

Efficient Approaches to α -, δ -Carbolines via Sequential Pd-Catalyzed Site-selective C-C and Two-fold C-N Coupling Reactions

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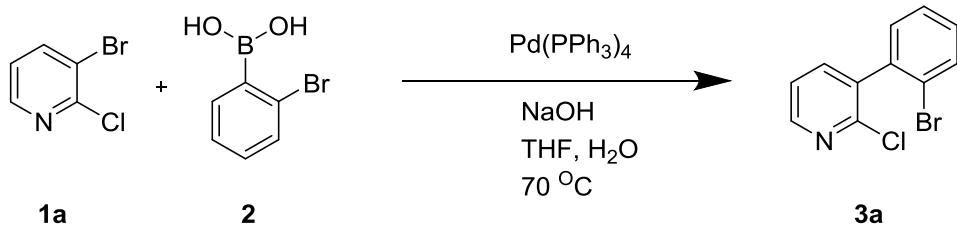
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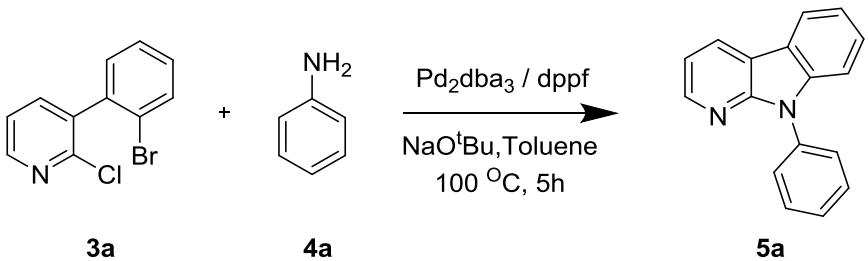
Experimental Section

General procedure for prepared of 3-(2-bromophenyl)-2-chloropyridine 3a.

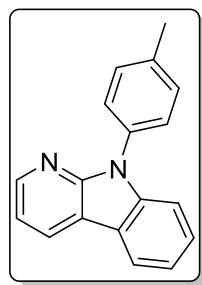


3-bromo-2-chloropyridine **1a** (1 g, 5.2 mmol), 2-bromophenyl boronic acid **2** (1.25 g, 6.2 mmol), $\text{Pd}(\text{PPh}_3)_4$ (300 mg, 260 μmol) and sodium hydroxide (624 mg, 15.6 mmol) were added to 500 mL Schlenk flask. The mixture was back-filled several times with Argon. To the mixture 70 mL THF and 10 mL distilled water were added, then, back-filled several times. The reaction was heated at 70°C for 4h. The solvent was evaporated *in vacuo*. The residue was extracted with dichloromethane and water. The organic layer was dried over MgSO_4 , filtered and the solvent was evaporated *in vacuo*. The yellow residue was purified by column chromatography (silica gel, Heptane/ethylacetate 4:1) to yield 3-(2-bromophenyl)-2-chloropyridine **3a** (1.19 g, 85 %) as colorless syrup; ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.38 (dd, $J = 4.8, 1.9$ Hz, 1H), 7.66 – 7.59 (m, 1H), 7.54 (dd, $J = 7.5, 2.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.33 (td, $J = 7.6, 1.3$ Hz, 1H), 7.29 – 7.13 (m, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 150.36, 149.18, 139.84, 138.41, 136.39, 132.88, 130.95, 130.07, 127.42, 123.40, 122.16; IR (ATR, cm^{-1}): $\nu = 3051$ (w), 1576 (m), 1558 (m), 1479 (w), 1441 (m), 1427 (m), 1390 (vs), 1300 (w), 1255 (w), 1242 (w), 1207 (m), 1122 (m), 1103 (s), 1063 (s), 1053 (m), 1026 (m), 997 (s), 945 (w), 802 (m), 781 (m), 748 (vs), 723 (s), 694 (s), 654 (s), 615 (m), 569 (m), 553 (m); GC-MS (EI, 70 eV): m/z (%) = 269 (59), 188 (100), 153 (58), 126(29); HRMS (EI): calcd. for $\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_7\text{N}_1\text{Br}_1\text{Cl}_1$ ($[\text{M}]^+$): 266.94449; found: 266.94495; calcd. for $\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_7\text{N}_1^{81}\text{Br}_1\text{Cl}_1$ ($[\text{M}]^+$): 268.94244; found: 268.94288; calcd. for $\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_7\text{N}_1\text{Br}_1^{37}\text{Cl}_1$ ($[\text{M}]^+$): 270.93949; found: 270.94012.

General procedure A for double C-N coupling with aniline derivatives, exemplified by: 9-phenyl-9*H*-pyrido[2,3-*b*]indole 8a

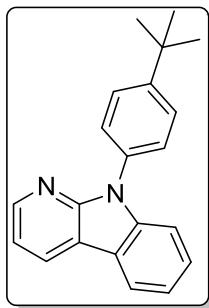


Aniline (52 μL , 0.56 mmol) was added to pressure tube charged with **3a** (100 mg, 0.37 mmol), $\text{Pd}_2(\text{dba})_3$ (17 mg, 19 μmol), ligand dppf (21 mg, 37 μmol) and sodium tert-butoxide (107 mg, 1.12 mmol) under Argon. The mixture was back-filled with Argon several times. The mixture was dissolved in anhydrous Toluene (10 mL) and heated at 110 $^\circ\text{C}$ for 7 h. After cooling, the reaction mixture was diluted with dichloromethane (20 mL) and filtered through a celite pad, washing with dichloromethane (40 mL). The filtrate was reduced *in vacuo*. The product was separated via flash chromatography (silica gel, heptanes/ethylacetate 3:1) to yield 9-phenyl-9*H*-pyrido[2,3-*b*]indole **5a** (84 mg, 92%) as a white solid; m.p. 110-111 $^\circ\text{C}$; ^1H NMR (250 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.42 (dd, $J = 4.9, 1.6$ Hz, 1H), 8.31 (dd, $J = 7.7, 1.6$ Hz, 1H), 8.05 (dt, $J = 7.7, 0.9$ Hz, 1H), 7.63 – 7.48 (m, 4H), 7.47 – 7.33 (m, 3H), 7.33 – 7.22 (m, 1H), 7.20 – 7.10 (m, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (63 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 151.93, 146.47, 140.11, 136.26, 129.65, 128.28, 127.64, 127.38, 126.93, 120.91, 120.81, 120.71, 116.36, 116.04, 110.41; IR (ATR, cm^{-1}): $\nu = 3037$ (m), 1591 (s), 1568 (m), 1504 (s), 1473 (s), 1452 (s), 1414 (vs), 1377 (m), 1354 (m), 1335 (s), 1309 (m), 1290 (s), 1228 (s), 1176 (m), 1167 (m), 1115 (s), 1074 (m), 1051 (m), 1026 (m), 997 (m), 970 (m), 958 (m), 951 (m), 937 (m), 766 (s), 756 (s), 748 (s), 735 (vs), 715 (m), 692 (vs), 636 (s), 617 (s), 579 (s), 569 (m); GC-MS (EI, 70 eV): m/z (%) = 243 (100), 122 (17); HRMS (ESI): calcd. for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{12}\text{N}_2$ ($[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$): 245.10732; found: 245.10756.

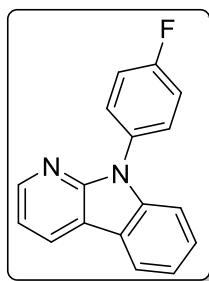


9-(*p*-tolyl)-9*H*-pyrido[2,3-*b*]indole **5b** prepared following general procedure A using **3a** (100 mg, 0.37 mmol) and 4-toluidine (60 mg, 0.56 mmol). The product was purified by flash chromatography (silica gel, heptanes/ethylacetate 3:1) to yield **5b** (91 mg, 95 %) as a white solid; m.p. 102-103 $^\circ\text{C}$; ^1H NMR (250 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.40 (dd, $J = 4.9, 1.6$ Hz, 1H), 8.29 (dd, $J = 7.7, 1.6$ Hz, 1H), 8.04 (d, $J = 7.7$ Hz, 1H), 7.48 – 7.29 (m, 6H), 7.28 – 7.19 (m, 1H), 7.18 – 7.09 (m, 1H), 2.39 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (63 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 152.10, 146.50, 140.28, 137.60, 133.56, 130.30, 128.21, 127.25, 126.85, 120.87, 120.71, 120.54, 116.24, 115.87,

110.39, 21.26; IR (ATR, cm^{-1}): ν = 3039 (w), 2920 (w), 1589 (m), 1568 (m), 1514 (s), 1475 (m), 1456 (s), 1412 (vs), 1377 (m), 1354 (m), 1336 (s), 1311 (m), 1290 (s), 1228 (s), 1219 (s), 1200 (m), 1182 (m), 1169 (m), 1155 (w), 1120 (m), 1109 (m), 1051 (w), 1038 (w), 1018 (m), 997 (m), 966 (w), 951 (w), 941 (w), 924 (m), 841 (w), 812 (s), 798 (m), 771 (vs), 744 (s), 735 (vs), 714 (s), 702 (s), 646 (m), 633 (s), 617 (m), 577 (s), 571 (s); GC-MS (EI, 70 eV): m/z (%) = 258 (100), 242 (17), 128 (9); HRMS (ESI): calcd. for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{14}\text{N}_2$ ($[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$): 259.12297; found: 259.12331.

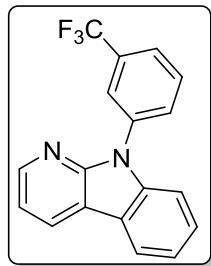


9-(4-(tert-butyl)phenyl)-9H-pyrido[2,3-b]indole 5c prepared following general procedure A using **3a** (100 mg, 0.37 mmol) and 4-*tert*-butylaniline (83 mg, 0.56 mmol). The product was purified by flash chromatography (silica gel, heptanes/ethylacetate 3:1) to yield **5c** (105 mg, 94 %) as a white solid; m.p. 147-148 °C; ^1H NMR (250 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.41 (dd, J = 4.9, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 8.29 (dd, J = 7.7, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 8.06 – 7.99 (m, 1H), 7.58 – 7.32 (m, 6H), 7.23 (ddd, J = 8.1, 6.7, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.19 – 7.08 (m, 1H), 1.32 (s, 9H); ^{13}C NMR (63 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 152.01, 150.43, 146.50, 140.26, 133.51, 128.22, 126.84, 126.77, 126.63, 120.84, 120.72, 120.56, 116.31, 115.87, 110.55, 34.76, 31.42; IR (ATR, cm^{-1}): ν = 2960 (m), 2902 (w), 2868 (w), 1587 (m), 1568 (m), 1520 (s), 1475 (m), 1454 (s), 1414 (vs), 1360 (m), 1335 (s), 1288 (s), 1269 (m), 1228 (s), 1186 (m), 1169 (m), 1153 (w), 1119 (m), 1097 (w), 1018 (m), 997 (m), 930 (m), 833 (m), 825 (m), 800 (w), 769 (vs), 748 (s), 739 (vs), 687 (m), 638 (s), 617 (m), 580 (m), 569 (m), 552 (s); GC-MS (EI, 70 eV): m/z (%) = 300 (45), 285 (100), 128 (13); HRMS (EI): calcd. for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{20}\text{N}_2$ ($[\text{M}]^+$): 300.16210; found: 300.16183.

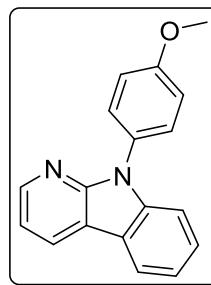


9-(4-fluorophenyl)-9H-pyrido[2,3-b]indole 5d prepared following general procedure A using **3a** (100 mg, 0.37 mmol) and 4-fluoroaniline (53 μL , 0.56 mmol). The product was purified by flash chromatography (silica gel, heptanes/ethylacetate 3:1) to yield **5d** (87 mg, 89 %) as a white solid; m.p. 156-157 °C; ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.38 (dd, J = 4.9, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 8.27 (dt, J = 5.0, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 8.02 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.55 – 7.46 (m, 2H), 7.42 – 7.29 (m, 2H), 7.28 – 7.10 (m, 4H); ^{19}F NMR (282 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -112.83 (s); ^{13}C NMR

(75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 161.79 (d, *J* = 247.2 Hz), 152.02, 146.54, 140.17, 132.23 (d, *J* = 3.1 Hz), 129.23 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz), 128.39, 127.08, 121.04, 120.89, 120.83, 116.66 (d, *J* = 22.8 Hz), 116.35, 116.22, 110.19; IR (ATR, cm⁻¹): ν = 3061 (w), 1589 (m), 1570 (m), 1510 (s), 1475 (s), 1456 (s), 1416 (s), 1356 (m), 1336 (s), 1294 (s), 1228 (s), 1213 (s), 1173 (s), 1151 (s), 1119 (s), 1092 (s), 1053 (m), 1020 (m), 1012 (m), 997 (m), 964 (m), 953 (m), 941 (m), 931 (m), 924 (m), 899 (w), 870 (w), 856 (w), 833 (s), 816 (s), 798 (m), 769 (vs), 762 (s), 746 (s), 737 (vs), 715 (s), 704 (s), 665 (m), 644 (m), 629 (m), 617 (m), 579 (s), 569 (s); GC-MS (EI, 70 eV): m/z (%) = 261 (100), 131 (9); HRMS (ESI): calcd. for C₁₇H₁₁F₁N₂ ([M + H]⁺): 263.0979; found: 263.09813.

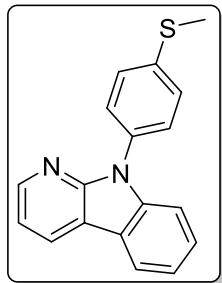


9-(3-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)-9H-pyrido[2,3-b]indole 5e prepared following general procedure A using **3a** (100 mg, 0.37 mmol) and 4-fluoroaniline (53 μL, 0.56 mmol). The product was purified by flash chromatography (silica gel, heptanes/ethylacetate 3:1) to yield **5e** (87 mg, 89 %) as a white solid; m.p. 71–72 °C; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.38 (dd, *J* = 4.9, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 8.28 (dd, *J* = 7.7, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 8.02 (dt, *J* = 7.8, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 7.87 (s, 1H), 7.84 – 7.76 (m, 1H), 7.68 – 7.59 (m, 2H), 7.41 – 7.35 (m, 2H), 7.26 (ddd, *J* = 8.2, 5.4, 2.9 Hz, 1H), 7.20 – 7.13 (m, 1H); ¹⁹F NMR (282 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -62.70 (s); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 151.71, 146.56, 139.59, 136.99, 132.14 (q, *J* = 32.8 Hz), 130.73 (d, *J* = 1.0 Hz), 130.25, 128.49, 127.28, 124.47 – 123.68 (m, 2xC), 123.83 (q, *J* = 272.6 Hz), 121.31, 121.17, 121.14, 116.66, 116.57, 110.10; IR (ATR, cm⁻¹): ν = 3051 (w), 1612 (w), 1591 (m), 1574 (m), 1497 (m), 1477 (m), 1458 (s), 1410 (s), 1358 (m), 1338 (m), 1321 (s), 1306 (s), 1290 (s), 1275 (s), 1228 (s), 1178 (m), 1167 (s), 1155 (s), 1119 (vs), 1103 (s), 1093 (s), 1068 (s), 1020 (m), 999 (m), 972 (s), 937 (m), 931 (m), 914 (m), 889 (m), 852 (m), 810 (s), 796 (s), 771 (s), 760 (m), 744 (s), 737 (vs), 715 (m), 694 (vs), 661 (s), 642 (s), 619 (s), 582 (m), 565 (m), 528 (s); GC-MS (EI, 70 eV): m/z (%) = 311 (100), 243 (11); HRMS (ESI): calcd. for C₁₈H₁₁F₃N₂ ([M + H]⁺): 313.09471; found: 313.09460.

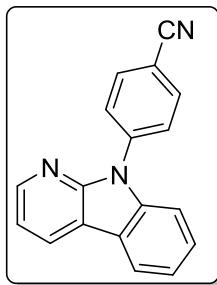


9-(4-methoxyphenyl)-9H-pyrido[2,3-b]indole 5f prepared following general procedure A using **3a** (100 mg, 0.37 mmol) and *p*-anisidine (69 mg, 0.56 mmol). The product was purified by flash chromatography (silica gel,

heptanes/ethylacetate 2:1) to yield **5f** (100 mg, 98 %) as a white solid; m.p. 137-138 °C; ¹H NMR (250 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.40 (dd, *J* = 4.9, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 8.30 (dd, *J* = 7.7, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 8.04 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.51 – 7.41 (m, 2H), 7.40 – 7.30 (m, 2H), 7.29 – 7.19 (m, 1H), 7.18 – 7.09 (m, 1H), 7.09 – 7.01 (m, 2H), 3.82 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (63 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 159.00, 152.24, 146.51, 140.55, 128.90, 128.73, 128.22, 126.86, 120.86, 120.60, 120.49, 116.17, 115.81, 115.00, 110.30, 55.58; IR (ATR, cm⁻¹): ν = 3057 (w), 2960 (w), 2935 (w), 2908 (w), 2835 (w), 1589 (m), 1570 (m), 1512 (s), 1477 (m), 1456 (s), 1441 (m), 1416 (s), 1358 (m), 1336 (m), 1298 (m), 1288 (s), 1230 (vs), 1190 (m), 1174 (s), 1149 (m), 1117 (s), 1103 (s), 1053 (w), 1028 (s), 999 (m), 962 (m), 951 (m), 939 (m), 930 (m), 918 (m), 847 (w), 827 (s), 814 (m), 798 (m), 769 (vs), 744 (s), 735 (vs), 721 (s), 702 (m), 646 (s), 631 (s), 617 (m), 586 (s), 579 (s), 571 (m), 530 (vs); GC-MS (EI, 70 eV): m/z (%) = 274 (100), 259 (55), 231 (25), 168 (10), 115 (9); HRMS (EI): calcd. for C₁₈H₁₄O₁N₂ ([M]⁺): 274.11006; found: 274.10996.

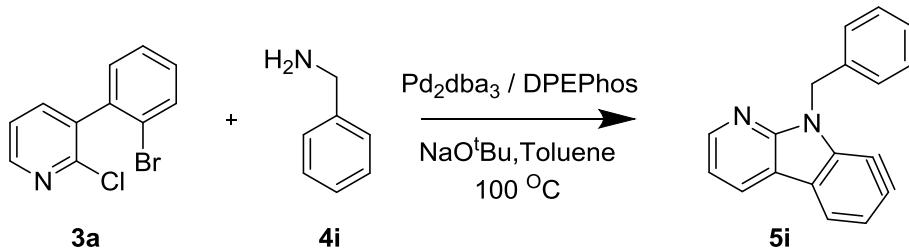


9-(4-(methylthio)phenyl)-9H-pyrido[2,3-b]indole 5g prepared following general procedure A using **3a** (100 mg, 0.37 mmol) and 4-(methylthio)aniline (69 µL, 0.56 mmol). The product was purified by flash chromatography (silica gel, heptanes/ethylacetate 2:1) to yield **5g** (99 mg, 92 %) as a white solid; m.p. 136-137 °C; ¹H NMR (250 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.40 (dd, *J* = 4.9, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 8.30 (dd, *J* = 7.7, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 8.04 (dt, *J* = 7.7, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 7.52 – 7.36 (m, 6H), 7.31 – 7.21 (m, 1H), 7.15 (dd, *J* = 7.6, 4.8 Hz, 1H), 2.48 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (63 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 150.92, 145.46, 139.03, 137.06, 132.25, 127.27, 126.70, 125.94, 119.92, 119.78, 119.73, 115.32, 115.05, 109.30, 15.00; IR (ATR, cm⁻¹): ν = 3039 (w), 2960 (m), 2920 (m), 1626 (w), 1589 (m), 1568 (m), 1500 (s), 1475 (m), 1452 (m), 1437 (m), 1414 (s), 1356 (m), 1335 (m), 1309 (m), 1300 (m), 1290 (s), 1259 (m), 1228 (s), 1182 (m), 1169 (m), 1151 (m), 1117 (m), 1103 (m), 1090 (s), 1049 (m), 1014 (s), 997 (s), 980 (m), 970 (m), 953 (m), 933 (m), 924 (m), 858 (m), 814 (s), 798 (s), 769 (vs), 735 (vs), 714 (s), 679 (m), 642 (s), 629 (s), 617 (m), 580 (m), 569 (m); GC-MS (EI, 70 eV): m/z (%) = 290 (100), 275 (50), 243 (24); HRMS (EI): calcd. for C₁₈H₁₄N₂S₁ ([M]⁺): 290.08722; found: 290.08702.



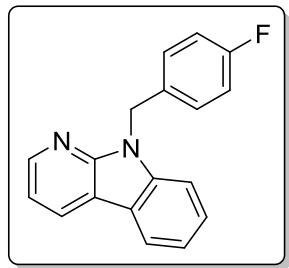
9-(4-cyanophenyl)-9H-pyrido[2,3-b]indole 5h prepared following general procedure A using **3a** (100 mg, 0.37 mmol) and 4-aminobenzonitrile (66 mg, 0.56 mmol). The product was purified by flash chromatography (silica gel, heptanes/ethylacetate 1.5:1) to yield **5h** (83 mg, 83 %) as a white solid; m.p. 179–180 °C; ¹H NMR (250 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.38 (dd, *J* = 4.9, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 8.29 (dd, *J* = 7.7, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 8.03 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.51 – 7.36 (m, 2H), 7.33 – 7.24 (m, 1H), 7.19 (dd, *J* = 7.8, 4.9 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (63 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 151.32, 146.45, 140.52, 138.85, 133.45, 128.58, 127.37, 127.28, 121.74, 121.45, 121.28, 118.52, 117.11, 116.85, 110.41, 110.23; IR (ATR, cm⁻¹): ν = 3057 (w), 2227 (m), 1603 (m), 1591 (m), 1574 (m), 1512 (m), 1487 (w), 1475 (w), 1450 (m), 1410 (s), 1356 (m), 1336 (m), 1311 (w), 1286 (m), 1228 (m), 1217 (m), 1184 (w), 1169 (m), 1155 (w), 1119 (m), 1103 (w), 1057 (w), 1020 (w), 1001 (w), 960 (w), 953 (w), 945 (w), 928 (w), 856 (m), 833 (m), 823 (m), 800 (w), 789 (w), 773 (m), 766 (s), 744 (m), 735 (vs), 694 (m), 656 (w), 631 (m), 619 (w), 577 (m), 569 (m), 550 (s), 532 (m); GC-MS (EI, 70 eV): m/z (%) = 268 (100), 134 (7); HRMS (EI): calcd. for C₁₈H₁₀N₃ ([M]⁺): 268.08692; found: 268.08700.

General procedure B for double C-N coupling with chain amine derivatives, exemplified by: 5-benzyl-5H-pyrido[3,2-b]indole 5i

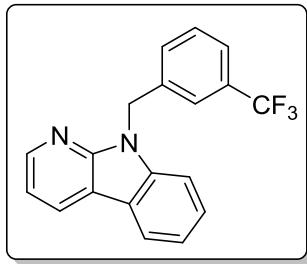


To pressure tube charged with **3a** (100 mg, 0.37 mmol), Pd₂(dba)₃ (17 mg, 19 µmol), ligand DPEPhos (21 mg, 37 µmol) and sodium tert-butoxide (107 mg, 0.12 mmol) under Argon. The mixture was back-filled with Argon several times. The mixture was dissolved in anhydrous Toluene (10 mL). benzylamine (61 µL, 0.56 mmol) was added to the mixture and heated at 100 °C for 7 h. After cooling, the reaction mixture was diluted with dichloromethane (20 mL) and filtered through a celite pad, washing with dichloromethane (40 mL). The filtrate was reduced *in vacuo*. The product was separated via flash chromatography (silica gel, heptanes/ethylacetate

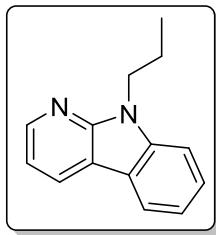
3:1) to yield **5i** (85 mg, 88 %) as a white solid; m.p. 98-99 °C; ¹H NMR (250 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.41 (dd, *J* = 4.9, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 8.20 (dd, *J* = 7.7, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.99 – 7.92 (m, 1H), 7.36 – 7.20 (m, 2H), 7.19 – 7.01 (m, 7H), 5.58 (s, 2H); ¹³C NMR (63 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 150.65, 145.10, 138.49, 136.25, 127.55, 127.08, 126.26, 125.88, 125.68, 119.92, 119.56, 118.93, 114.79, 114.24, 108.80, 43.87; IR (ATR, cm⁻¹): ν = 3028 (w), 2960 (w), 2918 (w), 1626 (w), 1589 (m), 1568 (m), 1483 (s), 1466 (s), 1452 (m), 1431 (s), 1412 (s), 1356 (m), 1348 (m), 1333 (m), 1315 (w), 1292 (m), 1259 (s), 1211 (s), 1194 (m), 1155 (m), 1128 (m), 1119 (m), 1092 (m), 1078 (m), 1065 (m), 1053 (m), 1030 (s), 1020 (s), 995 (s), 970 (m), 947 (m), 928 (w), 906 (w), 870 (w), 850 (m), 839 (m), 800 (s), 791 (s), 773 (vs), 748 (s), 729 (vs), 694 (s), 652 (s), 619 (m), 606 (m), 582 (m), 569 (m), 555 (s), 528 (s); GC-MS (EI, 70 eV): m/z (%) = 257 (100), 181 (34), 91 (45); HRMS (ESI): calcd. for C₁₈H₁₄N₂ ([M + H]⁺): 259.12297; found: 259.12298.



5-(4-fluorobenzyl)-5H-pyrido[3,2-b]indole **5j** prepared following general procedure A using **3a** (100 mg, 0.37 mmol) and 4-fluorobenzylamine (61 μL, 0.56 mmol). The product was purified by flash chromatography (silica gel, heptanes/ethylacetate 3:1) to yield **5j** (90 mg, 87 %) as a white solid; m.p. 103-104 °C; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.43 (dd, *J* = 4.9, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 8.25 (dd, *J* = 7.7, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 8.02 – 7.96 (m, 1H), 7.36 (ddd, *J* = 8.3, 7.2, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.28 – 7.07 (m, 5H), 6.89 – 6.79 (m, 2H), 5.57 (s, 2H); ¹⁹F NMR (282 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -115.23 (s); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 161.07 (d, *J* = 245.4 Hz), 150.56, 145.15, 138.33, 132.02 (d, *J* = 3.2 Hz), 127.62 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz), 127.20, 125.77, 120.05, 119.63, 119.09, 114.85, 114.47 (d, *J* = 21.6 Hz), 114.39, 108.65, 43.24; IR (ATR, cm⁻¹): ν = 3053 (w), 3034 (w), 2935 (w), 1624 (w), 1587 (m), 1572 (m), 1508 (s), 1481 (m), 1464 (s), 1439 (m), 1416 (s), 1383 (w), 1354 (m), 1335 (m), 1294 (m), 1252 (m), 1217 (s), 1207 (s), 1163 (m), 1128 (m), 1119 (m), 1101 (m), 1061 (m), 1049 (m), 1030 (w), 1020 (m), 1001 (w), 987 (m), 966 (w), 928 (w), 862 (m), 849 (m), 823 (m), 800 (m), 791 (m), 777 (vs), 762 (s), 746 (s), 735 (vs), 704 (m), 665 (w), 638 (m), 629 (s), 619 (m), 609 (m), 580 (m), 565 (m); GC-MS (EI, 70 eV): m/z (%) = 276 (100), 181 (30), 109 (73); HRMS (ESI): calcd. for C₁₈H₁₃F₁N₂ ([M + H]⁺): 277.11355; found: 277.11394.



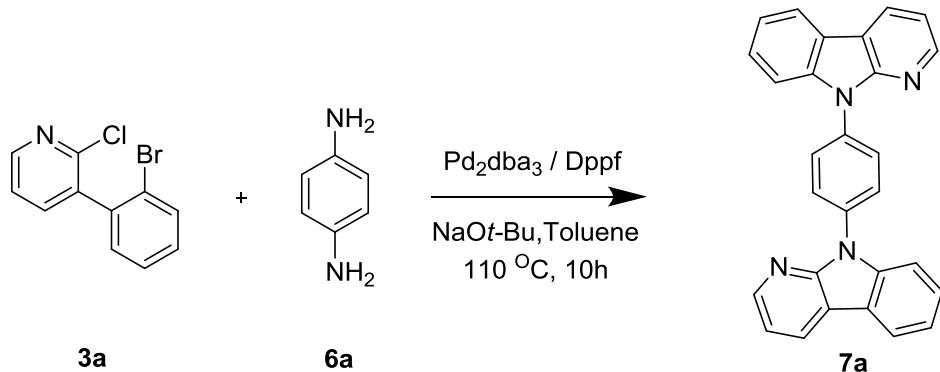
5-(3-(trifluoromethyl)benzyl)-5H-pyrido[3,2-b]indole 5k prepared following general procedure A using **3a** (100 mg, 0.37 mmol) and 3-(trifluoromethyl)benzylamine (80 µL, 0.56 mmol). The product was purified by flash chromatography (silica gel, heptanes/ethylacetate 3:1) to yield **5k** (109 mg, 90 %) as a white solid; m.p. 81-82 °C; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.39 (dd, *J* = 4.9, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 8.21 (dd, *J* = 7.7, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.96 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.49 (s, 1H), 7.39 – 7.30 (m, 2H), 7.17 (ddd, *J* = 11.9, 6.6, 0.9 Hz, 4H), 7.12 – 7.03 (m, 1H), 5.60 (s, 2H); ¹⁹F NMR (282 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -62.51 (s); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 151.65, 146.29, 139.36, 138.47, 131.04 (q, *J* = 32.3 Hz), 130.30, 129.26, 128.36, 126.99, 124.38 (q, *J* = 3.8 Hz), 124.06 (q, *J* = 272.4 Hz), 123.89 (q, *J* = 3.8 Hz), 121.23, 120.81, 120.37, 115.99, 115.68, 109.55, 44.61; IR (ATR, cm⁻¹): ν = 3053 (w), 1628 (w), 1591 (m), 1572 (m), 1483 (m), 1466 (m), 1450 (w), 1433 (m), 1416 (s), 1325 (vs), 1296 (m), 1281 (m), 1261 (m), 1217 (m), 1205 (m), 1186 (m), 1157 (s), 1117 (vs), 1097 (s), 1072 (vs), 1022 (m), 1011 (m), 993 (m), 966 (m), 937 (m), 922 (m), 903 (m), 868 (m), 852 (m), 800 (s), 791 (s), 771 (s), 744 (s), 735 (s), 702 (vs), 671 (m), 646 (s), 619 (m), 600 (m), 575 (m), 559 (m); GC-MS (EI, 70 eV): m/z (%) = 326 (100), 181 (62), 159 (20), 140 (13), 109 (13); HRMS (ESI): calcd. for C₁₉H₁₃F₃N₂ ([M + H]⁺): 327.11036; found: 327.11066.



5-propyl-5H-pyrido[3,2-b]indole 5l prepared following general procedure A using **3a** (100 mg, 0.37 mmol) and n-propylamine (46 µL, 0.56 mmol). The product was purified by flash chromatography (silica gel, heptanes/ethylacetate 3:1) to yield **5l** (71 mg, 91 %) as a white liquid; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.38 (dd, *J* = 4.9, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 8.16 (dd, *J* = 7.6, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.97 – 7.89 (m, 1H), 7.43 – 7.29 (m, 2H), 7.14 (ddd, *J* = 8.0, 6.9, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.01 (dd, *J* = 7.6, 4.9 Hz, 1H), 4.37 – 4.26 (m, 2H), 1.90 – 1.73 (m, 2H), 0.86 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 151.61, 145.94, 139.71, 128.03, 126.61, 121.03, 120.44, 119.62, 115.83, 114.86, 109.38, 43.16, 22.32, 11.65; IR (ATR, cm⁻¹): ν = 3049 (w), 2962 (m), 2929 (m), 2874 (w), 1626 (w), 1589 (m), 1570 (m), 1481 (s), 1466 (s), 1443 (m), 1414 (vs), 1381 (m), 1371 (m), 1360 (m), 1342 (s), 1333 (s), 1313 (w), 1290 (s), 1255 (m), 1219 (s), 1157 (m), 1138 (m), 1128 (m), 1119 (s), 1090 (w), 1068 (m), 1049 (w), 1018 (w), 997 (m), 960 (w), 926 (w), 893 (w), 845 (w), 800 (w), 771 (vs), 748 (s), 733 (vs), 712 (m), 633 (m), 619 (m), 580 (m), 561 (m); GC-

MS (EI, 70 eV): m/z (%) = 210 (32), 181 (100), 168 (82), 140 (12), 127 (14); HRMS (EI): calcd. for C₁₄H₁₄N₂ ([M]⁺): 210.11515; found: 210.11500.

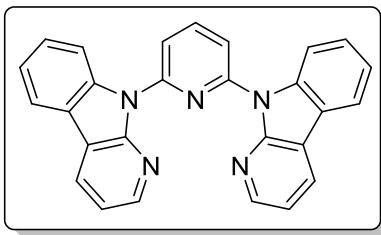
**General procedure C for double C-N coupling with diamine derivatives, exemplified by:
1,4-bis(9H-pyrido[2,3-*b*]indol-9-yl)benzene 7a**



To pressure tube was charged with **3a** (200 mg, 0.75 mmol), 1,4-diaminobenzene (37 mg, 0.34 mmol), Pd₂(dba)₃ (15 mg, 17 µmol), ligand dppf (19 mg, 34 µmol) and sodium tert-butoxide (195 mg, 2.0 mmol) under Argon. The mixture was back-filled with Argon several times. The mixture was dissolved in anhydrous Toluene (10 mL) and heated at 110 °C for 10 h. After cooling, the reaction mixture was diluted with dichloromethane (20 mL) and filtered through a celite pad, washing with dichloromethane (40 mL). The filtrate was reduced *in vacuo*. The product was separated via flash chromatography (silica gel, heptanes/dichloromethane/ethylacetate 1:1:1) to yield 1,4-bis(9H-pyrido[2,3-*b*]indol-9-yl)benzene **7a** (64 mg, 46 %) as a white solid; m.p. 307-308 °C; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.46 (dd, *J* = 4.8, 1.4 Hz, 2H), 8.34 (dt, *J* = 9.4, 4.7 Hz, 2H), 8.09 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.87 (s, 4H), 7.62 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.50 – 7.37 (m, 3H), 7.30 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.25 – 7.16 (m, 3H).

¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 151.90, 146.48, 139.94, 135.34, 128.42, 128.32, 127.14, 121.02, 116.61, 116.37, 110.73; IR (ATR, cm⁻¹): ν = 3045 (m), 2922 (m), 1591 (m), 1572 (m), 1518 (s), 1481 (m), 1450 (s), 1406 (s), 1356 (m), 1338 (s), 1317 (m), 1290 (s), 1228 (s), 1173 (m), 1128 (m), 1120 (m), 1111 (m), 1051 (m), 1018 (m), 999 (m), 928 (m), 918 (m), 827 (m), 762 (s), 742 (s), 727 (vs), 700 (s), 642 (s), 619 (m), 579 (m), 567 (m), 534 (s); GC-MS (EI, 70 eV): m/z (%) =

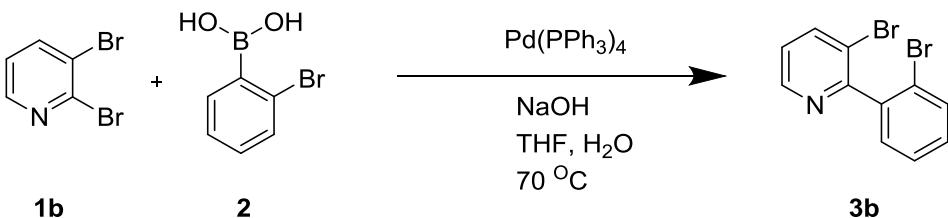
410 (100), 242 (24), 205 (23), 191 (12); HRMS (EI): calcd. for $C_{28}H_{18}N_4$ ($[M]^+$): 410.15260; found: 410.15147.



9-(6-(9H-indeno[2,1-b]pyridin-9-yl)pyridin-2-yl)-9H-pyrido[2,3-b]indole 7b prepared following general procedure C using **3a** (200 mg, 0.75 mmol) and 2,6-diaminopyridine (37 mg, 0.34 mmol). The product was purified by flash chromatography (silica gel,

heptanes/dichloromethane/ethylacetate 1:1:1) to yield **7b** (70 mg, 50 %) as a white solid; m.p. 236–237 °C; 1H NMR (300 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 8.51 (dd, J = 4.8, 1.5 Hz, 2H), 8.43 – 8.29 (m, 4H), 8.29 – 8.21 (m, 2H), 8.13 (dd, J = 8.8, 7.1 Hz, 1H), 8.00 (t, J = 9.9 Hz, 2H), 7.38 – 7.14 (m, 6H); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 151.36, 149.76, 146.01, 140.02, 139.02, 128.26, 127.54, 121.79, 121.57, 120.37, 117.76, 117.15, 116.61, 114.34; IR (ATR, cm^{-1}): ν = 3047 (w), 2922 (w), 1599 (m), 1591 (s), 1570 (m), 1485 (w), 1450 (vs), 1414 (m), 1400 (vs), 1362 (m), 1340 (m), 1331 (s), 1286 (s), 1242 (m), 1223 (m), 1209 (m), 1180 (s), 1165 (m), 1155 (m), 1120 (m), 1105 (m), 1095 (m), 1057 (m), 1039 (m), 1026 (m), 999 (m), 985 (w), 974 (w), 968 (w), 957 (w), 943 (m), 933 (m), 922 (m), 849 (w), 796 (m), 764 (vs), 744 (s), 727 (vs), 700 (m), 683 (m), 658 (m), 634 (m), 619 (m), 611 (m), 579 (m), 567 (w), 559 (m); GC-MS (EI, 70 eV): m/z (%) = 410 (100), 244 (28), 206 (89); HRMS (EI): calcd. for $C_{27}H_{16}N_5$ ($[M]^+$): 410.14002; found: 410.13958.

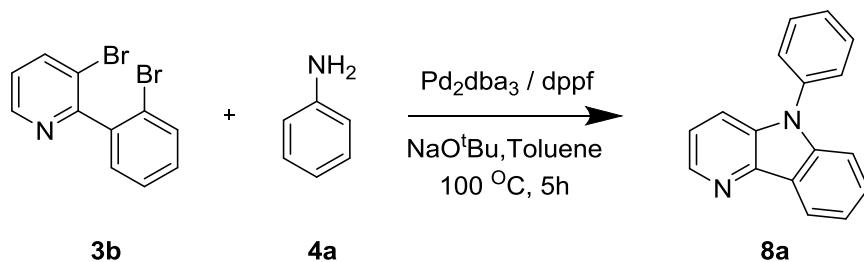
General procedure for prepared of 3-bromo-2-(2-bromophenyl)pyridine **3b**.



2,3-dibromopyridine **1b** (1 g, 4.2 mmol), 2-bromophenyl boronic acid **2** (1.0 g, 5.1 mmol), $Pd(PPh_3)_4$ (244 mg, 211 μ mol) and sodium hydroxide (507 mg, 12.7 mmol) were added to 500 mL Schlenk flask. The mixture was back-filled several times with Argon. To the mixture 70 mL

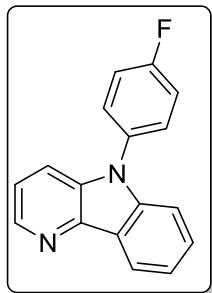
THF and 10 mL distilled water were added, then, back-filled several times. The reaction was heated at 70 °C for 4h. The solvent was evaporated *in vacuo*. The residue was extracted with dichloromethane and water. The organic layer was dried over MgSO₄, filtered and the solvent was evaporated *in vacuo*. The yellow residue was purified by column chromatography (silica gel, Heptane/dichloromethane/ethylacetate 4:1:1) to yield 3-bromo-2-(2-bromophenyl)pyridine **3b** (1.27 g, 96 %) as colorless syrup; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.57 (dd, *J* = 4.7, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.93 (dd, *J* = 8.1, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.63 – 7.58 (m, 1H), 7.39 – 7.32 (m, 1H), 7.29 – 7.13 (m, 7H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 147.84, 140.99, 140.46, 132.69, 130.23, 130.08, 127.34, 124.13, 122.46, 121.35; IR (ATR, cm⁻¹): ν = 3053 (w), 2920 (w), 2850 (w), 1593 (m), 1568 (m), 1549 (m), 1479 (m), 1437 (m), 1412 (s), 1298 (w), 1269 (w), 1252 (m), 1230 (w), 1211 (w), 1201 (w), 1159 (w), 1124 (m), 1093 (m), 1055 (m), 1024 (s), 1011 (vs), 943 (m), 793 (s), 777 (m), 748 (vs), 723 (s), 694 (m), 681 (s), 650 (m), 615 (s), 561 (m); GC-MS (EI, 70 eV): m/z (%) = 313 (37), 234 (99), 233 (100), 153 (82), 126 (28), 99 (10), 75 (14), 63 (10), 50 (12); HRMS (EI): calcd. for C₁₁H₇N₁Br₂ ([M]⁺): 310.89398; found: 310.89479; calcd. for C₁₁H₇N₁Br₁⁸¹Br₁ ([M]⁺): 312.89193; found: 312.89233; calcd. for C₁₁H₇N₁⁸¹Br₂ ([M]⁺): 314.88988; found: 314.89073.

General procedure D for double C-N coupling with aniline derivatives, exemplified by: 5-phenyl-5H-pyrido[3,2-*b*]indole **8a**



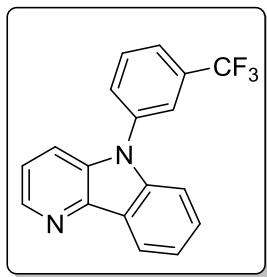
Aniline (44 µL, 479 µmol) was added to pressure tube charged with **3b** (100 mg, 0.32 mmol), Pd₂(dba)₃ (15 mg, 16 µmol), ligand dppf (18 mg, 32 µmol) and sodium tert-butoxide (92 mg, 0.96 mmol) under Argon. The mixture was back-filled with Argon several times. The mixture was dissolved in anhydrous Toluene (10 mL) and heated at 100 °C for 4 h. After cooling, the

reaction mixture was diluted with dichloromethane (20 mL) and filtered through a celite pad, washing with dichloromethane (40 mL). The filtrate was reduced *in vacuo*. The product was separated via flash chromatography (silica gel, heptanes/dichloromethane/ethylacetate 10:1:1) to yield 5-phenyl-5*H*-pyrido[3,2-*b*]indole **8a** (65 mg, 83%) as a white solid; m.p. 99–101 °C; ¹H NMR (250 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.50 (dd, *J* = 4.7, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 8.40 – 8.30 (m, 1H), 7.60 – 7.12 (m, 11H); ¹³C NMR (63 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 142.54, 142.26, 141.54, 136.84, 134.31, 130.04, 127.95, 127.80, 126.79, 122.45, 120.87, 120.83, 120.18, 116.72, 110.04; IR (ATR, cm^{−1}): ν = 3053 (m), 1622 (m), 1593 (s), 1574 (m), 1502 (s), 1481 (s), 1452 (s), 1412 (vs), 1371 (m), 1340 (m), 1315 (m), 1304 (s), 1282 (m), 1234 (m), 1209 (s), 1178 (m), 1167 (m), 1147 (m), 1119 (m), 1107 (m), 1072 (m), 1026 (m), 1011 (m), 931 (m), 906 (m), 787 (m), 777 (s), 762 (s), 744 (vs), 727 (vs), 698 (vs), 665 (m), 642 (m), 633 (s), 615 (s), 582 (m), 567 (m), 534 (m); GC-MS (EI, 70 eV): m/z (%) = 244 (100), 216 (4), 189 (3), 167 (3), 152 (3), 140 (4), 122 (9), 88 (3), 77 (4), 63 (3), 51 (5), 39 (4); HRMS (EI): calcd. for C₁₇H₁₂N₂ ([M]⁺): 244.09950; found: 244.09922;



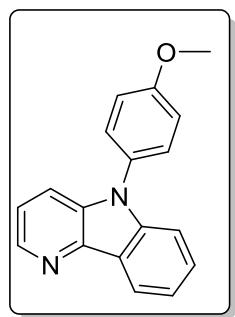
5-(4-fluorophenyl)-5*H*-pyrido[3,2-*b*]indole 8b prepared following general procedure D using **3b** (100 mg, 0.32 mmol) and 4-fluoroaniline (45 μL, 0.48 mmol). The product was purified by flash chromatography (silica gel, heptanes/dichloromethane/ethylacetate 8:1:1) to yield **8b** (61 mg, 73 %) as a white solid; m.p. 115–117 °C; ¹H NMR (250 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.49 (dd, *J* = 4.7, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 8.39 – 8.29 (m, 1H), 7.53 – 7.32 (m, 4H), 7.31 – 7.11 (m, 3H), 6.78 – 6.65 (m, 1H), 6.48 (ddd, *J* = 6.7, 5.2, 2.9 Hz, 1H); ¹⁹F NMR (282 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -112.83 (s); ¹³C NMR (63 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 161.79 (d, *J* = 248.2 Hz), 142.62, 141.69, 134.45, 132.77, 128.73 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz), 128.06, 122.38, 120.94, 120.27, 117.24, 116.88, 116.50, 115.61 (d, *J* = 22.4 Hz), 109.80; IR (ATR, cm^{−1}): ν = 3055 (m), 3037 (m), 1620 (m), 1587 (m), 1506 (vs), 1477 (s), 1452 (s), 1412 (s), 1354 (m), 1342 (m), 1311 (s), 1294 (m), 1281 (m), 1215 (s), 1207 (s), 1169 (s), 1151 (s), 1119 (m), 1105 (m), 1093 (s), 1049 (m), 1034 (m), 1028 (m), 1011 (m), 937 (m), 912 (s), 845 (s), 833 (s), 816 (s), 781 (s), 764 (m), 742 (vs), 727 (vs), 715 (s), 700 (s), 646 (m), 627 (m), 617 (s), 575 (s), 534 (s); GC-MS (EI, 70 eV): m/z (%) = 262 (100), 261 (29), 131 (10); HRMS (EI): calcd. for C₁₇H₁₁F₁N₂ ([M]⁺): 262.09008; found: 262.08948.

5-(3-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)-5H-pyrido[3,2-*b*]indole 8c prepared



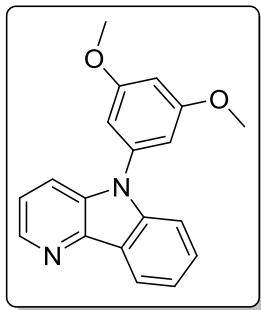
following general procedure D using **3b** (100 mg, 0.32 mmol) and 3-(trifluoromethyl)aniline (60 μ L, 0.48 mmol). The product was purified by flash chromatography (silica gel, heptanes/dichloromethane/ethylacetate 8:1:1) to yield **8c** (64 mg, 64 %) as a white solid; m.p. 144–146 °C; 1 H NMR (250 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.54 (dd, *J* = 4.7, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 8.47 – 8.29 (m, 1H), 7.84 – 7.53 (m, 4H), 7.52 – 7.14 (m, 4H); 19 F NMR (282 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -62.70 (s); 13 C NMR (63 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 143.08, 142.52, 141.17, 137.65, 133.96, 132.76 (q, *J* = 33.2 Hz), 130.80, 130.03, 128.26, 124.44 (q, *J* = 3.6 Hz), 123.61 (q, *J* = 3.6 Hz), 122.75, 121.41, 121.09, 120.39, 116.43, 109.66; IR (ATR, cm⁻¹): ν = 3055 (w), 3041 (w), 1622 (m), 1606 (w), 1595 (m), 1579 (w), 1498 (m), 1481 (m), 1456 (s), 1412 (s), 1362 (m), 1356 (m), 1333 (m), 1309 (s), 1292 (m), 1275 (m), 1232 (m), 1217 (m), 1207 (m), 1182 (s), 1163 (s), 1155 (s), 1117 (vs), 1095 (s), 1074 (s), 1028 (m), 1014 (m), 1001 (m), 966 (m), 945 (m), 935 (m), 928 (m), 918 (m), 906 (m), 854 (w), 810 (m), 802 (s), 791 (m), 781 (s), 760 (w), 744 (vs), 727 (s), 715 (s), 706 (vs), 673 (m), 663 (s), 638 (m), 621 (m), 607 (m), 582 (w), 563 (w), 536 (m); GC-MS (EI, 70 eV): m/z (%) = 312 (100), 242 (8); HRMS (EI): calcd. for C₁₈H₁₁F₃N₂ ([M]⁺): 312.08688; found: 312.08662.

5-(4-methoxyphenyl)-5H-pyrido[3,2-*b*]indole 8d prepared following

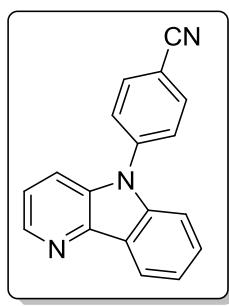


general procedure D using **3b** (100 mg, 0.32 mmol) and *p*-anisidine (59 mg, 0.48 mmol). The product was purified by flash chromatography (silica gel, heptanes/dichloromethane/ethylacetate 5:1:1) to yield **8d** (88 mg, 94 %) as a white solid; m.p. 128–130 °C; 1 H NMR (250 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.53 (dd, *J* = 4.7, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 8.43 – 8.30 (m, 1H), 7.55 (dd, *J* = 8.3, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.50 – 7.21 (m, 6H), 7.11 – 6.99 (m, 2H), 3.85 (s, 3H); 13 C NMR (63 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 159.13, 142.22, 142.06, 134.81, 129.36, 128.30, 127.90, 122.13, 120.85, 120.59, 120.12, 116.68, 115.22, 109.97, 55.62; IR (ATR, cm⁻¹): ν = 2955 (w), 2929 (w), 2837 (w), 1620 (m), 1510 (vs), 1479 (m), 1454 (s), 1441 (m), 1414 (s), 1385 (w), 1342 (m), 1313 (s), 1300 (m), 1286 (m), 1242 (s), 1209 (s), 1176 (s), 1149 (m), 1120 (m), 1107 (s), 1066 (m), 1028 (s), 1012 (m), 937 (m), 912 (m), 860 (w), 829 (s), 812 (m), 791 (s), 748 (vs), 729 (vs), 700 (s), 667 (m), 646 (m), 629 (m), 617 (s), 584 (s),

536 (s); GC-MS (EI, 70 eV): m/z (%) = 274 (100), 259 (55), 231 (13), 230 (15), 229 (14), 115 (9); HRMS (EI): calcd. for $C_{18}H_{14}O_1N_2$ ($[M]^+$): 274.11006; found: 274.11009.



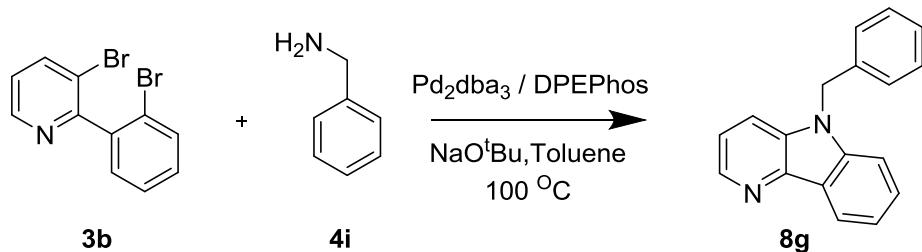
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5-(4-cyanophenyl)-5H-pyrido[3,2-b]indole 8f prepared following general procedure D using **3b** (100 mg, 0.32 mmol) and 4-aminobenzonitrile (56 mg, 0.48 mmol). The product was purified by flash chromatography (silica gel, heptanes/dichloromethane/ethylacetate 4:1:1) to yield **8f** (36 mg, 42 %) as a white solid; m.p. 162–164 °C; 1H NMR (250 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 8.57 (dd, J = 4.7, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 8.41 – 8.33 (m, 1H), 7.90 – 7.81 (m, 2H), 7.71 – 7.60 (m, 3H), 7.52 – 7.23 (m, 4H), ^{13}C NMR (63 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 143.51, 141.21, 134.10, 133.45, 128.42, 126.86, 123.12, 121.88, 121.23, 120.49, 116.59, 111.02, 109.77; IR (ATR, cm^{-1}): ν = 3051 (w), 3007 (w), 2226 (m), 1616 (w), 1601 (s), 1587 (m), 1558 (w), 1506 (s), 1489 (w), 1479 (m), 1454 (m), 1412 (s), 1373 (w), 1354 (m), 1340 (m), 1315 (s), 1290 (m), 1246 (w), 1234 (m), 1221 (m), 1207 (s), 1182 (m), 1169 (m), 1153 (m), 1136 (m), 1128 (m), 1117 (m), 1107 (m),

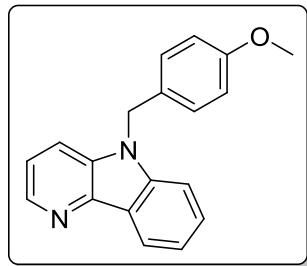
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General procedure E for double C-N coupling with chain amine derivatives, exemplified by: 5-benzyl-5H-pyrido[3,2-b]indole 8g

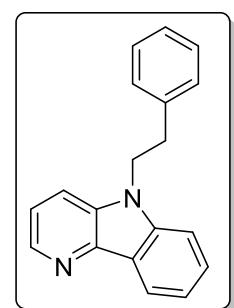


To pressure tube charged with **3b** (100 mg, 0.32 mmol), Pd₂(dba)₃ (15 mg, 16 µmol), ligand DPEPhos (17 mg, 32 µmol) and sodium tert-butoxide (92 mg, 0.96 mmol) under Argon. The mixture was back-filled with Argon several times. The mixture was dissolved in anhydrous Toluene (10 mL). benzylamine **4i** (52 µL, 0.48 mmol) was added to the mixture and heated at 100 °C for 7 h. After cooling, the reaction mixture was diluted with dichloromethane (20 mL) and filtered through a celite pad, washing with dichloromethane (40 mL). The filtrate was reduced *in vacuo*. The product was separated via flash chromatography (silica gel, heptanes/dichloromethane/ethylacetate 5:1:1) to yield **8g** (76 mg, 92 %) as a white solid; m.p. 137-139 °C; ¹H NMR (250 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.43 (dd, *J* = 4.7, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 8.32 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.45 – 7.30 (m, 2H), 7.28 – 7.01 (m, 6H), 6.93 (dd, *J* = 6.7, 2.6 Hz, 2H), 5.26 (s, 2H); ¹³C NMR (63 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 140.82, 140.75, 140.27, 135.40, 132.91, 127.78, 126.80, 126.62, 125.25, 121.08, 119.82, 119.07, 118.93, 114.75, 108.14, 45.35; IR (ATR, cm⁻¹): ν = 3051 (w), 3028 (w), 2926 (w), 1622 (m), 1603 (w), 1589 (m), 1576 (w), 1558 (w), 1495 (m), 1483 (m), 1458 (s), 1450 (s), 1414 (s), 1373 (m), 1356 (w), 1335 (s), 1319 (s), 1281 (w), 1263 (w), 1242 (m), 1211 (m), 1194 (s), 1178 (m), 1149 (m), 1132 (m), 1117 (m), 1080 (m), 1057 (w), 1047 (w), 1028 (m), 1012 (m), 999 (w), 972 (w), 962 (w), 937 (w), 912 (w), 845 (m), 802 (w), 789 (m), 781 (s), 742 (vs), 731 (vs), 721 (vs), 694 (s), 644 (m), 621 (m), 600 (m), 584 (m), 567 (m), 557

(m), 536 (m); GC-MS (EI, 70 eV): m/z (%) = 258 (88), 181 (5), 167 (8), 91 (100), 39 (9); HRMS (EI): calcd. for C₁₈H₁₄N₂ ([M]⁺): 258.11515; found: 258.11534.



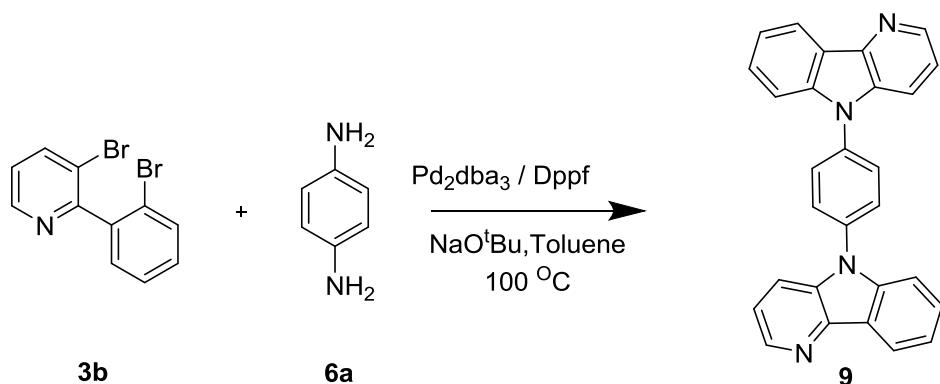
5-(4-methoxybenzyl)-5H-pyrido[3,2-b]indole 8h prepared following general procedure E using compound **3b** (100 mg, 0.32 mmol) and 4-methoxybenzylamine (63 μ L, 0.48 mmol). The product was purified by flash chromatography (silica gel, heptanes/dichloromethane/ethylacetate 3:1:1) to yield **8h** (60 mg, 65 %) as a white solid; m.p. 124–126 °C; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.42 (dt, *J* = 5.7, 2.9 Hz, 1H), 8.36 – 8.28 (m, 1H), 7.48 – 7.31 (m, 2H), 7.30 – 7.07 (m, 3H), 6.88 (t, *J* = 5.8 Hz, 2H), 6.68 – 6.58 (m, 2H), 5.22 (s, 2H), 3.57 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 159.15, 141.92, 141.77, 141.37, 134.01, 128.51, 127.90, 127.71, 122.17, 120.94, 120.12, 120.02, 115.94, 114.27, 109.30, 55.24, 46.00; IR (ATR, cm⁻¹): ν = 2931 (w), 2835 (w), 1624 (m), 1610 (m), 1583 (m), 1512 (s), 1485 (s), 1460 (s), 1443 (m), 1412 (s), 1377 (m), 1354 (w), 1323 (s), 1308 (s), 1246 (vs), 1211 (m), 1203 (m), 1194 (s), 1178 (s), 1155 (m), 1134 (m), 1113 (s), 1059 (w), 1034 (s), 1009 (m), 984 (m), 962 (m), 939 (w), 864 (w), 845 (s), 837 (m), 820 (m), 791 (s), 775 (s), 746 (vs), 727 (vs), 708 (s), 665 (m), 640 (m), 625 (s), 600 (s), 582 (m), 565 (m), 540 (s); GC-MS (EI, 70 eV): m/z (%) = 288 (29), 242 (3), 167 (8), 140 (5), 121 (100), 91 (7), 78 (10), 77 (9); HRMS (EI): calcd. for C₁₉H₁₆N₂O₁ ([M]⁺): 288.12571; found: 288.12541.



5-phenethyl-5H-pyrido[3,2-b]indole 8i prepared following general procedure E using compound **3b** (100 mg, 0.32 mmol) and 2-phenylethylamine (60 μ L, 0.48 mmol). The product was purified by flash chromatography (silica gel, heptanes/dichloromethane/ethylacetate 5:1:1) to yield **8j** (67 mg, 77 %) as a white solid; m.p. 61–63 °C; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.38 (dd, *J* = 4.7, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 8.29 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.38 (ddd, *J* = 8.2, 7.1, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.28 – 7.13 (m, 3H), 7.13 – 6.96 (m, 4H), 6.96 – 6.82 (m, 2H), 4.30 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 2.93 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H); ¹³C NMR (63 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 141.61, 141.46, 140.80, 138.37, 133.73, 128.73, 128.66, 127.66, 126.76, 122.05, 120.91, 119.88, 119.75, 115.45, 108.91, 44.82, 35.27; IR (ATR, cm⁻¹): ν = 3051 (w), 3041 (w), 3026 (w), 3001 (w), 2964 (w), 2939 (w), 2922 (w), 1622 (m), 1603 (w), 1587 (m), 1562 (w), 1483 (s), 1462 (s), 1452 (s), 1414 (vs), 1377

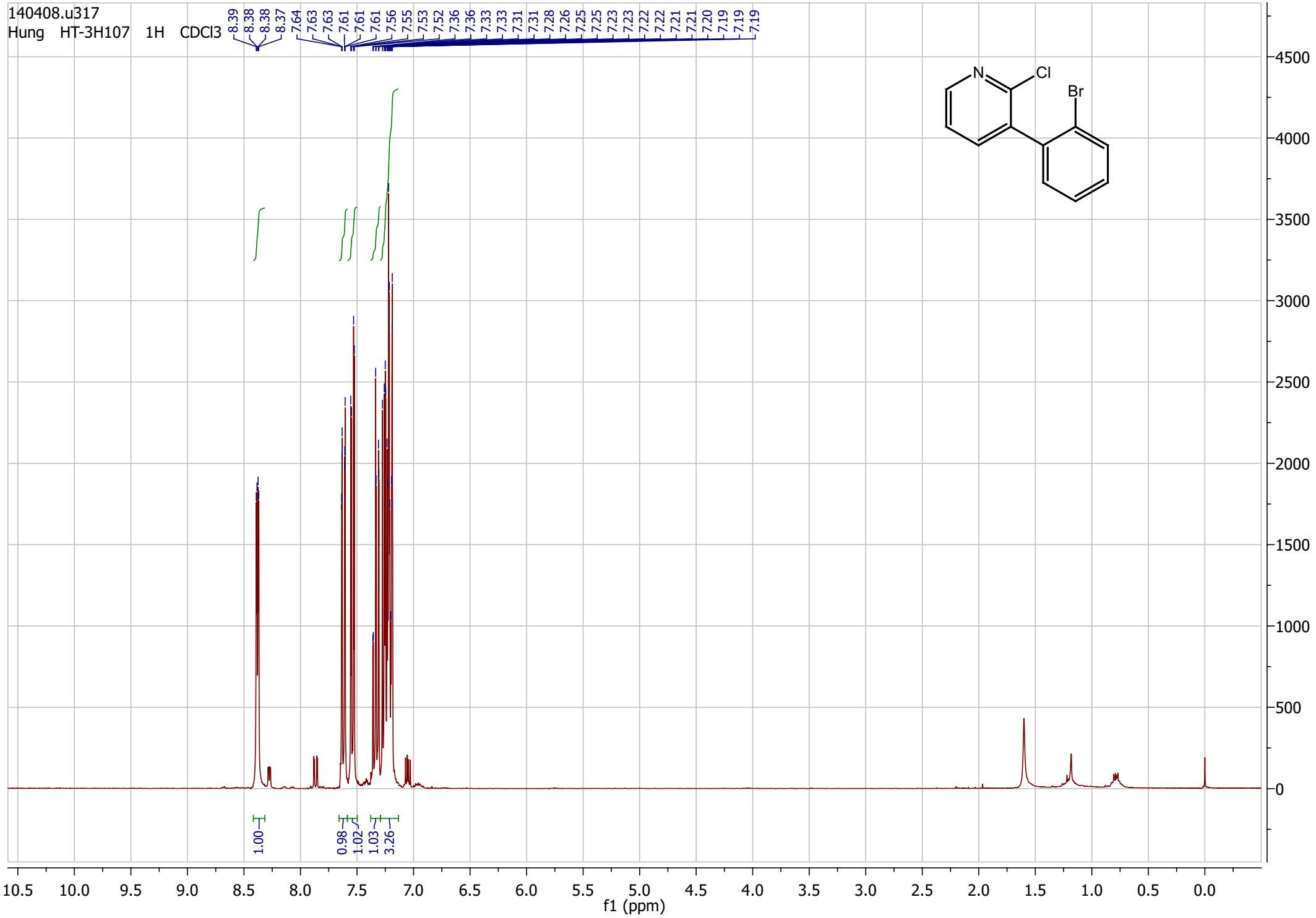
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Synthesis of 1,4-bis(5H-pyrido[3,2-b]indol-5-yl)benzene **9**



To pressure tube was charged with **3b** (200 mg, 0.64 mmol), 1,4-diaminobenzene (34 mg, 0.32 mmol), Pd₂(dba)₃ (12 mg, 13 µmol), ligand dppf (14 mg, 26 µmol) and sodium tert-butoxide (147 mg, 1.53 mmol) under Argon. The mixture was back-filled with Argon several times. The mixture was dissolved in anhydrous Toluene (10 mL) and heated at 100 °C for 10 h. After cooling, the reaction mixture was diluted with dichloromethane (20 mL) and filtered through a celite pad, washing with dichloromethane (40 mL). The filtrate was reduced *in vacuo*. The product was separated via flash chromatography (silica gel, heptanes/dichloromethane/ethylacetate 1:1:1) to yield 1,4-bis(5H-pyrido[3,2-b]indol-5-yl)benzene **9** (52 mg, 40 %) as a white solid; m.p. 277–279 °C; ¹H NMR (250 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.76 – 8.33 (m, 4H), 7.96 – 7.06 (m, 14H); ¹³C NMR (63 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 142.02, 141.51, 140.20, 137.74, 132.99, 130.64, 127.24, 124.84, 123.60, 121.75, 120.36, 120.12, 119.37, 115.61, 108.83; IR (ATR, cm⁻¹): ν = 3053 (w), 1620 (w), 1595 (m), 1585 (m), 1576 (m), 1497 (s), 1475 (m), 1450 (s), 1408 (s), 1373 (w), 1362 (w), 1340 (m), 1315 (s), 1306 (s), 1288 (m), 1263 (m), 1238 (w), 1215 (m), 1203 (s), 1178 (m), 1155 (m), 1120 (m), 1111 (m), 1101 (m), 1090 (m),

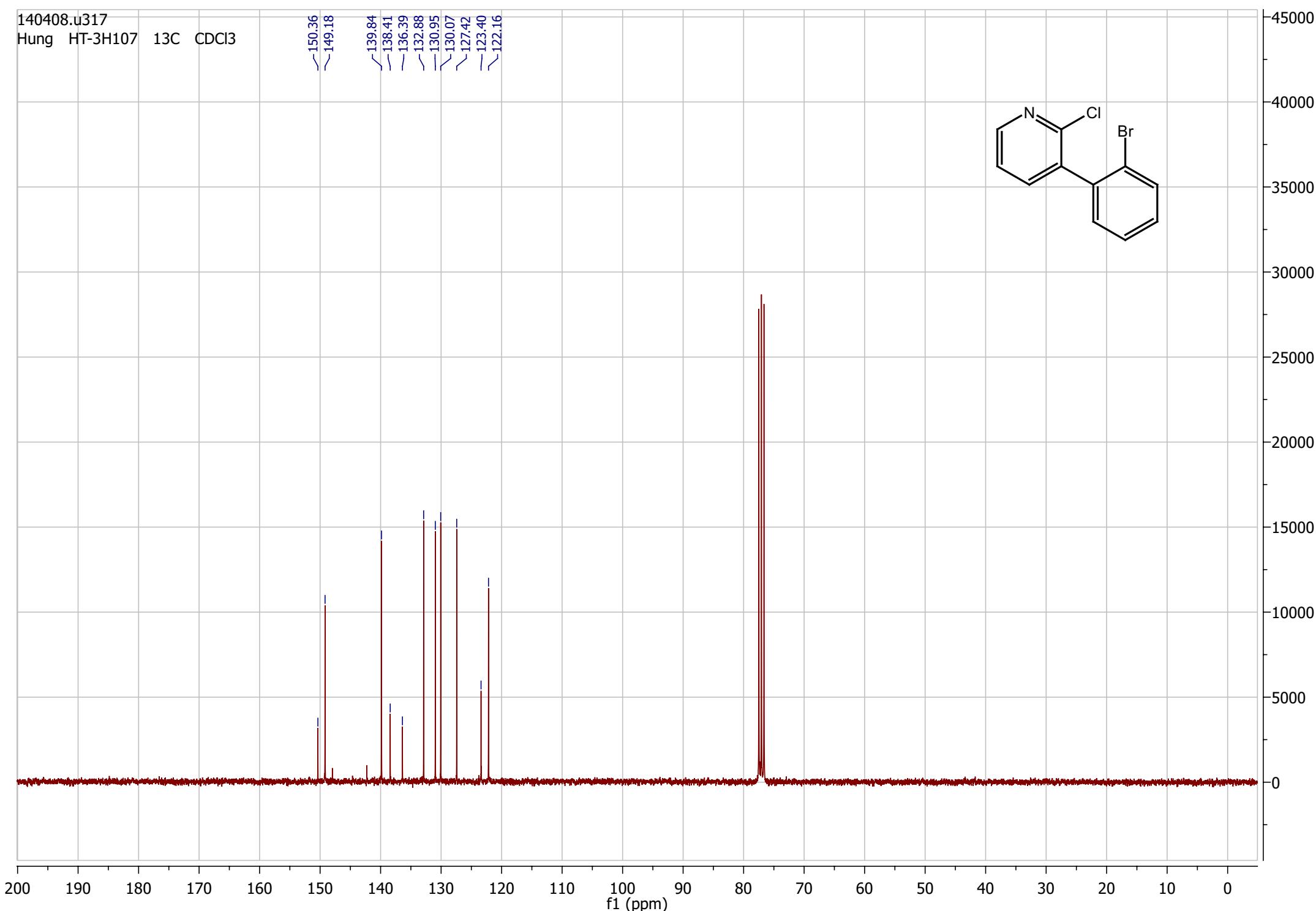
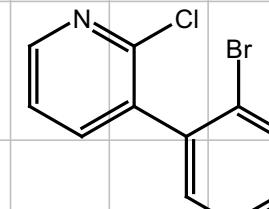
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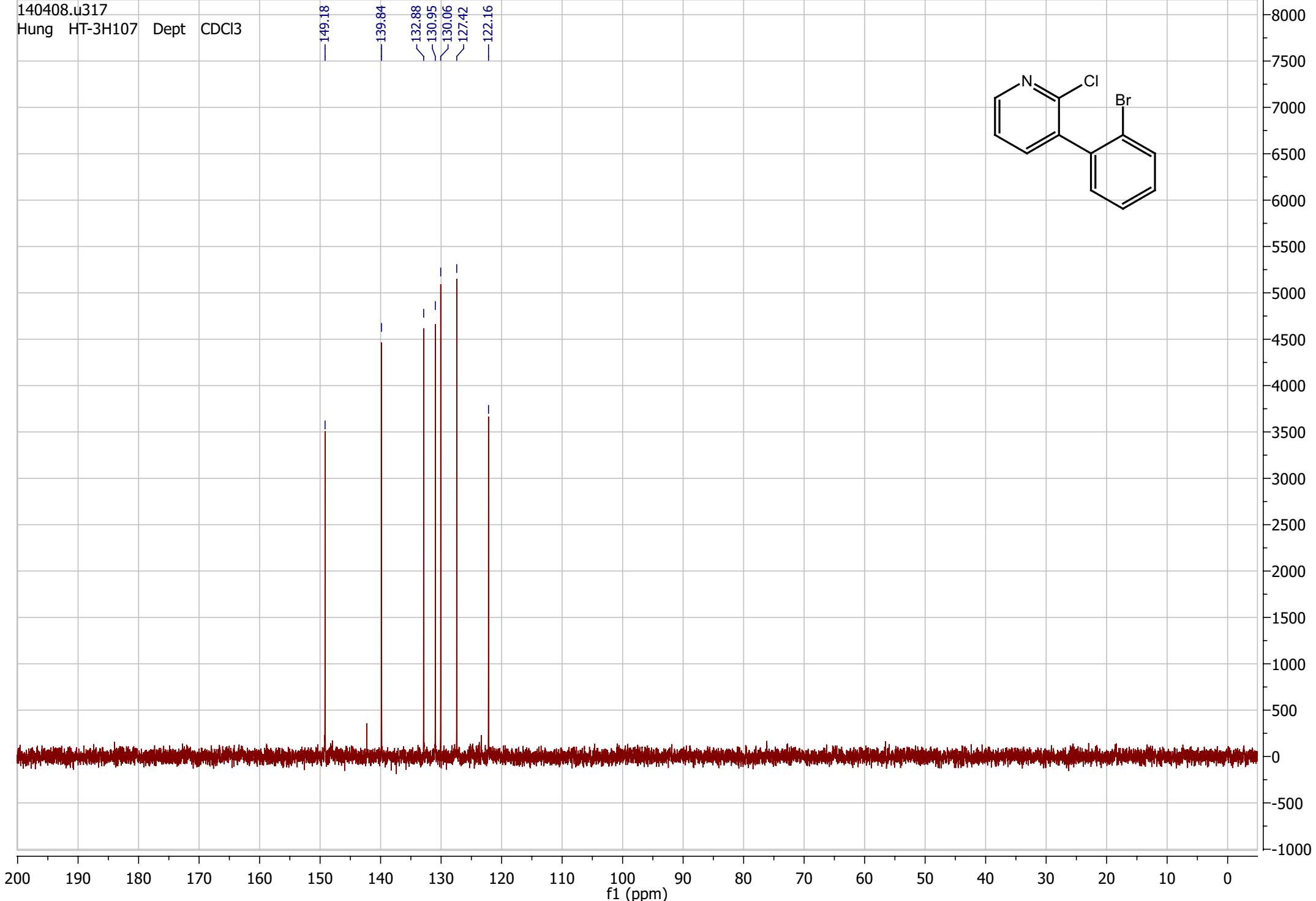
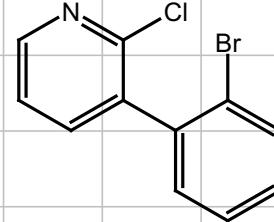
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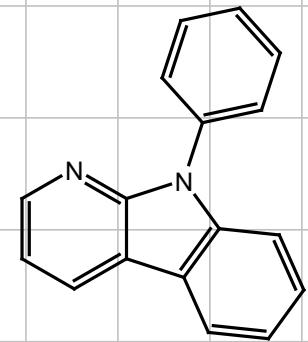
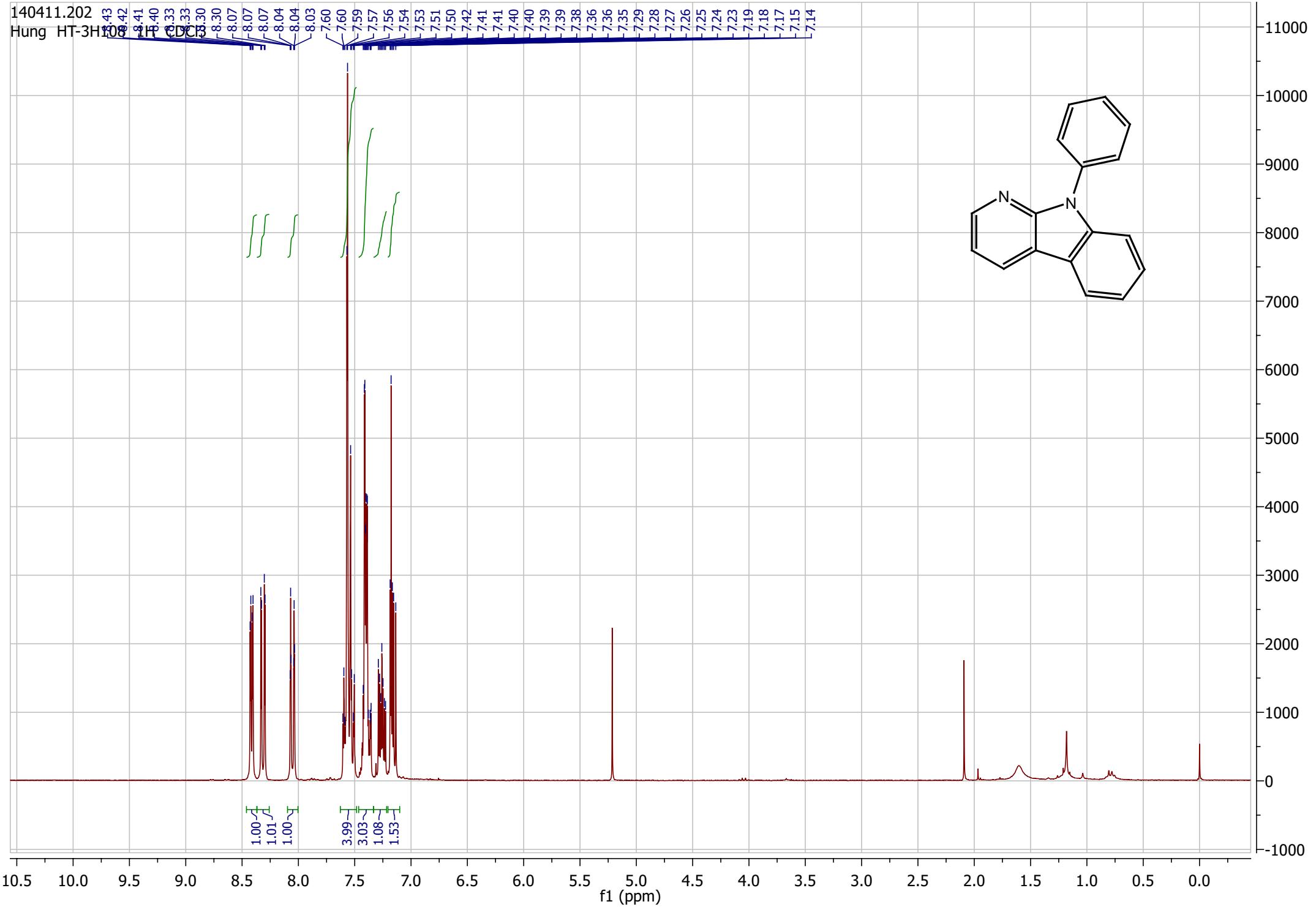


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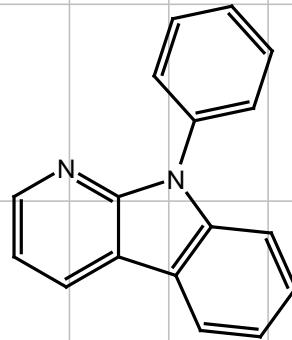
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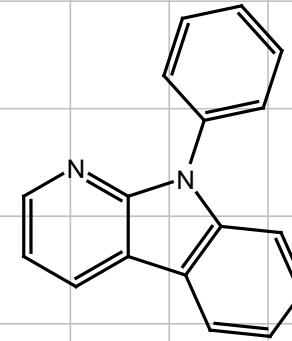


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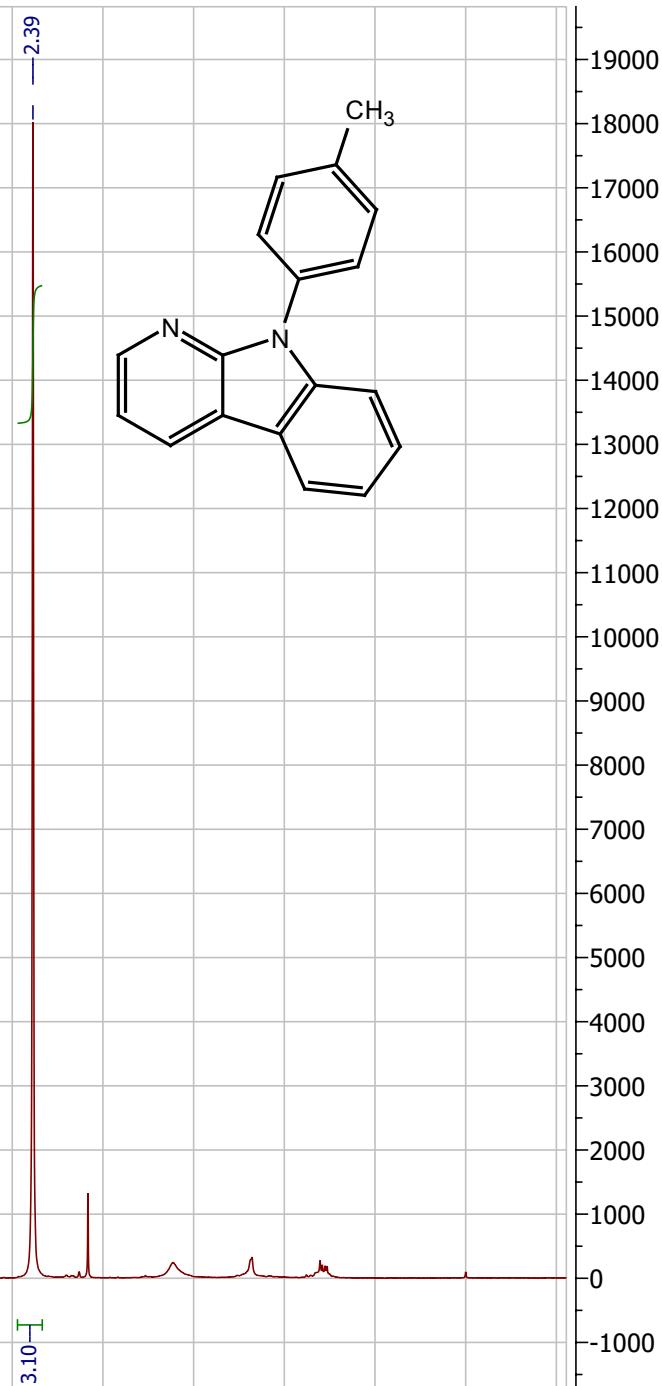
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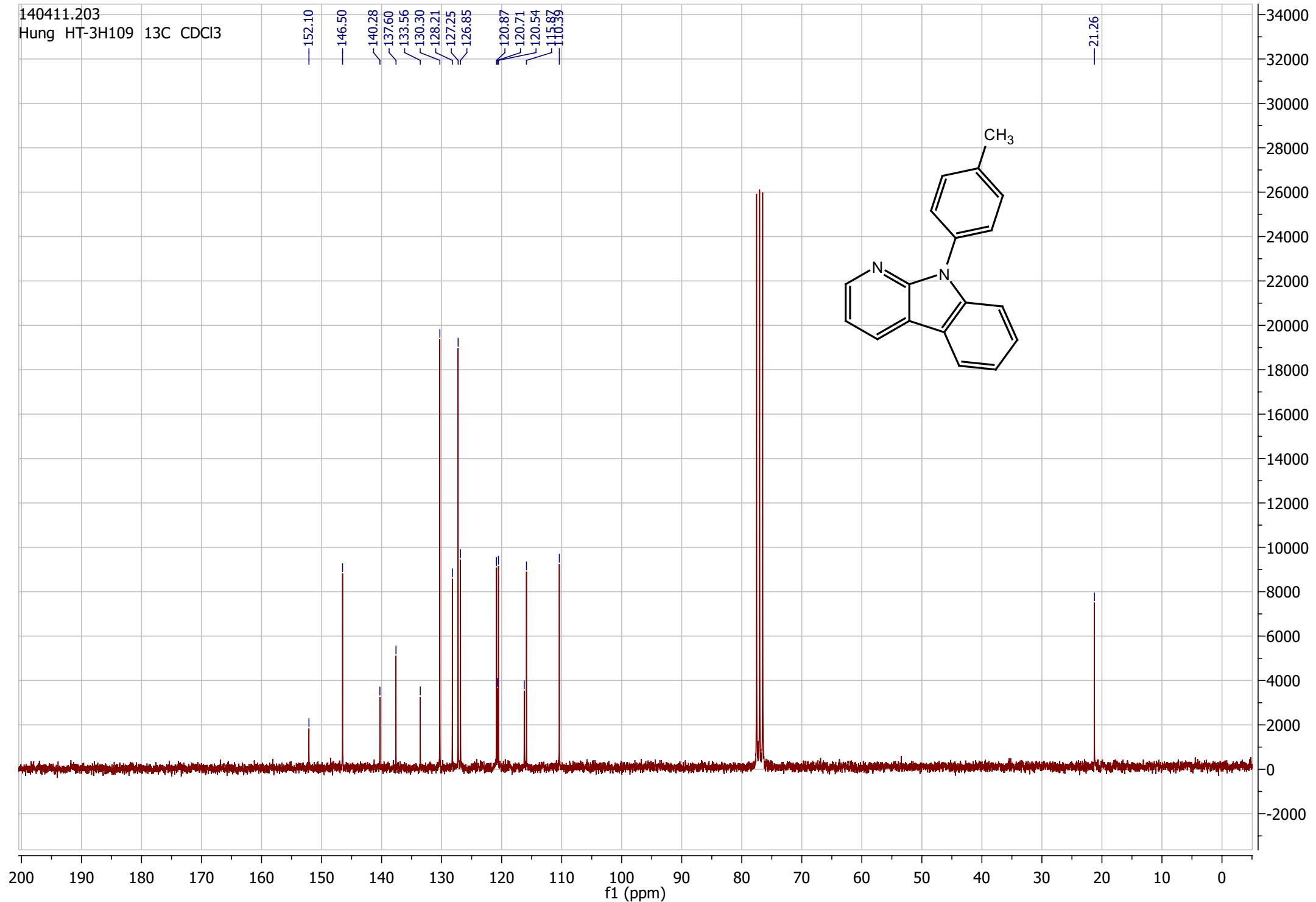
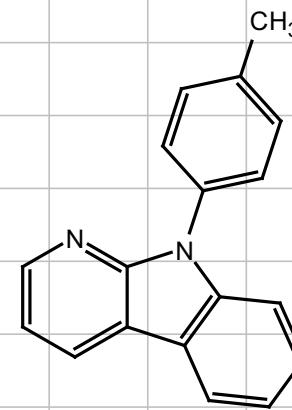


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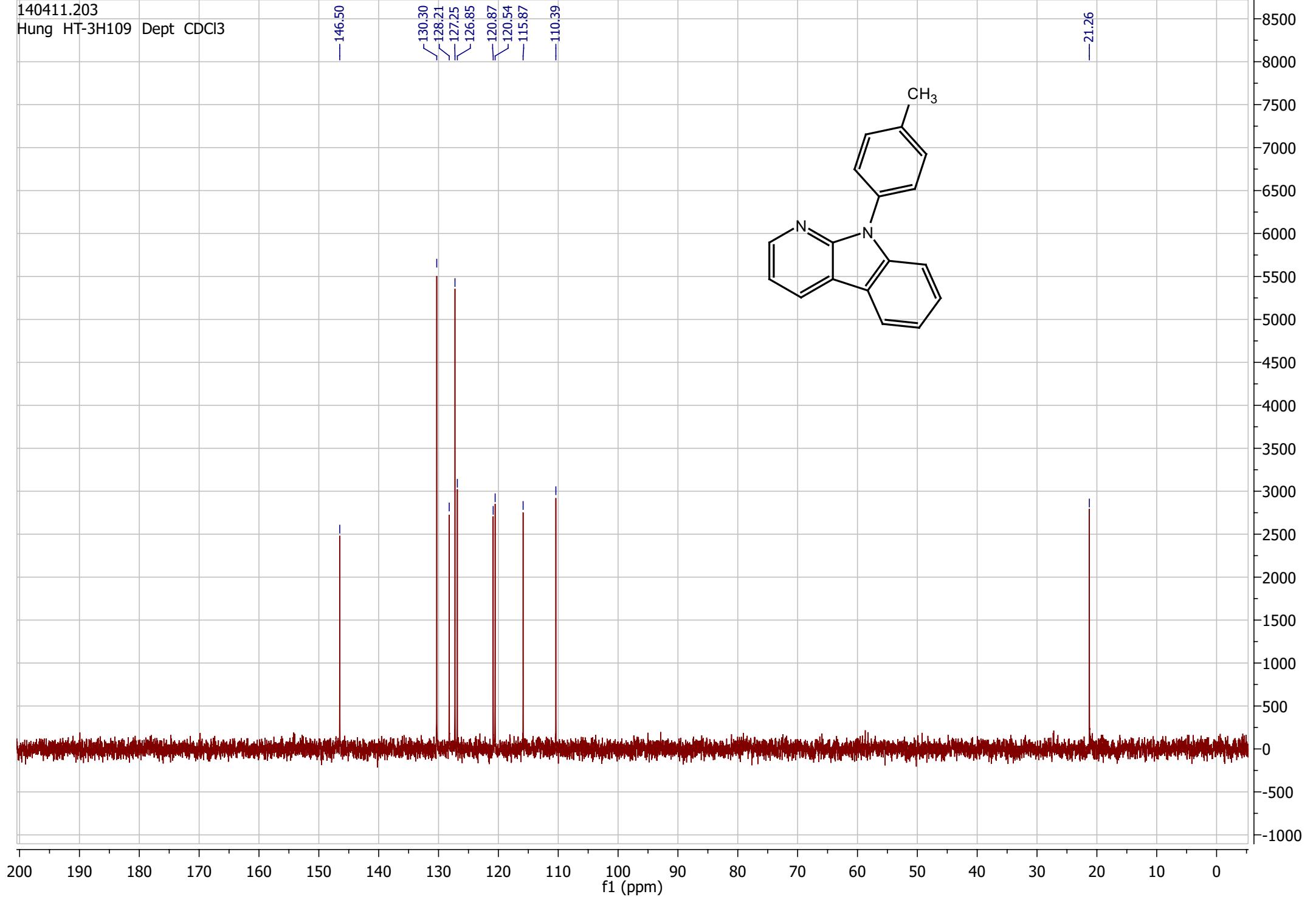
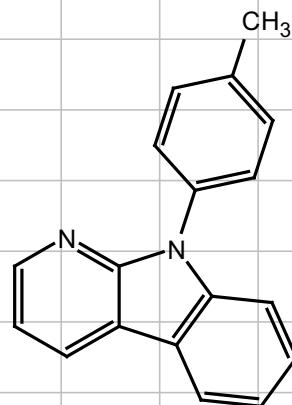
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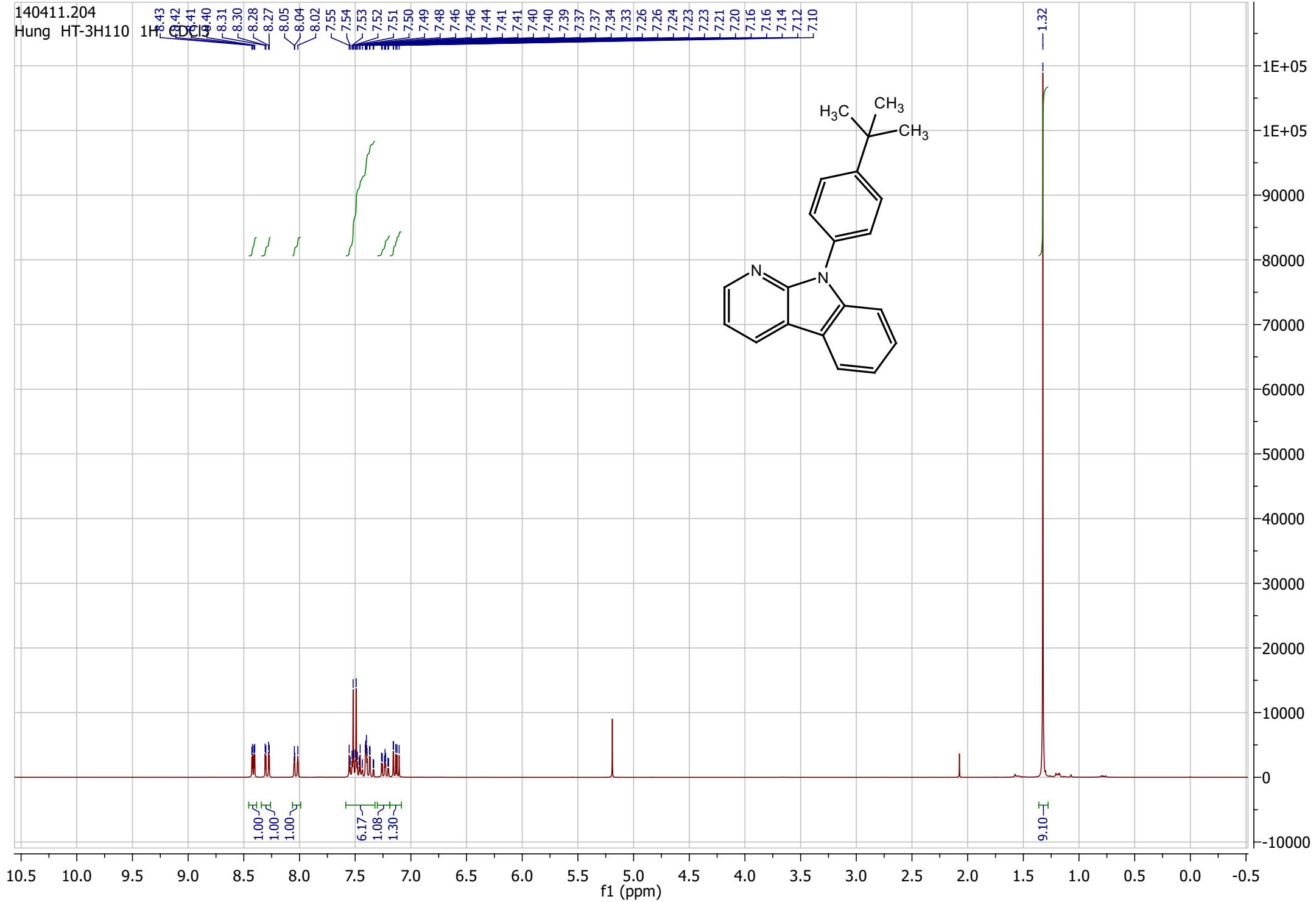
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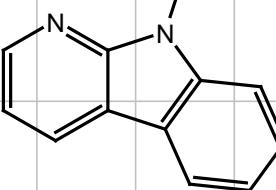
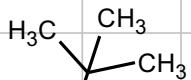


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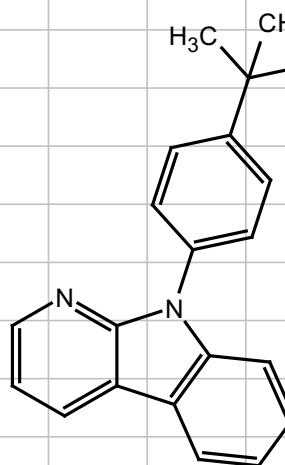
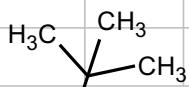
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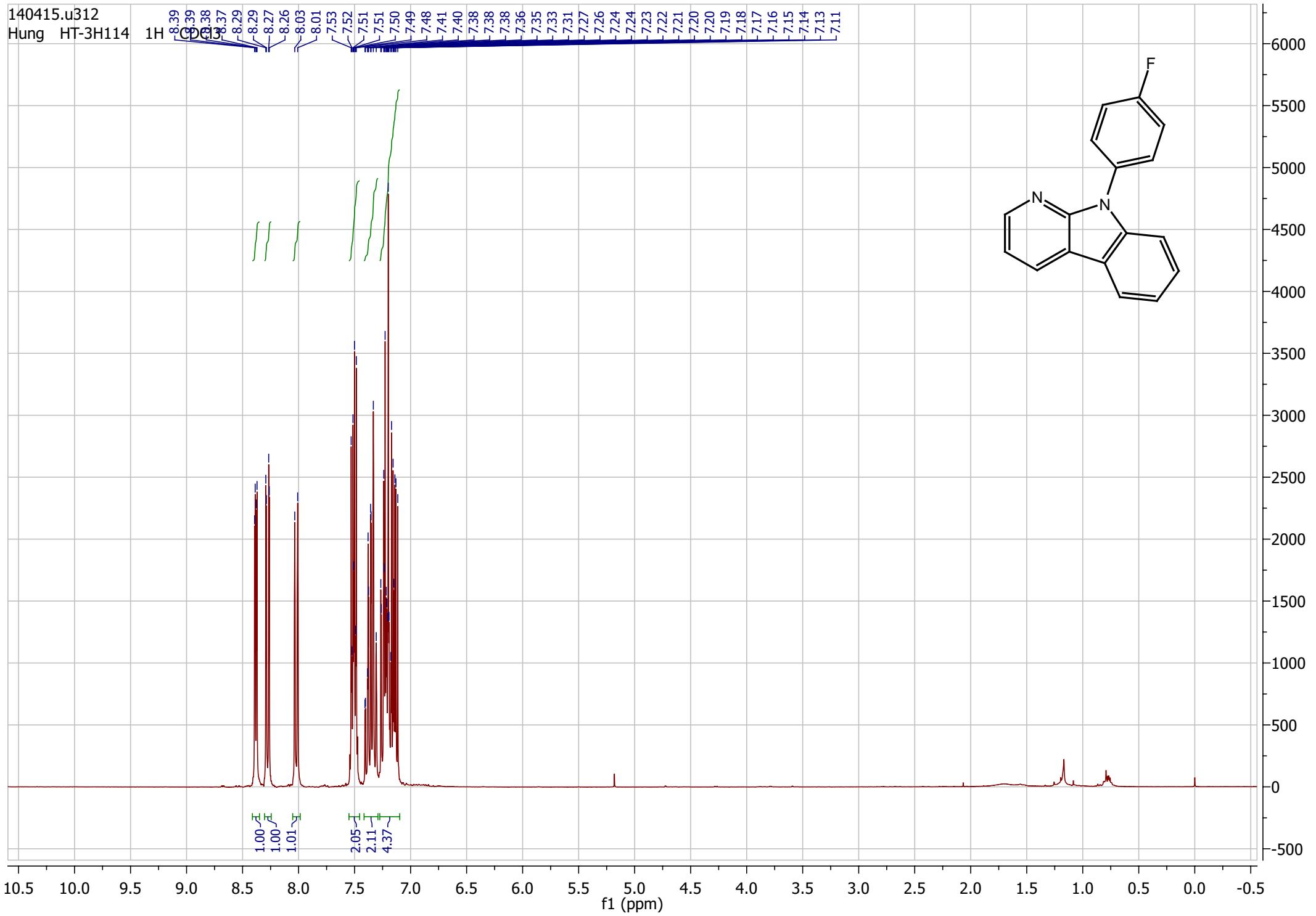
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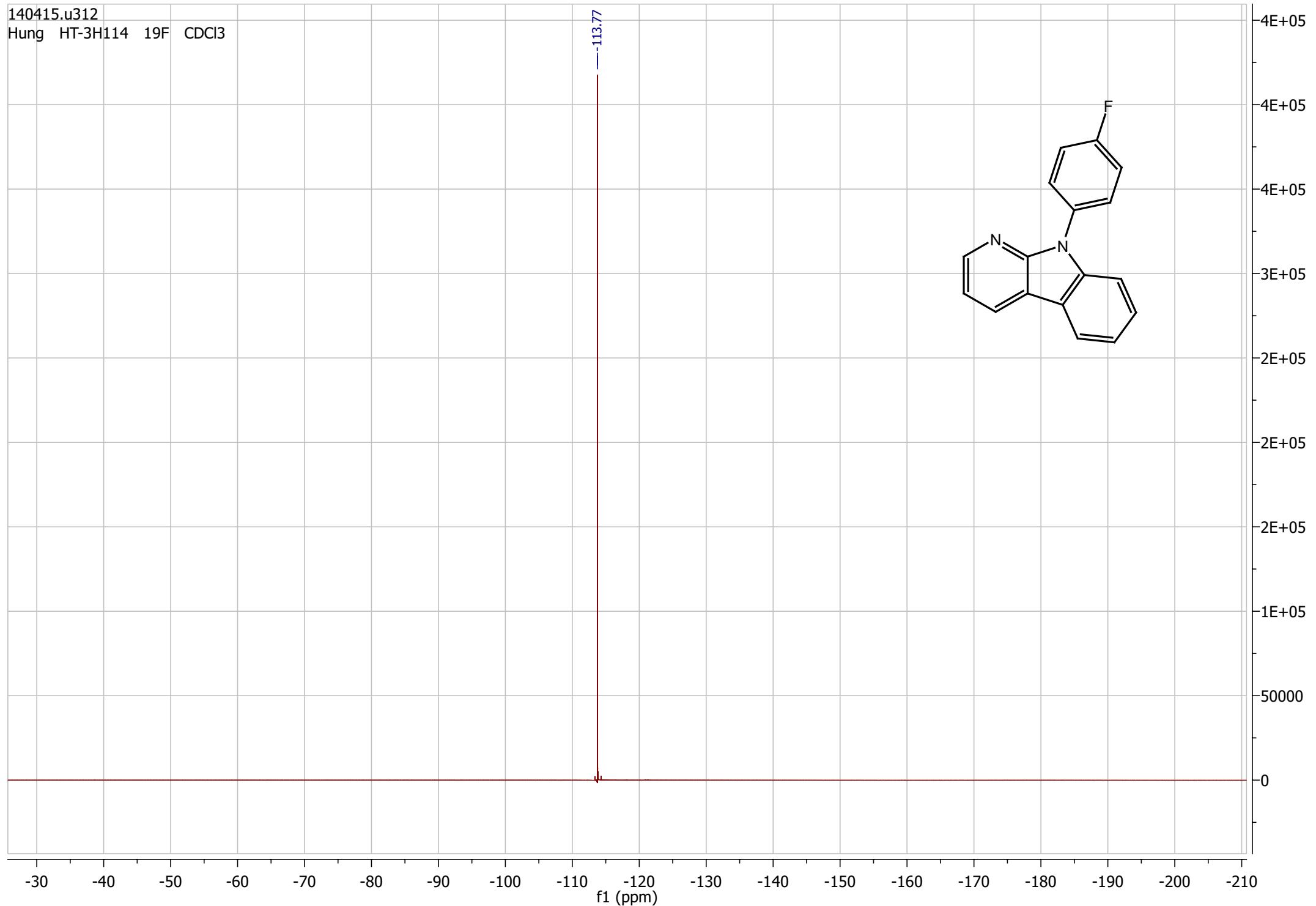
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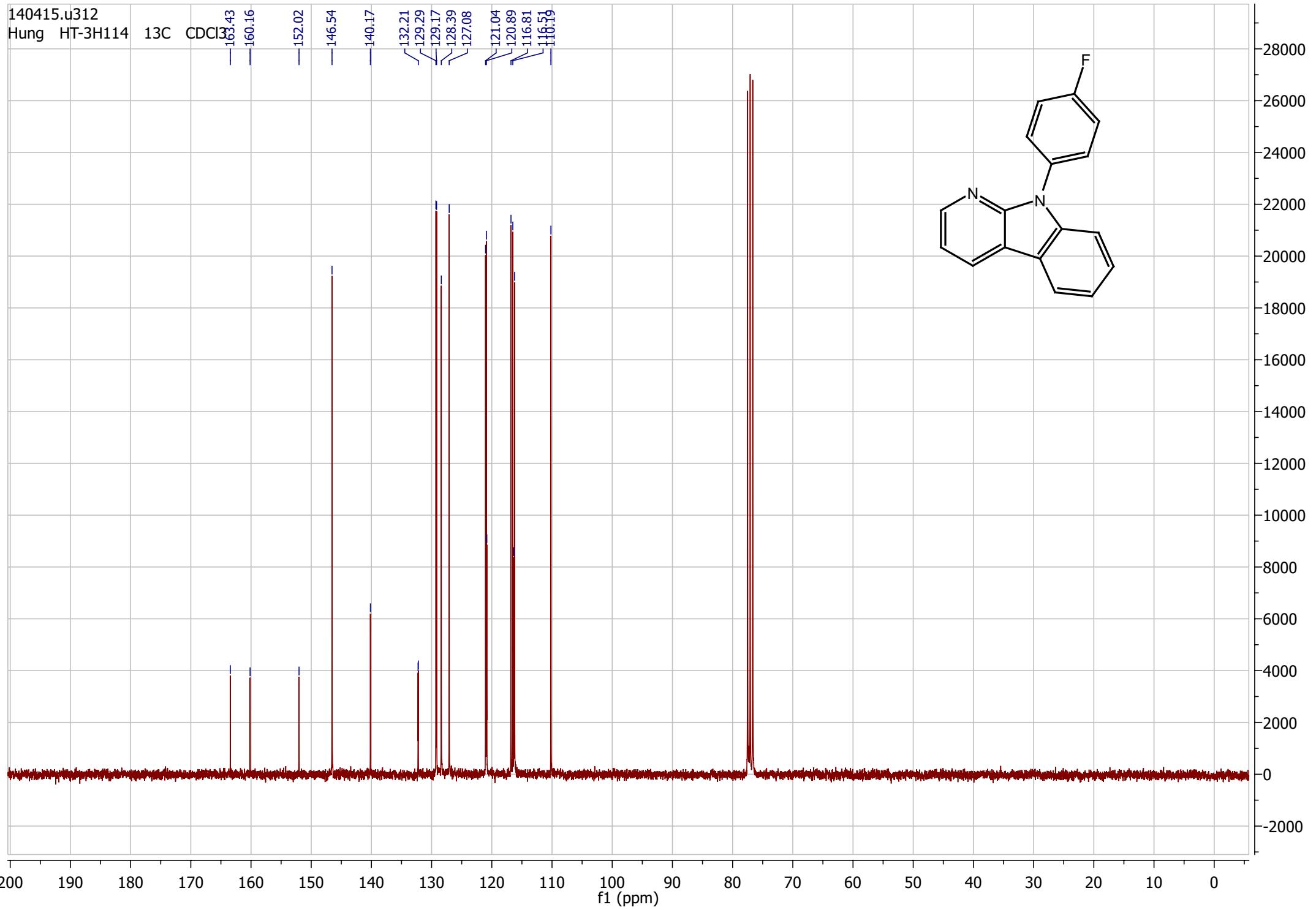
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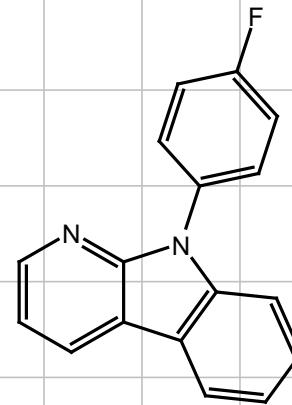


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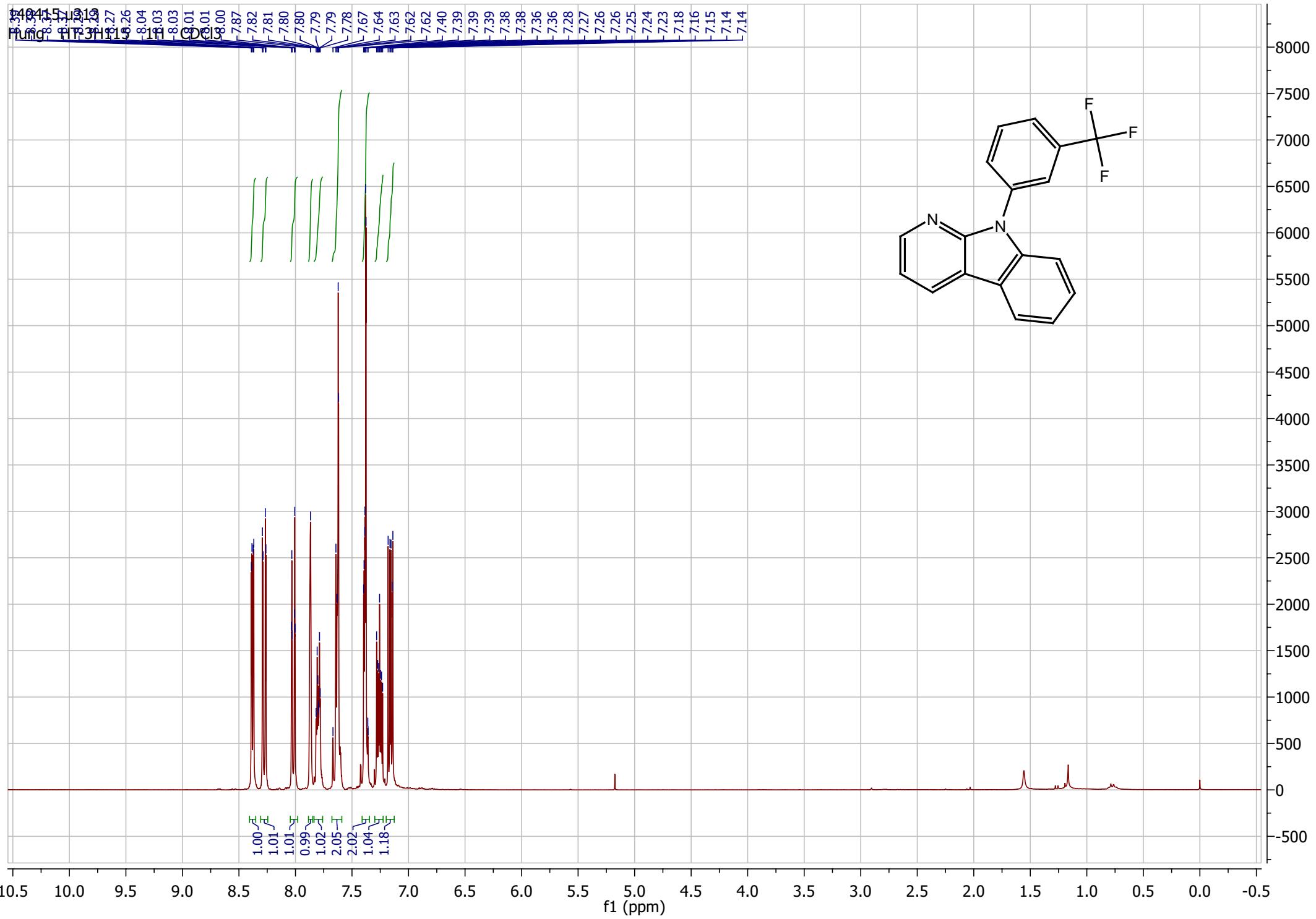
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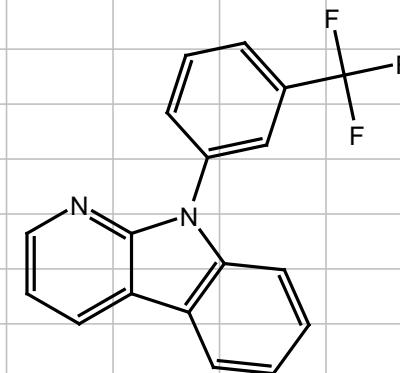
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8000
7000
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5000
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2000
1000
0
-1000



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Hung HT-3H115 19F CDCl₃

-62.50



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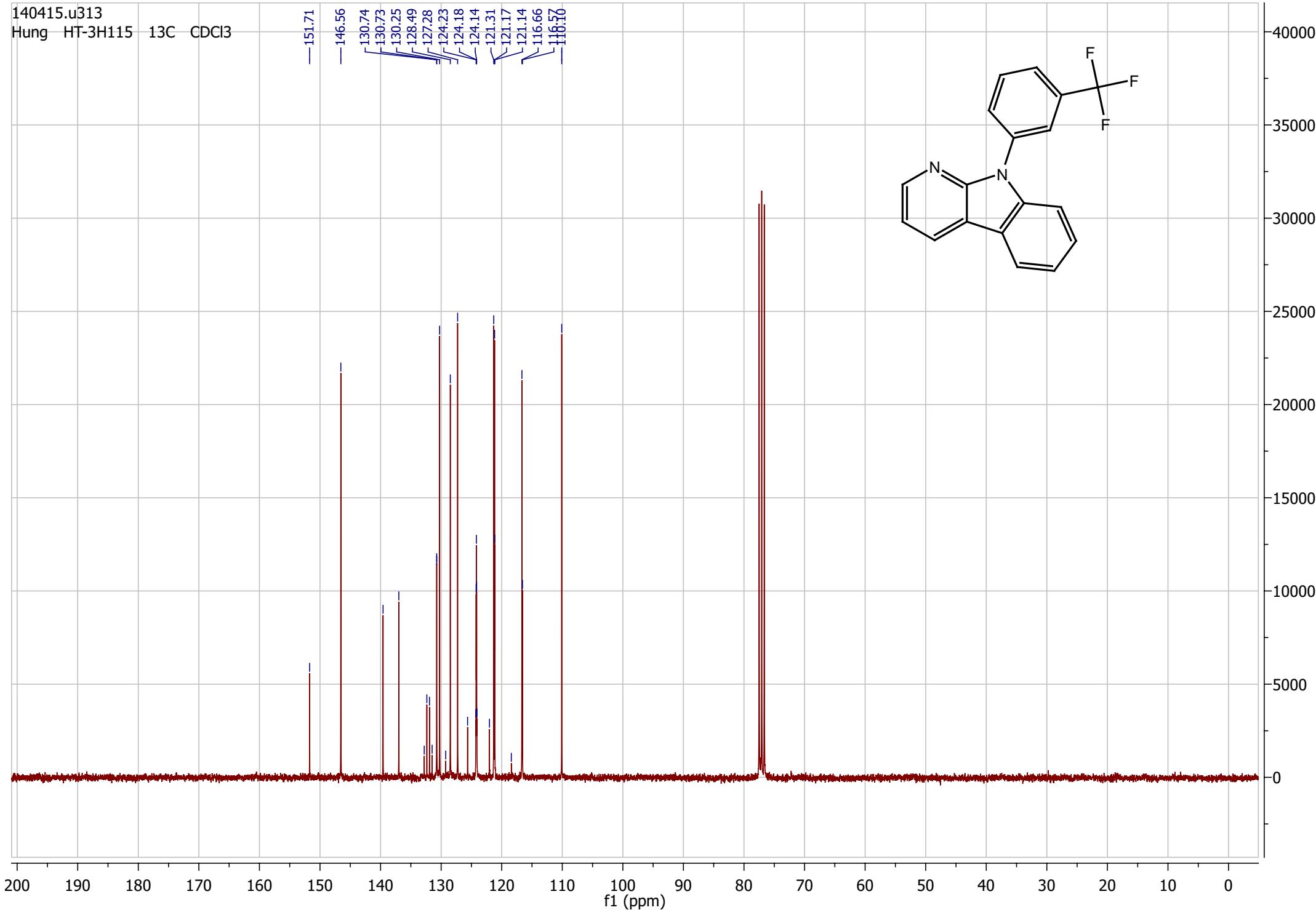
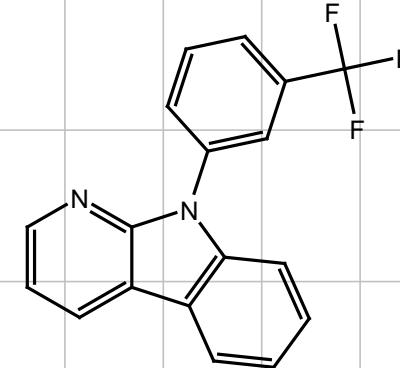
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1E+06
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5E+05
4E+05
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Hung HT-3H115 13C CDCl₃

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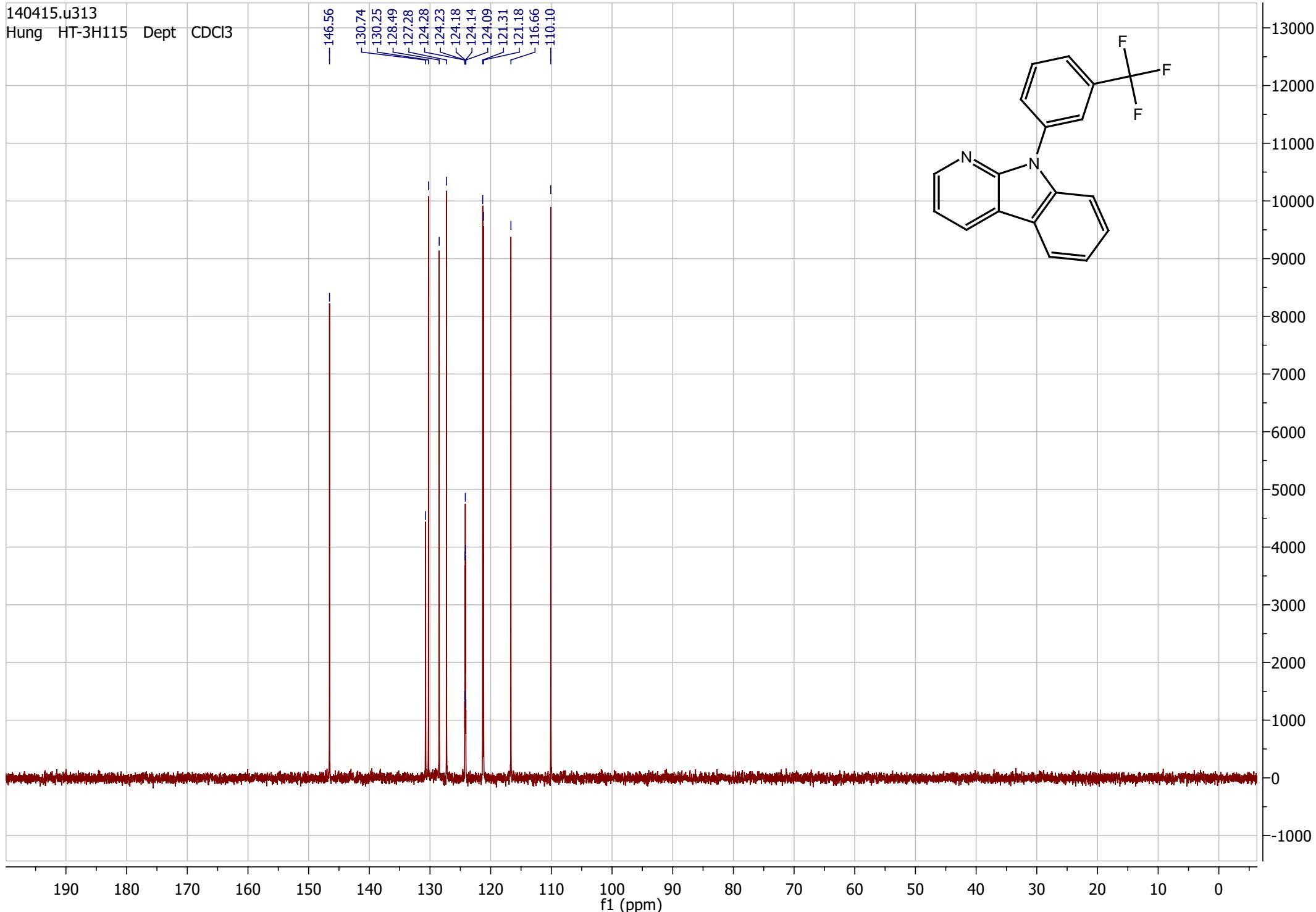
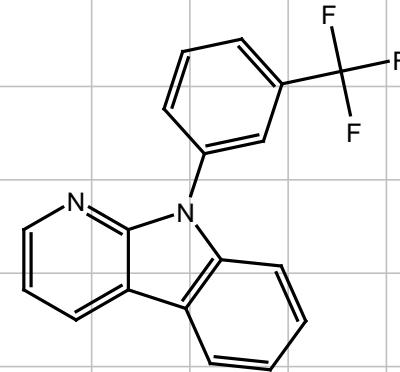
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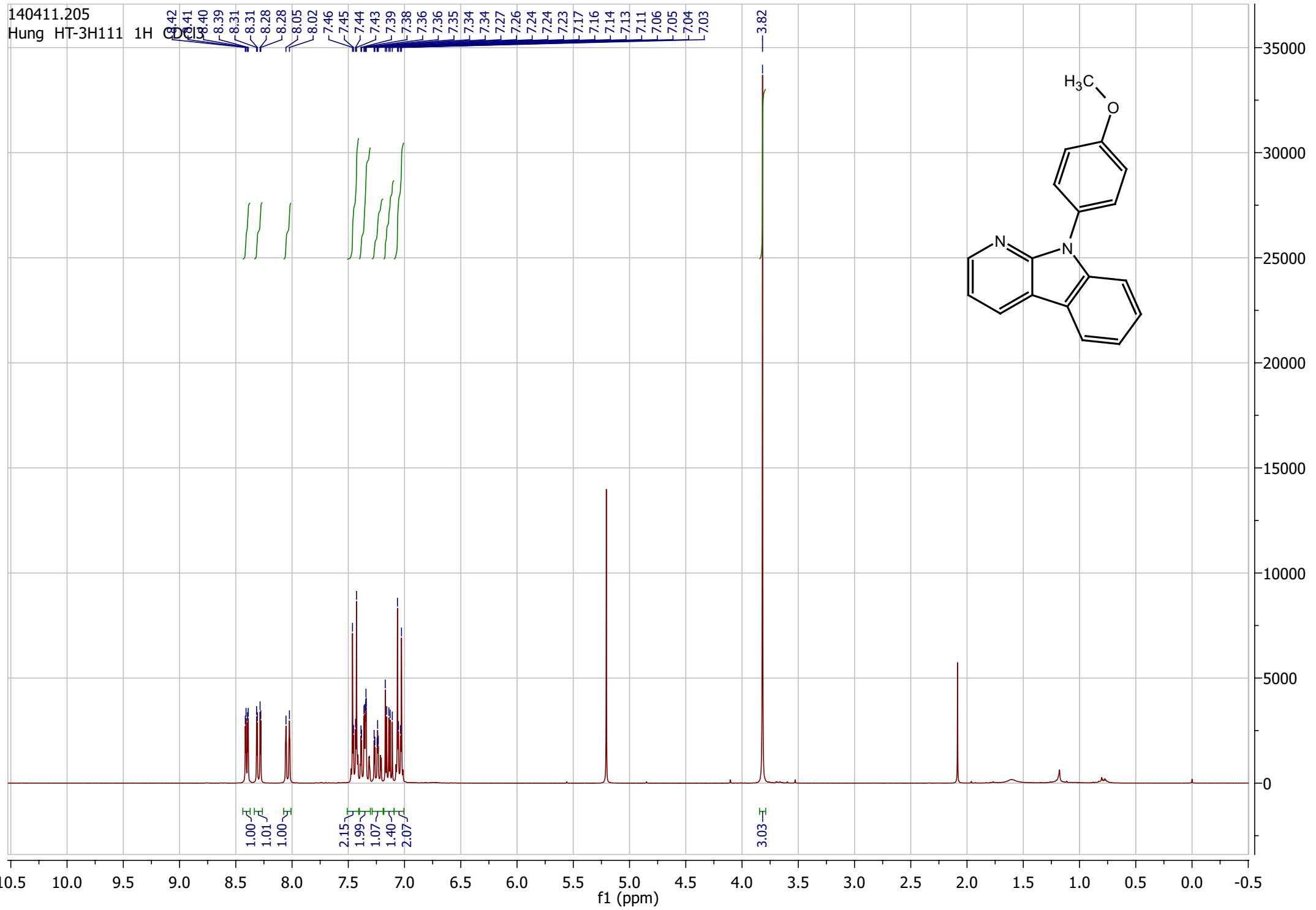


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Hung HT-3H115 Dept CDCl₃

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130.74
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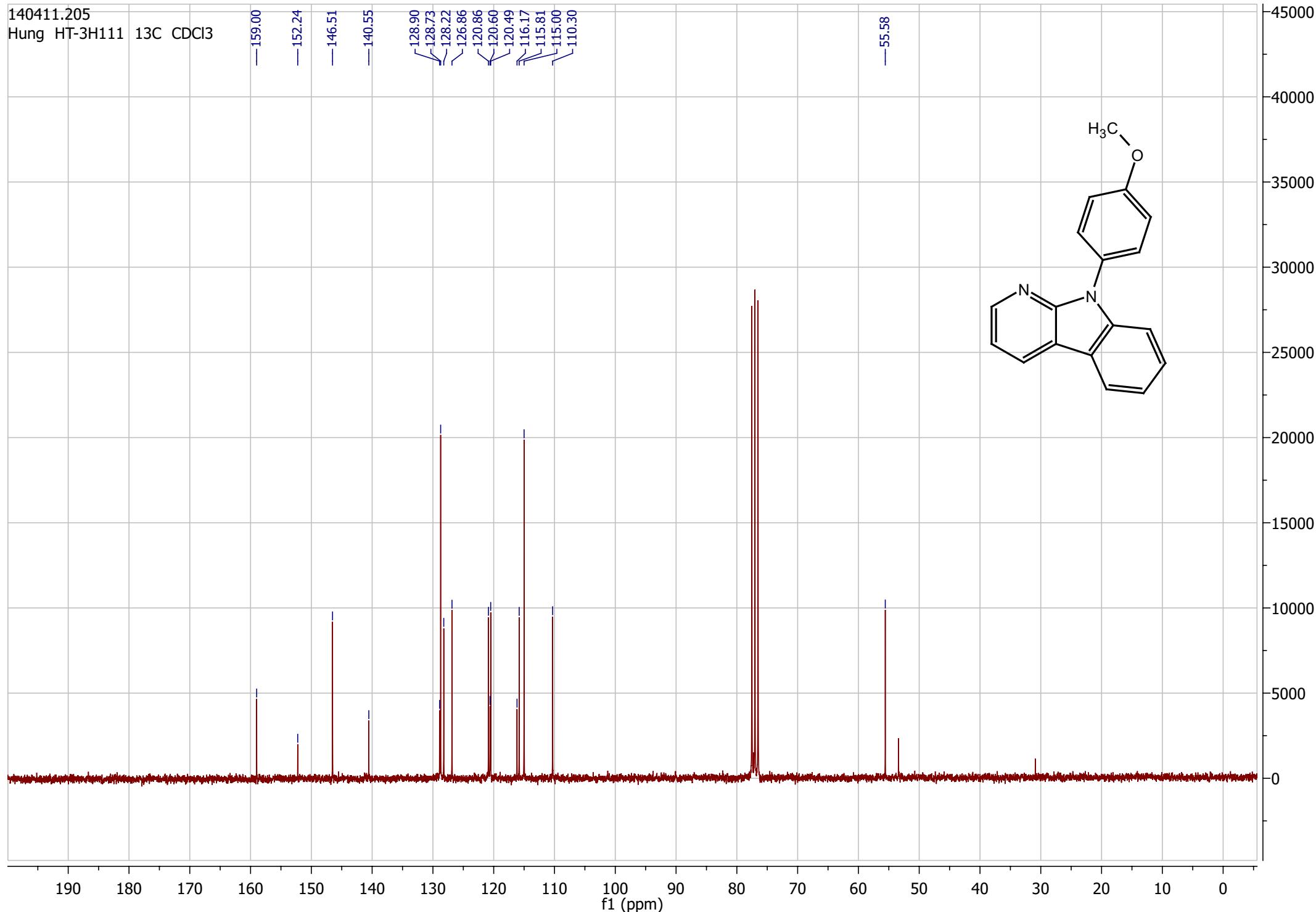
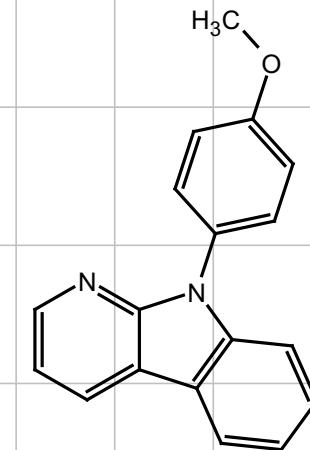
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Hung HT-3H111

13C CDCl₃

—159.00
—152.24
—146.51
—140.55

128.90
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120.60
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115.81
115.00
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—55.58

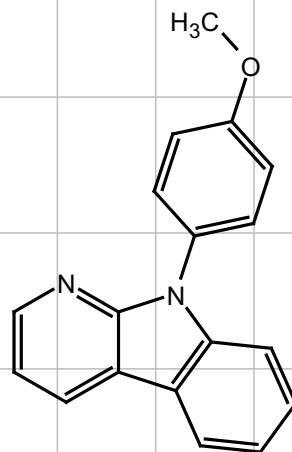


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Hung HT-3H111 Dept CDCl₃

-146.51

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110.30

-55.58



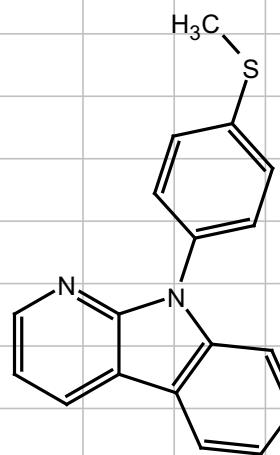
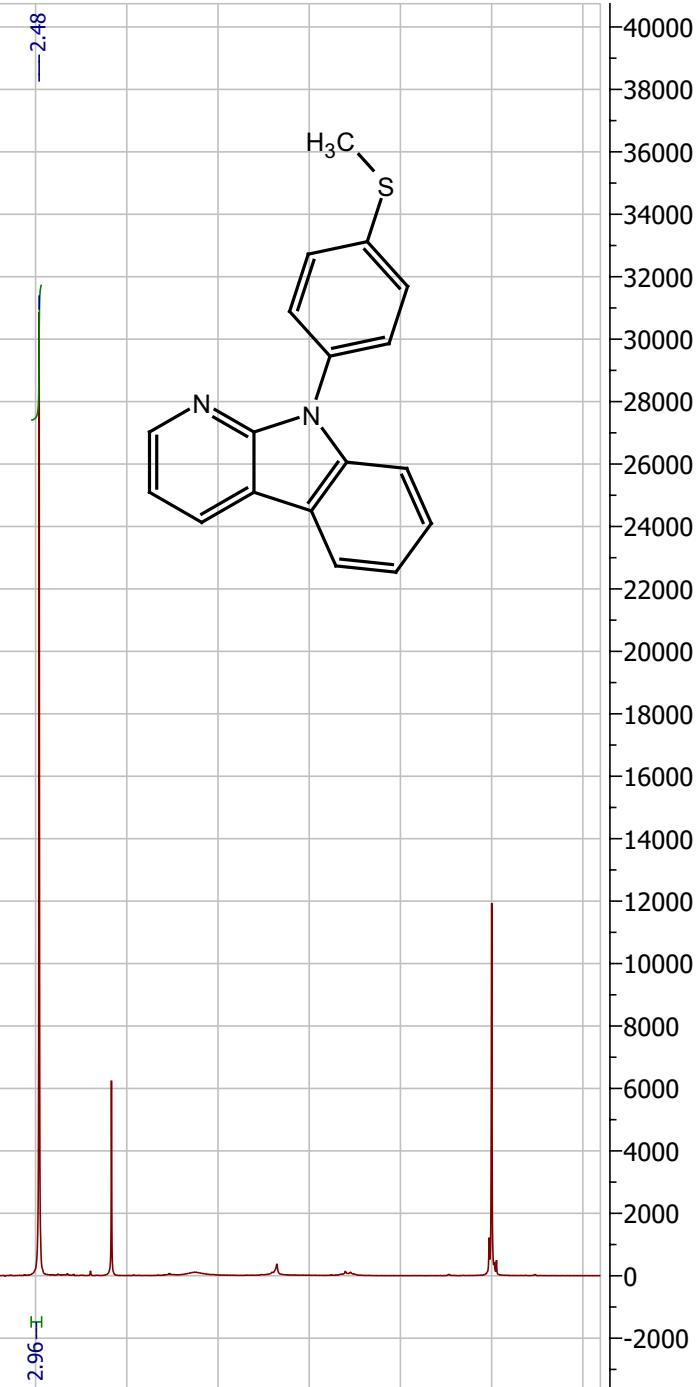
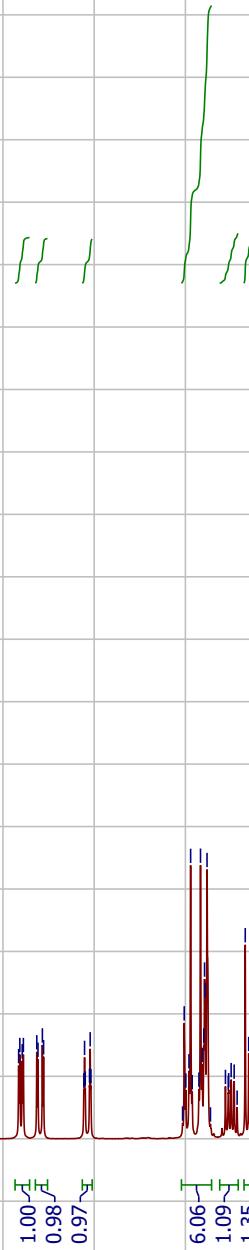
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f1 (ppm)

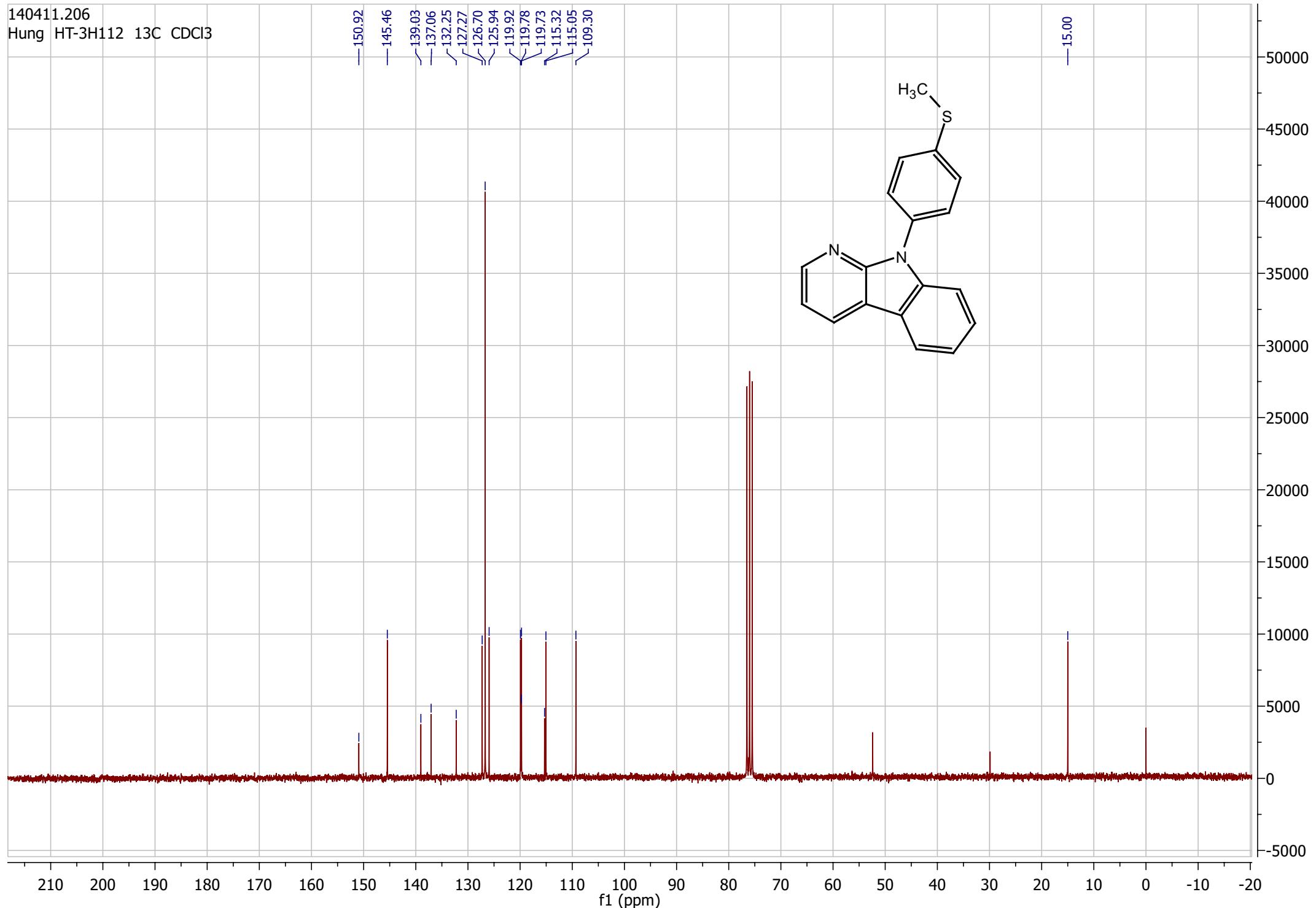
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-1000

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Hung HT-3H~~12~~ H ADC



140411.206
Hung HT-3H112 13C CDCl3

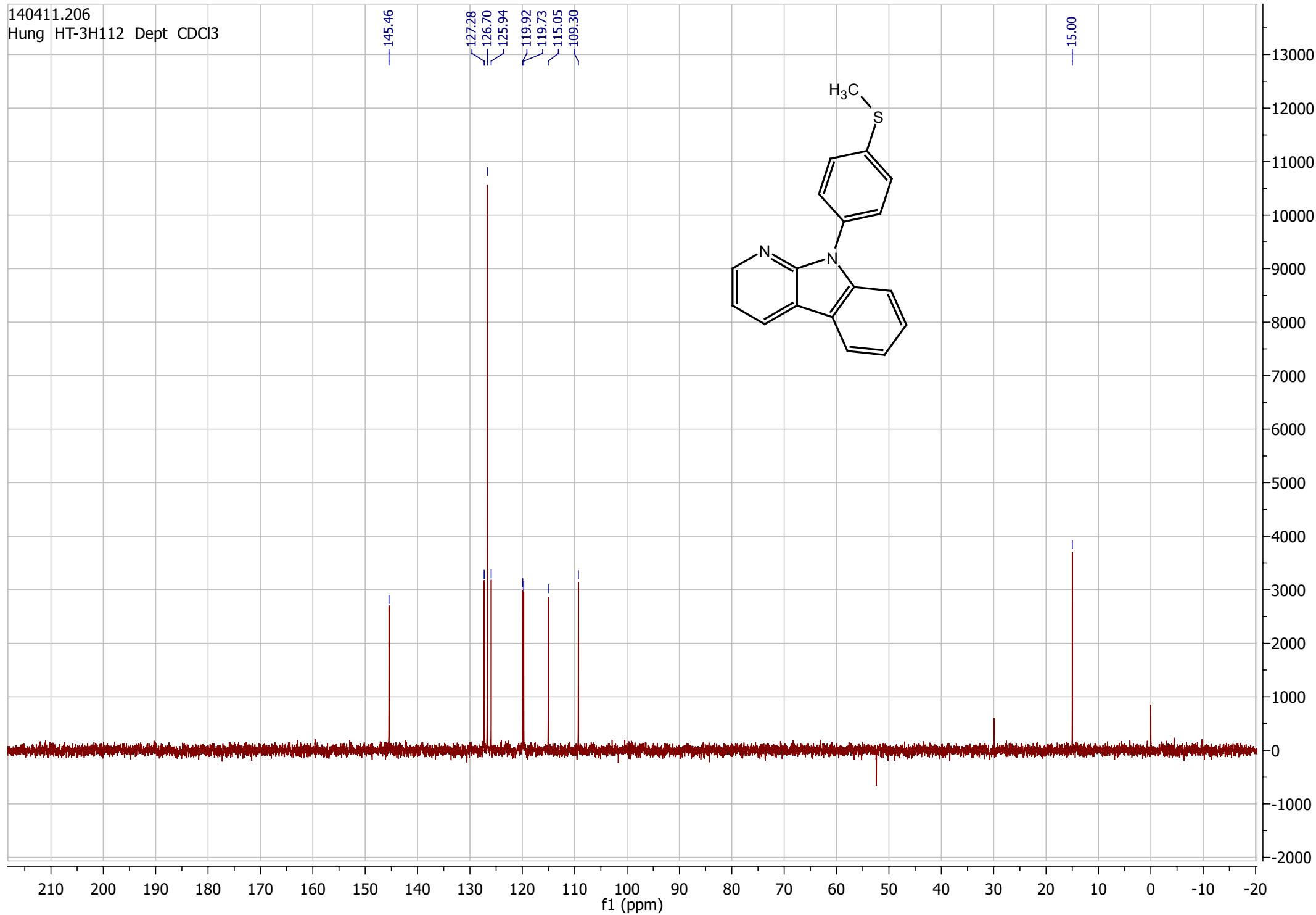
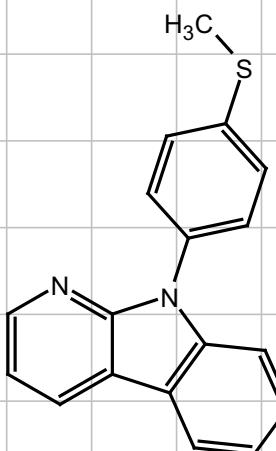


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Hung HT-3H112 Dept CDCl₃

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127.28
126.70
125.94
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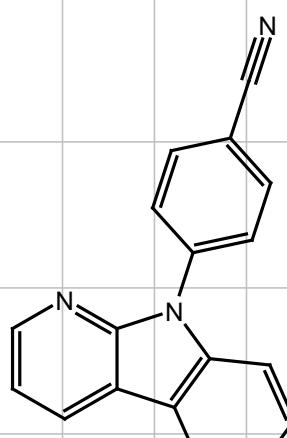
-15.00



140415.205
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1.01~

2.19
1.10~
1.29~

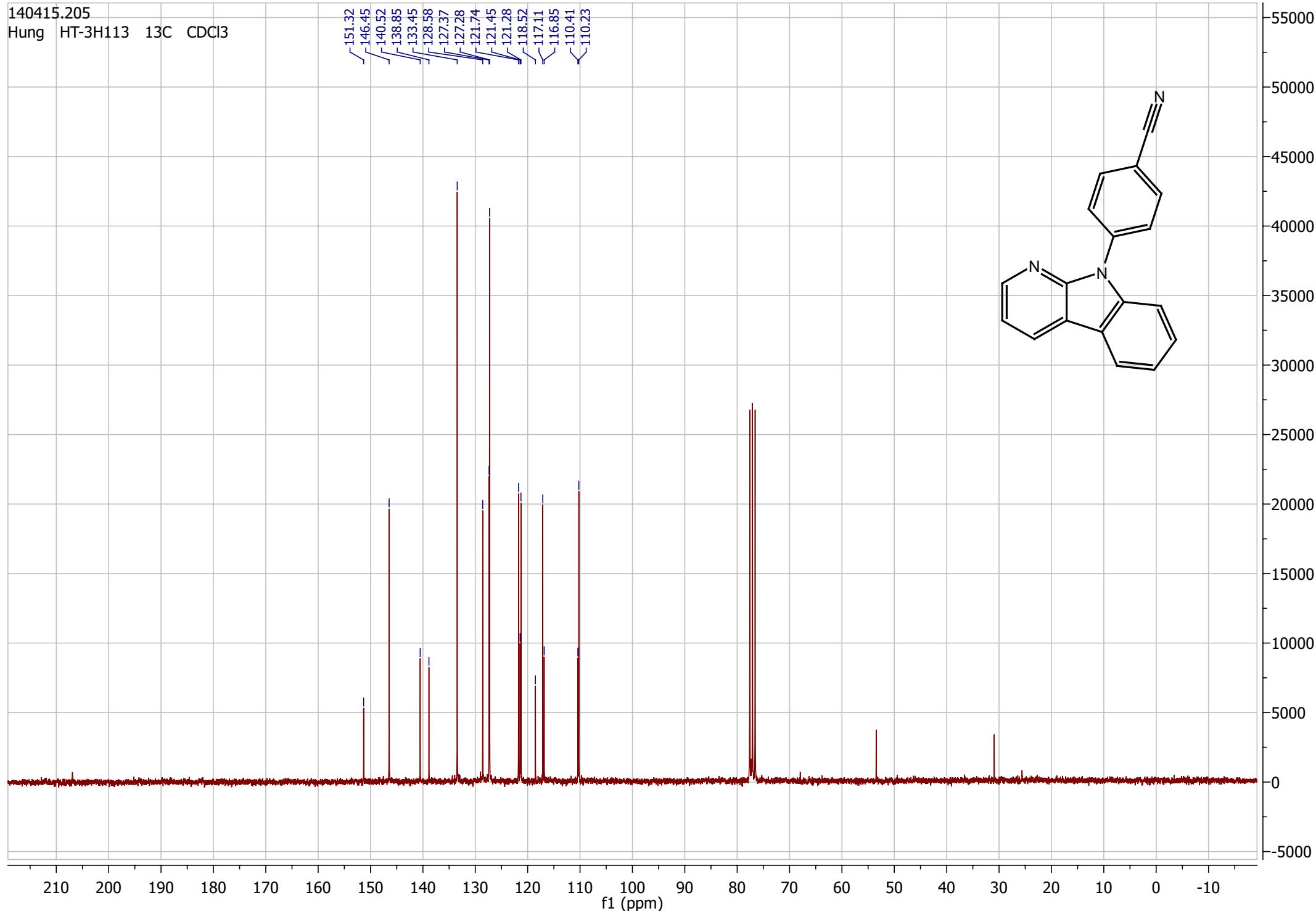
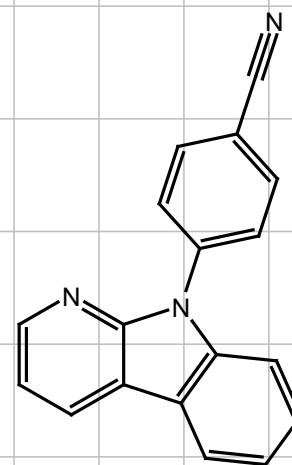


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f1 (ppm)

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Hung HT-3H113 13C CDCl₃

151.32
146.45
140.52
138.85
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116.85
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110.23

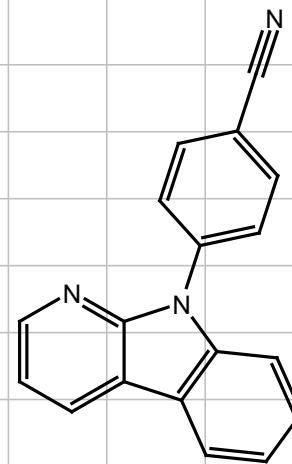


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-146.45

133.45
128.58
127.37
127.28
121.74
121.28
117.11

-110.23



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f1 (ppm)

18000
17000
16000
15000
14000
13000
12000
11000
10000
9000
8000
7000
6000
5000
4000
3000
2000
1000
0
-1000
-2000

140415.206
Hung HT-3H117 1H CDCl₃

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30000

28000

26000

24000

22000

20000

18000

16000

14000

12000

10000

8000

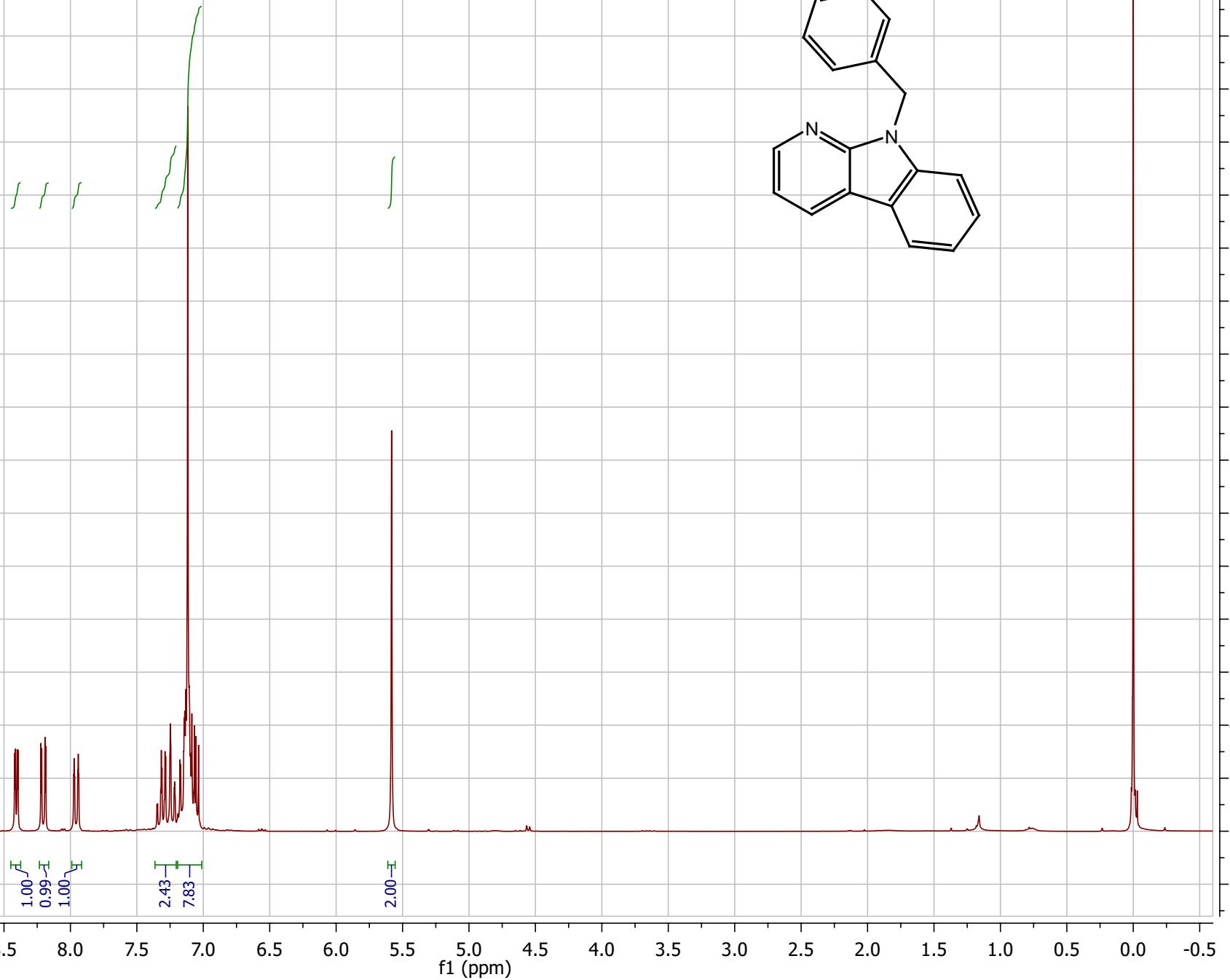
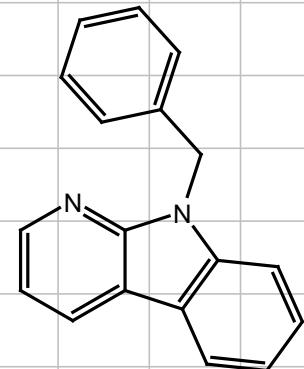
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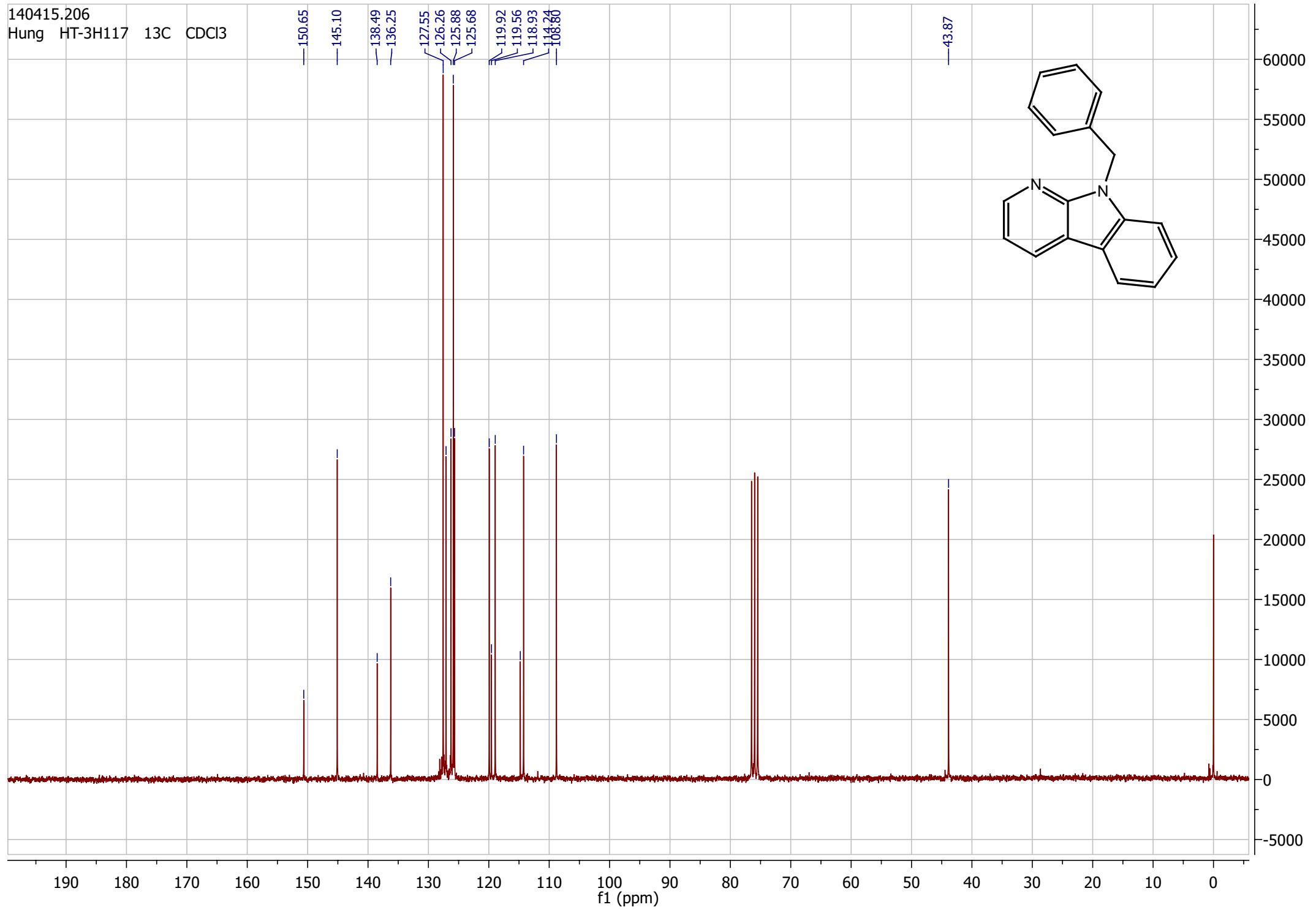
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140415.206
Hung HT-3H117

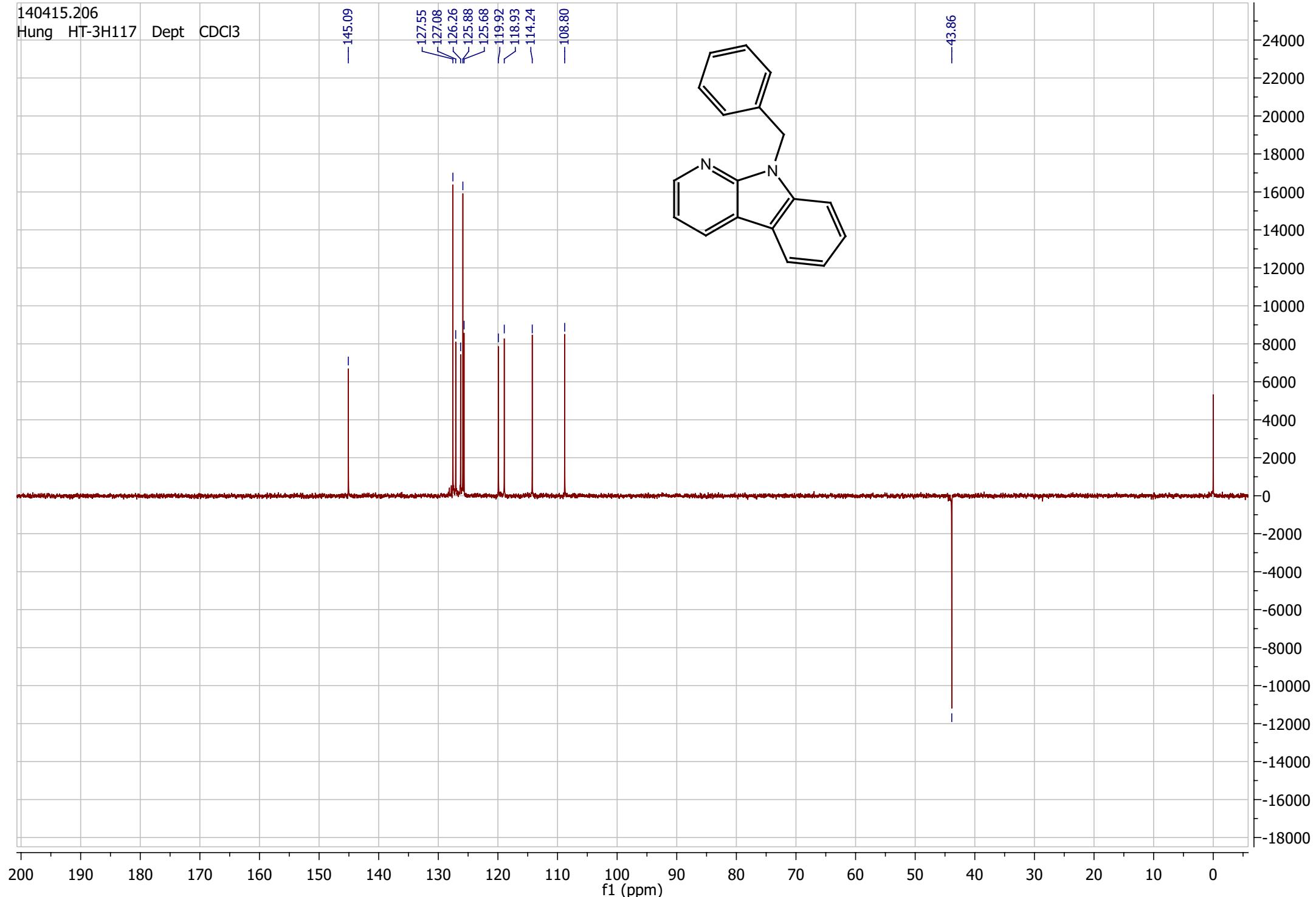
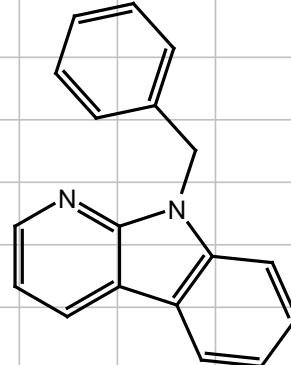
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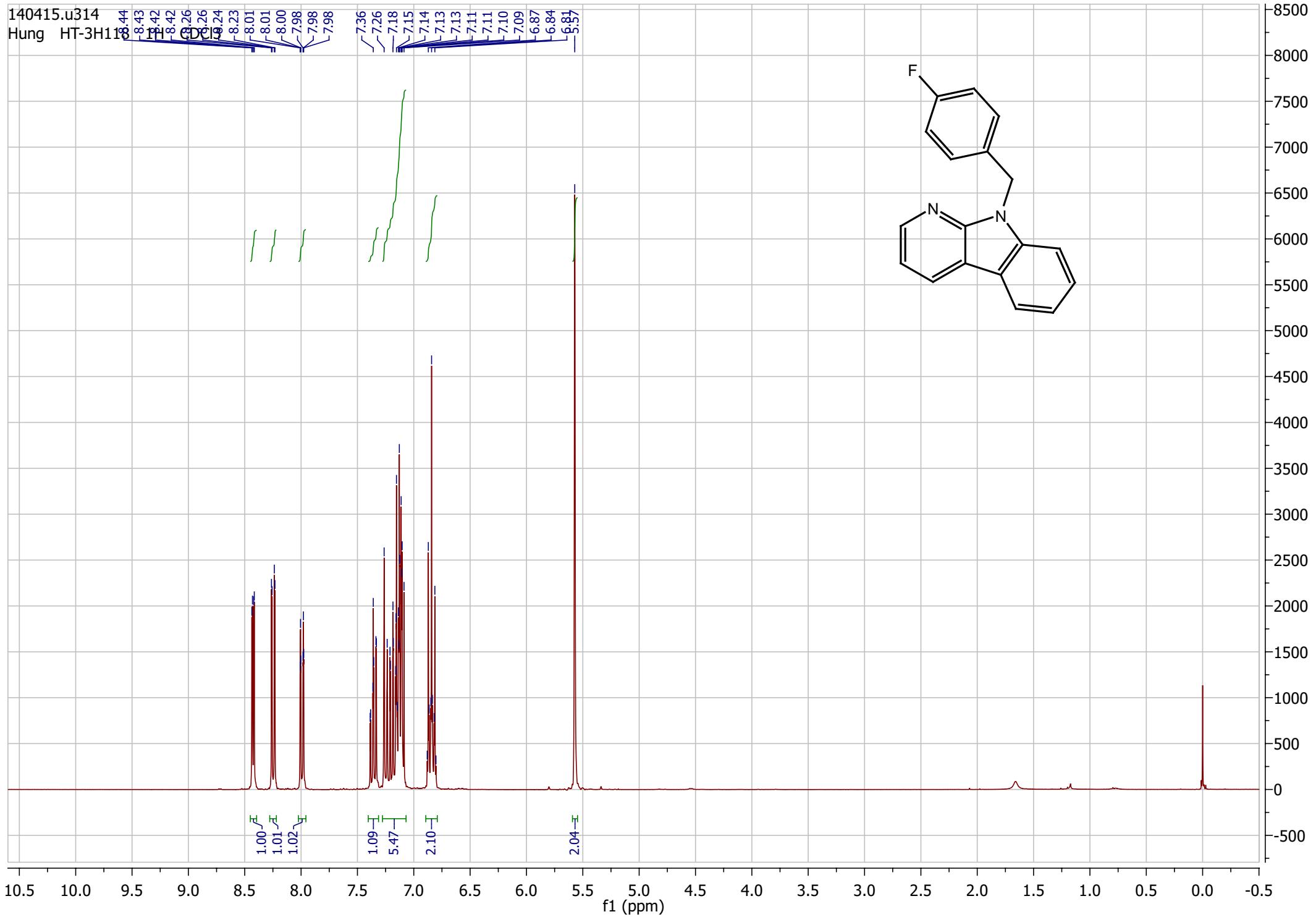
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-108.80

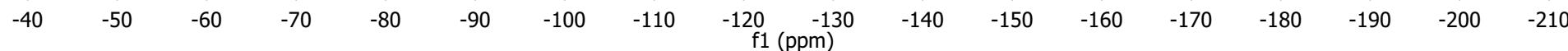
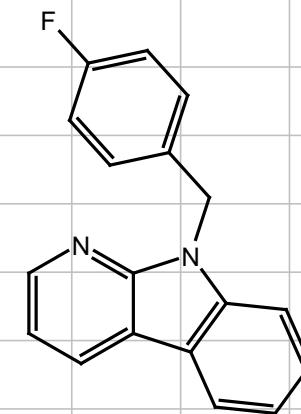
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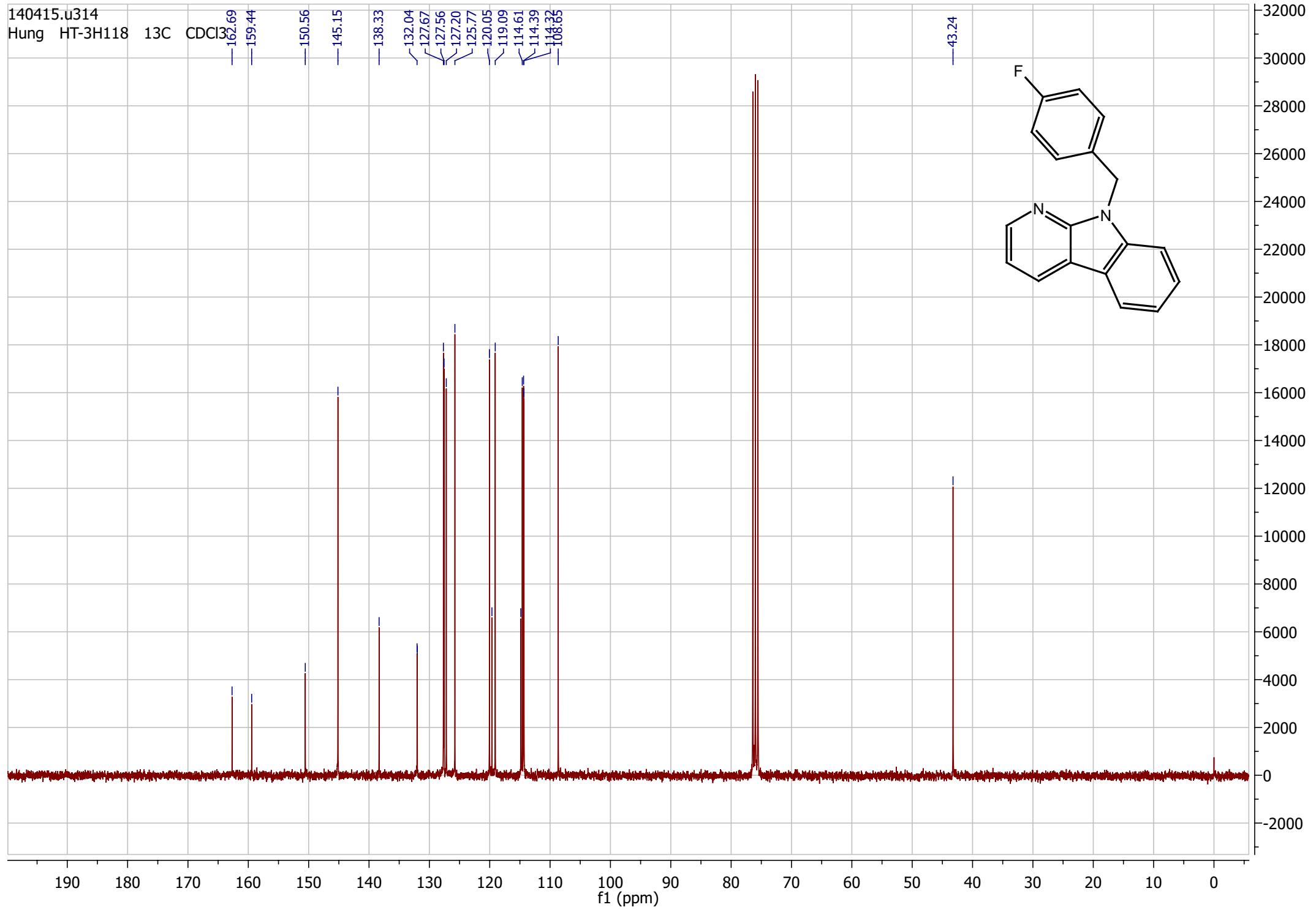




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Hung HT-3H118 19F CDCl₃





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Hung HT-3H118

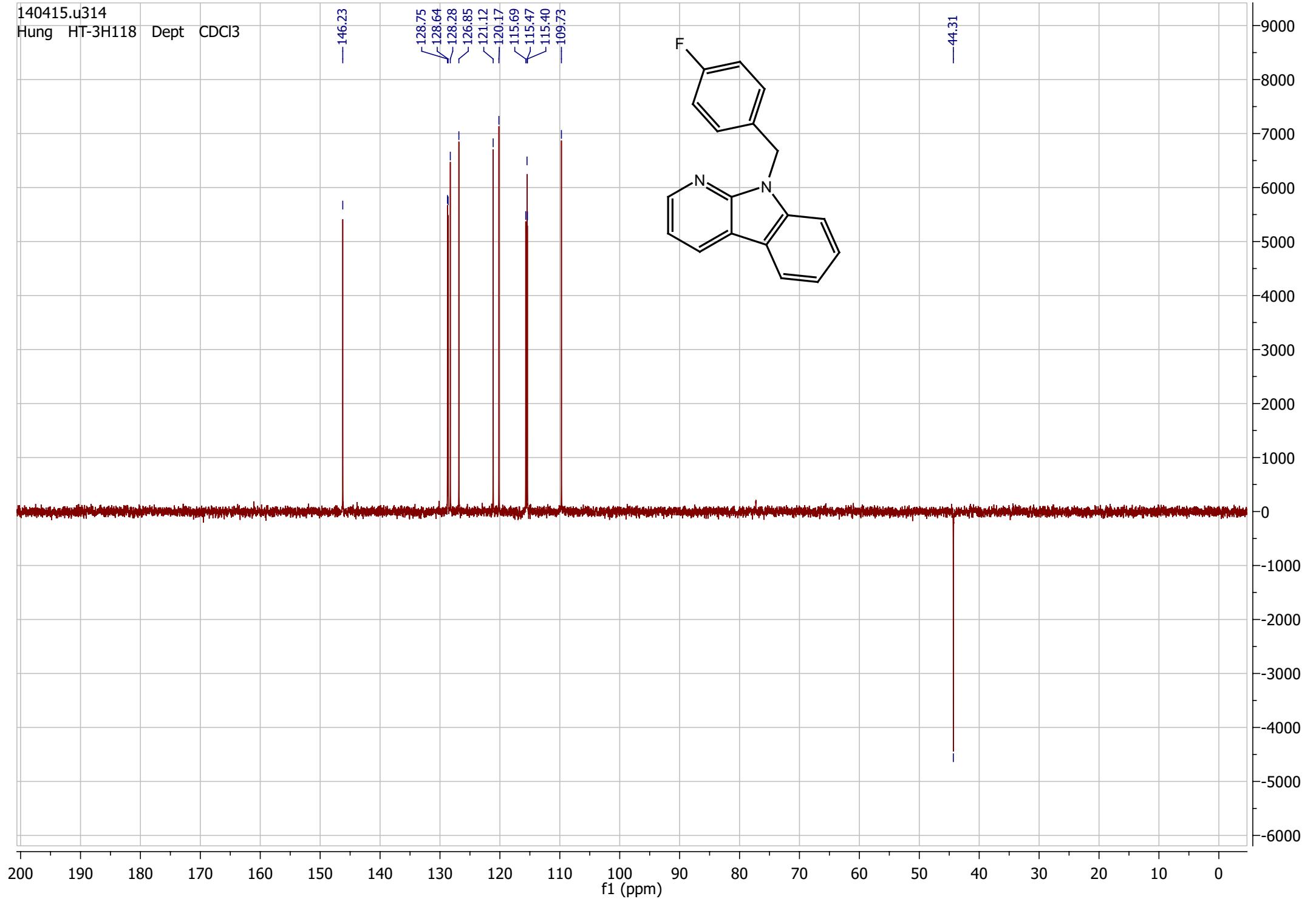
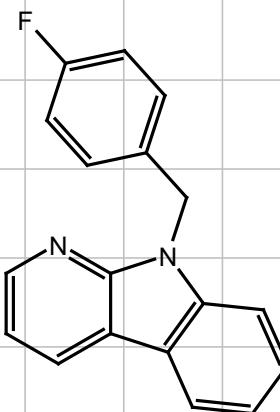
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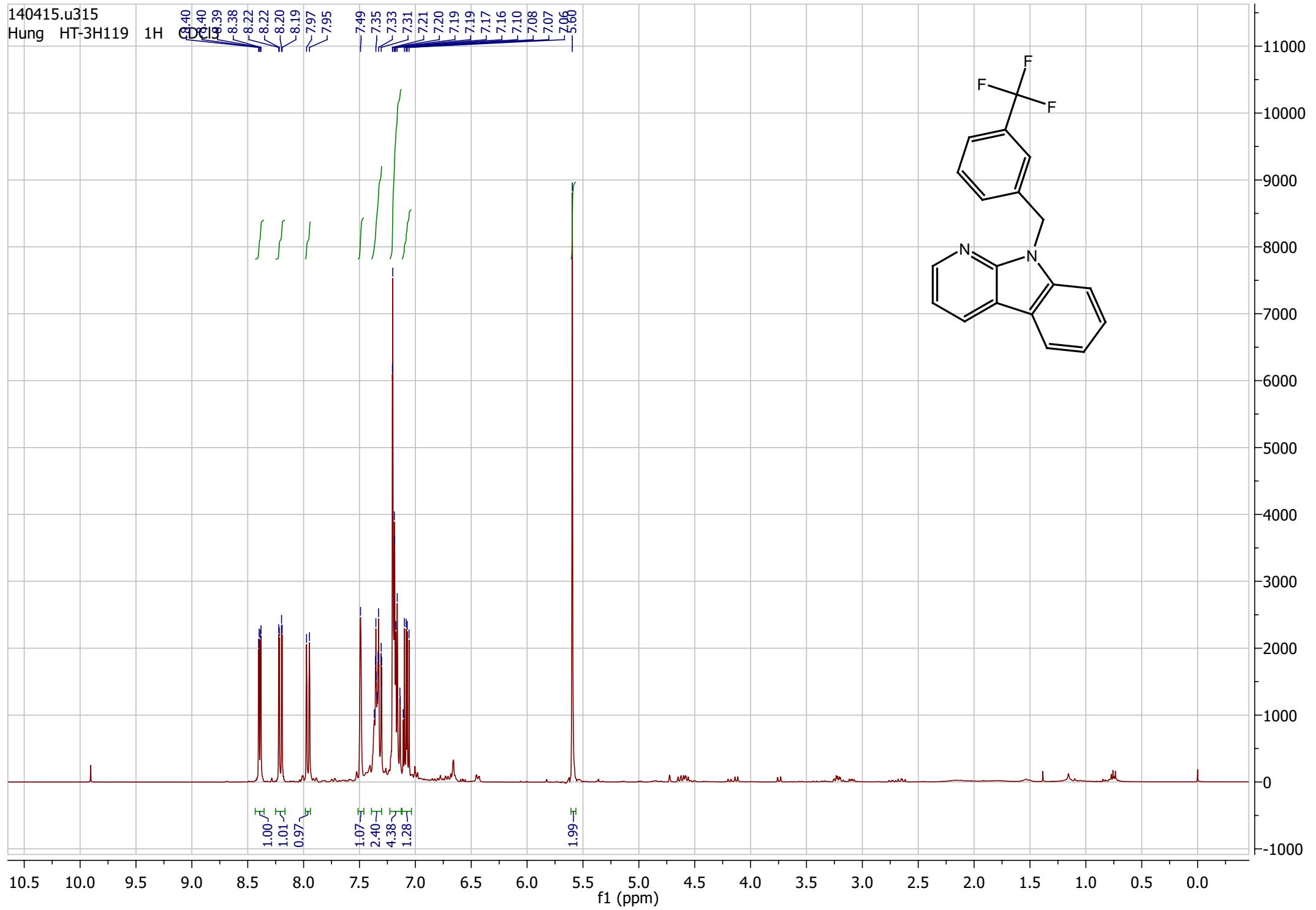
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f1 (ppm)

—44.31



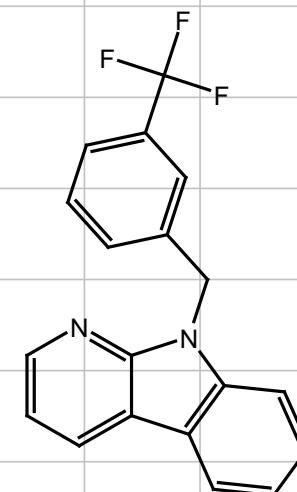


140415.u315
Hung HT-3H119

19F

CDCl₃

-62.51



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f1 (ppm)

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1E+06
1E+06
1E+06
9E+05
8E+05
7E+05
6E+05
5E+05
4E+05
3E+05
2E+05
1E+05
0
-1E+05

140415.u315

Hung HT-3H119 13C CDCl₃

—151.65

—146.29

—139.36

—138.47

—130.30

—129.26

—128.36

—126.99

—121.23

—120.81

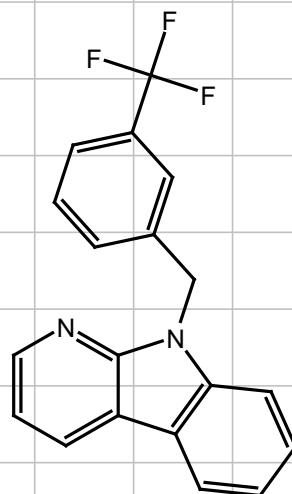
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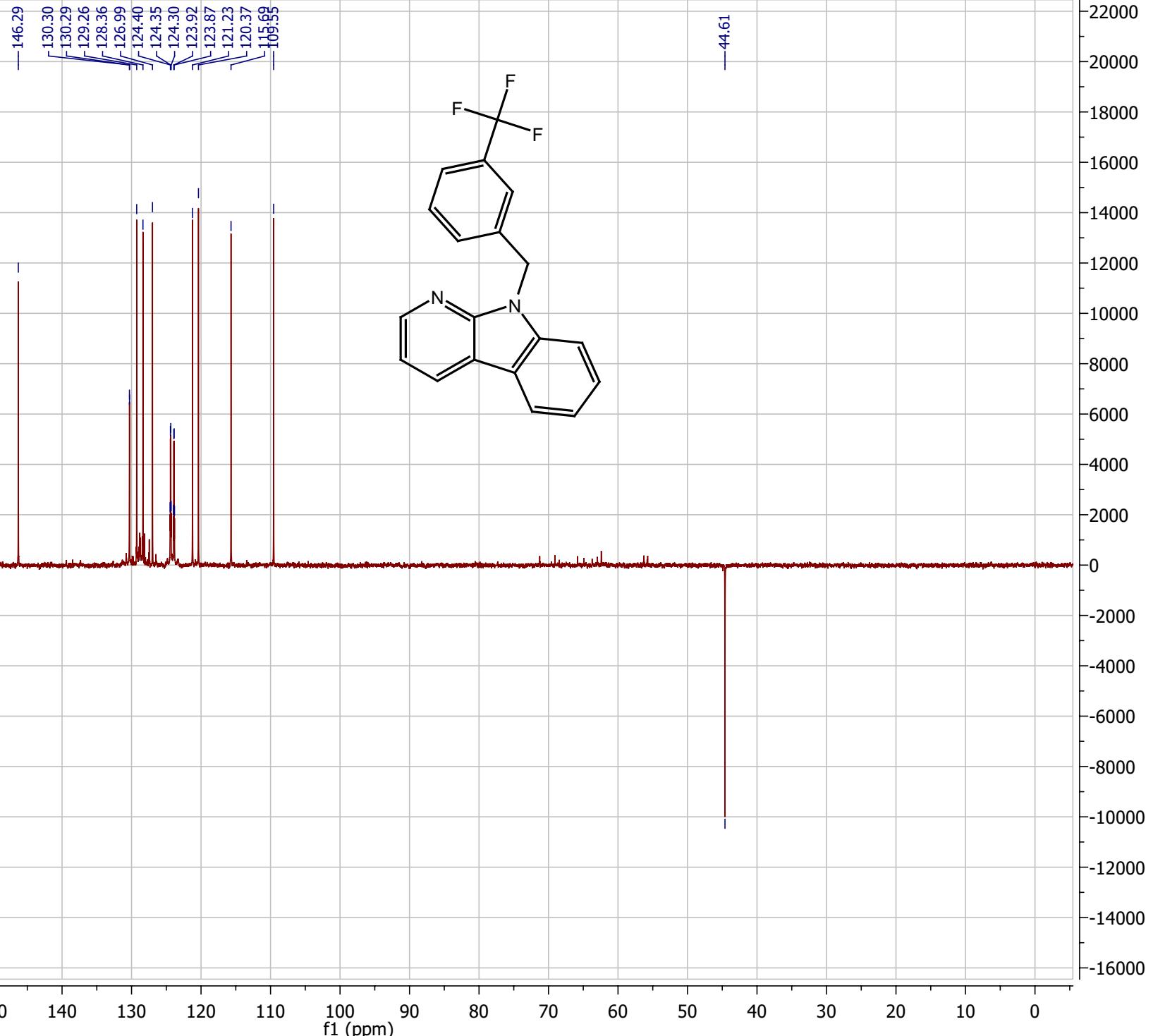
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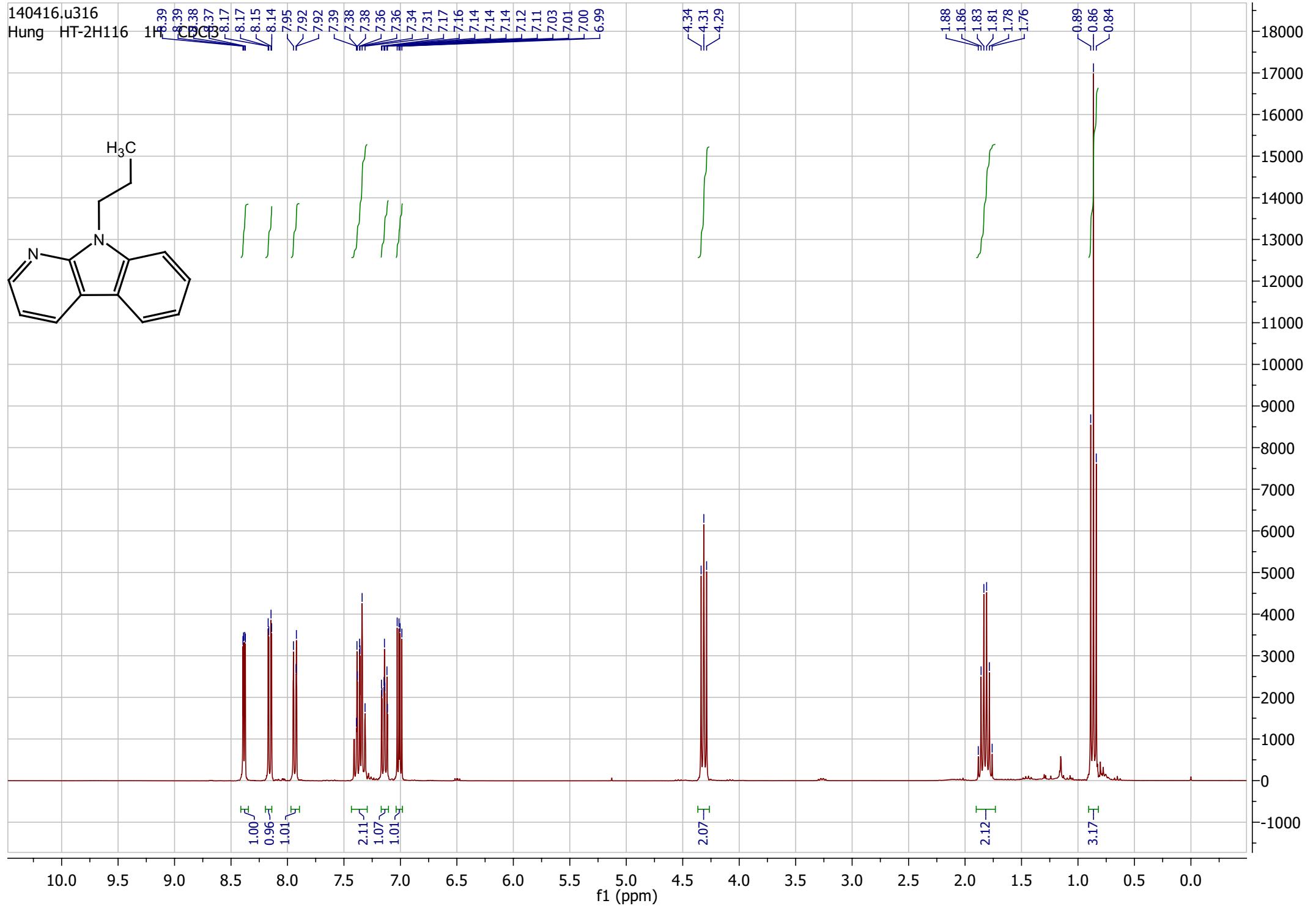
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f1 (ppm)



140415.u315
Hung HT-3H119 Dept CDCl₃





140416.u316
Hung HT-2H116 13C CDCl₃

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—145.94

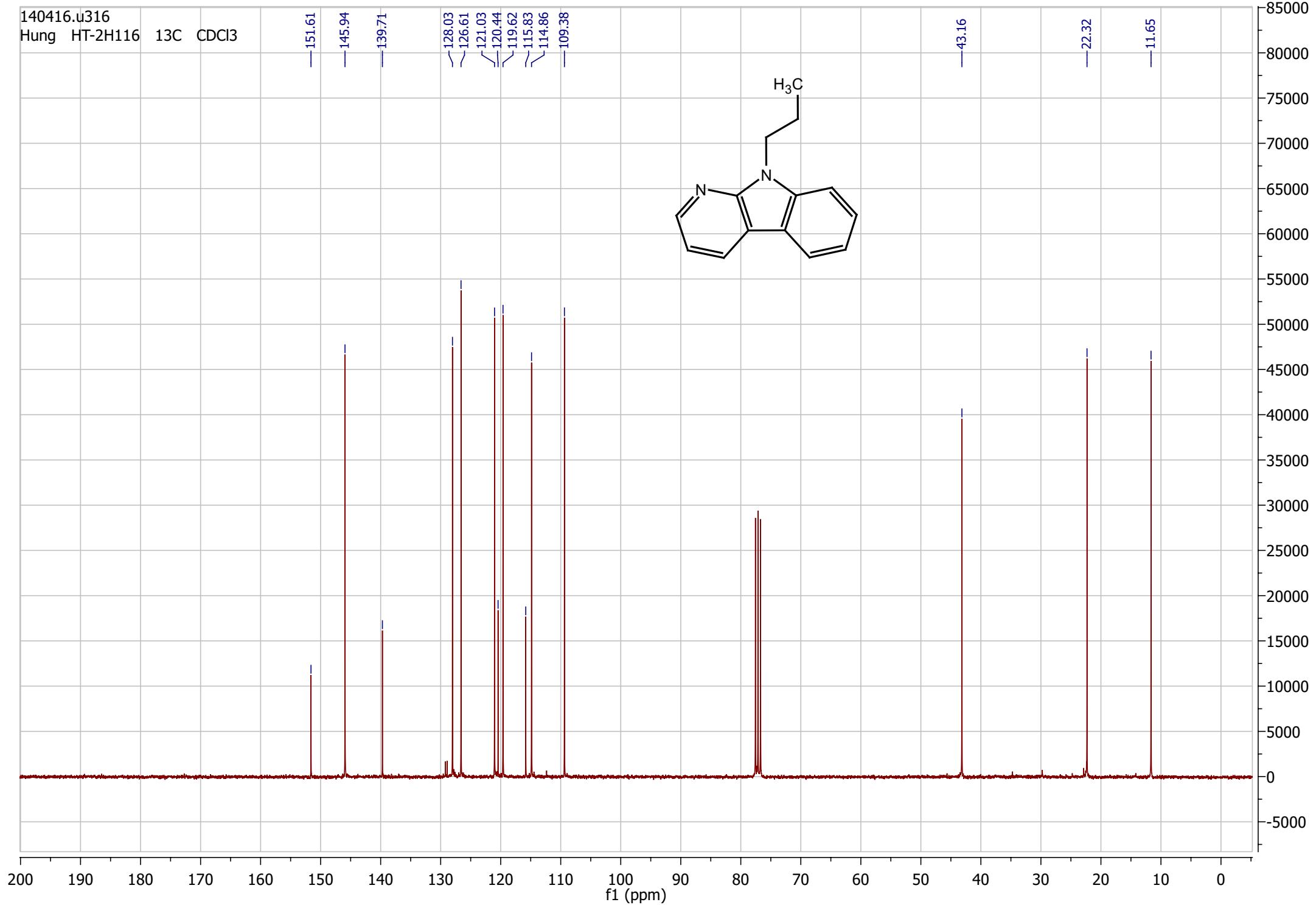
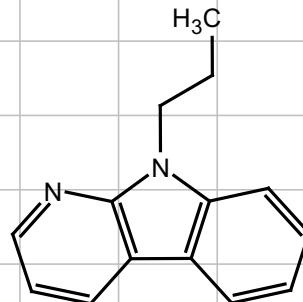
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—128.03
—126.61
—121.03
—120.44
—119.62
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—43.16

—22.32

—11.65



140416.u316

Hung HT-2H116 Dept CDCl₃

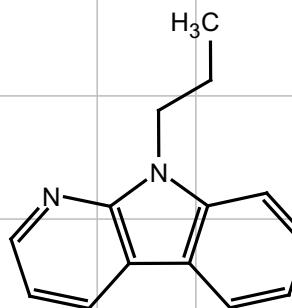
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~121.03
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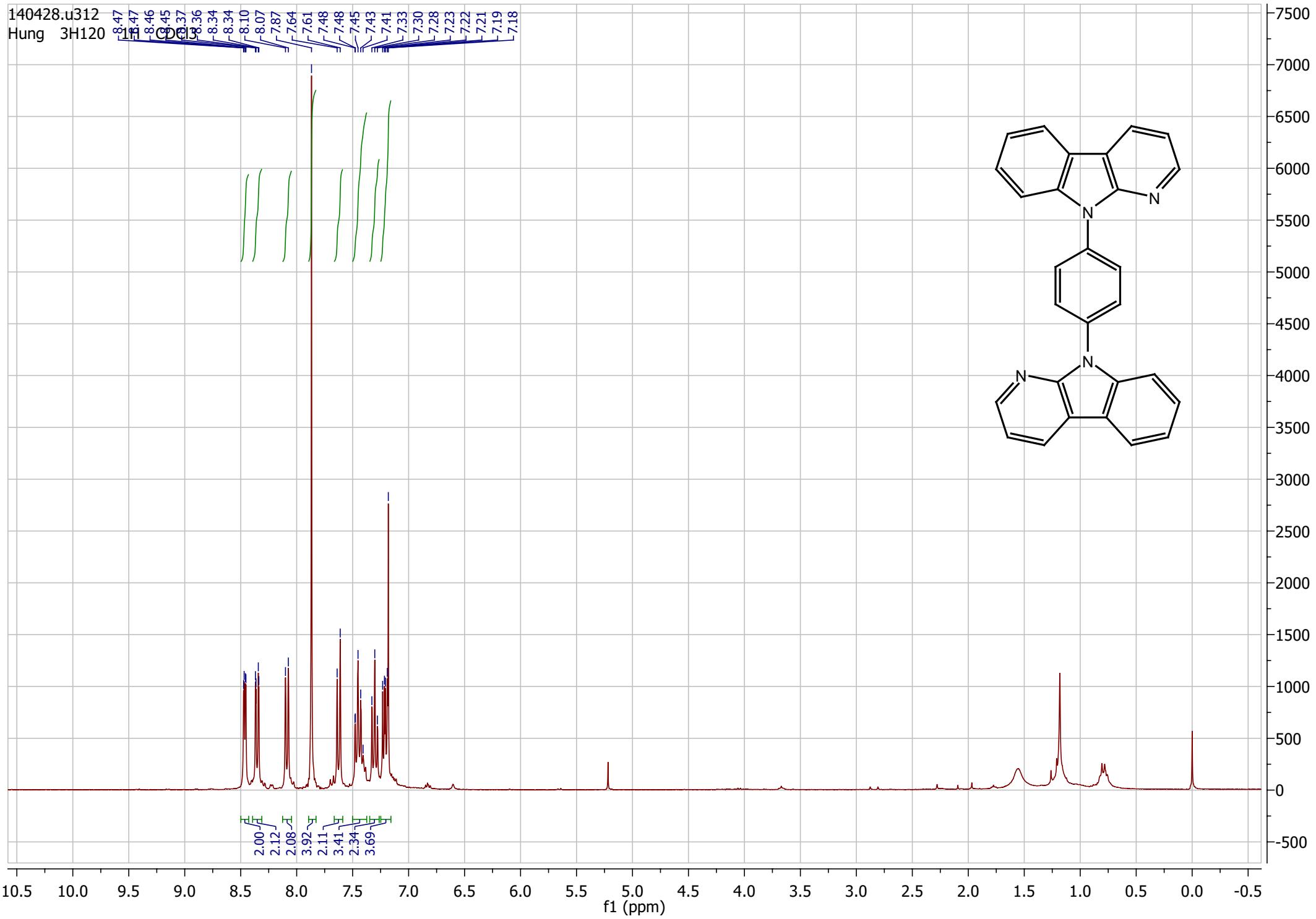
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—22.32

—11.65



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140428.u312
Hung 3H120 13C CDCl₃

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—146.48

—139.94

—135.34

—128.42

—128.32

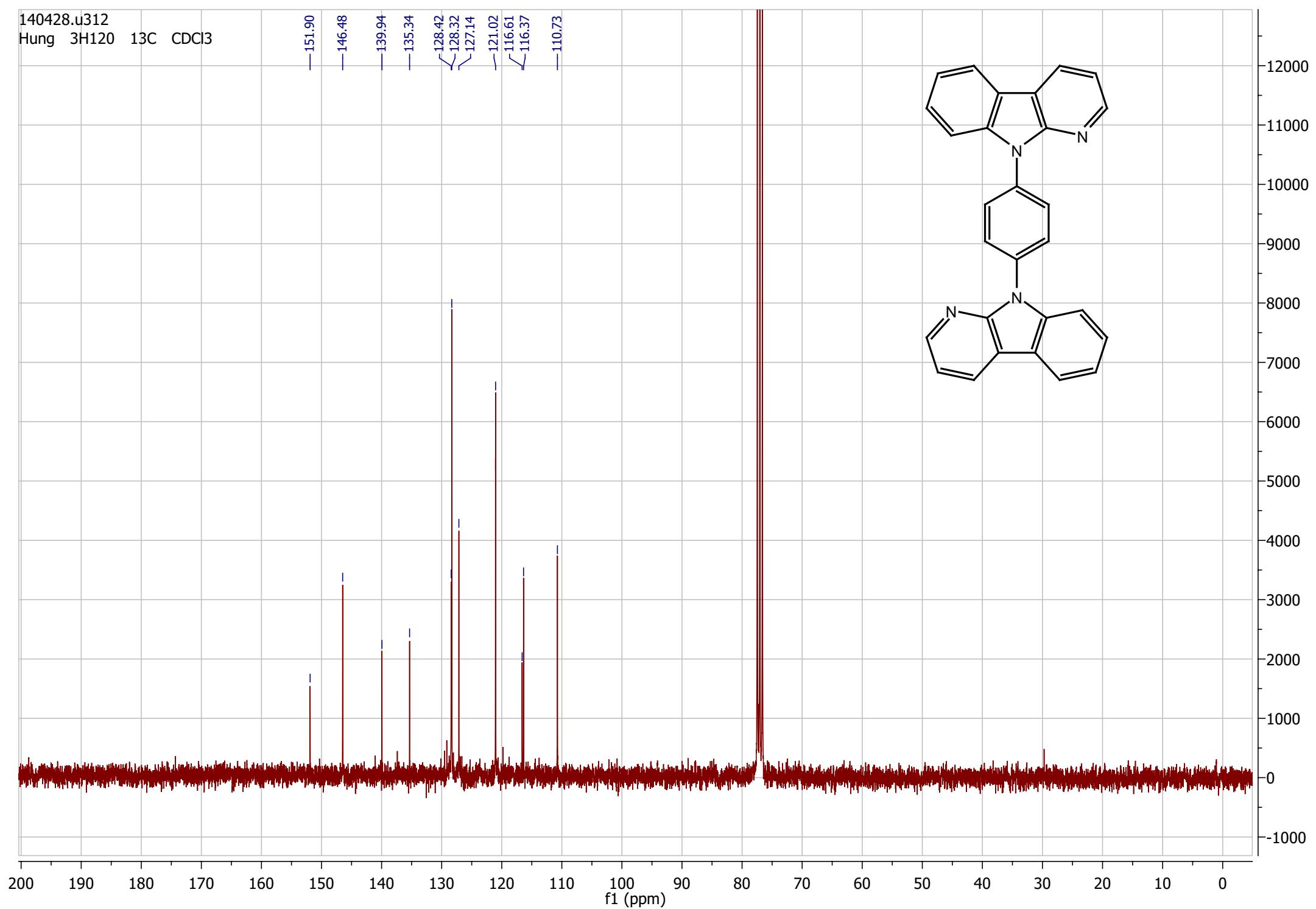
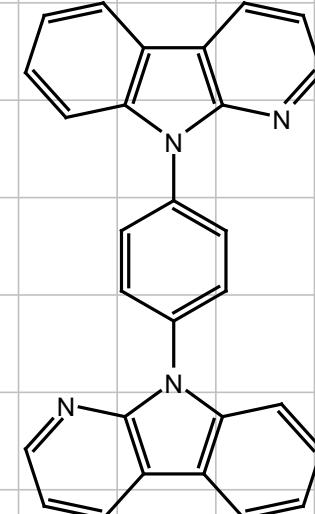
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—121.02

—116.61

—116.37

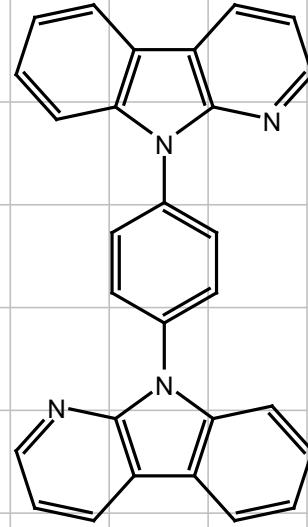
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Hung 3H120 Dept CDCl₃

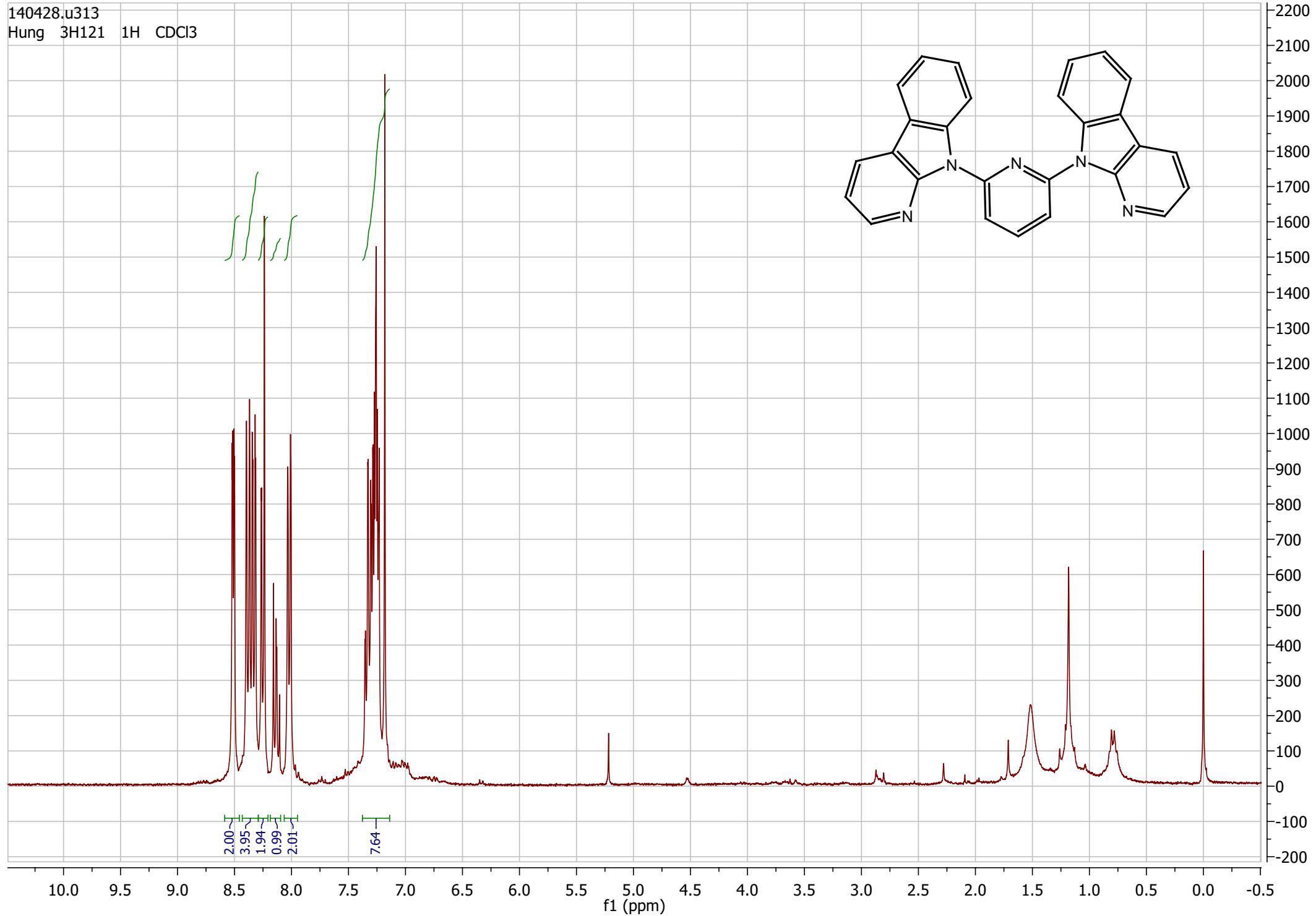
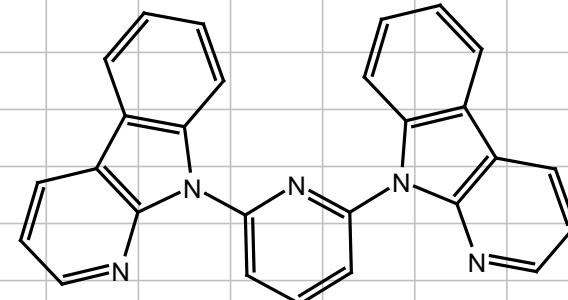
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—128.32
—127.14
—121.04
—116.37
—110.73



f1 (ppm)

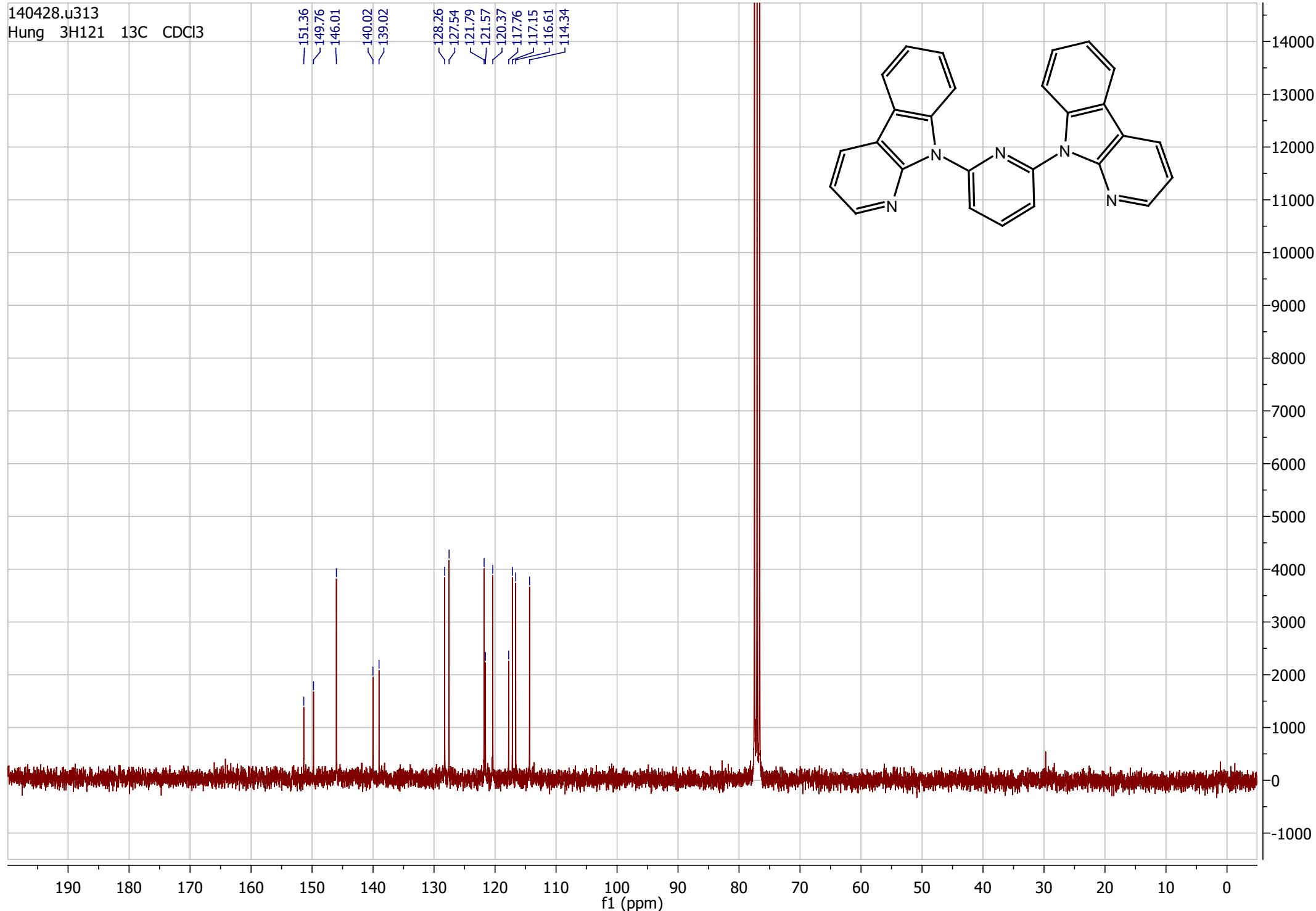
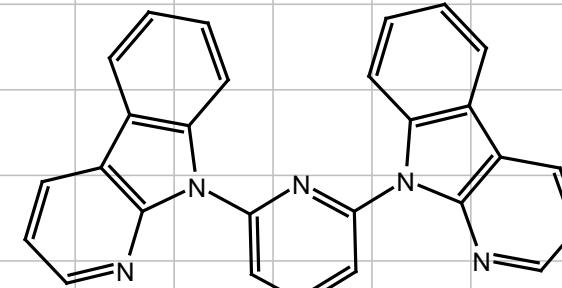
140428.u313
Hung 3H121 1H CDCl₃



140428.u313
Hung 3H121 13C CDCl₃

— 151.36
— 149.76
— 146.01
— 140.02
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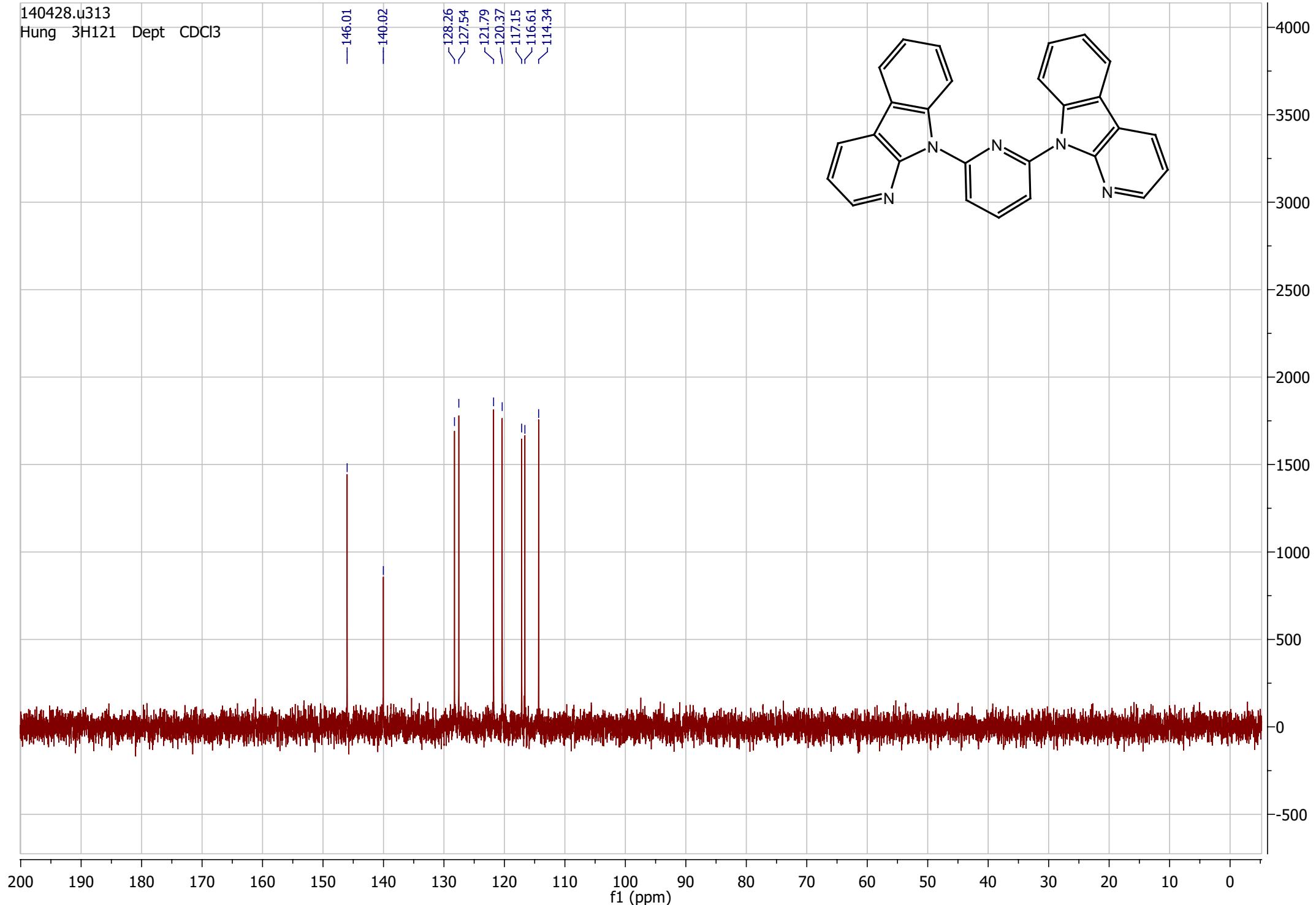
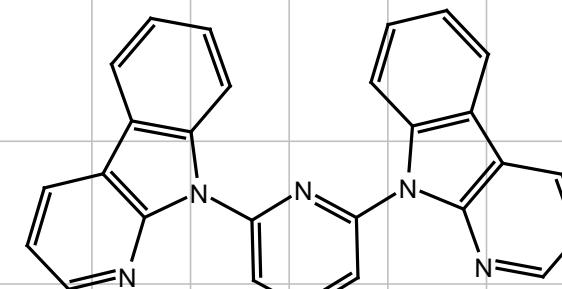


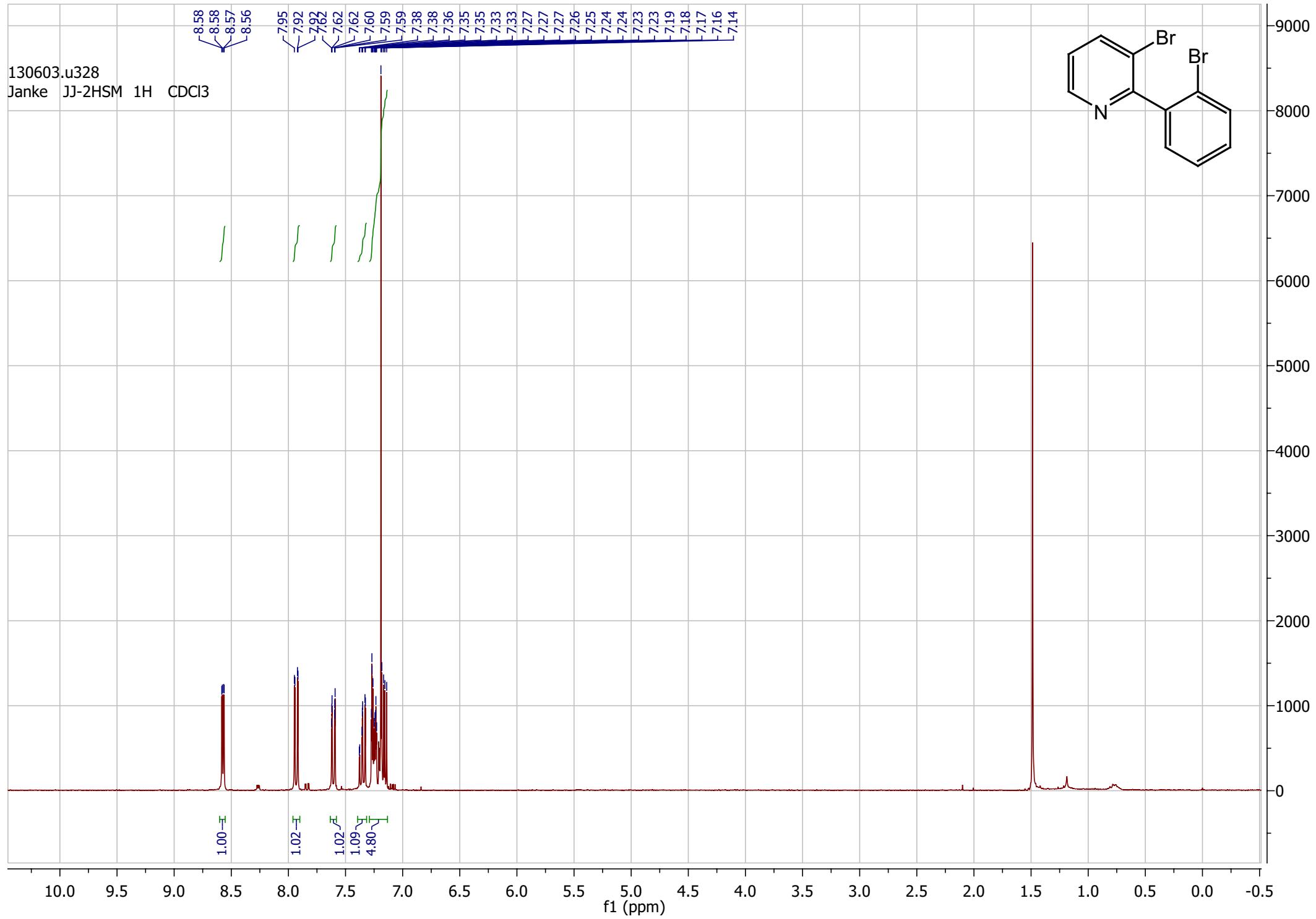
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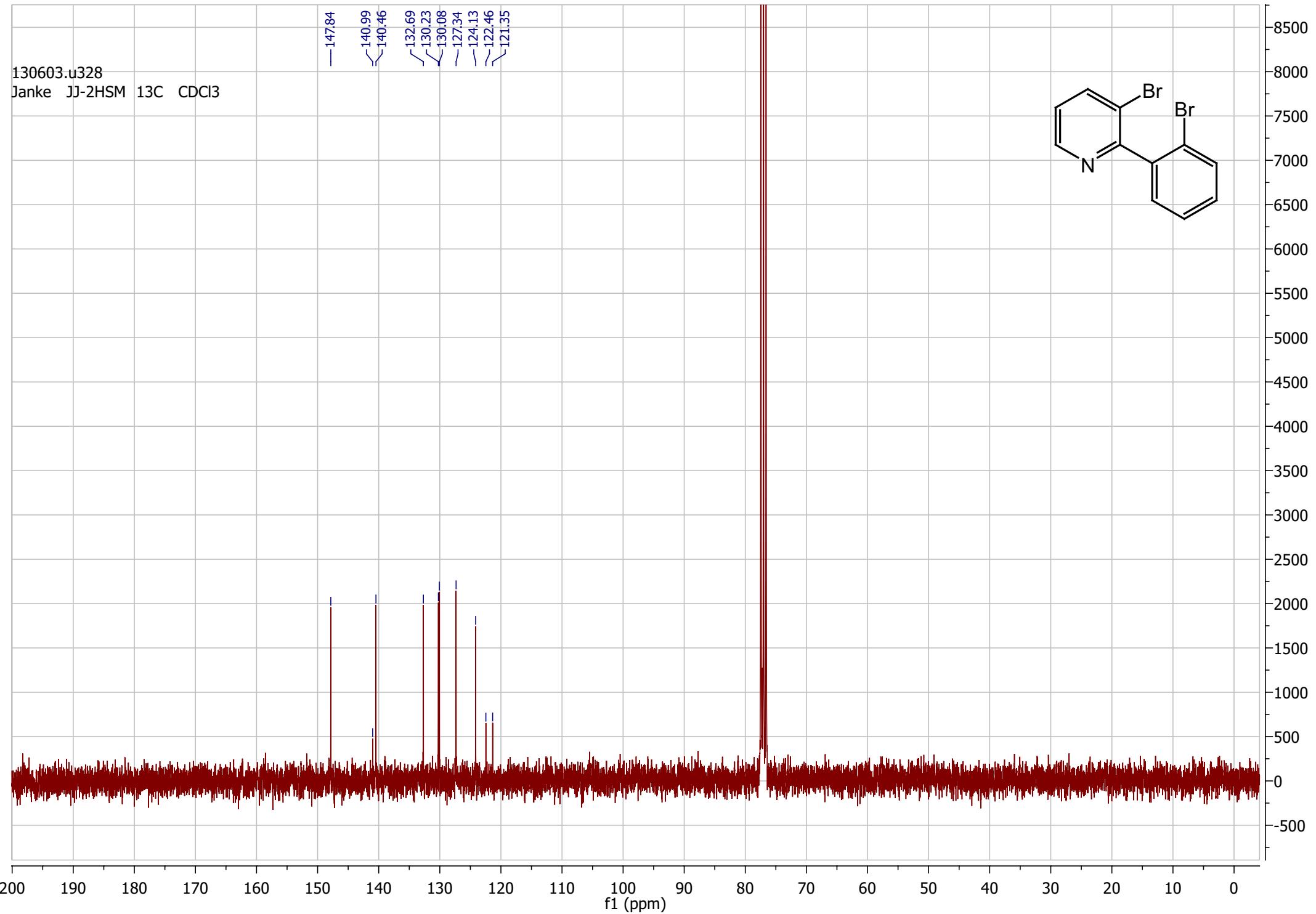
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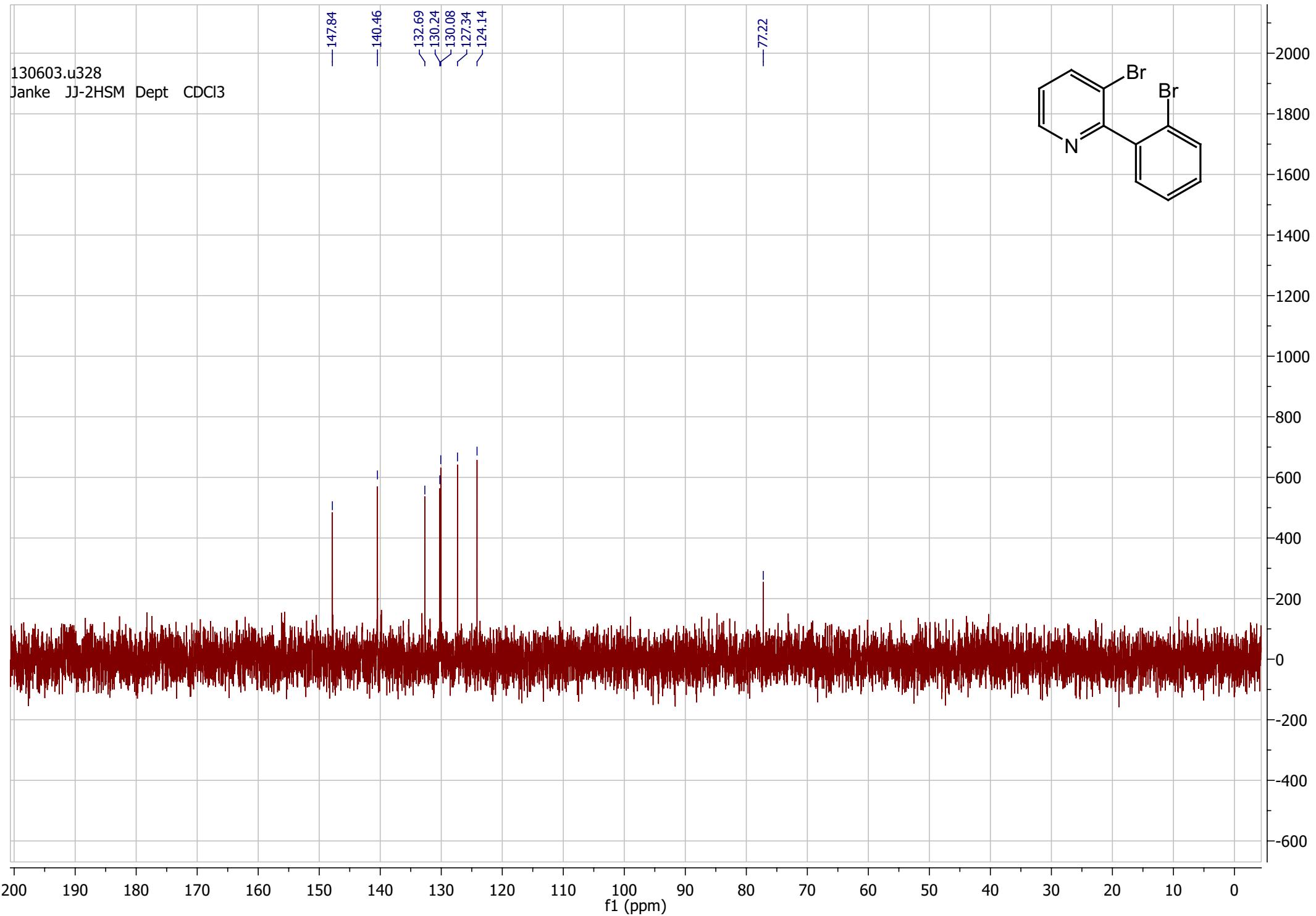
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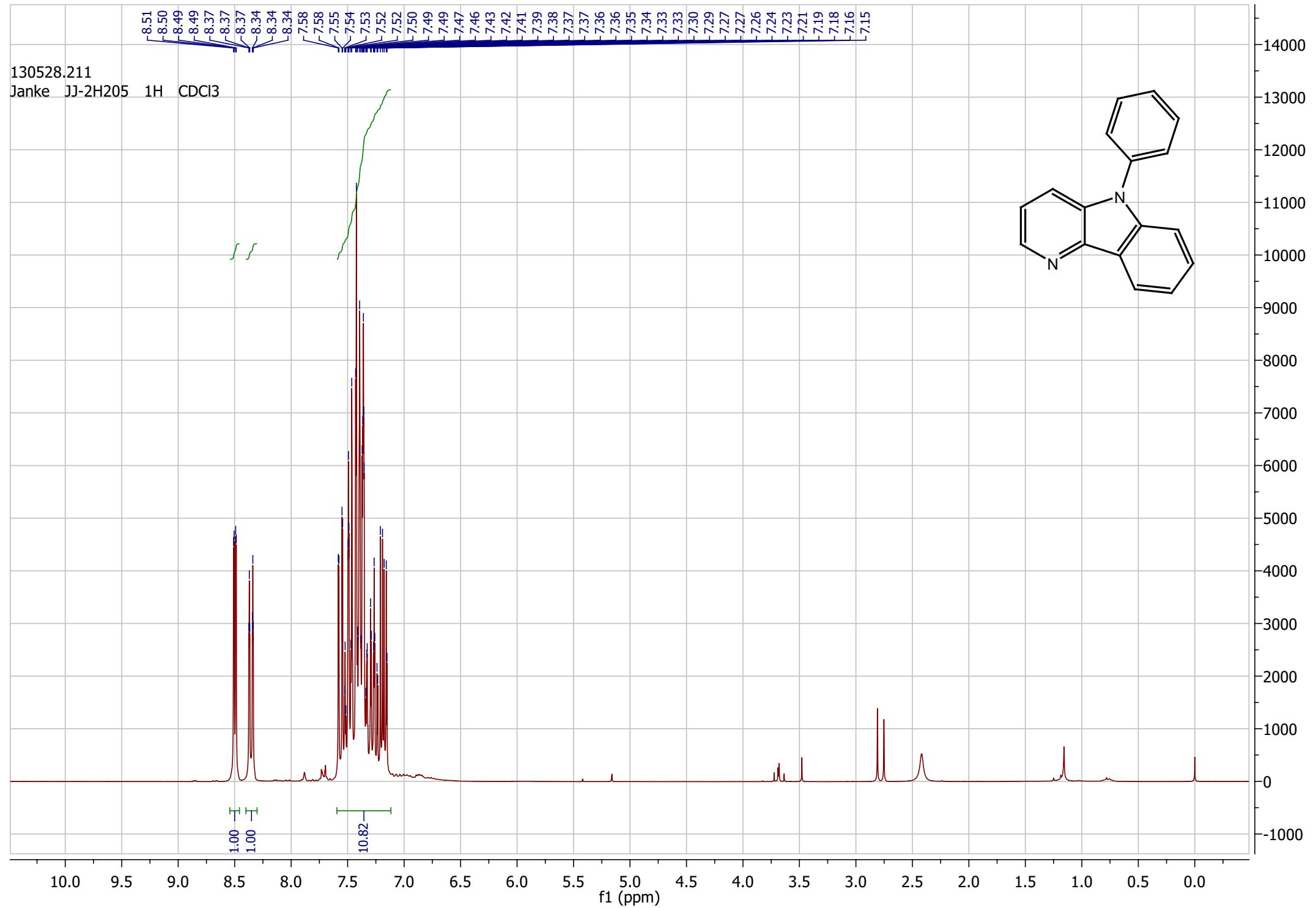
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≤114.34

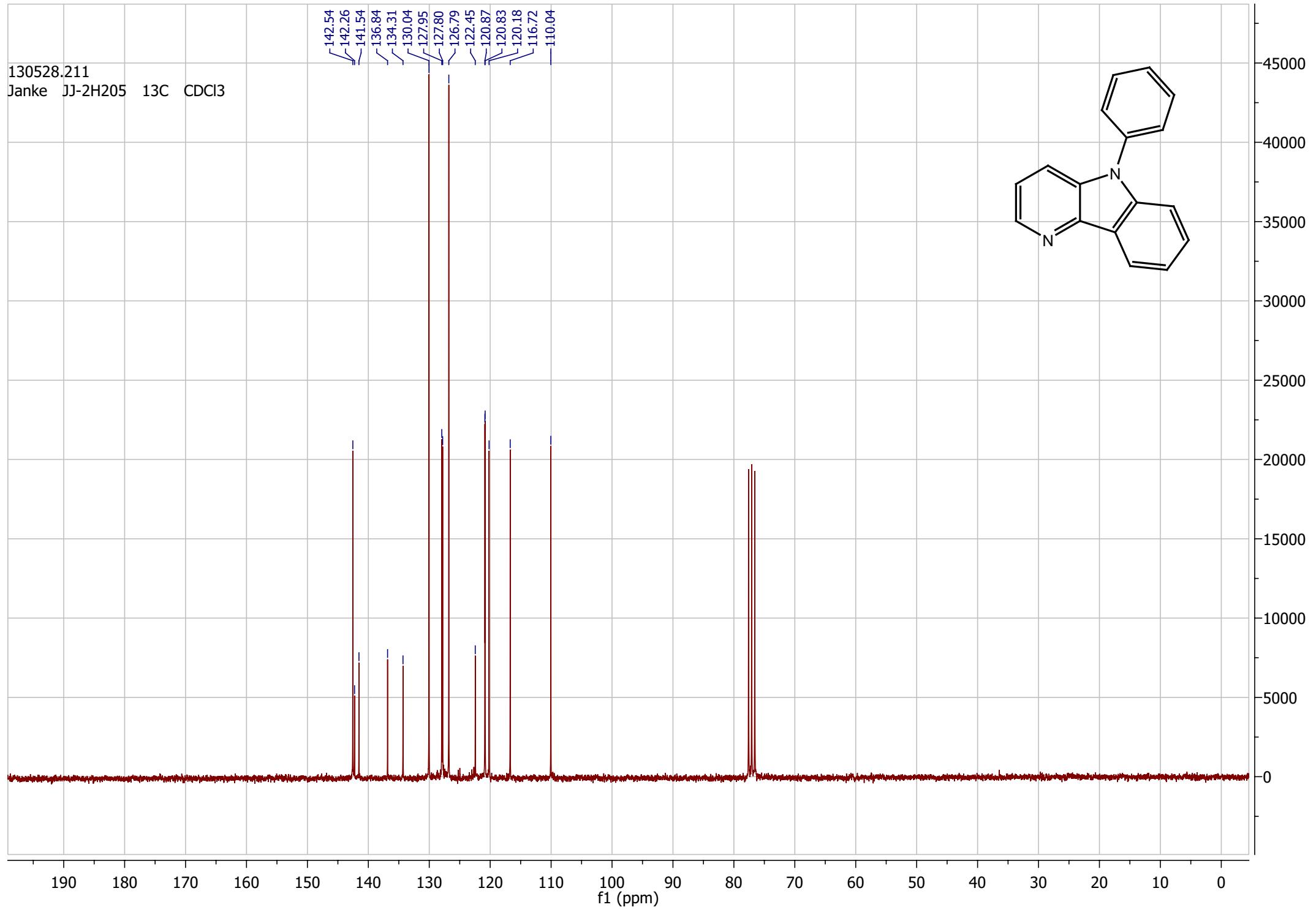






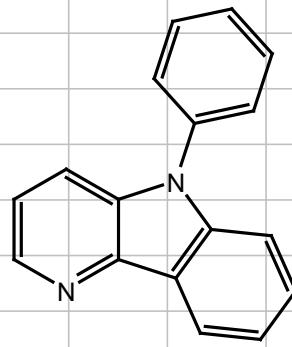
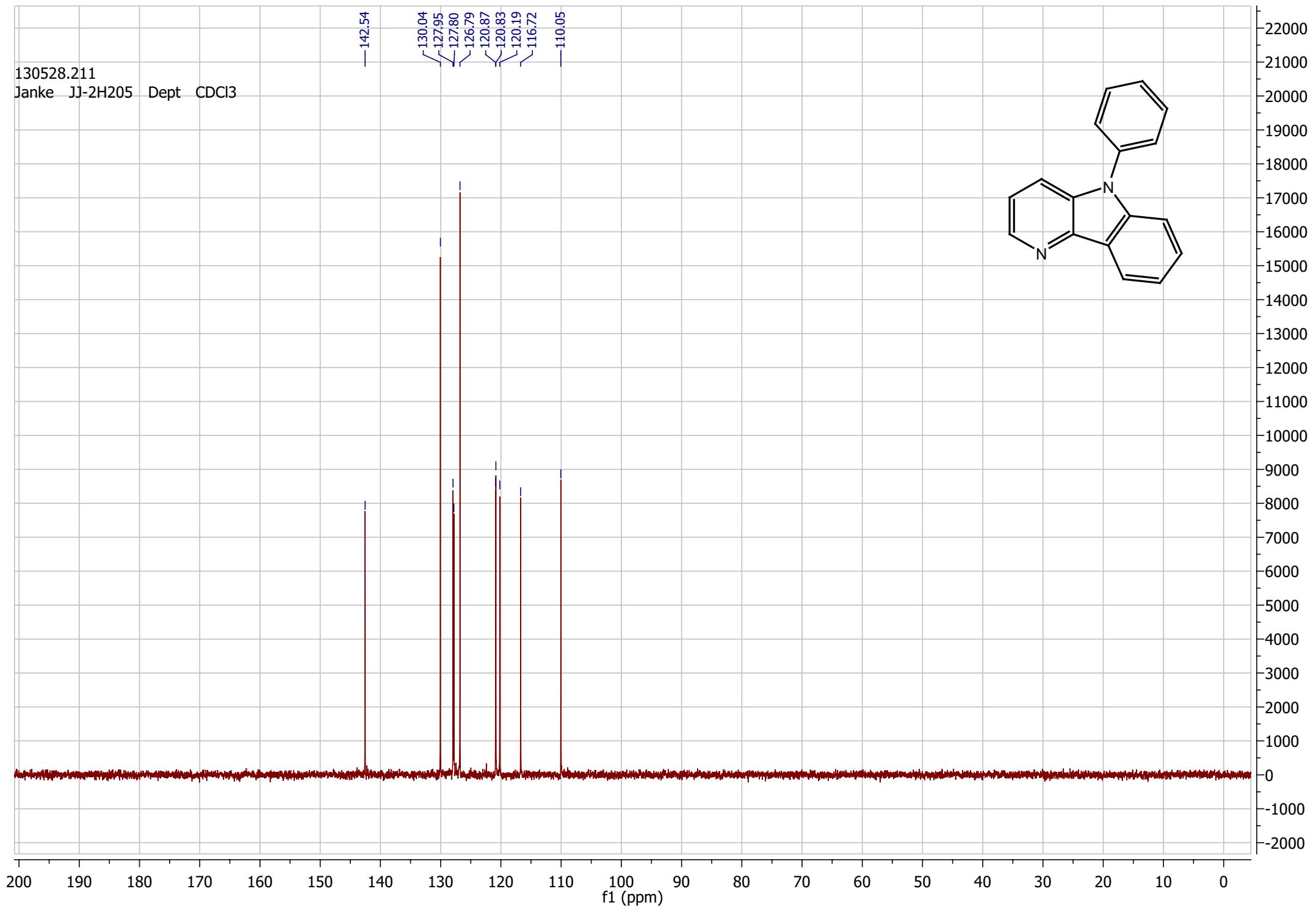


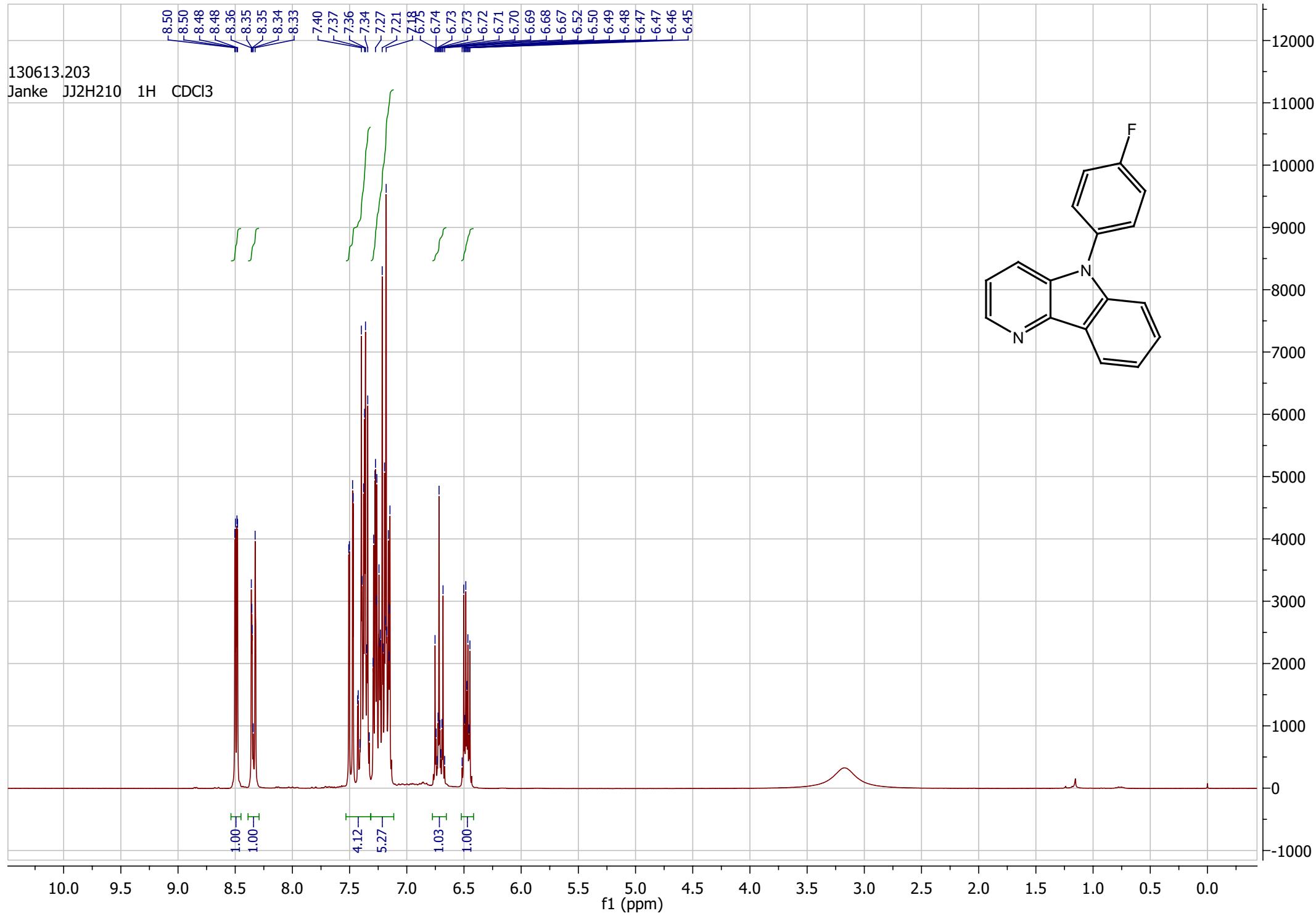




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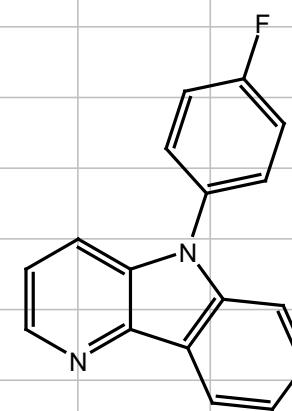
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140311.u301
Hung HT-JJ-2H210 19F CDCl₃

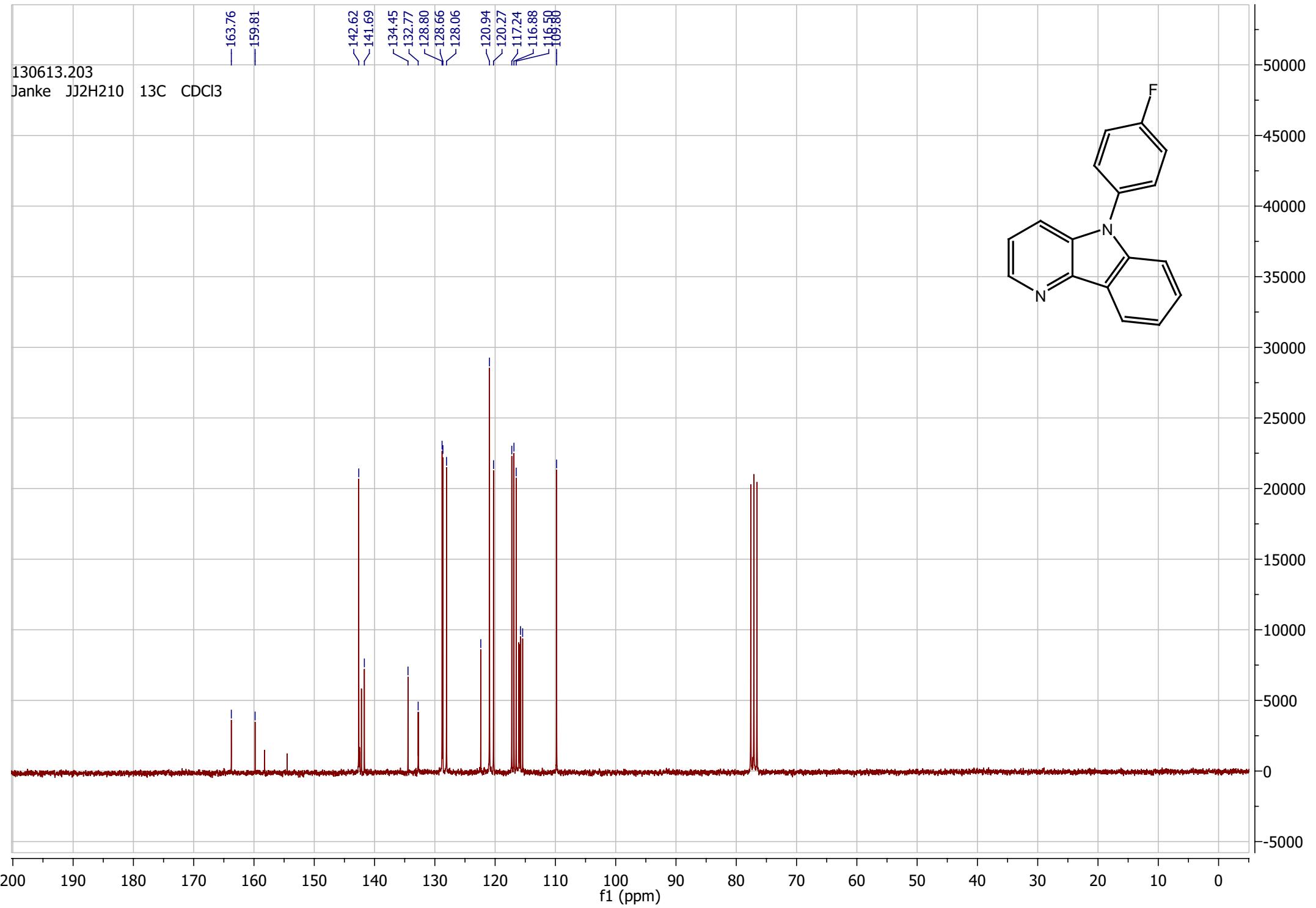
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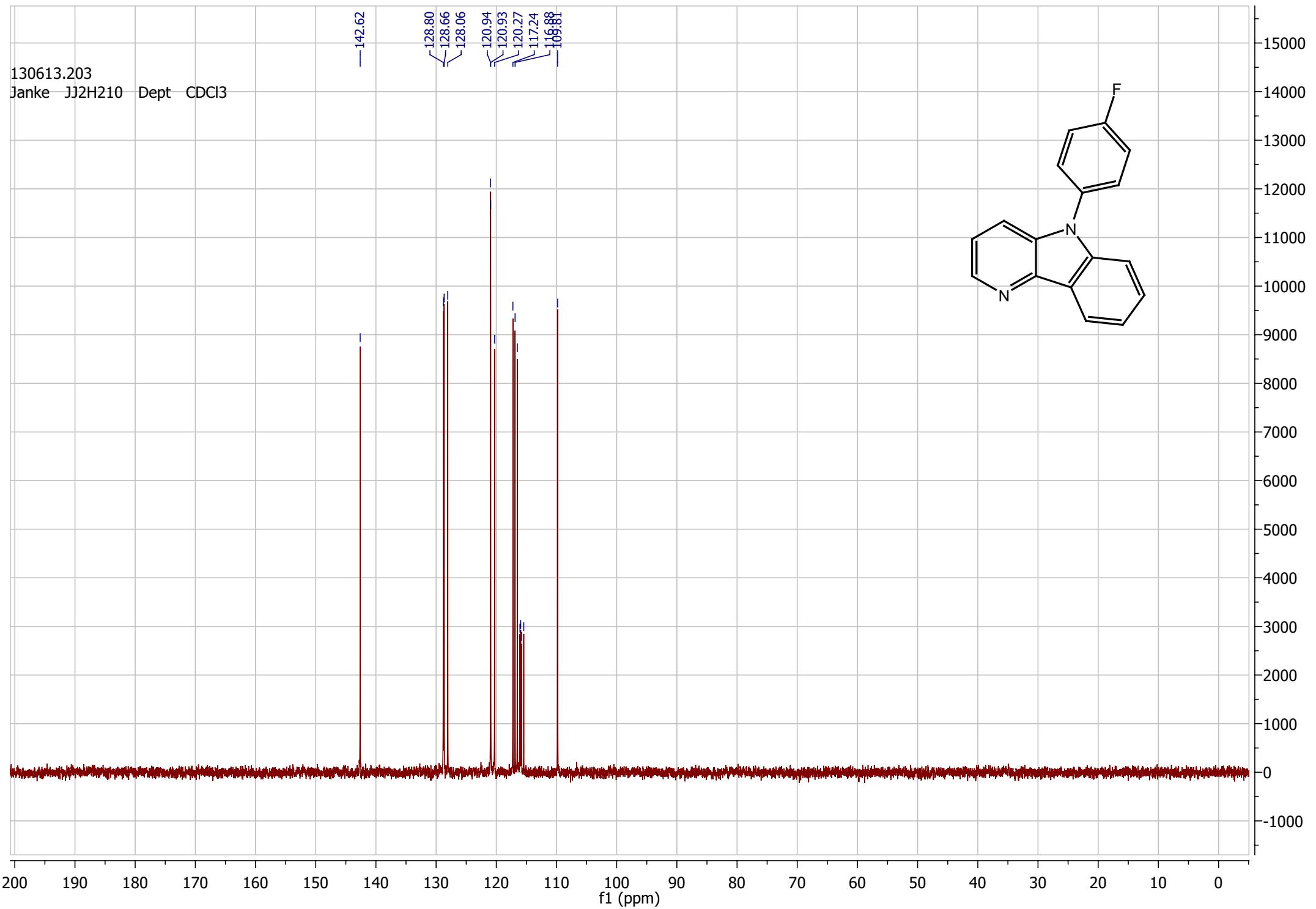


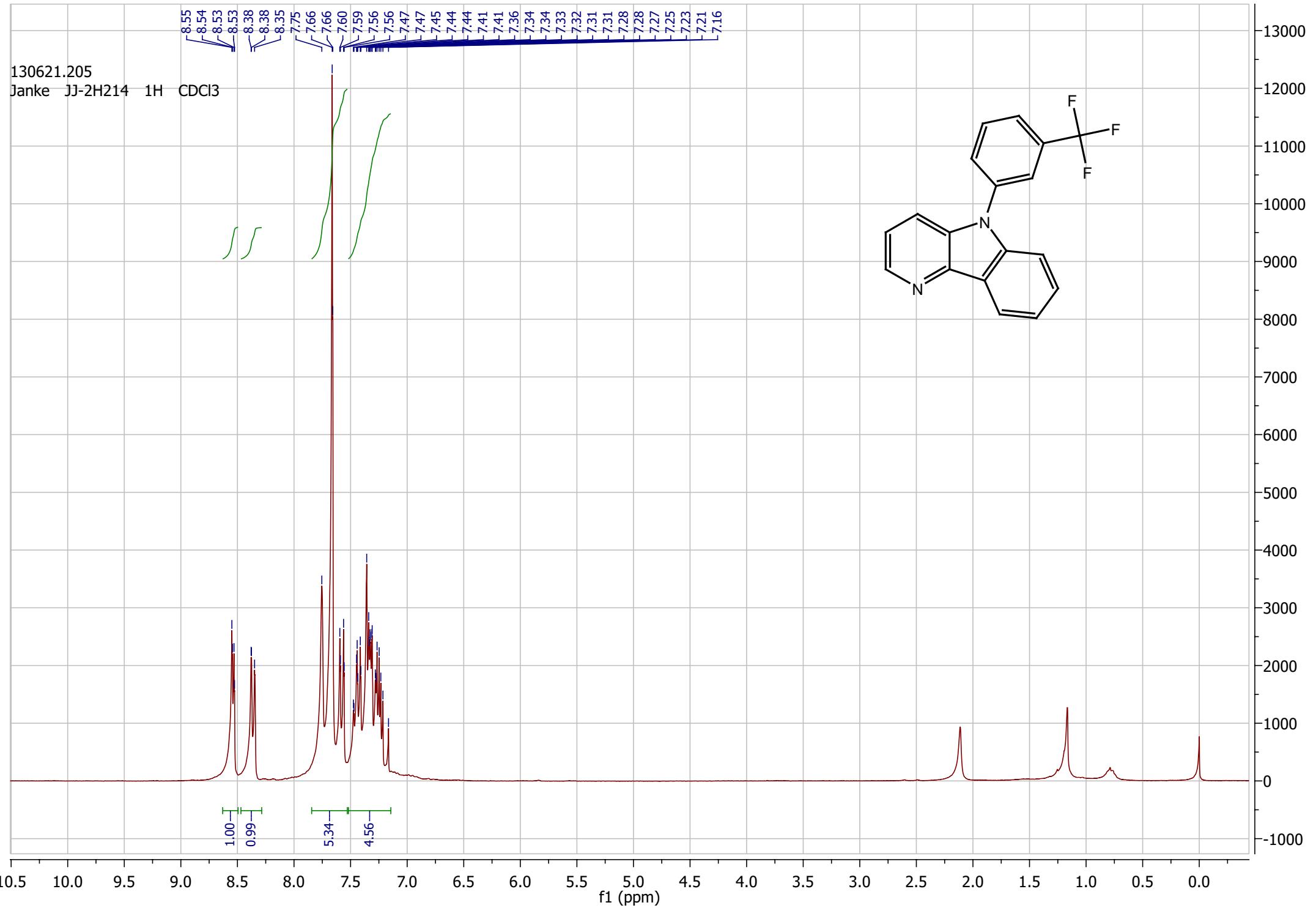
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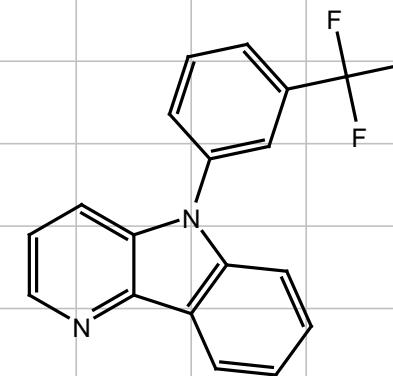




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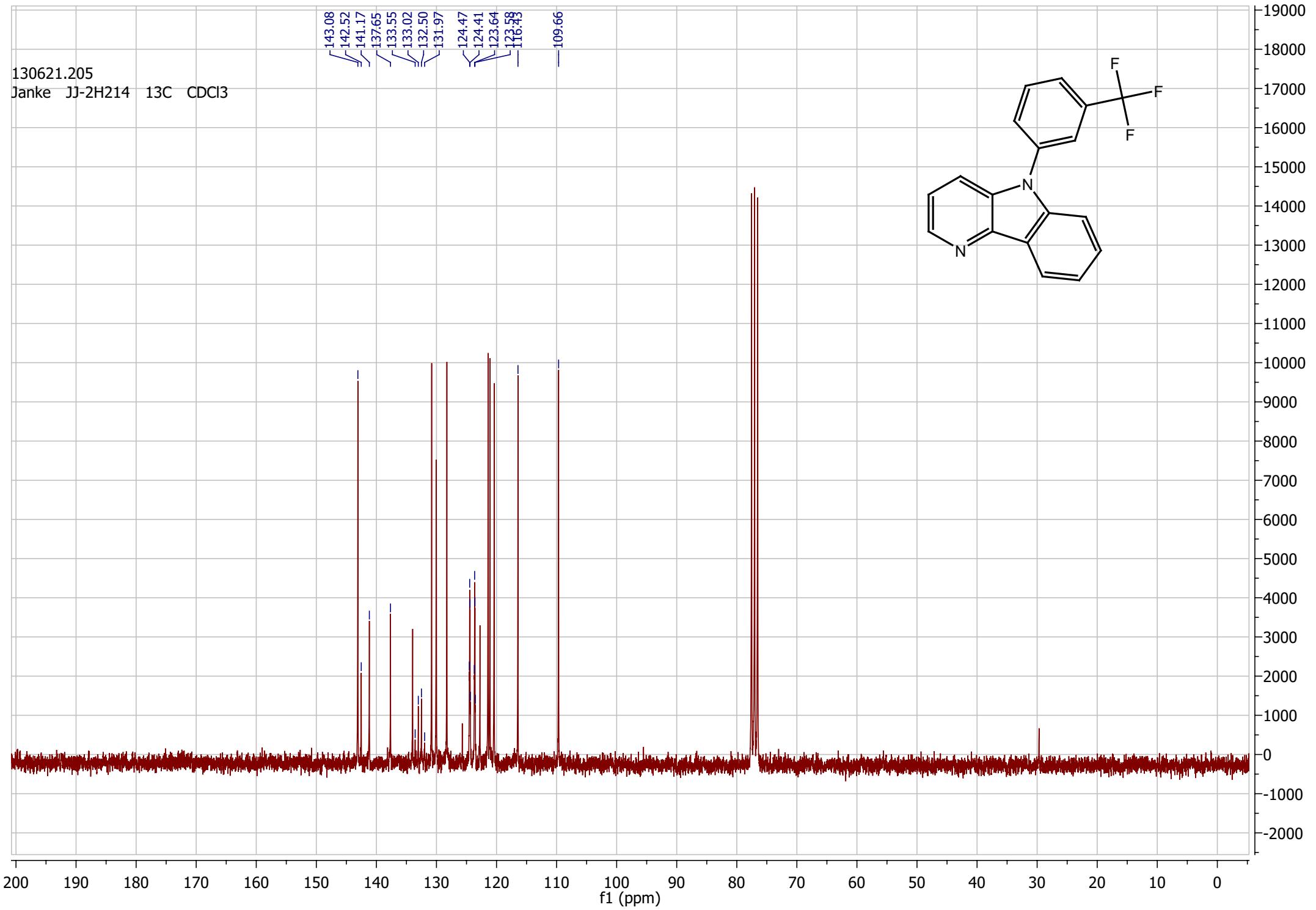
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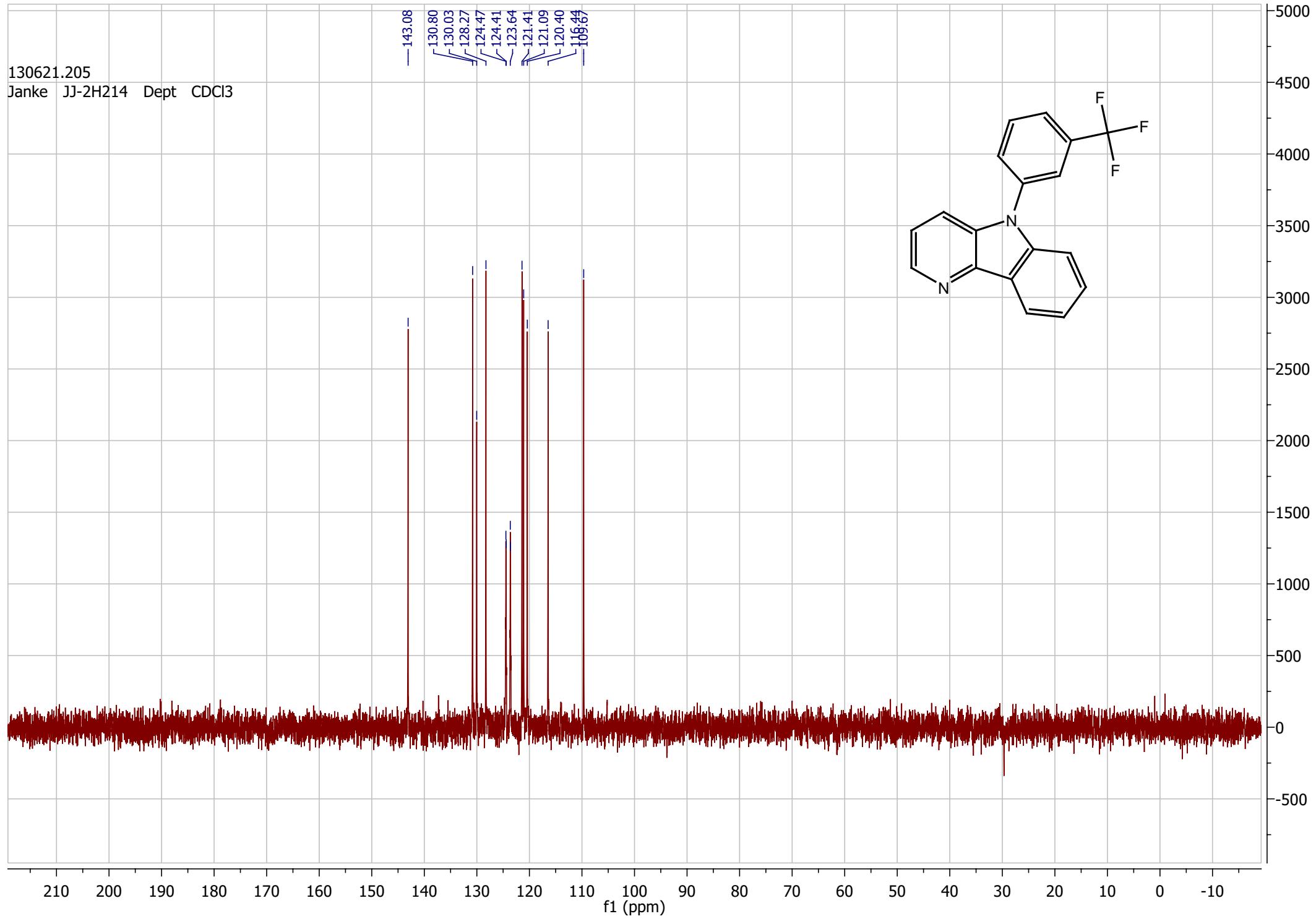


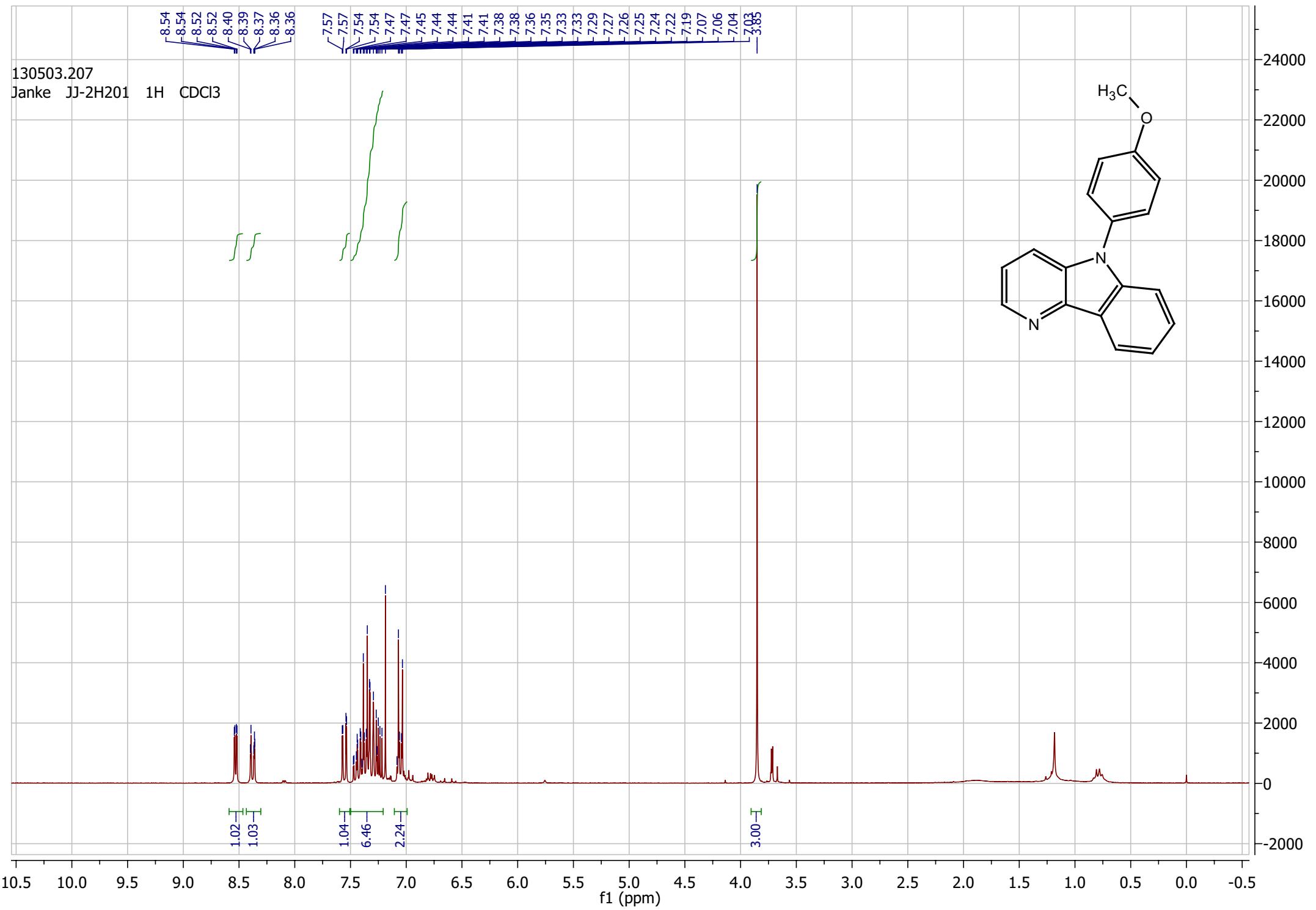
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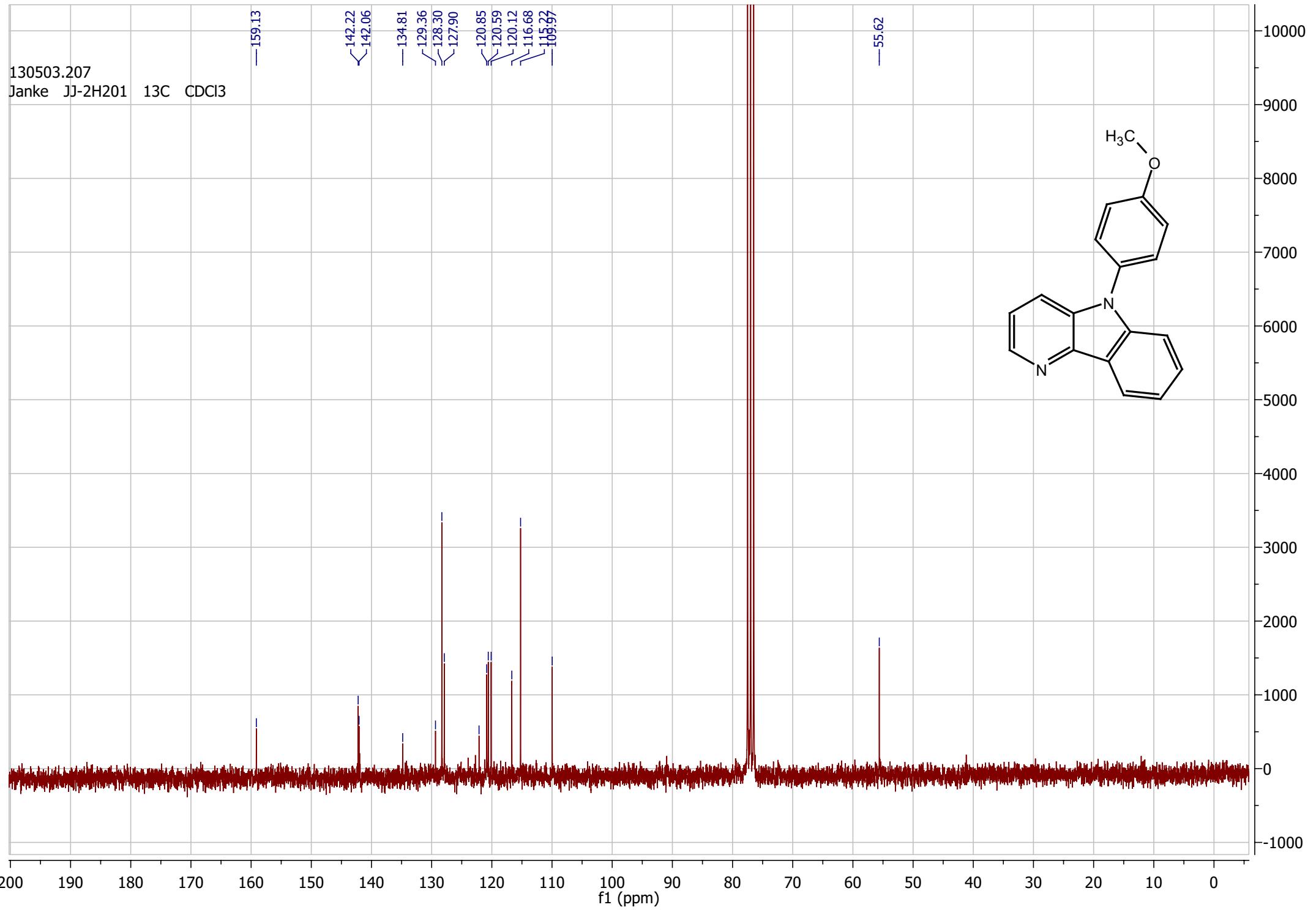
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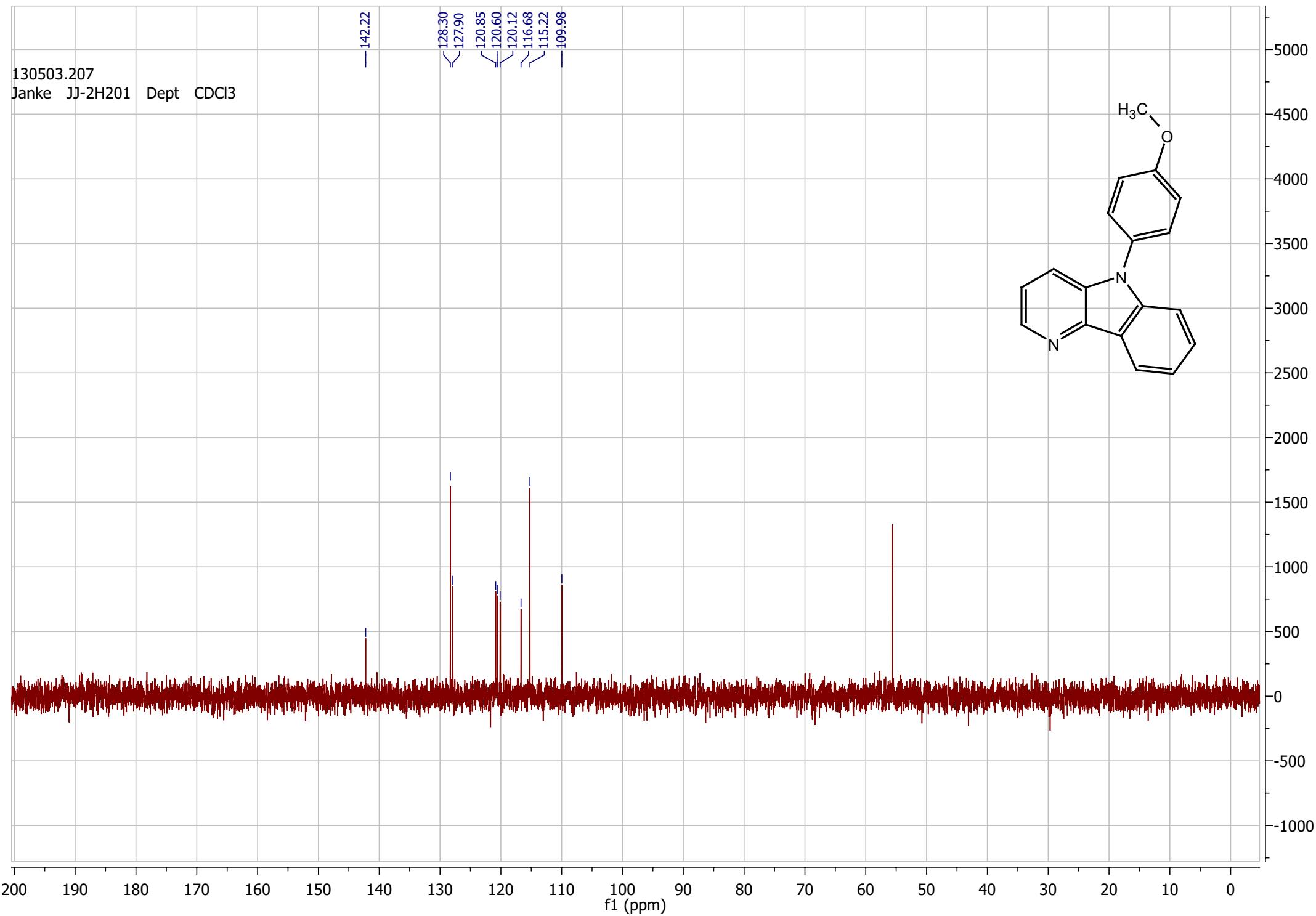
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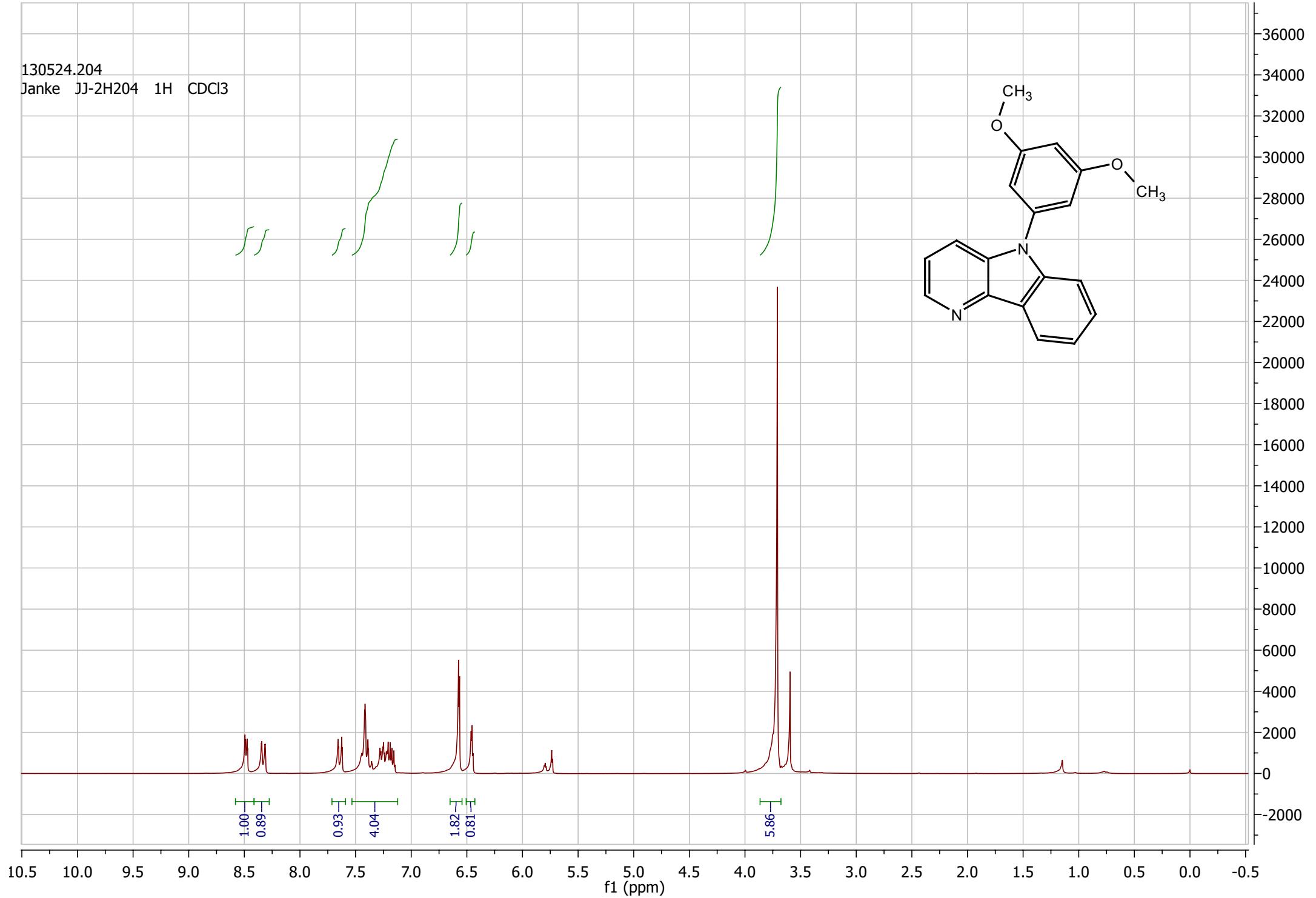
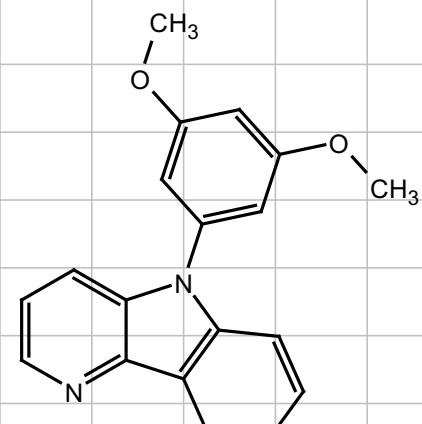


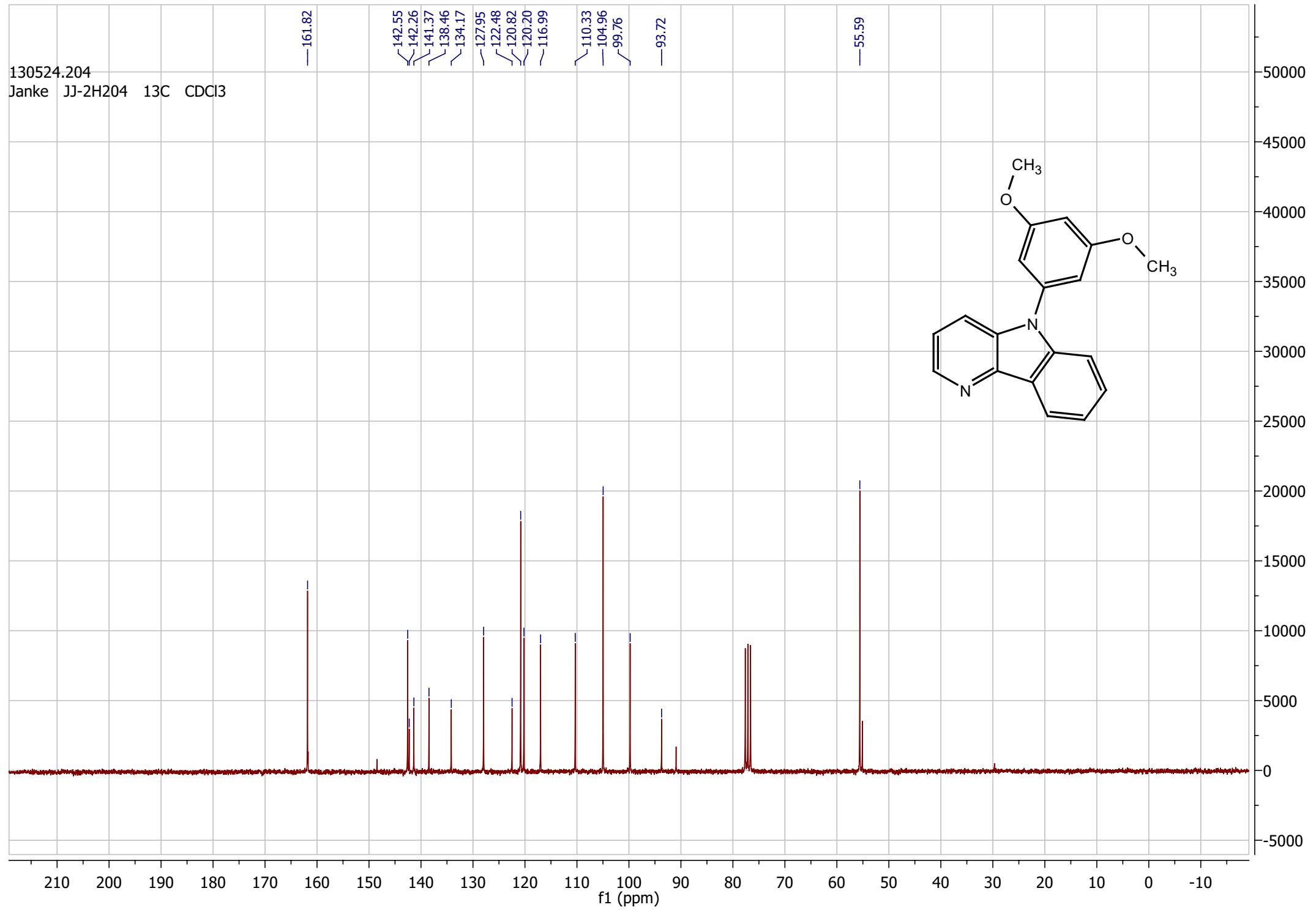


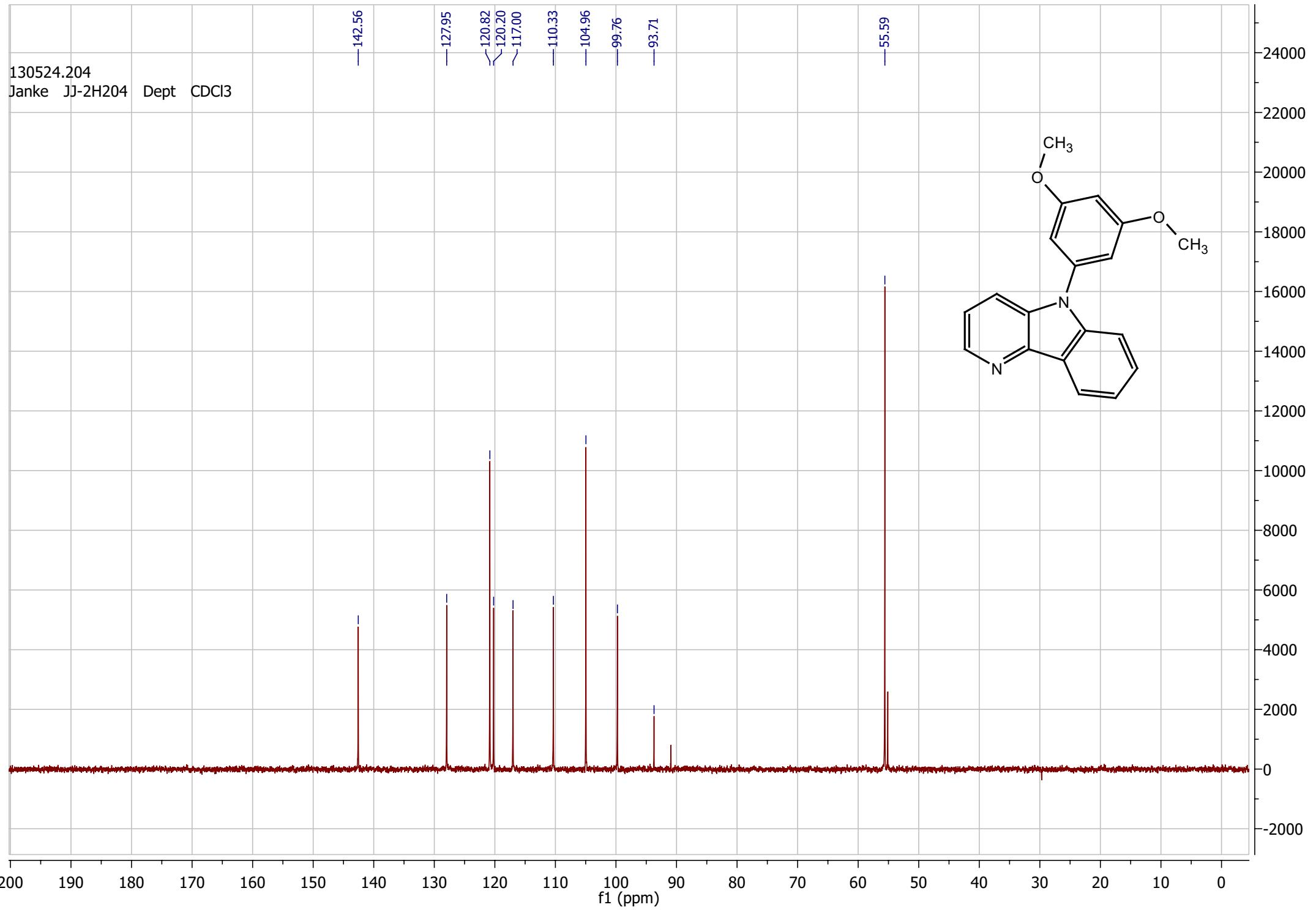




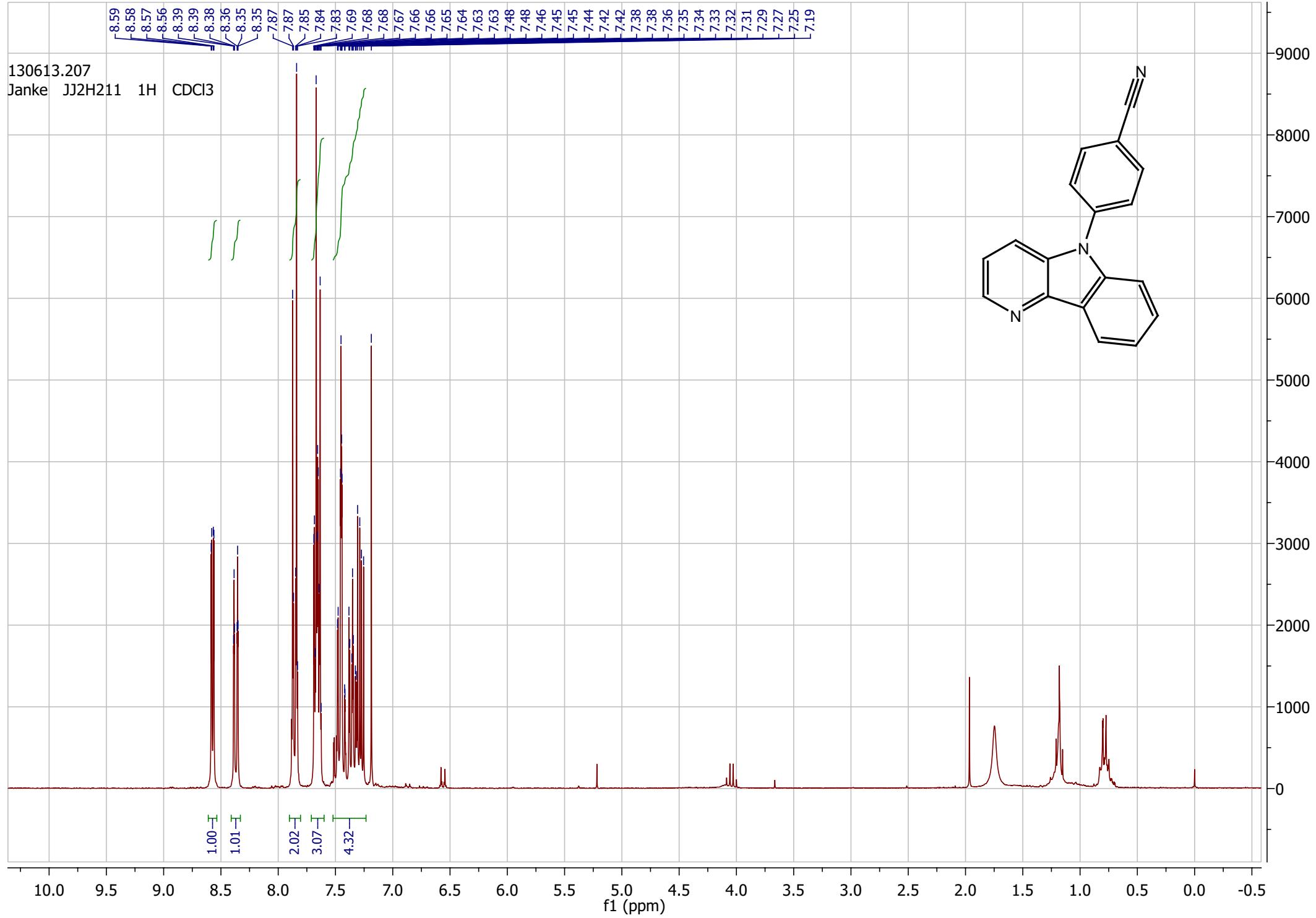
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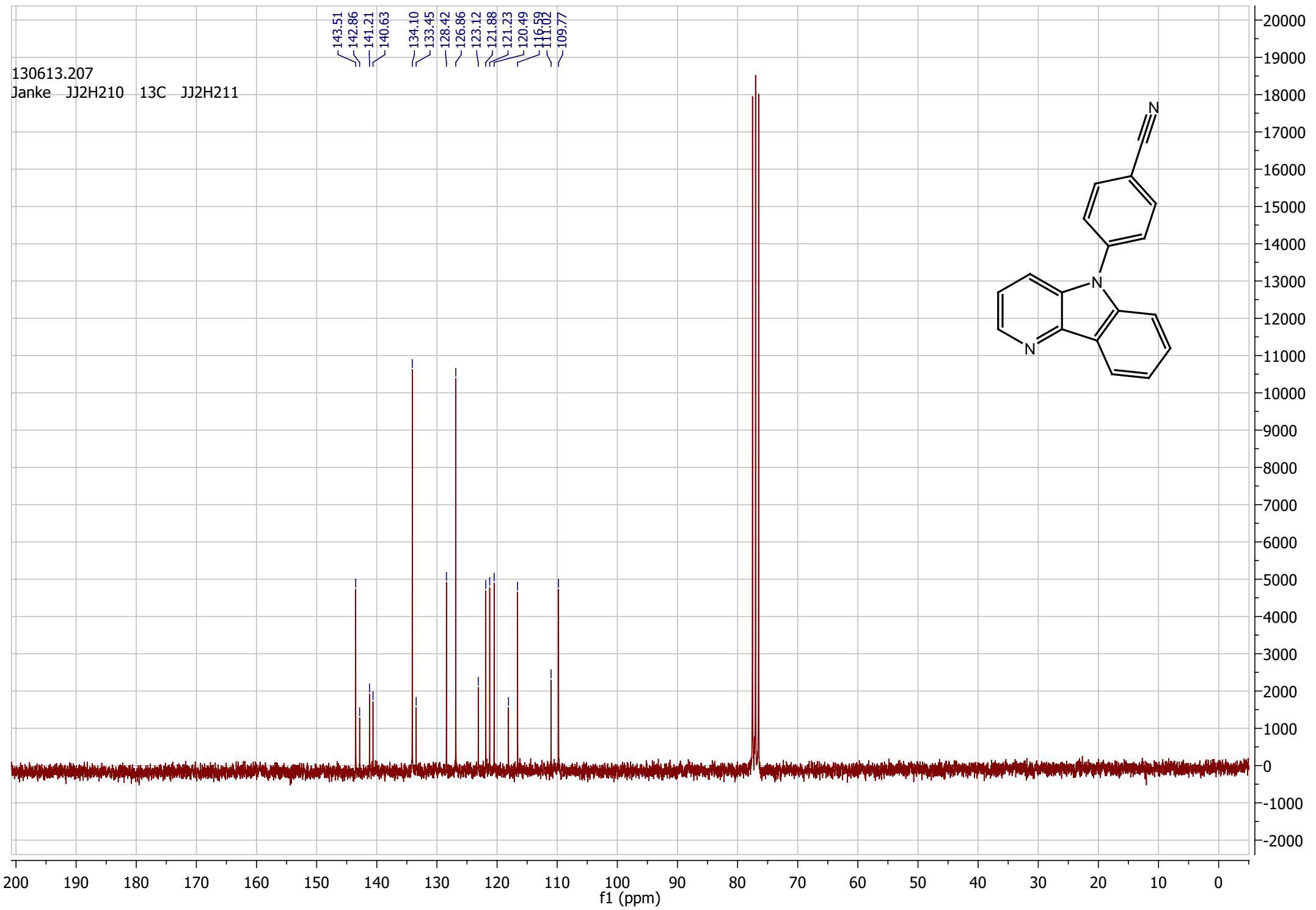


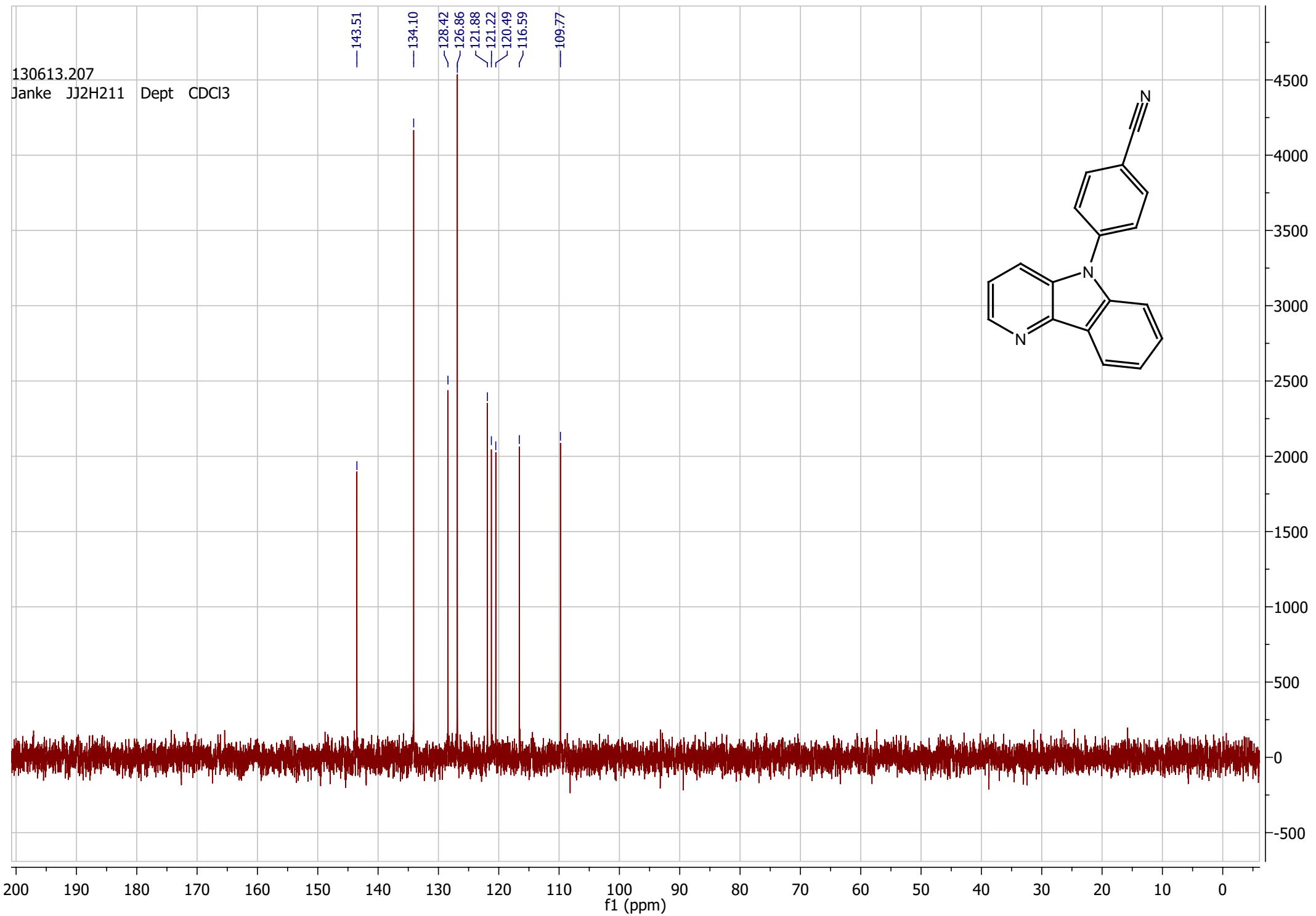


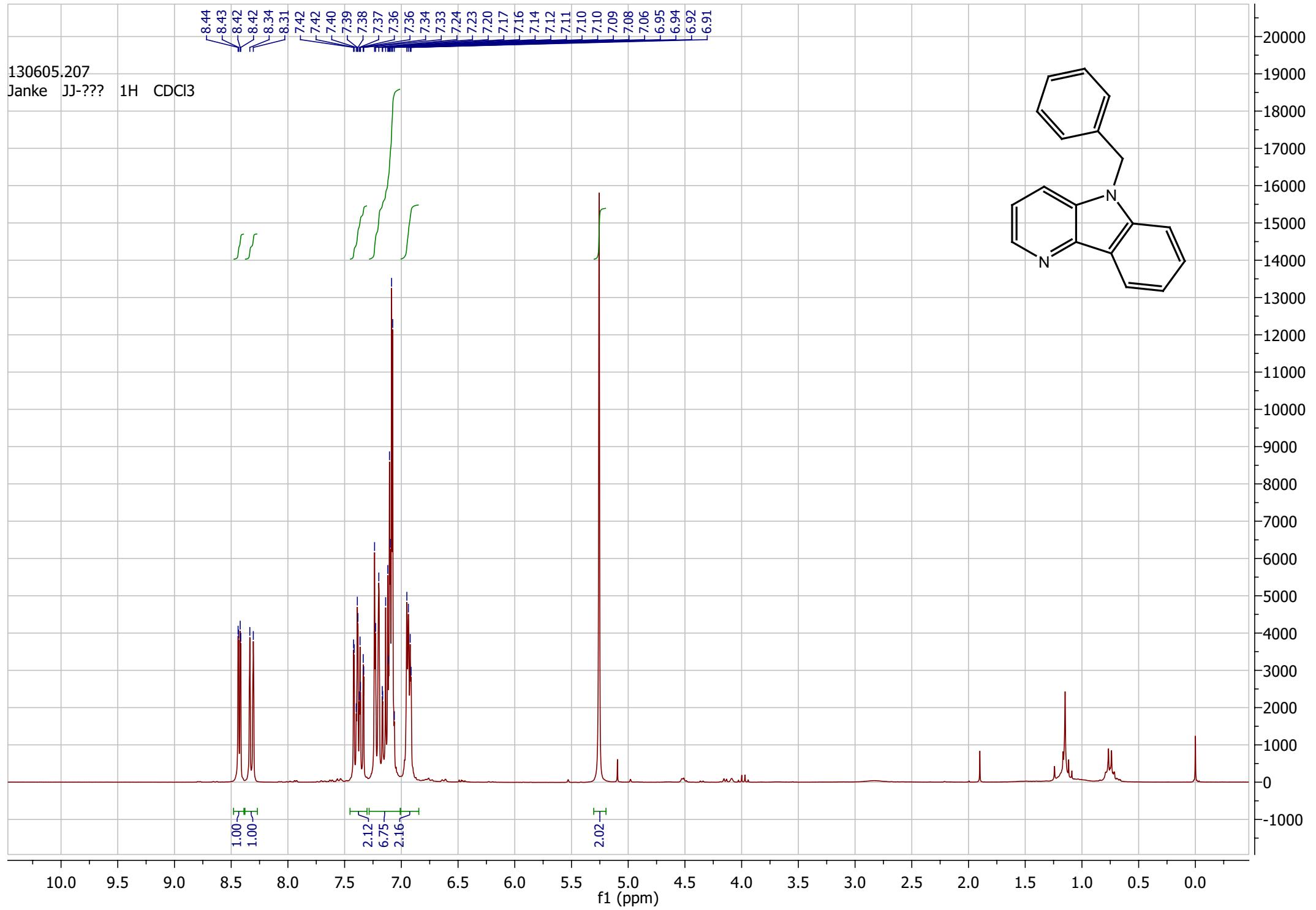


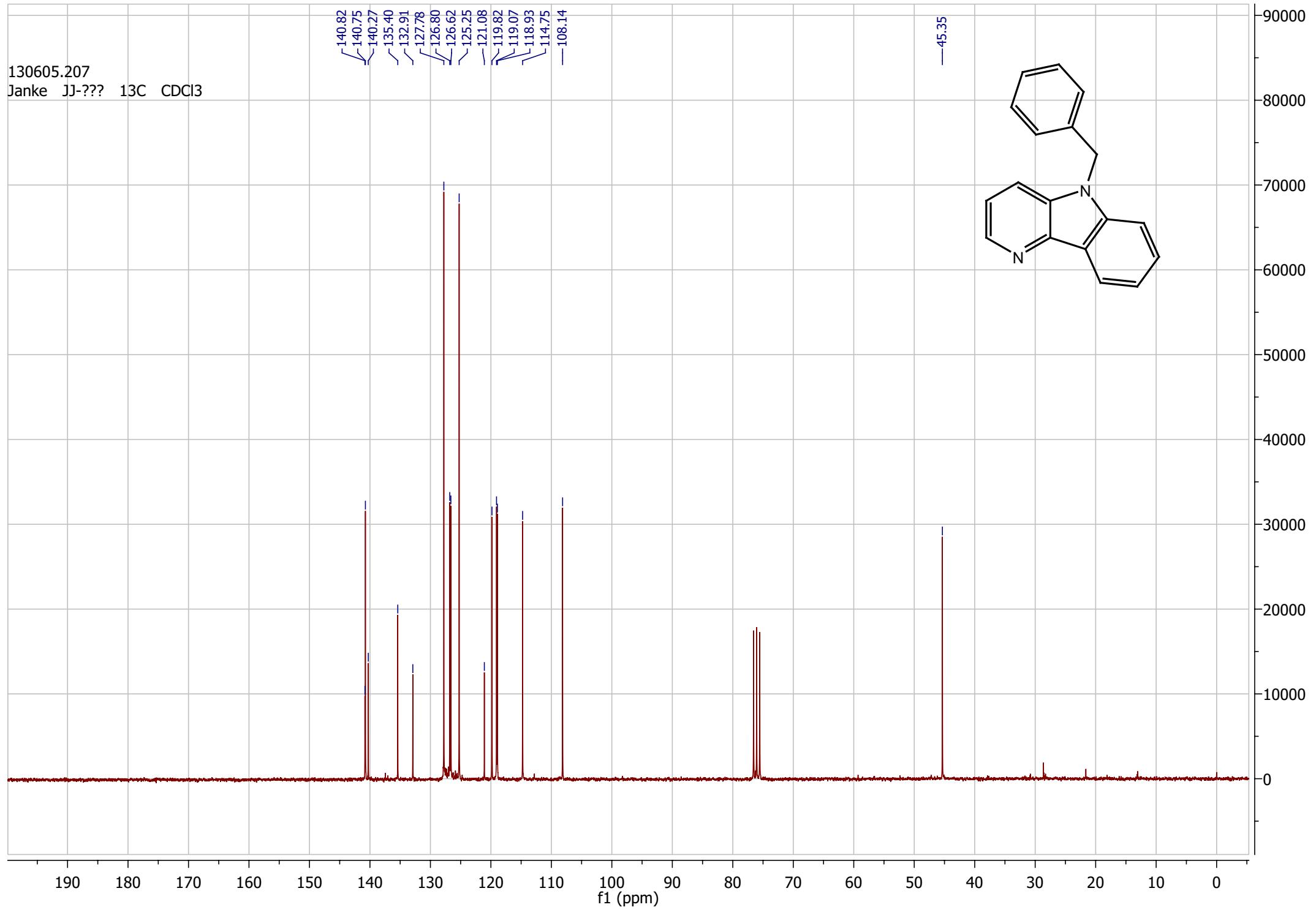
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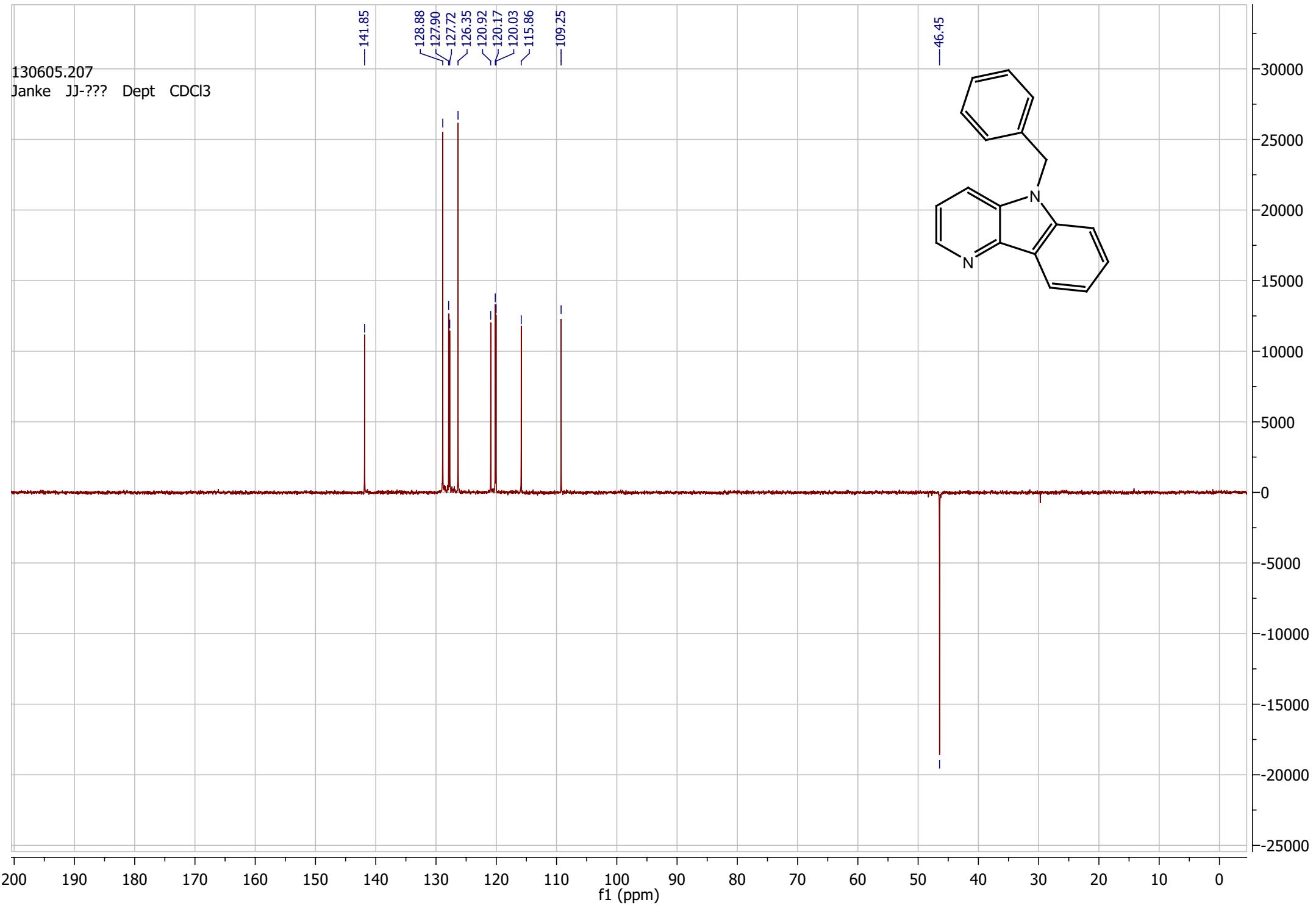


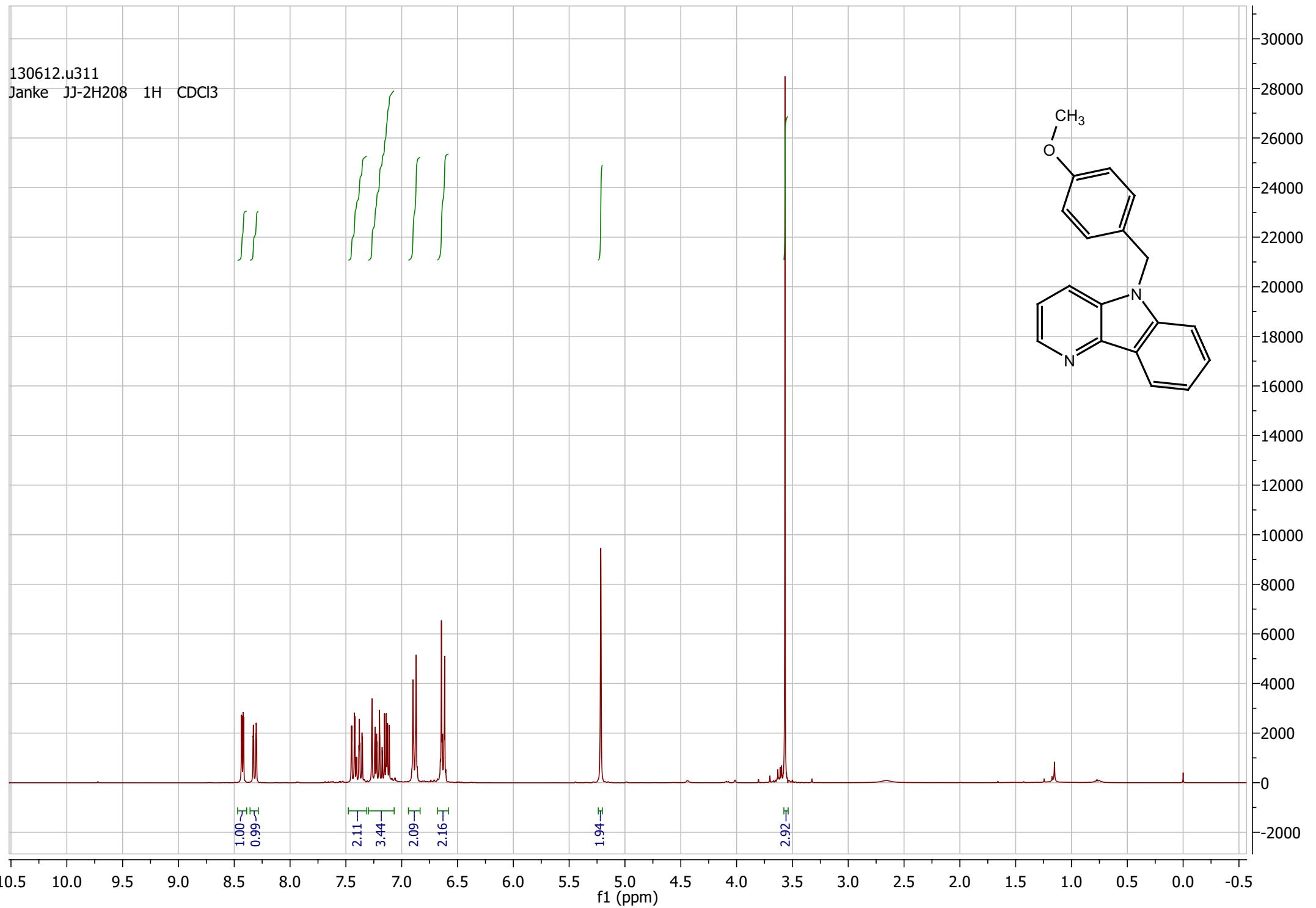


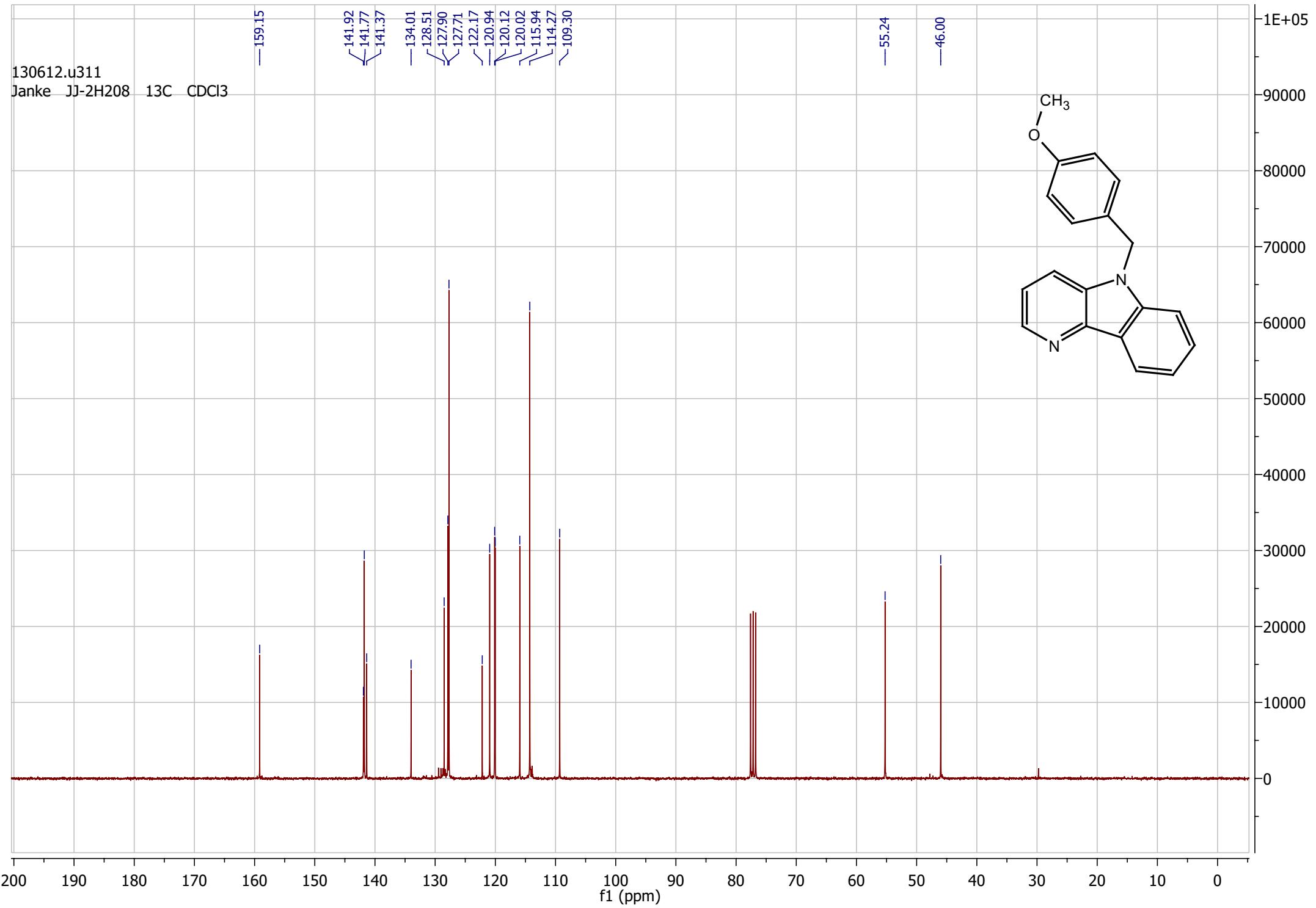


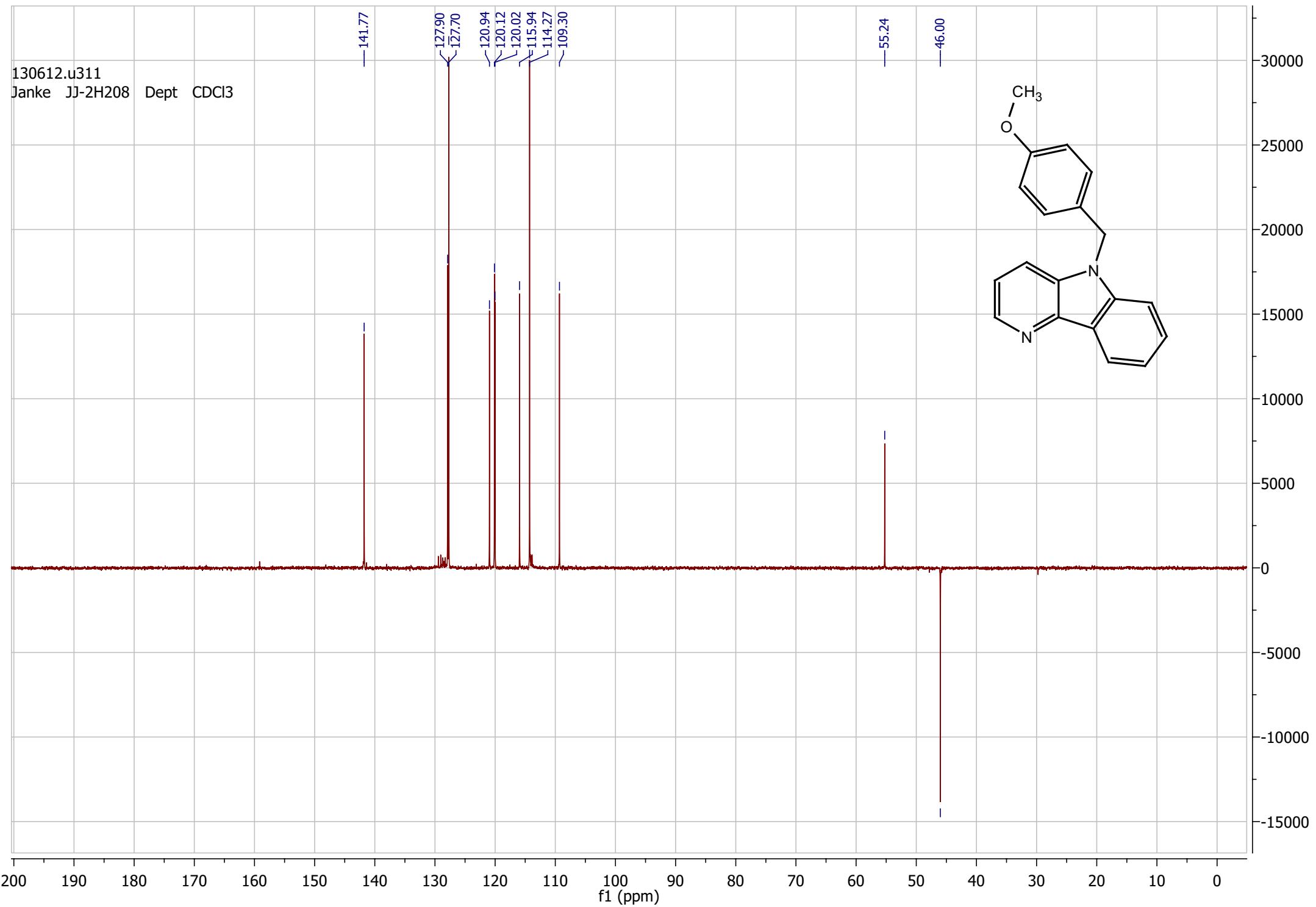


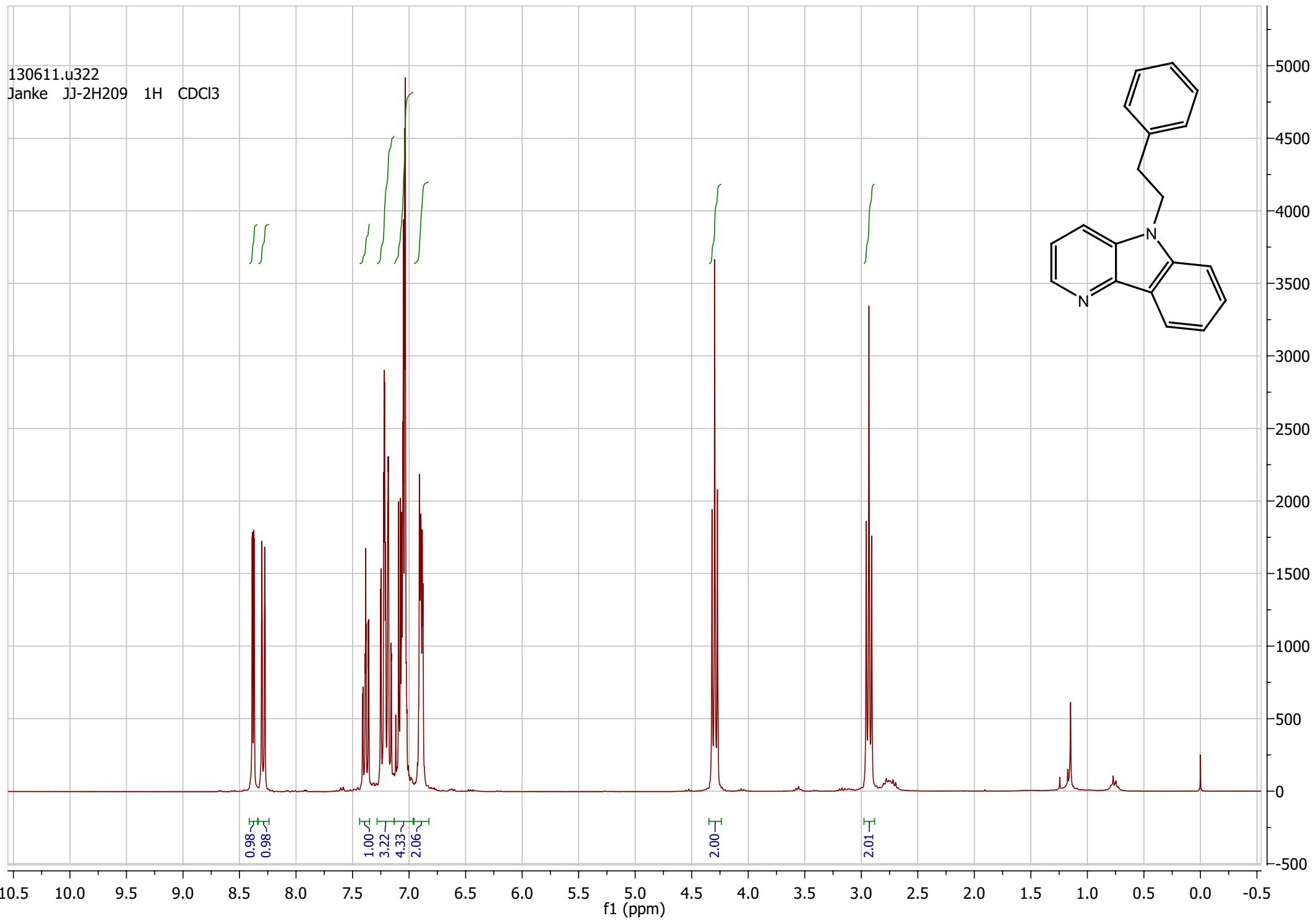










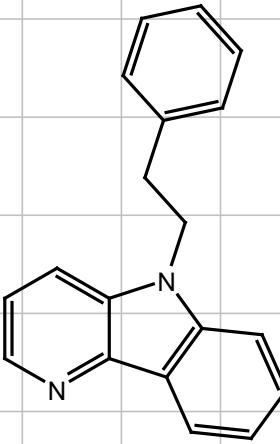


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—44.82
—35.27



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f1 (ppm)

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1E+05
1E+05
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Janke JJ-2H209 Dept CDCl₃

—141.46

128.74
128.66
127.66
126.76
120.91
119.88
119.75
115.45

—108.92

—44.82

—35.27

f1 (ppm)

