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Scope of the Ring Opening Metathesis Polymerization (ROMP) Reaction of 1-Substituted Cyclobutenes

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Materials and Methods

Materials and General Procedures. Amino acids and coupling agents used were purchased from Advanced Chem Tech. (Louisville, KY) or PerSeptive Biosystems (Framingham, MA). Solvents and chemical reagents were obtained from Fisher Scientific, Inc. (Springfield, NJ) or Sigma-Aldrich (Milwaukee, WI). Second generation Grubbs' catalyst $[(H_2IMes)(Pcy_3)Cl_2Ru=CHPh]$ and ethyl 1-bromocyclobutanecarboxylate were purchased from Aldrich (Cat # 569747 and 197297). $(H_2IMes)(3-Brpyr)_2Cl_2Ru=CHPh$ was prepared according to the literature.¹ Cyclobut-1-enecarboxylic acid was synthesized according to the literature.^{2,3} CH_2Cl_2 and CH_3OH were dried in a GlassContour solvent pushstill system; benzene, pentane and Et_2O were used without further purification. All reactions were carried out under an Ar atmosphere in oven-dried glassware unless otherwise specified. Analytical thin layer chromatography (TLC) was performed on precoated silica gel plates (60F254), flash chromatography on silica gel-60 (230–400 mesh) and Combi-Flash chromatography on RediSep normal phase silica columns (silica gel-60, 230–400 mesh). TLC spots were detected by UV light and by staining with phosphomolybdic acid (PMA). Inova400, Inova500 and Inova600 MHz NMR Instruments were used to perform NMR analysis, and spectra were recorded in $CDCl_3$ or CD_2Cl_2 unless otherwise noted. 1H -NMR spectra are reported as chemical shift in parts per million (multiplicity, coupling constant in Hz, integration). 1H -NMR data are assumed to be first order. The usual workup for ester or amide coupling reactions was three washes of the CH_2Cl_2 solution with 5% $NaHCO_3$, followed by three washes with 1 N HCl and drying of the CH_2Cl_2 over Na_2SO_4 . After evaporation of solvent, the final product was purified by flash silica chromatography or Combi-Flash chromatography

instrument (Teledyne Isco company). LC-MS spectra were acquired on a Waters ACQUITY Ultra Performance Liquid Chromatography system with an SQD detector using a 10 cm×2.1 mm ACQUITY™ BEH C18 (particle size = 1.7 μ m) column (Waters Corp, Milford, USA) with elution by a linear gradient of 20-100% *B* at 0.5 mL/min, where *A* = water and *B* = methanol.

PDI (Polydispersity Index) determination. The polymers (before flash column chromatography purification) were dissolved in THF (0.5 mg/mL). An aliquot (100 μ L) of the polymer solution was injected and analyzed by gel permeation chromatography using a Phenogel column (300 x 7.80 mm, 5 μ m, linear mixed bed, 0-40k MW range). Elution was performed at 0.7 mL/min with THF and detection at 220 nm at 30 °C. Narrowly dispersed polystyrene standards from Aldrich were used as molecular weight calibrants. The number average and weighted average molecular weights were calculated from the chromatogram.

Cyclobut-1-enecarboxylic Acid, 6. The acid was prepared according to the literature (42% yield).^{2,3} ¹H-NMR (400 MHz) δ 10.23 (bs, 1H), 6.94 (t, *J*=1.2 Hz, 1H), 2.76 (t, *J*=3.2 Hz, 2H), 2.51 (td, *J*=3.2 Hz, 1.2 Hz, 2H). ¹³C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 162.7, 146.5, 138.8, 51.2, 29.3, 27.3.

CB-GlyOMe, 2a. The amide was prepared as previously described (40% yield).³ ¹H-NMR (400 MHz) δ 6.66 (s, 1H), 6.04 (s, 1H), 4.10 (d, *J*=5.2 Hz, 2H), 3.77 (s, 3H), 2.73 (m, 2H), 2.47 (m, 2H). ¹³C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 170.6, 162.7, 141.5, 140.9, 52.5, 40.9, 28.6, 26.5.

CB-AlaOMe, 2b. H-Ala-OMe·HCl (0.61 mmol, 77 mg), cyclobut-1-enecarboxylic acid **6** (0.51 mmol, 50 mg) and 1-ethyl-3-(3-dimethylaminopropyl) carbodiimide hydrochloride (EDC·HCl) (0.61 mmol, 117 mg) were dissolved in 2 mL CH₂Cl₂. Diisopropylethyl amine (DIEA) (1.0 mmol, 181 μ L) was added at 0 °C, and the reaction was stirred for 12 h at rt. The usual workup and chromatography

(EtOAc:CH₂Cl₂/2:8) yielded amide **2b** (43 mg, 33%) as a white powder. ¹H-NMR (400 MHz) δ 6.65 (s, 1H), 6.11 (s, 1H), 4.66 (m, 1H), 3.76 (s, 3H), 2.72 (m, 2H), 2.47 (m, 2H), 1.44 (d, J=7.2, 3H). ¹³C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 173.9, 162.3, 141.8, 141.2, 52.9, 48.2, 29.1, 26.8, 18.7. HRMS (ESI) calcd. for C₉H₁₄NO₃ [M+H]⁺ 184.0974, found 184.0973.

CB-CONHCH₂CH₂OMe, 2c. NH₂CH₂CH₂OCH₃ (0.61 mmol, 46 mg), cyclobut-1-enecarboxylic acid **6** (0.51 mmol, 50 mg) and EDC·HCl (0.61 mmol, 117 mg) were dissolved in 2 mL CH₂Cl₂. DIEA (1.0 mmol, 181 μL) was added at 0 °C, and the reaction was stirred for 12 h at rt. The usual workup and chromatography (EtOAc: CH₂Cl₂/3:7) yielded **2c** (29 mg, 44%) as a white powder. ¹H-NMR (400 MHz) δ 6.60 (s, 1H), 5.92 (s, 1H), 3.50 (m, 4H), 3.36 (s, 3H), 2.69 (m, 2H), 2.45 (m, 2H). ¹³C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 162.9, 141.6, 140.6, 71.4, 59.0, 38.9, 28.7, 26.3. HRMS (ESI) calcd. for C₈H₁₄NO₂ [M+H]⁺ 156.1025, found 156.1028.

CB-Glu(OtBu)OMe, 2d. H-Glu(OtBu)-OMe·HCl (0.61 mmol, 155 mg), cyclobut-1-enecarboxylic acid **6** (0.51 mmol, 50 mg) and EDC·HCl (0.61 mmol, 117 mg) were dissolved in 2 mL CH₂Cl₂. DIEA (1.0 mmol, 181 μL) was added at 0 °C, and the reaction was stirred for 4 h at rt. The usual workup and chromatography (EtOAc:CH₂Cl₂/3:7) yielded **2d** (64 mg, 42 %) as a white powder. ¹H-NMR (500 MHz) δ 6.67 (s, 1H), 6.44 (d, J=7 Hz, 1H), 4.65 (m, 1H), 3.78 (s, 3H), 2.74 (t, J=3.0 Hz, 2H), 2.48 (d, J=2.5 Hz, 2H), 2.34 (m, 2H), 2.17 (m, 1H), 2.03 (m, 1H), 1.46 (s, 9H). ¹³C-NMR (100 MHz, CD₂Cl₂) δ 172.8, 163.7, 142.3, 140.8, 81.1, 52.2, 51.7, 31.7, 28.5, 27.6, 26.5, 26.3. HRMS (ESI) calcd. for C₁₅H₂₄NO₅ [M+H]⁺ 298.1654, found 298.1663.

CB-CONHCH₂CH₂CH₂Ph(*p*-CH₃), 2e. NH₂CH₂CH₂CH₂Ph(*p*-CH₃) (0.61 mmol, 91 mg), cyclobut-1-enecarboxylic acid **6** (0.51 mmol, 50 mg) and EDC·HCl (0.61 mmol, 117 mg) were

dissolved in 2 mL CH₂Cl₂. DIEA (1.0 mmol, 181 μL) was added at 0 °C, and the reaction was stirred for 4 h at rt. The usual workup and chromatography (acetone:CH₂Cl₂/1:9) yielded **2e** (29 mg, 25%) as a white powder. ¹H-NMR (400 MHz) δ 7.10 (d, J=1.2 Hz, 4H), 6.49 (s, 1H), 3.29 (m, 2H), 2.61-2.64 (m, 4H), 2.43 (m, 2H), 2.31 (s, 3H), 1.82 (m, 2H). ¹³C-NMR (100 MHz, CD₂Cl₂) δ 162.5, 142.1, 139.6, 138.8, 135.7, 129.4, 129.2, 128.5, 38.9, 33.1, 31.5, 29.9, 28.6, 26.2, 20.9. HRMS (ESI) calcd. for C₁₅H₂₀NO [M+H]⁺ 230.1545, found 230.1543.

CB-CON(CH₃)CH₂CO₂Me, 3a. NH(CH₃)CH₂CO₂CH₃·HCl (0.61 mmol, 85 mg), cyclobut-1-enecarboxylic acid **6** (0.51 mmol, 50 mg), DMAP (0.10 mmol, 13 mg) and EDC·HCl (0.61 mmol, 117 mg) were dissolved in 2 mL CH₂Cl₂. DIEA (1.0 mmol, 181 μL) was added at 0 °C, and the reaction was stirred for 16 h at rt. The usual workup and chromatography (EtOAc:CH₂Cl₂/1:9) yielded **3a** (12 mg, 13%) as a white powder. ¹H-NMR (400 MHz) δ 6.53 (s, 1H), 6.33 (s, 0.47H), 4.22-4.11 (m, 2H+0.94 H), 3.77 (s, 0.94H), 3.74 (s, 2H), 3.22 (s, 3H), 3.03 (s, 1.41H), 2.85 (t, J=3.2 Hz, 2H), 2.78 (t, J=3.2 Hz, 0.94H), 2.48 (t, J=3.2 Hz, 2H), 2.45 (t, J=3.2 Hz, 0.94H). ¹³C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 170.0, 169.9, 164.5, 164.1, 142.9, 141.1, 140.8, 52.3, 49.9, 37.1, 35.2, 31.6, 27.4. HRMS (ESI) calcd. for C₉H₁₄NO₃ [M+H]⁺ 184.0974, found 184.0975.

CB-CO-piperidine, 3b. Bis(2-oxo-3-oxazolidinyl)phosphinic chloride (BOP-Cl) (0.83 mmol, 211 mg) and cyclobut-1-enecarboxylic acid **6** (0.75 mmol, 74 mg) were dissolved in 3 mL CH₂Cl₂. DIEA (0.75 mmol, 134 μL) was added at 0 °C, and the reaction was stirred for 2 h at rt. Piperidine (0.91 mmol, 77 mg) and diisopropylethyl amine (DIEA) (0.75 mmol, 134 μL) were added into the solution, which was stirred for another 20 h. The usual workup and chromatography (acetone:CH₂Cl₂/1:9) yielded **3b** (76 mg, 61%) as a white powder. ¹H-NMR (500 MHz) δ 6.40 (s, 1H), 3.62 (t, J=2.5 Hz,

4H), 2.85 (t, J=2.5 Hz, 2H), 2.49 (t, J=2.5 Hz, 2H), 1.69-1.58 (m, 6H). ¹³C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 162.9, 141.5, 139.8, 47.0, 43.0, 32.0, 27.4, 24.8. HRMS (ESI) calcd. for C₁₀H₁₆NO [M+H]⁺ 166.1232, found 166.1233.

CB-CO₂Me, 4a. The methyl ester was prepared as previously described (45% yield).⁴ ¹H-NMR (400 MHz) δ 6.74 (s, 1H), 3.68 (s, 3H), 2.69 (m, 2H), 2.46 (m, 2H). ¹³C-NMR (100 MHz) δ 162.7, 146.5, 138.8, 51.2, 29.3, 27.3. HRMS (EI) calcd. for C₆H₈O₂ [M]⁺ 112.05243, found 112.05228.

CB-CO₂CH₂CO₂Me, 4b. Cyclobut-1-enecarboxylic acid **6** (0.51 mmol, 50 mg) and BrCH₂CO₂CH₃ were dissolved in 2 mL dry CH₂Cl₂. KI (0.10 mmol, 17 mg) and DIEA (0.61 mmol, 108 μL) were added into the solution at 0 °C. The reaction was stirred for 17 h at rt. The usual workup and chromatography (EtOAc:CH₂Cl₂/0.5:9.5) yielded **4b** (46 mg, 53%) as a sticky oil. ¹H-NMR (500 MHz) δ 6.92 (s, 1H), 4.69 (s, 2H), 3.79 (s, 3H), 2.80 (m, 2H), 2.53 (m, 2H). ¹³C-NMR (100 MHz, CD₂Cl₂) δ 168.4, 161.1, 148.4, 137.8, 60.3, 52.2, 29.2, 27.6. HRMS (ESI) calcd. for C₈H₁₀O₄Na [M+Na]⁺ 193.0477, found 193.0485.

1-Cyclobutenemethanol, 7. 1-Cyclobutenemethanol, **7** was obtained by synthetic procedures previously described in the literature⁵ with major modifications using DIBAL-H. Dry Et₂O (4.58 mL) was added to a solution of **4a** (302 mg, 2.70 mmol) in dry CH₂Cl₂ (1.82 mL) and the solution was cooled to -78 °C. DIBAL-H (1.2 mL, 6.74 mmol) was added dropwise to the solution. After stirring at -78 °C for 4 h, the reaction mixture was poured slowly into a mixture of Et₂O (18.0 mL) and saturated aqueous potassium sodium tartrate (70 mL). The mixture was stirred until both layers turned clear (30 min), and the Et₂O layer was separated. Additional Et₂O (18 mL × 2) was added to the separated aqueous solution to extract the product. The combined Et₂O extracts were dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄. The

solvent was carefully evaporated under reduced pressure (10 mm Hg) and the residue was further purified by vacuum distillation (25 °C, 0.01 mm Hg) using a Kugelrohr apparatus to yield **7** (92.4 mg, 45% yield). ¹H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 5.93 (m, 1H), 4.09 (m, 2H), 2.52 (m, 2H), 2.42 (m, 2H), 1.37 (t, J=6.0 z, 1H); ¹³C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 148.7, 128.8, 61.6, 29.6, 27.1.

1-Cyclobutenylmethyl acetate, 5a. 3,3-Dimethylaminopyridine (DMAP) (29.1 mg, 0.238 mmol) and DIEA (1.18 mL, 7.14 mmol) were added to a solution of **7** (200 mg, 2.38 mmol) in dry CH₂Cl₂ (5.0 mL) and cooled to 0 °C. Acetyl chloride (339 μL, 4.76 mmol) was added dropwise to the solution at 0 °C. The reaction mixture was stirred at rt for 2 h. After the reaction was complete, iced H₂O (25 mL) was added slowly to the reaction mixture. The mixture was extracted with CH₂Cl₂ (50 mL × 2) and the combined organic extracts were washed with 1N aq HCl (25 mL × 2), 5% aq NaHCO₃ (25 mL) and 10% aq NaCl (25 mL). The organic layer was dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄ and the solvent was evaporated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by silica column chromatography with CH₂Cl₂ to afford **5a** (258 mg, 86% yield). The purified fractions were concentrated and diluted with dry CH₂Cl₂ and the solution was stored at -20 °C. ¹H-NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 5.86 (s, 1H), 4.42 (s, 2H), 2.44 (b, 2H), 2.34 (b, 2H), 2.00 (s, 3H); ¹³C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 170.71, 143.61, 131.53, 62.06, 30.05, 27.23, 20.76.

1-Cyclobutenylmethyl trimethyl acetate, 5b. 3,3-Dimethylaminopyridine (DMAP) (13.4 mg, 0.109 mmol) and DIEA (495 μL, 2.84 mmol) were added to a solution of **7** (92 mg, 1.09 mmol) in dry CH₂Cl₂ (4.5 mL) and cooled to 0 °C. Trimethyl acetyl chloride (175 μL, 1.42 mmol) was added dropwise to the solution at 0 °C. The reaction mixture was stirred at rt for 2 h. After the reaction was complete, iced H₂O (25 mL) was added slowly to the reaction mixture. The mixture was extracted with

CH₂Cl₂ (50 mL × 2) and the combined organic extracts were washed with 1N aq HCl (25 mL × 2), 5% aq NaHCO₃ (25 mL) and 10% aq NaCl (25 mL). The organic layer was dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄ and the solvent was evaporated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by silica column chromatography with CH₂Cl₂ to afford **5b** (172 mg, 94% yield). The purified fractions were concentrated and diluted with dry CH₂Cl₂ and the solution was stored at -80 °C. ¹H-NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 5.91 (m, 1H), 4.52 (m, 2H), 2.50 (m, 2H), 2.42 (m, 2H), 1.23 (s, 9H); ¹³C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 178.5, 144.2, 130.8, 62.2, 39.1, 30.1, 27.4, 26.7; LRMS (ESI) calcd for C₁₀H₁₇O₂ [M+H]⁺ 169.12, found 169.10.

ROM of Methyl cyclobut-1-enecarboxylate 4a: 9a and 10a. A solution of **4a** (40.0 mg, 0.357 mmol) in dry CH₂Cl₂ (4 mL) was added to a solution of precatalyst **1** (474 mg, 0.536 mmol) in dry CH₂Cl₂ (4 mL) at rt. The solution was stirred at rt for 20 h and ethyl vinyl ether (5 mL, 52.2 mmol) was added to the reaction mixture. After 60 min, the solvent was evaporated and the residue was purified by silica column chromatography with CH₂Cl₂. The purified fractions were evaporated to afford the products **9a** and **10a** (42.1 mg, 55% yield) with *E/Z* molar ratio 2.3/1. ¹H-NMR (600 MHz, CD₂Cl₂) 1-mer **9a** *Z*-isomer δ 7.36-7.19 (m, 5H), 6.47 (d, J=12.6 Hz, 1H), 6.15 (s, 1H), 5.68 (dt, J=11.4, 7.8 Hz, 1H), 5.60 (s, 1H), 3.72 (s, 3H), 2.50 (m, 2H), 2.43 (m, 2H). 1-mer **10a** *E*-isomer δ 7.36-7.19 (m, 5H), 6.42 (d, J=16.2 Hz, 1H), 6.25 (dt, J=22.8, 6.0 Hz, 1H), 6.17 (s, 1H), 5.60 (s, 1H), 3.75 (s, 3H), 2.50 (m, 2H), 2.43 (m, 2H). ¹³C-NMR (100 MHz, CD₂Cl₂) 1-mer **9a** *Z*-isomer δ 167.9, 140.6, 138.1, 132.1, 130.8, 130.0, 129.3, 128.6, 127.2, 125.5, 52.2, 32.6, 28.0. 1-mer **10a** *E*-isomer δ 168.0, 140.7, 138.1, 131.0, 130.3, 129.0, 128.7, 127.5, 126.5, 52.2, 32.4, 32.3. LC-MS (APCI): Peak time=2.18 min, m/z calcd for C₁₄H₁₆O₂ [M+H]⁺ 217.12, found 217.21, m/z calcd for C₁₄H₁₅NaO₂ [M+Na]⁺ 239.10,

found 239.26, m/z calcd for $C_{13}H_{13}O$ $[M-CH_3O]^+$ 185.10, found 185.14, m/z calcd for $C_{12}H_{13}$ $[M-CO_2CH_3]^+$ 157.11, found 157.15.

ROMP of 5a: 13. A solution of **5a** (7.6 mg, 0.06 mmol) in dry CD_2Cl_2 (300 μ L) was added to a solution of precatalyst **1** (5.3 mg, 0.006 mmol) in dry CD_2Cl_2 (300 μ L) at rt. The reaction was monitored by NMR spectroscopy at rt for 1.5 h and ethyl vinyl ether (300 μ L, 3.13 mmol) was added to the reaction mixture. After 30 min, the solvent was evaporated and the residue was purified by silica column chromatography with CH_2Cl_2 and 2% MeOH/ CH_2Cl_2 . The purified fractions were evaporated to afford the product **13** (6 mg, 73% yield). 1H -NMR (600 MHz, CD_2Cl_2) δ 7.34-7.20 (m, 5H), 6.58 (m, 0.4H), 6.42(m, 0.6H), 6.24 (m, 0.6H), 5.43 (m, 10H), 5.03 (m, 1H), 4.94 (m, 1H), 4.66-4.48 (, 20H), 2.35-1.92 (m, 70H). HRMS (ESI) calcd. for $C_7H_{11}O_2$ $[M+H]^+$ 127.0754, found 127.0752.

ROMP of 1-cyclobutenylmethyl trimethyl acetate 5b: 14. A solution of **5b** (47.4 mg, 0.282 mmol) in dry CH_2Cl_2 (600 μ L) was added to a solution of precatalyst **1** (25 mg, 0.0282 mmol) in dry CH_2Cl_2 (2.82 mL) at rt. The solution was stirred at rt for 3 h and ethyl vinyl ether (300 μ L, 3.13 mmol) was added to the reaction mixture. After 30 min, the solvent was evaporated and the residue was purified by silica column chromatography with CH_2Cl_2 and 1-2% MeOH/ CH_2Cl_2 . The purified fractions were evaporated to afford the product **14** (30 mg, 60% yield). 1H -NMR (500 MHz, CD_2Cl_2) δ 7.38-7.12 (m, 10H), 6.62-6.50 (br s, with max. at 6.57, 2H), 6.46-6.32 (br d, with max. at 6.42 and 6.38, 2H), 6.28~6.14 (br m, with max. at 6.24, 2H), 5.62-5.24 (br m, with max. at 5.43, 19H), 4.72~4.95 (br m, with max. at 4.64, 14H), 4.95~4.50 (br m, with max. at 4.57, 8H), 4.50~4.36 (br m, with max. at 4.46, 10H), 2.40~1.94 (br m, with max. at 2.17, 64H), 1.30~1.04 (br s, with max. at 1.18, 144H); ^{13}C -NMR (100 MHz, CD_2Cl_2) δ 139.0-136.5 (with max. at 138.1 and 137.6), 136.0-134.0 (with max. at

135.1), 131.5-129.3 (with max. at 130.0), 129.3-126.3 (styrenyl carbons), 69.2-67.9 (with max. at 68.4), 64.2-62.8 (with max. at 63.4), 62.8-61.6 (with max. at 62.1), 39.2, 36.4-34.6 (with max. at 35.9 and 35.6), 32.6-30.6 (with max. at 31.4), 29.6-28.2 (with max. at 28.7), 27.5, 27.2-25.8 (with max. at 27.0). ^1H - ^{13}C gHMQC spectrum, see Table S1.

General Procedure for NMR Tube Reactions. An NMR tube was evacuated for 15 min, and then was purged with Ar for another 15 min. Under an Ar atmosphere, a solution of monomer in CD_2Cl_2 (300 μL) was added to the NMR tube. A solution of precatalyst $(\text{H}_2\text{IMes})(3\text{-Br-Py})_2(\text{Cl})_2\text{Ru}=\text{CHPh}$ in CD_2Cl_2 (300 μL) was added to the NMR tube. The stoichiometries of the reactions are indicated in Table S2. After complete mixing of the solution, the NMR tube was placed into the 400 MHz, 500 MHz or 600 MHz NMR spectrometer, and the reaction was monitored for several hours at 25 °C until almost all of the monomer had been consumed. Then the reaction was quenched with ethyl vinyl ether (50 μL), and was monitored for an additional 1 h.

Computational Methods. All the structure optimizations were performed using the hybrid DFT method at the B3LYP level, a combination of Becke's three-parameter hybrid exchange function (B3)^{6,7} with the Lee-Yang-Parr correlation function⁸ as implemented in Gaussian 03W. The basis sets for the optimization of monomers and their corresponding ring-opened ruthenium carbenes were 6-31G* and LANL2DZ, respectively (Figure 7a). The NBO charge calculations were performed using Hartree-Fock with the 6-31G++* basis set (for cyclobutene monomers) and the LANL2DZ basis set (for ruthenium carbenes). The AIM (atoms in molecule) electron density analysis was performed using the AIMPAC package.⁹

The initial ruthenium-carbene structure was obtained from the crystal structure of $(\text{H}_2\text{IMes})(\text{pyridine})_2\text{Cl}_2\text{Ru}=\text{CHPh}$,¹⁰ and was modified with GaussianView 3.0. The geometry optimization of the ruthenium-carbenes was performed using the B3LYP/LANL2DZ method (Figure 8).¹¹⁻²⁴ To simplify the computation, a methyl and a CONHCH_3 group represented the polymer chain and the 1-carbonyl amide group, respectively (Figure 8). The structures of the metallacyclobutane intermediates (Figure 8) were optimized using B3LYP/LANL2DZ in the following way: only one bond in the metallocyclobutane ring was optimized while the other three bond lengths were kept constant, and the partial optimization was continued optimizing each bond in turn until the optimized structure changed little in energy ($\Delta E < 6.3 \times 10^{-4}$ kcal/mol). Vibrational frequency calculations using B3LYP/LANL2DZ were performed for all model compounds, and there were no imaginary vibrations present in any of the final structures (Figures 7 and S9). Free energies computed for structures (Figure 8) in solvent (CH_2Cl_2) include the electronic energy plus the solvation free energy from the CPCM solvation model based on the UAKS radii using Gaussian 03W.

Figure S1. ROMP of secondary amides **2**. Conversion yield represents the molar ratio of consumed monomer to the initial monomer before ROMP. All the data were collected by comparing the integration of the signals for monomer and the signals for the propagating polymer chains in the ^1H NMR spectra.

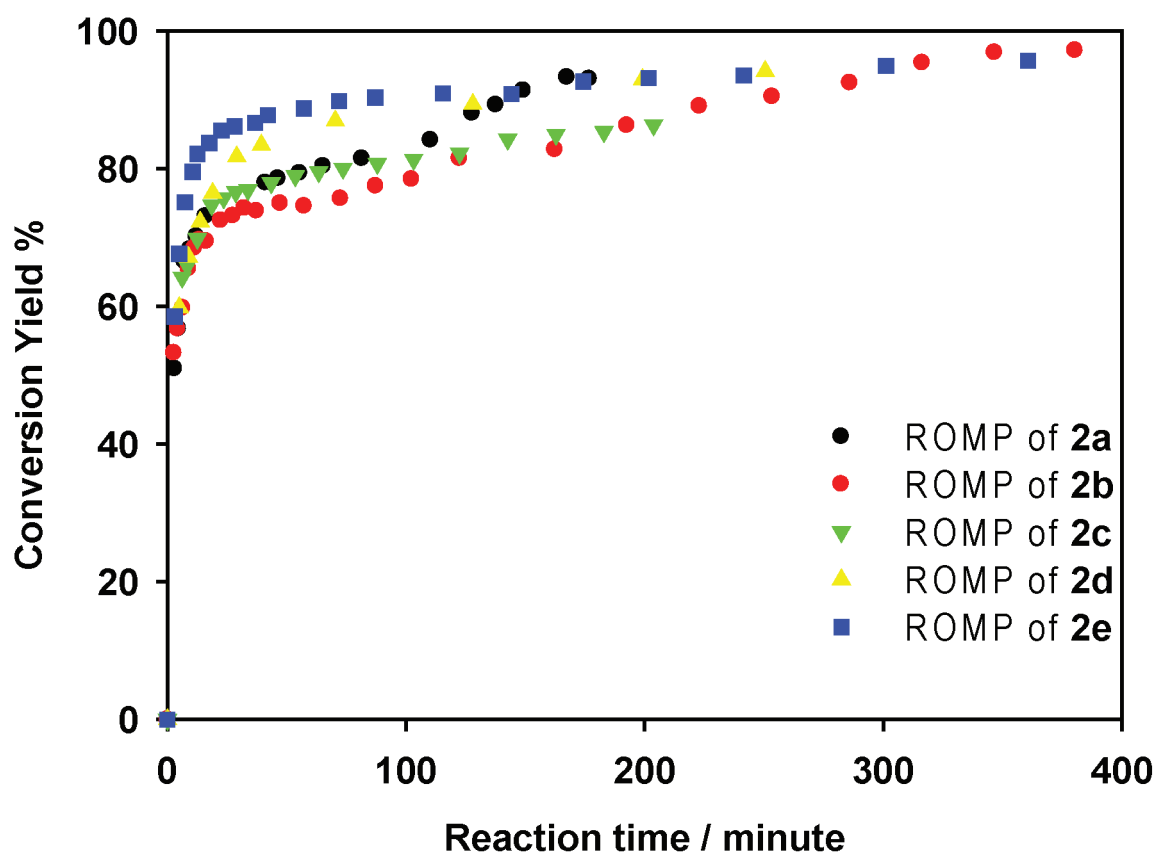
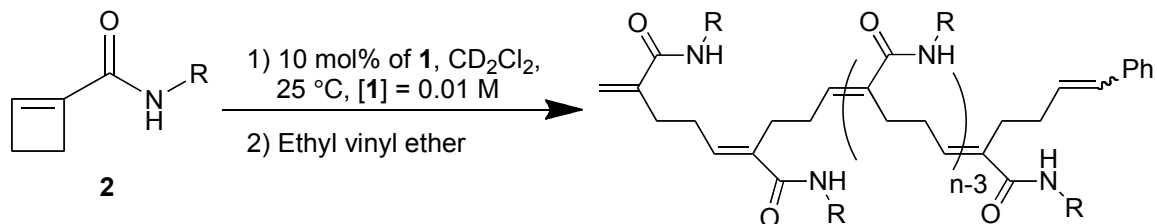


Figure S2. ROM of esters **3** and tertiary amides **4**. Conversion yield represents the molar ratio of consumed monomer to the initial monomer before ROM. All the data were collected by comparing the integration of the signals for monomer and the signals for the propagating polymer chains in the ^1H NMR spectra.

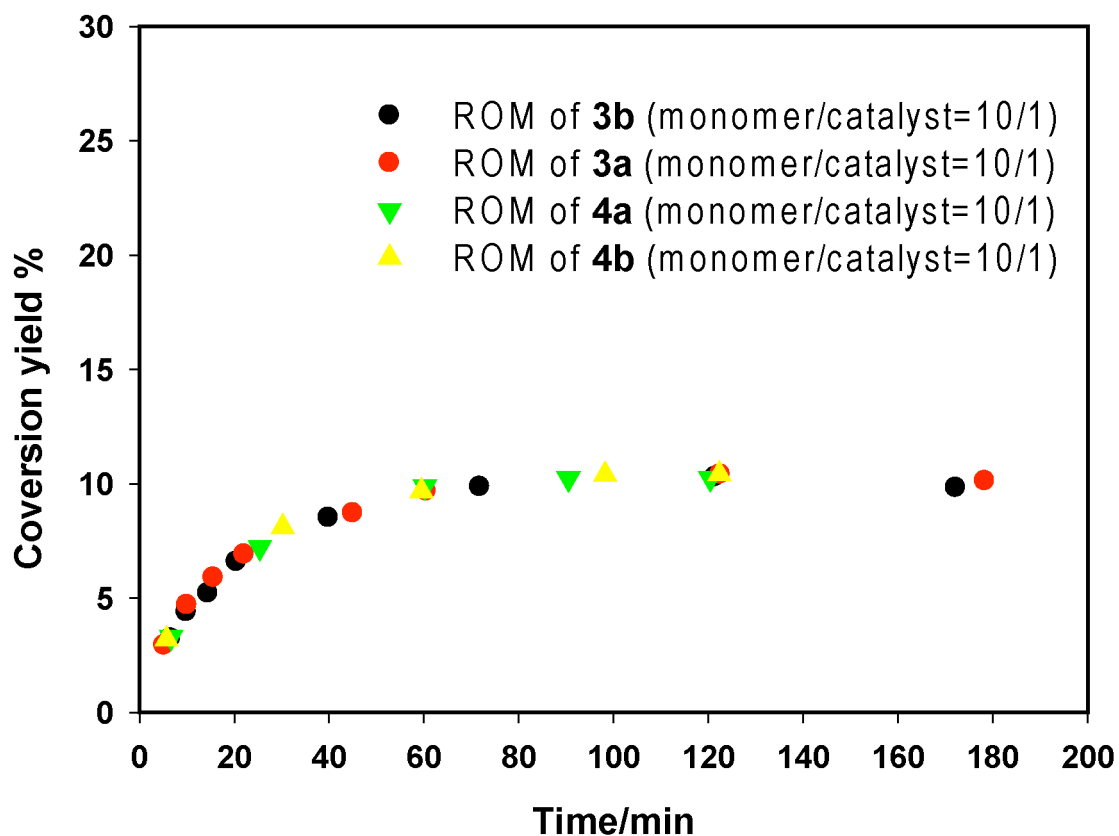
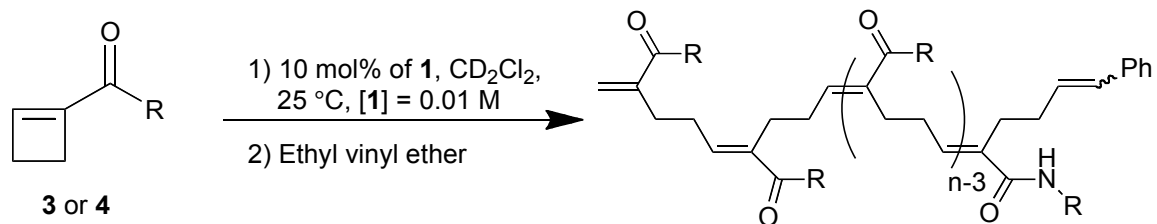


Figure S3. $^1\text{H-NMR}$ spectra of ROM of monomer **3b** in CD_2Cl_2 ($[\mathbf{3b}] = 0.1 \text{ M}$, $[\mathbf{1}] = 0.01 \text{ M}$, 25°C).

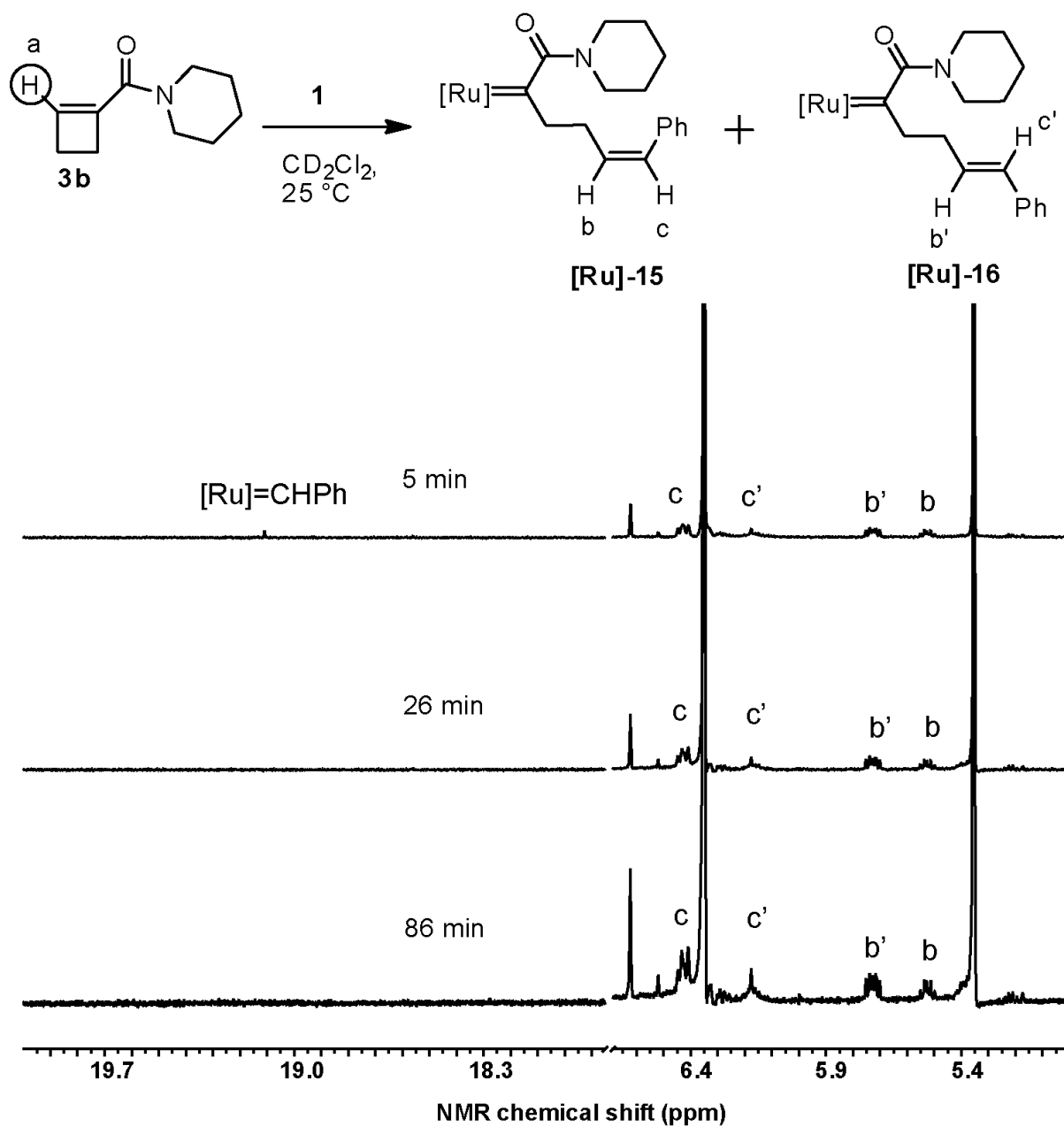


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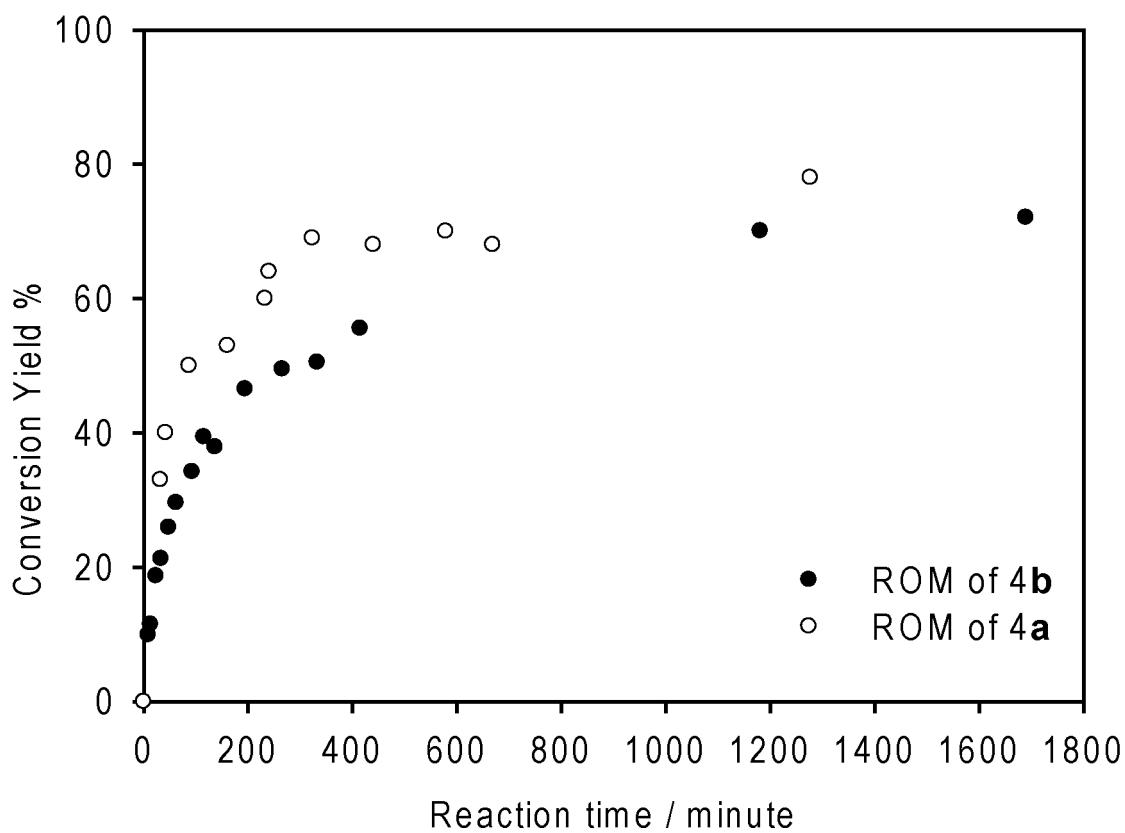
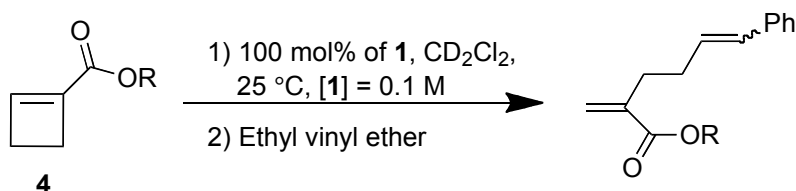


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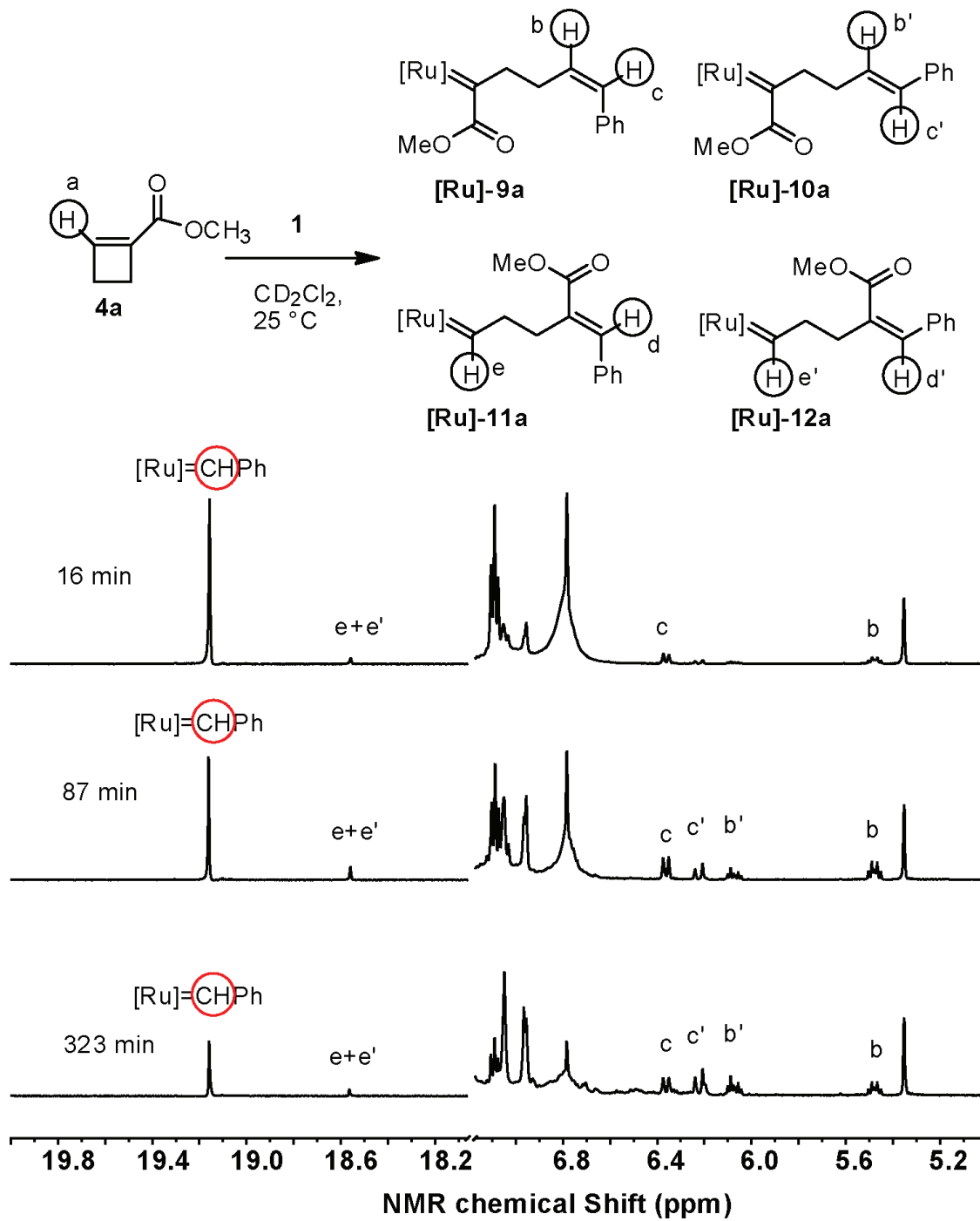


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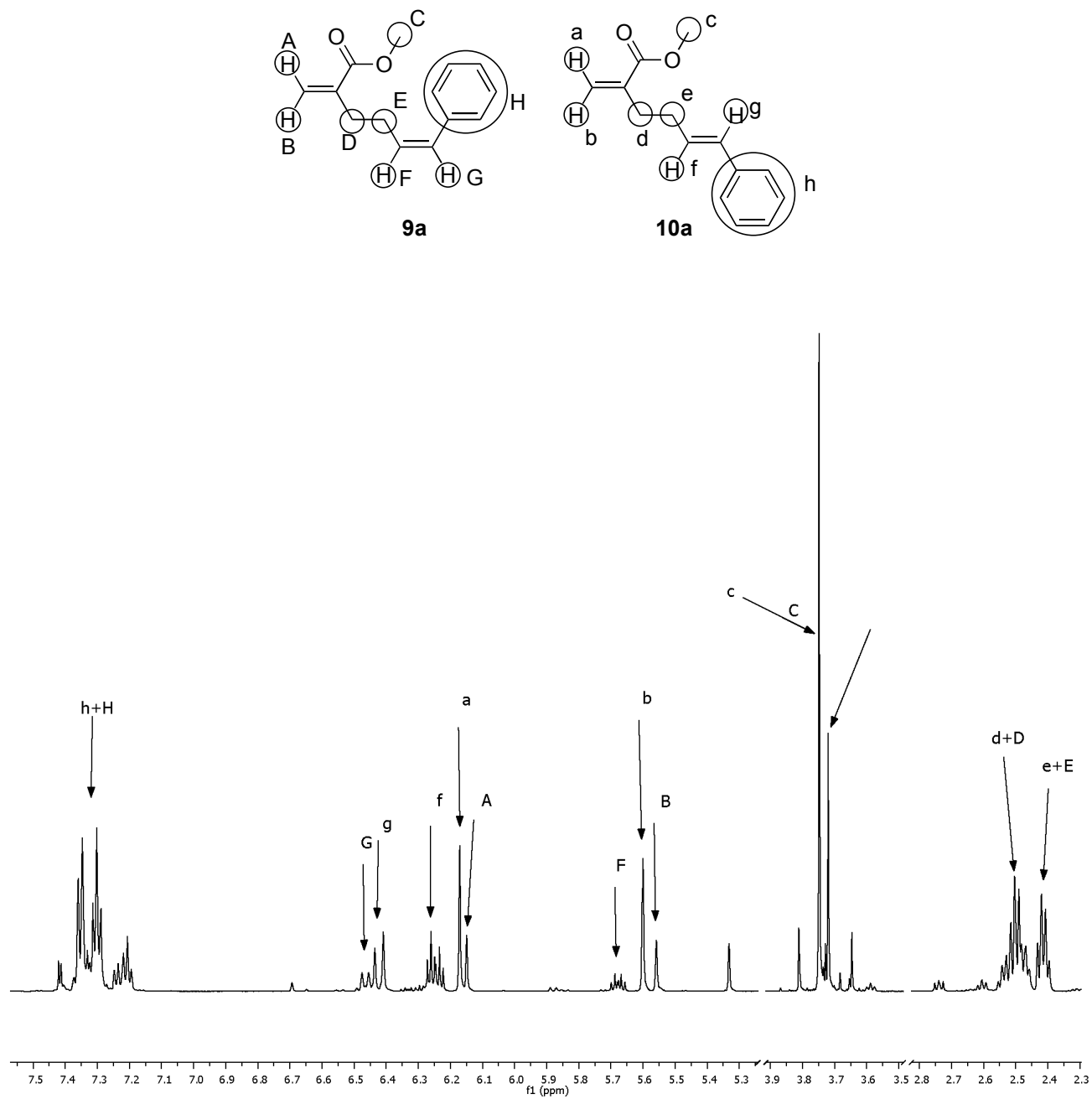


Figure S7. ROMP of carbinol esters **5**. Conversion yield represents the molar ratio of consumed monomer to the initial monomer before ROMP. All the data were collected by comparing the integration of the signals for monomer and the signals for the propagating polymer chains in the ^1H NMR spectra.

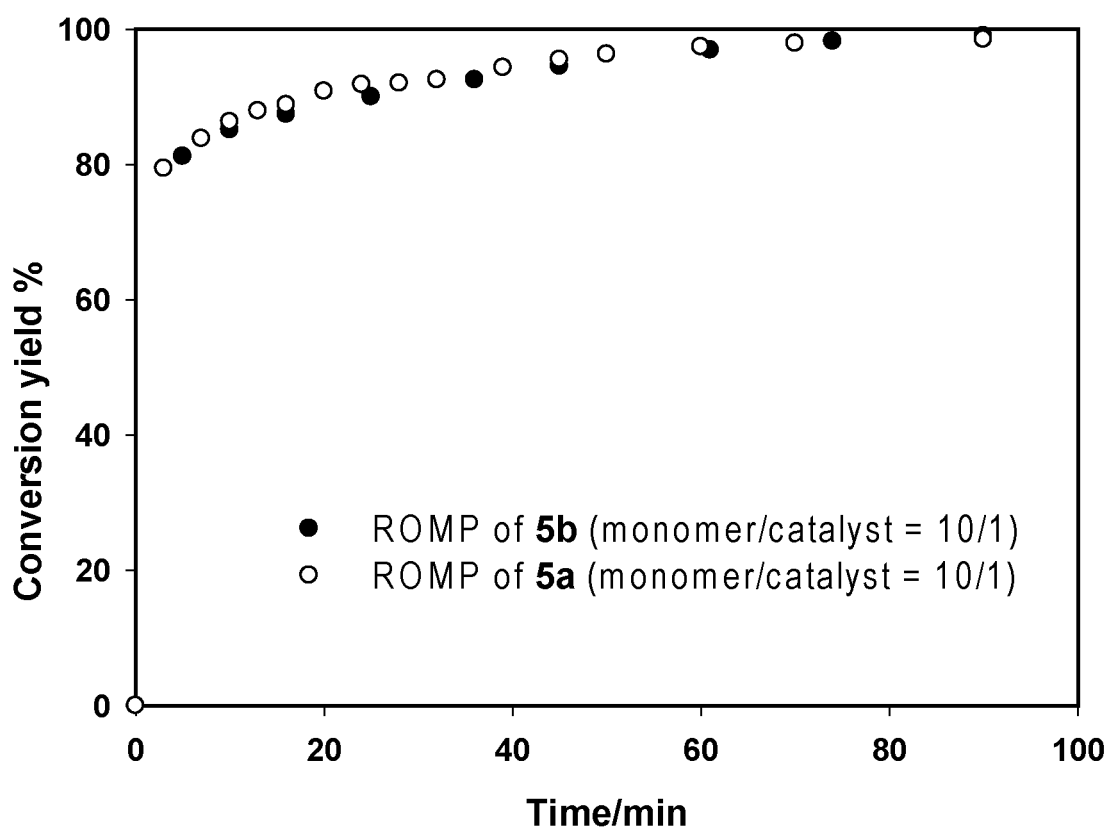
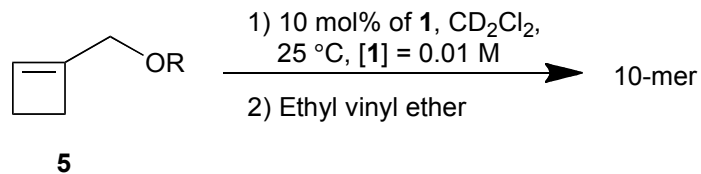


Figure S8. $^1\text{H-NMR}$ spectrum of polymer **13** ($\text{R} = \text{Ac}$). The letters indicate the protons in the structure. E, Z: *E*-configuration and *Z*-configuration in the olefins of the structure.

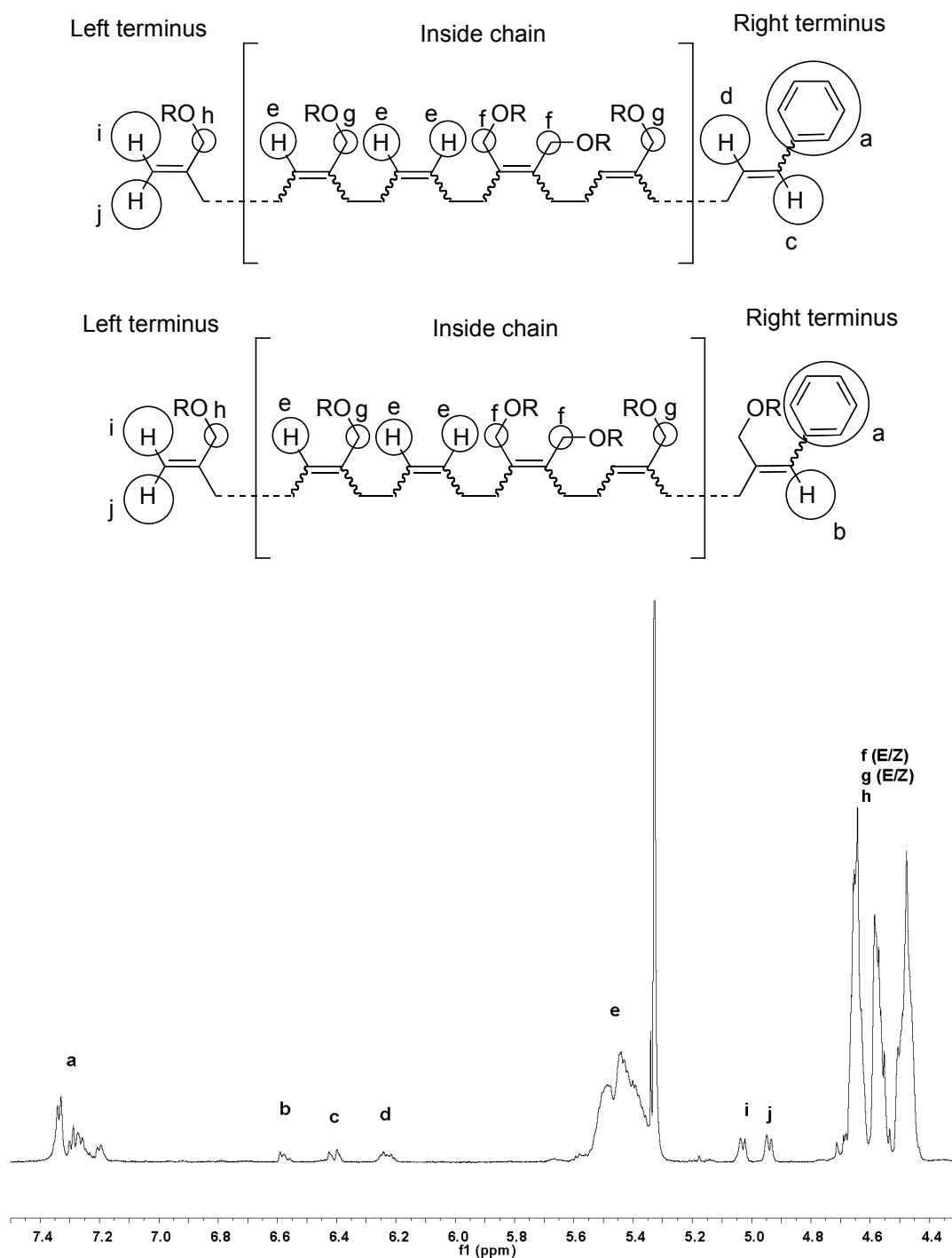
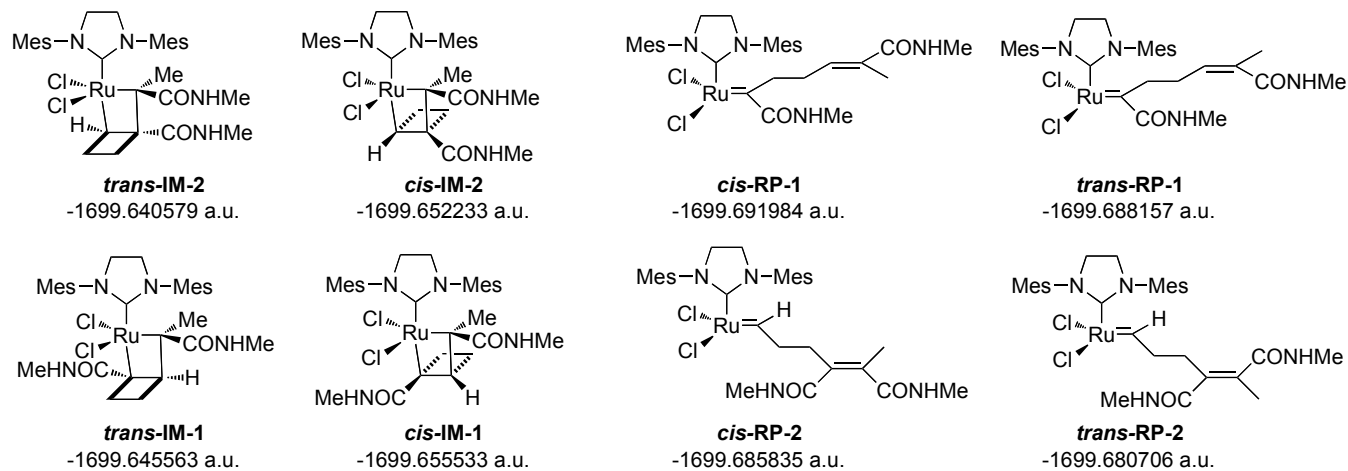


Figure S9. Structures of possible intermediates and ring opened products for ROMP of secondary amides and carbinol esters. To simplify the calculations, the polymer chain and the 1-carbonyl amide group, were modeled as a methyl group and a CONHCH₃ substituent, respectively.

Secondary Amide



Carbinol Ester

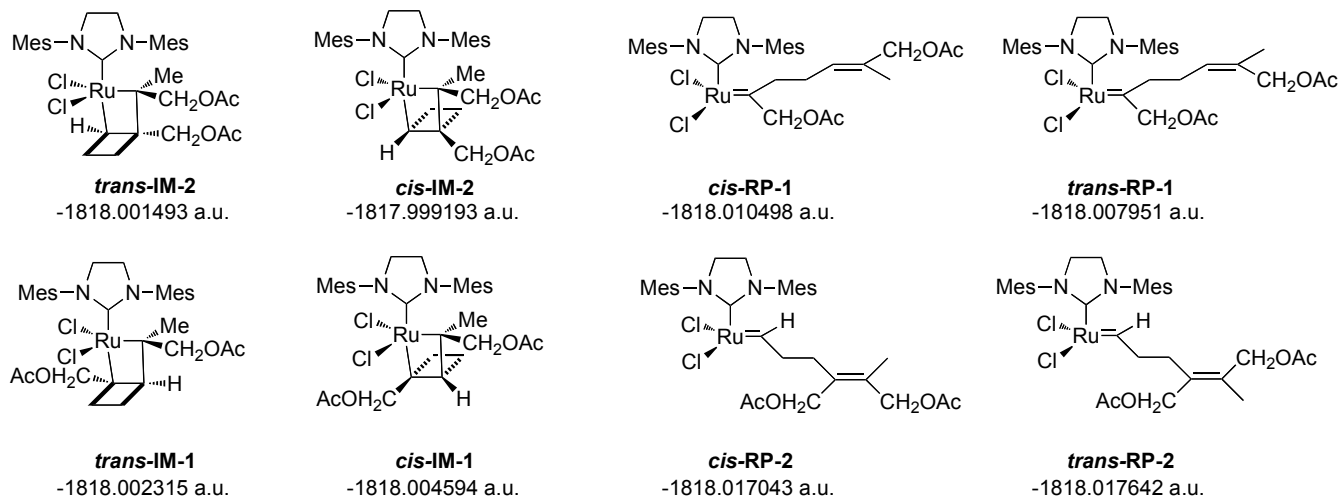


Table S1. gHMQC-derived ^1H - ^{13}C NMR correlation of the 10-mer reaction product **14**.

Assignment	^1H -NMR (δ)	^{13}C -NMR (δ)
Phenyl group	7.27	129.0
Inside vinyl group	5.44	130.0
	4.64	63.4
Methylene in the functional group	4.57	62.1
	4.46	68.6
Methylene in the polymer backbone	2.17 (2.40-1.94)	35.7, 31.4, 28.8, 27.0
Trimethyl group	1.18	27.5

Table S2. ROMP reactions monitored by ¹H-NMR spectroscopy.^a

Polymer	Monomer (0.06 mmol)	Catalyst 1
18	2a	0.006 mmol
19	2b	0.006 mmol
20	2c	0.006 mmol
21	2d	0.006 mmol
22	2e	0.006 mmol
n/a	3a	0.006 mmol
n/a	3b	0.006 mmol
9a, 10a	4a	0.06 mmol
n/a	4a	0.006 mmol
9b, 10b	4b	0.06 mmol
n/a	4b	0.006 mmol
13	5a	0.006 mmol
14	5b	0.006 mmol

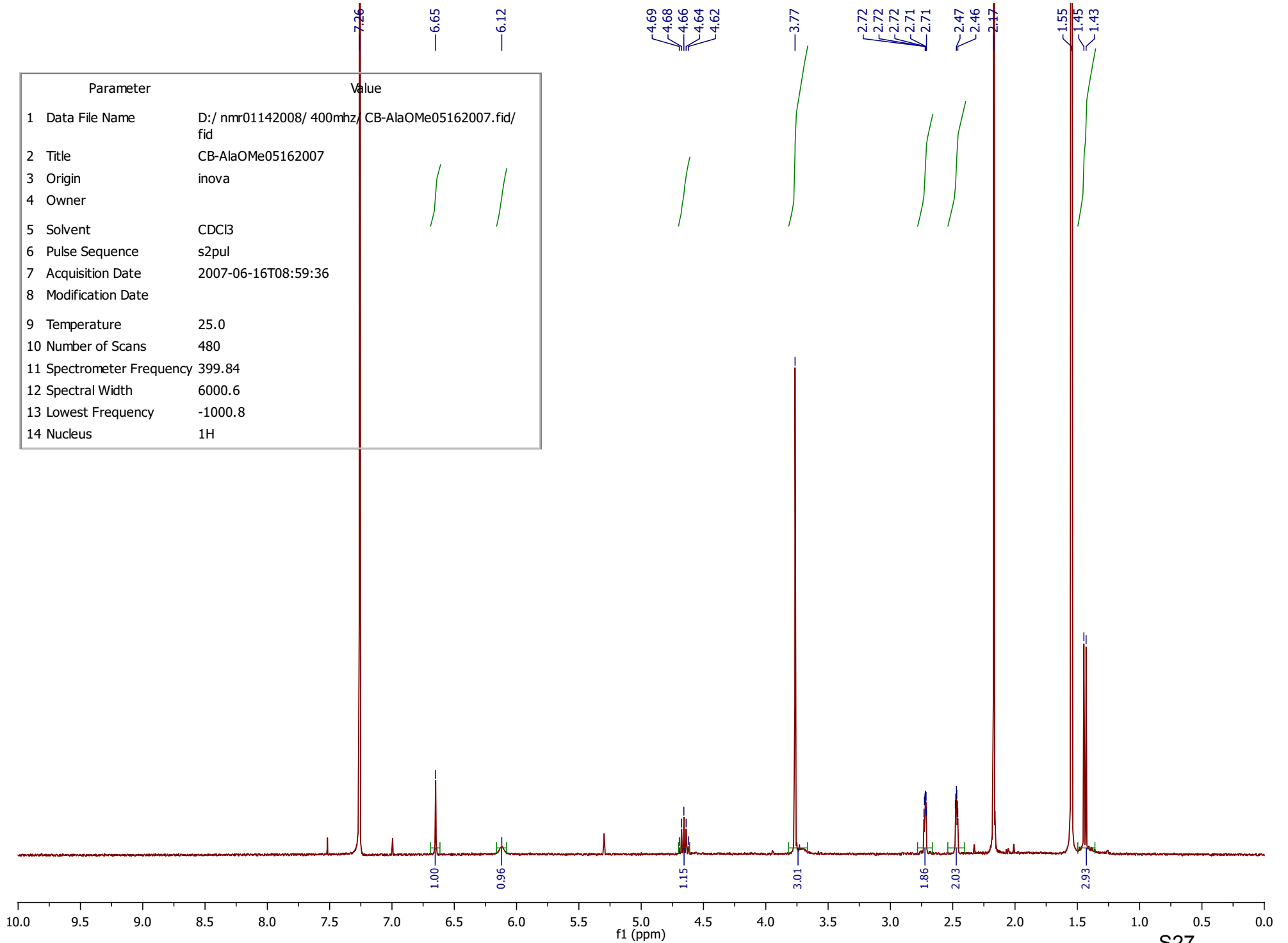
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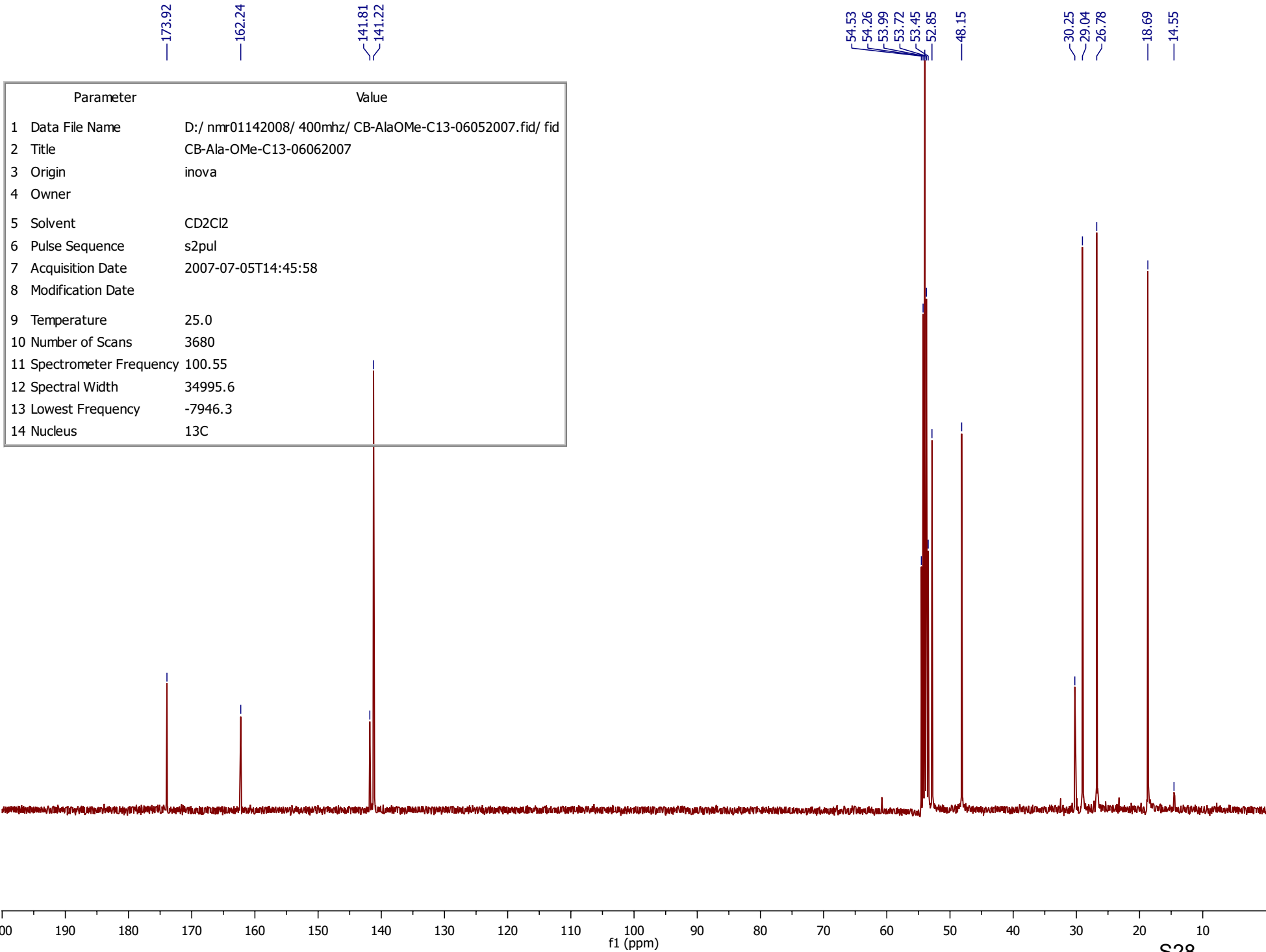
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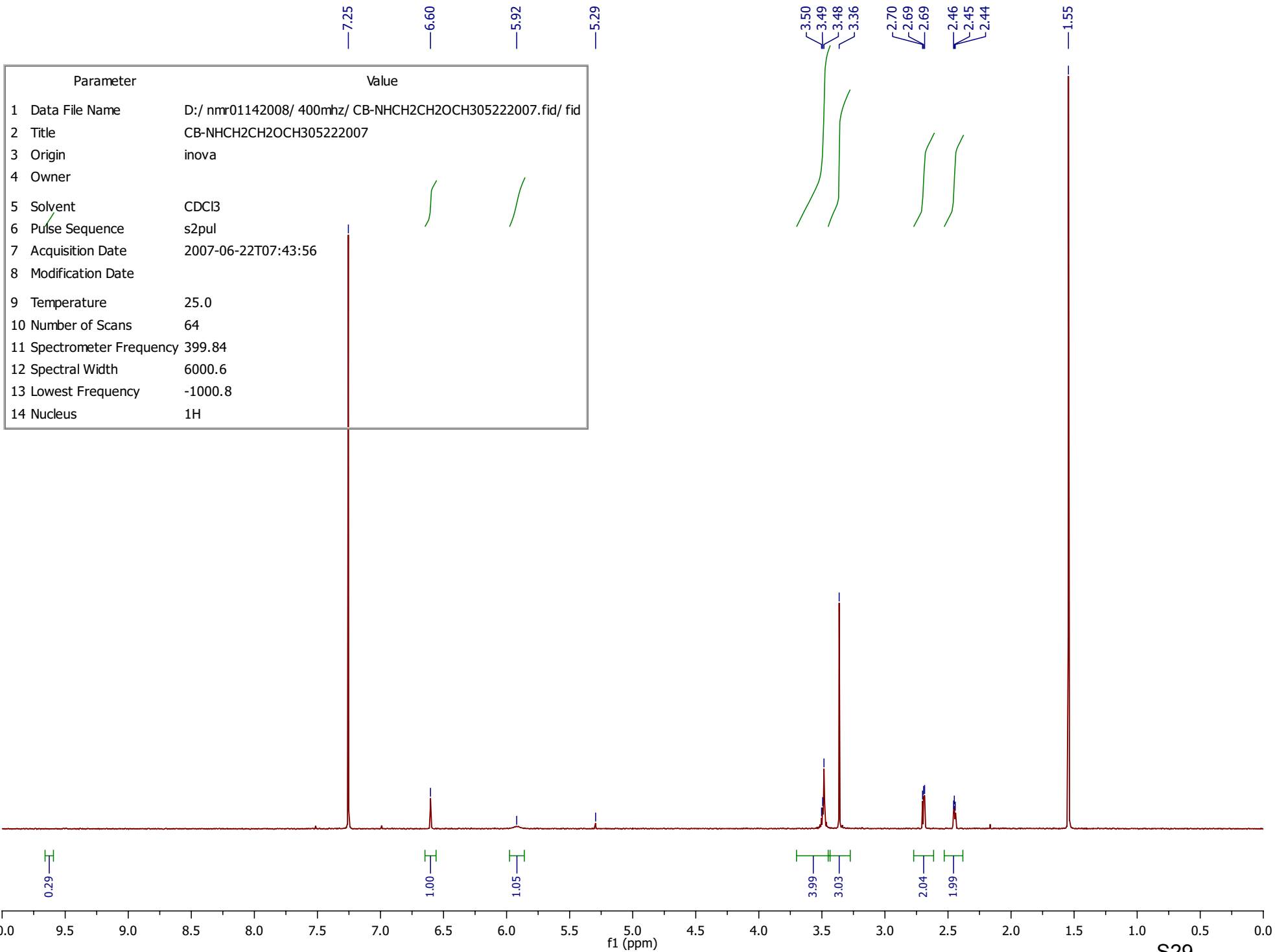
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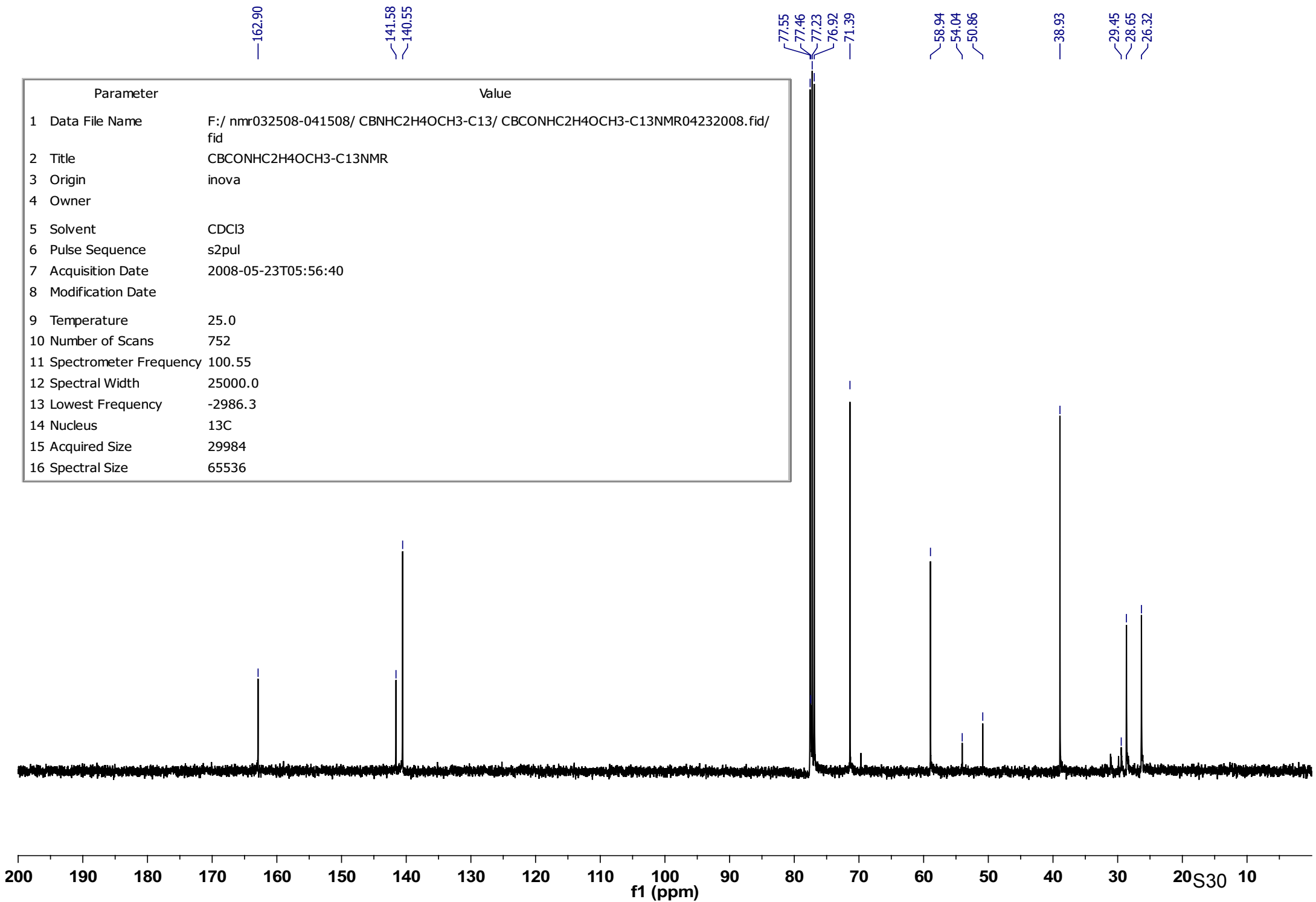


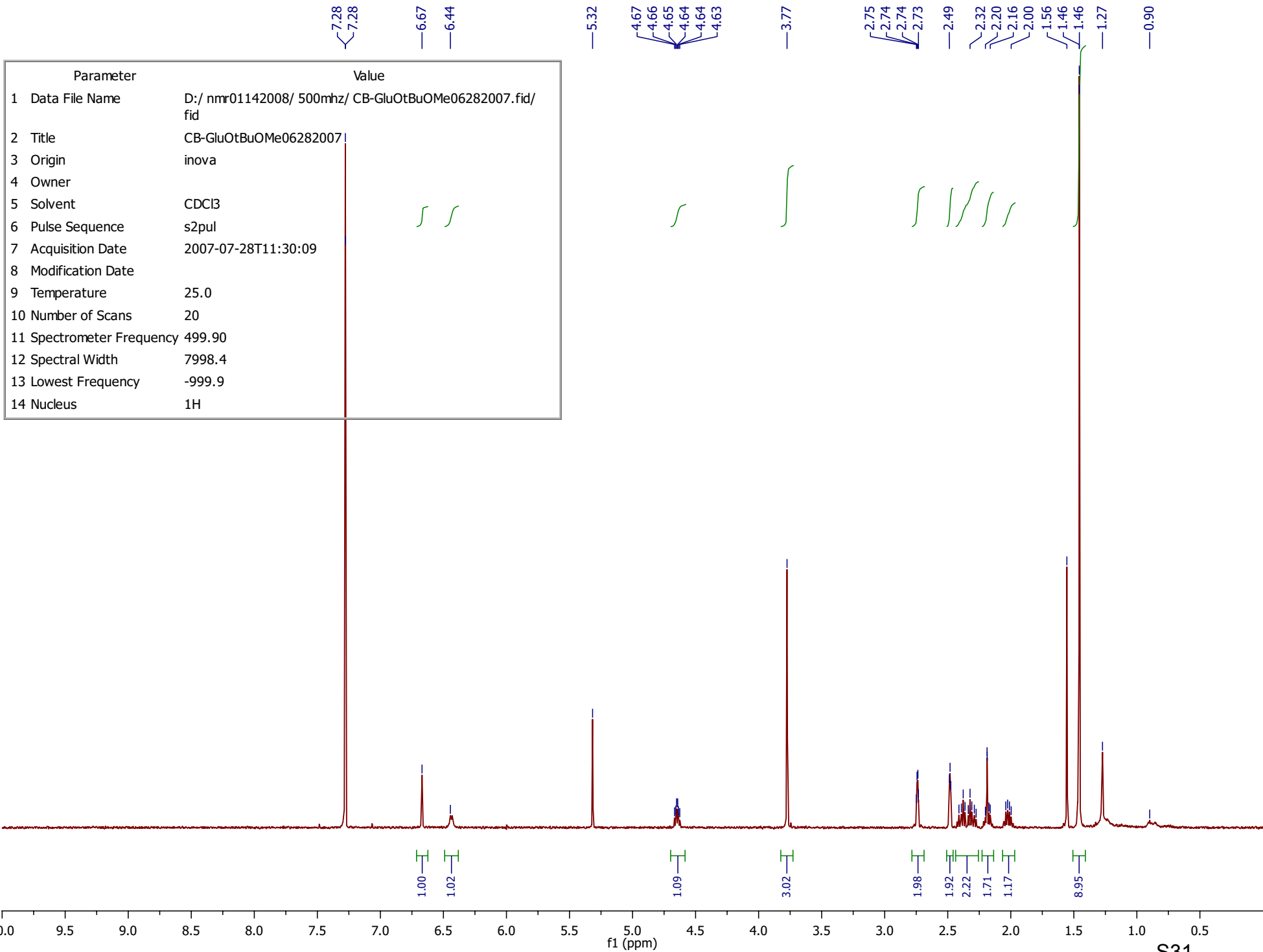




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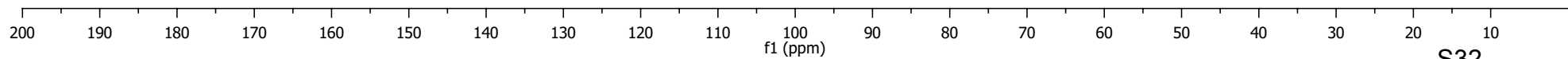
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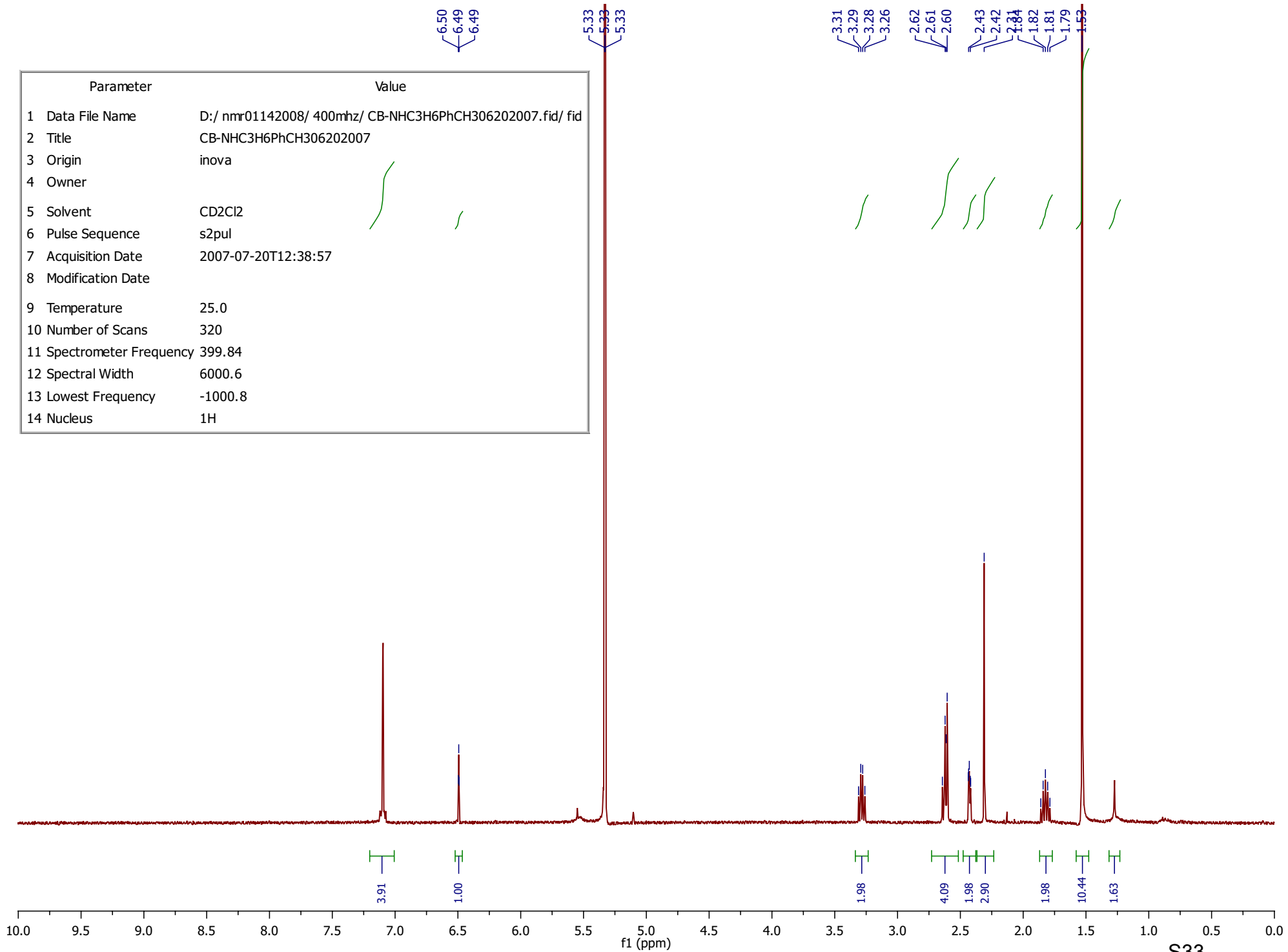
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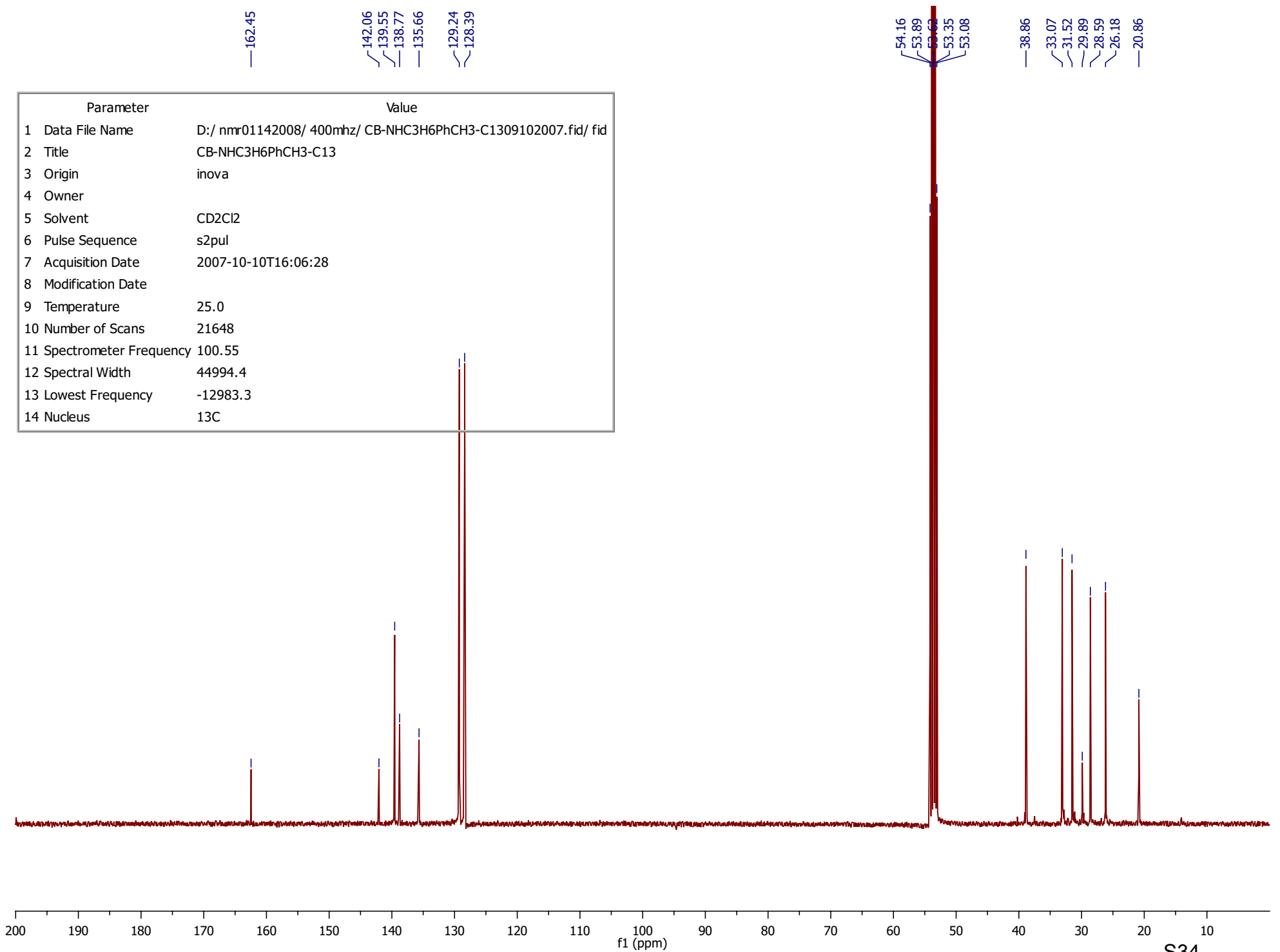
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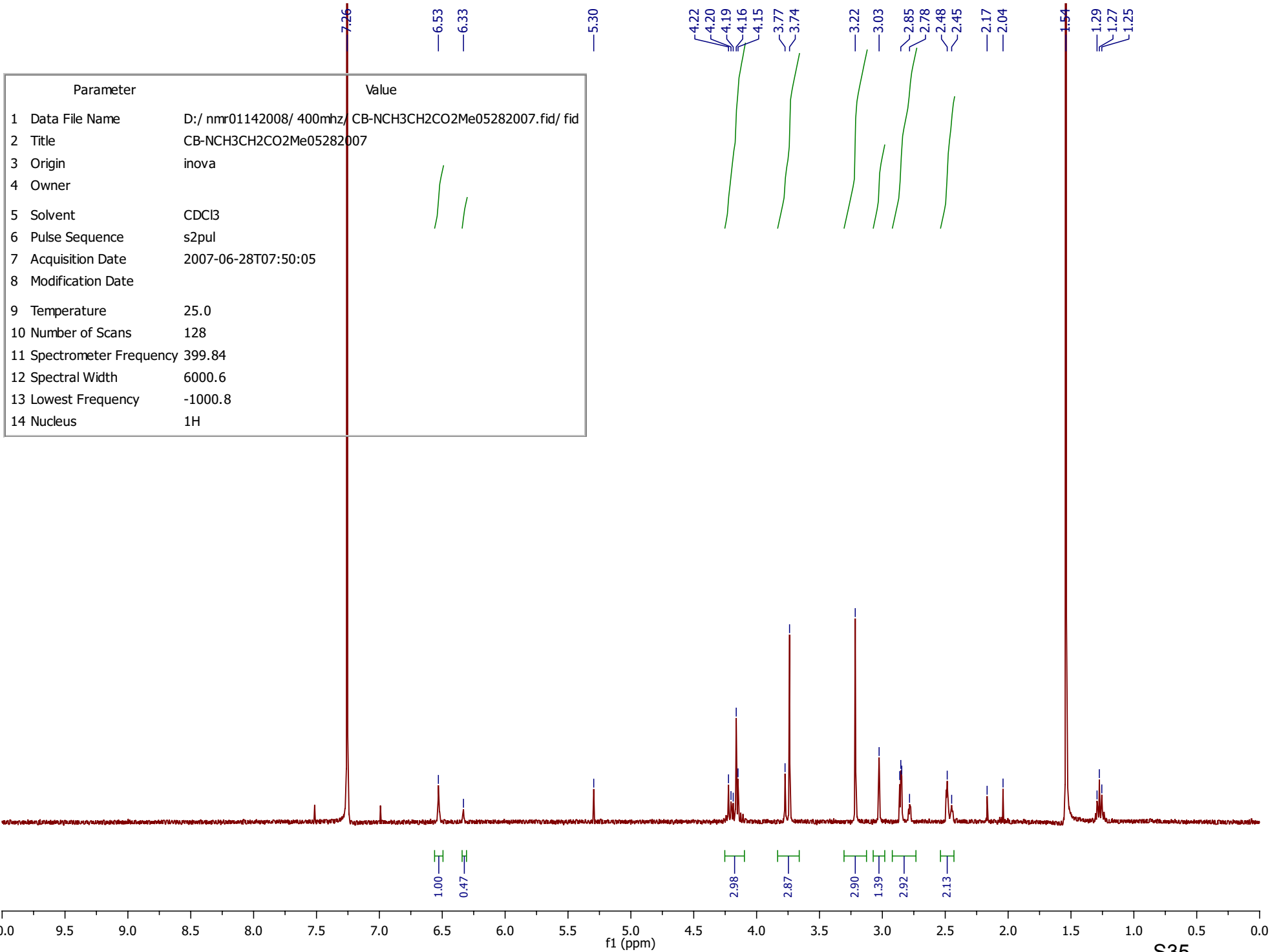
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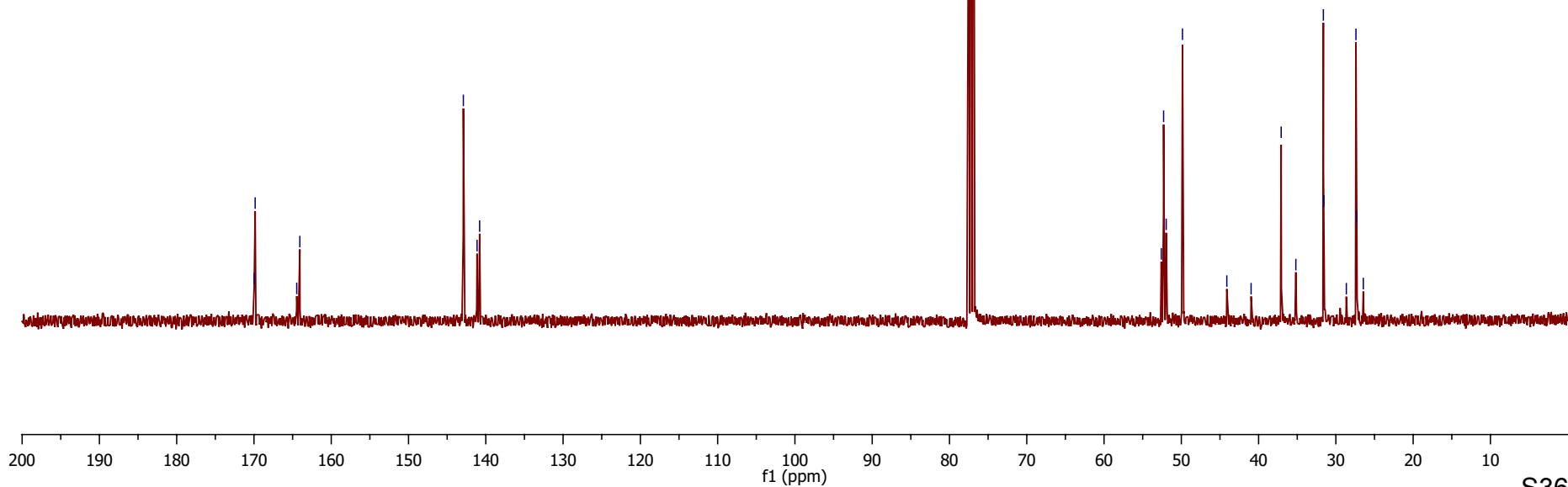
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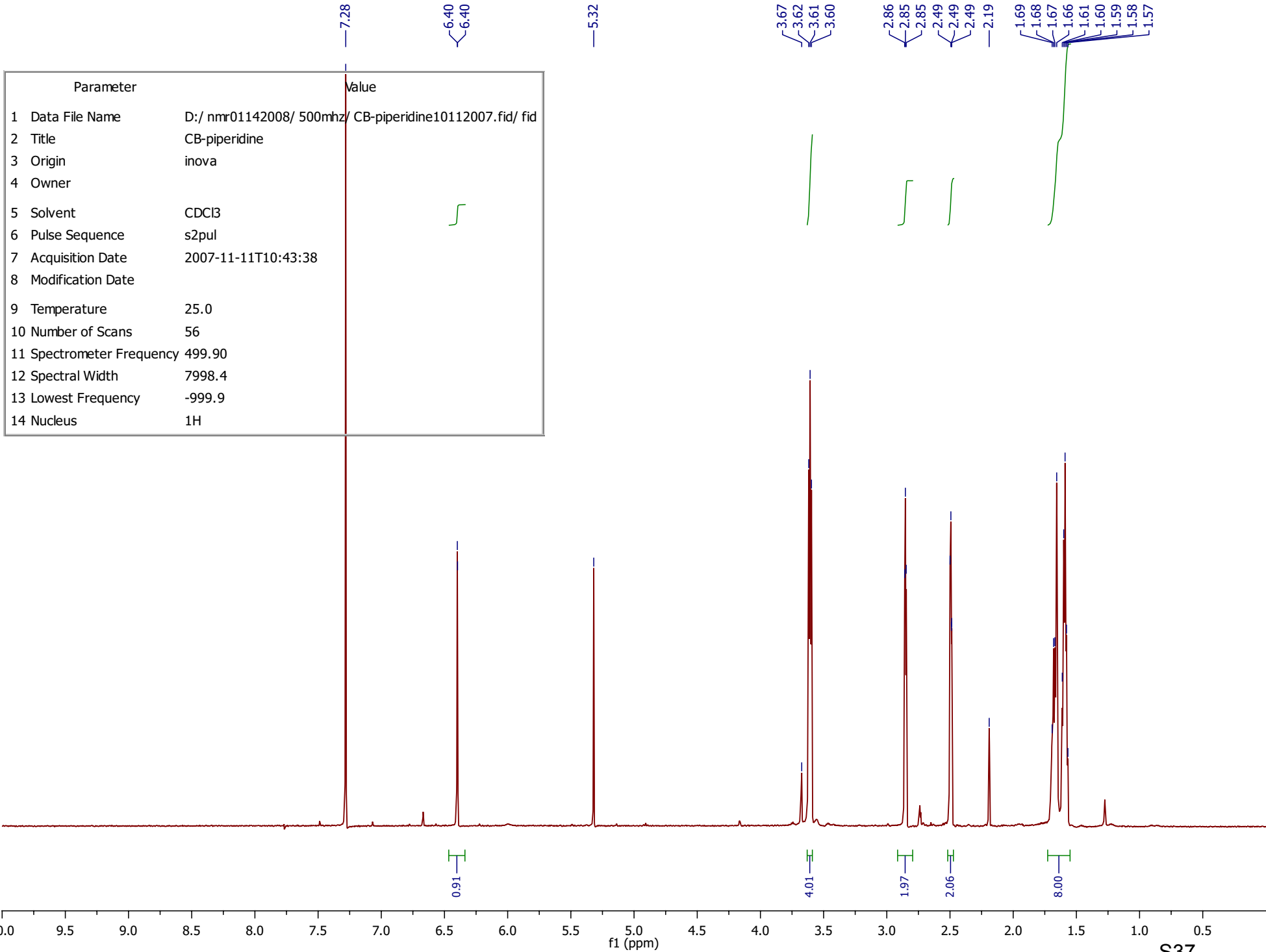
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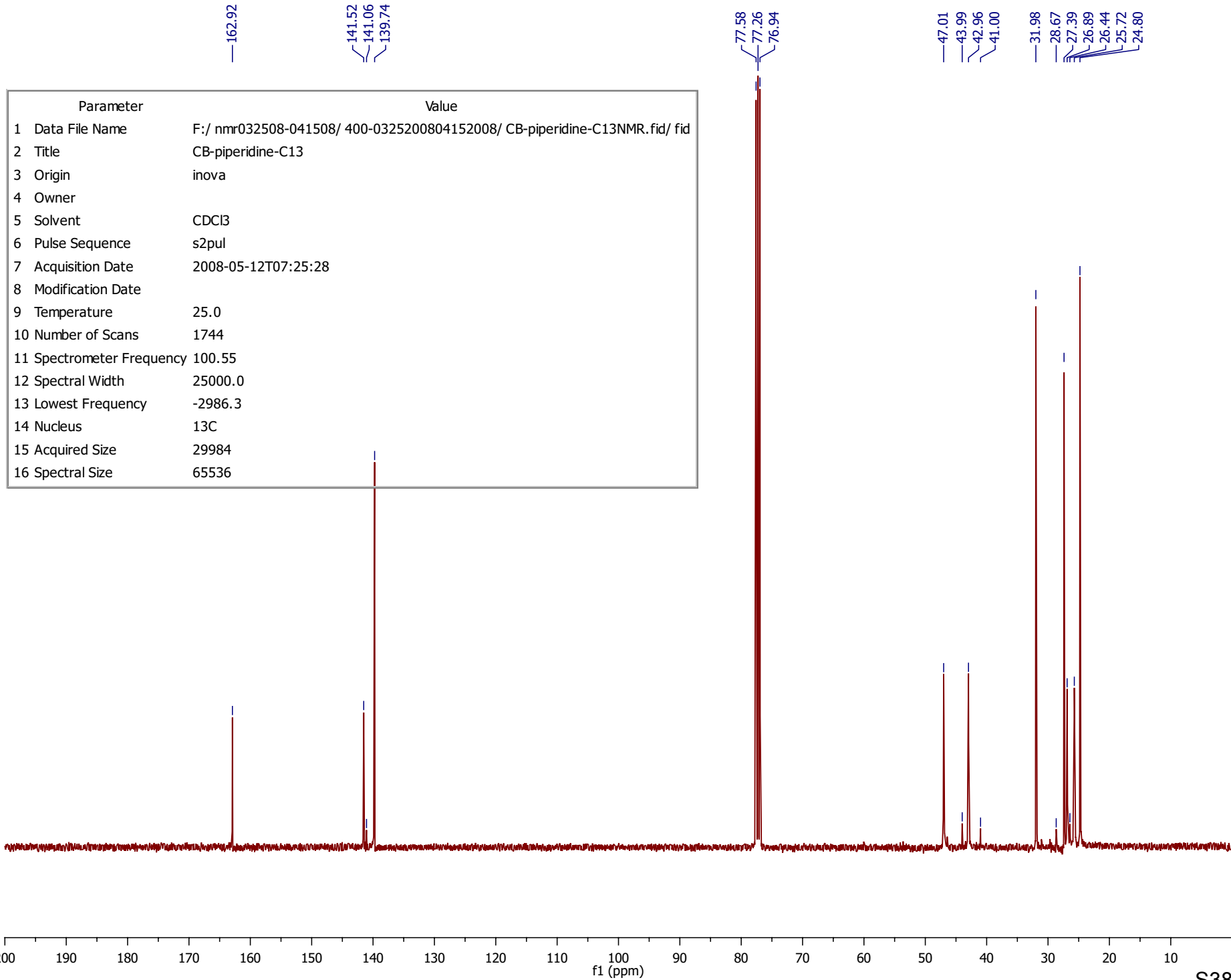
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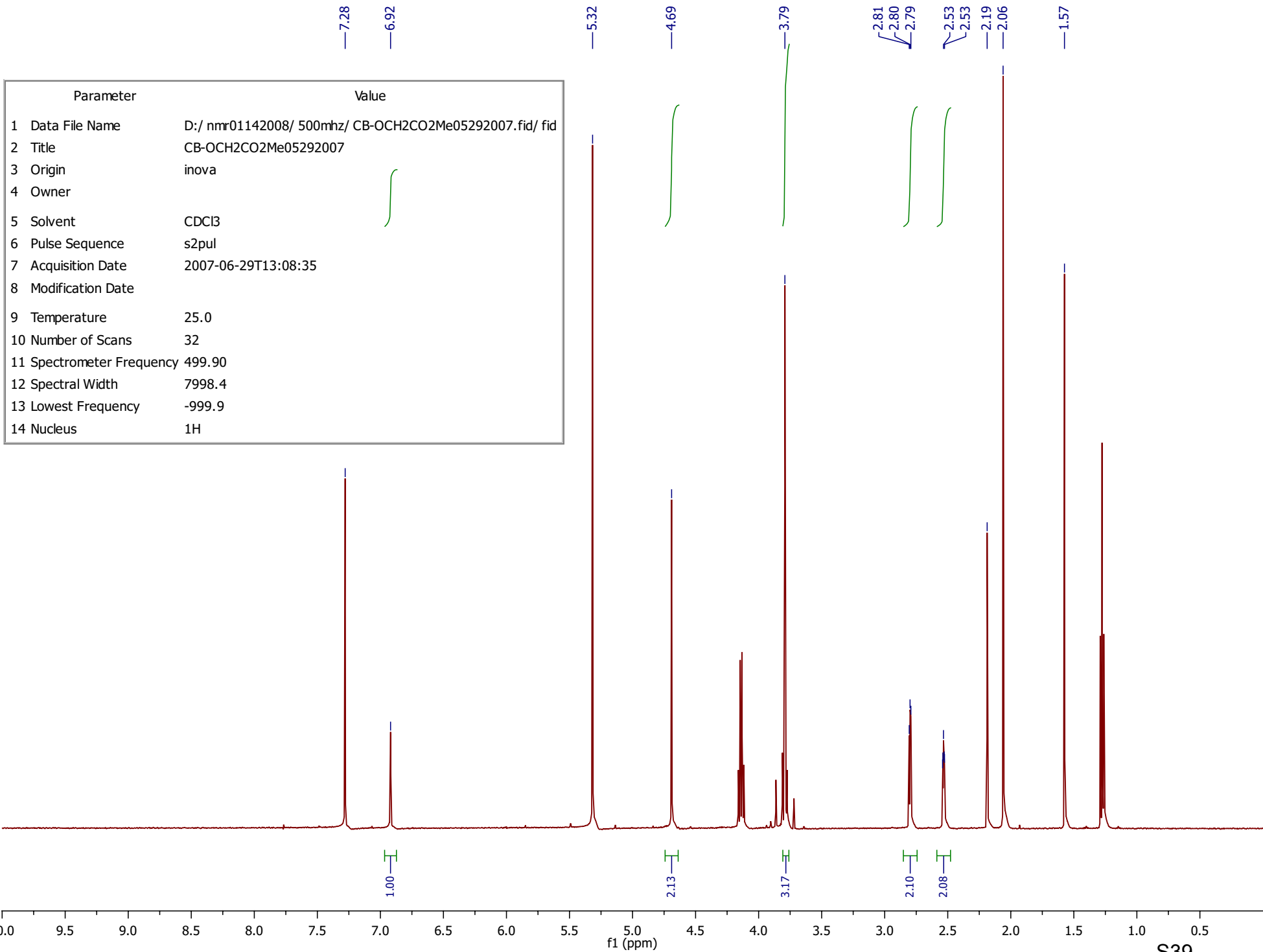
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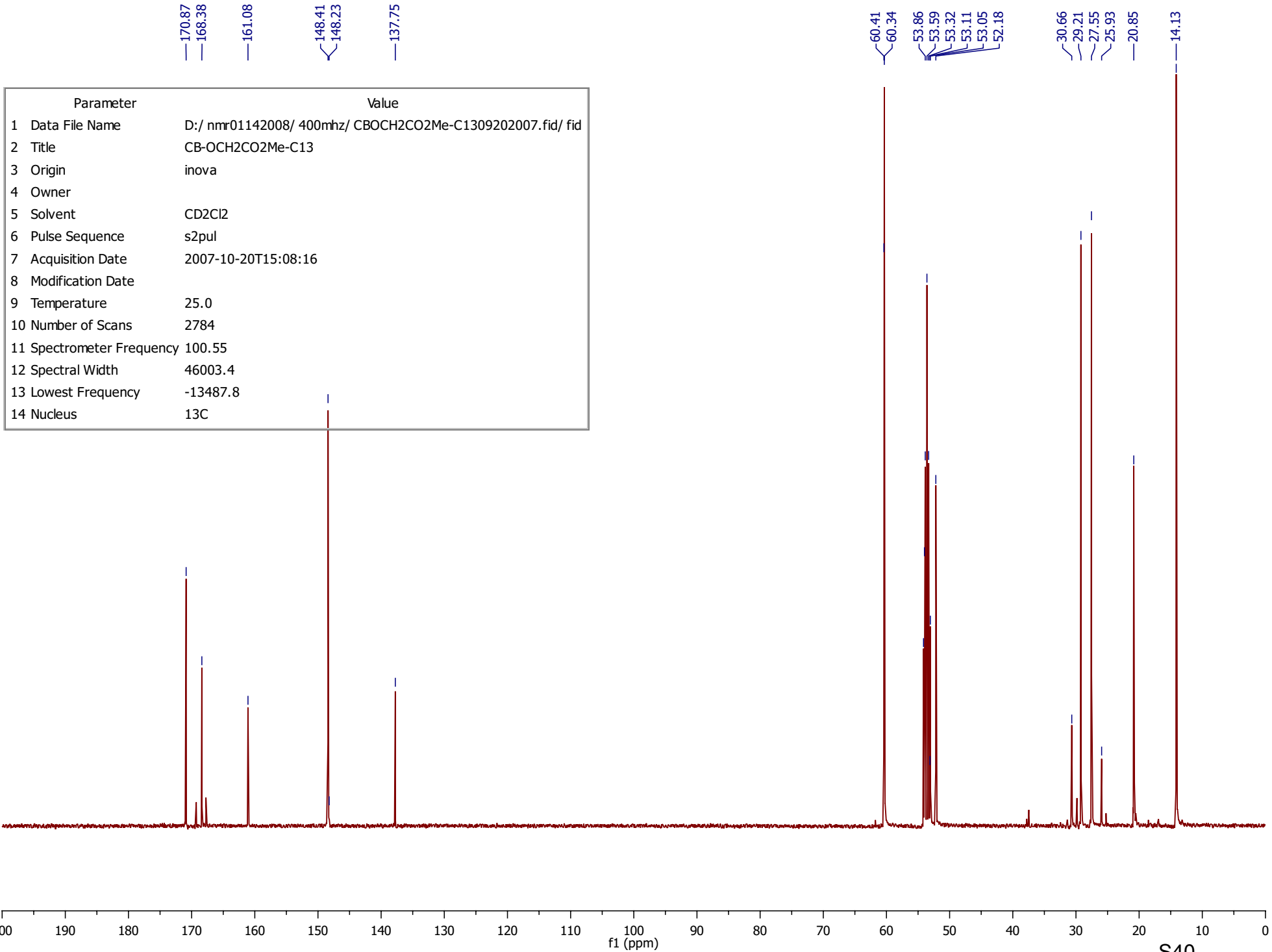


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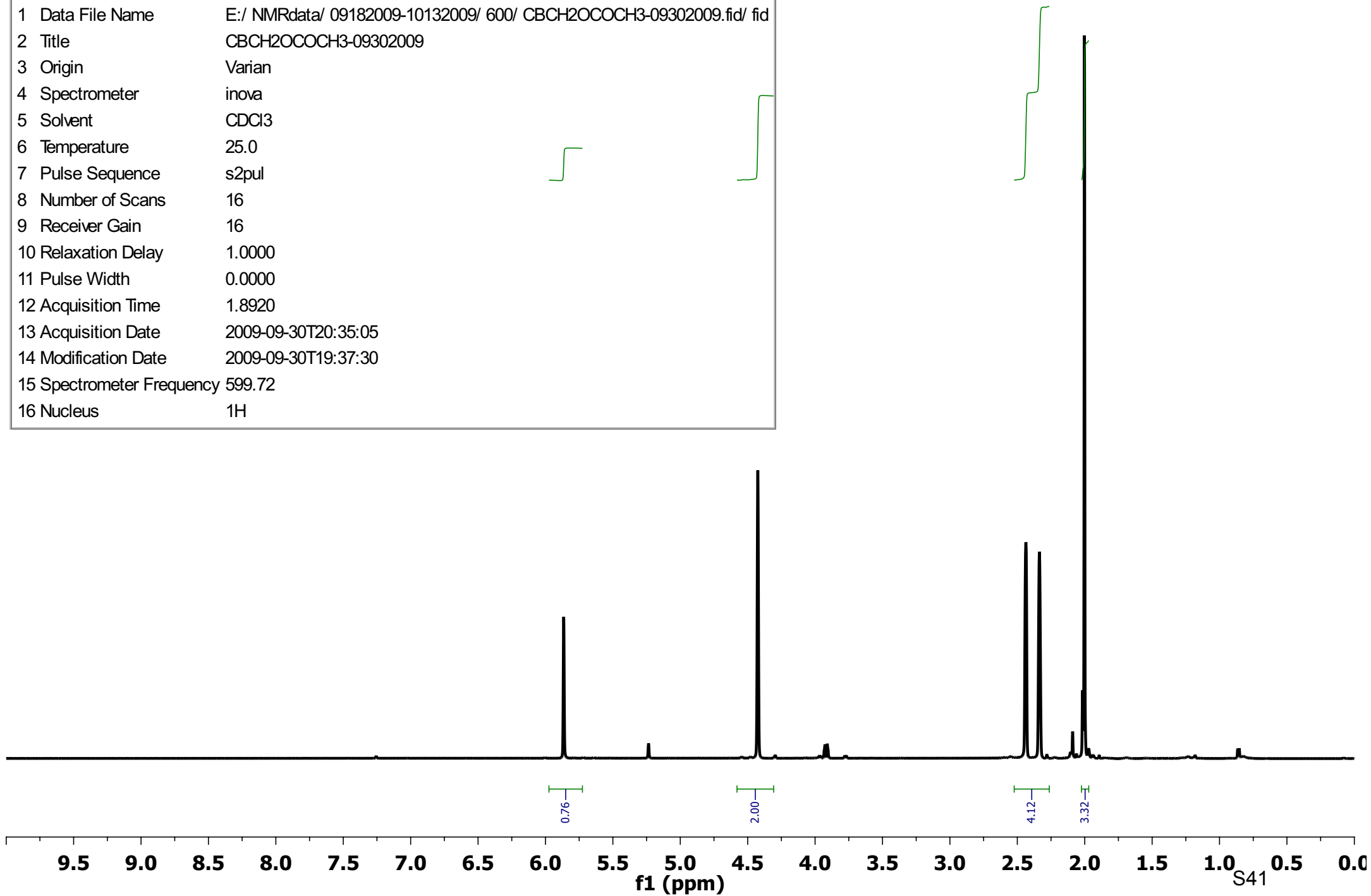




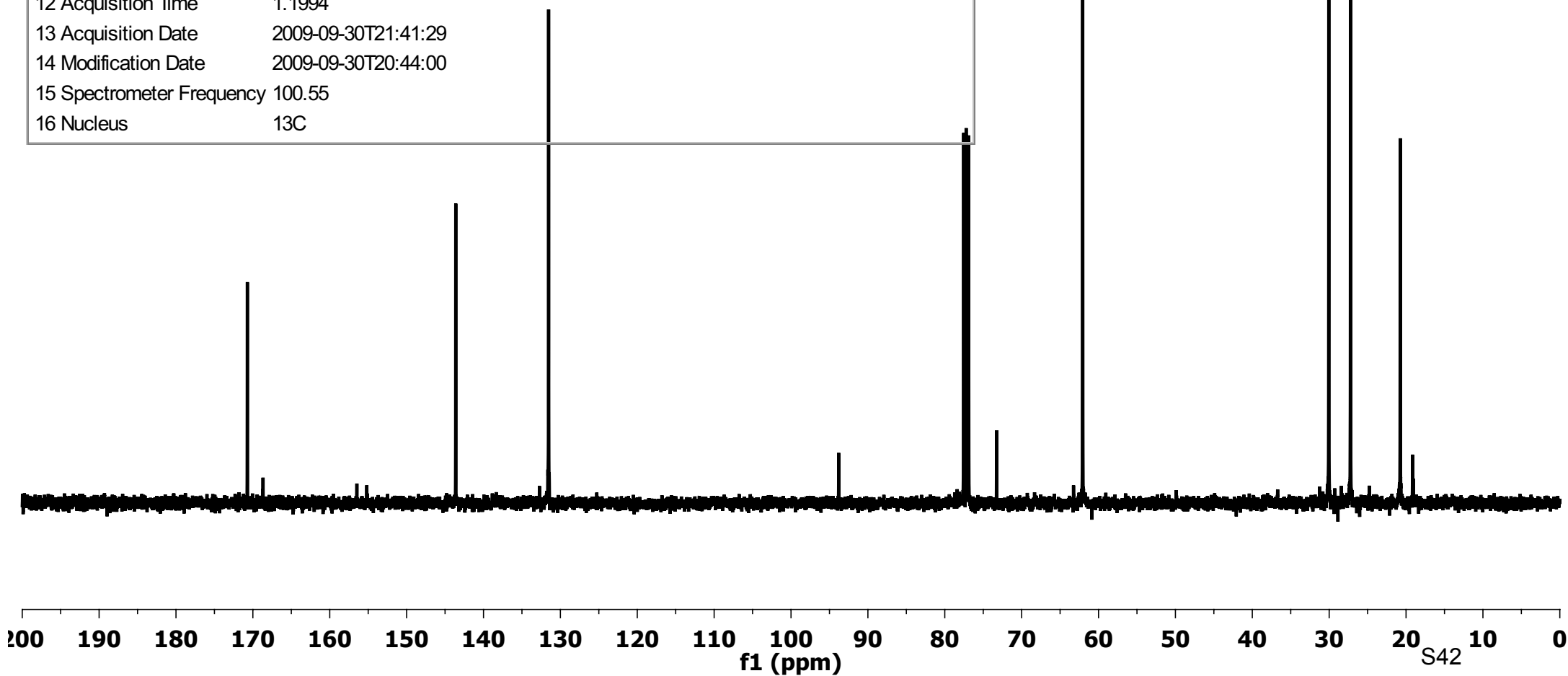
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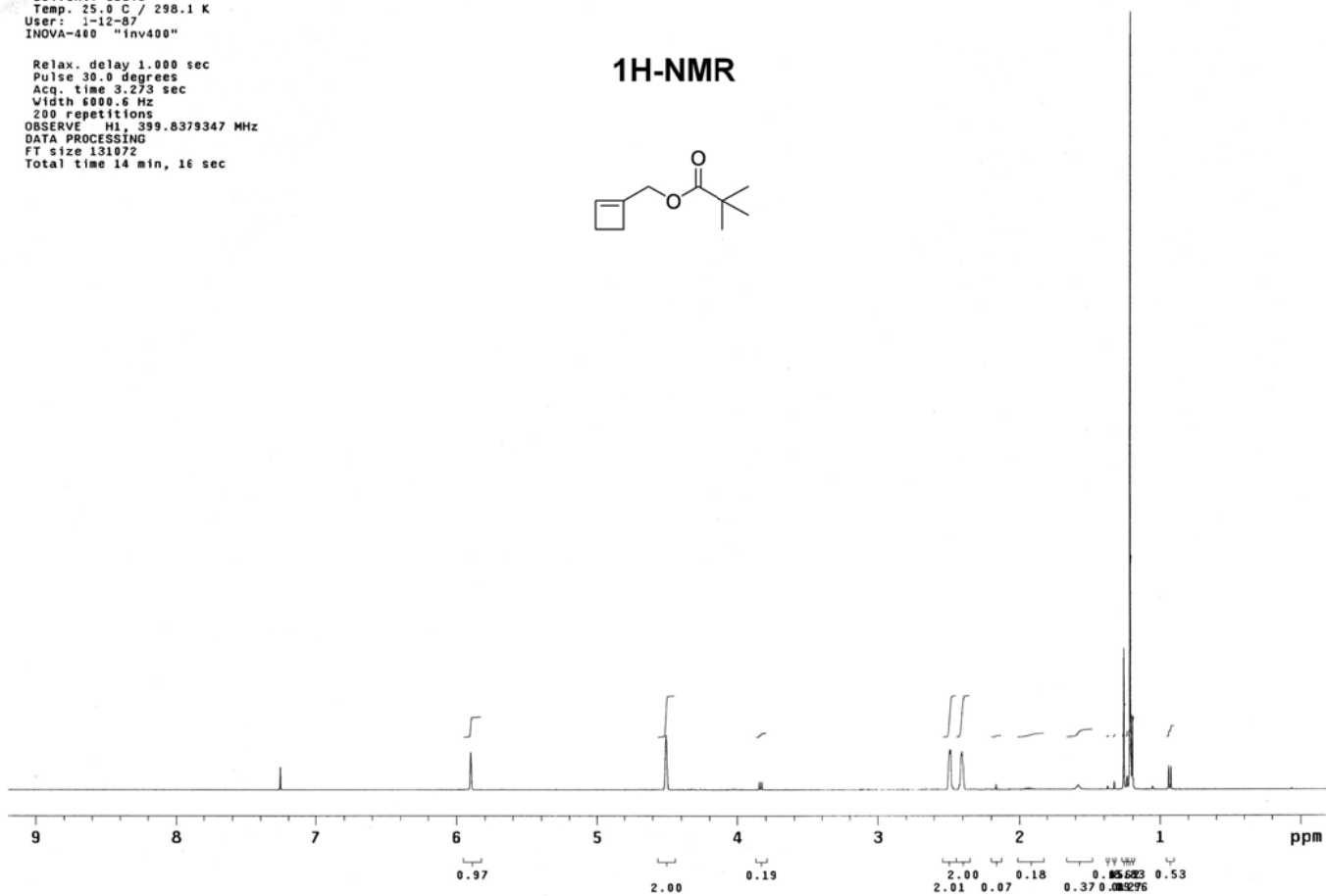
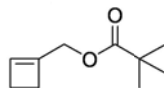


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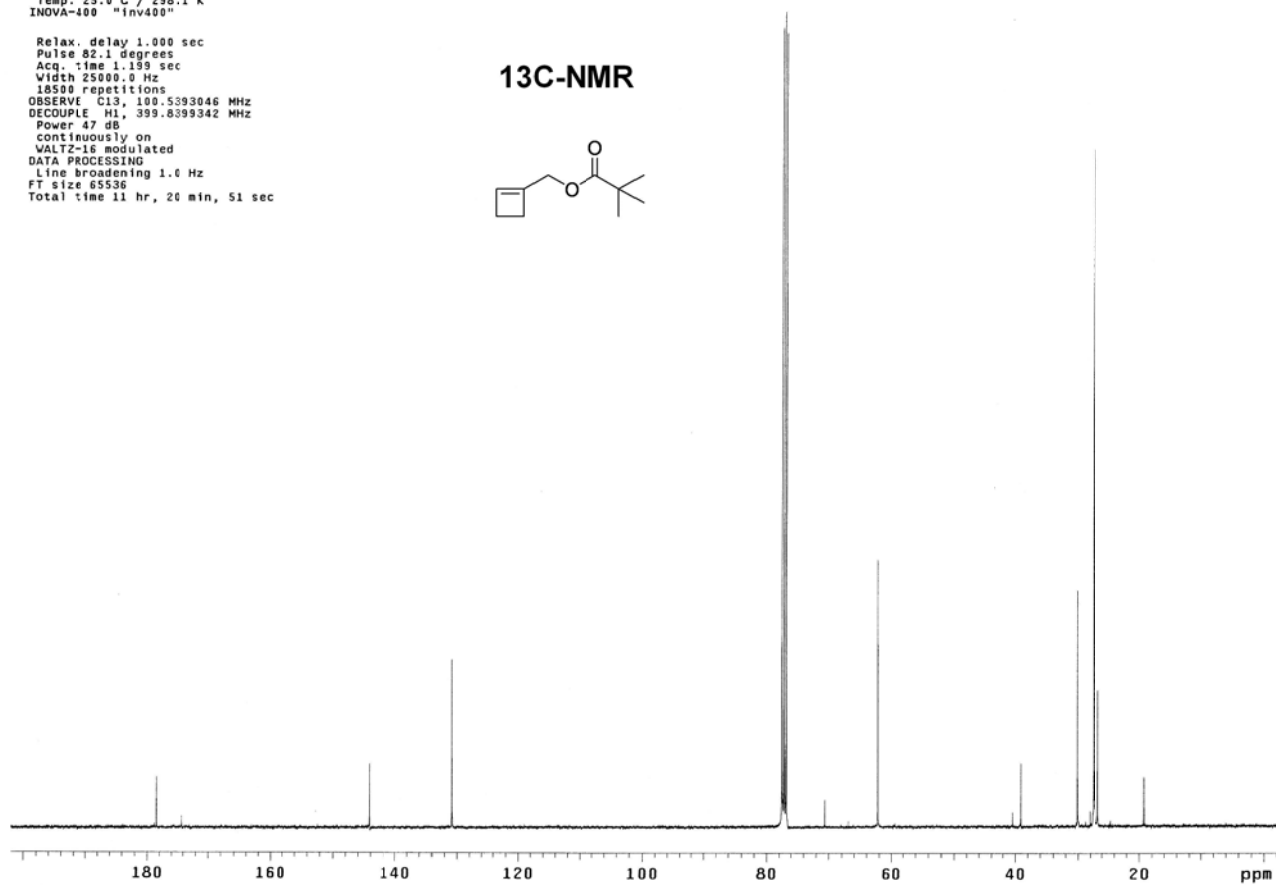
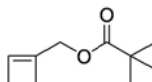
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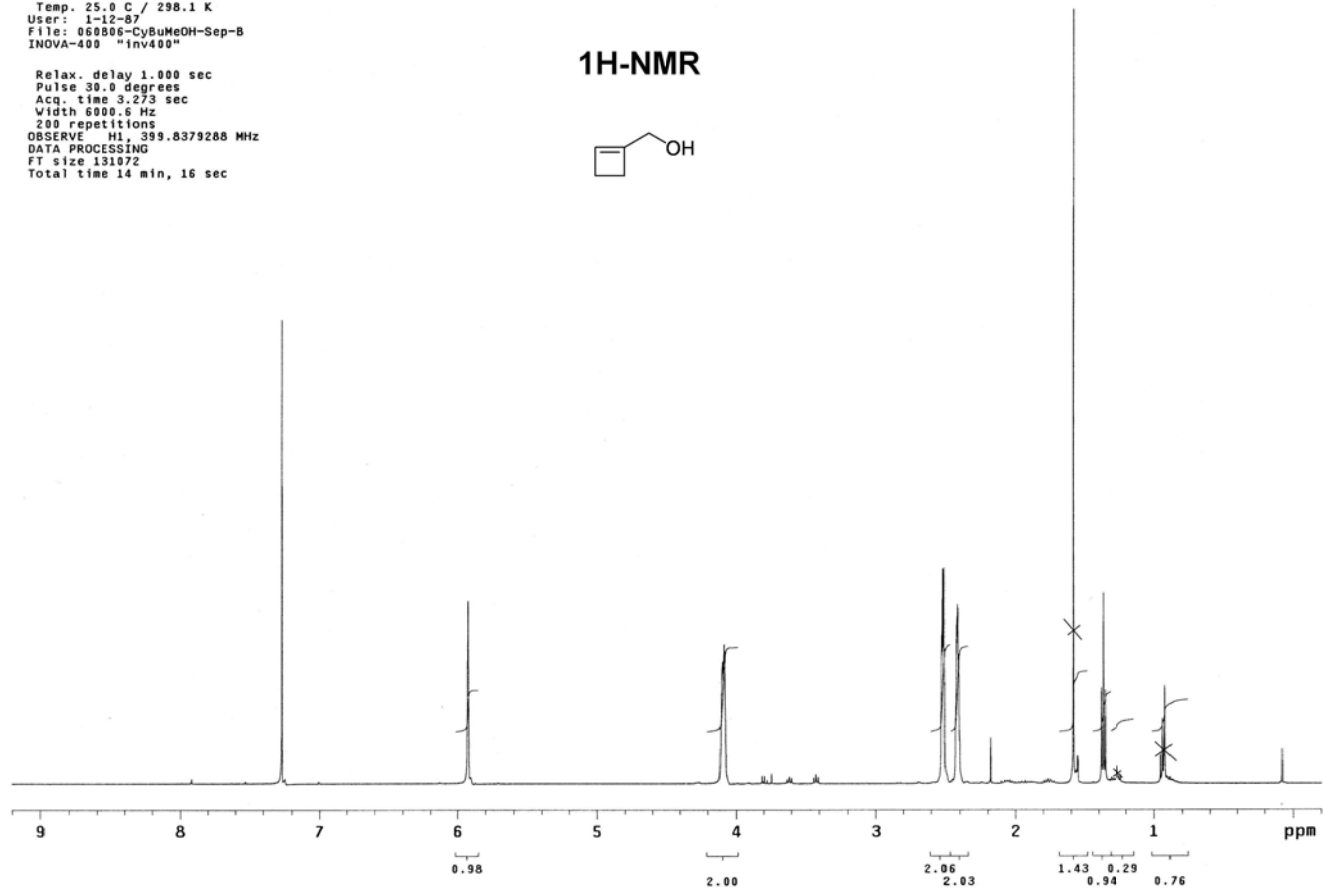
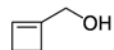
13C-NMR



060806-CyBuMeOH-Sep-B
Pulse Sequence: s2pul
Solvent: CDCl3
Temp: 25.0 C / 298.1 K
User: 1-12-87
File: 060806-CyBuMeOH-Sep-B
INOVA-400 "inv400"

Relax. delay 1.000 sec
Pulse 30.0 degrees
Acq. time 3.273 sec
Width 6000.6 Hz
200 repetitions
OBSERVE H1, 399.8379288 MHz
DATA PROCESSING
FT size 131972
Total time 14 min, 16 sec

1H-NMR



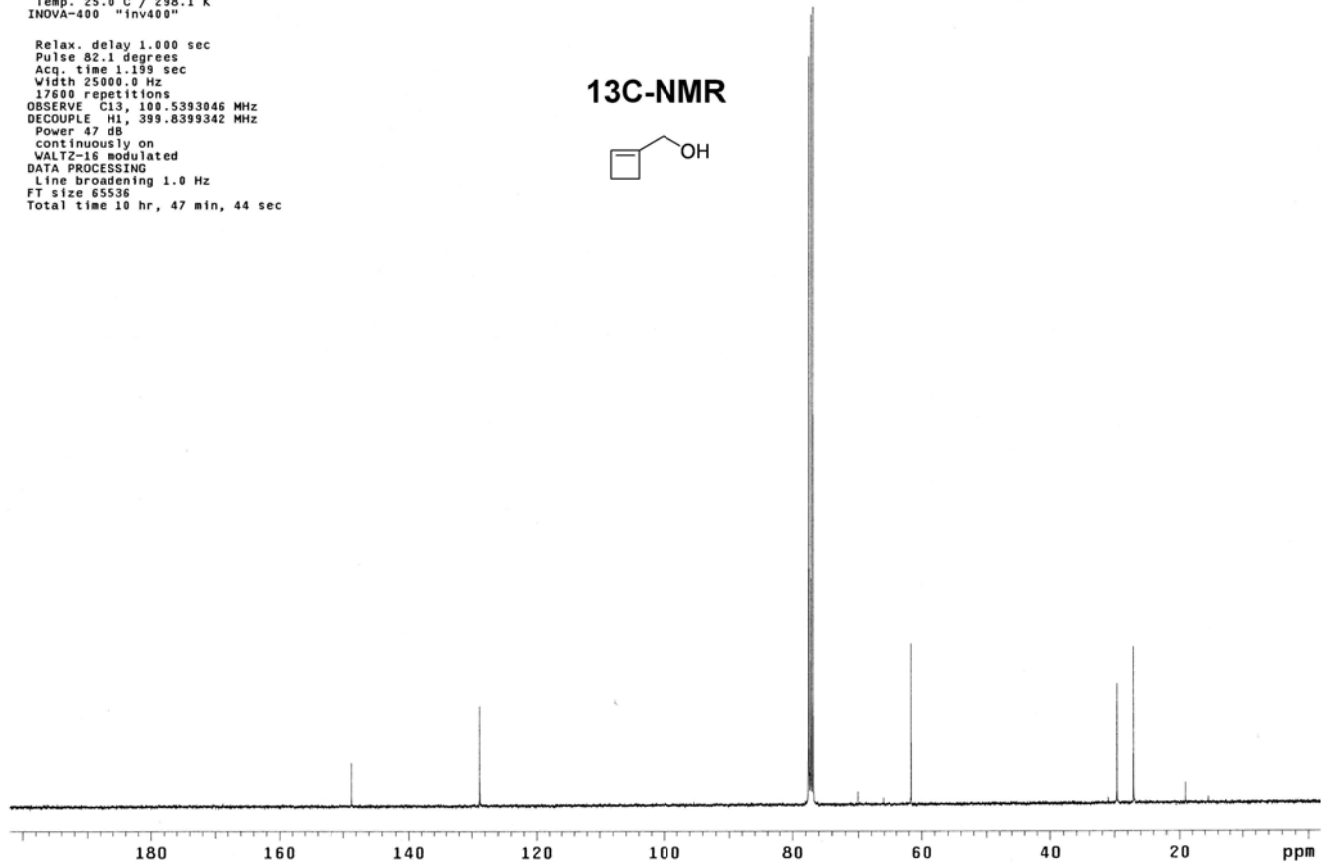
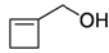
092606-CyButeneCH2OH-C13

Pulse Sequence: s2pu1

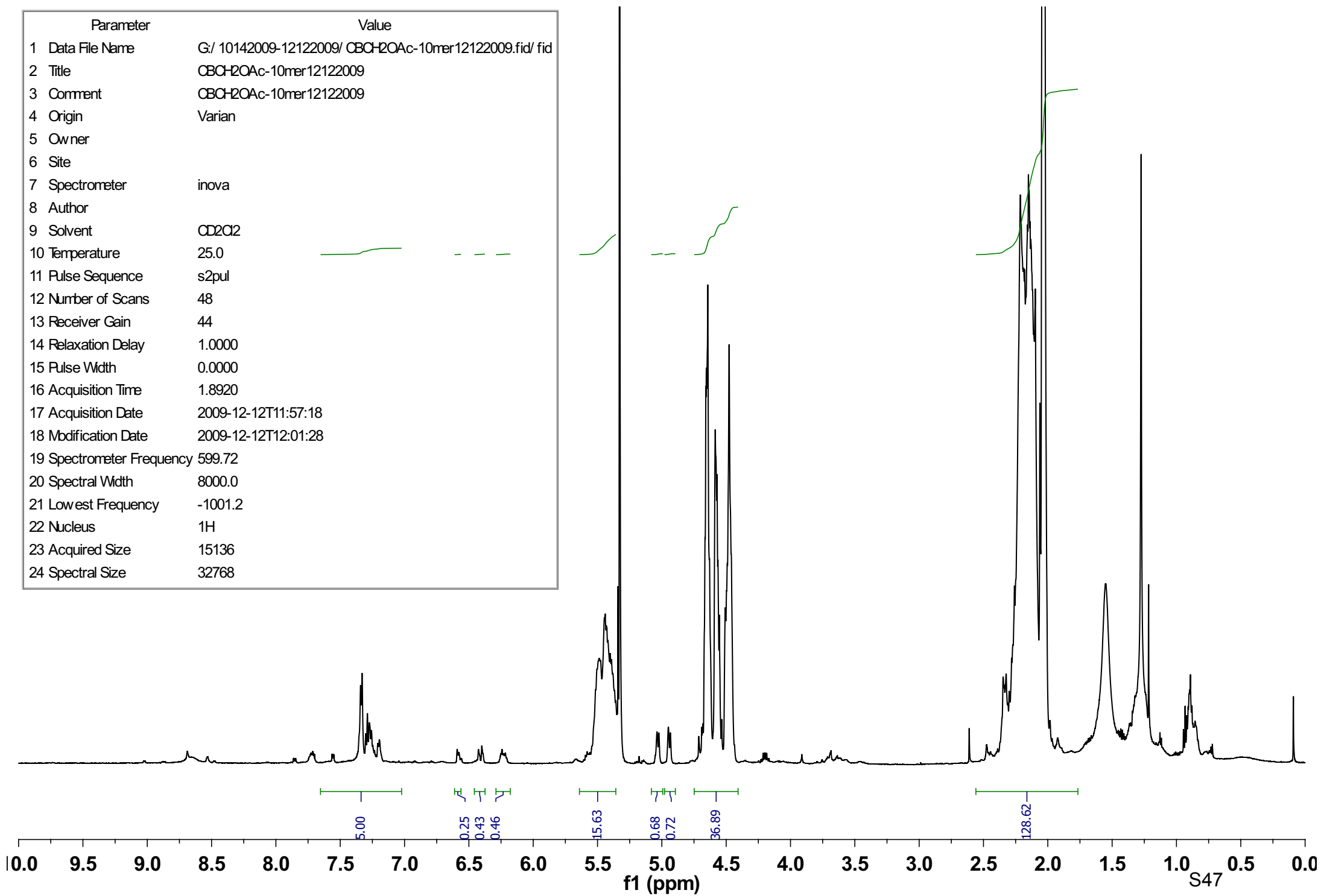
Solvent: CDCl3
Temp. 25.0 C / 298.1 K
INNOVA-400 "inv400"

Relax. delay 1.000 sec
Pulse 82.1 degrees
Acq. time 1.199 sec
Width 25000.0 Hz
17600 repetitions
OBSERVE C13, 100.5393046 MHz
DECOUPLE H1, 399.8399342 MHz
Power 47 dB
continuously on
WALTZ-16 modulated
DATA PROCESSING
Line broadening 1.0 Hz
FT size 65536
Total time 10 hr, 47 min, 44 sec

13C-NMR



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8 Author	
9 Solvent	CD2Cl2
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11 Pulse Sequence	s2pul
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13 Receiver Gain	44
14 Relaxation Delay	1.0000
15 Pulse Width	0.0000
16 Acquisition Time	1.8920
17 Acquisition Date	2009-12-12T11:57:18
18 Modification Date	2009-12-12T12:01:28
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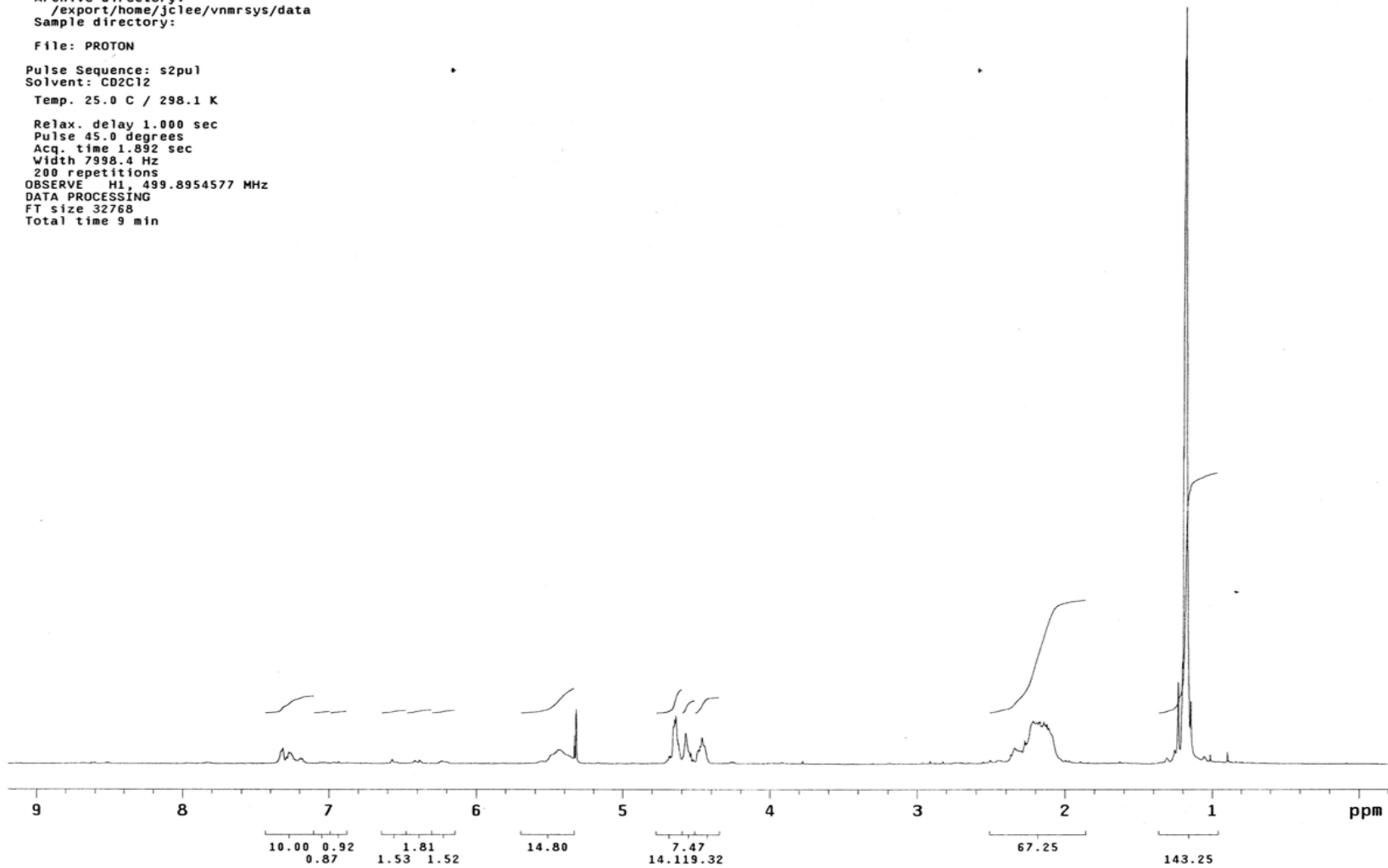
103106-ROMP-CyBuMe-PivalEster-PURI-COMB

Data Collected on:
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Archive directory:
/export/home/jclee/vnmrsys/data
Sample directory:

File: PROTON

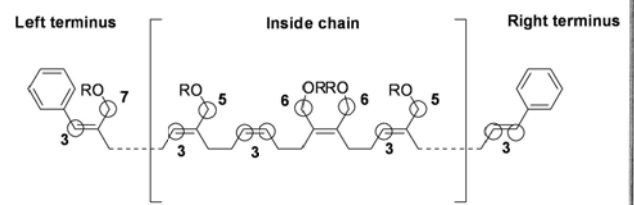
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Solvent: CD2Cl2
Temp. 25.0 C / 298.1 K

Relax. delay 1.000 sec
Pulse 45.0 degrees
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Width 7998.4 Hz
200 repetitions
OBSERVE H1, 499.8954577 MHz
DATA PROCESSING
FT size 32768
Total time 9 min

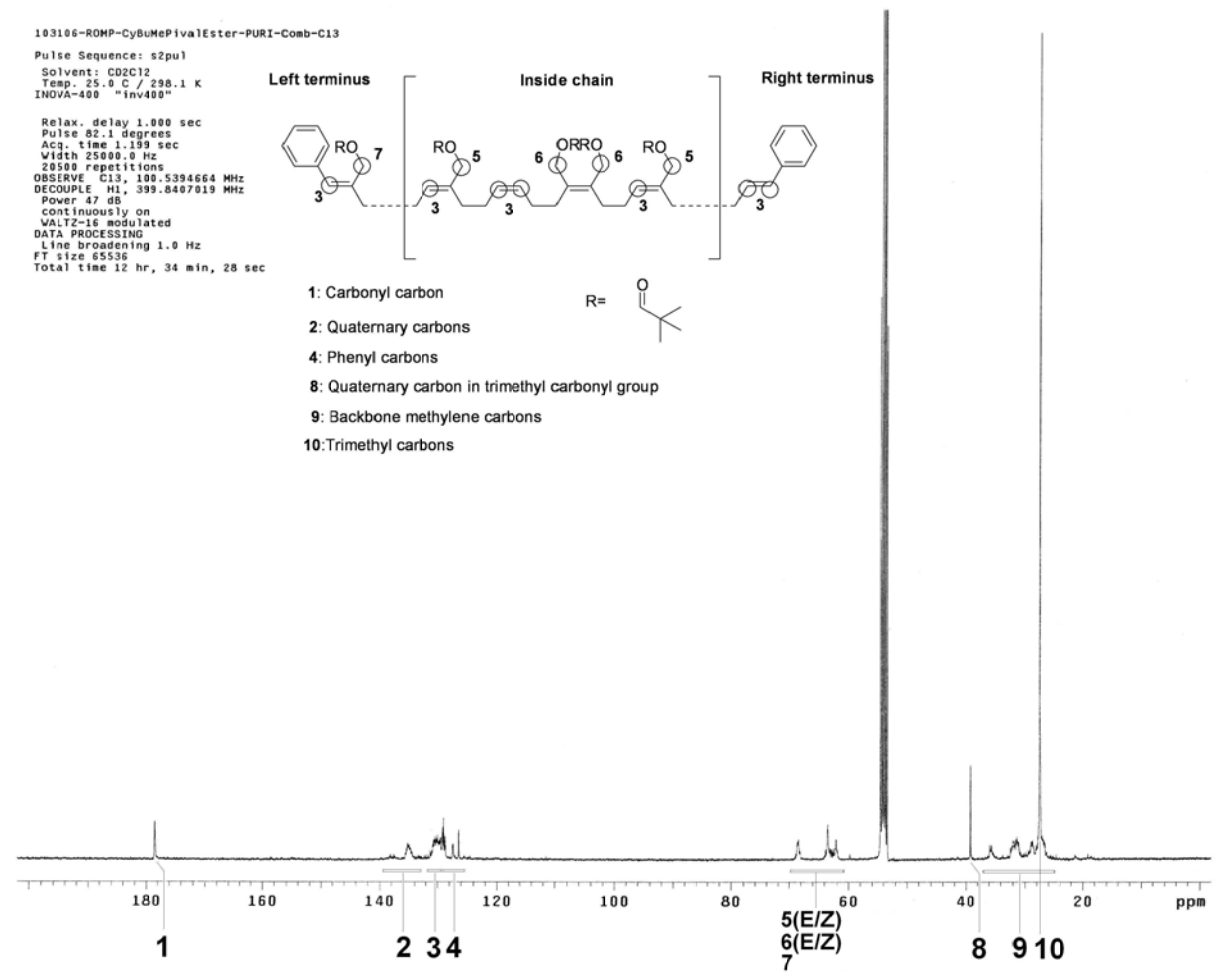
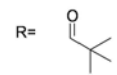


103106-ROMP-CyBuMePivalEster-PURI-Comb-C13
 Pulse Sequence: s2pu1
 Solvent: CD2Cl2
 Temp. 25.0 C / 298.1 K
 INOVA-400 "inv400"

Relax. delay 1.000 sec
 Pulse 82.1 degrees
 Acq. time 1.199 sec
 Width 25800.0 Hz
 20500 repetitions
 OBSERVE C13, 100.5394664 MHz
 DECOUPLE H1, 399.8407019 MHz
 Power 47 dB
 continuously on
 WALTZ-16 modulated
 DATA PROCESSING
 Line broadening 1.0 Hz
 FT size 65536
 Total time 12 hr, 34 min, 28 sec



- 1: Carbonyl carbon
- 2: Quaternary carbons
- 4: Phenyl carbons
- 8: Quaternary carbon in trimethyl carbonyl group
- 9: Backbone methylene carbons
- 10: Trimethyl carbons



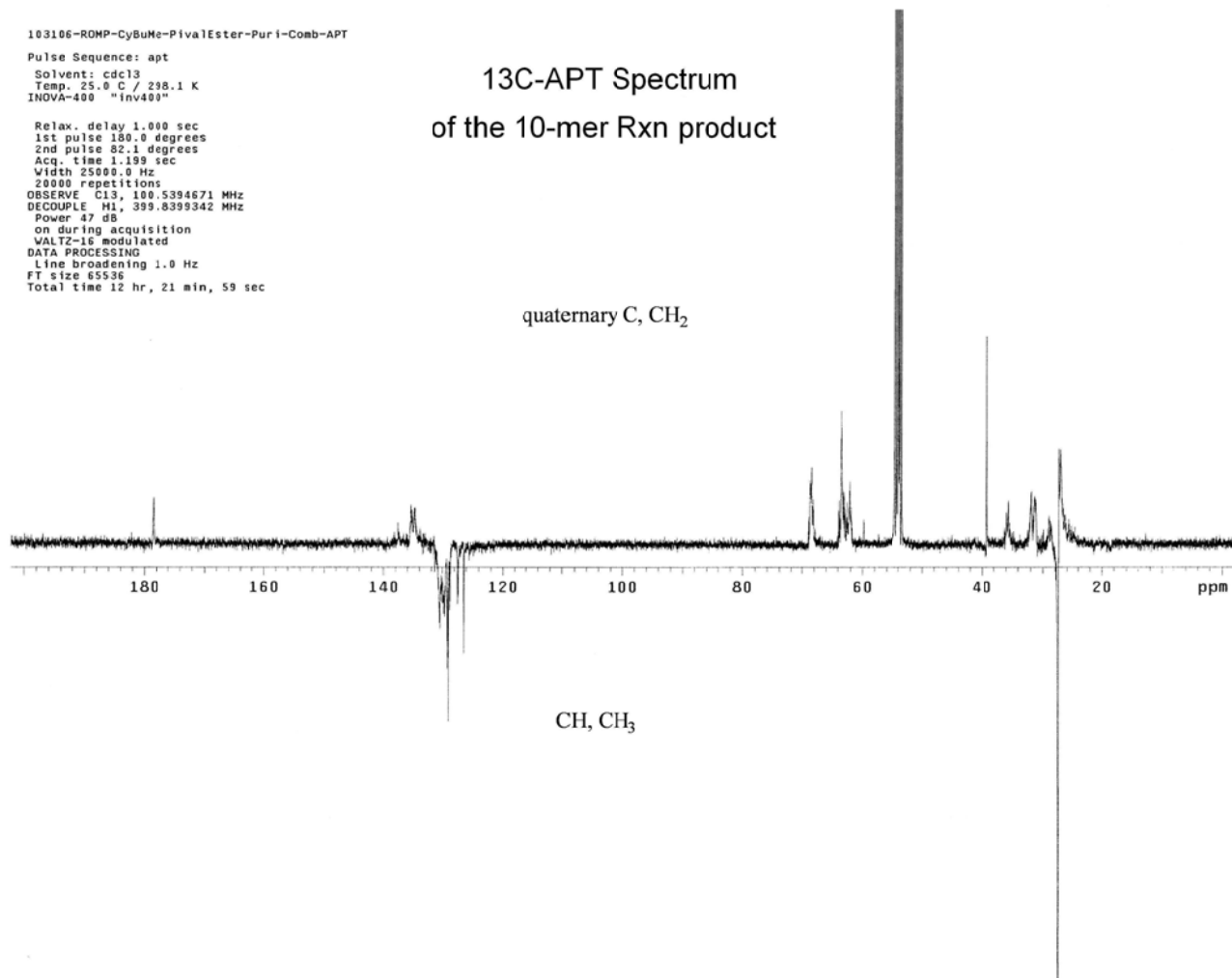
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Pulse Sequence: apt

Solvent: cdcl3
Temp. 25.0 C / 298.1 K
INOVA-400 "inv400"

Relax. delay 1.000 sec
1st pulse 180.0 degrees
2nd pulse 82.1 degrees
Acq. time 1.199 sec
Width 25000.0 Hz
20000 repetitions
OBSERVE C13, 100.5394671 MHz
DECOUPLE H1, 399.8399342 MHz
Power 47 dB
on during acquisition
WALTZ-16 modulated
DATA PROCESSING
Line broadening 1.0 Hz
FT size 65536
Total time 12 hr, 21 min, 59 sec

¹³C-APT Spectrum of the 10-mer Rxn product

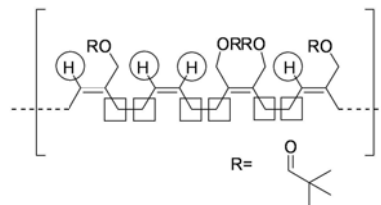


Data Collected on:
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 Sample directory:
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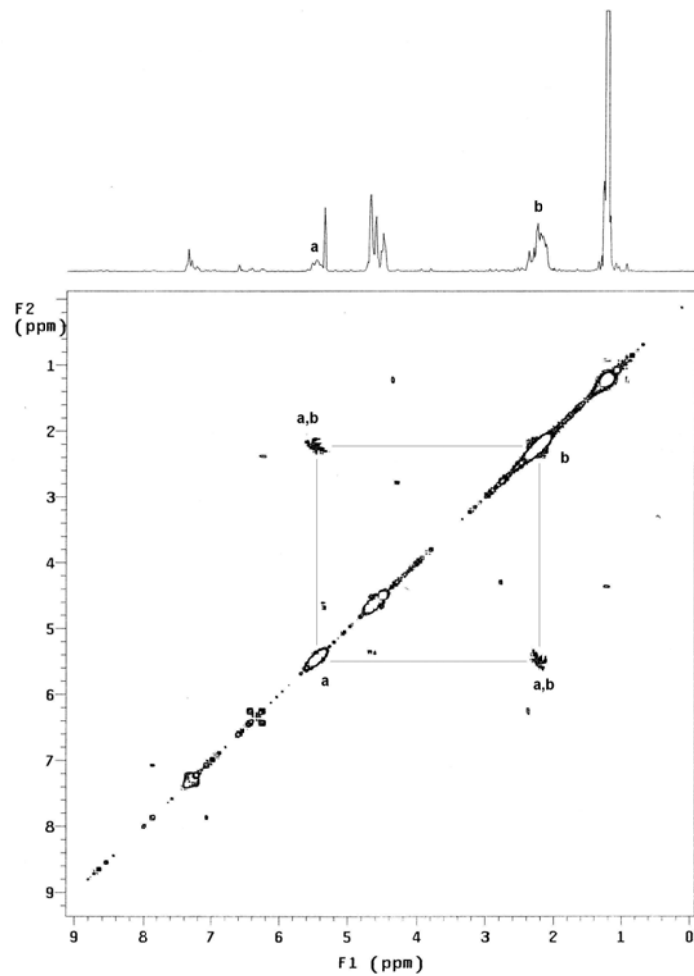
Pulse Sequence: COSY
 Solvent: CD2Cl2
 Temp. 25.0 C / 298.1 K

Relax. delay 1.000 sec
 Acq. time 0.150 sec
 Width 5998.8 Hz
 2D Width 5998.8 Hz
 8 repetitions
 128 increments
 OBSERVE H1, 499.8954420 MHz
 DATA PROCESSING
 Sq. sine bell 0.075 sec
 F1 DATA PROCESSING
 Sq. sine bell 0.021 sec
 FT size 2048 x 2048
 Total time 20 min

gCOSY Spectrum
 of the 10-mer Rxn product



- a: ○ : Vinyl protons in the backbone
 b: □ : Methylene protons in the backbone



Archive directory: /export/home/jclee/vnmrsys/data
Sample directory: jclee_92Nov2006

Pulse Sequence: gHMOC

Solvent: CD2Cl2

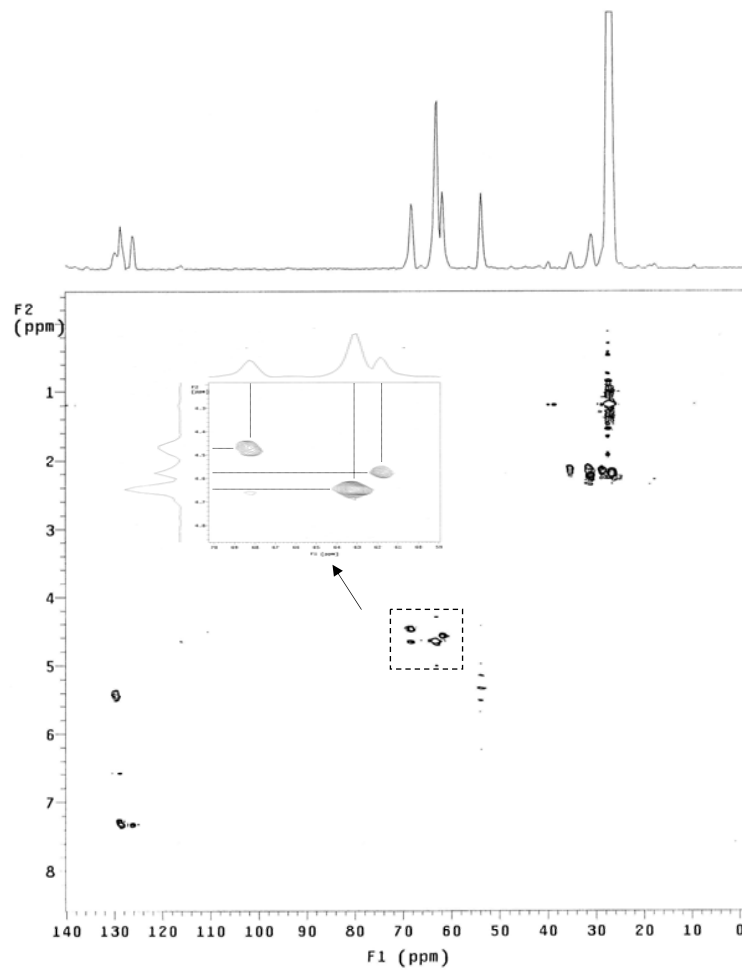
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User: 1-12-07

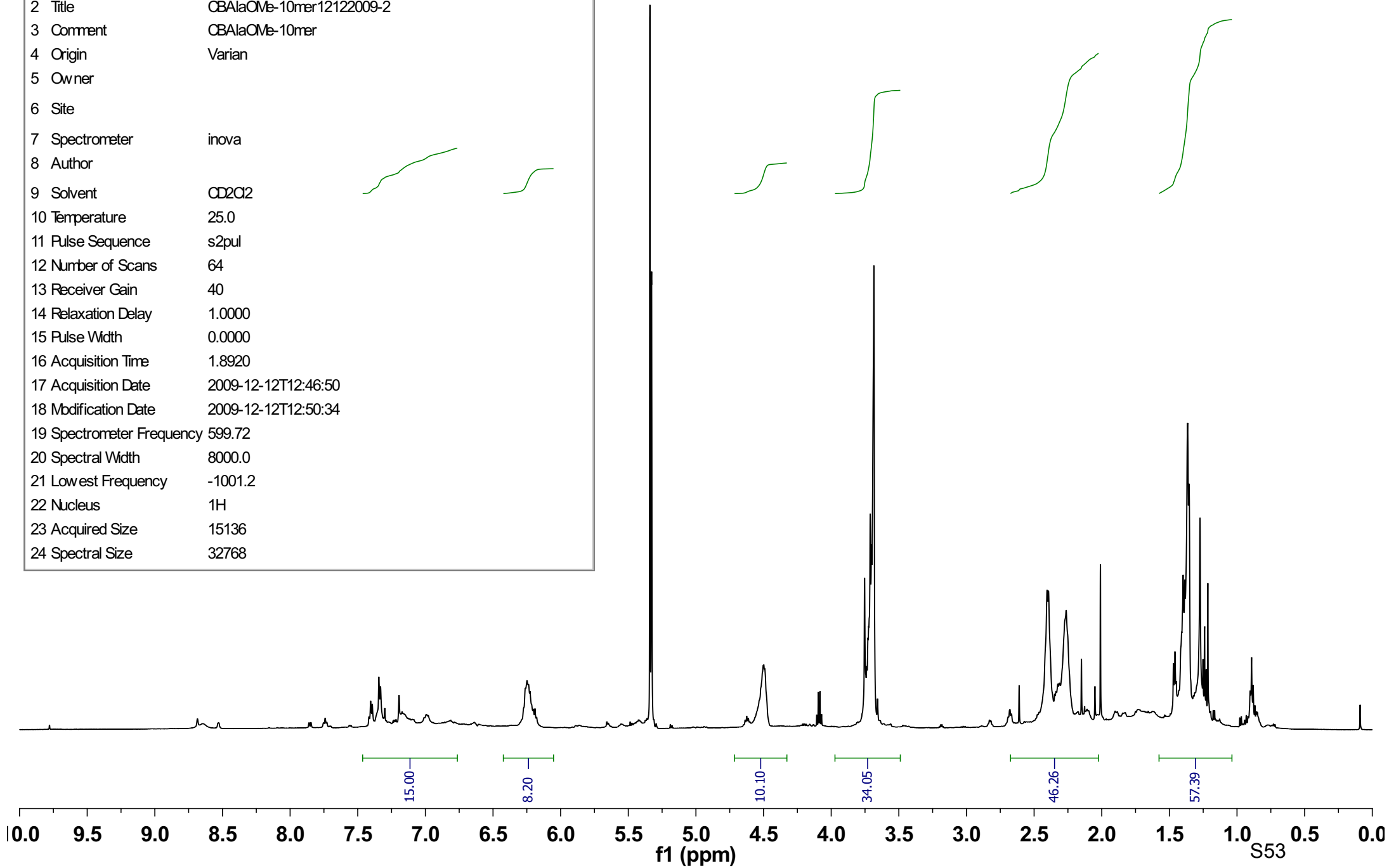
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Acq. time 0.213 sec
Width 4798.2 Hz
2D Width 20105.6 Hz
138 repetitions
2 x 128 increments
OBSERVE H1, 399.8387024 MHz
DECOUPLE C13, 100.5485462 MHz
Power 31 dB
on during acquisition
off during delay
W40_asw5133 modulated
DATA PROCESSING
Gauss apodization 0.099 sec
F1 DATA PROCESSING
Gauss apodization 0.012 sec
FT size 2048 x 2048
Total time 12 hr, 27 min, 7 sec

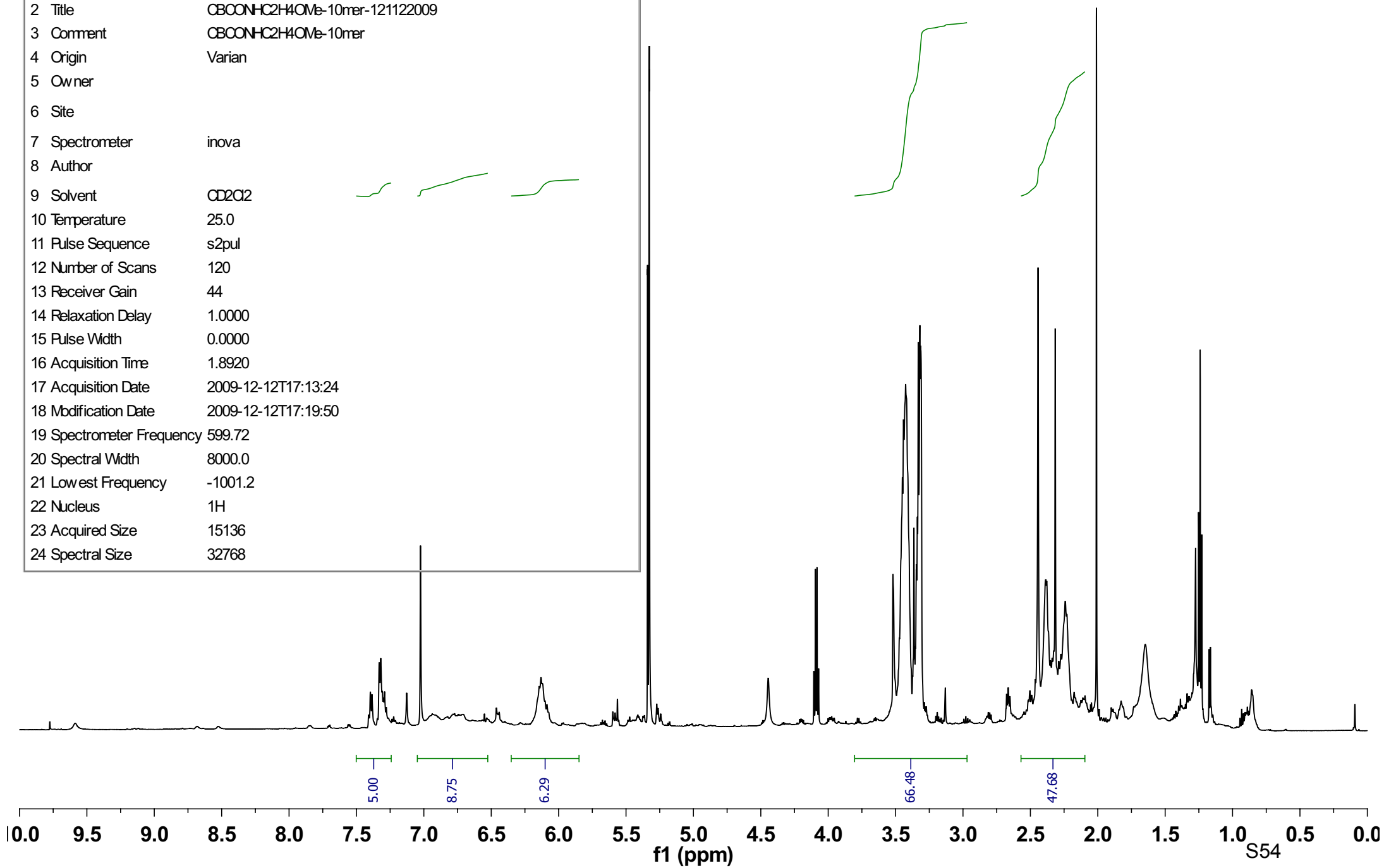
gHMOC Spectrum
of the 10-mer Rxn product



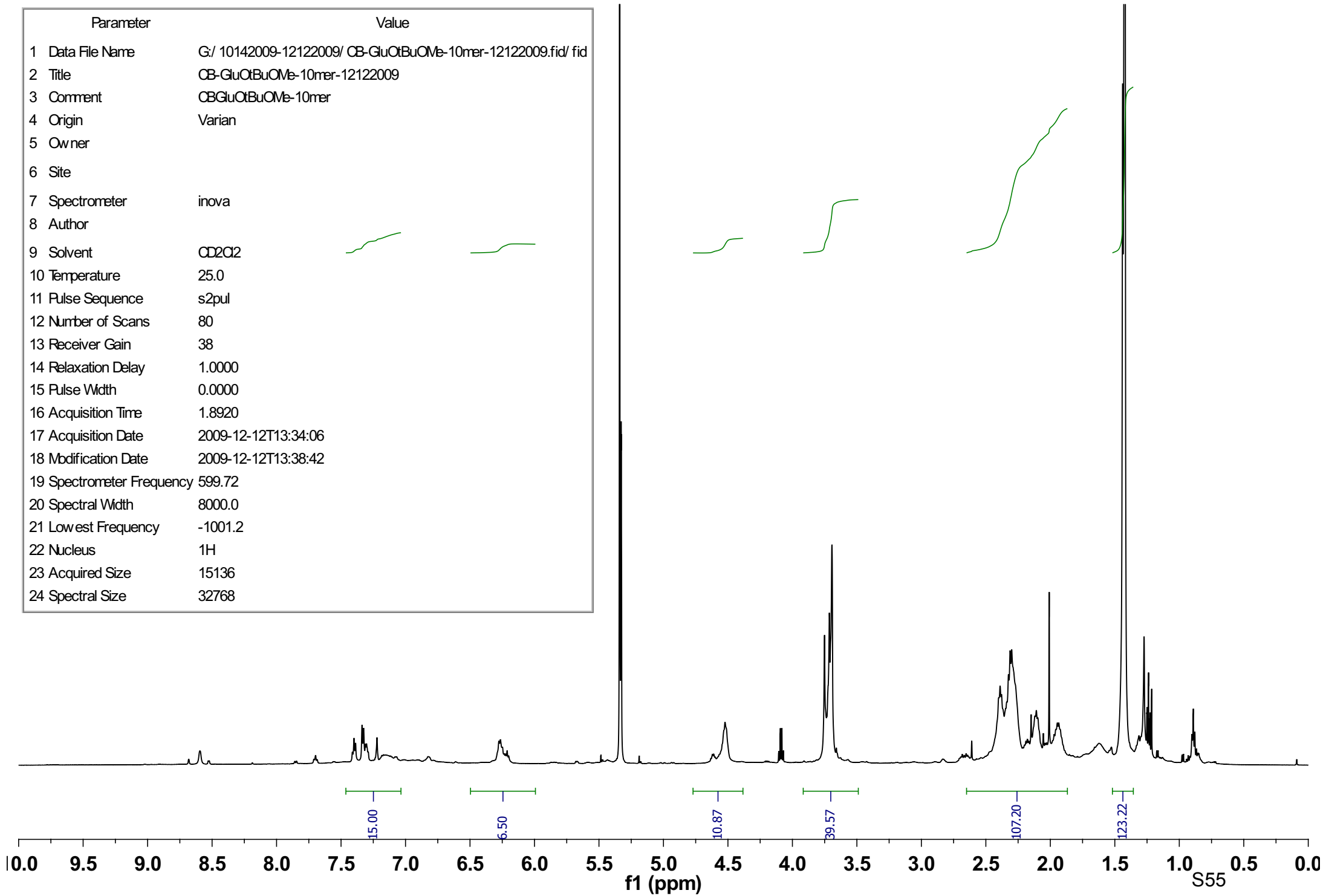
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6 Site	
7 Spectrometer	inova
8 Author	
9 Solvent	CD2Cl2
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15 Pulse Width	0.0000
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22 Nucleus	1H
23 Acquired Size	15136
24 Spectral Size	32768



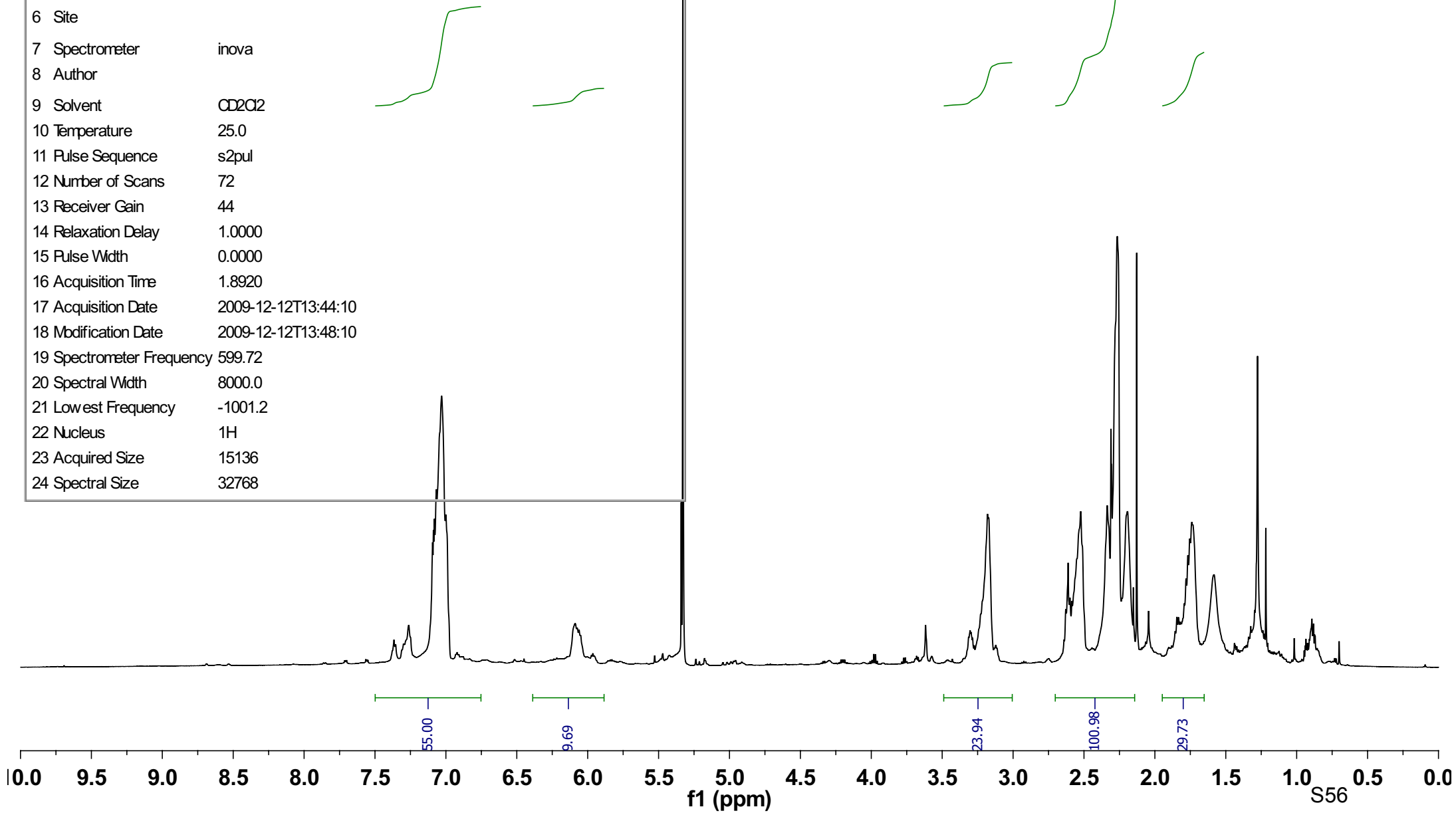
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8 Author	
9 Solvent	CD2Cl2
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24 Spectral Size	32768



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8 Author	
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10 Temperature	25.0
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12 Number of Scans	80
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22 Nucleus	¹ H
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8 Author	
9 Solvent	CD2Cl2
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19 Spectrometer Frequency	599.72
20 Spectral Width	8000.0
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22 Nucleus	1H
23 Acquired Size	15136
24 Spectral Size	32768



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