

# Synthesis and Photophysical Properties of Isocoumarin-based D- $\pi$ -A systems

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## Supporting Information

## Photophysical Characterization:

### Onsager cavity radius

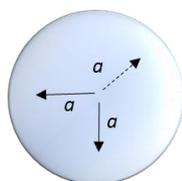
$$a = \sqrt[3]{\frac{3M}{4\pi\delta N_A}}$$

M = molecular weight

$N_A$  = Avogadro's number

$\delta$  = compound density

### Lippert-Mataga equation



Sphere

$$V = \frac{4}{3}\pi a^3$$

$$\bar{\nu}_a - \bar{\nu}_f = \frac{2}{hc} \left( \frac{\varepsilon - 1}{2\varepsilon + 1} - \frac{n^2 - 1}{2n^2 + 1} \right) \frac{(\mu^* - \mu)^2}{a^3} + const$$

$\bar{\nu}_a$  and  $\bar{\nu}_f$  = wavenumbers in  $\text{cm}^{-1}$

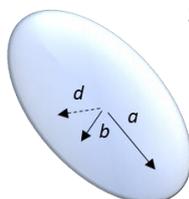
h = Planck's constant

c = speed of light

$\mu^*$  and  $\mu$  = dipole moment of the molecule in the excited and ground state

a = Onsager cavity radius

### Modified Lippert-Mataga equation



Spheroid prolate

$$V = \frac{4}{3}\pi abd$$

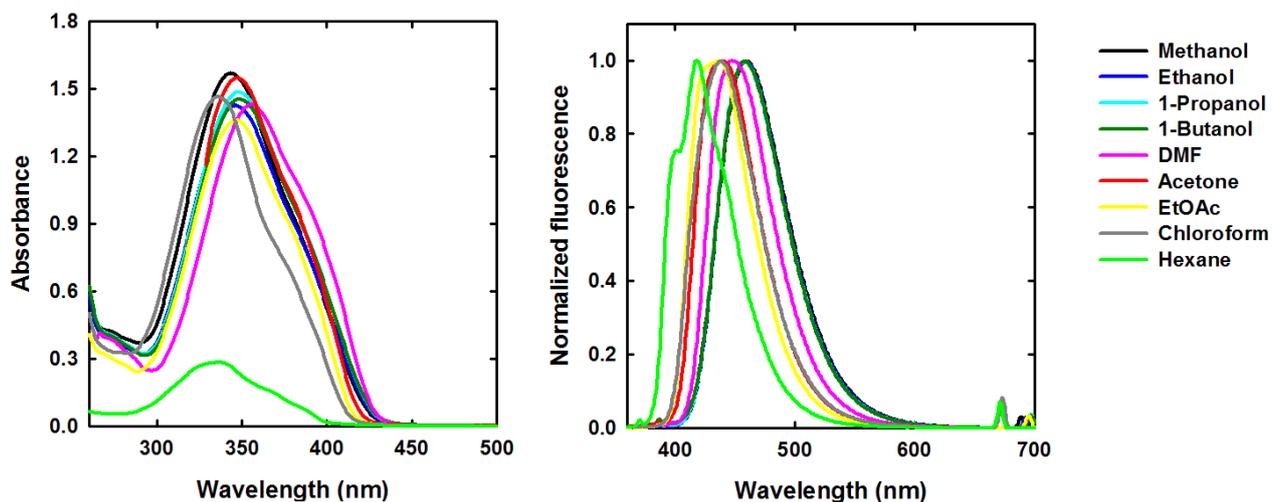
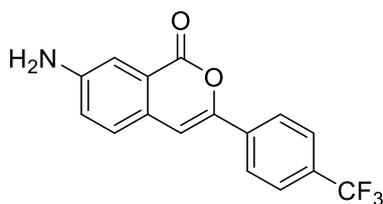
$$a > b = d$$

$$\bar{\nu}_a - \bar{\nu}_f = \frac{3}{hc} \left( \frac{\varepsilon - 1}{2\varepsilon + 1} - \frac{n^2 - 1}{2n^2 + 1} \right) \frac{(\mu^* - \mu)^2}{abd} + const$$

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1a

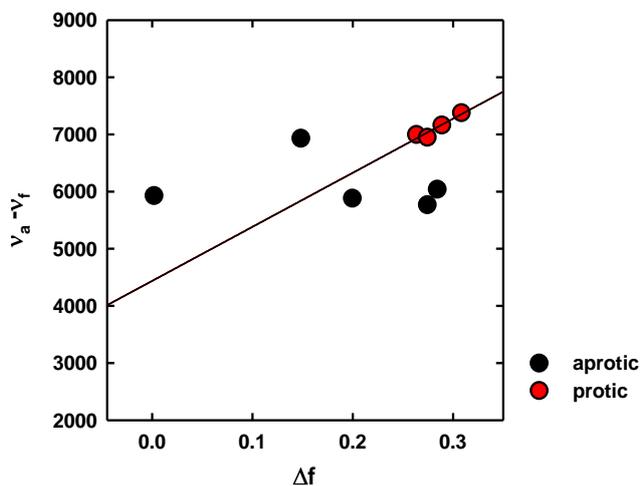


Calculated  $\epsilon_{346\text{nm}}$  in ethanol =  $21764 \text{ M}^{-1} \text{ cm}^{-1}$

Measurements carried out at  $20^\circ \text{C}$ ,  $l=1 \text{ cm}$

$[1a] = 65.52 \text{ } \mu\text{M}$

Solvent	$\lambda_{\text{exc}}$ (nm)	$\lambda_{\text{em}}$ (nm)
Methanol	344	461
Ethanol	346	460
1-Propanol	348	459
1-Butanol	348	460
1-Octanol	Not soluble	Not soluble
DMF	356	448
Acetone	347	439
Ethyl Acetate	347	436
Chloroform	336	438
Hexane	335	418



Molecular volume =  $357.02 \text{ } \text{\AA}^3$   
 $\mu = 3.68 \text{ Debye}$  (Discovery Studio)

**Sphere - protic**

Onsager cavity radius =  $4.4 \text{ } \text{\AA}$

$\mu^* - \mu = 8.94 \pm 0.04 \text{ Debye}$

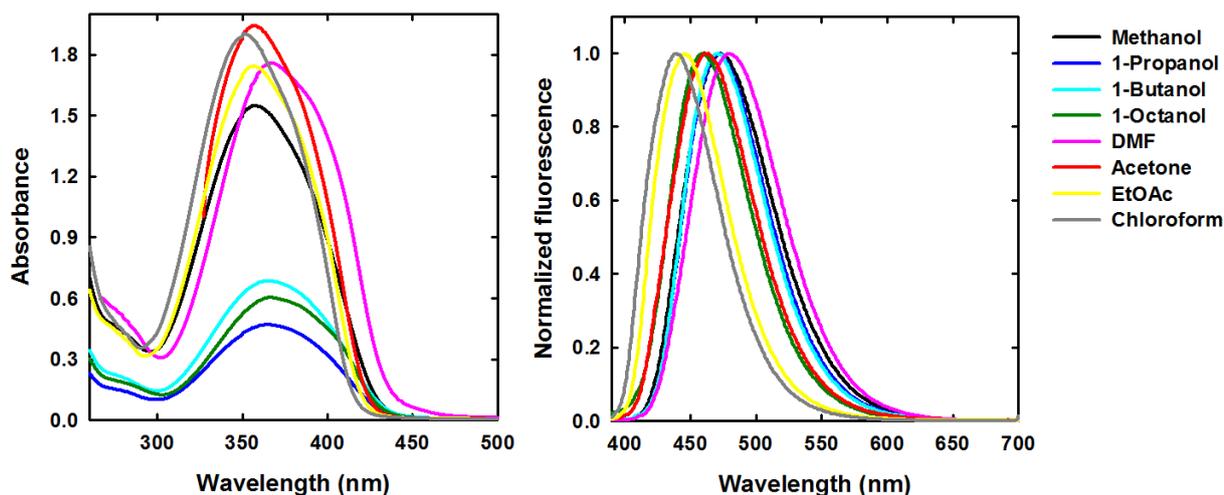
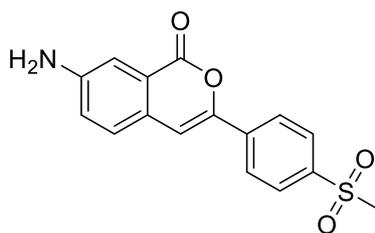
**Spheroid prolate - protic**

$a = 5.7 \text{ } \text{\AA}$

$b = d = 1.84 \text{ } \text{\AA}$

$\mu^* - \mu = 3.48 \pm 0.42 \text{ Debye}$

1b

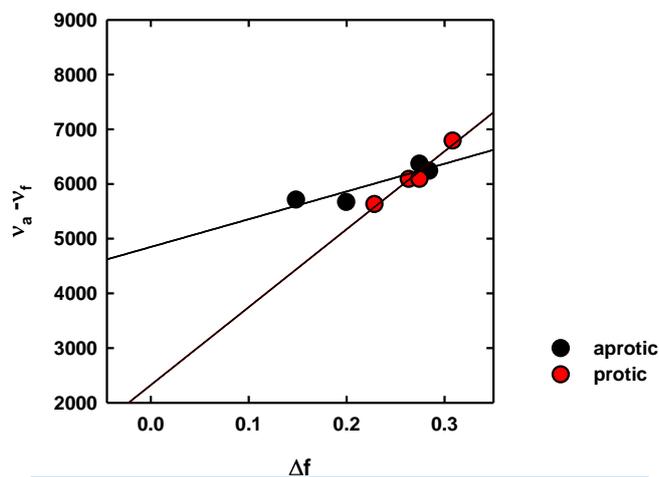


Calculated  $\epsilon_{358\text{nm}}$  in methanol =  $24406 \text{ M}^{-1} \text{ cm}^{-1}$

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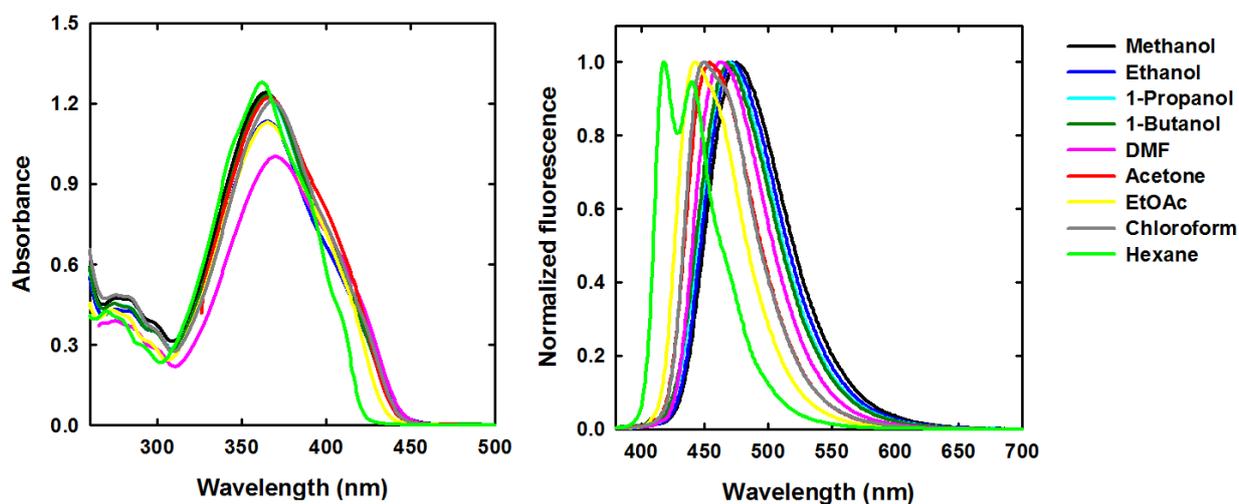
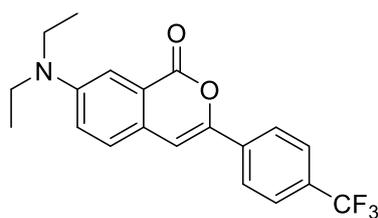
$[1b] = 63.42 \mu\text{M}$

Solvent	$\lambda_{\text{exc}}$ (nm)	$\lambda_{\text{em}}$ (nm)
Methanol	358	473
Ethanol	Not soluble	Not soluble
1-Propanol	366	471
1-Butanol	366	471
1-Octanol	366	461
DMF	367	479
Acetone	358	461
Ethyl Acetate	356	446
Chloroform	351	439
Hexane	Not soluble	Not soluble



Molecular volume =  $370.81 \text{ \AA}^3$   
 $\mu = 2.18$  Debye (Discovery Studio)  
**Sphere**  
 Onsager cavity radius =  $4.46 \text{ \AA}$   
**aprotic:**  $\mu^* - \mu = 6.69 \pm 1.09$  Debye  
**protic:**  $\mu^* - \mu = 11.20 \pm 0.82$  Debye  
**Spheroid prolate**  
 $a = 6.46 \text{ \AA}$   
 $b = d = 2.02 \text{ \AA}$   
**aprotic:**  $\mu^* - \mu = 2.98 \pm 0.49$  Debye  
**protic:**  $\mu^* - \mu = 4.99 \pm 0.37$  Debye

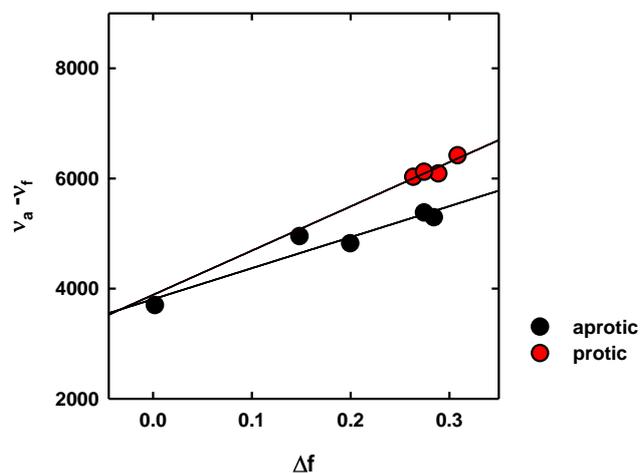
1c



Calculated  $\epsilon_{366\text{nm}}$  in ethanol =  $20488 \text{ M}^{-1} \text{ cm}^{-1}$

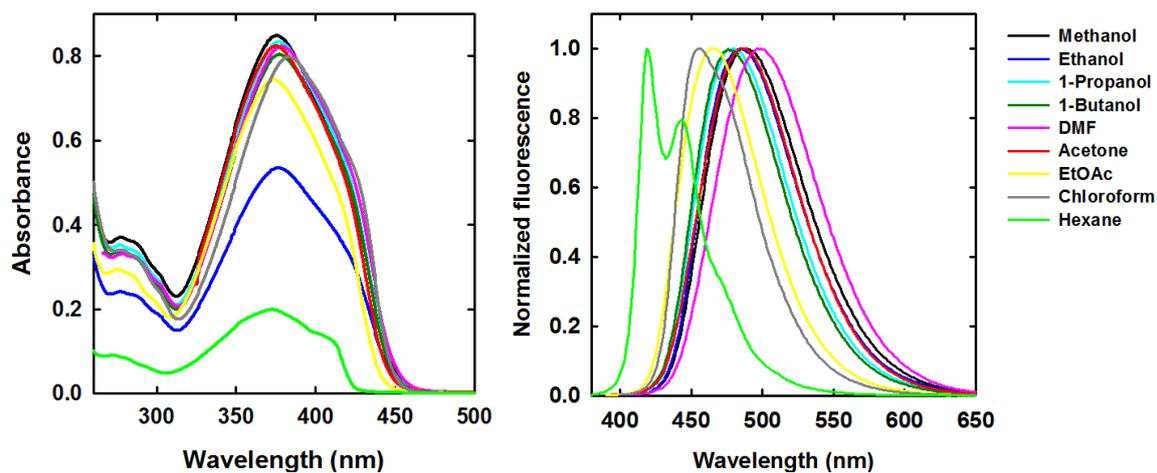
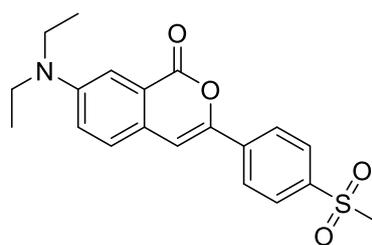
Measurements carried out at  $20^\circ \text{C}$ ,  $l=1 \text{ cm}$   
 $[1c] = 55.35 \mu\text{M}$

Solvent	$\lambda_{\text{exc}}$ (nm)	$\lambda_{\text{em}}$ (nm)
Methanol	364	475
Ethanol	366	471
1-Propanol	365	470
1-Butanol	365	468
1-Octanol	Not soluble	Not soluble
DMF	370	462
Acetone	366	454
Ethyl Acetate	365	443
Chloroform	368	450
Hexane	362	418



Molecular volume =  $471.12 \text{ \AA}^3$   
 $\mu = 4.12$  Debye (Discovery Studio)  
**Sphere**  
 Onsager cavity radius =  $4.83 \text{ \AA}$   
**aprotic:**  $\mu^* - \mu = 7.94 \pm 0.65$  Debye  
**protic:**  $\mu^* - \mu = 9.48 \pm 1.68$  Debye  
**Spheroid prolate**  
 $a = 7.62 \text{ \AA}$   
 $b = d = 2.02 \text{ \AA}$   
**aprotic:**  $\mu^* - \mu = 3.41 \pm 0.28$  Debye  
**protic:**  $\mu^* - \mu = 4.07 \pm 0.72$  Debye

1d

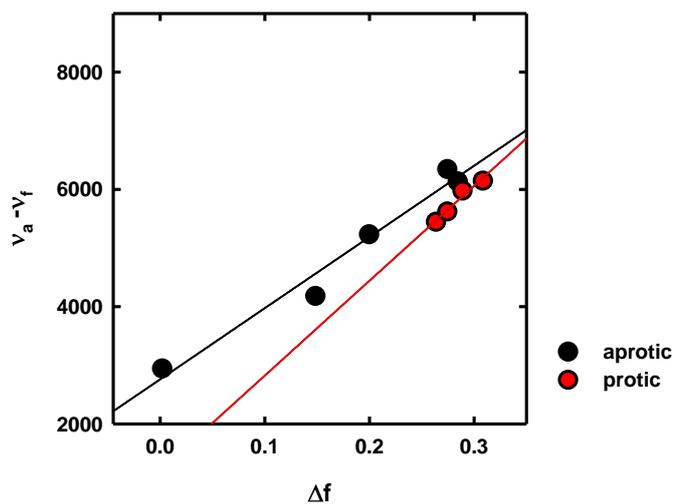


Calculated  $\epsilon_{376\text{nm}}$  in ethanol =  $9937 \text{ M}^{-1} \text{ cm}^{-1}$

Measurements carried out at  $20^\circ\text{C}$ ,  $l=1 \text{ cm}$

[1d] =  $53.84 \mu\text{M}$

Solvent	$\lambda_{\text{exc}}$ (nm)	$\lambda_{\text{em}}$ (nm)
Methanol	376	489
Ethanol	376	485
1-Propanol	378	480
1-Butanol	378	476
DMF	379	499
Acetone	375	487
Ethyl Acetate	374	465
Chloroform	383	456
Hexane	373	419



Molecular volume =  $484.89 \text{ \AA}^3$   
 $\mu = 3.02$  Debye (Discovery Studio)

**Sphere**

Onsager cavity radius =  $4.87 \text{ \AA}$

**aprotic:**  $\mu^* - \mu = 11.80 \pm 0.60$  Debye

**protic:**  $\mu^* - \mu = 13.62 \pm 1.02$  Debye

**Spheroid prolate**

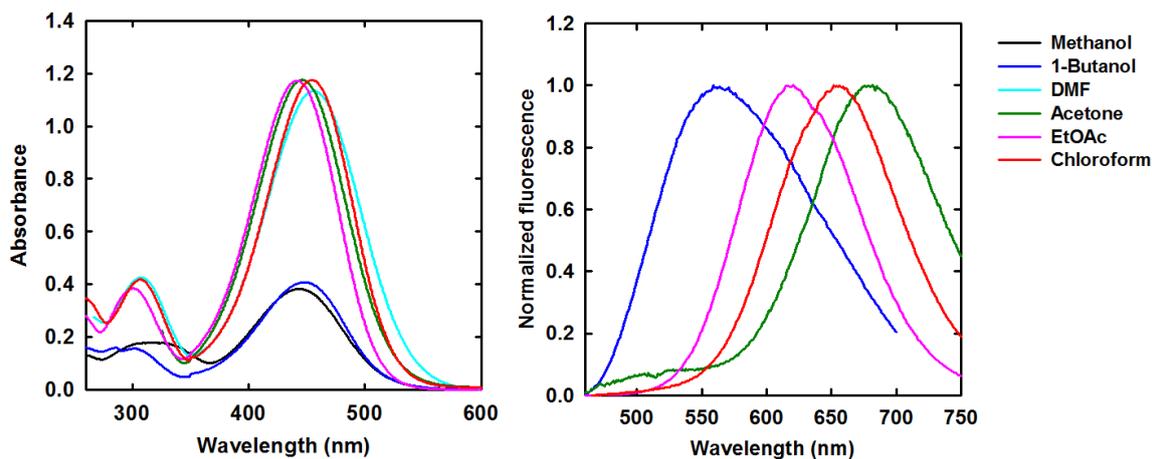
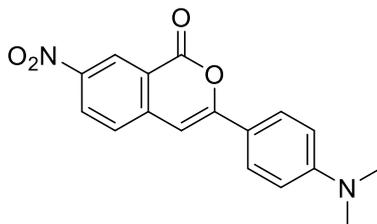
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$b = d = 2.02 \text{ \AA}$

**aprotic:**  $\mu^* - \mu = 4.96 \pm 0.25$  Debye

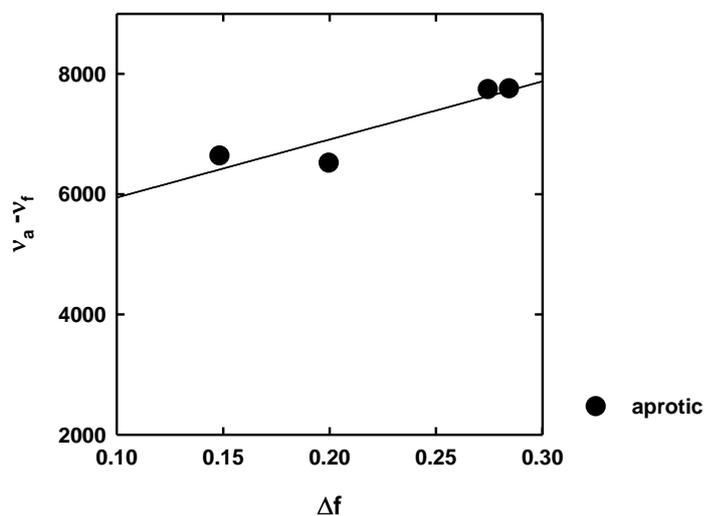
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1e



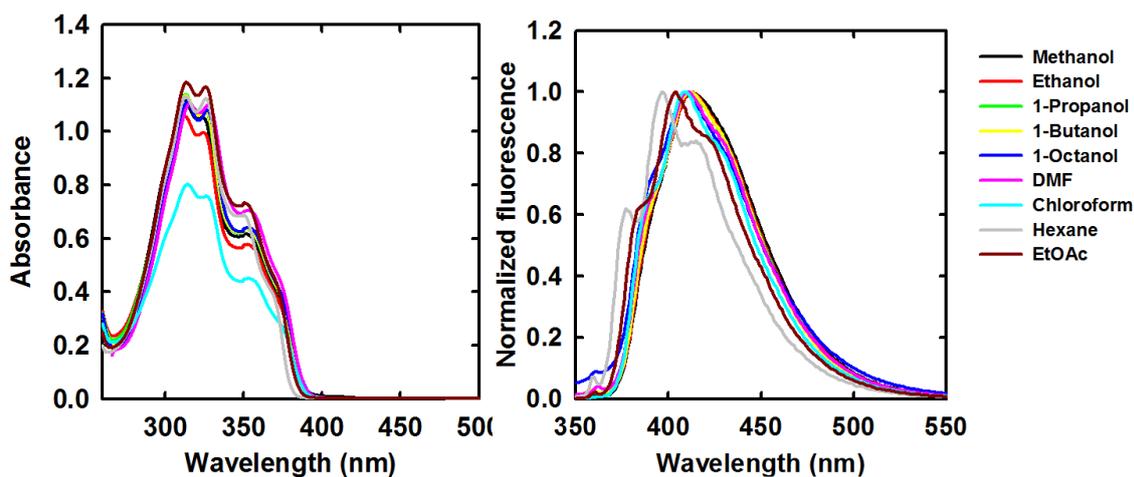
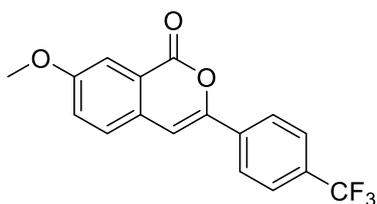
Measurements carried out at 20 °C, l=1 cm  
The molecule is poorly fluorescent in methanol and DMF

Solvent	$\lambda_{\text{exc}}$ (nm)	$\lambda_{\text{em}}$ (nm)
Methanol	444	(605, poorly fluorescent)
Ethanol	Not soluble	Not soluble
1-Propanol	Not soluble	Not soluble
1-Butanol	448	559
1-Octanol	Not soluble	Not soluble
DMF	456	(605, poorly fluorescent)
Acetone	446	682
Ethyl Acetate	442	621
Chloroform	455	652
Hexane	Not soluble	Not soluble



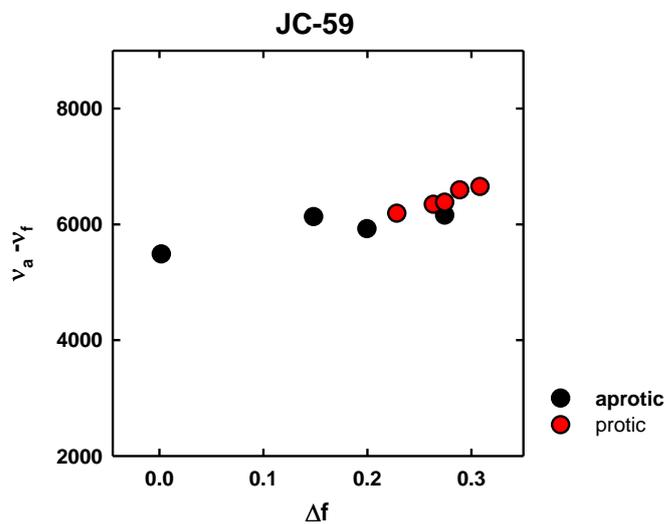
Molecular volume =  $380.44 \text{ \AA}^3$   
 $\mu = 6.17$  Debye (Discovery Studio)  
**Sphere**  
 Onsager cavity radius =  $4.495 \text{ \AA}$   
**aprotic:**  $\mu^* - \mu = 9.33 \pm 1.42$  Debye  
**Spheroid prolate**  
 $a = 7.3 \text{ \AA}$   
 $b = d = 2.57 \text{ \AA}$   
**aprotic:**  $\mu^* - \mu = 5.55 \pm 0.85$  Debye

1f



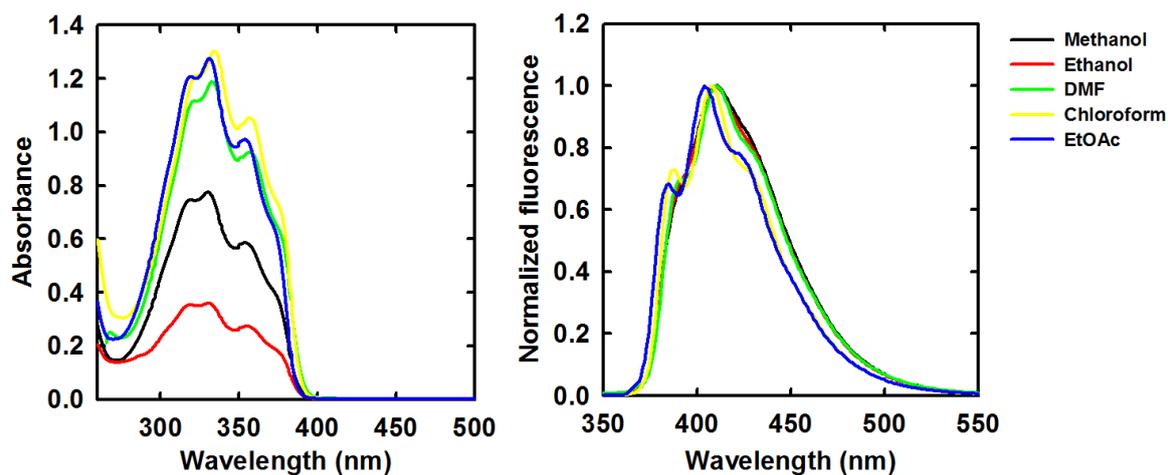
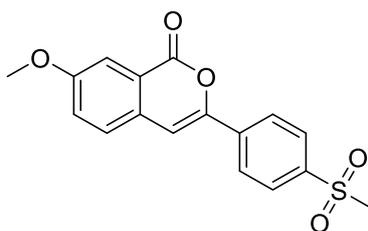
Calculated  $\epsilon_{324\text{nm}}$  in ethanol =  $15957 \text{ M}^{-1} \text{ cm}^{-1}$   
 Measurements carried out at 20 °C, l=1 cm  
 [1f]= 62.45  $\mu\text{M}$

Solvent	$\lambda_{\text{exc}}$ (nm)	$\lambda_{\text{em}}$ (nm)
Methanol	324	413
Ethanol	324	412
1-Propanol	325	410
1-Butanol	326	411
1-Octanol	327	410
DMF	328	411
Acetone	Solvent absorption	-
Ethyl Acetate	326	404
Chloroform	327	409
Hexane	326	397



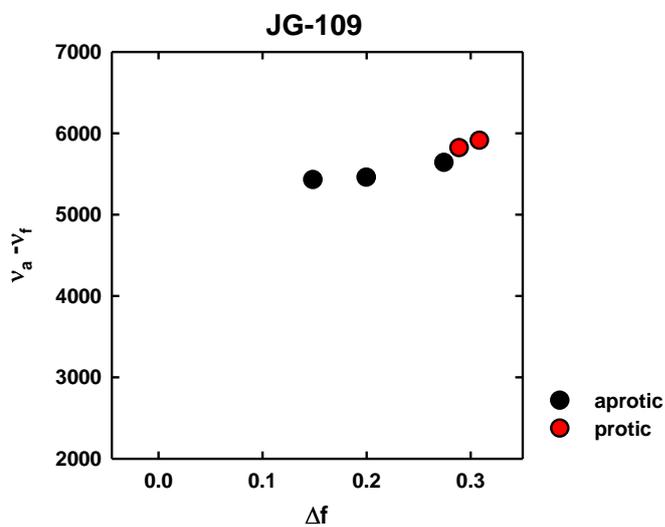
Molecular volume =  $393.06 \text{ \AA}^3$   
 $\mu = 4.984$  Debye (Discovery Studio)  
 Onsager cavity radius =  $4.54 \text{ \AA}$

1g



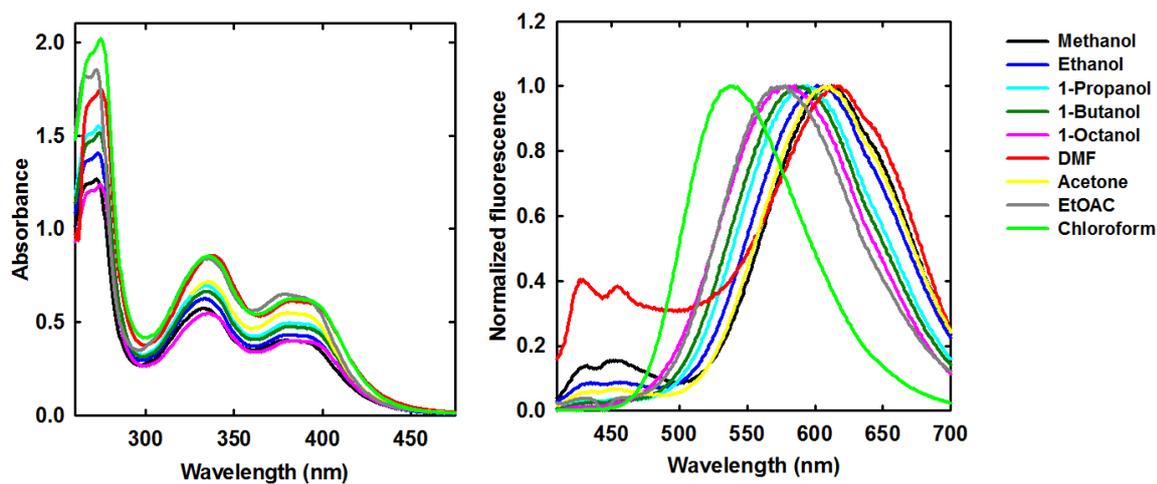
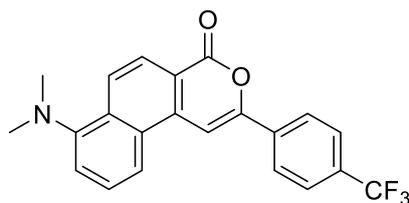
Measurements carried out at 20 °C, l=1 cm  
[1g] = 60.54  $\mu$ M

Solvent	$\lambda_{exc}$ (nm)	$\lambda_{em}$ (nm)
Methanol	330	410
Ethanol	331	410
1-Propanol	Not soluble	Not soluble
1-Butanol	Not soluble	Not soluble
1-Octanol	Not soluble	Not soluble
DMF	333	410
Acetone	Solvent absorption	-
Ethyl Acetate	331	404
Chloroform	334	408
Hexane	Not soluble	Not soluble



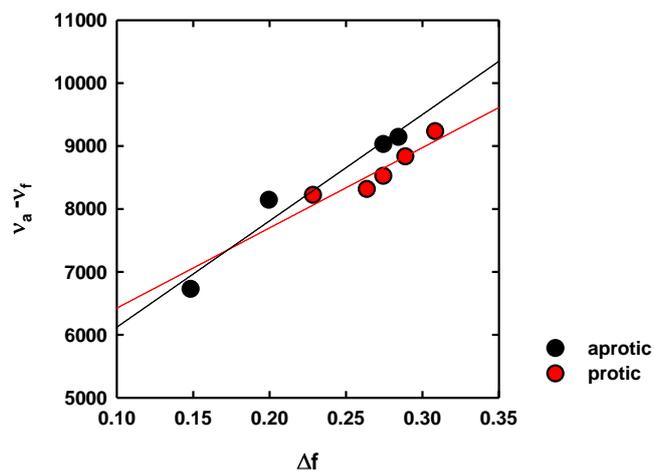
Molecular volume = 406.84  $\text{\AA}^3$   
 $\mu$  = 6.323 Debye (Discovery Studio)  
 Onsager cavity radius = 4.60  $\text{\AA}$

11c



Measurements carried out at 20 °C, l=1 cm

Solvent	$\lambda_{exc}$ (nm)	$\lambda_{em}$ (nm)
Methanol	391	612
Ethanol	393	602
1-Propanol	393	591
1-Butanol	394	586
1-Octanol	395	585
DMF	395	614
Acetone	392	611
Ethyl Acetate	393	578
Chloroform	395	538
Hexane	Not soluble	Not soluble



Molecular volume =  $472.93 \text{ \AA}^3$   
 $\mu = 4.113$  Debye (Discovery Studio)

**Sphere**

Onsager cavity radius =  $4.833 \text{ \AA}$

**aprotic:**  $\mu^* - \mu = 13.77 \pm 1.06$  Debye

**protic:**  $\mu^* - \mu = 11.96 \pm 1.45$  Debye

**Spheroid prolate**

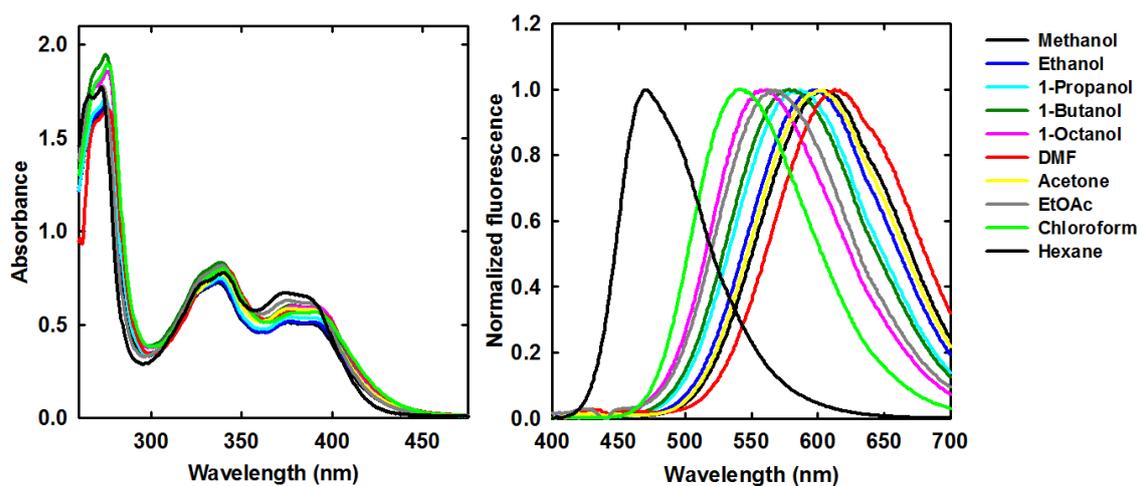
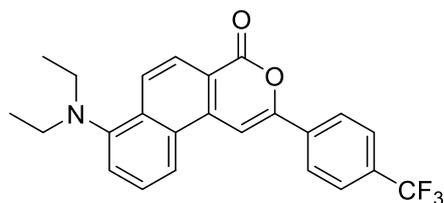
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$b = d = 3.88 \text{ \AA}$

**aprotic:**  $\mu^* - \mu = 11.39 \pm 0.88$  Debye

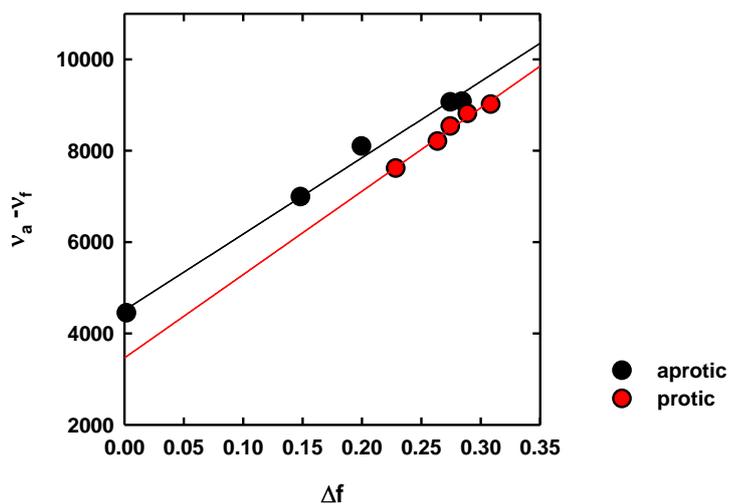
**protic:**  $\mu^* - \mu = 9.90 \pm 1.20$  Debye

11d



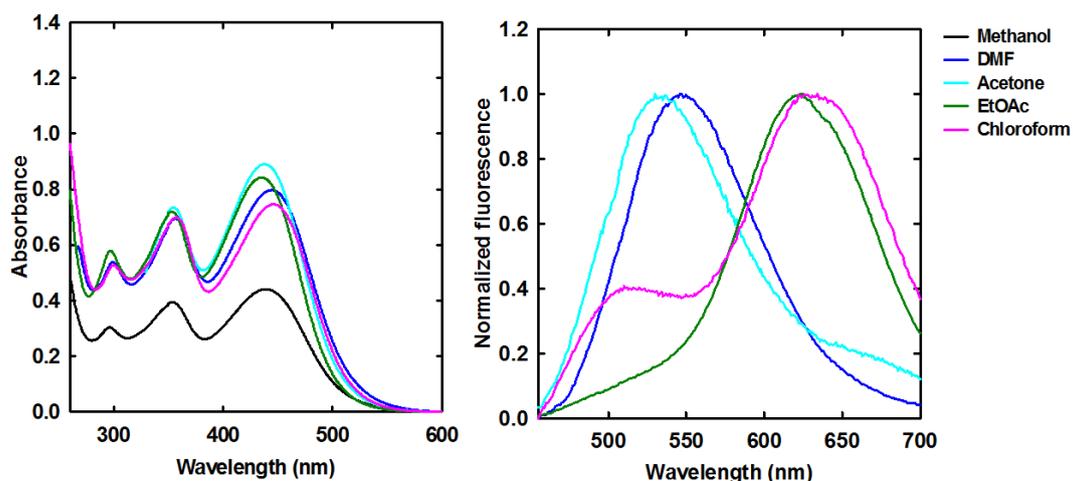
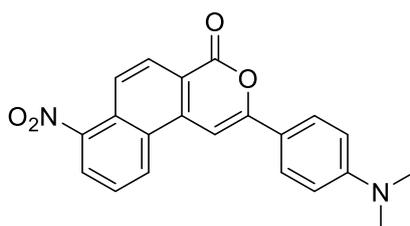
Measurements carried out at 20 °C, l=1 cm

Solvent	$\lambda_{exc}$ (nm)	$\lambda_{em}$ (nm)
Methanol	391	604
Ethanol	392	599
1-Propanol	391	587
1-Butanol	392	578
1-Octanol	393	561
DMF	394	613
Acetone	390	604
Ethyl Acetate	389	568
Chloroform	393	542
Hexane	388	469



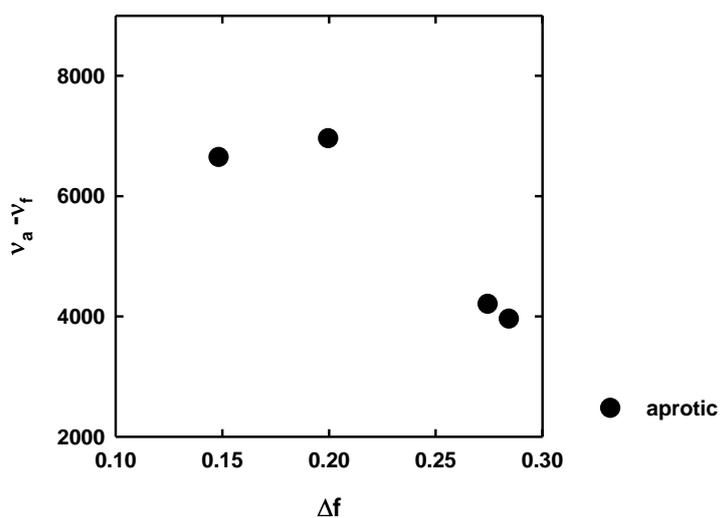
Molecular volume = 527.9 Å<sup>3</sup>  
 $\mu = 4.267$  Debye (Discovery Studio)  
**Sphere**  
 Onsager cavity radius = 5.014 Å  
 aprotic:  $\mu^* - \mu = 11.36 \pm 0.28$  Debye  
 protic:  $\mu^* - \mu = 11.87 \pm 0.45$  Debye  
**Spheroid prolate**  
 $a = 8.3$  Å  
 $b = d = 3.88$  Å  
 aprotic:  $\mu^* - \mu = 11.76 \pm 0.29$  Debye  
 protic:  $\mu^* - \mu = 12.29 \pm 0.47$  Debye

11f



Measurements carried out at 20 °C, l=1 cm  
The molecule is poorly fluorescent in methanol.

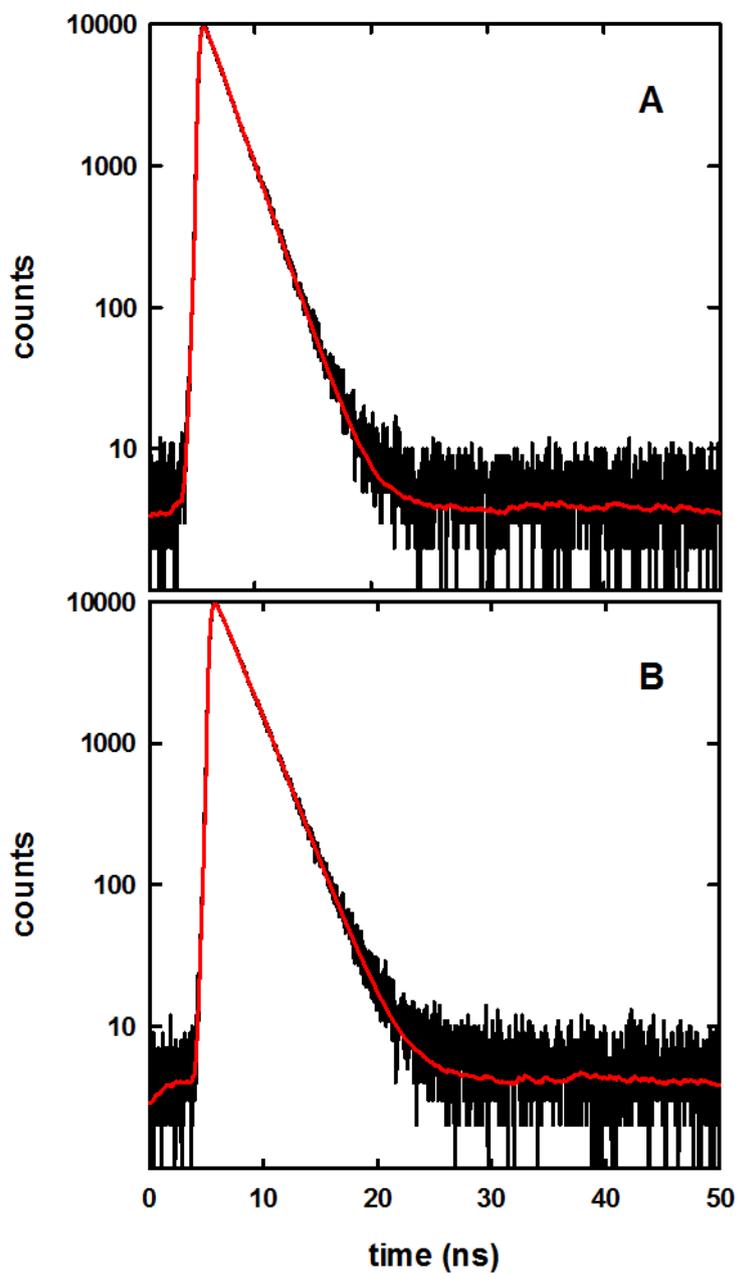
Solvent	$\lambda_{exc}$ (nm)	$\lambda_{em}$ (nm)
Methanol	439	(548, poorly fluorescent)
Ethanol	Not soluble	Not soluble
1-Propanol	Not soluble	Not soluble
1-Butanol	Not soluble	Not soluble
1-Octanol	Not soluble	Not soluble
DMF	444	546
Acetone	438	530
Ethyl Acetate	435	624
Chloroform	446	634
Hexane	Not soluble	Not soluble

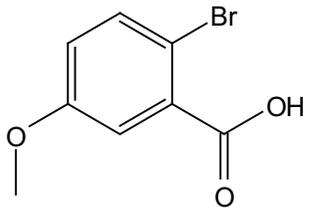


Molecular volume = 437.06 Å<sup>3</sup>  
 $\mu$  = 6.236 Debye (Discovery Studio)  
**Sphere**  
 Onsager cavity radius = 4.708 Å  
**Spheroid prolate**  
 a = 7.85 Å  
 b = d = 3.86 Å

## Fluorescence lifetimes of **1d** and **11d**

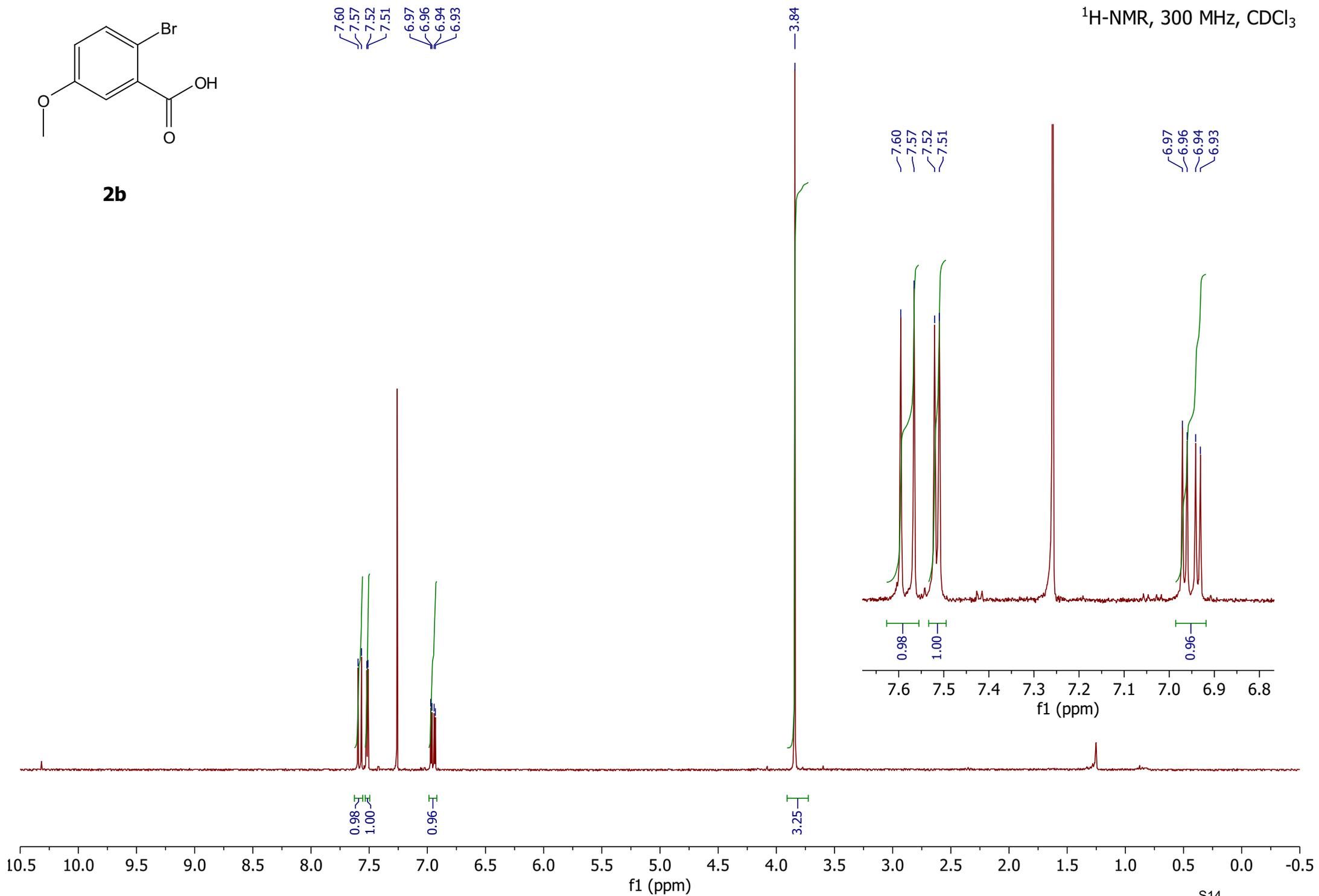
Fluorescence lifetime decays upon 375 nm excitation (0.2  $\mu$ s repetition rate) of **1d** (panel A) and **11d** (panel B) (black lines). Data, upon IRF correction were fitted to a single exponential decay (red lines).

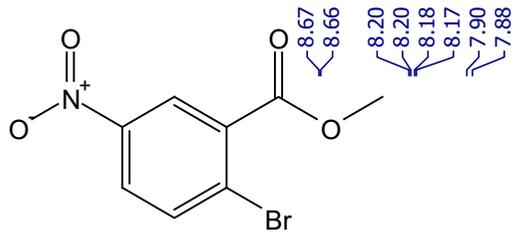




**2b**

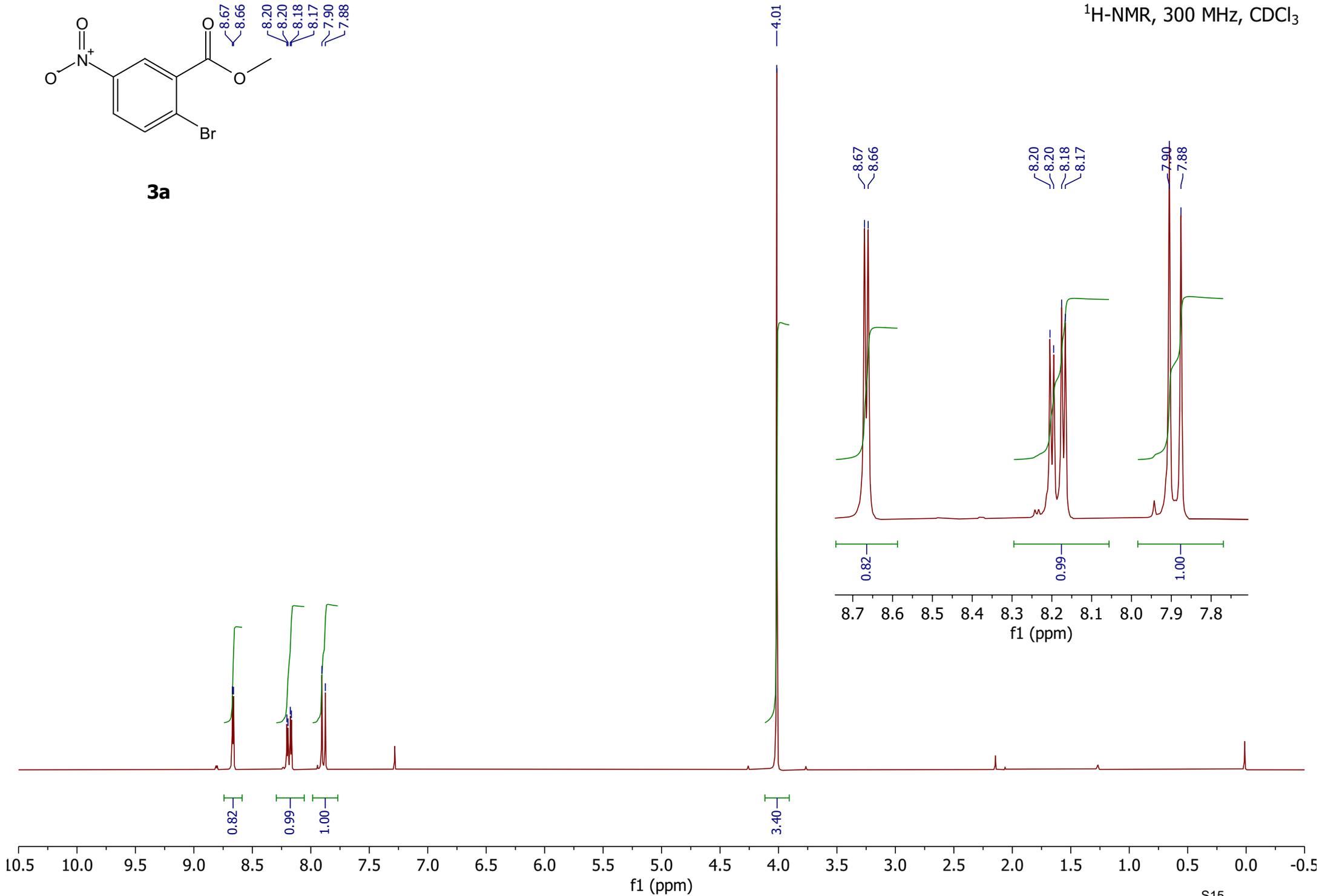
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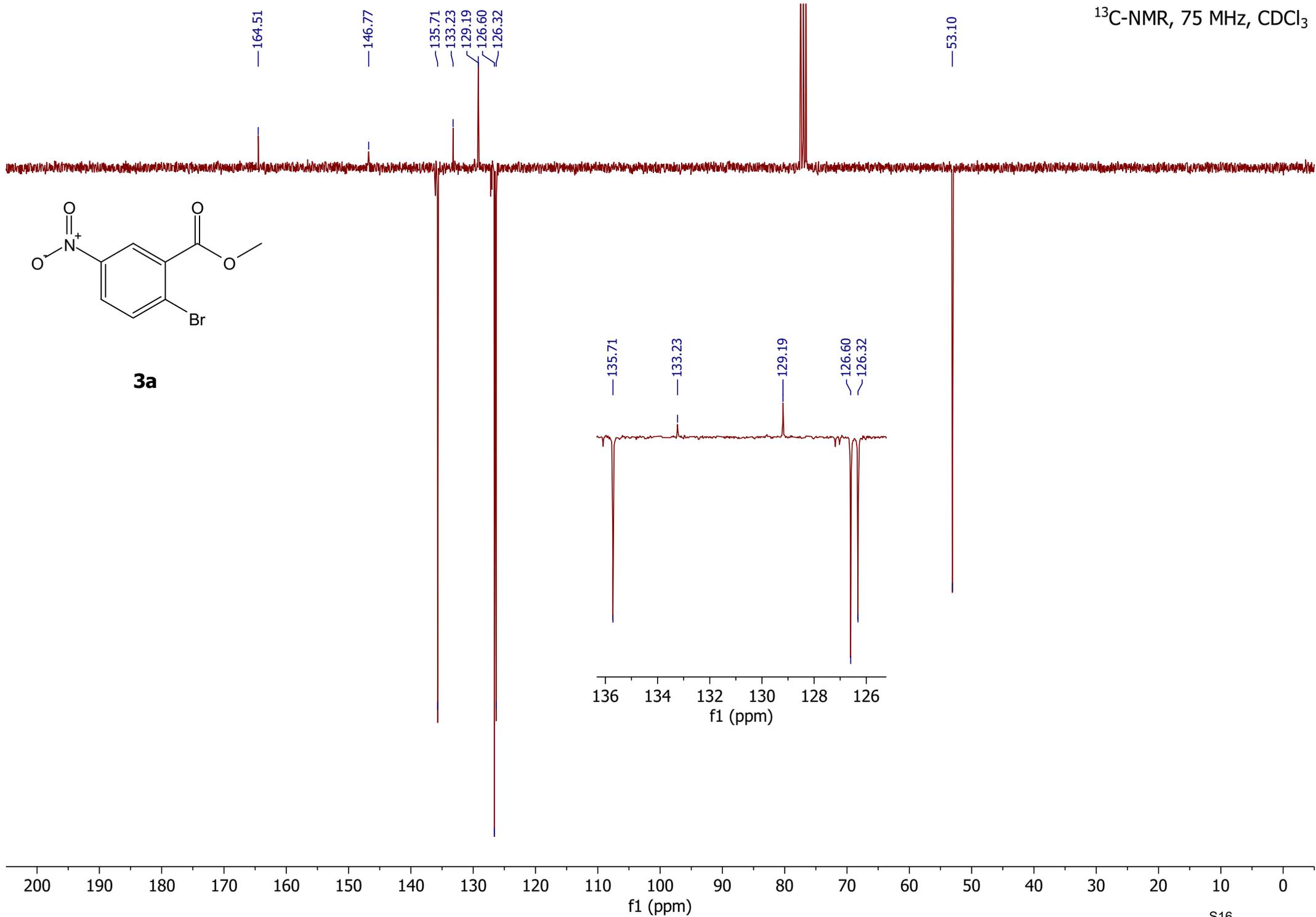


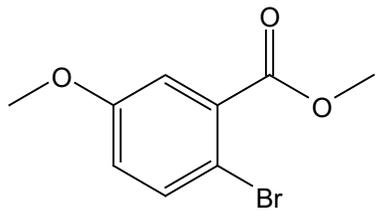


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<sup>1</sup>H-NMR, 300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>

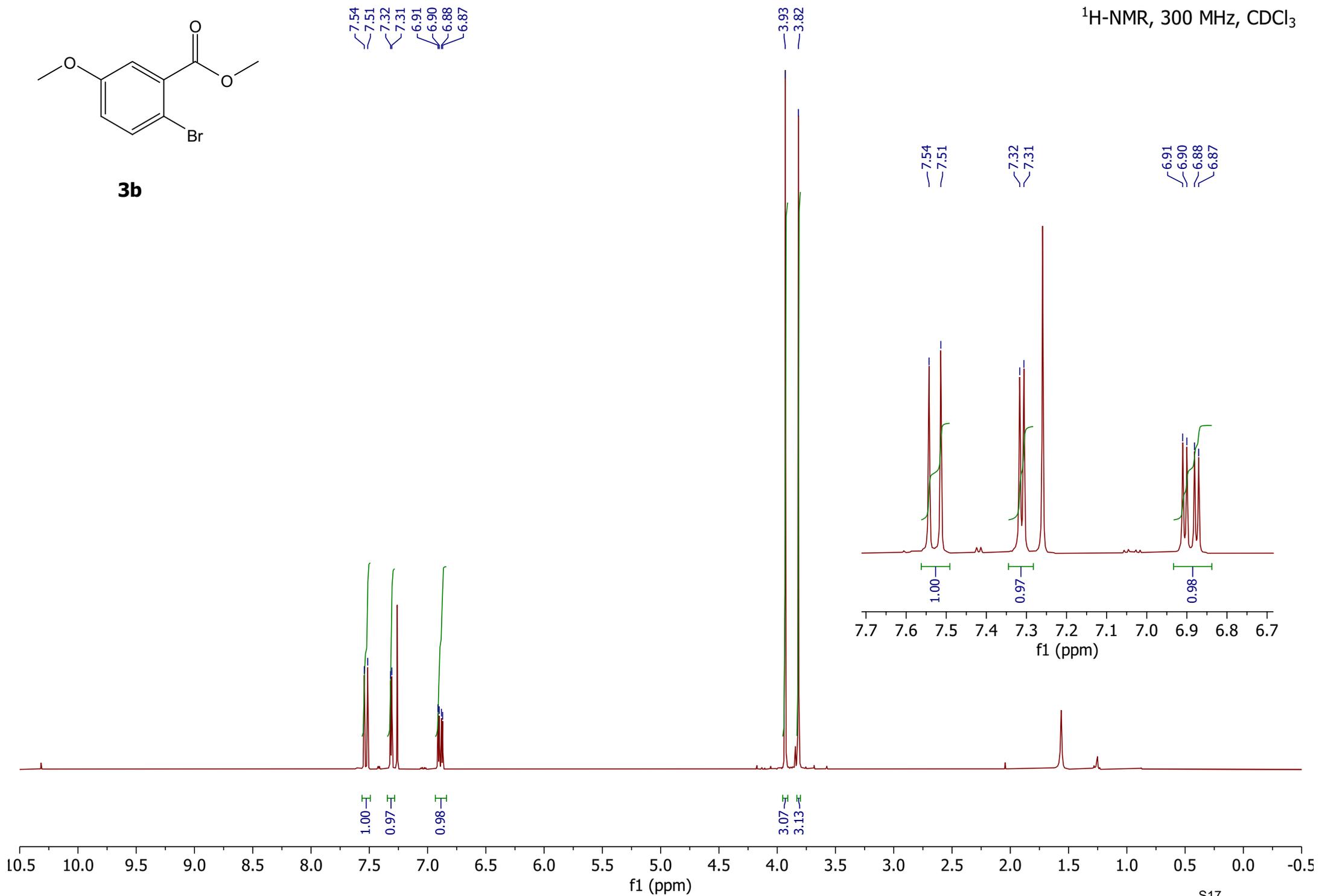


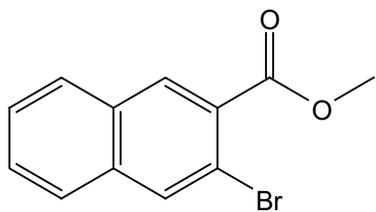




**3b**

<sup>1</sup>H-NMR, 300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>

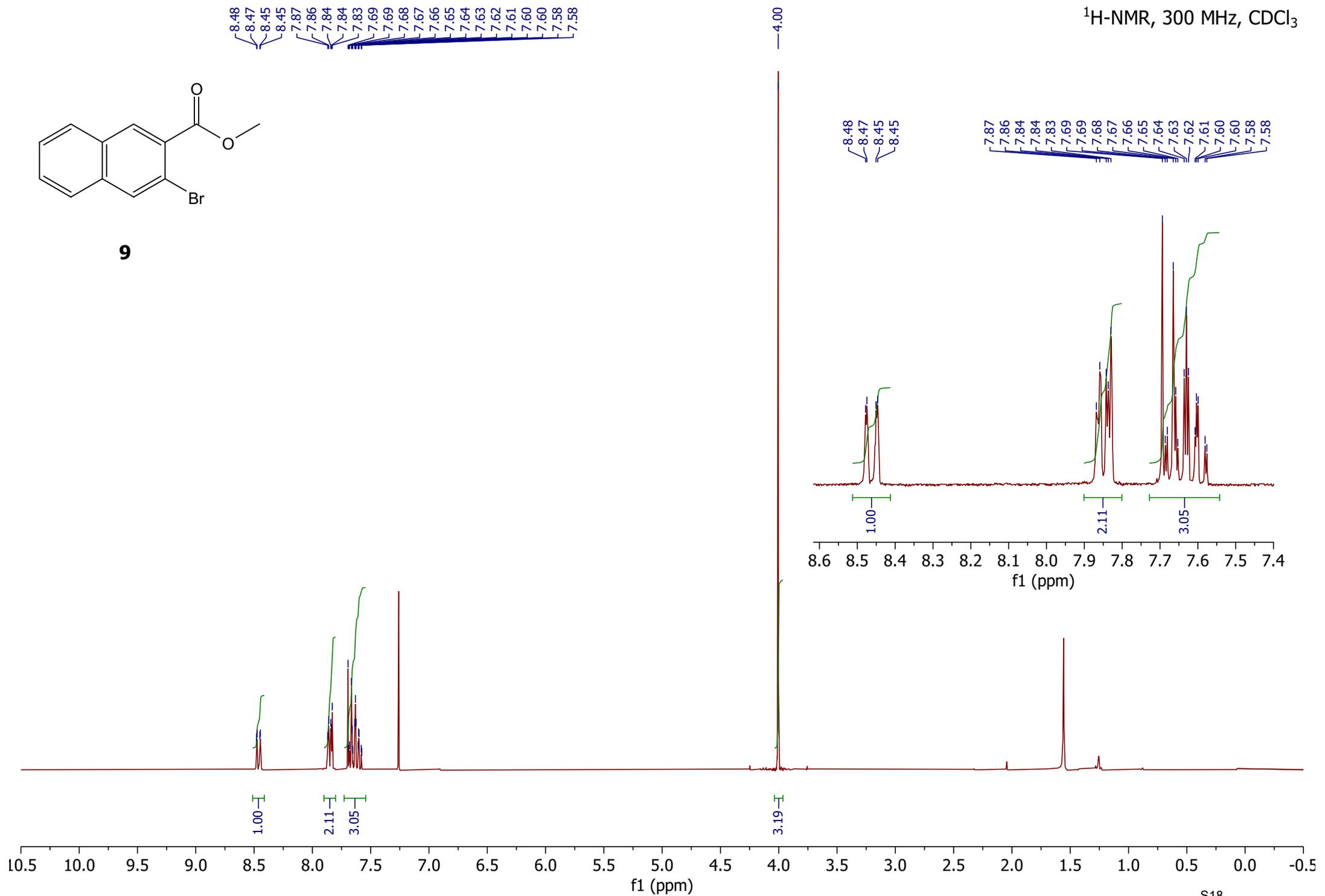


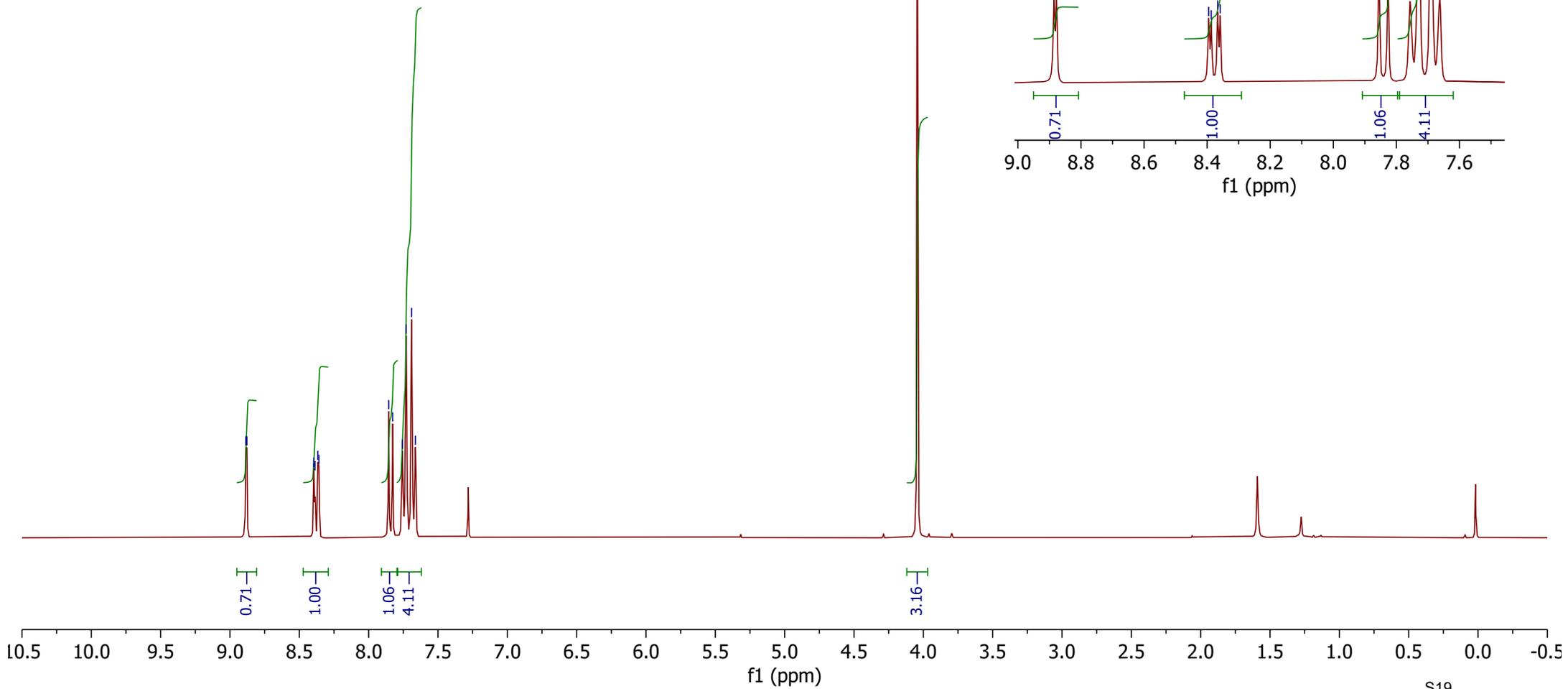
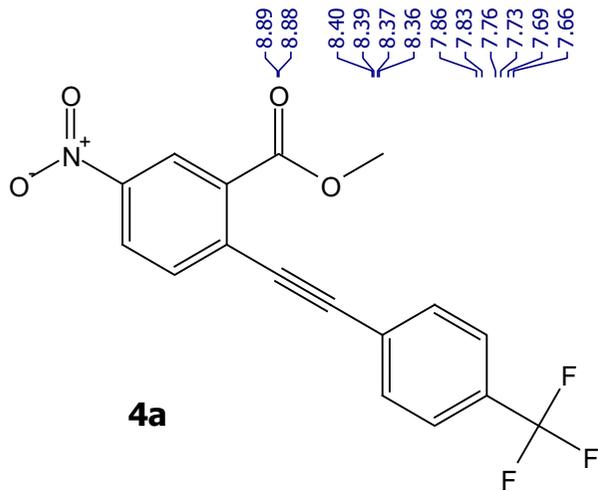


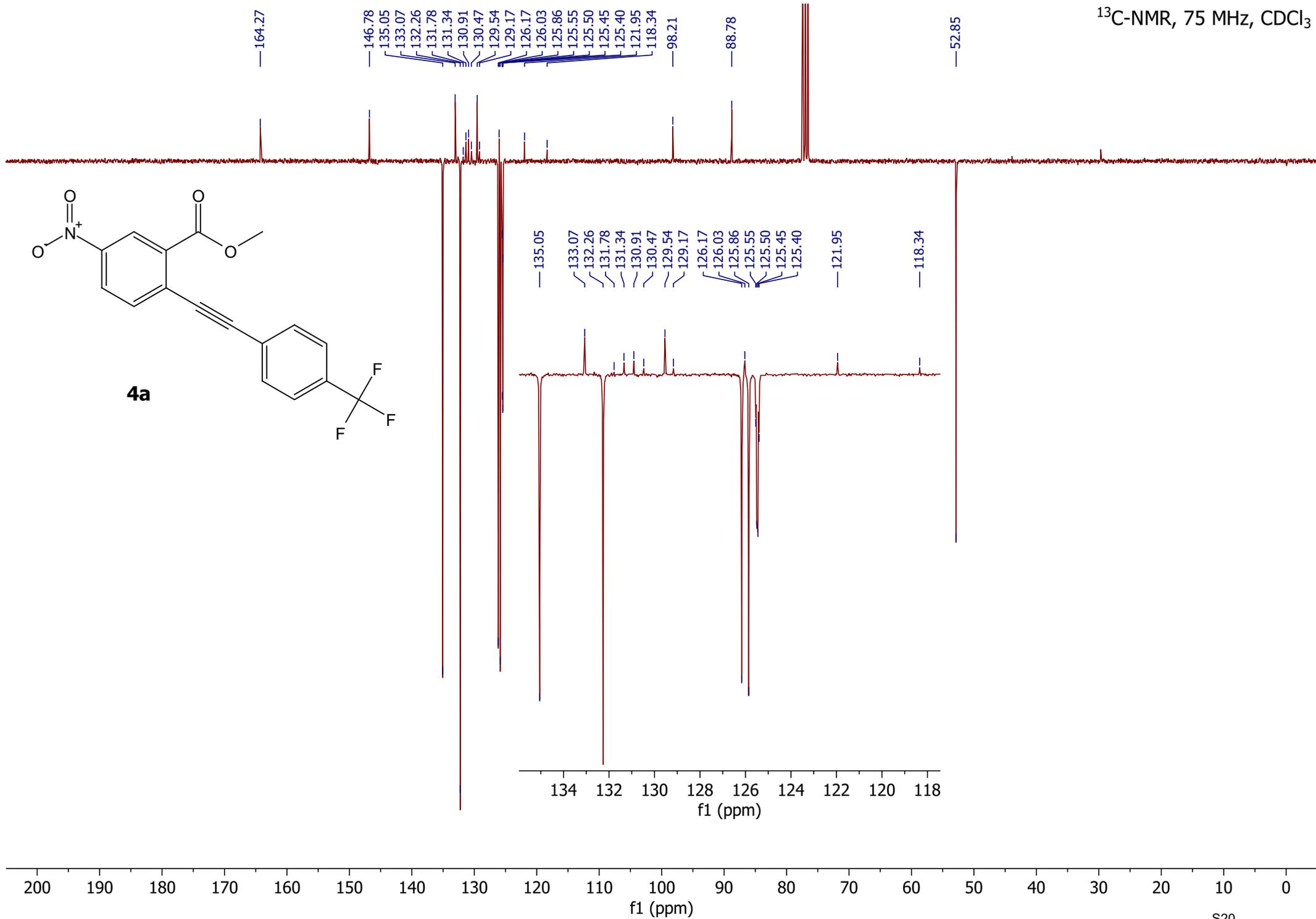
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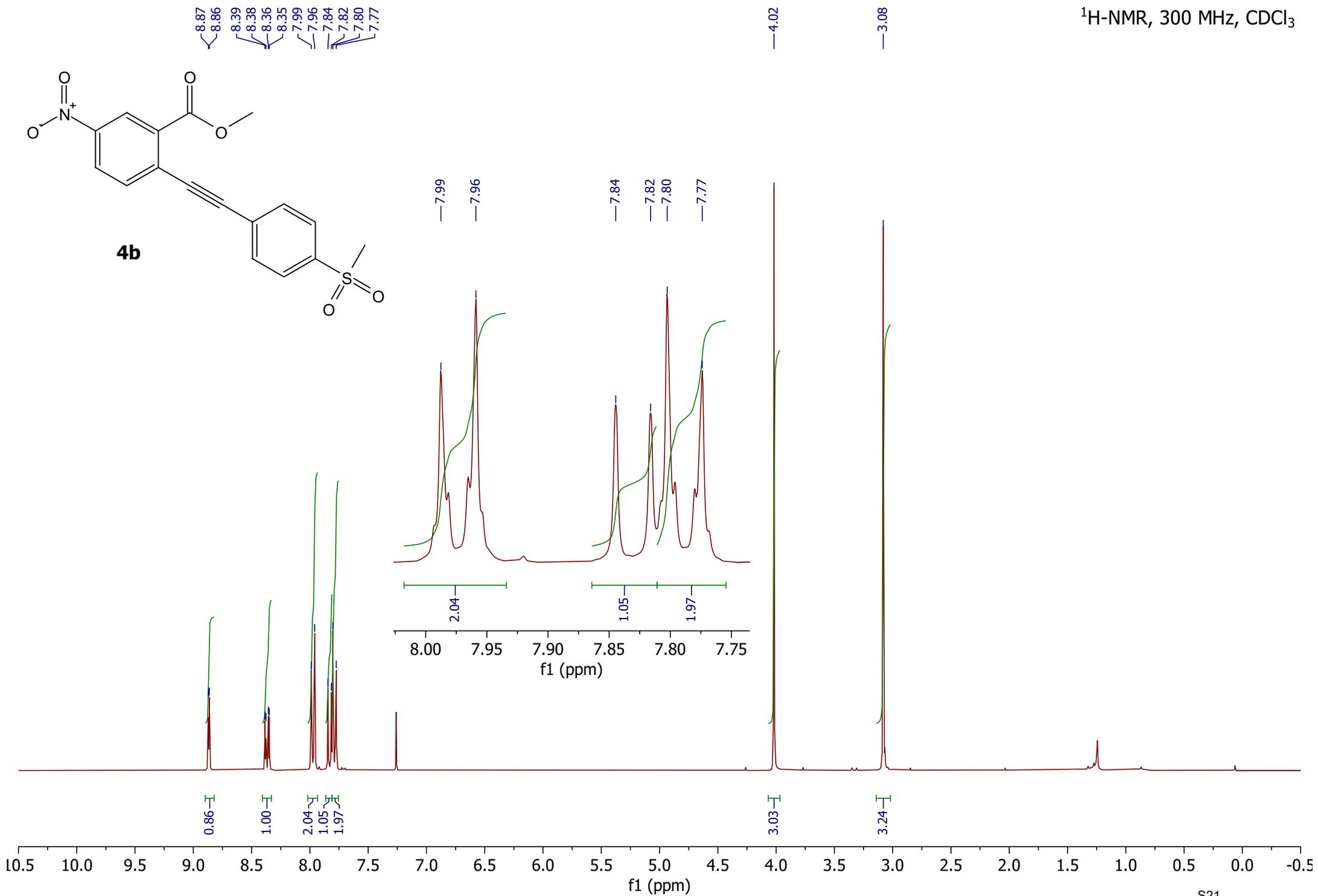
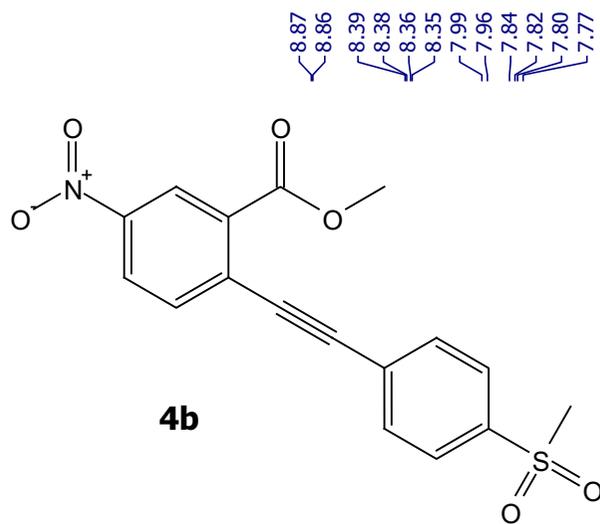
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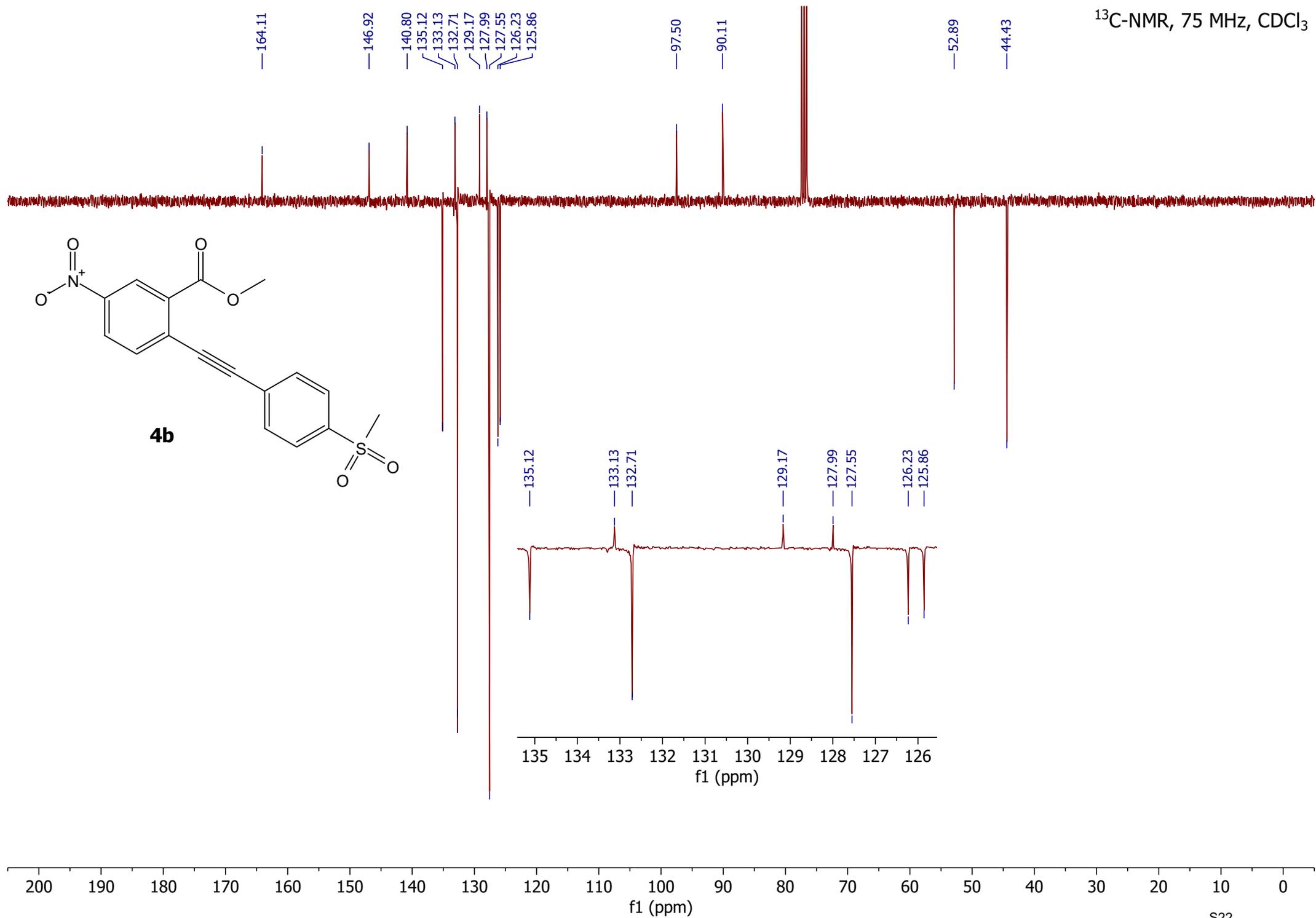
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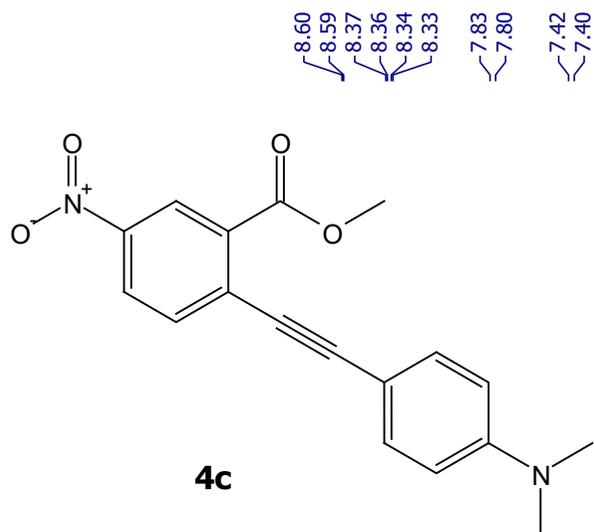








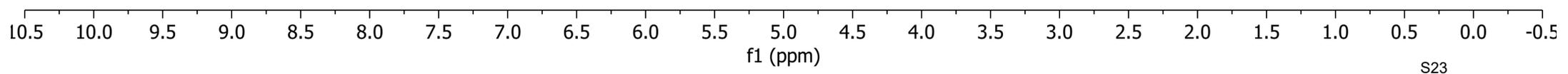


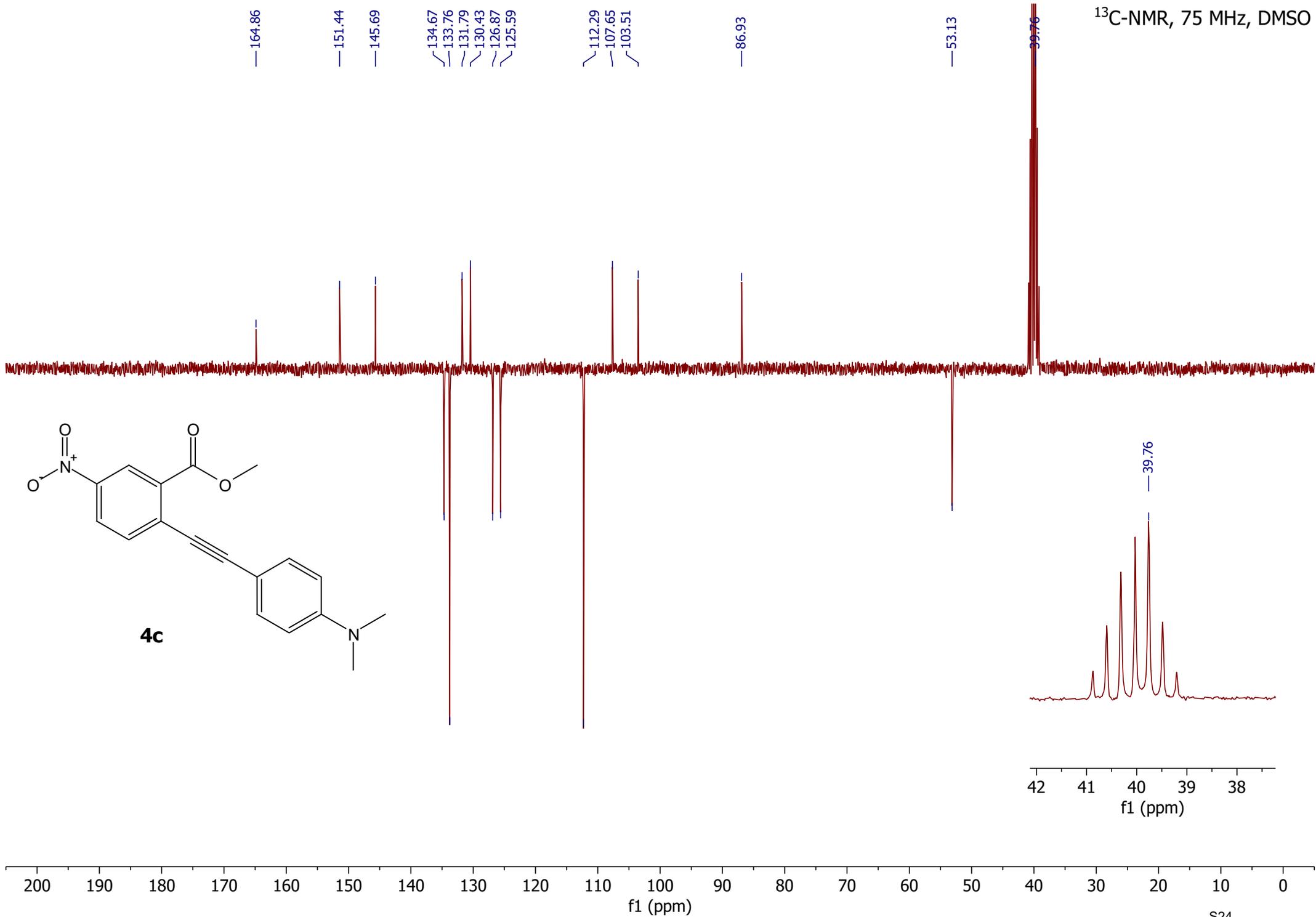


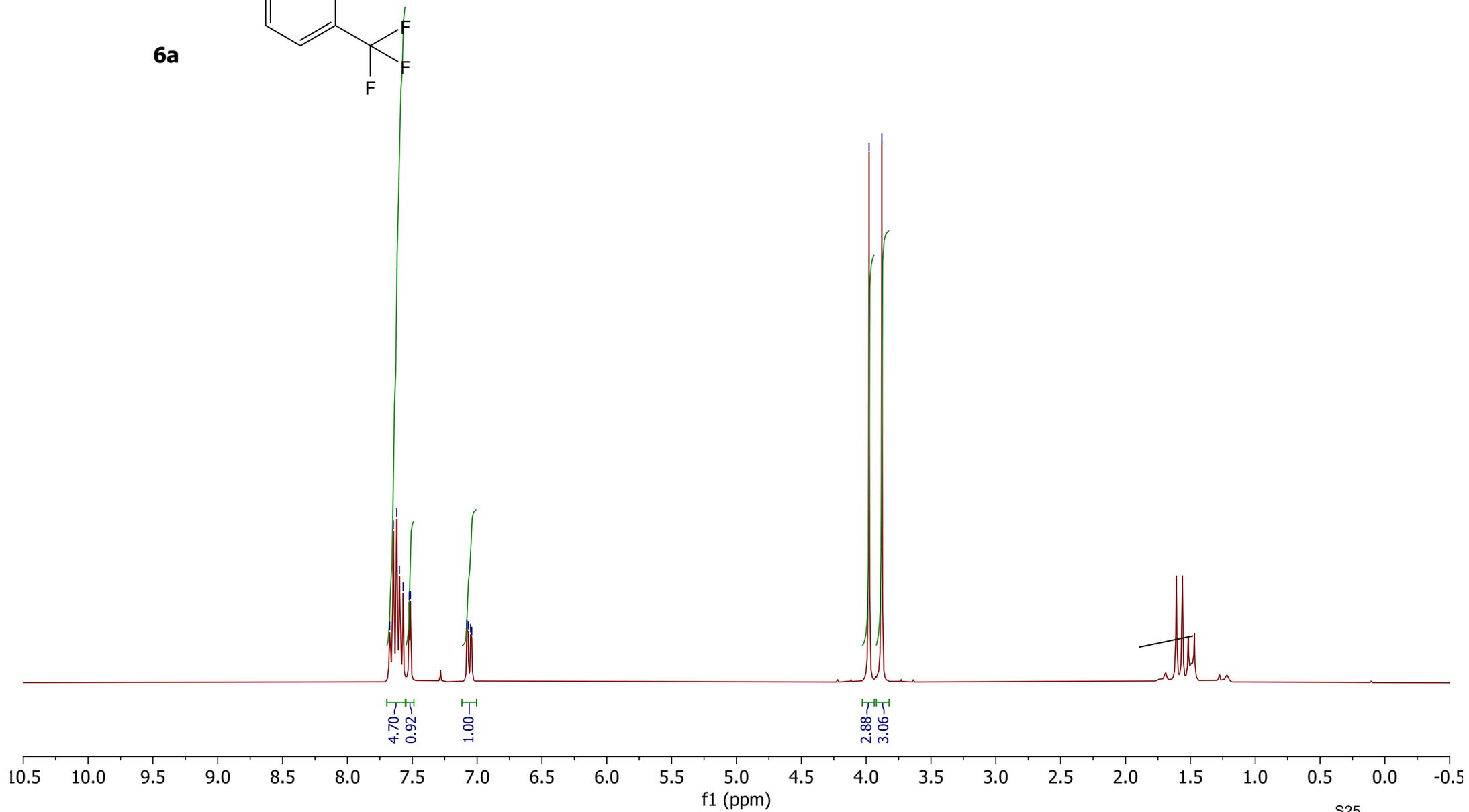
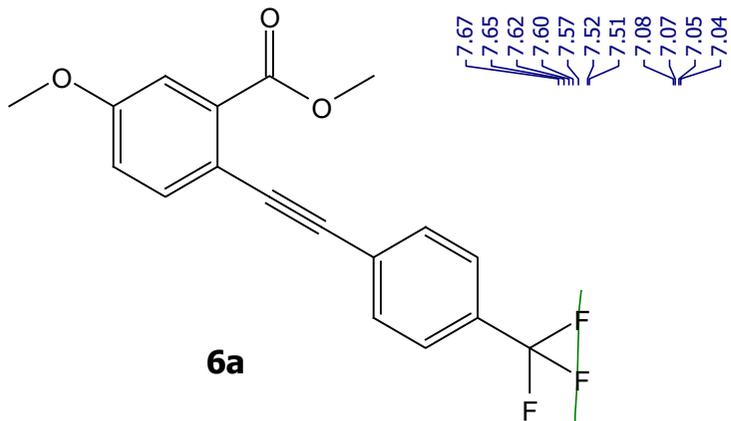
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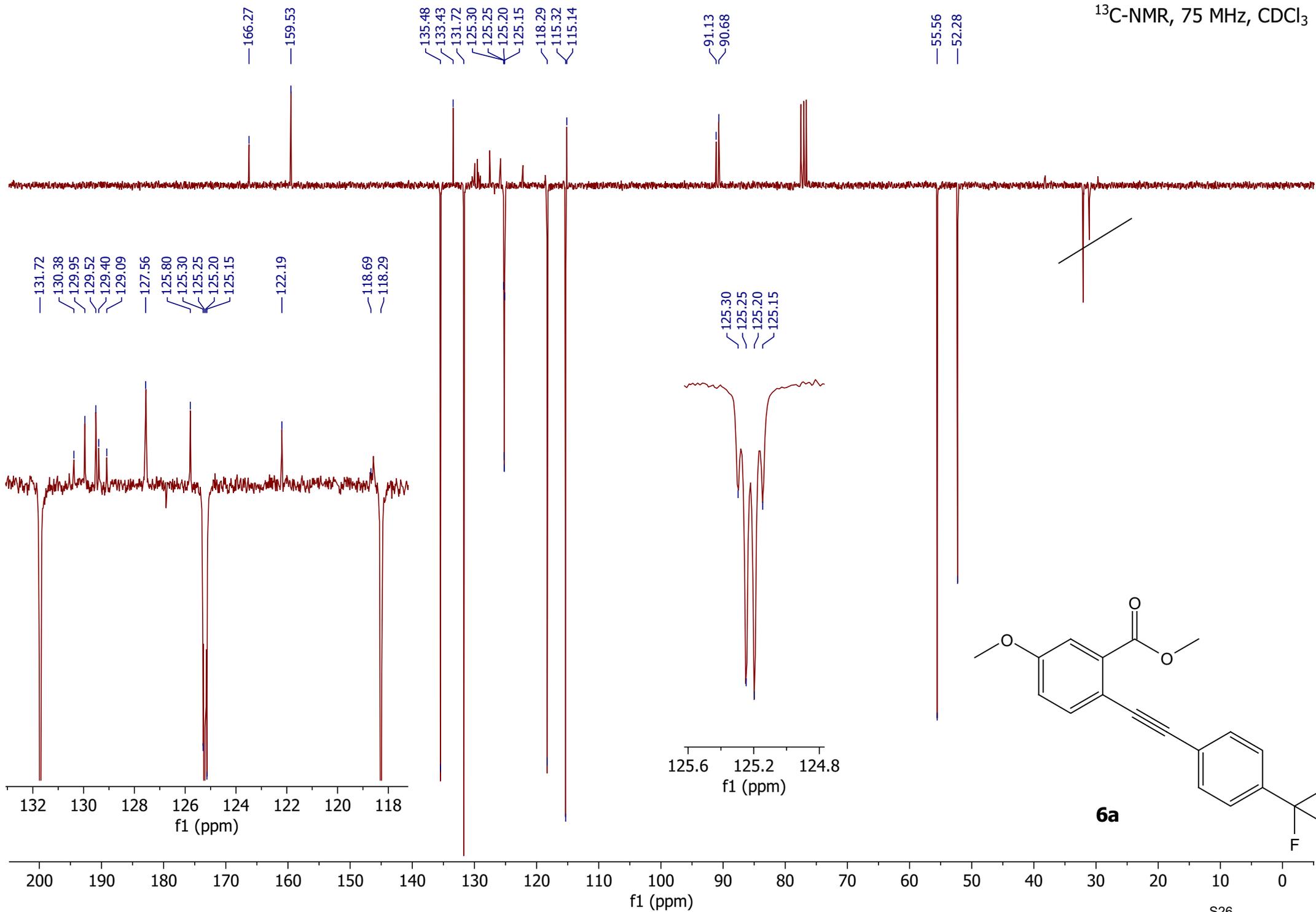
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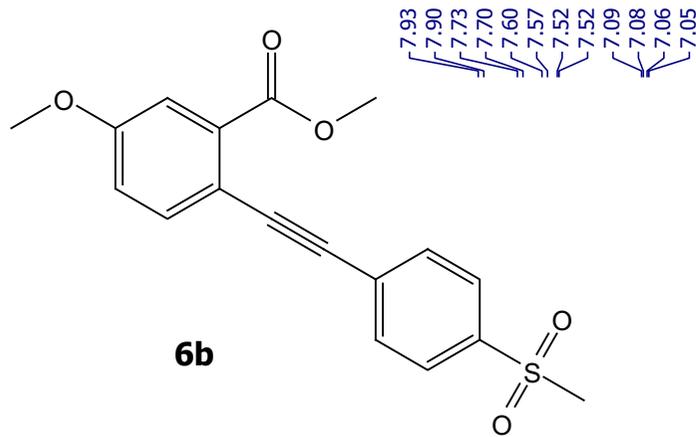




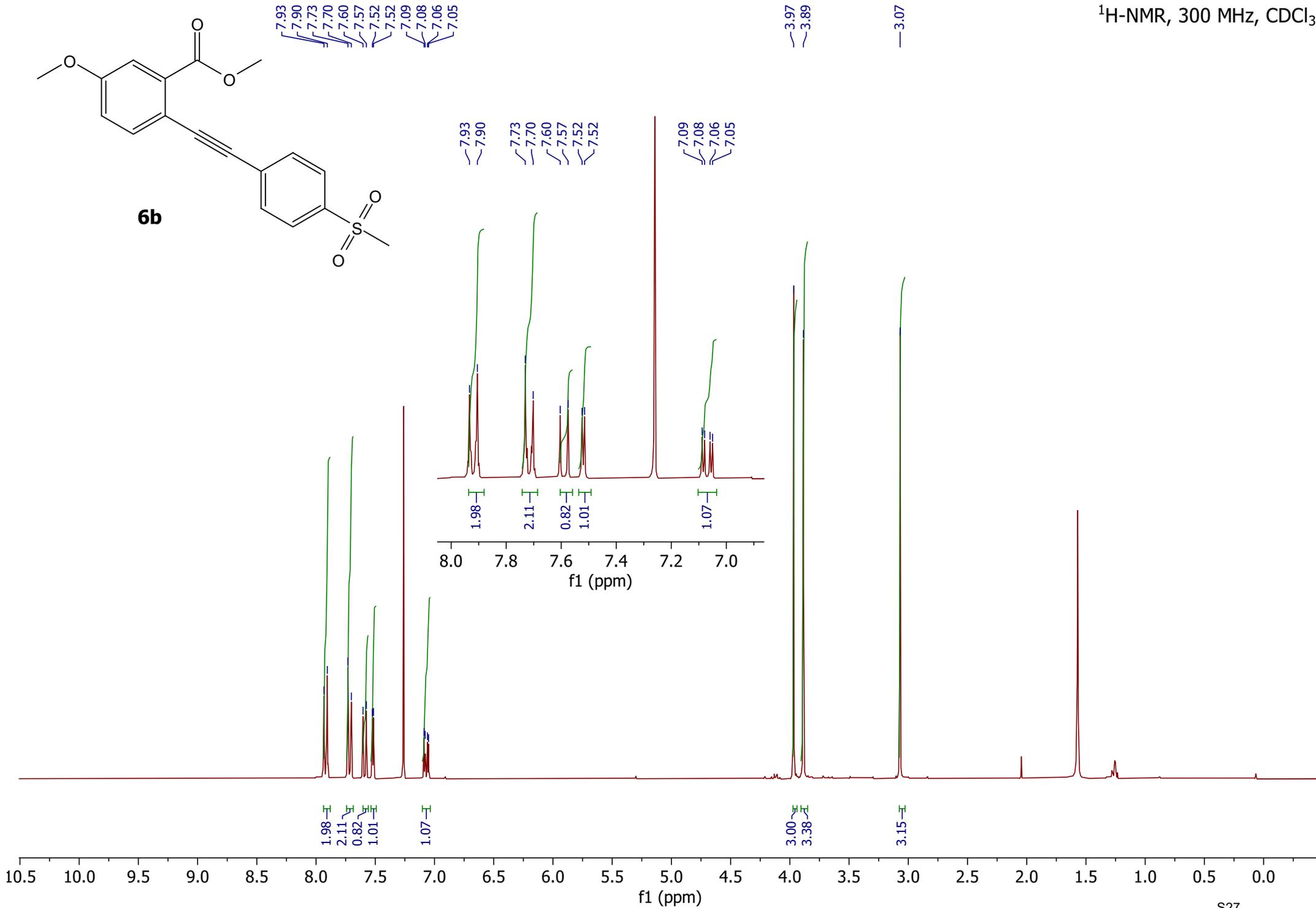


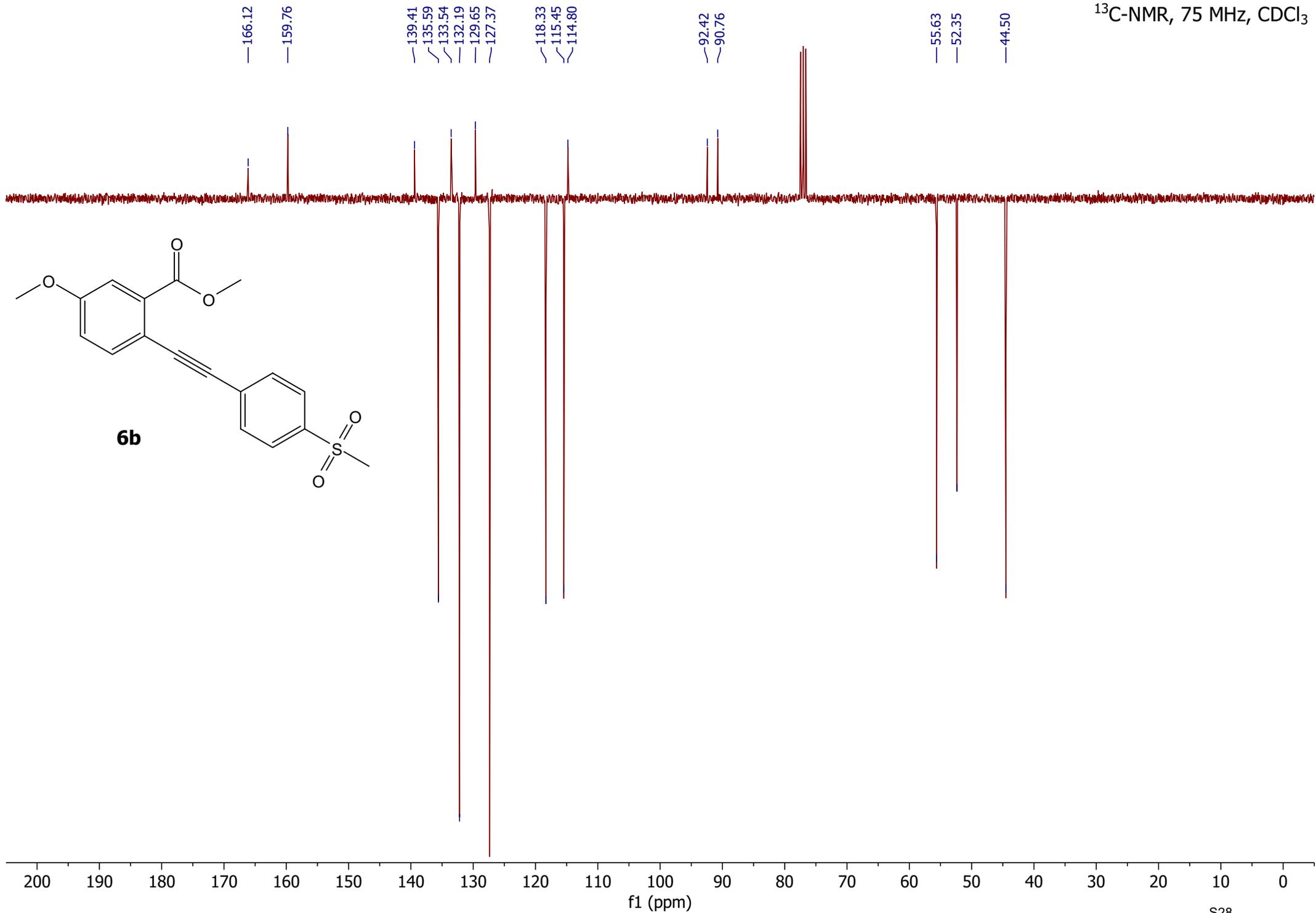


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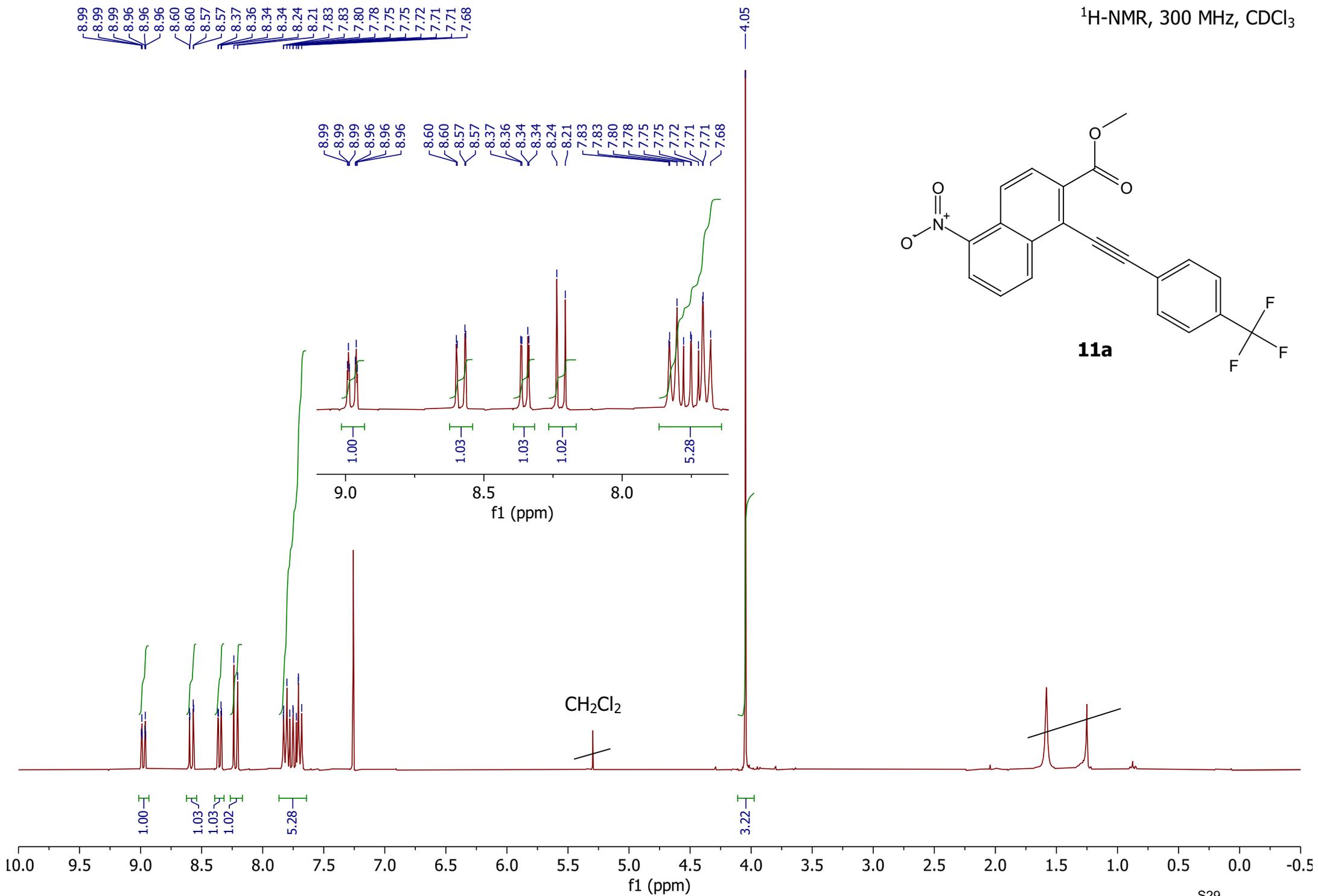
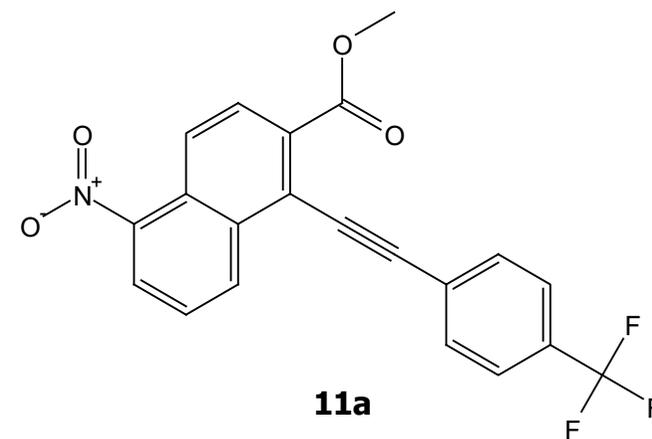


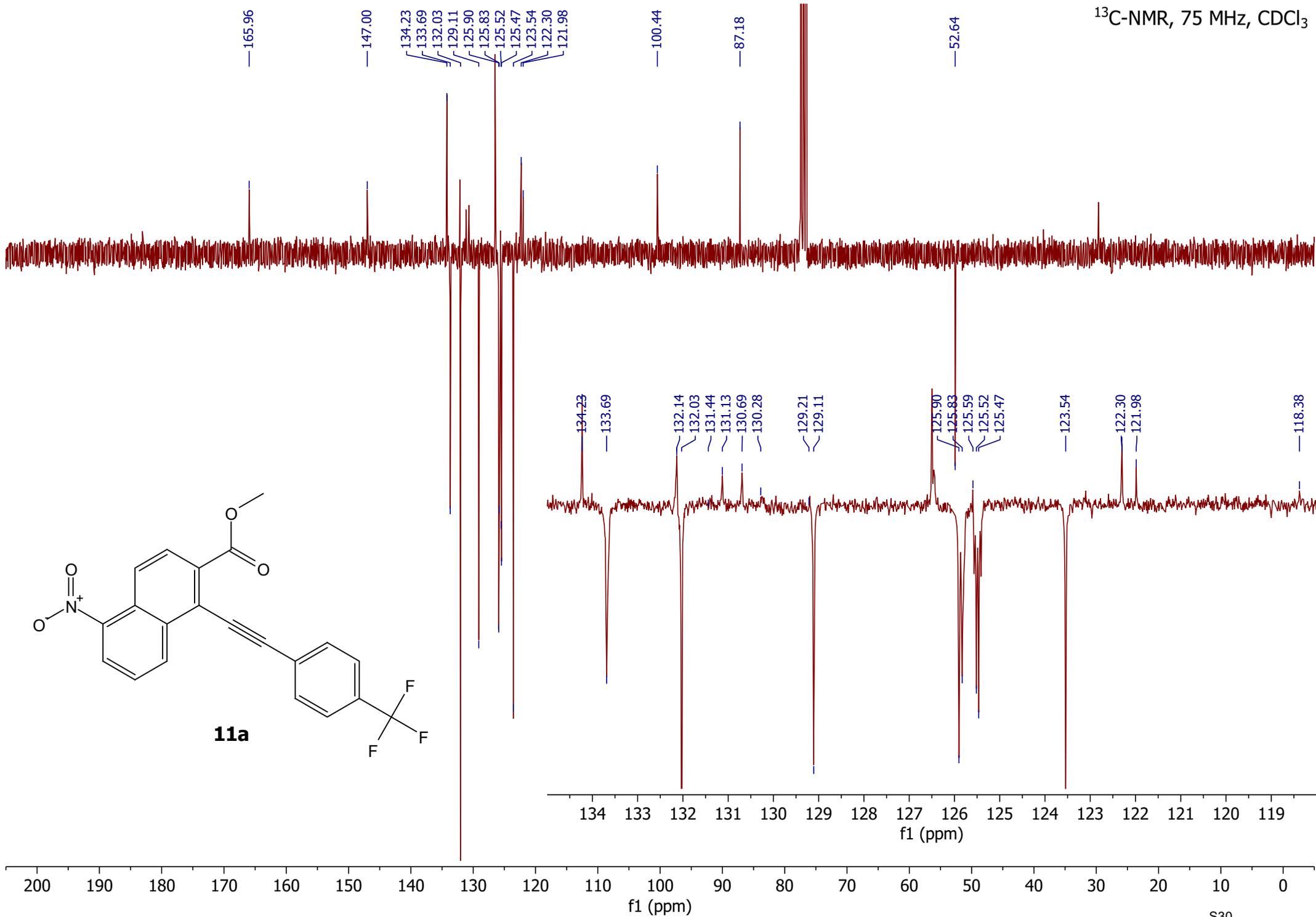
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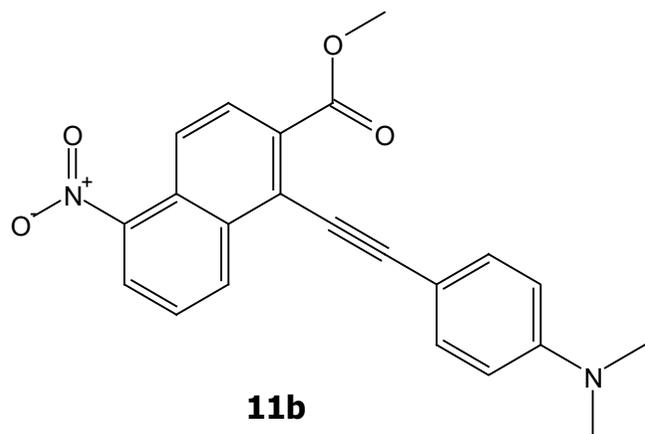




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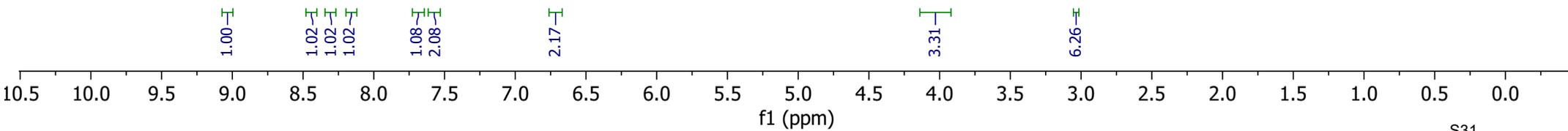


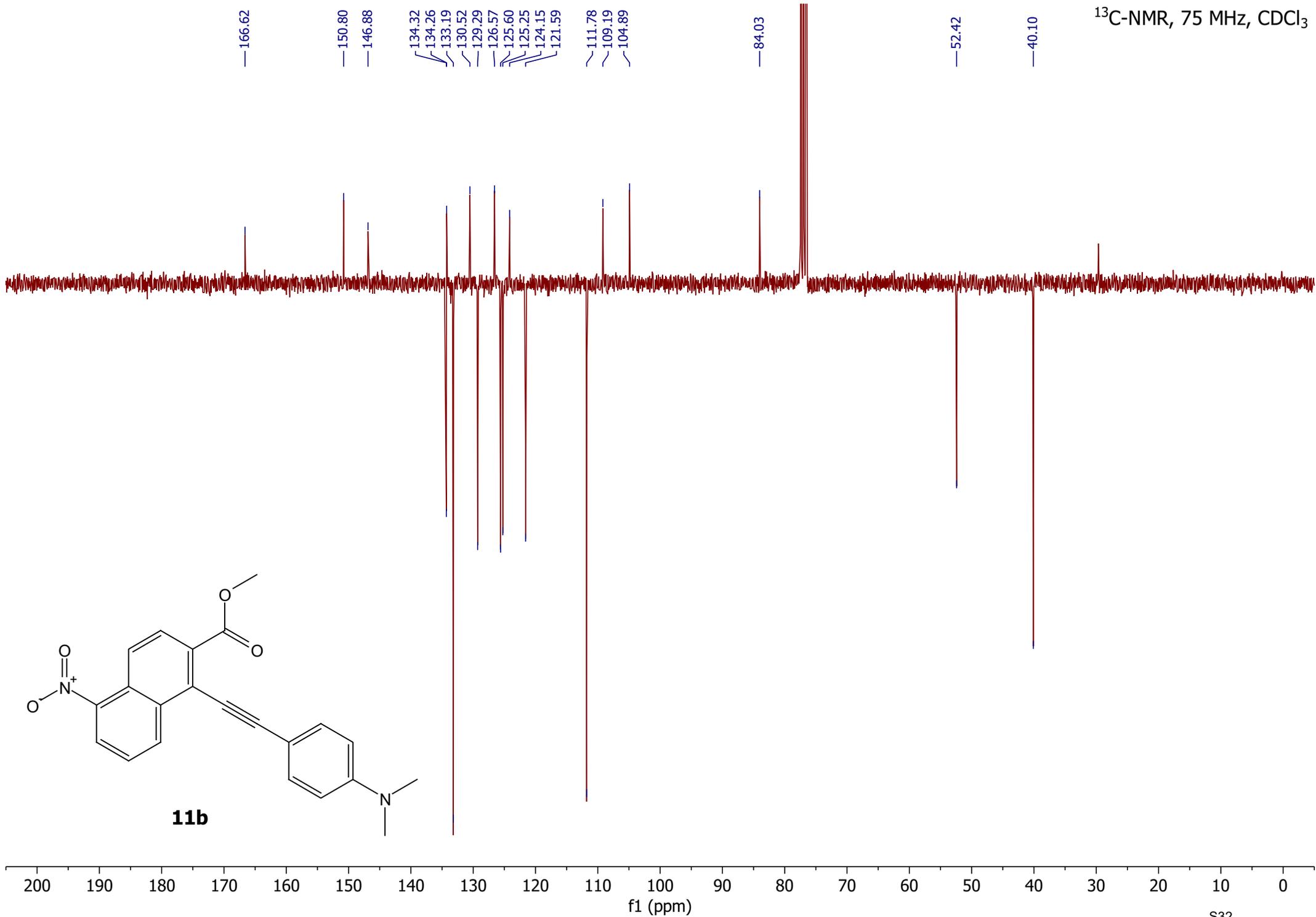


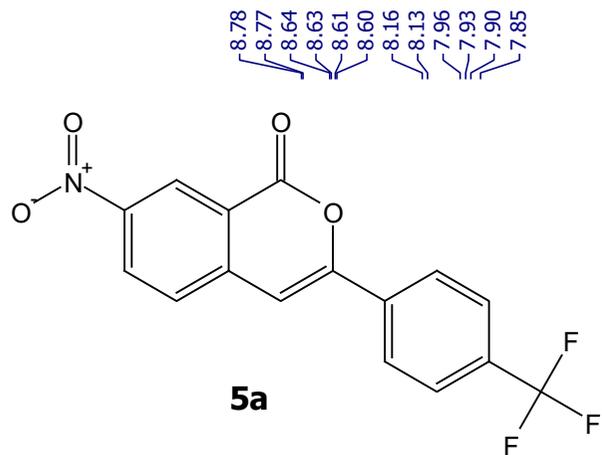
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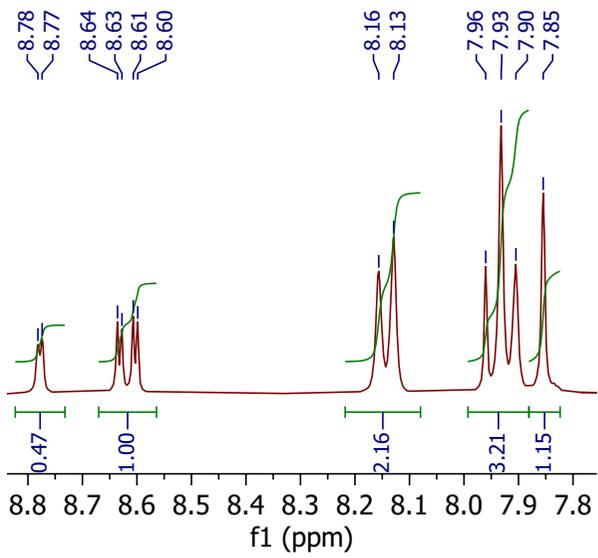
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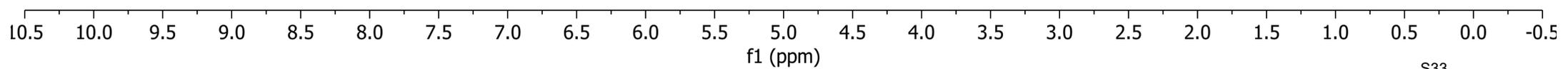


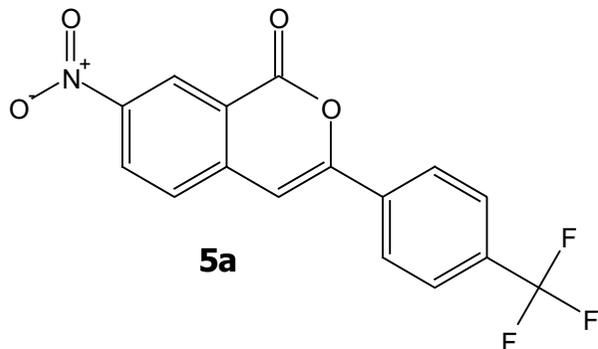


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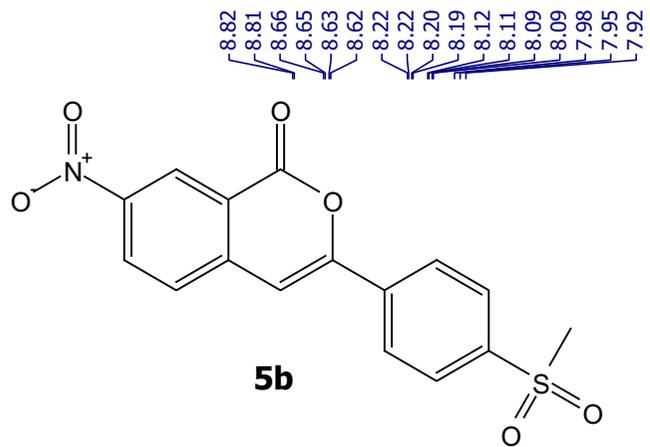
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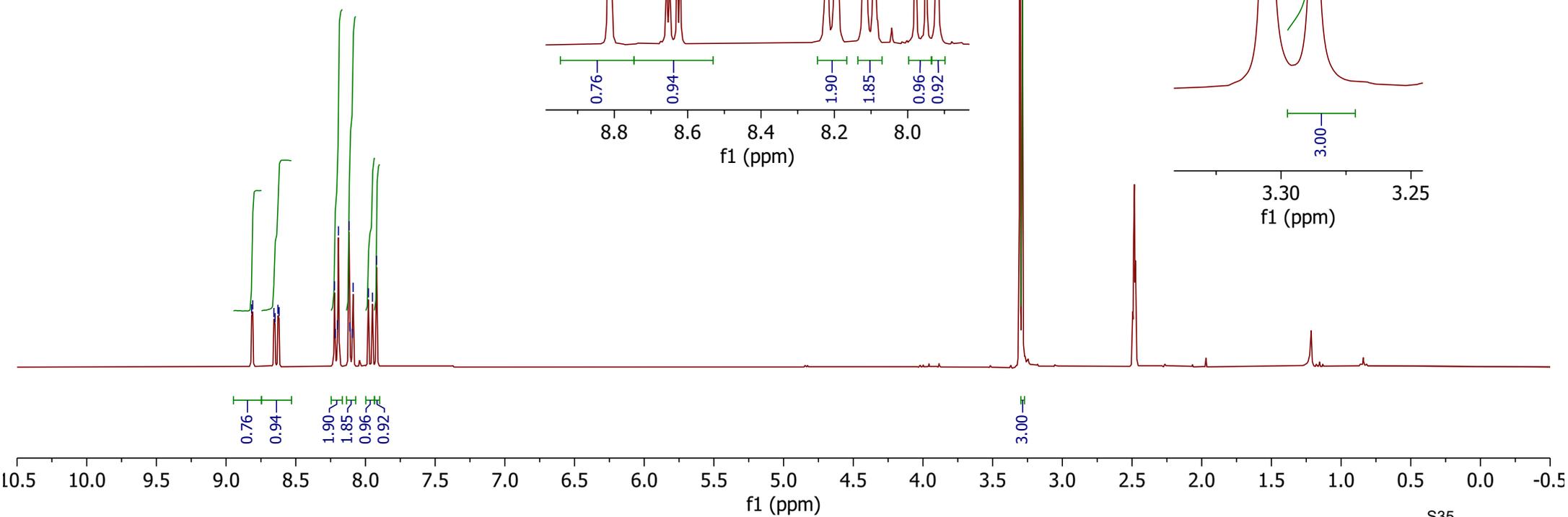
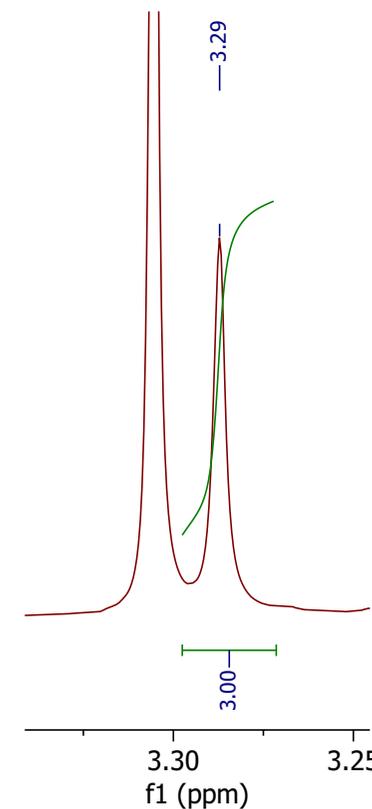
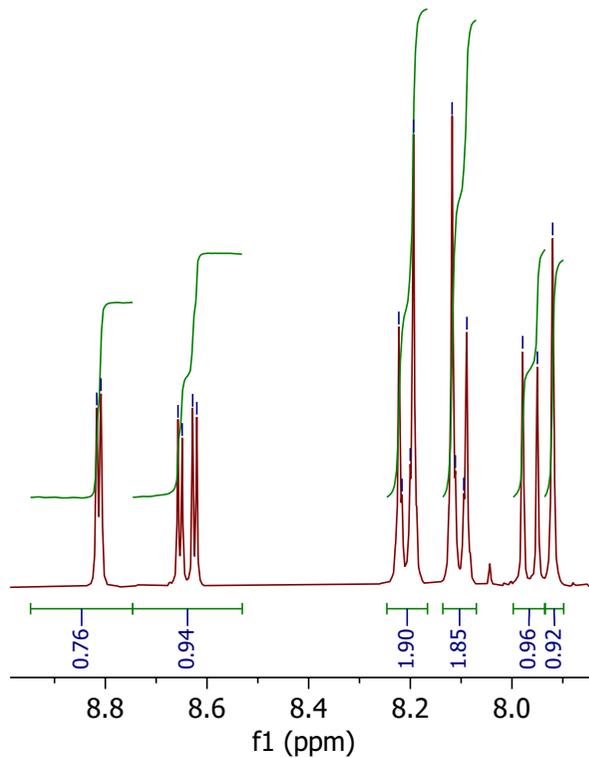
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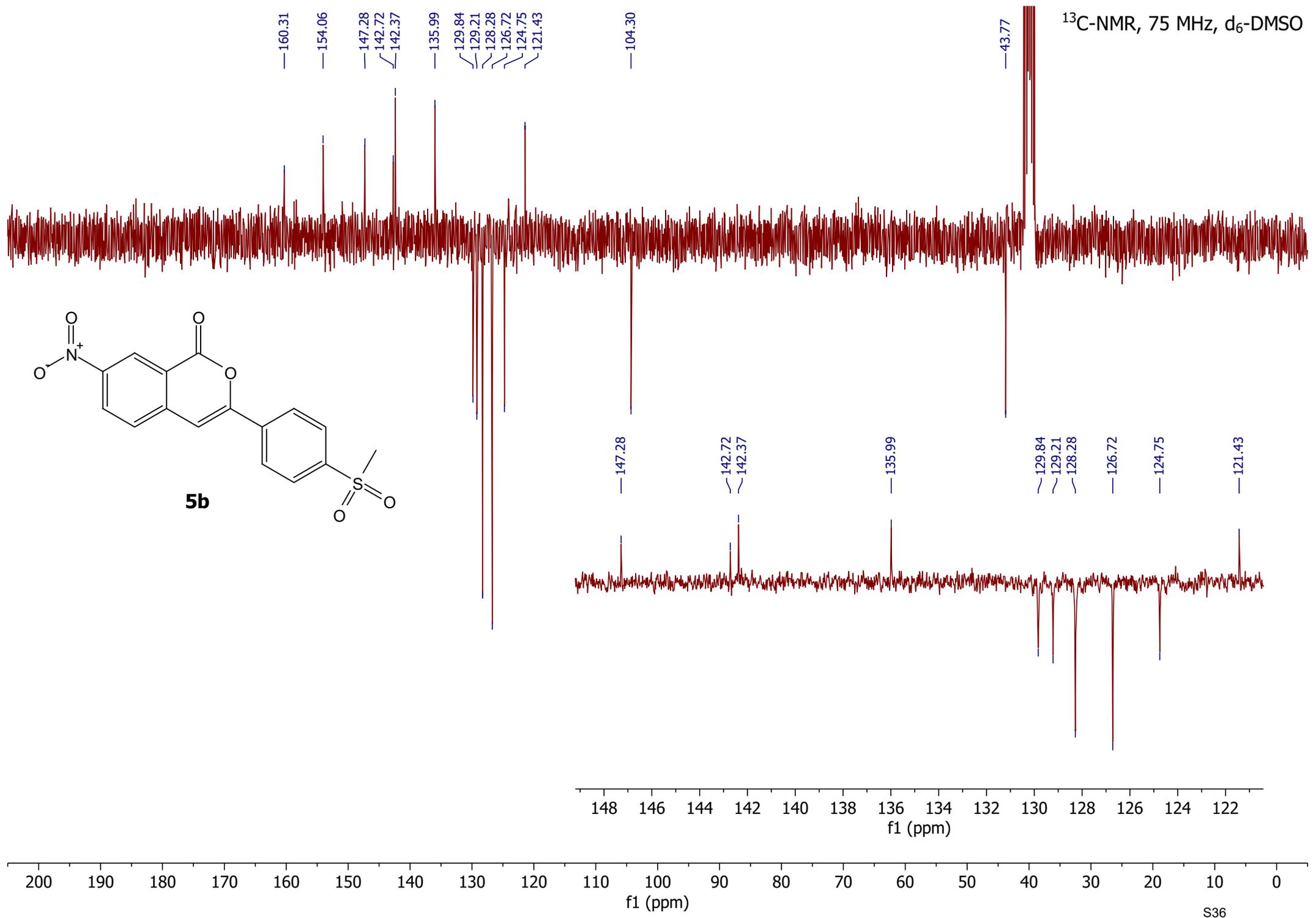
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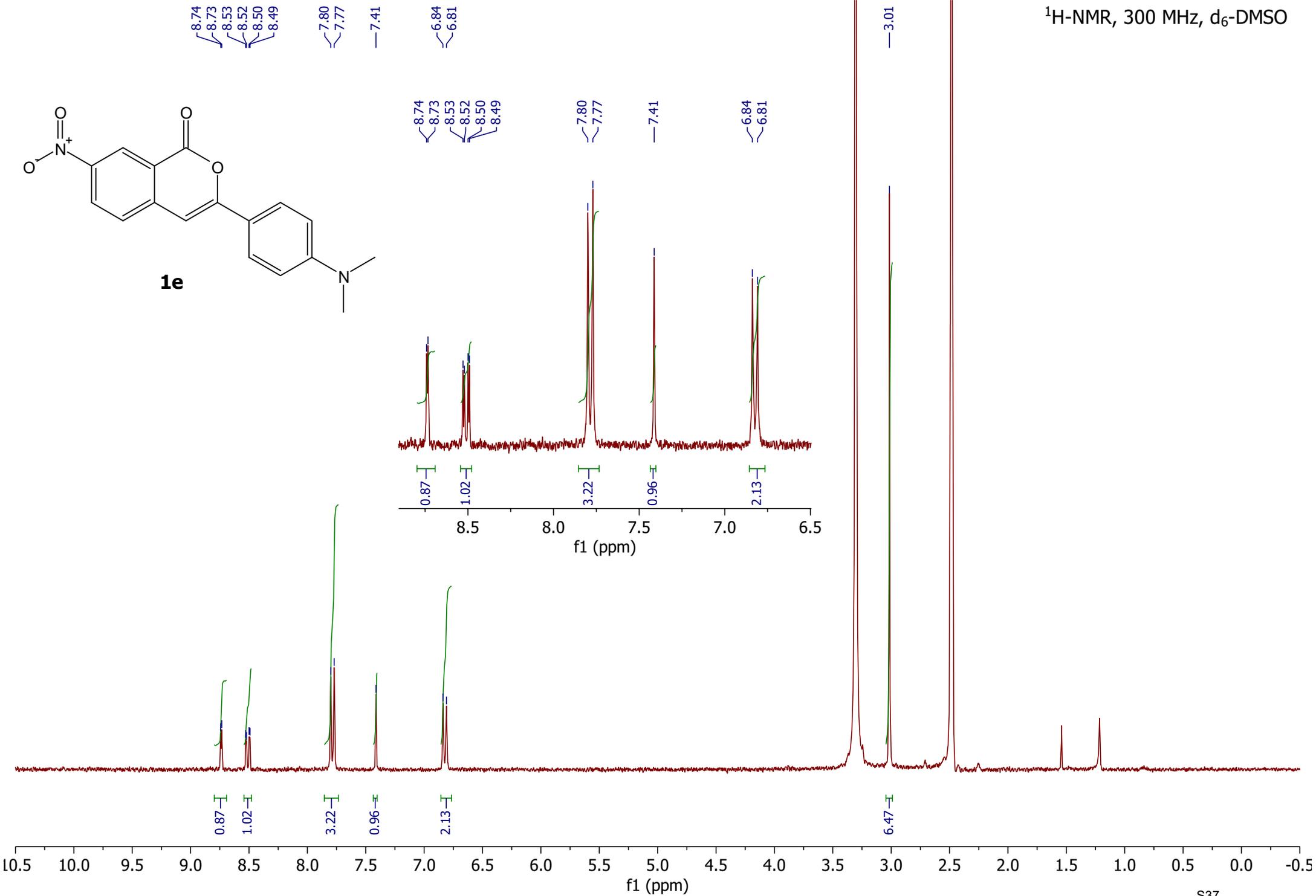
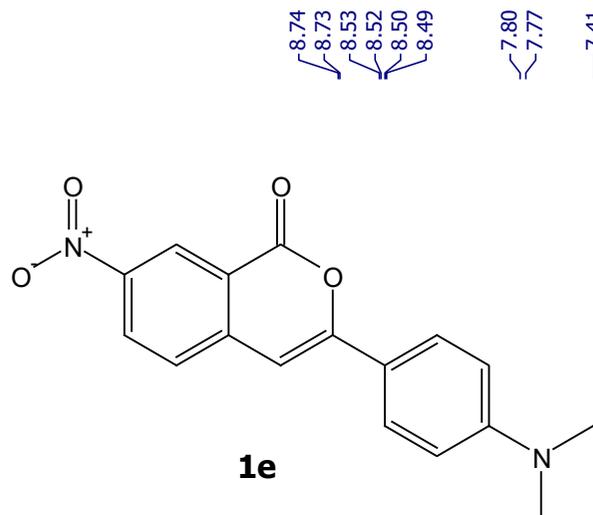
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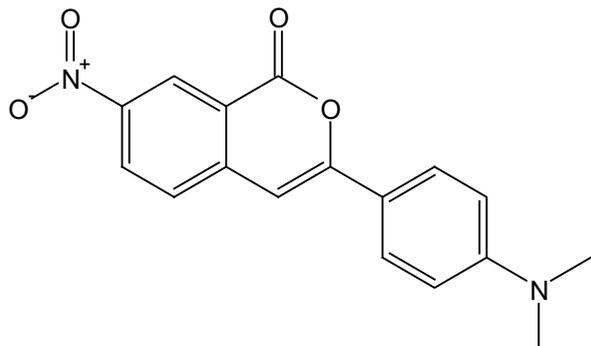
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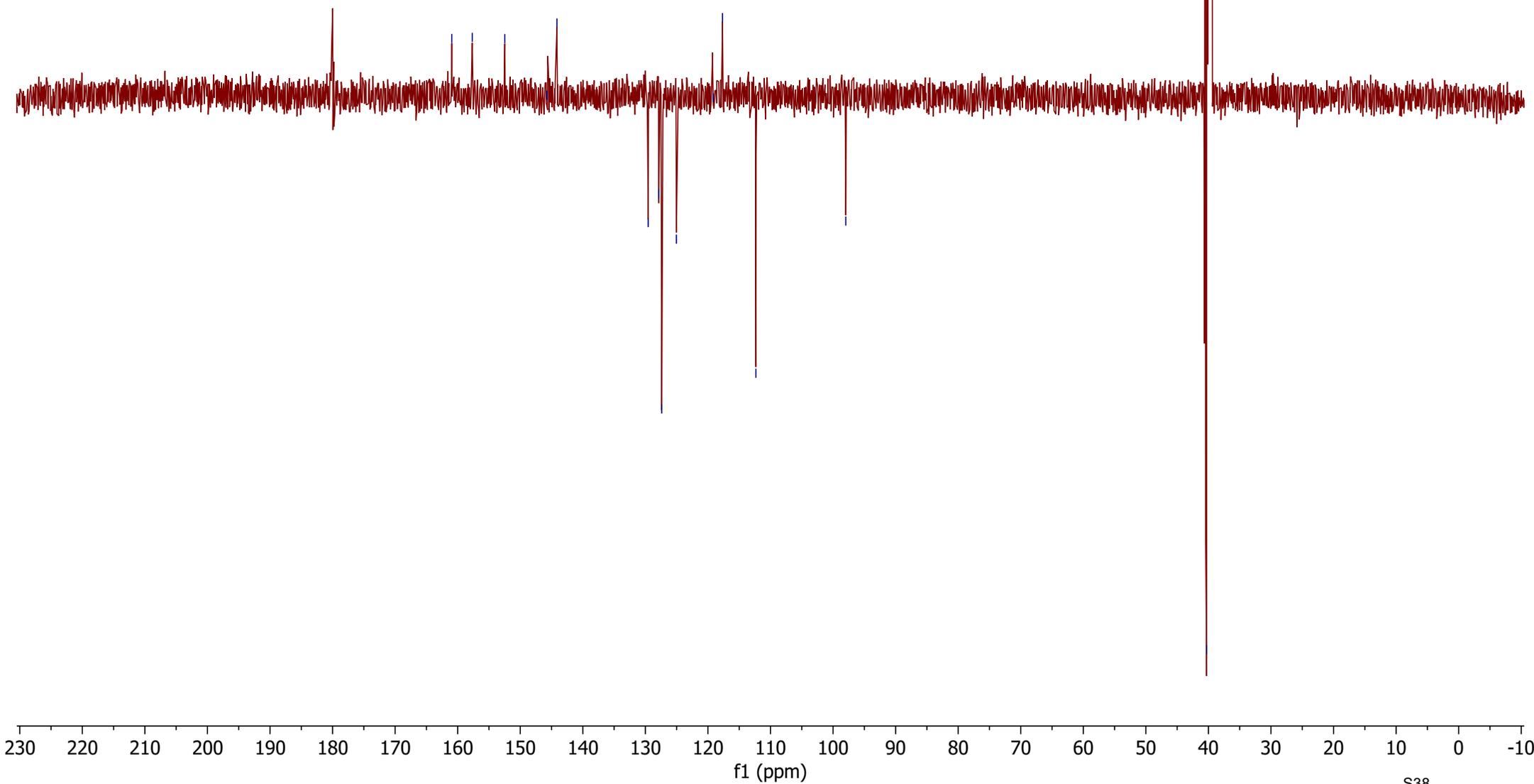


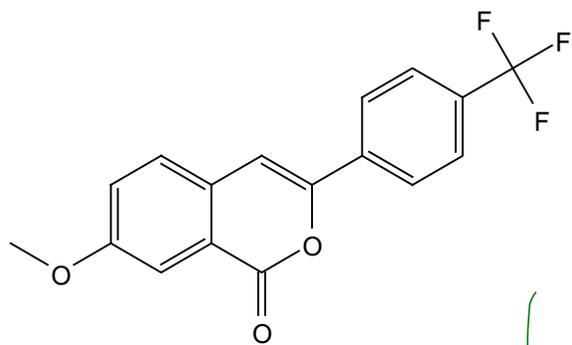


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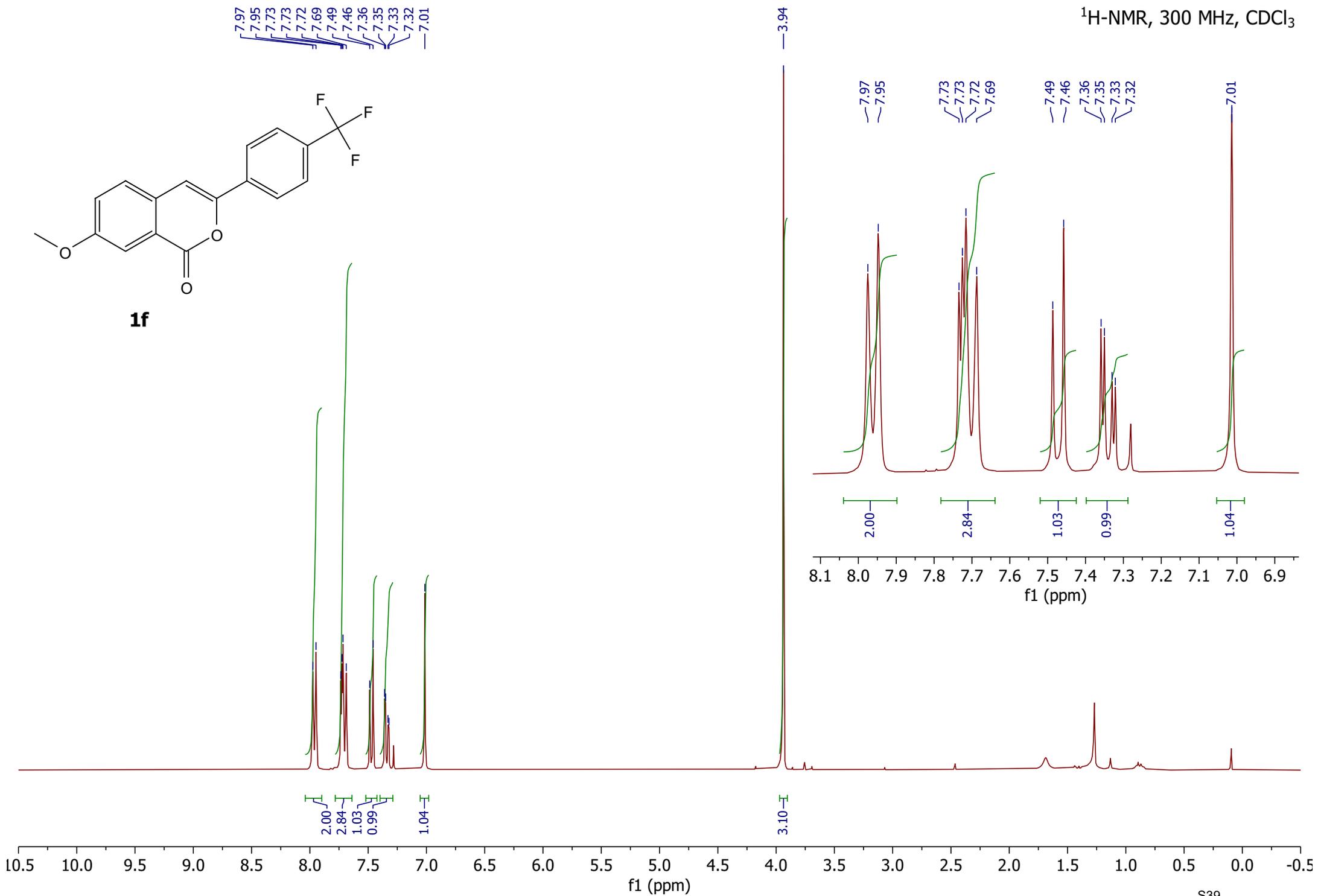
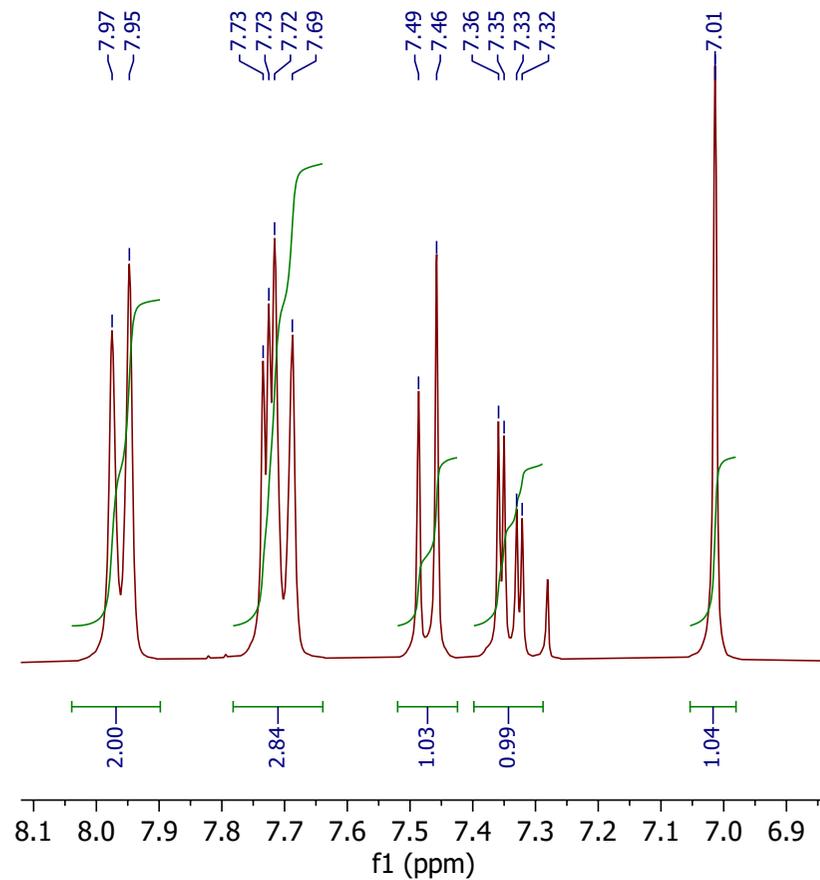
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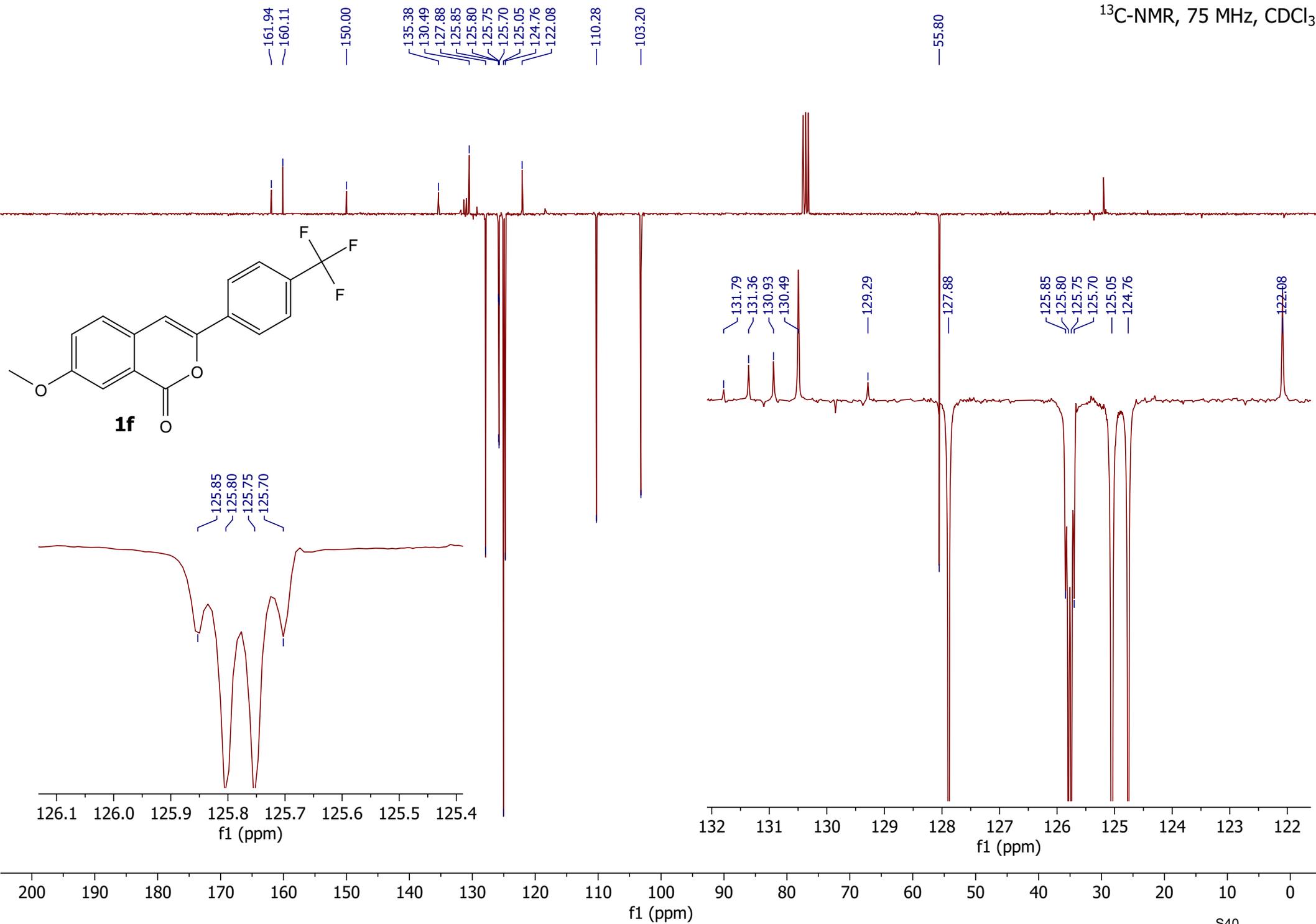


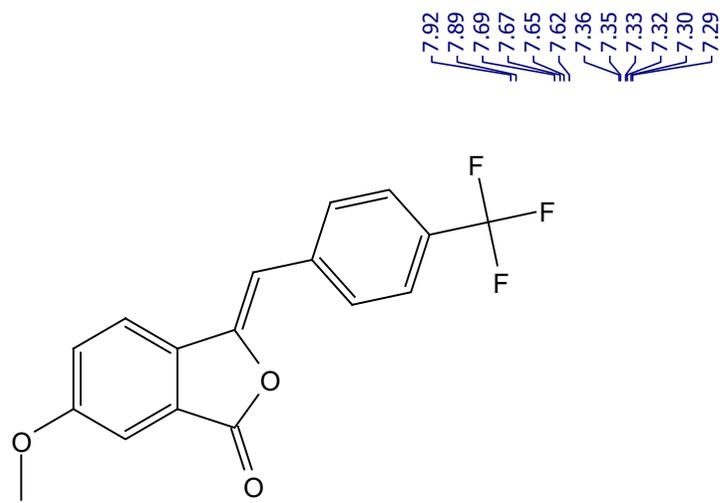


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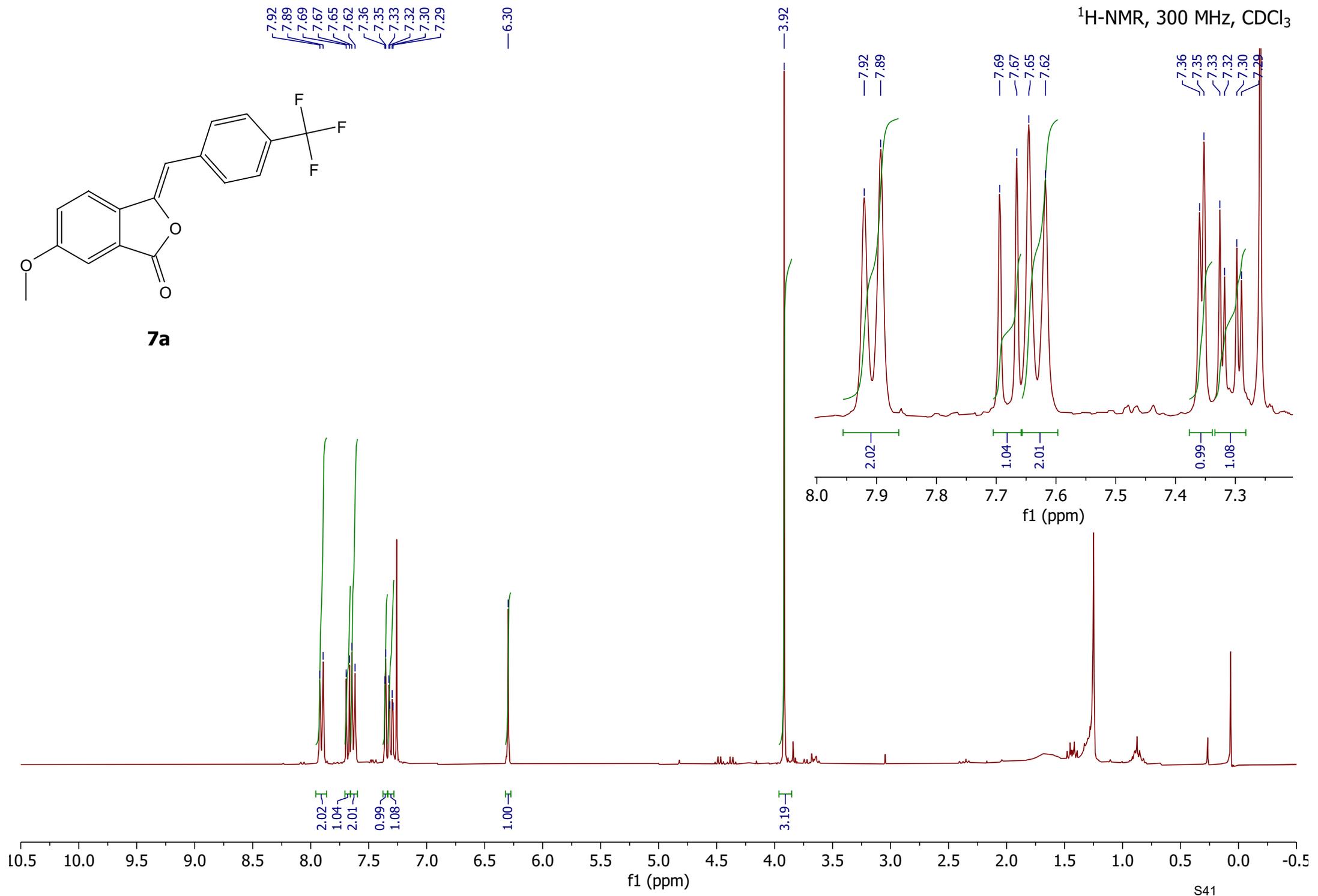
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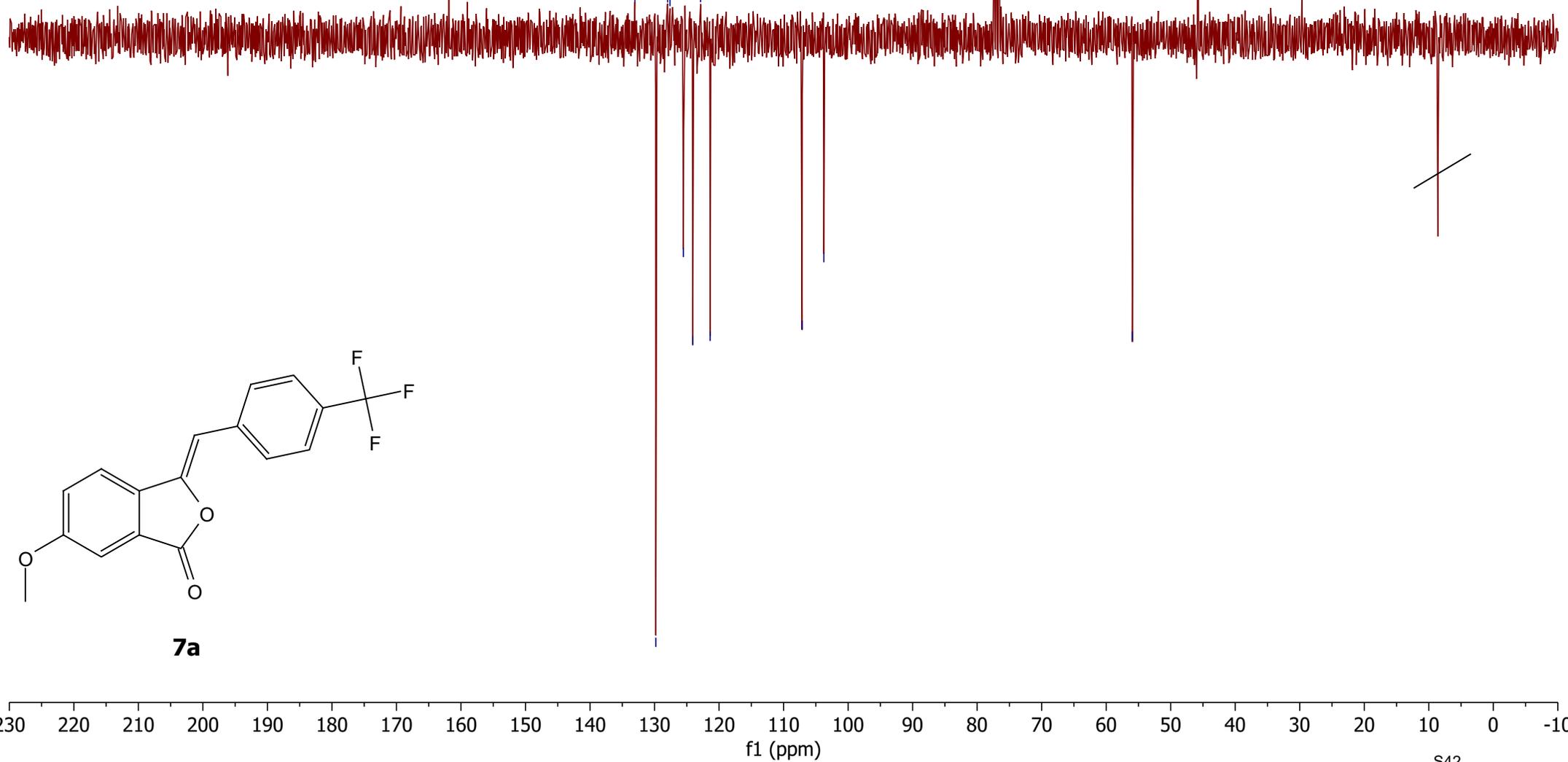
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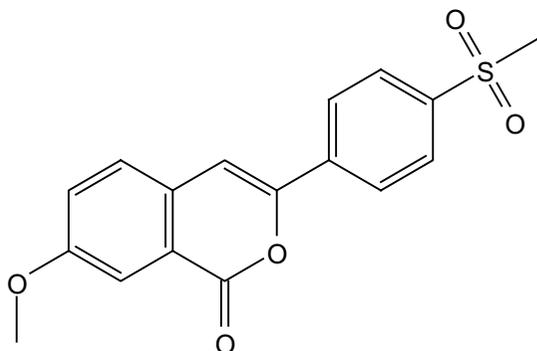


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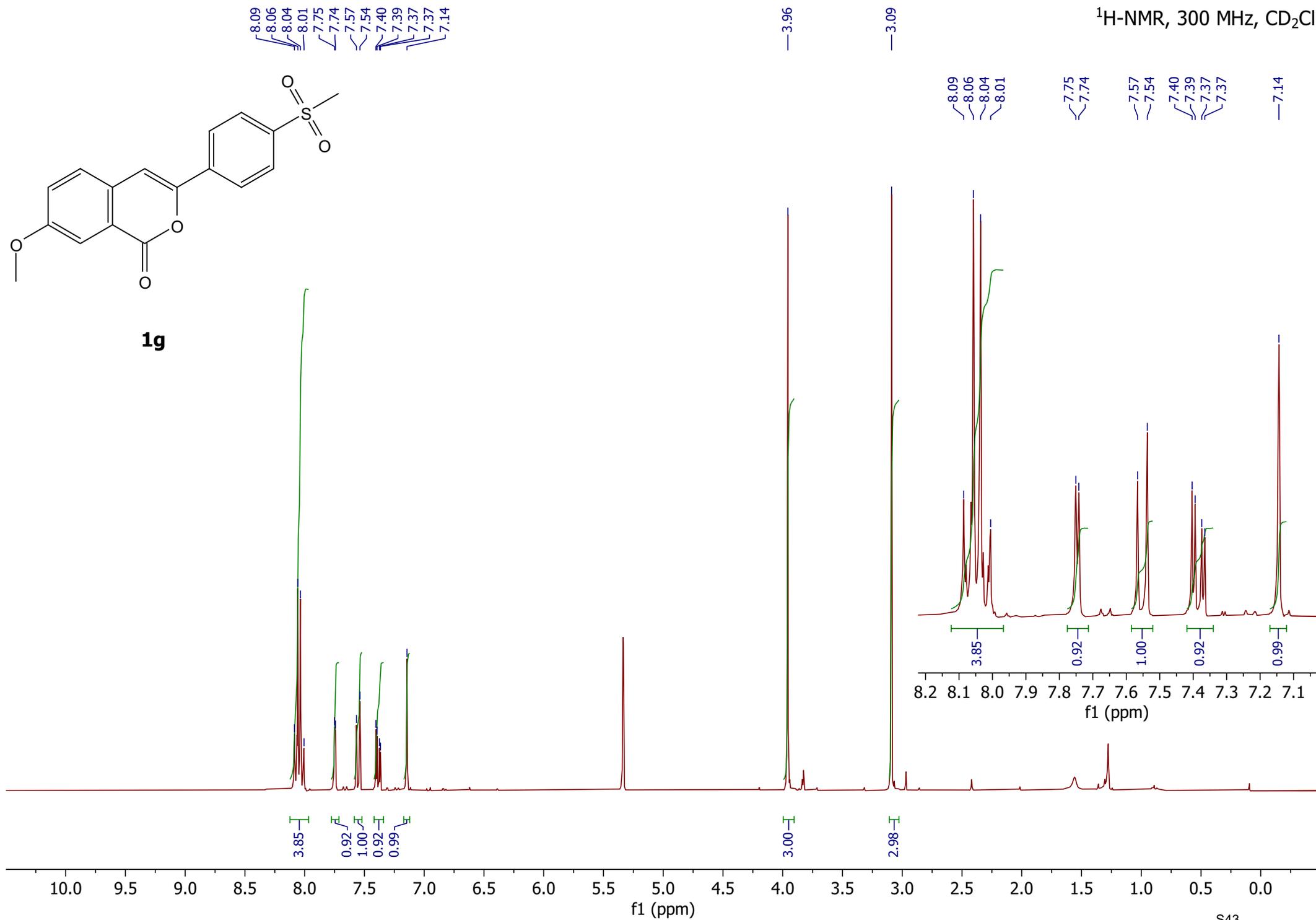
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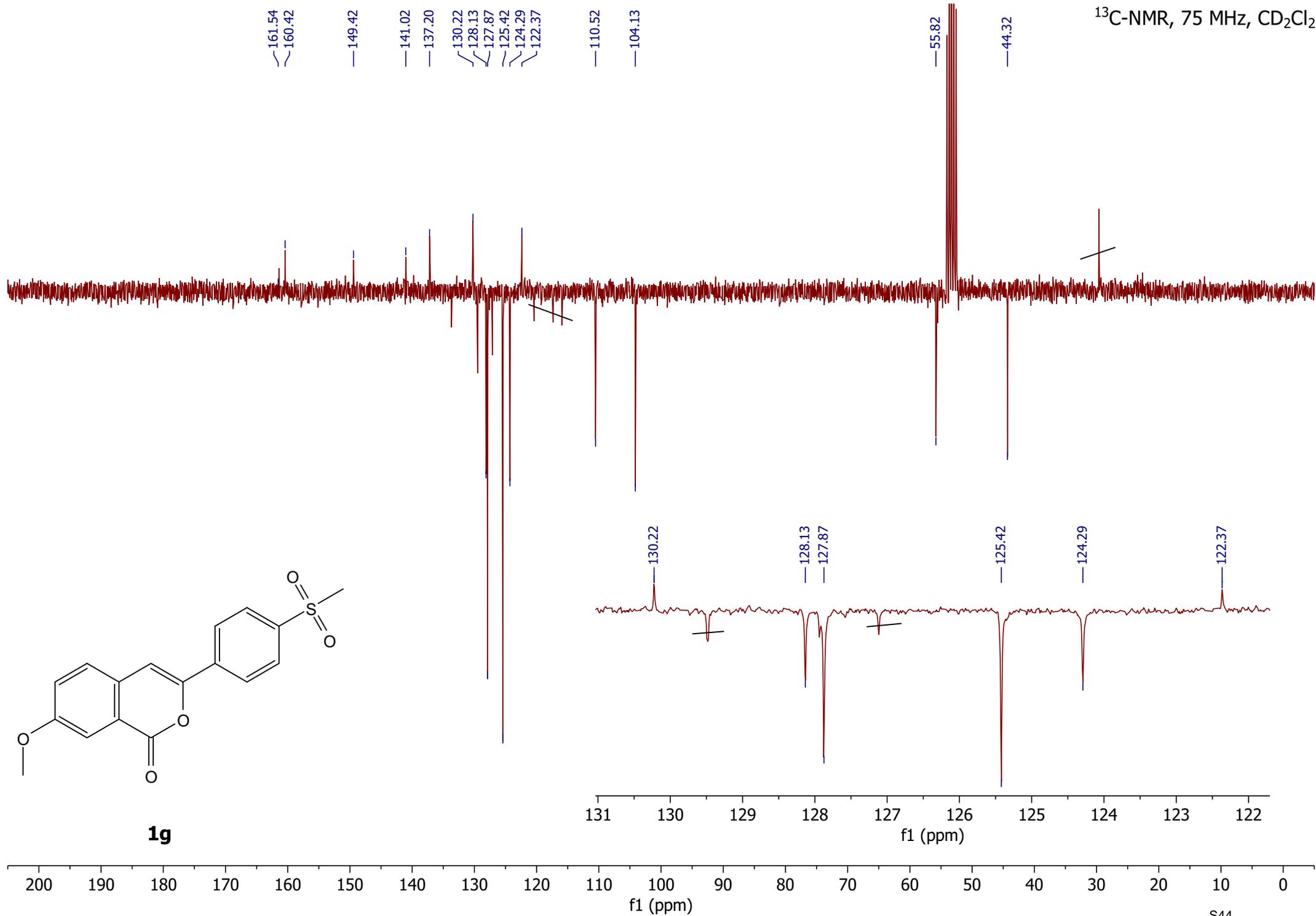
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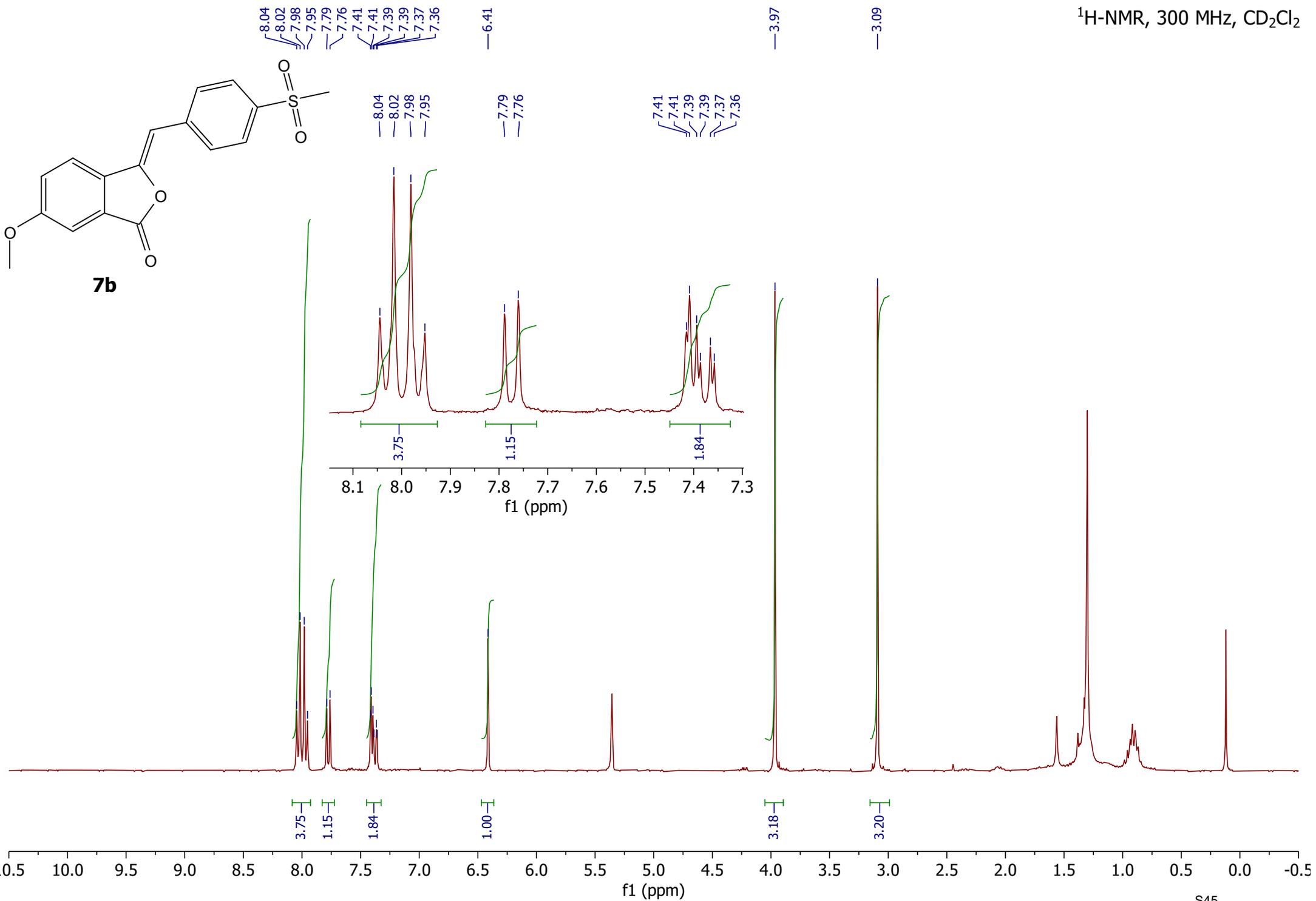


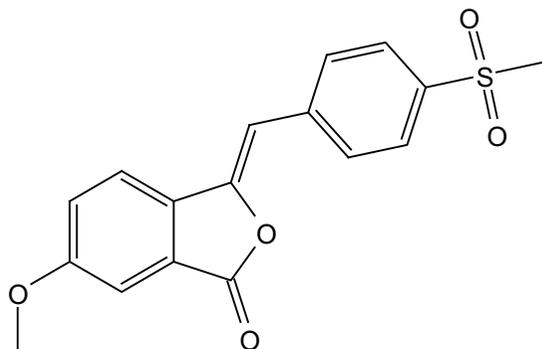


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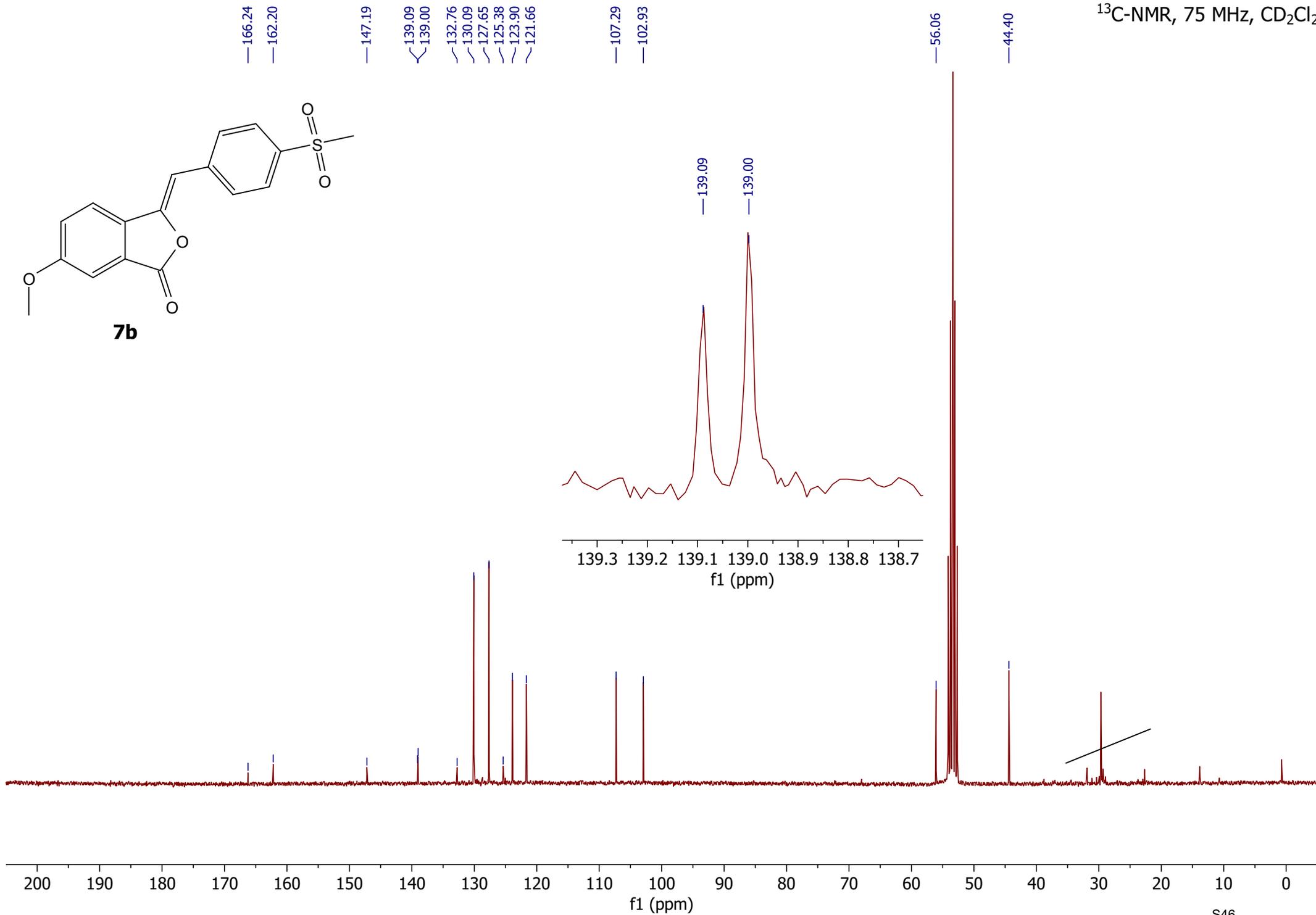


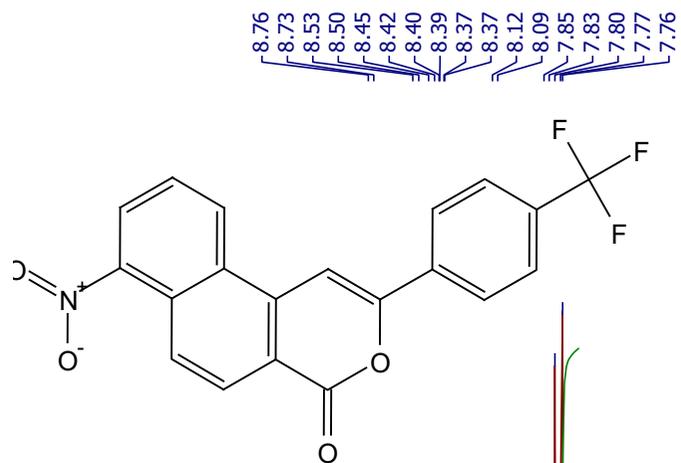






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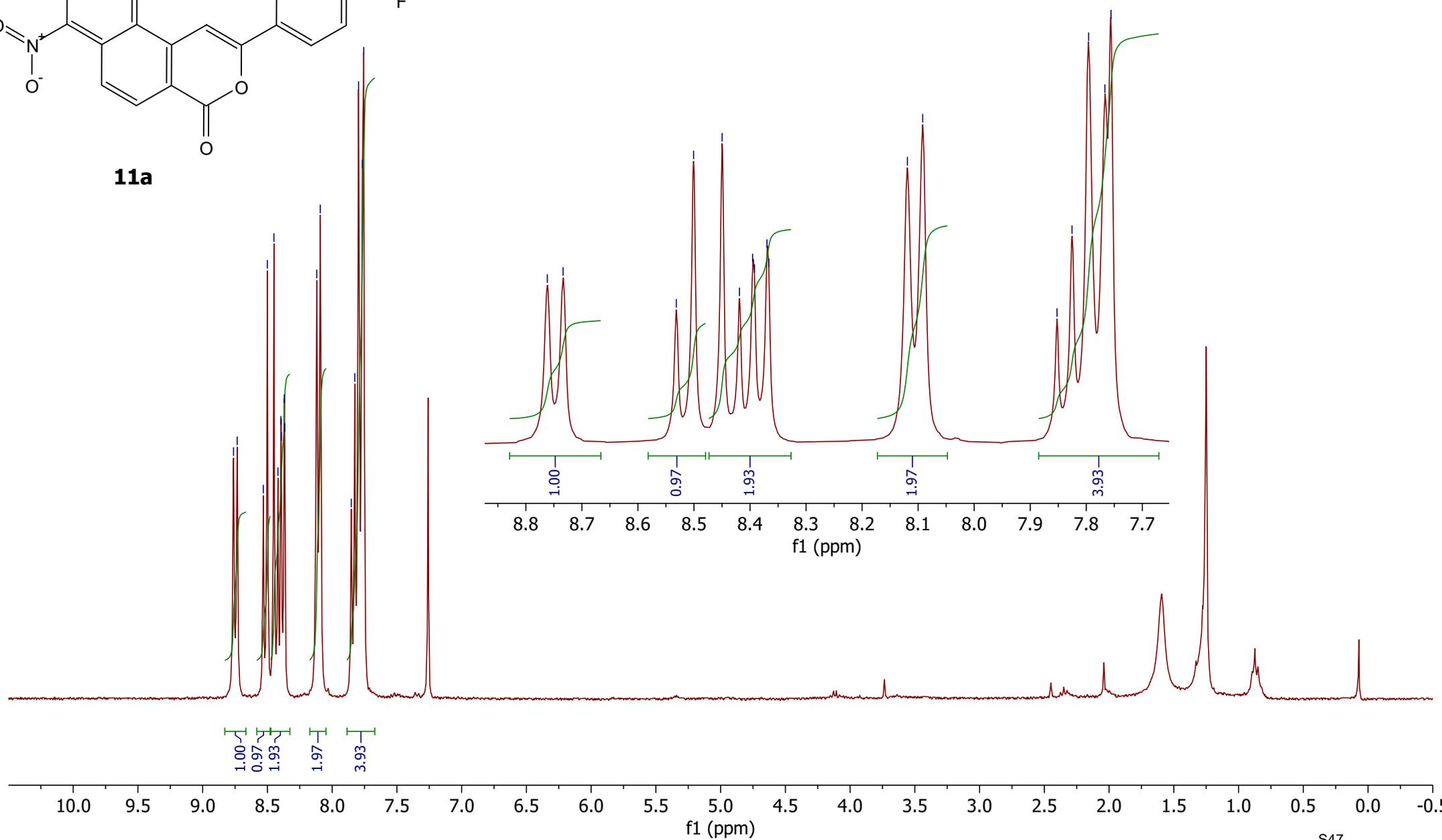
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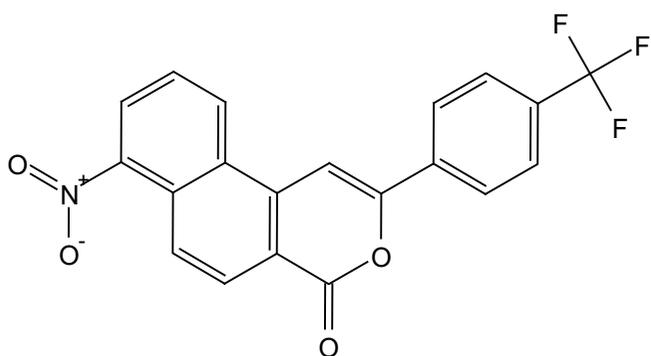
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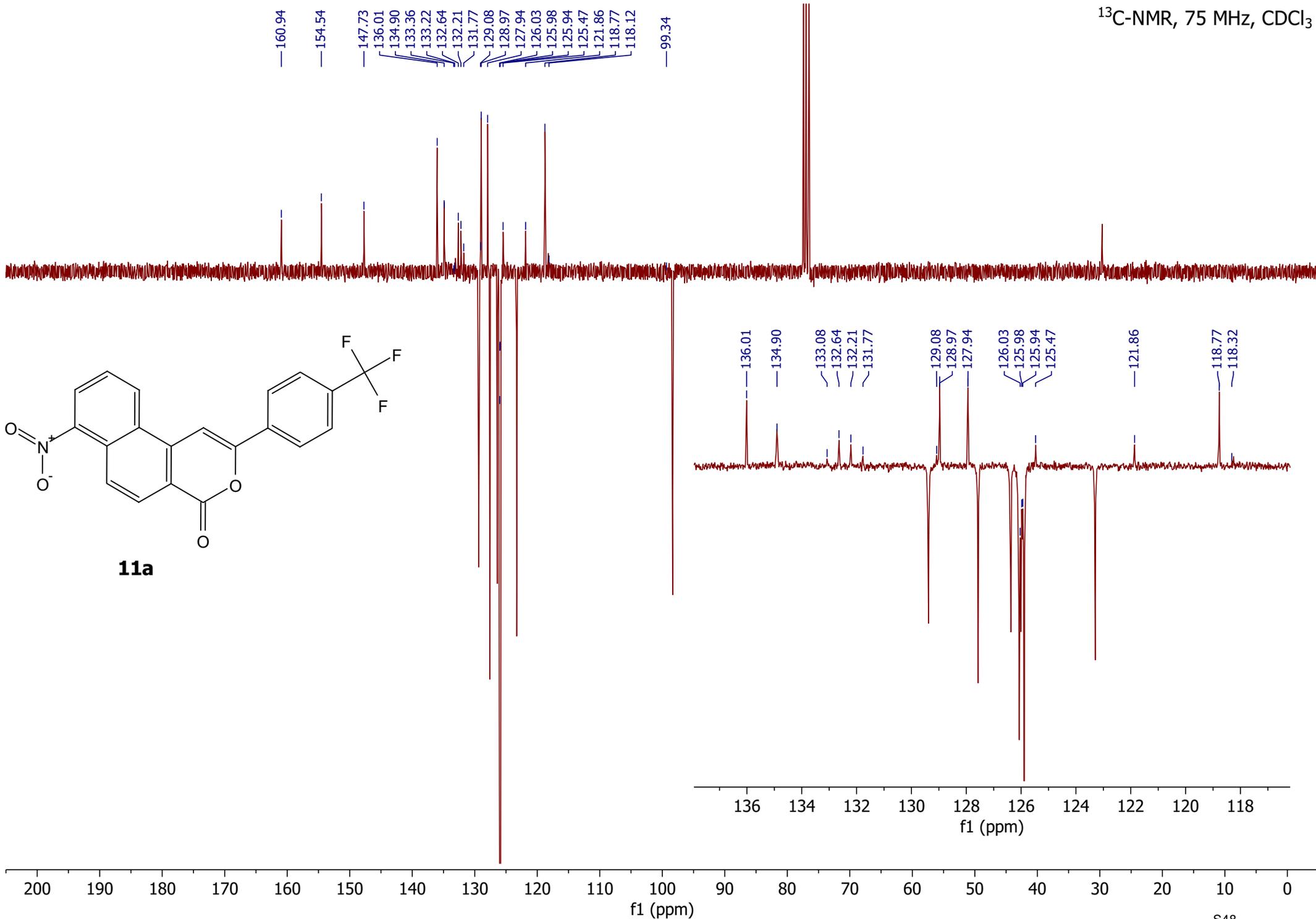
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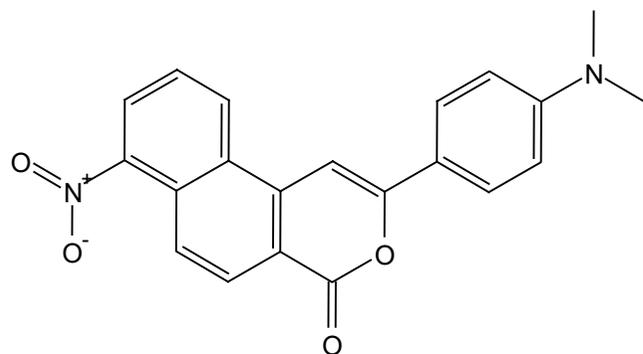
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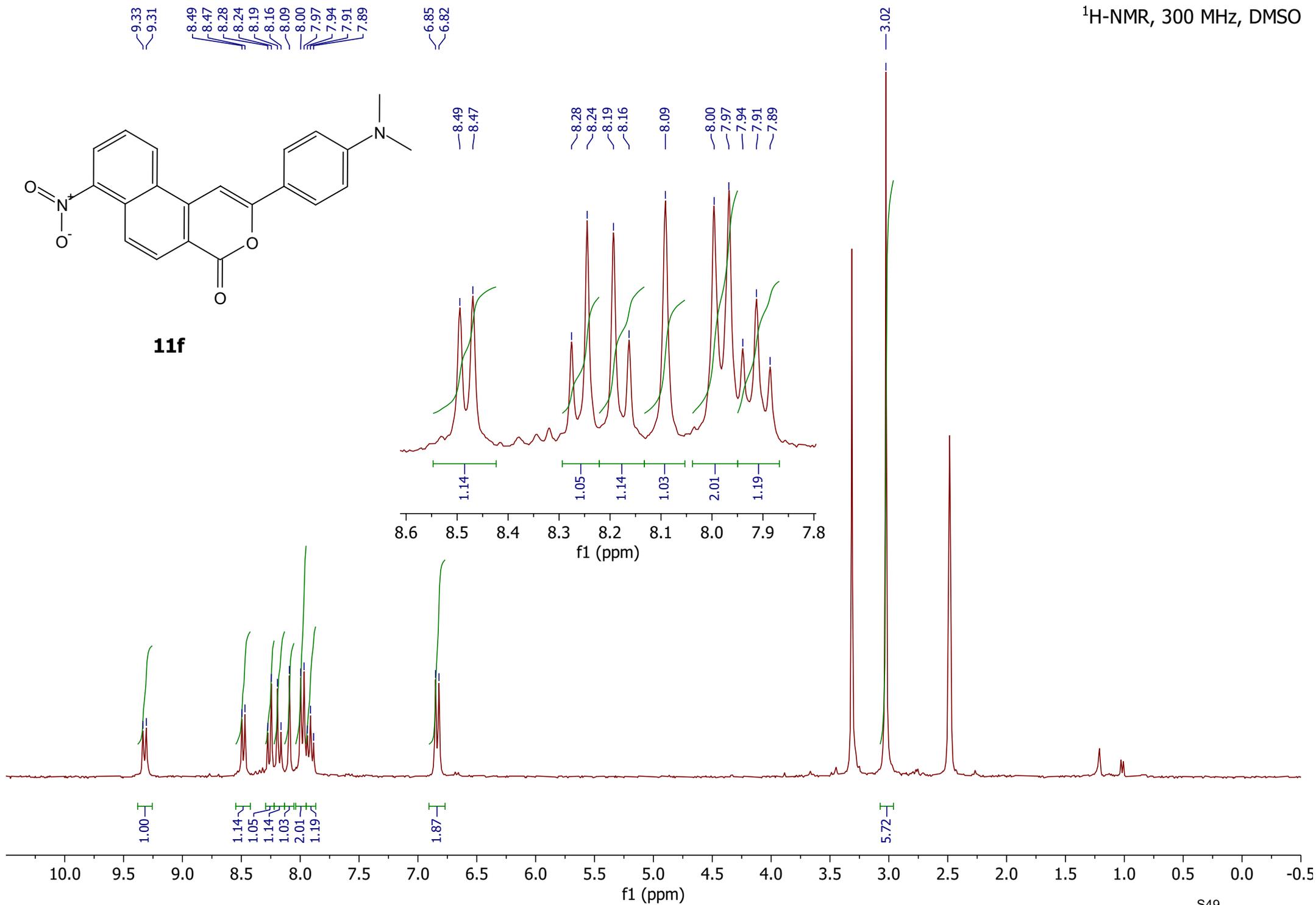


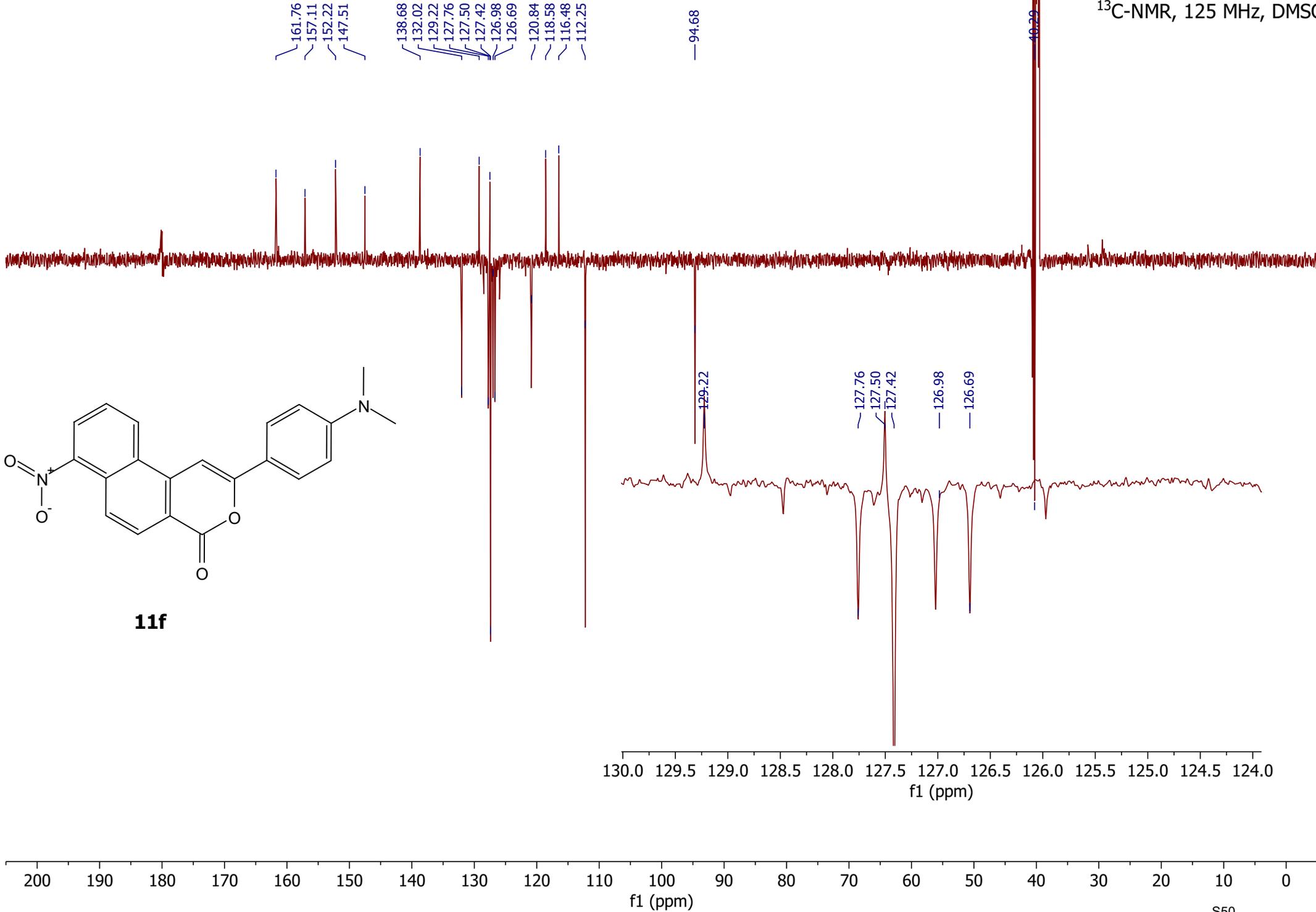
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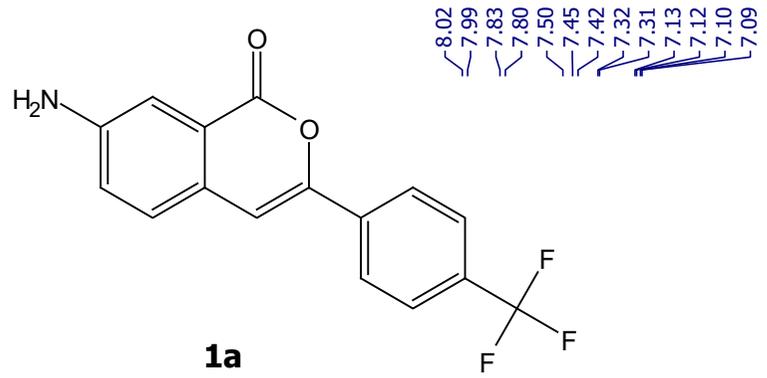




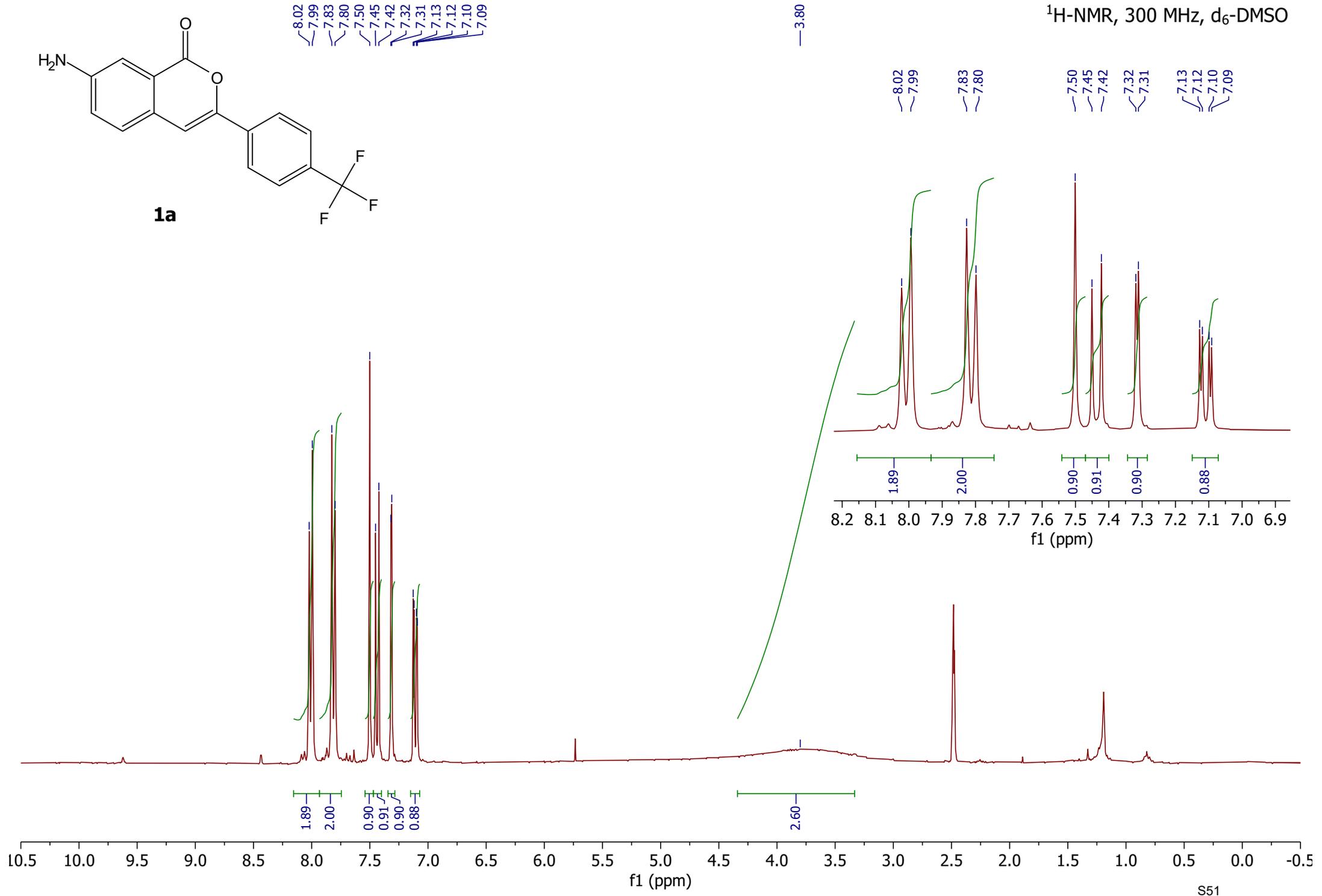
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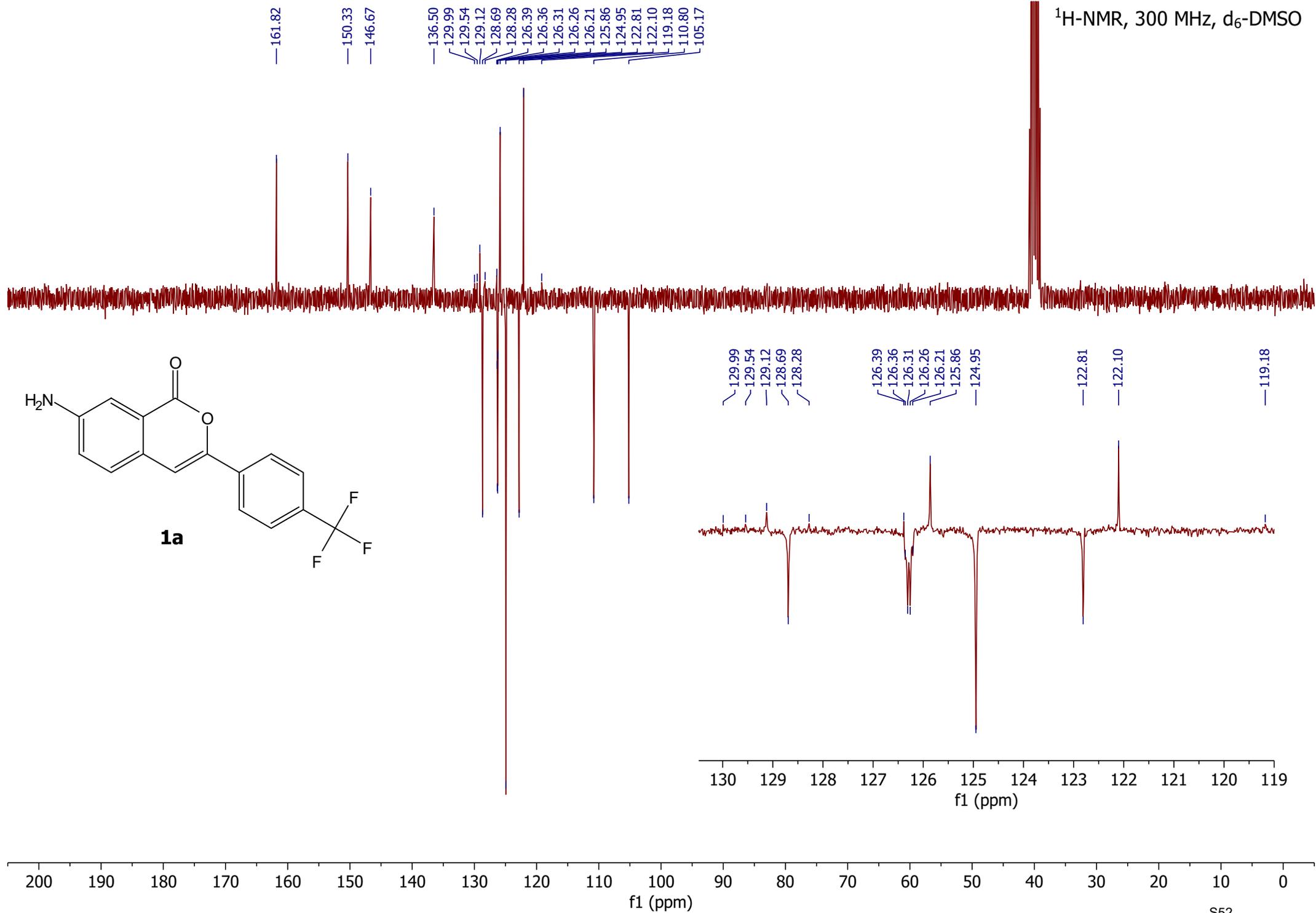


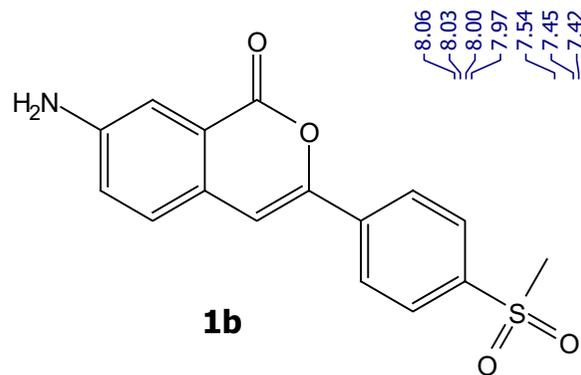


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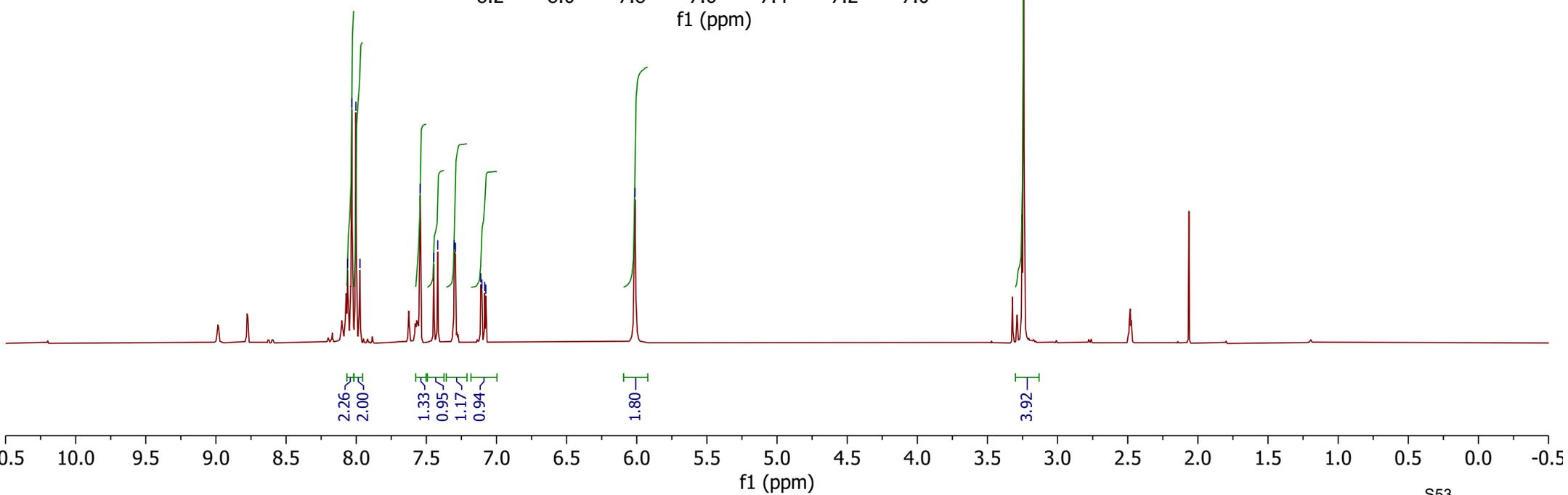
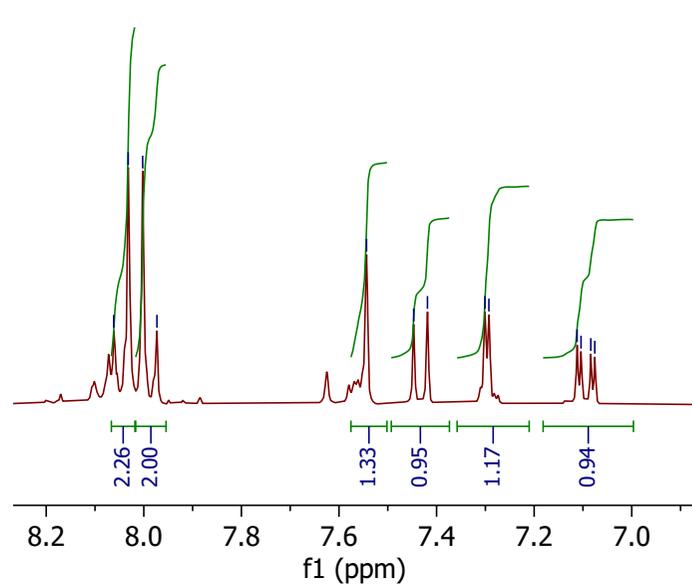


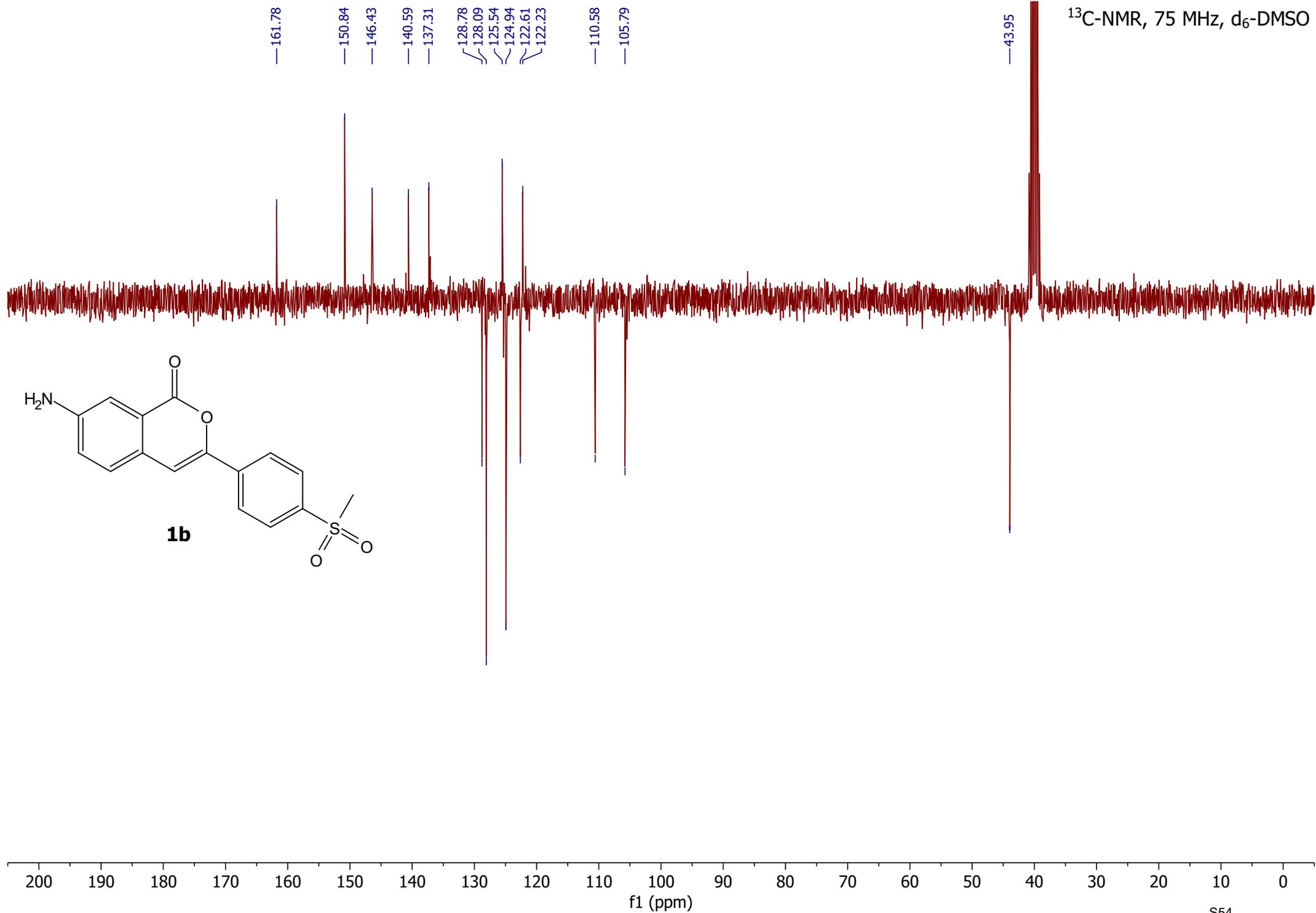
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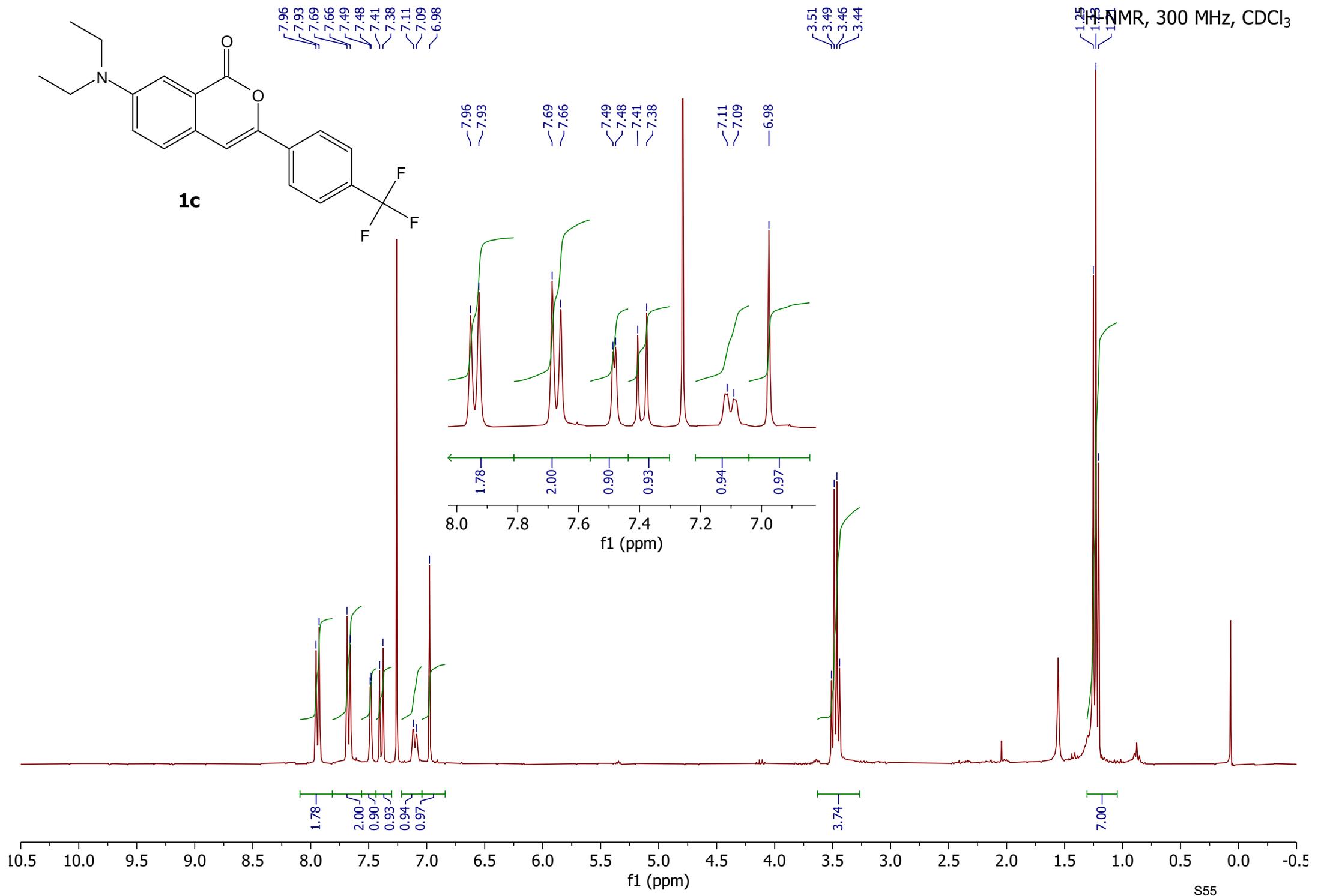
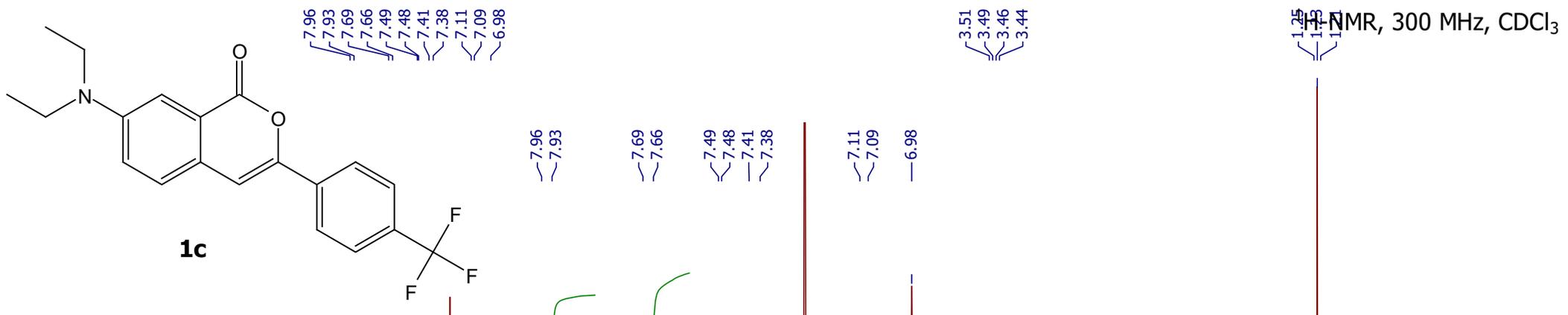
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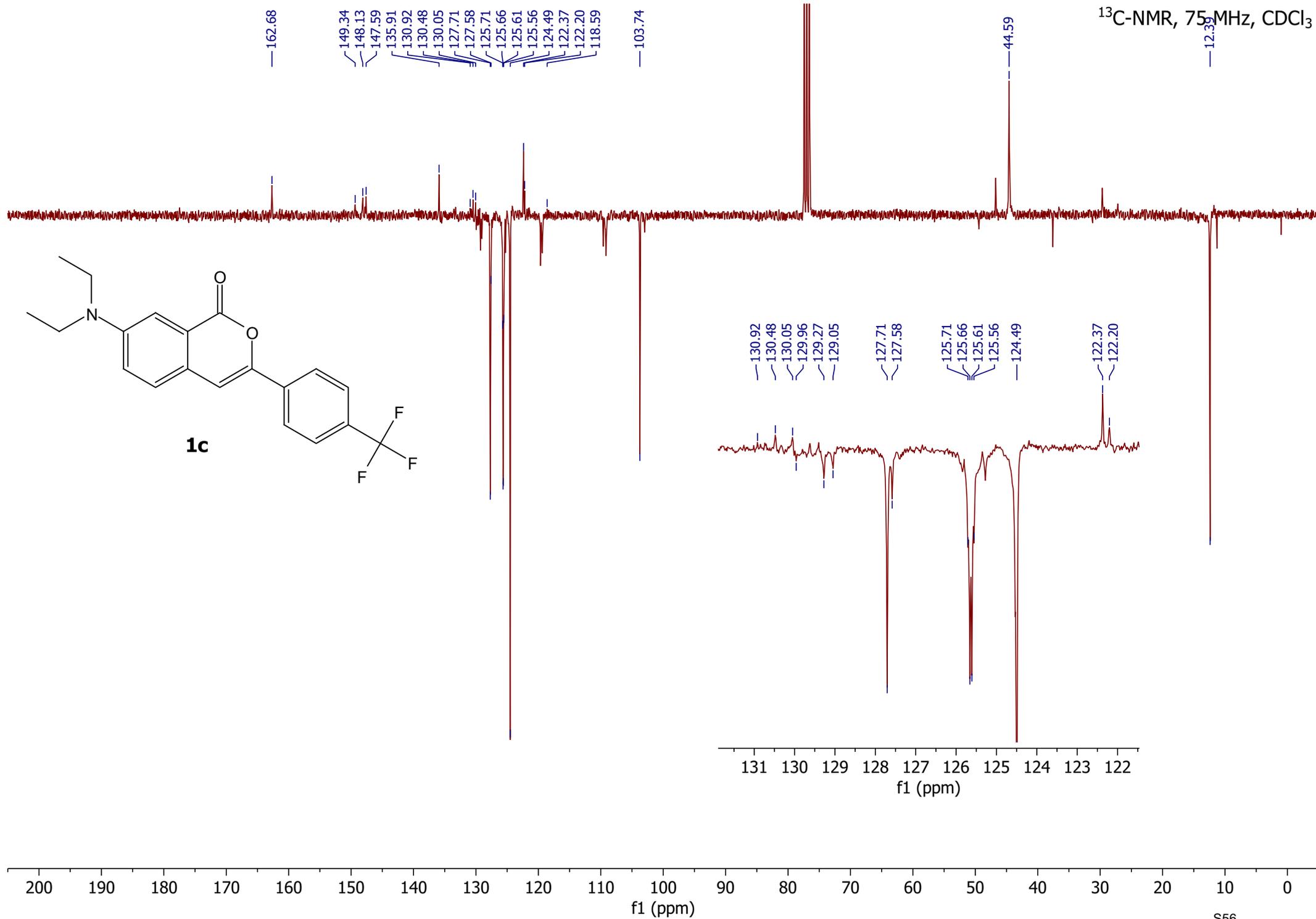
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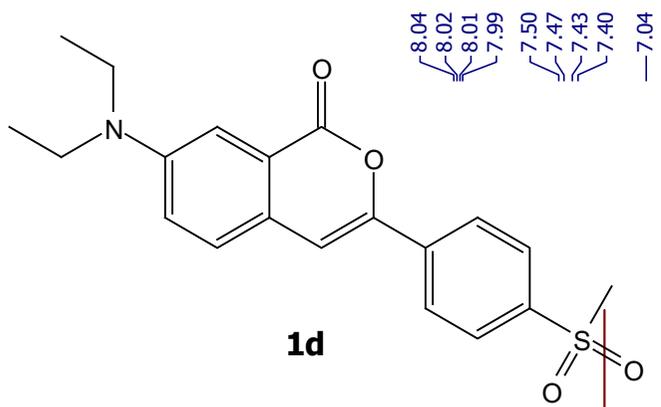
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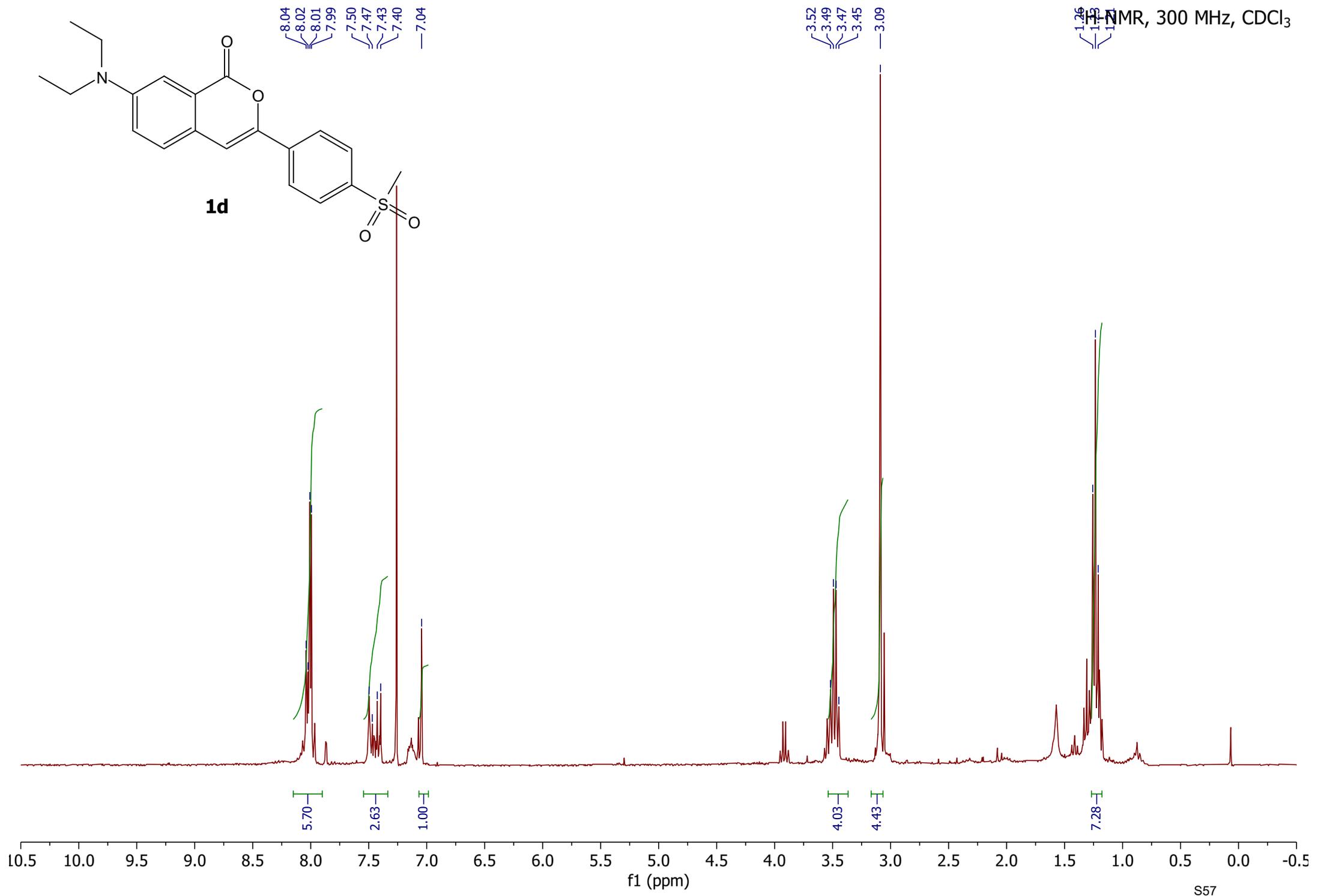


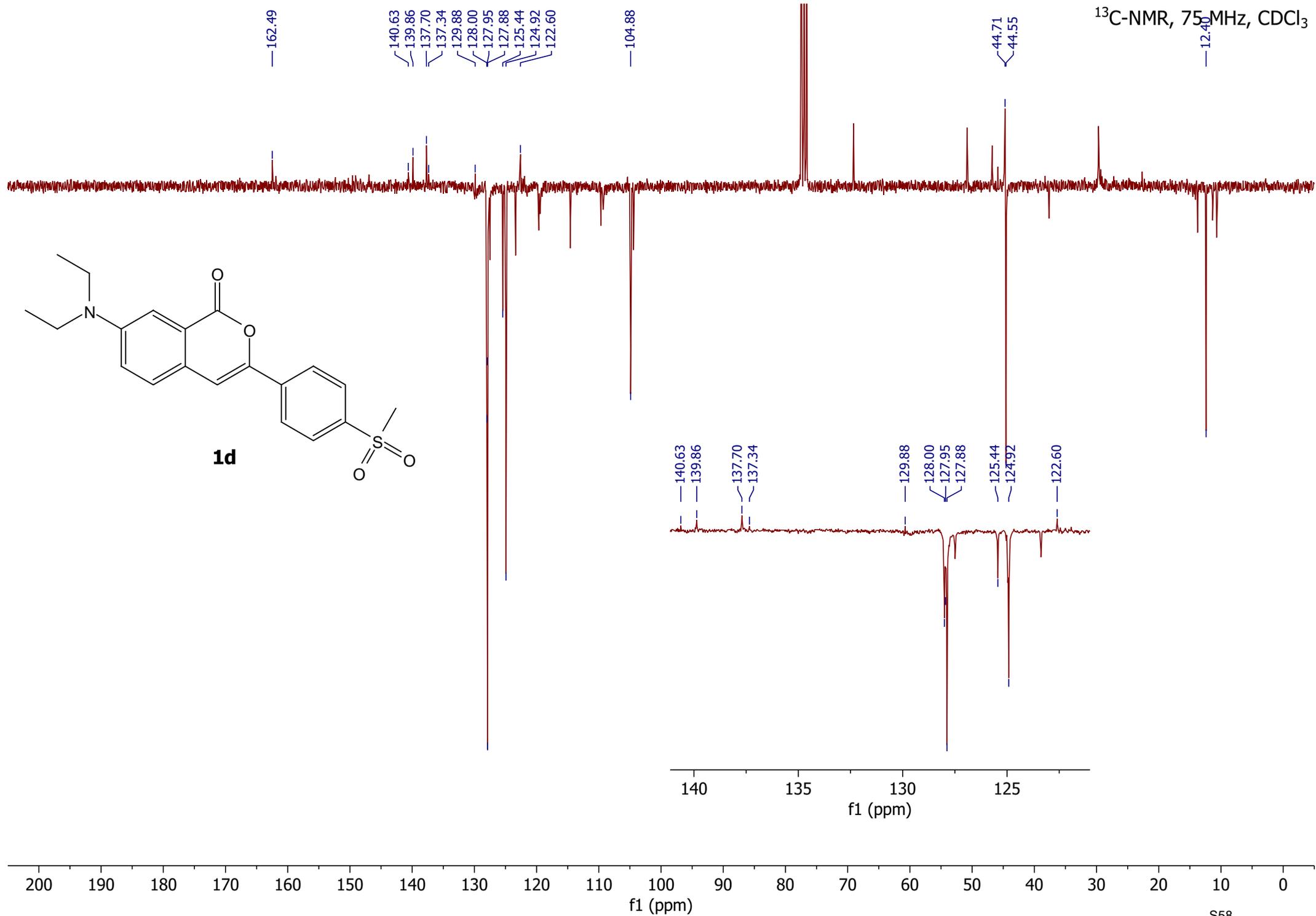


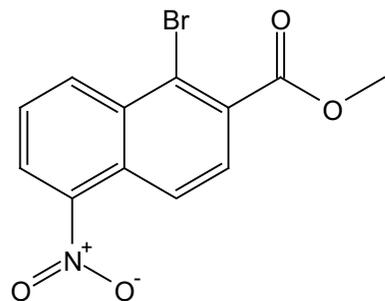




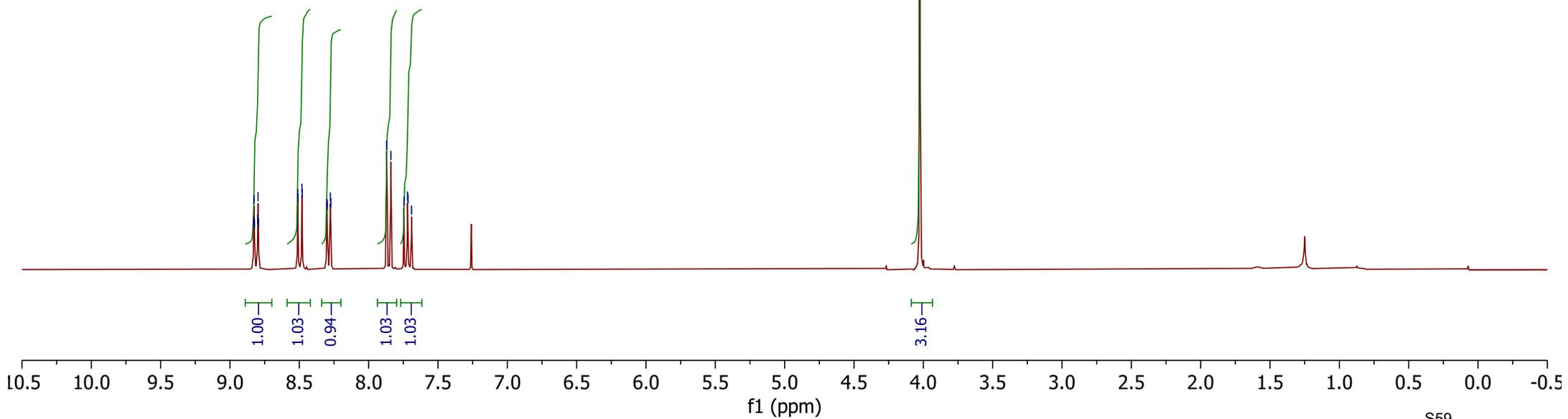
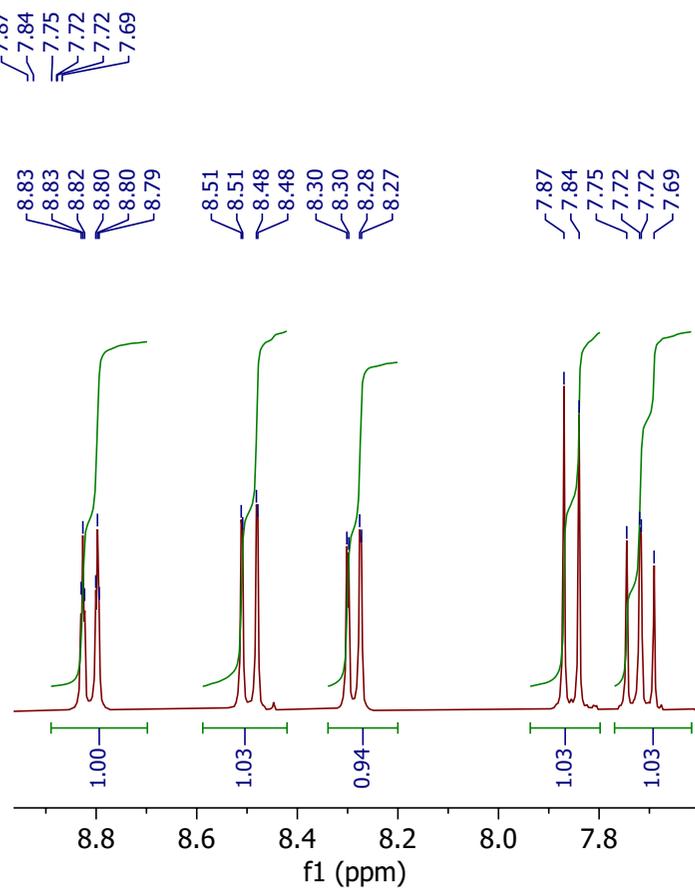
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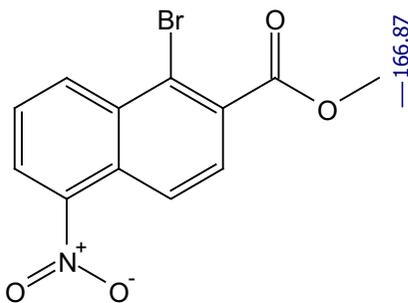




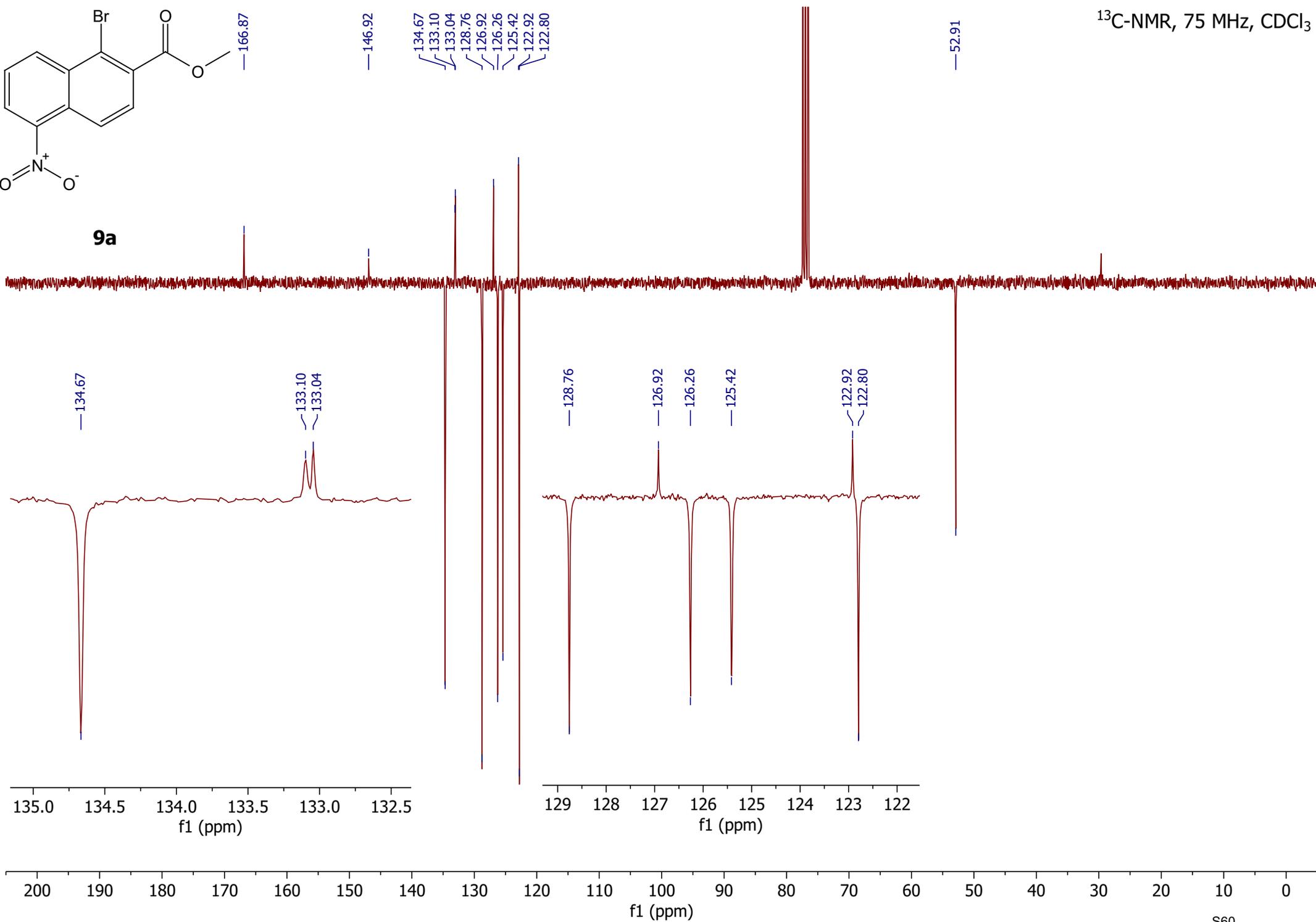


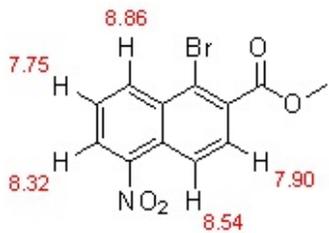
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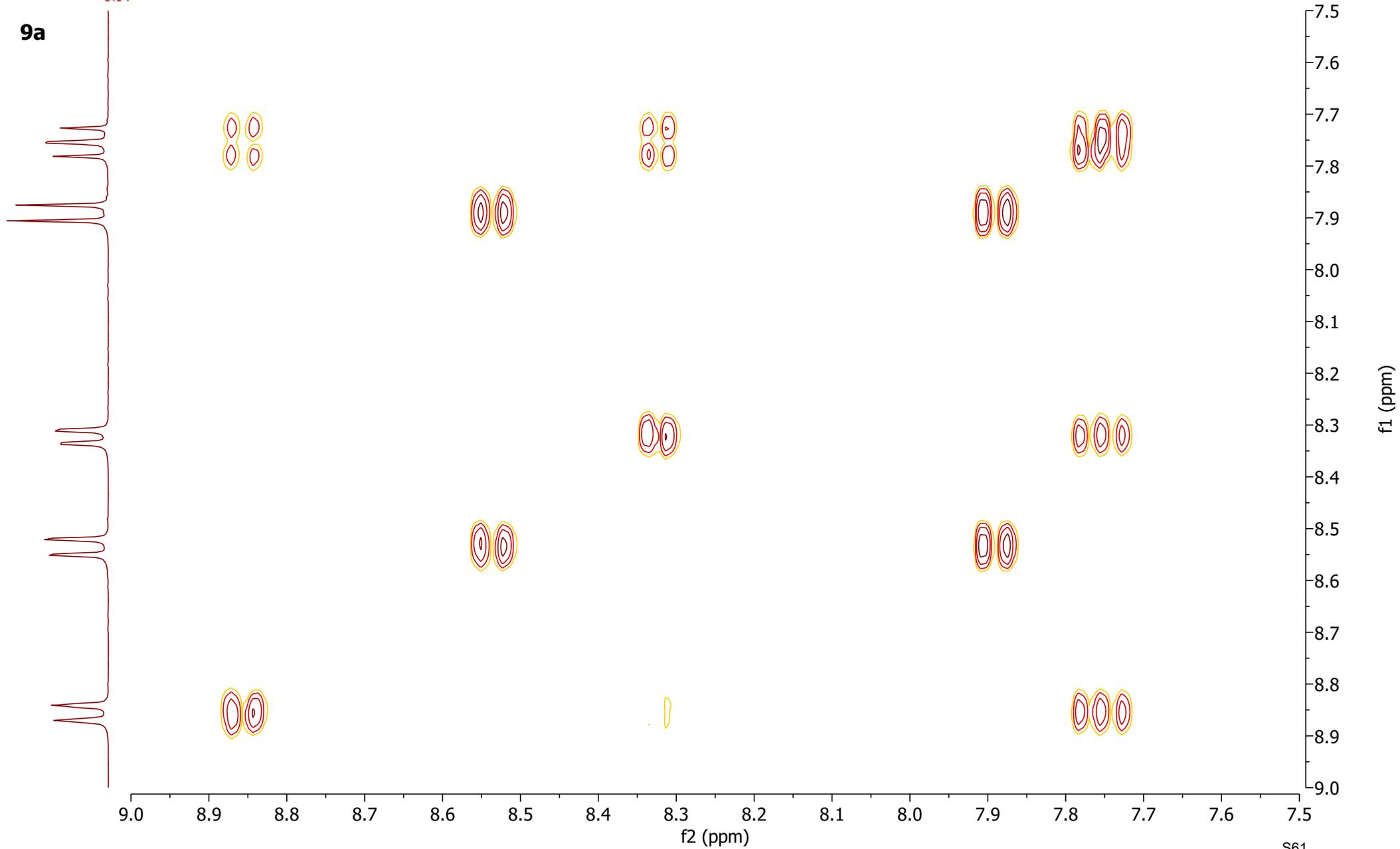


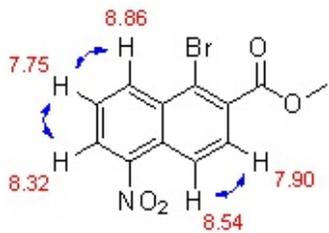
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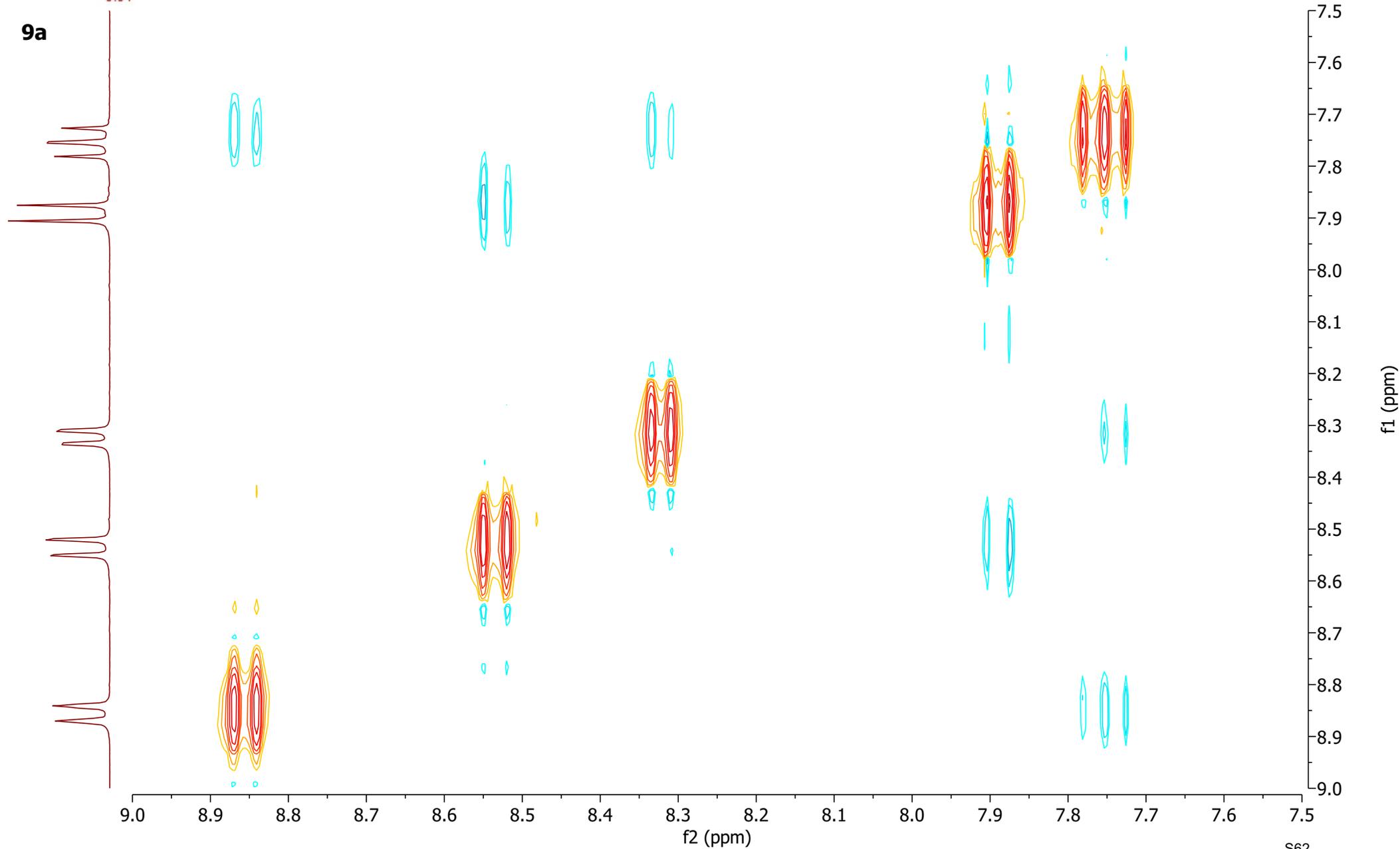
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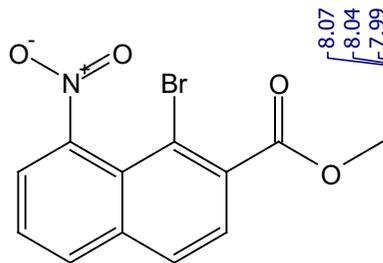




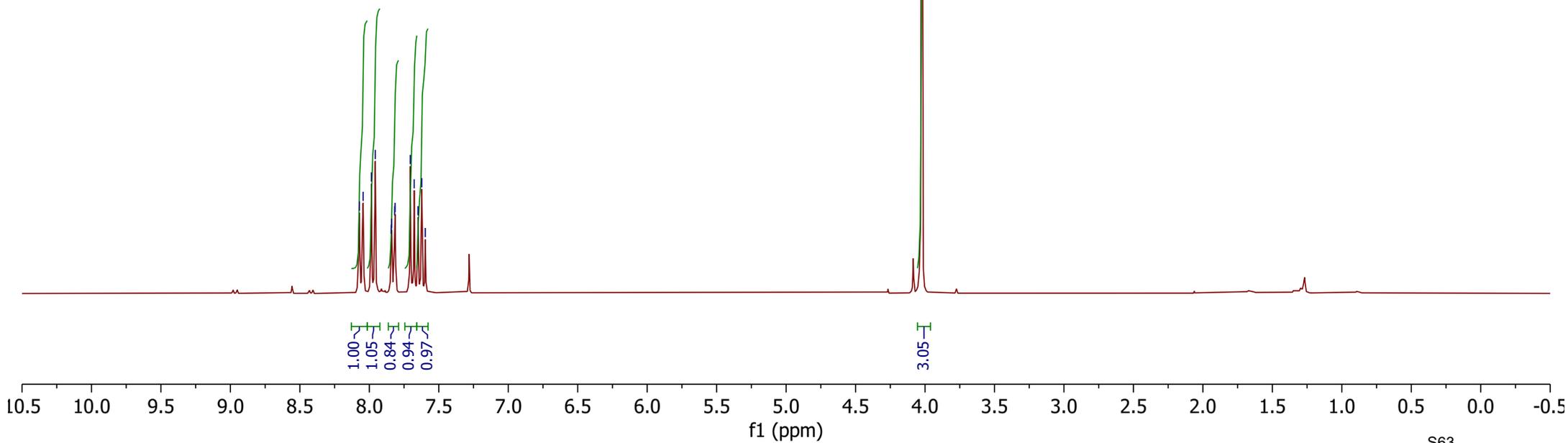
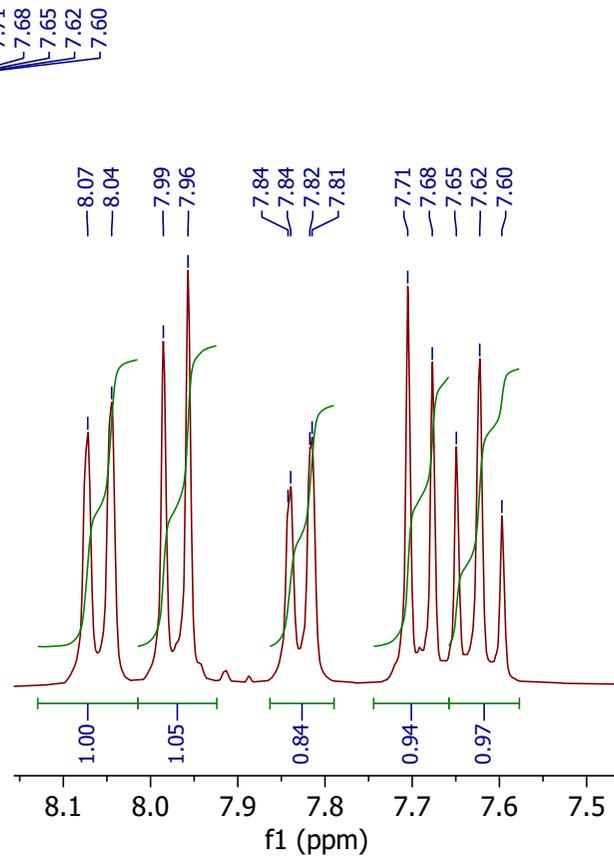
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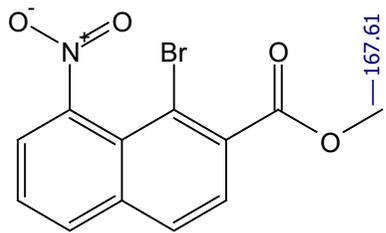
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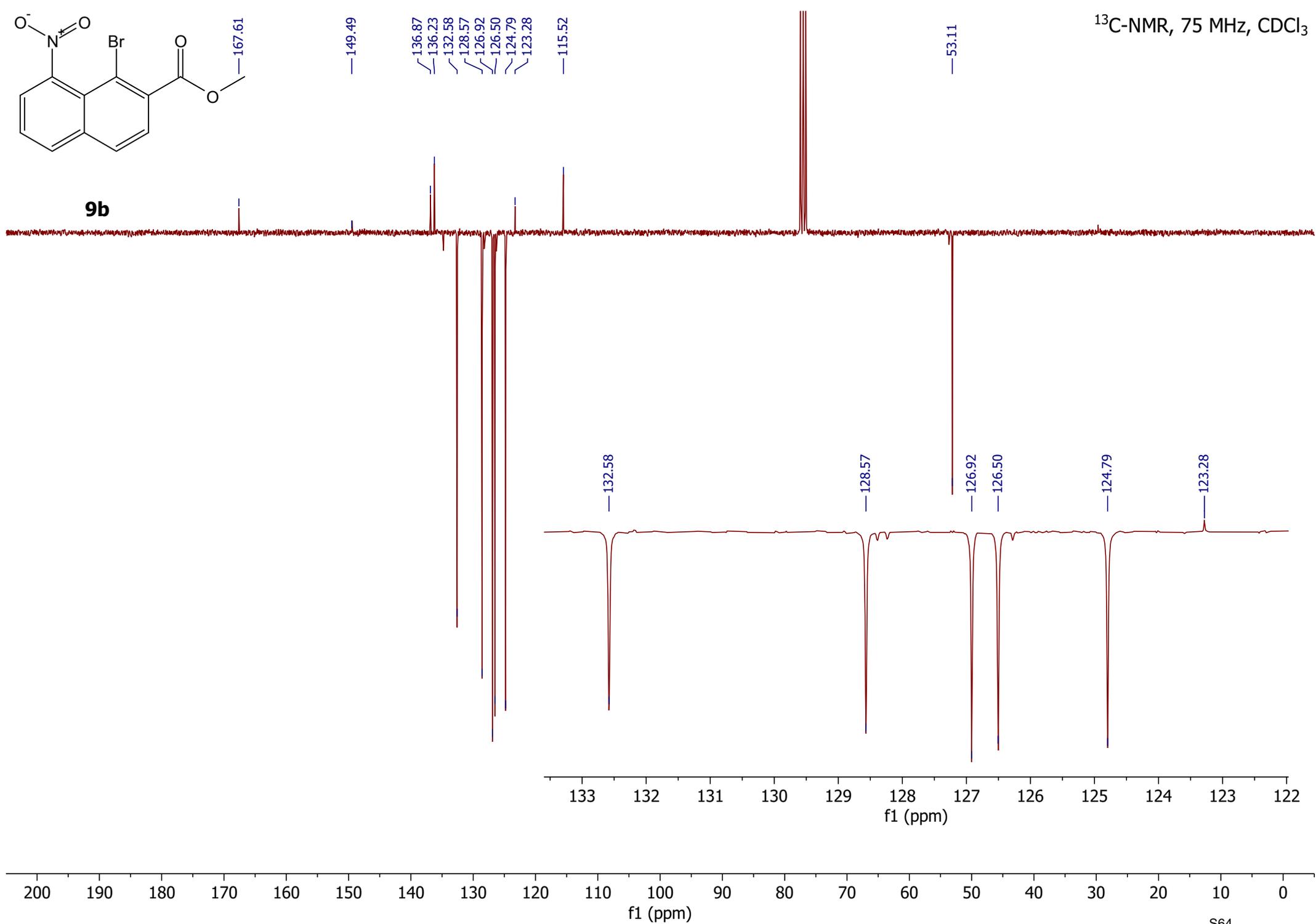


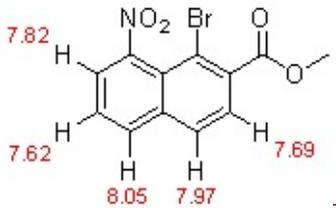
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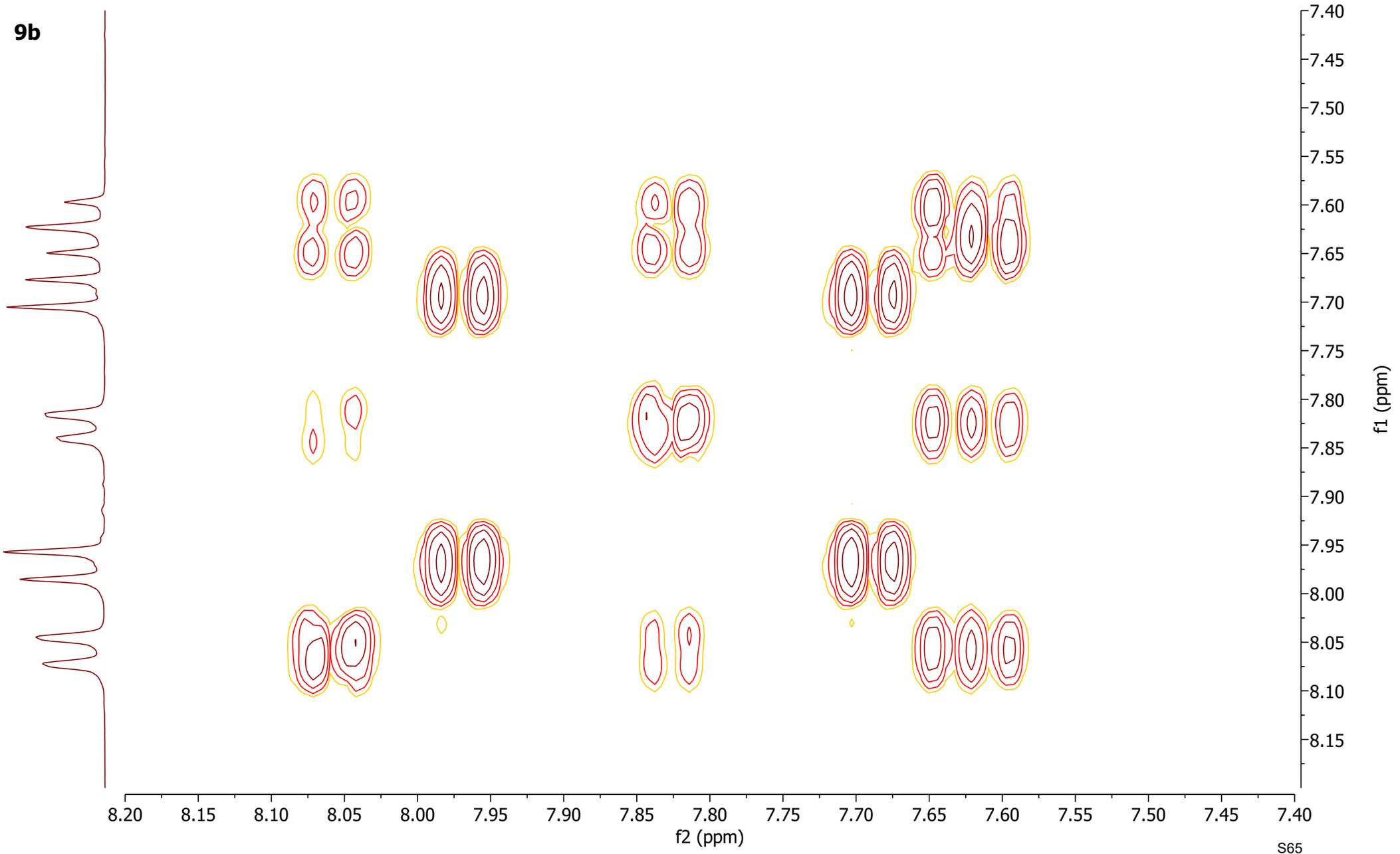


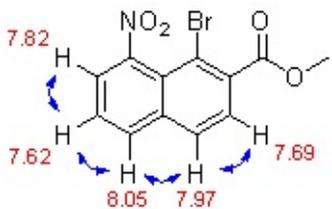
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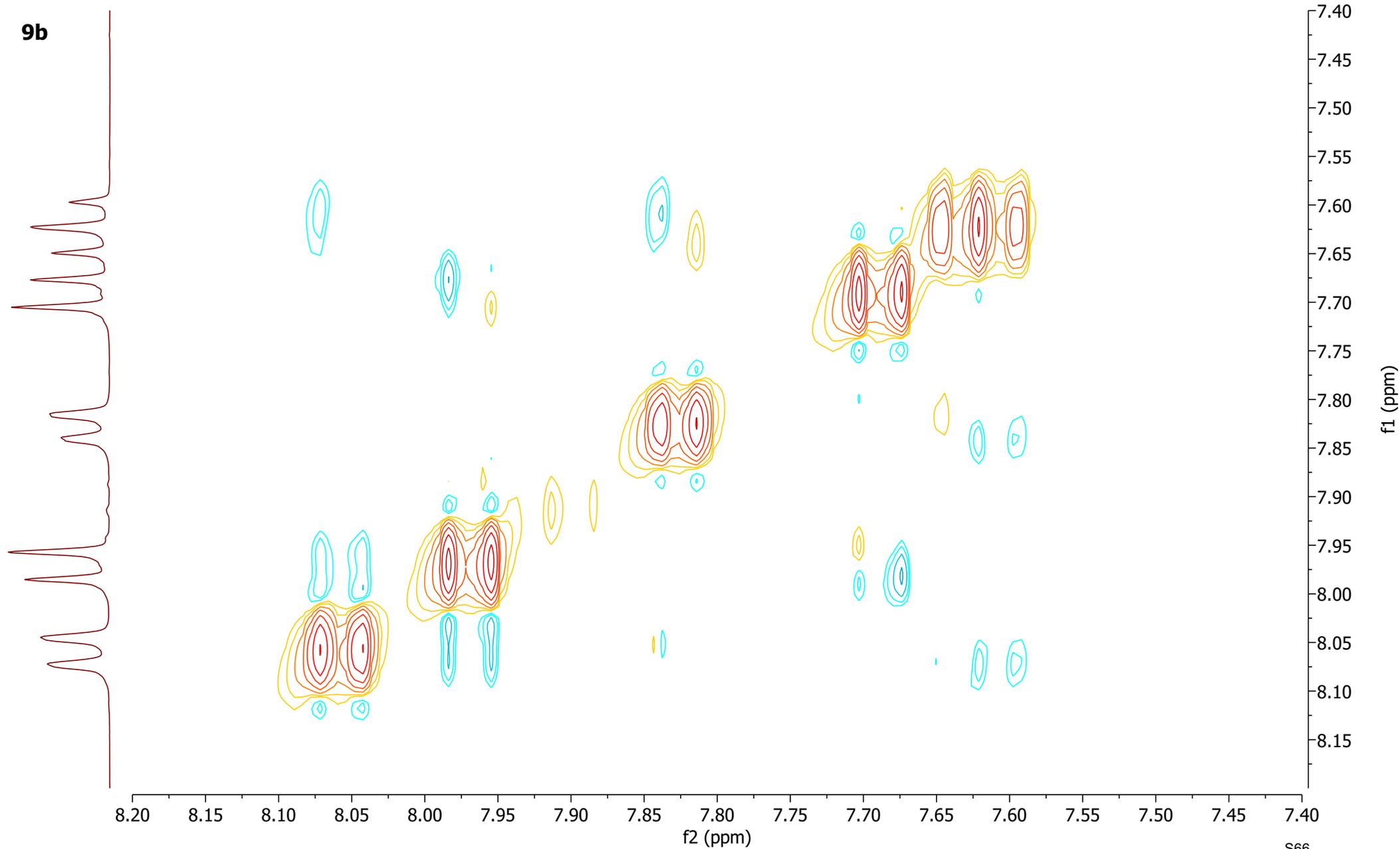


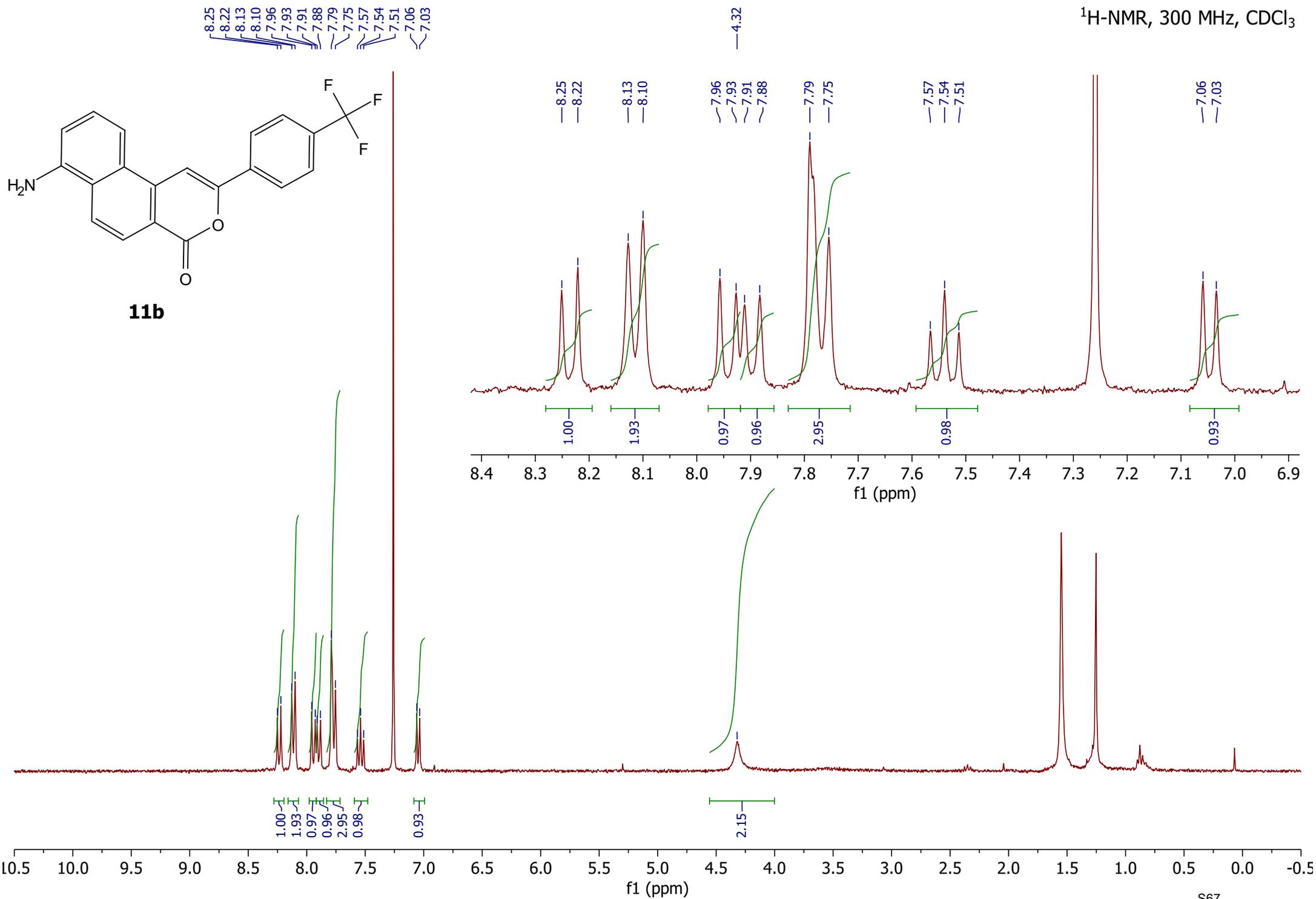


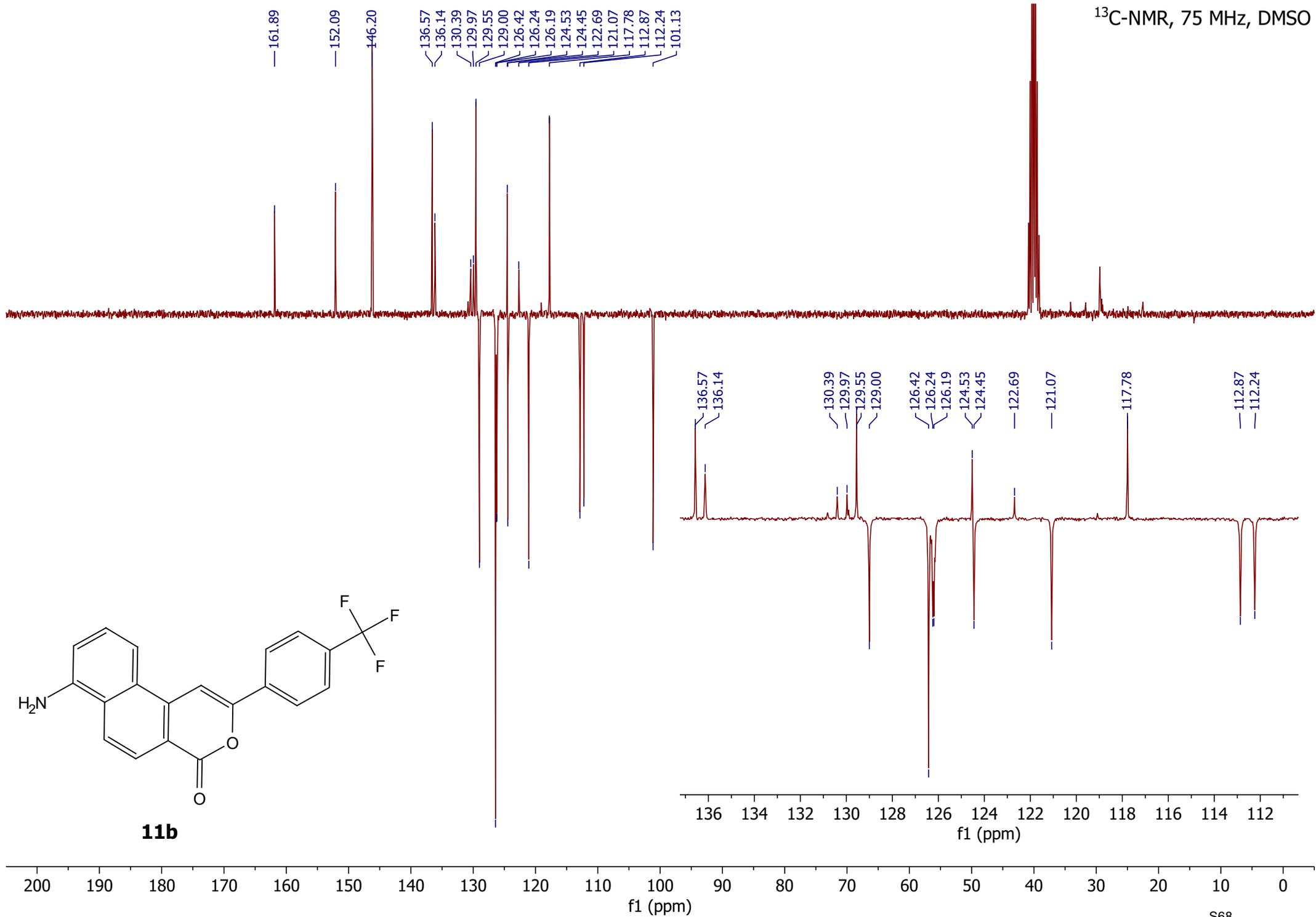
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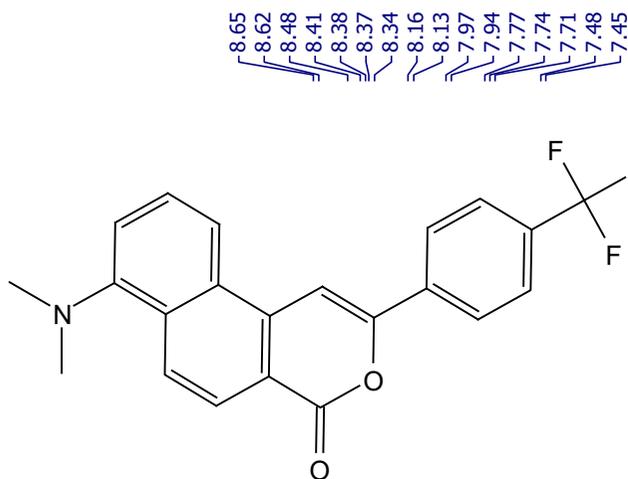


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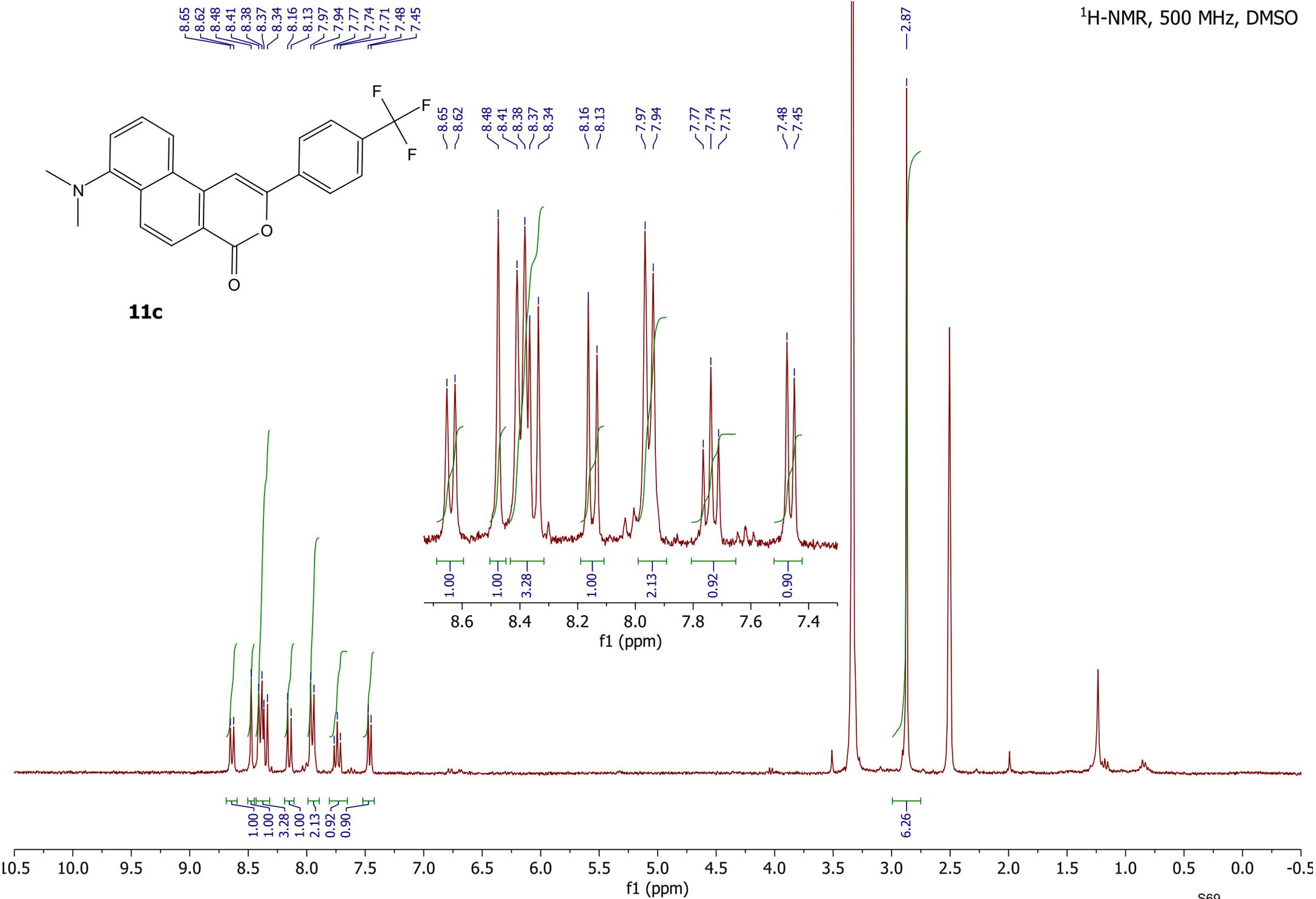


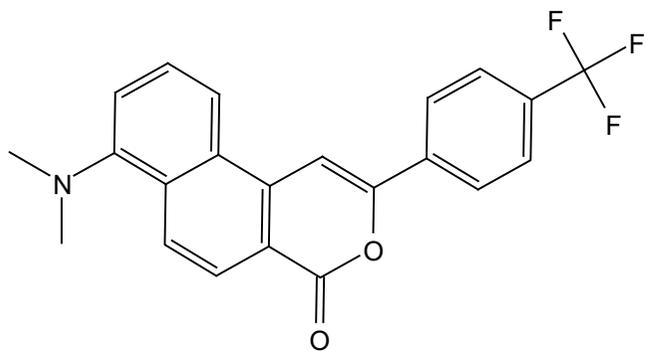




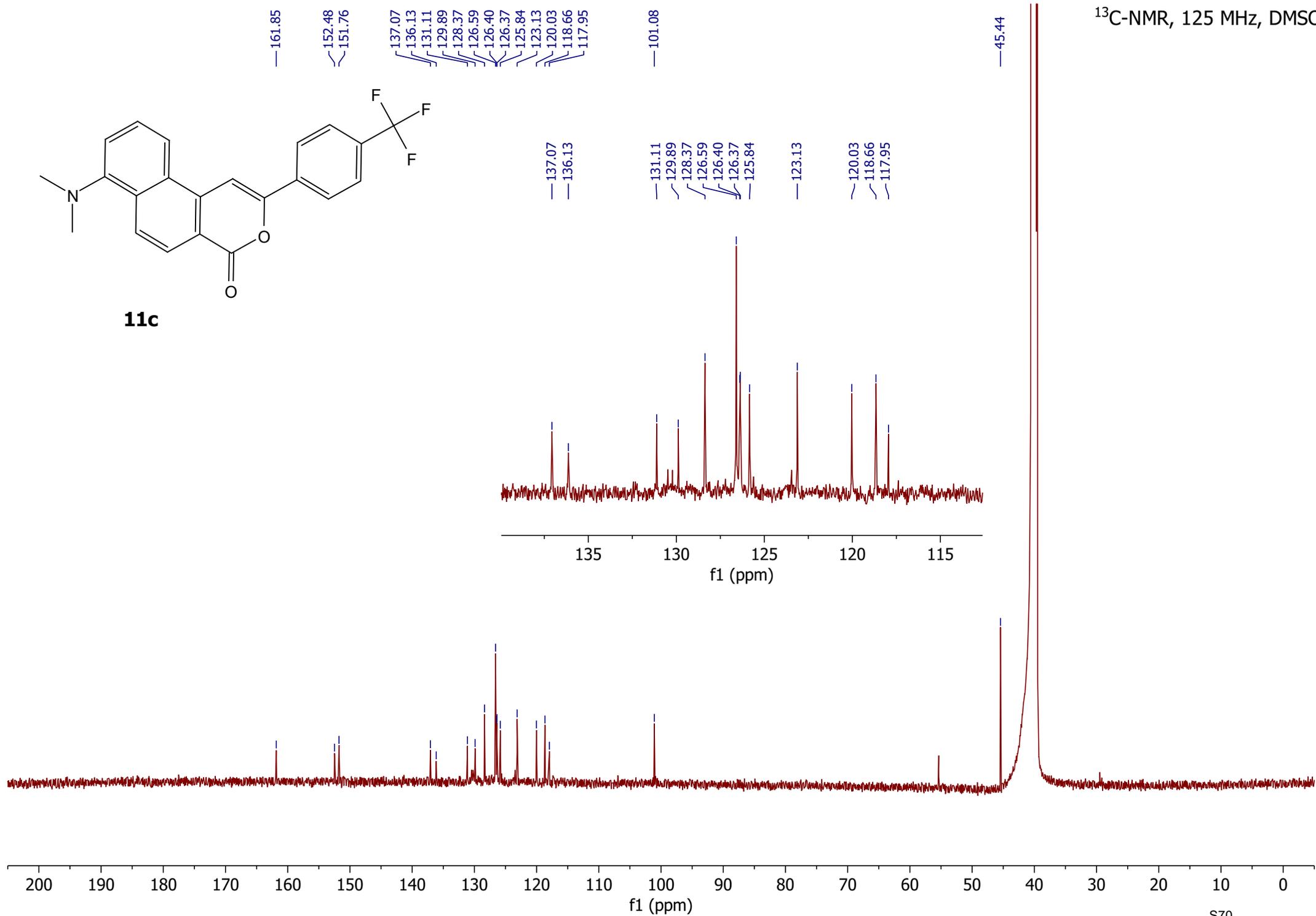


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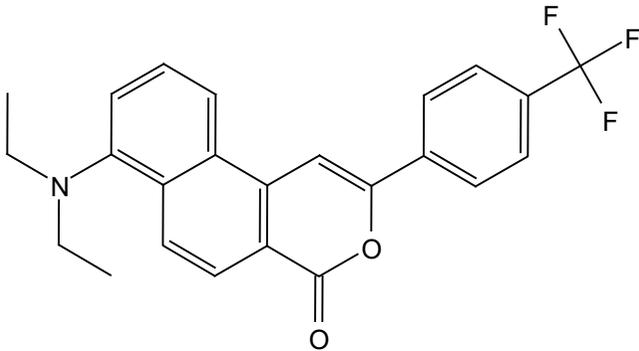


<sup>1</sup>H-NMR, 300 MHz, DMSO

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7.51

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3.13

1.00  
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0.95



**11d**

