

Convenient synthesis of thiolated 2,7-disubstituted tropones via double C–N bond cleavage of tropinone derivatives

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General information

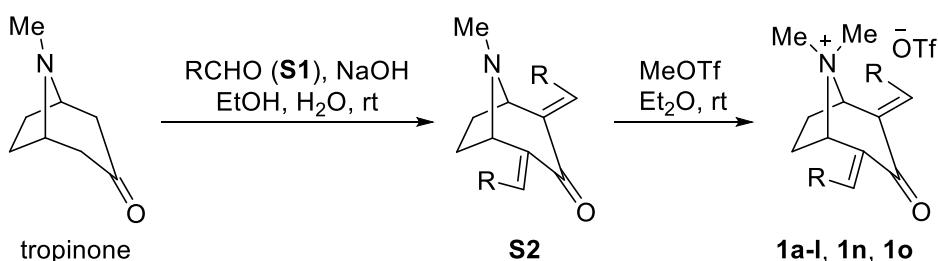
The ^1H NMR, ^{13}C NMR, and ^{19}F NMR spectra were recorded on Bruker AC-500 FT spectrometer (500 MHz, 125 MHz, 471 MHz) and Bruker AC-400 FT spectrometer (400 MHz, 100 MHz, 376 MHz). The chemical shifts of ^1H NMR and ^{13}C NMR spectra were referenced internally with tetramethylsilane (δ H 0.00, δ C 0.0), or residual protio solvent signals CDCl_3 (δ C 77.2), $\text{DMSO}-d_6$ (δ C 49.5). The chemical shifts of ^{19}F NMR spectra were referenced to external trifluoroacetic acid. Chemical shifts (δ) and coupling constants (J) were expressed in ppm and Hz, respectively. The following abbreviations are used in reporting NMR data: s, singlet; d, doublet; t, triplet; q, quartet; m, multiplet. High resolution mass spectra (HRMS) were recorded on a LC-TOF spectrometer (Micromass). EI-mass or ESI-mass data were acquired using a Thermo LTQ Orbitrap XL instrument equipped with an EI or an ESI source and controlled by Xcalibur software. Melting points are uncorrected. X-ray crystallography analysis of single crystals was performed on a Rigaku SuperNova single crystal X-ray diffractometer.

Chemicals were purchased from the Adamas, Energy Chemical, Acros, Accela, Alfa Aesar, and TCI, and used as received.

Abbreviations: m-CPBA = 3-chloroperbenzoic acid, DBU = diazabicyclo[5.4.0]undec-7-ene, DCM = dichloromethane, DMF = *N,N*-dimethylformamide, DMSO = dimethyl sulfoxide, Tf = trifluoromethanesulfonyl, THF = tetrahydrofuran, TMG = 1,1,3,3-Tetramethylguanidine, Ts = *p*-methylbenzenesulfonyl.

Preparation of 2,4-dialkylidenetropinone-derived quaternary ammonium salts

(1) Preparation of ammonium triflates **1a-l**, **1n**, and **1o**



4-Formylphenyl 4-methylbenzenesulfonate (**S1g**) was prepared according to a literature procedure.¹

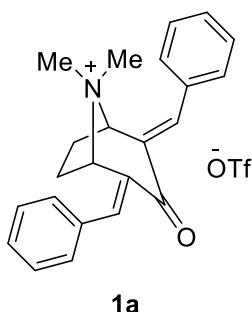
Condition A: To a solution of tropinone (696 mg, 5.0 mmol) in ethanol (20 mL) were added aldehyde **S1** (11.0 mmol, 2.2 equiv) and 5% sodium hydroxide solution (10 mL). The mixture was stirred at room temperature for 2-4 h, filtered, and washed twice with ethanol. The resulting solid crude product **S2** was directly used in the next reaction without further purification.

To a solution of crude product **S2** (5.0 mmol) in anhydrous ether (20 mL) was added methyl trifluoromethanesulfonate (903 mg, 0.62 mL, 5.5 mmol, 1.1 equiv). The mixture was stirred at room

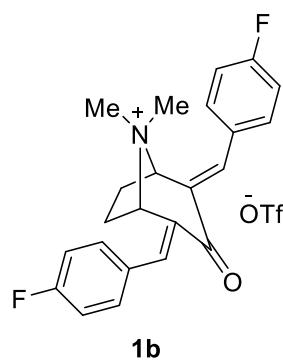
temperature for 2 h, filtered, and washed twice with anhydrous ether to give ammonium triflates **1a**, **1d**, and **1h**.

Condition B: Change from condition A by using tropinone (557 mg, 4.0 mmol) instead of tropinone (696 mg, 5.0 mmol) for the preparation of ammonium triflates **1b**, **1i**, **1j**, and **1o**.

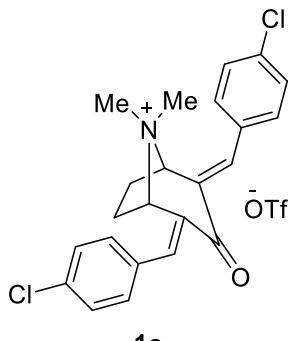
Condition C: Change from condition A by using tropinone (418 mg, 3.0 mmol) instead of tropinone (696 mg, 5.0 mmol) for the preparation of ammonium triflates **1c**, **1e-g**, **1k**, **1l**, and **1n**.



(*1r,5s*)-2,4-Di(*(E)*-benzylidene)-8,8-dimethyl-3-oxo-8-azabicyclo[3.2.1]octan-8-ium trifluoromethanesulfonate (**1a**) was prepared according to condition A. Yellowish solid (2.09 g, 85% yield for two steps). m.p. 204 – 208 °C. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 7.96 (s, 2H), 7.60 – 7.48 (m, 10H), 5.33 – 5.25 (m, 2H), 3.33 (s, 3H), 3.16 – 3.09 (m, 2H), 3.05 (s, 3H), 2.43 (dd, *J* = 14.5, 5.5 Hz, 2H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 181.1, 140.7, 132.8, 131.6, 130.9, 130.6, 129.2, 120.8 (q, *J*_{C-F} = 320.3 Hz), 69.5, 50.0, 45.1, 28.0. ¹⁹F NMR (471 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ -77.77. HRMS (ESI) m/z: [M - OTf]⁺ Calcd for C₂₃H₂₄ON⁺ 330.1852; Found 330.1852.

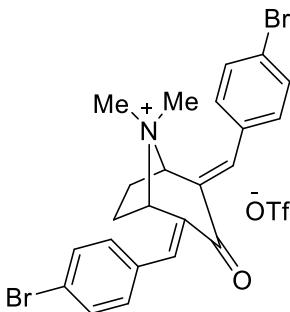


(*1r,5s*)-2,4-Bis(*(E)*-4-fluorobenzylidene)-8,8-dimethyl-3-oxo-8-azabicyclo[3.2.1]octan-8-ium trifluoromethanesulfonate (**1b**) was prepared according to condition B. Yellowish solid (1.32 g, 64% yield for two steps). m.p. 249 – 252 °C. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 7.93 (s, 2H), 7.63 – 7.56 (m, 4H), 7.41 – 7.35 (m, 4H), 5.28 (dd, *J* = 4.5, 2.5 Hz, 2H), 3.34 (s, 3H), 3.16 – 3.09 (m, 2H), 3.05 (s, 3H), 2.46 (dd, *J* = 14.5, 5.5 Hz, 2H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 181.0, 163.3 (d, *J*_{C-F} = 248.8 Hz), 139.6, 133.4 (d, *J*_{C-F} = 8.8 Hz), 131.4, 129.3 (d, *J*_{C-F} = 3.0 Hz), 120.8 (q, *J*_{C-F} = 320.1 Hz), 116.2 (d, *J*_{C-F} = 21.6 Hz), 69.3, 50.0, 45.1, 27.9. ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ -77.77, -109.32. HRMS (ESI) m/z: [M - OTf]⁺ Calcd for C₂₃H₂₂ONF₂⁺ 366.1664; Found 366.1674.



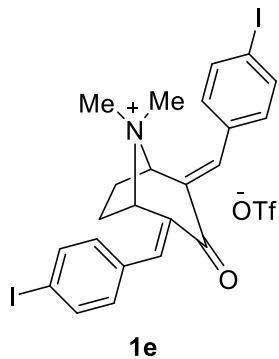
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(*1r,5s*)-2,4-Bis(*(E*)-4-chlorobenzylidene)-8,8-dimethyl-3-oxo-8-azabicyclo[3.2.1]octan-8-ium trifluoromethanesulfonate (**1c**) was prepared according to condition C. Yellowish solid (1.31 g, 79% yield for two steps). m.p. 247 – 253 °C. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 7.94 (s, 2H), 7.61 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 4H), 7.54 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 4H), 5.28 – 5.20 (m, 2H), 3.29 (s, 3H), 3.11 – 3.04 (m, 2H), 3.01 (s, 3H), 2.44 (dd, *J* = 14.5, 5.5 Hz, 2H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 181.0, 139.5, 135.3, 132.5, 132.1, 131.6, 129.1, 120.7 (q, *J*_{C-F} = 320.3 Hz), 69.2, 50.0, 45.1, 27.8. ¹⁹F NMR (471 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ -77.77. HRMS (ESI) m/z: [M - OTf]⁺ Calcd for C₂₃H₂₂ONCl₂⁺ 398.1073; Found 398.1068.

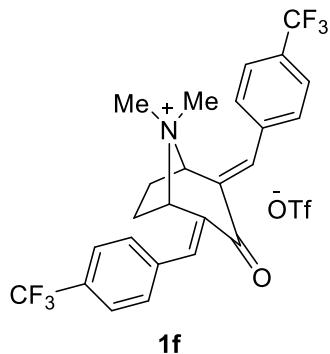


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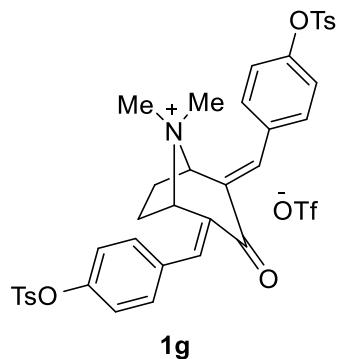
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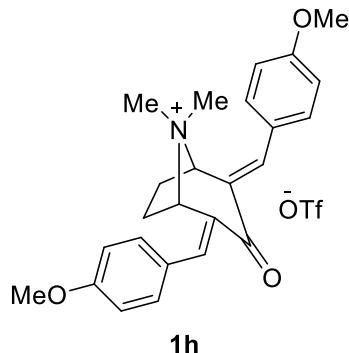
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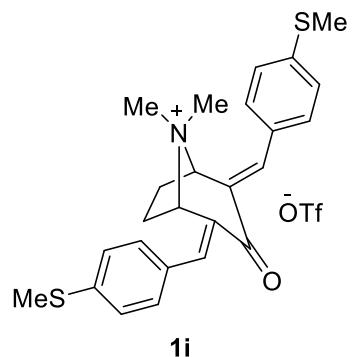
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(*1r,5s*)-8,8-Dimethyl-3-oxo-2,4-bis(*(E)*-4-(tosyloxy)benzylidene)-8-azabicyclo[3.2.1]octan-8-ium trifluoromethanesulfonate (**1g**) was prepared according to condition C. Yellow solid (1.08 g, 44% yield for two steps). m.p. 175 – 177 °C. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 7.92 (s, 2H), 7.84 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 4H), 7.58 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 4H), 7.52 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 4H), 7.25 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 4H), 5.26 – 5.21 (m, 2H), 3.31 (s, 3H), 3.14 – 3.07 (m, 2H), 3.05 (s, 3H), 2.45 (s, 6H), 2.39 (dd, *J* = 14.5, 5.5 Hz, 2H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 181.0, 150.2, 146.2, 139.3, 132.9, 132.1, 131.9, 131.6, 130.5, 128.3, 122.7, 120.8 (q, *J*_{C-F} = 320.1 Hz), 69.3, 50.1, 45.2, 27.8, 21.3. ¹⁹F NMR (471 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ -77.72. HRMS (ESI) m/z: [M - OTf]⁺ Calcd for C₃₇H₃₆ONS₂⁺ 670.1928; Found 670.1918.

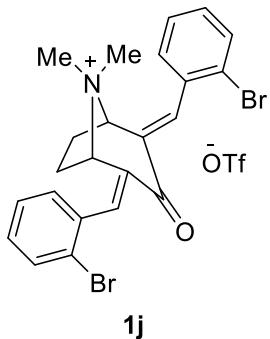


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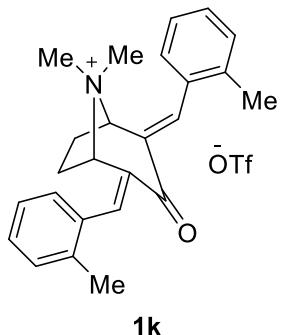
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($1r,5s$)-8,8-Dimethyl-2,4-bis(*E*)-4-(methylthio)benzylidene)-3-oxo-8-azabicyclo[3.2.1]octan-8-ium trifluoromethanesulfonate (**1i**) was prepared according to condition B. Yellow solid (1.57 g, 69% yield for two steps). m.p. 233 – 234 °C. ^1H NMR (500 MHz, $\text{DMSO}-d_6$) δ 7.87 (s, 2H), 7.44 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 4H), 7.39 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 4H), 5.26 (dd, J = 4.5, 2.5 Hz, 2H), 3.30 (s, 3H), 3.12 – 3.04 (m, 2H), 3.01 (s, 3H), 2.54 (s, 6H), 2.39 (dd, J = 14.5, 5.5 Hz, 2H). ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, $\text{DMSO}-d_6$) δ 180.8, 142.6, 140.1, 131.4, 130.8, 128.9, 125.5, 120.7 (q, $J_{\text{C}-\text{F}} = 320.3$ Hz), 69.4, 50.0, 45.0, 27.9, 14.1. ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, $\text{DMSO}-d_6$) δ -77.77. HRMS (ESI) m/z: [M - OTf] $^+$ Calcd for $\text{C}_{25}\text{H}_{28}\text{ONS}_2^+$ 422.1607; Found 422.1597.

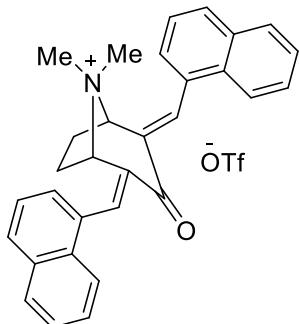


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($1r,5s$)-2,4-Bis(*E*)-2-bromobenzylidene)-8,8-dimethyl-3-oxo-8-azabicyclo[3.2.1]octan-8-ium trifluoromethanesulfonate (**1j**) was prepared according to condition B. Yellow solid (1.70 g, 67% yield for two steps). m.p. 200 – 202 °C. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, $\text{DMSO}-d_6$) δ 7.97 (s, 2H), 7.81 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.59 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.47 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.35 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 5.10 – 5.01 (m, 2H), 3.28 (s, 3H), 3.09 (s, 3H), 3.06 – 2.97 (m, 2H), 2.50 (dd, J = 14.0, 5.2 Hz, 2H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, $\text{DMSO}-d_6$) δ 181.3, 140.0, 133.1, 132.89, 132.85, 131.9, 131.0, 128.3, 124.6, 120.7 (q, $J_{\text{C}-\text{F}} = 320.1$ Hz), 69.3, 49.8, 45.1, 27.7. ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, $\text{DMSO}-d_6$) δ -77.77. HRMS (ESI) m/z: [M - OTf] $^+$ Calcd for $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{22}\text{ONBr}_2^+$ 486.0063; Found 486.0058.

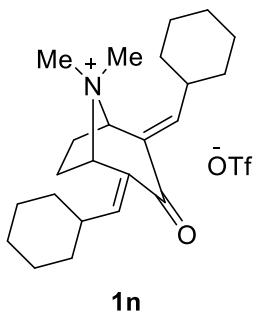


(*1r,5s*)-8,8-Dimethyl-2,4-bis(*(E*)-2-methylbenzylidene)-3-oxo-8-azabicyclo[3.2.1]octan-8-iום trifluoromethanesulfonate (**1k**) was prepared according to condition C. Yellow solid (911 mg, 60% yield for two steps). m.p. 184 – 186 °C. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 8.07 (s, 2H), 7.45 – 7.40 (m, 2H), 7.40 – 7.33 (m, 4H), 7.17 – 7.11 (m, 2H), 5.00 – 4.90 (m, 2H), 3.23 (s, 3H), 3.05 (s, 3H), 3.00 – 2.91 (m, 2H), 2.47 (dd, *J* = 14.5, 5.5 Hz, 2H), 2.35 (s, 6H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 181.7, 140.0, 138.4, 132.4, 132.2, 130.6, 130.2, 129.1, 126.3, 120.7 (q, *J*_{C-F} = 320.1 Hz), 69.6, 49.8, 45.1, 27.9, 19.8. ¹⁹F NMR (471 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ -77.75. HRMS (ESI) m/z: [M - OTf]⁺ Calcd for C₂₅H₂₈ON⁺ 358.2165; Found 358.2161.



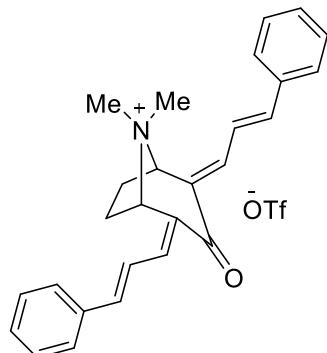
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(*1r,5s*)-8,8-Dimethyl-2,4-bis(*(E*)-naphthalen-1-ylmethylene)-3-oxo-8-azabicyclo[3.2.1]octan-8-iום trifluoromethanesulfonate (**1l**) was prepared according to condition C. Yellow solid (933 mg, 53% yield for two steps). m.p. 203 – 204 °C. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 8.58 (s, 2H), 8.18 – 8.01 (m, 6H), 7.76 – 7.62 (m, 6H), 7.42 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 5.13 – 5.01 (m, 2H), 3.18 (s, 3H), 3.08 (s, 3H), 3.05 – 2.97 (m, 2H), 2.66 – 2.55 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 181.7, 139.1, 133.9, 133.3, 131.5, 130.5, 130.1, 128.8, 128.0, 127.4, 126.9, 125.7, 124.4, 120.8 (q, *J*_{C-F} = 320.3 Hz), 69.8, 49.7, 45.1, 27.9. ¹⁹F NMR (471 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ -77.69. HRMS (ESI) m/z: [M - OTf]⁺ Calcd for C₃₁H₂₈ON⁺ 430.2165; Found 430.2156.



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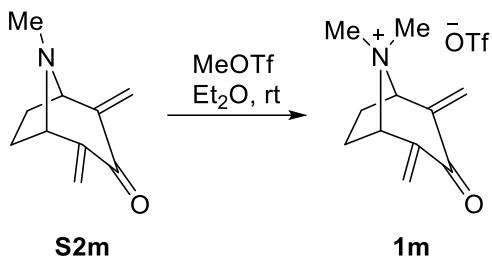
(*1r,5s*)-2,4-Bis(*(E*)-cyclohexylmethylen)-8,8-dimethyl-3-oxo-8-azabicyclo[3.2.1]octan-8-ium trifluoromethanesulfonate (**1n**) was prepared according to condition C. White solid (676 mg, 45% yield for two steps). m.p. 230 – 232 °C. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 6.75 – 6.70 (m, 2H), 5.10 (dd, *J* = 4.5, 2.5 Hz, 2H), 3.30 (s, 3H), 2.98 (s, 3H), 2.81 – 2.73 (m, 2H), 2.55 – 2.45 (m, 2H), 2.43 (dd, *J* = 14.5, 5.5 Hz, 2H), 1.75 – 1.68 (m, 4H), 1.68 – 1.62 (m, 4H), 1.55 – 1.47 (m, 2H), 1.39 – 1.27 (m, 4H), 1.25 – 1.14 (m, 6H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 181.8, 149.6, 131.5, 120.7 (q, *J*_{C-F} = 320.3 Hz), 69.0, 49.6, 45.3, 35.8, 31.3, 31.0, 28.0, 25.2, 24.8, 24.6. ¹⁹F NMR (471 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ -77.78. HRMS (ESI) m/z: [M - OTf]⁺ Calcd for C₂₃H₃₆ON⁺ 342.2791; Found 342.2786.



1o

(*1r,2E,4E,5s*)-8,8-Dimethyl-3-oxo-2,4-bis(*(E*-3-phenylallylidene)-8-azabicyclo[3.2.1]octan-8-ium trifluoromethanesulfonate (**1o**) was prepared according to condition B. Yellow solid (1.02 g, 48% yield for two steps). m.p. 183 – 187 °C. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 7.76 – 7.71 (m, 4H), 7.58 – 7.54 (m, 2H), 7.47 – 7.39 (m, 8H), 7.36 – 7.31 (m, 2H), 5.57 – 5.53 (m, 2H), 3.41 (s, 3H), 3.09 (s, 3H), 2.92 – 2.85 (m, 2H), 2.02 (dd, *J* = 14.5, 5.5 Hz, 2H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 181.0, 145.6, 139.7, 135.9, 131.3, 130.0, 128.9, 128.1, 122.2, 120.8 (q, *J*_{C-F} = 320.0 Hz), 69.5, 49.9, 45.6, 28.2. ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ -77.78. HRMS (ESI) m/z: [M - OTf]⁺ Calcd for C₂₇H₂₈ON⁺ 382.2165; Found 382.2173.

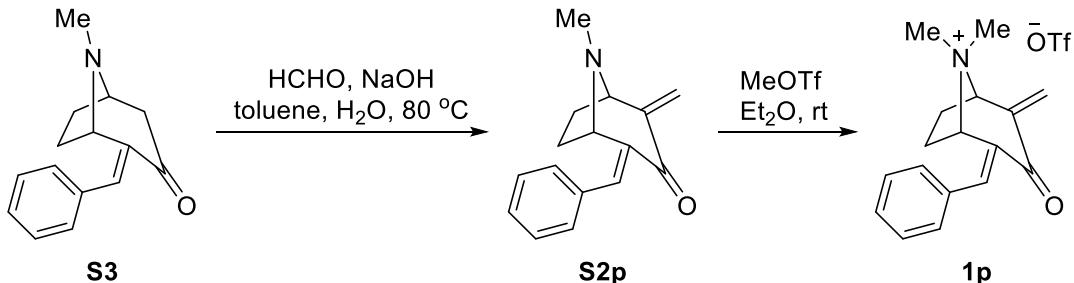
(2) Preparation of ammonium triflate **1m**



2,4-Dimethylidenetropinone **S2m** was prepared according to a literature procedure.²

To a solution of 2,4-dimethylidenetropinone **S2m** (196 mg, 1.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv) in anhydrous ether (10 mL) was added methyl trifluoromethanesulfonate (216 mg, 0.15 mL, 1.3 mmol, 1.1 equiv). The mixture was stirred at room temperature for 2 h, filtered, and washed twice with anhydrous ether to give (1*r*,5*s*)-8,8-dimethyl-2,4-dimethylene-3-oxo-8-azabicyclo[3.2.1]octan-8-iun trifluoromethanesulfonate (**1m**) as a white solid (357 mg, 90% yield). m.p. 156 – 160 °C. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 6.33 (s, 2H), 5.85 (s, 2H), 4.96 (dd, *J* = 4.5, 2.5 Hz, 2H), 3.25 (s, 3H), 3.06 (s, 3H), 2.80 – 2.67 (m, 2H), 2.07 (dd, *J* = 14.5, 5.5 Hz, 2H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 182.1, 140.3, 128.4, 120.7 (q, *J*_{C-F} = 320.0 Hz), 73.6, 49.4, 45.8, 27.3. ¹⁹F NMR (471 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ -77.78. HRMS (ESI) m/z: [M - OTf]⁺ Calcd for C₁₁H₁₆ON⁺ 178.1226; Found 178.1223.

(3) Preparation of ammonium triflate **1p**



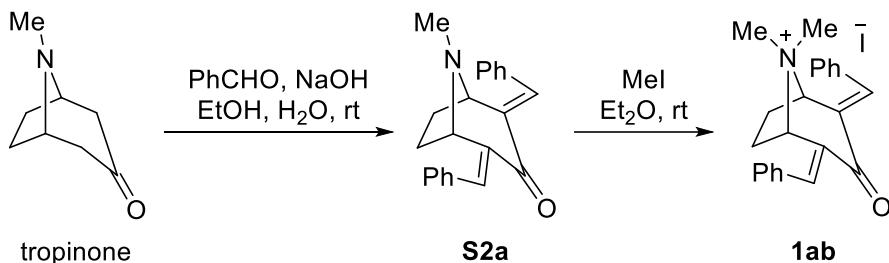
2-Benzylidenetropinone **S3** was prepared according to a literature procedure.³

To a solution of 2-benzylidenetropinone **S3** (455 mg, 2.0 mmol) in toluene (15 mL) were added paraformaldehyde (1.08 g, 12.0 mmol, 6.0 equiv) and 5% sodium hydroxide solution (25 mL). The mixture was heated at 80 °C for 5 h, and cooled to room temperature. The mixture was extracted twice with dichloromethane (20 mL), and the combined extracts were washed with saturated brine, and dried over anhydrous sodium sulfate. After the solvent was evaporated under reduced pressure, the residue was purified by silica gel chromatography (eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 2/1) to give 2-methylene-4-phenylmethylenetriptanone (**S2p**) as a yellow oil (468 mg, 76% yield). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.78 (s, 1H), 7.46 – 7.40 (m, 2H), 7.39 – 7.33 (m, 3H), 6.24 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 5.32 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 4.37 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 3.95 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 2.54 – 2.42 (m, 2H), 2.34 (s, 3H), 1.96 – 1.89 (m, 1H), 1.82 – 1.75 (m, 1H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 188.2, 146.2, 138.5,

137.3, 135.1, 130.3, 129.0, 128.7, 121.8, 65.3, 60.9, 35.7, 30.5, 30.4. HRMS (ESI) m/z: [M+H]⁺ Calcd for C₁₆H₁₈ON⁺ 240.1383; Found 240.1387.

To a solution of 2,4-dialkylidenetropinone **S2p** (479 mg, 2.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv) in anhydrous ether (10 mL) was added methyl trifluoromethanesulfonate (368 mg, 0.25 mL, 2.2 mmol, 1.1 equiv). The mixture was stirred at room temperature for 2 h, filtered, and washed twice with anhydrous ether to give (1*r*,5*s*)-2-(*E*)-benzylidene-8,8-dimethyl-4-methylene-3-oxo-8-azabicyclo[3.2.1]octan-8-i um trifluoromethanesulfonate (**1p**) as a yellow solid (651 mg, 86% yield). m.p. 172 – 175 °C. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 7.91 (s, 1H), 7.60 – 7.48 (m, 5H), 6.40 (s, 1H), 5.87 (s, 1H), 5.27 (d, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 1H), 5.00 (d, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 1H), 3.30 (s, 3H), 3.06 (s, 3H), 3.02 – 2.94 (m, 1H), 2.93 – 2.83 (m, 1H), 2.39 – 2.29 (m, 1H), 2.22 – 2.11 (m, 1H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 181.6, 141.2, 140.3, 132.7, 131.6, 130.9, 130.6, 129.2, 127.9, 120.7 (q, *J*_{C-F} = 320.1 Hz), 73.2, 69.7, 49.7, 45.5, 27.8, 27.6. ¹⁹F NMR (471 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ -77.73. HRMS (ESI) m/z: [M - OTf]⁺ Calcd for C₁₇H₂₀ON⁺ 254.1539; Found 254.1545.

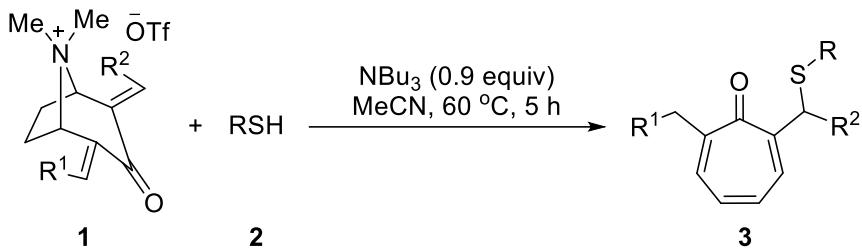
(4) Preparation of ammonium triflate **1ab**



To a solution of tropinone (418 mg, 3.0 mmol) in ethanol (15 mL) were added benzaldehyde (702 mg, 672 μL, 6.6 mmol, 2.2 equiv) and 5% sodium hydroxide solution (6.0 mL). The mixture was stirred at room temperature for 2 h, filtered, and washed twice with ethanol. The resulting solid crude product **S2a** was directly used in the next reaction without further purification.

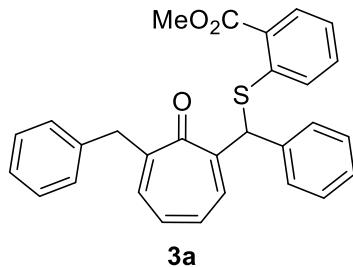
To a solution of crude product **S2a** (3.0 mmol) in anhydrous ether (20 mL) was added methyl iodide (468 mg, 207 μL, 3.3 mmol, 1.1 equiv). The mixture was stirred at room temperature for 2 h, filtered, and washed twice with anhydrous ether to give (1*r*,5*s*)-2,4-di(*E*-benzylidene)-8,8-dimethyl-3-oxo-8-azabicyclo[3.2.1]octan-8-i um iodide (**1ab**) as a yellowish solid (673 mg, 50% yield for two steps). m.p. 240 – 242 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 7.98 (s, 2H), 7.60 – 7.52 (m, 10H), 5.27 (dd, *J* = 4.8, 2.8 Hz, 2H), 3.33 (s, 3H), 3.17 – 3.09 (m, 2H), 3.05 (s, 3H), 2.45 (dd, *J* = 14.4, 5.6 Hz, 2H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 181.1, 140.6, 132.7, 131.6, 130.9, 130.5, 129.2, 69.3, 50.1, 45.1, 28.0. HRMS (ESI) m/z: [M - I]⁺ Calcd for C₂₃H₂₄ON⁺ 330.1852; Found 330.1854.

General procedure for the reaction of 2,4-dialkylidenetropinone-derived quaternary ammonium salts with thiols

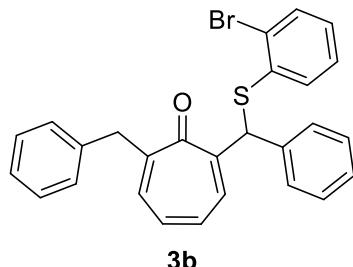


A mixture of 2,4-dialkylidenetropinone-derived quaternary ammonium salt **1** (0.20 mmol), thiol **2** (0.30 mmol), and tributylamine (33.4 mg, 43.0 μ L, 0.18 mmol) in acetonitrile (1.2 mL) was heated in a sealed tube at 60 °C for 5 h, and cooled to room temperature. The mixture was directly purified by silica gel chromatography, using petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (5/1 ~ 25/1) as the eluent, to give tropone **3**.

Analytical data for the products (Schemes 2 and 3)

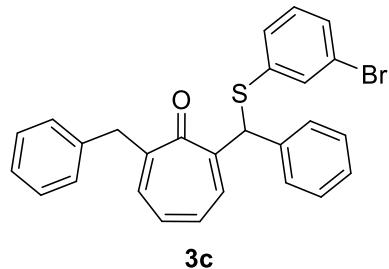


Methyl 2-(((6-benzyl-7-oxocyclohepta-1,3,5-trien-1-yl)(phenyl)methyl)thio)benzoate (**3a**). White solid (78.1 mg, 86% yield). m.p. 95 – 96 °C. ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.95 (dd, J = 8.0, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.78 (dd, J = 8.0, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.51 – 7.47 (m, 2H), 7.31 – 7.26 (m, 4H), 7.25 – 7.21 (m, 2H), 7.21 – 7.16 (m, 3H), 7.12 – 7.04 (m, 3H), 6.95 – 6.90 (m, 1H), 6.90 – 6.85 (m, 1H), 6.45 (s, 1H), 4.06 (d, J = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 4.01 (d, J = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 3.89 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 184.6, 167.0, 153.3, 150.3, 141.8, 139.3, 139.2, 136.0, 135.5, 133.3, 132.8, 132.1, 131.3, 129.5, 128.9, 128.8, 128.7, 127.6, 126.7, 126.5, 126.4, 124.1, 52.3, 50.6, 41.5. HRMS (ESI) m/z: [M+H] $^+$ Calcd for $\text{C}_{29}\text{H}_{25}\text{O}_3\text{S}^+$ 453.1519; Found 453.1525.

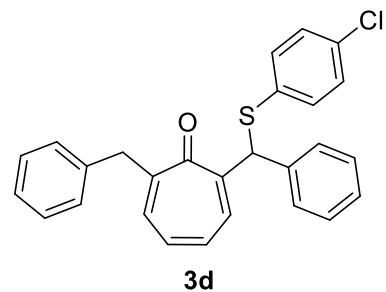


2-Benzyl-7-(((2-bromophenyl)thio)(phenyl)methyl)cyclohepta-2,4,6-trien-1-one (**3b**). Yellow oil (88.7 mg, 94% yield). ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.84 – 7.78 (m, 1H), 7.51 – 7.45 (m, 3H), 7.32 – 7.26 (m, 3H), 7.26 – 7.20 (m, 3H), 7.18 – 7.14 (m, 2H), 7.11 – 7.07 (m, 1H), 7.06 – 7.01 (m,

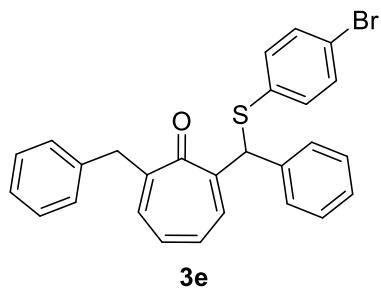
1H), 7.00 – 6.97 (m, 1H), 6.96 – 6.90 (m, 2H), 6.90 – 6.85 (m, 1H), 6.42 (s, 1H), 4.05 (d, J = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 3.99 (d, J = 16.0 Hz, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 184.7, 153.4, 149.8, 139.2, 138.9, 137.8, 135.7, 135.4, 133.4, 132.8, 132.0, 129.5, 128.8, 128.7, 128.1, 128.0, 127.8, 126.6, 126.5, 122.1, 51.8, 41.4. HRMS (ESI) m/z: [M+Na]⁺ Calcd for $\text{C}_{27}\text{H}_{21}\text{OBrNaS}^+$ 495.0389; Found 495.0398.



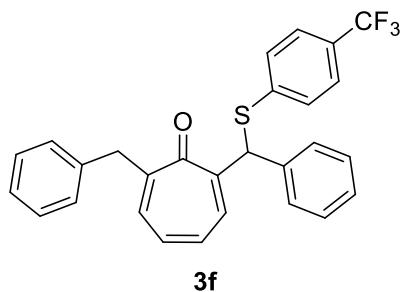
2-Benzyl-7-(((3-bromophenyl)thio)(phenyl)methyl)cyclohepta-2,4,6-trien-1-one (3c). Yellow oil (90.5 mg, 95% yield). ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.70 – 7.66 (m, 1H), 7.49 – 7.44 (m, 2H), 7.38 (t, J = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.31 – 7.27 (m, 3H), 7.26 – 7.20 (m, 4H), 7.18 – 7.12 (m, 3H), 7.08 – 7.04 (m, 1H), 7.00 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 6.95 – 6.90 (m, 1H), 6.89 – 6.84 (m, 1H), 6.33 (s, 1H), 4.04 (d, J = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 3.99 (d, J = 16.0 Hz, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 184.6, 153.5, 150.3, 139.4, 139.3, 138.6, 135.7, 135.4, 133.4, 131.85, 131.78, 130.3, 129.5, 129.4, 128.8, 128.7, 128.6, 127.68, 127.66, 126.5, 122.7, 52.9, 41.4. HRMS (ESI) m/z: [M+H]⁺ Calcd for $\text{C}_{27}\text{H}_{22}\text{OBrS}^+$ 473.0569; Found 473.0576.



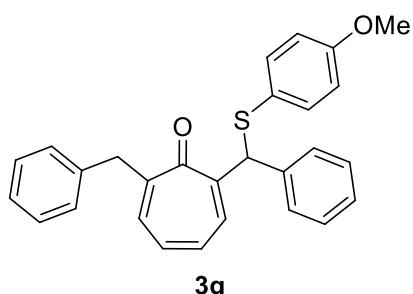
2-Benzyl-7-(((4-chlorophenyl)thio)(phenyl)methyl)cyclohepta-2,4,6-trien-1-one (3d). Yellow oil (72.9 mg, 85% yield). ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.68 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.49 – 7.43 (m, 2H), 7.31 – 7.25 (m, 4H), 7.24 – 7.20 (m, 2H), 7.18 – 7.13 (m, 4H), 7.13 – 7.09 (m, 2H), 7.06 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 6.91 (t, J = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 6.85 (t, J = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 6.29 (s, 1H), 4.03 (d, J = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 3.97 (d, J = 16.0 Hz, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 184.6, 153.4, 150.5, 139.6, 139.2, 135.7, 135.3, 134.6, 133.3, 132.6, 131.8, 131.1, 129.5, 129.1, 128.74, 128.67, 128.6, 127.6, 126.5, 53.3, 41.4. HRMS (ESI) m/z: [M+H]⁺ Calcd for $\text{C}_{27}\text{H}_{22}\text{OClS}^+$ 429.1074; Found 429.1081.



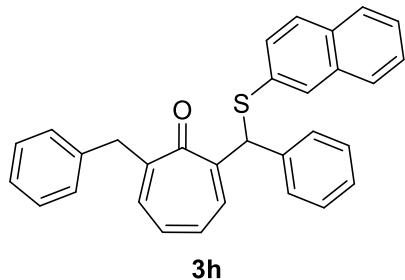
2-Benzyl-7-(((4-bromophenyl)thio)(phenyl)methyl)cyclohepta-2,4,6-trien-1-one (3e). Yellow oil (75.9 mg, 80% yield). ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.70 – 7.65 (m, 1H), 7.48 – 7.43 (m, 2H), 7.30 – 7.24 (m, 5H), 7.24 – 7.18 (m, 3H), 7.16 – 7.13 (m, 2H), 7.10 – 7.03 (m, 3H), 6.92 – 6.86 (m, 1H), 6.85 – 6.80 (m, 1H), 6.30 (s, 1H), 4.03 (d, $J = 16.0$ Hz, 1H), 3.97 (d, $J = 16.0$ Hz, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 184.5, 153.4, 150.4, 139.5, 139.2, 135.6, 135.3, 133.3, 131.9, 131.8, 131.1, 129.4, 128.7, 128.6, 128.5, 127.6, 126.5, 120.4, 53.0, 41.4. HRMS (ESI) m/z: [M+H]⁺ Calcd for $\text{C}_{27}\text{H}_{22}\text{OBrS}^+$ 473.0569; Found 473.0575.



2-Benzyl-7-((phenyl((4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)thio)methyl)cyclohepta-2,4,6-trien-1-one (3f). Yellow oil (87.3 mg, 94% yield). ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.71 (dd, $J = 8.0, 1.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.50 – 7.45 (m, 2H), 7.38 – 7.34 (m, 2H), 7.33 – 7.24 (m, 5H), 7.24 – 7.20 (m, 3H), 7.19 – 7.14 (m, 2H), 7.10 (dd, $J = 8.0, 1.5$ Hz, 1H), 6.94 – 6.89 (m, 1H), 6.89 – 6.84 (m, 1H), 6.43 (s, 1H), 4.08 (d, $J = 16.0$ Hz, 1H), 3.98 (d, $J = 16.0$ Hz, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 184.5, 153.5, 150.1, 141.8, 139.1, 139.0, 135.7, 135.4, 133.5, 131.9, 129.5, 128.9, 128.7, 128.5, 127.8, 127.7 (q, $J_{C-F} = 32.4$ Hz), 127.6, 126.6, 125.7 (q, $J_{C-F} = 3.8$ Hz), 124.2 (q, $J_{C-F} = 270.1$ Hz), 51.8, 41.5. ^{19}F NMR (471 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -62.35. HRMS (ESI) m/z: [M+H]⁺ Calcd for $\text{C}_{28}\text{H}_{22}\text{OF}_3\text{S}^+$ 463.1338; Found 463.1343.

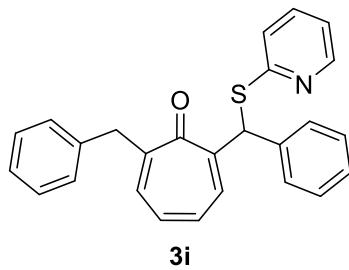


2-Benzyl-7-(((4-methoxyphenyl)thio)(phenyl)methyl)cyclohepta-2,4,6-trien-1-one (**3g**). Yellow oil (38.7 mg, 46% yield). ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.70 (d, $J = 9.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.46 (d, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 2H), 7.29 – 7.24 (m, 6H), 7.20 (t, $J = 7.0$ Hz, 2H), 7.13 (d, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 2H), 7.01 (d, $J = 9.0$ Hz, 1H), 6.94 (t, $J = 9.5$ Hz, 1H), 6.84 (t, $J = 9.5$ Hz, 1H), 6.73 – 6.70 (m, 2H), 6.15 (s, 1H), 3.99 (d, $J = 16.5$ Hz, 1H), 3.95 (d, $J = 16.5$ Hz, 1H), 3.73 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 184.8, 159.3, 153.3, 151.3, 140.4, 139.4, 135.7, 135.1, 133.8, 133.0, 131.9, 129.6, 128.67, 128.66, 128.6, 127.3, 126.5, 126.1, 114.6, 55.4, 55.1, 41.3. HRMS (ESI) m/z: $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ Calcd for $\text{C}_{28}\text{H}_{25}\text{O}_2\text{S}^+$ 425.1570; Found 425.1576.



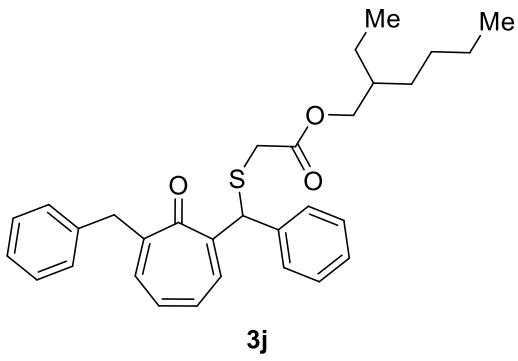
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2-Benzyl-7-((naphthalen-2-ylthio)(phenyl)methyl)cyclohepta-2,4,6-trien-1-one (**3h**). Yellow oil (35.6 mg, 40% yield). ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.82 – 7.77 (m, 1H), 7.74 – 7.70 (m, 1H), 7.66 – 7.61 (m, 2H), 7.60 – 7.56 (m, 1H), 7.54 – 7.49 (m, 2H), 7.42 – 7.36 (m, 3H), 7.28 (t, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 2H), 7.25 – 7.18 (m, 4H), 7.15 – 7.09 (m, 2H), 7.05 – 7.00 (m, 1H), 6.92 (t, $J = 9.5$ Hz, 1H), 6.83 (t, $J = 9.5$ Hz, 1H), 6.48 (s, 1H), 4.01 (d, $J = 16.0$ Hz, 1H), 3.96 (d, $J = 16.0$ Hz, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 184.8, 153.4, 150.8, 139.9, 139.4, 135.7, 135.3, 133.8, 133.6, 133.2, 132.0, 131.9, 129.6, 128.75, 128.68, 128.5, 127.9, 127.7, 127.6, 127.5, 127.4, 126.51, 126.49, 125.9, 53.0, 41.4. HRMS (ESI) m/z: $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ Calcd for $\text{C}_{31}\text{H}_{24}\text{ONaS}^+$ 467.1440; Found 467.1447.



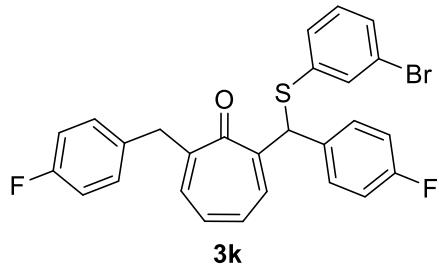
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2-Benzyl-7-(phenyl(pyridin-2-ylthio)methyl)cyclohepta-2,4,6-trien-1-one (**3i**). Yellow oil (20.7 mg, 26% yield). ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.30 – 8.26 (m, 1H), 7.83 – 7.78 (m, 1H), 7.53 – 7.49 (m, 2H), 7.42 – 7.37 (m, 1H), 7.30 – 7.25 (m, 4H), 7.24 – 7.16 (m, 4H), 7.11 – 7.03 (m, 2H), 6.95 – 6.90 (m, 2H), 6.89 – 6.83 (m, 1H), 6.74 (s, 1H), 4.10 (d, $J = 16.0$ Hz, 1H), 3.98 (d, $J = 16.0$ Hz, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 184.9, 158.7, 153.3, 151.4, 149.4, 139.7, 139.5, 136.3, 135.2, 135.1, 133.1, 131.9, 129.6, 128.7, 128.6, 128.5, 127.3, 126.5, 121.6, 119.8, 50.7, 41.2. HRMS (ESI) m/z: $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ Calcd for $\text{C}_{26}\text{H}_{22}\text{ONS}^+$ 396.1417; Found 396.1421.



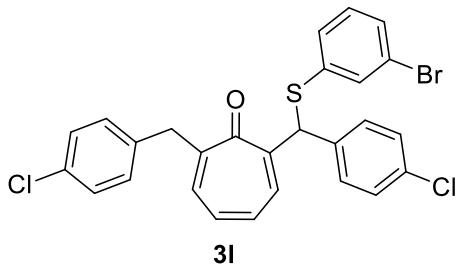
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2-Ethylhexyl 2-(((6-benzyl-7-oxocyclohepta-1,3,5-trien-1-yl)(phenyl)methyl)thio)acetate (**3j**). Yellow oil (47.9 mg, 49% yield). ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.72 – 7.66 (m, 1H), 7.49 – 7.44 (m, 2H), 7.32 – 7.15 (m, 8H), 7.03 (dd, J = 8.5, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 6.99 – 6.94 (m, 1H), 6.90 – 6.85 (m, 1H), 5.96 (s, 1H), 4.00 (s, 2H), 3.98 – 3.89 (m, 2H), 3.24 (d, J = 14.5 Hz, 1H), 3.18 (d, J = 14.5 Hz, 1H), 1.58 – 1.50 (m, 1H), 1.36 – 1.28 (m, 4H), 1.27 – 1.24 (m, 4H), 0.91 – 0.84 (m, 6H). ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 184.6, 170.1, 153.6, 150.7, 139.8, 139.3, 135.3, 135.0, 133.1, 131.8, 129.6, 128.7, 128.64, 128.62, 127.5, 126.5, 68.0, 51.2, 41.2, 38.68, 38.67, 35.0, 30.3, 28.98, 28.96, 23.7, 23.1, 14.2, 11.1, 11.0. HRMS (ESI) m/z: [M+H] $^+$ Calcd for $\text{C}_{31}\text{H}_{37}\text{O}_3\text{S}^+$ 489.2458; Found 489.2461.

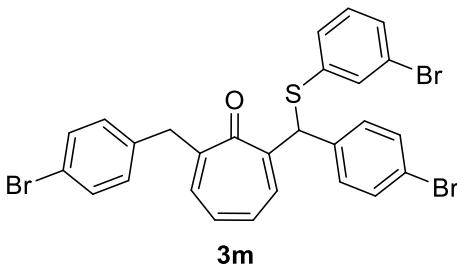


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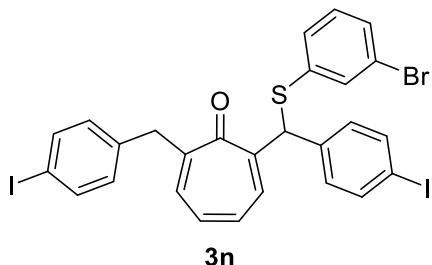
2-(((3-Bromophenyl)thio)(4-fluorophenyl)methyl)-7-(4-fluorobenzyl)cyclohepta-2,4,6-trien-1-one (**3k**). Yellow oil (73.2 mg, 72% yield). ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.71 – 7.65 (m, 1H), 7.42 – 7.35 (m, 3H), 7.25 – 7.21 (m, 1H), 7.13 – 7.07 (m, 4H), 7.00 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.98 – 6.92 (m, 5H), 6.91 – 6.87 (m, 1H), 6.25 (s, 1H), 3.96 (s, 2H). ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 184.4, 162.9 (d, J_{C-F} = 62.6 Hz), 160.9 (d, J_{C-F} = 60.3 Hz), 153.1, 150.1, 138.2, 135.5, 135.3, 135.0 (d, J_{C-F} = 3.3 Hz), 134.7 (d, J_{C-F} = 3.3 Hz), 133.4, 131.9 (d, J_{C-F} = 5.0 Hz), 130.8 (d, J_{C-F} = 7.8 Hz), 130.3, 130.2 (d, J_{C-F} = 8.0 Hz), 129.6, 127.8, 122.7, 115.7, 115.5 (d, J_{C-F} = 5.5 Hz), 115.3, 52.4, 40.7. ^{19}F NMR (471 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -114.43, -116.51. HRMS (ESI) m/z: [M+H] $^+$ Calcd for $\text{C}_{27}\text{H}_{20}\text{OBrF}_2\text{S}^+$ 509.0381; Found 509.0388.



2-(((3-Bromophenyl)thio)(4-chlorophenyl)methyl)-7-(4-chlorobenzyl)cyclohepta-2,4,6-trien-1-one (**3l**). Yellow oil (61.0 mg, 56% yield). ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.66 – 7.63 (m, 1H), 7.38 – 7.33 (m, 3H), 7.27 – 7.20 (m, 5H), 7.14 – 7.06 (m, 4H), 7.02 (t, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 6.99 – 6.94 (m, 1H), 6.94 – 6.89 (m, 1H), 6.21 (s, 1H), 3.95 (s, 2H). ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 184.3, 152.9, 150.0, 138.0, 137.9, 137.6, 135.6, 135.5, 133.6, 133.5, 132.4, 132.1, 132.0, 130.7, 130.4, 129.9, 129.8, 128.9, 128.7, 127.9, 122.8, 52.6, 41.0. HRMS (ESI) m/z: [M+H] $^+$ Calcd for $\text{C}_{27}\text{H}_{20}\text{OBrCl}_2\text{S}^+$ 540.9790; Found 540.9795.

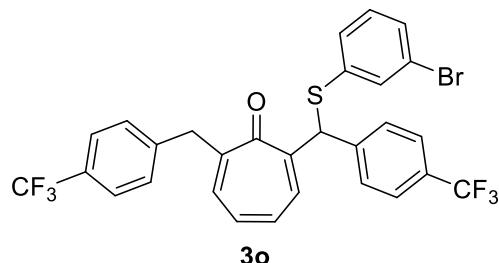


2-(4-Bromobenzyl)-7-((4-bromophenyl)((3-bromophenyl)thio)methyl)cyclohepta-2,4,6-trien-1-one (**3m**). Yellow oil (101.5 mg, 80% yield). ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.62 (m, 1H), 7.42 – 7.33 (m, 5H), 7.32 – 7.28 (m, 2H), 7.26 – 7.23 (m, 1H), 7.13 – 7.09 (m, 2H), 7.04 – 6.99 (m, 3H), 6.98 – 6.93 (m, 1H), 6.93 – 6.88 (m, 1H), 6.19 (s, 1H), 3.95 (d, $J = 16.5$ Hz, 1H), 3.91 (d, $J = 16.5$ Hz, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 184.2, 152.7, 150.0, 138.4, 138.1, 137.9, 135.6, 135.5, 133.5, 132.1, 132.0, 131.8, 131.7, 131.0, 130.4, 130.2, 129.8, 127.9, 122.8, 121.7, 120.4, 52.6, 41.1. HRMS (ESI) m/z: [M+H] $^+$ Calcd for $\text{C}_{27}\text{H}_{20}\text{OBr}_3\text{S}^+$ 628.8780; Found 628.8778.

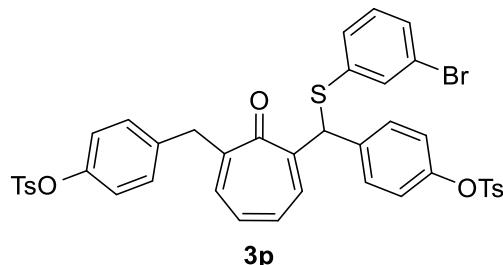


2-(((3-Bromophenyl)thio)(4-iodophenyl)methyl)-7-(4-iodobenzyl)cyclohepta-2,4,6-trien-1-one (**3n**). Yellow oil (94.8 mg, 65% yield). ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.66 – 7.52 (m, 5H), 7.35 (t, $J = 2.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.27 – 7.24 (m, 1H), 7.20 – 7.15 (m, 2H), 7.13 – 7.09 (m, 2H), 7.02 (t, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 1H),

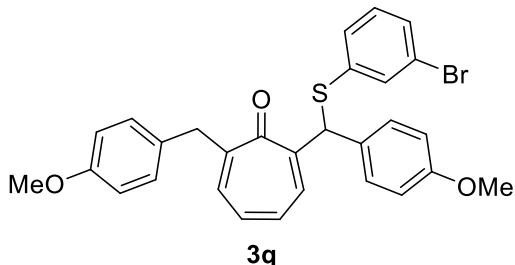
6.99 – 6.94 (m, 1H), 6.94 – 6.88 (m, 3H), 6.18 (s, 1H), 3.94 (d, $J = 16.5$ Hz, 1H), 3.91 (d, $J = 16.5$ Hz, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 184.2, 152.7, 149.9, 139.1, 138.8, 137.9, 137.8, 137.7, 135.7, 135.6, 133.5, 132.1, 131.9, 131.4, 130.5, 130.4, 129.7, 127.8, 122.8, 93.5, 91.9, 52.7, 41.2. HRMS (ESI) m/z: [M+H] $^+$ Calcd for $\text{C}_{27}\text{H}_{20}\text{OBrI}_2\text{S}^+$ 724.8502; Found 724.8500.



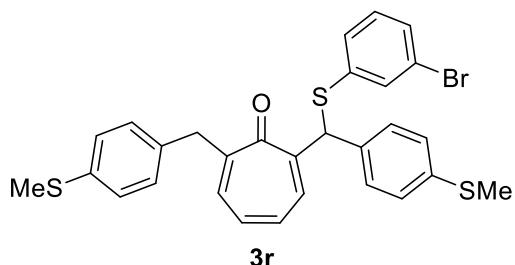
2-(((3-Bromophenyl)thio)(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)methyl)-7-(4-(trifluoromethyl)benzyl)cyclohepta-2,4,6-trien-1-one (3o). Yellow oil (92.2 mg, 76% yield). ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.73 – 7.68 (m, 1H), 7.58 – 7.52 (m, 4H), 7.52 – 7.48 (m, 2H), 7.38 (t, $J = 2.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.30 – 7.24 (m, 3H), 7.21 – 7.17 (m, 1H), 7.15 – 7.11 (m, 1H), 7.05 – 6.94 (m, 3H), 6.27 (s, 1H), 4.07 (d, $J = 16.5$ Hz, 1H), 4.03 (d, $J = 16.5$ Hz, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 184.1, 152.4, 149.9, 143.5, 143.3, 137.6, 136.00, 135.95, 133.7, 132.3, 132.2, 130.5, 130.0, 129.8 (q, $J_{C-F} = 32.3$ Hz), 129.5, 128.9, 128.8 (q, $J_{C-F} = 32.1$ Hz), 128.1, 125.7 (q, $J_{C-F} = 3.8$ Hz), 125.5 (q, $J_{C-F} = 3.8$ Hz), 124.3 (q, $J_{C-F} = 270.4$ Hz), 124.1 (q, $J_{C-F} = 270.4$ Hz), 122.8, 53.1, 41.6. ^{19}F NMR (471 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -62.33, -62.49. HRMS (ESI) m/z: [M+H] $^+$ Calcd for $\text{C}_{29}\text{H}_{20}\text{OBrF}_6\text{S}^+$ 609.0317; Found 609.0320.



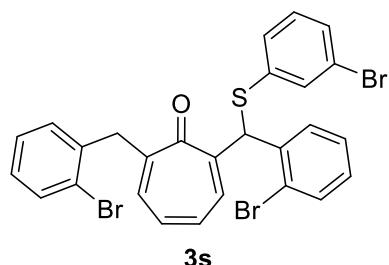
4-((6-(((3-Bromophenyl)thio)(4-(tosyloxy)phenyl)methyl)-7-oxocyclohepta-1,3,5-trien-1-yl)methyl)phenyl 4-methylbenzenesulfonate (3p). Yellow oil (84.0 mg, 52% yield). ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.73 – 7.66 (m, 4H), 7.63 – 7.60 (m, 1H), 7.38 – 7.34 (m, 2H), 7.32 – 7.24 (m, 6H), 7.12 – 7.06 (m, 4H), 7.02 (t, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 6.99 – 6.95 (m, 1H), 6.95 – 6.92 (m, 1H), 6.92 – 6.87 (m, 4H), 6.19 (s, 1H), 3.98 (d, $J = 15.5$ Hz, 1H), 3.90 (d, $J = 15.5$ Hz, 1H), 2.44 (s, 3H), 2.43 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 184.2, 152.7, 150.1, 148.9, 148.2, 145.6, 145.4, 138.4, 138.2, 137.9, 135.9, 135.8, 133.6, 132.5, 132.4, 132.2, 132.1, 130.5, 130.4, 129.89, 129.86, 129.80, 129.78, 128.54, 128.52, 128.1, 122.7, 122.6, 122.5, 52.4, 40.9, 21.85, 21.83. HRMS (ESI) m/z: [M+H] $^+$ Calcd for $\text{C}_{41}\text{H}_{34}\text{O}_7\text{BrS}_3^+$ 813.0645; Found 813.0639.



2-((3-Bromophenyl)thio)(4-methoxyphenyl)methyl-7-(4-methoxybenzyl)cyclohepta-2,4,6-trien-1-one (3q). Yellow oil (59.3 mg, 56% yield). ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.72 – 7.68 (m, 1H), 7.39 – 7.34 (m, 3H), 7.24 – 7.20 (m, 1H), 7.14 – 7.10 (m, 1H), 7.09 – 7.03 (m, 3H), 7.00 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.95 – 6.90 (m, 1H), 6.89 – 6.84 (m, 1H), 6.83 – 6.78 (m, 4H), 6.28 (s, 1H), 3.94 (s, 2H), 3.77 (s, 3H), 3.76 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 184.7, 159.0, 158.3, 153.8, 150.3, 138.8, 135.4, 135.1, 133.3, 131.7, 131.6, 131.20, 131.17, 130.5, 130.3, 129.7, 129.3, 127.5, 122.7, 114.12, 114.06, 55.3, 52.2, 40.5. HRMS (ESI) m/z: [M+H]⁺ Calcd for $\text{C}_{29}\text{H}_{26}\text{O}_3\text{BrS}^+$ 533.0781; Found 533.0776.

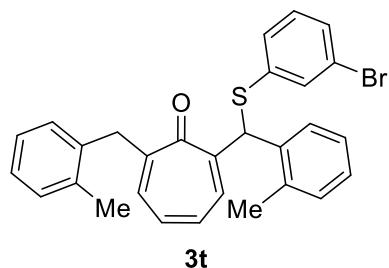


2-((3-Bromophenyl)thio)(4-(methylthio)phenyl)methyl-7-(4-(methylthio)benzyl)cyclohepta-2,4,6-trien-1-one (3r). Red oil (63.1 mg, 56% yield). ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.69 – 7.66 (m, 1H), 7.38 – 7.34 (m, 3H), 7.25 – 7.21 (m, 1H), 7.18 – 7.14 (m, 4H), 7.13 – 7.06 (m, 4H), 7.01 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.97 – 6.92 (m, 1H), 6.91 – 6.86 (m, 1H), 6.26 (s, 1H), 3.96 (s, 2H), 2.46 (s, 3H), 2.44 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 184.4, 153.3, 150.1, 138.4, 138.0, 136.3, 136.0, 135.9, 135.5, 135.3, 133.4, 131.9, 131.7, 130.3, 129.9, 129.4, 129.0, 127.6, 127.0, 126.5, 122.7, 52.5, 40.9, 16.1, 15.7. HRMS (ESI) m/z: [M+H]⁺ Calcd for $\text{C}_{29}\text{H}_{26}\text{OBrS}_3^+$ 565.0324; Found 565.0325.

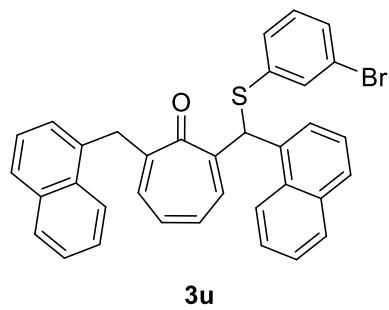


2-(2-Bromobenzyl)-7-((2-bromophenyl)((3-bromophenyl)thio)methyl)cyclohepta-2,4,6-trien-1-one (3s). Yellow oil (102 mg, 81% yield). ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.77 (dd, J = 7.5, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.59 – 7.53 (m, 2H), 7.46 (t, J = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.40 (dd, J = 7.5, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.31 (t, J = 7.5 Hz,

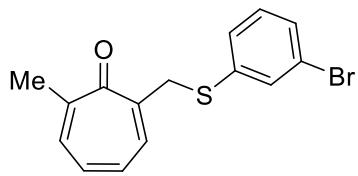
1H), 7.28 – 7.22 (m, 4H), 7.17 – 7.05 (m, 3H), 6.95 – 6.86 (m, 3H), 6.51 (s, 1H), 4.23 (d, J = 17.0 Hz, 1H), 4.14 (d, J = 17.0 Hz, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 184.1, 151.5, 148.6, 138.70, 138.69, 138.6, 135.9, 134.7, 133.6, 133.5, 133.1, 132.1, 131.70, 131.66, 130.5, 130.1, 129.7, 129.4, 128.5, 127.71, 127.65, 127.6, 125.6, 125.5, 122.8, 54.0, 41.2. HRMS (ESI) m/z: [M+H]⁺ Calcd for $\text{C}_{27}\text{H}_{20}\text{OBr}_3\text{S}^+$ 628.8780; Found 628.8788.



2-((3-Bromophenyl)thio)(o-tolyl)methyl-7-(2-methylbenzyl)cyclohepta-2,4,6-trien-1-one (**3t**). Yellow oil (62.0 mg, 62% yield). ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.70 – 7.66 (m, 1H), 7.52 – 7.48 (m, 1H), 7.39 (t, J = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.24 – 7.21 (m, 1H), 7.19 – 7.12 (m, 7H), 7.07 – 7.01 (m, 2H), 6.94 – 6.88 (m, 1H), 6.85 – 6.77 (m, 2H), 6.45 (s, 1H), 4.02 (d, J = 17.5 Hz, 1H), 3.98 (d, J = 17.5 Hz, 1H), 2.40 (s, 3H), 2.10 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 184.6, 152.5, 149.0, 139.1, 137.3, 137.2, 137.11, 137.05, 135.8, 134.3, 133.3, 131.5, 131.2, 130.9, 130.6, 130.5, 130.3, 129.3, 127.77, 127.75, 127.1, 127.0, 126.3, 126.2, 122.7, 50.4, 38.5, 19.6, 19.5. HRMS (ESI) m/z: [M+H]⁺ Calcd for $\text{C}_{29}\text{H}_{26}\text{OBrS}^+$ 501.0882; Found 501.0891.

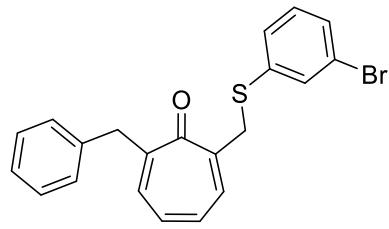


2-((3-Bromophenyl)thio)(naphthalen-1-yl)methyl-7-(naphthalen-1-ylmethyl)cyclohepta-2,4,6-trien-1-one (**3u**). Yellow oil (58.0 mg, 51% yield). ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.09 (d, J = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 8.07 – 8.04 (m, 1H), 7.89 – 7.85 (m, 2H), 7.81 (t, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.76 – 7.73 (m, 1H), 7.53 – 7.48 (m, 4H), 7.48 – 7.44 (m, 2H), 7.42 – 7.35 (m, 3H), 7.29 – 7.24 (m, 2H), 7.24 – 7.23 (m, 1H), 7.03 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 6.84 – 6.80 (m, 1H), 6.77 – 6.72 (m, 1H), 6.70 – 6.65 (m, 1H), 4.62 (d, J = 18.5 Hz, 1H), 4.52 (d, J = 18.5 Hz, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 184.1, 153.1, 150.0, 139.1, 136.0, 135.4, 135.3, 135.2, 134.2, 134.1, 133.6, 132.3, 131.9, 131.7, 131.5, 130.4, 129.5, 129.0, 128.83, 128.78, 128.4, 127.8, 127.6, 127.0, 126.6, 126.4, 126.1, 125.9, 125.8, 125.5, 124.5, 123.6, 122.7, 50.1, 38.1. HRMS (APCI) m/z: [M+H]⁺ Calcd for $\text{C}_{35}\text{H}_{26}\text{OBrS}^+$ 573.0882; Found 573.0873.



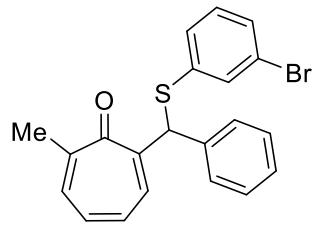
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2-((3-Bromophenyl)thio)methyl)-7-methylcyclohepta-2,4,6-trien-1-one (**3v**). Yellow oil (40.4 mg, 63% yield). ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.46 (t, $J = 1.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.38 (d, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.31 (d, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.28 – 7.22 (m, 2H), 7.11 (t, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 6.96 – 6.90 (m, 1H), 6.89 – 6.83 (m, 1H), 4.14 (s, 2H), 2.35 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 185.2, 151.0, 146.6, 138.7, 135.2, 135.1, 133.5, 133.0, 131.5, 130.3, 129.7, 129.0, 122.7, 39.5, 23.7. HRMS (ESI) m/z: [M+H] $^+$ Calcd for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{14}\text{OBrS}^+$ 320.9943; Found 320.9951.



3w

2-Benzyl-7-((3-bromophenyl)thio)methyl)cyclohepta-2,4,6-trien-1-one (**3w**). Yellow oil (44.3 mg, 54% yield). ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.43 (t, $J = 1.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.33 – 7.27 (m, 3H), 7.26 – 7.16 (m, 5H), 7.15 – 7.12 (m, 1H), 7.07 (t, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 1H), 6.91 – 6.85 (m, 1H), 6.84 – 6.78 (m, 1H), 4.13 (s, 2H), 4.04 (s, 2H). ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 184.7, 153.1, 147.4, 139.3, 138.6, 135.5, 135.1, 133.3, 133.0, 131.8, 130.3, 129.7, 129.6, 129.0, 128.7, 126.5, 122.7, 41.4, 39.4. HRMS (ESI) m/z: [M+Na] $^+$ Calcd for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{17}\text{OBrNaS}^+$ 419.0076; Found 419.0079.



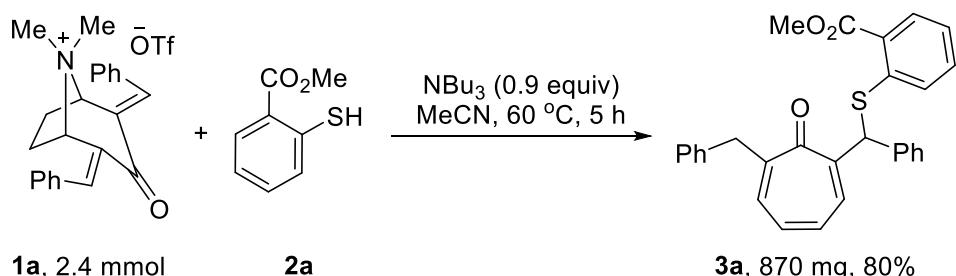
3w'

2-((3-Bromophenyl)thio)(phenyl)methyl)-7-methylcyclohepta-2,4,6-trien-1-one (**3w'**). Yellow oil (20.9 mg, 26% yield). ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.70 (dd, $J = 8.0, 1.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.49 (dd, $J = 8.0, 1.5$ Hz, 2H), 7.40 (t, $J = 1.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.35 (dt, $J = 8.0, 1.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.33 – 7.29 (m, 2H), 7.27 – 7.22 (m, 2H), 7.18 (dt, $J = 8.0, 1.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.04 (t, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.00 – 6.90 (m, 2H), 6.33 (s, 1H), 2.32 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 184.8, 151.6, 149.7, 139.5, 138.6, 136.0, 135.1, 133.6,

131.9, 131.7, 130.3, 129.5, 128.8, 128.6, 127.8, 127.7, 122.7, 52.9, 24.0. HRMS (ESI) m/z: [M+Na]⁺ Calcd for C₂₁H₁₇OBrNaS⁺ 419.0076; Found 419.0079.

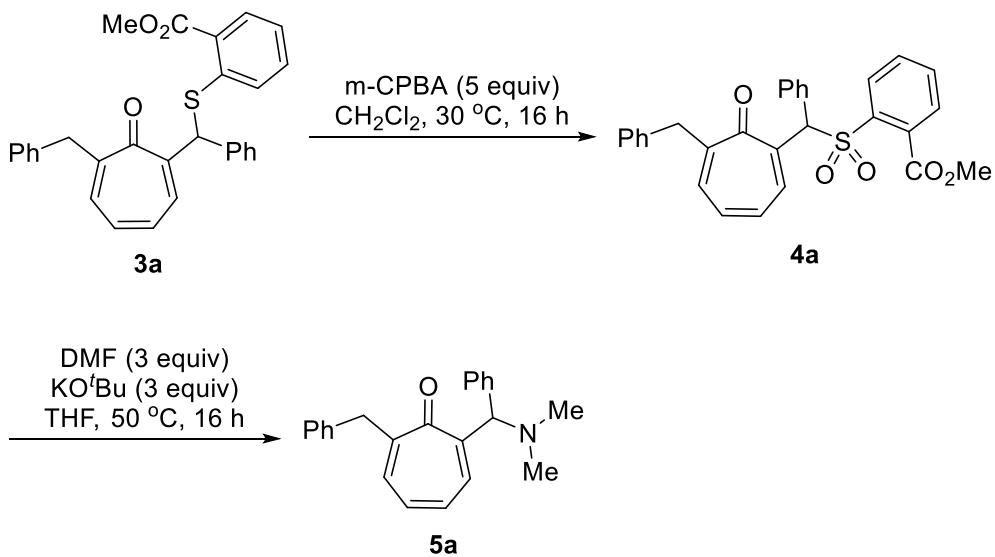
Scale-up reaction and synthetic transformations (Scheme 4)

(1) Scale-up reaction



A mixture of 2,4-dibenzylidene tropone-derived quaternary ammonium salt **1a** (1.15 mg, 2.4 mmol), methyl thiosalicylate (**2a**) (606 mg, 370 μL, 3.6 mmol), and tributylamine (445 mg, 516 μL, 2.16 mmol) in acetonitrile (1.2 mL) was heated in a sealed tube at 60 °C (oil bath) for 5 h, and cooled to room temperature. The mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure and purified by silica gel chromatography, using petroleum ether /ethyl acetate (5/1) as the eluent, to give tropone **3a** as a white solid (870 mg, 80% yield).

(2) Synthetic transformations



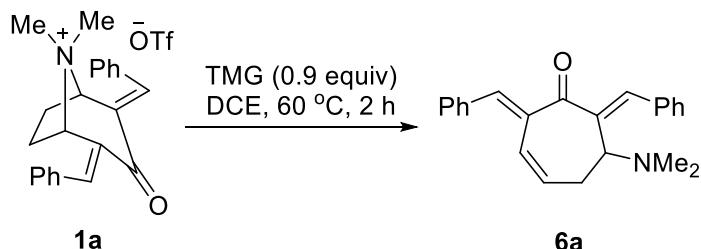
A suspension of *m*-chloroperoxybenzoic acid (86.1 mg, 0.50 mmol) and tropone **3a** (45.3 mg, 0.10 mmol) in dichloromethane (1.5 mL) was stirred at 30 °C for 16 h, and were added dichloromethane (5.0 mL) and saturated aqueous sodium bicarbonate (2.0 mL). The mixture was separated, and the aqueous layer was extracted twice with dichloromethane (5.0 mL). The organic layer was dried over anhydrous sodium sulfate, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue

was purified by silica gel chromatography, using petroleum ether and ethyl acetate (2:1) as the eluent, to give methyl 2-(((6-benzyl-7-oxocyclohepta-1,3,5-trien-1-yl)(phenyl)methyl)sulfonyl)benzoate (**4a**) as a yellow solid (42.2 mg, 87% yield). m.p. 124 – 127 °C. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.47 – 8.45 (m, 1H), 7.66 (dd, *J* = 7.5, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.57 (td, *J* = 7.5, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.50 – 7.47 (m, 2H), 7.37 (dd, *J* = 7.5, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.32 – 7.29 (m, 1H), 7.27 – 7.26 (m, 1H), 7.26 – 7.25 (m, 2H), 7.25 – 7.23 (m, 1H), 7.22 – 7.18 (m, 2H), 7.14 – 7.11 (m, 2H), 7.11 – 7.04 (m, 2H), 7.00 – 6.96 (m, 1H), 3.95 (d, *J* = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 3.85 (d, *J* = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 3.83 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 184.2, 167.6, 153.8, 143.2, 139.0, 137.1, 136.8, 135.6, 134.4, 133.7, 133.6, 132.8, 131.9, 131.8, 130.6, 130.1, 129.8, 129.5, 128.9, 128.71, 128.66, 126.6, 68.6, 53.5, 41.6. HRMS (ESI) m/z: [M+Na]⁺ Calcd for C₂₉H₂₄O₅NaS⁺ 507.1237; Found 507.1240.

A suspension of KO'Bu (33.7 mg, 0.30 mmol) and *N,N*-dimethylformamide (21.9 mg, 23.0 μL, 0.30 mmol) in tetrahydrofuran (1.0 mL) was stirred at room temperature for 15 min, and was added sulfone **4a** (48.4 mg, 0.10 mmol). The mixture was heated at 50 °C (oil bath) for 16 h, cooled to room temperature, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by silica gel chromatography, using petroleum ether and ethyl acetate (1:1) as the eluent, to give 2-(6-benzyl-7-oxocyclohepta-1,3,5-trien-1-yl)-*N,N*-dimethyl-2-phenylacetamide (**5a**) as a yellow oil (16.8 mg, 51% yield). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.02 – 7.98 (m, 1H), 7.50 – 7.46 (m, 2H), 7.28 – 7.23 (m, 4H), 7.22 – 7.16 (m, 2H), 7.15 – 7.11 (m, 2H), 7.08 – 6.99 (m, 2H), 6.87 – 6.82 (m, 1H), 4.77 (s, 1H), 4.02 (d, *J* = 16.5 Hz, 1H), 3.93 (d, *J* = 16.5 Hz, 1H), 2.18 (s, 6H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 185.3, 153.4, 139.6, 134.9, 134.2, 132.6, 132.5, 129.6, 128.7, 128.6, 128.4, 127.2, 126.4, 71.7, 44.7, 41.2. HRMS (ESI) m/z: [M+H]⁺ Calcd for C₂₃H₂₄ON⁺ 333.1852; Found 333.1851.

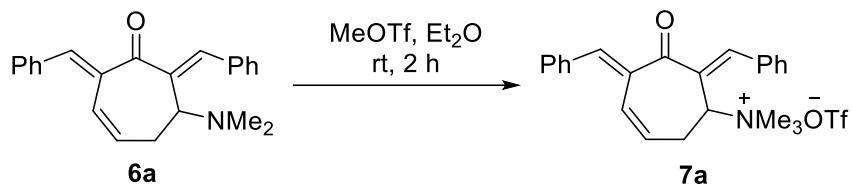
Mechanistic studies (Scheme 5)

(a) Control experiments

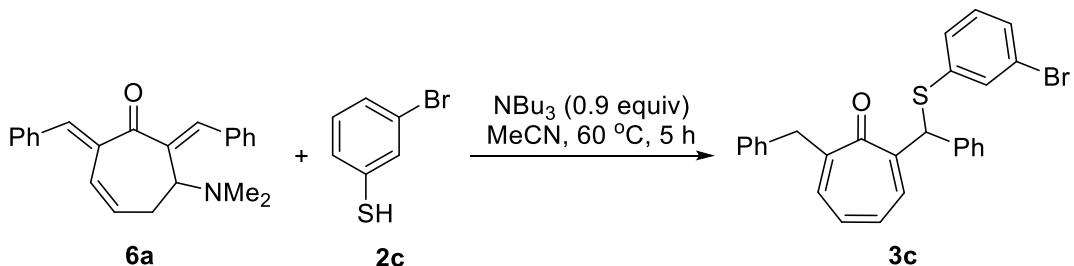


A mixture of 2,4-dibenzylidenetropinone-derived quaternary ammonium salt **1a** (192 mg, 0.40 mmol) and 1,1,3,3-tetramethylguanidine (41.5 mg, 45.4 μL, 0.36 mmol) in 1,2-dichloroethane (2.0 mL) was heated in a sealed tube at 60 °C (oil bath) for 2 h, and cooled to room temperature. The mixture was directly purified by silica gel chromatography, using petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (7/1) as the eluent, to give 2,7-di((E)-benzylidene)-6-(dimethylamino)cyclohept-3-en-1-one (**6a**) as a yellow oil (78.1 mg, 54% yield). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.52 – 7.47 (m, 3H), 7.41 – 7.35 (m, 7H),

7.34 – 7.28 (m, 2H), 6.45 – 6.37 (m, 1H), 5.75 (dt, J = 12.5, 4.5 Hz, 1H), 3.60 (t, J = 4.0 Hz, 1H), 2.94 – 2.86 (m, 1H), 2.66 – 2.59 (m, 1H), 2.18 (s, 6H). ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 196.0, 145.8, 137.5, 136.5, 136.3, 135.8, 135.4, 130.6, 129.5, 128.6, 128.30, 128.26, 128.2, 126.8, 124.7, 61.2, 43.0, 33.5. HRMS (ESI) m/z: [M+H]⁺ Calcd for $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{24}\text{ON}^+$ 330.1852; Found 330.1859.

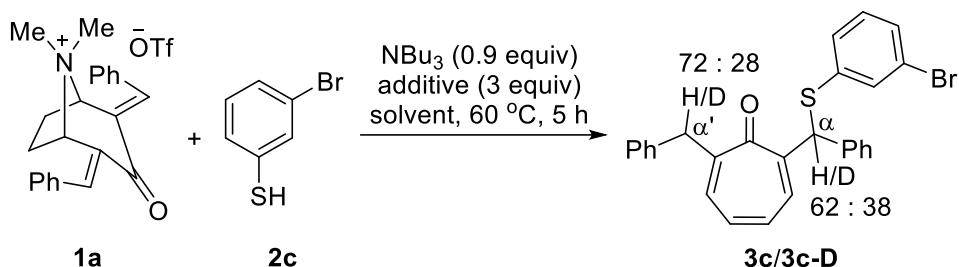


A mixture of aminated trienone **6a** (65.6 mg, 0.20 mmol) and methyl trifluoromethanesulfonate (36.1 mg, 24.9 μL , 0.22 mmol) in diethyl ether (2.0 mL) was stirred in a sealed tube at room temperature for 2 h. The mixture was filtered, washed twice with anhydrous ether, and gave 5,7-di(*(E*)-benzylidene)-*N,N,N*-trimethyl-6-oxocyclohept-3-en-1-aminium triflate **7a** as a white solid (61.3 mg, 62% yield). m.p. 125 – 128 $^\circ\text{C}$. ^1H NMR (500 MHz, $\text{DMSO}-d_6$) δ 7.80 (s, 1H), 7.67 – 7.63 (m, 2H), 7.53 – 7.49 (m, 3H), 7.49 – 7.45 (m, 2H), 7.45 – 7.42 (m, 1H), 7.42 – 7.38 (m, 2H), 7.24 (s, 1H), 6.77 (d, J = 10.5 Hz, 1H), 6.38 – 6.32 (m, 1H), 5.33 (dd, J = 11.5, 7.0 Hz, 1H), 2.95 – 2.88 (m, 2H), 2.91 (s, 9H). ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, $\text{DMSO}-d_6$) δ 195.7, 141.4, 139.4, 137.9, 134.2, 133.92, 133.91, 131.6, 131.0, 130.6, 129.2, 129.0, 128.92, 128.87, 127.9, 120.7 (q, $J_{\text{C}-\text{F}}$ = 320.3 Hz), 70.1, 50.9, 24.2. ^{19}F NMR (471 MHz, $\text{DMSO}-d_6$) δ -77.76. HRMS (ESI) m/z: [M - OTf]⁺ Calcd for $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{26}\text{ON}^+$ 344.2009; Found 344.2009.

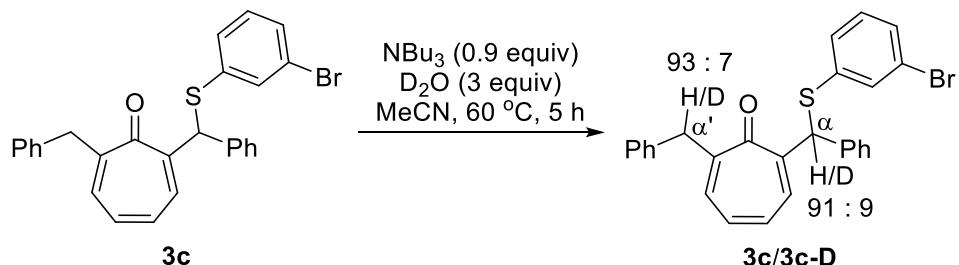


A mixture of aminated trienone **6a** (65.6 mg, 0.20 mmol), 3-bromothiophenol (**2c**) (56.7 mg, 32.0 μL , 0.30 mmol), and tributylamine (33.4 mg, 43.0 μL , 0.18 mmol) in acetonitrile (1.2 mL) was heated in a sealed tube at 60 $^\circ\text{C}$ (oil bath) for 5 h, and cooled to room temperature. The mixture was directly purified by silica gel chromatography, using petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (20/1) as the eluent, to give tropone **3c** as a yellow oil (58.0 mg, 61% yield).

(b) Deuterium-labelling experiments

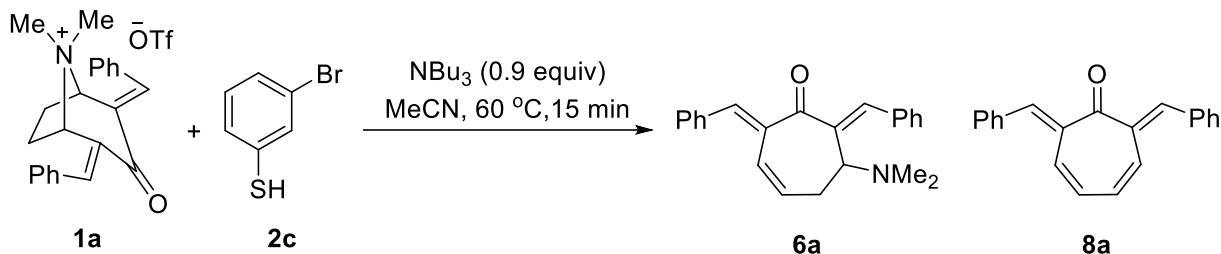


A mixture of 2,4-dibenzylidenetropinone-derived quaternary ammonium salt **1a** (95.8 mg, 0.20 mmol), 3-bromothiophenol (**2c**) (56.7 mg, 32.0 μ L, 0.30 mmol), D_2O (12.0 mg, 12.0 μ L, 0.60 mmol), and tributylamine (33.4 mg, 43.0 μ L, 0.18 mmol) in acetonitrile (1.2 mL) was heated in a sealed tube at 60 °C (oil bath) for 5 h, and cooled to room temperature. The mixture was directly purified by silica gel chromatography, using petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (20/1) as the eluent, to give tropone **3c/3c-D** as a yellow oil (74.1 mg, 78% yield) with 38% and 28% deuteration rates at the α - and α' -benzylic positions according to ^1H NMR spectroscopic analysis. ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.68 (dd, $J = 8.5, 2.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.47 (d, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 2H), 7.40 – 7.37 (m, 1H), 7.32 – 7.23 (m, 5H), 7.23 – 7.19 (m, 2H), 7.16 (d, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 2H), 7.13 (dd, $J = 7.5, 1.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.08 – 7.04 (m, 1H), 6.99 (t, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 6.95 – 6.89 (m, 1H), 6.89 – 6.83 (m, 1H), 6.33 (s, 0.62H), 4.06 – 3.96 (m, 1.44H).



A mixture of tropone **3c** (94.7 mg, 0.20 mmol), D_2O (12.0 mg, 12.0 μ L, 0.60 mmol), and tributylamine (33.4 mg, 43.0 μ L, 0.18 mmol) in acetonitrile (1.2 mL) was heated in a sealed tube at 60 °C (oil bath) for 5 h, and cooled to room temperature. The mixture was directly purified by silica gel chromatography, using petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (20/1) as the eluent, to give tropone **3c/3c-D** as a yellow oil with 9% and 7% deuteration rates at the α - and α' -benzylic positions according to ^1H NMR spectroscopic analysis. ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.69 (dd, $J = 8.5, 1.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.46 (dd, $J = 7.5, 1.5$ Hz, 2H), 7.31 – 7.20 (m, 9H), 7.18 – 7.14 (m, 2H), 7.11 – 7.05 (m, 3H), 6.96 – 6.90 (m, 1H), 6.89 – 6.83 (m, 1H), 6.30 (s, 0.91H), 4.07 – 3.94 (m, 1.86H).

ESI-MS analysis of the reaction mixture (Scheme 6)



A mixture of 2,4-dibenzylidenetropinone-derived quaternary ammonium salt **1a** (95.8 mg, 0.20 mmol), 3-bromothiophenol (**2c**) (56.7 mg, 32.0 μL , 0.30 mmol), and tributylamine (33.4 mg, 43.0 μL , 0.18 mmol) in acetonitrile (1.2 mL) was heated in a sealed tube at 60°C (oil bath) for 15 min, and cooled to room temperature. The mixture was subjected to electron spray ionization-mass spectrometric analysis. We tentatively assigned the following two intermediates:

Intermediate **6a**: HRMS (ESI) m/z: $[\text{M}]^+$ Calcd for $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{23}\text{NO}^+$ 329.1774; Found 329.1782.

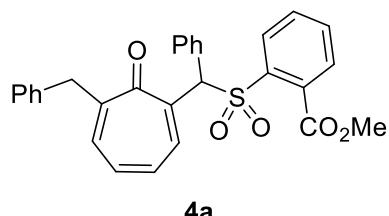
Intermediate **8a**: HRMS (ESI) m/z: $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ Calcd for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{17}\text{O}^+$ 285.1274; Found 285.1277.

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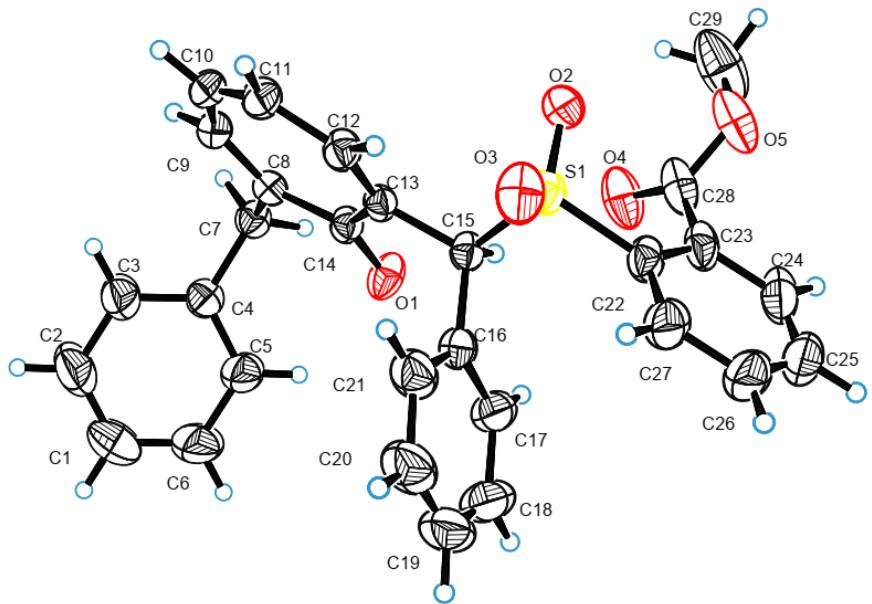
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Crystallographic data

The crystal of compound **4a** was obtained by leaving alone its solution in chloroform and methanol at room temperature in the open air for one week. The crystal data of compound **4a** have been deposited in CCDC with number 2260119.



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Molecular structure of compound **4a** was obtained by single-crystal X-ray diffraction studies with the ellipsoid contour at 35% probability levels.

Table 1 Crystal data and structure refinement for HL-DER-M_auto.

Identification code	HL-DER-M_auto
Empirical formula	C ₂₉ H ₂₄ O ₅ S
Formula weight	484.54
Temperature/K	293(2)
Crystal system	monoclinic
Space group	P2 ₁ /n
a/Å	12.2396(3)
b/Å	7.38829(13)
c/Å	27.2180(5)
α/°	90
β/°	92.5426(19)
γ/°	90
Volume/Å ³	2458.90(8)
Z	4
ρ _{calc} g/cm ³	1.309
μ/mm ⁻¹	1.482
F(000)	1016.0

Crystal size/mm ³	0.25 × 0.22 × 0.21
Radiation	Cu Kα ($\lambda = 1.54184$)
2Θ range for data collection/ ^o	7.796 to 145.684
Index ranges	-14 ≤ h ≤ 15, -8 ≤ k ≤ 6, -30 ≤ l ≤ 33
Reflections collected	8851
Independent reflections	4740 [R _{int} = 0.0263, R _{sigma} = 0.0334]
Data/restraints/parameters	4740/0/318
Goodness-of-fit on F ²	1.043
Final R indexes [I>=2σ (I)]	R ₁ = 0.0436, wR ₂ = 0.1144
Final R indexes [all data]	R ₁ = 0.0554, wR ₂ = 0.1250
Largest diff. peak/hole / e Å ⁻³	0.21/-0.27

Table 2 Fractional Atomic Coordinates ($\times 10^4$) and Equivalent Isotropic Displacement Parameters (Å² $\times 10^3$) for HL-DER-M_auto. U_{eq} is defined as 1/3 of the trace of the orthogonalised U_{IJ} tensor.

Atom	x	y	z	U(eq)
S1	7531.2(4)	5528.5(6)	3600.1(2)	49.69(15)
O2	8679.4(12)	5548(2)	3514.5(5)	62.6(4)
O1	7996.7(13)	7672.6(17)	5066.3(5)	62.0(4)
O3	6925.6(15)	3919(2)	3483.9(6)	71.0(4)
O5	9318.8(18)	9293(3)	2993.8(6)	91.5(6)
O4	8825.6(18)	9554(3)	3772.7(6)	87.7(6)
C13	7942.9(14)	5007(2)	4609.3(6)	41.0(4)
C8	8899.6(14)	5337(2)	5482.4(7)	44.0(4)
C12	8073.1(16)	3210(2)	4529.0(7)	48.3(4)
C15	7351.1(14)	6222(2)	4229.6(6)	43.3(4)
C14	8266.4(14)	6063(2)	5052.7(6)	42.9(4)
C7	9133.5(16)	6686(3)	5889.1(7)	51.5(4)
C16	6151.1(16)	6540(3)	4317.2(7)	52.3(4)
C10	9132.4(17)	2037(3)	5262.3(8)	55.1(5)
C4	8201.7(17)	6819(3)	6237.0(7)	54.7(5)
C11	8591.9(17)	1851(2)	4823.7(8)	54.0(5)

Atom	x	y	z	U(eq)
C9	9279.5(16)	3619(3)	5551.2(7)	50.7(4)
C22	6899.3(18)	7316(3)	3255.8(7)	53.9(5)
C23	7473(2)	8875(3)	3145.2(7)	61.8(5)
C28	8597(2)	9259(3)	3349.5(8)	71.2(7)
C27	5831(2)	7066(4)	3081.6(9)	72.9(6)
C21	5418.1(19)	5120(4)	4327.1(10)	71.7(6)
C17	5784(2)	8293(4)	4377.8(9)	69.5(6)
C5	7429(2)	8179(4)	6195.2(10)	77.0(7)
C24	6950(3)	10172(4)	2847.2(9)	87.3(9)
C3	8121(3)	5596(4)	6611.5(10)	84.5(8)
C26	5331(3)	8394(5)	2792.8(10)	97.7(10)
C25	5892(3)	9925(5)	2674.9(11)	104.6(12)
C20	4318(2)	5450(6)	4386.8(12)	97.2(10)
C19	3958(2)	7189(6)	4446.4(12)	104.2(12)
C18	4679(2)	8599(5)	4448.8(11)	94.4(10)
C1	6508(3)	7027(6)	6880.3(14)	117.1(12)
C2	7271(3)	5699(5)	6932.4(13)	116.9(13)
C6	6590(3)	8277(5)	6517.5(13)	106.0(11)
C29	10415(3)	9737(6)	3149.5(14)	131.6(16)

Table 3 Anisotropic Displacement Parameters ($\text{\AA}^2 \times 10^3$) for HL-DER-M_auto. The Anisotropic displacement factor exponent takes the form: $-2\pi^2[h^2a^*{}^2U_{11} + 2hka^*b^*U_{12} + \dots]$.

Atom	U₁₁	U₂₂	U₃₃	U₂₃	U₁₃	U₁₂
S1	65.9(3)	43.9(2)	39.1(2)	-1.44(18)	0.54(19)	1.9(2)
O2	68.3(9)	74.3(9)	45.8(8)	0.8(7)	8.3(6)	12.8(7)
O1	94.6(11)	37.6(7)	52.7(8)	-1.7(6)	-10.3(7)	9.2(6)
O3	105.2(12)	49.6(8)	57.4(9)	-7.5(7)	-7.3(8)	-11.7(8)
O5	125.3(16)	101.5(13)	49.1(9)	-8.1(9)	21.1(9)	-50.1(12)
O4	132.2(16)	88.3(12)	42.9(9)	-9.2(8)	6.8(9)	-30.7(11)
C13	45.7(8)	37.2(8)	40.5(9)	2.9(7)	6.6(7)	-1.2(7)
C8	43.8(9)	47.0(9)	41.5(9)	1.3(7)	6.1(7)	0.6(7)
C12	60.6(11)	38.9(8)	45.6(10)	-0.2(7)	5.9(8)	-0.5(8)
C15	52.4(9)	38.4(8)	39.1(9)	1.2(7)	1.3(7)	-0.9(7)

Atom	U₁₁	U₂₂	U₃₃	U₂₃	U₁₃	U₁₂
C14	51.0(9)	36.7(8)	41.2(9)	2.3(7)	4.7(7)	0.3(7)
C7	55.1(10)	53.1(10)	46.1(10)	-1.1(8)	-1.2(8)	0.4(8)
C16	53.4(10)	62.1(11)	41.1(10)	4.3(8)	-0.3(8)	4.3(9)
C10	66.9(12)	42.1(9)	57.2(12)	9.0(8)	13.1(9)	13.7(8)
C4	63.9(12)	57.2(11)	42.9(10)	-7.0(8)	0.1(8)	2.8(9)
C11	70.7(12)	35.0(8)	57.1(12)	0.8(8)	13.0(9)	5.3(8)
C9	54.4(10)	52.3(10)	45.7(10)	6.8(8)	5.8(8)	7.7(8)
C22	73.4(13)	53.8(10)	34.2(9)	-0.8(8)	-1.2(8)	7.1(9)
C23	100.6(17)	51.8(11)	33.6(9)	-0.1(8)	9.5(10)	5.4(11)
C28	121(2)	50.4(11)	42.8(11)	-1.5(9)	15.2(12)	-20.7(12)
C27	78.5(15)	87.0(16)	52.3(13)	-1.8(11)	-7.0(11)	11.2(13)
C21	59.4(12)	86.6(15)	69.3(15)	8.7(13)	4.8(11)	-10.1(12)
C17	68.4(14)	77.4(14)	62.5(14)	-0.9(11)	1.2(11)	20.2(11)
C5	82.8(16)	86.1(16)	62.5(14)	0.1(12)	7.1(12)	26.0(13)
C24	149(3)	64.1(14)	50.3(14)	13.0(11)	21.0(16)	24.3(16)
C3	112(2)	77.4(16)	65.9(15)	11.1(13)	25.9(14)	18.2(15)
C26	97(2)	137(3)	57.4(15)	7.5(17)	-7.5(14)	46(2)
C25	144(3)	113(2)	57.7(16)	21.5(16)	14.5(18)	66(2)
C20	58.1(15)	146(3)	88(2)	15(2)	6.7(13)	-16.8(17)
C19	55.2(15)	177(4)	81(2)	15(2)	9.4(13)	19(2)
C18	80.0(18)	123(2)	79.6(19)	-3.0(17)	0.2(14)	45.2(19)
C1	120(3)	144(3)	92(2)	-4(2)	54(2)	23(2)
C2	160(3)	109(2)	87(2)	21.6(19)	64(2)	17(2)
C6	102(2)	134(3)	85(2)	-4(2)	26.1(17)	48(2)
C29	136(3)	179(4)	80(2)	-7(2)	18(2)	-89(3)

Table 4 Bond Lengths for HL-DER-M_auto.

Atom	Atom	Length/Å	Atom	Atom	Length/Å
S1	O2	1.4348(16)	C10	C11	1.346(3)
S1	O3	1.4292(15)	C10	C9	1.416(3)
S1	C15	1.8112(18)	C4	C5	1.381(3)
S1	C22	1.776(2)	C4	C3	1.369(3)
O1	C14	1.235(2)	C22	C23	1.389(3)

Atom	Atom	Length/Å	Atom	Atom	Length/Å
O5	C28	1.339(3)	C22	C27	1.384(3)
O5	C29	1.427(4)	C23	C28	1.488(4)
O4	C28	1.193(3)	C23	C24	1.393(3)
C13	C12	1.356(2)	C27	C26	1.383(4)
C13	C15	1.527(2)	C21	C20	1.385(4)
C13	C14	1.477(2)	C17	C18	1.393(4)
C8	C14	1.475(2)	C5	C6	1.382(4)
C8	C7	1.508(3)	C24	C25	1.369(5)
C8	C9	1.361(3)	C3	C2	1.390(4)
C12	C11	1.417(3)	C26	C25	1.368(5)
C15	C16	1.517(3)	C20	C19	1.371(5)
C7	C4	1.517(3)	C19	C18	1.365(5)
C16	C21	1.381(3)	C1	C2	1.357(5)
C16	C17	1.384(3)	C1	C6	1.359(5)

Table 5 Bond Angles for HL-DER-M_auto.

Atom	Atom	Atom	Angle/°	Atom	Atom	Atom	Angle/°
O2	S1	C15	108.18(9)	C3	C4	C5	118.0(2)
O2	S1	C22	108.26(10)	C10	C11	C12	128.32(18)
O3	S1	O2	118.33(10)	C8	C9	C10	131.21(18)
O3	S1	C15	111.18(9)	C23	C22	S1	121.20(17)
O3	S1	C22	106.99(10)	C27	C22	S1	117.66(17)
C22	S1	C15	102.72(8)	C27	C22	C23	121.1(2)
C28	O5	C29	115.5(2)	C22	C23	C28	123.06(19)
C12	C13	C15	121.48(17)	C22	C23	C24	118.2(3)
C12	C13	C14	128.32(17)	C24	C23	C28	118.7(2)
C14	C13	C15	110.13(14)	O5	C28	C23	111.2(2)
C14	C8	C7	114.66(15)	O4	C28	O5	124.1(3)
C9	C8	C14	127.77(17)	O4	C28	C23	124.7(2)
C9	C8	C7	117.57(17)	C26	C27	C22	119.2(3)
C13	C12	C11	130.92(19)	C16	C21	C20	120.3(3)
C13	C15	S1	113.56(12)	C16	C17	C18	119.4(3)
C16	C15	S1	110.60(12)	C4	C5	C6	120.7(3)

Atom	Atom	Atom	Angle/°	Atom	Atom	Atom	Angle/°
C16	C15	C13	114.71(15)	C25	C24	C23	120.7(3)
O1	C14	C13	118.10(16)	C4	C3	C2	120.8(3)
O1	C14	C8	117.29(16)	C25	C26	C27	120.4(3)
C8	C14	C13	124.61(15)	C26	C25	C24	120.4(3)
C8	C7	C4	112.17(16)	C19	C20	C21	119.9(3)
C21	C16	C15	121.34(19)	C18	C19	C20	120.4(3)
C21	C16	C17	119.6(2)	C19	C18	C17	120.4(3)
C17	C16	C15	119.04(19)	C2	C1	C6	119.6(3)
C11	C10	C9	128.48(17)	C1	C2	C3	120.3(3)
C5	C4	C7	121.8(2)	C1	C6	C5	120.4(3)
C3	C4	C7	120.2(2)				

Table 6 Torsion Angles for HL-DER-M_auto.

A	B	C	D	Angle/°	A	B	C	D	Angle/°
S1	C15	C16	C21	70.0(2)	C7	C8	C9	C10	174.82(19)
S1	C15	C16	C17	-108.58(19)	C7	C4	C5	C6	-179.7(3)
S1	C22	C23	C28	-7.1(3)	C7	C4	C3	C2	-179.9(3)
S1	C22	C23	C24	175.94(17)	C16	C21	C20	C19	-1.3(5)
S1	C22	C27	C26	-177.0(2)	C16	C17	C18	C19	-1.6(4)
O2	S1	C15	C13	-59.09(14)	C4	C5	C6	C1	-0.4(5)
O2	S1	C15	C16	170.29(13)	C4	C3	C2	C1	-0.4(6)
O2	S1	C22	C23	-28.39(19)	C11	C10	C9	C8	2.7(4)
O2	S1	C22	C27	148.60(17)	C9	C8	C14	O1	179.67(19)
O3	S1	C15	C13	72.43(15)	C9	C8	C14	C13	-0.8(3)
O3	S1	C15	C16	-58.19(15)	C9	C8	C7	C4	-94.3(2)
O3	S1	C22	C23	-156.96(16)	C9	C10	C11	C12	3.1(4)
O3	S1	C22	C27	20.0(2)	C22	S1	C15	C13	-173.44(13)
C13	C12	C11	C10	-2.6(4)	C22	S1	C15	C16	55.94(15)
C13	C15	C16	C21	-60.0(2)	C22	C23	C28	O5	115.0(2)
C13	C15	C16	C17	121.4(2)	C22	C23	C28	O4	-67.0(3)
C8	C7	C4	C5	-98.4(2)	C22	C23	C24	C25	1.0(4)
C8	C7	C4	C3	83.0(3)	C22	C27	C26	C25	0.9(4)
C12	C13	C15	S1	-32.6(2)	C23	C22	C27	C26	0.0(3)

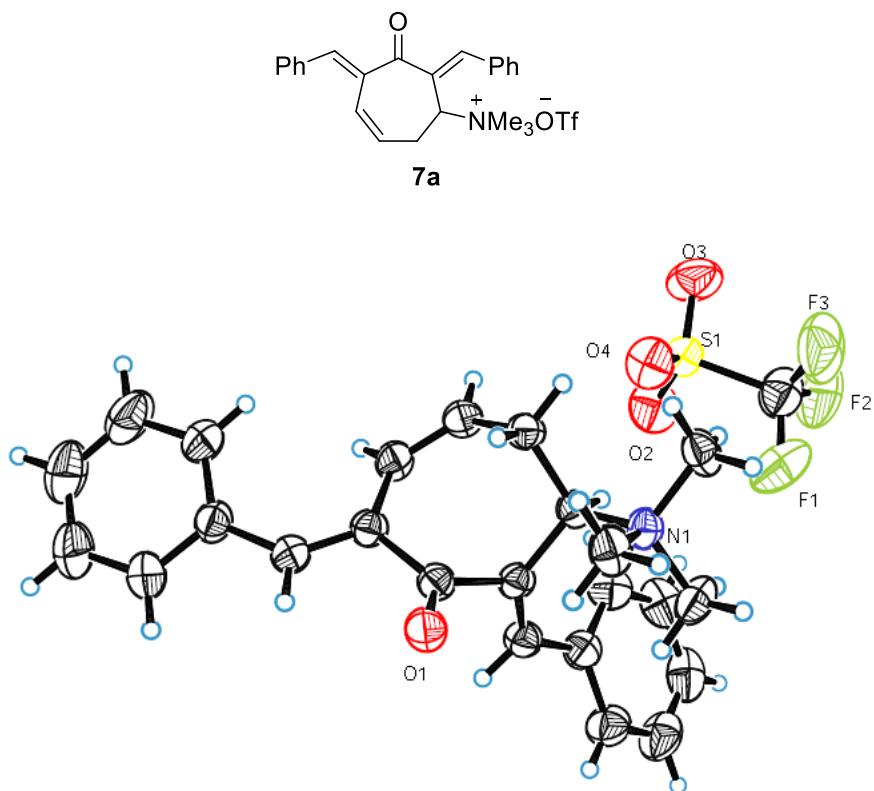
A	B	C	D	Angle/°	A	B	C	D	Angle/°
C12	C13	C15	C16	95.9(2)	C23	C24	C25	C26	0.0(4)
C12	C13	C14	O1	-174.46(19)	C28	C23	C24	C25	-176.1(2)
C12	C13	C14	C8	6.0(3)	C27	C22	C23	C28	176.0(2)
C15	S1	C22	C23	85.89(17)	C27	C22	C23	C24	-1.0(3)
C15	S1	C22	C27	-97.11(18)	C27	C26	C25	C24	-0.9(5)
C15	C13	C12	C11	179.53(19)	C21	C16	C17	C18	0.1(3)
C15	C13	C14	O1	2.6(2)	C21	C20	C19	C18	-0.2(5)
C15	C13	C14	C8	-176.92(16)	C17	C16	C21	C20	1.4(4)
C15	C16	C21	C20	-177.2(2)	C5	C4	C3	C2	1.5(5)
C15	C16	C17	C18	178.7(2)	C24	C23	C28	O5	-68.0(3)
C14	C13	C12	C11	-3.7(3)	C24	C23	C28	O4	109.9(3)
C14	C13	C15	S1	150.06(12)	C3	C4	C5	C6	-1.1(4)
C14	C13	C15	C16	-81.40(18)	C20	C19	C18	C17	1.7(5)
C14	C8	C7	C4	85.3(2)	C2	C1	C6	C5	1.5(7)
C14	C8	C9	C10	-4.7(3)	C6	C1	C2	C3	-1.2(7)
C7	C8	C14	O1	0.2(2)	C29	O5	C28	O4	-0.8(4)
C7	C8	C14	C13	179.71(16)	C29	O5	C28	C23	177.2(3)

Table 7 Hydrogen Atom Coordinates ($\text{\AA} \times 10^4$) and Isotropic Displacement Parameters ($\text{\AA}^2 \times 10^3$) for HL-DER-M_auto.

Atom	x	y	z	U(eq)
H12	7771	2799	4230	58
H15	7702	7411	4263	52
H7A	9259	7867	5746	62
H7B	9796	6332	6073	62
H10	9451	989	5393	66
H11	8554	682	4698	65
H9	9711	3457	5838	61
H27	5453	6017	3158	88
H21	5664	3937	4293	86
H17	6270	9259	4371	83
H5	7475	9039	5947	92
H24	7323	11218	2764	105

Atom	<i>x</i>	<i>y</i>	<i>z</i>	U(eq)
H3	8642	4685	6652	101
H26	4610	8247	2678	117
H25	5553	10802	2477	126
H20	3824	4493	4386	117
H19	3219	7410	4486	125
H18	4430	9772	4498	113
H1	5933	7080	7092	140
H2	7224	4855	7184	140
H6	6079	9205	6486	127
H29A	10889	9548	2882	197
H29B	10644	8979	3421	197
H29C	10450	10983	3249	197

The crystal of compound **7a** was obtained by leaving alone its solution in chloroform and hexane at room temperature in the open air for two days. The crystal data of compound **7a** have been deposited in CCDC with number 2260124.



Molecular structure of compound **7a** was obtained by single-crystal X-ray diffraction studies with the ellipsoid contour at 35% probability levels.

Table 1 Crystal data and structure refinement for hl-1_autored.

Identification code	hl-1_autored
Empirical formula	C ₂₅ H ₂₆ F ₃ NO ₄ S
Formula weight	493.53
Temperature/K	293(2)
Crystal system	monoclinic
Space group	P2 ₁ /c
a/Å	15.2016(2)
b/Å	16.5260(2)
c/Å	11.22516(19)
α/°	90
β/°	103.2304(16)
γ/°	90
Volume/Å ³	2745.15(7)
Z	4
ρ _{calcd} g/cm ³	1.194
μ/mm ⁻¹	1.474
F(000)	1032.0
Crystal size/mm ³	0.22 × 0.15 × 0.14
Radiation	Cu Kα ($\lambda = 1.54184$)
2θ range for data collection/°	8.02 to 145.978
Index ranges	-17 ≤ h ≤ 18, -12 ≤ k ≤ 20, -13 ≤ l ≤ 12
Reflections collected	10398
Independent reflections	5335 [R _{int} = 0.0190, R _{sigma} = 0.0263]
Data/restraints/parameters	5335/0/311
Goodness-of-fit on F ²	1.081
Final R indexes [I>=2σ (I)]	R ₁ = 0.0503, wR ₂ = 0.1484
Final R indexes [all data]	R ₁ = 0.0568, wR ₂ = 0.1555
Largest diff. peak/hole / e Å ⁻³	0.36/-0.25

Table 2 Fractional Atomic Coordinates ($\times 10^4$) and Equivalent Isotropic Displacement Parameters ($\text{\AA}^2 \times 10^3$) for hl-1_autored. U_{eq} is defined as 1/3 of the trace of the orthogonalised U_{IJ} tensor.

Atom	x	y	z	U(eq)
S1	-828.4(3)	3358.0(3)	2897.9(5)	59.65(18)
O1	3931.0(9)	5321.3(8)	4829.1(14)	64.4(4)
N1	1440.2(10)	5693.0(9)	3304.5(14)	50.4(4)
O4	-248.9(12)	3916.3(11)	3657.2(17)	85.7(5)
C6	1708.4(11)	4825.5(10)	3785.0(16)	46.2(4)
C2	3536.0(12)	4123.2(11)	5771.7(17)	49.3(4)
O2	-382.4(15)	2748.6(11)	2367(2)	100.6(6)
C7	2654.7(12)	4607.6(10)	3677.6(16)	47.1(4)
C5	1633.7(12)	4718.8(11)	5106.1(17)	51.6(4)
C3	2753.9(13)	3613.3(11)	5816.0(19)	56.0(4)
C1	3416.6(12)	4752.6(10)	4791.2(17)	49.0(4)
F1	-726.3(19)	4310.7(14)	1090(2)	139.9(8)
C4	1901.8(13)	3869.4(12)	5510.2(19)	57.3(5)
C15	4386.2(13)	4022.1(12)	6438.3(17)	54.3(4)
O3	-1557.9(15)	3074.2(16)	3367(2)	114.7(8)
C8	2888.4(13)	4224.4(12)	2743.1(18)	56.5(4)
F2	-1902.2(18)	3559.4(19)	760.1(19)	159.5(10)
C9	2328.8(14)	3902.6(12)	1598.3(19)	58.5(5)
C23	498.9(13)	5875.5(13)	3443(2)	65.5(5)
F3	-1814(2)	4565.3(16)	1958(2)	161.9(11)
C22	2065.6(14)	6330.6(11)	3977(2)	64.8(5)
C16	4753.3(14)	3437.2(13)	7391.5(18)	59.7(5)
C24	1439.4(19)	5744.3(15)	1974(2)	74.9(6)
C14	2623.5(19)	4007.4(17)	522(2)	78.4(7)
C11	1038.5(19)	3175.2(16)	441(3)	84.0(7)
C17	4250.6(18)	3040.7(17)	8106(2)	78.2(7)
C12	1327(2)	3287.8(18)	-610(3)	90.2(8)
C13	2115(2)	3705(2)	-573(2)	95.0(9)
C21	5678.6(17)	3281.7(19)	7618(2)	86.4(8)

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Atom	x	y	z	U(eq)
C25	-1350(2)	3971(2)	1599(3)	93.7(8)
C18	4657(3)	2489(2)	8985(3)	105.6(10)
C19	5566(3)	2322(2)	9154(3)	118.5(12)
C20	6076(2)	2716(2)	8484(3)	116.0(12)
C10	1533.9(17)	3470.7(13)	1545(2)	72.0(6)

Table 3 Anisotropic Displacement Parameters ($\text{\AA}^2 \times 10^3$) for hl-1_autored. The Anisotropic displacement factor exponent takes the form: $-2\pi^2[h^2a^*{}^2U_{11}+2hka^*b^*U_{12}+\dots]$.

Atom	U_{11}	U_{22}	U_{33}	U_{23}	U_{13}	U_{12}
S1	66.2(3)	51.0(3)	59.2(3)	-5.6(2)	9.0(2)	-8.2(2)
O1	55.0(7)	57.9(8)	77.2(9)	15.1(7)	8.6(6)	-10.2(6)
N1	53.9(8)	42.3(7)	53.4(8)	3.7(6)	9.2(6)	3.2(6)
O4	90.8(11)	75.5(10)	82.7(11)	-18.5(9)	3.4(9)	-20.5(9)
C6	49.2(9)	37.9(8)	51.2(9)	1.3(7)	11.1(7)	0.6(7)
C2	51.5(9)	45.3(9)	52.0(9)	3.7(7)	13.8(7)	1.9(7)
O2	124.6(16)	63.7(10)	113.2(15)	-16.2(10)	26.9(12)	15.5(10)
C7	50.5(9)	42.1(8)	49.8(9)	5.6(7)	14.0(7)	0.8(7)
C5	51.3(9)	50.5(9)	56.4(10)	4.9(8)	19.2(8)	2.3(7)
C3	59.8(10)	43.0(9)	64.5(11)	12.4(8)	13.0(9)	-2.1(8)
C1	46.9(9)	46.0(9)	55.2(10)	5.4(7)	13.8(7)	0.8(7)
F1	201(2)	123.7(16)	104.2(14)	35.8(12)	54.5(15)	-11.7(16)
C4	55.6(10)	52.0(10)	65.9(12)	12.7(9)	16.8(9)	-7.7(8)
C15	54.1(10)	56.2(10)	53.0(10)	5.2(8)	13.4(8)	-0.8(8)
O3	103.7(14)	143.7(19)	103.2(15)	11.5(14)	37.3(12)	-46.1(14)
C8	56.3(10)	57.5(10)	58.3(11)	3.3(8)	18.8(8)	4.8(8)
F2	166(2)	191(2)	86.6(13)	-6.7(14)	-42.6(13)	0.7(18)
C9	66.4(11)	53.6(10)	57.8(11)	-1.9(8)	18.9(9)	13.5(9)
C23	51.3(10)	54.8(11)	88.0(15)	7.3(10)	11.0(10)	8.7(8)

Table 3 Anisotropic Displacement Parameters ($\text{\AA}^2 \times 10^3$) for hl-1_autored. The Anisotropic displacement factor exponent takes the form: $-2\pi^2[h^2a^*{}^2U_{11} + 2hka^*b^*U_{12} + \dots]$.

Atom	U₁₁	U₂₂	U₃₃	U₂₃	U₁₃	U₁₂
F3	192(2)	137.8(18)	145.0(19)	23.3(16)	17.0(17)	91.1(19)
C22	62.5(11)	42.1(9)	84.3(14)	5.5(9)	5.7(10)	-3.5(8)
C16	62.9(11)	61.1(11)	52.9(10)	7.8(9)	8.6(9)	5.5(9)
C24	103.2(17)	66.6(13)	54.1(12)	15.4(10)	16.1(11)	16.9(12)
C14	88.9(16)	87.9(16)	63.4(13)	-2.1(12)	28.1(12)	10.7(13)
C11	83.1(16)	66.1(13)	98.0(19)	-26.5(13)	11.0(14)	8.0(12)
C17	78.3(15)	87.8(16)	68.5(14)	24.5(12)	16.7(11)	0.9(12)
C12	99(2)	84.0(17)	76.2(17)	-19.7(14)	-3.9(14)	28.7(15)
C13	124(2)	105(2)	56.7(13)	-3.7(14)	22.5(14)	32.0(19)
C21	64.9(13)	113(2)	77.2(15)	23.1(15)	7.9(11)	15.6(13)
C25	109(2)	90.8(19)	77.4(17)	0.4(15)	12.6(16)	11.1(17)
C18	135(3)	97(2)	80.5(18)	37.7(16)	13.9(18)	-7.9(19)
C19	130(3)	105(2)	105(2)	44(2)	-4(2)	31(2)
C20	94(2)	140(3)	105(2)	36(2)	2.9(18)	44(2)
C10	84.4(15)	56.6(11)	78.5(15)	-15.3(10)	25.8(12)	1.6(11)

Table 4 Bond Lengths for hl-1_autored.

Atom	Atom	Length/ \AA	Atom	Atom	Length/ \AA
S1	O4	1.4179(16)	F1	C25	1.337(4)
S1	O2	1.4188(19)	C15	C16	1.455(3)
S1	O3	1.4124(19)	C8	C9	1.469(3)
S1	C25	1.804(3)	F2	C25	1.301(4)
O1	C1	1.217(2)	C9	C14	1.392(3)
N1	C6	1.553(2)	C9	C10	1.393(3)
N1	C23	1.505(2)	F3	C25	1.323(4)
N1	C22	1.502(2)	C16	C17	1.392(3)
N1	C24	1.496(3)	C16	C21	1.395(3)
C6	C7	1.514(2)	C14	C13	1.387(4)
C6	C5	1.523(3)	C11	C12	1.362(4)

Table 4 Bond Lengths for hl-1_autored.

Atom	Atom	Length/Å	Atom	Atom	Length/Å
C2	C3	1.467(3)	C11	C10	1.383(3)
C2	C1	1.495(2)	C17	C18	1.380(4)
C2	C15	1.347(3)	C12	C13	1.374(4)
C7	C1	1.516(3)	C21	C20	1.384(4)
C7	C8	1.341(3)	C18	C19	1.379(5)
C5	C4	1.503(3)	C19	C20	1.362(5)
C3	C4	1.331(3)			

Table 5 Bond Angles for hl-1_autored.

Atom	Atom	Atom	Atom Angle/°	Atom	Atom	Atom	Atom Angle/°
O4	S1	O2	115.05(13)	C3	C4	C5	123.76(17)
O4	S1	C25	102.59(13)	C2	C15	C16	130.43(18)
O2	S1	C25	102.93(14)	C7	C8	C9	130.64(18)
O3	S1	O4	115.13(13)	C14	C9	C8	118.5(2)
O3	S1	O2	114.35(15)	C14	C9	C10	118.3(2)
O3	S1	C25	104.51(16)	C10	C9	C8	123.12(19)
C23	N1	C6	109.24(14)	C17	C16	C15	124.6(2)
C22	N1	C6	112.80(13)	C17	C16	C21	118.2(2)
C22	N1	C23	108.38(16)	C21	C16	C15	117.2(2)
C24	N1	C6	109.83(14)	C13	C14	C9	119.9(3)
C24	N1	C23	107.94(17)	C12	C11	C10	120.7(3)
C24	N1	C22	108.53(17)	C18	C17	C16	120.5(3)
C7	C6	N1	111.75(13)	C11	C12	C13	119.5(3)
C7	C6	C5	109.50(14)	C12	C13	C14	120.9(3)
C5	C6	N1	111.89(14)	C20	C21	C16	120.8(3)
C3	C2	C1	117.50(16)	F1	C25	S1	110.9(2)
C15	C2	C3	126.26(17)	F2	C25	S1	112.5(2)
C15	C2	C1	115.76(16)	F2	C25	F1	108.3(3)
C6	C7	C1	117.21(15)	F2	C25	F3	108.0(3)
C8	C7	C6	126.95(17)	F3	C25	S1	109.7(2)

Table 5 Bond Angles for hl-1_autored.

Atom	Atom	Atom	Angle/°	Atom	Atom	Atom	Angle/°
C8	C7	C1	115.49(16)	F3	C25	F1	107.4(3)
C4	C5	C6	109.06(16)	C19	C18	C17	120.1(3)
C4	C3	C2	123.84(17)	C20	C19	C18	120.5(3)
O1	C1	C2	122.87(17)	C19	C20	C21	119.9(3)
O1	C1	C7	120.96(16)	C11	C10	C9	120.6(2)
C2	C1	C7	115.98(15)				

Table 6 Torsion Angles for hl-1_autored.

A	B	C	D	Angle/°	A	B	C	D	Angle/°
N1	C6	C7	C1	94.25(17)	C15	C2	C1	C7	150.20(17)
N1	C6	C7	C8	-92.9(2)	C15	C16	C17	C18	179.5(3)
N1	C6	C5	C4	179.99(14)	C15	C16	C21	C20	-178.1(3)
O4	S1	C25	F1	56.9(2)	O3	S1	C25	F1	177.4(2)
O4	S1	C25	F2	178.3(2)	O3	S1	C25	F2	-61.2(3)
O4	S1	C25	F3	-61.5(3)	O3	S1	C25	F3	59.0(3)
C6	C7	C1	O1	-104.7(2)	C8	C7	C1	O1	81.6(2)
C6	C7	C1	C2	80.21(19)	C8	C7	C1	C2	-93.5(2)
C6	C7	C8	C9	-0.9(3)	C8	C9	C14	C13	179.5(2)
C6	C5	C4	C3	76.9(3)	C8	C9	C10	C11	-179.4(2)
C2	C3	C4	C5	-1.4(3)	C9	C14	C13	C12	-1.2(4)
C2	C15	C16	C17	-23.9(4)	C23	N1	C6	C7	-179.63(15)
C2	C15	C16	C21	157.7(2)	C23	N1	C6	C5	-56.43(19)
O2	S1	C25	F1	-62.9(2)	C22	N1	C6	C7	-59.0(2)
O2	S1	C25	F2	58.6(3)	C22	N1	C6	C5	64.2(2)
O2	S1	C25	F3	178.7(2)	C16	C17	C18	C19	-0.5(5)
C7	C6	C5	C4	-55.55(19)	C16	C21	C20	C19	-2.1(6)
C7	C8	C9	C14	139.2(2)	C24	N1	C6	C7	62.2(2)
C7	C8	C9	C10	-43.3(3)	C24	N1	C6	C5	-174.64(17)
C5	C6	C7	C1	-30.3(2)	C14	C9	C10	C11	-1.9(3)
C5	C6	C7	C8	142.60(18)	C11	C12	C13	C14	0.5(4)

Table 6 Torsion Angles for hl-1_autored.

A	B	C	D	Angle/ [°]	A	B	C	D	Angle/ [°]
C3	C2	C1	O1	162.56(19)	C17	C16	C21	C20	3.5(4)
C3	C2	C1	C7	-22.4(2)	C17	C18	C19	C20	2.0(6)
C3	C2	C15	C16	-3.4(3)	C12	C11	C10	C9	1.2(4)
C1	C2	C3	C4	-33.4(3)	C21	C16	C17	C18	-2.2(4)
C1	C2	C15	C16	-175.3(2)	C18	C19	C20	C21	-0.7(6)
C1	C7	C8	C9	172.08(19)	C10	C9	C14	C13	1.9(4)
C15	C2	C3	C4	154.9(2)	C10	C11	C12	C13	-0.5(4)
C15	C2	C1	O1	-24.8(3)					

Table 7 Hydrogen Atom Coordinates ($\text{\AA} \times 10^4$) and Isotropic Displacement Parameters ($\text{\AA}^2 \times 10^3$) for hl-1_autored.

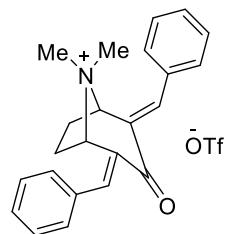
Atom	x	y	z	U(eq)
H6	1288	4445	3279	55
H5A	2027	5102	5628	62
H5B	1018	4821	5170	62
H3	2860	3080	6073	67
H4	1446	3502	5549	69
H15	4806	4385	6261	65
H8	3507	4150	2835	68
H23A	101	5444	3090	98
H23B	294	6373	3031	98
H23C	501	5925	4295	98
H22A	2046	6326	4826	97
H22B	1879	6852	3633	97
H22C	2671	6222	3901	97
H24A	2040	5652	1866	112
H24B	1239	6272	1670	112
H24C	1039	5342	1531	112
H14	3161	4280	538	94
H11	503	2897	416	101
H17	3636	3148	7991	94

Table 7 Hydrogen Atom Coordinates ($\text{\AA} \times 10^4$) and Isotropic Displacement Parameters ($\text{\AA}^2 \times 10^3$) for hl-1_autored.

Atom	x	y	z	U(eq)
H12	993	3084	-1348	108
H13	2309	3786	-1291	114
H21	6033	3562	7182	104
H18	4317	2230	9463	127
H19	5833	1937	9729	142
H20	6690	2604	8609	139
H10	1334	3380	2257	86

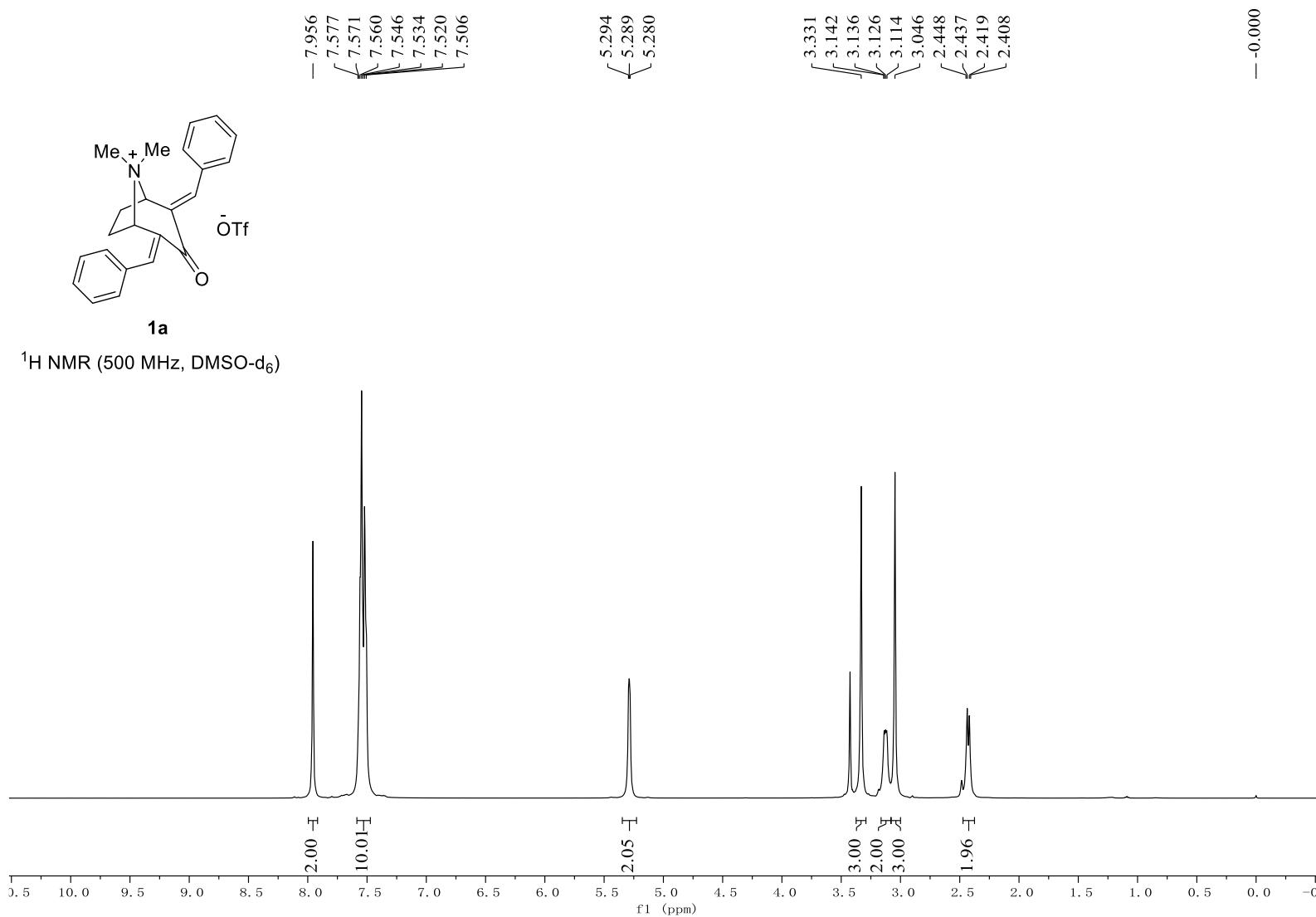
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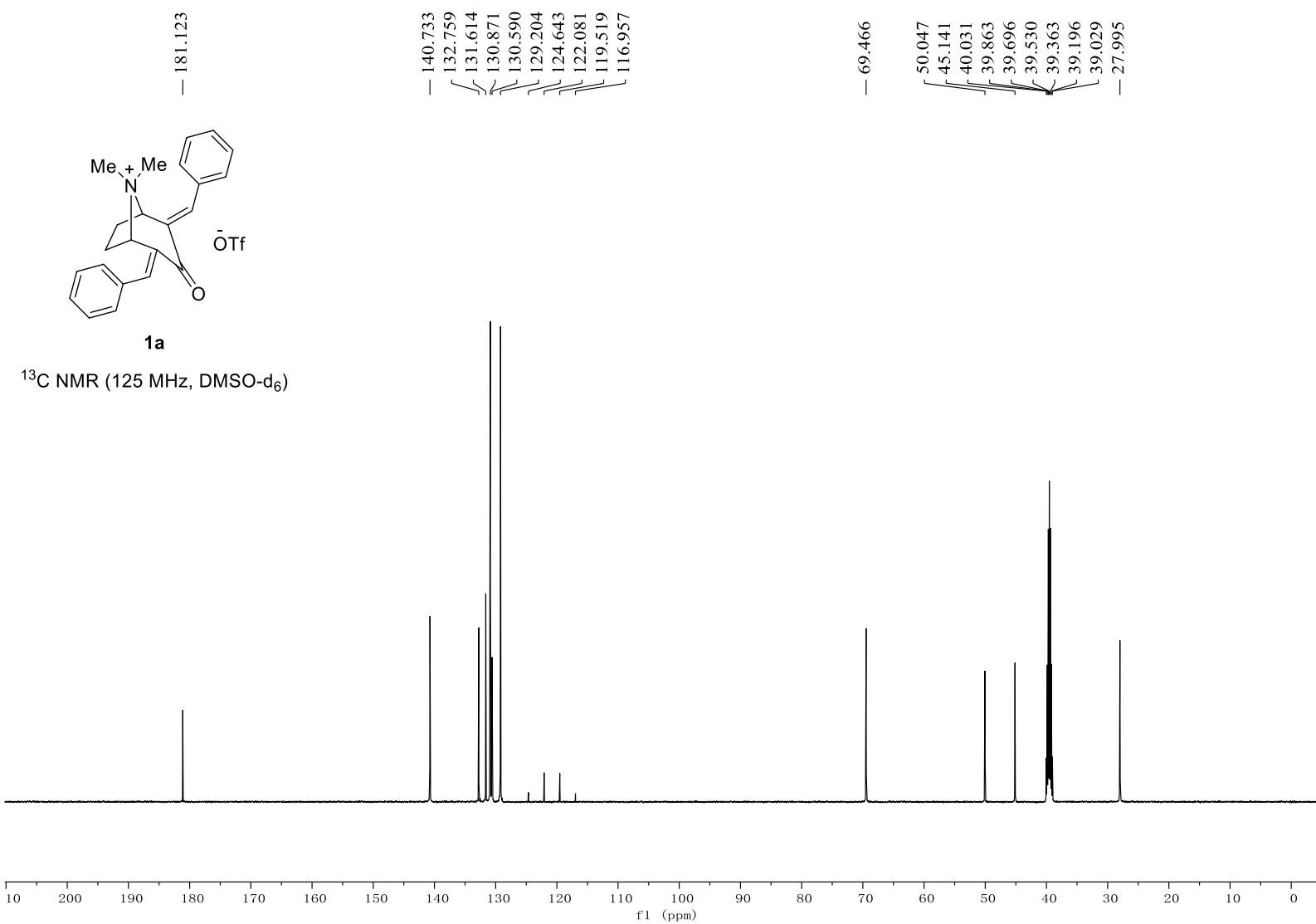
Number	X	Y	Z	Volume	Electron count	Content
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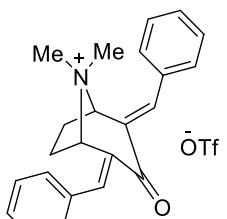


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¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-d₆)

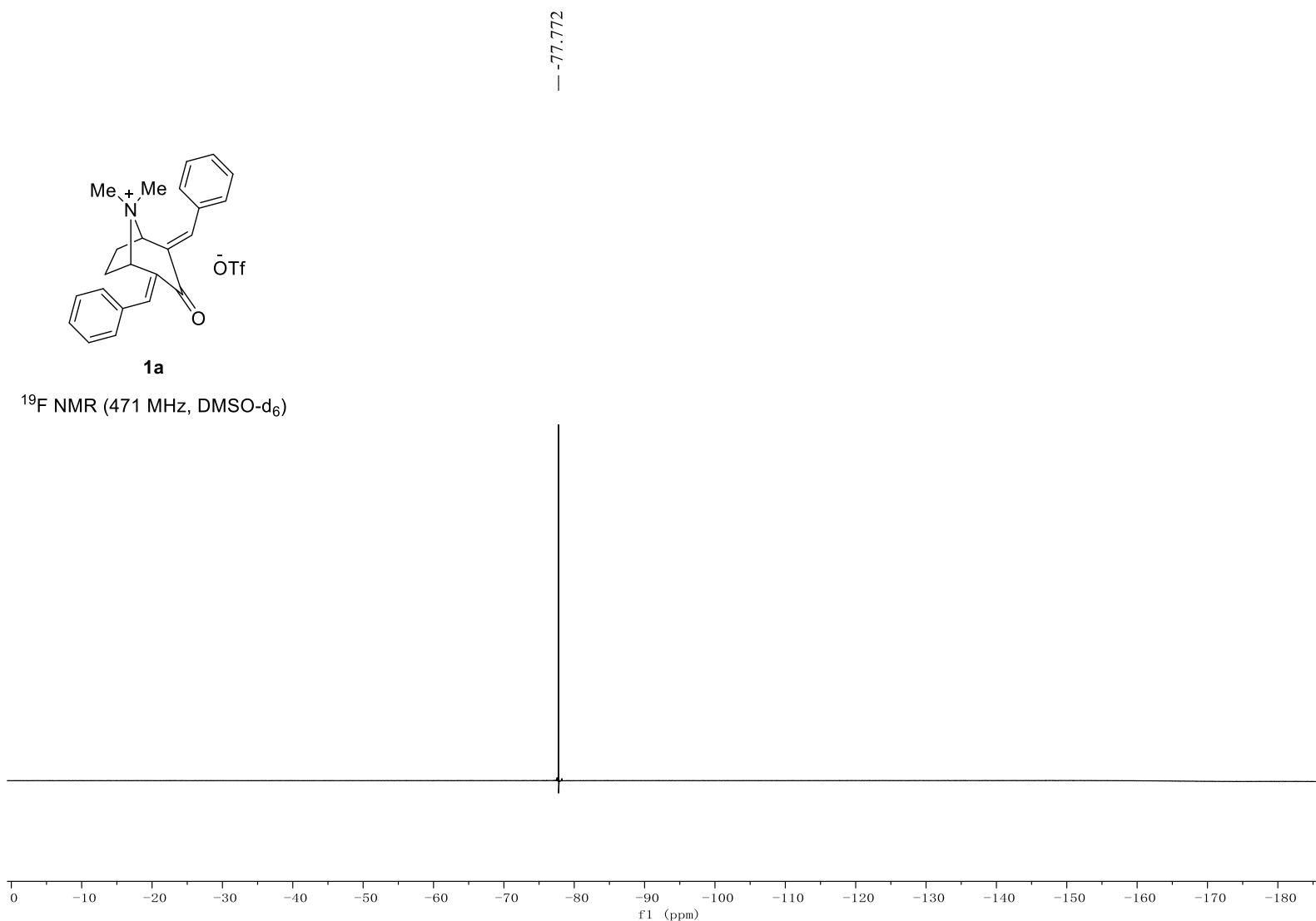


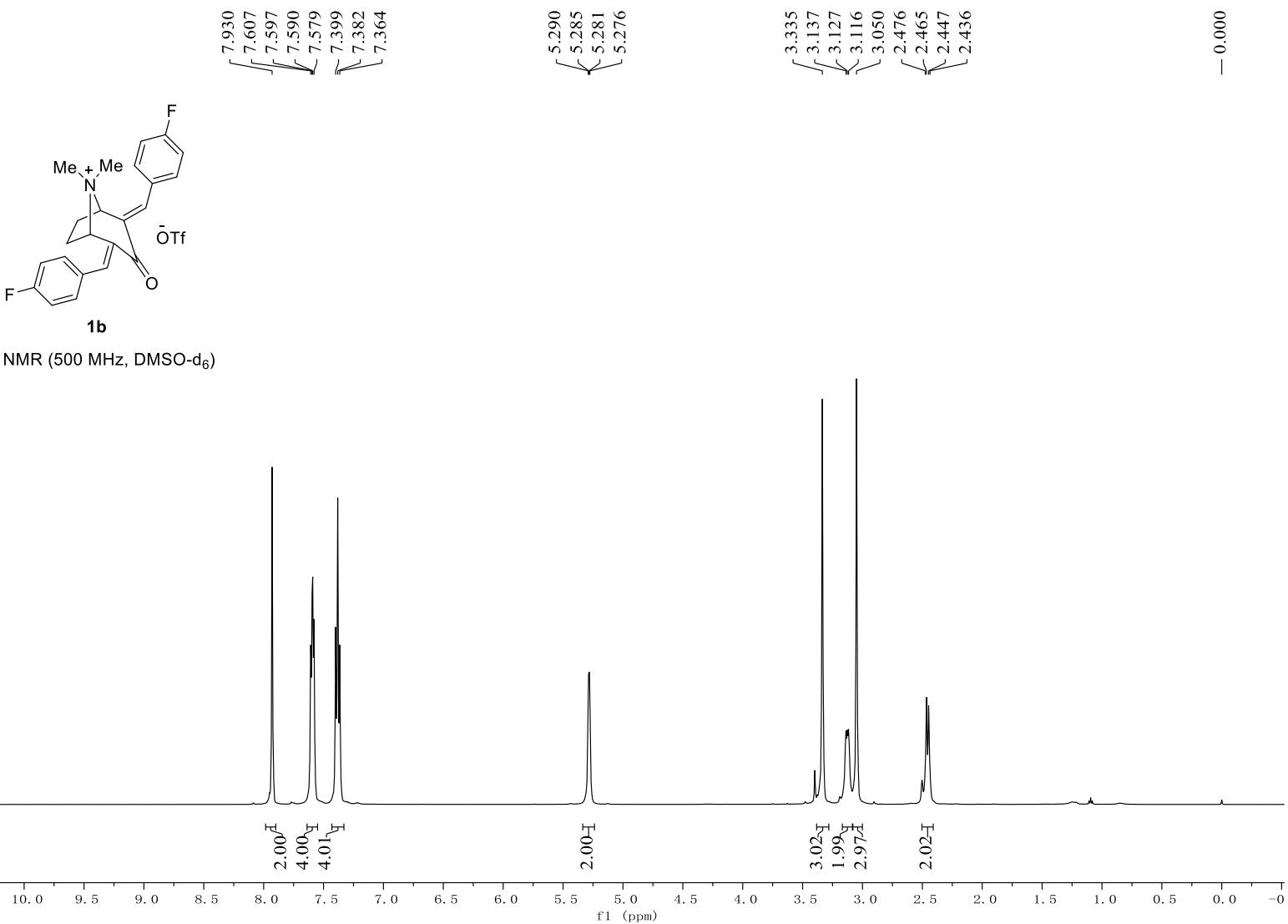


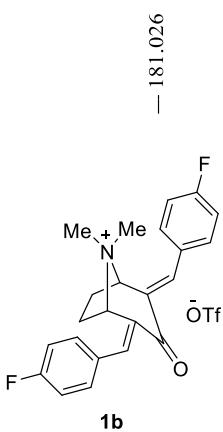


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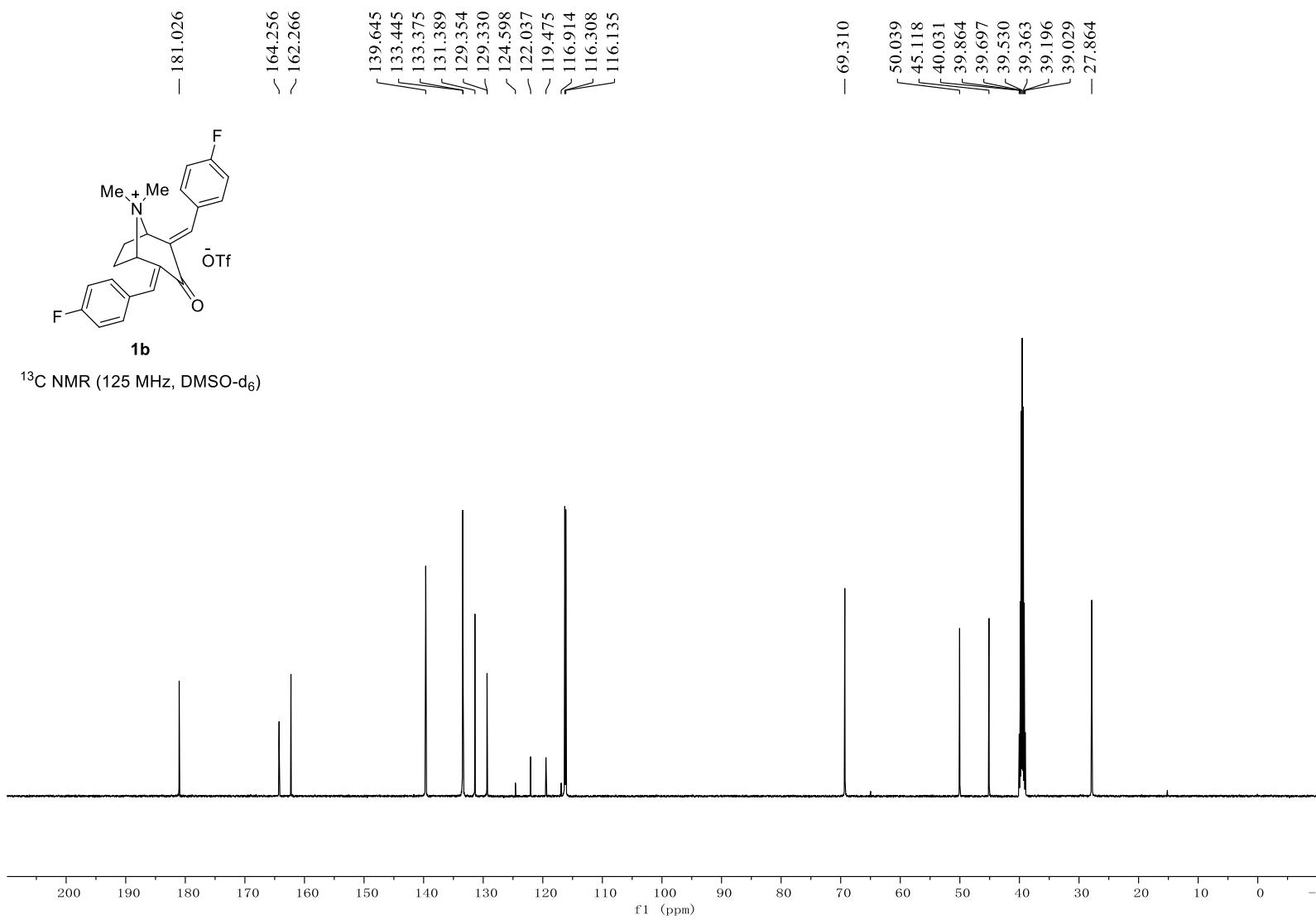
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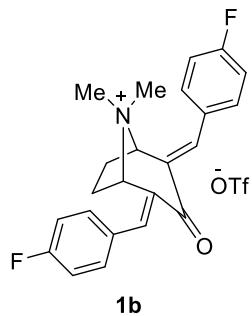




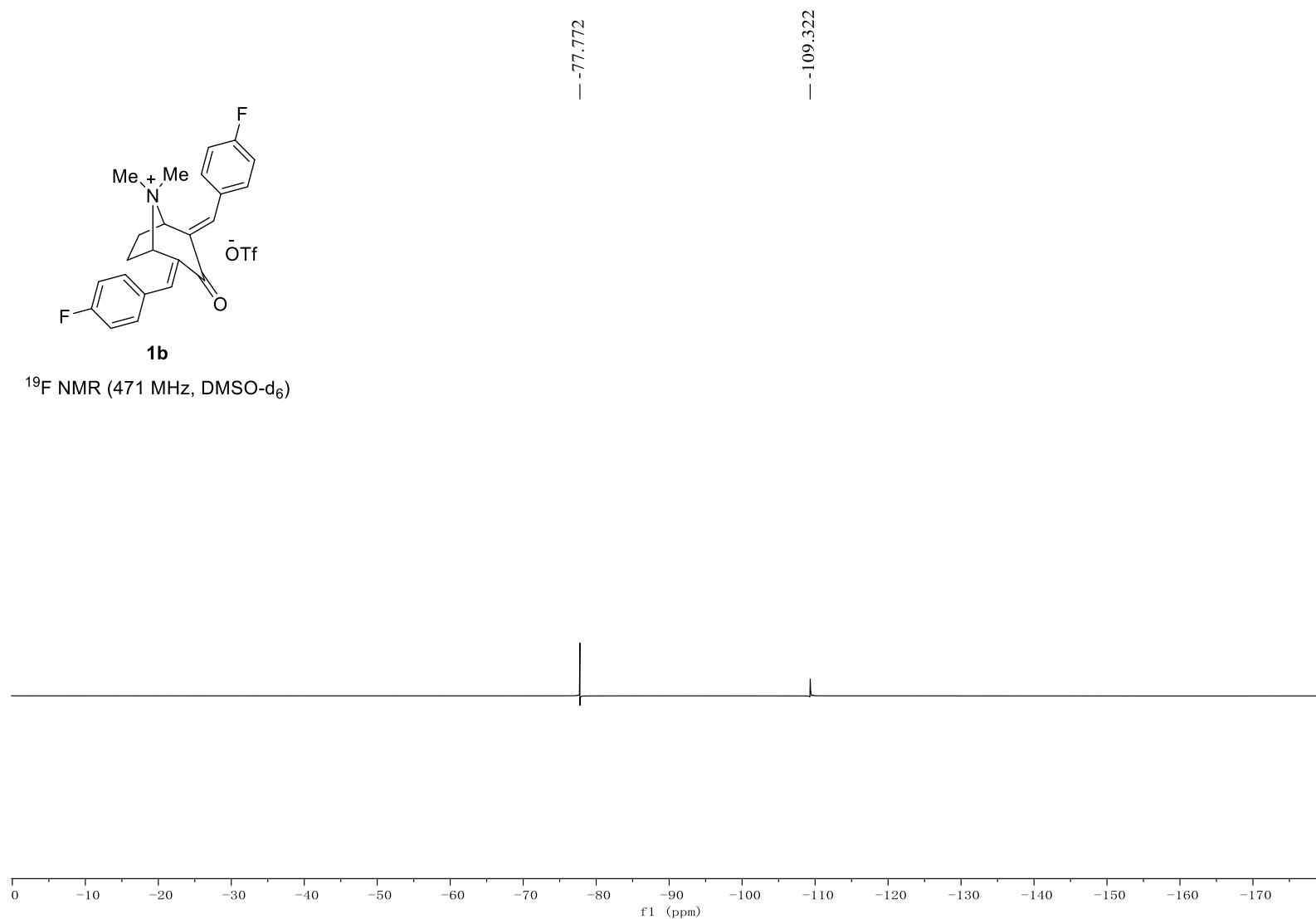


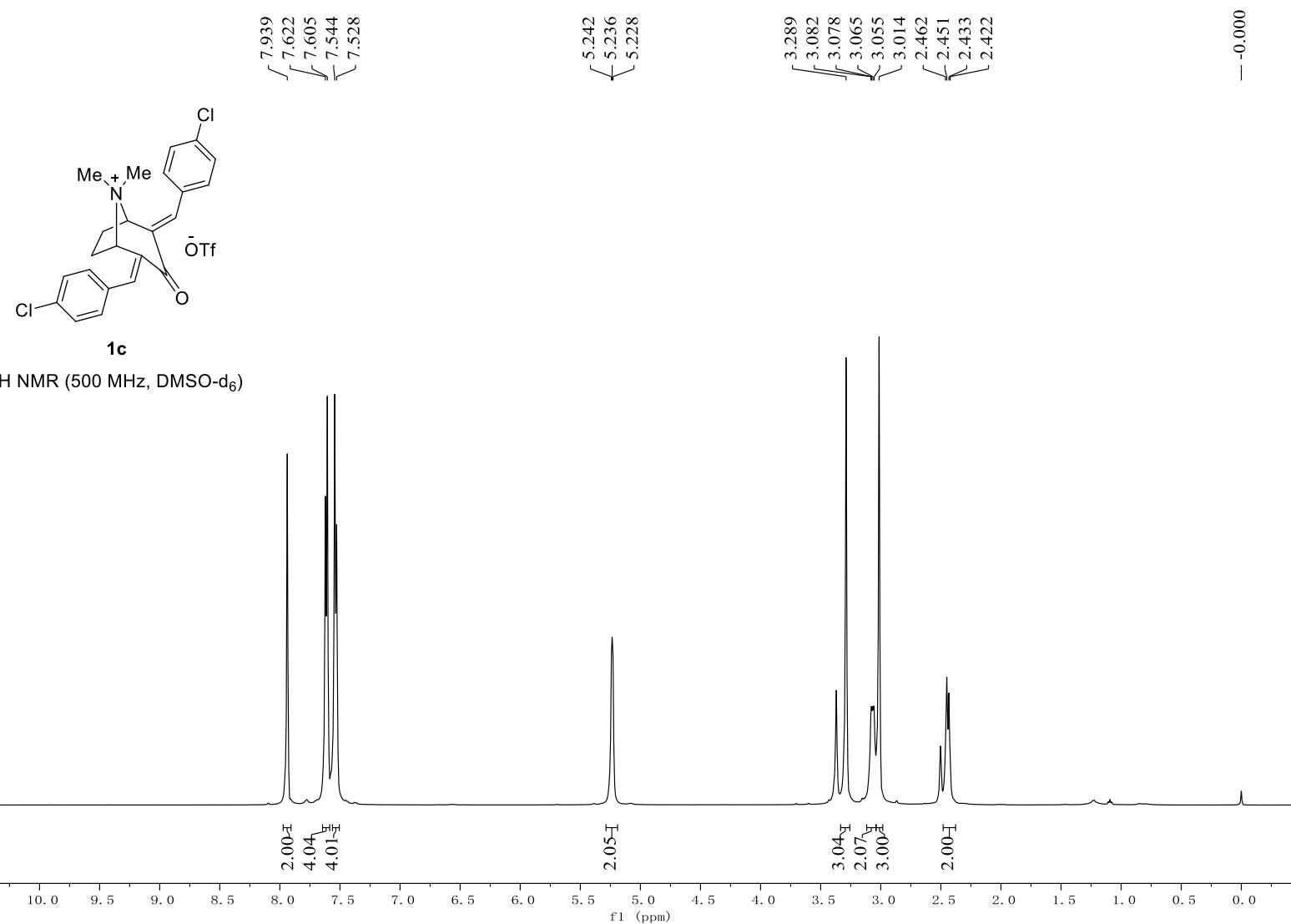
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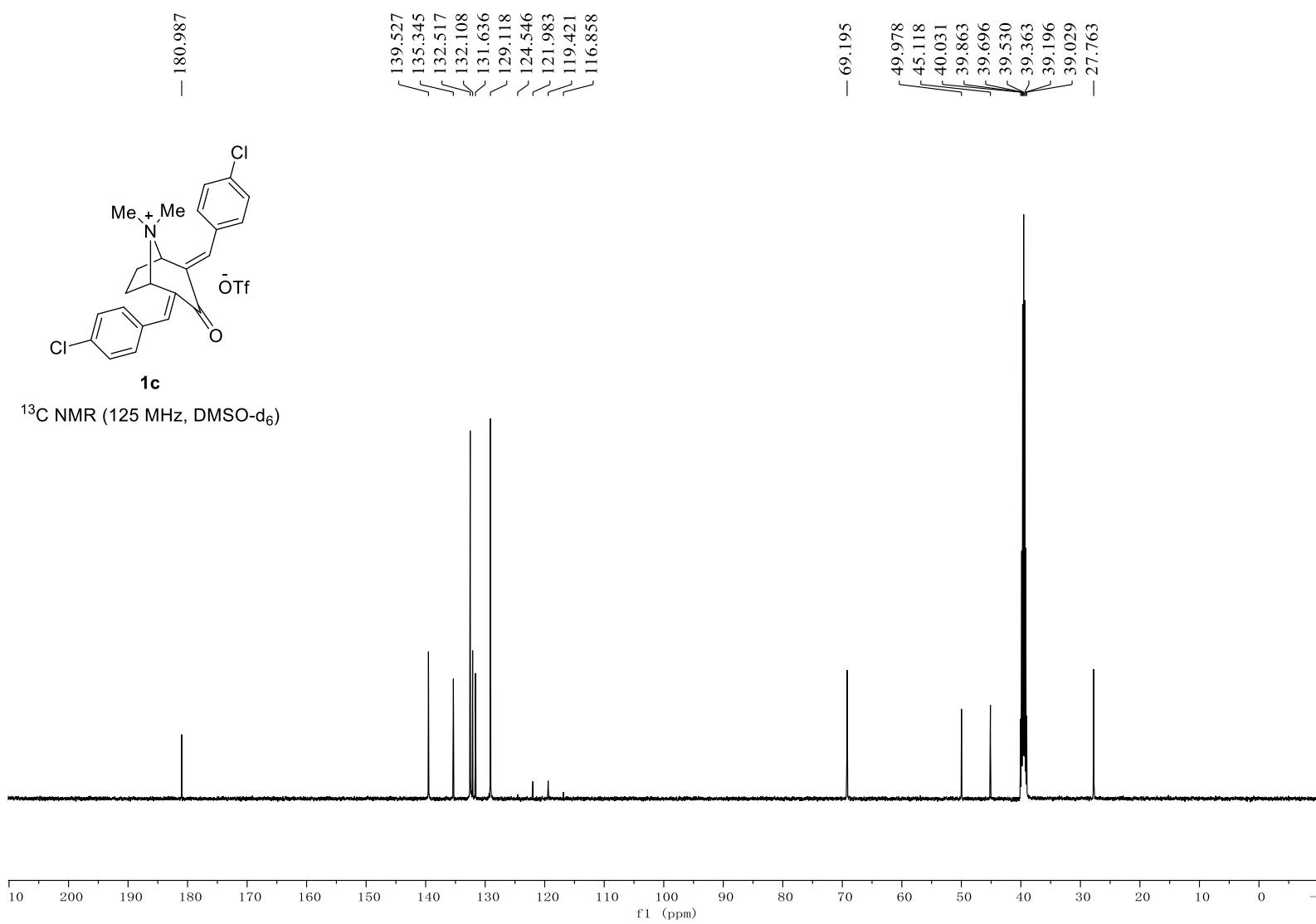


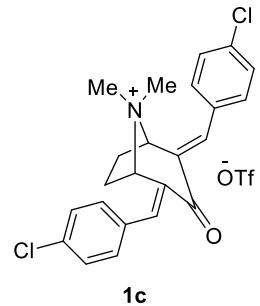


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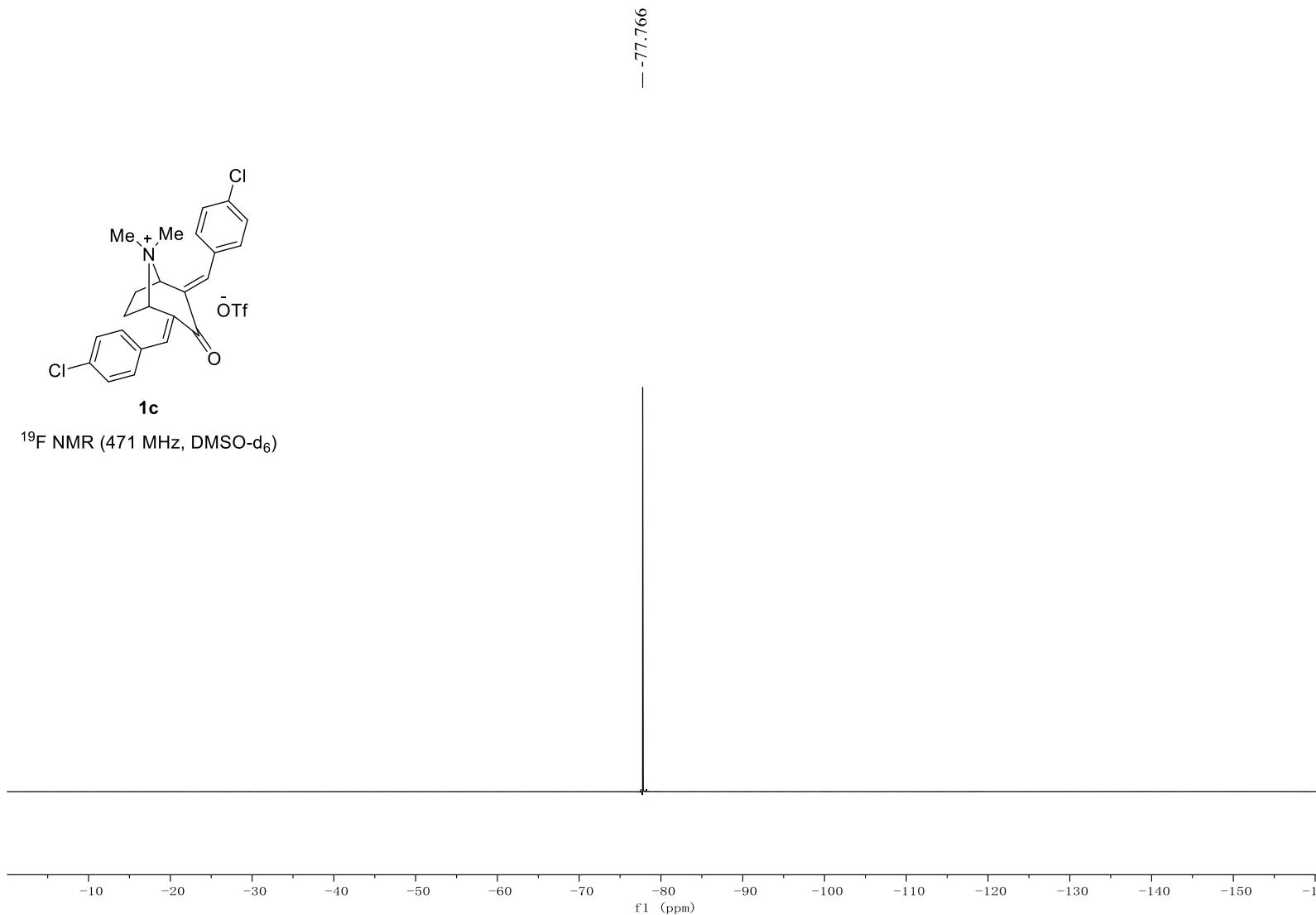


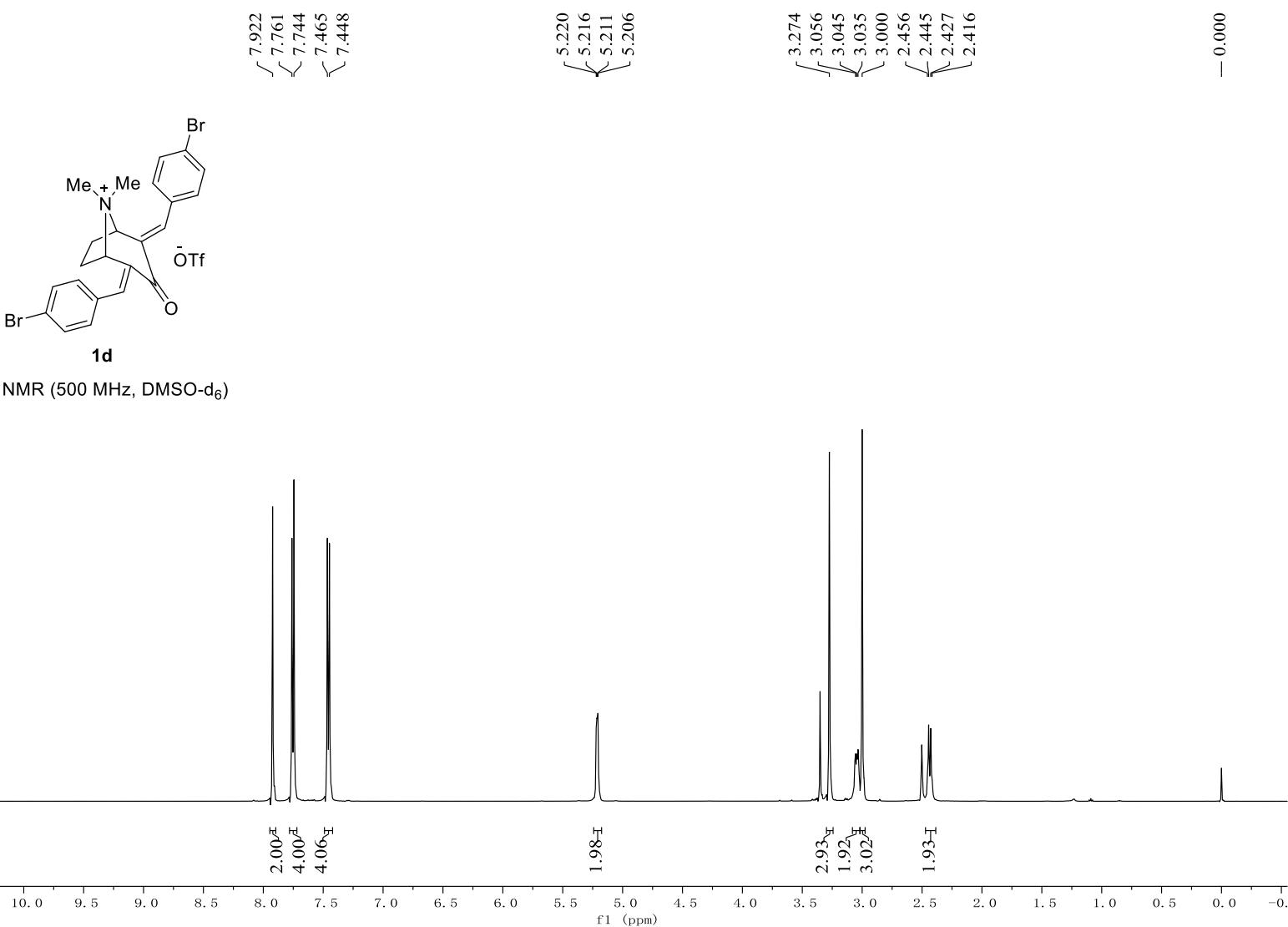


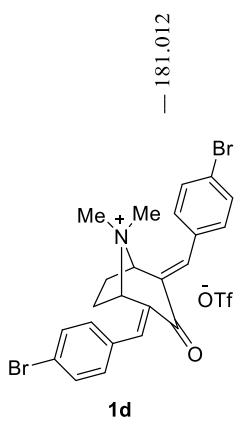




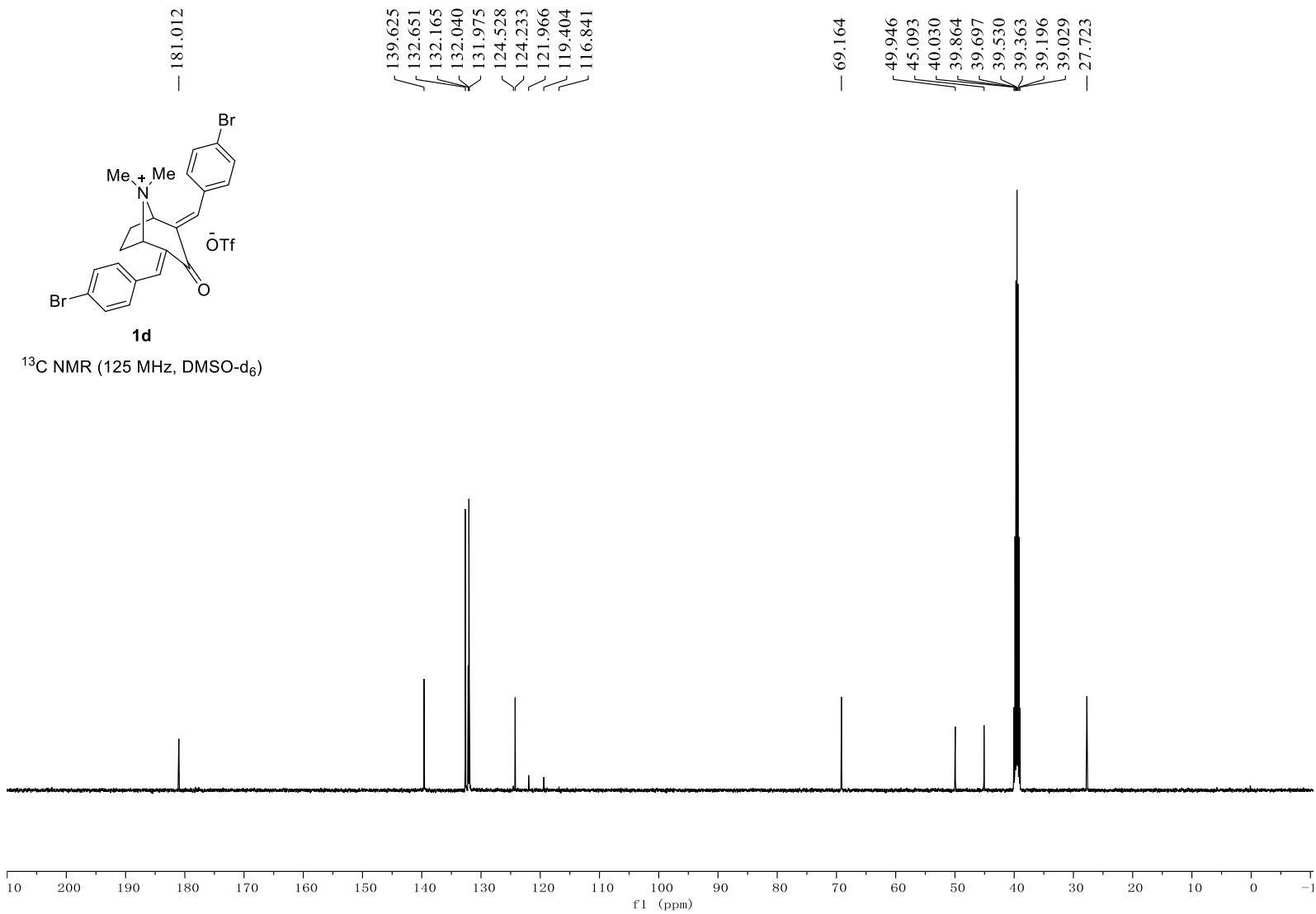
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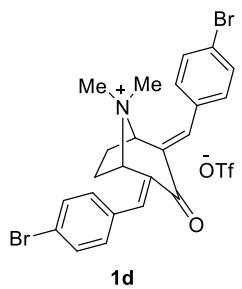






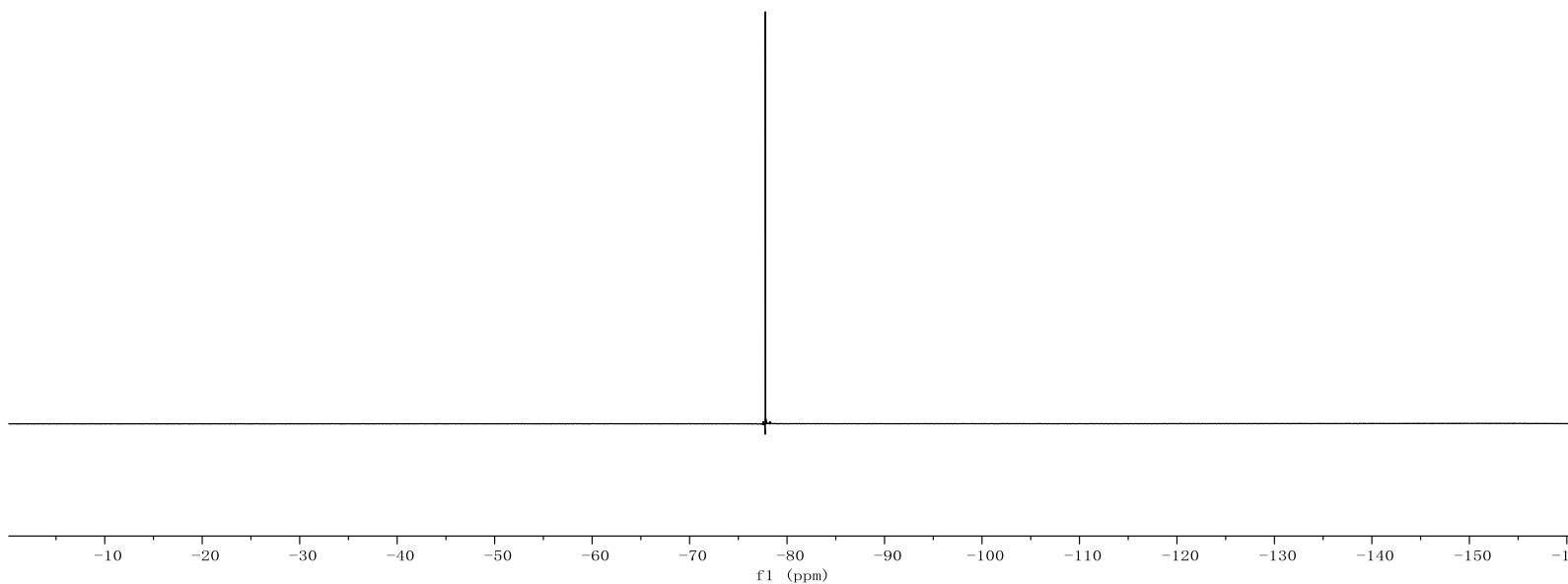
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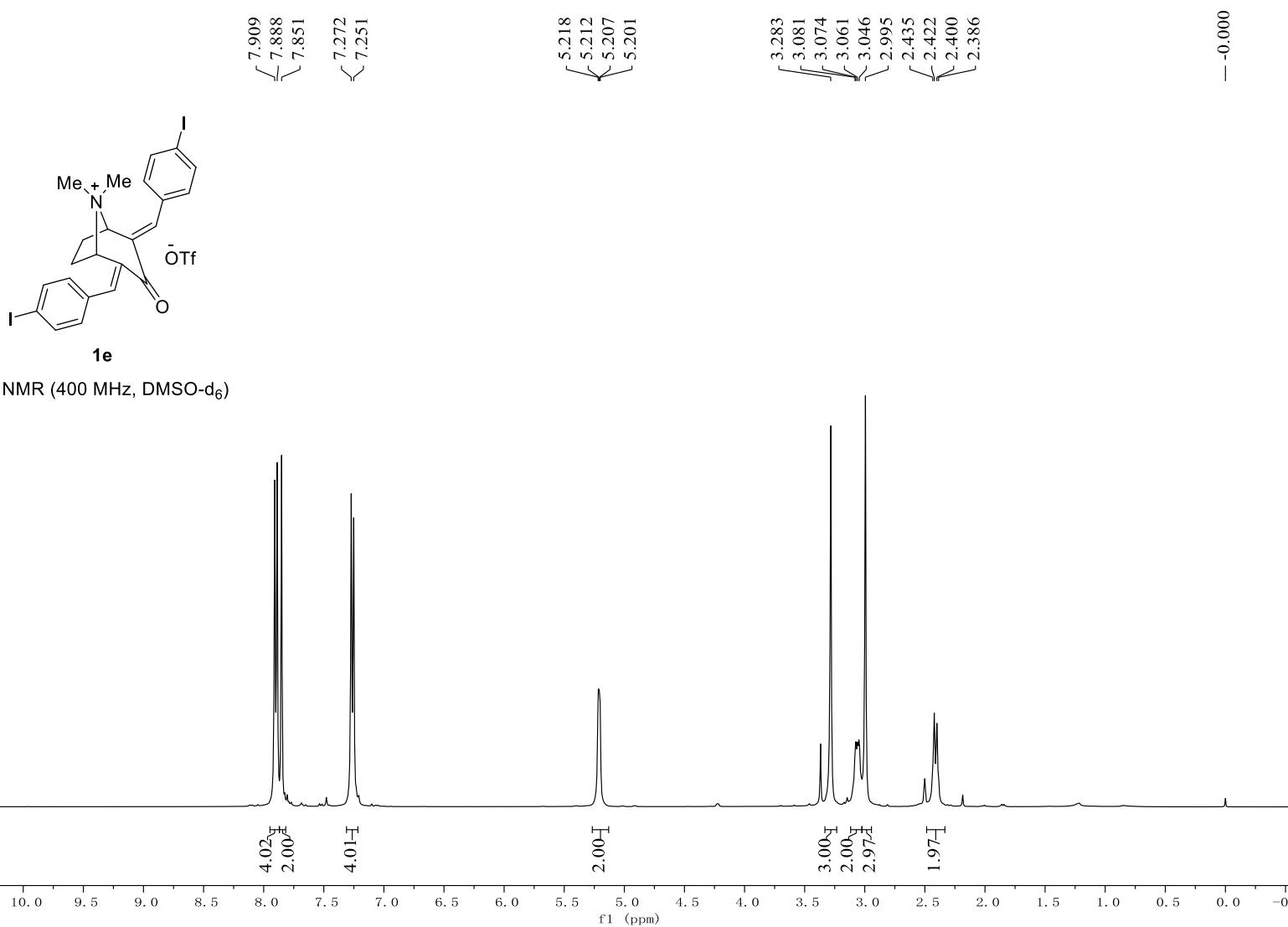


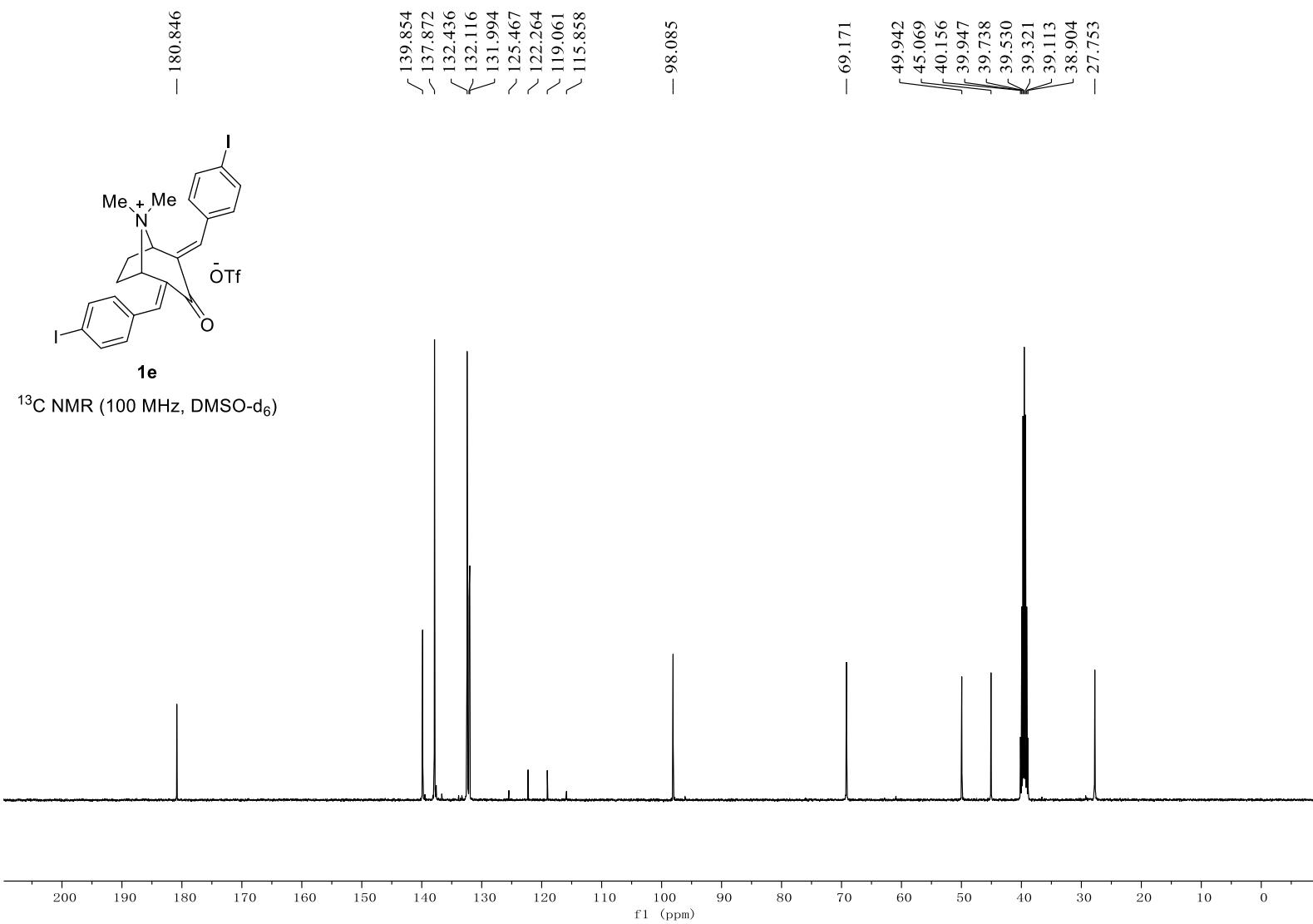


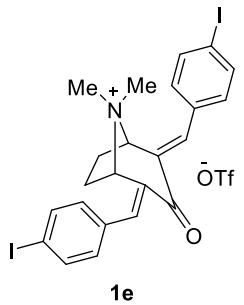
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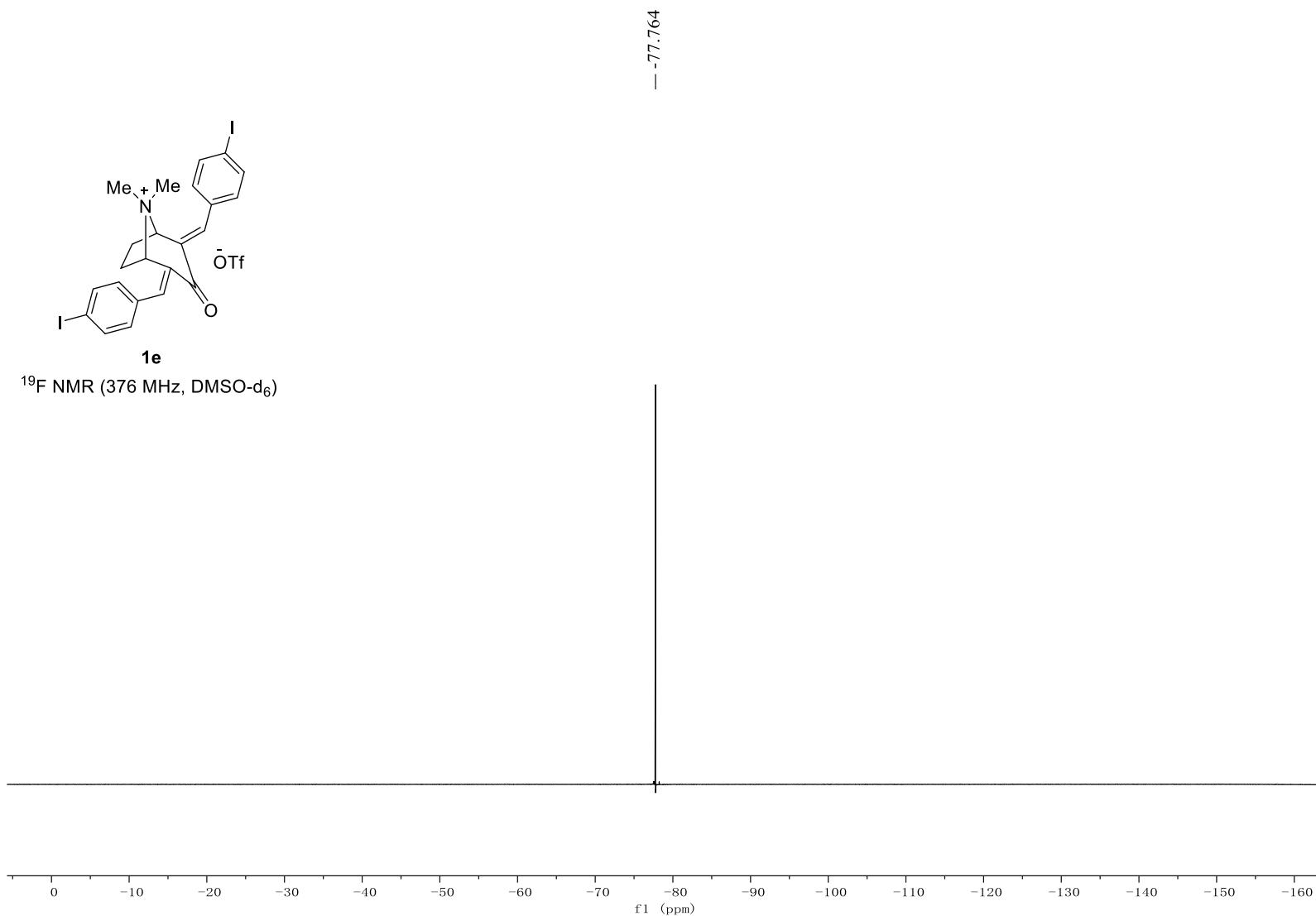


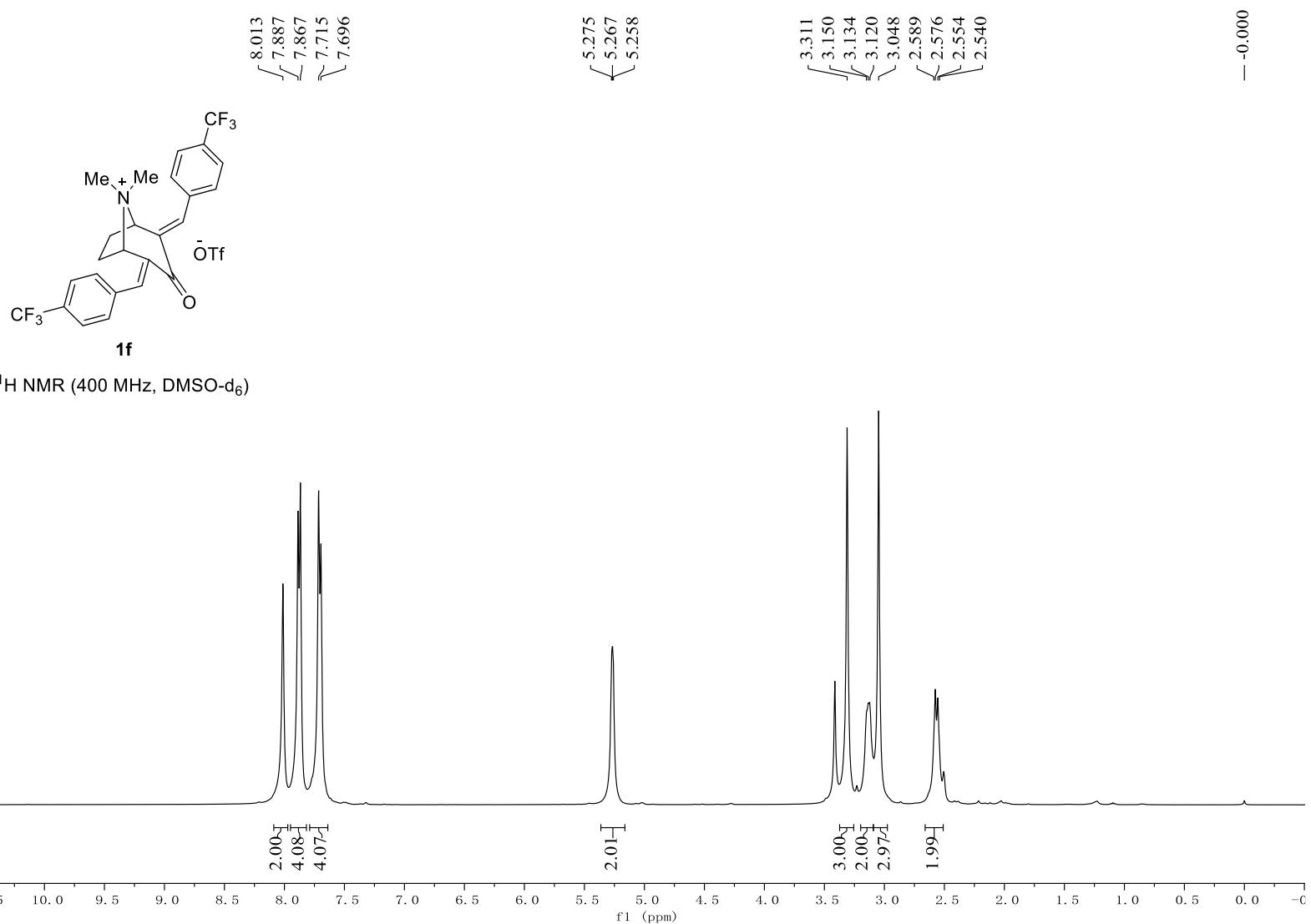


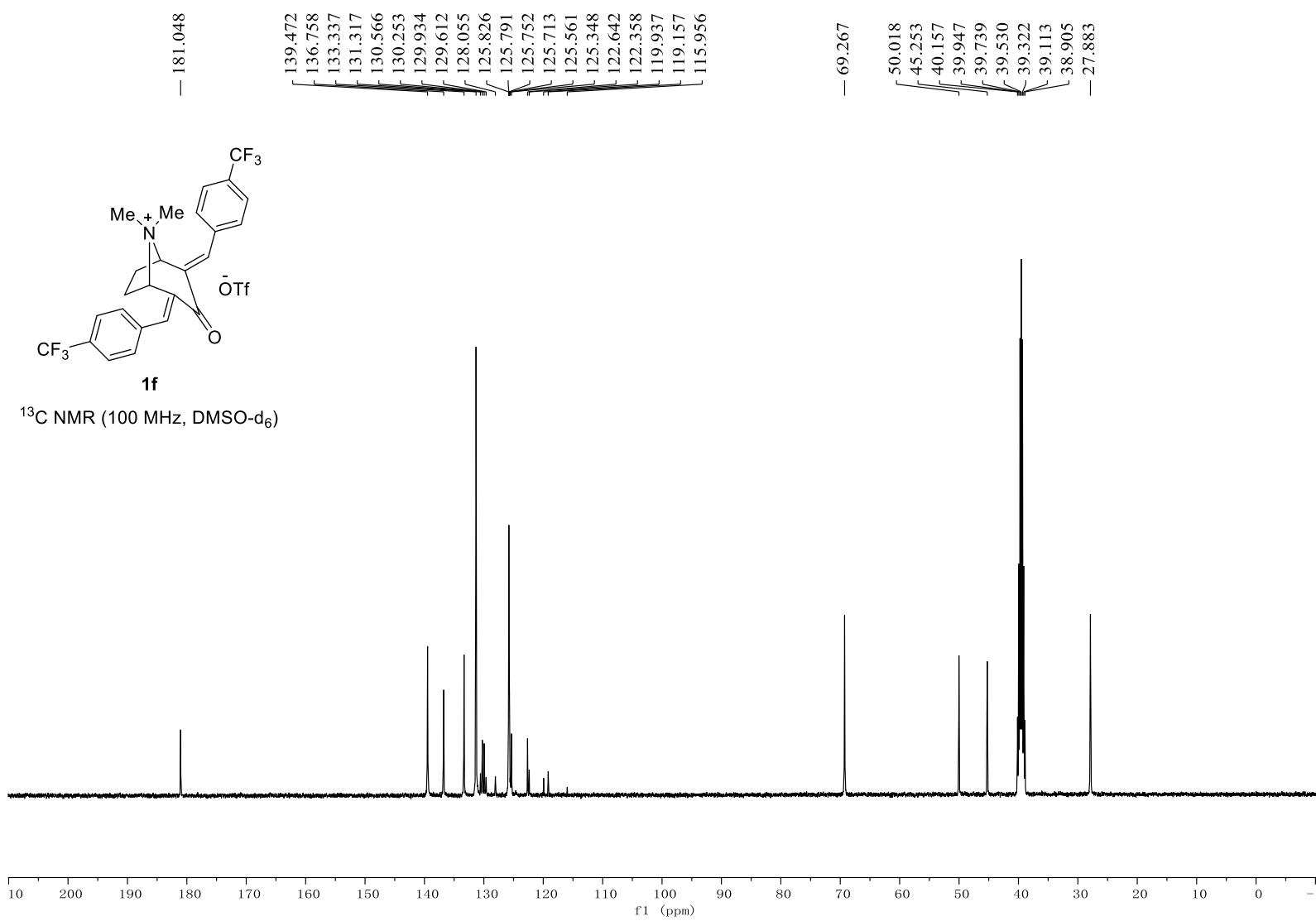


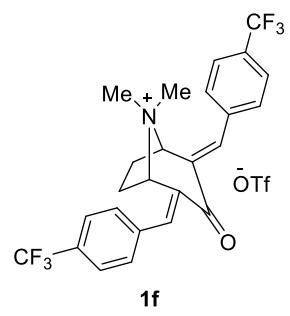
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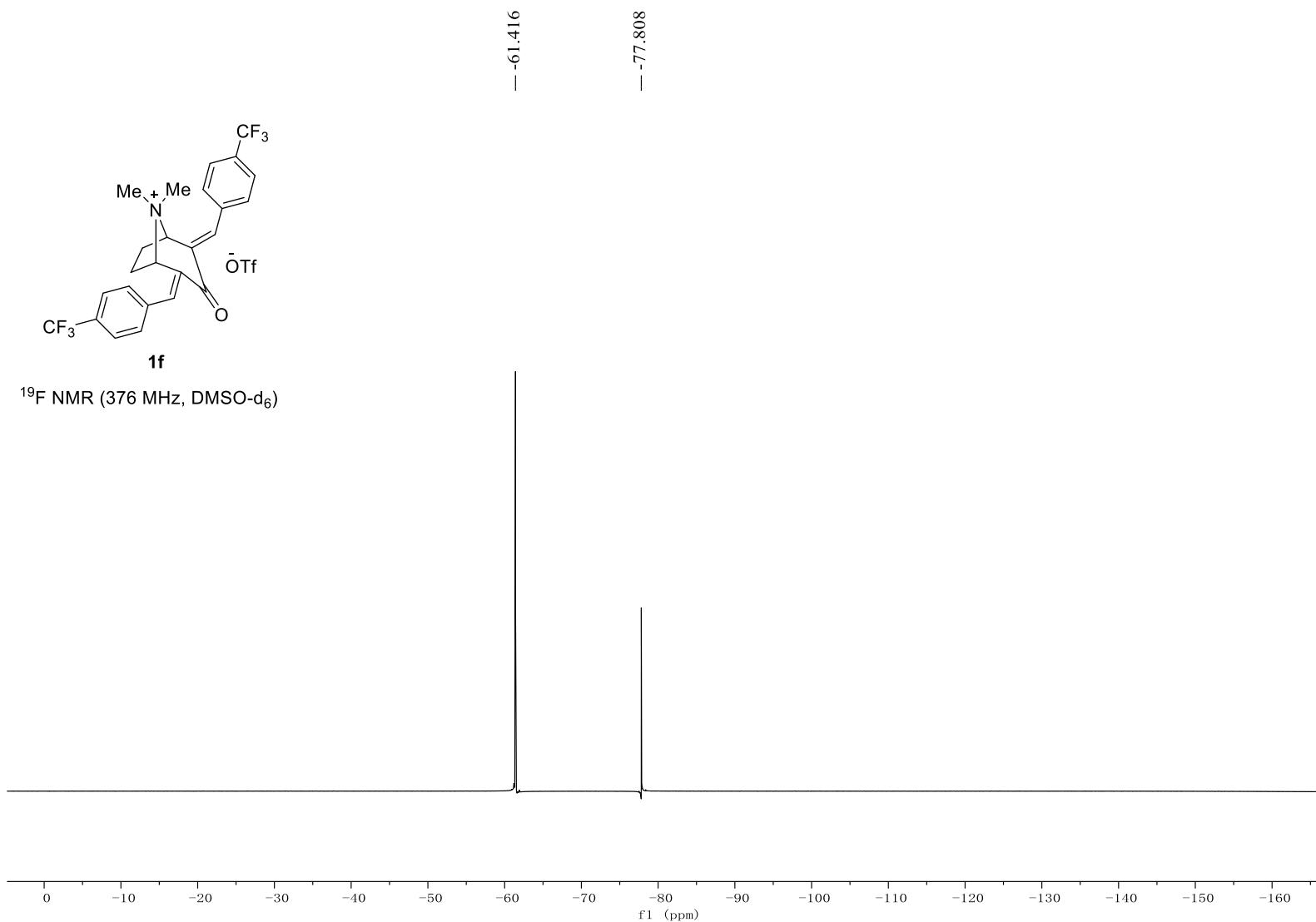


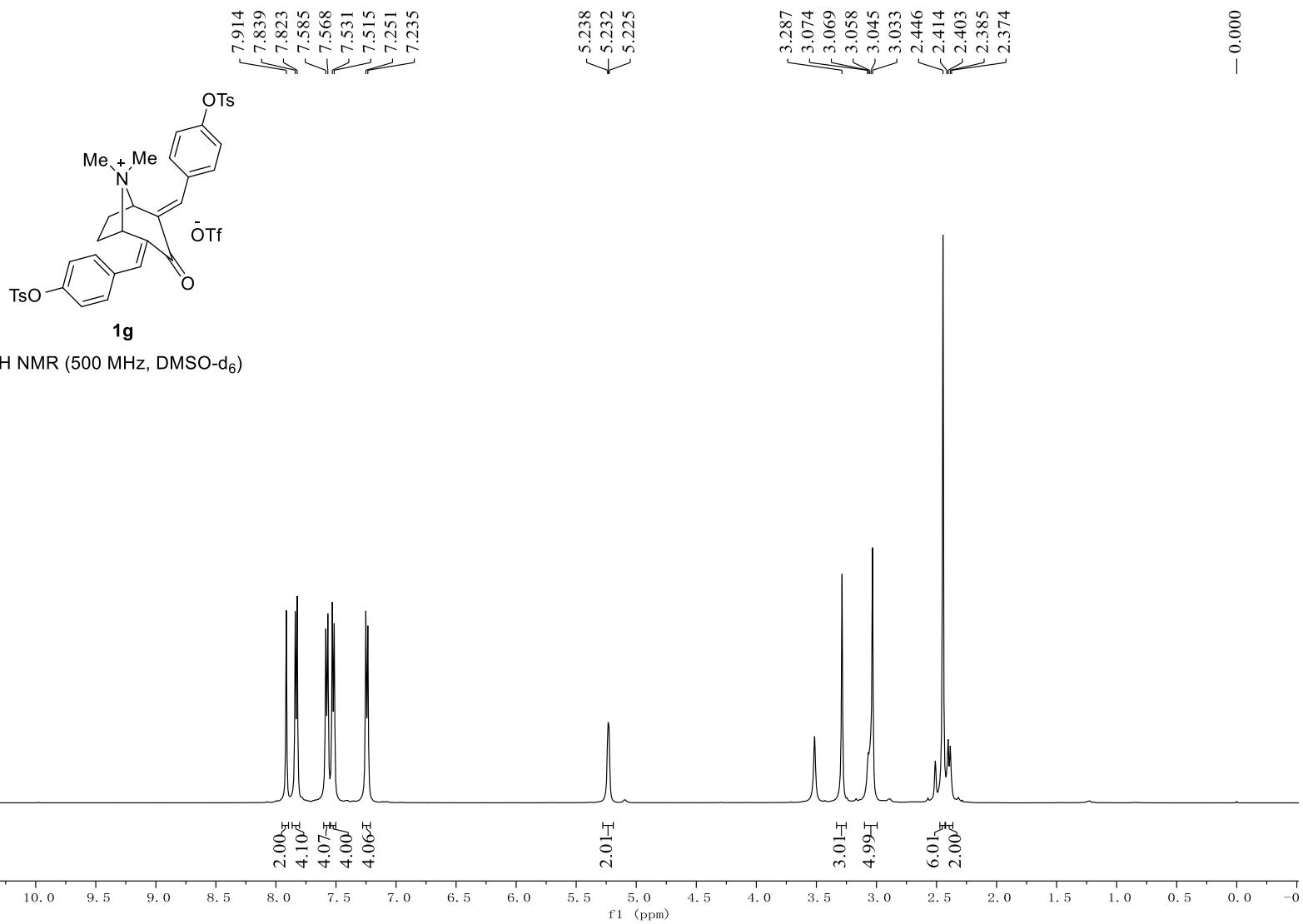


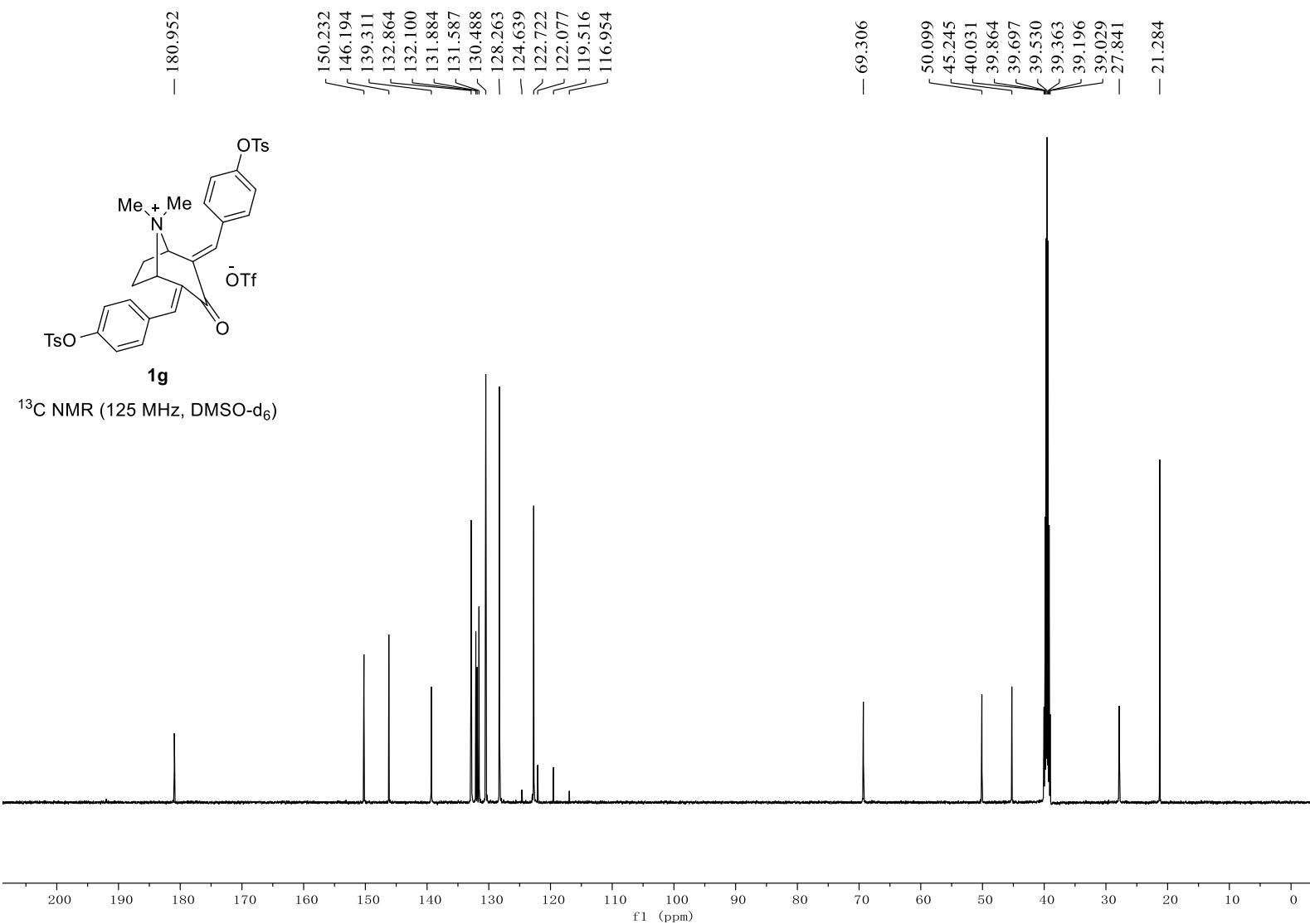


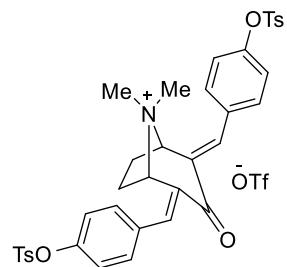


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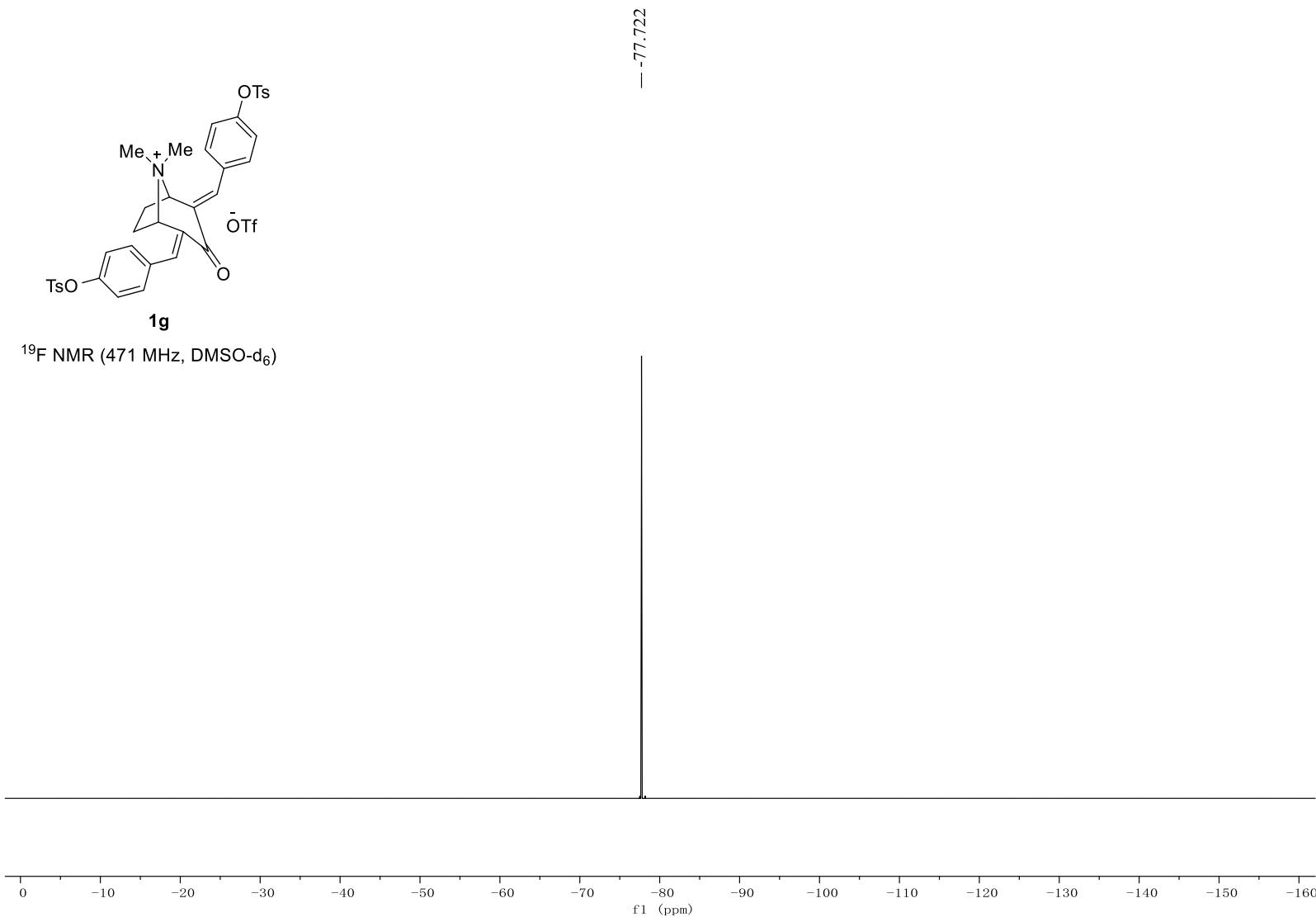


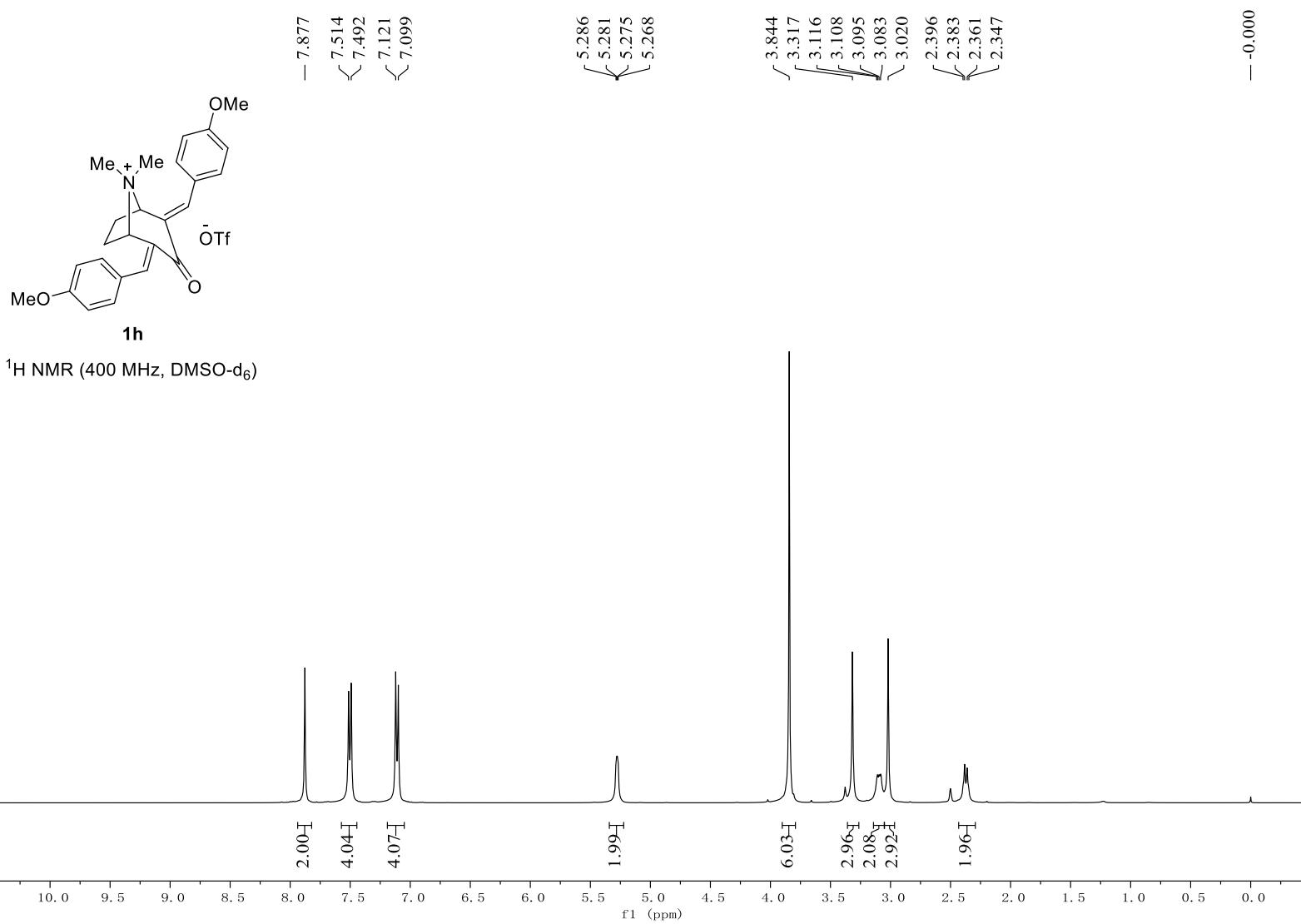


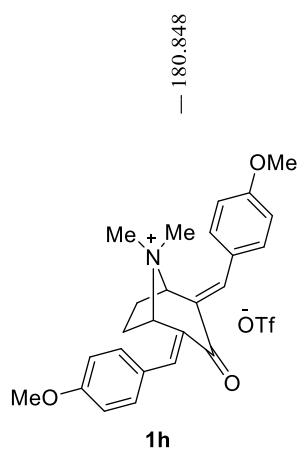


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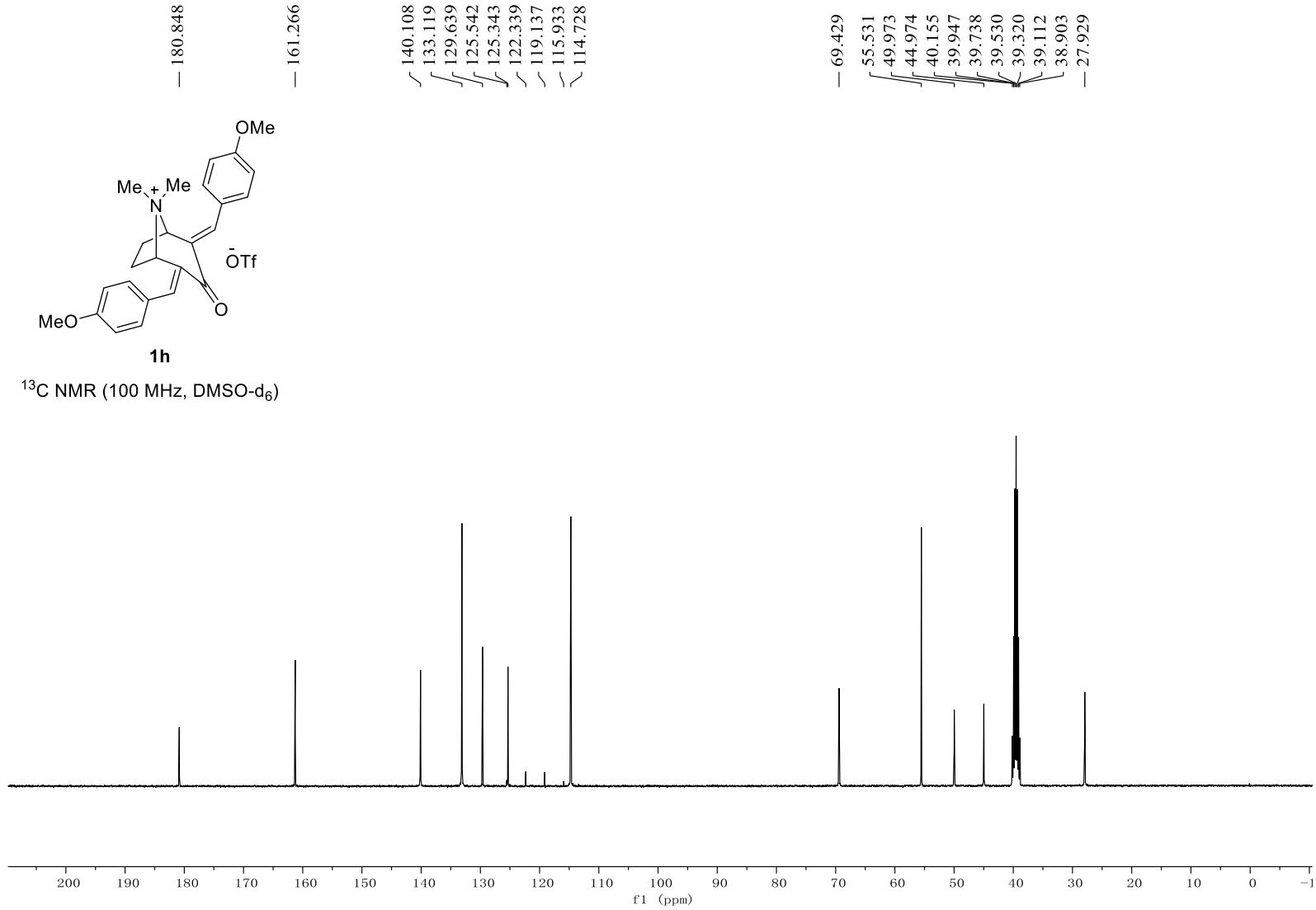
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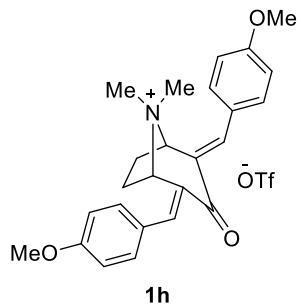




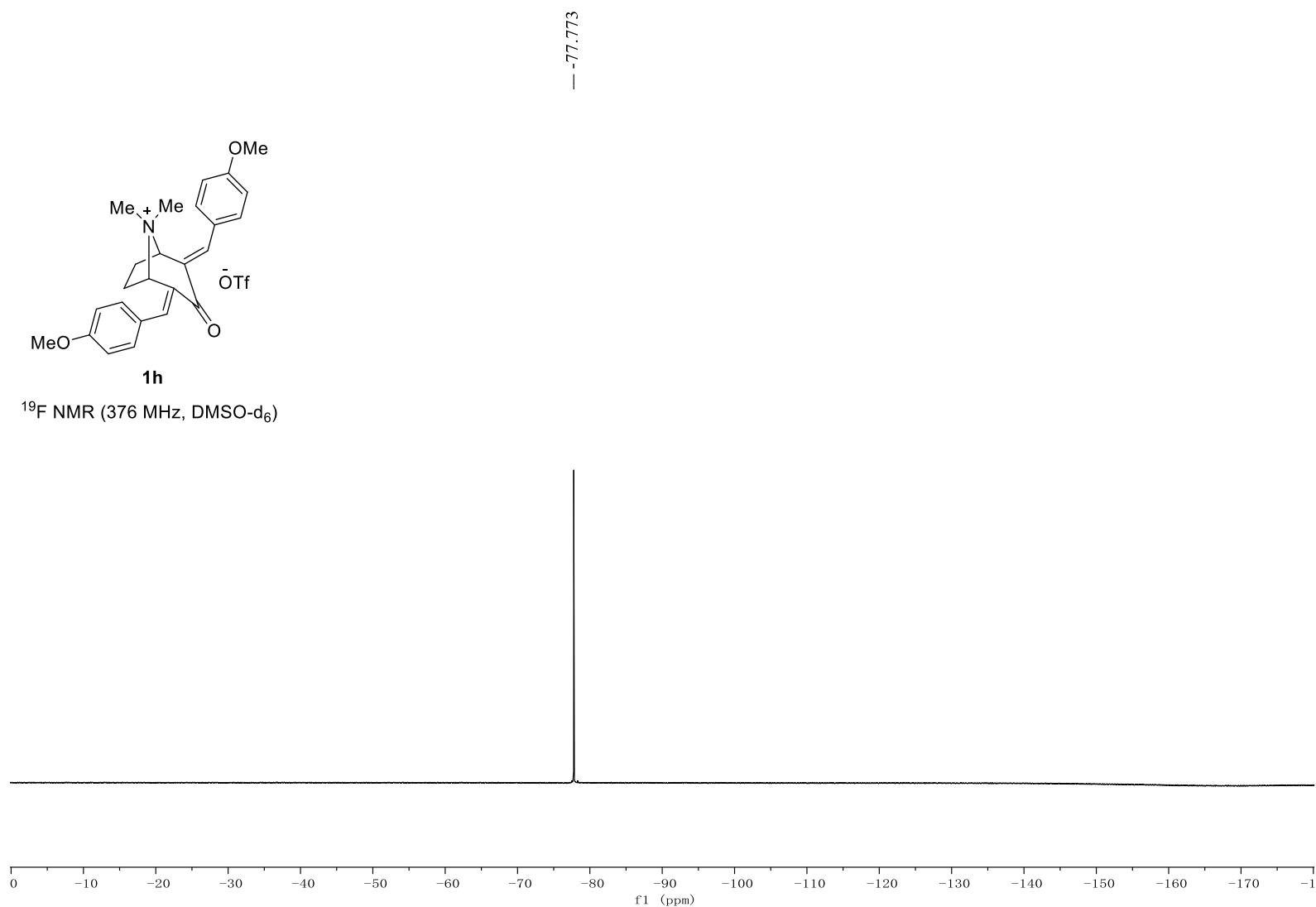


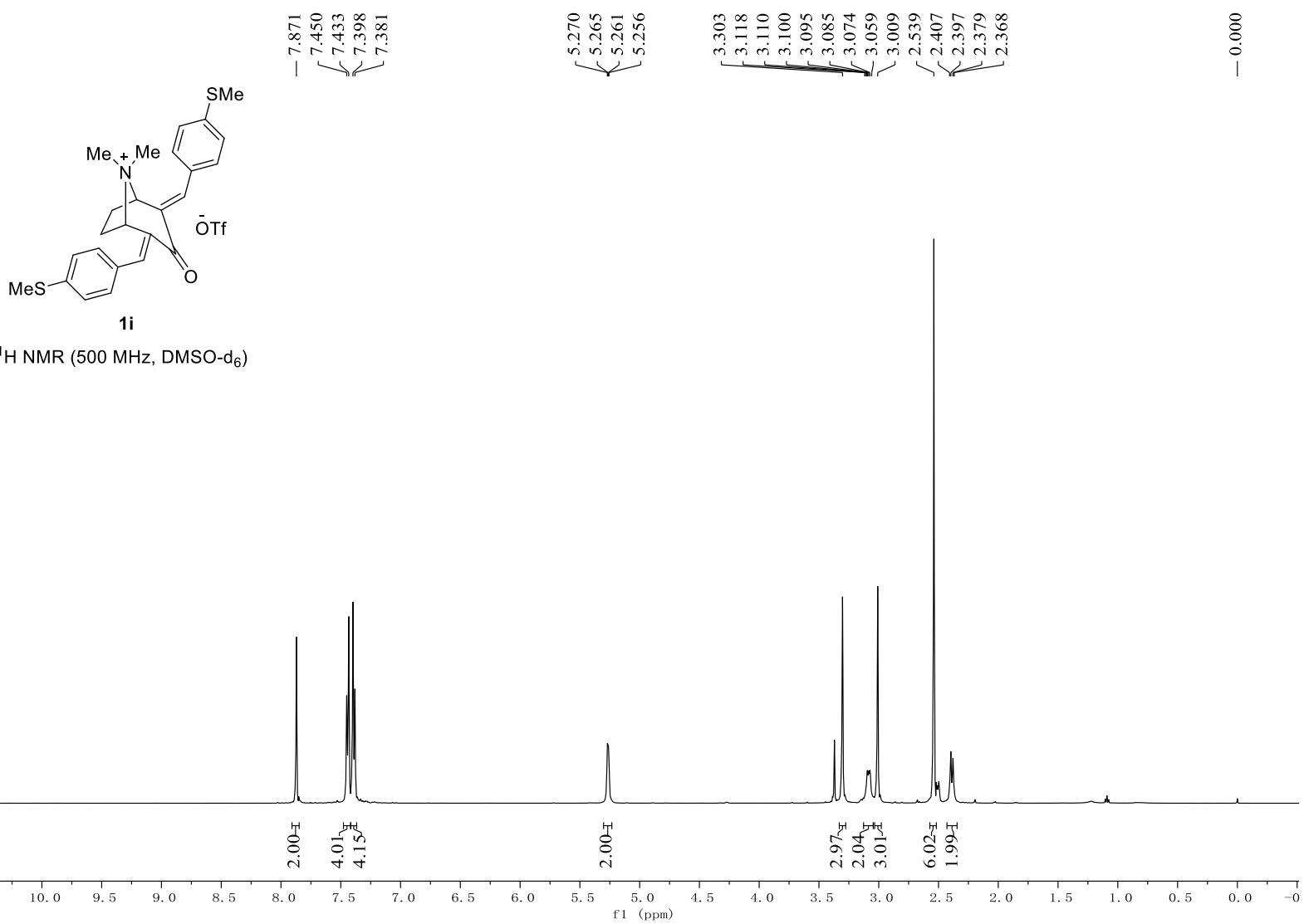
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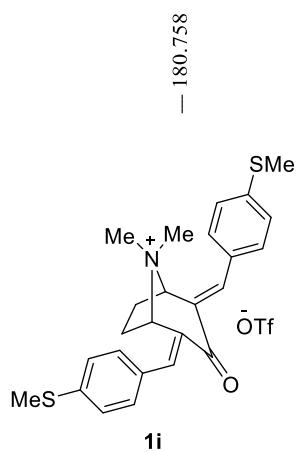




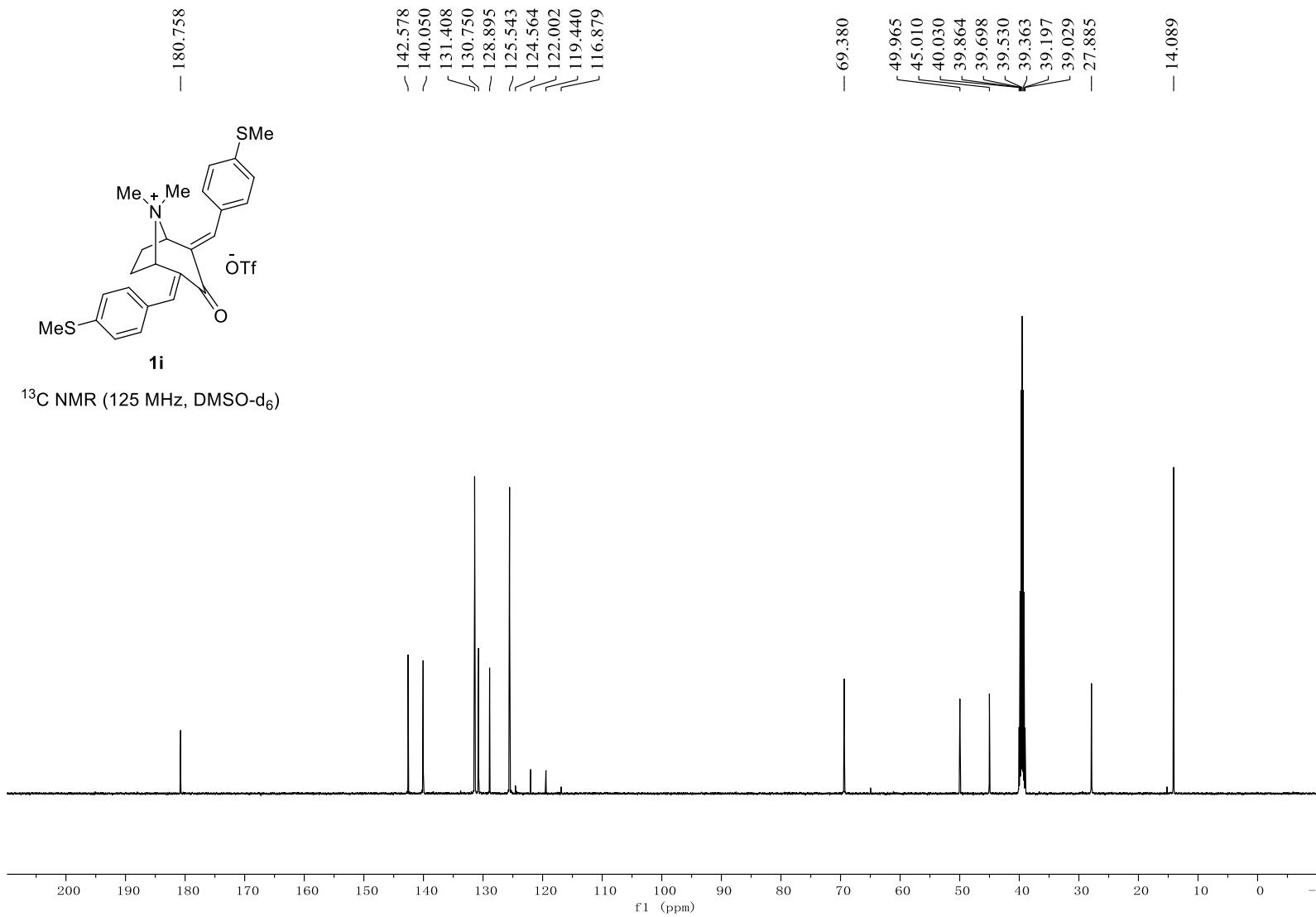
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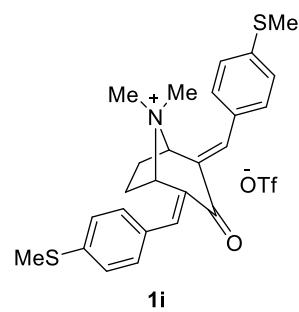






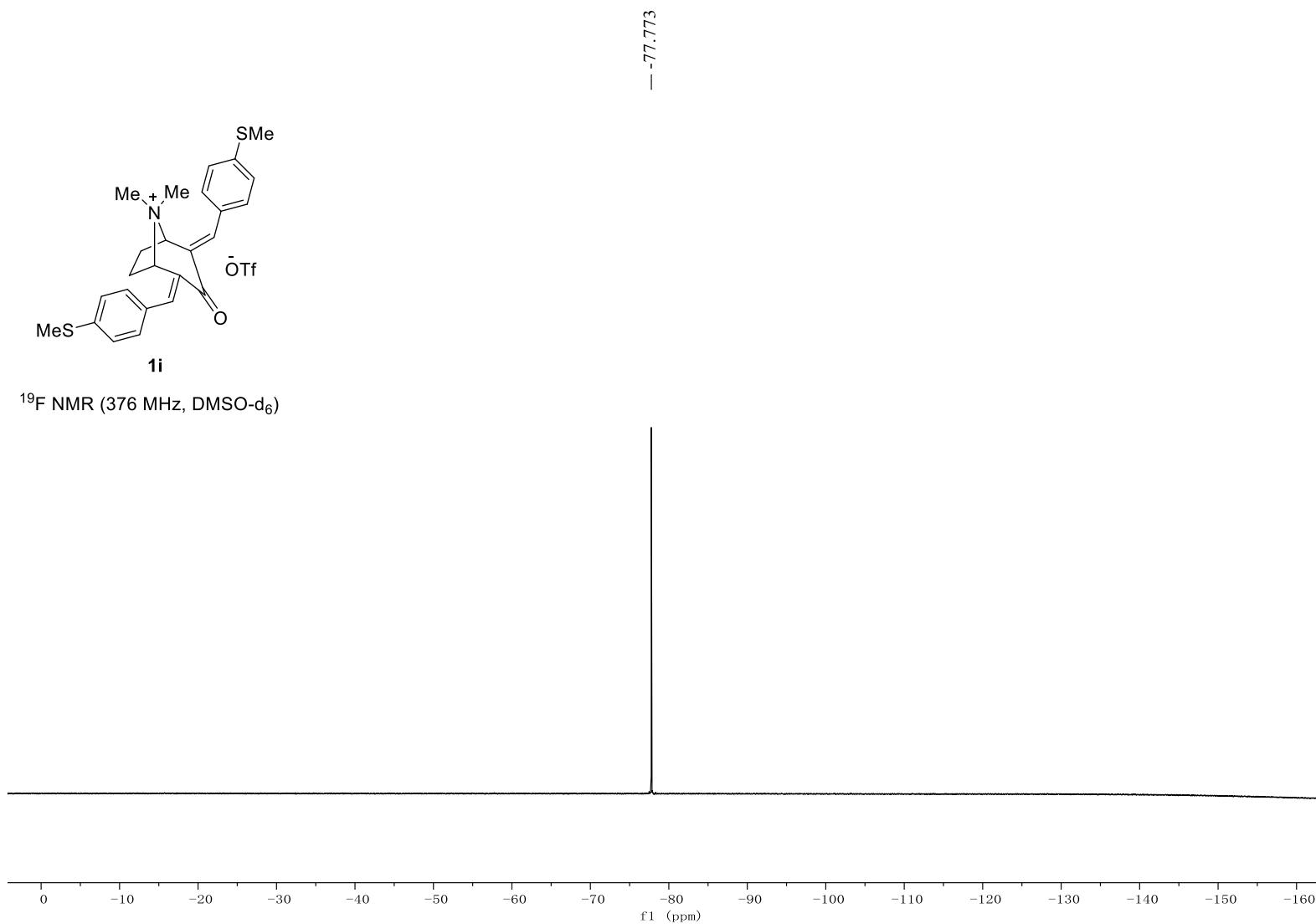
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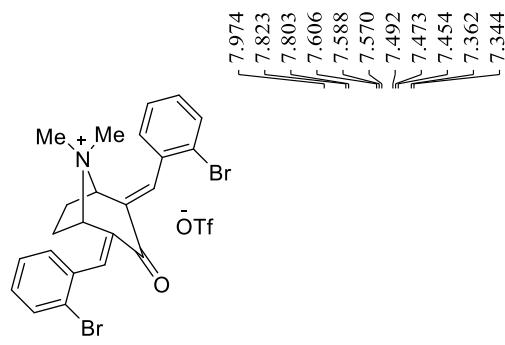




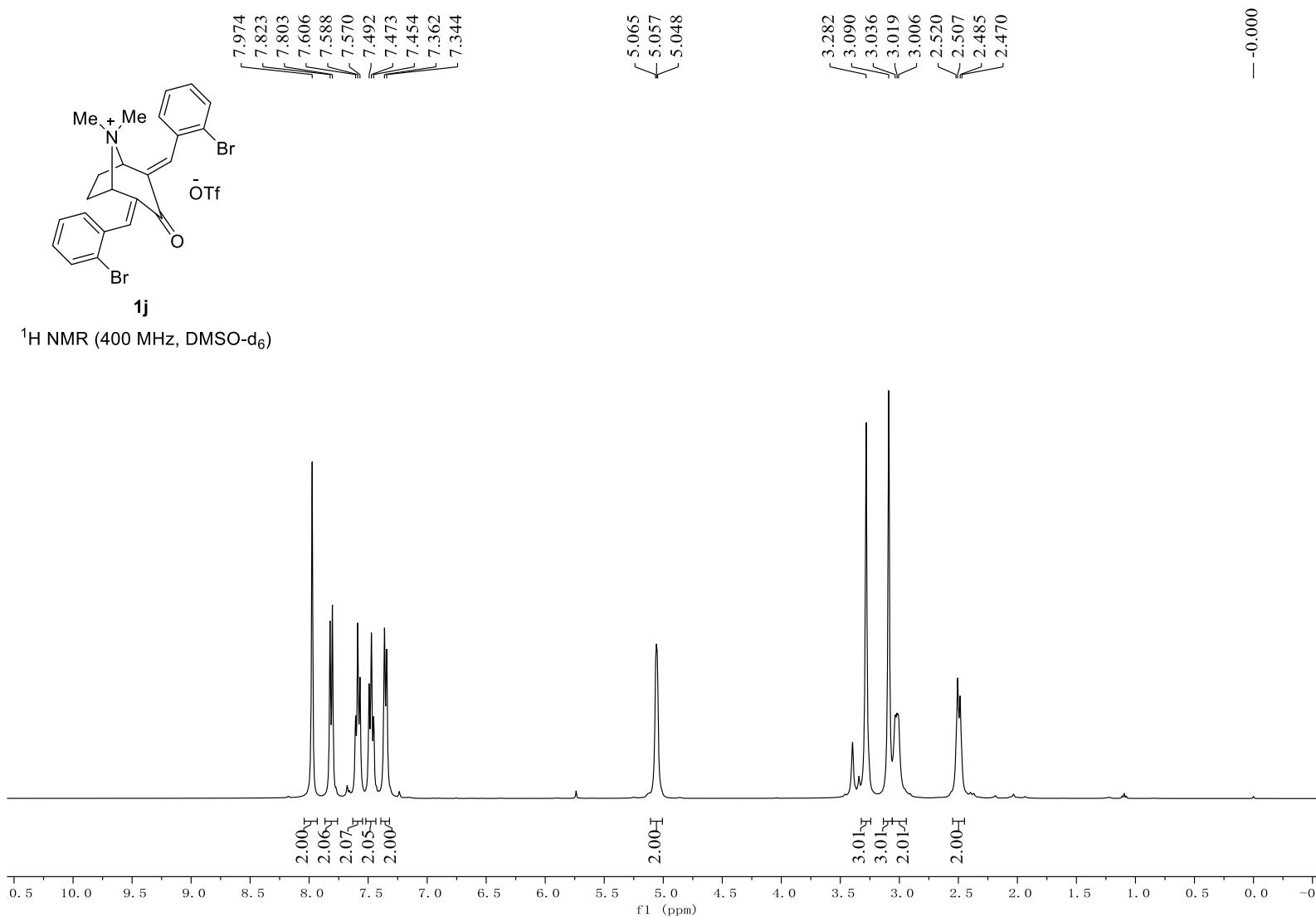
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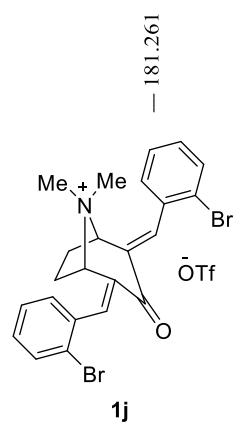
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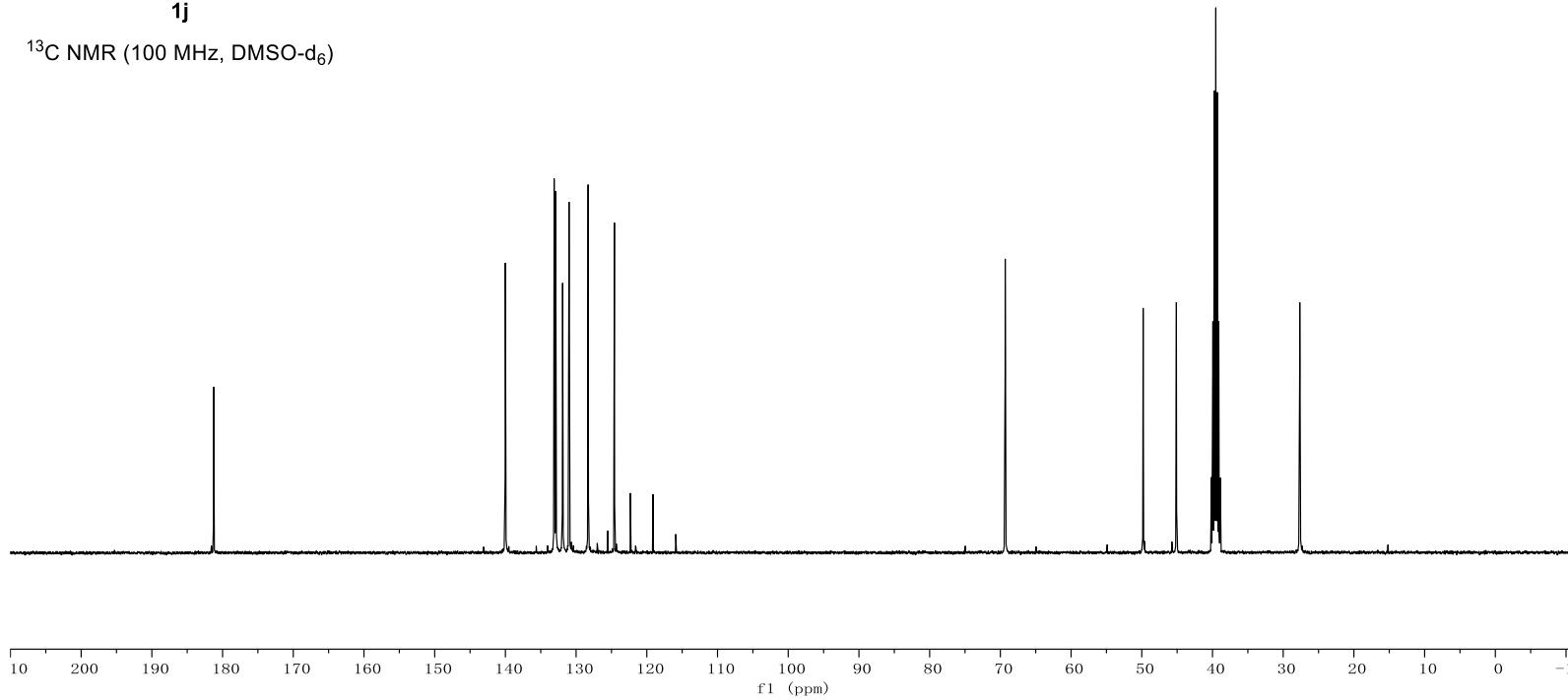


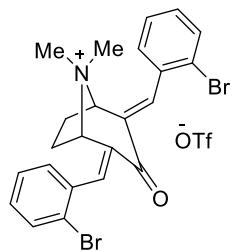
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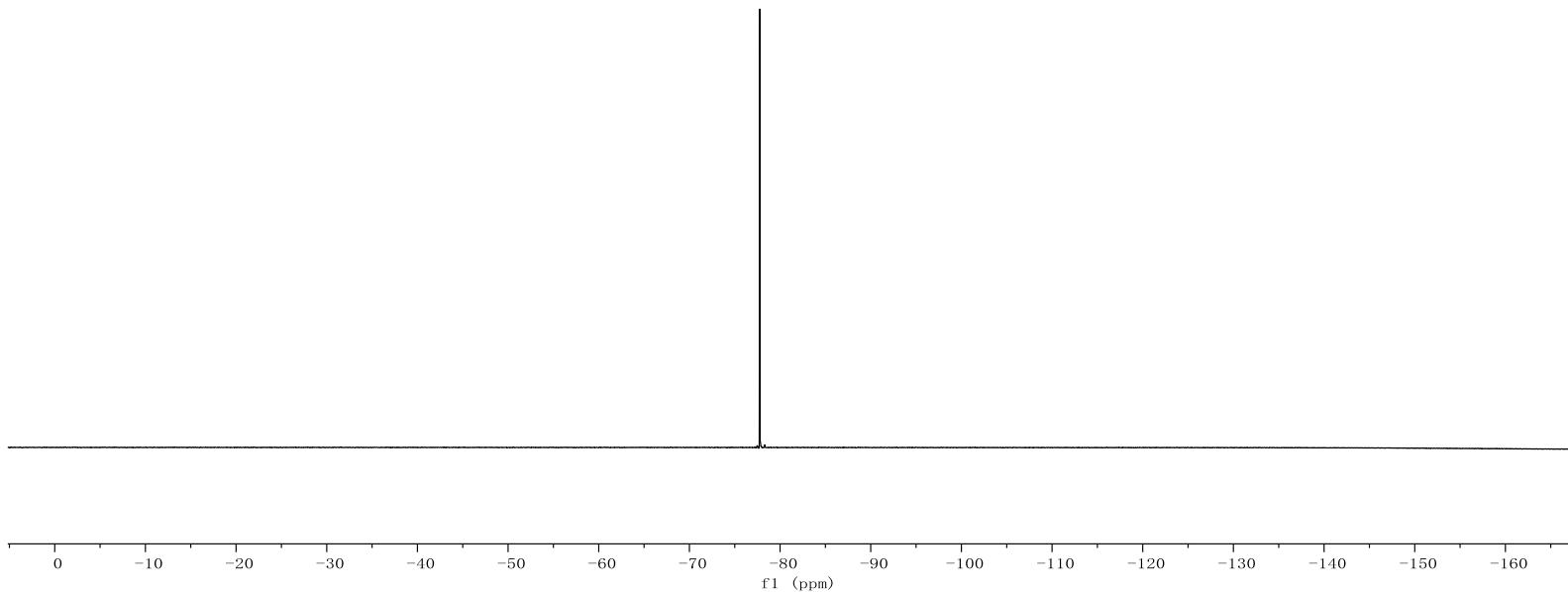
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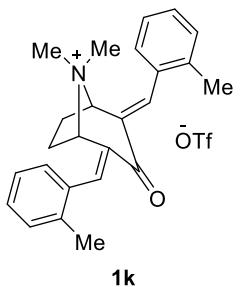




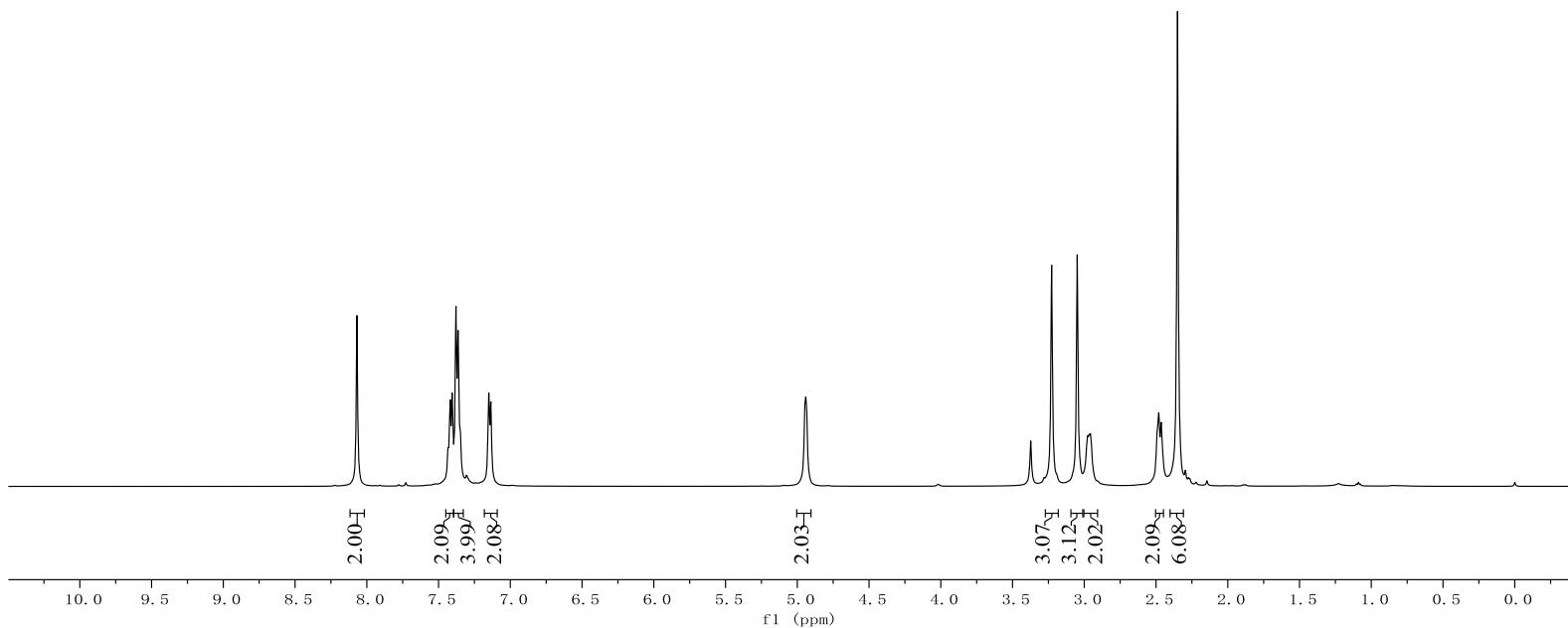
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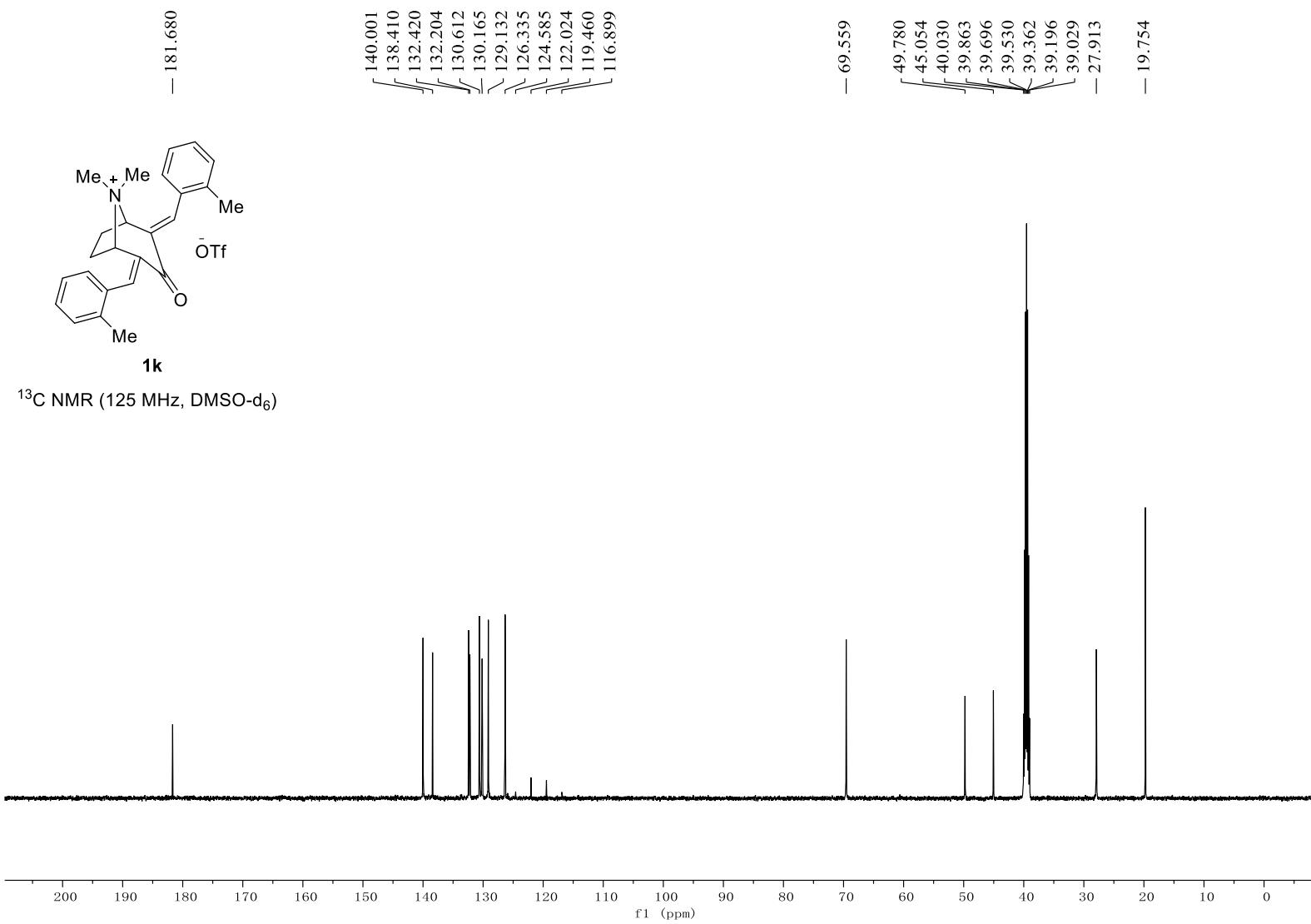
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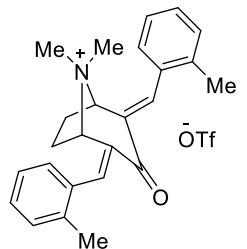




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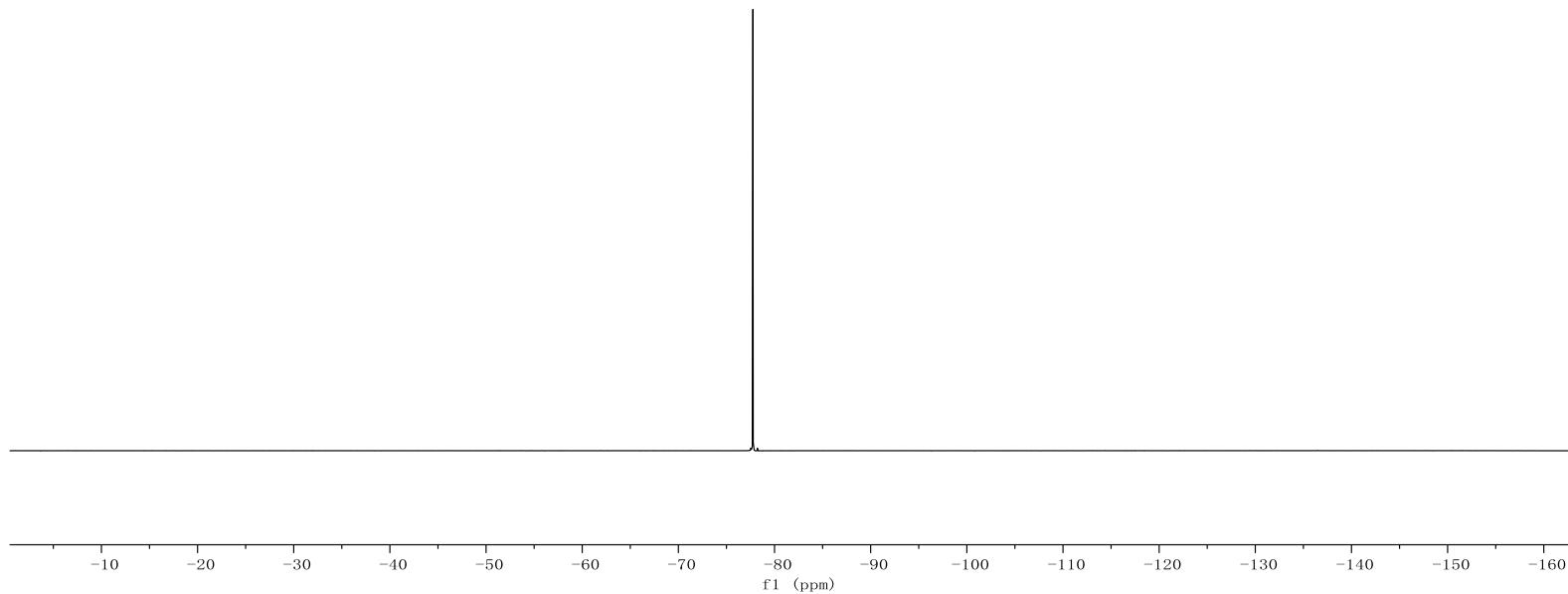


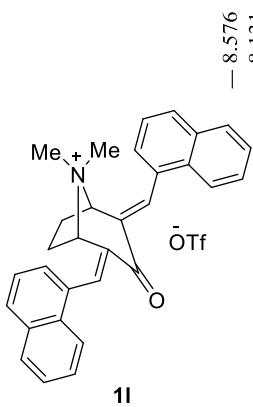




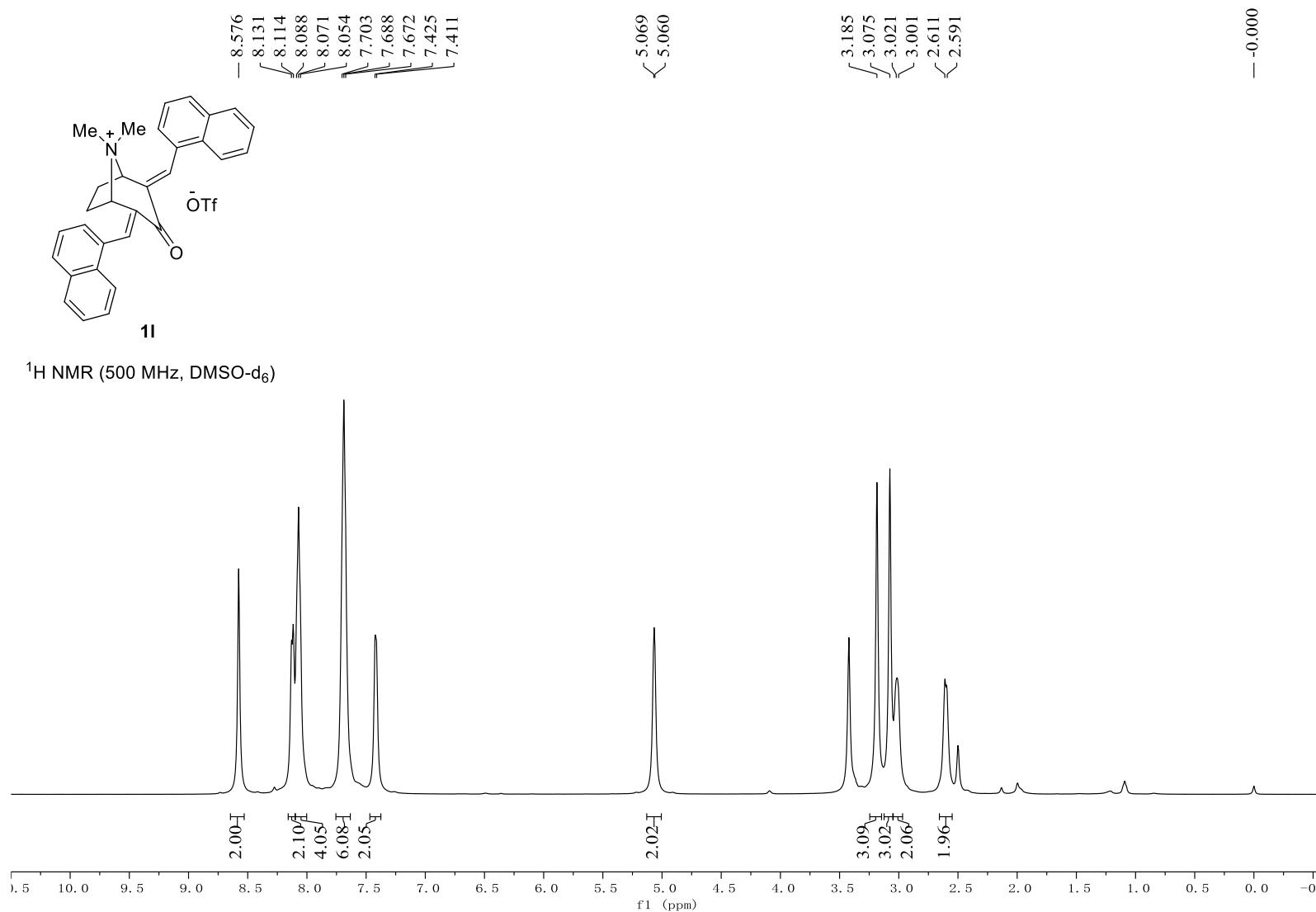
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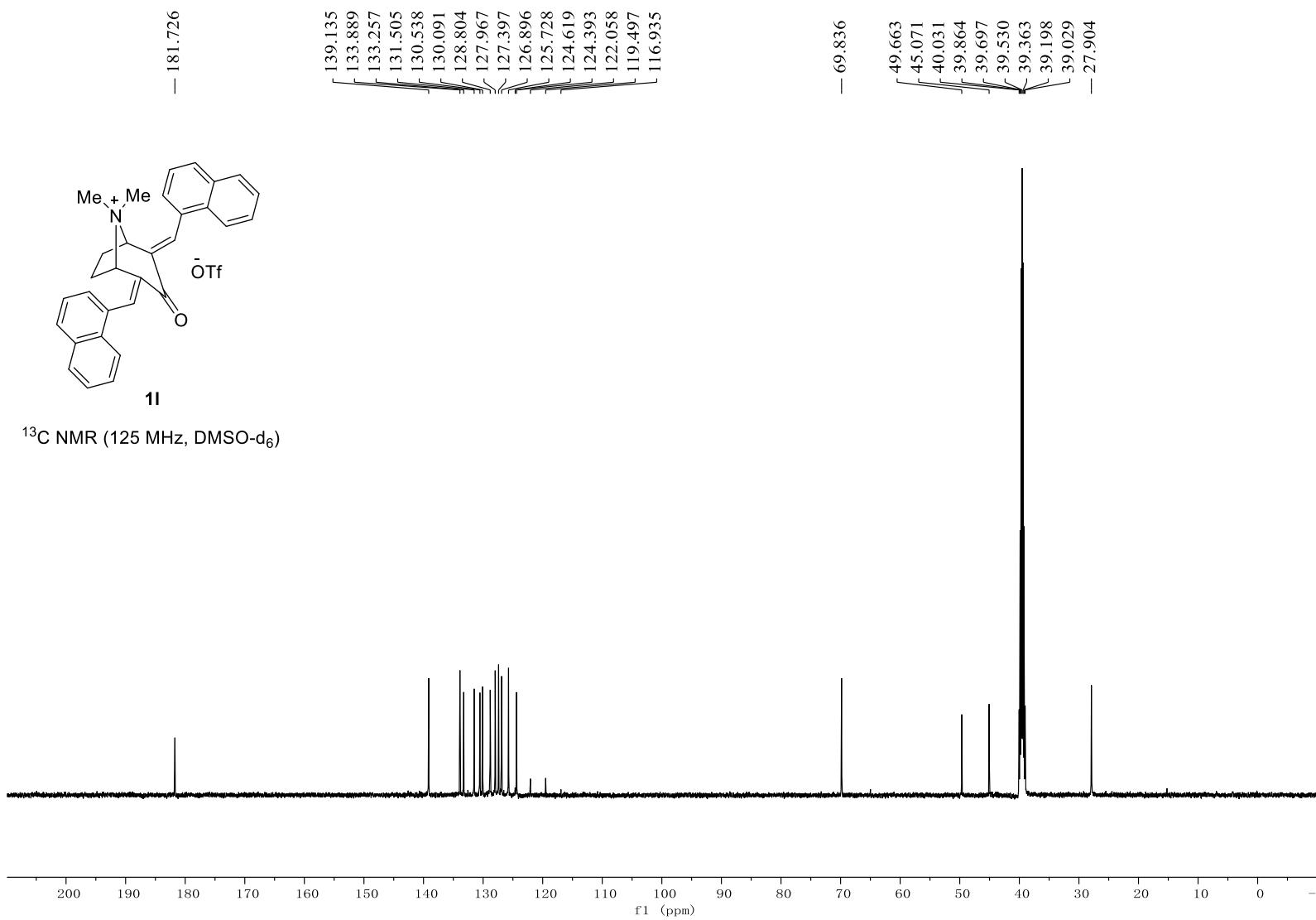
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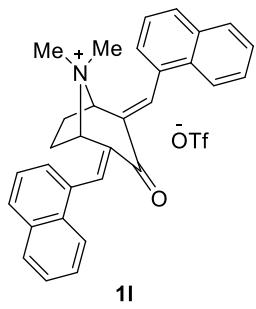




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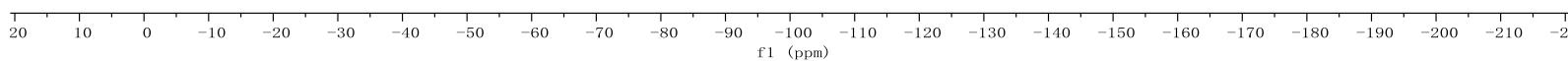


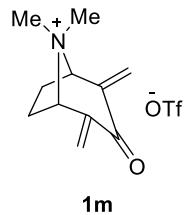


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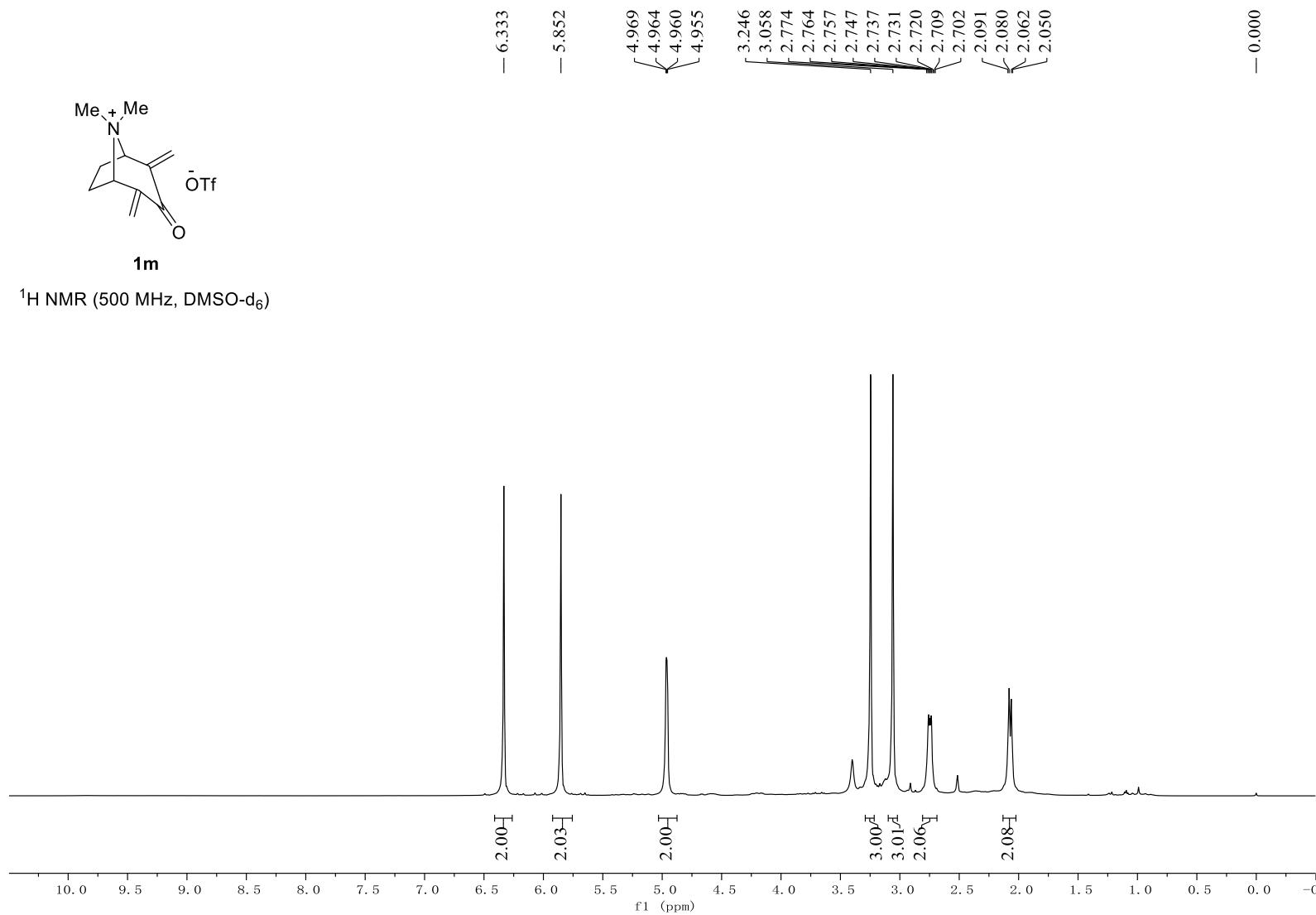
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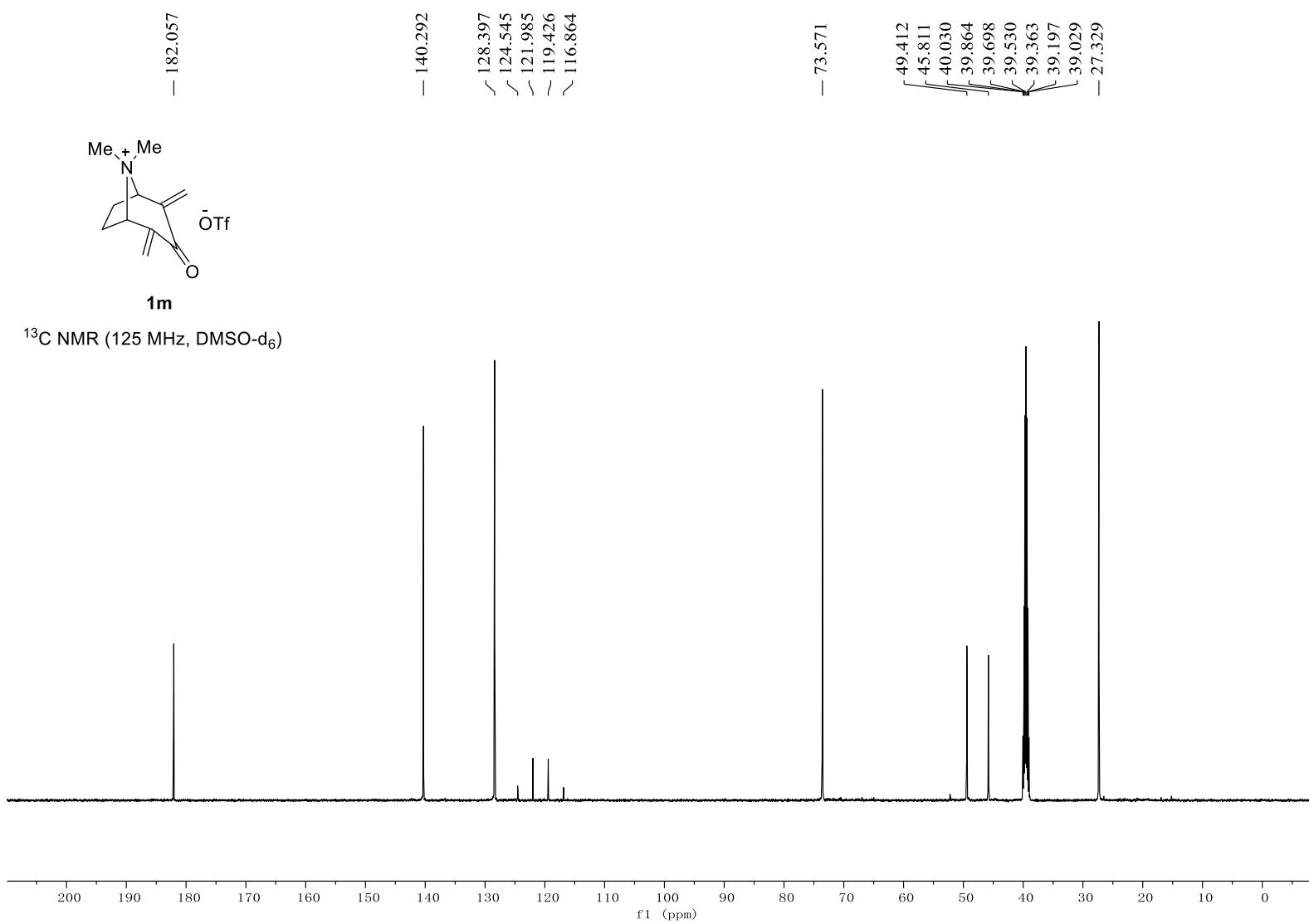
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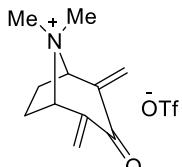




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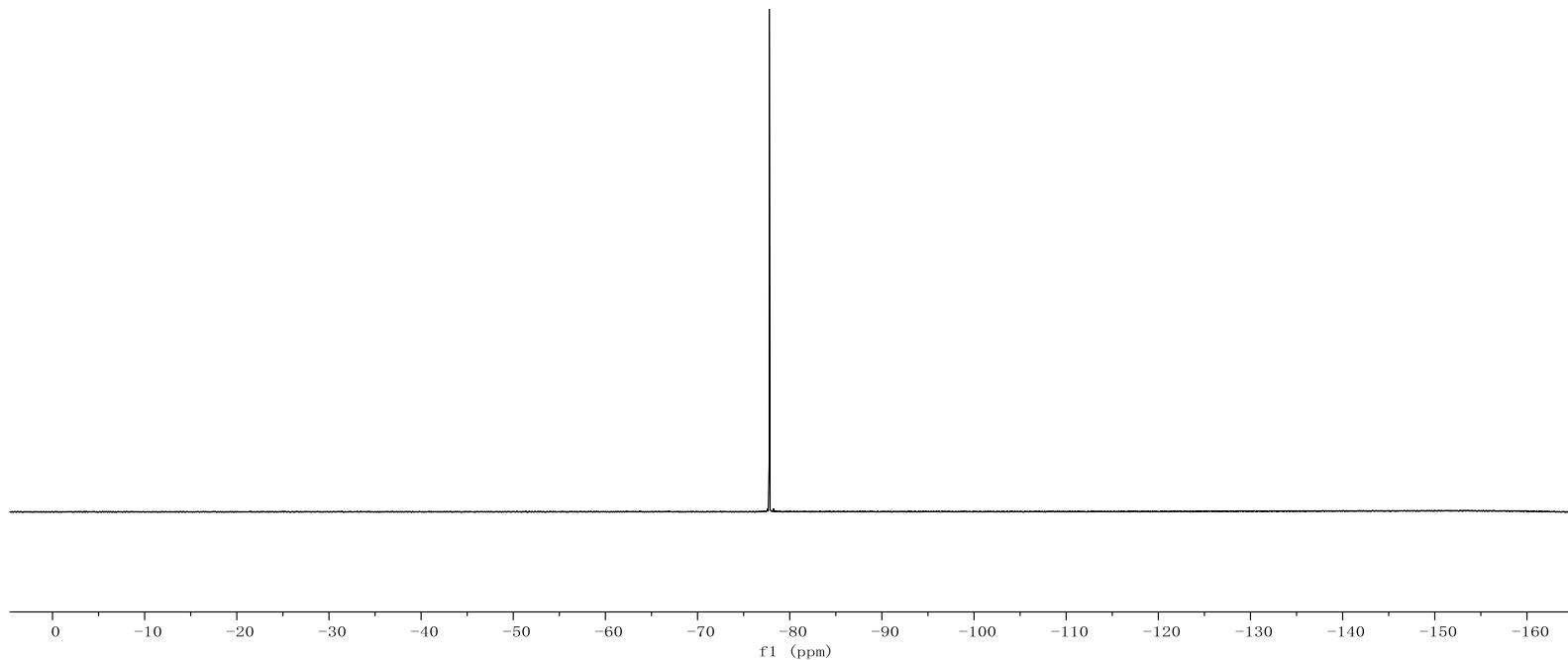


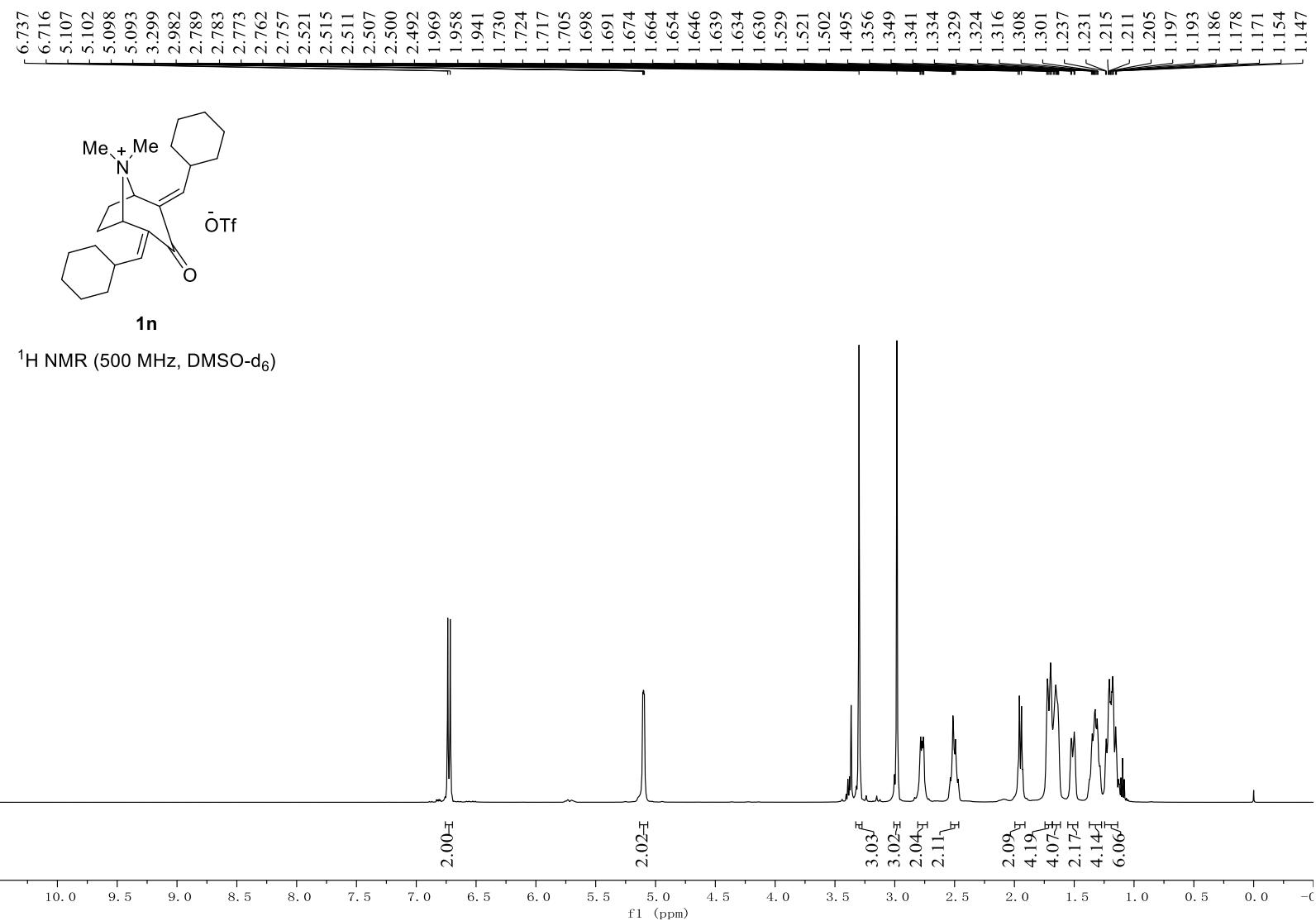


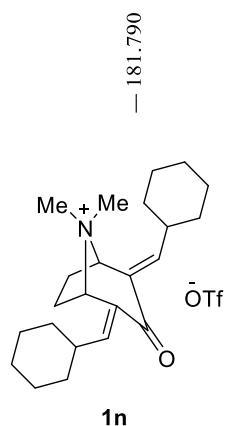


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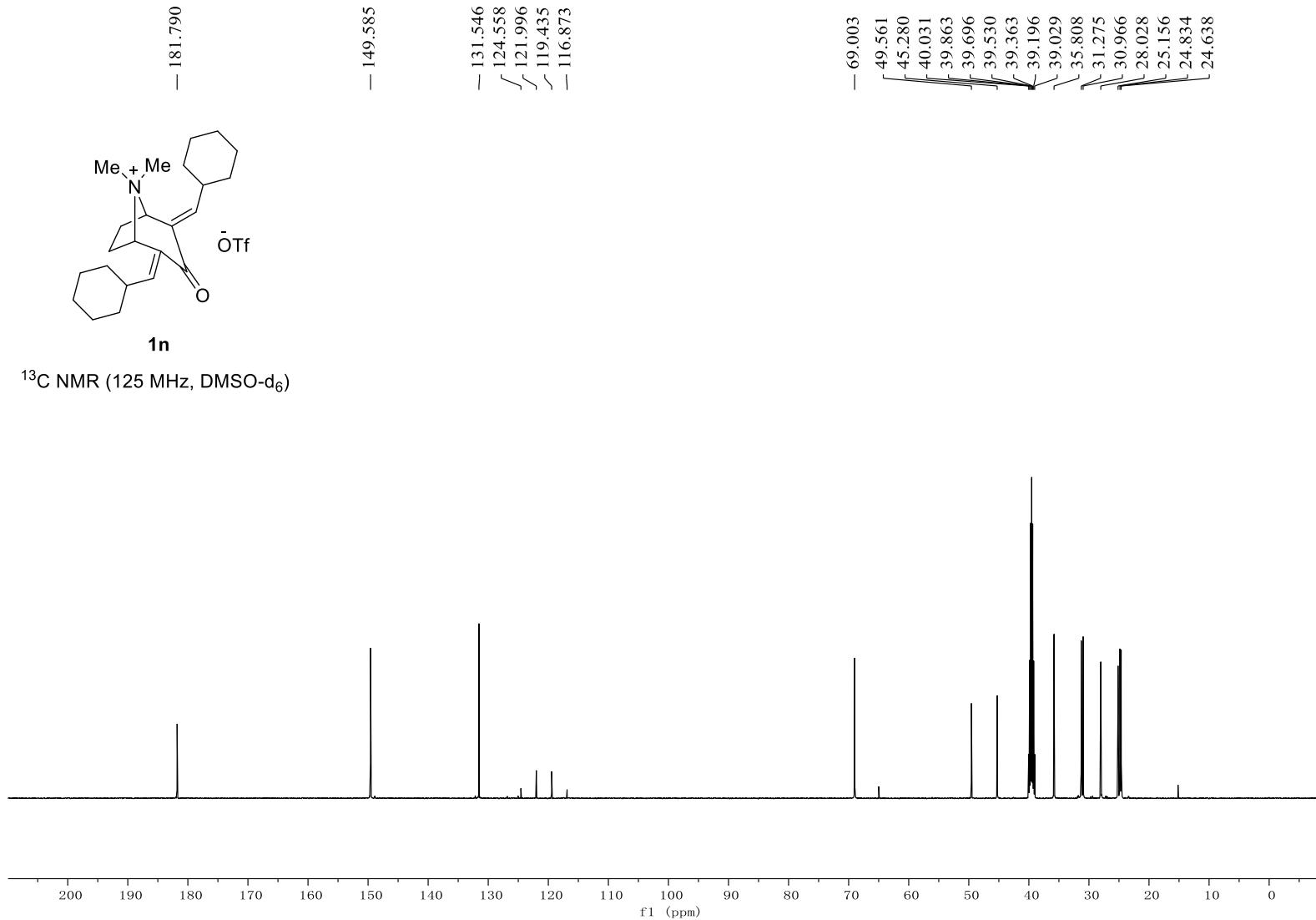
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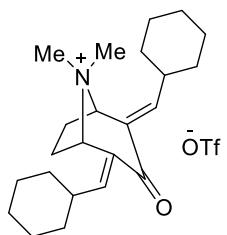






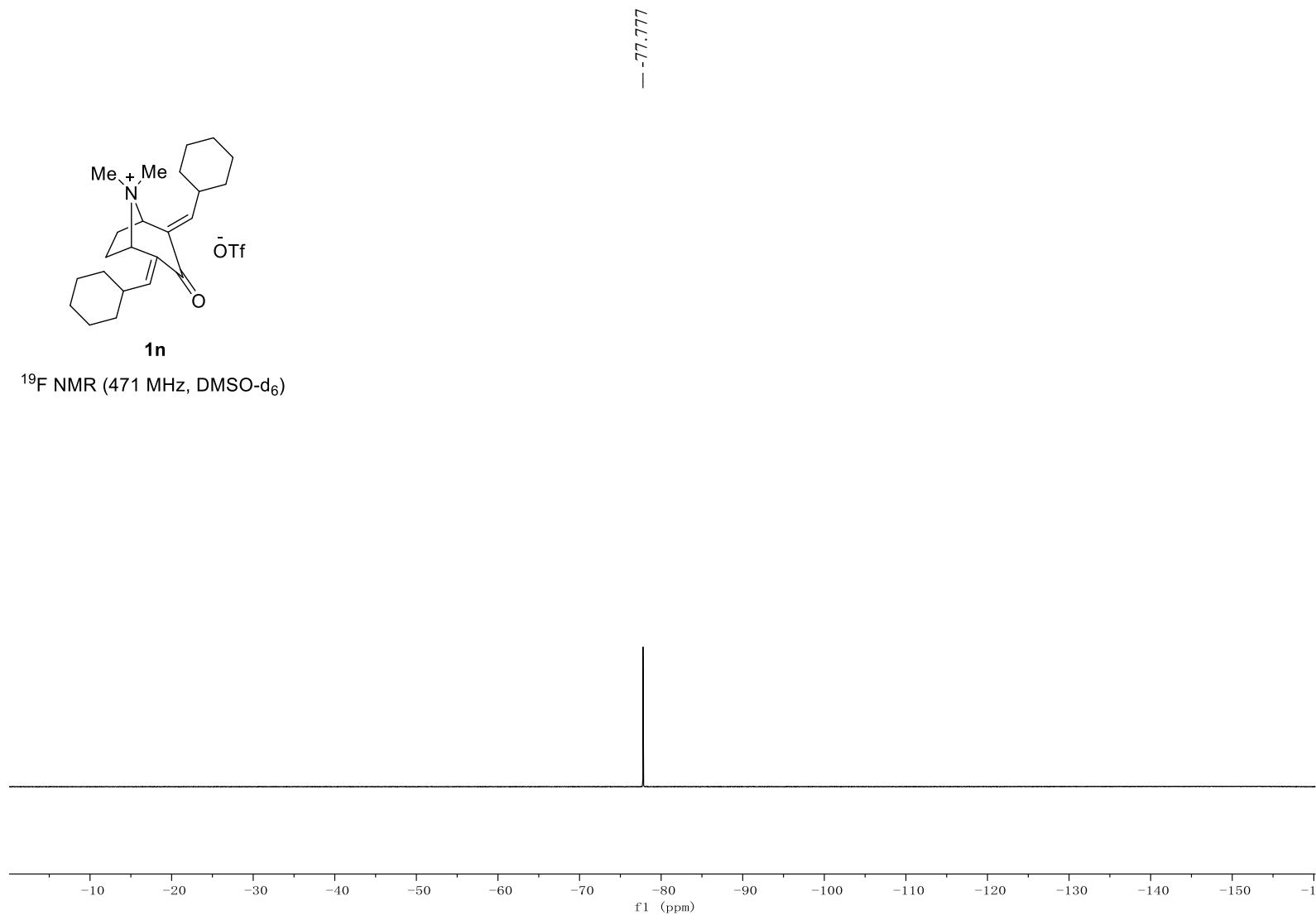
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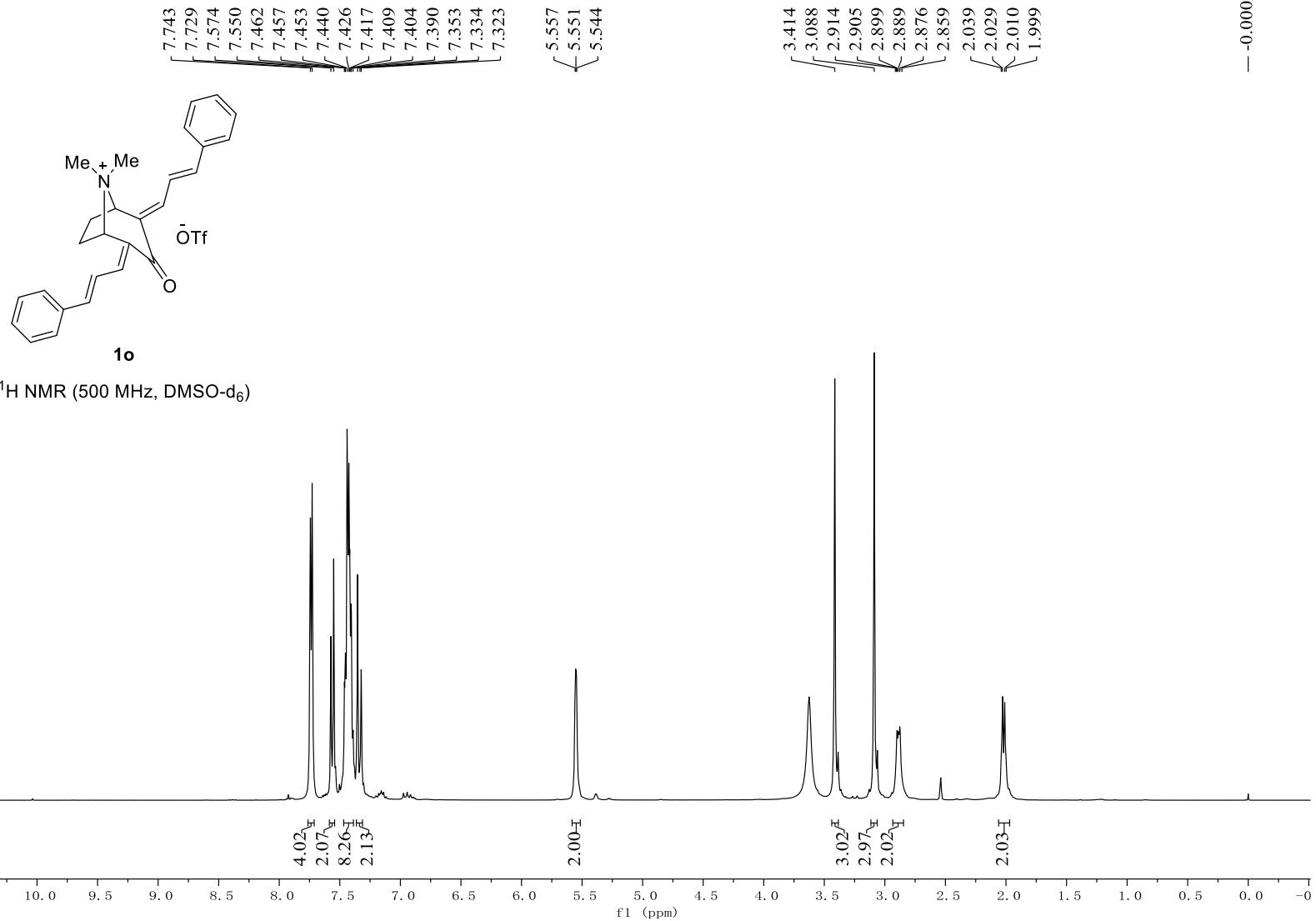


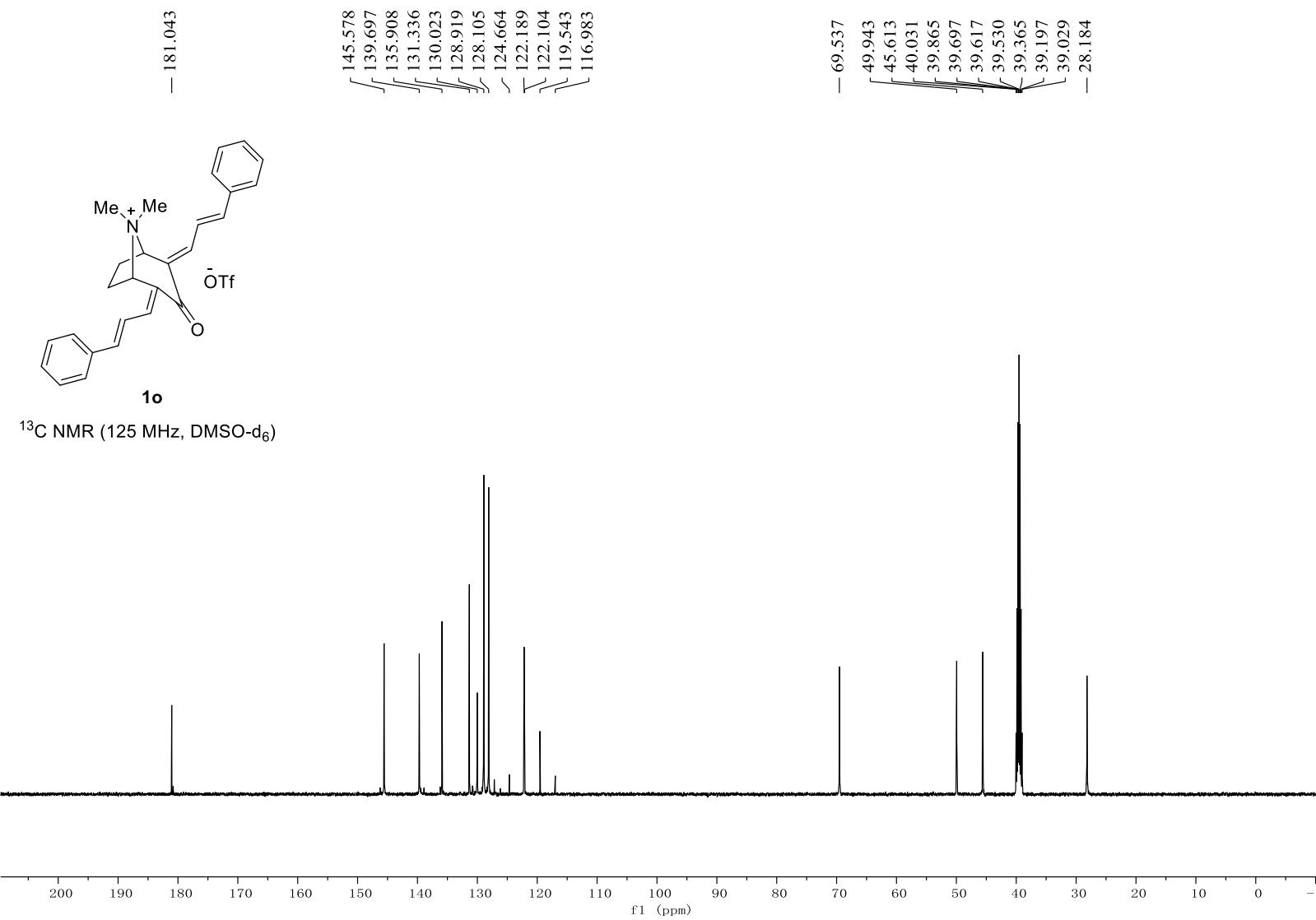


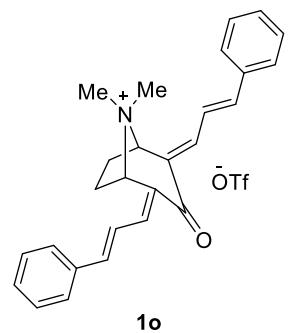
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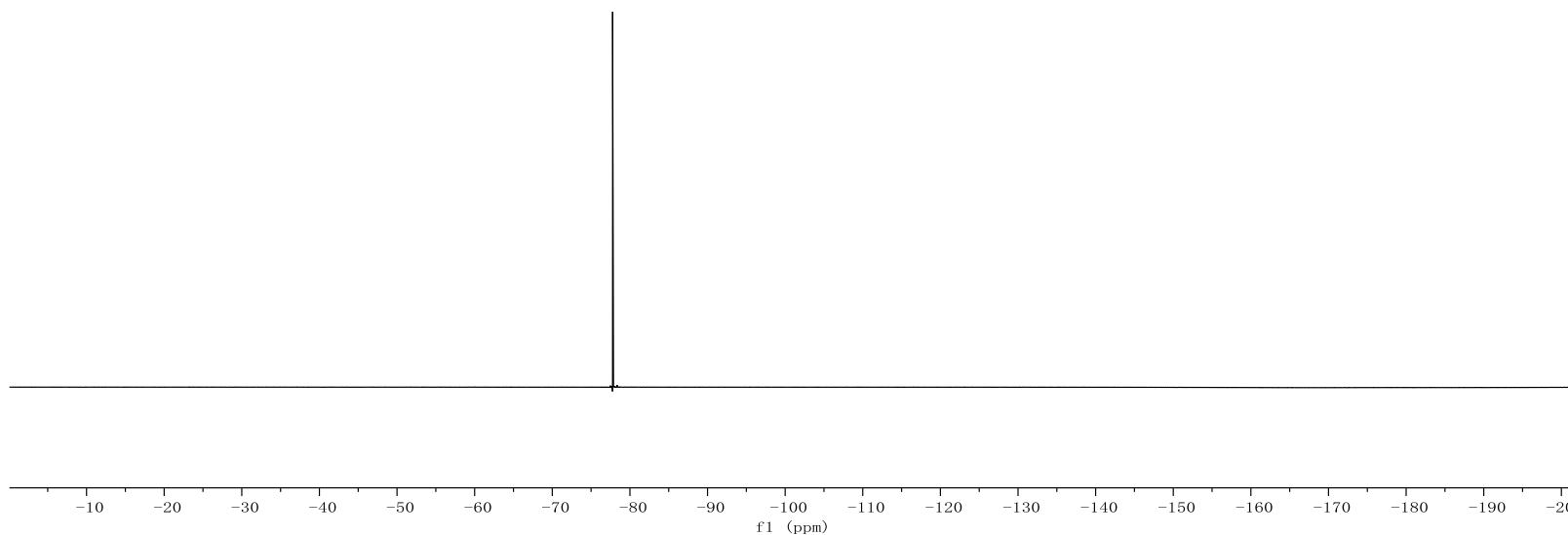


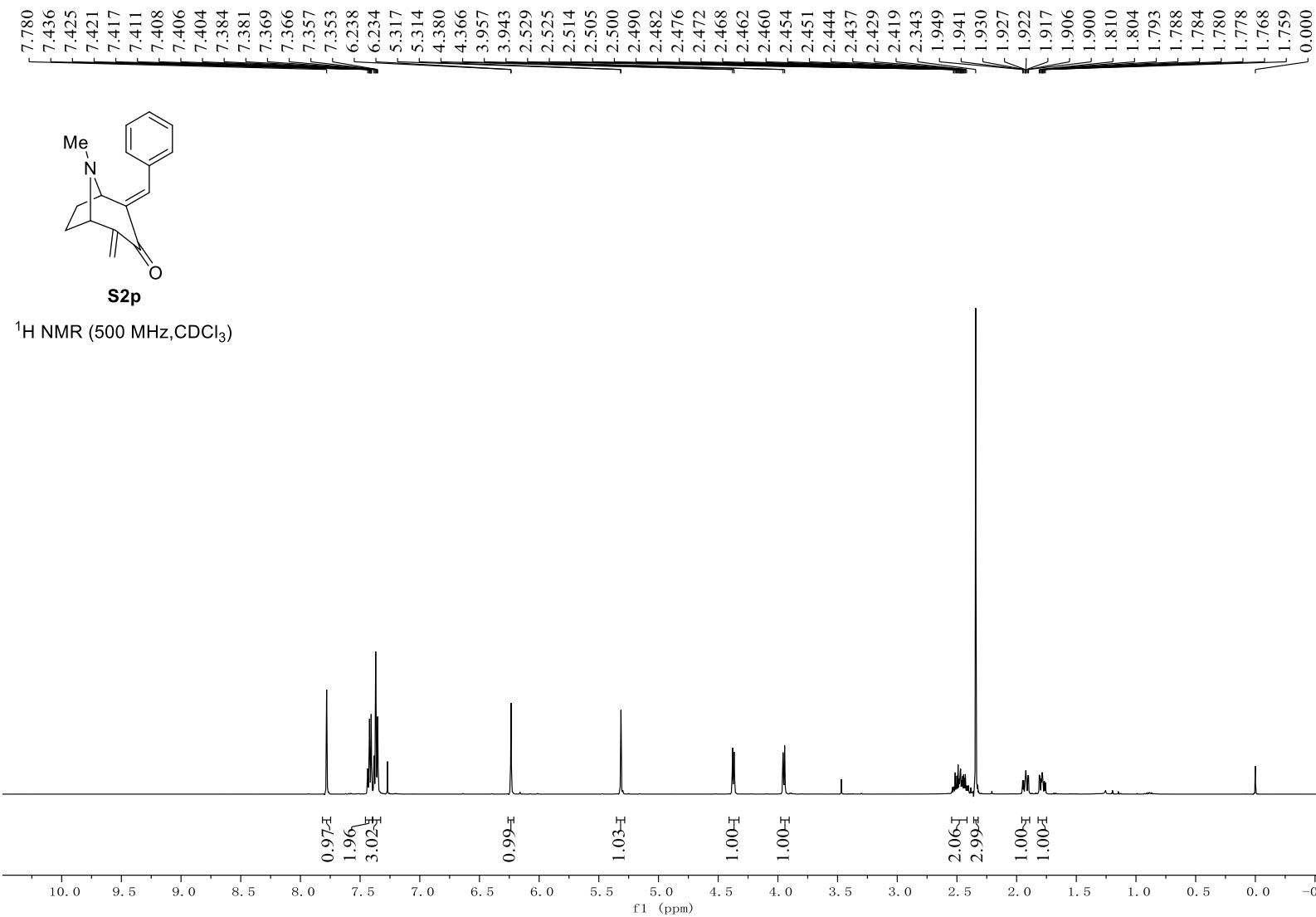


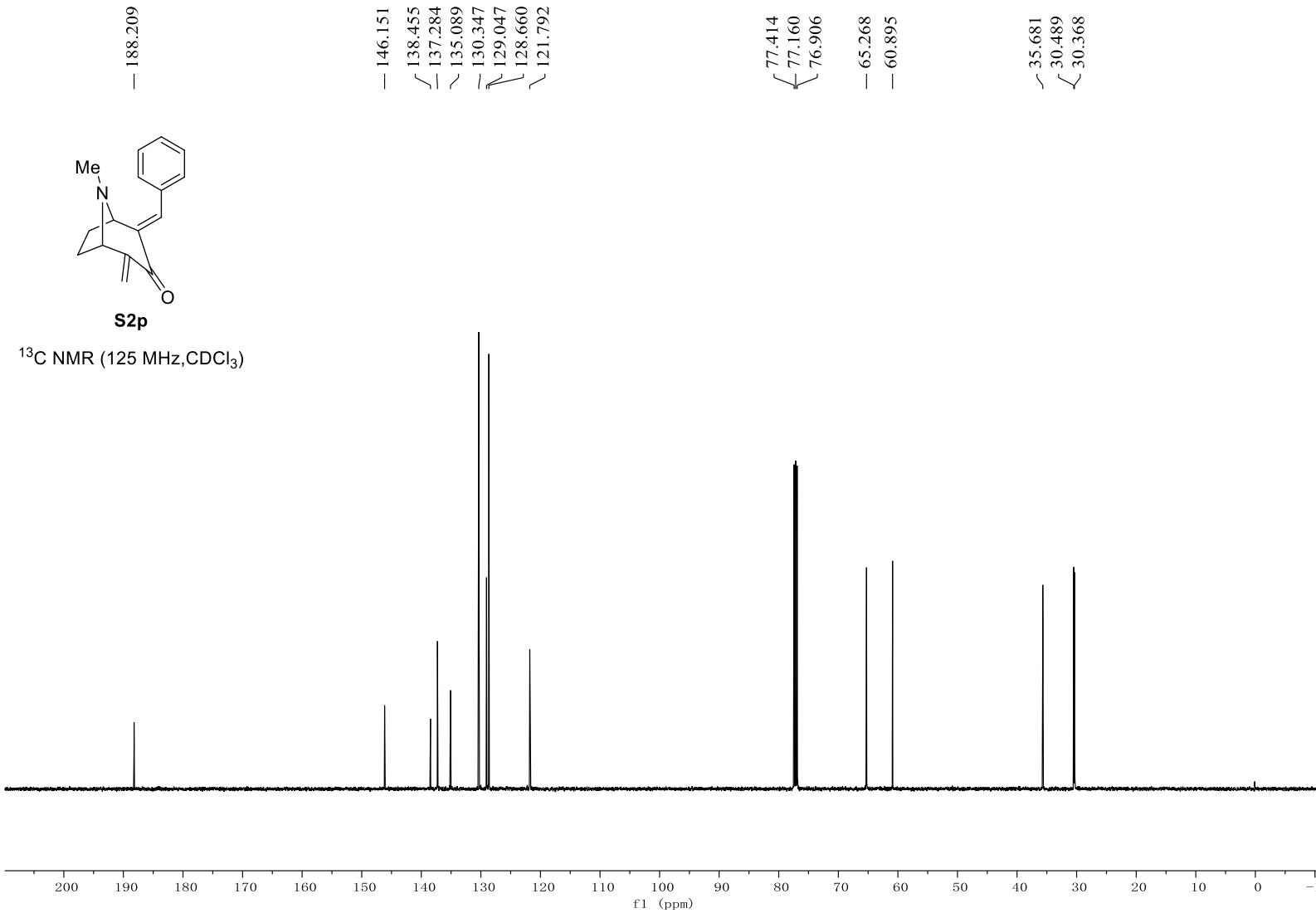


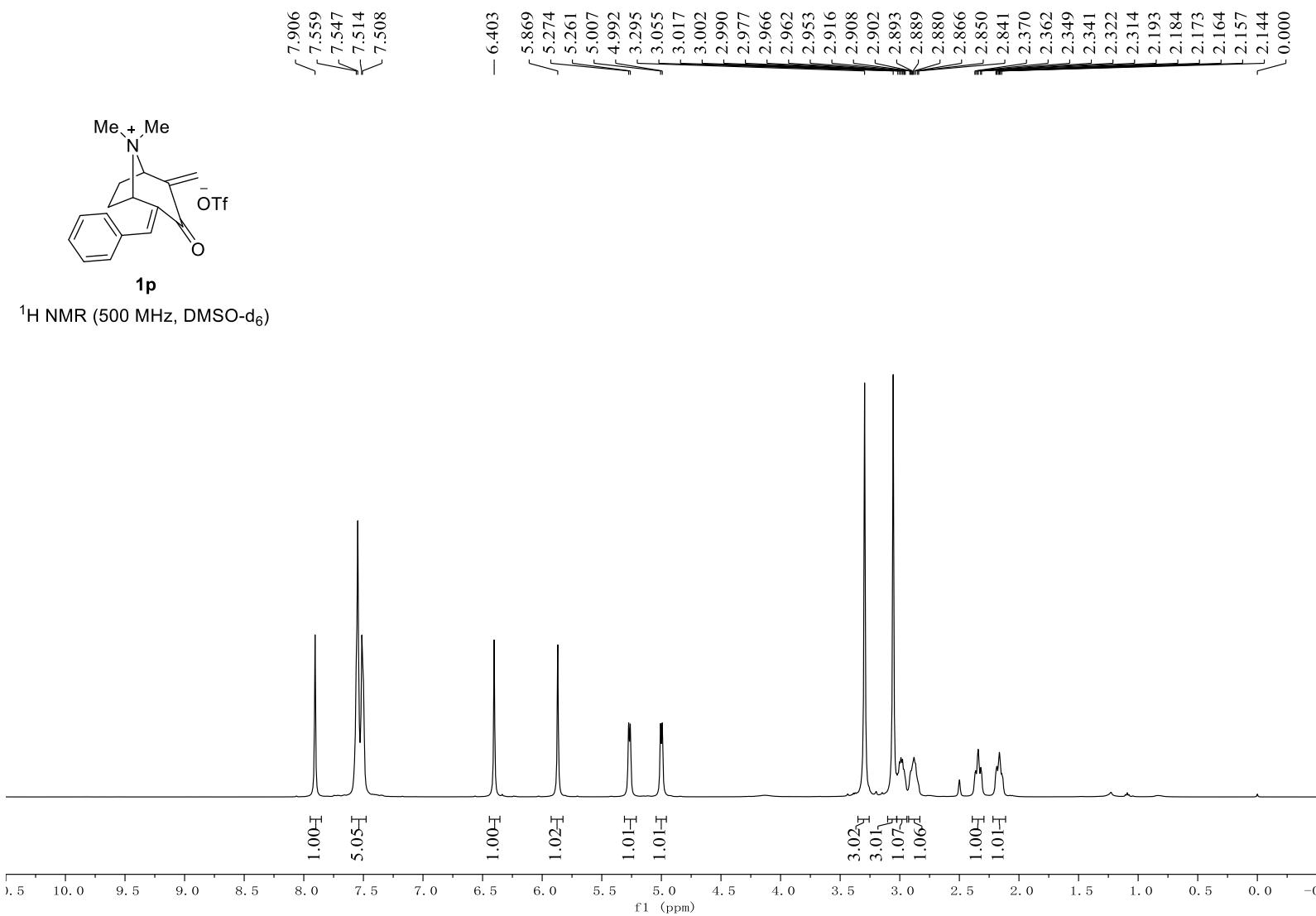


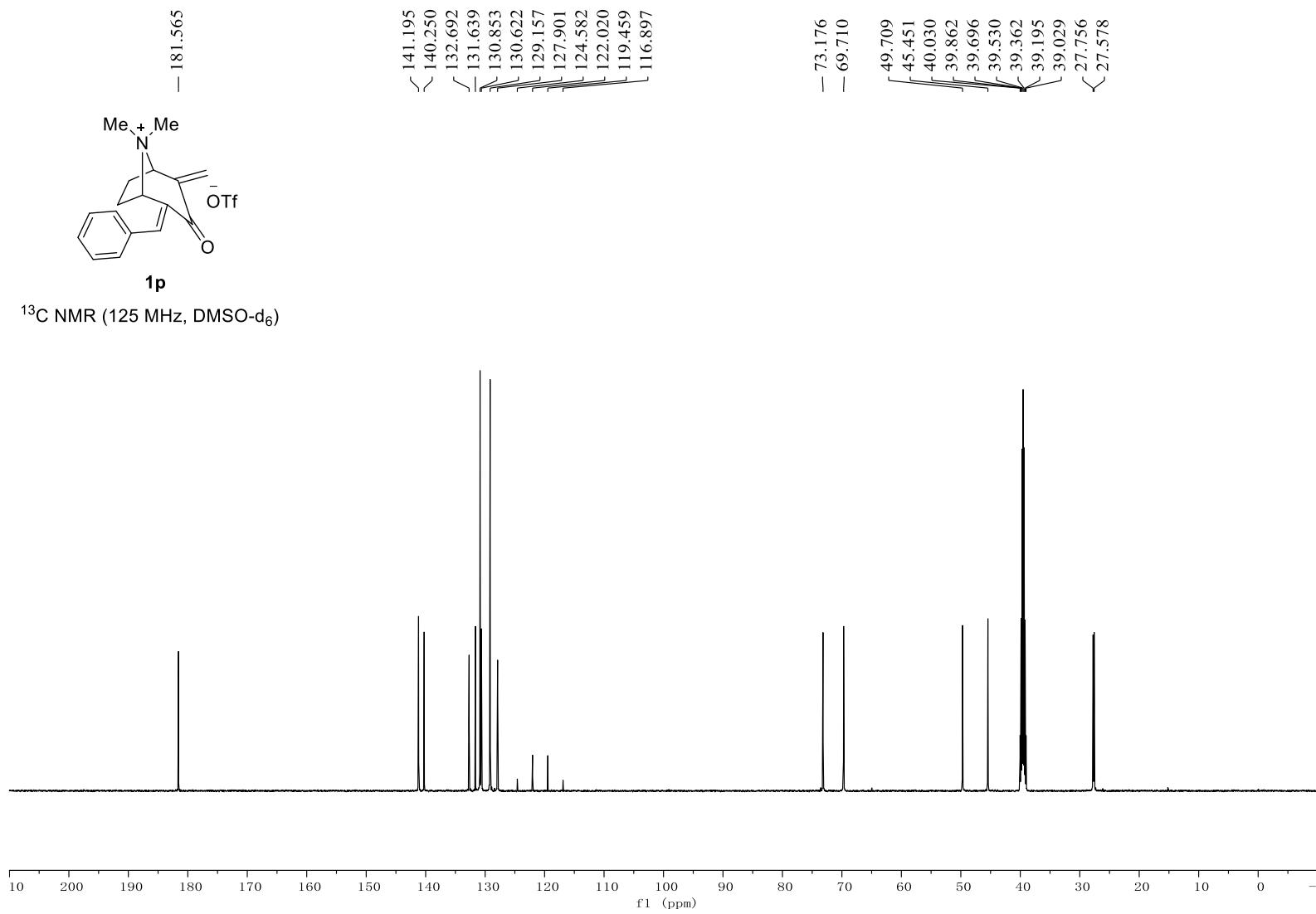
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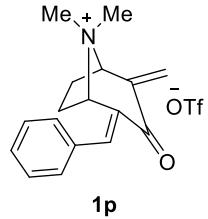






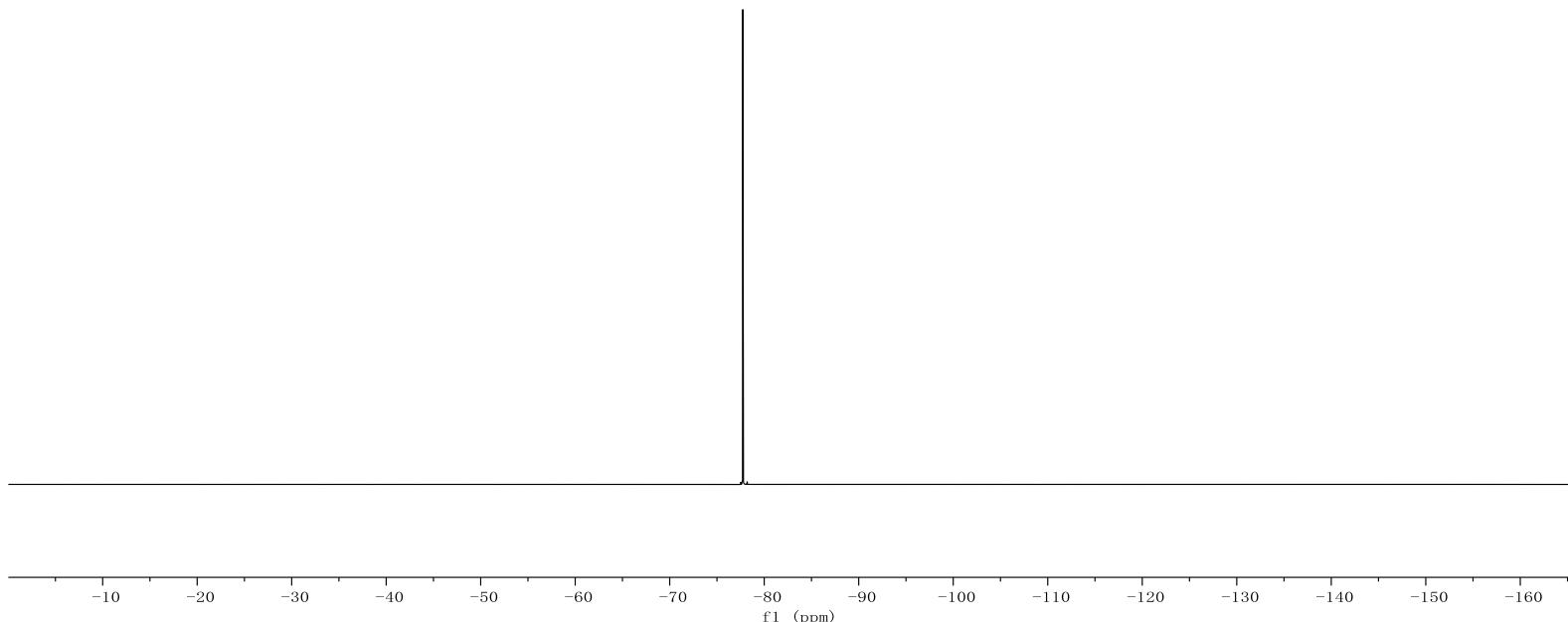


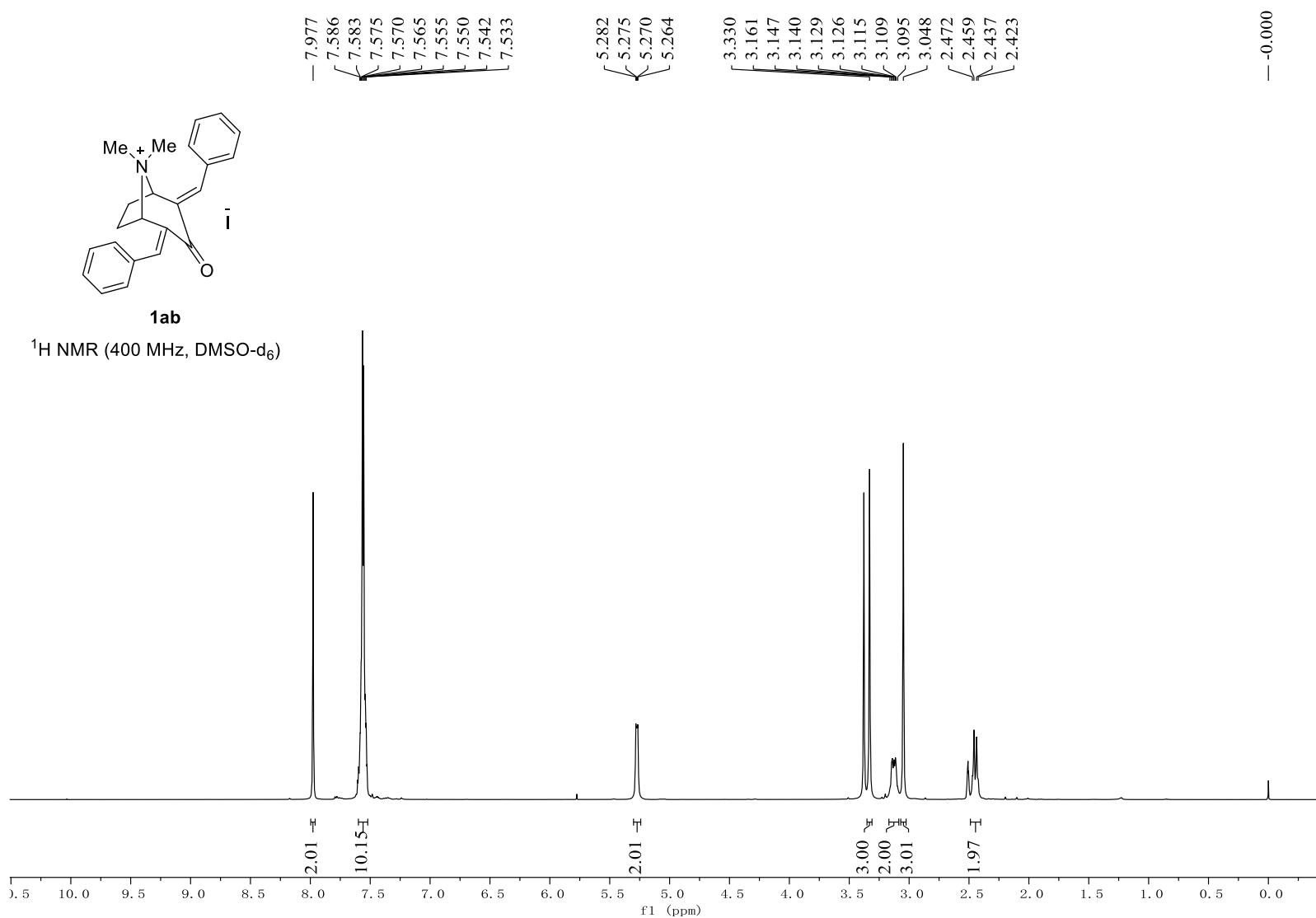


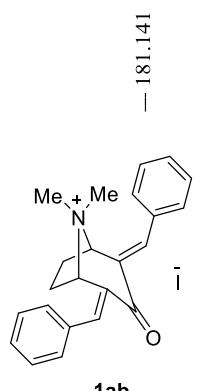


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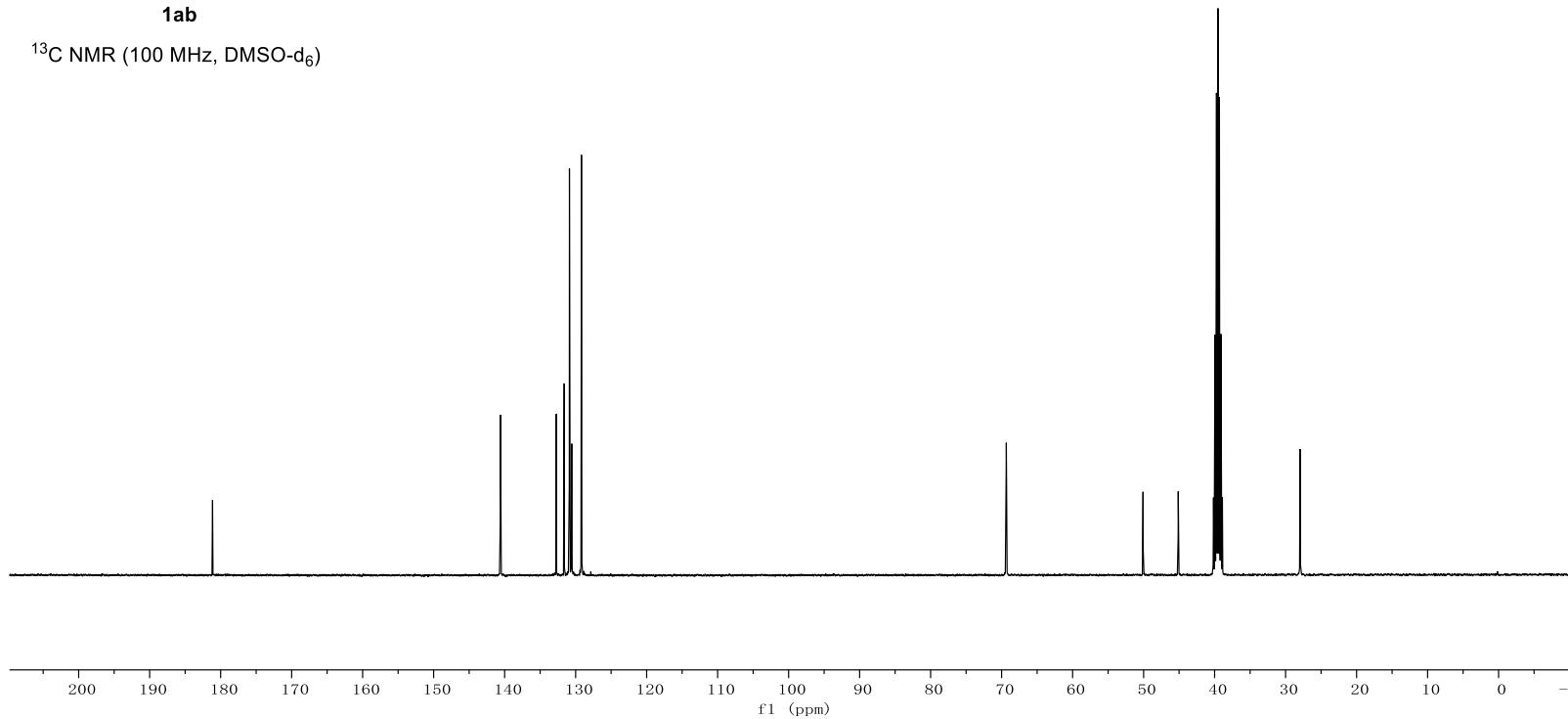
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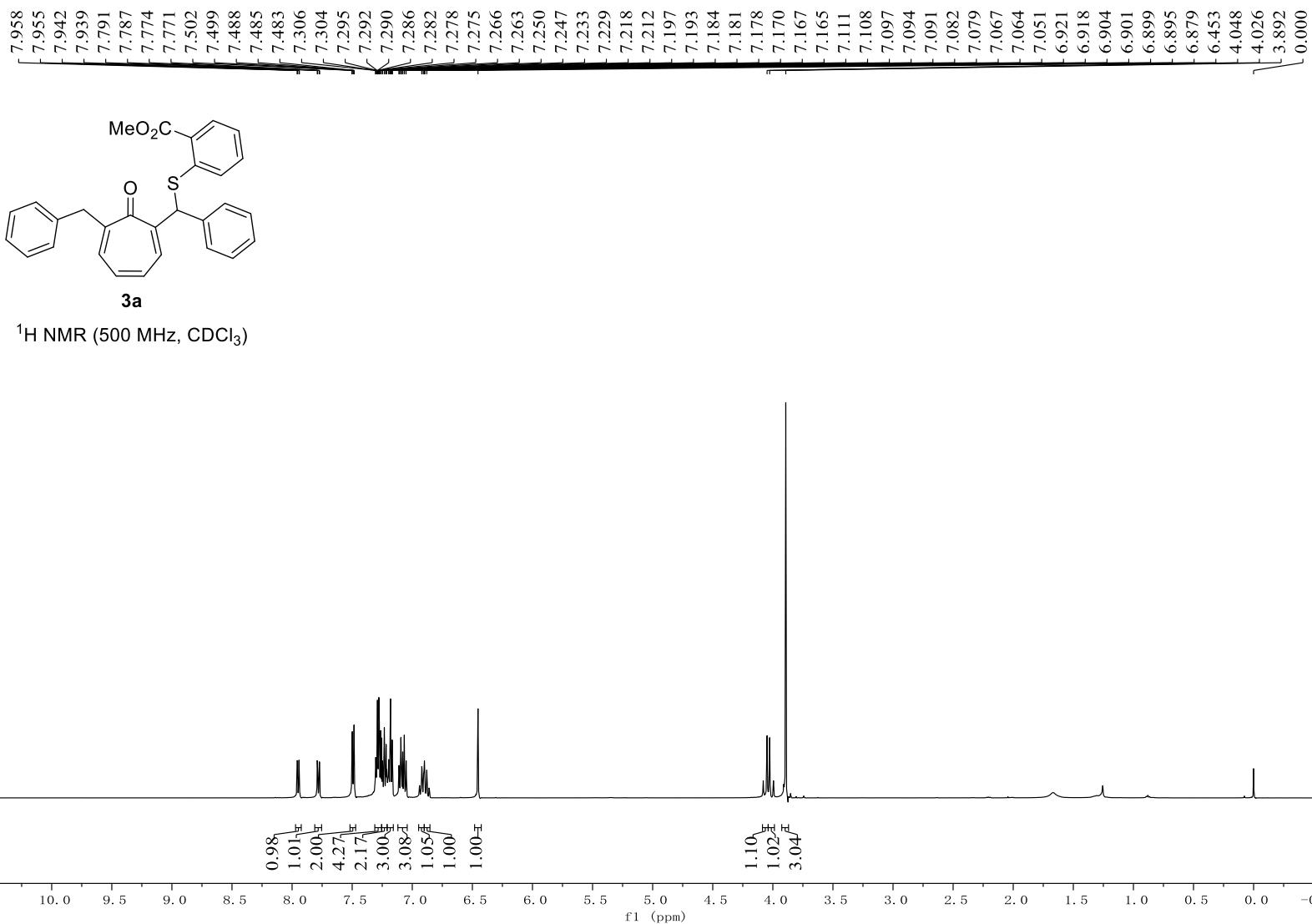


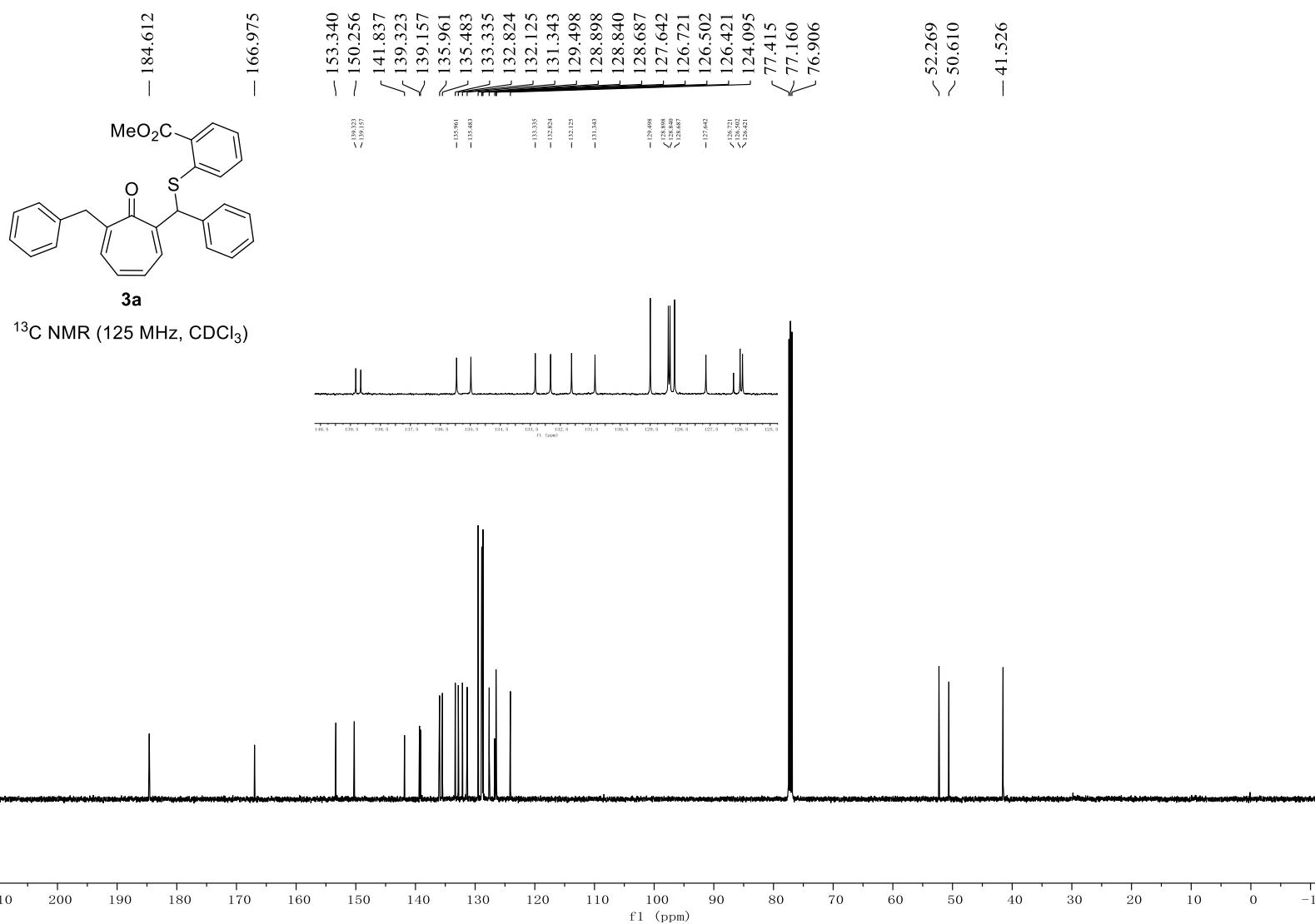


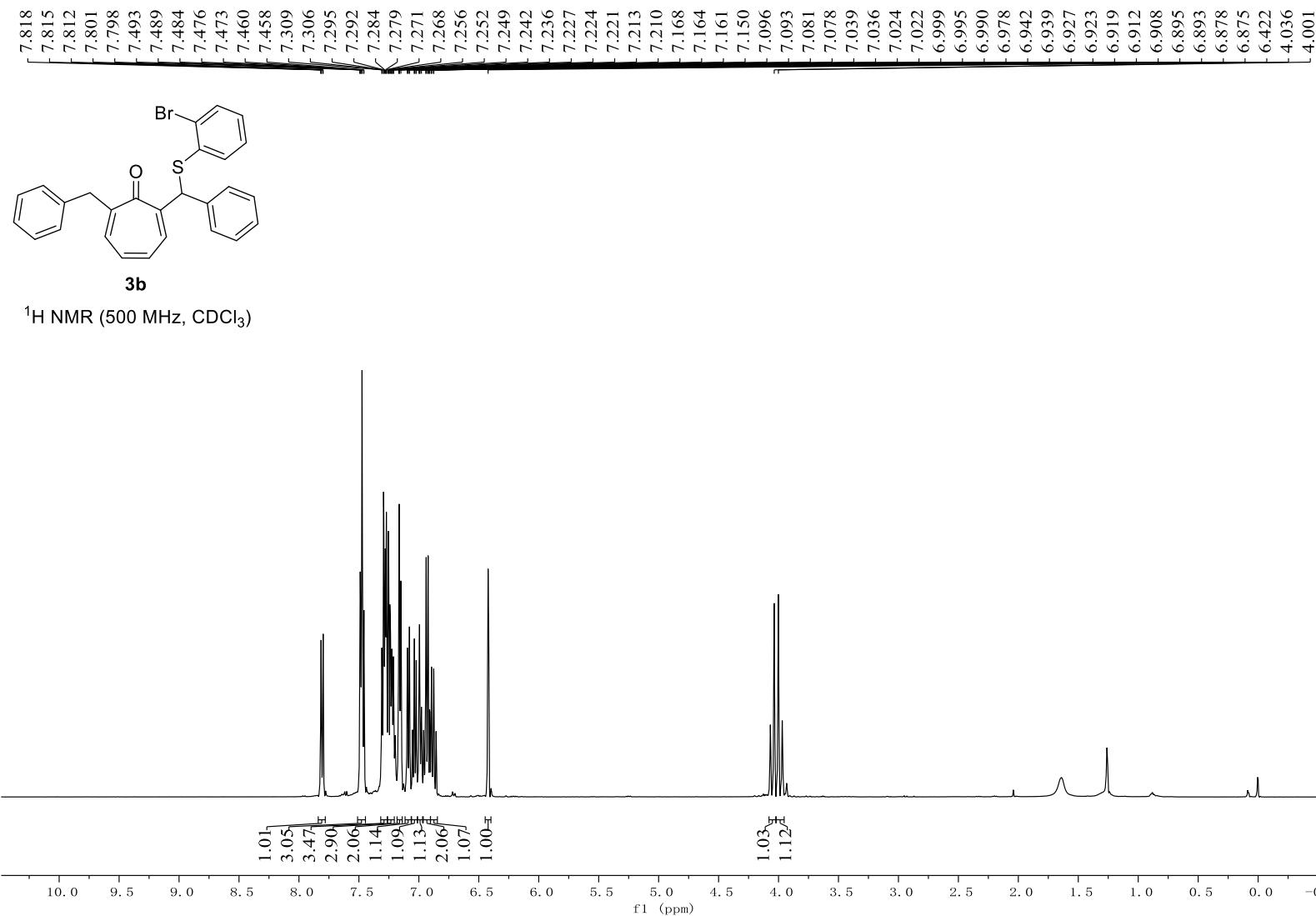


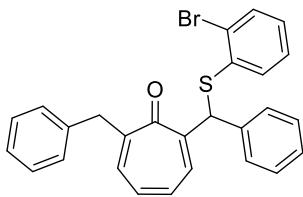
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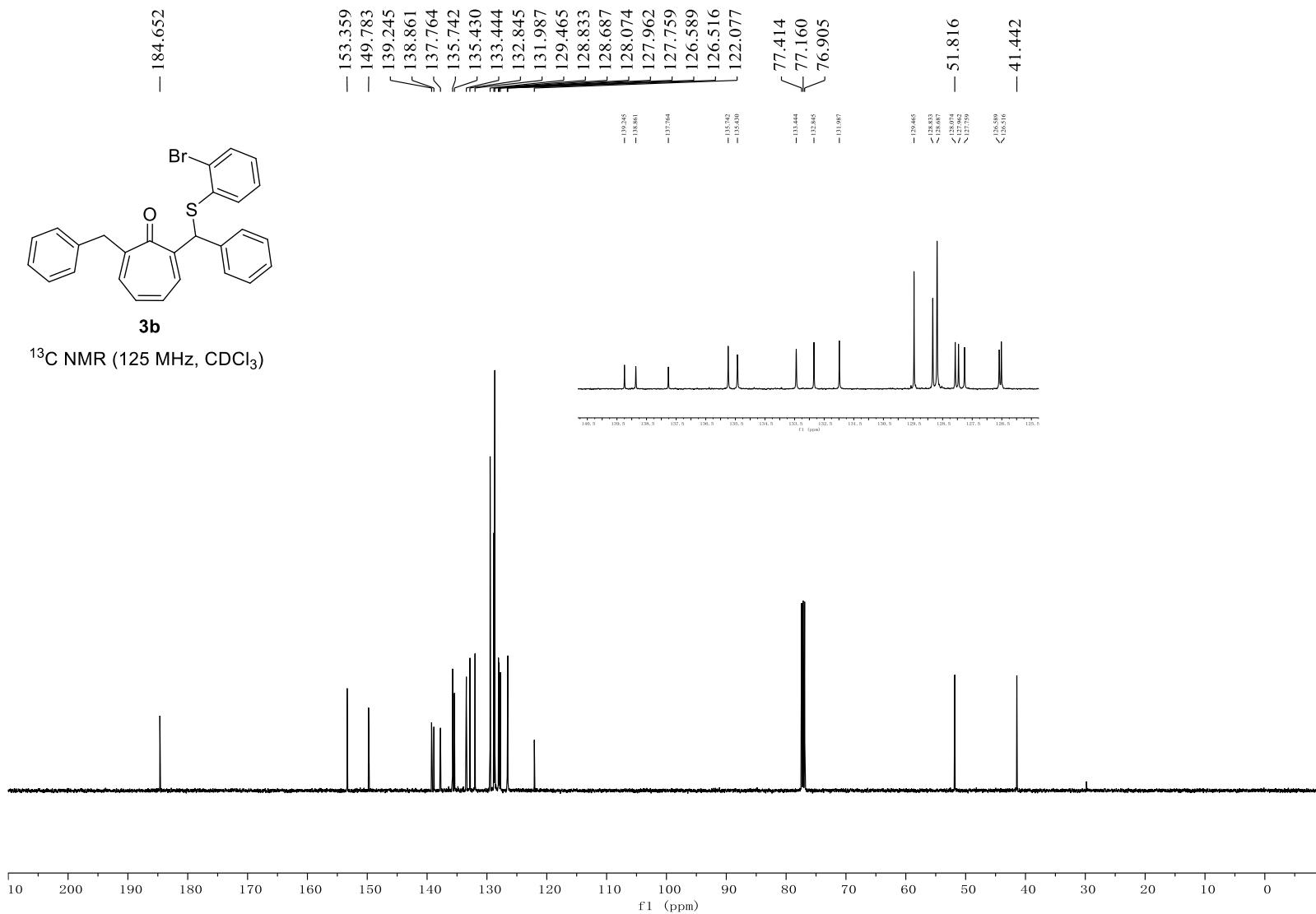


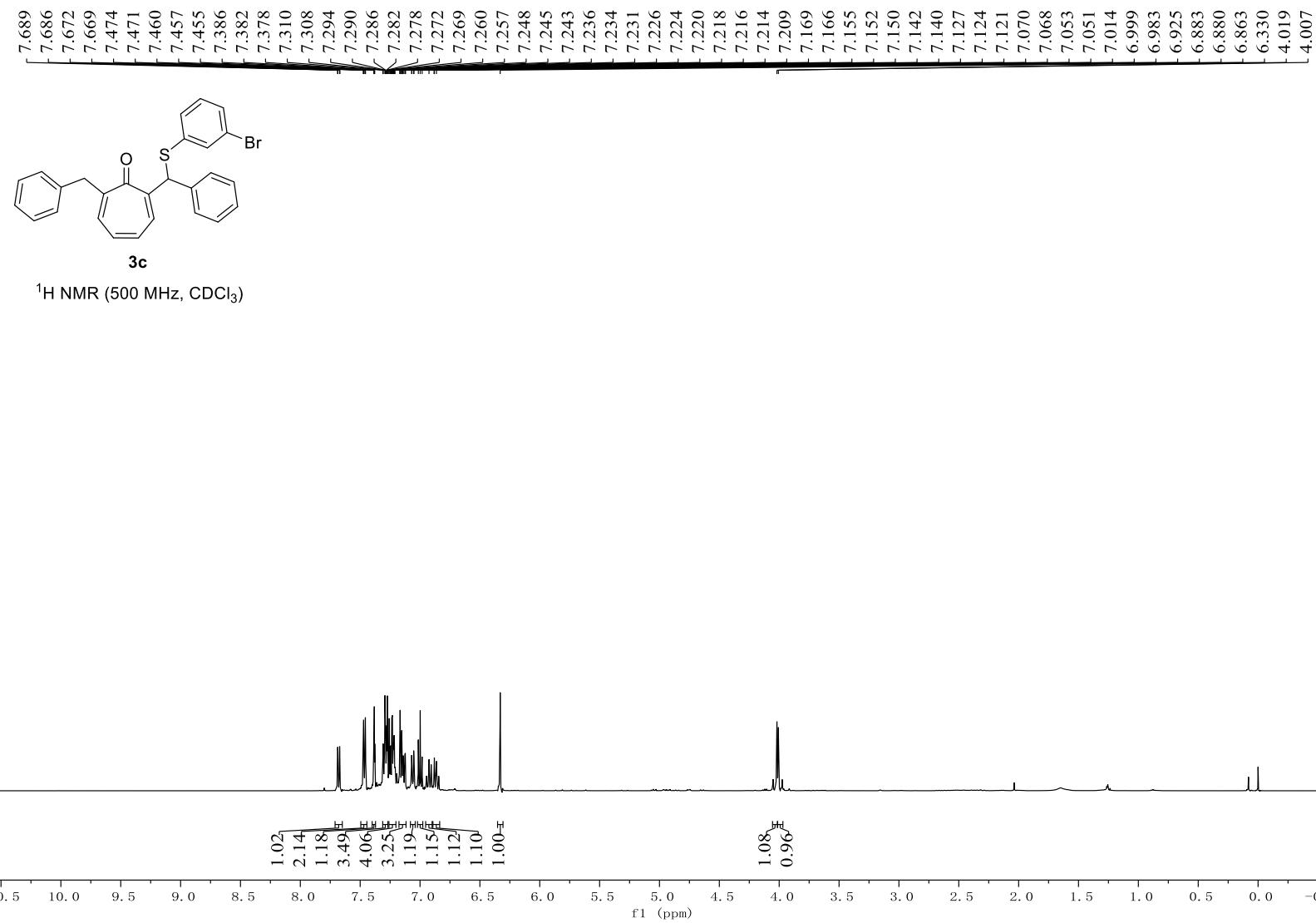


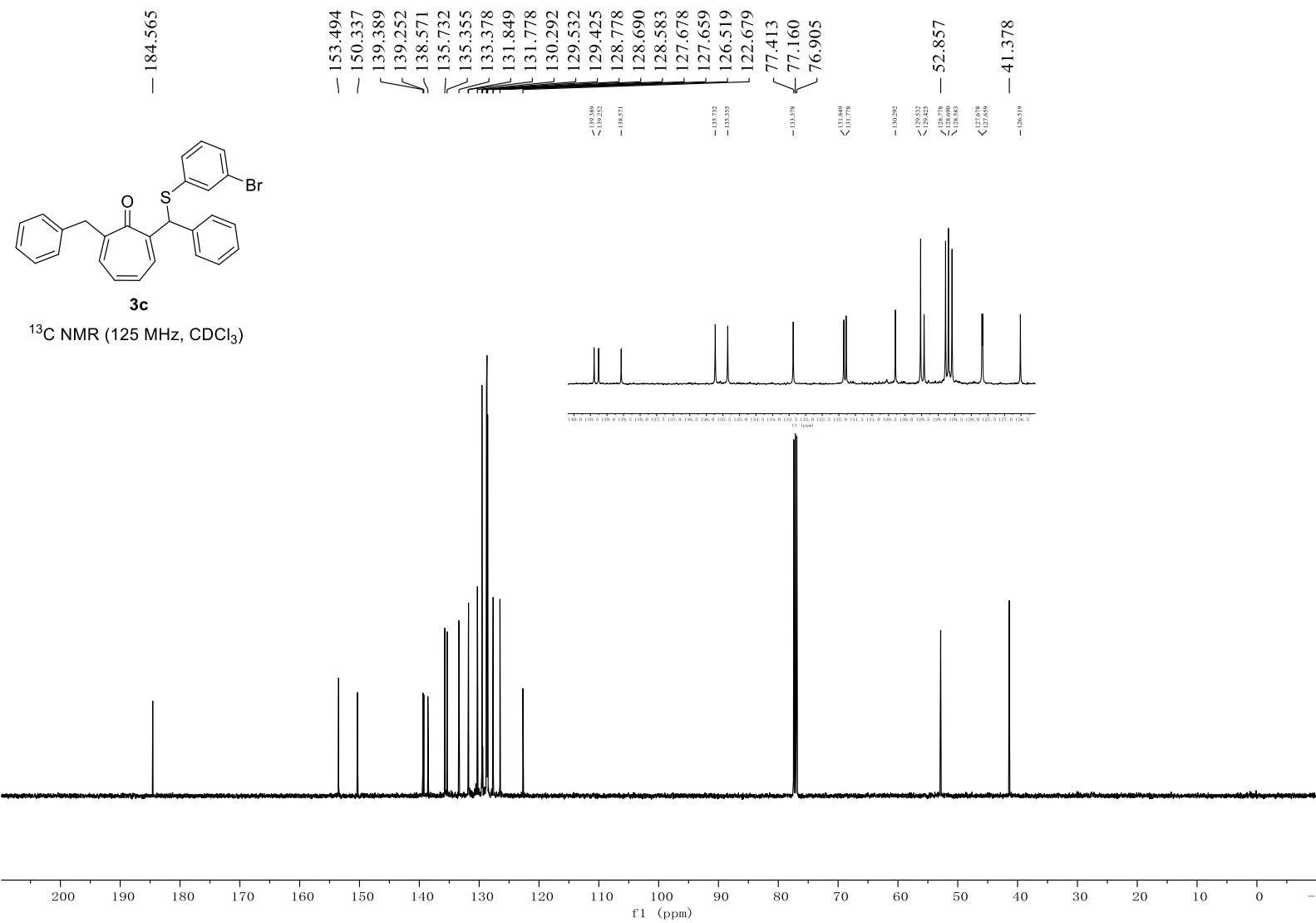


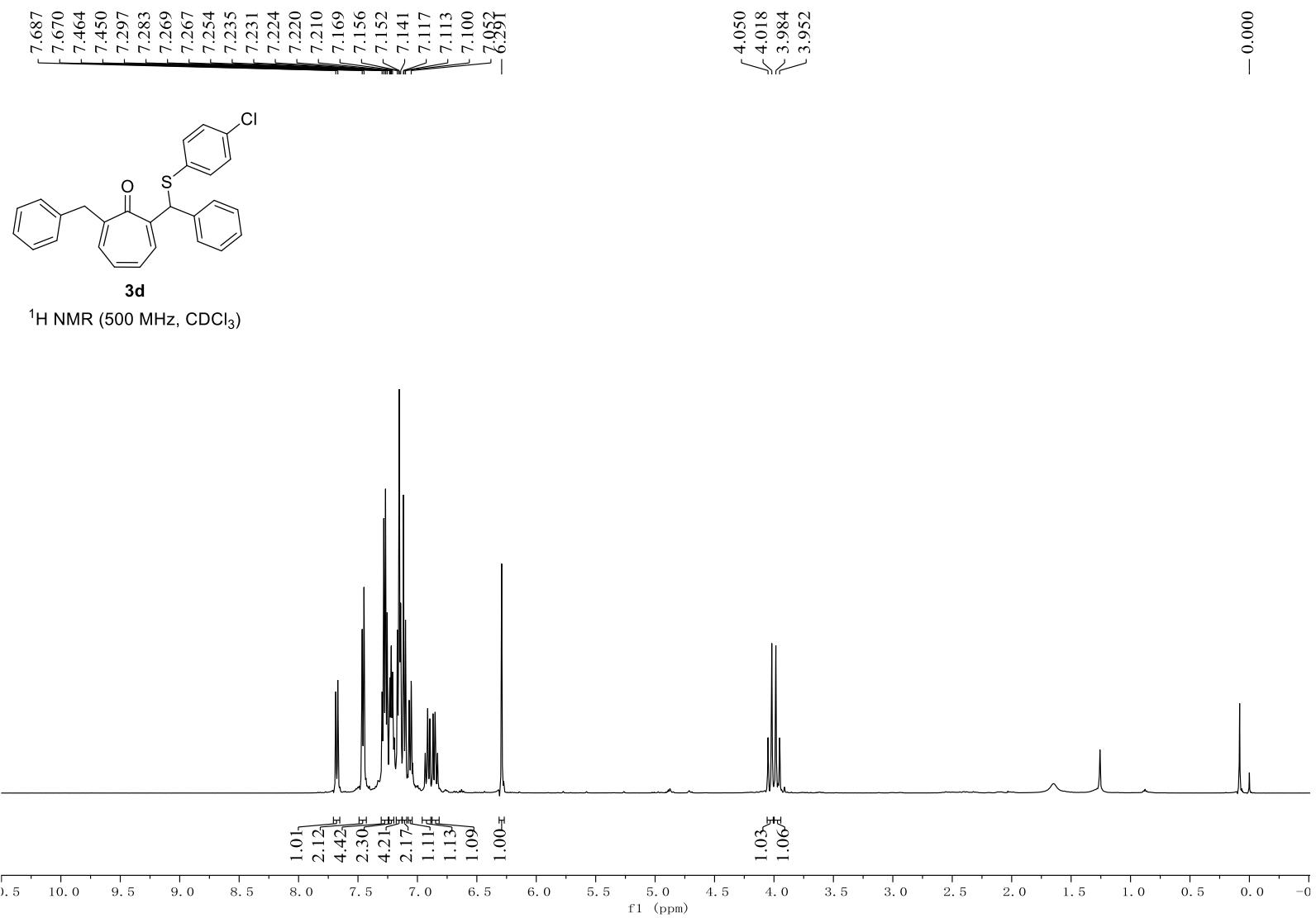
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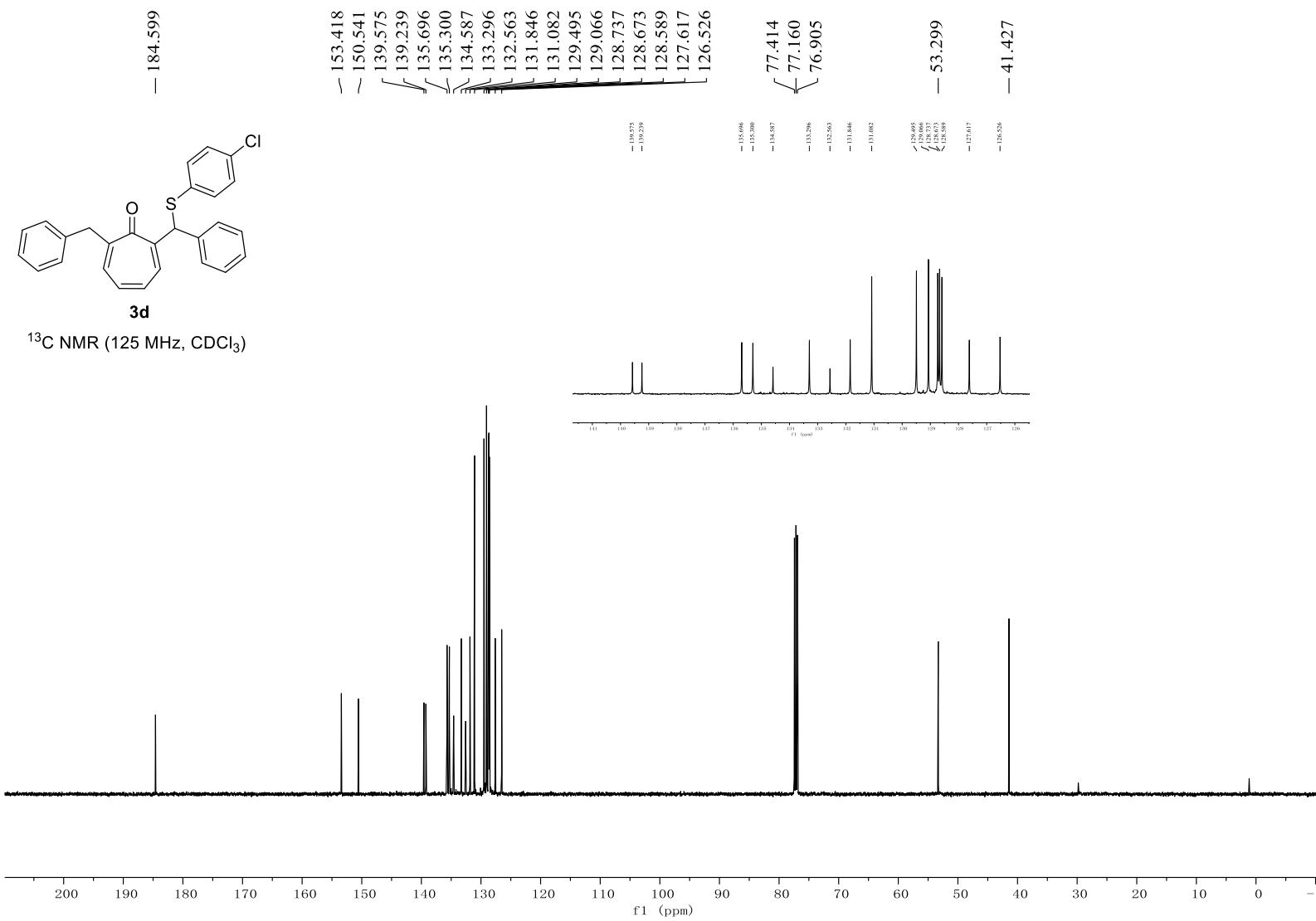
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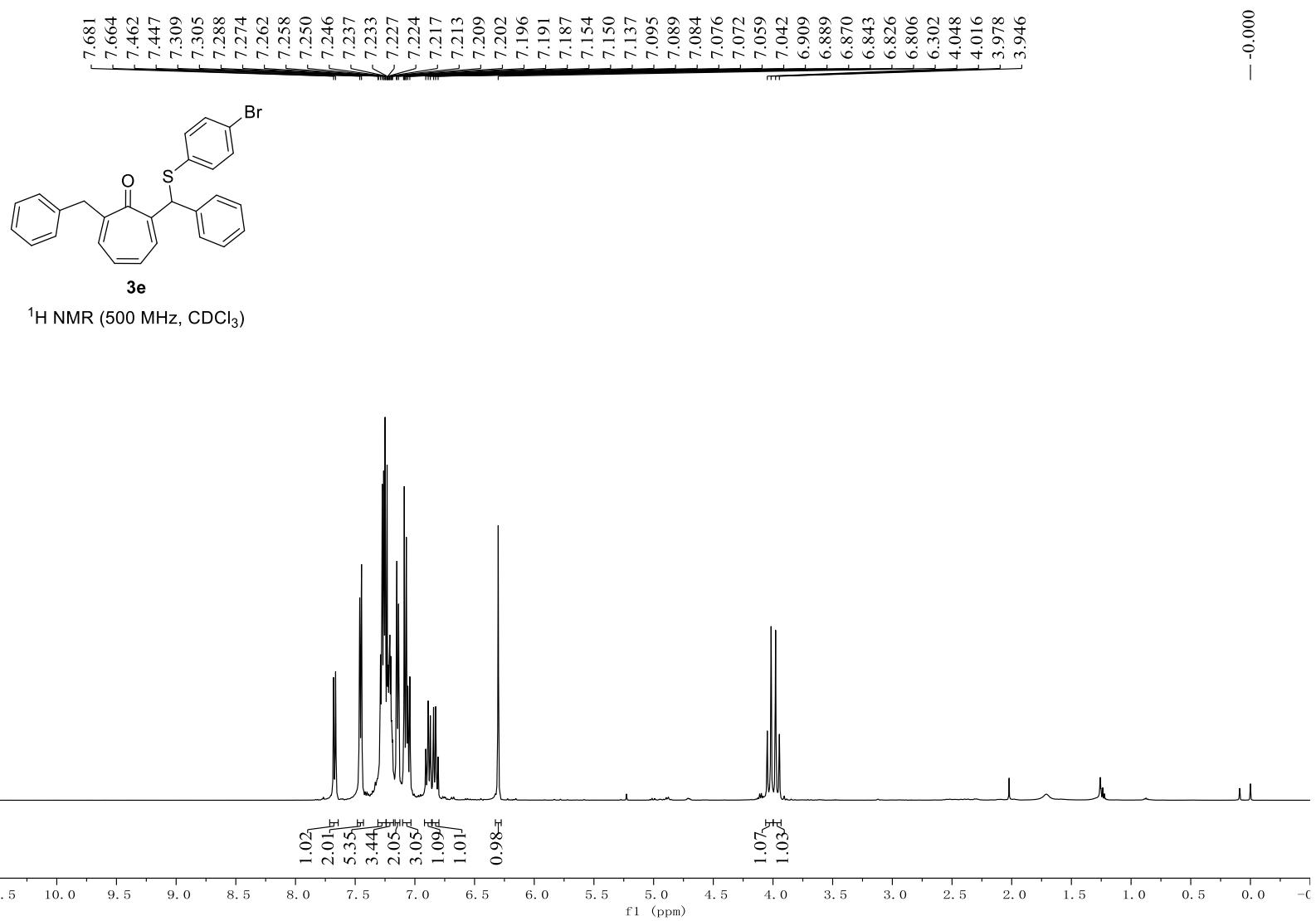


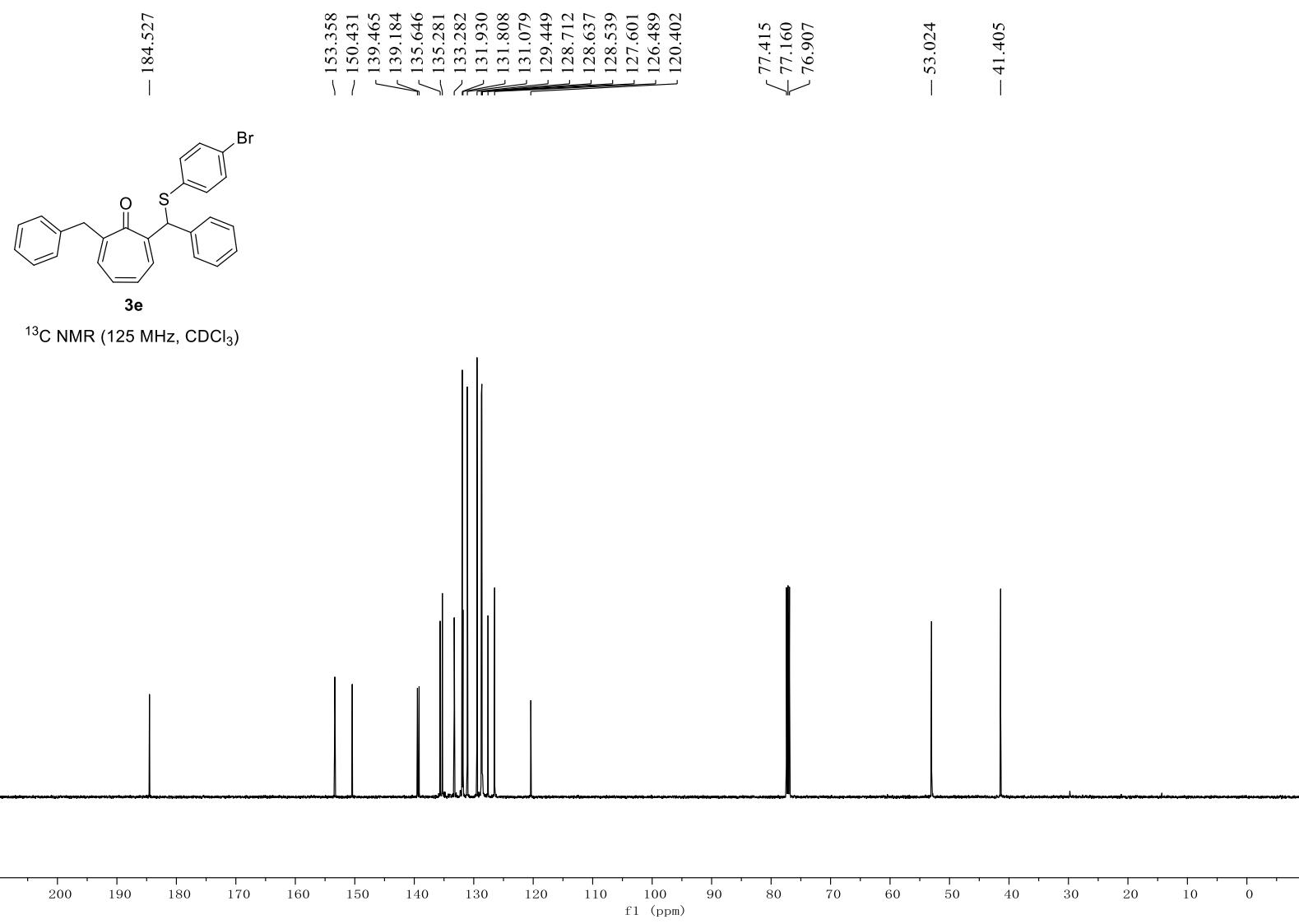


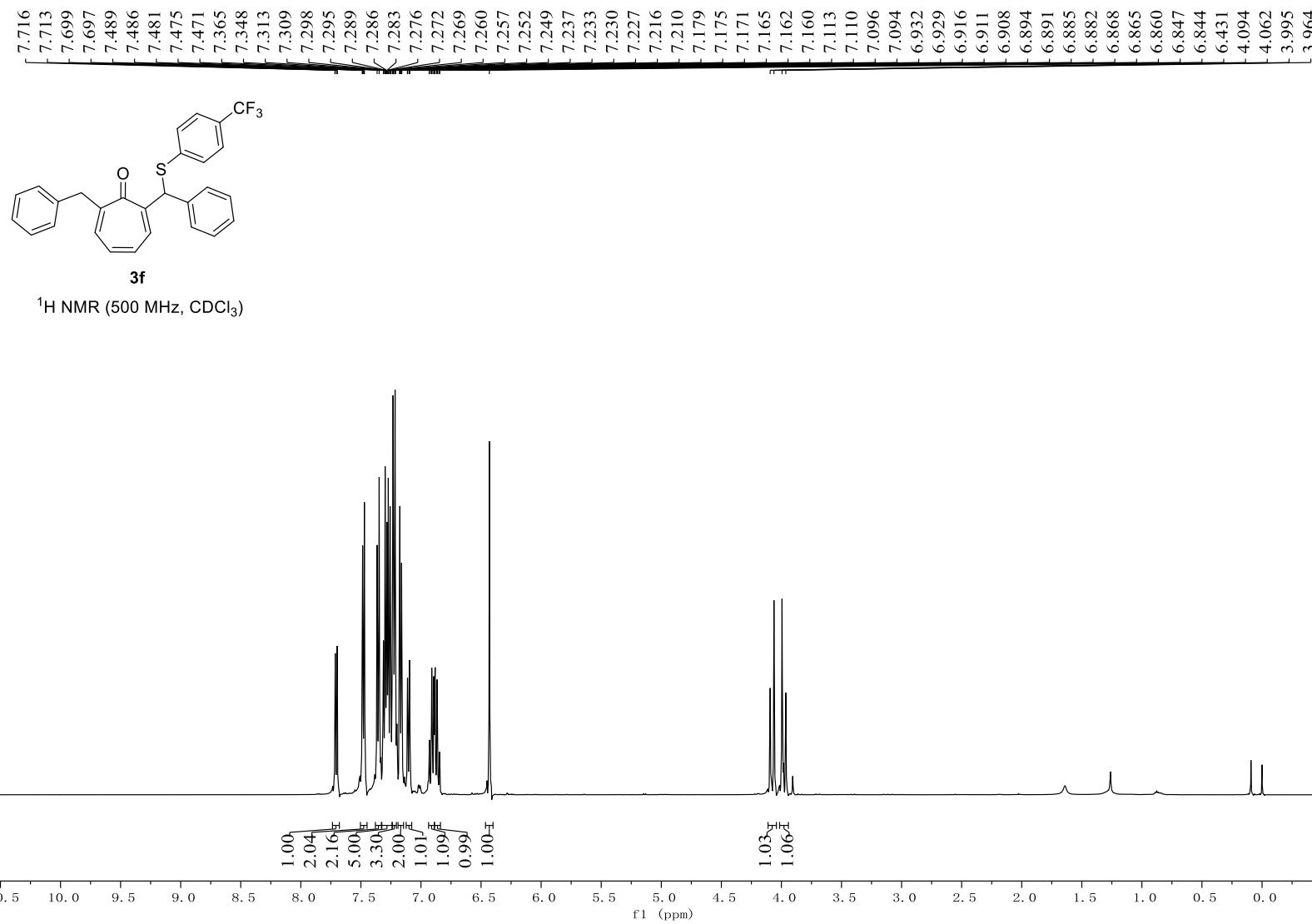


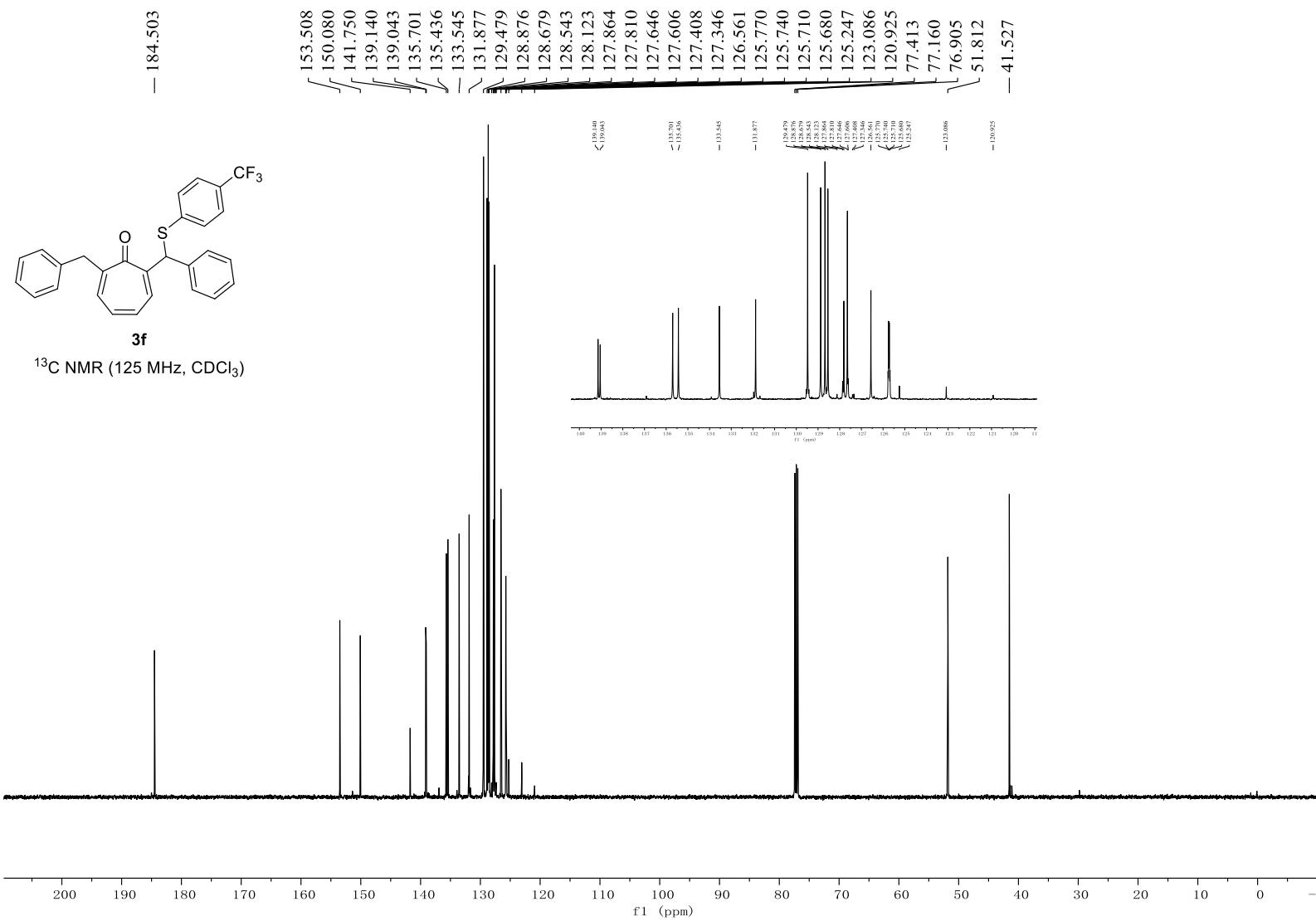


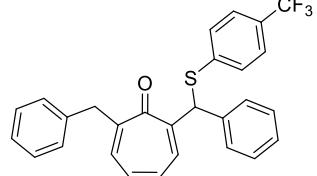






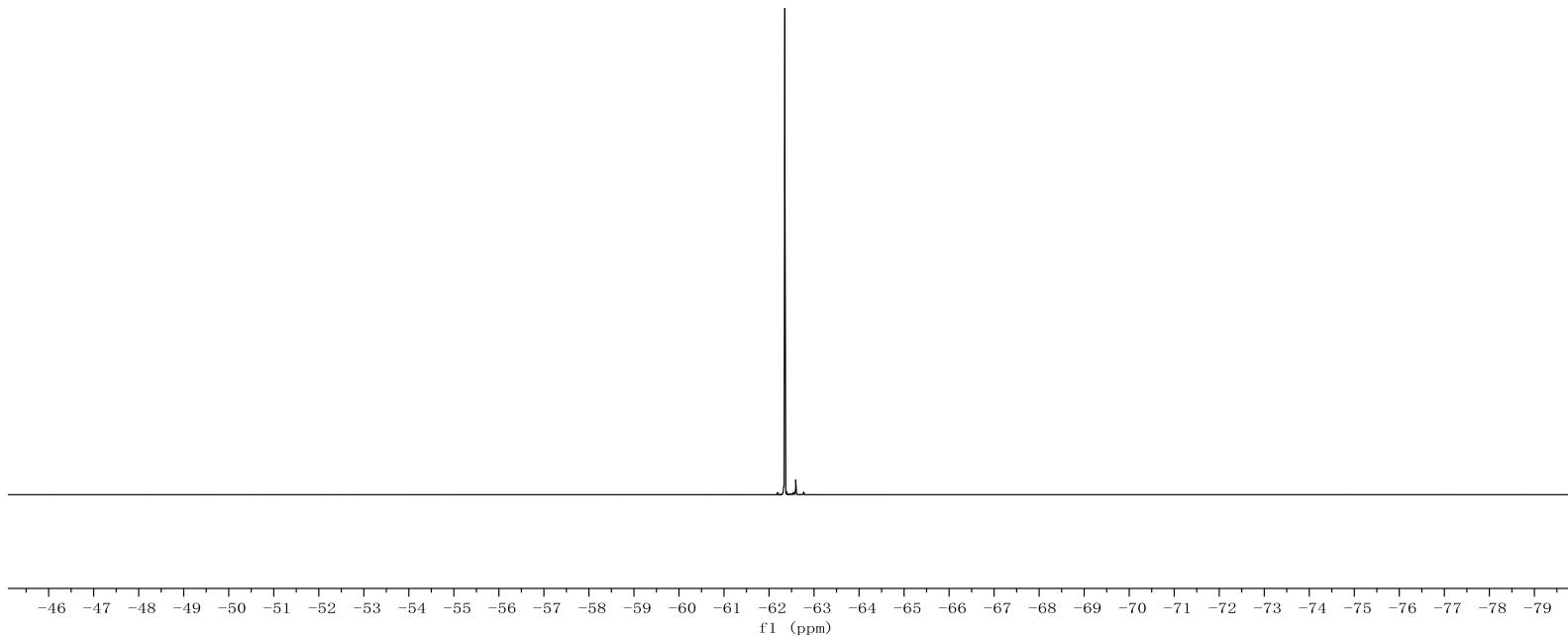


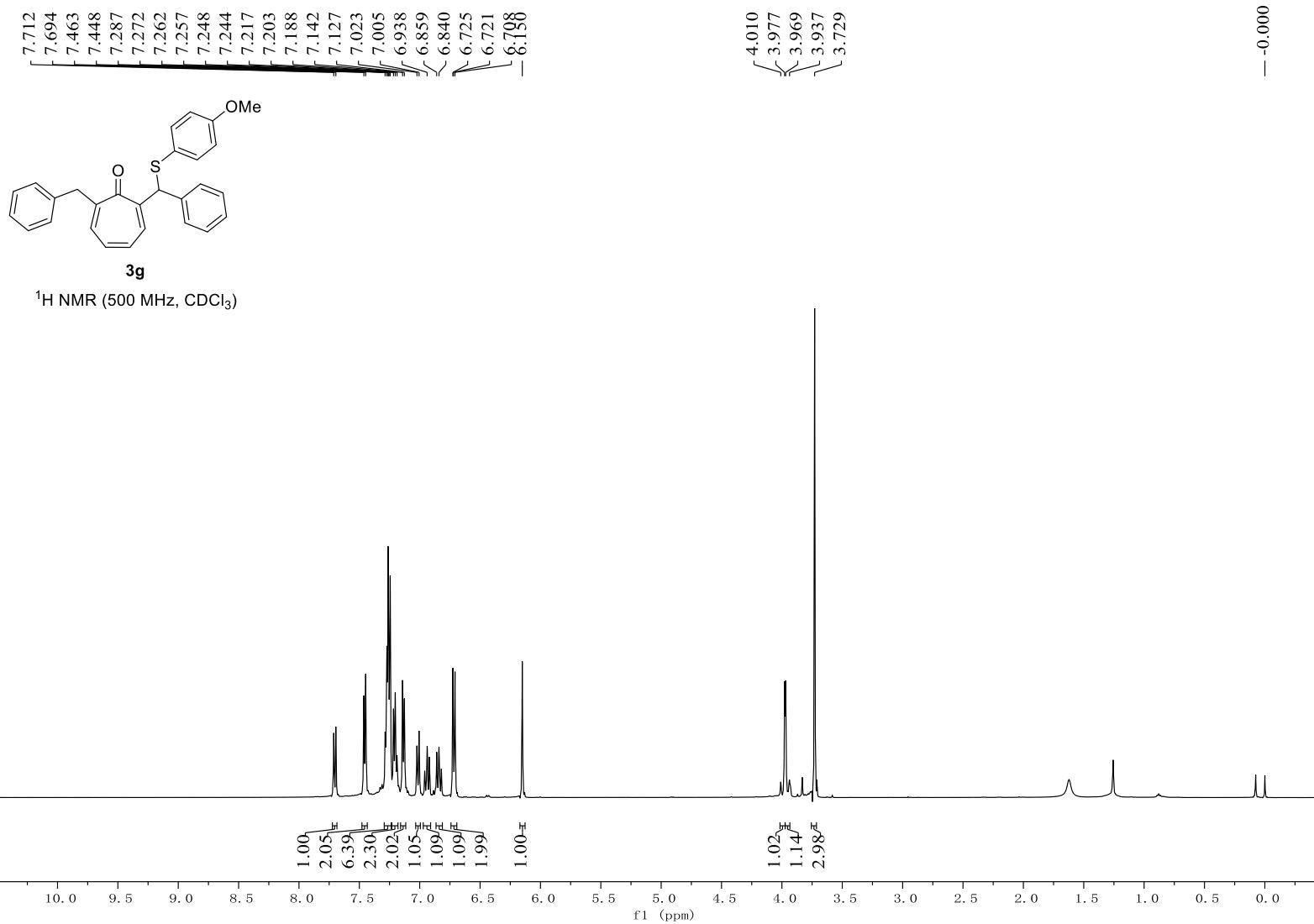


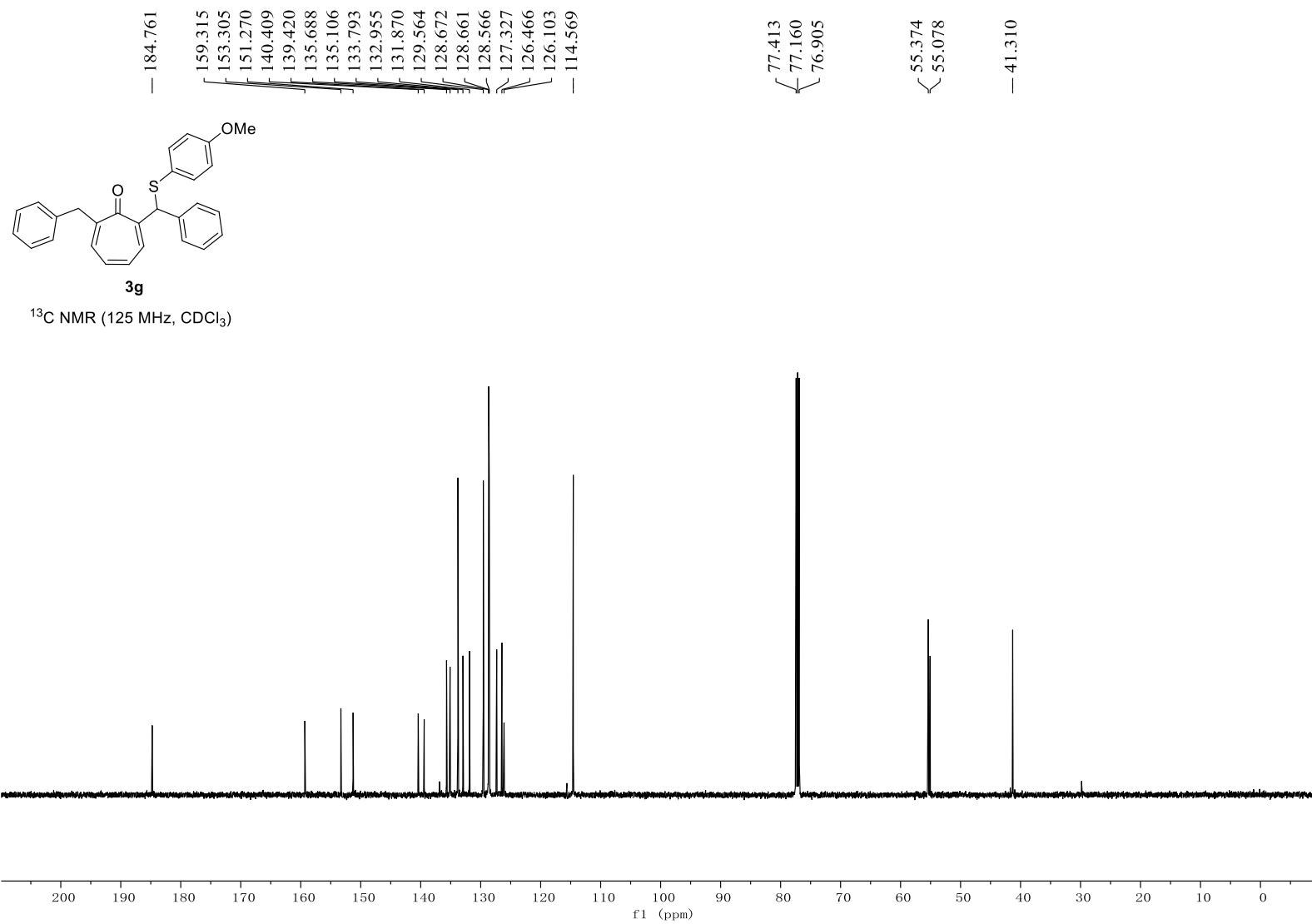


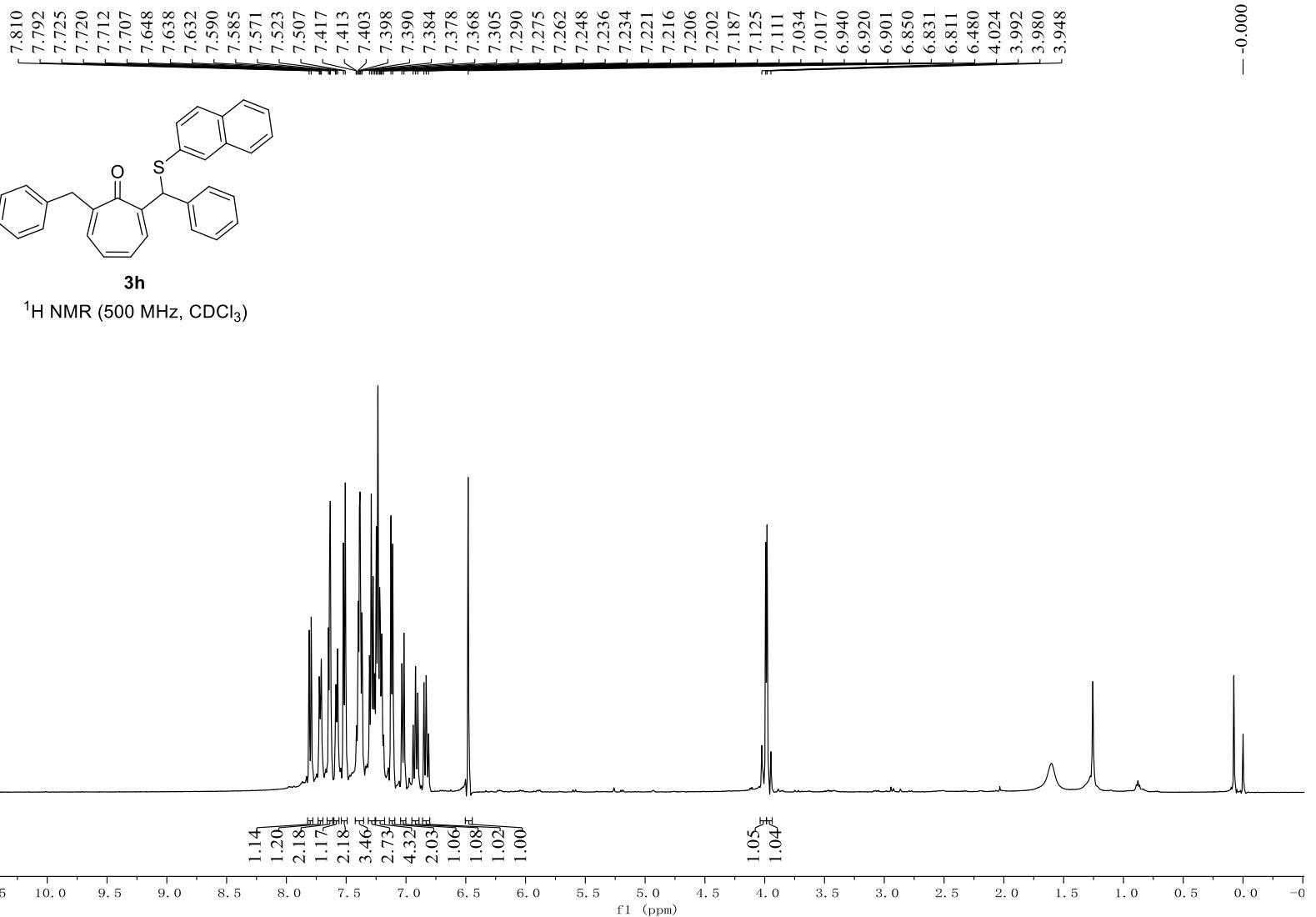
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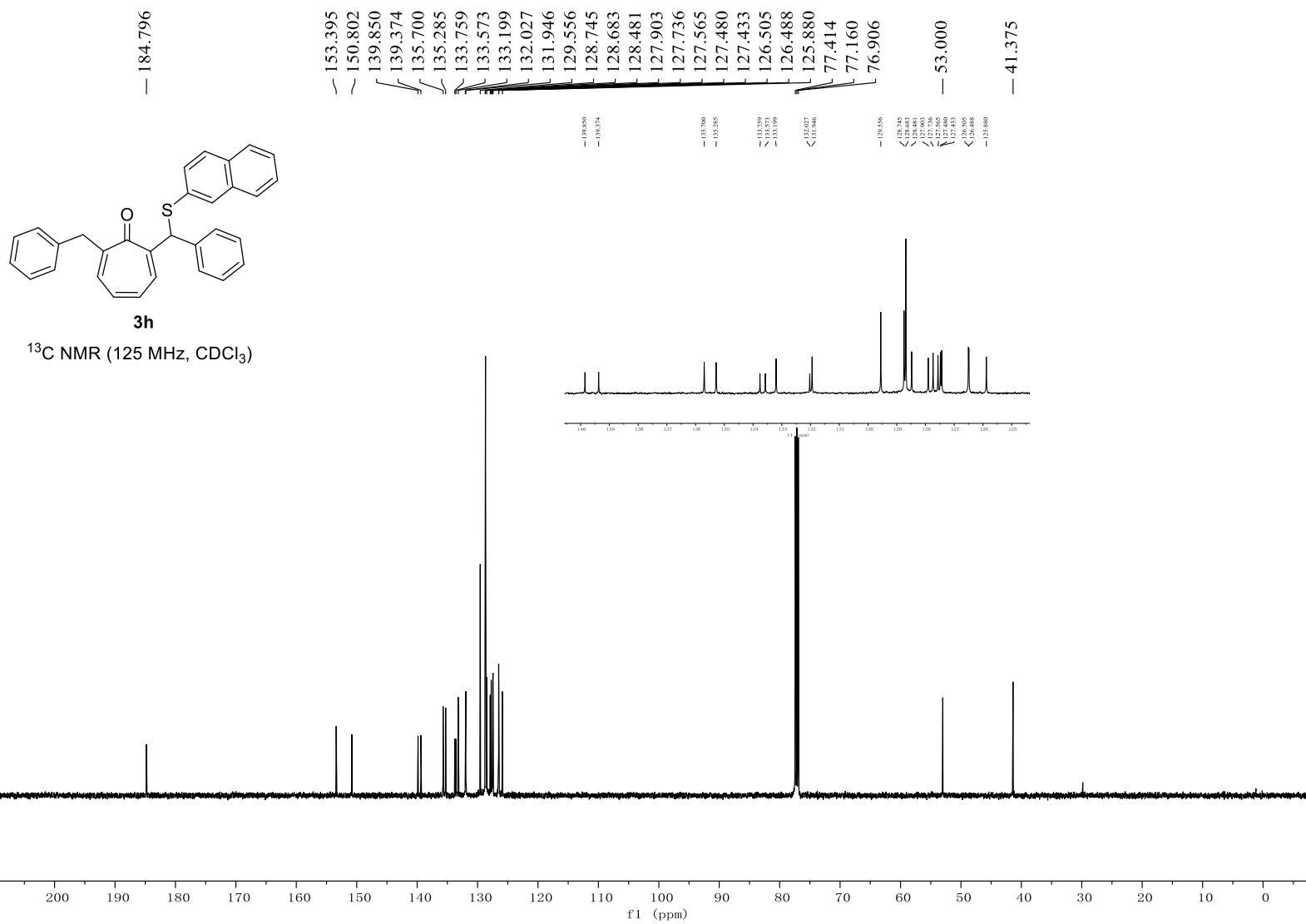
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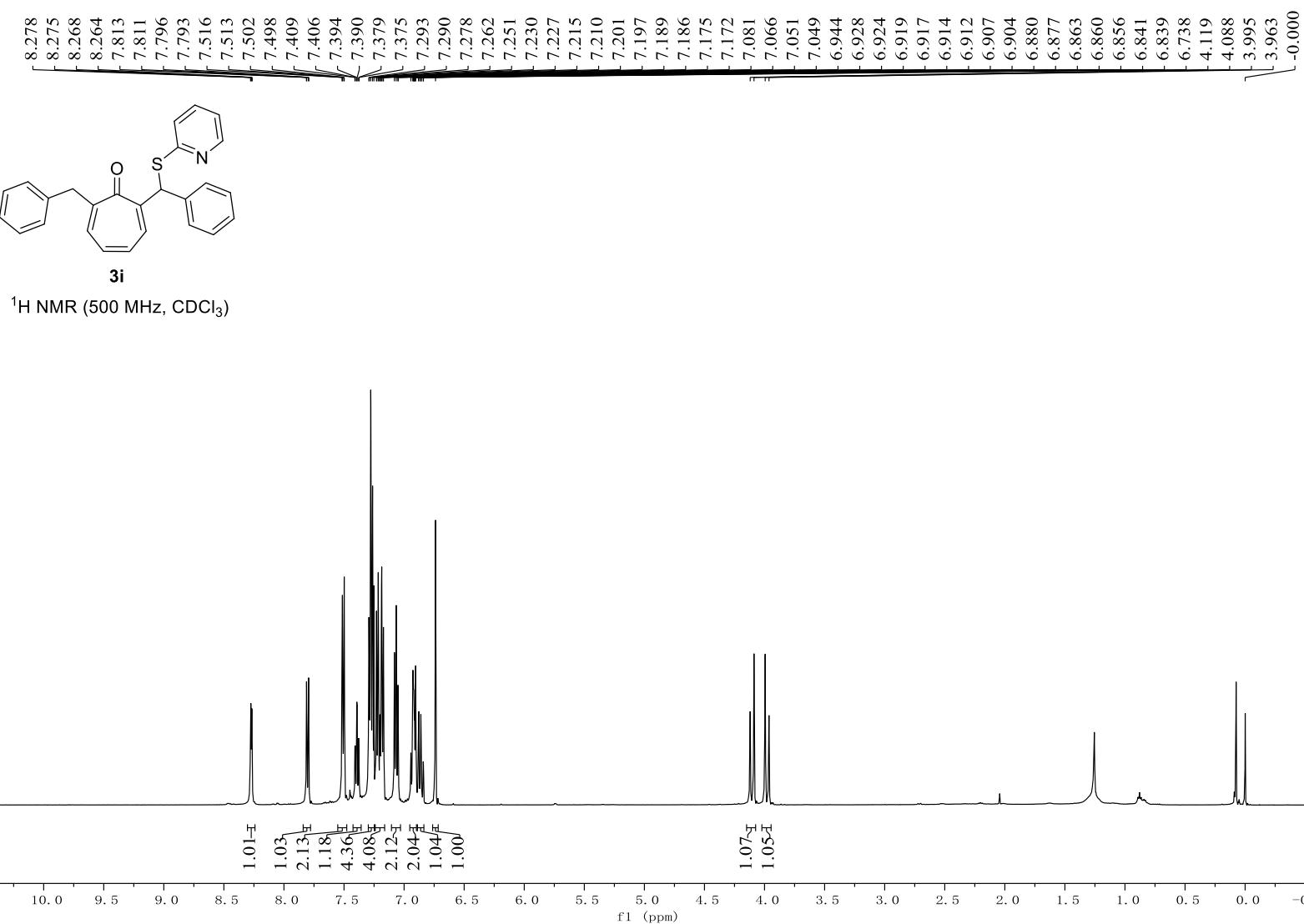


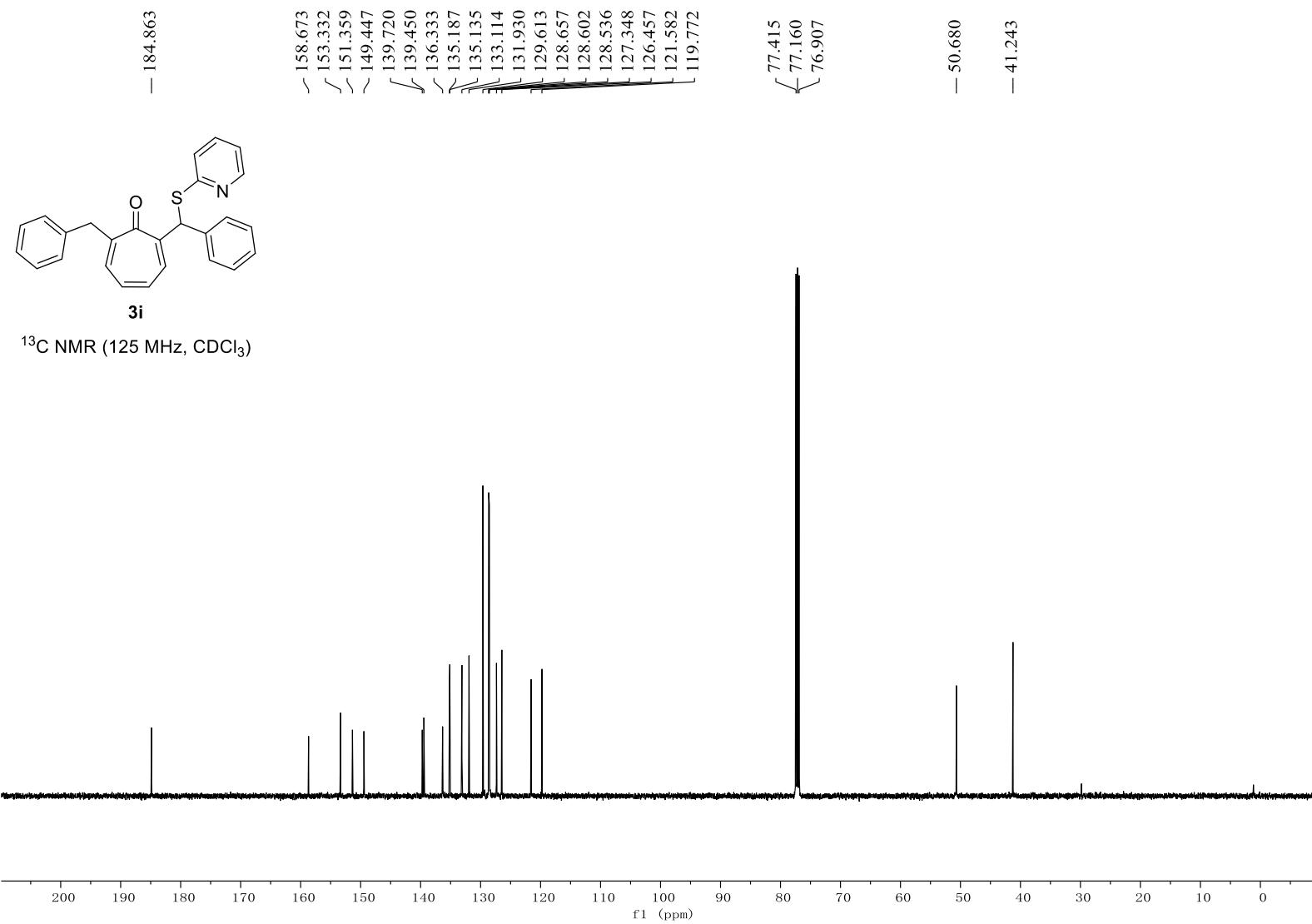


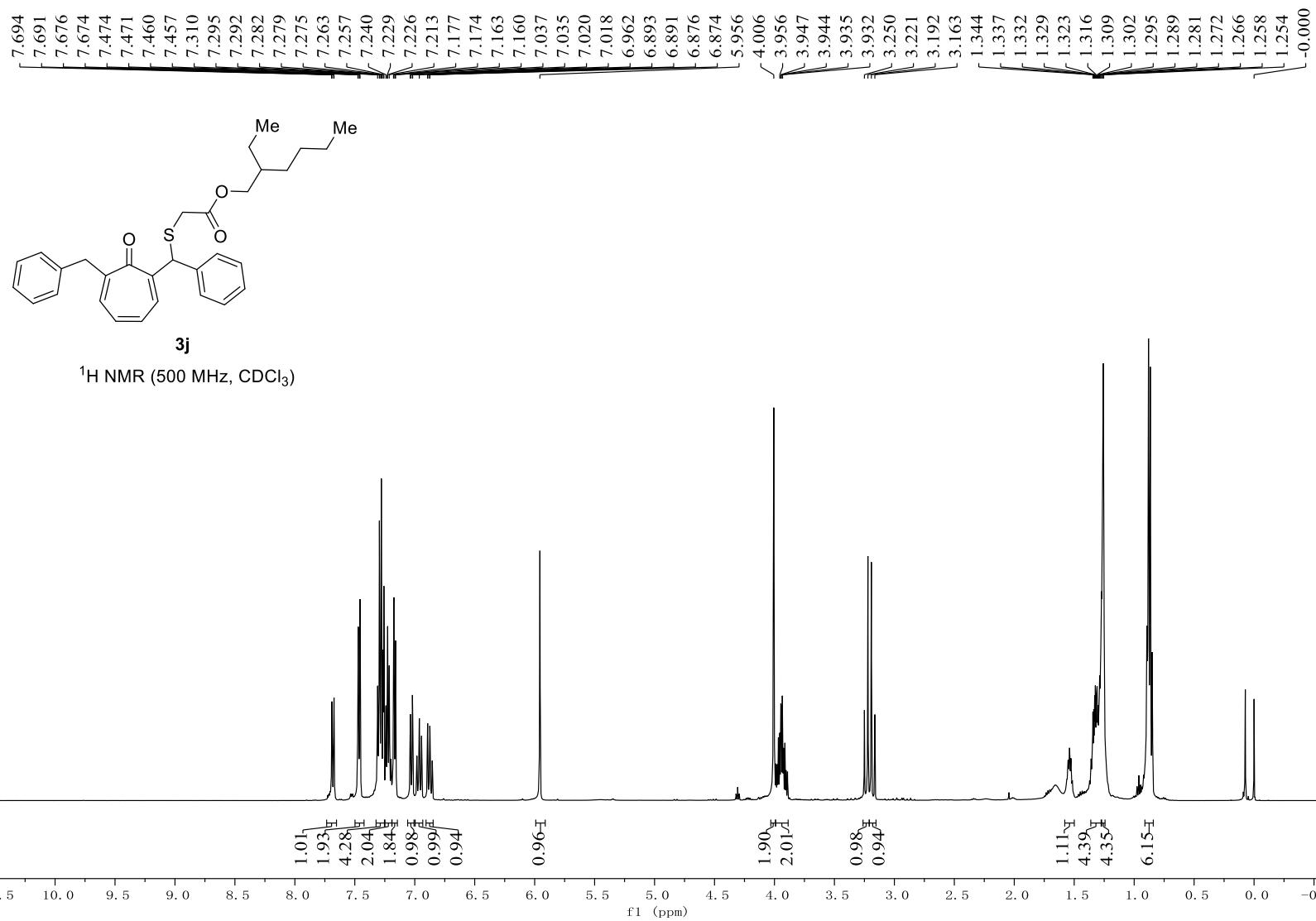


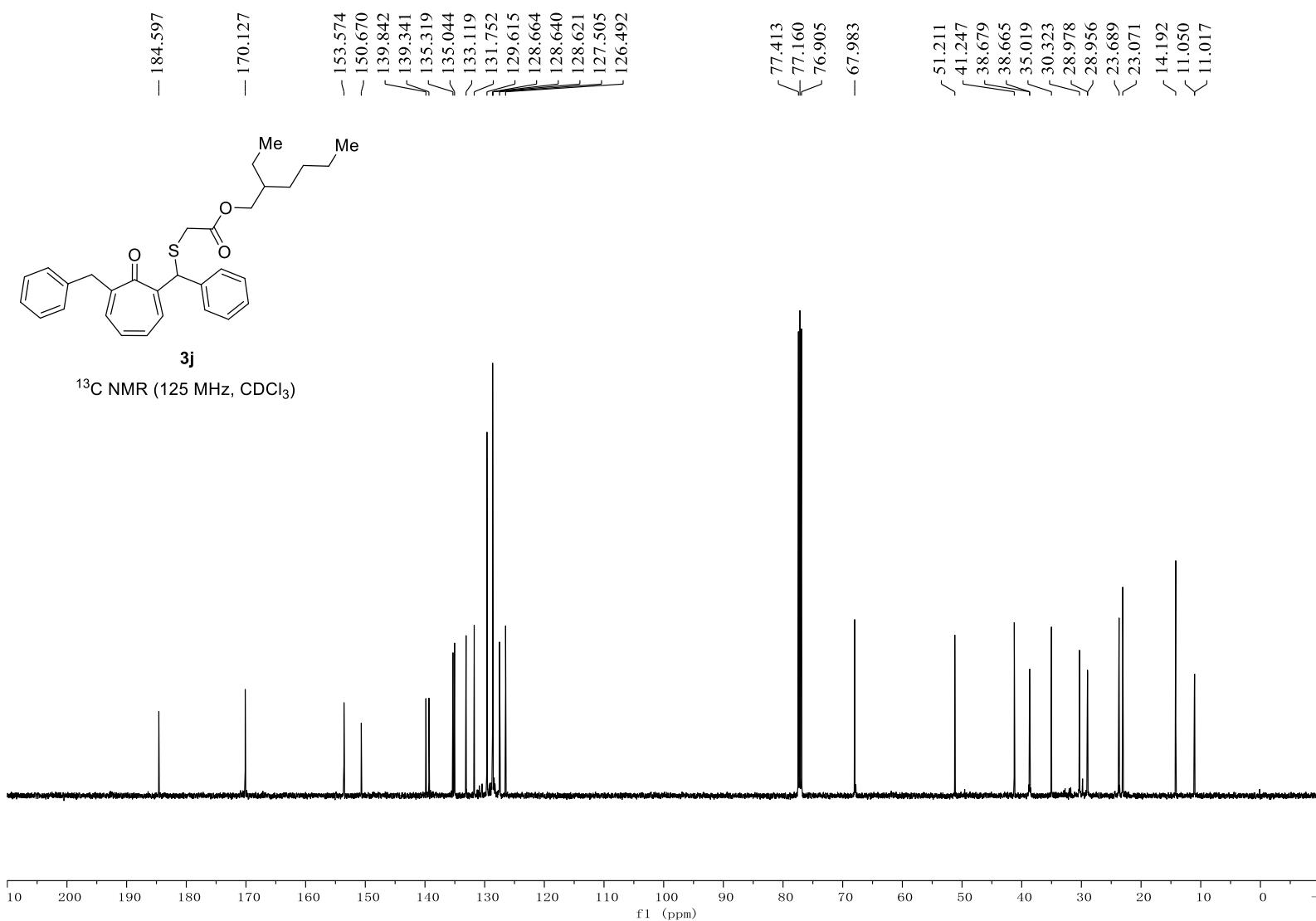


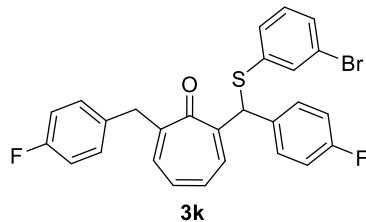
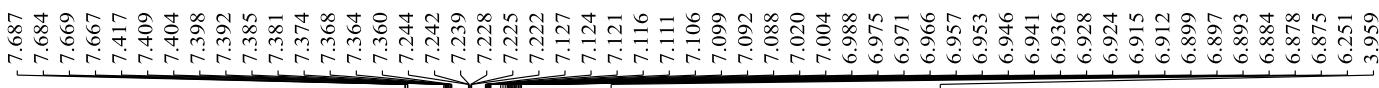




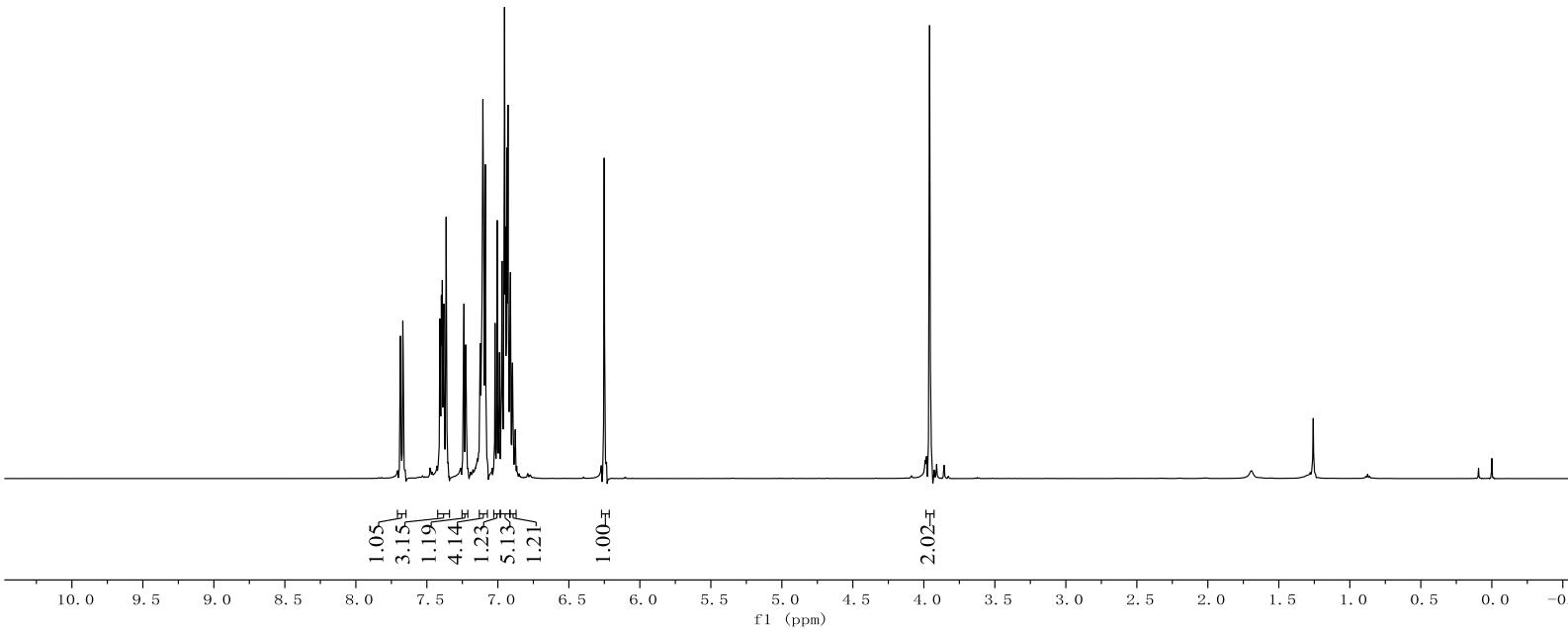


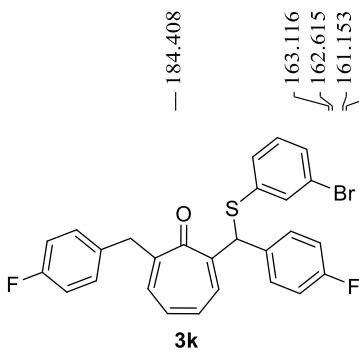




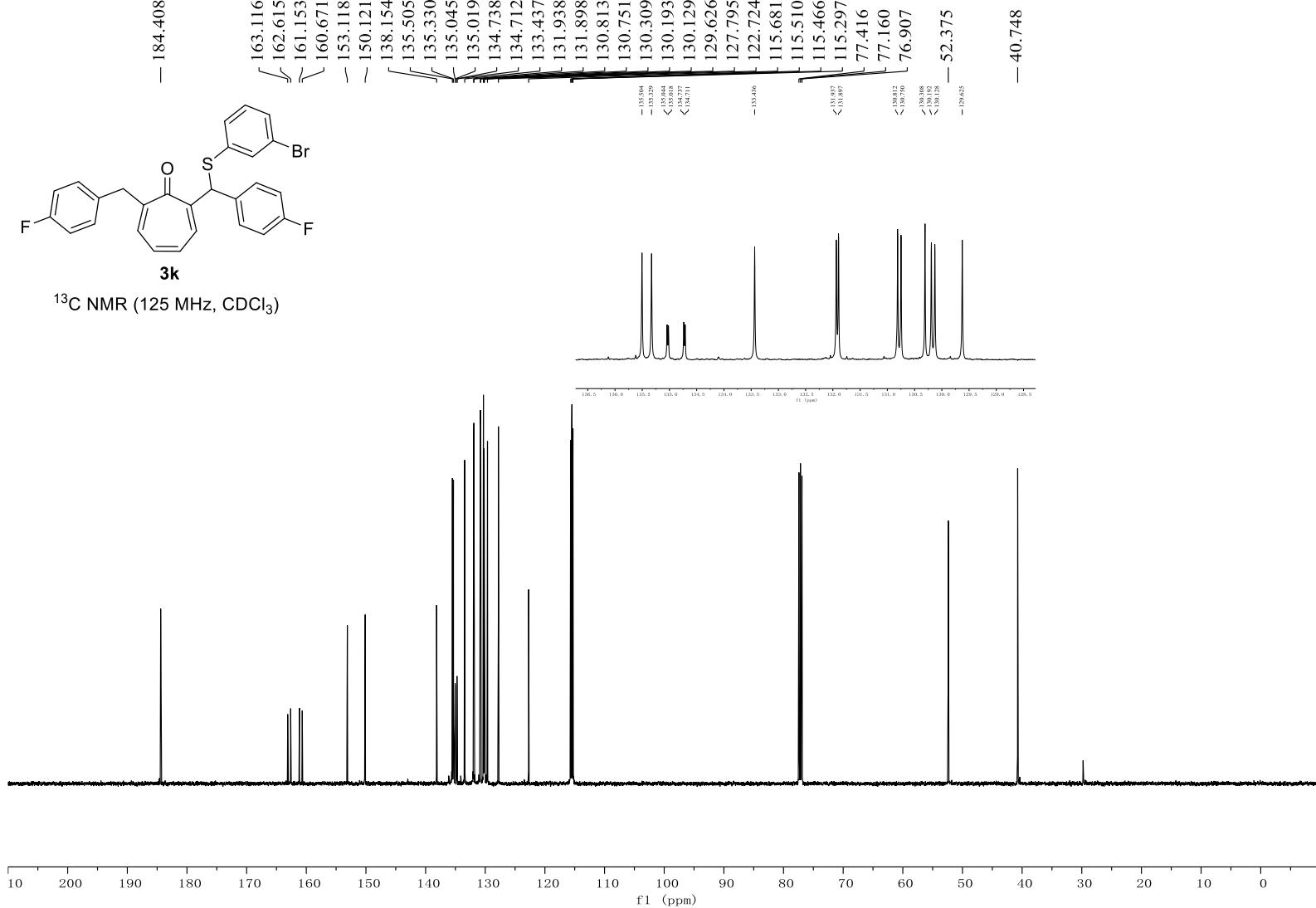


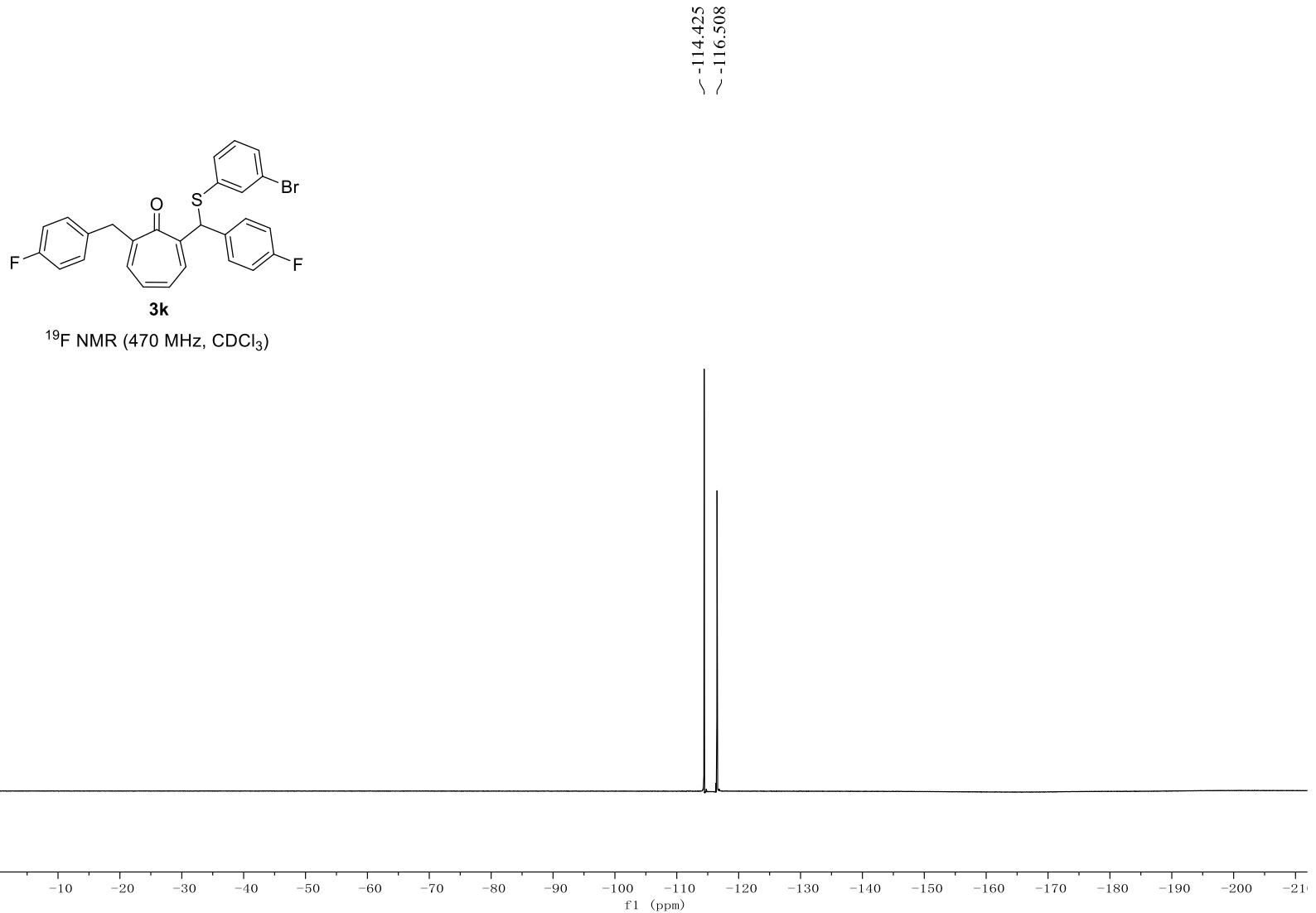
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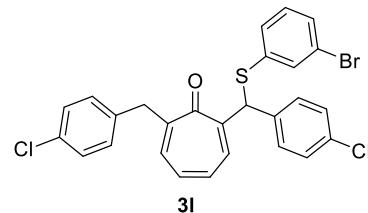
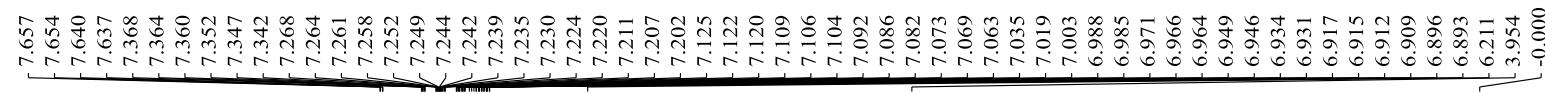




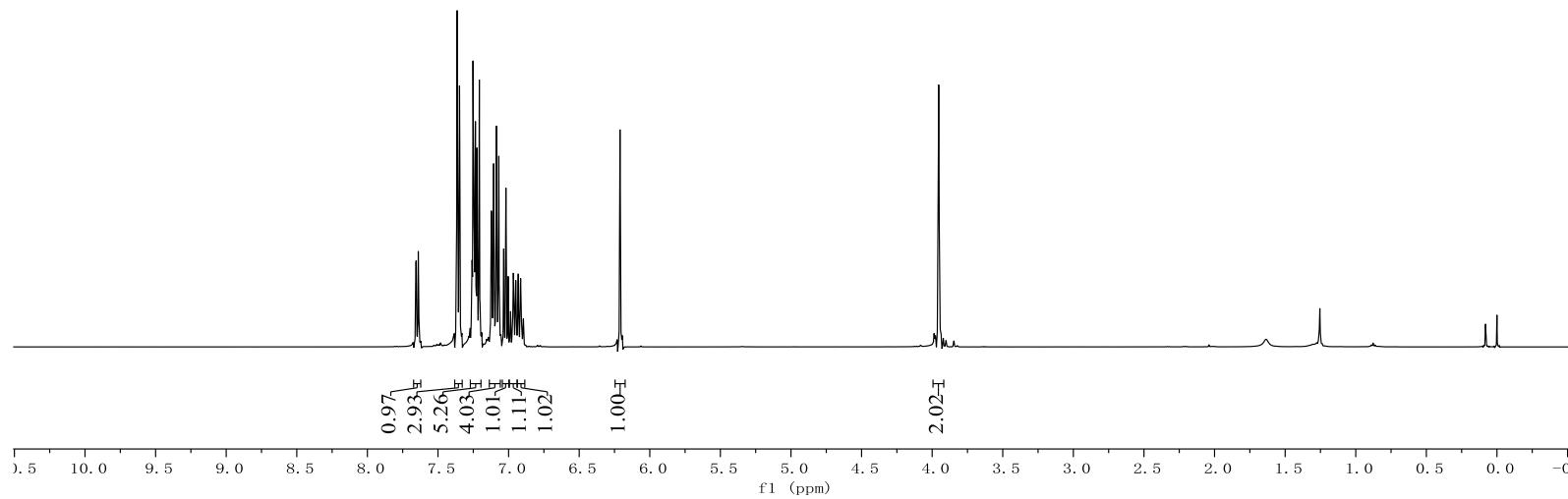
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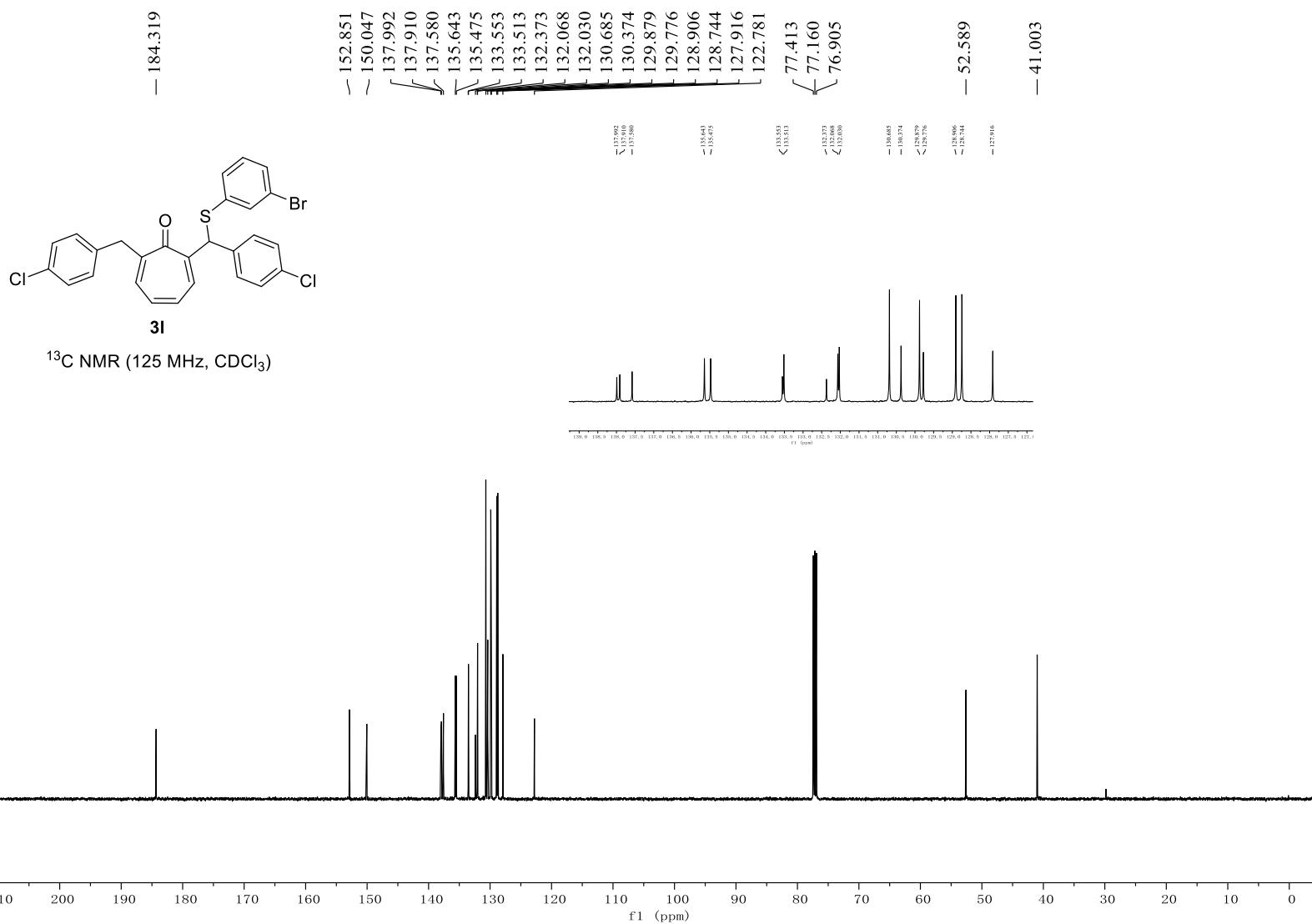


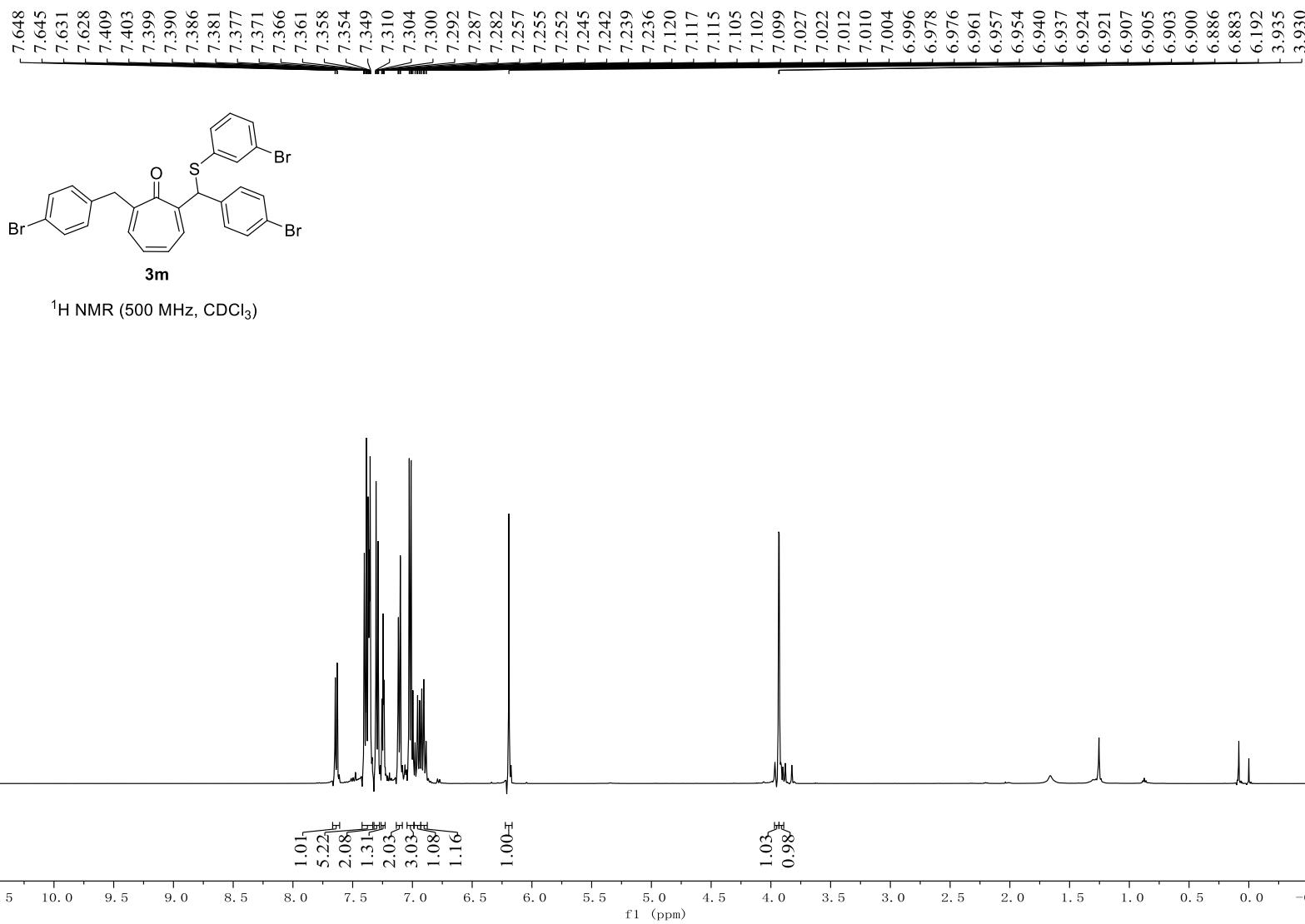


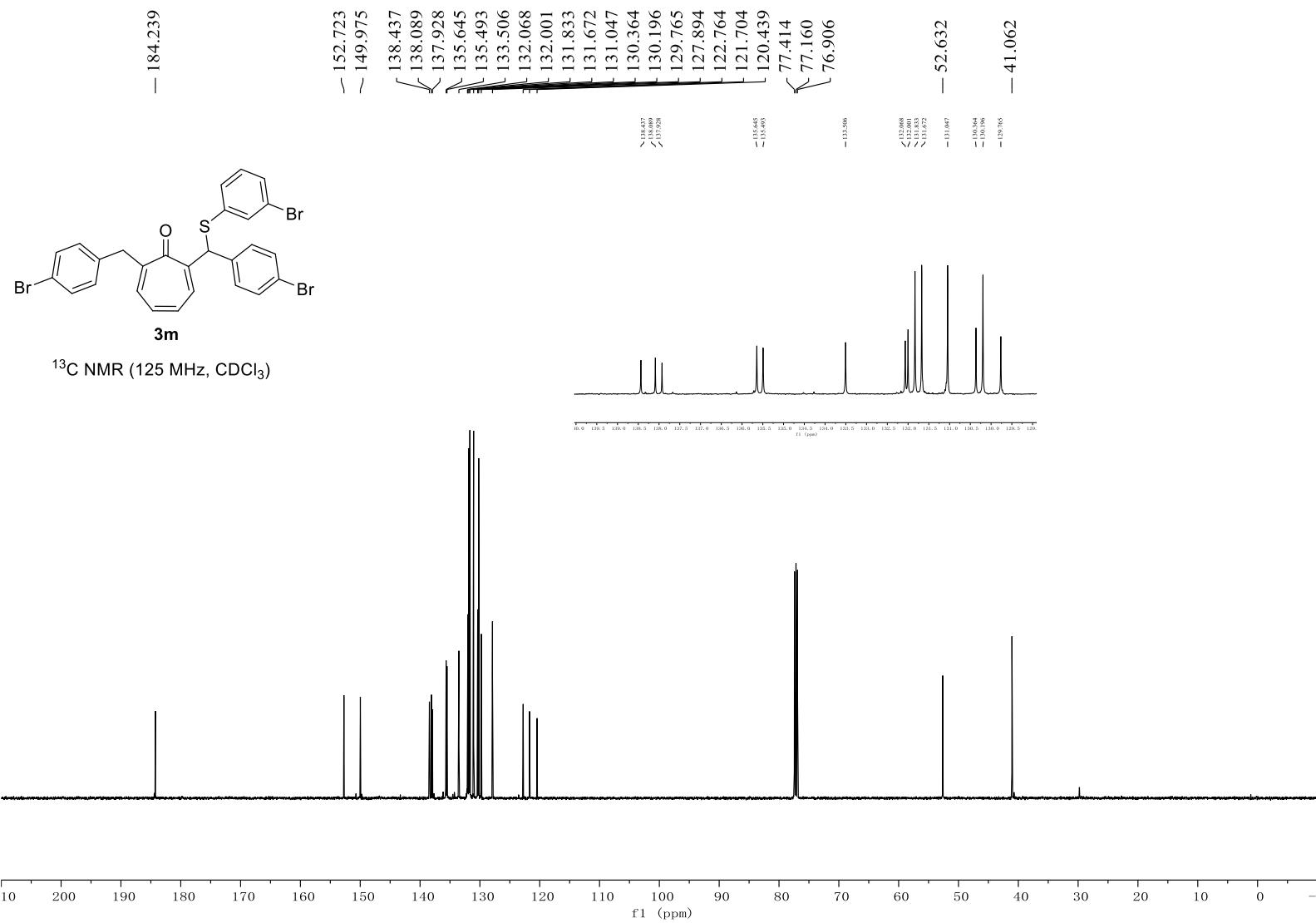


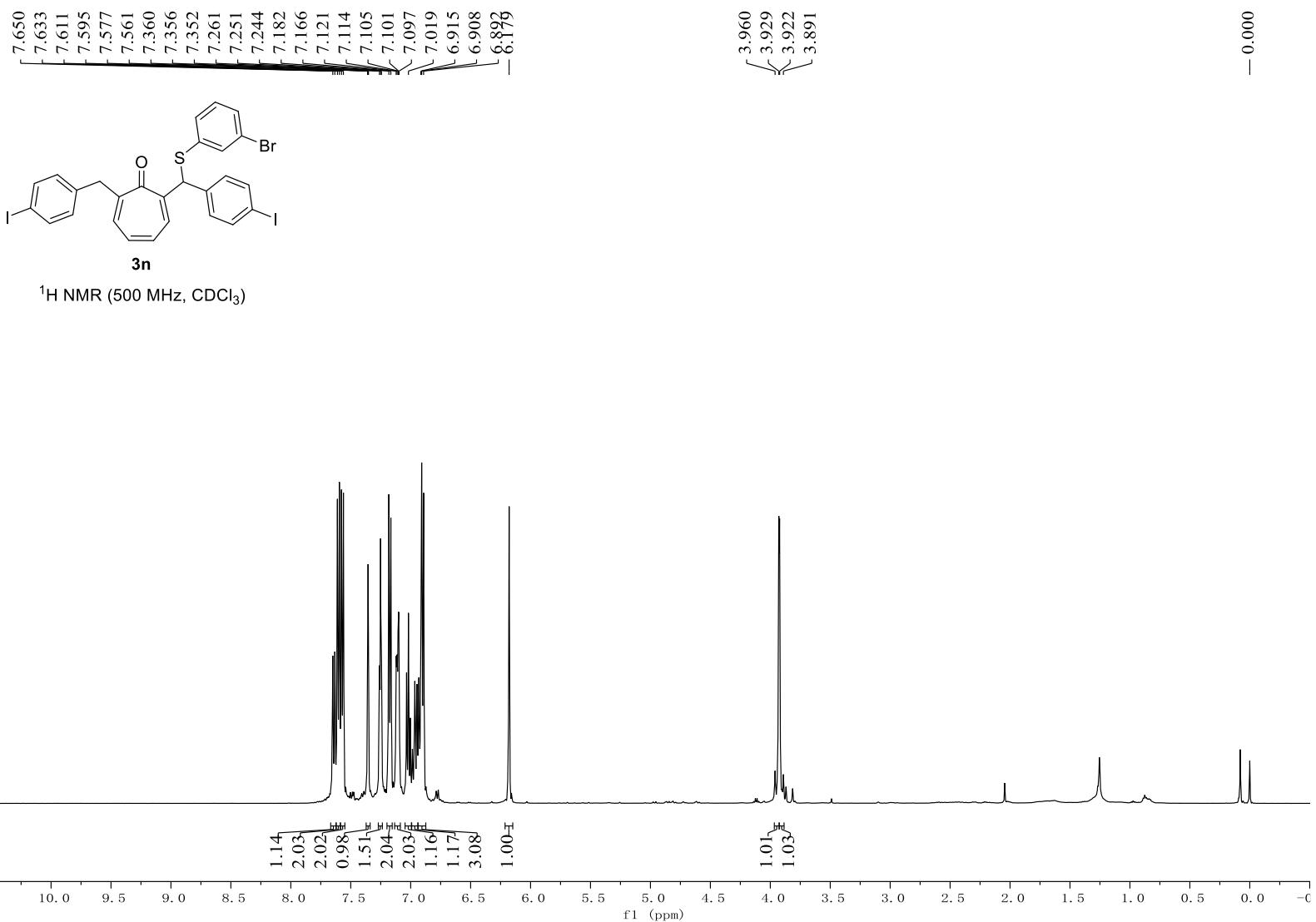
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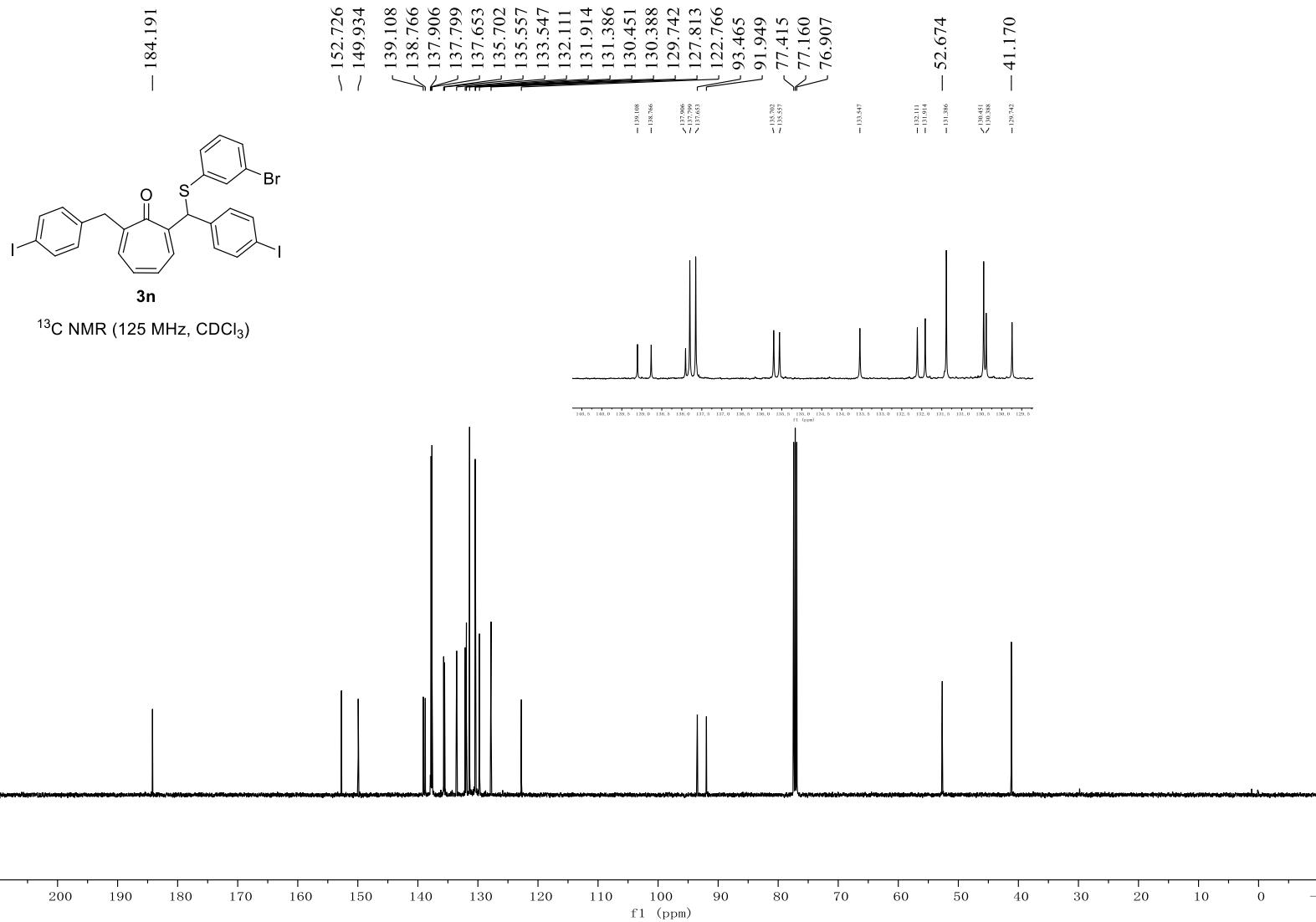


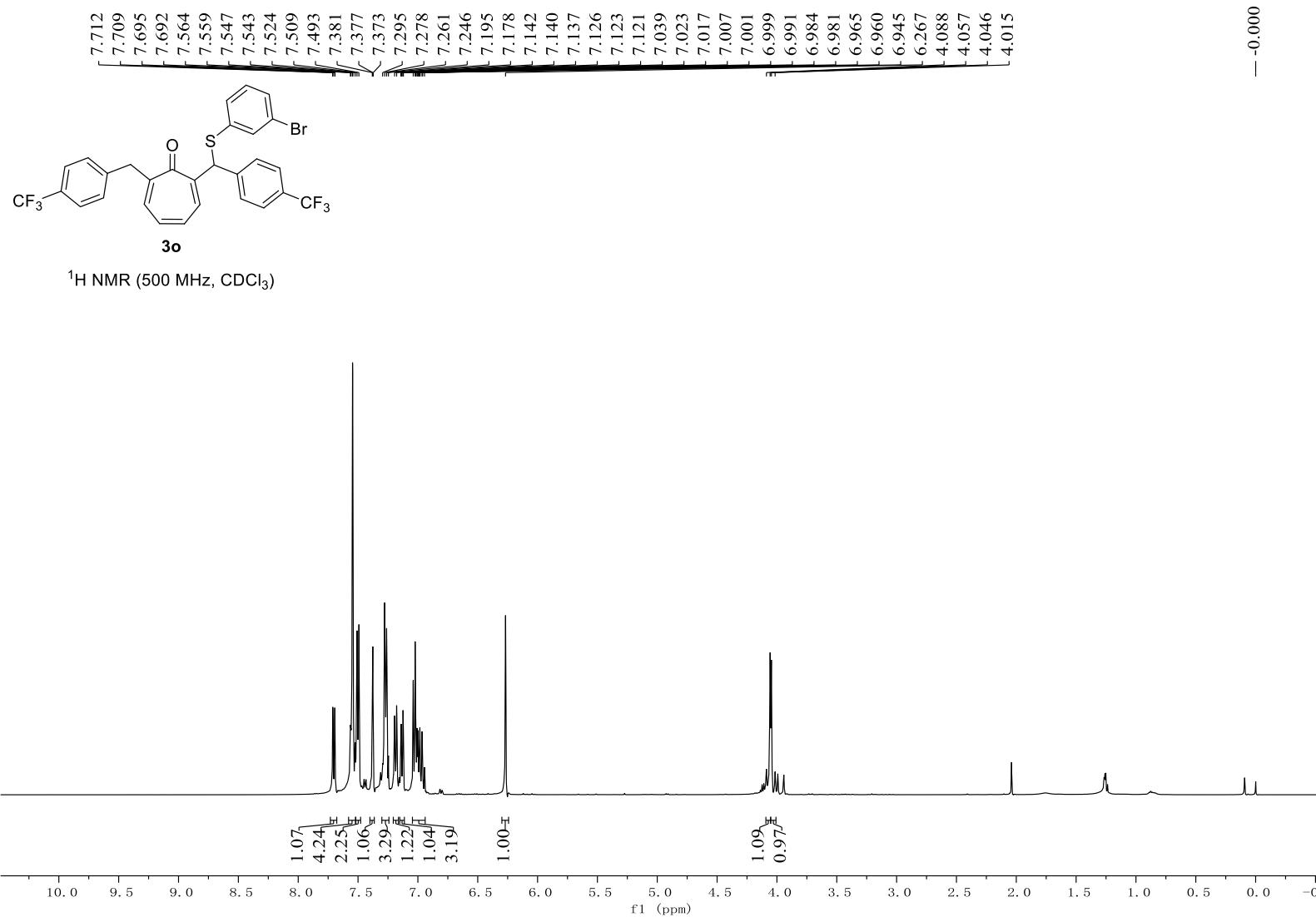




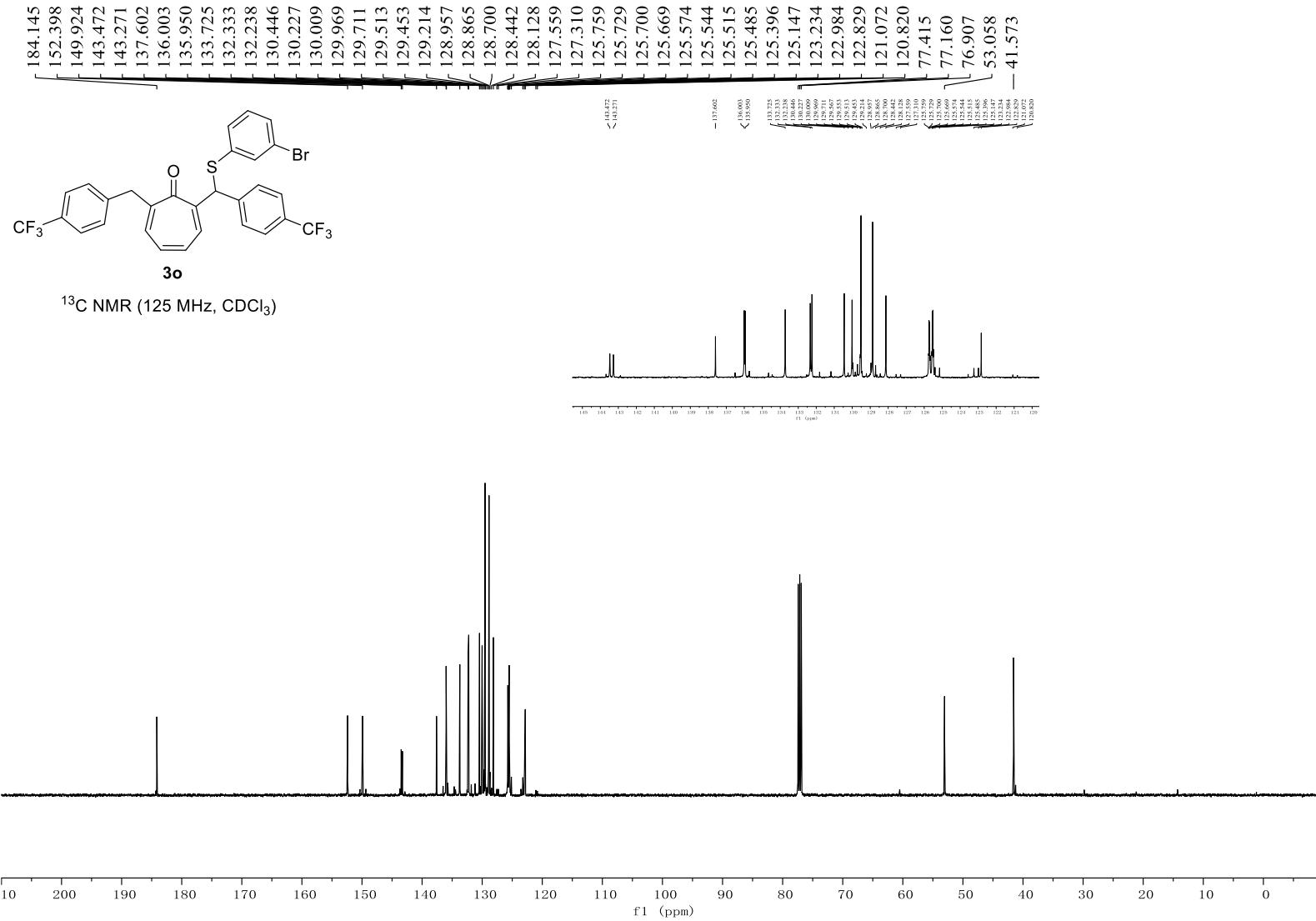


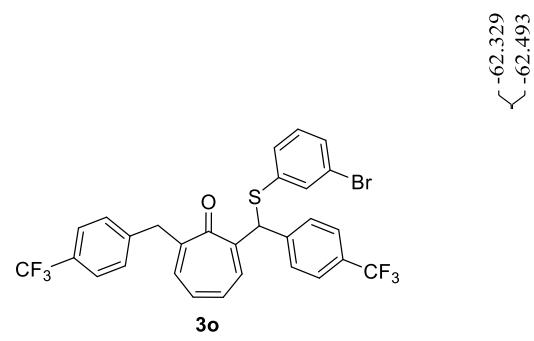
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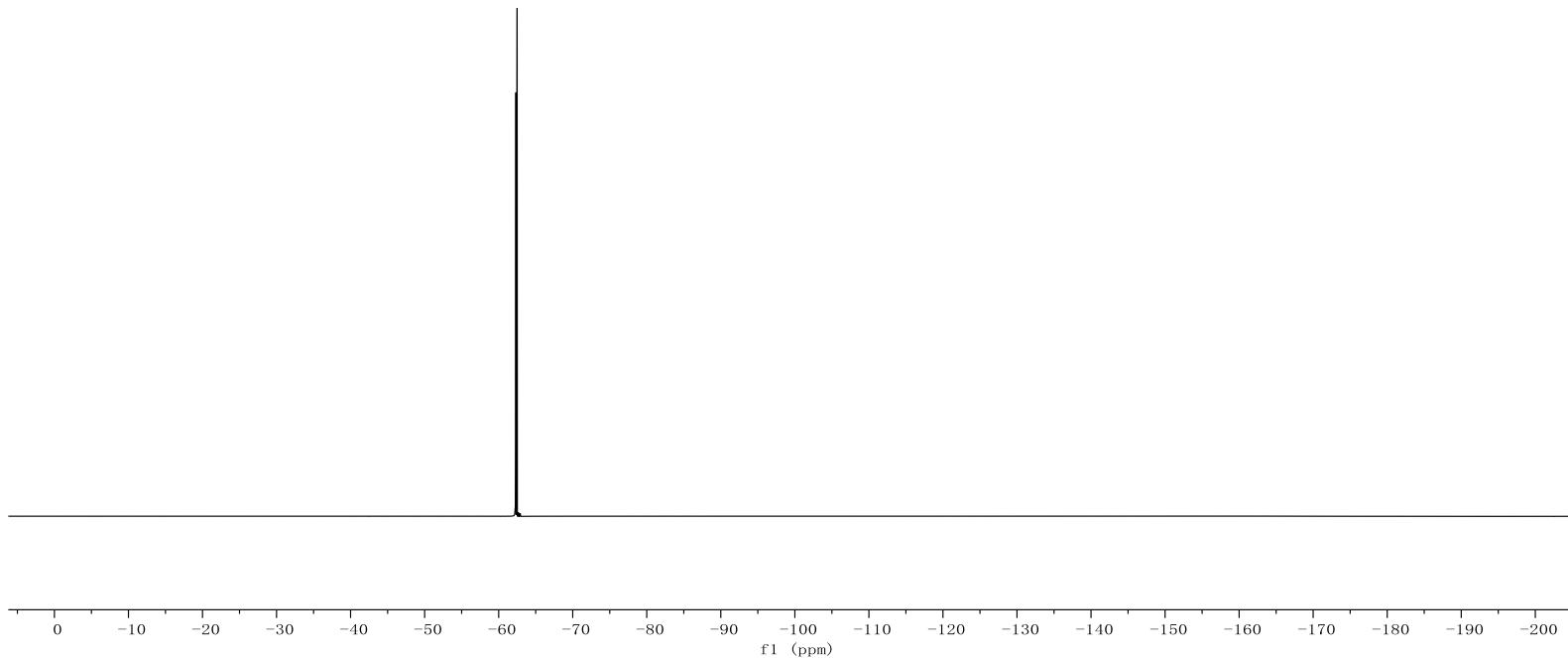


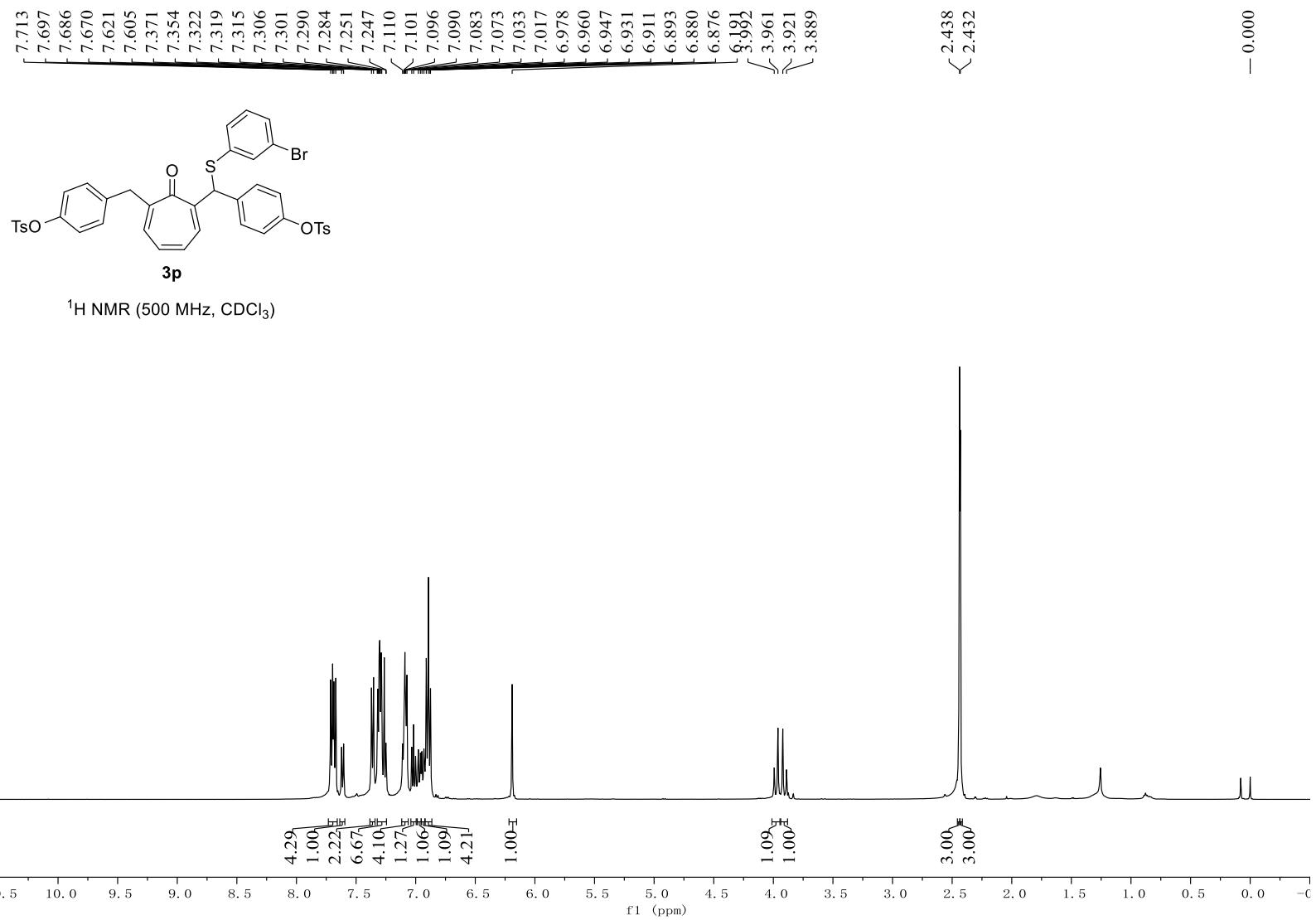
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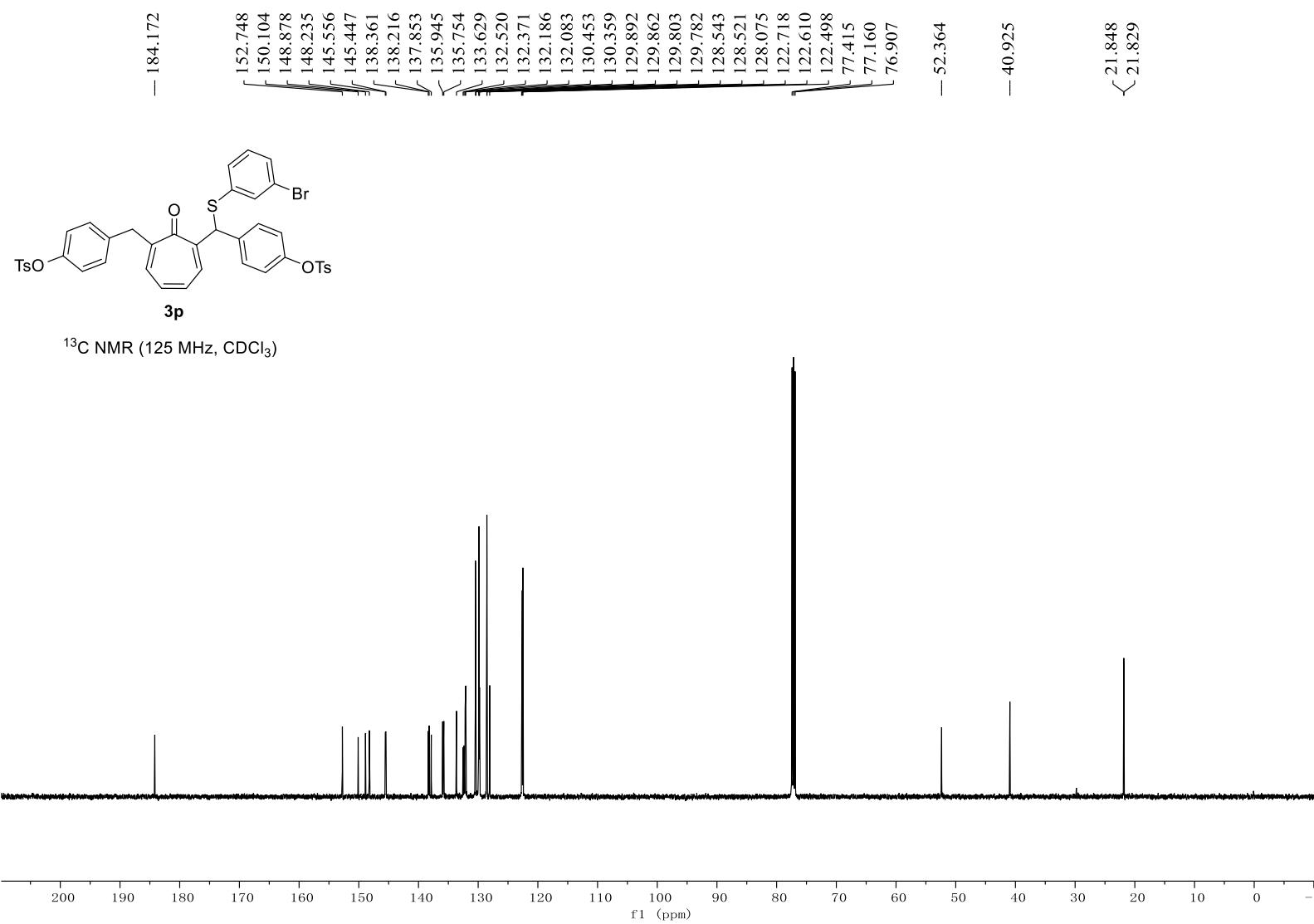


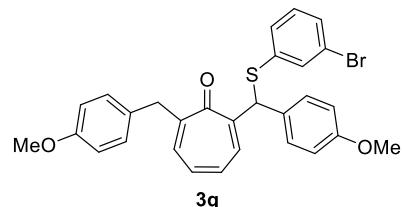


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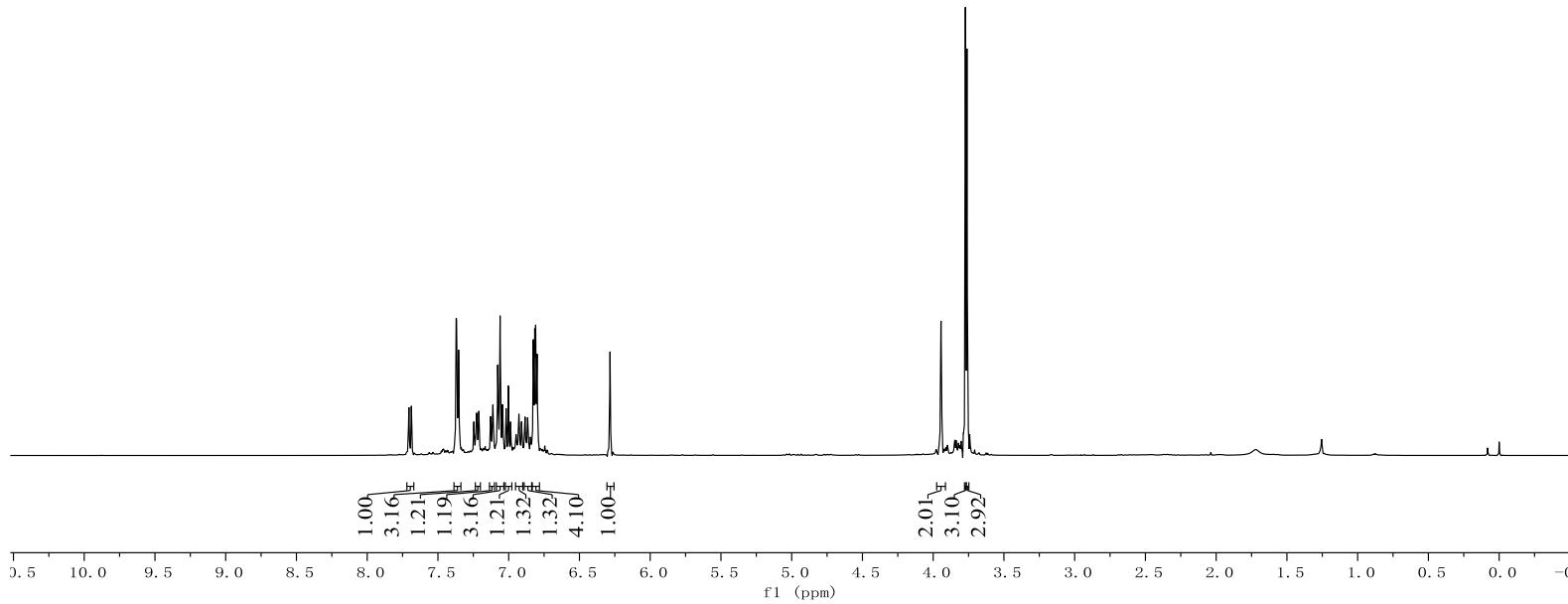


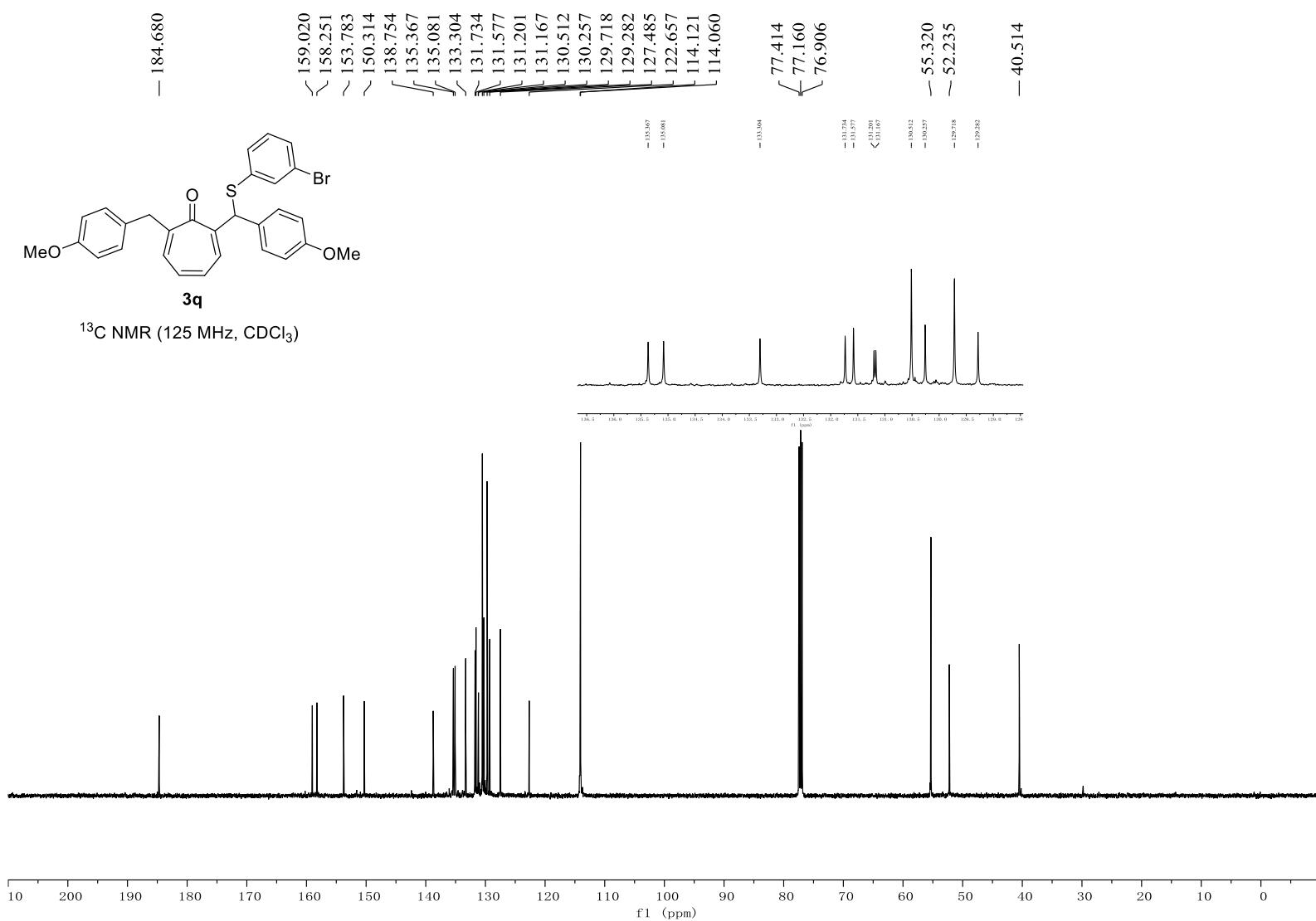


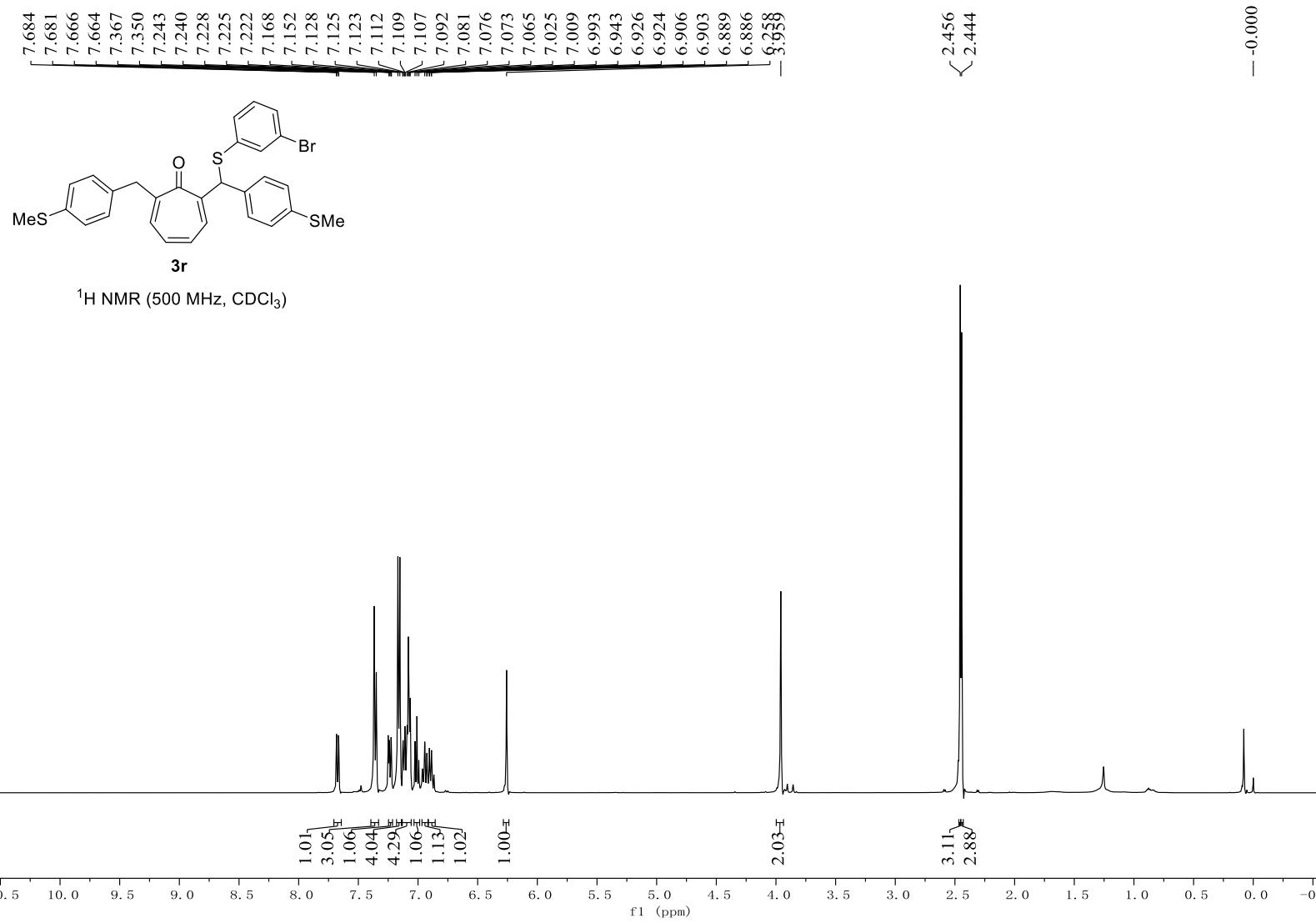




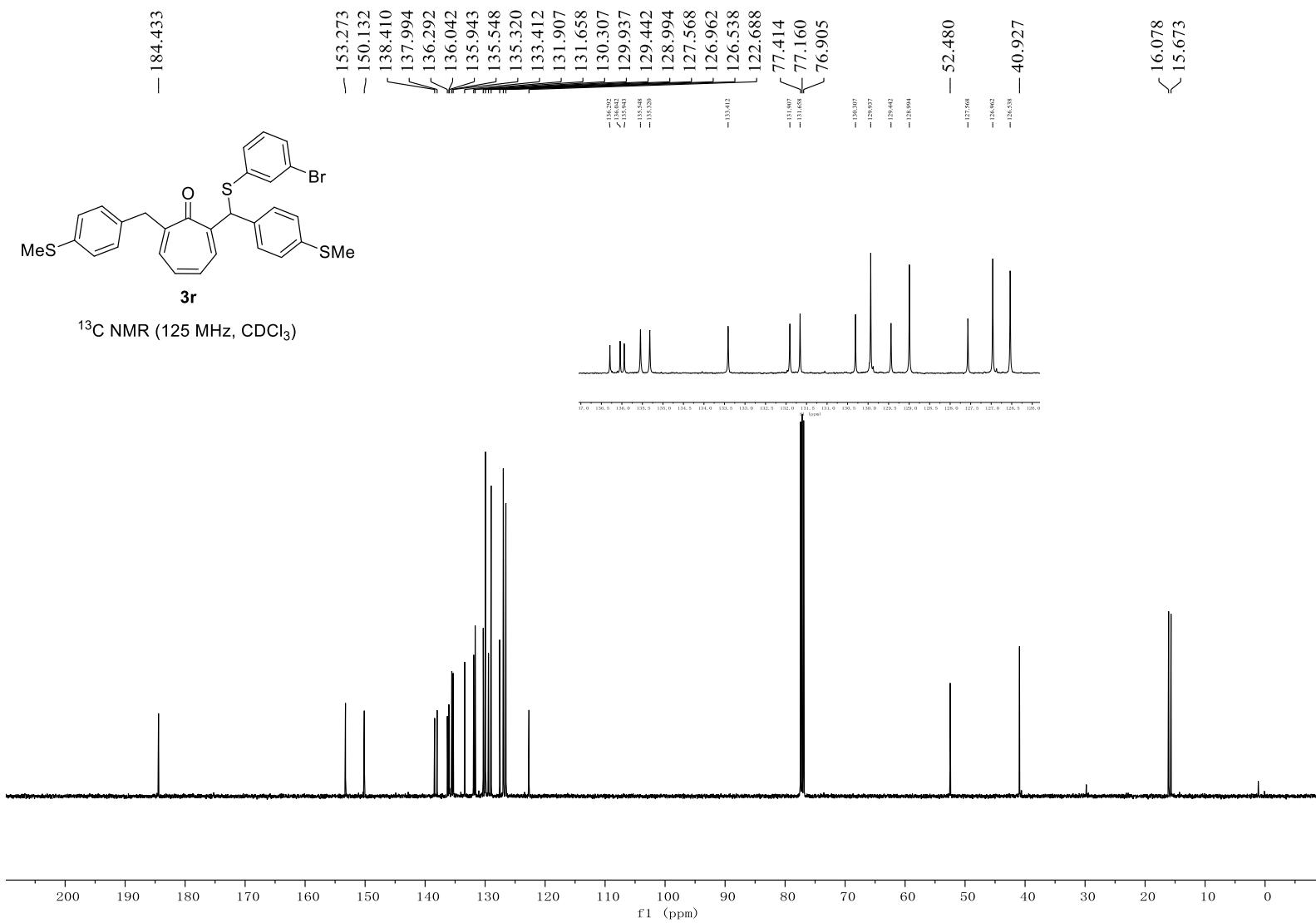
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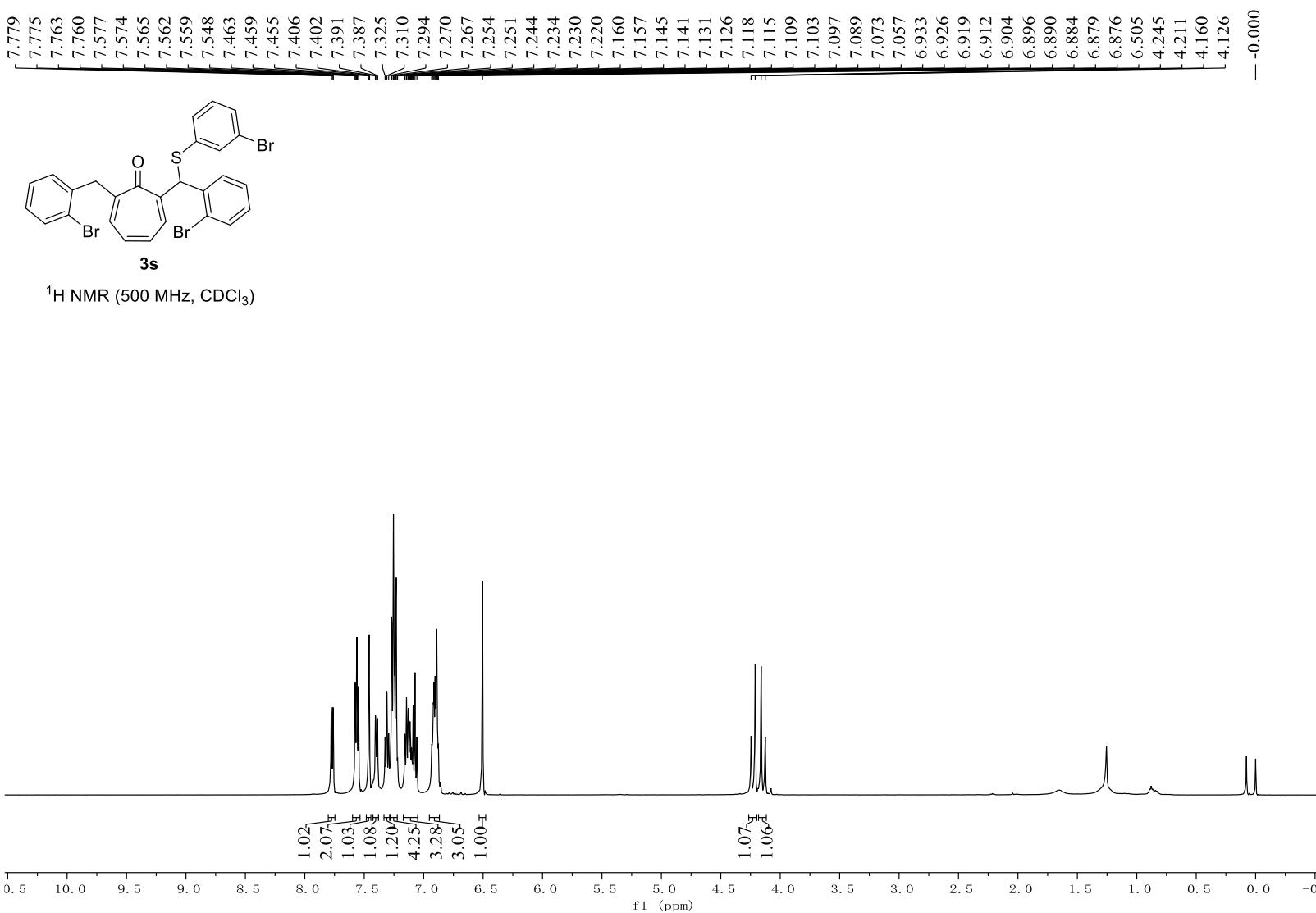


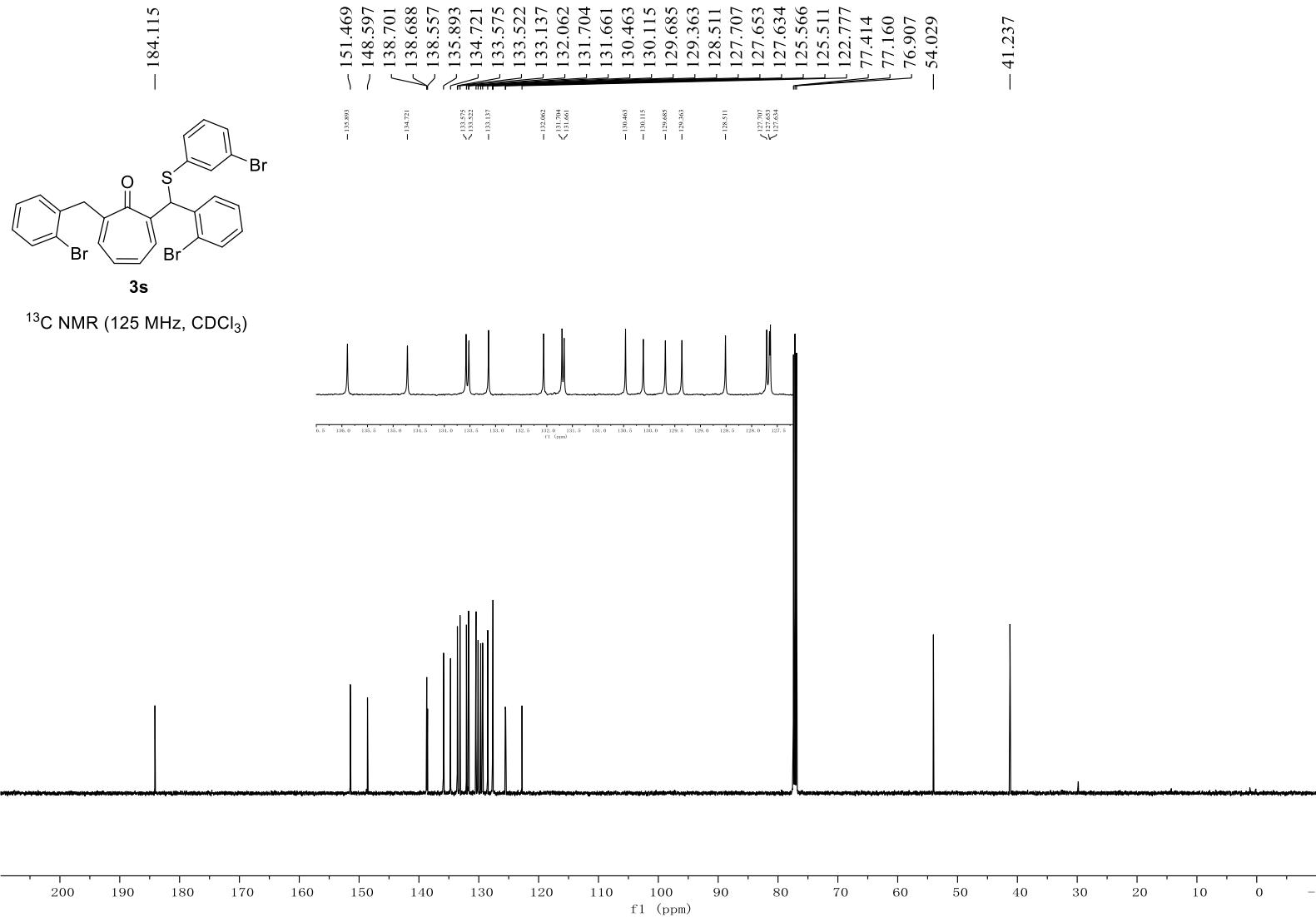


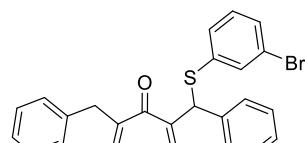


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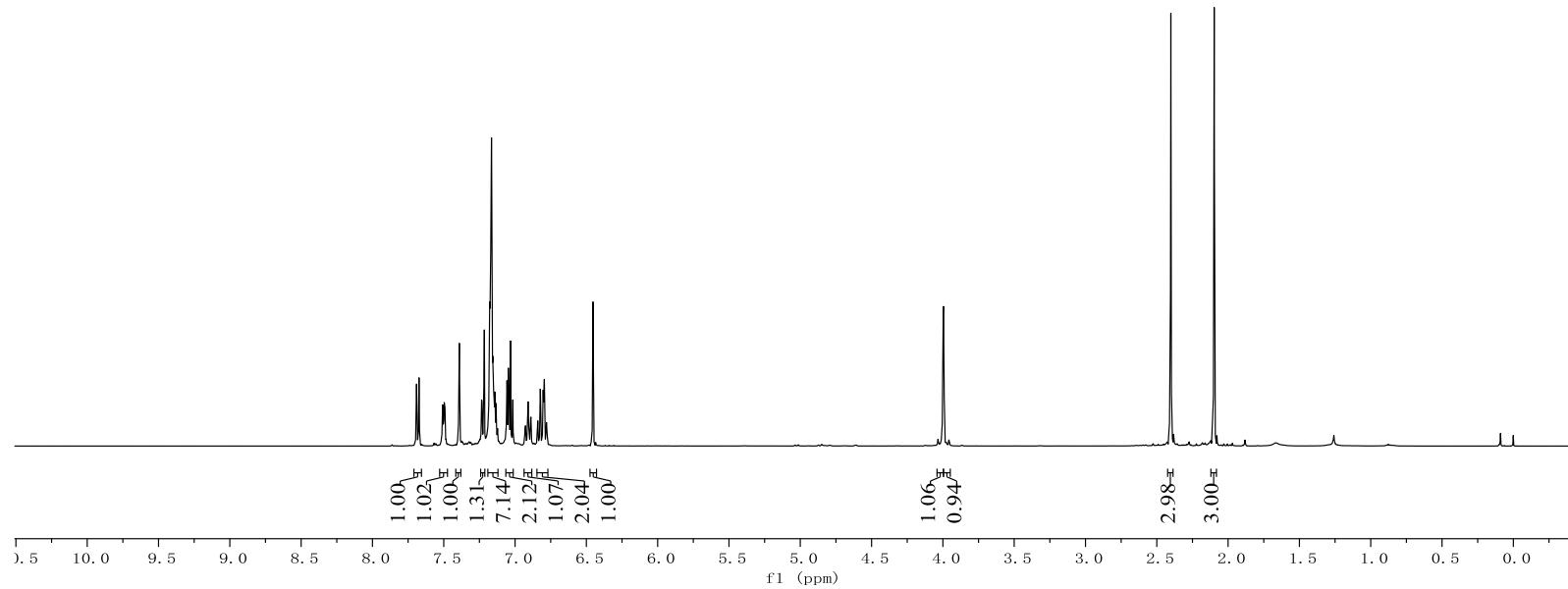


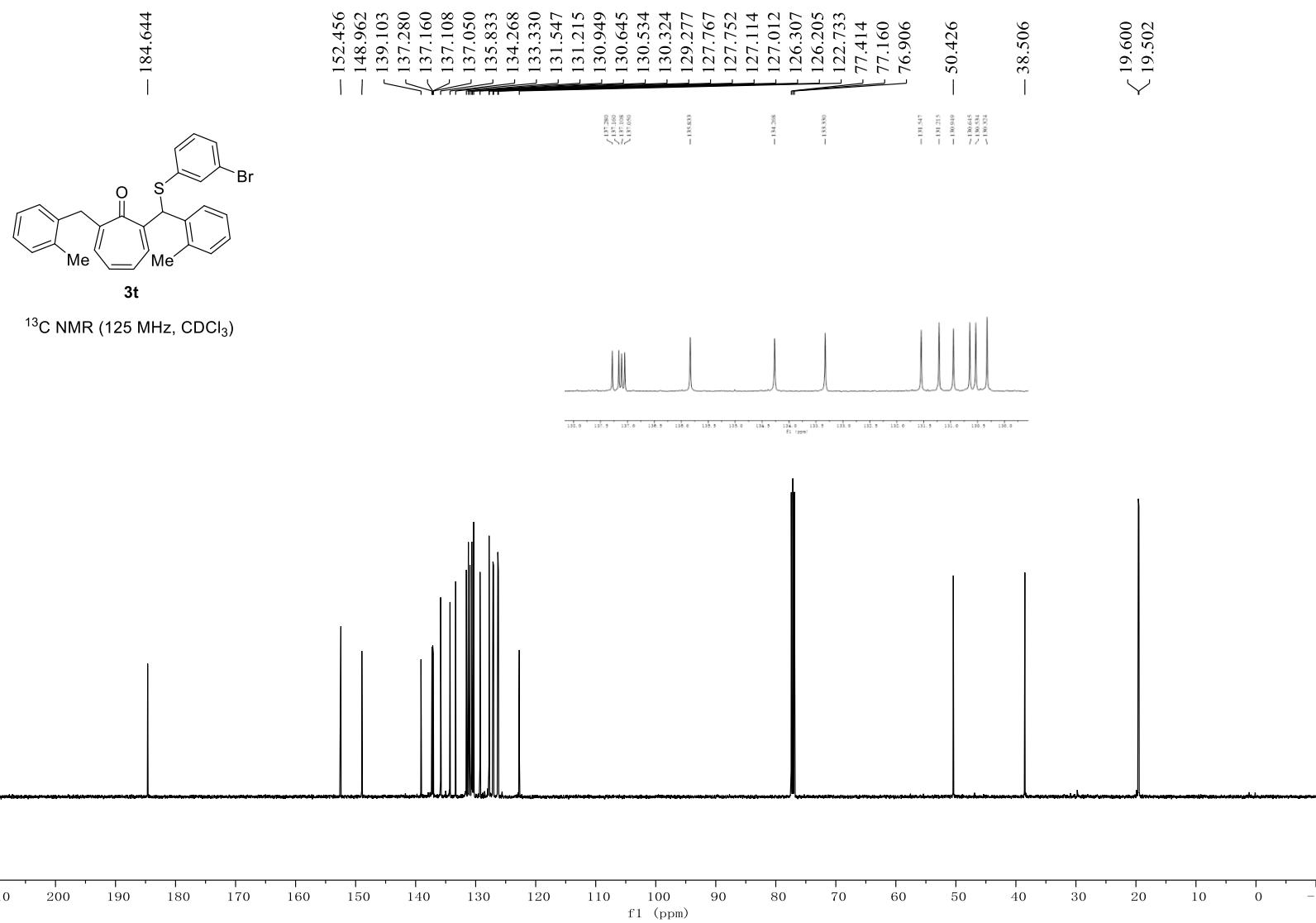


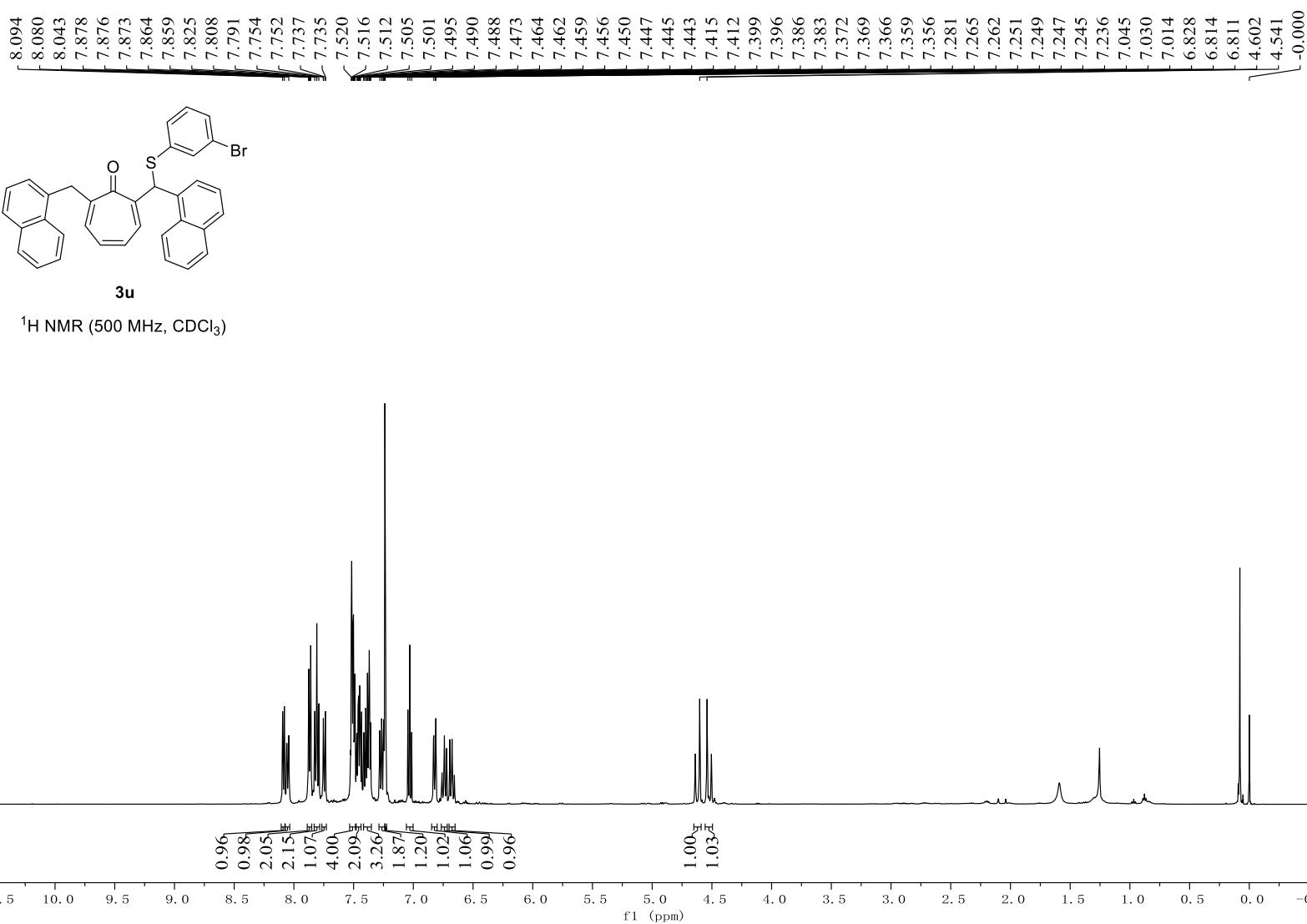


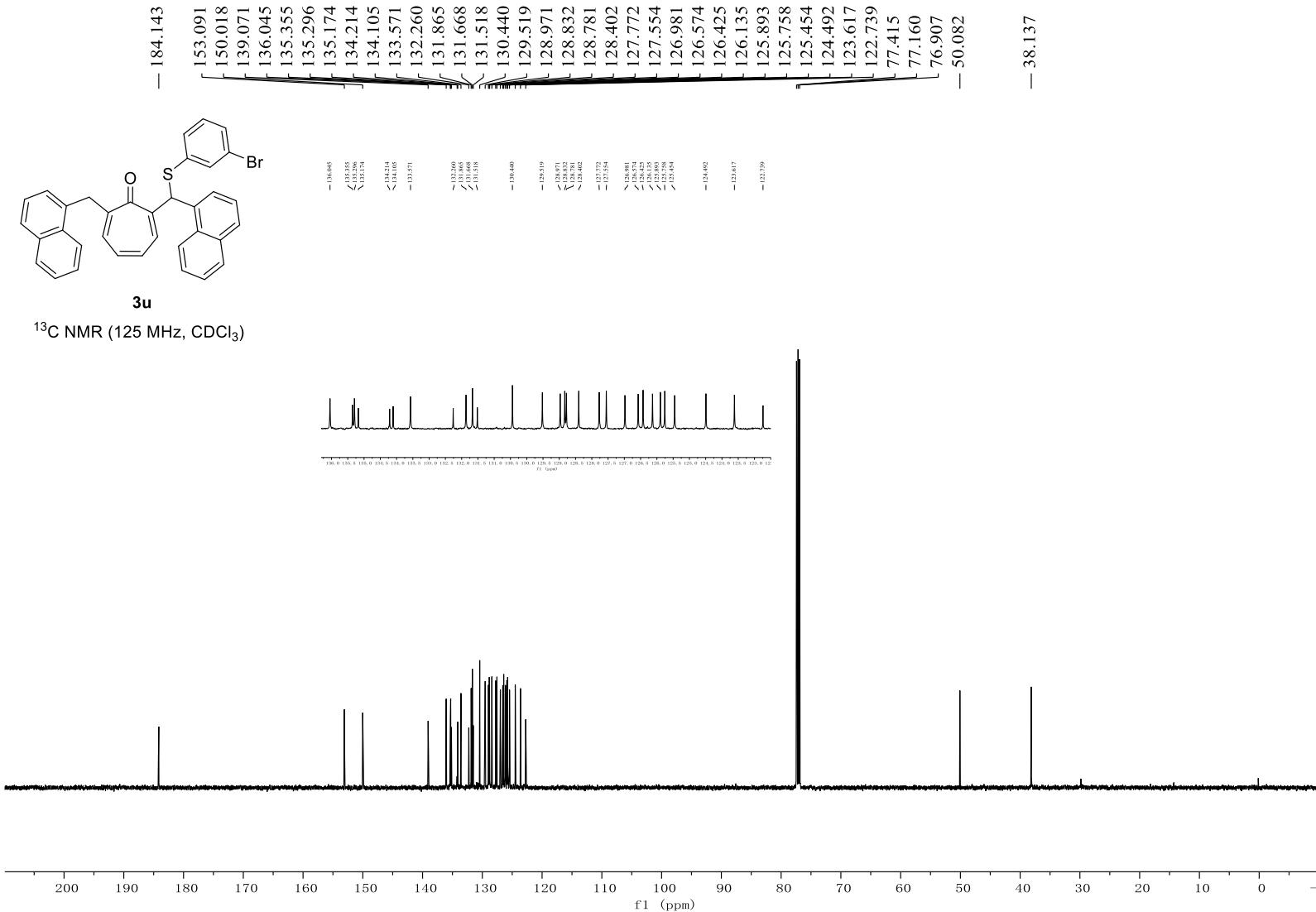
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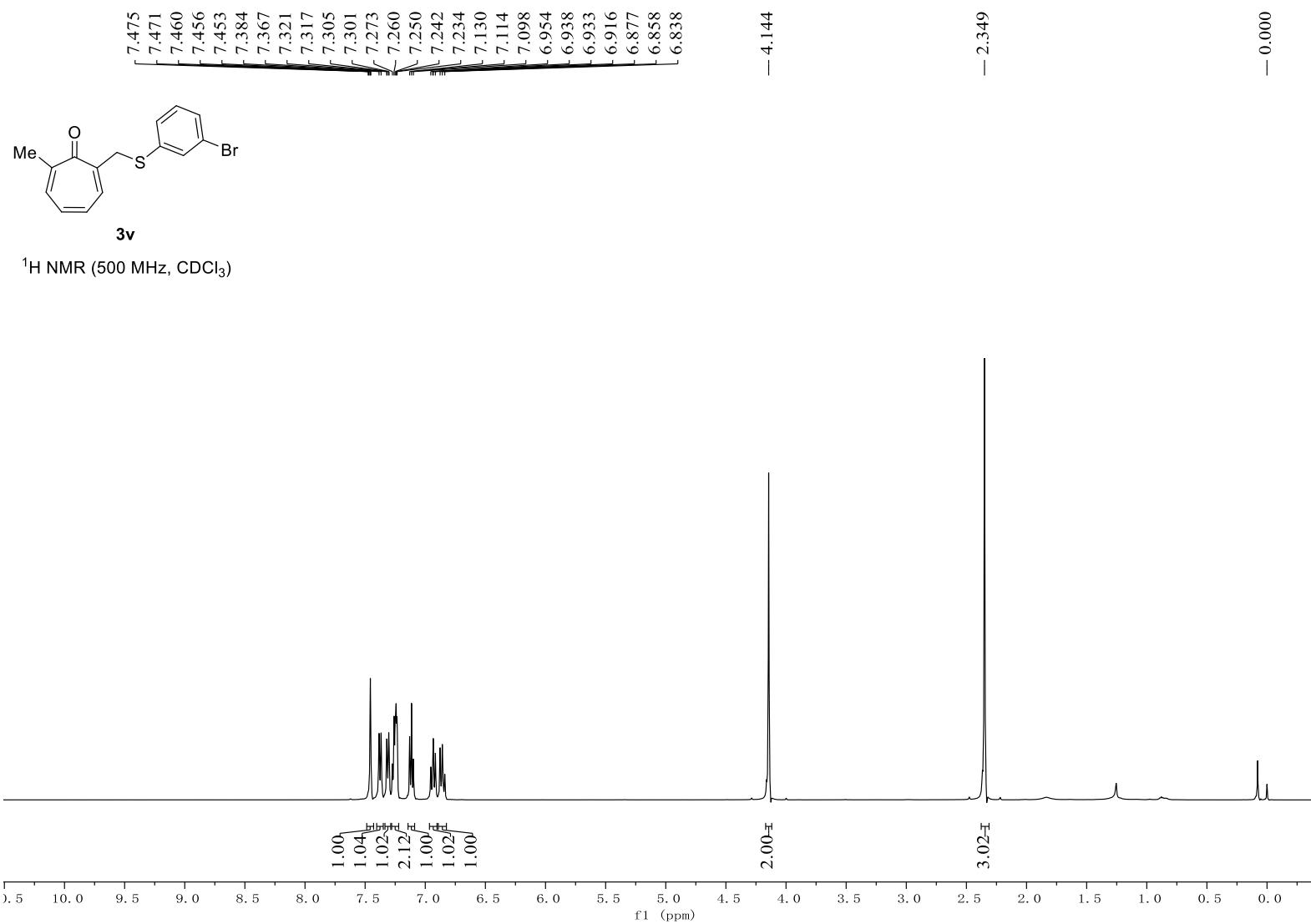
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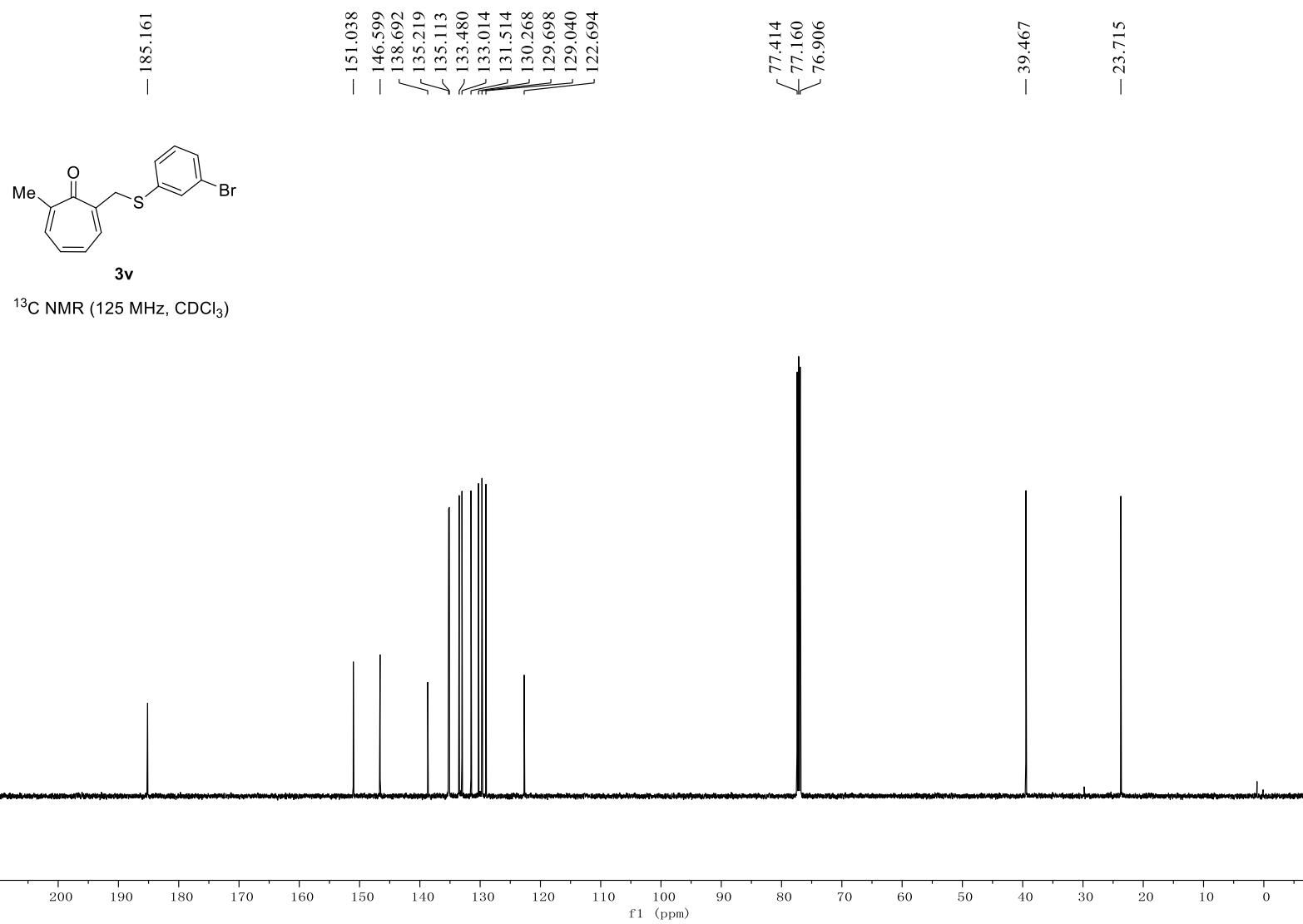


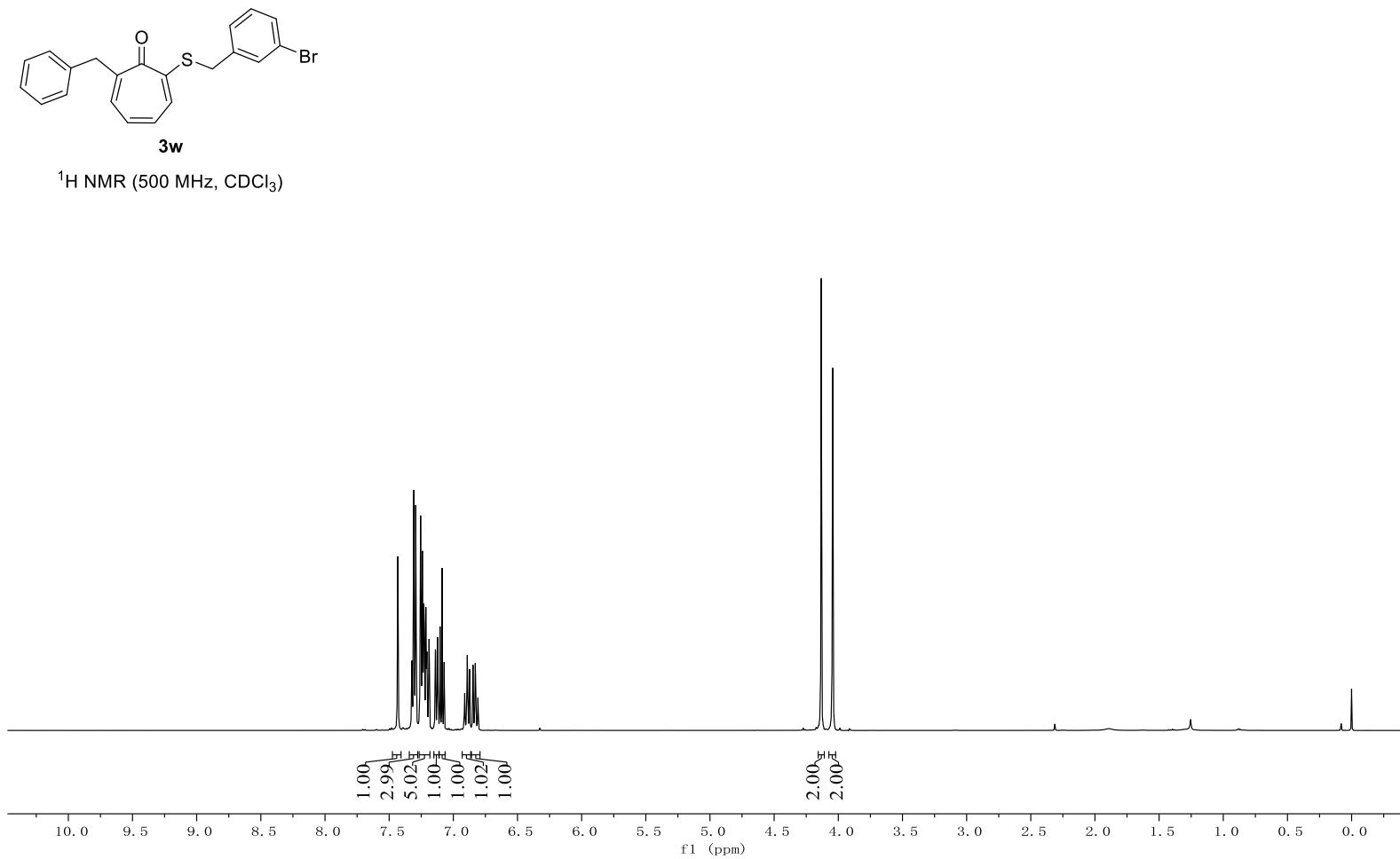


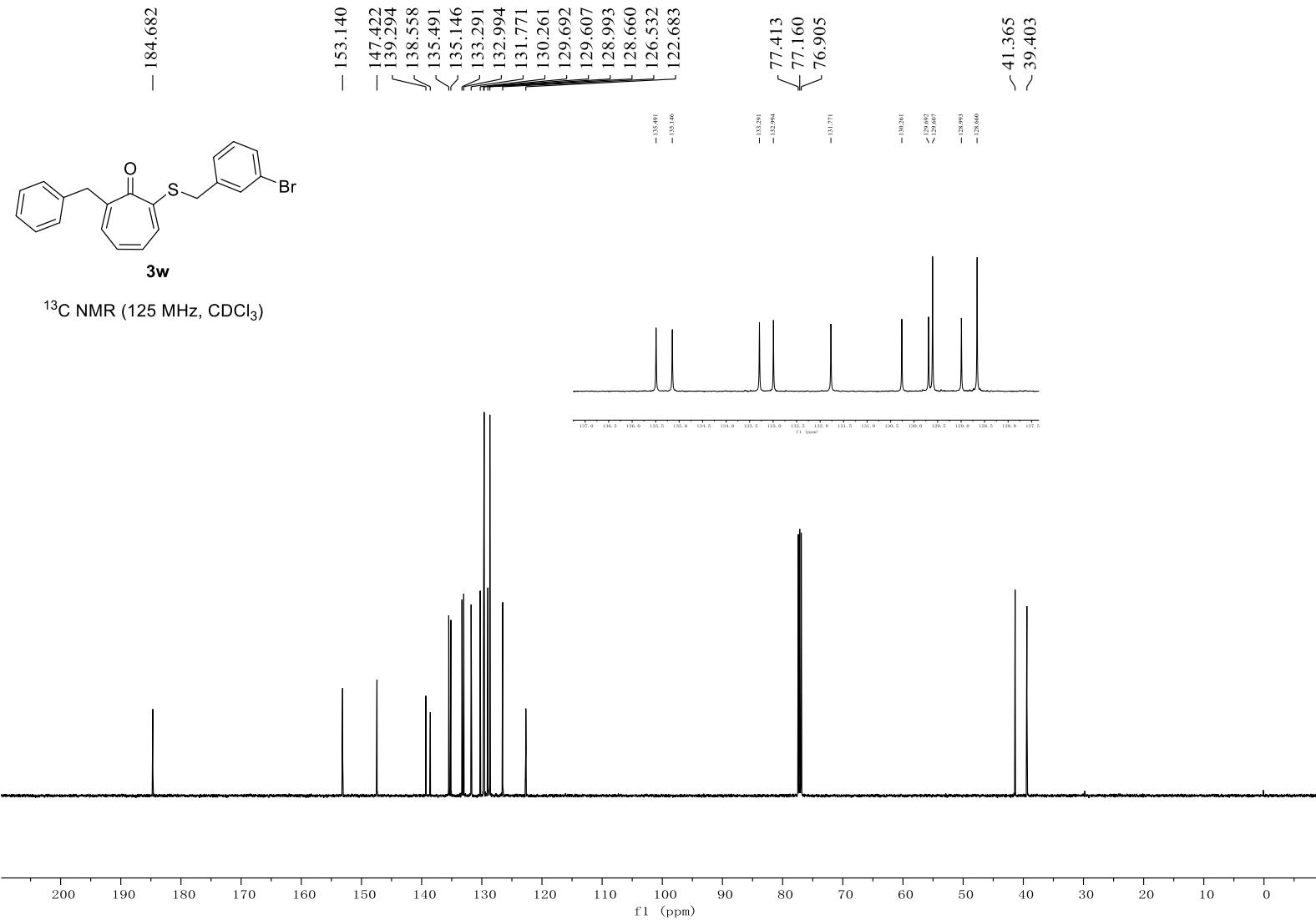


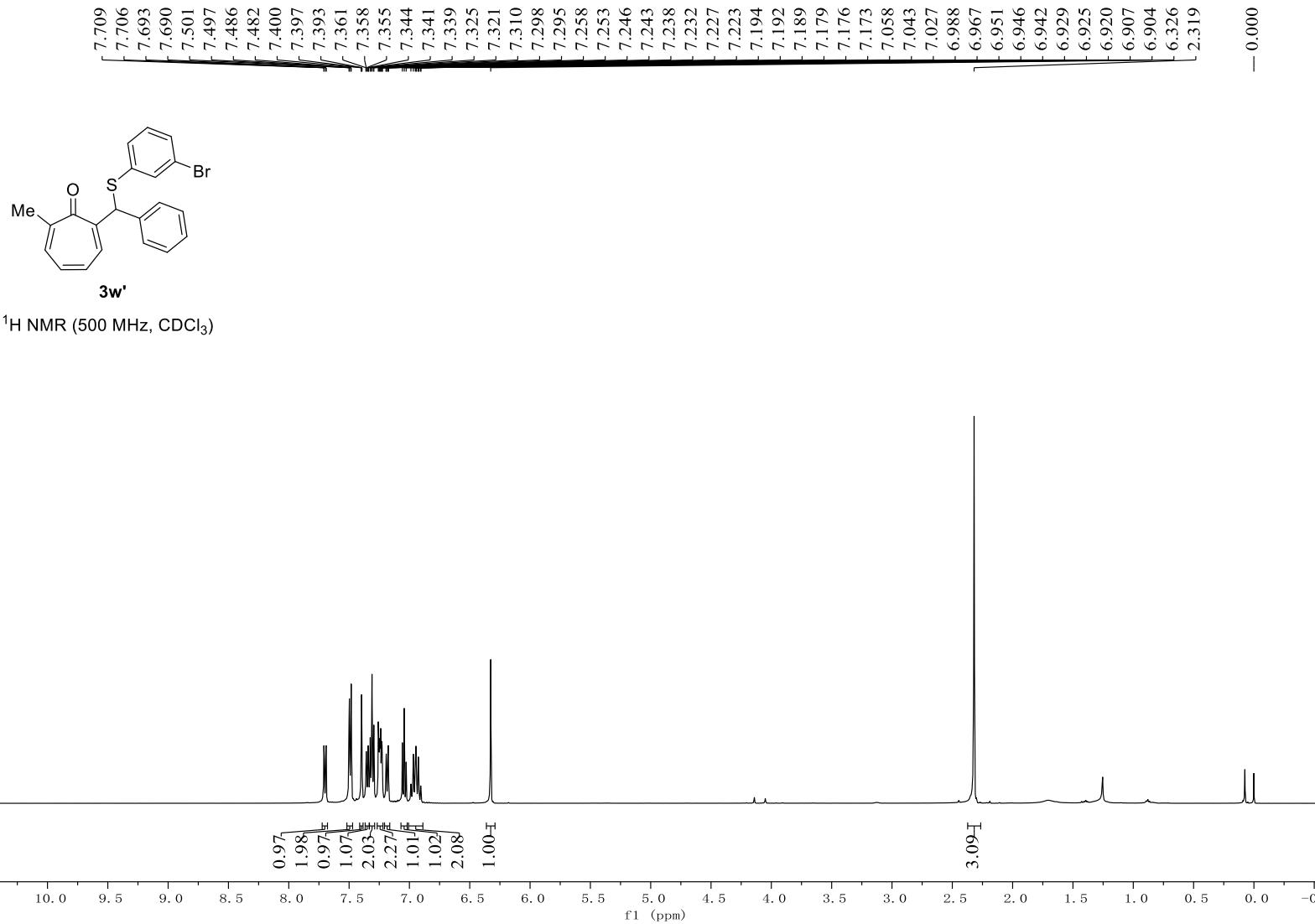


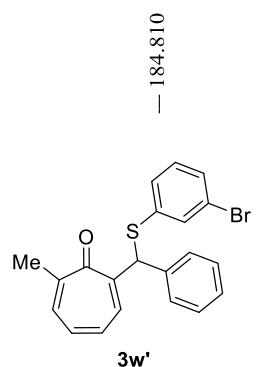




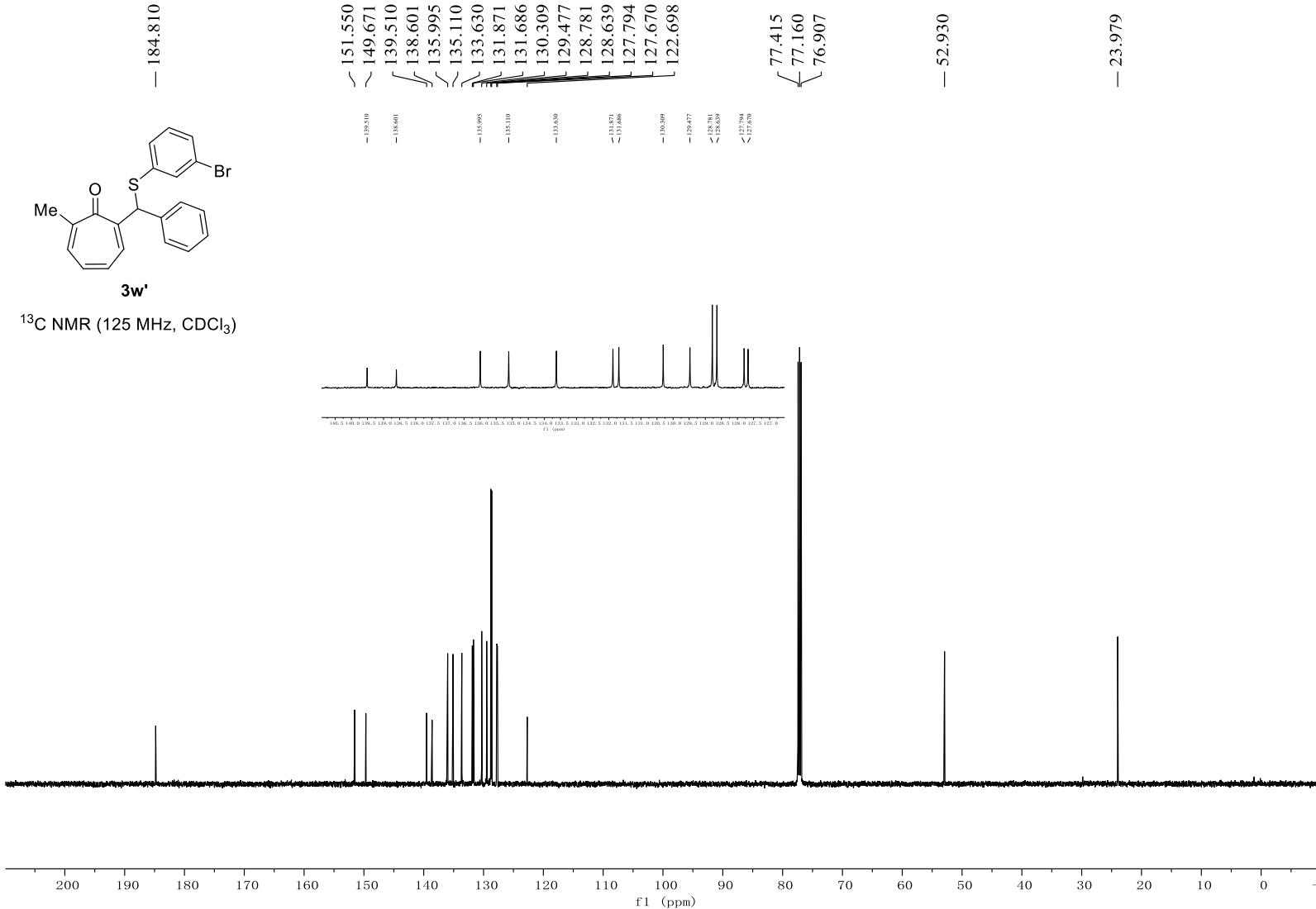


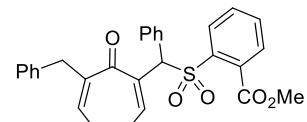




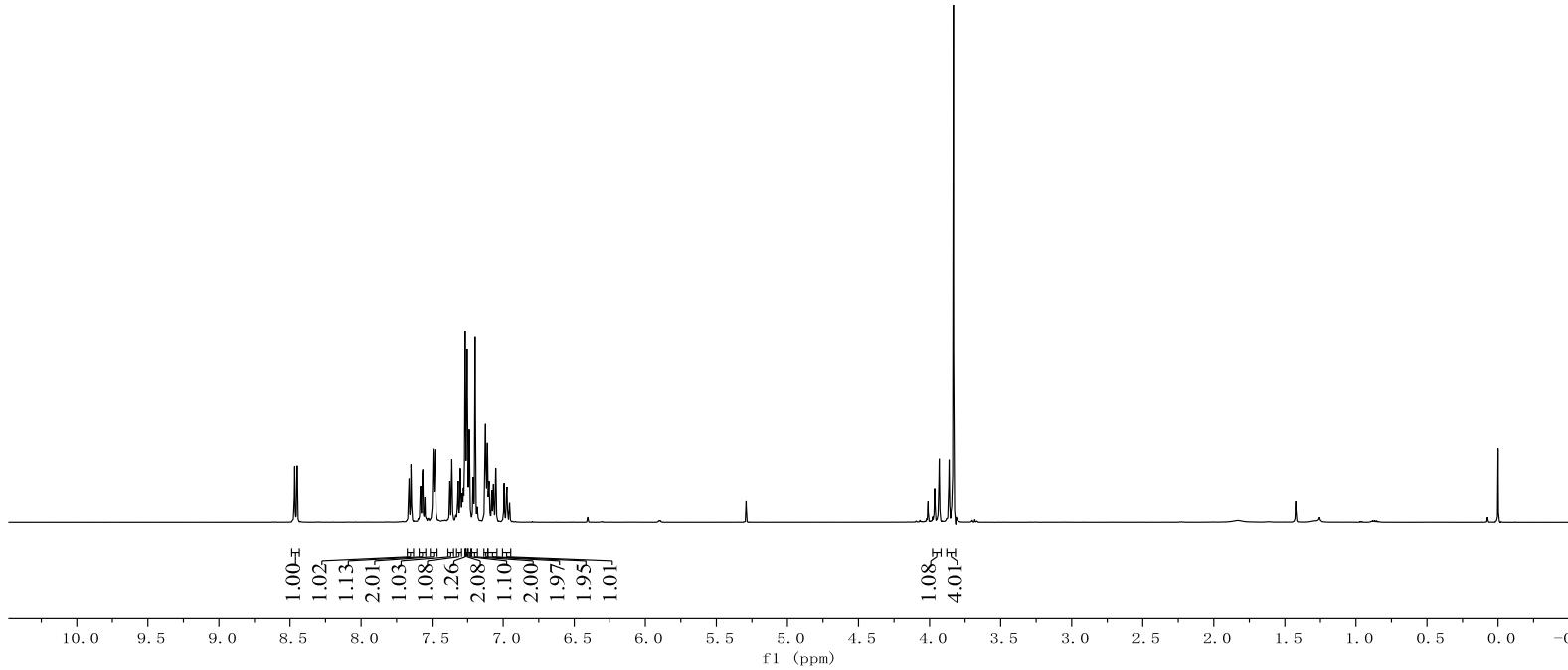


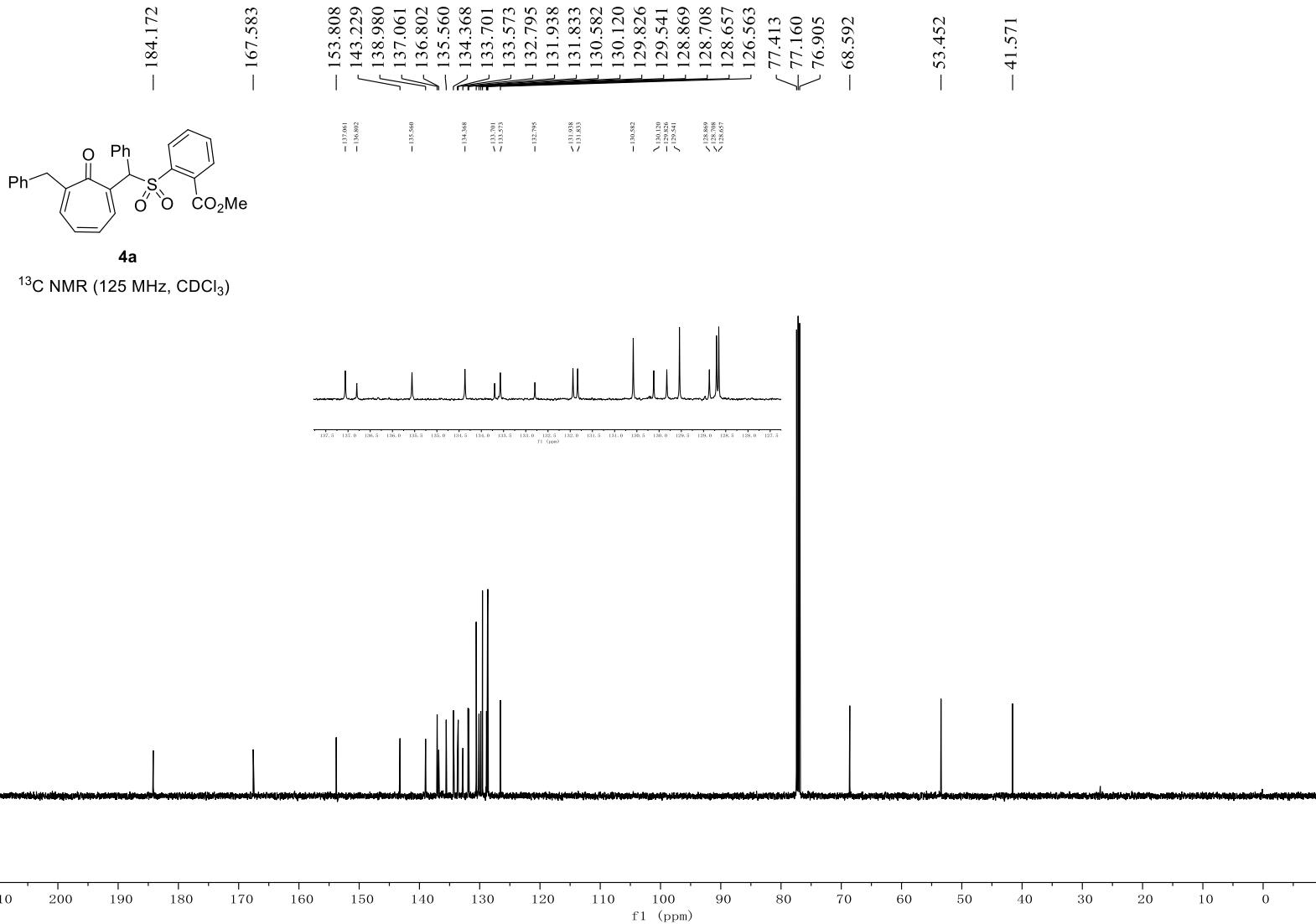
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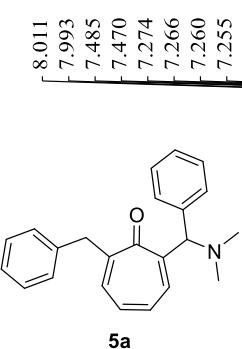




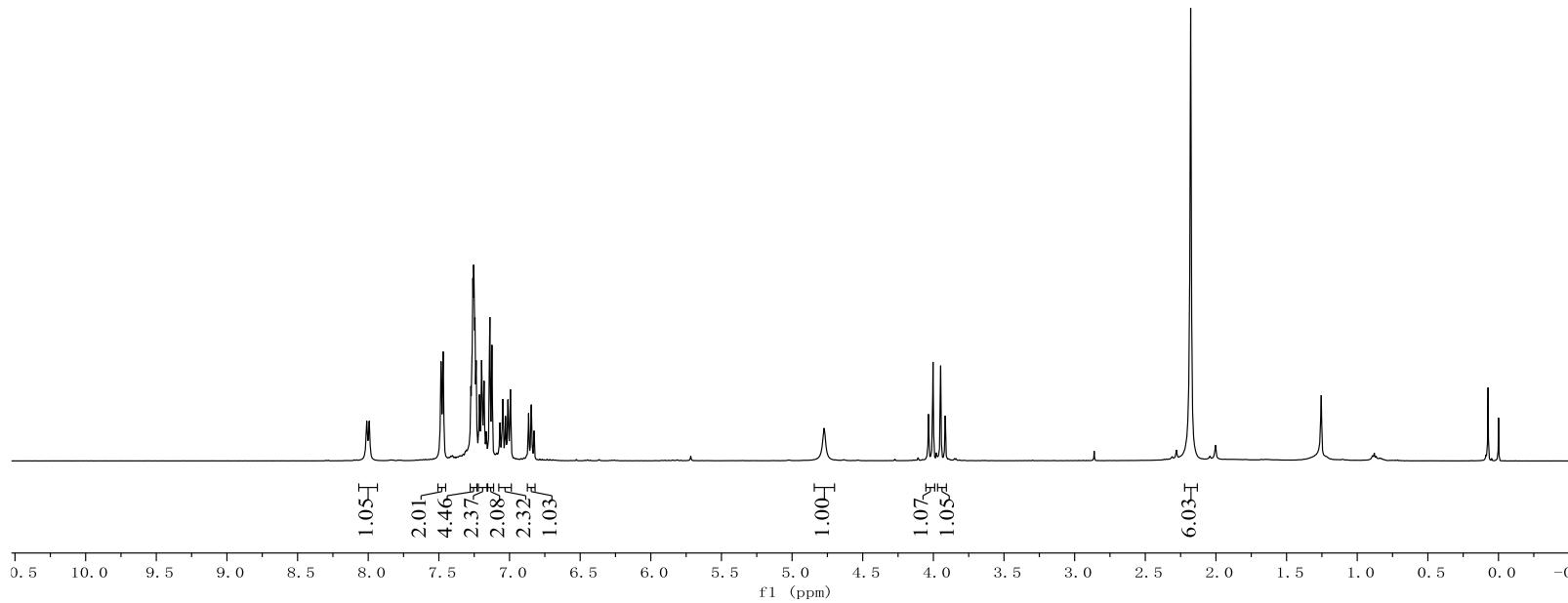
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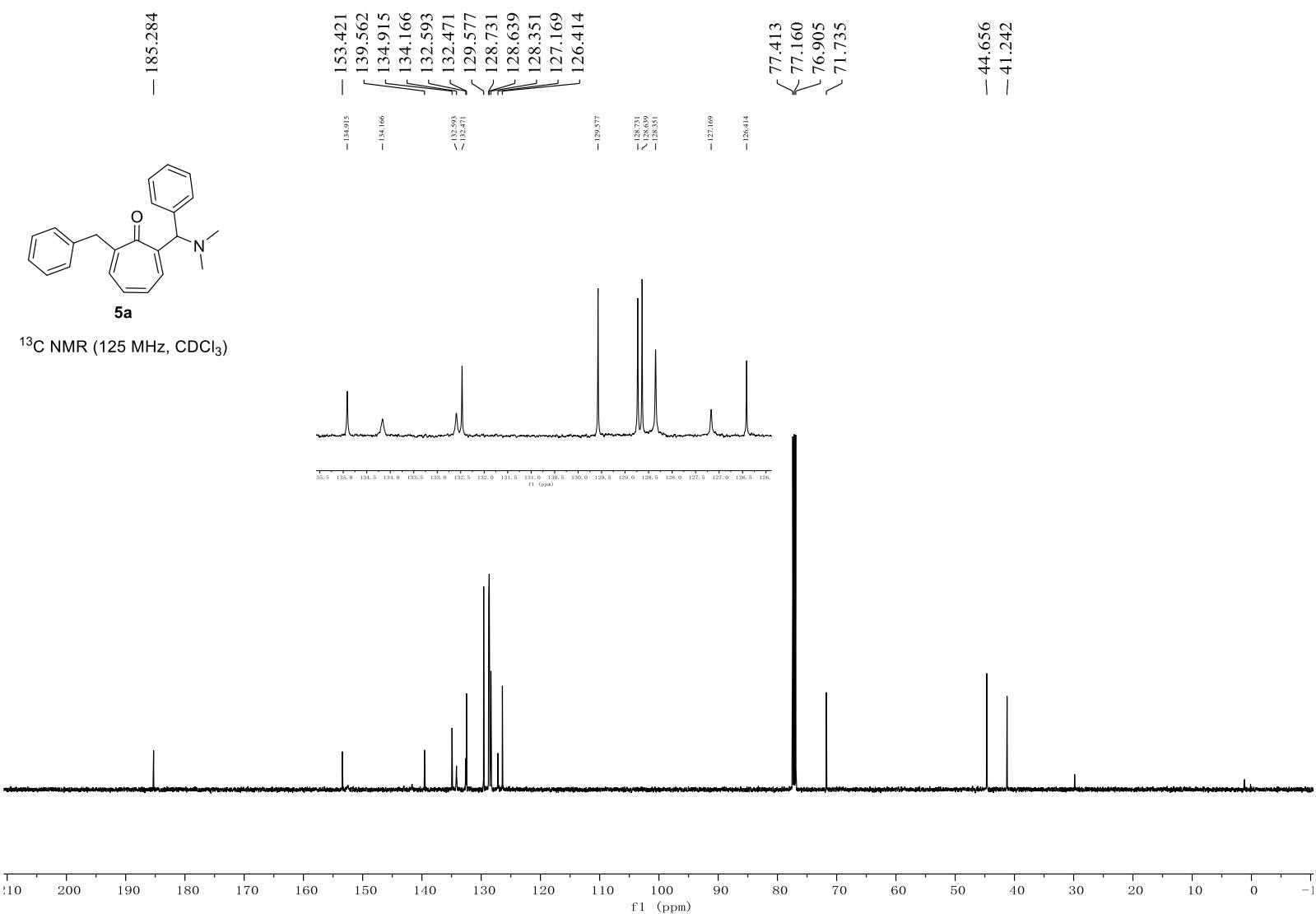


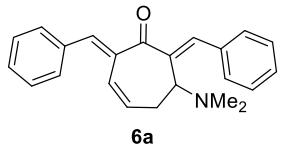
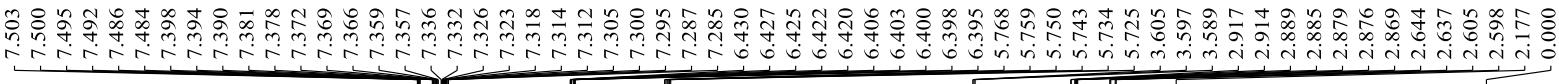




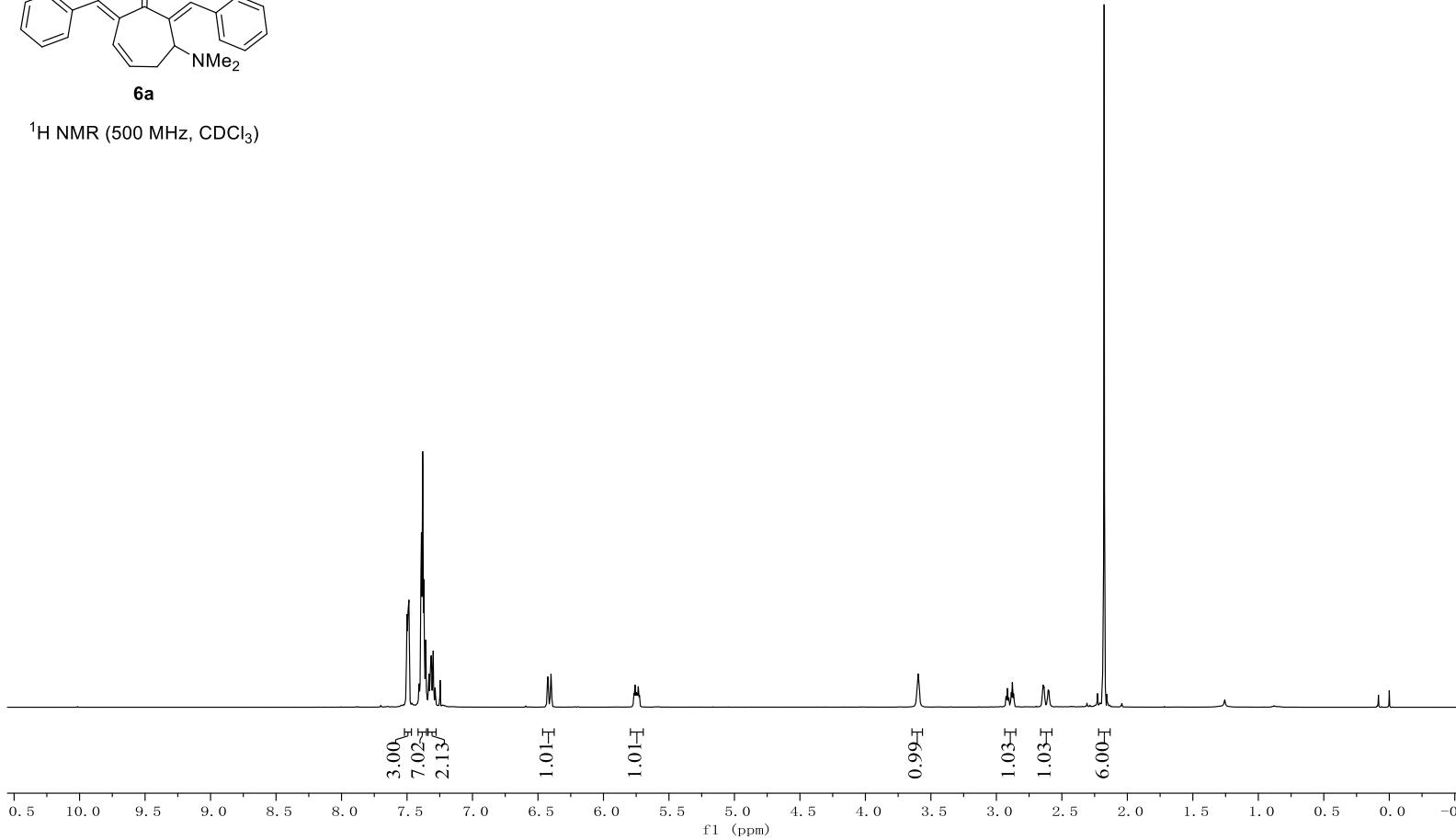
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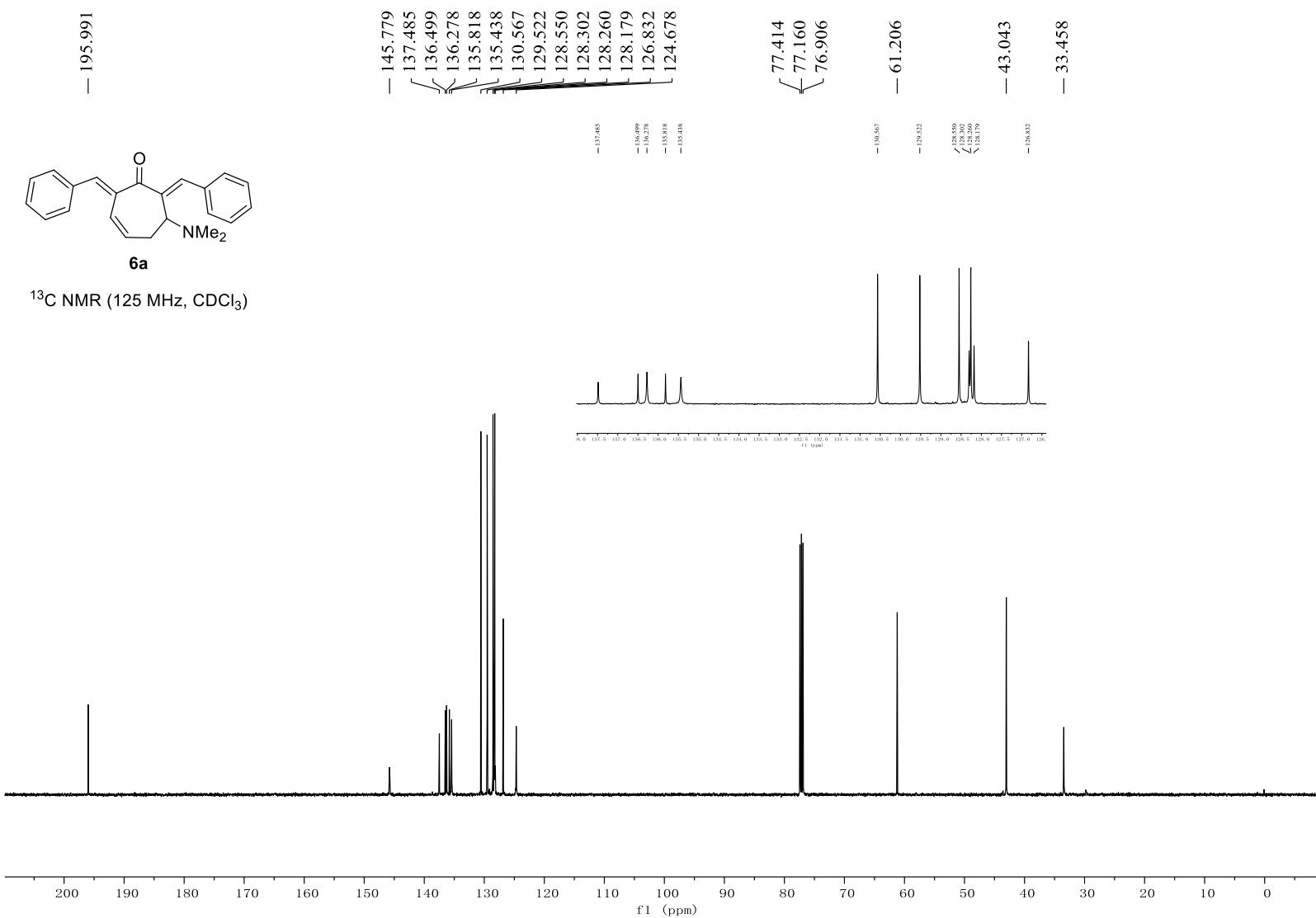


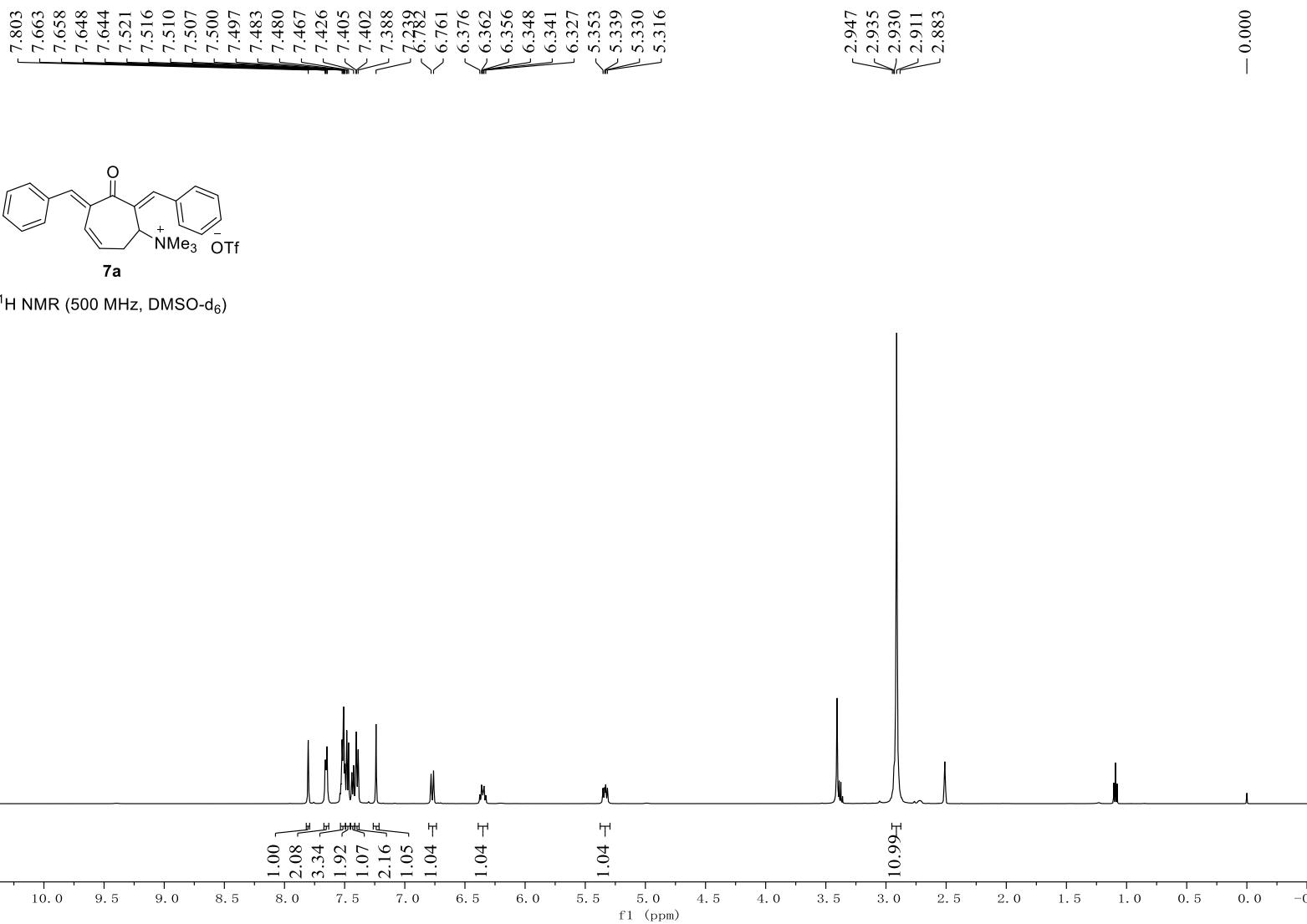


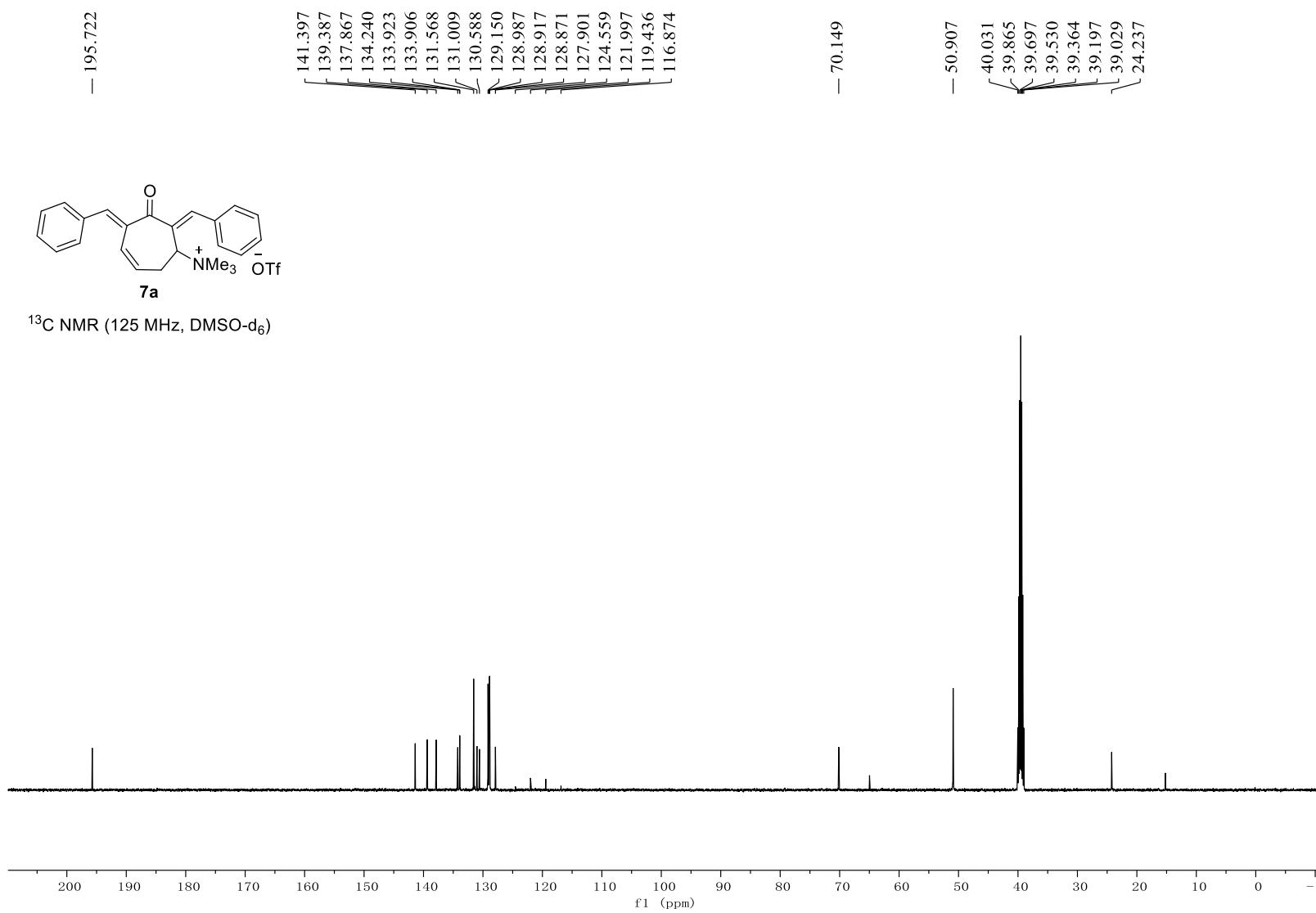


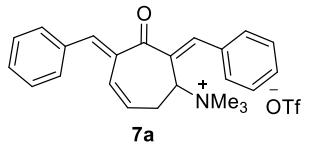
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