

## **Evidence for umpolung type of [2+2] cycloaddition of 2-carbamoyl ketenes.**

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### General Information

Commercially available reagents were purchased from Sigma-Aldrich or Acros. Chlorobenzene was distilled over P<sub>4</sub>O<sub>10</sub> and stored over molecular sieves. Commercially unavailable reagents were prepared according to literature procedures: 5-[hydroxy((3-chlorophenyl)amino)methylene]-2,2-dimethyl-1,3-dioxa-4,6-dione **1a**<sup>1</sup>, 5-[hydroxy(phenylamino)methylene]-2,2-dimethyl-1,3-dioxa-4,6-dione **1b**,<sup>1</sup> 5-[hydroxy((4-methoxyphenyl)amino)methylene]-2,2-dimethyl-1,3-dioxa-4,6-dione **1d**,<sup>2</sup> 5-[hydroxy((4-nitrophenyl)amino)methylene]-2,2-dimethyl-1,3-dioxa-4,6-dione **1e**,<sup>3</sup> 5-[hydroxy((ethyl)amino)methylene]-2,2-dimethyl-1,3-dioxa-4,6-dione **1g**,<sup>1</sup> iminium salts **3'a-d**.<sup>4</sup> Analytical TLC was performed on aluminum sheets of silica gel UV-254 Merck. Flash chromatography was performed using 40-63 microns of Zeochem silica gel. The <sup>1</sup>H, <sup>13</sup>C were recorded on Bruker Avance III HD 400 MHz, chemical shifts ( $\delta$ ) in ppm rel. to internal Me<sub>4</sub>Si; coupling constants *J* in Hz. High-resolution (HRMS) were recorded on *MicroMas Quattro LCT* mass spectrometer. Melting points were determined with *Warsztat Elektromechaniczny W-wa* apparatus and are not corrected.

### Experimental Procedures and Characterization Data

#### **5-[Hydroxy((4-methylphenyl)amino)methylene]-2,2-dimethyl-1,3-dioxa-4,6-dione (**1c**).**

To a cooled to 0°C solution of Meldrum's acid (0.72 g, 5 mmol) in dry DMF (5 ml) was added Et<sub>3</sub>N (1.4 ml, 10 mmol). The mixture was stirred for 10 min and 4-methylphenylisocyanate (0.665 g, 5 mmol,) was added. The stirring was continued for 15 min at 0°C and 1 h at R.T. The reaction mixture was poured into 2 M HCl ice cooled aqueous solution (30 ml). The solid precipitate was filtered and washed with cold water. Crystallization from AcOEt/Hexan gave 0.900 g 65% yield; mp 118-120 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 15.65 (s, 1H) 11.10 (s, 1H), 7.36-7.34 (m, 2 H), 7.23-7.21 (m, 2 H), 2.83 (s, 3H) 1.79 (s, 6 H), <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 170.7, 168.9, 164.3, 136.5, 132.1. 129.8, 122.2, 105.0, 73.5, 26.3, 20.9. HRMS (ESI-): m/z calcd for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>14</sub>NO<sub>3</sub>Na [M-H]<sup>-</sup> 276.0872, found. 276.0877.

#### **5-[Hydroxy((4-fluorophenyl)amino)methylene]-2,2-dimethyl-1,3-dioxa-4,6-dione (**1f**).**

To a cooled to 0°C solution of Meldrum's acid (0.72 g, 5 mmol) in dry DMF (5 ml) was added Et<sub>3</sub>N (1.4 ml, 10 mmol). The mixture was stirred for 10 min and 4-fluorophenylisocyanate (0.685 g, 5 mmol,) was added. The stirring was continued for 15 min at 0°C and 1 h at R.T. The reaction mixture was poured into 2 M HCl ice cooled aqueous solution (30 ml). The solid precipitate was filtered and washed with cold water. Crystallization from AcOEt/Hexan gave 0.955g 68% yield; mp 134-137 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 15.83 (s, 1H) 11.12 (s, 1H), 7.46-7.28 (m, 2 H), 7.14-7.10 (m, 2 H), 1.79 (s, 6 H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 170.8, 169.1, 164.3, 160.7 (d, <sup>1</sup>J<sub>CF</sub> = 245 Hz), 130.7 (d, <sup>4</sup>J<sub>CF</sub> = 3 Hz), 124.1 (d, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>CF</sub> = 8 Hz), 116.2 (d, <sup>2</sup>J<sub>CF</sub> = 24 Hz), 105.2, 73.6, 26.3. HRMS (ESI-): m/z calcd for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>11</sub>FNO<sub>5</sub>Na [M-H]<sup>-</sup> 280.0621, found. 280.0622.

#### **Preparation of 2-arylidene malonoamides (**8aa/8aa'**- **8gc/8gc'**). General Procedure**

To a solution of 5-[(N-aryl/alkylamino)(hydroxyl)methylene]-2,2-dimethyl-1,3-dioxa-4,6-dione (**1a-g**) (1 mmol) in dry chlorobenzene (10 ml) was added iminium salts **3'a-d** (2 mmol). The resulting mixture was stirred and heated to reflux for 2 h. After completion of the reaction, the solvent was removed under vacuum, and the residue was purified with flash chromatography as specified below.

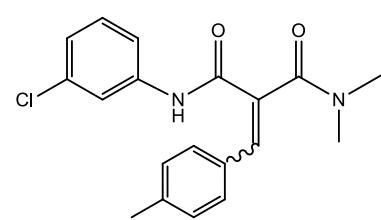
#### **2-benzylidene-N<sup>1</sup>-(3-chlorophenyl)-N<sup>3</sup>,N<sup>3</sup>-dimethylmalonamide (**8aa**) (**8aa'**)**

Purification by flash column chromatography, (EtOAc/Hex, 1:2-1:1), brown oil;

(E)-isomer (**8aa**) 0.170 g, 51% yield; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz): δ = 9.36 (s, 1 H), 7.80 (s, 1 H), 7.79 (t, J = 2.0 Hz, 1 H), 7.46 (dq, J = 8.0 Hz, J = 0.8 Hz, 1 H), 7.40 (s, 5 H), 7.26 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 1 H), 7.10 (dq, J = 8.0 Hz, J = 1.2 Hz, 1 H), 3.01 (s, 3 H), 2.64 (s, 3 H), <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz): δ = 169.0, 162.1, 139.6, 138.9, 134.5, 133.7, 130.1, 129.9, 129.3, 128.9, 128.7, 124.4, 120.2, 118.1, 37.8, 34.9; (Z)-isomer (**8aa'**) 0.144 g, 44% yield; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz): δ = 9.15 (s, 1 H), 7.70 (t, J = 2.0 Hz, 1 H), 7.54-7.51 (m, 2 H), 7.38-7.36 (m, 4 H), 7.24 (t, J = 8.0

Hz, 1 H), 7.10 (dq,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz,  $J$  = 0.8 Hz, 1 H), 6.77 (s, 1 H), 3.28 (s, 3 H), 3.09 (s, 3 H),  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 100 MHz):  $\delta$  = 169.1, 162.7, 138.8, 136.5, 134.5, 133.3, 131.3, 129.9, 129.6, 129.2, 128.6, 124.4, 120.0, 117.9, 39.6, 35.3, HRMS (ESI+): m/z [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> calcd for  $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{17}\text{ClN}_2\text{O}_2\text{Na}$ : 351.0876; found: 351.0862. HRMS (ESI+): m/z [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> calcd for  $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{17}\text{ClN}_2\text{O}_2\text{Na}$ : 351.0876; found: 351.0869

#### **$\text{N}^1$ -(3-chlorophenyl)- $\text{N}^3,\text{N}^3$ -dimethyl-2-(4-methylbenzylidene)malonamide (8ab), (8ab')**

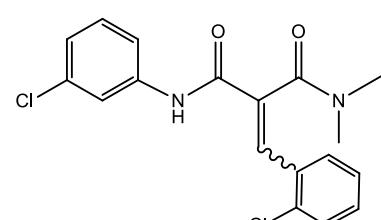


Purification by flash column chromatography, (EtOAc/Hex, 1:2-1:1), brown oil;

(E)-isomer (**8ab**) 0.189 g, 55% yield;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 400 MHz):  $\delta$  = 9.33 (s, 1 H), 7.79-7.78 (m, 2 H), 7.46 (dq,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz,  $J$  = 0.8 Hz, 1 H), 7.32-7.25 (m, 3 H), 7.22-7.20 (m, 1 H), 7.10 (dq,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz,  $J$  = 1.2 Hz, 1 H), 3.04 (s, 3 H), 2.68 (s, 3 H), 2.40 (s, 3 H)  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 100 MHz):  $\delta$  = 169.3, 162.2, 140.6, 139.7, 139.0, 134.5, 130.9, 129.9, 129.7, 128.8, 128.1, 124.3, 120.1, 118.0, 37.8, 35.0, 21.5;

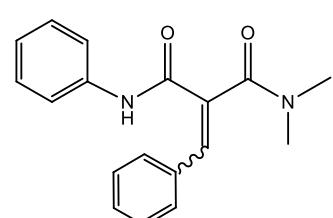
(Z)-isomer (**8ab'**) 0.145 g 42% yield;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 400 MHz):  $\delta$  = 9.22 (s, 1 H), 7.78 (t,  $J$  = 2.0 Hz, 1 H), 7.42 (d,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 2 H), 7.39 (dq,  $J$  = 8.4 Hz,  $J$  = 0.8 Hz, 1 H), 7.24 (t,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 1 H), 7.17 (d,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 2 H), 7.10 (dq,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz,  $J$  = 0.8 Hz, 1 H), 6.74 (s, 1 H), 3.27 (s, 3 H), 3.09 (s, 3 H), 2.36 (s, 3 H),  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 100 MHz):  $\delta$  = 169.4, 162.8, 140.0, 138.9, 137.0, 134.6, 131.3, 130.4, 130.0, 129.4, 129.3, 124.4, 120.0, 117.9, 39.7, 35.3, 21.4, HRMS (ESI+): m/z [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> calcd for  $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{19}\text{ClN}_2\text{O}_2\text{Na}$ : 365.1033; found: 365.1045.

#### **2-(2-chlorobenzylidene)- $\text{N}^1$ -(3-chlorophenyl)- $\text{N}^3,\text{N}^3$ -dimethylmalonamide (8ac, 8ac')**



Purification by flash column chromatography, (EtOAc/Hex, 1:2), brown oil, 0.322 g, 89% yield; mixture of (Z) and (E) stereoisomers with ratio 1:1;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 400 MHz):  $\delta$  = 9.72 (s, 0.5 H), 9.44 (s, 0.5 H), 8.02 (s, 0.5 H), 7.81 (t,  $J$  = 2.4 Hz, 0.5 H), 7.72 (t,  $J$  = 2.5 Hz, 0.5 H), 7.48-7.45 (m, 1.5 H), 7.41 (dd,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz,  $J$  = 1.2 Hz, 0.5 H), 7.37-7.30 (m, 1.5 H), 7.29-7.17 (m, 2.5 H), 7.10 (dq,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz,  $J$  = 0.8 Hz, 0.5 H), 7.07-7.04 (m, 1H), 3.33 (s, 1.5 H), 3.09 (s, 1.5 H), 2.92 (s, 1.5 H), 2.61 (s, 1.5 H),  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 100 MHz):  $\delta$  = 169.0, 169.4, 161.6, 161.4, 138.9, 138.7, 136.8, 135.0, 134.6, 134.5, 134.4, 133.8, 132.6, 132.5, 132.1, 131.2, 131.1, 130.3, 130.0, 129.9, 129.8, 129.7, 129.4, 129.1, 126.9, 126.8, 124.4, 124.3, 120.2, 119.9, 118.0, 117.8, 39.9, 37.8, 35.3, 34.9, HRMS (ESI+): m/z [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> calcd for  $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{16}\text{Cl}_2\text{N}_2\text{O}_2\text{Na}$ : 385.0487; found: 385.0495. Ratio of stereoisomers was determined based on integration of  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectra.

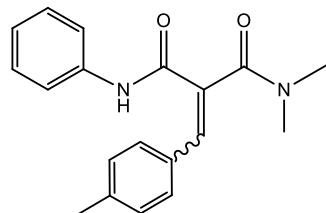
#### **2-benzylidene- $\text{N}^1,\text{N}^1$ -dimethyl- $\text{N}^3$ -phenylmalonamide (8ba), (8ba')**



Purification by flash column chromatography, (EtOAc/Hex, 1:2-1:1), brown oil; (E)-isomer (**8ba**) 0.115 g, 39% yield;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 400 MHz):  $\delta$  = 9.23 (s, 1 H), 7.81 (s, 1 H), 7.66-7.63 (m, 2 H), 7.43-7.34 (m, 7 H), 7.16-7.11 (m, 1 H), 3.02 (s, 3 H), 2.67 (s, 3 H),  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 100 MHz):  $\delta$  = 169.2, 161.9, 139.0, 133.9, 129.9, 129.7, 129.0, 128.9, 128.7, 124.4, 120.1, 37.8, 34.9; (Z)-isomer (**8ba'**) 0.121 g, 41% yield;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 400 MHz):  $\delta$  = 8.92 (s, 1 H), 7.59-7.53 (m, 4 H), 7.39-7.32 (m, 5 H), 7.15-7.11 (m, 1 H), 6.76 (s, 1 H), 3.29 (s, 3 H), 3.10 (s, 3 H),  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 100 MHz):  $\delta$  =

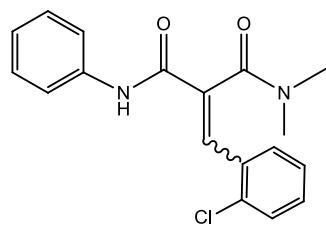
169.2, 162.6, 137.6, 135.9, 133.4, 131.7, 129.4, 129.3, 128.9, 128.6, 124.5, 119.9, 39.6, 35.3. HRMS (ESI+): m/z [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>18</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>Na: 317.1266; found: 317.1260.

**N<sup>1</sup>,N<sup>1</sup>-dimethyl-2-(4-methylbenzylidene)-N<sup>3</sup>-phenylmalonamide (8bb), (8bb')**



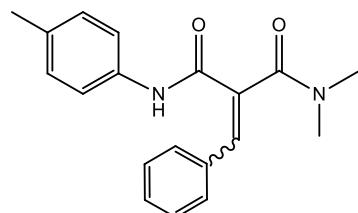
Purification by flash column chromatography, (EtOAc/Hex, 1:2-1:1), brown oil  
**(E)-isomer (8bb)** 0.110 g, 35% yield; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz): δ = 9.21 (s, 1 H), 7.78 (s, 1 H), 7.66-7.63 (m, 2 H), 7.38-7.30 (m, 4 H), 7.21-7.19 (m, 2 H), 7.15-7.11 (m, 1 H), 3.04 (s, 3 H), 2.69 (s, 3 H), 2.39 (s, 3 H), <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz): δ = 169.5, 162.1, 140.4, 139.2, 137.8, 131.0, 129.6, 128.9, 128.8, 128.6, 124.3, 120.1, 37.8, 34.9, 21.4; **(Z)-isomer (8bb')** 0.155 g, 50% yield; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz): δ = 8.98 (s, 1 H), 7.60-7.58 (m, 2 H), 7.45-7.43 (m, 2 H), 7.35-7.18 (m, 2 H), 7.17-7.11 (m, 3 H), 6.72 (s, 1 H), 3.27 (s, 3 H), 3.08 (s, 3 H), 2.35 (s, 3 H), <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz): δ = 169.4, 162.8, 139.7, 137.7, 136.2, 130.7, 130.5, 129.4, 129.3, 128.9, 124.4, 119.9, 39.6, 35.3, 21.4; HRMS (ESI+): m/z [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>20</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>Na: 331.1422; found: 331.1416.

**2-(2-chlorobenzylidene)-N<sup>1</sup>,N<sup>1</sup>-dimethyl-N<sup>3</sup>-phenylmalonamide (8bc, 8bc')**



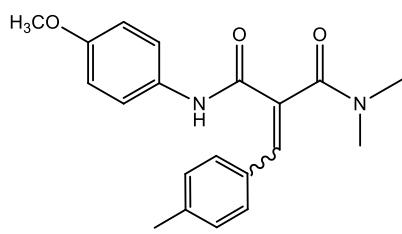
Purification by flash column chromatography, (EtOAc/Hex, 1:1), brown oil, 0.242 g, 74% yield; mixture of (Z) and (E) stereoisomers with ratio 1:1; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz): δ = 9.45 (s, 0.5 H), 9.33 (s, 0.5 H), 8.10 (s, 0.5 H), 7.67-7.65 (m, 1 H), 7.57-7.55 (m, 1 H), 7.51 (dd, J = 7.6 Hz, J = 1.6 Hz, 0.5 H), 7.46 (dd, J = 8.0 Hz, J = 1.2 Hz, 0.5 H), 7.41 (dd, J = 8.0 Hz, J = 1.2 Hz, 0.5 H), 7.38-7.28 (m, 3.5 H), 7.27-7.19 (m, 1 H), 7.16-7.08 (m, 1 H), 7.04 (s, 0.5 H), 3.33 (s, 1.5 H), 3.11 (s, 1.5 H), 2.93 (s, 1.5 H), 2.63 (s, 1.5 H), <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz): δ = 169.2, 168.6, 161.4, 161.2, 137.7, 137.6, 136.6, 134.6, 134.3, 133.8, 132.7, 132.6, 132.6, 131.6, 130.9, 130.2, 129.9, 129.8, 129.4, 129.1, 129.0, 128.9, 126.9, 126.8, 124.5, 124.4, 120.0, 119.9, 39.8, 37.8, 35.3, 34.9, HRMS (ESI+): m/z [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>17</sub>ClN<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>Na: 351.0876; found: 351.0870. Ratio of stereoisomers was determined based on integration of <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra.

**2-benzylidene-N<sup>1</sup>,N<sup>1</sup>-dimethyl-N<sup>3</sup>-(p-tolyl)malonamide (8ca), (8ca')**



Purification by flash column chromatography, (EtOAc/Hex, 1:2-1:1), brown oil;  
**(E)-isomer (8ca)** 0.207 g, 67% yield; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz): δ = 9.14 (s, 1 H), 7.79 (s, 1 H), 7.53-7.50 (m, 2 H), 7.42-7.37 (m, 5 H), 7.15-7.13 (m, 2 H), 3.01 (s, 3 H), 2.65 (s, 3 H), 2.33 (s, 3 H), <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz): δ = 169.2, 161.7, 138.8, 135.2, 134.0, 133.9, 129.9, 129.8, 129.4, 128.8, 128.7, 120.1, 37.8, 34.9, 20.9 **(Z)-isomer (8ca')** 0.085 g, 28% yield; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz): δ = 8.78 (s, 1 H), 7.54-7.51 (m, 2 H), 7.47-7.43 (m, 2 H), 7.38-7.33 (m, 3 H), 7.15-7.12 (m, 2 H), 6.74 (s, 1 H), 3.28 (s, 3 H), 3.09 (s, 3 H), 2.33 (s, 3 H), <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz): δ = 169.2, 162.5, 135.6, 135.0, 134.1, 133.5, 132.0, 129.5, 129.4, 129.3, 128.6, 119.9, 39.6, 35.2, 20.9; HRMS (ESI+): m/z [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>20</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>Na: 331.1422; found: 331.1412.

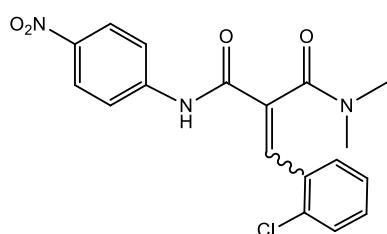
**N<sup>1</sup>-(4-methoxyphenyl)-N<sup>3</sup>,N<sup>3</sup>-dimethyl-2-(4-methylbenzylidene)malonamide (**8db**), (**8db'**)**



Purification by flash column chromatography, (EtOAc/Hex, 1:2-1:1), brown oil;

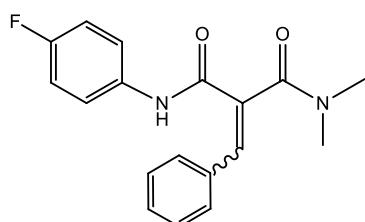
(E)-isomer (**8db**) 0.081 g, 24% yield; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz): δ = 9.06 (s, 1 H), 7.77 (s, 1 H), 7.57-7.53 (m, 2 H), 7.31 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2 H), 7.20 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2 H), 6.91-6.87 (m, 2 H), 3.81 (s, 3 H), 3.03 (s, 3 H), 2.69 (s, 3 H), 2.39 (s, 3 H), <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz): δ = 169.5, 161.8, 156.4, 140.3, 138.8, 131.1, 131.0, 129.6, 128.7, 128.6, 121.7, 114.0, 55.4, 37.8, 34.9, 21.4; (Z)-isomer (**8db'**) 0.110 g, 33% yield; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz): δ = 8.82 (s, 1 H), 7.51-7.47 (m, 2 H), 7.43 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2 H), 7.15 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2 H), 6.88-6.84 (m, 2 H), 6.70 (s, 1 H), 3.80 (s, 3 H), 3.27 (s, 3 H), 3.08 (s, 3 H), 2.35 (s, 3 H), <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz): δ = 169.5, 162.6, 156.4, 139.7, 135.8, 130.9, 130.8, 130.6, 129.3, 129.3, 121.6, 114.0, 55.4, 39.6, 35.3, 21.3; HRMS (ESI+): m/z [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>22</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>Na: 361.1528; found: 361.1542.

**2-(2-chlorobenzylidene)-N<sup>1</sup>,N<sup>1</sup>-dimethyl-N<sup>3</sup>-(4-nitrophenyl)malonamide (**8ec**, **8ec'**)**



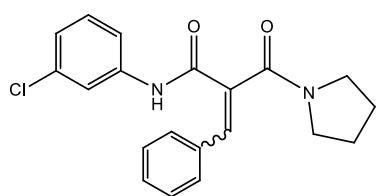
Purification by flash column chromatography, (EtOAc/Hex, 1:1), brown oil, 0.298 g, 80% yield; mixture of (Z) and (E) stereoisomers with ratio 0.37:0.63; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz): δ = 10.22 (s, 0.37 H), 9.94 (s, 0.63 H), 8.27-8.23 (m, 1.26 H), 8.20-8.16 (m, 0.74 H), 8.13 (s, 0.63 H), 7.86-7.82 (m, 1.26 H), 7.75-7.71 (m, 0.74 H), 7.49 (dd, J = 8.0 Hz, J = 0.8 Hz, 0.63 H), 7.46-7.43 (m, 0.74 H), 7.40-7.22 (m, 2.63 H), 7.13 (s, 0.37 H), 3.37 (s, 1.11 H), 3.14 (s, 1.11 H), 2.94 (s, 1.89 H), 2.62 (s, 1.89 H), <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz): δ = 169.0, 168.3, 161.9, 161.8, 143.6, 143.6, 143.5, 143.4, 138.0, 136.8, 134.4, 133.8, 132.3, 131.3, 131.2, 130.6, 130.5, 129.9, 129.6, 129.5, 129.0, 127.0, 126.8, 125.0, 124.9, 119.6, 119.4, 40.0, 37.9, 35.5, 35.0, HRMS (ESI+): m/z [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> calcd. for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>16</sub>ClN<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>Na: 396.0727; found: 396.0735. Ratio of stereoisomers was determined based on integration of <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra.

**2-benzylidene-N<sup>1</sup>-(4-fluorophenyl)-N<sup>3</sup>,N<sup>3</sup>-dimethylmalonamide (**8fa**), (**8fa'**)**



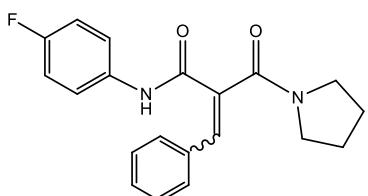
Purification by flash column chromatography, (EtOAc/Hex, 1:2-1:1), brown oil; (E)-isomer (**8fa**) 0.165 g, 52% yield; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz): δ = 9.27 (s, 1 H), 7.80 (s, 1 H), 7.63-7.58 (m, 2 H), 7.40 (s, 5 H), 7.07-7.01 (m, 2 H), 3.01 (s, 3 H), 2.65 (s, 3 H), <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz): δ = 169.2, 161.9, 159.4 (d, J<sup>1</sup> = 242.1 Hz), 139.2, 133.8 (d, J<sup>4</sup> = 1.8 Hz), 130.0, 129.4, 128.9, 128.7, 121.8 (d, J<sup>3</sup> = 7.8 Hz), 115.6 (d, J<sup>2</sup> = 22.3 Hz), 37.8, 34.9; (Z)-isomer (**8fa'**) 120 mg, 39% yield; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz): δ = 9.05 (s, 1 H), 7.56-7.51 (m, 4 H), 7.40-7.34 (m, 3 H), 7.03-6.99 (m, 2 H), 6.75 (s, 1 H), 3.28 (s, 3 H), 3.08 (s, 3 H), <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz): δ = 169.2, 162.6, 159.4 (d, J<sup>1</sup> = 242.1 Hz), 136.1, 133.7 (d, J<sup>4</sup> = 1.3 Hz), 133.4, 131.4, 129.5, 129.2, 128.6, 121.7 (d, J<sup>3</sup> = 7.8 Hz), 115.6 (d, J<sup>2</sup> = 22.3 Hz), 39.6, 35.3; HRMS (ESI+): m/z [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>17</sub>FN<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>Na: 335.1172; found: 335.1161.

**N-(3-chlorophenyl)-3-phenyl-2-(pyrrolidine-1-carbonyl)acrylamide (**8ad**), (**8ad'**)**



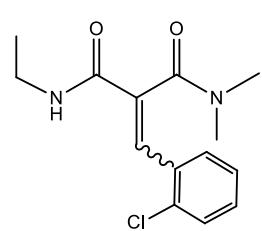
Purification by flash column chromatography, (EtOAc/Hex, 1:2-1:1), brown oil; (E)-isomer (**8ad**) 0.150 g, 42% yield; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz): δ = 9.50 (s, 1 H), 7.80 (t, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1 H), 7.79 (s, 1 H), 7.48-7.44 (m, 3 H), 7.41-7.38 (m, 3 H), 7.26 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1 H), 7.10 (dq, *J* = 8.0 Hz, *J* = 0.8 Hz, 1 H), 3.55 (s, 2 H), 3.29-3.03 (m, 1 H), 2.91-2.46 (m, 1 H), 1.84-1.53 (m, 4 H), <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz): δ = 167.3, 162.0, 139.4, 139.0, 134.6, 133.8, 130.5, 130.2, 129.9, 128.9, 128.7, 124.3, 120.1, 118.0, 47.4, 46.0, 25.5, 24.0; (Z)-isomer (**8ad'**) 0.091 g, 26% yield; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz): δ = 9.49 (s, 1 H), 7.80 (t, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1 H), 7.54-7.51 (m, 2 H), 7.40 (dq, *J* = 8.0 Hz, *J* = 0.8 Hz, 1 H), 7.38-7.34 (m, 3 H), 7.24 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1 H), 7.10 (dq, *J* = 8.0 Hz, *J* = 1.2 Hz, 1 H), 6.93 (s, 1 H), 3.73 (t, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 2 H), 3.59 (t, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 2 H), 2.01-1.95 (m, 4 H), <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz): δ = 167.4, 162.6, 138.9, 137.9, 134.6, 133.3, 132.0, 129.9, 129.6, 129.4, 128.6, 124.4, 120.0, 117.9, 49.5, 46.3, 26.0, 24.4; HRMS (ESI+): m/z [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>19</sub>ClN<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub>Na: 377.1033; found: 377.1025.

**N-(4-fluorophenyl)-3-phenyl-2-(pyrrolidine-1-carbonyl)acrylamide (**8fd**), (**8fd'**)**



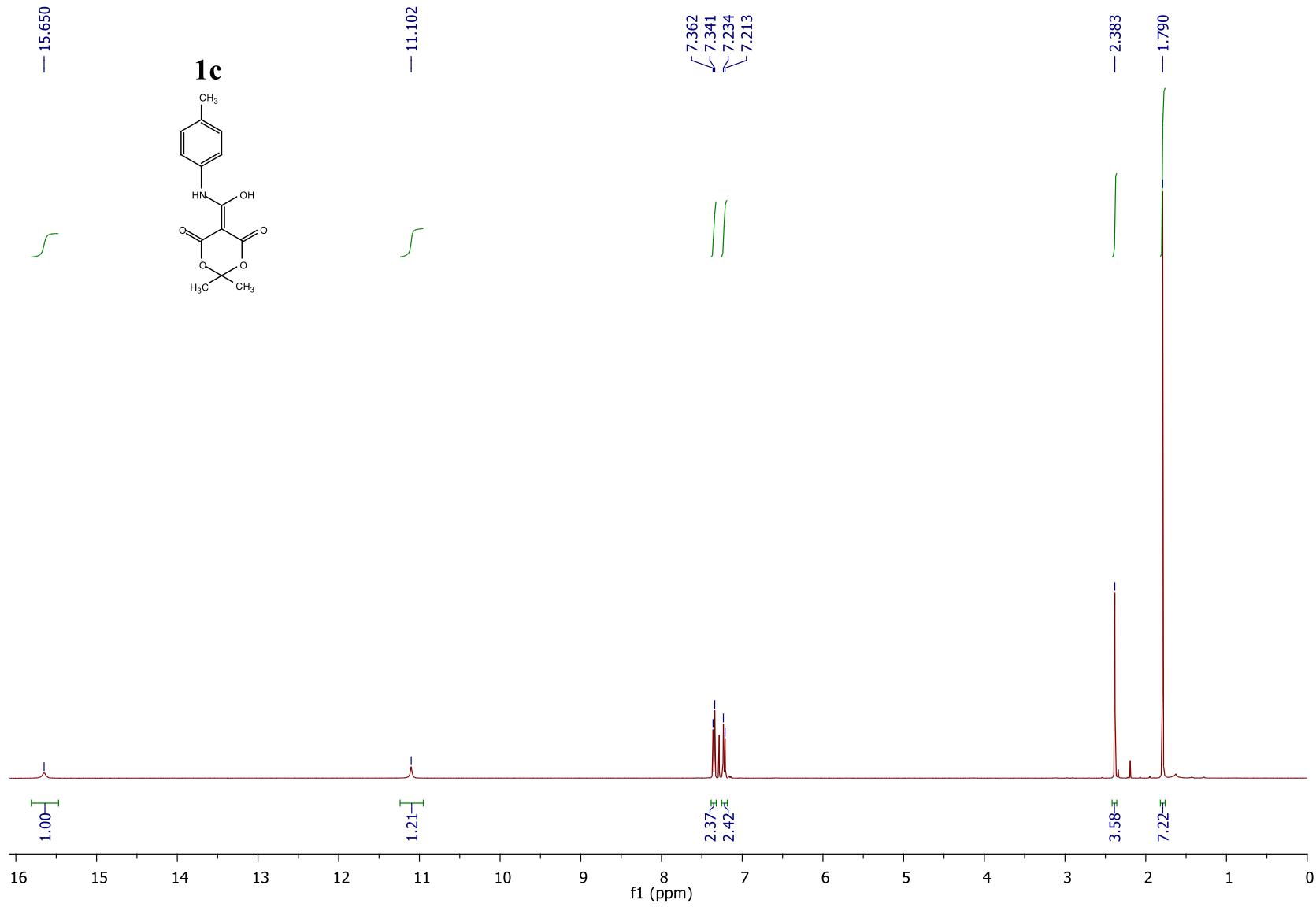
Purification by flash column chromatography, (EtOAc/Hex, 1:2-1:1), brown oil; (E)-isomer (**8fd**) 0.153 g, 45% yield; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz): δ = 9.40 (s, 1 H), 7.80 (s, 1 H), 7.64-7.60 (m, 2 H), 7.48-7.44 (m, 2 H), 7.42-7.36 (m, 3 H), 7.08-7.02 (m, 2 H), 3.63-3.50 (m, 2 H), 3.63-3.50 (m, 2 H), 3.34-3.10 (m, 1 H), 2.78-2.42 (m, 1 H), 1.88-1.55 (m, 4 H), <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz): δ = 167.4, 161.8, 159.3 (d, *J'* = 242.0 Hz), 139.0, 133.9 (d, *J'* = 3.1 Hz), 130.7, 130.1, 128.8, 128.7, 121.8 (d, *J*<sup>3</sup> = 7.8 Hz), 115.6 (d, *J*<sup>2</sup> = 22.4 Hz), 47.3, 46.0, 25.5, 24.0; (Z)-isomer (**8fd'**) 0.106 g, 31% yield; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz): δ = 9.29 (s, 1 H), 7.59-7.52 (m, 4 H), 7.37-7.34 (m, 3 H), 7.05-7.00 (m, 2 H), 6.91 (s, 1 H), 3.74 (t, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 2 H), 3.59 (t, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 2 H), 2.02-1.95 (m, 4 H), <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz): δ = 167.5, 162.5, 159.4 (d, *J'* = 242.1 Hz), 137.4, 133.8 (d, *J'* = 2.8 Hz), 133.4, 132.3, 129.5, 129.4, 128.5, 121.6 (d, *J*<sup>3</sup> = 7.8 Hz), 115.5 (d, *J*<sup>2</sup> = 22.3 Hz), 49.5, 46.2, 26.0, 24.4. HRMS (ESI+): m/z [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>20</sub>FN<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>Na: 361.1328; found: 361.1320.

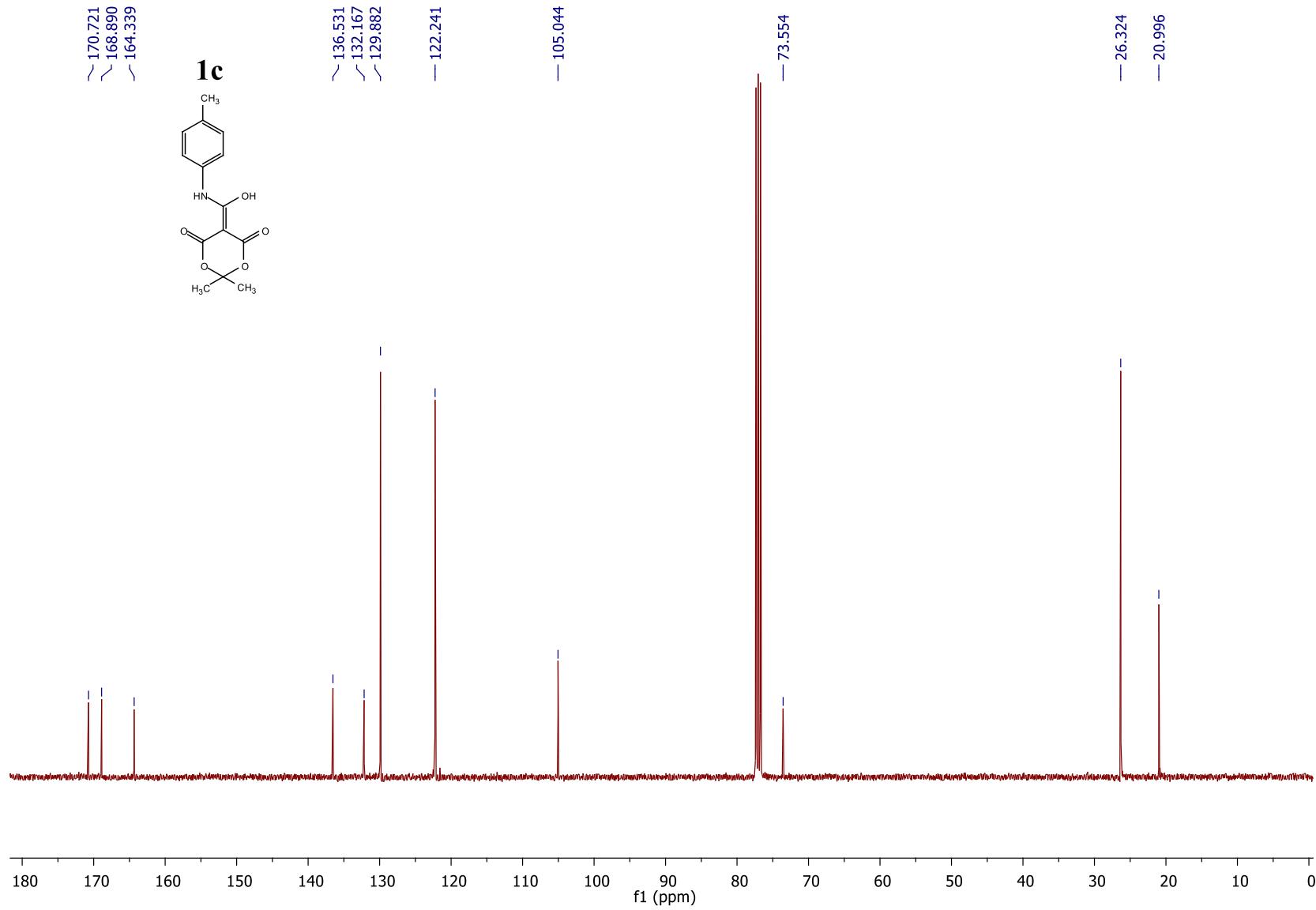
**2-(2-chlorobenzylidene)-N<sup>1</sup>-ethyl-N<sup>3</sup>,N<sup>3</sup>-dimethylmalonamide (**8gc**, **8gc'**)**

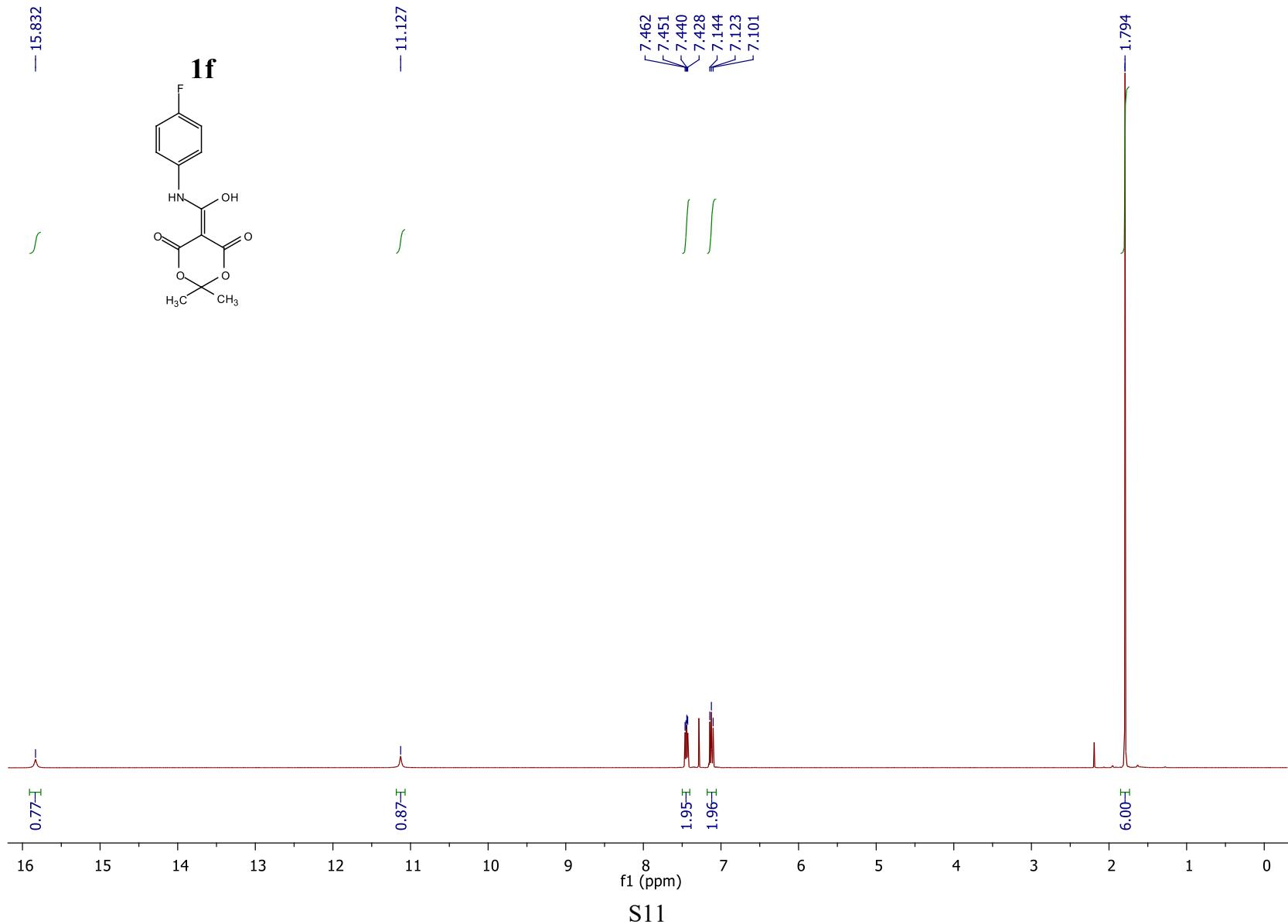


Purification by flash column chromatography, (EtOAc/Hex, 2:1), brown oil, 0.249 g, 89% yield; mixture of (E) and (Z) stereoisomers with ratio 3:1; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz): δ = 7.98 (s, 0.75 H), 7.49 (dd, *J* = 7.6 Hz, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 0.25 H), 7.42 (dd, *J* = 8.0 Hz, *J* = 1.2 Hz, 0.75 H), 7.38 (dd, *J* = 7.2 Hz, *J* = 1.6 Hz, 0.63 H), 7.34-7.20 (m, 2.75 H), 7.10 (brs, 0.75 H), 7.02 (brs, 0.25 H), 6.90 (s, 0.25 H), 3.39 (quint, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1.5 H), 3.33-3.25 (m, 1.25 H), 3.07 (s, 0.75 H), 2.86 (s, 2.25 H), 2.60 (s, 2.25 H), 1.20 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2.25 H), 1.11 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 0.75 H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz): δ = 168.9, 168.6, 163.6, 163.0, 135.0, 134.2, 133.7, 133.4, 132.8, 132.7, 132.5, 131.6, 130.5, 130.0, 129.8, 129.7, 129.3, 129.1, 126.8, 126.6, 39.7, 37.7, 35.2, 34.8, 34.7, 34.4, 14.6, 14.4, HRMS (ESI+): m/z [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>17</sub>ClN<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>Na: 303.0876; found: 303.0884. Ratio of stereoisomers was determined based on integration of <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra.

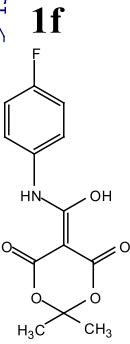
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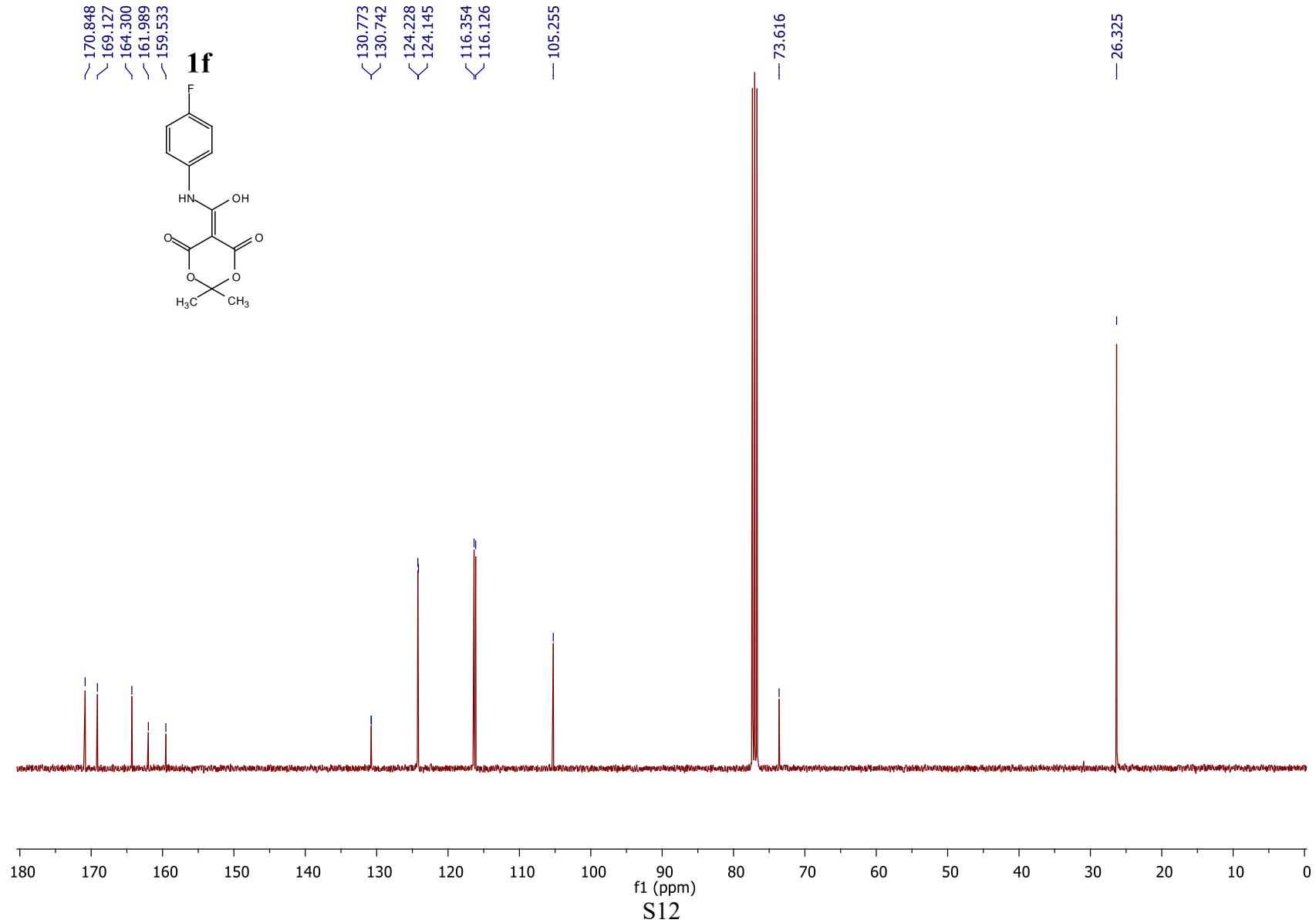


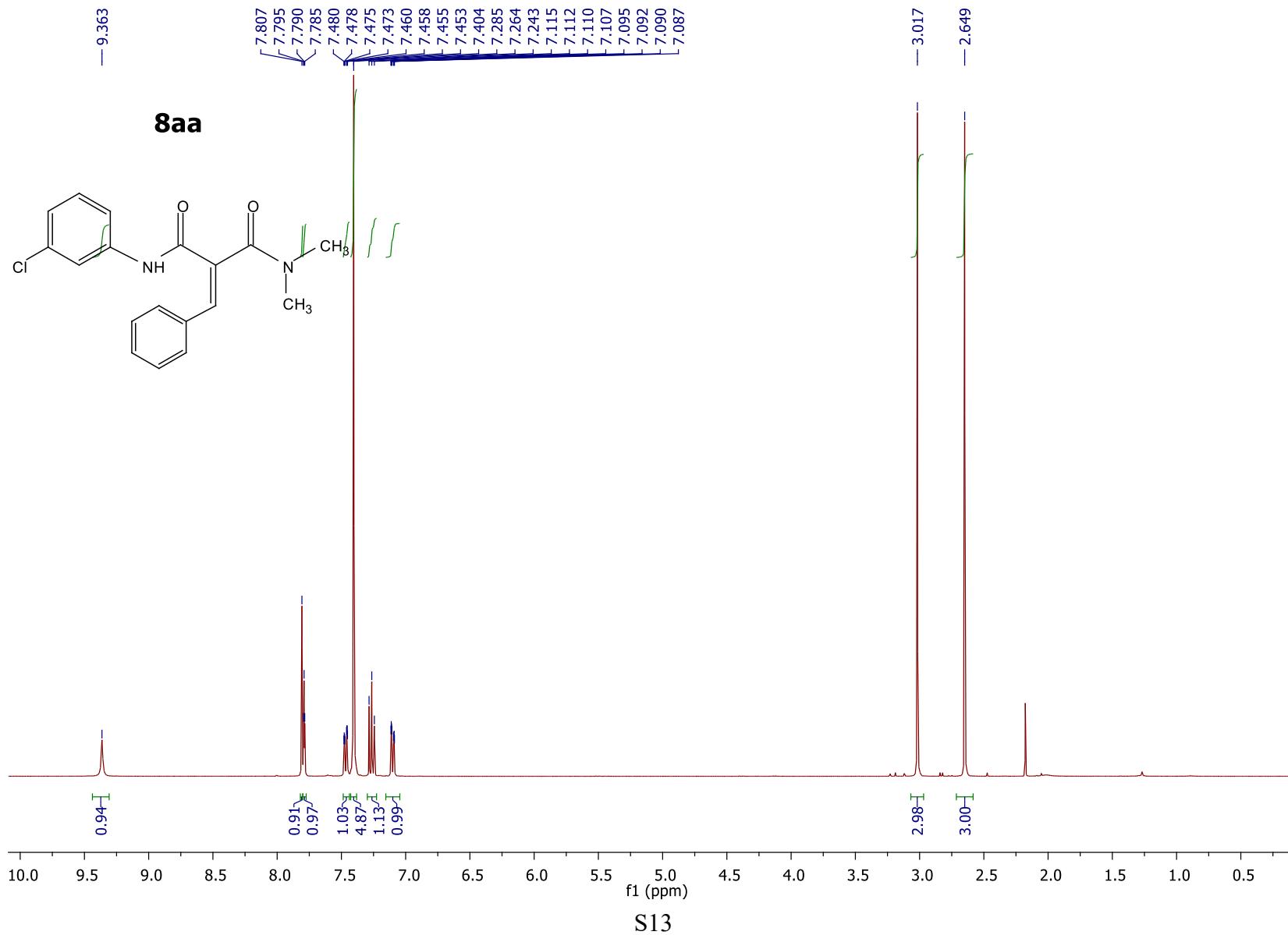
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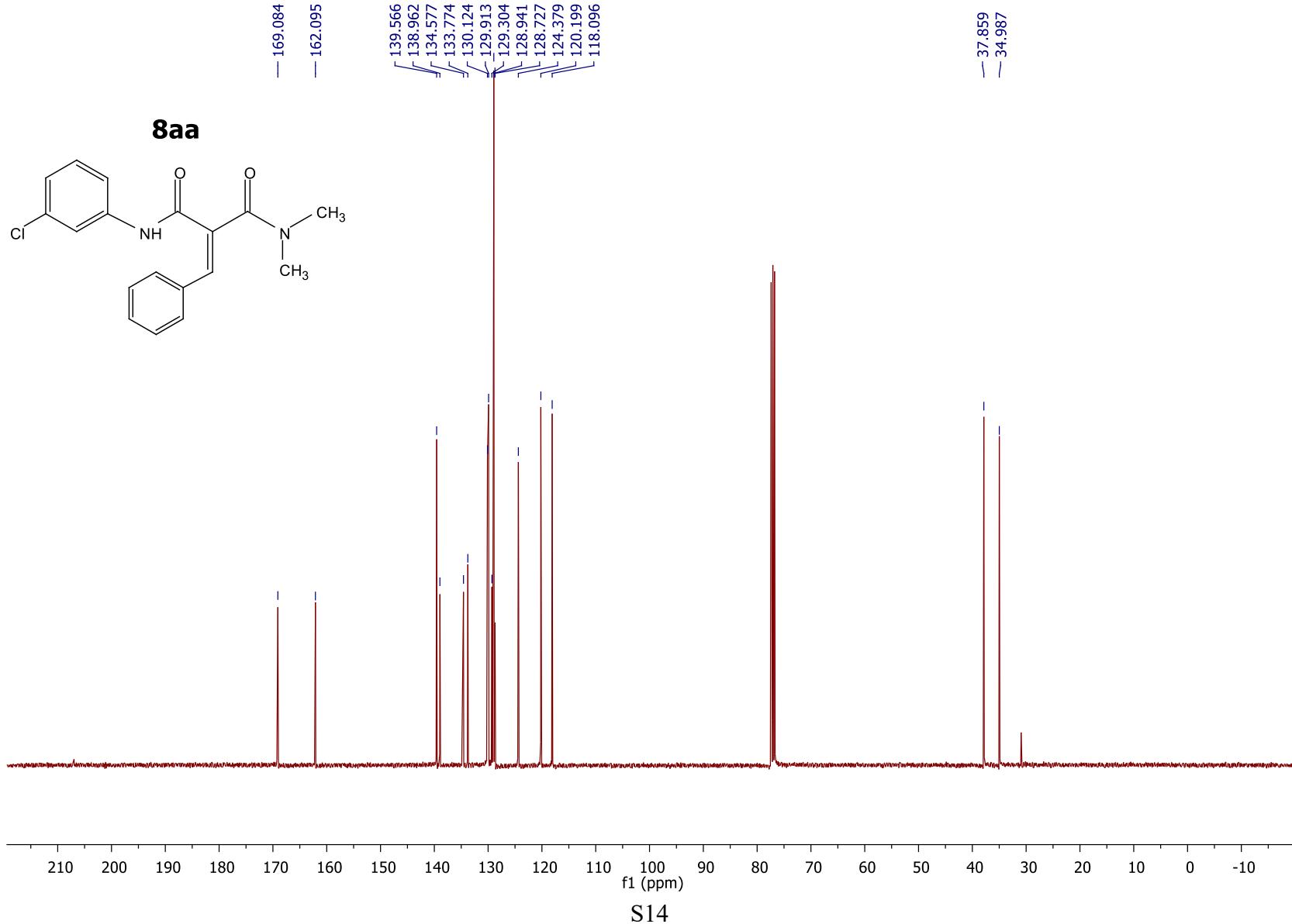
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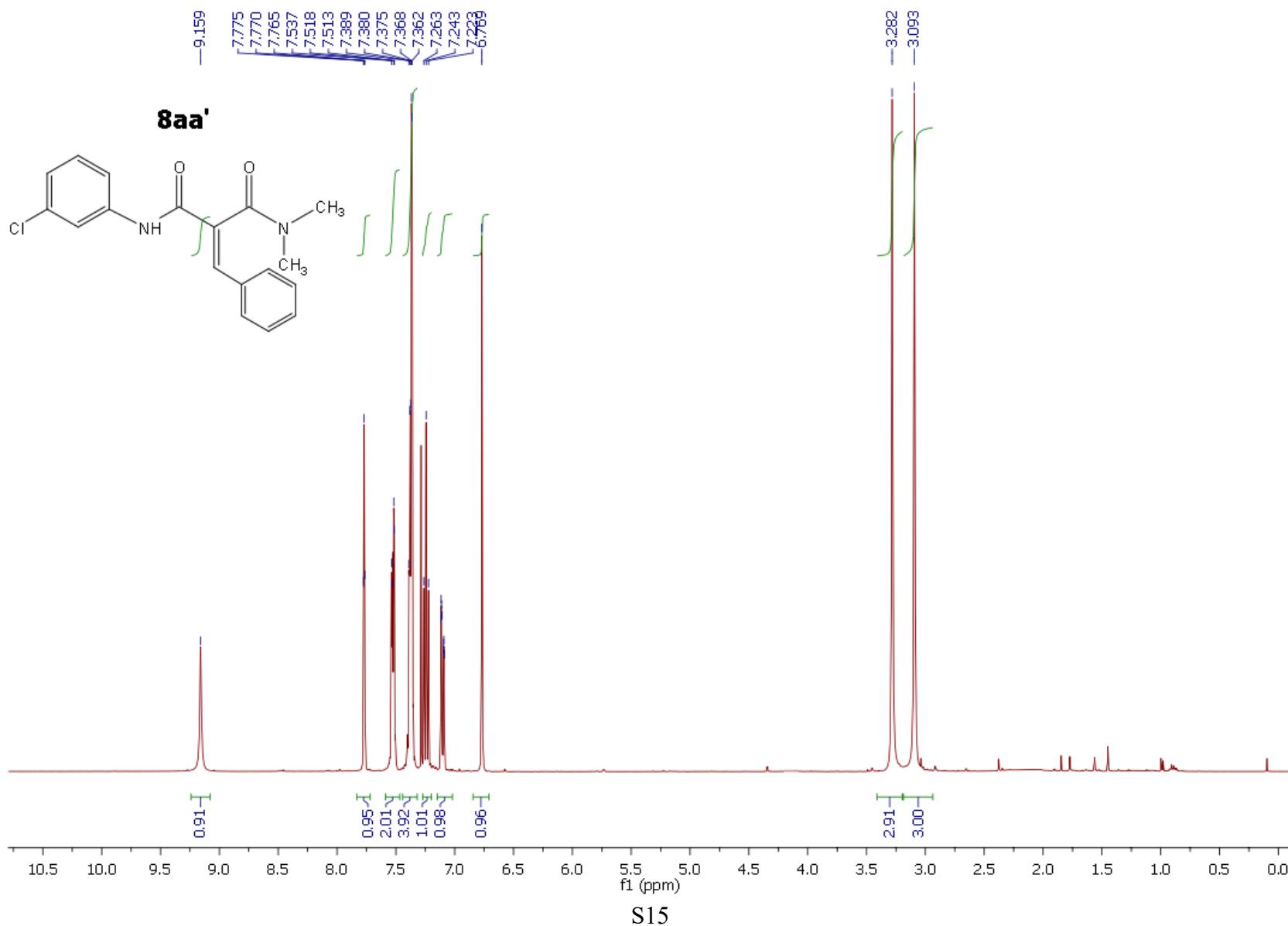
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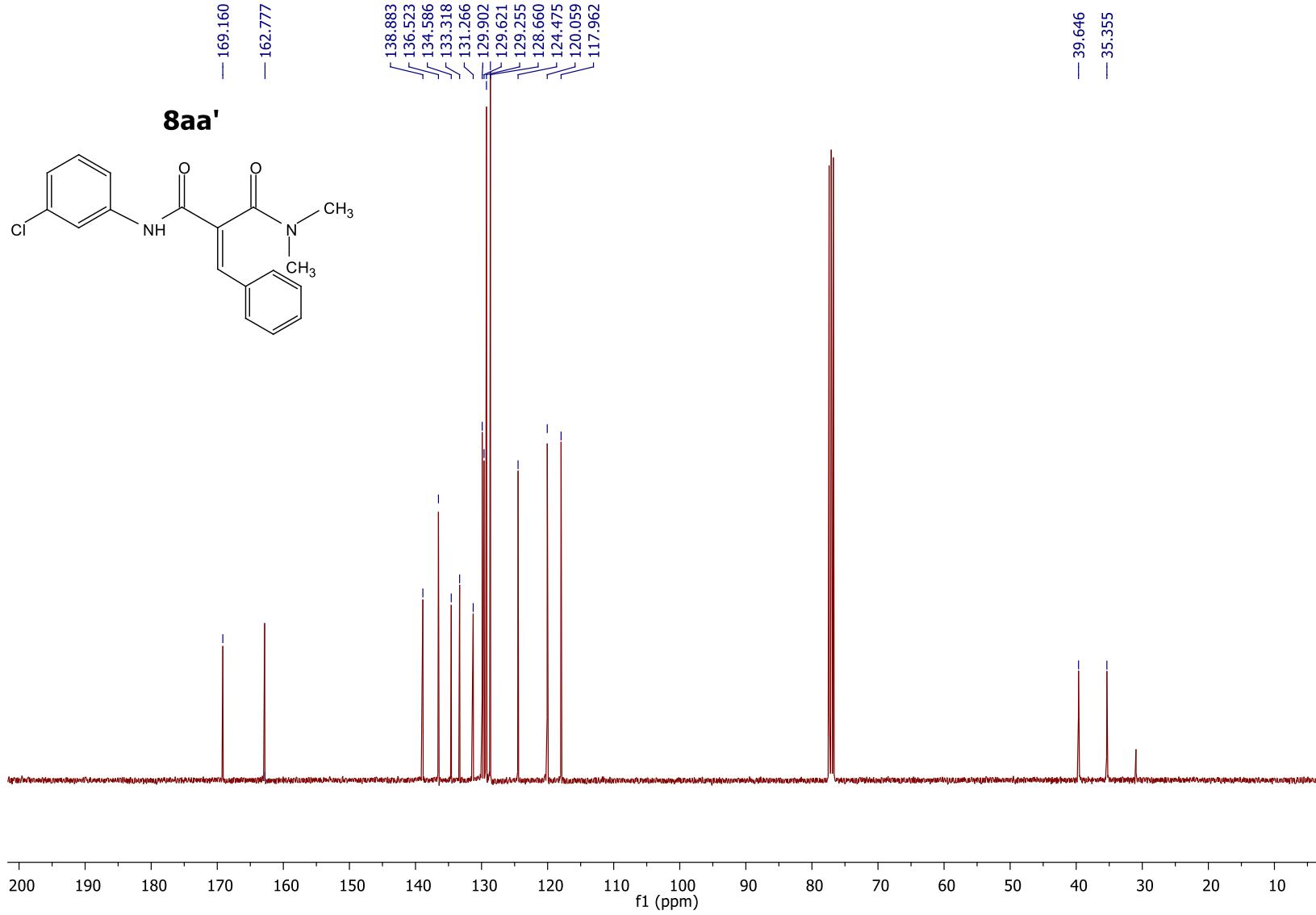
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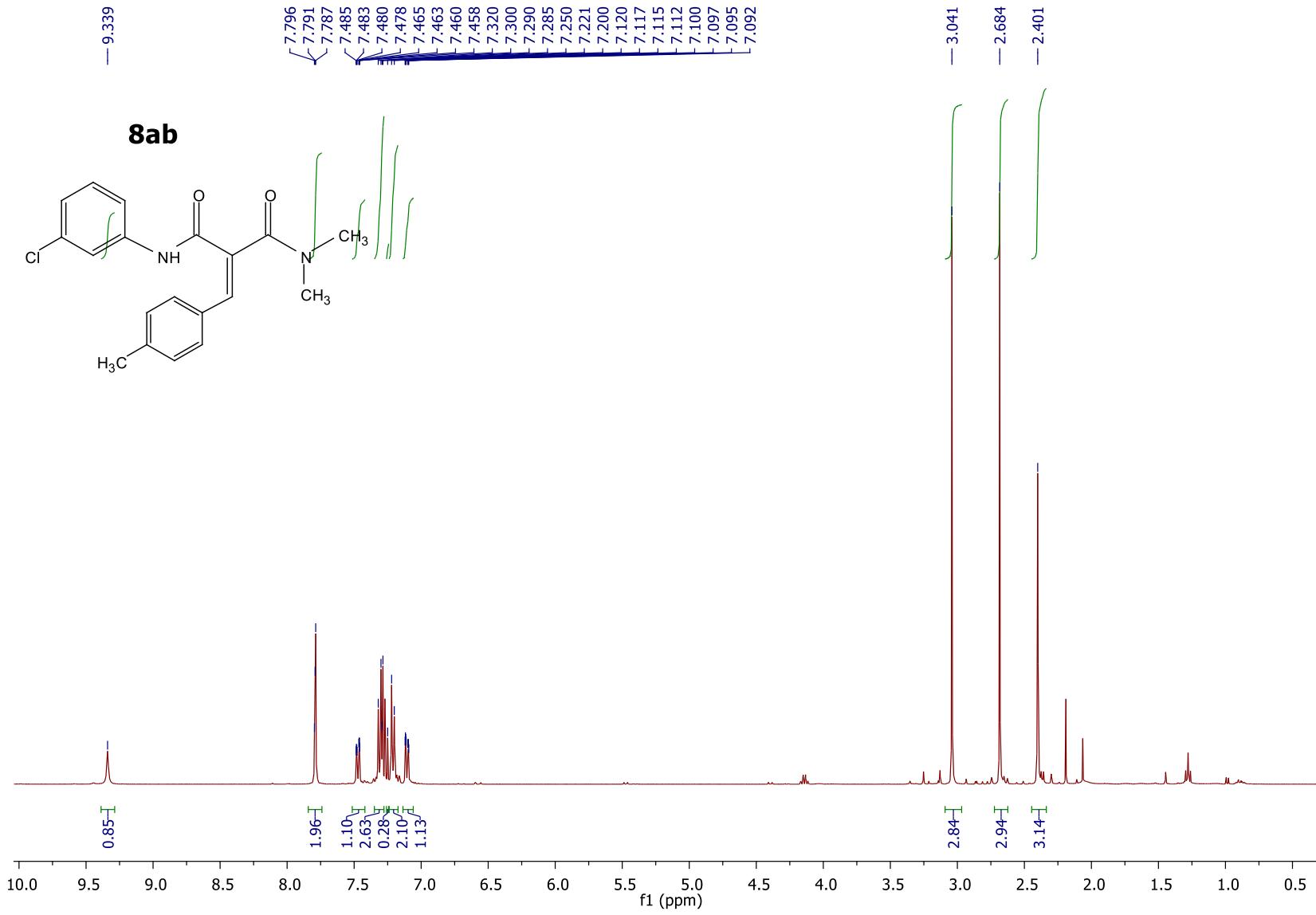


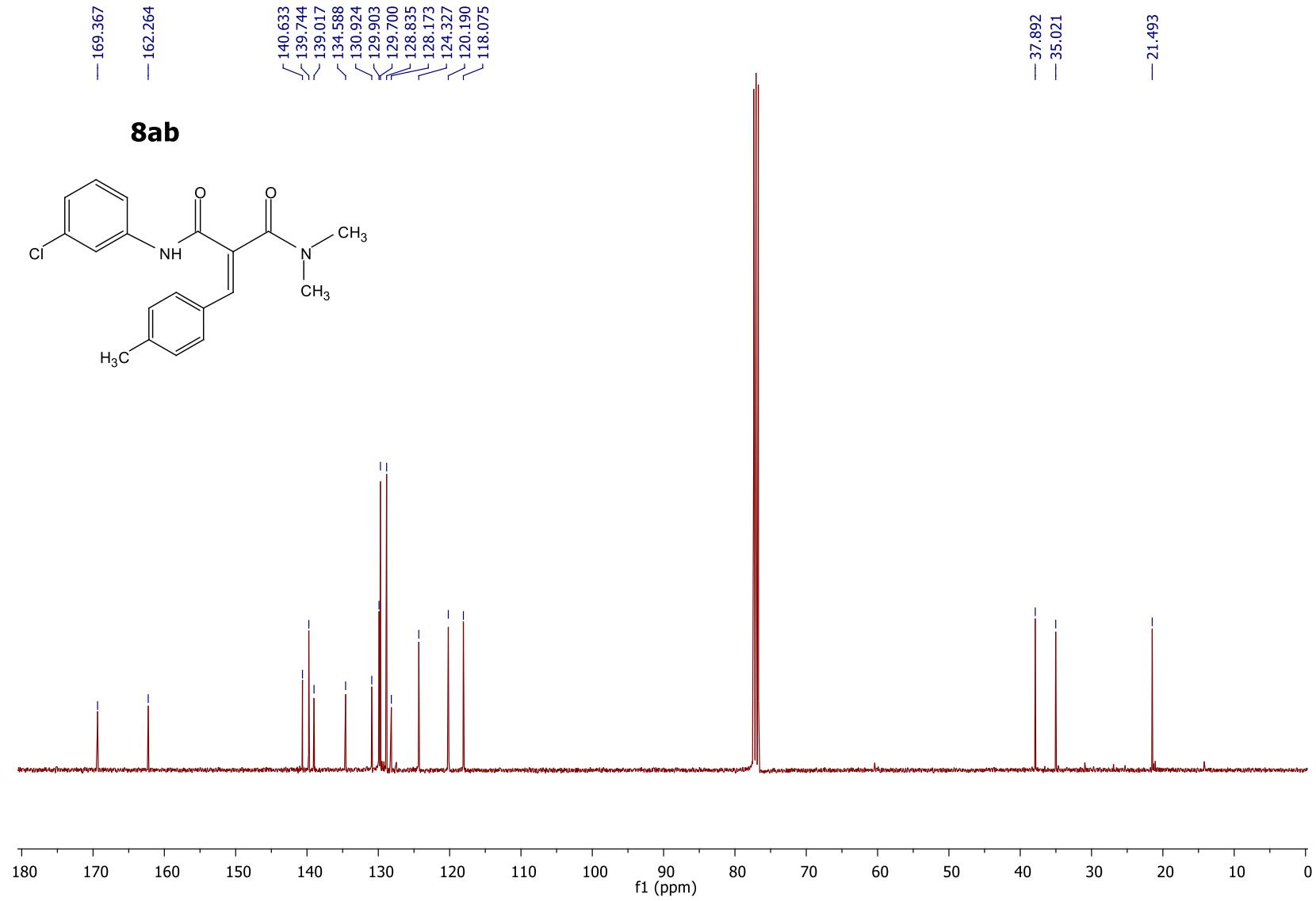


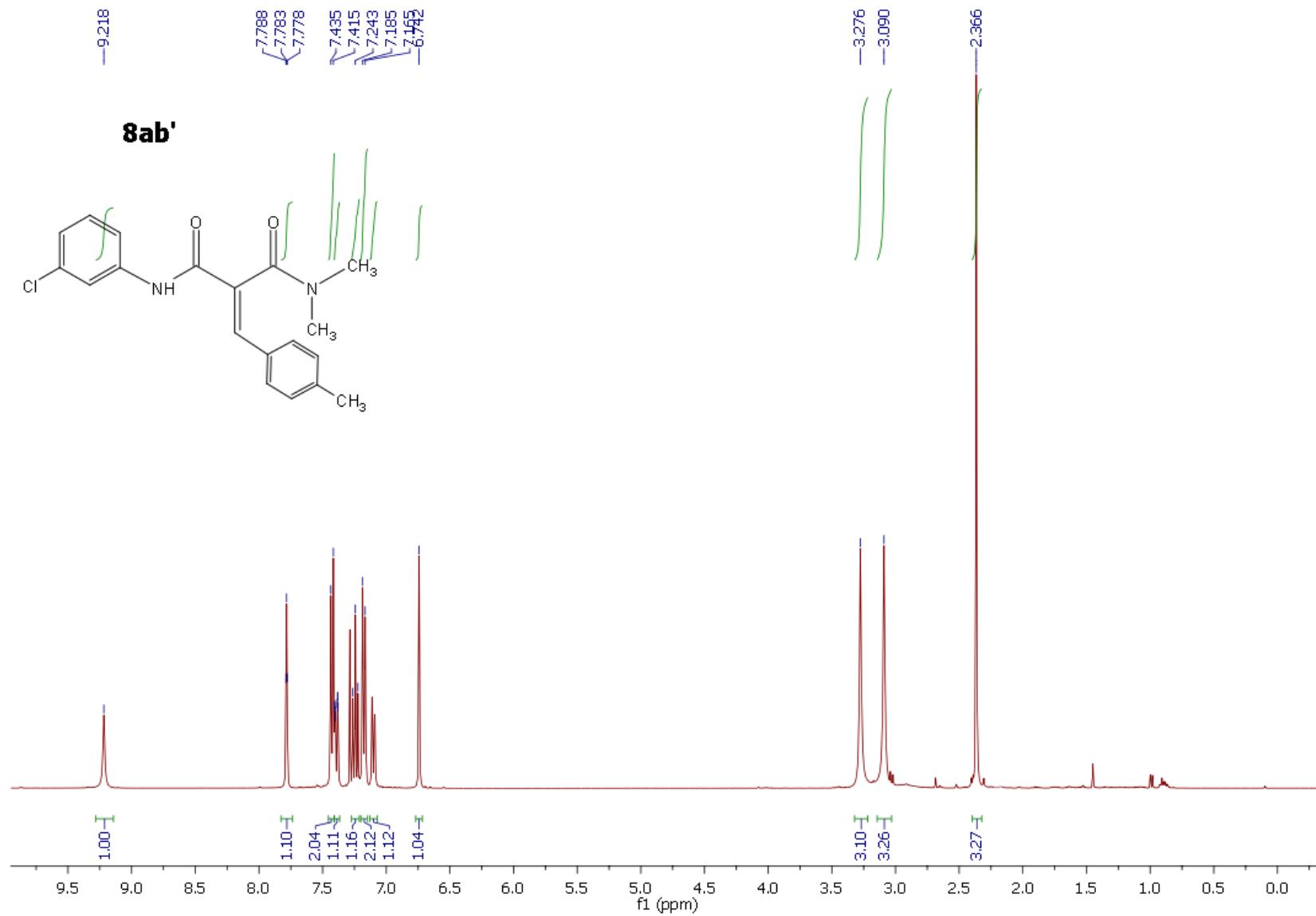


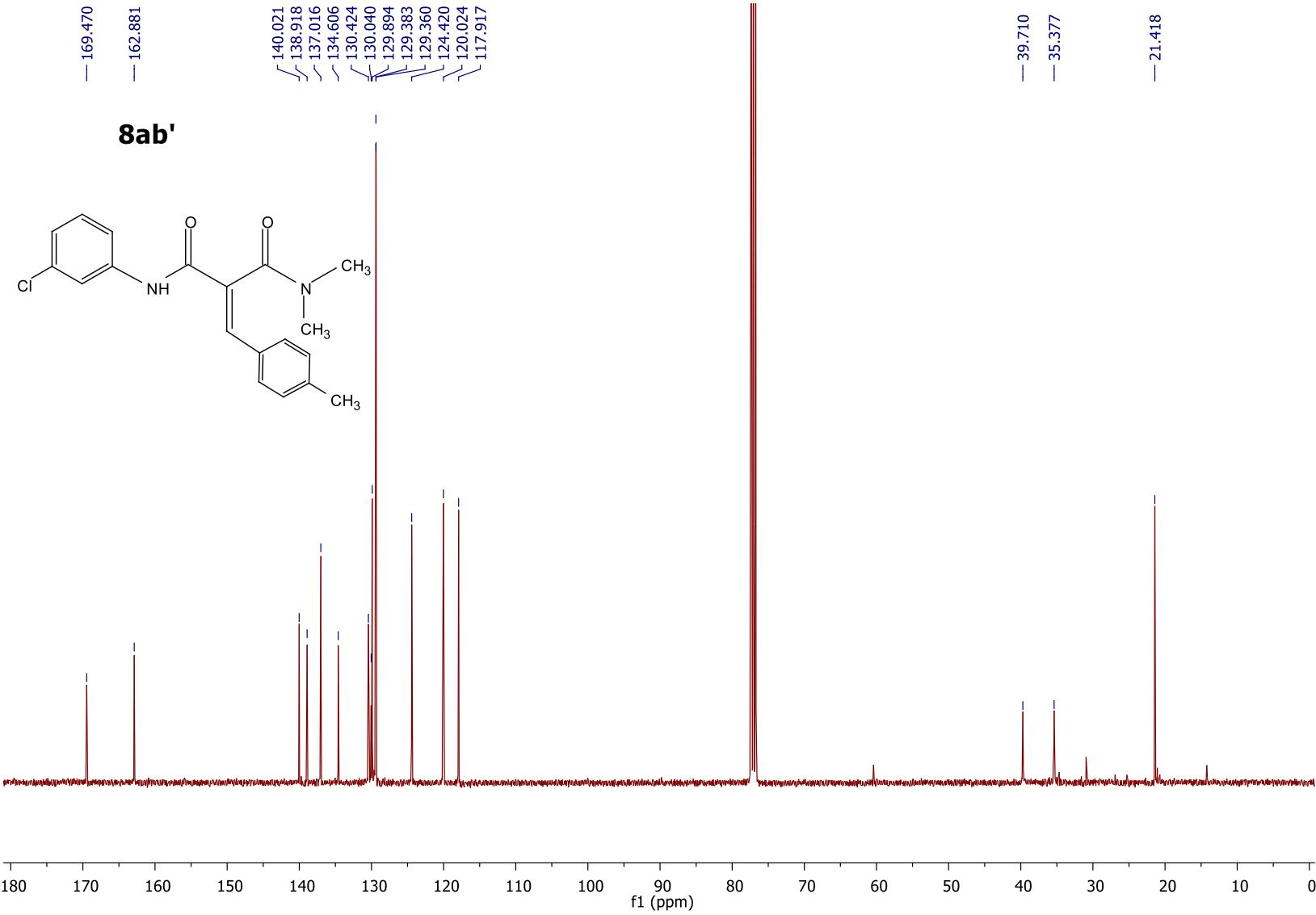


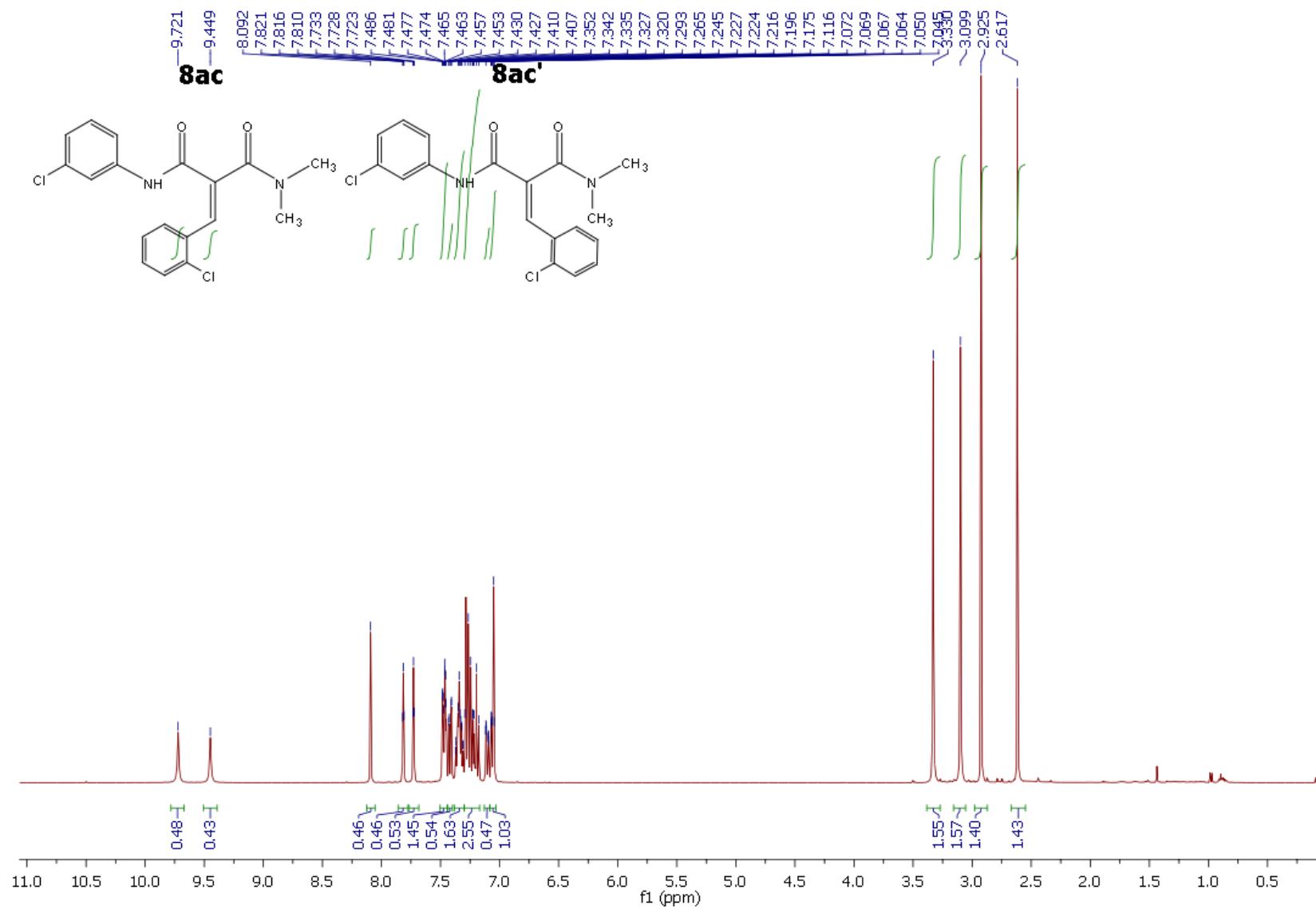


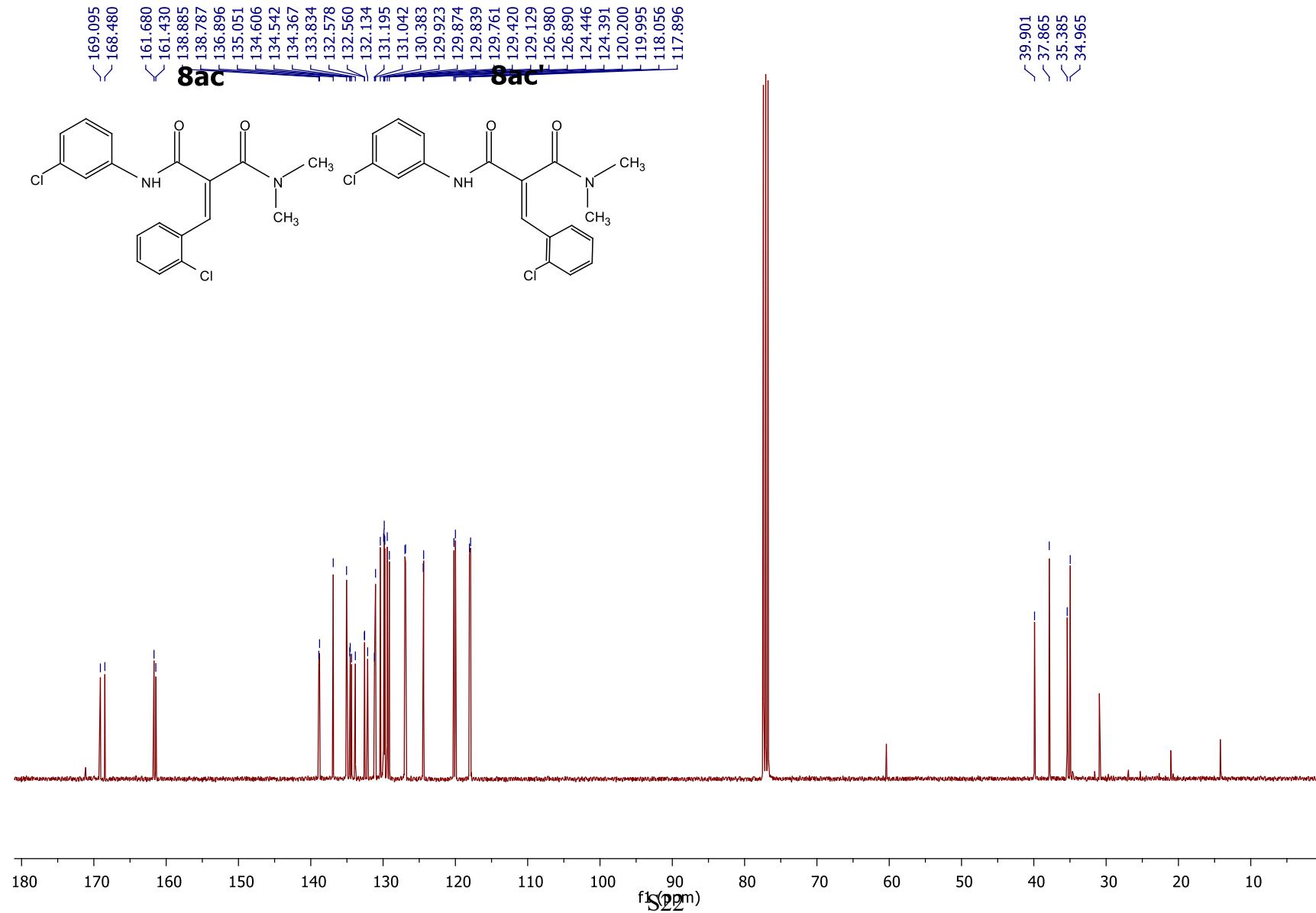


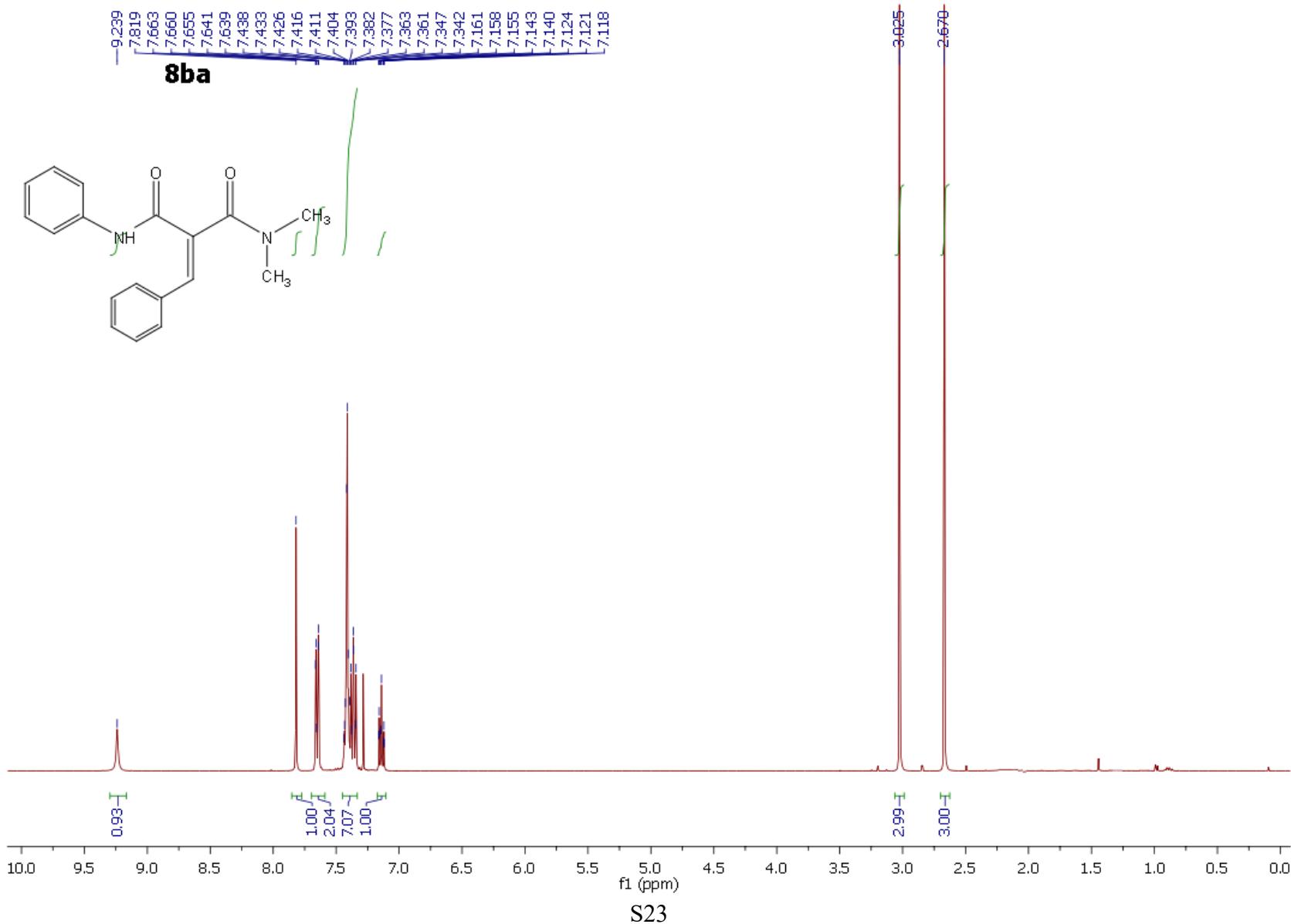


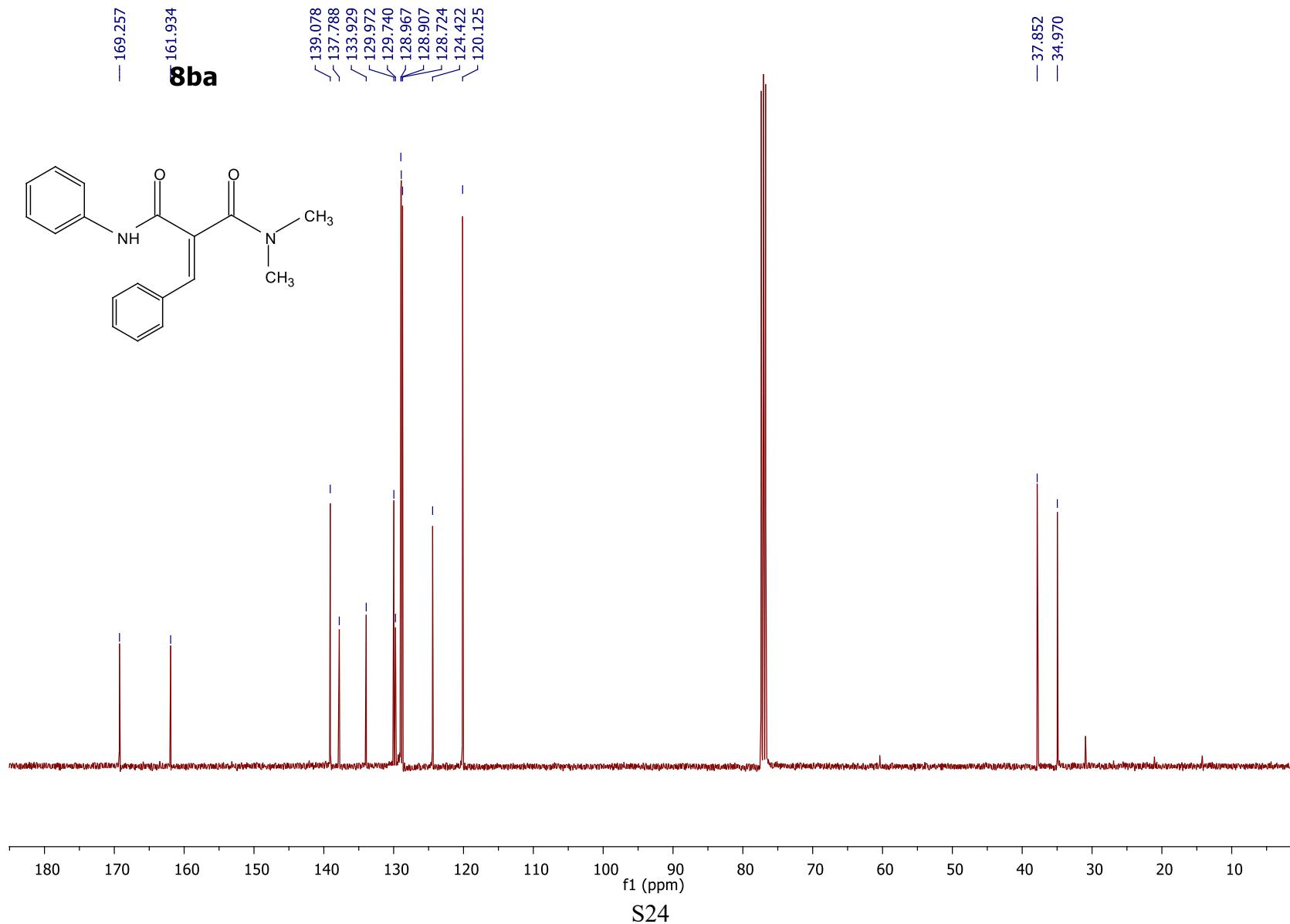


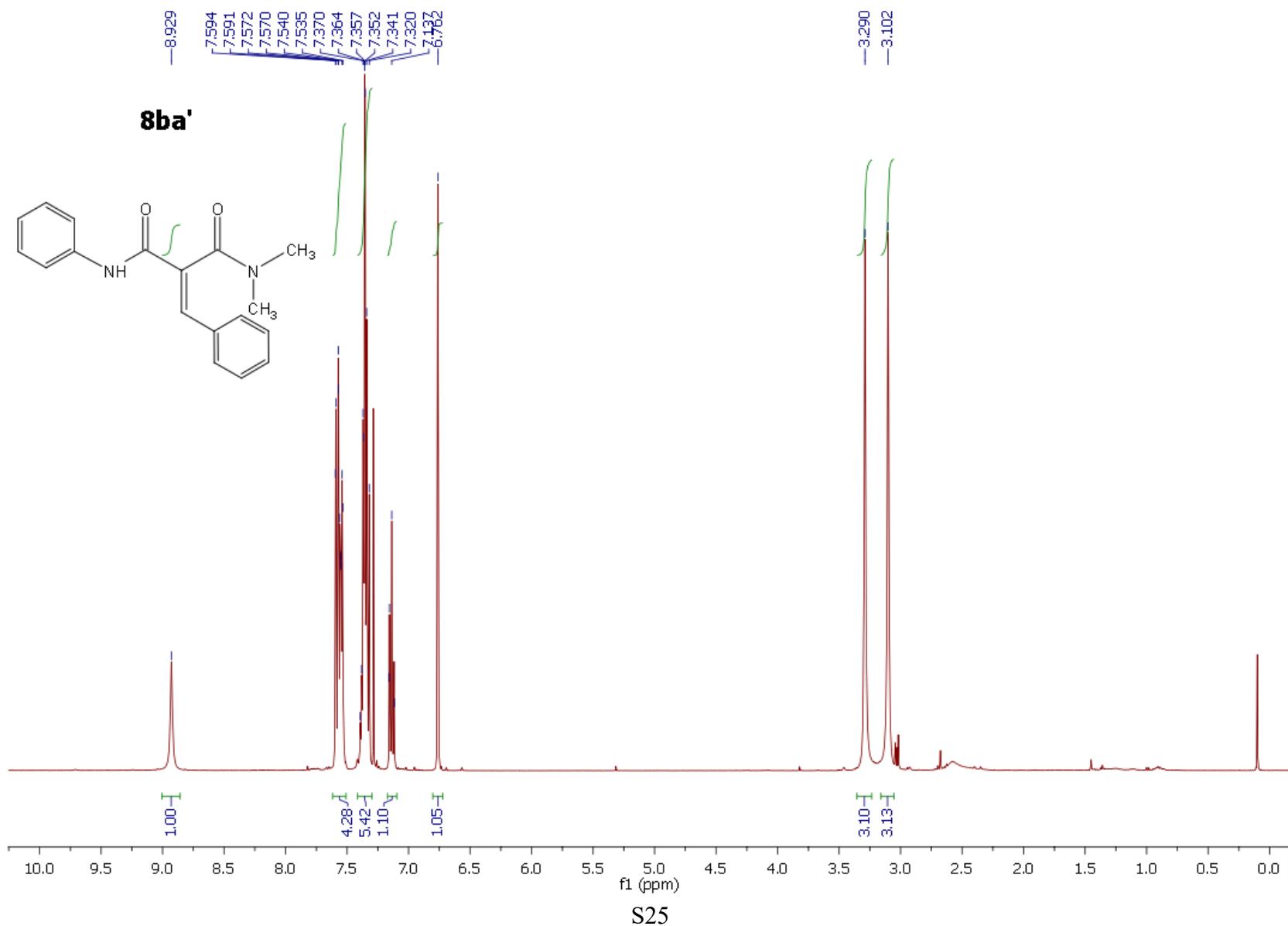


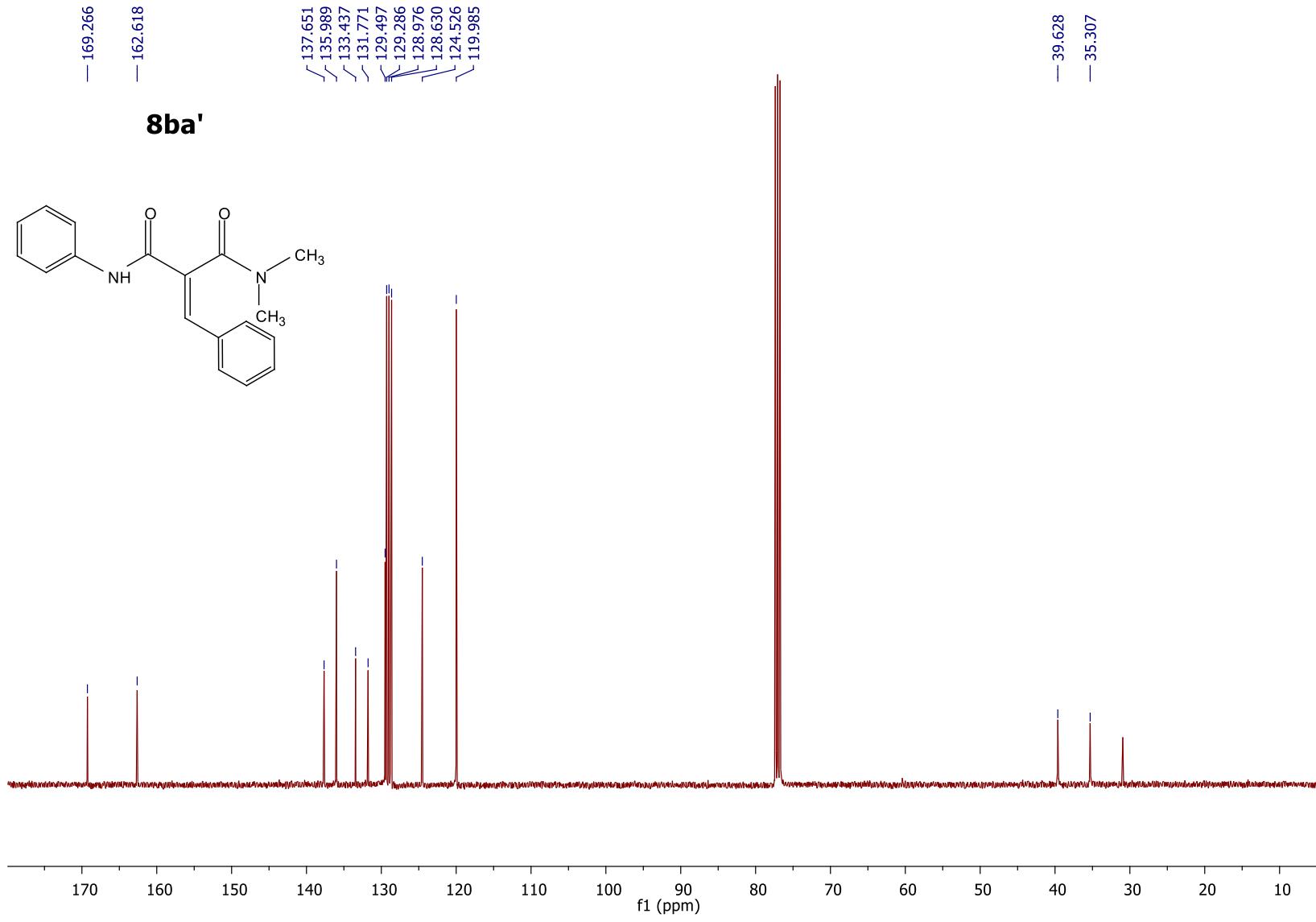


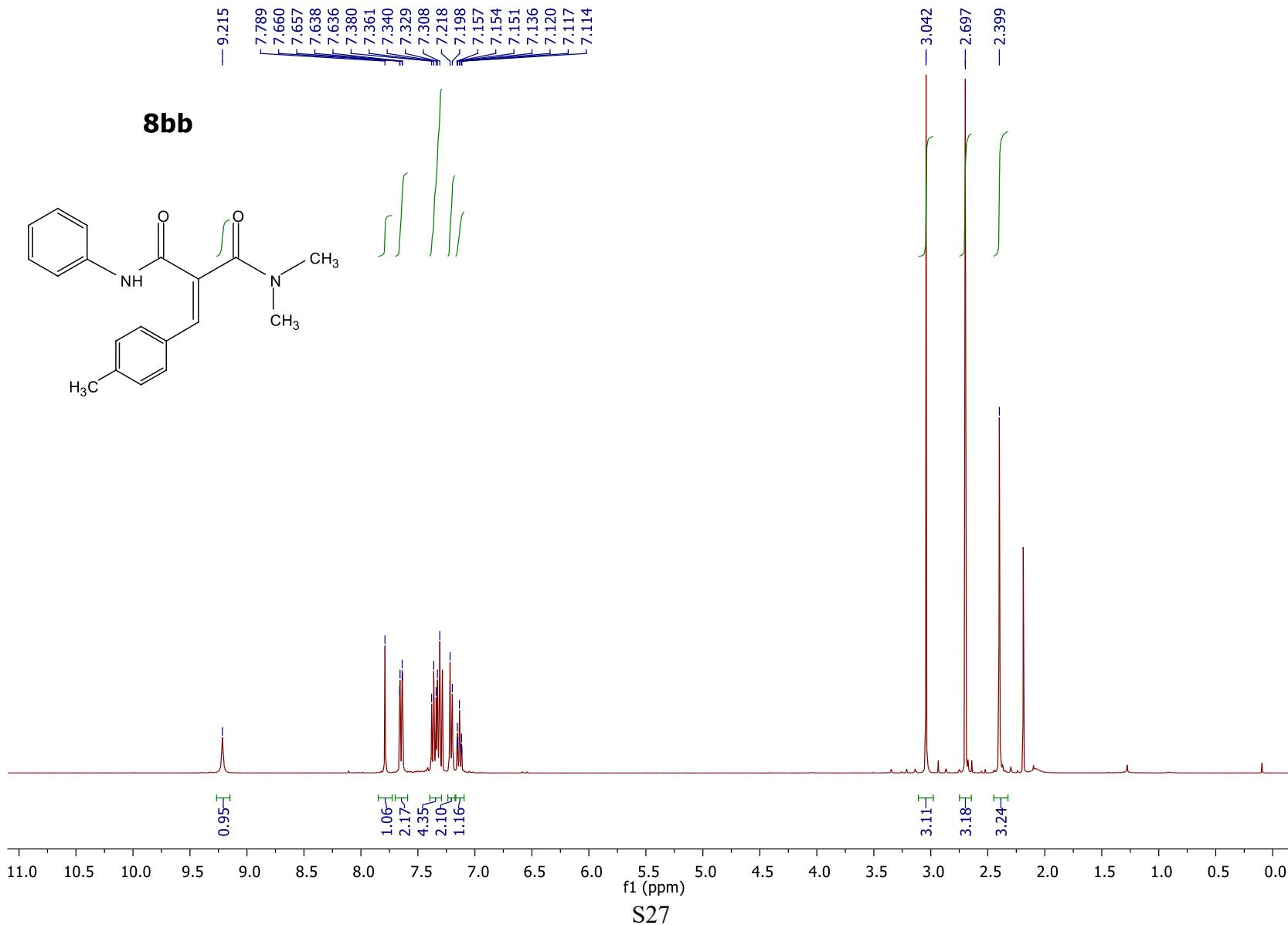












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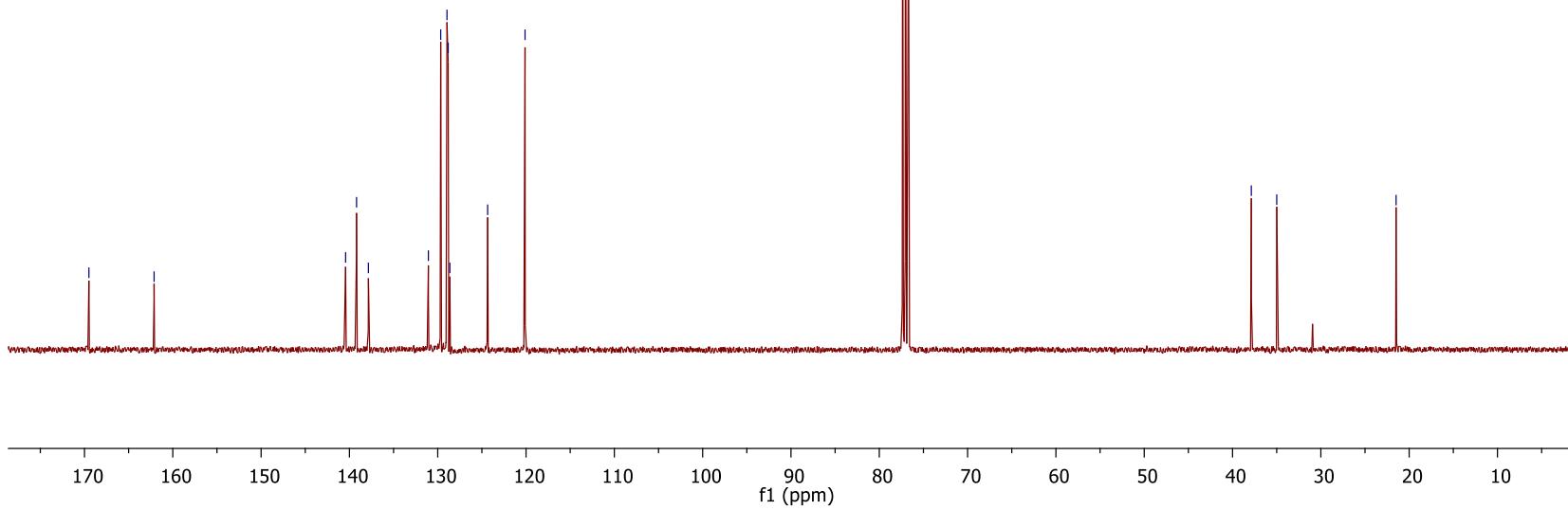
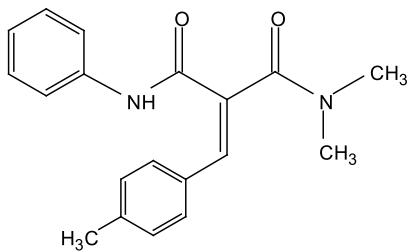
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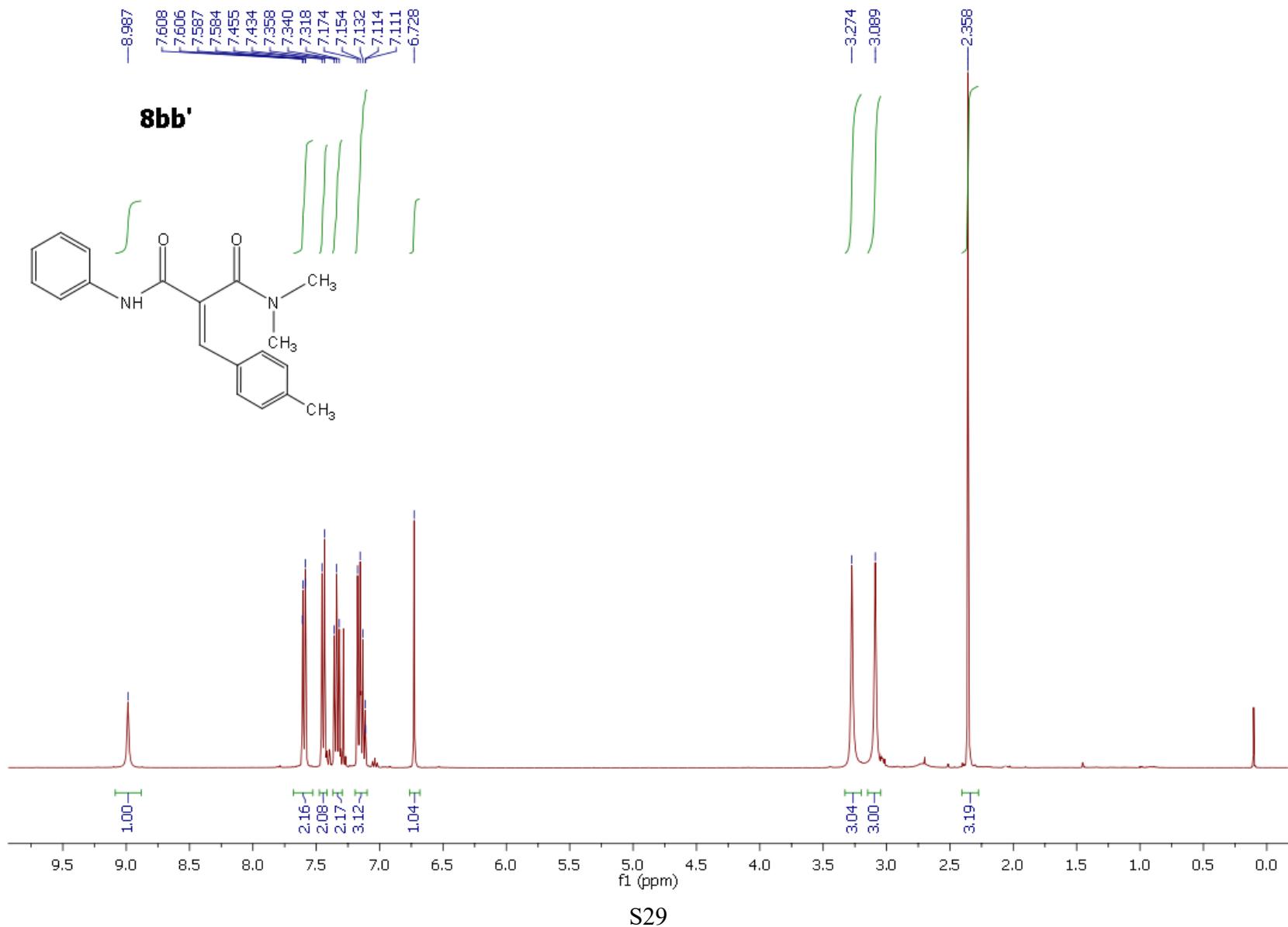
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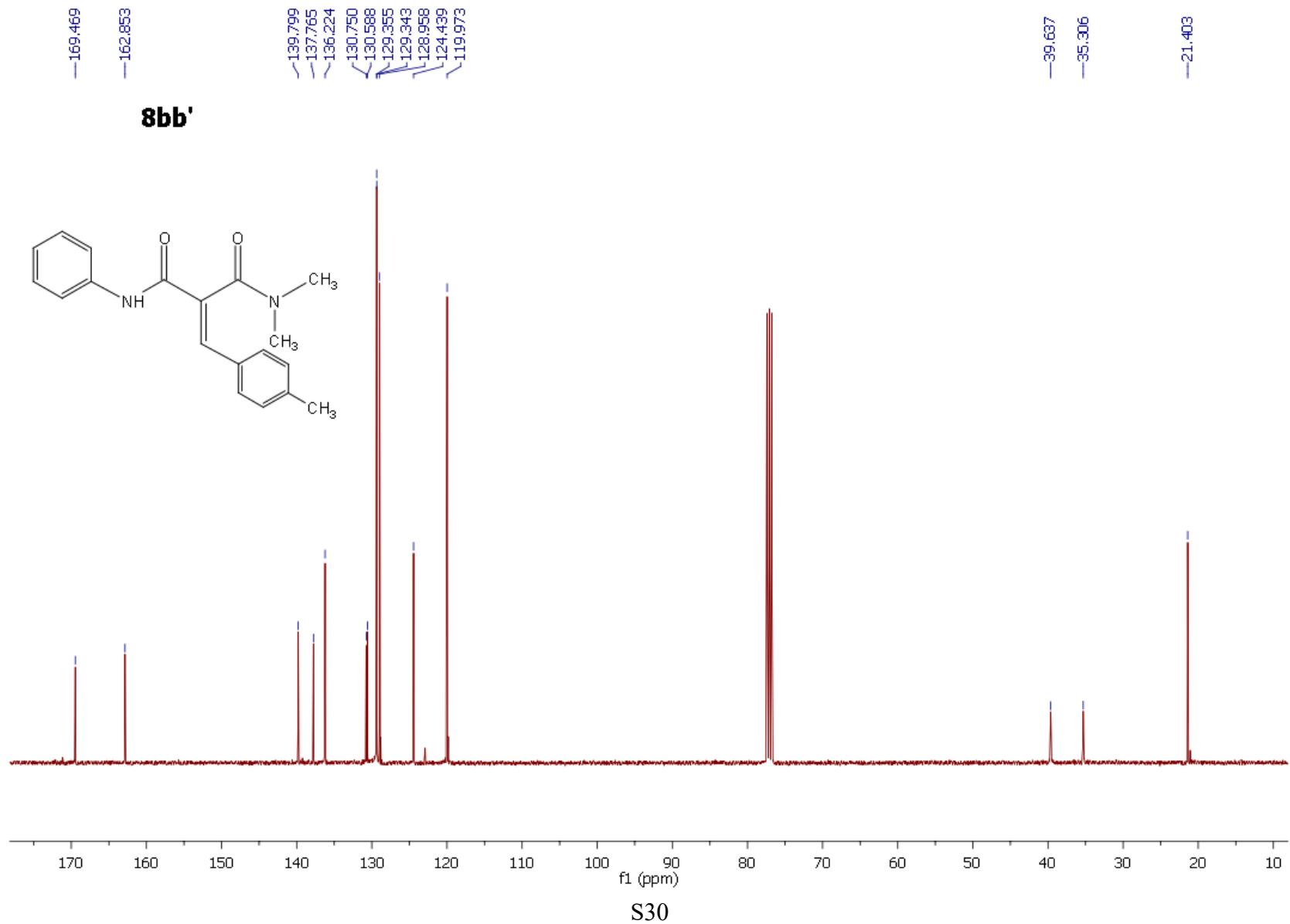
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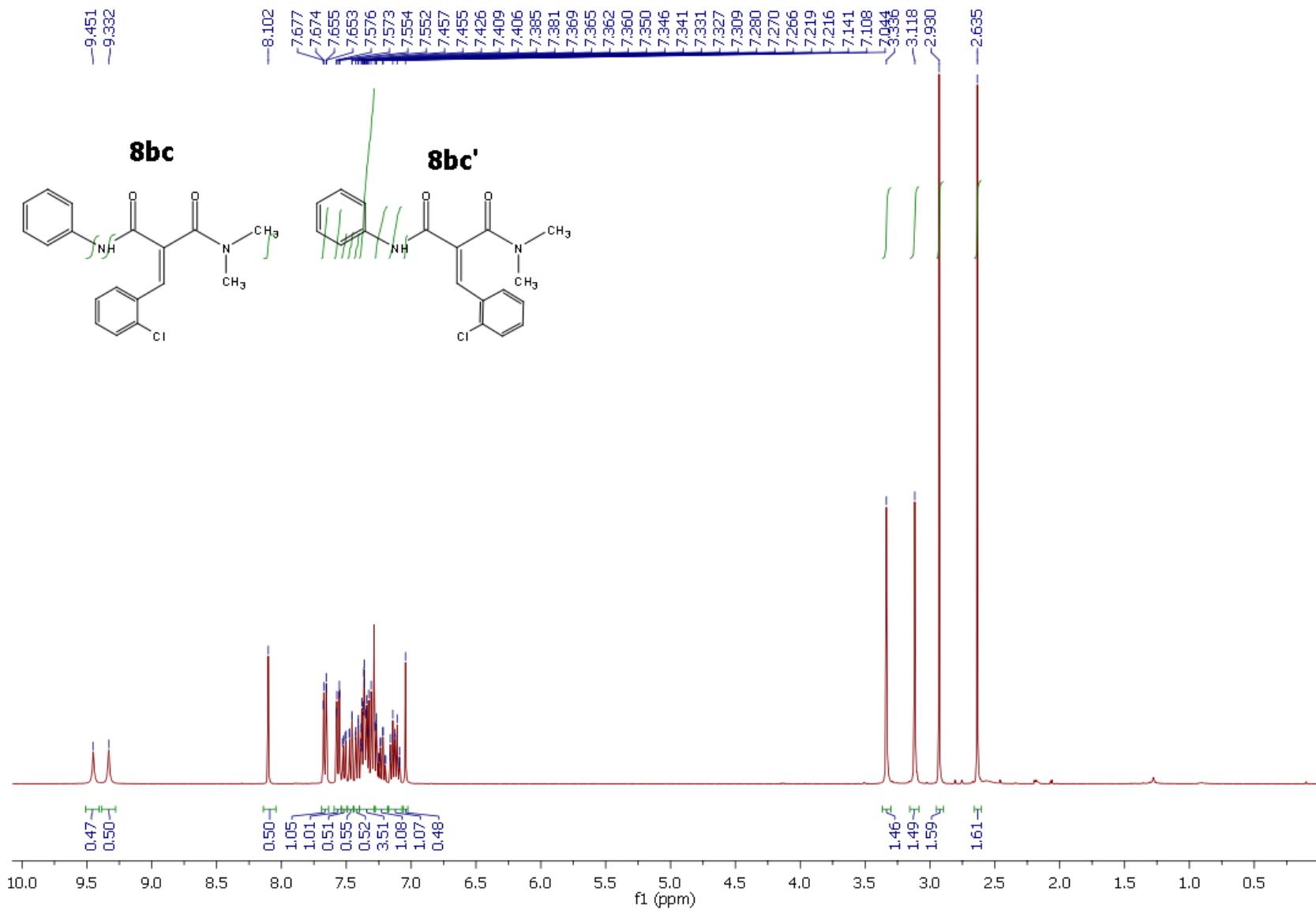
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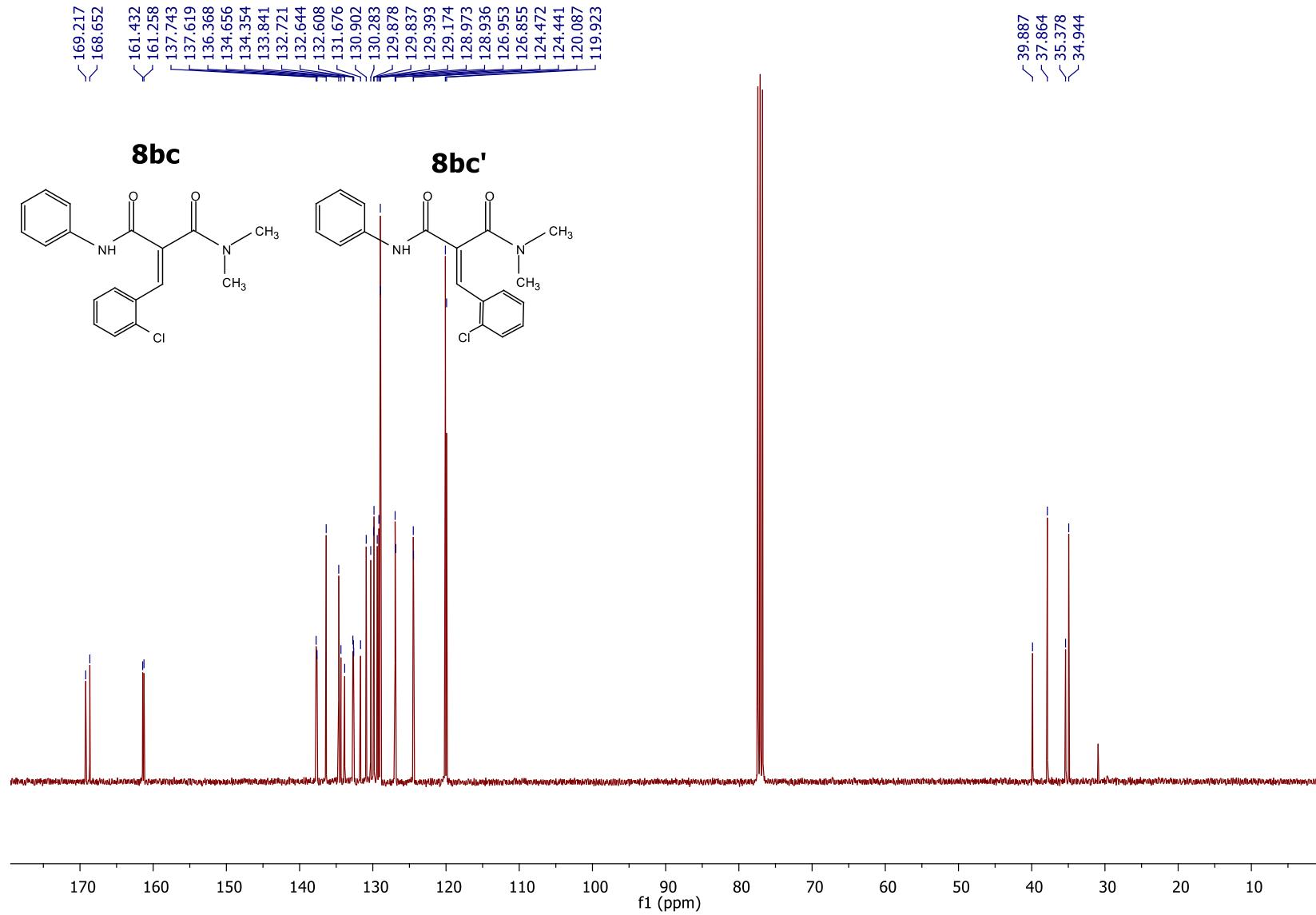
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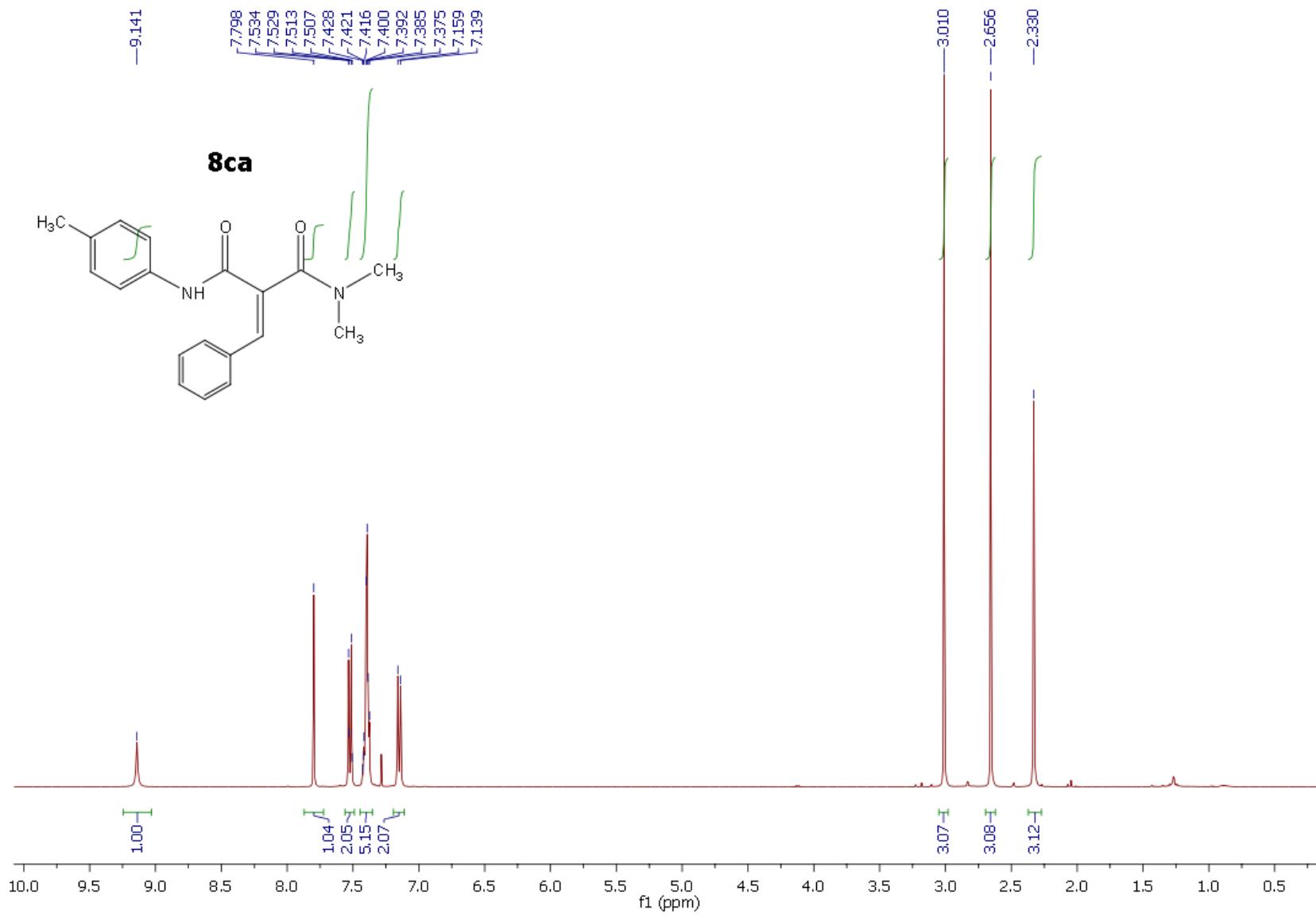


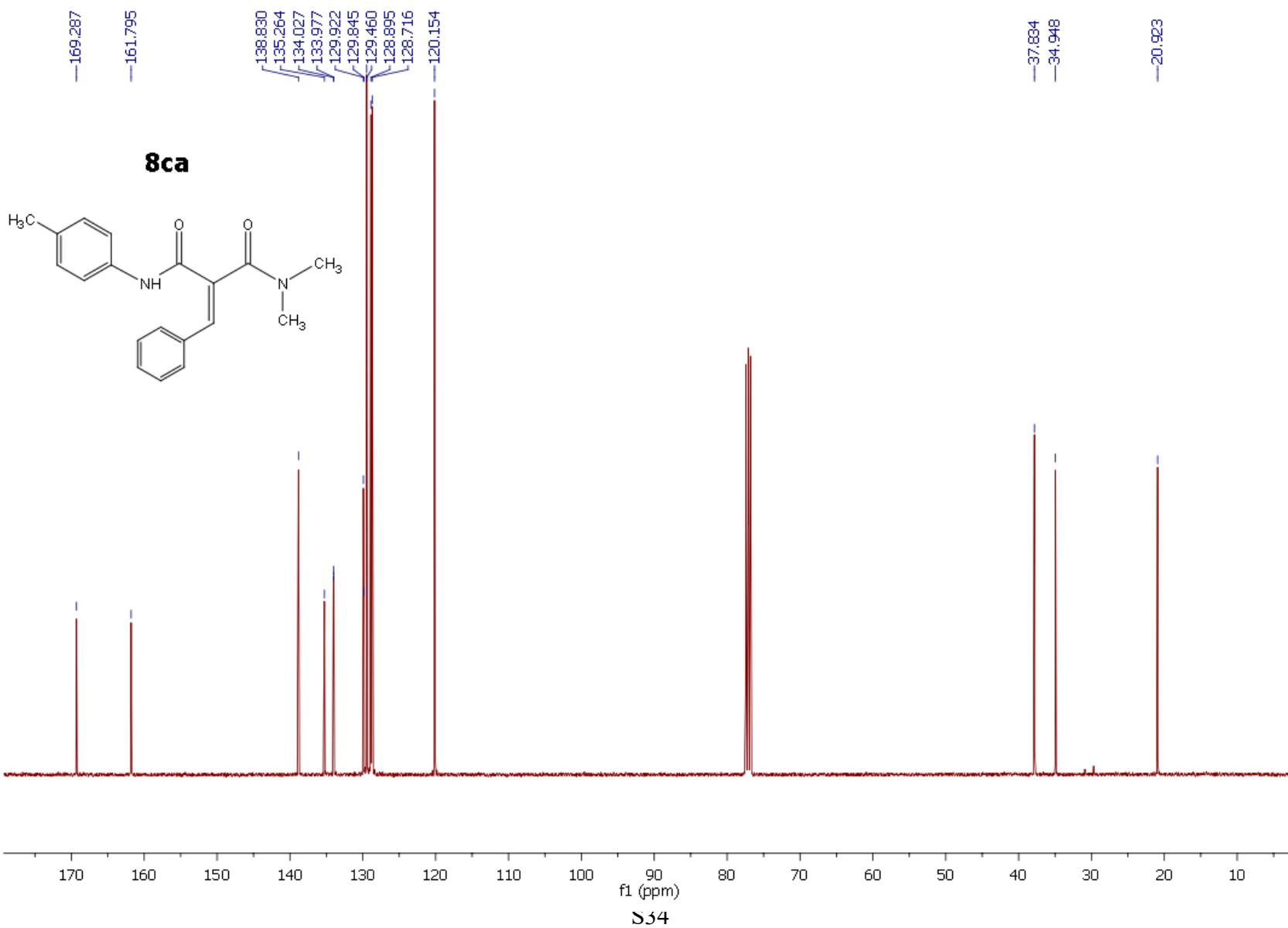


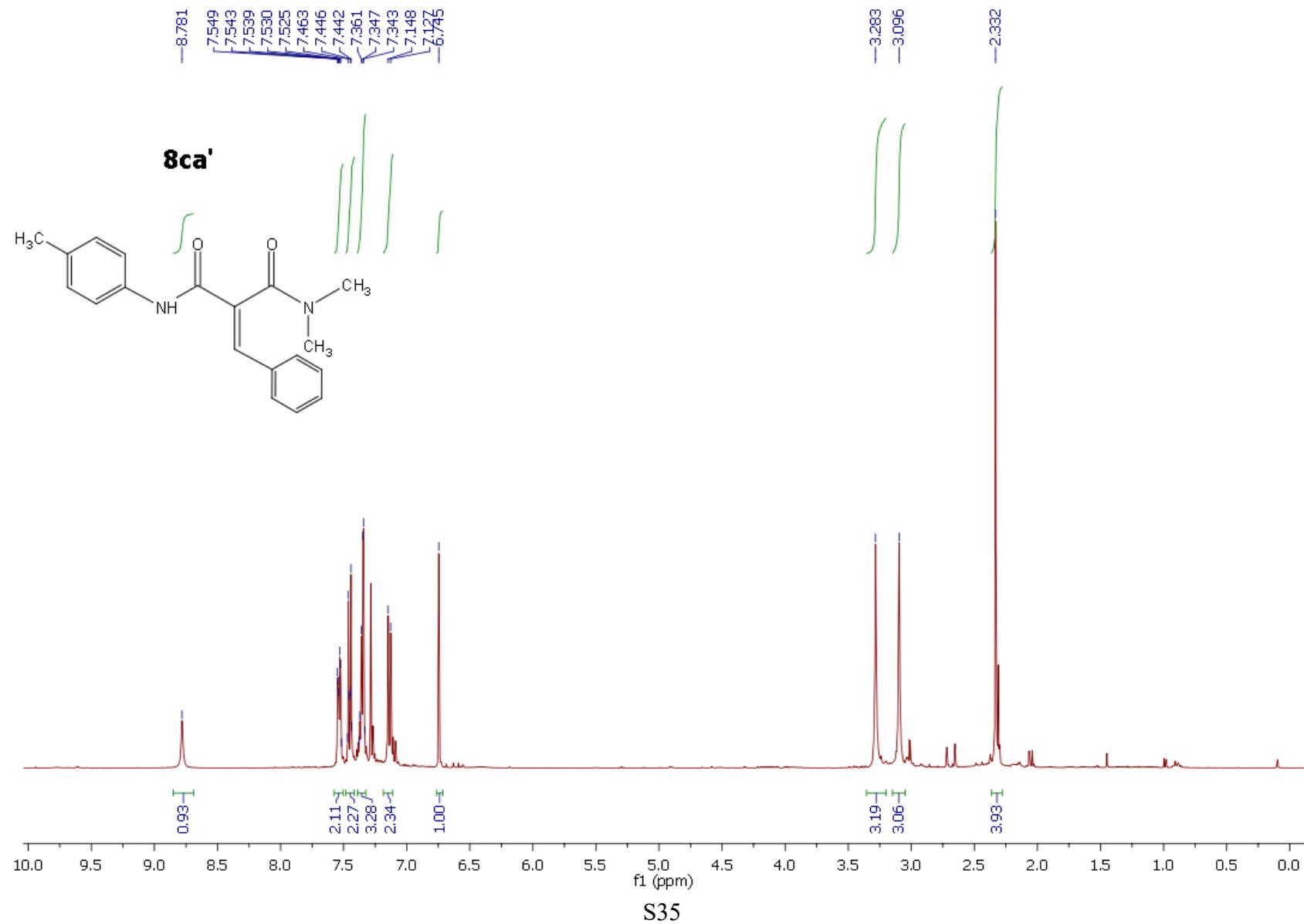


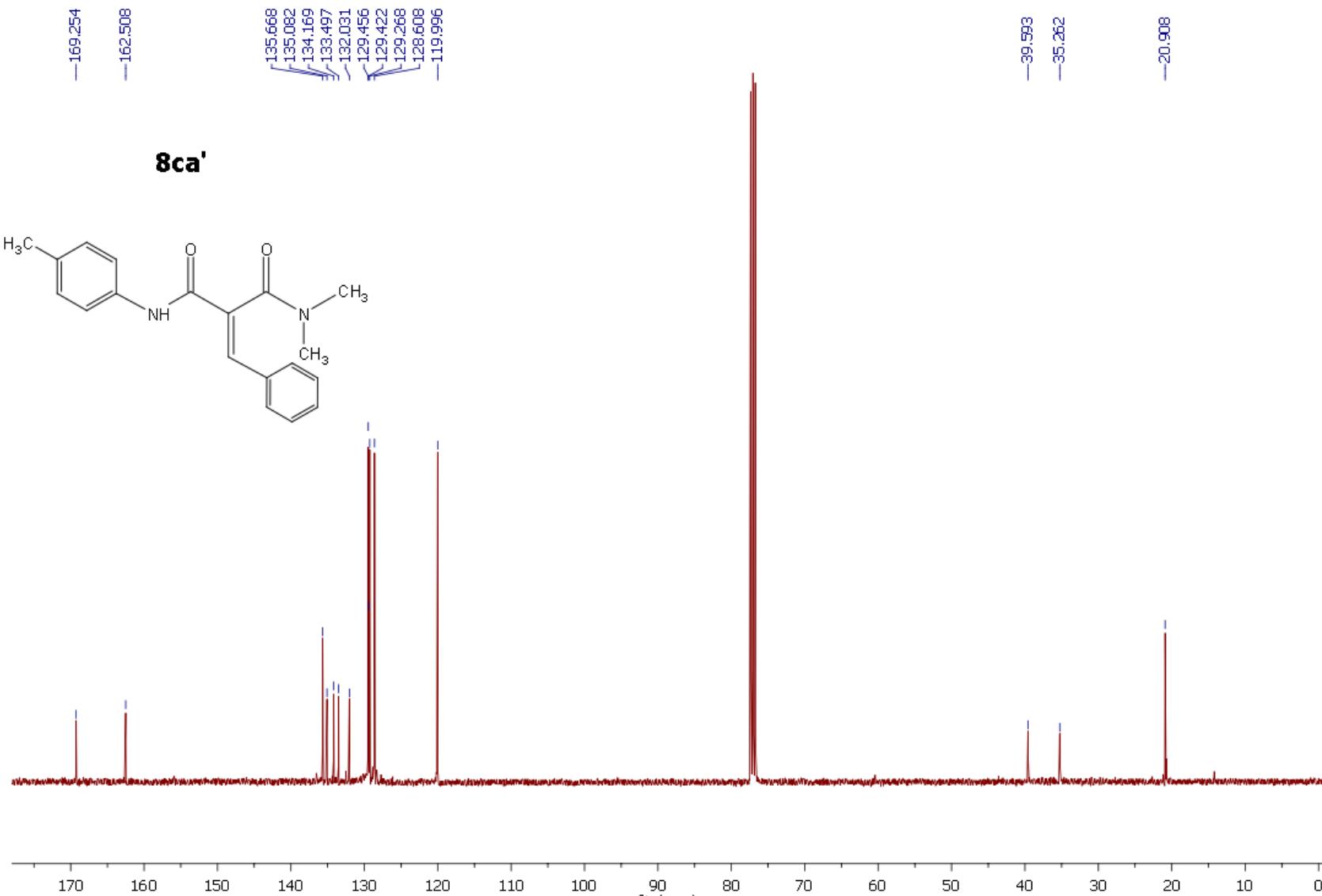


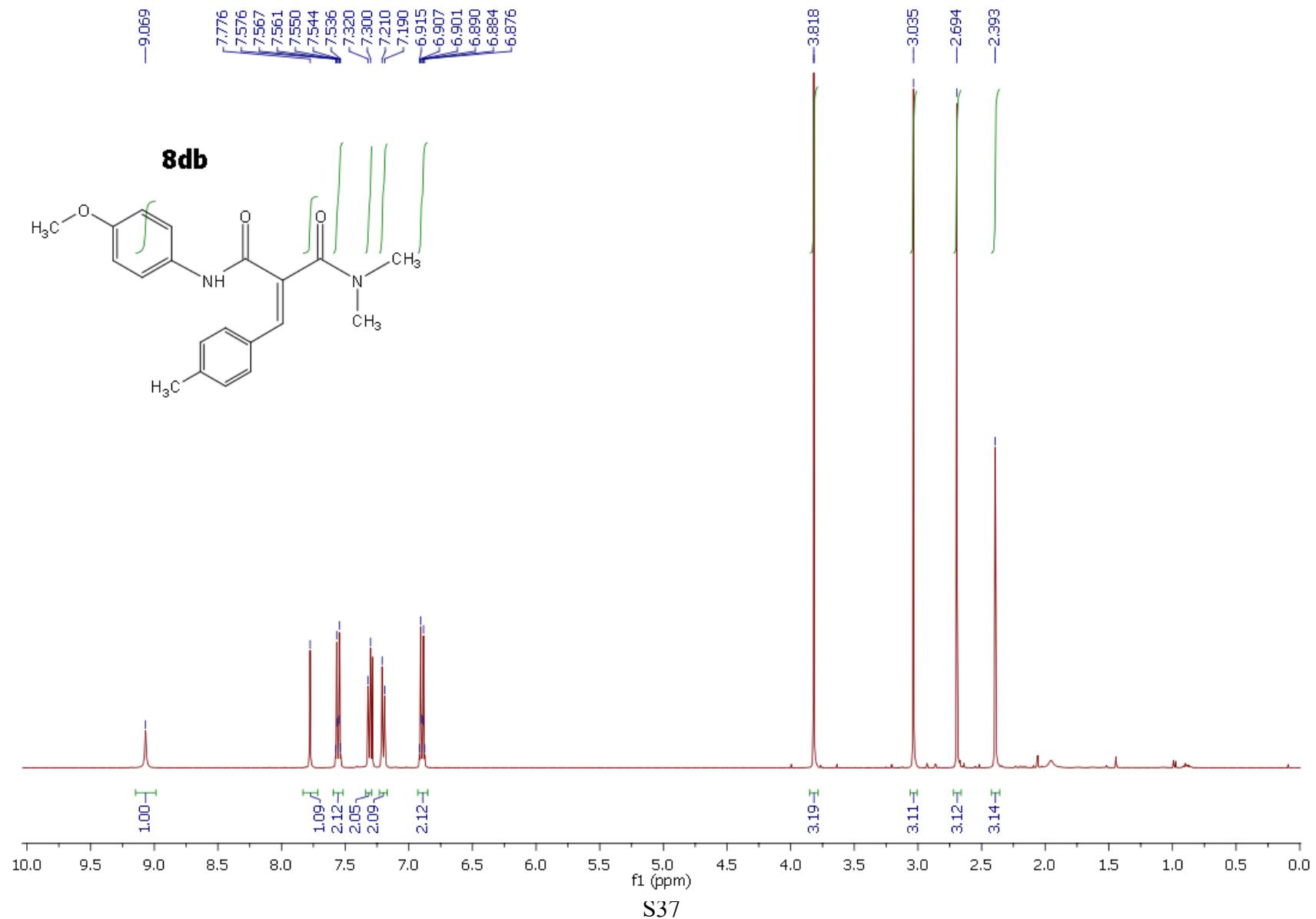


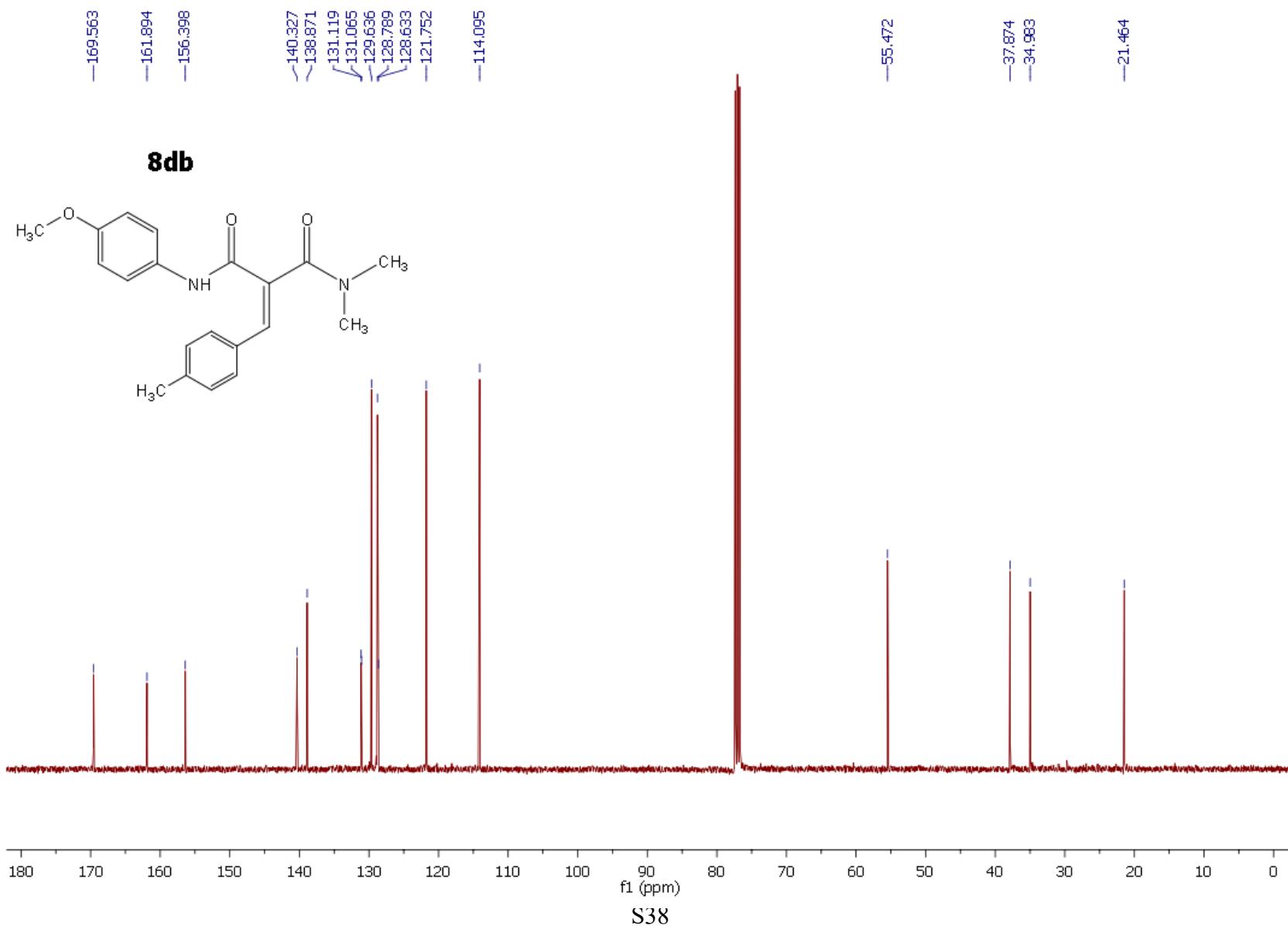


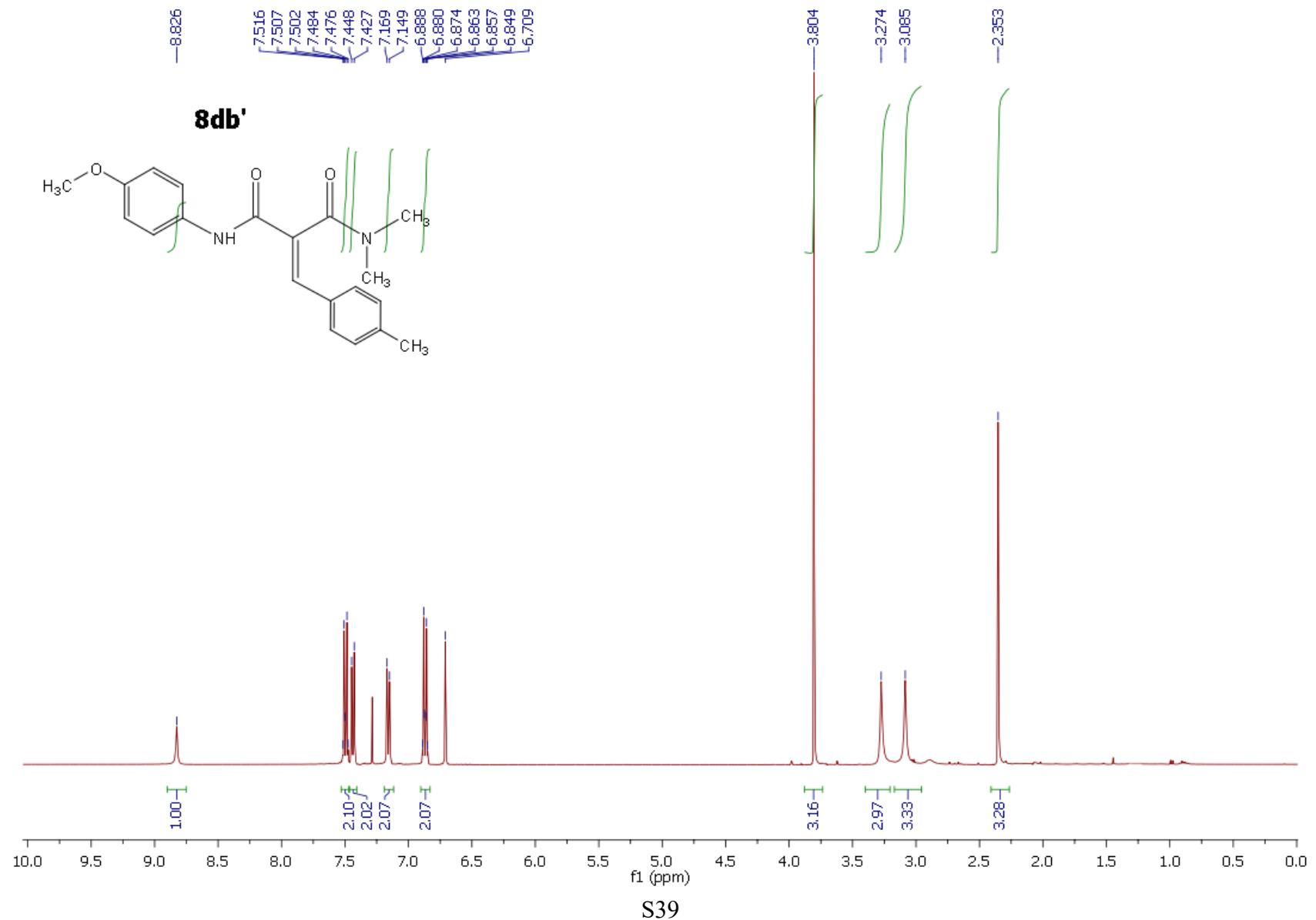


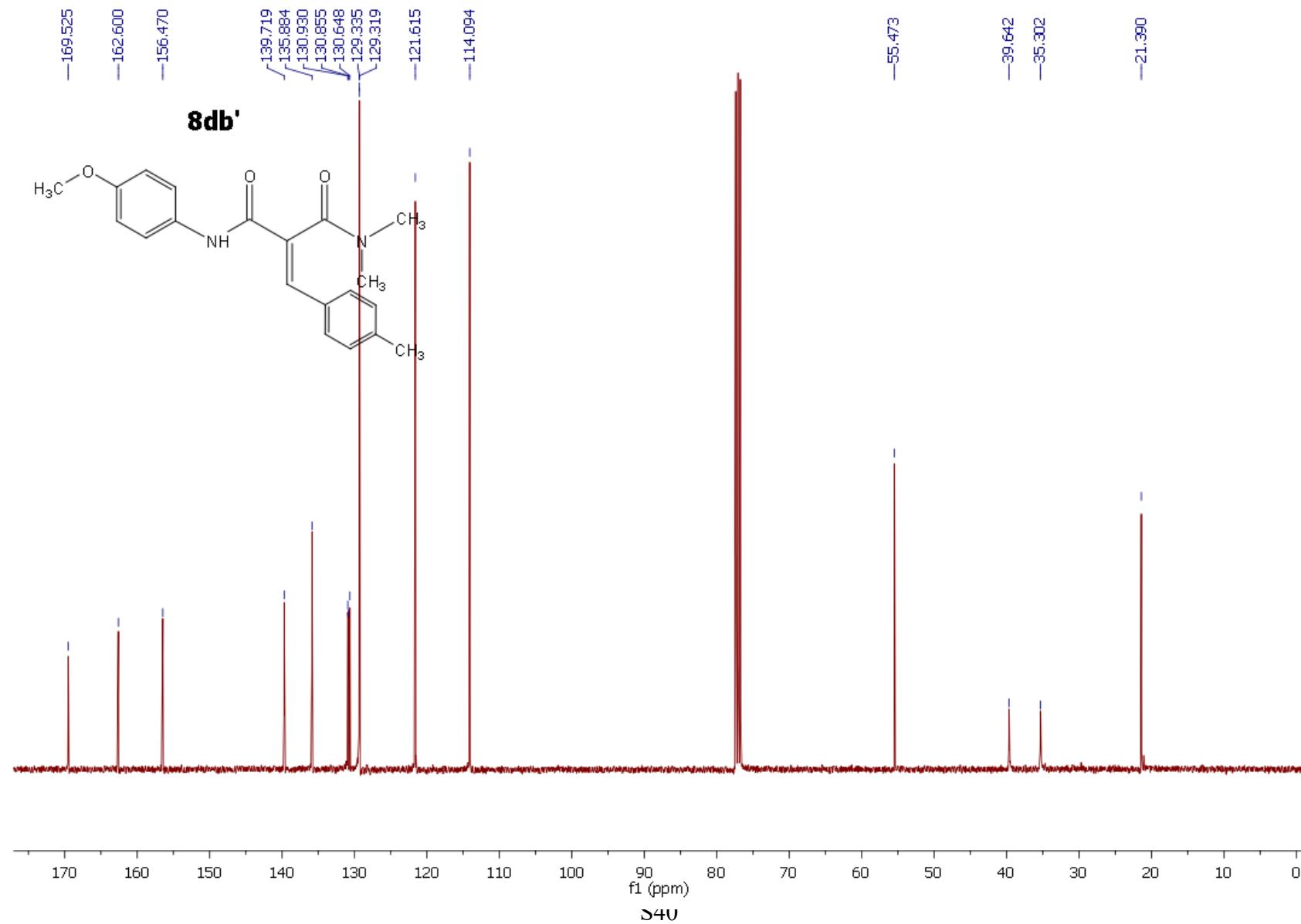


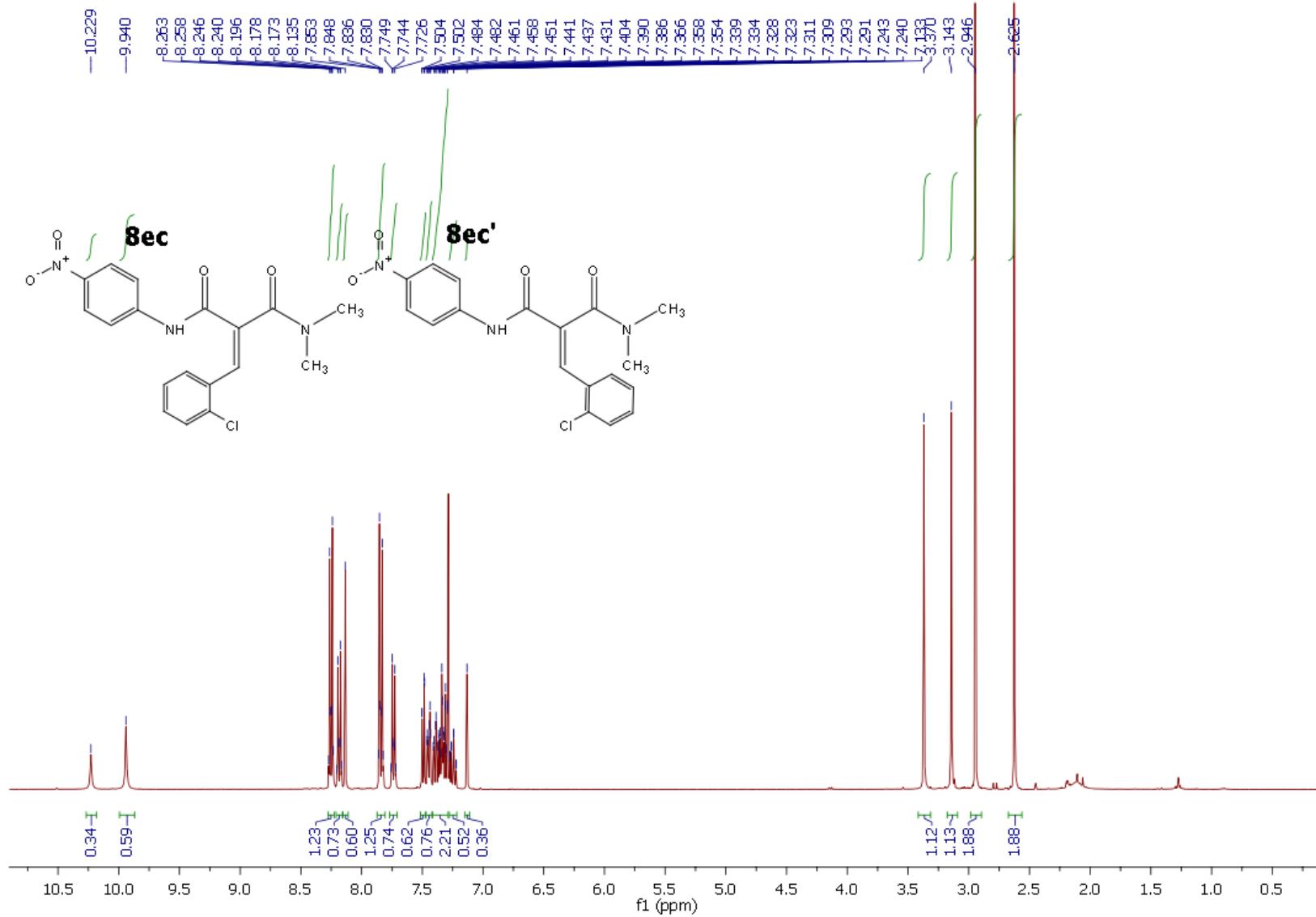


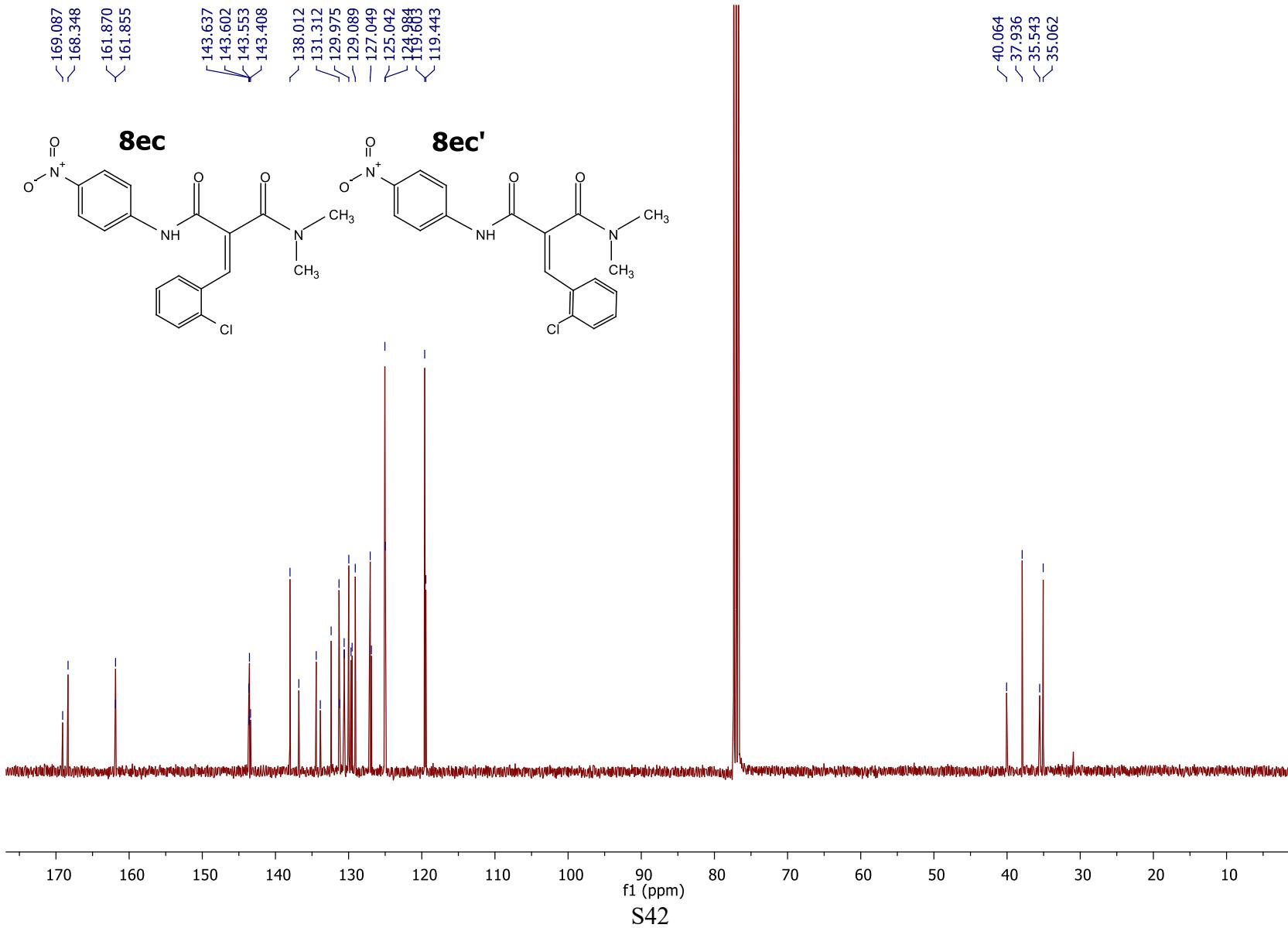


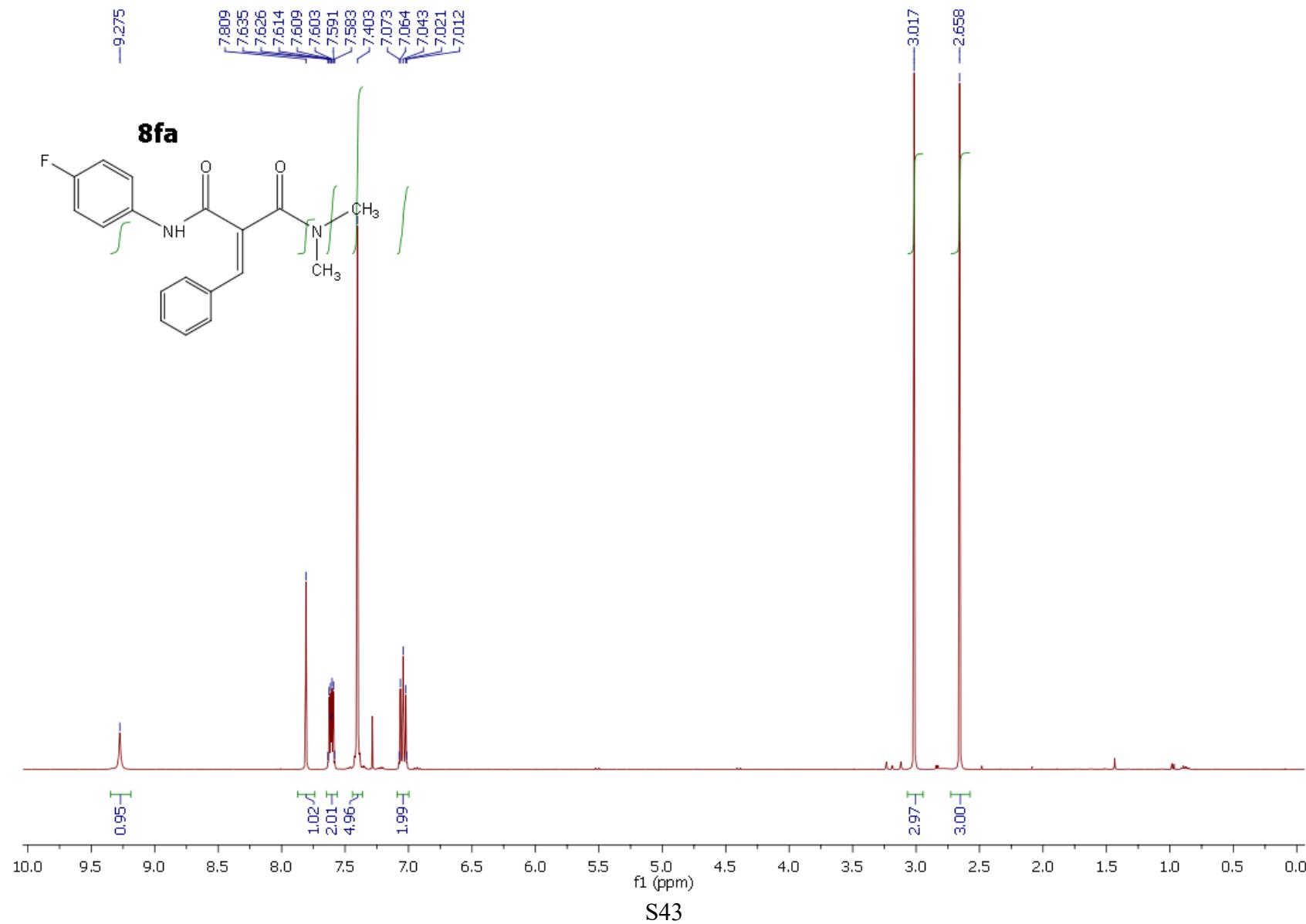


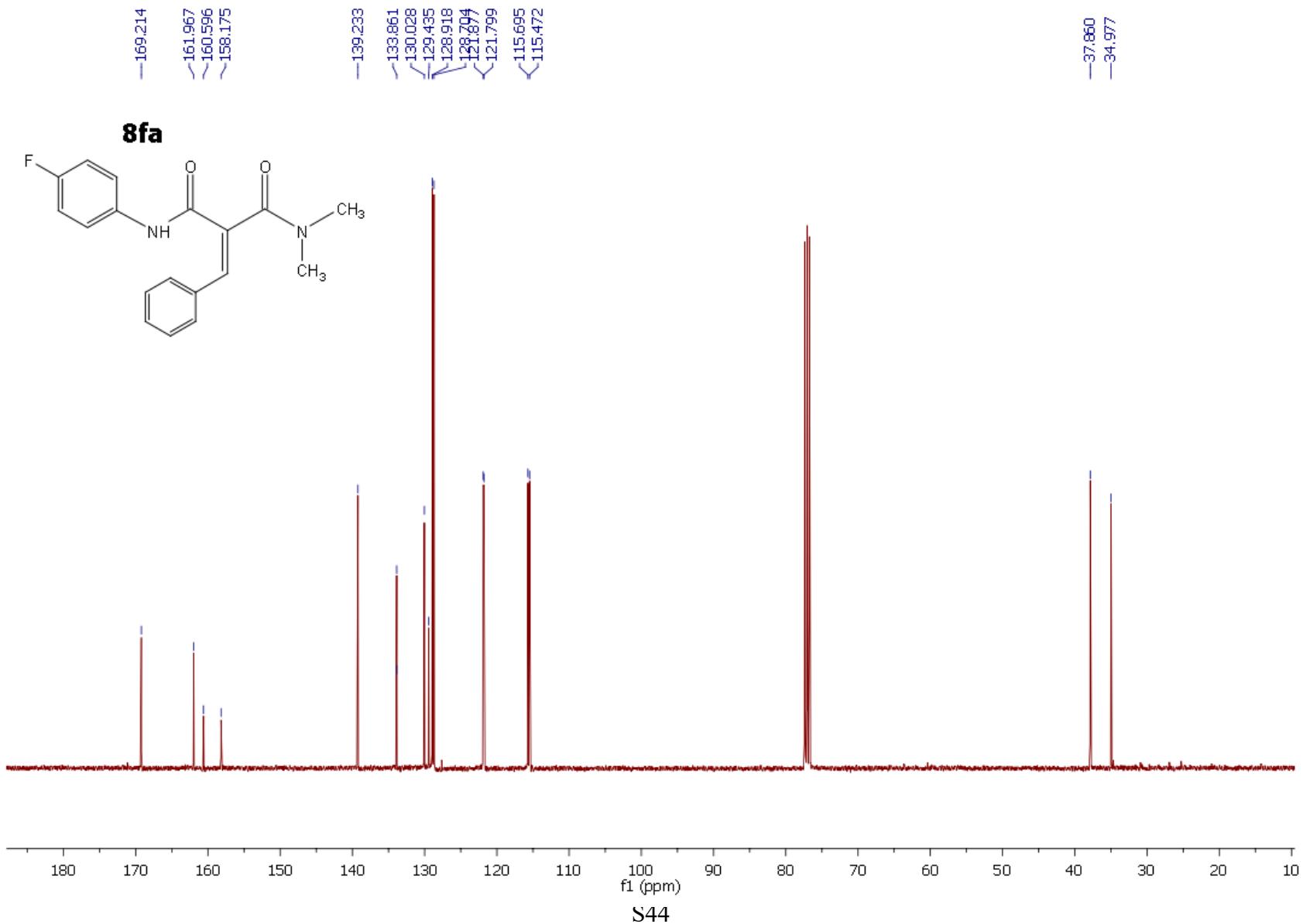


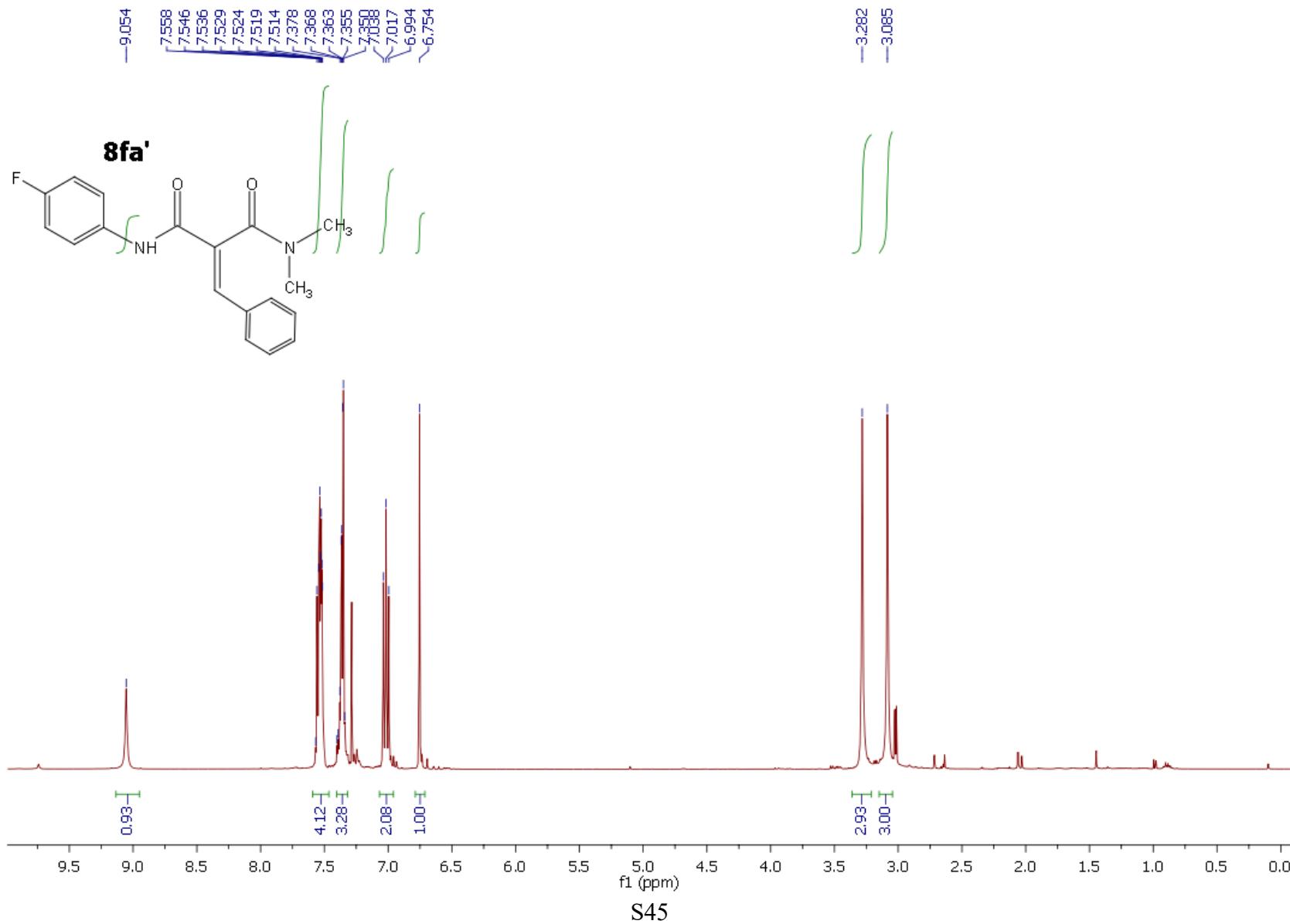


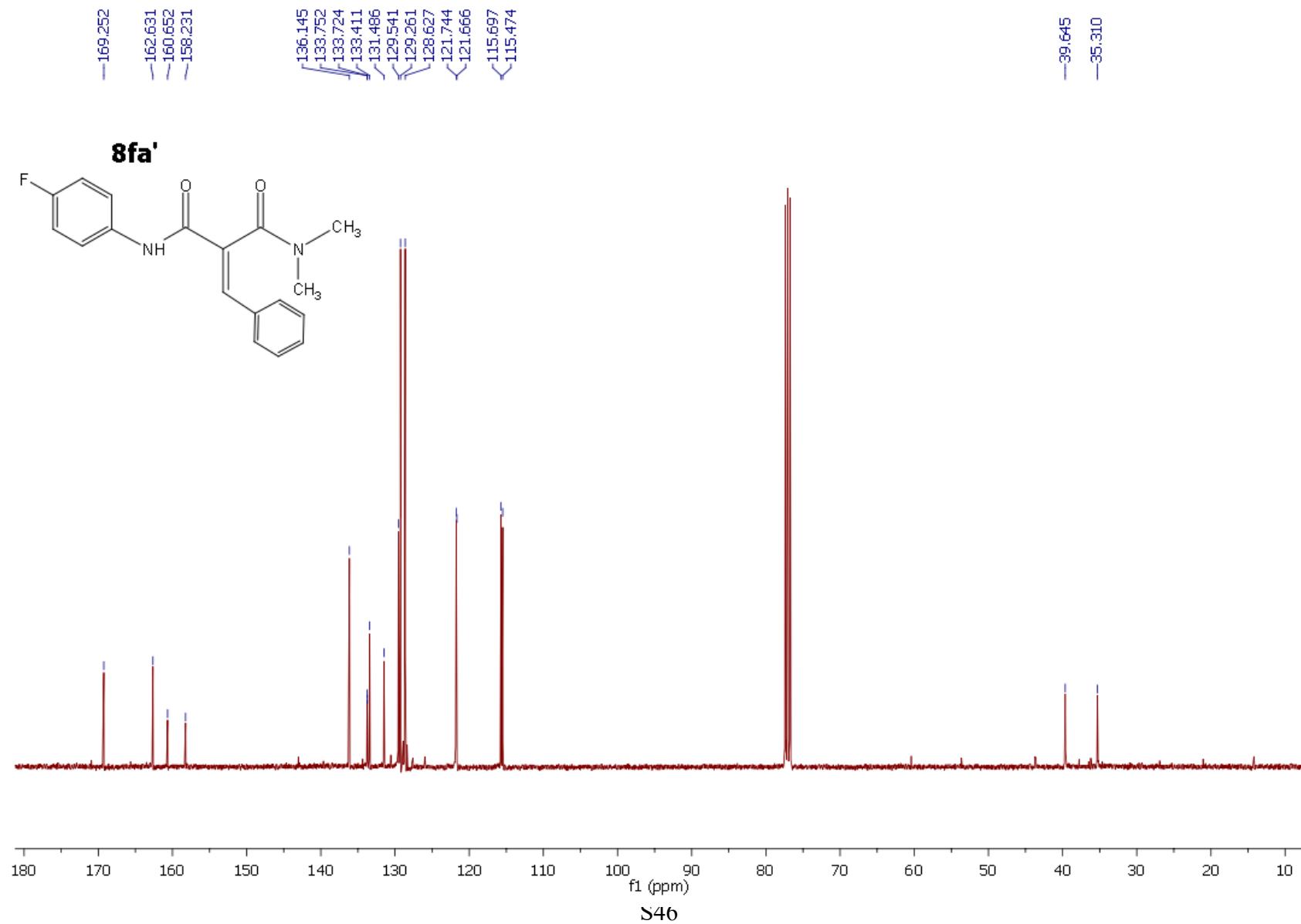


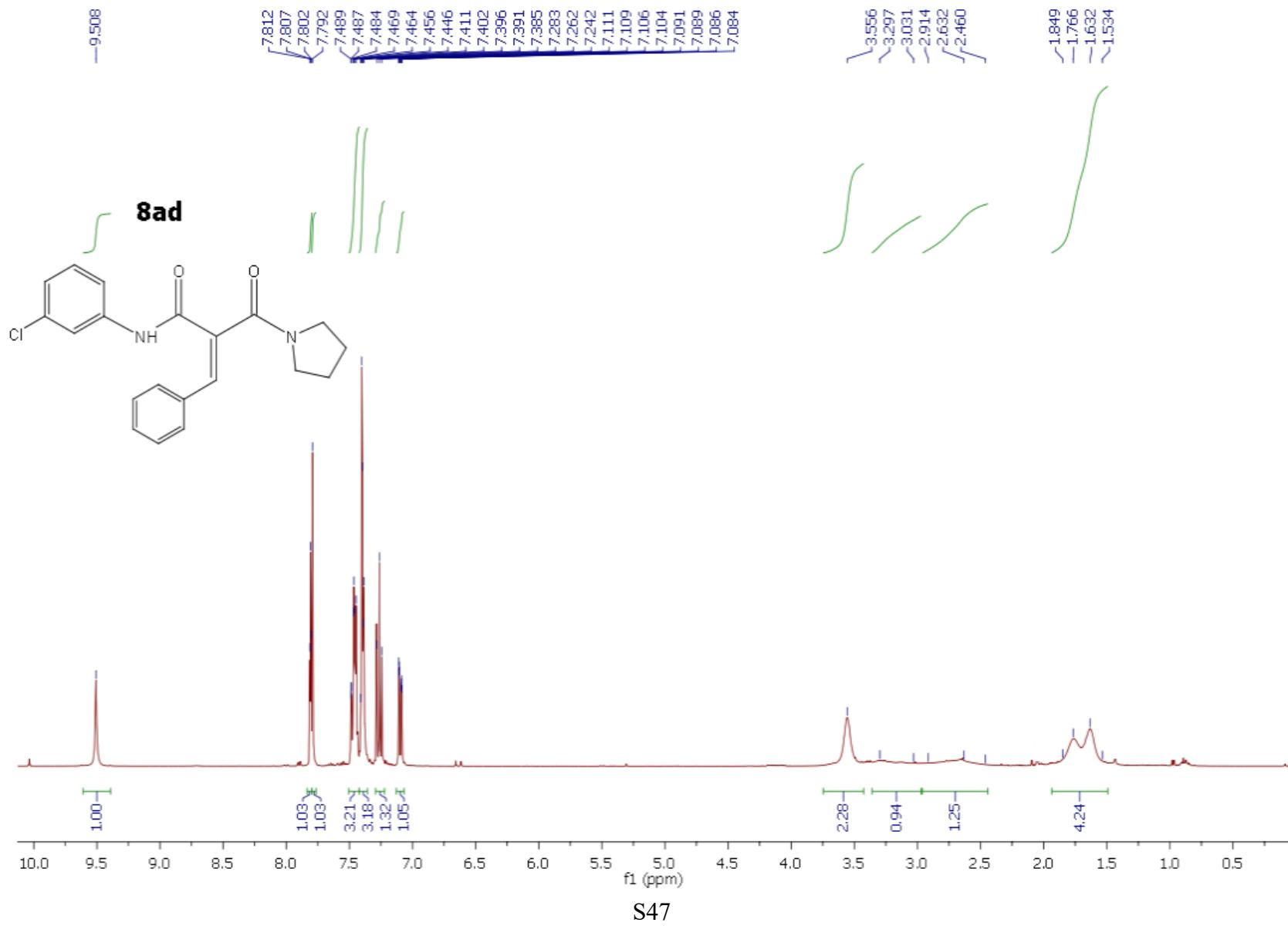










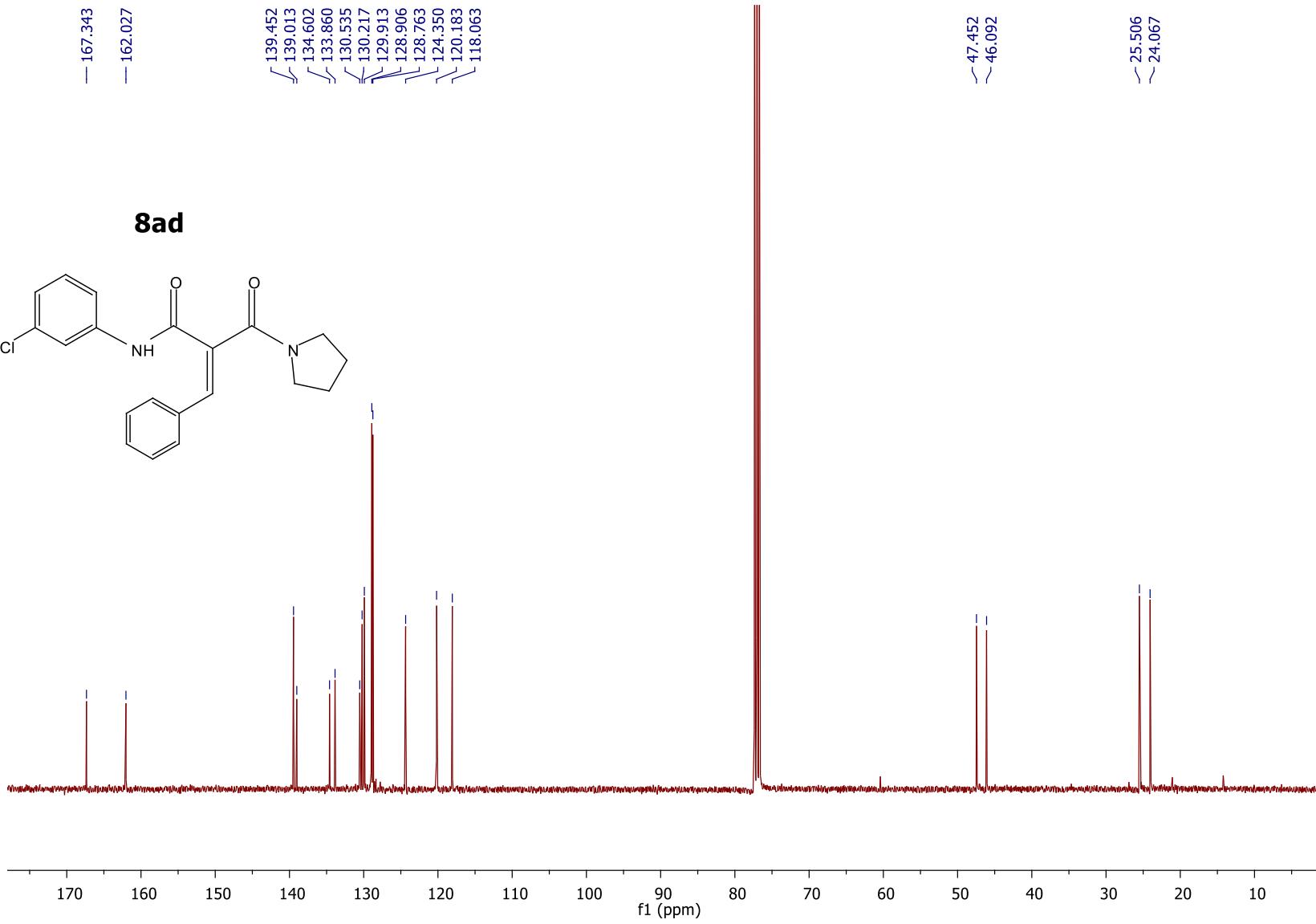
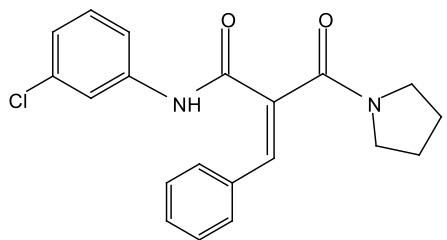


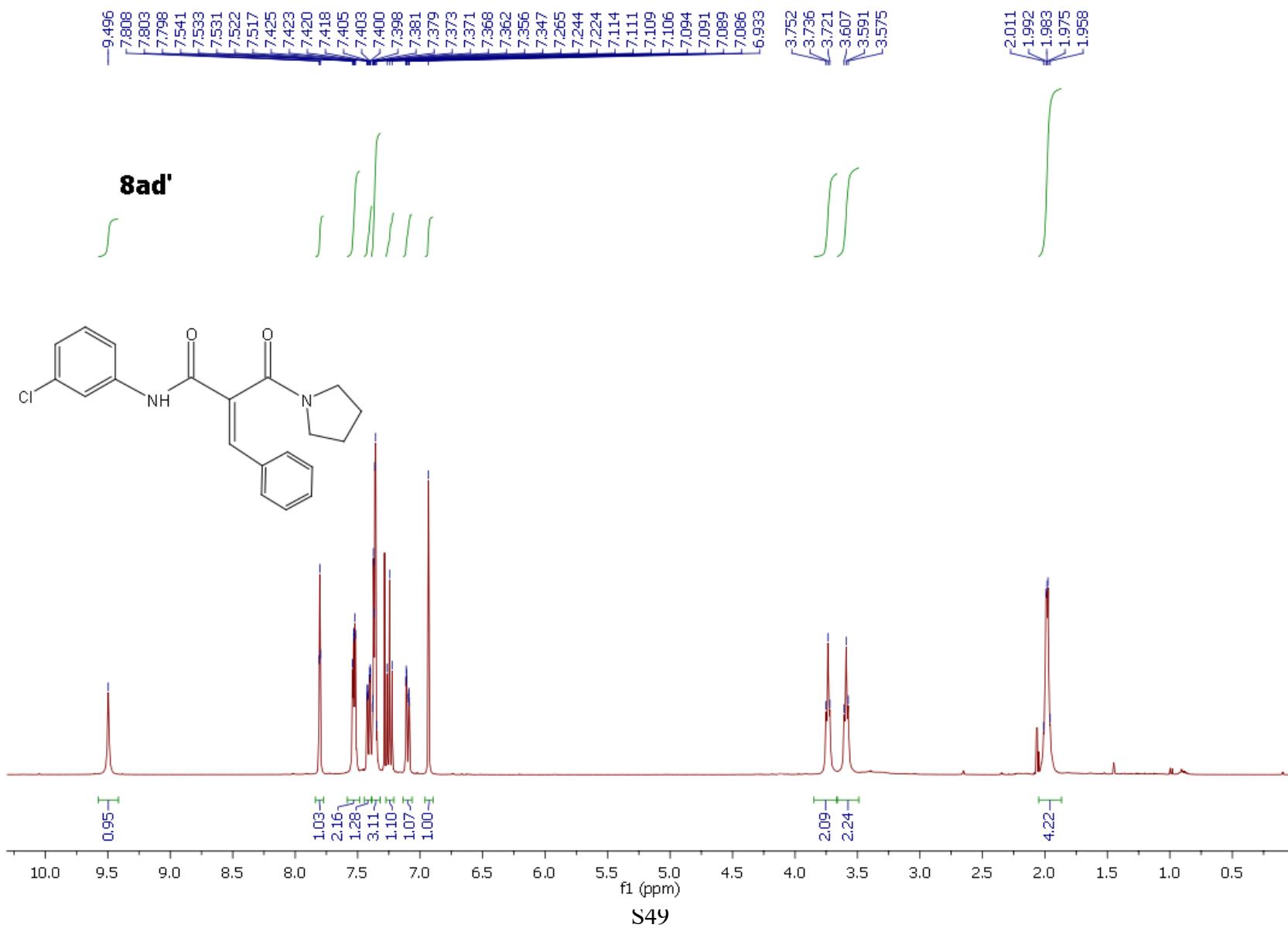
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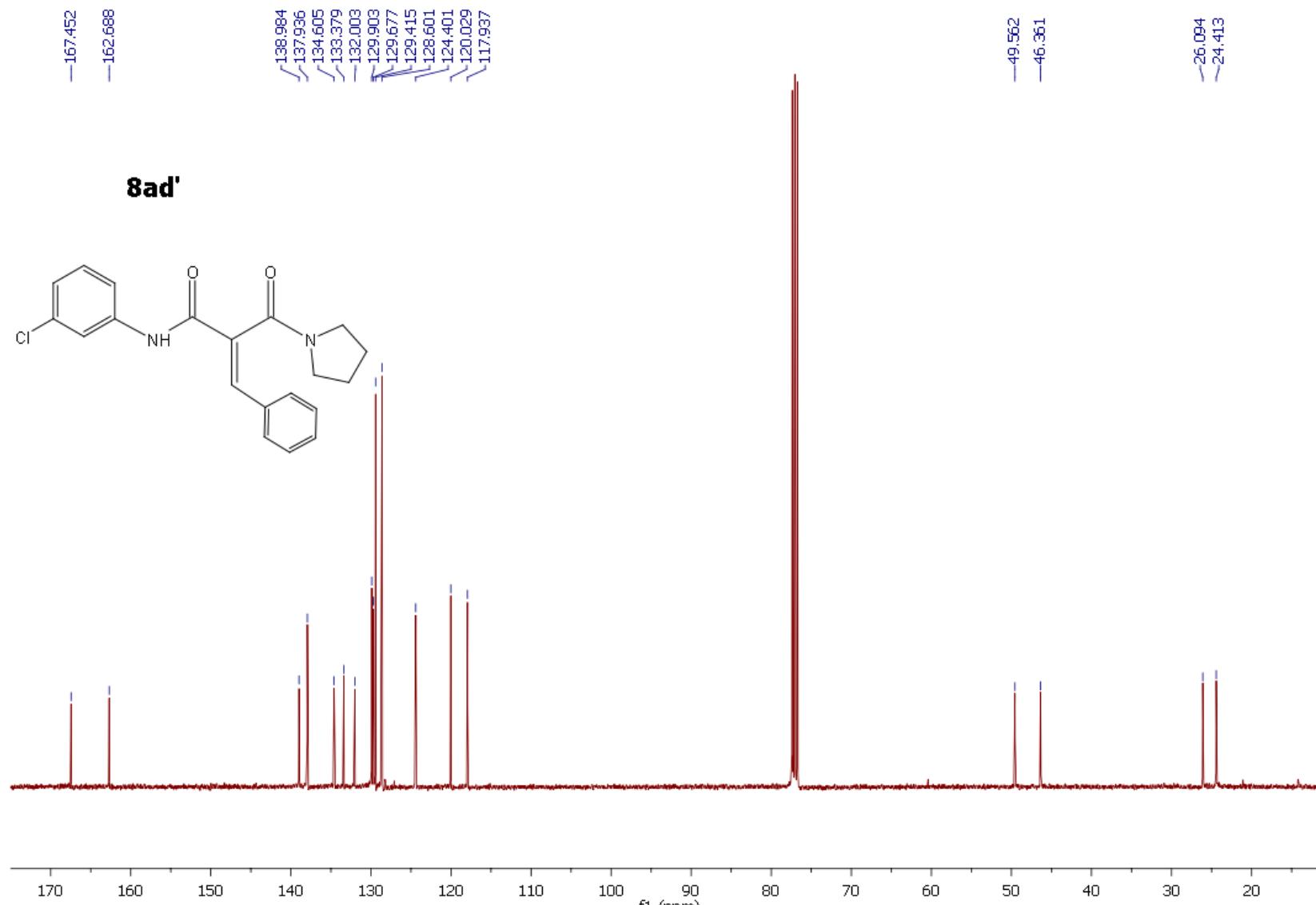
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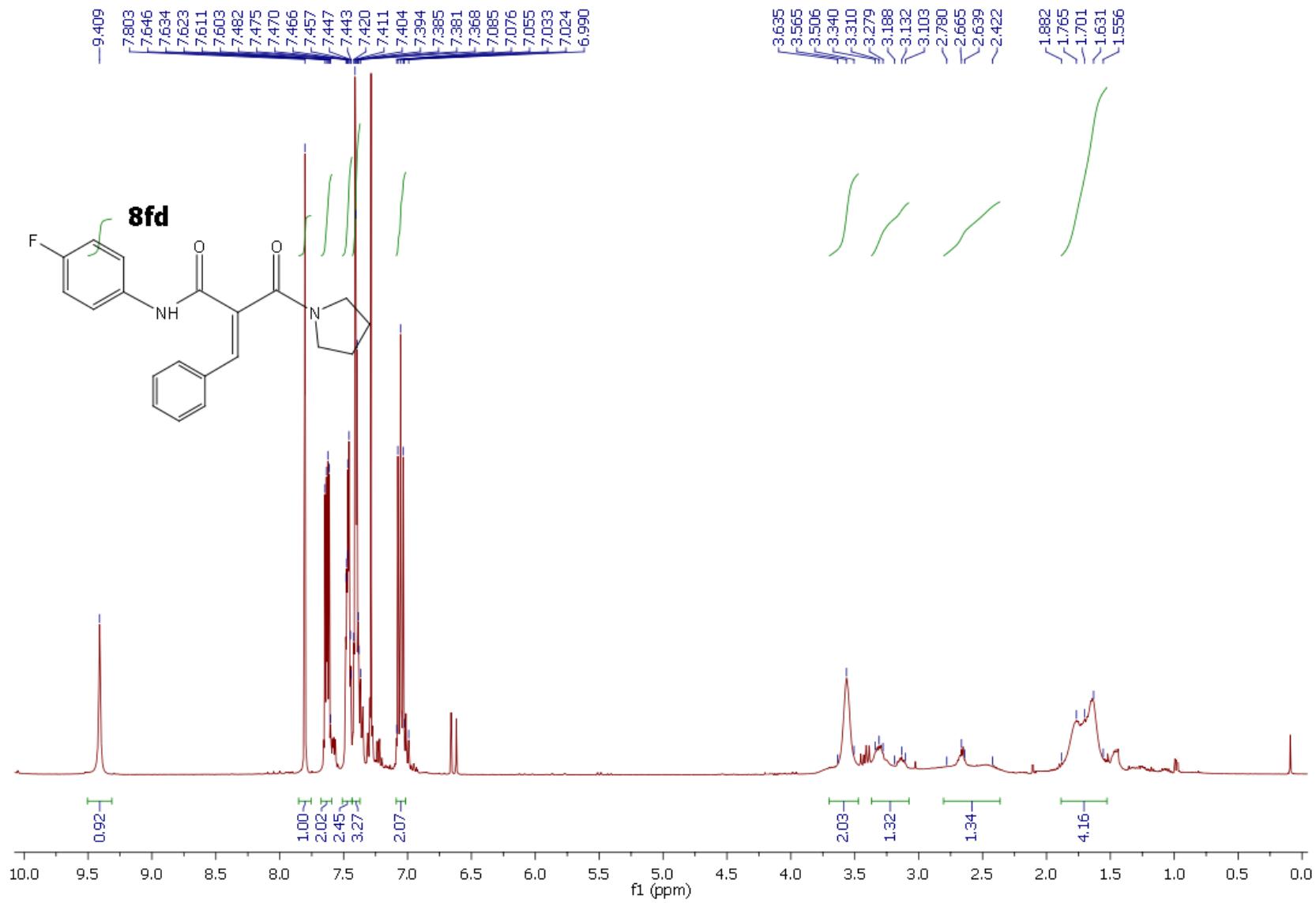
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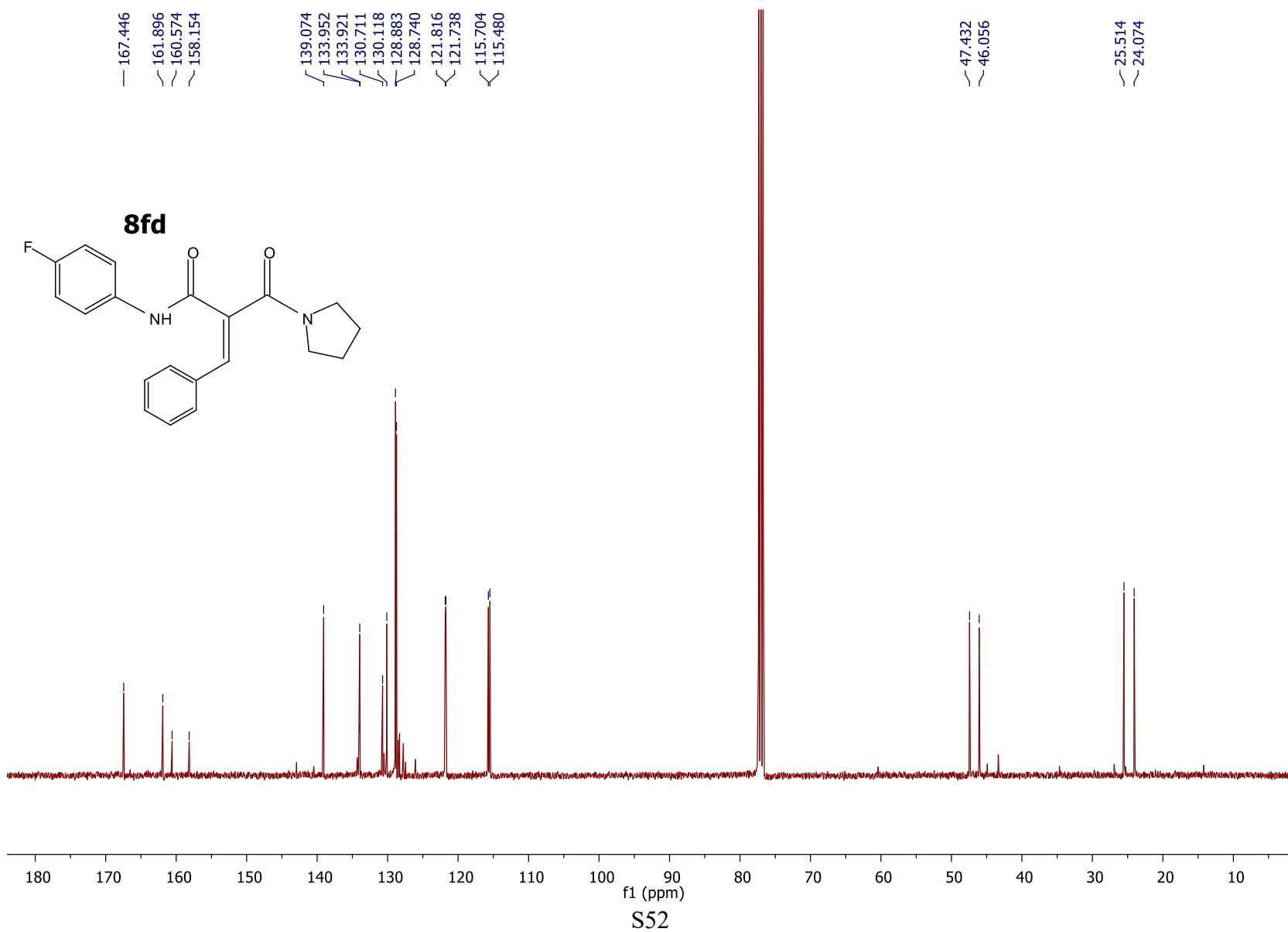


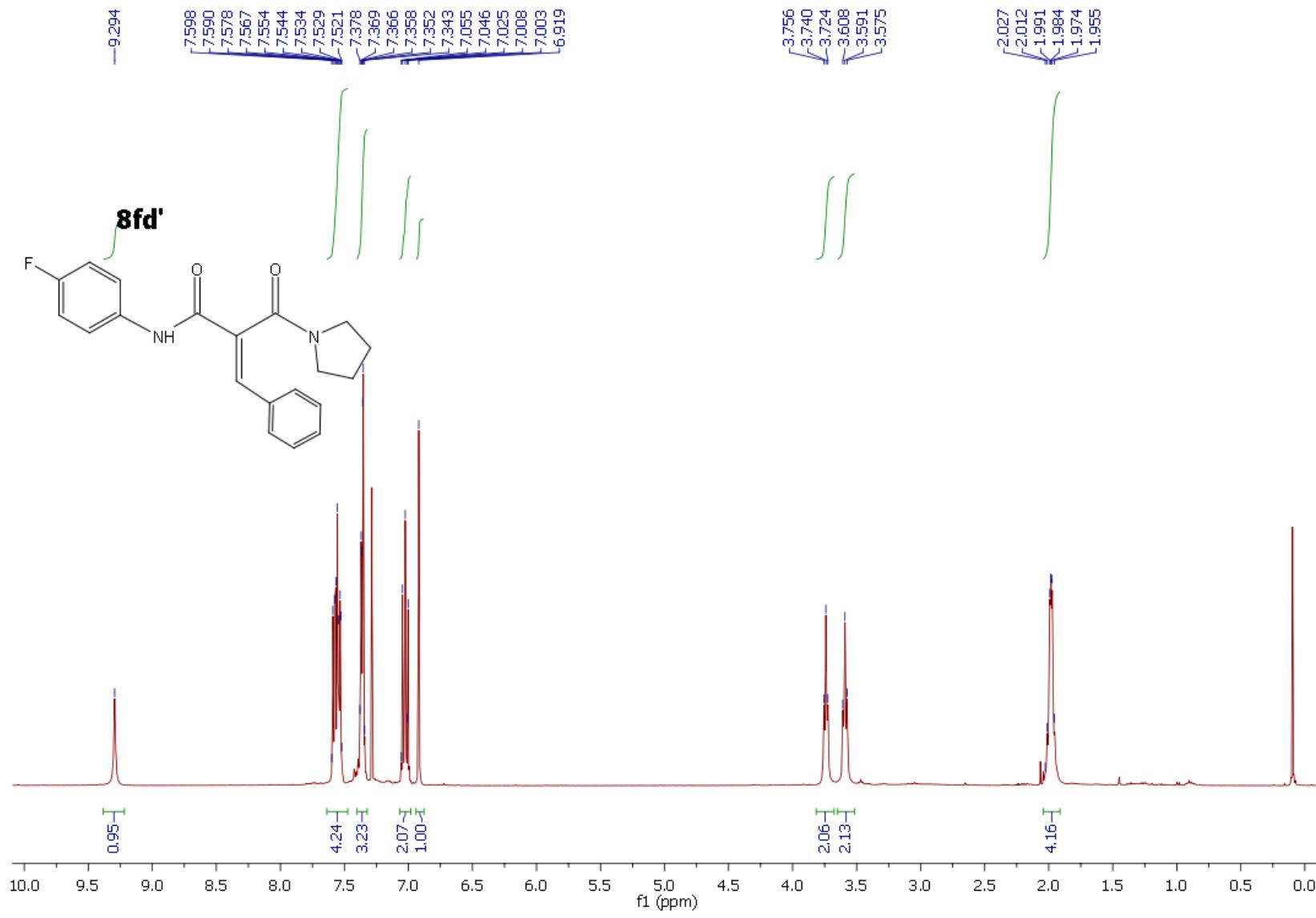


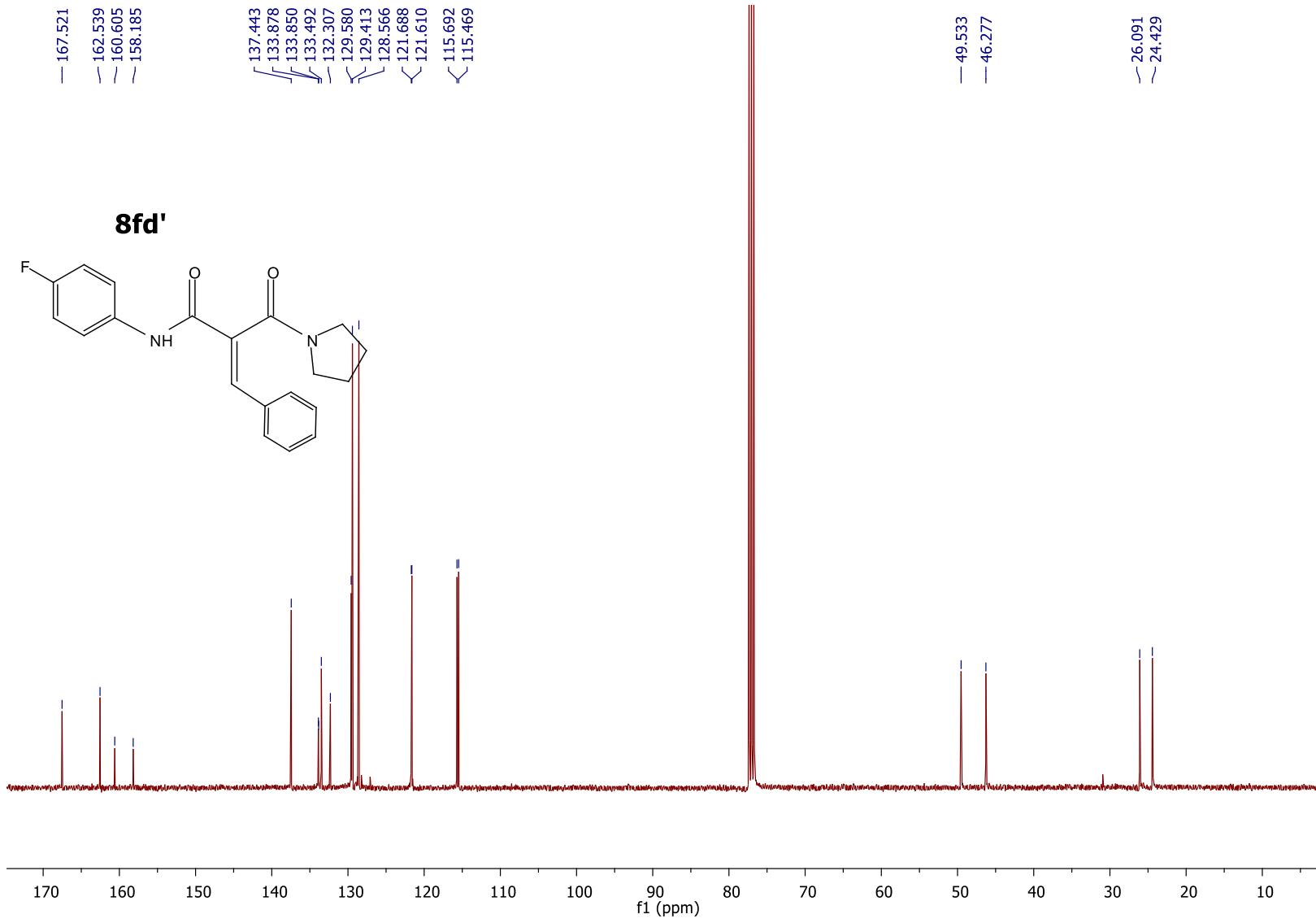


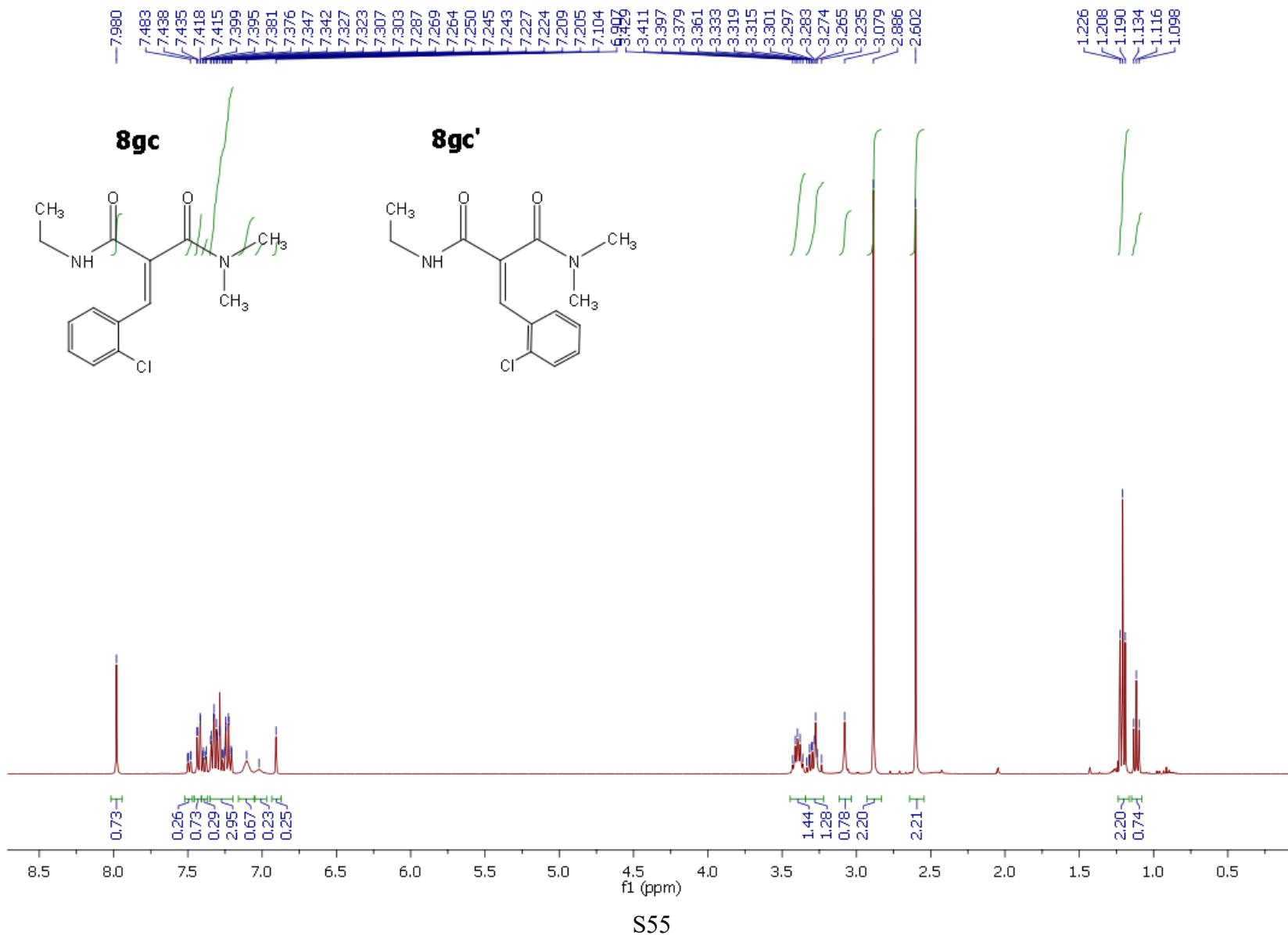
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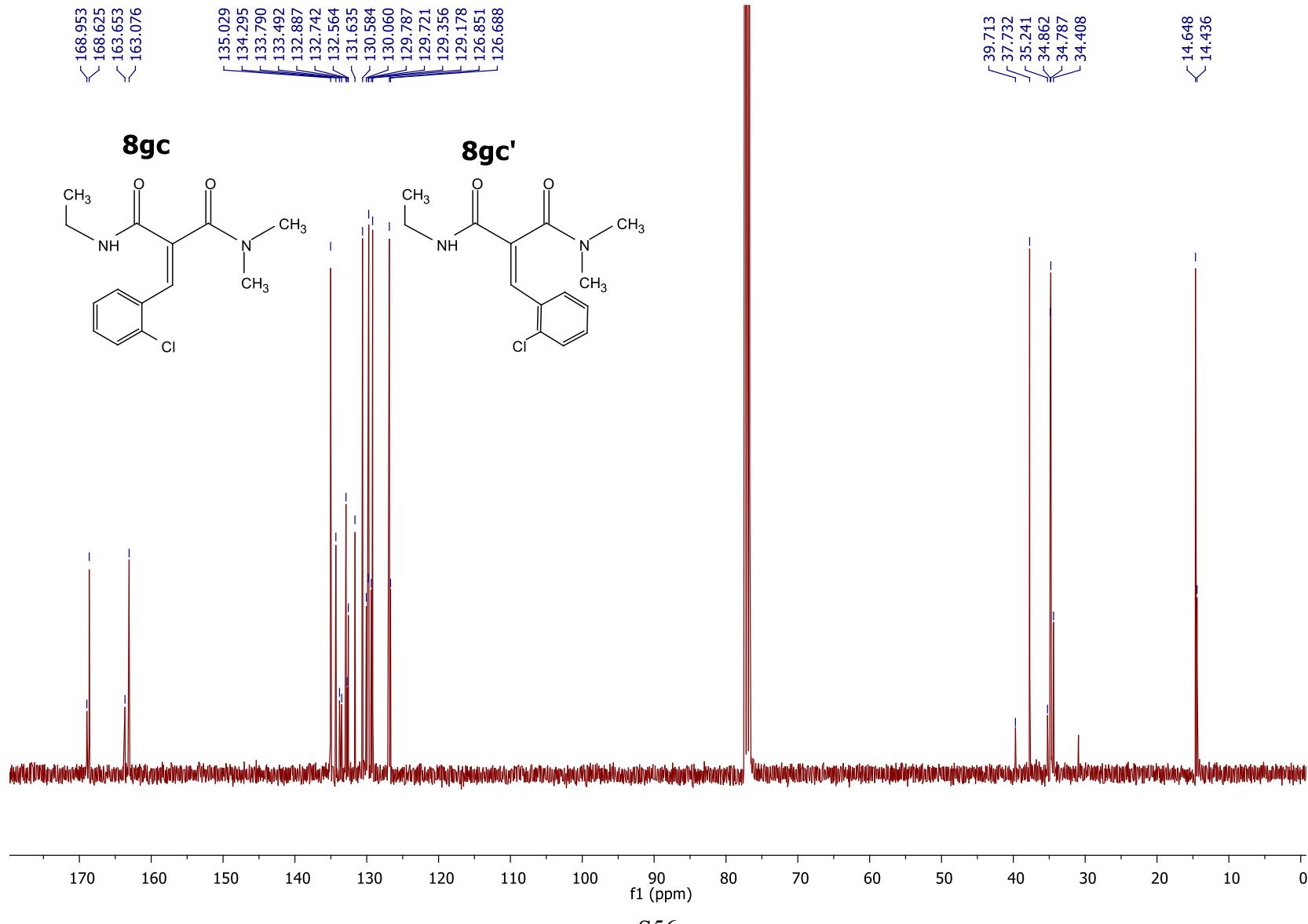












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