

Photocatalyzed anti-Markovnikov addition of carboxylic acids to alkenes: ionic mechanism under radical conditions

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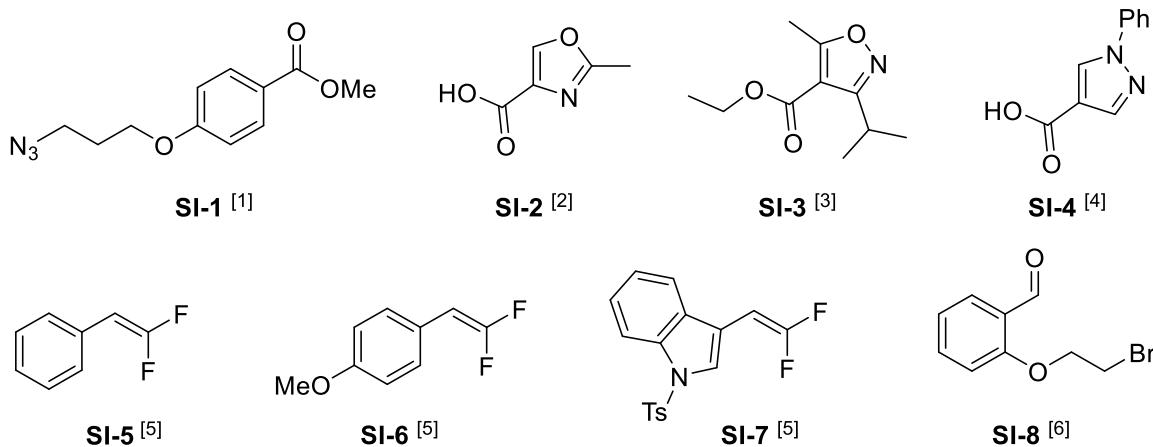
General Methods

Precoated silica gel plates F-254 were used for thin-layer analytical chromatography visualizing with UV and/or acidic aq. KMnO₄ solution. High resolution mass spectra (HRMS) were measured using electrospray ionization (ESI) and time-of-flight (TOF) mass analyzer. The measurements were done in a positive ion mode (interface capillary voltage – 4500 V) or in a negative ion mode (3200 V); mass range from m/z 50 to m/z 3000. For irradiation, 60W 400 nm LED chip was used. Reactions were performed in a glass tube (outer diameter 12 mm, inner diameter 9 mm), which was placed in a glass jacket cooling with water (water temperature ca. 20 °C). The distance between the reaction vessel and diodes was about 1 cm.

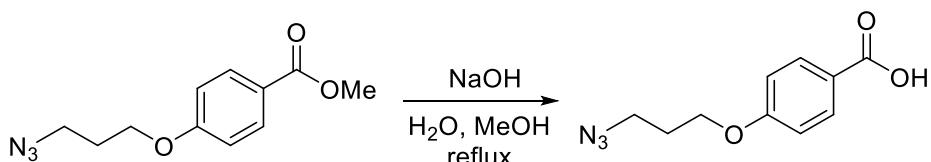
Starting materials

Acetonitrile, ethylacetate, 1,2-dichloroethane, toluene and dichloromethane were purified by distillation over CaH₂ under argon.

Following compounds were prepared according to literature procedures:



4-(3-Azidopropoxy)benzoic acid (2l)



Methyl 4-(3-azidopropoxy)benzoate (1 equiv, 21.2 mmol, 5 g) was added into a 100 mL flask containing a solution of NaOH (3 equiv, 63 mmol, 2.5 g) in water (50 mL) and MeOH (5 ml) at room temperature, and the mixture was stirred under reflux for 45 min. The mixture was cooled to room temperature and washed with MeOt-Bu (2×10 mL). Organics were discarded and the aqueous layer was acidified by diluted HCl to pH = 3. The formed precipitate was filtered off, washed with cold water (2×5 mL) and recrystallised from aq. ethanol (4% water).

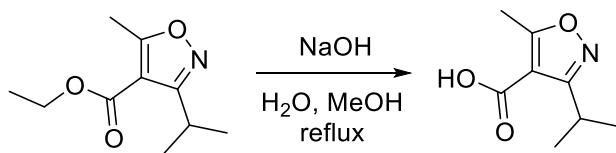
Yield 4.12 g, 88%. Colorless solid. Mp 116-118 °C.

¹H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-d₆), δ: 7.89 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.02 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 4.11 (t, *J* = 6.2 Hz, 2H), 3.51 (t, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 2H). 2.00 (m, 2H).

¹³C{¹H} NMR (75 MHz, DMSO-d₆), δ: 167.5, 162.4, 131.8, 123.7, 114.7, 65.4, 48.1, 28.5.

HRMS (ESI): calcd for C₁₀H₁₂N₃O₃ (M+H) 222.0873, found 222.0879, calcd for C₁₀H₁₁N₃O₃Na (M+Na) 244.0693, found 244.0702.

3-Isopropyl-5-methylisoxazole-4-carboxylic acid (2p)



Ethyl 3-isopropyl-5-methylisoxazole-4-carboxylate (1 equiv, 16.2 mmol, 3.2 g) was added into a 100 mL flask containing a solution of NaOH (3 equiv, 50 mmol, 1.95 g) in water (32 mL) and MeOH (3 ml) at room temperature, and the mixture was stirred under reflux for 45 min. The mixture was cooled to room temperature and washed with MeOt-Bu (2×10 mL). Organics were discarded and the aqueous layer was acidified by diluted HCl to pH = 3. Formed precipitate was filtered off, washed with cold water (2×5 mL) and recrystallised from aq. ethanol (4% water).

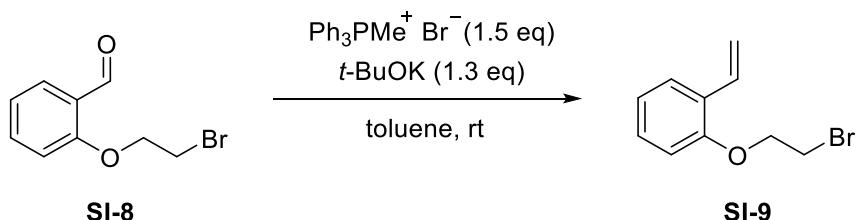
Yield 2.52 g, 93%. Colorless solid. Mp 108-110 °C.

¹H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-d₆), δ: 2.38 (hept, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 2.59 (s, 3H), 1.22 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 6H).

¹³C{¹H} NMR (75 MHz, DMSO-d₆), δ: 175.3, 168.2, 163.6, 108.2, 26.4, 21.2, 13.4.

HRMS (ESI): calcd for C₈H₁₂NO₃ (M+H) 170.0812, found 170.0813.

1-(2-Bromoethoxy)-2-vinylbenzene (SI-9) [7]



Potassium *tert*-butoxide (1.3 equiv, 10.4 mmol, 1.16 g) was added into a 100 mL flask containing a solution of methyltriphenylphosphonium bromide (1.5 equiv, 12.0 mmol, 4.28 g) in toluene (30 mL) at room temperature, and the mixture was heated at 80 °C for 40 min with stirring. The mixture was cooled to 0 °C and **SI-8** (1.0 equiv, 8.0 mmol, 1.83 g) was added dropwise. The reaction mixture was warmed to room temperature and stirred overnight. The reaction mixture was diluted with water (100 mL) and extracted with dichloromethane (3×30 mL). The combined organic layers were filtered through Na_2SO_4 and concentrated under reduced pressure. The resulting slurry was filtered and washed with hexane. The filtrate was concentrated and purified by column chromatography on silica gel.

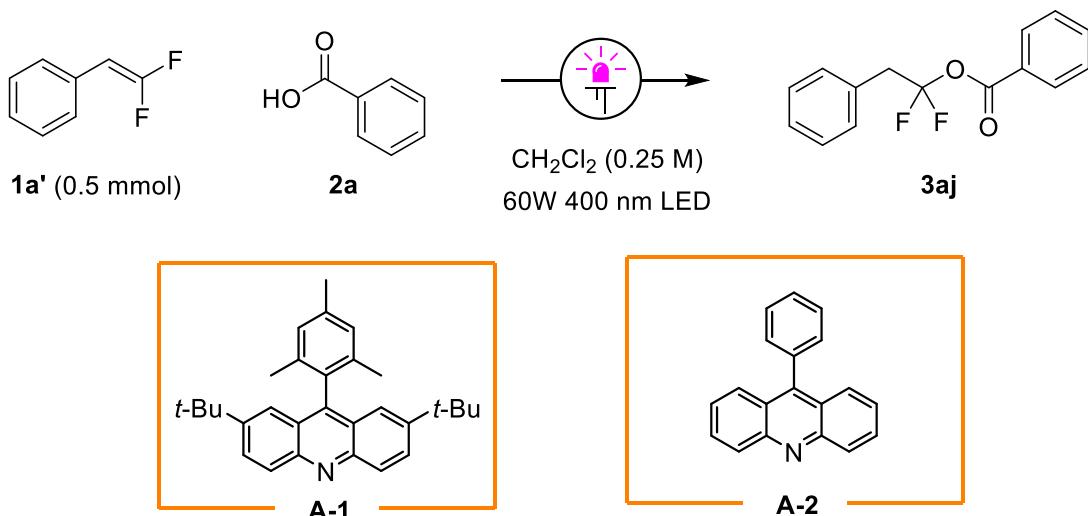
Yield 1.55 g, 85%. Colorless oil.

Chromatography: hexane/EtOAc, 20/1. R_f 0.5.

^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3), δ : 7.52 (dd, $J = 7.7, 1.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.24 (ddd, $J = 8.2, 7.3, 1.7$ Hz, 1H), 7.12 (dd, $J = 17.8, 11.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.00 (td, $J = 7.4, 1.1$ Hz, 1H), 6.85 (dd, $J = 8.2, 1.1$ Hz, 1H), 5.80 (dd, $J = 17.8, 1.5$ Hz, 1H), 5.31 (dd, $J = 11.2, 1.5$ Hz, 1H), 4.32 (t, $J = 6.2$ Hz, 2H), 3.68 (t, $J = 6.2$ Hz, 2H).

$^{13}\text{C}\{\text{H}\}$ NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3), δ : 155.1, 131.3, 128.8, 127.0, 126.6, 121.4, 114.8, 112.2, 68.1, 29.5.

Optimization studies



Time	PhCO ₂ H	Cat	Additive	Conversion of 1a' , %	Yield of 3aj , % ^a
2 h	1.5 eq	5% A-2	—	20	14
8 h	2.5 eq	7.5% A-2	2,4,6-collidine (1 eq)	34	33
24 h	2.5 eq	10% A-2	2,4,6-collidine (1 eq)	69	66
4 h	2.5 eq	10% A-2	2,4,6-collidine (0.5 eq)	35	33
4 h	2.5 eq	10% A-2	2,4,6-collidine (0.25 eq)	49	46
4 h	2.5 eq	10% A-2	2,4,6-collidine (0.1 eq)	49	40
4 h	1.5 eq	10% A-2	2,4,6-collidine (0.25 eq)	39	37
24 h	2.5 eq	15% A-2	2,4,6-collidine (0.25 eq)	78	72 (54 ^b)
24 h	2.5 eq	10% A-1	2,4,6-collidine (0.5 eq)	100	93 (88 ^b)
8 h	2.5 eq	10% A-1	2,4,6-collidine (0.5 eq)	100	92 (88 ^b)

^a ¹⁹F NMR yields with PhCF₃ as an internal standard. ^b Isolated yields.

General procedures

Synthesis of phenethyl ethers (General procedure A)

A screw capped tube containing a stirring bar was charged with alkene **1** (2.0 equiv, 1 mmol), acid **2** (1.0 equiv, 0.5 mmol), 2,7-di-*tert*-butyl-9-mesitylacridine **A-1** (10 mol%, 14.4 mg) and CH₂Cl₂ (2 mL). The tube was flushed with argon during one minute, closed with a puncturable screw cap, and an empty syringe with a plunger was introduced with a needle as a pressure compensator. Then, the reaction mixture was irradiated using 60W 400 nm LEDs for 8 hours (16 h for **3b**, **3e**, **3g**, **3m**, **3n**, **3s**, **3t**). After completion, the reaction mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure, and the residue was purified by column chromatography.

Synthesis of phenethyl ethers (General procedure B)

A screw capped tube containing a stirring bar was charged with alkene **1** (1 equiv, 0.5 mmol), acid **2** (2.5 equiv, 1.25 mmol), 2,7-di-*tert*-butyl-9-mesitylacridine **A-1** (10 mol%, 14.4 mg) and 2 mL of CH₂Cl₂ (MeOH for **5**). The tube was flushed with argon during one minute, closed with a puncturable screw cap, and an empty syringe with a plunger was introduced with a needle as a pressure compensator. Then, the reaction mixture was irradiated using 60W 400 nm LEDs for 8 hours. After completion, the reaction mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure, and the residue was purified by column chromatography.

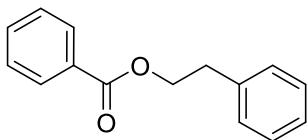
Synthesis of 1,1-difluoro-2-phenethyl ethers (General procedure C)

A screw capped tube containing a stirring bar was charged with alkene **1** (1 equiv, 0.5 mmol), acid **2** (2.5 equiv, 1.25 mmol), 2,4,6-collidine (0.5 equiv, 0.25 mmol, 30 mg), 2,7-di-*tert*-butyl-9-mesitylacridine **A-1** (10 mol%, 14.4 mg) and CH₂Cl₂ (2 mL). The tube was flushed with argon during one minute, closed with a puncturable screw cap, and an empty syringe with a plunger was introduced with a needle as a pressure compensator. Then, the reaction mixture was irradiated using 60W 400 nm LEDs for 8 hours. After completion, the reaction mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure, and the residue was purified by column chromatography.

Synthesis of 1,1-difluoro-2-phenethyl ethers (General procedure D)

A screw capped tube containing a stirring bar was charged with alkene **1** (2.0 equiv, 1 mmol), acid **2** (1.0 equiv, 0.5 mmol), 2,4,6-collidine (0.1 equiv, 0.05 mmol, 6 mg), 2,7-di-*tert*-butyl-9-mesitylacridine **A-1** (10 mol%, 14.4 mg) and CH₂Cl₂ (2 mL). The tube was flushed with argon during one minute, closed with a puncturable screw cap, and an empty syringe with a plunger was introduced with a needle as a pressure compensator. Then, the reaction mixture was irradiated using 60W 400 nm LEDs for 8 hours. After completion, the reaction mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure, and the residue was purified by column chromatography.

2-Phenylethyl benzoate (3a) [8]



Yield 86 mg (76%, General procedure A), 97 mg (86%, General procedure B). Colorless oil.

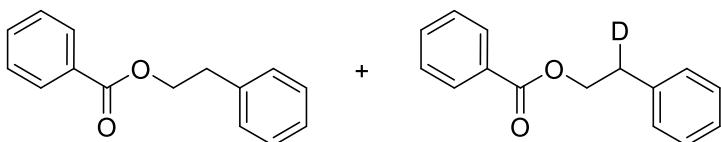
Chromatography: CH_2Cl_2 . R_f 0.75.

^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3), δ : 8.12 – 8.04 (m, 2H), 7.63 – 7.56 (m, 1H), 7.52 – 7.44 (m, 2H), 7.42 – 7.26 (m, 5H), 4.60 (t, J = 6.9 Hz, 2H), 3.14 (t, J = 6.9 Hz, 2H).

$^{13}\text{C}\{\text{H}\}$ NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3), δ : 166.5, 138.0, 132.9, 130.4, 129.6, 129.0, 128.6, 128.4, 126.6, 65.5, 35.3.

HRMS (ESI): calcd for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{15}\text{O}_2$ ($\text{M}+\text{H}$) 227.1067, found 227.1061, calcd for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{14}\text{O}_2\text{Na}$ ($\text{M}+\text{Na}$) 249.0886, found 249.0891, calcd for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{14}\text{O}_2\text{K}$ ($\text{M}+\text{K}$) 265.0625, found 265.0623.

Mixture of 2-phenylethyl benzoate (3a) and 2-phenylethyl-2-d benzoate (*d*-3a)

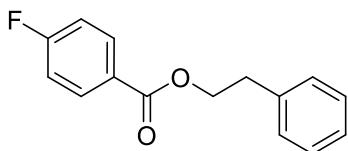


Yield 98 mg (87%, General procedure B). Colorless oil.

Chromatography: CH_2Cl_2 . R_f 0.75.

^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3), δ : 8.12 – 8.04 (m, 2H), 7.63 – 7.56 (m, 1H), 7.52 – 7.44 (m, 2H), 7.42 – 7.26 (m, 5H), 4.60 (m, 2H), 3.14 (m, 1.4 H).

2-Phenylethyl 4-fluorobenzoate (3b) [9]



Yield 87 mg (78%, General procedure A). Colorless oil.

Chromatography: CH_2Cl_2 . R_f 0.75.

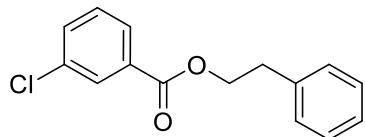
^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3), δ : 8.09 (dd, J = 9.1 Hz, J = 5.4 Hz, 2H), 7.43 – 7.25 (m, 5H), 7.19 – 7.08 (m, 2H), 4.59 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 3.13 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 2H).

^{19}F NMR (282 MHz, CDCl_3), δ : -106.5.

$^{13}\text{C}\{\text{H}\}$ NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3), δ : 165.8 (d, J = 254 Hz), 165.5, 137.9, 132.1 (d, J = 9.3 Hz), 129.0, 128.6, 126.7, 115.6 (d, J = 22 Hz), 65.6, 35.3.

HRMS (ESI): calcd for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{14}\text{FO}_2$ ($\text{M}+\text{Na}$) 245.0972, found 245.0977, calcd for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{13}\text{FO}_2\text{Na}$ ($\text{M}+\text{Na}$) 267.0792, found 267.0803.

2-Phenylethyl 3-chlorobenzoate (3c)



Yield 119 mg (91%, General procedure A). Colorless oil.

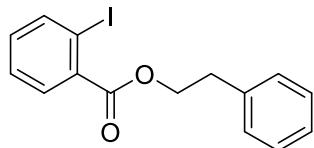
Chromatography: CH₂Cl₂. R_f 0.75.

¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃), δ: 8.08 – 8.04 (m, 1H), 7.98 – 7.93 (m, 1H), 7.58 – 7.52 (m, 1H), 7.43 – 7.28 (m, 6H), 4.60 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 3.14 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 2H).

¹³C{¹H} NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃), δ: 165.3, 137.7, 134.6, 133.0, 132.1, 129.8, 129.7, 129.0, 128.7, 127.7, 126.8, 65.9, 35.2.

HRMS (ESI): calcd for C₁₅H₁₇Cl³⁵NO₂ (M+NH₄) 278.0942, found 278.0933, calcd for C₁₅H₁₇Cl³⁷NO₂ (M+NH₄) 280.0914, found 280.0905, calcd for C₁₅H₁₃Cl³⁵O₂Na (M+Na) 283.0496, found 283.0496, calcd for C₁₅H₁₃Cl³⁷O₂Na (M+Na) 285.0468, found 285.0463, calcd for C₁₅H₁₃Cl³⁵O₂K (M+K) 299.0236, found 299.0230, calcd for C₁₅H₁₃Cl³⁷O₂K (M+K) 301.0207, found 301.0233.

2-Phenylethyl 2-iodobenzoate (3d) ^[10]



Yield 76 mg (43%, General procedure A). Colorless oil.

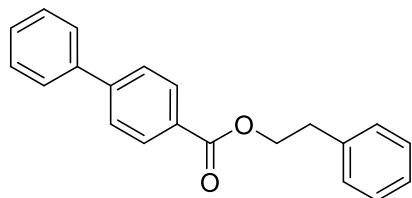
Chromatography: CH₂Cl₂. R_f 0.7.

¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃), δ: 8.01 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.77 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.44 – 7.25 (m, 6H), 7.19 – 7.11 (m, 1H), 4.62 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 3.15 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H).

¹³C{¹H} NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃), δ: 166.4, 141.4, 137.7, 135.2, 132.7, 131.0, 129.1, 128.7, 128.0, 126.8, 94.2, 66.1, 35.1.

HRMS (ESI): calcd for C₁₅H₁₄IO₂ (M+H) 353.0033, found 353.0027, calcd for C₁₅H₁₇INO₂ (M+NH₄⁺) 370.0298, found 370.0294, calcd for C₁₅H₁₃IO₂Na (M+Na) 374.9852, found 374.9846, calcd for C₁₅H₁₃IO₂K (M+K) 390.9592, found 390.9585.

2-Phenylethyl biphenyl-4-carboxylate (3e) ^[11]



Yield 142 mg (94%, General procedure A). Colorless oil.

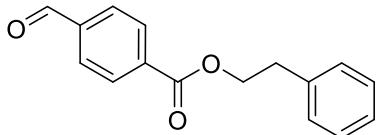
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¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃), δ: 8.24 – 8.16 (m, 2H), 7.78 – 7.65 (m, 4H), 7.60 – 7.32 (m, 8H), 4.66 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 3.19 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 2H).

¹³C{¹H} NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃), δ: 166.4, 145.7, 140.1, 138.0, 130.2, 129.2, 129.1, 129.0, 128.9, 128.2, 127.4, 127.1, 126.7, 65.6, 35.4.

HRMS (ESI): calcd for C₂₁H₁₉O₂ (M+H) 303.1380, found 303.1386, calcd for C₂₁H₂₂NO₂ (M+NH₄) 320.1645, found 320.1646, calcd for C₂₁H₁₈O₂Na (M+Na) 325.1199, found 325.1198, calcd for C₂₁H₁₈O₂K (M+K) 341.0938, found 341.0936.

2-Phenylethyl 4-formylbenzoate (3f) ^[12]



Yield 109 mg (76%, General procedure A). Colorless oil.

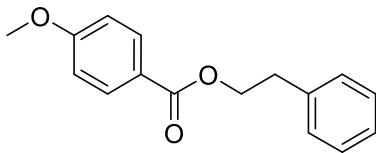
Chromatography: CH₂Cl₂. R_f 0.5.

¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃), δ: 10.8 (s, 1H), 8.16 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.93 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.39 – 7.22 (m, 5H), 4.59 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 3.11 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 2H).

¹³C{¹H} NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃), δ: 191.6, 165.4, 139.2, 137.7, 135.2, 130.2, 129.5, 129.0, 128.7, 126.7, 66.0, 35.2.

HRMS (ESI): calcd for C₁₆H₁₄O₃Na (M+Na) 277.0835, found 277.0838.

2-Phenylethyl 4-methoxybenzoate (3g) ^[13]



Yield 104 mg (81%, General procedure A). Colorless oil.

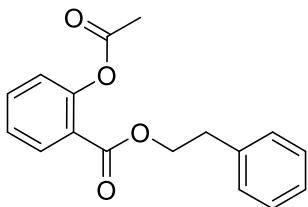
Chromatography: CH₂Cl₂. R_f 0.7.

¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃), δ: 8.02 (d, *J* = 9.1 Hz, 2H), 7.40 – 7.22 (m, 5H), 6.94 (d, *J* = 9.1 Hz, 2H), 4.54 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 3.88 (s, 3H), 3.10 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 2H).

¹³C{¹H} NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃), δ: 166.3, 163.4, 138.1, 131.6, 129.0, 128.6, 126.6, 122.8, 113.9, 65.2, 55.4, 35.4.

HRMS (ESI): calcd for C₁₆H₁₇O₃ (M+H) 257.1172, found 257.1177, calcd for C₁₆H₂₀NO₃ (M+NH₄) 274.1438, found 274.1444, calcd for C₁₆H₁₆O₃Na (M+Na) 279.0992, found 279.0998, calcd for C₁₆H₁₆O₃K (M+K) 295.0731, found 295.0731.

2-Phenylethyl 2-(acetyloxy)benzoate (3h)



Yield 107 mg (75%, General procedure A). Colorless oil.

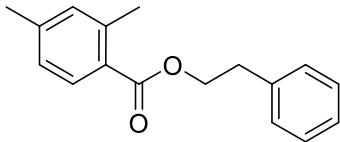
Chromatography: CH₂Cl₂. R_f 0.7.

¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃), δ: 8.01 (dd, *J* = 7.8 Hz, *J* = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.62 – 7.54 (m, 1H), 7.41 – 7.25 (m, 6H), 7.14 (dd, *J* = 8.1 Hz, *J* = 1.1 Hz, 1H), 4.54 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 3.09 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 2.33 (s, 3H).

¹³C{¹H} NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃), δ: 169.7, 164.4, 150.8, 137.7, 133.9, 131.7, 129.0, 128.6, 126.7, 126.0, 123.8, 123.4, 65.6, 35.1, 21.0.

HRMS (ESI): calcd for C₁₇H₁₇O₄ (M+H) 285.1121, found 285.1116, calcd for C₁₇H₂₀NO₄ (M+NH₄) 302.1387, found 302.1385, calcd for C₁₇H₁₆O₄Na (M+Na) 307.0941, found 307.0933, calcd for C₁₇H₁₆O₄K (M+K) 323.0680, found 323.0689.

2-Phenylethyl 2,4-dimethylbenzoate (3i)



Yield 105 mg (83%, General procedure A). Colorless oil.

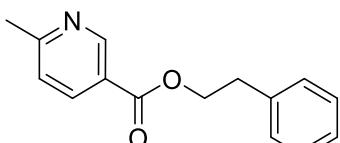
Chromatography: CH₂Cl₂. R_f 0.75.

¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃), δ: 7.90 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.45 – 7.29 (m, 5H), 7.15 – 7.08 (m, 2H), 4.60 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 3.16 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 2.64 (s, 3H), 2.41 (s, 3H).

¹³C{¹H} NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃), δ: 167.5, 142.5, 140.5, 138.2, 132.7, 130.0, 129.0, 128.6, 126.8, 126.6, 126.5, 65.1, 35.4, 21.9, 21.4.

HRMS (ESI): calcd for C₁₇H₁₉O₂ (M+H) 255.1380, found 255.1383, calcd for C₁₇H₂₂NO₂ (M+NH₄⁺) 272.1645, found 272.1649, calcd for C₁₇H₁₈O₂Na (M+Na) 277.1199, found 277.1202, calcd for C₁₇H₁₈O₂Na (M+K) 293.0938, found 293.1749.

2-Phenylethyl 6-methylpyridine-3-carboxylate (3j)



Yield 99 mg (82%, General procedure A). Colorless oil.

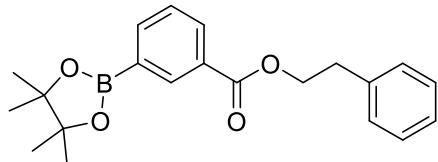
Chromatography: CH₂Cl₂. R_f 0.45.

¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃), δ: 9.06 (d, *J* = 1.7 Hz, 1H), 8.09 (dd, *J* = 8.0 Hz, *J* = 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.33 – 7.12 (m, 6H), 4.52 (t, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 2H), 3.04 (t, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 2H), 2.57 (s, 3H).

¹³C{¹H} NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃), δ: 165.3, 163.0, 150.4, 137.7, 137.2, 128.9, 128.6, 126.6, 123.4, 122.9, 65.6, 35.2, 24.7.

HRMS (ESI): calcd for C₁₅H₁₆NO₂ (M+H) 242.1176, found 242.1169, calcd for C₁₅H₁₅NO₂Na (M+Na) 264.0995, found 264.0987.

3-(4,4,5,5-Tetramethyl-[1,3,2]dioxaborolan-2-yl)-benzoic acid phenethyl ester (3k)



Yield 125 mg (71%, General procedure A). Colorless oil.

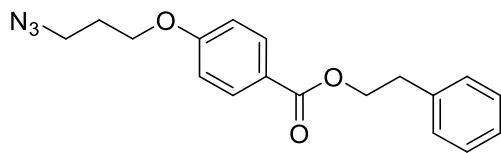
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¹³C{¹H} NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃), δ: 166.6, 139.2, 137.9, 136.0, 132.3, 129.8, 129.1, 128.6, 127.8, 126.6, 84.1, 65.1, 35.3, 24.9.

HRMS (ESI): calcd for C₂₁H₂₆BO₄ (M+H) 353.1922, found 353.9134.

2-Phenylethyl 4-(3-azidopropoxy)benzoate (3l)



Yield 86 mg (53%, General procedure A). Colorless oil.

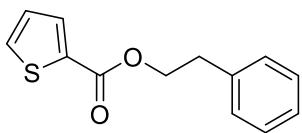
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¹³C{¹H} NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃), δ: 166.2, 162.4, 138.0, 131.6, 129.0, 128.5, 126.6, 123.0, 114.0, 65.2, 64.7, 48.1, 35.3, 28.7.

HRMS (ESI): calcd for C₁₈H₂₀N₃O₃ (M+H) 326.1499, found 326.1505, calcd for C₁₈H₂₃N₄O₃ (M+NH₄) 343.1765, found 343.1770, calcd for C₁₈H₁₉N₃O₃Na (M+Na) 348.1319, found 348.1324, calcd for C₁₈H₁₉N₃O₃K (M+K) 364.1058, found 364.1061.

2-Phenylethyl thiophene-2-carboxylate (3m) [14]



Yield 82 mg (71%, General procedure A). Colorless oil.

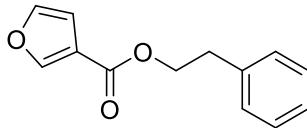
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¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃), δ: 7.85 (dd, *J* = 3.2 Hz, *J* = 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.57 (dd, *J* = 5.0 Hz, *J* = 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.42 – 7.26 (m, 5H), 7.13 (dd, *J* = 5.0 Hz, *J* = 3.2 Hz, 1H), 4.57 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 3.12 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H).

¹³C{¹H} NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃), δ: 162.1, 137.8, 133.9, 133.5, 132.4, 129.1, 128.6, 127.8, 126.7, 65.7, 35.3.

HRMS (ESI): calcd for C₁₃H₁₂O₂Na (M+Na) 255.0450, found 255.0445, calcd for C₁₃H₁₂O₂K (M+K) 271.0190, found 271.0179.

2-Phenylethyl furan-3-carboxylate (3n)



Yield 70 mg (65%, General procedure A). Colorless oil.

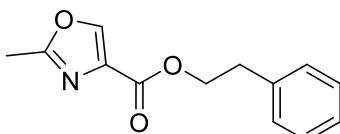
Chromatography: CH₂Cl₂. R_f 0.7.

¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃), δ: 8.03 (dd, *J* = 1.6 Hz, *J* = 0.6 Hz, 1H), 7.44 (t, *J* = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.40 – 7.26 (m, 5H), 6.78 (dd, *J* = 1.6 Hz, *J* = 0.6 Hz, 1H), 4.51 (t, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 2H), 3.08 (t, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 2H).

¹³C{¹H} NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃), δ: 163.0, 147.8, 143.8, 137.9, 129.0, 128.6, 126.6, 119.5, 109.9, 65.0, 35.2.

HRMS (ESI): calcd for C₁₃H₁₂O₃Na (M+Na) 239.0679, found 239.0678.

2-Phenylethyl 2-methyl-1,3-oxazole-4-carboxylate (3o)



Yield 96 mg (83%, General procedure A), 83 mg (72%, General procedure B). Colorless oil.

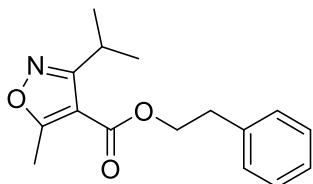
Chromatography: CH₂Cl₂. R_f 0.75.

¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃), δ: 8.05 (s, 1H), 7.32 – 7.16 (m, 5H), 4.50 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 3.04 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 2.47 (s, 3H).

¹³C{¹H} NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃), δ: 162.4, 161.1, 143.8, 137.4, 133.3, 128.9, 128.5, 126.6, 65.4, 35.1, 13.8.

HRMS (ESI): calcd for C₁₃H₁₄NO₃ (M+H) 232.0968, found 232.0975, calcd for C₁₃H₁₃NO₃Na (M+Na) 254.0788, found 254.0798, calcd for C₁₃H₁₃NO₃K (M+K) 270.0527, found 270.0535.

2-Phenylethyl 5-methyl-3-(1-methylethyl)isoxazole-4-carboxylate (3p)



Yield 117 mg (86%, General procedure A). Colorless oil.

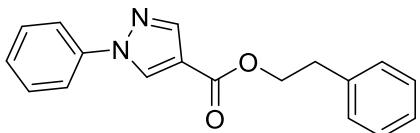
Chromatography: CH₂Cl₂. R_f 0.7.

¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃), δ: 7.39 – 7.23 (m, 5H), 4.55 (t, J = 6.9 Hz, 2H), 3.37 (hept, J = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 3.08 (t, J = 6.9 Hz, 2H), 2.54 (s, 3H), 1.29 (d, J = 6.9 Hz, 6H).

¹³C{¹H} NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃), δ: 175.3, 168.2, 162.3, 137.6, 128.8, 128.6, 126.7, 107.6, 64.9, 35.0, 26.6, 20.9, 13.4.

HRMS (ESI): calcd for C₁₆H₂₀NO₃ (M+H) 274.1438, found 274.1443, calcd for C₁₆H₁₉NO₃Na (M+Na) 296.1257, found 296.1258.

2-Phenylethyl 1-phenyl-1H-pyrazole-4-carboxylate (3q)



Yield 133 mg (91%, General procedure A). Colorless solid. Mp 93 - 95 °C (hexane).

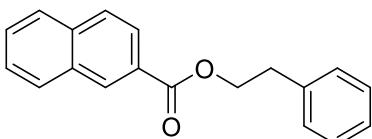
Chromatography: CH₂Cl₂. R_f 0.45.

¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃), δ: 8.40 (d, J = 0.5 Hz, 1H), 8.10 (d, J = 0.5 Hz, 1H), 7.75 – 7.69 (m, 2H), 7.54 – 7.47 (m, 2H), 7.42 – 7.28 (m, 6H), 4.52 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 3.09 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H).

¹³C{¹H} NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃), δ: 162.7, 142.2, 139.4, 137.9, 130.1, 129.8, 129.0, 128.6, 127.6, 126.7, 119.6, 116.8, 64.9, 35.5.

HRMS (ESI): calcd for C₁₈H₁₇N₂O₂ (M+H) 293.1285, found 293.1289, calcd for C₁₈H₁₆N₂O₂Na (M+Na) 315.1104, found 315.1106.

2-Phenylethyl naphthalene-2-carboxylate (3r)^[15]



Yield 126 mg (91%, General procedure A). Colorless oil.

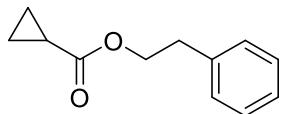
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¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃), δ: 8.70 (s, 1H), 8.17 (dd, J = 8.5 Hz, J = 1.7 Hz, 1H), 8.00 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.96 – 7.89 (m, 2H), 7.68 – 7.56 (m, 2H), 7.48 – 7.32 (m, 5H), 4.70 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 3.12 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H).

¹³C{¹H} NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃), δ: 166.7, 138.1, 135.6, 132.6, 131.1, 129.5, 129.1, 128.7, 128.3, 128.2, 127.9, 127.7, 126.8, 126.7, 125.3, 65.7, 35.4.

HRMS (ESI): calcd for C₁₉H₁₇O₂ (M+H) 277.1223, found 277.1226, calcd for C₁₉H₁₆O₂Na (M+Na) 299.1043, found 299.1046.

2-Phenylethyl cyclopropanecarboxylate (3s)



Yield 58 mg (61%, General procedure A), 65 mg (68%, General procedure B). Colorless oil.

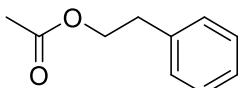
Chromatography: CH₂Cl₂. R_f 0.8.

¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃), δ: 7.40 – 7.22 (m, 5H), 4.33 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 2.98 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 1.69 – 1.58 (m, 1H), 1.05 – 0.95 (m, 2H), 0.91 – 0.82 (m, 2H).

¹³C{¹H} NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃), δ: 174.8, 137.9, 129.0, 128.5, 126.5, 64.9, 35.2, 12.8, 8.3.

HRMS (ESI): calcd for C₁₂H₁₅O₂ (M+H) 191.1067, found 191.1068, calcd for C₁₂H₁₈NO₂ (M+NH₄) 208.1332, found 208.1335, calcd for C₁₂H₁₄O₂Na (M+Na) 213.0886, found 213.0893.

2-Phenylethyl acetate (3t) [16]



Yield 53 mg (65%, General procedure A), 52 mg (63%, General procedure B). Colorless oil.

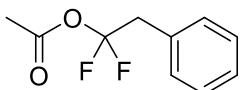
Chromatography: CH₂Cl₂. R_f 0.8.

¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃), δ: 7.39 – 7.22 (m, 5H), 4.33 (t, J = 6.9 Hz, 2H), 2.98 (t, J = 6.9 Hz, 2H), 2.07 (s, 3H).

¹³C{¹H} NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃), δ: 171.0, 137.9, 129.0, 128.6, 126.6, 64.9, 35.1, 21.0.

HRMS (ESI): calcd for C₁₀H₁₃O₂ (M+H) 165.0910, found 165.0906, calcd for C₁₀H₁₂O₂Na (M+Na) 187.0730, found 187.0724.

1,1-Difluoro-2-phenylethyl acetate (3u)



Yield 75 mg (75%, General procedure C), 48 mg (48%, General procedure D). Colorless oil.

Chromatography: CH₂Cl₂. R_f 0.8.

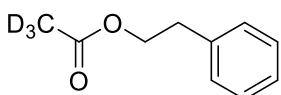
¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃), δ: 7.42 – 7.29 (m, 5H), 3.58 (t, J = 12.7 Hz, 2H), 2.11 (s, 3H).

¹⁹F NMR (282 MHz, CDCl₃), δ: -71.0 (t, J = 12.7 Hz).

¹³C{¹H} NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃), δ: 165.8 (t, J = 2.8 Hz), 131.4 (t, J = 3.3 Hz), 130.3, 128.6, 127.8, 123.3 (t, J = 269 Hz), 40.9 (t, J = 28.0 Hz), 21.3 (t, J = 1.1 Hz).

HRMS (ESI): calcd for C₁₀H₁₀F₂O₂Na (M+Na) 223.0541, found 223.0541.

2-phenylethyl d₃-acetate (3v)



Yield 67 mg (71%, General procedure A). Colorless oil.

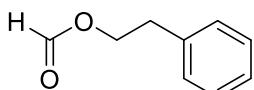
Chromatography: CH₂Cl₂. R_f 0.85.

¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃), δ: 7.39 – 7.22 (m, 5H), 4.33 (t, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 2H), 2.98 (t, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 2H).

¹³C{¹H} NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃), δ: 171.0, 137.9, 129.0, 128.5, 126.6, 64.9, 35.1, 20.3 (hept., *J* = 19.8 Hz).

HRMS (ESI): calcd for C₁₀H₁₀D₃O₂ (M+H) 190.0918, found 190.0924.

2-Phenylethyl formate (3w) [15]



Yield 28 mg (37%, General procedure A), 40 mg (53%, General procedure B). Colorless oil.

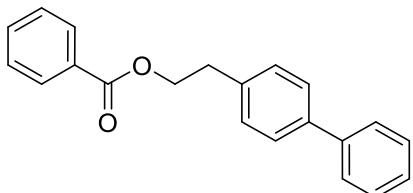
Chromatography: CH₂Cl₂. R_f 0.85.

¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃), δ: 8.07 (s, 1H), 7.42 – 7.24 (m, 5H), 4.44 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 3.03 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 2H).

¹³C{¹H} NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃), δ: 161.0, 137.5, 128.9, 128.6, 126.8, 64.4, 35.0.

HRMS (ESI): calcd for C₉H₁₀O₂Na (M+Na) 173.0573, found 173.0579.

2-Biphenyl-4-ylethyl benzoate (3x) [18]



Yield 122 mg (81%, General procedure B). Colorless oil.

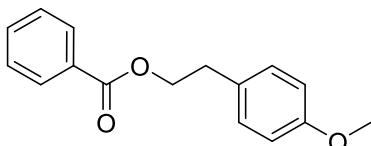
Chromatography: CH₂Cl₂. R_f 0.75.

¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃), δ: 8.11 – 8.04 (m, 2H), 7.67 – 7.55 (m, 5H), 7.52 – 7.35 (m, 7H), 4.63 (t, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 2H), 3.16 (t, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 2H).

¹³C{¹H} NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃), δ: 166.6, 140.9, 139.6, 137.0, 132.9, 130.4, 129.6, 129.4, 128.8, 128.4, 127.3, 127.2, 127.1, 65.4, 34.9.

HRMS (ESI): calcd for C₂₁H₂₂NO₂ (M+NH₄) 320.1645, found 320.1656, calcd for C₂₁H₁₈O₂Na (M+Na) 325.1199, found 325.1209.

2-(4-Methoxyphenyl)ethyl benzoate (3y) [19]



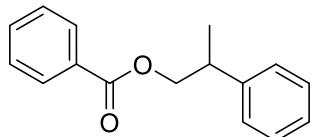
Yield 101 mg (79%, General procedure B). Colorless oil.

Chromatography: CH₂Cl₂. R_f 0.7.

¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃), δ: 8.07 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.63 – 7.54 (m, 1H), 7.51 – 7.44 (m, 2H), 7.29 – 7.21 (m, 2H), 6.91 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 5.54 (t, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 2H), 3.83 (s, 3H), 3.06 (t, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 2H).

¹³C{¹H} NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃), δ: 166.5, 158.4, 132.9, 130.4, 130.0, 129.8, 129.6, 128.4, 114.0, 65.8, 55.3, 34.4. HRMS (ESI): calcd for C₁₆H₁₇O₃ (M+H) 257.1172, found 257.1164, calcd for C₁₆H₂₀NO₃ (M+NH₄) 274.1438, found 274.1441, calcd for C₁₆H₁₆O₃Na (M+Na) 279.0992, found 279.0995, calcd for C₁₆H₁₆O₃K (M+K) 295.0731, found 295.0719.

2-Phenylpropyl benzoate (3z) [20]



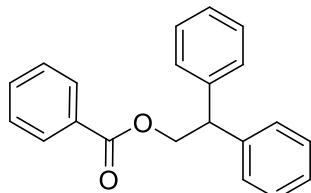
Yield 86 mg (72%, General procedure B). Colorless oil.

Chromatography: CH₂Cl₂. R_f 0.75.

¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃), δ: 8.09 – 8.01 (m, 2H), 7.62 – 7.54 (m, 1H), 7.50 – 7.43 (m, 2H), 7.42 – 7.25 (m, 5H), 4.55 – 4.39 (m, 2H), 3.37 – 3.24 (m, 1H), 1.46 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 3H).

¹³C{¹H} NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃), δ: 166.5, 143.2, 132.9, 130.4, 129.6, 128.6, 128.4, 127.4, 126.8, 69.9, 39.1, 18.1. HRMS (ESI): calcd for C₁₆H₁₇O₂ (M+H) 241.1223, found 241.1231, calcd for C₁₆H₂₀NO₂ (M+NH₄) 258.1489, found 258.1496, calcd for C₁₆H₁₆O₂Na (M+Na) 263.1043, found 263.1052.

2,2-Diphenylethyl benzoate (3aa) [21]



Yield 148 mg (98%, General procedure B). Colorless oil.

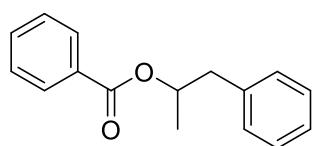
Chromatography: CH₂Cl₂. R_f 0.7.

¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃), δ: 8.07 – 7.99 (m, 2H), 7.62 – 7.54 (m, 1H), 7.49 – 7.29 (m, 12H), 4.99 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 4.63 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H).

¹³C{¹H} NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃), δ: 166.5, 141.3, 133.0, 130.3, 129.9, 129.7, 128.6, 128.4, 126.9, 67.3, 50.1.

HRMS (ESI): calcd for C₂₁H₂₂NO₂ (M+NH₄) 320.1645, found 320.1642, calcd for C₂₁H₁₈O₂Na (M+Na) 325.1199, found 325.1195, calcd for C₂₁H₁₈O₂K (M+K) 341.0938, found 341.0950.

1-Methyl-2-phenylethyl benzoate (3ab) [22]



Yield 73 mg (61%, General procedure B). Colorless oil.

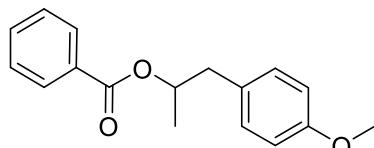
Chromatography: CH_2Cl_2 . R_f 0.75.

^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3), δ : 8.10 – 8.03 (m, 2H), 7.62 – 7.54 (m, 1H), 7.51 – 7.43 (m, 2H), 7.37 – 7.21 (m, 5H), 5.48 – 5.35 (m, 1H), 3.13 (dd, $J = 13.7, 6.5$ Hz, 1H), 2.95 (dd, $J = 13.7, 6.5$ Hz, 1H), 1.39 (d, $J = 6.3$ Hz, 3H).

$^{13}\text{C}\{\text{H}\}$ NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3), δ : 166.1, 137.6, 132.8, 130.8, 129.5, 129.4, 128.4, 128.3, 126.5, 72.2, 42.4, 19.5.

HRMS (ESI): calcd for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{17}\text{O}_2$ ($\text{M}+\text{H}$) 241.1223, found 241.1233, calcd for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{20}\text{NO}_2$ ($\text{M}+\text{NH}_4$) 258.1489, found 258.1497, calcd for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{16}\text{O}_2\text{Na}$ ($\text{M}+\text{Na}$) 263.1043, found 263.1052.

2-(4-Methoxyphenyl)-1-methylethyl benzoate (3ac) [23]



Yield 100 mg (74%, General procedure B). Colorless oil.

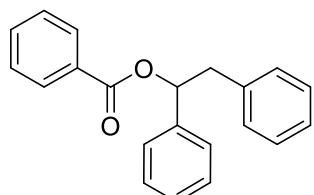
Chromatography: CH_2Cl_2 . R_f 0.75.

^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3), δ : 8.06 (d, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 2H), 7.61 – 7.54 (m, 1H), 7.50 – 7.42 (m, 2H), 7.20 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2H), 6.86 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2H), 5.43 – 5.30 (m, 1H), 3.88 (s, 3H), 3.06 (dd, $J = 13.8, 6.5$ Hz, 1H), 2.88 (dd, $J = 13.8, 6.5$ Hz, 1H), 1.37 (d, $J = 6.3$ Hz, 3H).

$^{13}\text{C}\{\text{H}\}$ NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3), δ : 166.0, 158.3, 132.8, 130.8, 130.5, 129.6, 129.5, 128.3, 113.8, 72.3, 55.2, 41.4, 19.4.

HRMS (ESI): calcd for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{22}\text{NO}_3$ ($\text{M}+\text{NH}_4$) 288.1594, found 288.1596, calcd for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{18}\text{O}_3\text{Na}$ ($\text{M}+\text{Na}$) 293.1148, found 293.1155, calcd for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{18}\text{O}_3\text{K}$ ($\text{M}+\text{K}$) 309.0888, found 309.0889.

1,2-Diphenylethyl benzoate (3ad) [24]



Yield 119 mg (79%, General procedure B). Colorless oil.

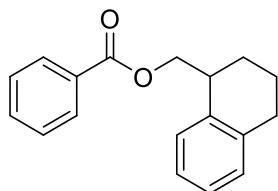
Chromatography: CH_2Cl_2 . R_f 0.7.

^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3), δ : 8.15 – 8.09 (m, 2H), 7.64 – 7.57 (m, 1H), 7.53 – 7.19 (m, 12H), 6.27 (dd, $J = 7.5$ Hz, $J = 6.1$ Hz, 1H), 3.43 (dd, $J = 13.8, 7.5$ Hz, 1H), 3.27 (dd, $J = 13.8, 6.1$ Hz, 1H).

$^{13}\text{C}\{\text{H}\}$ NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3), δ : 165.5, 140.2, 137.0, 133.0, 130.4, 129.7, 129.6, 128.5, 128.4, 128.3, 128.0, 126.7, 126.6, 77.3, 43.3.

HRMS (ESI): calcd for C₂₁H₂₂NO₂ (M+NH₄) 320.1645, found 320.1639, calcd for C₂₁H₁₈O₂Na (M+Na) 325.1199, found 325.1198, calcd for C₂₁H₁₈O₂K (M+K) 341.0938, found 341.0923.

1,2,3,4-Tetrahydronaphthalen-1-ylmethyl benzoate (3ae)



Yield 102 mg (77%, General procedure B). Colorless oil.

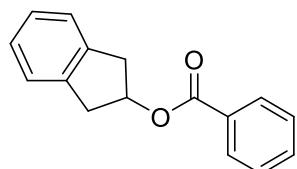
Chromatography: CH₂Cl₂. R_f 0.75.

¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃), δ: 8.14 – 8.08 (m, 2H), 7.64 – 7.56 (m, 1H), 7.53 – 7.45 (m, 2H), 7.37 – 7.32 (m, 1H), 7.23 – 7.14 (m, 3H), 4.61 (dd, *J* = 11.0, 5.1 Hz, 1H), 4.44 (dd, *J* = 11.0, 9.1 Hz, 1H), 3.40 – 3.29 (m, 1H), 2.92 – 2.73 (m, 2H), 2.08 – 1.74 (m, 4H).

¹³C{¹H} NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃), δ: 166.6, 137.9, 136.0, 132.9, 130.4, 129.6, 129.4, 128.1, 128.0, 126.4, 125.8, 68.6, 37.2, 29.6, 25.5, 19.4.

HRMS (ESI): calcd for C₁₈H₂₂NO₂ (M+NH₄) 284.1645, found 284.1647, calcd for C₁₈H₁₈O₂Na (M+Na) 289.1199, found 289.1206, calcd for C₁₈H₁₈O₂K (M+K) 305.0938, found 305.0951.

2,3-Dihydro-1H-inden-2-yl benzoate (3af) [25]



Yield 115 mg (97%, General procedure B). Colorless oil.

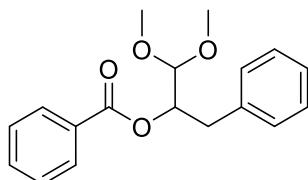
Chromatography: CH₂Cl₂. R_f 0.75.

¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃), δ: 8.09 – 8.02 (m, 2H), 7.61 – 7.52 (m, 1H), 7.48 – 7.40 (m, 2H), 7.34 – 7.21 (m, 4H), 5.83 (hept, *J* = 3.3 Hz, 1H), 3.49 (dd, *J* = 16.9 Hz, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 2H), 3.22 (dd, *J* = 16.9 Hz, *J* = 3.3 Hz, 2H).

¹³C{¹H} NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃), δ: 168.5, 140.5, 132.9, 130.4, 129.7, 128.3, 126.8, 124.7, 75.9, 39.7.

HRMS (ESI): calcd for C₁₆H₁₅O₂ (M+H) 239.1067, found 239.1075, calcd for C₁₆H₁₄O₂Na (M+Na) 261.0886, found 291.0898.

1-Benzyl-2,2-dimethoxyethyl benzoate (3ag)



Yield 62 mg (41%, General procedure B). Colorless oil.

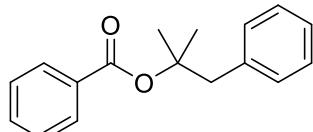
Chromatography: CH₂Cl₂. R_f 0.65.

¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃), δ: 8.06 – 8.00 (m, 2H), 7.61 – 7.53 (m, 1H), 7.49 – 7.41 (m, 2H), 7.31 – 7.14 (m, 5H), 5.51 – 5.43 (m, 1H), 4.45 (d, *J* = 5.2 Hz, 1H), 3.49 (s, 3H), 3.46 (s, 3H), 3.18 (dd, *J* = 14.3, 4.1 Hz, 1H), 3.07 (dd, *J* = 14.3, 8.1 Hz, 1H).

¹³C{¹H} NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃), δ: 165.7, 137.2, 133.0, 129.7, 129.6, 129.3, 128.4, 128.3, 126.5, 103.9, 73.5, 55.1, 54.6, 35.5.

HRMS (ESI): calcd for C₁₈H₂₄NO₄ (M+NH₄) 318.1700, found 318.1698, calcd for C₁₈H₂₀O₄Na (M+Na) 323.1254, found 323.1262, calcd for C₁₈H₂₀O₄K (M+K) 339.0993, found 339.0993.

1,1-Dimethyl-2-phenylethyl benzoate (3ah) [22]



Yield 74 mg (58%, General procedure B). Colorless oil.

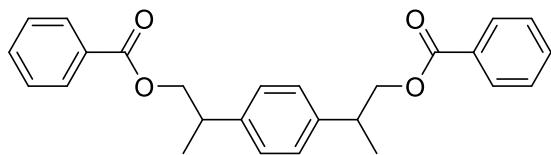
Chromatography: CH₂Cl₂. R_f 0.75.

¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃), δ: 8.04 – 7.97 (m, 2H), 7.59 – 7.52 (m, 1H), 7.48 – 7.41 (m, 2H), 7.34 – 7.23 (m, 5H), 3.26 (s, 2H), 1.63 (s, 6H).

¹³C{¹H} NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃), δ: 166.0, 137.3, 132.5, 132.0, 130.7, 129.4, 128.2, 128.0, 126.5, 83.0, 46.7, 26.2.

HRMS (ESI): calcd for C₁₇H₂₂NO₂ (M+NH₄) 272.1645, found 272.1666, calcd for C₁₇H₁₈O₂Na (M+Na) 227.1199, found 227.1202.

Benzene-1,4-diyl dipropane-2,1-diyl dibenzoate (3ai)



Yield 177 mg (88%, General procedure A, 4 equiv PhCO₂H were used). Colorless oil.

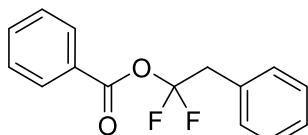
Chromatography: CH₂Cl₂. R_f 0.8.

¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃), δ: 8.07 – 7.91 (m, 4H), 7.61 – 7.52 (m, 2H), 7.48 – 7.37 (m, 4H), 7.31 – 7.27 (m, 4H), 4.49 – 4.35 (m, 4H), 3.34 – 3.21 (m, 2H), 1.42 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 6H).

¹³C{¹H} NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃), δ: 166.5, 141.5, 132.9, 130.3, 129.5, 128.3, 127.5, 69.9, 38.7, 18.0.

HRMS (ESI): calcd for C₂₆H₂₇O₄ (M+H) 403.1904, found 403.1901, calcd for C₂₆H₃₀NO₄ (M+NH₄⁺) 420.2169, found 420.2166, calcd for C₂₆H₂₆O₄Na (M+Na) 425.1723, found 425.1720.

1,1-Difluoro-2-phenylethyl benzoate (3aj) [26]



Yield 115 mg (88%, General procedure C), 124 mg (95%, General procedure D). Colorless oil.

Chromatography: CH₂Cl₂. R_f 0.7.

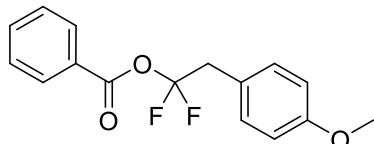
¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃), δ: 8.00 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.67 – 7.61 (m, 1H), 7.52 – 7.44 (m, 2H), 7.41 – 7.32 (m, 5H), 3.74 (t, *J* = 12.6 Hz, 2H).

¹⁹F NMR (282 MHz, CDCl₃), δ: -70.6 (t, *J* = 12.6 Hz).

¹³C{¹H} NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃), δ: 161.6 (t, *J* = 2.7 Hz), 134.2, 131.4 (t, *J* = 2.7 Hz), 130.6, 130.3, 130.2, 128.8, 128.6, 127.8, 124.0 (t, *J* = 270 Hz), 41.2 (t, *J* = 28.6 Hz).

HRMS (ESI): calcd for C₁₅H₁₆F₂NO₂ (M+NH₄) 280.1144, found 280.1147, calcd for C₁₅H₁₅F₂O₂Na (M+Na) 285.0698, found 285.0709.

1,1-Difluoro-2-(4-methoxyphenyl)ethyl benzoate (3ak)



Yield 133mg (91%, General procedure C), 137 mg (94%, General procedure D). Colorless oil.

Chromatography: CH₂Cl₂. R_f 0.7.

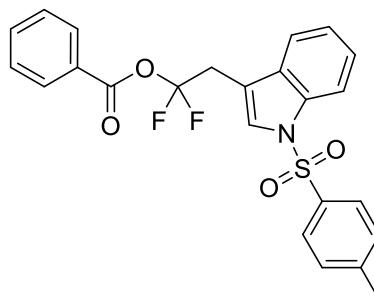
¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃), δ: 8.01 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 7.67 – 7.59 (m, 1H), 7.52 – 7.43 (m, 2H), 7.32 – 7.25 (m, 2H), 6.90 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 3.81 (s, 3H), 3.67 (t, *J* = 12.6 Hz, 2H).

¹⁹F NMR (282 MHz, CDCl₃), δ: -71.0 ((t, *J* = 12.6 Hz).

¹³C{¹H} NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃), δ: 161.7 (t, *J* = 2.8 Hz), 159.3, 134.2, 131.4, 130.1, 128.7, 124.1 (t, *J* = 269 Hz), 123.4 (t, *J* = 4.7 Hz), 114.0, 55.2, 40.4 (t, *J* = 28.6 Hz).

HRMS (ESI): calcd for C₁₆H₁₈F₂NO₃ (M+NH₄) 310.1249, found 310.1241, calcd for C₁₆H₁₄F₂O₃Na (M+Na) 315.0803, found 315.0800.

1,1-Difluoro-2-[1-(4-tolylsulfonyl)-1*H*-indol-3-yl]ethyl benzoate (3al)



Yield 175 mg (77%, General procedure C), 223 mg (98%, General procedure D). Colorless oil.

Chromatography: CH₂Cl₂. R_f 0.3.

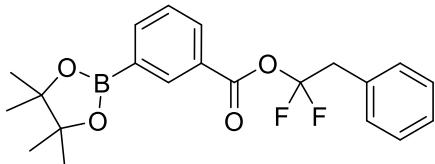
¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃), δ: 8.05 – 7.91 (m, 3H), 7.72 – 7.57 (m, 5H), 7.50 – 7.41 (m, 2H), 7.40 – 7.23 (m, 2H), 7.09 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 3.85 (t, *J* = 13.2 Hz, 2H), 2.28 (s, 3H).

¹⁹F NMR (282 MHz, CDCl₃), δ: -69.7 (t, *J* = 12.7 Hz).

¹³C{¹H} NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃), δ: 161.6 (t, *J* = 2.9 Hz), 145.0, 135.0, 134.3, 130.6, 130.2, 129.8, 128.7, 128.2, 126.9, 126.7, 126.0, 125.0, 123.9, 123.6 (t, *J* = 272 Hz), 123.5, 119.7, 113.8, 112.7 (t, *J* = 3.8 Hz), 31.4 (t, *J* = 30.1 Hz), 21.5.

HRMS (ESI): calcd for $C_{24}H_{20}F_2NO_4S$ ($M+H$) 456.1076, found 456.1074, calcd for $C_{24}H_{23}F_2N_2O_4S$ ($M+NH_4$) 473.1341, found 473.1343, calcd for $C_{24}H_{19}F_2NO_4SNa$ ($M+Na$) 478.0895, found 478.0894, calcd for $C_{24}H_{19}F_2NO_4SK$ ($M+K$) 494.0634, found 494.0628.

3-(4,4,5,5-Tetramethyl-[1,3,2]dioxaborolan-2-yl)-benzoic acid 1,1-difluoro-2-phenyl-ethyl ester (3am)



Yield 180 mg (93%, General procedure D). Colorless oil.

Chromatography: CH_2Cl_2 . R_f 0.4.

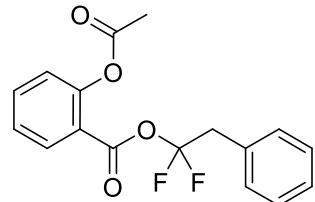
1H NMR (300 MHz, $CDCl_3$), δ : 8.45 (s, 1H), 8.11 – 8.04 (m, 2H), 7.48 (t, $J = 8.3$ Hz, 1H), 7.42 – 7.30 (m, 5H), 3.73 (t, $J = 12.6$ Hz, 2H), 1.39 (s, 12H).

^{19}F NMR (282 MHz, $CDCl_3$), δ : -70.6 (t, $J = 12.6$ Hz).

$^{13}C\{^1H\}$ NMR (75 MHz, $CDCl_3$), δ : 161.7 (t, $J = 2.2$ Hz), 140.4, 136.4, 132.7, 131.3 (t, $J = 3.3$ Hz), 130.4, 128.6, 128.1, 128.0, 127.8, 127.5, 124.0 (t, $J = 270$ Hz), 84.3, 41.3 (t, $J = 28.6$ Hz), 24.3.

HRMS (ESI): calcd for $C_{21}H_{27}BF_2NO_4Na$ ($M+NH_4$) 406.1999, found 406.1989, calcd for $C_{21}H_{23}BF_2O_4Na$ ($M+Na$) 411.1553, found 411.1543.

1,1-Difluoro-2-phenylethyl 2-(acetyloxy)benzoate (3an)



Yield 157 mg (98%, General procedure D). Colorless oil.

Chromatography: CH_2Cl_2 . R_f 0.65.

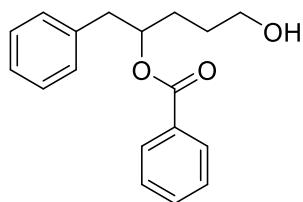
1H NMR (300 MHz, $CDCl_3$), δ : 7.88 (dd, $J = 8.0$ Hz, $J = 1.7$ Hz, 1H), 7.67 – 7.59 (m, 1H), 7.41 – 7.26 (m, 6H), 7.15 (dd, $J = 8.1$ Hz, $J = 1.0$ Hz, 1H), 3.71 (t, $J = 12.6$ Hz, 2H), 2.32 (s, 3H).

^{19}F NMR (282 MHz, $CDCl_3$), δ : -70.3 (t, $J = 12.6$ Hz).

$^{13}C\{^1H\}$ NMR (75 MHz, $CDCl_3$), δ : 169.4, 159.4, 151.4, 135.1, 132.0, 131.2 (t, $J = 3.3$ Hz), 130.4, 128.7, 127.9, 127.6, 126.2, 124.3, 124.0 (t, $J = 281$ Hz), 41.0 (t, $J = 28$ Hz), 20.8.

HRMS (ESI): calcd for $C_{17}H_{18}F_2NO_4$ ($M+NH_4$) 338.1198, found 338.1192, calcd for $C_{17}H_{14}F_2O_4Na$ ($M+Na$) 343.0752, found 343.0750, calcd for $C_{17}H_{14}F_2O_4K$ ($M+K$) 359.0492, found 359.0483.

1-benzyl-4-hydroxybutyl benzoate (3ao)



Yield 68 mg (48%, General procedure B). Colorless oil.

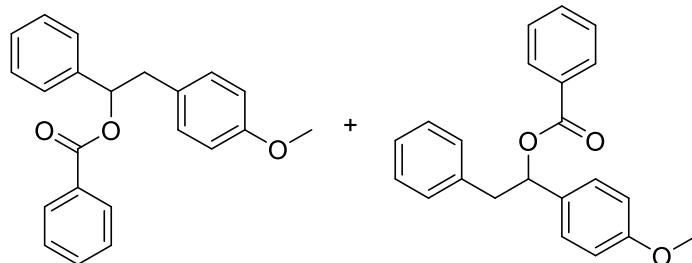
Chromatography: CH_2Cl_2 . R_f 0.35.

^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3), δ : 8.08 – 8.01 (m, 2H), 7.62 – 7.54 (m, 1H), 7.50 – 7.41 (m, 2H), 7.34 – 7.18 (m, 5H), 5.44 – 5.34 (m, 1H), 3.76 (t, $J = 6.2$ Hz, 2H), 3.15 – 2.93 (m, 2H), 1.86 – 1.57 (m, 5H).

$^{13}\text{C}\{\text{H}\}$ NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3), δ : 166.3, 137.4, 132.9, 130.5, 129.6, 129.5, 128.4, 128.3, 126.6, 75.2, 62.5, 41.7, 29.9, 28.6.

HRMS (ESI): calcd for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{21}\text{O}_3$ ($\text{M}+\text{H}$) 285.1485, found 285.1490, calcd for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{24}\text{NO}_3$ ($\text{M}+\text{NH}_4$) 302.1751, found 302.1750, calcd for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{20}\text{O}_3\text{Na}$ ($\text{M}+\text{Na}$) 307.1305, found 307.1309.

Mixture of 2-(4-methoxyphenyl)-1-phenylethyl benzoate and 1-(4-methoxyphenyl)-2-phenylethyl benzoate (3ap)



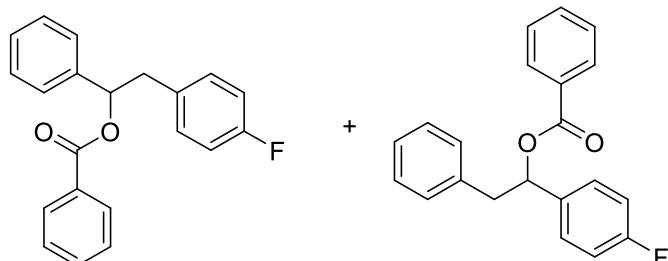
Yield 141 mg (85%, General procedure B). Colorless oil. Ratio of regioisomers: 2.4:1.

Chromatography: CH_2Cl_2 . R_f 0.7.

^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3), δ : 8.16 – 8.07 (m, 2H), 7.64 – 7.07 (m, 12H), 6.27 – 6.18 (m, 1H), 3.83 (s, 0.9H), 3.80 (s, 2.1H), 3.47 – 3.14 (m, 2H).

$^{13}\text{C}\{\text{H}\}$ NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3), δ : 167.4, 160.2, 158.1, 139.8, 130.1, 129.8, 129.5, 128.4, 128.3, 128.1, 127.8, 127.4, 126.8, 114.3, 114.0, 76.4, 75.8, 55.6, 55.5, 44.0.

Mixture of 1-(4-fluorophenyl)-2-phenylethyl benzoate and 2-(4-fluorophenyl)-1-phenylethyl benzoate (3aq)



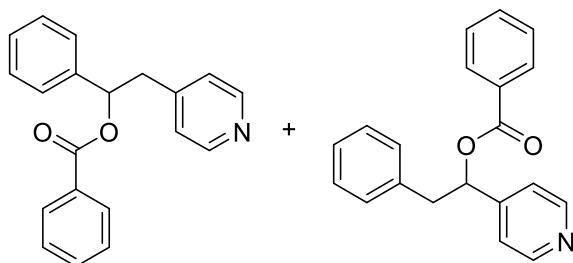
Yield 155 mg (97%, General procedure B). Colorless oil. Ratio of regioisomers: 1:1.4.

Chromatography: CH_2Cl_2 . R_f 0.7.

¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃), δ: 8.15 – 8.07 (m, 2H), 7.6 – 7.55 (m, 2H), 7.54 – 7.44 (m, 2H). 7.43 – 6.88 (m, 8H), 6.26 – 6.18 (m, 1H), 3.47 – 3.18 (m, 2H).

¹³C{¹H} NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃), δ: 166.5, 165.3 (d, *J* = 256 Hz), 158.3 (d, *J* = 255 Hz), 132.9, 130.4, 130.1, 130.0, 129.64, 129.62, 129.60, 129.42, 129.40, 128.7, 128.4, 127.3, 127.08, 127.06, 127.04, 126.0, 115.7, 115.4, 76.01, 75.96, 43.5, 43.3.

Mixture of 1-phenyl-2-pyridin-4-ylethyl benzoate and 2-phenyl-1-pyridin-4-ylethyl benzoate (3ar)



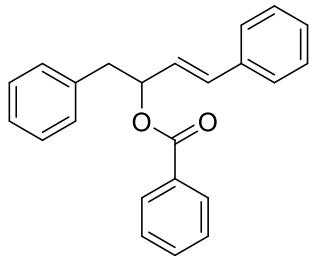
Yield 95 mg (63%, General procedure B). Colorless oil. Ratio of regioisomers: 1:16.

Chromatography: CH₂Cl₂. R_f 0.6.

¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃), δ: 8.63 – 8.48 (m, 2H), 8.11 – 8.02 (m, 2H), 7.78 – 7.42 (m, 4H). 7.31 – 7.07 (m, 6H), 6.28 – 6.22 (m, 0.07H), 6.21 – 6.12 (m, 0.93H), 3.41 – 3.15 (m, 2H).

¹³C{¹H} NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃), δ: 166.5, 148.5, 146.6, 137.5, 132.9, 129.6, 128.4, 128.3, 127.5, 126.5, 124.0, 76.2, 43.2, 41.8.

(2E)-1-benzyl-3-phenylprop-2-en-1-yl benzoate (3as)



Yield 103 mg (62%, General procedure B). Colorless oil.

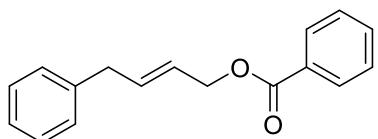
Chromatography: CH₂Cl₂. R_f 0.7.

¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃), δ: 8.02 – 8.00 (m, 2H), 7.45 – 7.14 (m, 13H), 6.63 (d, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 1H), 6.11 – 6.06 (m, 1H), 5.85 (q, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 1H), 3.18 (ddd, *J* = 13.3, 6.5, 0.8 Hz, 1H), 2.93 (ddd, *J* = 13.3, 6.7, 0.8 Hz, 1H).

¹³C{¹H} NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃), δ: 167.2, 137.5, 135.7, 133.0, 131.7, 130.0, 129.3, 128.7, 128.5, 128.1, 127.9, 127.4, 127.3, 127.1, 125.3, 72.9, 41.5.

HRMS (ESI): calcd for C₂₃H₂₁O₂ (M+H) 329.4111, found 329.4105, calcd for C₂₃H₂₀O₂Na (M+Na) 351.3929, found 351.3936.

(2E)-4-phenylbut-2-en-1-yl benzoate (3at)



Yield 81 mg (64%, General procedure B). Colorless oil.

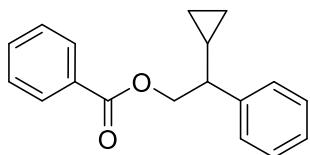
Chromatography: CH₂Cl₂. R_f 0.75.

¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃), δ: 8.11 – 8.06 (m, 2H), 7.62 – 7.55 (m, 1H), 7.49 – 7.43 (m, 2H), 7.37 – 7.21 (m, 5H), 6.12 – 5.72 (m, 2H), 4.84 (dd, *J* = 6.2, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 3.46 (d, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 2H).

¹³C{¹H} NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃), δ: 166.6, 138.9, 136.0, 133.4, 131.0, 129.2, 129.0, 128.6, 128.2, 126.2, 125.4, 61.9, 34.5

HRMS (ESI): calcd for C₁₇H₁₇O₂ (M+H) 253.3151, found 253.3146, calcd for C₁₇H₁₆O₂Na (M+Na) 275.2970, found 275.2972.

2-Cyclopropyl-2-phenylethyl benzoate (3au)



Yield 92 mg (69%, General procedure B). Colorless oil.

Chromatography: CH₂Cl₂. R_f 0.75.

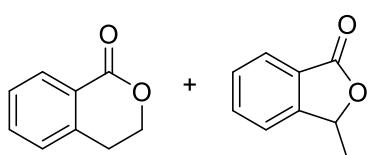
¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃), δ: 7.99 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.59 – 7.51 (m, 1H), 7.48 – 7.25 (m, 7H), 4.68 (dd, *J* = 10.9, 6.5 Hz, 1H), 4.57 (dd, *J* = 10.9, 7.2 Hz, 1H), 2.36 (dt, *J* = 9.8, 6.8 Hz, 1H), 1.24 – 1.08 (m, 1H), 0.75 – 0.64 (m, 1H), 0.58 – 0.46 (m, 1H), 0.45 – 0.36 (m, 1H), 0.25 – 0.11 (m, 1H).

¹³C{¹H} NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃), δ: 166.5, 142.1, 132.8, 130.4, 129.6, 128.4, 128.3, 127.9, 126.7, 69.0, 50.0, 13.8, 5.3, 3.5.

HRMS (ESI): calcd for C₁₈H₁₉O₂ (M+H) 267.1380, found 267.1373, calcd for C₁₈H₂₂NO₂ (M+NH₄) 284.1645, found 284.1635, calcd for C₁₈H₁₈O₂Na (M+Na) 289.1199, found 289.1196, calcd for C₁₈H₁₈O₂K (M+K) 305.0938, found 305.0935.

Mixture of 3,4-dihydro-1*H*-isochromen-1-one and 3-methyl-2-benzofuran-1(*3H*)-one (3aw)

A screw capped tube with a pressure compensator containing a stirring bar, 2-vinylbenzoic acid (148 mg, 1 mmol), 2,7-di-*tert*-butyl-9-mesitylacridine (10 mol%, 14.4 mg) and 2 mL of CH₂Cl₂ was irradiated using 60W 400 nm LEDs for 8 hours. Then, the reaction mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure, and the residue was purified by column chromatography.



Yield 50 mg (54%). Colorless oil. Ratio of isomers: 1.6:1.

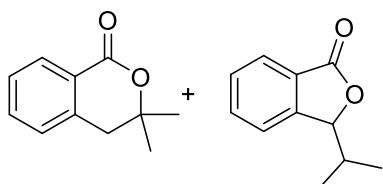
Chromatography: CH₂Cl₂. R_f 0.8.

¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃), δ: 8.14 – 7.85 (m, 5.2H), 7.73 – 7.24 (m, 7.8H), 5.59 – 5.46 (m, 1H). 4.56 (t, J = 6.1 Hz, 3.2H), 3.08 (t, J = 6.1 Hz, 3.2H), 1.66 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 3H).

¹³C{¹H} NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃), δ: 168.8, 166.8, 149.6, 137.6, 134.2, 133.9, 129.6, 129.1, 129.0, 128.5, 127.9, 127.1, 126.4, 125.6, 123.9, 78.3, 65.2, 26.6, 20.9.

Mixture of 3,3-dimethyl-3,4-dihydro-1*H*-isochromen-1-one and 3-(1-methylethyl)-2-benzofuran-1(3*H*)-one (**3ax**)

A screw capped tube with a pressure compensator containing a stirring bar, 2-(2-methylprop-1-en-1-yl)benzoic acid (176 mg, 1 mmol), 2,7-di-*tert*-butyl-9-mesitylacridine (10 mol%, 14.4 mg) and 2 mL of CH₂Cl₂ was irradiated using 60W 400 nm LEDs for 8 hours. Then, the reaction mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure, and the residue was purified by column chromatography.



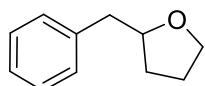
Yield 116 mg (66%). Colorless oil. Ratio of isomers: 1:1.5.

Chromatography: CH₂Cl₂. R_f 0.8.

¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃), δ: 7.62 – 7.46 (m, 1.5H), 7.44 – 7.33 (m, 1.5H), 7.31 – 7.24 (m, 3H), 5.11 (d, J = 2.4 Hz, 1H). 2.80 (s, 2H), 1.21 (s, 3H), 0.88 (d, J = 6.6 Hz, 3H), 0.56 (d, J = 6.1 Hz, 3H).

¹³C{¹H} NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃), δ: 170.8, 148.9, 148.3, 140.7, 134.2, 133.9, 129.4, 129.0, 126.7, 125.6, 122.3, 122.1, 116.8, 85.6, 85.0, 33.4, 18.7, 16.0, 15.6.

2-Benzyltetrahydrofuran (**4**) ^[27]



Yield 67 mg (83%, General procedure B). Colorless oil.

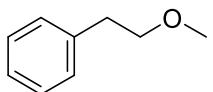
Chromatography: CH₂Cl₂. R_f 0.9.

¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃), δ: 7.27 – 7.07 (m, 5H), 4.05 – 3.94 (m, 1H), 3.86 – 3.76 (m, 1H), 3.71 – 3.60 (m, 1H), 2.85 (dd, J = 13.6, 6.5 Hz, 1H), 2.67 (dd, J = 13.6, 6.5 Hz, 1H), 1.93 – 1.65 (m, 3H), 1.55 – 1.41 (m, 1H).

¹³C{¹H} NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃), δ: 139.0, 129.3, 128.4, 126.2, 80.1, 67.9, 42.0, 31.0, 25.6.

HRMS (ESI): calcd for C₁₁H₁₅O (M+H) 163.1117, found 163.1115, calcd for C₁₁H₁₈NO (M+NH₄⁺) 180.1383, found 180.1386, calcd for C₁₁H₁₄ONa (M+Na) 185.0937, found 185.1039.

(2-Methoxyethyl)benzene (6) [26]



Yield 51 mg (65%, General procedure B). Colorless oil.

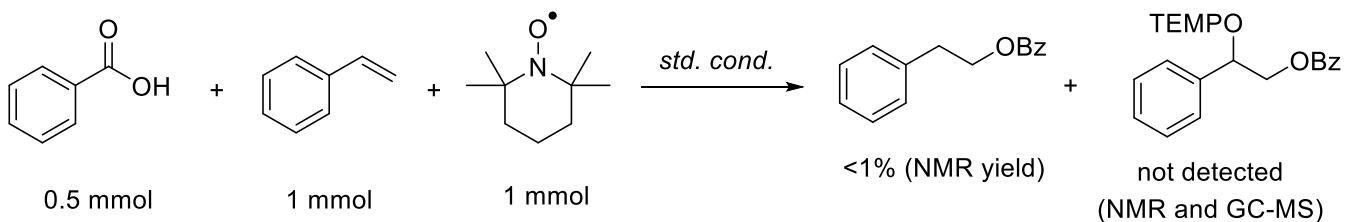
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¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃), δ: 7.40 – 7.21 (m, 5H), 3.65 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 3.40 (s, 3H), 2.94 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H).

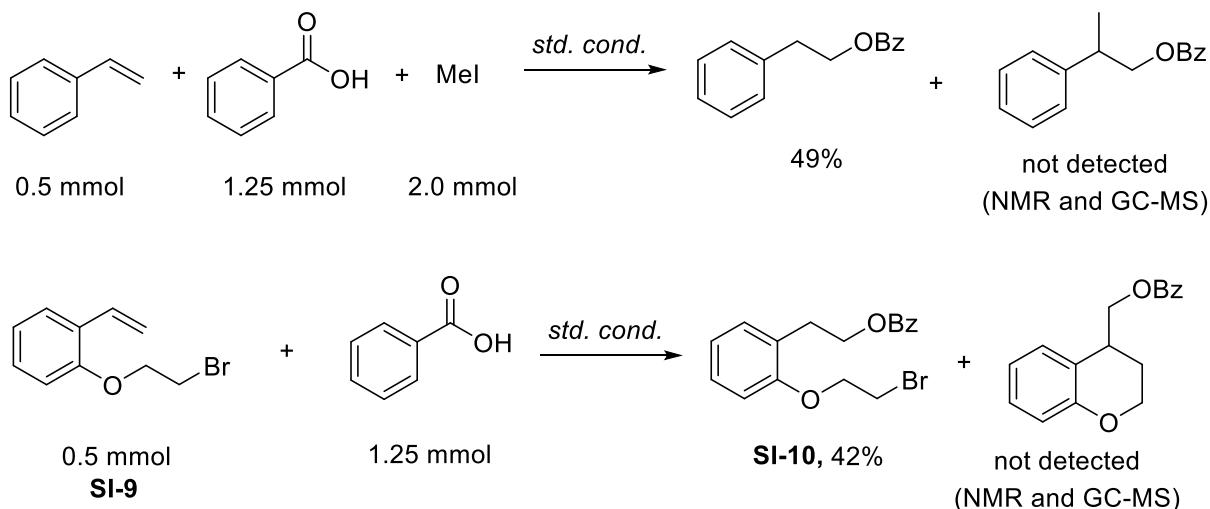
¹³C{¹H} NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃), δ: 139.0, 128.9, 128.4, 126.2, 73.7, 58.7, 36.3.

HRMS (ESI): calcd for C₉H₁₂ONa (M+Na) 159.0780, found 159.0780.

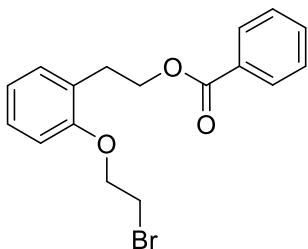
Radical trapping experiment



Carbanion trapping experiment



2-(2-Bromoethoxy)phenethyl benzoate (SI-10)



Yield 72 mg (42%, General procedure B). Colorless oil.

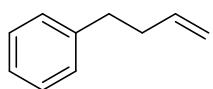
Chromatography: CH₂Cl₂. R_f 0.7.

¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃), δ: 8.07 – 7.94 (m, 2H), 7.53 (m, 1H), 7.42 (m, 2H), 7.23 (m, 2H), 6.95 (m, 1H), 6.83 (m, 1H), 4.56 (t, J = 6.9 Hz, 2H), 4.31 (t, J = 6.1 Hz, 2H), 3.66 (t, J = 6.1 Hz, 2H), 3.14 (t, J = 6.9 Hz, 2H).

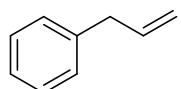
¹³C{¹H} NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃), δ: 166.7, 156.3, 132.9, 131.2, 130.6, 129.7, 128.4, 128.1, 126.8, 121.4, 111.5, 67.9, 64.5, 30.2, 29.5.

HRMS (ESI): calcd for C₁₇H₁₈Br⁷⁹O₃ (M+H) 349.0434, found 349.0426, calcd for C₁₇H₁₈Br⁸¹O₃ (M+H) 351.0414, found 351.0407, calcd for C₁₇H₁₇Br⁷⁹O₃Na (M+Na) 371.0253, found 371.0248, calcd for C₁₇H₁₇Br⁸¹O₃Na (M+Na) 373.0234, found 373.0234.

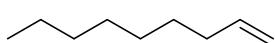
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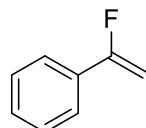
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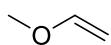
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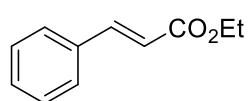
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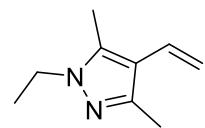
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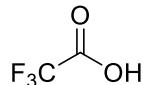
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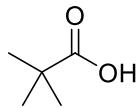
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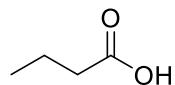
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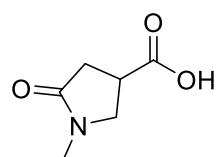
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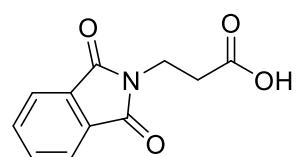
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DFT calculations

All calculations were carried out using the Gaussian16 package.^[29] Geometries of stationary points were optimized using the (u)ωB97XD functional with the def2-TZVP basis set and verified by vibrational analysis. Solvation effects were evaluated using the PCM model (acetonitrile as solvent). Oxidation potentials of the discussed species were predicted according to the literature protocol.^[30] Energies of structures are given in Hartrees.

Benzyl radical

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Benzyl carbanion

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Phenethyl carbanion

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9-Phenylacridinium cation

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2,7-Di-*tert*-butyl-9-mesitylacridinium cation

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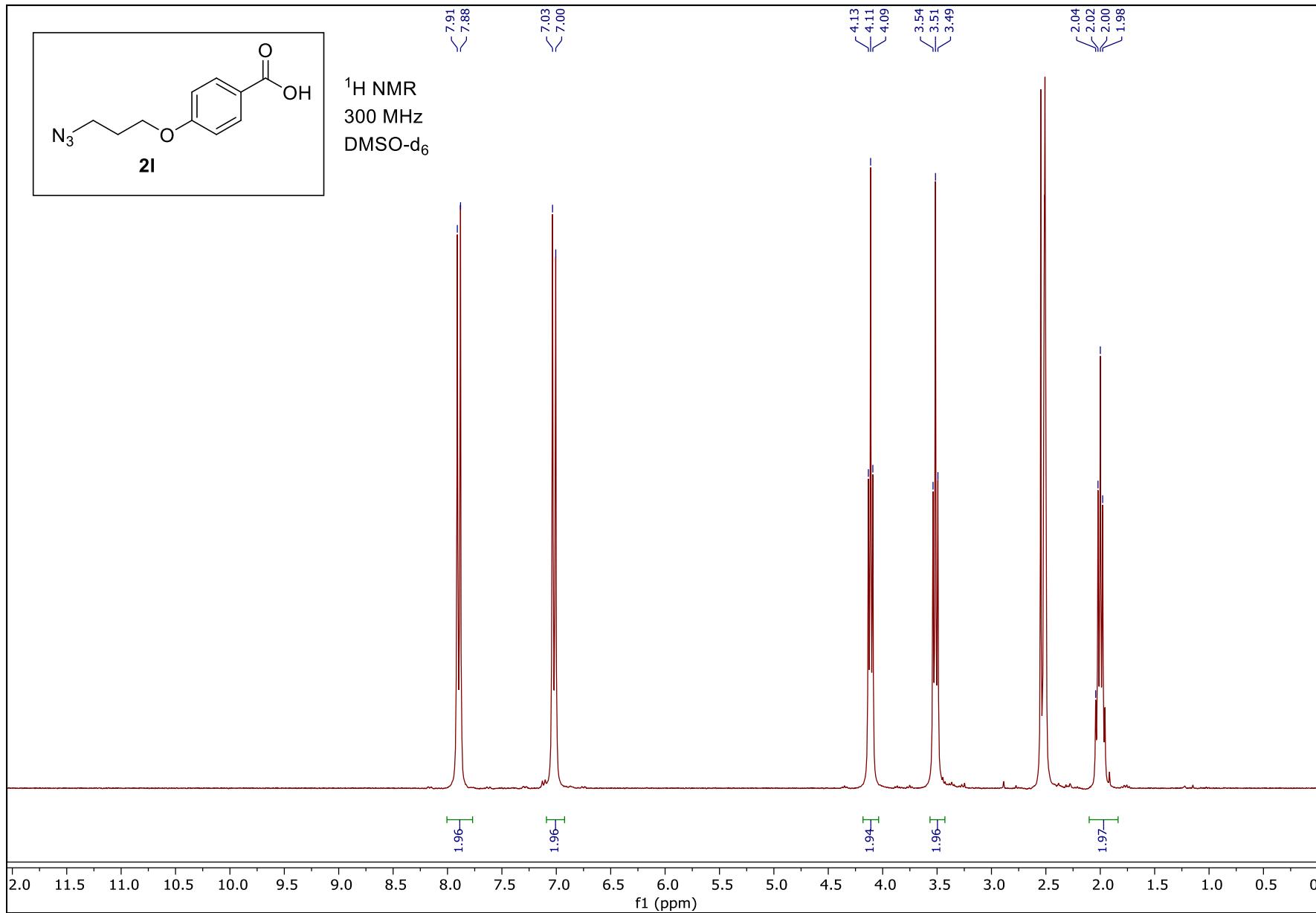
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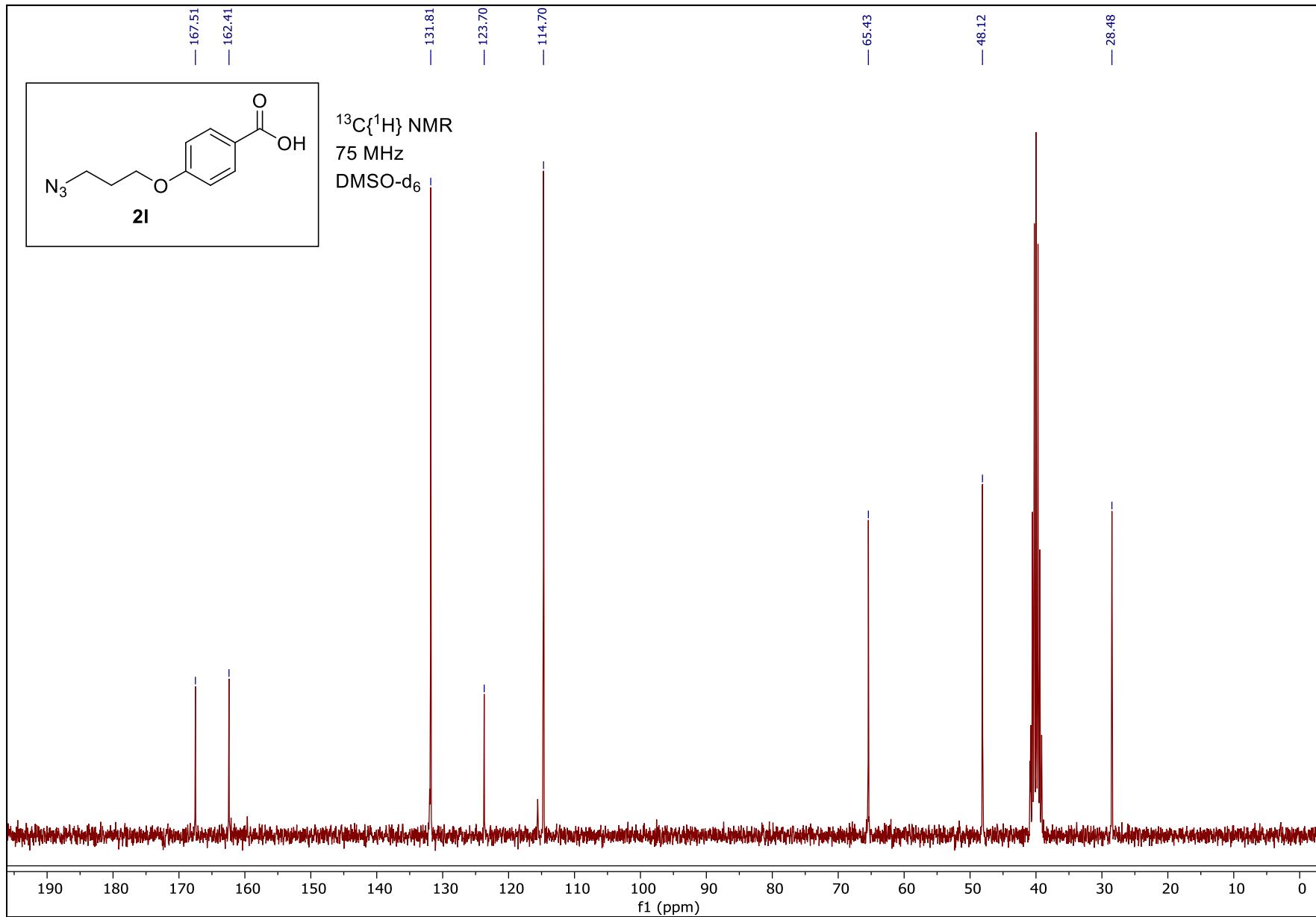
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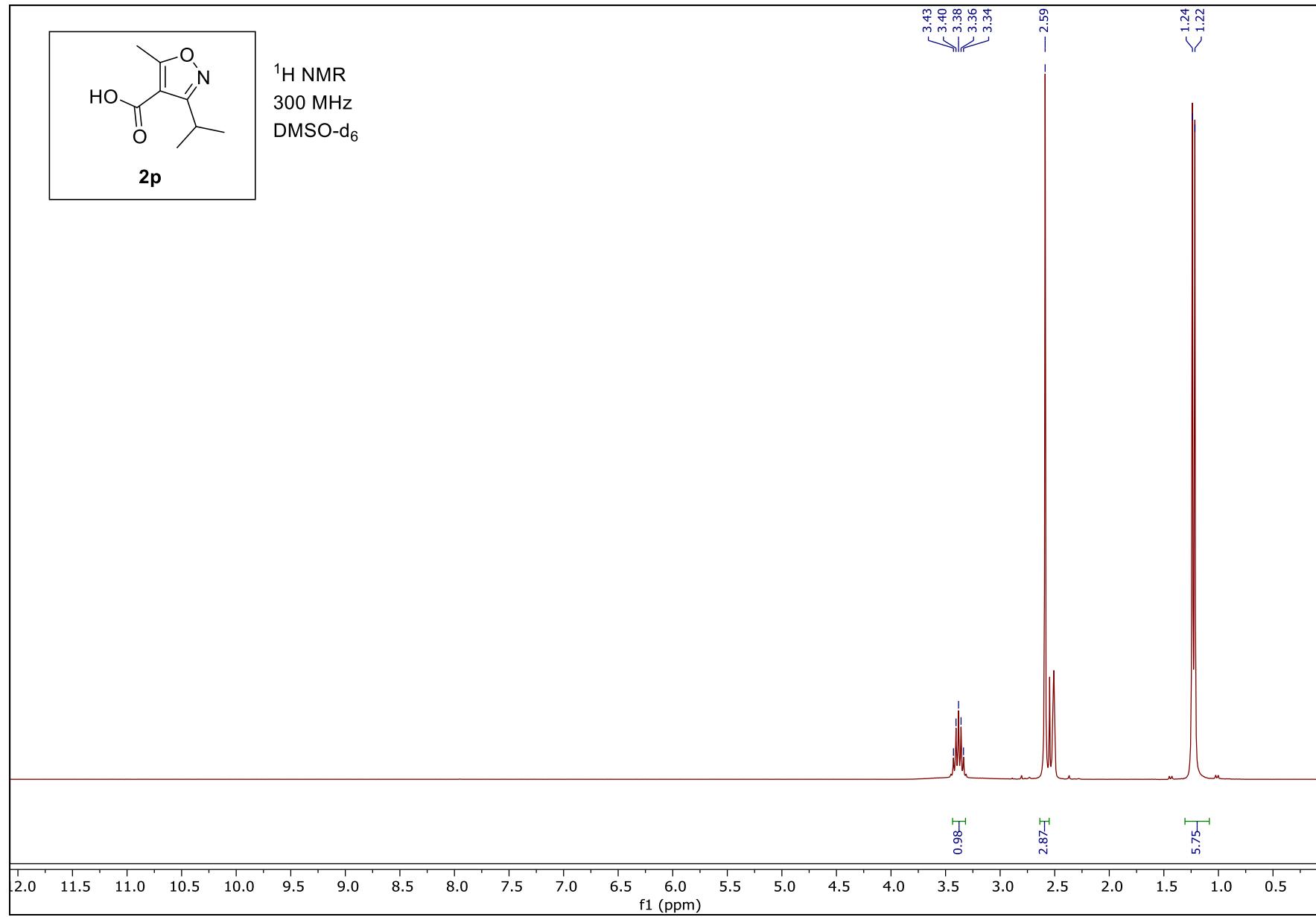
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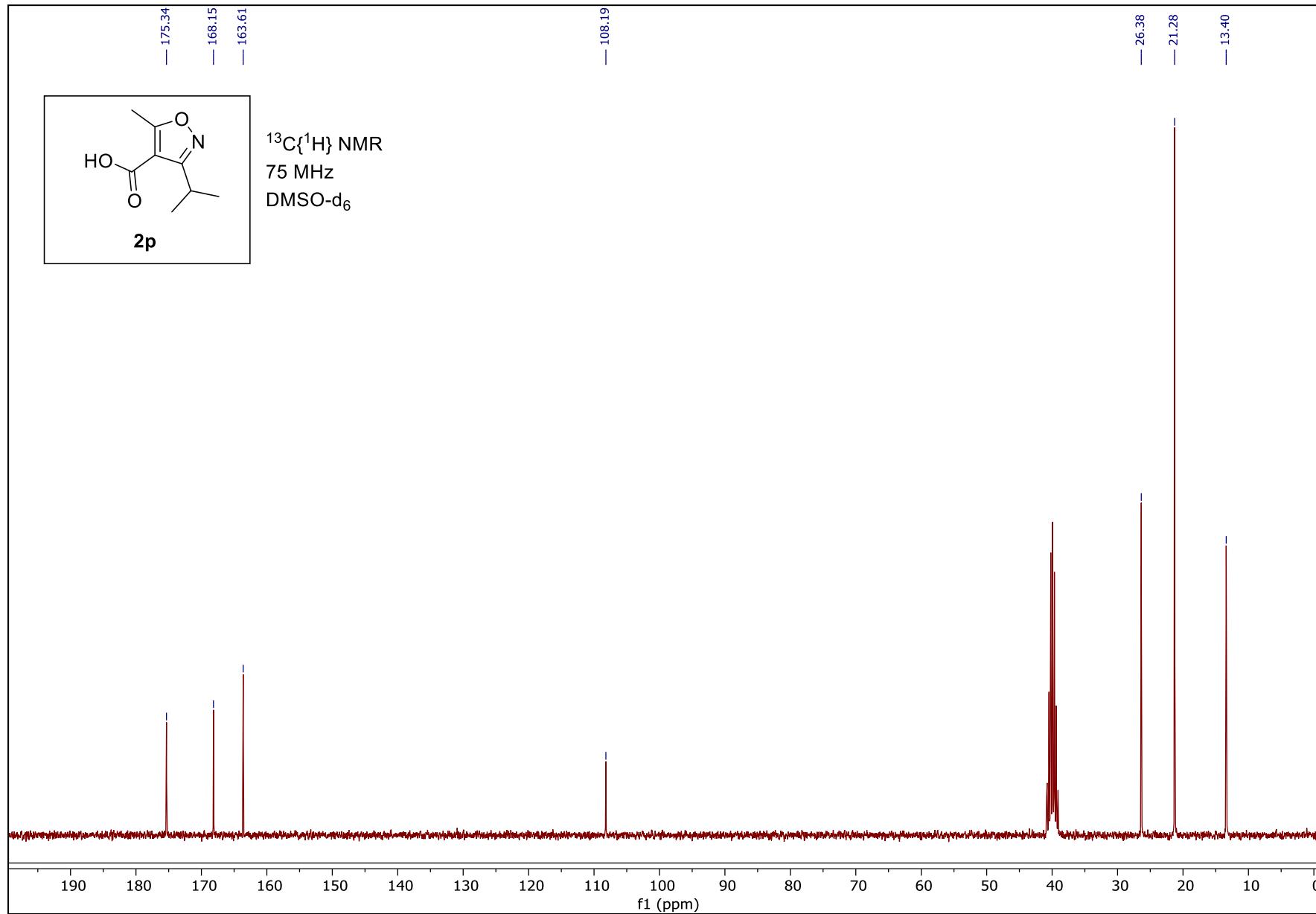
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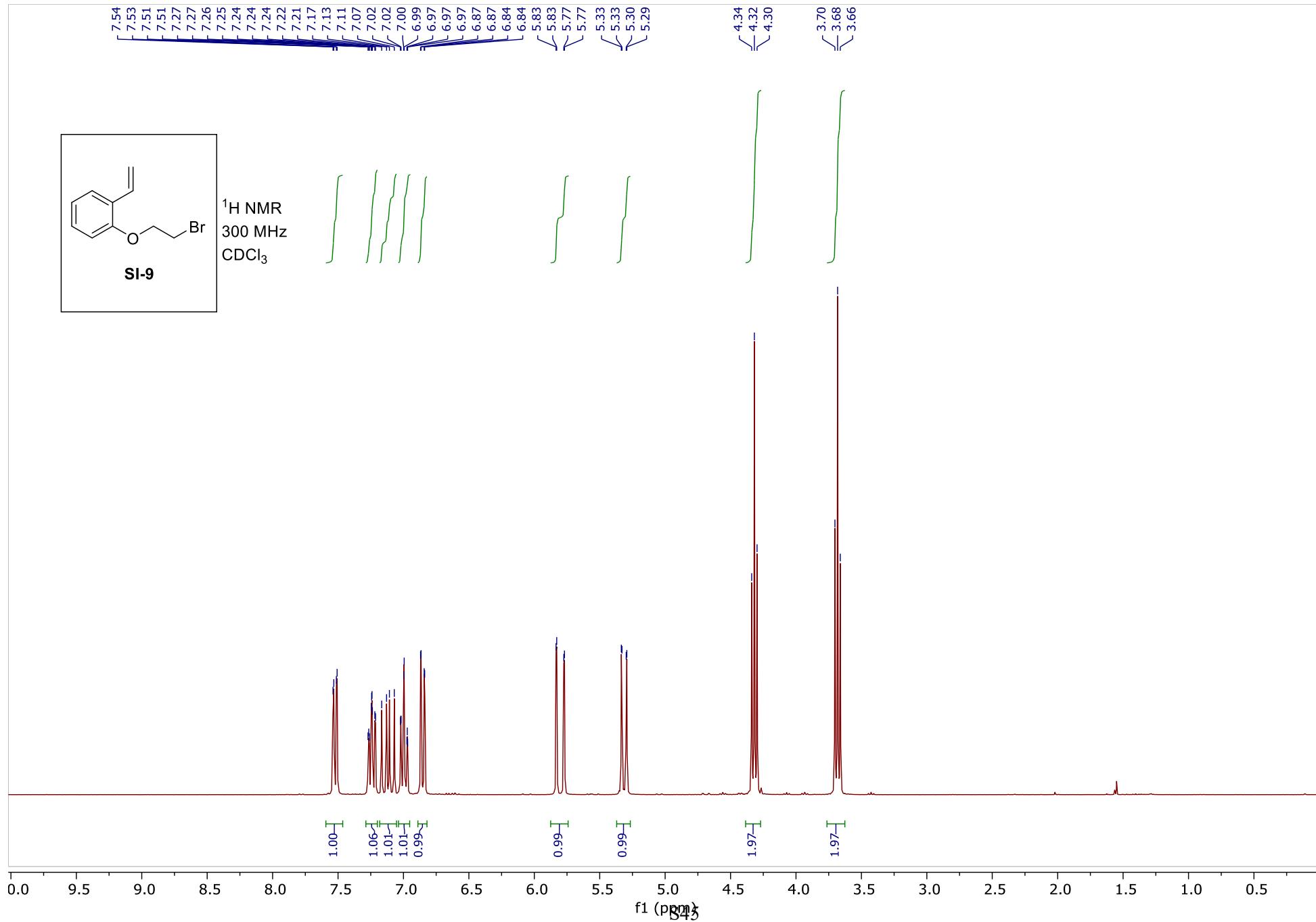
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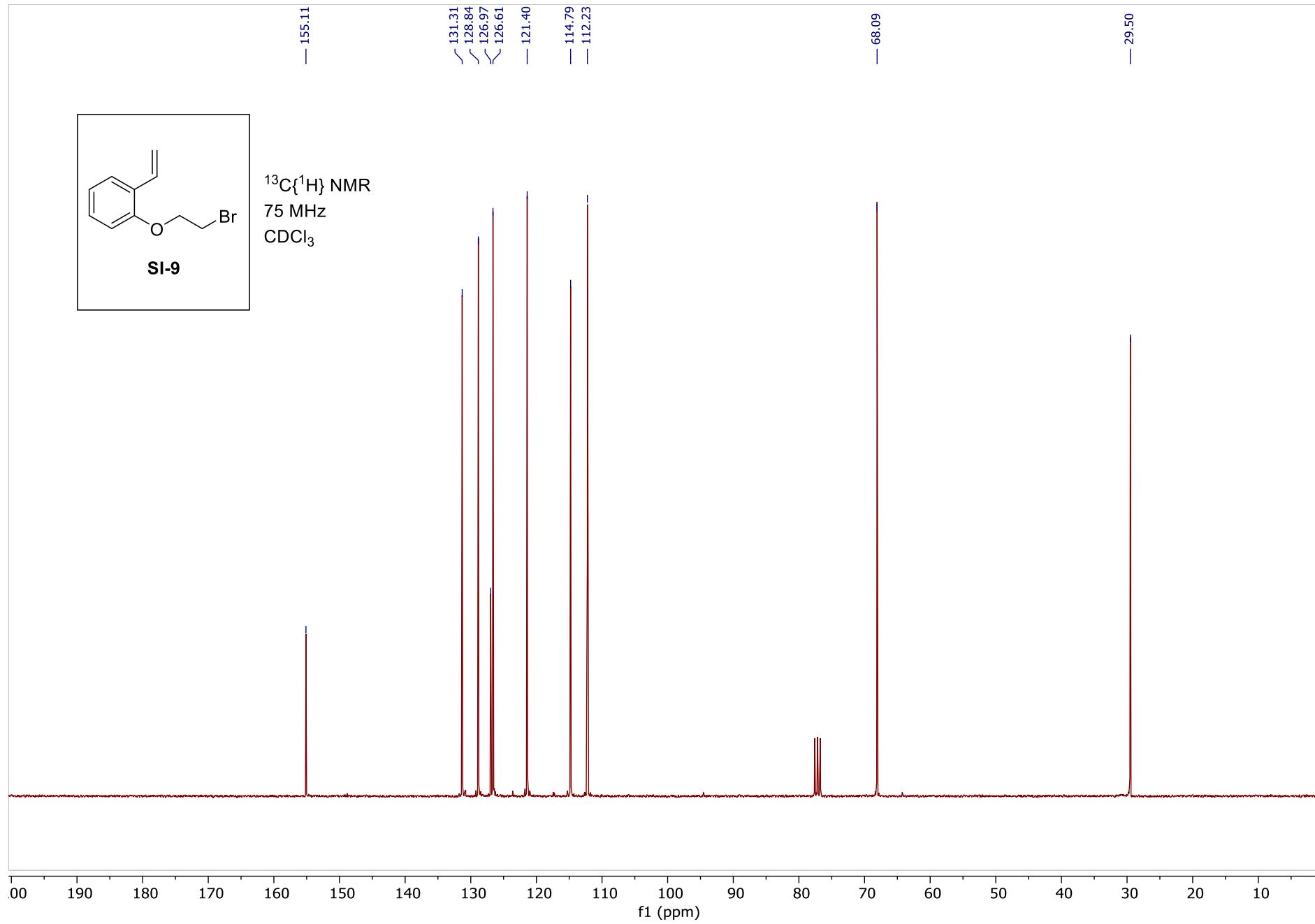


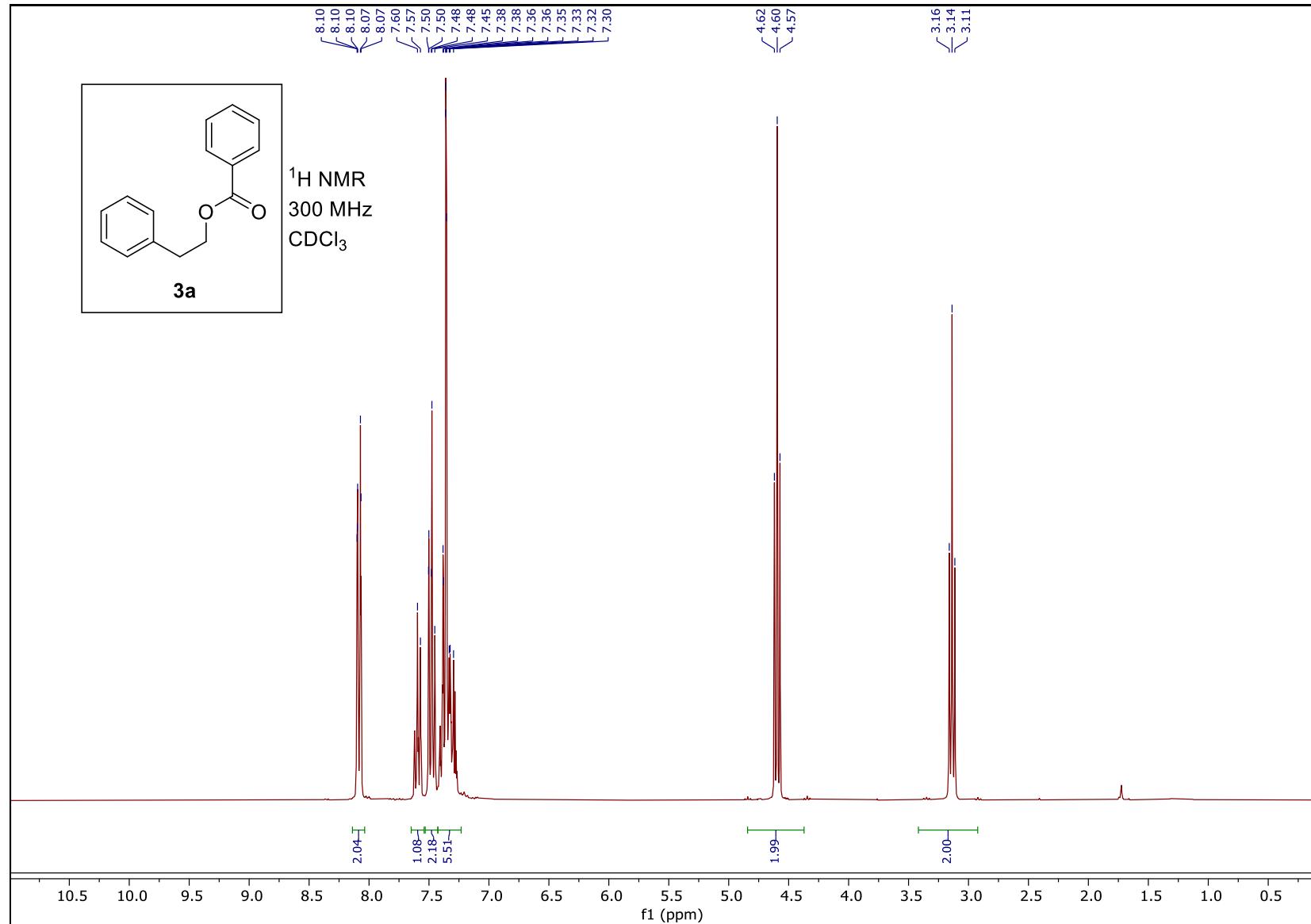


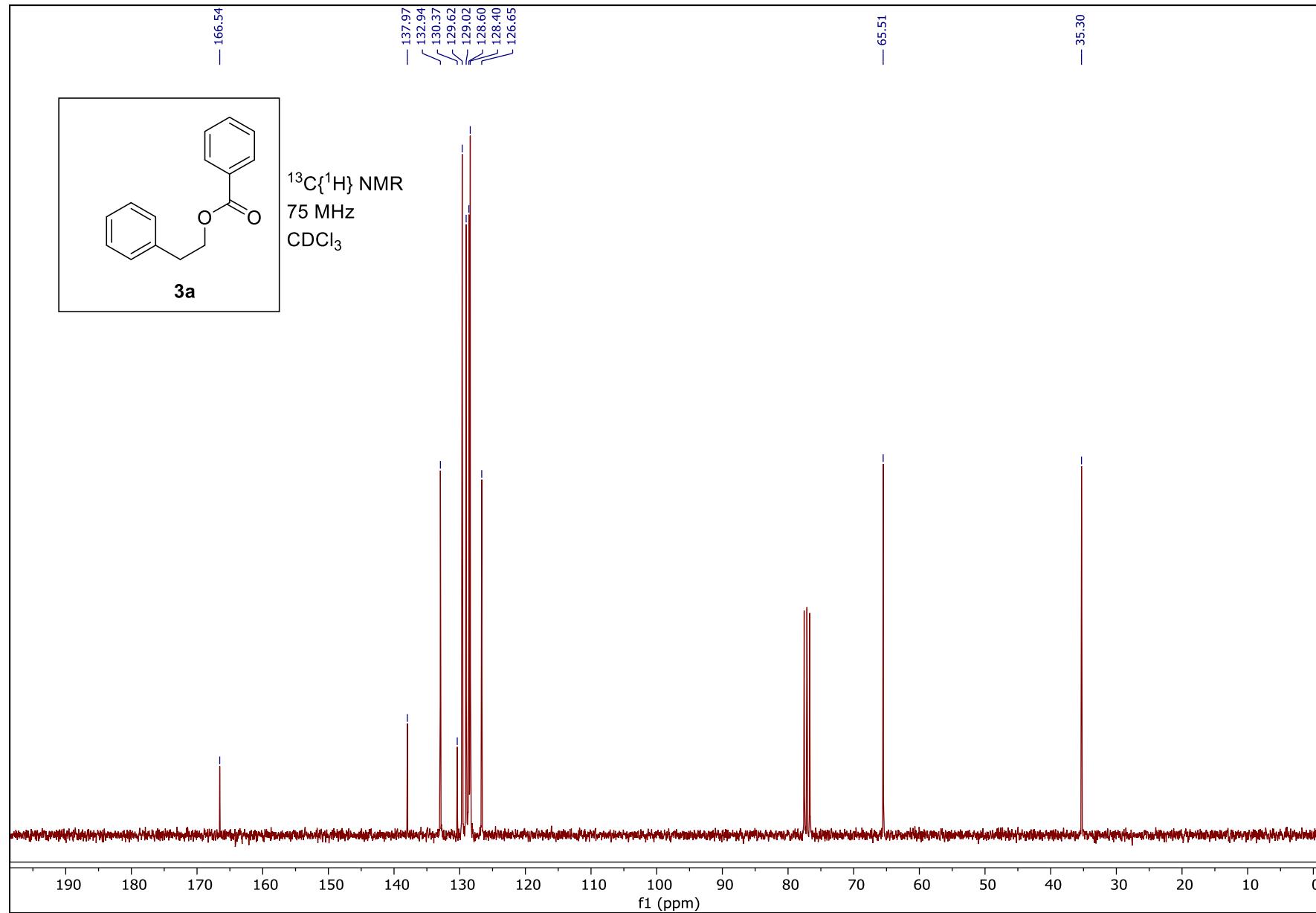


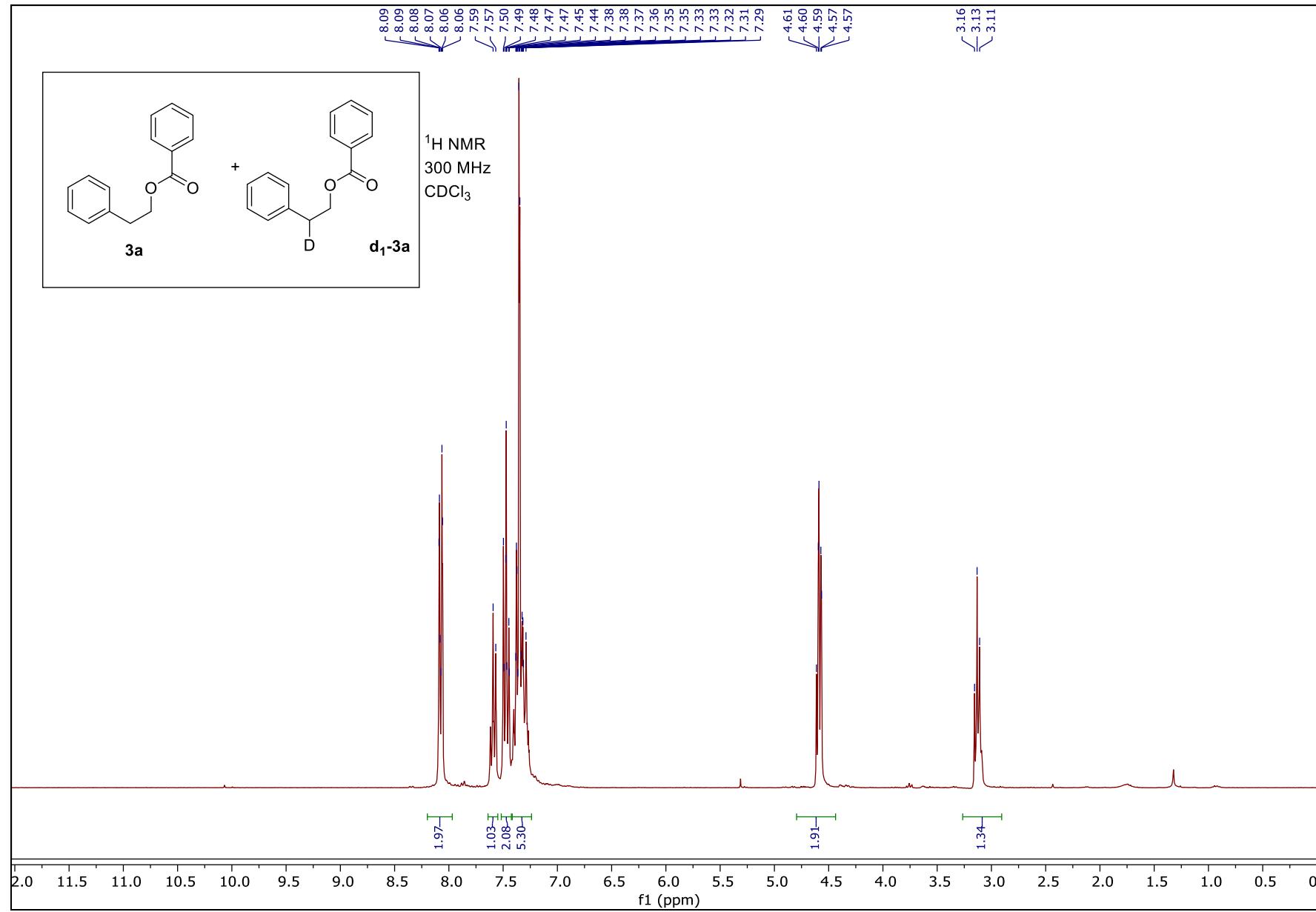


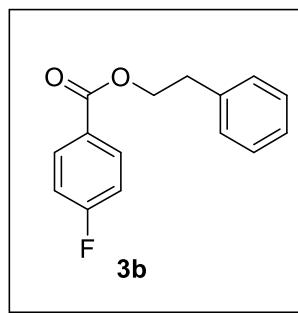




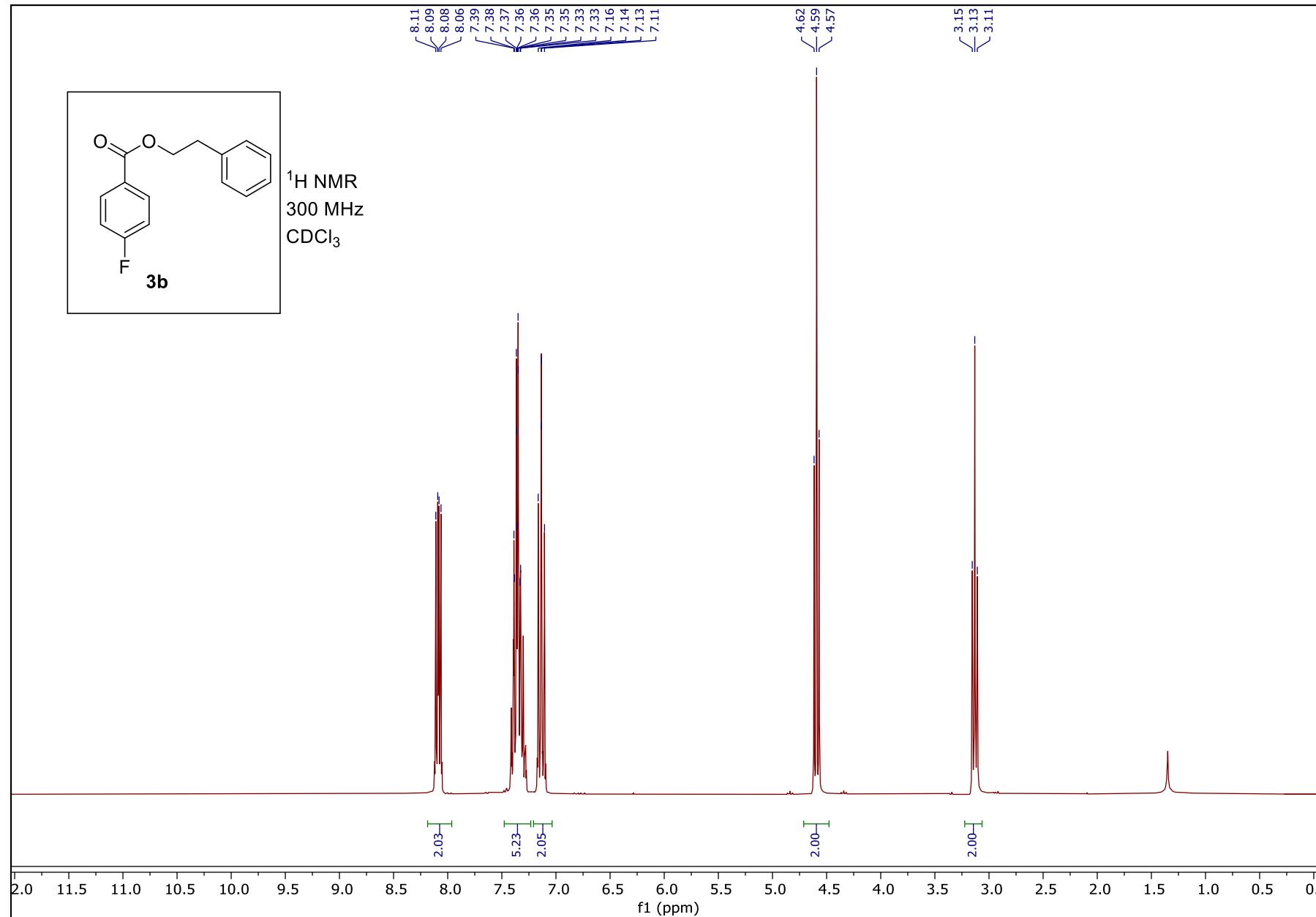


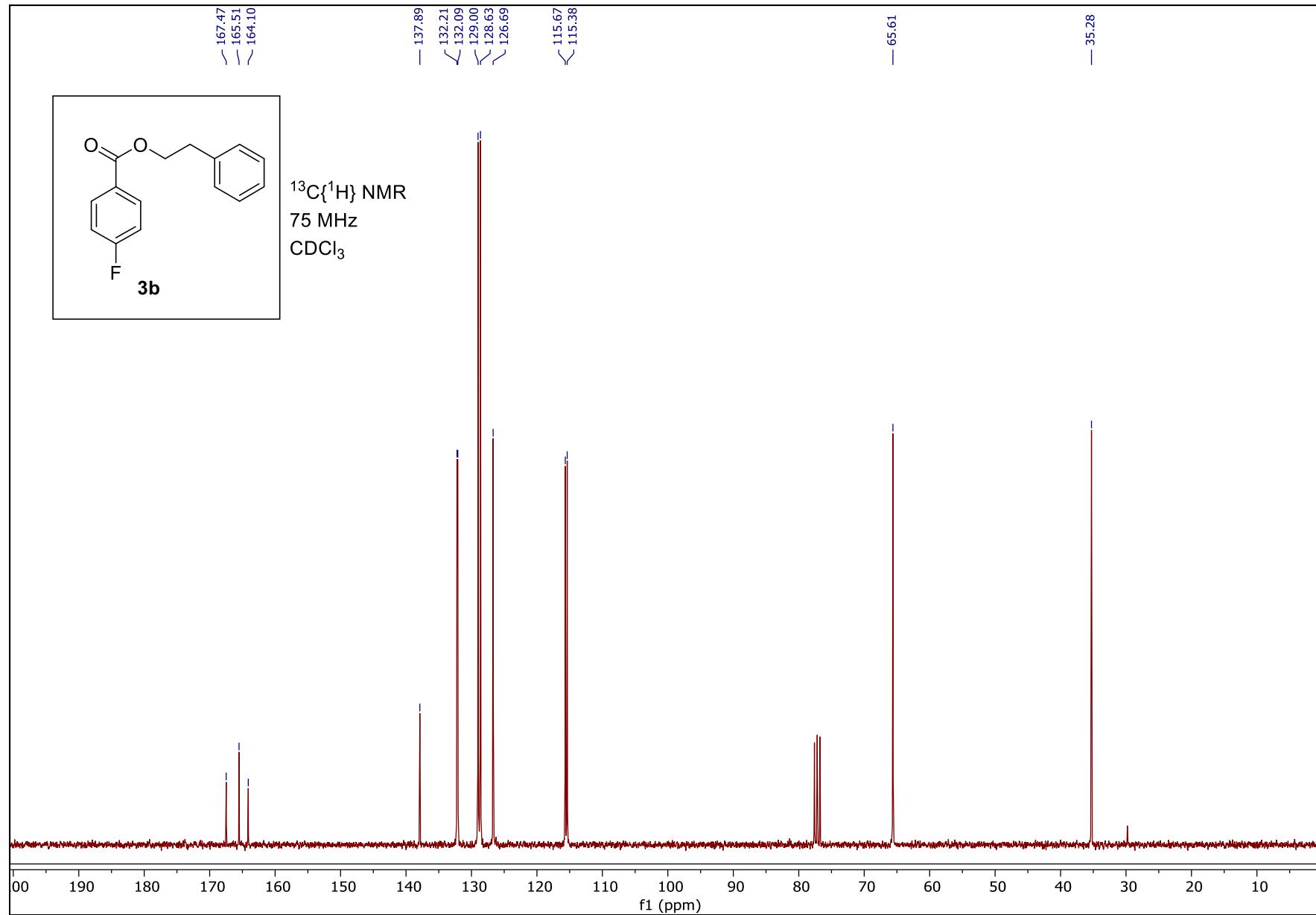


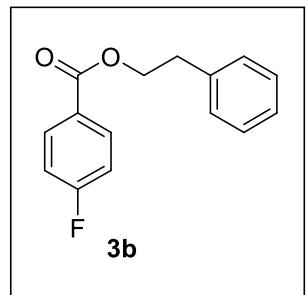




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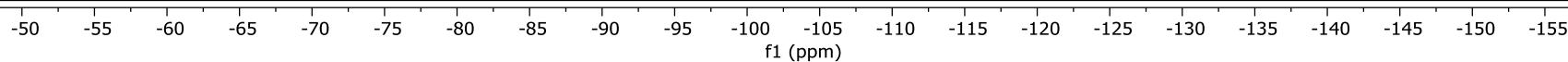


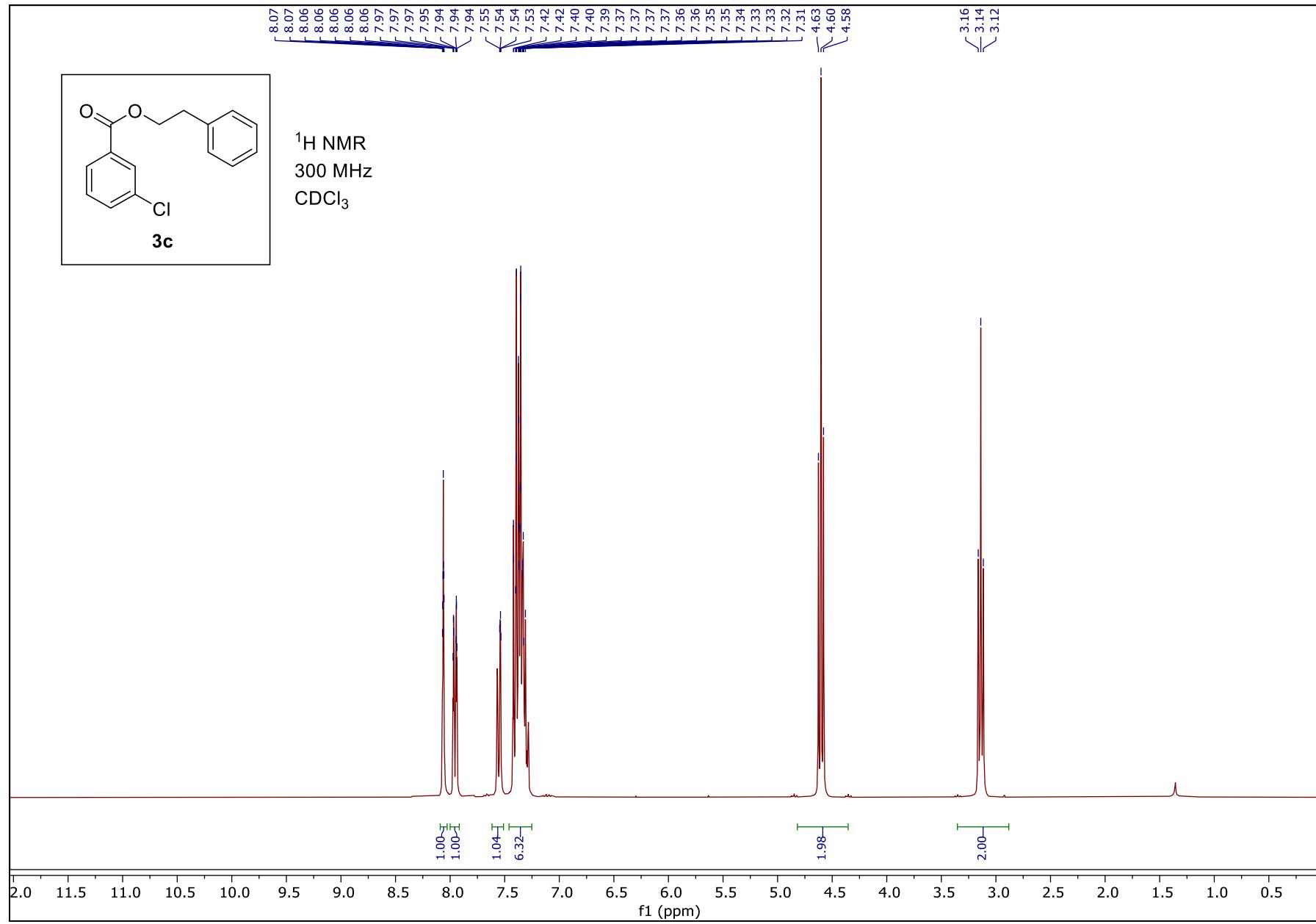


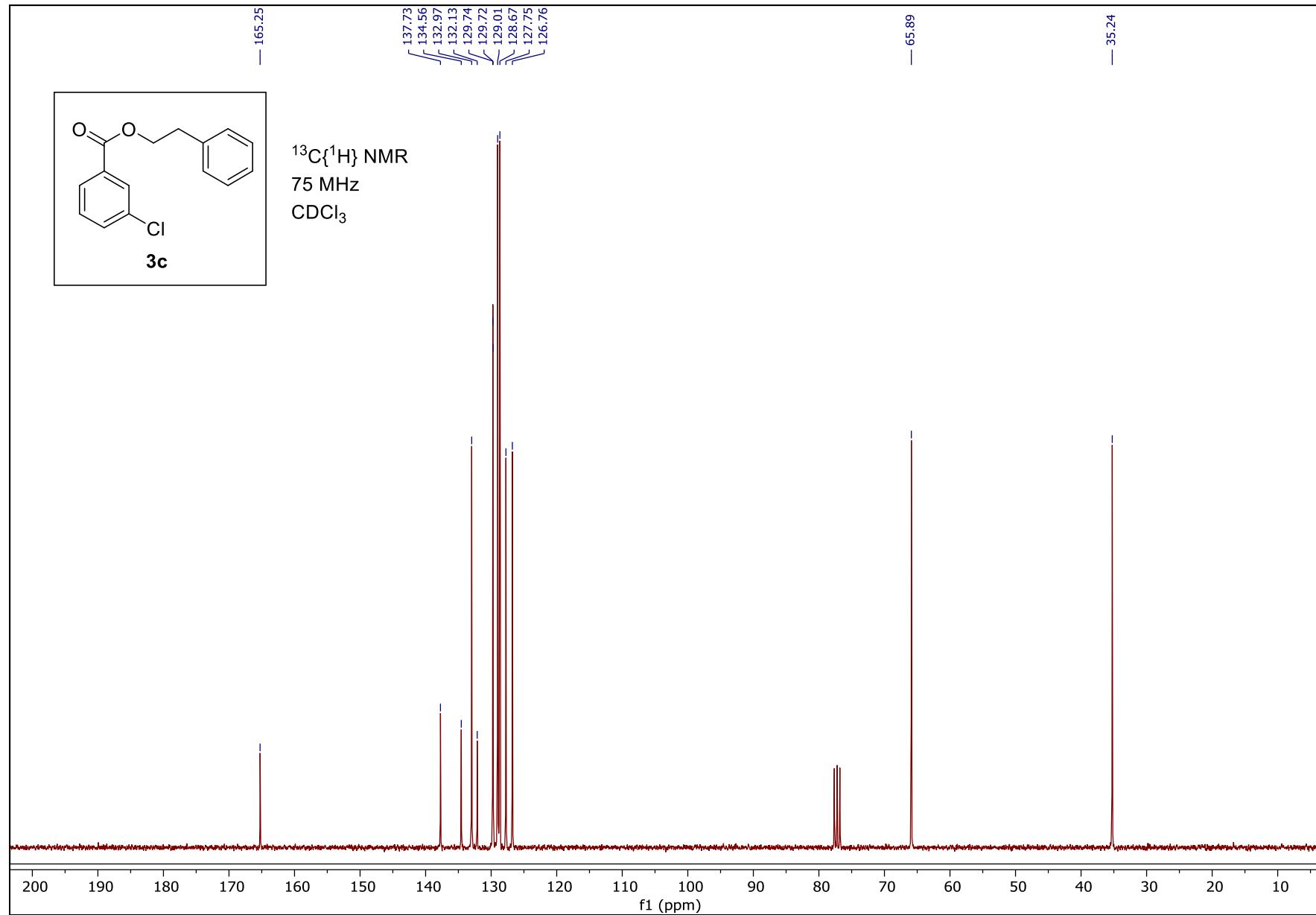


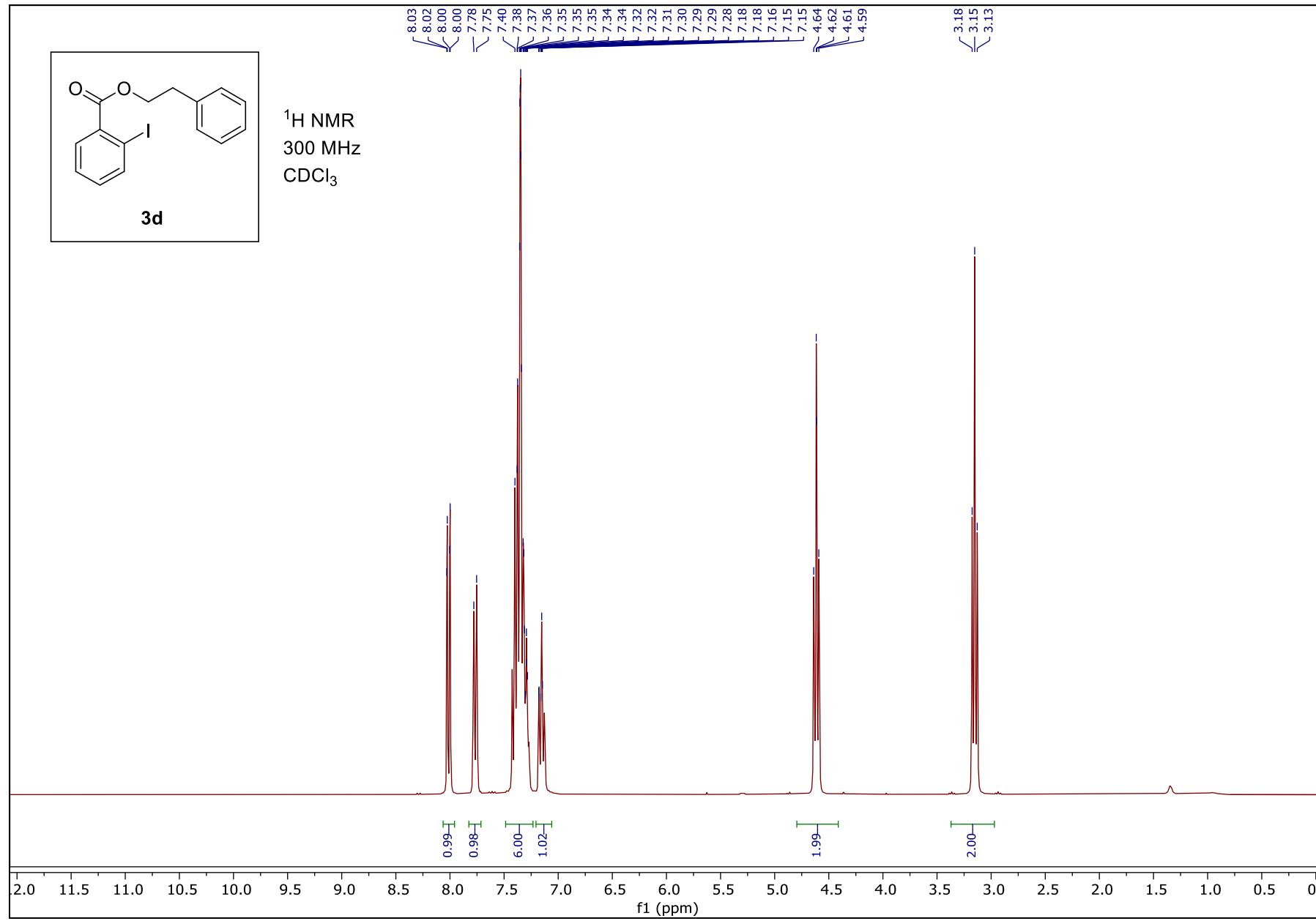
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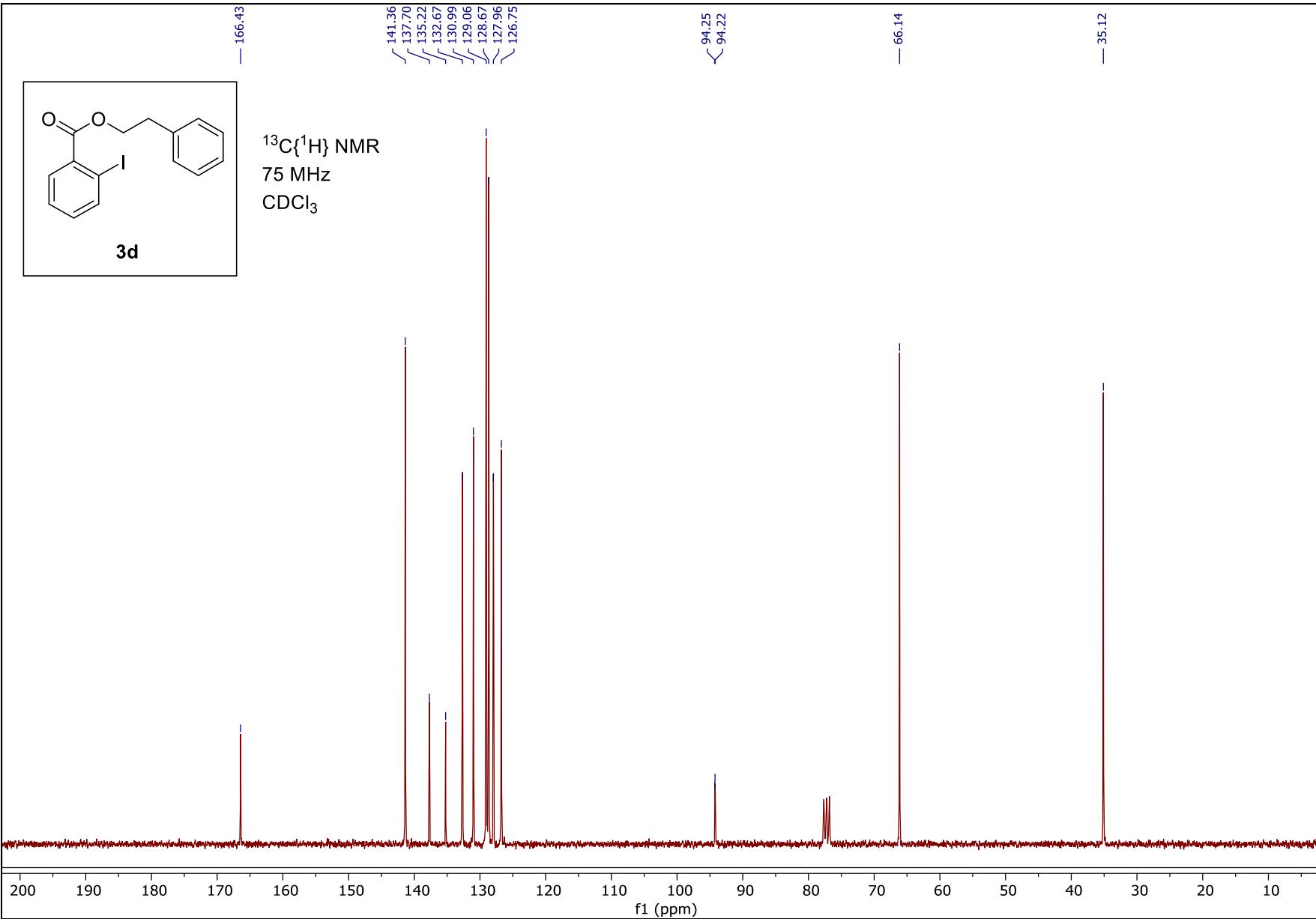
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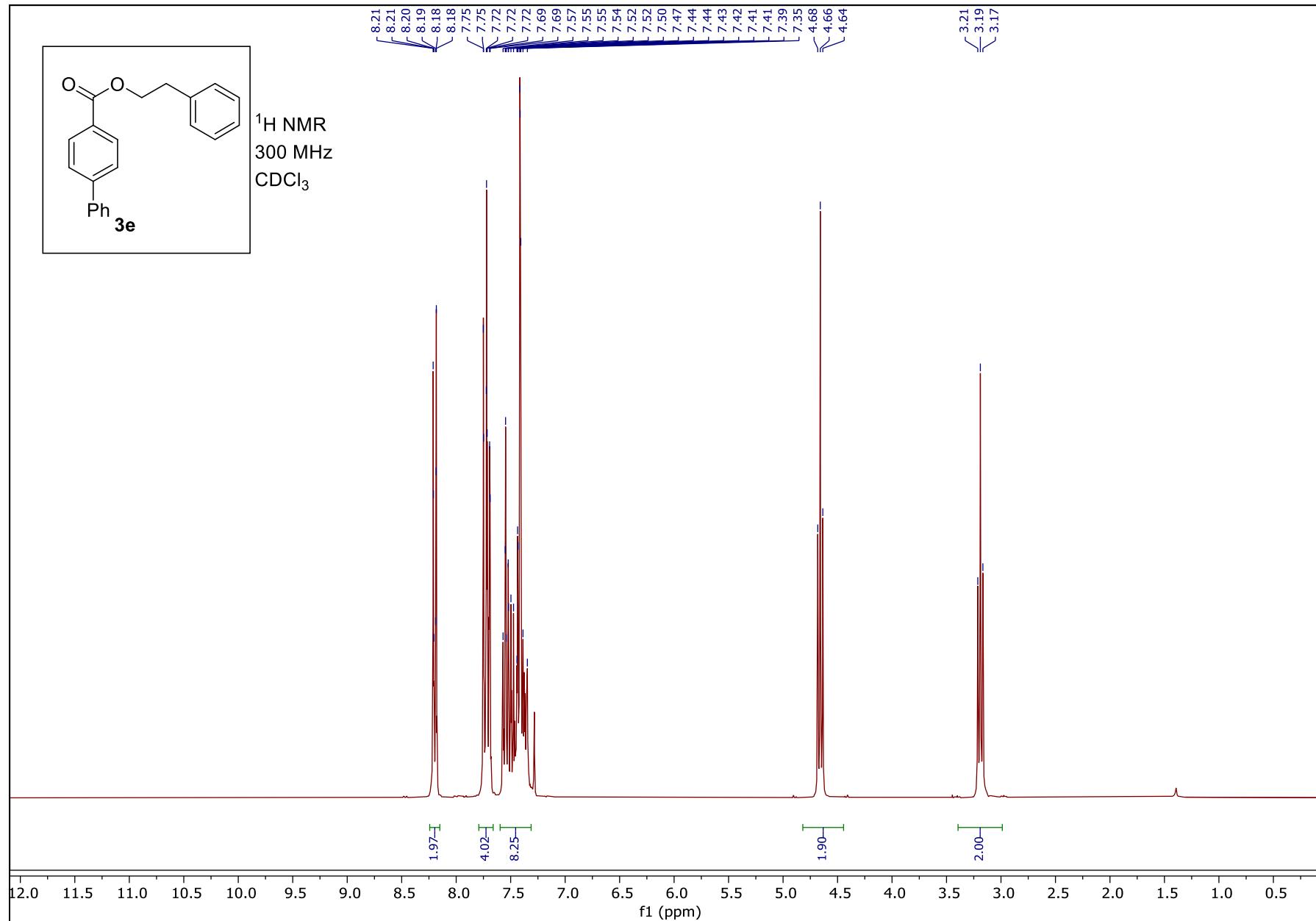


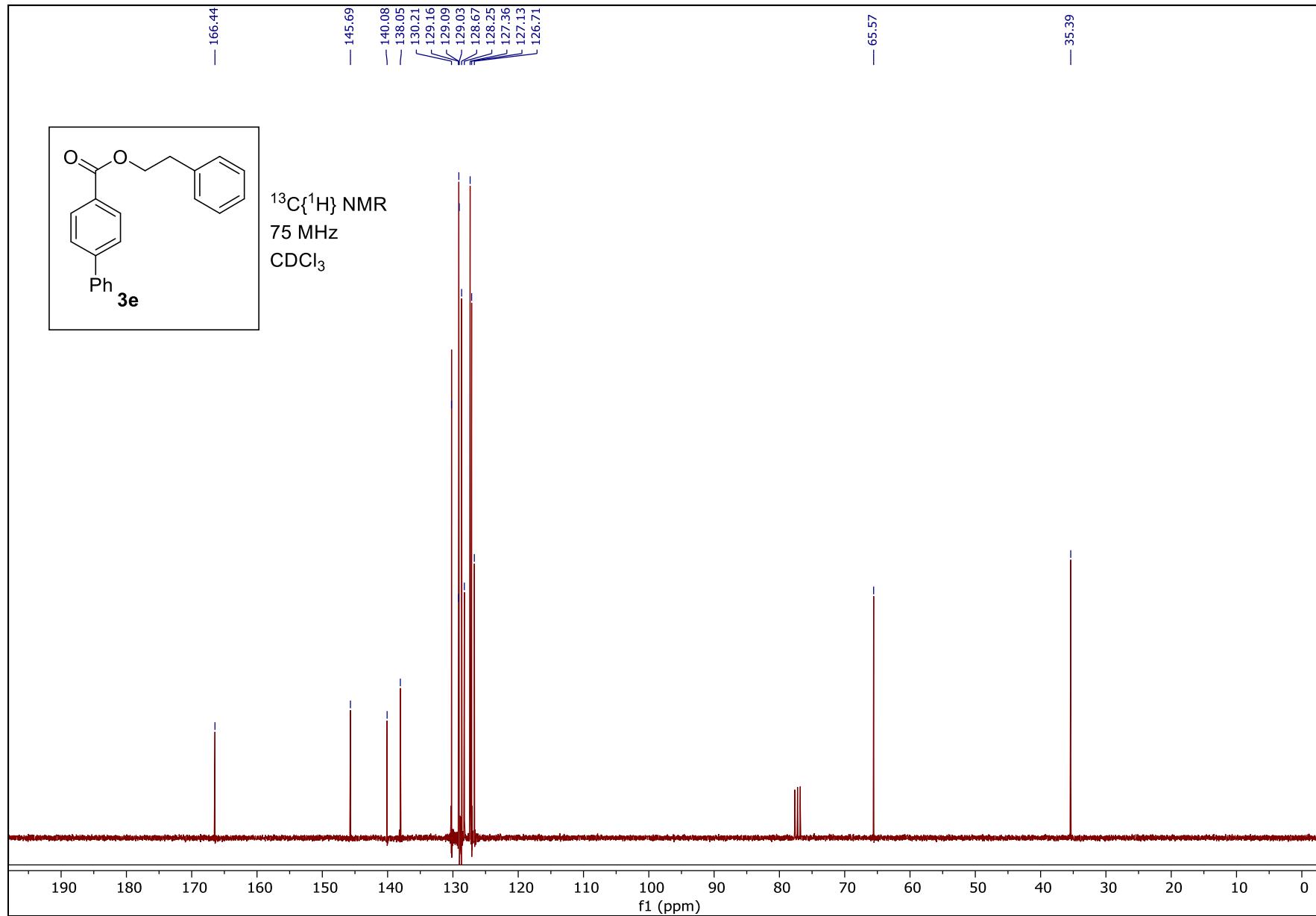


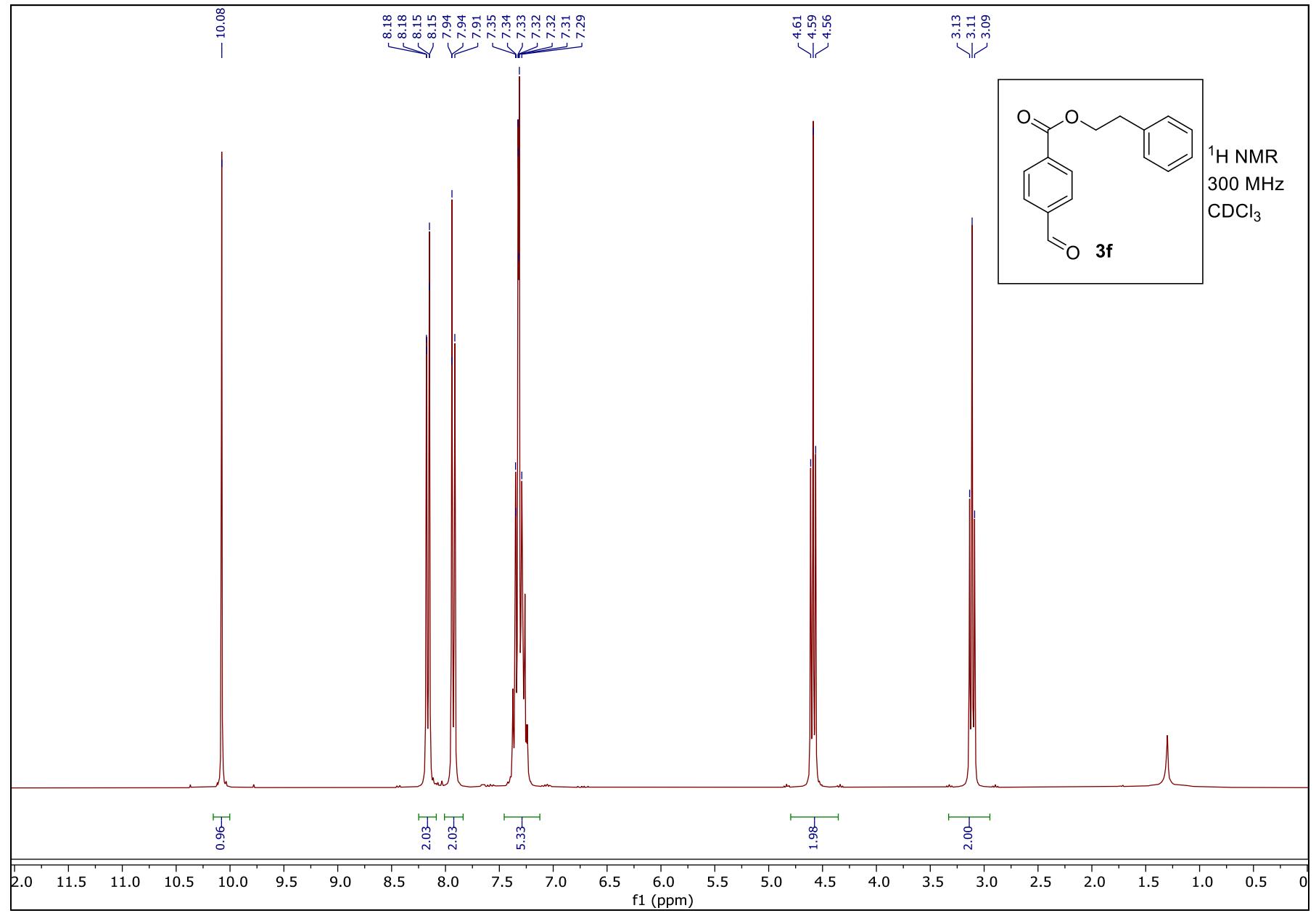


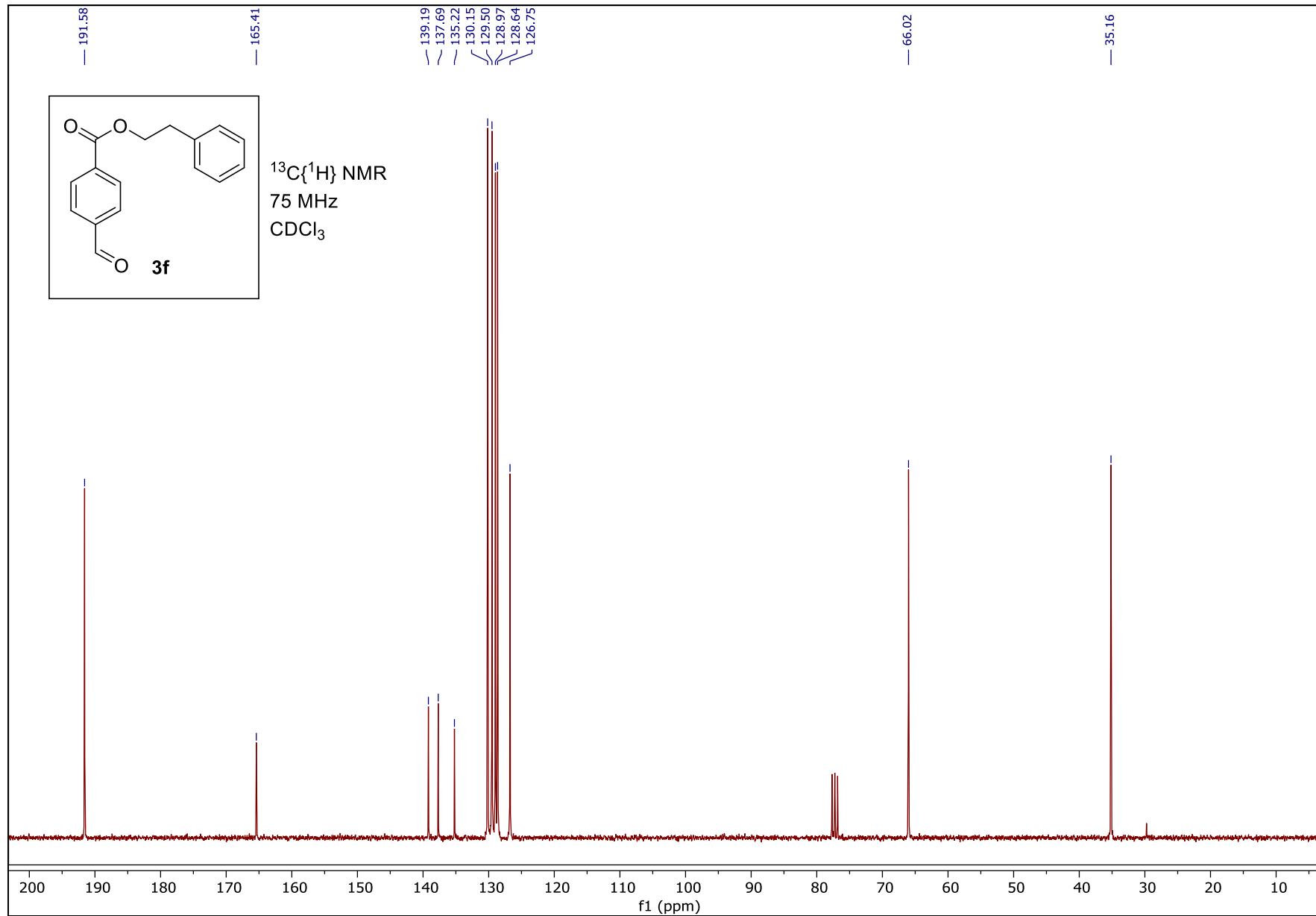


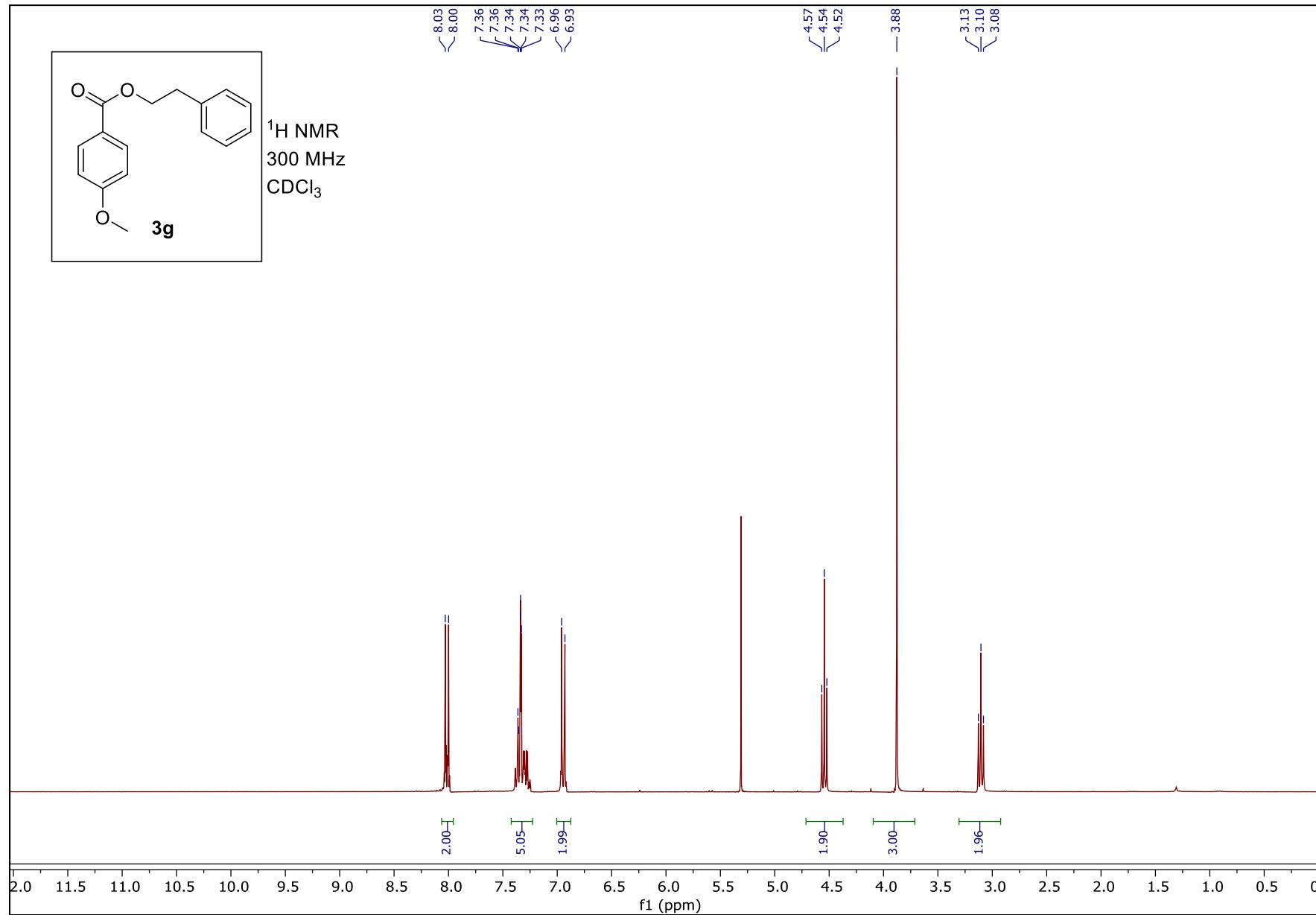


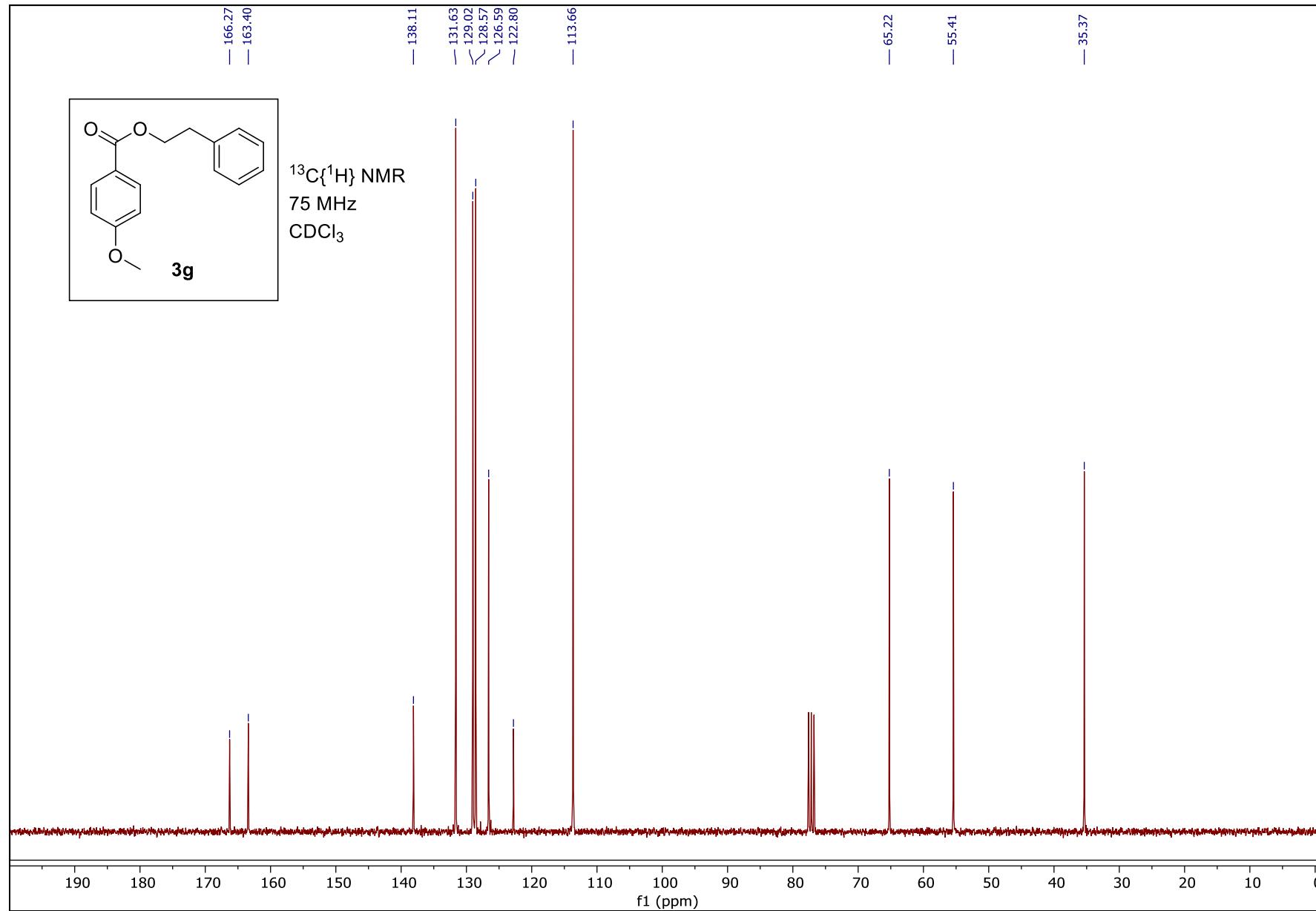


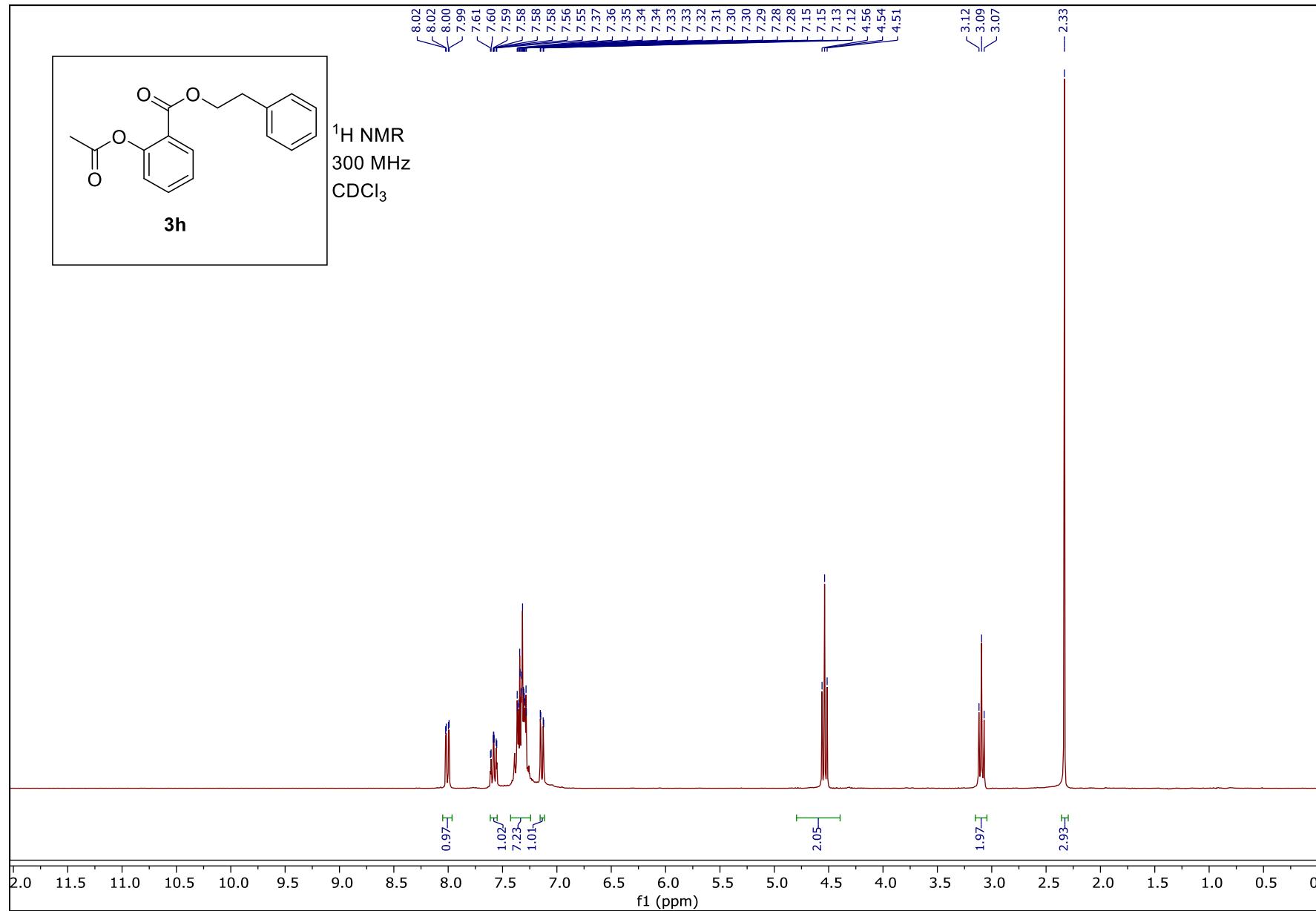


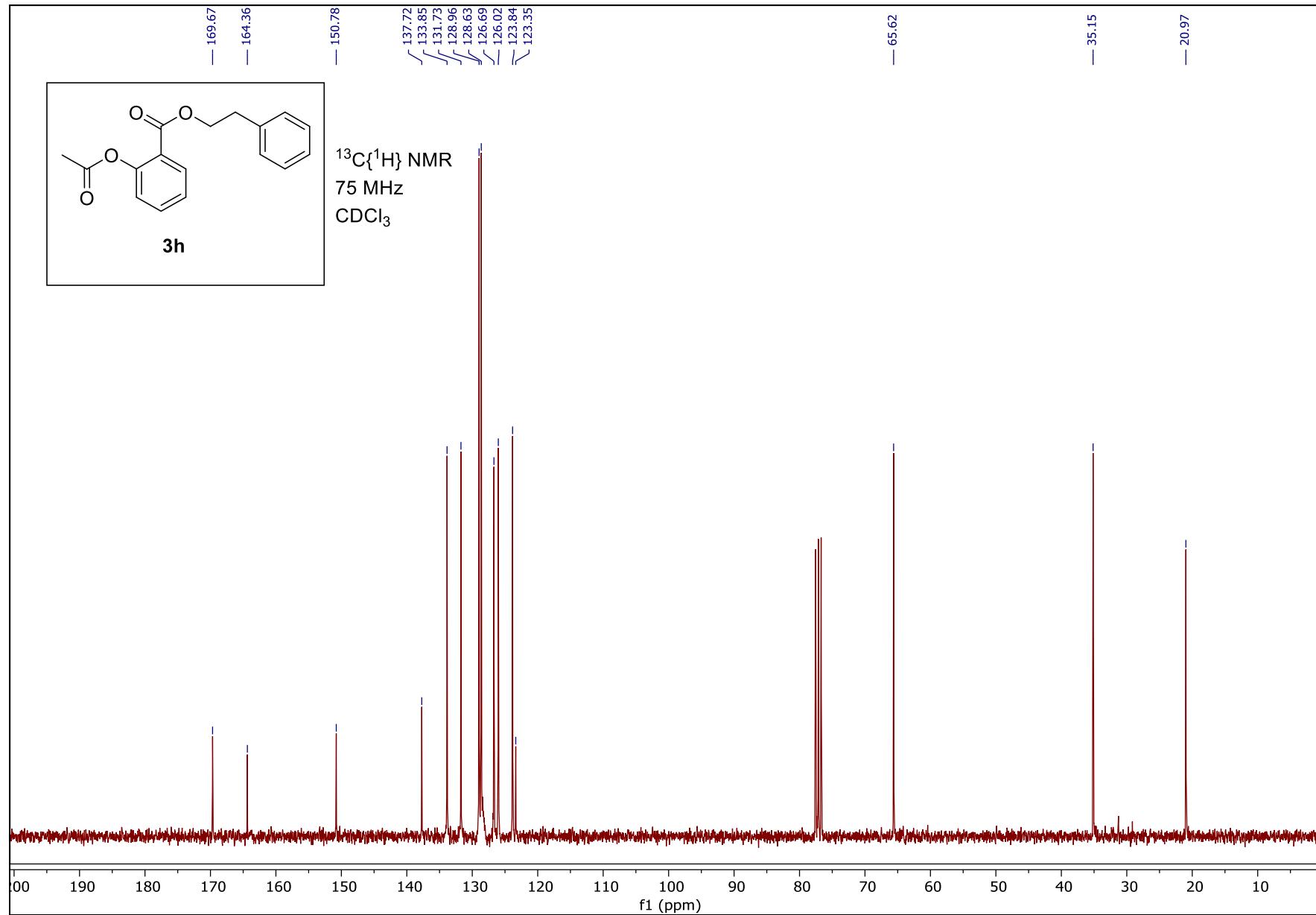


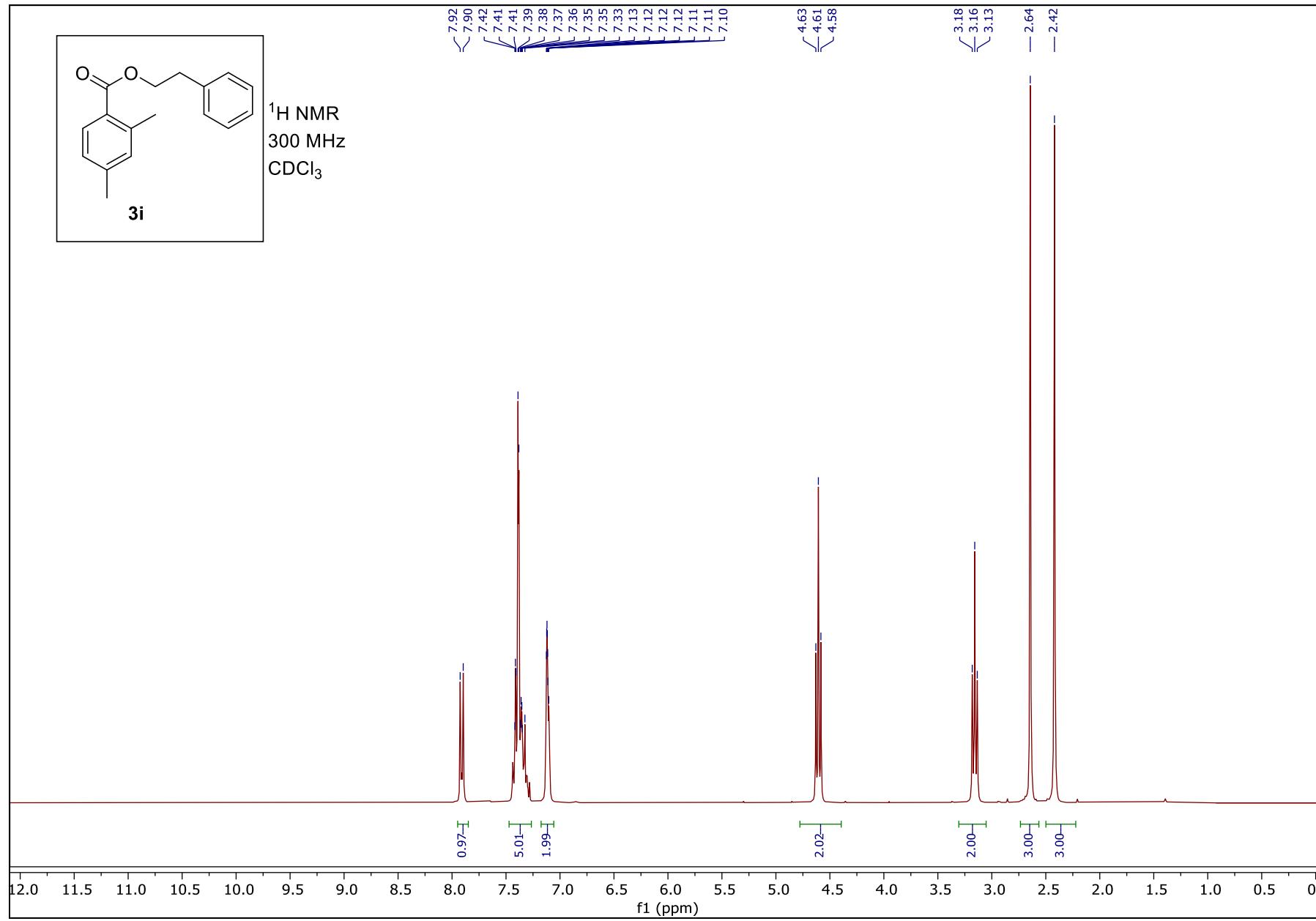


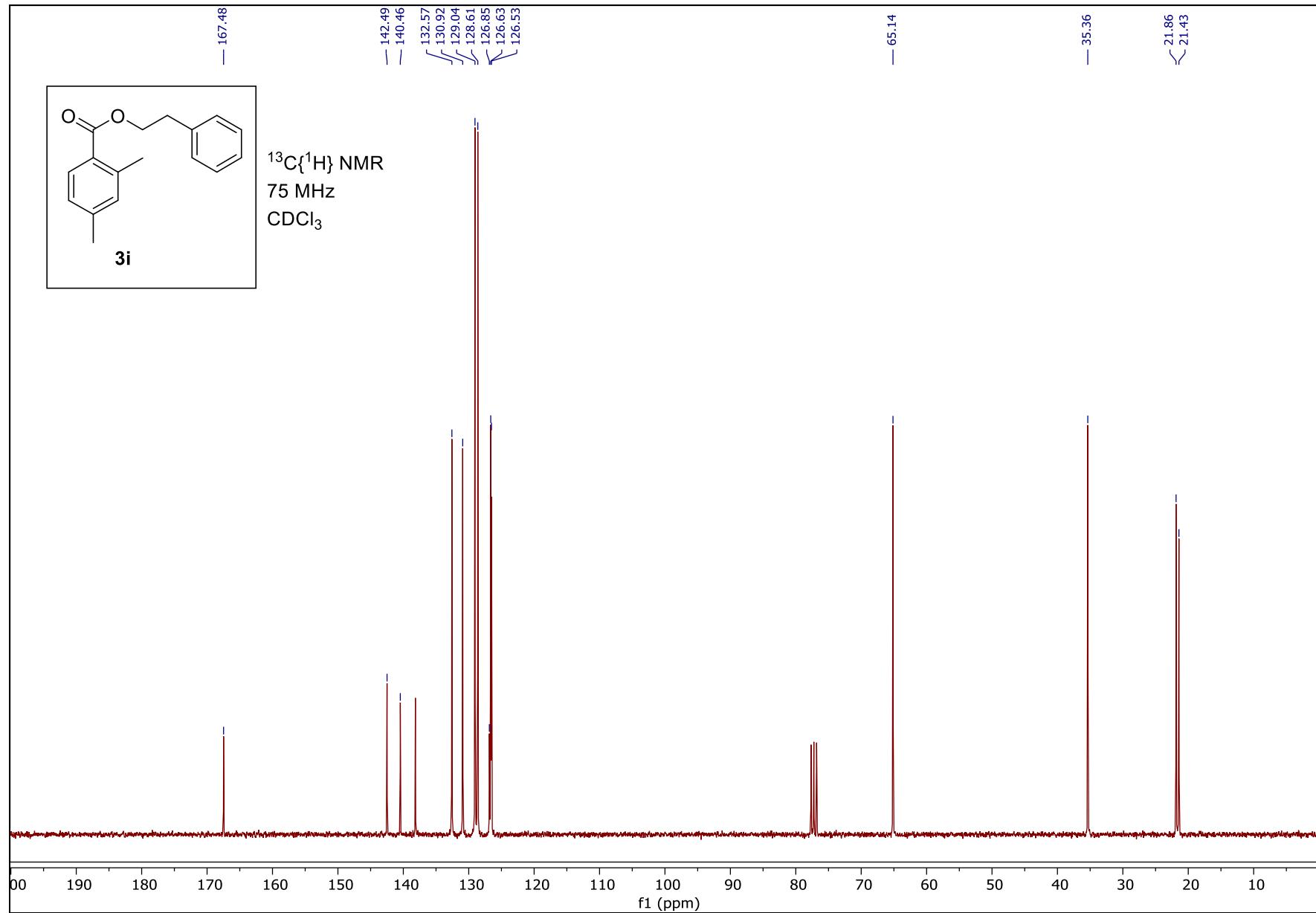


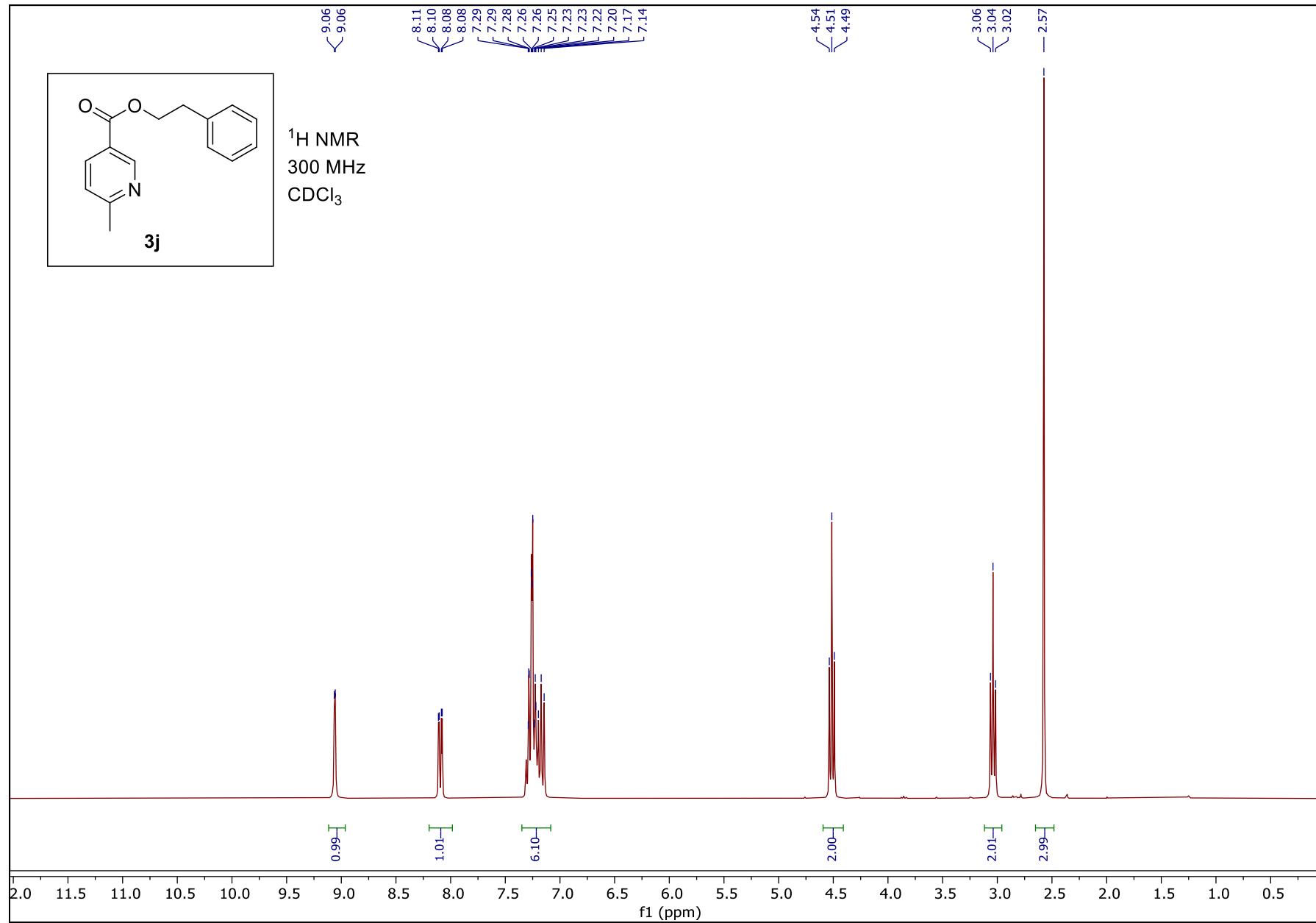


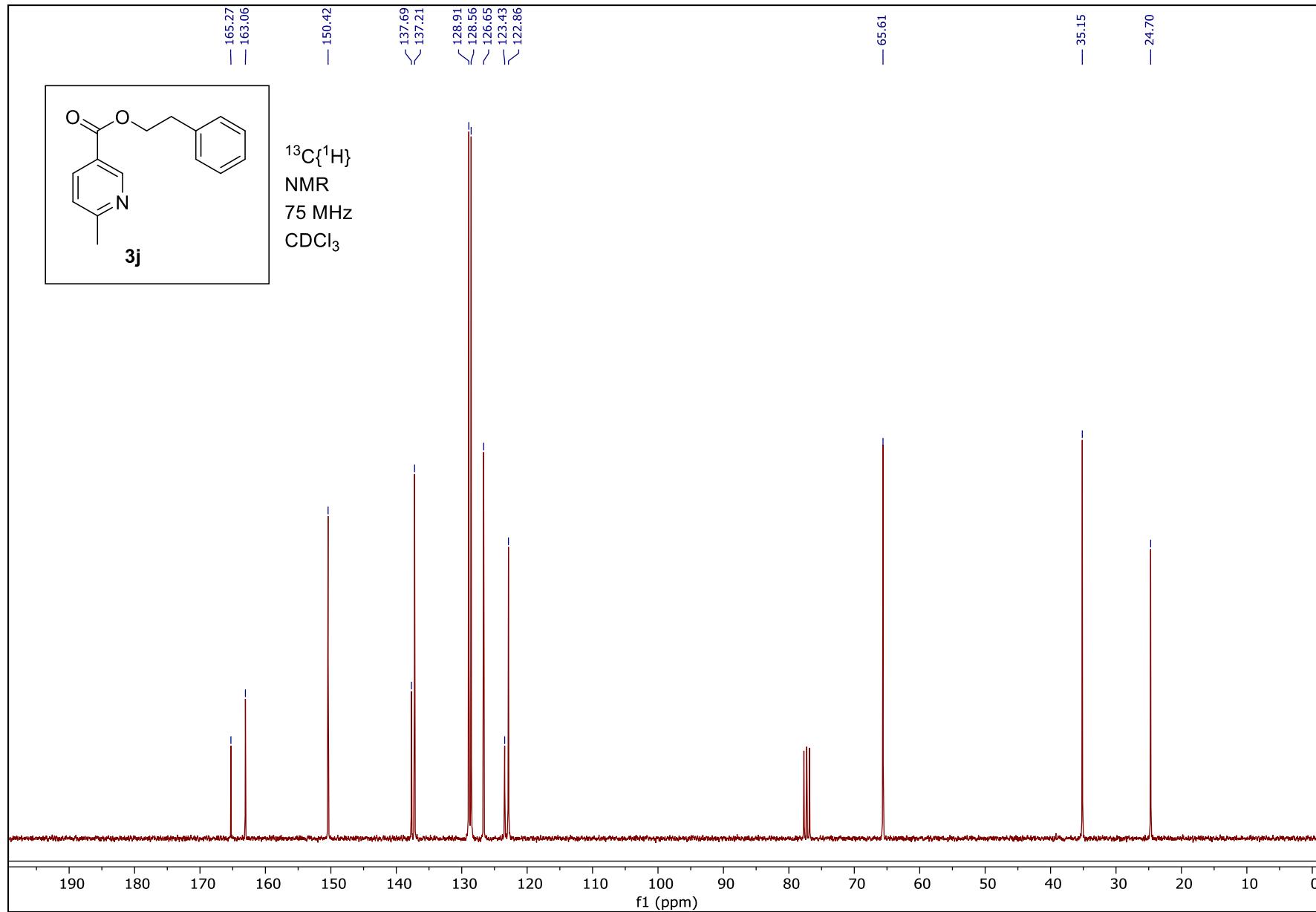


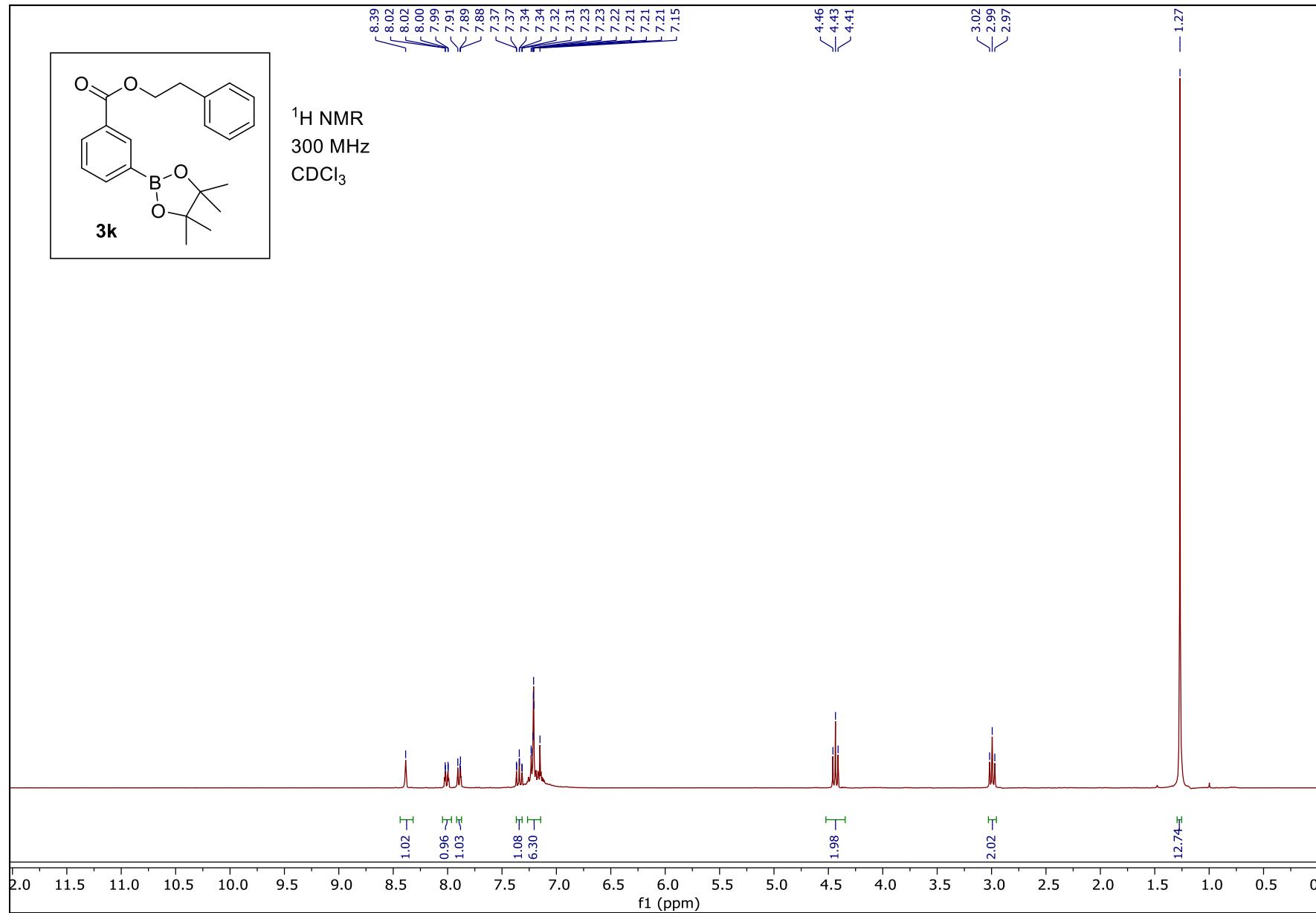


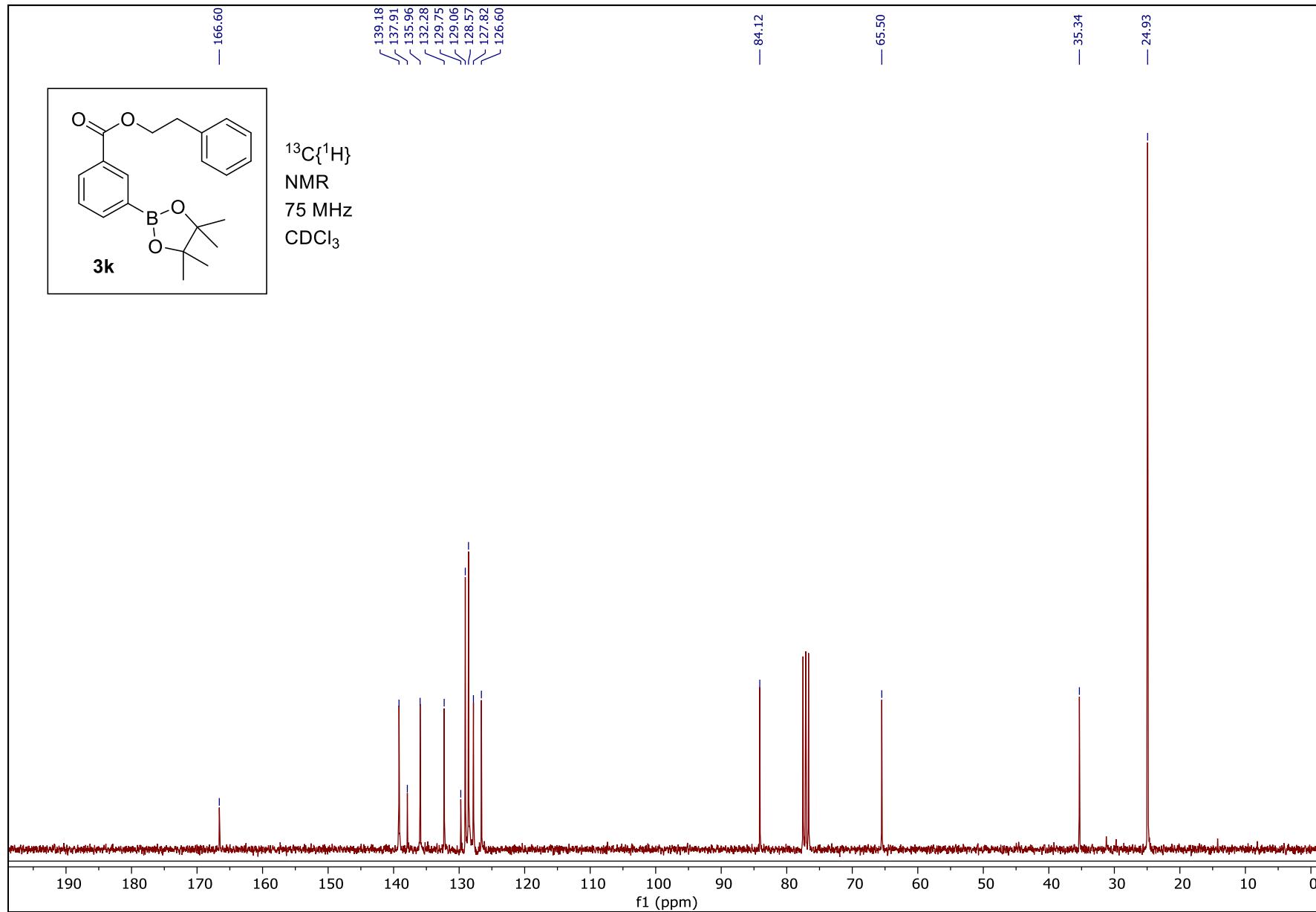


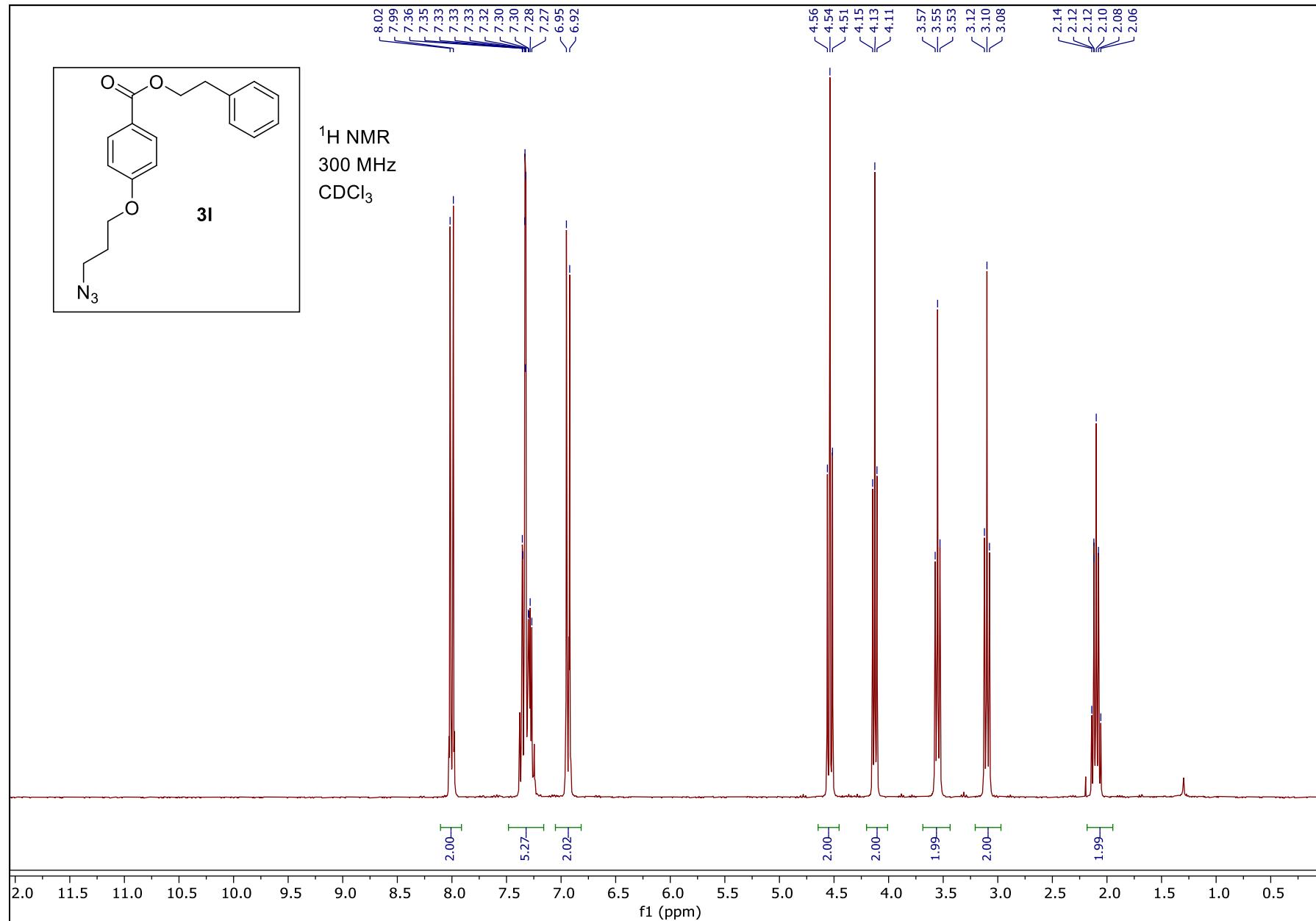


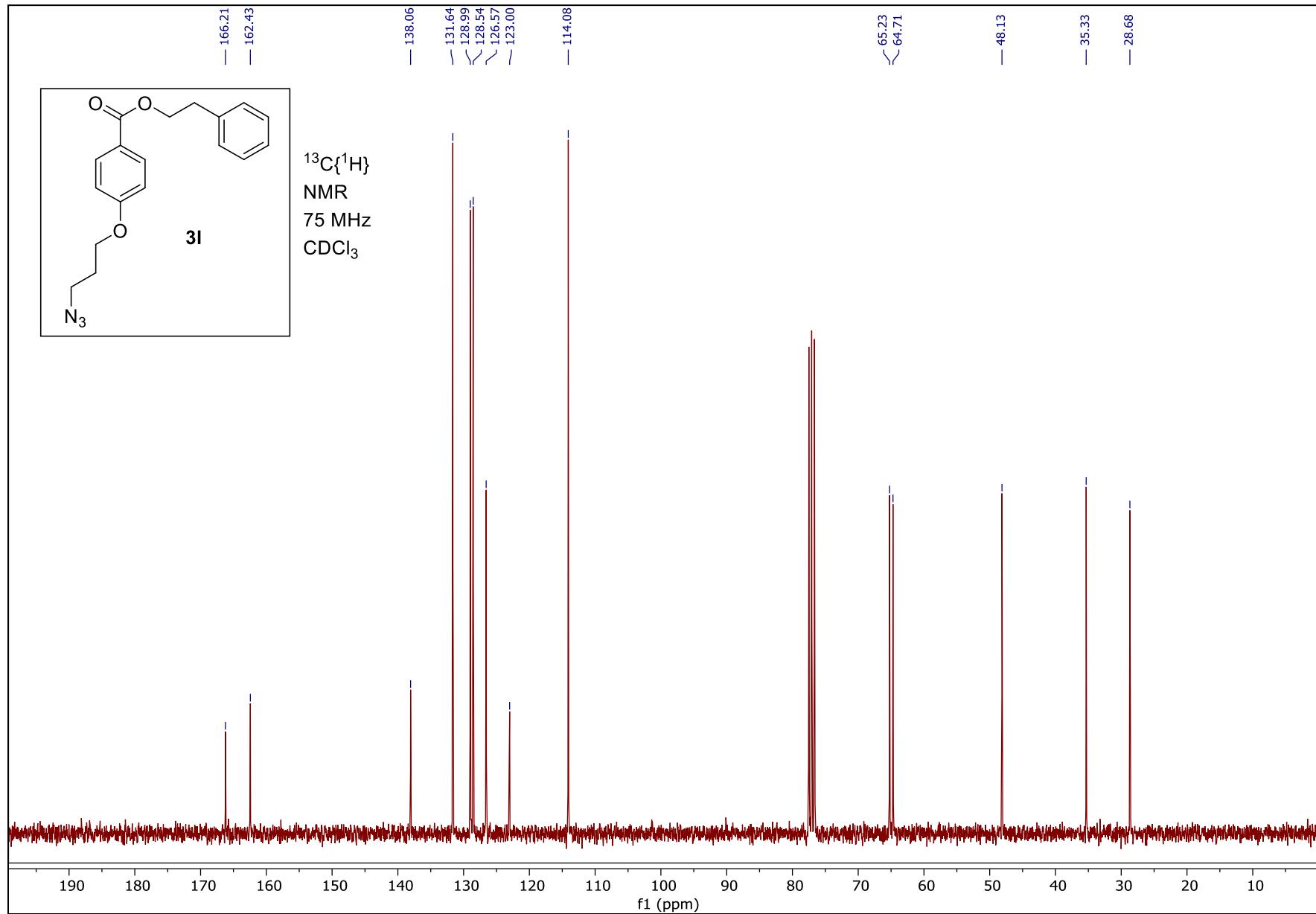


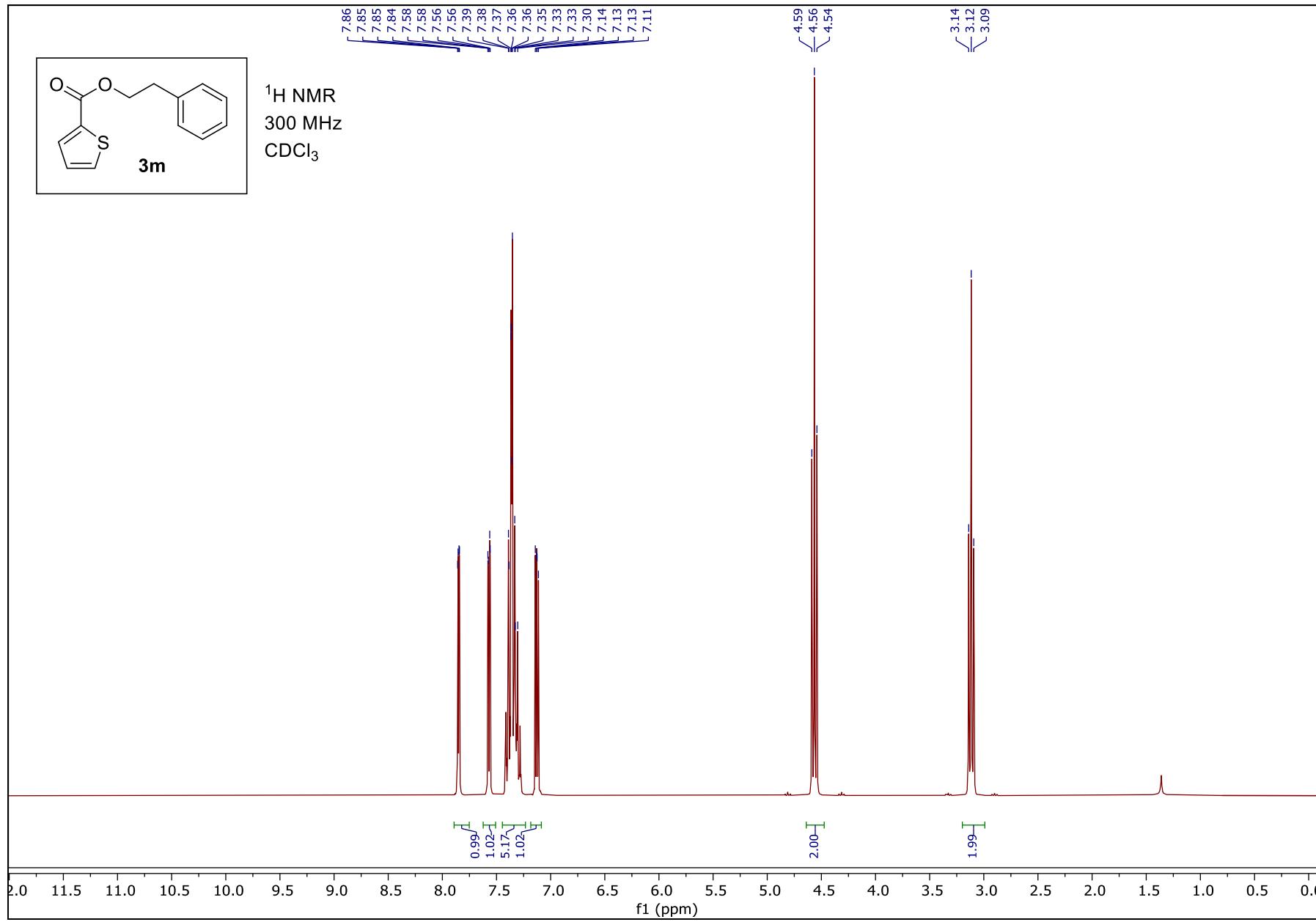


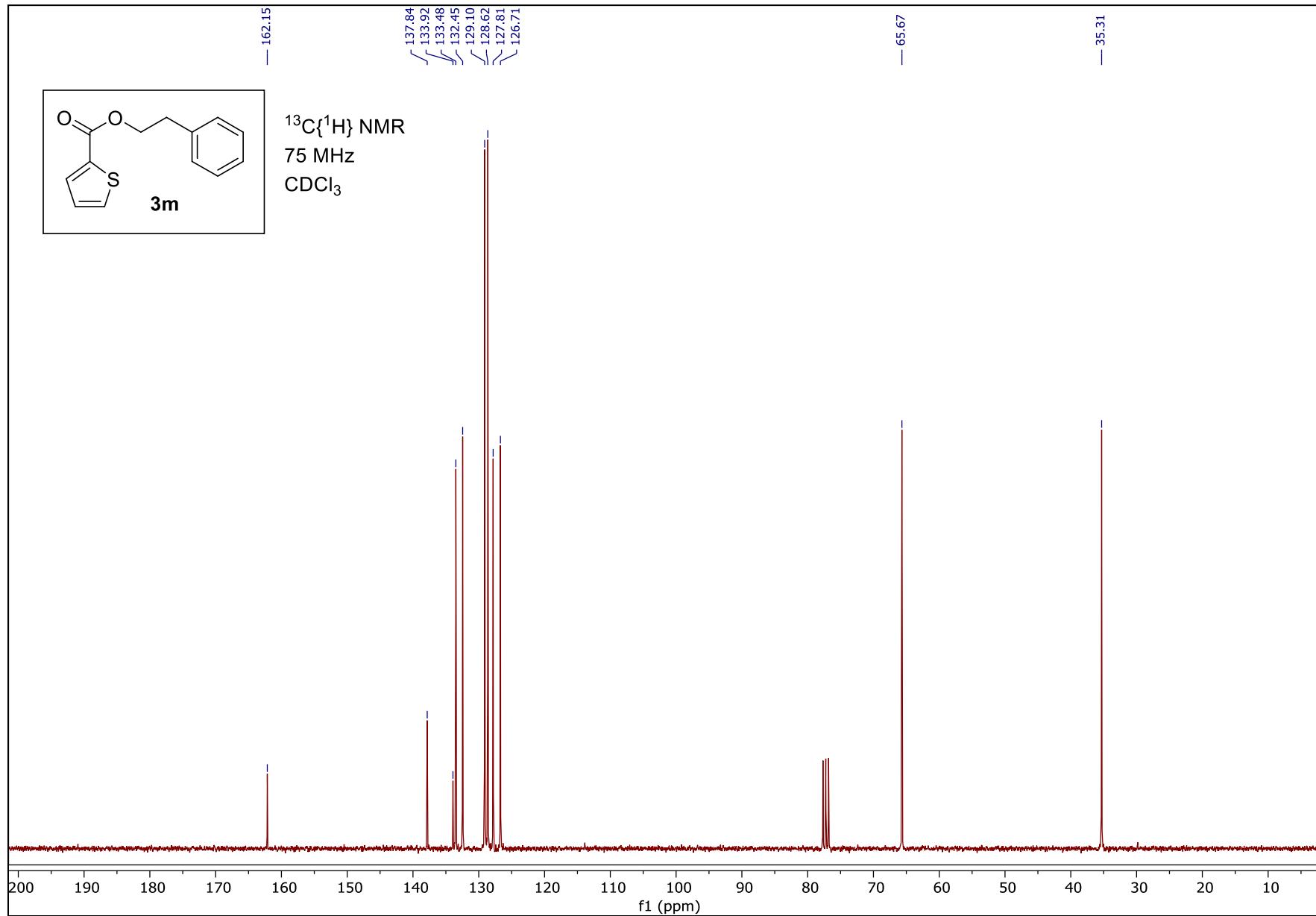


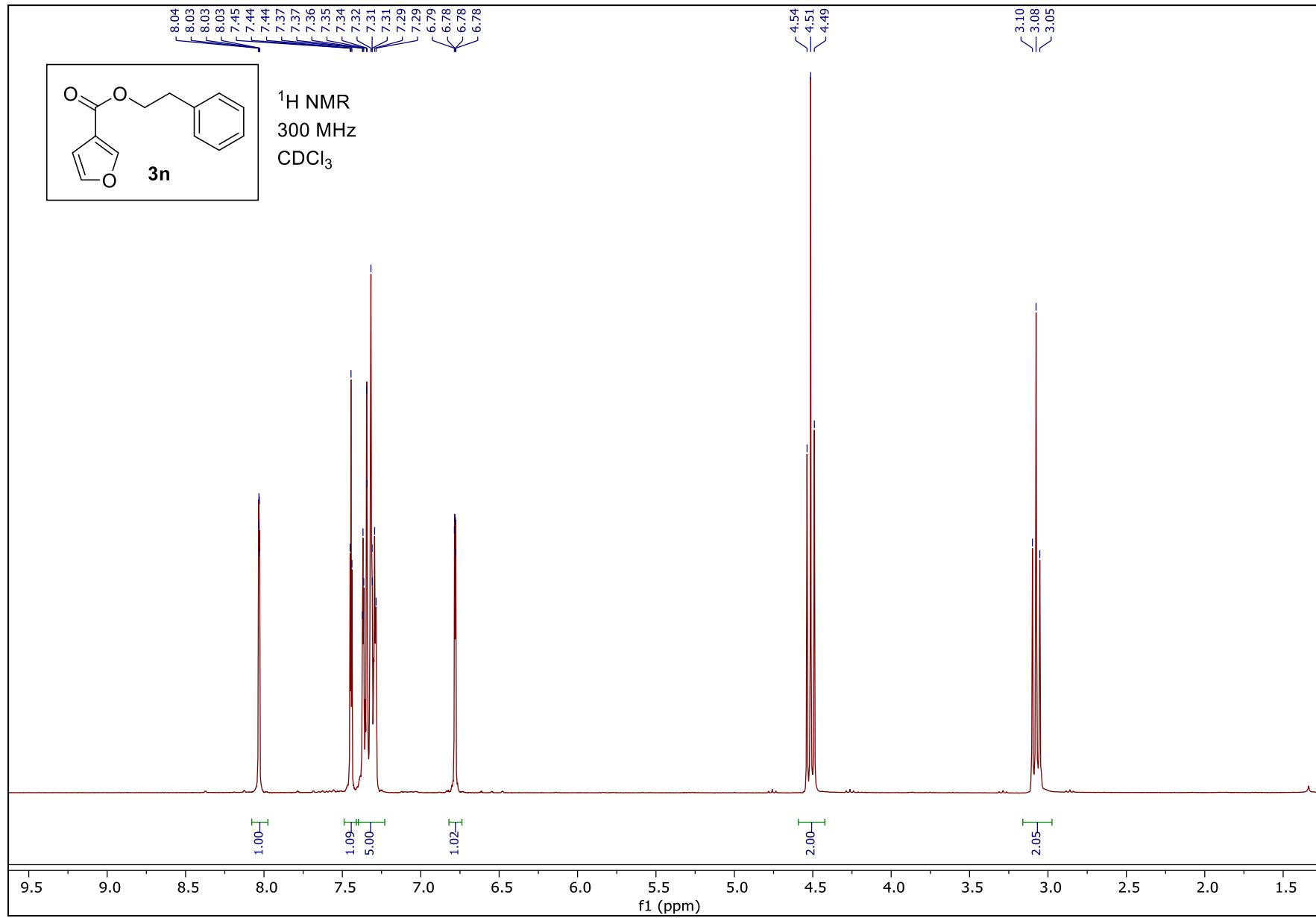


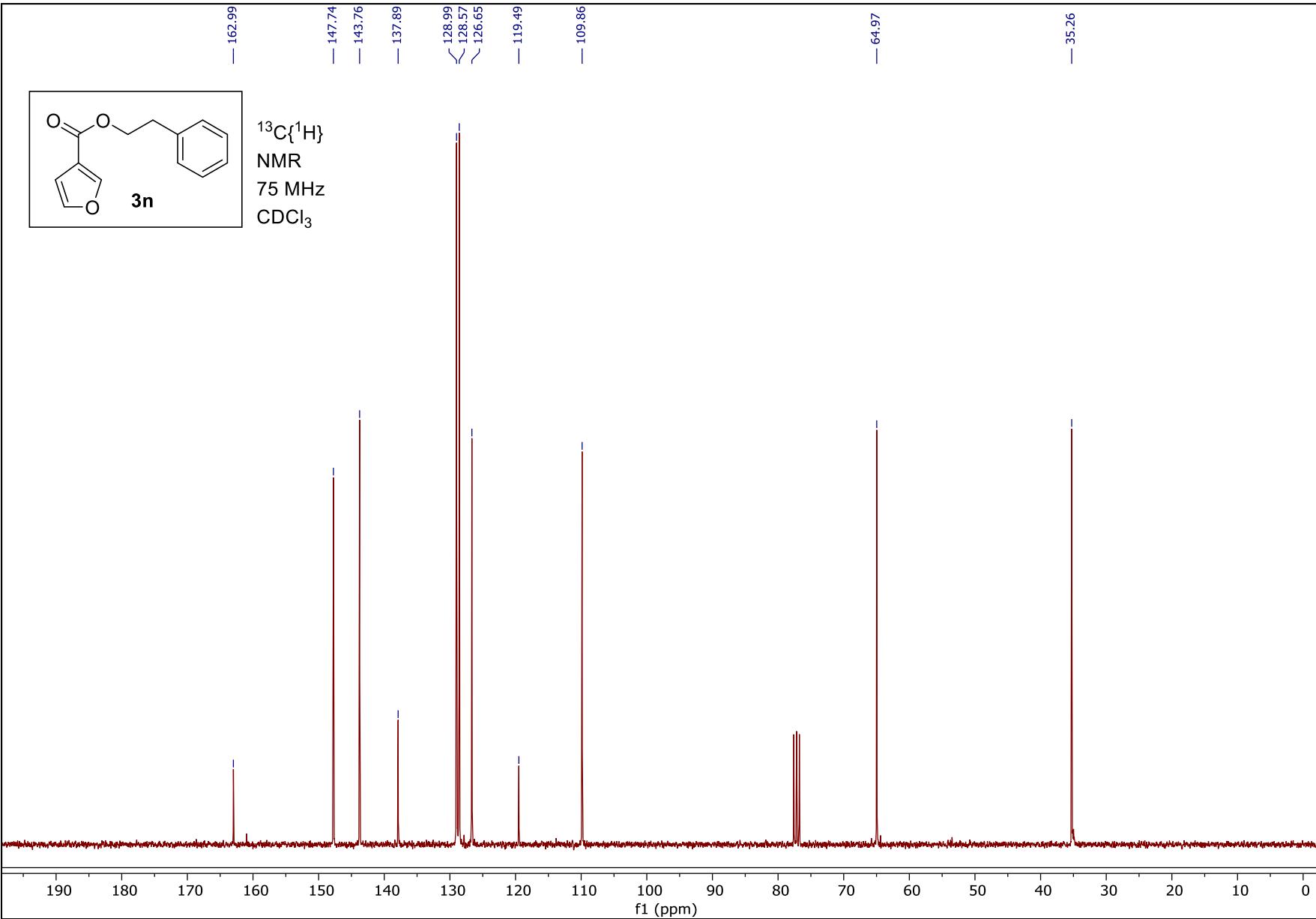


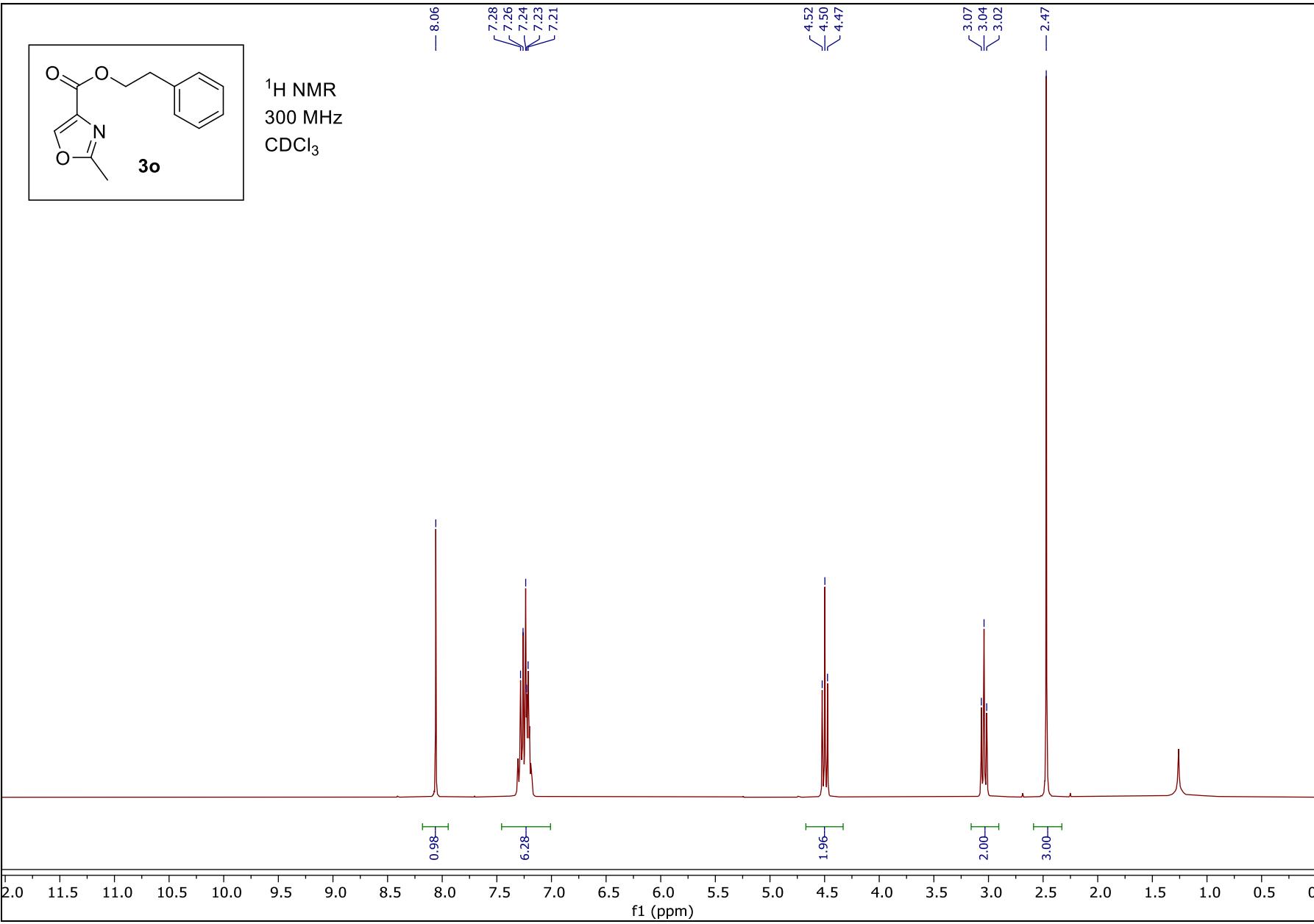


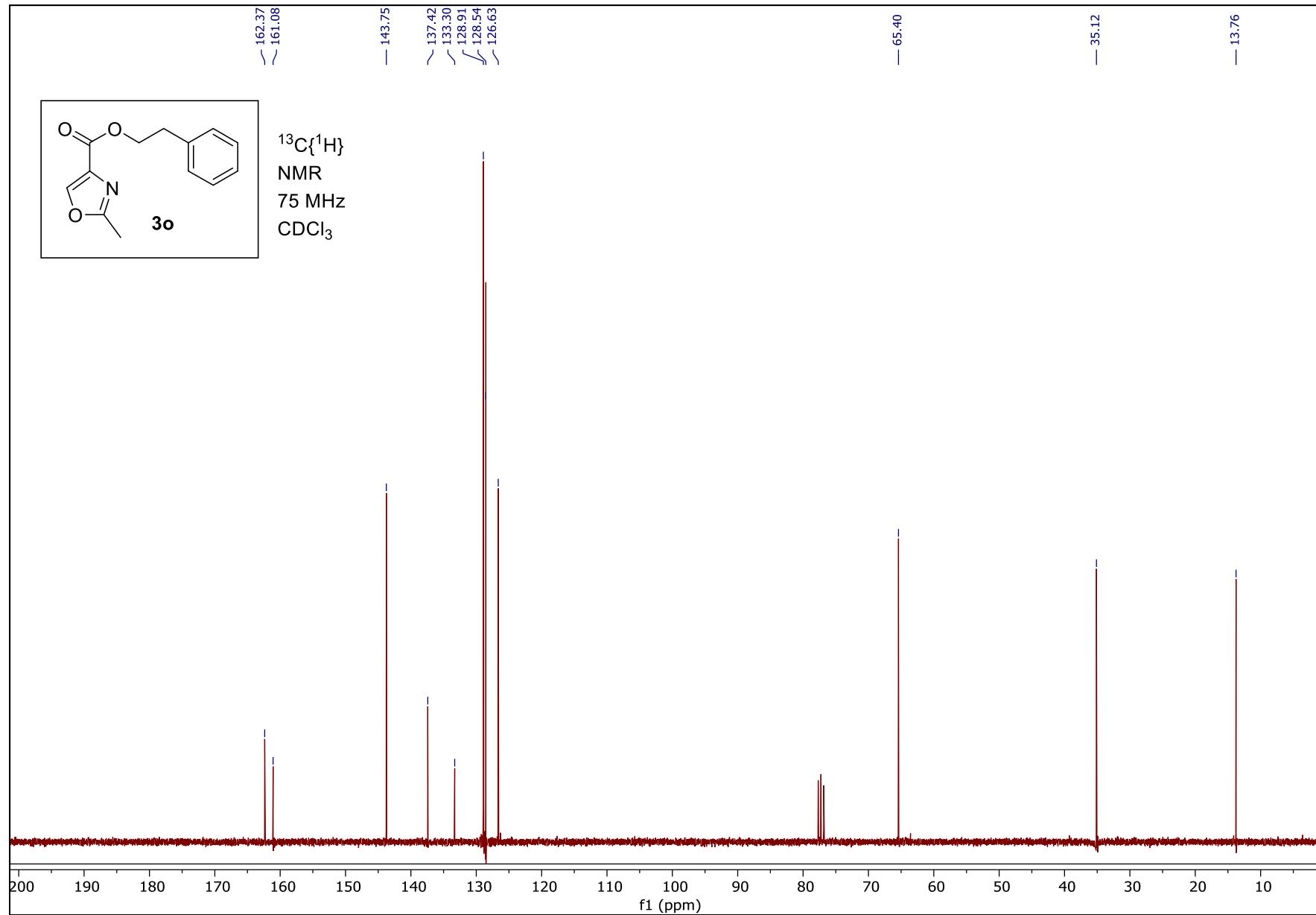


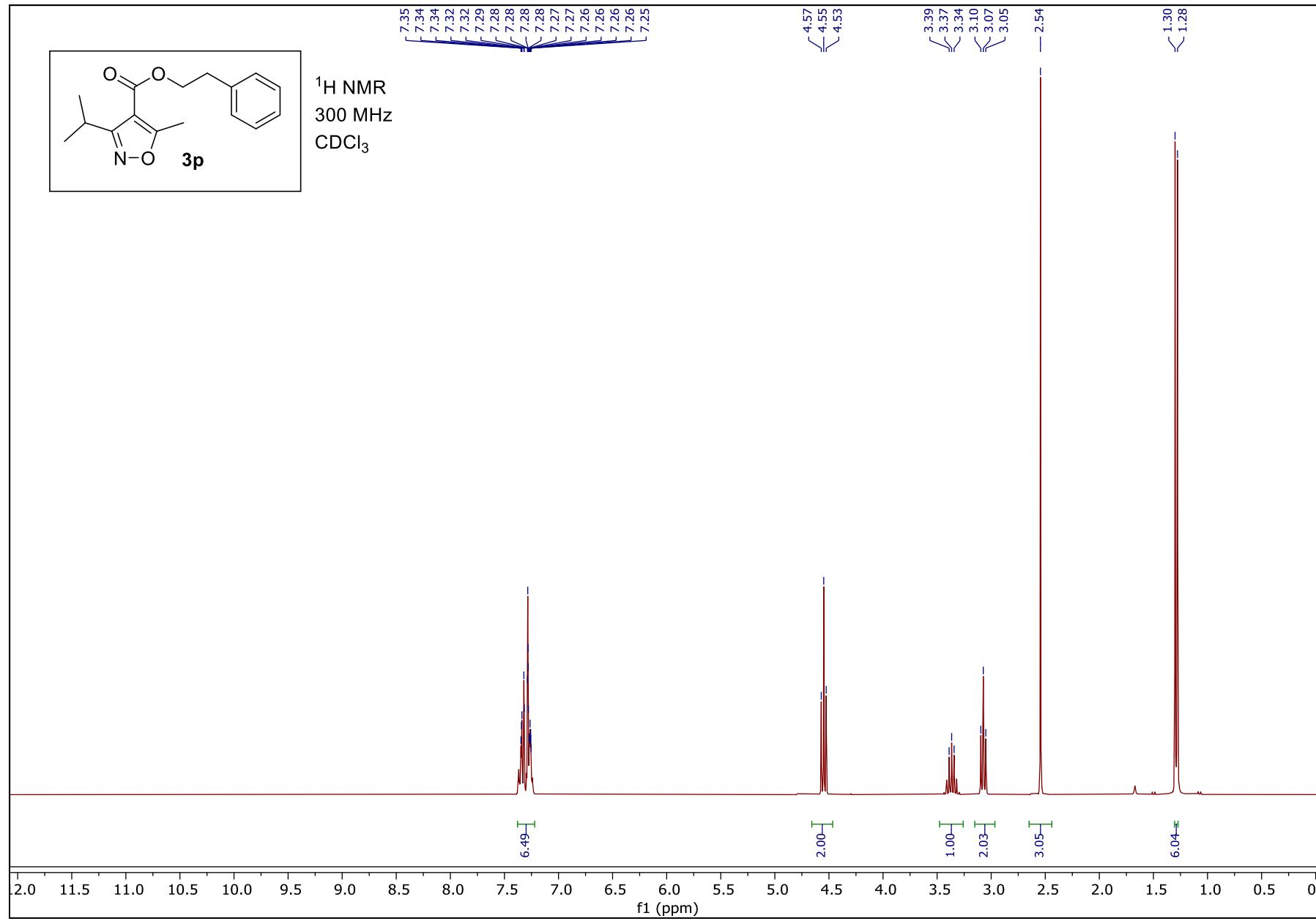


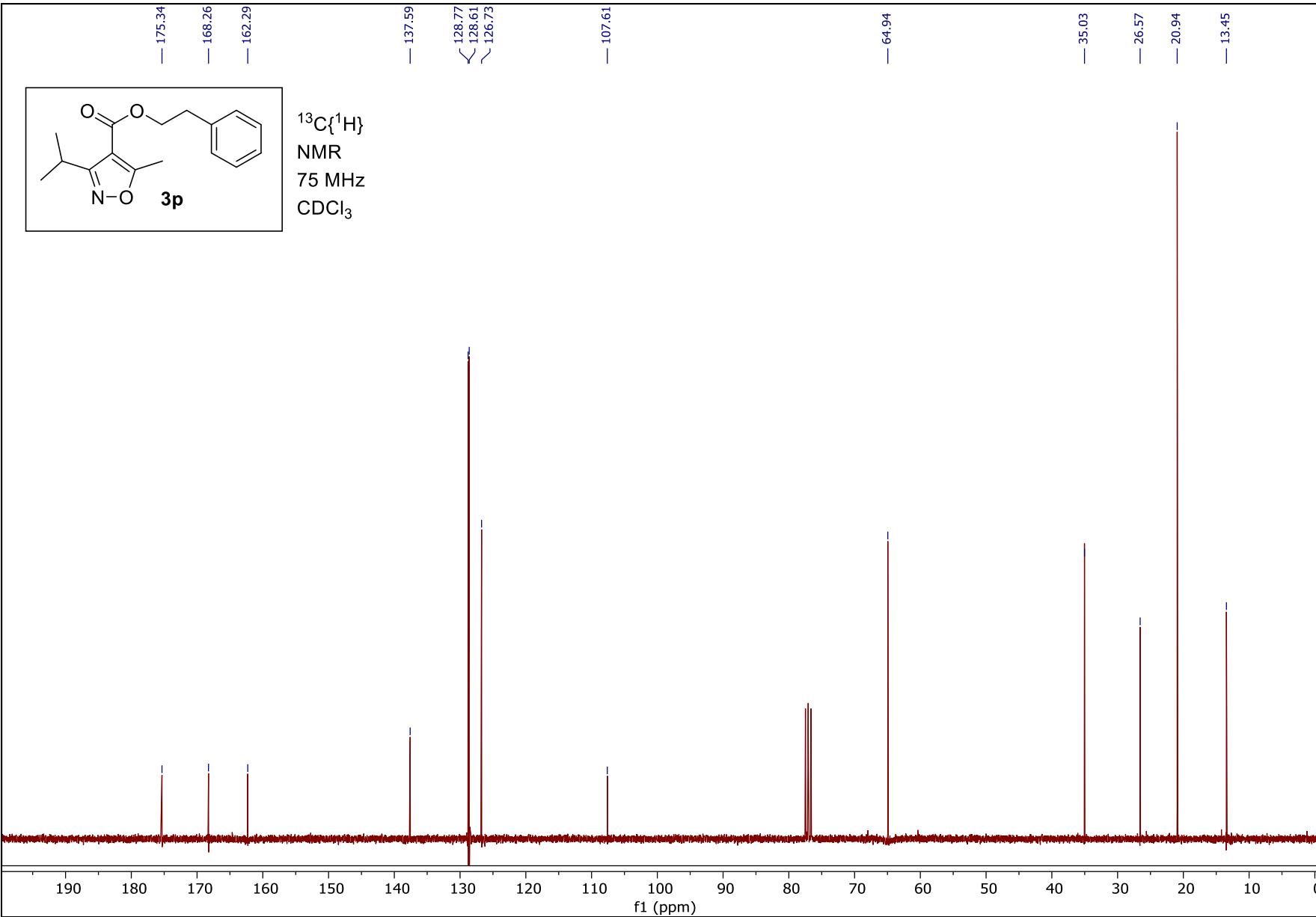


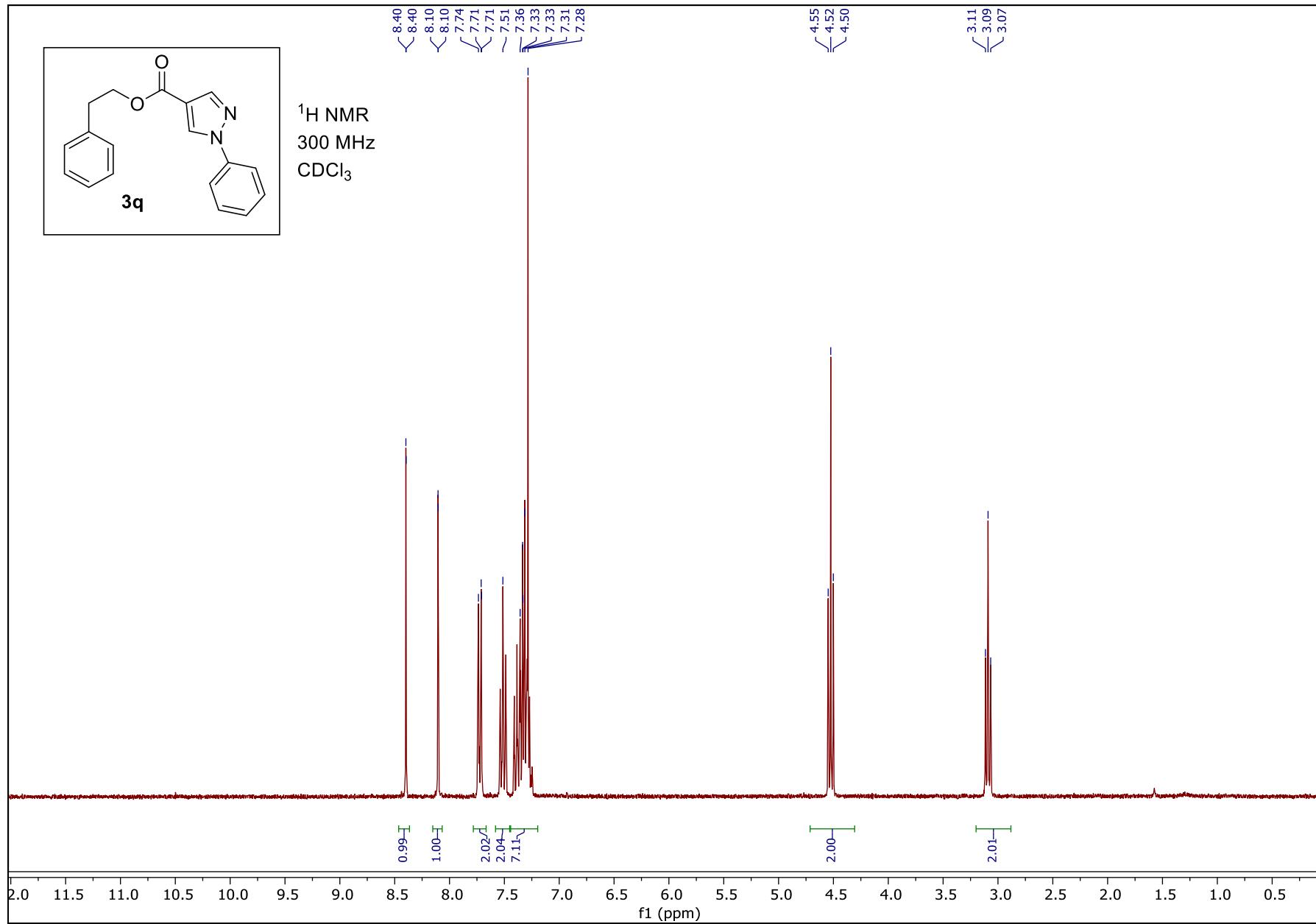


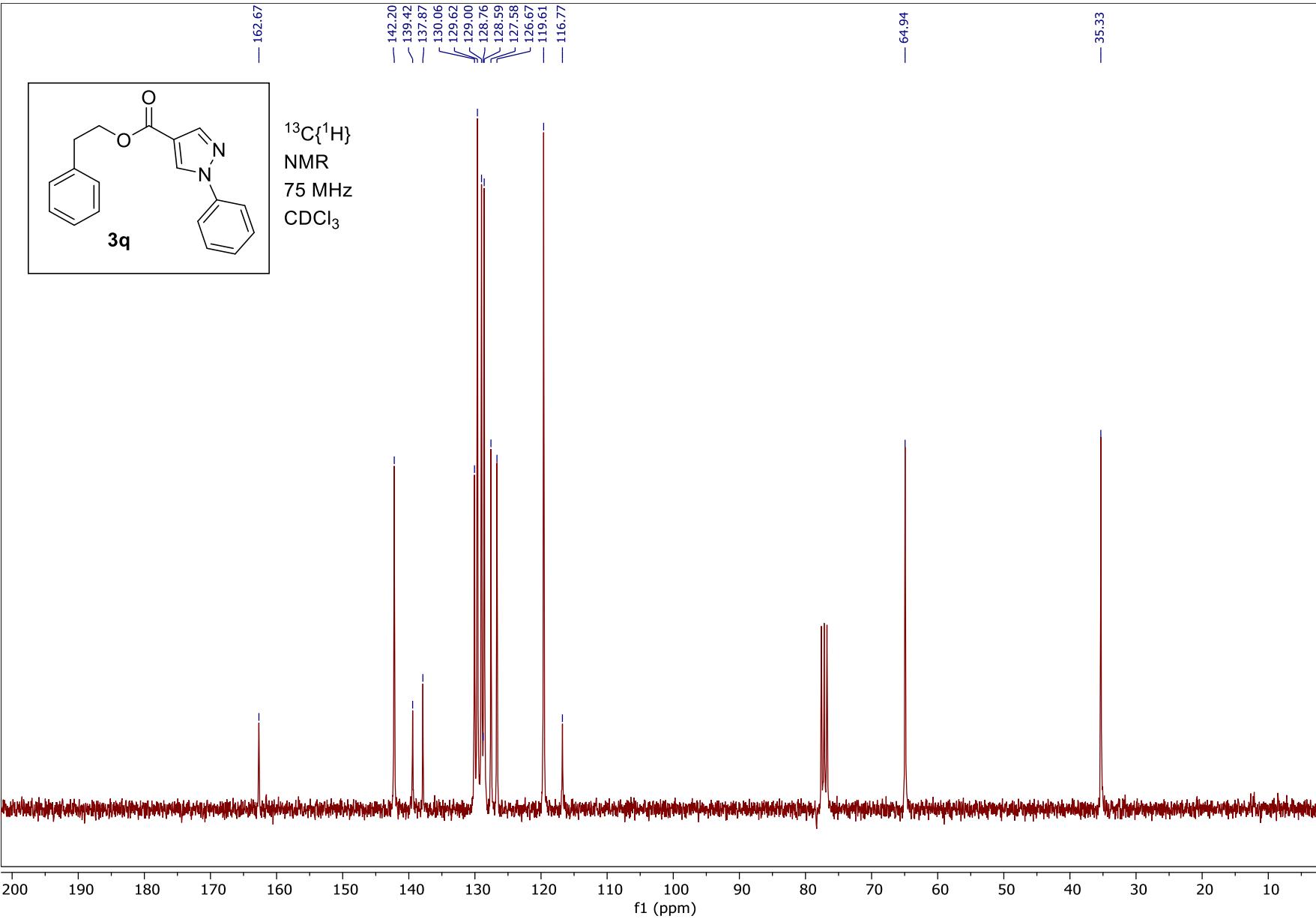


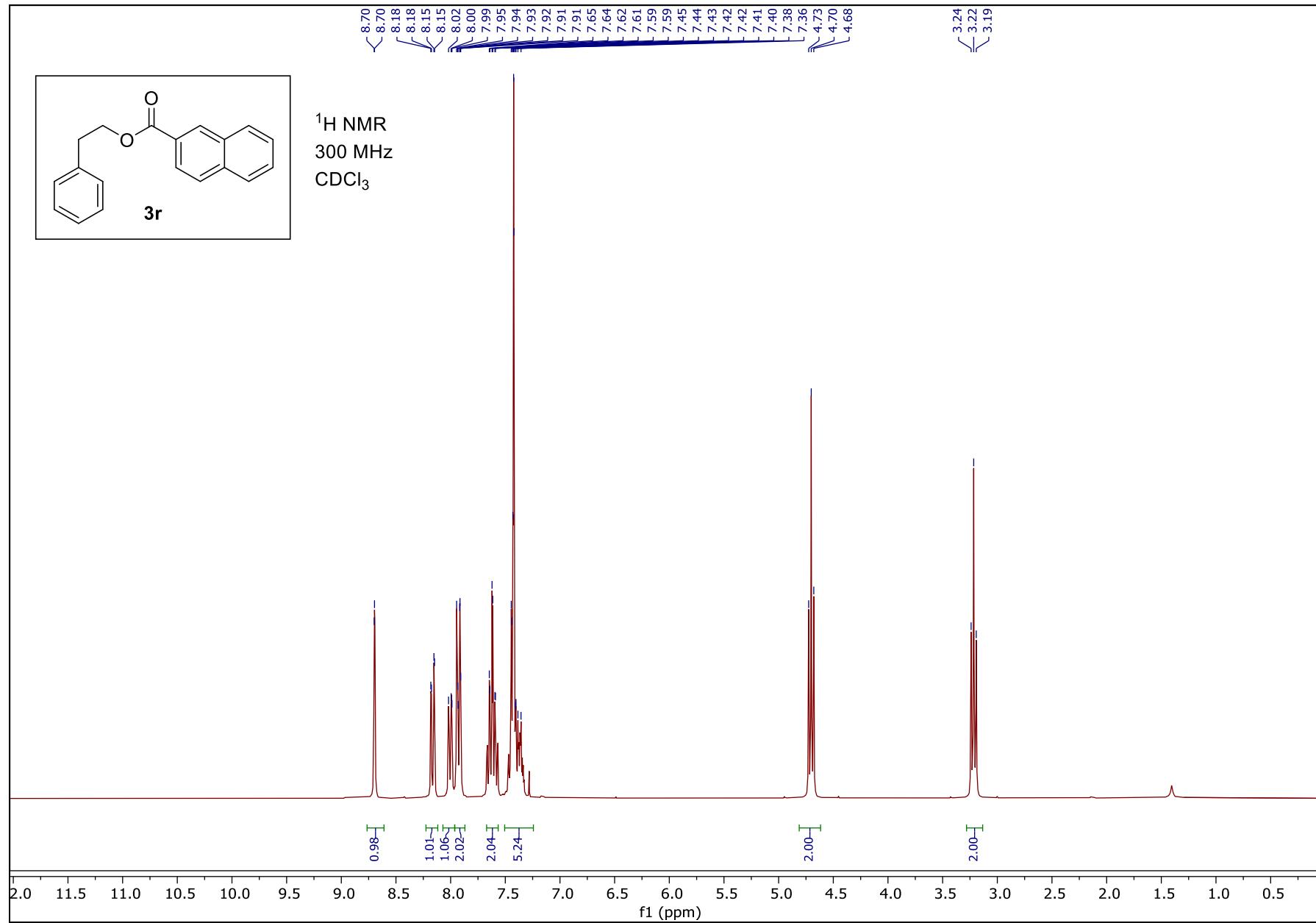


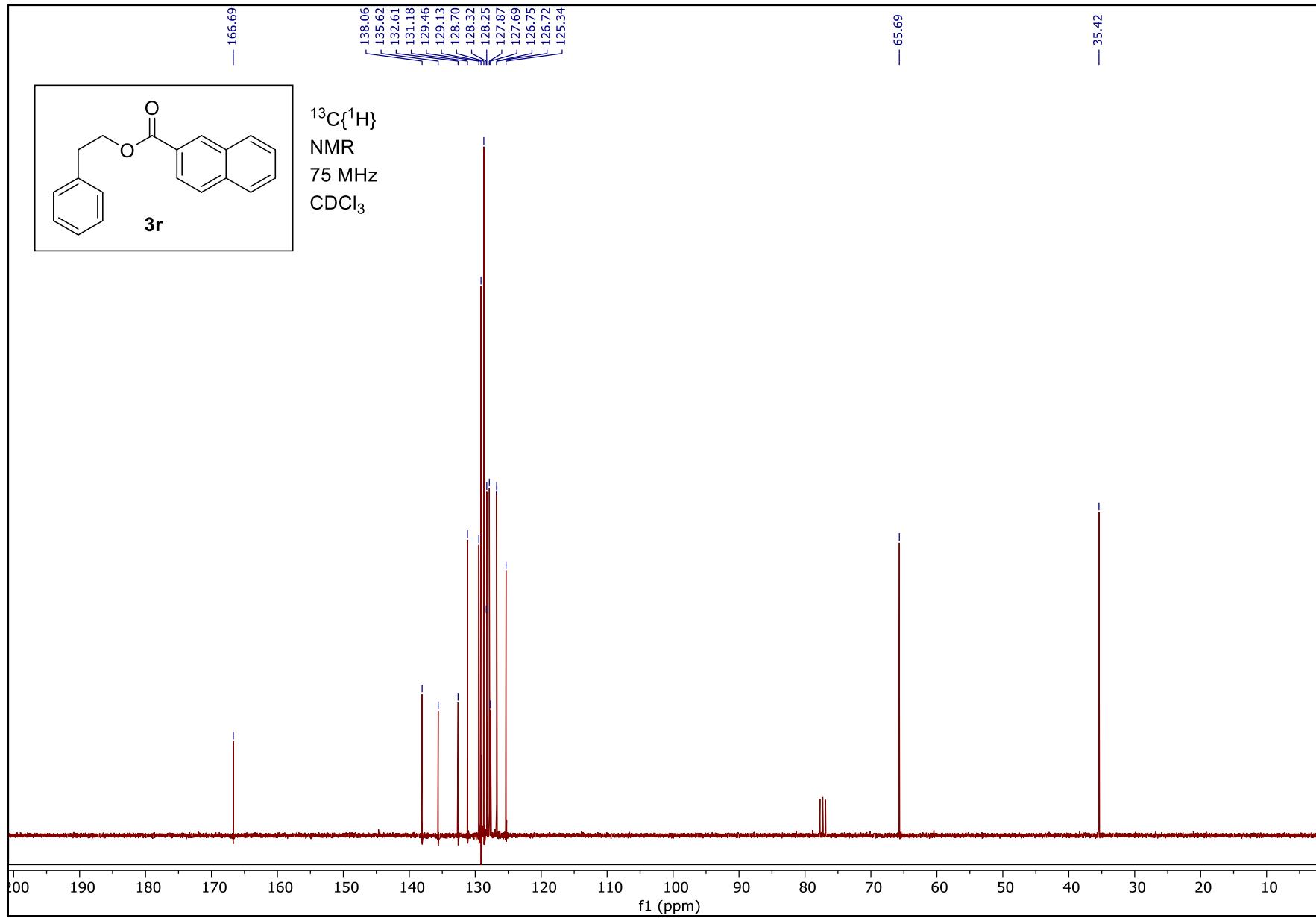


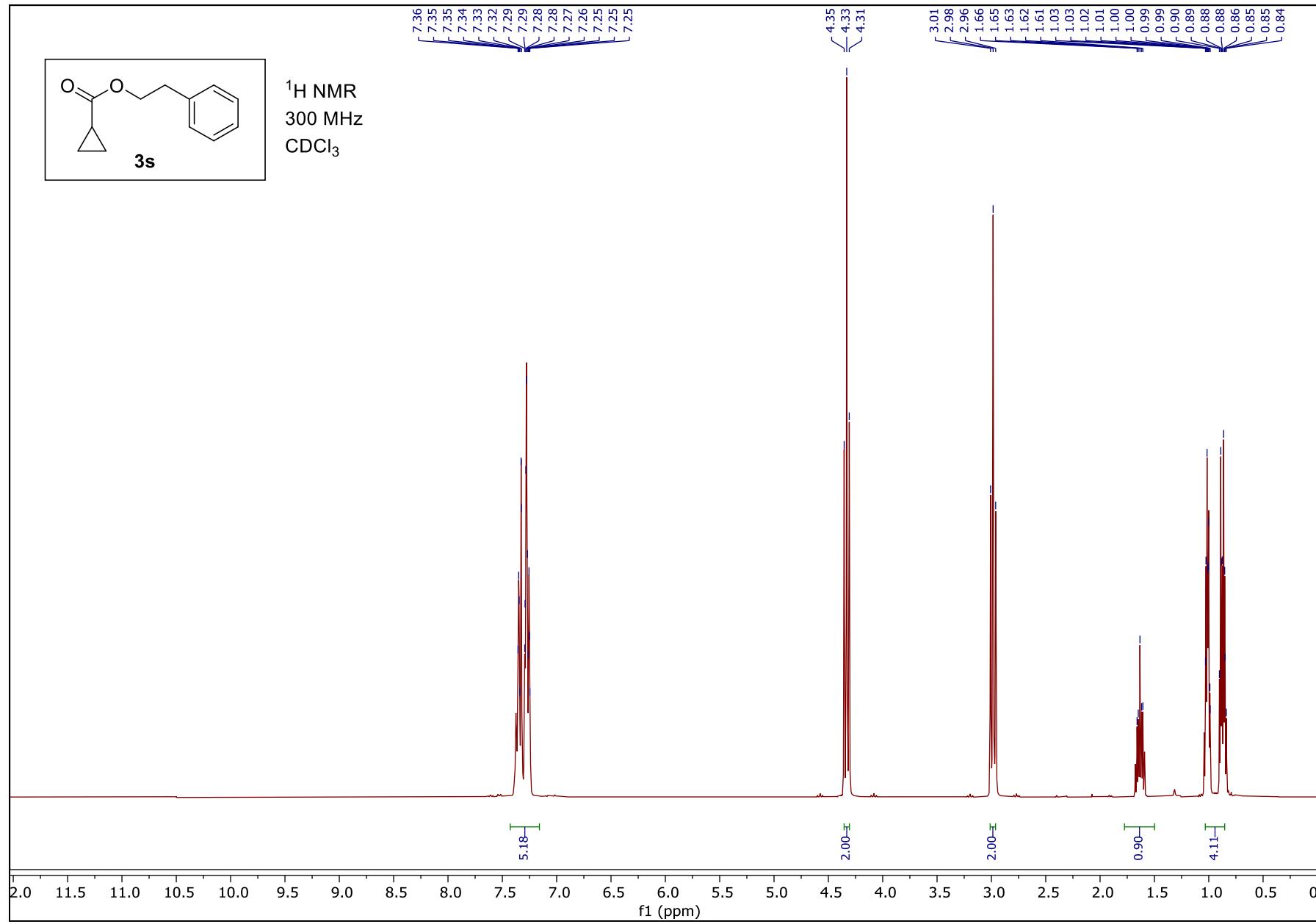


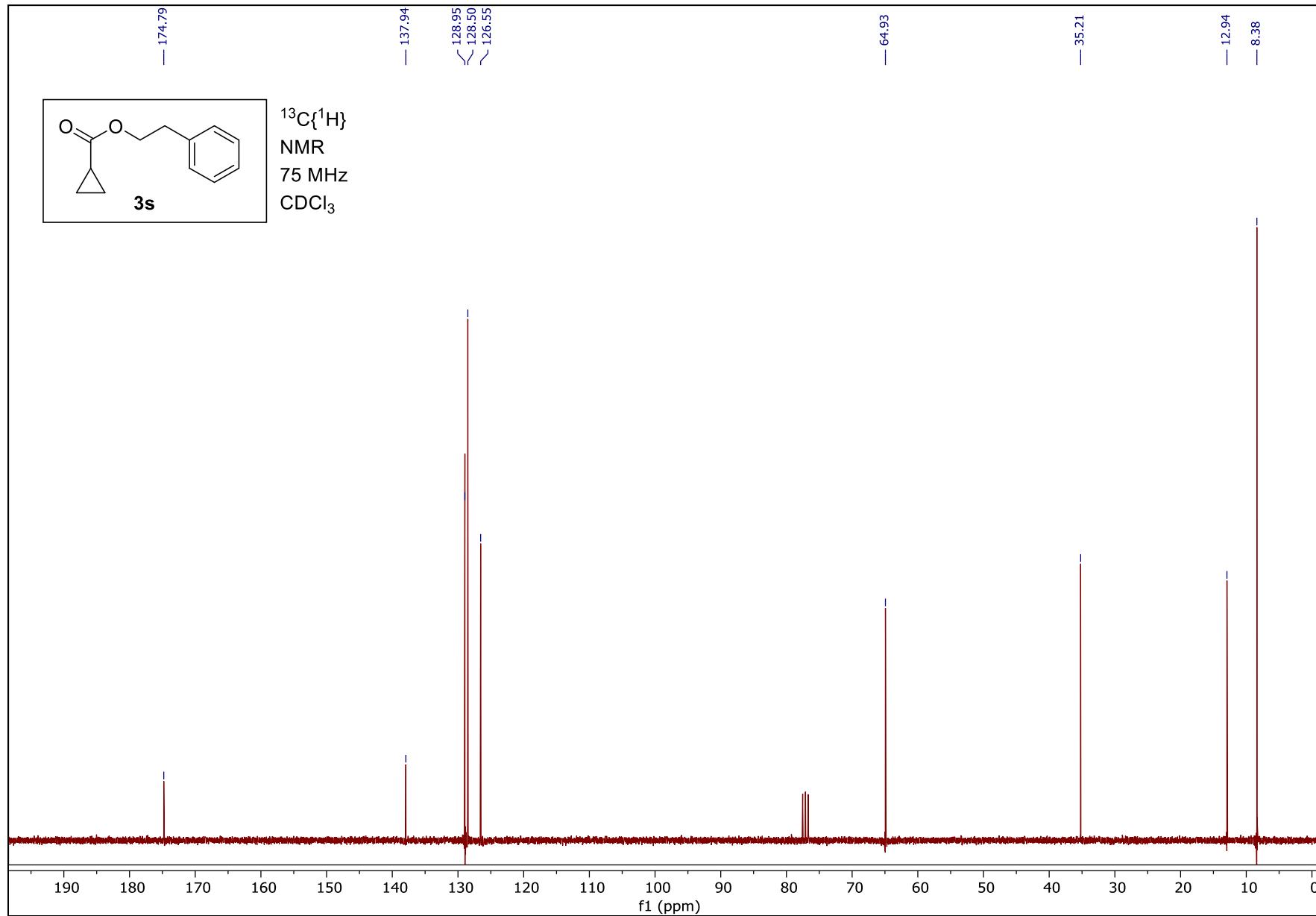


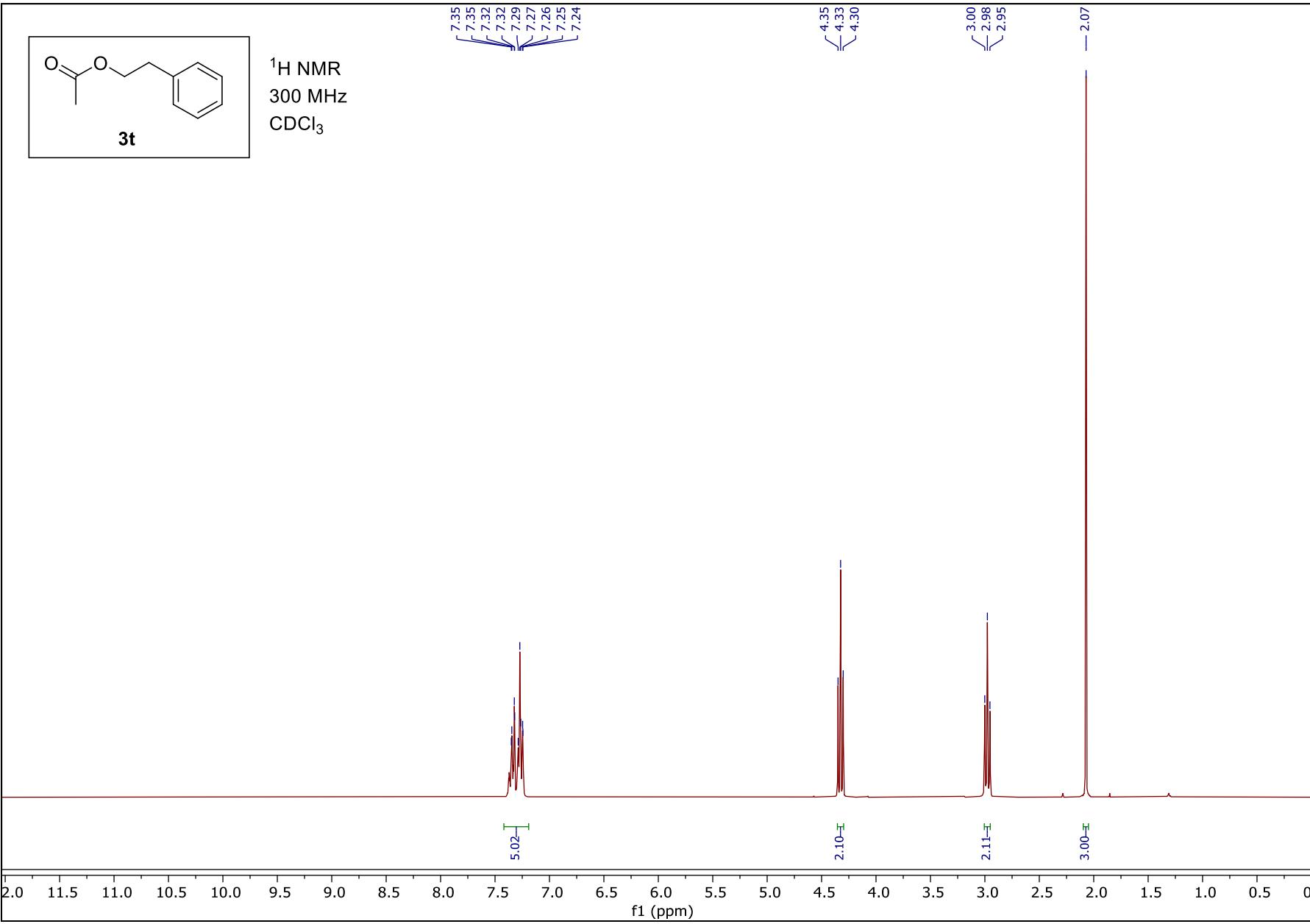


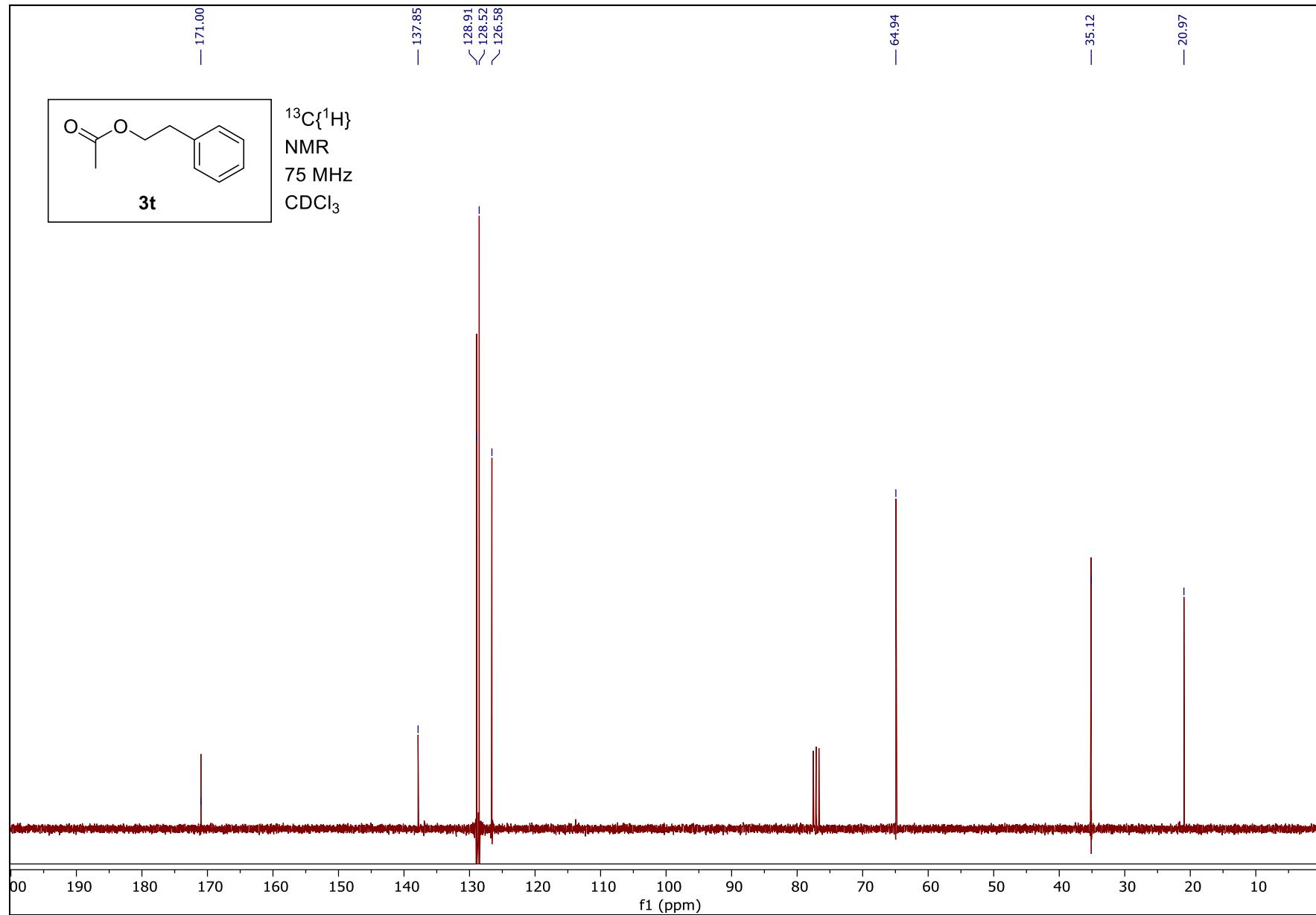


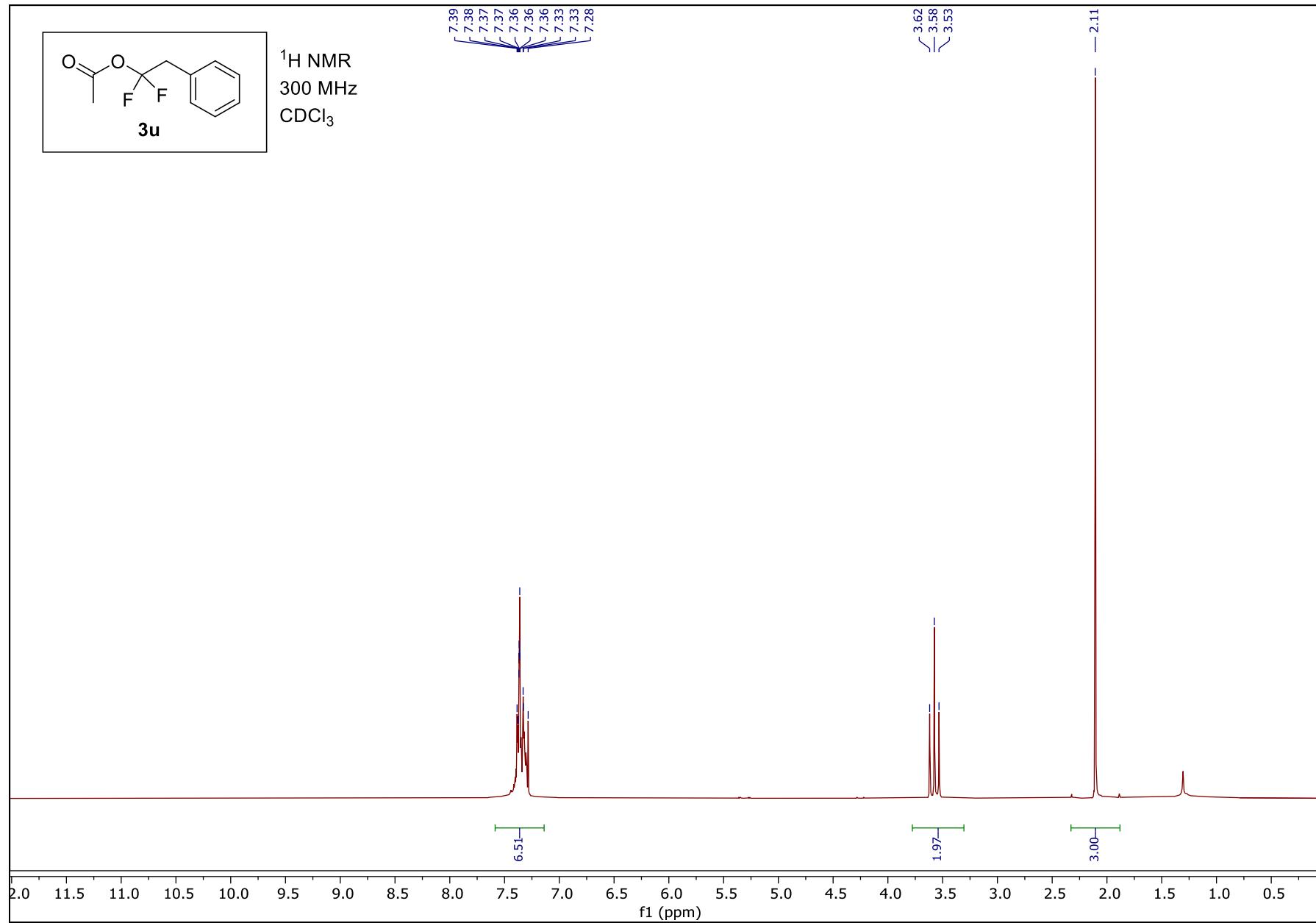


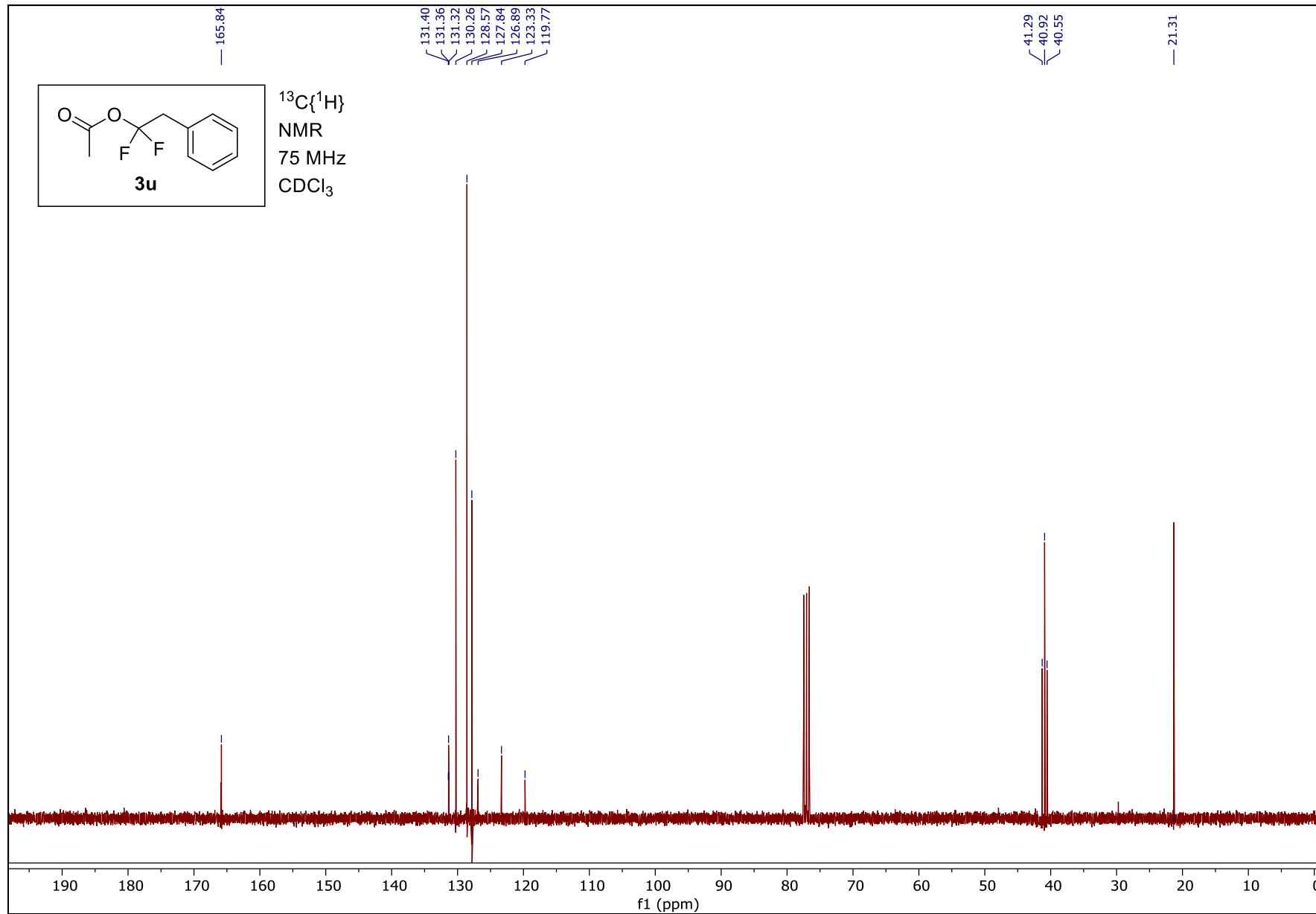


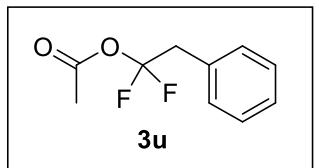






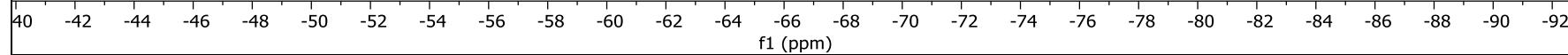


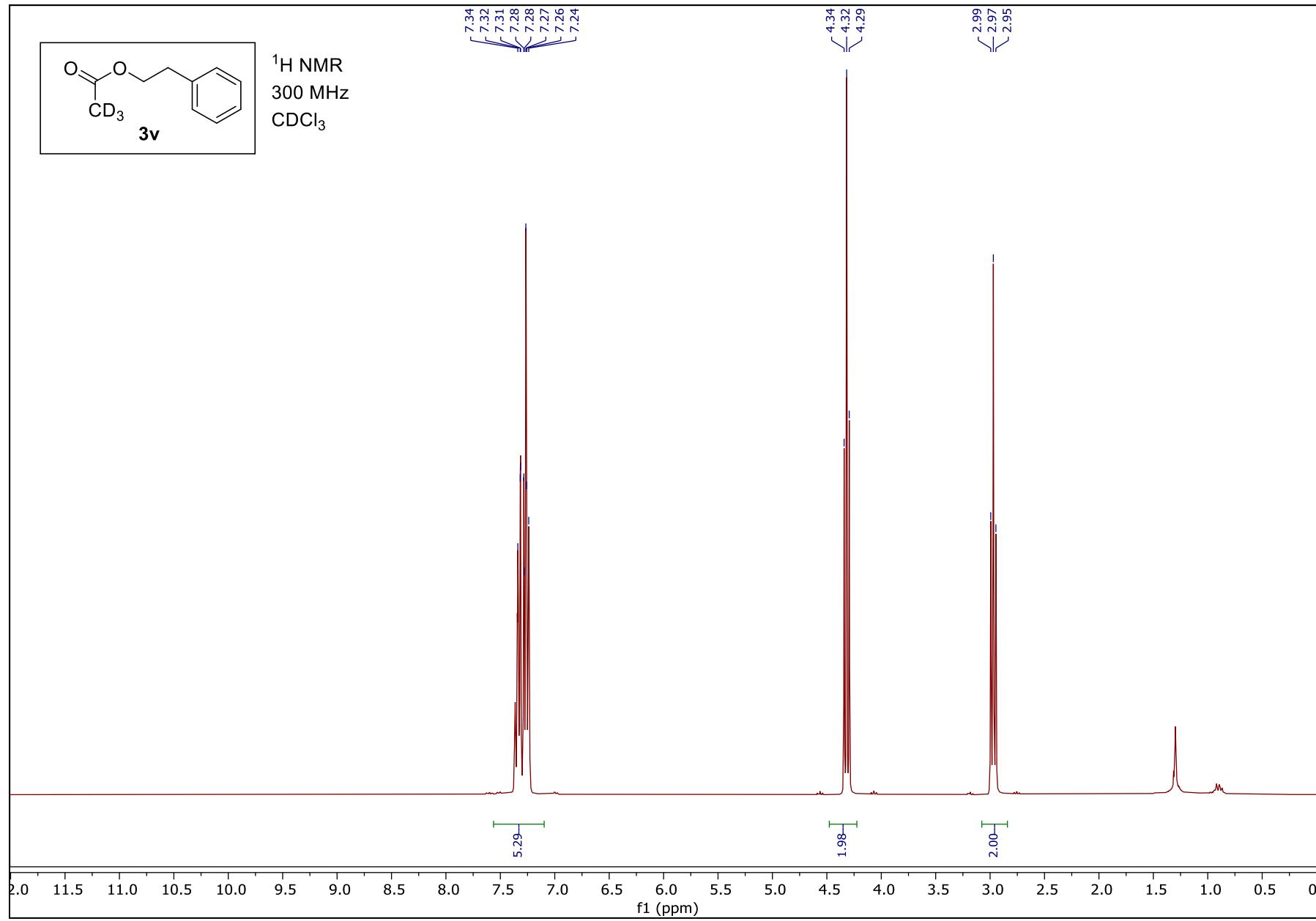


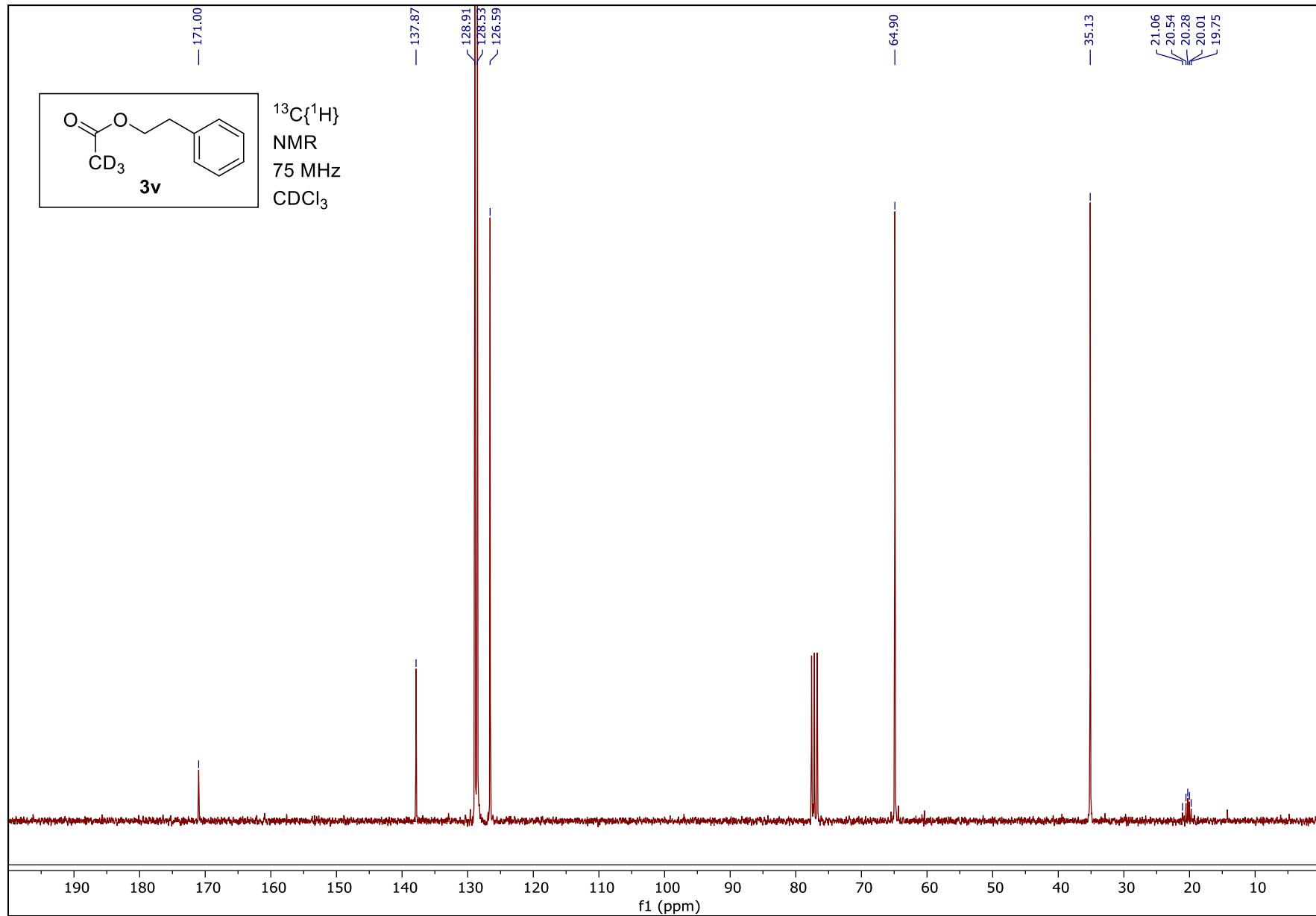


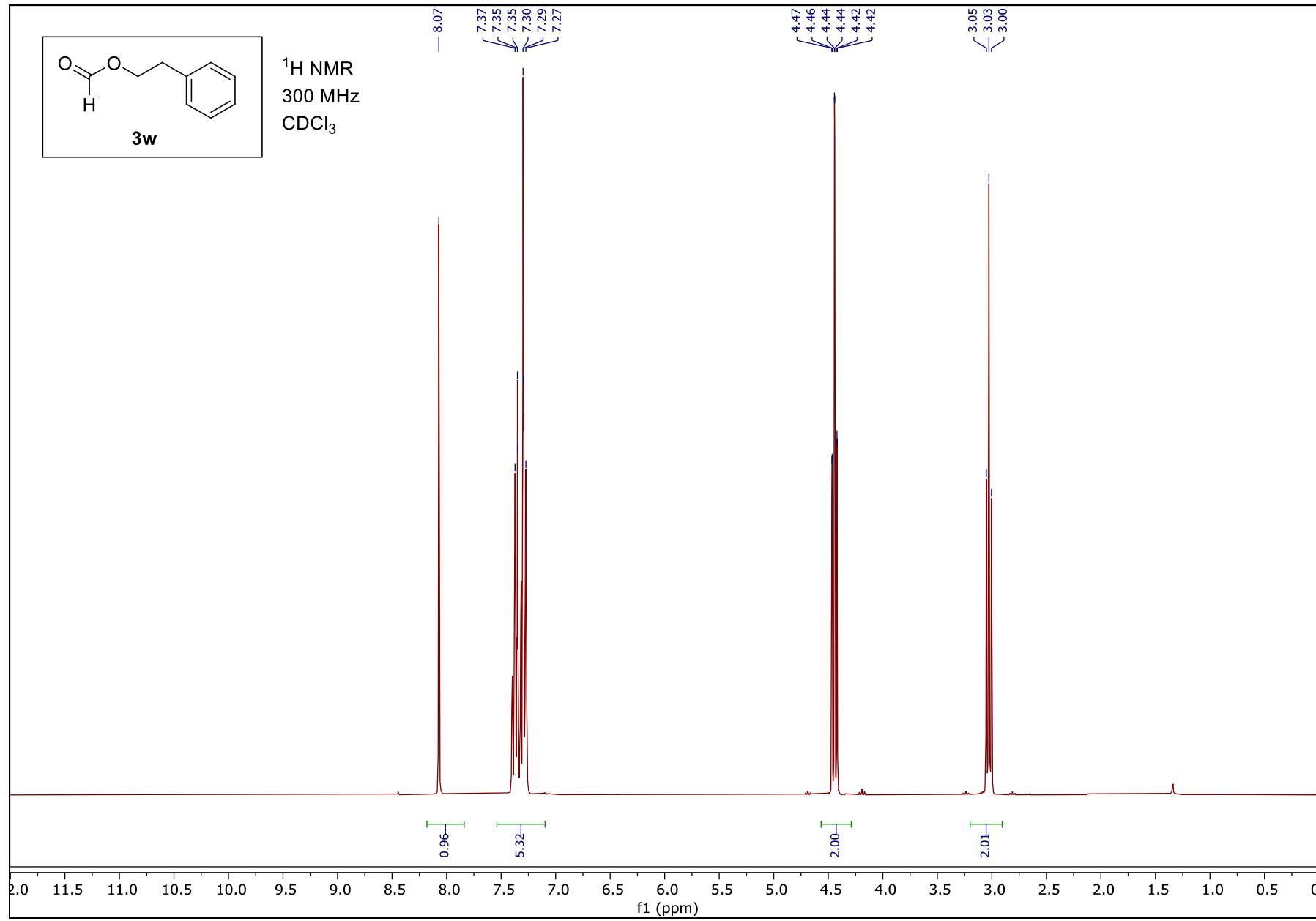
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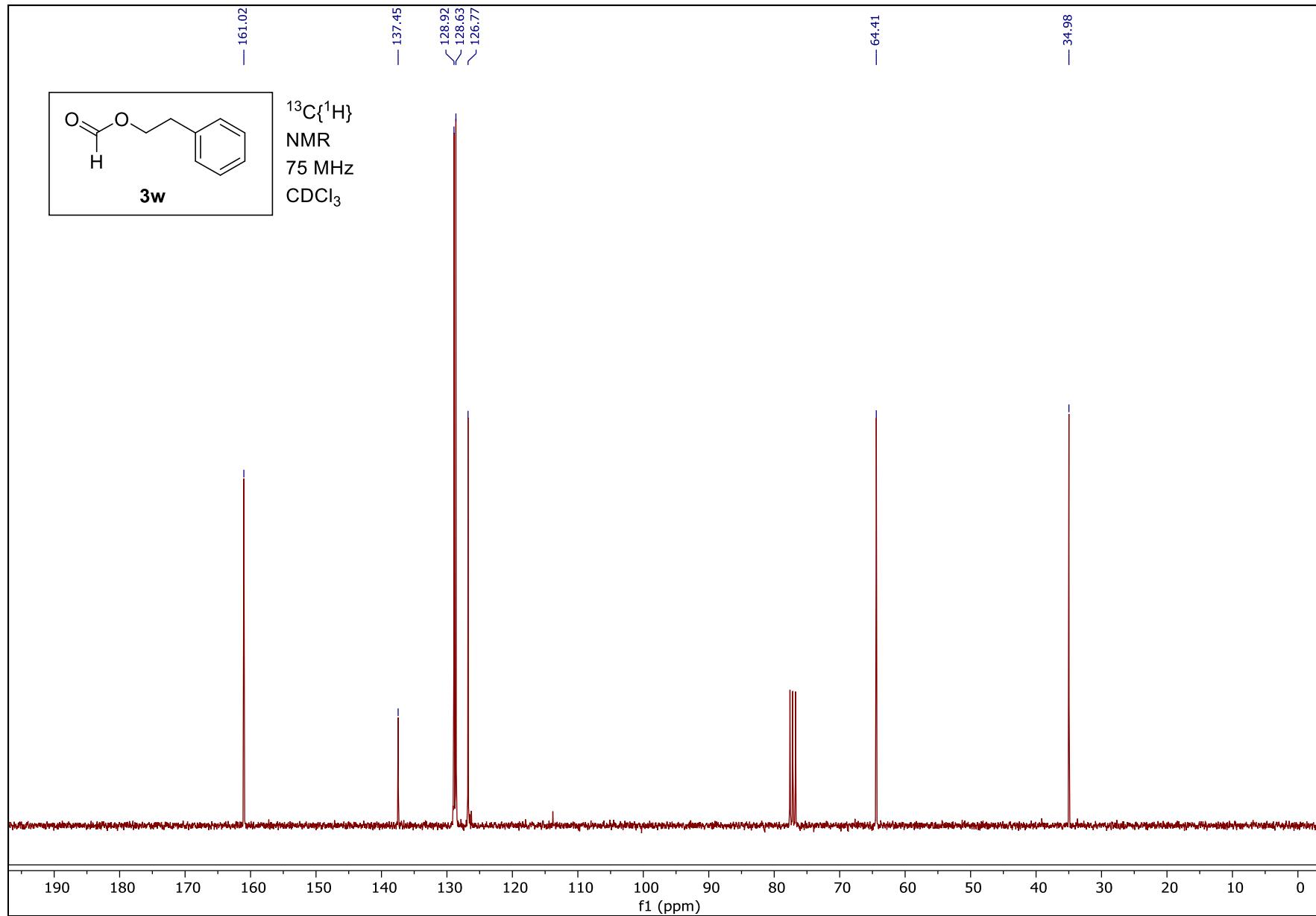
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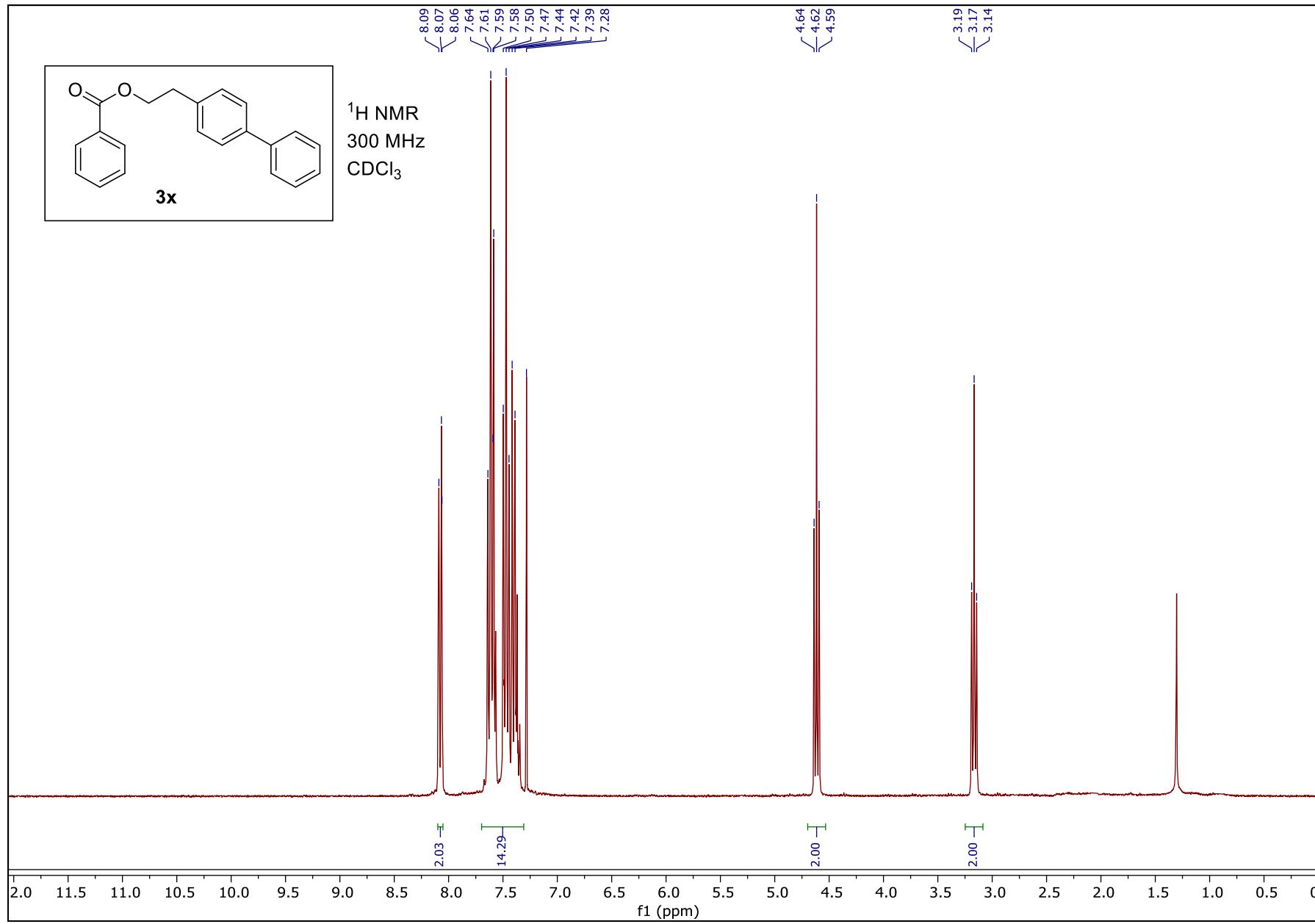


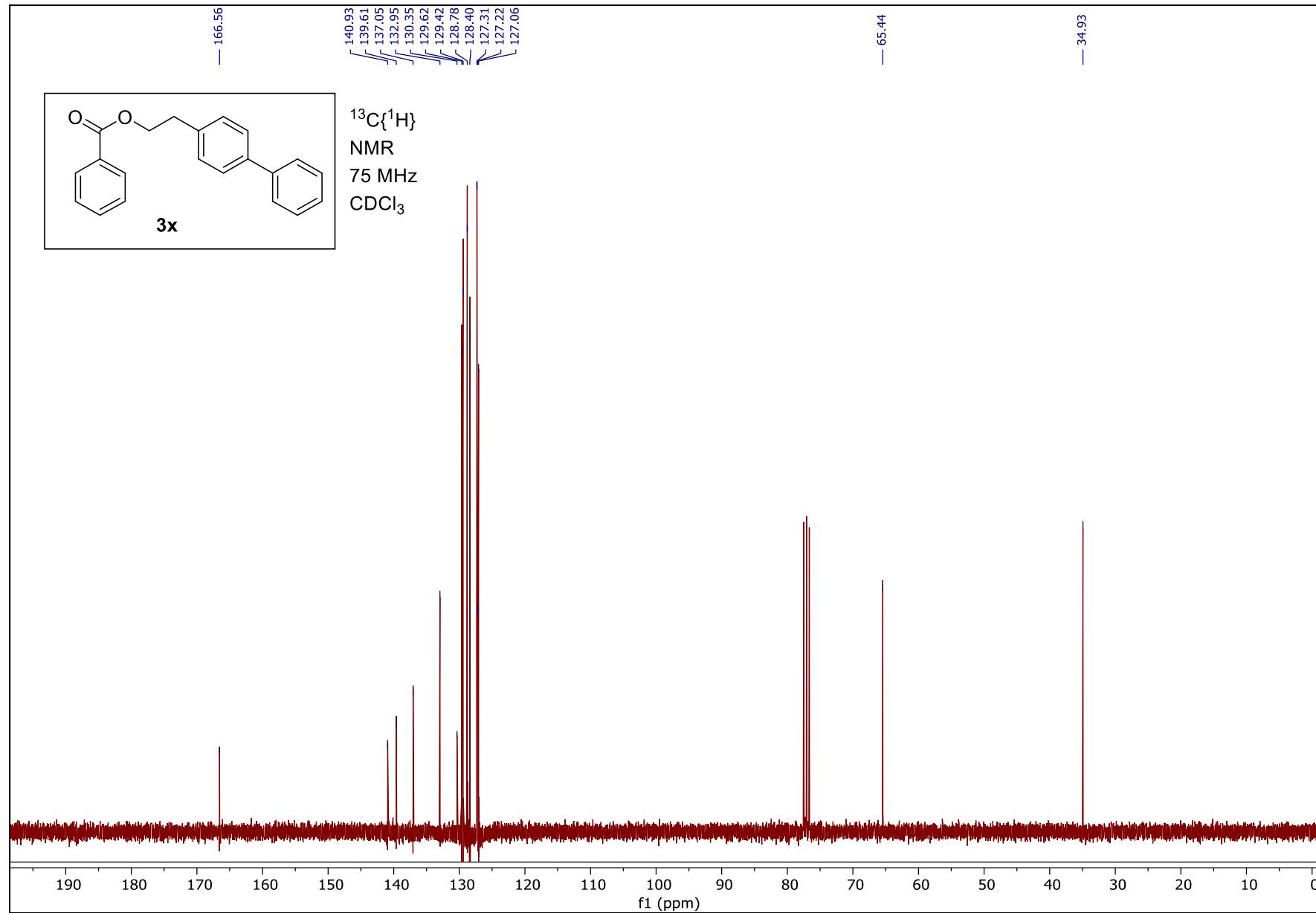


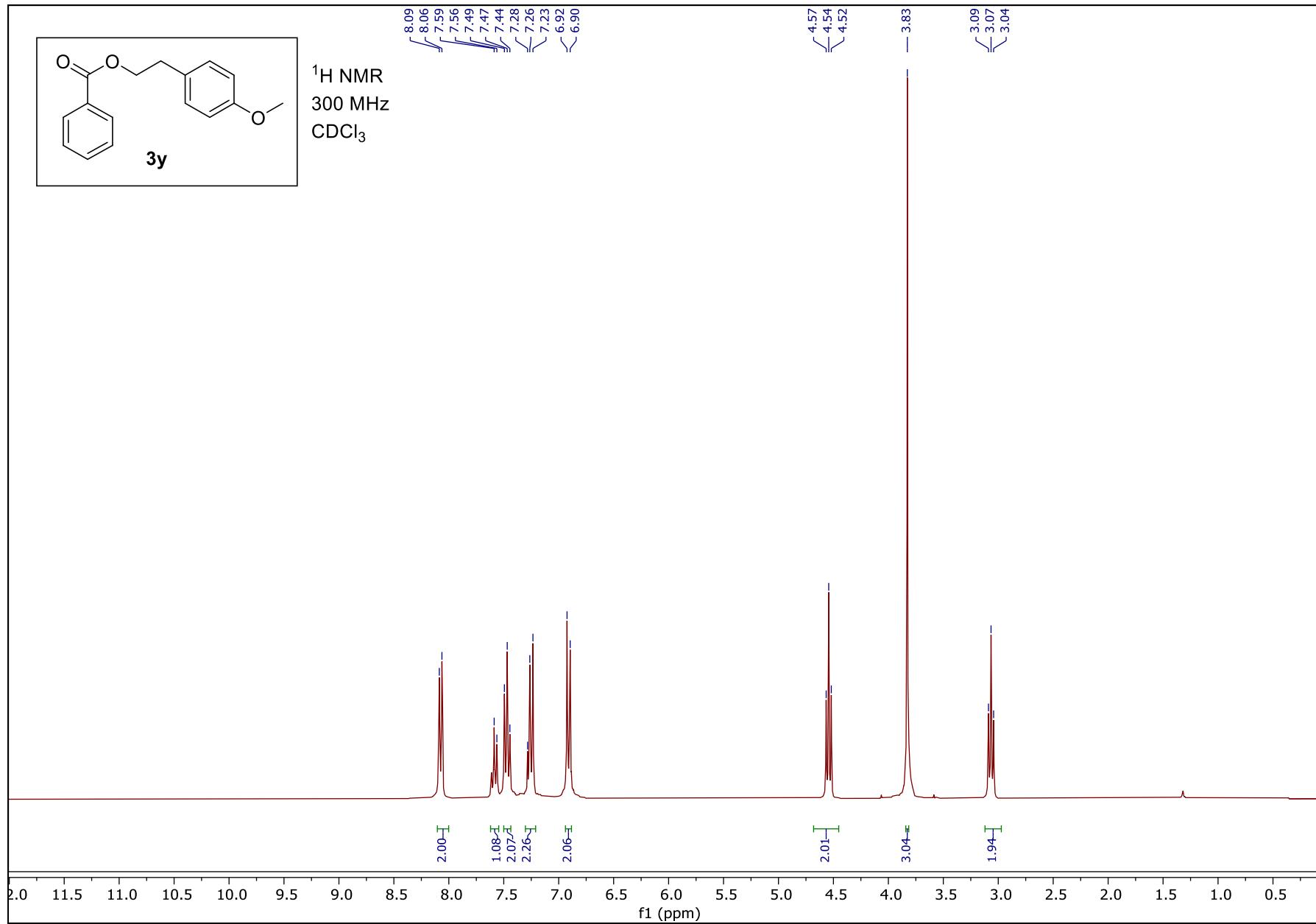


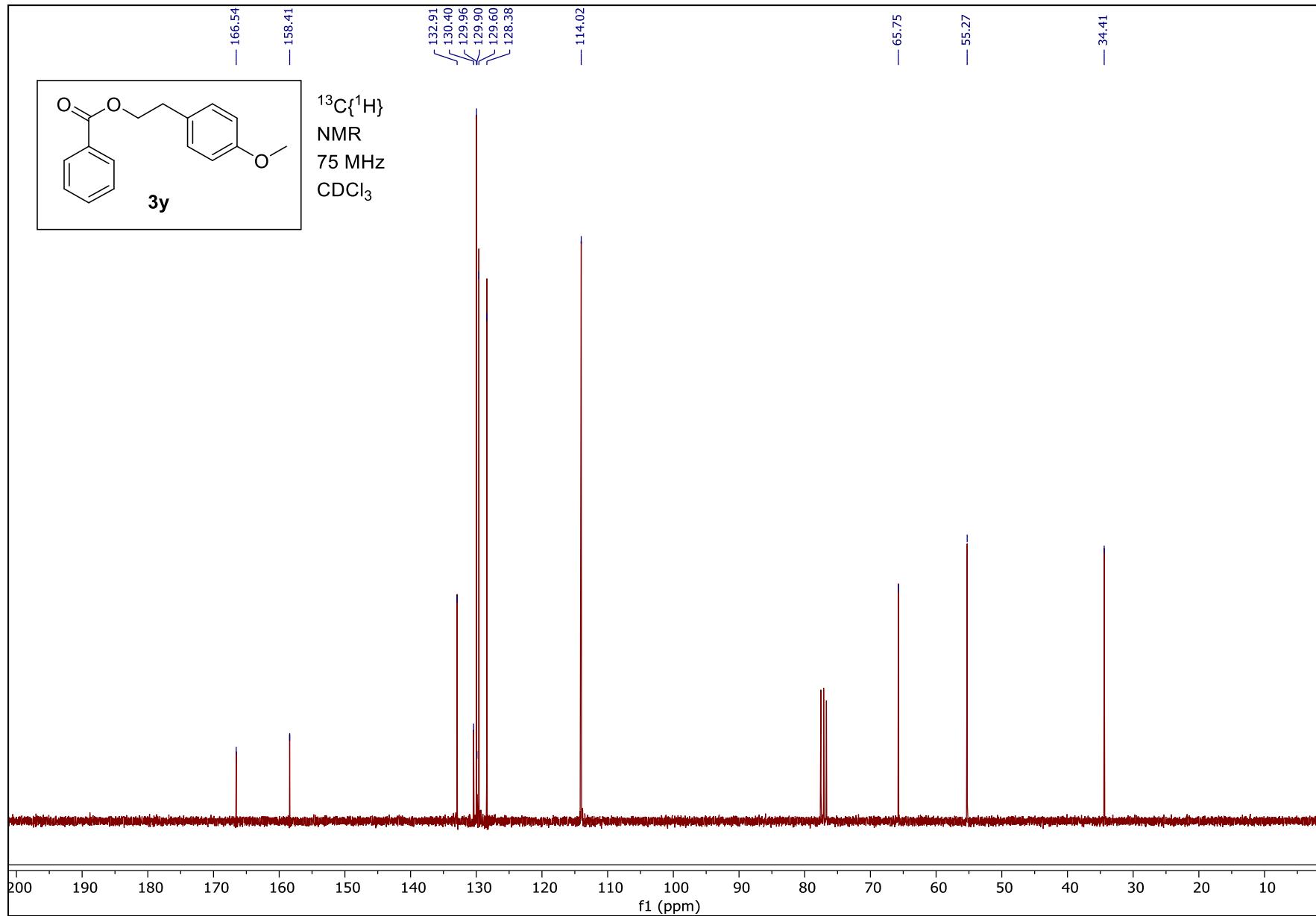


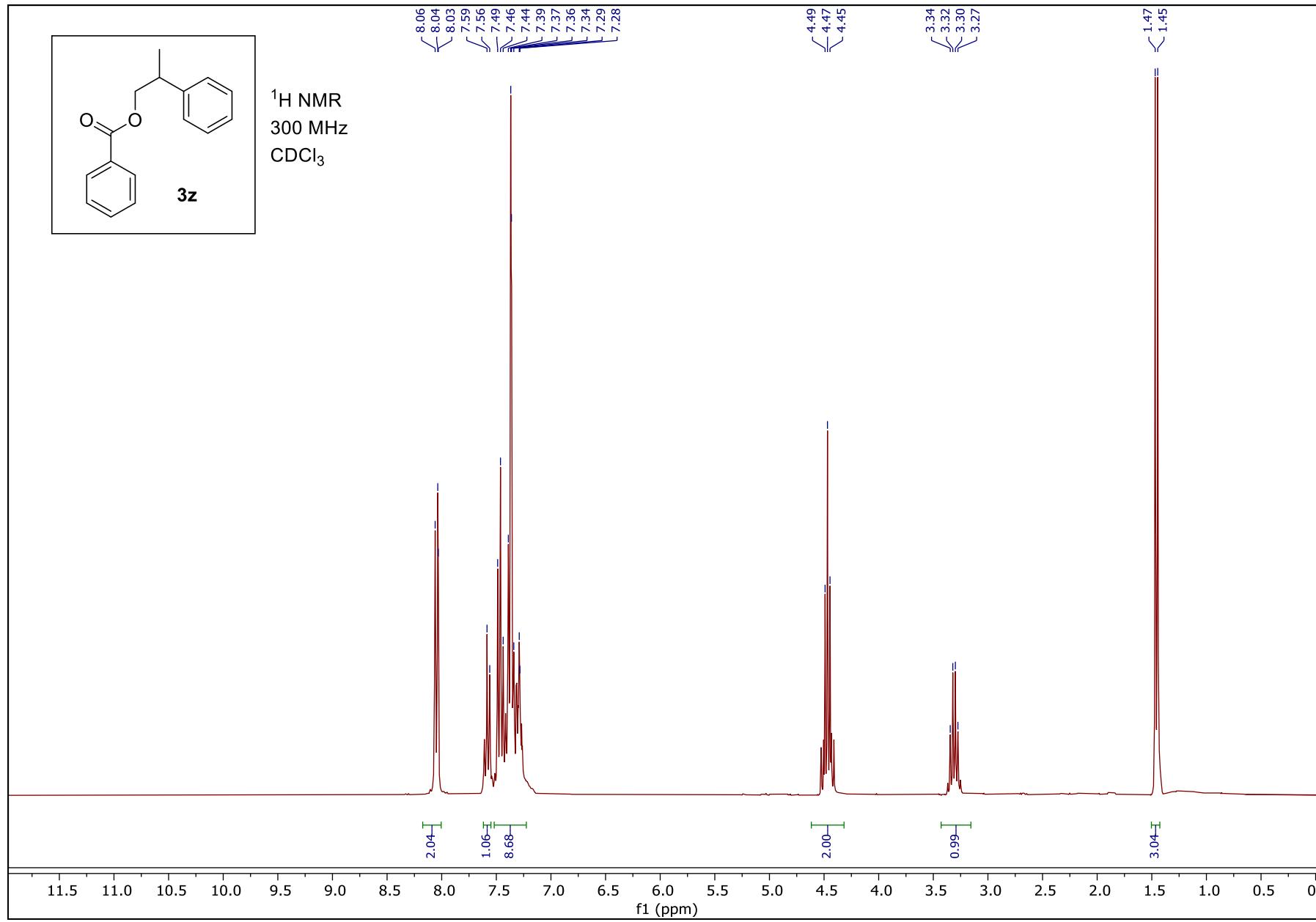


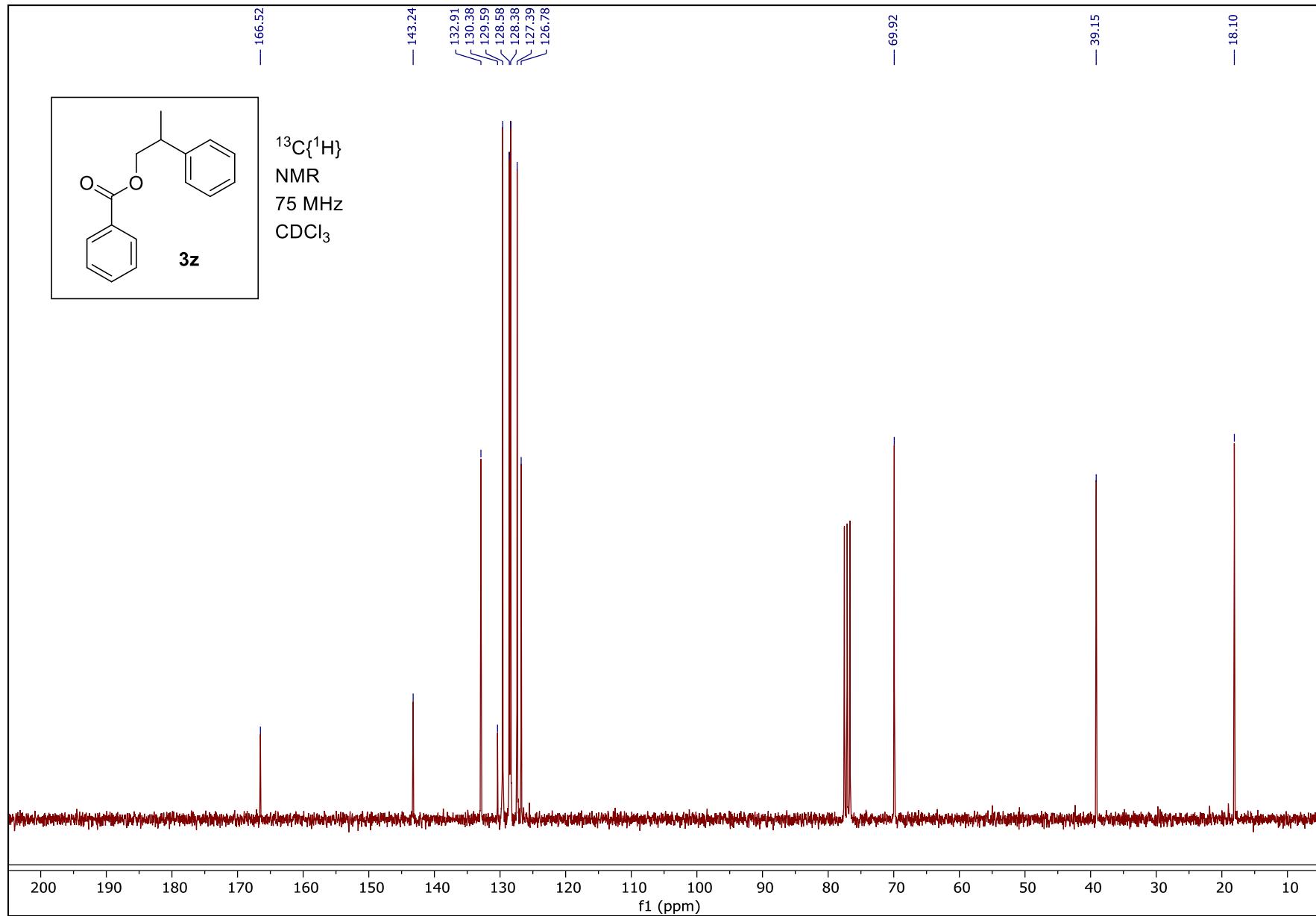


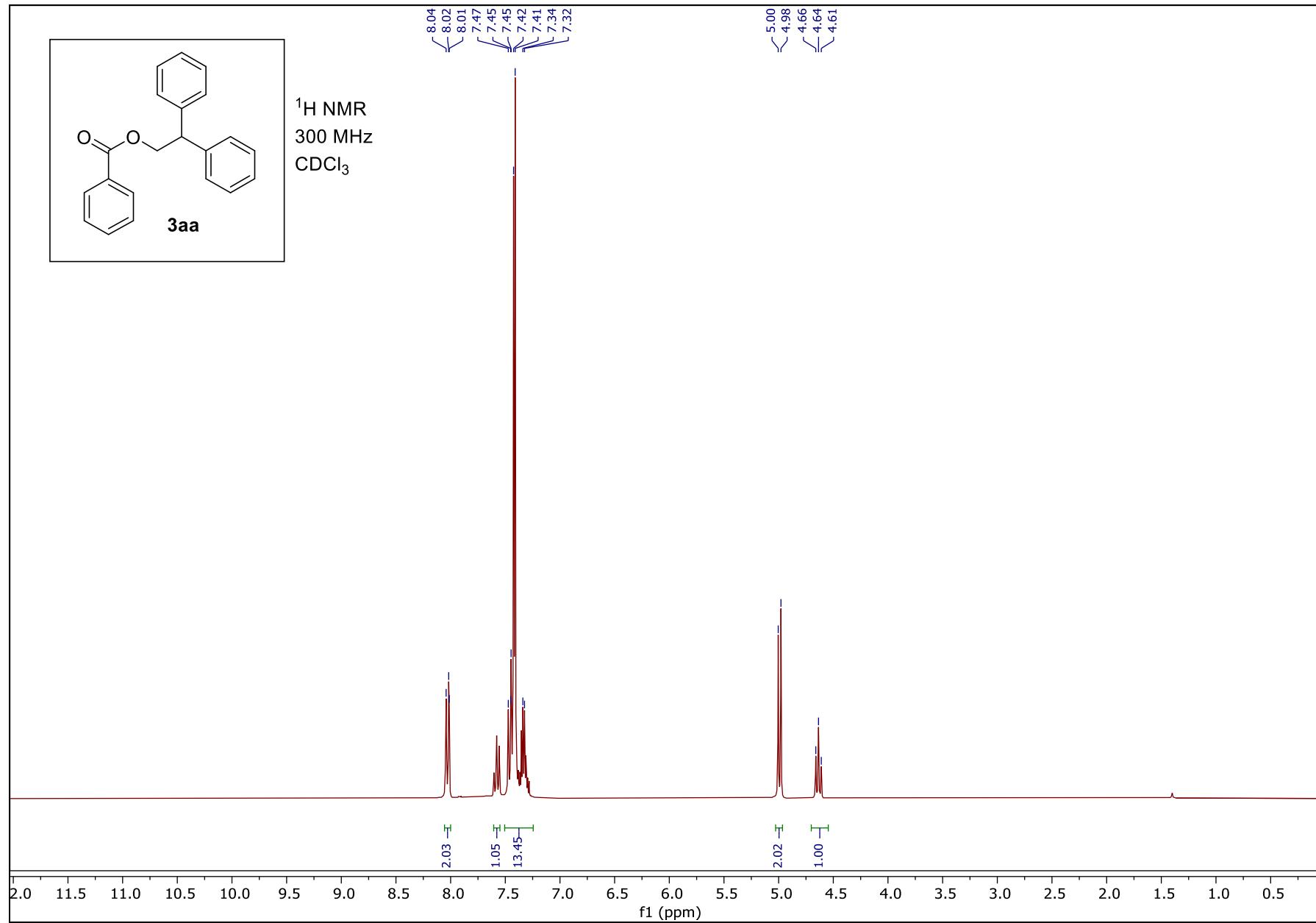


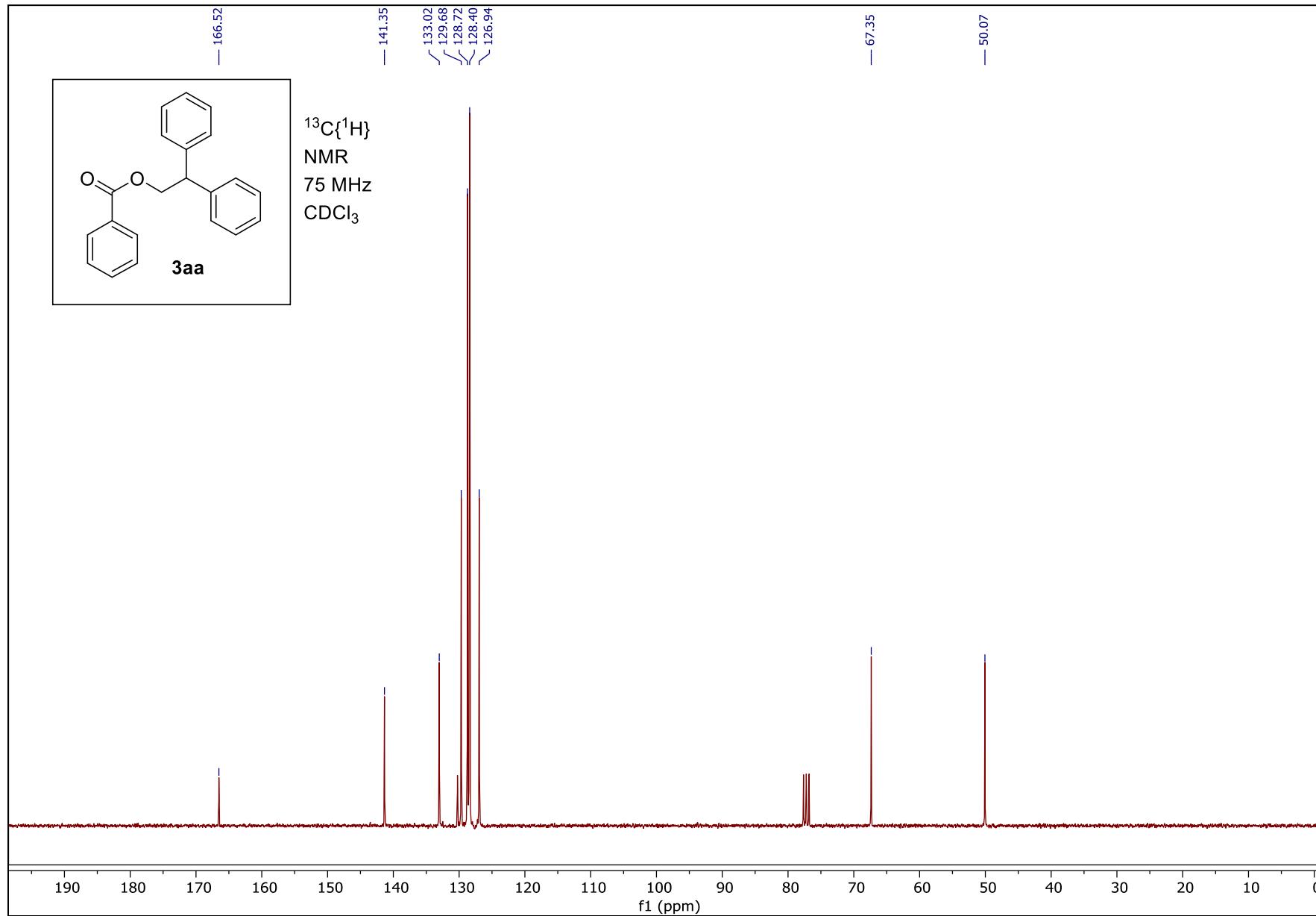


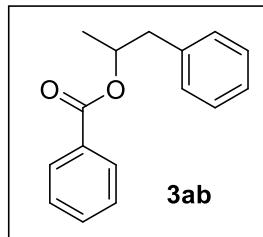




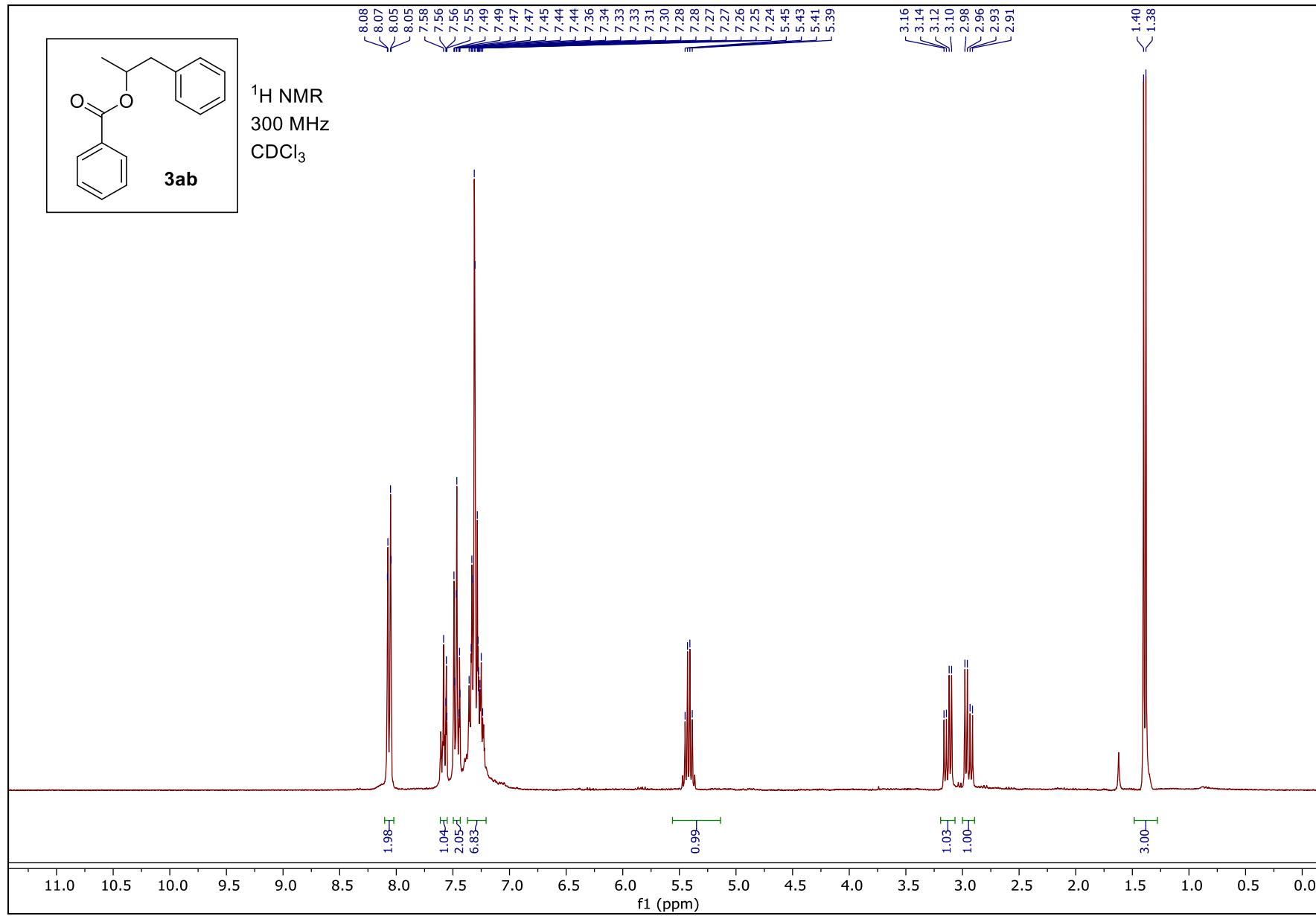


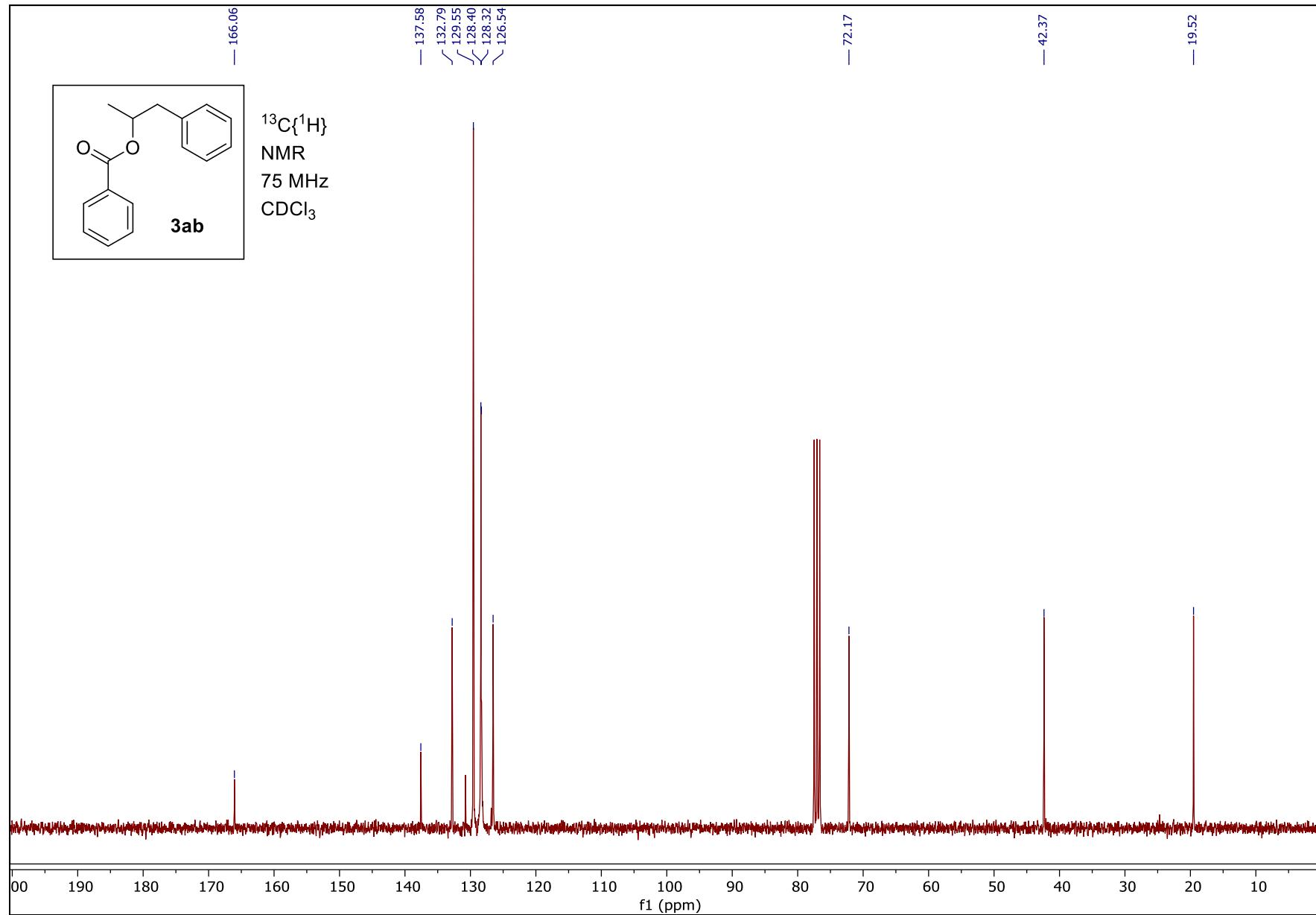


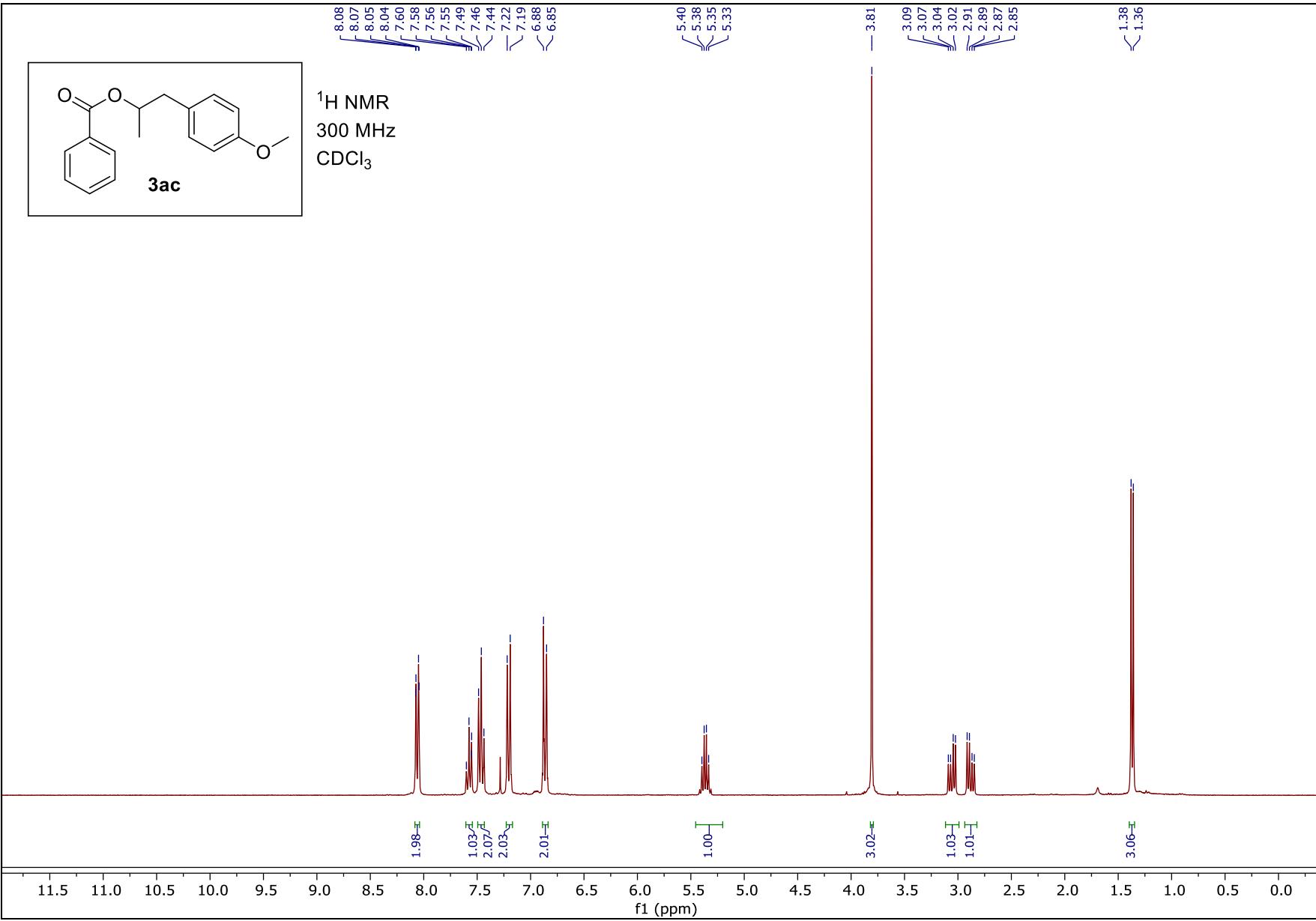


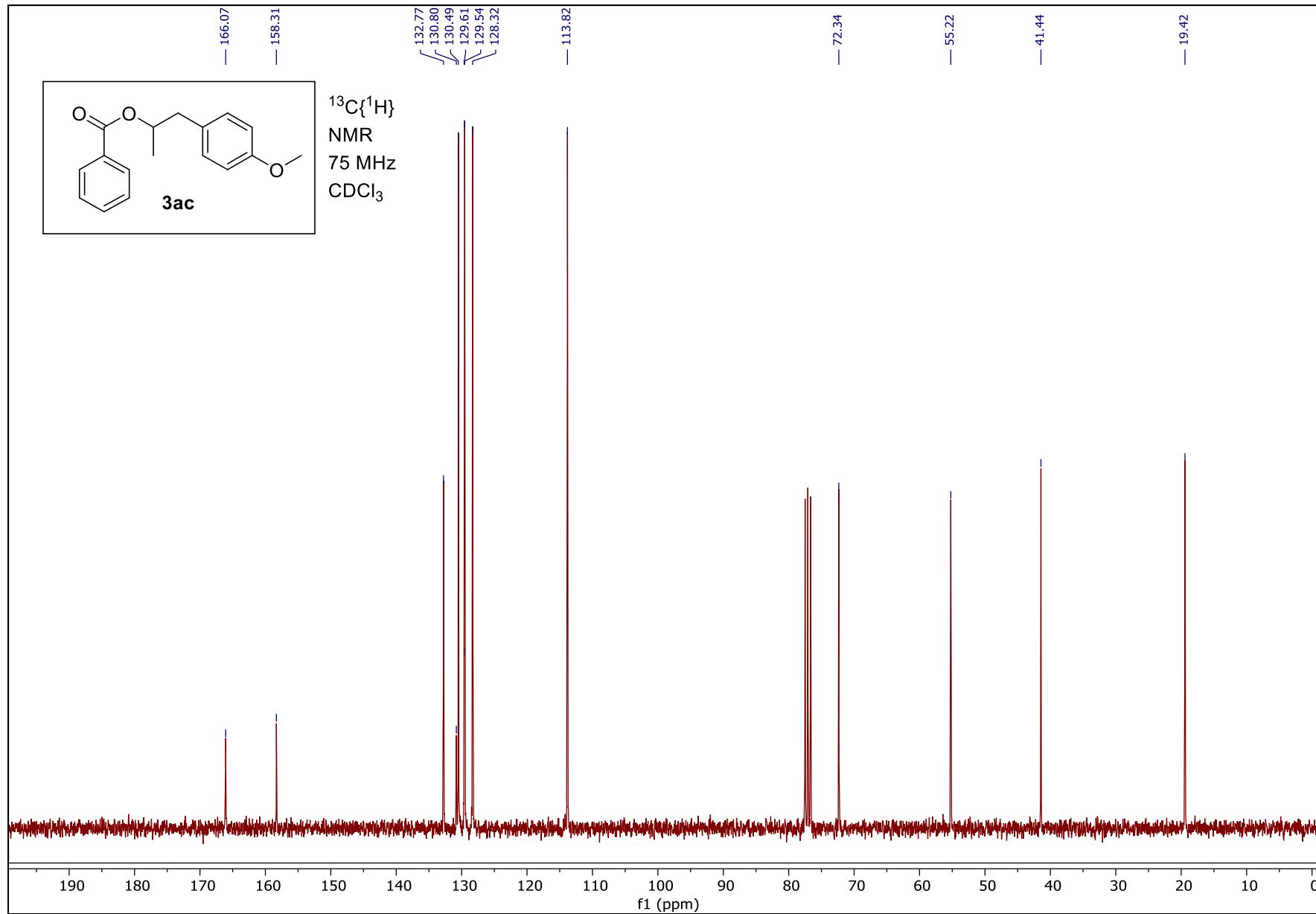


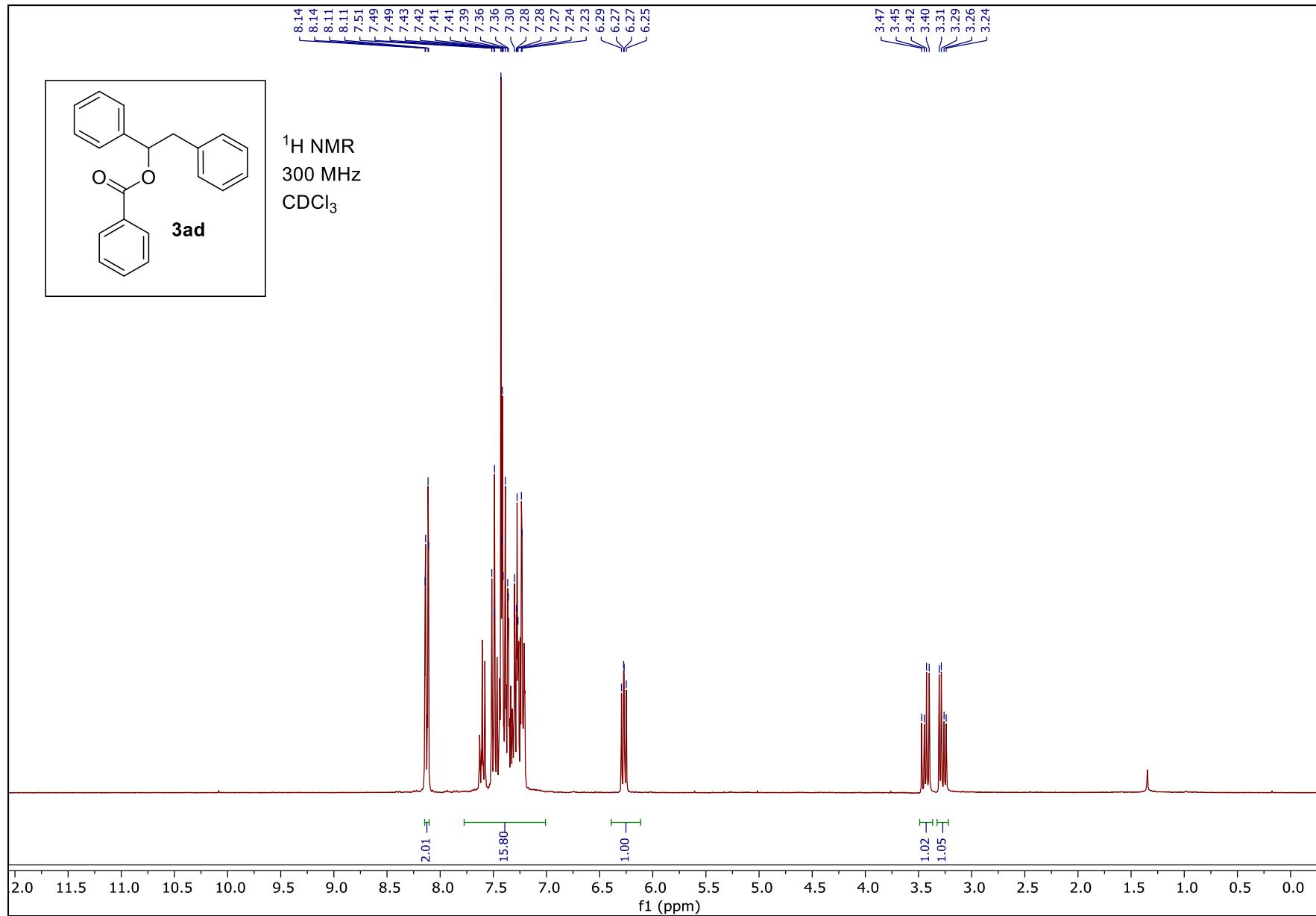
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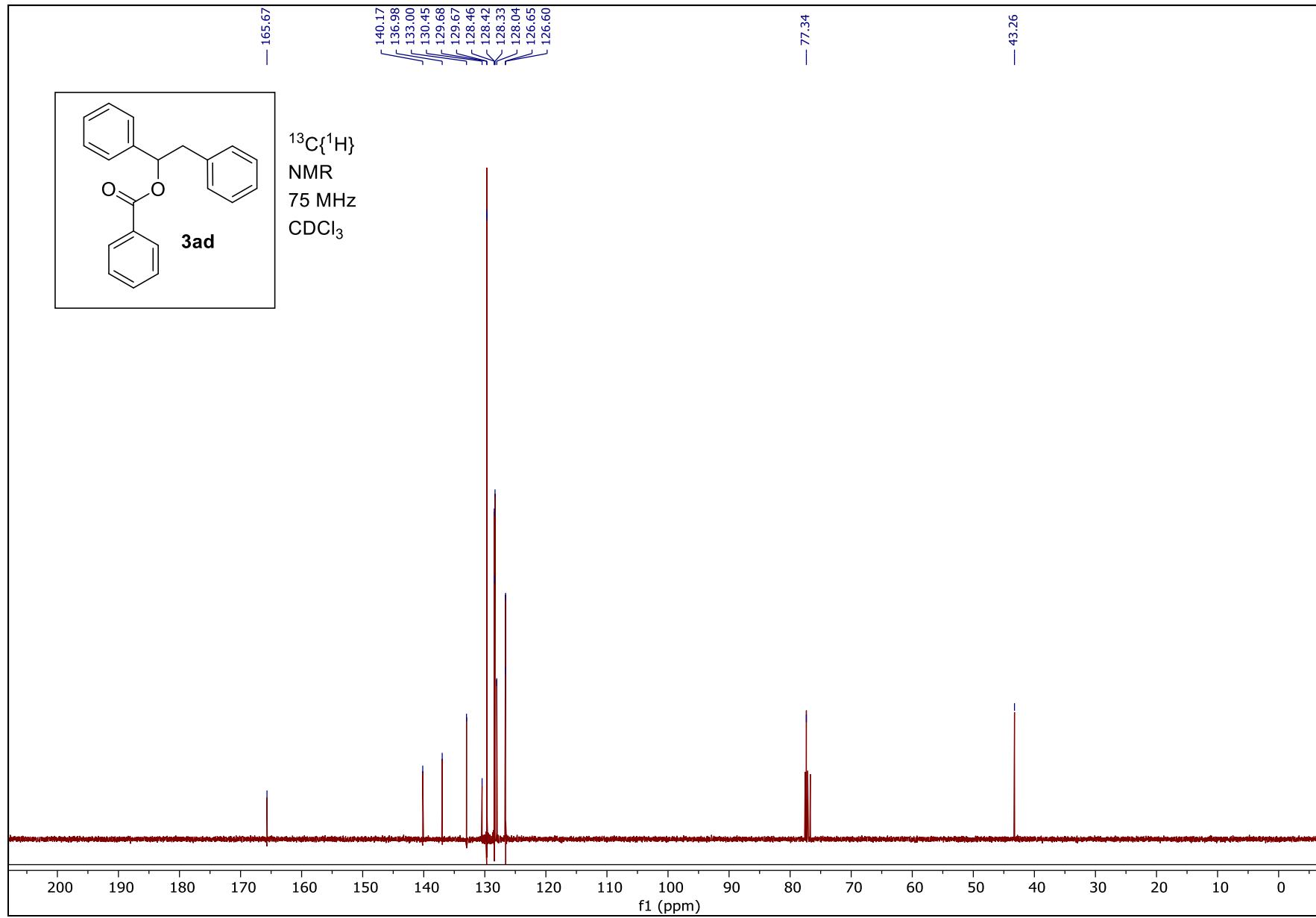


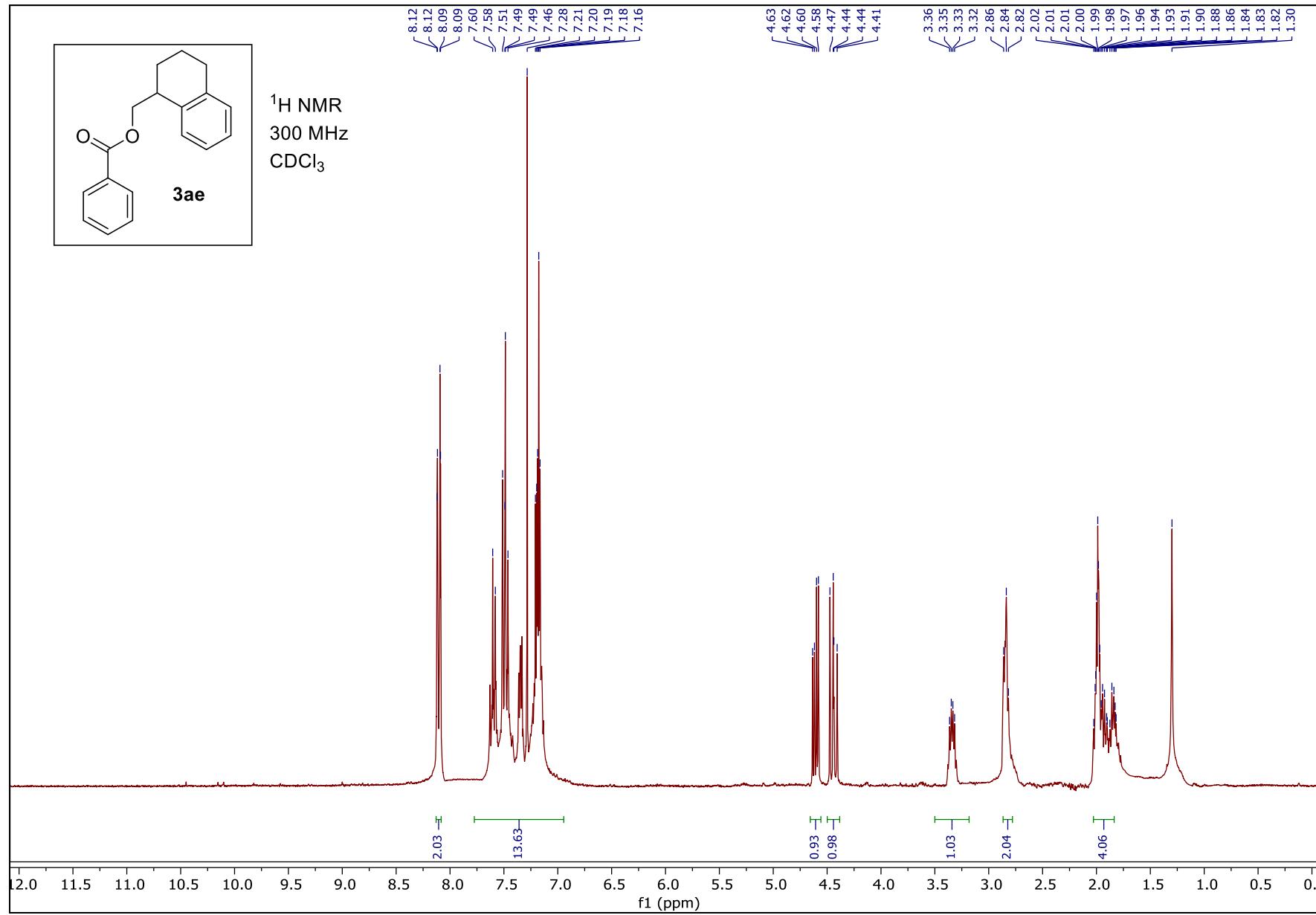


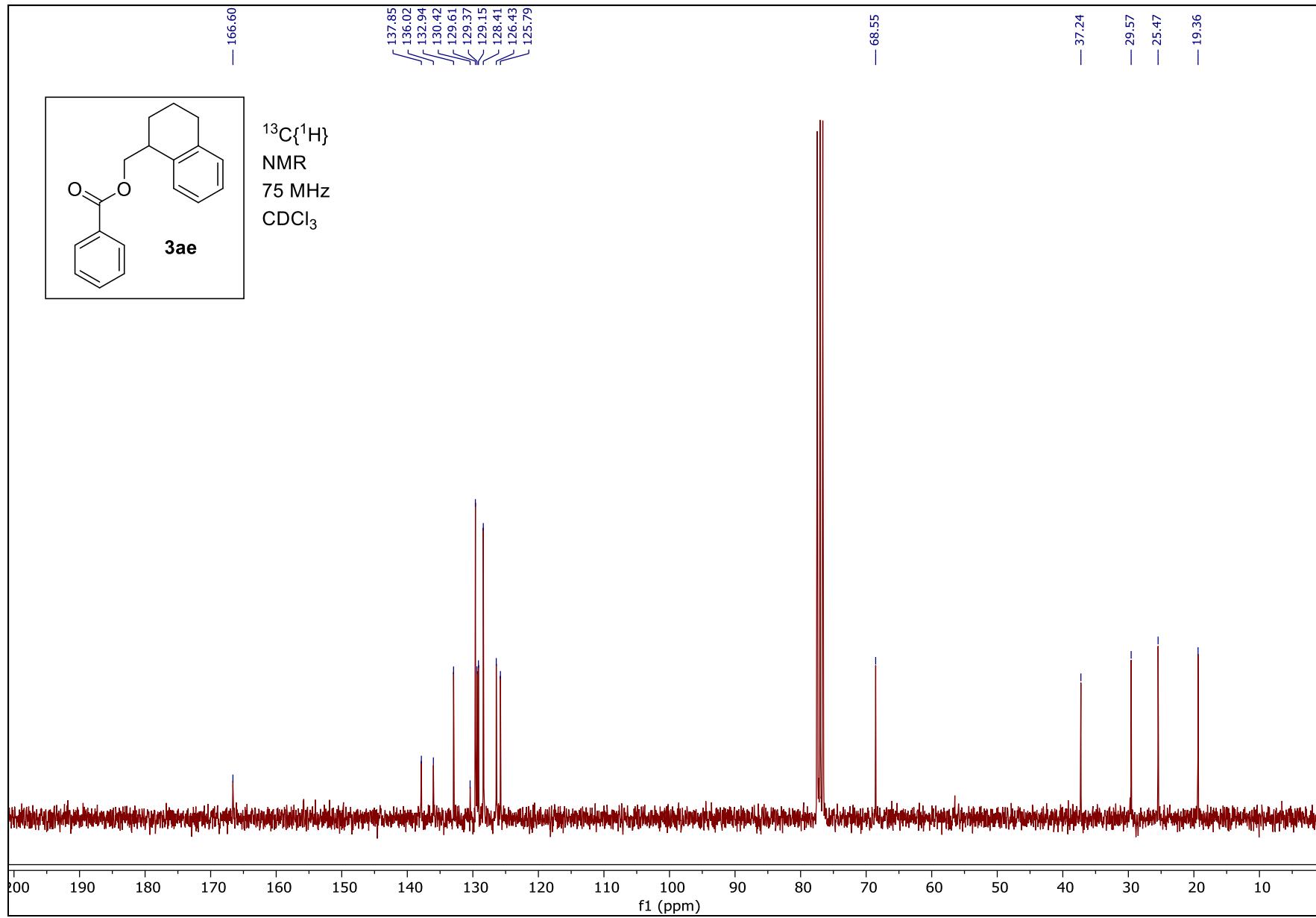


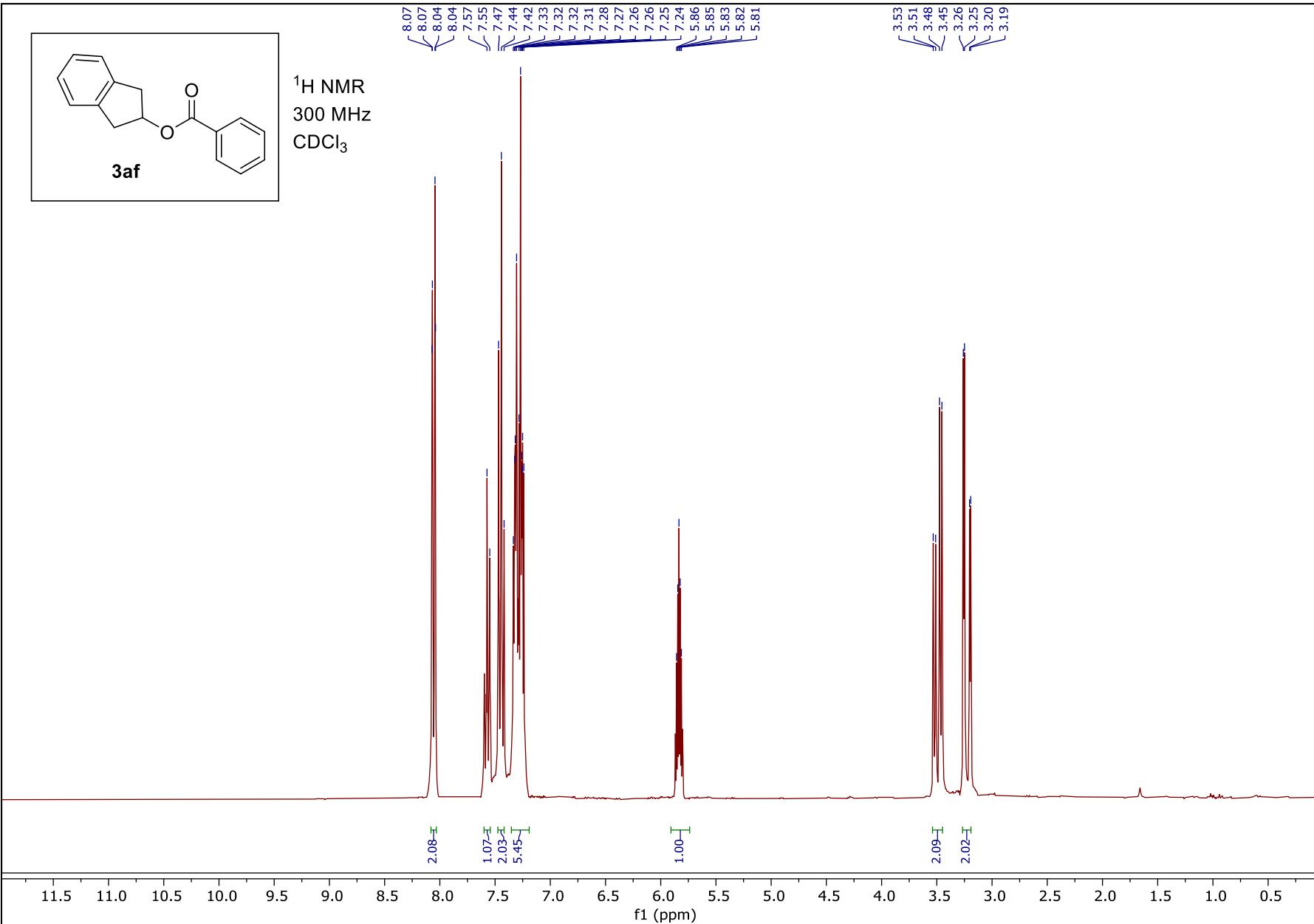


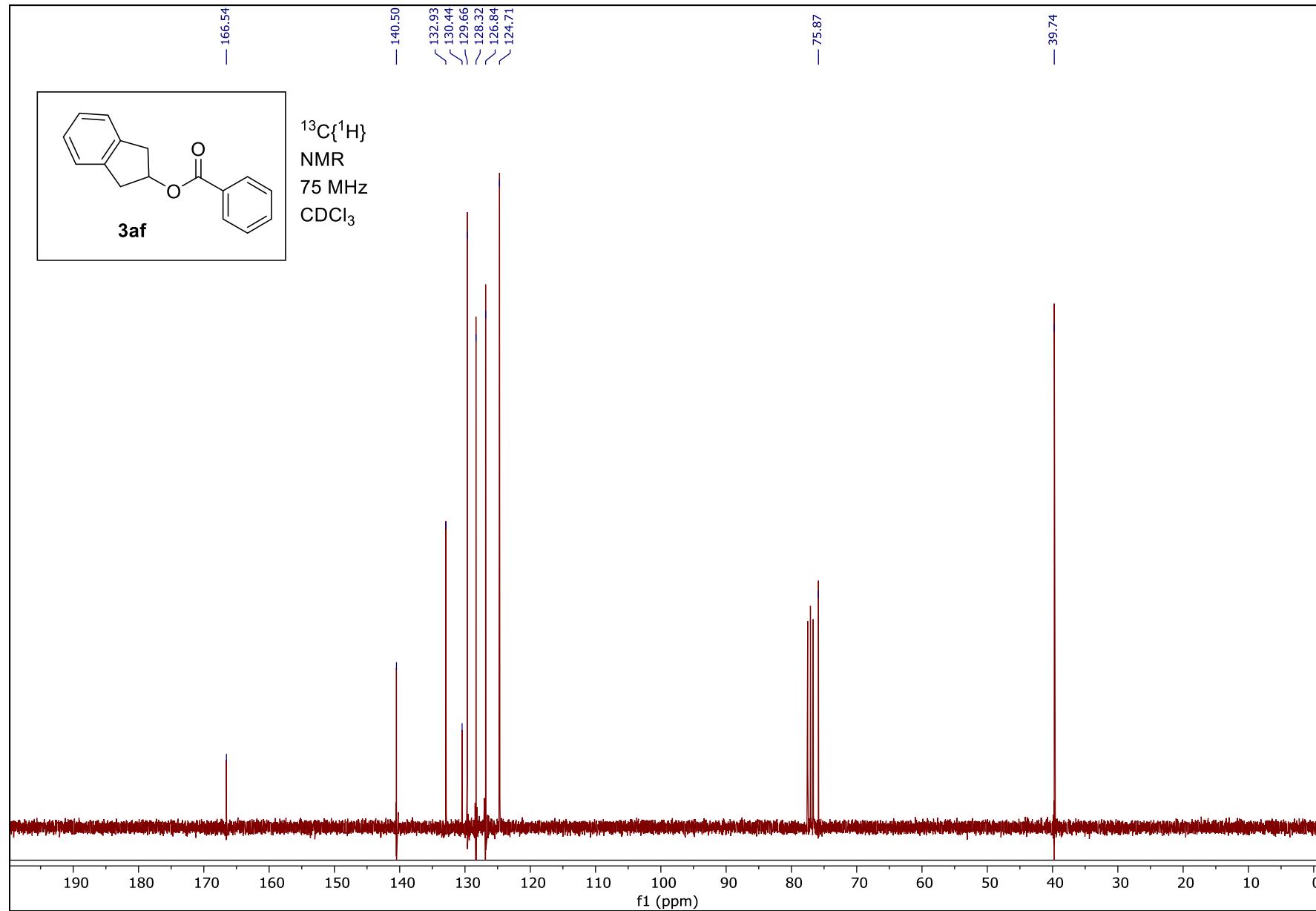


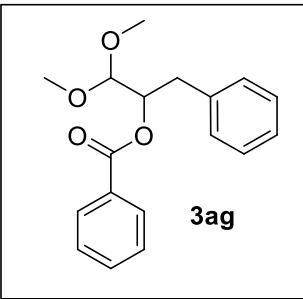




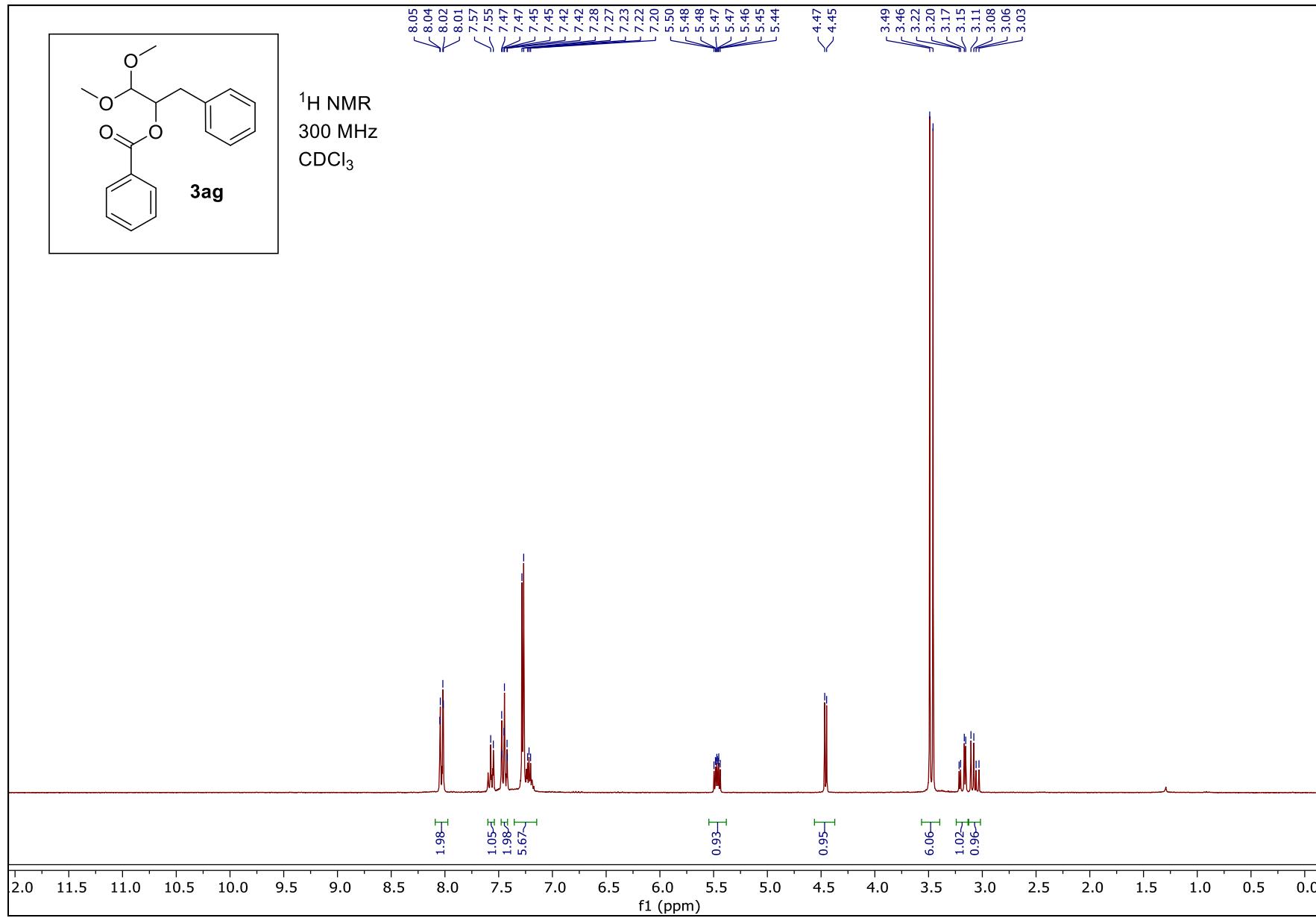


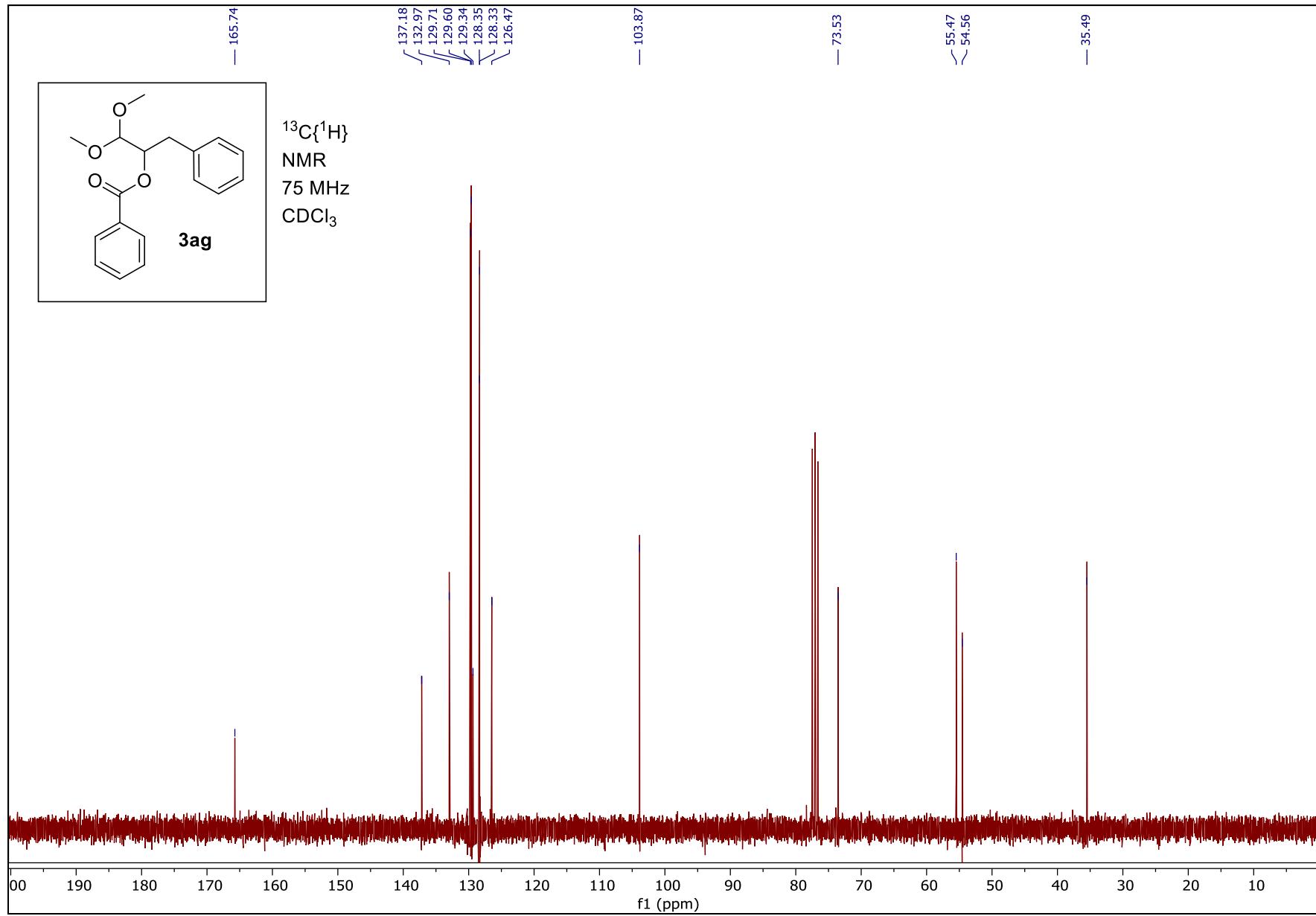


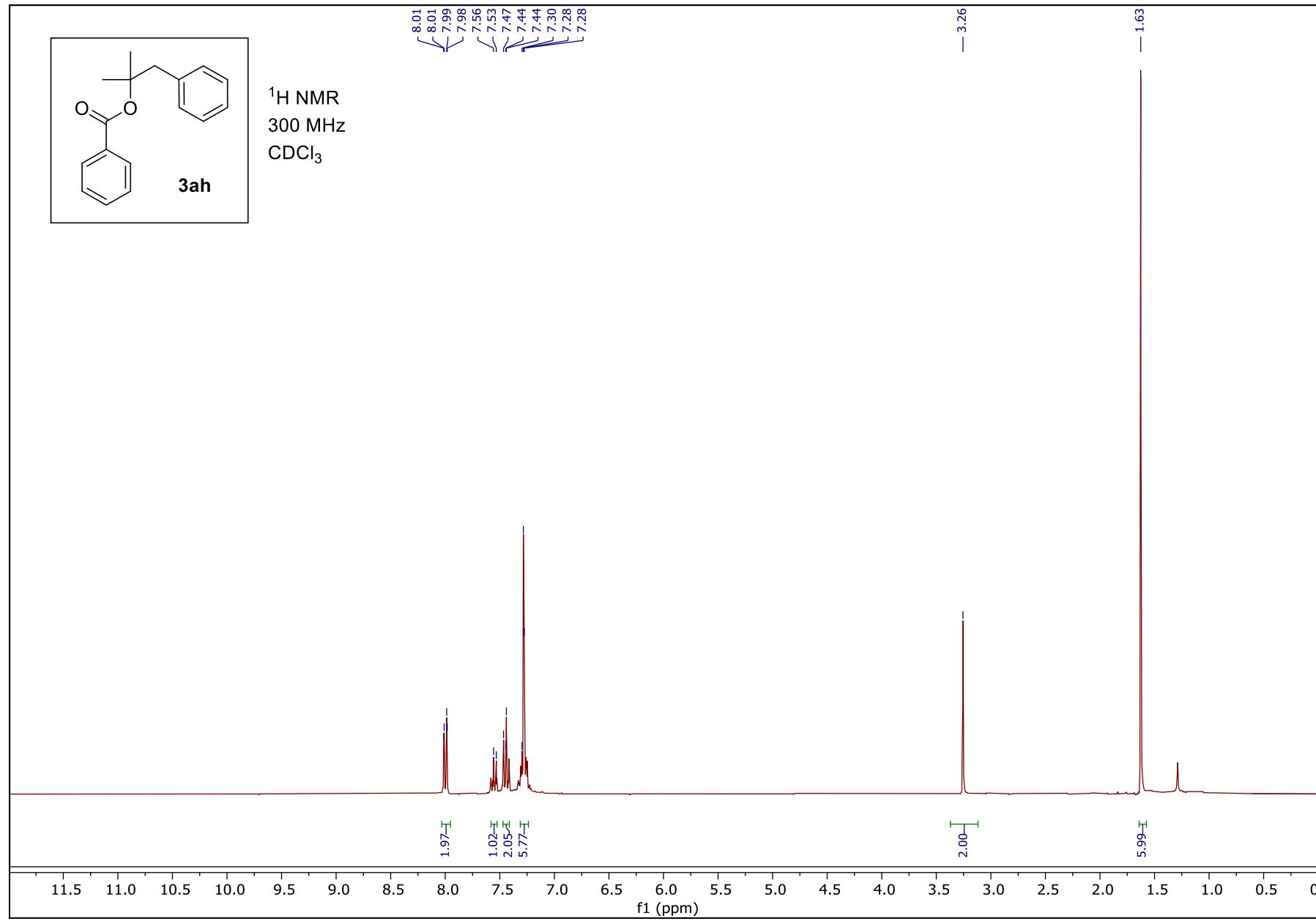


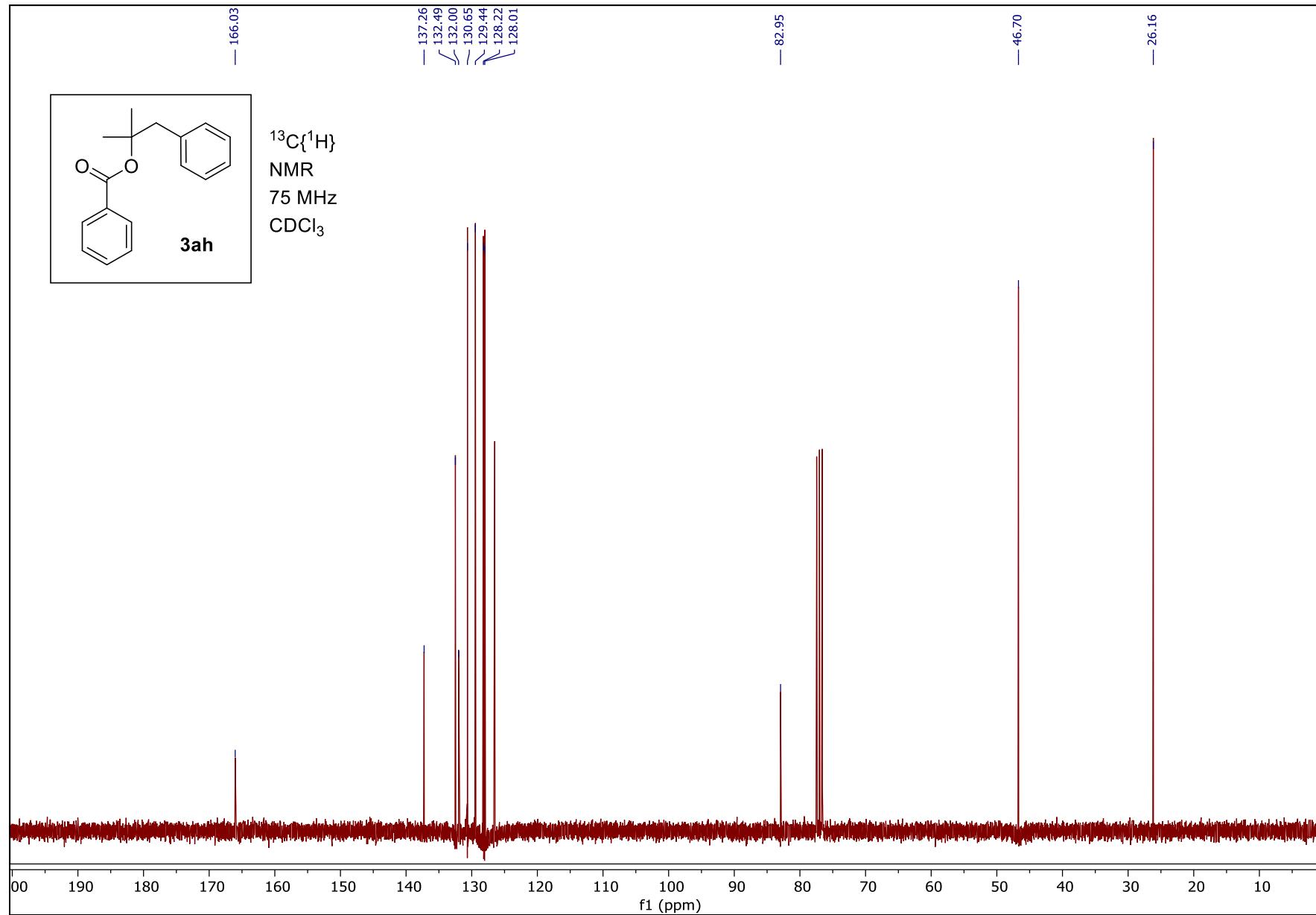


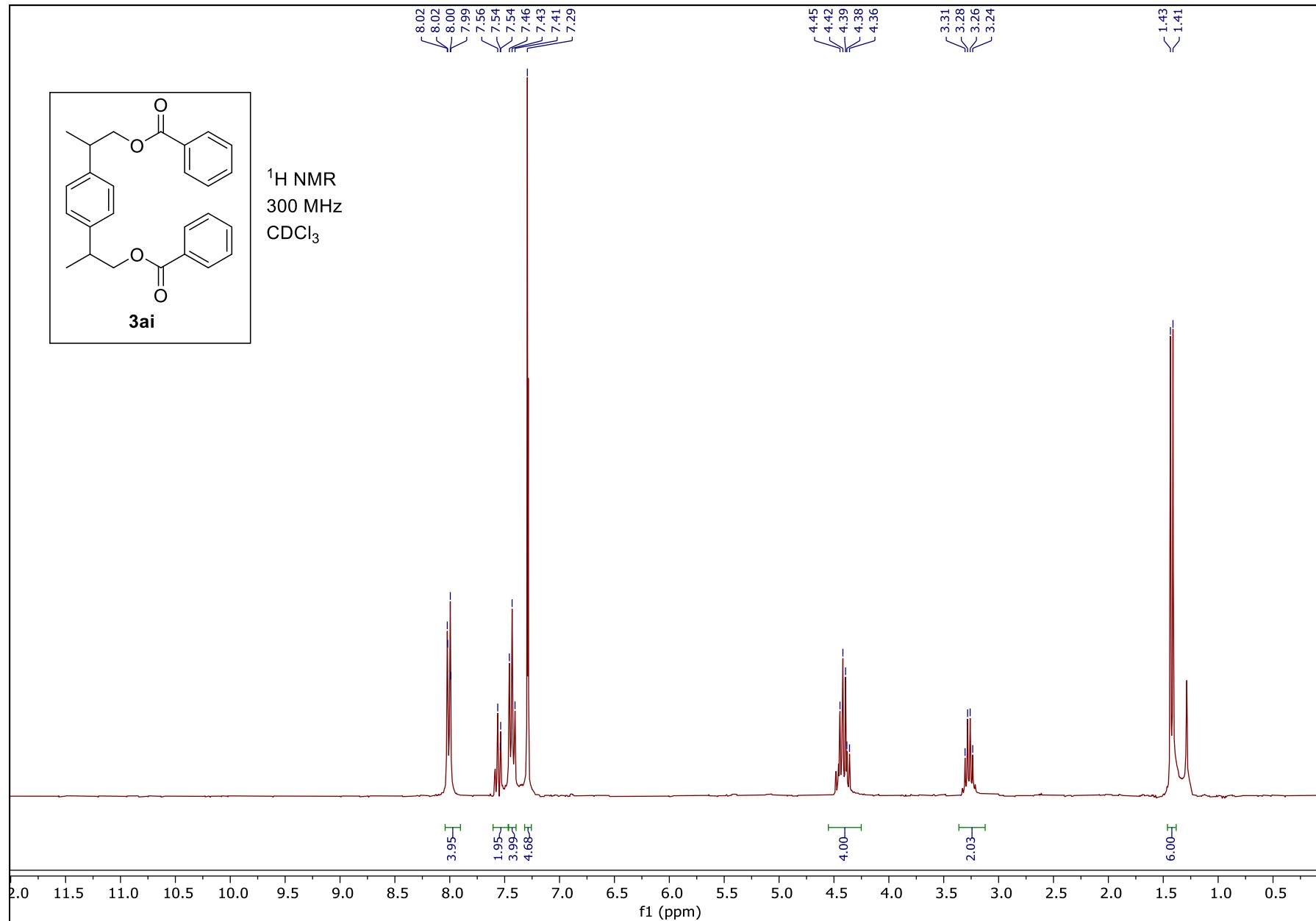
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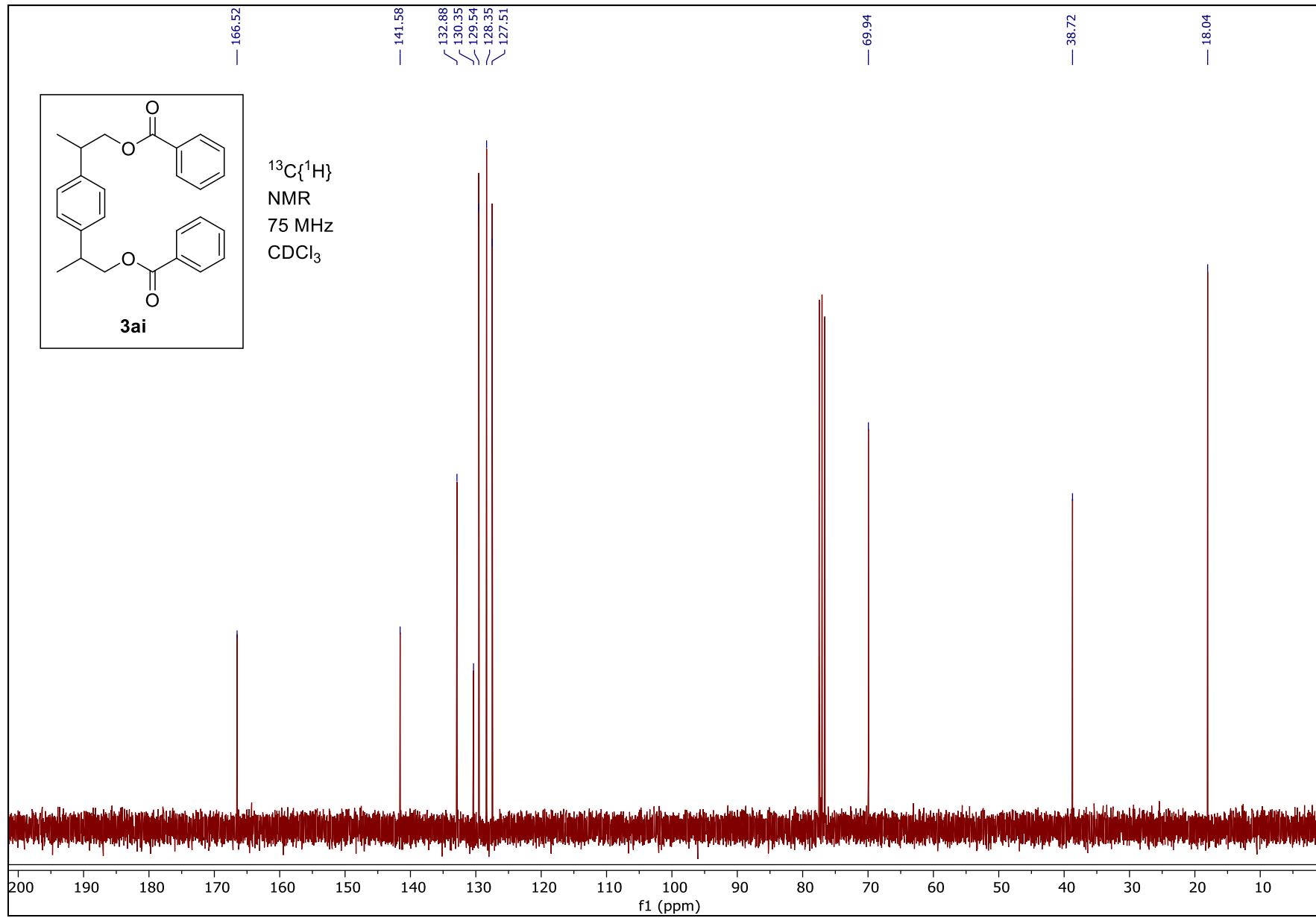


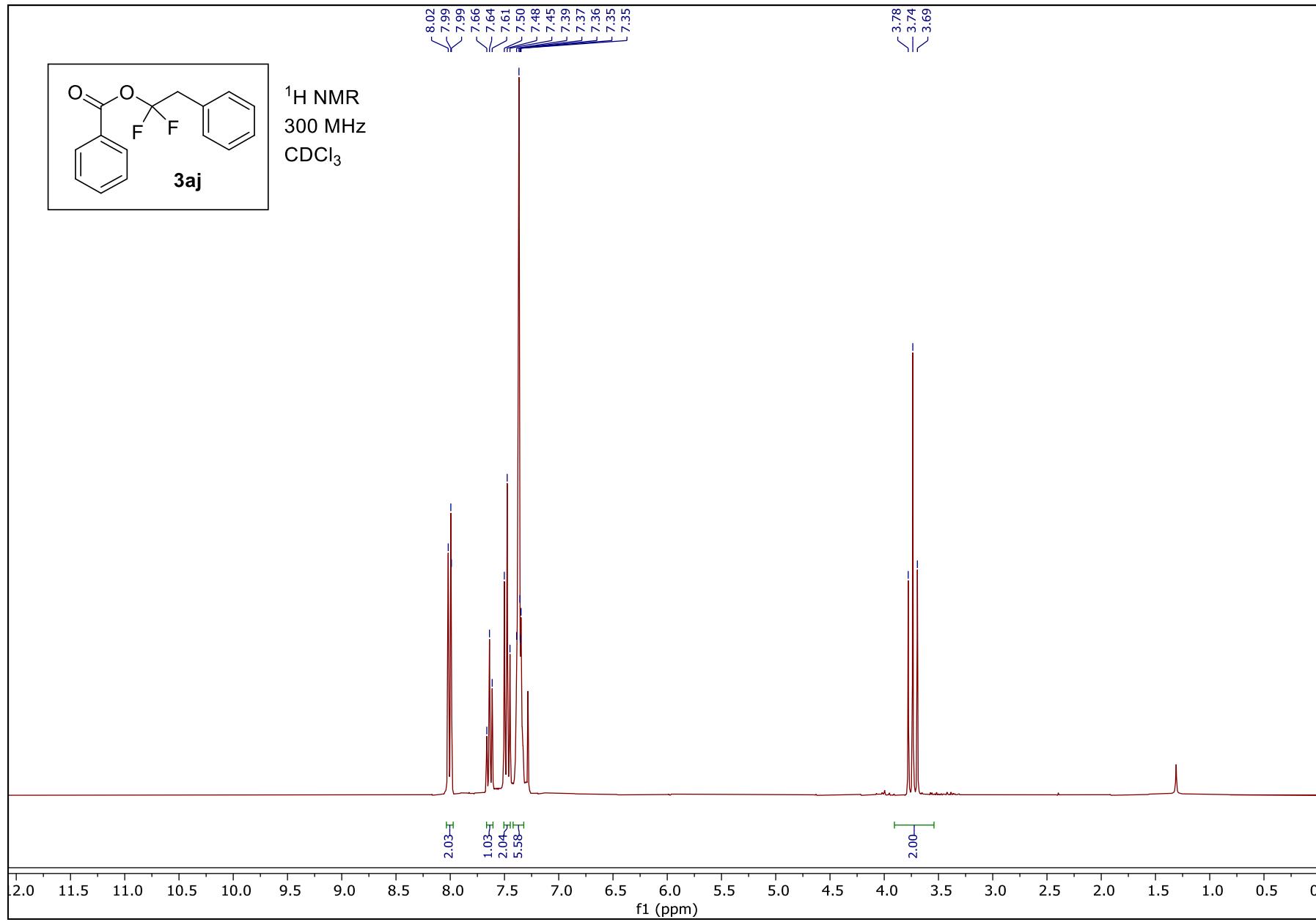


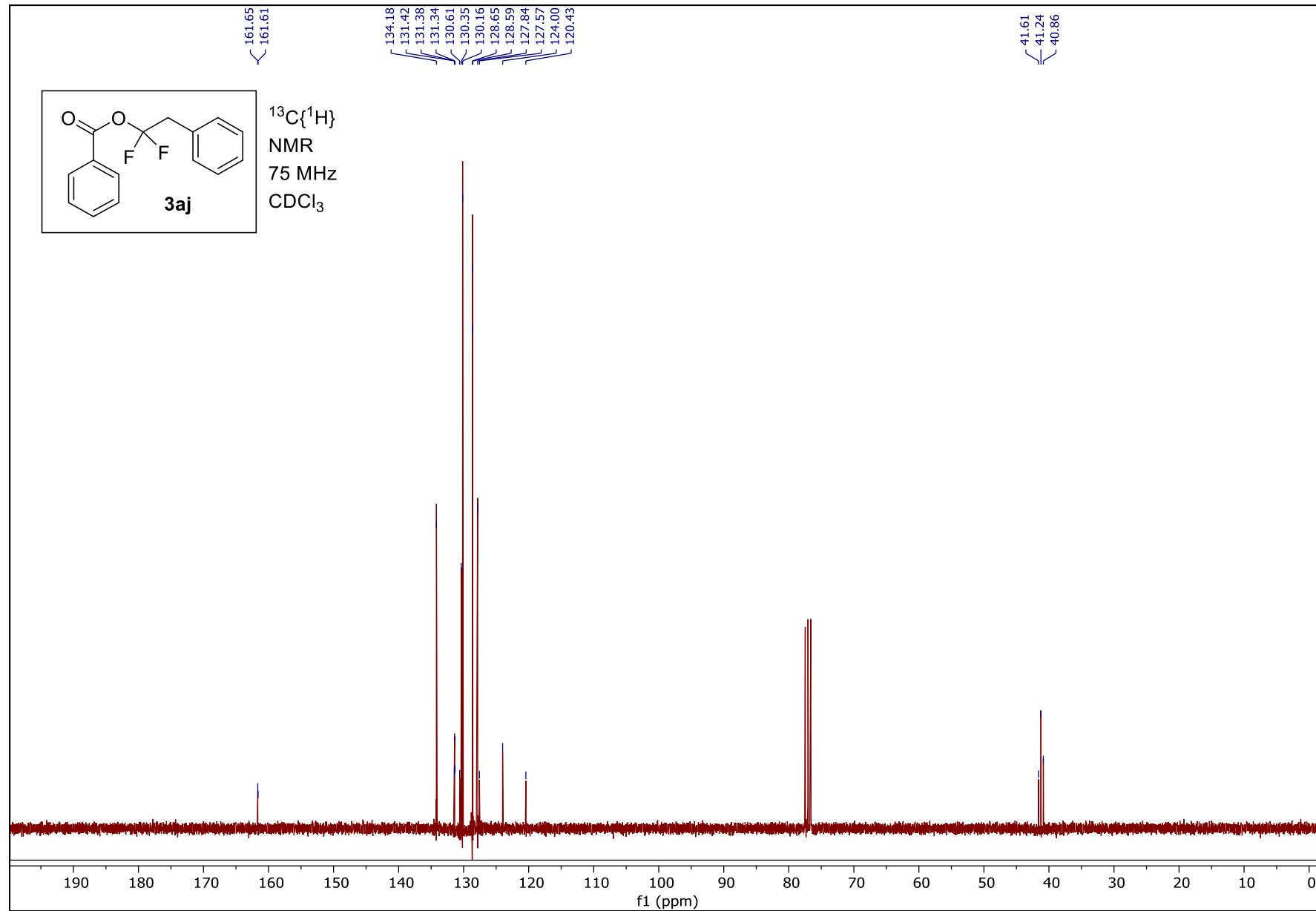


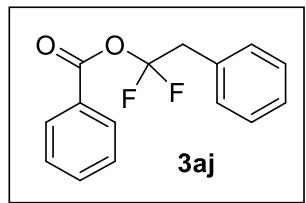




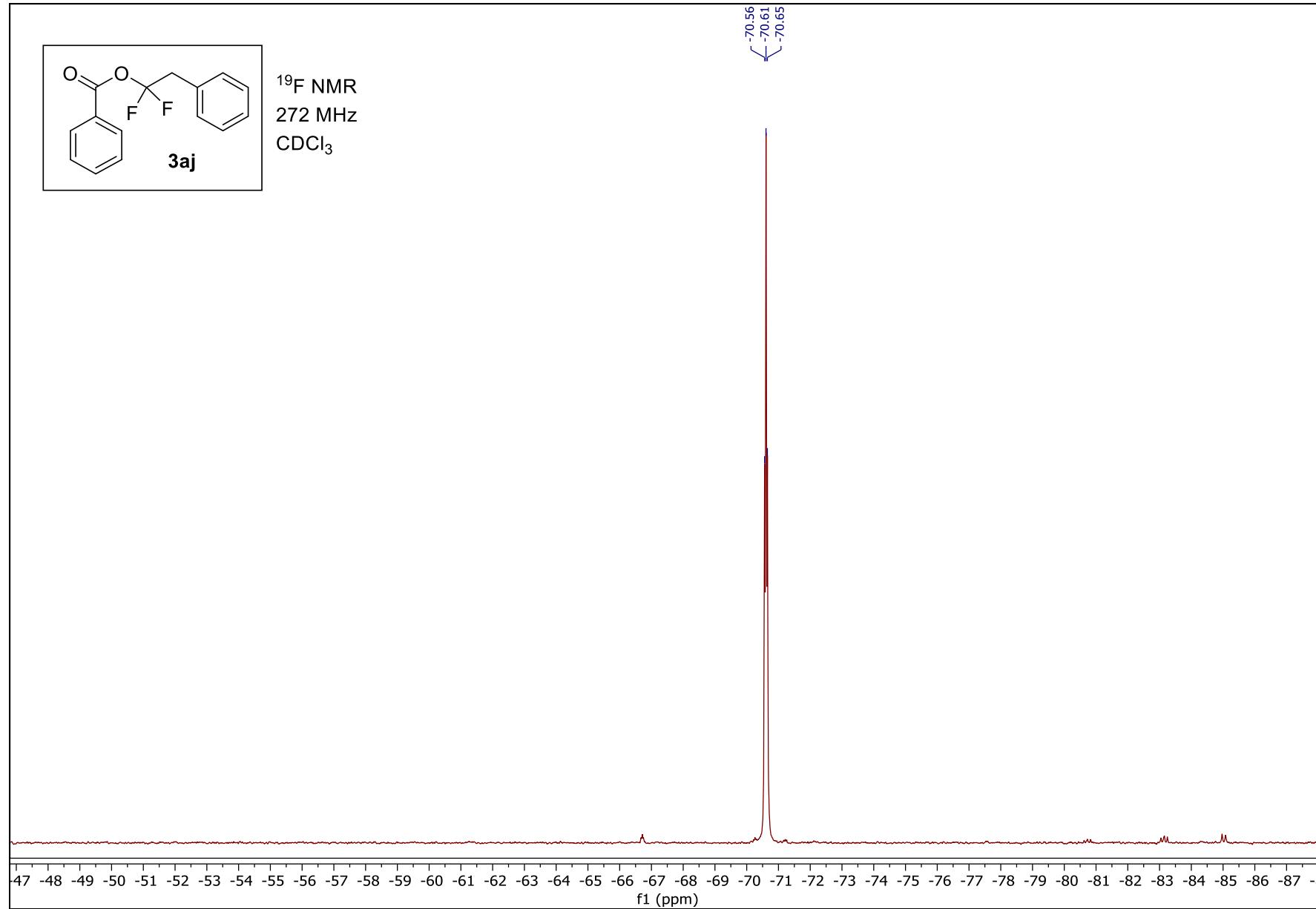


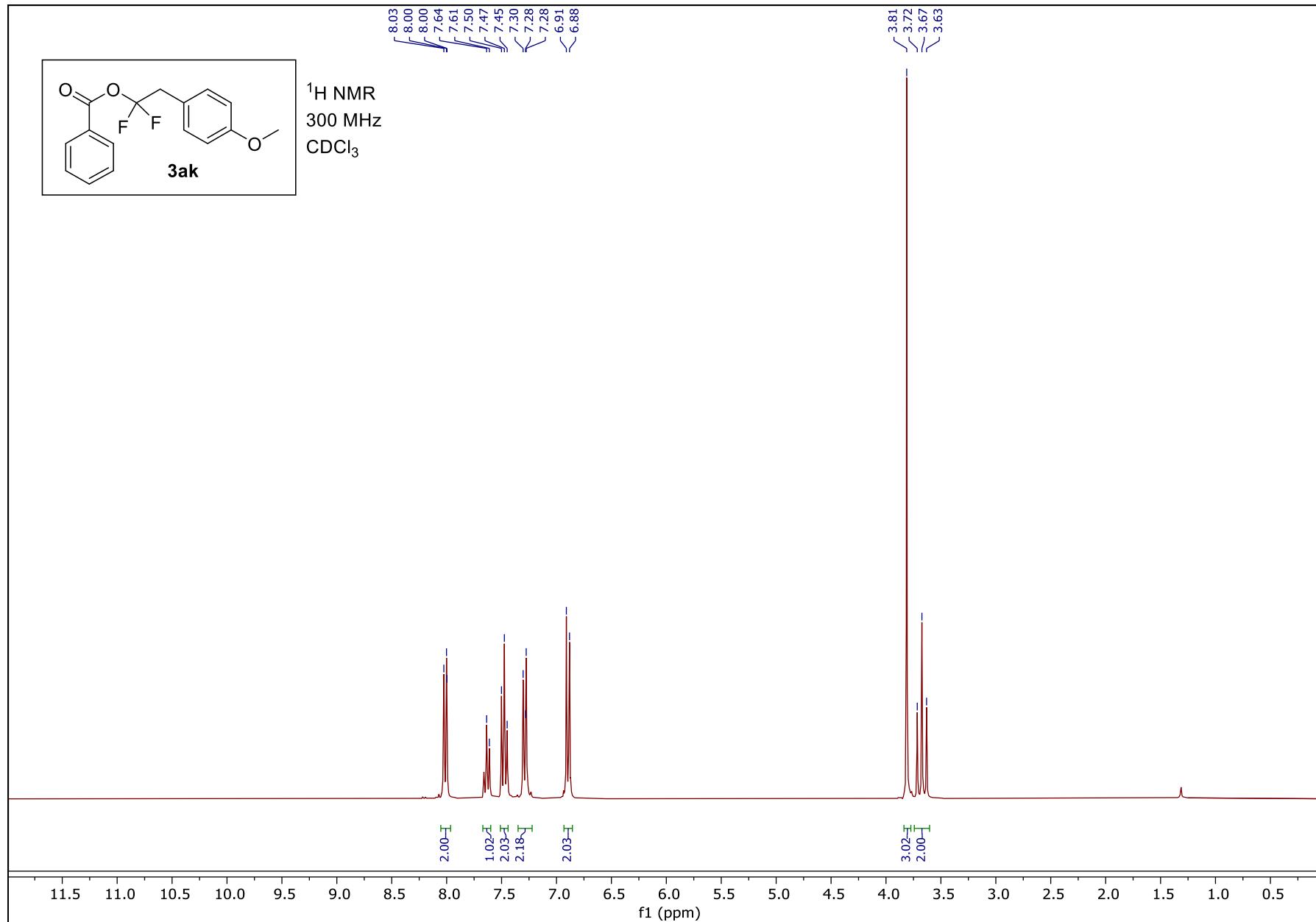


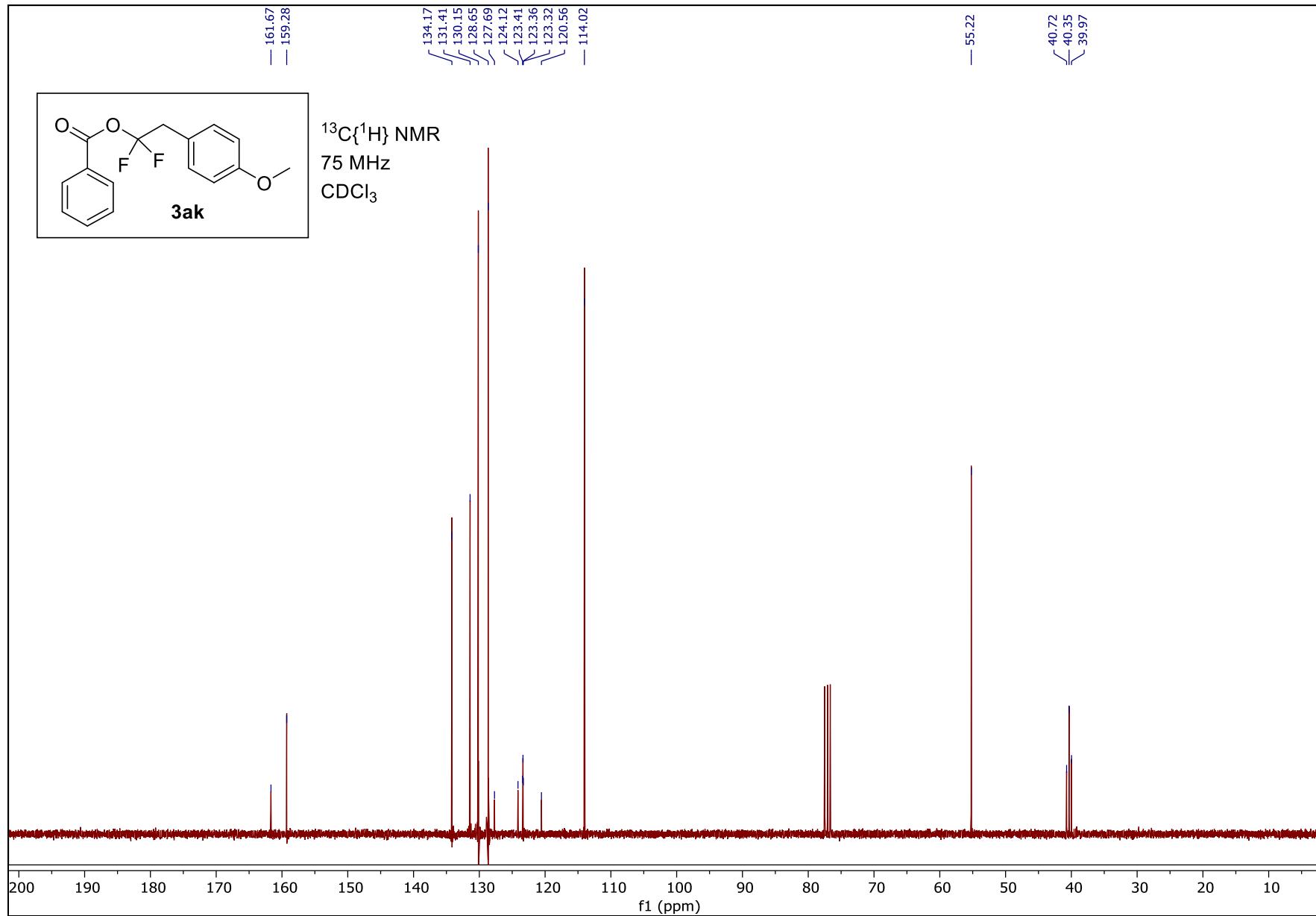


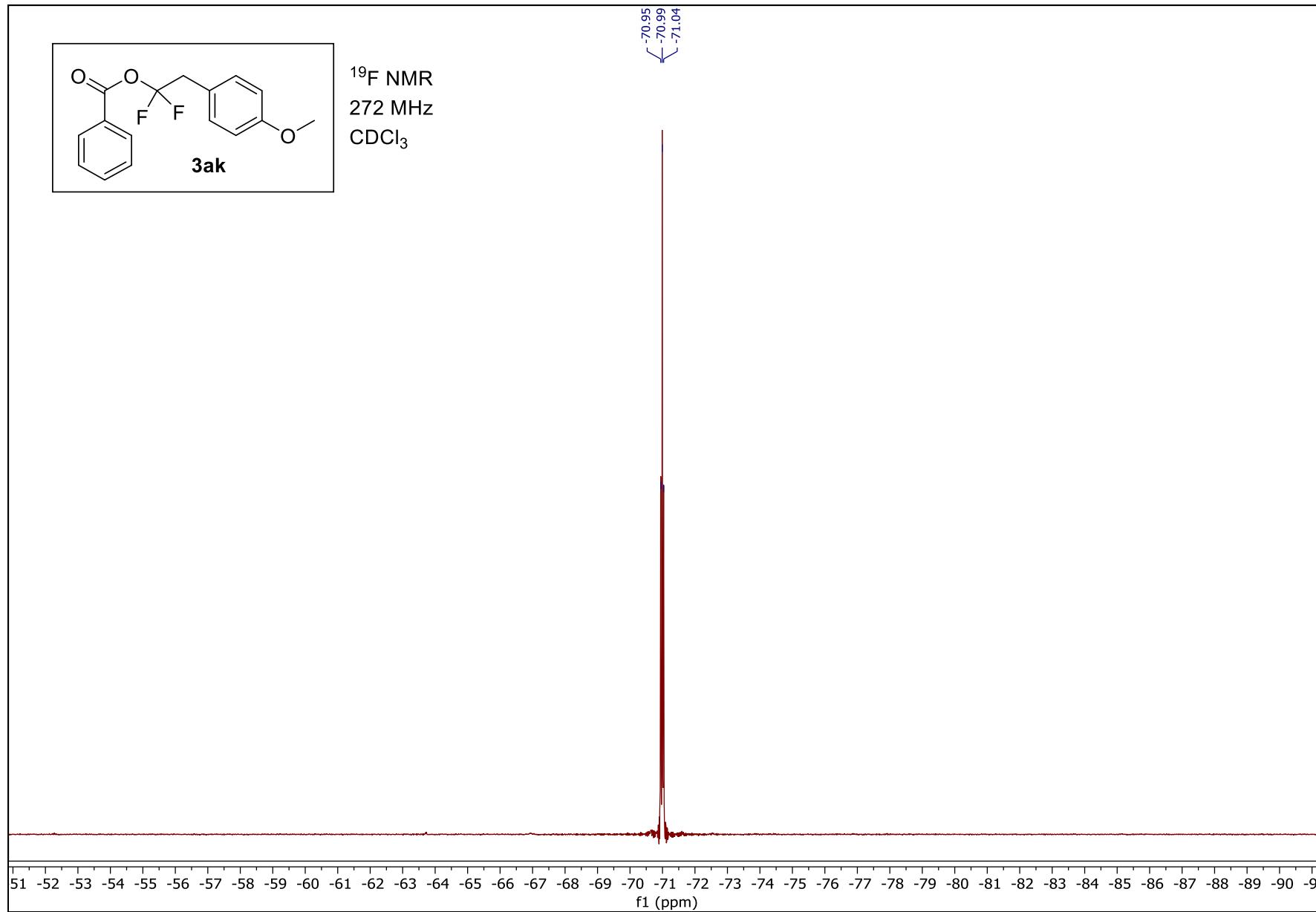


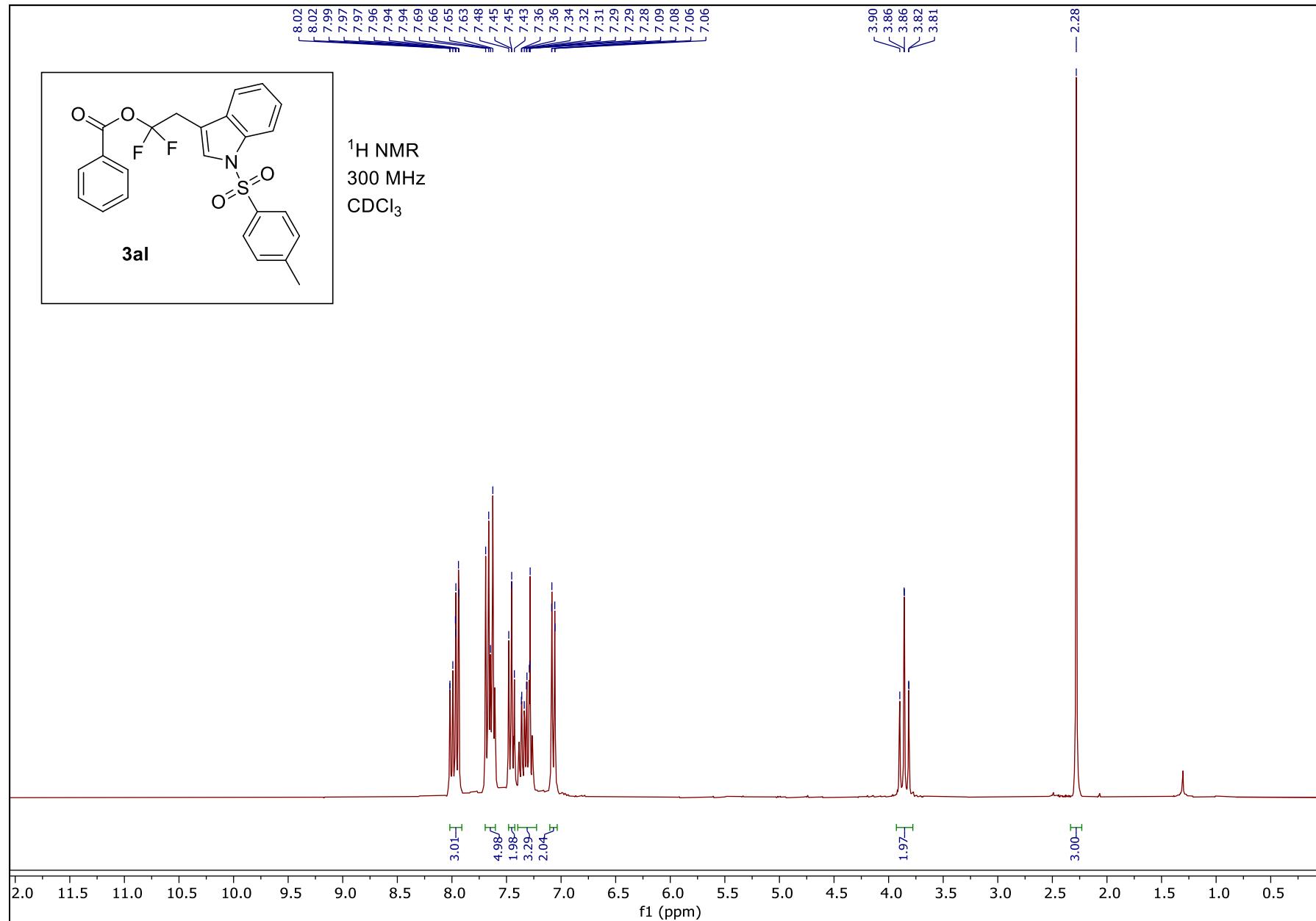
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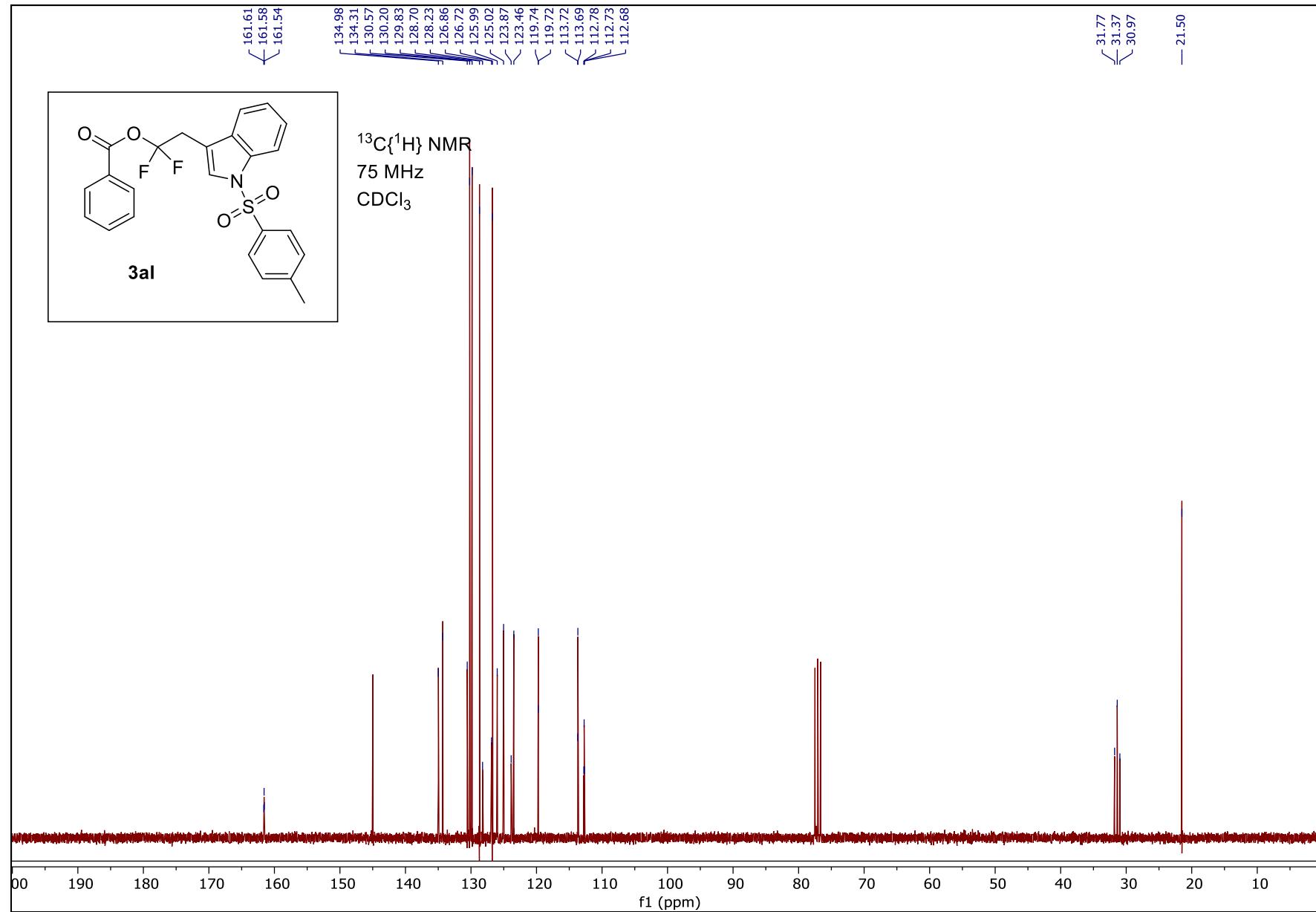


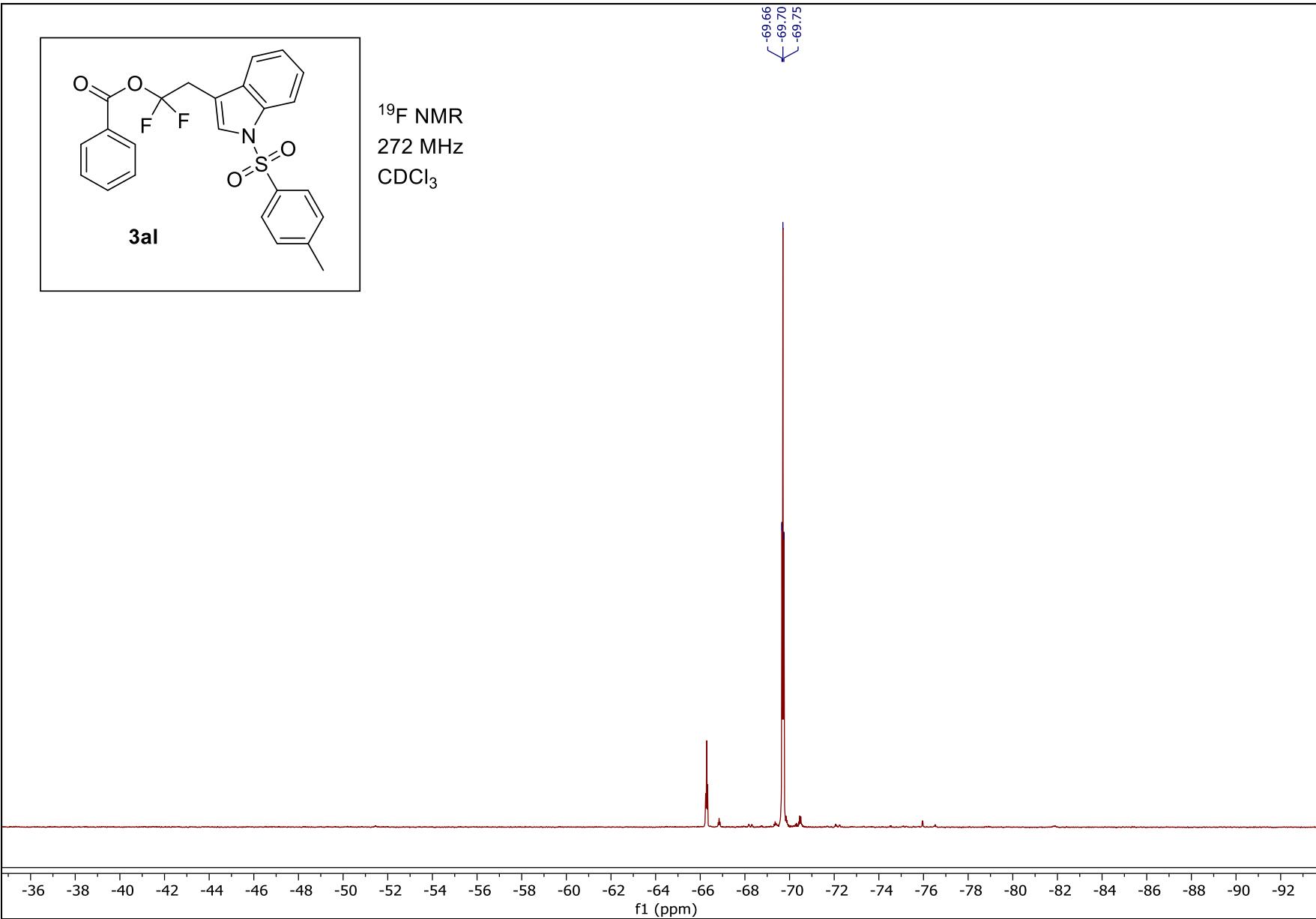


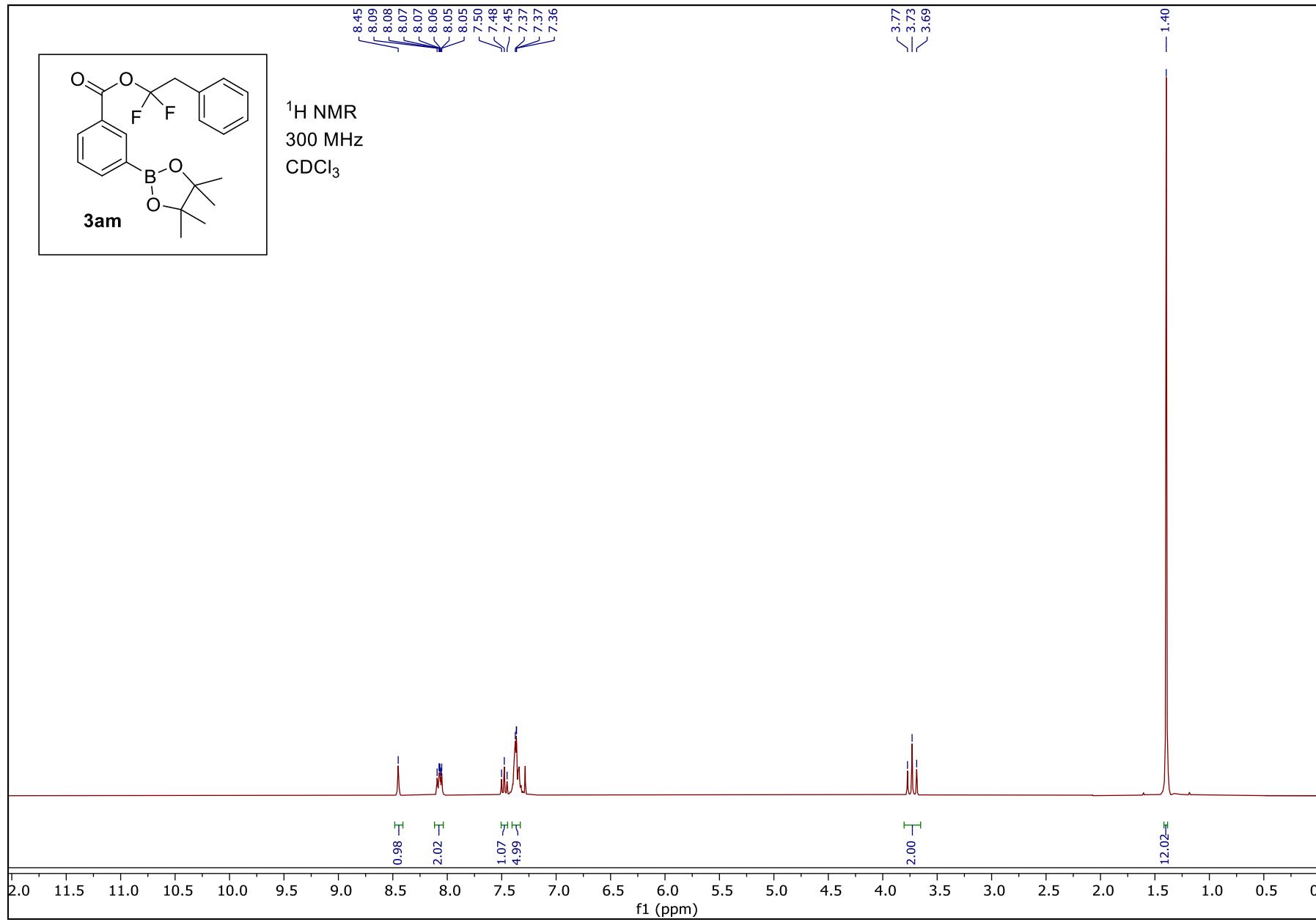


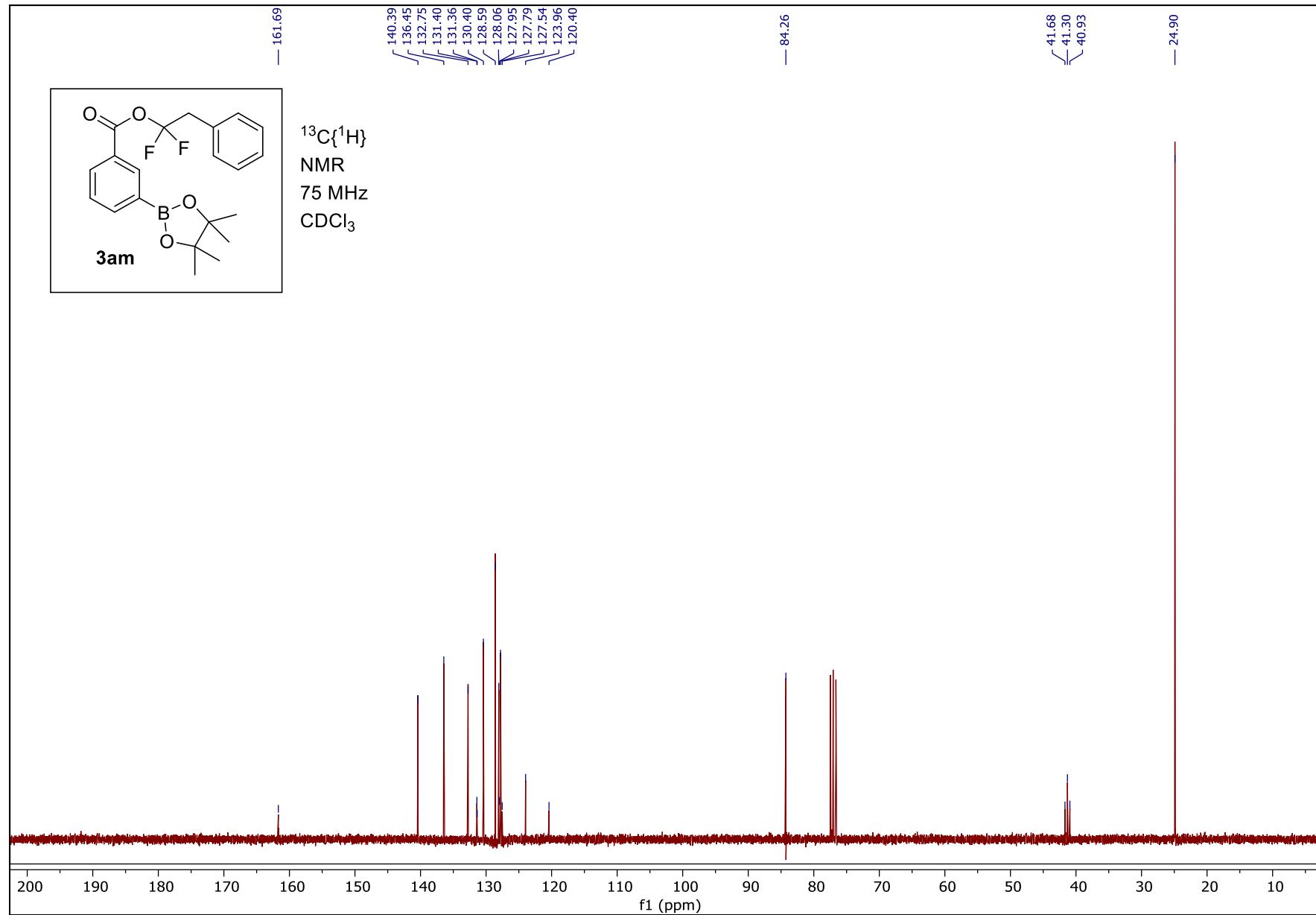


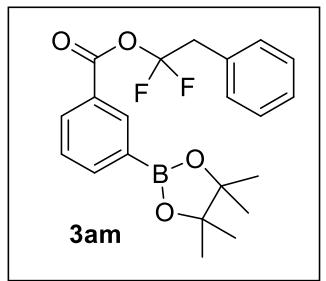






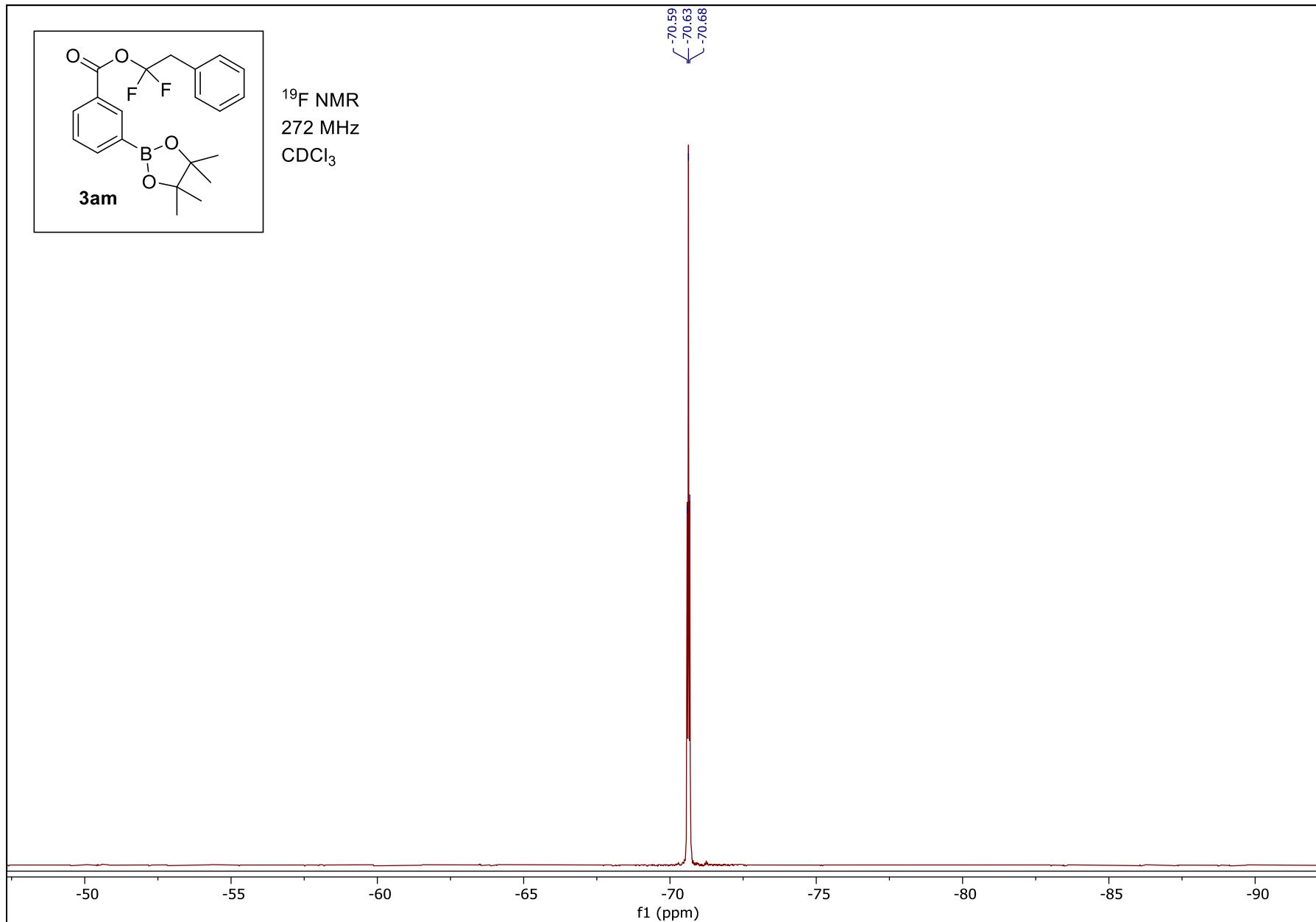


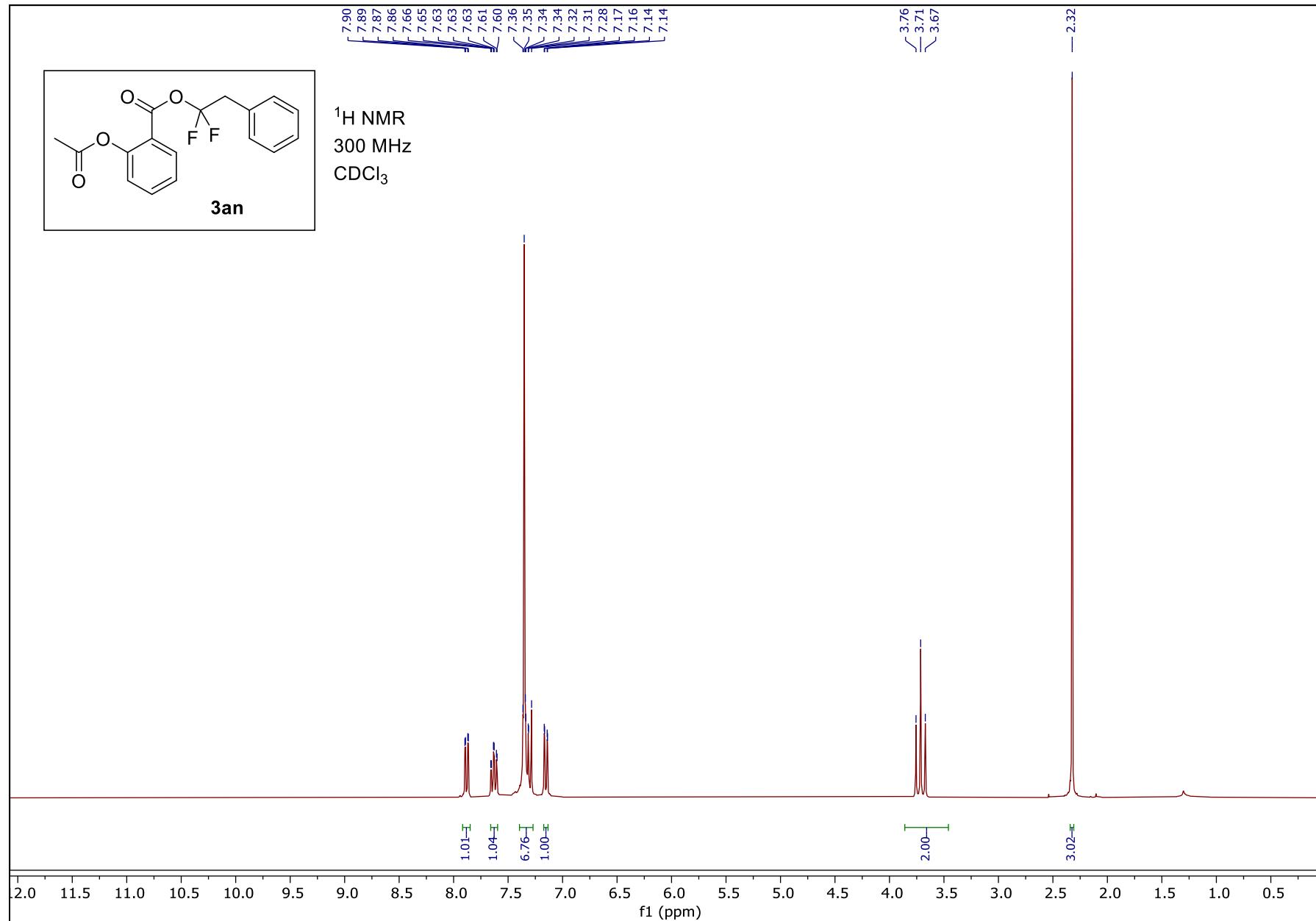


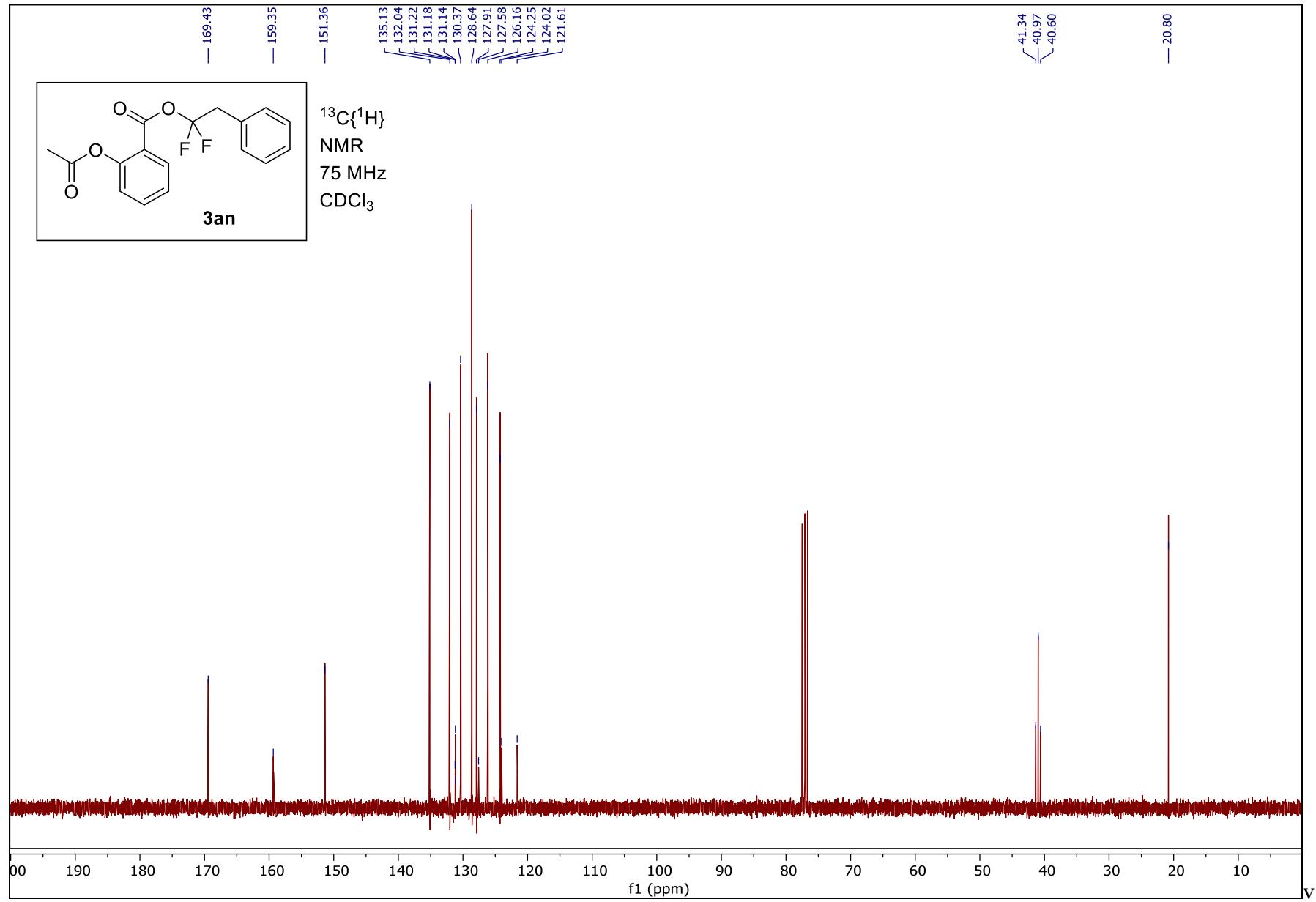


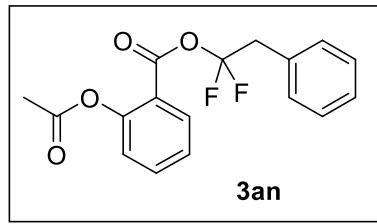
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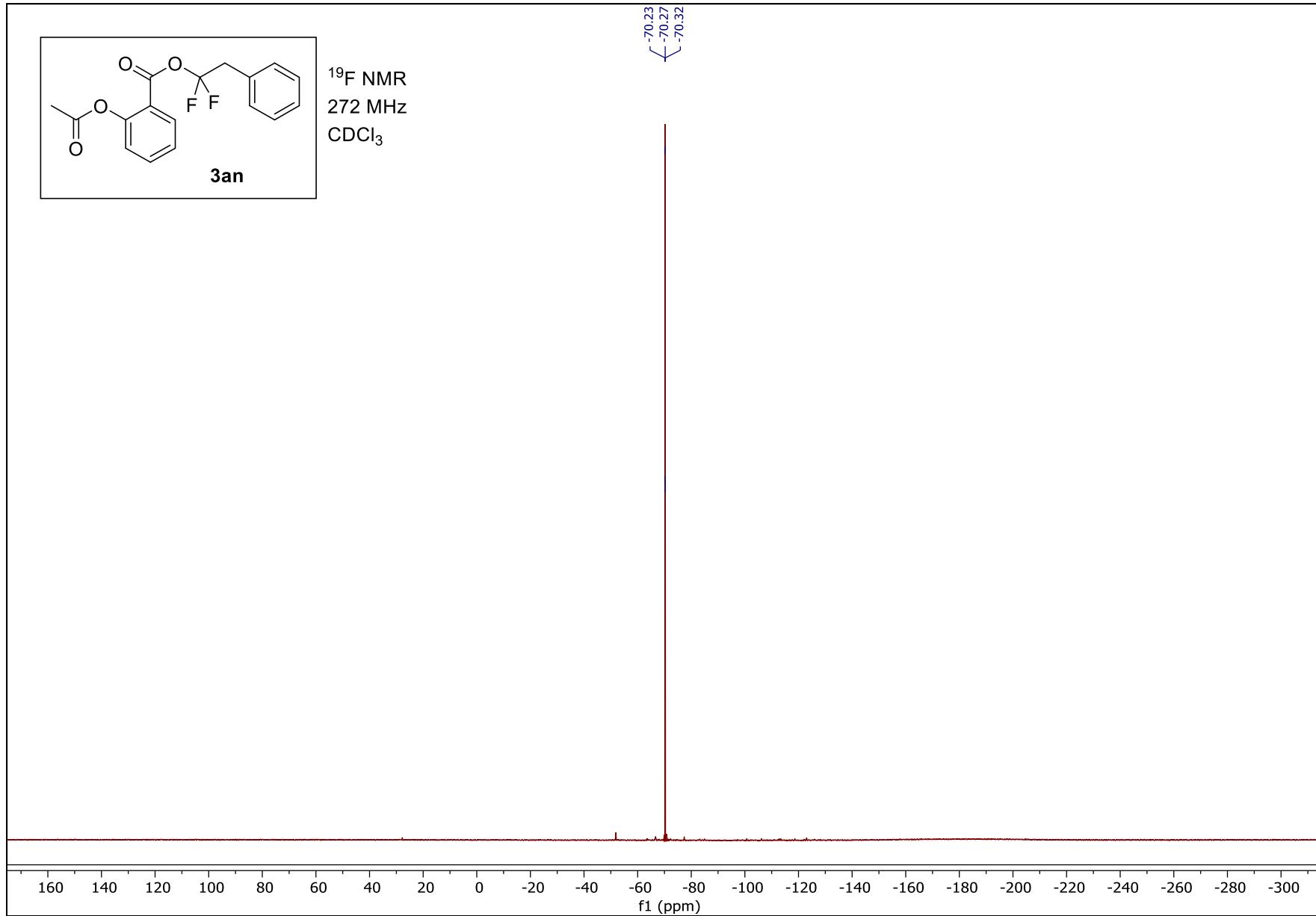


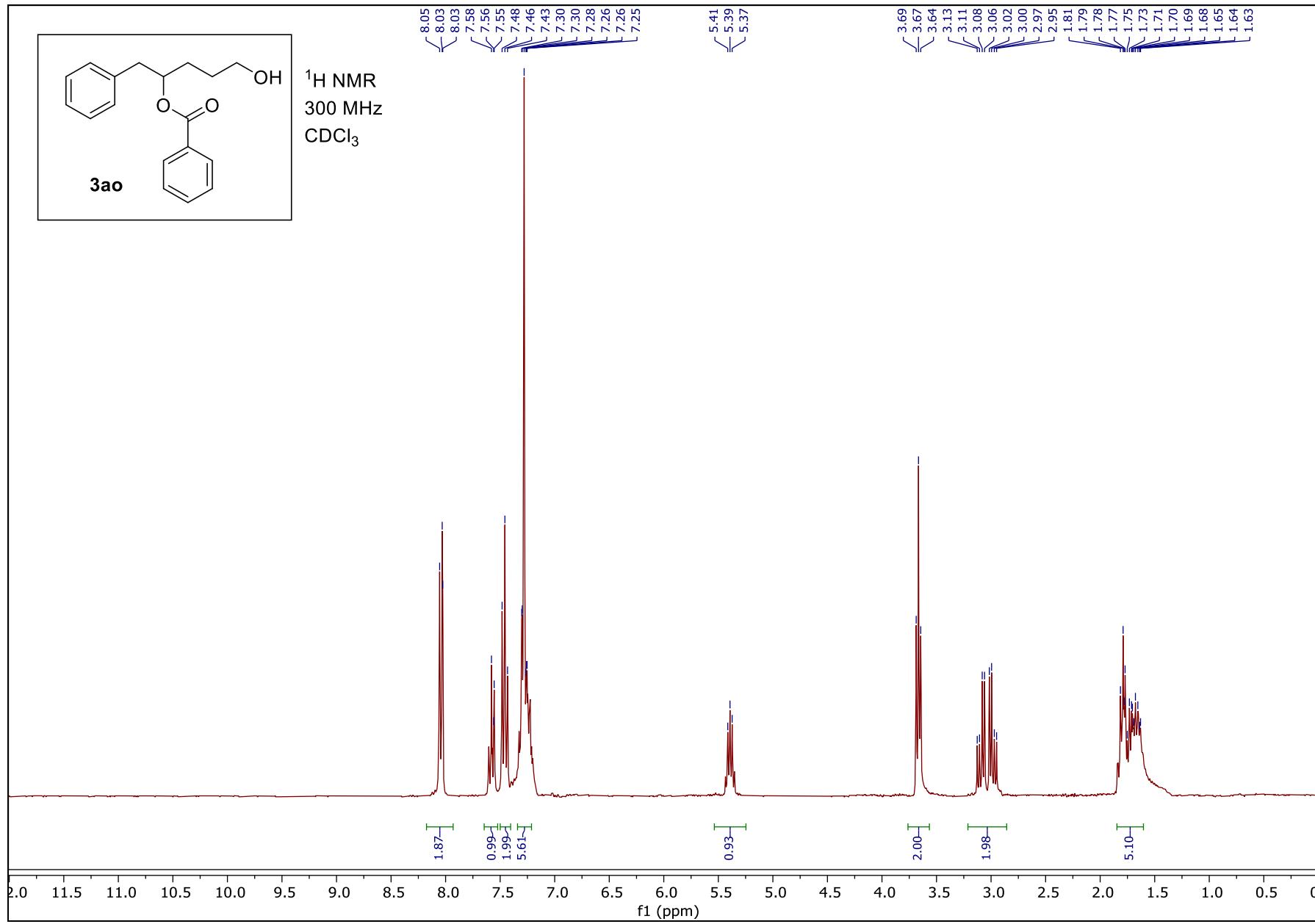


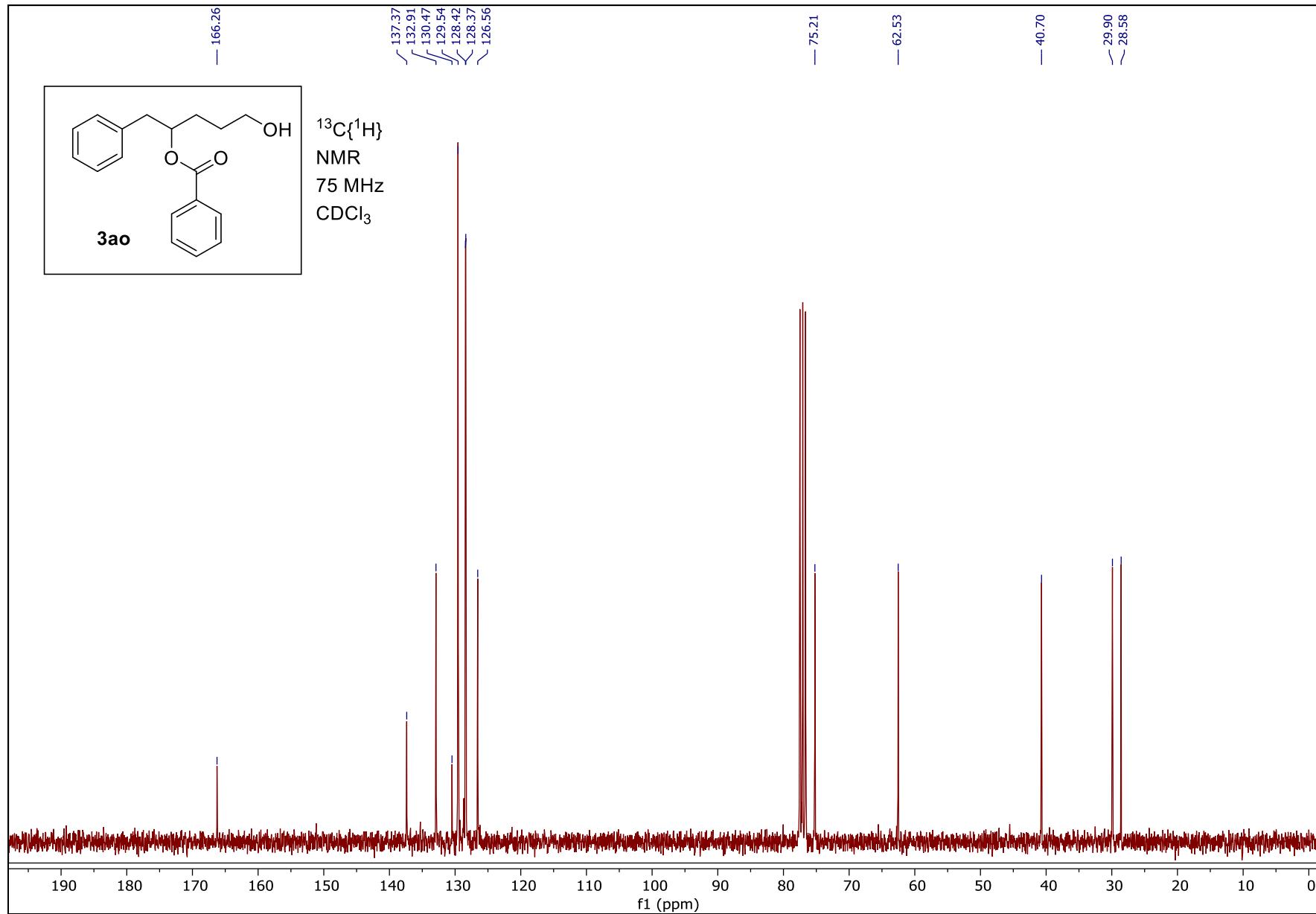


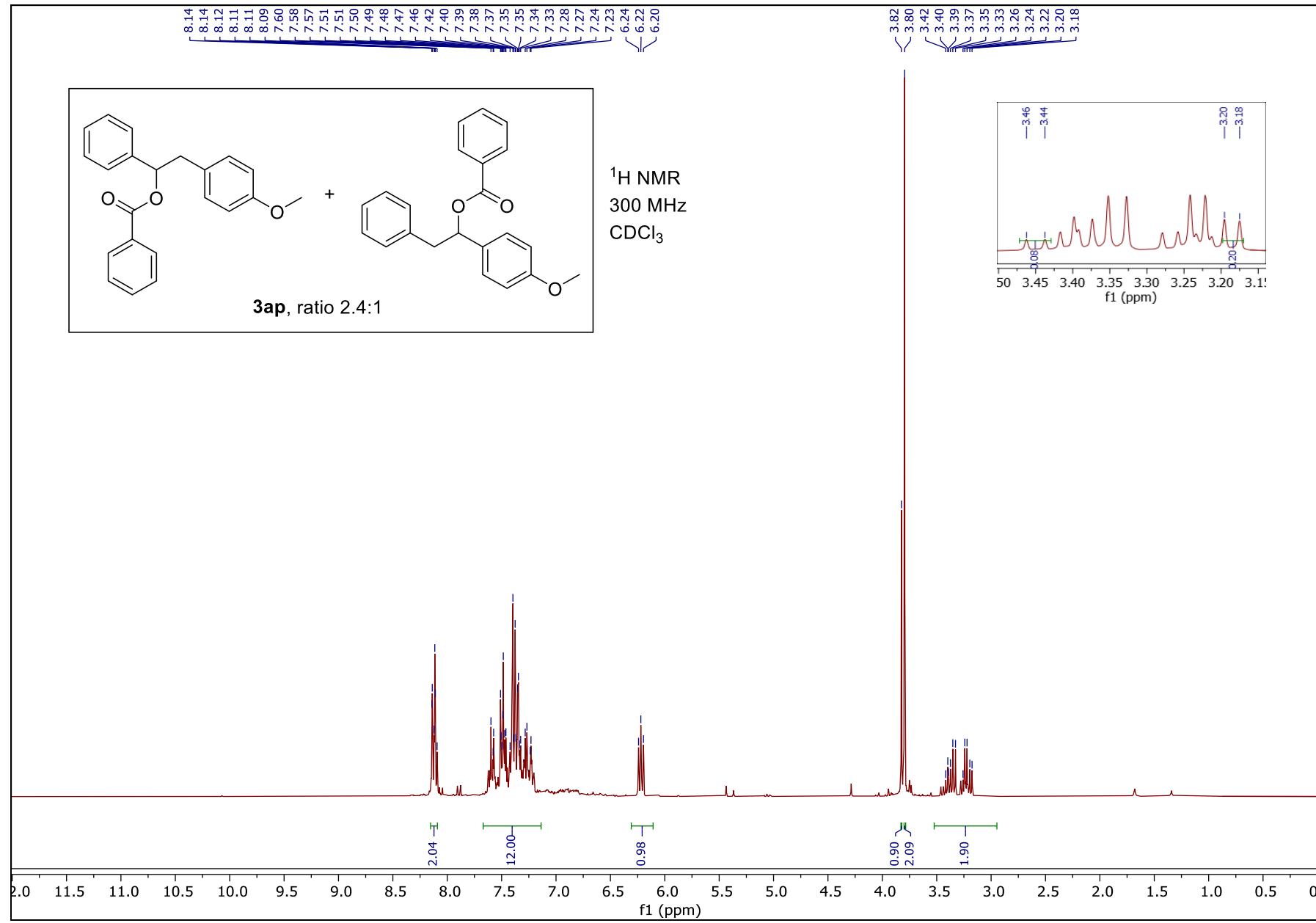
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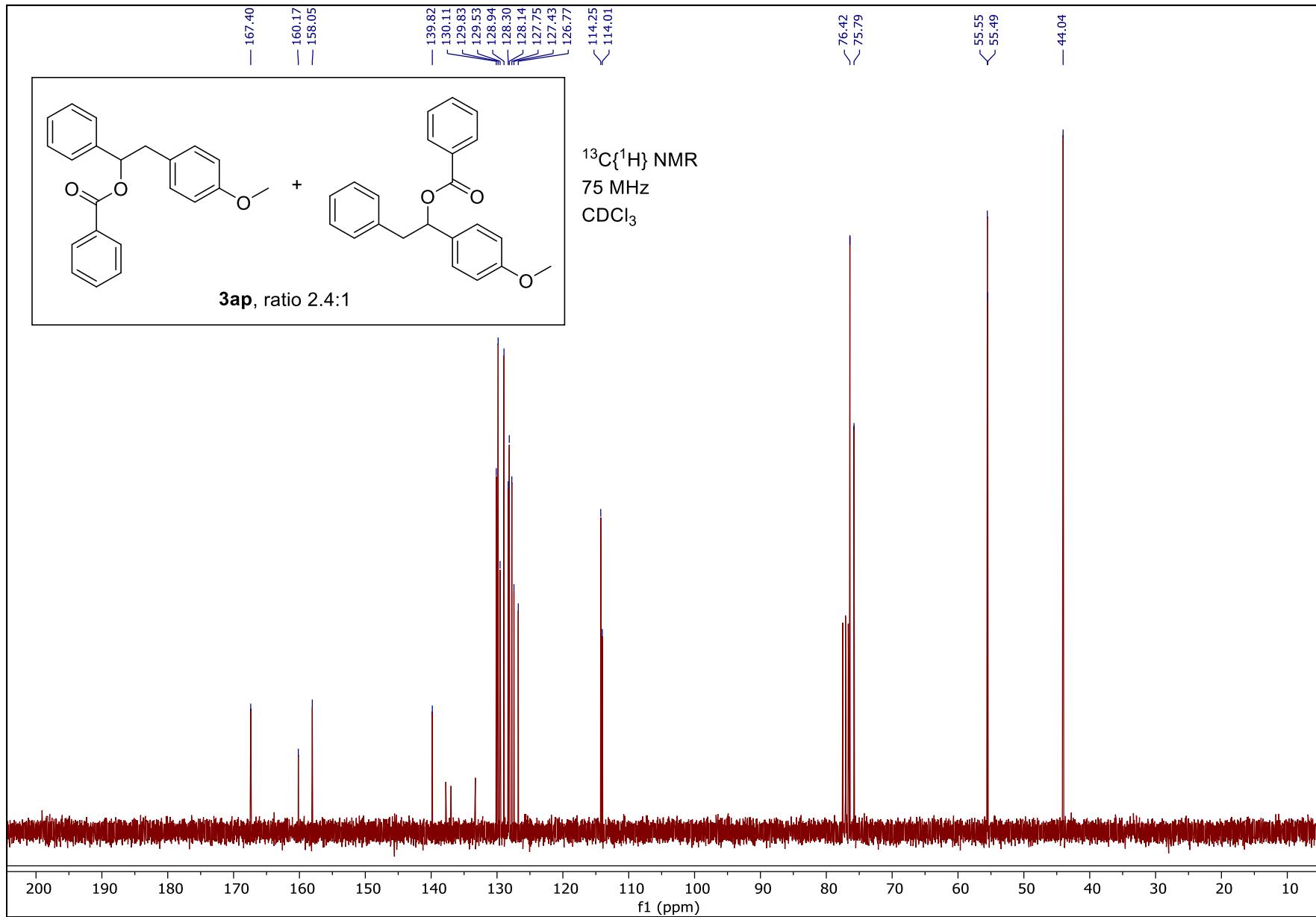
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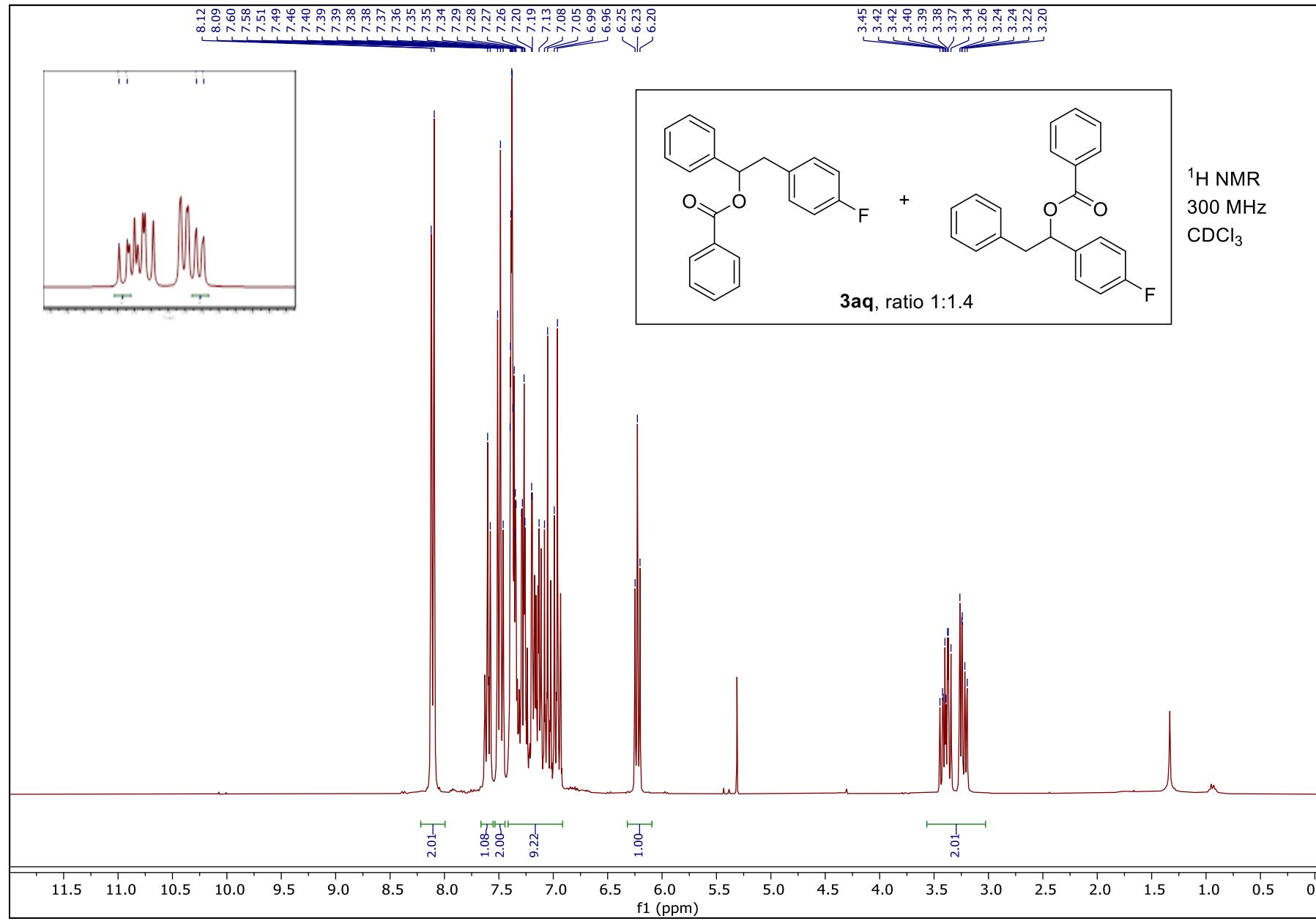


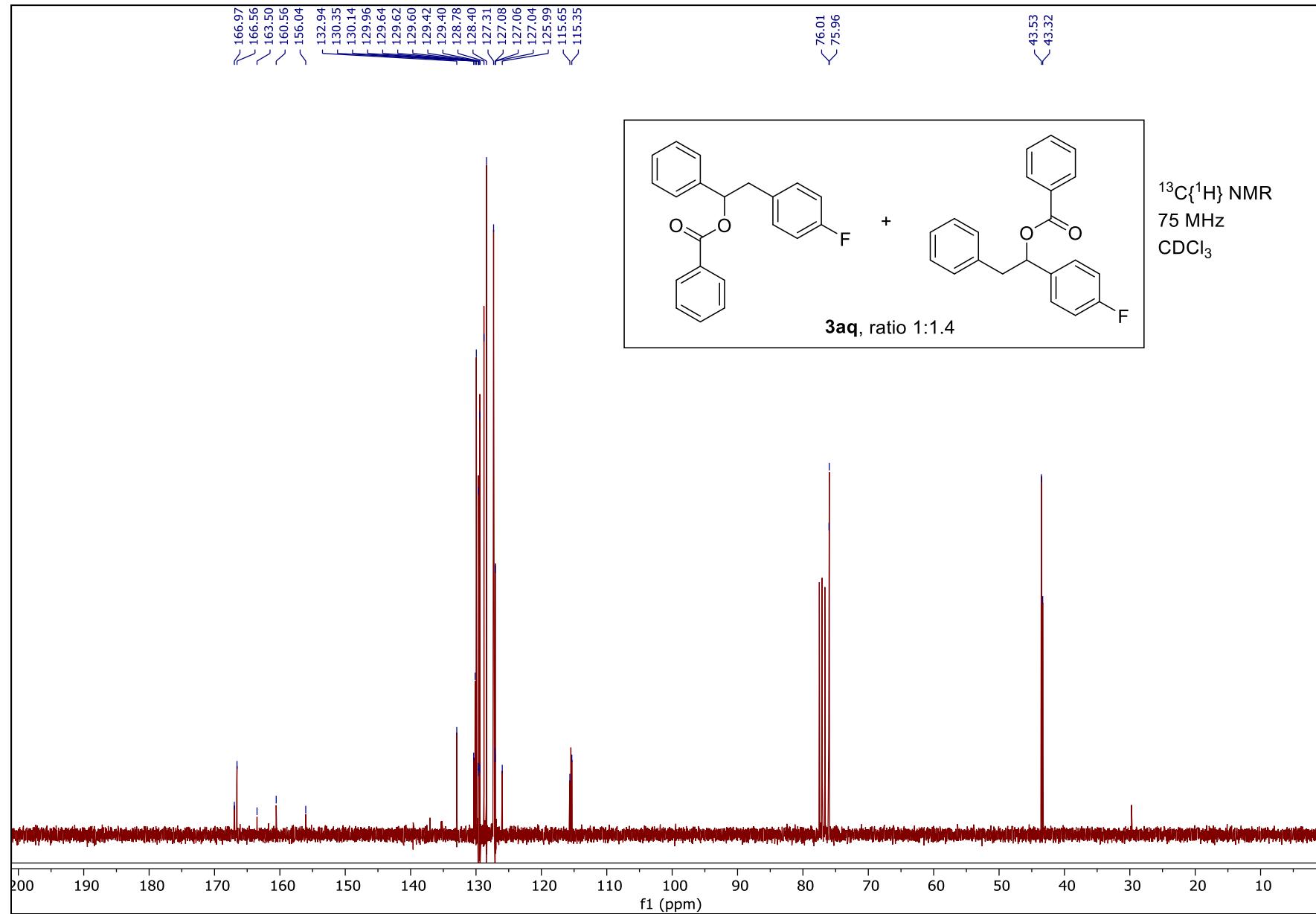


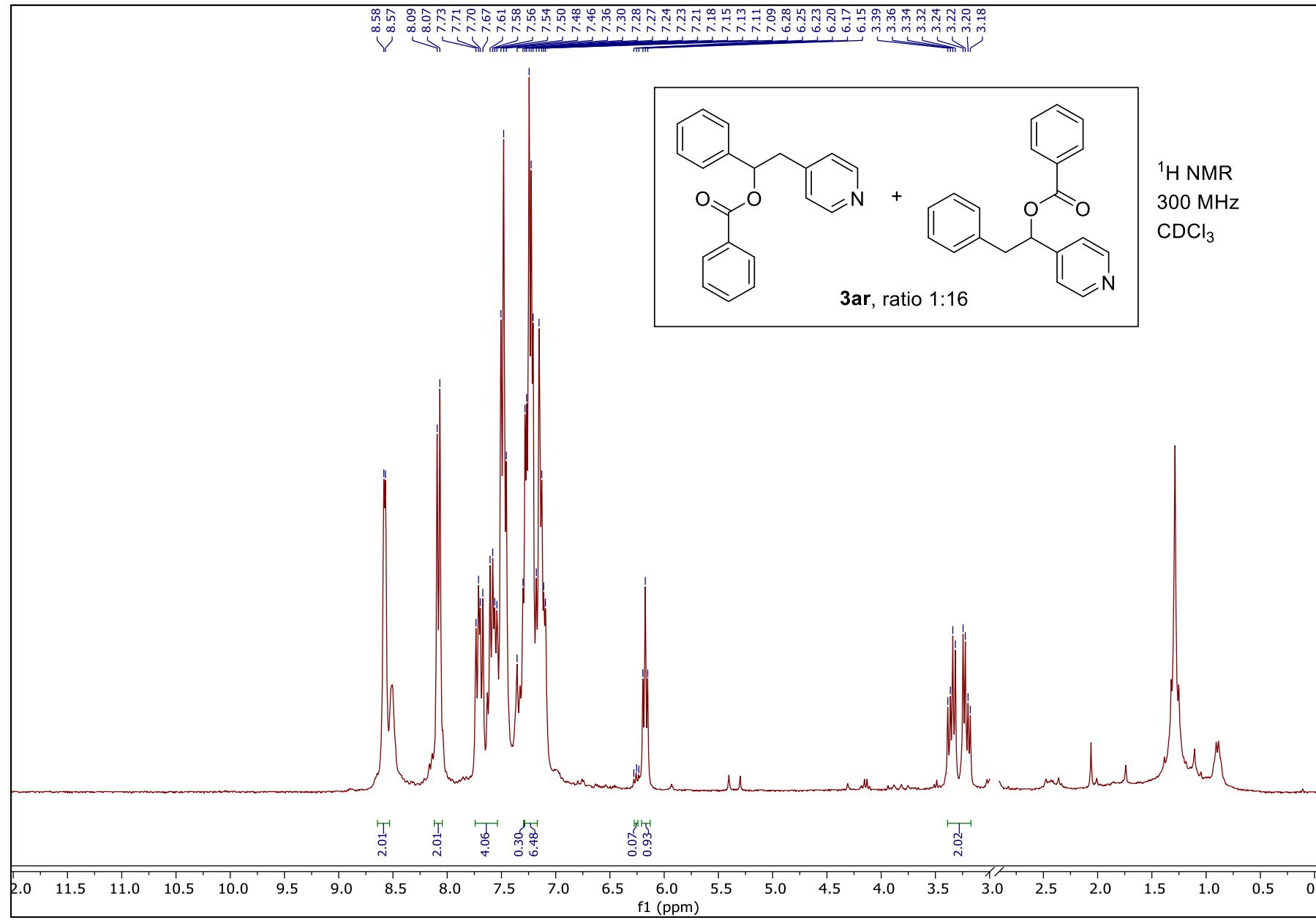


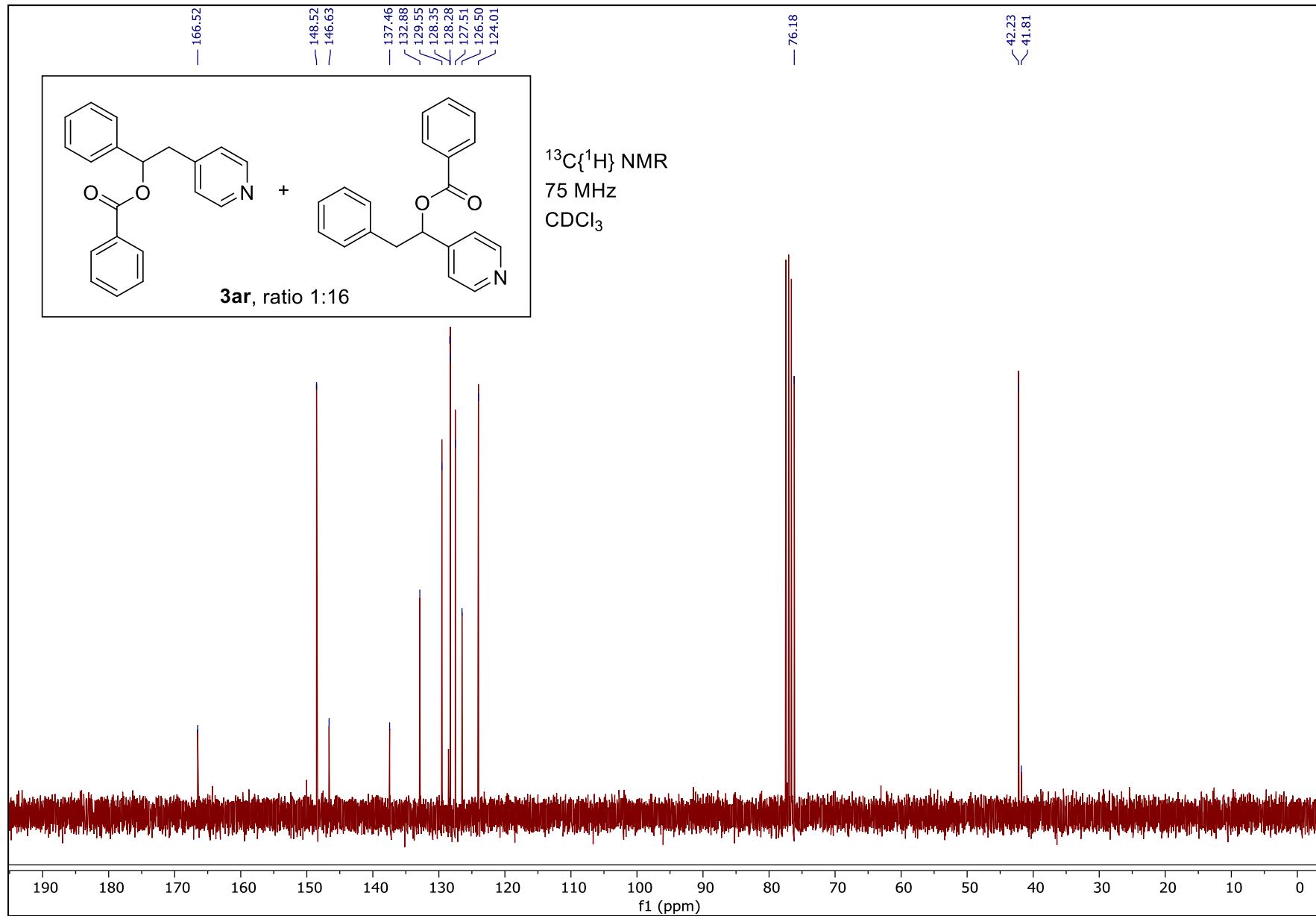


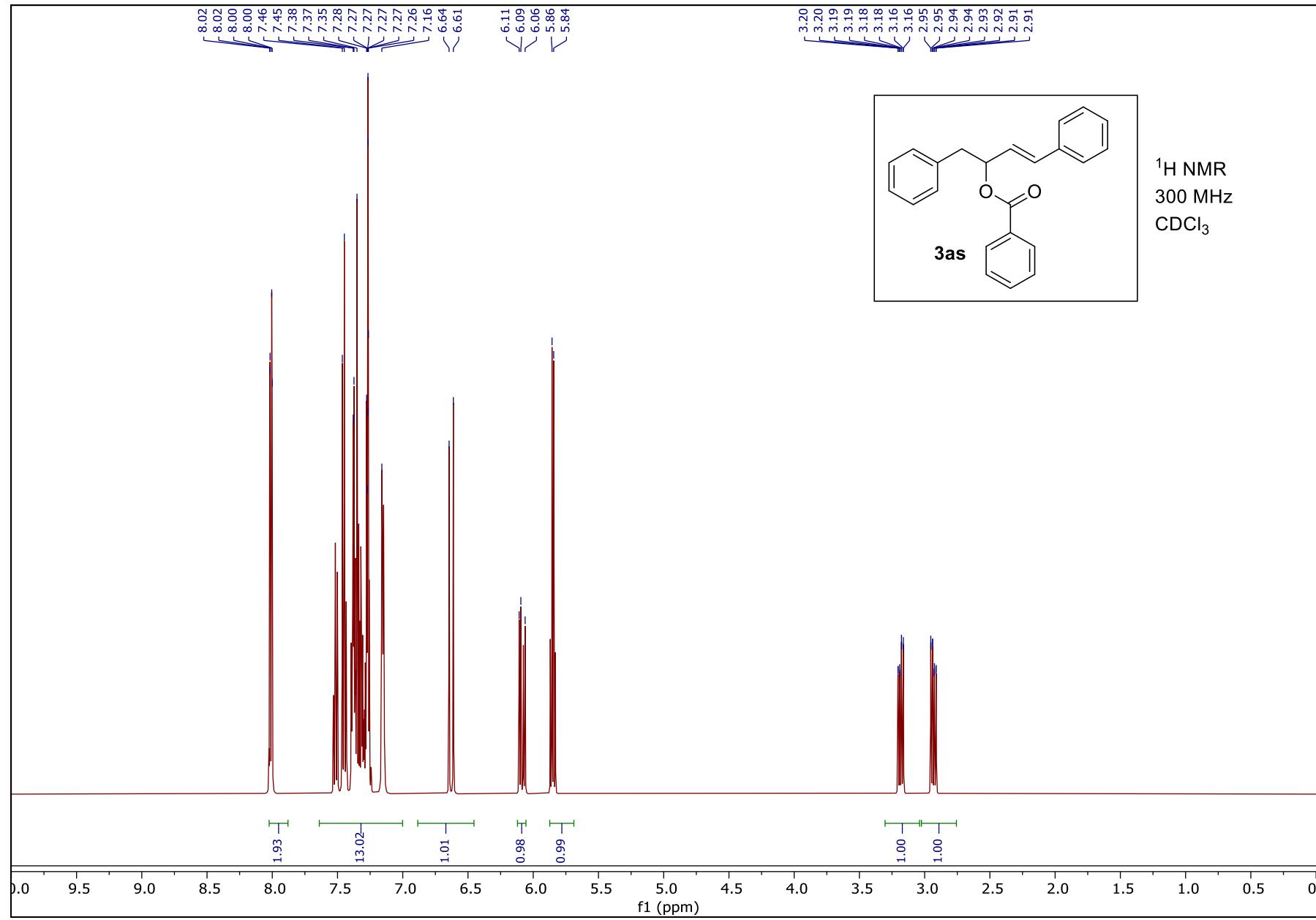


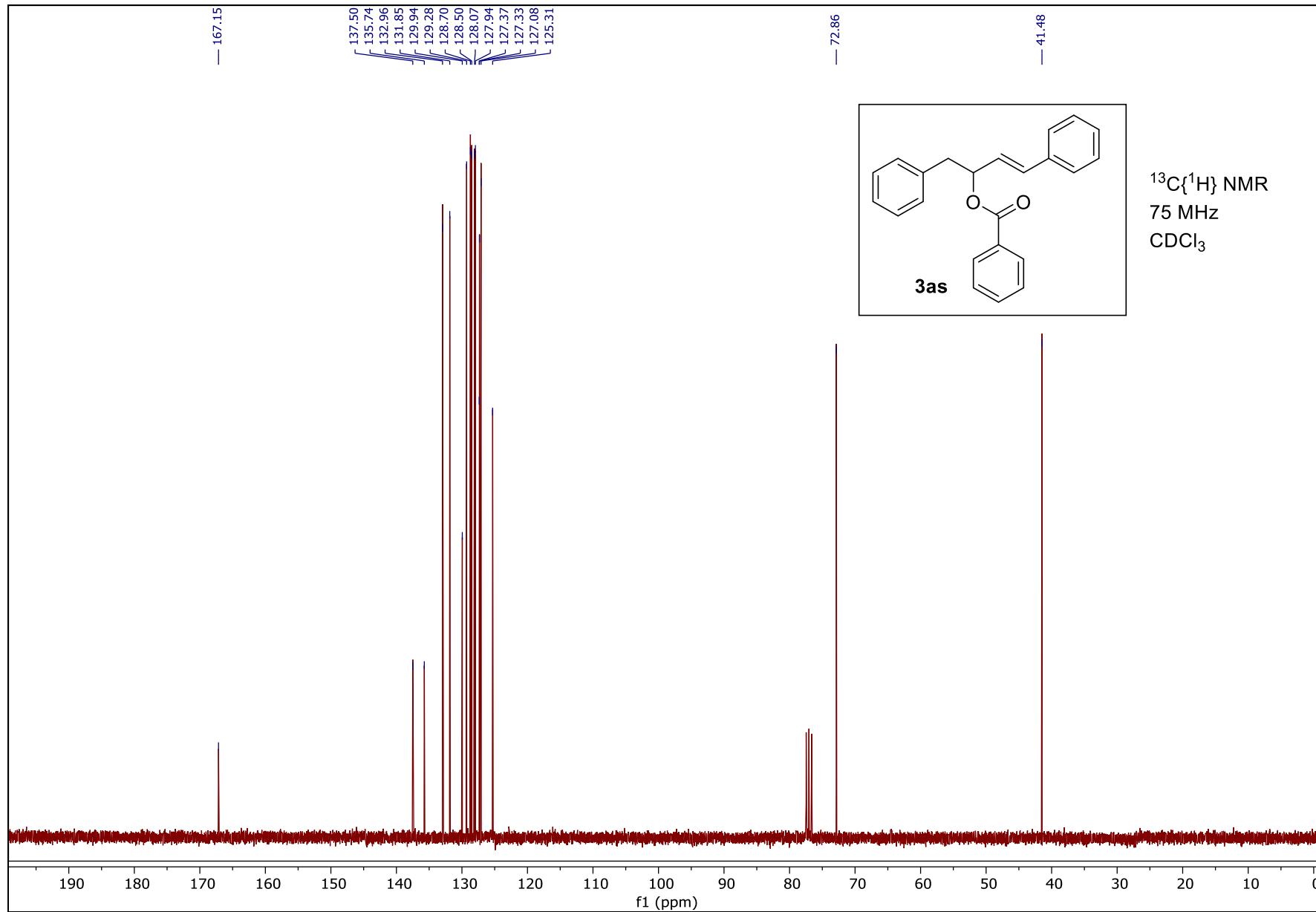


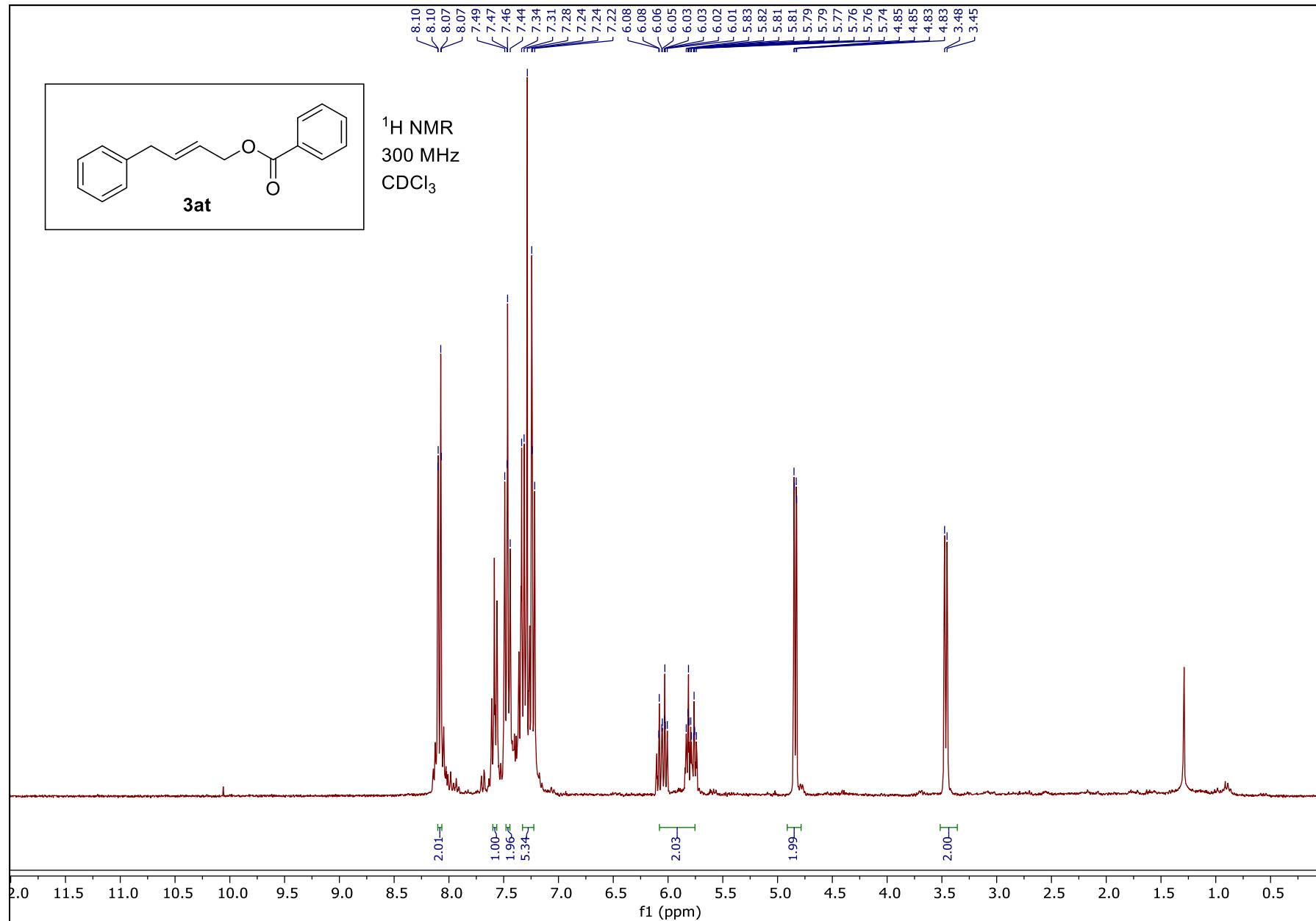


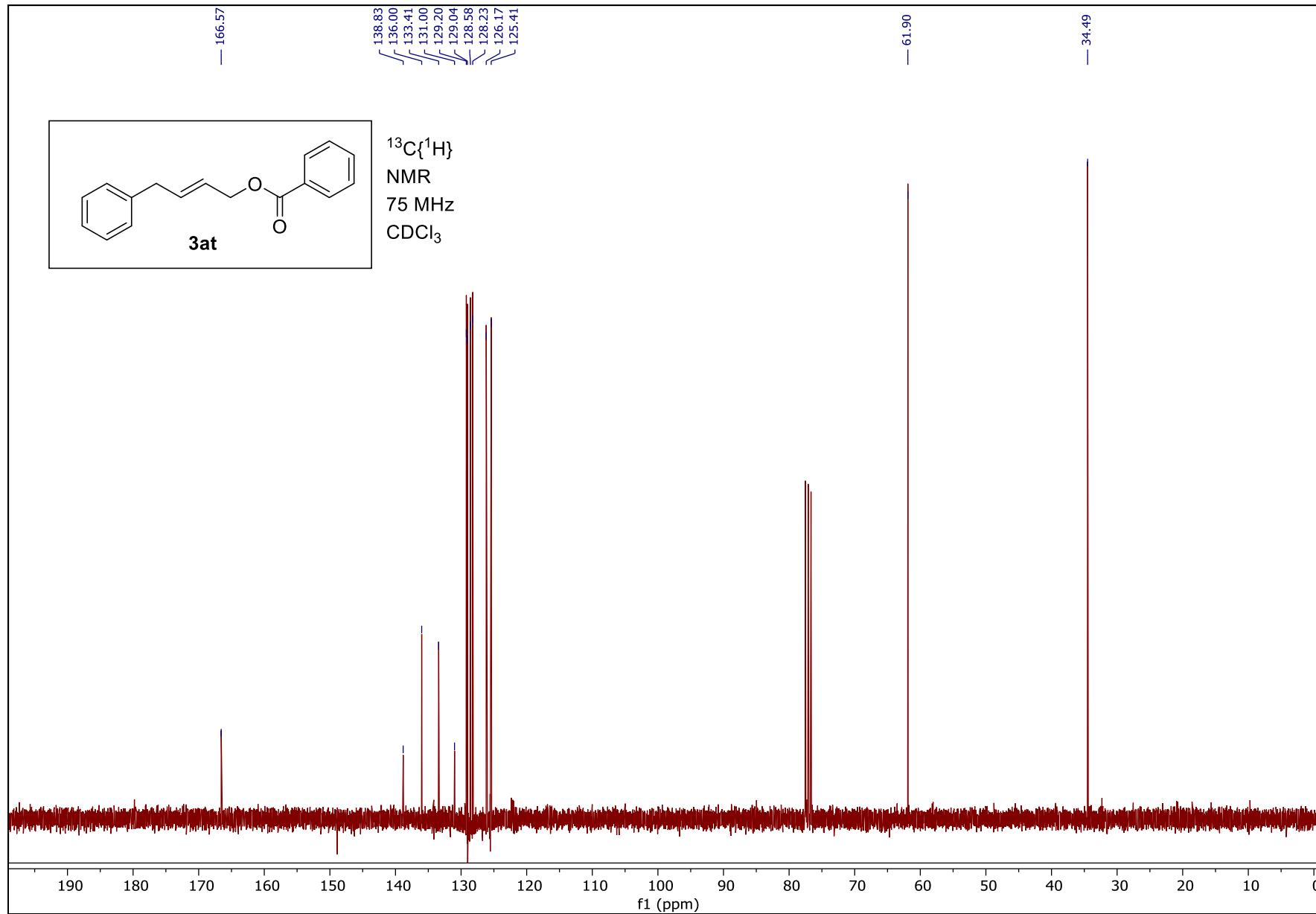


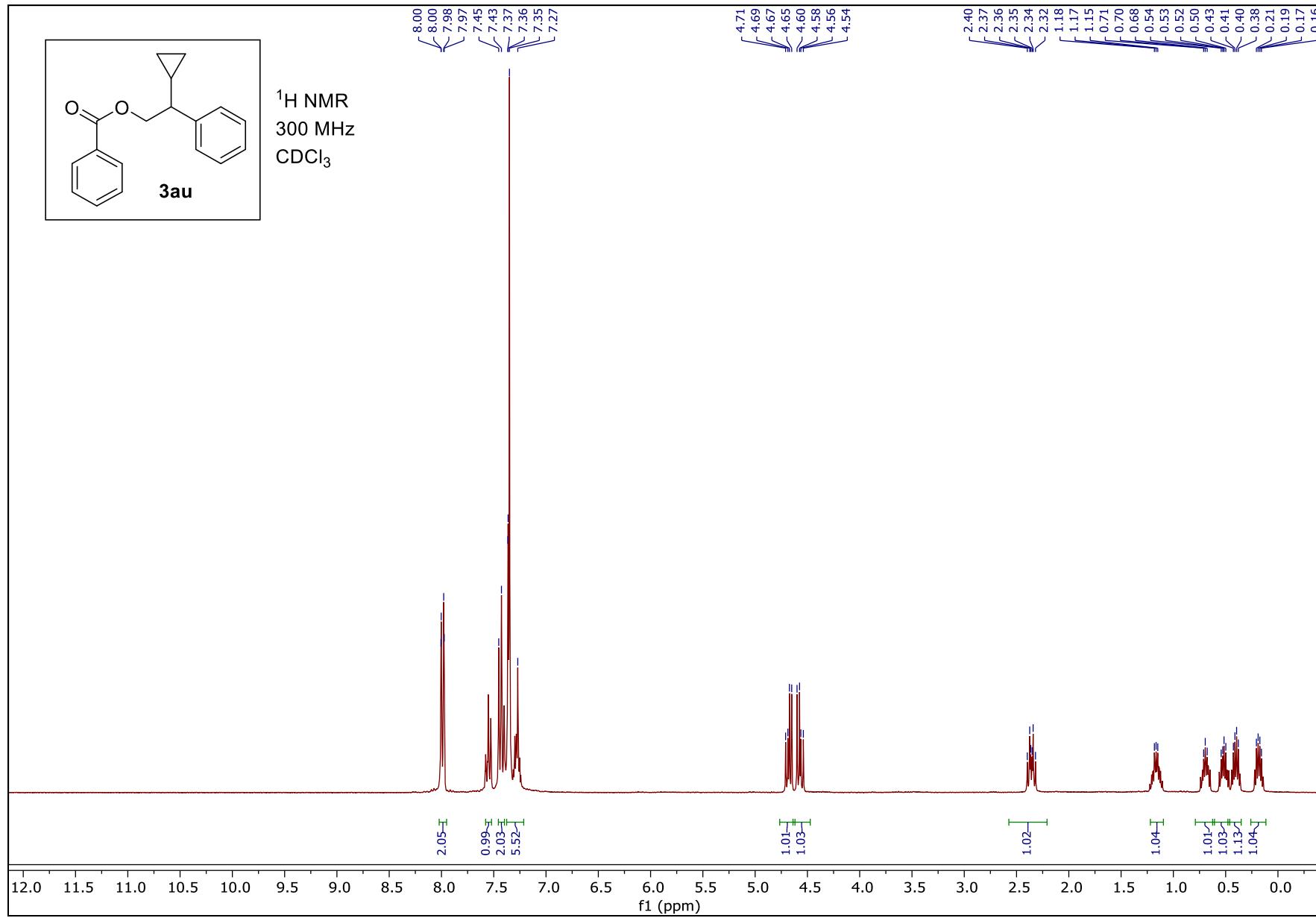


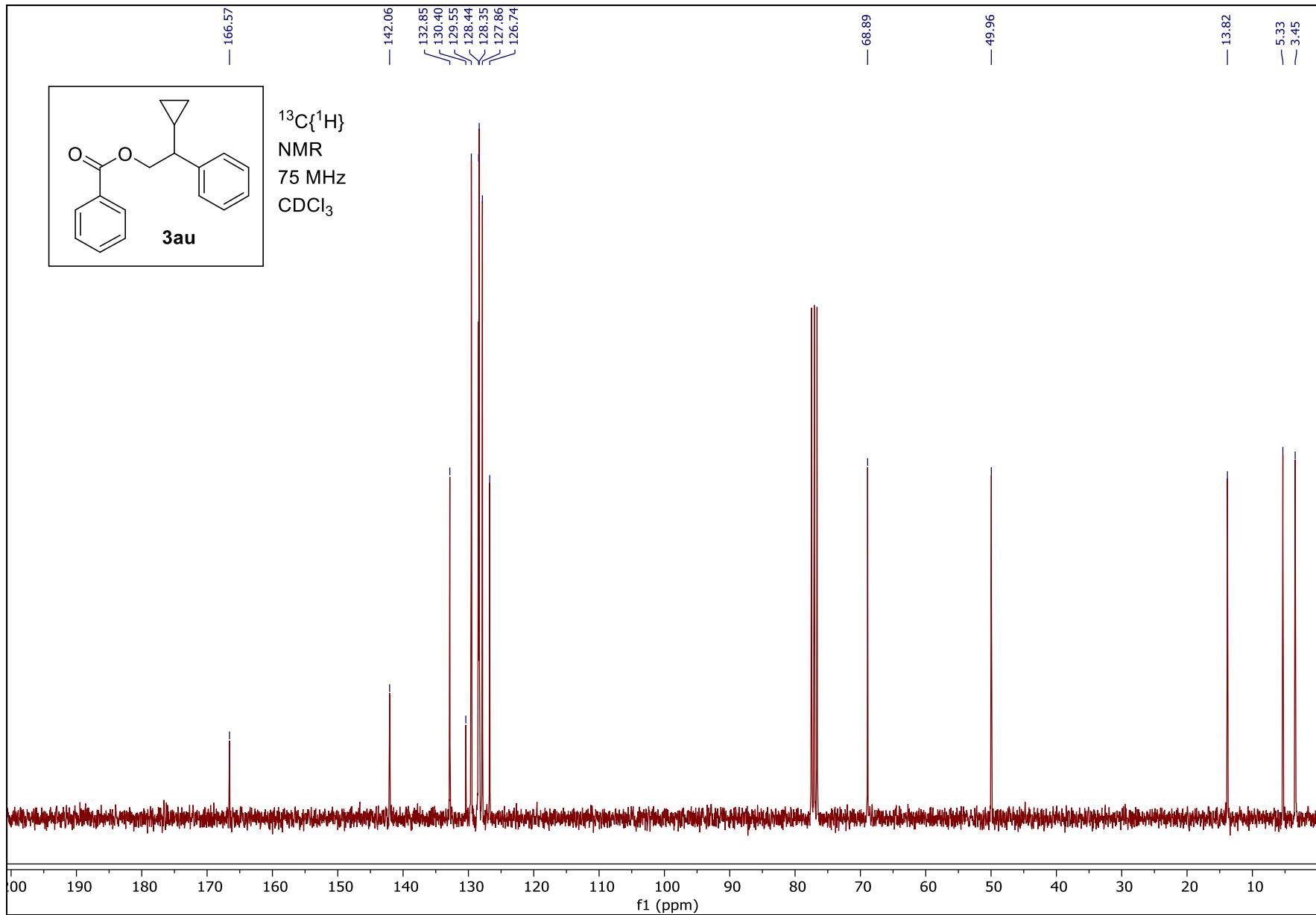


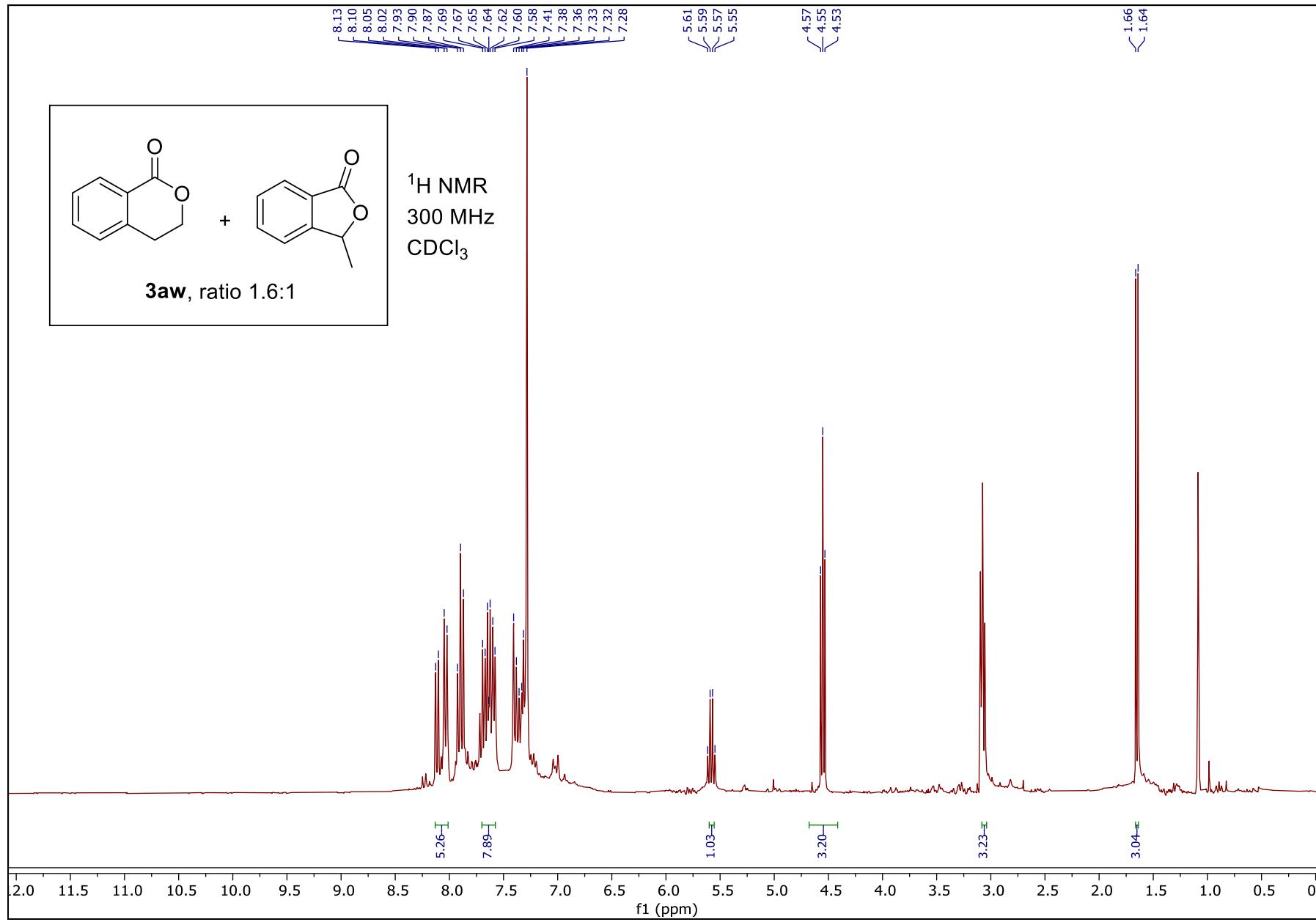


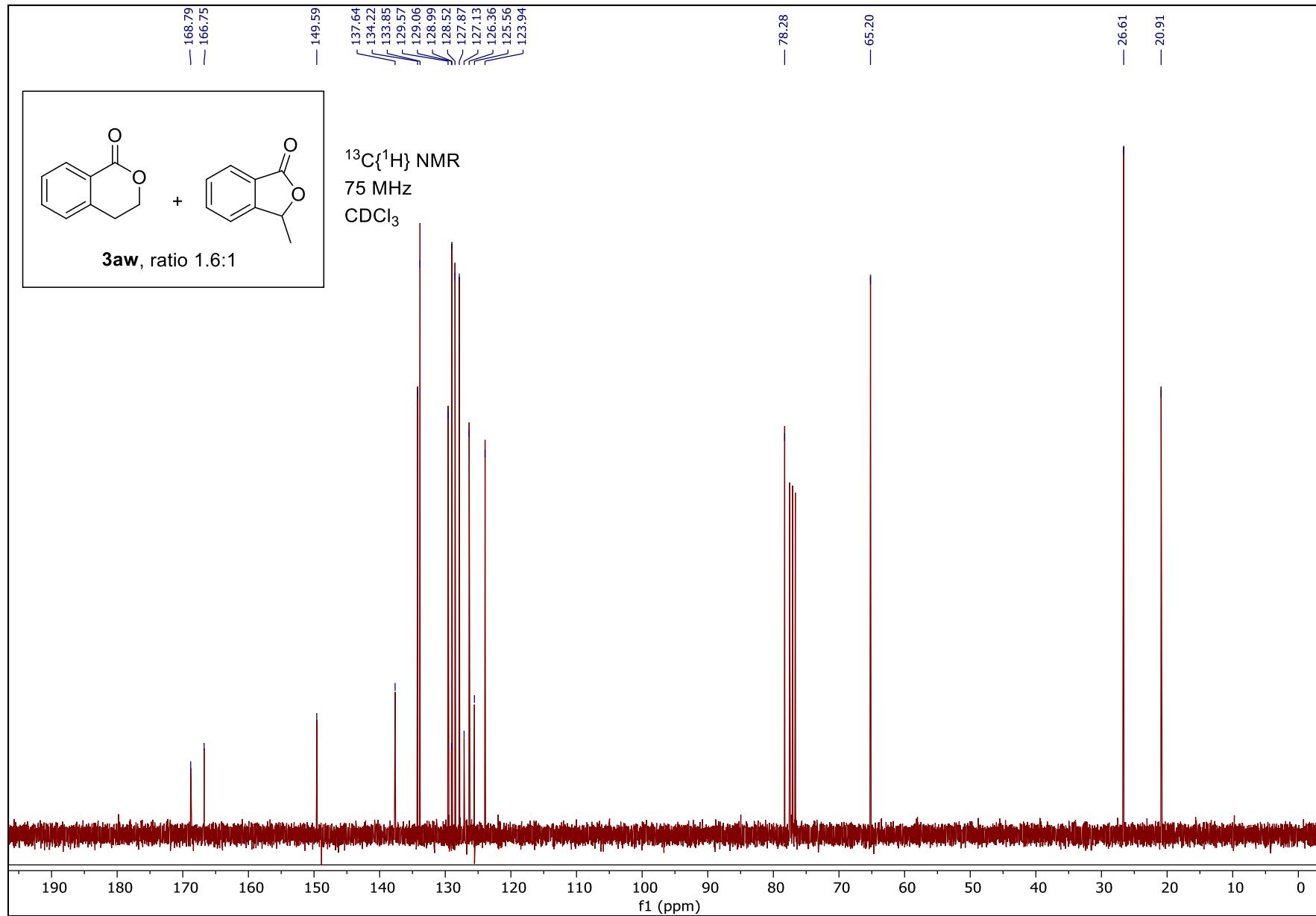


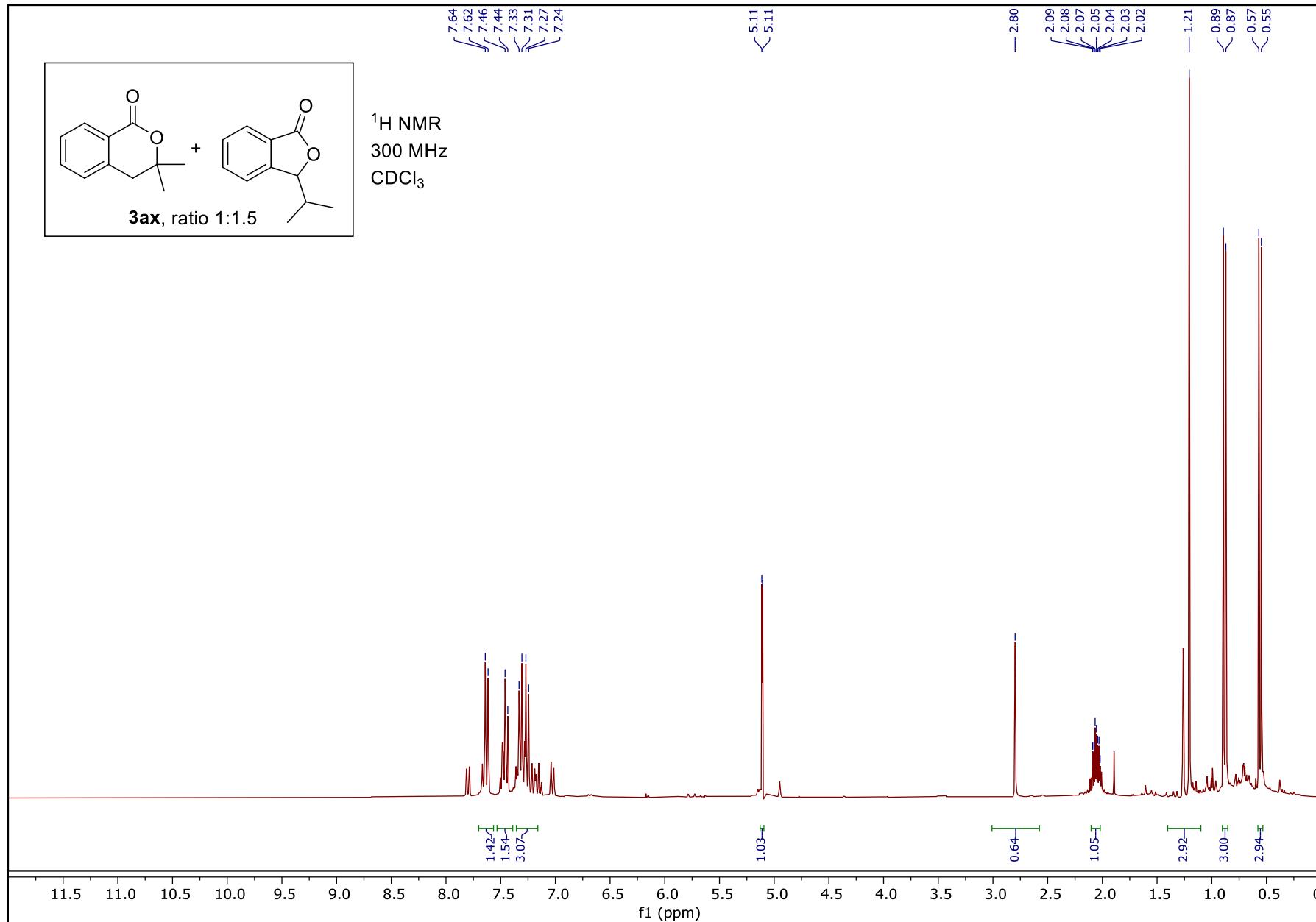


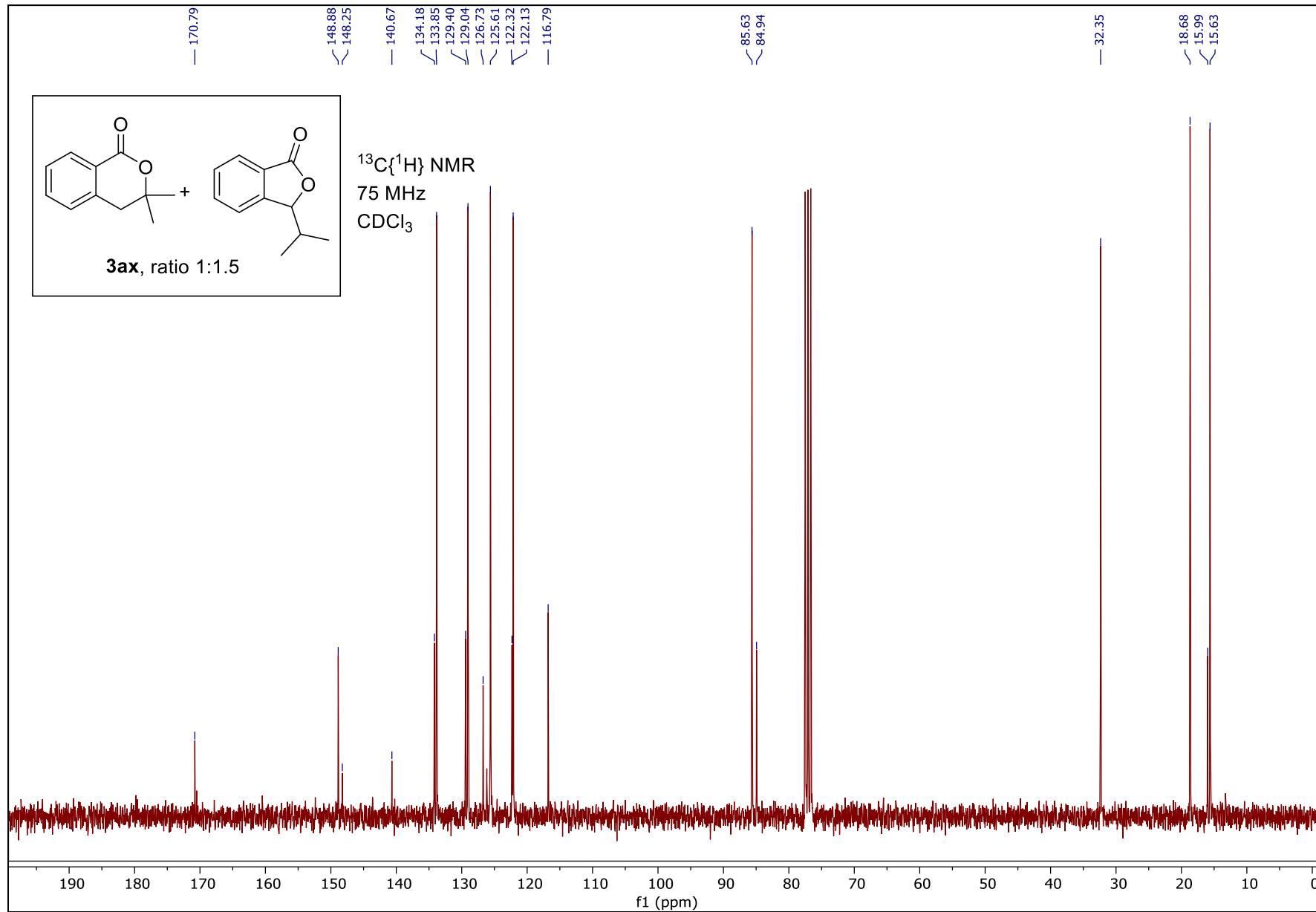


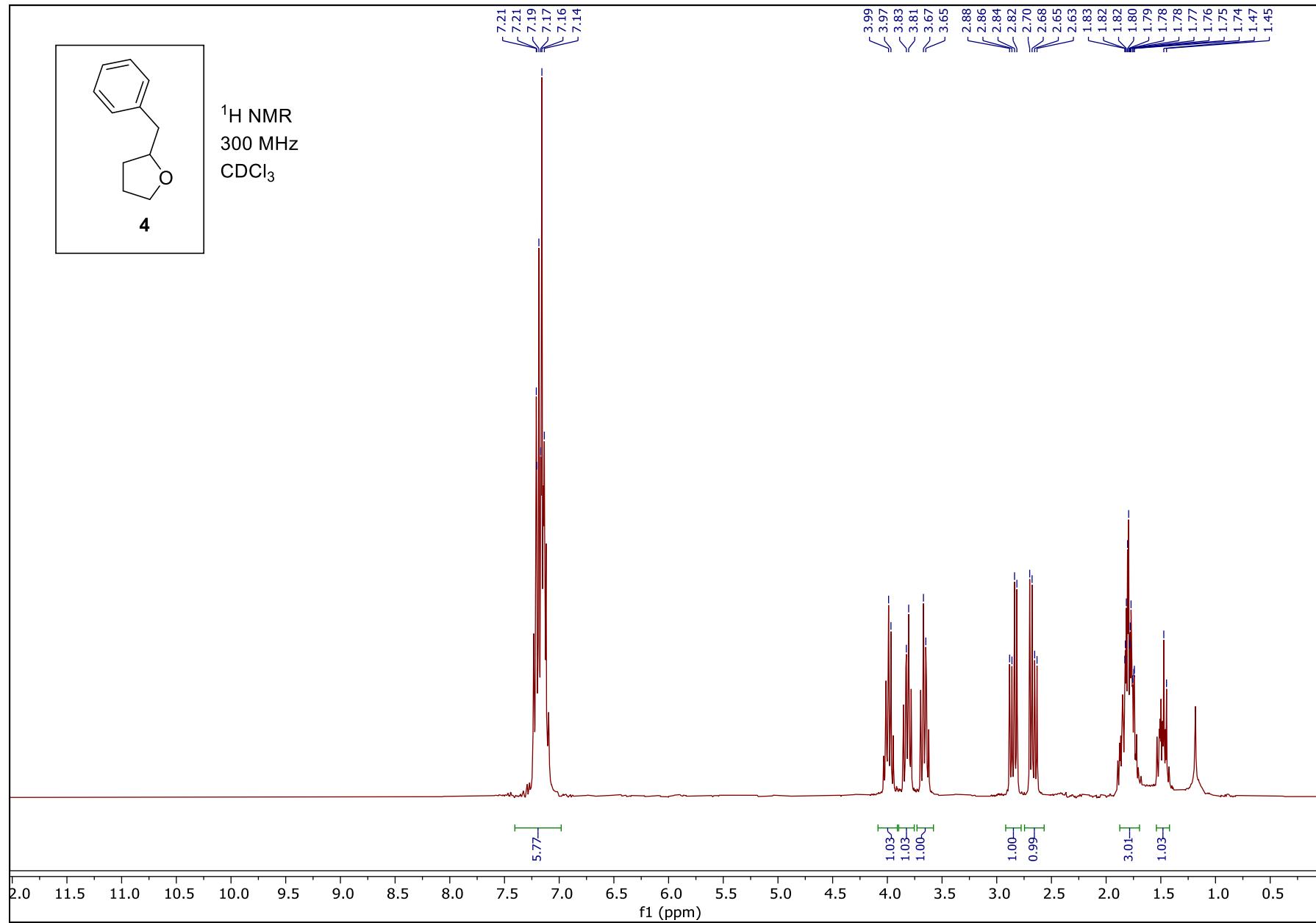


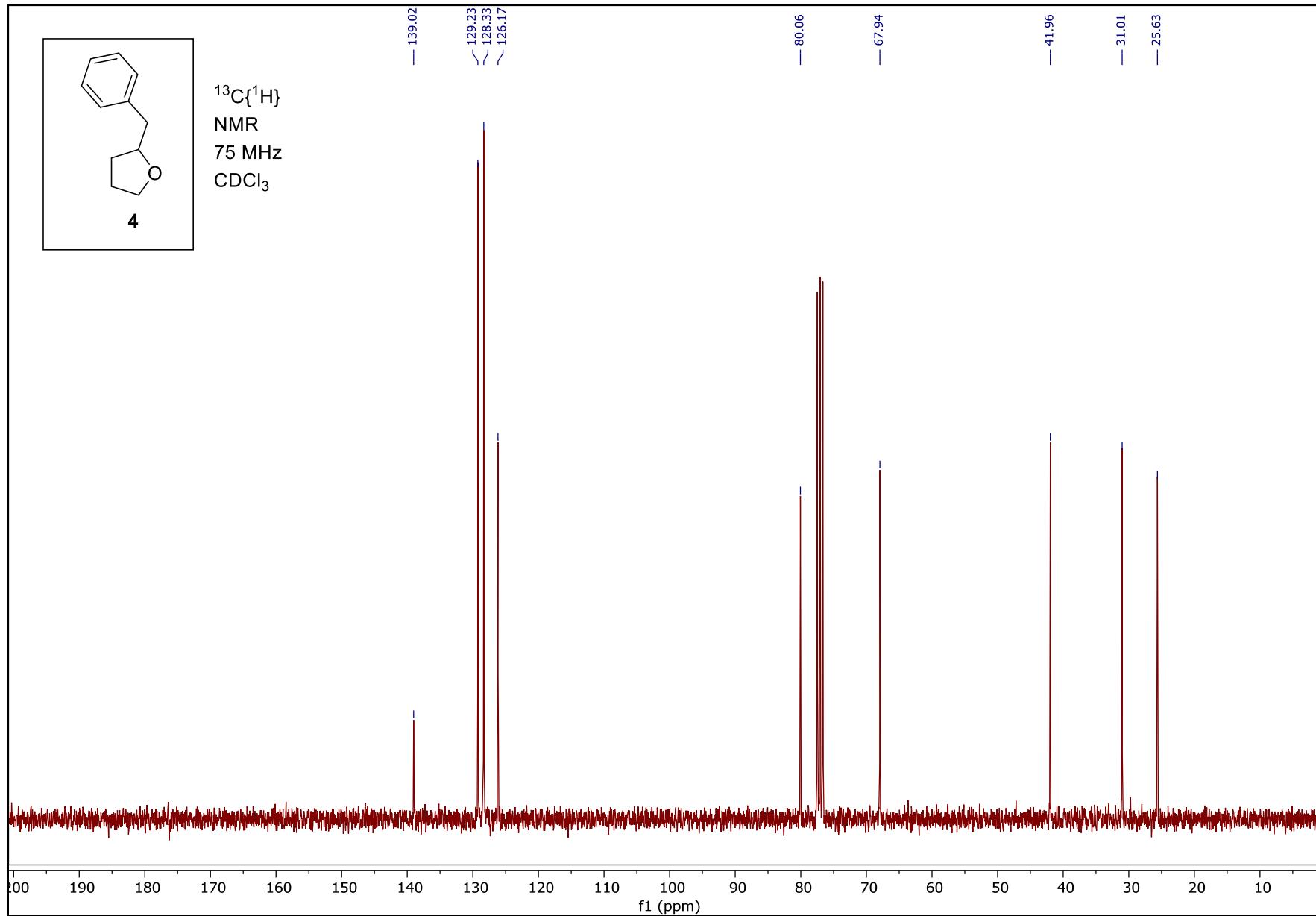


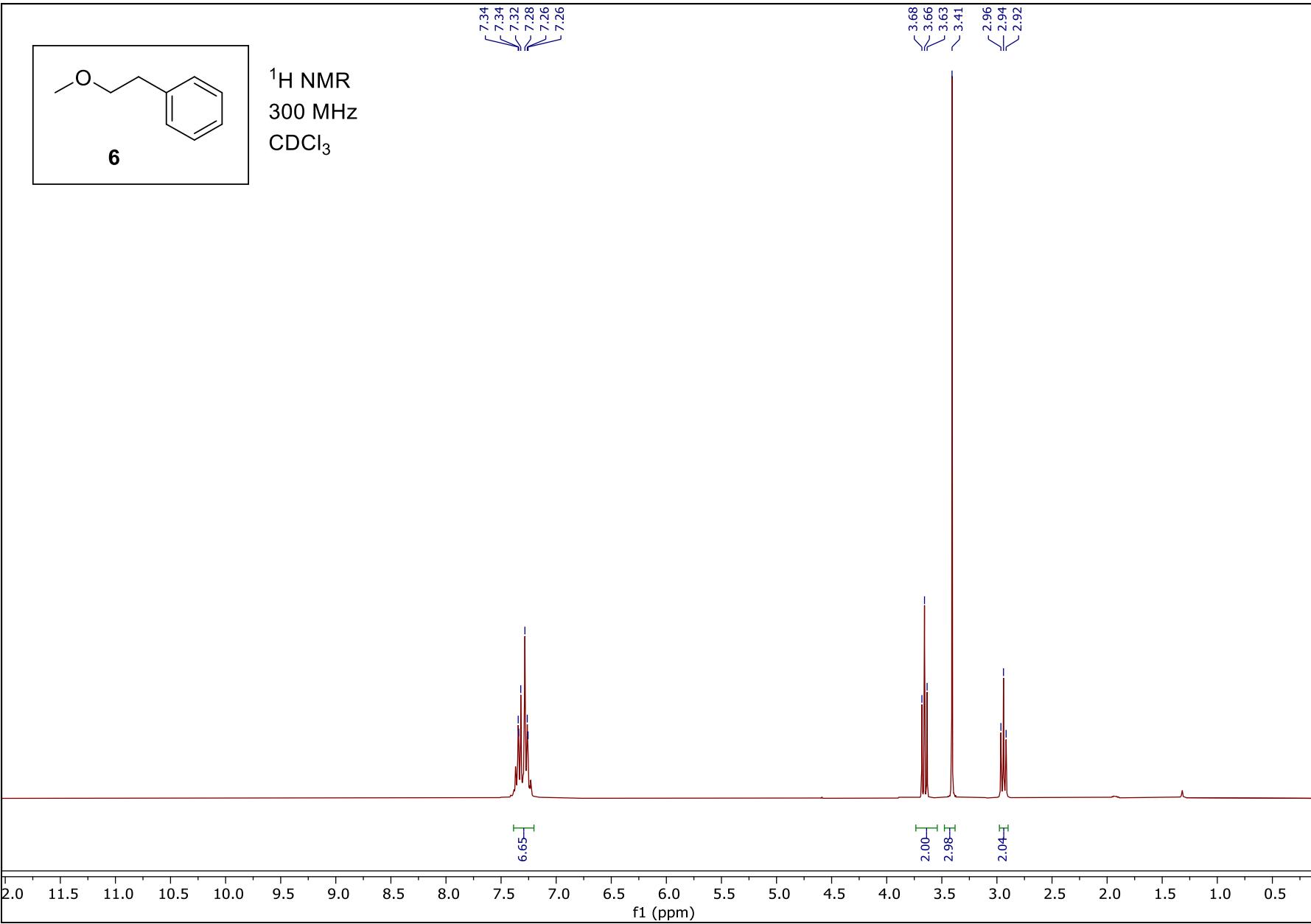


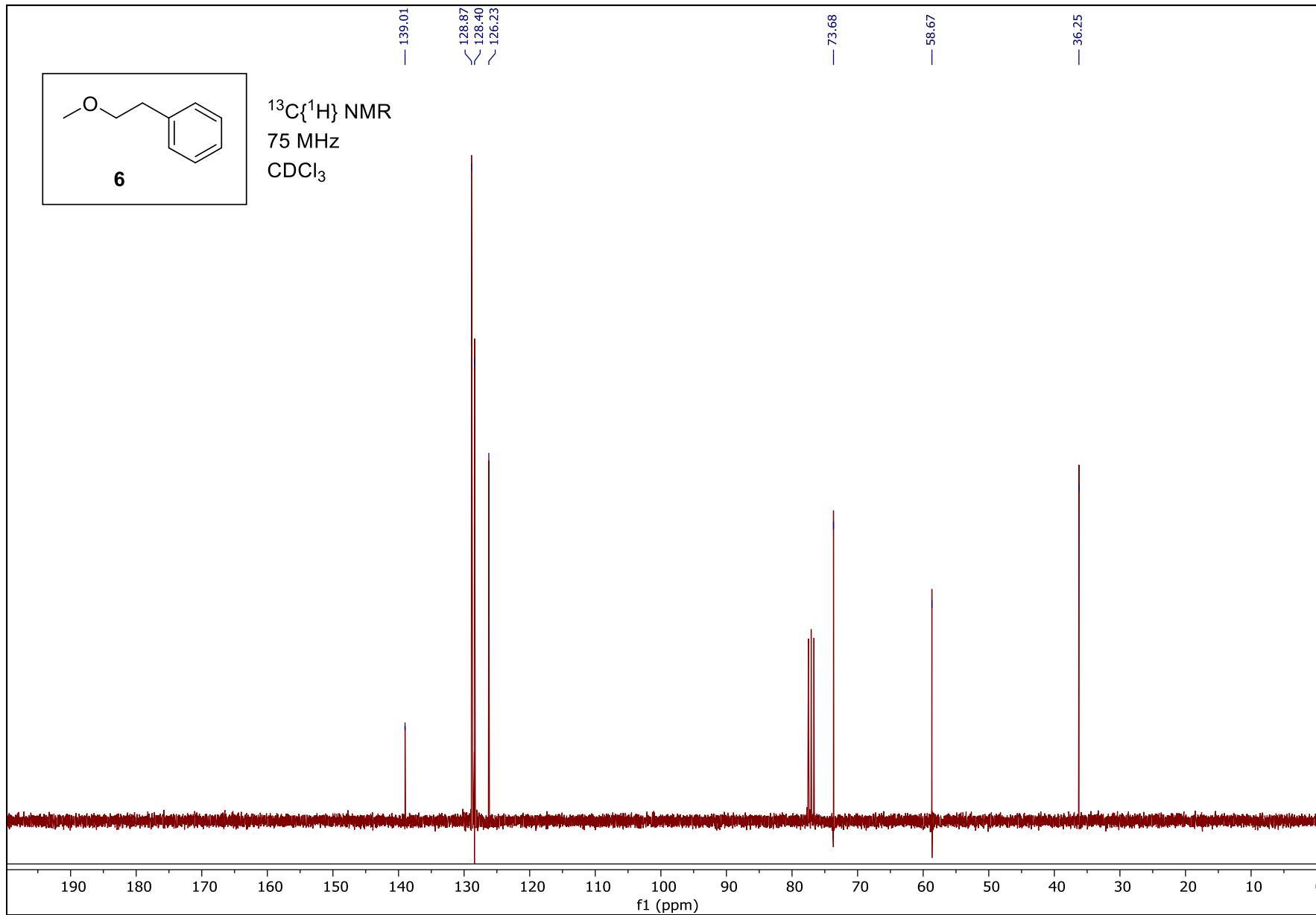


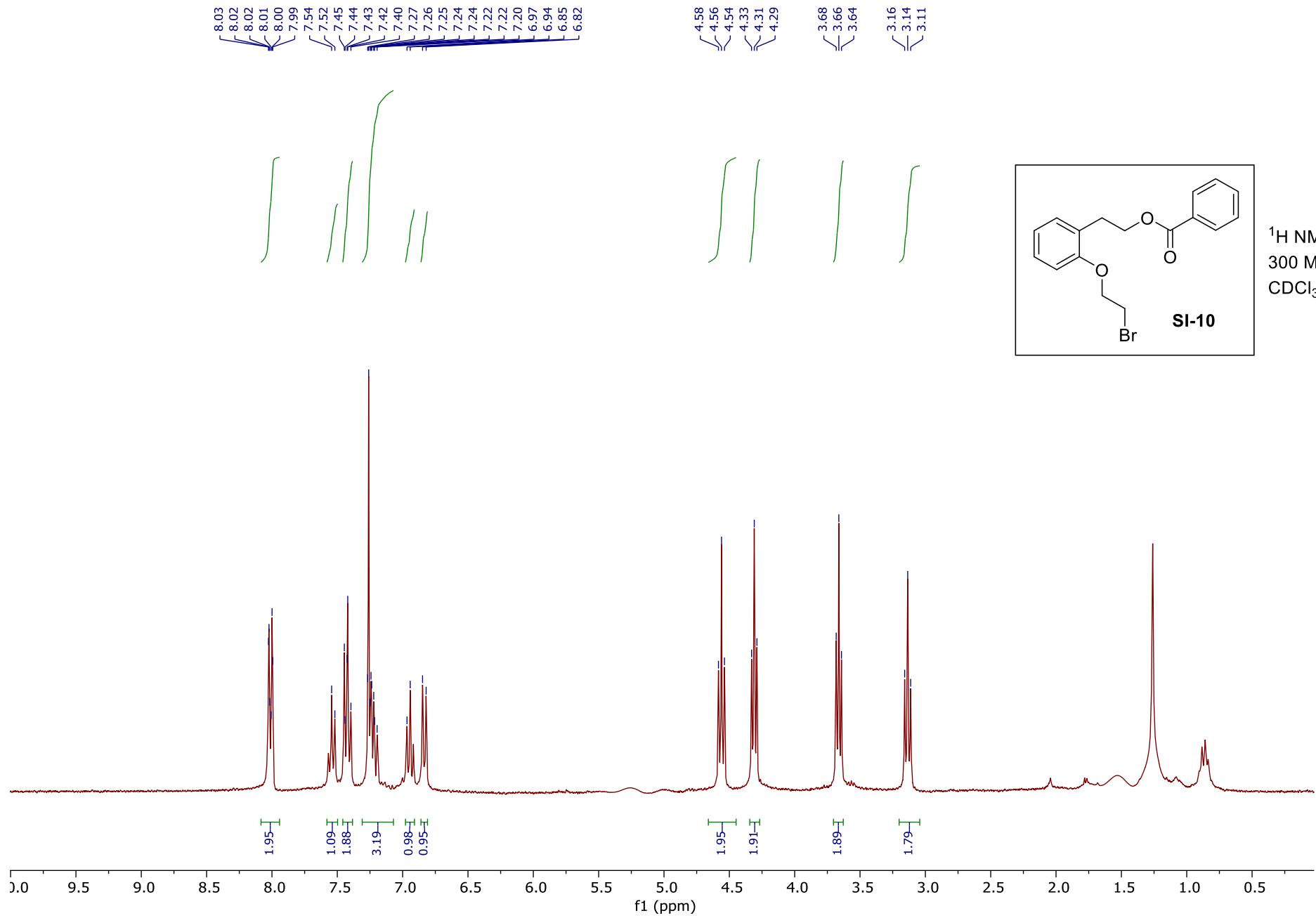


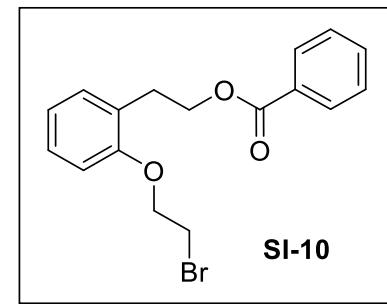












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