

Supplementary Information

Lewis Acid-Controlled Pd-Catalyzed Chemodivergent Hydrocyanation of Cyclopropenes

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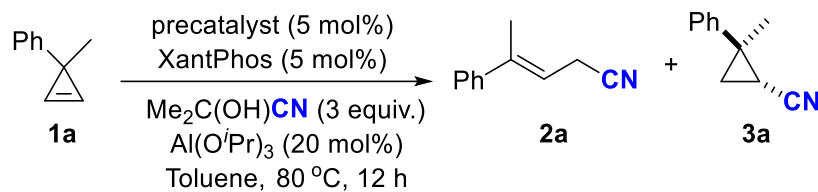
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1. General information

All air and moisture sensitive manipulations were carried out with standard Schlenk technique or in a nitrogen-filled glove box (Vigor). Dried and oxygen free solvents were obtained from solvent purification system (Vigor YJC-7) and used thereafter. Column chromatography was performed using 200-300 mesh silica gels. The NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker-400 MHz or 500 MHz instrument and chemical shifts are reported in ppm relative to the residual deuterated solvents. Chemical shifts (δ) are given in ppm and calibrated using the signal of residual undeuterated solvent as internal reference ($\delta_{\text{H}} = 7.26$ ppm or 0.00 ppm, and $\delta_{\text{C}} = 77.16$ ppm). Coupling constants (J) are reported in Hz and apparent splitting patterns are designated using the following abbreviations: s (singlet), d (doublet), t (triplet), q (quartet), m (multiplet), br (broad). High-resolution mass spectra (HRMS) were performed with electrospray spectrometer Waters Micromass Q-TOF Premier Mass Spectrometer. Shimadzu Nexis GC-2030 determined GC yields. $\text{Pd}(\text{dba})_2$ was purchased from bidepharm (<https://www.bidepharm.com/>). The substrates and reagents for catalytic reactions were degassed and stored in the glovebox.

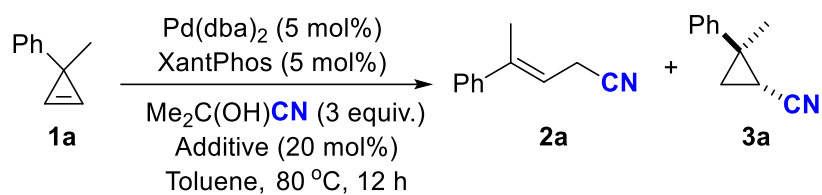
2. Optimization reaction conditions

Table S1: Screening of precatalyst



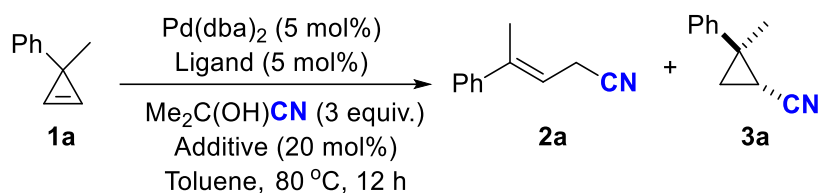
Entry	Precatalyst	Additive	2a Yield/% ^b	3a Yield/% ^b
1	$\text{Ni}(\text{cod})_2$	-	75	ND
2	$\text{Ni}(\text{acac})_2$	-	61	ND
3	$\text{Ni}(\text{OAc})_2$	-	20	ND
4	$[\text{RhCl}(\text{cod})]_2^{\text{c}}$	-	ND	ND
5	$\text{Pd}(\text{OAc})_2$	-	67	ND
6	PdCl_2	-	28	ND
7	$\text{Pd}(\text{PPh}_3)_4$	-	52	ND
8	$\text{Pd}(\text{acac})_2$	-	45	ND
9	$\text{Ni}(\text{cod})_2$	$\text{Al}(\text{O}^i\text{Pr})_3$	67	ND
10	$\text{Ni}(\text{acac})_2$	$\text{Al}(\text{O}^i\text{Pr})_3$	40	ND
11	$\text{Ni}(\text{OAc})_2$	$\text{Al}(\text{O}^i\text{Pr})_3$	20	ND
12	$[\text{RhCl}(\text{cod})]_2^{\text{c}}$	$\text{Al}(\text{O}^i\text{Pr})_3$	ND	ND
13	$\text{Pd}(\text{OAc})_2$	$\text{Al}(\text{O}^i\text{Pr})_3$	13	44
14	PdCl_2	$\text{Al}(\text{O}^i\text{Pr})_3$	20	21
15	$\text{Pd}(\text{PPh}_3)_4$	$\text{Al}(\text{O}^i\text{Pr})_3$	12	47
16	$\text{Pd}(\text{acac})_2$	$\text{Al}(\text{O}^i\text{Pr})_3$	21	54

[a] All reactions were carried with **1a** (0.2 mmol), $\text{Me}_2\text{C}(\text{OH})\text{CN}$ (0.6 mmol), catalyst (5 mol%), XantPhos (5 mol%), additive (20 mol%), Toluene (0.3 mL), 80 °C, 12 h. [b] Yield was determined via gas chromatography analysis using *n*-dodecane as an internal standard. ND = No detected. [c] 2.5 mol% catalyst was used.

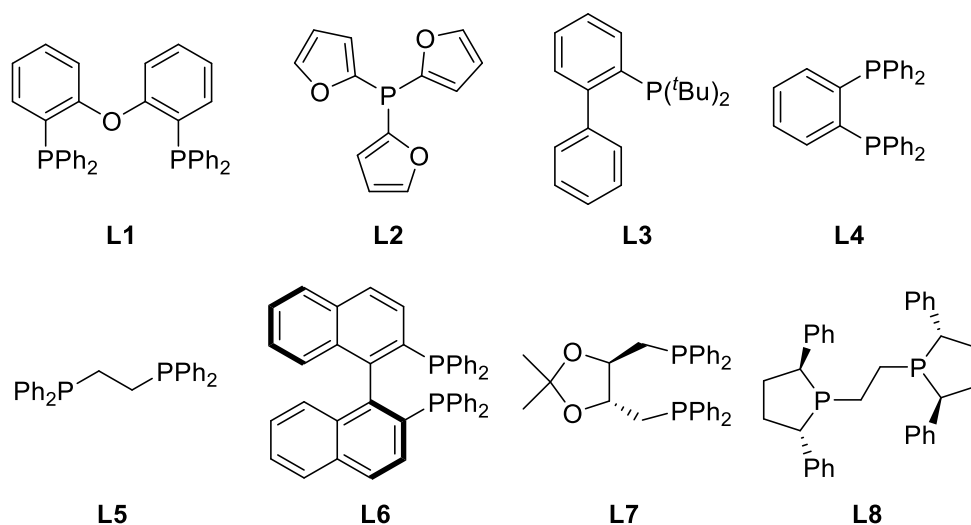
Table S2: Screening of additive

Entry	Additive	2a Yield/% ^b	3a Yield/% ^b
1	LiBr	10	6
2	Li ₂ SO ₄	58	12
3	TiCl ₄	23	ND
4	ZnCl ₂	52	ND
5	CuSO ₄	32	ND
6	I ₂	13	ND
7	AlCl ₃	43	10
8	Al ₂ O ₃	81	ND
9	Al(OAc) ₂ (OH)	65	ND
10	Al(OAc) ₃	55	7
10	Al(O ^{<i>i</i>} Bu) ₃	32	35
11	Al(O ^{<i>i</i>} Bu) ₃	21	45

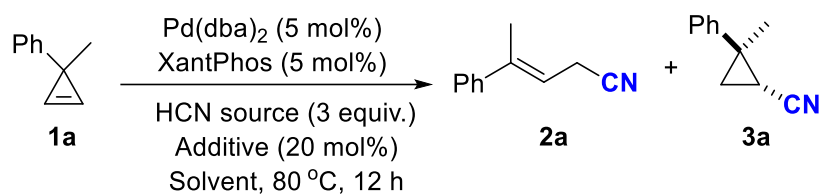
[a] All reactions were carried with **1a** (0.2 mmol), $\text{Me}_2\text{C}(\text{OH})\text{CN}$ (0.6 mmol), $\text{Pd}(\text{dba})_2$ (5 mol%), XantPhos (5 mol%), additive (20 mol%), Toluene (0.3 mL), 80 °C, 12 h. [b] Yield was determined via gas chromatography analysis using *n*-dodecane as an internal standard. ND = No detected.

Table S3: Screening of ligand

Entry	Ligand	Additive	2a Yield/% ^b	3a Yield/% ^b
1	L1	-	81	ND
2	L2	-	14	ND
3	L3	-	43	ND
4	L4	-	58	ND
5	L5	-	72	ND
6	L1	Al(O ^{<i>i</i>} Pr) ₃	15	57
7	L2	Al(O ^{<i>i</i>} Pr) ₃	80	ND
8	L3	Al(O ^{<i>i</i>} Pr) ₃	14	trace
9	L4	Al(O ^{<i>i</i>} Pr) ₃	38	ND
10	L5	Al(O ^{<i>i</i>} Pr) ₃	46	ND
11	L6	Al(O ^{<i>i</i>} Pr) ₃	42	ND
12	L7	Al(O ^{<i>i</i>} Pr) ₃	32	16 ^c
13	L8	Al(O ^{<i>i</i>} Pr) ₃	54	ND



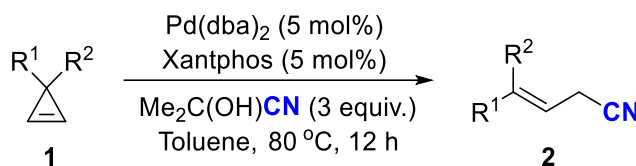
[a] All reactions were carried with **1a** (0.2 mmol), Me₂C(OH)CN (0.6 mmol), Pd(dba)₂ (5 mol%), bidentate ligand (5 mol%) or monodentate ligand (10 mol%), additive (20 mol%), Toluene (0.3 mL), 80 °C, 12 h. [b] Yield was determined via gas chromatography analysis using *n*-dodecane as an internal standard. ND = No detected. [c] When L7 was used as the ligand, compound **3a** was obtained with 0% *ee*. The enantiomeric excess (*ee*) values were determined using chiral HPLC under the following conditions: Daicel Chiralpak OD-H column, hexane/^{*i*}PrOH = 95:5, 0.8 mL/min flow rate, detection at 214 nm. The retention times were tR1 = 8.40 min and tR2 = 9.39 min

Table S4: Screening of HCN source

Entry	HCN source	Solvent	Additive	2a Yield/% ^b	3a Yield/% ^b
1	TMSCN	Toluene	-	ND	ND
2	TMSCN	MeOH	-	23	ND
3	Zn(CN) ₂	Toluene	-	ND	ND
4	Zn(CN) ₂	MeOH	-	ND	ND
5	CuCN	Toluene	-	ND	ND
6	CuCN	MeOH	-	ND	ND
7	TMSCN	Toluene	Al(O ^{<i>i</i>} Pr) ₃	ND	ND
8	TMSCN	MeOH	Al(O ^{<i>i</i>} Pr) ₃	20	ND
9	Zn(CN) ₂	Toluene	Al(O ^{<i>i</i>} Pr) ₃	ND	ND
10	Zn(CN) ₂	MeOH	Al(O ^{<i>i</i>} Pr) ₃	ND	ND
11	CuCN	Toluene	Al(O ^{<i>i</i>} Pr) ₃	ND	ND
12	CuCN	MeOH	Al(O ^{<i>i</i>} Pr) ₃	ND	ND

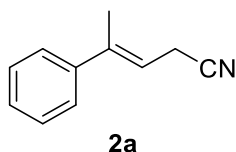
[a] All reactions were carried with **1a** (0.2 mmol), HCN source (0.6 mmol), Pd(dba)₂ (5 mol%), XantPhos (5 mol%), additive (20 mol%), Solvent (0.3 mL), 80 °C, 12 h. [b] Yield was determined via gas chromatography analysis using *n*-dodecane as an internal standard. ND = No detected.

3. General procedure for the ring-opening hydrocyanation and the data for products



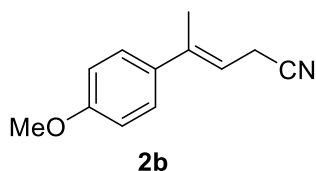
General procedure A: In a N₂-filled glovebox, Xantphos (5.8 mg, 0.01 mmol) and Pd(dba)₂ (5.8 mg, 0.01 mmol) and toluene (0.3 mL) were added to an oven-dried 4 mL screw-cap vial. The resulting mixture was stirred for 10 min and then cyclopropene **1** (0.2 mmol) and acetone cyanohydrin (0.6 mmol) were added. The vial was taken out of the glovebox and heated at 80 °C for 12 hours. Subsequently, the reaction was cooled down to room temperature and the reaction mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure and the residue purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel to afford the desired product **2**.

(*E*)-4-phenylpent-3-enitrile (**2a**)



According to the general procedure A, the residue was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 20/1) to afford **2a** as a colorless oil (26.7 mg, yield: 85%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.38-7.28 (m, 5H), 5.73-5.69 (m, 1H), 3.25 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 2.10 (d, *J* = 1.2 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 142.10, 141.54, 128.57, 127.95, 125.96, 118.20, 114.67, 17.09, 16.49; HRMS-EI (*m/z*): [M]⁺ calcd for C₁₁H₁₁N⁺, 157.0886; found 157.0883. The above data matched the reported data.^[1]

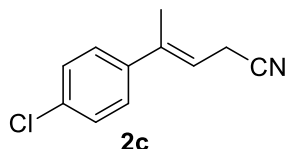
(*E*)-4-(4-methoxyphenyl)pent-3-enitrile (**2b**)



According to the general procedure A, the residue was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 10/1) to afford **2b** as a colorless oil (30.7 mg, yield: 82%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.33-7.29 (m, 2H),

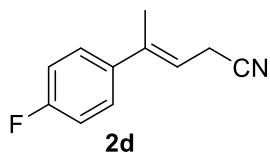
6.91-6.85 (m, 2H), 5.66-5.62 (m, 1H), 3.82 (s, 3H), 3.23 (d, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 2H), 2.07 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 159.49, 140.80, 134.53, 127.07, 118.37, 113.90, 113.03, 55.45, 17.07, 16.44; **HRMS-EI** (m/z): $[\text{M}]^+$ calcd for $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{13}\text{NO}^+$, 187.0992; found 187.0990. The above data matched the reported data.^[1]

(E)-4-(4-chlorophenyl)pent-3-enitrile (2c)



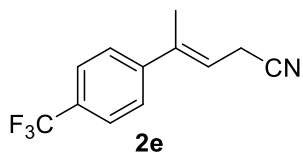
According to the general procedure A, the residue was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 20/1) to afford **2c** as a colorless oil (32.9 mg, yield: 86%). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.32-7.27 (m, 4H), 5.72-5.68 (m, 1H), 3.25 (d, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 2H), 2.07 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 140.47, 133.83, 128.72, 127.27, 117.98, 115.23, 17.09, 16.44; **HRMS-EI** (m/z): $[\text{M}]^+$ calcd for $\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_9\text{NCl}^+$, 190.0418; found 190.0417. The above data matched the reported data.^[1]

(E)-4-(4-fluorophenyl)pent-3-enitrile (2d)



According to the general procedure A, the residue was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 20/1) to afford **2d** as a colorless oil (30.8 mg, yield: 88%). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.35-7.30 (m, 2H), 7.05-7.00 (m, 2H), 5.68-5.64 (m, 1H), 3.24 (d, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 2H), 2.08 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 162.60 (d, $J = 247.2$ Hz), 140.57, 138.16 (d, $J = 3.3$ Hz), 127.60 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz), 118.09, 115.42 (d, $J = 21.5$ Hz), 114.67, 17.08, 16.62; **HRMS-EI** (m/z): $[\text{M}]^+$ calcd for $\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_{10}\text{NF}^+$, 175.0792; found 175.0786.

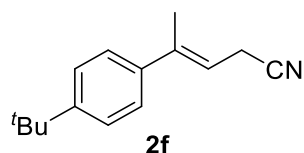
(E)-4-(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)pent-3-enitrile (2e)



According to the general procedure A, the residue was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 20/1) to afford **2e** as a colorless oil (32.0 mg, yield: 71%). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.60 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz,

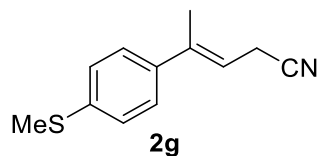
2H), 7.46 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2H), 5.80-5.75 (m, 1H), 3.28 (dd, $J = 6.8, 1.2$ Hz, 2H), 2.12 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 145.56, 140.57, 129.98 (q, $J = 32.6$ Hz), 126.33, 125.57 (q, $J = 3.8$ Hz), 122.86, 117.78, 116.76, 17.13, 16.46; **HRMS-EI** (m/z): $[\text{M}]^+$ calcd for $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{10}\text{NF}_3^+$, 225.0760; found 225.0751. The above data matched the reported data.^[4]

(E)-4-(4-(tert-butyl)phenyl)pent-3-enitrile (2f)



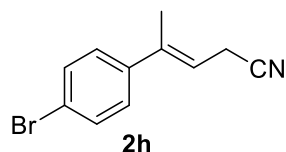
According to the general procedure A, the residue was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 20/1) to afford **2f** as a colorless oil (34.5 mg, yield: 81%). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.38-7.35 (m, 2H), 7.33-7.29 (m, 2H), 5.72-5.68 (m, 1H), 3.25 (d, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 2H), 2.08 (s, 3H), 1.33 (s, 9H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 151.05, 141.17, 139.10, 125.62, 125.48, 118.33, 113.93, 34.66, 31.41, 17.09, 16.38. **HRMS-EI** (m/z): $[\text{M}]^+$ calcd for $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{16}\text{N}^+$, 198.1277; found 198.1277.

(E)-4-(4-(methylthio)phenyl)pent-3-enitrile (2g)



According to the general procedure A, the residue was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 10/1) to afford **2g** as a colorless oil (25.6 mg, yield: 63%). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.31-7.28 (m, 2H), 7.24-7.20 (m, 2H), 5.72-5.67 (m, 1H), 3.25 (d, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 2H), 2.49 (s, 3H), 2.07 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 140.81, 138.75, 138.39, 126.53, 126.35, 118.20, 114.17, 17.11, 16.35, 15.88. **HRMS-EI** (m/z): $[\text{M}]^+$ calcd for $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{13}\text{NS}^+$, 203.0763; found 203.0763.

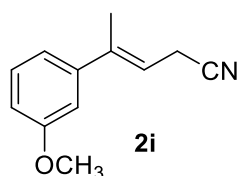
(E)-4-(4-bromophenyl)pent-3-enitrile (2h)



According to the general procedure A, the residue was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 20/1) to afford **2h** as a

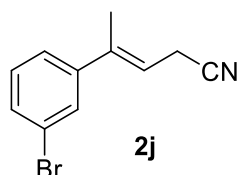
colorless oil (37.6 mg, yield: 80%). $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.49-7.44 (m, 2H), 7.24-7.21 (m, 2H), 5.73-5.68 (m, 1H), 3.24 (d, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 2H), 2.07 (s, 3H). $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 140.91, 140.48, 131.64, 127.58, 121.93, 117.93, 115.28, 17.08, 16.35; **HRMS-EI** (m/z): $[\text{M}]^+$ calcd for $\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_9\text{NBr}^+$, 233.9913; found 233.9913. The above data matched the reported data.^[4]

(E)-4-(3-methoxyphenyl)pent-3-enitrile (2i)



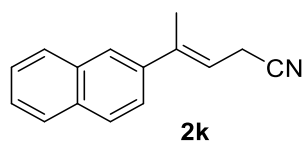
According to the general procedure A, the residue was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 10/1) to afford **2i** as a colorless oil (27.7 mg, yield: 74%). $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.28-7.24 (m, 1H), 6.96-6.94 (m, 1H), 6.89-6.88 (m, 1H), 6.86-6.84 (m, 1H), 5.74-5.70 (m, 1H), 3.83 (s, 3H), 3.24 (d, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 2H), 2.08 (s, 3H). $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 159.75, 143.64, 141.42, 129.55, 118.46, 118.16, 114.86, 113.17, 111.97, 55.40, 17.04, 16.54. **HRMS-EI** (m/z): $[\text{M}]^+$ calcd for $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{13}\text{NO}^+$, 187.0992; found 187.0991.

(E)-4-(3-bromophenyl)pent-3-enitrile (2j)



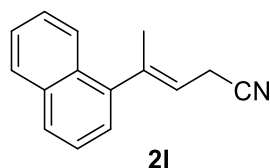
According to the general procedure A, the residue was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 20/1) to afford **2j** as a colorless oil (24.3 mg, yield: 52%). $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.50 (t, $J = 2.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.44-7.41 (m, 1H), 7.30-7.26 (m, 1H), 7.23-7.19 (m, 1H), 5.74-5.69 (m, 1H), 3.25 (d, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 2H), 2.07 (s, 3H). $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 144.17, 140.37, 130.91, 130.11, 129.15, 124.61, 122.75, 117.88, 115.96, 17.08, 16.45. **HRMS-EI** (m/z): $[\text{M}]^+$ calcd for $\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_9\text{BrN}^+$, 233.9913; found 233.9913.

(E)-4-(naphthalen-2-yl)pent-3-enitrile (2k)



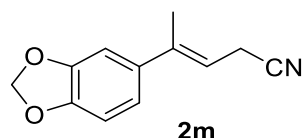
According to the general procedure A, the residue was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 20/1) to afford **2k** as a colorless oil (26.5 mg, yield: 64%). $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.86-7.80 (m, 4H), 7.54-7.47 (m, 3H), 5.89-5.84 (m, 1H), 3.31 (d, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 2H), 2.20 (s, 3H). $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 141.33, 139.22, 133.38, 133.00, 128.30, 128.17, 127.68, 126.50, 126.26, 124.88, 124.07, 118.22, 115.16, 17.19, 16.49. **HRMS-EI** (m/z): $[\text{M}]^+$ calcd for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{13}\text{N}^+$, 207.1043; found 207.1036. The above data matched the reported data.^[1]

(E)-4-(naphthalen-1-yl)pent-3-enitrile (2l)



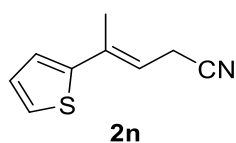
According to the general procedure A, the residue was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 20/1) to afford **2l** as a colorless oil (29.4 mg, yield: 71%). $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.91-7.86 (m, 2H), 7.82-7.80 (m, 1H), 7.53-7.49 (m, 2H), 7.46 (dd, $J = 8.4, 6.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.28-7.26 (m, 1H), 5.61-5.56 (m, 1H), 3.37 (d, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 2H), 2.20 (s, 3H). $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 142.28, 141.71, 133.83, 130.82, 128.60, 127.91, 126.28, 126.00, 125.49, 125.36, 125.01, 118.18, 117.56, 19.47, 16.86. **HRMS-EI** (m/z): $[\text{M}]^+$ calcd for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{13}\text{N}^+$, 207.1043; found 207.1038.

(E)-4-(benzo[d][1,3]dioxol-5-yl)pent-3-enitrile (2m)



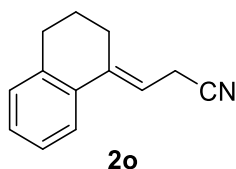
According to the general procedure A, the residue was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 8/1) to afford **2m** as a yellow oil (30.6 mg, yield: 76%). $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 6.86-6.83 (m, 2H), 6.78-6.75 (m, 1H), 5.96 (s, 2H), 5.63-5.59 (m, 1H), 3.22 (dq, $J = 7.2, 0.8$ Hz, 2H), 2.04 (s, 3H). $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 147.88, 147.41, 140.96, 136.38, 119.56, 118.22, 113.64, 108.20, 106.48, 101.29, 17.04, 16.65. **HRMS-EI** (m/z): $[\text{M}]^+$ calcd for $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{11}\text{NO}_2^+$, 201.0784; found 201.0783.

(E)-4-(thiophen-2-yl)pent-3-enitrile (2n)



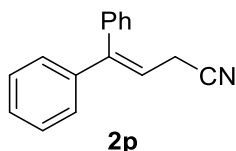
According to the general procedure A, the residue was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 20/1) to afford **2n** as a colorless oil (27.4 mg, yield: 84%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.20 (dd, *J* = 5.2, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.06 (dd, *J* = 3.6, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 6.99 (dd, *J* = 5.2, 3.6 Hz, 1H), 5.88-5.83 (m, 1H), 3.25 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 2.11 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 145.41, 134.94, 127.58, 124.81, 124.02, 117.90, 112.88, 16.85, 16.31. HRMS-EI (*m/z*): [M]⁺ calcd for C₉H₉NS⁺, 163.0450; found 163.0447. The above data matched the reported data.^[4]

(E)-3-(3,4-dihydronaphthalen-1(2H)-ylidene)propanenitrile (2o)



According to the general procedure A, the residue was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 20/1) to afford **2o** as a colorless oil (23.1 mg, yield: 63%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.57-7.52 (m, 1H), 7.22-7.16 (m, 2H), 7.14-7.11 (m, 1H), 5.97-5.92 (m, 1H), 3.25 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 2.79 (t, *J* = 6.2 Hz, 2H), 2.51 (t, *J* = 5.4 Hz, 2H), 1.90-1.84 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 140.33, 138.06, 134.42, 129.08, 128.00, 126.44, 124.06, 118.33, 110.50, 30.32, 26.81, 22.74, 16.53. HRMS-EI (*m/z*): [M]⁺ calcd for C₁₃H₁₃N⁺, 183.1043; found 183.1040.

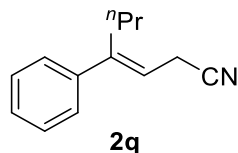
4,4-diphenylbut-3-enitrile (2p)



According to the general procedure A, the residue was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 10/1) to afford **2p** as a white solid (21.5 mg, yield: 49%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.45-7.36 (m, 3H), 7.32-7.28 (m, 3H), 7.24-7.21 (m, 2H), 7.19-7.16 (m, 2H), 6.04 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 3.15 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 147.69, 140.82, 138.11, 129.51,

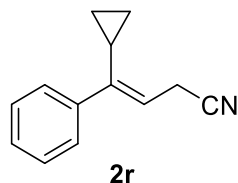
128.93, 128.49, 128.33, 128.27, 127.57, 118.27, 115.58, 18.51. **HRMS-EI** (m/z): [M]⁺ calcd for C₁₆H₁₃N⁺, 219.1043; found 219.1036. The above data matched the reported data.^[5]

(E)-4-phenylhept-3-enitrile (2q)



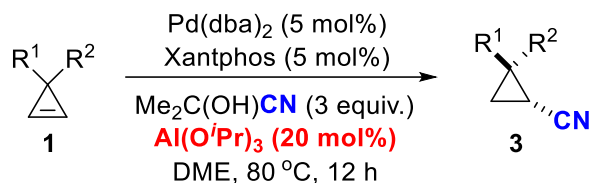
According to the general procedure A, the residue was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 20/1) to afford **2q** as a colorless oil (25.5 mg, yield: 69%). **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.36-7.27 (m, 5H), 5.60 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 3.26 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 2.48 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 1.44-1.34 (m, 2H), 0.90 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H). **¹³C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 146.66, 141.46, 128.56, 127.84, 126.61, 118.39, 115.14, 32.26, 21.40, 16.94, 13.95. **HRMS-EI** (m/z): [M]⁺ calcd for C₁₃H₁₅N⁺, 185.1199; found 185.1200.

(E)-4-cyclopropyl-4-phenylbut-3-enitrile (2r)



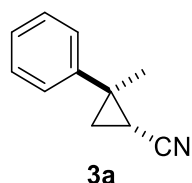
According to the general procedure A, the residue was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 20/1) to afford **2r** as a colorless oil (18.3 mg, yield: 50%). **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.33-7.27 (m, 5H), 5.68-5.64 (m, 1H), 3.44 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 1.75-1.67 (m, 1H), 0.93-0.88 (m, 2H), 0.40-0.36 (m, 2H). **¹³C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 146.96, 140.55, 128.14, 127.58, 127.40, 118.46, 117.71, 16.94, 11.69, 6.79. **HRMS-EI** (m/z): [M]⁺ calcd for C₁₃H₁₃N⁺, 183.1043; found 183.1036.

4. General procedure for the ring-retentive hydrocyanation and the data for products



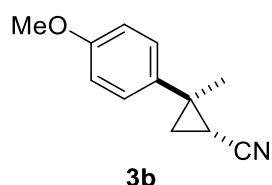
General procedure B: In a N₂-filled glovebox, Xantphos (5.8 mg, 0.01 mmol) and Pd(dba)₂ (5.8 mg, 0.01 mmol) and dimethoxyethane (DME) (0.3 mL) were added to an oven-dried 4 mL screw-cap vial. The resulting mixture was stirred for 10 min and then cyclopropene **1** (0.2 mmol), acetone cyanohydrin (0.6 mmol) and Al(OⁱPr)₃ (8.2 mg, 0.04 mmol) were added. The vial was taken out of the glovebox and heated at 80 °C for 12 hours. Subsequently, the reaction was cooled down to room temperature and the reaction mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure and the residue purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel to afford the desired product **3**.

2-methyl-2-phenylcyclopropane-1-carbonitrile (**3a**)



According to the general procedure B, the residue was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 20/1) to afford **3a** as a colorless oil (24.5 mg, yield: 78%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.35-7.23 (m, 5H), 1.69-1.66 (m, 4H), 1.57 (dd, *J* = 9.2, 4.8 Hz, 1H), 1.33-1.30 (m, 1H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 142.83, 128.90, 127.52, 127.47, 120.40, 28.84, 23.60, 21.41, 11.40. HRMS-EI (*m/z*): [M]⁺ calcd for C₁₁H₁₁N⁺, 157.0886; found 157.0886. The above data matched the reported data.^[2]

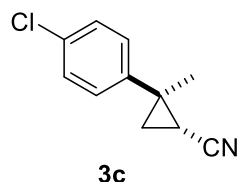
2-(4-methoxyphenyl)-2-methylcyclopropane-1-carbonitrile (**3b**)



According to the general procedure B, the residue was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 10/1) to afford **3b** as a colorless oil (26.6 mg, yield: 71%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.21-7.17 (m, 2H),

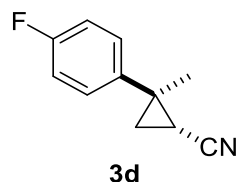
6.87-6.82 (m, 2H), 3.79 (s, 3H), 1.63-1.60 (m, 4H), 1.52 (dd, $J = 9.2, 4.8$ Hz, 1H), 1.28 (t, $J = 5.2$ Hz, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 158.79, 134.90, 128.61, 120.50, 114.13, 55.39, 28.24, 23.78, 21.40, 11.30. **HRMS-EI** (m/z): $[\text{M}]^+$ calcd for $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{13}\text{NO}^+$, 187.0992; found 187.0988.

2-(4-chlorophenyl)-2-methylcyclopropane-1-carbonitrile (**3c**)



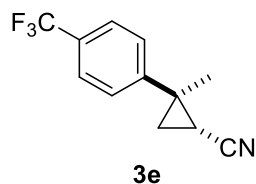
According to the general procedure B, the residue was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 20/1) to afford **3c** as a colorless oil (30.6 mg, yield: 80%). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.33-7.28 (m, 2H), 7.24-7.21 (m, 2H), 1.69-1.65 (m, 4H), 1.56 (dd, $J = 9.2, 4.8$ Hz, 1H), 1.36-1.33 (m, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 141.27, 133.28, 129.01, 128.93, 120.02, 28.26, 23.47, 21.33, 11.46. **HRMS-EI** (m/z): $[\text{M}]^+$ calcd for $\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_9\text{NCl}^+$, 190.0418; found 190.0416. The above data matched the reported data.^[6]

2-(4-fluorophenyl)-2-methylcyclopropane-1-carbonitrile (**3d**)



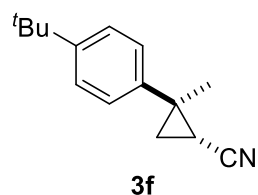
According to the general procedure B, the residue was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 20/1) to afford **3d** as a colorless oil (28.7 mg, yield: 82%). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.27-7.22 (m, 2H), 7.03-6.98 (m, 2H), 1.66-1.63 (m, 4H), 1.54 (dd, $J = 9.2, 4.8$ Hz, 1H), 1.36-1.33 (m, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 161.94 (d, $J = 246.5$ Hz), 138.63 (d, $J = 3.3$ Hz), 129.27 (d, $J = 8.3$ Hz), 120.17, 115.72 (d, $J = 21.4$ Hz), 28.31, 23.78, 21.36, 11.38. **HRMS-EI** (m/z): $[\text{M}]^+$ calcd for $\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_{10}\text{NF}^+$, 175.0792; found 175.0787.

2-methyl-2-(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)cyclopropane-1-carbonitrile (**3e**)



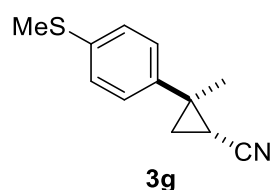
According to the general procedure B, the residue was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 20/1) to afford **3e** as a colorless oil (27.5 mg, yield: 61%). $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.59 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 7.39 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 1.71 (dd, $J = 9.2, 5.6$ Hz, 1H), 1.68 (s, 3H), 1.59 (dd, $J = 9.2, 5.2$ Hz, 1H), 1.40-1.37 (m, 1H). $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 146.68, 129.80 (q, $J = 32.6$ Hz), 127.96, 125.93 (q, $J = 3.8$ Hz), 125.39, 122.68, 119.80, 28.51, 23.27, 21.36, 11.60. **HRMS-EI** (m/z): $[\text{M}]^+$ calcd for $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{10}\text{NF}_3^+$, 225.0760; found 225.0752.

2-(4-(tert-butyl)phenyl)-2-methylcyclopropane-1-carbonitrile (**3f**)



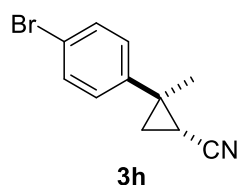
According to the general procedure B, the residue was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 20/1) to afford **3f** as a colorless oil (32.0 mg, yield: 75%). $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.36-7.33 (m, 2H), 7.21-7.18 (m, 2H), 1.68-1.64 (m, 4H), 1.57-1.54 (m, 1H), 1.31-1.29 (m, 10H). $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 150.46, 139.74, 127.10, 125.77, 120.56, 34.62, 31.42, 28.36, 23.52, 21.49, 11.42. **HRMS-EI** (m/z): $[\text{M}]^+$ calcd for $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{16}\text{N}^+$, 198.1277; found 198.1277.

2-methyl-2-(4-(methylthio)phenyl)cyclopropane-1-carbonitrile (**3g**)



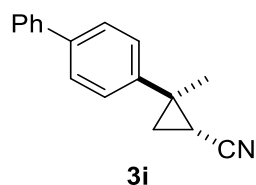
According to the general procedure B, the residue was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 10/1) to afford **3g** as a colorless oil (20.3 mg, yield: 50%). $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.22-7.16 (m, 4H), 2.47 (s, 3H), 1.65-1.62 (m, 4H), 1.53 (dd, $J = 9.2, 5.2$ Hz, 1H), 1.31-1.28 (m, 1H). $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 139.58, 137.81, 127.97, 126.92, 120.29, 28.37, 23.50, 21.37, 15.92, 11.41. **HRMS-EI** (m/z): $[\text{M}]^+$ calcd for $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{13}\text{NS}^+$, 203.0763; found 203.0761.

2-(4-bromophenyl)-2-methylcyclopropane-1-carbonitrile (**3h**)



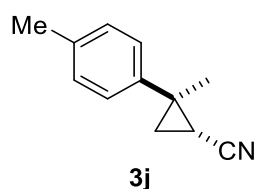
According to the general procedure B, the residue was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 20/1) to afford **3h** as a colorless oil (29.6 mg, yield: 63%). **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.45-7.42 (m, 2H), 7.16-7.12 (m, 2H), 1.66-1.62 (m, 4H), 1.53 (dd, *J* = 9.2, 5.2 Hz, 1H), 1.33-1.29 (m, 1H). **¹³C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 141.75, 131.93, 129.24, 121.28, 119.95, 28.26, 23.36, 21.26, 11.39. **HRMS-EI** (*m/z*): [*M*]⁺ calcd for C₁₁H₉NBr⁺, 233.9913; found 233.9909. The above data matched the reported data.^[6]

2-([1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)-2-methylcyclopropane-1-carbonitrile (**3i**)



According to the general procedure B, the residue was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 20/1) to afford **3i** as a white solid (34.5 mg, yield: 74%). **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.62-7.58 (m, 4H), 7.50-7.46 (m, 2H), 7.41-7.36 (m, 3H), 1.76-1.72 (m, 4H), 1.64 (dd, *J* = 9.2, 5.2 Hz, 1H), 1.40-1.37 (m, 1H). **¹³C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 141.74, 140.49, 140.41, 128.92, 127.83, 127.57, 127.53, 127.11, 120.29, 28.41, 23.43, 21.48, 11.52. **HRMS-EI** (*m/z*): [*M*]⁺ calcd for C₁₇H₁₅N⁺, 233.1199; found 233.1199.

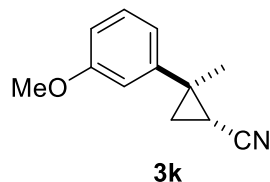
2-methyl-2-(p-tolyl)cyclopropane-1-carbonitrile (**3j**)



According to the general procedure B, the residue was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 20/1) to afford **3j** as a white solid (24.6 mg, yield: 72%). **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.21-7.15 (m, 4H), 2.36 (s, 3H), 1.69-1.64 (m, 4H), 1.57 (dd, *J* = 9.2, 5.2 Hz, 1H), 1.33-1.30 (m, 1H). **¹³C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 139.84, 137.17, 129.48, 127.34, 120.48, 28.48, 23.62, 21.39,

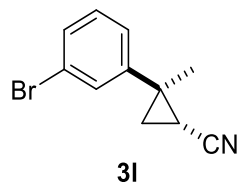
21.10, 11.33. **HRMS-EI** (m/z): $[M]^+$ calcd for $C_{12}H_{13}N^+$, 171.1043; found 171.1039. The above data matched the reported data.^[6]

2-(3-methoxyphenyl)-2-methylcyclopropane-1-carbonitrile (**3k**)



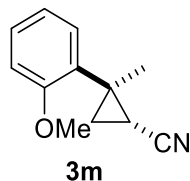
According to the general procedure B, the residue was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 10/1) to afford **3k** as a colorless oil (24.7 mg, yield: 66%). **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 7.28-7.23 (m, 1H), 6.88-6.80 (m, 3H), 3.83 (s, 3H), 1.72-1.66 (m, 4H), 1.58 (dd, $J = 9.2, 5.2$ Hz, 1H), 1.33-1.30 (m, 1H). **¹³C NMR** (100 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 159.88, 144.35, 129.90, 120.29, 119.63, 113.57, 112.51, 55.35, 28.72, 23.43, 21.42, 11.40. **HRMS-EI** (m/z): $[M]^+$ calcd for $C_{12}H_{13}NO^+$, 187.0992; found 187.0990.

2-(3-bromophenyl)-2-methylcyclopropane-1-carbonitrile (**3l**)



According to the general procedure B, the residue was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 20/1) to afford **3l** as a colorless oil (20.2 mg, yield: 43%). **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 7.42-7.36 (m, 2H), 7.21-7.17 (m, 2H), 1.69-1.64 (m, 4H), 1.55 (dd, $J = 9.2, 5.2$ Hz, 1H), 1.33-1.30 (m, 1H). **¹³C NMR** (100 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 145.01, 130.75, 130.64, 130.47, 126.19, 122.79, 119.87, 28.41, 23.37, 21.27, 11.47. **HRMS-EI** (m/z): $[M]^+$ calcd for $C_{11}H_9NBr^+$, 233.9913; found 233.9916.

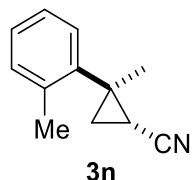
2-(2-methoxyphenyl)-2-methylcyclopropane-1-carbonitrile (**3m**)



According to the general procedure B, the residue was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 10/1) to afford **3m** as a

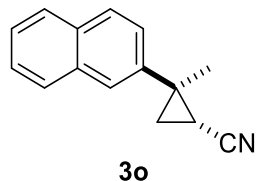
colorless oil (16.8 mg, yield: 45%). $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.27-7.22 (m, 1H), 7.16 (dd, $J = 7.6, 1.6$ Hz, 1H), 6.90-6.85 (m, 2H), 3.88 (s, 3H), 1.59-1.55 (m, 4H), 1.42 (dd, $J = 9.2, 5.2$ Hz, 1H), 1.28-1.24 (m, 1H). $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 158.18, 131.00, 129.48, 128.90, 121.01, 120.48, 110.75, 55.42, 25.94, 22.13, 21.28, 10.75. **HRMS-EI** (m/z): $[\text{M}]^+$ calcd for $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{13}\text{NO}^+$, 187.0992; found 187.0991.

2-methyl-2-(o-tolyl)cyclopropane-1-carbonitrile (**3n**)



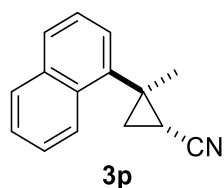
According to the general procedure B, the residue was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 20/1) to afford **3n** as a colorless oil (10.9 mg, yield: 32%). $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.22-7.12 (m, 4H), 2.42 (s, 3H), 1.67 (dd, $J = 9.2, 5.6$ Hz, 1H), 1.57 (s, 3H), 1.46 (dd, $J = 9.2, 5.6$ Hz, 1H), 1.38-1.33 (m, 1H). $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 140.94, 137.09, 130.96, 129.18, 127.72, 126.41, 120.55, 28.59, 22.72, 21.88, 19.22, 11.18. **HRMS-EI** (m/z): $[\text{M}]^+$ calcd for $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{13}\text{N}^+$, 171.1043; found 171.1039.

2-methyl-2-(naphthalen-2-yl)cyclopropane-1-carbonitrile (**3o**)



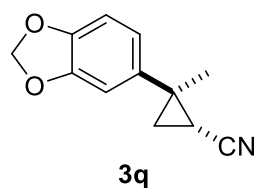
According to the general procedure B, the residue was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 20/1) to afford **3o** as a colorless oil (30.6 mg, yield: 74%). $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.86-7.76 (m, 3H), 7.68 (s, 1H), 7.51-7.43 (m, 2H), 7.39-7.35 (m, 1H), 1.76-1.72 (m, 4H), 1.67-1.62 (m, 1H), 1.39-1.34 (m, 1H). $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 140.05, 133.28, 132.54, 128.72, 127.75, 127.70, 126.59, 126.25, 126.08, 125.51, 120.33, 28.96, 23.46, 21.37, 11.33. **HRMS-EI** (m/z): $[\text{M}]^+$ calcd for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{13}\text{N}^+$, 207.1043; found 207.1035.

2-methyl-2-(naphthalen-1-yl)cyclopropane-1-carbonitrile (**3p**)



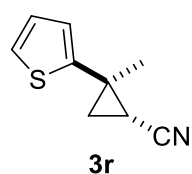
According to the general procedure B, the residue was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 20/1) to afford **3p** as a colorless oil (21.1 mg, yield: 51%). $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.19 (dd, $J = 8.4$, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.93-7.87 (m, 1H), 7.79 (dd, $J = 6.8$, 2.8 Hz, 1H), 7.61 (ddd, $J = 8.4$, 6.8, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.53 (ddd, $J = 8.0$, 6.8, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.46-7.38 (m, 2H), 1.82 (dd, $J = 9.2$, 5.6 Hz, 1H), 1.78 (s, 3H), 1.62 (dd, $J = 9.2$, 5.0 Hz, 1H), 1.53 (t, $J = 5.2$ Hz, 1H). $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 139.04, 134.08, 131.35, 129.18, 128.51, 126.73, 126.42, 126.09, 125.47, 123.98, 120.58, 28.04, 23.56, 21.73, 11.23. **HRMS-EI** (m/z): $[\text{M}]^+$ calcd for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{13}\text{N}^+$, 207.1043; found 207.1036.

2-(benzo[d][1,3]dioxol-5-yl)-2-methylcyclopropane-1-carbonitrile (**3q**)



According to the general procedure B, the residue was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 8/1) to afford **3q** as a colorless oil (29.7 mg, yield: 74%). $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 6.75-6.72 (m, 3H), 5.93 (s, 2H), 1.63-1.59 (m, 4H), 1.49 (dd, $J = 9.2$, 5.2 Hz, 1H), 1.27-1.24 (m, 1H). $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 147.86, 146.79, 136.74, 120.69, 120.28, 108.32, 108.21, 101.25, 28.75, 23.86, 21.45, 11.34. **HRMS-EI** (m/z): $[\text{M}]^+$ calcd for $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{11}\text{NO}_2^+$, 201.0784; found 201.0783. The above data matched the reported data.^[6]

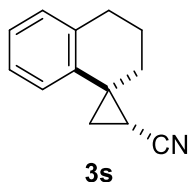
2-methyl-2-(thiophen-2-yl)cyclopropane-1-carbonitrile (**3r**)



According to the general procedure B, the residue was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 20/1) to afford **3r** as a colorless oil (18.9 mg, yield: 58%). $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.16-7.14 (m, 1H),

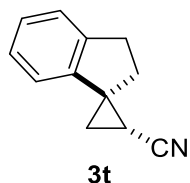
6.92-6.89 (m, 1H), 6.85-6.83 (m, 1H), 1.77-1.73 (m, 4H), 1.65 (dd, $J = 9.2, 5.2$ Hz, 1H), 1.42-1.38 (m, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 147.29, 127.08, 124.14, 124.03, 119.57, 24.39, 23.61, 22.91, 14.21. HRMS-EI (m/z): $[\text{M}]^+$ calcd for $\text{C}_9\text{H}_9\text{NS}^+$, 163.0450; found 163.0445. The above data matched the reported data.^[6]

3',4'-dihydro-2'H-spiro[cyclopropane-1,1'-naphthalene]-2-carbonitrile (3s)



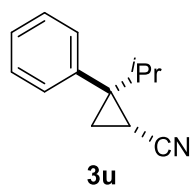
According to the general procedure B, the residue was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 20/1) to afford **3s** as a colorless oil (21.6 mg, yield: 59%). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.18-7.10 (m, 3H), 6.62-6.60 (m, 1H), 2.93 (t, $J = 6.0$ Hz, 2H), 2.06-1.96 (m, 4H), 1.77 (dd, $J = 9.2, 5.2$ Hz, 1H), 1.66 (dd, $J = 9.2, 5.2$ Hz, 1H), 1.38 (t, $J = 6.0$ Hz, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 138.21, 136.40, 129.49, 126.69, 126.56, 121.29, 119.67, 31.53, 30.16, 26.59, 23.00, 21.75, 15.60. HRMS-EI (m/z): $[\text{M}]^+$ calcd for $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{13}\text{N}^+$, 183.1043; found 183.1040.

2',3'-dihydrospiro[cyclopropane-1,1'-indene]-2-carbonitrile (3t)



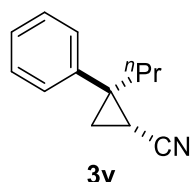
According to the general procedure B, the residue was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 20/1) to afford **3t** as a colorless oil (16.2 mg, yield: 48%). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.26-7.13 (m, 3H), 6.65 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 3.21-3.05 (m, 2H), 2.51-2.44 (m, 1H), 2.36-2.28 (m, 1H), 1.66-1.61 (m, 2H), 1.52-1.46 (m, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 144.50, 142.82, 127.65, 126.96, 124.95, 119.96, 118.49, 34.75, 31.30, 30.46, 21.17, 13.36. HRMS-EI (m/z): $[\text{M}]^+$ calcd for $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{10}\text{N}^+$, 168.0808; found 168.0810.

2-isopropyl-2-phenylcyclopropane-1-carbonitrile (**3u**)



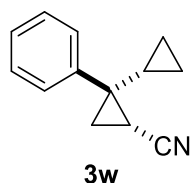
According to the general procedure B, the residue was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 20/1) to afford **3u** as a colorless oil (18.1 mg, yield: 49%). **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.33-7.22 (m, 5H), 1.74-1.60 (m, 2H), 1.43 (dd, *J* = 8.8, 4.8 Hz, 1H), 1.28 (t, *J* = 5.2 Hz, 1H), 1.03 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 3H), 0.98 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 3H). **¹³C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 138.28, 131.16, 128.07, 127.67, 120.71, 39.17, 35.27, 21.22, 20.00, 19.46, 10.64. **HRMS-EI** (*m/z*): [M]⁺ calcd for C₁₃H₁₅N⁺, 185.1199; found 185.1200.

2-phenyl-2-propylcyclopropane-1-carbonitrile (**3v**)



According to the general procedure B, the residue was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 20/1) to afford **3v** as a colorless oil (28.9 mg, yield: 78%). **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.38-7.24 (m, 5H), 1.90-1.82 (m, 1H), 1.60-1.53 (m, 2H), 1.36-1.19 (m, 4H), 0.82 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H). **¹³C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 138.58, 129.70, 128.66, 127.76, 120.16, 42.70, 34.74, 20.01, 19.79, 13.91, 10.32. **HRMS-EI** (*m/z*): [M]⁺ calcd for C₁₃H₁₅N⁺, 185.1199; found 185.1200.

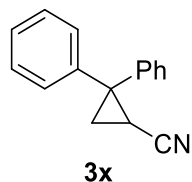
1-phenyl-[1,1'-bi(cyclopropane)]-2-carbonitrile (**3w**)



According to the general procedure B, the residue was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 20/1) to afford **3w** as a colorless oil (19.0 mg, yield: 52%). **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.34-7.23 (m, 5H), 1.76 (dd, *J* = 9.2, 5.4 Hz, 1H), 1.38-1.24 (m, 3H), 0.70-0.57 (m, 2H), 0.36-0.19 (m, 2H). **¹³C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 141.55, 128.72, 128.62, 127.55, 120.12, 34.51, 17.54,

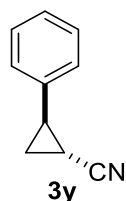
15.80, 10.99, 3.71, 3.32. **HRMS-EI** (m/z): [M]⁺ calcd for C₁₃H₁₃N⁺, 183.1043; found 183.1037.

2,2-diphenylcyclopropane-1-carbonitrile (**3x**)



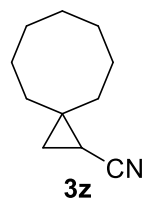
According to the general procedure B, the residue was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 20/1) to afford **3x** as a white solid (27.6 mg, yield: 63%). **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.43 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 7.35 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.32-7.16 (m, 6H), 2.19 (dd, *J* = 9.2, 5.6 Hz, 1H), 1.99 (t, *J* = 5.4 Hz, 1H), 1.76 (dd, *J* = 9.2, 5.2 Hz, 1H). **¹³C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 142.36, 139.01, 129.45, 128.91, 128.85, 127.98, 127.85, 127.45, 119.57, 38.33, 21.07, 12.27. **HRMS-EI** (m/z): [M]⁺ calcd for C₁₆H₁₃N⁺, 219.1043; found 219.1035. The above data matched the reported data.^[6]

2-phenylcyclopropane-1-carbonitrile (**3y**)



According to the general procedure B, the residue was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 20/1) to afford **3y** as a colorless oil (19.2 mg, yield: 67%). **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.35-7.22 (m, 3H), 7.13-7.08 (m, 2H), 2.67-2.59 (m, 1H), 1.65-1.52 (m, 2H), 1.49-1.42 (m, 1H). **¹³C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 137.69, 128.89, 127.54, 126.45, 121.17, 25.03, 15.35, 6.73. **HRMS-EI** (m/z): [M]⁺ calcd for C₁₀H₉N⁺, 143.0730; found 143.0728. The above data matched the reported data.^[2]

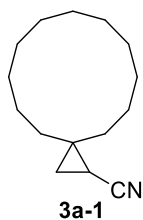
spiro[2.7]decane-1-carbonitrile (**3z**)



According to the general procedure B, the residue was purified by flash column

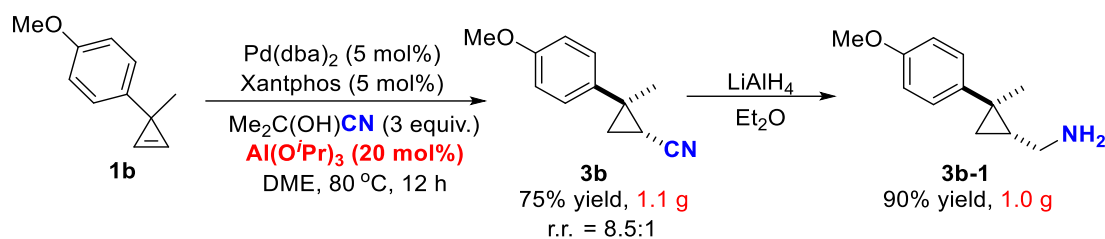
chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 20/1) to afford **3z** as a colorless oil (17.9 mg, yield: 55%). **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 1.83-1.49 (m, 13H), 1.34 (dd, *J* = 16.8, 11.6 Hz, 1H), 1.17 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 1.03-0.89 (m, 2H). **¹³C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 120.96, 35.73, 32.54, 28.56, 26.84, 26.52, 25.13, 25.07, 24.44, 22.77, 11.70. **HRMS-EI** (*m/z*): [M]⁺ calcd for C₁₁H₁₆N⁺, 162.1277; found 162.1280.

spiro[2.11]tetradecane-1-carbonitrile (3a-1)



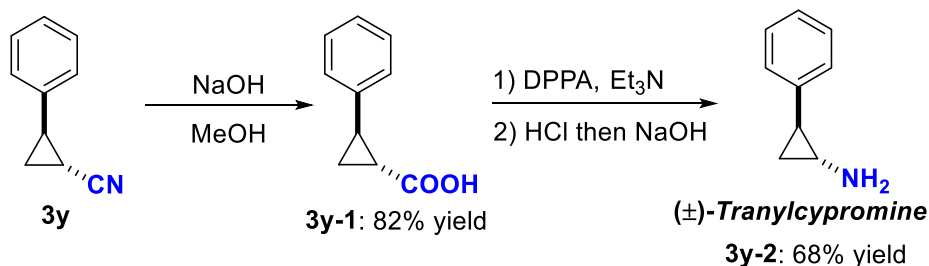
According to the general procedure B, the residue was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 20/1) to afford **3a-1** as a colorless oil (21.5 mg, yield: 49%). **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 1.71-1.59 (m, 1H), 1.55-1.19 (m, 21H), 1.14 (d, *J* = 5.4 Hz, 1H), 0.97-0.86 (m, 2H). **¹³C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 121.23, 31.90, 29.03, 28.39, 26.07, 26.01, 25.95, 22.39, 22.38, 22.21, 22.18, 21.28, 20.92, 20.70, 9.08. **HRMS-EI** (*m/z*): [M]⁺ calcd for C₁₅H₂₄N⁺, 218.1903; found 218.1905.

5. Gram-scale and product transformations



In a N_2 -filled glovebox, Xantphos (231 mg, 0.4 mmol) and $\text{Pd}(\text{dba})_2$ (230 mg, 0.4 mmol) and DME (12 mL) were added to an oven-dried 50 mL Schlenk tube. The resulting mixture was stirred for 10 min and then cyclopropene **1b** (1.25 g, 7.8 mmol), acetone cyanohydrin (2.0 g, 23.4 mmol) and $\text{Al}(\text{O}^i\text{Pr})_3$ (326 mg, 1.6 mmol) were added. The vial was taken out of the glovebox and heated at $80\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ for 12 hours. Subsequently, the reaction was cooled down to room temperature and the reaction mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure and the residue was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 20/1) to afford **3b** as a colorless oil (1.1 g, yield: 75%).

Synthesis of **3b-1**: LiAlH_4 (448 mg, 11.8 mmol) was added in one portion to a solution of **3b** (1.1 g, 5.9 mmol) in 100 mL Et_2O at $-20\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$. After stirring for 1 hours at room temperature, the reaction mixture was cooled to $0\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ and quenched by slow addition of 1 M NaOH. The resulting white precipitate was filtered through a pad of celite and washed with Et_2O . The filtrate was concentrated under reduced pressure and the residue was purified by column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 3/1) to afford **3b-1** as a colorless oil (1.0 g, yield: 90%). $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 Hz, CDCl_3): δ 7.18 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 2H), 6.82 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 2H), 3.77 (s, 3H), 2.88 (dd, $J = 13.2, 6.6$ Hz, 1H), 2.78 (dd, $J = 13.2, 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 1.38 (s, 3H), 1.23-1.14 (m, 1H), 1.01 (dd, $J = 8.8, 4.6$ Hz, 1H), 0.48-0.41 (m, 1H). $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (100 Hz, CDCl_3): δ 157.65, 140.43, 128.38, 113.69, 55.31, 42.89, 28.98, 24.00, 20.81, 19.17. **HRMS-EI** (m/z): $[\text{M}]^+$ calcd for $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{17}\text{NO}^+$, 191.1305; found 191.1306.



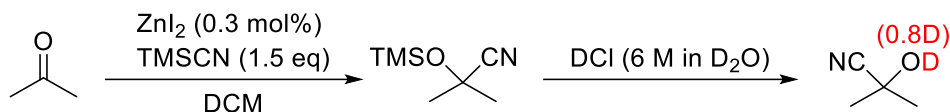
Synthesis of 3y-1: Compound **3y** (28.6 mg, 0.2 mmol) was dissolved in MeOH (2 mL) and NaOH (30 wt%, 2 mL) was added. The reaction mixture was stirred for 12 h at $50\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$.

°C. Subsequently, the reaction was cooled down to room temperature, and concd HCl was added until the pH 2. Then, the reaction mixture was extracted with DCM three times. The organic layers were combined and concentrated in vacuo. The crude product was purified by flash column chromatography (DCM/Methanol = 20/1) to afford **3y-1** as a white solid (26.6 mg, yield: 82%). **¹H NMR** (400 Hz, CDCl₃): δ 10.12 (br, 1H), 7.34-7.22 (m, 3H), 7.16-7.14 (m, 2H), 2.66-2.62 (m, 1H), 1.96-1.91 (m, 1H), 1.73-1.68 (m, 1H), 1.48-1.42 (m, 1H). **¹³C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 179.9, 139.6, 128.7, 126.8, 126.4, 27.3, 24.1, 17.7. **HRMS-ESI (m/z)**: [M+Na]⁺ calcd for C₁₀H₁₀NaO₂, 185.0573; found 185.0574. The above data matched the reported data.^[7]

Synthesis of 3y-2: A mixture of **3y-1** (26.0 mg, 0.16 mmol) in dry ^tBuOH (1.3 mL), diphenylphosphorazidate (55 mg, 0.2 mmol), and triethylamine (20.2 mg, 0.2 mmol) was stirred at 90 °C under nitrogen atmosphere for 48 h. The solution was concentrated and poured into 10% aqueous Na₂CO₃ (3 mL) and extracted with Et₂O three times. The combined organic phases were dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered, and concentrated. The resulting *t*-butyl carbamate was dissolved in MeOH (1 mL), and 1 M aqueous HCl (2 mL) was added. The solution was maintained at reflux overnight. Then the mixture was cooled and concentrated. The solution was washed with Et₂O three times, and the aqueous phase was alkalized with 10% aqueous NaOH until pH 10. The mixture was extracted with EtOAc three times. The combined organic phases were dried over K₂CO₃, filtered, and concentrated. The residue was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (DCM/Methanol = 10/1) to afford **3y-2** as a white solid (14.6 mg, yield: 68%). **¹H NMR** (400 Hz, CDCl₃): δ 7.30-7.24 (m, 2H), 7.20-7.14 (m, 1H), 7.06-7.03 (m, 2H), 2.61-2.54 (m, 1H), 1.91-1.87 (m, 1H), 1.11-1.04 (m, 1H), 1.04-0.96 (m, 1H). **¹³C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 142.5, 128.4, 125.7, 125.5, 35.5, 26.5, 18.6. **HRMS-ESI (m/z)**: [M+H]⁺ calcd for C₉H₁₁N, 134.0964; found 134.0966. The above data matched the reported data.^[7]

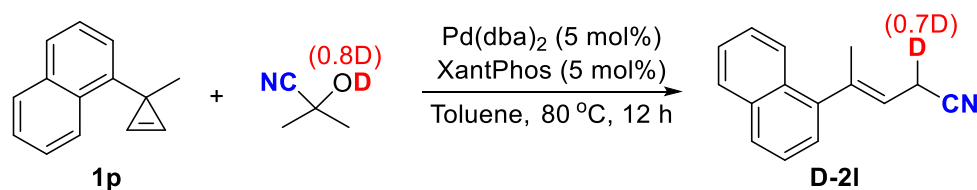
6. Deuterium experiment

Synthesis of (CH₃)₂C(OD)CN



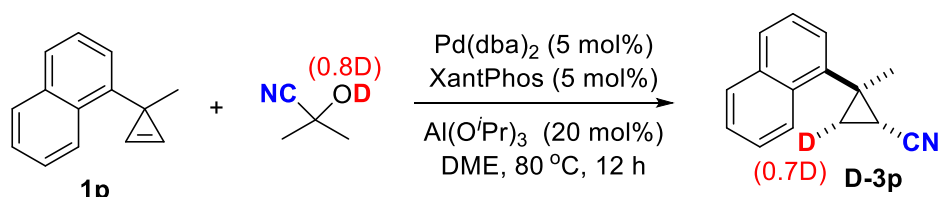
The synthesis of (CH₃)₂C(OD)CN was modified based on Naka's method.^[8] **Caution! HCN is produced. The experiment should be conducted in a well-ventilated fume hood. A KOH base trap for HCN should be attached to the outlet of an evaporator before concentration under reduced pressure.** Acetone (591.6 mg, 10.2 mmol), anhydrous dichloromethane (5 mL) and trimethylsilyl cyanide (2 mL, 15 mmol) were added to a 30-mL round-bottom flask at 0 °C under argon. The mixture was stirred at 0 °C for 10 min and then ZnI₂ (10 mg, 0.03 mmol) was added. The mixture was then stirred at rt (25 °C) for 4 h. ¹H NMR monitoring of the reaction mixture indicated the complete consumption of acetone. After that, DCl (6 M in D₂O, 10 mL) and diethyl ether (10 mL) were added to split the silyl ether, and the reaction mixture was stirred at rt for 16 h. This step was monitored by GC-MS. The cyanohydrin was extracted 3 times with diethyl ether (in total, 30 mL). The ether phase was dried over MgSO₄, and concentrated under reduced pressure to provide (CH₃)₂C(OD)CN as a colorless liquid. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 3.69-3.58 (m, 0.14H), 1.61 (s, 6H).

Deuterium ring-opening hydrocyanation



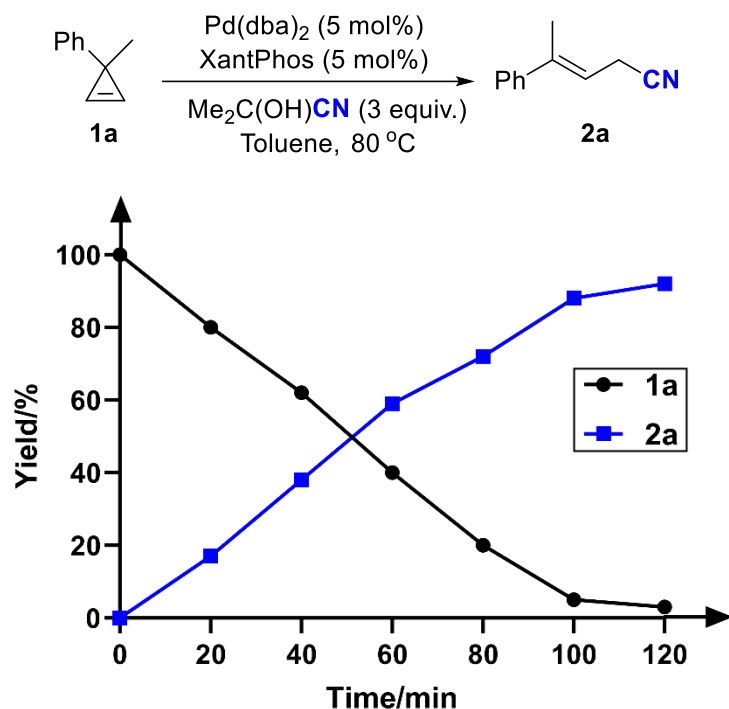
In a N₂-filled glovebox, Xantphos (5.8 mg, 0.01 mmol) and Pd(dba)₂ (5.8 mg, 0.01 mmol) and toluene (0.3 mL) were added to an oven-dried 4 mL screw-cap vial. The resulting mixture was stirred for 10 min and then **1p** (0.2 mmol) and deuterium acetone cyanohydrin (0.6 mmol) were added. The vial was taken out of the glovebox and heated at 80 °C for 12 hours. Subsequently, the reaction was cooled down to room temperature and the reaction mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure and the residue was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 20/1) to afford **D-2l** as a colorless oil (27.0 mg, yield: 65%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.87-7.83 (m, 2H), 7.78 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.50-7.46 (m, 2H), 7.42 (dd, *J* = 8.0, 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.25-7.23 (m, 1H), 5.57-5.53 (m, 1H), 3.33-3.30 (m, 1.3H), 2.16 (s, 3H).

Deuterium ring-retentive hydrocyanation

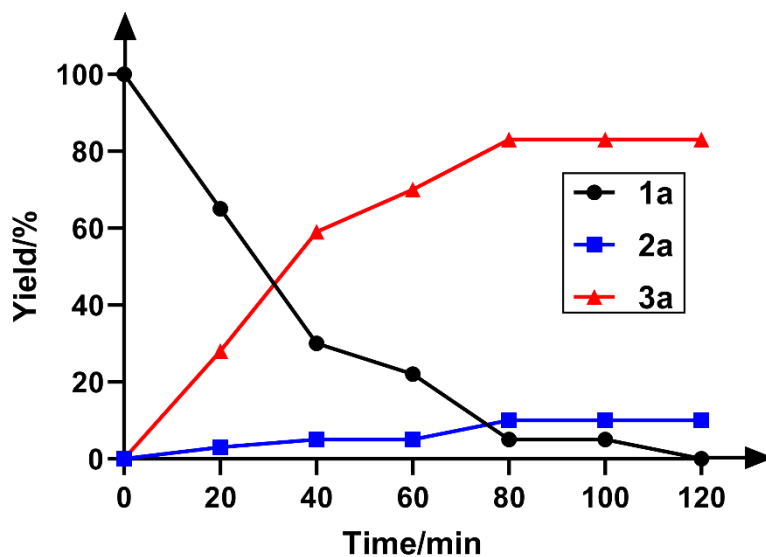
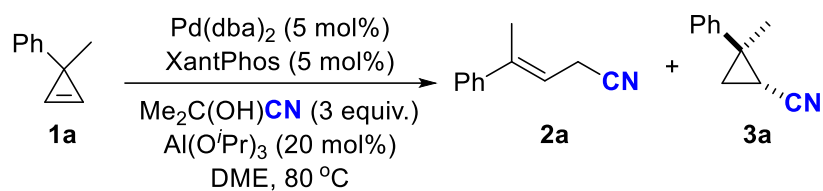


In a N₂-filled glovebox, Xantphos (5.8 mg, 0.01 mmol) and Pd(dba)₂ (5.8 mg, 0.01 mmol) and dimethoxyethane (DME) (0.3 mL) were added to an oven-dried 4 mL screw-cap vial. The resulting mixture was stirred for 10 min and then **1p** (0.2 mmol), deuterium acetone cyanohydrin (0.6 mmol) and Al(OⁱPr)₃ (8.2 mg, 0.04 mmol) were added. The vial was taken out of the glovebox and heated at 80 °C for 12 hours. Subsequently, the reaction was cooled down to room temperature and the reaction mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure and the residue was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 20/1) to afford **D-3p** as a colorless oil (9.9 mg, yield: 24%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.19 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.93-7.87 (m, 1H), 7.79 (dd, *J* = 6.8, 2.8 Hz, 1H), 7.61 (ddd, *J* = 8.4, 6.8, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.53 (ddd, *J* = 8.0, 6.8, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.46-7.38 (m, 2H), 1.81 (d, *J* = 9.2 Hz, 1H), 1.77 (s, 3H), 1.61 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 1.54-1.51 (m, 0.3 H).

7. Tracking time course study



Reaction conditions: In a N₂-filled glovebox, XantPhos (58.0 mg, 0.1 mmol) and Pd(dba)₂ (58.0 mg, 0.1 mmol) and toluene (3.0 mL) were added to an oven-dried 25 mL Schlenk tube. The resulting mixture was stirred for 10 min and then cyclopropene **1a** (260 mg, 2.0 mmol), acetone cyanohydrin (510 mg, 6.0 mmol) and *n*-dodecane (0.2 mL) were added sequentially. The Schlenk tube was taken out of the glovebox and heated at 80 °C. Take out 0.01 mL of reaction solution at each detection time point, then dilute with 1.0 mL ethyl acetate and detect the content of each component by using gas chromatography.



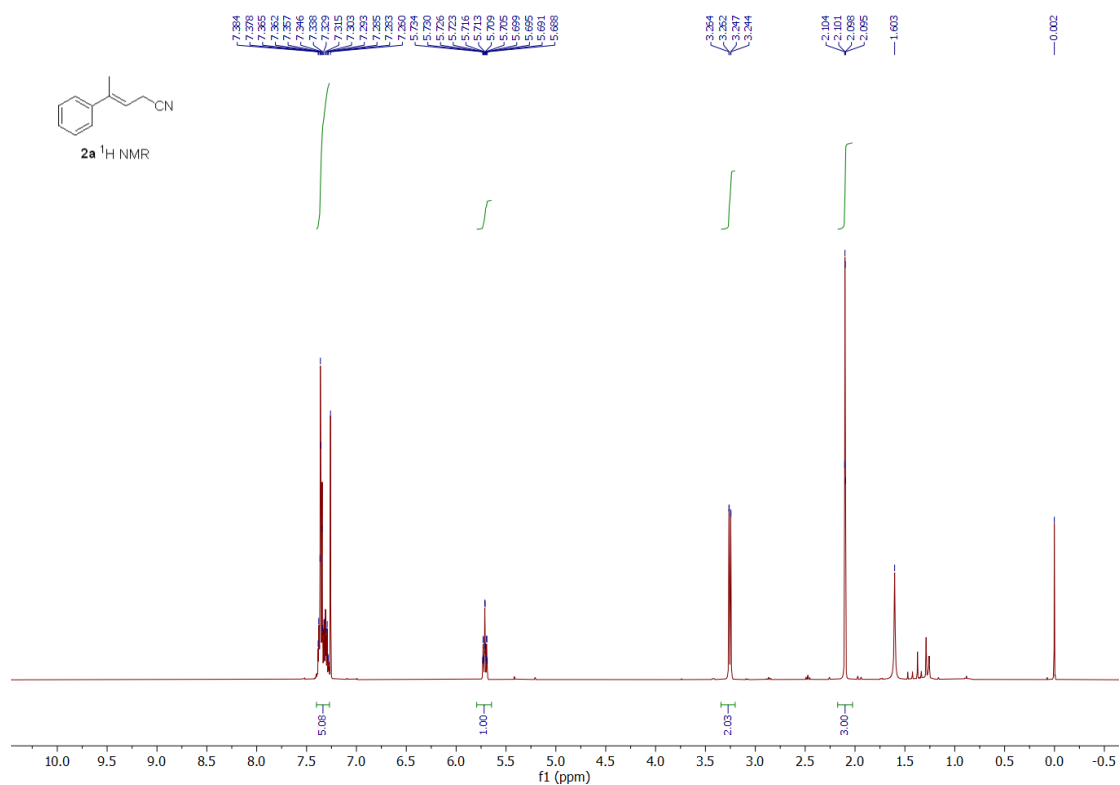
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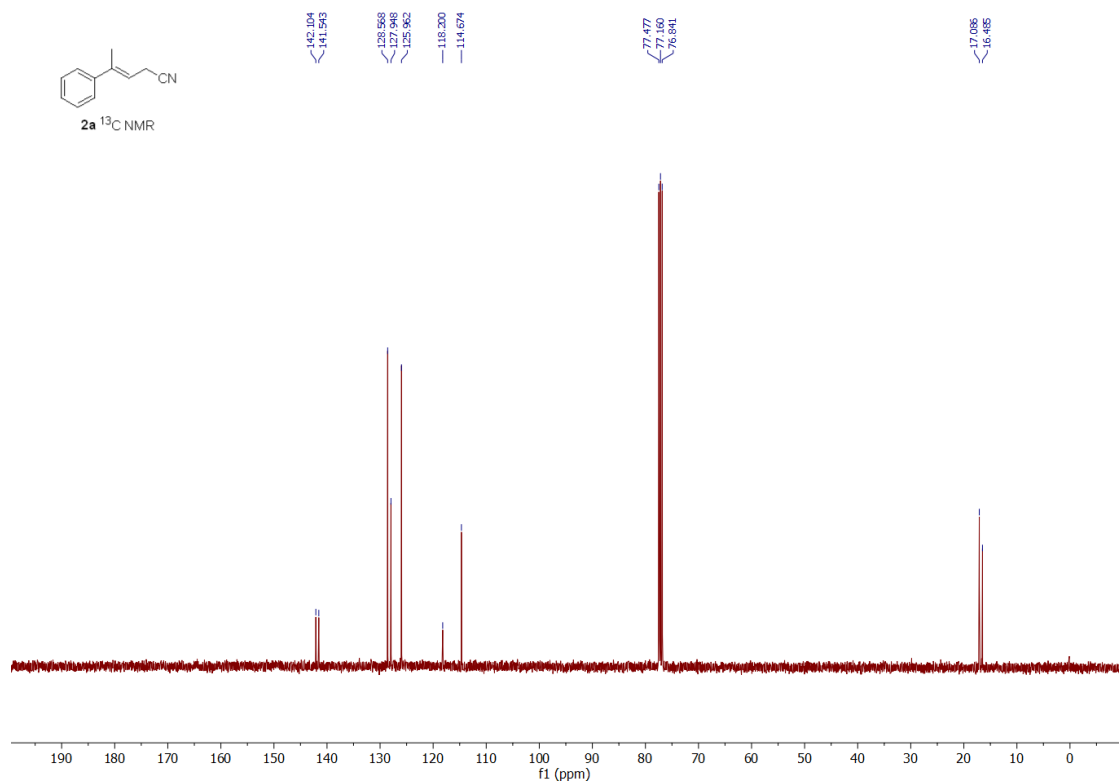
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9. NMR Spectra

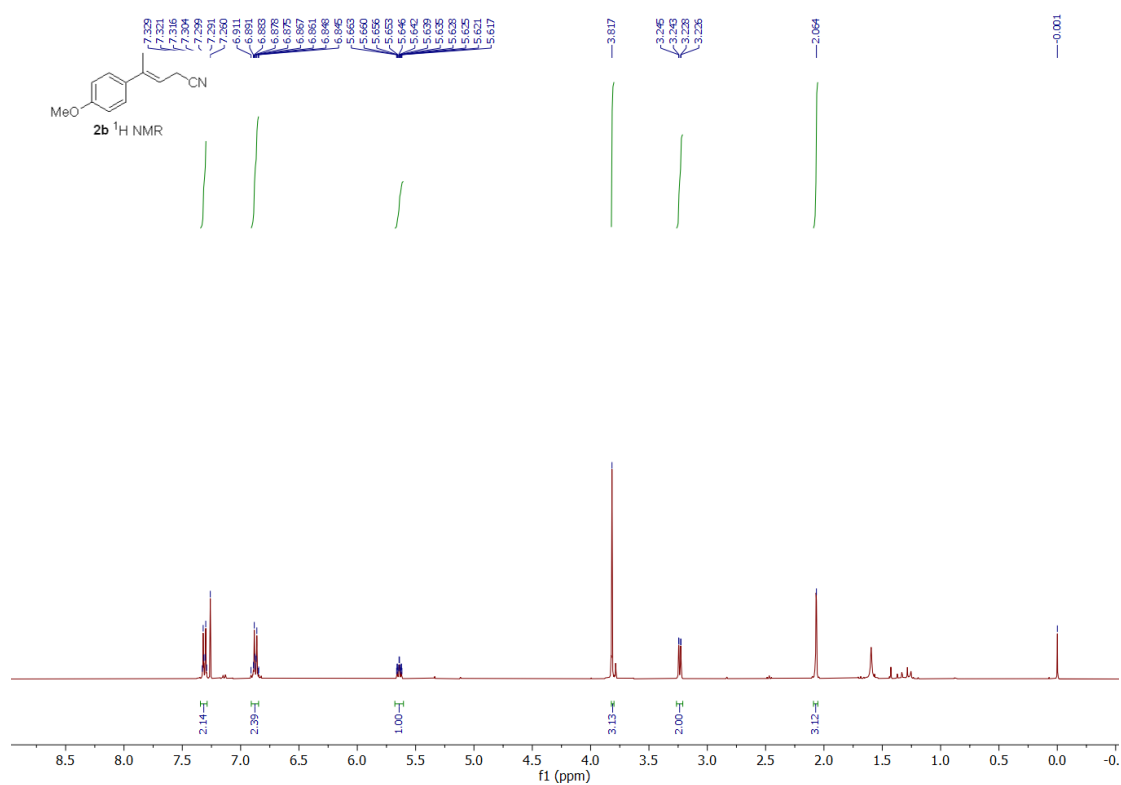
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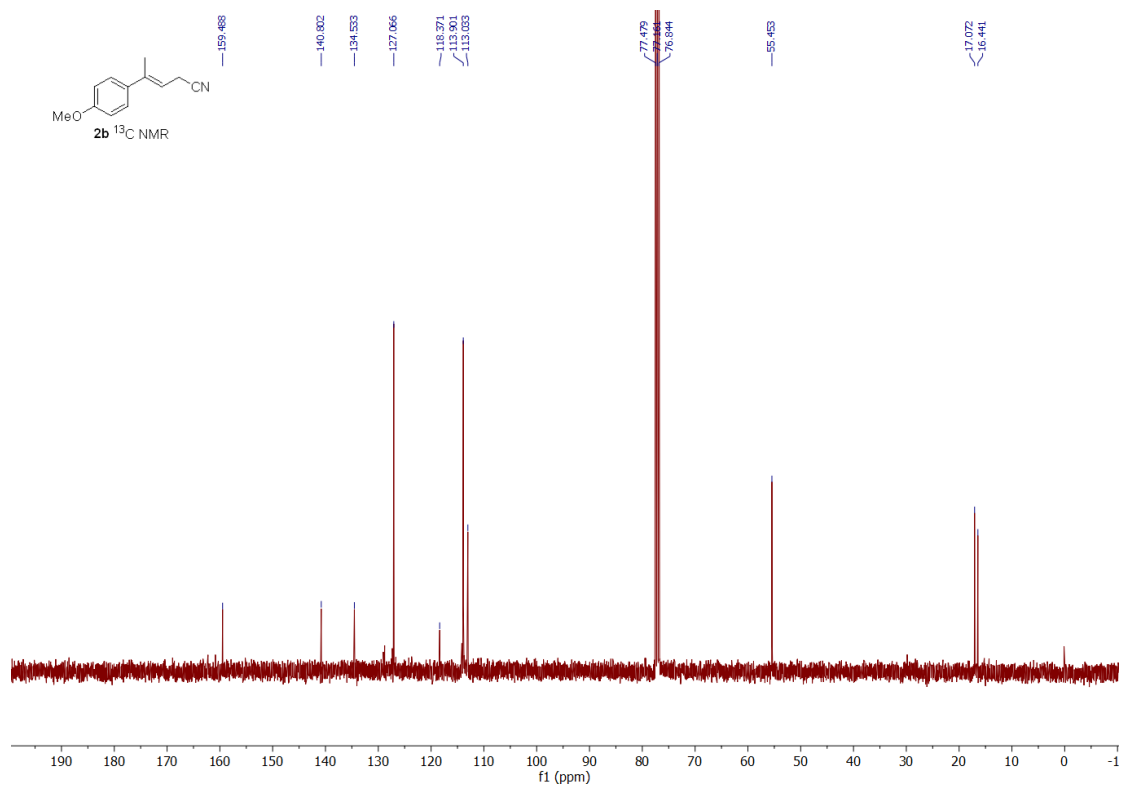
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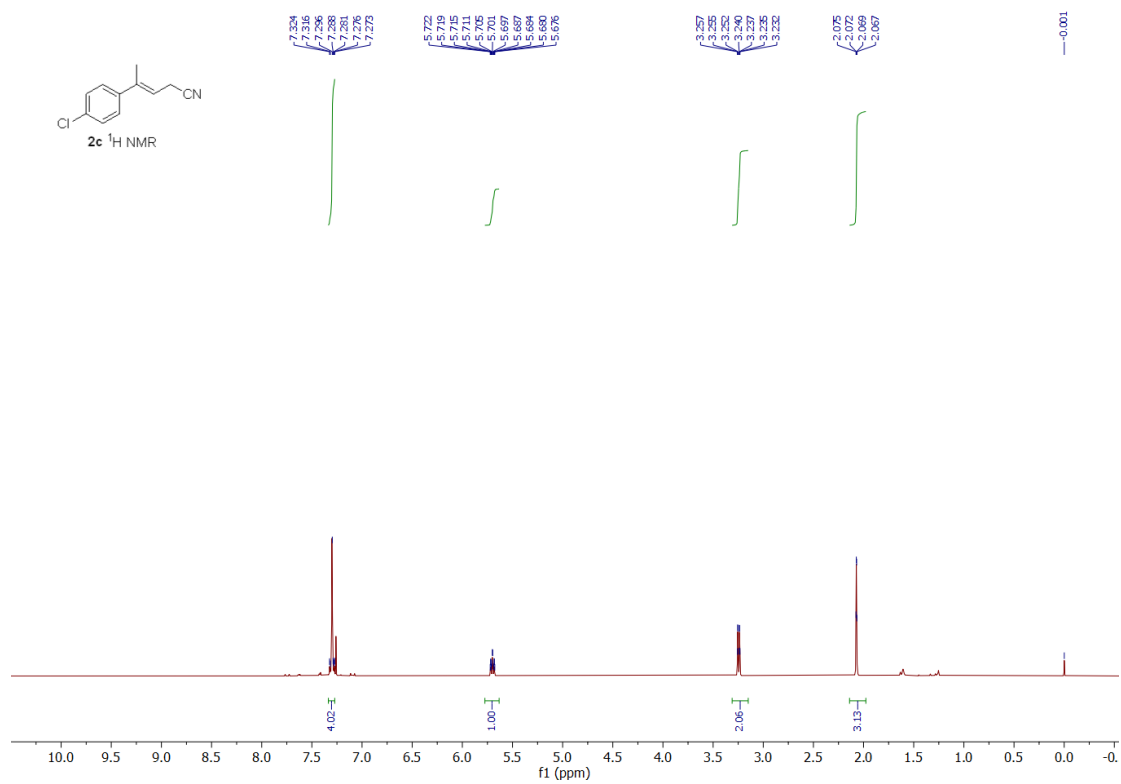
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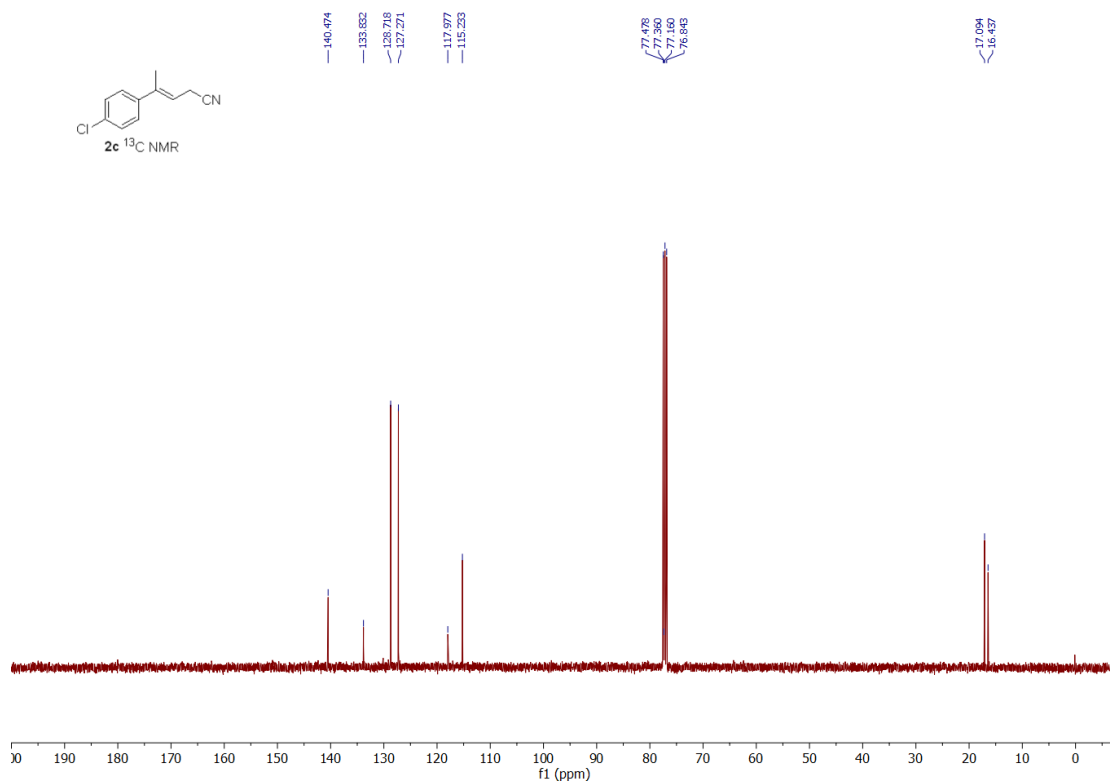
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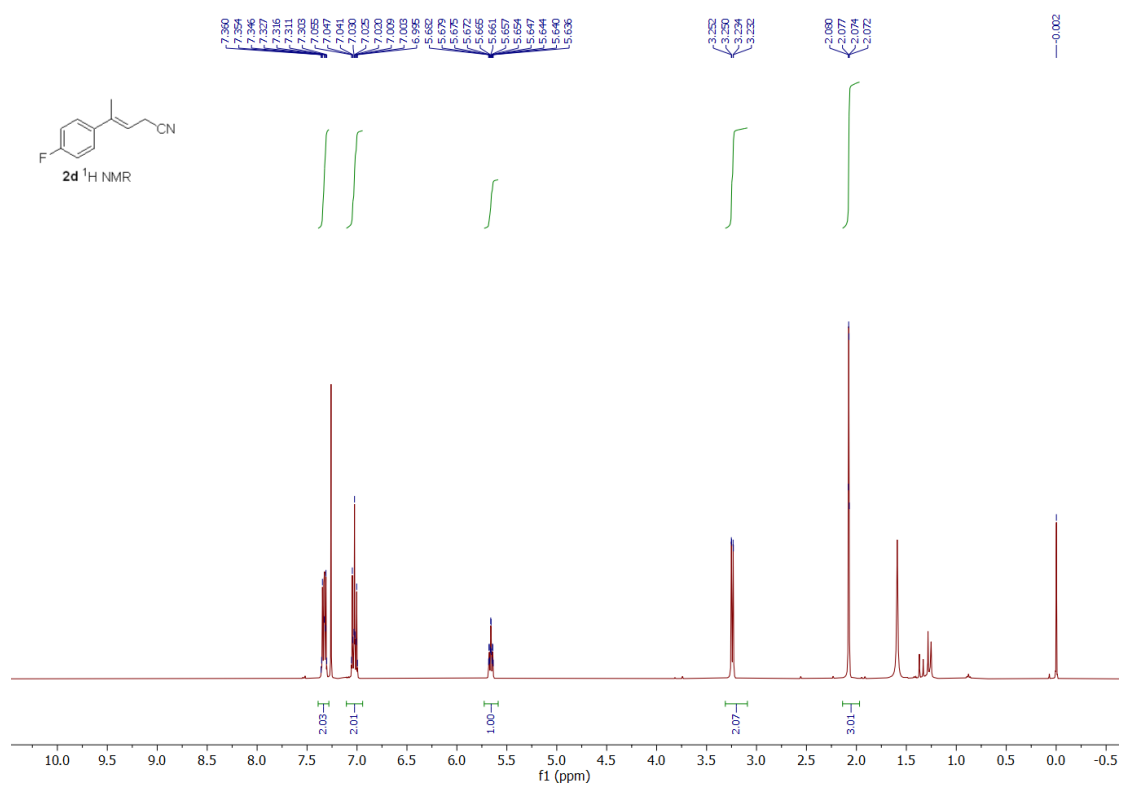
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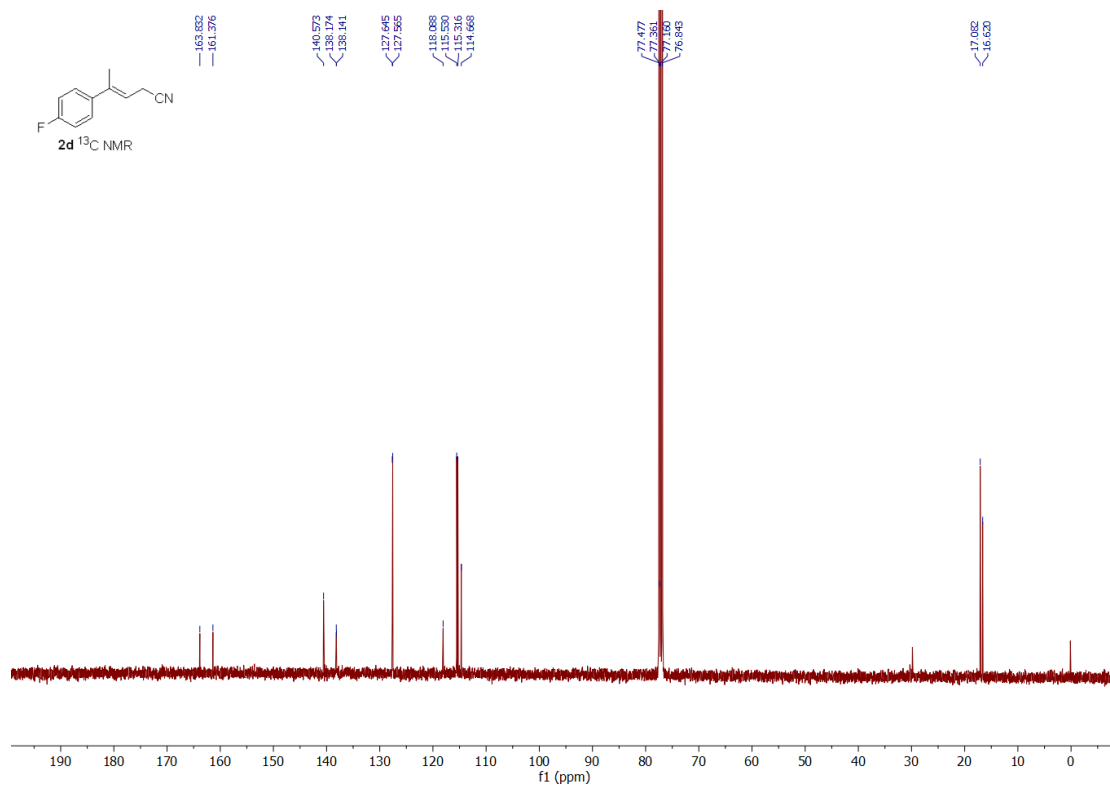
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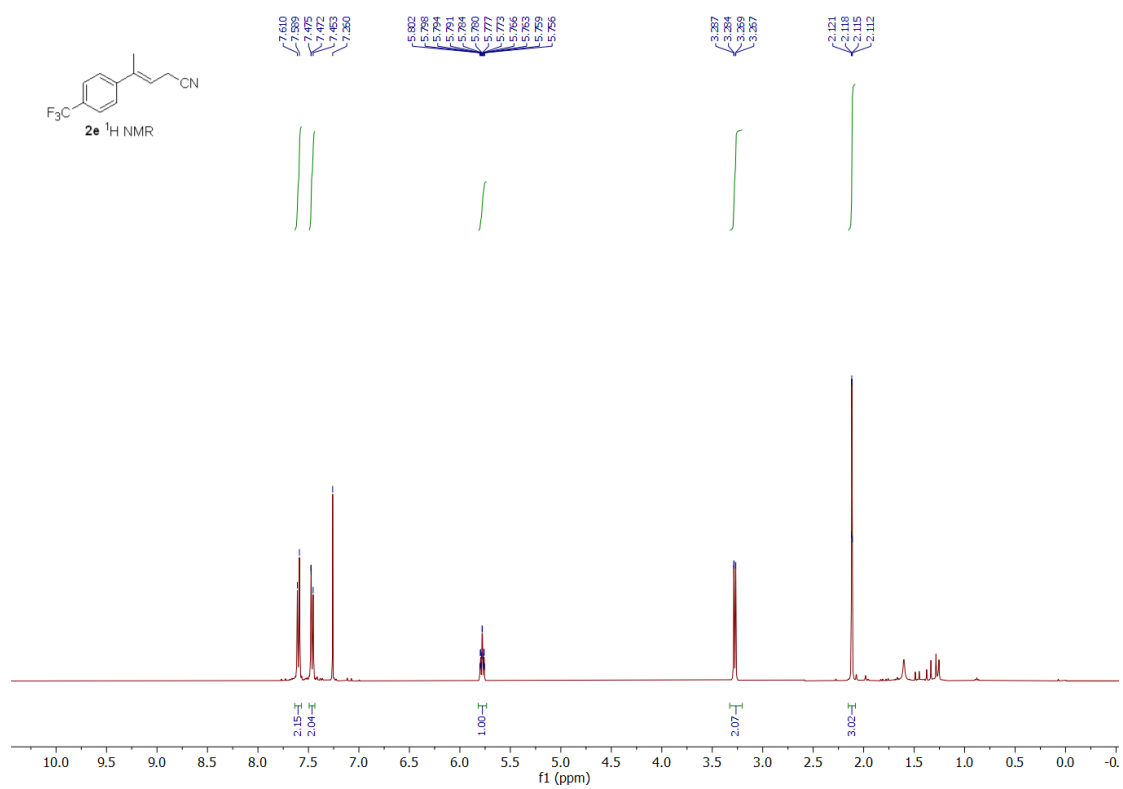
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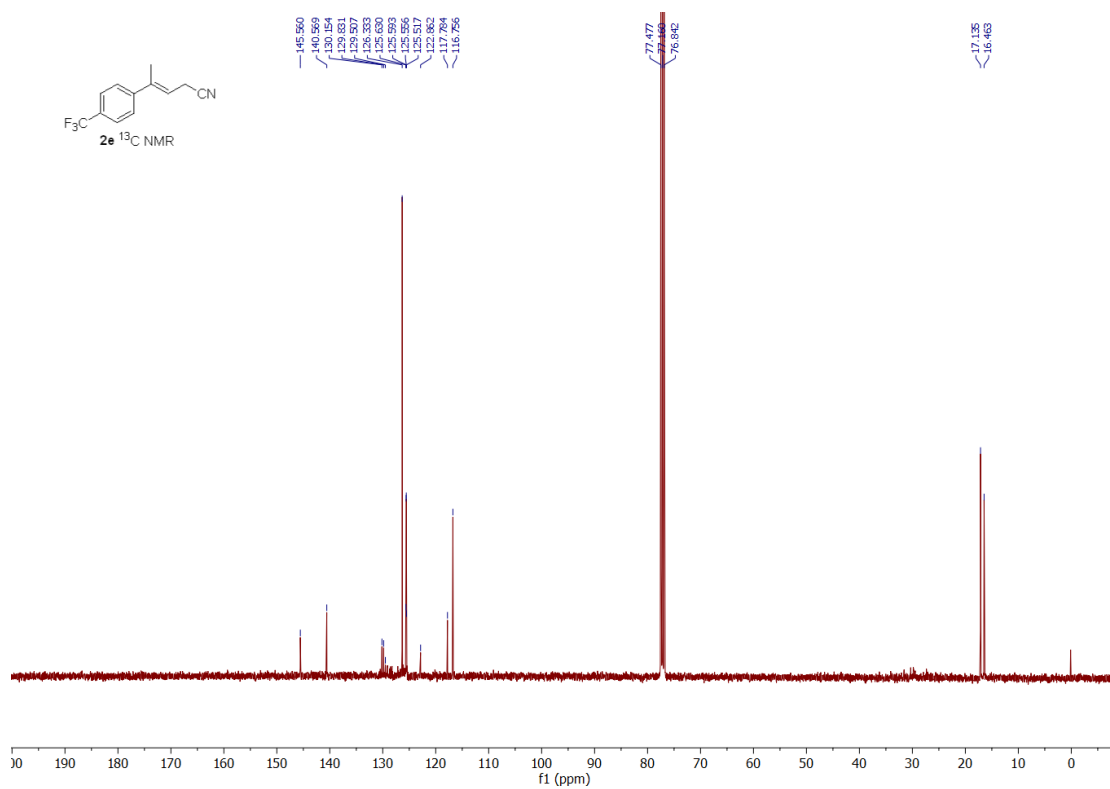
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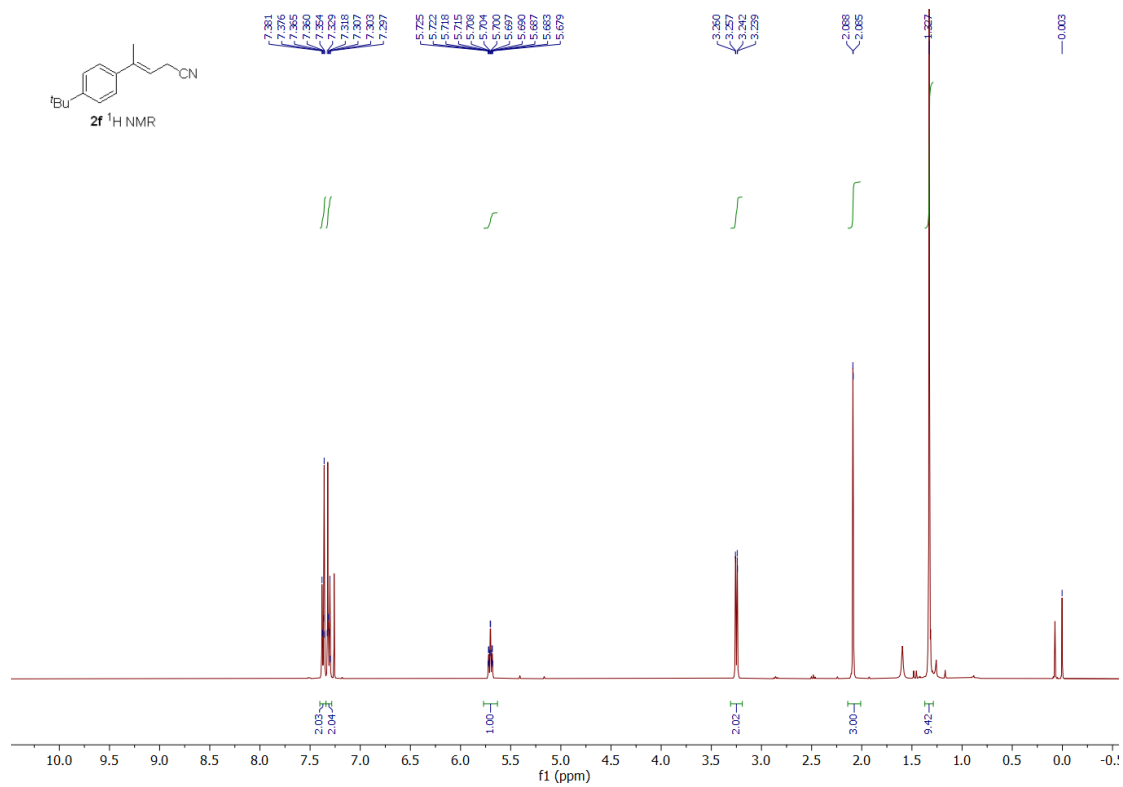
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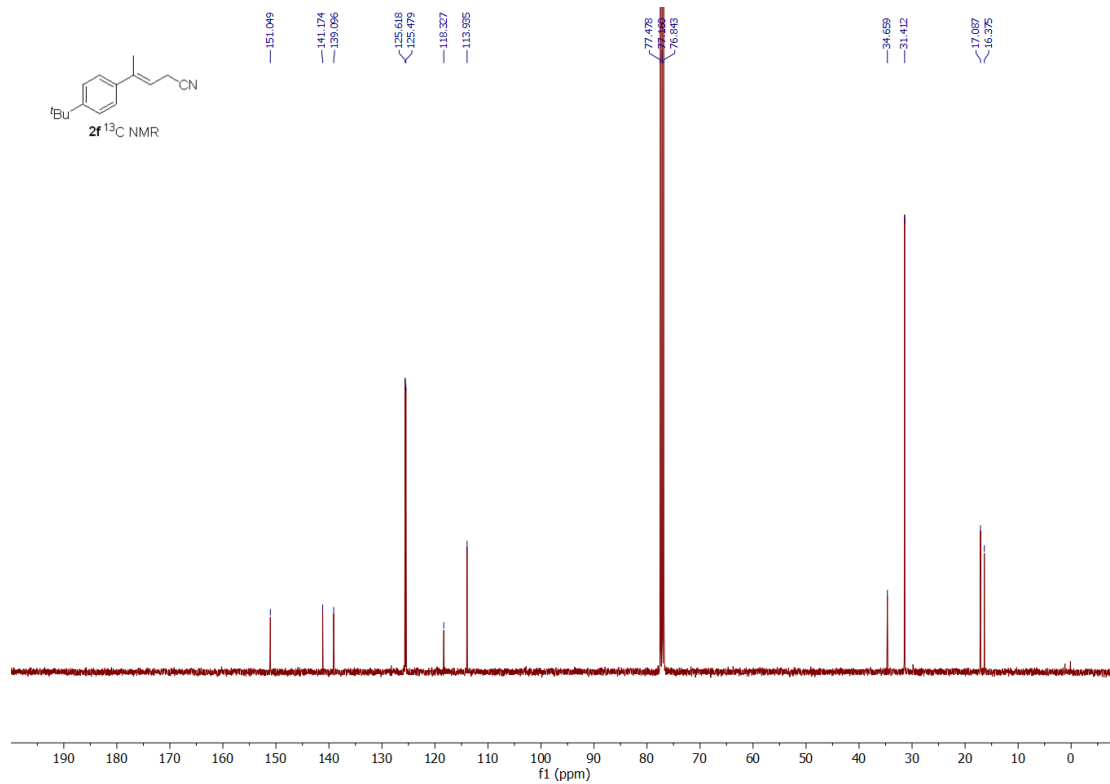
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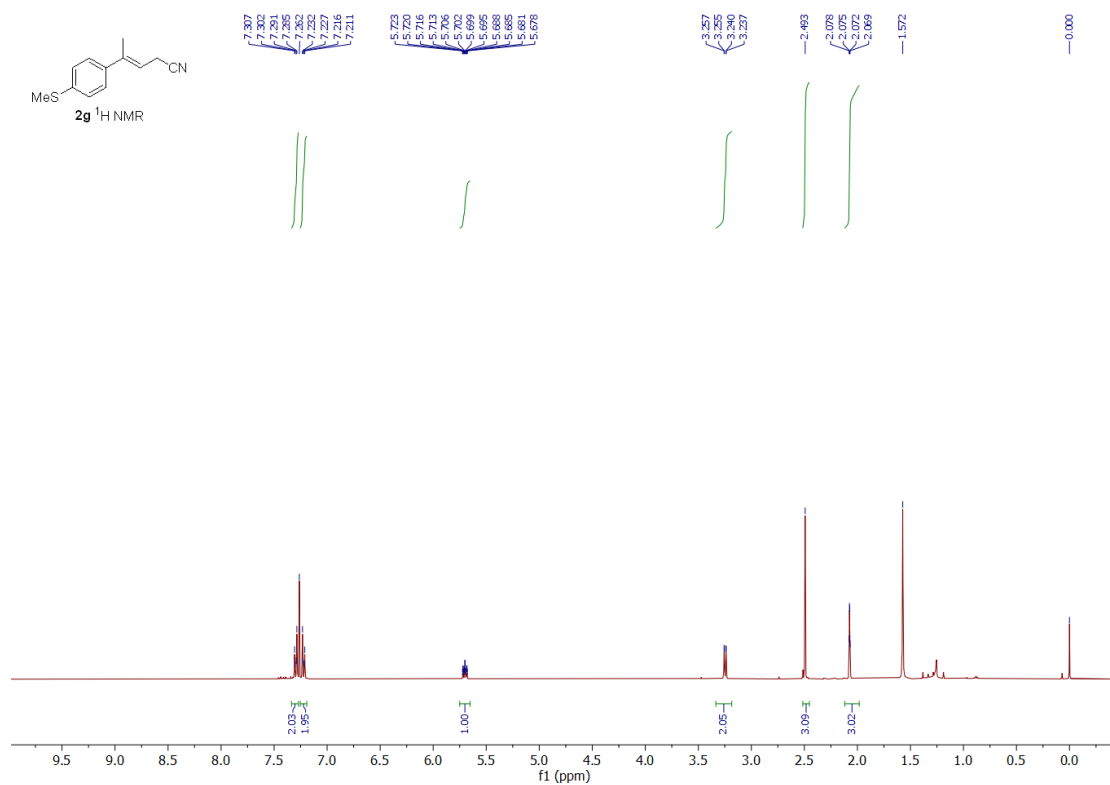
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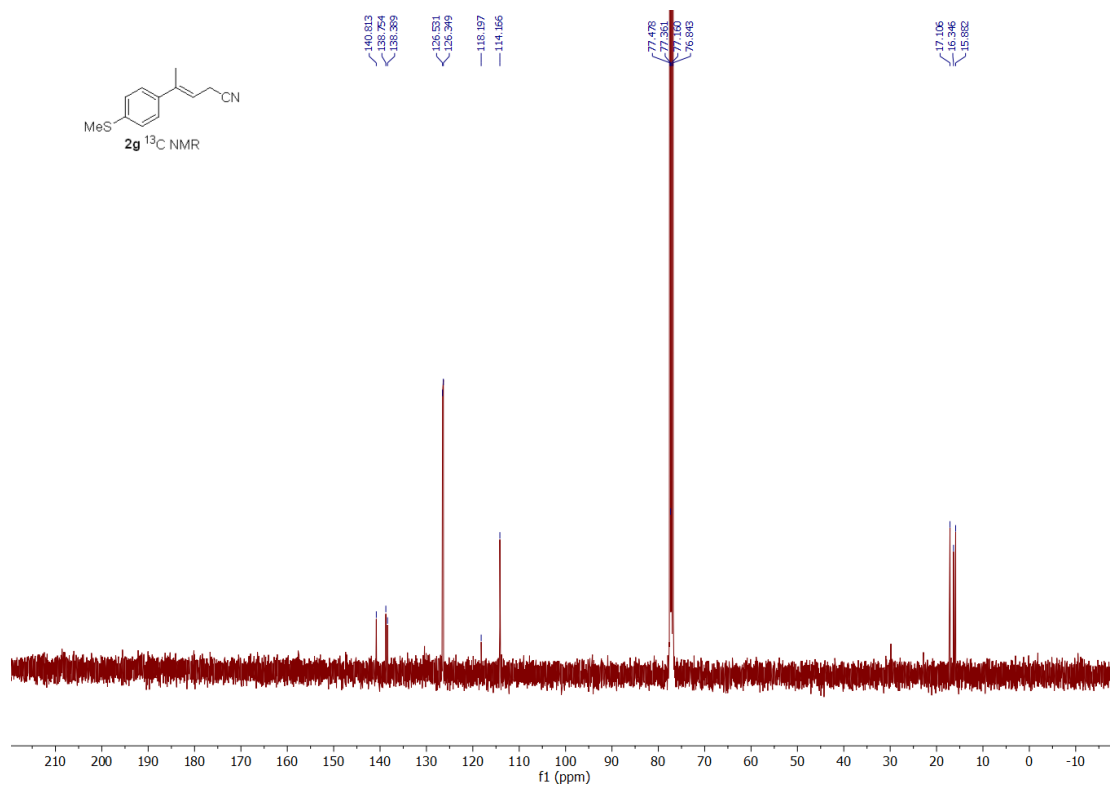
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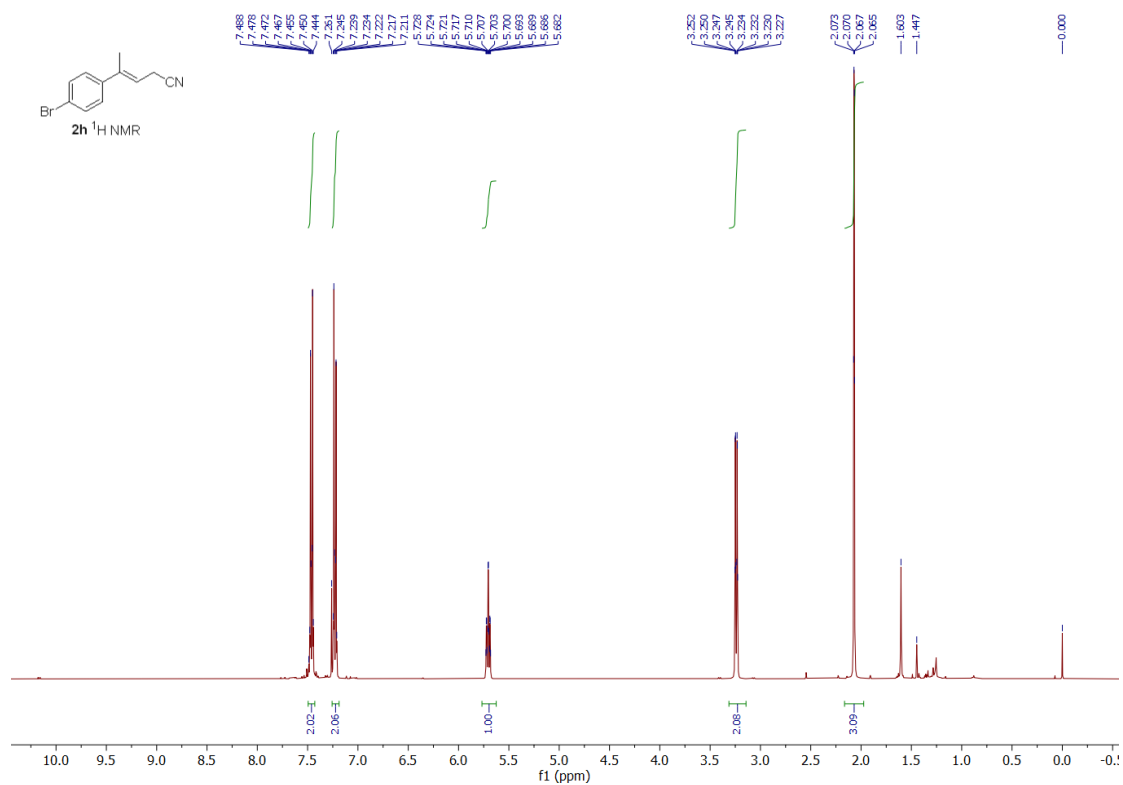
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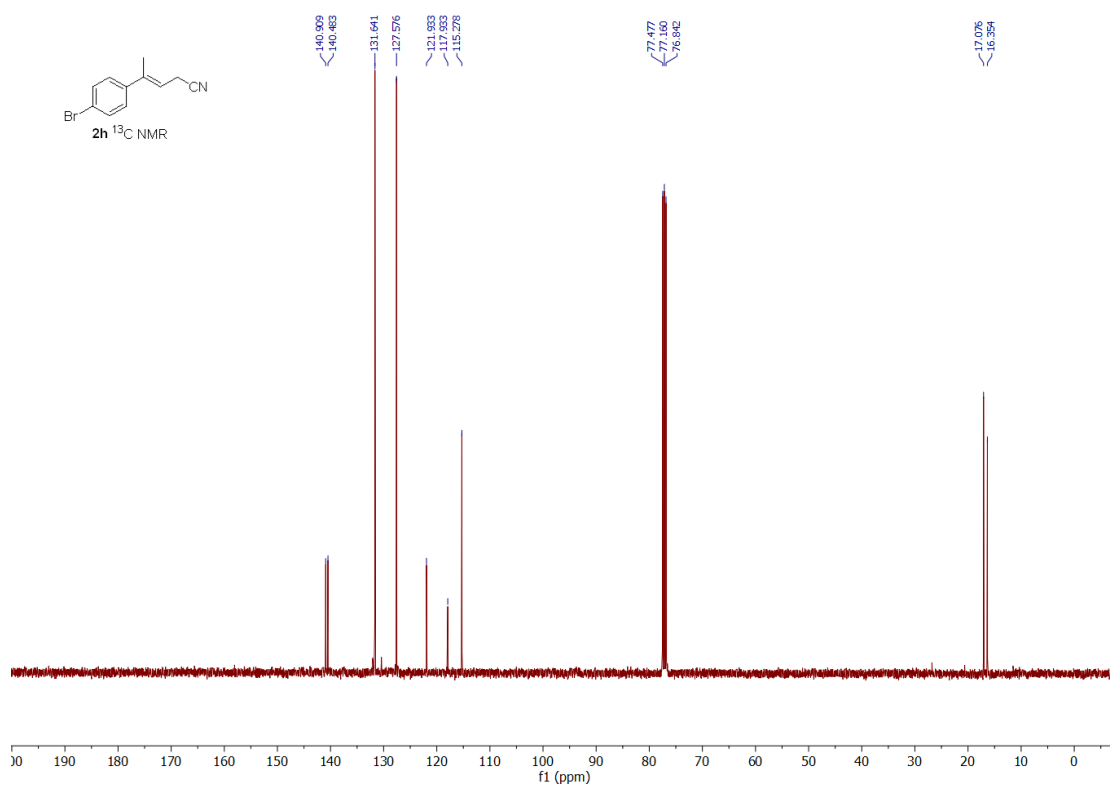
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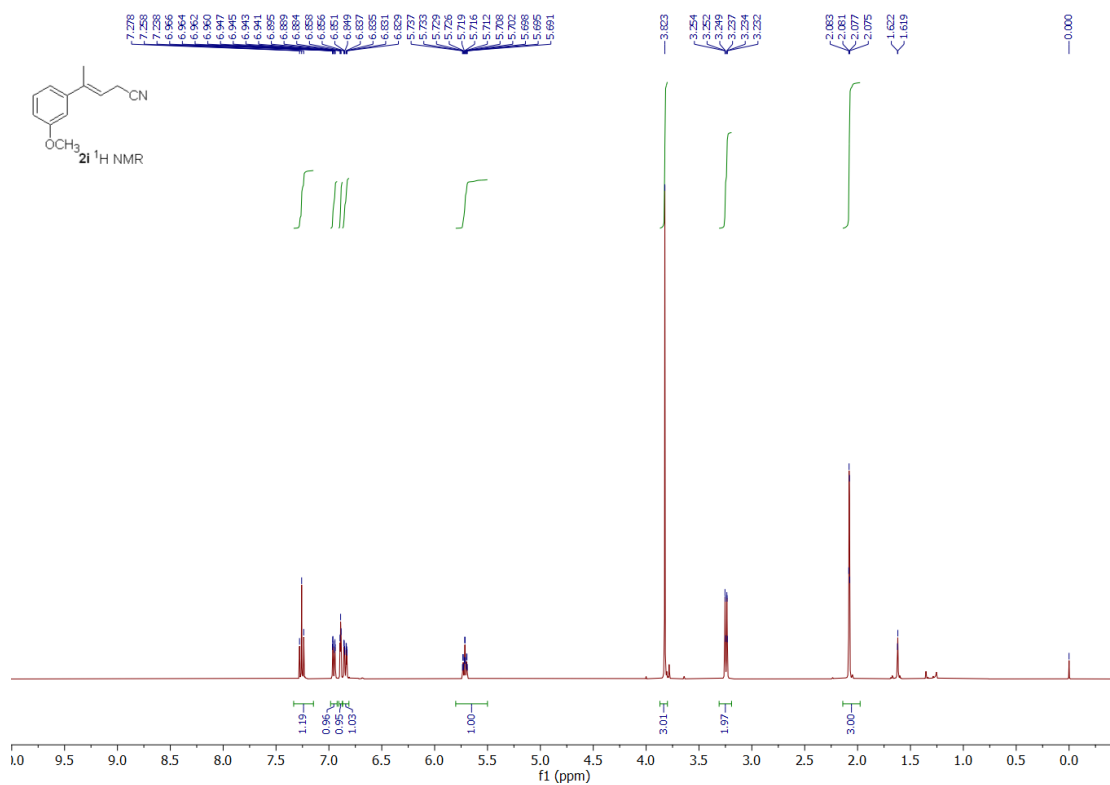
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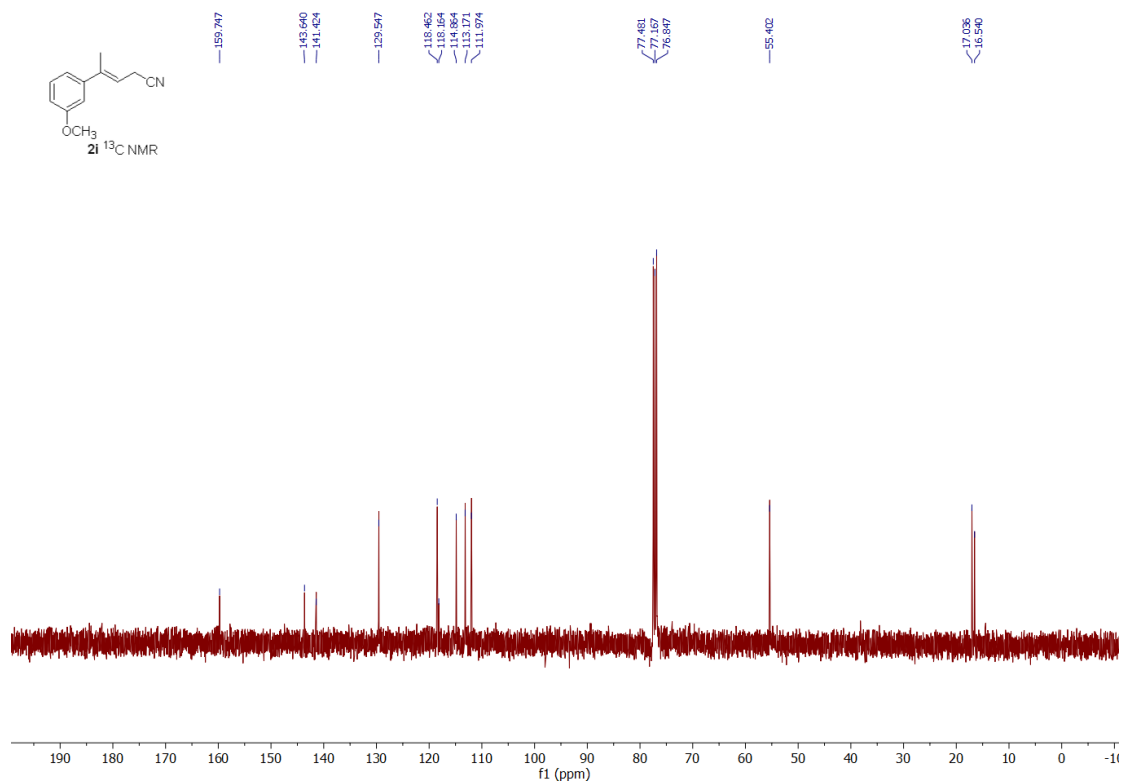
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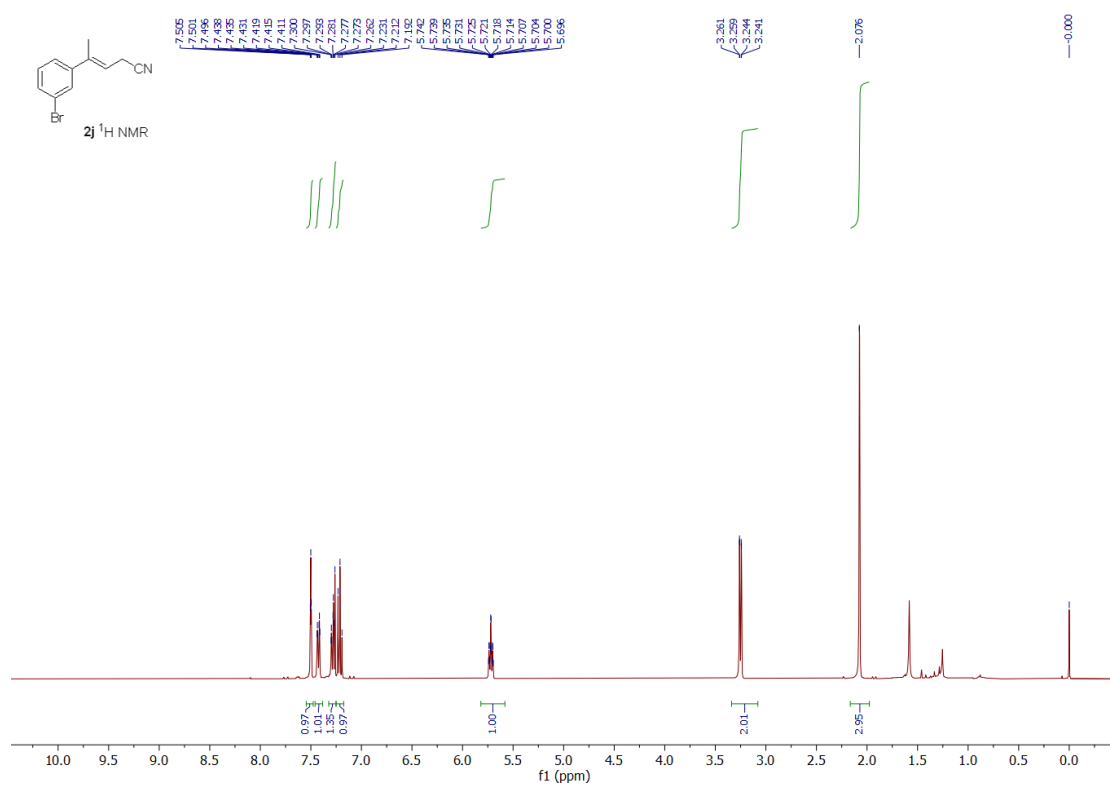
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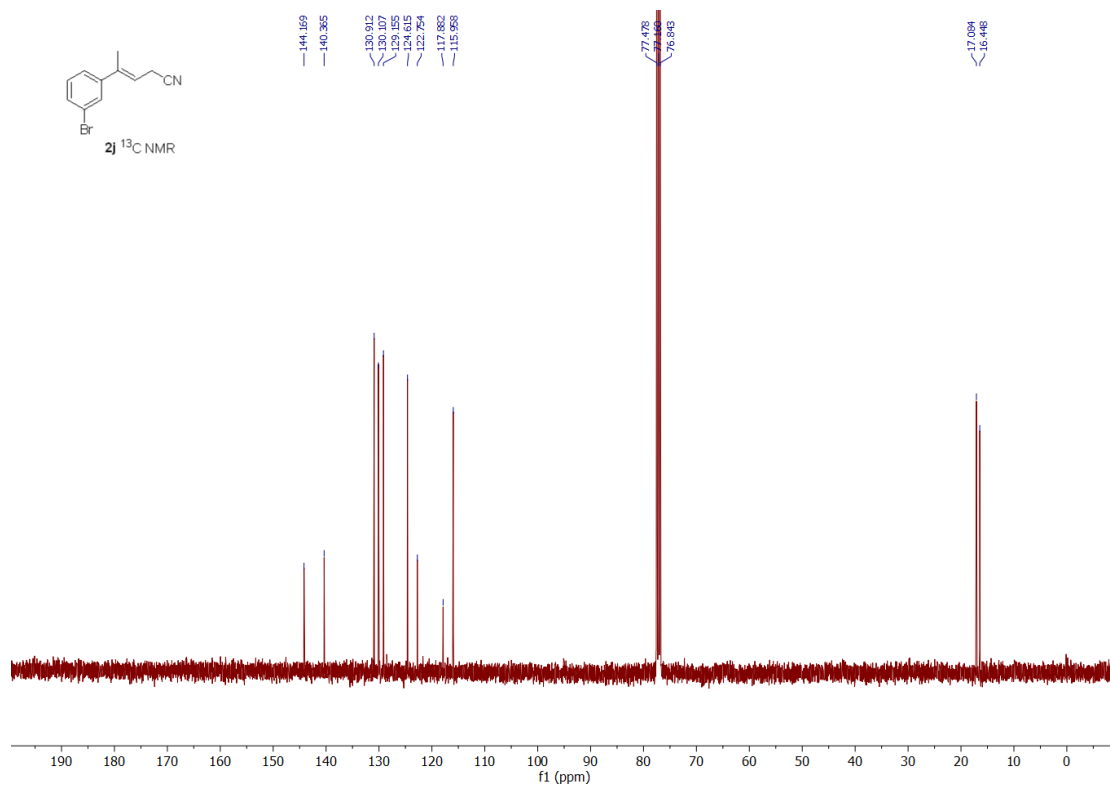
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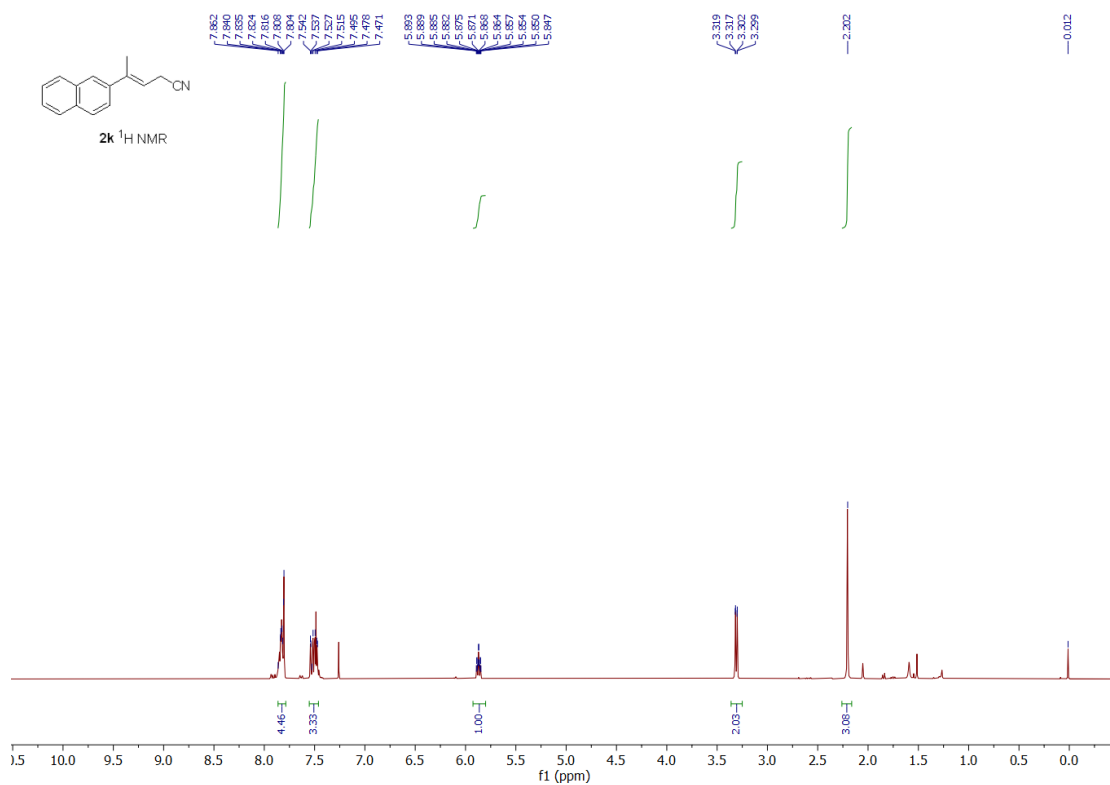
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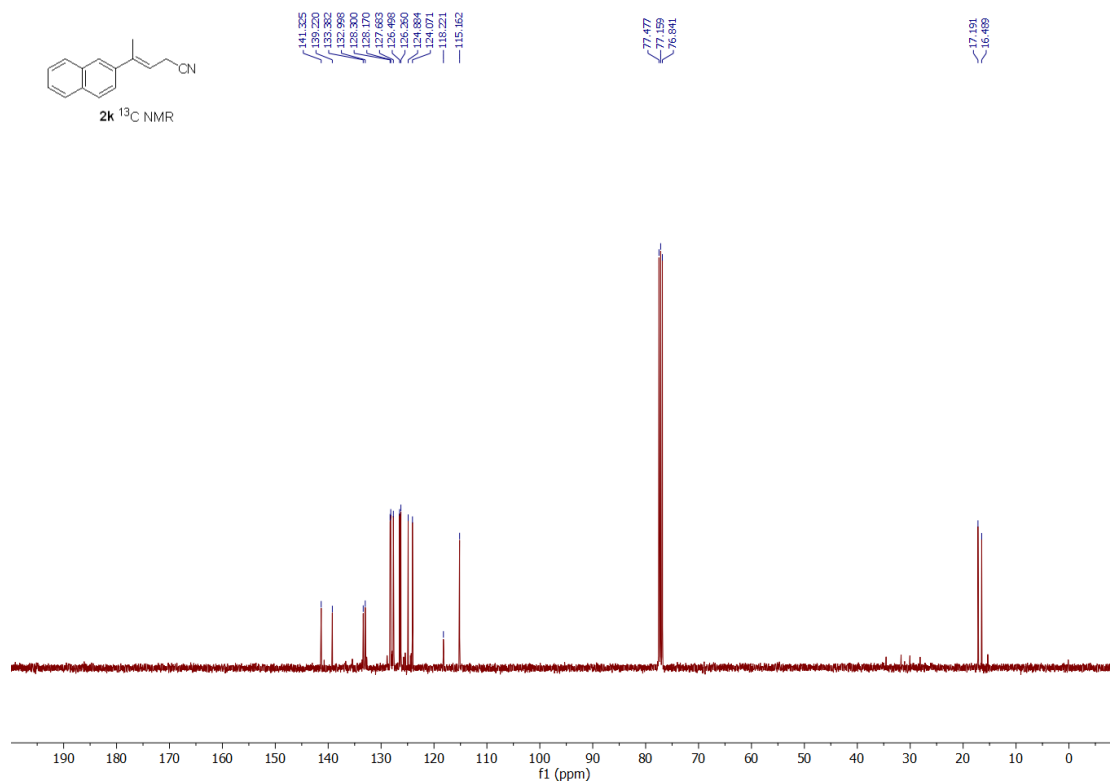
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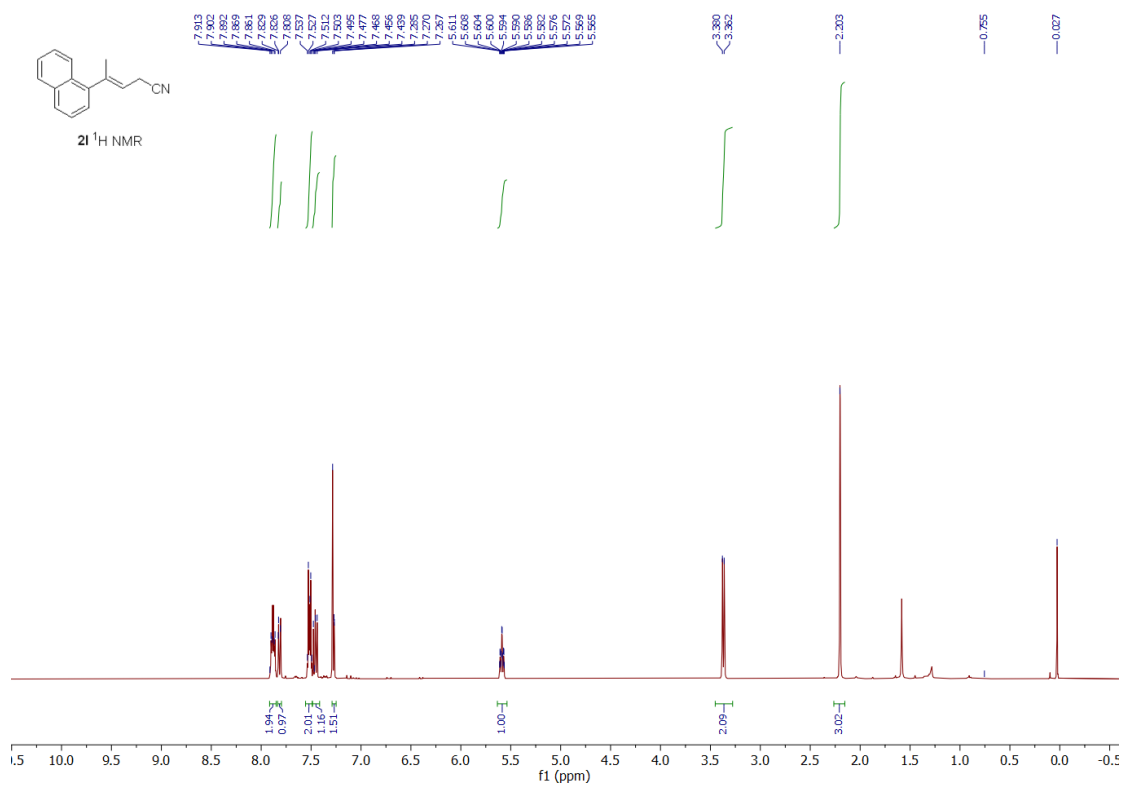
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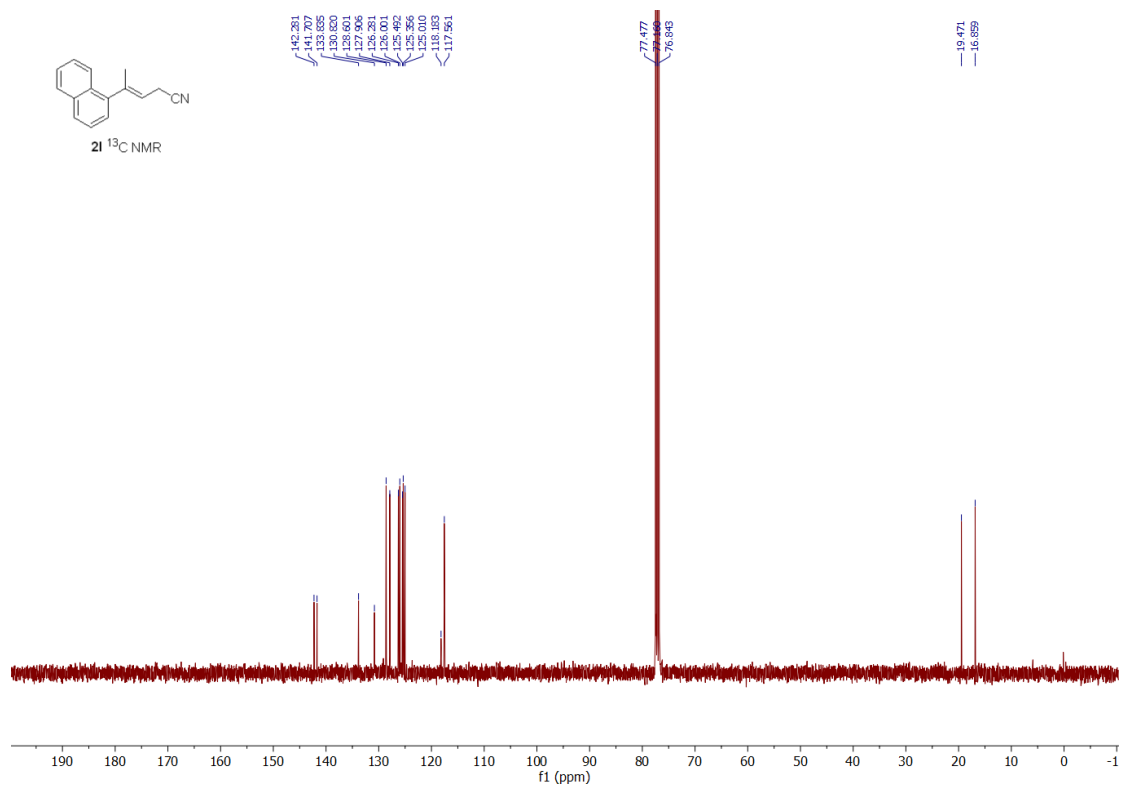
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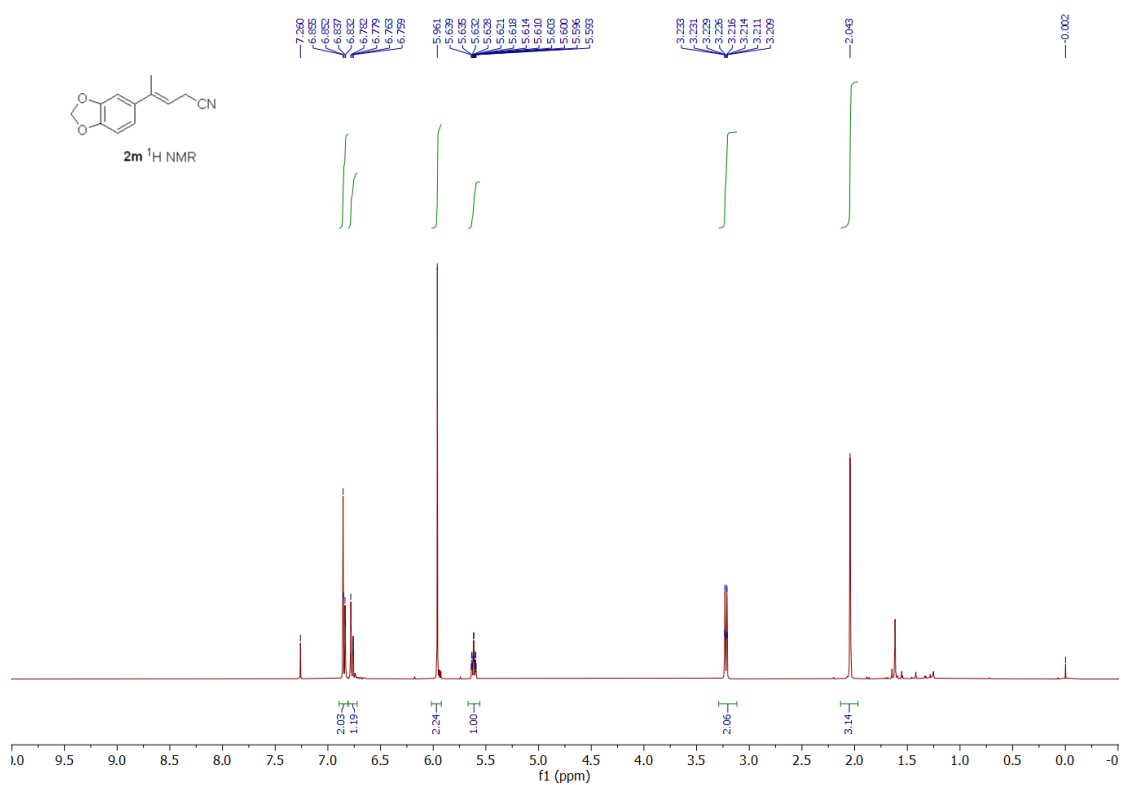
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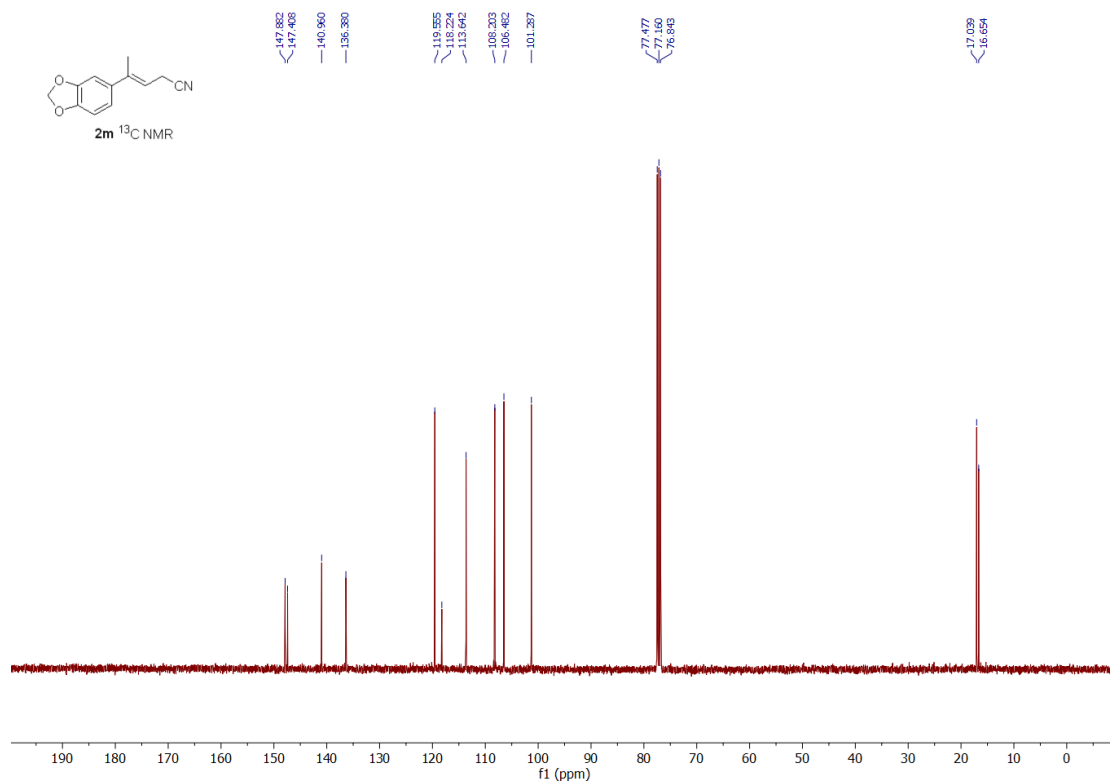
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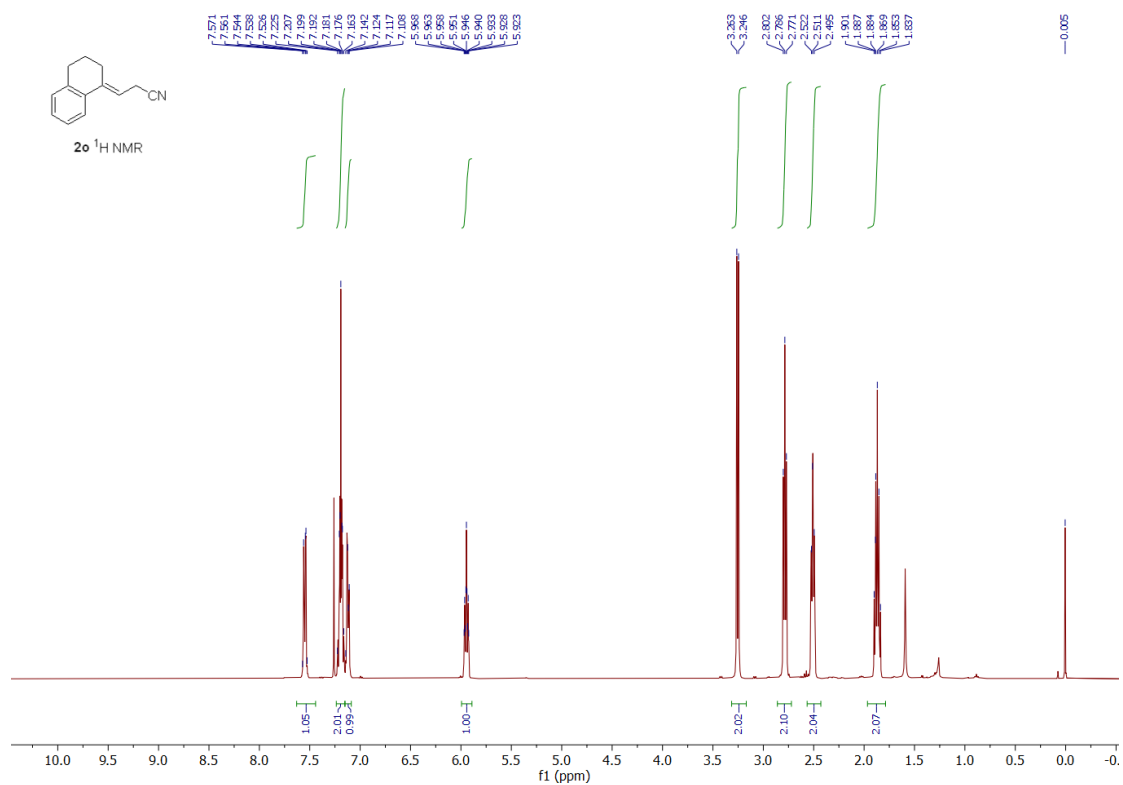
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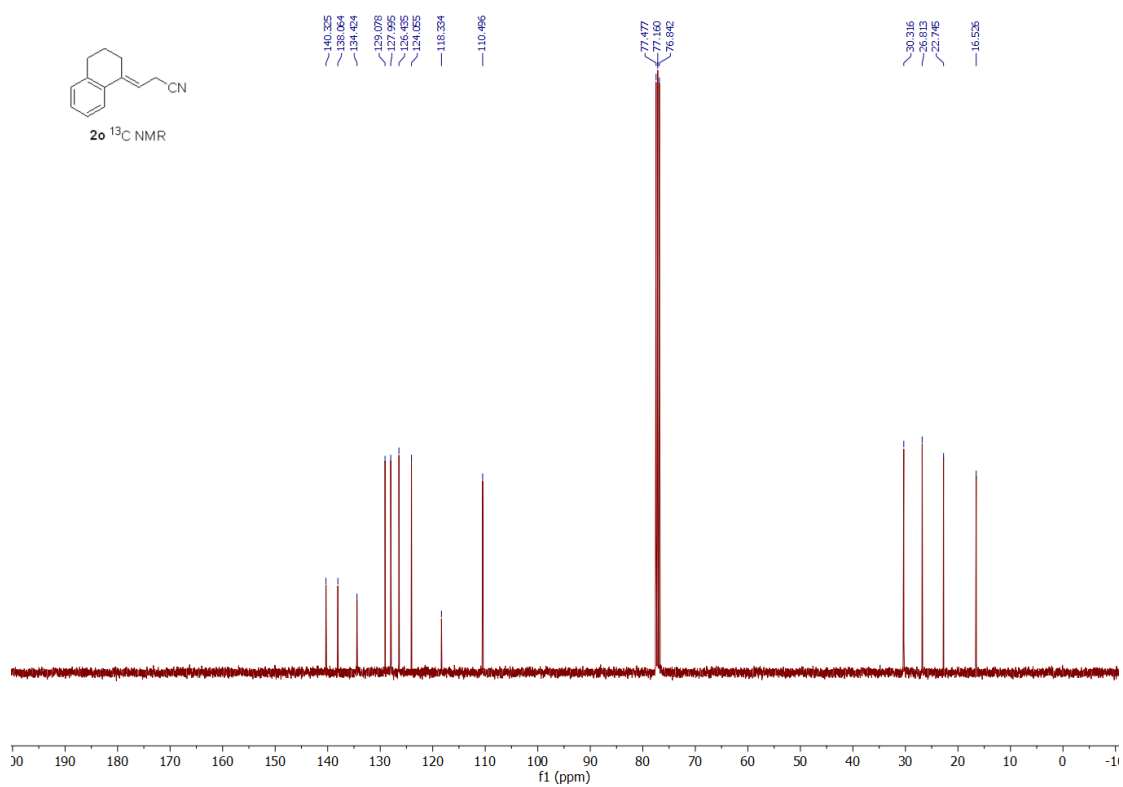
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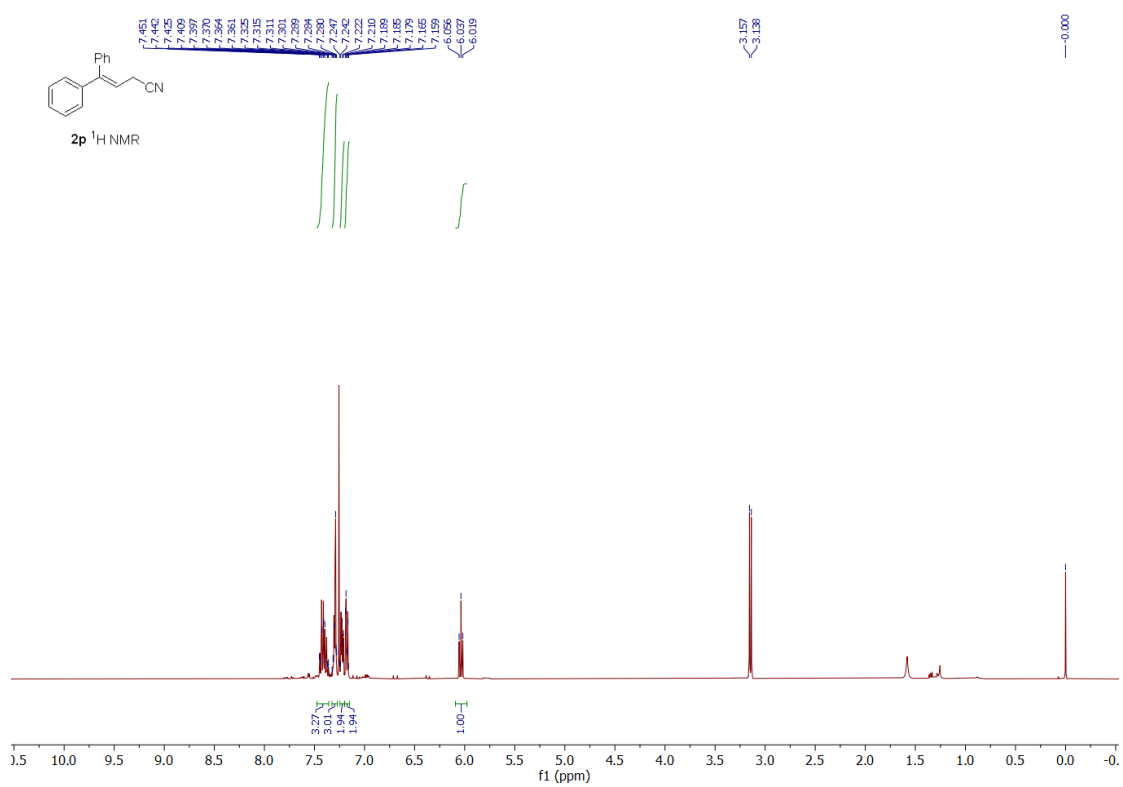
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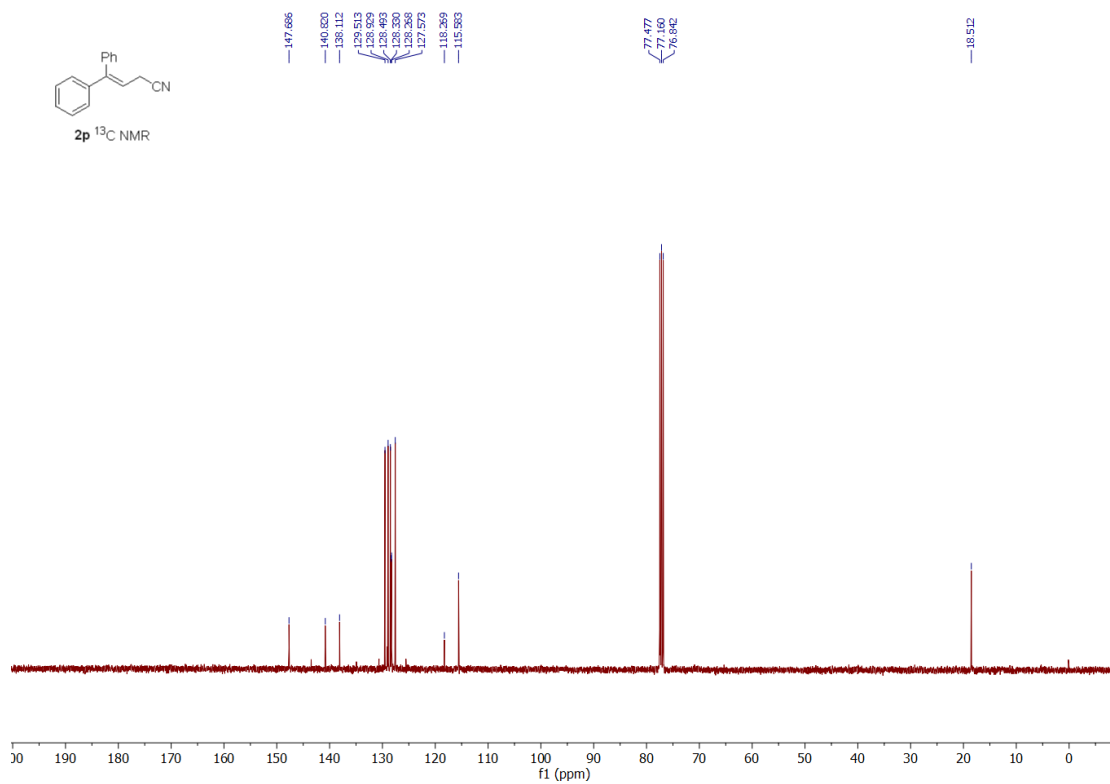
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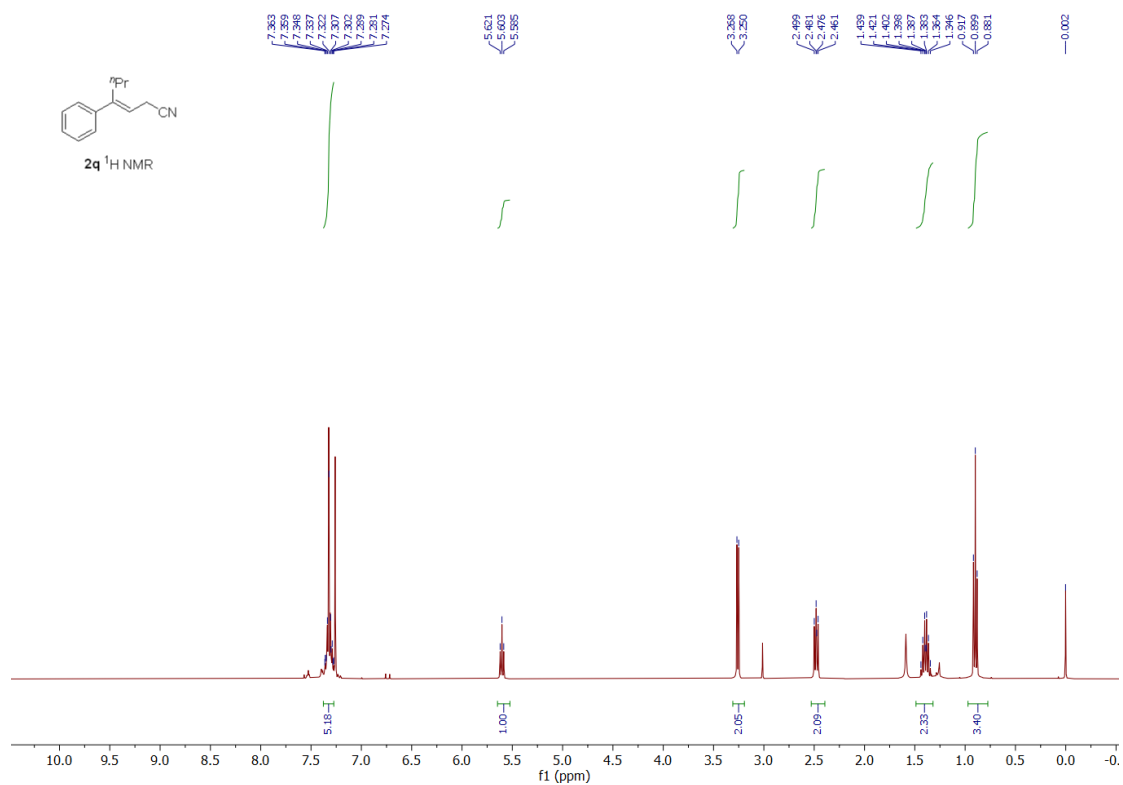
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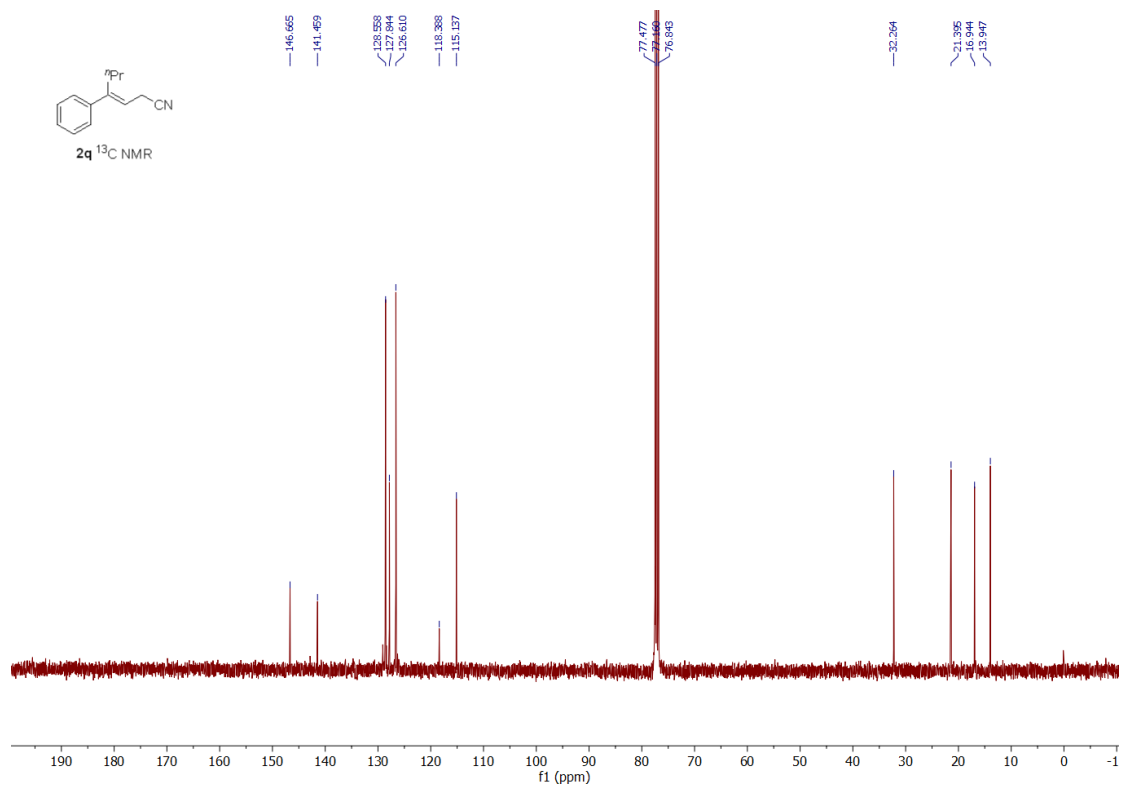
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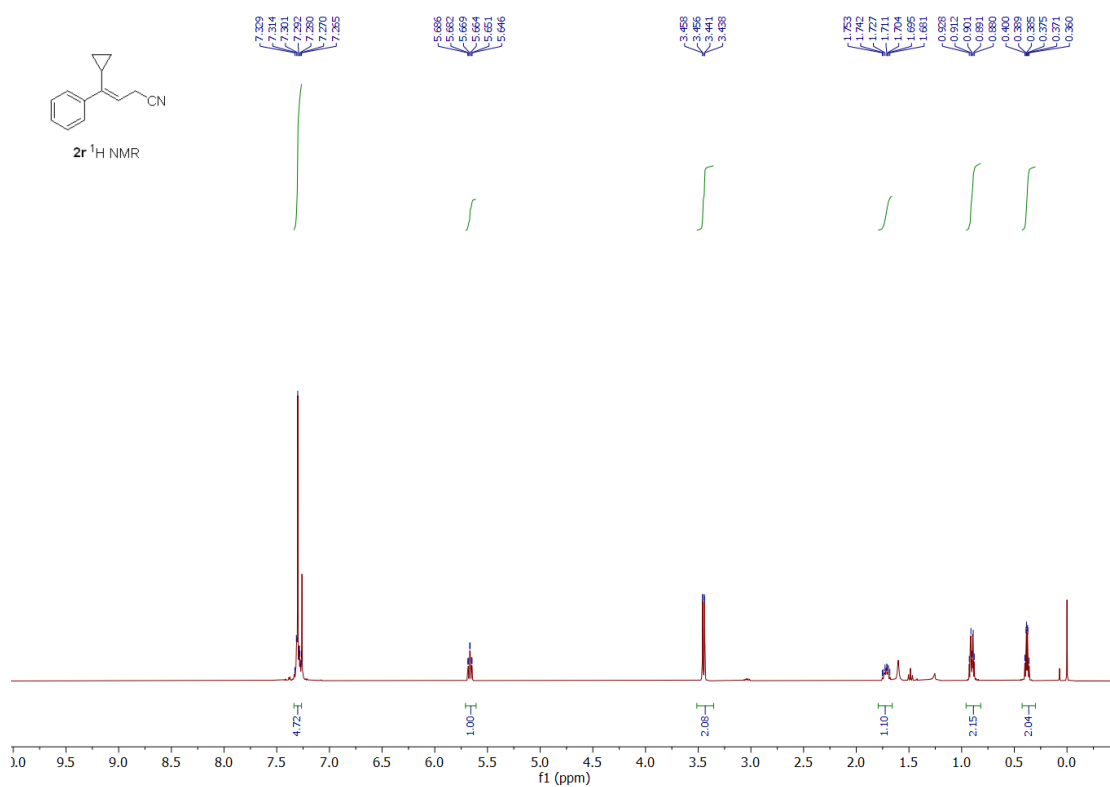
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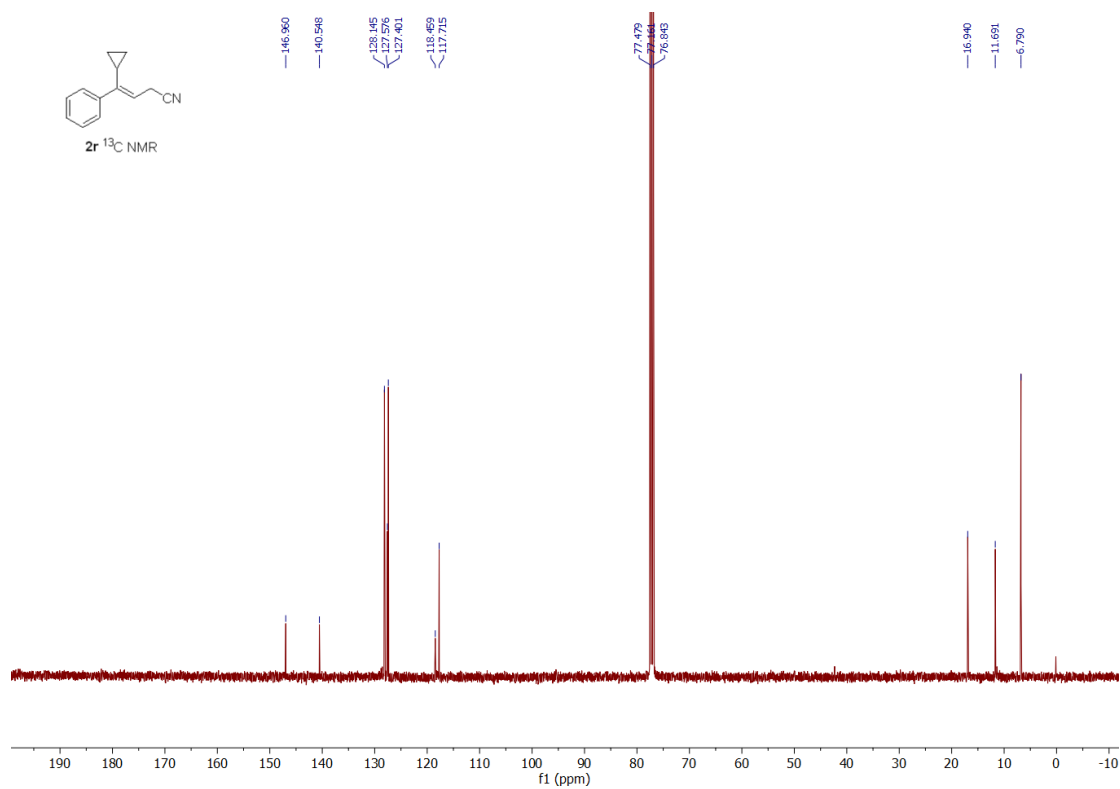
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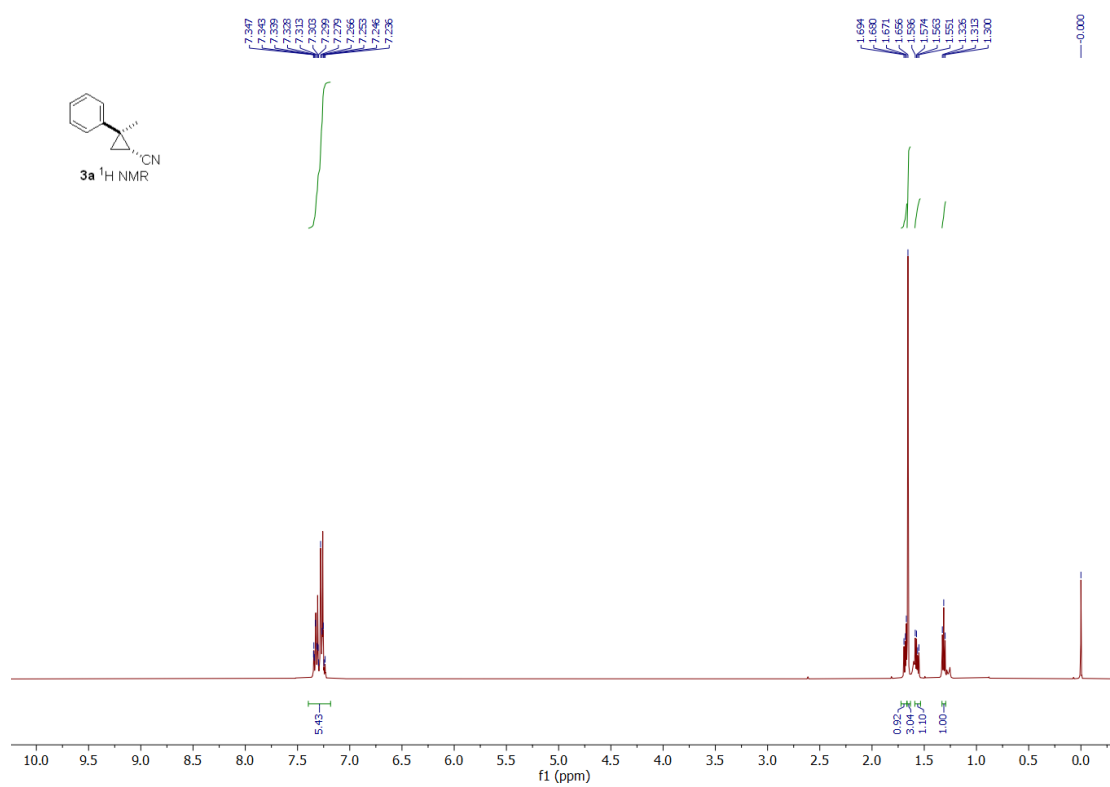
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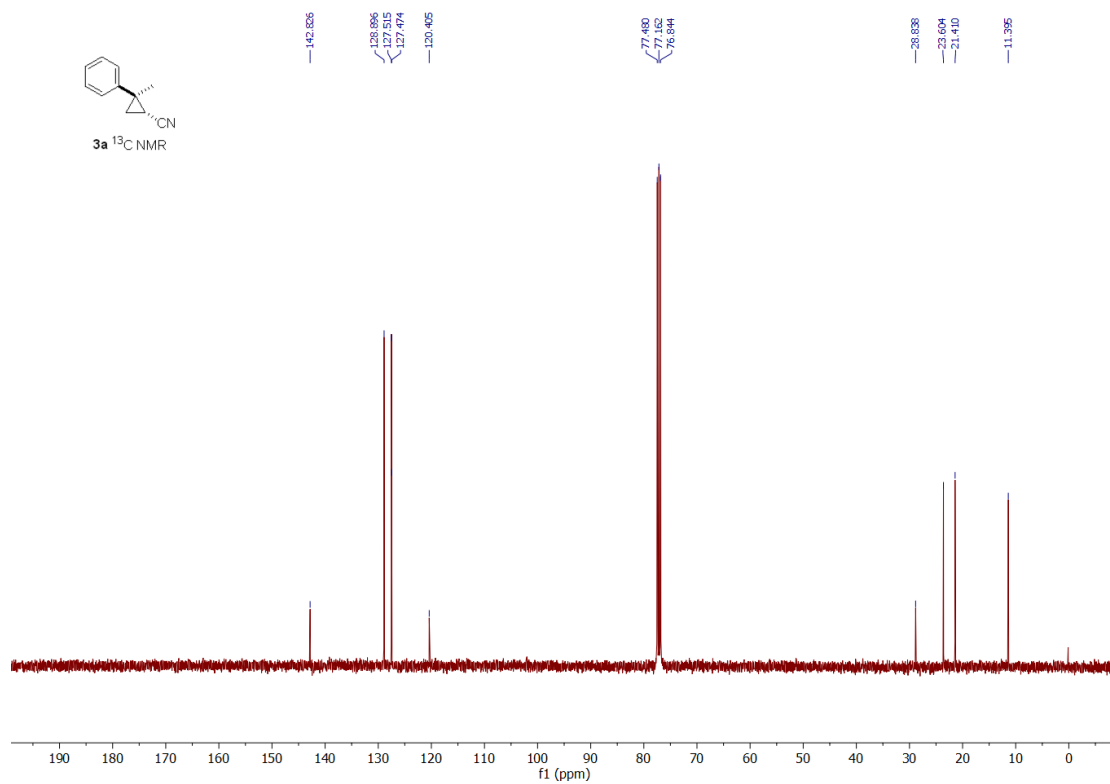
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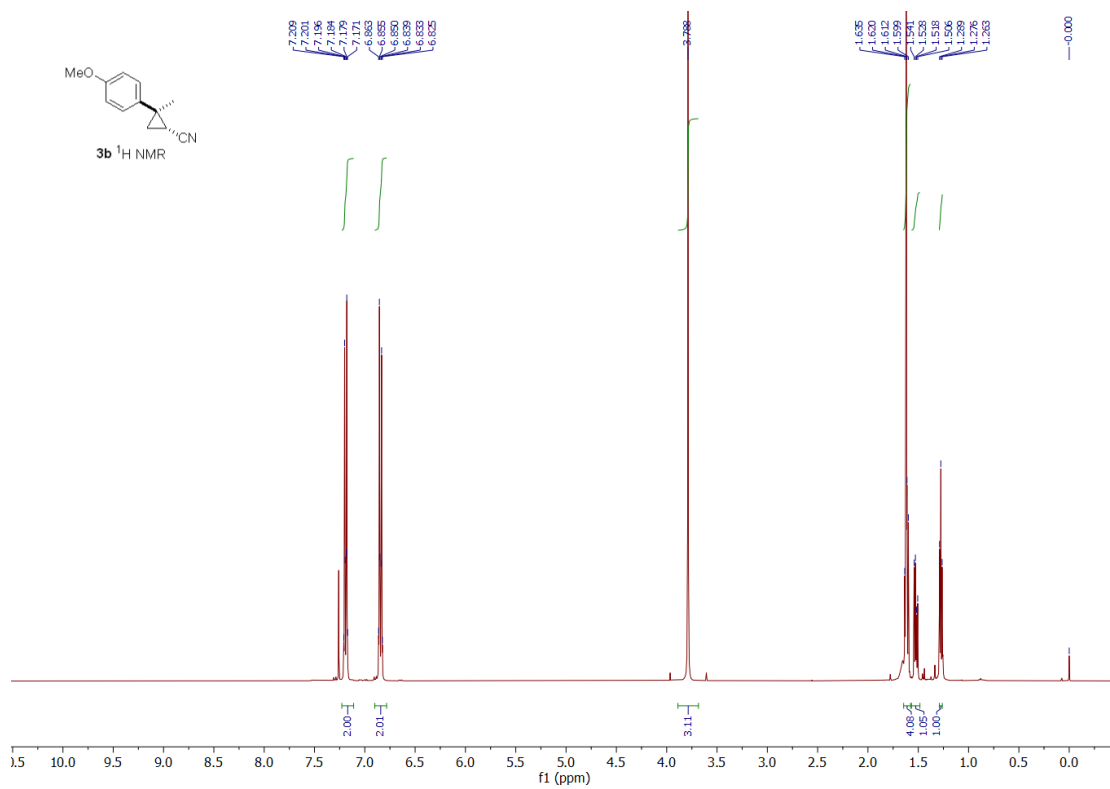
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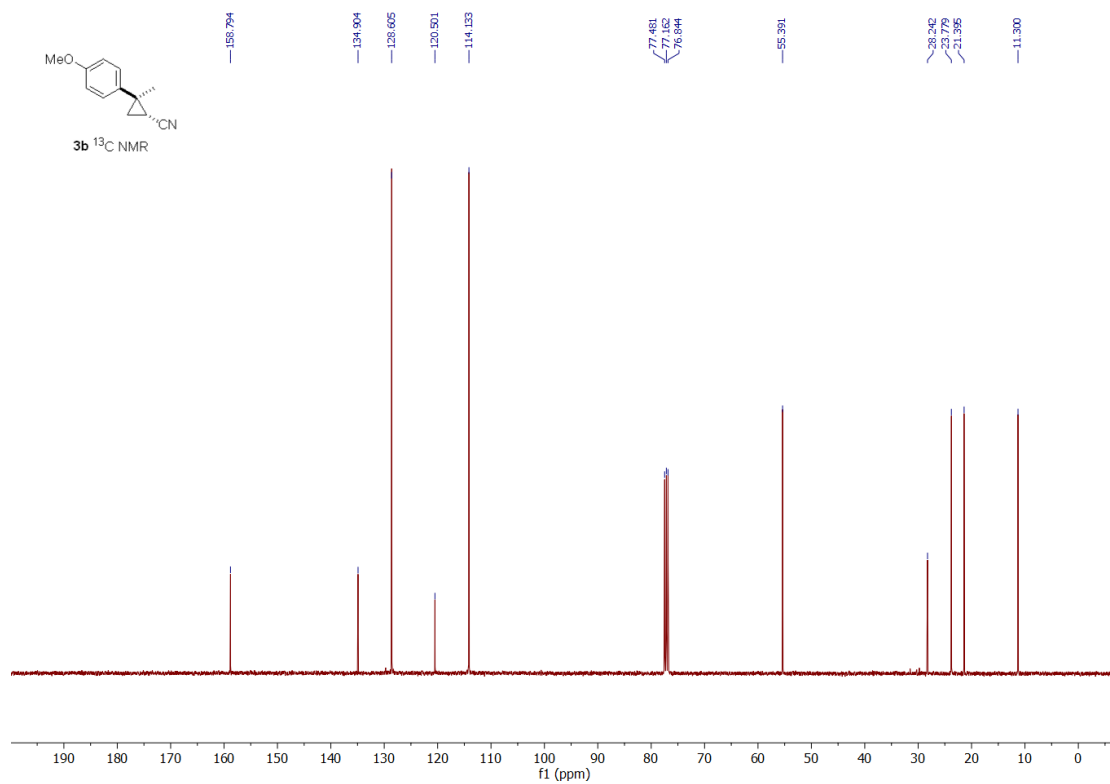
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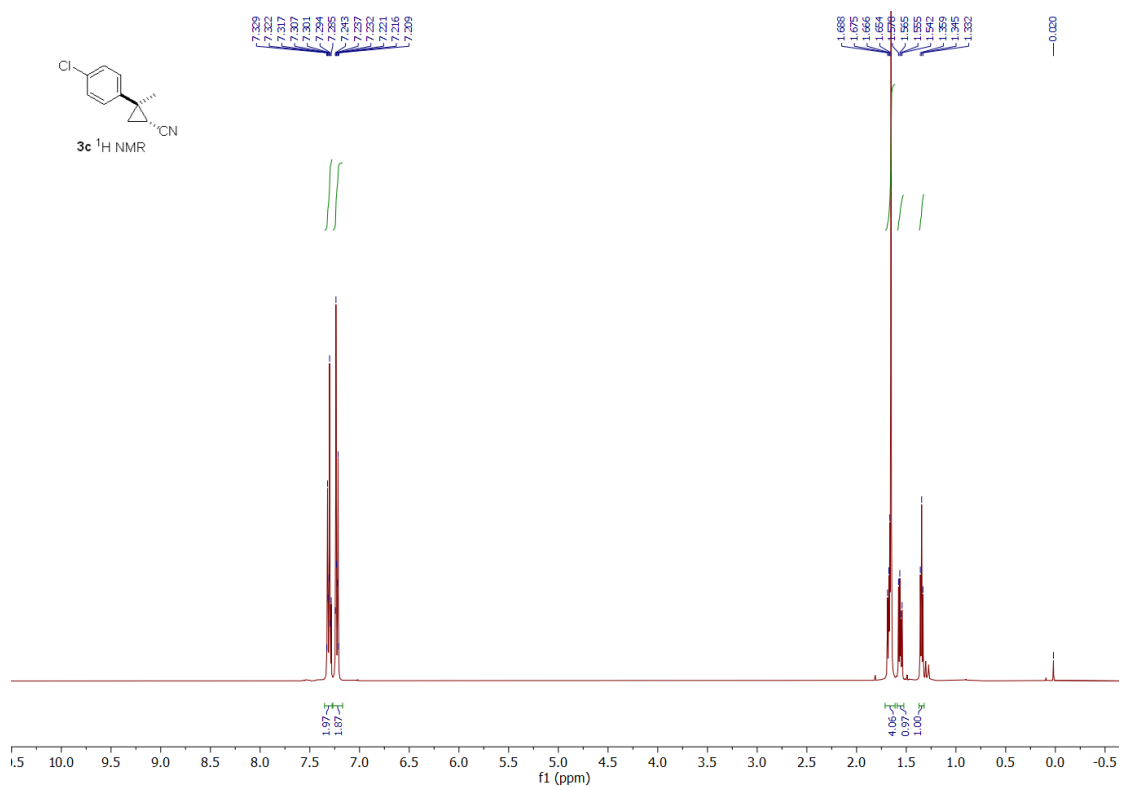
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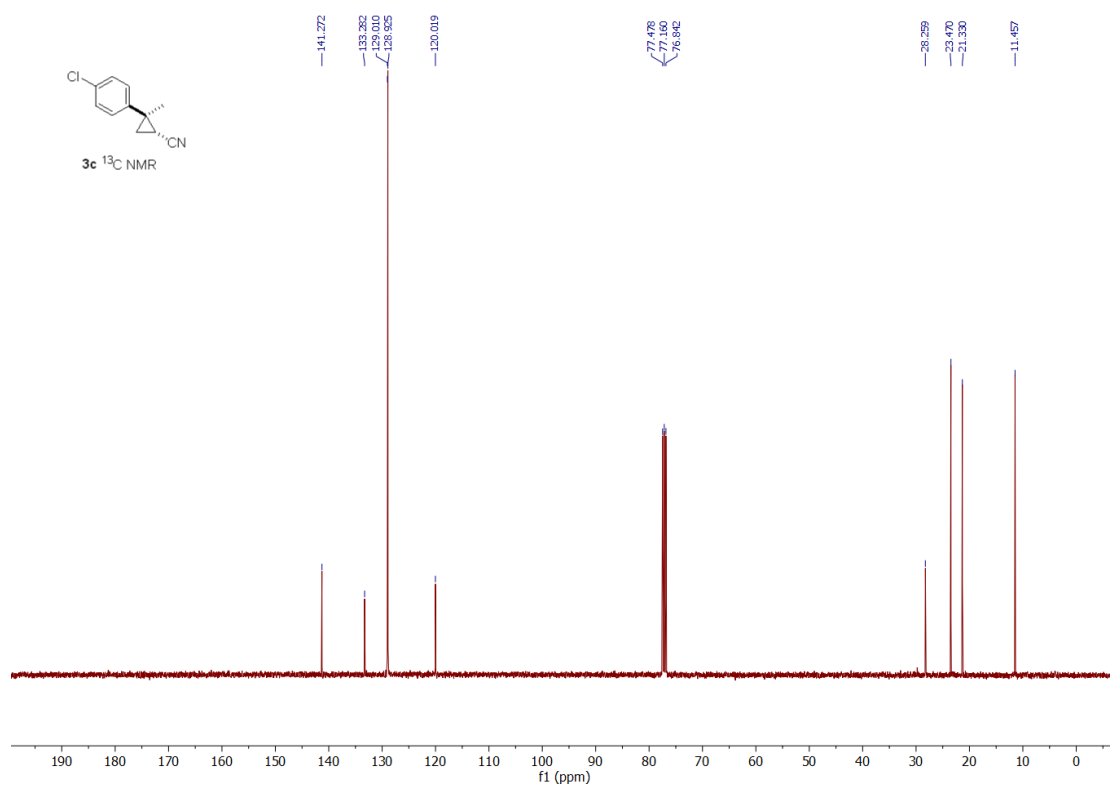
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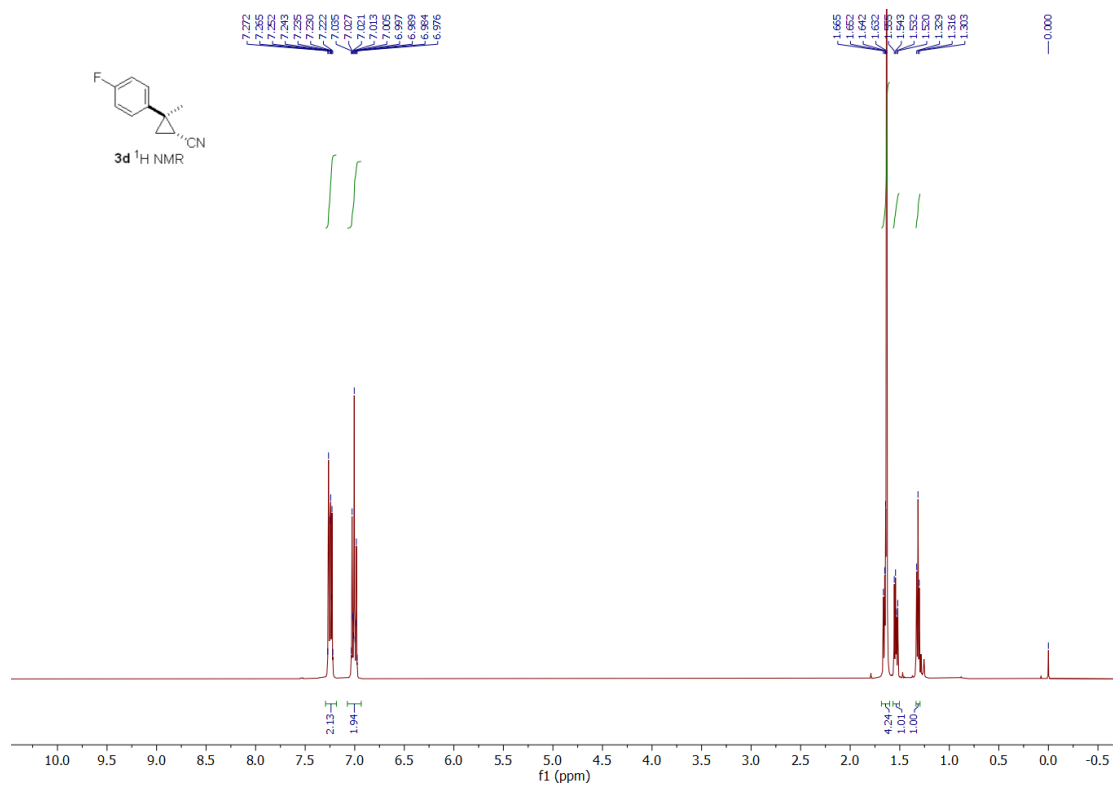
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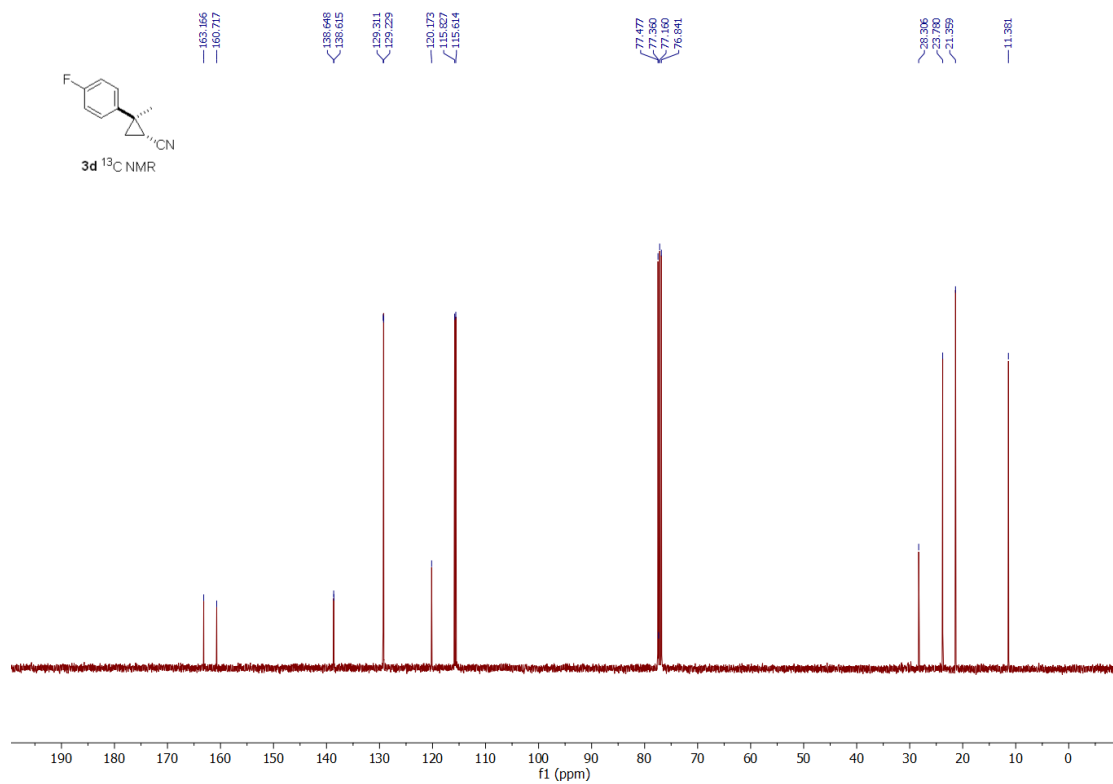
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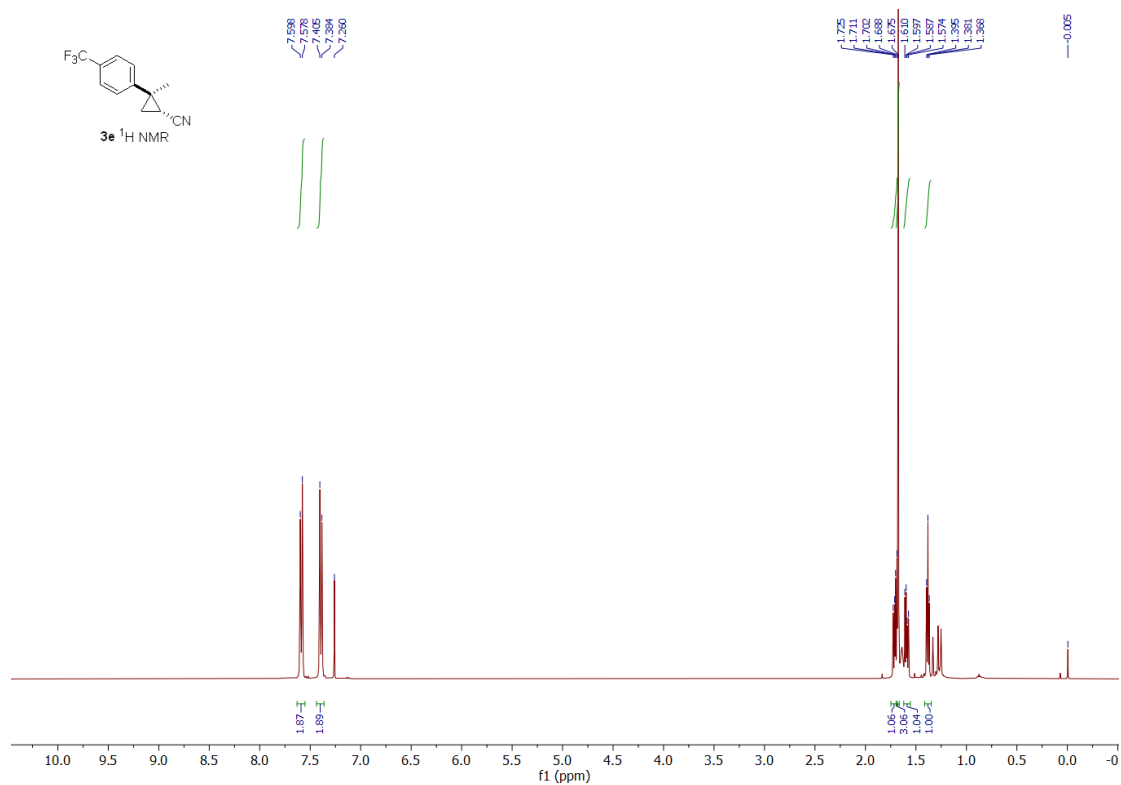
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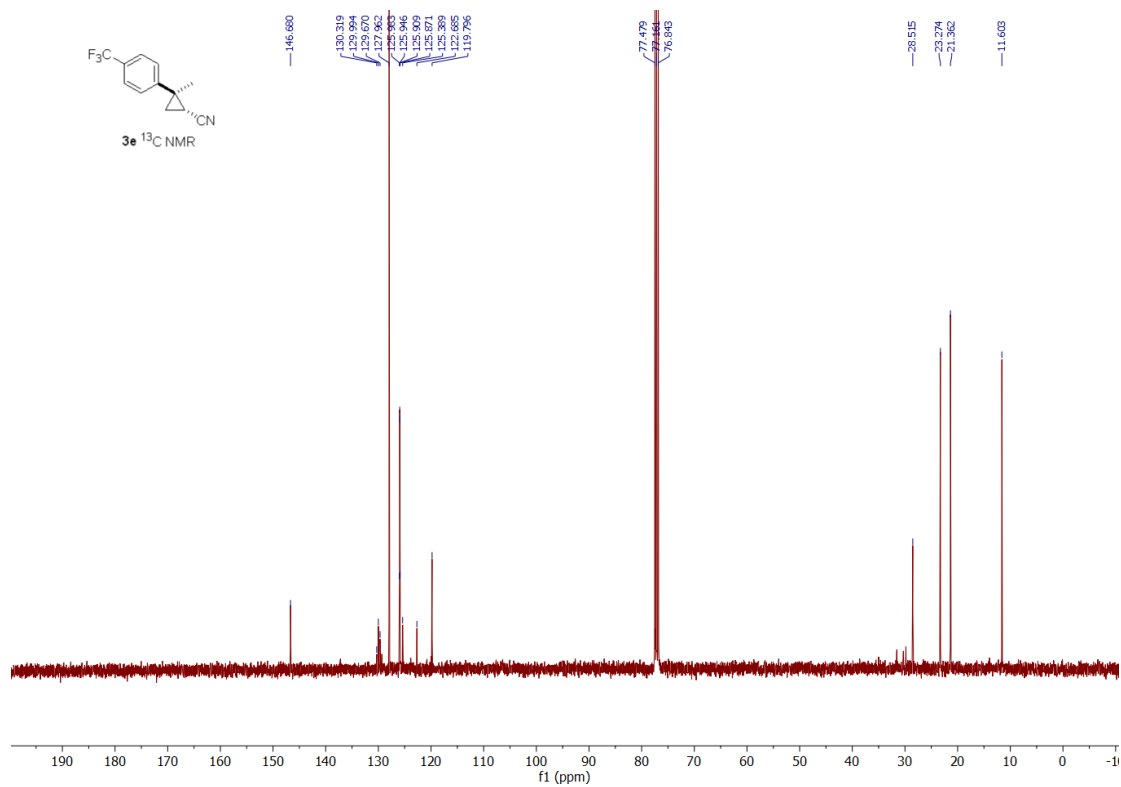
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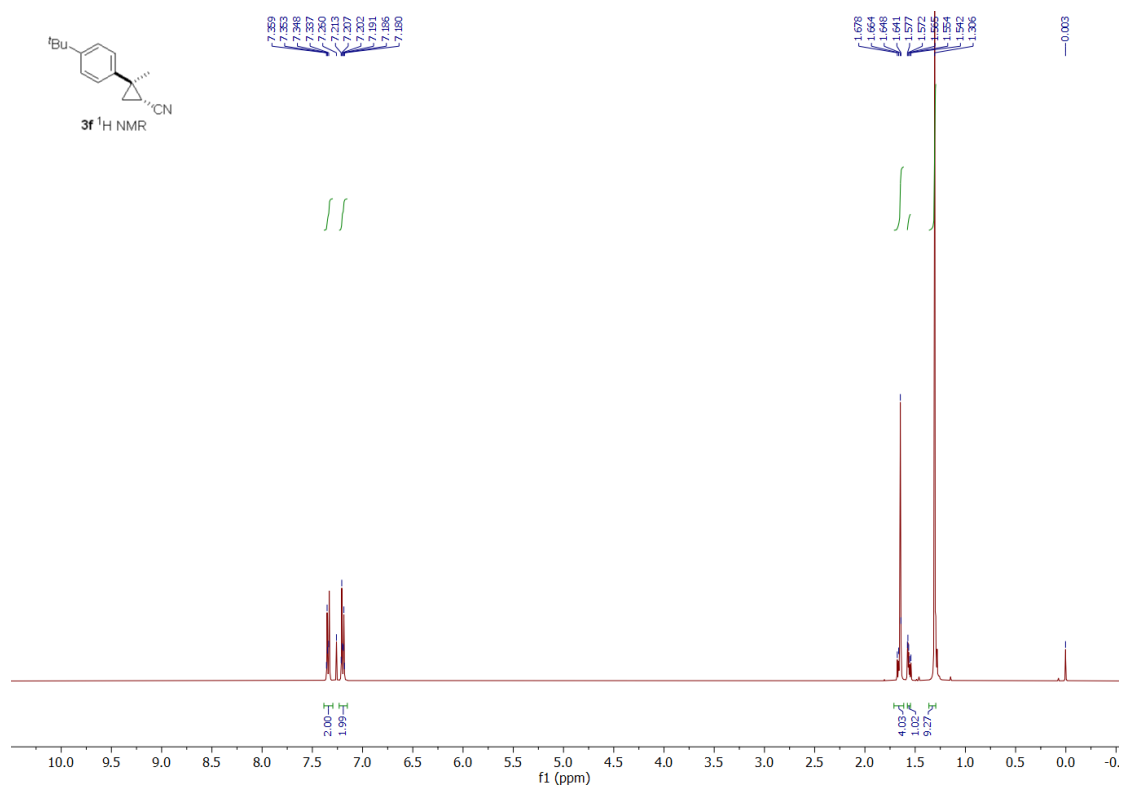
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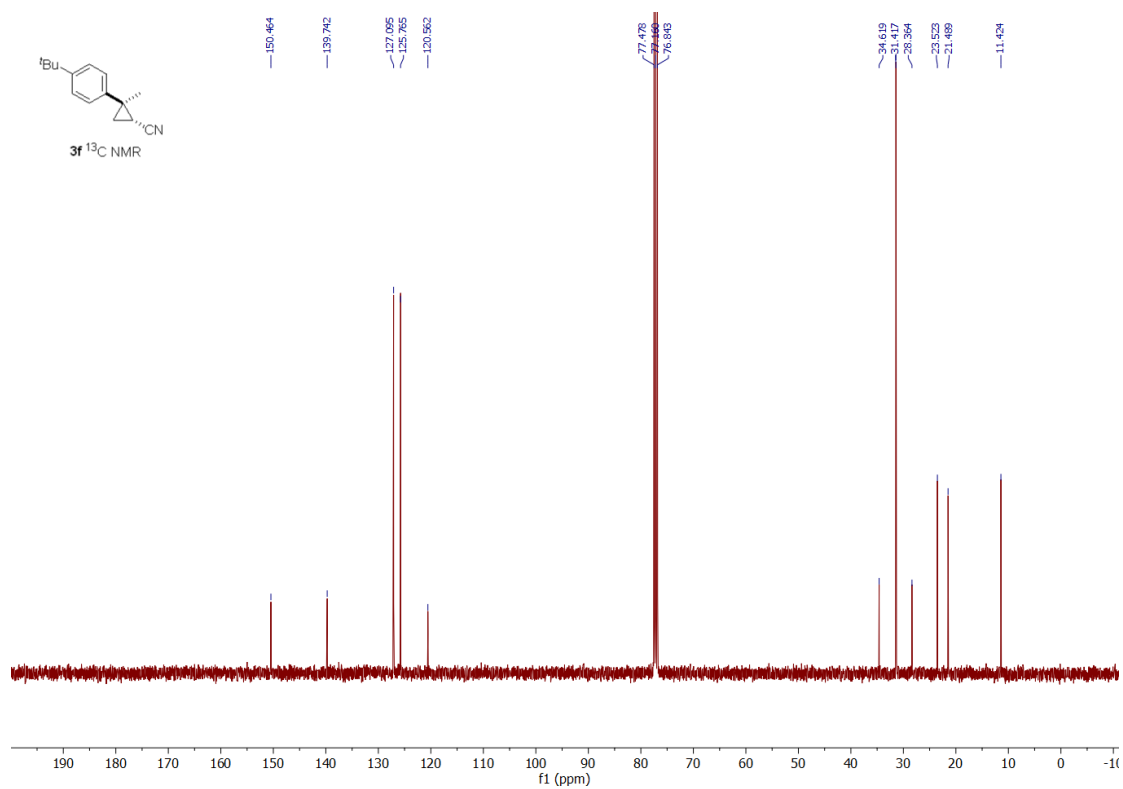
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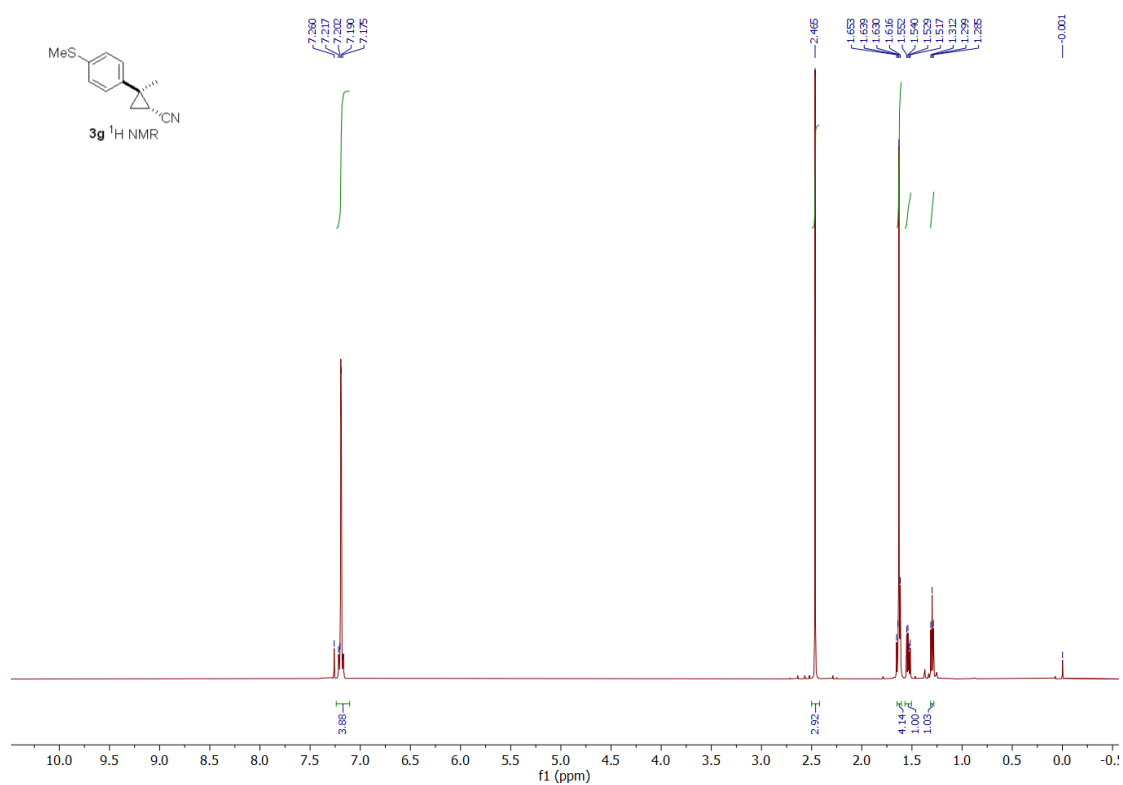
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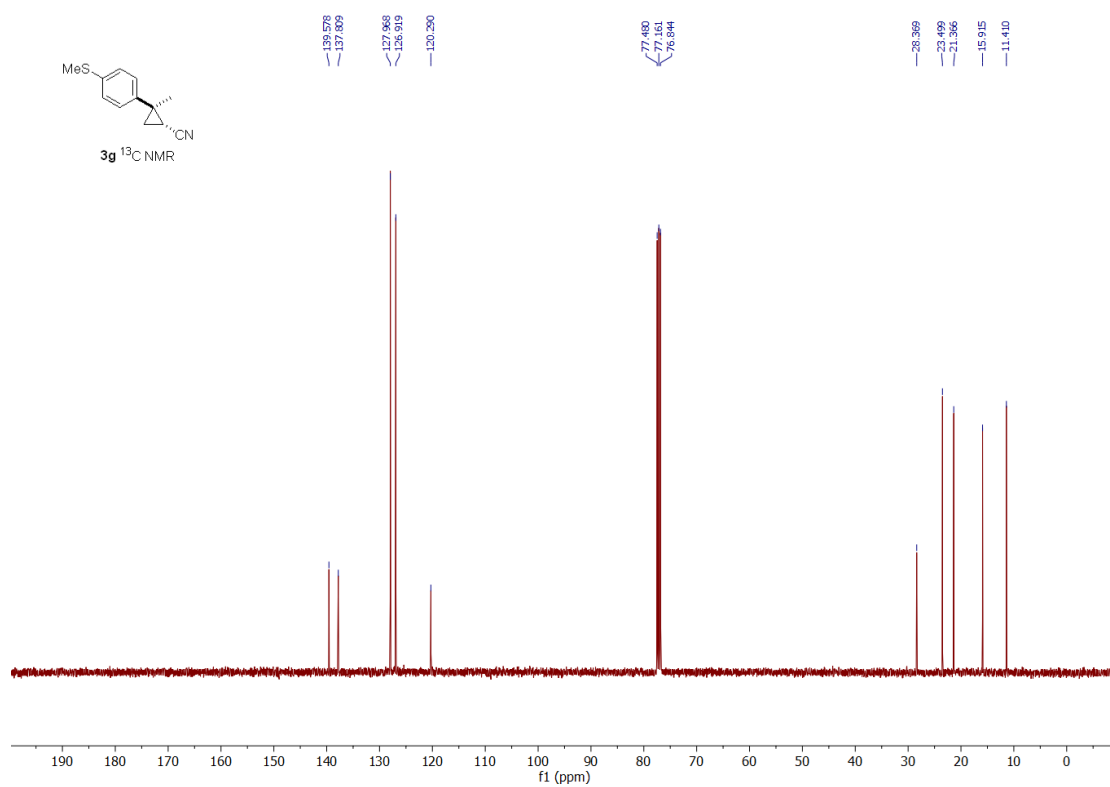
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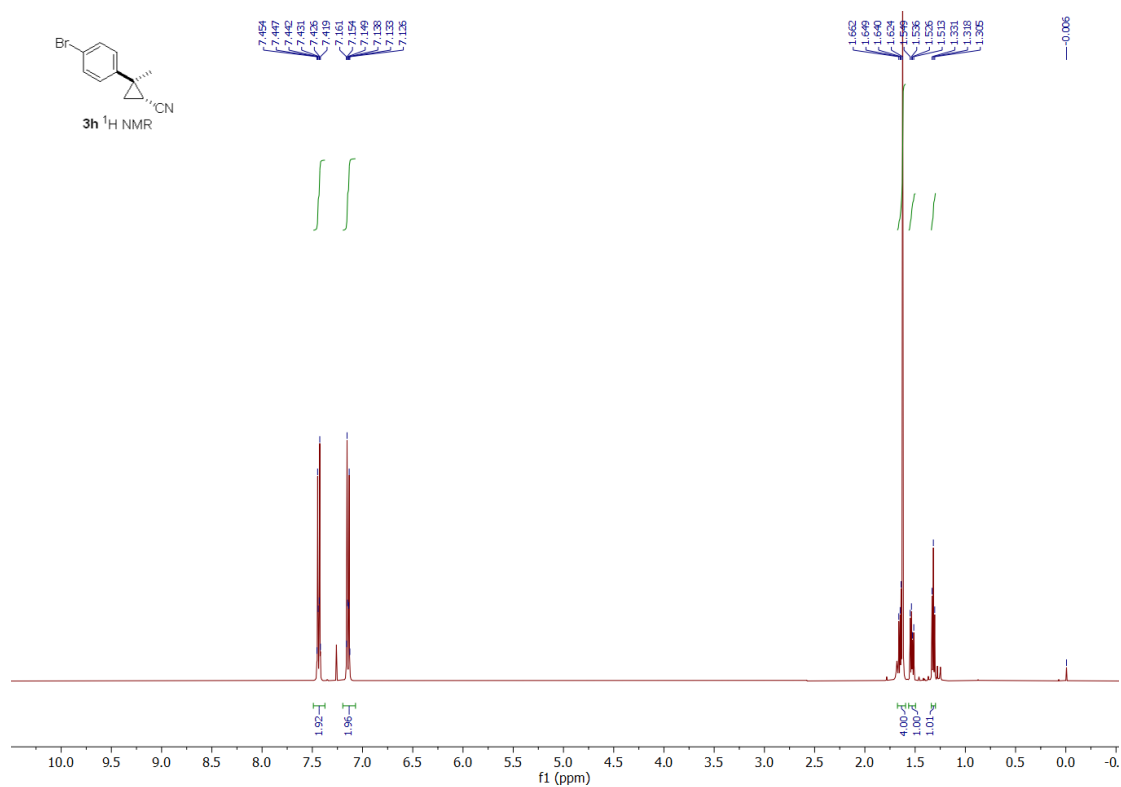
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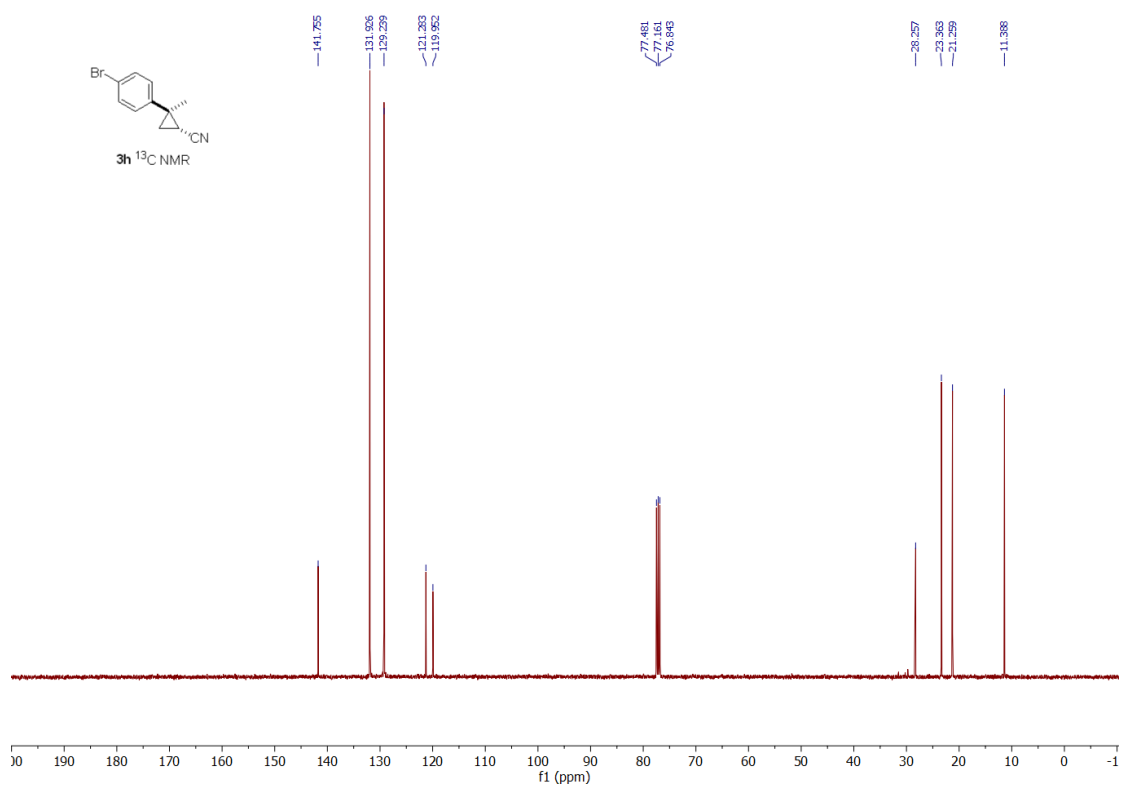
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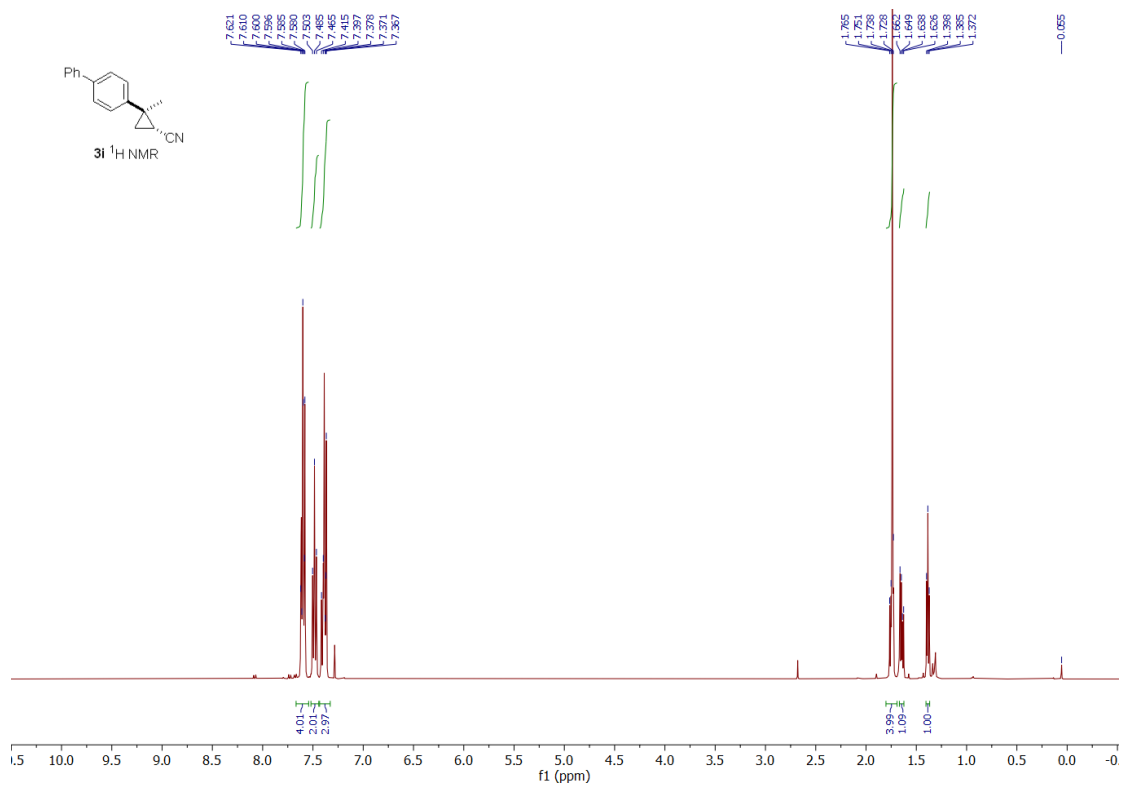
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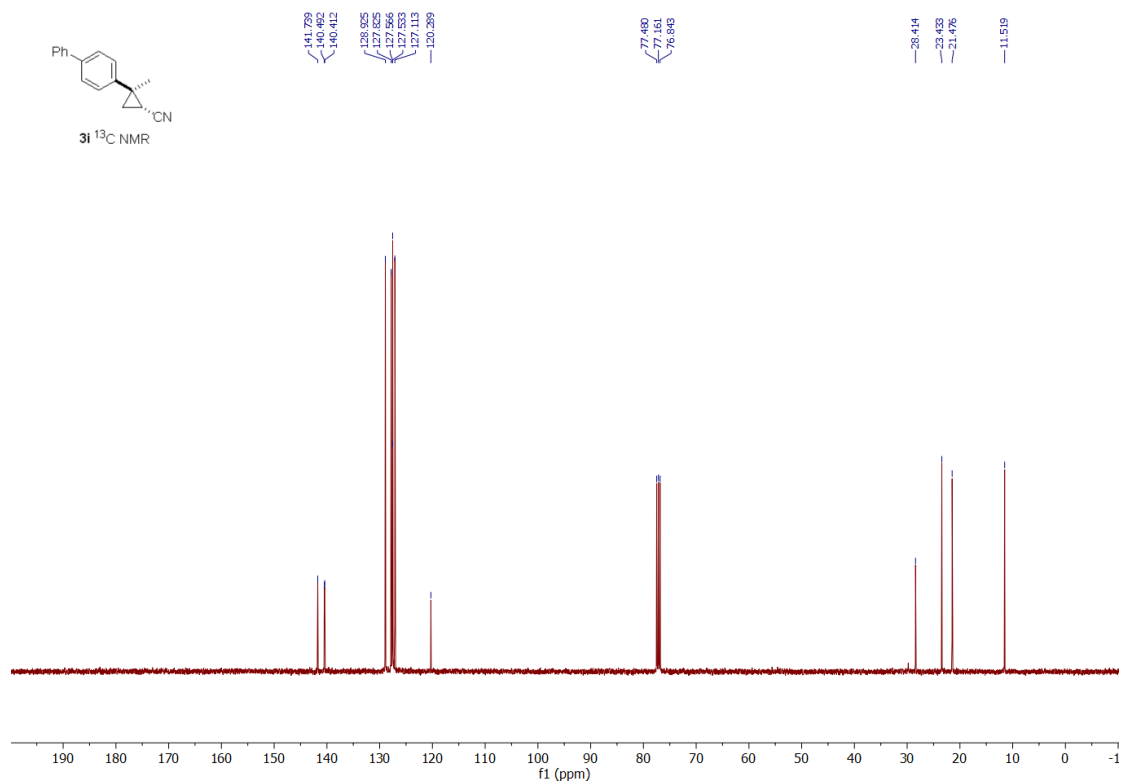
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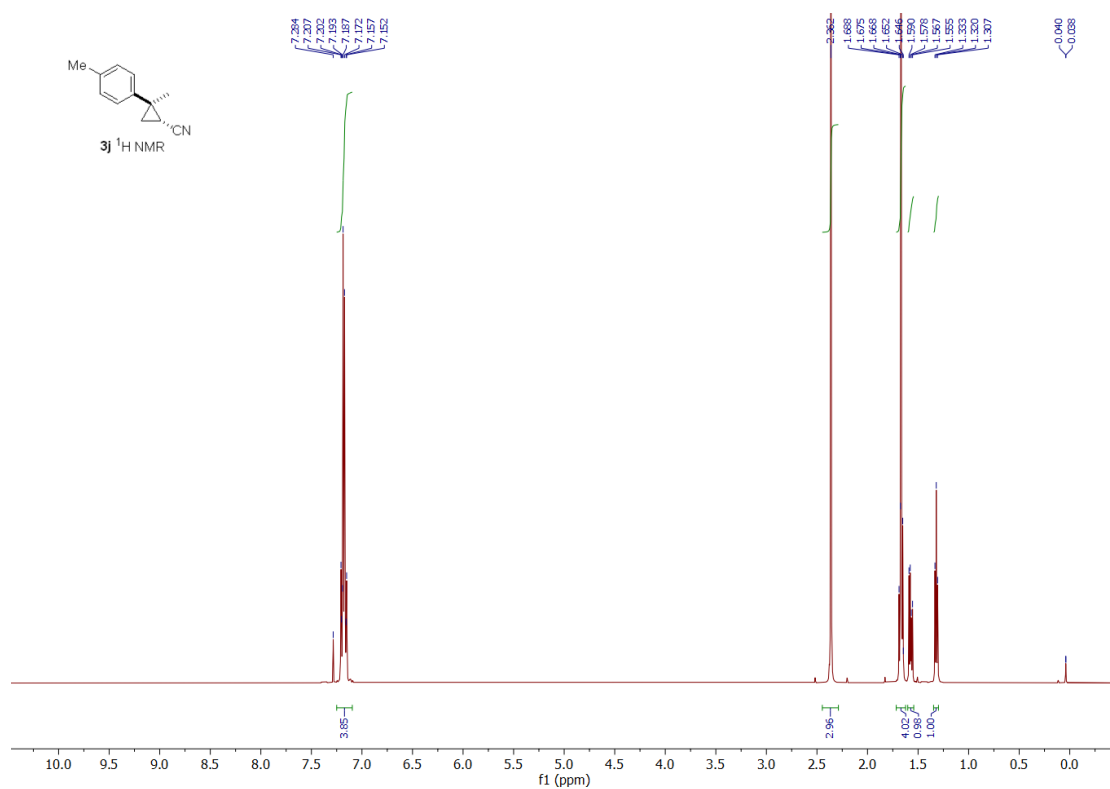
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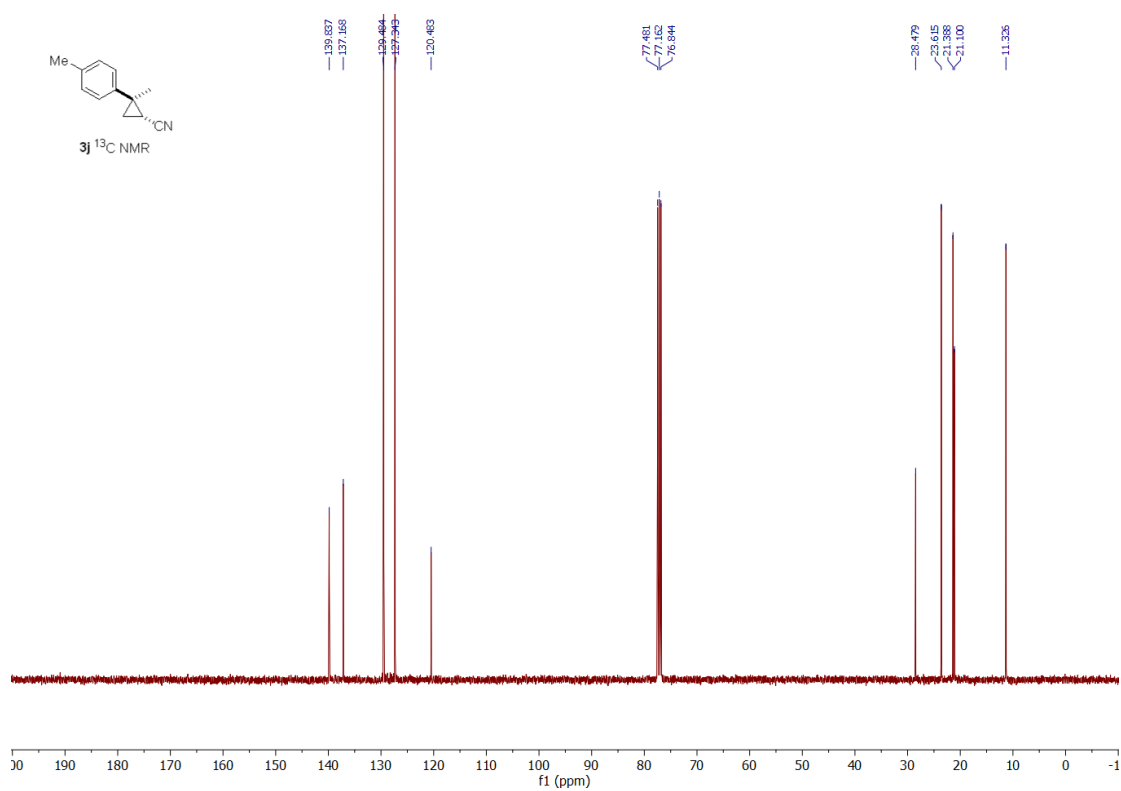
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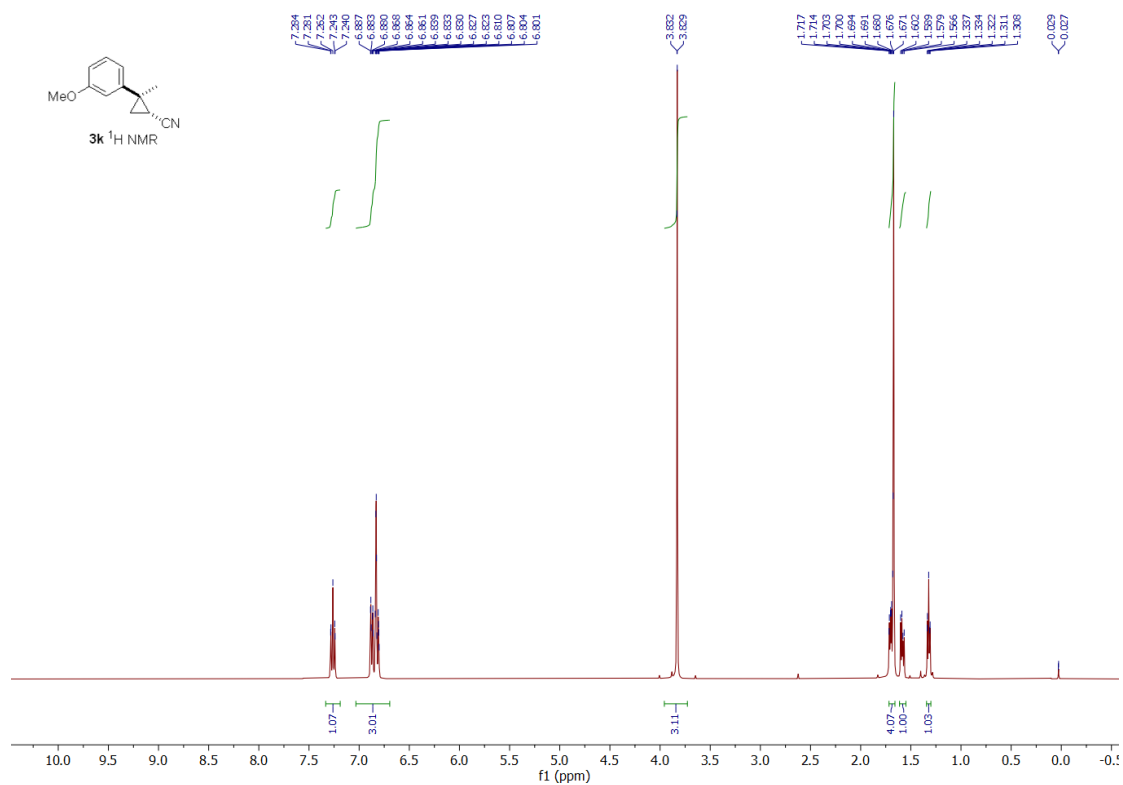
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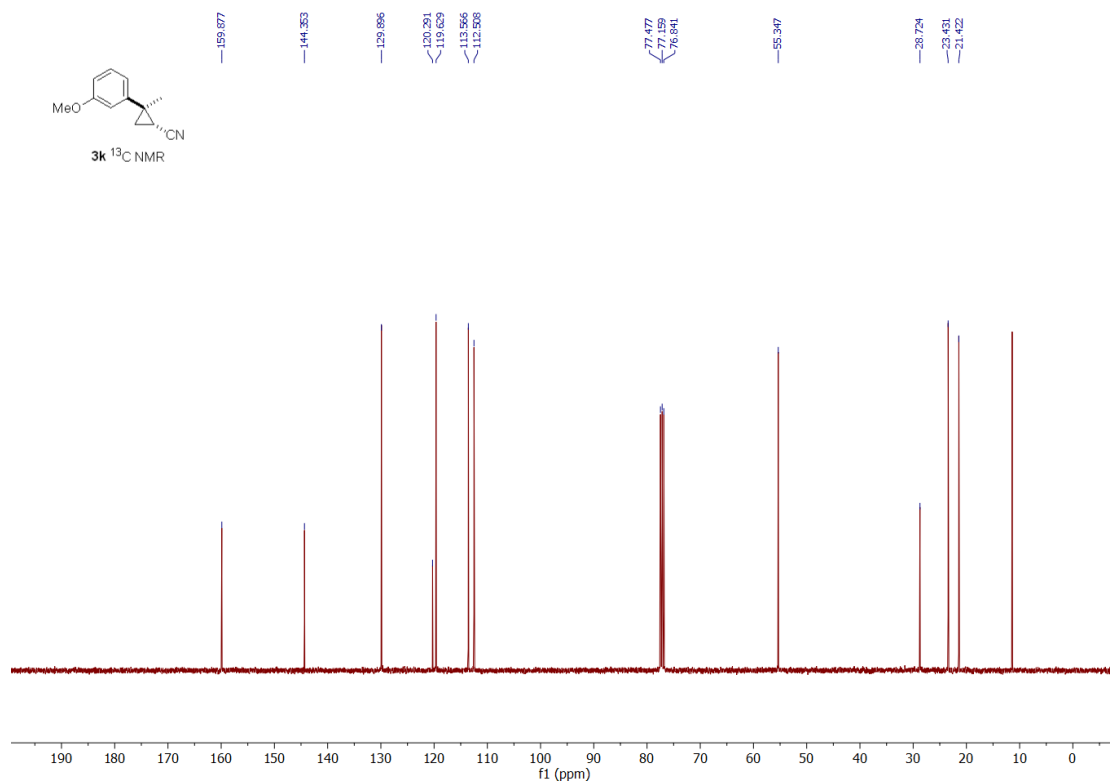
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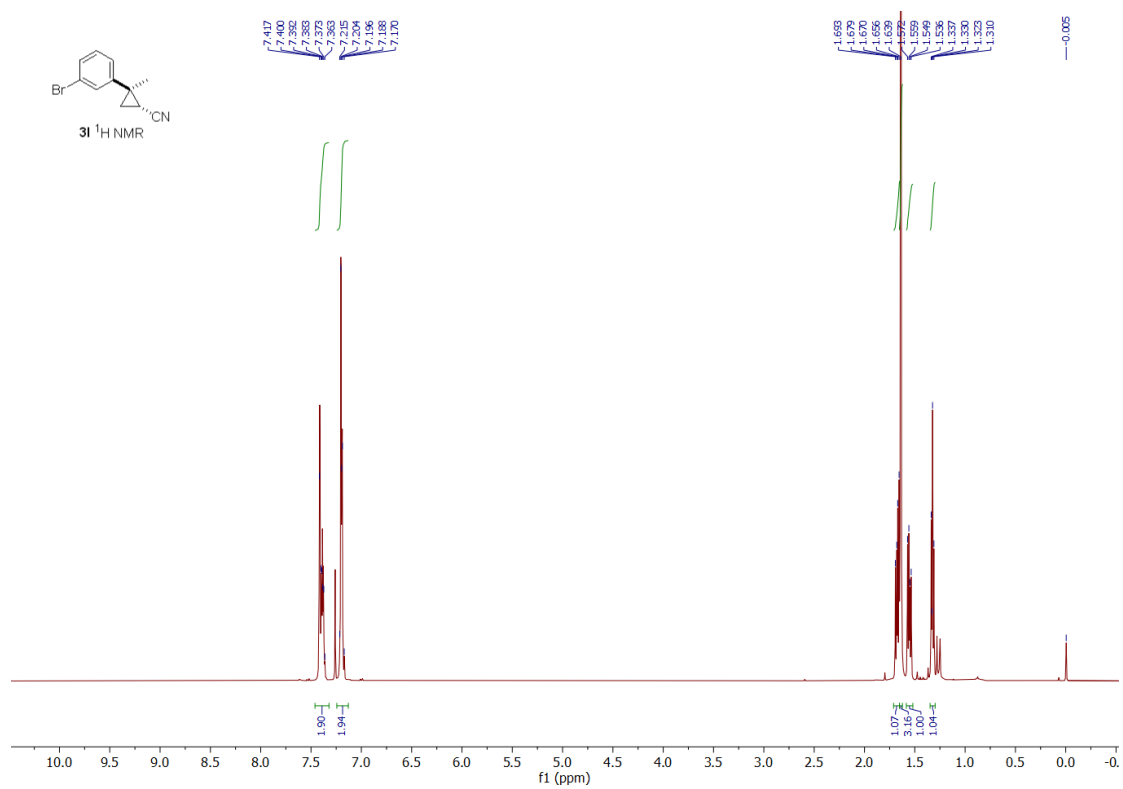
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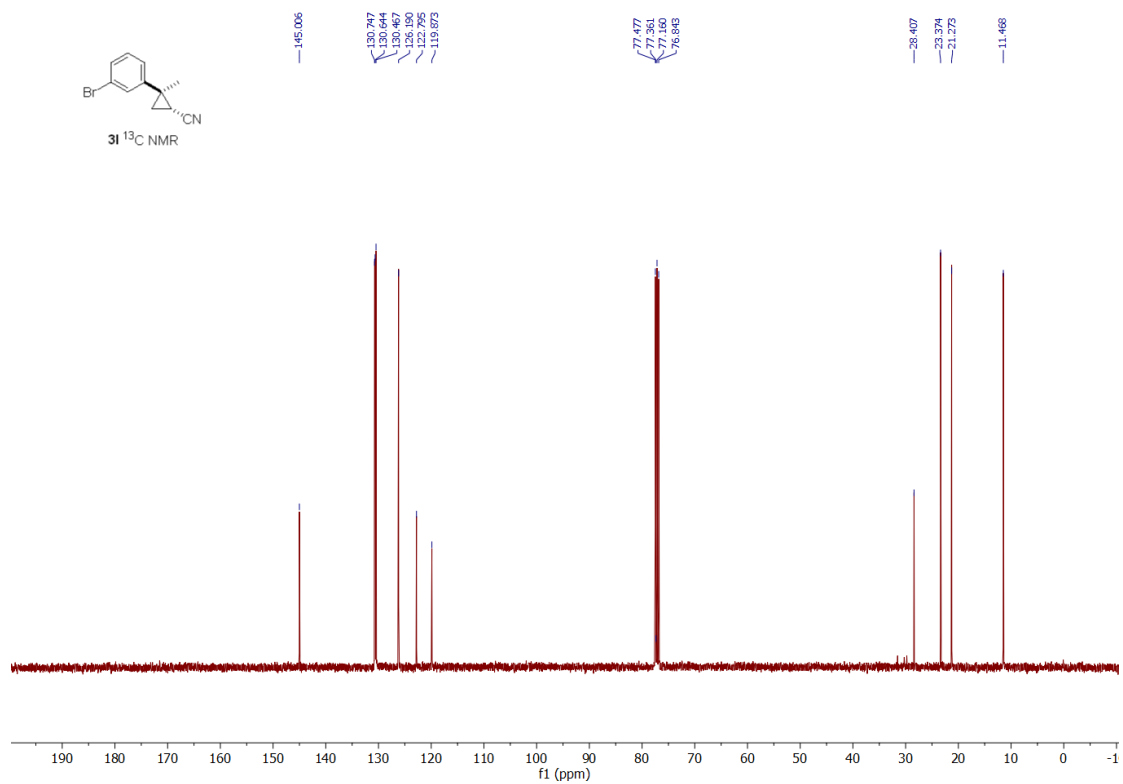
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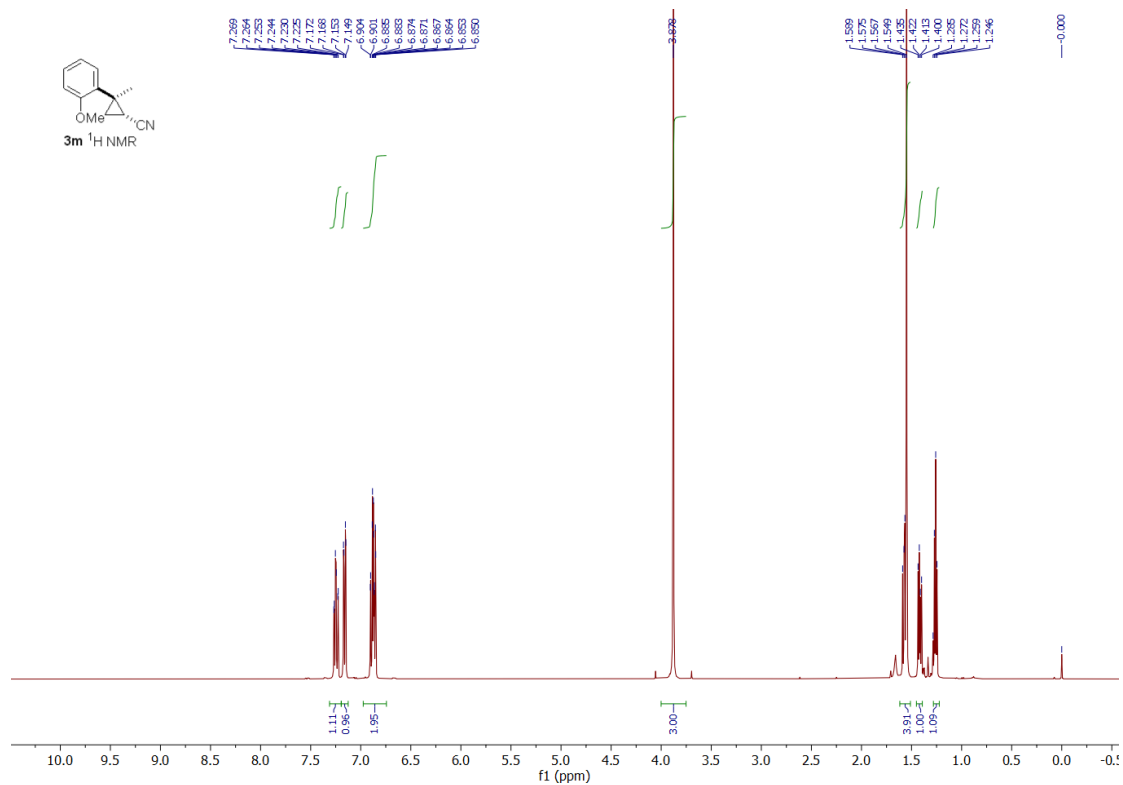
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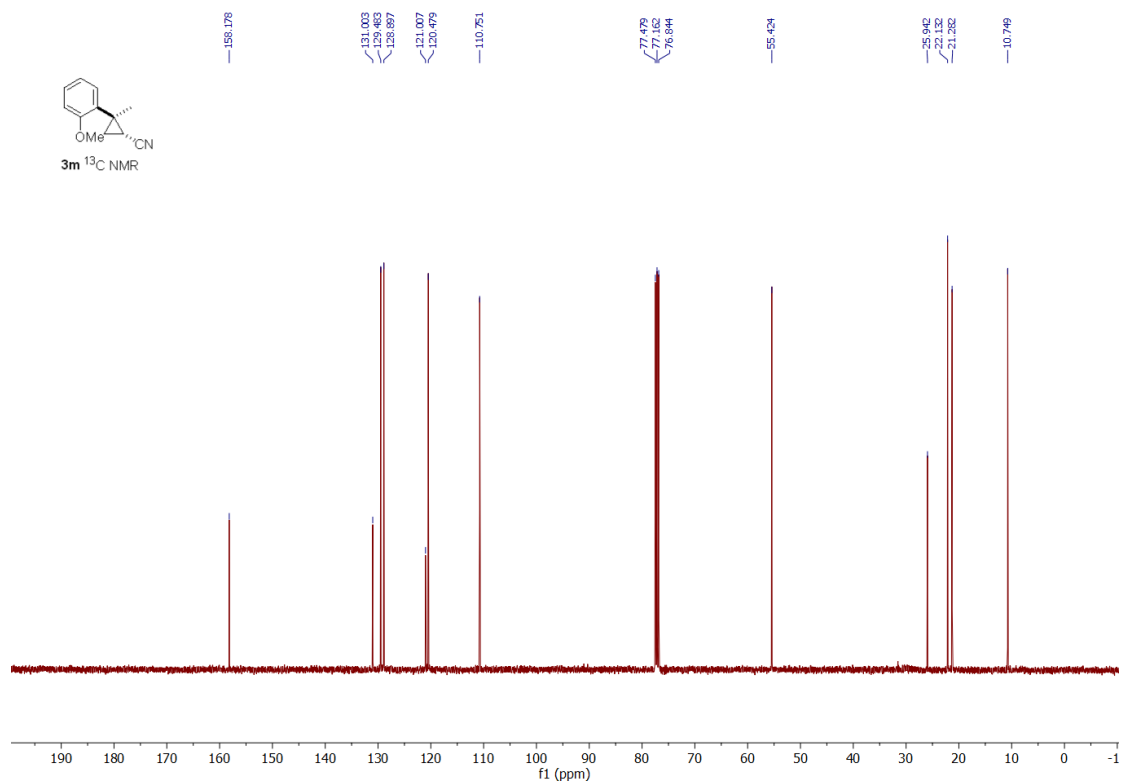
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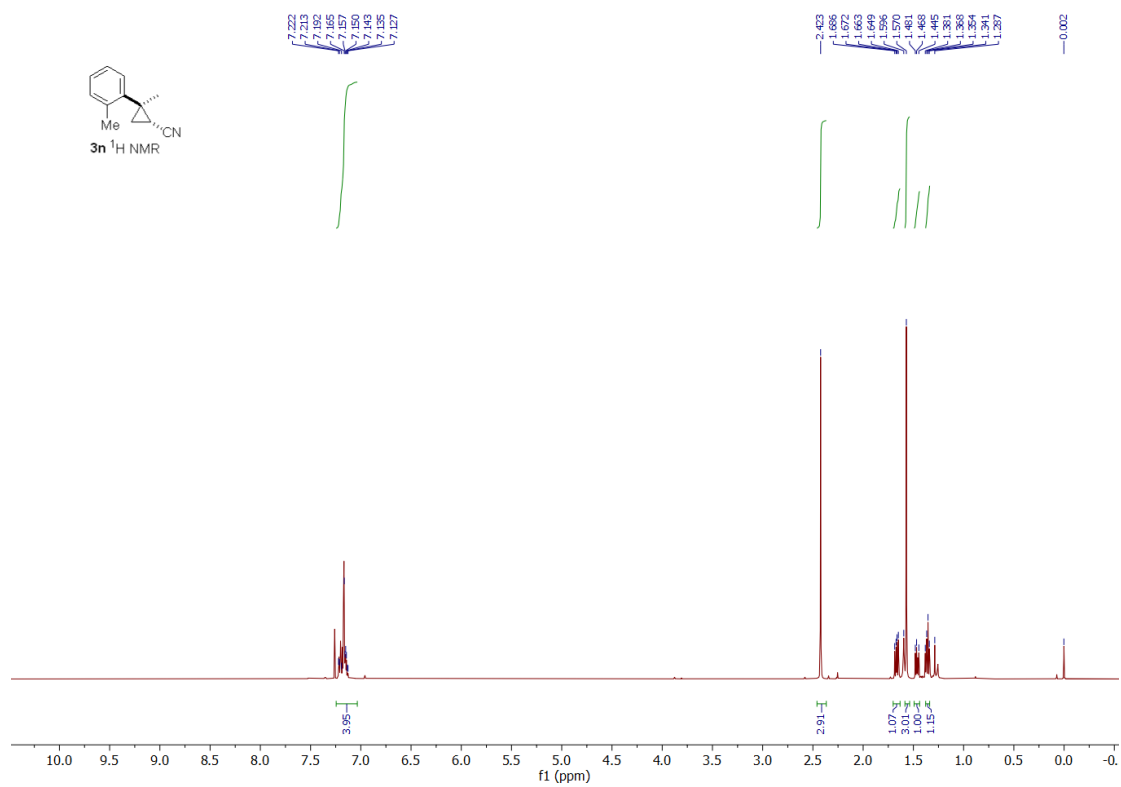
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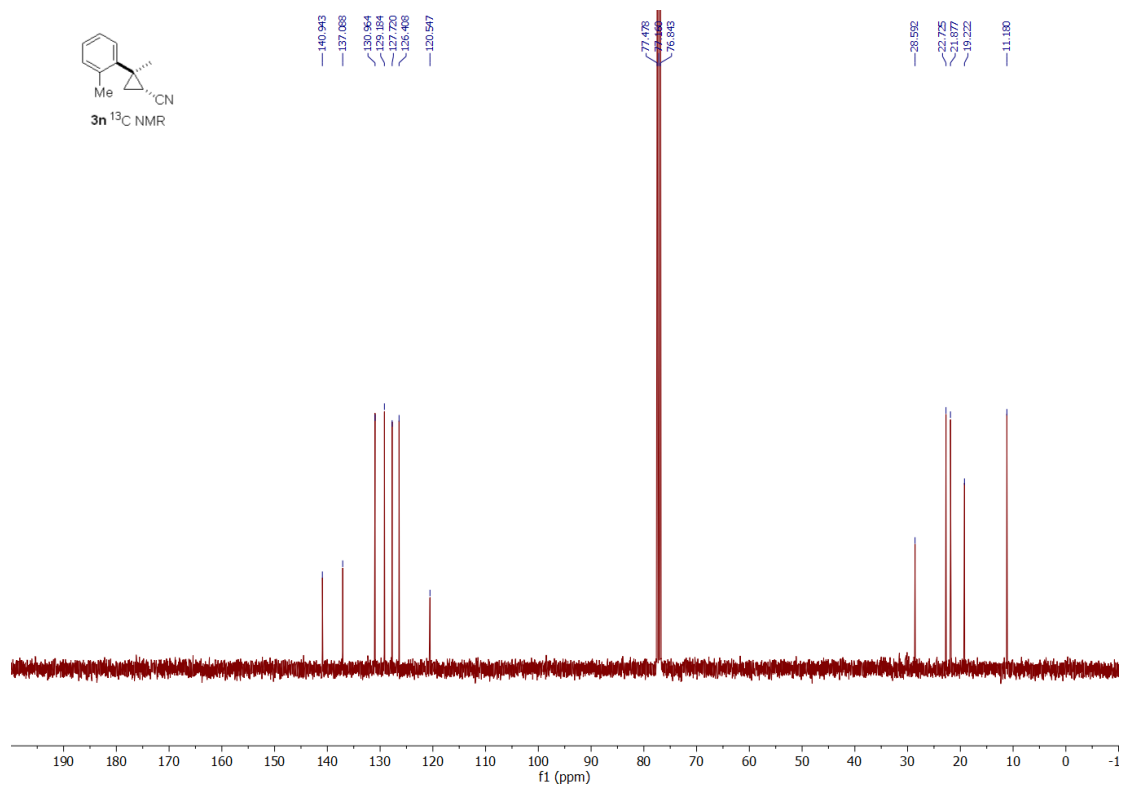
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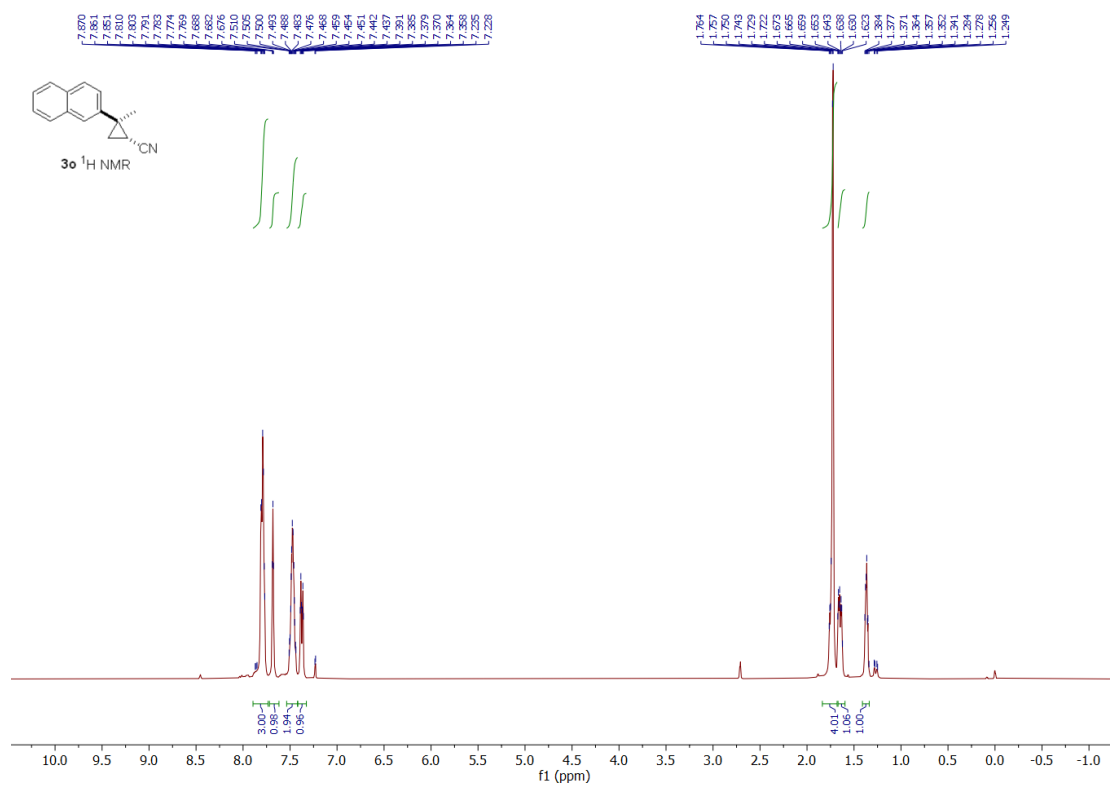
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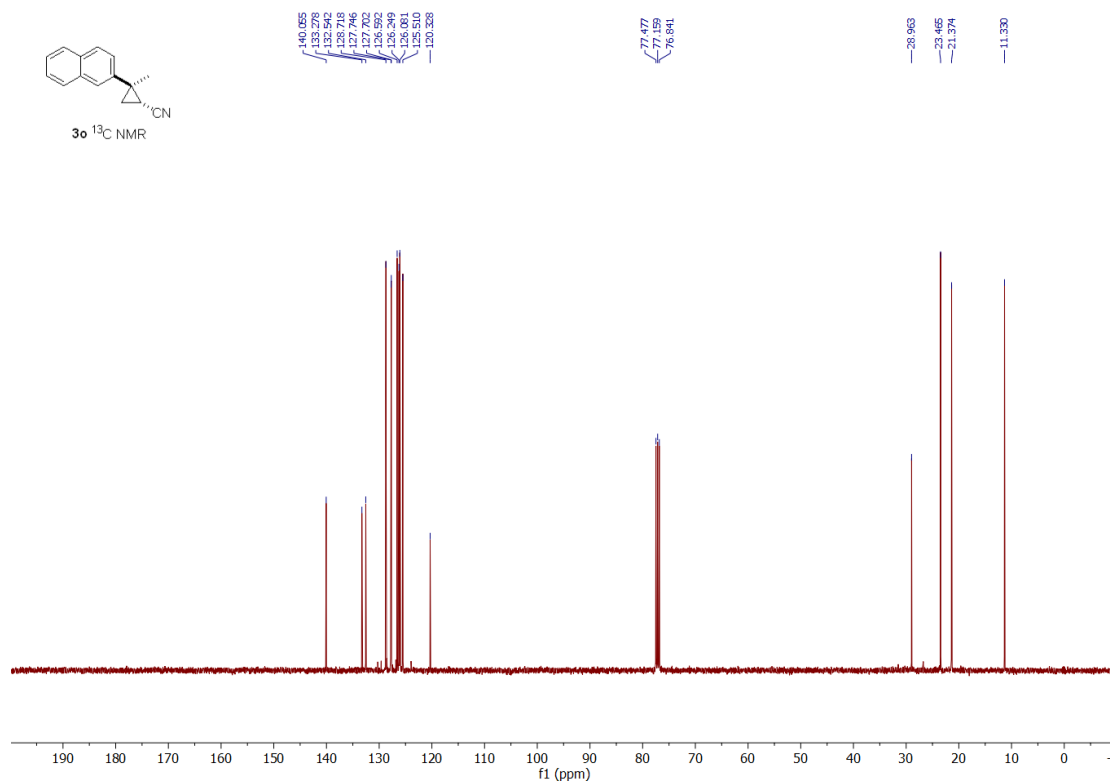
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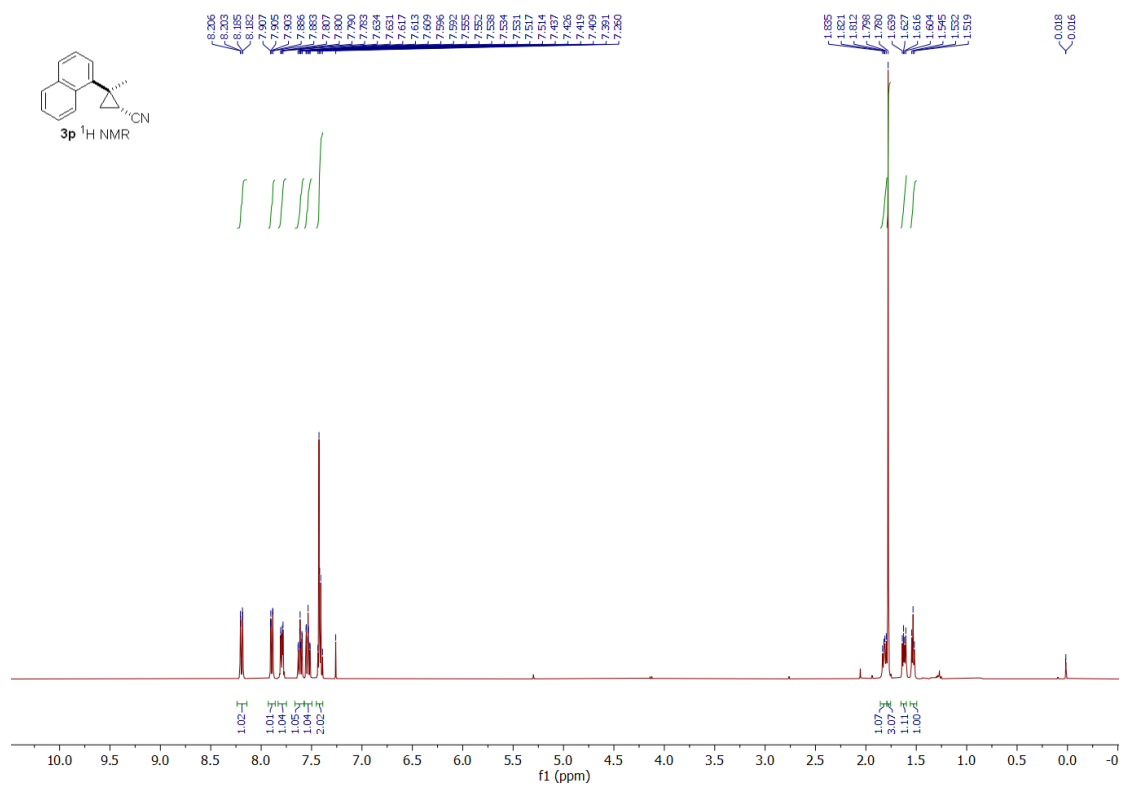
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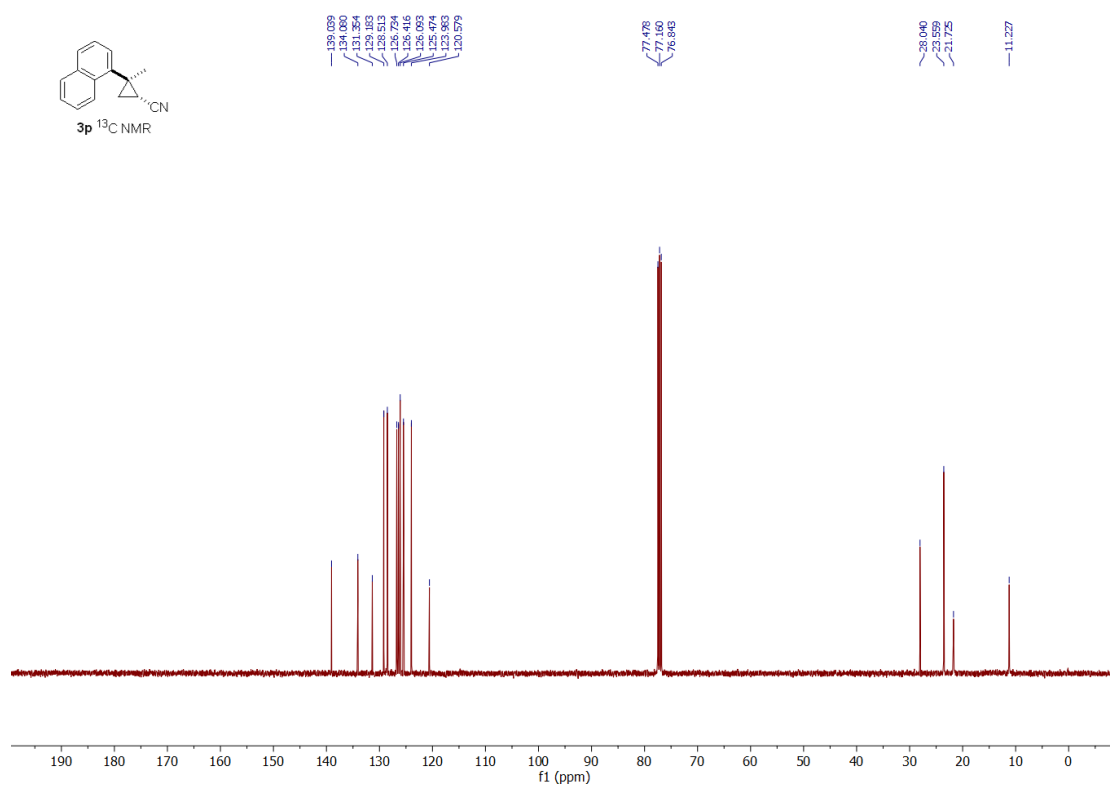
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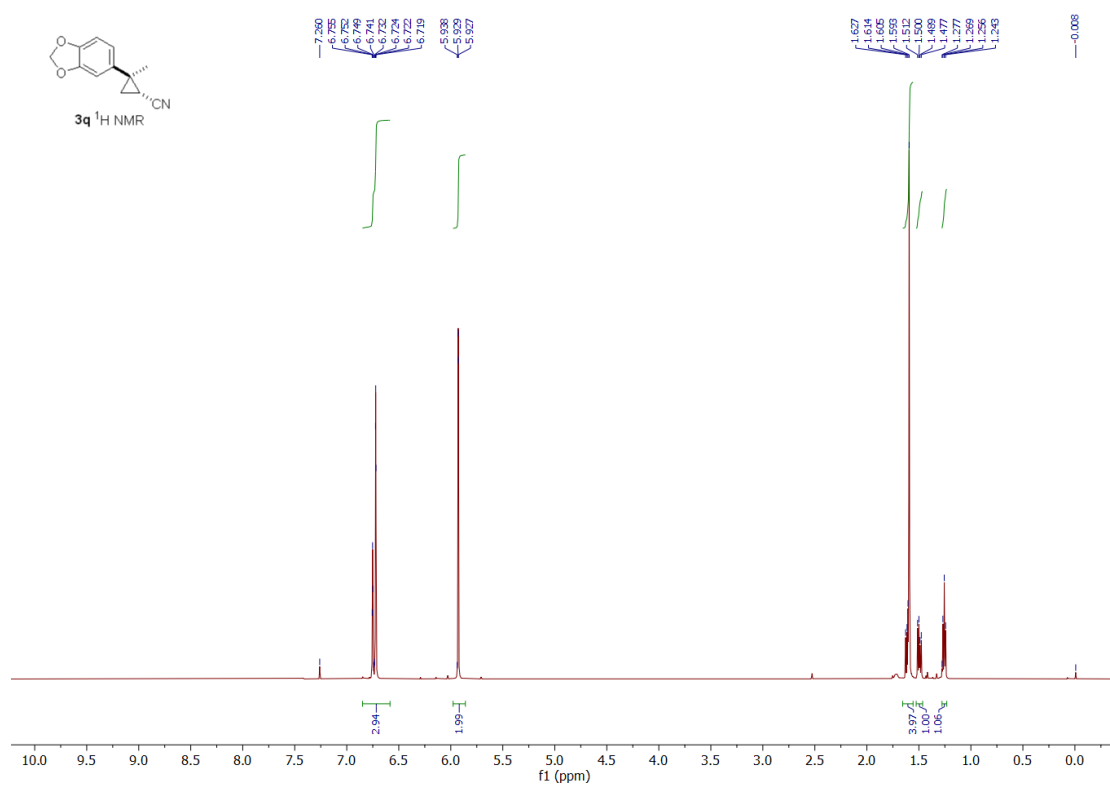
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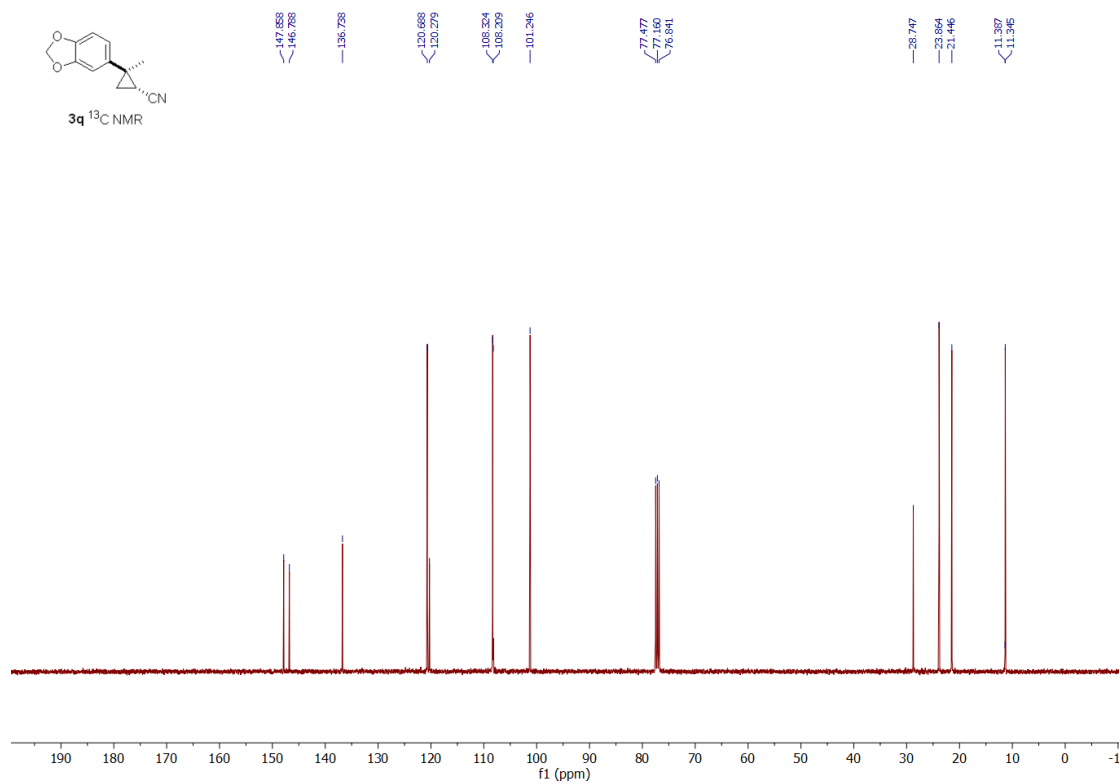
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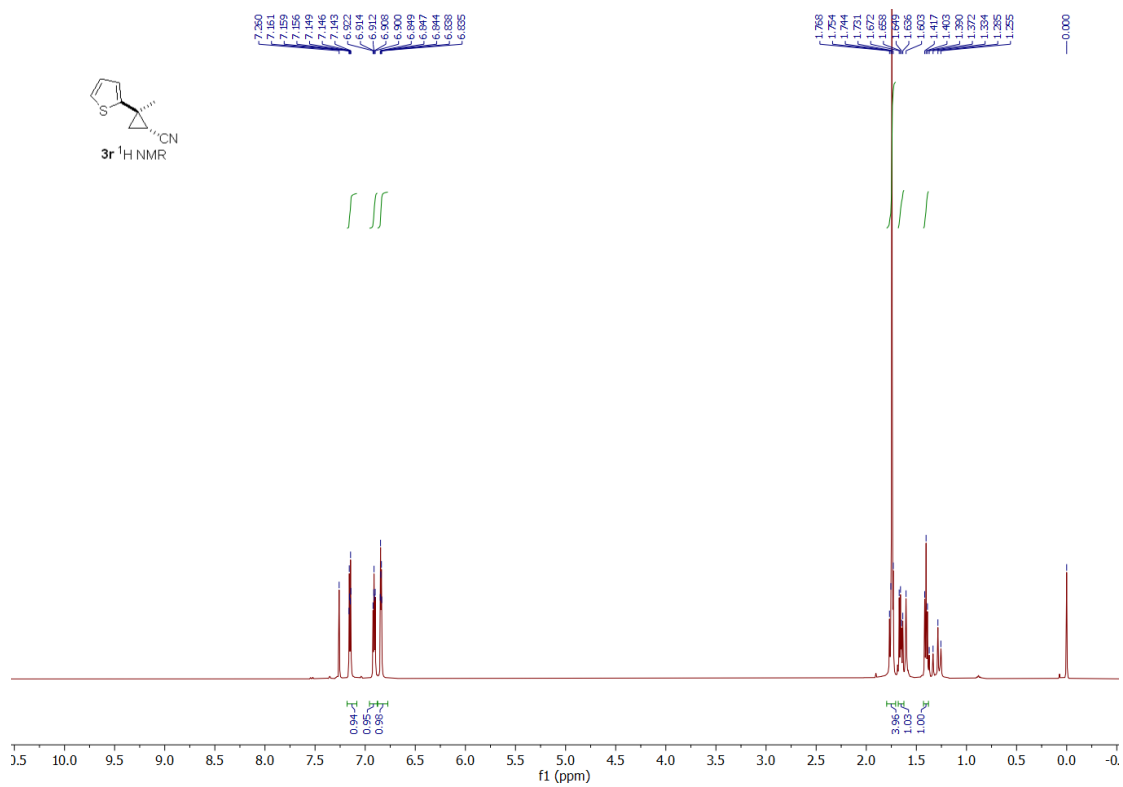
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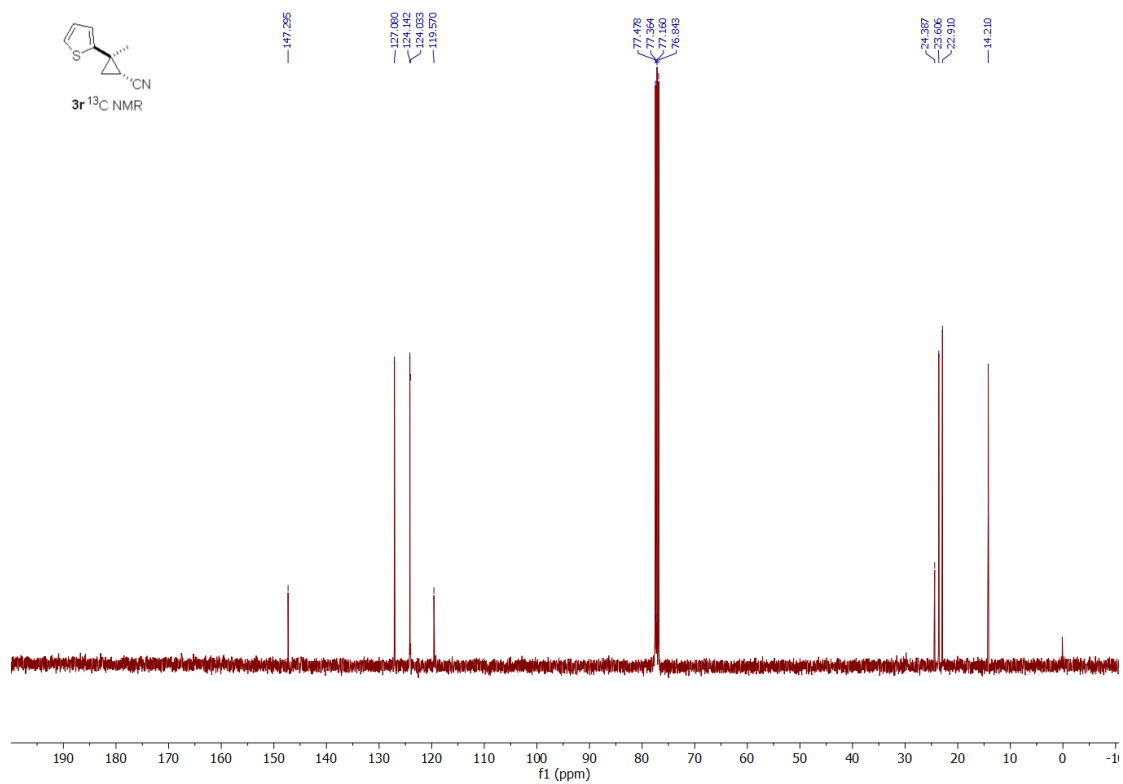
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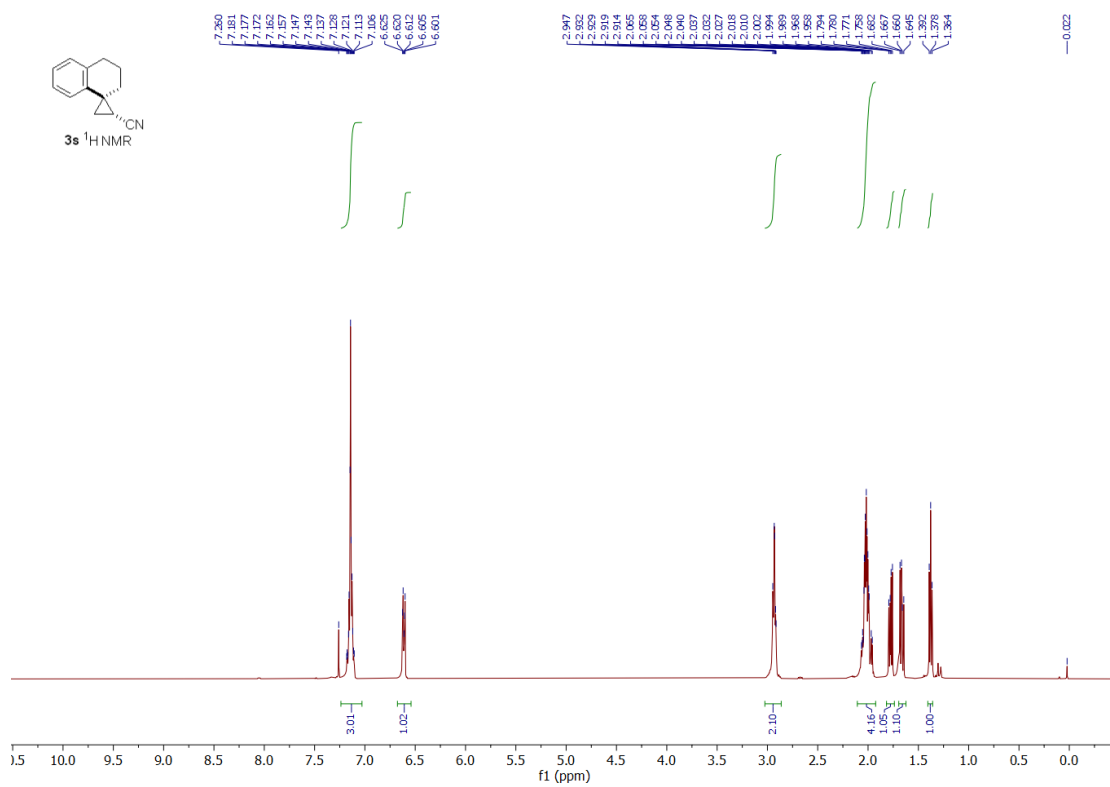
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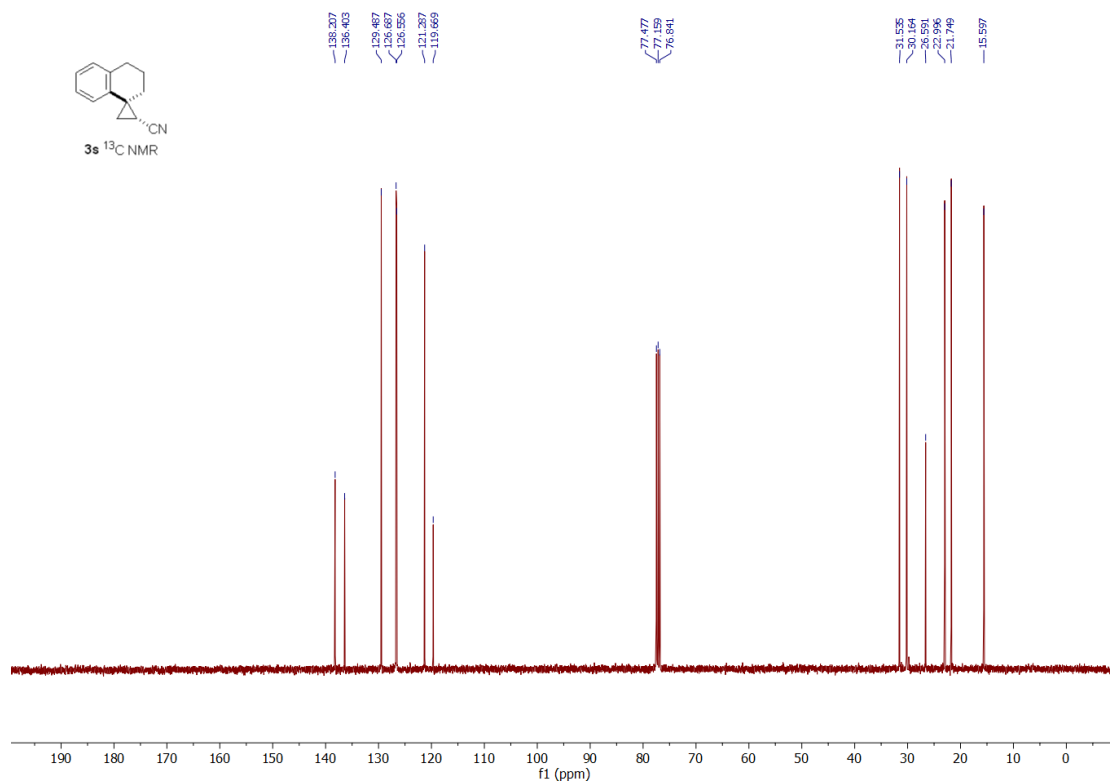
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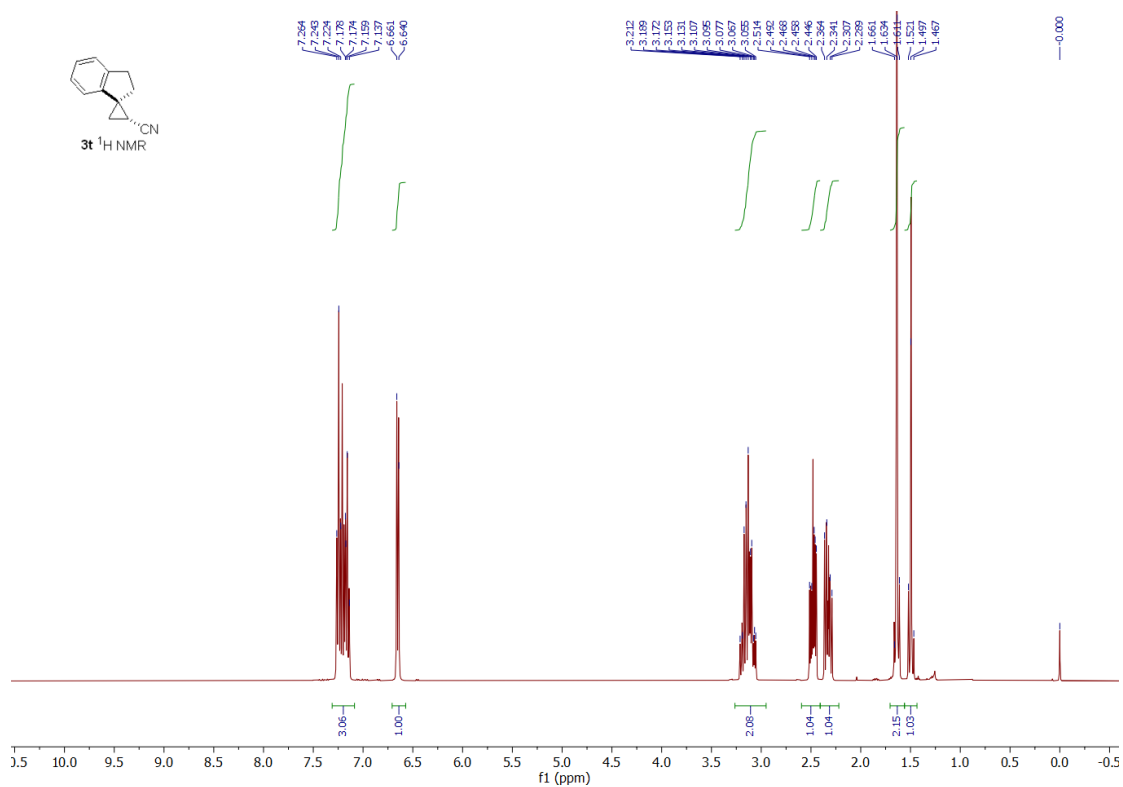
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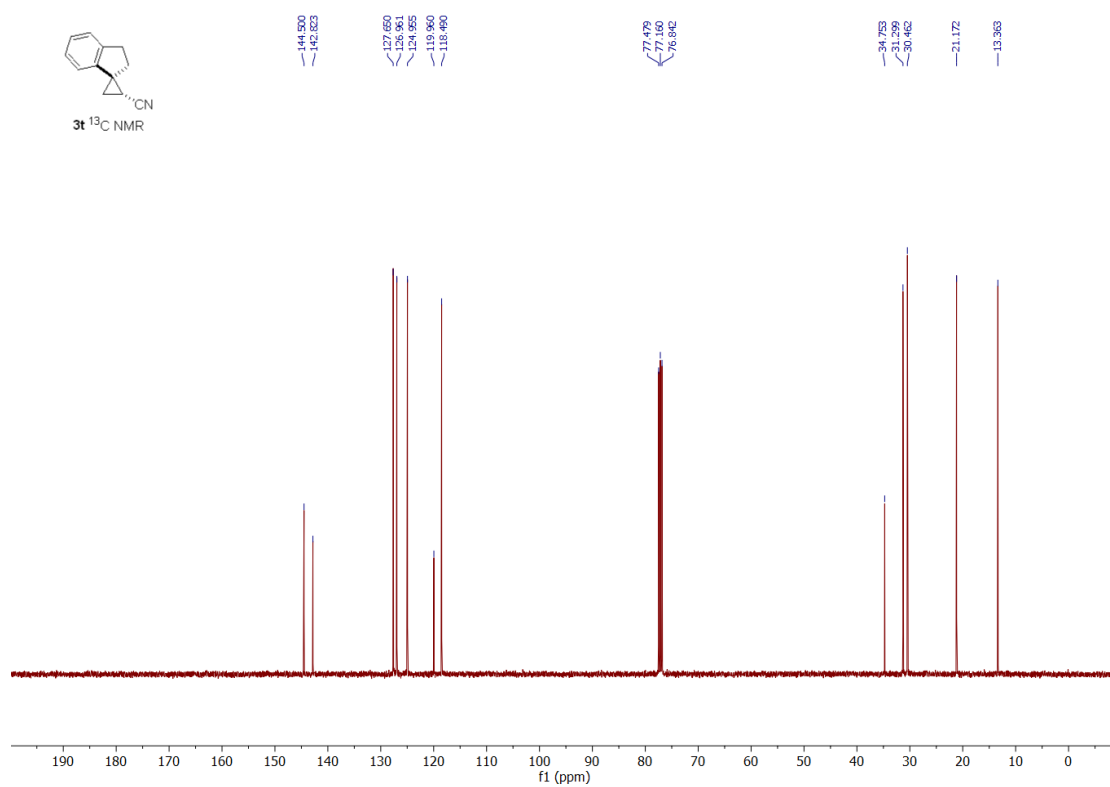
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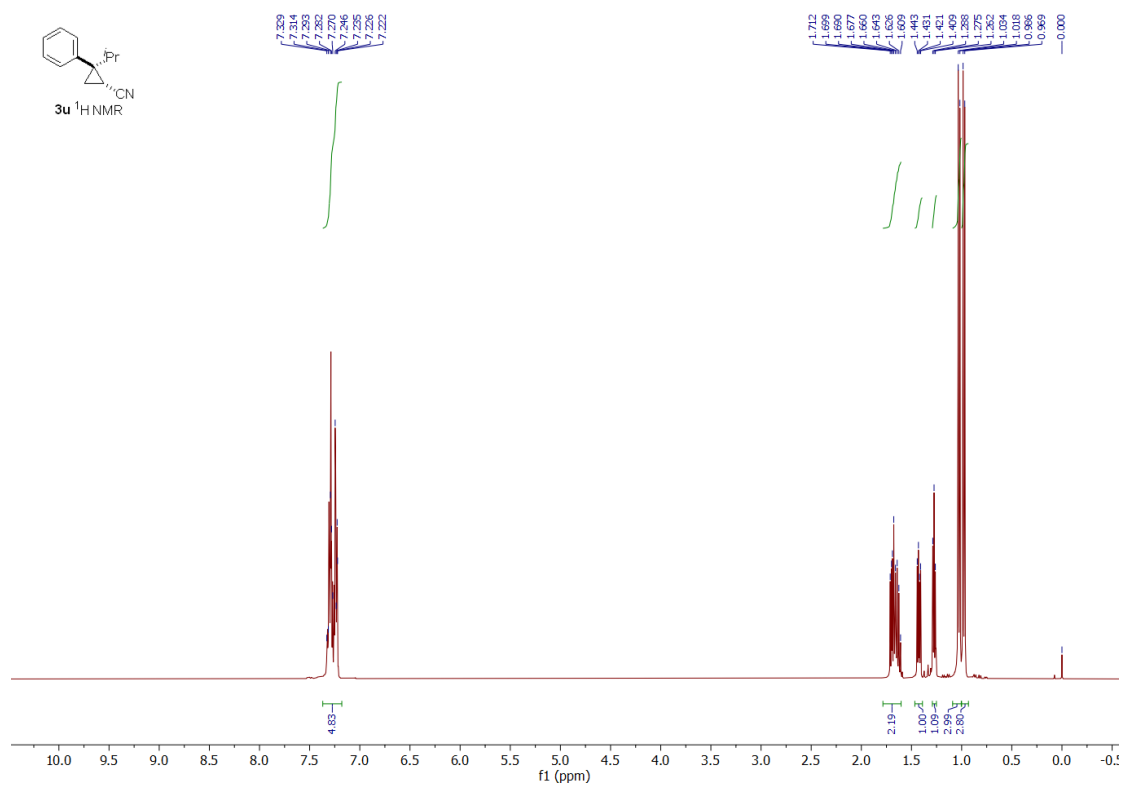
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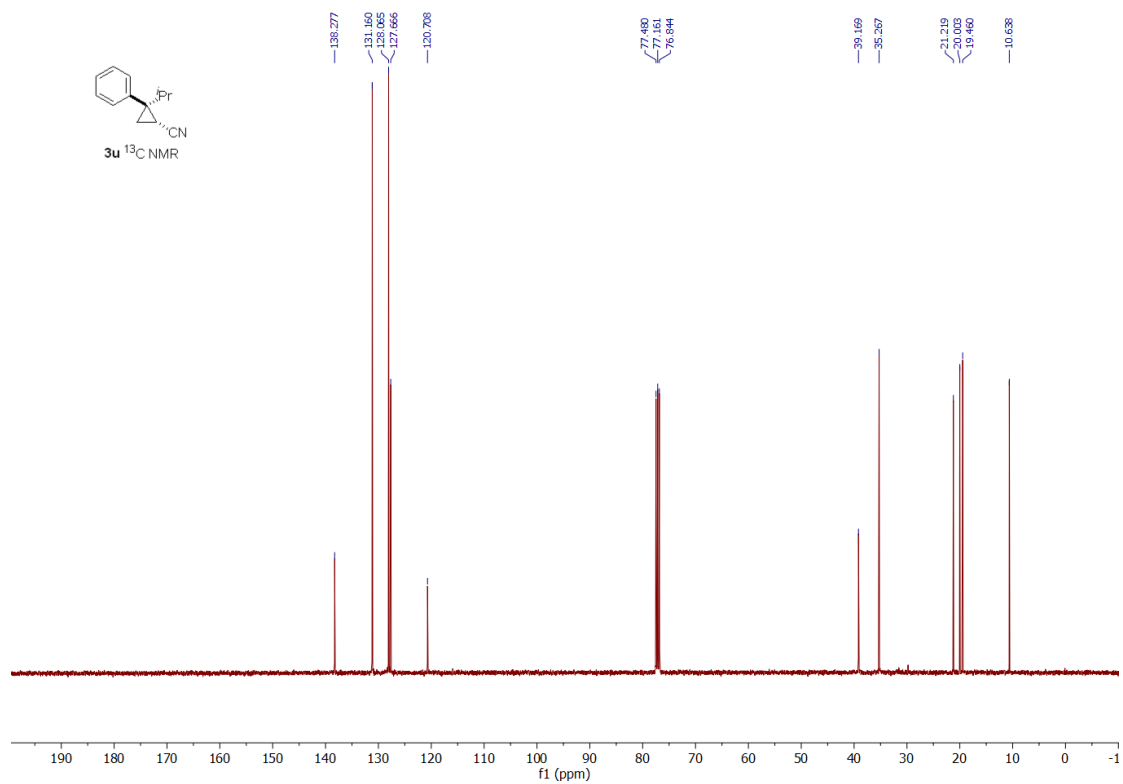
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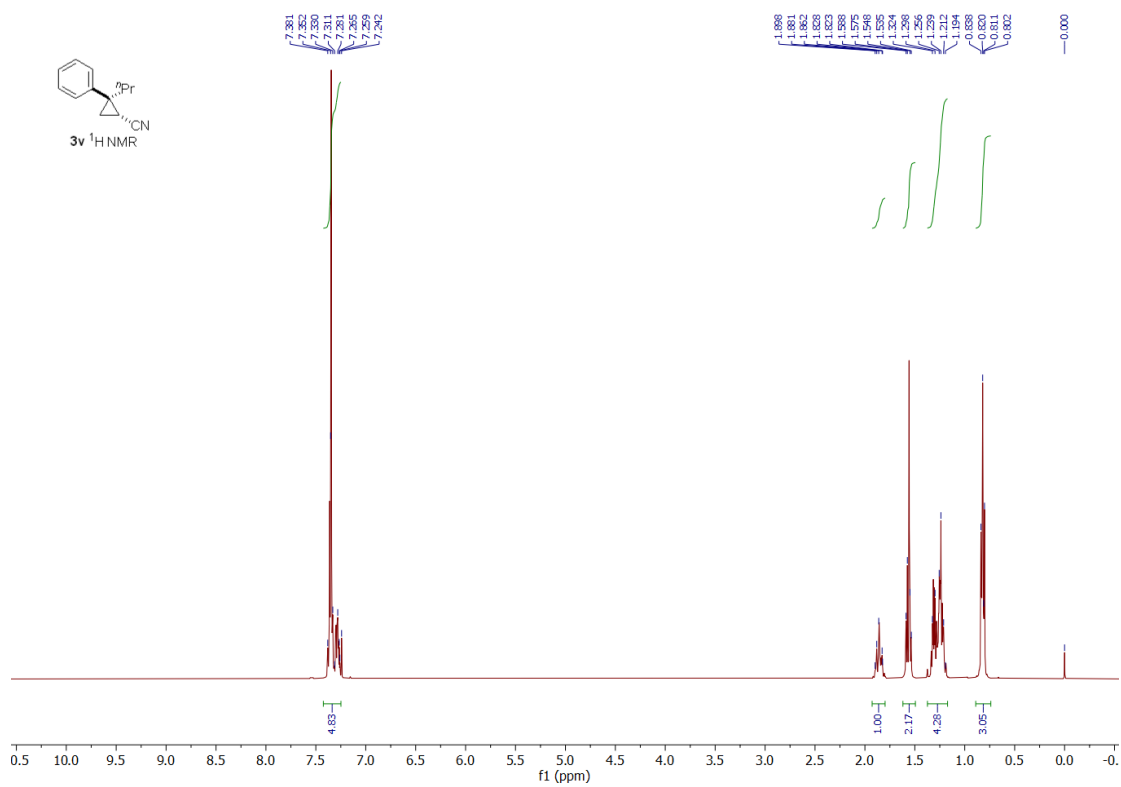
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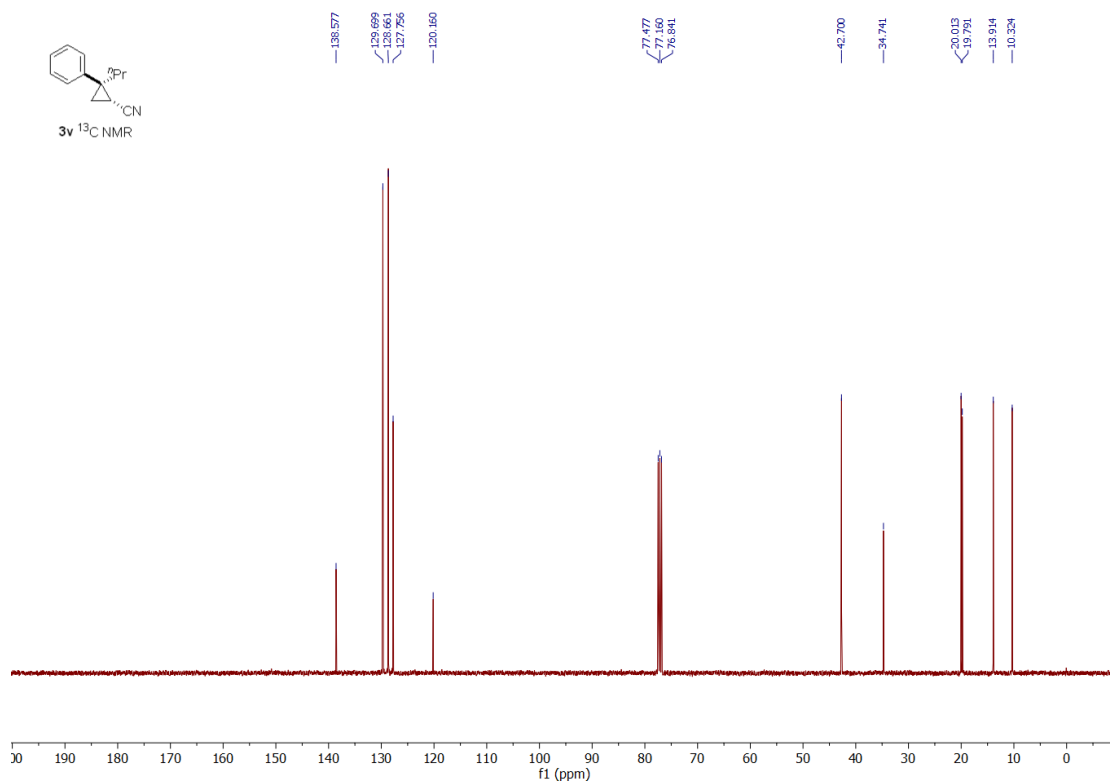
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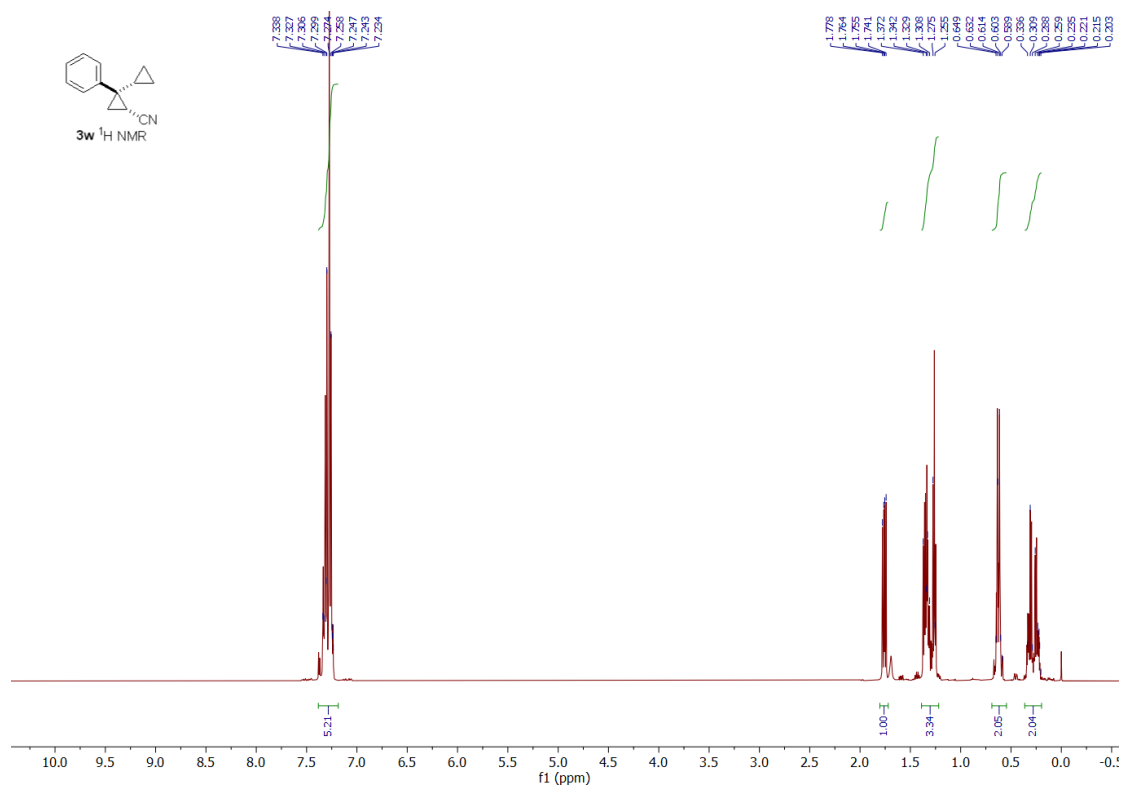
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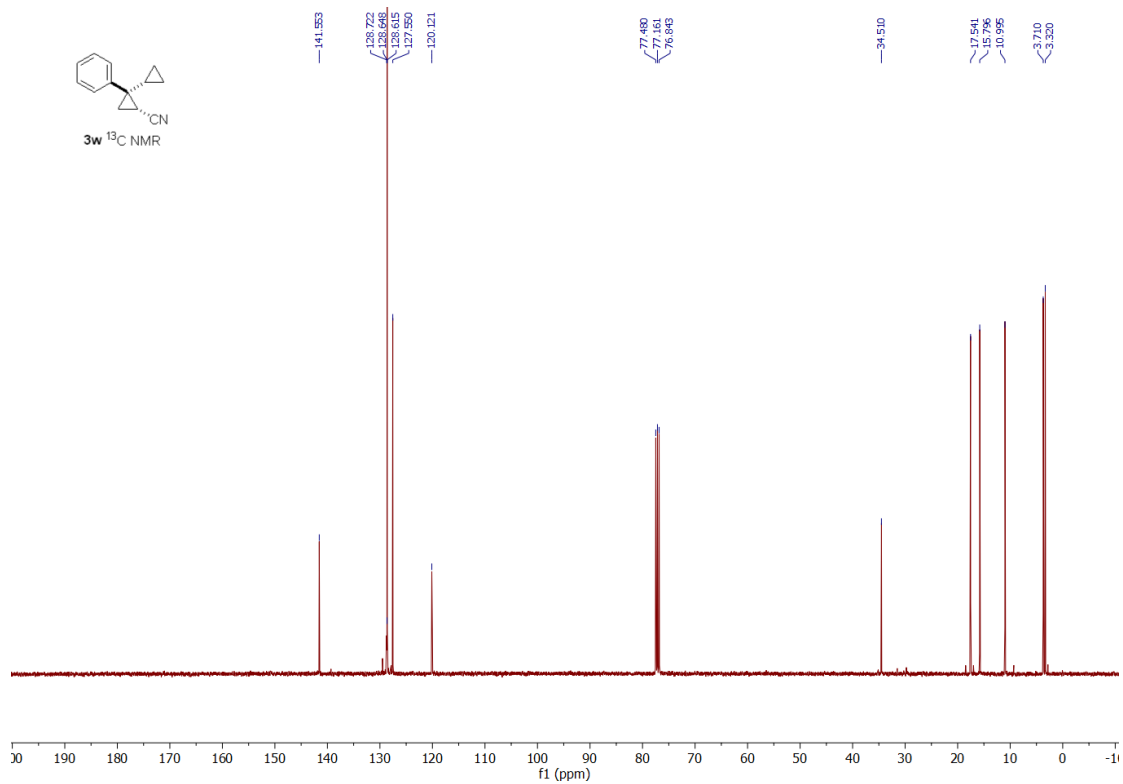
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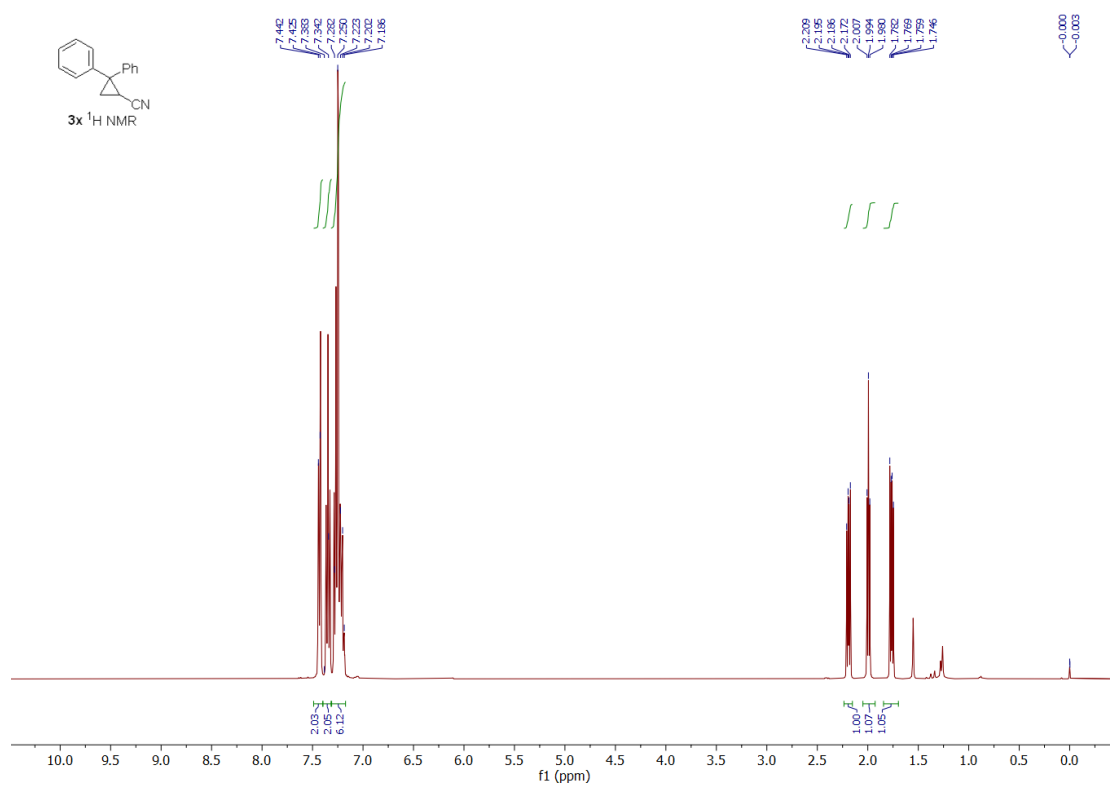
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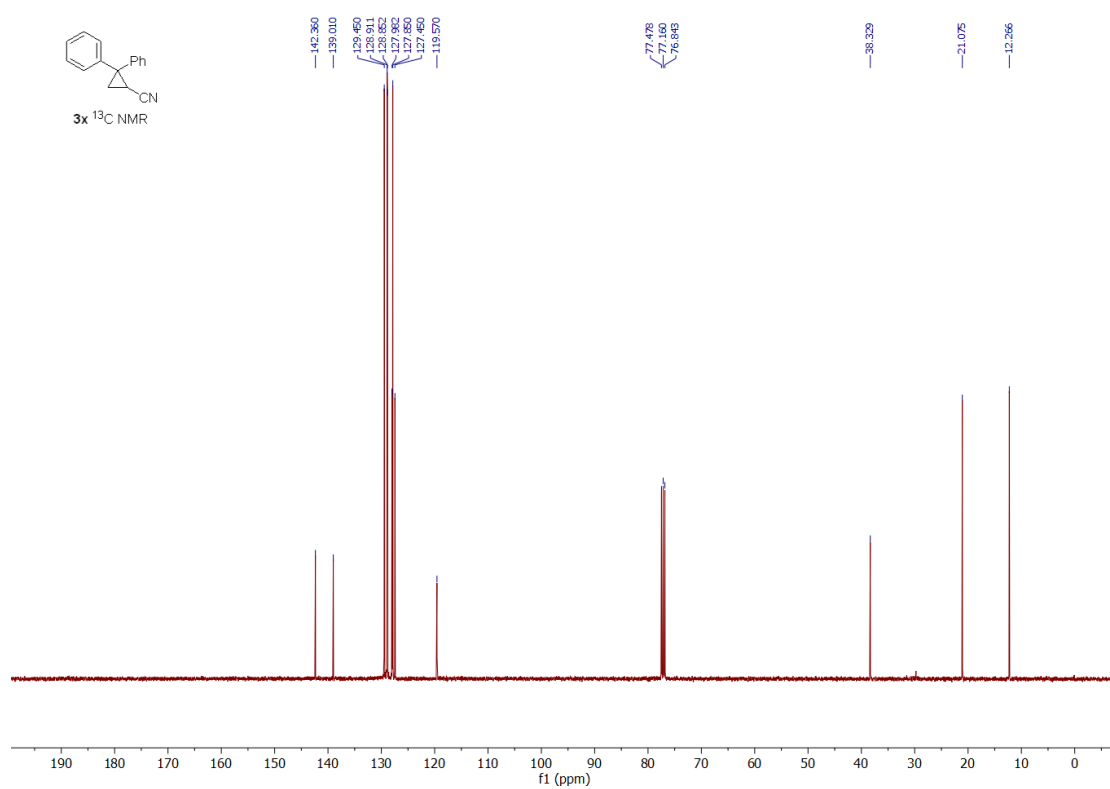
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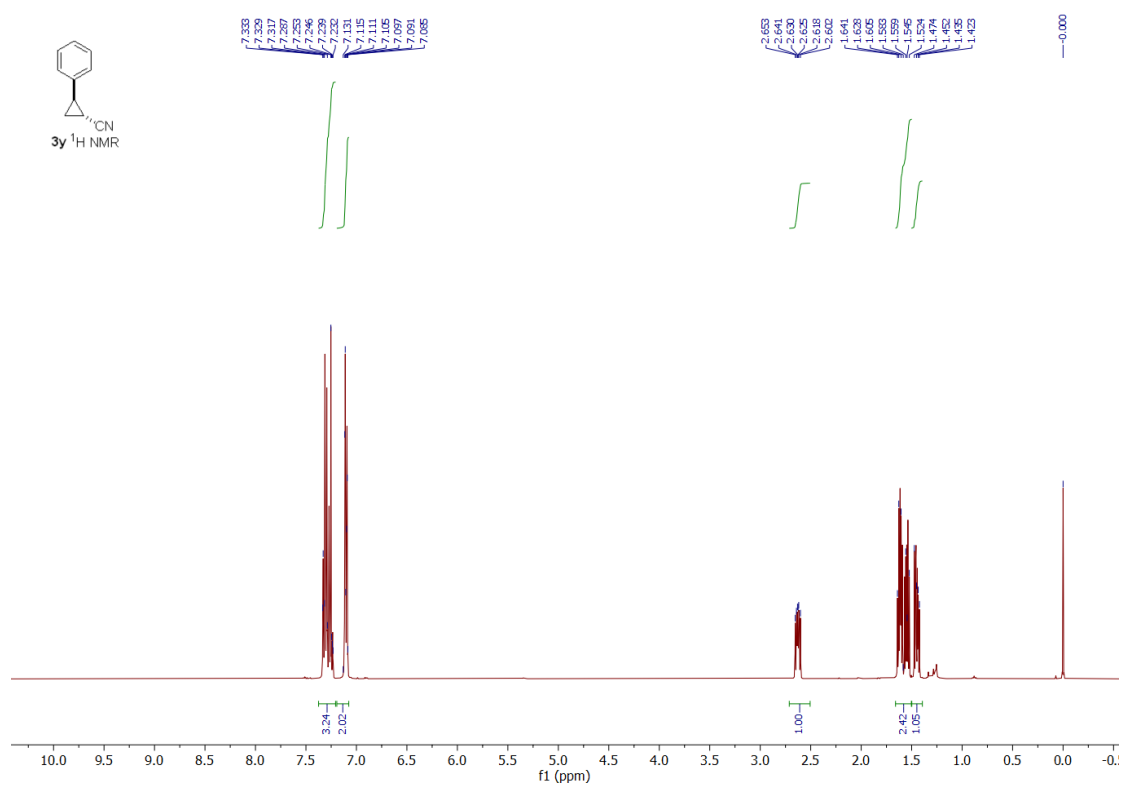
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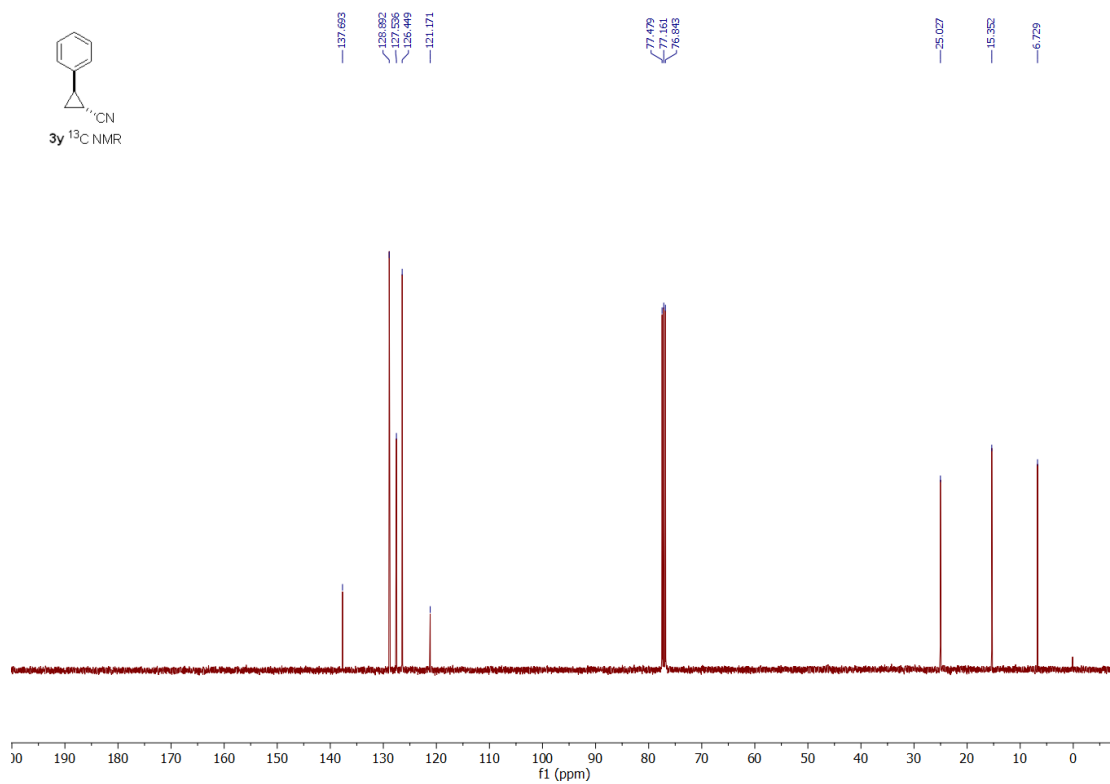
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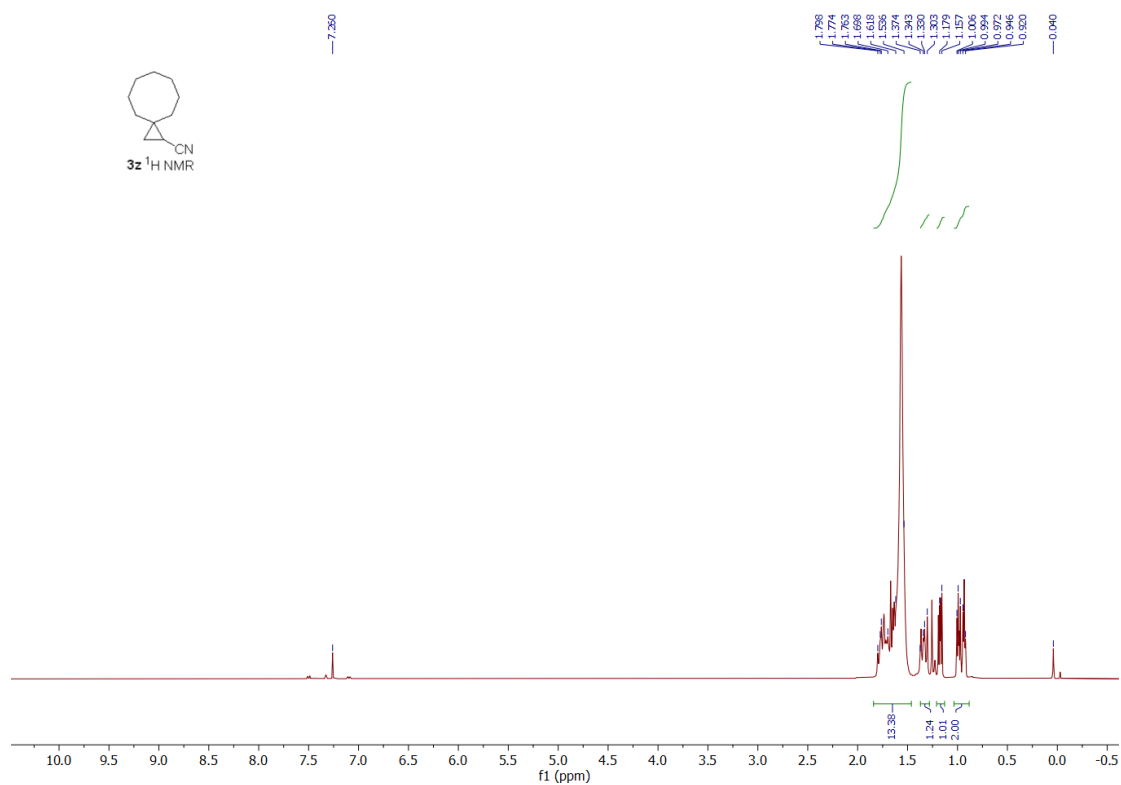
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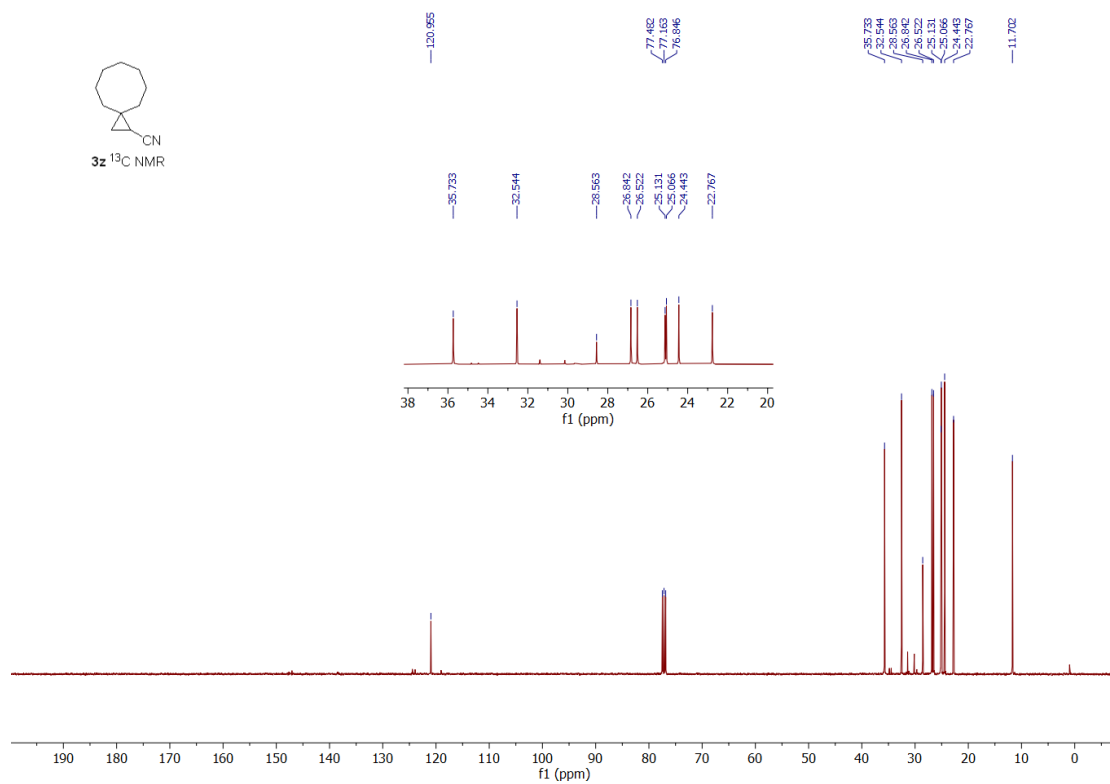
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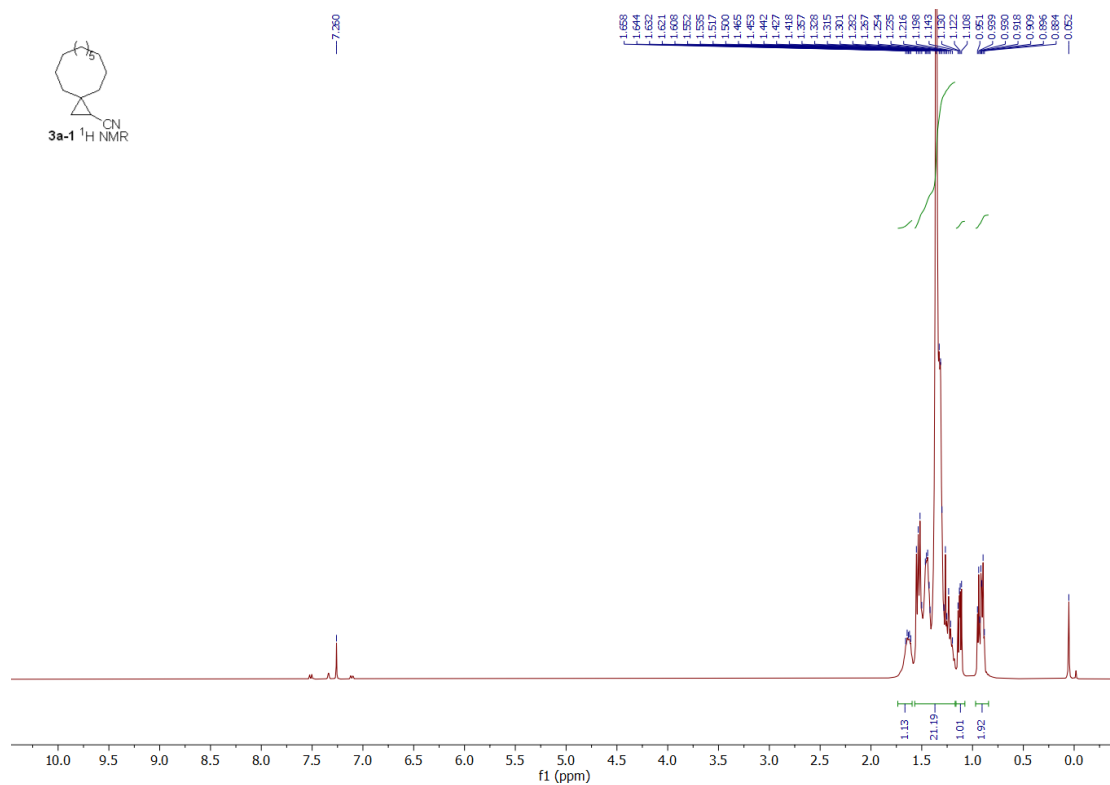
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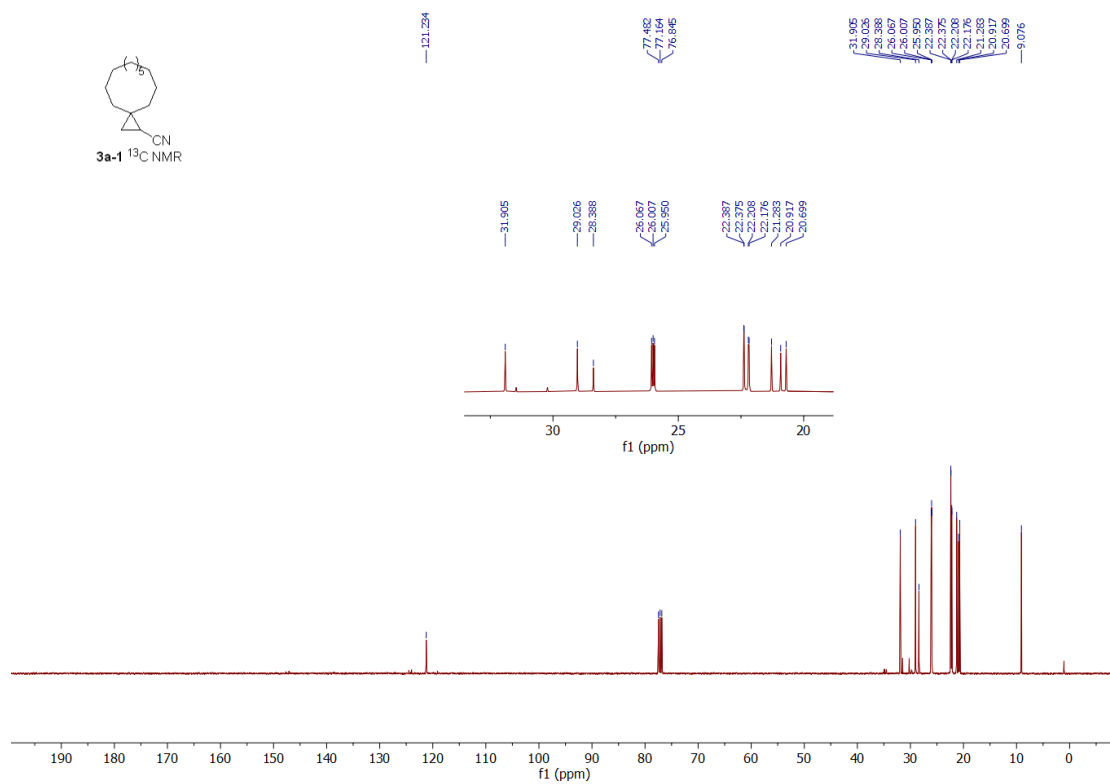
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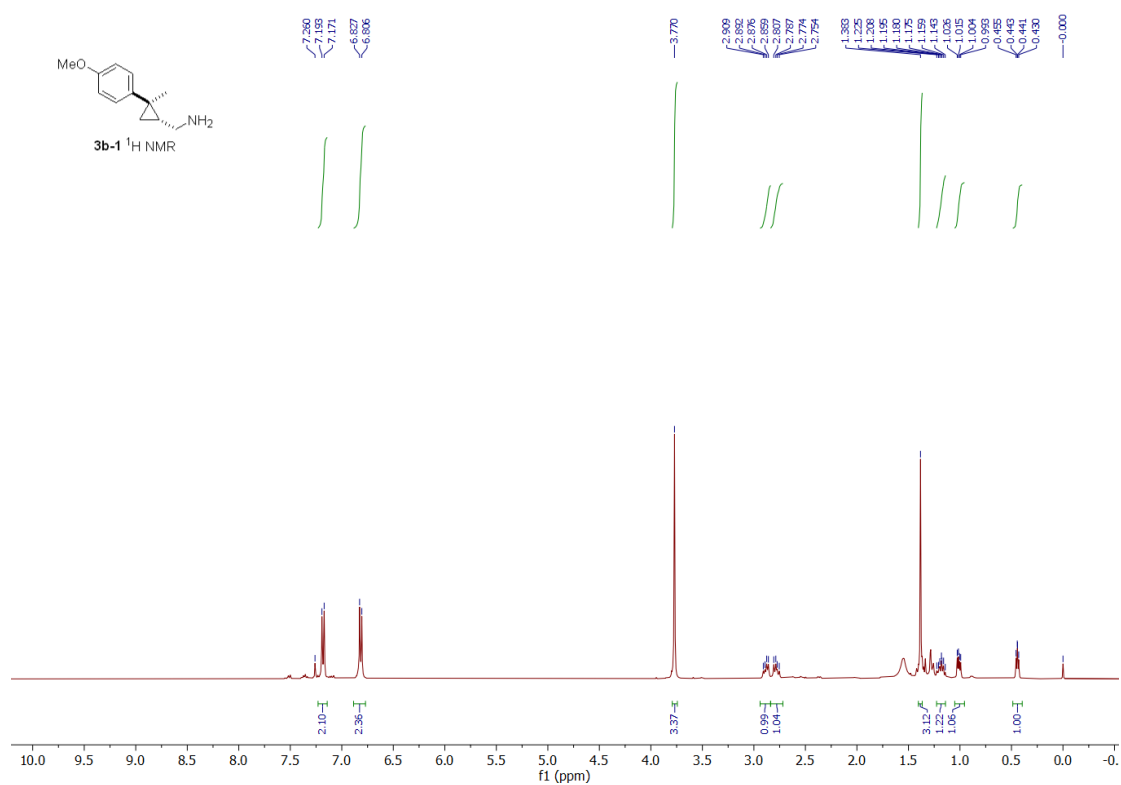
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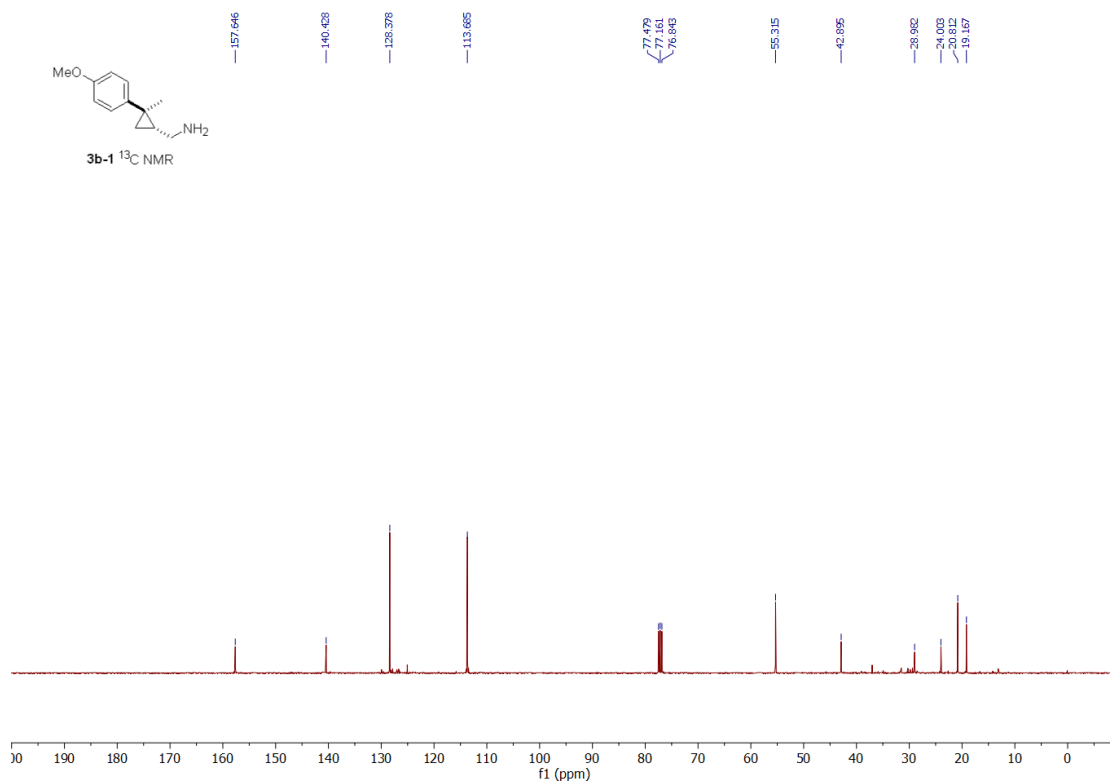
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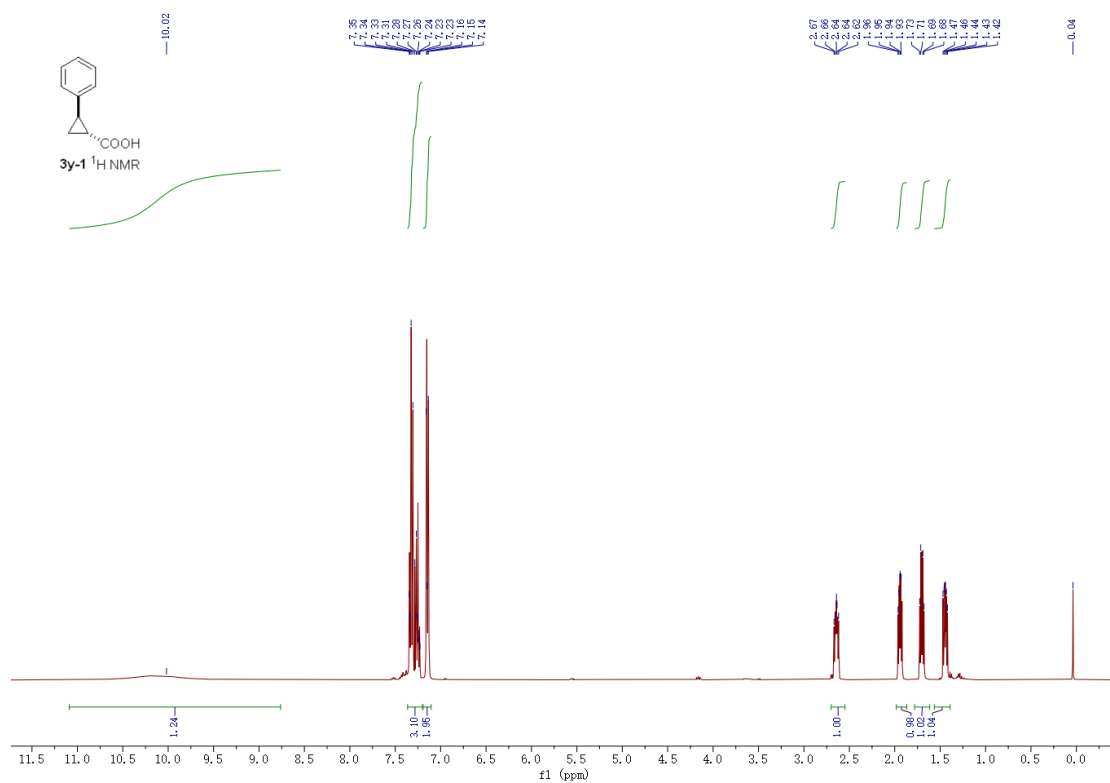
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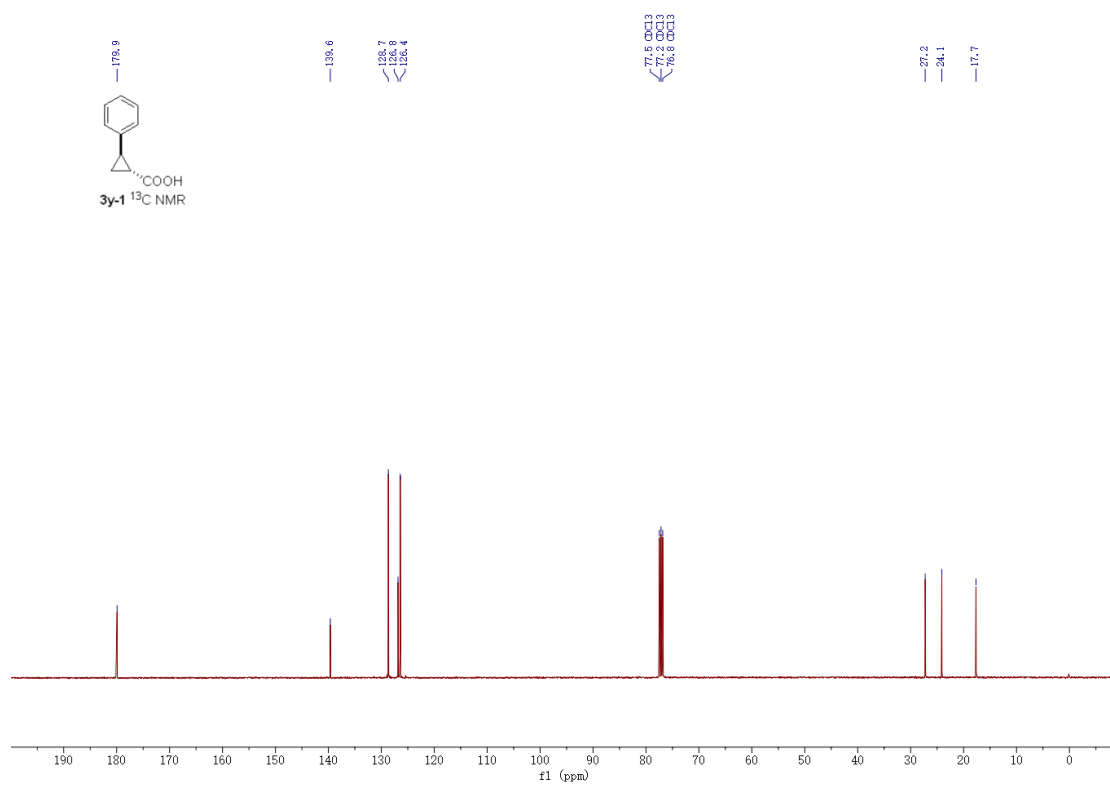
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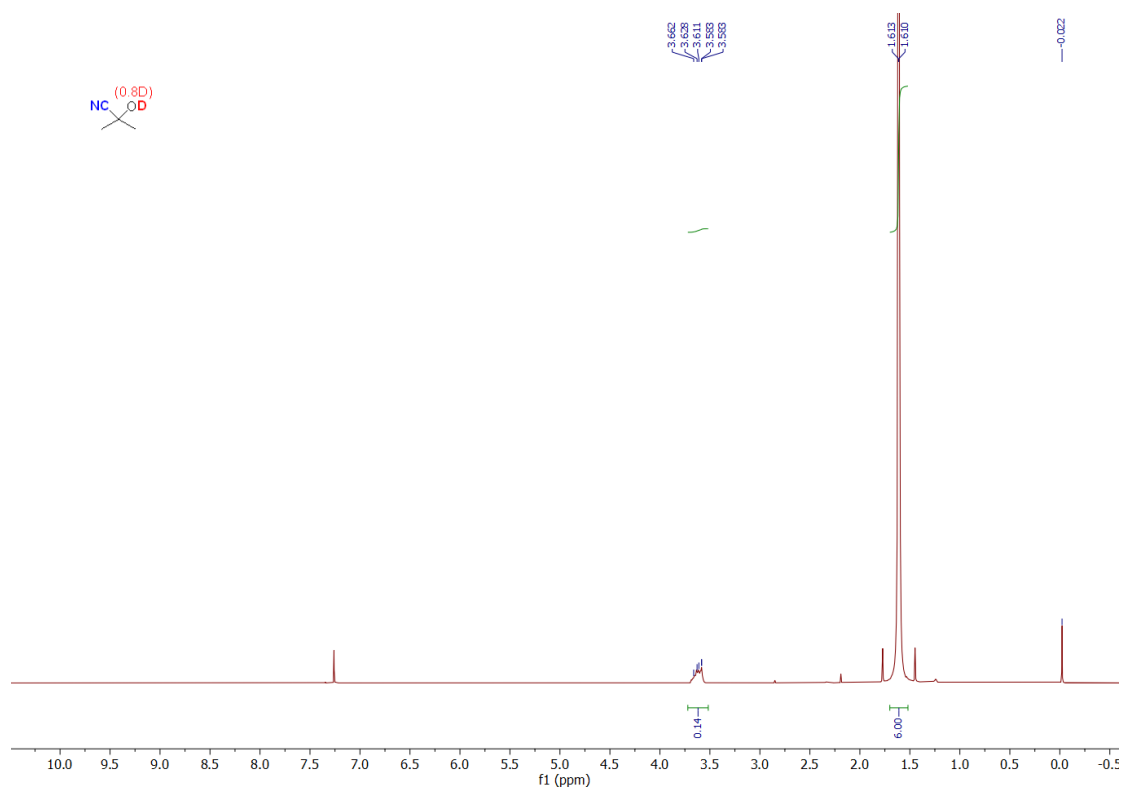
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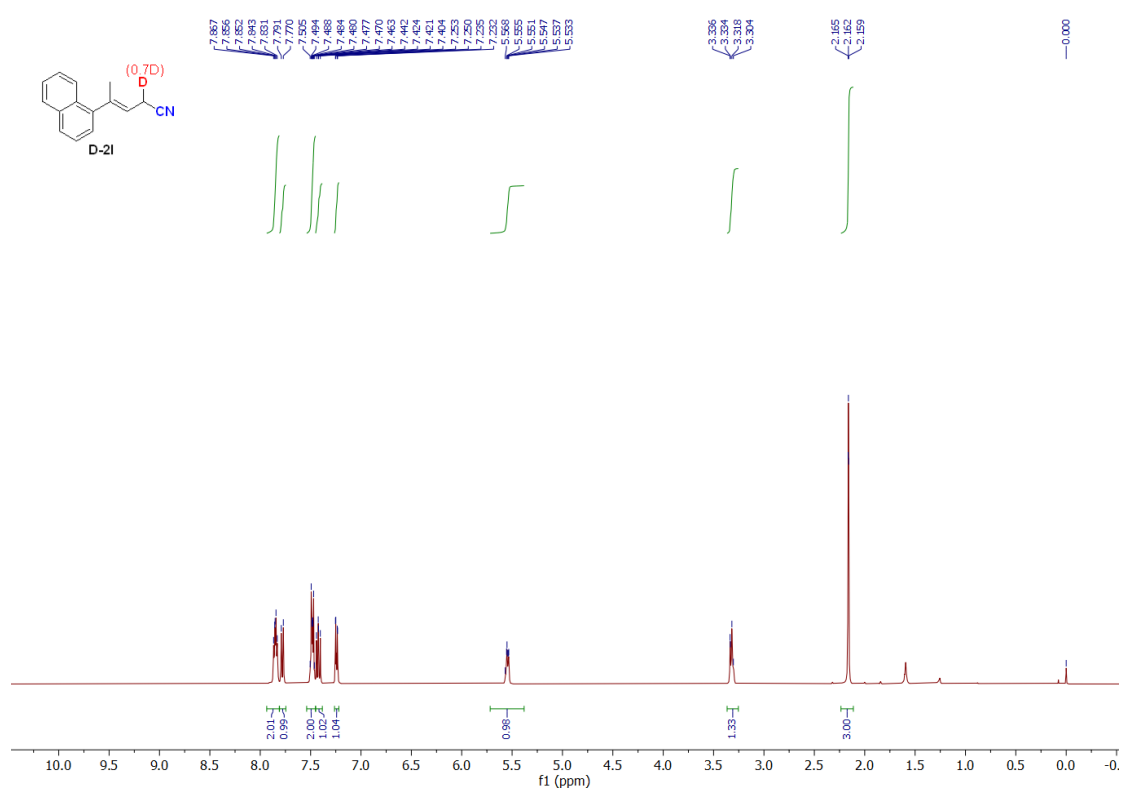
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^1H NMR Spectra of $(\text{CH}_3)_2\text{C}(\text{OD})\text{CN}$ (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)



^1H NMR Spectra of D-21 (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)



¹H NMR Spectra of D-3p (400 MHz, Chloroform-d)

