

Supporting Information for:

**Radical Cation Diels–Alder Cycloadditions by Visible Light Photocatalysis**

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**I. General Information**

Methyl viologen bis(hexafluorophosphate) ( $\text{MV}(\text{PF}_6)_2$ )<sup>1</sup>, tris(bipyridyl)ruthenium(II) bis(hexafluorophosphate) ( $\text{Ru}(\text{bpy})_3(\text{PF}_6)_2$ )<sup>1</sup> and tris(bipyrizyl)ruthenium(II) bis(hexafluorophosphate) ( $\text{Ru}(\text{bpz})_3(\text{PF}_6)_2$ )<sup>2</sup> were prepared as previously described. *trans*-1-Phenyl-1,3-butadiene,<sup>3</sup> methyl 2,4-pentadienoate,<sup>4</sup> 1-(4-methoxyphenyl)cyclohexene,<sup>5</sup> 1-acetoxy-4-propenylbenzene,<sup>6</sup> (*E*)-1-(*tert*-butyldimethylsilyloxy)-3-(4-methoxyphenyl)-2-propene,<sup>7</sup> (*Z*)-1-(4-methoxyphenyl)propene<sup>8</sup>, (*E*)-4-methoxystyryl acetate<sup>9</sup> and (*E*)-(1-propenyl)benzene<sup>10</sup> were synthesized as previously described, and all spectroscopic data were consistent with those reported for these compounds. 1-(4-Methoxyphenyl)cyclopentene was synthesized using the same method as 1-(4-methoxyphenyl)cyclohexene, and its spectroscopic data were consistent with reported values.<sup>11</sup> (*E*)-*tert*-Butyldimethyl(4-(prop-1-en-1-yl)phenoxy)silane is a new compound and its synthesis is reported below. All dienes were purified prior to use. MeCN, THF, Et<sub>2</sub>O and CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> were purified by elution through alumina as described by Grubbs.<sup>12</sup> A 23 W (1200 lumens) SLI Lighting Mini-Lynx compact fluorescent light bulb was used for all photochemical reactions unless otherwise stated. Flash column chromatography was performed with Silicycle 40-63Å silica (230-400 mesh). Diastereomer ratios for all compounds were determined by <sup>1</sup>H NMR analysis of the unpurified reaction mixture. <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR data for all previously uncharacterized compounds were obtained using Varian Inova-500 and Varian Unity-500 spectrometers and are referenced to TMS (0.0 ppm) and CDCl<sub>3</sub> (77.0 ppm) respectively unless otherwise stated. IR spectral data were obtained using a Bruker Vector 22 spectrometer (thin film on NaCl). Melting points were obtained using a Mel-Temp II (Laboratory Devices, Inc., USA) melting point apparatus. Mass spectrometry was performed with a Waters (Micromass) AutoSpec®. These facilities are funded by the NSF (CHE-9974839, CHE-9304546) and the University of Wisconsin.

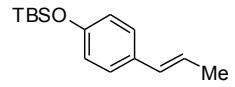
**II. Catalyst synthesis.**

**2,2'-Bipyrazine (bpz).** Chloropyrazine (5.0 g, 43.7 mmol), Pd(PPh<sub>3</sub>)<sub>4</sub> (1.5 g, 1.3 mmol), tetrabutylammonium bromide (14.0 g, 43.4 mmol), K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (20.5 g, 148.3 mmol) and DMF (42 mL) were placed together in a 250 mL round-bottomed flask. The reaction was heated to 140 °C, open to the atmosphere. After 16 h, the reaction was cooled to ambient temperature and filtered through celite. The filter pad was rinsed with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, and the filtrate was washed with water (400 mL). The aqueous phase was extracted 3 times with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>. The combined organic layers were washed 3 times with water, dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub> and concentrated by rotary evaporation. Flash column chromatography (1:1 hexanes/ethyl acetate) gave the crude product,

which was triturated with MeOH to afford 1.46 g (9.23 mmol, 42 % yield) of a pale yellow solid. All spectroscopic data were consistent with previously reported values.<sup>13</sup>

**Ru(bpz)<sub>3</sub>(BArF)<sub>2</sub>.** A solution of tris(bipyrizyl)ruthenium(II) dichloride<sup>14</sup> (450 mg, 0.70 mmol) in 30 mL water was placed in a 100 mL round-bottomed flask. Sodium tetrakis[(3,5-trifluoromethyl)phenyl]borate<sup>15</sup> (1.36 g, 1.53 mmol) dissolved in methanol (10 mL) was added to the reaction mixture followed by water (10 mL). The resulting heterogeneous suspension was filtered through a fritted glass funnel. The collected solids were dissolved in 1:1 acetone:CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> and purified by alumina flash column chromatography using CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> as the eluent. Upon concentration by rotary evaporation, the crude product was recrystallized from CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>:benzene to afford 820 mg (0.356 mmol, 51 % yield) of an orange solid. IR (neat) 3000, 2090, 1653, 1265 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR: (500 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>CN) δ 9.8 (d, J = 1.3 Hz, 6H), 8.6 (d, J = 3.2 Hz, 6H), 7.8 (dd, J = 3.2, 1.3 Hz, 6H), 7.7 (m, 16H), 7.7 (s, 8H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR: (125 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>CN) δ 162.7 (q, J = 50.5 Hz), 151.3, 149.8, 148.1, 146.5, 135.7, 130.0 (q, J = 31.6 Hz), 125.5 (q, J = 124.44 Hz), 118.7.

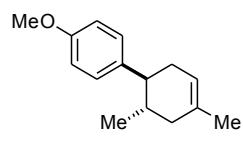
### III. Synthesis of cyclization substrates



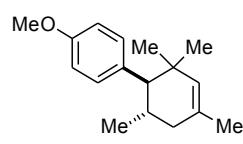
**(E)-tert-Butyldimethyl(4-(prop-1-en-1-yl)phenoxy)silane.** A solution of ethyl triphenylphosphonium iodide (4.18 g, 10.0 mmol) in 50 mL dry THF was placed in a flame-dried 100 mL round-bottomed flask. The solution was cooled to 0 °C, and n-BuLi (1.6 M in hexanes, 10.0 mmol) was added dropwise. After stirring at 0 °C for 30 minutes, p-hydroxybenzaldehyde (611 mg, 5.0 mmol) was added. The reaction mixture was gradually warmed to room temperature. After 12 h, the reaction was quenched by slow addition of saturated NH<sub>4</sub>Cl. The phases were separated, and the aqueous phase was extracted twice with Et<sub>2</sub>O. The combined organic layers were washed with brine, dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, and concentrated by rotary evaporation. Flash column chromatography (gradient, 15:1 to 5:1 hexanes/EtOAc) afforded 472 mg (3.6 mmol, 70% yield) of (E)-4-(prop-1-en-1-yl)phenol. The phenol (150 mg, 1.1 mmol) was dissolved in 0.5 mL DMF in a 10 mL round-bottom flask, to which imidazole (152 mg, 2.2 mmol) and TBSCl (253 mg, 1.7 mmol) were added. After 8 h, flash column chromatography (gradient, 50:1 to 30:1 hexanes/EtOAc) afforded 245 mg (1.0 mmol, 88% yield) of a clear oil. IR (neat) 3026, 2959, 2253, 1508, 1261, 907 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR: (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.19 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 6.76 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 6.33 (dd, J = 15.4, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 6.08 (dq, J = 15.4, 6.4 Hz, 1H), 1.85 (dd, J = 6.6, 1.5 Hz, 3H), 0.97 (s, 9H), 0.18 (s, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR: (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 154.6, 131.3, 130.4, 126.8, 123.6, 120.1, 25.7, 18.4, 18.2, -4.4. HRMS (ESI) calculated for [C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>24</sub>OSi]<sup>+</sup> requires m/z 248.1591, found m/z 248.1595.

### IV. Photocycloadditions

**General Procedure:** A solution of the dienophile in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (0.08 M) was placed in a 25 mL round-bottomed flask. In a dark hood, the diene (2–3 equiv) and Ru(bpz)<sub>3</sub>(BArF)<sub>2</sub> (0.005–0.03 equiv) were added to the flask.. The reaction was stirred at ambient temperature in front of a 23 W CFL bulb. Upon consumption of the dienophile, the reaction was eluted through a short pad of silica using EtOAc. After concentration by rotary evaporation, the pure cycloadduct was isolated by flash column chromatography.

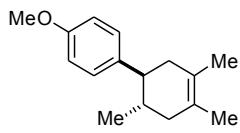


**Chart 1, compound 3.** Experiment 1: Prepared according to the General Procedure using 100.2 mg (0.676 mmol) *trans*-anethole, 202 μL (2.02 mmol) isoprene, 7.8 mg (0.0034 mmol) Ru(bpz)<sub>3</sub>(BArF)<sub>2</sub>, 8.4 mL CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> and an irradiation time of 1.0 h. Elution through a pad of silica using EtOAc and concentration by rotary evaporation afforded 145 mg (0.670 mmol, 99%) of analytically pure cycloadduct as a clear oil. Experiment 2: 100.6 mg (0.679 mmol) *trans*-anethole, 202 μL (2.02 mmol) isoprene, 7.8 mg (0.0034 mmol) Ru(bpz)<sub>3</sub>(BArF)<sub>2</sub> and 8.4 mL CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>. Isolated 142 mg (0.656 mmol, 97% yield, dr: >10:1). IR (neat) 2951, 2834, 1512, 1038 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR: (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.12 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 6.87 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 5.48 (bs, 1H), 3.82 (s, 3H), 2.33 (td, J = 11.3, 5.1 Hz, 1H), 2.25 (m, 1H), 2.19 (m, 1H), 2.12 (dd, J = 17.6, 4.0 Hz, 1H), 1.92 (qd, J = 5.7, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 1.83 (m, 1H), 1.72 (s, 3H), 0.74 (d, J = 6.2 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR: (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 157.8, 138.2, 133.8, 128.5, 120.9, 113.7, 55.2, 47.0, 39.9, 35.3, 34.0, 23.4, 20.3. HRMS (EI) calculated for [C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>20</sub>O]<sup>+</sup> requires m/z 216.1509, found m/z 216.1511.

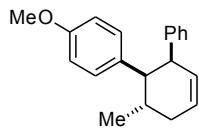


**Chart 1, compound 7.** Experiment 1: Prepared according to the General Procedure using 100.4 mg (0.677 mmol) *trans*-anethole, 262 μL (2.02 mmol) 2,4-dimethyl-1,3-pentadiene, 7.8 mg (0.0034 mmol) Ru(bpz)<sub>3</sub>(BArF)<sub>2</sub>, 8.4 mL CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> and an irradiation time of 2.0 h. Purification by flash column chromatography (50:1 hexanes/EtOAc) afforded 149 mg (0.610 mmol, 90 %) of a clear oil. Experiment 2: 100.1 mg (0.675 mmol) *trans*-anethole, 262 μL (2.02 mmol) 2,4-dimethyl-1,3-

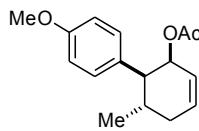
pentadiene, 7.8 mg (0.0034 mmol) Ru(bpz)<sub>3</sub>(BArF)<sub>2</sub> and 8.4 mL CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>. Isolated 152 mg (0.622 mmol, 92 % yield, dr: >10:1). IR (neat) 2956, 1512, 907, 733 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR: (500 MHz, C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>) δ 6.96 (dd, J = 20.3, 7.5 Hz, 2H), 6.81 (dd, J = 46.7, 7.5 Hz, 2H), 5.28 (s, 1H), 3.36 (s, 3H), 2.20 (d, J = 12.1 Hz, 1H), 2.12 (m, 1H), 1.97 (dd, J = 17.6, 4.9 Hz, 1H), 1.69 (d, J = 10.4 Hz, 1H), 1.66 (s, 3H), 0.94 (s, 1H), 0.90 (s, 1H), 0.77 (d, J = 6.4 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR: (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 157.8, 133.1, 130.3, 129.3, 113.2, 112.1, 57.5, 55.0, 40.3, 36.0, 29.9, 28.7, 24.4, 23.0, 20.6. HRMS (EI) calculated for [C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>24</sub>O]<sup>+</sup> requires m/z 244.1822, found m/z 244.1815.



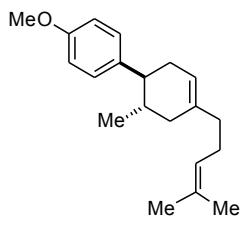
**Chart 1, compound 8.** Experiment 1: Prepared according to the General Procedure using 99.6 mg (0.672 mmol) *trans*-anethole, 230 μL (2.03 mmol) 2,3-dimethyl-1,3-butadiene, 7.8 mg (0.0034 mmol) Ru(bpz)<sub>3</sub>(BArF)<sub>2</sub>, 8.4 mL CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> and an irradiation time of 1.0 h. Elution through a pad of silica using EtOAc and concentration by rotary evaporation afforded 154 mg (0.669 mmol, 99%) of analytically pure cycloadduct as a clear oil. Experiment 2: 100.7 mg (0.679 mmol) *trans*-anethole, 230 μL (2.03 mmol) 2,3-dimethyl-1,3-butadiene, 7.8 mg (0.0034 mmol) Ru(bpz)<sub>3</sub>(BArF)<sub>2</sub> and 8.4 mL CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>. Isolated 150 mg (0.651 mmol, 96% yield, dr: >10:1). IR (neat) 3032, 2888, 1456, 1246 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR: (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.07 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 6.83 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 3.77 (s, 3H), 2.33 (td, J = 10.8, 5.2 Hz, 1H), 2.16 (m, 1H), 2.08 (m, 2H), 1.84 (m, 2H), 1.64 (s, 3H), 1.61 (s, 3H), 0.70 (d, J = 6.1 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR: (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 157.8, 138.2, 128.5, 125.5, 125.3, 113.7, 55.2, 47.9, 41.9, 41.7, 34.3, 20.1, 18.8, 18.7. HRMS (EI) calculated for [C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>22</sub>O]<sup>+</sup> requires m/z 230.1666, found m/z 230.1665.



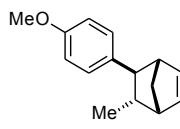
**Chart 1, compound 9.** Experiment 1: Prepared according to the General Procedure using 99.8 mg (0.673 mmol) *trans*-anethole, 176 mg (1.35 mmol) 1-phenyl-1,3-butadiene, 7.8 mg (0.0034 mmol) Ru(bpz)<sub>3</sub>(BArF)<sub>2</sub>, 8.4 mL CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> and an irradiation time of 20 h. Purification by flash column chromatography (50:1 hexanes/EtOAc) afforded 134 mg (0.481 mmol, 72%) of a clear oil. Experiment 2: 100.2 mg (0.676 mmol) *trans*-anethole, 176 mg (1.35 mmol) 1-phenyl-1,3-butadiene, 7.8 mg (0.0034 mmol) Ru(bpz)<sub>3</sub>(BArF)<sub>2</sub> and 8.4 mL CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>. Isolated 136 mg (0.489 mmol, 72% yield, dr: >10:1). IR (neat) 3017, 2966, 2873, 1497, 1055 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR: (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.09 (m, 3H), 6.74 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.60 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 6.47 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 5.98 (m, 1H), 5.83 (m, 1H), 3.74 (s, 3H), 3.49 (m, 1H), 2.88 (dd, J = 11.8, 5.9 Hz, 1H), 2.45 (dt, J = 18.1, 5.6 Hz, 1H), 2.16 (m, 1H), 1.94 (m, 1H), 0.71 (d, J = 6.6 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR: (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 157.5, 140.7, 134.3, 130.6, 130.1, 129.5, 127.5, 127.1, 126.0, 112.7, 55.1, 51.8, 48.7, 35.3, 26.3, 20.3. HRMS (EI) calculated for [C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>22</sub>O]<sup>+</sup> requires m/z 278.1666, found m/z 278.1666.



**Chart 1, compound 10.** Experiment 1: Prepared according to the General Procedure using 100.3 mg (0.677 mmol) *trans*-anethole, 227 mg (2.02 mmol) 1-acetoxy-1,3-butadiene, 47 mg (0.0202 mmol) Ru(bpz)<sub>3</sub>(BArF)<sub>2</sub>, 8.4 mL CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> and an irradiation time of 18 h. Purification by flash column chromatography (gradient, 25:1 to 15:1 to 10:1 to 5:1 hexanes/EtOAc) afforded 117 mg (0.449 mmol, 66%) of a white solid. Experiment 2: 100.1 mg (0.675 mmol) *trans*-anethole, 230 mg (2.05 mmol) 1-acetoxy-1,3-butadiene, 47 mg (0.0202 mmol) Ru(bpz)<sub>3</sub>(BArF)<sub>2</sub> and 8.4 mL CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>. Isolated 120 mg (0.461 mmol, 68% yield, dr: >10:1). IR (neat) 3034, 2952, 1730, 1514, 1179 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR: (500 MHz, C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>) δ 7.02 (dd, J = 8.7, 2.0 Hz, 2H), 6.79 (dd, J = 8.7, 1.8 Hz, 2H), 6.03 (m, 1H), 5.78 (ddd, J = 9.8, 5.1, 2.2 Hz, 1H), 5.44 (t, J = 4.2 Hz, 1H), 3.33 (s, 1H), 2.41 (dd, J = 12.0, 3.7 Hz, 1H), 2.28 (m, 1H), 2.08 (td, J = 18.5, 5.0, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 1.60 (s, 3H), 1.55 (m, 1H), 0.72 (d, J = 6.5 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR: (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 170.1, 158.3, 132.8, 130.1, 124.9, 113.3, 69.9, 55.1, 50.9, 35.0, 26.7, 21.3, 19.7. HRMS (EI) calculated for [C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>20</sub>O<sub>3</sub>]<sup>+</sup> requires m/z 260.1407, found m/z 260.1411.

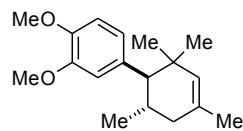


**Chart 1, compound 11.** Experiment 1: Prepared according to the General Procedure using 100.8 mg (0.680 mmol) *trans*-anethole, 350 μL (2.03 mmol) myrcene, 7.8 mg (0.0034 mmol) Ru(bpz)<sub>3</sub>(BArF)<sub>2</sub>, 8.4 mL CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> and an irradiation time of 1.5 h. Purification by flash column chromatography (60:1 hexanes/EtOAc) afforded 170 mg (0.598 mmol, 88%) of a clear oil. Experiment 2: 100.5 mg (0.678 mmol) *trans*-anethole, 350 μL (2.03 mmol) myrcene, 7.8 mg (0.0034 mmol) Ru(bpz)<sub>3</sub>(BArF)<sub>2</sub> and 8.4 mL CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>. Isolated 168 mg (0.591 mmol, 87% yield, dr: >10:1). IR (neat) 2966, 2834, 1513, 1247 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR: (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.08 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 6.83 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 5.46 (s, 1H), 5.14 (m, 1H), 3.78 (s, 3H), 2.31 (m, 1H), 2.20 (m, 2H), 2.09 (m, 3H), 1.99 (m, 2H), 1.88 (m, 1H), 1.80 (m, 1H), 1.70 (s, 3H), 1.62 (s, 3H), 0.71 (d, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR: (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 157.8, 138.2, 137.5, 131.4, 128.5, 124.4, 120.4, 113.7, 55.1, 47.0, 38.1, 37.5, 35.1, 33.9, 26.4, 25.7, 20.2, 17.7. HRMS (EI) calculated for [C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>28</sub>O]<sup>+</sup> requires m/z 284.2135, found m/z 284.2140.

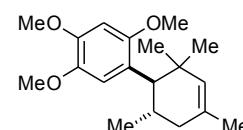


**Chart 1, compound 12.** Experiment 1: Prepared according to the General Procedure using 100.5 mg (0.678 mmol) *trans*-anethole, 170  $\mu$ L (2.02 mmol) 1,3-cyclopentadiene, 7.8 mg (0.0034 mmol) Ru(bpz)<sub>3</sub>(BArF)<sub>2</sub>, 8.4 mL CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> and an irradiation time of 1.5 h. Purification by flash column chromatography (55:1 hexanes/EtOAc) afforded 134 mg (0.625 mmol, 92%) of a colorless oil.

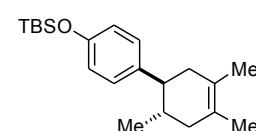
Experiment 2: 100.2 mg (0.676 mmol) of *trans*-anethole, 170  $\mu$ L (2.02 mmol) of 1,3-cyclopentadiene, 7.8 mg (0.0034 mmol) of Ru(bpz)<sub>3</sub>(BArF)<sub>2</sub> and 8.4 mL of CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>. Isolated 131 mg (0.611 mmol, 90% yield, dr: 6:1). All spectroscopic data were consistent with previously reported values.<sup>16</sup>



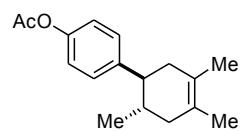
**Chart 1, compound 13.** Experiment 1: Prepared according to the General Procedure using 100.3 mg (0.563 mmol) 1,2-dimethoxy-4-propenylbenzene, 217  $\mu$ L (1.68 mmol) 2,4-dimethyl-1,3-pentadiene, 6.5 mg (0.0028 mmol) Ru(bpz)<sub>3</sub>(BArF)<sub>2</sub>, 7.0 mL CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> and an irradiation time of 1.0 h. Purification by flash column chromatography (gradient, 40:1 to 20:1 to 10:1 hexanes/EtOAc) afforded 117 mg (0.426 mmol, 76%) of a clear oil. Experiment 2: 100.1 mg (0.562 mmol) of 1,2-dimethoxy-4-propenylbenzene, 217  $\mu$ L (1.68 mmol) 2,4-dimethyl-1,3-pentadiene, 6.5 mg (0.0028 mmol) Ru(bpz)<sub>3</sub>(BArF)<sub>2</sub> and 7.0 mL CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>. Isolated 123 mg (0.448 mmol, 80% yield, dr: >10:1). IR (neat) 2953, 1518, 1255, 1031 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR: (500 MHz, DMSO)  $\delta$  6.87 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 6.73 (d, J = 2.1 Hz, 1H), 6.68 (dd, J = 8.2, 2.1 Hz, 1H), 5.21 (s, 1H), 3.77 (s, 3H), 3.76 (s, 3H), 2.19 (m, 2H), 2.11 (m, 1H), 1.74 (dd, J = 17.4, 8.4 Hz, 1H), 1.65 (s, 3H), 0.84 (s, 3H), 0.80 (s, 3H), 0.70 (d, J = 5.7 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR: (125 MHz, DMSO)  $\delta$  149.1, 148.4, 134.4, 133.7, 130.0, 123.4, 116.6, 113.1, 58.0, 56.9, 56.6, 40.6, 36.4, 30.4, 28.9, 25.2, 23.1, 20.9. HRMS (EI) calculated for [C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>26</sub>O<sub>2</sub>]<sup>+</sup> requires m/z 274.1928, found m/z 274.1928.



**Chart 1, compound 14.** Experiment 1: Prepared according to the General Procedure using 100.4 mg (0.482 mmol) *trans*-1,2,4-trimethoxy-5-(1-propenyl)benzene, 186  $\mu$ L (1.44 mmol) 2,4-dimethyl-1,3-pentadiene, 5.5 mg (0.0024 mmol) Ru(bpz)<sub>3</sub>(BArF)<sub>2</sub>, 6.0 mL CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> and an irradiation time of 8.0 h. Purification by flash column chromatography (gradient, 40:1 to 20:1 to 10:1 hexanes/EtOAc) afforded 107 mg (0.351 mmol, 73%) of a clear oil. Experiment 2: 100.3 mg (0.482 mmol) *trans*-1,2,4-trimethoxy-5-(1-propenyl)benzene, 186  $\mu$ L (1.44 mmol) 2,4-dimethyl-1,3-pentadiene, 5.5 mg (0.0024 mmol) Ru(bpz)<sub>3</sub>(BArF)<sub>2</sub> and 6.0 mL CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>. Isolated 104 mg (0.342 mmol, 71% yield, dr: >10:1). IR (neat) 2928, 1512, 1249, 834 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR: (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  6.645 (s, 1H), 6.534 (s, 1H), 5.208 (bs, 1H), 3.888 (s, 3H), 3.819 (s, 3H), 3.757 (s, 3H), 2.924 (d, J = 11.4 Hz, 1H), 2.098 (m, 2H), 1.788 (dd, J = 18.4, 11.4 Hz, 1H), 1.667 (s, 3H), 0.832 (s, 3H), 0.793 (s, 3H), 0.690 (d, J = 6.0 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR: (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  153.1, 147.4, 142.3, 133.6, 130.2, 121.7, 114.5, 97.7, 56.8, 56.8, 55.9, 46.9, 40.6, 36.8, 29.6, 28.8, 25.1, 23.3, 20.5. HRMS (EI) calculated for [C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>28</sub>O<sub>3</sub>]<sup>+</sup> requires m/z 304.2033, found m/z 304.2039.

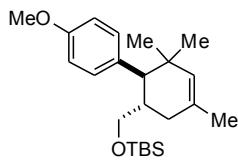


**Chart 1, compound 15.** Experiment 1: Prepared according to the General Procedure using 100.7 mg (0.405 mmol) (*E*)-*tert*-butyldimethyl(4-(prop-1-en-1-yl)phenoxy)silane, 137  $\mu$ L (1.21 mmol) 2,3-dimethyl-1,3-butadiene, 4.6 mg (0.0020 mmol) Ru(bpz)<sub>3</sub>(BArF)<sub>2</sub>, 5.0 mL CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> and an irradiation time of 4 h. Purification by flash column chromatography (gradient, 50:1 to 40:1 hexanes/EtOAc) afforded 101 mg (0.306 mmol, 75%) of a clear oil. Experiment 2: 100.1 mg (0.403 mmol) (*E*)-*tert*-butyldimethyl(4-(prop-1-en-1-yl)phenoxy)silane, 137  $\mu$ L (1.21 mmol) 2,3-dimethyl-1,3-butadiene, 4.6 mg (0.0020 mmol) Ru(bpz)<sub>3</sub>(BArF)<sub>2</sub>, 5.0 mL CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>. Isolated 104 mg (0.315 mmol, 78 % yield, dr: >10:1). IR (neat) 2958, 2254, 1510, 1255, 908 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR: (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.00 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 6.75 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 2.31 (td, J = 10.8, 5.6 Hz, 1H), 2.15 (m, 1H), 2.07 (m, 2H), 1.82 (m, 2H), 1.64 (s, 3H), 1.61 (s, 3H), 0.98 (s, 9H), 0.67 (d, J = 6.2 Hz, 3H), 0.19 (s, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR: (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  153.6, 138.7, 128.3, 125.5, 125.3, 119.7, 47.9, 41.7, 41.6, 34.3, 25.7, 20.0, 18.7, 18.6, 18.2, -4.4. HRMS (ESI) calculated for [C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>34</sub>OSi]<sup>+</sup> requires m/z 330.2374, found m/z 330.2375.

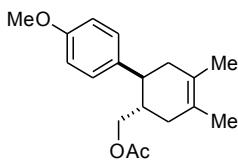


**Chart 1, compound 16.** Experiment 1: Prepared according to the General Procedure using 100.2 mg (0.569 mmol) 1-acetoxy-4-propenylbenzene, 193  $\mu$ L (1.71 mmol) 2,3-dimethyl-1,3-butadiene, 39 mg (0.0170 mmol) Ru(bpz)<sub>3</sub>(BArF)<sub>2</sub>, 7.1 mL CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> and an irradiation time of 3 h. Purification by flash column chromatography (50:1 hexanes/EtOAc) afforded 83 mg (0.321 mmol, 56%) of a clear oil. Experiment 2: 99.8 mg (0.566 mmol) 1-acetoxy-4-propenylbenzene, 193  $\mu$ L (1.71 mmol) 2,3-dimethyl-1,3-butadiene, 39 mg (0.0170 mmol) Ru(bpz)<sub>3</sub>(BArF)<sub>2</sub> and 7.1 mL CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>. Isolated 86 mg (0.333, 59% yield, dr: >10:1). IR (neat) 2925, 1756, 1506, 1201 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR: (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.16 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.00 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 2.39 (td, J = 10.1, 5.8 Hz, 1H), 2.29 (s, 3H), 2.12 (m, 3H), 1.88 (m, 1H), 1.80 (m, 1H), 1.64 (s, 3H), 1.61 (s, 3H), 0.70

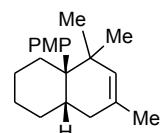
(d,  $J = 6.2$  Hz, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR: (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  169.6, 148.7, 143.6, 128.5, 125.3, 125.3, 121.2, 48.1, 41.5, 41.4, 34.1, 21.2, 20.0, 18.7, 18.6. HRMS (EI) calculated for  $[\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{22}\text{O}_2]^+$  requires  $m/z$  258.1615, found  $m/z$  258.1613.



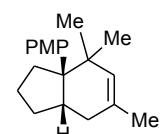
**Chart 1, compound 17.** Experiment 1: Prepared according to the General Procedure using 100.2 mg (0.360 mmol) (*E*)-1-(*tert*-butyldimethylsilyloxy)-3-(4-methoxyphenyl)-2-propene, 140  $\mu\text{L}$  (1.08 mmol) 2,4-dimethyl-1,3-pentadiene, 4.1 mg (0.0018 mmol)  $\text{Ru}(\text{bpz})_3(\text{BArF})_2$ , 4.5 mL  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  and an irradiation time of 2.0 h. Purification by flash column chromatography (gradient, 50:1 to 40:1 to 30:1 hexanes/EtOAc) afforded 125 mg (0.334 mmol, 93%) of a clear oil. Experiment 2: 100.6 mg (0.361 mmol) (*E*)-*tert*-butyl(3-(4-methoxyphenyl)allyloxy)dimethylsilane, 140  $\mu\text{L}$  (1.08 mmol) 2,4-dimethyl-1,3-pentadiene, 4.1 mg (0.0018 mmol)  $\text{Ru}(\text{bpz})_3(\text{BArF})_2$  and 4.5 mL  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ . Isolated 122 mg (0.326 mmol, 90% yield, dr: >10:1). IR (neat) 2955, 2856, 1512, 1250, 835  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ .  $^1\text{H}$  NMR: (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.014 (m, 2H), 6.808 (m, 2H), 5.182 (s, 1H), 3.803 (s, 1H), 3.399 (dd,  $J = 9.7, 3.0$  Hz, 1H), 3.176 (dd,  $J = 9.7, 6.4$  Hz, 1H), 2.393 (d,  $J = 11.9$  Hz, 1H), 2.221 (m, 1H), 2.139 (dd,  $J = 17.4, 5.5$  Hz, 1H), 2.040 (dd,  $J = 17.4, 11.3$  Hz, 1H), 1.728 (s, 3H), 0.814 (s, 9H), 0.814 (s, 3H), 0.782 (s, 3H), -0.137 (s, 3H), -0.200 (s, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR: (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  157.8, 133.3, 132.9, 132.4, 130.4, 129.1, 112.9, 112.3, 77.2, 77.0, 76.7, 65.7, 55.2, 51.9, 36.2, 36.0, 34.9, 29.7, 25.9, 24.8, 23.5, 18.3, -5.7, -5.7. HRMS (EI) calculated for  $[\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{38}\text{O}_2\text{SiH}]^+$  requires  $m/z$  375.2714, found  $m/z$  375.2703.



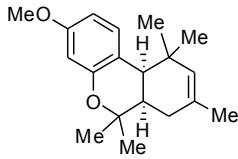
**Chart 1, compound 18.** Experiment 1: Prepared according to the General Procedure using 100.9 mg (0.489 mmol) (*E*)-4-methoxystyryl acetate, 165  $\mu\text{L}$  (1.46 mmol) 2,3-dimethyl-1,3-butadiene, 5.6 mg (0.0024 mmol)  $\text{Ru}(\text{bpz})_3(\text{BArF})_2$ , 6.1 mL  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  and an irradiation time of 4 h. Purification by flash column chromatography (gradient, 50:1 to 10:1 hexanes/EtOAc) afforded 122 mg (0.423 mmol, 87%) of a clear oil. Experiment 2: 100.5 mg (0.487 mmol) (*E*)-4-methoxystyryl acetate, 165  $\mu\text{L}$  (1.46 mmol) 2,3-dimethyl-1,3-butadiene, 5.6 mg (0.0024 mmol)  $\text{Ru}(\text{bpz})_3(\text{BArF})_2$ , 6.1 mL  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ . Isolated 125 mg (0.433 mmol, 89% yield, dr: >10:1). IR (neat) 2901, 2254, 1731, 1513, 1303, 1037  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ .  $^1\text{H}$  NMR: (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  1H NMR: 7.08 (d,  $J = 8.8$  Hz, 2H), 6.83 (d,  $J = 8.8$  Hz, 2H), 3.89 (dd,  $J = 11.1, 3.7$  Hz, 1H), 3.78 (s, 3H), 3.65 (dd,  $J = 11.1, 7.3$  Hz, 1H), 2.60 (td,  $J = 10.5, 5.9$  Hz, 1H), 2.20 (m, 1H), 2.13 (m, 3H), 1.98 (m, 1H), 1.97 (s, 3H), 1.66 (s, 3H), 1.63 (s, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR: (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  171.1, 158.1, 136.4, 128.3, 125.3, 124.4, 113.9, 67.4, 55.2, 42.7, 41.0, 38.7, 35.7, 20.8, 18.8, 18.6. HRMS (EI) calculated for  $[\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{24}\text{O}_3]^+$  requires  $m/z$  288.1720, found  $m/z$  288.1728.



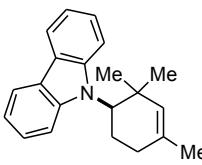
**Chart 1, compound 19.** Experiment 1: Prepared according to the General Procedure using 100.3 mg (0.533 mmol) 1-(4-methoxyphenyl)cyclohexene, 206  $\mu\text{L}$  (1.59 mmol) 2,4-dimethyl-1,3-pentadiene, 6.1 mg (0.0027 mmol)  $\text{Ru}(\text{bpz})_3(\text{BArF})_2$ , 6.6 mL  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  and an irradiation time of 20 h. Purification by flash column chromatography (gradient, 50:1 to 40:1 hexanes/EtOAc) afforded 140 mg (0.492 mmol, 92%) of a clear oil. Experiment 2: 100.5 mg (0.534 mmol) 1-(4-methoxyphenyl)cyclohexene, 206  $\mu\text{L}$  (1.59 mmol) 2,4-dimethyl-1,3-pentadiene, 6.1 mg (0.0027 mmol)  $\text{Ru}(\text{bpz})_3(\text{BArF})_2$  and 6.6 mL  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ . Isolated 138 mg (0.485 mmol, 91% yield, dr: >10:1). IR (neat) 2945, 2834, 1514, 1251, 1040  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ .  $^1\text{H}$  NMR: (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.274 (d,  $J = 8.2$  Hz, 1H), 7.233 (d,  $J = 9.3$  Hz, 1H), 6.850 (d,  $J = 8.2$  Hz, 2H), 5.099 (s, 1H), 3.805 (s, 3H), 2.790 (m, 1H), 2.293 (dd,  $J = 18.0, 10.3$  Hz, 1H), 2.083 (d,  $J = 13.9$  Hz, 1H), 1.935 (dd,  $J = 18.0, 6.7$  Hz, 1H), 1.679 (s, 3H), 1.645 (m, 1H), 1.553 (m, 2H), 1.426 (m, 1H), 1.236 (m, 3H), 0.787 (s, 1H), 0.511 (s, 1H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR: (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  157.0, 134.1, 132.2, 130.6, 130.2, 128.4, 112.5, 112.3, 55.0, 45.1, 38.7, 32.2, 30.3, 28.4, 26.0, 24.6, 24.1, 23.1, 21.7, 19.5. HRMS (EI) calculated for  $[\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{28}\text{O}_2]^+$  requires  $m/z$  284.2135, found  $m/z$  284.2124.



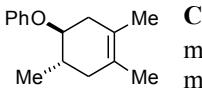
**Chart 1, compound 20.** Prepared according to the General Procedure using 100.6 mg (0.577 mmol) 1-(4-methoxyphenyl)cyclopentene, 223  $\mu\text{L}$  (1.73 mmol) 2,4-dimethyl-1,3-pentadiene, 6.6 mg (0.0029 mmol)  $\text{Ru}(\text{bpz})_3(\text{BArF})_2$ , 7.2 mL  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  and an irradiation time of 1.5 h. Purification by flash column chromatography (gradient, 50:1 to 40:1 hexanes/EtOAc) afforded 131 mg (0.484 mmol, 84%) of a clear oil. Experiment 2: 100.2 mg (0.575 mmol) 1-(4-methoxyphenyl)cyclopentene, 223  $\mu\text{L}$  (1.73 mmol) 2,4-dimethyl-1,3-pentadiene, 6.6 mg (0.0029 mmol)  $\text{Ru}(\text{bpz})_3(\text{BArF})_2$  and 7.2 mL  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ . Isolated 132 mg (0.488 mmol, 85% yield, dr: >10:1). IR(neat) 2958, 287, 1513, 1251  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ .  $^1\text{H}$  NMR: (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.34 (d,  $J = 9.2$  Hz, 2H), 6.83 (d,  $J = 9.2$  Hz, 2H), 5.13 (m, 1H), 3.80 (s, 3H), 2.75 (dd,  $J = 13.9, 6.4$  Hz, 1H), 2.14 (m, 2H), 1.73 (m, 1H), 1.68 (m, 2H), 1.65 (s, 3H), 1.46 (m, 1H), 1.28 (m, 1H), 1.24 (m, 1H), 0.88 (s, 3H), 0.57 (s, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR: (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  157.3, 135.5, 132.2, 129.3, 127.9, 112.5, 55.1, 54.9, 37.0, 35.2, 30.3, 30.1, 29.8, 26.0, 23.2, 19.8. HRMS (EI) calculated for  $[\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{26}\text{O}]^+$  requires  $m/z$  270.1979, found  $m/z$  270.1970.



**Chart 1, compound 21.** Experiment 1: Prepared according to the General Procedure using 101.2 mg (0.532 mmol) precocene I, 204  $\mu$ L (1.58 mmol) 2,4-dimethyl-1,3-pentadiene, 36 mg (0.0158 mmol)  $\text{Ru}(\text{bpz})_3(\text{BArF})_2$ , 6.6 mL of  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  and an irradiation time of 48 h. Purification by flash column chromatography (2:1 hexanes/ $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ ) yielded 60% of cycloadduct as determined by  $^1\text{H}$  NMR using  $\text{CH}_2\text{Br}_2$  as a calibrated internal standard. Experiment 2: Prepared according to the General Procedure using 106.1 mg (0.558 mmol) precocene I, 204  $\mu$ L (1.58 mmol) 2,4-dimethyl-1,3-pentadiene, 36 mg (0.0158 mmol)  $\text{Ru}(\text{bpz})_3(\text{BArF})_2$  and 6.6 mL of  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ . Yielded 64% of cycloadduct as determined by  $^1\text{H}$  NMR, dr: >10:1. IR (neat) 3039, 2975, 2836, 1504, 1159  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ .  $^1\text{H}$  NMR: (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.26 (d,  $J$  = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 6.41 (m, 2H), 5.18 (m, 1H), 3.75 (s, 3H), 2.74 (d,  $J$  = 4.9 Hz, 1H), 2.23 (td,  $J$  = 6.9, 5.2 Hz, 1H), 2.02 (dd,  $J$  = 17.5, 6.9 Hz, 1H), 1.78 (dd,  $J$  = 17.5, 6.7 Hz, 1H), 1.60 (s, 3H), 1.36 (s, 3H), 1.31 (s, 3H), 1.17 (s, 3H), 1.14 (s, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR: (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  158.8, 155.7, 130.8, 130.1, 129.6, 118.9, 106.2, 102.7, 78.6, 55.1, 42.0, 40.2, 35.5, 33.5, 29.6, 29.3, 27.5, 25.4, 23.5. HRMS (EI) calculated for  $[\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{30}\text{O}_2]^+$  requires  $m/z$  286.1928, found  $m/z$  286.1938.



**Chart 1, compound 22.** Experiment 1: Prepared according to the General Procedure using 100.2 mg (0.519 mmol) 9-vinylcarbazole, 201  $\mu$ L (1.55 mmol) 2,4-dimethyl-1,3-pentadiene, 36 mg (0.0155 mmol)  $\text{Ru}(\text{bpz})_3(\text{BArF})_2$ , 6.5 mL  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  and an irradiation time of 24 h. Purification by flash column chromatography (50:1 hexanes/EtOAc) afforded 96 mg (0.332 mmol, 64%) of a clear oil. Experiment 2: 100.8 mg (0.522 mmol) of *trans*-anethole, 201  $\mu$ L (1.55 mmol) 2,4-dimethyl-1,3-pentadiene, 36 mg (0.0155 mmol)  $\text{Ru}(\text{bpz})_3(\text{BArF})_2$  and 6.5 mL  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ . Isolated 100 mg (0.346 mmol, 66% yield, dr: >10:1. IR (neat) 3060, 2963, 1451, 1195, 909  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ .  $^1\text{H}$  NMR: (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.08 (dd,  $J$  = 7.6, 6.4 Hz, 2H), 7.67 (d,  $J$  = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.48 (d,  $J$  = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.42 (t,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.34 (t,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.19 (m, 2H), 5.27 (s, 1H), 4.60 (dd,  $J$  = 13.5, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 2.97 (qd,  $J$  = 12.7, 5.6 Hz, 1H), 2.27 (m, 1H), 2.17 (m, 1H), 1.91 (m, 1H), 1.75 (s, 3H), 1.17 (s, 3H), 1.06 (s, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR: (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  142.6, 140.6, 132.8, 131.3, 125.4, 124.9, 124.0, 122.9, 119.9, 119.7, 118.7, 118.5, 113.6, 110.2, 62.4, 40.2, 32.2, 29.9, 25.9, 25.3, 23.3. HRMS (EI) calculated for  $[\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{23}\text{N}]^+$  requires  $m/z$  289.1825, found  $m/z$  189.1828.



**Chart 1, compound 23.** Experiment 1: Prepared according to the General Procedure using 100.4 mg (0.748 mmol) (*E*)-(1-propenyl)benzene, 253  $\mu$ L (2.24 mmol) 2,3-dimethyl-1,3-butadiene, 8.6 mg (0.0037 mmol)  $\text{Ru}(\text{bpz})_3(\text{BArF})_2$ , 9.3 mL  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  and an irradiation time of 20 h. Purification by flash column chromatography (40:1 hexanes/EtOAc) yielded 43% of cycloadduct as determined by  $^1\text{H}$  NMR using  $\text{CH}_2\text{Br}_2$  as a calibrated internal standard. Experiment 2: 100.1 mg (0.746 mmol) (*E*)-(1-propenyl)benzene, 253  $\mu$ L (2.24 mmol) 2,3-dimethyl-1,3-butadiene, 8.6 mg (0.0037 mmol)  $\text{Ru}(\text{bpz})_3(\text{BArF})_2$  and 9.3 mL  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ . Yielded 41 % of cycloadduct as determined by  $^1\text{H}$  NMR, dr: >10:1. IR (neat) 2956, 2909, 1494, 1245  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ .  $^1\text{H}$  NMR: (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.26 (m, 2H), 6.93 (d,  $J$  = 8.1 Hz, 3H), 4.10 (td,  $J$  = 8.1, 5.4 Hz, 1H), 2.41 (dd,  $J$  = 16.8, 4.3 Hz, 1H), 2.19 (dd,  $J$  = 16.8, 4.3 Hz, 1H), 2.09 (m, 1H), 2.01 (m, 1H), 1.80 (m, 1H), 1.62 (s, 3H), 1.60 (s, 3H), 1.04 (d,  $J$  = 6.4 Hz, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR: (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  158.6, 129.4, 124.9, 122.7, 120.5, 116.2, 116.0, 78.8, 39.3, 36.8, 34.0, 18.8, 18.5, 17.8. HRMS (EI) calculated for  $[\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{20}\text{O}]^+$  requires  $m/z$  216.1509, found  $m/z$  216.1515.

**Large-scale solar cycloaddition (Table 2, entry 4).** A 250 mL round-bottom flask was charged with 2.01 g (13.6 mmol) *trans*-anethole, 31 mg (0.013 mmol)  $\text{Ru}(\text{bpz})_3(\text{BArF})_2$ , 4.1 mL (41.0 mmol) isoprene, and 250 mL  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ . The reaction was stirred in a laboratory window for 2 h. The reaction mixture was concentrated and passed through a short pad of silica with EtOAc. The solvent was removed by rotary evaporation to afford 2.79 g (12.9 mmol, 95% yield, dr >10:1) of analytically pure cycloadduct.



## V. Studies on the synthesis of heitziamide A

**Thermal cycloaddition of fagaramide and myrcene.** Fagaramide (500 mg, 2.02 mmol) and myrcene (7.0 mL, 40.6 mmol) were placed together in a sealed tube and heated to 150 °C. After 72 h, the reaction mixture was passed through a plug of SiO<sub>2</sub> eluting with 10:1 hexanes:ethyl acetate. The solvent was removed by rotary evaporation, and the residue was purified by flash column chromatography (gradient, 10:1 to 3:1 hexanes/EtOAc) to afford 465 mg (1.21 mmol, 60% yield) of the “thermal” regioisomer (**32**) as a 2:1 mixture of *trans:cis* diastereomers.

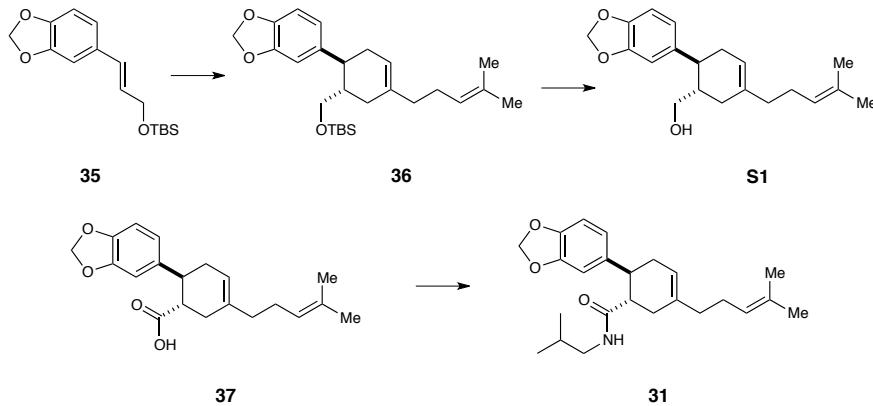
*Trans* diastereomer: IR (neat) 3053, 2986, 2914, 1723, 1520, 1265 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR: (600 MHz, C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>) δ 6.88 (d, J = 1.5 Hz, 1H), 6.74 (dd, J = 8.2, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 6.71 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 5.79 (t, J = 5.8 Hz, 1H), 5.50 (s, 1H), 5.40 (dd, J = 7.6, 1.5 Hz, 2H), 5.25 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 1H), 3.17 (dt, J = 11.3, 8.9 Hz, 1H), 3.11 (m, 1H), 2.77 (m, 1H), 2.61 (ddd, J = 12.5, 7.1, 5.3 Hz, 1H), 2.35 (m, 1H), 2.30 (dt, J = 17.2, 5.1 Hz, 1H), 2.18 (m, 4H), 2.04 (m, 2H), 1.69 (s, 3H), 1.58 (s, 3H), 1.42 (m, J = 6.5 Hz, 1H), 0.63 (d, J = 6.5 Hz, 3H), 0.61 (d, J = 6.5 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR: (150 MHz, C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>) δ 173.9, 147.8, 146.3, 138.8, 136.8, 131.1, 128.0, 127.9, 121.2, 119.4, 108.1, 108.1, 100.5, 48.0, 46.5, 43.2, 37.5, 37.3, 30.2, 28.5, 26.5, 25.5, 19.7, 17.5. HRMS (ESI) calculated for [C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>33</sub>NO<sub>3</sub>]<sup>+</sup> requires m/z 383.2455, found m/z 383.2471.

*Cis* diastereomer: IR (neat) 3053, 2966, 2915, 1666, 1519, 1268 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR: (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 6.71 (m, 2H), 6.68 (dd, J = 8.0, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 5.90 (d, J = 1.5 Hz, 1H), 5.89 (d, J = 1.5 Hz, 1H), 5.47 (s, 1H), 5.19 (t, J = 5.18 Hz, 1H), 5.11 (m, 1H), 2.93 (m, 2H), 2.71 (ddd, J = 13.2, 7.0, 5.5 Hz, 1H), 2.52 (m, 1H), 2.40 (td, J = 10.9, 4.8 Hz, 1H), 2.31 (dt, J = 17.4, 4.8 Hz, 1H), 2.16 (m, 4H), 2.01 (m, 2H), 1.70 (s, 3H), 1.61 (s, 3H), 1.41 (m, J = 6.7 Hz, 1H), 0.66 (d, J = 6.7 Hz, 3H), 0.64 (d, J = 6.7 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR: (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 174.4, 147.6, 146.0, 138.3, 136.4, 131.7, 124.1, 120.8, 119.8, 108.3, 107.6, 100.8, 49.4, 46.6, 42.7, 37.4, 33.6, 32.7, 28.3, 26.3, 25.7, 19.8, 17.7. HRMS (ESI) calculated for [C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>33</sub>NO<sub>3</sub>]<sup>+</sup> requires m/z 383.2455, found m/z 383.2438.

### Additional NMR experimental notes for compound 32

- a) NOESY1D spectra (summarized on S-60) – Varian’s standard NOESY1D Chempack sequence was used with a typical setup as follows: mix=0.7×T<sub>1</sub>(shortest)~0.5s, d1=3×T<sub>1</sub>(longest)~5.4s, nt=16, ss=-2, selective pulse using a seduce shape. The numbers shown are % enhancements measured as ratios of integrals, normalized by number of protons involved, of the enhanced to selected protons ×(-1).
- b) gcosy spectrum (S-61) – 90°-90° gradient cosy with: d1=1.8 nt=2 np=2048 ni=512 fn=fn1=4096, referenced to TMS, sinebell apodization, symmetrized.
- c) HSQC spectrum (S-62) – Varian’s standard HSQC Chempack sequence setup as follows: nt=2 ss=128 np=2048 at=0.198 ni=512 j1xh=140 fn=fn1=4096, 4× linear prediction applied in F1; cosine-squared apodization. The experiment was run in multiplicity-edited mode (mult=2) with red contours denoting –CH<sub>2</sub>– correlations.
- d) HMBC spectrum (S-63) – Varian’s standard gHMBC Chempack sequence setup as follows: nt=8 ss=128 np=2048 ni=800 j1xh=140 jnxh=8.0 fn=4096 fn1=8192, sinebell apodization, 2× linear prediction in F1.

Scheme S1



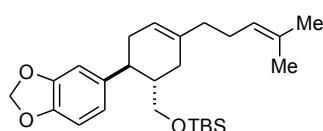
**Compound 35.** A 25 mL round-bottomed flask was charged with trans-3,4-methylenedioxycinnamyl alcohol<sup>17</sup> (1.5 g, 8.42 mmol), *tert*-butyldimethylsilyl chloride (1.91 g, 12.7 mmol), imidazole (1.15 g, 16.9 mmol) and 4.5 mL DMF. After 5 h, the reaction was diluted with water and Et<sub>2</sub>O. The phases were separated, and the aqueous phase was extracted two additional times with Et<sub>2</sub>O. The combined organic layers were washed with brine, dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, and concentrated by rotary evaporation. Flash column chromatography (gradient, 50:1 to 20:1 hexanes/EtOAc) afforded 2.36 g (8.07 mmol, 96% yield) a white solid. All spectroscopic data were consistent with reported values.<sup>18</sup>

#### Comparison study using aminium cation initiator [(4-BrPh)<sub>3</sub>N]SbCl<sub>6</sub>.

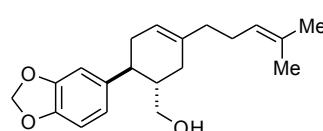
A 25 mL round-bottomed flask was charged with 100.5 mg (0.344 mmol) of **35**, 300  $\mu$ L (1.74 mmol) of myrcene, 6.0 mg (0.0068 mmol) of [(4-BrPh)<sub>3</sub>N]SbCl<sub>6</sub> and 6.8 mL of CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>. After 15 h, the reaction was passed through a short pad of silica using EtOAc as eluent. The solvent was removed by rotary evaporation. No cycloadduct could be detected by <sup>1</sup>H NMR analysis of the reaction mixture using CH<sub>2</sub>Br<sub>2</sub> as a calibrated internal standard.

#### Comparison study using triphenylpyrrilium tetrafluoroborate.

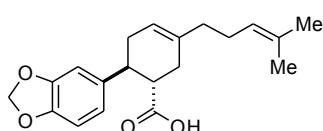
A solution of **35** (100.7 mg, 0.344 mmol) in 6.8 mL MeNO<sub>2</sub> was placed in a 25 mL round-bottomed flask. In a dark hood, myrcene (300  $\mu$ L, 1.74 mmol), AcOH (40  $\mu$ L, 0.699 mmol), MgSO<sub>4</sub> (200 mg) and triphenylpyrrilium tetrafluoroborate (4.2 mg, 0.0068 mmol) were added to the flask. The reaction was stirred at ambient temperature in front of a 23 W CFL bulb. After 15 h, the reaction was eluted through a short pad of silica using EtOAc. The solvent was removed by rotary evaporation. <sup>1</sup>H NMR analysis of the reaction mixture showed 8% conversion to the cycloadduct using CH<sub>2</sub>Br<sub>2</sub> as a calibrated internal standard.



**Compound 36.** A solution of **35** (100.3 mg, 0.343 mmol) in 6.8 mL MeNO<sub>2</sub> was placed in a 25 mL round-bottomed flask. In a dark hood, myrcene (300  $\mu$ L, 1.74 mmol), AcOH (40  $\mu$ L, 0.699 mmol) and Ru(bpz)<sub>3</sub>(PF)<sub>2</sub> (5.9 mg, 0.0068 mmol) were added to the flask. The reaction was stirred at ambient temperature in front of a 23 W CFL bulb. After 15 h, the reaction was eluted through a short pad of silica using EtOAc, and the filtrate was concentrated by rotary evaporation. Purification by flash column chromatography (gradient, 50:1 to 10:1 hexanes/EtOAc) afforded 118 mg (0.275 mmol, 80%) of a clear oil. IR (neat) 2957, 2857, 2253, 1472, 1250 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR: (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  6.65 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.62 (d, J = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 6.57 (dd, J = 7.8, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 5.85 (d, J = 1.4 Hz, 1H), 5.84 (d, J = 1.4 Hz, 1H), 5.36 (s, 1H), 5.06 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 1H), 3.30 (dd, J = 10.1, 3.5 Hz, 1H), 3.16 (dd, J = 10.1, 6.4 Hz, 1H), 2.53 (td, J = 10.6, 5.5 Hz, 1H), 2.13 (m, 1H), 2.05 (m, 5H), 1.95 (m, 2H), 1.81 (m, 1H), 1.63 (s, 3H), 1.55 (s, 3H), 0.79 (s, 9H), -0.13 (s, 3H), -0.16 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR: (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  147.4, 145.5, 139.4, 137.4, 131.3, 124.3, 120.7, 119.7, 107.9, 107.7, 100.6, 65.0, 41.9, 41.4, 37.6, 34.4, 32.0, 26.4, 25.8, 25.6, 18.2, 17.6, 0.9, -5.6. HRMS (EI) calculated for [C<sub>26</sub>H<sub>40</sub>O<sub>3</sub>Si]<sup>+</sup> requires m/z 428.2742, found m/z 428.2751.



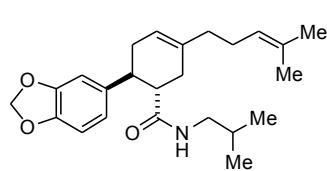
**Compound S1.** A solution of **36** (640 mg, 1.49 mmol) in dry THF (7.5 mL) was placed in a 25 mL round-bottomed flask. The vessel was cooled to 0 °C, TBAF (1.17 g, 4.47 mmol) was added, and the reaction mixture was gradually warmed to room temperature. After 2 h, the reaction was concentrated by rotary evaporation. Flash column chromatography (gradient, 30:1 to 3:1 hexanes/EtOAc) afforded 360 mg (1.14 mmol, 76% yield) of a clear oil. IR (neat) 3436, 2899, 1505, 1245, 909 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR: (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  6.74 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 6.71 (d, J = 1.7 Hz, 1H), 6.67 (dd, J = 7.7, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 5.93 (s, 2H), 5.46 (bs, 1H), 5.13 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 1H), 3.46 (dd, J = 10.8, 3.9 Hz, 1H), 3.34 (dd, J = 10.8, 5.8 Hz, 1H), 2.55 (td, J = 10.8, 6.0 Hz, 1H), 2.26 (m, 1H), 2.15 (m, 4H), 2.02 (m, 3H), 1.96 (m, 1H), 1.70 (s, 3H), 1.62 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR: (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  147.8, 145.9, 138.9, 137.0, 131.5, 124.2, 120.5, 120.0, 108.3, 107.6, 100.8, 65.9, 42.9, 41.5, 37.5, 34.6, 32.2, 26.4, 25.7, 17.7. HRMS (ESI) calculated for [C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>26</sub>O<sub>3</sub>]<sup>+</sup> requires m/z 314.1877, found m/z 314.1875.



**Compound 37.** A mixture of **S1** (360 mg, 1.14 mmol), *N*-methylmorpholine *N*-oxide (200 mg, 1.71 mmol), tetrapropylammonium perruthenate (41 mg, 0.117 mmol), 4 Å molecular sieves (576 mg), and 4.6 mL dry CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> was placed in a 25 mL round-bottomed flask. After 1 h, the reaction mixture was poured directly onto a silica gel column and eluted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>. The filtrates were combined and solvent removed to afford 286 mg (0.92 mmol,

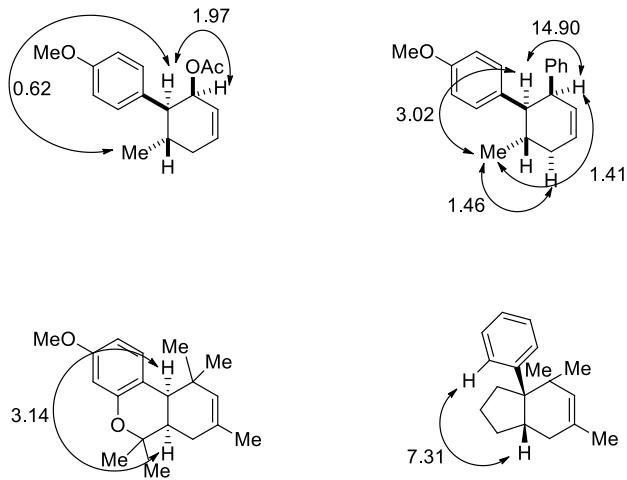
80% yield) of (*1S,6S*)-6-(benzo[*d*][1,3]dioxol-5-yl)-3-(4-methylpent-3-en-1-yl)cyclohex-3-enecarbaldehyde as a clear oil, which was used in the next step without any further purification.

The aldehyde (250 mg, 0.80 mmol), 6.8 mL *t*-butanol, and 2-methyl-2-butene (4.1 mL, 38.7 mmol) were placed in a 10 mL round-bottomed flask. The flask was cooled to 0 °C, and a solution of NaClO<sub>2</sub> (681 mg, 7.53 mmol) and NaH<sub>2</sub>PO<sub>4</sub> (658 mg, 5.48 mmol) dissolved in 1.8 mL H<sub>2</sub>O was added. After 2 h, the volatile solvents were removed and mixture dissolved in 25 mL H<sub>2</sub>O, which was acidified to pH 3 with aqueous 1 M HCl. The acidified aqueous phase was then extracted three times with Et<sub>2</sub>O. The combined organic phase was dried over anhydrous MgSO<sub>4</sub> and concentrated by rotary evaporation. Flash column chromatography (gradient, 30:1 to 1:1 hexanes/EtOAc) afforded 200 mg (0.61 mmol, 76% yield) of the carboxylic acid **37** as a clear oil. IR (neat) 3583, 3154, 2903, 1706, 1379 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR: (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 6.71 (d, J = 4.8 Hz, 1H), 6.70 (d, J = 1.4 Hz, 1H), 6.66 (dd, J = 8.1, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 5.93 (d, J = 1.2 Hz, 1H), 5.91 (d, J = 1.2 Hz, 1H), 5.47 (s, 1H), 5.10 (tt, J = 6.6, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 2.92 (td, J = 10.7, 5.6 Hz, 1H), 2.80 (td, J = 10.7, 5.6 Hz, 1H), 2.32 (m, 3H), 2.13 (m, 3H), 2.01 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 1.70 (s, 3H), 1.61 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR: (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 179.7, 147.7, 146.1, 137.7, 135.6, 131.7, 123.9, 120.4, 120.1, 108.1, 107.7, 100.9, 46.1, 42.0, 37.2, 33.7, 32.2, 26.3, 25.7, 17.7. HRMS (ESI) calculated for [C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>23</sub>O<sub>4</sub>]<sup>+</sup> requires *m/z* 327.1591, found *m/z* 327.1587.



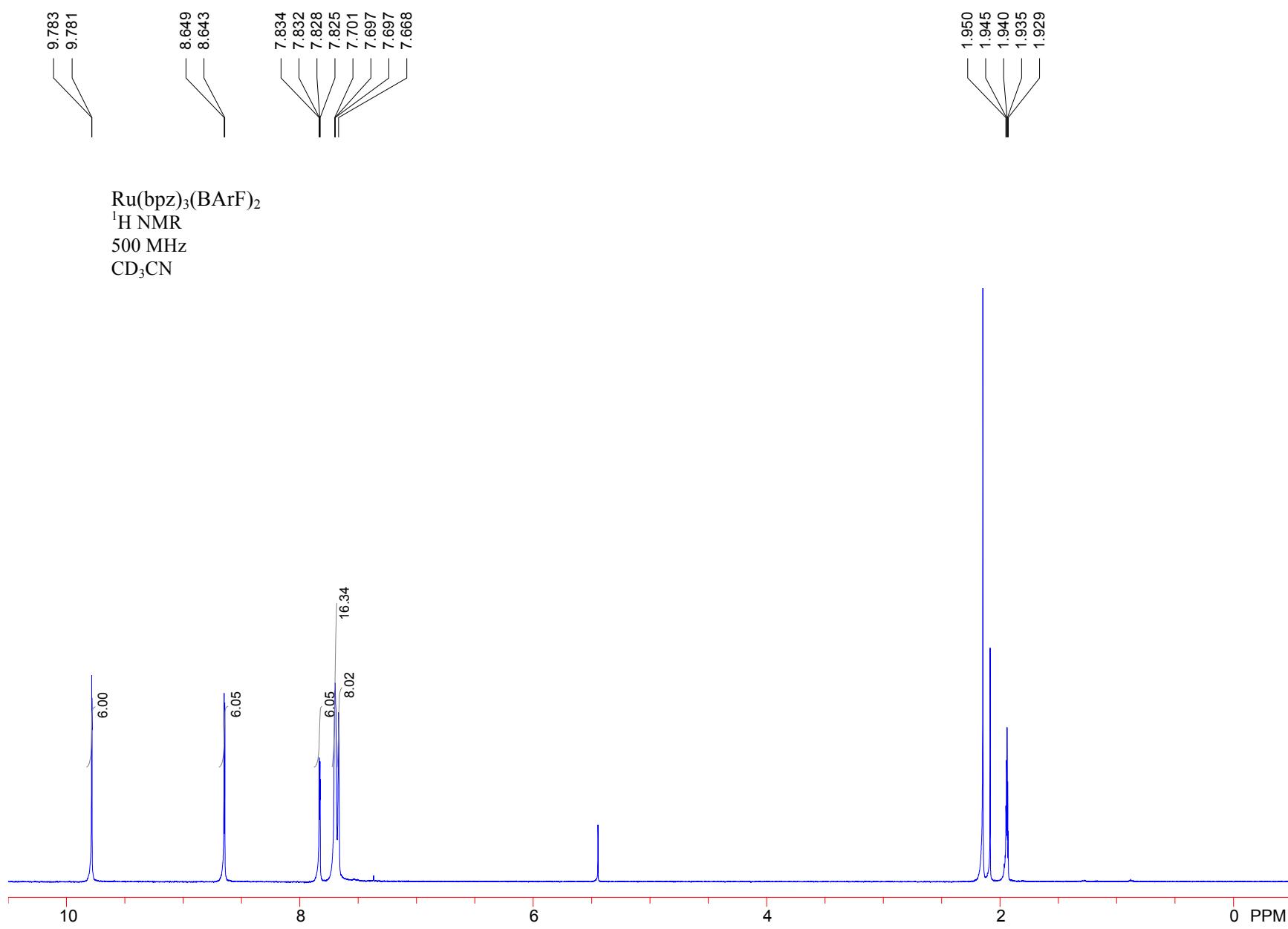
**Heitziamide A (31)** A solution of **37** (100.6 mg, 0.306 mmol), EDC•HCl (60 mg, 0.313 mmol), DMAP (4 mg, 0.033 mmol), and isobutylamine (90 μL, 0.91 mmol) in 2.0 mL CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> was placed in a 10 mL round-bottomed flask. After 12 h, the solvent was removed by rotary evaporation. Flash column chromatography (gradient, 30:1 to 4:1 hexanes/EtOAc) afforded 95 mg (0.25 mmol, 81% yield) of a white solid. All spectroscopic data were consistent with values reported in the isolation report for heitziamide A.<sup>19</sup> <sup>1</sup>H NMR: (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 6.72 (d, J = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 6.71 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.68 (dd, J = 8.0, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 5.89 (d, J = 1.3 Hz, 1H), 5.88 (d, J = 1.3 Hz, 1H), 5.47 (s, 1H), 5.32 (t, J = 5.7 Hz, 1H), 5.11 (t, J = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 2.96 (m, 1H), 2.91 (td, J = 11.1, 5.7 Hz, 1H), 2.70 (m, 1H), 2.52 (m, 1H), 2.43 (td, J = 17.0, 5.0 Hz, 1H), 2.30 (m, 1H), 2.22 (m, 1H), 2.11 (m, 3H), 2.01 (m, 2H), 1.69 (s, 3H), 1.61 (s, 3H), 1.41 (m, 1H), 0.66 (d, J = 6.6 Hz, 3H), 0.64 (d, J = 6.6 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR: (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 174.4, 147.6, 146.0, 138.3, 136.3, 131.7, 124.1, 120.8, 119.8, 108.3, 107.7, 100.8, 49.3, 46.6, 42.7, 37.4, 33.7, 32.7, 28.3, 26.3, 25.7, 19.8, 17.7. HRMS (ESI) calculated for [C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>33</sub>NO<sub>3</sub>Na]<sup>+</sup> requires *m/z* 406.2353, found *m/z* 406.2357.

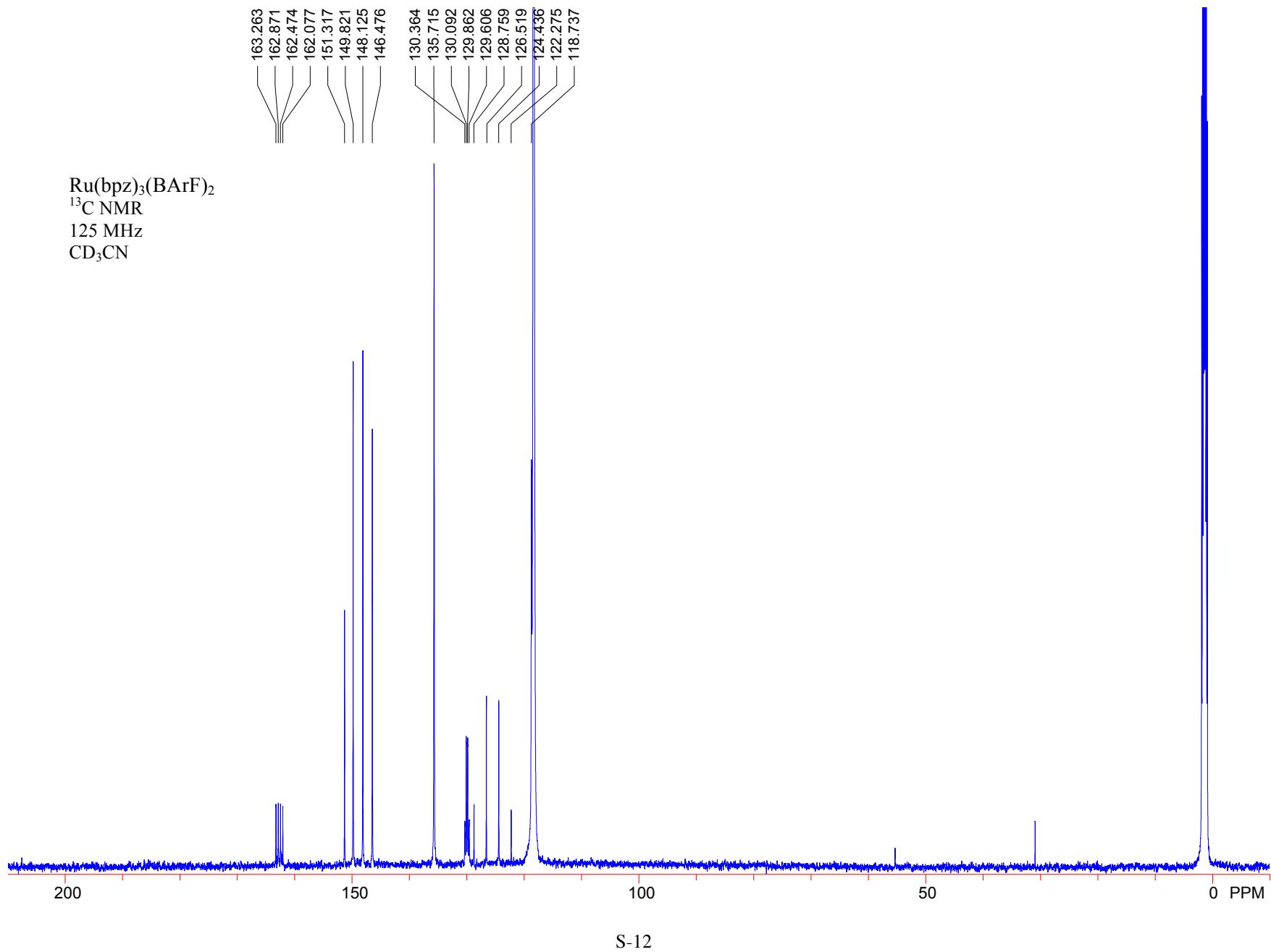
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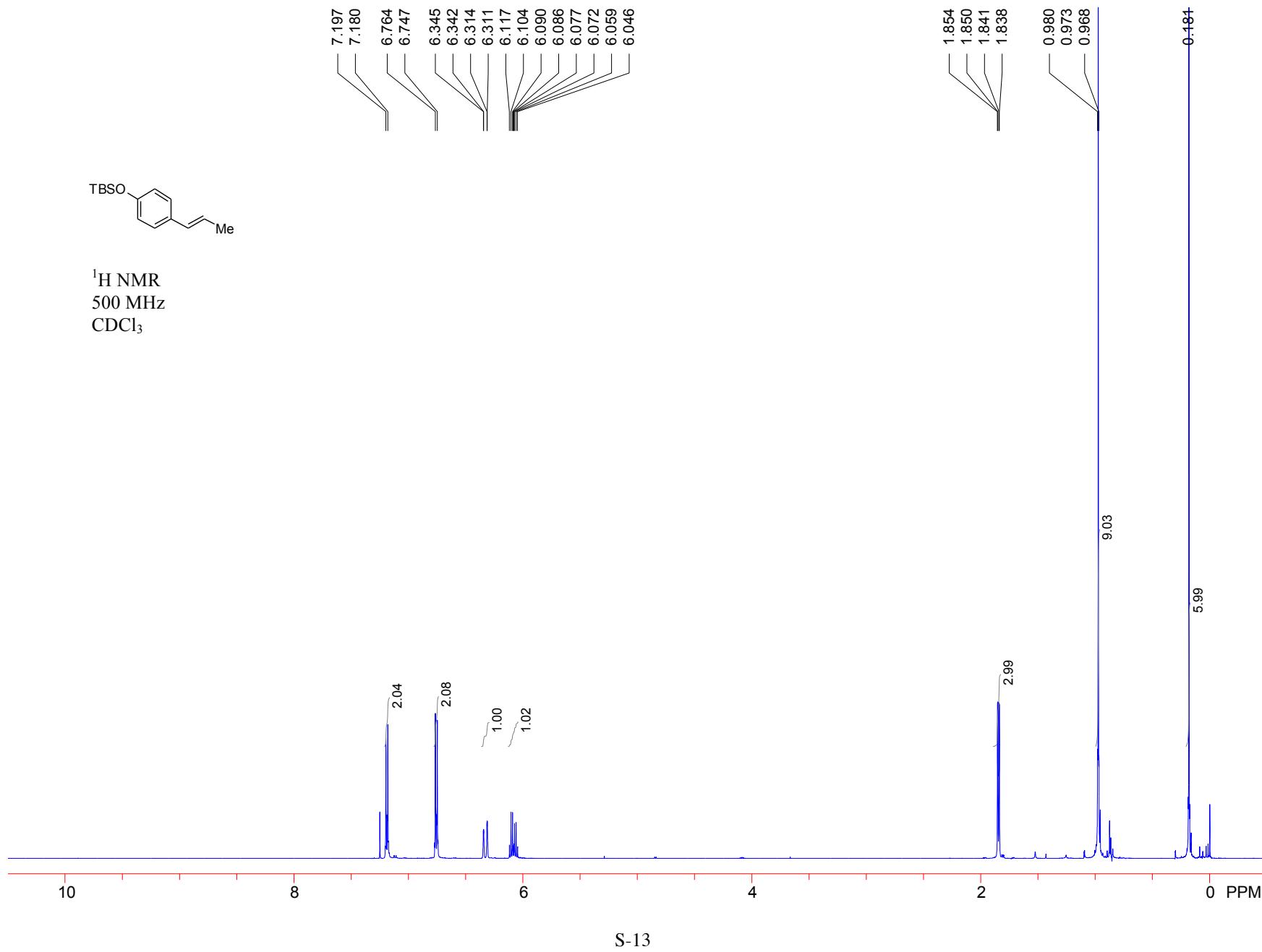


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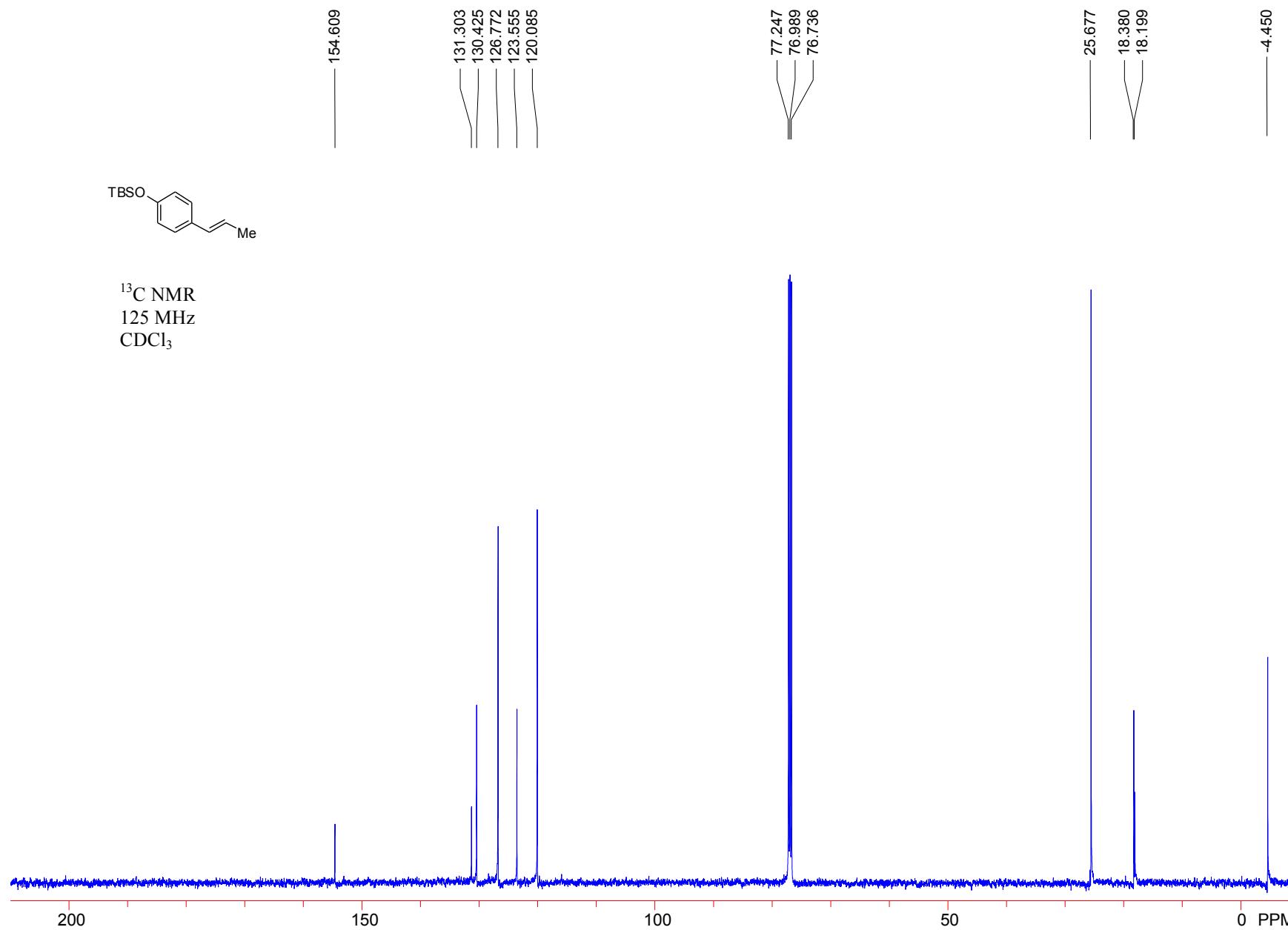
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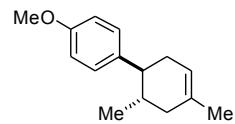




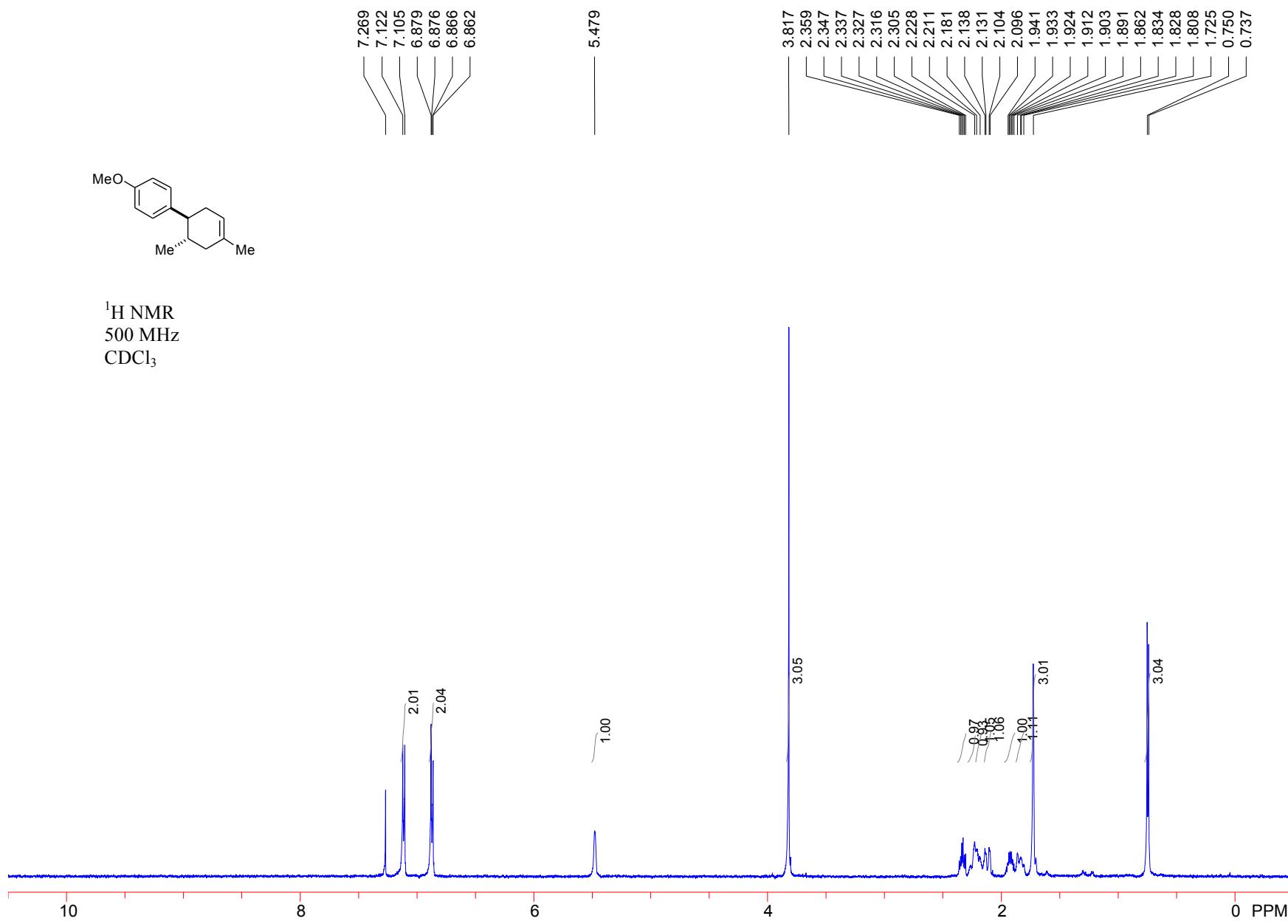


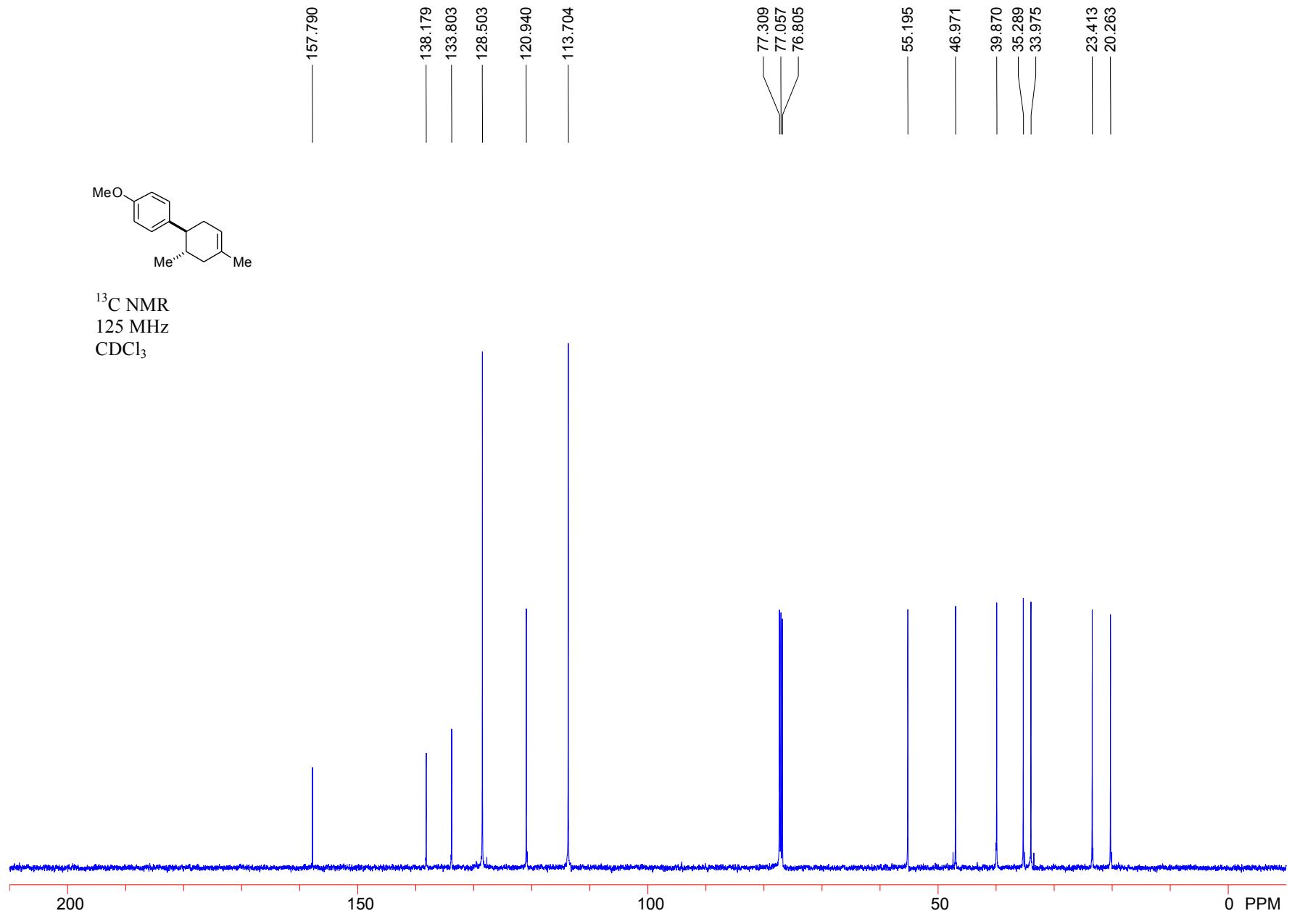
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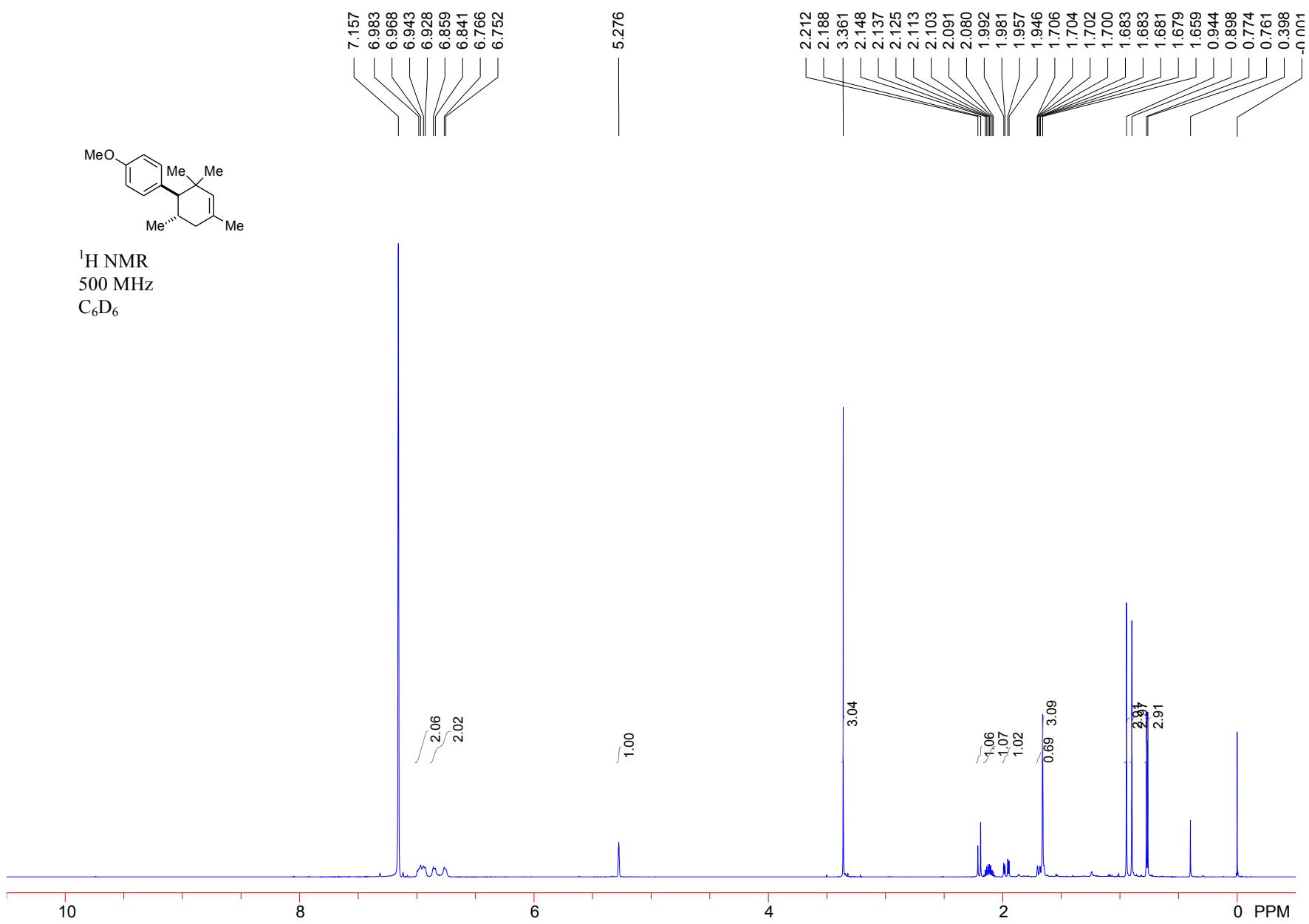


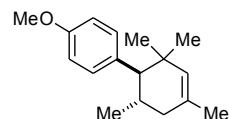


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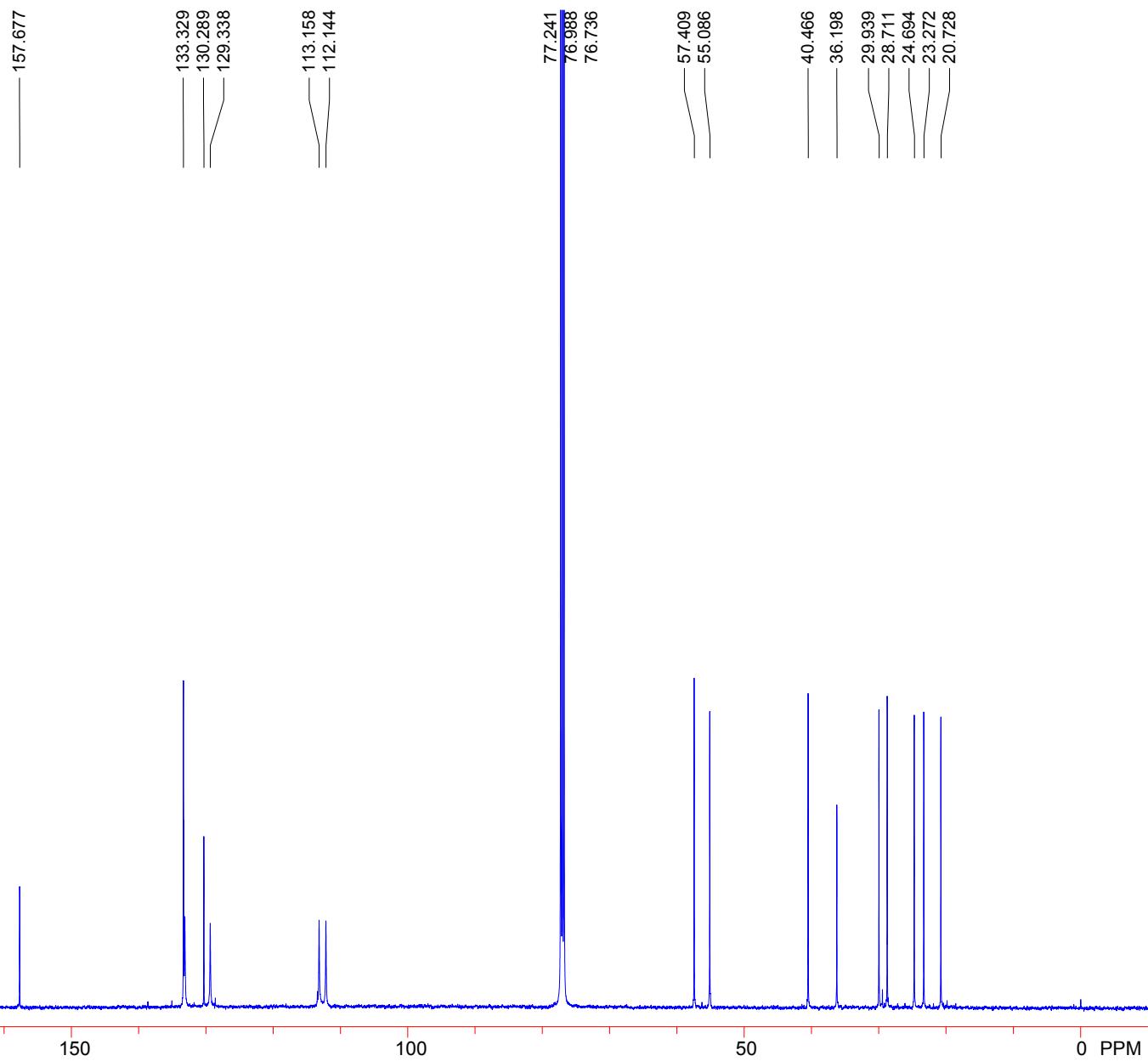


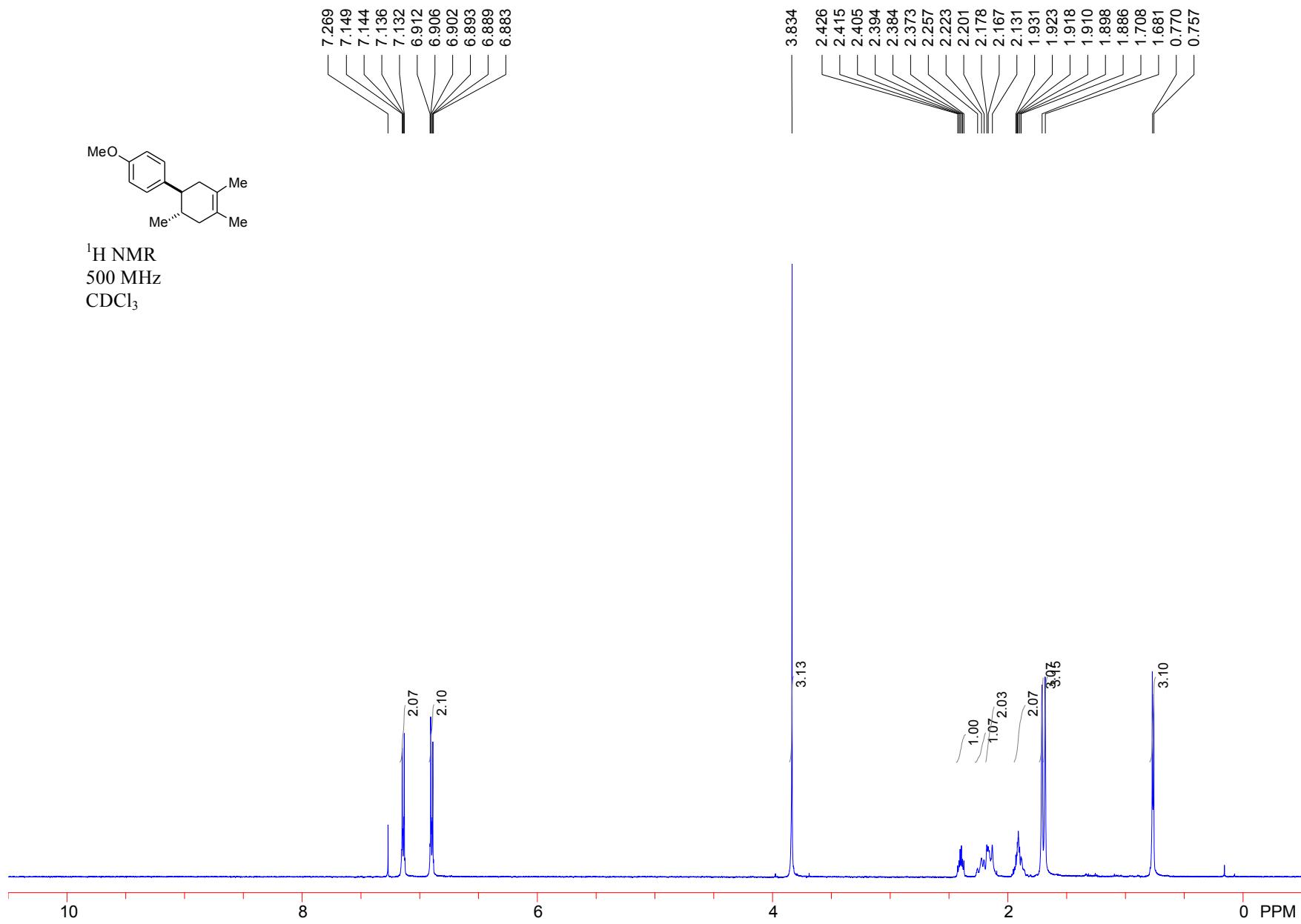


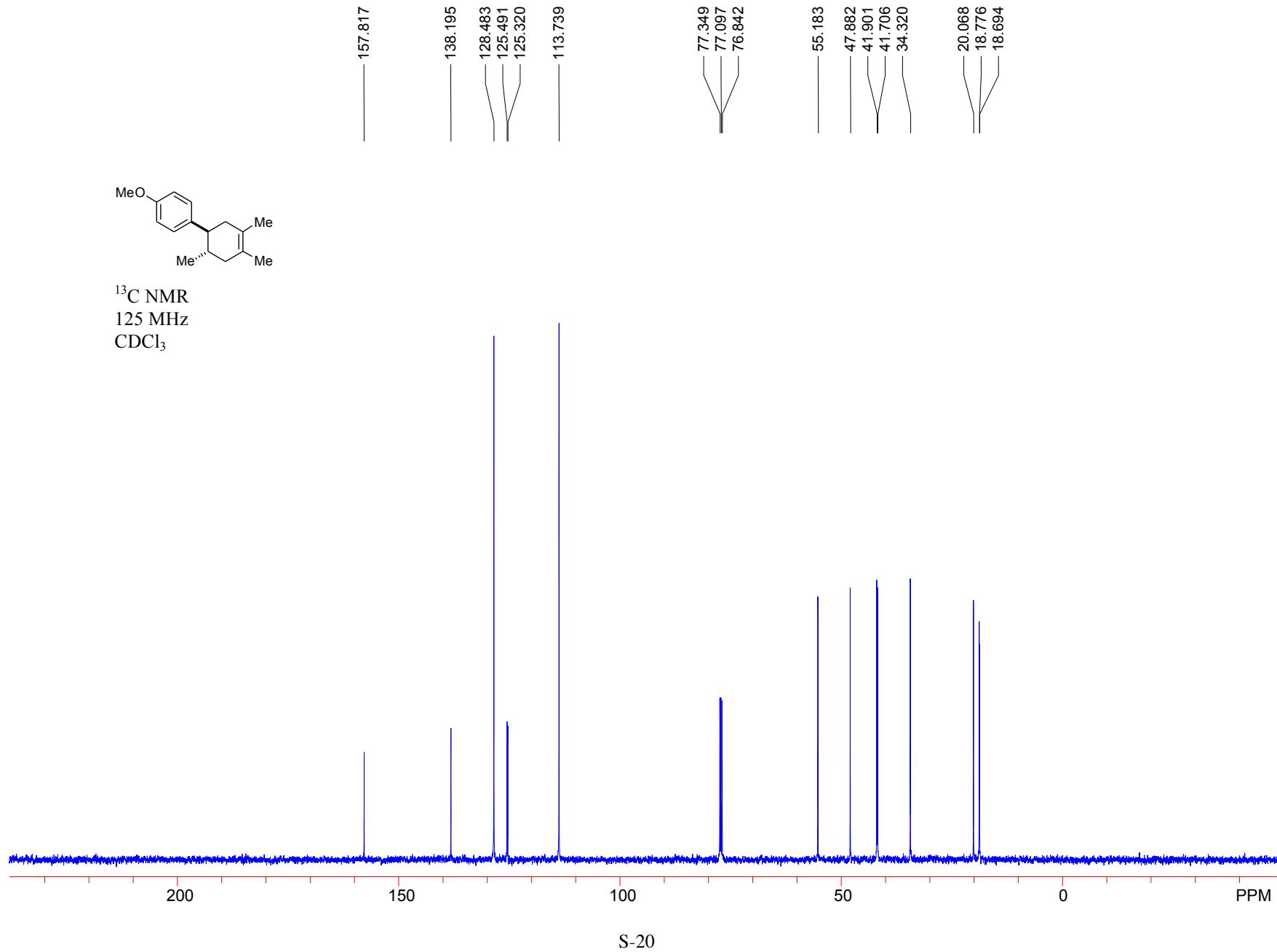
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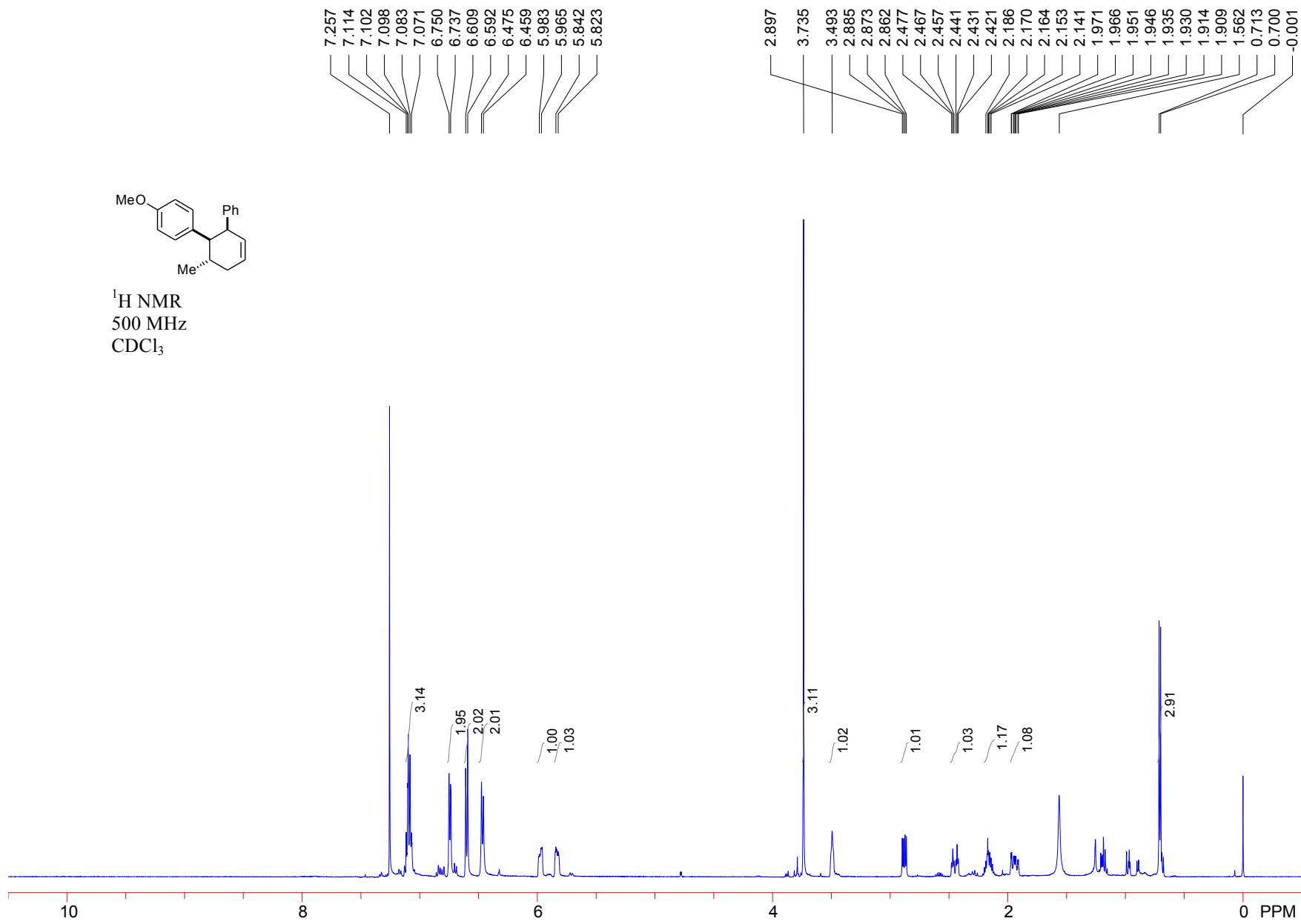
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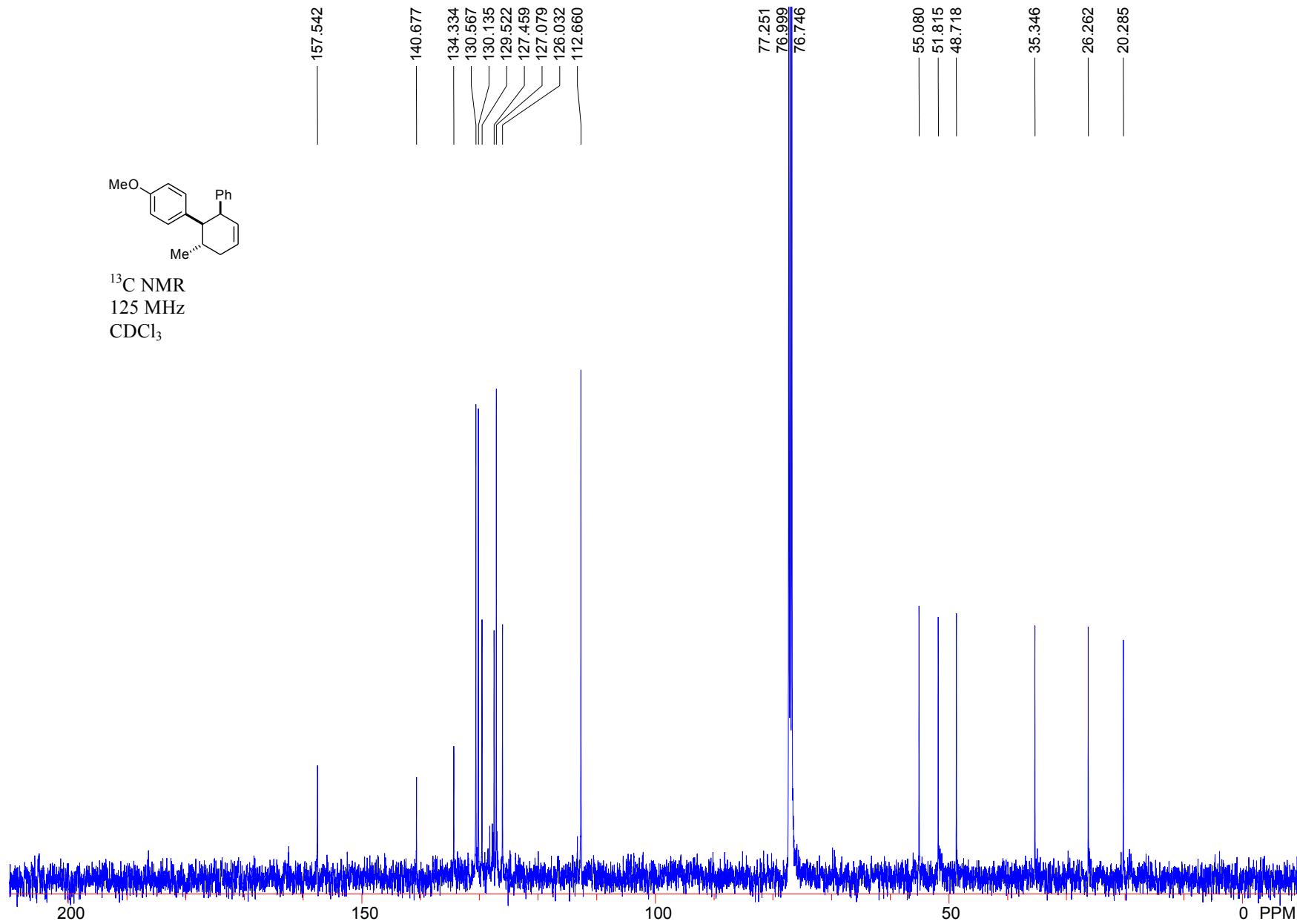
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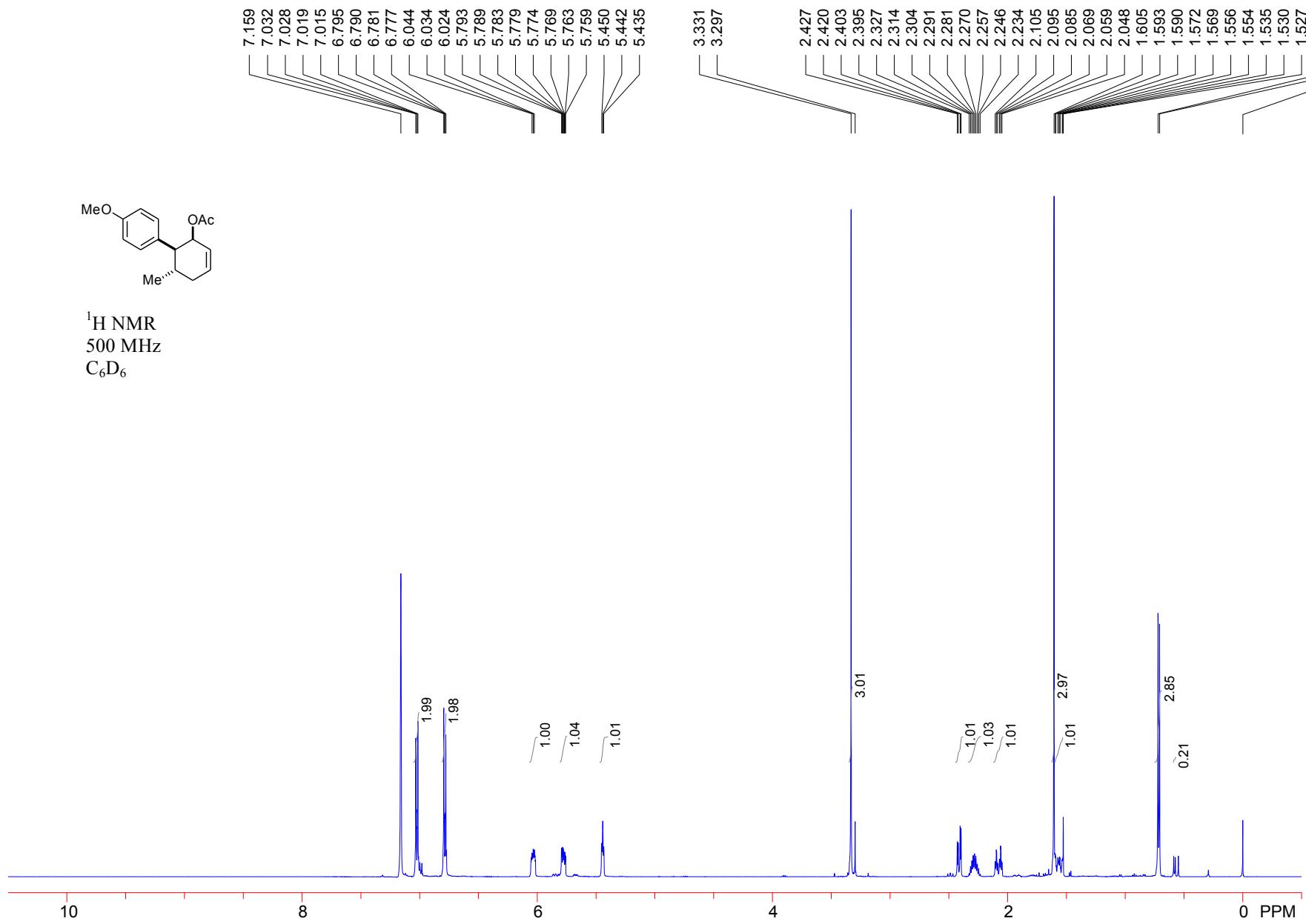


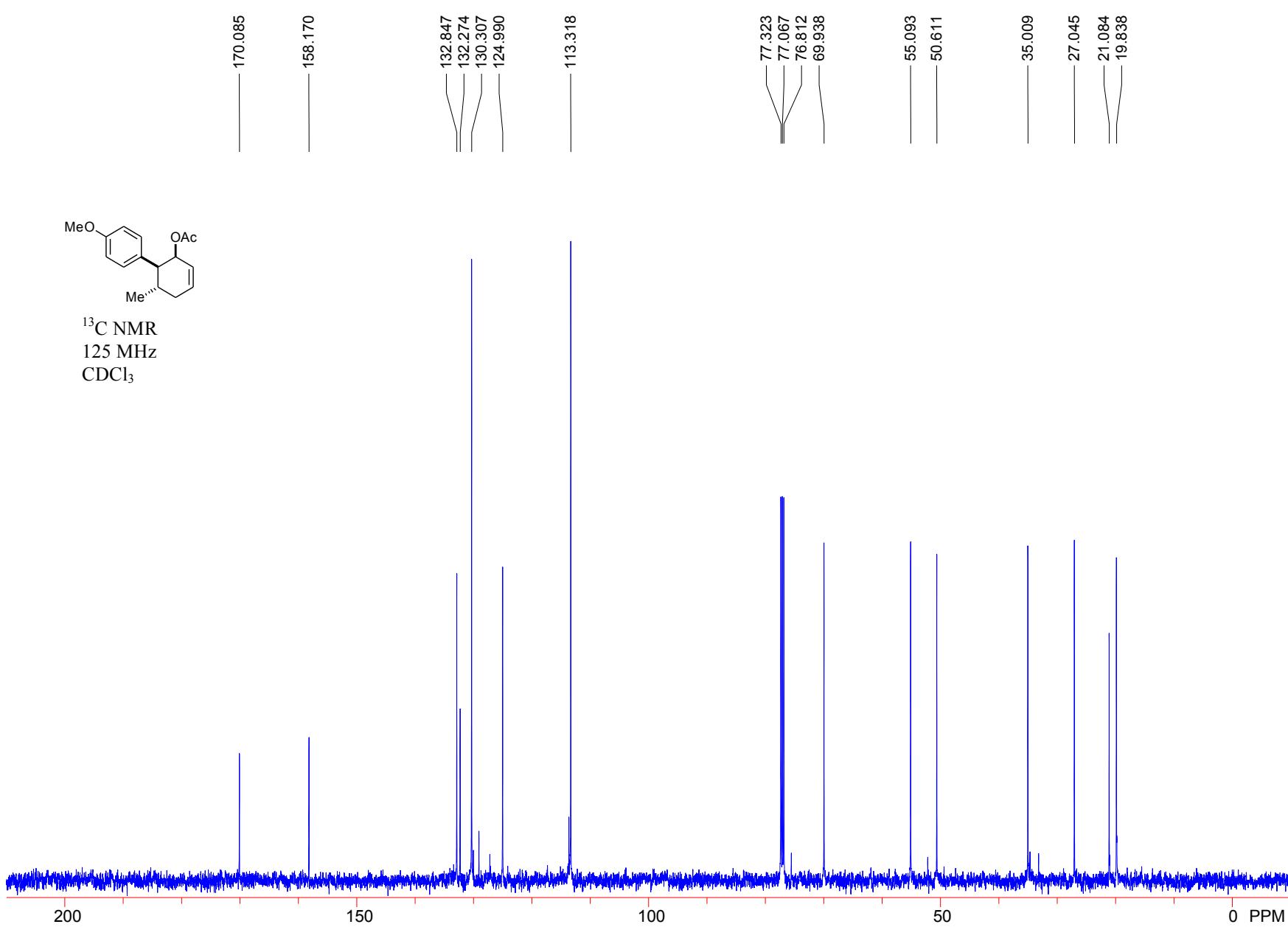


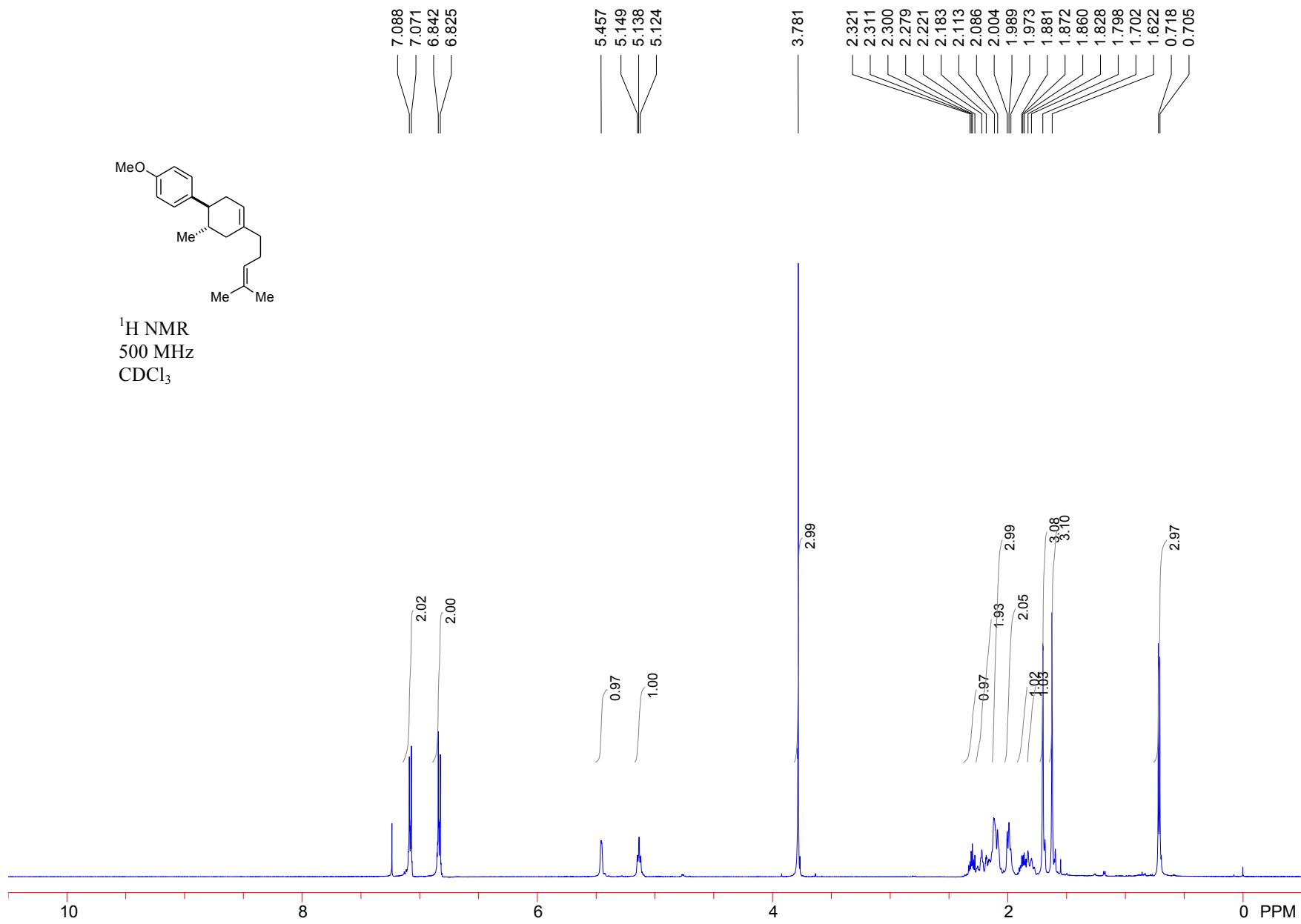




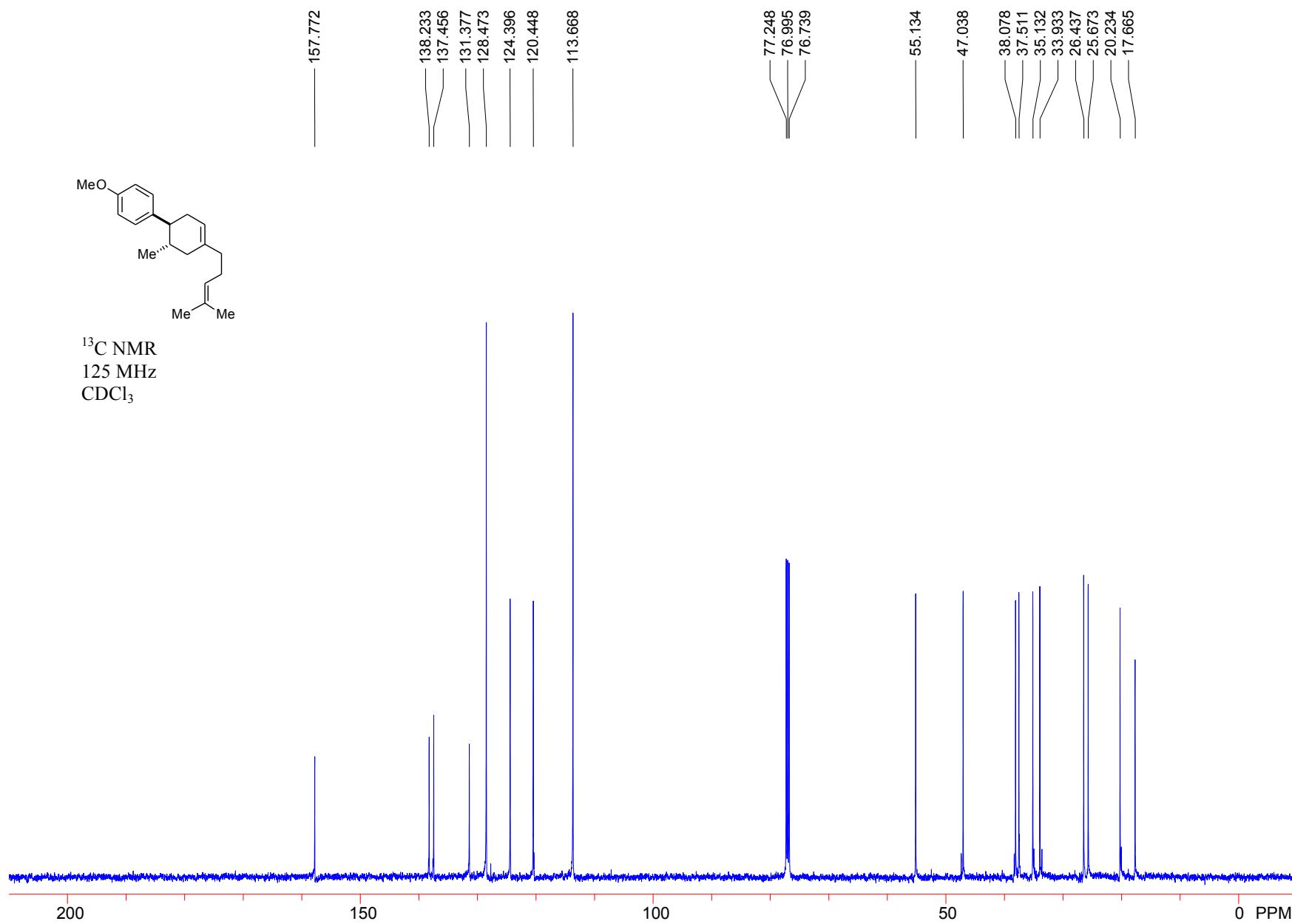


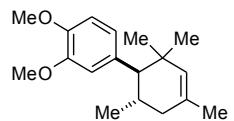




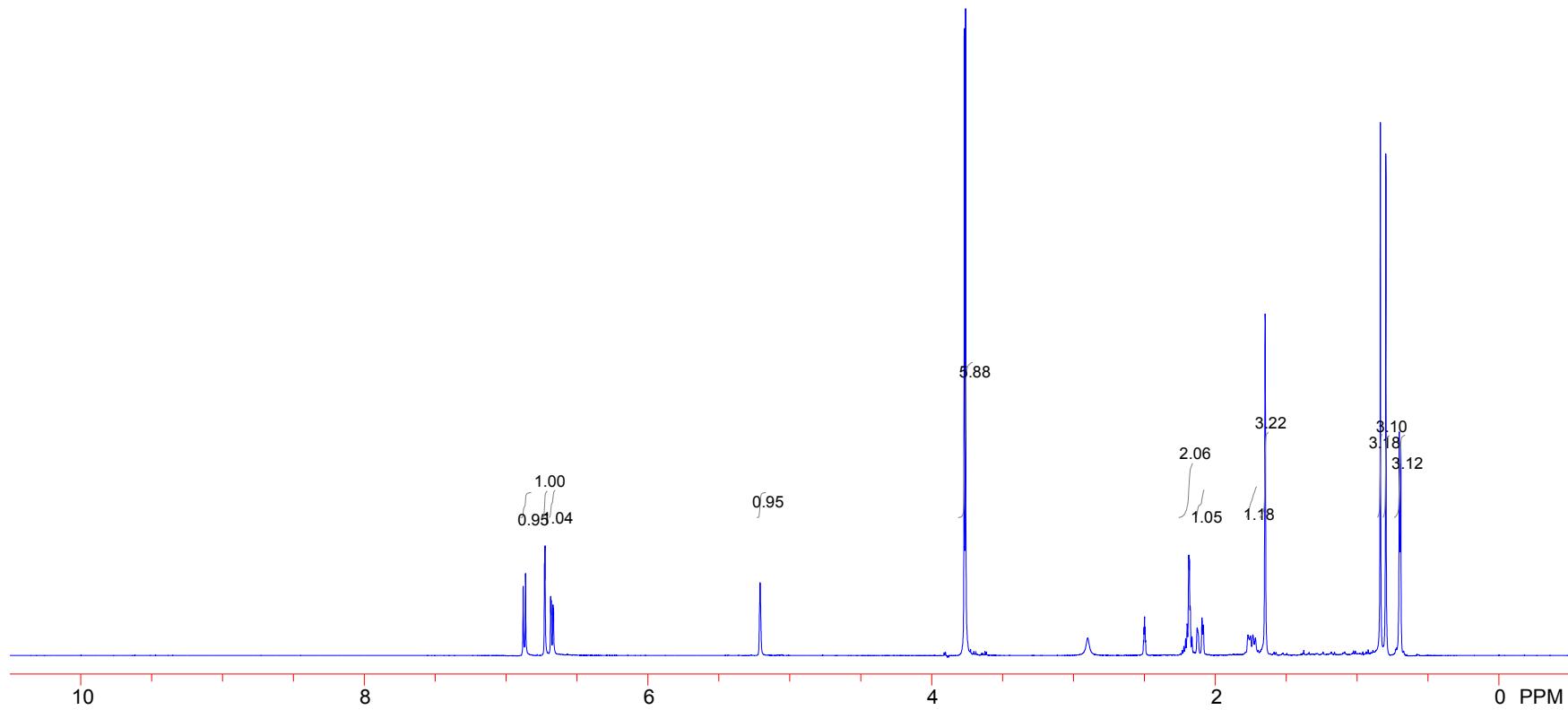


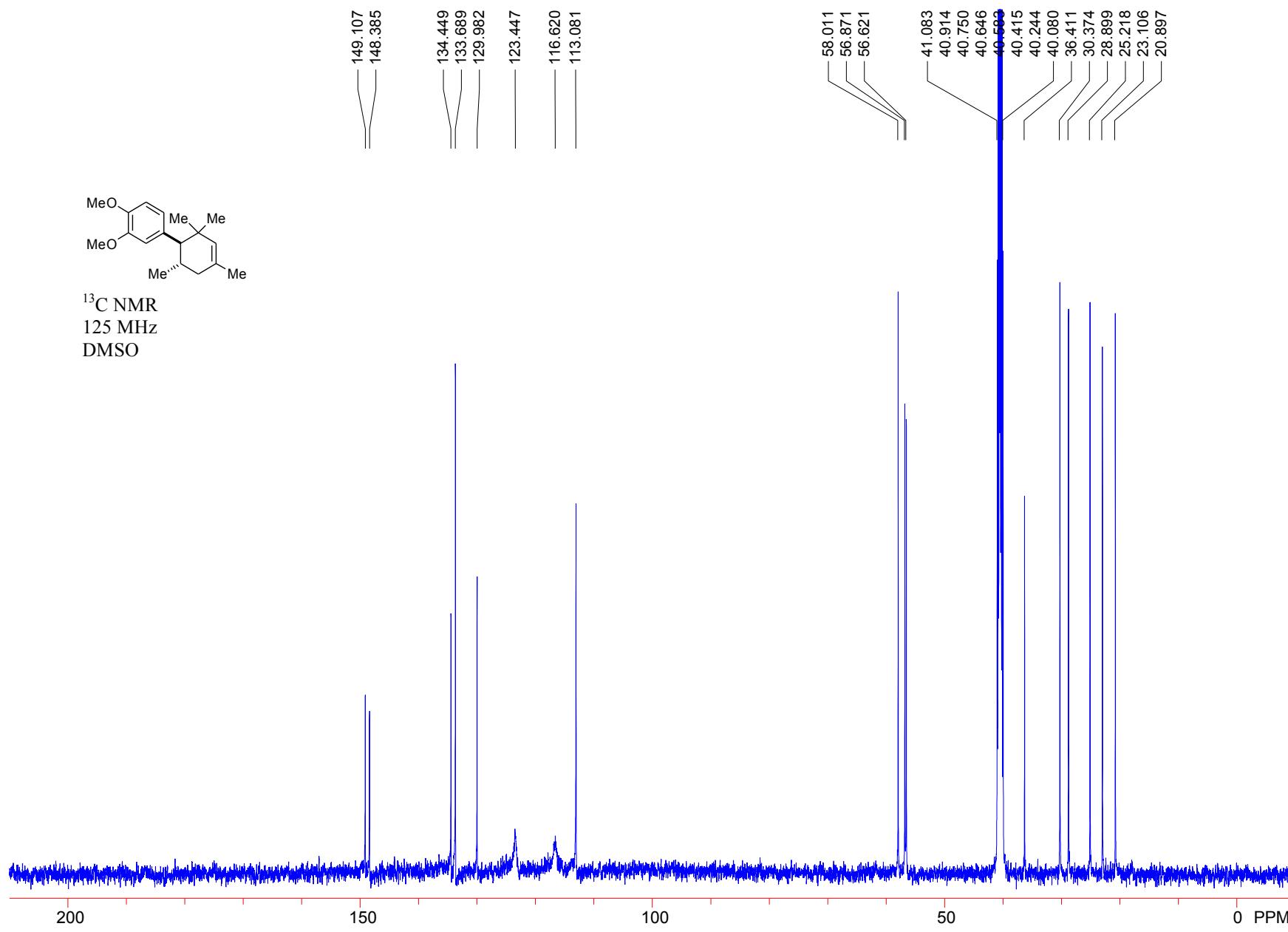
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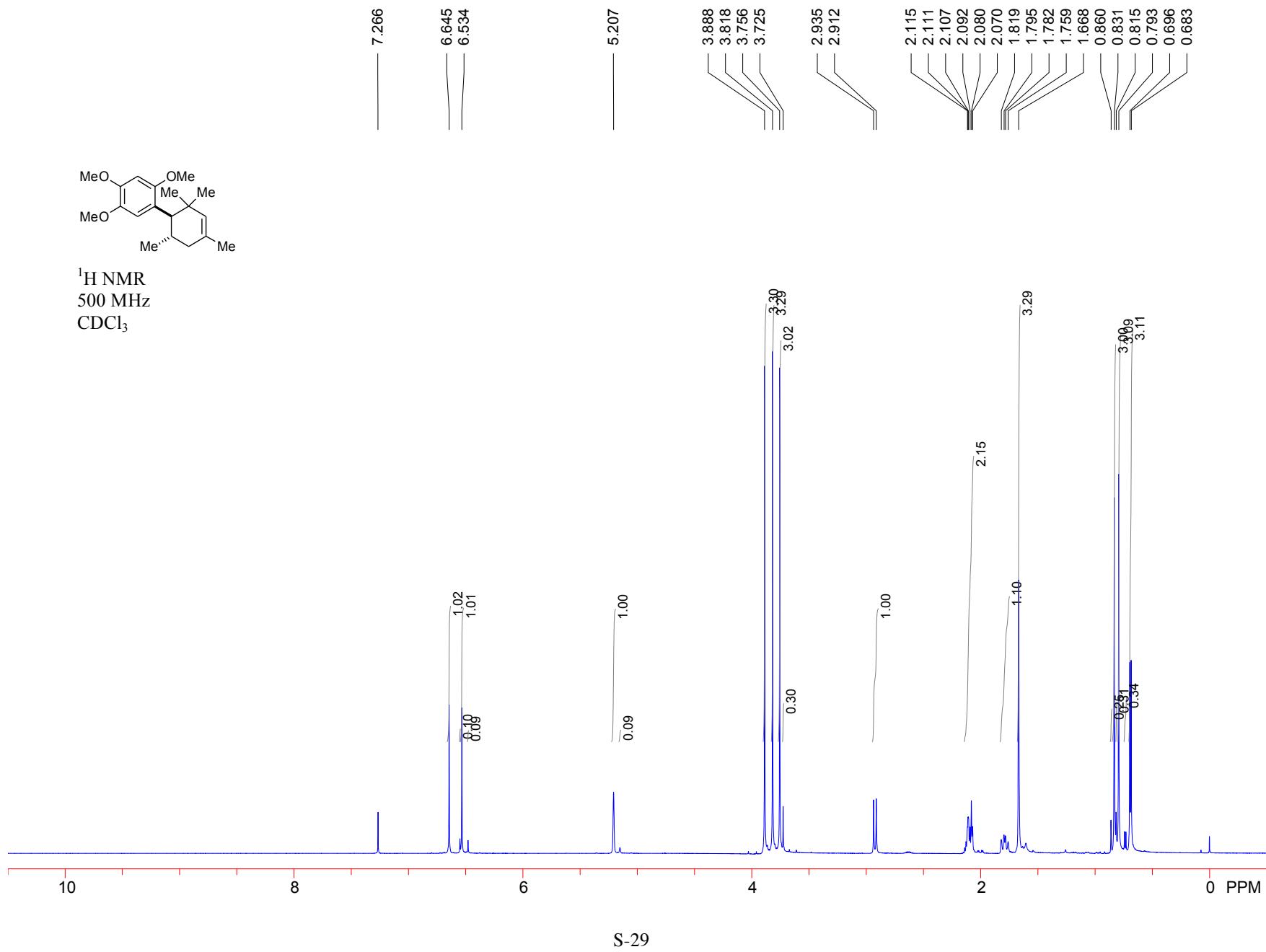




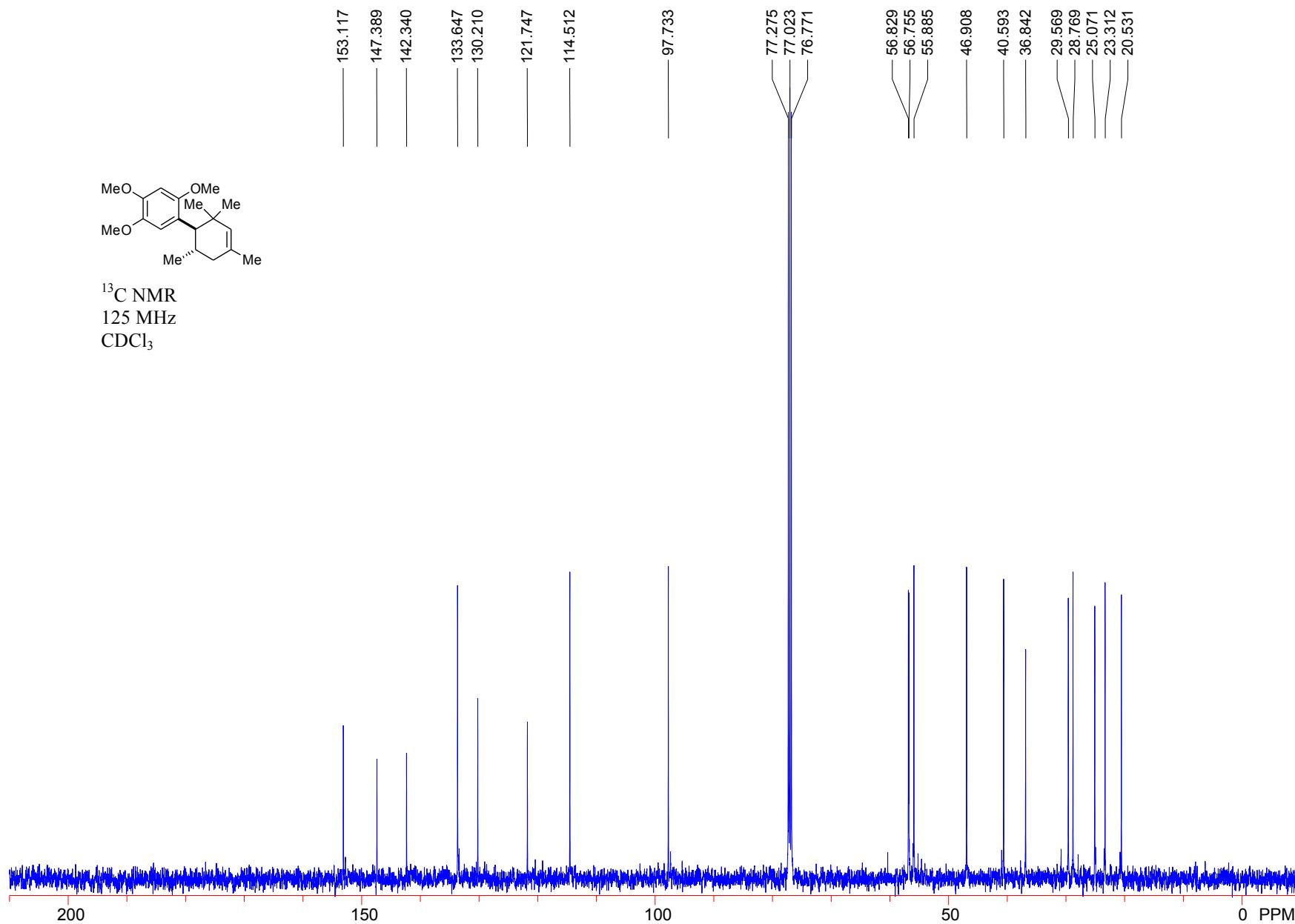
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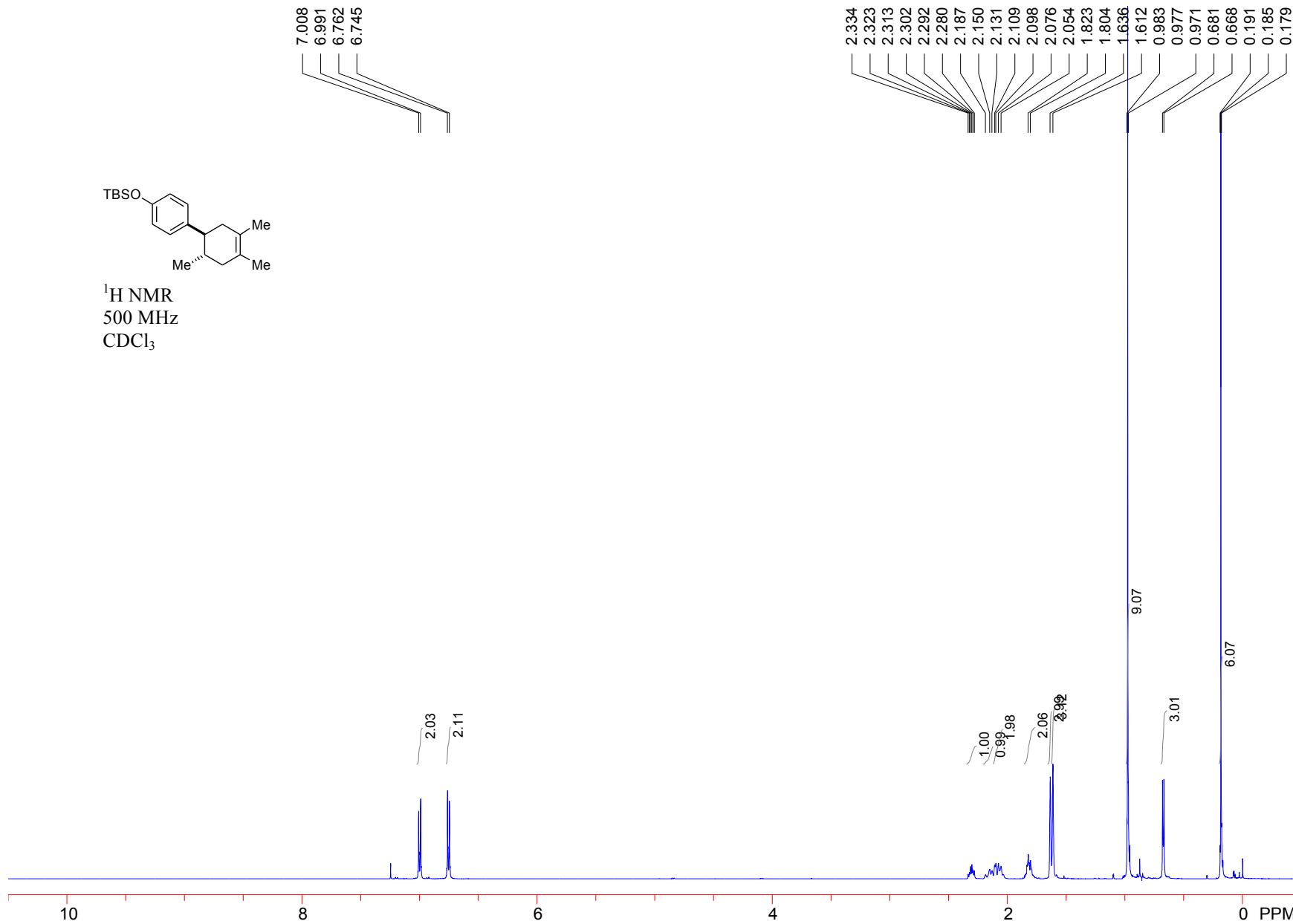


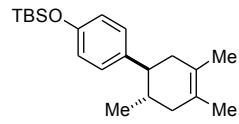


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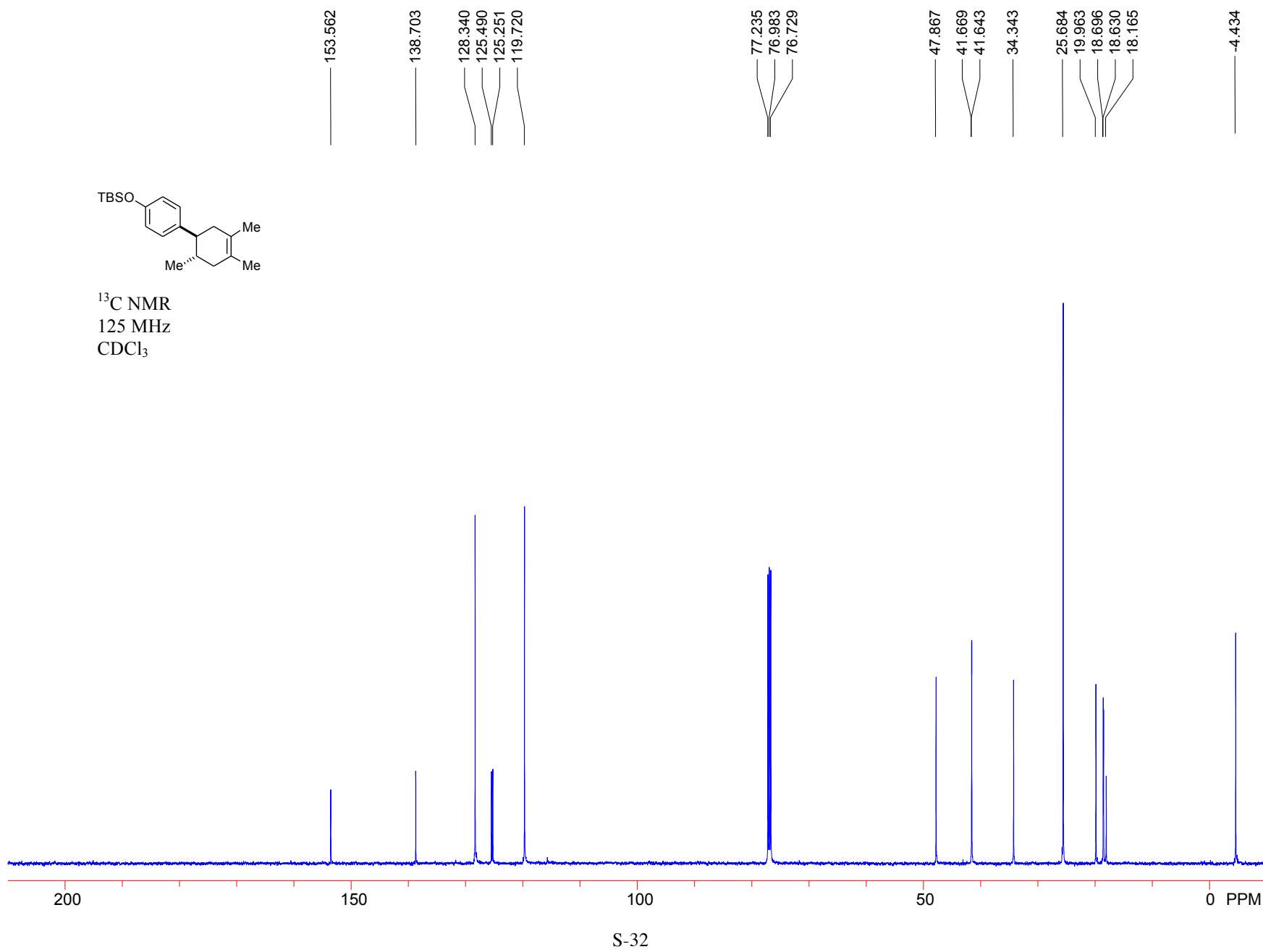


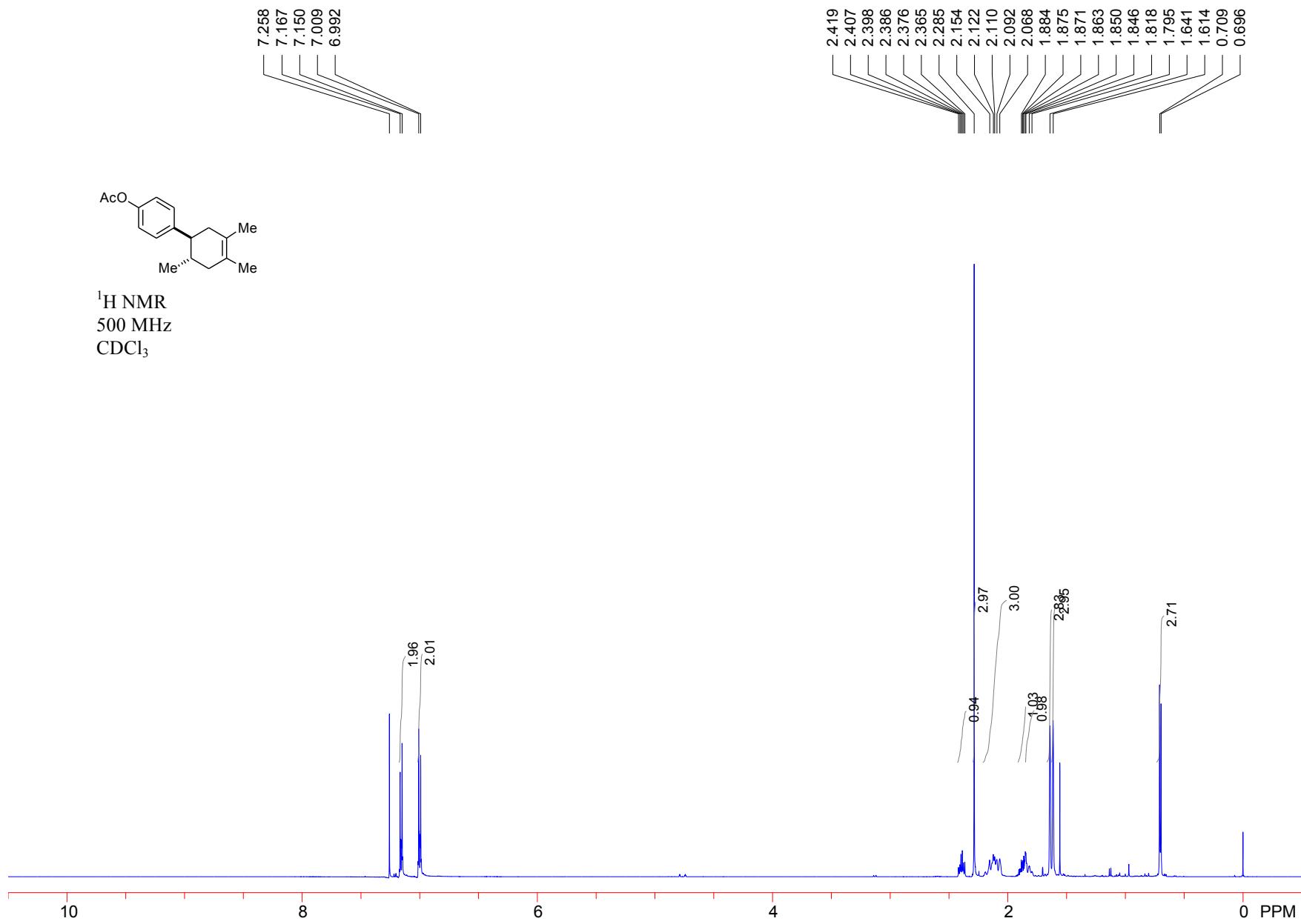
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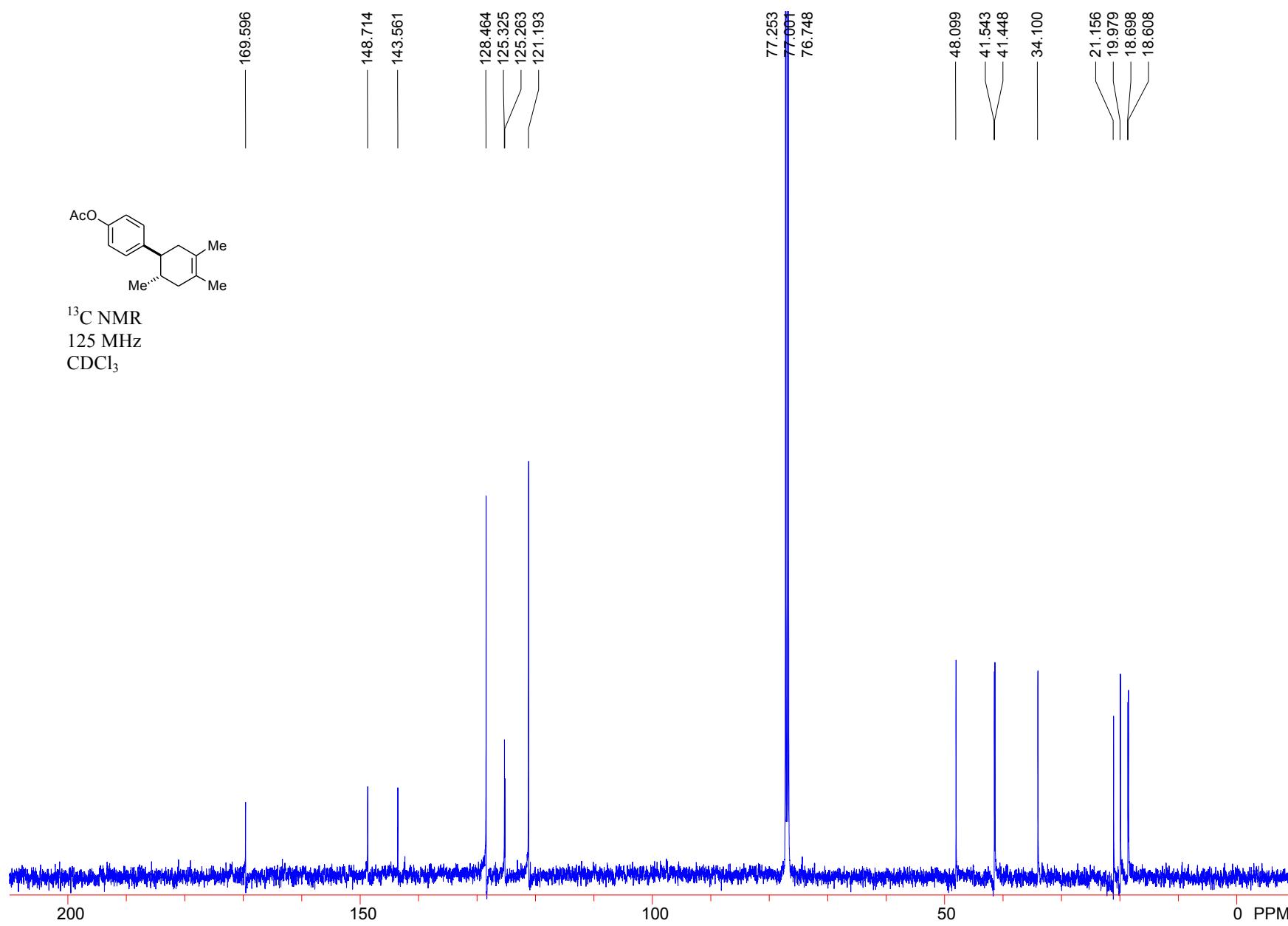


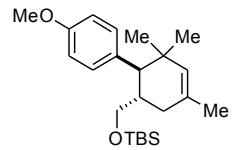


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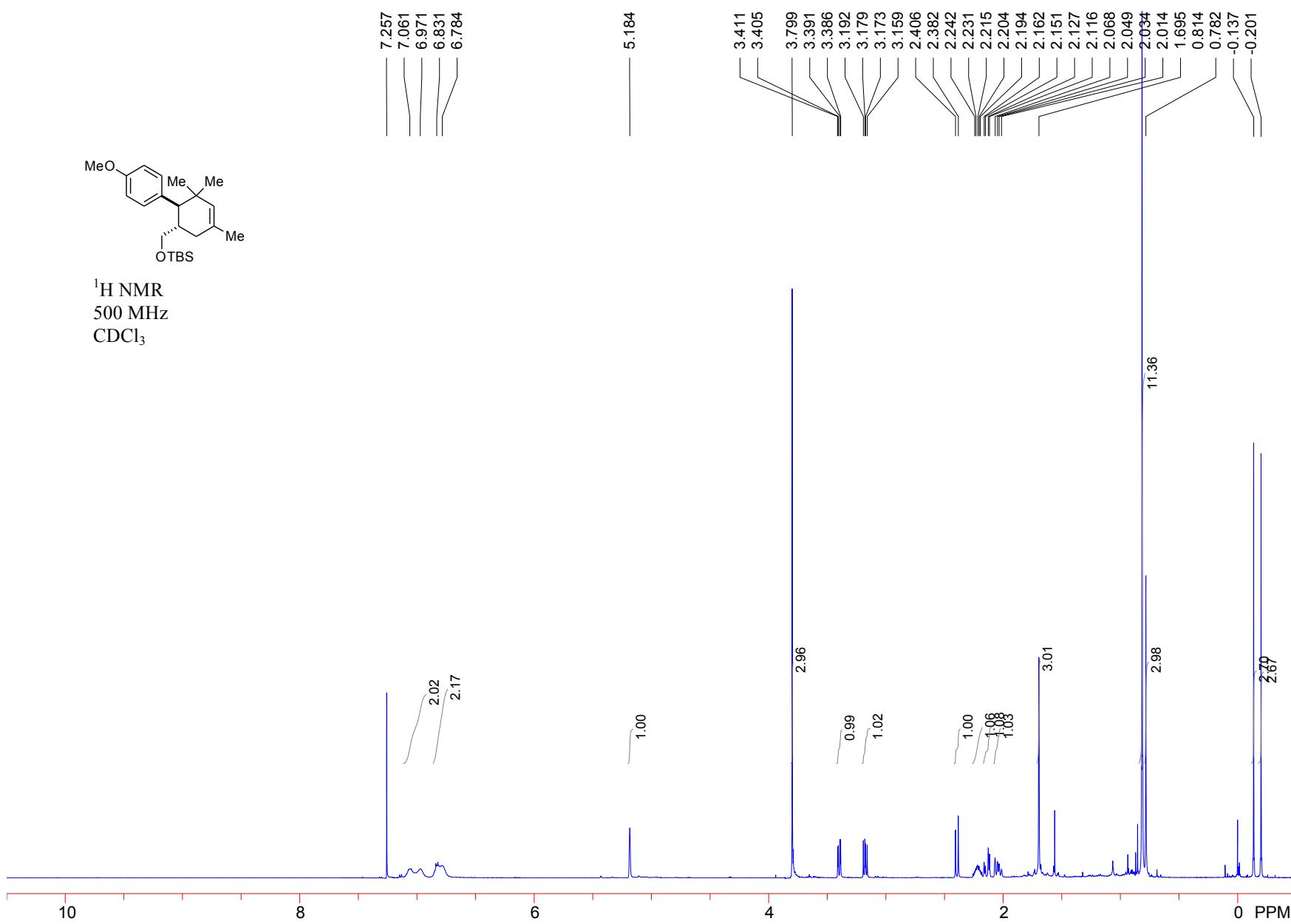


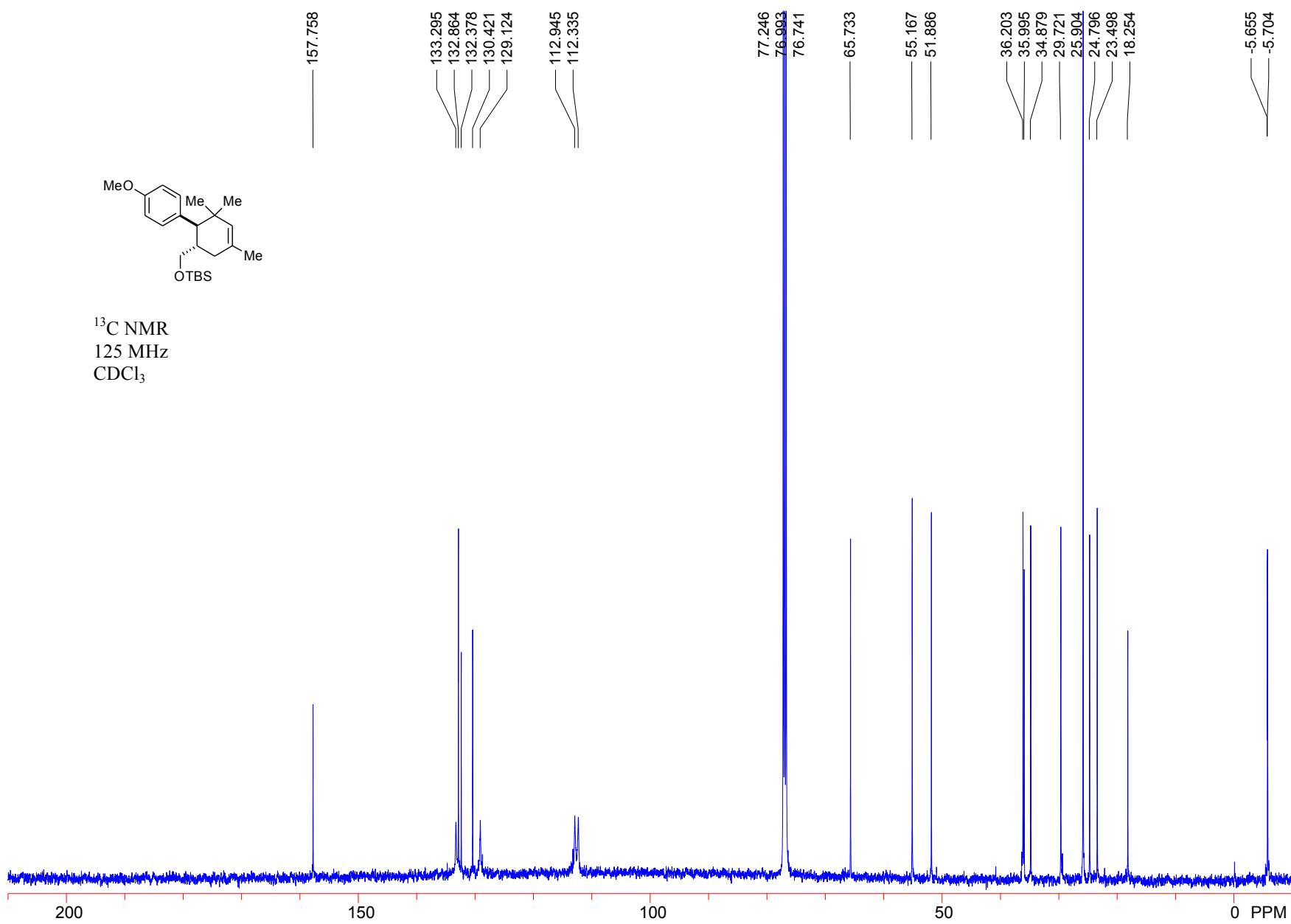


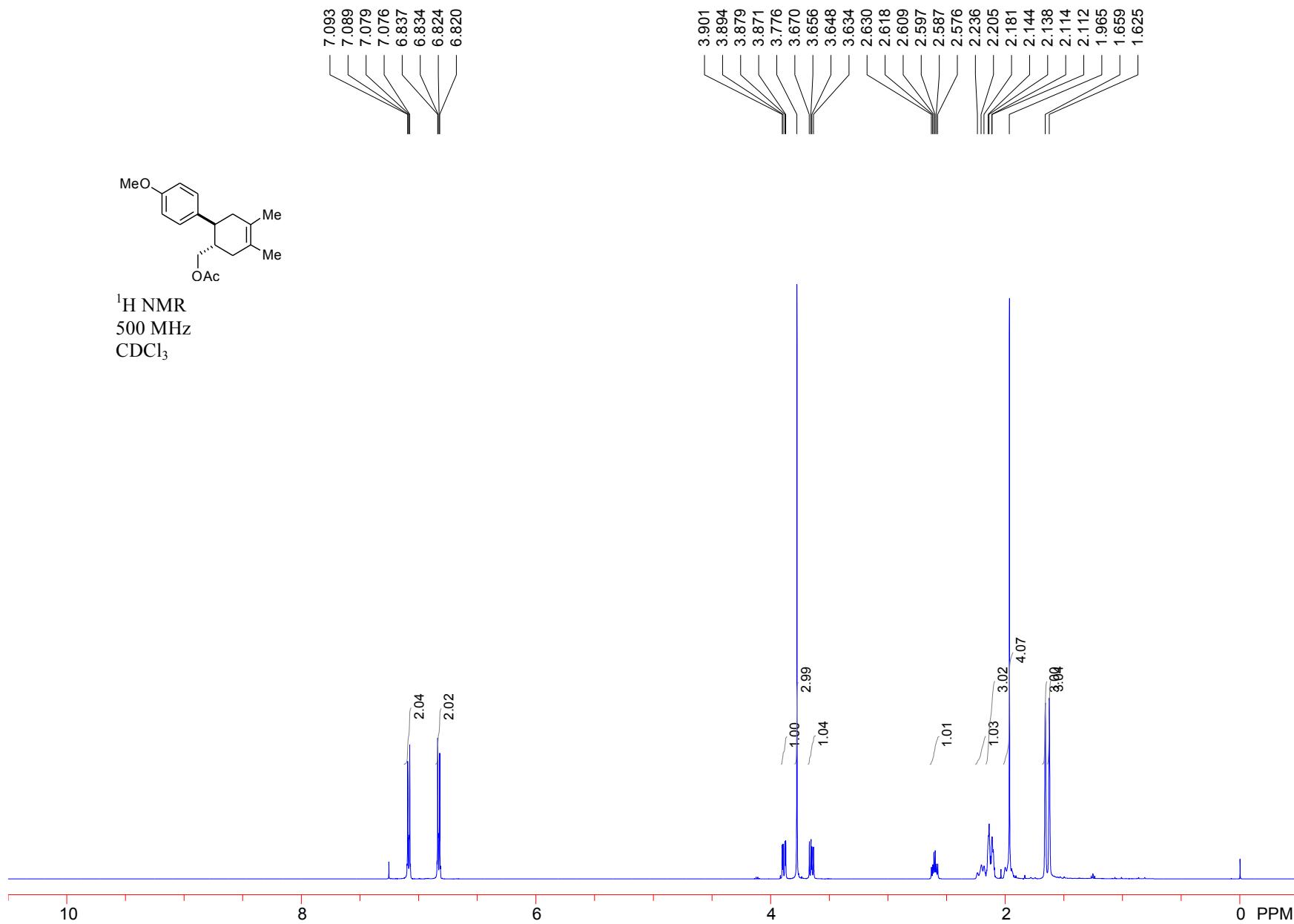


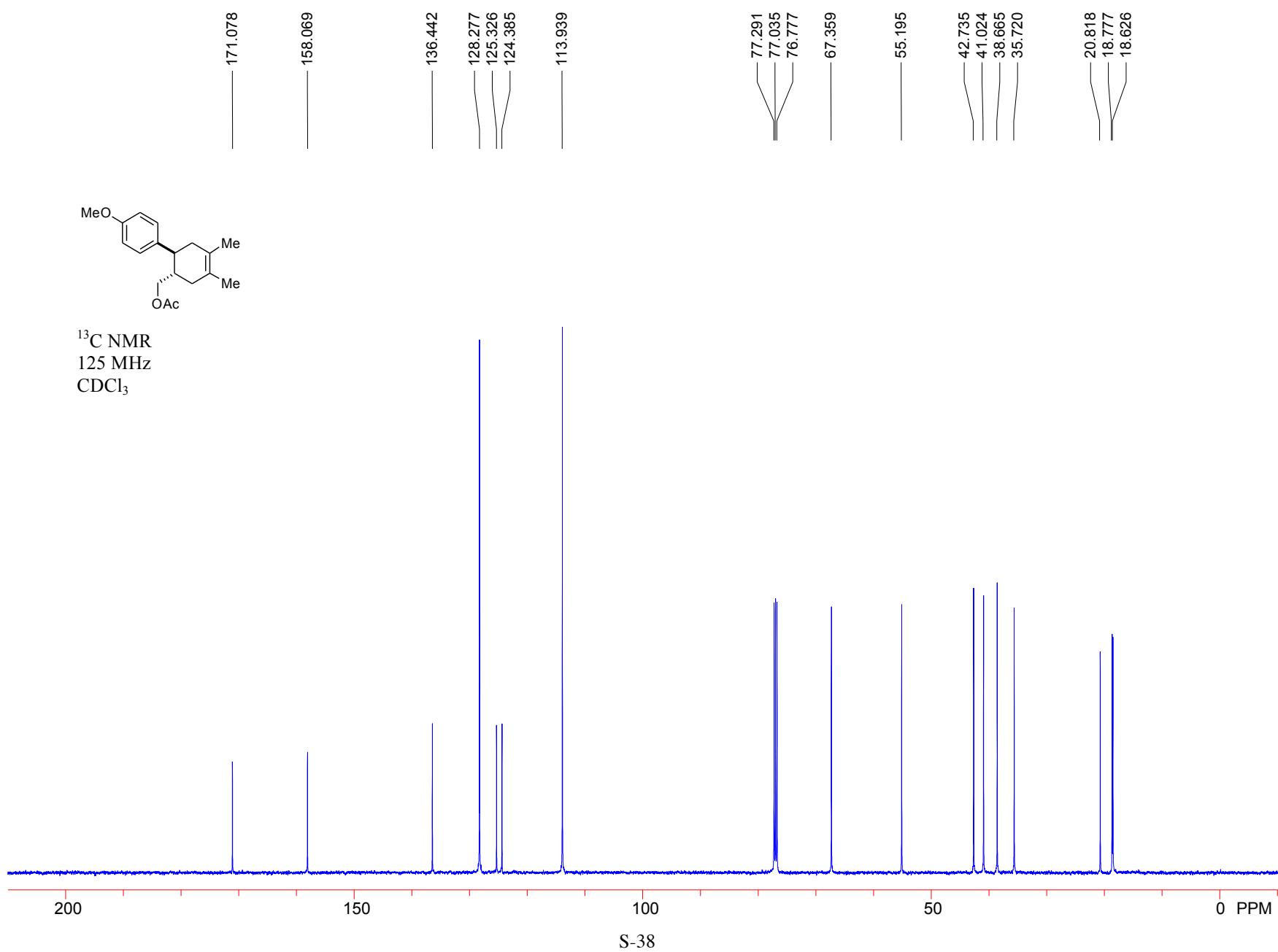


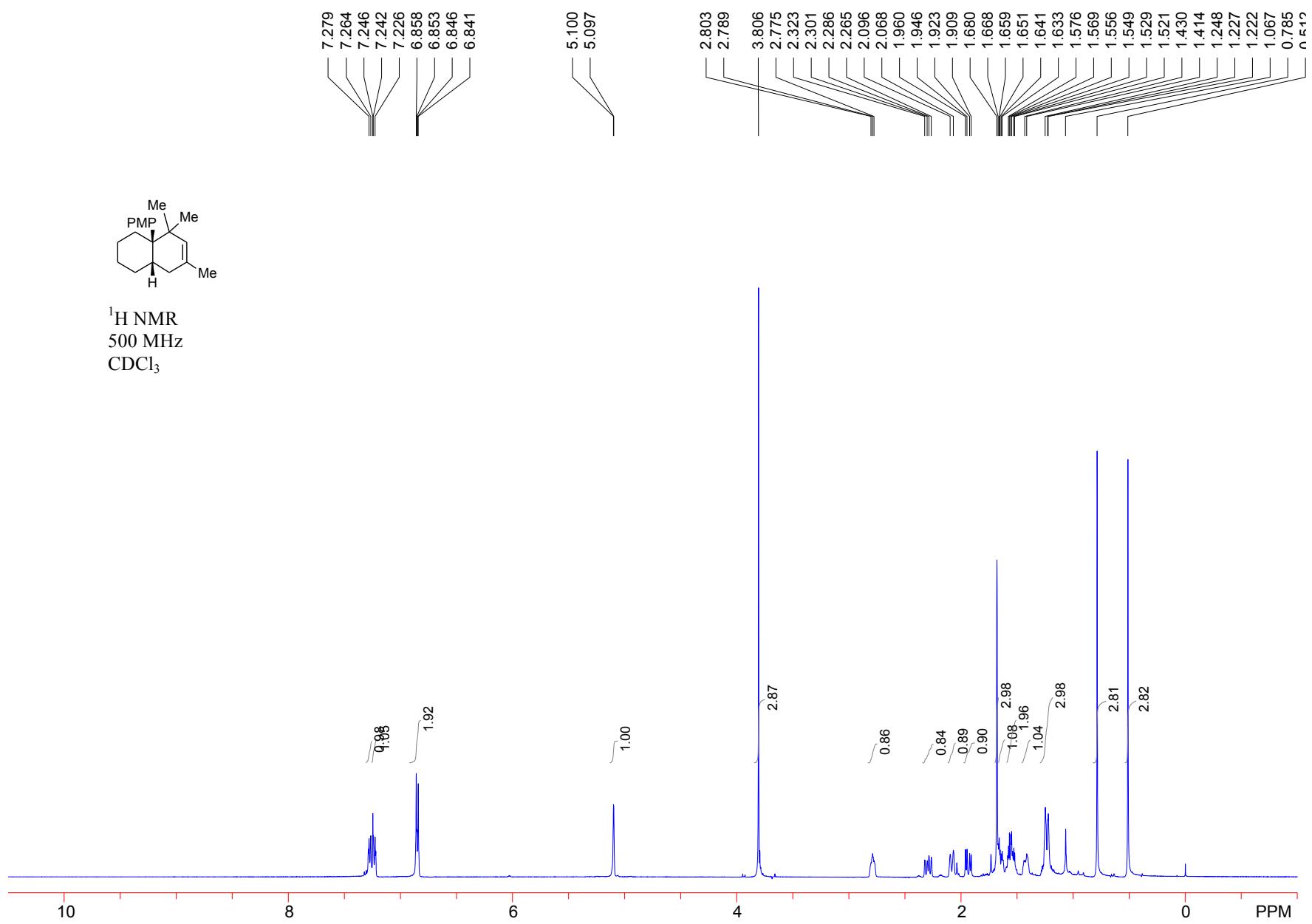
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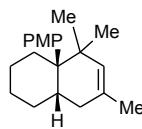
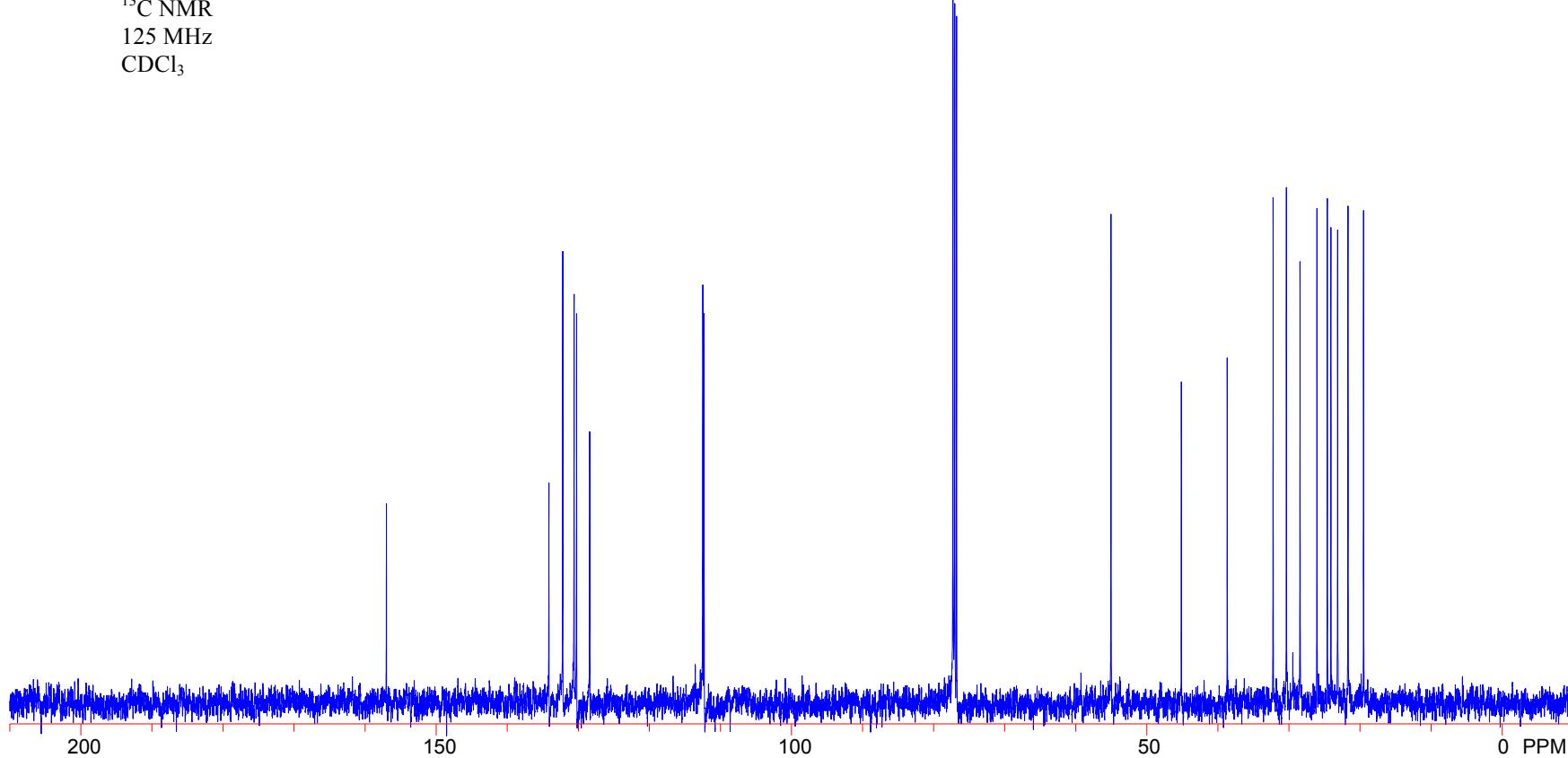


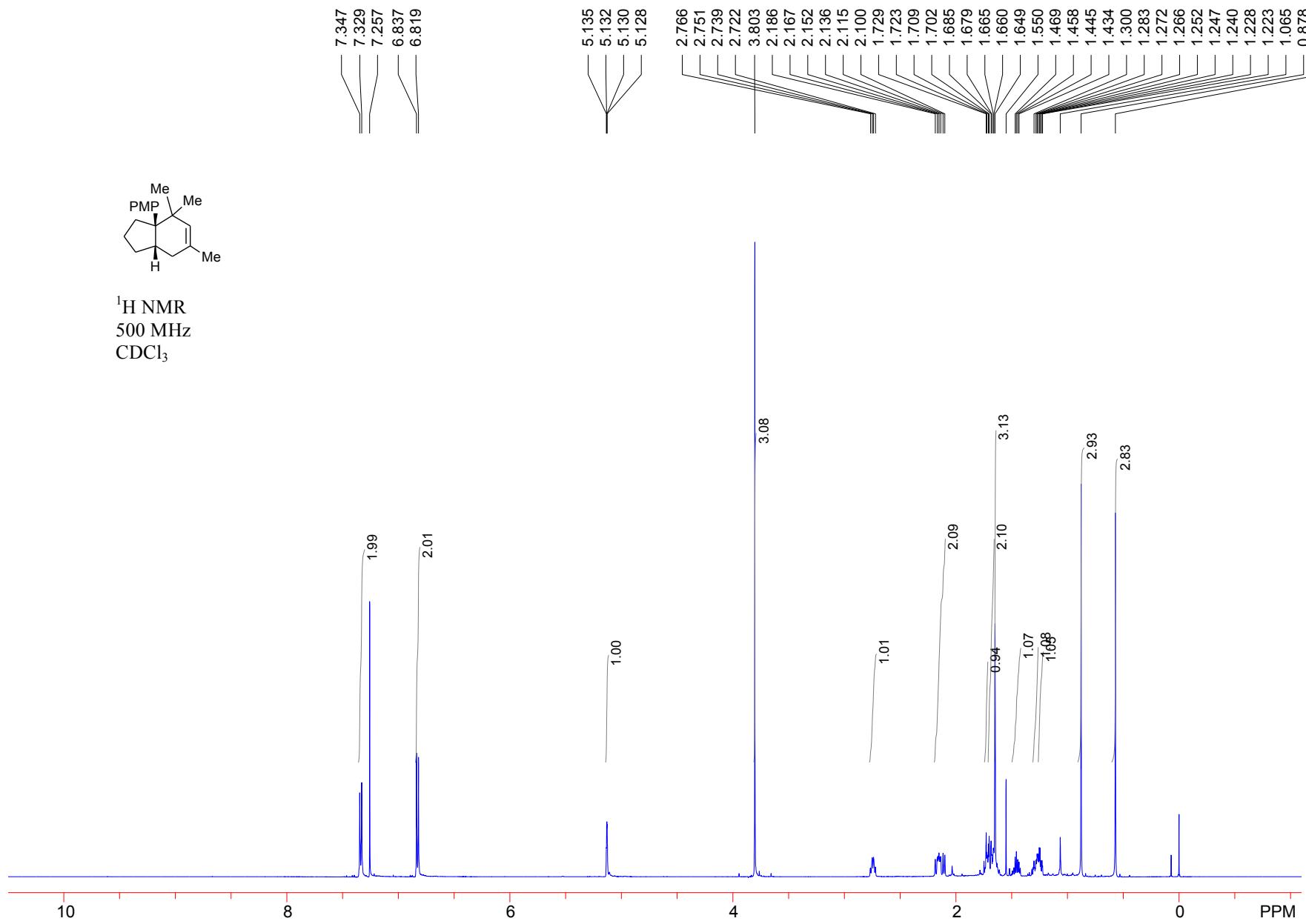


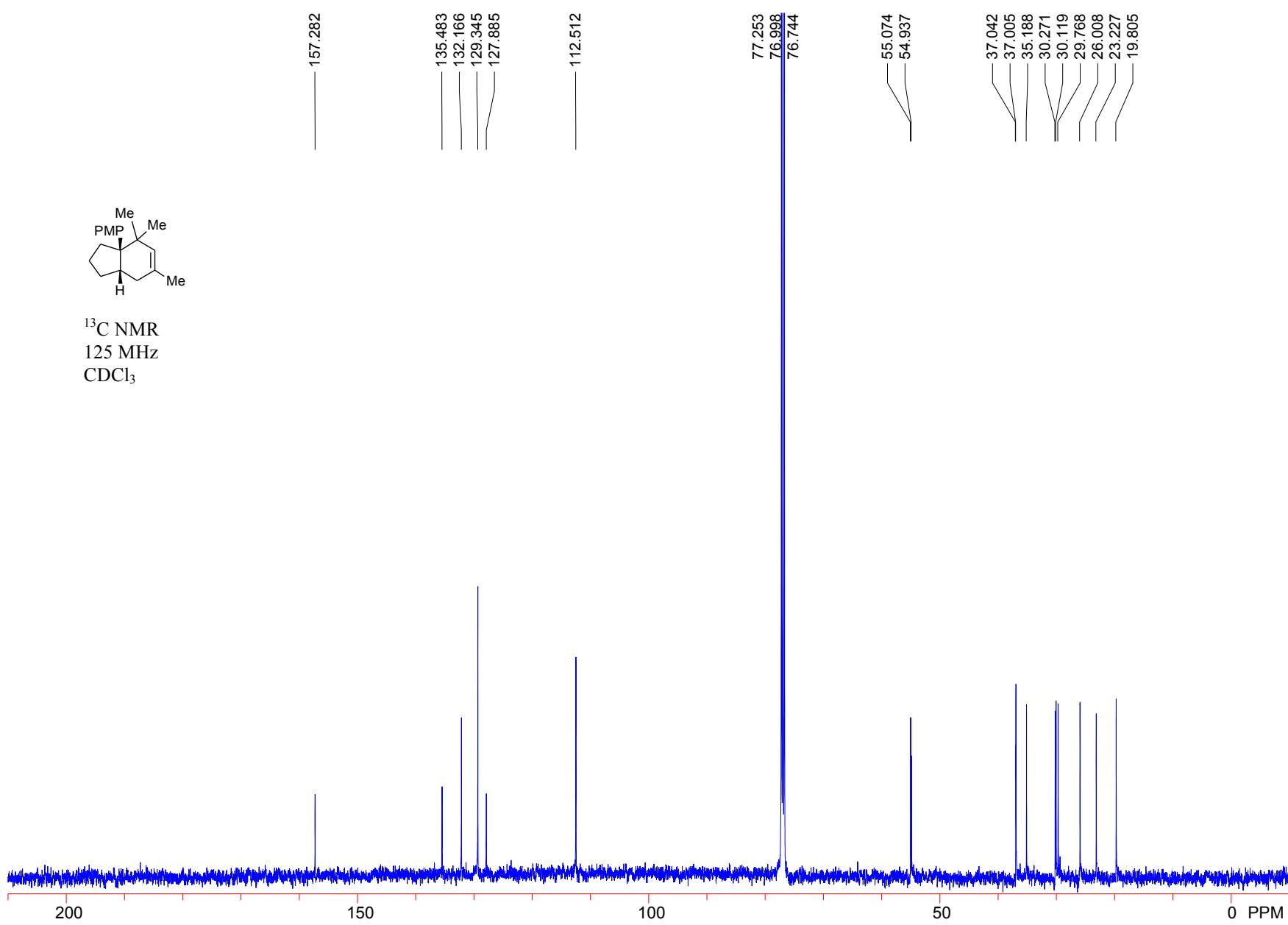


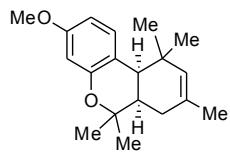




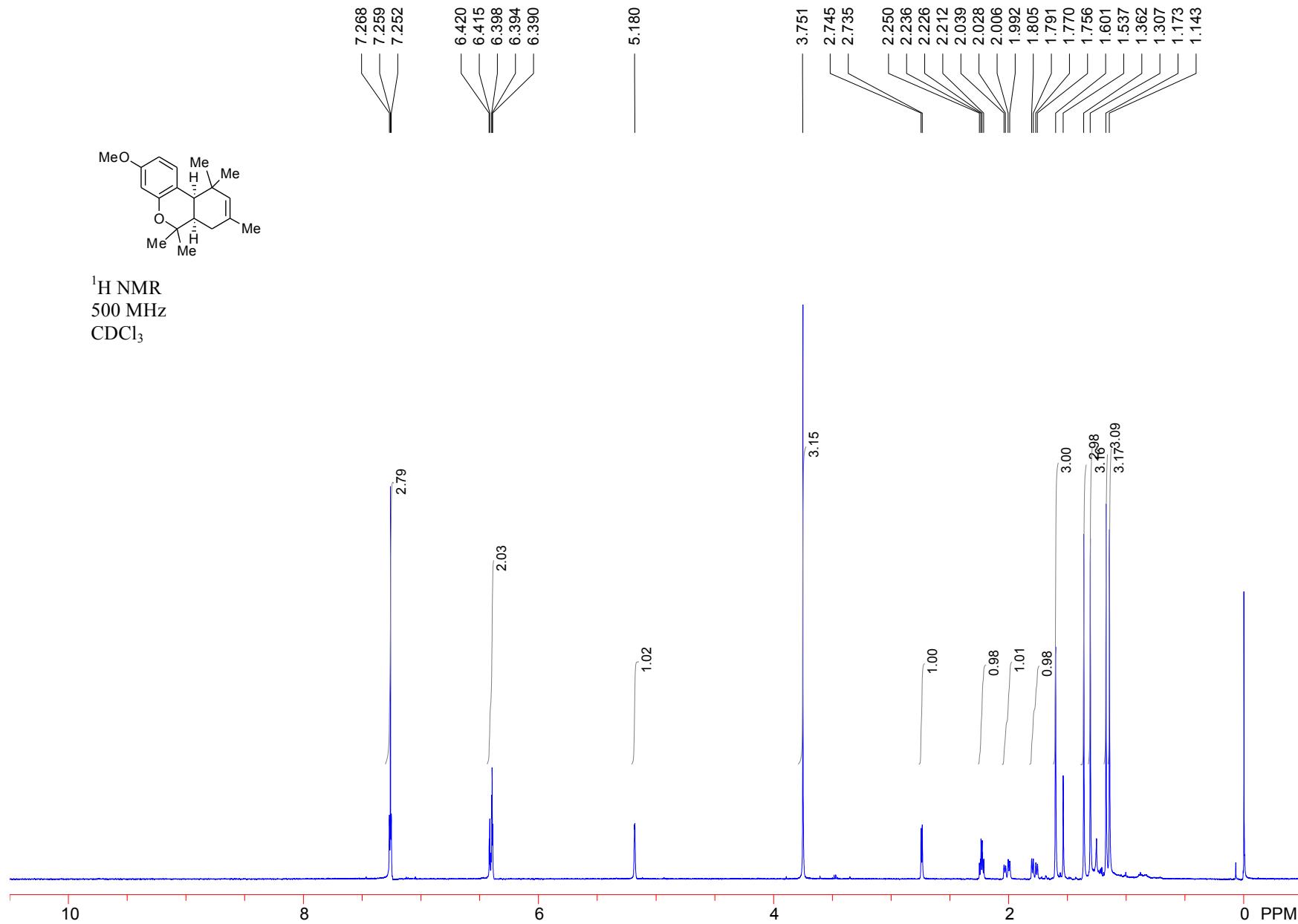


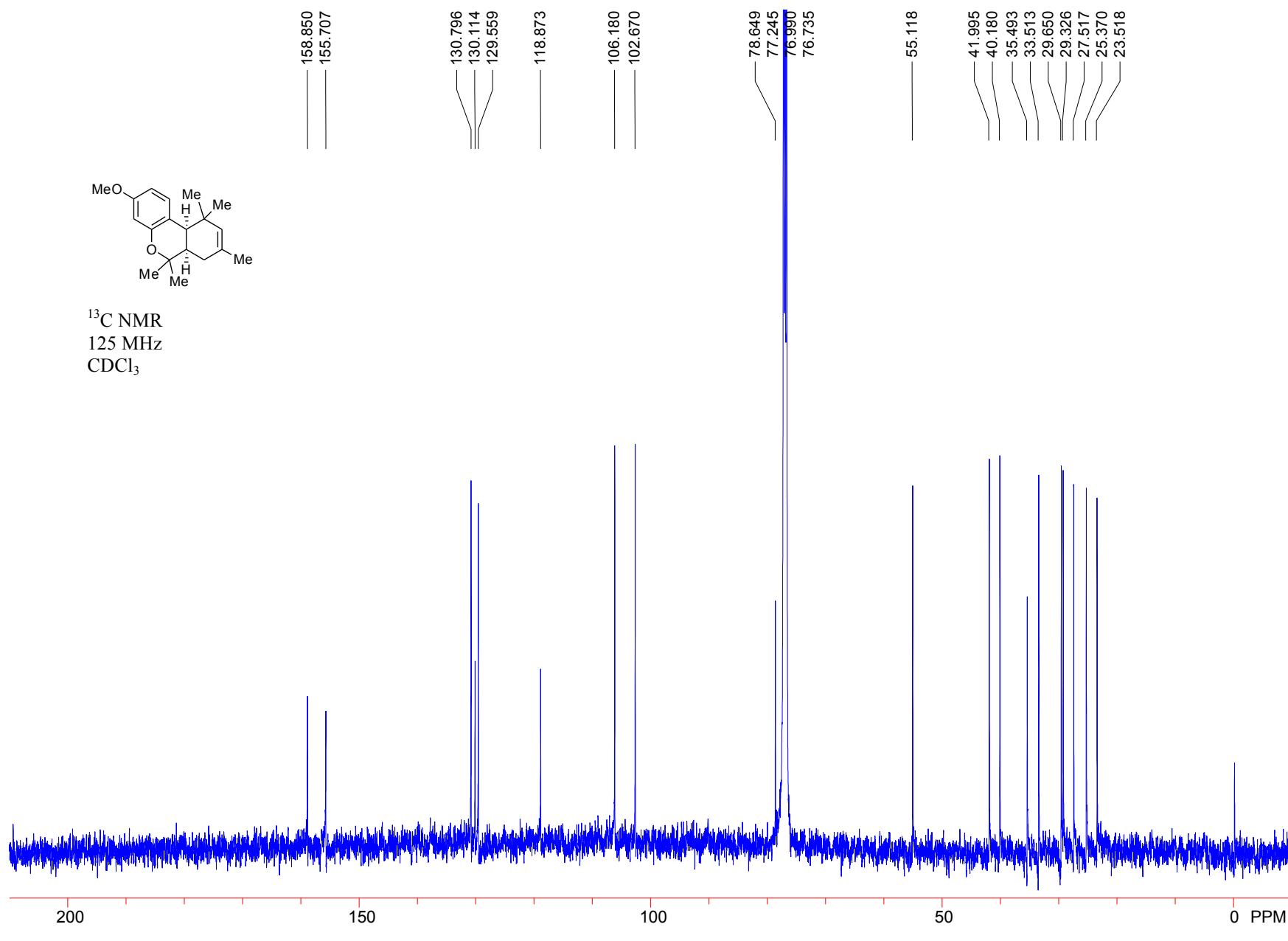


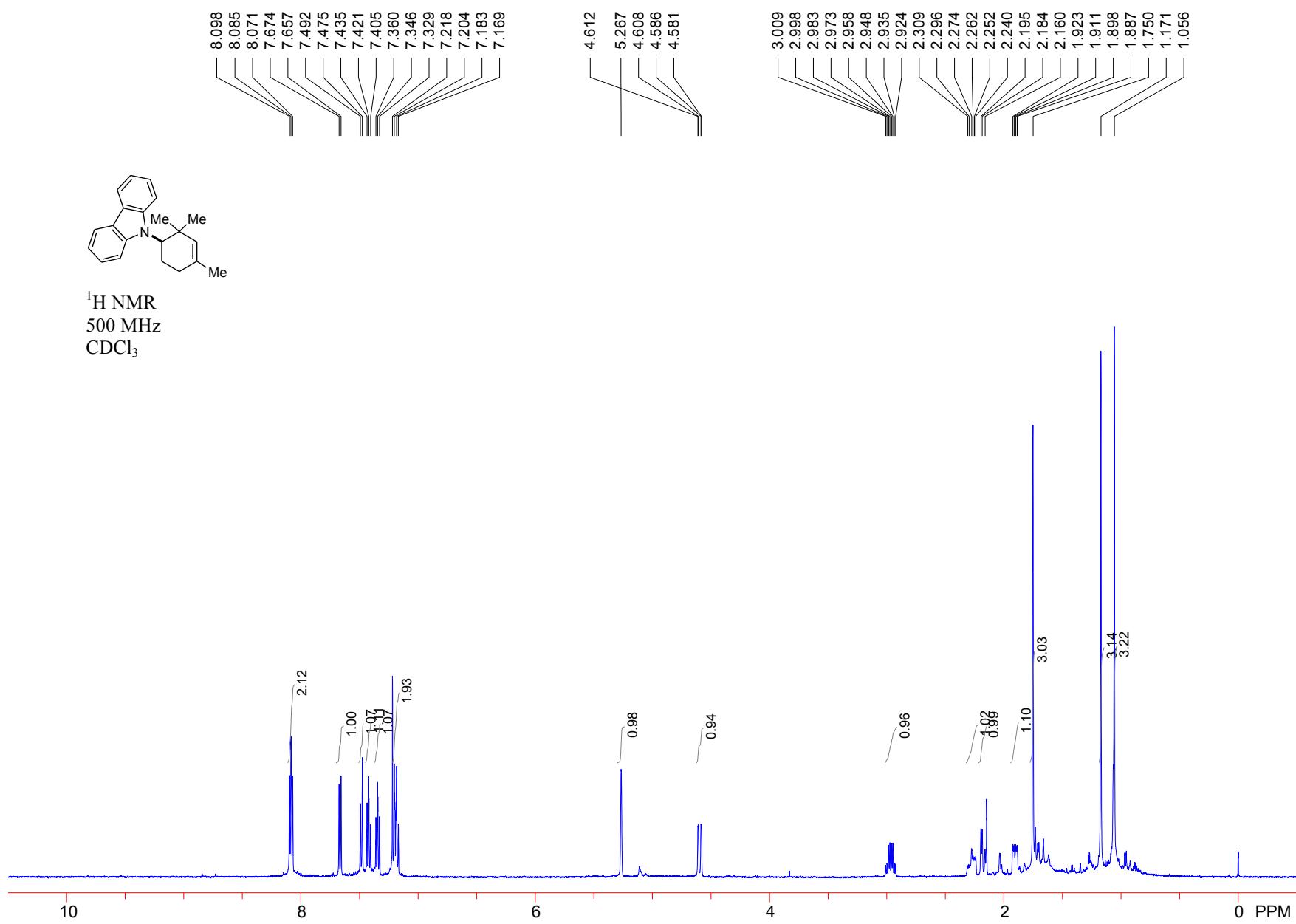


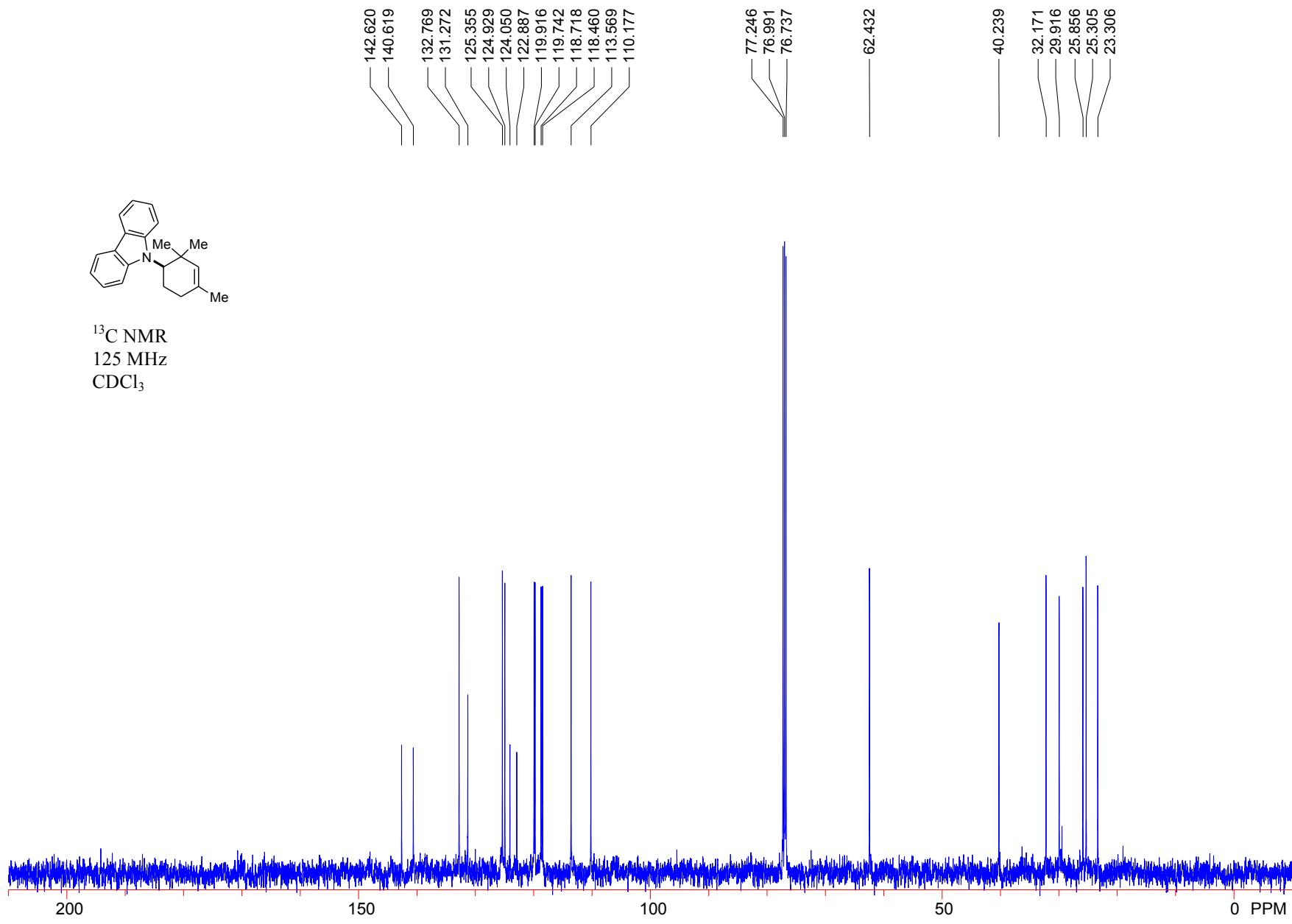


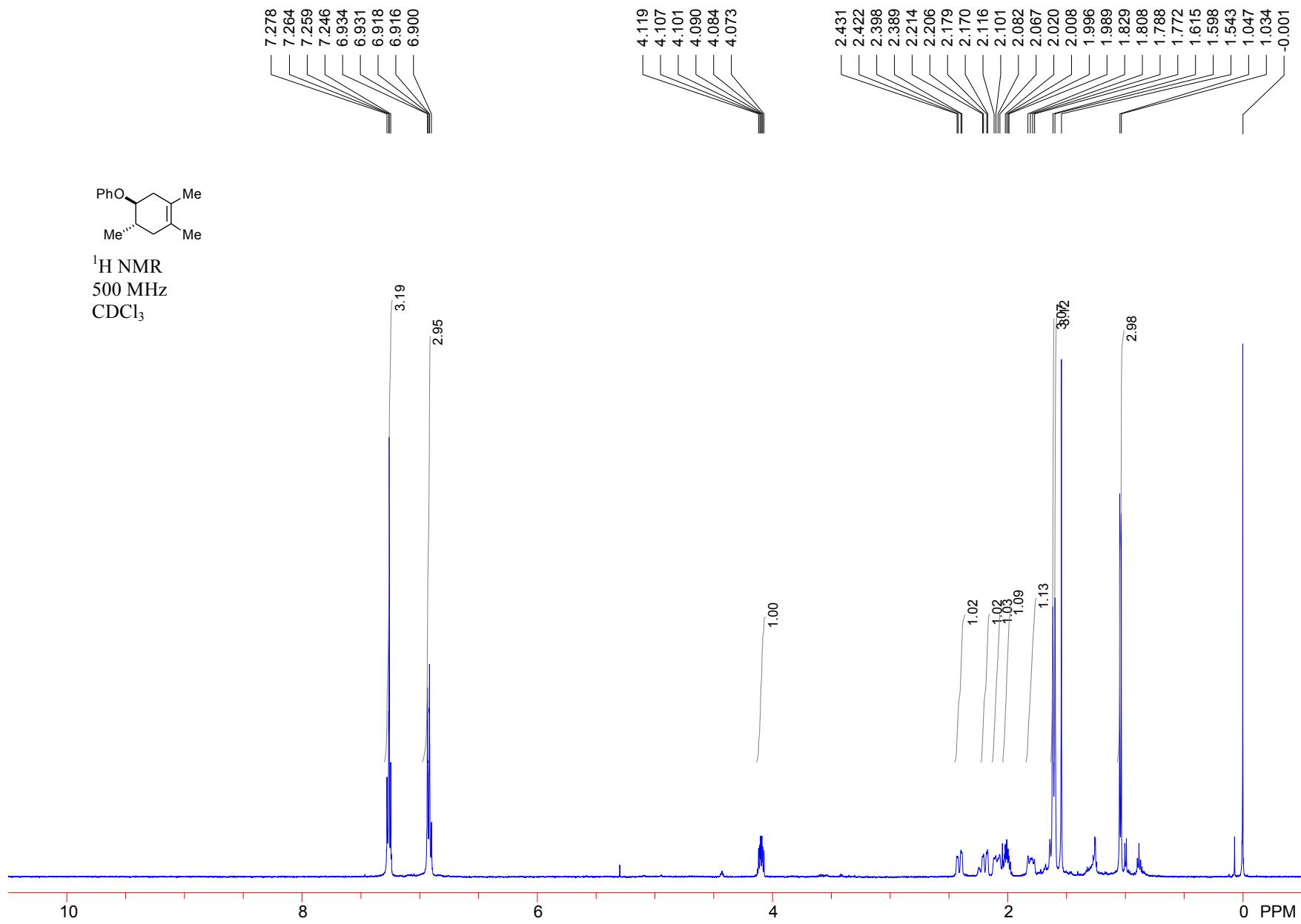
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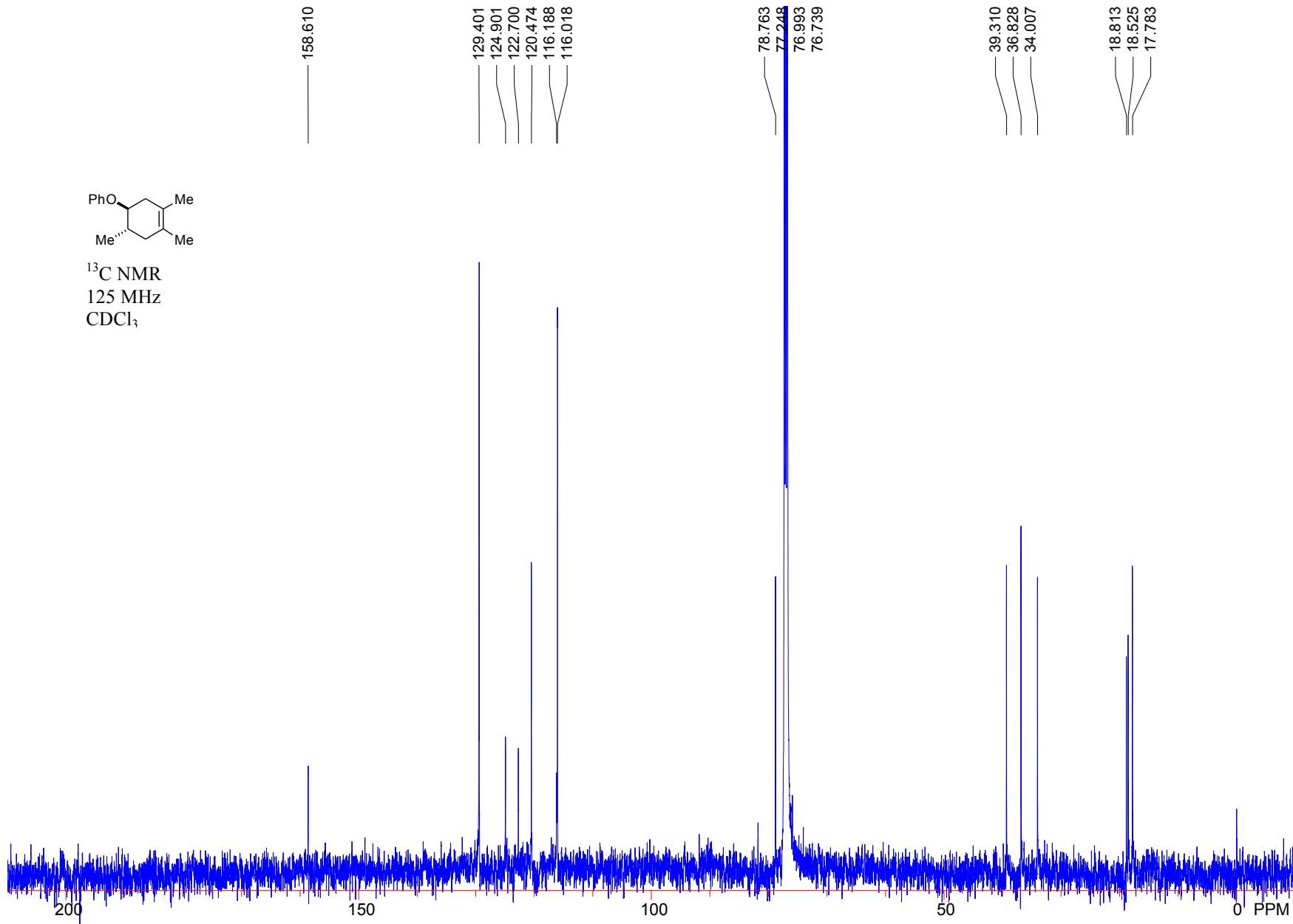


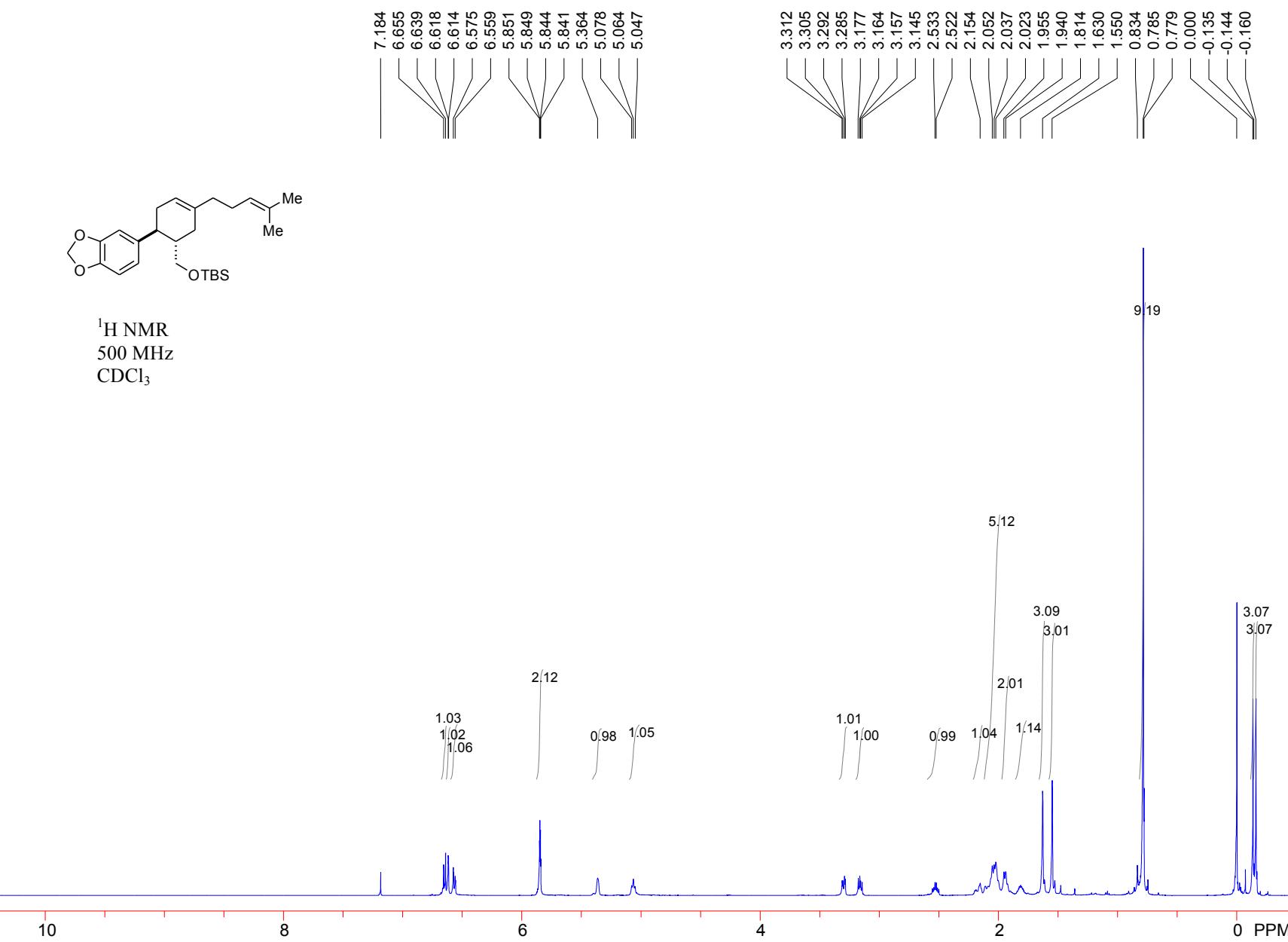


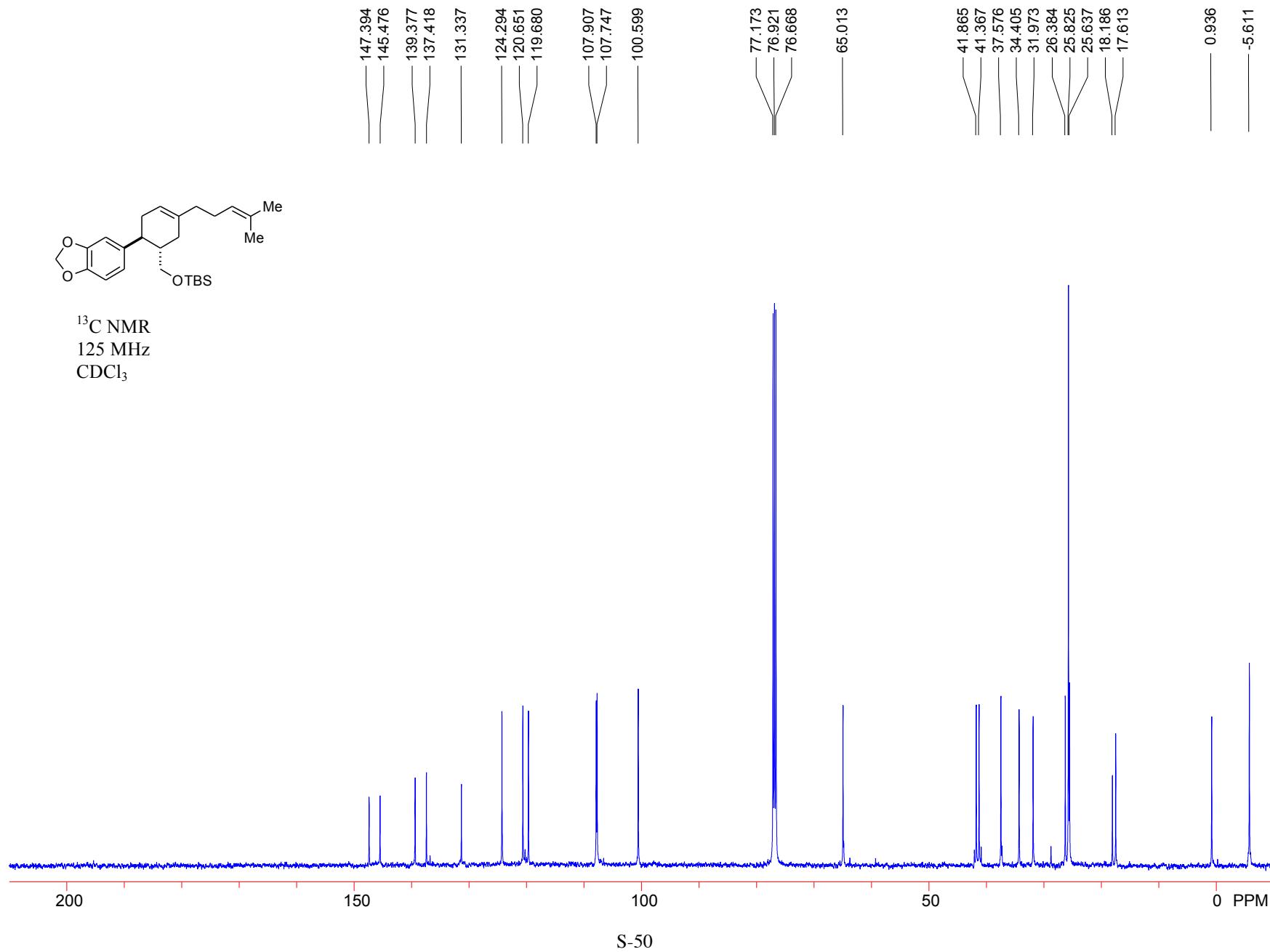


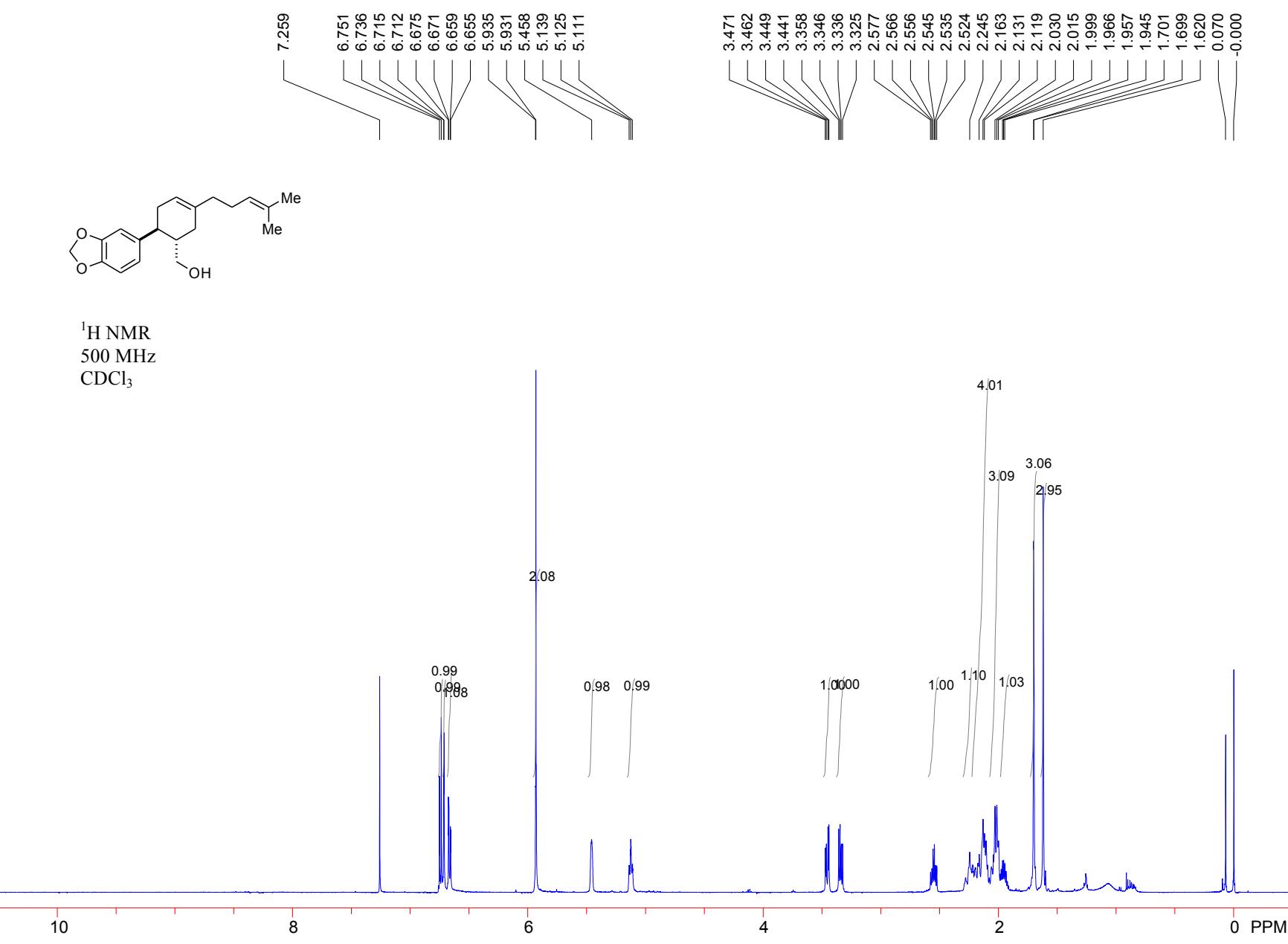


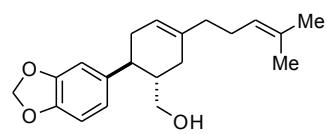




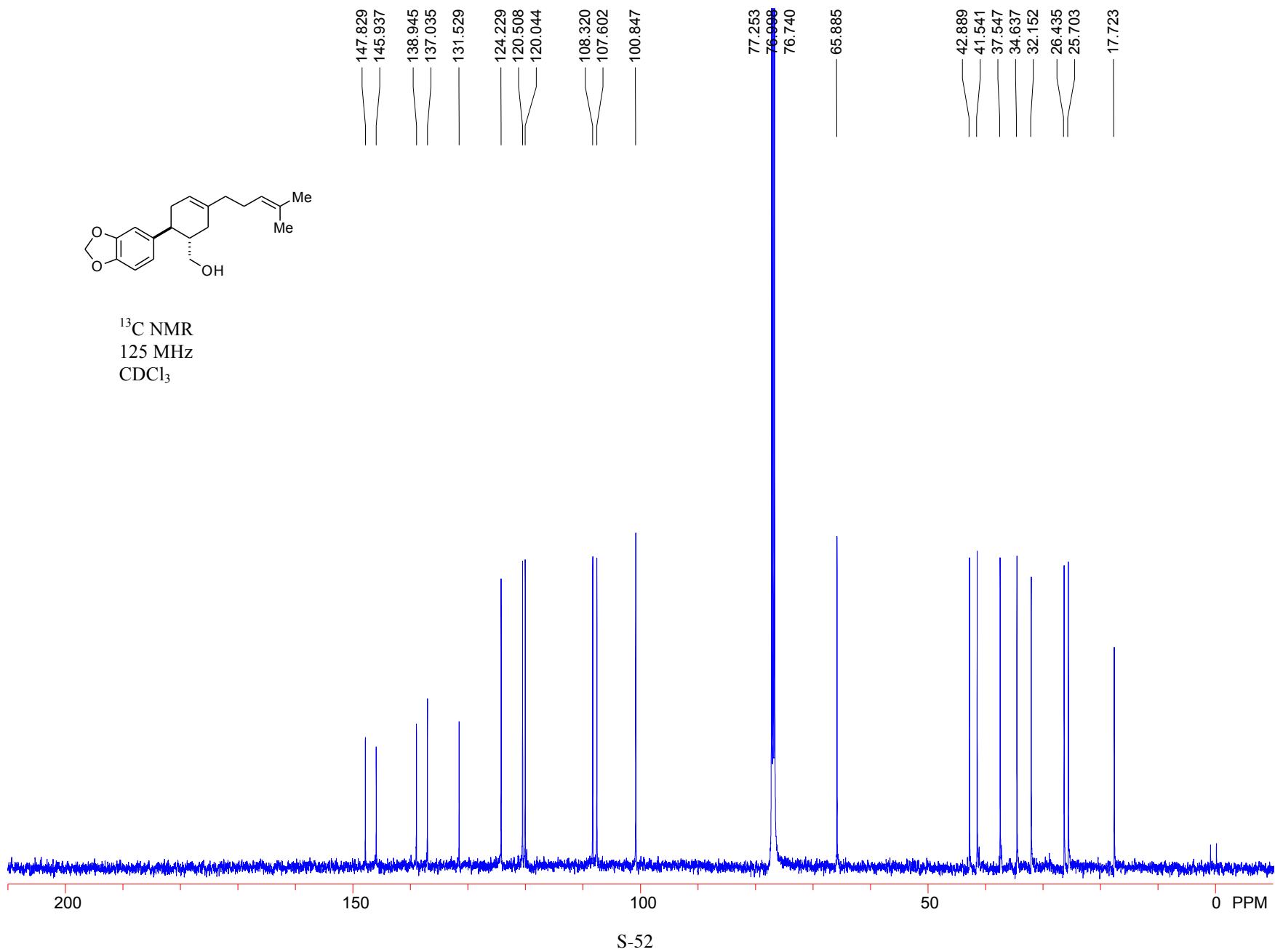




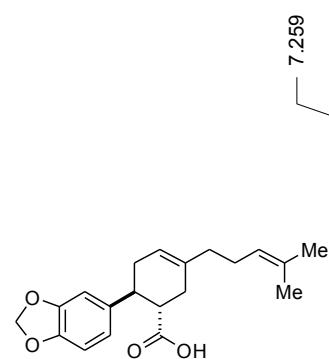




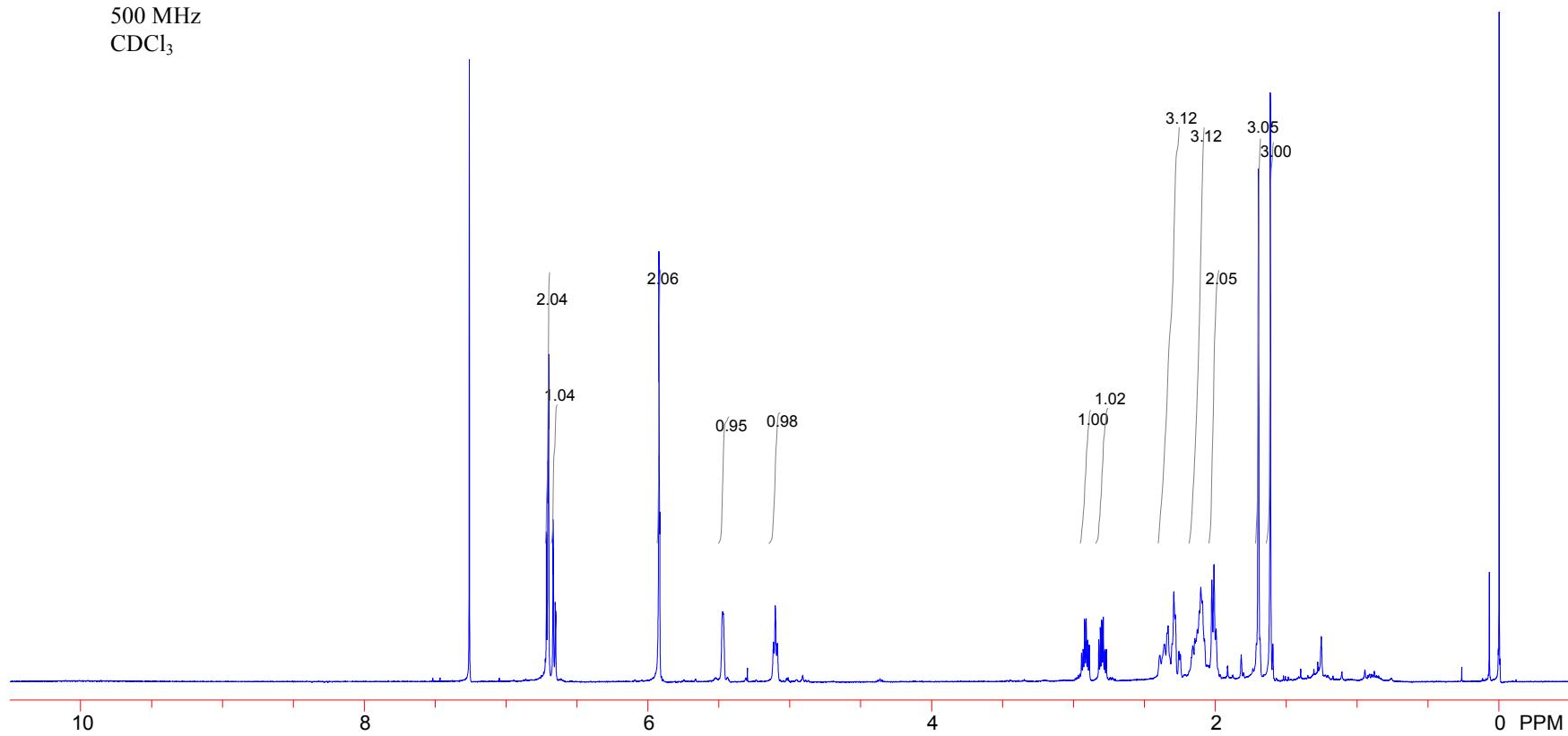
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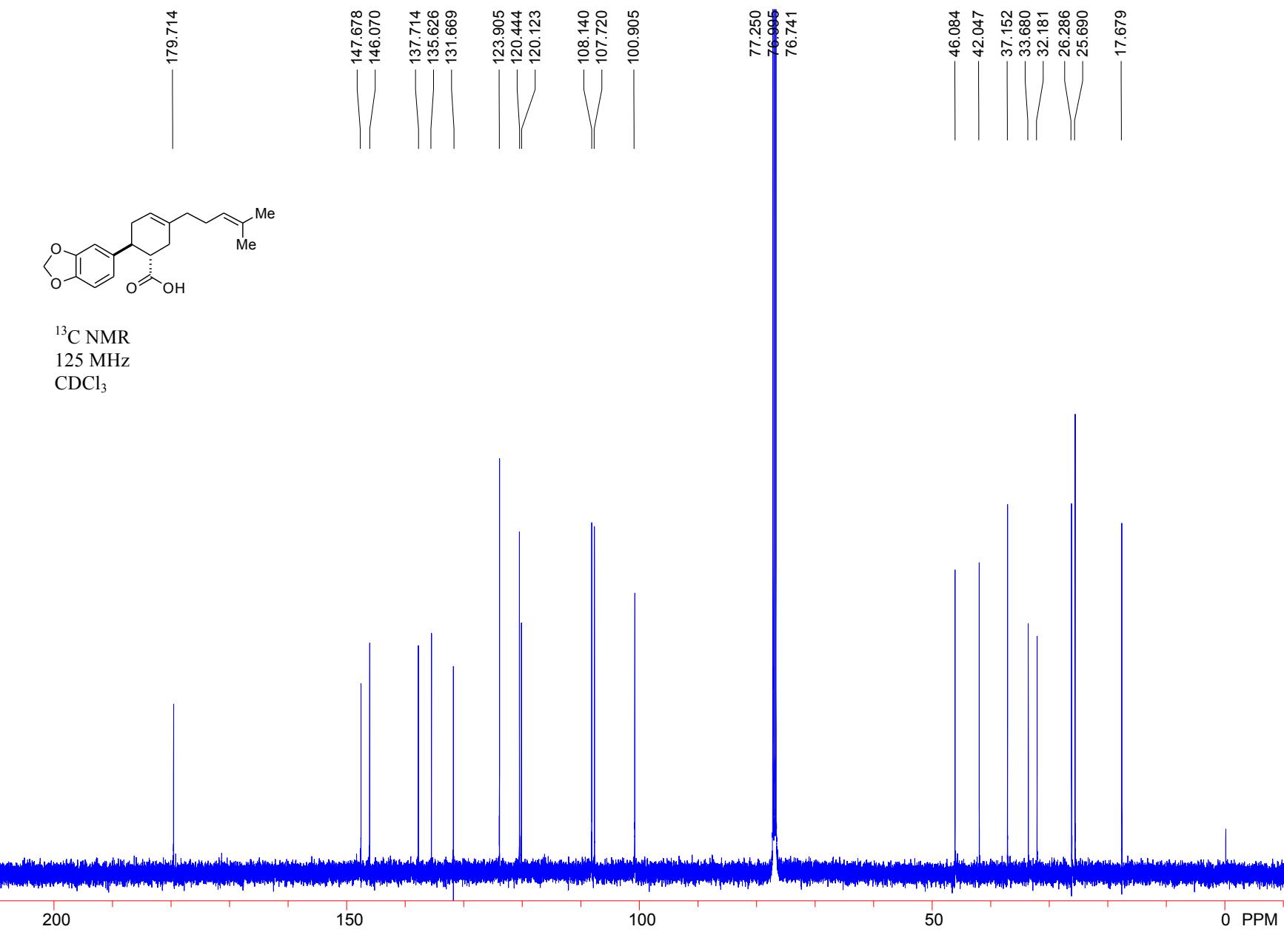


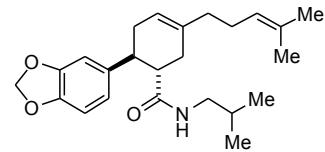
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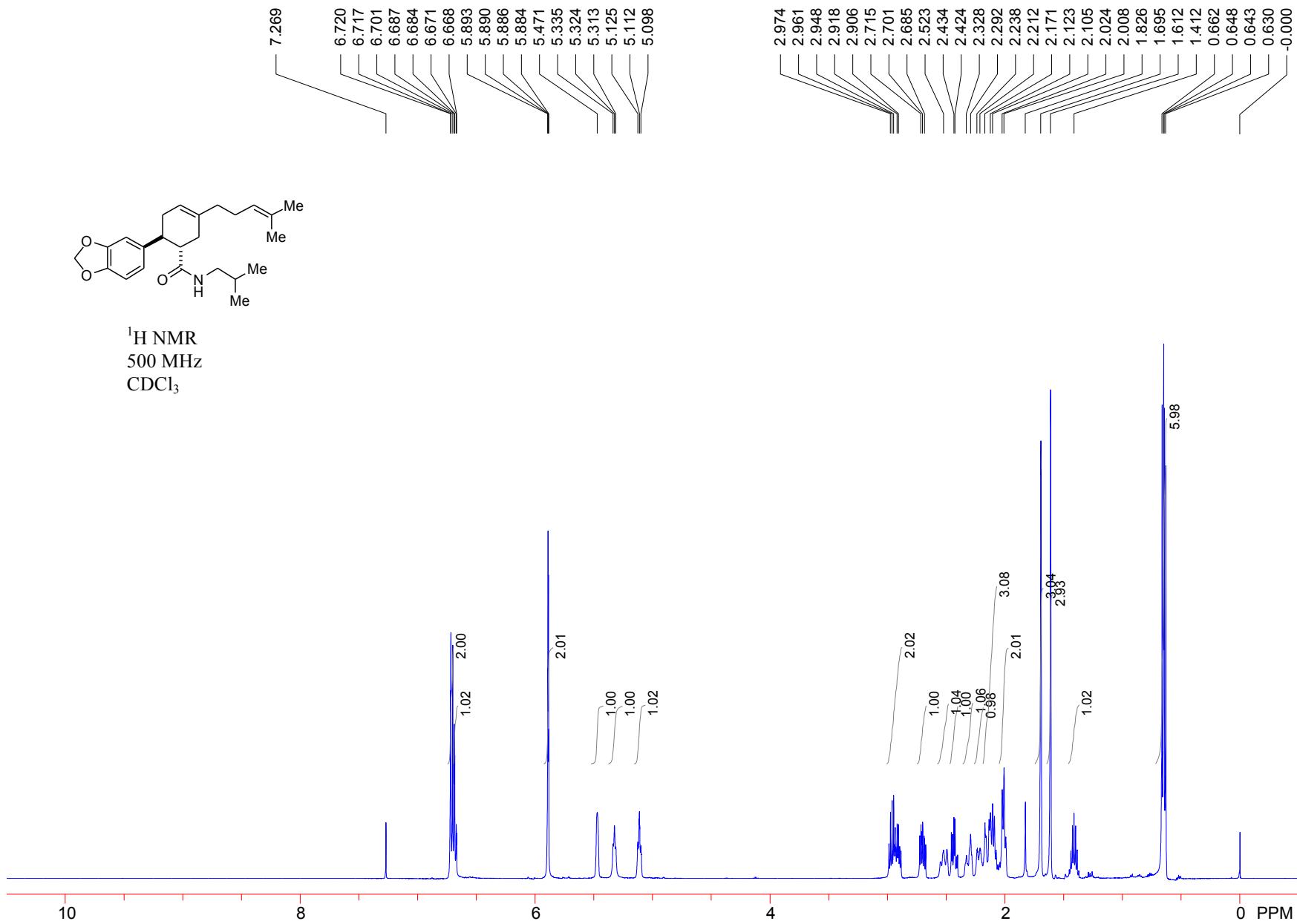
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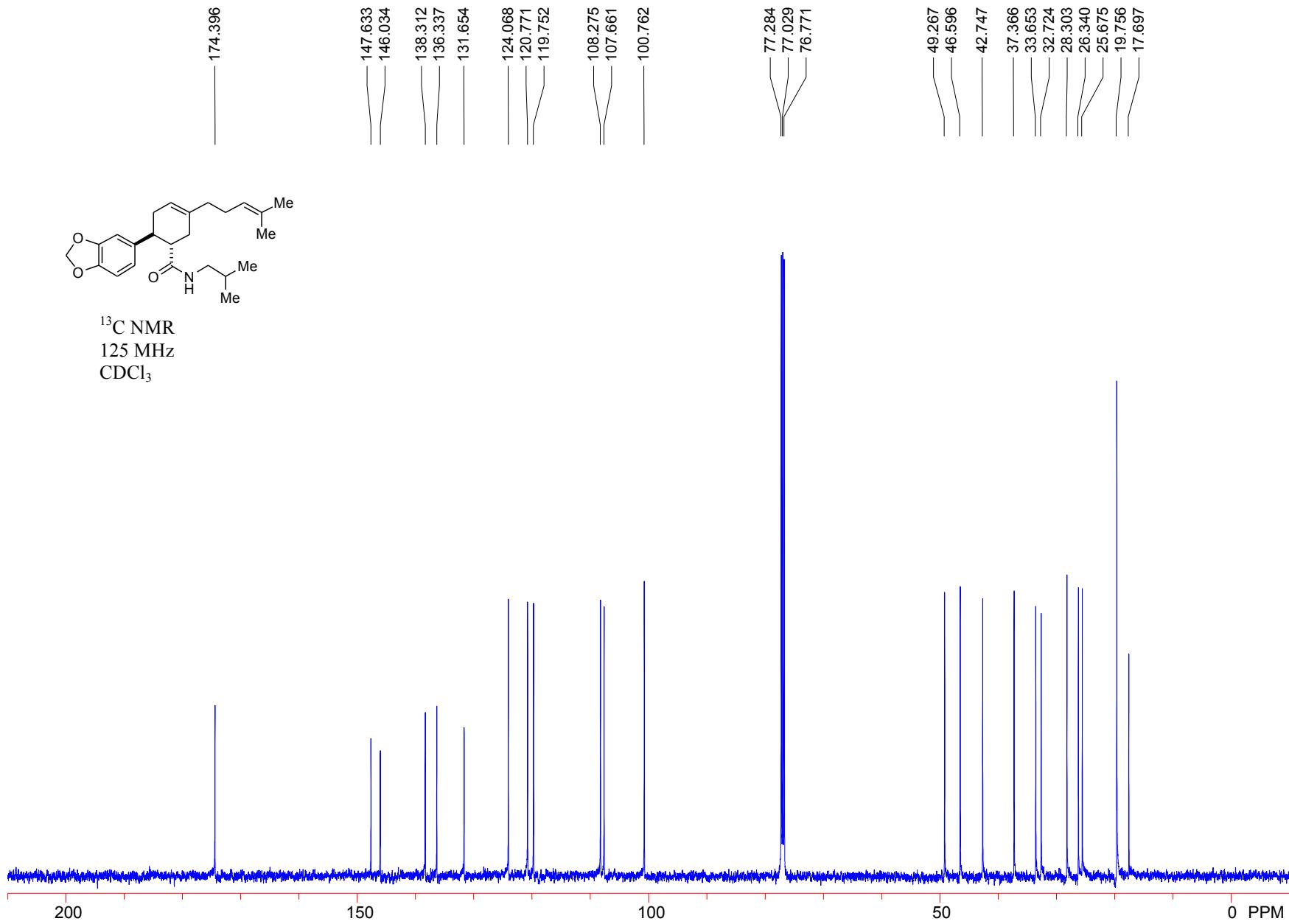


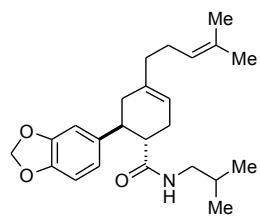




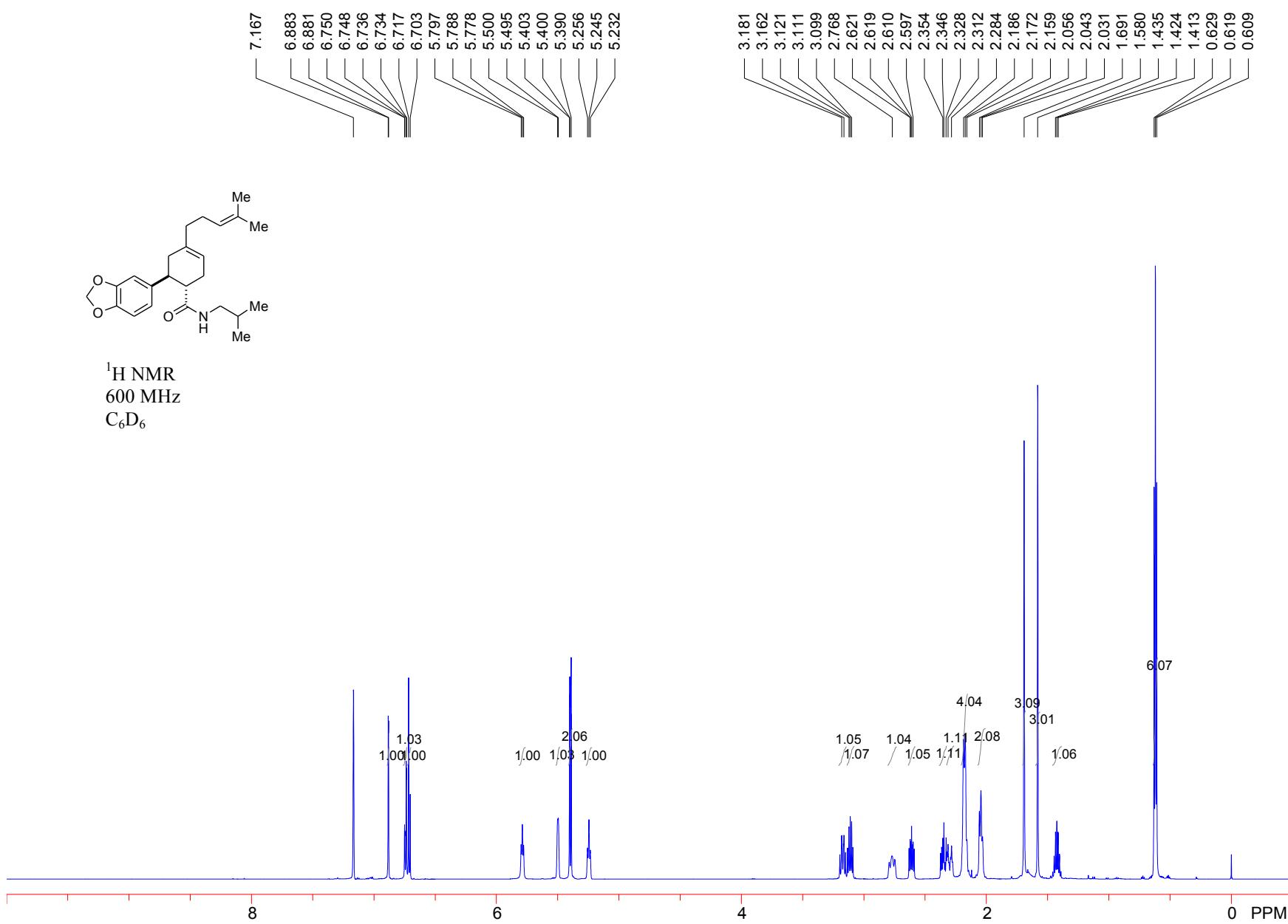
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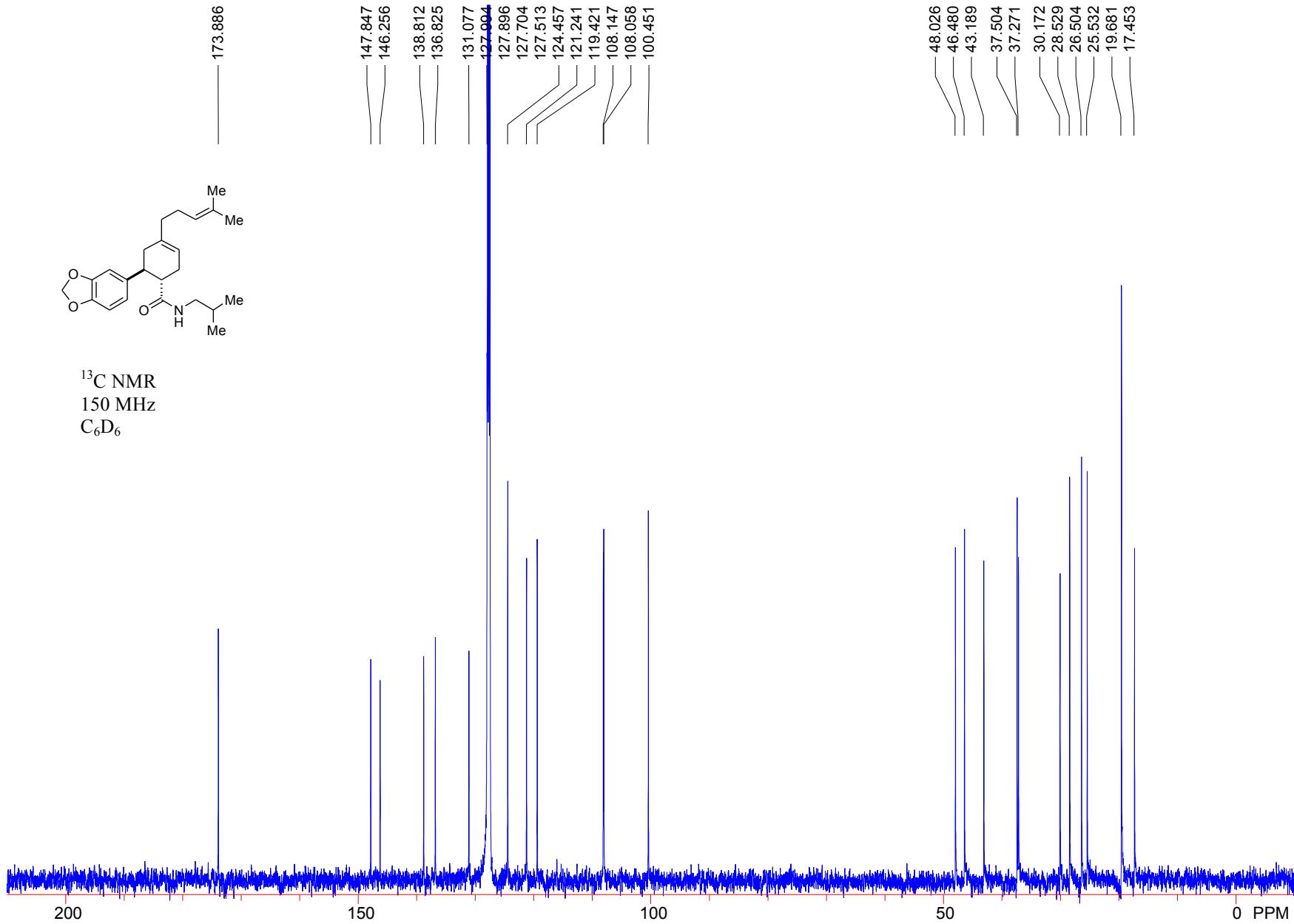


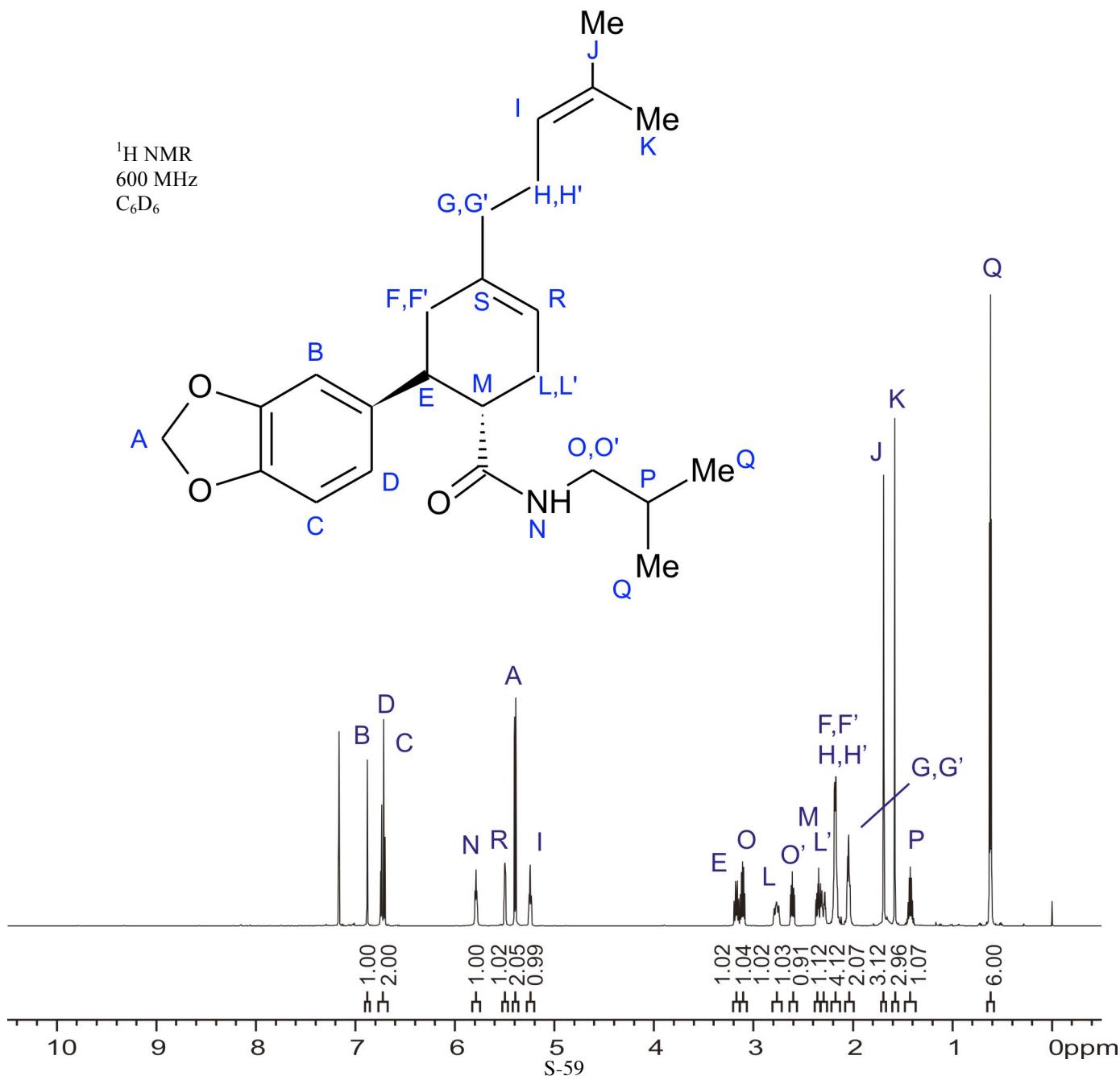




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