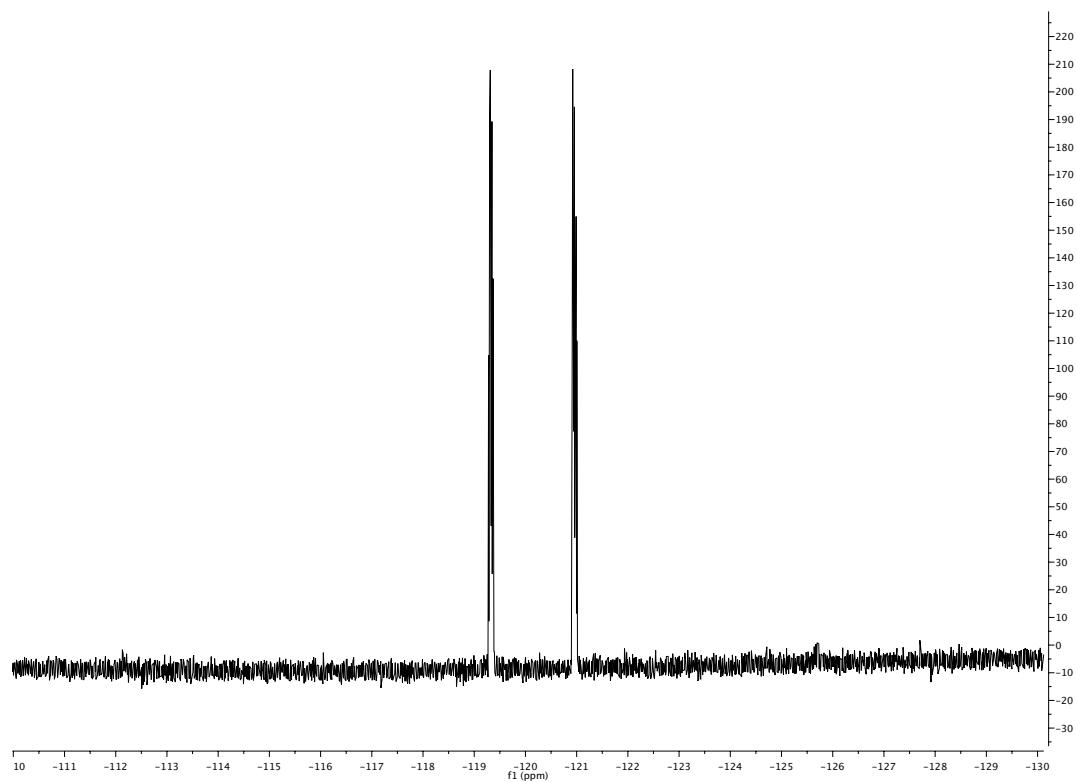
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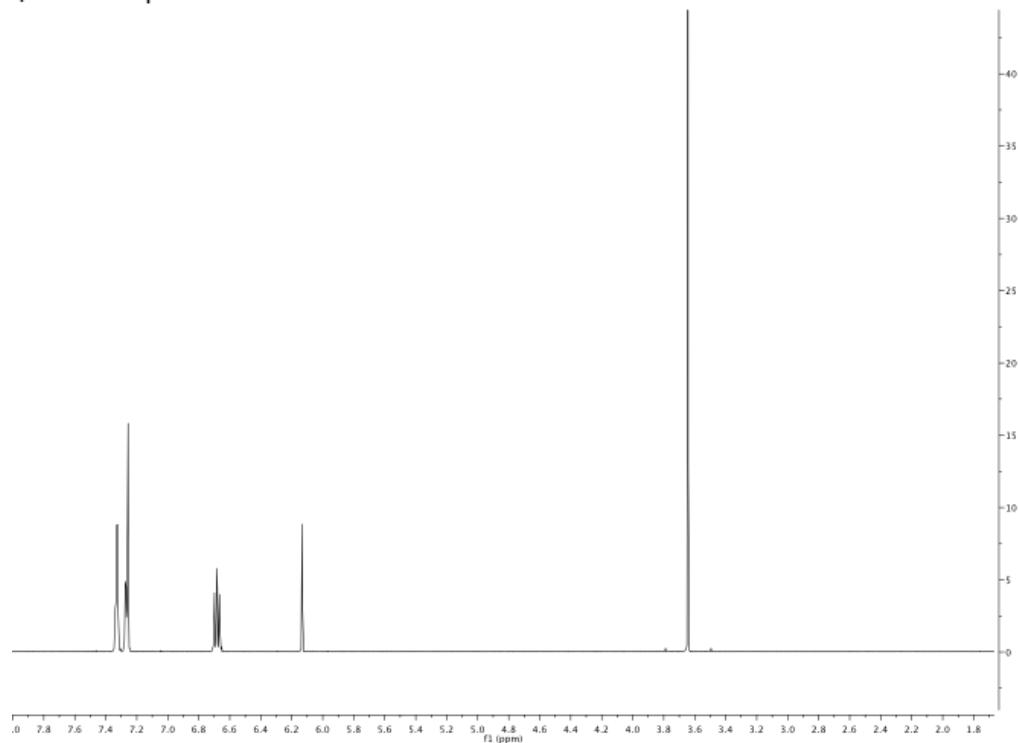
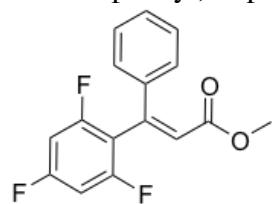


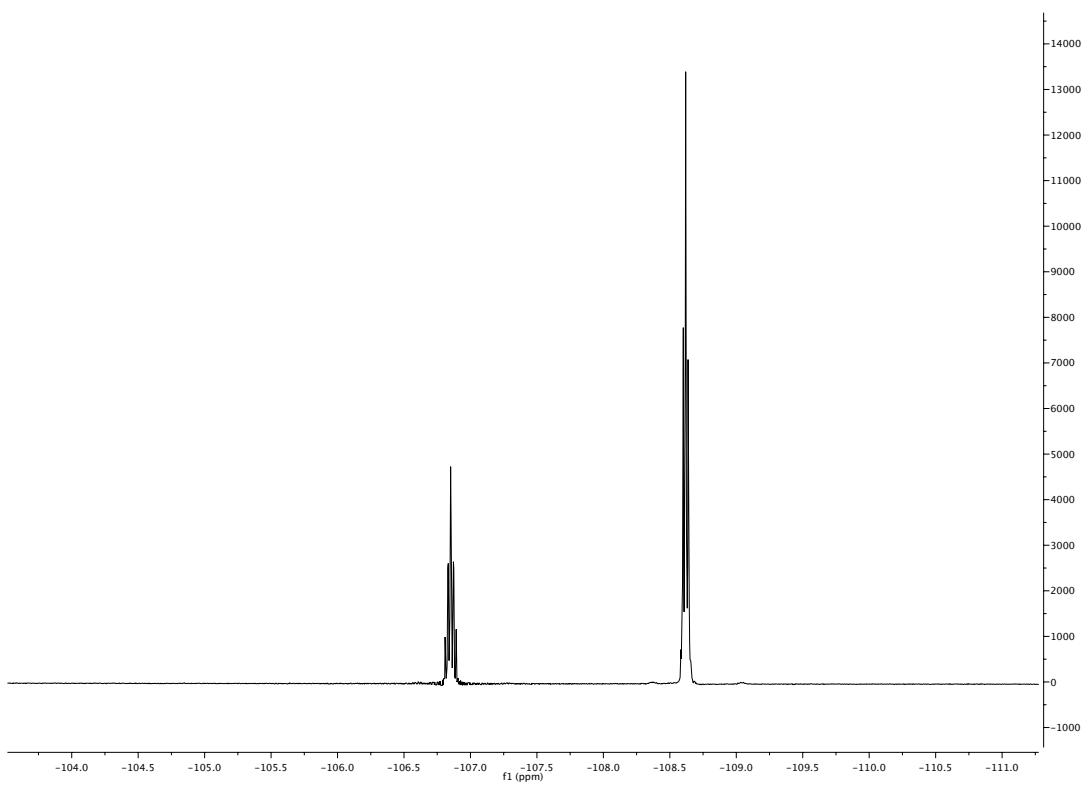
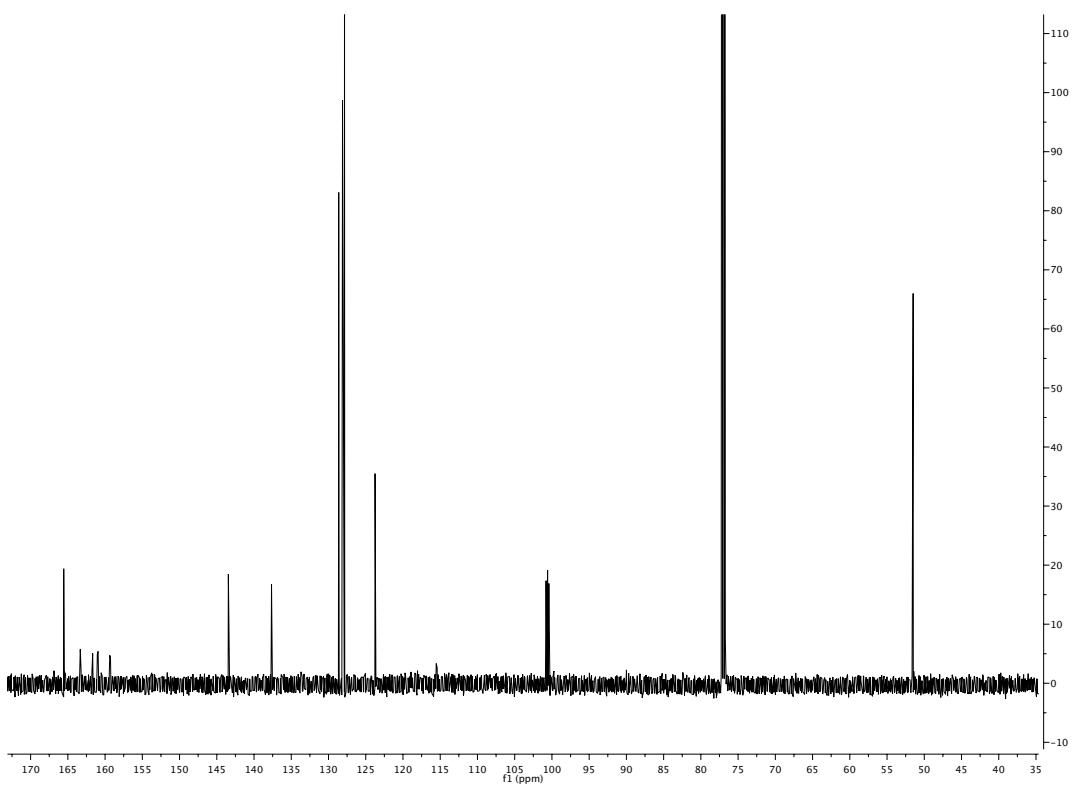
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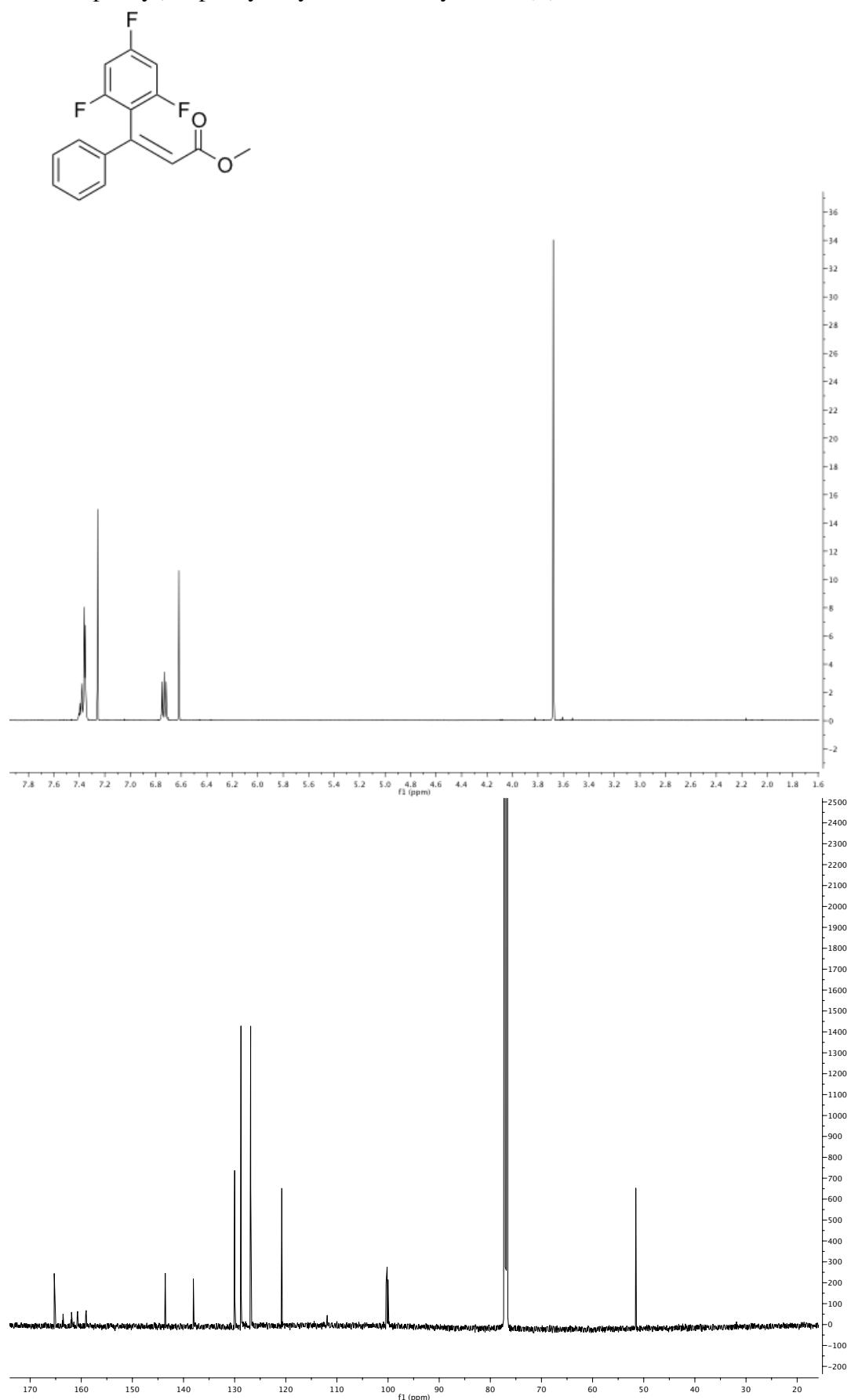


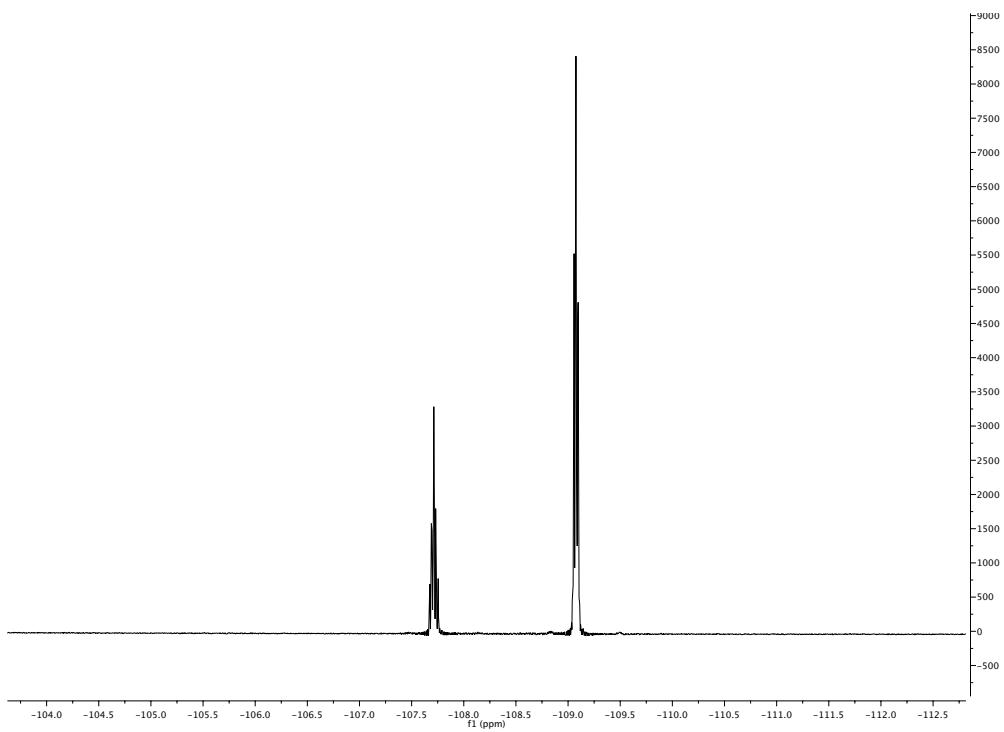
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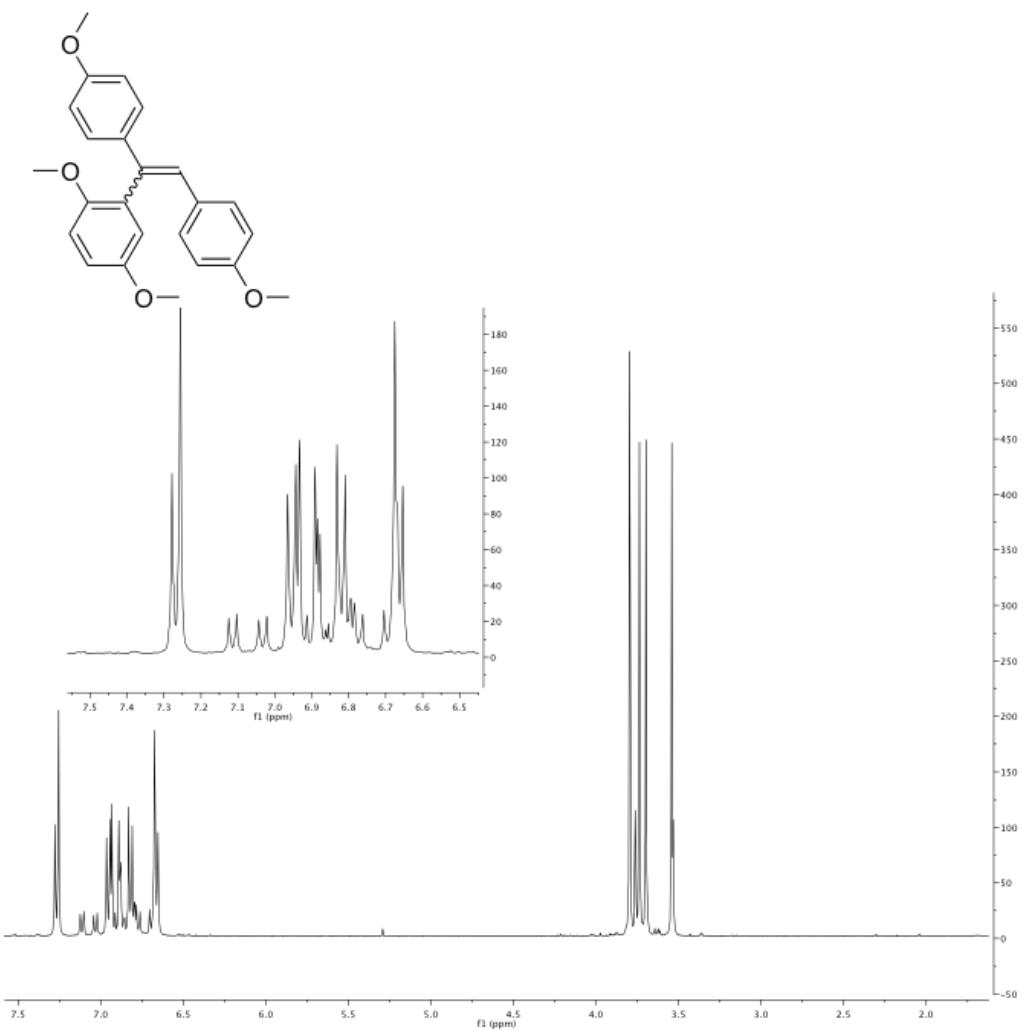


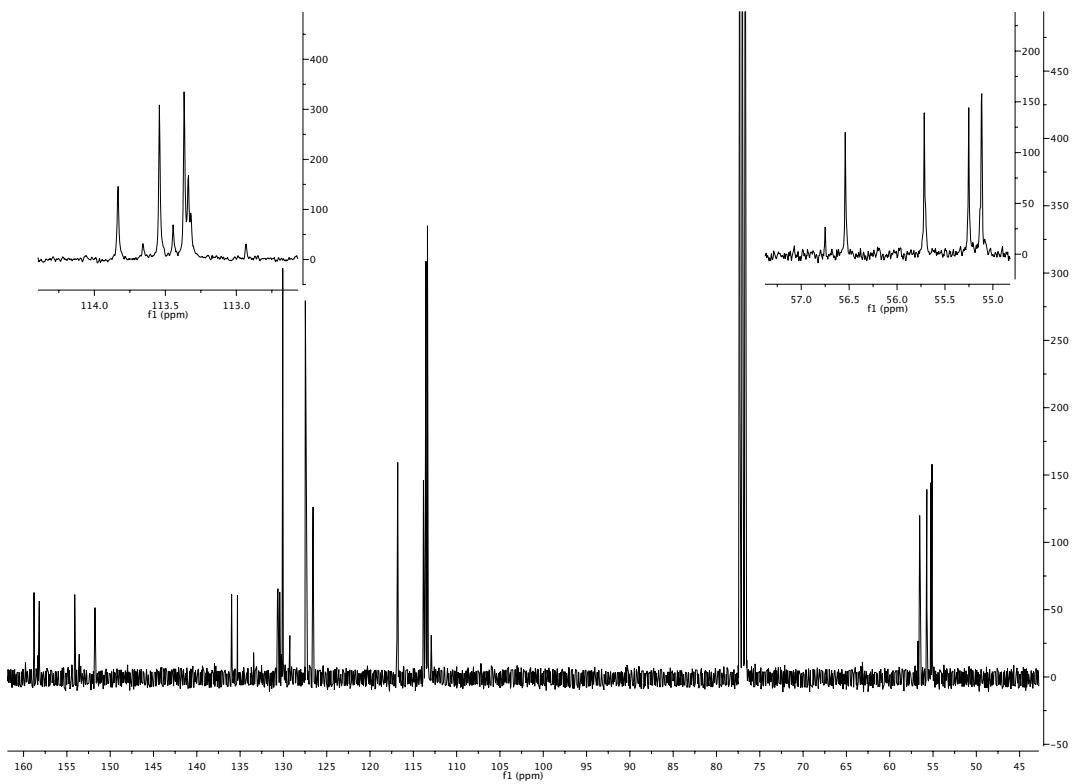
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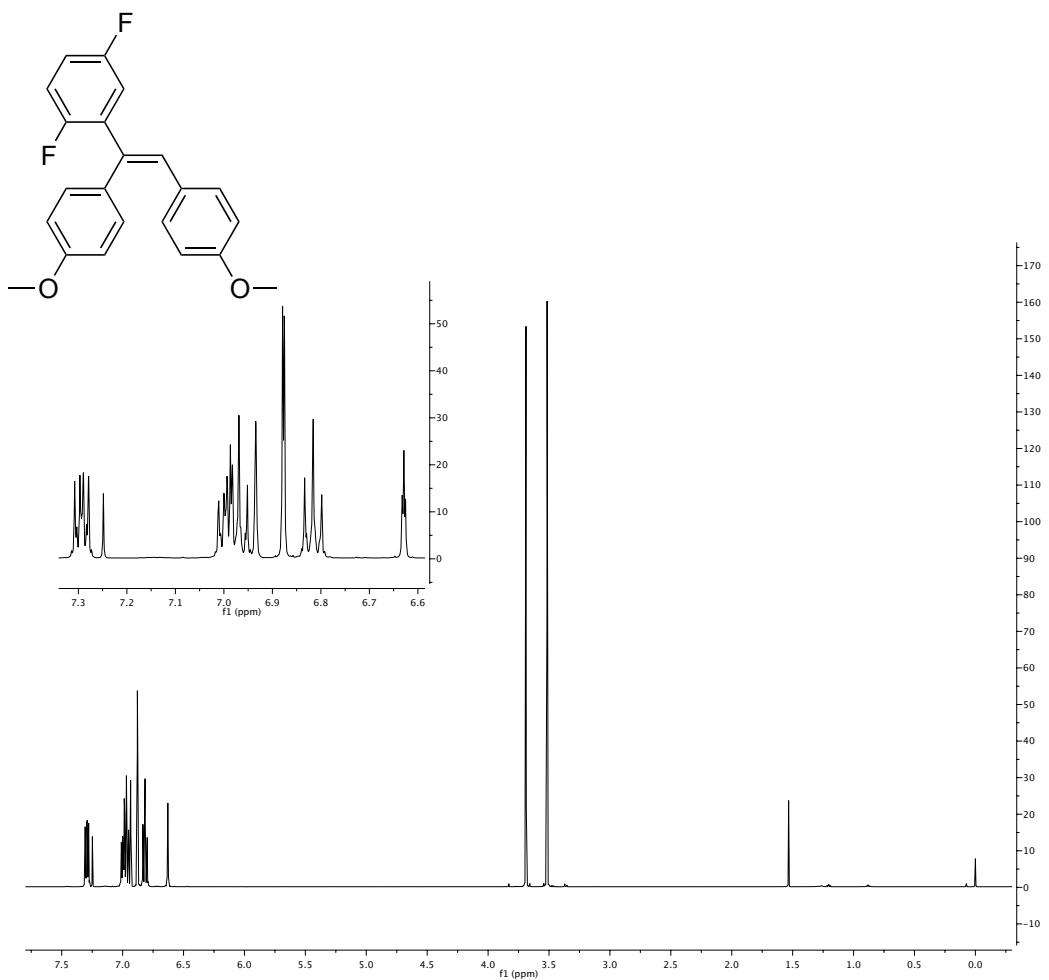


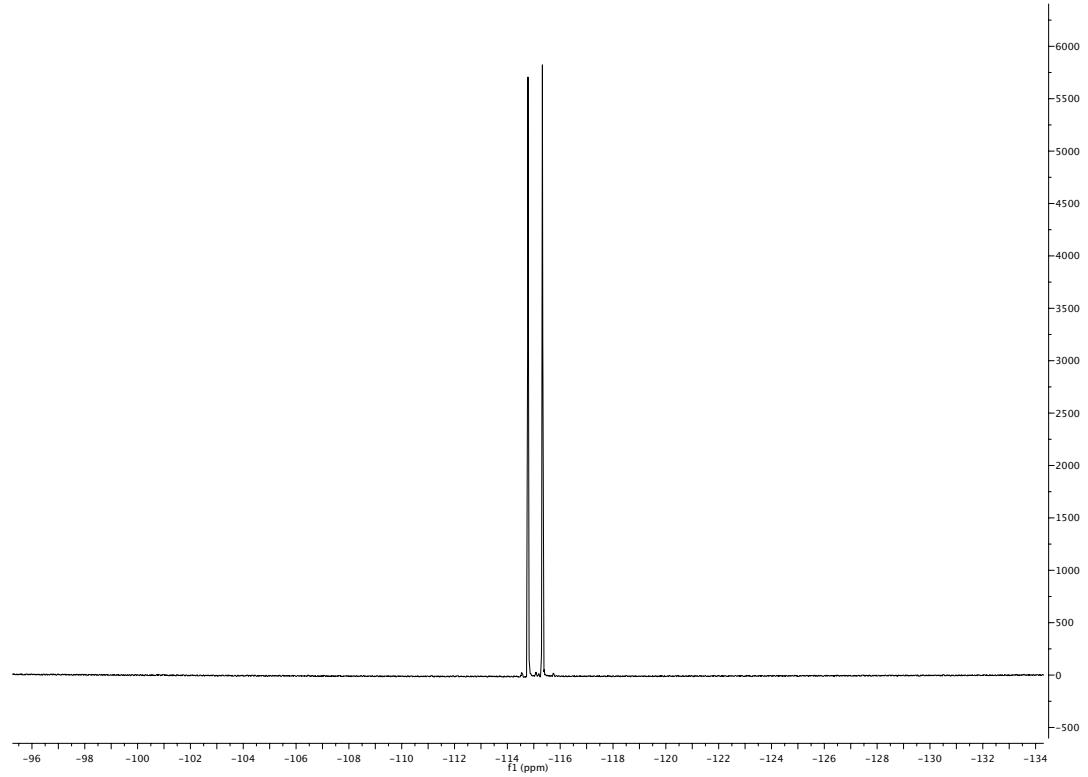
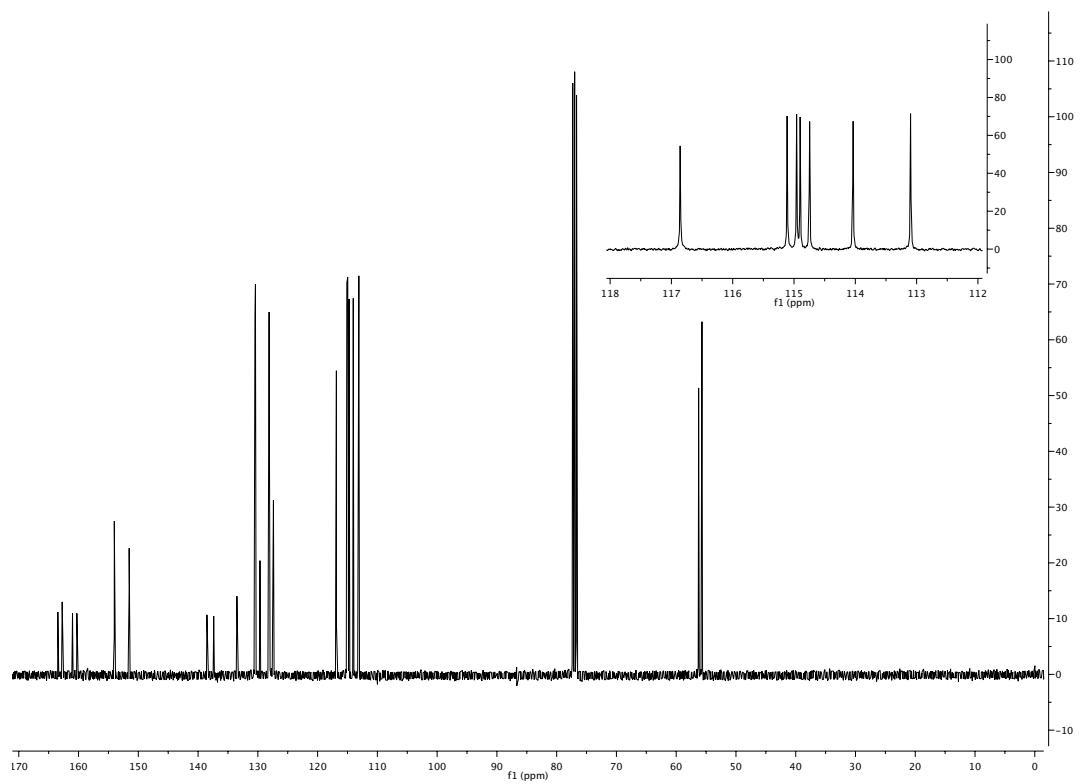
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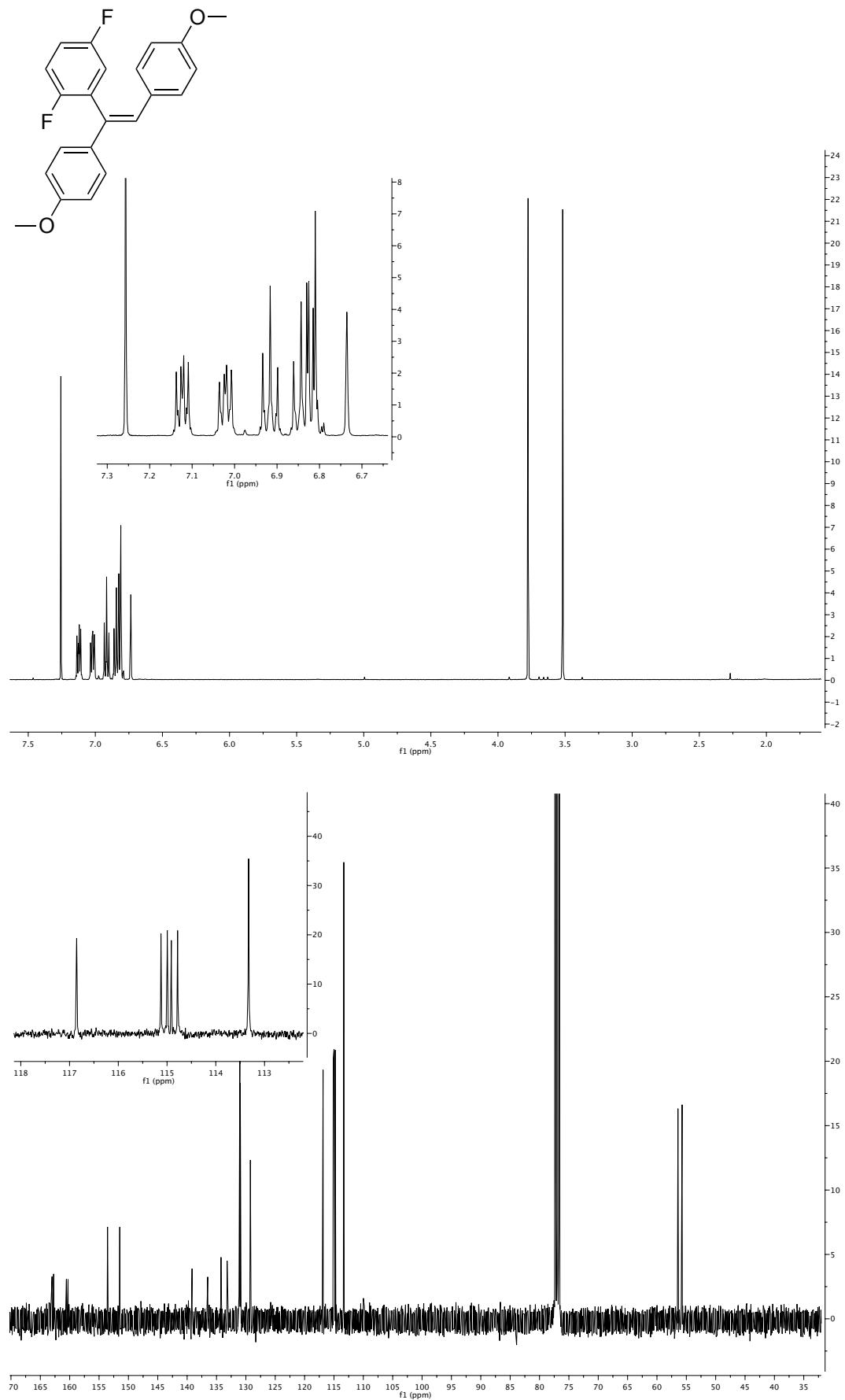


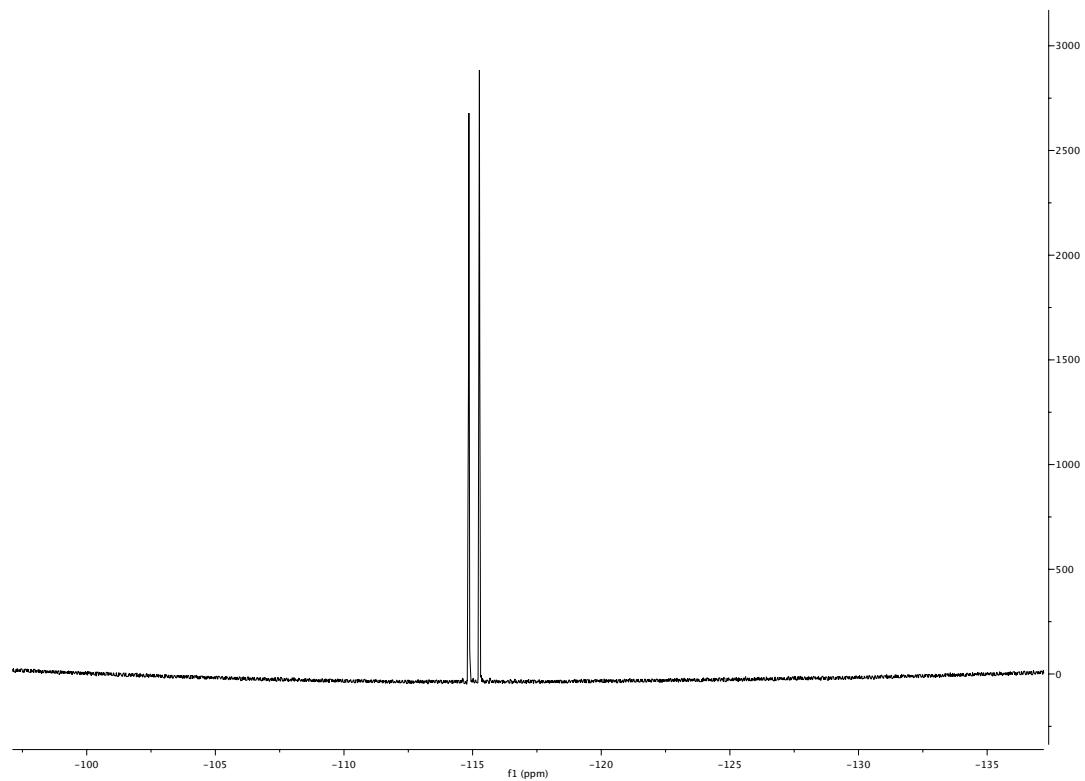
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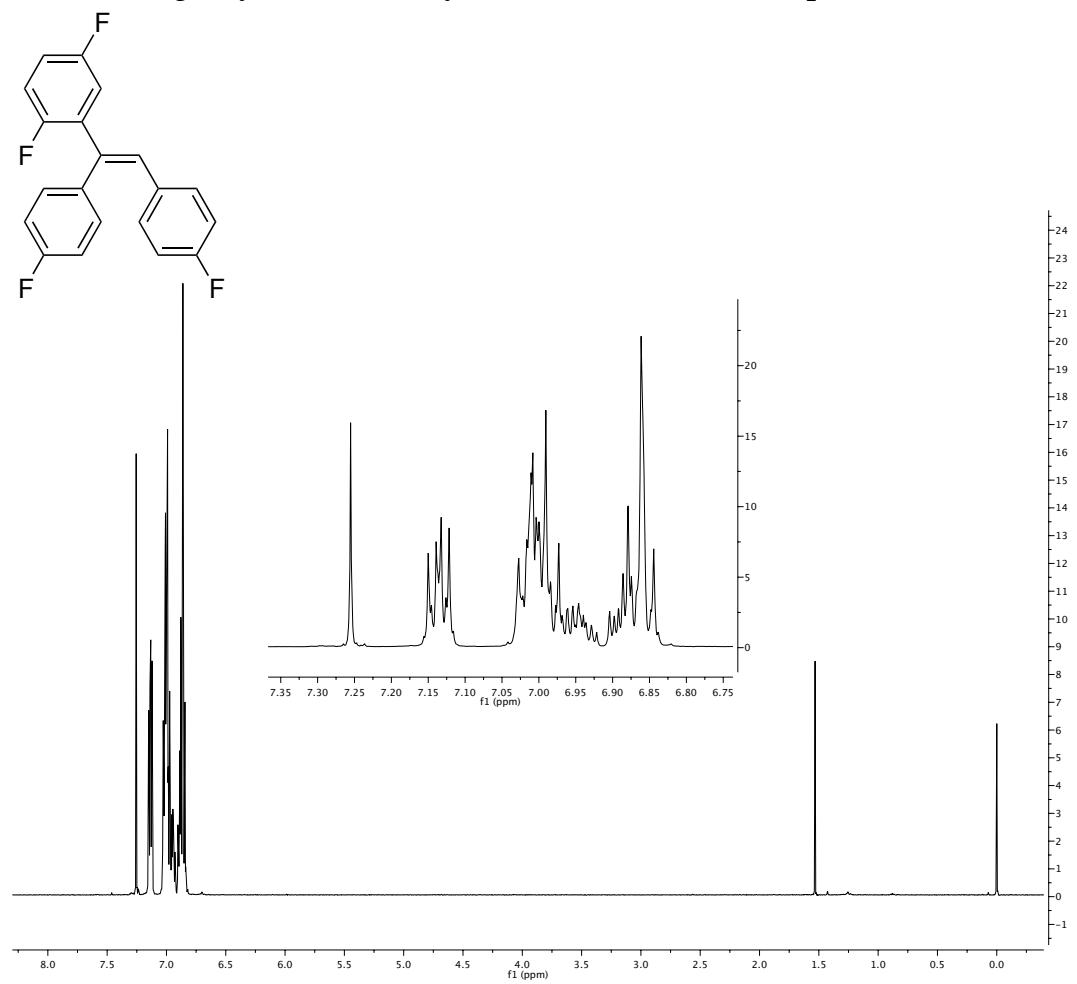


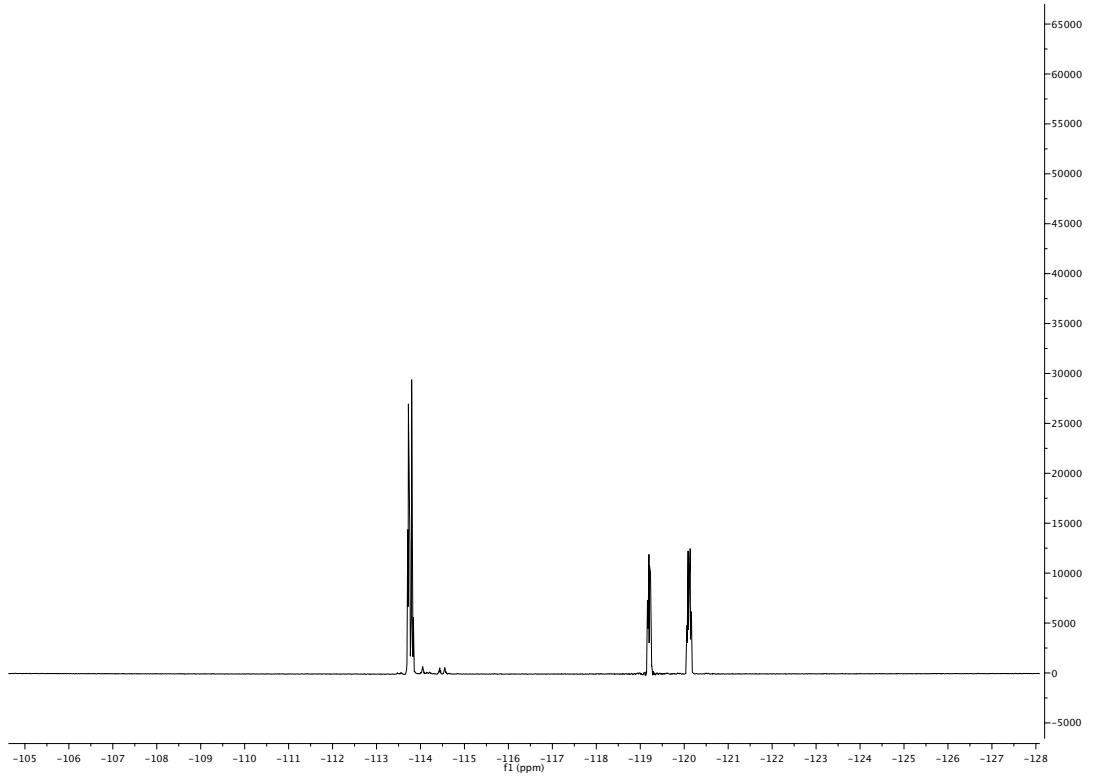
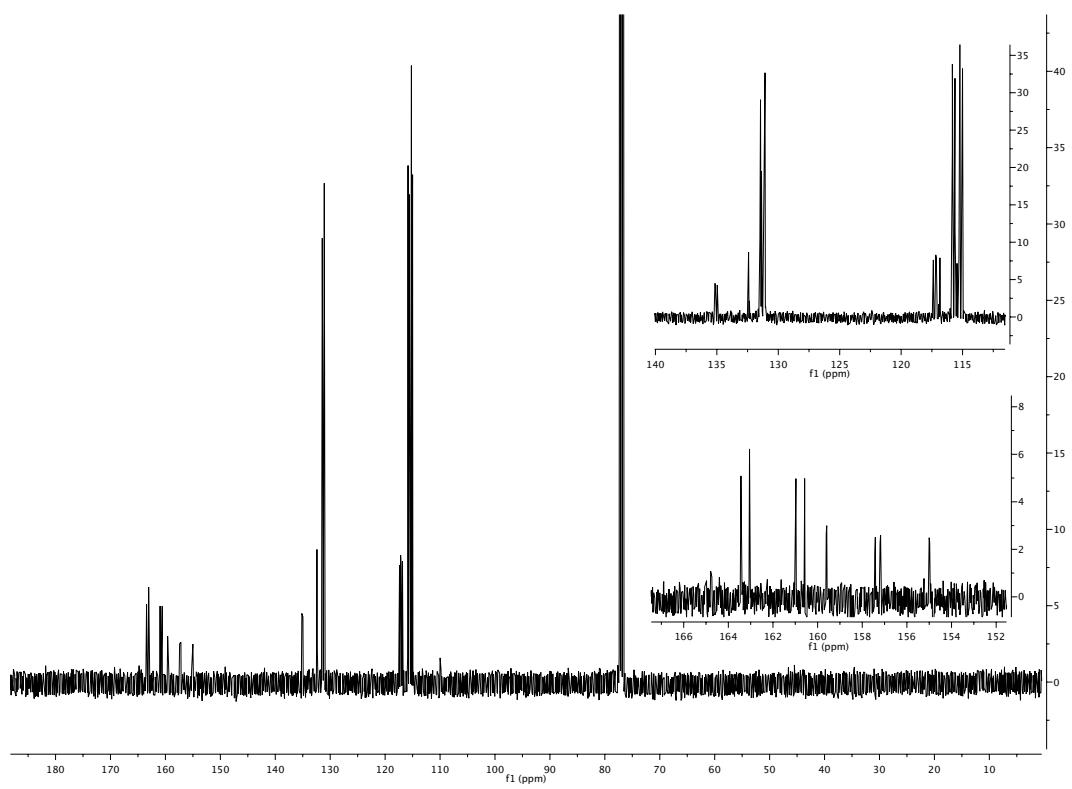
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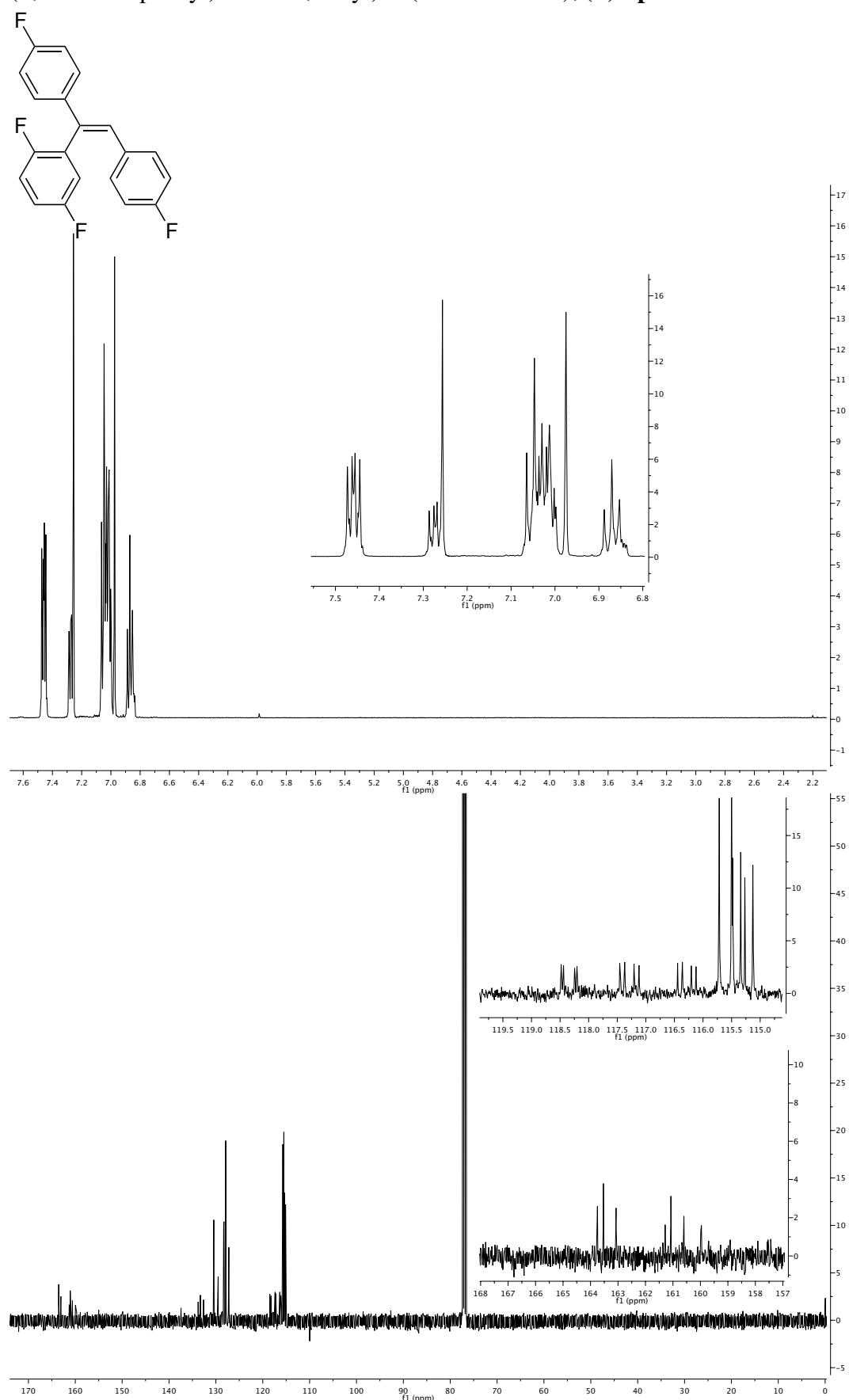


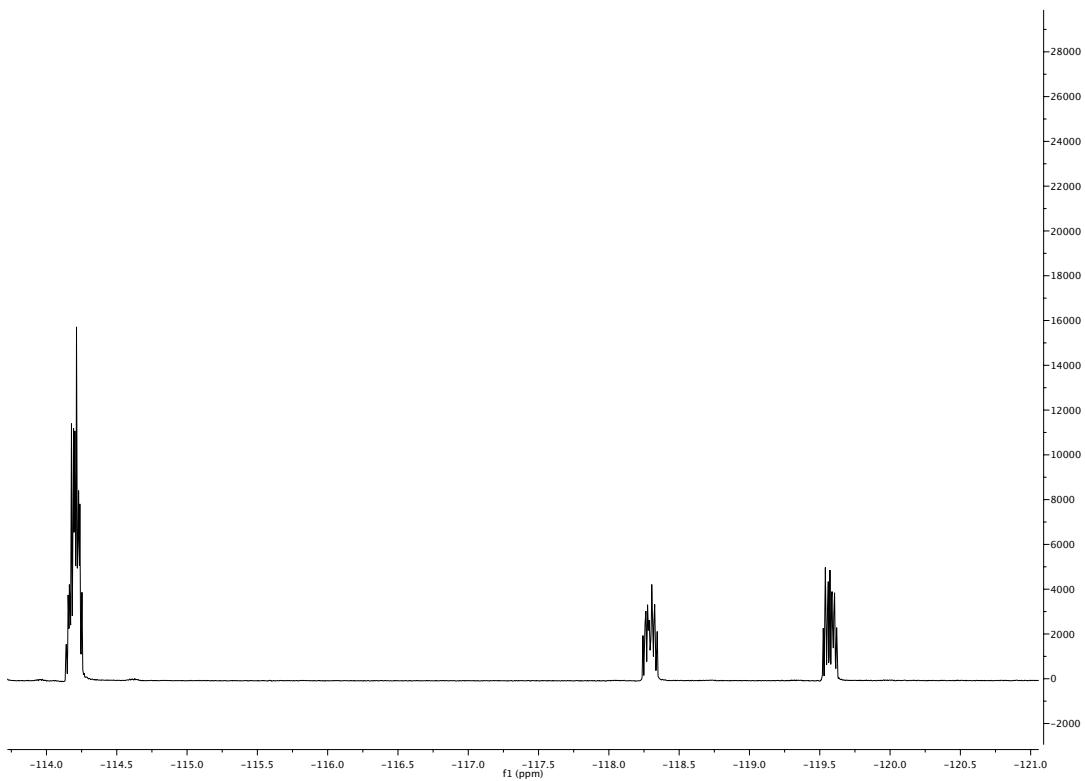
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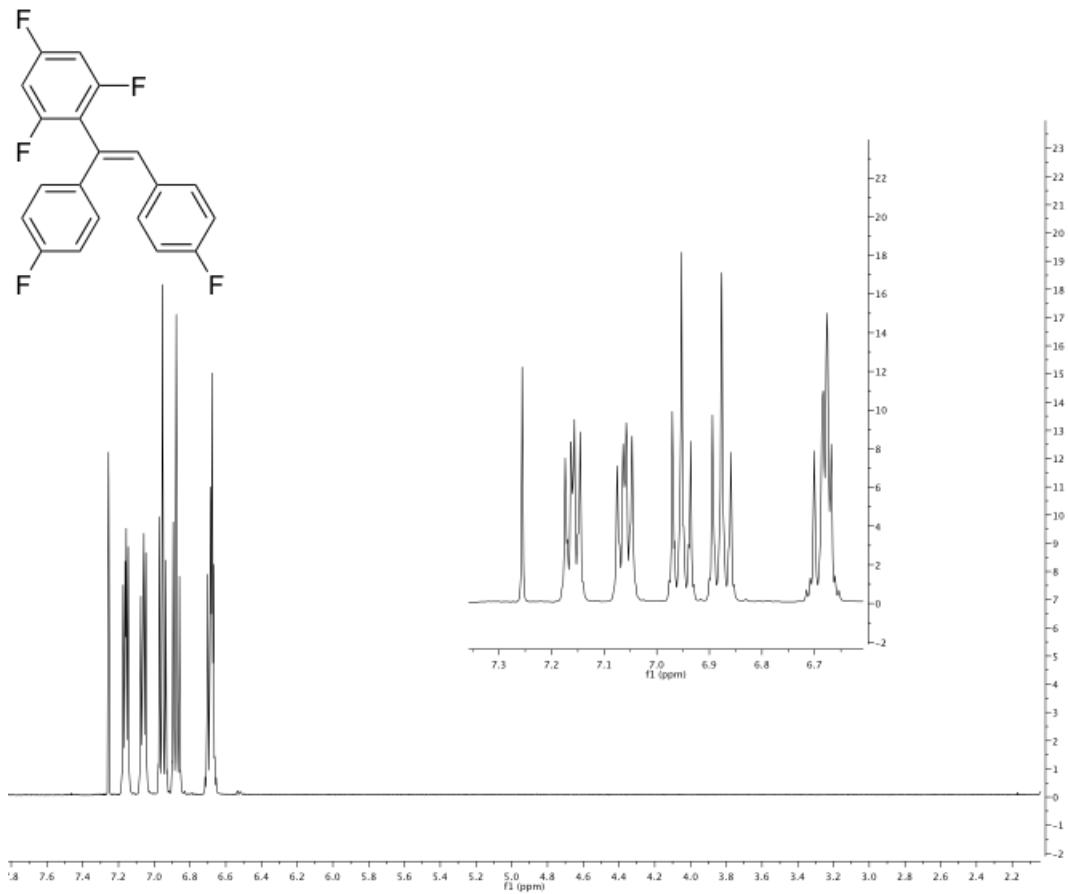


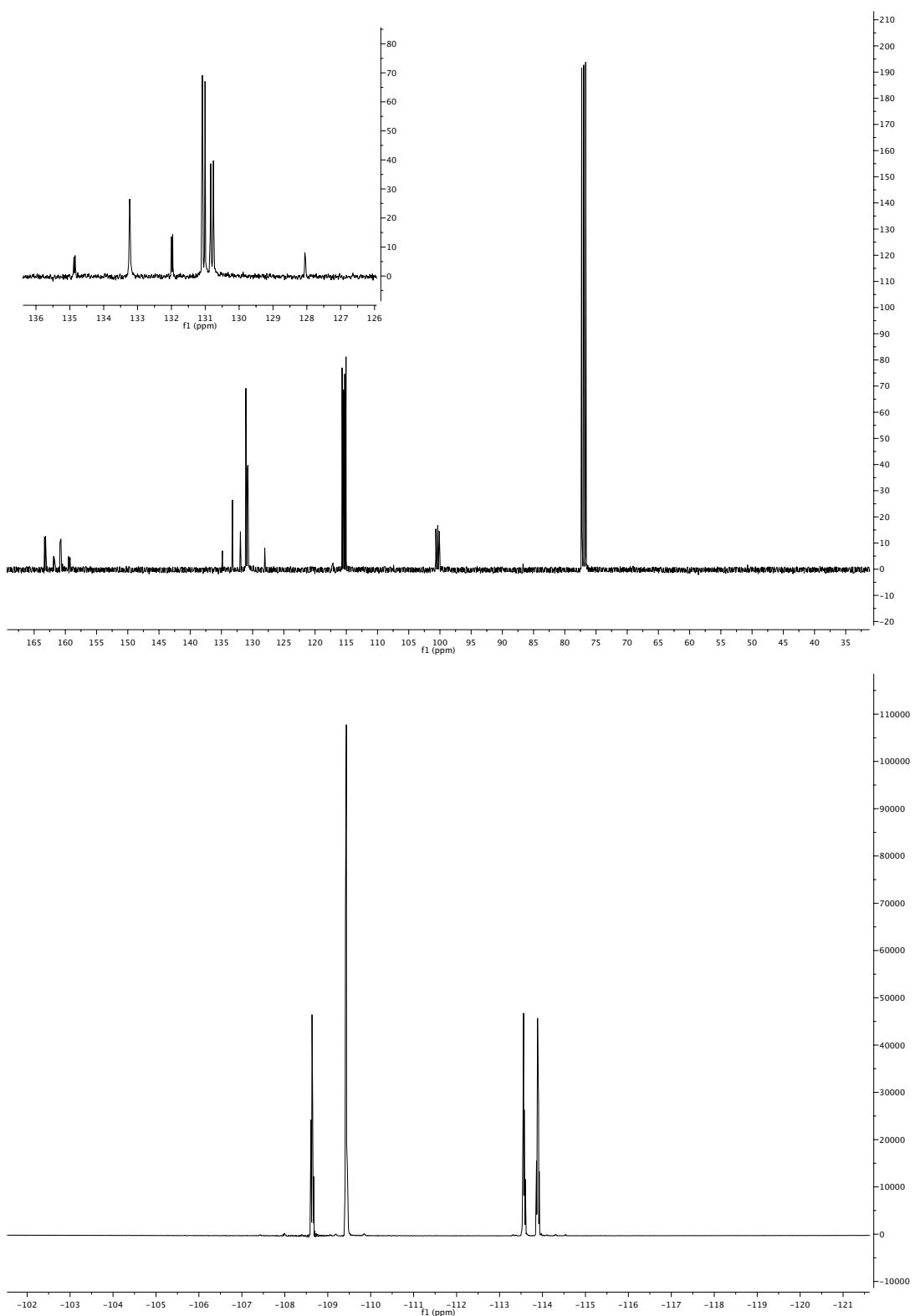
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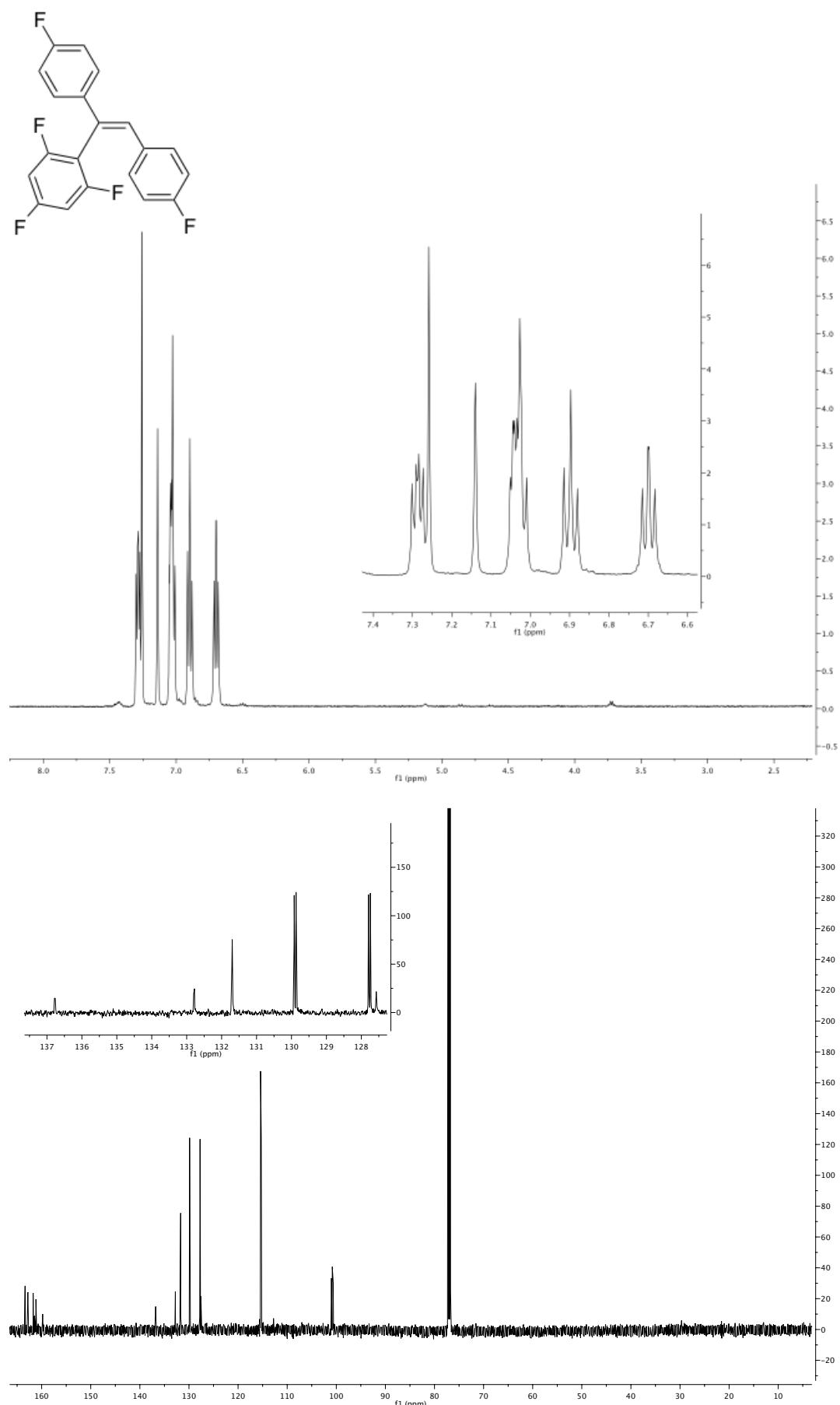


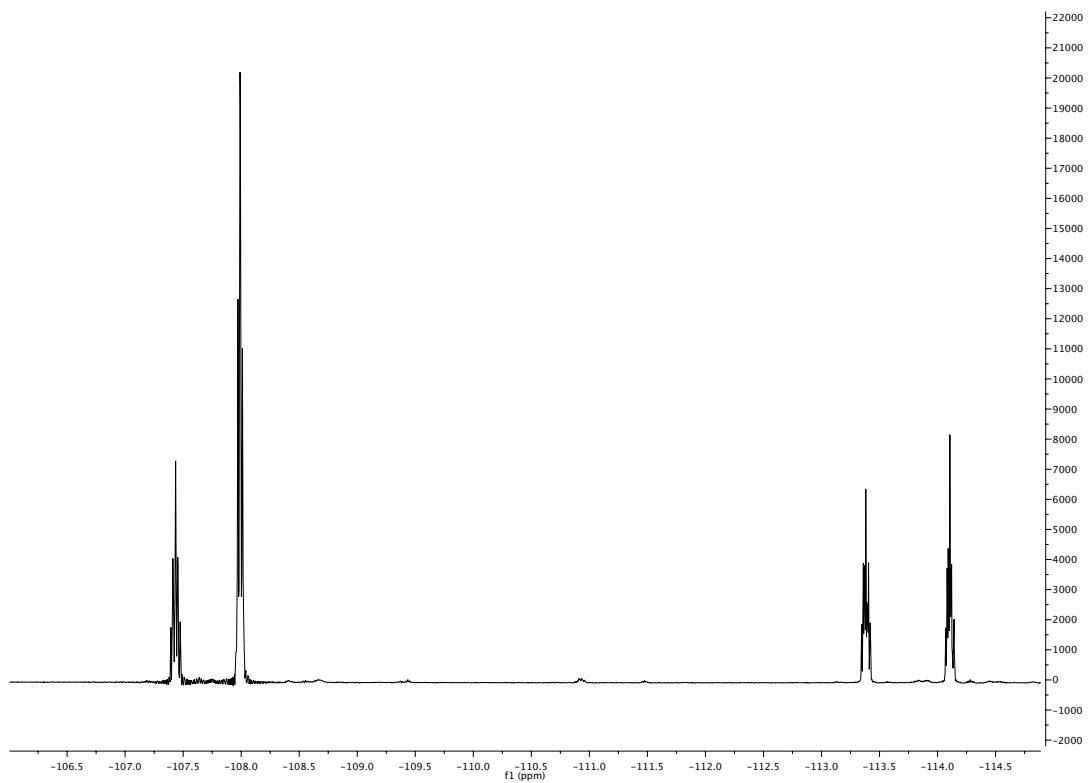
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## Structural determinations and crystallographic data

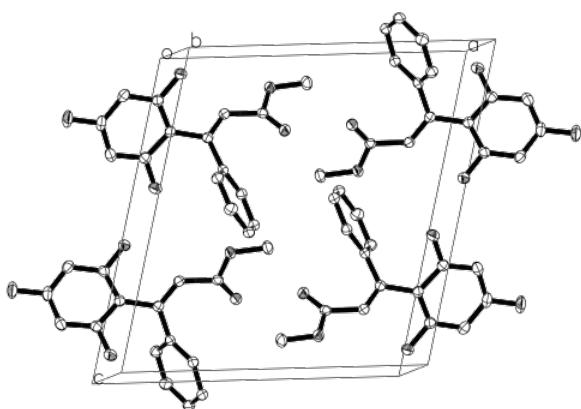
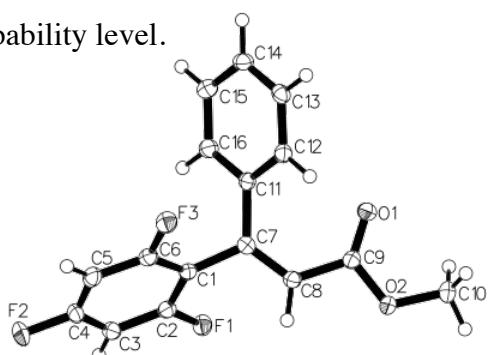
Cif files of the obtained structures can be obtained free of charge by request from the Cambridge crystallographic data centre; cif deposition numbers are 939488 and 939489 for (*E*)-3m and (*Z*)-3m respectively.

### Compound (*E*)-3m

Data were collected at 100(2) K for crystals of (*E*)-3m at ( $\lambda = 1.5418 \text{ \AA}$ ) by Dr. Helge Müller-Bunz using CrysAlisPro<sup>1</sup> (Agilent Technologies) software. The structure was solved by direct methods with SHELXS-97, refined using full-matrix least squares routines against  $F^2$  with SHELXL-97<sup>2</sup>. All non-hydrogen atoms were refined anisotropically, and hydrogen atoms were placed in calculated positions and refined using a riding model with fixed C-H distances of 0.95 Å (sp<sup>2</sup> C-H) and 0.98 Å (CH<sub>3</sub>), and  $U_{\text{iso}}(\text{H}) = 1.2U_{\text{eq}}(\text{C})$  (sp<sup>2</sup>) and  $1.5U_{\text{eq}}(\text{C})$  (sp<sup>3</sup>).

Crystal data: C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>11</sub>F<sub>3</sub>O<sub>2</sub>, M=292.25, monoclinic, space group P-21/c,  $a=11.80816(9)$ ,  $b=9.10167(6)$ ,  $c=12.7085(9) \text{ \AA}$ ,  $\alpha=90.00$ ,  $\beta=103.658(7)$ ,  $\gamma=90.00^\circ$ ,  $V=1327.211(16) \text{ \AA}^3$ , Z= 4,  $D_c=1.463 \text{ g cm}^{-3}$ , specimen: colourless plates, 0.095 x 0.225 x 0.259 mm, 21147 measured reflections,  $R_{\text{int}}=0.0210$ ,  $R=0.0310$  for 2650 observed data ((I)  $>2\sigma(I)$ ),  $wR=0.0789$ , and GOOF= 1.053 for all data (2762).

ORTEP representations of the structure of C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>11</sub>F<sub>3</sub>O<sub>2</sub> (*E*)-3l. Displacement ellipsoids are drawn at the 50 % probability level.

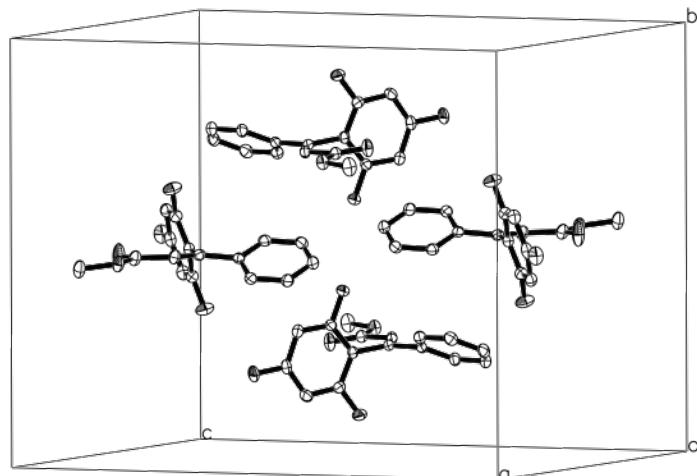
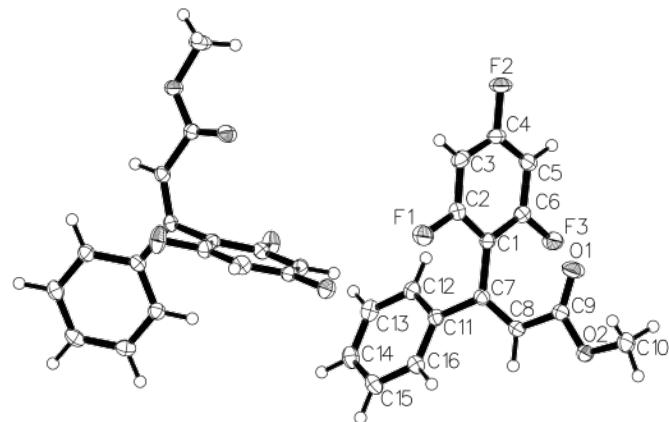


### Compound (Z)-**3m**

Data were collected at 100(2) K for crystals of (**Z**)-**3m** at ( $\lambda = 1.5418 \text{ \AA}$ ) by Dr. Helge Müller-Bunz using CrysAlisPro<sup>1</sup> (Agilent Technologies) software. The structure was solved by direct methods with SHELXS-97, refined using full-matrix least squares routines against F<sup>2</sup> with SHELXL-97<sup>2</sup>. All non-hydrogen atoms were refined anisotropically, and hydrogen atoms were placed in calculated positions and refined using a riding model with fixed C-H distances of 0.95 Å (sp<sup>2</sup> C-H) and 0.98 Å (CH<sub>3</sub>), and U<sub>iso</sub>(H) = 1.2U<sub>eq</sub>(C) (sp<sup>2</sup>) and 1.5U<sub>eq</sub>(C) (sp<sup>3</sup>).

Crystal data: C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>11</sub>F<sub>3</sub>O<sub>2</sub>, M=292.25, orthorhombic, space group Pbca, a=17.1451(5), b=15.8233(6), c=19.5388(7) Å,  $\alpha=90.00$ ,  $\beta=90.00$ ,  $\gamma=90.00^{\circ}$ , V= 5300.71(3) Å<sup>3</sup>, Z=16, D<sub>c</sub>= 1.465 g cm<sup>-3</sup>, specimen: colourless blocks, 0.172 x 0.266 x 0.438 mm, 105300 measured reflections, R<sub>int</sub>= 0.0338, R= 0.0317 for 5276 observed data ((I)>2σ(I)), wR= 0.0817, and GOOF= 1.025 for all data (5567).

ORTEP representations of the structure of C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>11</sub>F<sub>3</sub>O<sub>2</sub> (**Z**)-**3m**. Displacement ellipsoids are drawn at the 50 % probability level.



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