

Supporting Information

Metal-free S-arylation of 5-mercaptotetrazoles and 2-mercaptopyridine with Unsymmetrical Diaryliodonium Salts

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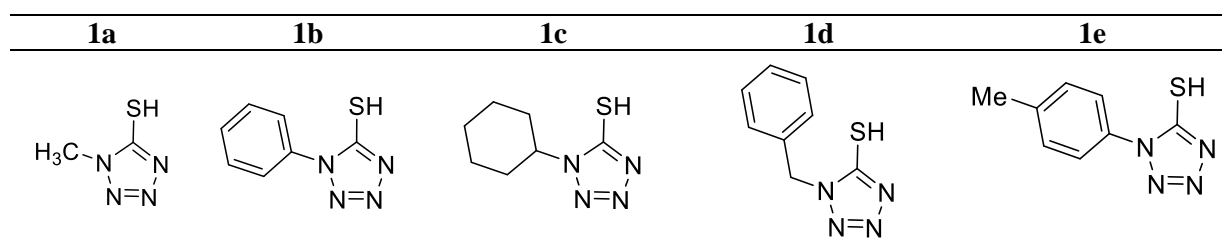
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1. GENERAL EXPERIMENTAL INFORMATION

All reactions were performed in oven-dried Schlenk-tubes or round bottom flasks under ambient conditions, unless otherwise is stated. Dichloromethane (DCM), 1,2-dichloroethane (DCE) and acetonitrile (ACN) were dried by refluxing over CaH₂ under nitrogen condition and stored over 4Å molecular sieves. Toluene and 1,4-dioxane were dried utilising conventional drying procedures using sodium/benzophenone as indicator and stored over 4Å molecular sieves. All chemicals were purchased from commercial suppliers and used as received unless otherwise is stated. NaOH, Cs₂CO₃, K₃PO₄ and ^tBuOK were stored in a desiccator. The diaryliodonium salts were synthesized according to procedures described below. *M*-CPBA (Aldrich, 77% active oxidant) was dried at room temperature over high vacuum for 1 hour and titrated by iodometric titration¹ prior to use in the synthesis of diaryliodonium salts. Thin Layer Chromatography (TLC) analyses were performed on pre-coated Merck silica gel 60F₂₅₄ plates using UV (254 nm) light and/or with KMnO₄-stain. Column chromatography was performed on 100-200 mesh silica gel using the gradient system, freshly distilled ethyl acetate-hexane mixture. All NMR data were recorded in a 400 MHz instrument at 298 K using CDCl₃ and DMSO-*d*₆ as solvents. Chemical shifts are given in ppm relative to the residual solvent peak (¹H NMR: CDCl₃ δ 7.26 and sometimes δ 1.56 (CDCl₃-water) and in DMSO-*d*₆ δ 2.50 and δ 3.3 (DMSO-water); ¹³C NMR: CDCl₃ δ 77.16, DMSO-*d*₆ δ 39.52) with multiplicity (br=broad, s=singlet, d=doublet, t=triplet, q=quartet, quin=quintet, sex=sextet, sep=septet, m=multiplet, app=apparent), coupling constants (in Hz) and integration. Chemical shifts for ¹⁹F-NMR are given in ppm relative to monofluorobenzene (-113.15 ppm) used as internal standard. The raw NMR data were processed by MestReNova software.

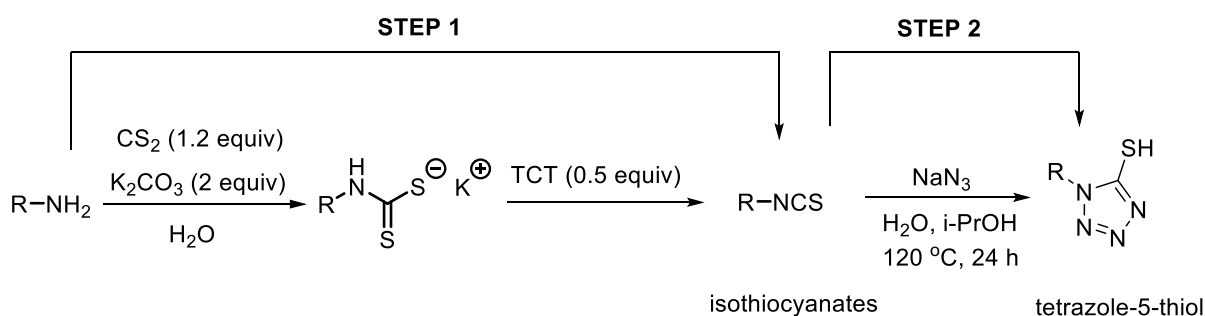
2. SYNTHESIS OF TETRAZOLE-5-THIOL



1-methyl-1*H*-tetrazole-5-thiol (**1a**) is commercially available but, other tetrazole-5-thiols (**1b-1e**) are known compounds and were prepared by literature procedures.^{2,3}

2.1. General procedure for the alkyl/aryl isothiocyanate and its corresponding tetrazole-5-thiol:

Scheme S1:



Step 1²: To a mixture of amine (20 mmol) and K_2CO_3 (5.52 g, 40 mmol) in 20 mL of water, 1.82 g of CS_2 (24 mmol) was added drop-wise in a period of 20–30 min at room temperature (rt). After the addition was complete, the mixture was stirred for several hours until complete conversion was determined by TLC. Then, the reaction mixture was cooled to 0 °C and a solution of 1.85 g of 2,4,6-trichloro-1,3,5-triazine (TCT) (10 mmol) in 15 mL of CH_2Cl_2 was added dropwise. After the addition was complete, the mixture was stirred for another 0.5 h to finish the reaction. The reaction mixture was then basified to pH >11 with 6N NaOH to obtain a clear solution. The organic layer was separated and the aqueous phase was extracted with CH_2Cl_2 (2×10 mL). The combined organic layers were dried over anhydrous Na_2SO_4 , filtered and the solvent was removed under reduced pressure. The residual was purified by chromatography through a short silica column using petroleum ether as eluent to obtain the isothiocyanates.

Step 2³: To a solution of NaN_3 (2.5 mmol) and H_2O (3 mL) was added a solution of isothiocyanate (5 mmol) in *i*-PrOH (2 mL) at 120 °C using oil bath and the resulting mixture was refluxed for 24 h. The mixture was treated with conc. HCl (1 mL) at 0 °C and then extracted twice with ethyl acetate (10 mL and 5 mL). The combined extracts were washed with brine, dried ($MgSO_4$), and concentrated to crude product. Further, the crude product was purified by column chromatography to get the pure product.

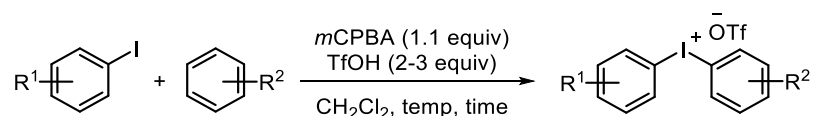
3. SYNTHESIS OF DIARYLIODONIUM SALTS

3.1 Various methods for diaryliodonium salts possessing different counter-anions

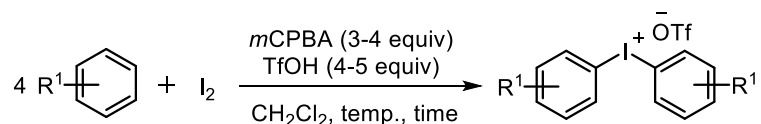
Most of the diaryliodonium salts used in this project were synthesized according to one-pot reported procedure. These reactions were run without precautions to avoid air or moisture.

Olofsson's protocol:

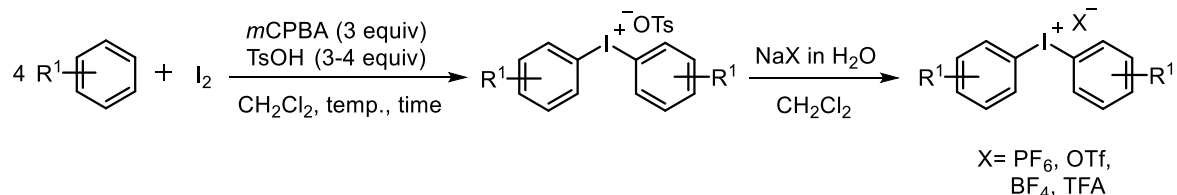
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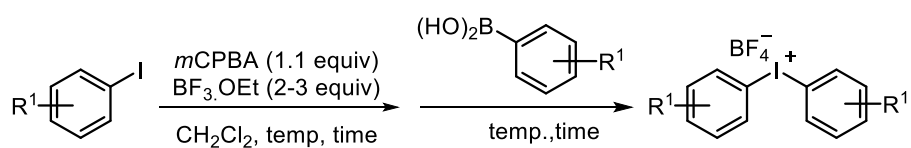
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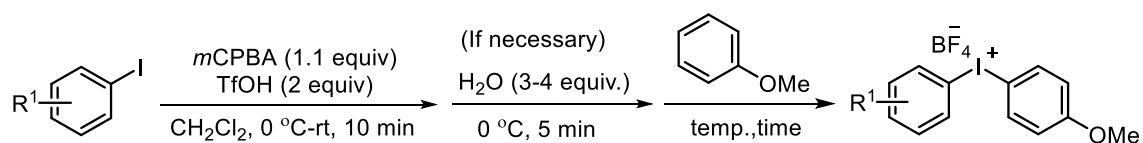
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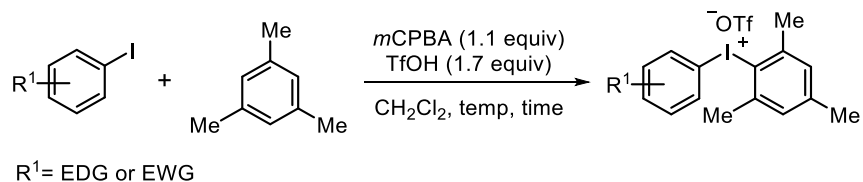
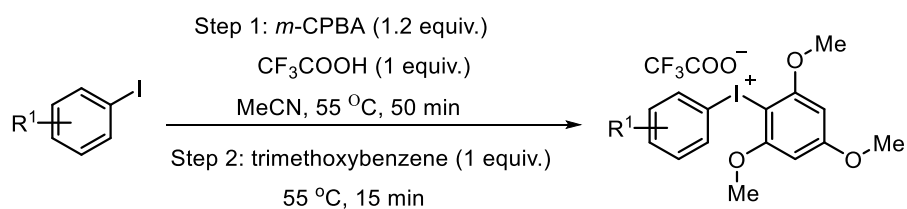
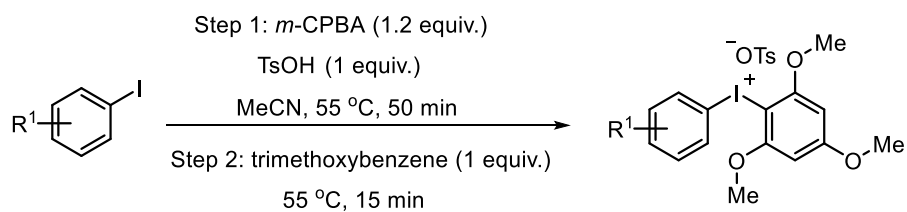


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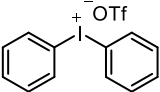
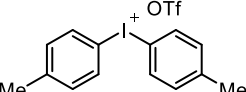
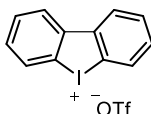
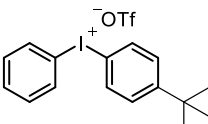
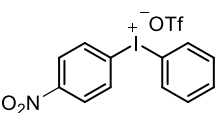
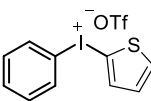
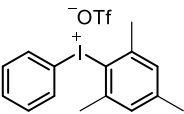
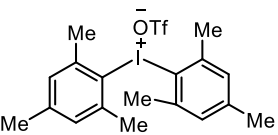
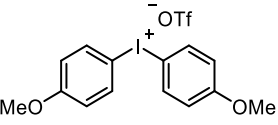
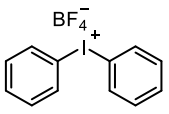
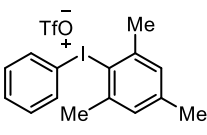
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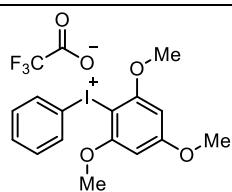
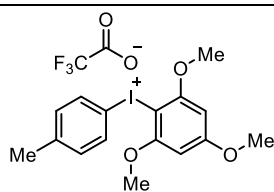
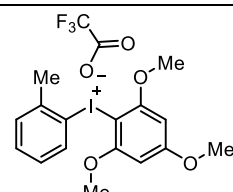
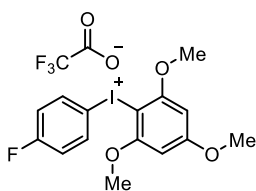
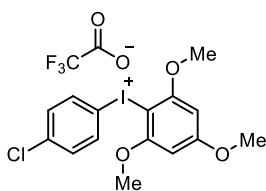
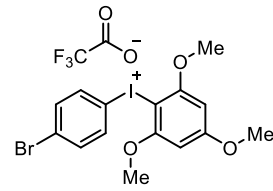
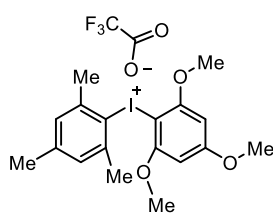
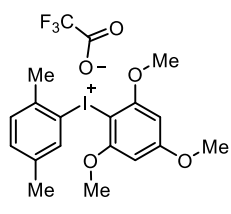
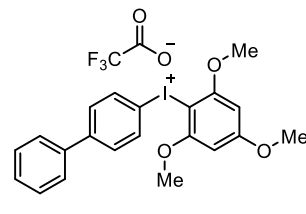
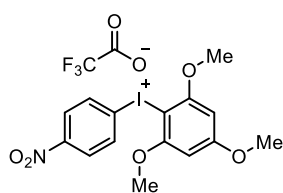
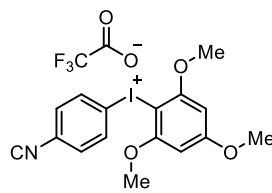
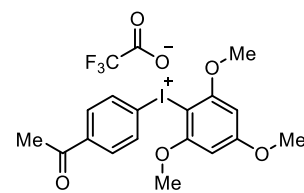
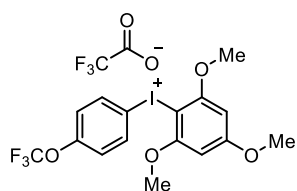
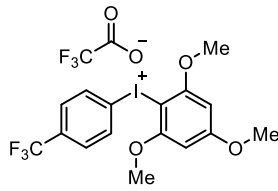
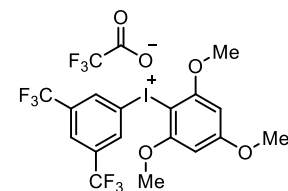
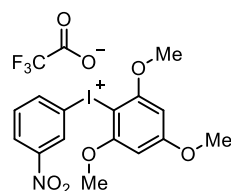
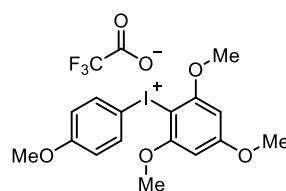
Gaunt's modified protocol:Method VI⁸**Stuart's protocol:**Method VII⁹Method VIII¹⁰

3.2 Diaryliodonium salts synthesized in this work

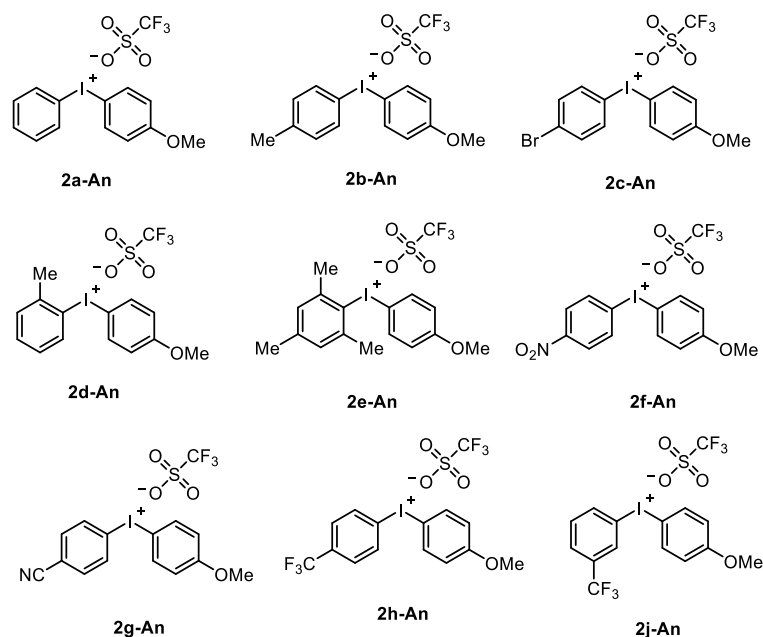
Table S1. Synthesis of various diaryliodonium salts according to above mentioned procedures:

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Method VI	<div style="text-align: center;">  <p>2a-Mes</p> </div>

Method
VII:
Prepared
Aryl-TMP-
iodonium-
trifluoroac-
etate

**2a-TMP****2b-TMP****2c-TMP****2d-TMP****2e-TMP****2f-TMP****2g-TMP****2h-TMP****2i-TMP****2j-TMP****2k-TMP****2l-TMP****2m-TMP****2n-TMP****2o-TMP****2p-TMP****2q-TMP**

Method V:
Prepared Aryl-
anisyl-iodonium-
trifluorosulfonate



All diaryliodonium salts were prepared according to above mentioned procedures. Characterization data of these compounds were matched with those previously reported in the literature.

3.3 Synthesis of other counter-anion diaryliodonium salts

Table S2. Diaryliodonium salts synthesized by other methods

	<p>Diphenyliodonium bromide was prepared in 72% yield according to literature report.¹¹</p>
	<p>Diphenyliodonium tosylate was prepared in 65% yield <i>via</i> anion exchange method from 2a according to literature report.⁵</p>

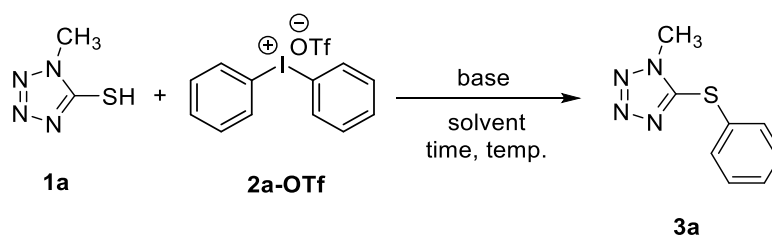
4. OPTIMIZATION ON THE S-ARYLATION OF TETRAZOLE-5-THIOLS

4.1 Optimisation for phenylation

The arylation was tried with 1-methyltetrazol-5-thiol **1a** (0.1 mmol) and diphenyliodonium triflate **2a-OTf** (0.1 mmol) in toluene at room temperature (Scheme S2), delivering no *S*-arylated product **3a** (Table S3). In order to maintain the metal-free prospect, various organic and inorganic bases with varying time and temperature were optimized (Entries 1-26, Table S3).

Table S3: Initial optimization with diphenyliodonium salts^a

Scheme S2:



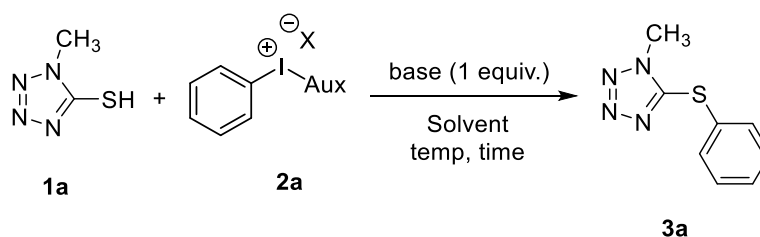
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1	1	1	Toluene	-	rt	24	n.r.
2	1	1	Toluene	-	45	24	n.r.
3	1	1	Toluene	-	60	24	n.r.
4	1	1	Toluene	-	100	24	n.r.
5	1	1	Toluene	Na ₂ CO ₃ (1.1)	rt	24	n.r.
6	1	1	DCE	Na ₂ CO ₃ (1.1)	45	24	Trace
7	1	1	Toluene	Na ₂ CO ₃ (1.1)	60	24	65
8	1	1	Toluene	Na ₂ CO ₃ (1.1)	80	10	72
9	1	1	Toluene	Na ₂ CO ₃ (1.1)	80	24	71
9	1	1	Toluene	Na ₂ CO ₃ (1.1)	100	10	72
10	1	1	Toluene	NaHCO ₃ (1.1)	80	12	60
11	1	1	Toluene	K ₂ CO ₃ (1.1)	80	12	62
12	1	1	Toluene	Et ₃ N (1.1)	80	10	70
13	1	1	Toluene	<i>t</i> BuOK (1.1)	80	12	48
14	1	1	Toluene	DABCO (1.1)	80	12	52
15	1	1	Toluene	DBU (1.1)	80	10	70
16	1	1	Toluene	NaOH (1.1)	80	12	trace
17	1	1	Toluene	Pyridine (1.1)	80	12	50
18	1	1	Toluene	K ₃ PO ₄ (1.1)	80	12	45
19	1	1	1,4-dioxane	Na ₂ CO ₃ (1.1)	80	12	54
20	1	1	DMF	Na ₂ CO ₃ (1.1)	80	12	trace
21	1	1	DMSO	Na ₂ CO ₃ (1.1)	80	12	trace
22	1	1	CH ₃ CN	Na ₂ CO ₃	80	12	70

23	1	1	DCM	(1.1) Na ₂ CO ₃	80	12	56
24	1	1	DCE	(1.1) Na ₂ CO ₃	80	5	54
25	1	1	MeOH	(1.1) Na ₂ CO ₃	80	24	trace
26	2	1	EtOH	(1.1) Na ₂ CO ₃	80	24	trace

^aReaction conditions: **1a** (0.1 mmol), diphenyliodonium triflate (0.1 mmol), base (1.1 equiv.) and solvent (0.1 M) were added in a Schlenk tube. Yields based on ¹H NMR spectra.

Table S4: Investigation for unsymmetrical iodonium salt^a

Scheme S3:



Entry	1a (eq.)	2a (eq.)	Aux	X	Base	Temp. (°C)	Time (h)	Yield (%)
1	1	2a-OTf (1.0)	Ph	OTf	Na ₂ CO ₃ (1.1)	80	12	72
2	1	2a-OTs (1.0)	Ph	OTs	Na ₂ CO ₃ (1.1)	80	12	trace
3	1	2a-Br (1.0)	Ph	Br	Na ₂ CO ₃ (1.1)	80	12	56
4	1	2a-BF₄ (1.0)	Ph	BF ₄	Na ₂ CO ₃ (1.1)	80	112	75
5	1	2a-TMP (1.0)	TMP	TFA	Na ₂ CO ₃ (1.1)	80	5	85 (77) ^b
6	1	2a-Mes (1.0)	Mes	OTf	Na ₂ CO ₃ (1.1)	80	12	trace
7	1	2a-An (1.0)	Anisyl	OTf	Na ₂ CO ₃ (1.1)	80	12	60
8	1	2a-TMP (1.0)	TMP	OTs	Na ₂ CO ₃ (1.1)	80	24	trace
9	1	2a-TMP (1.0)	TMP	OTf	Na ₂ CO ₃ (1.1)	80	24	trace
10	1	2a-TMP (1.2)	TMP	TFA	Na ₂ CO ₃ (1.1)	80	10	82
11	1	2a-TMP (1.0)	TMP	TFA	Na ₂ CO ₃ (0.5)	80	12	65
12	1	2a-TMP (1.0)	TMP	TFA	Na ₂ CO ₃ (1.5)	80	12	78
13	1.2	2a-TMP (1.0)	TMP	TFA	Na ₂ CO ₃ (1.1)	80	12	75

14	1	2a-TMP (1.0)	TMP	TFA	Na ₂ CO ₃ (1.1)	100	12	80
15	1	2a-TMP (1.0)	TMP	TFA	Et ₃ N (1.1)	80	10	72
16	1	2a-TMP (1.0)	TMP	TFA	K ₃ PO ₄ (1.1)	80	12	68

^aReaction conditions: **1a** (0.1 mmol), **2a** salts (0.1 mmol), base (1.1 equiv.) and solvent (0.1 M) were added in a Schlenk tube. Yields based on ¹H NMR spectra. ^bCH₃CN as solvent.

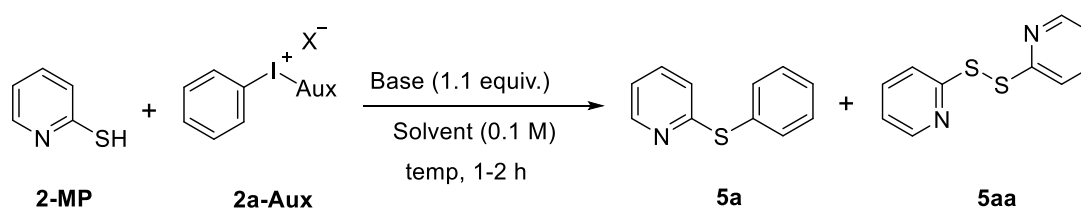
5. OPTIMIZATION ON THE S-ARYLATION OF 2-MERCAPTOPYRIDINE (2-MP)

5.1 Initial optimization

As we tried to implement our protocol into *S*-phenylation of 2-mercaptopyridine, we were surprised that the reaction did not work and showed a prominent side product. Initially, we suspected that the side product would be *N*-arylated product of 2-MP. But, later it was confirmed from ¹H NMR spectrum that it was disulphide compound of 2-MP (Scheme S4). As a result, we further optimized on the factors by varying of temperature, bases and proper auxiliary selection of iodonium salt (Table S5).

Table S5: Variation of factors on *S*-phenylation of 2-mercaptopyridine^a

Scheme S4:

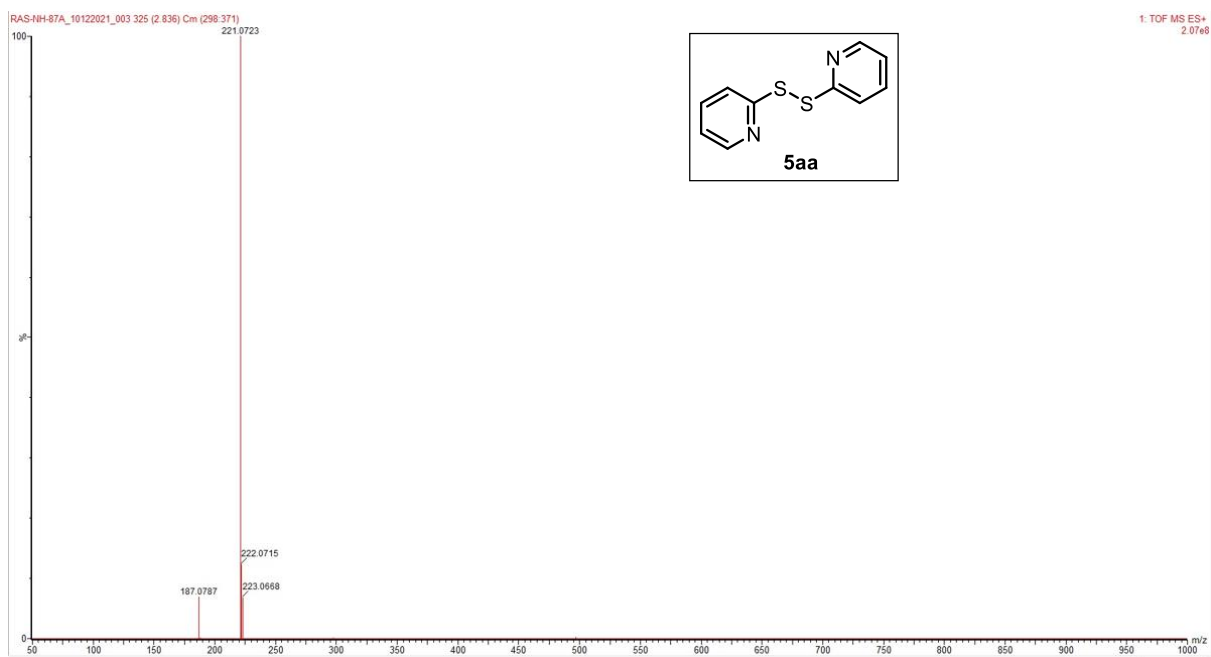
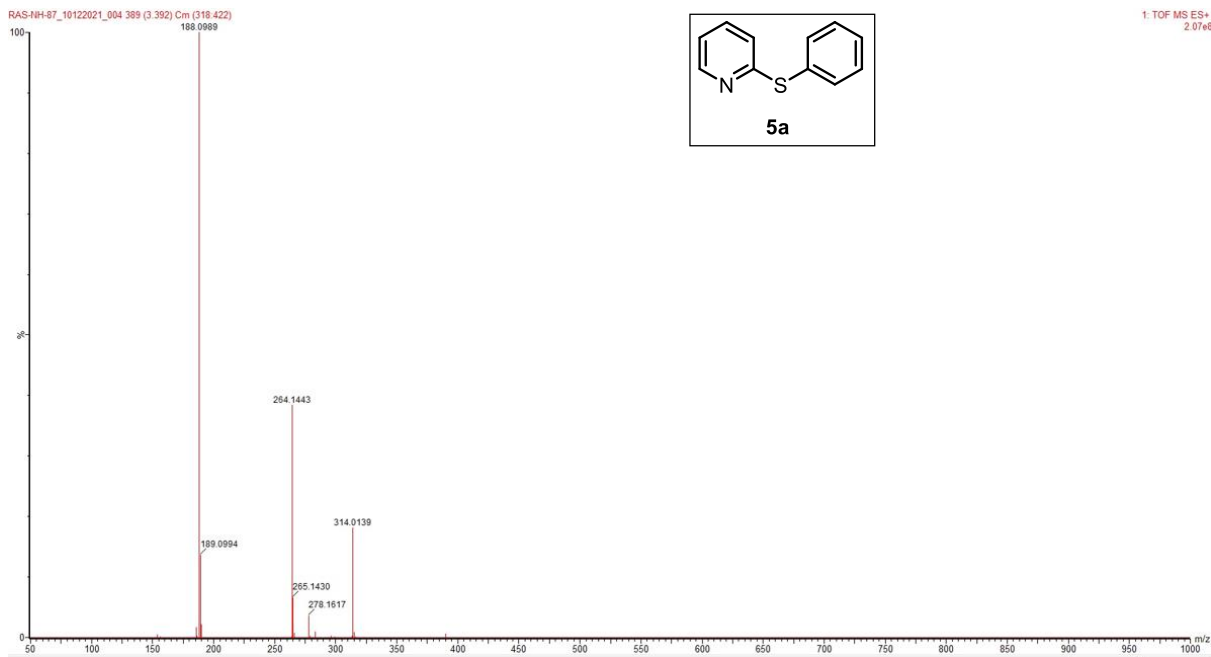


Entry	2-MP (eq.)	2a (equiv.)	Aux	X	Base	Solvent	T (°C)	t (h)	Yield (%)	
									5a	5aa
1	1	2a-TMP (1.0)	TMP	TFA	Na ₂ CO ₃ (1.1)	Toluene	80	3	Trace	-
2	1	2a-OTf (1.0)	Ph	OTf	Na ₂ CO ₃ (1.1)	Toluene	rt	2	0	100
3	1	2a-OTf (1.0)	Ph	OTf	Na ₂ CO ₃ (1.1)	Toluene	45	3	Trace	100
4	1	2a-OTf (1.0)	Ph	OTf	Na ₂ CO ₃ (1.1)	Toluene	60	3	15	75
5	1	2a-OTf (1.0)	Ph	OTf	Na ₂ CO ₃ (1.1)	Toluene	80	3	36	68

6	1	2a-OTf (1.0)	Ph	OTf	Na ₂ CO ₃ (1.1)	Toluene	100	2	78	-
7	1	2a-OTf (1.0)	Ph	OTf	Na ₂ CO ₃ (1.1)	ACN	100	3	72	trace
8	1	2a-OTf (1.0)	Ph	OTf	Na ₂ CO ₃ (1.1)	DMF	100	5	46	-
9	1	2a-OTf (1.0)	Ph	OTf	Na ₂ CO ₃ (1.0)	MeOH	100	5	28	-
10	1	2a-OTf (1.0)	Ph	OTf	Na ₂ CO ₃ (1.1)	DCE	100	5	65	-
11	1	2a-OTf (1.0)	Ph	OTf	Na ₂ CO ₃ (1.1)	1,4- dioxane	100	5	68	-
12	1	2a-OTf (1.0)	Ph	OTf	Et ₃ N (1.0)	Toluene	100	3	75	trace
13	1	2a-OTf (1.0)	Ph	OTf	K ₃ PO ₄ (1.1)	Toluene	100	5	46	trace
14	1	2a-OTf (1.0)	Ph	OTf	K ₂ CO ₃ (1.1)	Toluene	100	5	68	trace
15	1	2a-OTf (1.0)	Ph	OTf	DABCO (1.1)	Toluene	100	5	55	30
16	1	2a-OTf (1.0)	Ph	OTf	DBU (1.0)	Toluene	100	3	72	trace
17	1.2	2a-OTf (1.0)	Ph	OTf	K ^t BuO (1.0)	Toluene	100	2	45	trace
18	1	2a-TMP (1.0)	TMP	TFA	Na ₂ CO ₃ (1.0)	Toluene	100	5	48	trace
19	1	2a-TMP (1.0)	TMP	OTs	Na ₂ CO ₃ (1.0)	Toluene	100	5	trace	-
20	1	2a-TMP (1.0)	TMP	OTf	Na ₂ CO ₃ (1.0)	Toluene	100	5	-	trace
21	1	2a-Mes (1.0)	Mes	OTf	Na ₂ CO ₃ (1.0)	Toluene	100	3	trace	-
22	1	2a-An (1.0)	anis yl	OTf	Na ₂ CO ₃ (1.0)	Toluene	100	2	78	-

^aReaction conditions: **2-MP** (0.1 mmol), **2a** salts (0.1 mmol), base (1.1 equiv.) and solvent (0.1 M) were added in a Schlenk tube. Yields based on ¹H NMR spectra. Toluene was degassed before use.

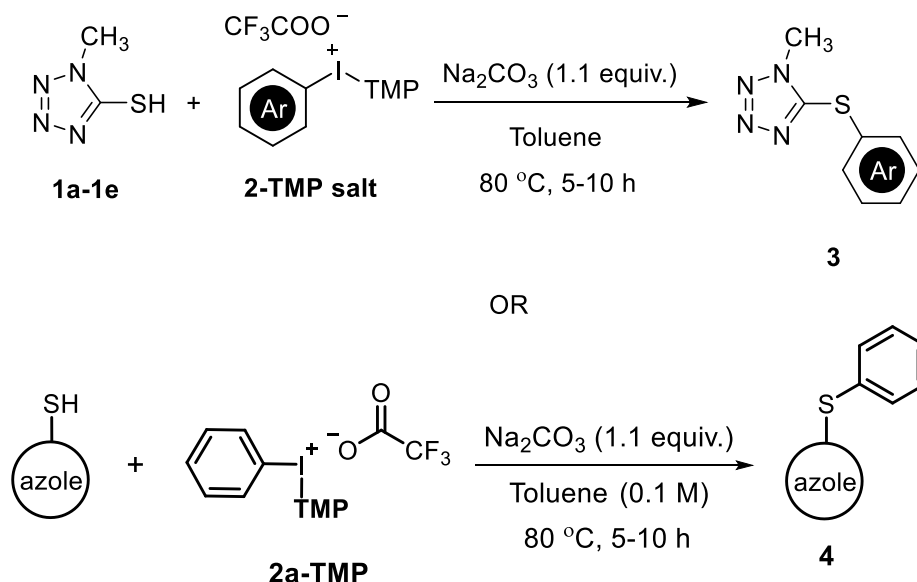
5.2 Validation of 4a and 4aa by HRMS



6. PROCEDURES

6.1 General procedure A: S-arylation of tetrazole-5-thiols or other azoles

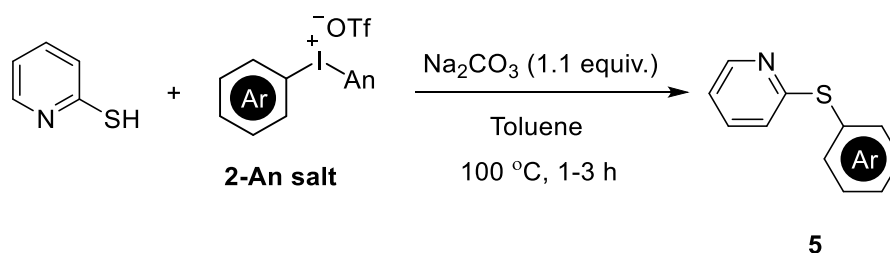
Scheme S5



To an oven-dried Schlenk-tube, tetrazole-5-thiol **1** or **azole** (0.35 mmol), diaryliodonium salt **2-TMP** (0.35 mmol, 1 equiv.), and Na_2CO_3 (0.385 mmol, 1.1 equiv.) were added. After adding toluene (3.5 mL, 0.1 M), the tube was sealed and placed on a pre-heated oil bath at 80 °C. The reaction mixture was stirred till indicated time period. After removing from heat, the reaction was cooled to room temperature and performed work-up with EtOAc and water. The organic layer was dried over anhydrous Na_2SO_4 and concentrated under reduced pressure. Then, the crude product was purified using column-chromatography to obtain the desired product.

6.2 General procedure B: S-arylation of 2-mercaptopyridine

Scheme S6



To an oven-dried Schlenk-tube, 2-mercaptopyridine (0.25 mmol), diaryliodonium salt **2-An** (0.25 mmol, 1 equiv.), and Na_2CO_3 (0.275 mmol, 1.1 equiv.) were added. After adding toluene (3.5 mL, 0.1 M), the tube was sealed and placed on a pre-heated oil bath at 100 °C. After removing from heat, the reaction was cooled to room temperature and performed work-up with EtOAc and water. The organic layer was dried over anhydrous Na_2SO_4 and concentrated under reduced pressure. Then, the crude product was purified using column-chromatography to obtain the desired product.

7. DFT STUDIES

Geometry optimizations, ground state energies and vibrational frequencies of the species in interest are obtained using Gaussian 09 program.¹² A popular and reliable Becke-3-parameter-Lee-Yang-Parr B3LYP functional along with LANL2DZ basis set is chosen for the geometry optimizations. B3LYP functional is chosen as it gives accurate structures and energies for the reactions including aryl iodonium salts.^{13,14} Vibrational frequency calculations are done in order to distinguish between a minima (No imaginary frequency) and a transition state (One imaginary frequency). Berny algorithm¹⁵ is carried out for the geometry optimization of a transition state structure. IRC calculations¹⁶ have been performed for each TS in order to confirm the reaction path where it connects the transition state with its two neighbouring minima.

6.1 Cartesian coordinates of all the optimized intermediates and transition states

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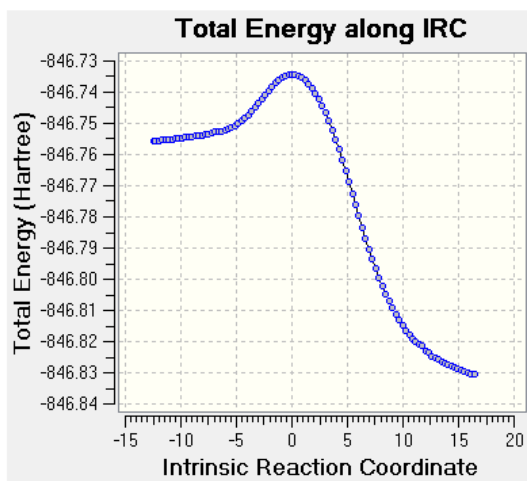
6.2 Absolute and Relative Gibbs free energies for reaction pathway at B3LYP/LANL2DZ level

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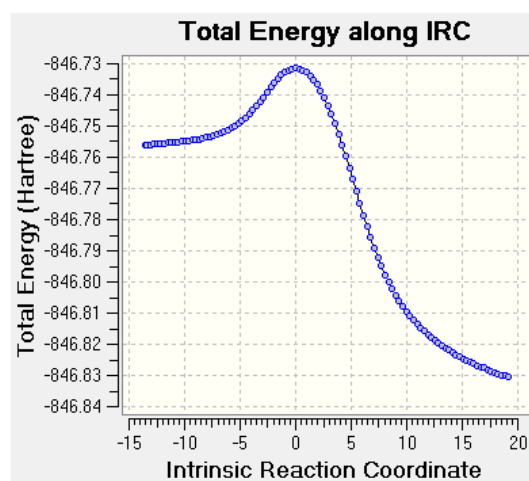
IM1+OTf	-1419.795936	-21.41499964
TS1+OTf	-1419.772011	-6.401846818
5a+An-I+OTf	-1419.895501	-83.89293323

2a-An+2-MP (deprotonated)	-1419.761809	0.00
IM2+OTf	-1419.796404	-21.70867386
TS2+OTf	-1419.769484	-4.816131575
5i+Ph-I+OTf	-1419.896029	-84.22425798

6.3 Intrinsic reaction co-ordinate (IRC) plots of all transition states



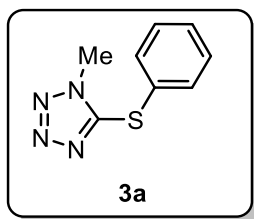
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IM2-TS2-5i

8. SYNTHESIS AND CHARACTERIZATION OF S-ARYL PRODUCTS

1-methyl-5-(phenylthio)-1*H*-tetrazole



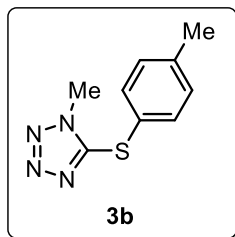
Synthesized following **general procedure A** starting from **1a** (40.6 mg, 0.35 mmol) and **2a-TMP** (169.5 mg, 0.35 mmol). The reaction was stirred for 5 h. The reaction mixture was purified by column chromatography (AcOEt/Hexane: 10/90 → 30/70) to afford **3a** (55 mg, 0.285 mmol, 82%) as yellowish liquid. R_f 0.3 (AcOEt /Hexane: 30/70).

$^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ = 7.50-7.52 (m, 2H), 7.39-7.41 (m, 3H), 3.96 (s, 3H)

$^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ = 152.4, 132.5, 130, 129.6, 127.8, 34.1

HRMS (ESI) m/z : $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ calculated for $\text{C}_8\text{H}_8\text{N}_4\text{S}$ 192.0470; found 193.0939

1-methyl-5-(*p*-tolylthio)-1*H*-tetrazole

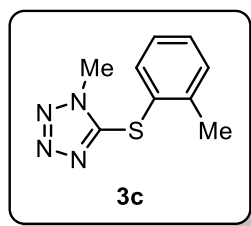


Synthesized following **general procedure A** starting from **1a** (40.6 mg, 0.35 mmol) and **2b-TMP** (174.38 mg, 0.35 mmol). The reaction was stirred for 5 h. The reaction mixture was purified by column chromatography (AcOEt/Hexane: 10/90 → 30/70) to afford **3b** (65 mg, 0.318 mmol, 91%) as colourless liquid. R_f 0.4 (AcOEt /Hexane: 30/70).

$^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ = 7.40 (d, $J=8$ Hz, 2H), 7.18 (d, $J=8$ Hz, 2H), 3.95 (s, 3H), 2.36 (s, 3H)

$^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ = 153.0, 140.2, 133.1, 130.7, 123.8, 34.17, 21.34

HRMS (ESI) m/z : $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ calculated for $\text{C}_9\text{H}_{10}\text{N}_4\text{S}$ 206.0626; found 207.1145

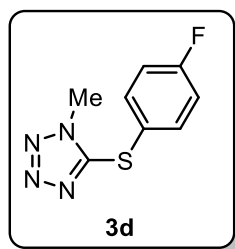
1-methyl-5-(*o*-tolylthio)-1*H*-tetrazole

Synthesized following **general procedure A** starting from **1a** (40.6 mg, 0.35 mmol) and **2c-TMP** (174.3 mg, 0.35 mmol). The reaction was stirred for 8 h. The reaction mixture was purified by column chromatography (AcOEt/Hexane: 10/90 → 30/70) to afford **3a** (56 mg, 0.35 mmol, 78%) as yellowish oil. R_f 0.35 (AcOEt /Hexane: 30/70).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 7.44 (d, J =8 Hz, 2H), 7.31-7.36 (m, 2H), 7.20-7.23 (m, 1H) 3.96 (s, 3H), 2.46 (s, 3H)

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 152.6, 141.3, 134.3, 131.5, 130.4, 127.5, 126.6, 34.0, 20.8

HRMS (ESI) m/z : [M+H]⁺ calculated for C₉H₁₀N₄S 206.0626; found 207.0917

5-((4-fluorophenyl)thio)-1-methyl-1*H*-tetrazole

Synthesized following **general procedure A** starting from **1a** (40.6 mg, 0.35 mmol) and **2d-TMP** (175.7 mg, 0.35 mmol). The reaction was stirred for 8 h. The reaction mixture was purified by column chromatography (AcOEt/Hexane: 10/90 → 30/70) to afford **3d** (56 mg, 0.26 mmol, 76%) as yellowish oil. R_f 0.3 (AcOEt /Hexane: 30/70).

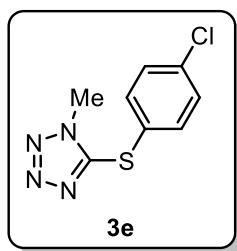
¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 7.53-7.56 (m, 2H), 7.08-7.10 (m, 2H), 3.96 (s, 3H)

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 163.75 (d, J_{C-F} = 250 Hz), 152.95, 135.76, 122.38, 117.3 (d, J_{C-F} = 25 Hz), 34

¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = -109.7

HRMS (ESI) m/z : [M+H]⁺ calculated for C₈H₇N₄FS 210.0375; found 211.0917

5-((4-chlorophenyl)thio)-1-methyl-1H-tetrazole



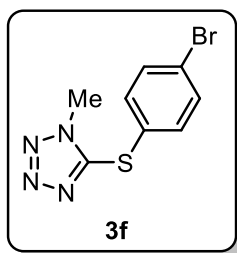
Synthesized following **general procedure A** starting from **1a** (40.6 mg, 0.35 mmol) and **2c-TMP** (181.5 mg, 0.35 mmol). The reaction was stirred for 8 h. The reaction mixture was purified by column chromatography (AcOEt/Hexane: 10/90 → 30/70) to afford **3e** (65 mg, 0.28 mmol, 82%) as white solid. R_f 0.35 (AcOEt/Hexane: 30/70).

$^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ = 7.53 (d, $J=8$ Hz, 2H), 7.41 (d, $J=8$ Hz, 2H), 3.99 (s, 3H)

$^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ = 152.0, 134.1, 133.1, 126.7, 124.3, 34.1

HRMS (ESI) m/z : $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ calculated for $\text{C}_8\text{H}_7\text{N}_4\text{SCl}$ 226.0080; found 227.0622

5-((4-bromophenyl)thio)-1-methyl-1H-tetrazole



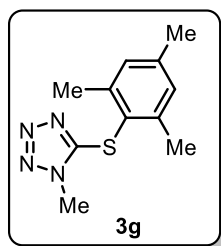
Synthesized following **general procedure A** starting from **1a** (40.6 mg, 0.35 mmol) and **2f-TMP** (197 mg, 0.35 mmol). The reaction was stirred for 8 h. The reaction mixture was purified by column chromatography (AcOEt/Hexane: 10/90 → 30/70) to afford **3f** (76 mg, 0.283 mmol, 81%) as white solid. R_f 0.4 (AcOEt/Hexane: 30/70).

$^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ = 7.44 (d, $J=8$ Hz, 2H), 7.33 (d, $J=8$ Hz, 2H), 3.95 (s, 3H)

$^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ = 152.2, 136.2, 134.1, 130.1, 125.9, 34.0

HRMS (ESI) m/z : $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ calculated for $\text{C}_8\text{H}_7\text{N}_4\text{SBr}$ 269.9575; found 272.9648

5-(mesitylthio)-1-methyl-1*H*-tetrazole



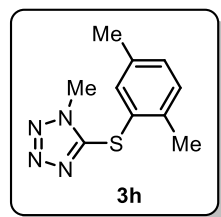
Synthesized following **general procedure A** starting from **1a** (40.6 mg, 0.35 mmol) and **2g-TMP** (184 mg, 0.35 mmol). The reaction was stirred for 8 h. The reaction mixture was purified by column chromatography (AcOEt/Hexane: 10/90 → 30/70) to afford **3g** (53 mg, 0.227 mmol, 65%) as yellowish liquid. R_f 0.45 (AcOEt/Hexane: 30/70).

$^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ = 7.00 (s, 2H), 3.93 (s, 3H), 2.39 (s, 6H), 2.28 (s, 3H)

$^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ = 153.6, 143.2, 141.1, 130.0, 121.6, 33.82, 21.91, 21.16

HRMS (ESI) m/z : $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ calculated for $\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_{14}\text{N}_4\text{S}$ 234.0939; found 235.1013

5-((2,5-dimethylphenyl)thio)-1-methyl-1*H*-tetrazole



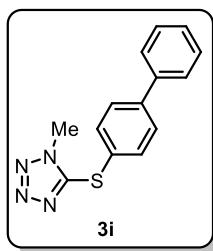
Synthesized following **general procedure A** starting from **1a** (40.6 mg, 0.35 mmol) and **2h-TMP** (179 mg, 0.35 mmol). The reaction was stirred for 8 h. The reaction mixture was purified by column chromatography (AcOEt/Hexane: 10/90 → 30/70) to afford **3h** (55 mg, 0.252 mmol, 72%) as white solid. R_f 0.4 (AcOEt/Hexane: 30/70).

$^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ = 7.22 (s, 1H), 7.16 (d, $J=8$ Hz, 1H), 7.10 (d, $J=8$ Hz, 1H), 3.91 (s, 3H), 2.36 (s, 3H), 2.25 (s, 3H)

$^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ = 152.7, 138.0, 137.2, 134.6, 131.1, 126.2, 33.8, 20.8, 20.3

HRMS (ESI) m/z : $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ calculated for $\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_{12}\text{N}_4\text{S}$ 220.0783; found 221.0857

5-([1,1'-biphenyl]-4-ylthio)-1-methyl-1H-tetrazole



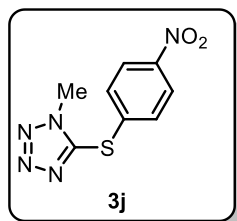
Synthesized following **general procedure A** starting from **1a** (40.6 mg, 0.35 mmol) and **2i-TMP** (196 mg, 0.35 mmol). The reaction was stirred for 8 h. The reaction mixture was purified by column chromatography (AcOEt/Hexane: 10/90 → 30/70) to afford **3i** (61.9 mg, 0.231 mmol, 66%) as white solid. R_f 0.45 (AcOEt /Hexane: 30/70).

$^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ = 7.54-7.61 (m, 6H), 7.43 (t, $J=8$ Hz, 2H), 7.36 (t, $J=8$ Hz, 2H), 7.10 (d, $J=8$ Hz, 1H), 3.97 (s, 3H)

$^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ = 152.5, 142.7, 139.6, 133.0, 129.0, 128.6, 128.1, 127.1, 34.1

HRMS (ESI) m/z : $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ calculated for $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{12}\text{N}_4\text{S}$ 268.0783; found 269.0859

1-methyl-5-((4-nitrophenyl)thio)-1H-tetrazole



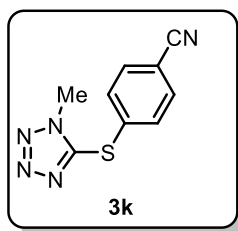
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$^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ = 8.23 (d, $J=8$ Hz, 2H), 7.64 (d, $J=8$ Hz, 1H), 4.07 (s, 3H)

$^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ = 150.2, 147.8, 137.0, 131.0, 124.8, 34.2

HRMS (ESI) m/z : $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ calculated for $\text{C}_8\text{H}_7\text{N}_5\text{O}_2\text{S}$ 237.0320; found 238.0398

4-((1-methyl-1H-tetrazol-5-yl)thio)benzonitrile



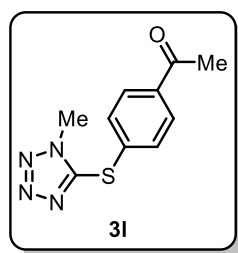
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$^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ = 7.64 (d, $J=8$ Hz, 2H), 7.55 (d, $J=8$ Hz, 1H), 4.01 (s, 3H)

$^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ = 150.4, 134.8, 133.3, 131.2, 117.7, 112.8, 34.2

HRMS (ESI) m/z : $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ calculated for $\text{C}_9\text{H}_7\text{N}_5\text{S}$ 217.0422; found 218.0499

1-(4-((1-methyl-1H-tetrazol-5-yl)thio)phenyl)ethan-1-one



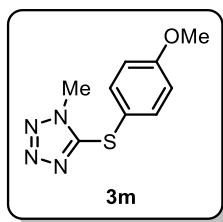
Synthesized following **general procedure A** starting from **1a** (40.6 mg, 0.35 mmol) and **2l-TMP** (184 mg, 0.35 mmol). The reaction was stirred for 10 h. The reaction mixture was purified by column chromatography (AcOEt/Hexane: 10/90 → 30/70) to afford **3l** (59 mg, 0.252 mmol, 72%) as white solid. R_f 0.25 (AcOEt/Hexane: 30/70).

$^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ = 7.91 (d, $J=8$ Hz, 2H), 7.50 (d, $J=8$ Hz, 1H), 3.98 (s, 3H), 2.56 (s, 3H)

$^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ = 150.9, 137.2, 134.2, 130.9, 129.6, 34.3, 26.7

HRMS (ESI) m/z : $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ calculated for $\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_{10}\text{N}_4\text{OS}$ 234.0575; found 235.0835

5-((4-methoxyphenyl)thio)-1-methyl-1*H*-tetrazole



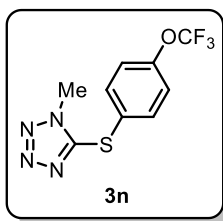
Synthesized following **general procedure A** starting from **1a** (40.6 mg, 0.35 mmol) and **2i-An** (171 mg, 0.35 mmol). The reaction was stirred for 8 h. The reaction mixture was purified by column chromatography (AcOEt/Hexane: 10/90 → 30/70) to afford **3m** (68.5 mg, 0.308 mmol, 88%) as yellowish liquid. R_f 0.25 (AcOEt /Hexane: 30/70).

$^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ = 7.48 (d, $J=8$ Hz, 2H), 6.89 (d, $J=8$ Hz, 1H), 3.91 (s, 3H), 3.78 (s, 3H)

$^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ = 161.2, 153.8, 135.7, 117.0, 115.6, 55.5, 33.8

HRMS (ESI) m/z : $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ calculated for $\text{C}_9\text{H}_{10}\text{N}_4\text{OS}$ 222.0575; found 223.0851

1-methyl-5-((4-(trifluoromethoxy)phenyl)thio)-1*H*-tetrazole



Synthesized following **general procedure A** starting from **1a** (40.6 mg, 0.35 mmol) and **2m-An** (198 mg, 0.35 mmol). The reaction was stirred for 8 h. The reaction mixture was purified by column chromatography (AcOEt/Hexane: 10/90 → 30/70) to afford **3n** (71.4 mg, 0.259 mmol, 74%) as colourless oil. R_f 0.35 (AcOEt /Hexane: 30/70).

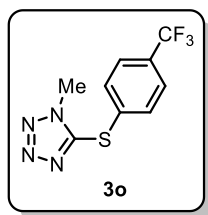
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$^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ = 152.2, 150.2, 134.4, 125.9, 122.2, 121.6, 119.0, 34.0

$^{19}\text{F NMR}$ (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ = -58.2

HRMS (ESI) m/z : $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ calculated for $\text{C}_9\text{H}_7\text{N}_4\text{OF}_3\text{S}$ 276.0293; found 277.0368

1-methyl-5-((4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)thio)-1H-tetrazole



Synthesized following **general procedure A** starting from **1a** (40.6 mg, 0.35 mmol) and **2n-An** (193 mg, 0.35 mmol). The reaction was stirred for 8 h. The reaction mixture was purified by column chromatography (AcOEt/Hexane: 10/90 → 30/70) to afford **3o** (74.6 mg, 0.287 mmol, 82%) as colourless oil. R_f 0.4 (AcOEt /Hexane: 30/70).

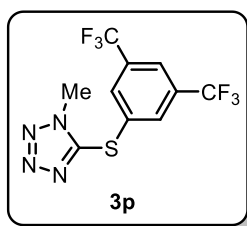
$^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ = 7.62 (d, $J=8$ Hz, 2H), 7.58 (d, $J=8$ Hz, 1H), 4.00 (s, 3H)

$^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ = 151.1, 132.9, 131.6, 131.5, 127.6, 126.8, 124.9, 122.2, 34.3

$^{19}\text{F NMR}$ (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ = -62.5

HRMS (ESI) m/z : $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ calculated for $\text{C}_9\text{H}_7\text{N}_4\text{F}_3\text{S}$ 260.0344; found 261.0419

5-((3,5-bis(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)thio)-1-methyl-1H-tetrazole



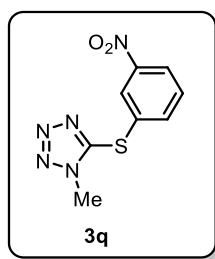
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$^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ = 8.02 (s, 2H), 7.90 (s, 1H), 4.07 (s, 3H)

$^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ = 150.8, 133.7, 133.4, 133.0, 132.7, 132.2, 131.1, 126.6, 123.9, 123.4, 121.2, 118.5, 34.1

$^{19}\text{F NMR}$ (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ = -62.9

HRMS (ESI) m/z : $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ calculated for $\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_6\text{N}_4\text{F}_6\text{S}$ 328.0217; found 329.0878

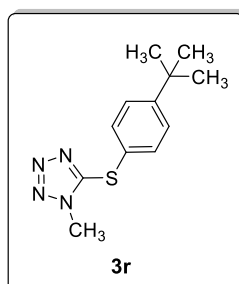
1-methyl-5-((3-nitrophenyl)thio)-1H-tetrazole

Synthesized following **general procedure A** starting from **1a** (40.6 mg, 0.35 mmol) and **2p-TMP** (285 mg, 0.35 mmol). The reaction was stirred for 10 h. The reaction mixture was purified by column chromatography (AcOEt/Hexane: 10/90 → 30/70) to afford **3p** (62 mg, 0.262 mmol, 75%) as yellowish oil. R_f 0.25 (AcOEt /Hexane: 30/70).

$^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ = 8.38 (t, J = 2.2 Hz, 1H), 8.21 (dq, J = 8 and 1 Hz, 1H), 7.86 (dq, J = 8 and 1 Hz, 1H), 7.60 (t, J = 8 Hz, 1H), 4.04 (s, 3H)

$^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ = 151.3, 148.7, 138.2, 130.9, 130.1, 127.0, 124.4, 34.2

HRMS (ESI) m/z : $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ calculated for $\text{C}_8\text{H}_7\text{N}_5\text{O}_2\text{S}$ 237.0320; found 238.0401

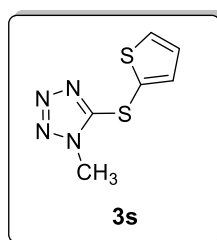
5-((4-(tert-butyl)phenyl)thio)-1-methyl-1H-tetrazole

Synthesized following **general procedure A** starting from **1a** (58 mg, 0.5 mmol) and **2d-OTf** (244 mg, 0.5 mmol). The reaction was stirred for 10 h. The reaction mixture was purified by column chromatography (AcOEt/Hexane: 10/90 → 30/70) to afford **3r** (59 mg, 0.24 mmol, 48%) as colourless oil. R_f 0.25 (AcOEt /Hexane: 30/70).

$^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ = 7.47 (d, J = 8 Hz, 2H), 7.41 (d, J = 8 Hz, 2H), 3.96 (s, 3H), 1.31 (s, 9H)

$^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ = 153.2, 152.9, 132.7, 129.5, 127.0, 123.8, 120.2, 115.4, 34.8, 34.1, 31.1

HRMS (ESI) m/z : $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ calculated for $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{16}\text{N}_4\text{S}$ 248.1096; found 249.1565

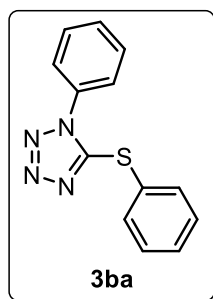
1-methyl-5-(thiophen-2-ylthio)-1H-tetrazole

Synthesized following **general procedure A** starting from **1a** (58 mg, 0.5 mmol) and **2f-OTf** (218 mg, 0.5 mmol). The reaction was stirred for 10 h. The reaction mixture was purified by column chromatography (AcOEt/Hexane: 10/90 → 30/70) to afford **3s** (24 mg, 0.12 mmol, 24%) as black oil. R_f 0.25 (AcOEt /Hexane: 30/70).

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ = 7.56 (dd, J = 8 & 1 Hz, 1H), 7.45 (dd, J = 8 & 1 Hz, 1H), 7.10 (dd, J = 8 & 1 Hz, 1H), 4.04 (s, 3H)

^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ = 152.7, 137.5, 133.0, 128.2, 122.9, 115.4, 34.1

HRMS (ESI) m/z : $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ calculated for $\text{C}_6\text{H}_6\text{N}_4\text{S}_2$ 198.0034; found 200.0472

1-phenyl-5-(phenylthio)-1H-tetrazole

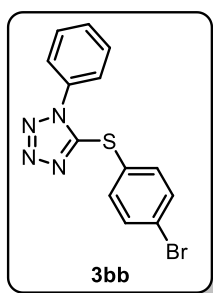
Synthesized following **general procedure A** starting from **1b** (44.5 mg, 0.25 mmol) and **2a-OTf** (121 mg, 0.25 mmol). The reaction was stirred for 6 h. The reaction mixture was purified by column chromatography (AcOEt/Hexane: 10/90 → 30/70) to afford **3ba** (48 mg, 0.190 mmol, 75%) as white solid. R_f 0.5 (AcOEt /Hexane: 30/70).

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ = 7.54-7.58 (m, 7H), 7.37-7.43 (m, 3H)

^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ = 153.7, 134.0, 133.6, 130.4, 126.8, 124.5

HRMS (ESI) m/z : $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ calculated for $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{10}\text{N}_4\text{S}$ 254.0626; found 255.1227

5-((4-bromophenyl)thio)-1-phenyl-1H-tetrazole



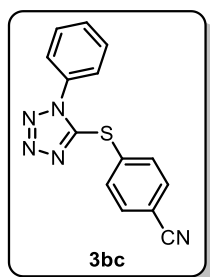
Synthesized following **general procedure A** starting from **1b** (44.5 mg, 0.25 mmol) and **2f-TMP-TFA** (141 mg, 0.25 mmol). The reaction was stirred for 8 h. The reaction mixture was purified by column chromatography (AcOEt/Hexane: 10/90 → 30/70) to afford **3bb** (59 mg, 0.18 mmol, 72%) as yellow solid. R_f 0.5 (AcOEt/Hexane: 30/70).

$^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ = 7.50-7.55 (m, 7H), 7.42 (d, $J=8$ Hz, 2H)

$^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ = 153.2, 135.6, 133.5, 133.1, 130.6, 129.9, 125.8, 125.0, 124.5

HRMS (ESI) m/z : $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ calculated for $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_9\text{N}_4\text{BrS}$ 331.9731; found 332.9808

4-((1-phenyl-1H-tetrazol-5-yl)thio)benzotrile

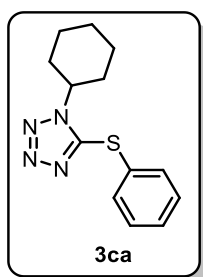


Synthesized following **general procedure A** starting from **1b** (44.5 mg, 0.25 mmol) and **2k-TMP-TFA** (127 mg, 0.25 mmol). The reaction was stirred for 8 h. The reaction mixture was purified by column chromatography (AcOEt/Hexane: 10/90 → 30/70) to afford **3bc** (45.3 mg, 0.162 mmol, 65%) as off-white solid. R_f 0.45 (AcOEt/Hexane: 30/70).

$^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ = 7.64 (m, 5H), 7.54-7.58 (m, 4H)

$^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ = 151.6, 133.8, 133.1, 133.0, 130.9, 124.5, 117.8, 113.4

HRMS (ESI) m/z : $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ calculated for $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_9\text{N}_5\text{S}$ 279.0579; found 280.0652

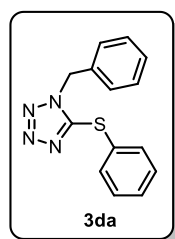
1-cyclohexyl-5-(phenylthio)-1H-tetrazole

Synthesized following **general procedure A** starting from **1c** (46 mg, 0.25 mmol) and **2a-TMP-TFA** (121 mg, 0.25 mmol). The reaction was stirred for 8 h. The reaction mixture was purified by column chromatography (AcOEt/Hexane: 10/90 → 30/70) to afford **3ca** (40 mg, 0.155 mmol, 62%) as yellowish liquid. R_f 0.5 (AcOEt /Hexane: 30/70).

$^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ = 7.51-7.54 (m, 2H), 7.38-7.40 (m, 3H), 1.90-1.93 (m, 6H), 1.28-1.39 (m, 4H)

$^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ = 151.1, 132.6, 129.9, 129.5, 128.4, 58.6, 32.4, 25.3, 24.8

HRMS (ESI) m/z : $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ calculated for $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{16}\text{N}_4\text{S}$ 260.1096; found 261.1117

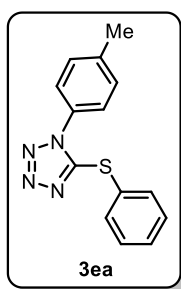
1-benzyl-5-(phenylthio)-1H-tetrazole

Synthesized following **general procedure A** starting from **1d** (48 mg, 0.25 mmol) and **2a-TMP-TFA** (121 mg, 0.25 mmol). The reaction was stirred for 8 h. The reaction mixture was purified by column chromatography (AcOEt/Hexane: 10/90 → 0/70) to afford **3da** (44.2 mg, 0.165 mmol, 66%) as yellowish liquid. R_f 0.5 (AcOEt /Hexane: 30/70).

$^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ = 7.43-7.46 (m, 2H), 7.32-7.35 (m, 6H), 7.22-7.24 (m, 2H), 5.50 (s, 2H)

$^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ = 152.4, 133.0, 132.7, 129.9, 129.6, 129.18, 129.06, 128.1, 127.8, 51.4

HRMS (ESI) m/z : $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ calculated for $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{12}\text{N}_4\text{S}$ 268.0763; found 269.0655

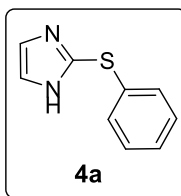
5-(phenylthio)-1-(*p*-tolyl)-1*H*-tetrazole

Synthesized following **general procedure A** starting from **1d** (48 mg, 0.25 mmol) and **2a-TMP-TFA** (121 mg, 0.25 mmol). The reaction was stirred for 8 h. The reaction mixture was purified by column chromatography (AcOEt/Hexane: 10/90 \rightarrow 20/80) to afford **3ea** (55 mg, 0.205 mmol, 82%) as white solid. R_f 0.45 (AcOEt /Hexane: 30/70).

$^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ = 7.57 (d, J = 8 Hz, 2H), 7.35-7.43 (m, 7H), 2.46 (s, 3H)

$^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ = 153.6, 140.9, 134.0, 131.1, 130.3, 129.8, 127.0, 21.4

HRMS (ESI) m/z : $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ calculated for $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{12}\text{N}_4\text{S}$ 268.0763; found 269.1367

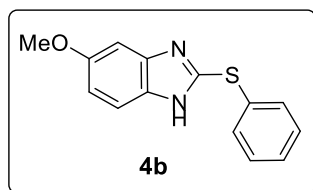
2-(phenylthio)-1*H*-imidazole

Synthesized following **general procedure A** starting from 1*H*-imidazole-2-thiol (35 mg, 0.35 mmol) and **2a-TMP** (170 mg, 0.35 mmol). The reaction was stirred for 10 h. The reaction mixture was purified by column chromatography (AcOEt/Hexane: 5/98 \rightarrow 20/95) to afford **4a** (42 mg, 0.238 mmol, 68%) as white solid. R_f 0.25 (AcOEt /Hexane: 10/90).

$^1\text{H NMR}$ (600 MHz, $\text{DMSO}-d_6$) δ = 7.03 (t, J = 8 Hz, 2H), 6.91-6.95 (m, 3H), 6.83 (d, J = 8 Hz, 2H)

$^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (150 MHz, $\text{DMSO}-d_6$) δ = 134.9, 133.6, 128.3, 126.3, 125.4

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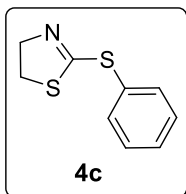
5-methoxy-2-(phenylthio)-1H-benzo[d]imidazole

Synthesized following **general procedure A** starting from 5-methoxy-1H-benzo[d]imidazole-2-thiol (63 mg, 0.35 mmol) and **2a-TMP** (170 mg, 0.35 mmol). The reaction was stirred for 10 h. The reaction mixture was purified by column chromatography (AcOEt/Hexane: 5/98 → 20/95) to afford **4b** (64 mg, 0.252 mmol, 72%) as yellow solid. R_f 0.3 (AcOEt/Hexane: 10/90).

$^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ = 7.42-7.45 (m, 2H), 7.38 (d, J = 8 Hz, 1H), 7.21-7.23 (m, 3H), 6.76 (d, J = 4 Hz, 1H), 6.83 (q, J = 8 Hz, 1H), 3.75 (s, 3H)

$^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ = 156.5, 147.1, 139.3, 134.4, 132.2, 131.0, 129.6, 128.5, 115.8, 112.3, 97.1, 55.8

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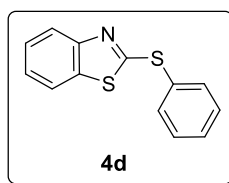
2-(phenylthio)-4,5-dihydrothiazole¹⁷

Synthesized following **general procedure A** starting from 4,5-dihydrothiazole-2-thiol (38.9 mg, 0.35 mmol) and **2a-TMP** (170 mg, 0.35 mmol). The reaction was stirred for 10 h. The reaction mixture was purified by column chromatography (AcOEt/Hexane: 5/98 → 10/95) to afford **4c** (52 mg, 0.266 mmol, 76%) as colourless liquid. R_f 0.4 (AcOEt/Hexane: 10/90).

$^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ = 7.63-7.65 (m, 2H), 7.40-7.44 (m, 3H), 4.26 (t, J = 8 Hz, 2H), 3.30 (t, J = 8 Hz, 2H)

$^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ = 167.7, 135.6, 130.0, 129.2, 65.4, 35.0

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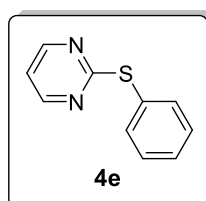
2-(phenylthio)benzo[*d*]thiazole¹⁷

Synthesized following **general procedure A** starting from benzo[*d*]thiazole-2-thiol (58.5 mg, 0.35 mmol) and **2a-TMP** (170 mg, 0.35 mmol). The reaction was stirred for 10 h. The reaction mixture was purified by column chromatography (AcOEt/Hexane: 5/98 → 10/95) to afford **4d** (75.8 mg, 0.3115 mmol, 89%) as colourless liquid. R_f 0.5 (AcOEt /Hexane: 10/90).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 7.88 (d, J = 8 Hz, 1H), 7.73 (d, J = 8 Hz, 2H), 7.64 (d, J = 8 Hz, 1H), 7.41-7.49 (m, 3H) 7.40 (t, J = 8 Hz, 1H), 7.26 (t, J = 8 Hz, 1H)

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 169.7, 153.9, 135.5, 135.4, 130.5, 129.9, 126.2, 124.3, 121.9, 120.8

HRMS (ESI) m/z : [M+H]⁺ calculated for C₁₃H₉NS₂ 243.0176; found 244.0624

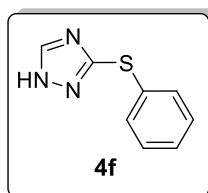
2-(phenylthio)pyrimidine¹⁷

Synthesized following **general procedure A** starting from pyrimidine-2-thiol (40 mg, 0.35 mmol) and **2a-TMP** (170 mg, 0.35 mmol). The reaction was stirred for 10 h. The reaction mixture was purified by column chromatography (AcOEt/Hexane: 5/98 → 10/95) to afford **4e** (50.7 mg, 0.269 mmol, 77%) as yellow liquid. R_f 0.5 (AcOEt /Hexane: 10/90).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 8.48 (d, J = 8 Hz, 2H), 7.62-7.65 (m, 2H), 7.45 (t, J = 4 Hz, 1H), 6.95 (t, J = 4 Hz, 1H)

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 172.8, 157.6, 135.3, 129.3, 117.0

HRMS (ESI) m/z : [M+H]⁺ calculated for C₁₀H₈N₂S 188.0408; found 189.0922

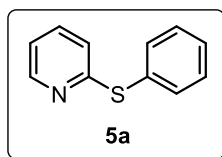
3-(phenylthio)-1H-1,2,4-triazole¹⁷

Synthesized following **general procedure A** starting from pyrimidine-2-thiol (40 mg, 0.35 mmol) and **2a-TMP** (170 mg, 0.35 mmol). The reaction was stirred for 10 h. The reaction mixture was purified by column chromatography (AcOEt/Hexane: 5/98 → 10/95) to afford **4f** (44 mg, 0.245 mmol, 70%) as colourless liquid. R_f 0.5 (AcOEt /Hexane: 10/90).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 8.04 (s, 1H), 7.52-7.53 (m, 2H), 7.34-7.37 (m, 3H)

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 156.3, 147.4, 132.5, 130.4, 129.6, 128.7, 125.1

HRMS (ESI) m/z : [M+H]⁺ calculated for C₈H₇N₃S 177.0361; found 178.0844

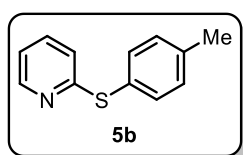
2-(phenylthio)pyridine¹⁷

Synthesized following **general procedure B** starting from 2-mercaptopyridine (38.9 mg, 0.35 mmol) and **2a-An** (161 mg, 0.35 mmol). The reaction was stirred for 2 h. The reaction mixture was purified by column chromatography (AcOEt/Hexane: 2/98 → 5/95) to afford **5a** (49 mg, 0.262 mmol, 75%) as colourless liquid. R_f 0.5 (AcOEt /Hexane: 10/90).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 8.39-8.41 (m, 1H), 7.56-7.59 (m, 2H), 7.39-7.45 (m, 4H), 6.95-6.98 (m, 1H), 6.87 (dt, J = 8 Hz, 1H)

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 161.6, 149.6, 136.8, 135.0, 131.1, 129.7, 129.2, 121.4, 120.02

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2-(*p*-tolylthio)pyridine¹⁸

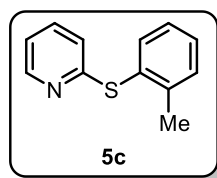
Synthesized following **general procedure B** starting from 2-mercaptopyridine (38.9 mg, 0.35 mmol) and **2b-An** (166 mg, 0.35 mmol). The reaction was stirred for 2 h. The reaction mixture was purified by column chromatography (AcOEt/Hexane: 2/98 → 5/95) to afford **5b** (57.8 mg, 0.287 mmol, 82%) as white solid. R_f 0.5 (AcOEt /Hexane: 10/90).

$^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ = 8.40 (d, J = 8 Hz, 1H), 7.47 (d, J = 8 Hz, 2H), 7.41 (dt, J = 8 & 1 Hz, 1H), 7.22 (d, J = 8 Hz, 2H), 6.95 (dq, J = 5 & 1 Hz, 1H), 6.82 (t, J = 8 Hz, 1H), 2.38 (s, 3H)

$^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ = 162.3, 149.6, 139.5, 136.7, 135.3, 130.6, 127.3, 120.9, 119.6, 21.3

HRMS (ESI) m/z : $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ calculated for $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{11}\text{NS}$ 201.0612; found 202.0758

2-(*o*-tolylthio)pyridine¹⁷



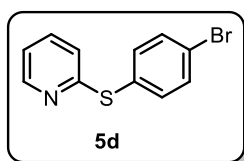
Synthesized following **general procedure B** starting from 2-mercaptopyridine (38.9 mg, 0.35 mmol) and **2b-An** (166 mg, 0.35 mmol). The reaction was stirred for 3 h. The reaction mixture was purified by column chromatography (AcOEt/Hexane: 2/98 → 5/95) to afford **5c** (57.8 mg, 0.287 mmol, 72%) as colourless liquid. R_f 0.5 (AcOEt /Hexane: 10/90).

$^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ = 8.40 (d, J = 8 Hz, 1H), 7.59 (d, J = 8 Hz, 1H), 7.39 (dt, J = 8 & 1 Hz, 1H), 7.33-7.34 (m, 2H), 7.21-7.25 (m, 1H), 6.95 (dq, J = 5 & 1 Hz, 1H), 6.82 (t, J = 8 Hz, 1H), 2.39 (s, 3H)

$^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ = 161.3, 149.7, 142.8, 136.8, 131.1, 129.9, 127.2, 120.4, 119.6, 20.9

HRMS (ESI) m/z : $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ calculated for $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{11}\text{NS}$ 201.0612; found 202.0758

2-((4-bromophenyl)thio)pyridine¹⁸



Synthesized following **general procedure B** starting from 2-mercaptopyridine (38.9 mg, 0.35 mmol) and **2b-An** (188.6 mg, 0.35 mmol). The reaction was stirred for 3 h. The reaction

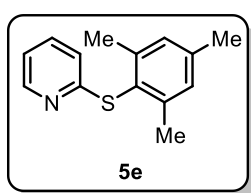
mixture was purified by column chromatography (AcOEt/Hexane: 2/98 → 5/95) to afford **5d** (72.6 mg, 0.273 mmol, 78%) as yellow solid. R_f 0.5 (AcOEt /Hexane: 10/90).

$^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ = 8.41 (d, J = 8 Hz, 1H), 7.42-7.54 (m, 5H), 7.01 (dq, J = 5 & 1 Hz, 1H), 6.84 (t, J = 8 Hz, 1H)

$^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ = 160.4, 149.8, 136.9, 136.3, 132.8, 130.4, 123.5, 121.8, 120.4

HRMS (ESI) m/z : $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ calculated for $\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_8\text{NSBr}$ 264.9561; found 266.0168

2-(mesitylthio)pyridine



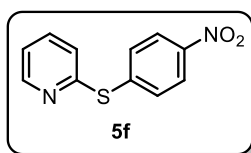
Synthesized following **general procedure B** starting from 2-mercaptopyridine (38.9 mg, 0.35 mmol) and **2b-An** (175.8 mg, 0.35 mmol). The reaction was stirred for 3 h. The reaction mixture was purified by column chromatography (AcOEt/Hexane: 2/98 → 5/95) to afford **5e** (57.8 mg, 0.287 mmol, 72%) as light-yellow liquid. R_f 0.6 (AcOEt /Hexane: 10/90).

$^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ = 8.38 (d, J = 8 Hz, 1H), 7.33-7.37 (m, 1H), 7.01 (s, 2H), 6.90-6.93 (m, 1H), 6.53 (d, J = 8 Hz, 1H), 2.38 (s, 6H), 2.31 (s, 3H)

$^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ = 161.6, 149.6, 143.8, 139.8, 136.7, 129.5, 125.8, 119.0, 21.7, 21.4

HRMS (ESI) m/z : $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ calculated for $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{15}\text{NS}$ 229.0925; found 230.0946

2-((4-nitrophenyl)thio)pyridine¹⁷



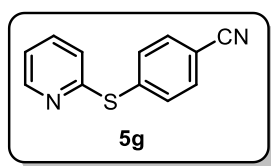
Synthesized following **general procedure B** starting from 2-mercaptopyridine (38.9 mg, 0.35 mmol) and **2f-An** (176 mg, 0.35 mmol). The reaction was stirred for 3 h. The reaction mixture was purified by column chromatography (AcOEt/Hexane: 2/98 → 10/90) to afford **5f** (71.5 mg, 0.308 mmol, 88%) as yellow solid. R_f 0.3 (AcOEt /Hexane: 10/90).

$^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ = 8.50 (d, J = 8 Hz, 1H), 8.16 (d, J = 8 Hz, 2H), 7.58 (d, J = 8 Hz, 2H), 7.29 (d, J = 8 Hz, 1H), 7.15-7.19 (m, 1H)

$^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ = 156.6, 150.5, 147.0, 142.5, 137.5, 131.9, 125.0, 124.2, 122.1

HRMS (ESI) m/z : $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ calculated for $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{15}\text{NS}$ 232.0306; found 233.0462

4-(pyridin-2-ylthio)benzonitrile¹⁷



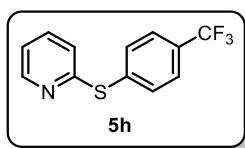
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$^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ = 8.47 (d, J = 8 Hz, 1H), 7.53-7.61 (m, 5H), 7.21 (d, J = 8 Hz, 1H), 7.11-7.15 (m, 1H)

$^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ = 150.4, 139.7, 137.4, 132.7, 132.5, 124.5, 121.8, 118.5, 11.3

HRMS (ESI) m/z : $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ calculated for $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_8\text{N}_2\text{S}$ 212.0408; found 213.0408

2-((4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)thio)pyridine¹⁸



Synthesized following **general procedure B** starting from 2-mercaptopyridine (38.9 mg, 0.35 mmol) and **2h-An** (184 mg, 0.35 mmol). The reaction was stirred for 3 h. The reaction mixture was purified by column chromatography (AcOEt/Hexane: 2/98 \rightarrow 5/95) to afford **5h** (69.6 mg, 0.273 mmol, 78%) as colourless liquid. R_f 0.5 (AcOEt /Hexane: 10/90).

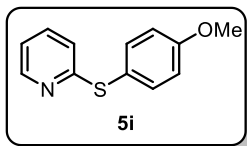
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$^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ = 158.8, 150.1, 137.1, 133.6, 130.4 (q, $J_{\text{C-F}}$ = 40 Hz), 129.9, 126.2, 125.3, 123.1, 122.6, 121.1

^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) $\delta = -61.7$

HRMS (ESI) m/z : $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ calculated for $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_8\text{NSF}_3$ 255.0330; found 258.0262

2-((4-methoxyphenyl)thio)pyridine¹⁸



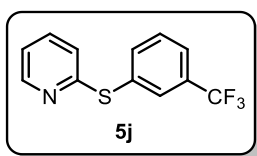
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^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) $\delta = 8.38$ (d, $J = 8$ Hz, 1H), 7.52 (d, $J = 8$ Hz, 2H), 7.40 (t, $J = 8$ Hz, 1H), 6.92-6.96 (m, 3H), 6.76 (d, $J = 8$ Hz, 1H), 3.83 (s, 3H)

^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) $\delta = 162.9, 160.7, 149.5, 137.3, 136.6, 121.1, 120.4, 119.5, 115.3, 55.5$

HRMS (ESI) m/z : $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ calculated for $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_8\text{NSF}_3$ 255.0330; found 256.0330

2-((3-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)thio)pyridine



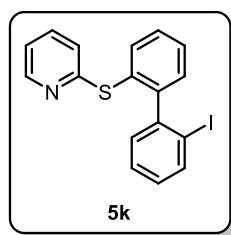
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^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) $\delta = 8.43$ (d, $J = 8$ Hz) 1H), 7.82 (s, 1H), 7.73 (d, $J = 8$ Hz, 1H), 7.62 (d, $J = 8$ Hz, 1H), 7.51 (t, $J = 8$ Hz, 2H), 7.03-7.07 (m, 1H), 7.01 (d, $J = 8$ Hz, 1H)

^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) $\delta = 159.4, 150.0, 137.5, 137.1, 133.6, 133.1, 132.4, 132.1, 131.7, 131.4, 130.9, 129.9, 125.5, 125.1, 122.3, 120.7$

HRMS (ESI) m/z : $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ calculated for $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_8\text{NSF}_3$ 255.0330; found 256.0334

2-((2'-iodo-[1,1'-biphenyl]-2-yl)thio)pyridine



Synthesized following **general procedure B** starting from 2-mercaptopyridine (27.7 mg, 0.25 mmol) and **2c-OTf** (108 mg, 0.25 mmol). The reaction was stirred for 3 h. The reaction mixture was purified by column chromatography (AcOEt/Hexane: 2/98 → 10/90) to afford **5k** (64 mg, 0.165 mmol, 66%) as yellow liquid. R_f 0.3 (AcOEt /Hexane: 10/90).

$^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ = 8.33 (d, J = 8 Hz, 1H), 7.55 (dd, J = 8 & 1 Hz, 1H), 7.66-7.68 (m, 1H), 7.28 (dd, J = 8 & 1 Hz, 1H), 7.21-7.25 (m, 1H), 7.12 (d, J = 8 Hz, 1H) 6.91-6.99 (m, 3H)

$^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ = 160.7, 149.5, 148.2, 145.3, 138.8, 136.5, 135.7, 131.1, 130.1, 128.9, 127.6, 122.5, 120.1, 100.1

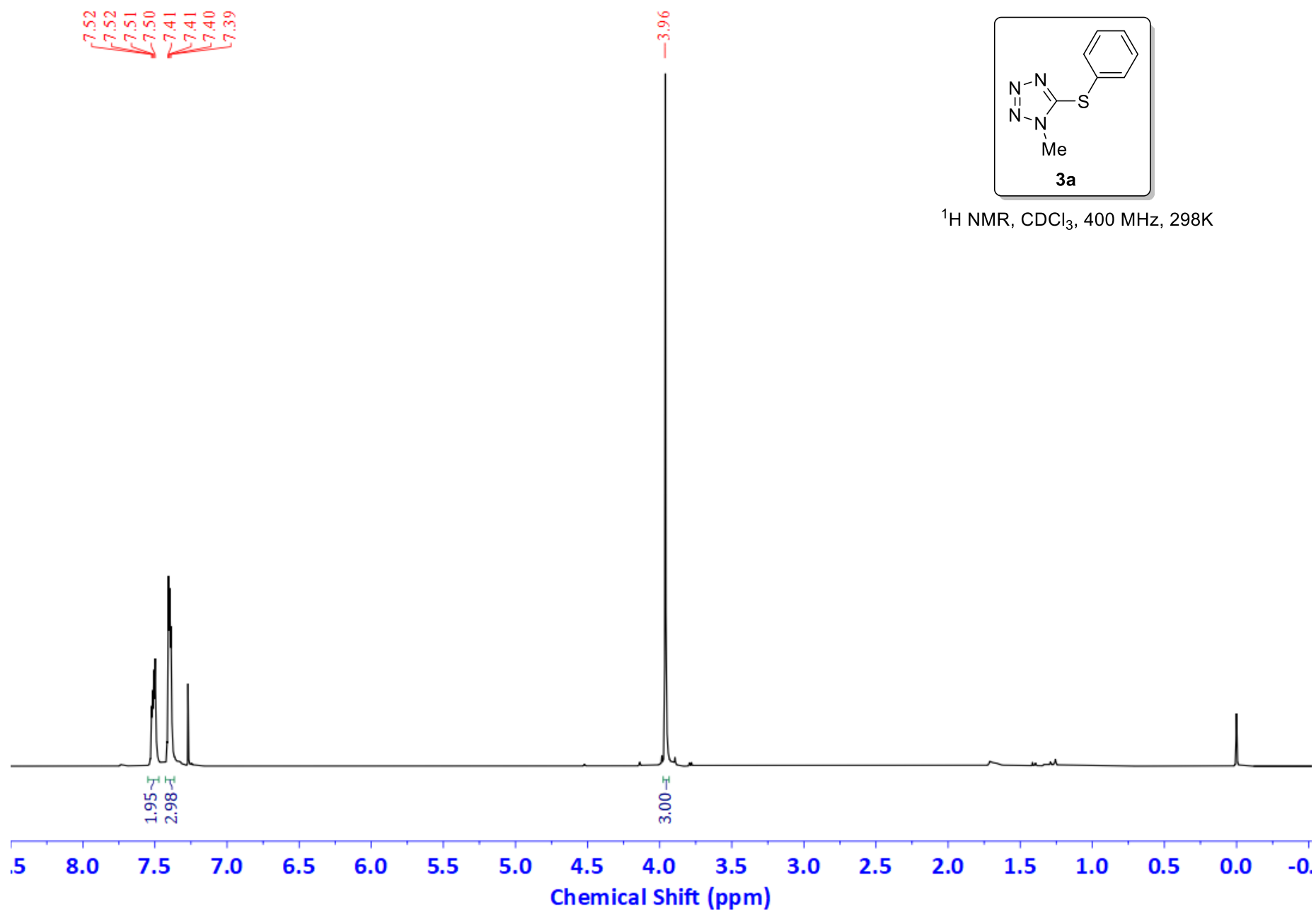
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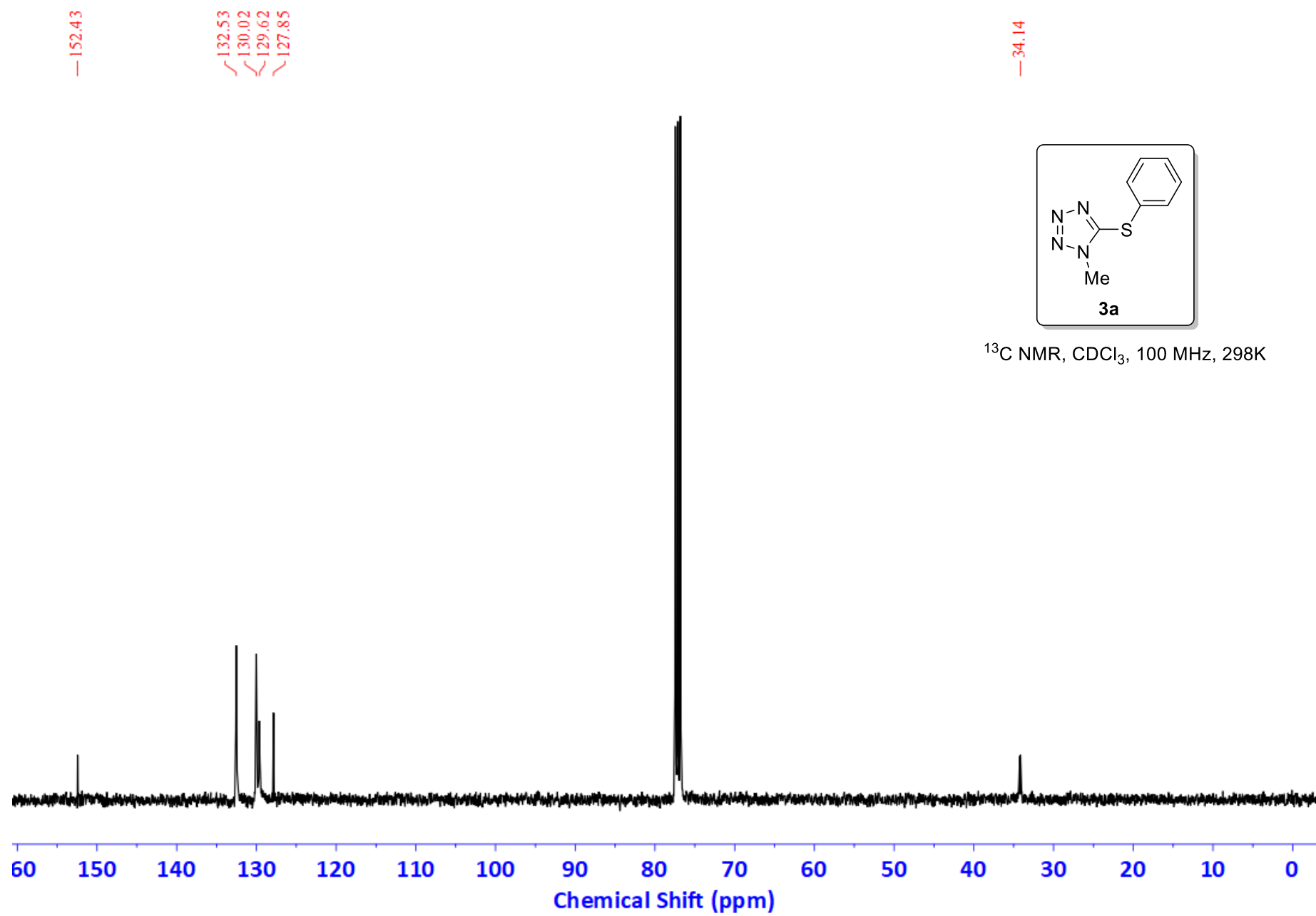
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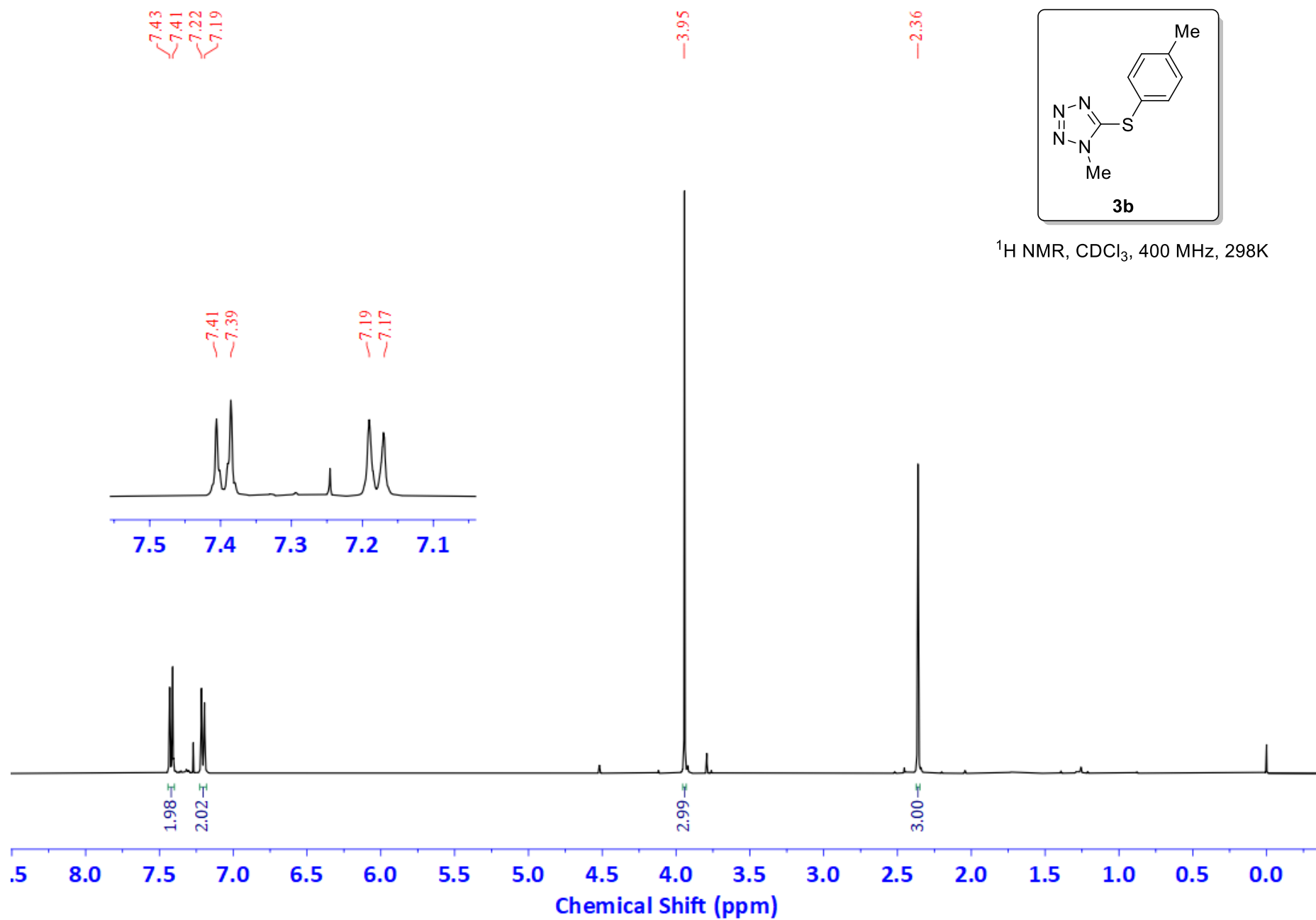
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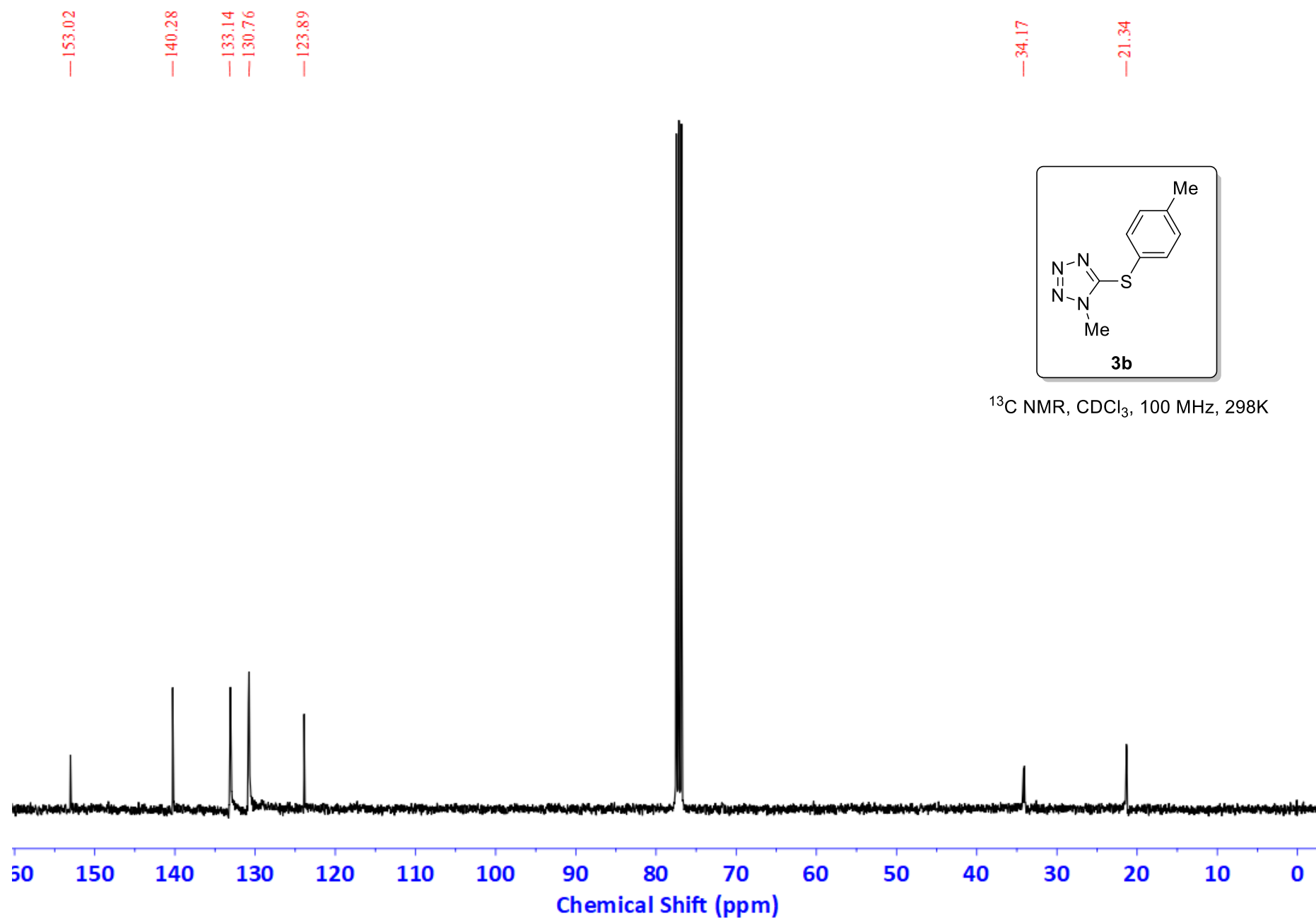
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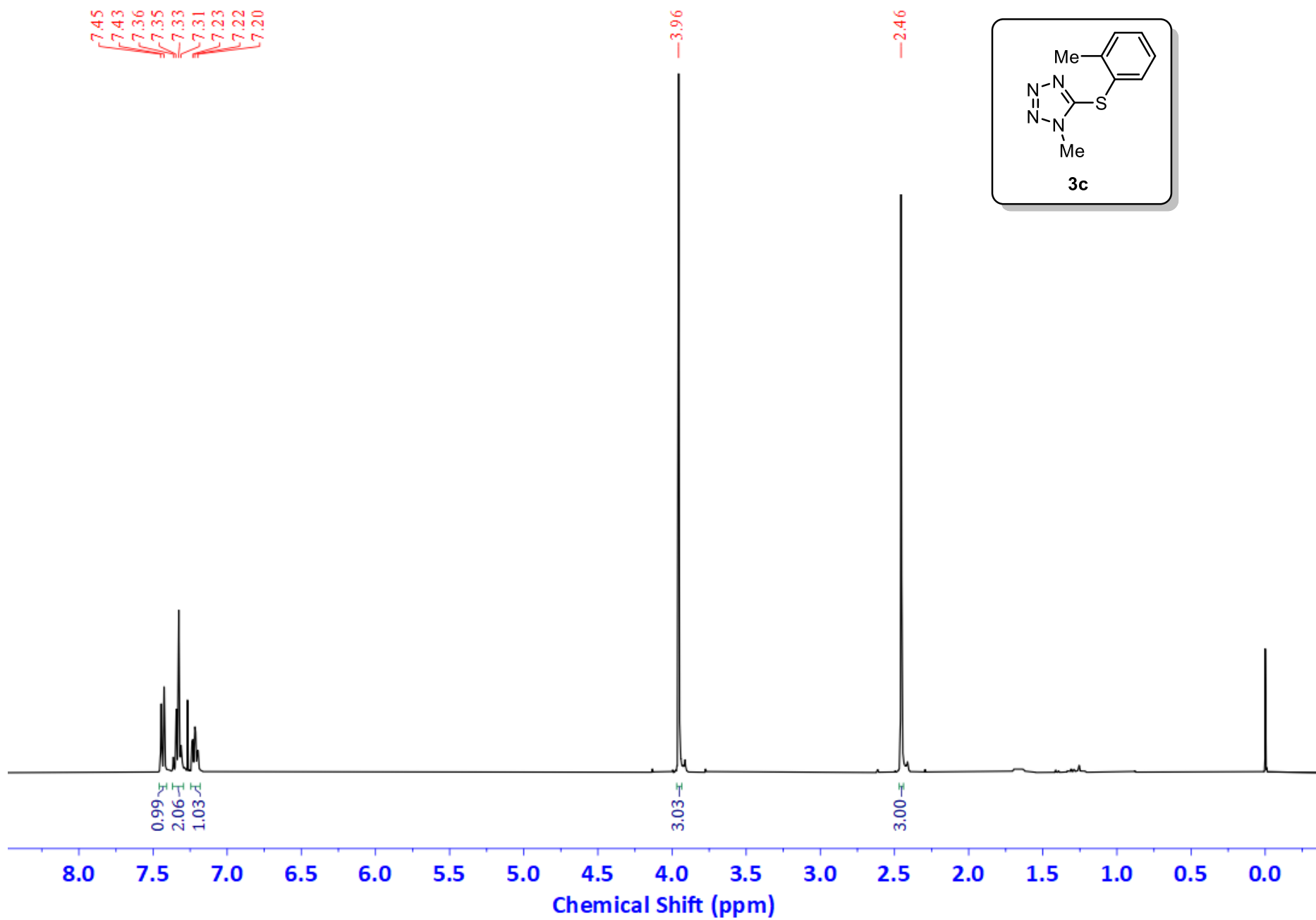
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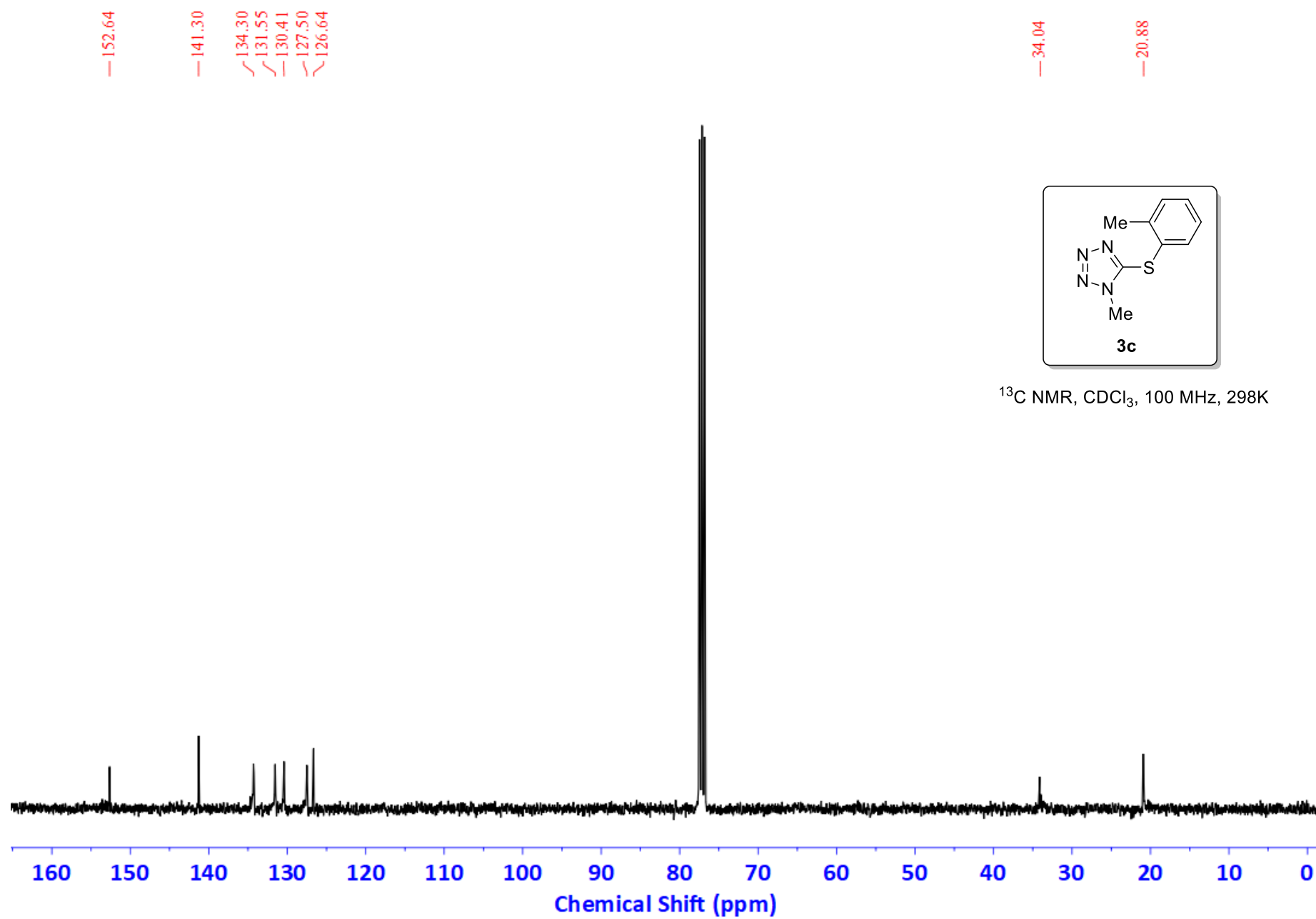


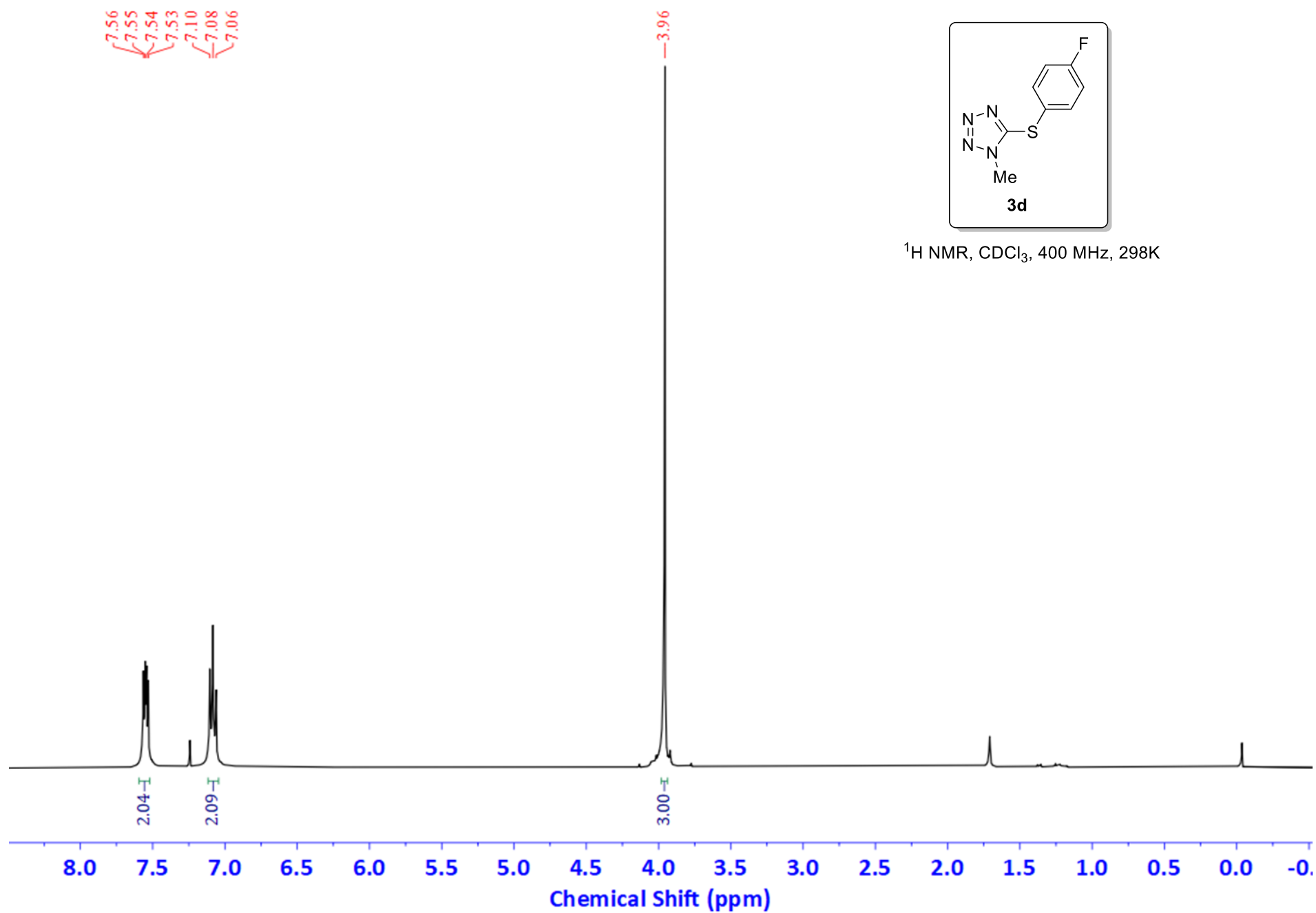


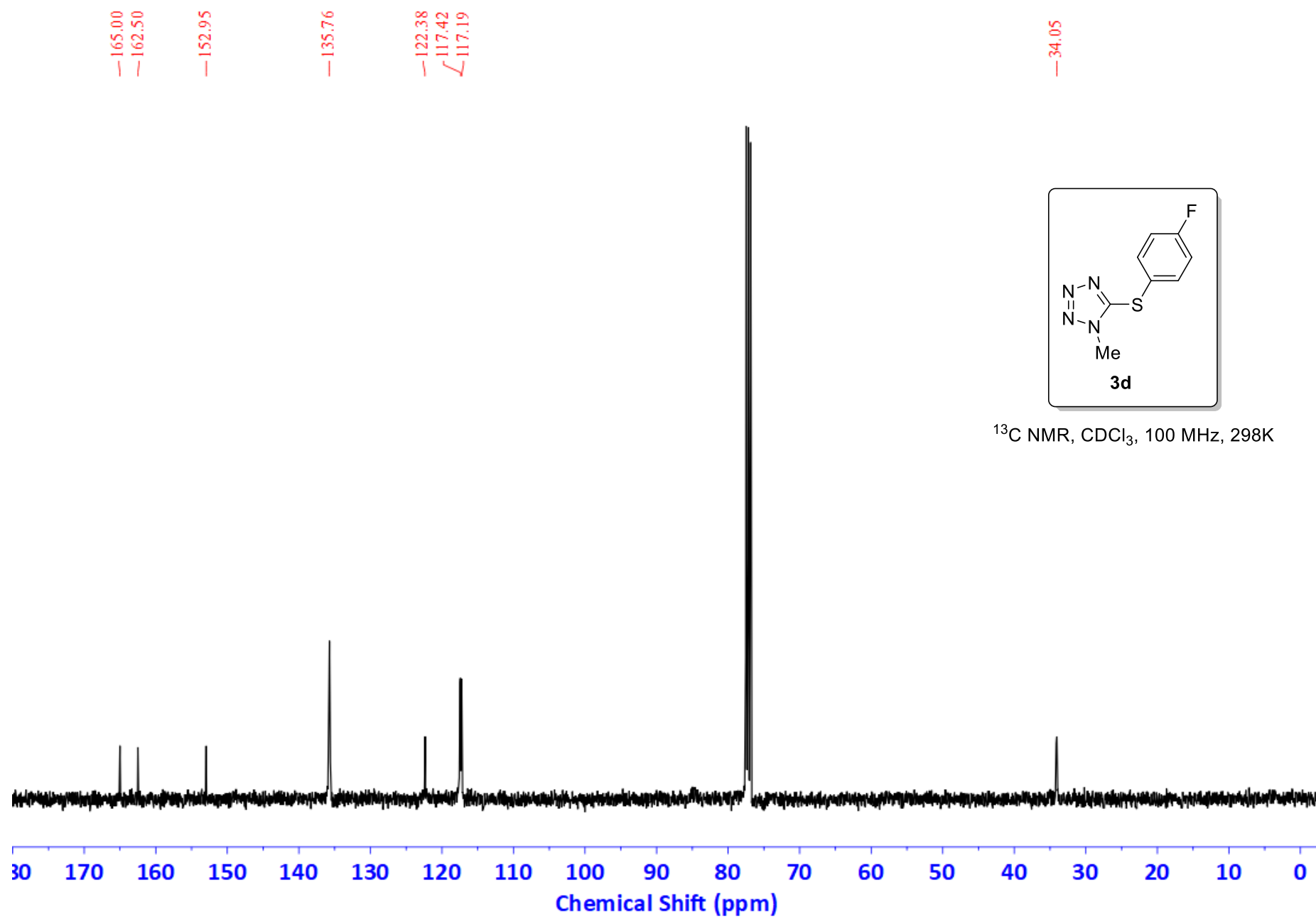


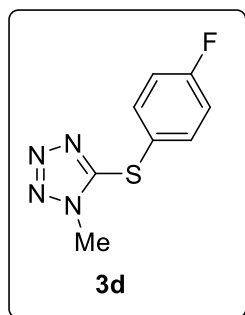




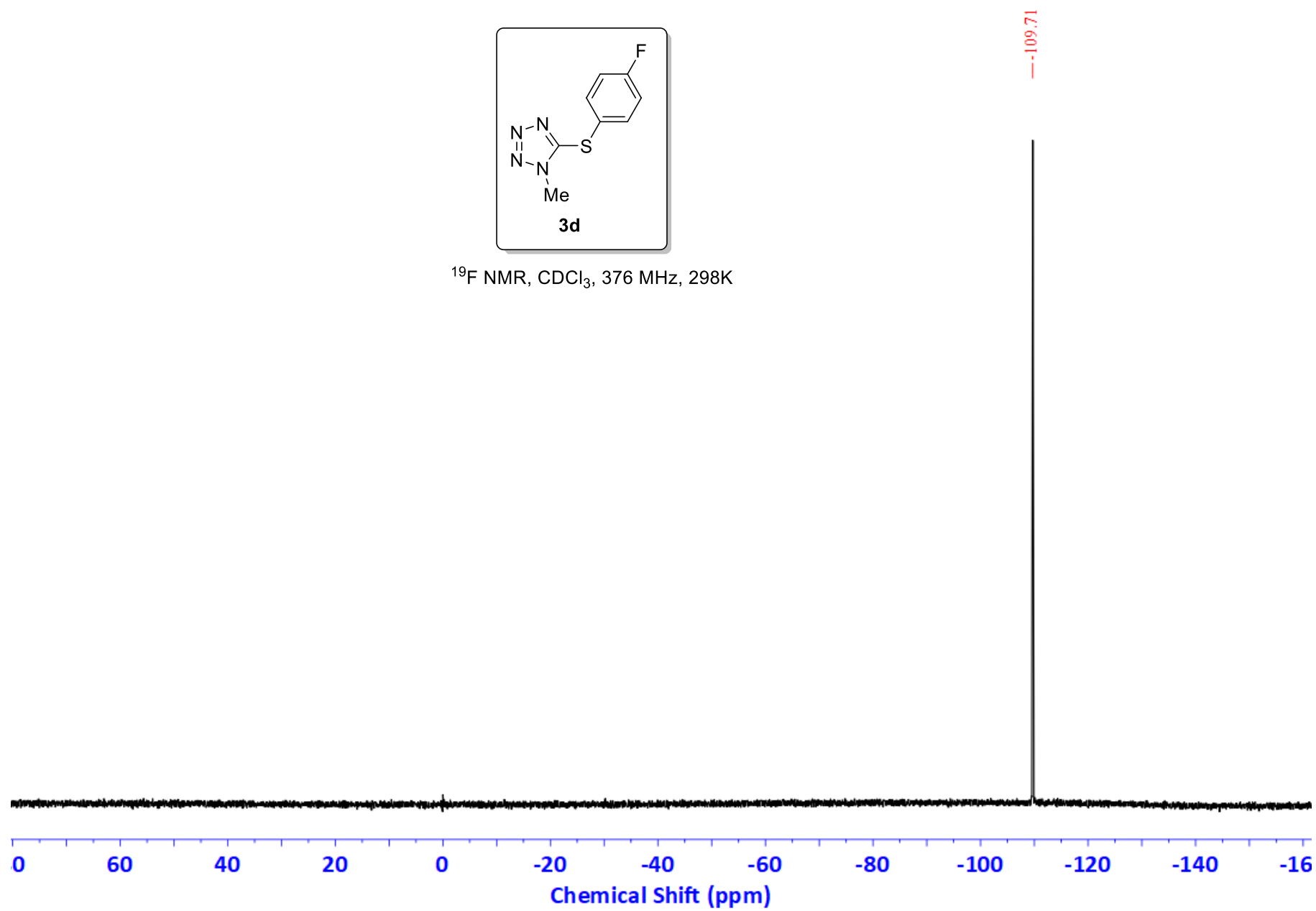


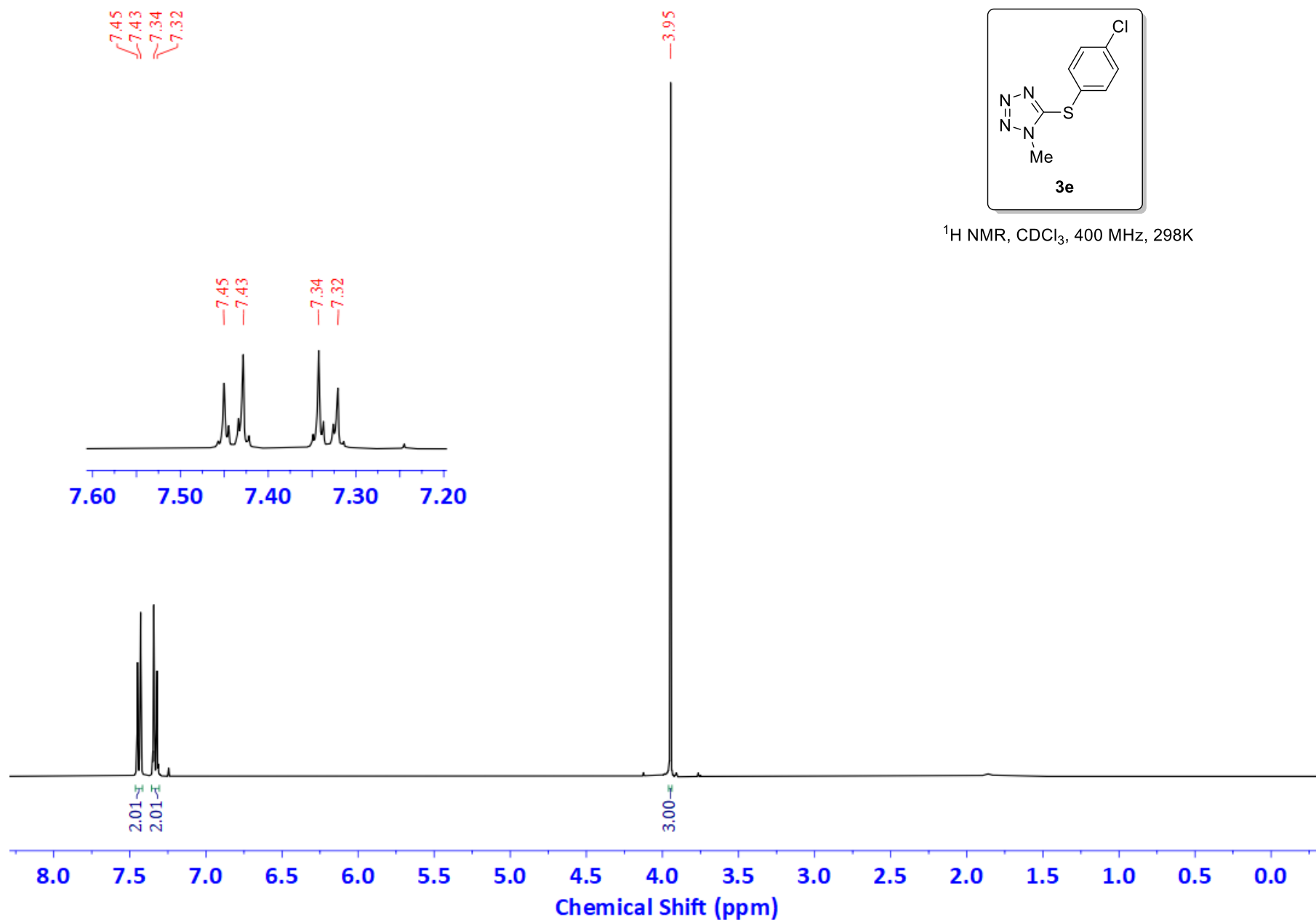


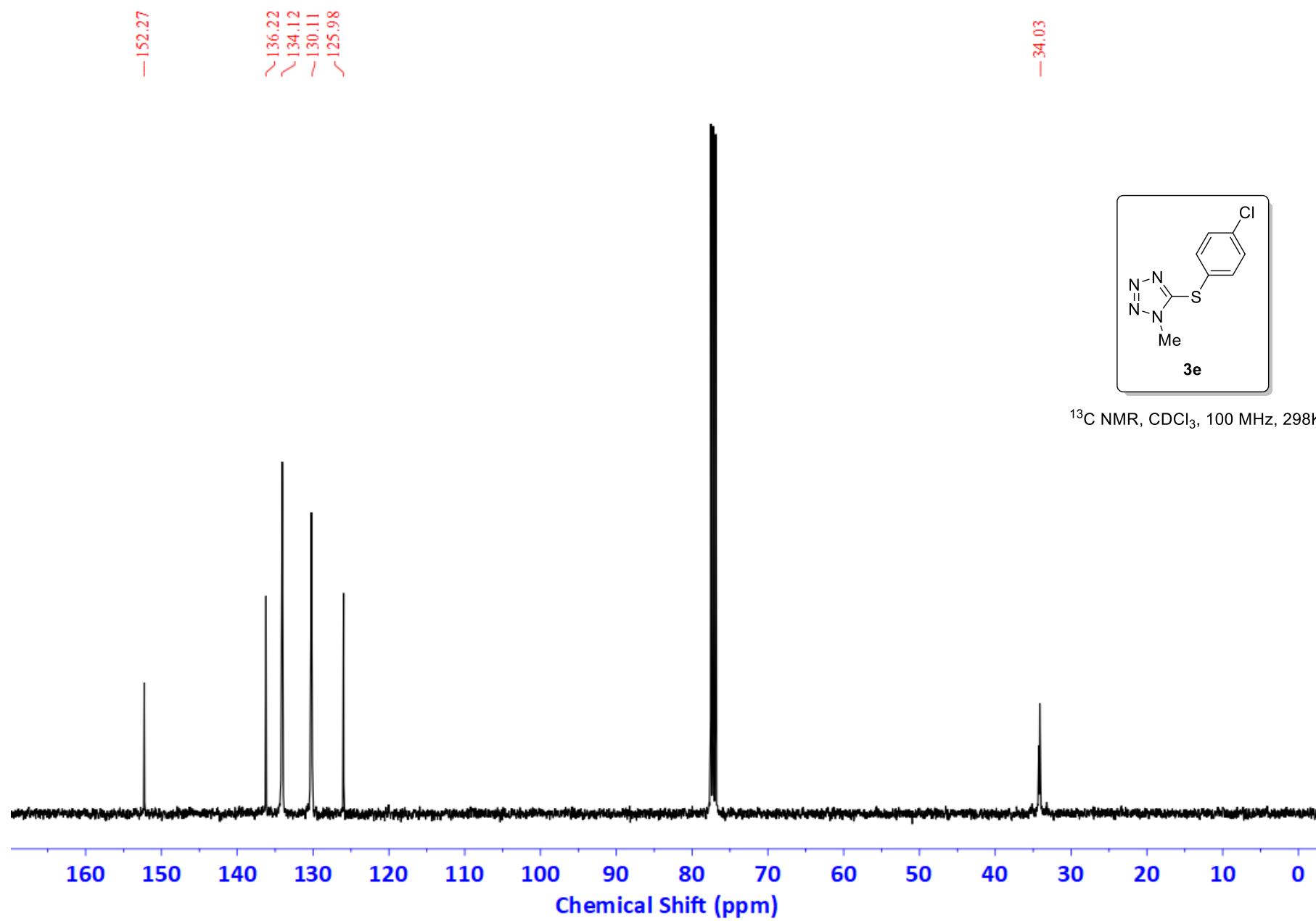


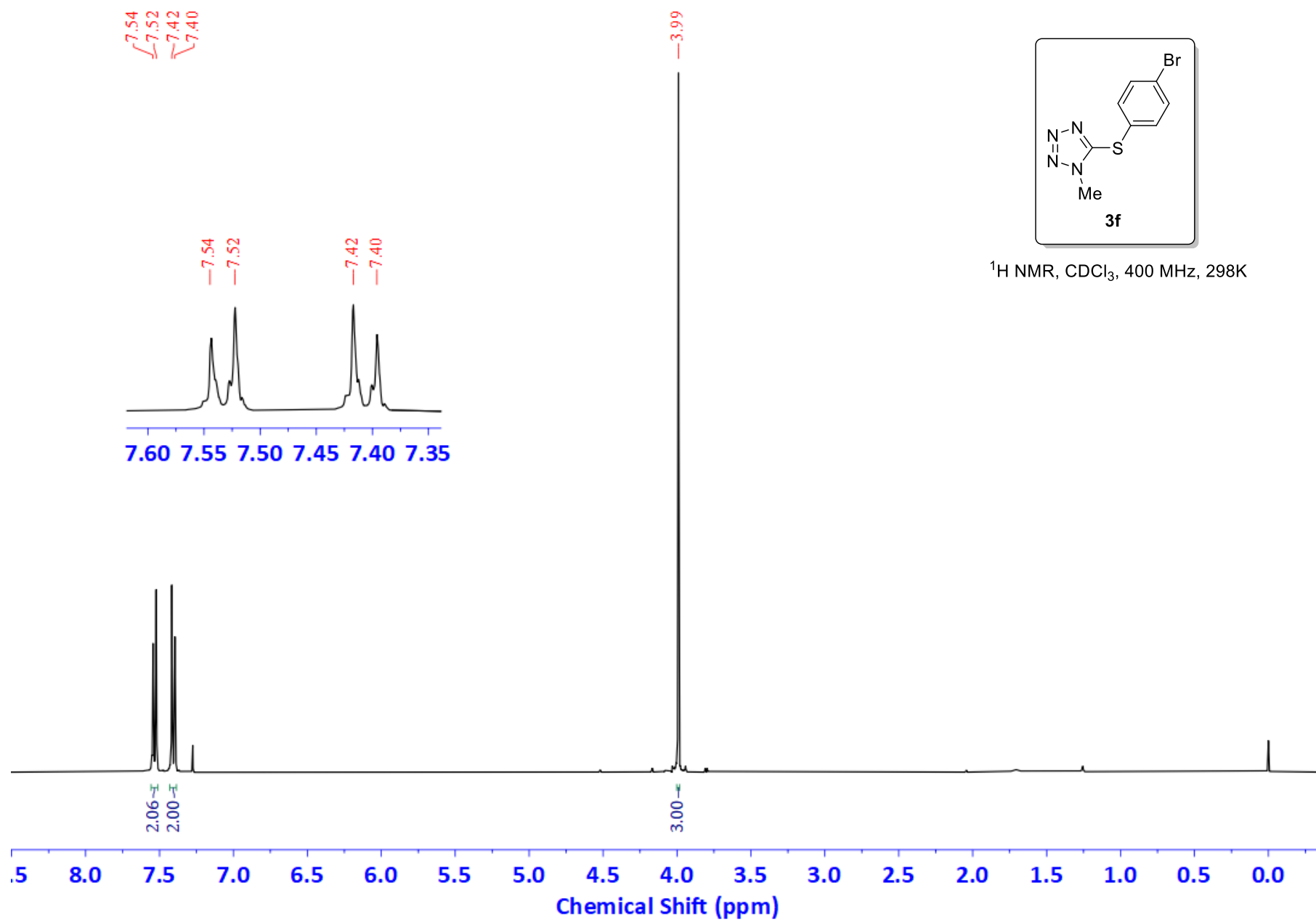


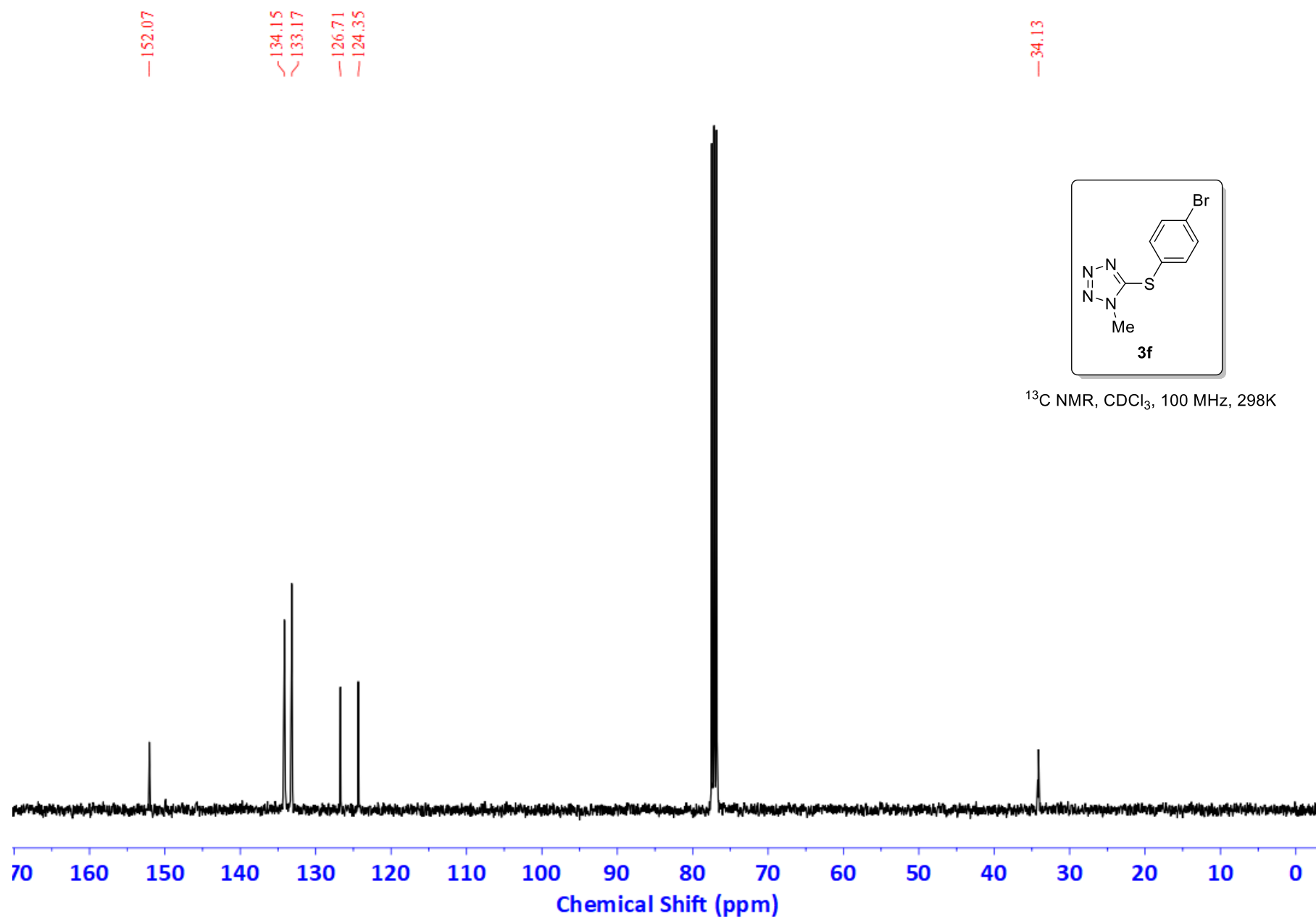
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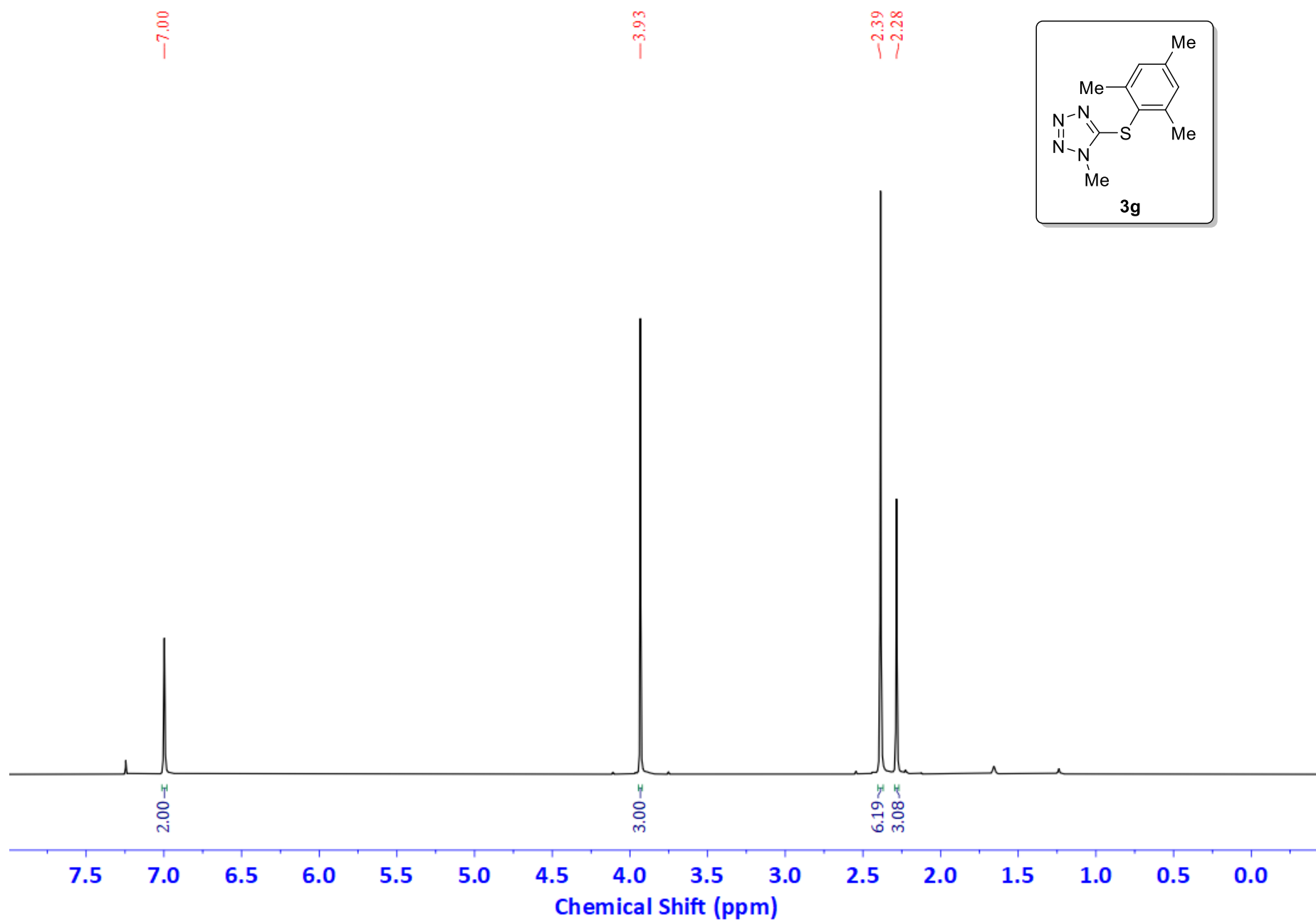


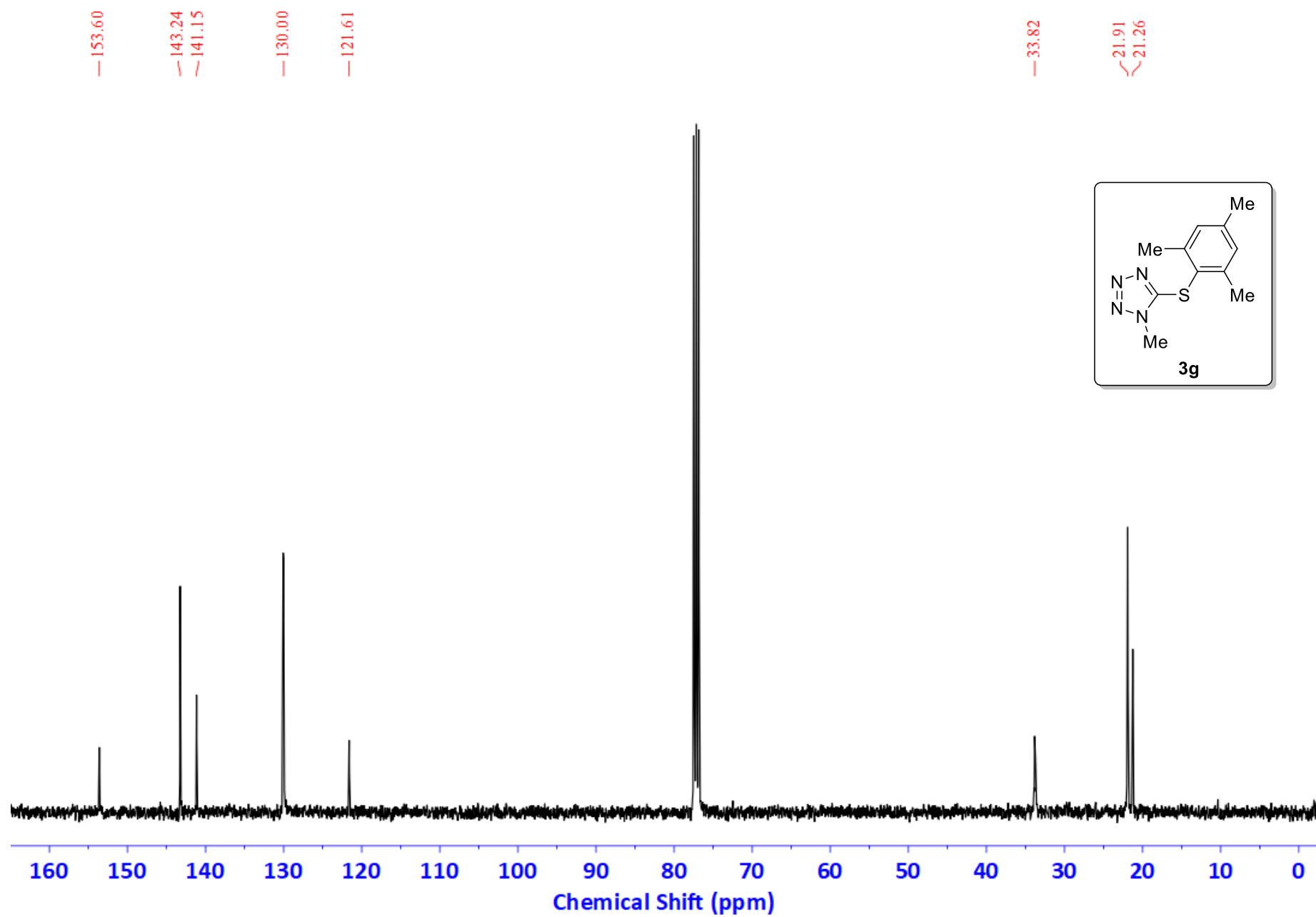


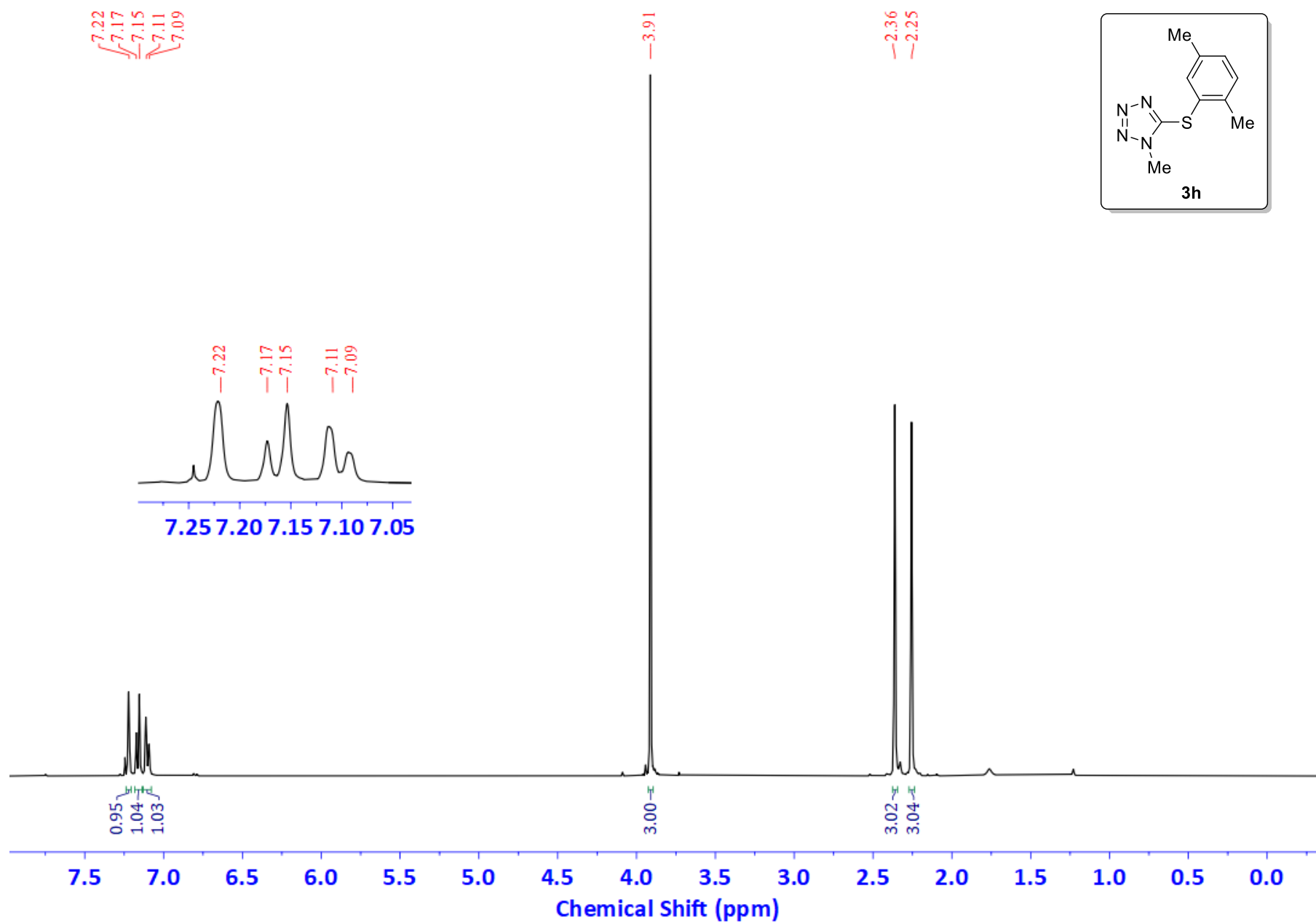


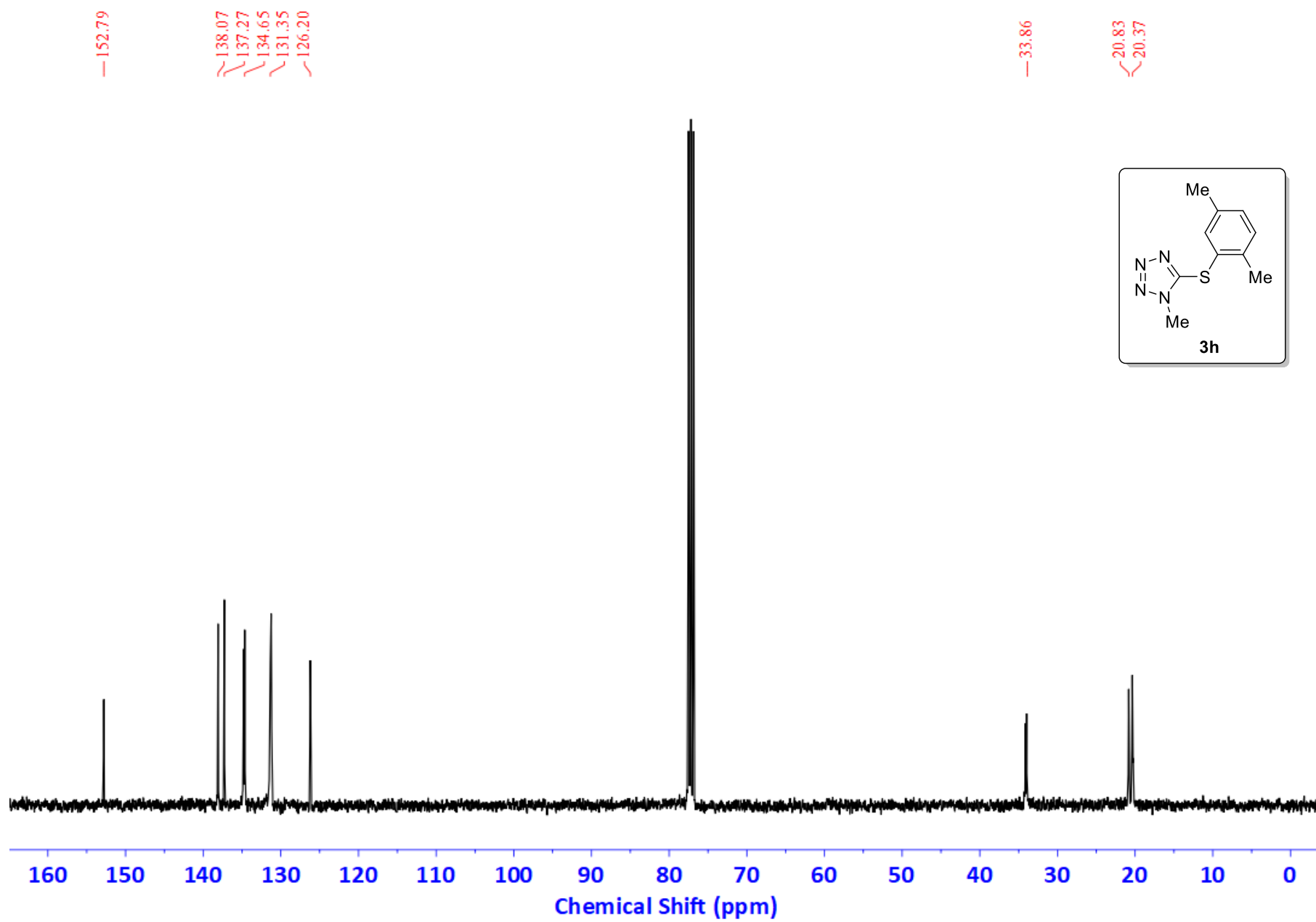


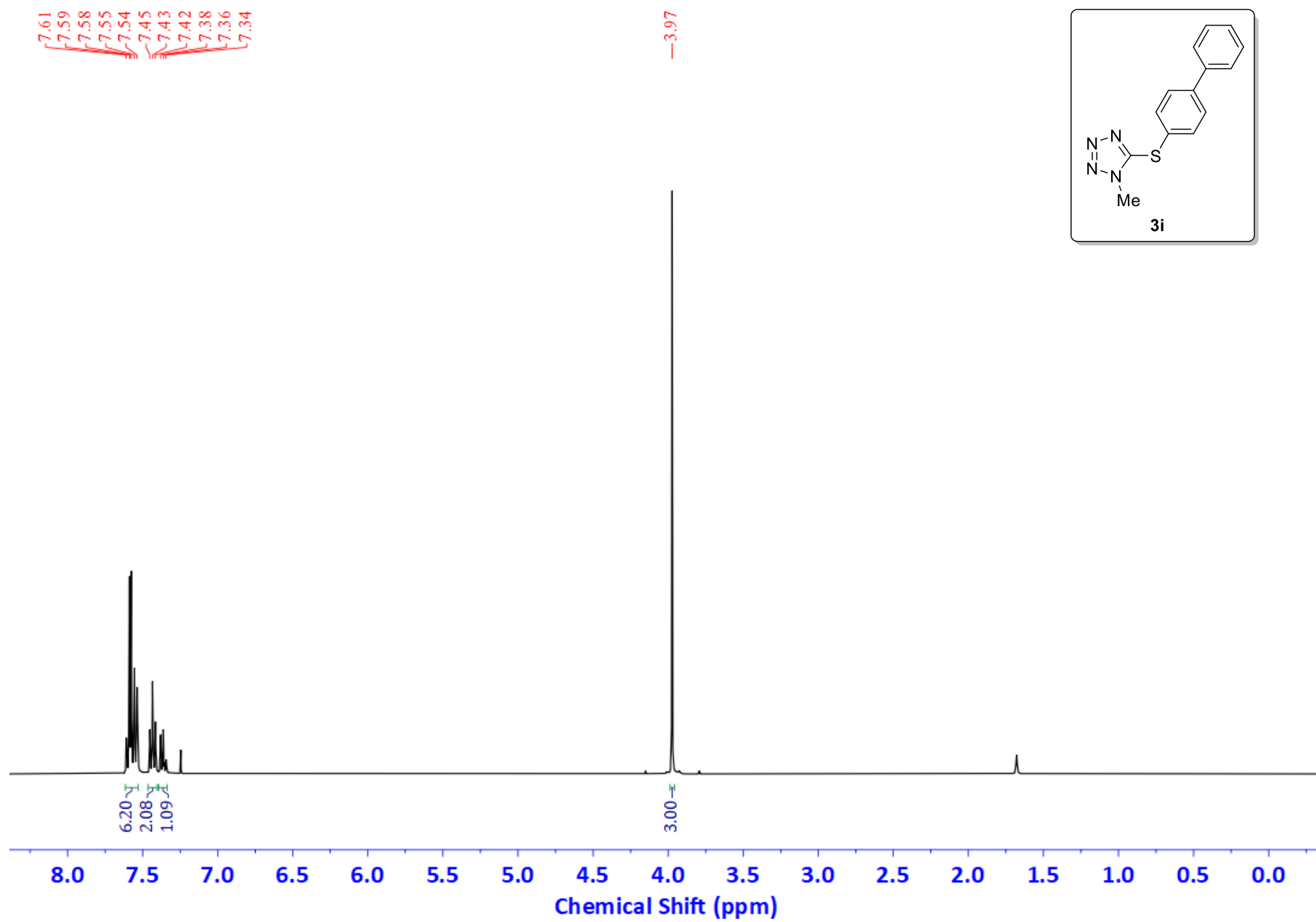


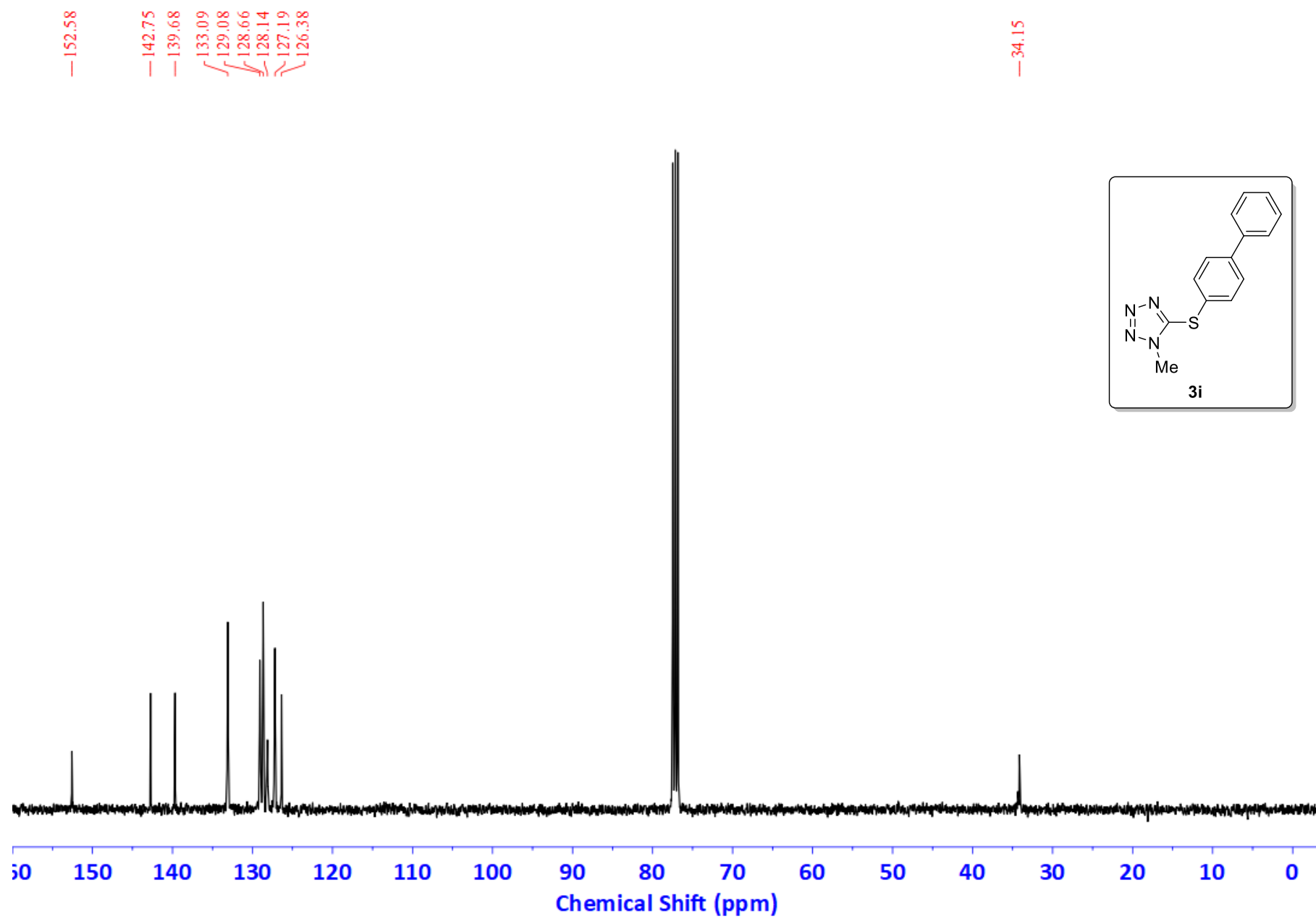


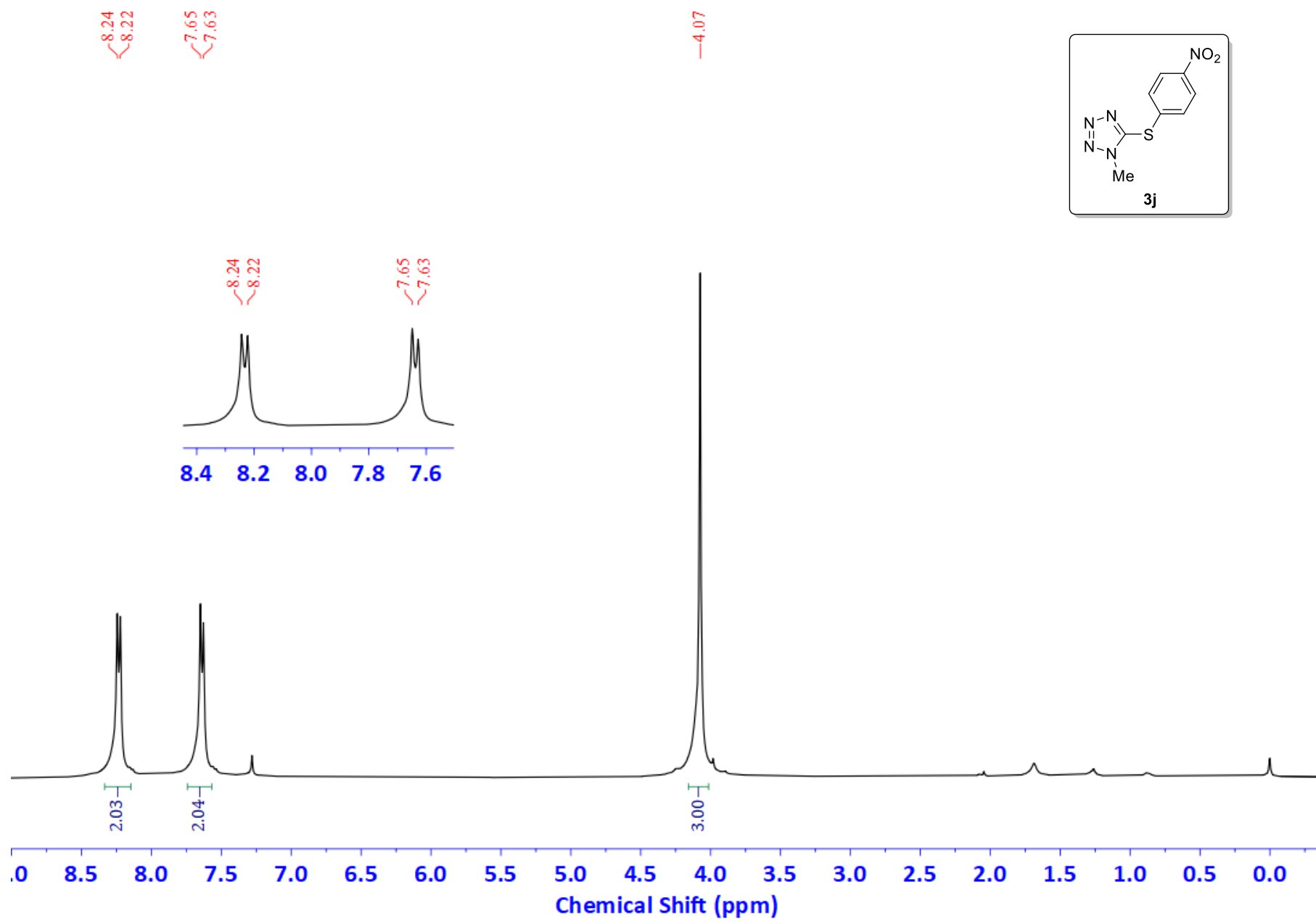


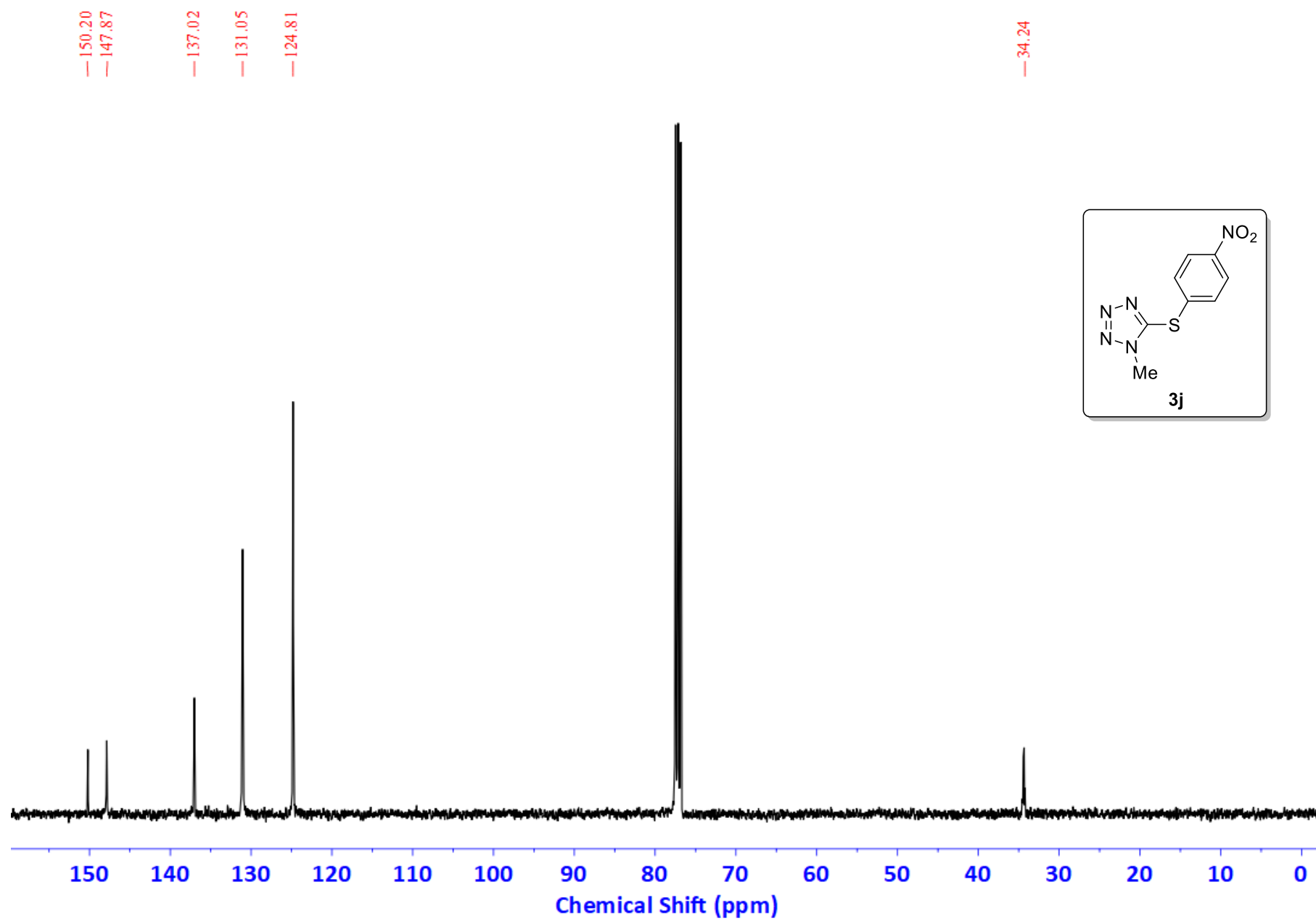


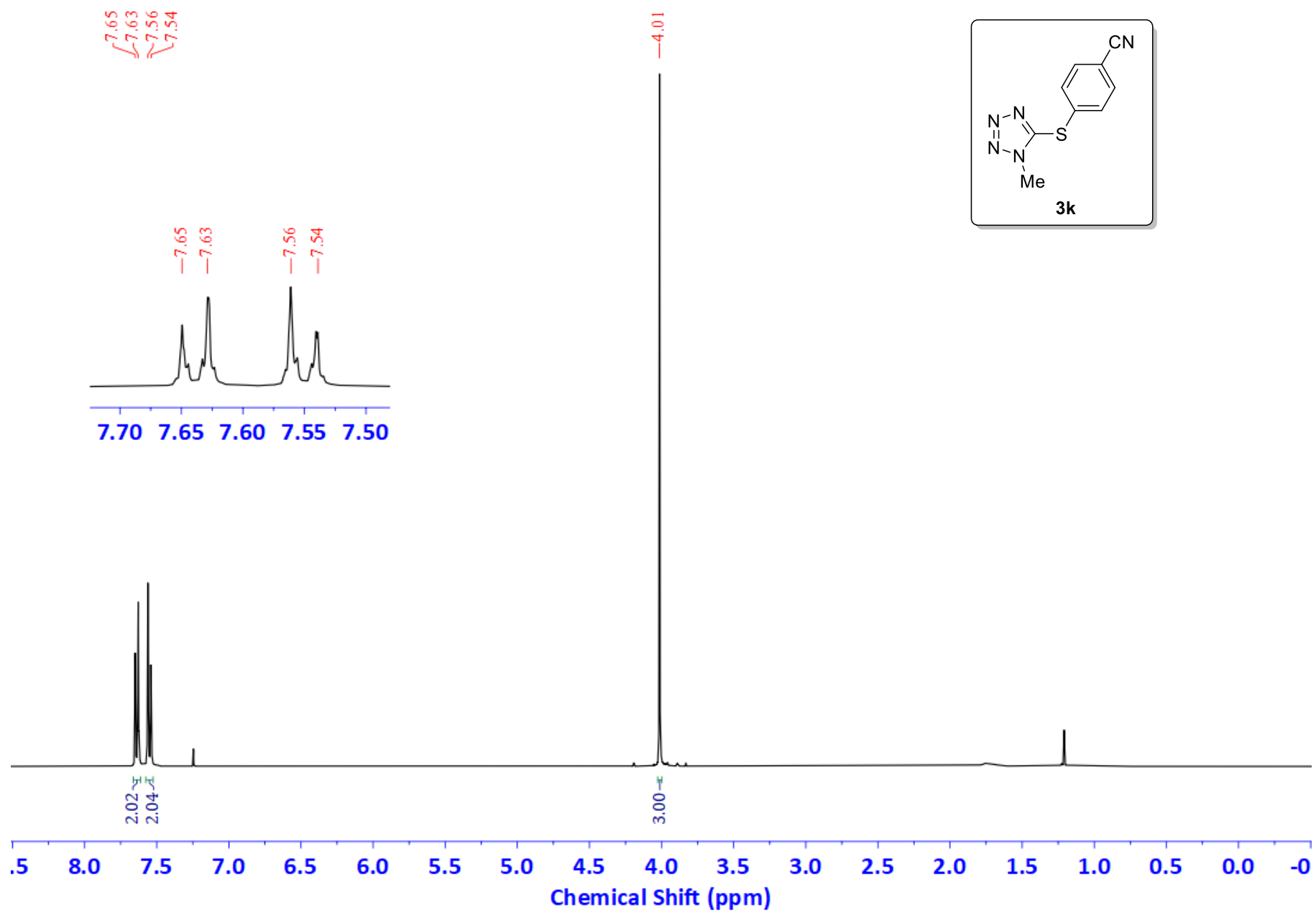


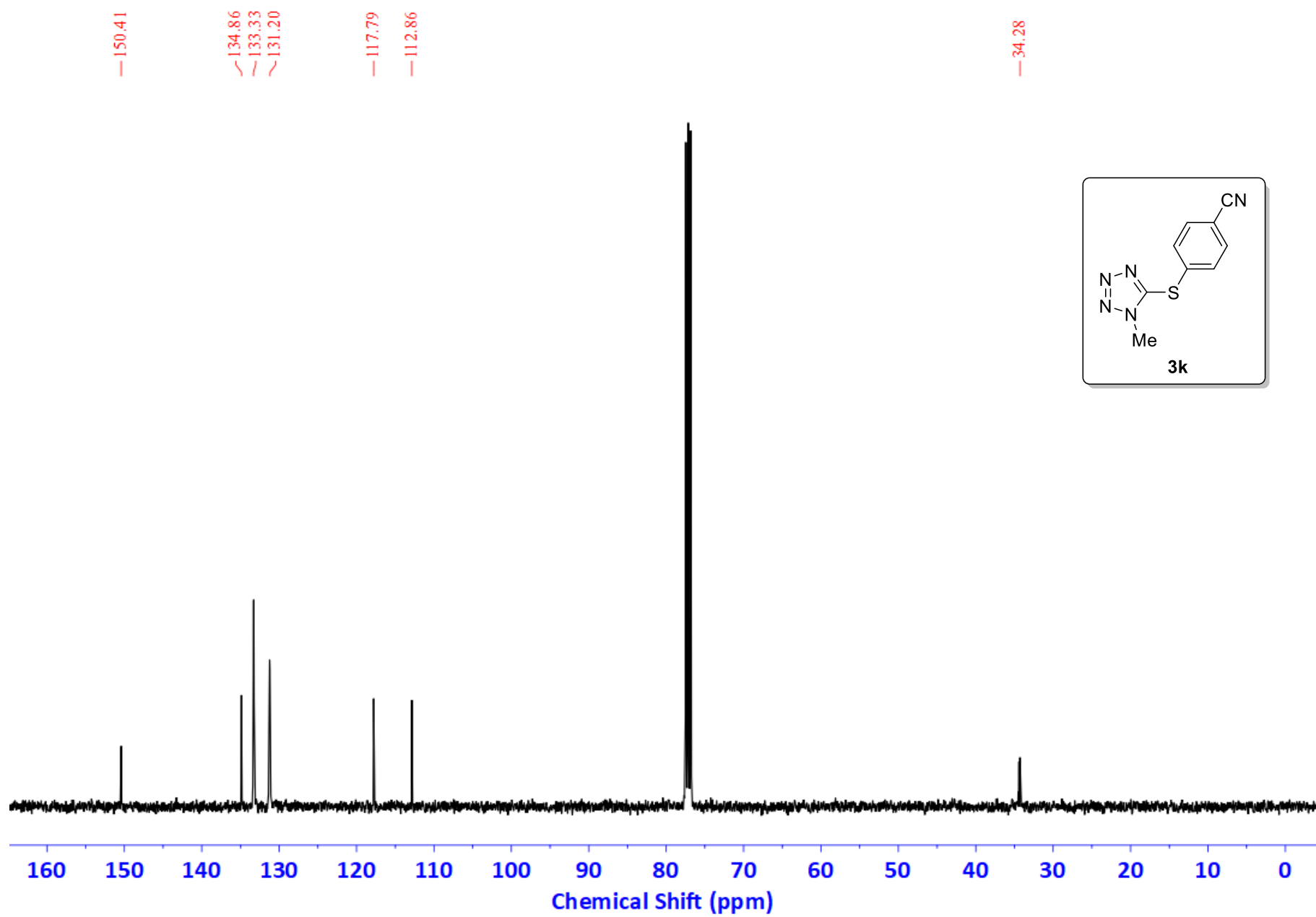


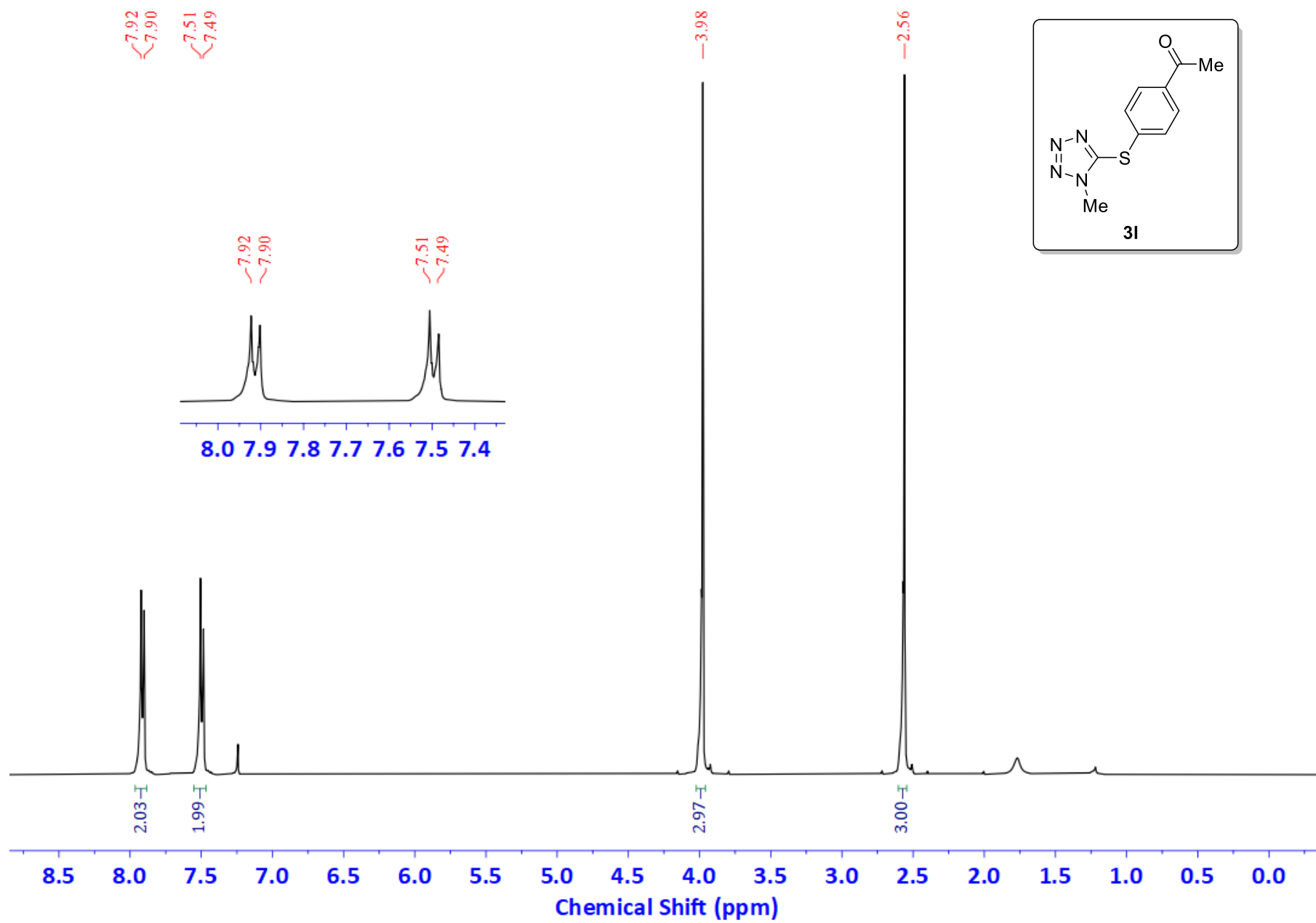


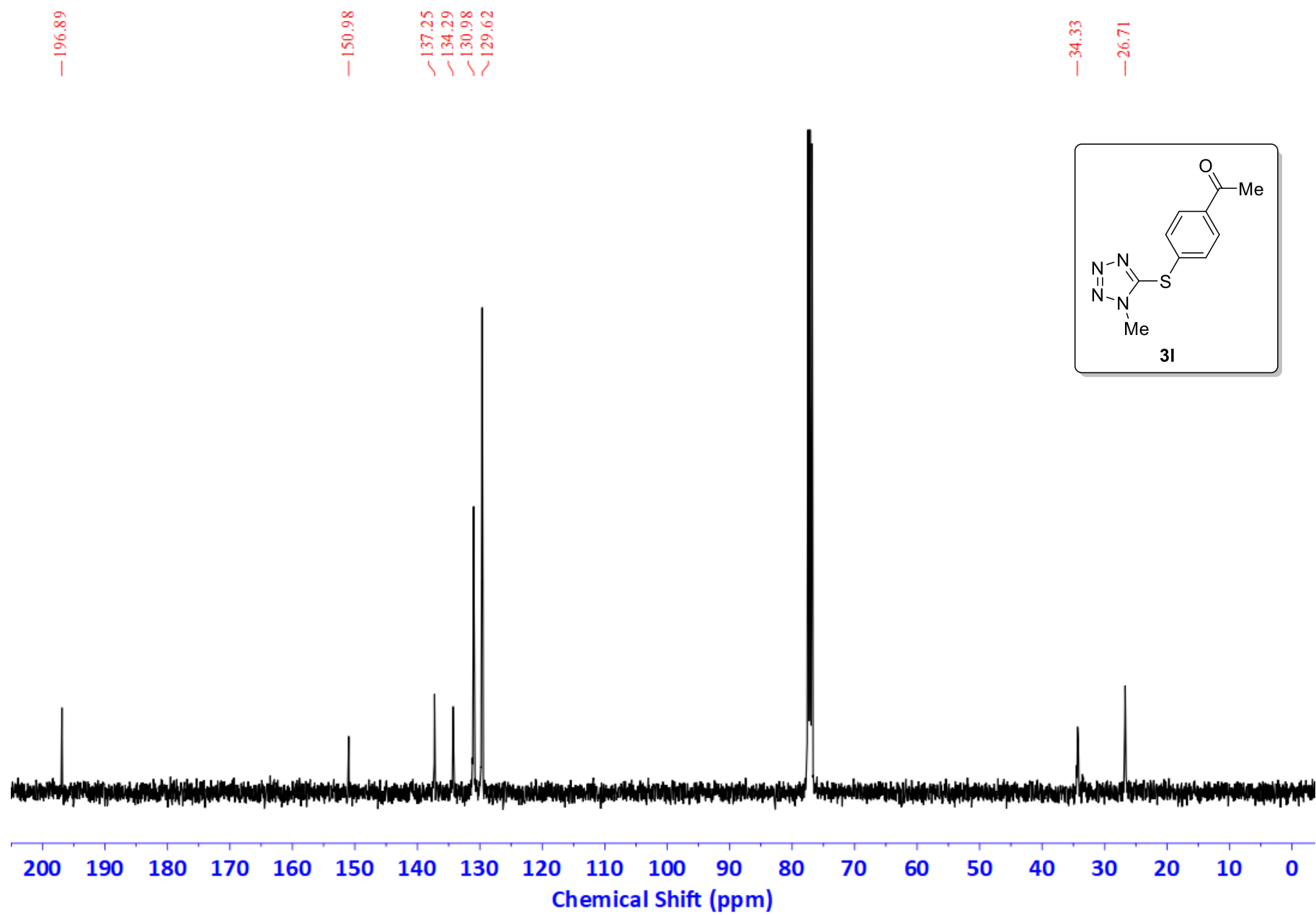


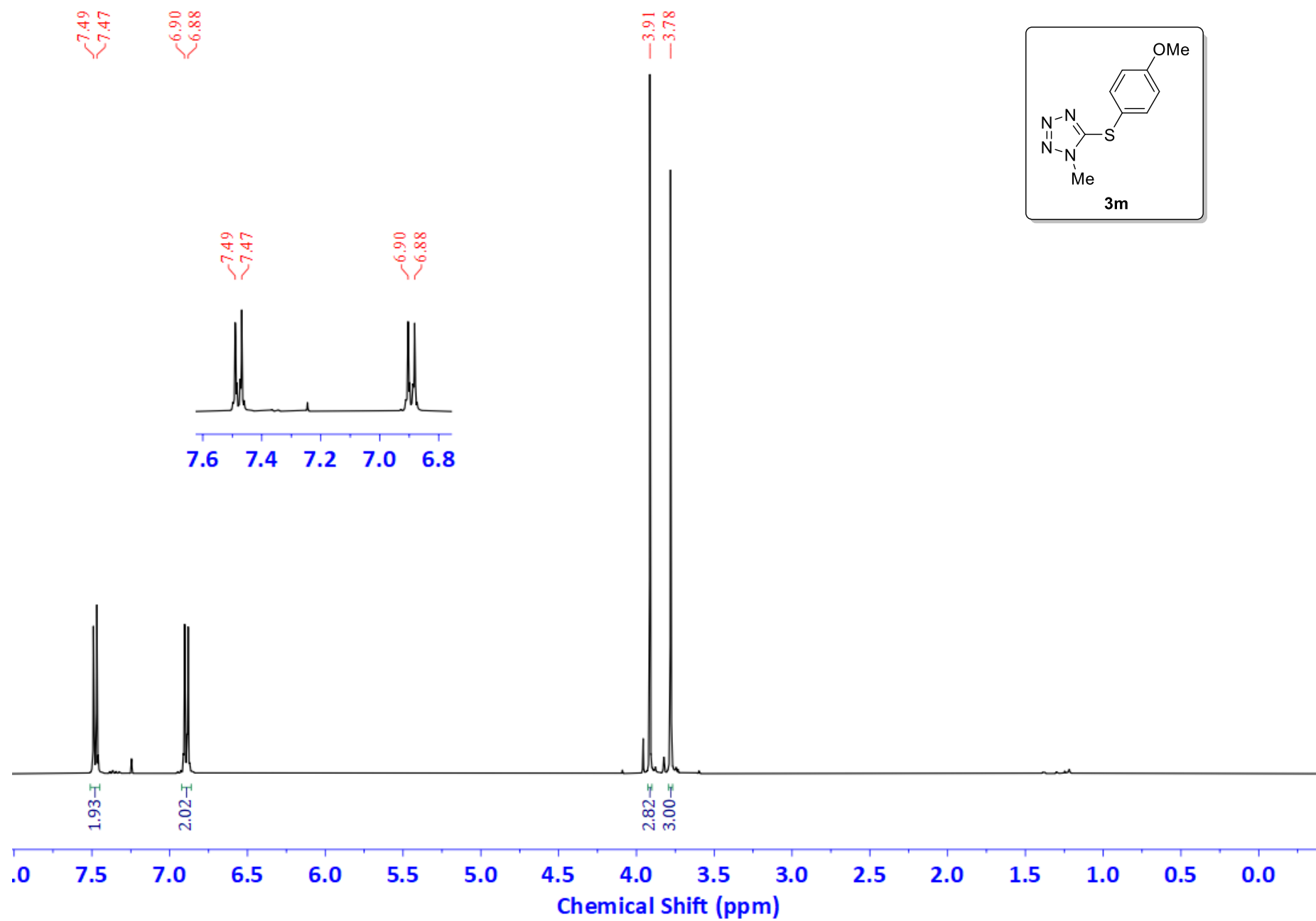


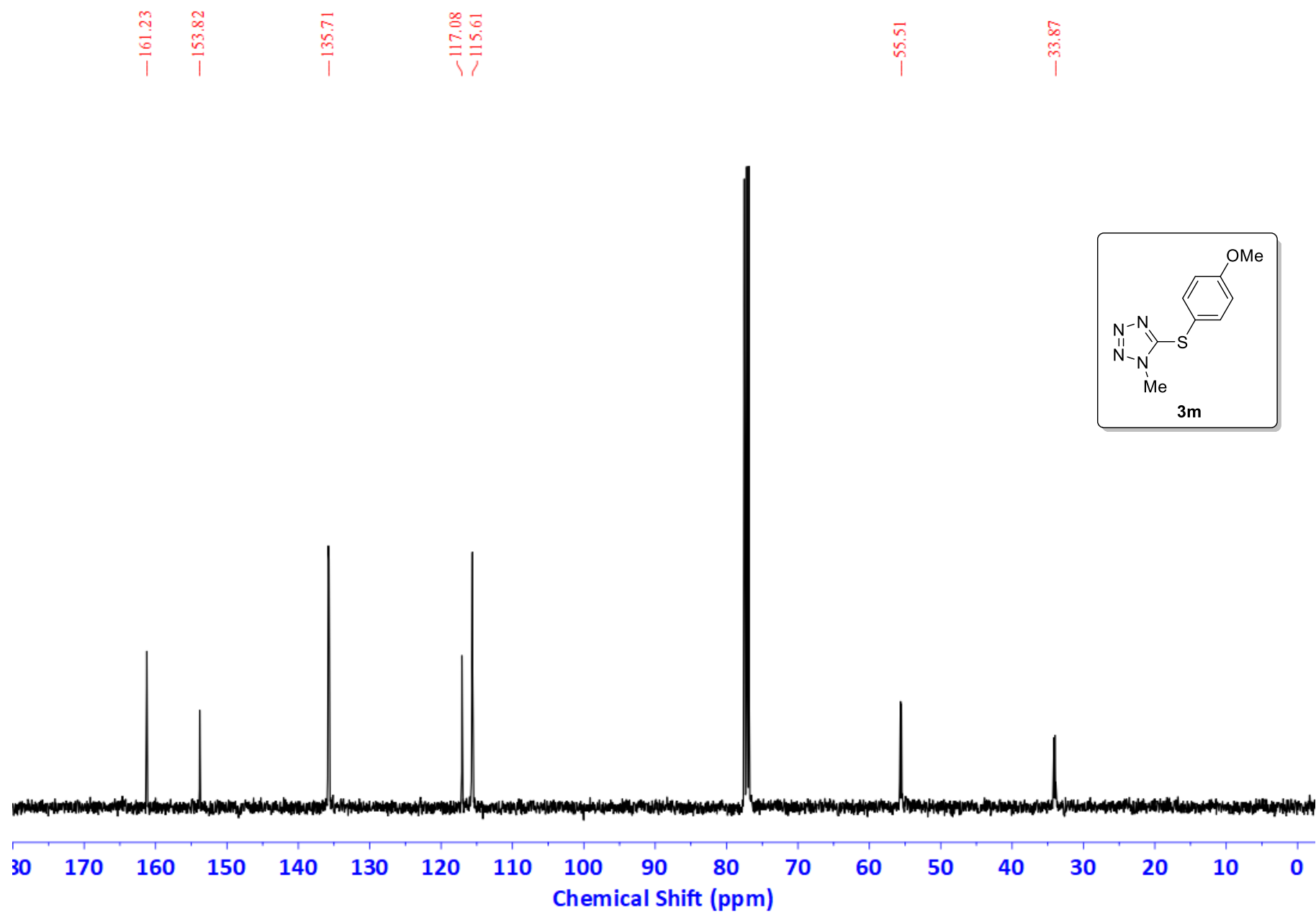


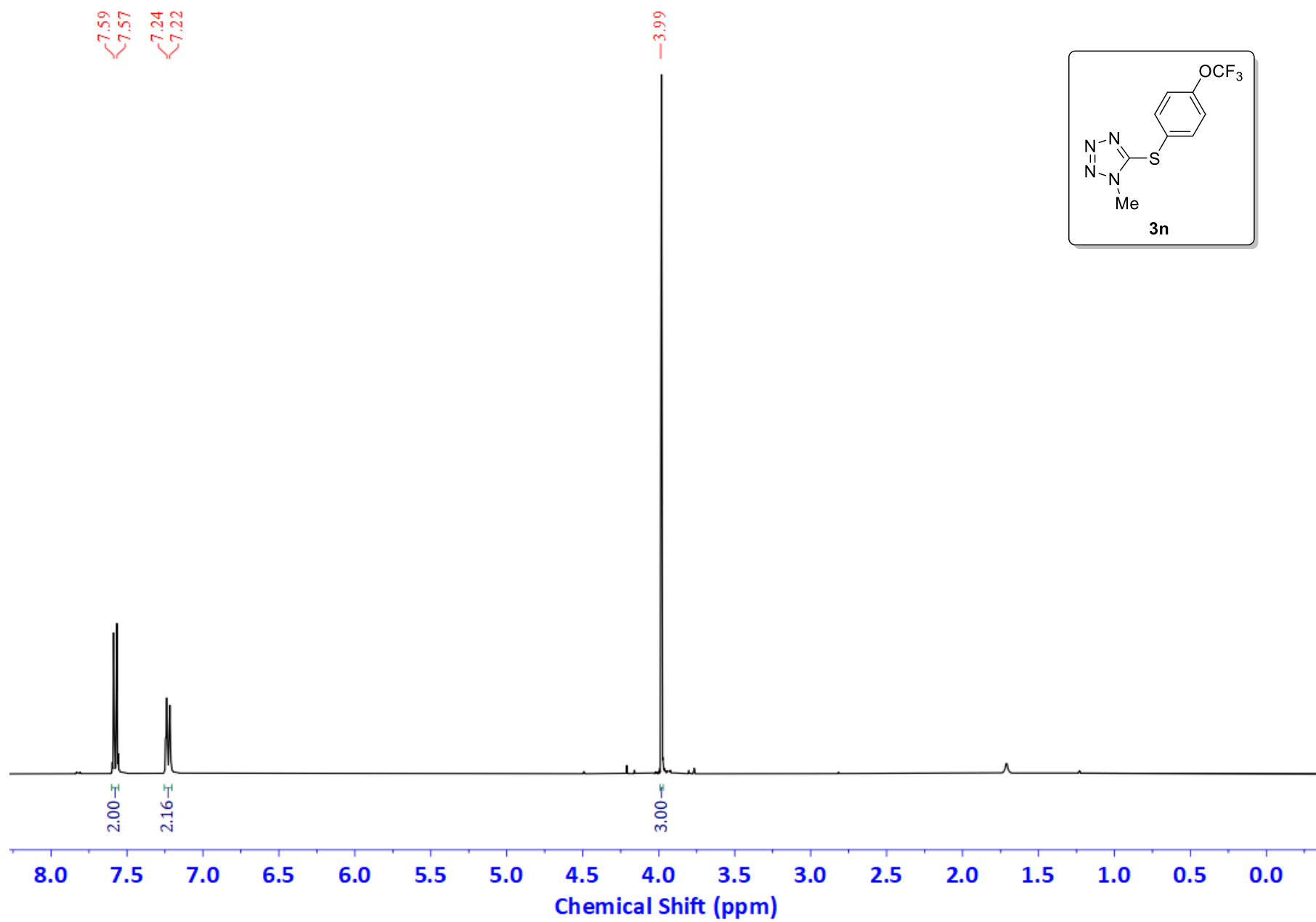


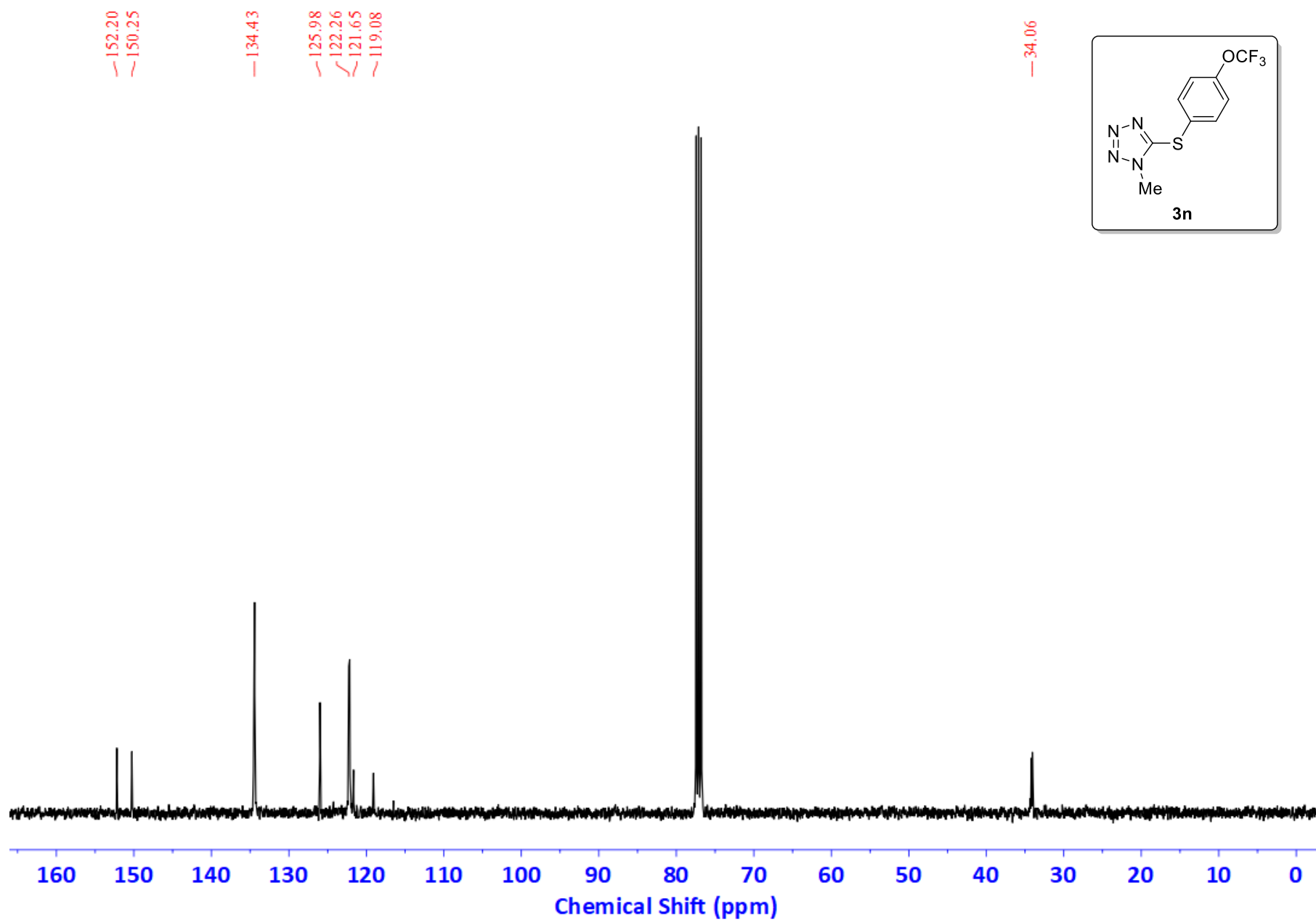


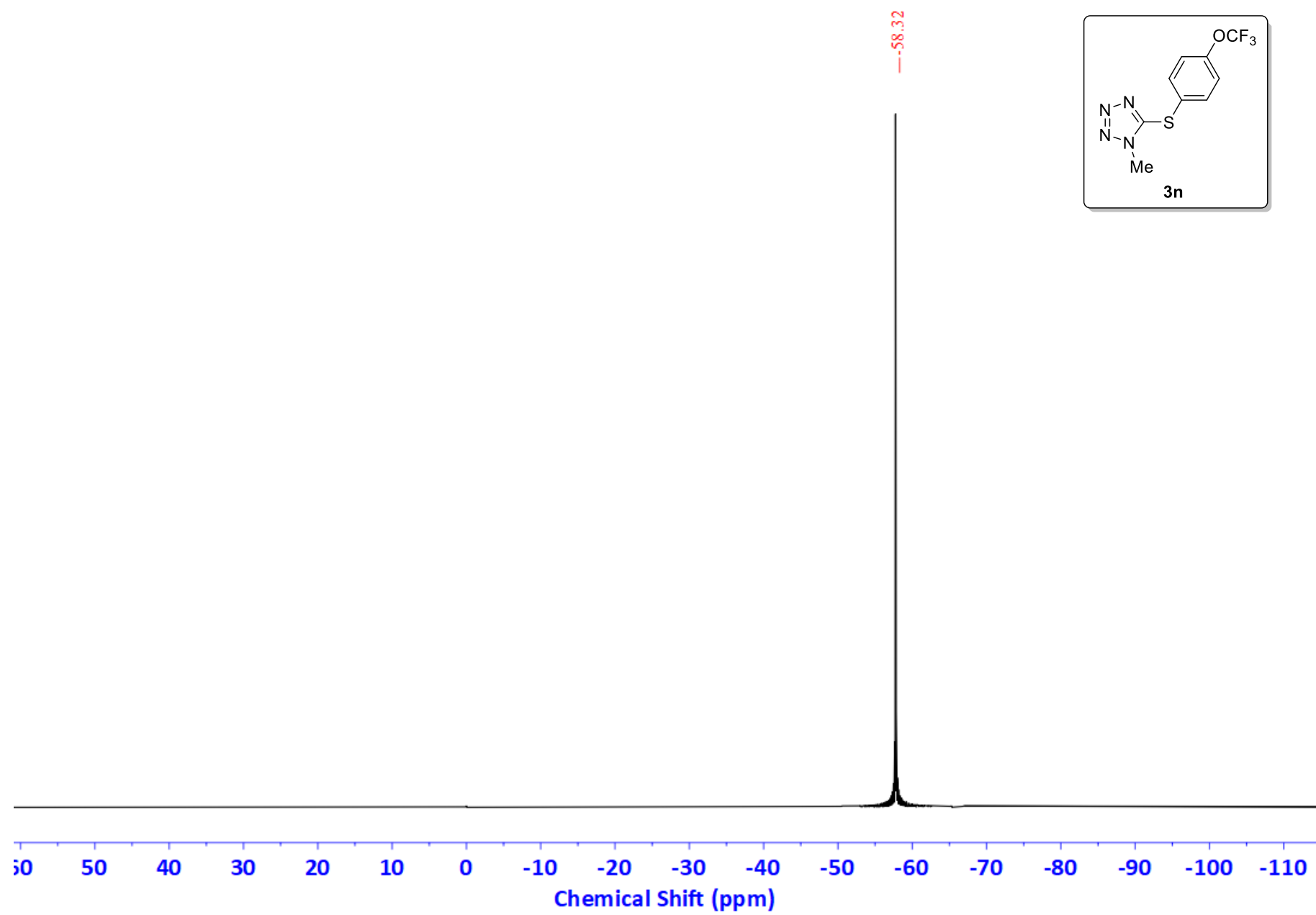


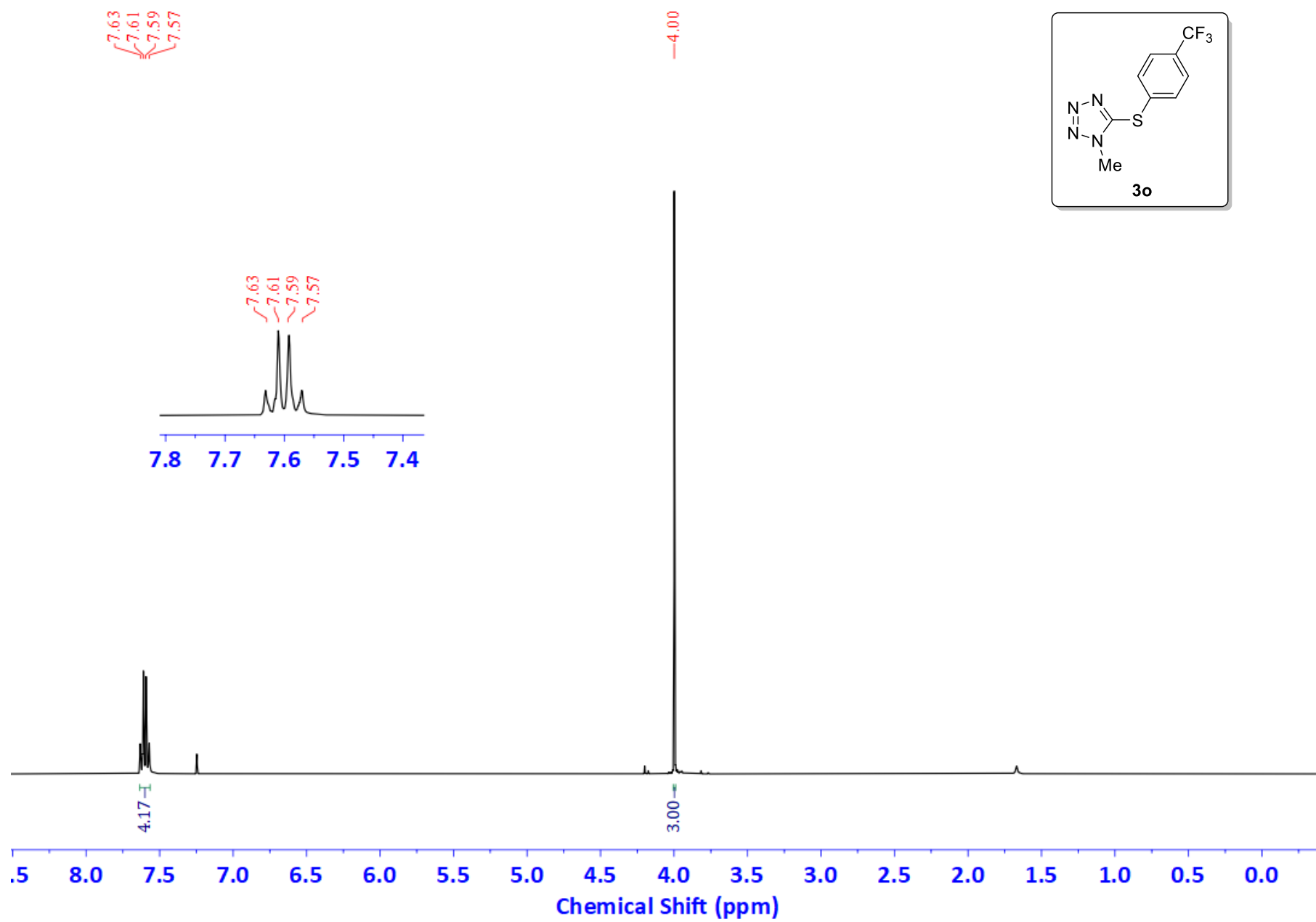


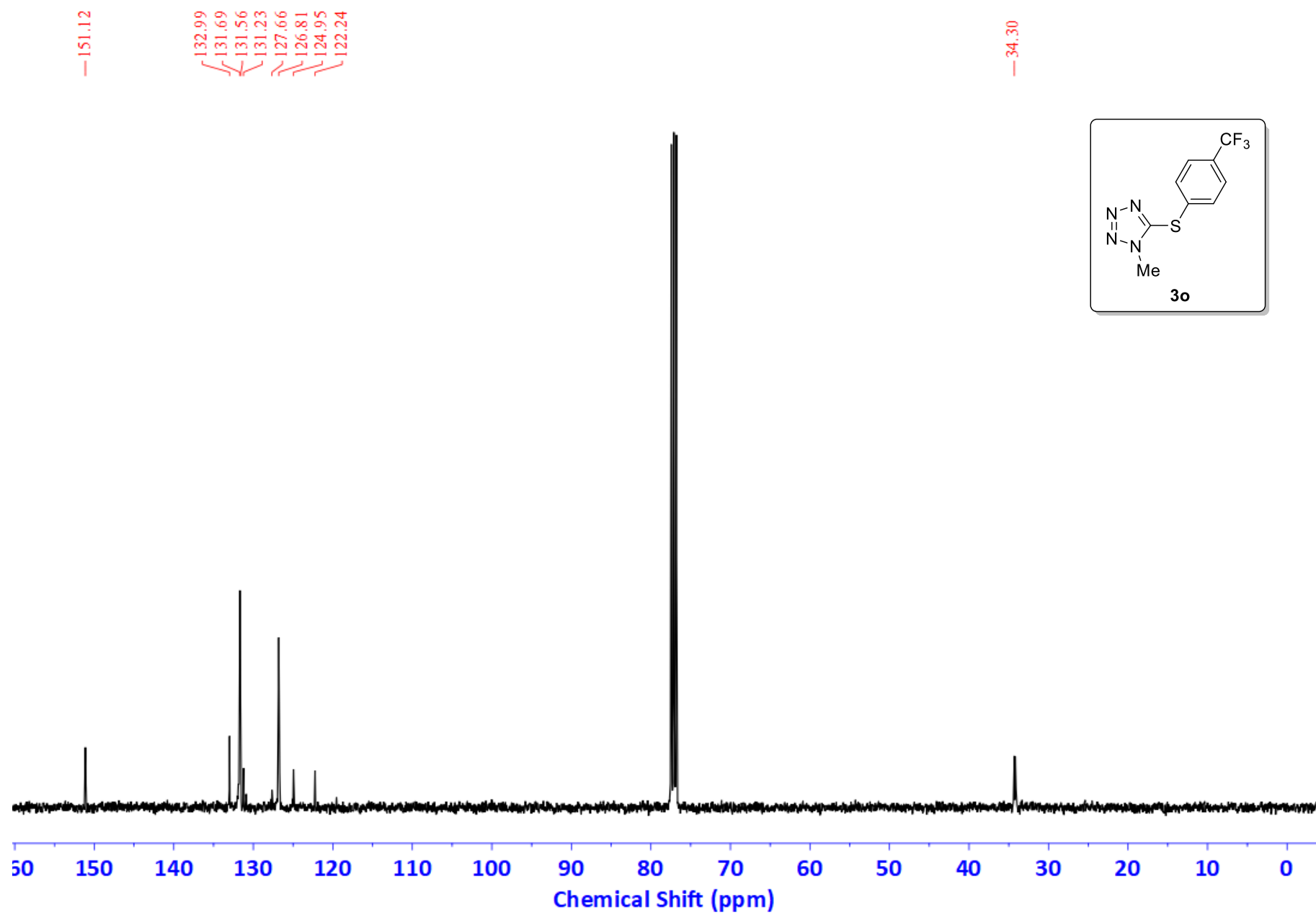


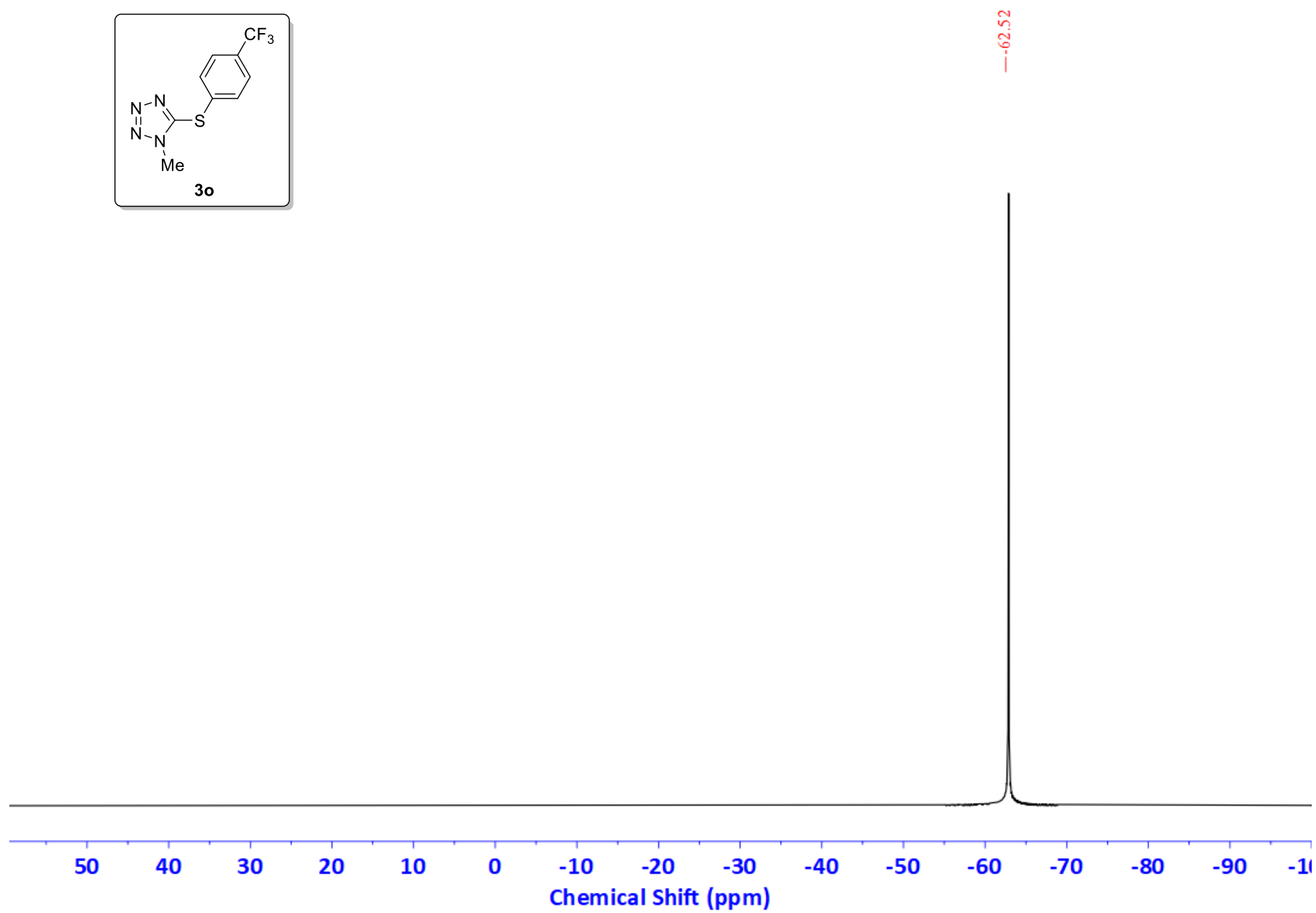
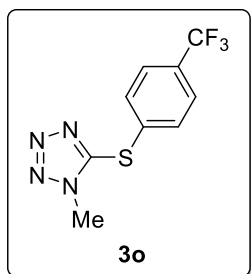


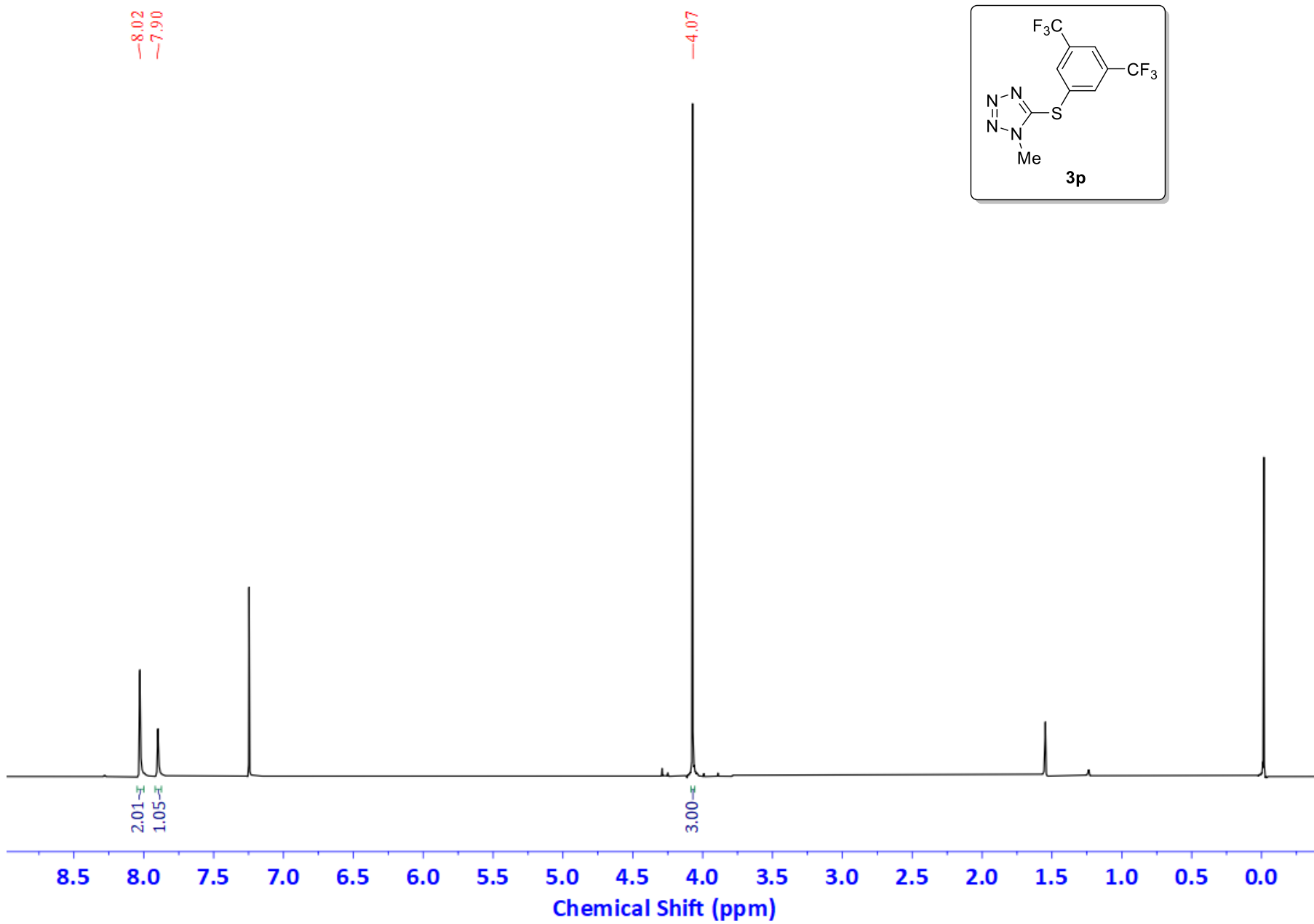


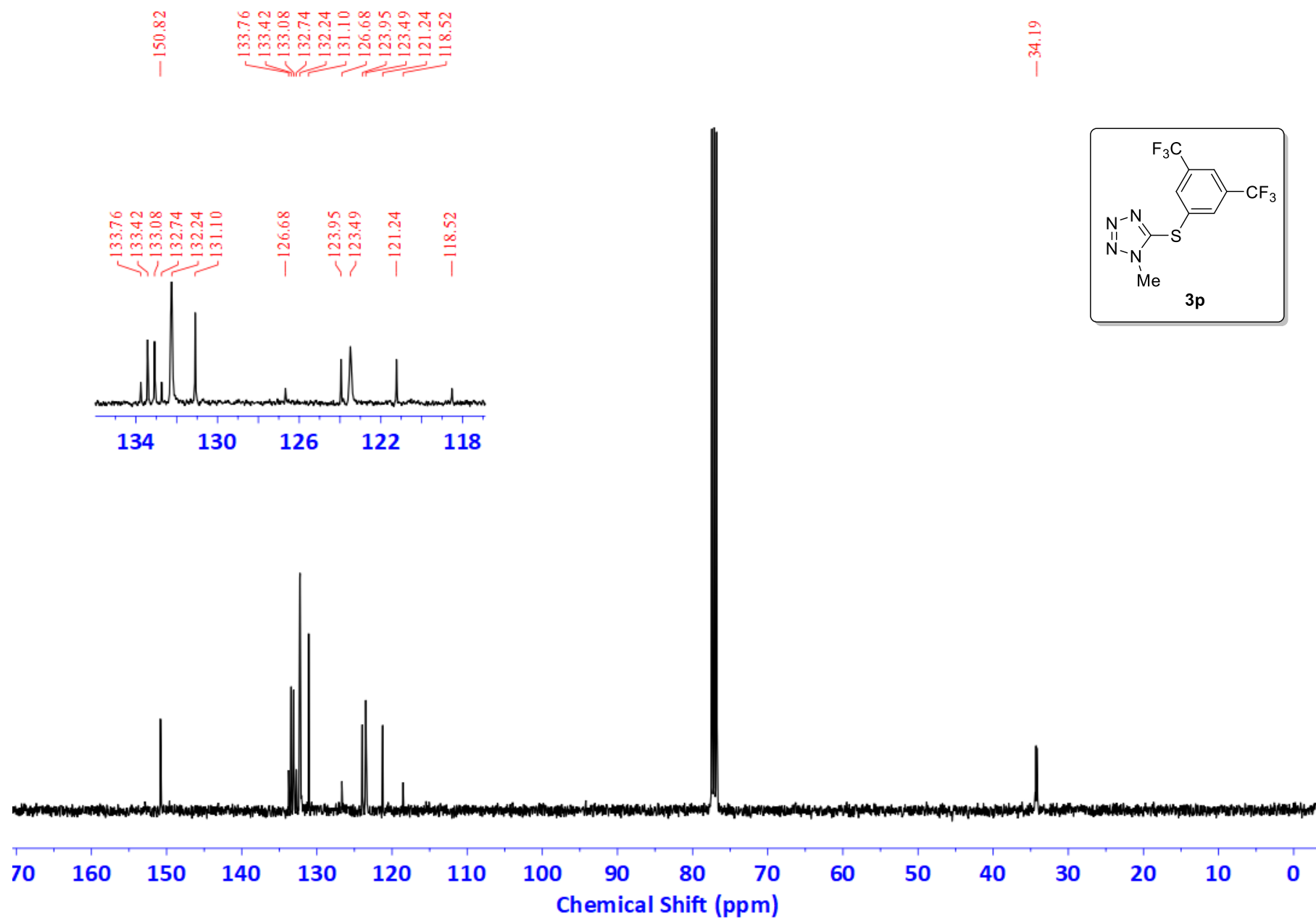


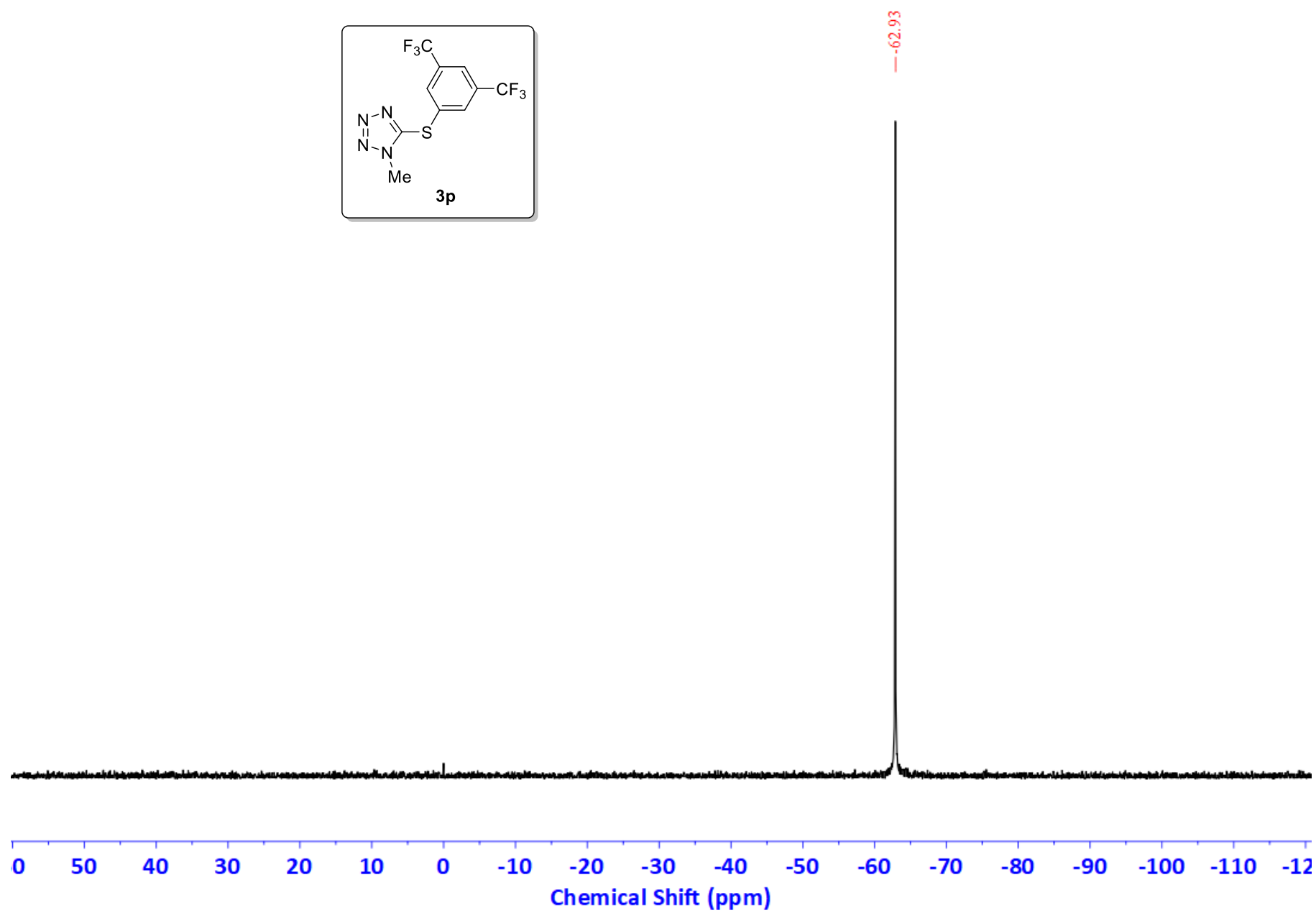
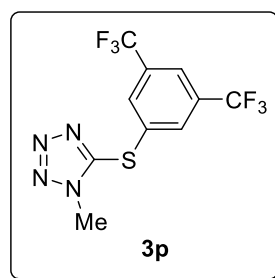


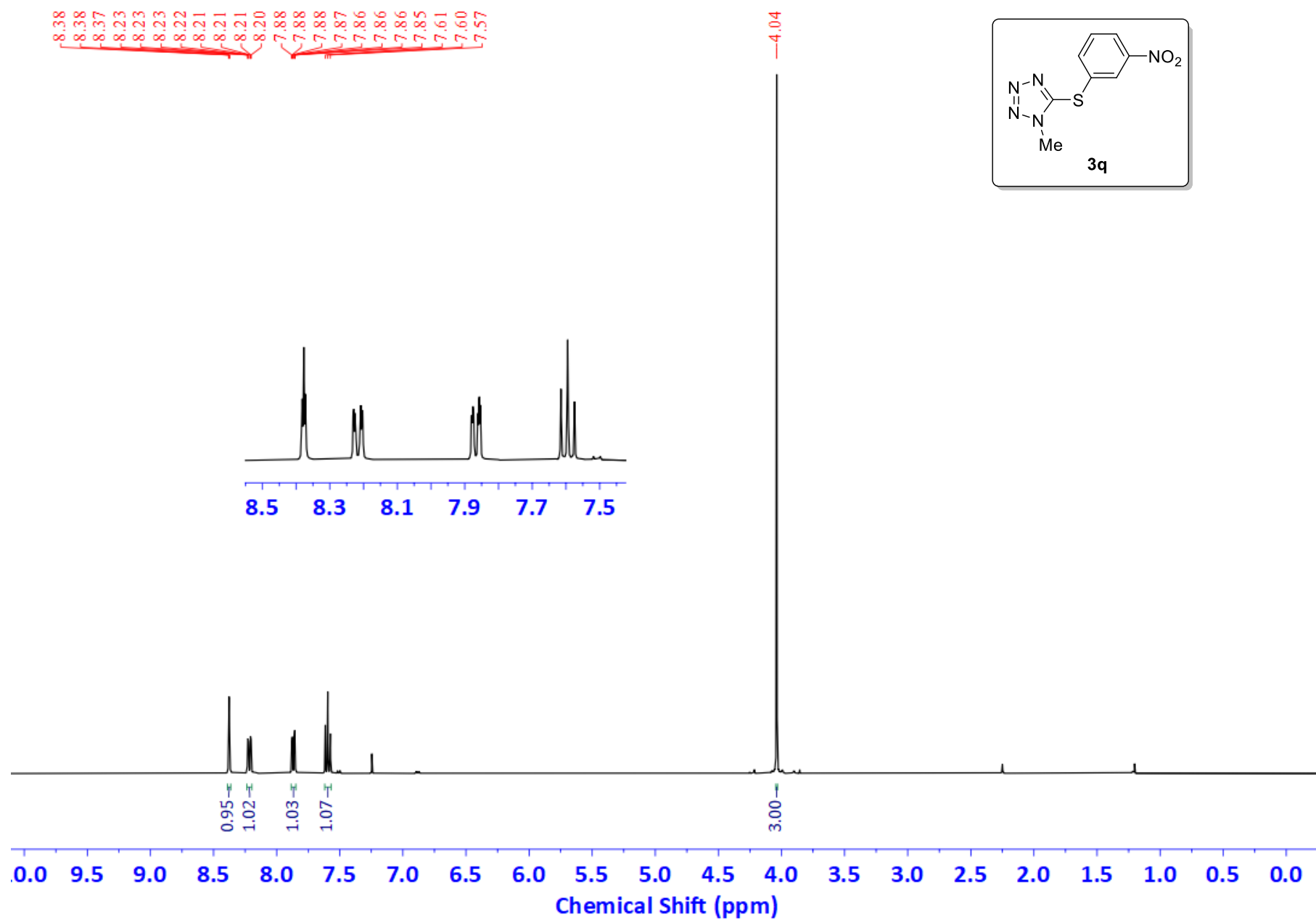


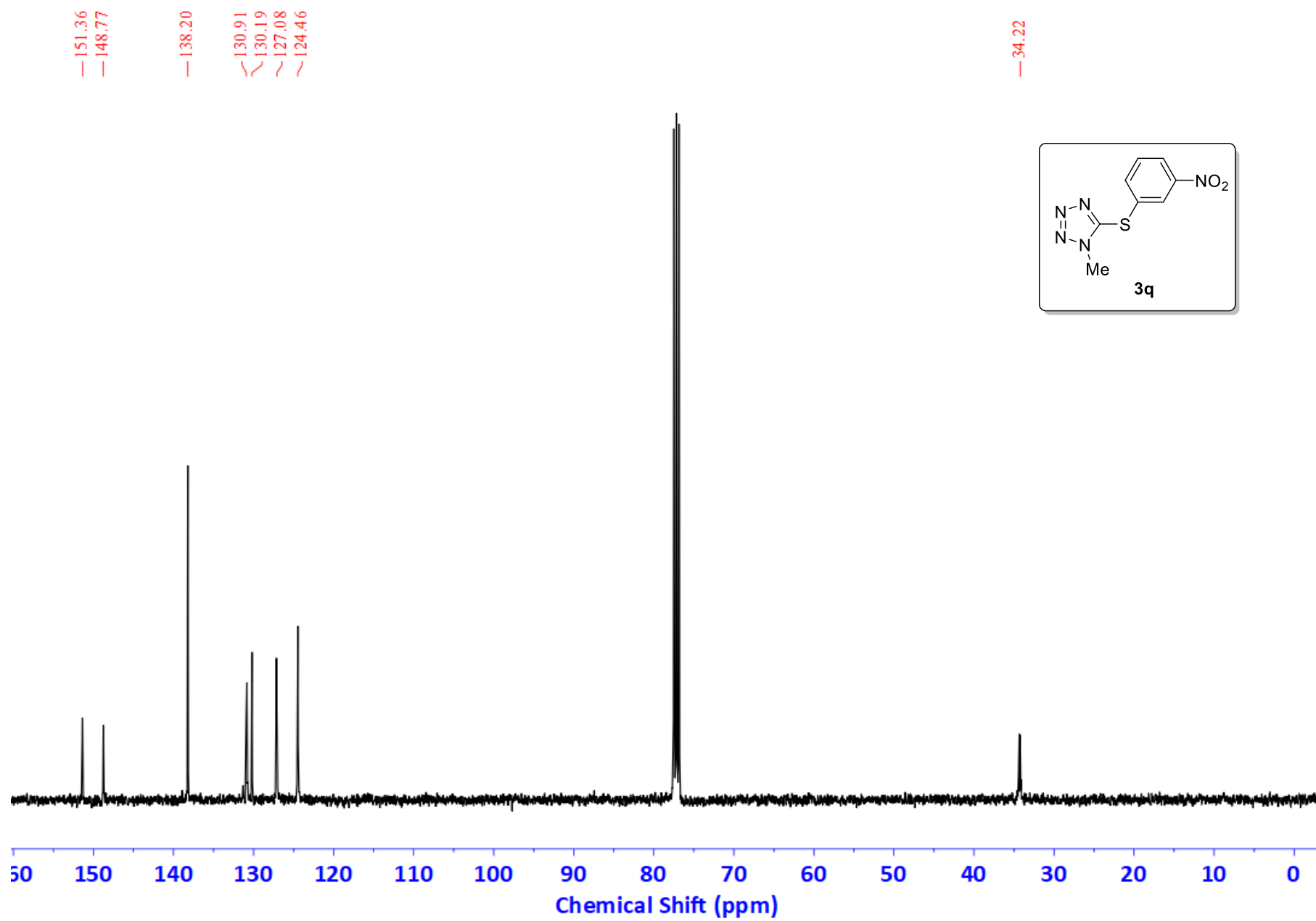


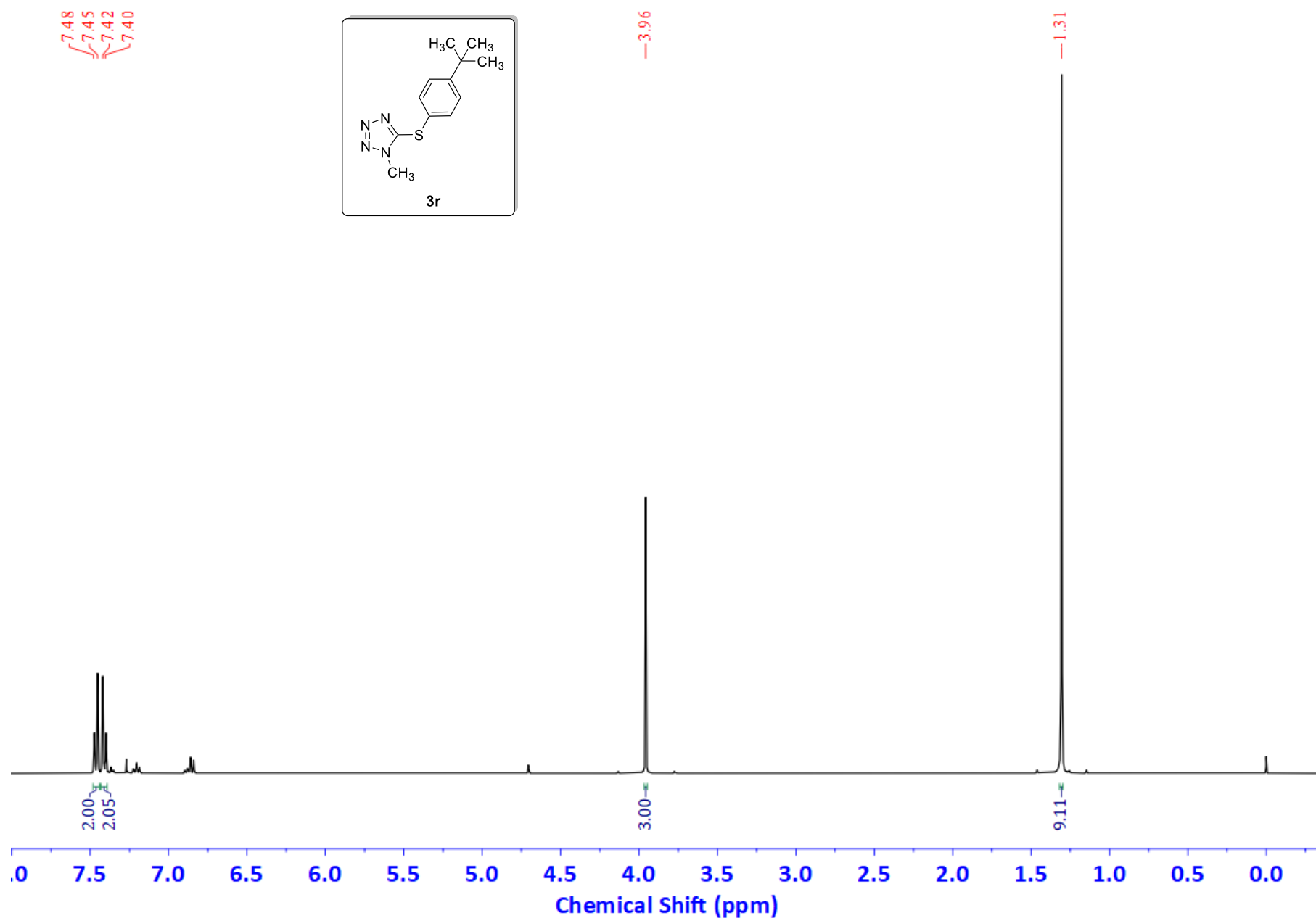


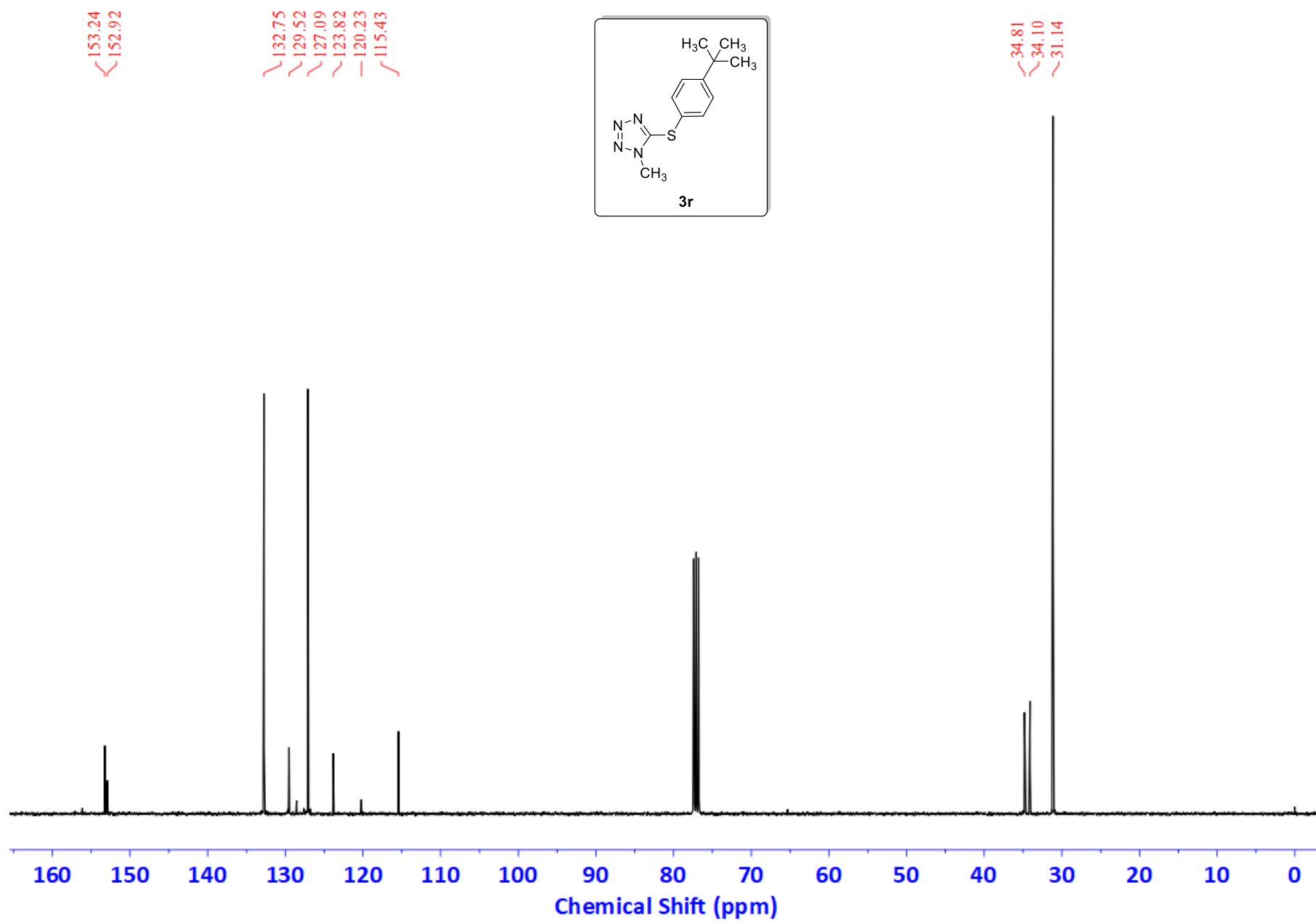


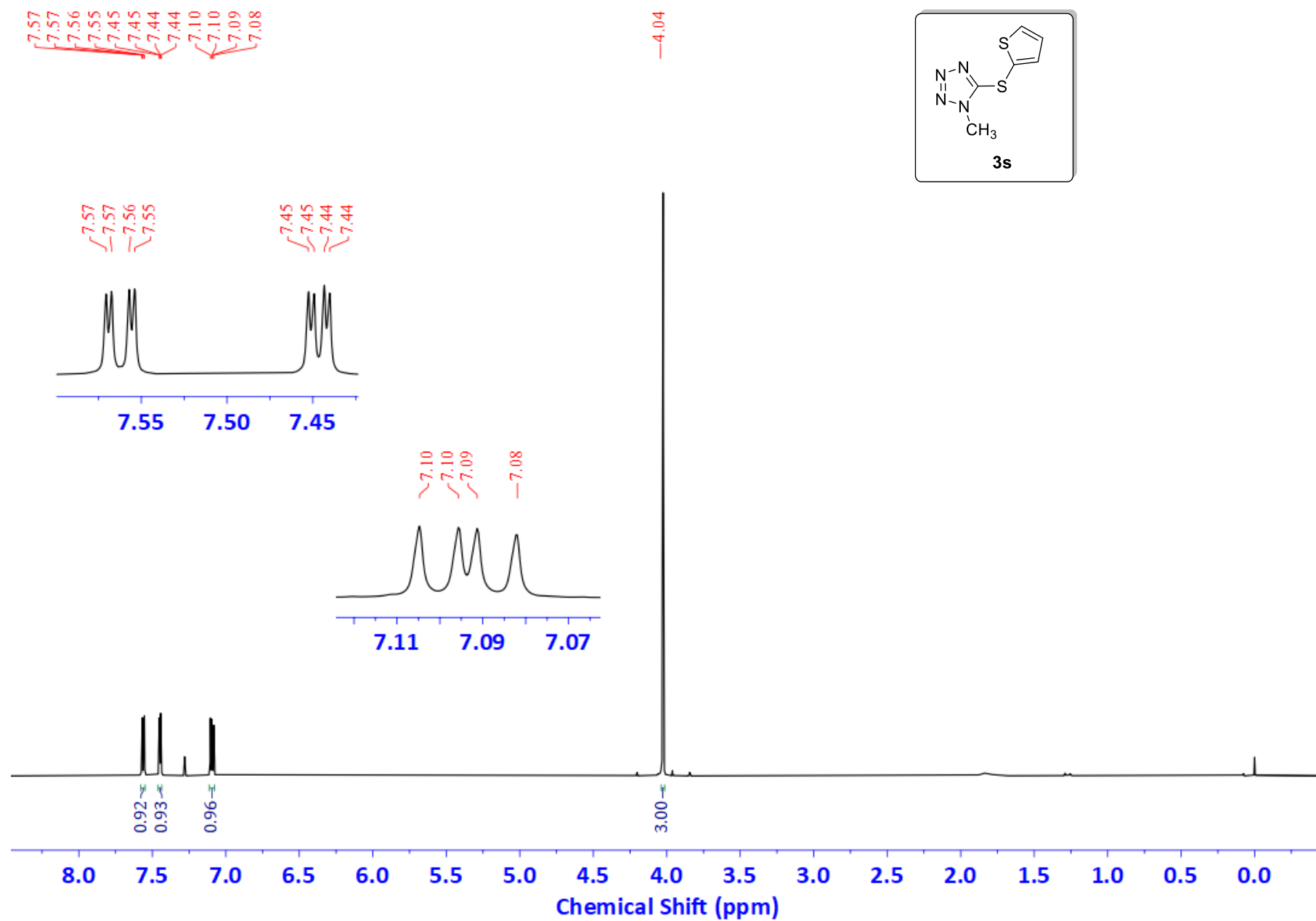
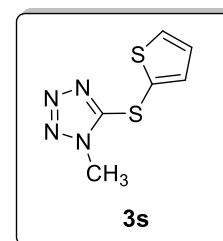


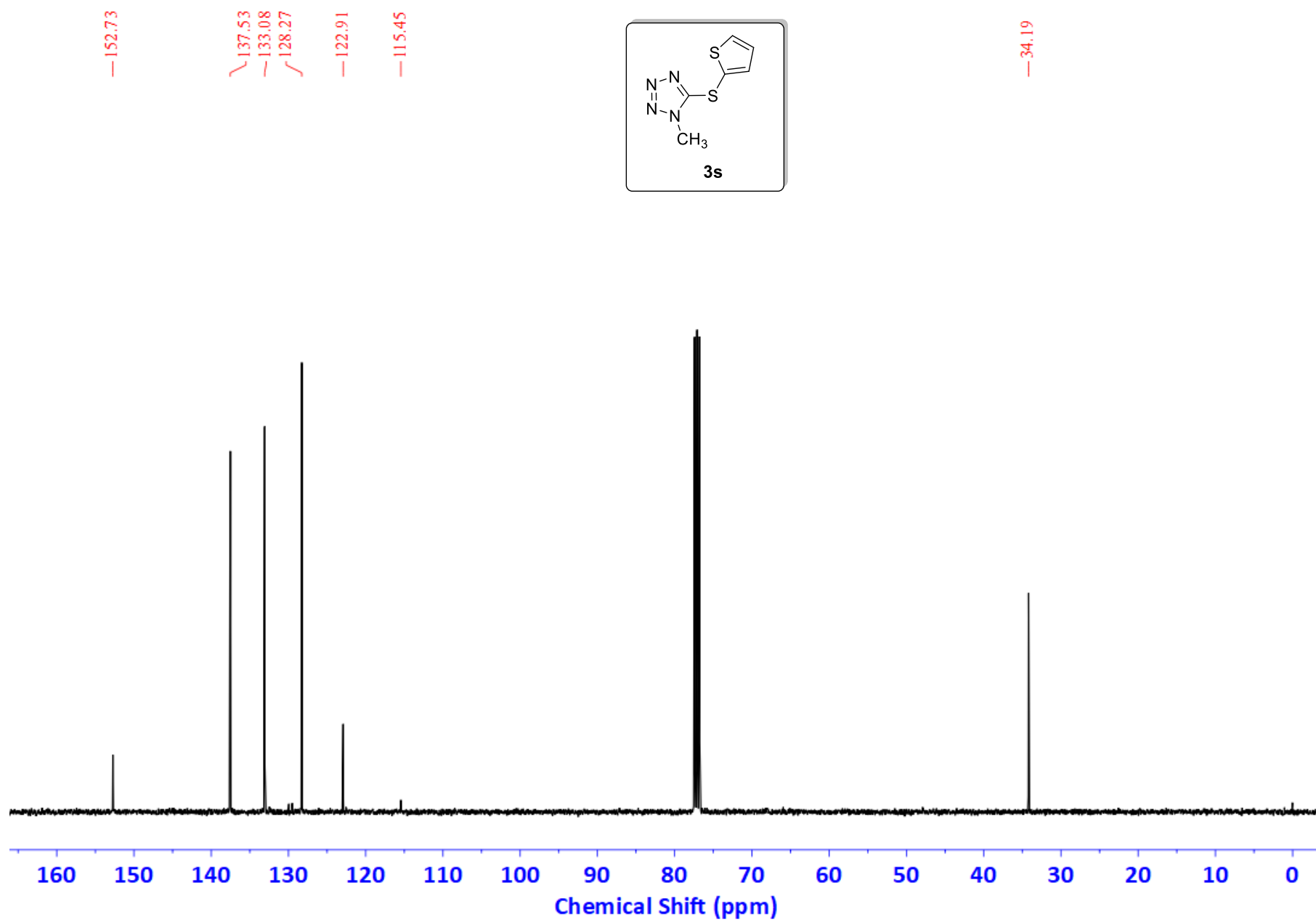


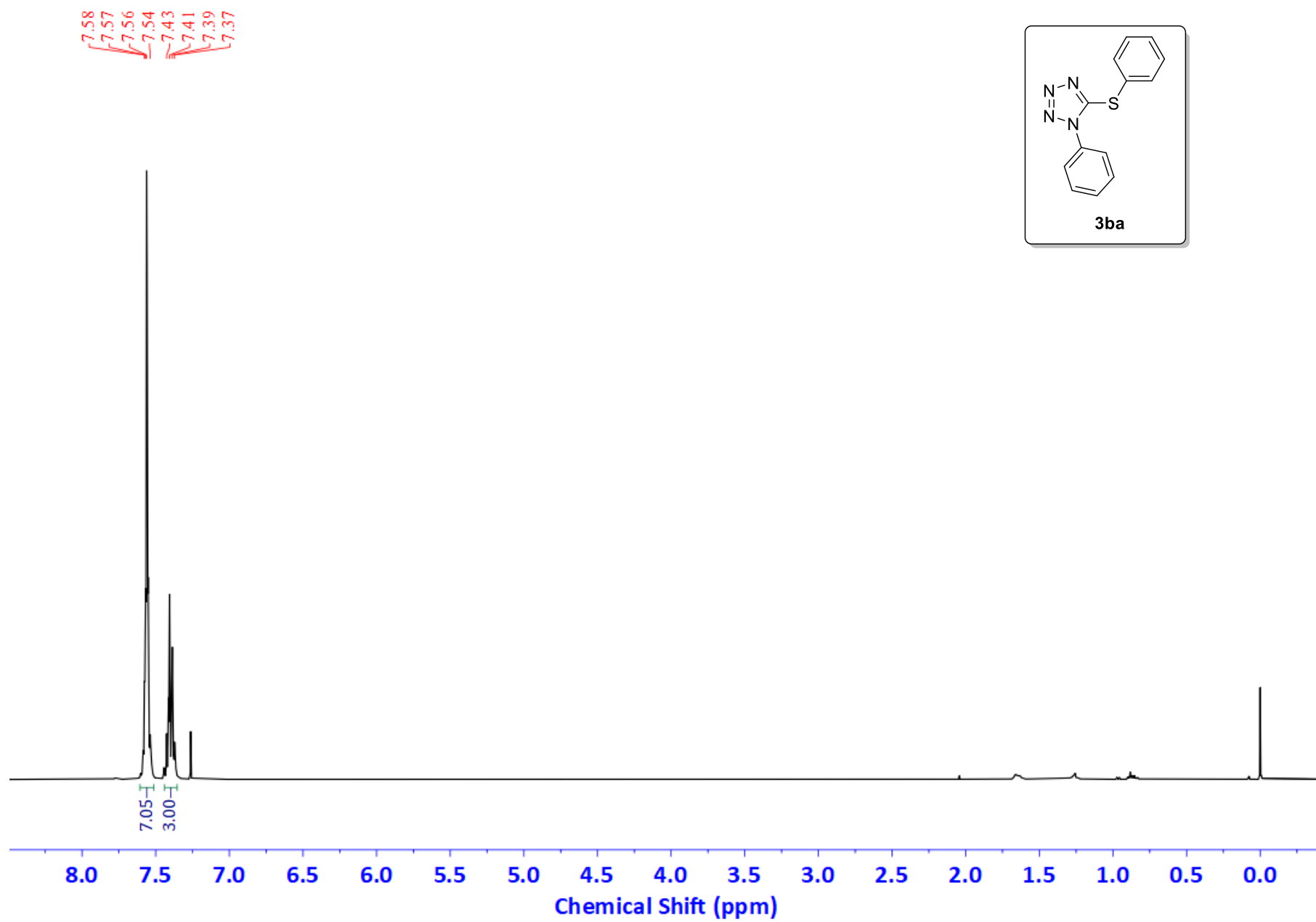


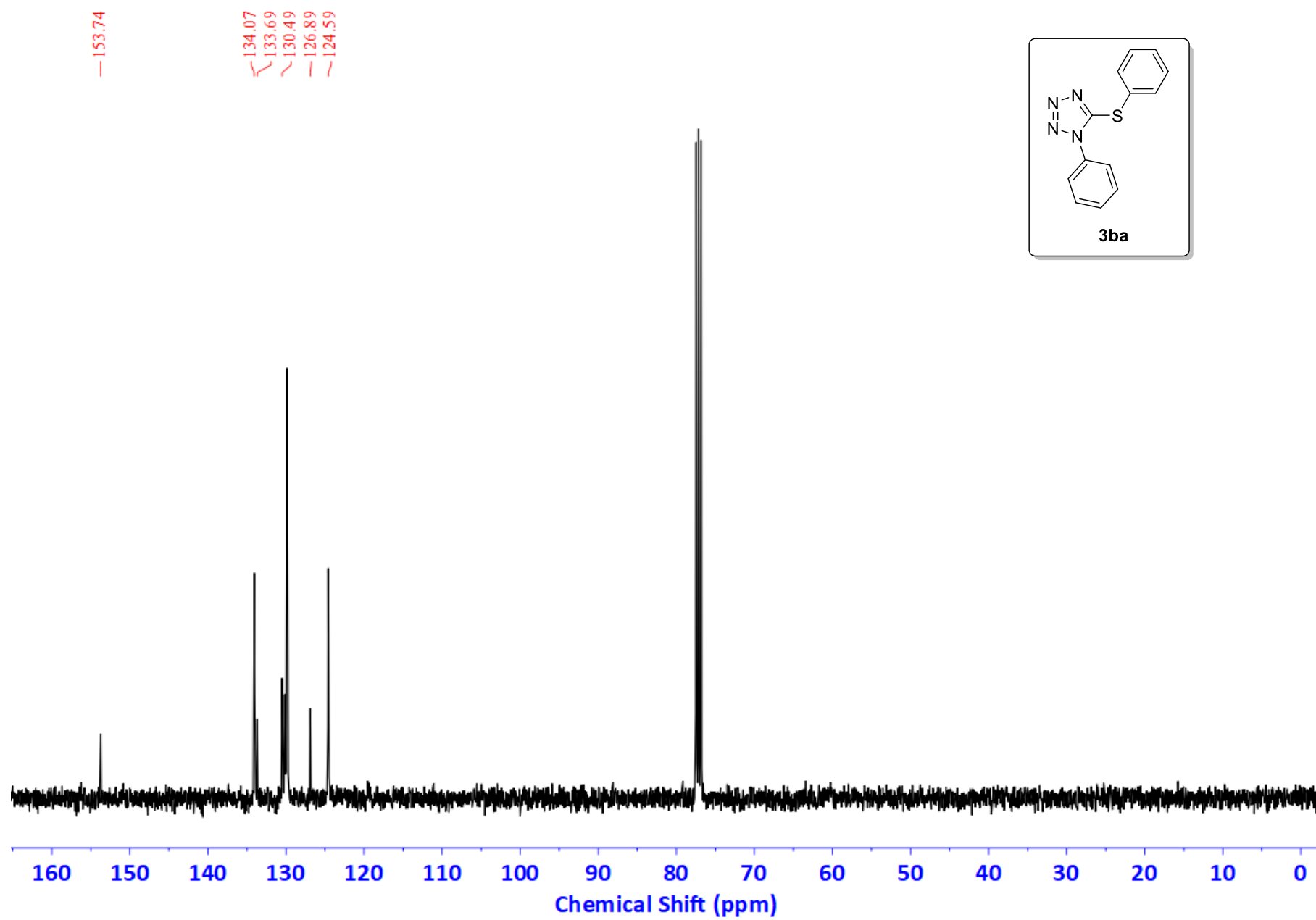


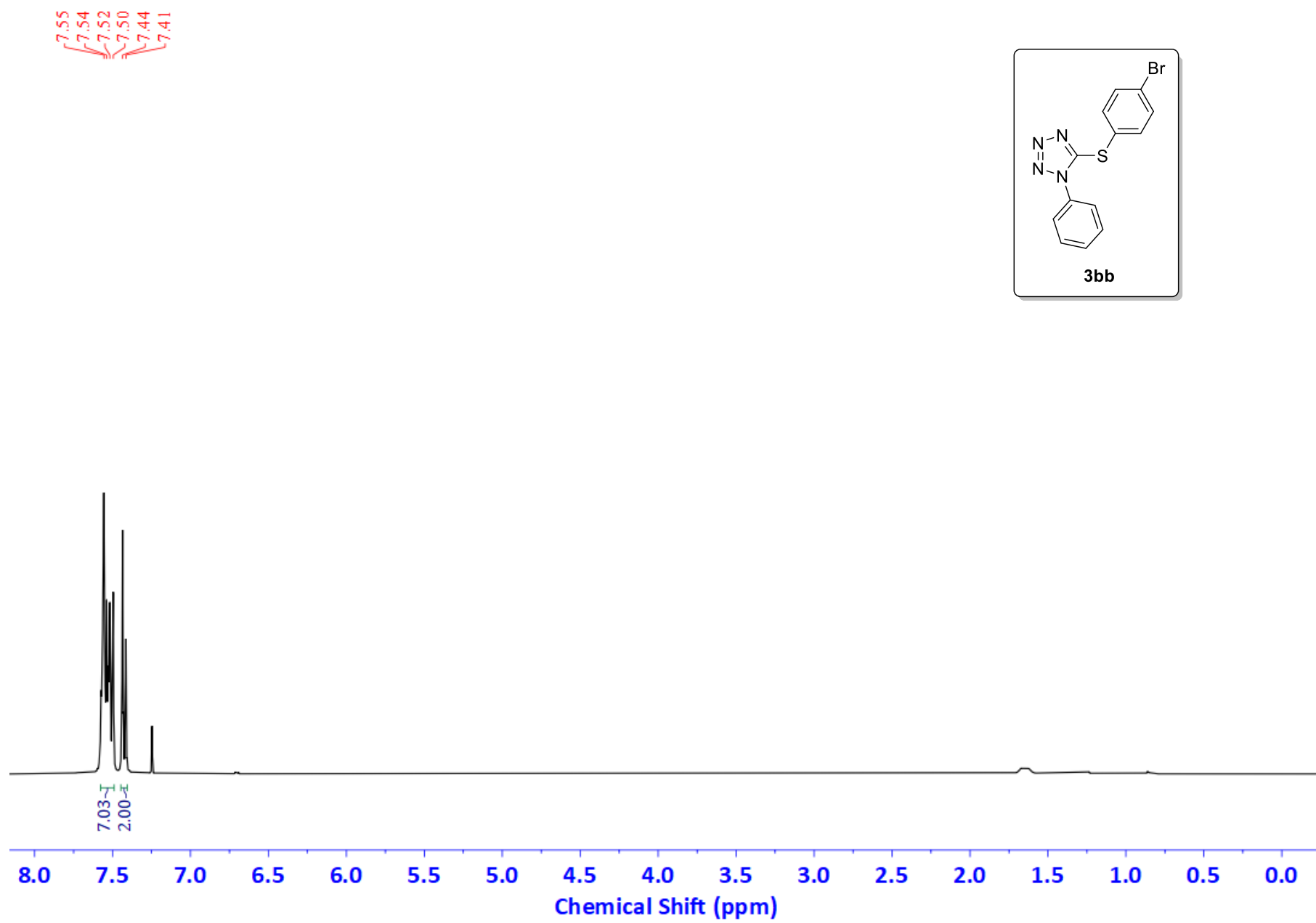


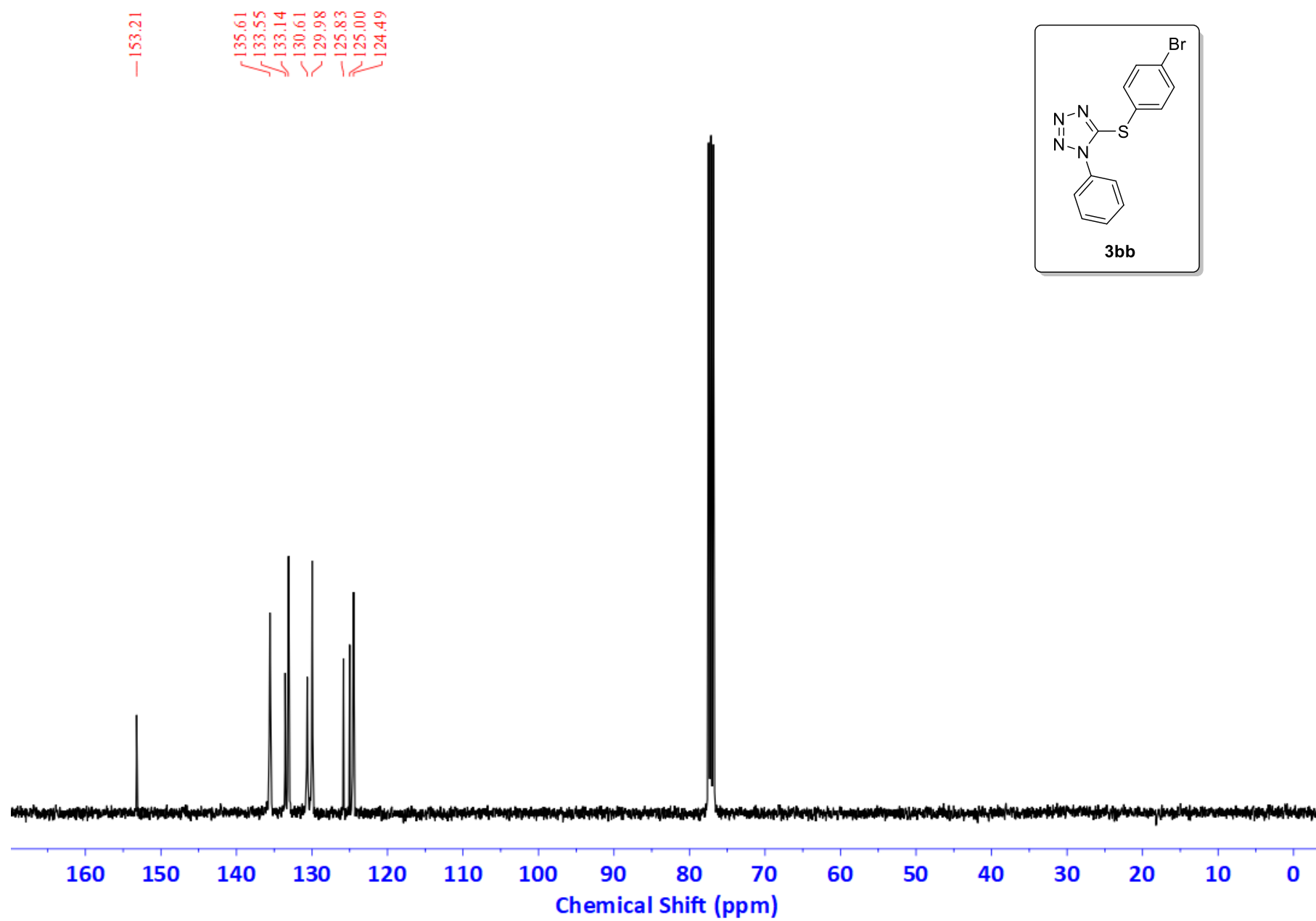


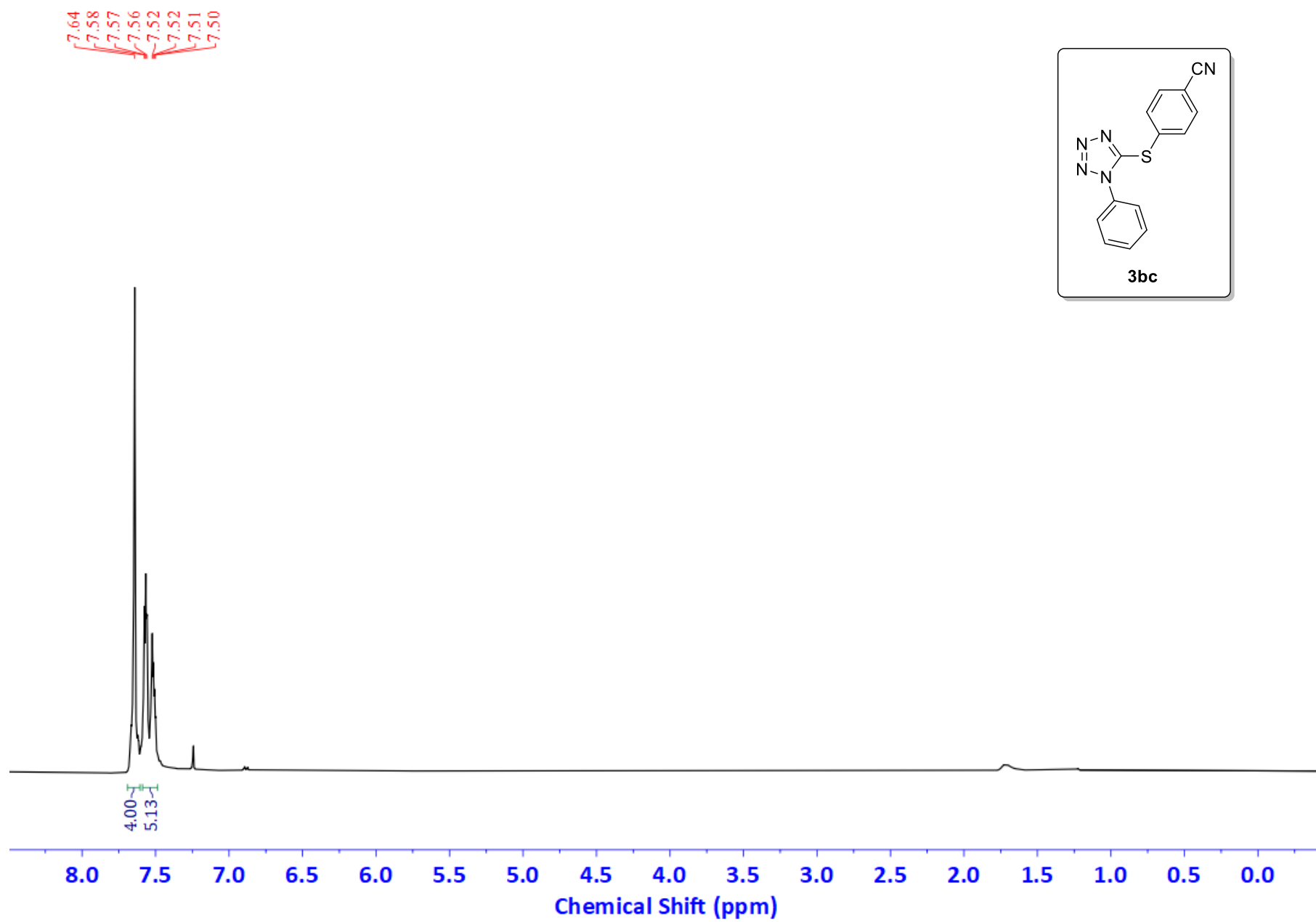


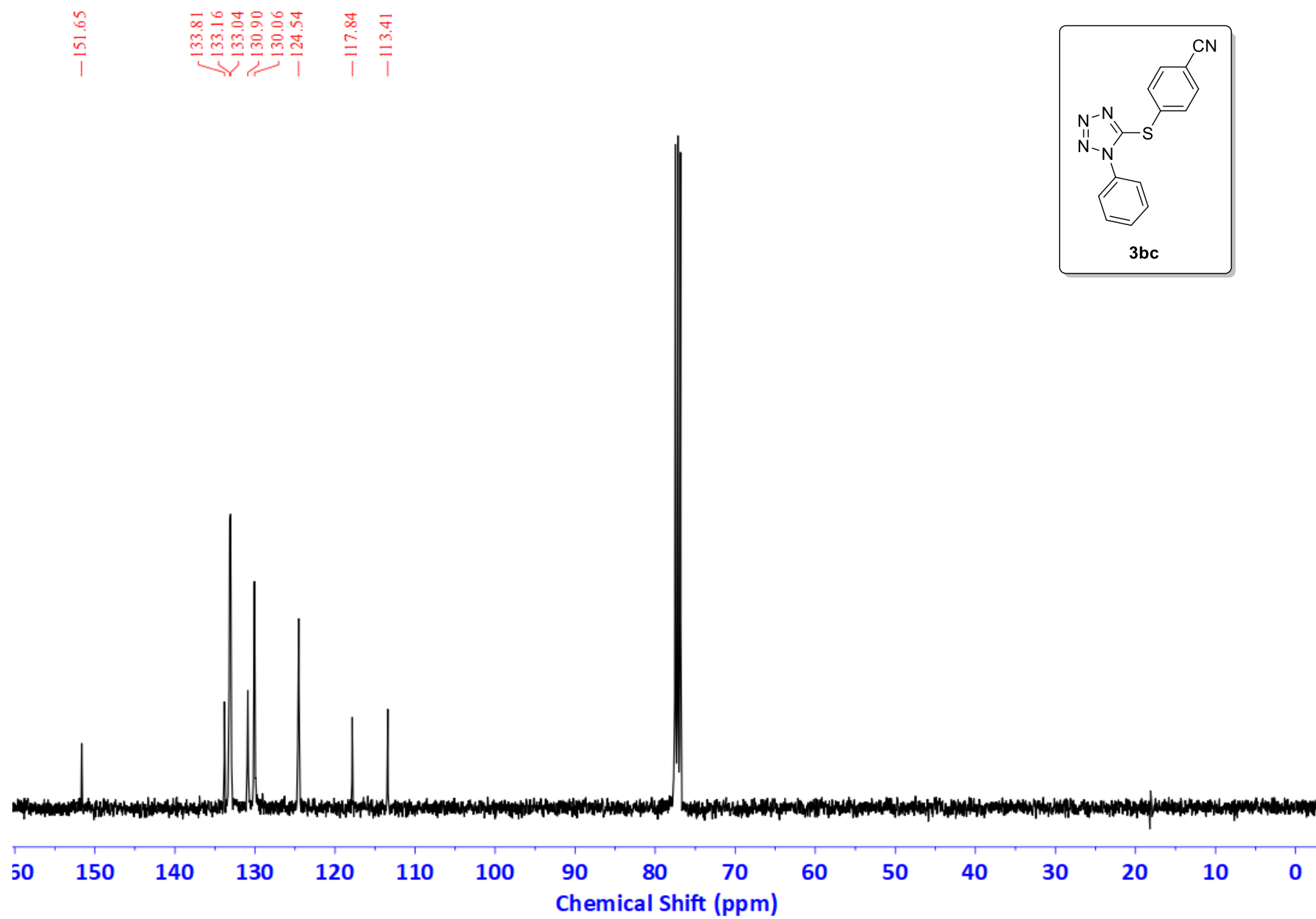


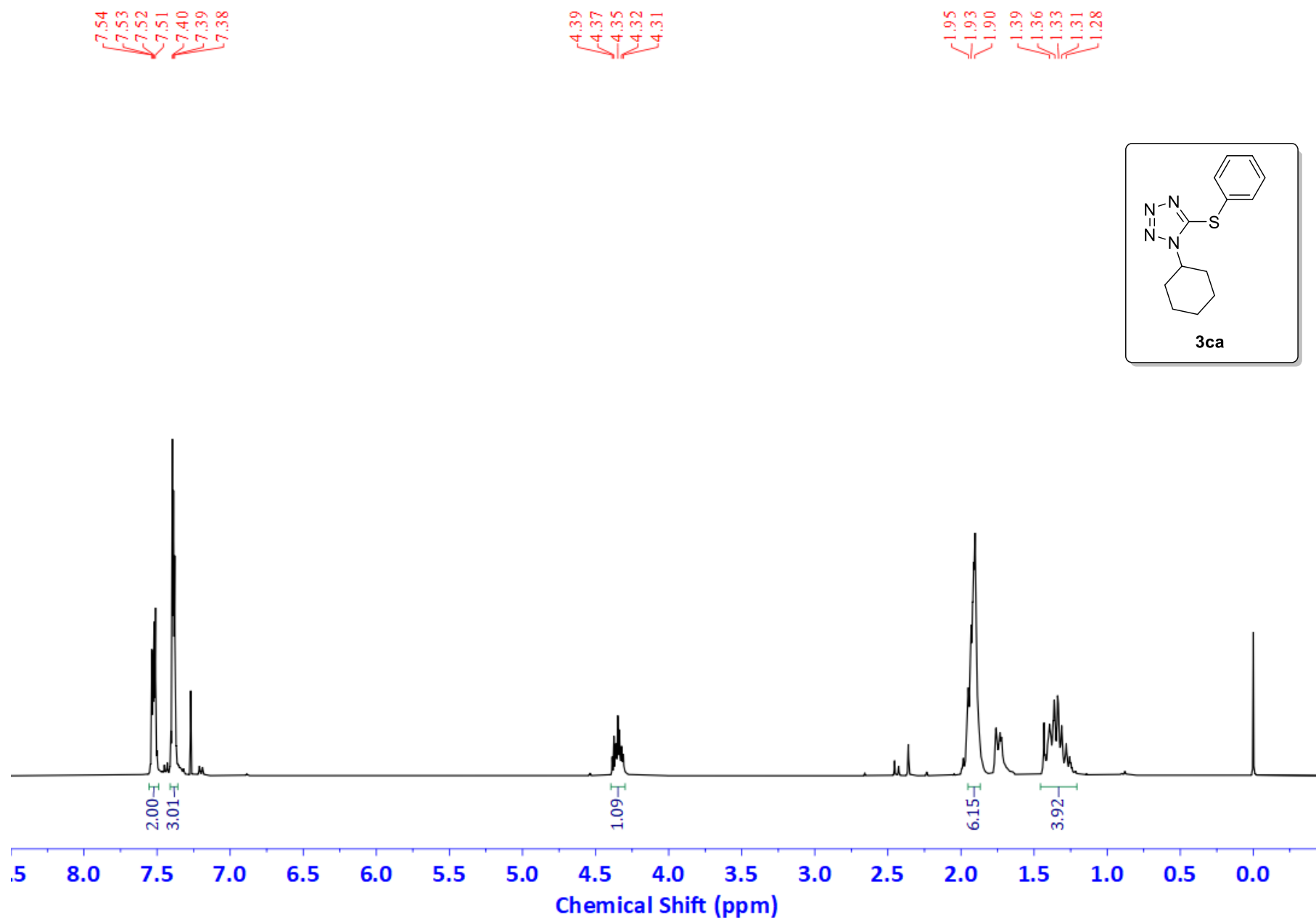


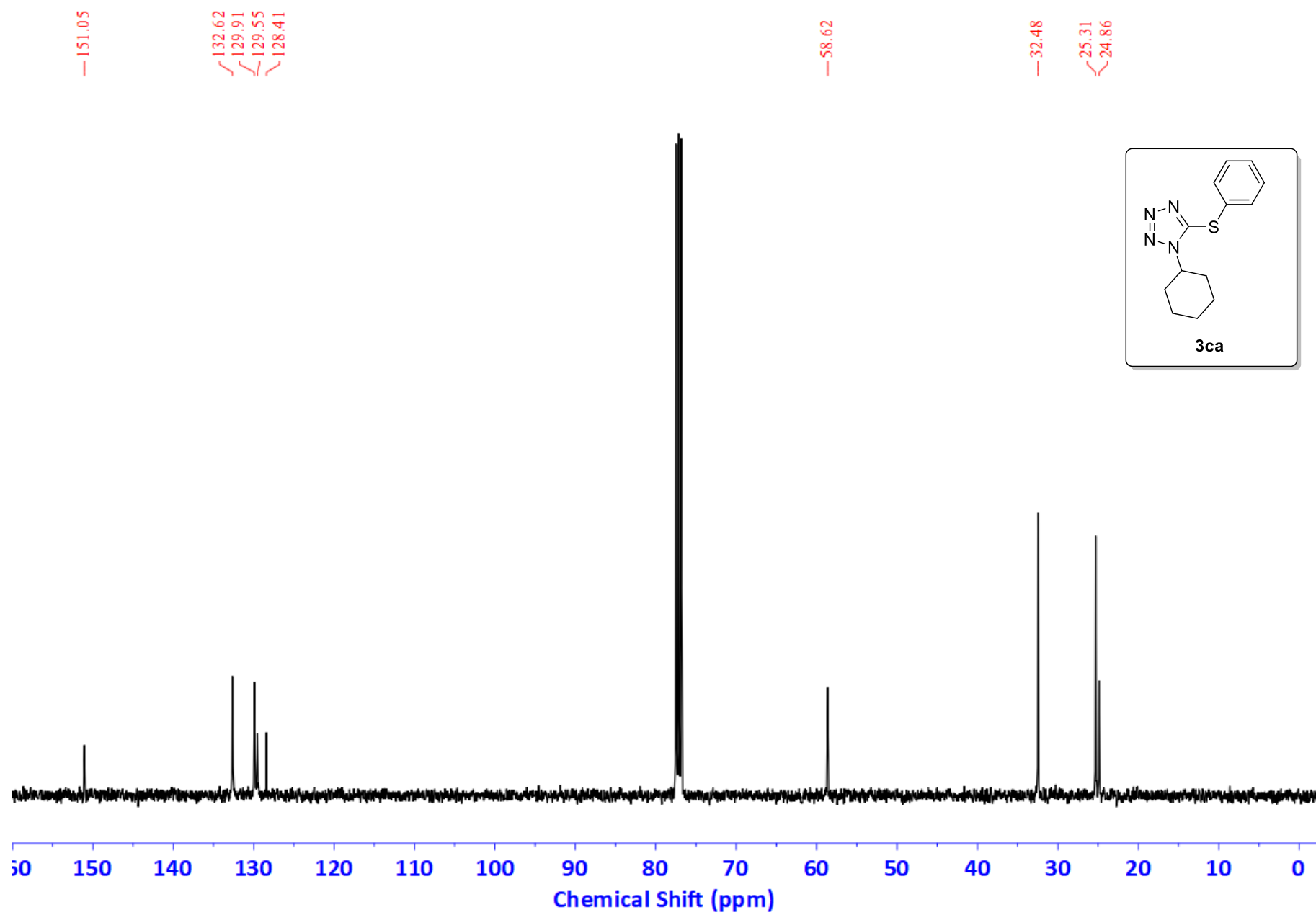


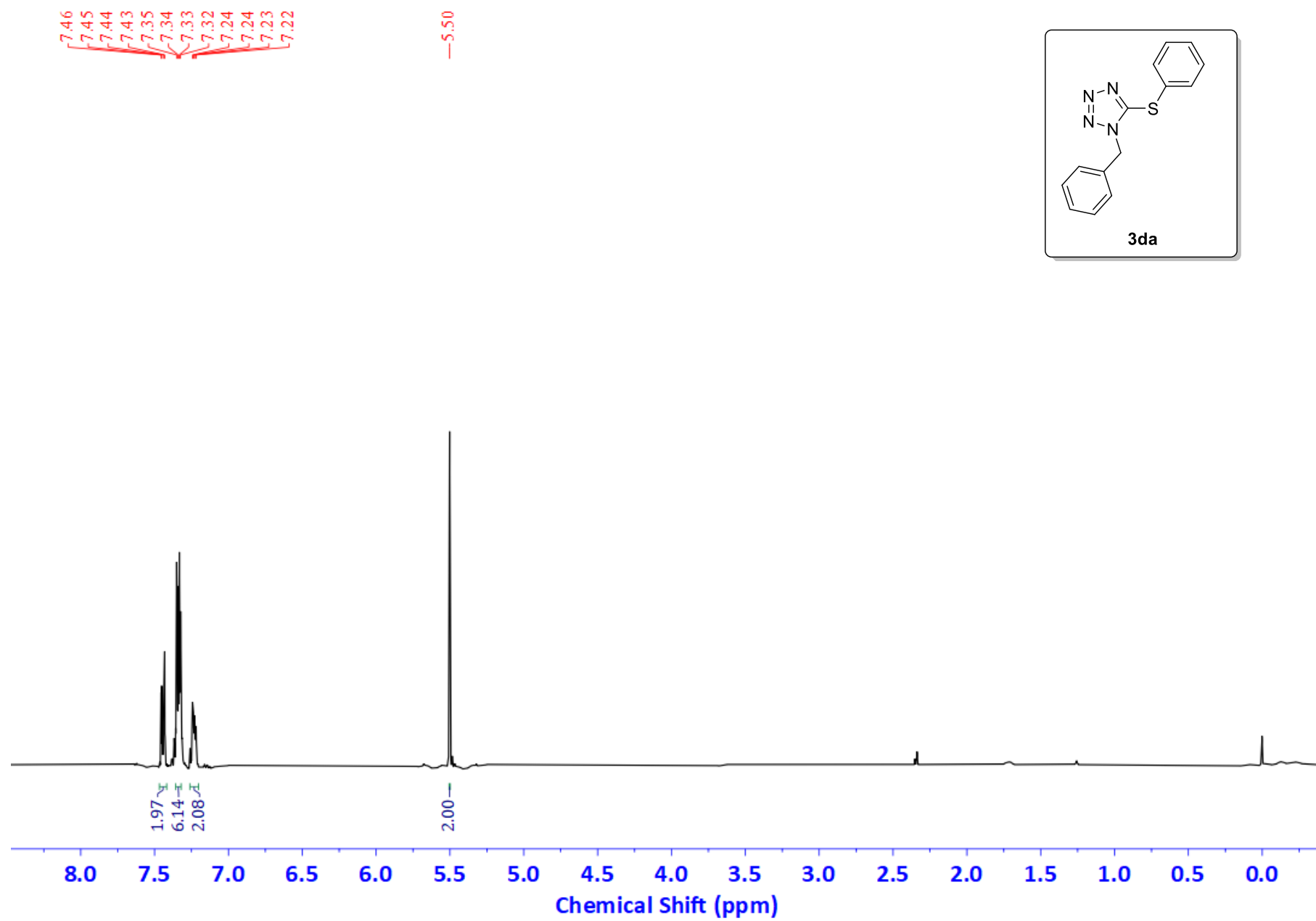


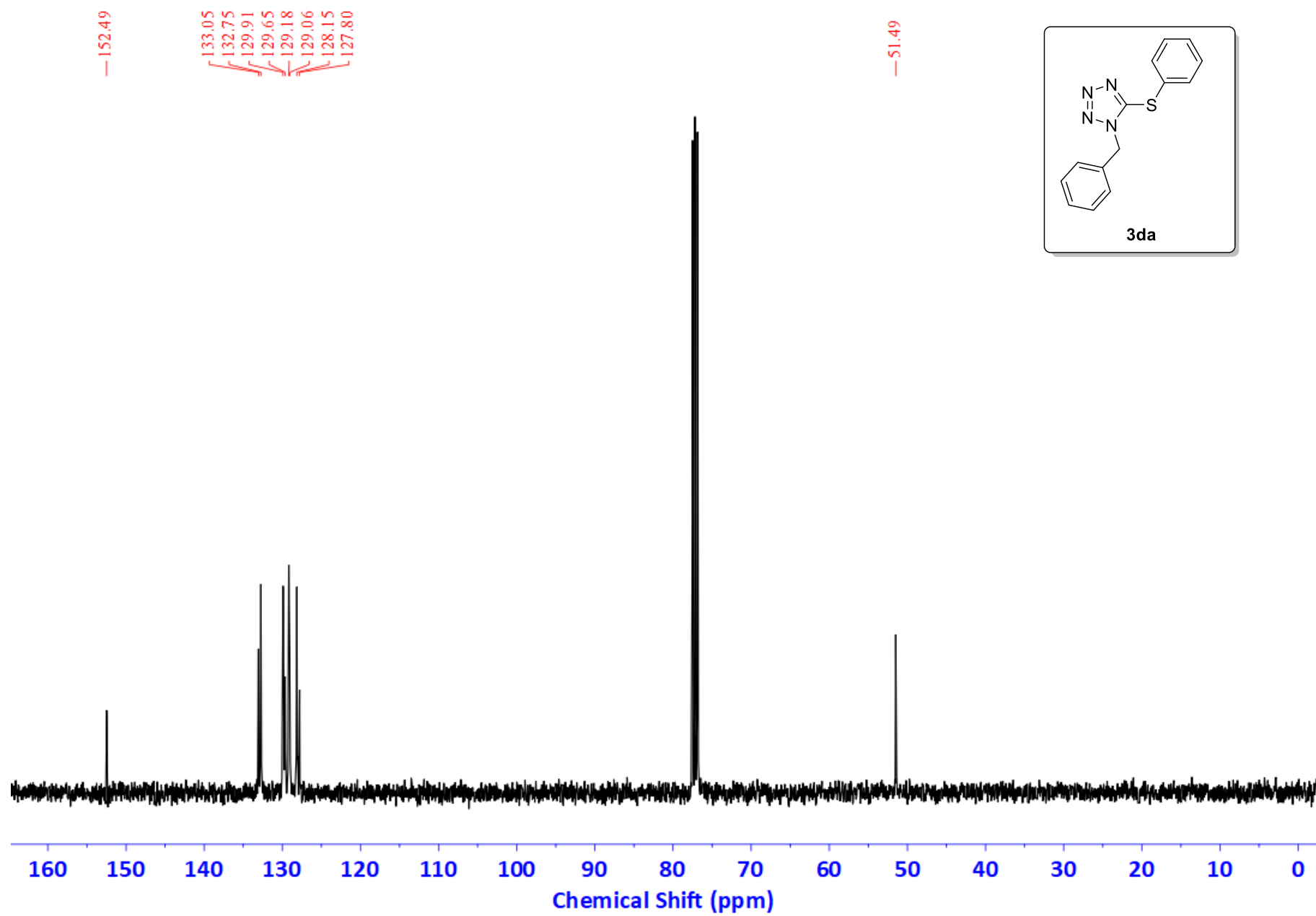


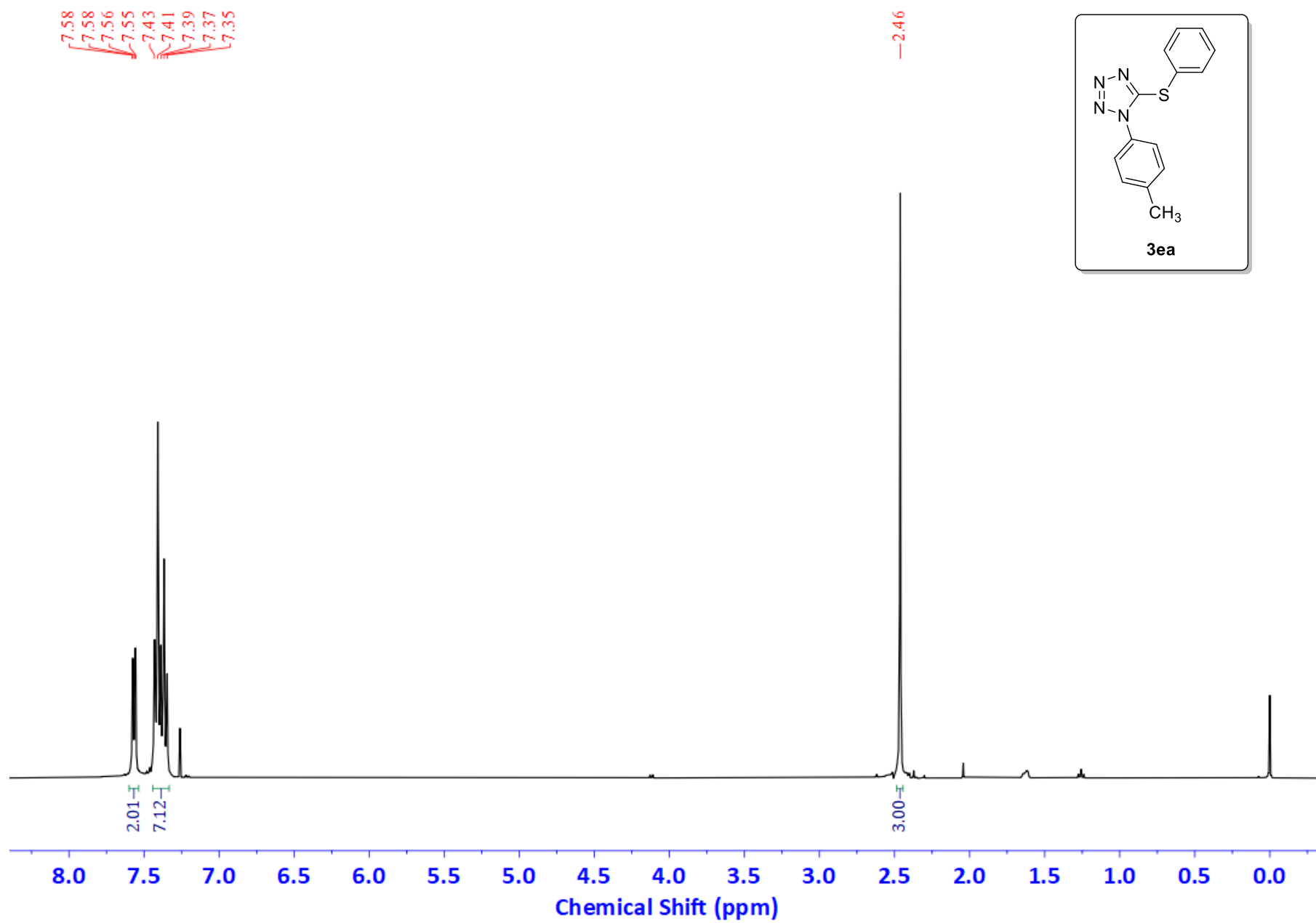


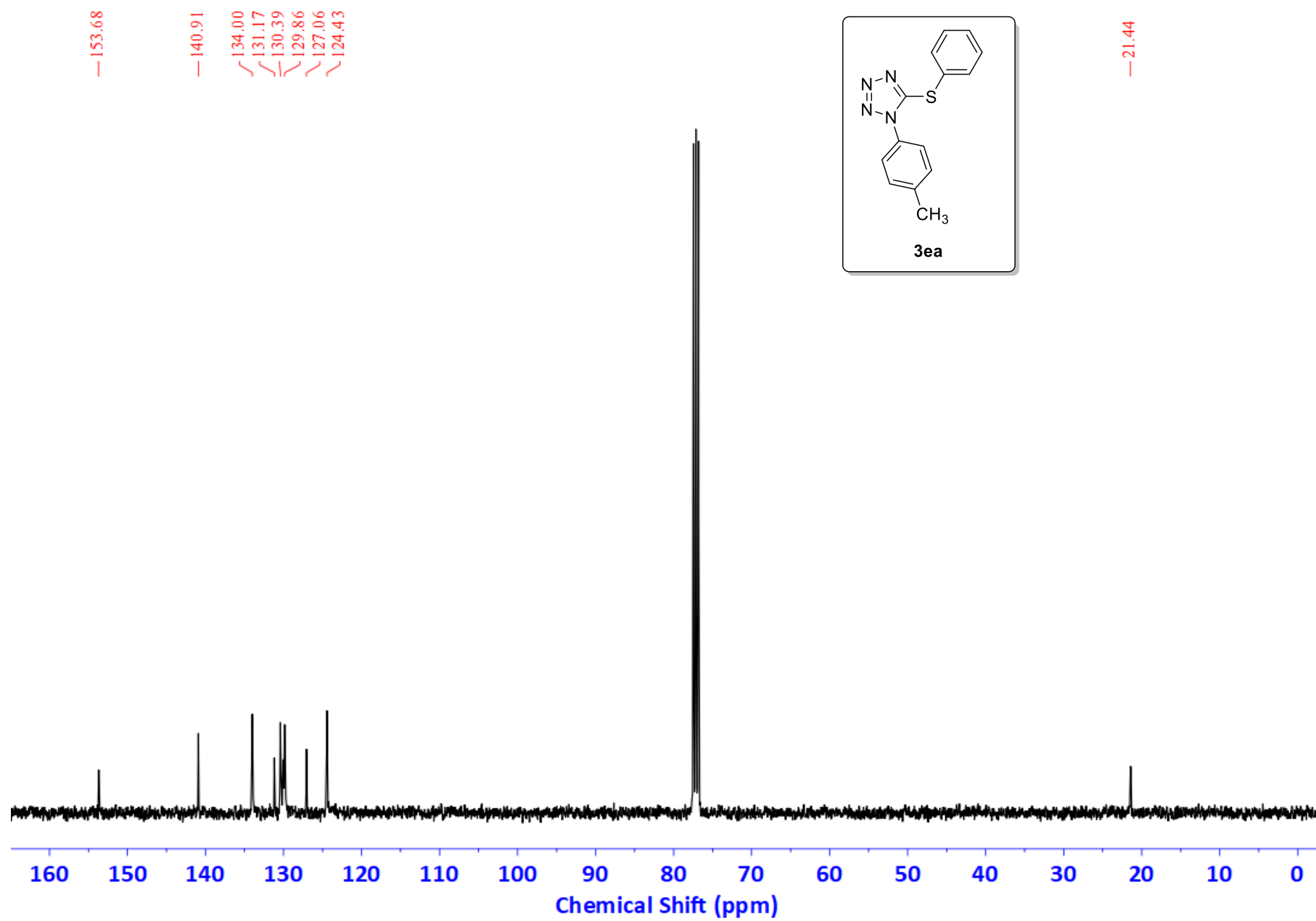


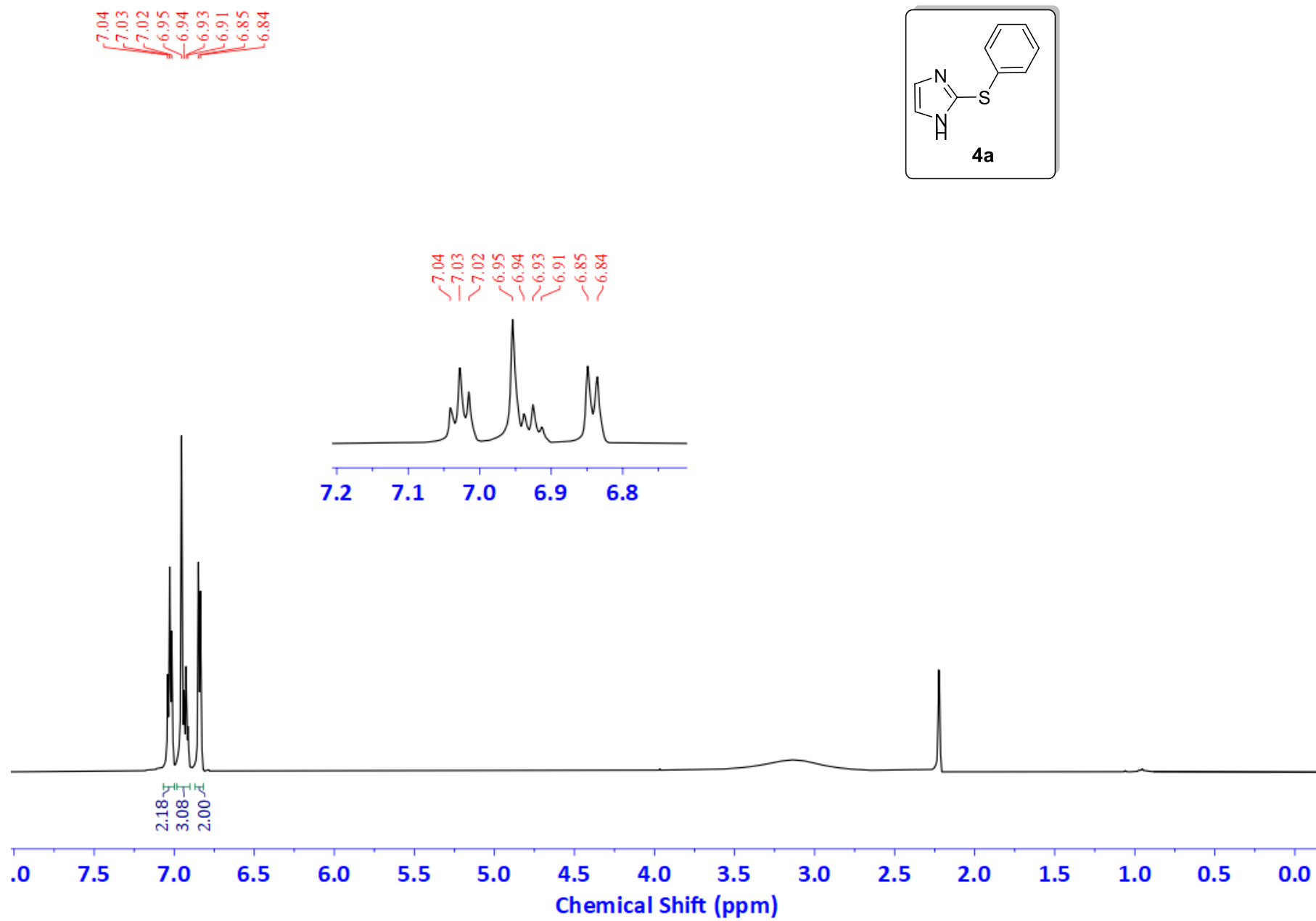
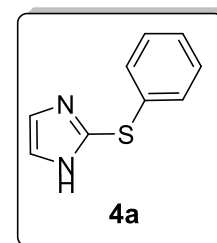




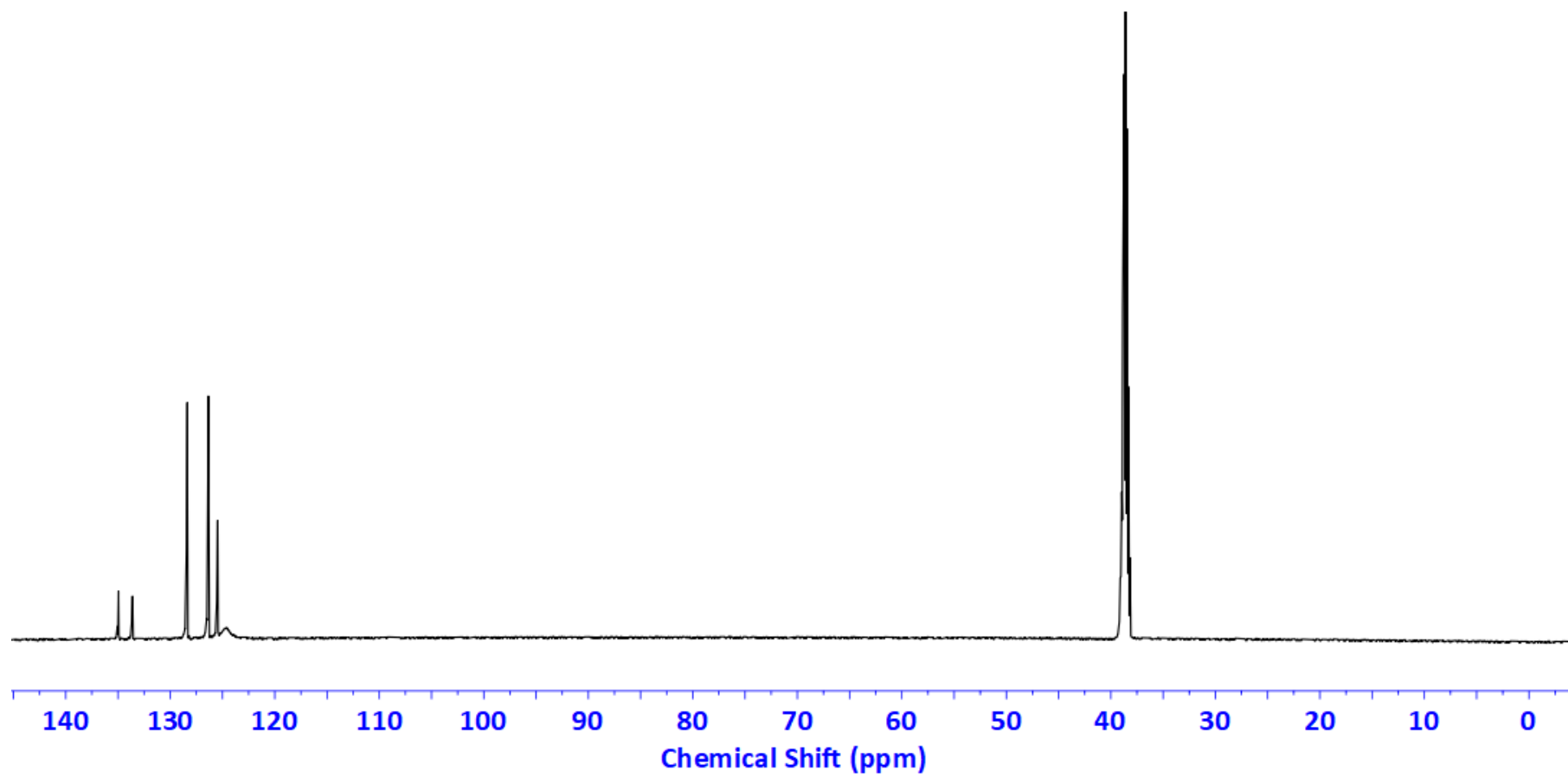
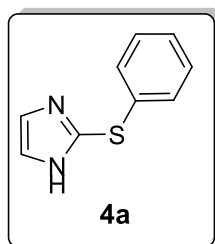


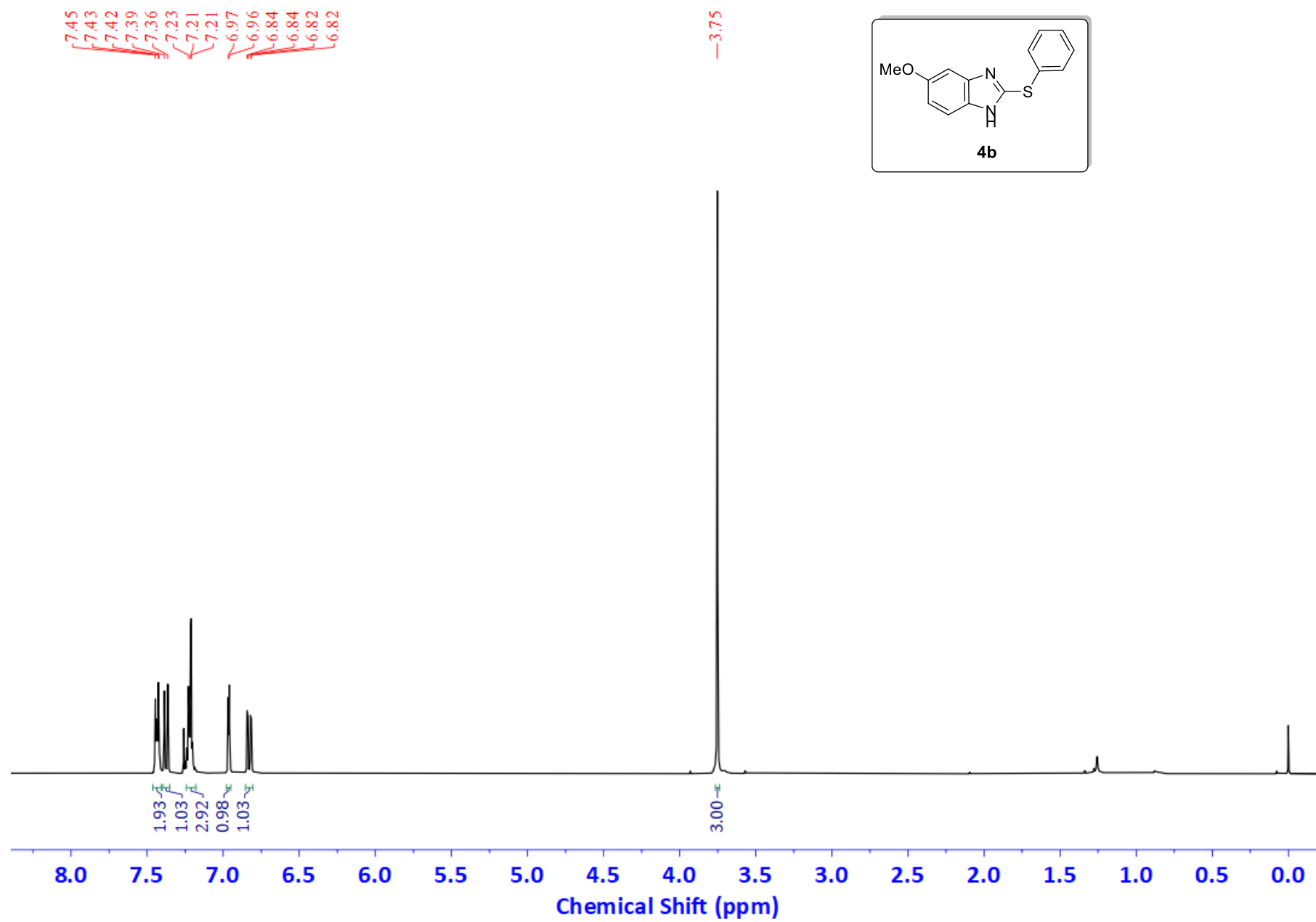


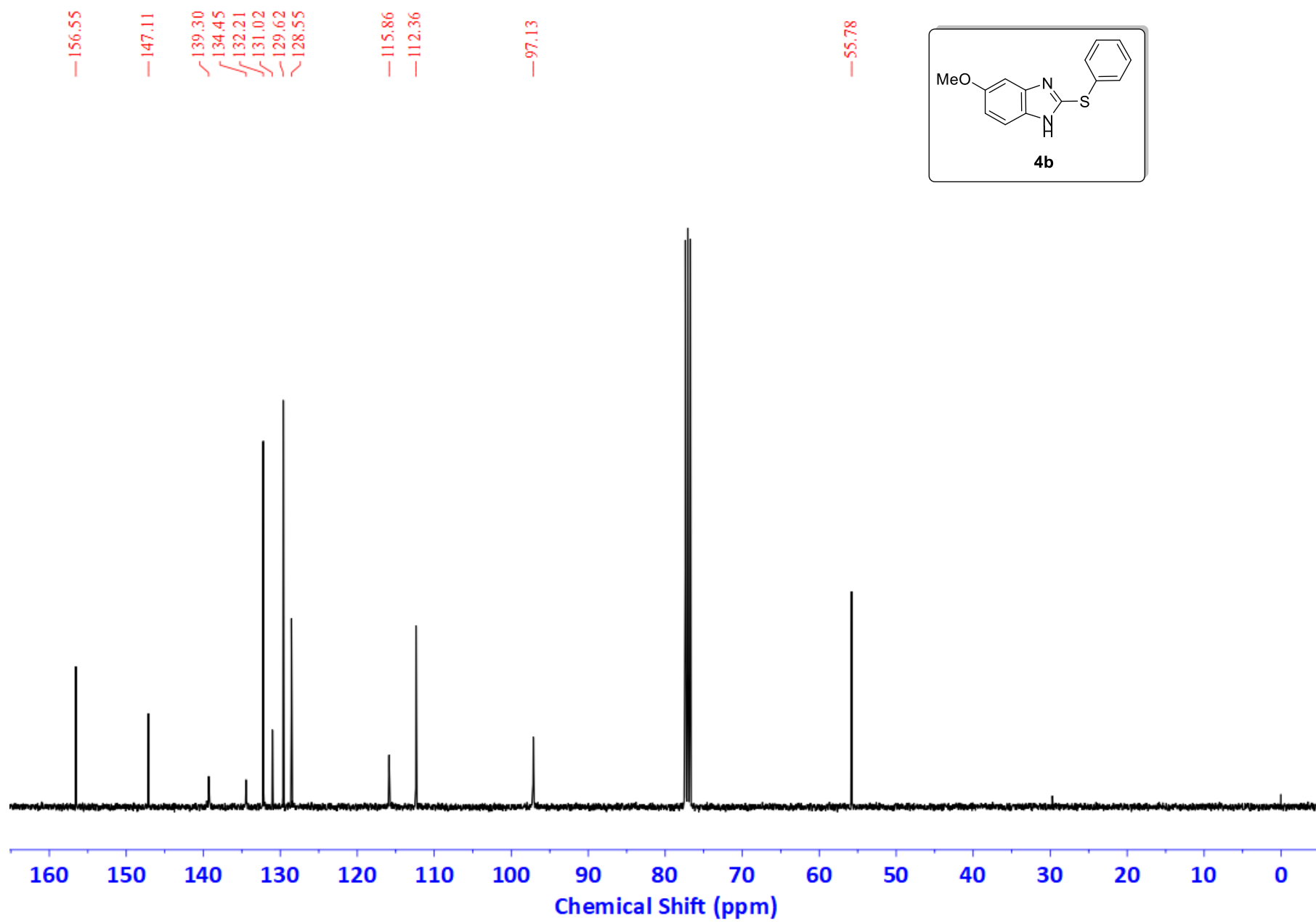


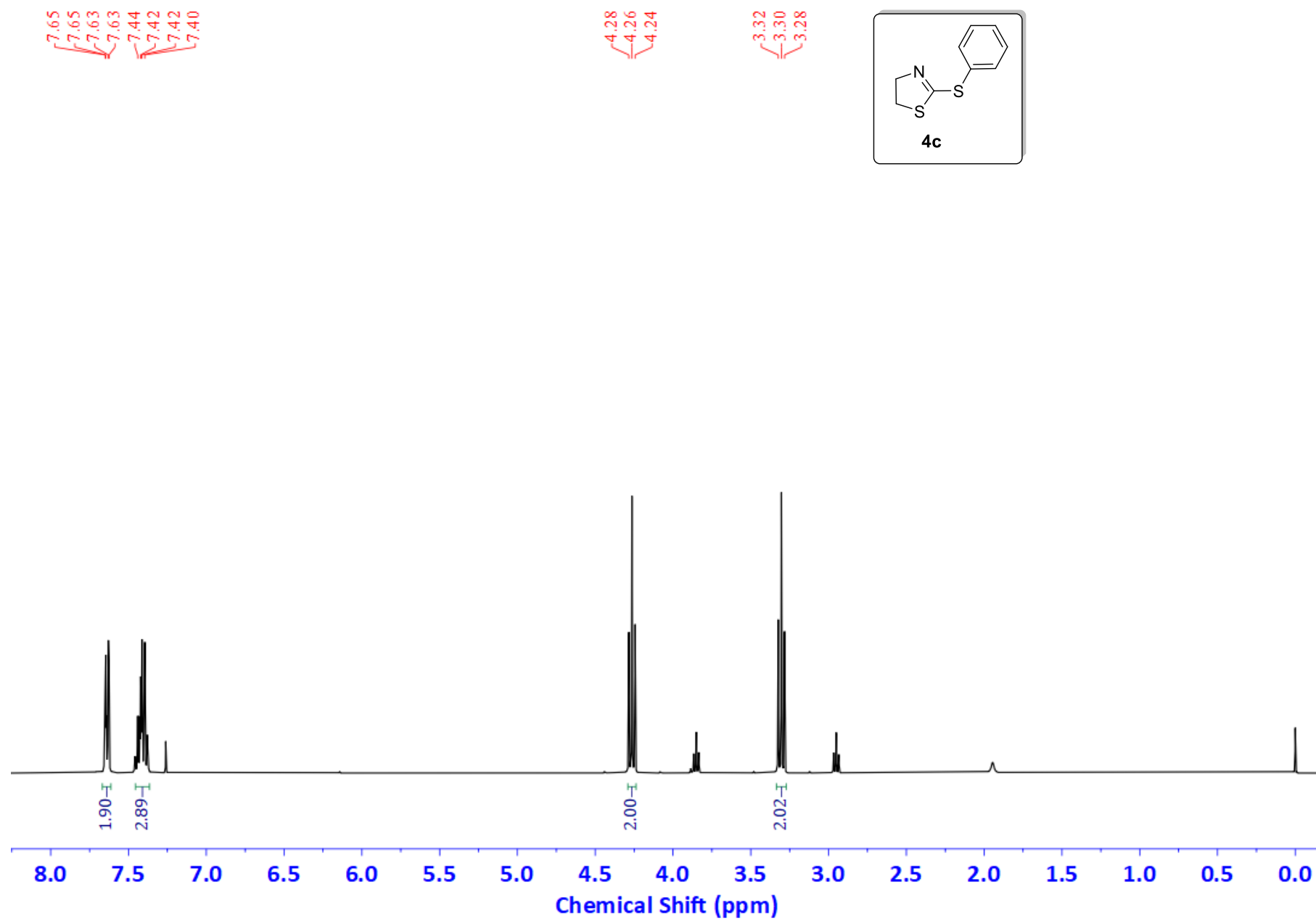


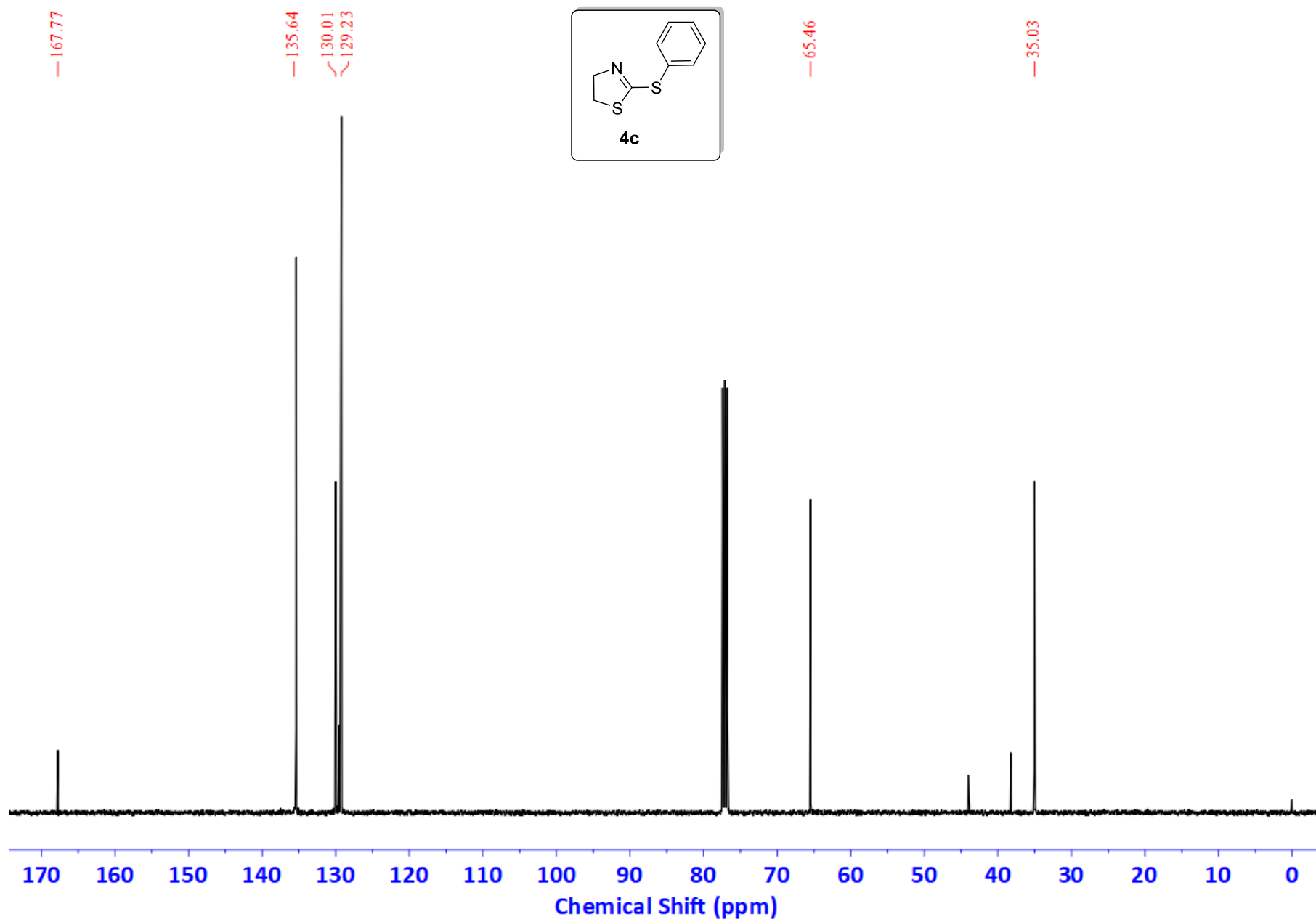
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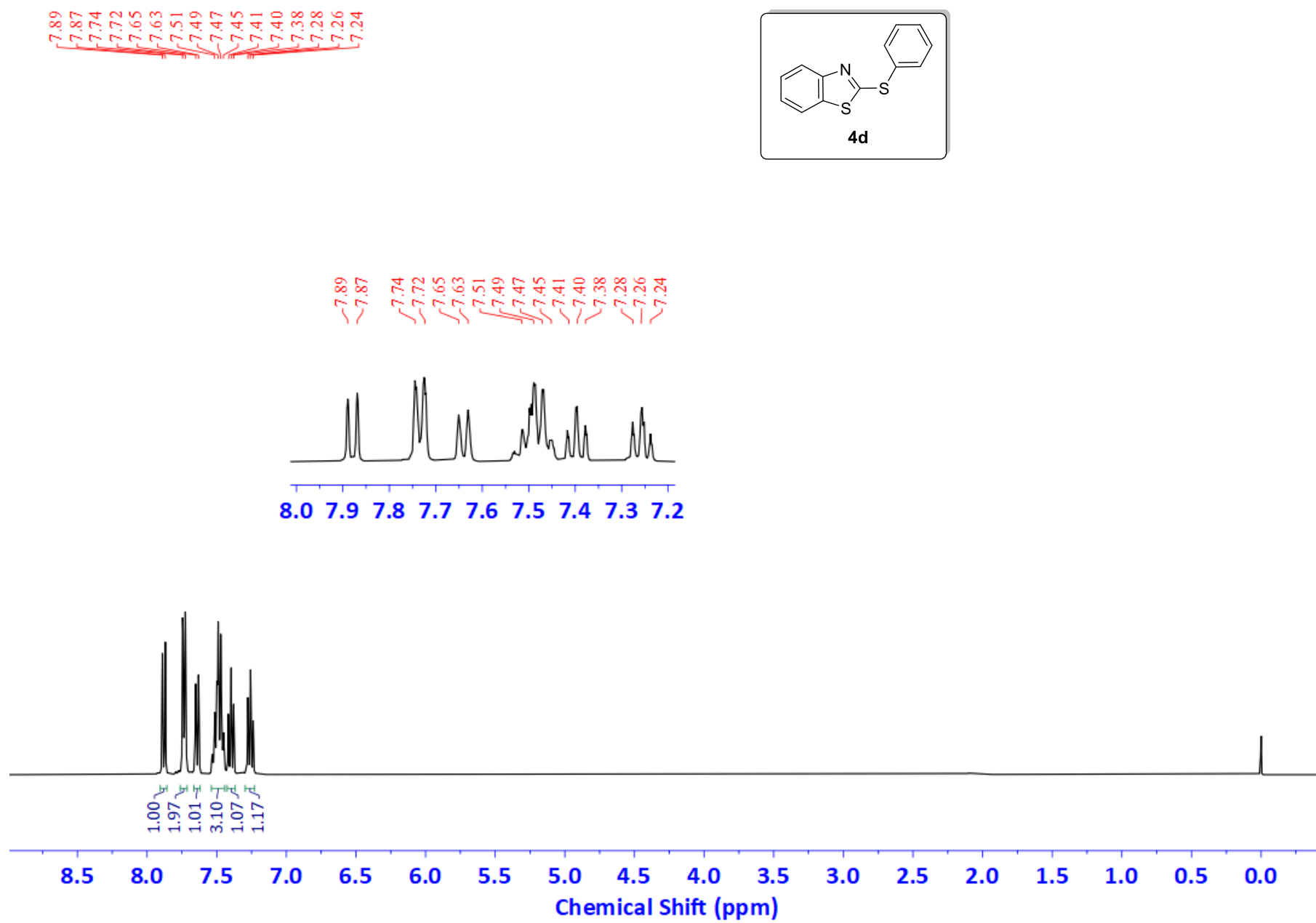


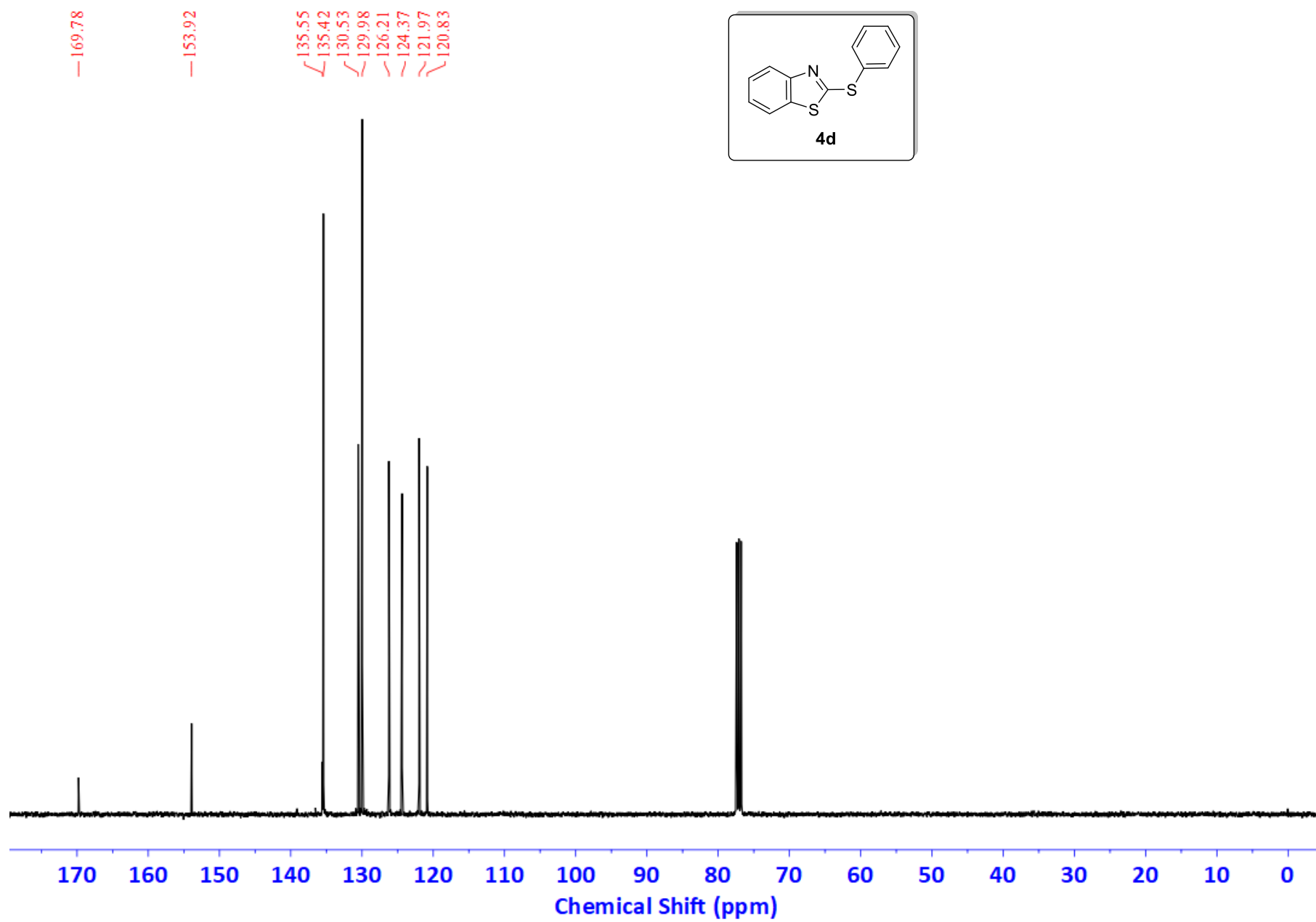


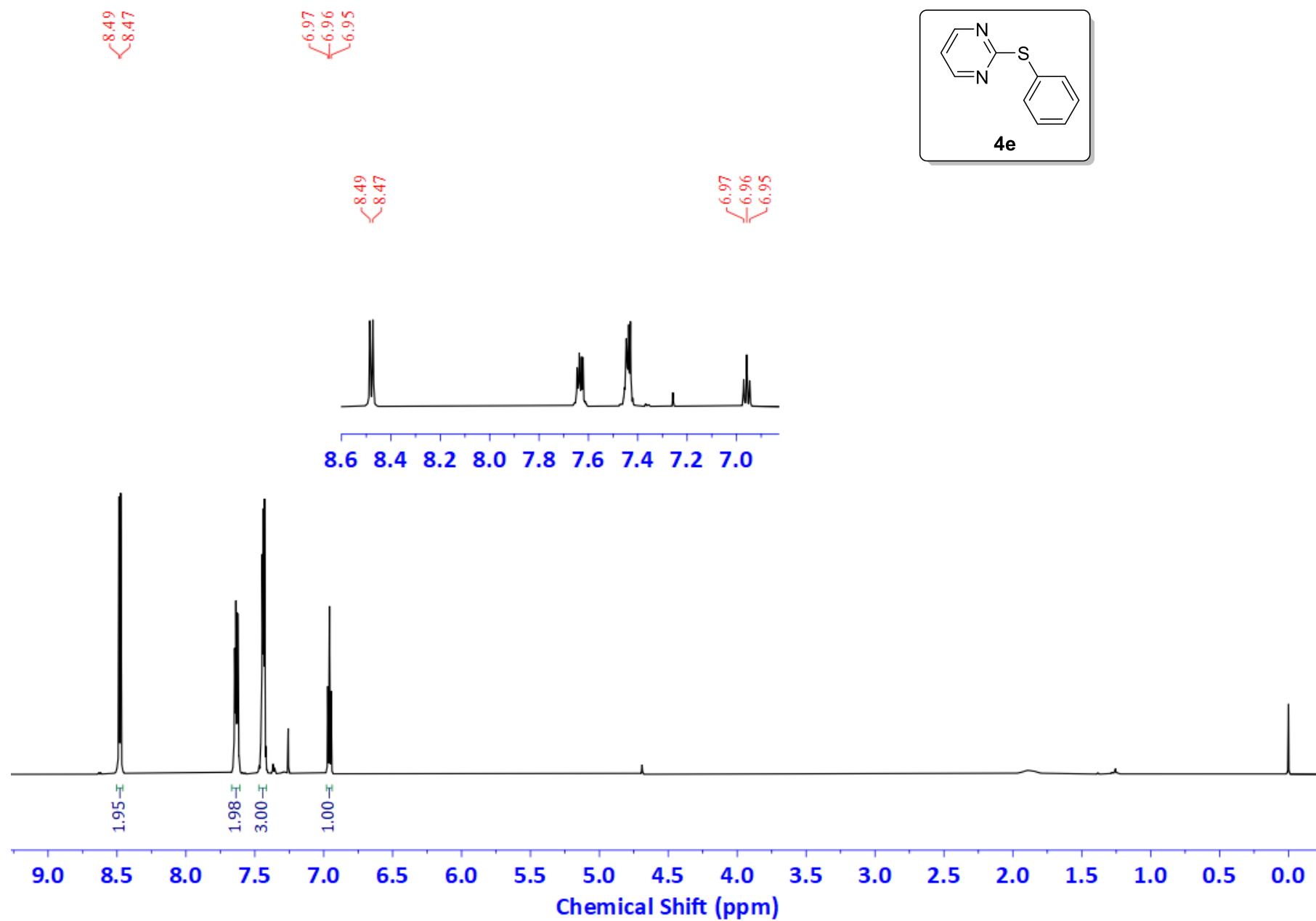
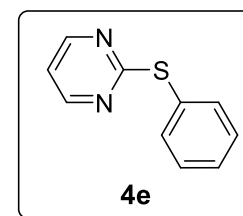


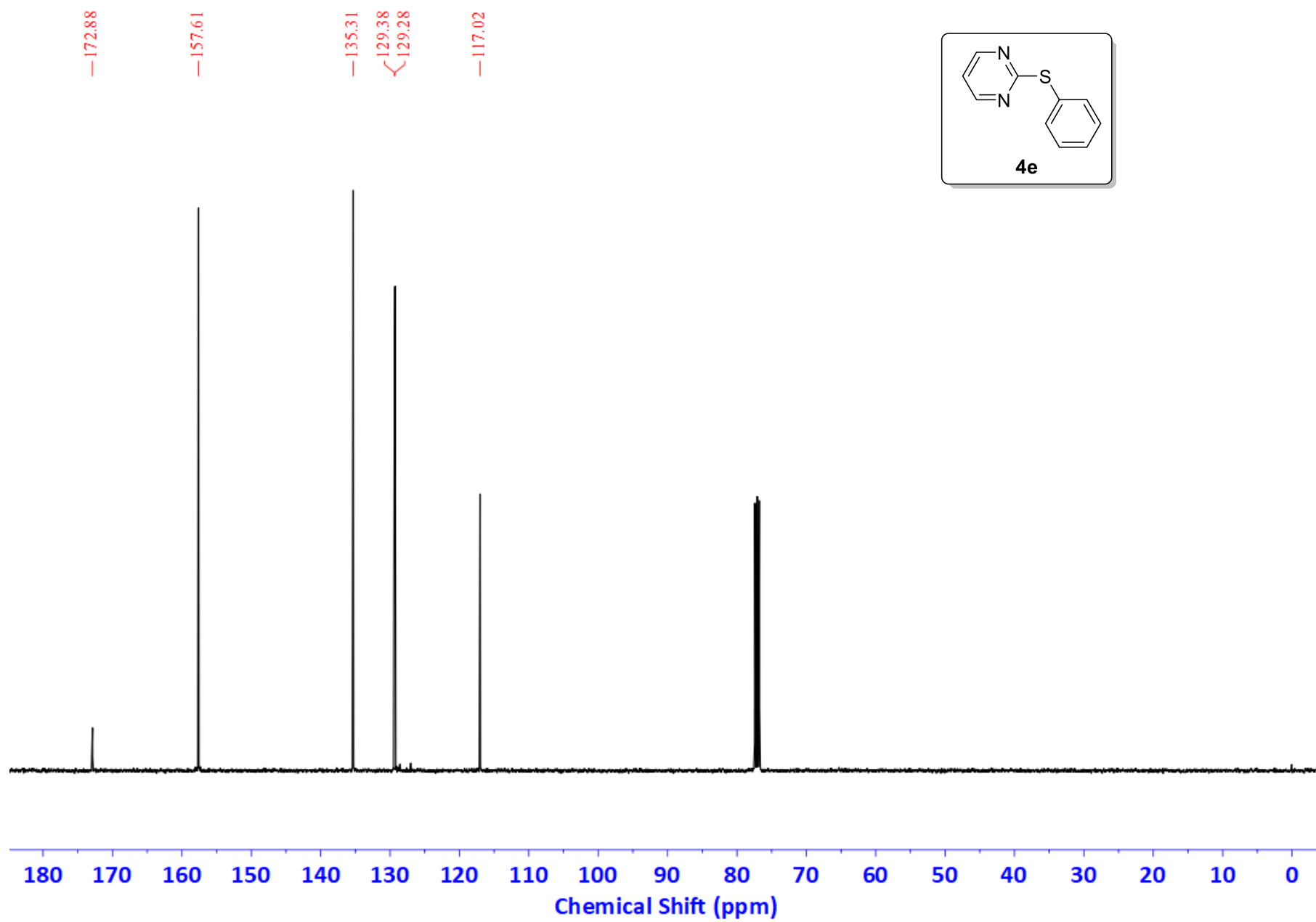




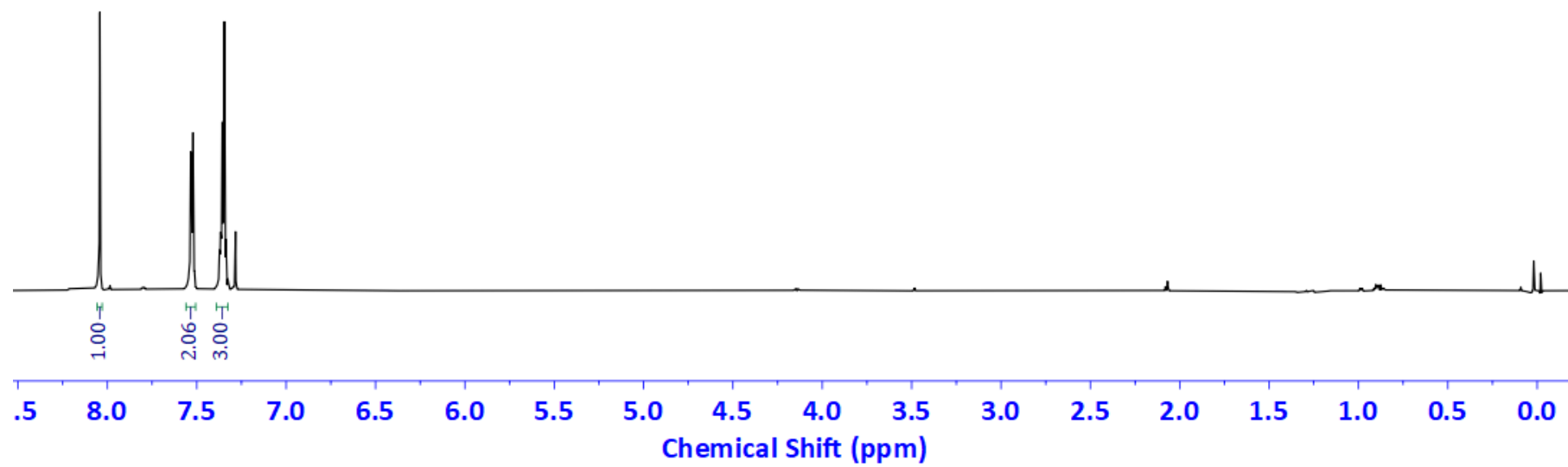
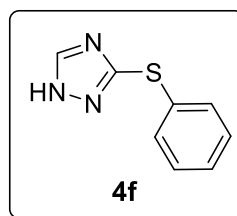


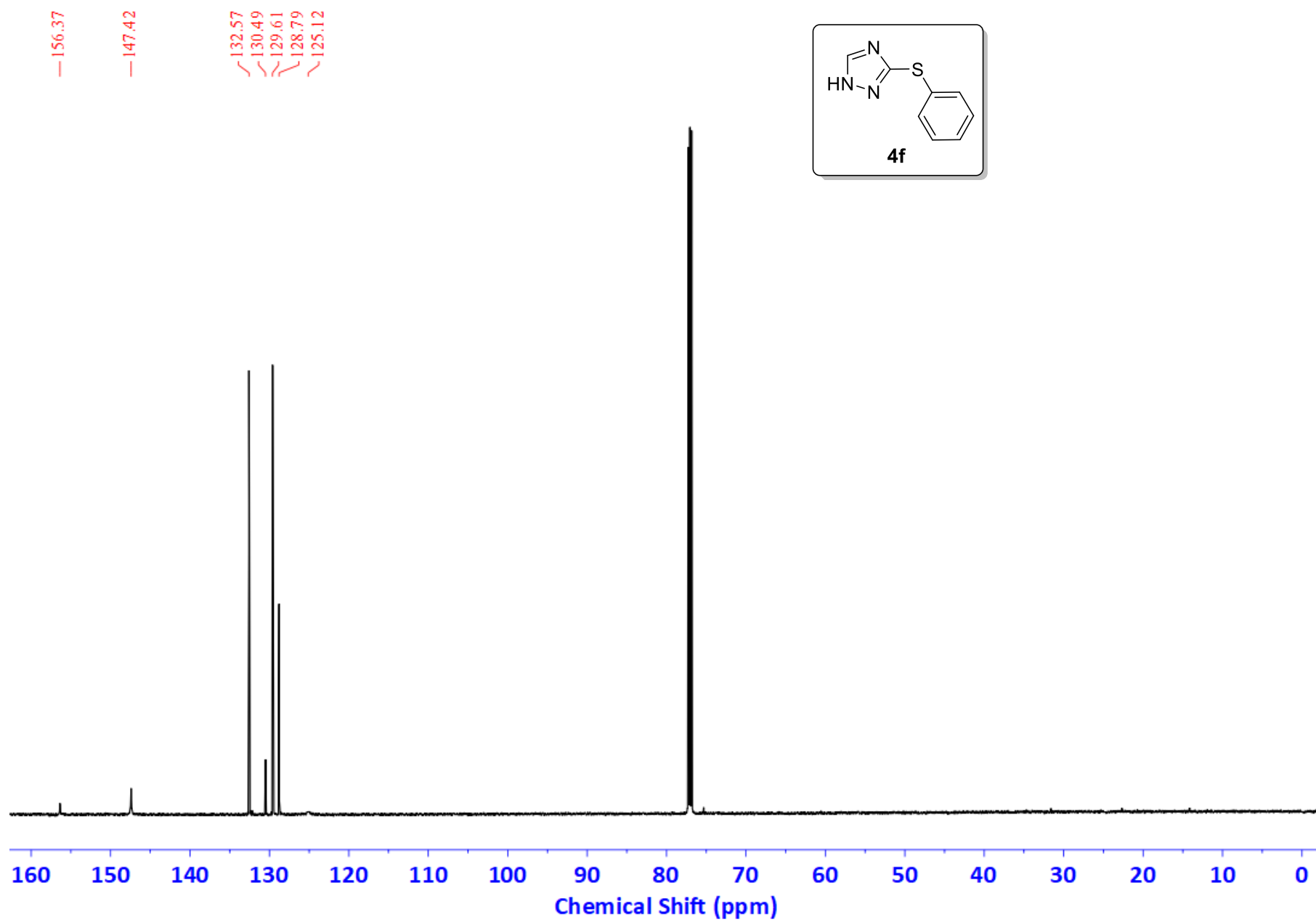


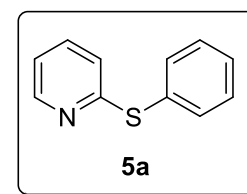




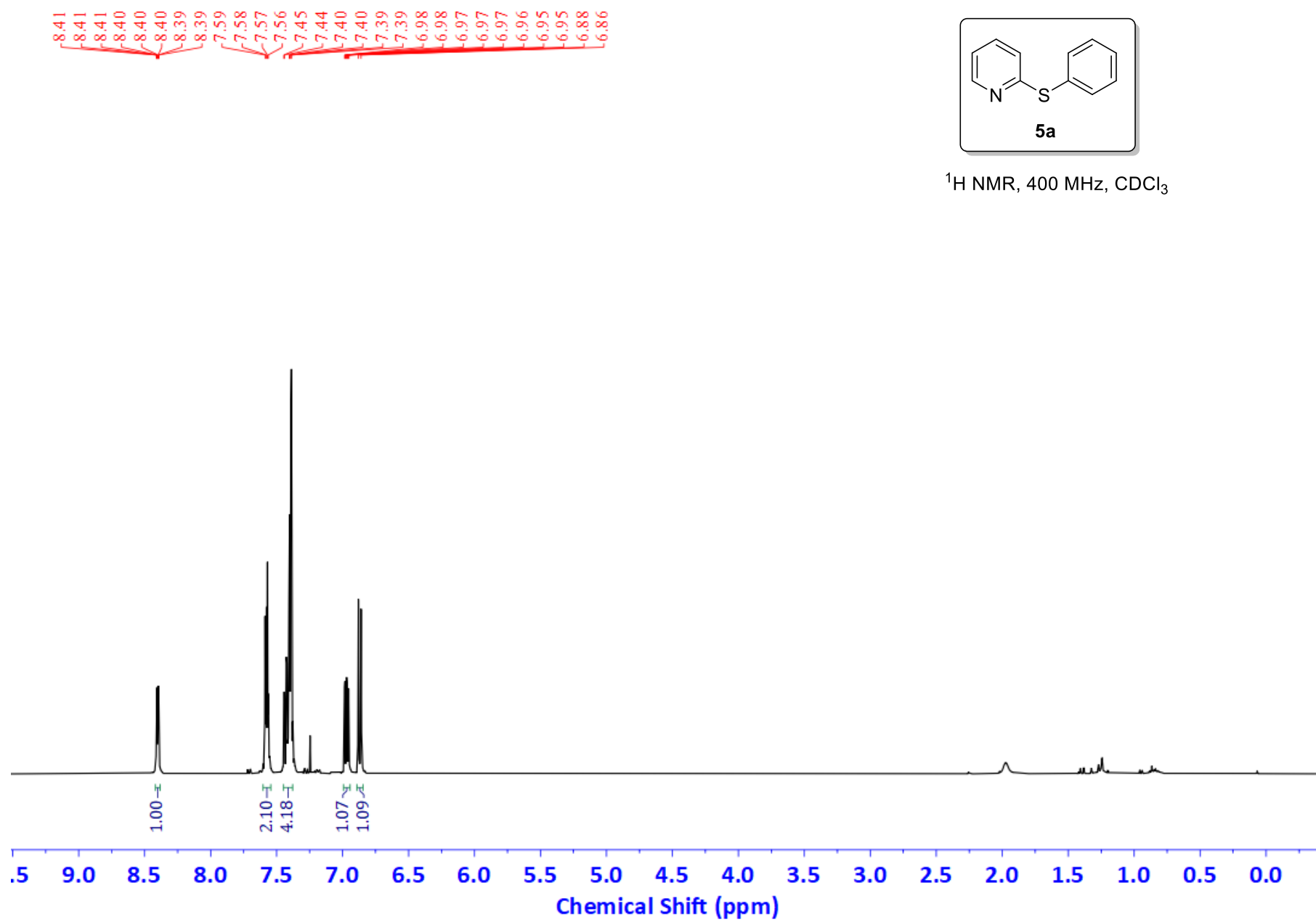
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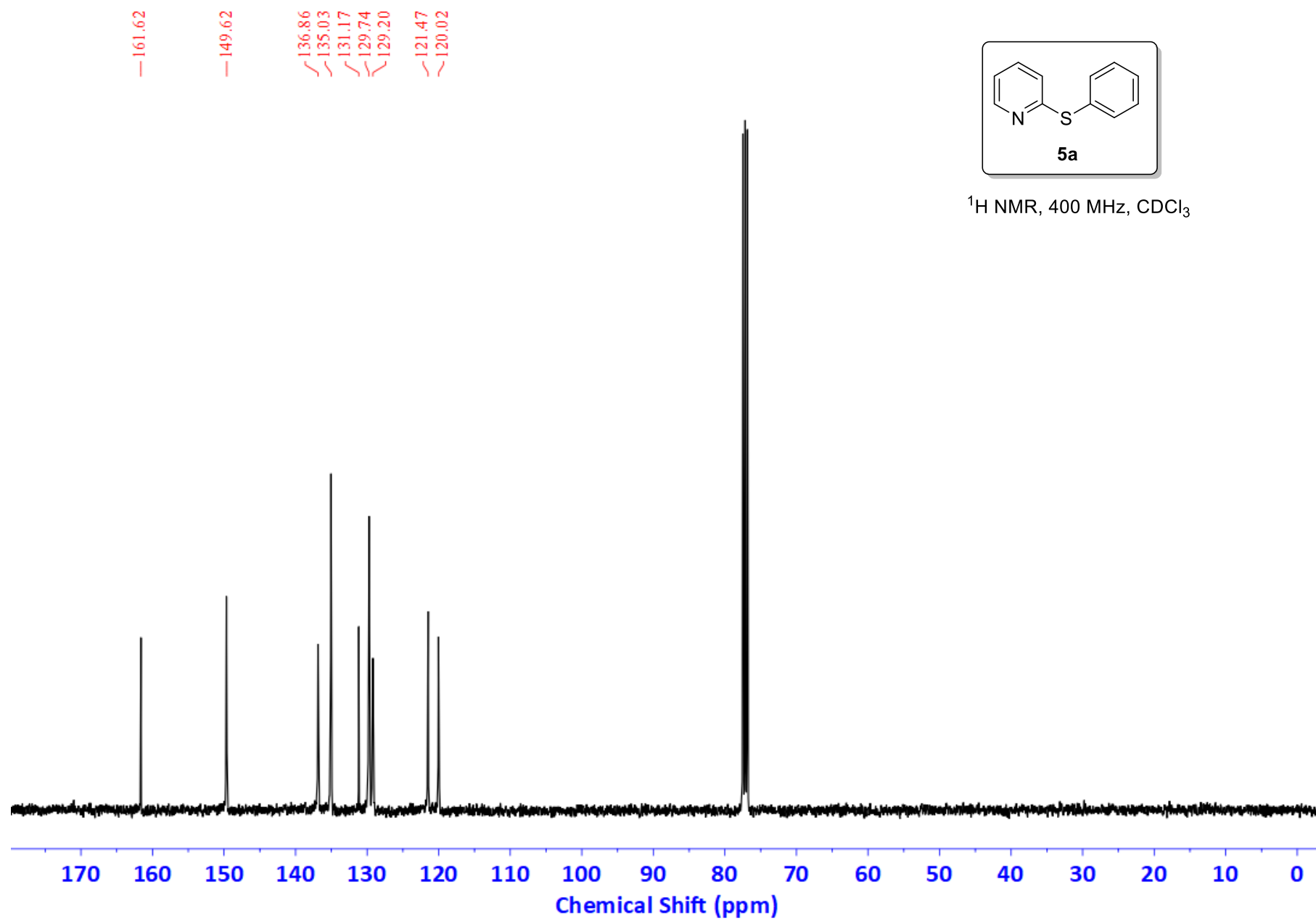


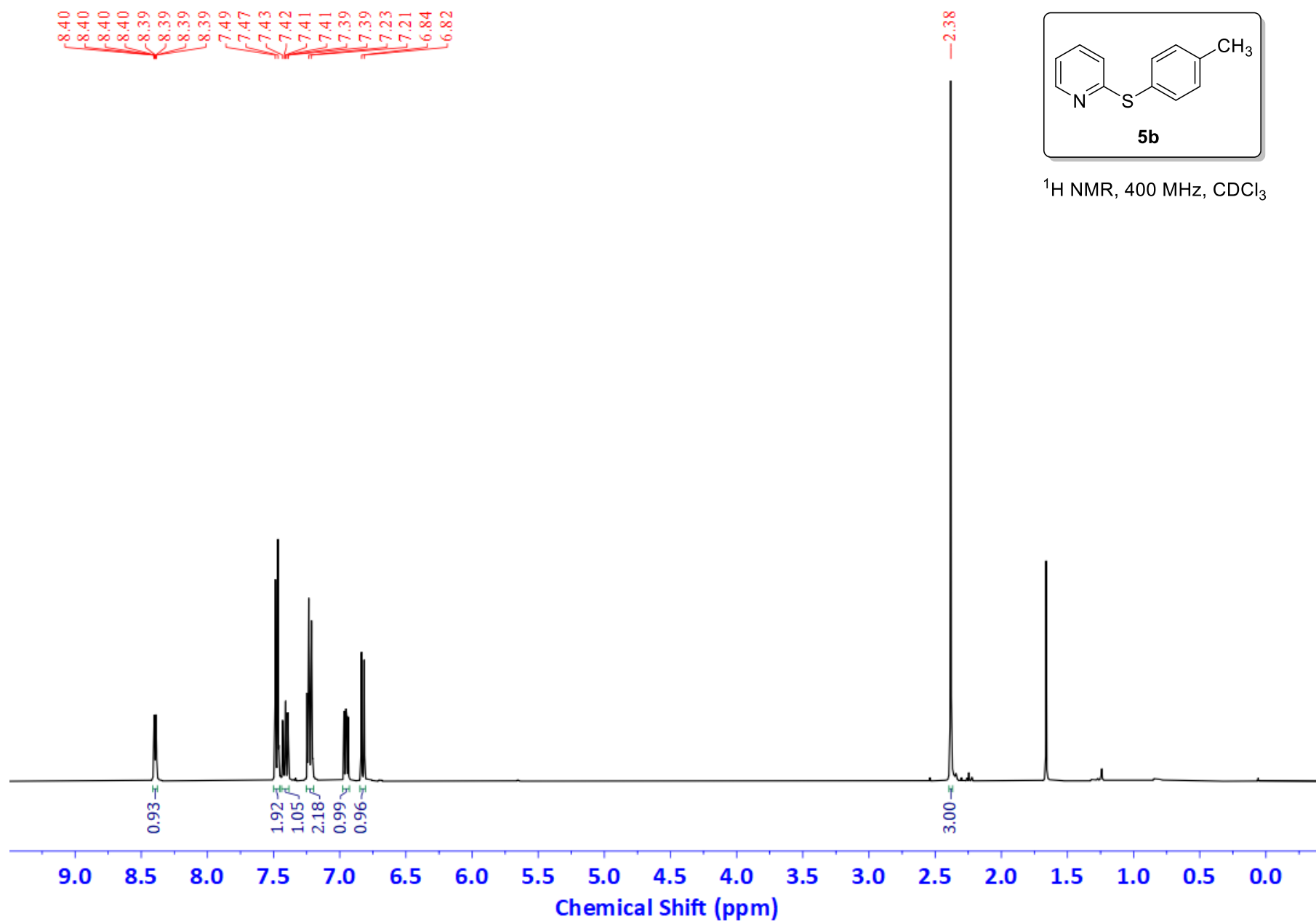


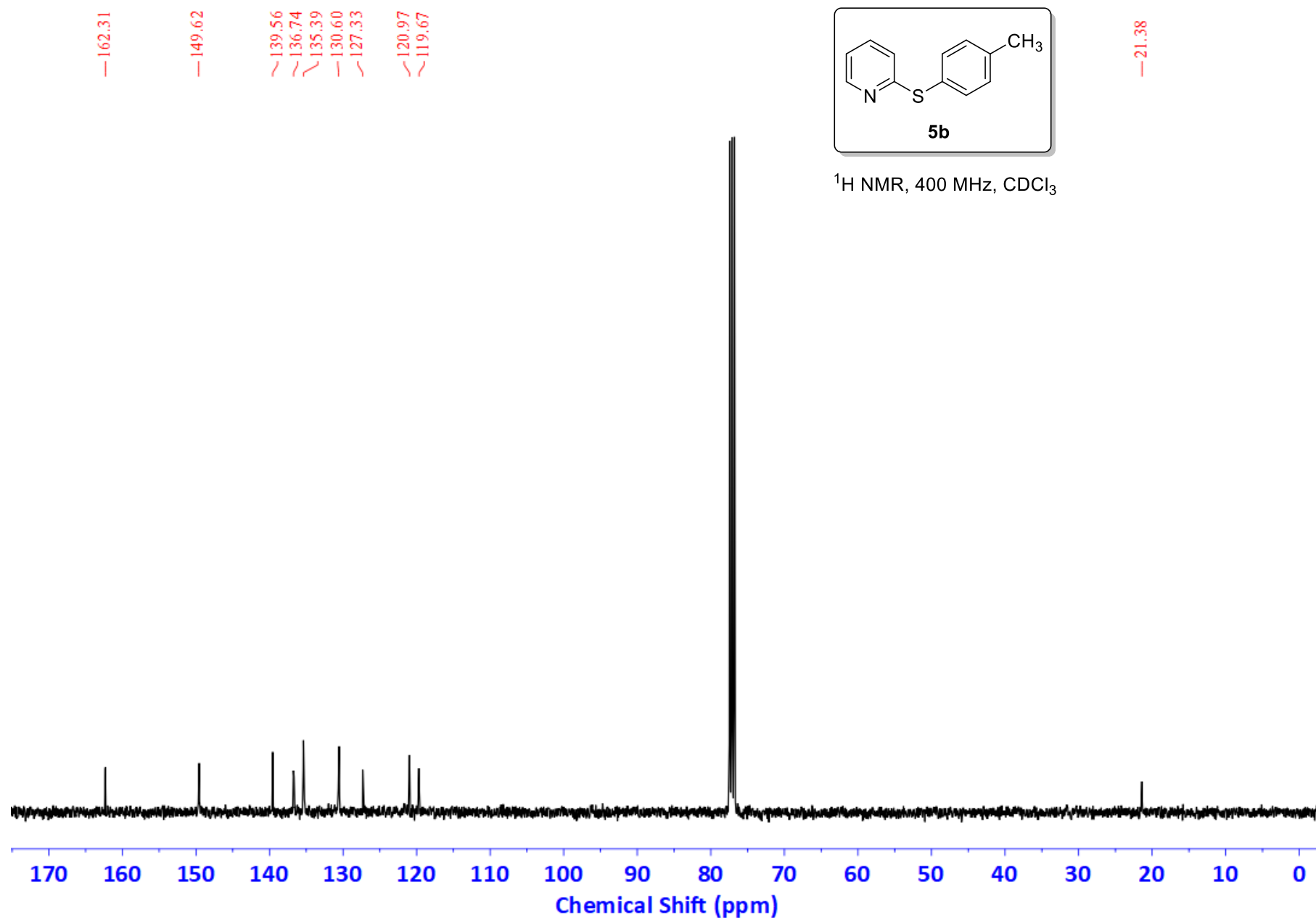


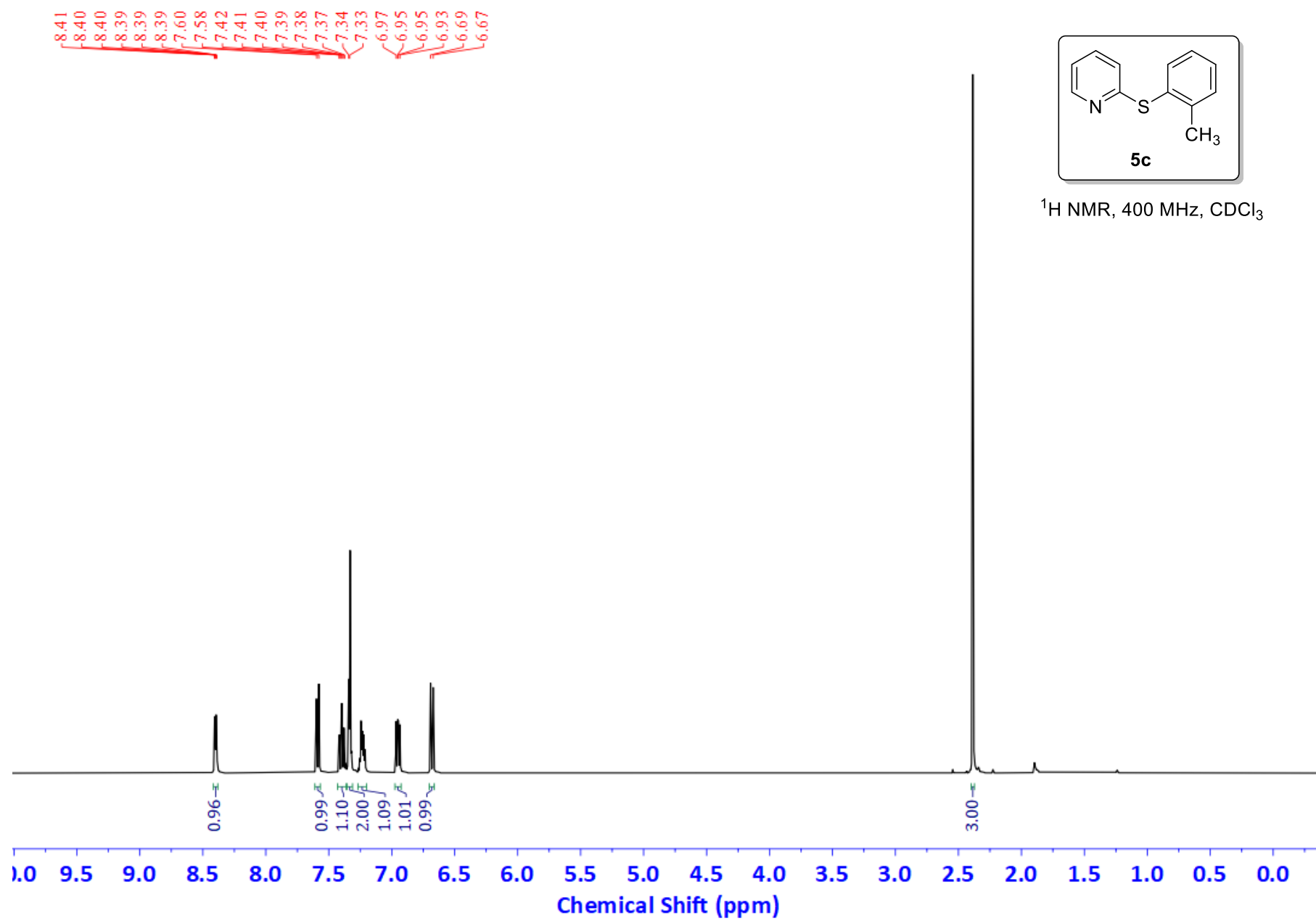
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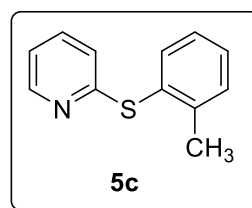






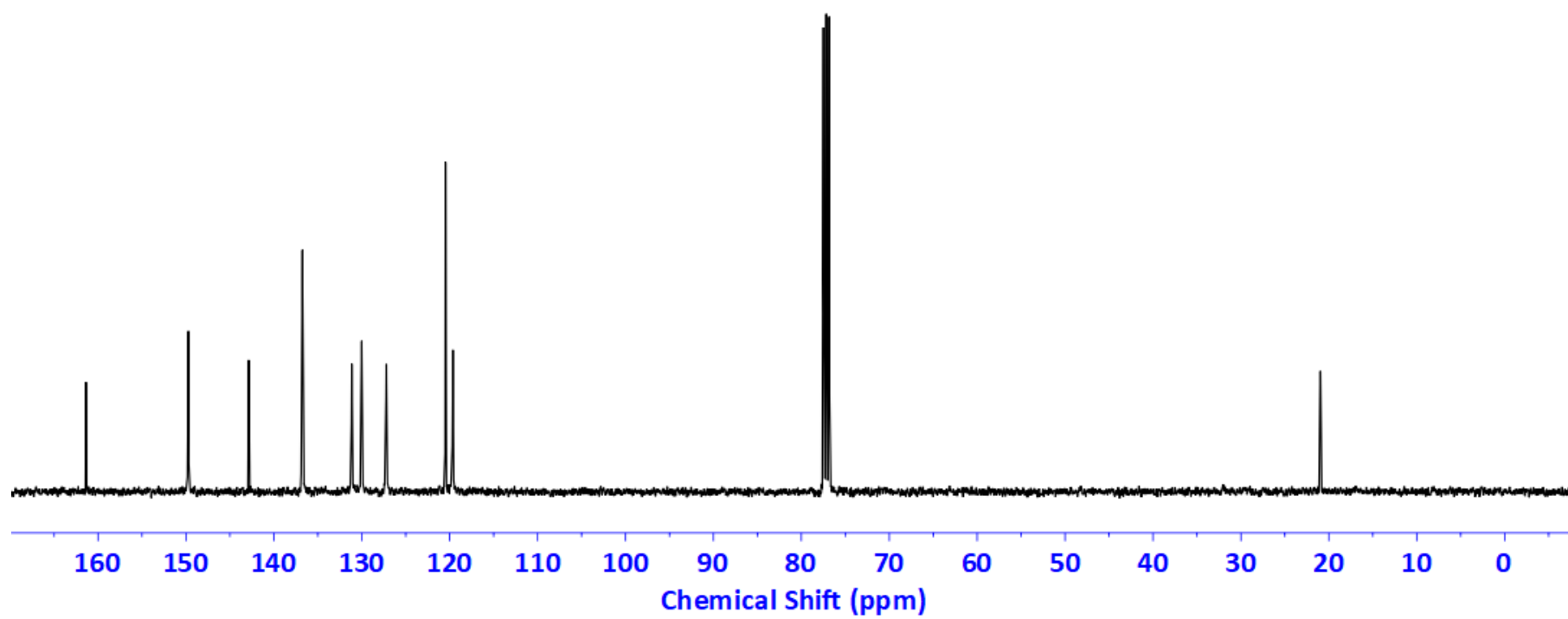


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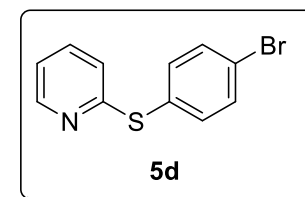


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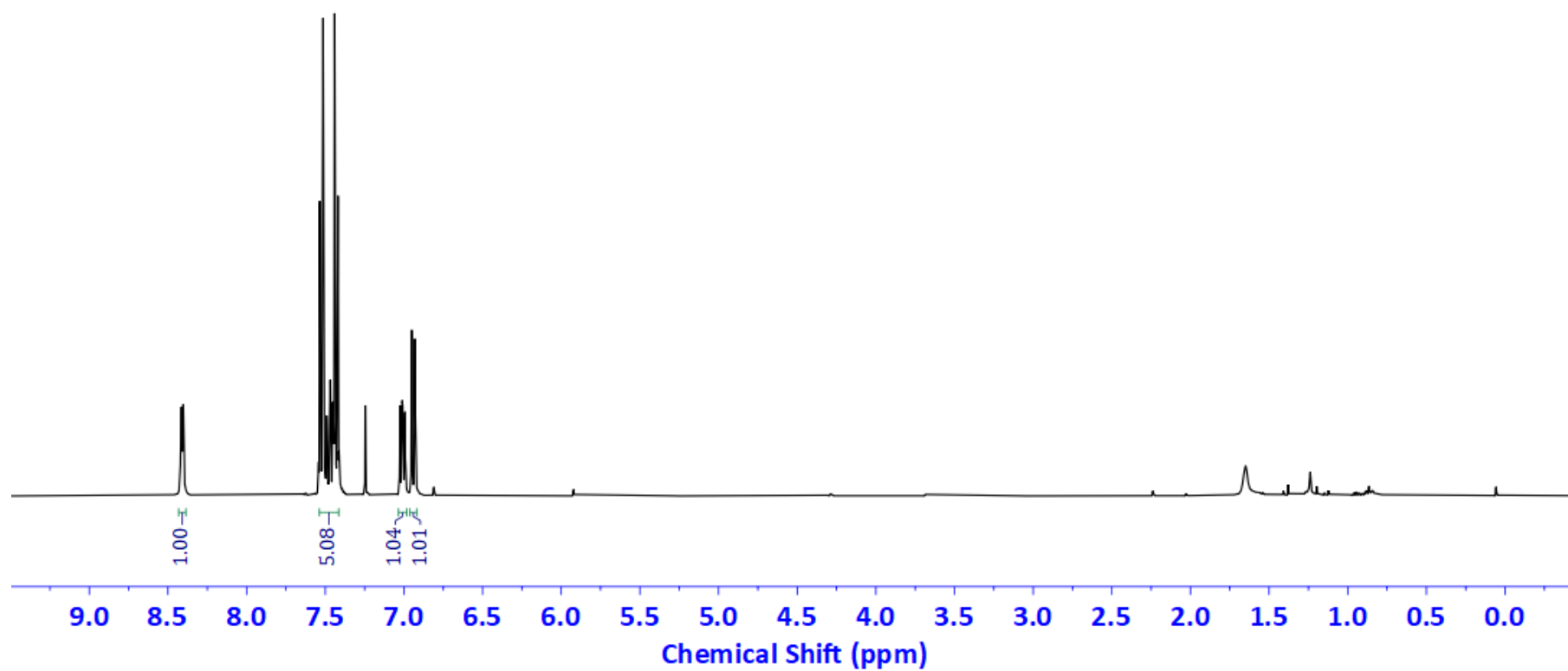
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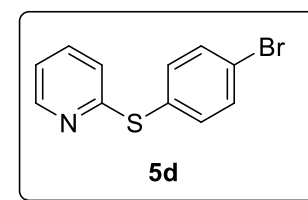


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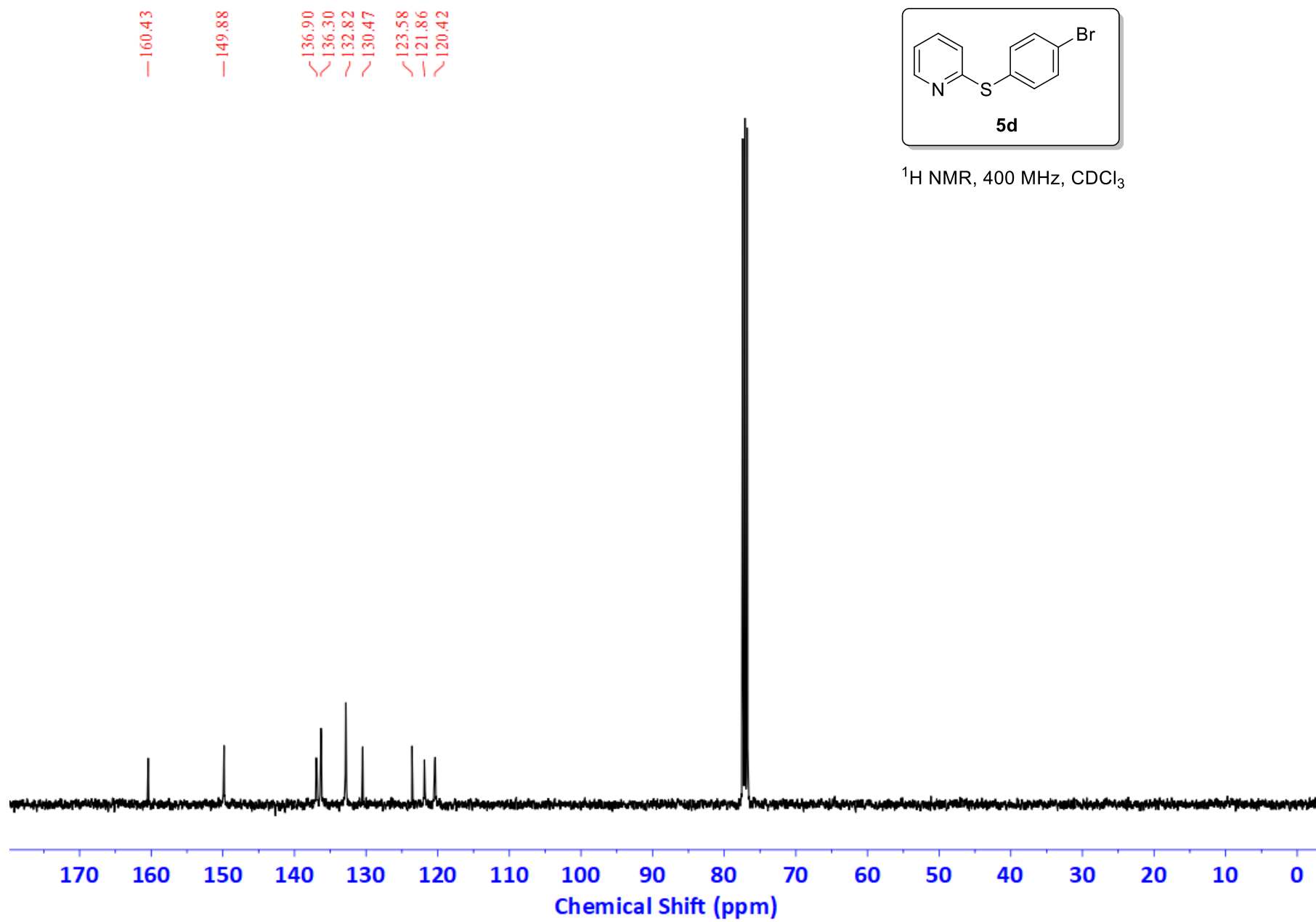


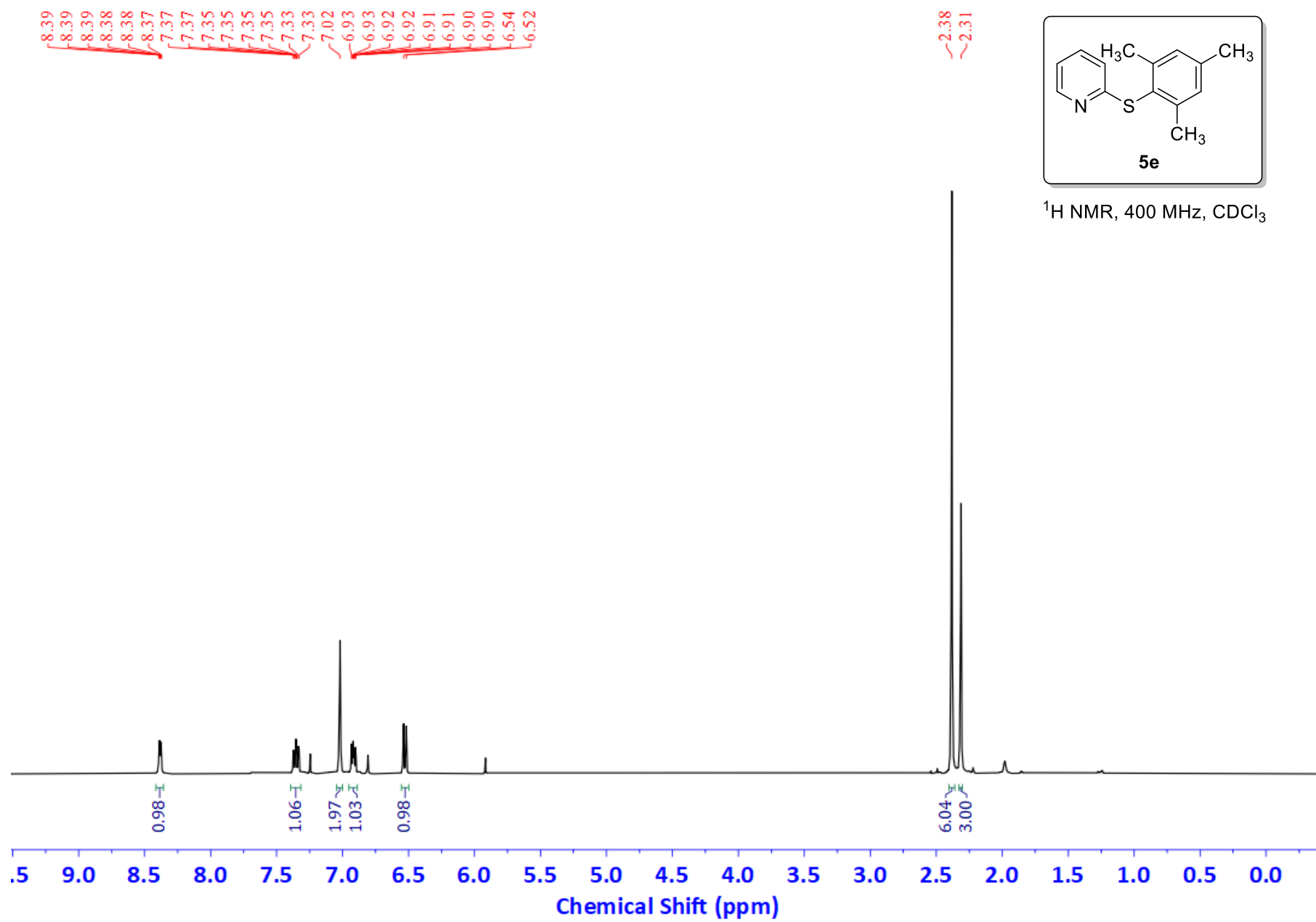
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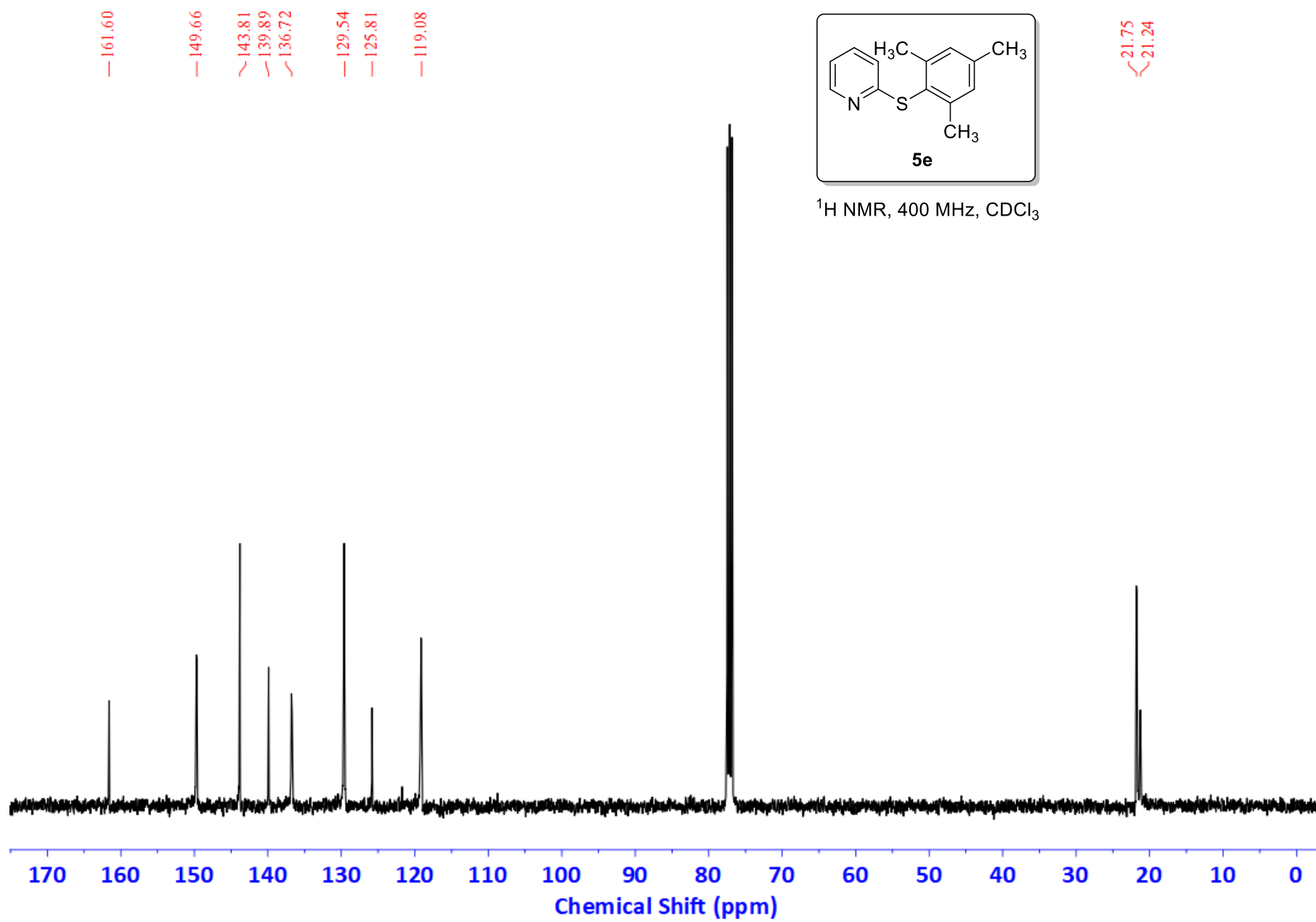




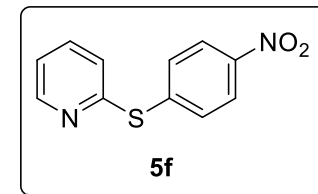
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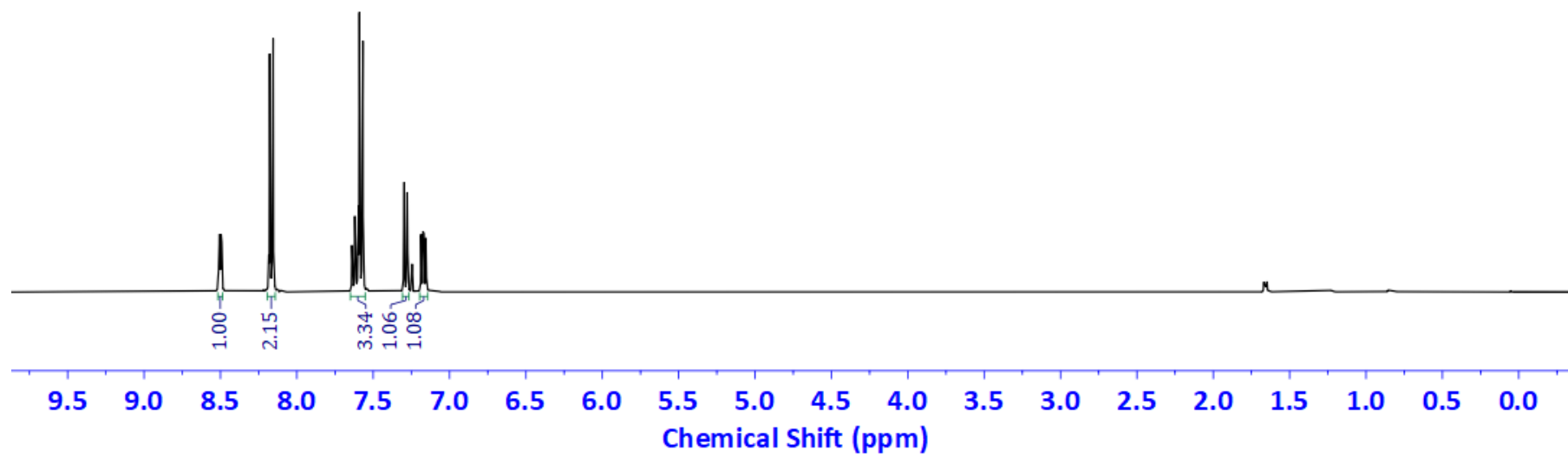


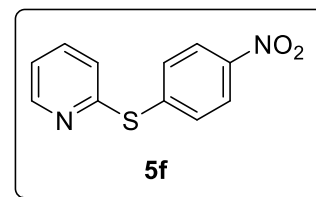


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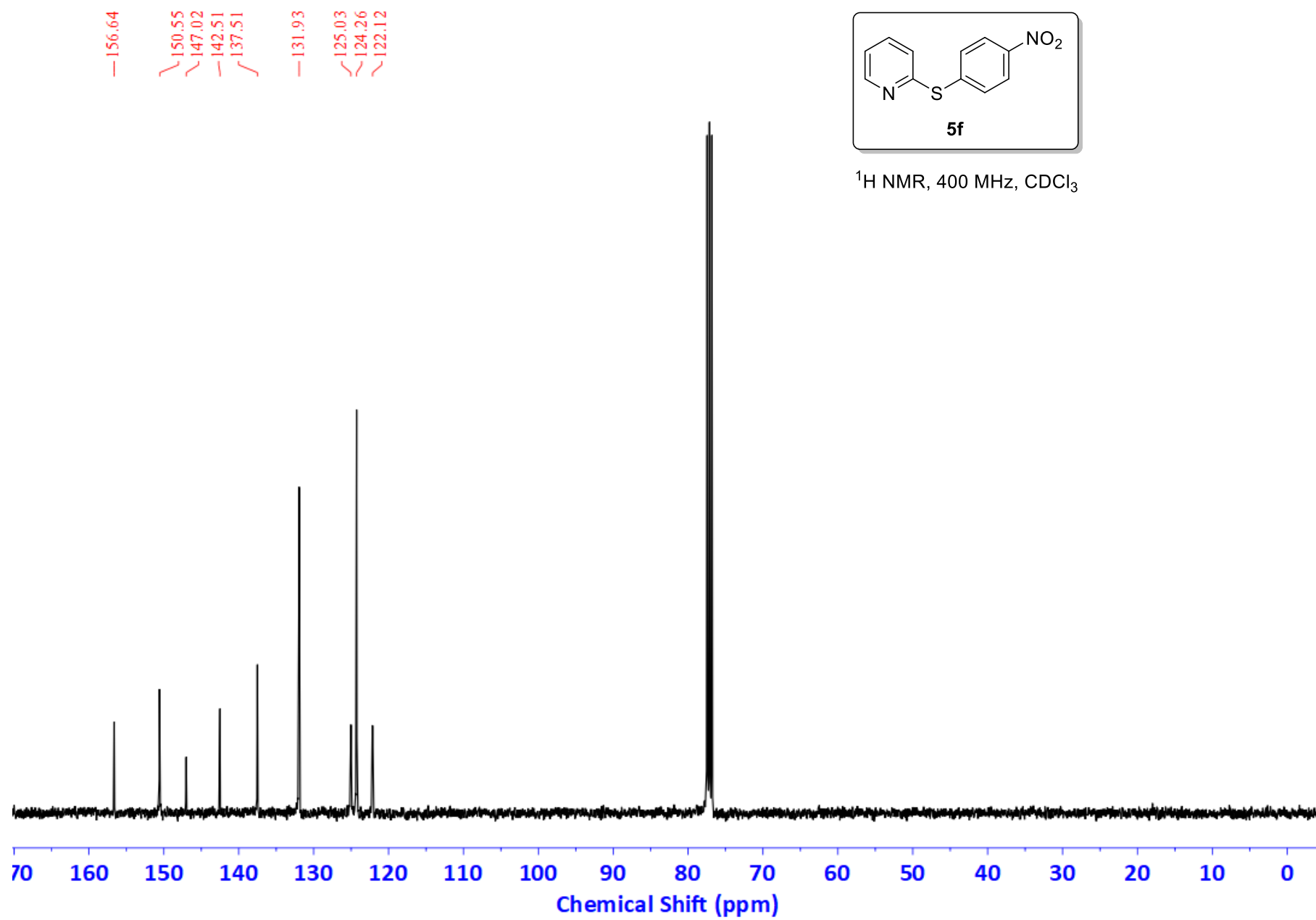


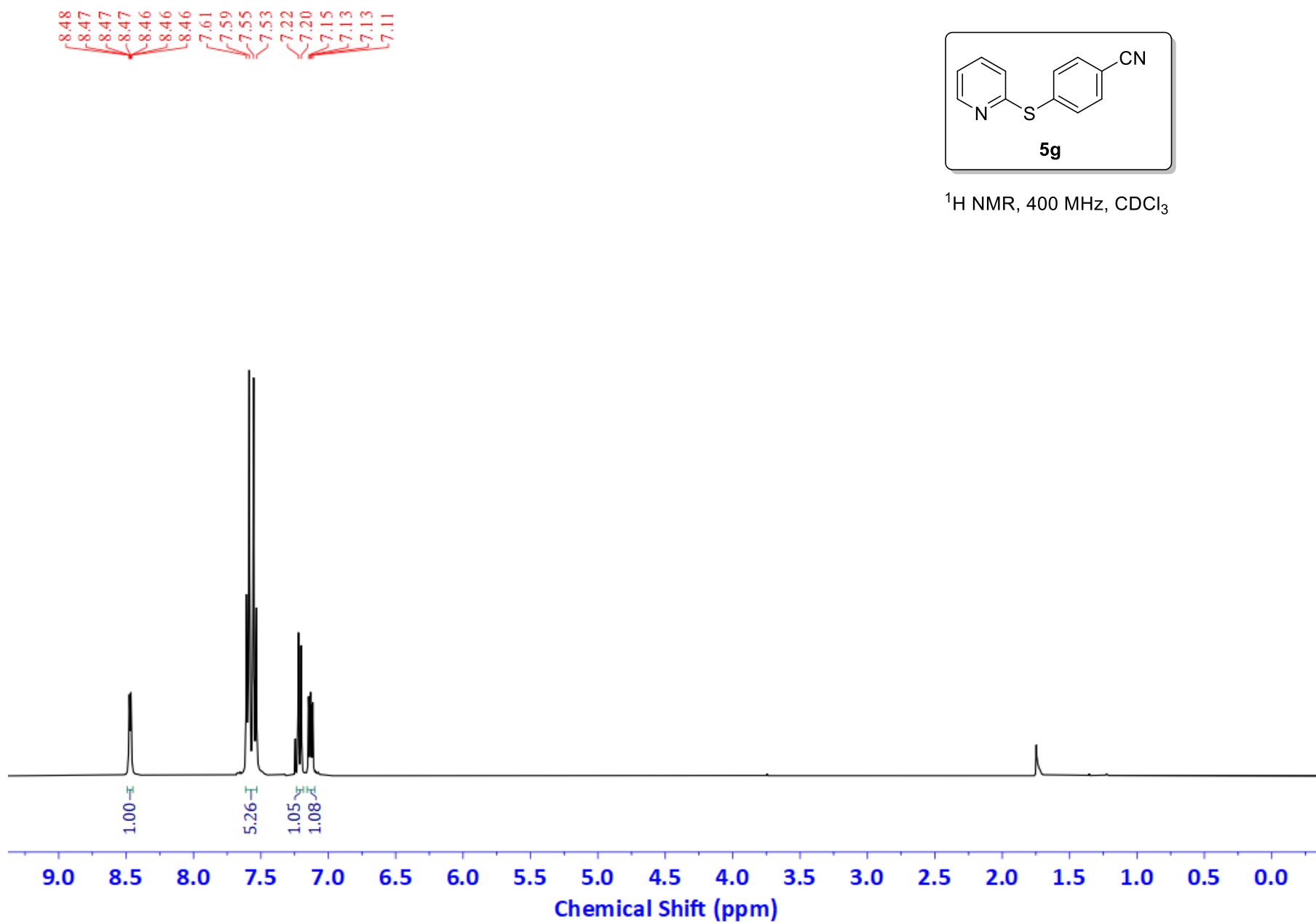
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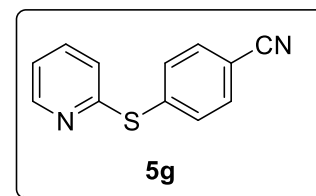


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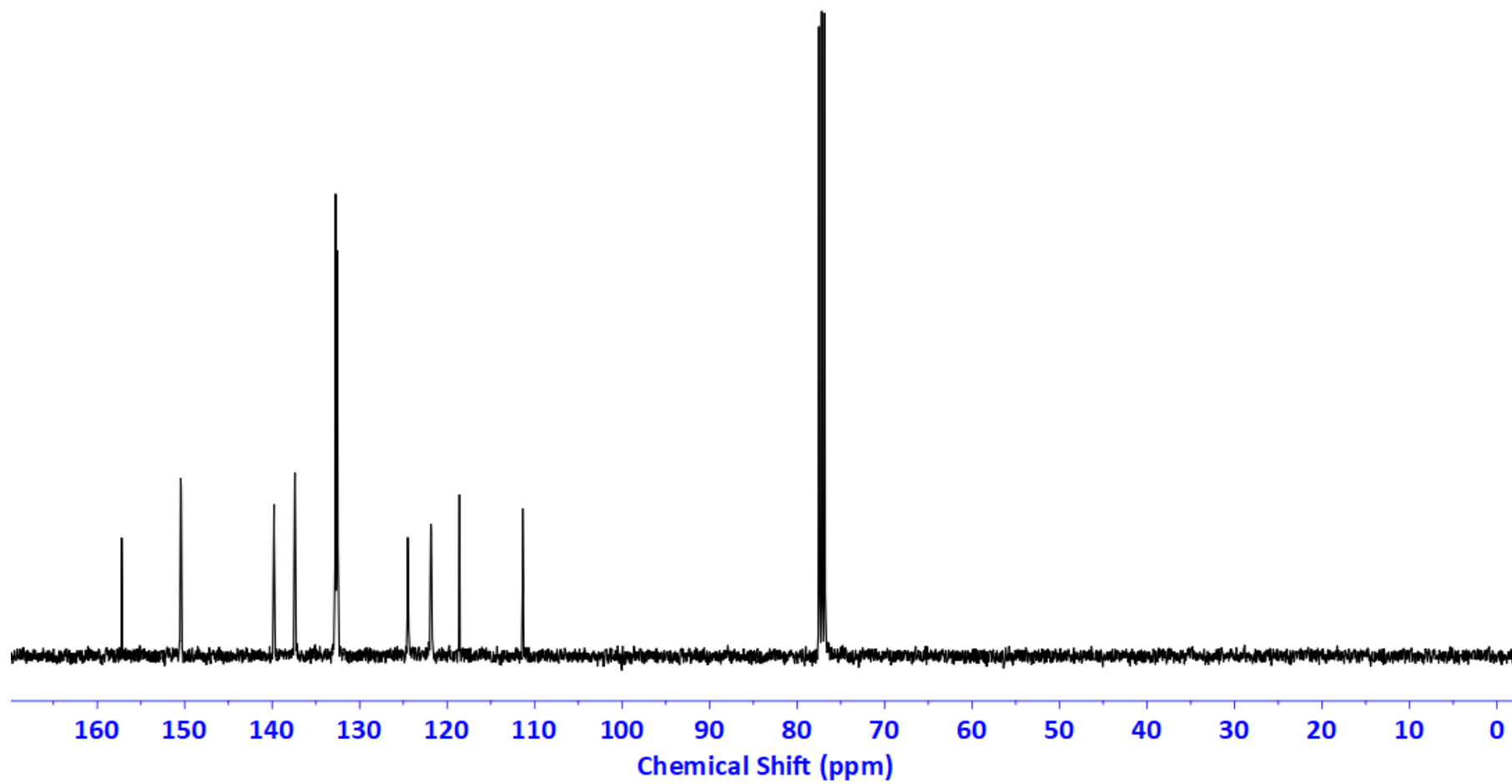




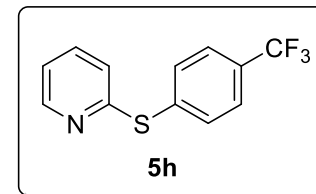
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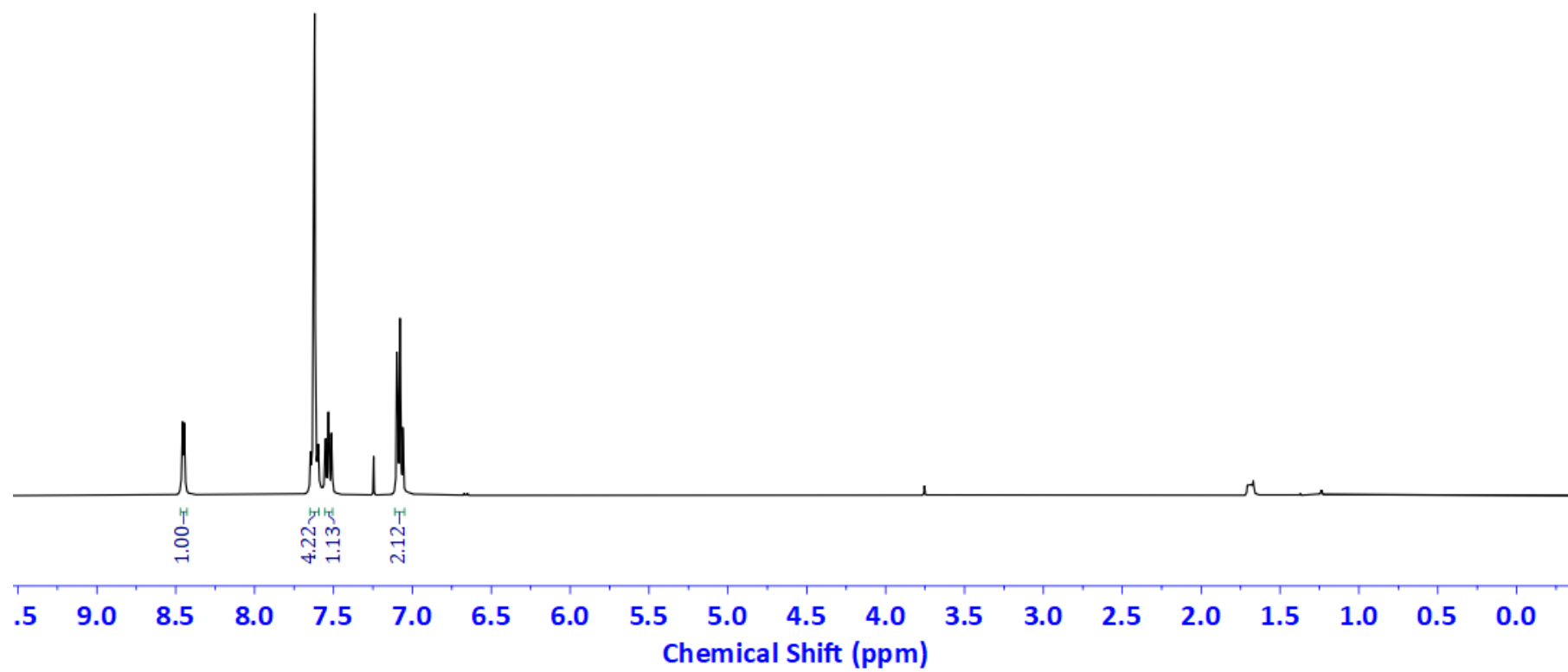
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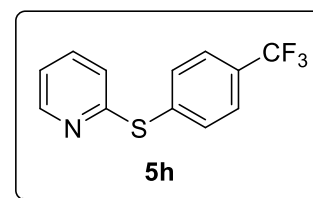


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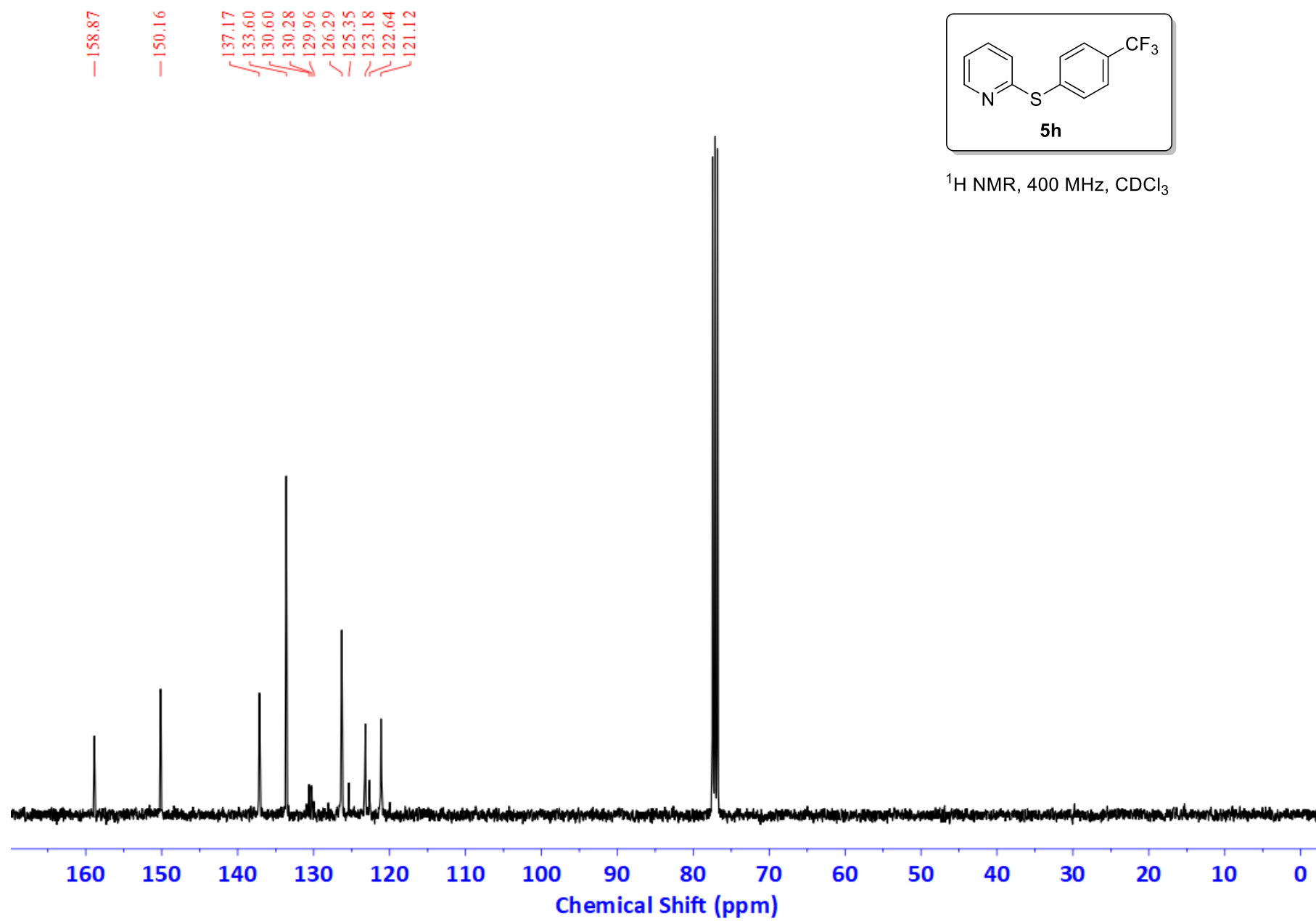


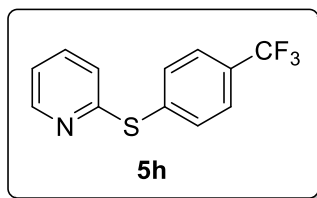
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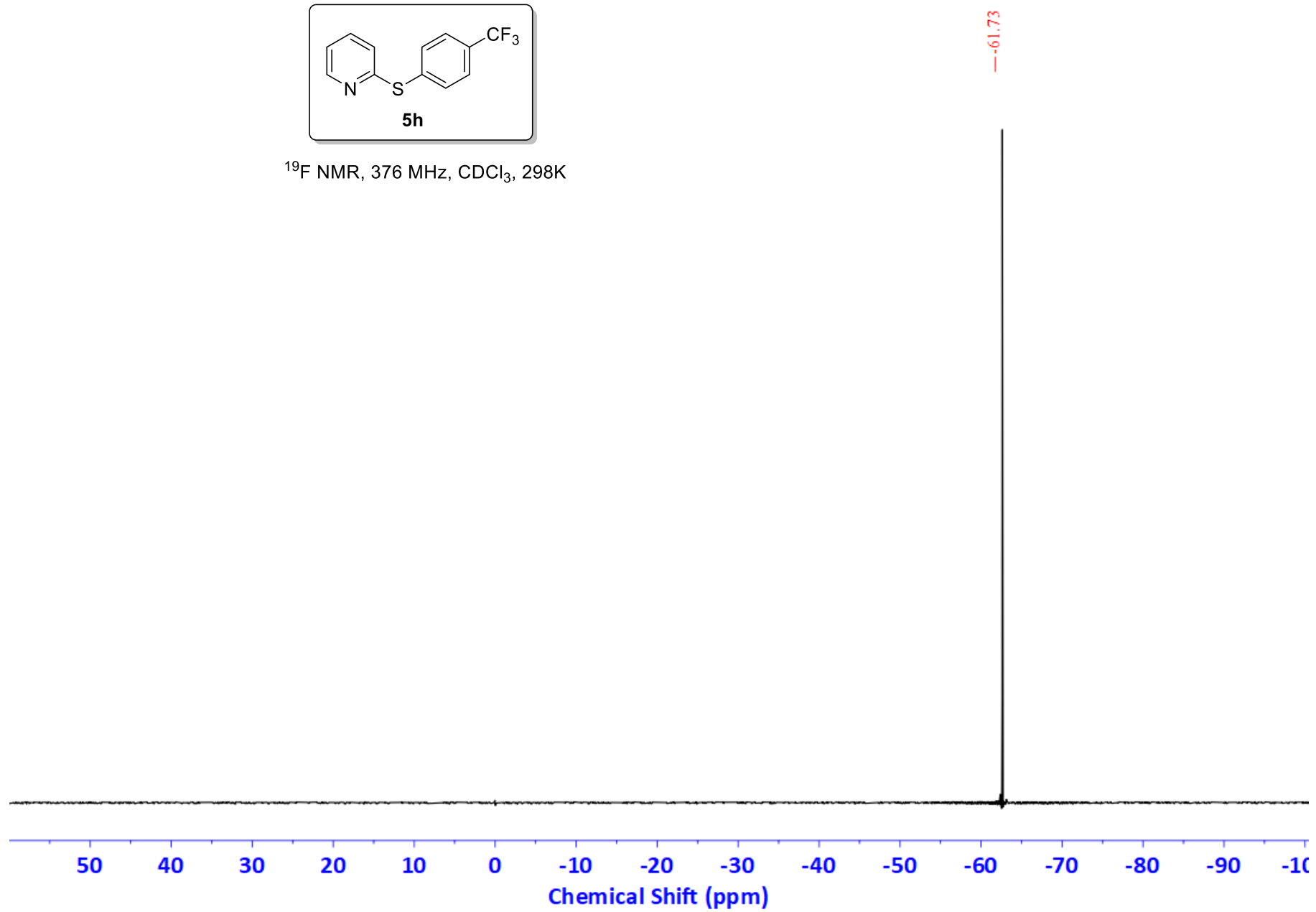


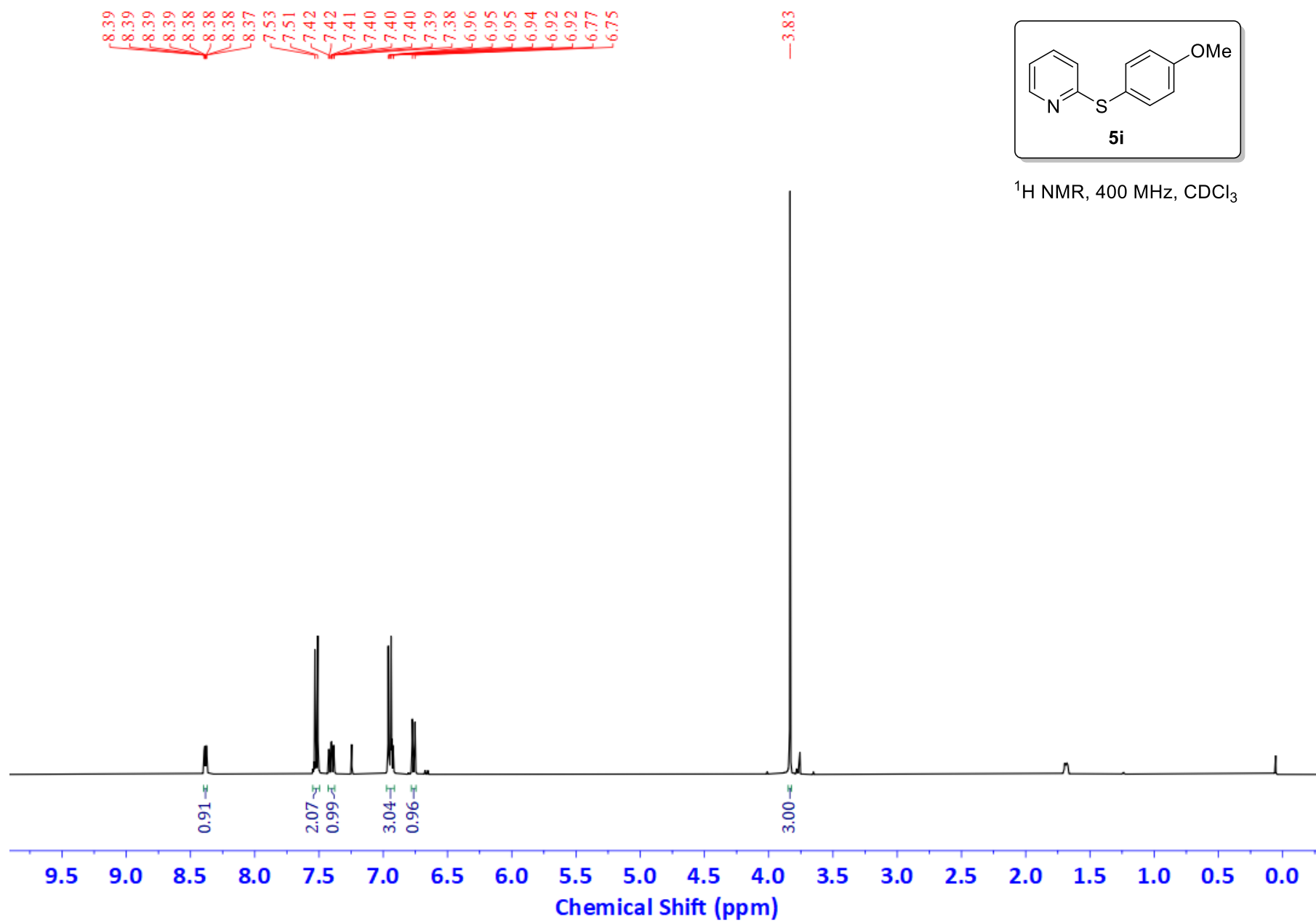
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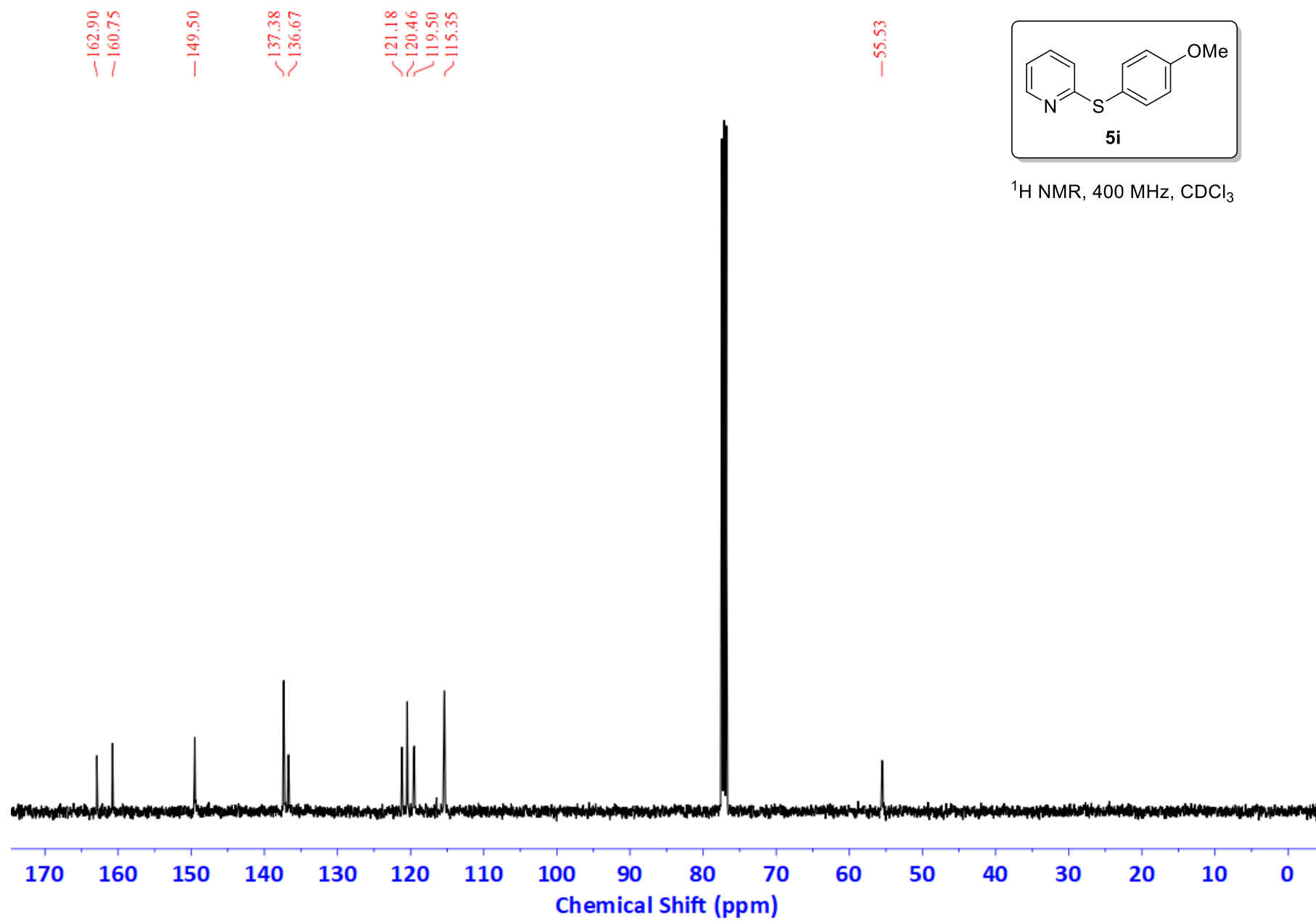




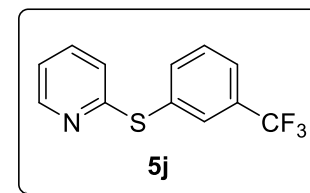
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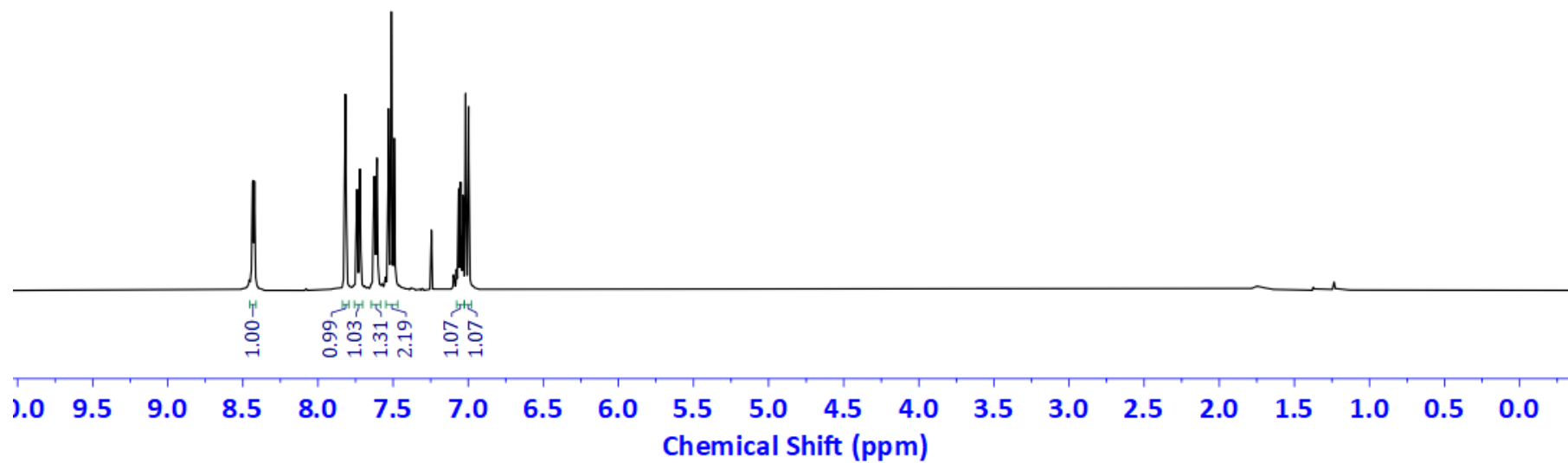


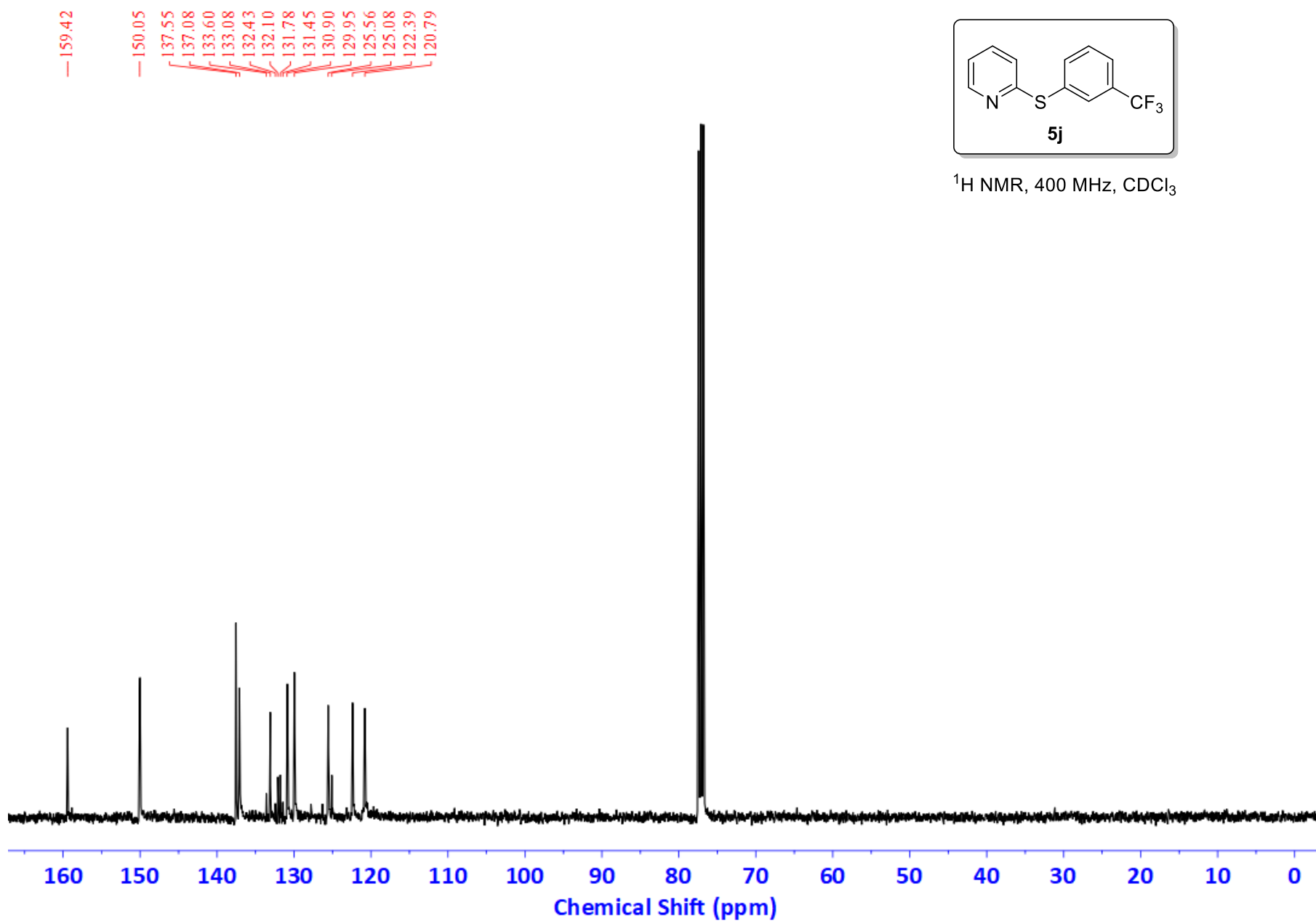


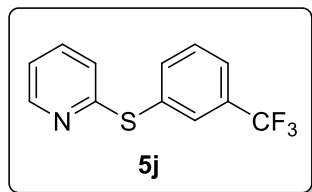
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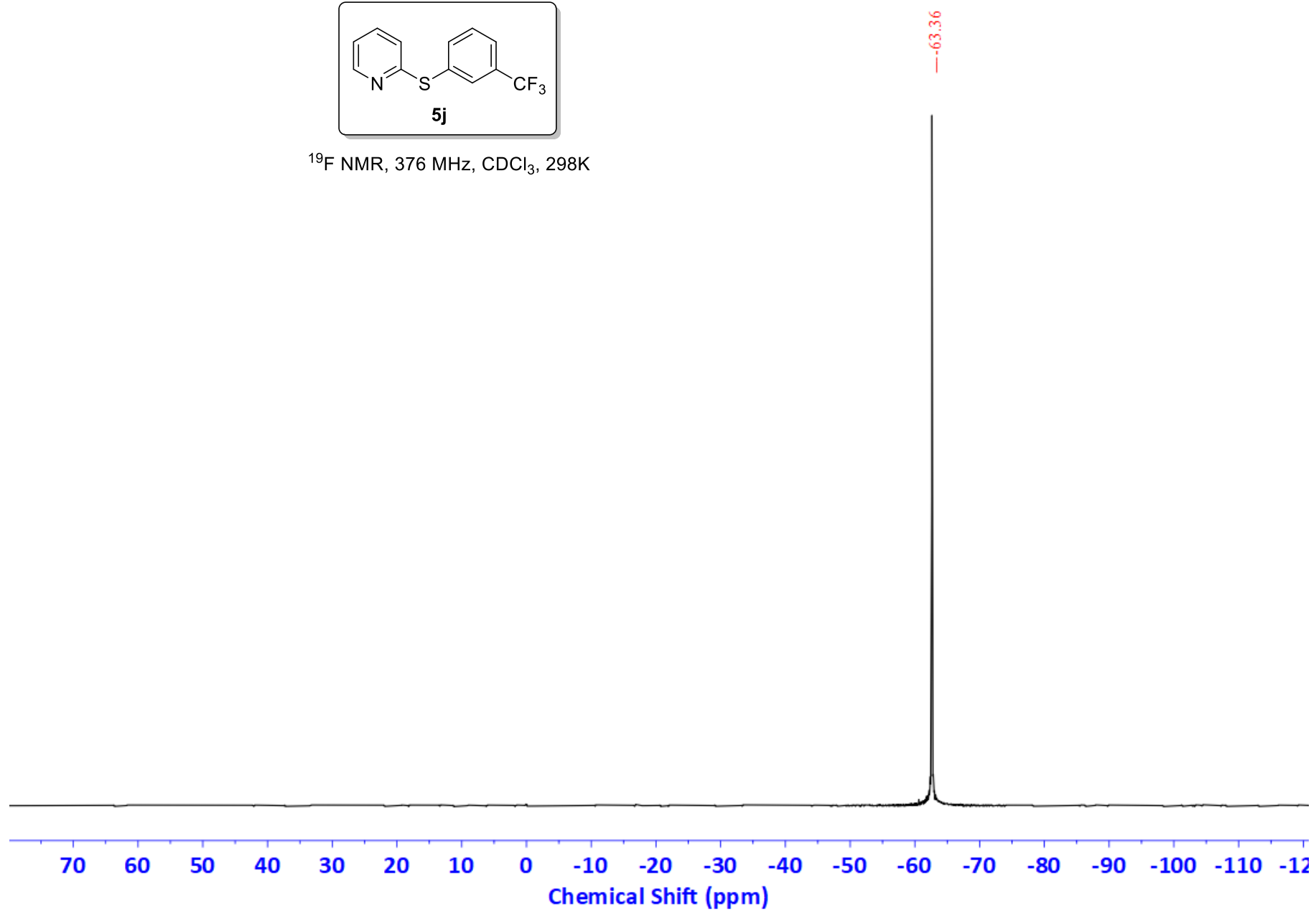
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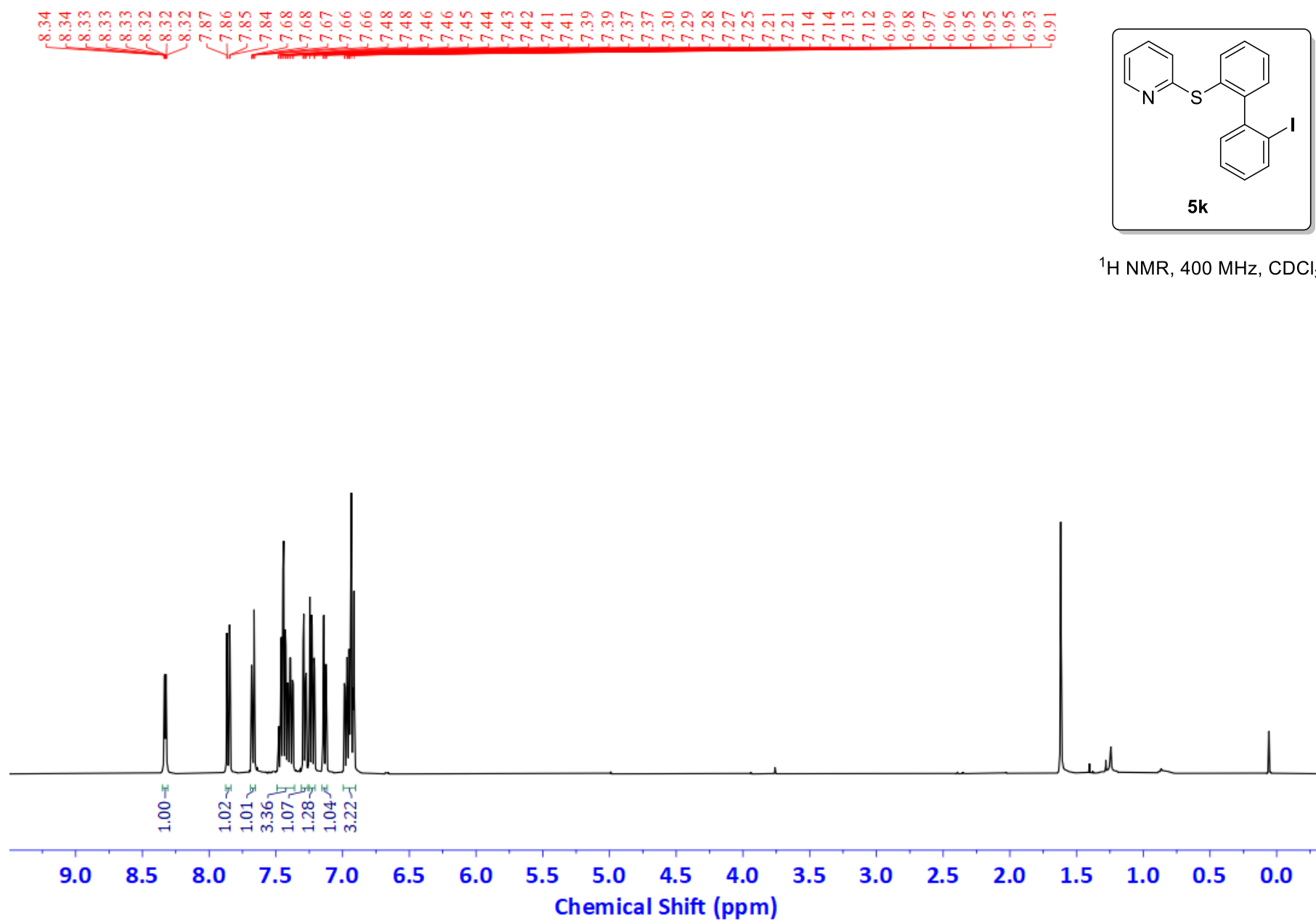


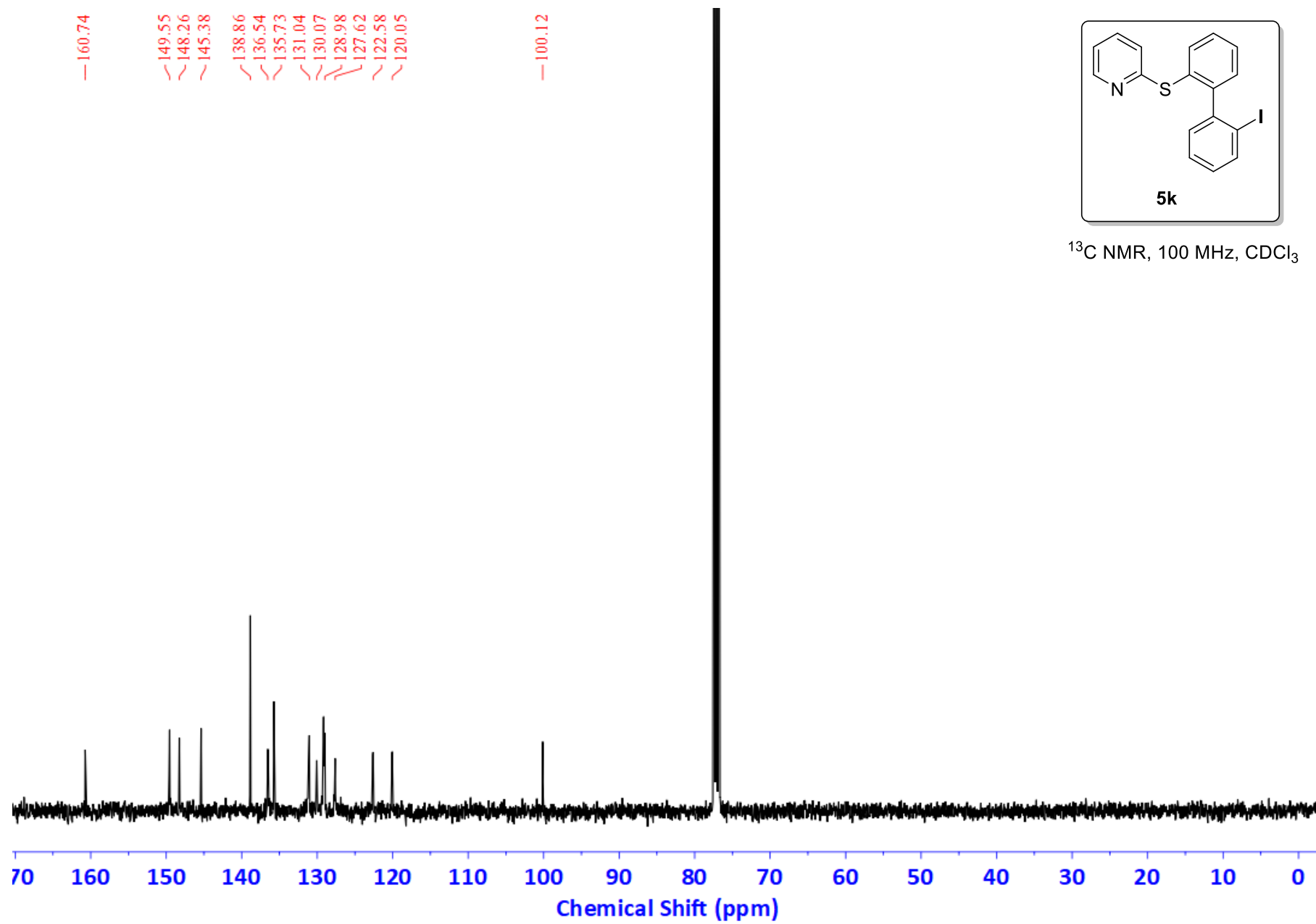




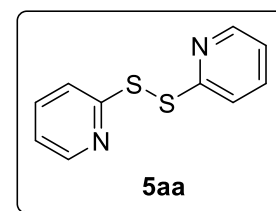
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^1H NMR, 400 MHz, CDCl_3

