

# A Straightforward Synthesis of Functionalized 6*H*-Benzo[*c*]chromenes from 3-Alkenyl Chromenes by Intermolecular Diels-Alder/Aromatization Sequence

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## Kinetic analysis approach to the Diels-Alder cycloadditions of dienes with methyl propiolate

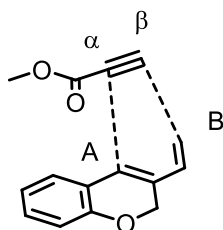
Assuming that the Diels-Alder reaction is under kinetic control, the Eyring equation has been used to calculate the relative reaction rates by knowing the relative energy differences between the 4 transition states. The *ortho* and *meta* nomenclature is referred to the relative position of the methyl propiolate carbonyl group and aromatic ring of the 2*H*-chromene core.

$$k_{rel} = e^{\frac{\Delta\Delta G}{RT}}$$

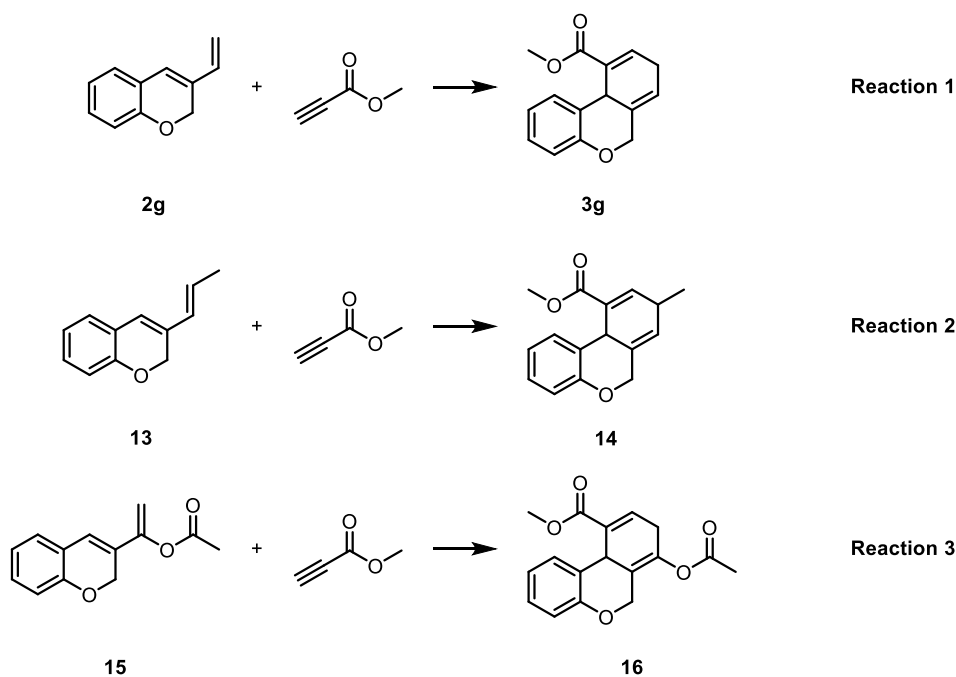
Using the found relative reaction rates, the regioisomeric ratio was calculated as:

$$Product\ ratio_{ortho-para} = \frac{k_{ortho-endo} + k_{ortho-exo}}{k_{meta-endo} + k_{meta-exo}}$$

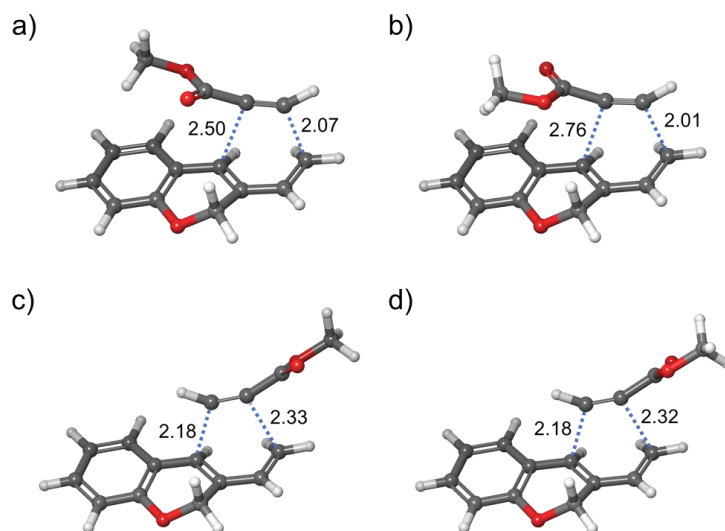
The Activation Gibbs free energies are calculated by subtracting the energy of the optimized reactants from the energy of the most stable Transition State.



**Scheme S1: Naming scheme of the atoms involved in the Diels-Alder cycloaddition**



**Scheme S2: Representative reactions used for the computational analyses.**



**Figure S1:** Balls-and-sticks representations of the found TSs for the Reaction 1. Carbons, hydrogens and oxygen atoms are coloured in grey, white and red respectively. Atom distances are shown as dashed lines and reported in Å. a) Ortho-endo TS. b) Ortho-exo TS. c) Meta-endo TS. d) Meta-exo TS.

**Table S1:** M06-2X-D3/6-31+G\*\* ZPE-corrected gas phase energies of the located Transition States and relative reaction rates for Reaction 1.

Transition State	Total Gibbs Free Energy (Hartree)	Relative Energy (kcal/mol)	Relative reaction rate ( $k_{rel}$ )	Predicted product ratio	Experimental product ratio
TS <sub>2g</sub> -ortho-endo	-805.045295	0.6237	12.4	95	100
TS <sub>2g</sub> -ortho-exo	-805.046289	0.0000	26.3		
TS <sub>2g</sub> -meta-endo	-805.042004	2.6888	1.0	5	Not detected
TS <sub>2g</sub> -meta-exo	-805.041957	2.7183	1.0		

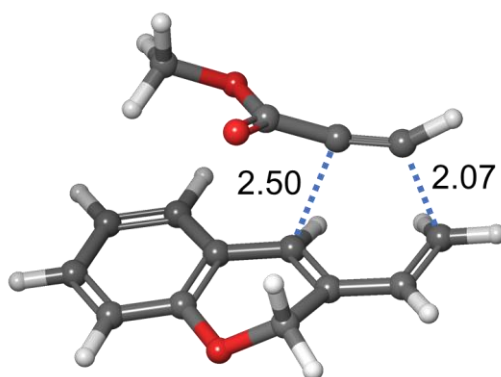
**Table S2:** Bond lengths and negative frequencies of the located TSs for Reaction 1.

Transition State	Bond lengths (Å)	Negative frequency
TS <sub>2g</sub> -ortho-endo	$\alpha$ -A = 2.50 $\beta$ -B = 2.07	-487.96 cm <sup>-1</sup>
TS <sub>2g</sub> -ortho-exo	$\alpha$ -A = 2.76 $\beta$ -B = 2.01	-470.80 cm <sup>-1</sup>
TS <sub>2g</sub> -meta-endo	$\alpha$ -B = 2.33 $\beta$ -A = 2.18	-487.67 cm <sup>-1</sup>
TS <sub>2g</sub> -meta-exo	$\alpha$ -B = 2.32 $\beta$ -A = 2.18	-491.42 cm <sup>-1</sup>

**Optimized geometries and Z-Matrices of the located transition states for Reaction 1 at the B3LYP-D3/6-31+G\*\* level of theory**



Figure S2: TS<sub>2g</sub>-ortho-endo optimized geometry



O 1

C	0.000000000000	0.000000000000	0.000000000000
C	0.000000000000	0.000000000000	1.3937071926200
C	1.1981248900999	0.000000000000	2.1007451995348
C	2.4005362259450	0.0113091216926	1.4046977910545
C	2.4229998849387	-0.0046363202607	0.0006399513773
C	1.2076610677366	-0.0114137507147	-0.6871007835501
O	3.5599928500642	-0.0413614287376	2.1194316735201
C	4.6976205894664	0.5402593888899	1.4967748197581
C	4.8449819678458	0.1558386681334	0.0426011281664
C	3.7237561082645	-0.0842126215676	-0.6545160262851
C	6.1963385059680	0.1150207020363	-0.5268655612490
C	6.5043008237074	0.4446075712856	-1.7829147751278
H	-0.9369918851825	0.0012680427787	-0.5459465432779
H	-0.9396914538204	0.0013754959401	1.9365073024923
H	1.2234579866793	-0.0062491518613	3.1847642462648
H	1.2215718271080	-0.0312717968124	-1.7735245946928
H	3.7667845361242	-0.3780092857976	-1.7002233167587
H	7.5196720130254	0.3635700914698	-2.1539329022027
H	5.7498661328298	0.8125970868196	-2.4717796176037
H	6.9922638646675	-0.1974231626866	0.1489554857379

H	5.5575131165564	0.2003564453942	2.0799904940125
H	4.6414382047085	1.6369486529485	1.5890308513002
C	4.8815965146491	3.5457203557836	-2.0109305559582
C	3.7613035413231	3.4932238029681	-1.5235819073656
C	2.3415846422565	3.4742055881784	-0.8447659809223
O	2.1636829575245	3.7086127884656	0.3510678872002
O	1.3727258230722	3.1748554722119	-1.7322197350095
C	0.0122790979482	3.1330299521537	-1.3205395221471
H	-0.6252978975773	2.8617158770356	-2.1618846033229
H	-0.1435330720737	2.3954750071705	-0.5299314574672
H	-0.3138877020821	4.1063526331568	-0.9491707032484
H	5.8640321895173	3.5980048076843	-2.4253148248615

Zero Point Energy: 160.333 kcal/mol

Total internal energy: -804.988215 Hartrees

Total enthalpy: -804.987271 Hartrees

Total Gibbs free energy: -805.045295 Hartrees

Number of negative frequencies: 1

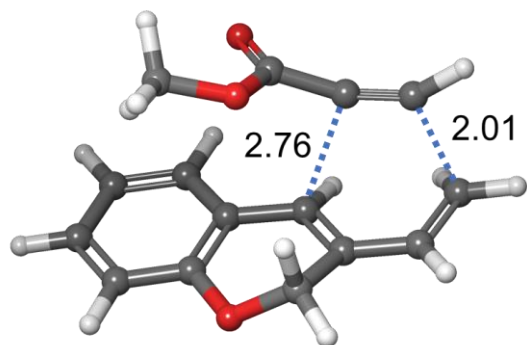
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Red. Masses: 3.14

Frc. const.: 0.44

IR inten.: 16.62

Figure S3: TS<sub>2g</sub>-ortho-exo optimized geometry



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C	-3.756948000000	3.038179000000	-1.685068000000
C	-3.051988000000	3.767071000000	-0.718256000000
C	-2.067106000000	3.152838000000	0.059650000000
C	-1.776820000000	1.804563000000	-0.142966000000
C	-2.480694000000	1.046533000000	-1.109649000000
C	-3.477828000000	1.686374000000	-1.870464000000
O	-0.858333000000	1.211900000000	0.676821000000
C	-0.178779000000	0.071461000000	0.126350000000
C	-1.108047000000	-0.909004000000	-0.557898000000
C	-2.185493000000	-0.364172000000	-1.229117000000
C	-0.701172000000	-2.249636000000	-0.702133000000
C	-1.261451000000	-3.117562000000	-1.643159000000
H	-4.519215000000	3.522236000000	-2.287011000000
H	-3.270066000000	4.820247000000	-0.566364000000
H	-1.519805000000	3.698280000000	0.821179000000
H	-4.007293000000	1.113275000000	-2.624090000000
H	-2.909838000000	-0.988812000000	-1.738690000000
H	-0.859014000000	-4.125301000000	-1.707497000000

H	-2.3199210000000	-3.0576010000000	-1.8770410000000
H	0.2337060000000	-2.5439920000000	-0.2275360000000
H	0.3460710000000	-0.3869540000000	0.9670850000000
H	0.5662840000000	0.4302700000000	-0.6019630000000
C	-0.7515620000000	-2.3100670000000	-3.4114850000000
C	-1.0277670000000	-1.1109280000000	-3.6182070000000
C	-1.3116500000000	0.2375280000000	-3.9780120000000
O	-2.3468800000000	0.6201380000000	-4.5091570000000
O	-0.2874910000000	1.0707060000000	-3.6499570000000
C	-0.5008610000000	2.4622410000000	-3.9651900000000
H	0.4169540000000	2.9663380000000	-3.6629840000000
H	-0.6764600000000	2.5897560000000	-5.0364460000000
H	-1.3555180000000	2.8526600000000	-3.4084190000000
H	-0.2957280000000	-3.1650780000000	-3.8813930000000

Zero Point Energy: 159.631 kcal/mol

Total internal energy: -804.989090 Hartrees

Total enthalpy: -804.988146 Hartrees

Total Gibbs free energy: --805.046289 Hartrees

Number of negative frequencies: 1

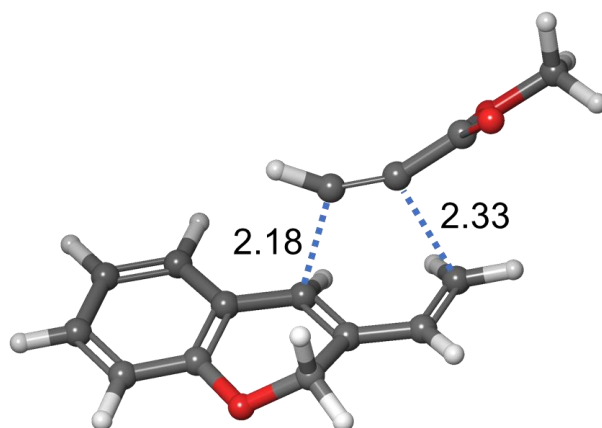
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Red. Masses: 3.92

Frc. const.: 0.51

IR inten.: 57.77

Figure S4: TS<sub>2g</sub>-meta-endo optimized geometry



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C	-0.1282350000000	-1.5678890000000	-3.3477790000000
C	-0.6238130000000	-0.4393560000000	-3.1604460000000
C	0.6647740000000	-2.5713160000000	-4.0188020000000
O	1.8796850000000	-2.6458390000000	-3.9754570000000
O	-0.1193410000000	-3.4505830000000	-4.6930470000000
C	0.5858370000000	-4.5026090000000	-5.3820160000000
H	-0.1885970000000	-5.1035530000000	-5.8584770000000
H	1.2650670000000	-4.0836380000000	-6.1289210000000
H	1.1623510000000	-5.1042030000000	-4.6737300000000
H	-0.7672650000000	0.5793130000000	-3.4686180000000
C	-3.5514020000000	3.0498590000000	-1.9067840000000
C	-3.1977830000000	3.7135130000000	-0.7250650000000
C	-2.3841930000000	3.0885130000000	0.2200540000000
C	-1.9138530000000	1.7959550000000	-0.0216440000000
C	-2.2734600000000	1.1014190000000	-1.1954930000000
C	-3.0948590000000	1.7519290000000	-2.1302170000000
O	-1.1606270000000	1.1975990000000	0.9514620000000
C	-0.2664970000000	0.1735390000000	0.4883320000000
C	-0.9384440000000	-0.8209140000000	-0.4269880000000
C	-1.8373020000000	-0.2925950000000	-1.3559410000000

C	-0.4219030000000	-2.1233680000000	-0.5380440000000
C	-0.7486400000000	-2.9636740000000	-1.5827680000000
H	-4.1840260000000	3.5387640000000	-2.6407990000000
H	-3.5545010000000	4.7222930000000	-0.5396500000000
H	-2.1028980000000	3.5810880000000	1.1449130000000
H	-3.3835280000000	1.2192910000000	-3.0334620000000
H	-2.5292620000000	-0.9504040000000	-1.8710520000000
H	-0.2072220000000	-3.8943820000000	-1.7193210000000
H	-1.7003090000000	-2.9060330000000	-2.0976890000000
H	0.4217810000000	-2.3899460000000	0.0966130000000
H	0.1214550000000	-0.3075320000000	1.3882650000000
H	0.5734740000000	0.6578050000000	-0.0377530000000

Zero Point Energy: 159.578 kcal/mol

Total internal energy: -804.984600 Hartrees

Total enthalpy: -804.983656 Hartrees

Total Gibbs free energy: -805.042004 Hartrees

Number of negative frequencies: 1

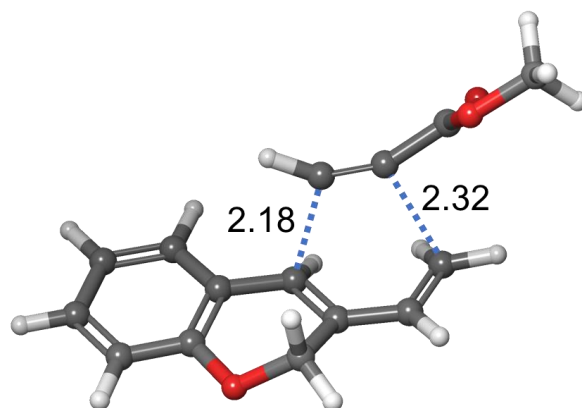
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Red. Masses: 2.41

Frc. const.: 0.34

IR inten.: 3.85

Figure S5: TS<sub>2g</sub>-meta-exo optimized geometry



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C	-3.562602000000	3.070427000000	-1.940272000000
C	-3.225288000000	3.738539000000	-0.756210000000
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C	-1.951203000000	1.823408000000	-0.028859000000
C	-2.293973000000	1.124692000000	-1.205112000000
C	-3.103022000000	1.771603000000	-2.152905000000
O	-1.212734000000	1.228044000000	0.957665000000
C	-0.312710000000	0.202314000000	0.511775000000
C	-0.968993000000	-0.794645000000	-0.412366000000
C	-1.854358000000	-0.268977000000	-1.355734000000
C	-0.447309000000	-2.095292000000	-0.512530000000
C	-0.749069000000	-2.936952000000	-1.564884000000
H	-4.185778000000	3.556331000000	-2.684347000000
H	-3.584964000000	4.747824000000	-0.579011000000
H	-2.156639000000	3.612298000000	1.129407000000
H	-3.380032000000	1.235637000000	-3.057764000000
H	-2.535884000000	-0.928380000000	-1.882554000000
H	-0.203873000000	-3.866995000000	-1.691757000000
H	-1.692850000000	-2.888980000000	-2.095161000000
H	0.384389000000	-2.358550000000	0.139369000000

H	0.060156000000	-0.276656000000	1.419239000000
H	0.536107000000	0.684882000000	-0.001789000000
C	-0.121544000000	-1.554412000000	-3.321179000000
C	-0.612909000000	-0.422154000000	-3.144691000000
C	0.594129000000	-2.594373000000	-4.023683000000
O	0.071960000000	-3.463837000000	-4.700299000000
O	1.929770000000	-2.504546000000	-3.813598000000
C	2.721841000000	-3.526429000000	-4.452177000000
H	3.751917000000	-3.307754000000	-4.171499000000
H	2.424927000000	-4.517313000000	-4.097470000000
H	2.598286000000	-3.484517000000	-5.537369000000
H	-0.768910000000	0.589413000000	-3.468790000000

Zero Point Energy: 159.598 kcal/mol

Total internal energy: -804.984618 Hartrees

Total enthalpy: -804.983674 Hartrees

Total Gibbs free energy: -805.041957 Hartrees

Number of negative frequencies: 1

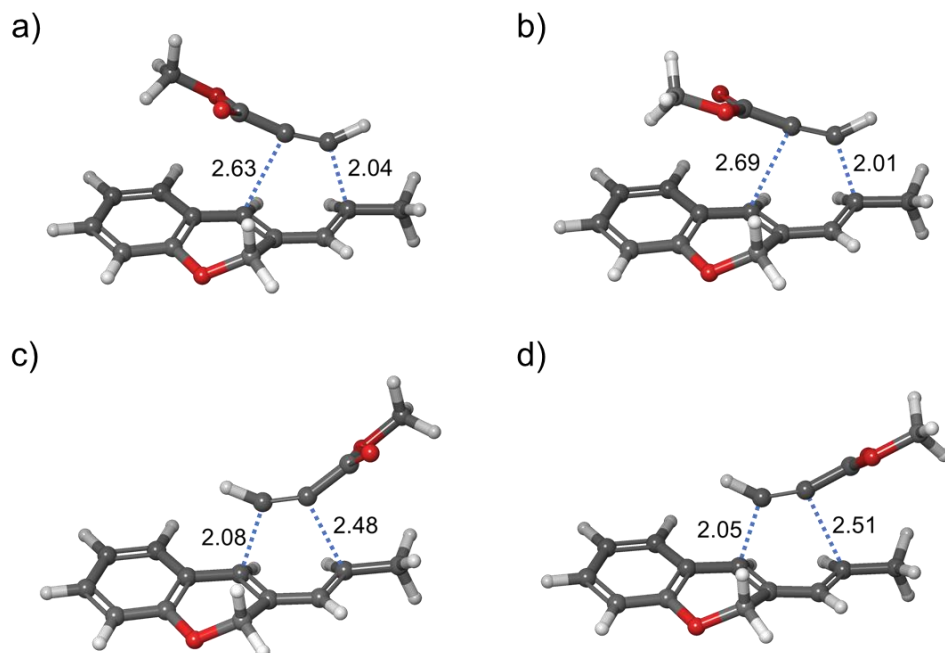
Frequency: -491.42

Red. Masses: 2.40

Frc. const.: 0.34

IR inten.: 4.43





**Figure S6: Balls-and-sticks representations of the found TSs for Reaction 2. Carbons, hydrogens and oxygen atoms are coloured in grey, white and red respectively; Atom distances are shown as dashed lines and reported in Å. a) Ortho-endo TS. b) Ortho-exo TS. c) Meta-endo TS. d) Meta-exo TS.**

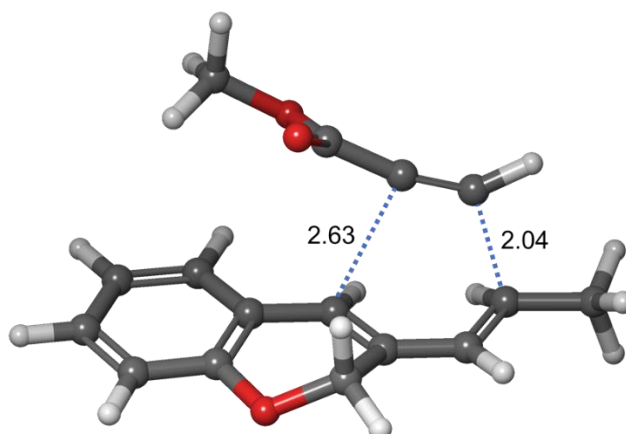
**Table S3: M06-2X-D3/6-31+G\*\* ZPE-corrected gas phase energies and relative reaction rates of the located Transition States for Reaction 2.**

Transition State	Total Gibbs Free Energy (Hartree)	Relative Energy (kcal/mol)	Relative reaction rate ( $k_{rel}$ )	Predicted product ratio	Experimental product ratio
TS <sub>13</sub> -ortho-endo	-844.317539	1.1897	1.54	80	87
TS <sub>13</sub> -ortho-exo	-844.319435	0.0000	6.43		
TS <sub>13</sub> -meta-endo	-844.316971	1.5462	1.00	20	13
TS <sub>13</sub> -meta-exo	-844.316972	1.5455	1.00		

**Table S4: Bond lengths and negative frequencies of the located TSs for Reaction 2.**

Transition State	Bond lengths (Å)	Negative frequency
TS <sub>13</sub> -ortho-endo	$\alpha$ -A = 2.63 $\beta$ -B = 2.04	-471.63 cm <sup>-1</sup>
TS <sub>13</sub> -ortho-exo	$\alpha$ -A = 2.69 $\beta$ -B = 2.01	-475.35cm <sup>-1</sup>
TS <sub>13</sub> -meta-endo	$\alpha$ -B = 2.48 $\beta$ -A = 2.08	-484.42 cm <sup>-1</sup>
TS <sub>13</sub> -meta-exo	$\alpha$ -B = 2.51 $\beta$ -A = 2.05	-491.69 cm <sup>-1</sup>

Figure S7: TS<sub>13</sub>-ortho-endo optimized geometry



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C	-3.7591806166979	3.0301611695148	-1.6922169025453
C	-3.0770235817827	3.7507297391290	-0.7018324200448
C	-2.1042596336982	3.1315414763046	0.0839455216974
C	-1.7980833285164	1.7878066178677	-0.1336718958768
C	-2.4774697794267	1.0392668714589	-1.1229881639777
C	-3.4648567299081	1.6843183752873	-1.8897999841694
O	-0.8953795669935	1.1914291337439	0.6989647215618
C	-0.2112647368973	0.0516156720024	0.1500254542278
C	-1.1459361692721	-0.9316241985753	-0.5210612986758
C	-2.1932487983084	-0.3772718424288	-1.2362719893691
C	-0.7716617525937	-2.2822301873407	-0.6198431329023
C	-1.3394060836386	-3.1728858972836	-1.5381186191963
H	-4.5193511318694	3.5165215868484	-2.2954348808383
H	-3.3048491039463	4.8000920664294	-0.5394395417414
H	-1.5737473655830	3.6690052976561	0.8627104282915
H	-3.9880921615779	1.1098956657599	-2.6479768823571
H	-2.9370387518205	-0.9978953950318	-1.7211448628152
H	-2.3888629957899	-3.0363183547608	-1.7888716666138
H	0.1484900537822	-2.5874512486153	-0.1208782556478
H	0.3201897339025	-0.4000507679196	0.9898129612354

H	0.5254509967101	0.4117780236628	-0.5848902049929
C	-0.7901366765800	-2.3131696545508	-3.3084950601286
C	-1.0199712663126	-1.0982060386972	-3.4820394422892
C	-1.0537156938914	0.2560243039426	-3.9358252688254
O	-0.1467698875343	1.0618992651350	-3.7809433496600
O	-2.2225094549910	0.5570885670334	-4.5635429846701
C	-2.3076133513744	1.8993509901020	-5.0837481727452
H	-3.3116785804785	1.9807756241446	-5.5010126752807
H	-2.1601361349240	2.6303358387541	-4.2859353563290
H	-1.5547521987414	2.0521754193127	-5.8615932783020
H	-0.3472802303663	-3.1774927242398	-3.7758665656434
C	-0.8744485568794	-4.6099424737203	-1.6006350352072
H	-1.1324720705621	-5.0730794416758	-2.5589174147952
H	0.2094971243854	-4.6867941810907	-1.4638614067306
H	-1.3567976644441	-5.2030210858750	-0.8142385506823

Zero Point Energy: 177.165 kcal/mol

Total internal energy: -844.257124 Hartrees

Total enthalpy: -844.256180 Hartrees

Total Gibbs free energy: -844.317539 Hartrees

Number of negative frequencies: 1

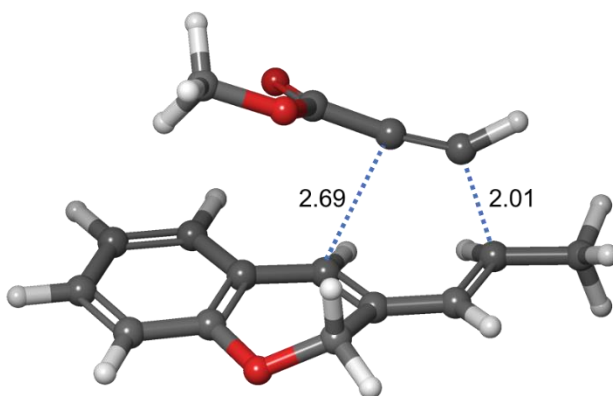
Frequency: -471.63

Red. Masses: 3.17

Frc. const.: 0.42

IR inten.: 44.66

Figure S8: TS<sub>13</sub>-ortho-exo optimized geometry



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C	-3.76088900000000	3.02911200000000	-1.68980400000000
C	-3.07783400000000	3.75025100000000	-0.70175800000000
C	-2.10210800000000	3.13198700000000	0.08413900000000
C	-1.79966200000000	1.78840000000000	-0.13131100000000
C	-2.48161200000000	1.03778400000000	-1.11880300000000
C	-3.46988700000000	1.68136100000000	-1.88762100000000
O	-0.89098600000000	1.19224000000000	0.69767600000000
C	-0.19532400000000	0.06450800000000	0.14264000000000
C	-1.10933100000000	-0.91789100000000	-0.55868100000000
C	-2.17922700000000	-0.37252600000000	-1.24653800000000
C	-0.69174700000000	-2.25152100000000	-0.70005700000000
C	-1.23158300000000	-3.13726700000000	-1.64315700000000
H	-4.51701800000000	3.51534400000000	-2.29763400000000
H	-3.30591700000000	4.79967000000000	-0.53940500000000
H	-1.57139000000000	3.67016800000000	0.86241900000000
H	-3.98499000000000	1.11445100000000	-2.65563800000000
H	-2.90592500000000	-0.99819800000000	-1.75054300000000
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H	0.23794100000000	-2.54155200000000	-0.20959600000000
H	0.32567500000000	-0.39744300000000	0.98366300000000

H	0.5533370000000	0.4377220000000	-0.5744180000000
C	-0.7166670000000	-2.2673320000000	-3.3783870000000
C	-1.0206050000000	-1.0715830000000	-3.5770540000000
C	-1.3085470000000	0.2640530000000	-3.9823650000000
O	-2.3374410000000	0.6258780000000	-4.5398830000000
O	-0.2978000000000	1.1123670000000	-3.6526640000000
C	-0.5183120000000	2.4969040000000	-3.9912160000000
H	0.3908570000000	3.0129440000000	-3.6823060000000
H	-0.6785800000000	2.6078010000000	-5.0669590000000
H	-1.3848350000000	2.8870150000000	-3.4522430000000
H	-0.2285030000000	-3.1012860000000	-3.8572650000000
C	-0.7287970000000	-4.5623860000000	-1.7165580000000
H	-0.9831320000000	-5.0283460000000	-2.6741780000000
H	0.3581510000000	-4.6099940000000	-1.5900590000000
H	-1.1872430000000	-5.1700410000000	-0.9274230000000

Zero Point Energy: 177.185 kcal/mol

Total internal energy: -844.259093 Hartrees

Total enthalpy: -844.258149 Hartrees

Total Gibbs free energy: -844.319435 Hartrees

Number of negative frequencies: 1

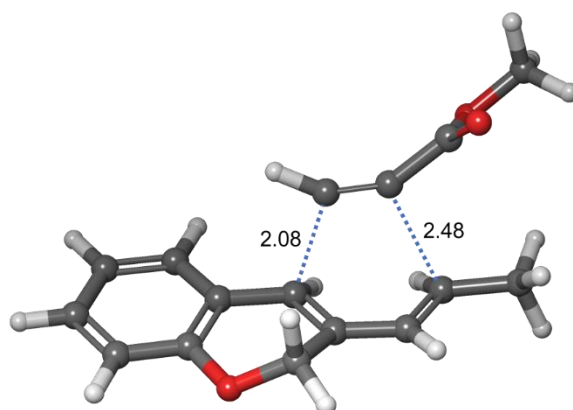
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Red. Masses: 3.44

Frc. const.: 0.46

IR inten.: 52.21

Figure S9: TS<sub>13</sub>-meta-endo optimized geometry



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C	-3.024920000000	3.774378000000	-0.709057000000
C	-2.326882000000	3.091433000000	0.269659000000
C	-1.939760000000	1.780848000000	0.046899000000
C	-2.255036000000	1.134390000000	-1.145935000000
C	-2.961469000000	1.840519000000	-2.114475000000
O	-1.301445000000	1.127481000000	1.043428000000
C	-0.437352000000	0.086637000000	0.656271000000
C	-1.077316000000	-0.858915000000	-0.329969000000
C	-1.873337000000	-0.285914000000	-1.309569000000
C	-0.636783000000	-2.175881000000	-0.405513000000
C	-0.954641000000	-2.997832000000	-1.459400000000
H	-3.887327000000	3.683519000000	-2.667434000000
H	-3.321048000000	4.793480000000	-0.535584000000
H	-2.079009000000	3.552798000000	1.207487000000
H	-3.222193000000	1.346115000000	-3.034842000000
H	-2.581399000000	-0.893271000000	-1.839563000000
H	-1.873655000000	-2.837631000000	-1.988371000000
H	0.134576000000	-2.495041000000	0.277052000000
H	-0.164841000000	-0.427186000000	1.566255000000

H	0.465156000000	0.516946000000	0.224874000000
C	-0.376319000000	-4.381612000000	-1.592435000000
H	-0.477438000000	-4.753864000000	-2.603759000000
H	0.670715000000	-4.406223000000	-1.316689000000
H	-0.917450000000	-5.065889000000	-0.942515000000
C	-0.160637000000	-1.607425000000	-3.137943000000
C	-0.587236000000	-0.467259000000	-2.961208000000
C	0.655081000000	-2.524285000000	-3.910226000000
O	1.820314000000	-2.700683000000	-3.745460000000
O	-0.063090000000	-3.174224000000	-4.818974000000
C	0.643146000000	-4.076007000000	-5.653197000000
H	-0.098643000000	-4.517463000000	-6.300406000000
H	1.384065000000	-3.549160000000	-6.236926000000
H	1.132761000000	-4.838793000000	-5.065530000000
H	-0.646035000000	0.553734000000	-3.252987000000

Zero Point Energy: 177.095 kcal/mol

Total internal energy: -844.256132 Hartrees

Total enthalpy: -844.255188 Hartrees

Total Gibbs free energy: -844.316971 Hartrees

Number of negative frequencies: 1

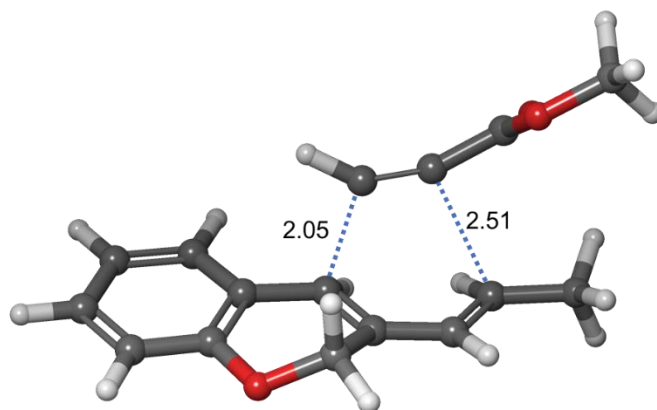
Frequency: -484.42

Red. Masses: 2.60

Frc. const.: 0.36

IR inten.: 10.94

Figure S10: TS<sub>13</sub>-meta-exo optimized geometry



0 1

C	-3.7549496152460	3.0327188896168	-1.6943593848551
C	-3.0799061606308	3.7517519742984	-0.7001932740198
C	-2.1087030793699	3.1294038566444	0.0838443101857
C	-1.8053338455079	1.7831561444475	-0.1323680086461
C	-2.4849937194851	1.0352967461764	-1.1145756076546
C	-3.4582717604933	1.6843834145646	-1.8901132307020
O	-0.8801794738508	1.1987856253979	0.6907018084068
C	-0.2088147643944	0.0569769479387	0.1375691280478
C	-1.1586591804673	-0.9427167085925	-0.4715202968976
C	-2.2023785860336	-0.4086026990026	-1.2447781034908
C	-0.8043774376793	-2.3000094085733	-0.5138929212414
C	-1.4503737136642	-3.2365025877279	-1.2964507908515
H	-4.5107407494324	3.5179472142052	-2.3038115024684
H	-3.3082209927083	4.8006745448527	-0.5364562902889
H	-1.5765814761523	3.6646017222471	0.8632698650743
H	-3.9944121271231	1.1120478675489	-2.6436786850318
H	-3.0708112251830	-1.0281711912903	-1.4493091956731
H	-2.4635143977070	-3.0450322812717	-1.6363268394866
H	0.1256792104369	-2.5956387821910	-0.0281798109444
H	0.3598427302739	-0.3784522463093	0.9616269494530



H	0.5028372881723	0.4096475461594	-0.6282768736923
C	-0.9894996728139	-4.6563164571386	-1.4239854729906
H	-1.1559254356202	-5.0357971054496	-2.4374870933040
H	0.0687887508906	-4.7661435835377	-1.1695749833228
H	-1.5735177345099	-5.3002183296145	-0.7518991065853
C	-1.1606312610683	-1.9301287526645	-3.4152646514668
C	-1.5194397018336	-0.7626908046701	-3.1484221193746
C	-0.7377939725667	-3.0870779731546	-4.1410603386694
O	-1.4863587433592	-3.9182191447664	-4.6364194200811
O	0.6170610977679	-3.1876335363275	-4.1825059002022
C	1.1259715339479	-4.3361663800906	-4.8873738868737
H	0.8033356921631	-4.3201724759080	-5.9317379104391
H	2.2109902607517	-4.2575089586677	-4.8181648459302
H	0.7753248280180	-5.2609386828792	-4.4210805363993
H	-1.6548725654586	0.2288813878757	-3.5462795348970

Zero Point Energy: 177.202 kcal/mol

Total internal energy: -844.256522 Hartrees

Total enthalpy: -844.255578 Hartrees

Total Gibbs free energy: -844.316972 Hartrees

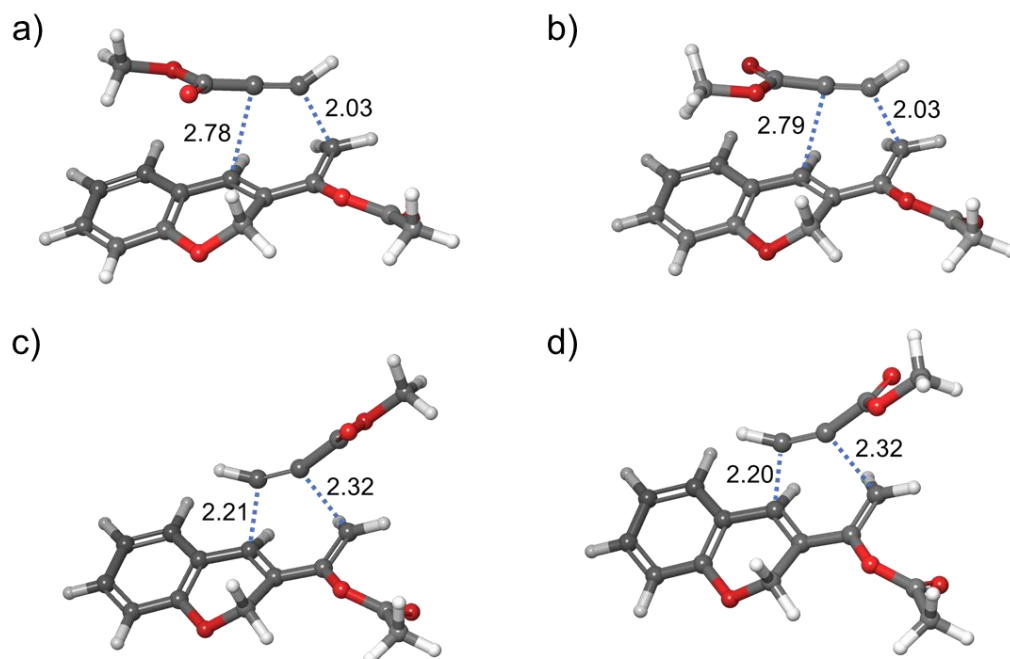
Number of negative frequencies: 1

Frequency: -491.69

Red. Masses: 2.70

Frc. const.: 0.38

IR inten.: 13.17



**Figure S11:** Balls-and-sticks representations of the found TSs for Reaction 3. Carbons, hydrogens and oxygen atoms are coloured in grey, white and red respectively; Atom distances are shown as dashed lines and reported in Å. a) Ortho-endo TS. b) Ortho-exo TS. c) Meta-endo TS. d) Meta-exo TS.

**Table S5:** M06-2X-D3/6-31+G\*\* ZPE-corrected gas phase energies and relative reaction rate of the located Transition States (TSs) for Reaction 3.

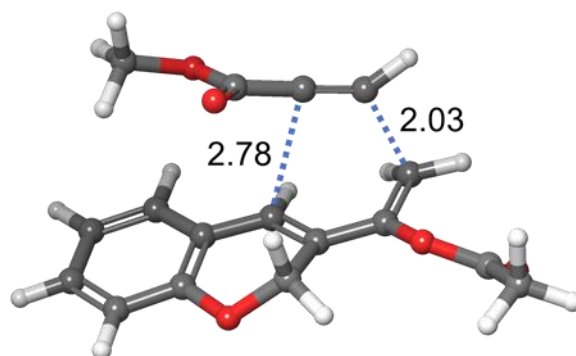
Transition State	Total Gibbs Free Energy (Hartree)	Relative Energy (kcal/mol)	Relative reaction rate ( $k_{rel}$ )	Predicted product ratio	Experimental product ratio
TS <sub>15</sub> -ortho-endo	-1032.810080	1.3899	19.03	98	100
TS <sub>15</sub> -ortho-exo	-1032.812295	0.0000	101.35		
TS <sub>15</sub> -meta-endo	-1032.806602	3.5724	1.38	2	Not detected
TS <sub>15</sub> -meta-exo	-1032.806179	3.8378	1.00		

**Table S6:** Bond lengths and negative frequencies of the located TSs for Reaction 3.

Transition State	Bond lengths (Å)	Negative frequency
TS <sub>15</sub> -ortho-endo	$\alpha$ -A = 2.03 $\beta$ -B = 2.78	-444.03 cm <sup>-1</sup>
TS <sub>15</sub> -ortho-exo	$\alpha$ -A = 2.03 $\beta$ -B = 2.79	-438.18 cm <sup>-1</sup>
TS <sub>15</sub> -meta-endo	$\alpha$ -B = 2.32 $\beta$ -A = 2.21	-481.22 cm <sup>-1</sup>

TS <sub>15</sub> -meta-exo	$\alpha$ -B = 2.32 $\beta$ -A = 2.20	-483.62 cm <sup>-1</sup>
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**Figure S12: TS<sub>15</sub>-ortho-endo optimized geometry**



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C	-3.704385000000	3.064913000000	-1.795807000000
C	-2.964420000000	3.777774000000	-0.840949000000
C	-2.064854000000	3.120756000000	-0.000788000000
C	-1.892247000000	1.741754000000	-0.125735000000
C	-2.634839000000	1.001688000000	-1.074701000000
C	-3.543322000000	1.687423000000	-1.902576000000
O	-1.061858000000	1.114835000000	0.753711000000
C	-0.494204000000	-0.132844000000	0.316280000000
C	-1.515107000000	-1.044303000000	-0.333014000000
C	-2.490031000000	-0.435270000000	-1.093255000000
C	-1.308422000000	-2.441531000000	-0.365393000000
C	-1.961893000000	-3.297936000000	-1.247853000000
H	-4.402894000000	3.584383000000	-2.444021000000
H	-3.089276000000	4.852801000000	-0.750676000000
H	-1.491185000000	3.654548000000	0.749205000000
H	-4.107909000000	1.119587000000	-2.635896000000
H	-3.249924000000	-1.008045000000	-1.609790000000
H	-1.709201000000	-4.350769000000	-1.214535000000

H	-2.998934000000	-3.094934000000	-1.486633000000
H	-0.055022000000	-0.577104000000	1.207691000000
H	0.306102000000	0.079603000000	-0.409325000000
O	-0.131289000000	-2.853309000000	0.266540000000
C	1.289066000000	-4.192937000000	1.585551000000
C	-0.095637000000	-4.001134000000	1.026549000000
O	-1.046084000000	-4.722560000000	1.206684000000
H	1.319063000000	-5.113719000000	2.167154000000
H	2.017480000000	-4.234181000000	0.770181000000
H	1.554827000000	-3.340552000000	2.218440000000
C	-1.258926000000	-2.710230000000	-3.055777000000
C	-1.256090000000	-1.497646000000	-3.350757000000
C	-1.015805000000	-0.131257000000	-3.672045000000
O	0.005483000000	0.475158000000	-3.371149000000
O	-2.038948000000	0.431674000000	-4.370164000000
C	-1.812801000000	1.792462000000	-4.790315000000
H	-2.730995000000	2.091462000000	-5.296415000000
H	-1.622139000000	2.435981000000	-3.929158000000
H	-0.962709000000	1.840010000000	-5.476251000000
H	-0.966946000000	-3.673081000000	-3.440220000000

Zero Point Energy: 186.141 kcal/mol

Total internal energy: -1032.743181 Hartrees

Total enthalpy: -1032.742236 Hartrees

Total Gibbs free energy: -1032.810080 Hartrees

Number of negative frequencies: 1

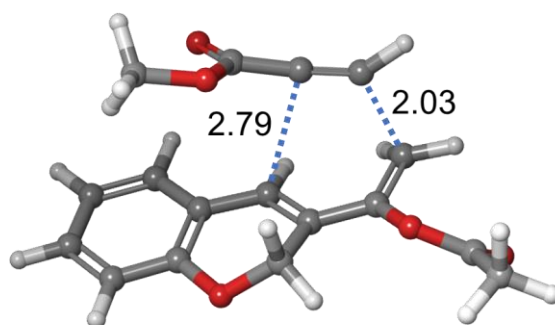
Frequency: -444.03

Red. Masses: 3.99

Frc. const.: 0.46

IR inten.: 74.99

Figure S13: TS<sub>15</sub>-ortho-exo optimized geometry



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C	-1.3095730000000	-2.6935420000000	-3.0949100000000
C	-1.4175410000000	-1.4897880000000	-3.4004230000000
C	-1.5167580000000	-0.1418900000000	-3.8476850000000
O	-2.4750290000000	0.3326430000000	-4.4455580000000
O	-0.4087430000000	0.5766690000000	-3.5204800000000
C	-0.4319800000000	1.9622720000000	-3.9208570000000
H	0.5288440000000	2.3662050000000	-3.6015500000000
H	-0.5444480000000	2.0464130000000	-5.0051010000000
H	-1.2536350000000	2.4878390000000	-3.4287230000000
H	-0.9663680000000	-3.6420070000000	-3.4714730000000
C	-3.6779930000000	3.0714100000000	-1.8315570000000
C	-2.9345240000000	3.7838160000000	-0.8814550000000
C	-2.0608580000000	3.1203290000000	-0.0160440000000
C	-1.9228740000000	1.7369730000000	-0.1138970000000
C	-2.6699650000000	0.9964420000000	-1.0593380000000
C	-3.5517990000000	1.6868240000000	-1.9120660000000
O	-1.1167990000000	1.1034650000000	0.7882610000000
C	-0.5482070000000	-0.1467720000000	0.3685740000000
C	-1.5492280000000	-1.0513250000000	-0.3209410000000
C	-2.5311510000000	-0.4425020000000	-1.0721180000000

C	-1.3094860000000	-2.4420250000000	-0.3837370000000
C	-1.9512840000000	-3.3048580000000	-1.2666060000000
H	-4.3519280000000	3.5940360000000	-2.5024210000000
H	-3.0351330000000	4.8629710000000	-0.8115850000000
H	-1.4860580000000	3.6535820000000	0.7336430000000
H	-4.1120480000000	1.1247440000000	-2.6513740000000
H	-3.2902960000000	-1.0161110000000	-1.5890080000000
H	-1.6712780000000	-4.3511660000000	-1.2449560000000
H	-2.9955660000000	-3.1259610000000	-1.4925250000000
H	-0.1492750000000	-0.5997690000000	1.2749570000000
H	0.2893180000000	0.0564340000000	-0.3172360000000
O	-0.1155930000000	-2.8357240000000	0.2318970000000
C	1.3398060000000	-4.1520690000000	1.5378300000000
C	-0.0539220000000	-3.9816530000000	0.9942680000000
O	-0.9911740000000	-4.7165350000000	1.1870860000000
H	1.3883540000000	-5.0685090000000	2.1250300000000
H	2.0589980000000	-4.1904420000000	0.7141470000000
H	1.6025840000000	-3.2923390000000	2.1619580000000

Zero Point Energy: 186.170 kcal/mol

Total internal energy: -1032.745458 Hartrees

Total enthalpy: -1032.744514 Hartrees

Total Gibbs free energy: -1032.812295 Hartrees

Number of negative frequencies: 1

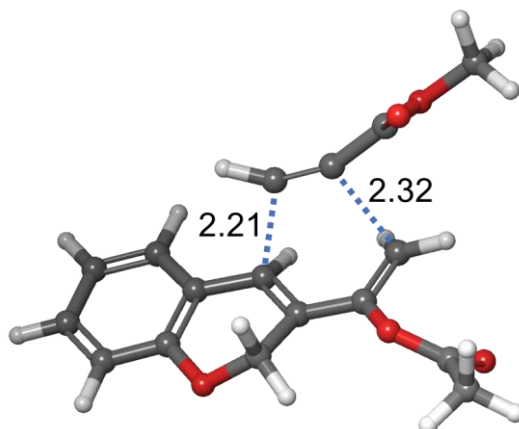
Frequency: -438.18

Red. Masses: 3.97

Frc. const.: 0.45

IR inten.: 69.06

Figure S14: TS<sub>15</sub>-meta-endo optimized geometry



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C	-1.2824710000000	-1.8122180000000	-3.6828870000000
C	-1.5976520000000	-0.6376140000000	-3.4127550000000
C	-0.7588970000000	-2.8857390000000	-4.4998850000000
O	0.4159290000000	-3.0381730000000	-4.7802020000000
O	-1.7444920000000	-3.7277080000000	-4.8975610000000
C	-1.3161590000000	-4.8503870000000	-5.6948970000000
H	-2.2258790000000	-5.4070750000000	-5.9189280000000
H	-0.8356680000000	-4.5065370000000	-6.6143330000000
H	-0.6116790000000	-5.4701970000000	-5.1332960000000
H	-1.7419040000000	0.3892140000000	-3.6896140000000
C	-3.8444950000000	3.0631130000000	-1.4990170000000
C	-3.1418820000000	3.7030820000000	-0.4699360000000
C	-2.1587160000000	3.0201500000000	0.2461640000000
C	-1.8696600000000	1.6921340000000	-0.0748050000000
C	-2.5760700000000	1.0236300000000	-1.0953190000000
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O	-0.9418880000000	1.0378840000000	0.6869730000000
C	-0.2790240000000	-0.0687450000000	0.0572110000000
C	-1.2382650000000	-0.9935270000000	-0.6540050000000
C	-2.3008840000000	-0.3973780000000	-1.3326440000000

C	-0.889496000000	-2.334453000000	-0.891592000000
C	-1.536021000000	-3.139329000000	-1.802328000000
H	-4.609546000000	3.596913000000	-2.053661000000
H	-3.359102000000	4.738477000000	-0.225118000000
H	-1.608090000000	3.493576000000	1.052227000000
H	-4.118760000000	1.218242000000	-2.581000000000
H	-3.142377000000	-0.996642000000	-1.660489000000
H	-1.123308000000	-4.108515000000	-2.050187000000
H	-2.590197000000	-3.010203000000	-2.002798000000
H	0.256971000000	-0.581656000000	0.854260000000
H	0.461525000000	0.323169000000	-0.659381000000
O	0.377621000000	-2.700935000000	-0.409227000000
C	1.989261000000	-4.062327000000	0.639814000000
C	0.551154000000	-3.911867000000	0.218996000000
O	-0.331317000000	-4.717475000000	0.392915000000
H	2.116668000000	-5.012546000000	1.157443000000
H	2.635656000000	-4.023060000000	-0.242445000000
H	2.277414000000	-3.234140000000	1.294231000000

Zero Point Energy: 186.120 kcal/mol

Total internal energy: -1032.739691 Hartrees

Total enthalpy: -1032.738747 Hartrees

Total Gibbs free energy: -1032.806602 Hartrees

Number of negative frequencies: 1

Frequency: -481.22

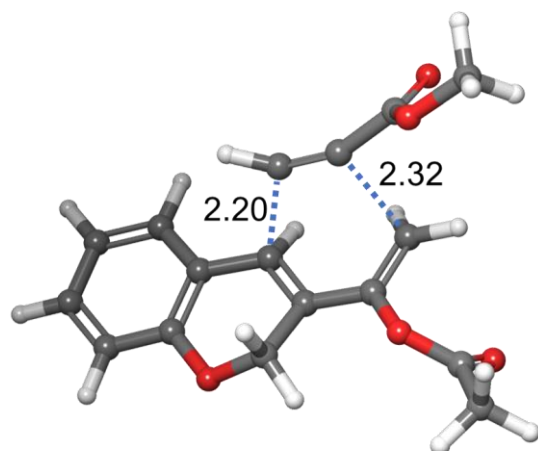
Red. Masses: 2.43

Frc. const.: 0.33

IR inten.: 2.99



Figure S15: TS<sub>15</sub>-meta-exo optimized geometry



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C	-3.077253000000	3.742991000000	-0.760397000000
C	-2.222254000000	3.072638000000	0.114564000000
C	-1.987910000000	1.707204000000	-0.061823000000
C	-2.626032000000	0.990412000000	-1.094443000000
C	-3.484129000000	1.687034000000	-1.960761000000
O	-1.190180000000	1.072956000000	0.850144000000
C	-0.541167000000	-0.122921000000	0.392800000000
C	-1.481847000000	-1.051891000000	-0.337284000000
C	-2.425940000000	-0.460817000000	-1.177302000000
C	-1.206948000000	-2.427265000000	-0.414626000000
C	-1.815908000000	-3.280807000000	-1.305776000000
H	-4.372327000000	3.578315000000	-2.483929000000
H	-3.251508000000	4.806494000000	-0.626860000000
H	-1.730766000000	3.584435000000	0.935347000000
H	-3.986300000000	1.137549000000	-2.753648000000
H	-3.273368000000	-1.036650000000	-1.531612000000
H	-1.447432000000	-4.292716000000	-1.417592000000
H	-2.834543000000	-3.114324000000	-1.627689000000

H	-0.127238000000	-0.590847000000	1.284970000000
H	0.294965000000	0.158881000000	-0.268398000000
O	-0.020669000000	-2.826338000000	0.227379000000
C	1.338916000000	-4.155732000000	1.622757000000
C	-0.034975000000	-3.929985000000	1.048647000000
O	-1.015447000000	-4.600055000000	1.262900000000
H	1.319899000000	-5.032433000000	2.269781000000
H	2.060166000000	-4.298569000000	0.812219000000
H	1.654932000000	-3.275606000000	2.191273000000
C	-1.315512000000	-2.161013000000	-3.275600000000
C	-1.563104000000	-0.947421000000	-3.141456000000
C	-0.981308000000	-3.379857000000	-3.979177000000
O	-1.798028000000	-4.140959000000	-4.467501000000
O	0.355329000000	-3.591332000000	-4.005218000000
C	0.771048000000	-4.807849000000	-4.660204000000
H	1.858223000000	-4.813068000000	-4.591410000000
H	0.345810000000	-5.678379000000	-4.153336000000
H	0.447848000000	-4.810885000000	-5.703967000000
H	-1.607039000000	0.052485000000	-3.529201000000

Zero Point Energy: 186.121 kcal/mol

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Total enthalpy: -1032.738361 Hartrees

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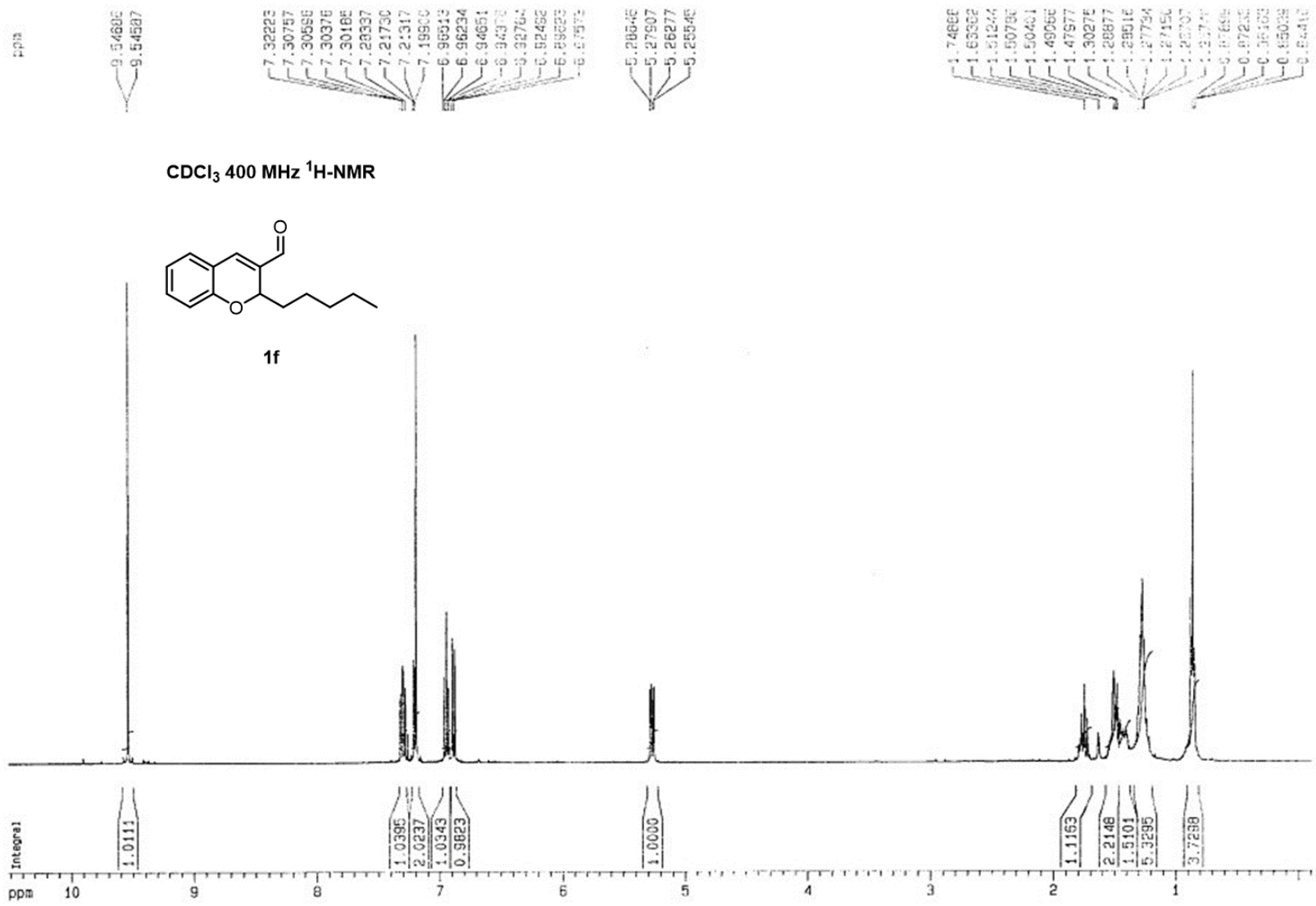
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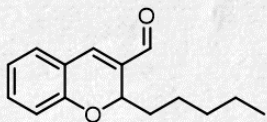
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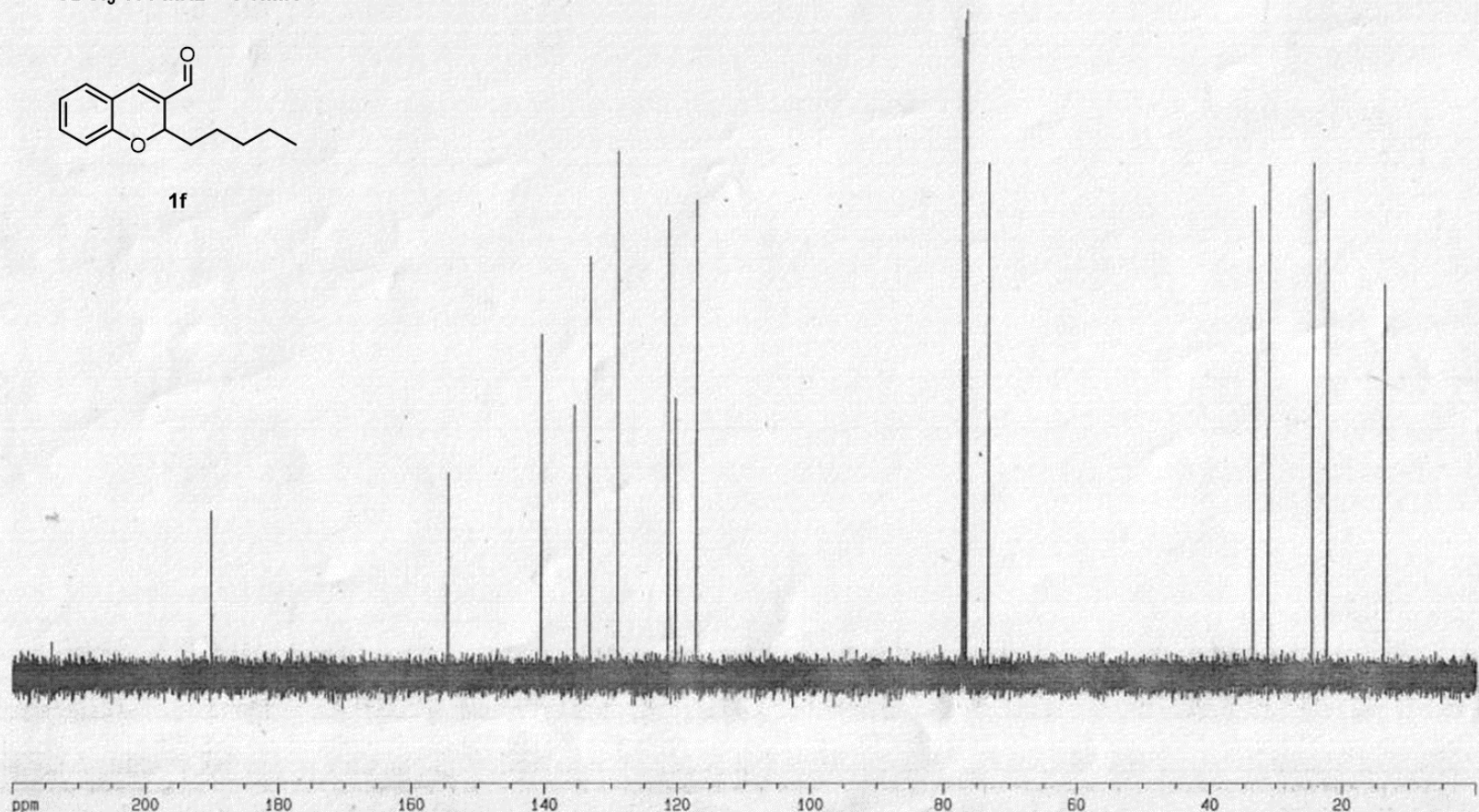
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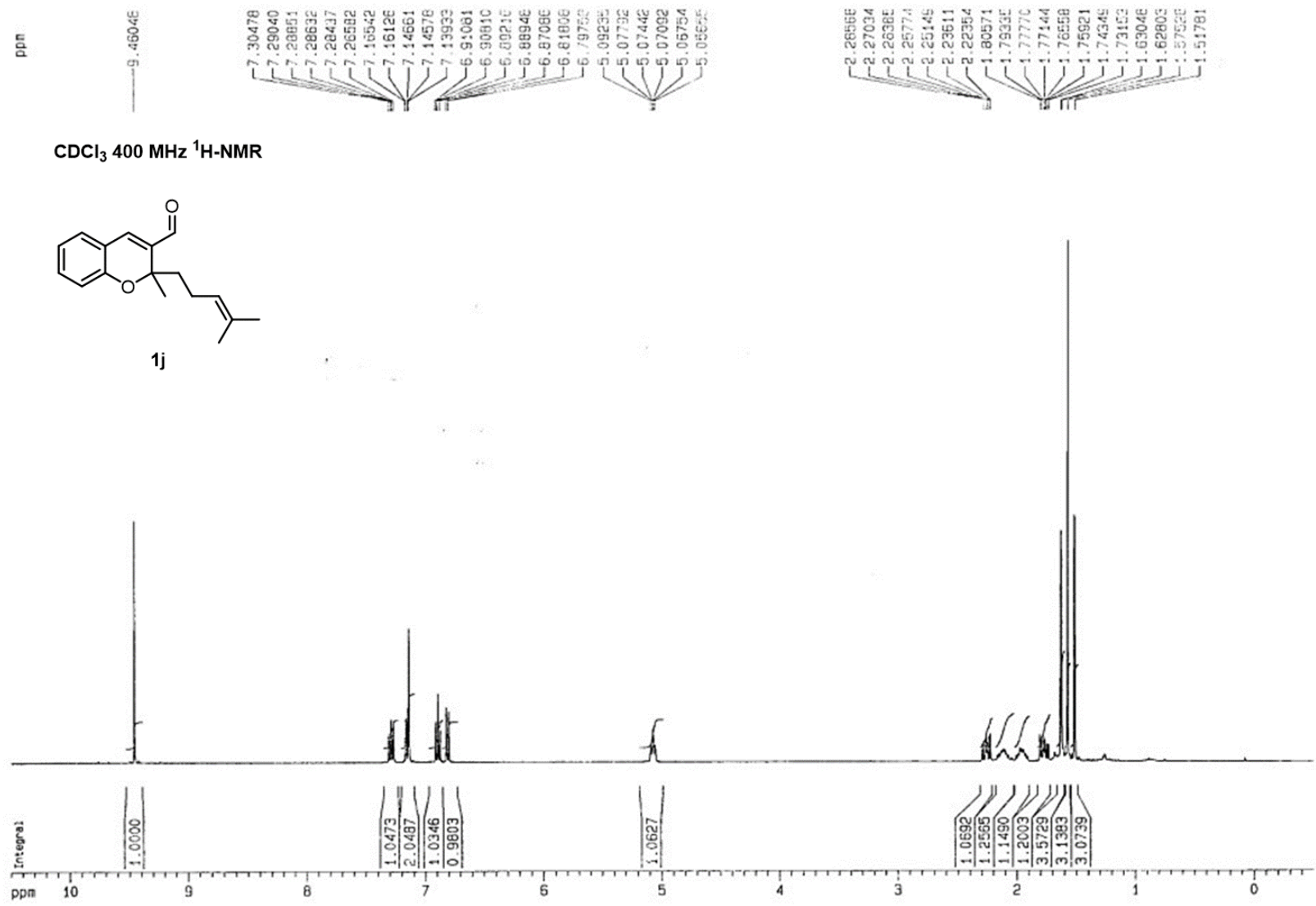
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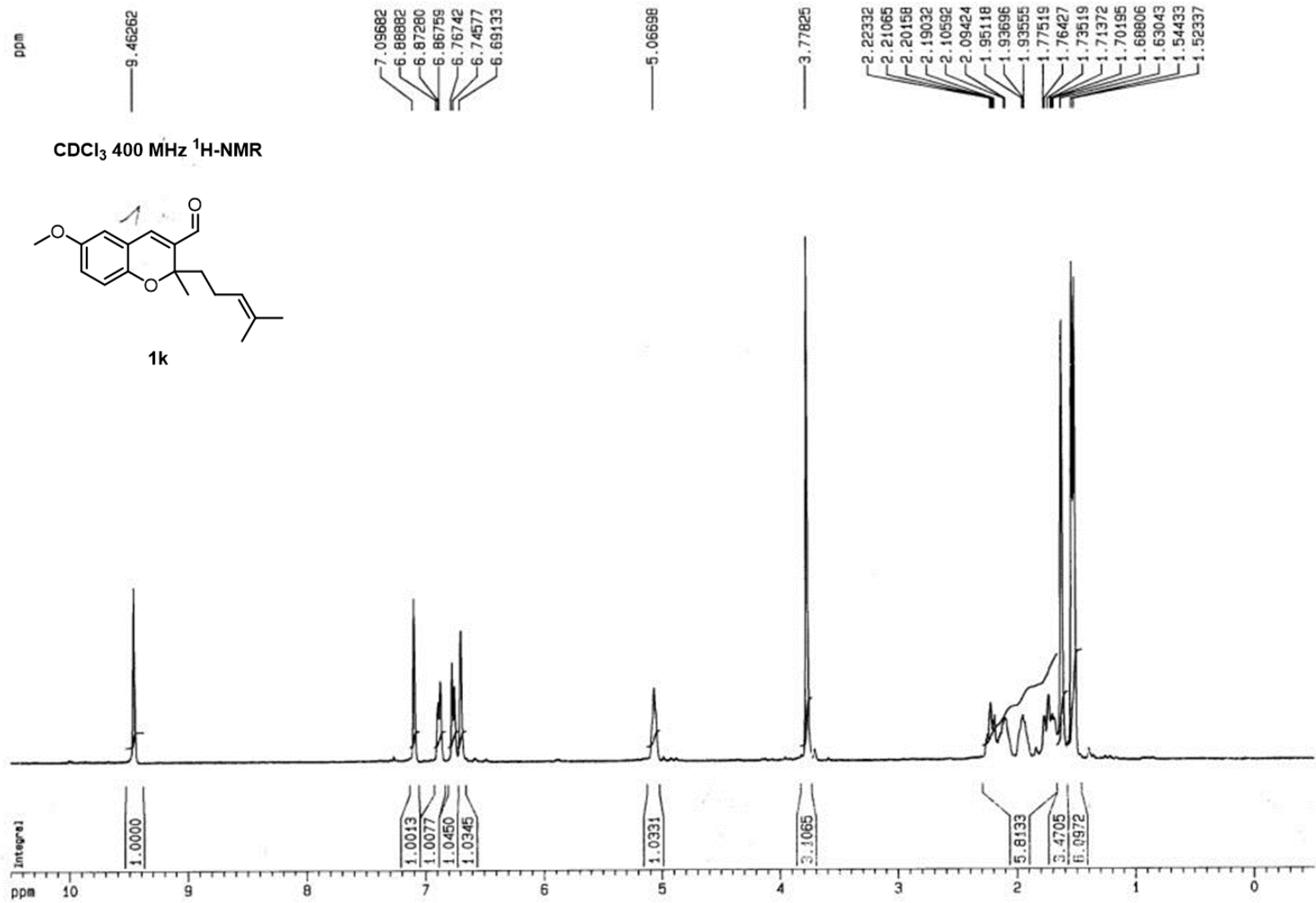
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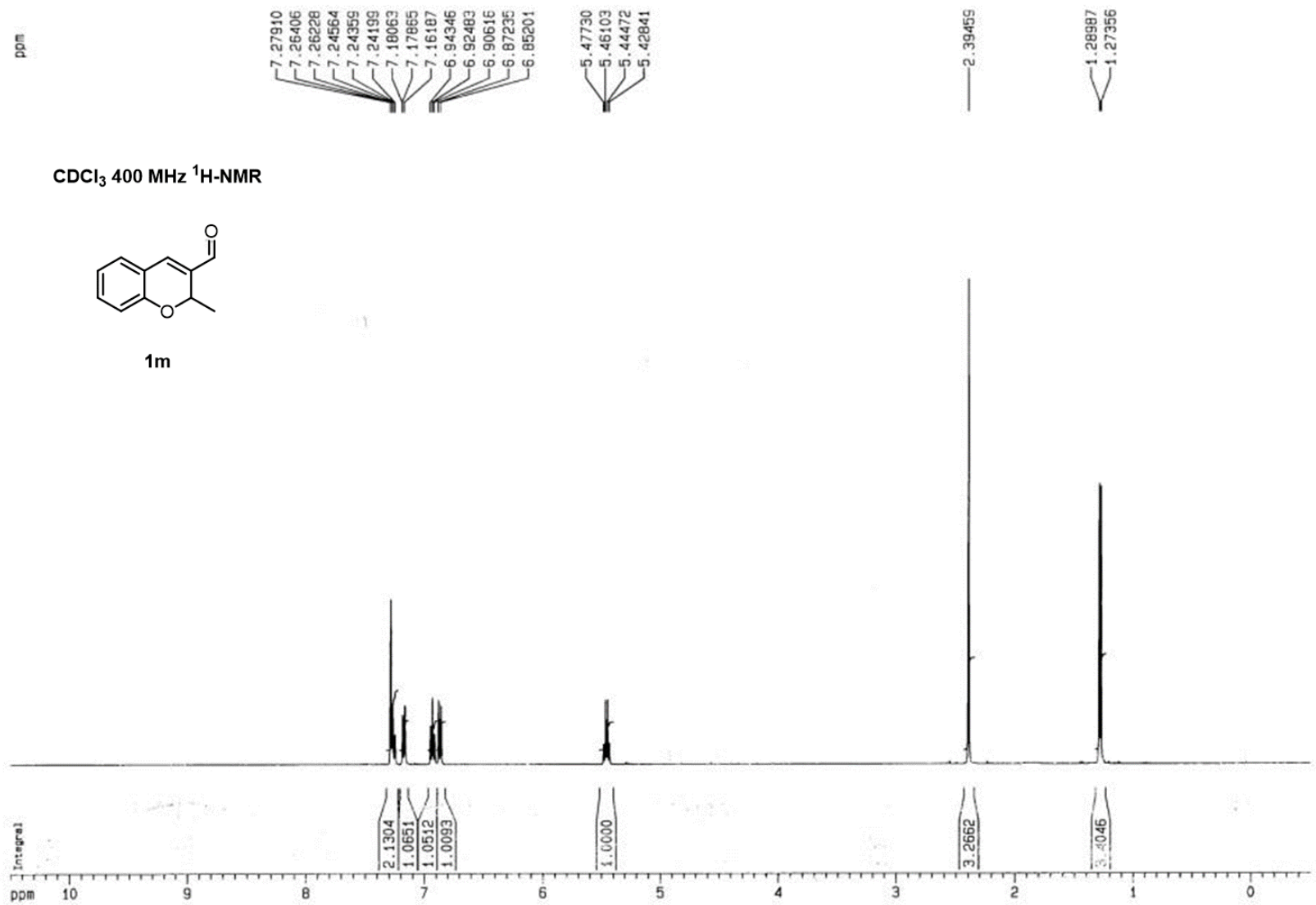


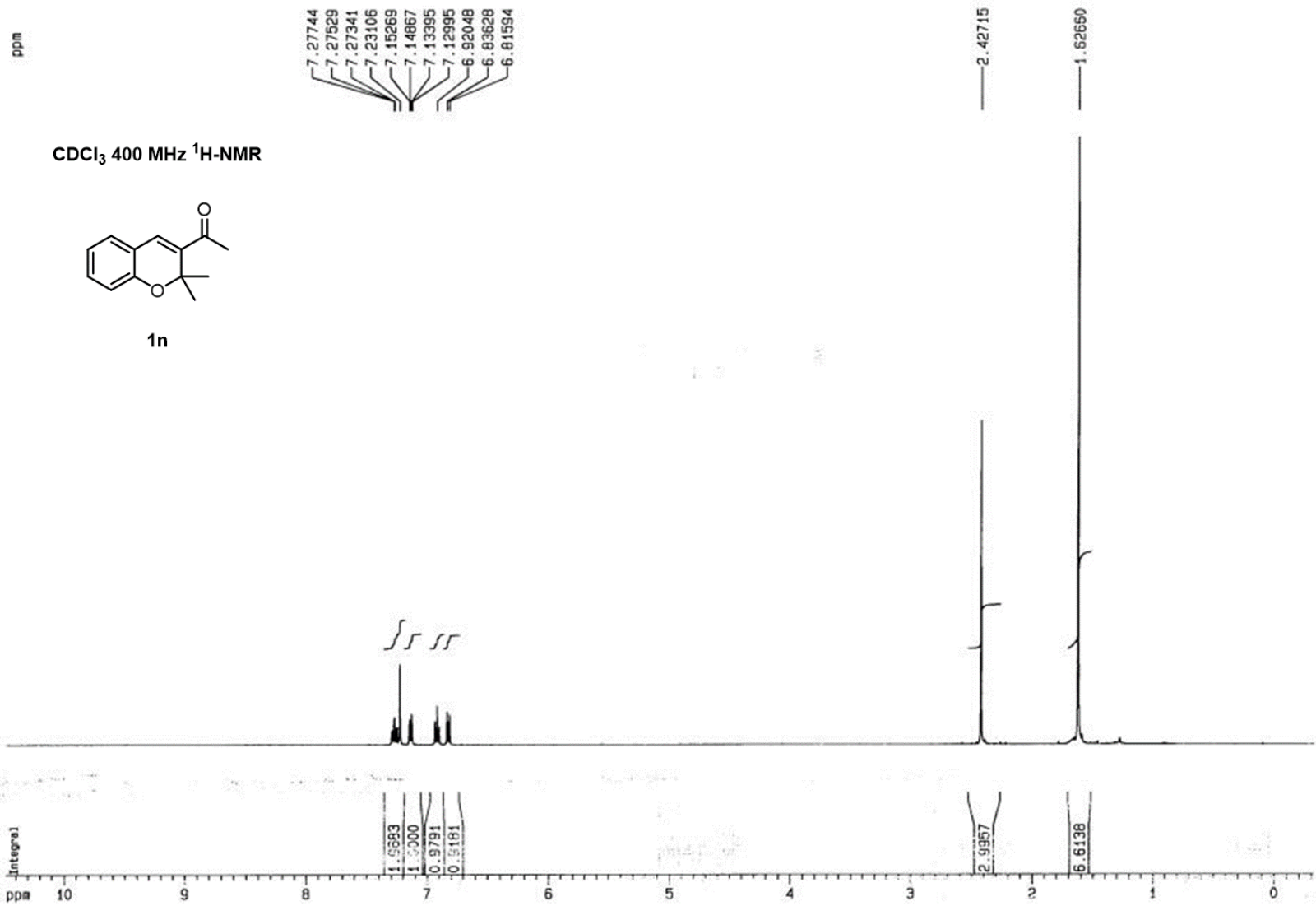
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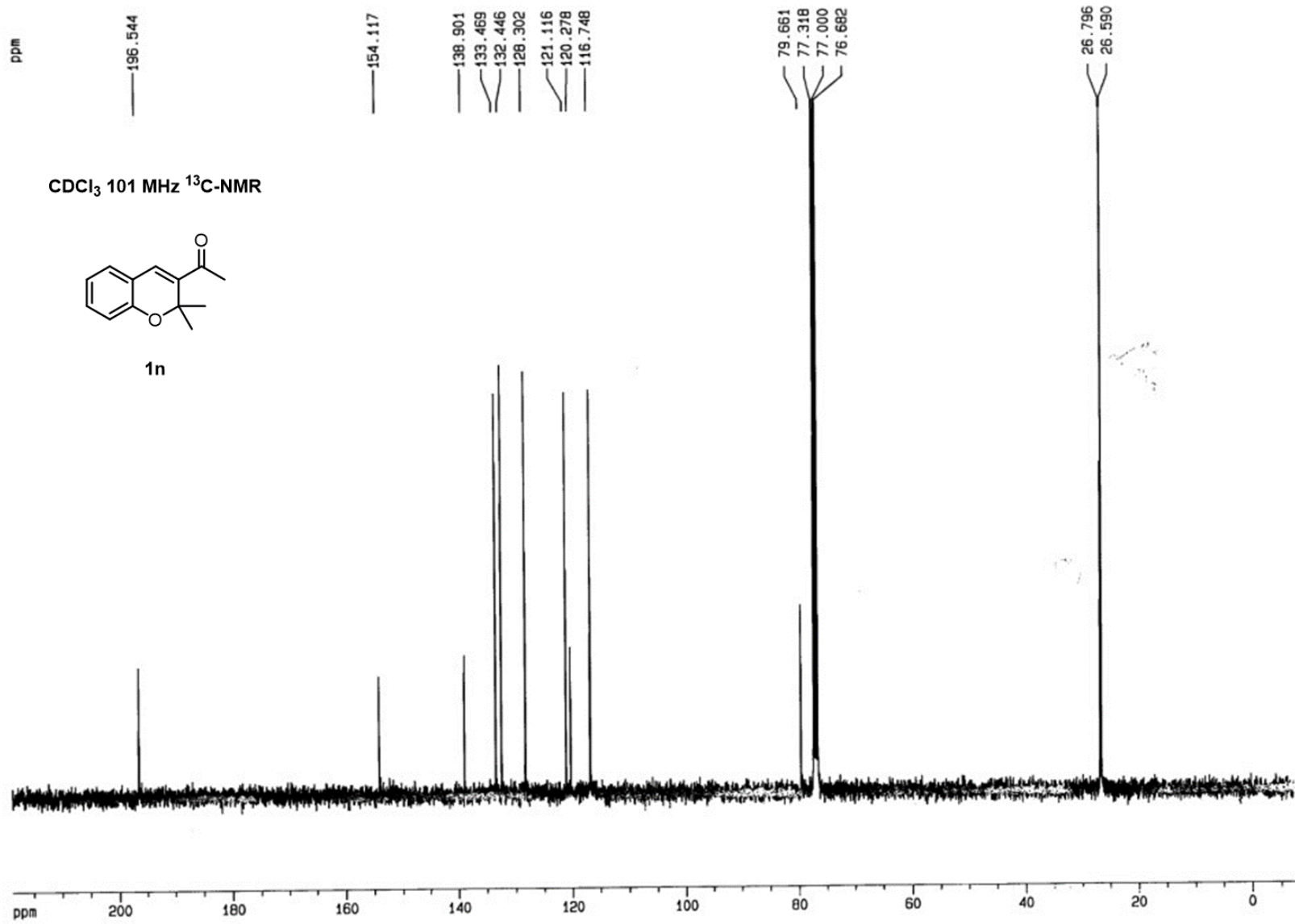






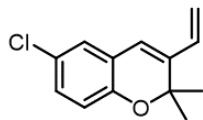




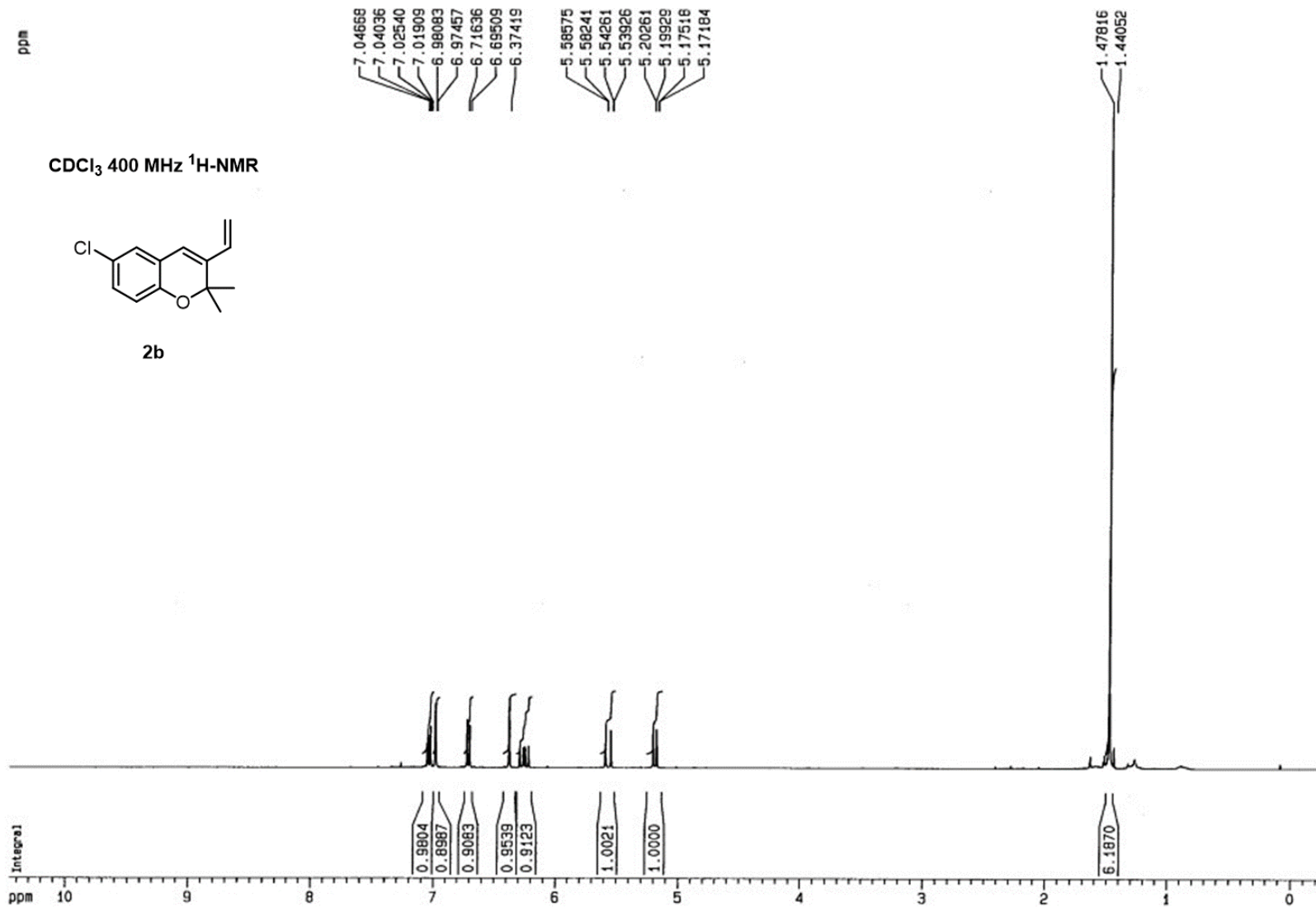


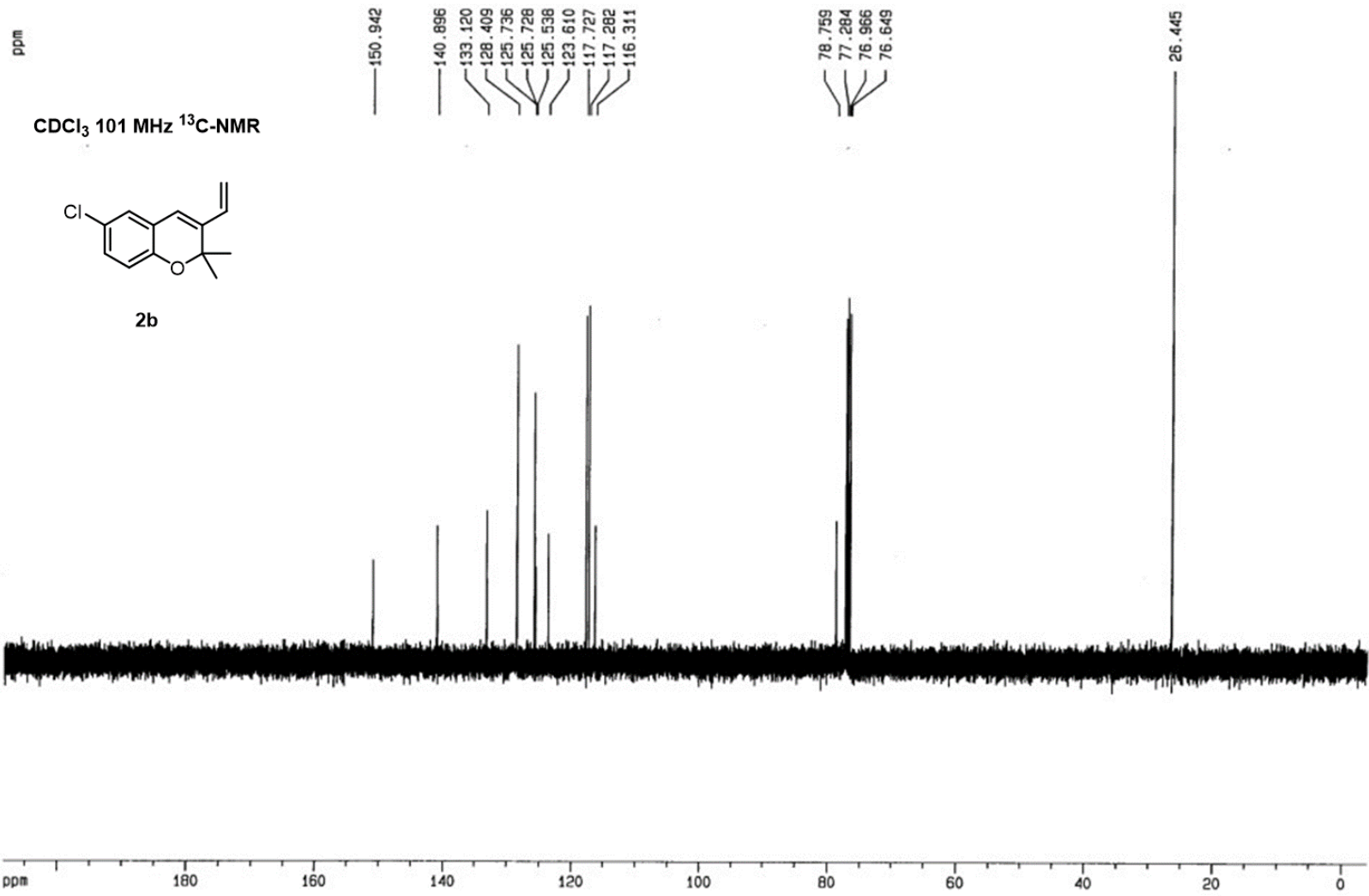
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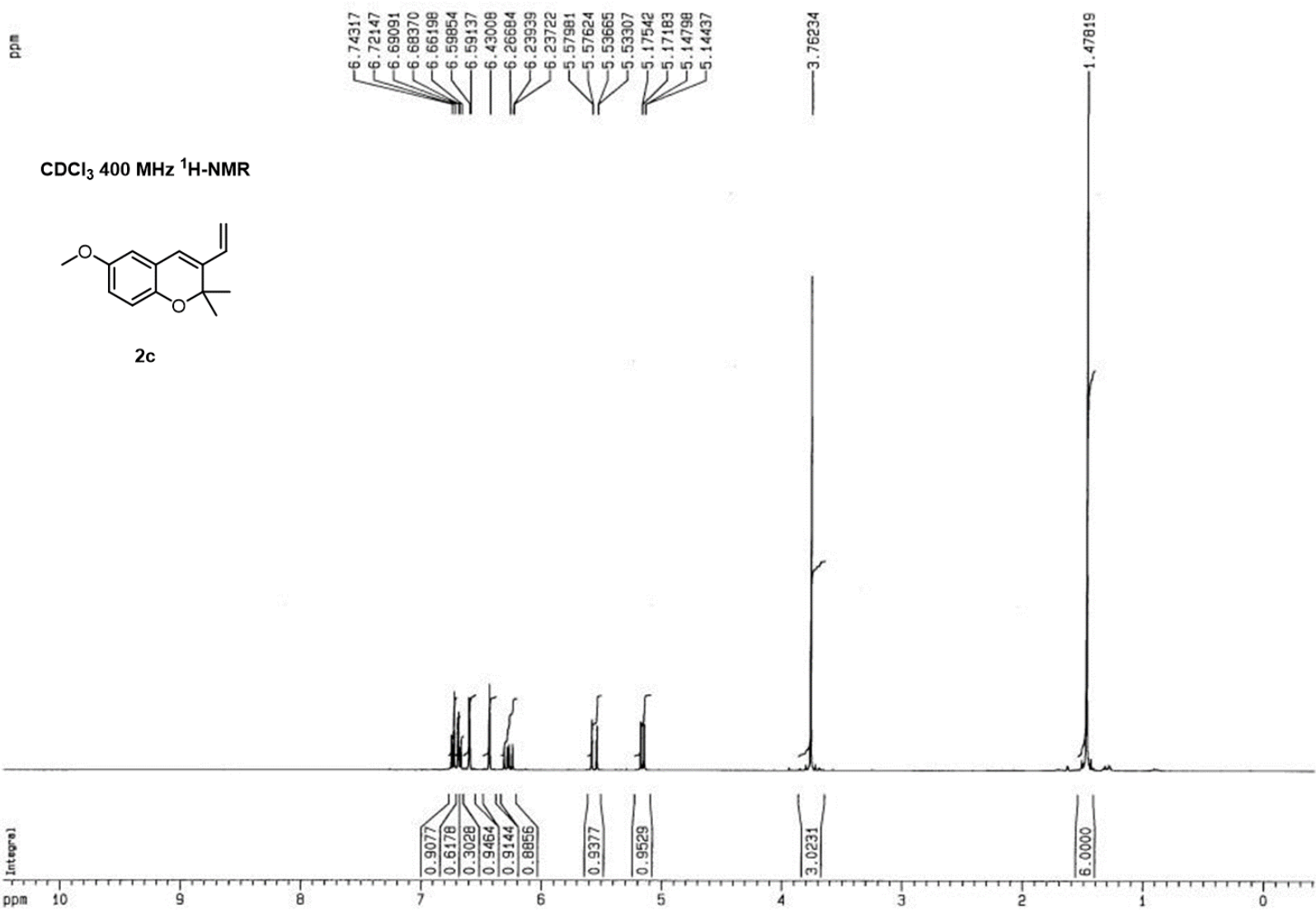
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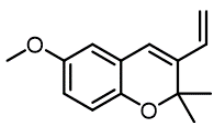




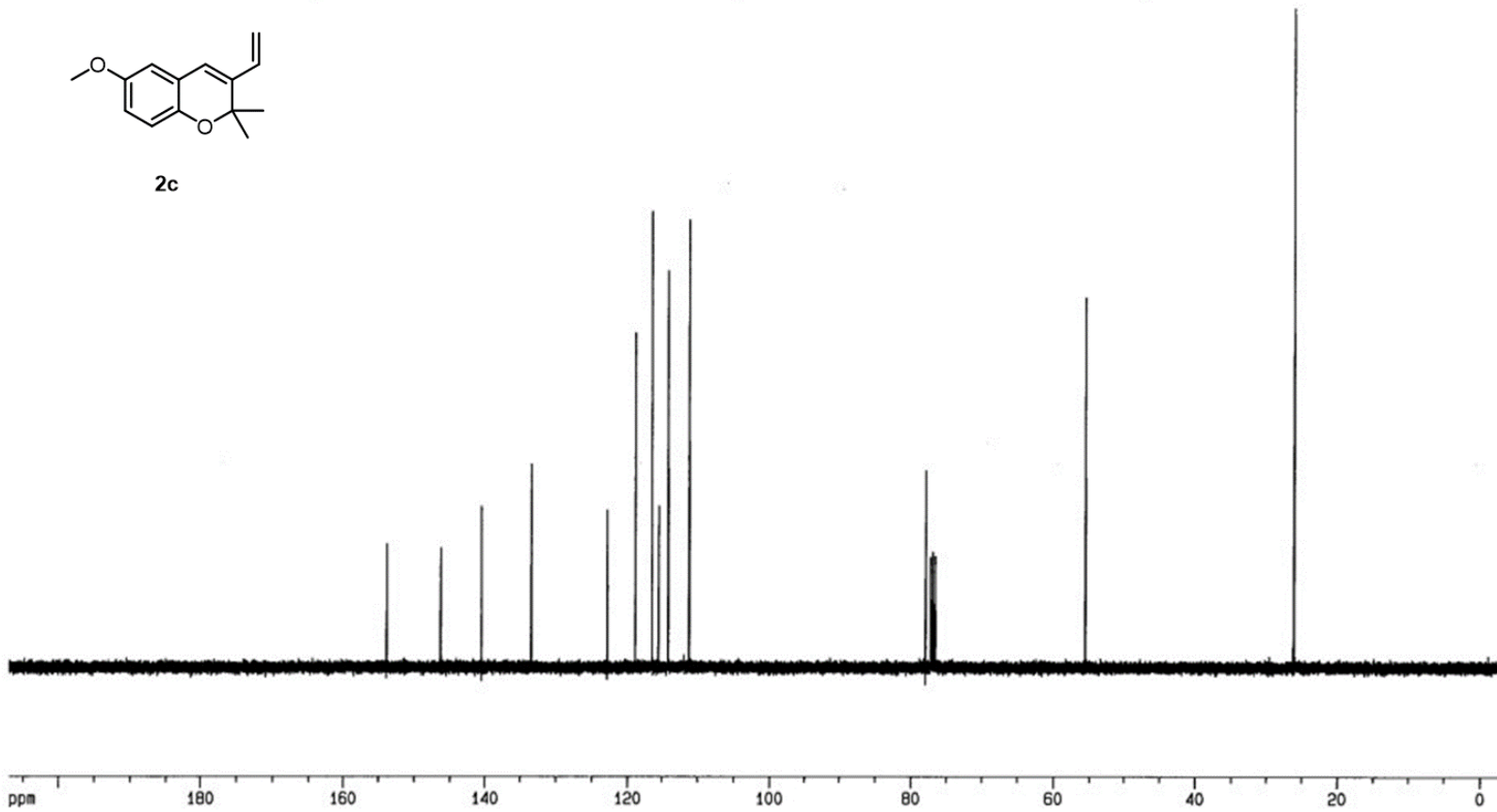
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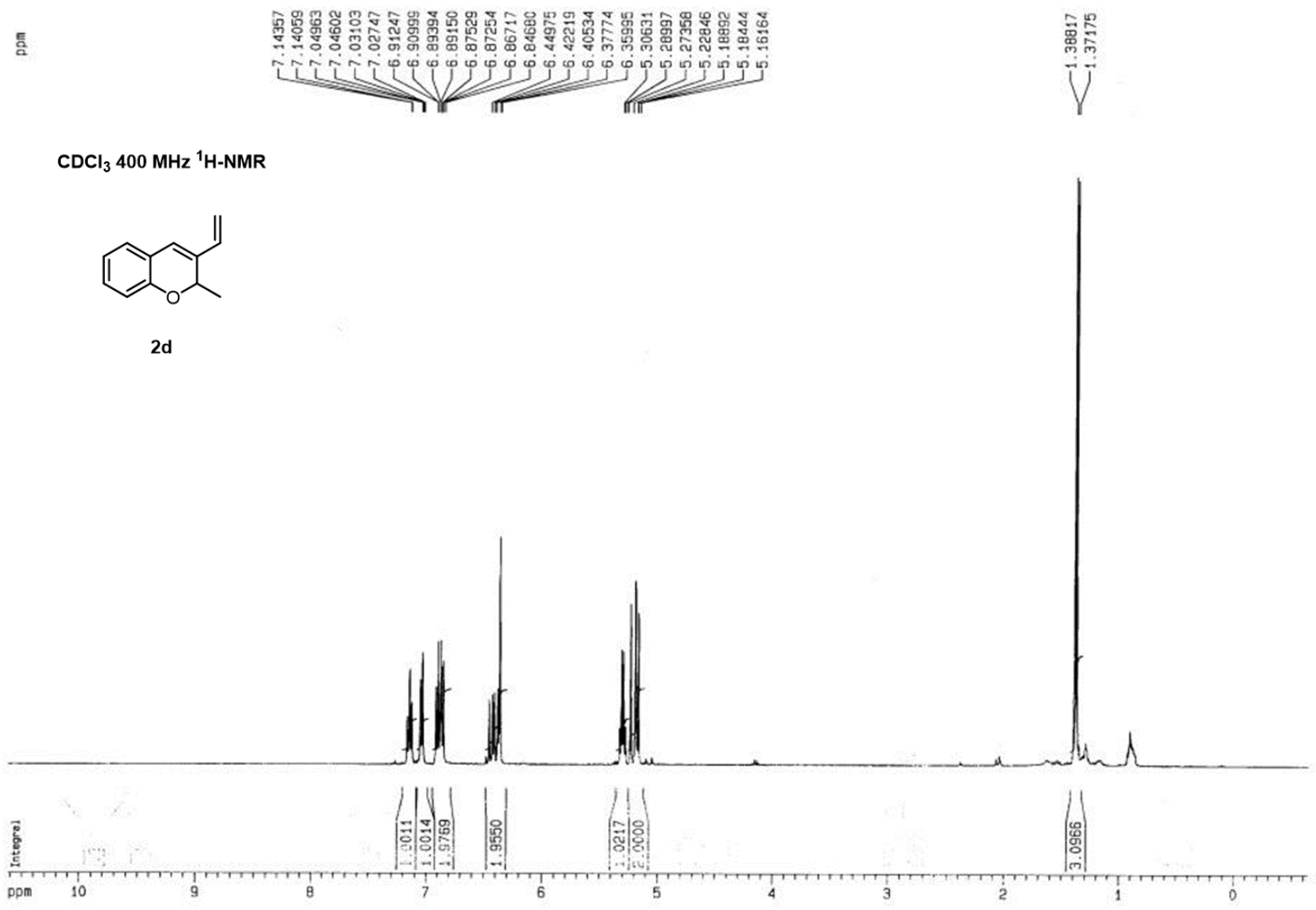
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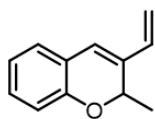




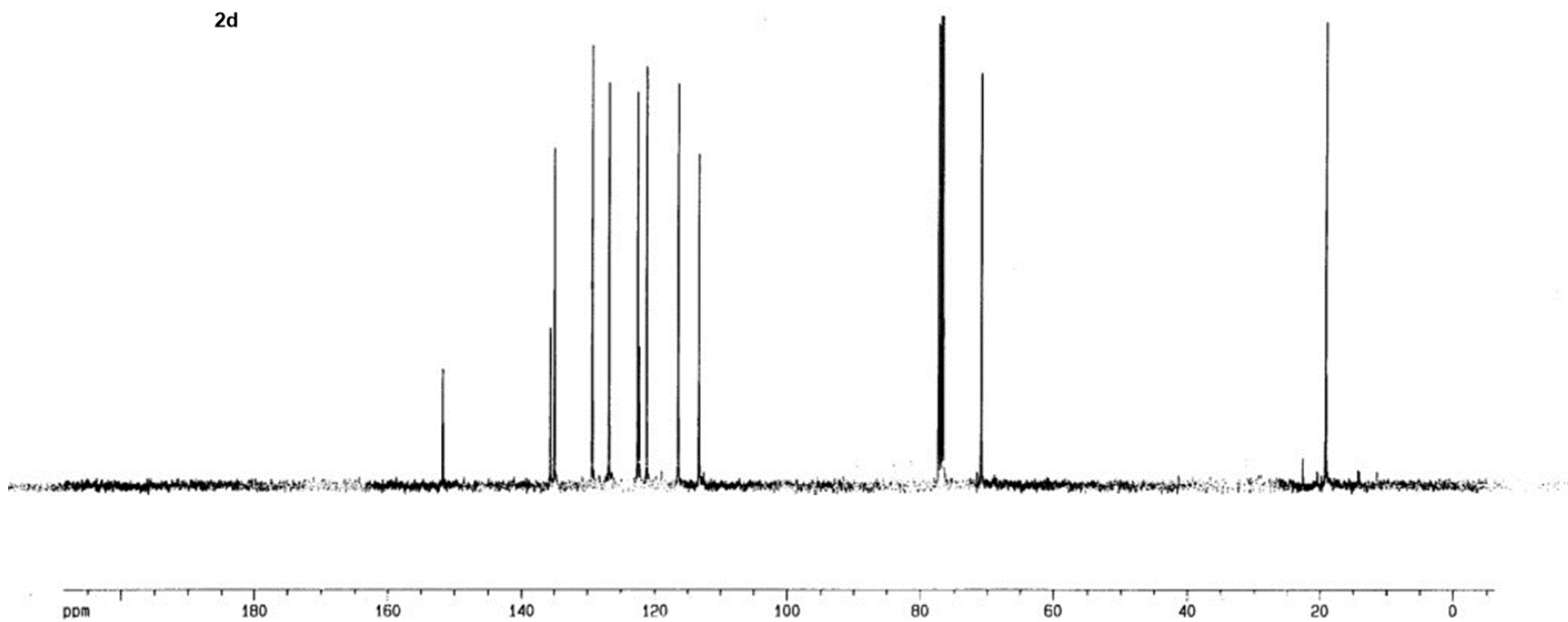
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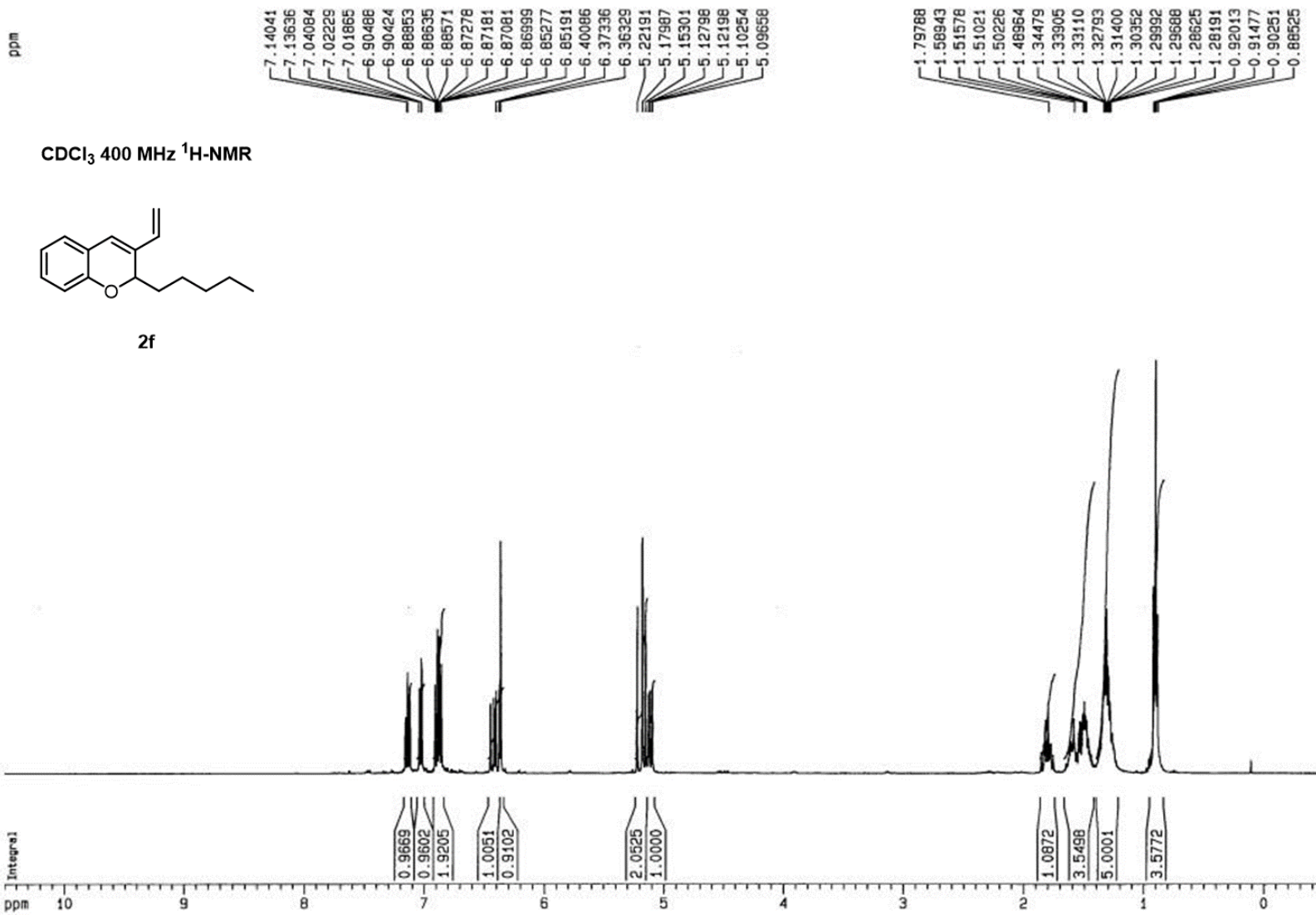
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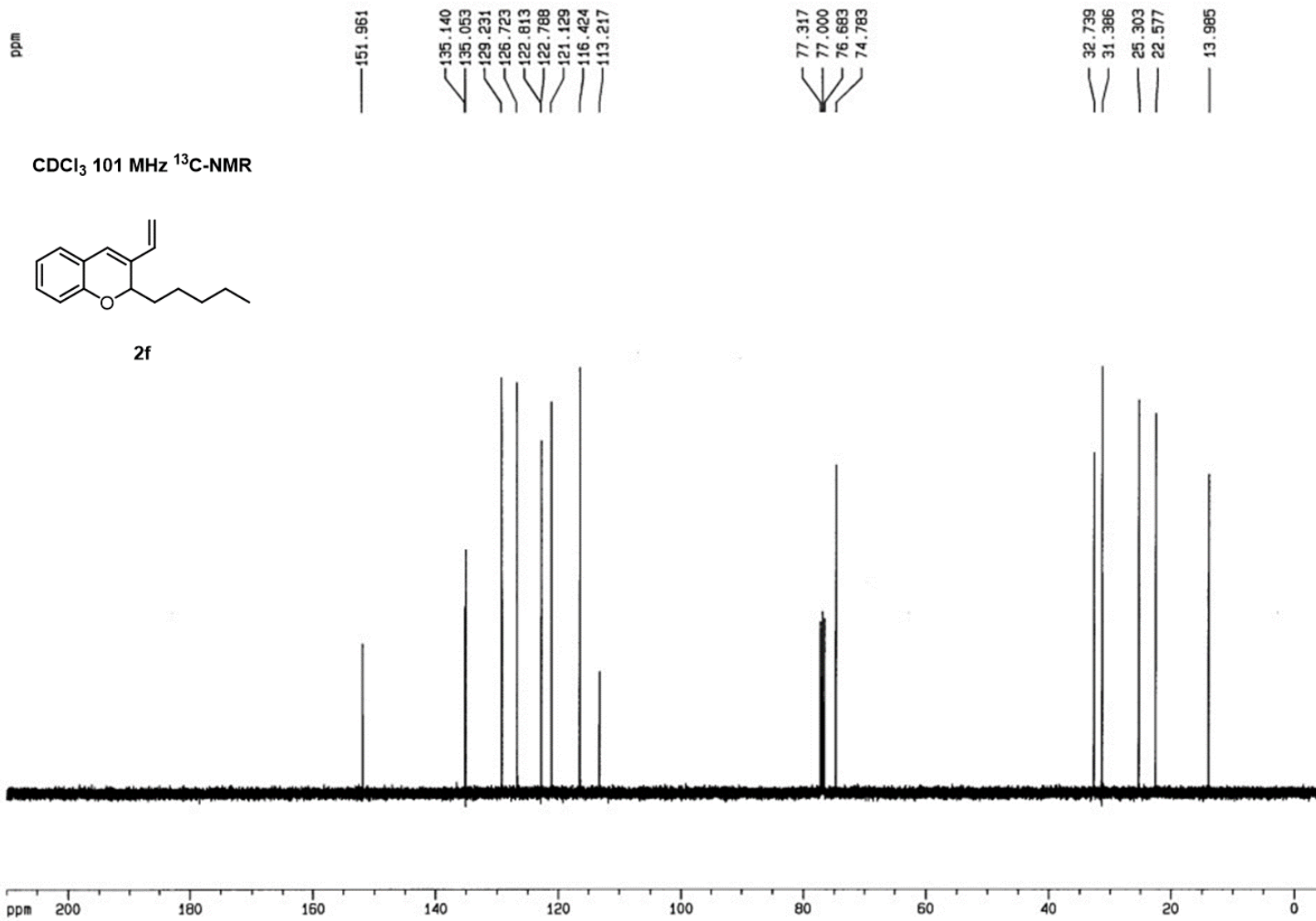


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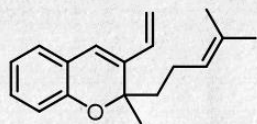


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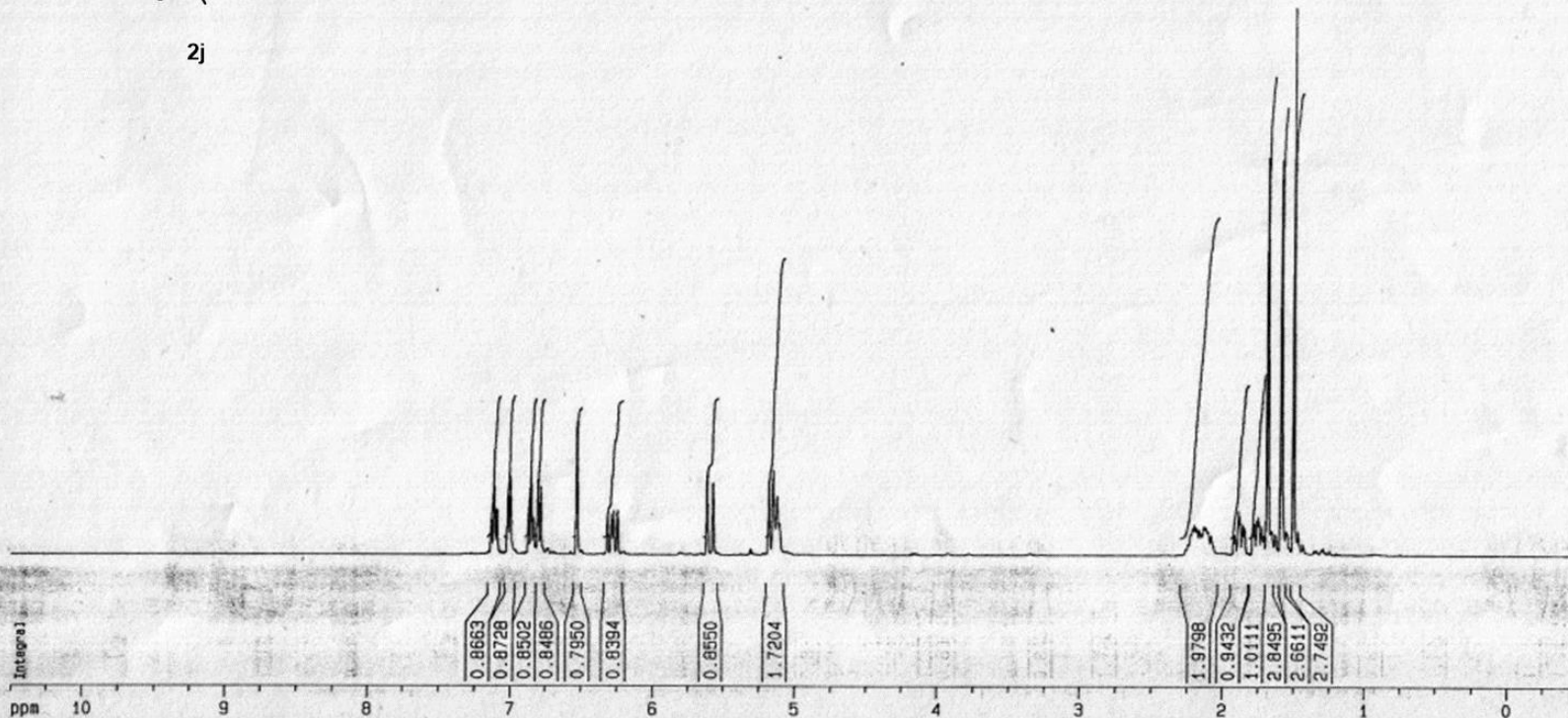
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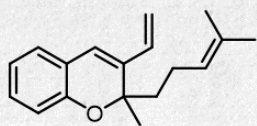


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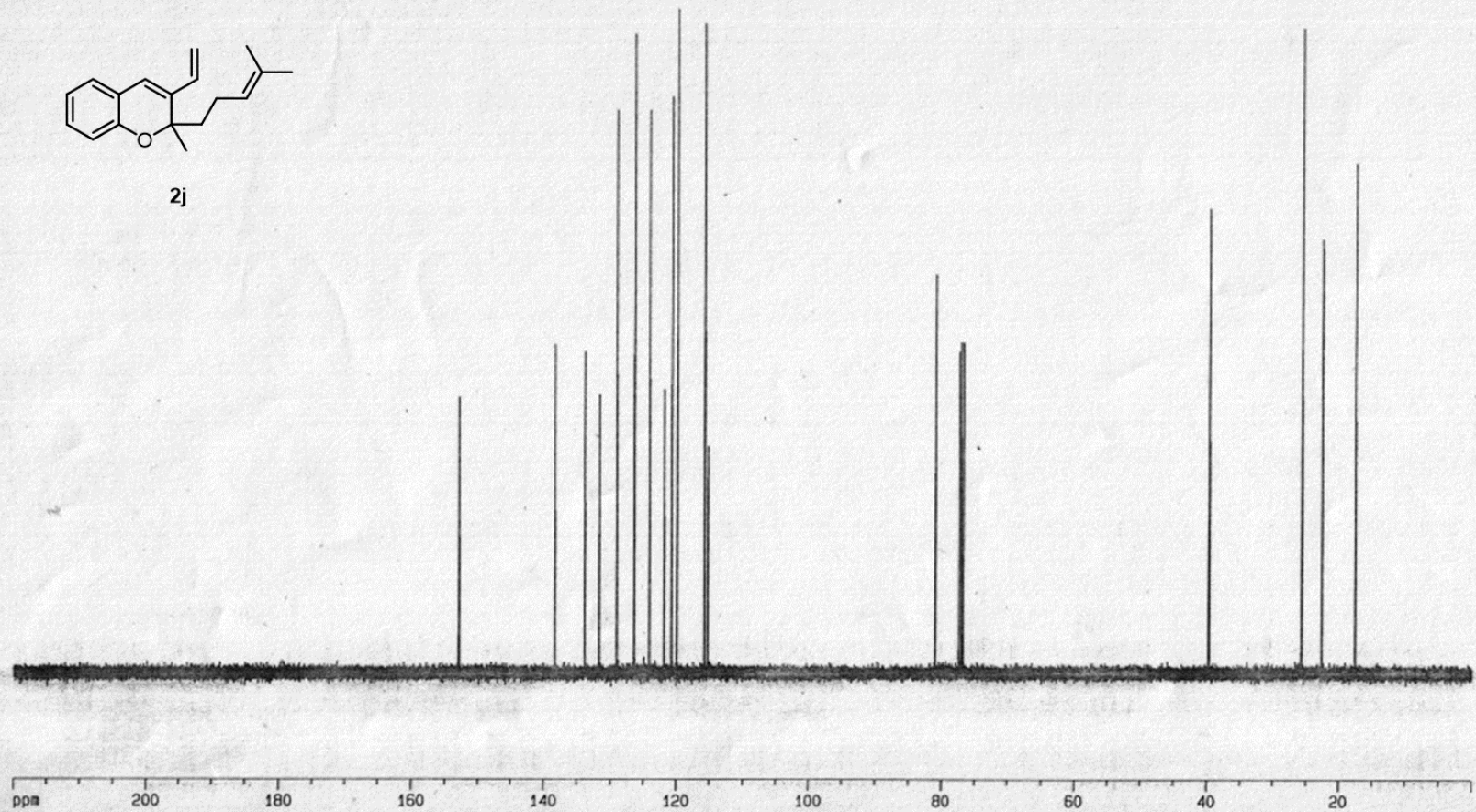
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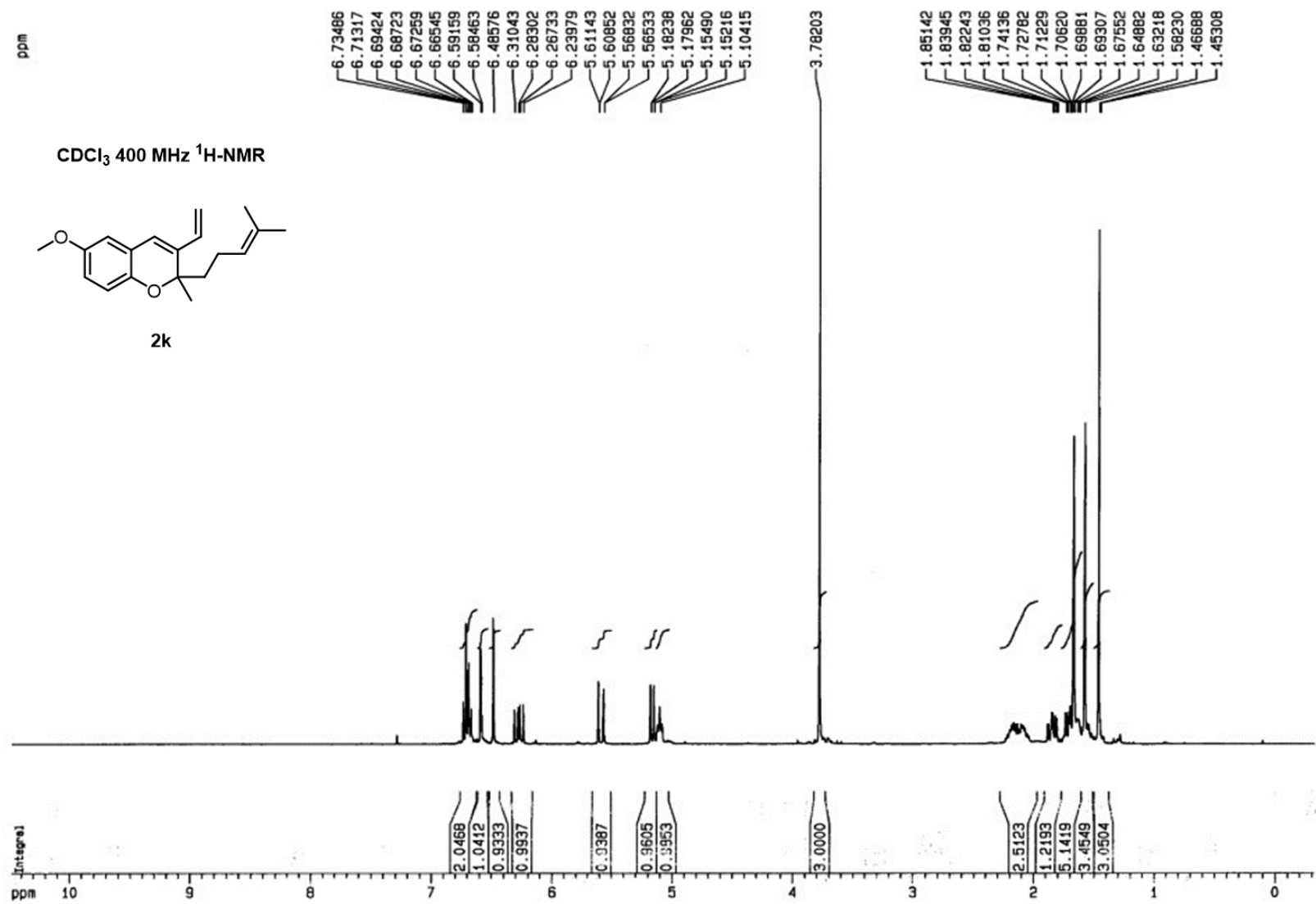
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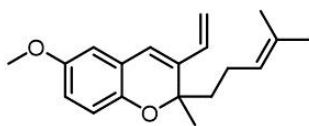
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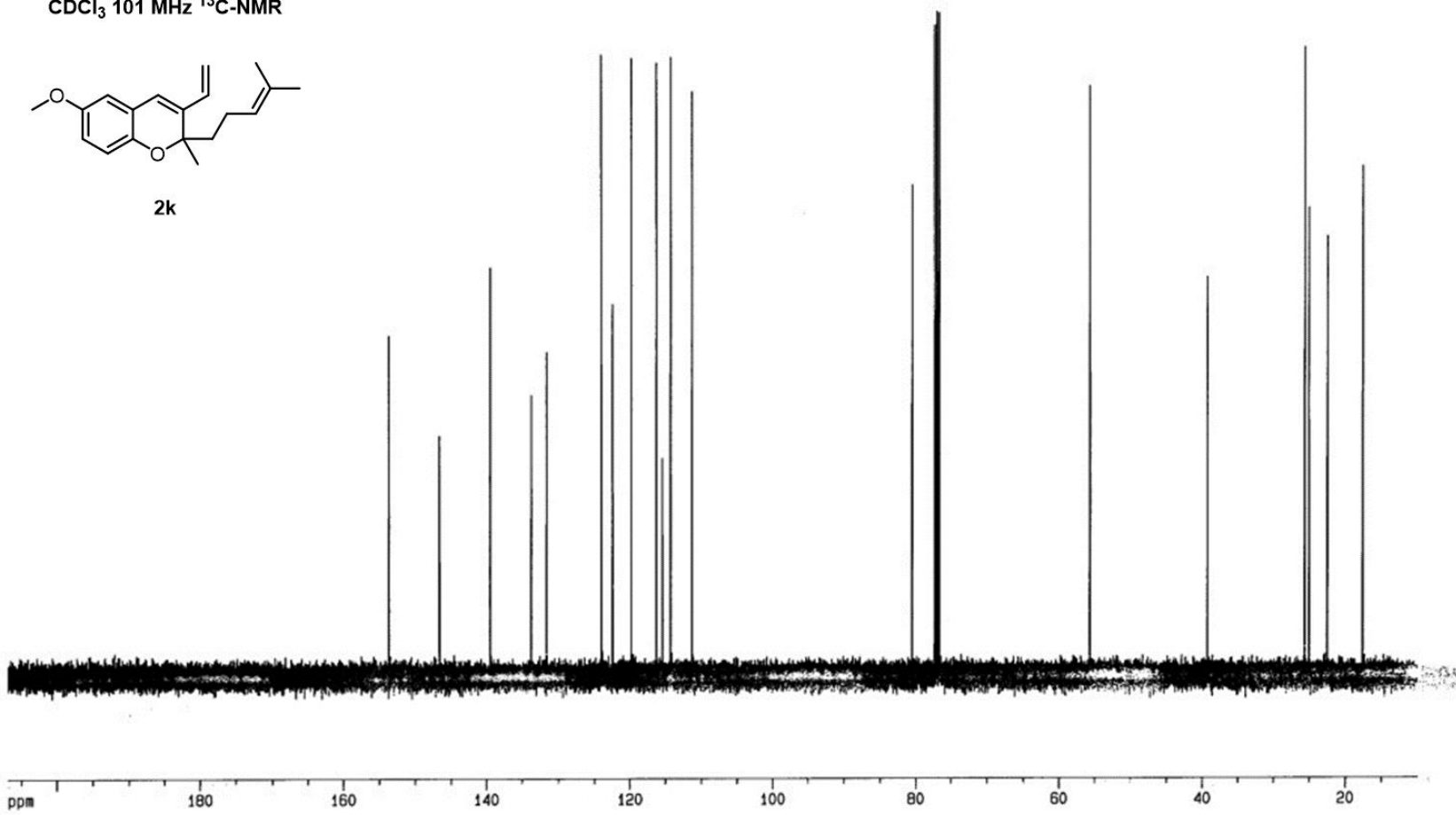
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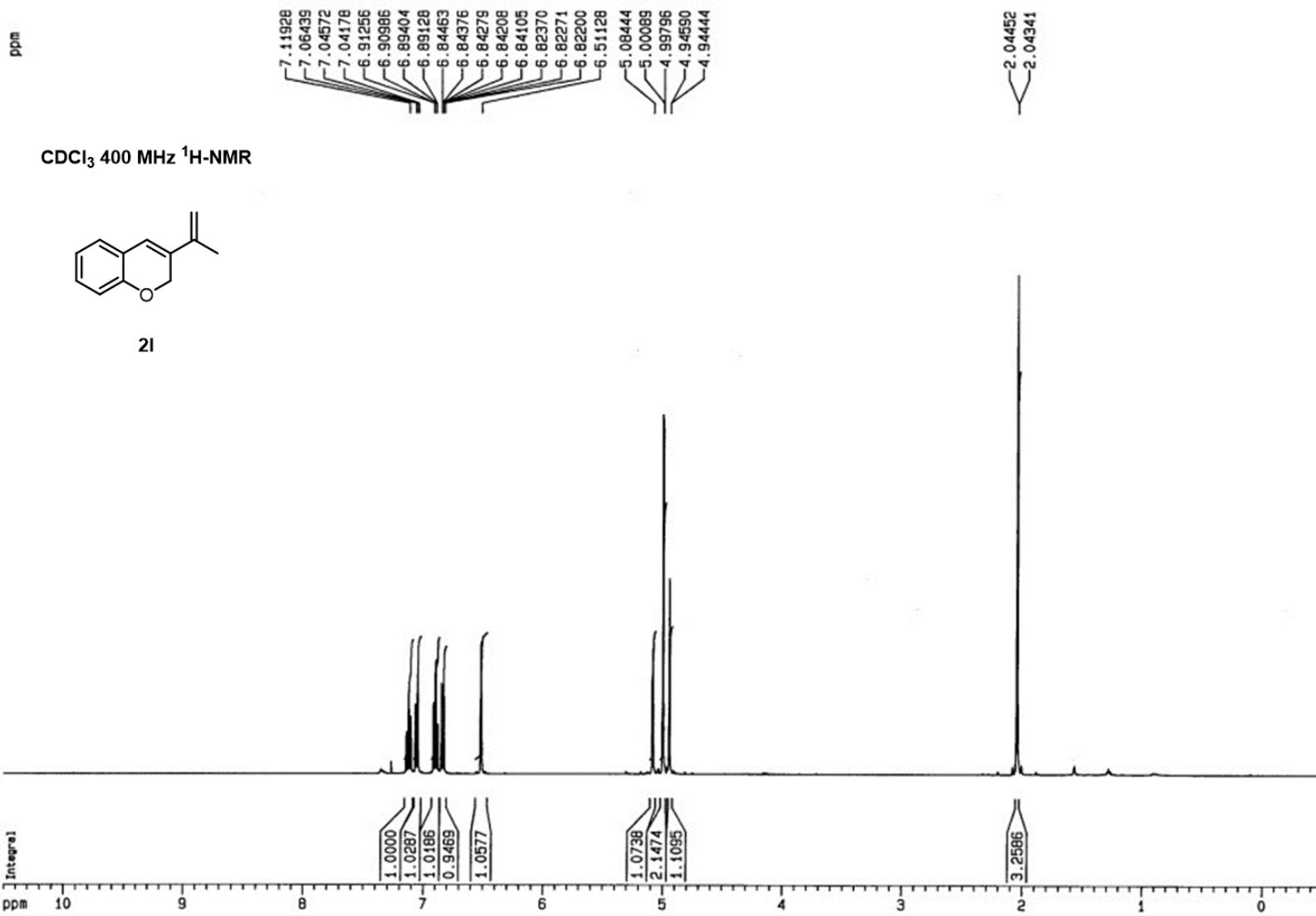
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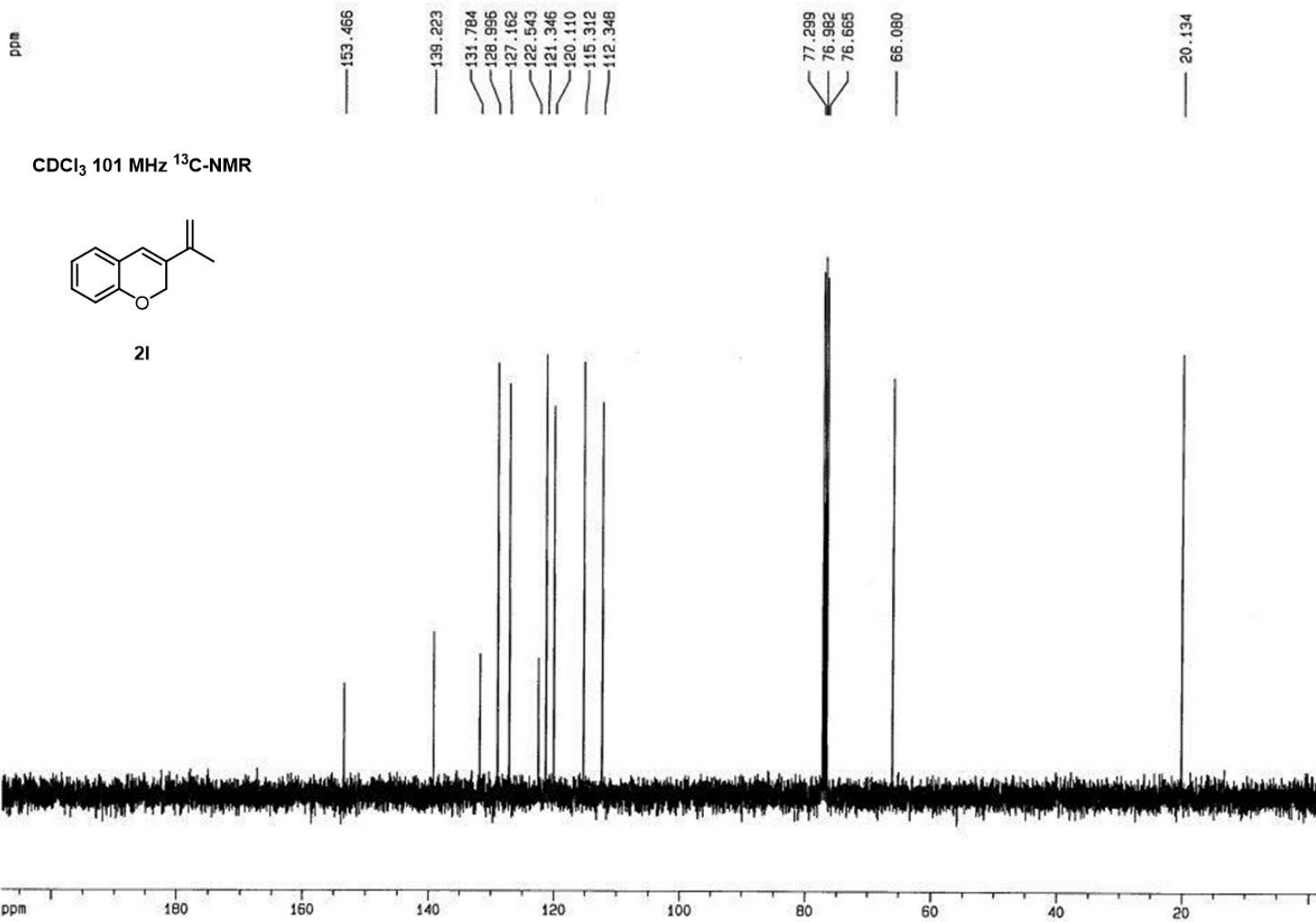
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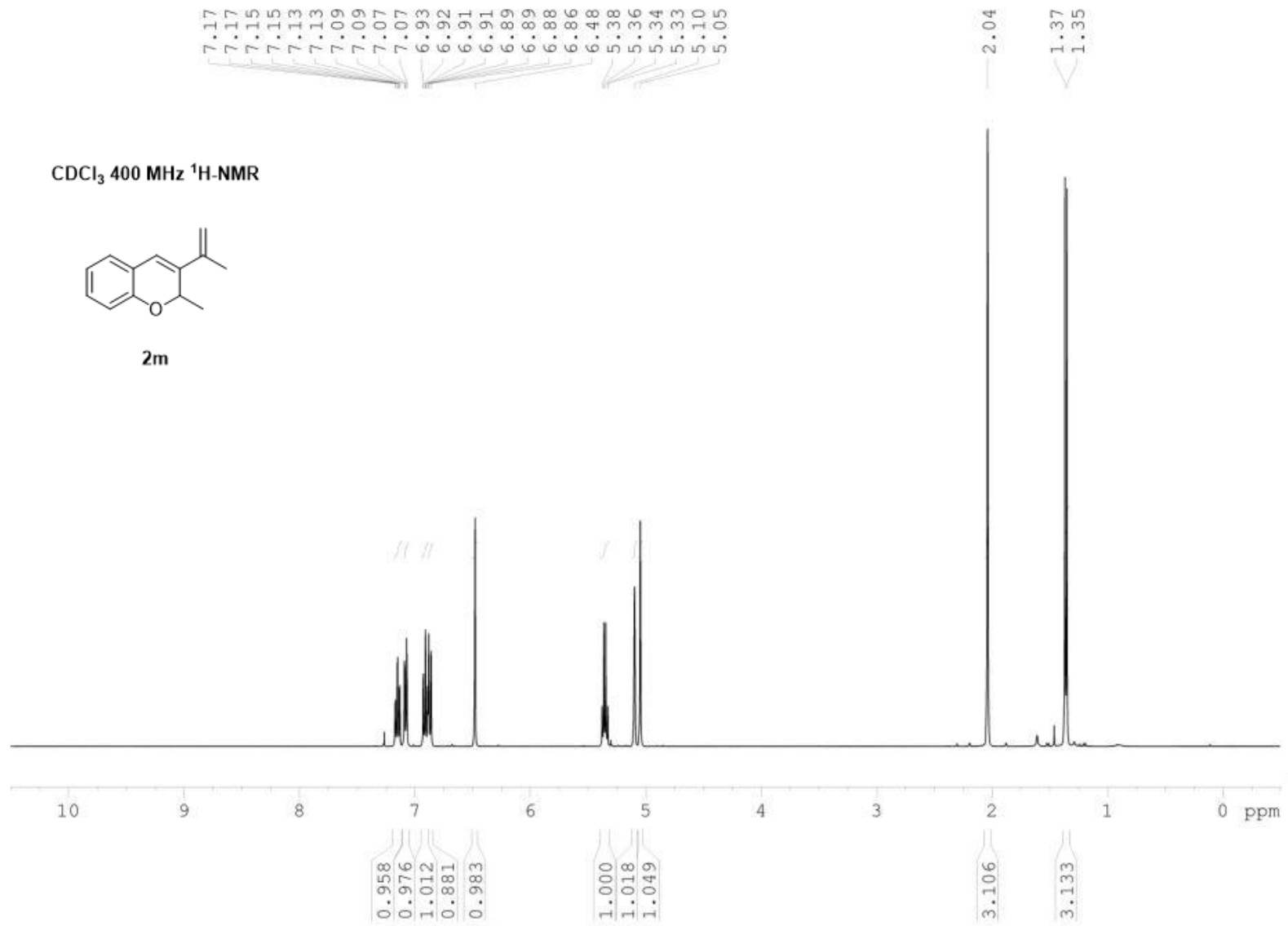


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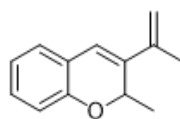




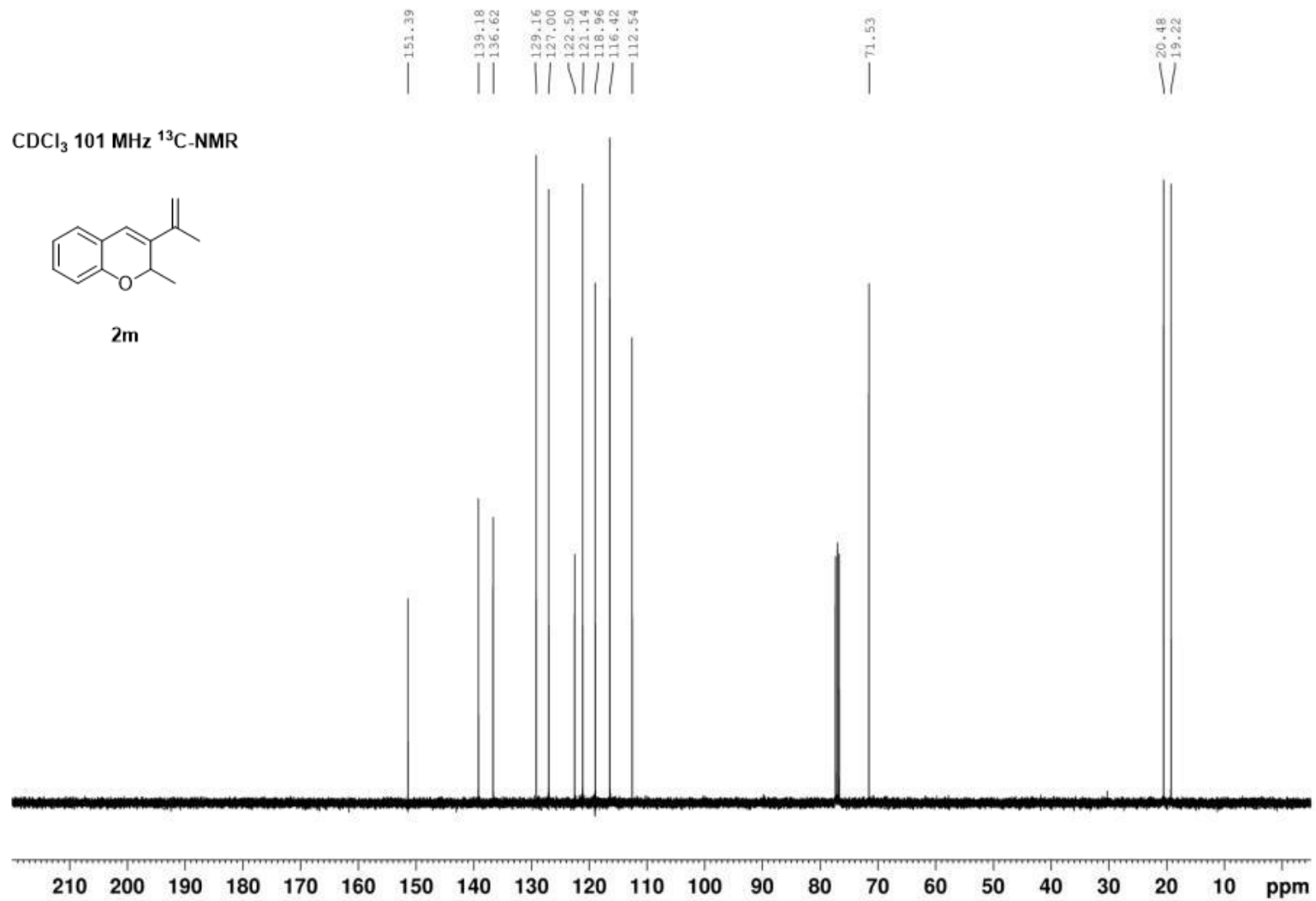


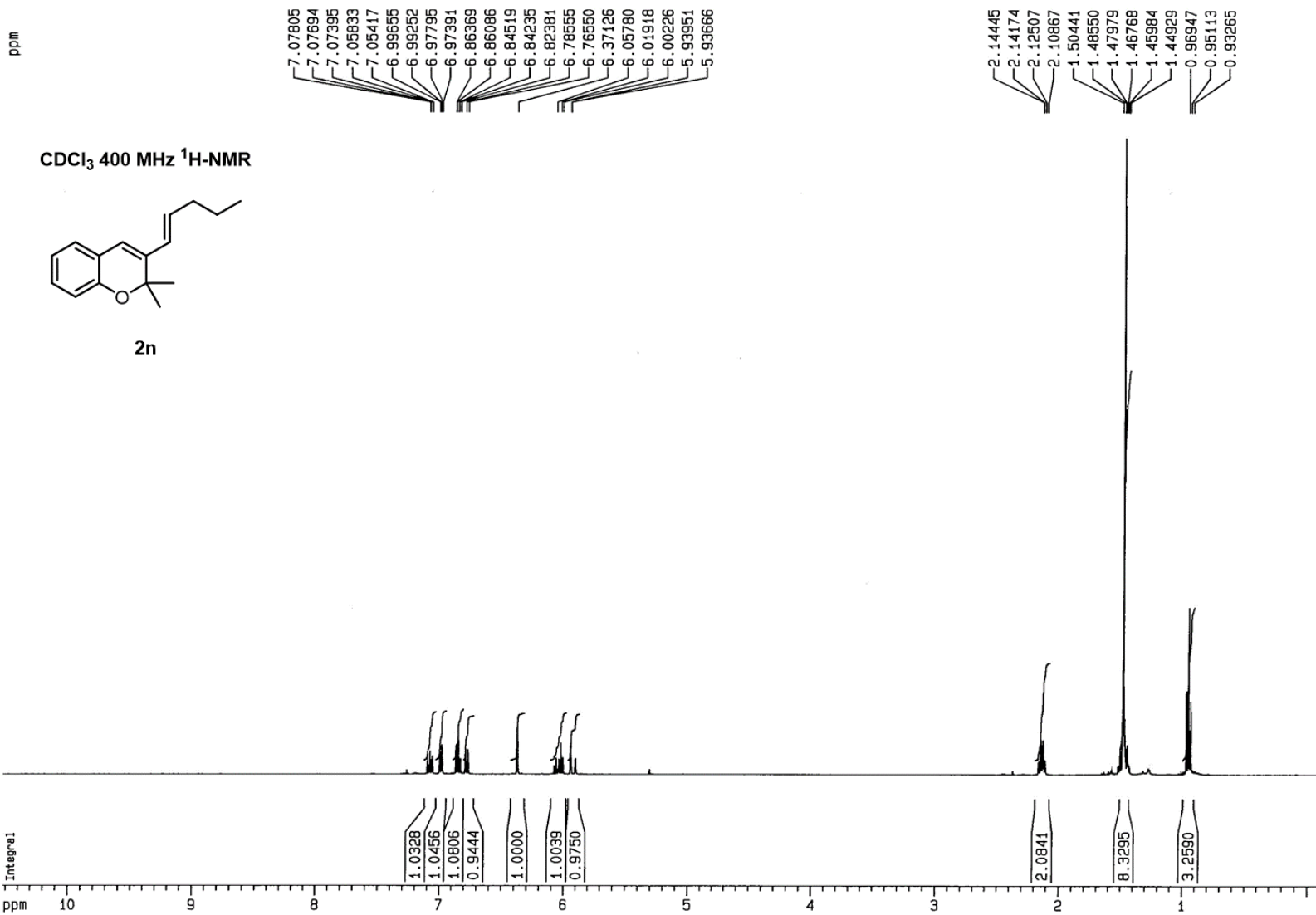


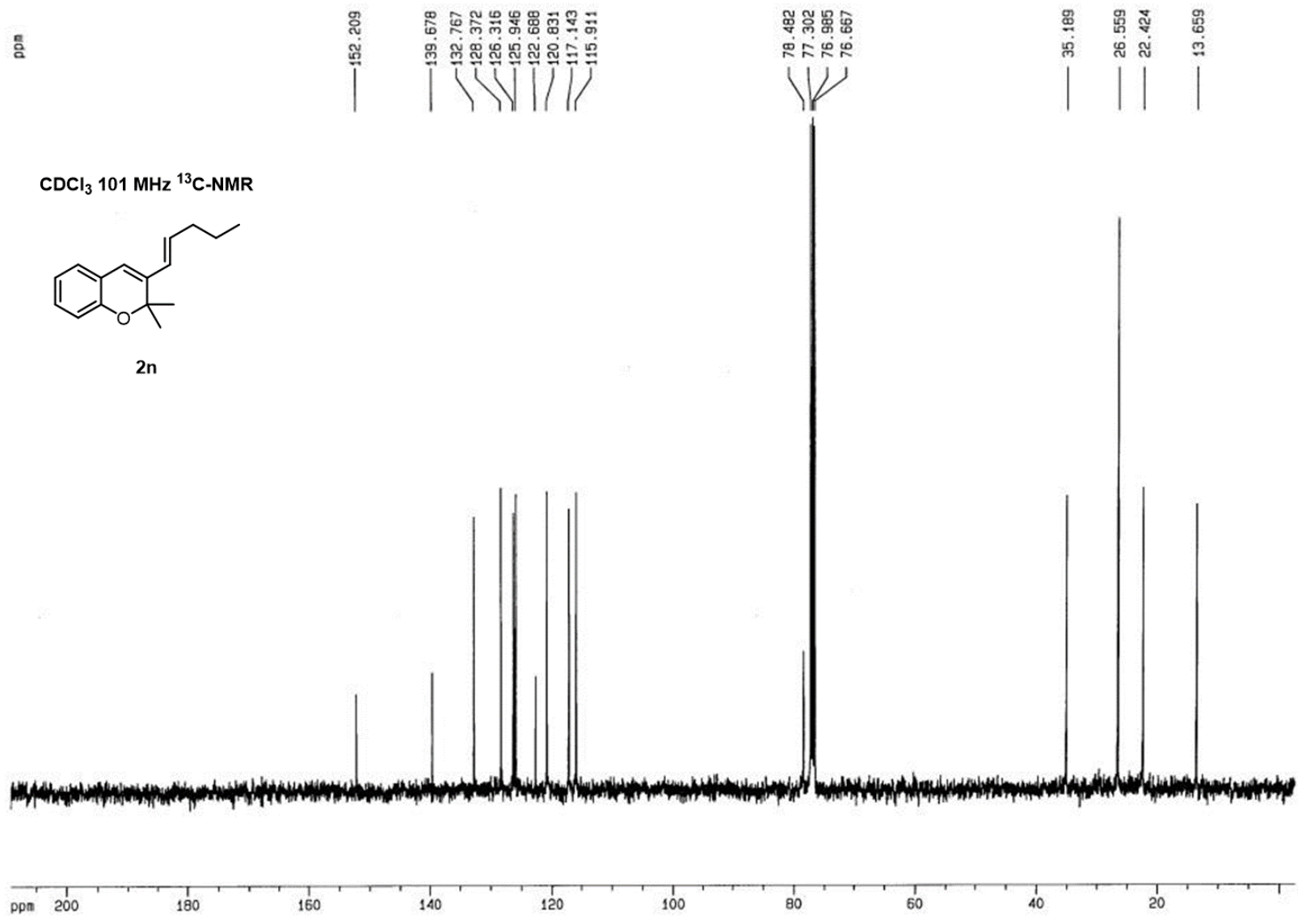
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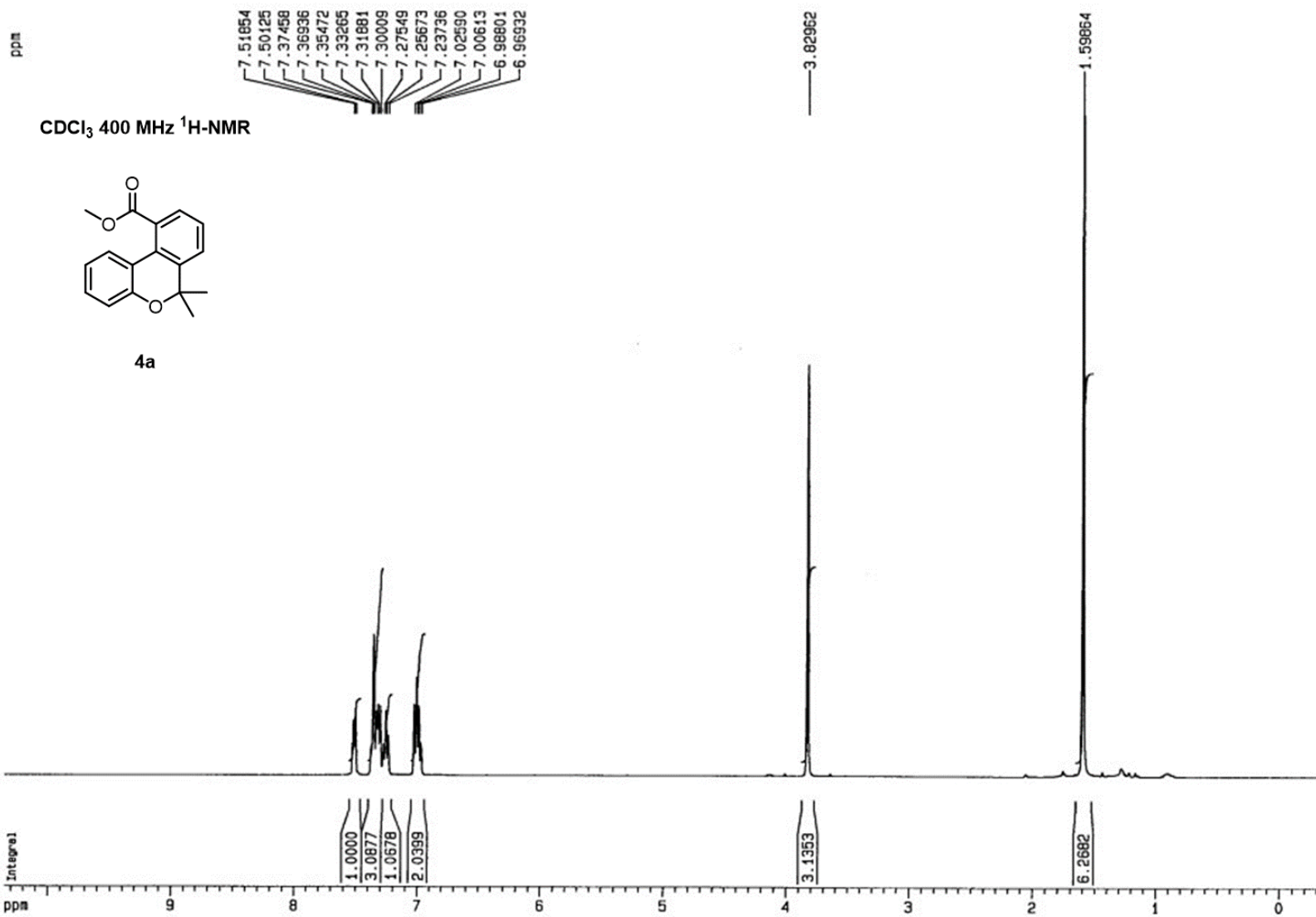


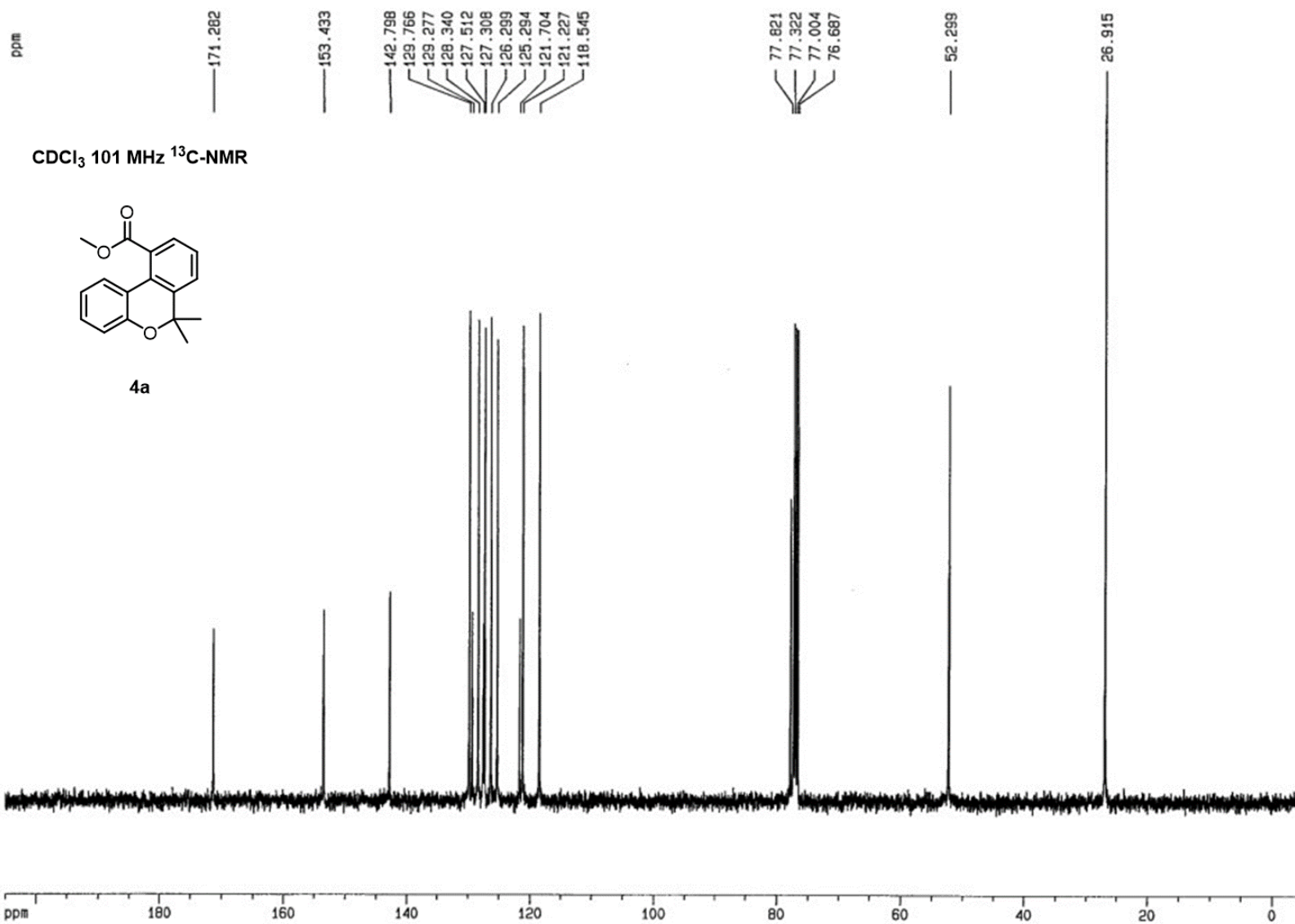
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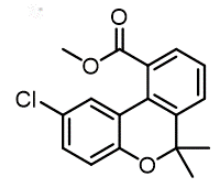






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CDCl<sub>3</sub> 400 MHz <sup>1</sup>H-NMR



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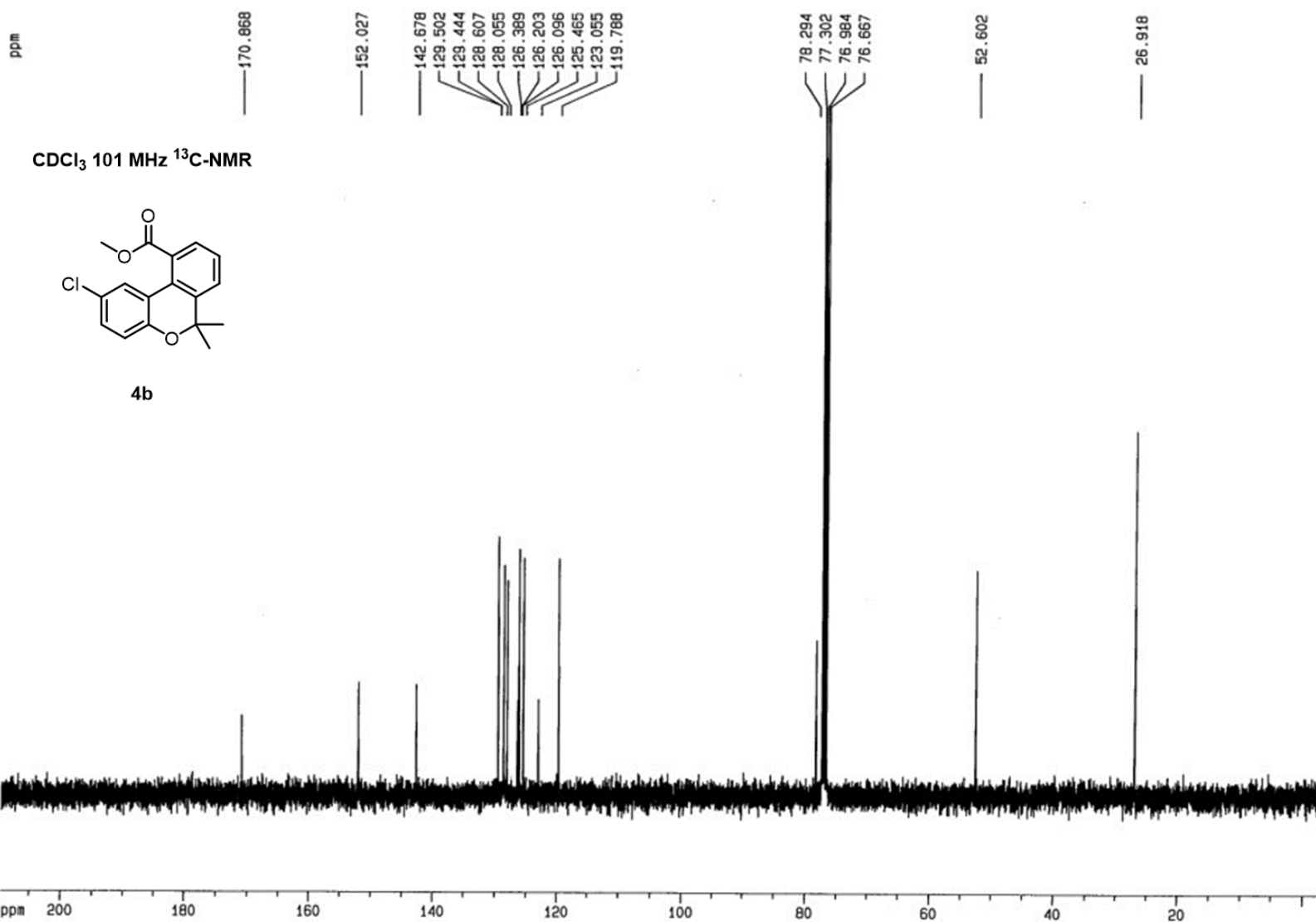
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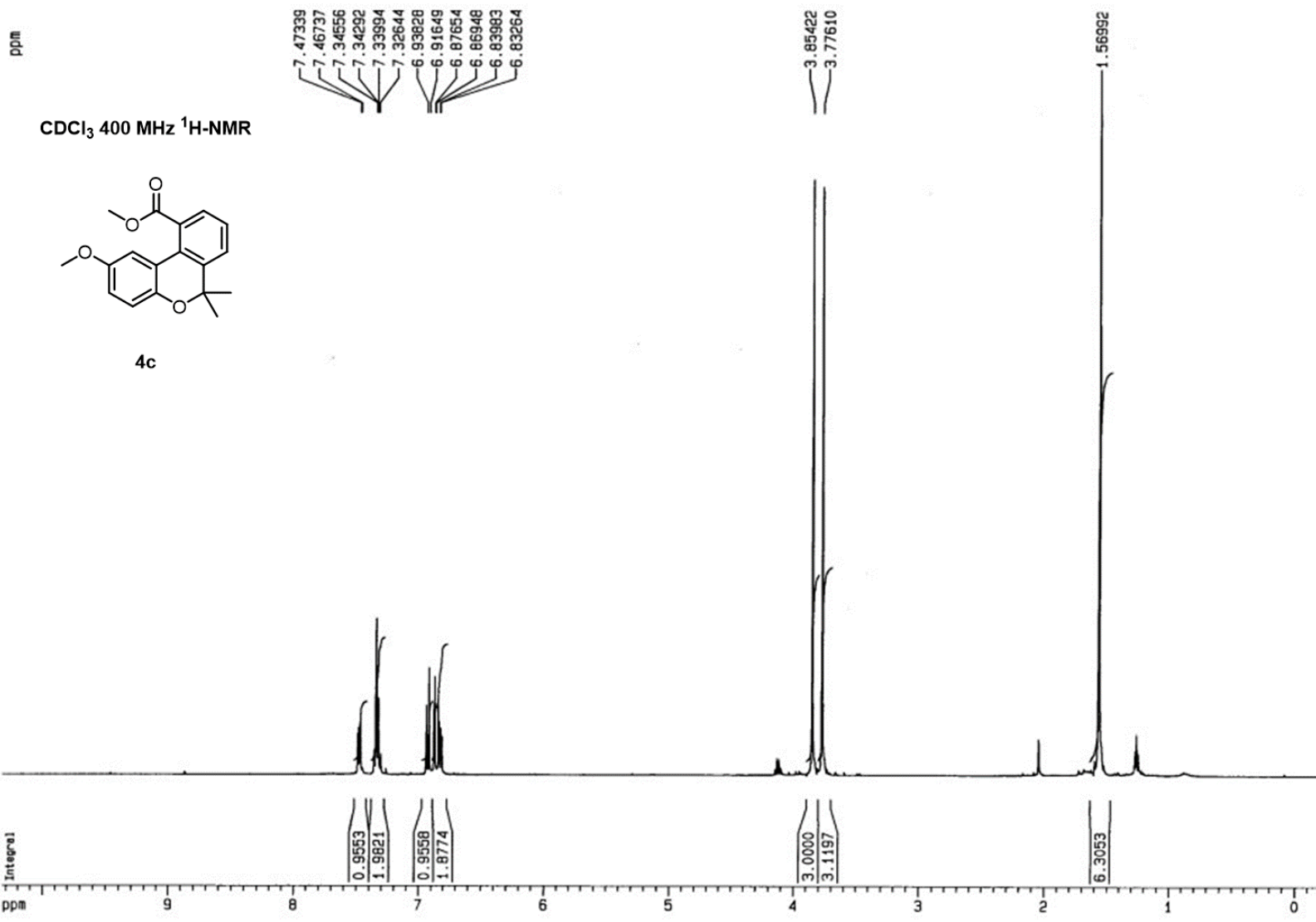
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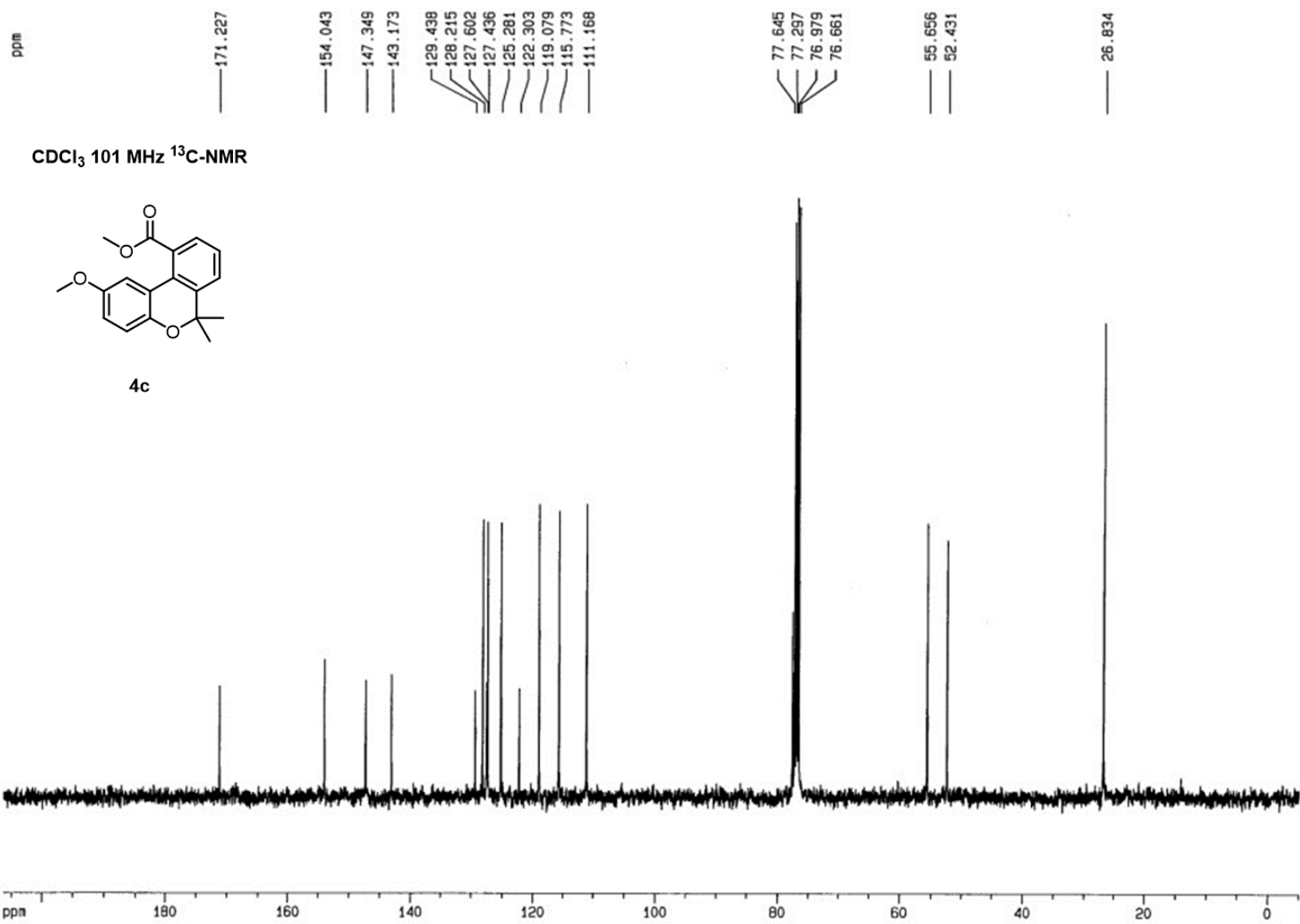
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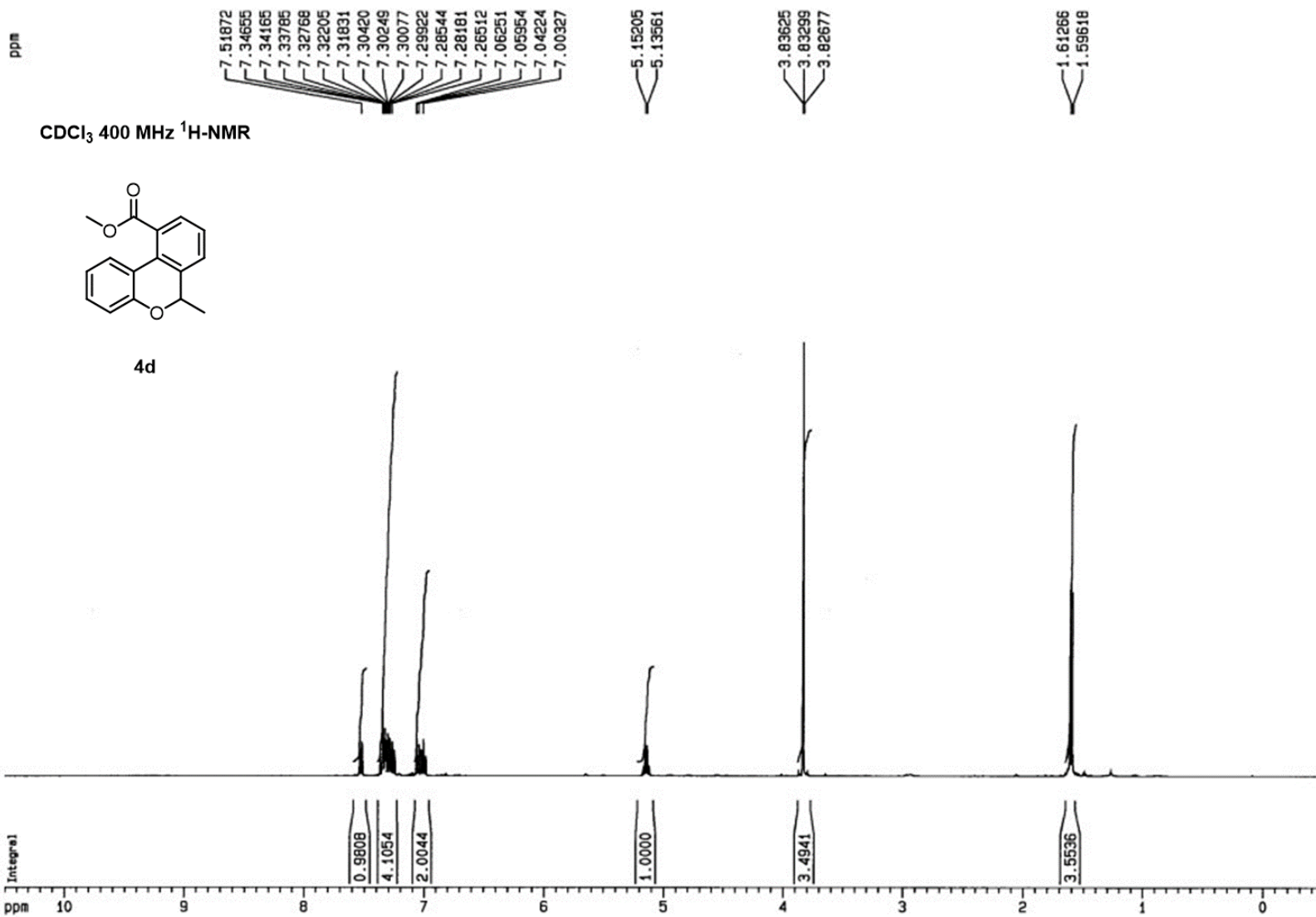
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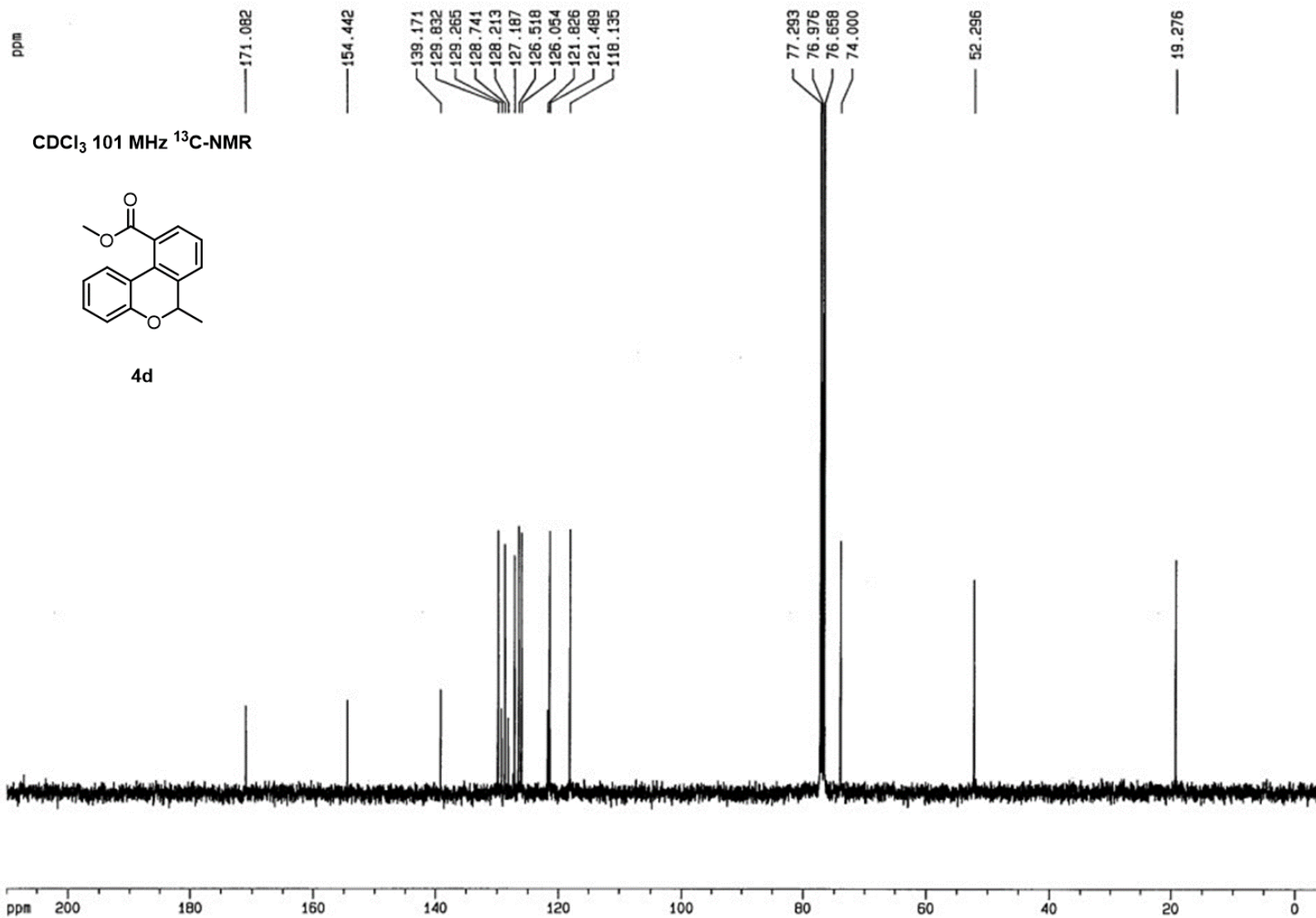


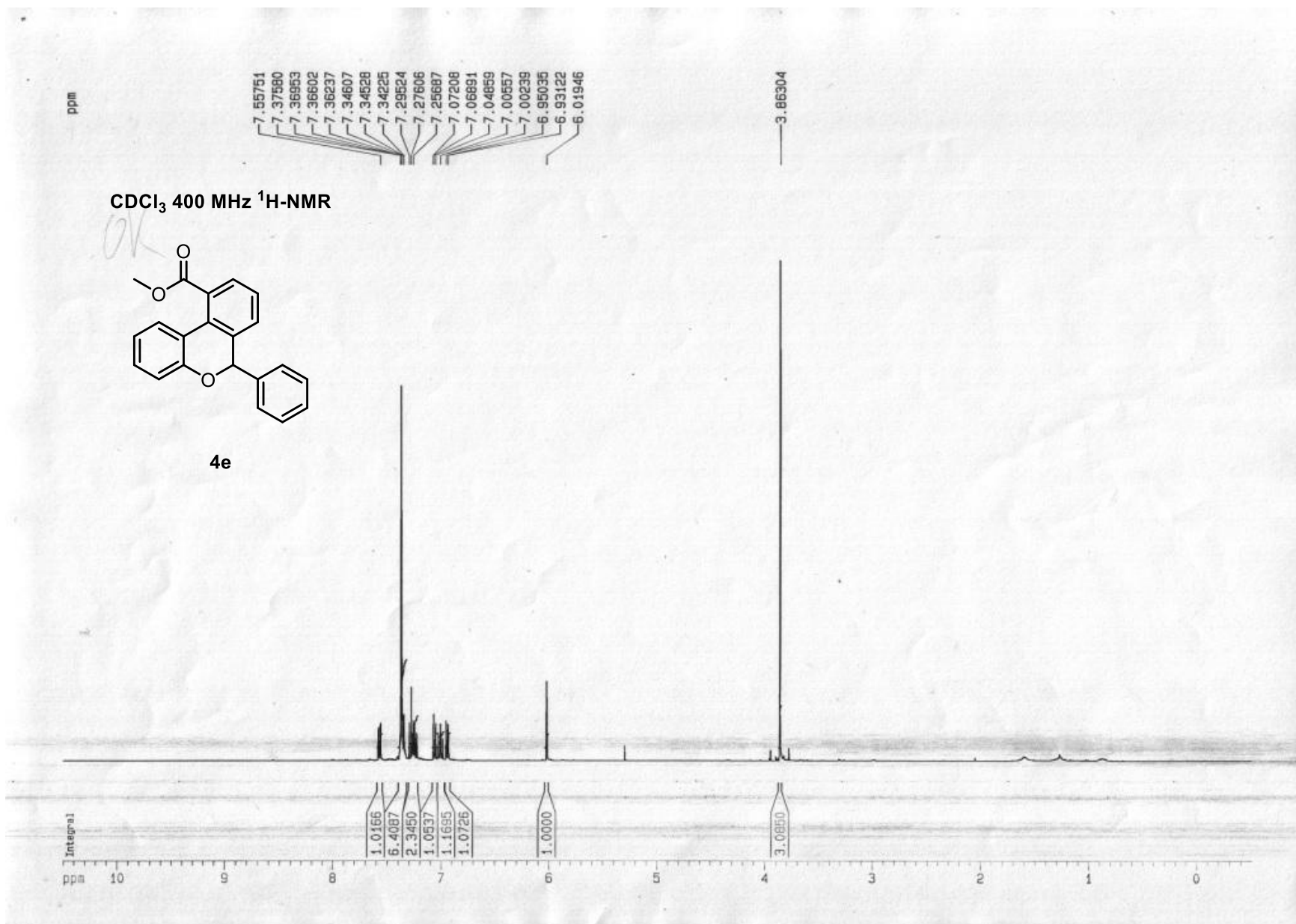


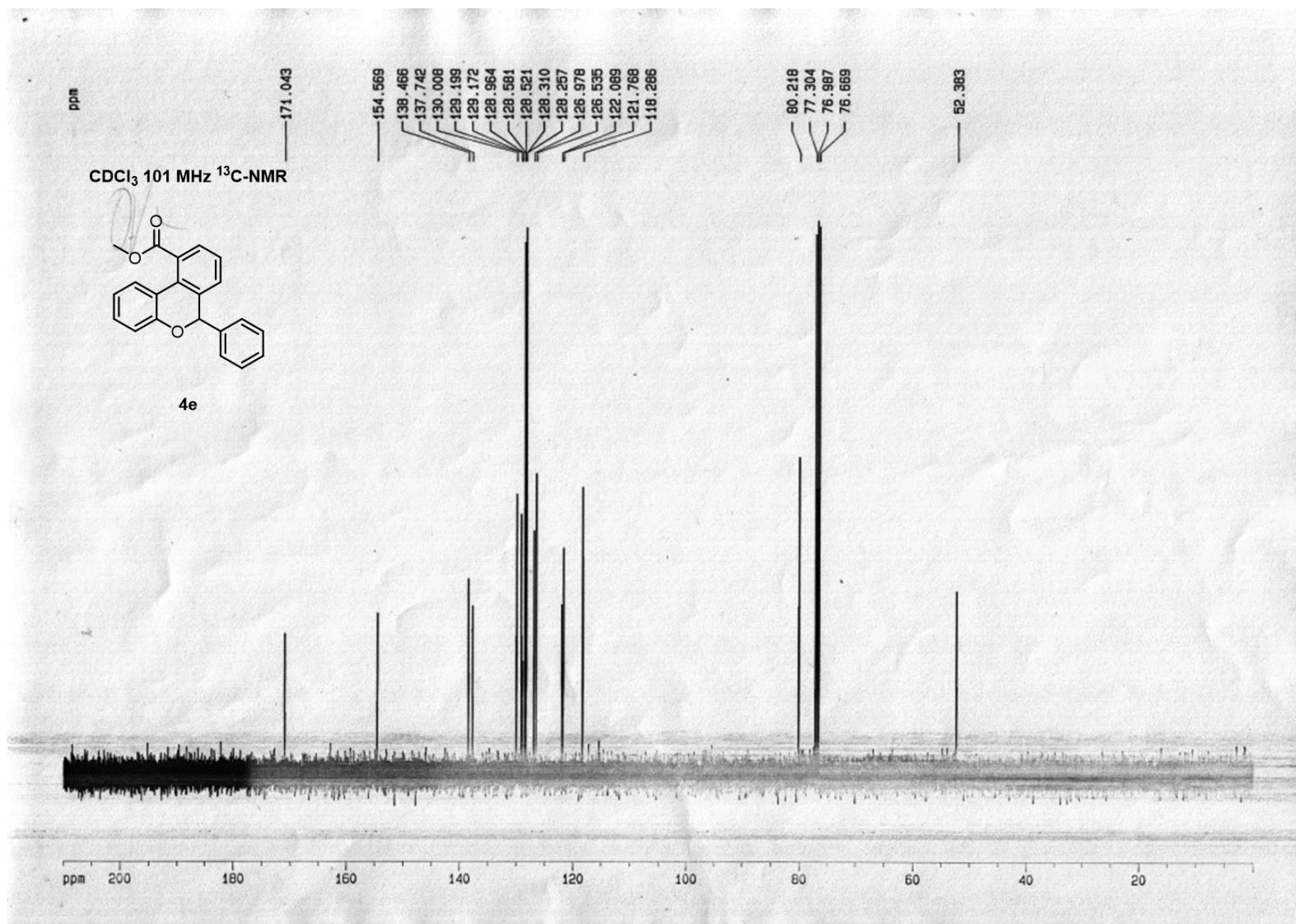


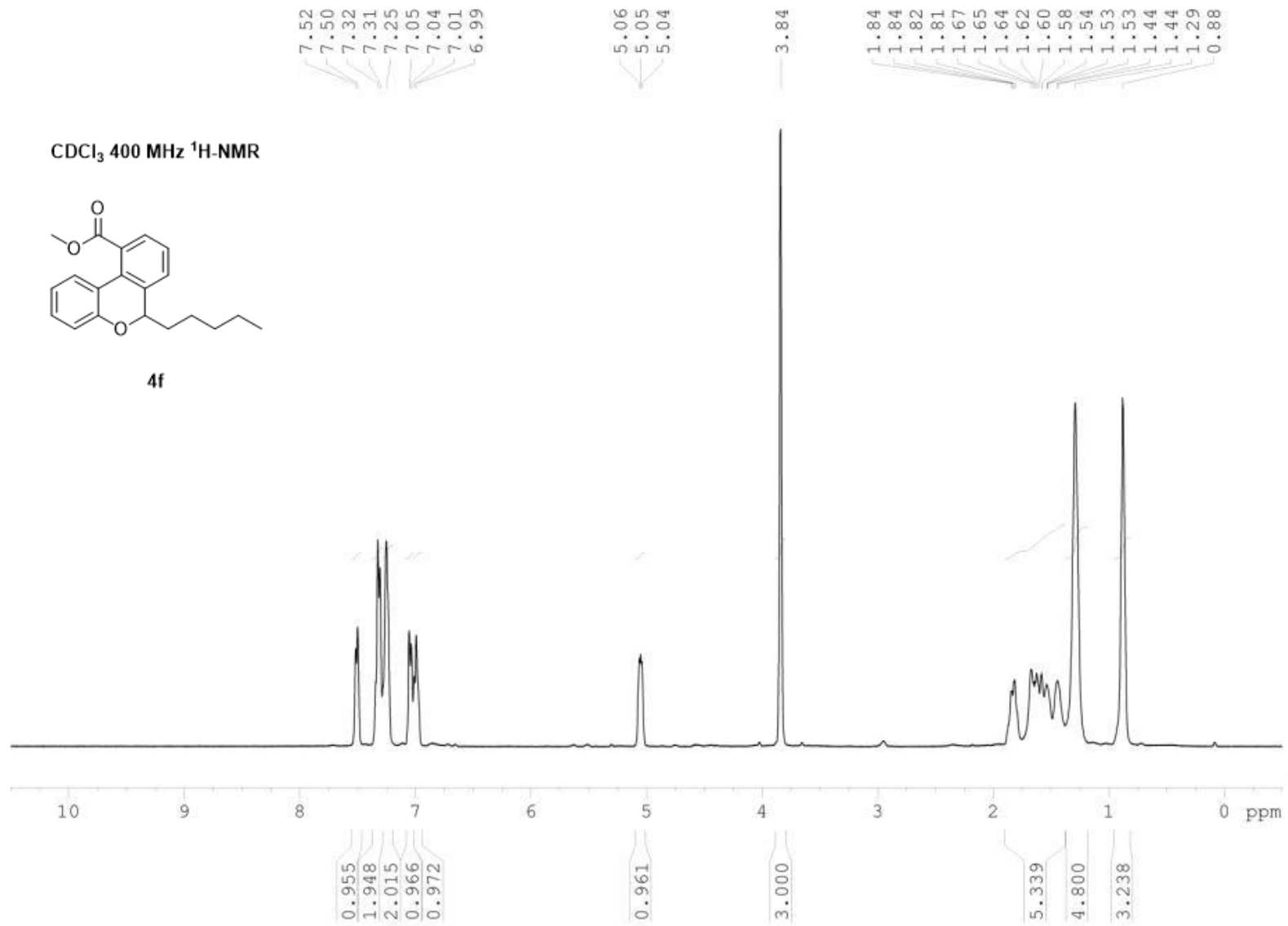


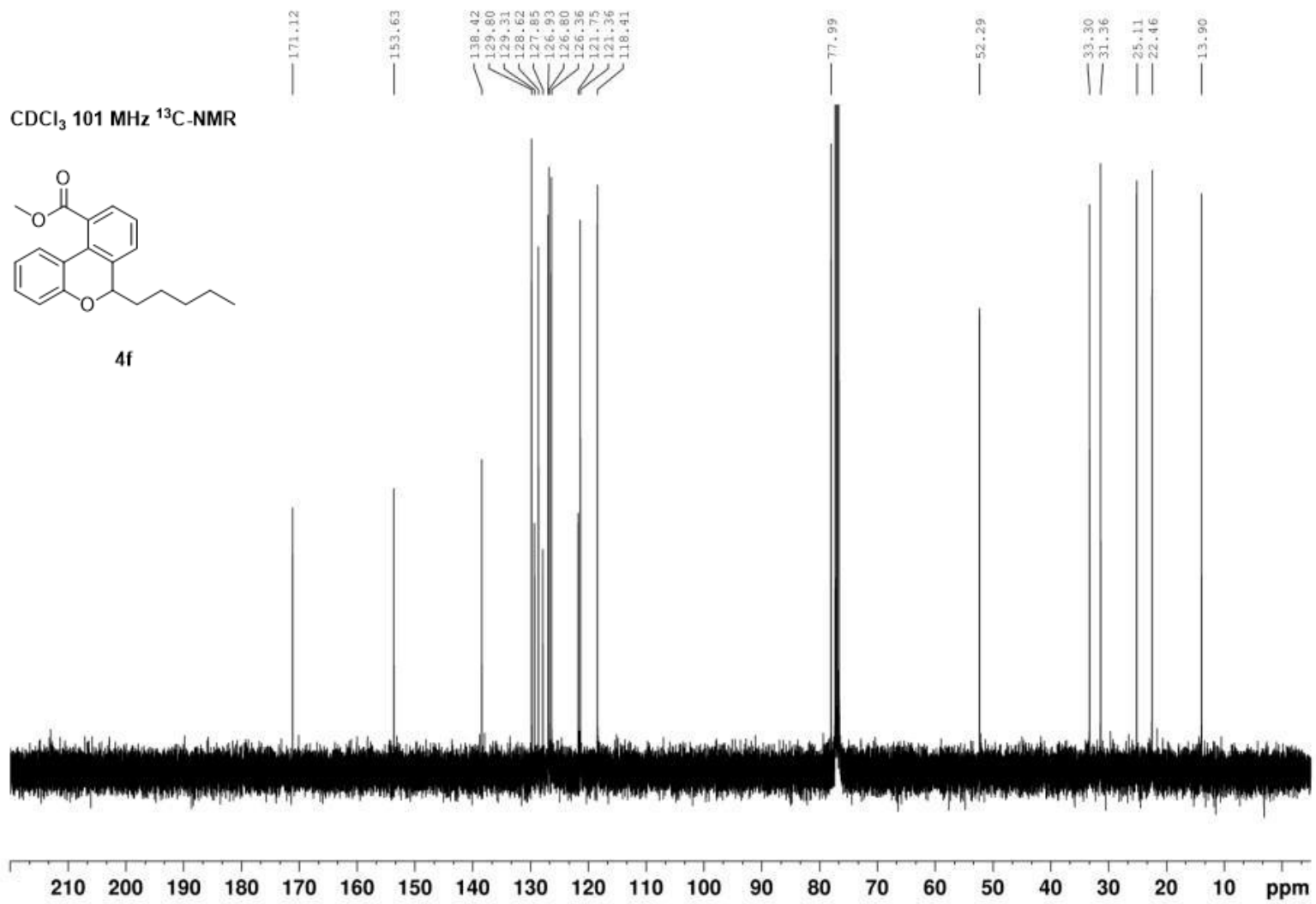


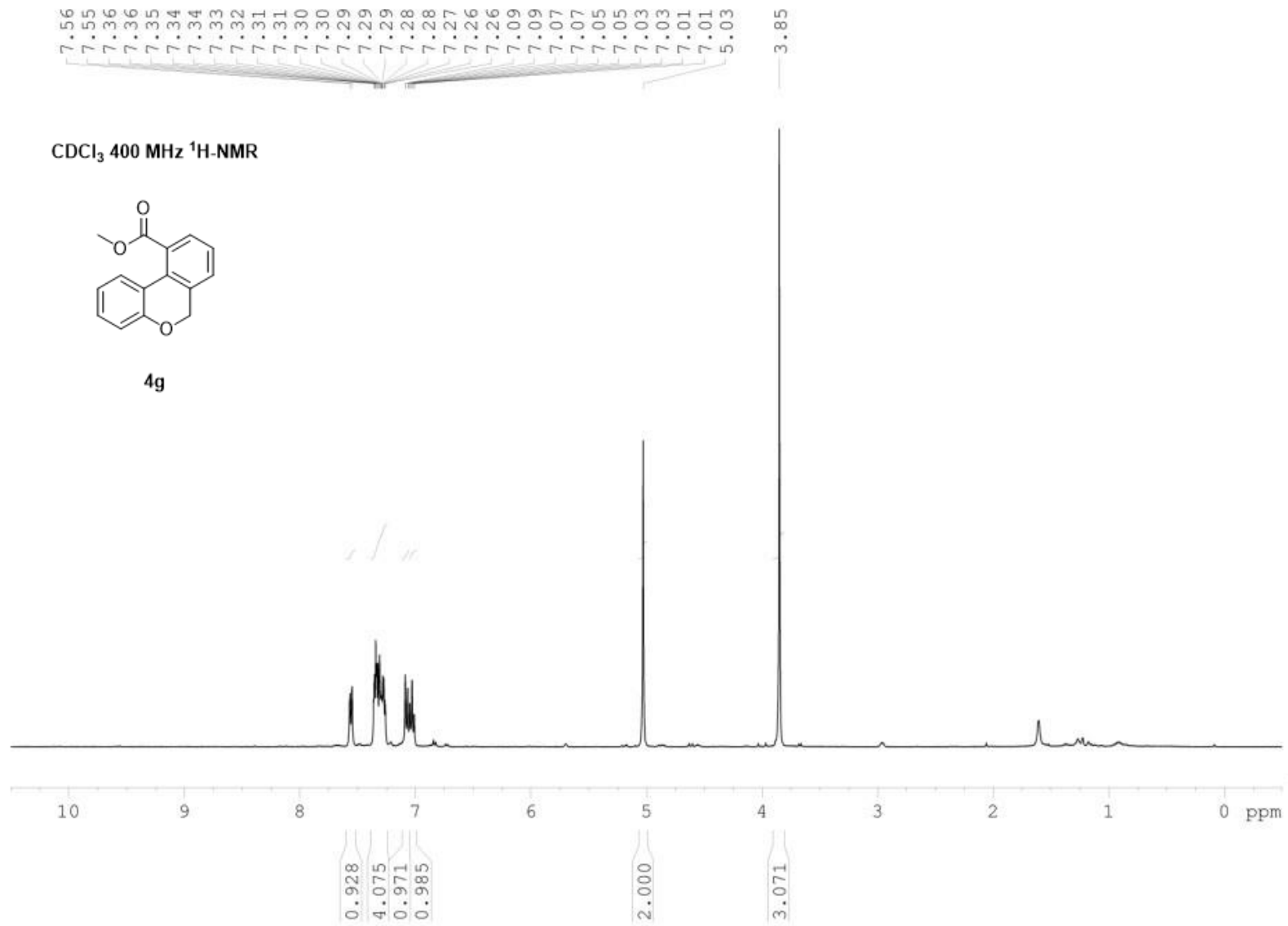






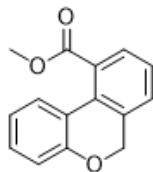




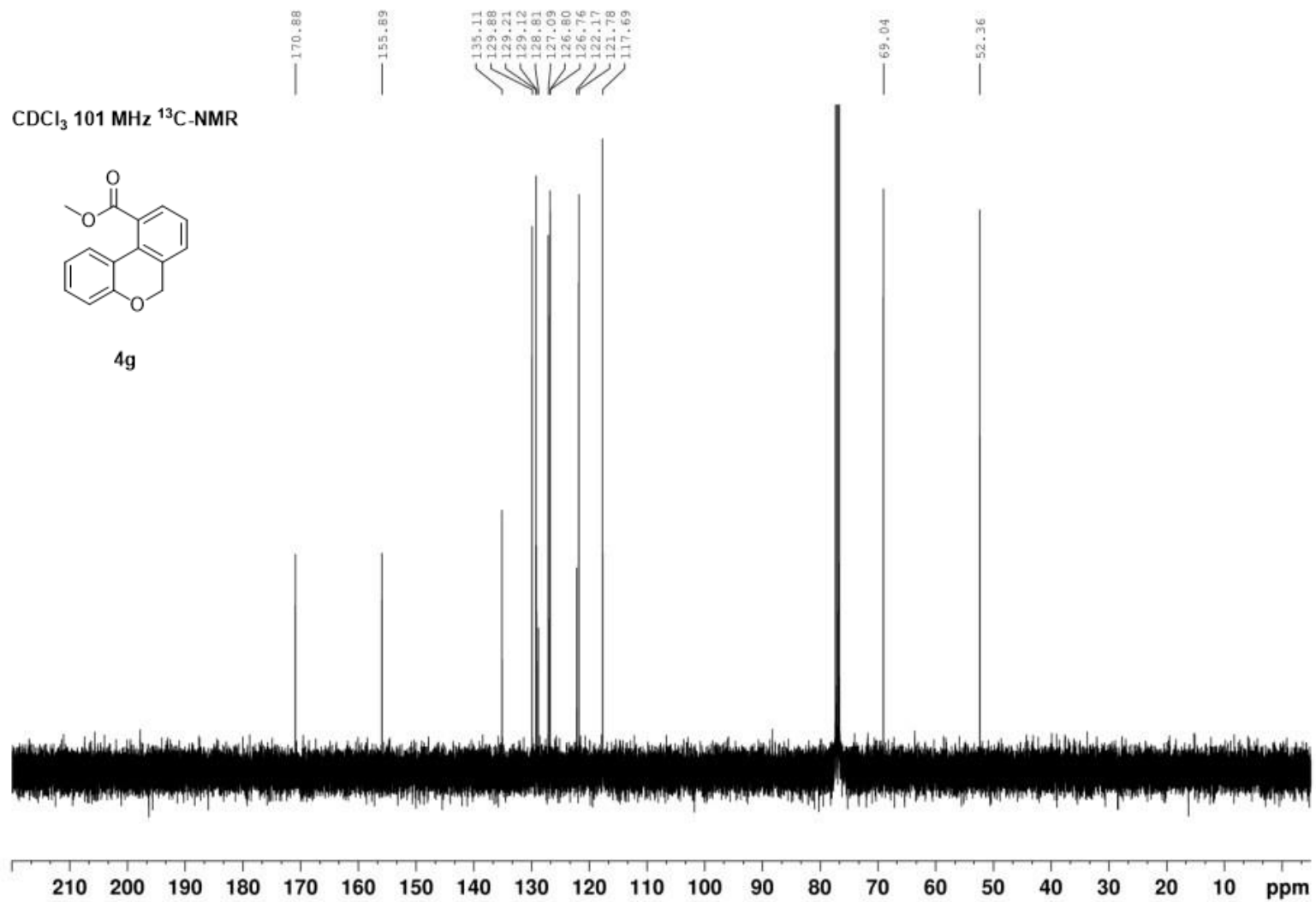


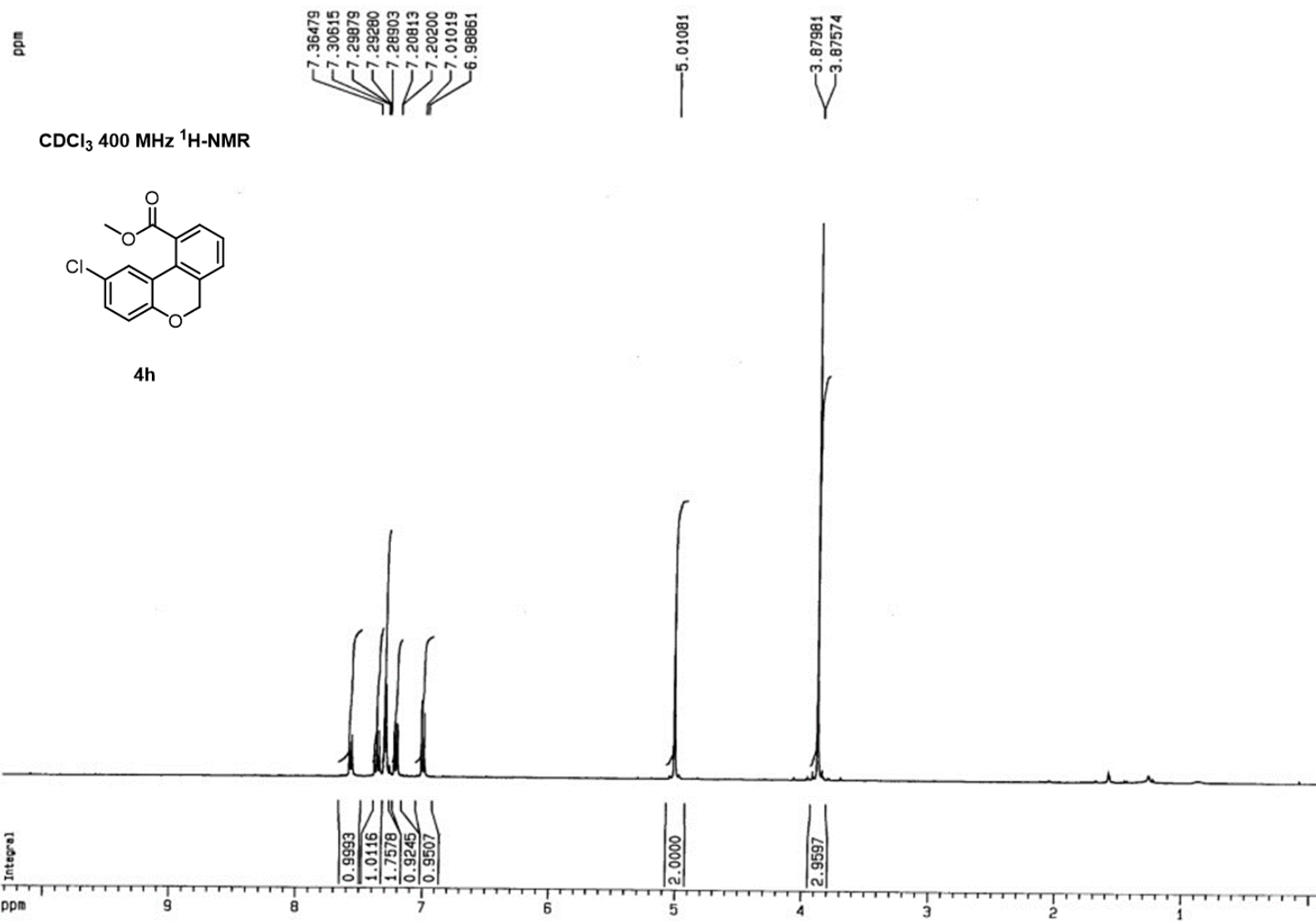


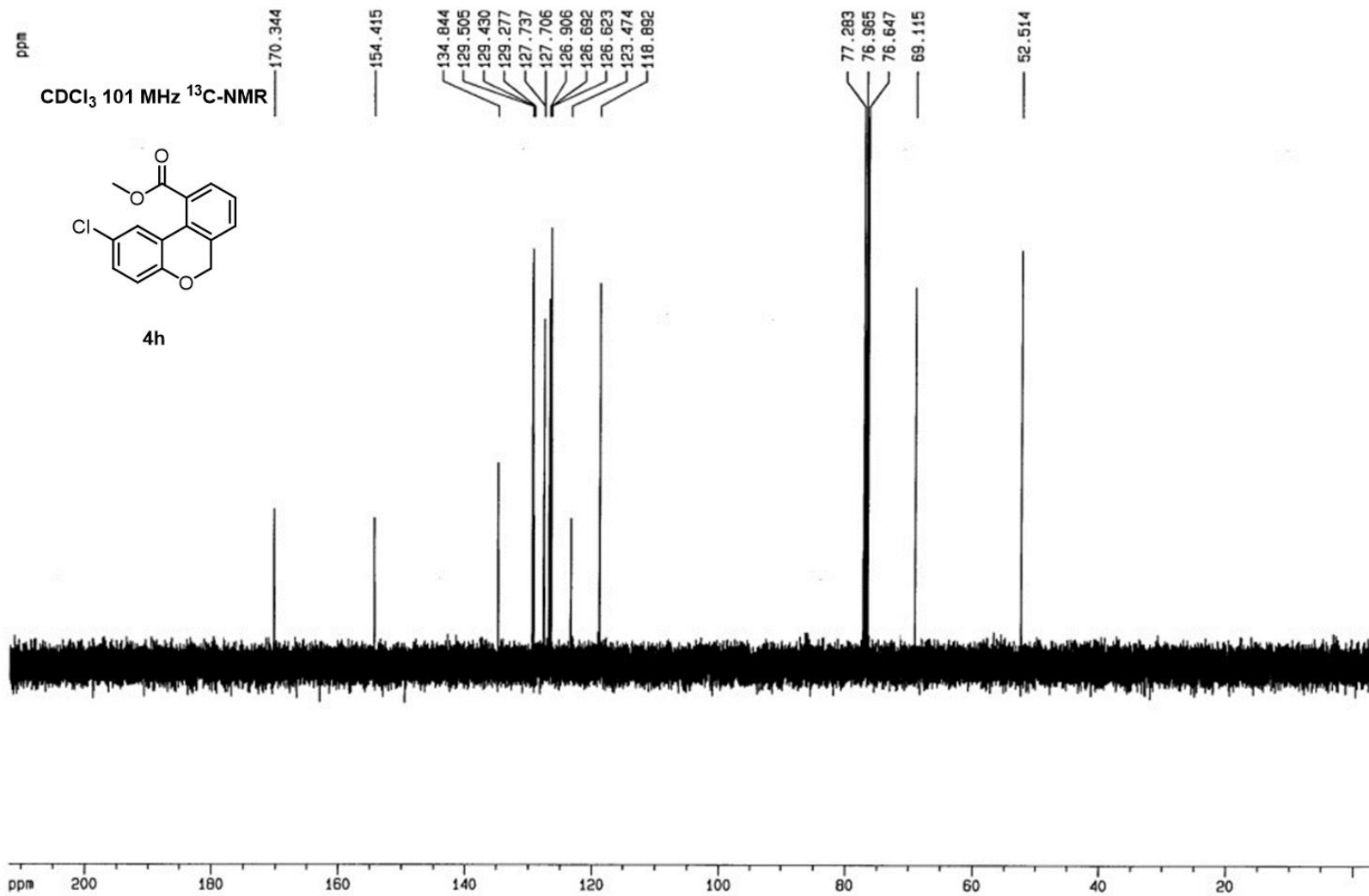
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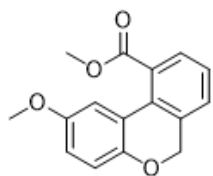
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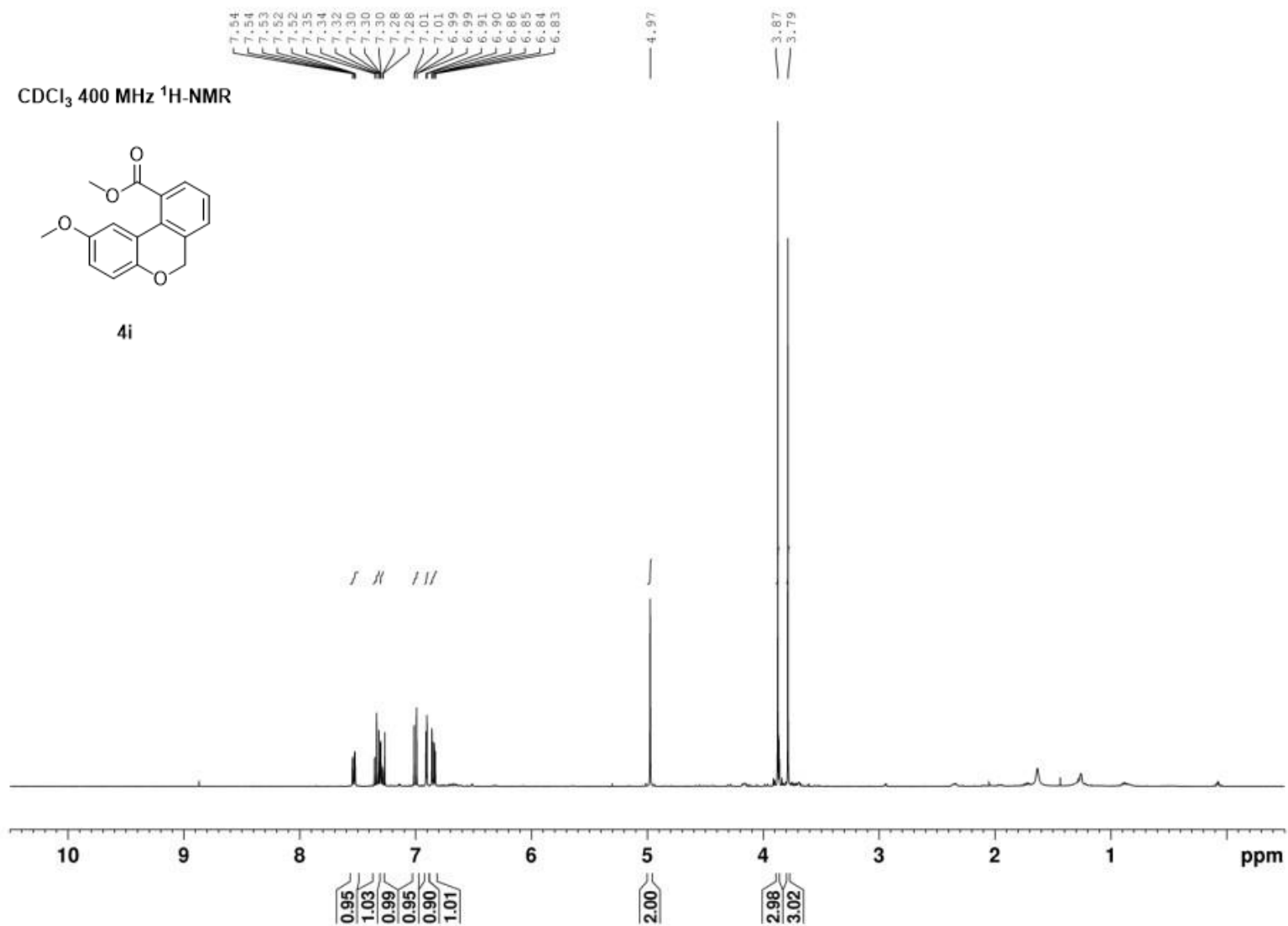


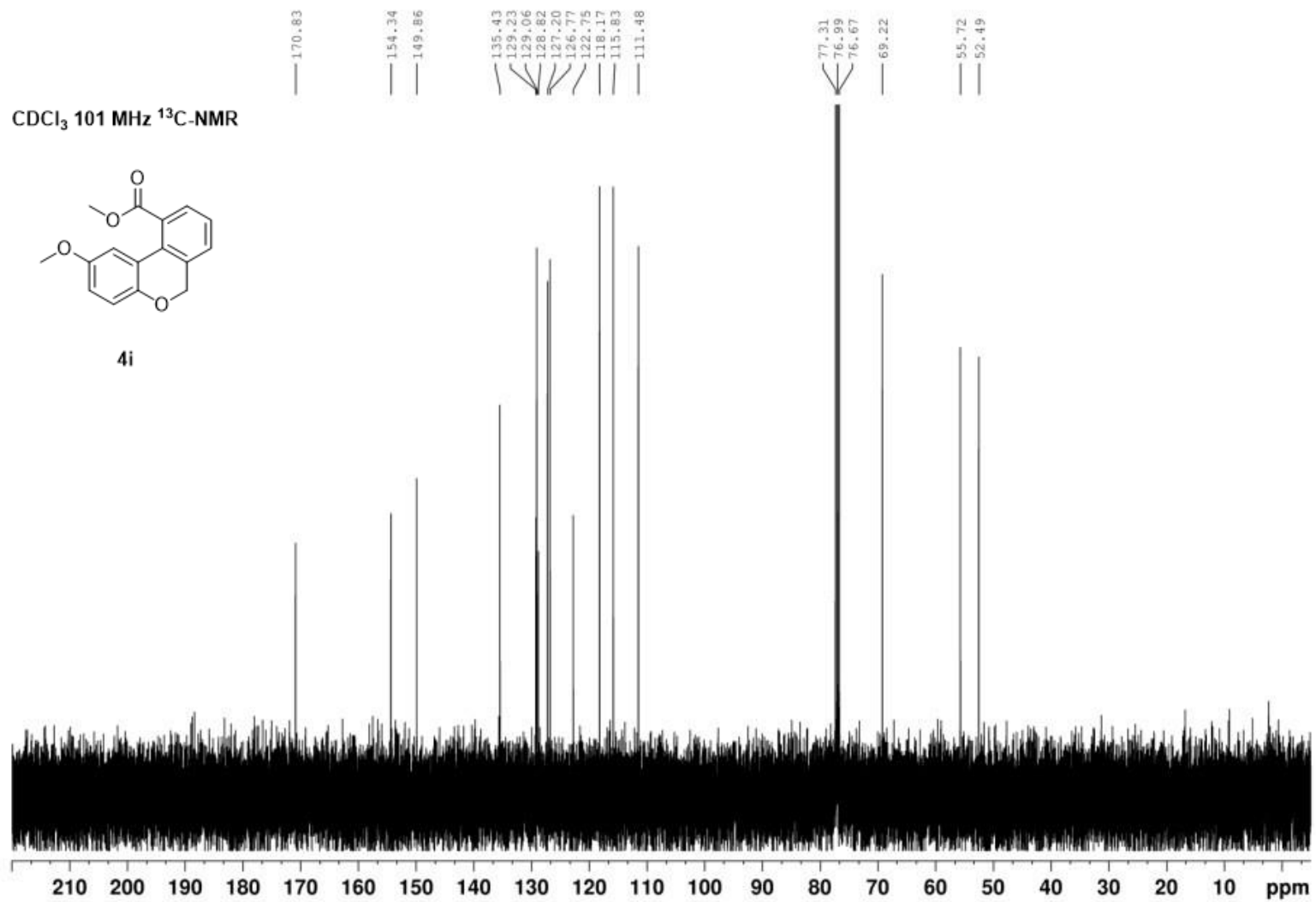


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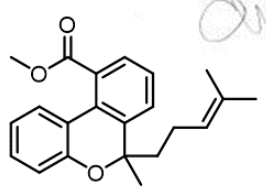
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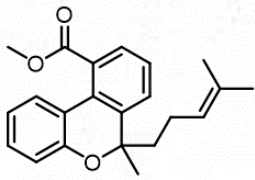
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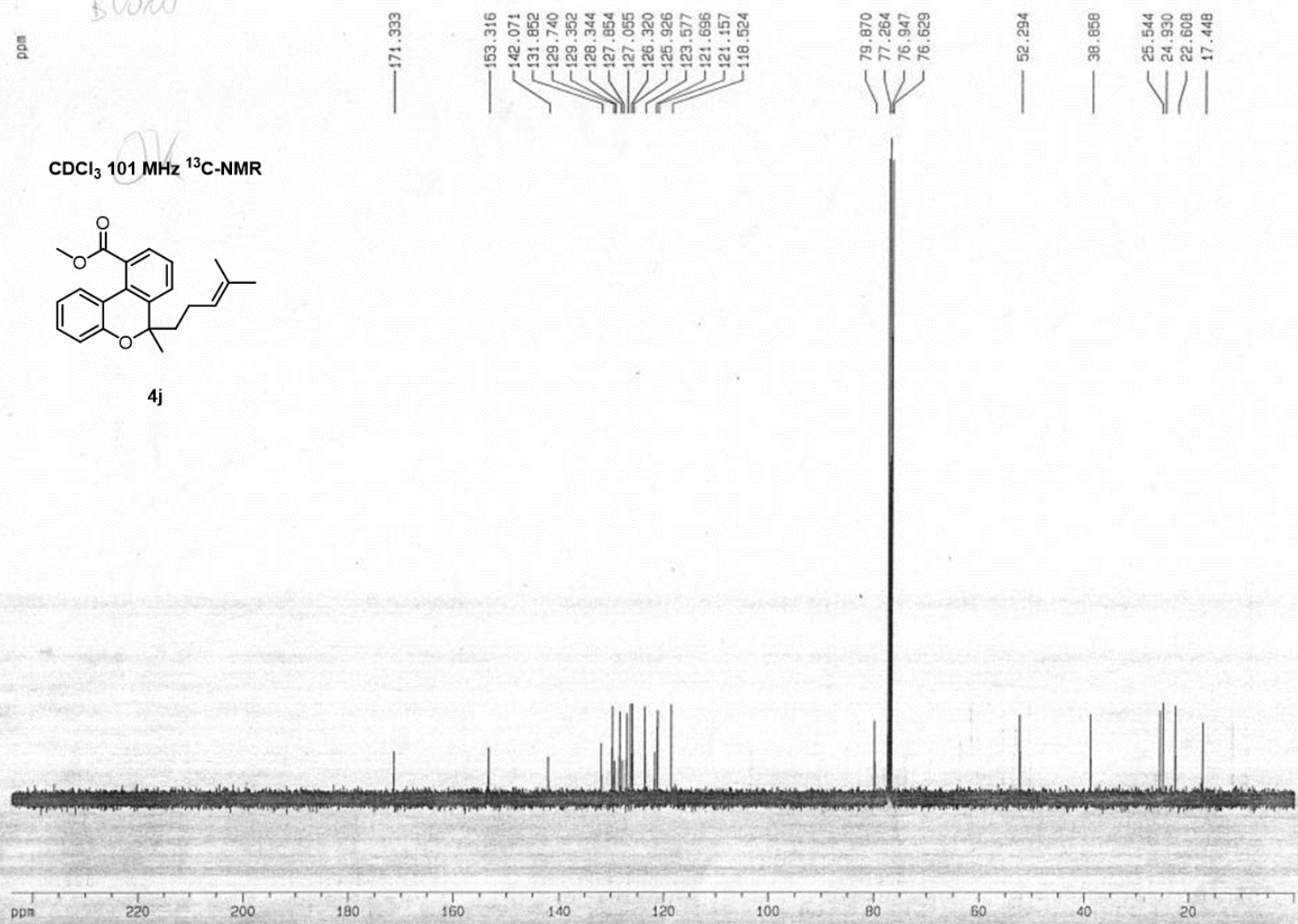
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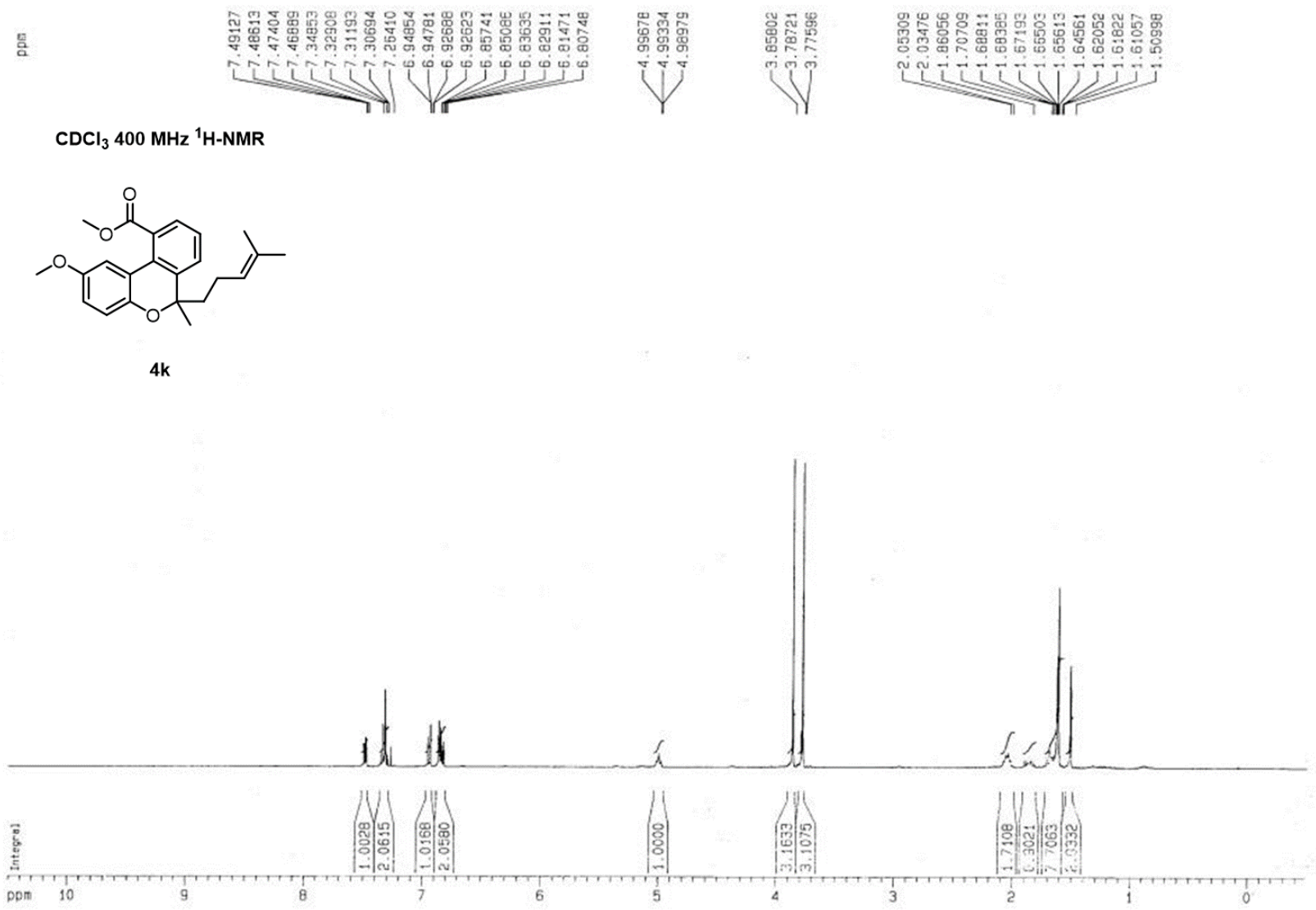
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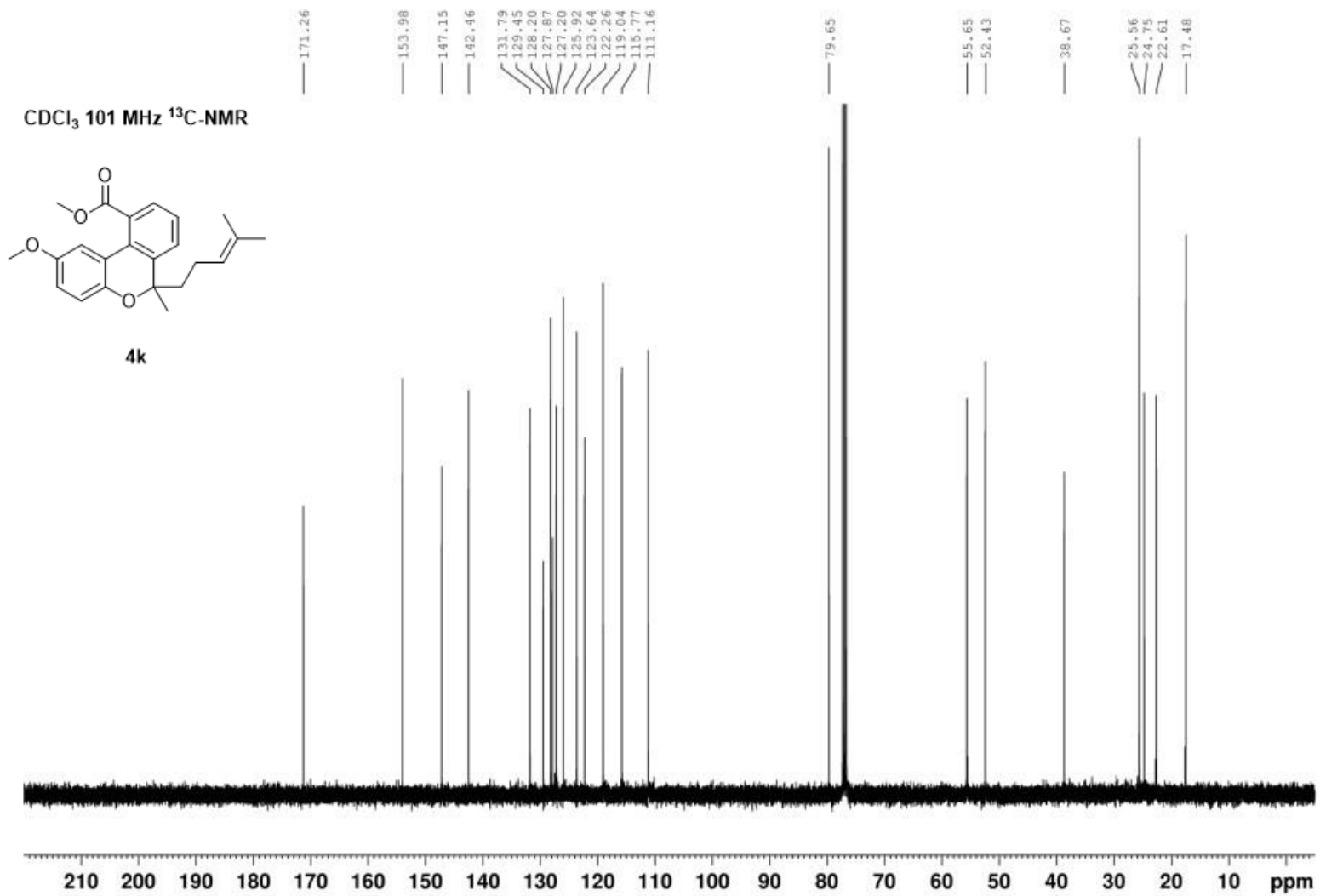


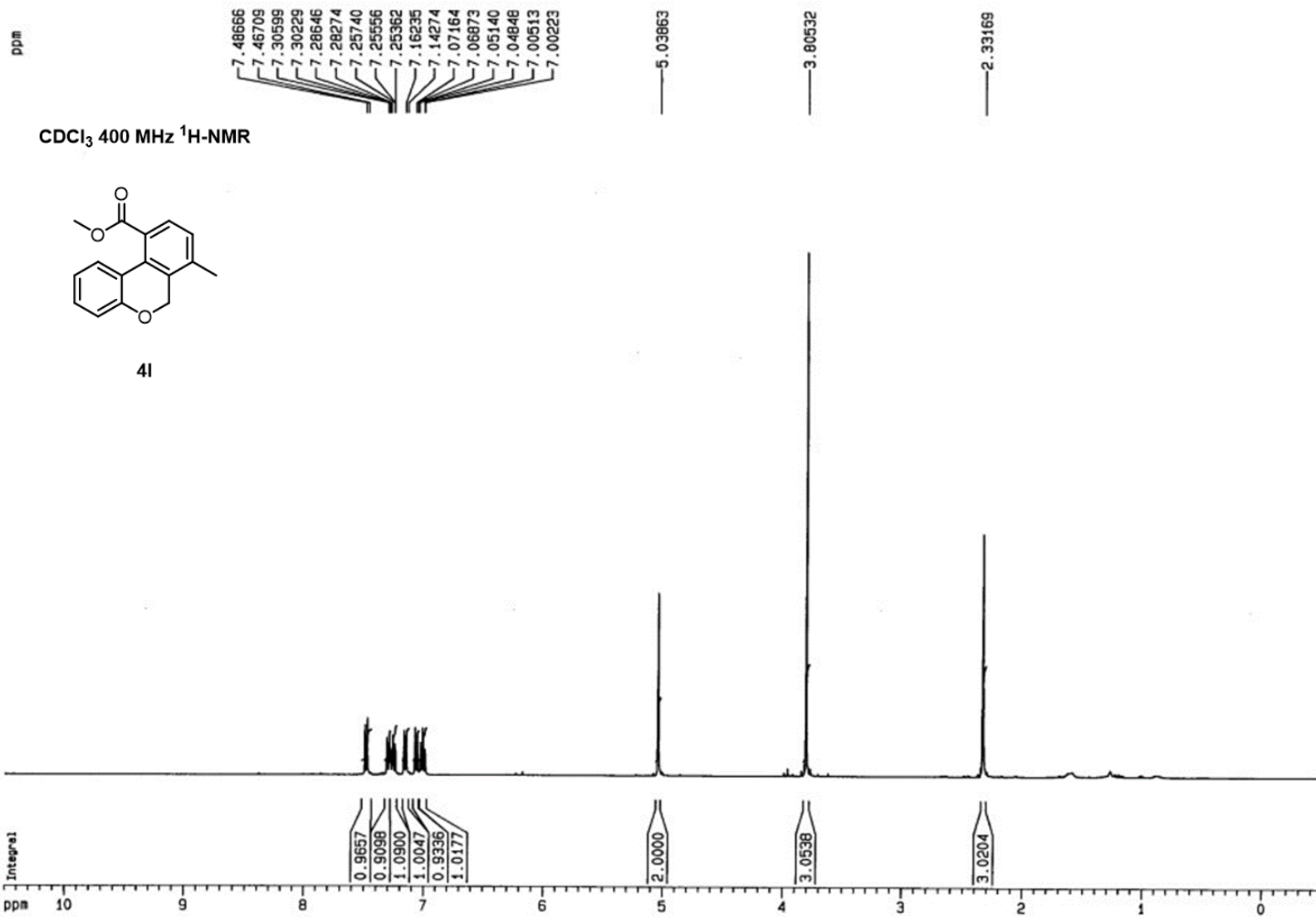
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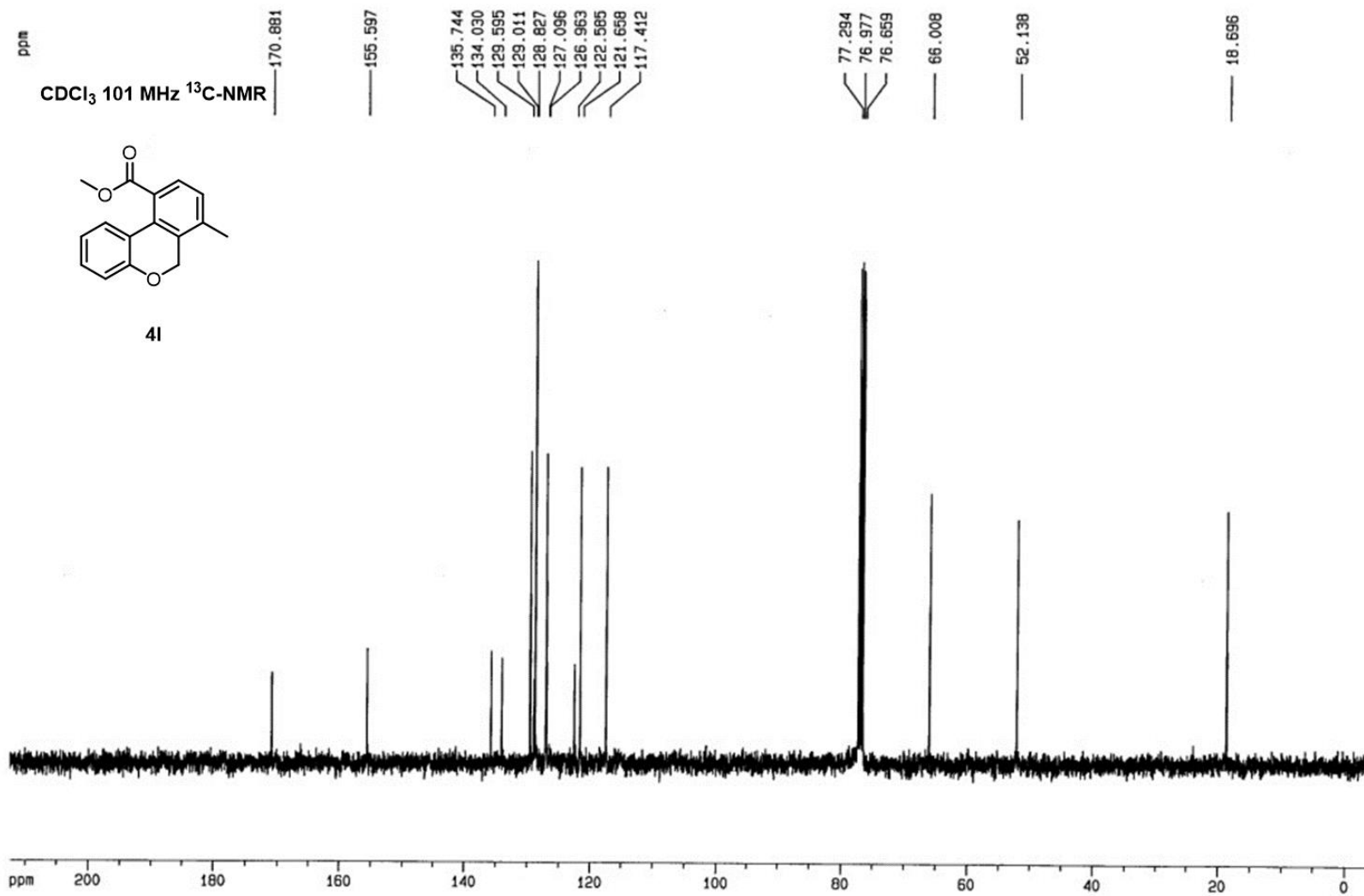




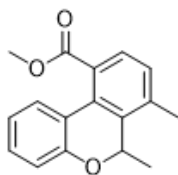




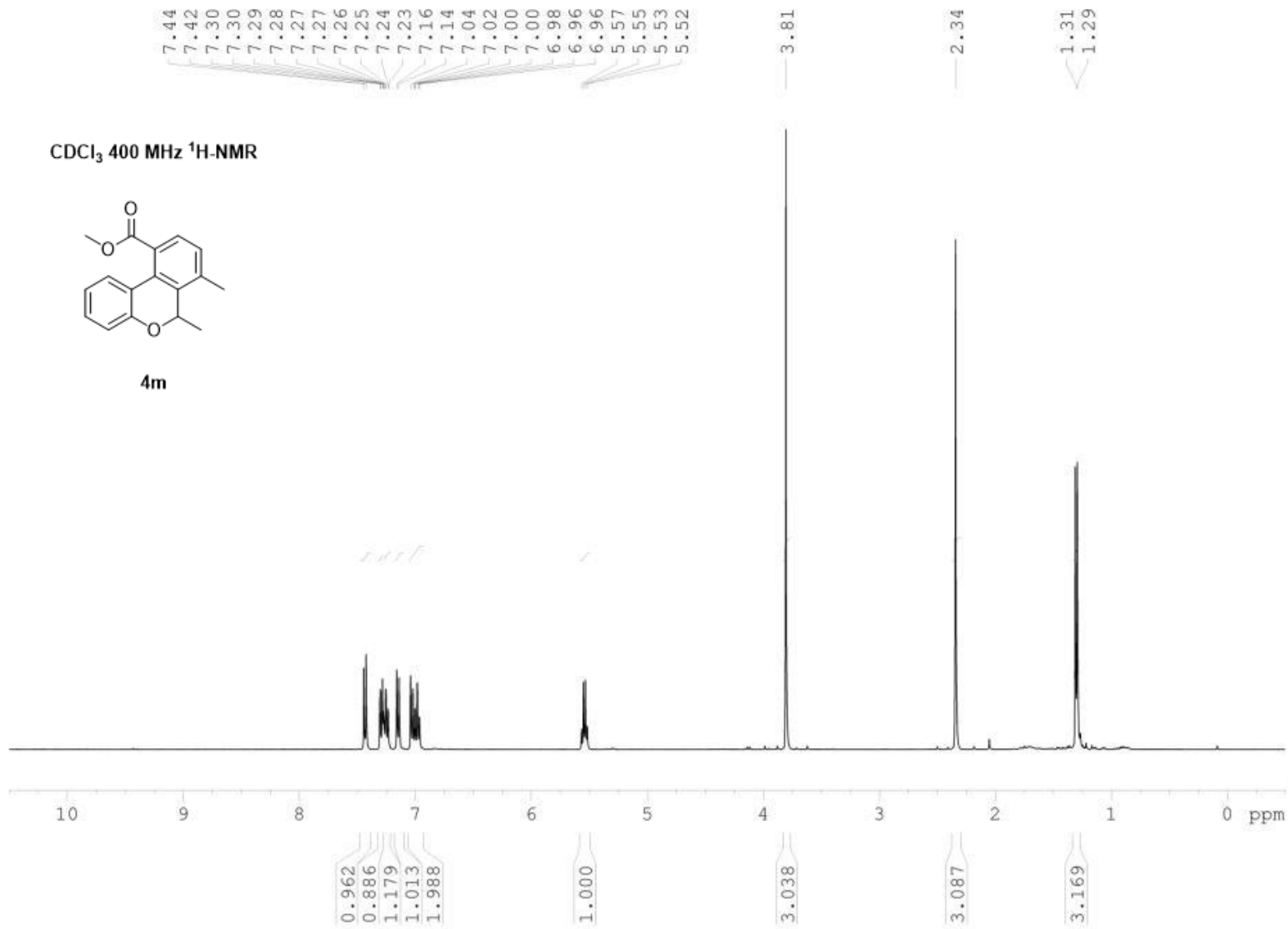




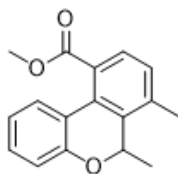
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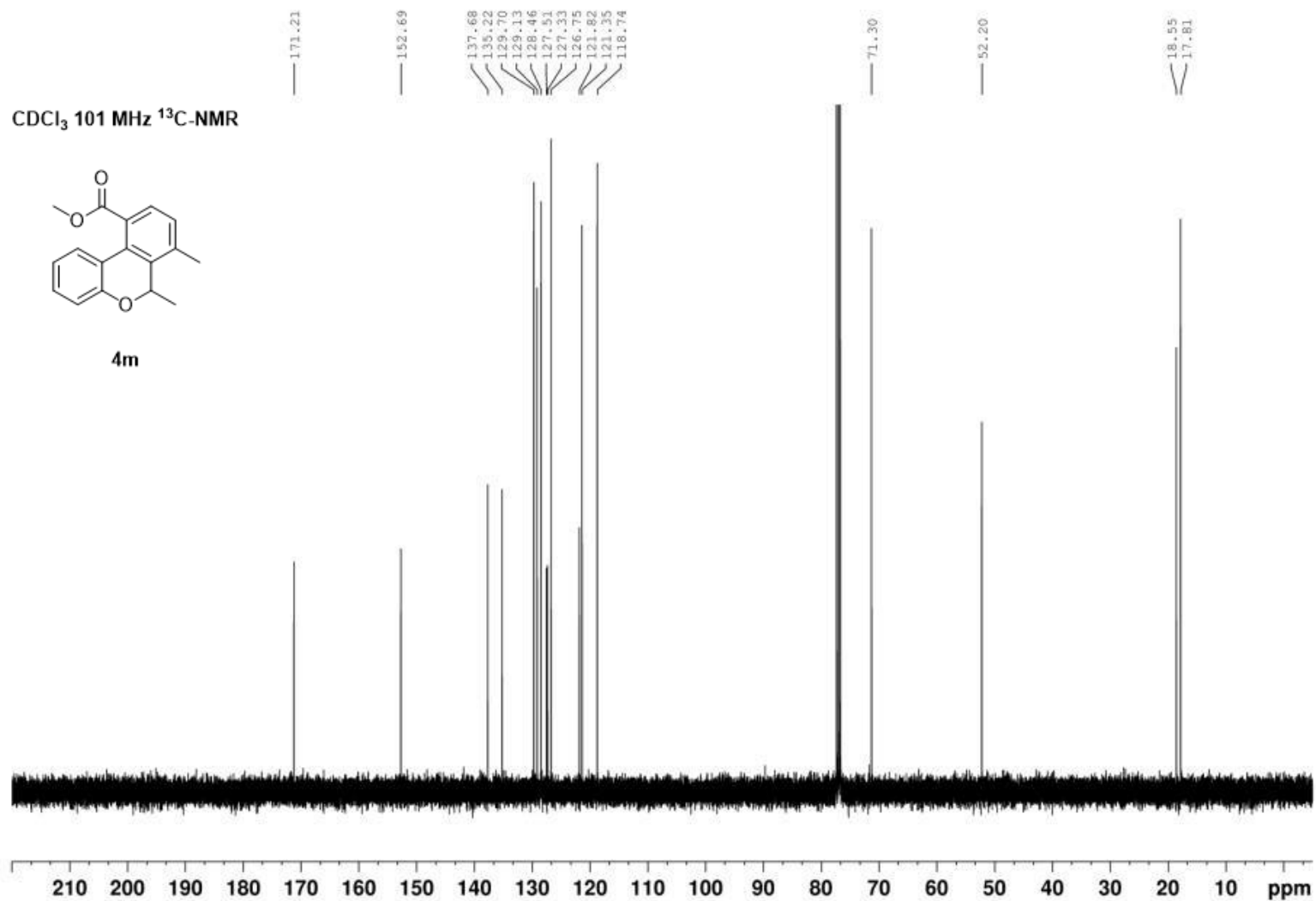
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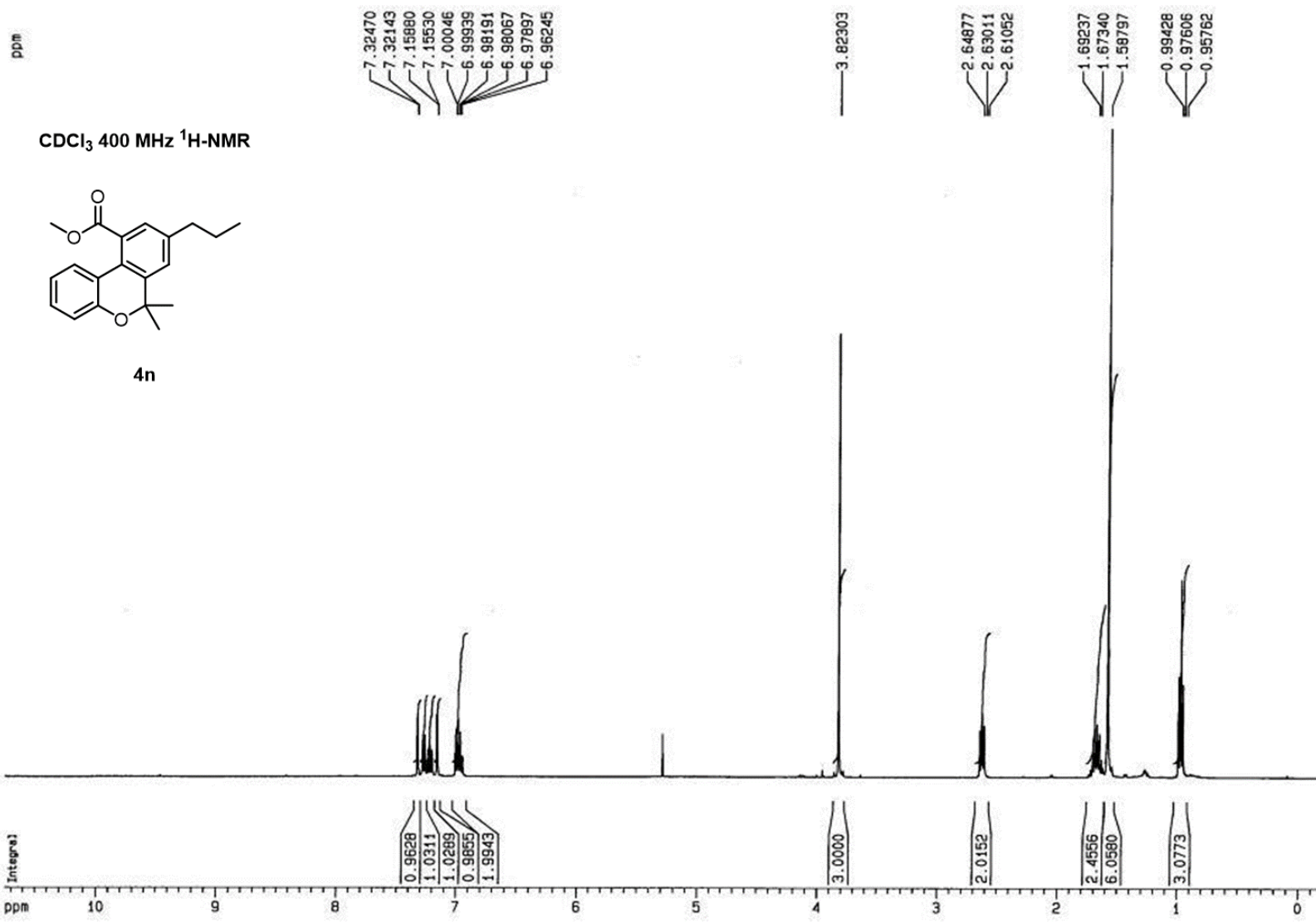


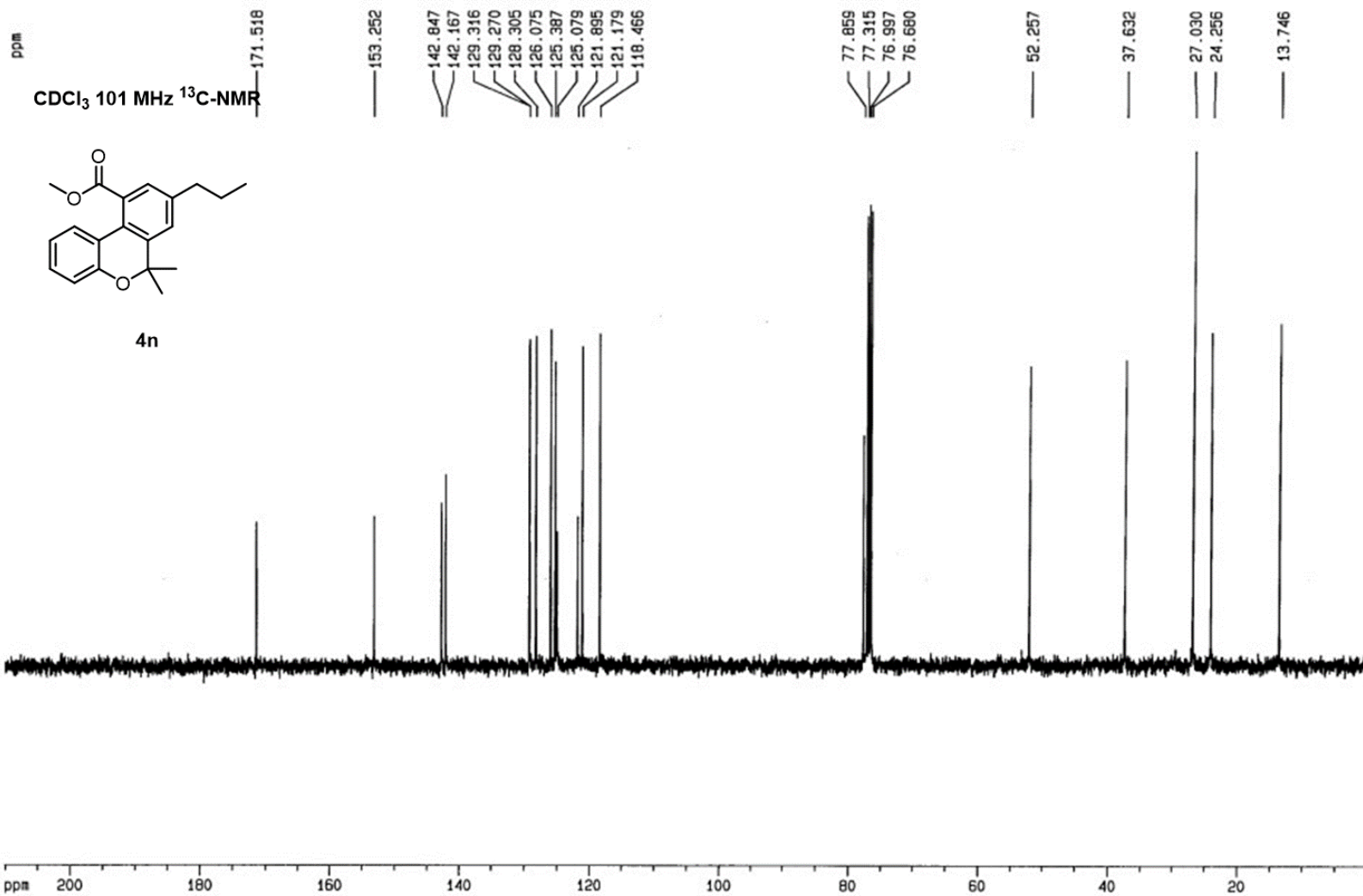
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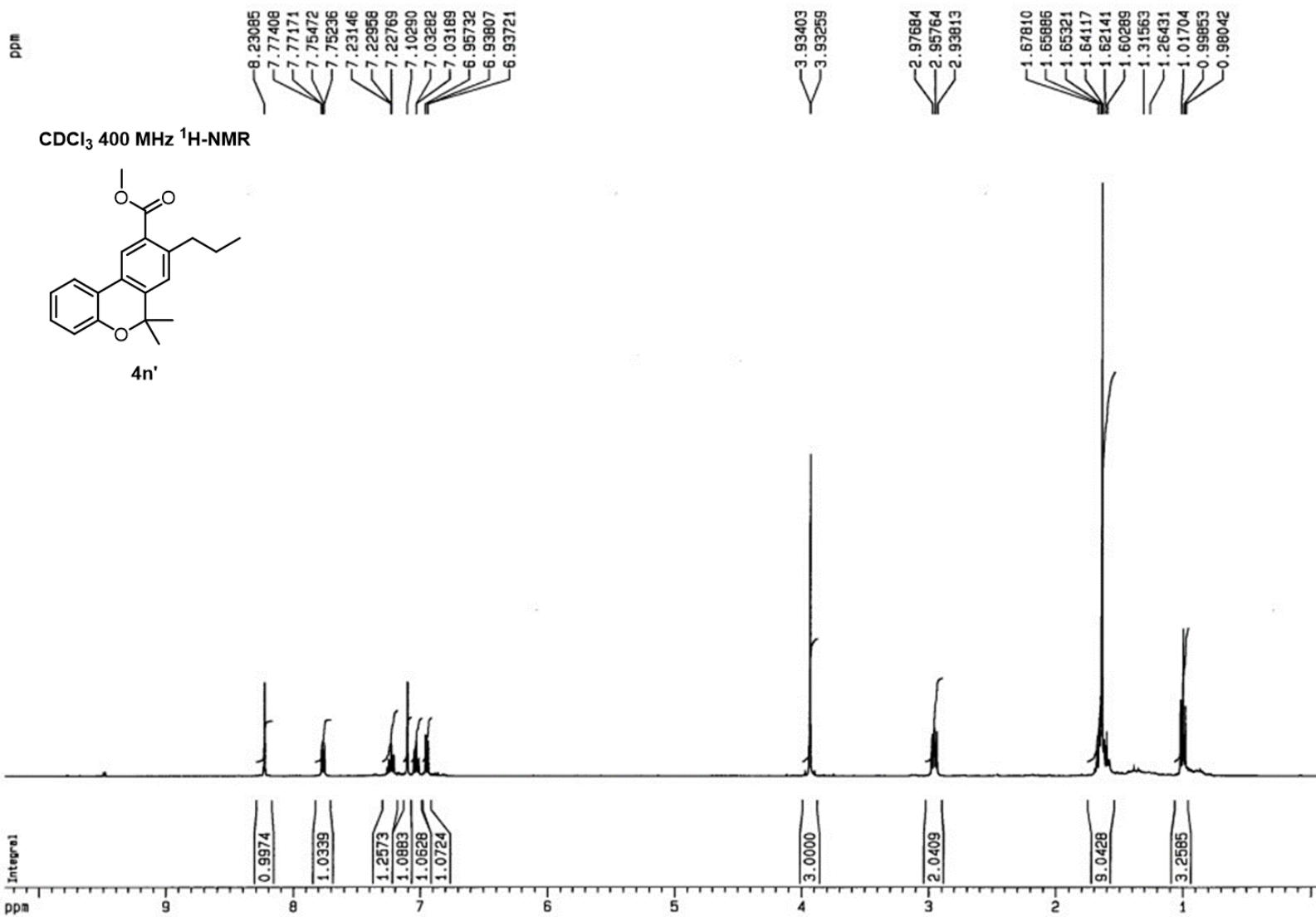


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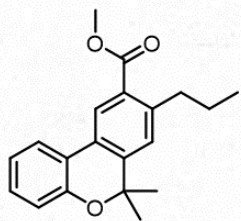




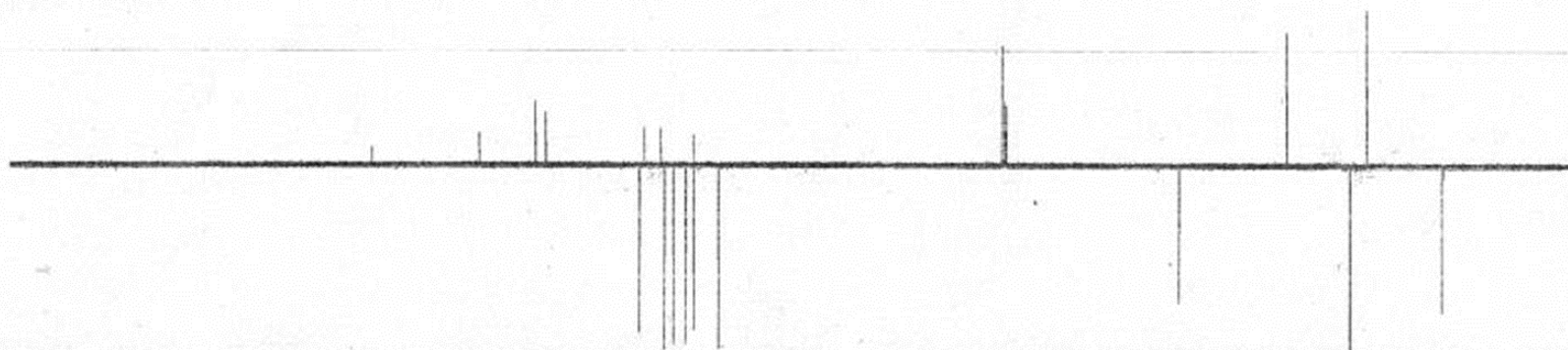
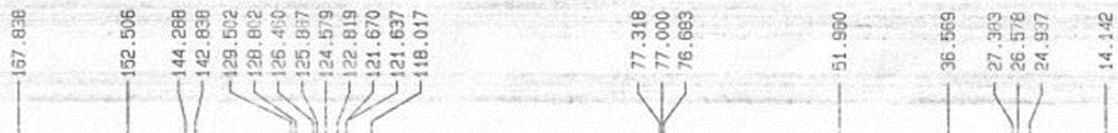


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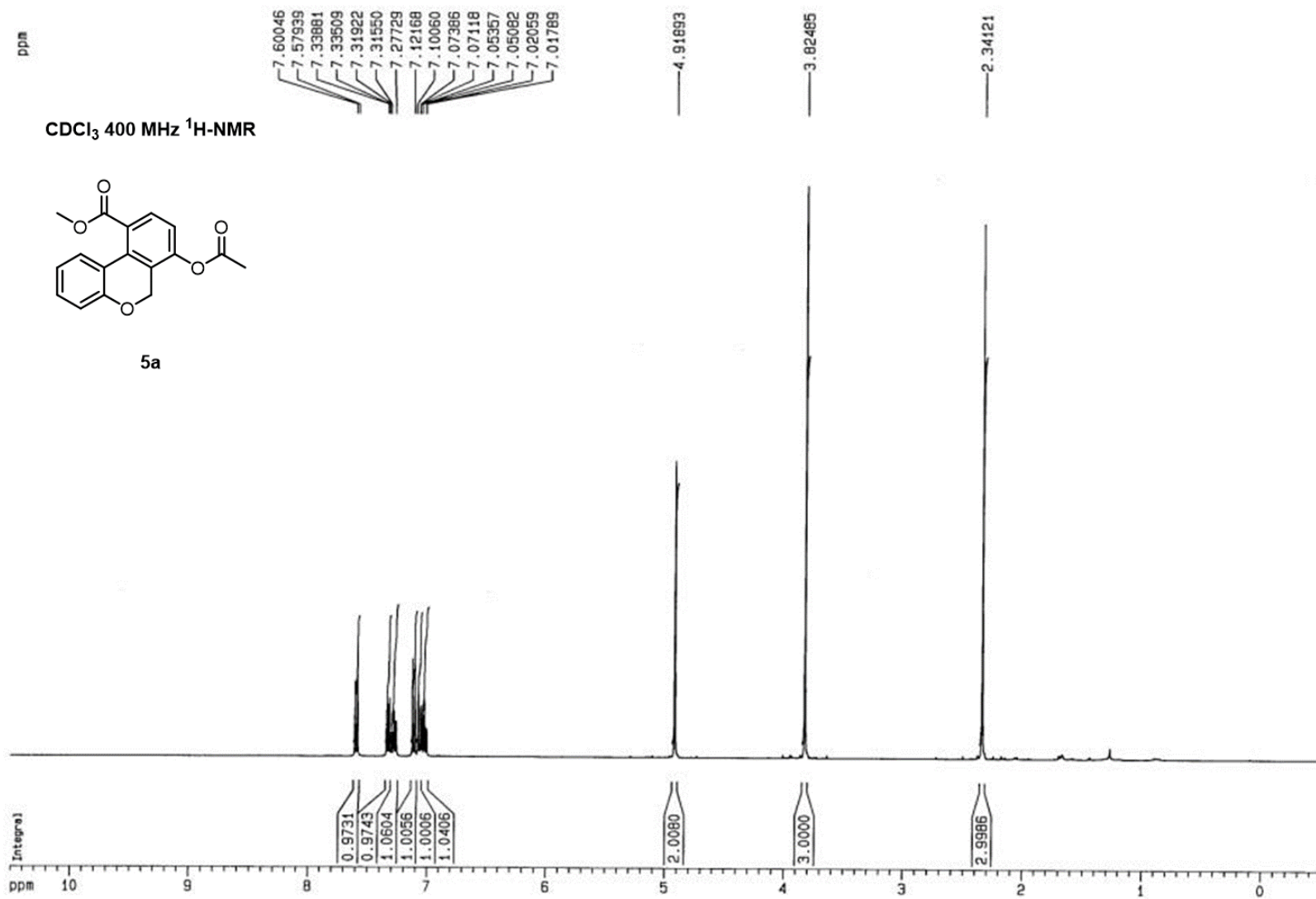
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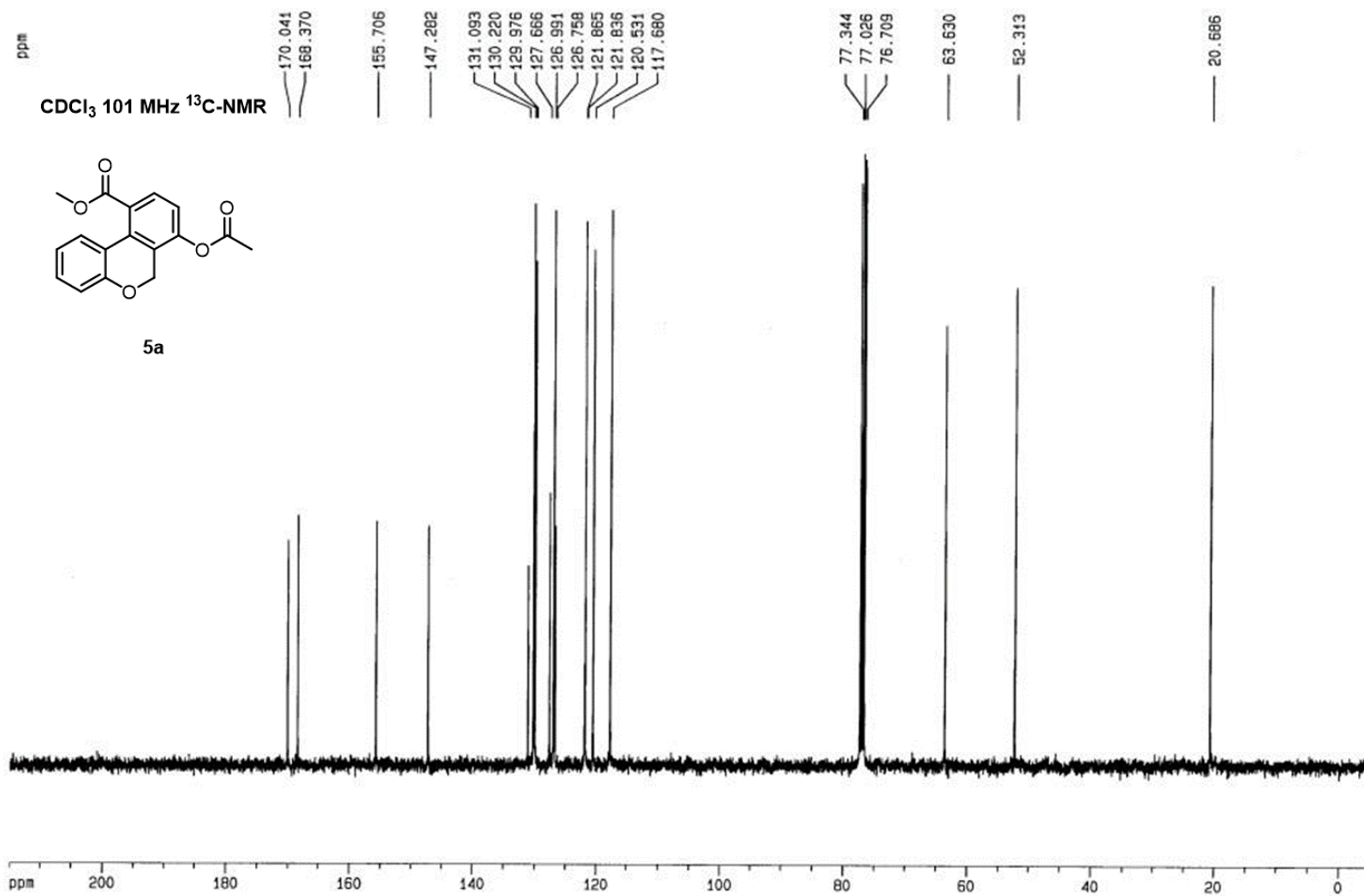


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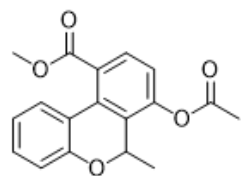


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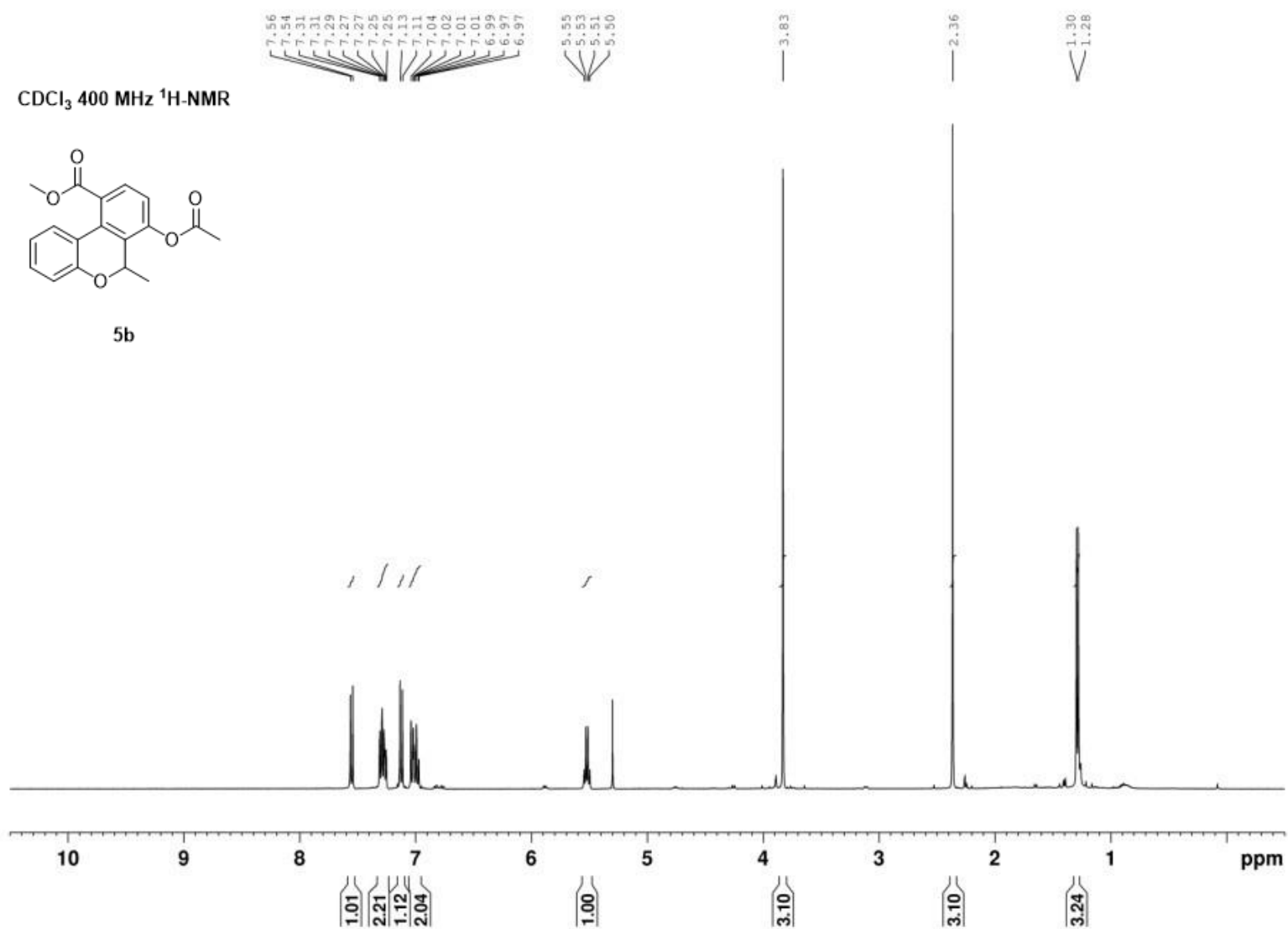


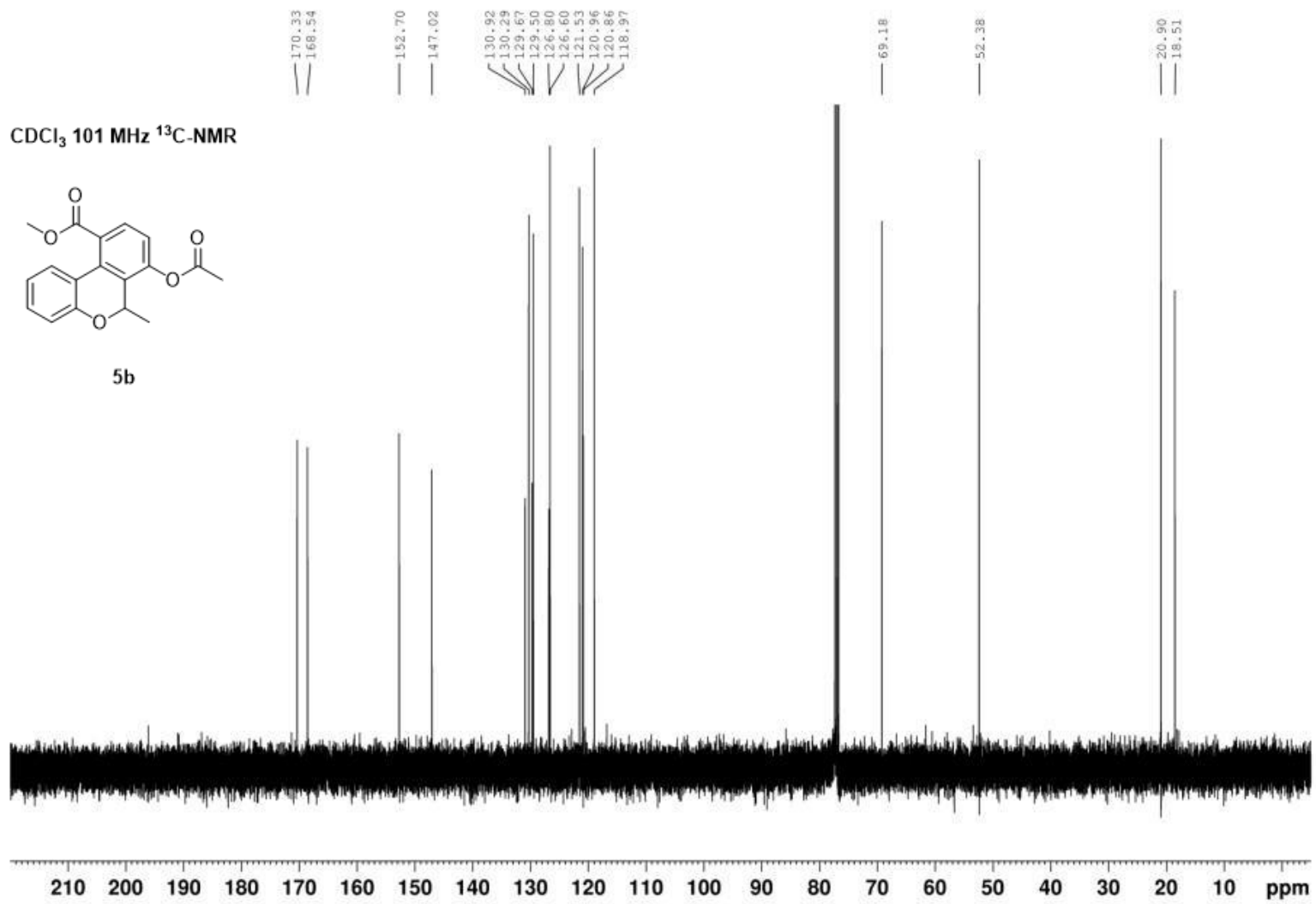


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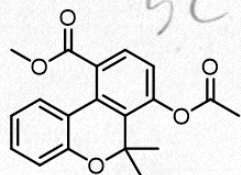


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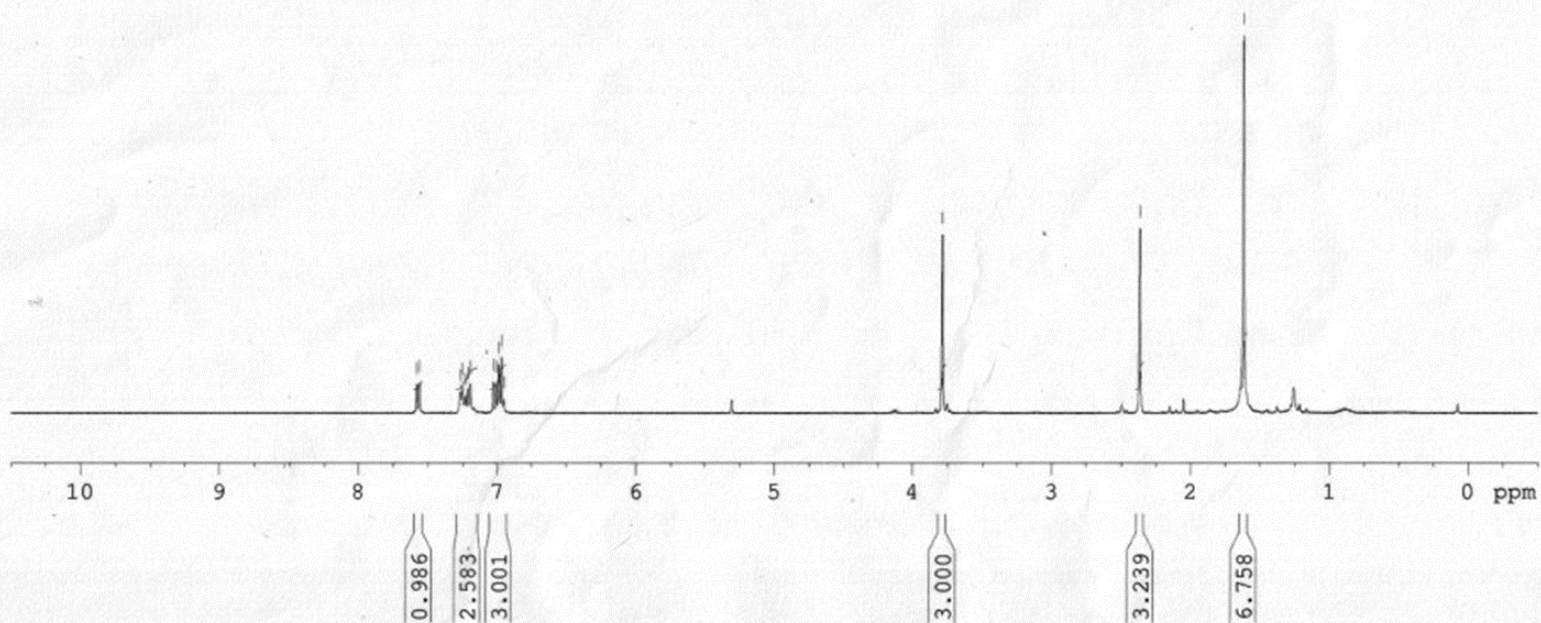
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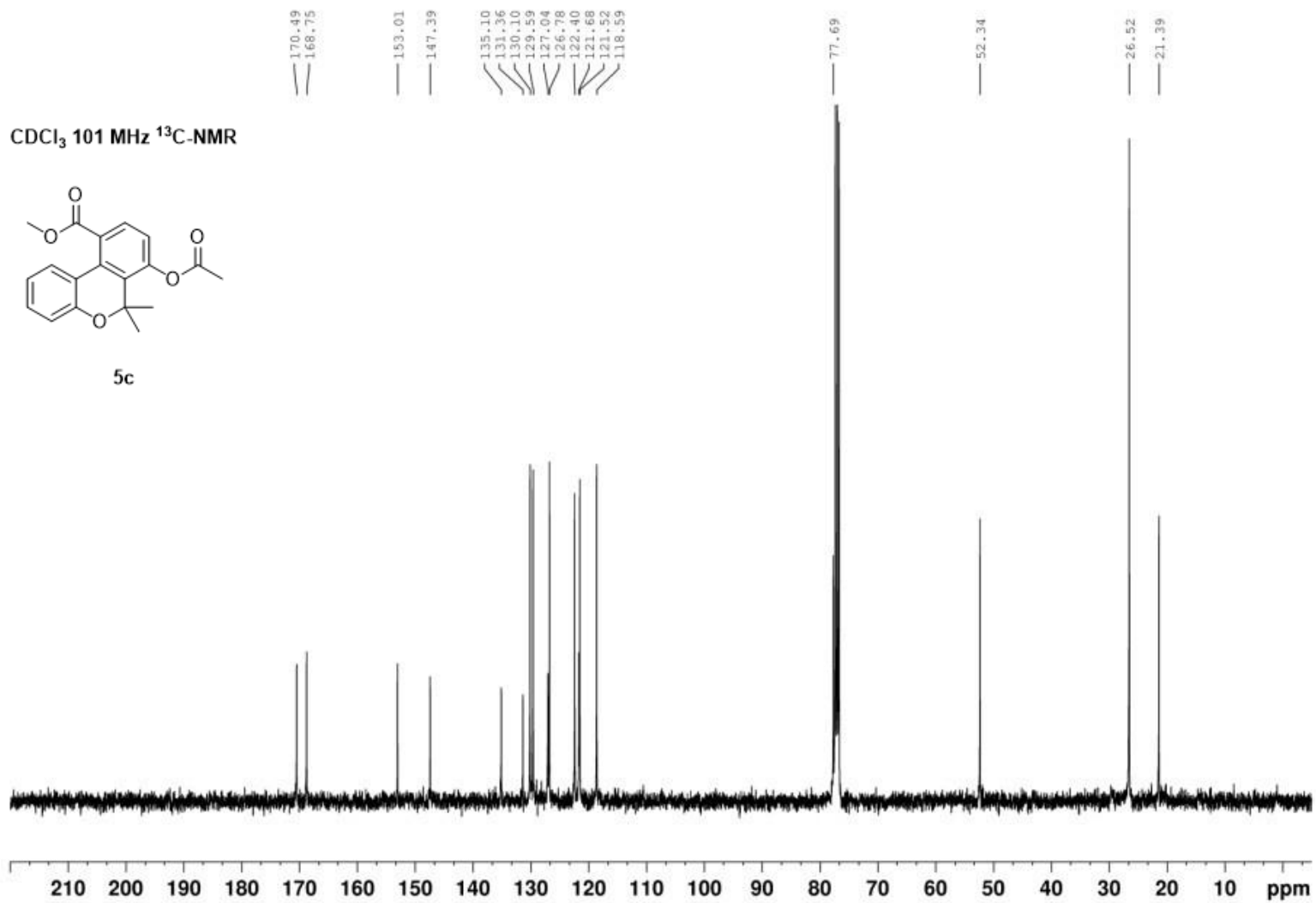
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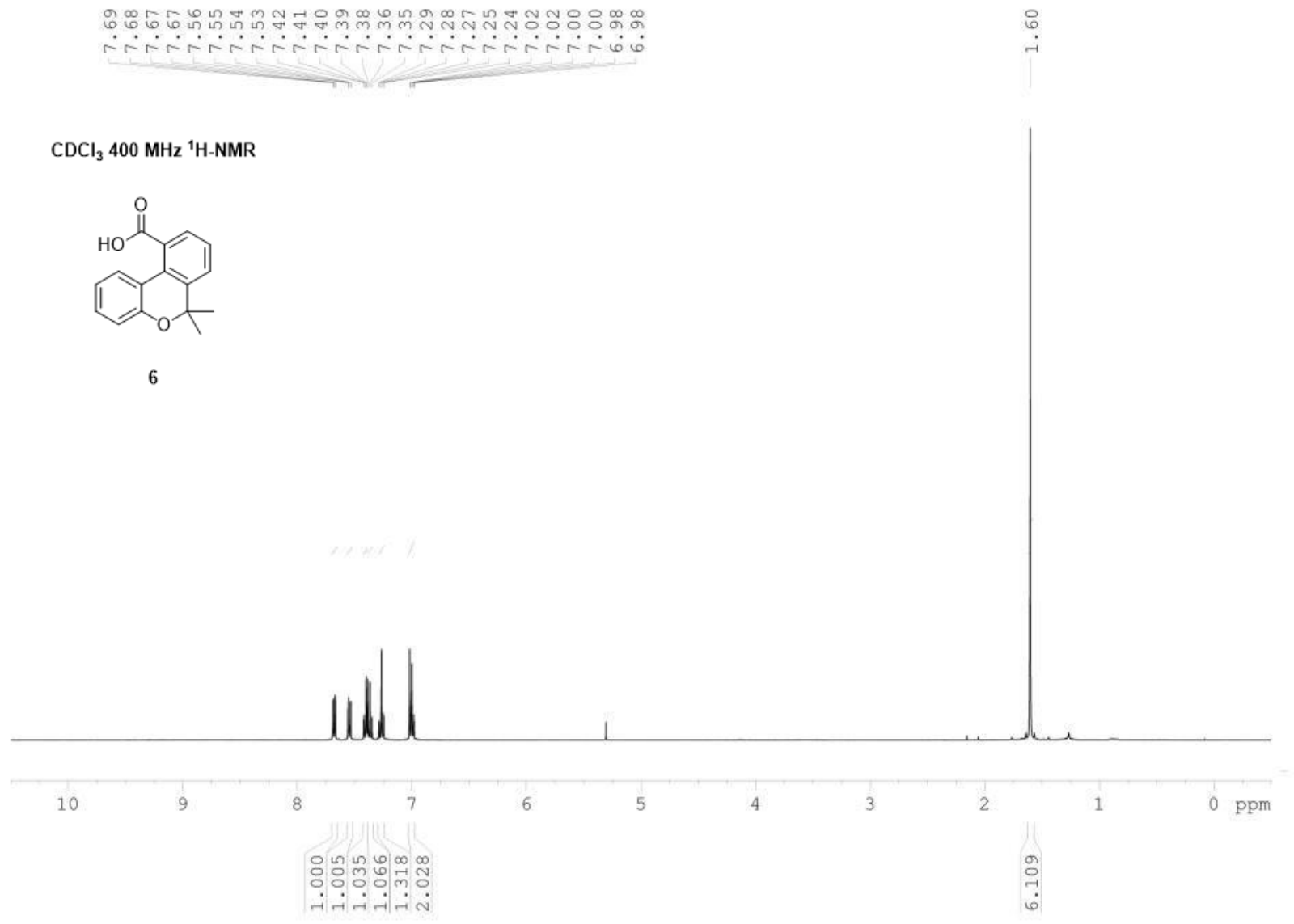
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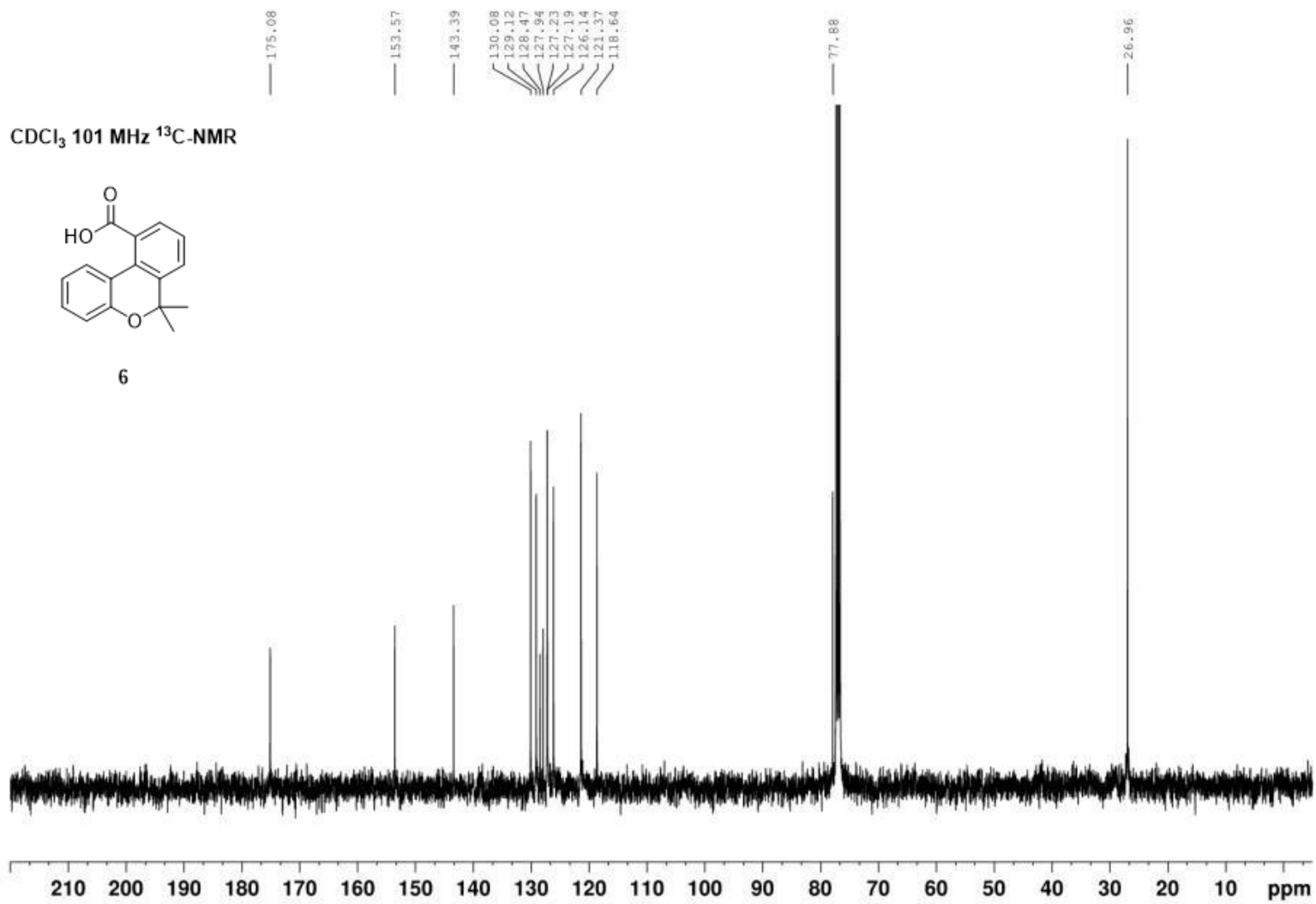
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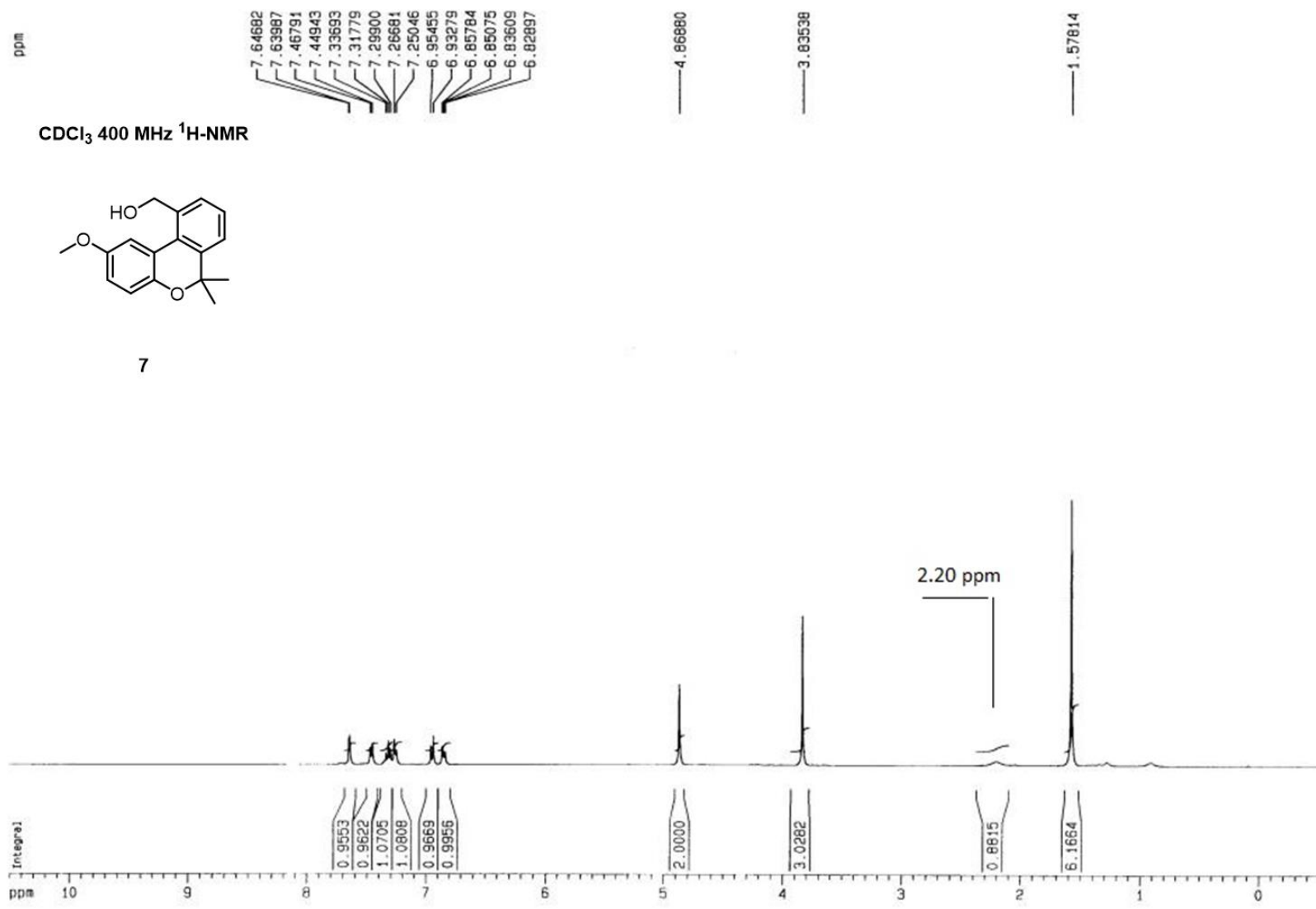












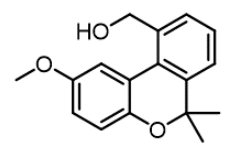
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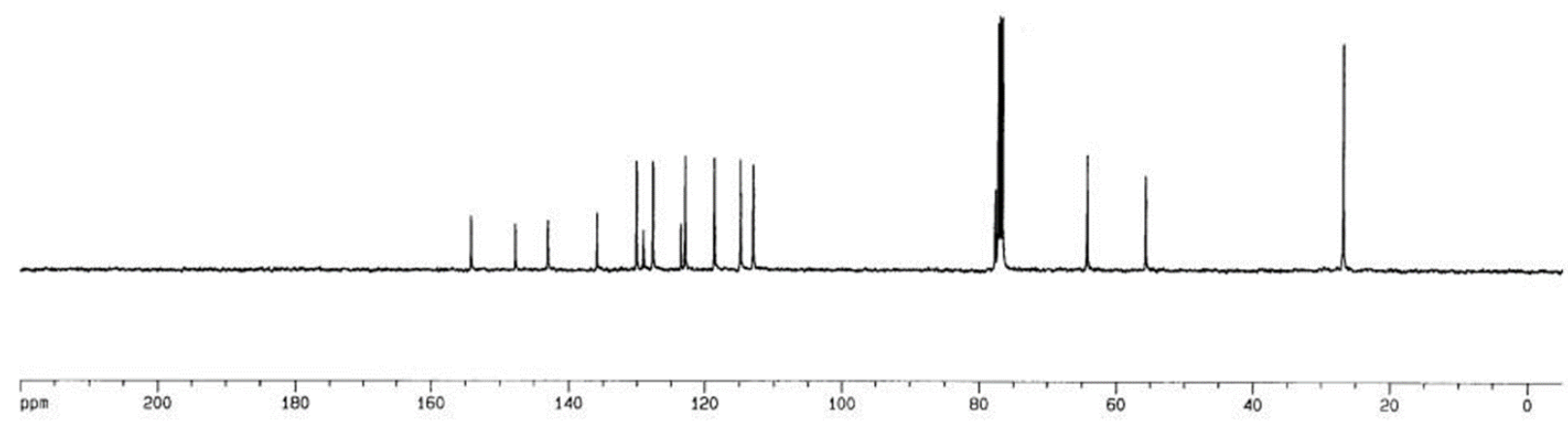
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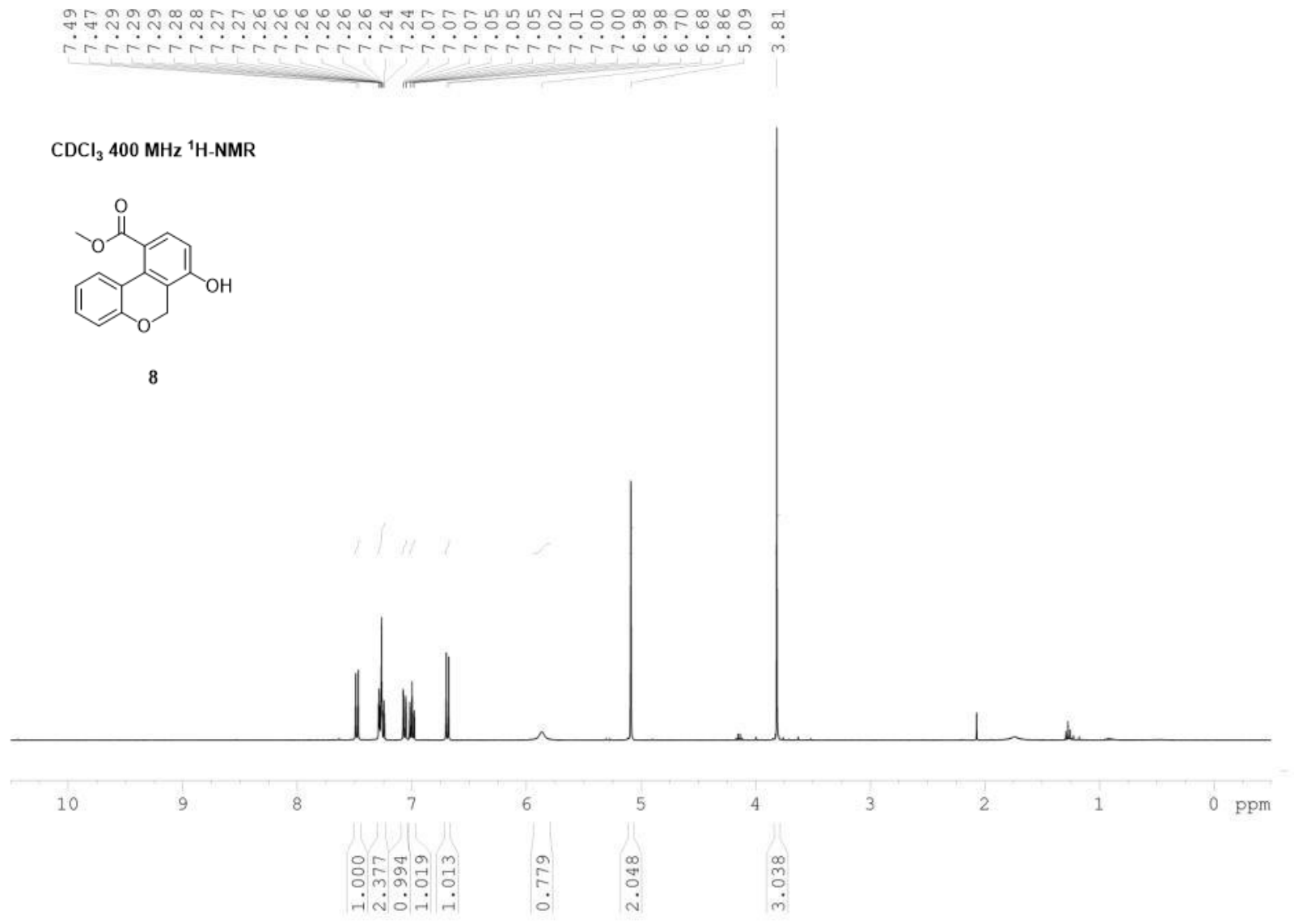
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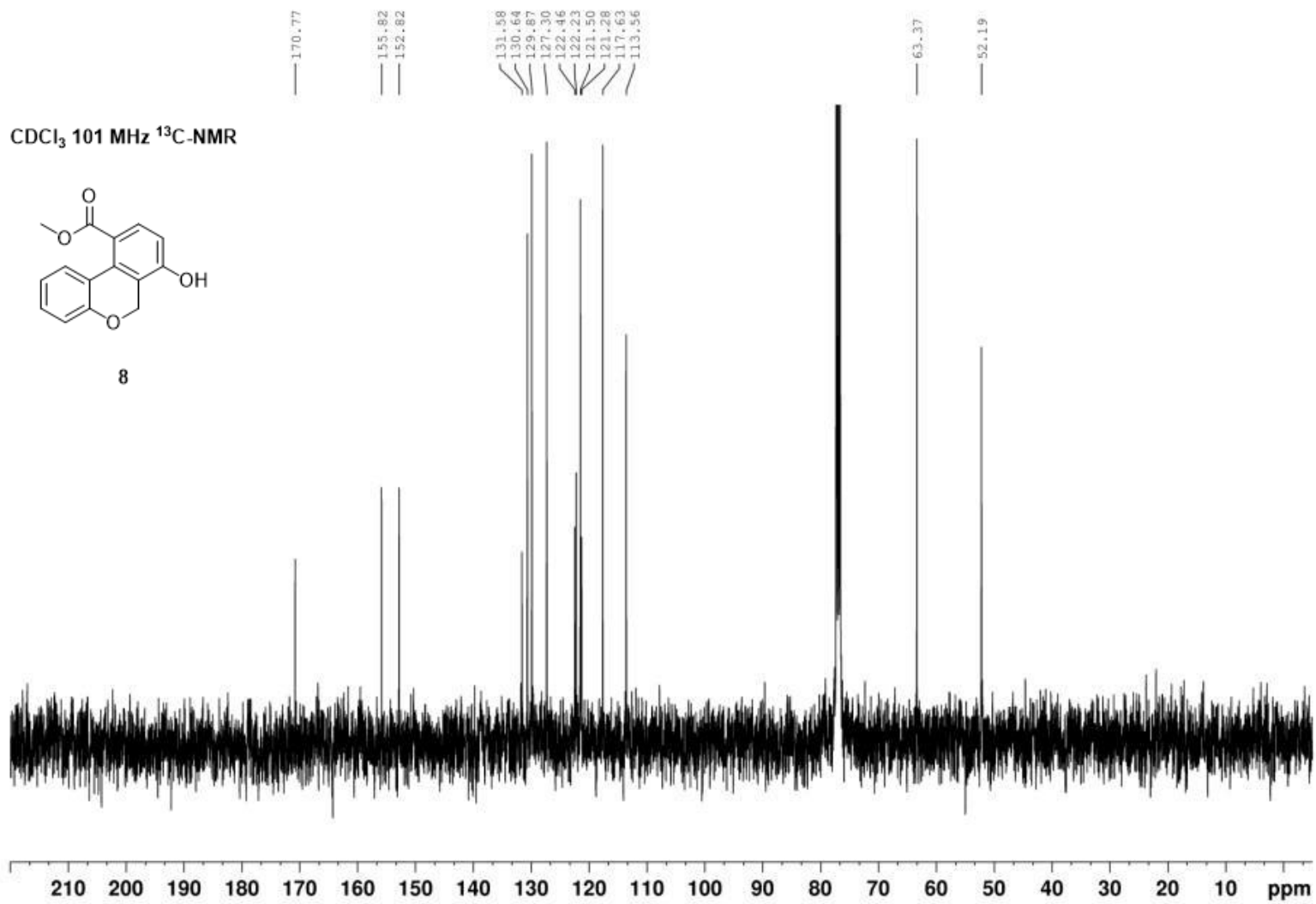
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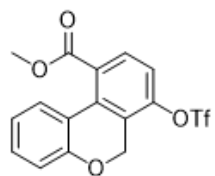
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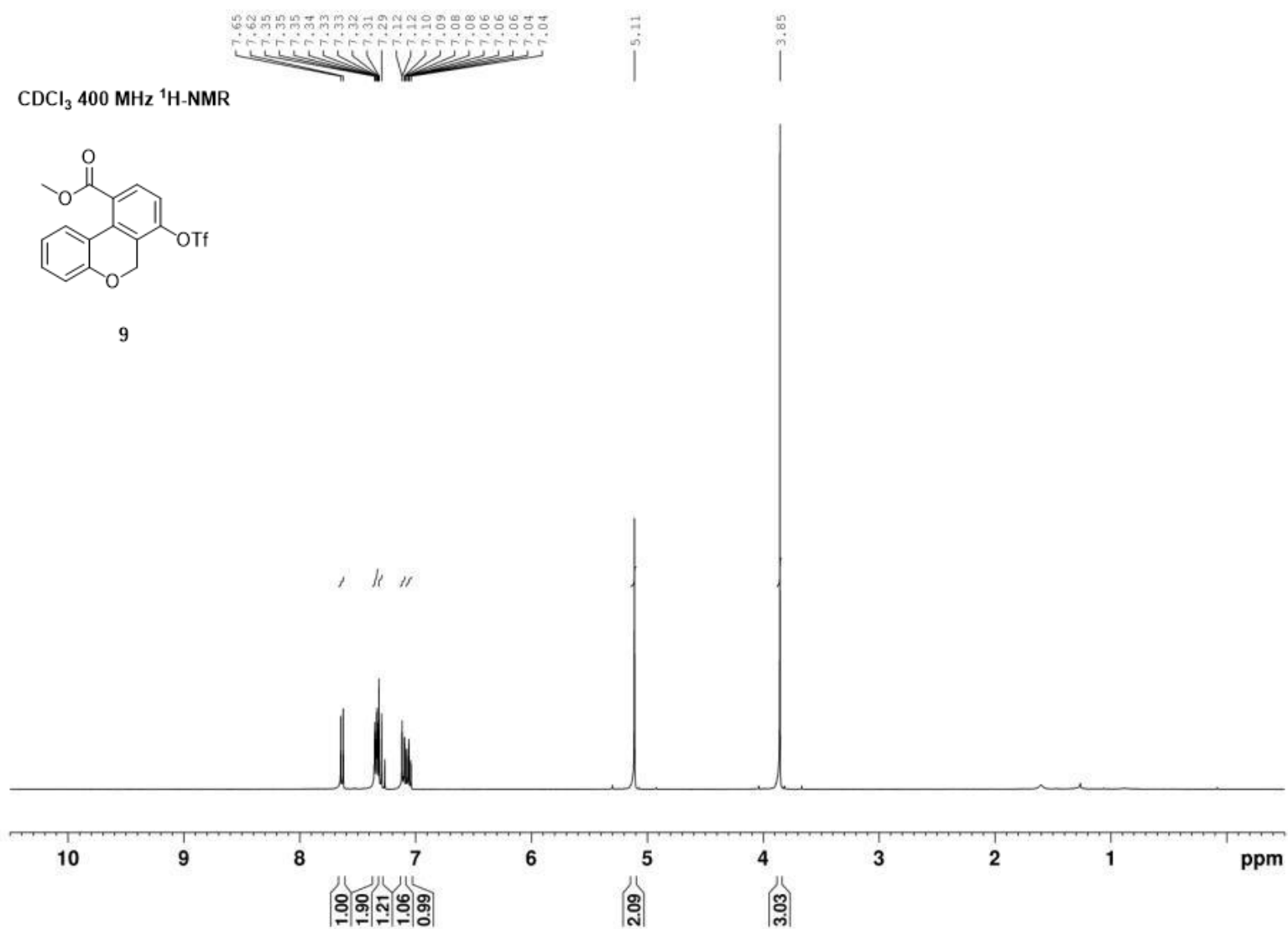


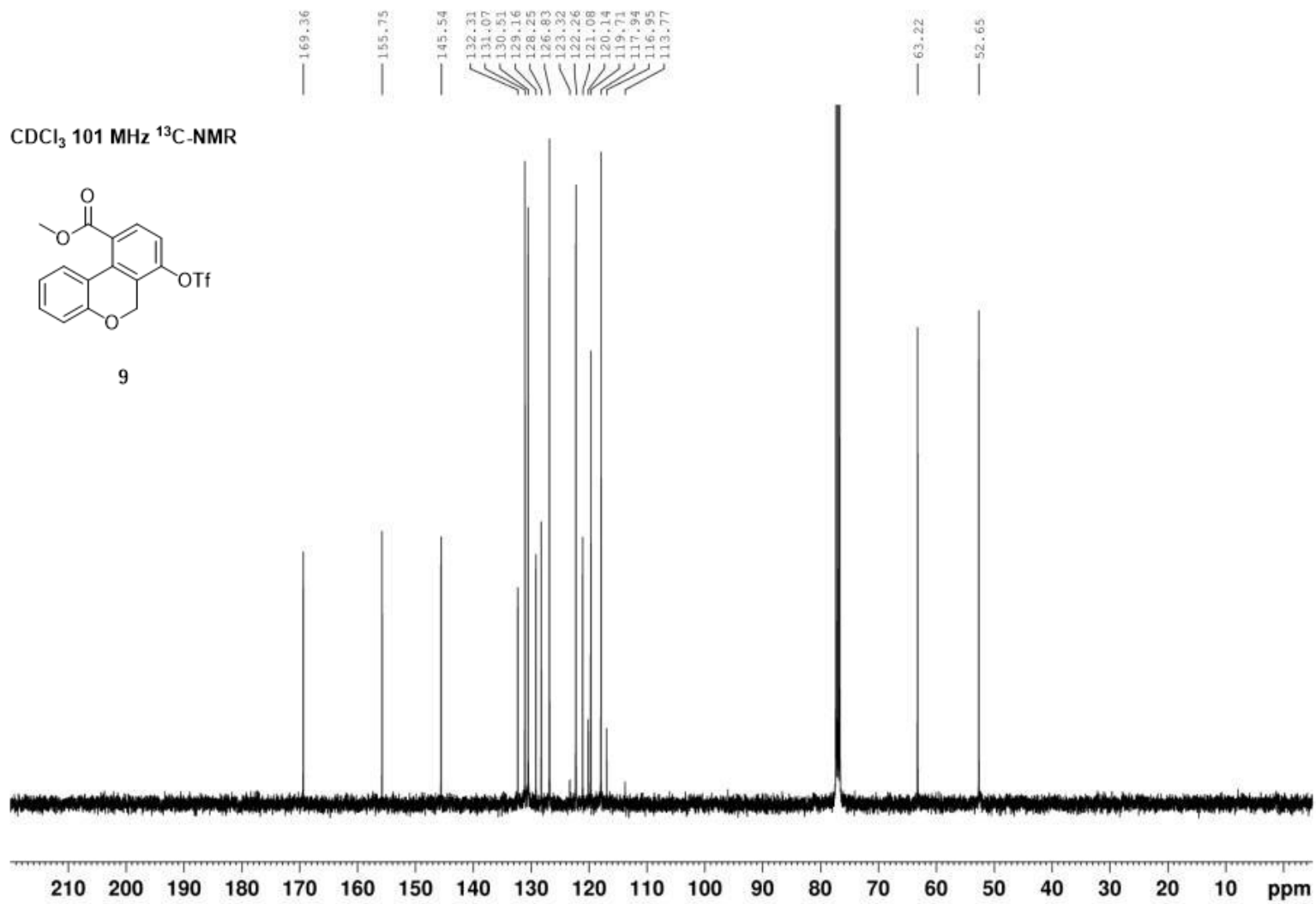


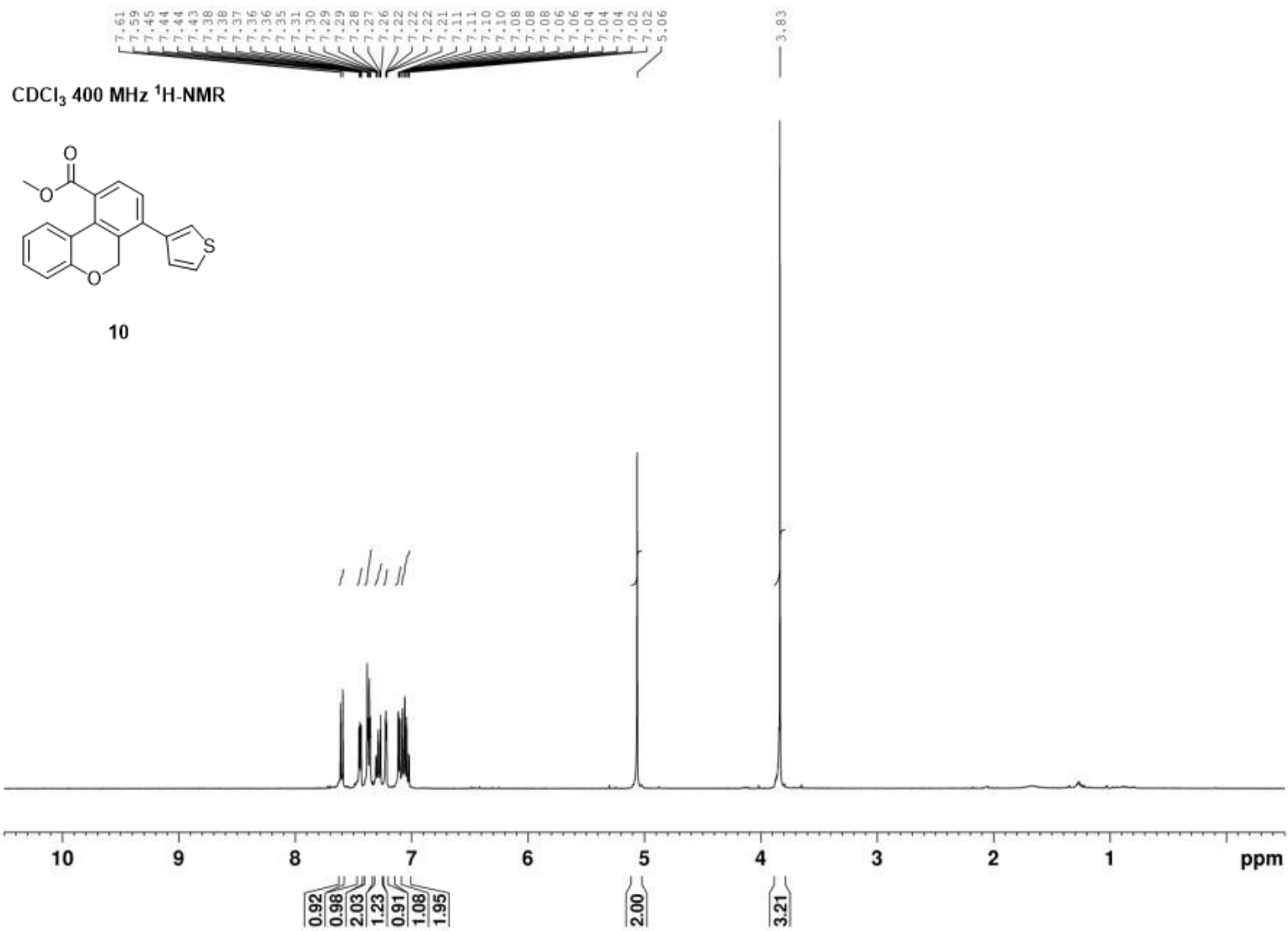
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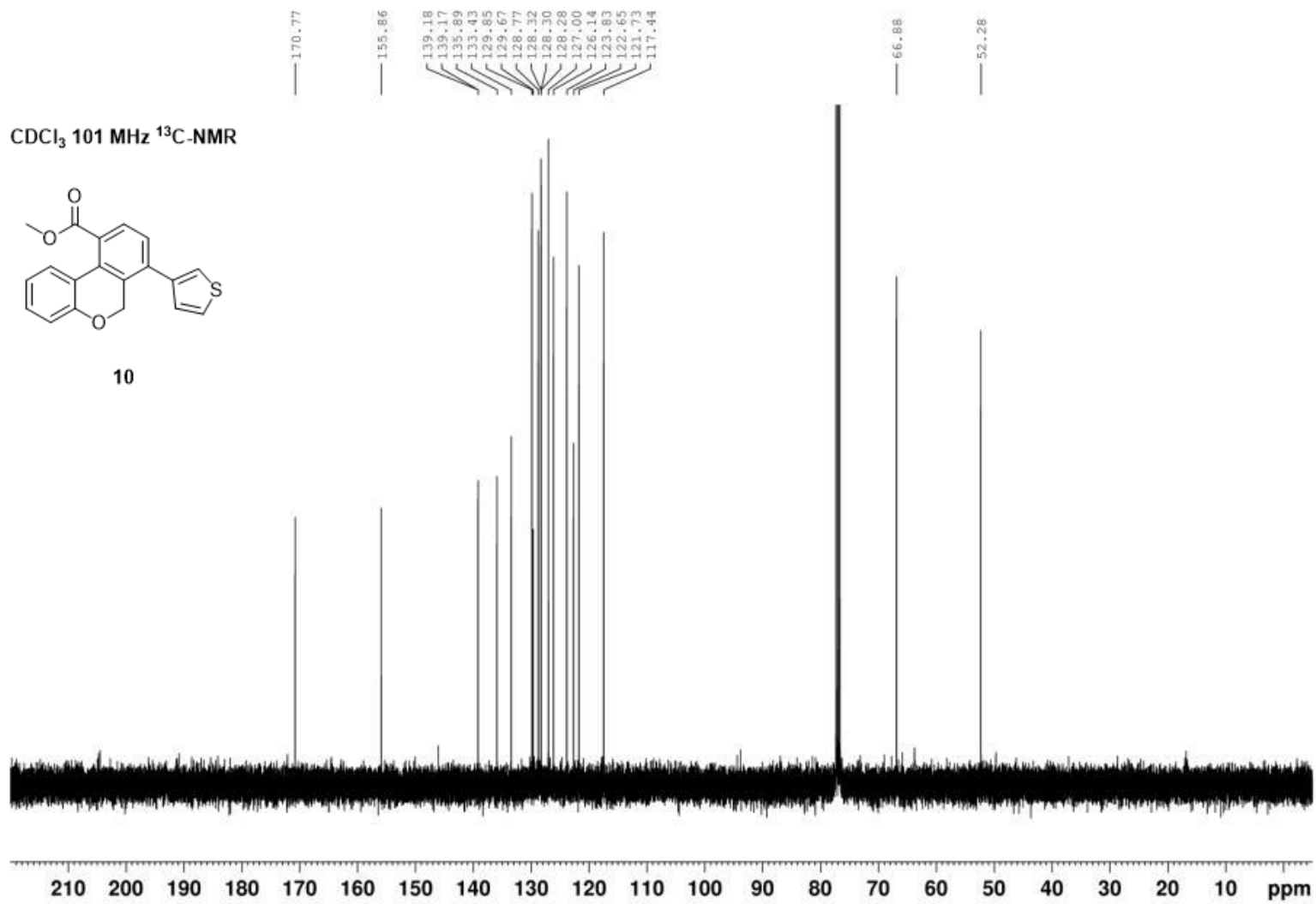
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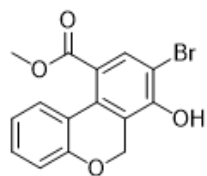




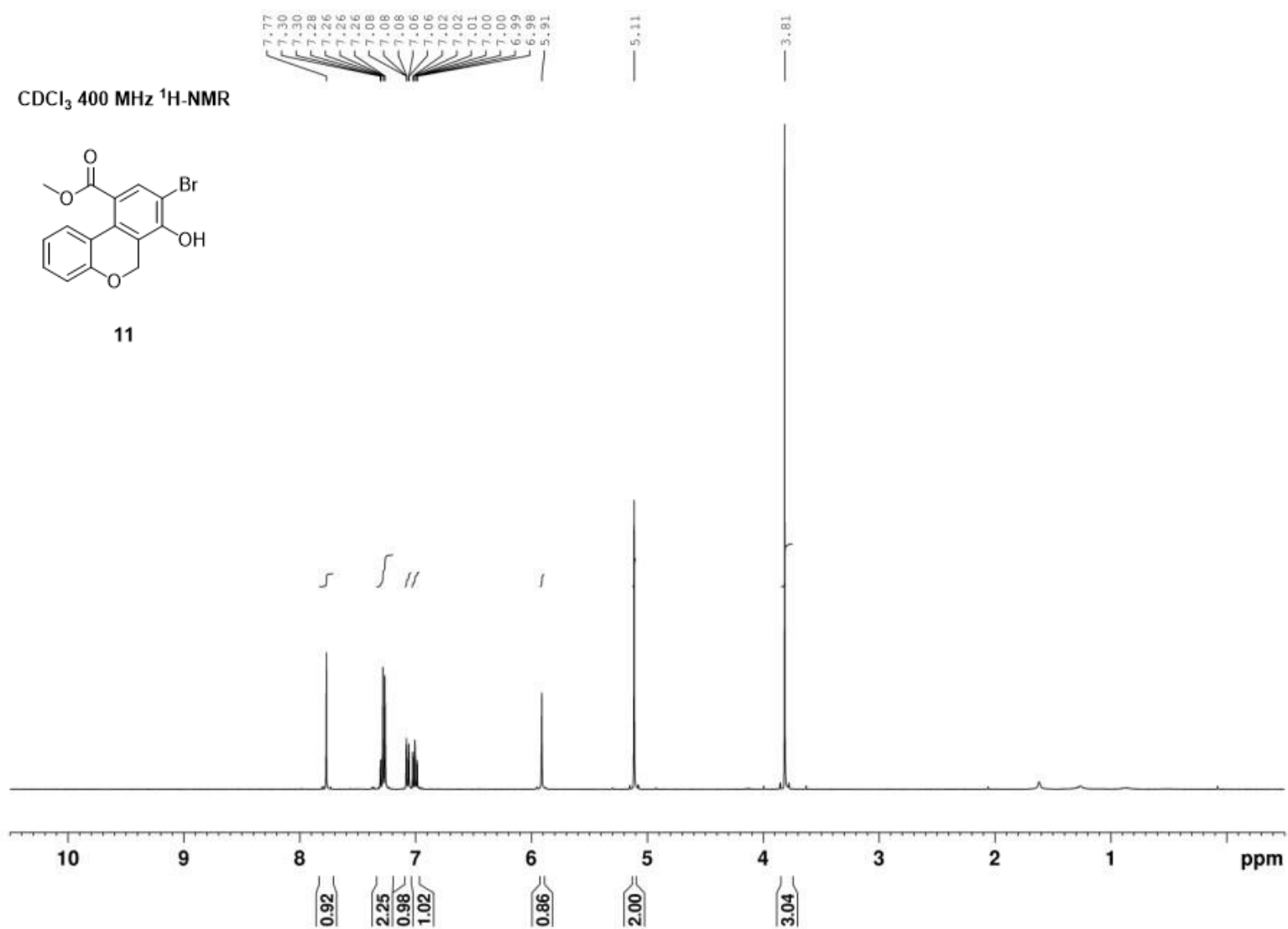


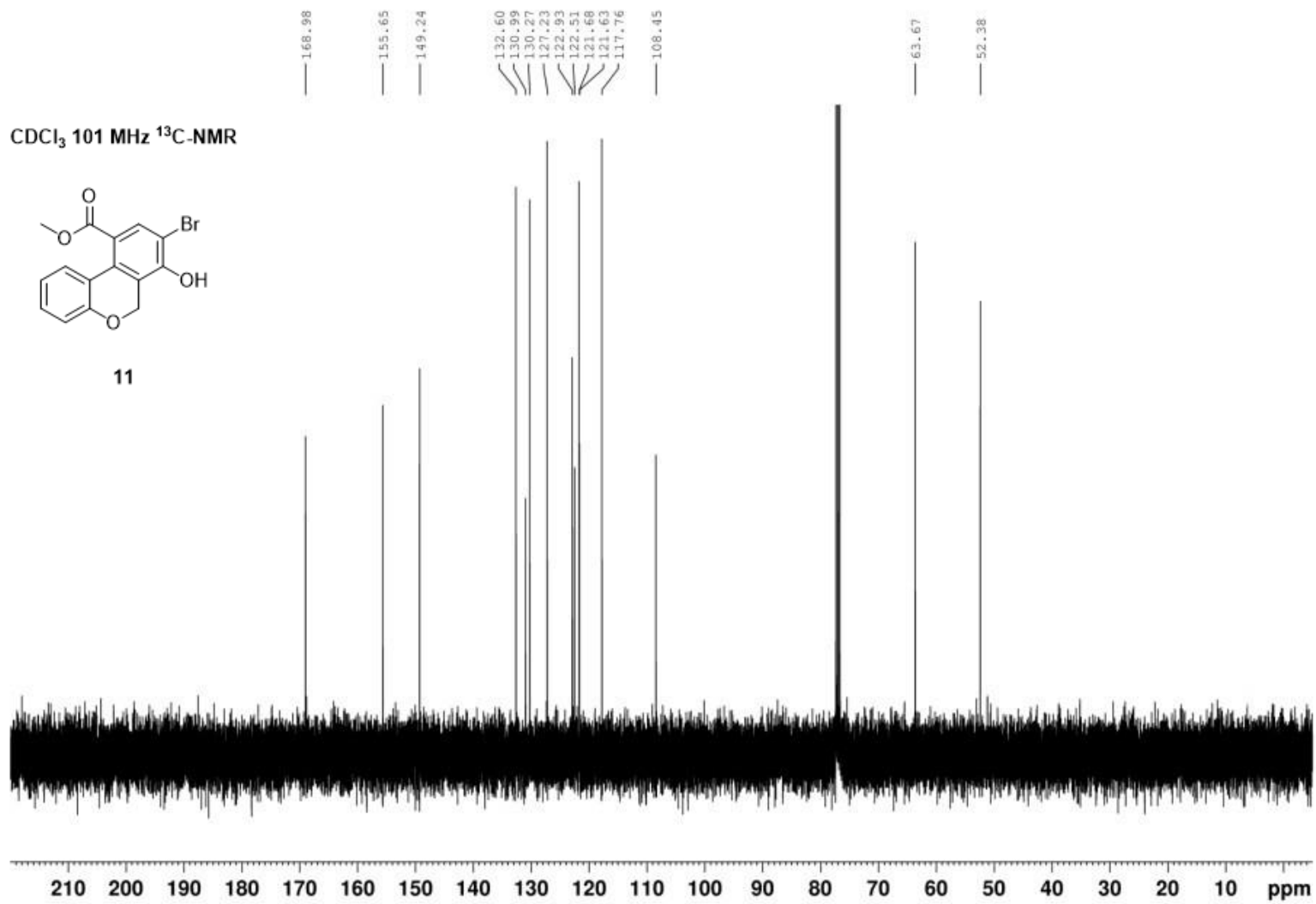


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CDCl<sub>3</sub> 400 MHz <sup>1</sup>H-NMR

