

Supporting Information

for

Lewis acid-catalyzed redox-neutral amination of 2-(3-pyrroline-1-yl)benzaldehydes via intramolecular [1,5]-hydride shift/isomerization reaction

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Experimental details, analytical data, and copies of the ^1H and ^{13}C NMR spectra of the final products

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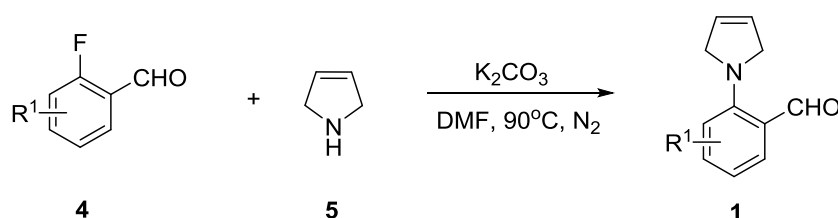
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General information

^1H NMR (300 MHz) spectra were recorded on a Bruker Avance 300 spectrometer in CDCl_3 [using $(\text{CH}_3)_4\text{Si}$ (for ^1H , $\delta = 0.00$) as internal standard]. ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz) spectra on a Bruker Avance 300 spectrometer in CDCl_3 [using CDCl_3 (for ^{13}C , $\delta = 77.00$) as internal standard]. The following abbreviations were used to describe peak splitting patterns when appropriate: s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, q = quartet, m = multiplet, dd = doublet of doublets, dt = doublet of triplets, ddd = doublet of doublet of doublets, td = triplet of doublets. High and low resolution mass spectra were obtained with a ESI mass spectrometer and a TOF mass analyzer. Melting points are uncorrected.

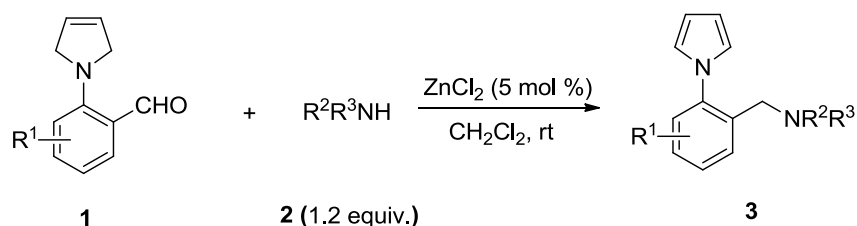
Commercially available reagents and solvents were used without further purification. Flash column chromatography was performed using silica gel (200–300 mesh, Qingdao Ocean Chemical Company, China). Reactions were monitored by TLC on silica gel 60 F254 plates (Qingdao Ocean Chemical Company, China); visualization was effected by ultraviolet light (254 nm).

General procedure for the preparation of compound **1**^[1]

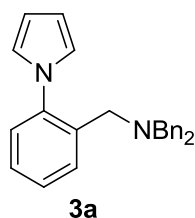


To a solution of 2-fluorobenzaldehyde **4a** (1.8 g, 14.5 mmol, 1.0 equiv) in DMF was added K_2CO_3 (2.0 g, 14.5 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and 3-pyrroline **5** (1.0 g, 14.5 mmol, 1.0 equiv) at rt, then the mixture was heated to 90°C and stirred for 7 h. The mixture was filtered and the filtrate was concentrated and the residue was purified by column chromatography (PE/EA 25:1) to give the title compound **1** (1.55 g, 62% yield).

General procedure for the preparation of *N*-arylpyrroles



A mixture of benzaldehyde **1** (0.3–0.5 mmol), amine **2** (1.2 equiv) and ZnCl₂ (5 mol %) were stirred in dichloromethane or DCE (5.0 mL) at room temperature or reflux and monitored by TLC. After the completion of the reaction (about 24 h), the organic solvent was removed by evaporation and the residue was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel to give *N*-arylpyrrole **3**.

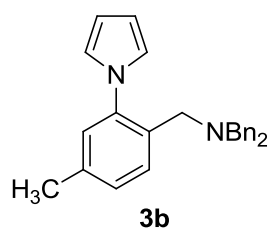


3a, 93% yield, light yellow solid ($R_f = 0.85$, petroleum ether/ethyl acetate, 50/3), m.p. 69.1–71.8 °C.

¹H-NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.87 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.48–7.04 (m, 13H), 6.73 (t, $J = 2.0$ Hz, 2H), 6.30 (t, $J = 2.0$ Hz, 2H), 3.43 (s, 4H), 3.40 (s, 2H).

¹³C-NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 140.6, 139.4, 135.8, 130.0, 128.7, 128.2, 127.8, 127.2, 126.9, 126.7, 122.5, 108.8, 58.1, 52.5.

MS (ESI): m/z 353.2 [M+H]⁺; **HRMS** (ESI): Exact mass calcd. for C₂₅H₂₅N₂ [M+H]⁺ 353.2018, Found: 353.2028.

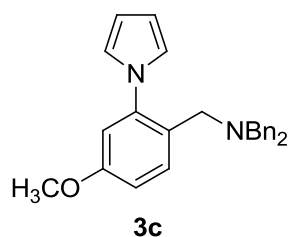


3b, 92% yield, light yellow oil ($R_f = 0.85$, petroleum ether/ethyl acetate, 50/3).

¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.72 (d, $J = 7.9$ Hz, 1H), 7.38–7.23 (m, 8H), 7.19 (t, $J = 6.9$ Hz, 3H), 7.02 (s, 1H), 6.73 (t, $J = 1.9$ Hz, 2H), 6.29 (t, $J = 1.9$ Hz, 2H), 3.42 (s, 4H), 3.37 (s, 2H), 2.32 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 140.4, 139.5, 137.2, 132.4, 129.8, 128.7, 128.5, 128.2, 127.2, 126.8, 122.5, 108.7, 58.0, 52.4, 20.8.

MS (ESI): m/z 389.2 [M+Na]⁺; **HRMS** (ESI): Exact mass calcd. for C₂₆H₂₆N₂Na [M+Na]⁺ 389.1994, Found: 389.1985.

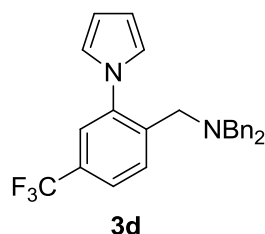


3c, 97% yield, light yellow oil ($R_f = 0.85$, petroleum ether/ethyl acetate, 50/3).

$^1\text{H NMR}$ (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.71 (d, $J = 8.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.45-7.10 (m, 10H), 6.94 (dd, $J = 8.6, 2.3$ Hz, 1H), 6.76 (s, 3H), 6.30 (s, 2H), 3.76 (s, 3H), 3.42 (s, 4H), 3.34 (s, 2H).

$^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (75 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 158.6, 141.4, 139.5, 131.1, 128.7, 128.2, 127.4, 126.8, 122.5, 114.1, 111.6, 108.8, 57.9, 55.4, 52.2.

MS (ESI): m/z 405.2 $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$; **HRMS** (ESI): Exact mass calcd. for $\text{C}_{26}\text{H}_{26}\text{N}_2\text{ONa}$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ 405.1943, Found: 405.1938.

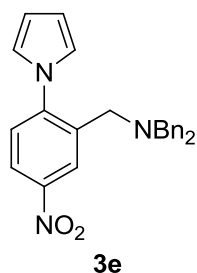


3d, 89% yield, light yellow oil ($R_f = 0.85$, petroleum ether/ethyl acetate, 50/3).

$^1\text{H NMR}$ (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.02 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 1H), 7.62 (d, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.47 (s, 1H), 7.37-7.10 (m, 10H), 6.72 (t, $J = 2.0$ Hz, 2H), 6.33 (t, $J = 2.0$ Hz, 2H), 3.45 (s, 6H).

$^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (75 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 140.7, 140.1, 138.9, 130.5, 129.8 (q, $J = 32.9$ Hz), 128.7, 128.4, 127.1, 124.4 (q, $J = 3.6$ Hz), 123.7 (q, $J = 270.4$ Hz), 123.6 (q, $J = 3.7$ Hz), 122.4, 109.6, 58.3, 52.4.

MS (ESI): m/z 443.2 $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$; **HRMS** (ESI): Exact mass calcd. for $\text{C}_{26}\text{H}_{23}\text{F}_3\text{N}_2\text{Na}$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ 443.1711, Found: 443.1721.

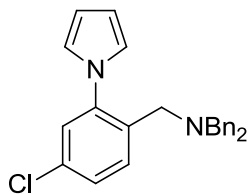


3e, 91% yield, light yellow oil ($R_f = 0.85$, petroleum ether/ethyl acetate, 50/3).

$^1\text{H NMR}$ (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.78 (d, $J = 2.1$ Hz, 1H), 8.06 (dd, $J = 8.6, 2.3$ Hz, 1H), 7.41-7.11 (m, 11H), 6.76 (s, 2H), 6.36 (s, 2H), 3.55 (s, 2H), 3.49 (s, 4H).

$^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (75 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 146.6, 145.3, 138.5, 136.8, 128.8, 128.4, 127.2, 126.8, 125.8, 122.5, 122.2, 110.3, 58.5, 52.6.

MS (ESI): m/z 420.2 $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$; **HRMS** (ESI): Exact mass calcd. for $\text{C}_{25}\text{H}_{23}\text{N}_3\text{O}_2\text{Na}$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ 420.1688, Found: 420.1676.



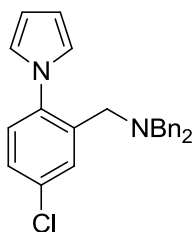
3f

3f, 71% yield, light yellow oil ($R_f = 0.85$, petroleum ether/ethyl acetate, 50/3).

$^1\text{H NMR}$ (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.84 (d, $J = 1.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.36-7.24 (m, 8H), 7.23-7.14 (m, 3H), 7.09 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 6.66 (s, 2H), 6.29 (s, 2H), 3.42 (s, 4H), 3.35 (s, 2H).

$^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (75 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 139.0, 138.9, 137.8, 133.6, 129.7, 128.7, 128.3, 127.9, 127.4, 127.1, 122.4, 109.2, 58.2, 52.3.

MS (ESI): m/z 387.2 $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$; **HRMS** (ESI): Exact mass calcd. for $\text{C}_{25}\text{H}_{24}\text{ClN}_2$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 387.1628, Found: 387.1641.



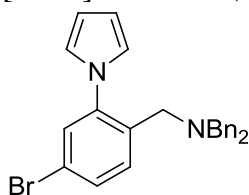
3g

3g, 87% yield, light yellow oil ($R_f = 0.85$, petroleum ether/ethyl acetate, 50/3).

$^1\text{H NMR}$ (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.79 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.43-7.09 (m, 12H), 6.81-6.61 (m, 2H), 6.36-6.17 (m, 2H), 3.42 (s, 4H), 3.36 (s, 2H).

$^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (75 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 141.4, 139.1, 134.2, 132.5, 131.2, 128.7, 128.3, 127.9, 127.0, 126.6, 122.3, 109.4, 58.1, 52.1.

MS (ESI): m/z 387.2 $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$; **HRMS** (ESI): Exact mass calcd. for $\text{C}_{25}\text{H}_{24}\text{ClN}_2$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 387.1628, Found: 387.1635.



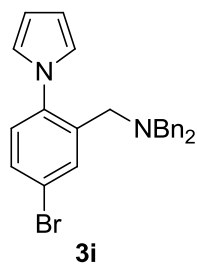
3h

3h, 87% yield, light yellow oil ($R_f = 0.85$, petroleum ether/ethyl acetate, 50/3).

$^1\text{H NMR}$ (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.72 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.46 (dd, $J = 8.3, 1.9$ Hz, 1H), 7.38-7.09 (m, 11H), 6.82-6.55 (m, 2H), 6.42-6.08 (m, 2H), 3.41 (s, 4H), 3.34 (s, 2H).

$^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (75 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 141.6, 139.0, 134.8, 131.4, 130.8, 129.5, 128.6, 128.3, 127.0, 122.3, 120.2, 109.4, 58.1, 52.1.

MS (ESI): m/z 431.1 $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$; **HRMS** (ESI): Exact mass calcd. for $\text{C}_{25}\text{H}_{24}\text{BrN}_2$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 431.1123, Found: 431.1131.

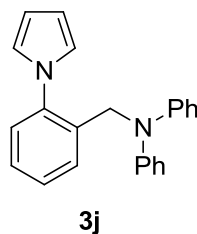


3i, 78% yield, light yellow solid ($R_f = 0.85$, petroleum ether/ethyl acetate, 50/3), m.p. 99.8-101.5 °C

$^1\text{H NMR}$ (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.99 (d, $J = 2.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.48-7.12 (m, 11H), 7.04 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 6.74-6.56 (m, 2H), 6.38-6.10 (m, 2H), 3.43 (s, 4H), 3.36 (s, 2H).

$^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (75 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 139.5, 138.9, 138.0, 132.8, 130.3, 128.7, 128.3, 128.1, 127.1, 122.3, 121.6, 109.3, 58.2, 52.3.

MS (ESI): m/z 431.1 $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$; **HRMS** (ESI): Exact mass calcd. for $\text{C}_{25}\text{H}_{24}\text{BrN}_2$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 431.1123, Found: 431.1128.

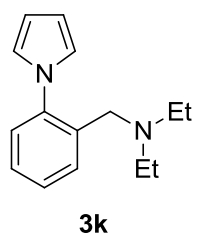


3j, 87% yield, light yellow oil ($R_f = 0.87$, petroleum ether/ethyl acetate, 50/3).

$^1\text{H NMR}$ (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.57 (d, $J = 4.3$ Hz, 1H), 7.37-7.12 (m, 7H), 7.04-6.84 (m, 6H), 6.78 (s, 2H), 6.33 (s, 2H), 4.80 (s, 2H).

$^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (75 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 147.8, 139.5, 135.1, 129.2, 128.1, 127.8, 127.5, 127.1, 122.1, 121.5, 120.6, 109.3, 52.2.

MS (ESI): m/z 347.2 $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$; **HRMS** (ESI): Exact mass calcd. for $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{20}\text{N}_2\text{Na}$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ 347.1524, Found: 347.1531.

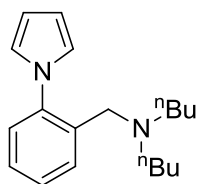


3k, 81% yield, light yellow oil ($R_f = 0.35$, petroleum ether/ethyl acetate, 50/3).

$^1\text{H NMR}$ (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.66 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.45-7.12 (m, 3H), 6.84 (t, $J = 1.8$ Hz, 2H), 6.29 (t, $J = 1.8$ Hz, 2H), 3.39 (s, 2H), 2.44 (q, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 4H), 0.94 (t, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 6H).

$^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (75 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 140.6, 136.1, 130.5, 127.4, 127.1, 126.6, 122.7, 108.6, 52.5, 46.8, 11.7.

MS (ESI): m/z 229.2 $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$; **HRMS** (ESI): Exact mass calcd. for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{21}\text{N}_2$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 229.1705, Found: 229.1699



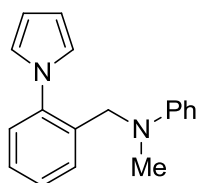
3l

3l, 82% yield, light yellow oil (R_f = 0.50, petroleum ether/ethyl acetate, 50/3).

$^1\text{H NMR}$ (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.66 (d, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.42-7.11 (m, 3H), 6.82 (t, J = 1.8 Hz, 2H), 6.29 (t, J = 1.8 Hz, 2H), 3.37 (s, 2H), 2.32 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 4H), 1.47-1.10 (m, 8H), 0.85 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 6H).

$^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (75 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 140.5, 136.3, 130.5, 127.4, 127.0, 126.5, 122.6, 108.6, 53.6, 29.1, 20.6, 14.0.

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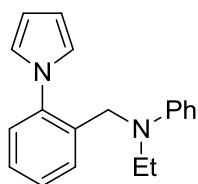
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3m, 89% yield, light yellow oil (R_f = 0.75, petroleum ether/ethyl acetate, 50/3).

$^1\text{H NMR}$ (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.30 (s, 4H), 7.23-7.11 (m, 2H), 6.81 (t, J = 2.0 Hz, 2H), 6.72-6.63 (m, 3H), 6.33 (t, J = 2.0 Hz, 2H), 4.35 (s, 2H), 2.94 (s, 3H).

$^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (75 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 149.5, 139.8, 134.9, 129.1, 128.0, 127.6, 127.5, 127.0, 122.1, 116.6, 112.1, 109.2, 52.6, 38.5.

MS (ESI): m/z 285.1 $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$; **HRMS** (ESI): Exact mass calcd. for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{18}\text{N}_2\text{Na}$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ 285.1368, Found: 285.1376.



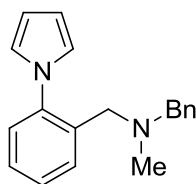
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3n, 88% yield, light yellow oil (R_f = 0.75, petroleum ether/ethyl acetate, 50/3).

$^1\text{H NMR}$ (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.43-7.24 (m, 4H), 7.16 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.83 (t, J = 1.9 Hz, 2H), 6.68-6.59 (m, 3H), 6.34 (t, J = 1.9 Hz, 2H), 4.33 (s, 2H), 3.40 (q, J = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 1.13 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 3H).

$^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (75 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 148.2, 139.8, 135.2, 129.2, 128.0, 127.6, 127.4, 127.0, 122.1, 116.2, 112.0, 109.2, 50.0, 45.2, 12.1.

MS (ESI): m/z 299.2 $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$; **HRMS** (ESI): Exact mass calcd. for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{20}\text{N}_2\text{Na}$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ 299.1524, Found: 299.1531.



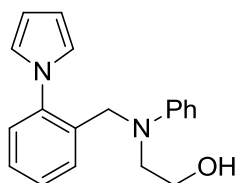
3o

3o, 94% yield, light yellow oil ($R_f = 0.70$, petroleum ether/ethyl acetate, 50/3).

$^1\text{H NMR}$ (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.67 (d, $J = 7.3$ Hz, 1H), 7.46-7.13 (m, 8H), 6.88 (t, $J = 2.1$ Hz, 2H), 6.31 (t, $J = 2.0$ Hz, 2H), 3.44 (s, 2H), 3.37 (s, 2H), 2.07 (s, 3H).

$^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (75 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 140.8, 139.3, 135.0, 130.6, 128.8, 128.2, 127.5, 127.4, 126.9, 126.6, 122.7, 108.7, 61.8, 56.8, 41.9.

MS (ESI): m/z 299.2 $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$; **HRMS** (ESI): Exact mass calcd. for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{20}\text{N}_2\text{Na}$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ 299.1524, Found: 299.1520.



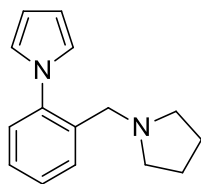
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3p, 88% yield, light yellow oil ($R_f = 0.40$, petroleum ether/ethyl acetate, 50/3).

$^1\text{H NMR}$ (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.29-7.26 (m, 4H), 7.19-7.13 (m, 2H), 6.81 (t, $J = 2.1$ Hz, 2H), 6.72-6.86 (m, 3H), 6.34 (t, $J = 2.1$ Hz, 2H), 4.41 (s, 2H), 3.73 (t, $J = 5.7$ Hz, 2H), 3.51 (t, $J = 5.8$ Hz, 2H).

$^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (75 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 148.4, 139.9, 134.6, 129.3, 128.1, 127.6, 127.5, 127.2, 122.1, 117.2, 112.8, 109.3, 60.1, 53.4, 51.1.

MS (ESI): m/z 315.1 $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$; **HRMS** (ESI): Exact mass calcd. for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{20}\text{N}_2\text{ONa}$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ 315.1473, Found: 315.1467.



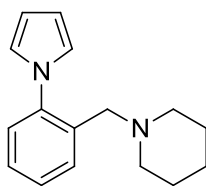
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3q, 77% yield, light yellow oil ($R_f = 0.45$, petroleum ether/ethyl acetate, 50/3).

$^1\text{H NMR}$ (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.55 (d, $J = 6.7$ Hz, 1H), 7.38-7.15 (m, 3H), 6.94 (d, $J = 0.9$ Hz, 2H), 6.30 (d, $J = 0.9$ Hz, 2H), 3.45 (s, 2H), 2.45 (s, 4H), 1.74 (s, 4H).

$^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (75 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 140.4, 135.0, 130.6, 127.4, 127.2, 126.4, 122.8, 108.7, 55.2, 53.9, 23.5.

MS (ESI): m/z 227.2 $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$; **HRMS** (ESI): Exact mass calcd. for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{19}\text{N}_2$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 227.1548, Found: 227.1553.



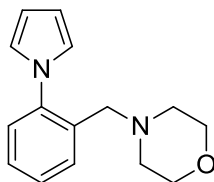
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3r, 84% yield, light yellow oil ($R_f = 0.45$, petroleum ether/ethyl acetate, 50/3).

$^1\text{H NMR}$ (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.54 (d, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 1H), 7.39-7.13 (m, 3H), 6.93 (t, $J = 2.0$ Hz, 2H), 6.297 (d, $J = 2.0$ Hz, 2H), 3.26 (s, 2H), 2.31 (s, 4H), 1.55-1.51 (m, 4H), 1.40 (d, $J = 4.4$ Hz, 2H).

$^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (75 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 141.0, 134.4, 130.9, 127.4, 127.1, 126.5, 122.8, 108.6, 58.4, 54.3, 26.1, 24.3.

MS (ESI): m/z 241.2 $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$; **HRMS** (ESI): Exact mass calcd. for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{21}\text{N}_2$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 241.1705, Found: 241.1713.



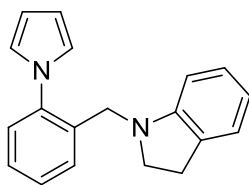
3s

3s, 98% yield, light yellow oil ($R_f = 0.40$, petroleum ether/ethyl acetate, 50/3).

$^1\text{H NMR}$ (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.50 (dd, $J = 4.9, 4.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.30 (dt, $J = 10.2, 3.4$ Hz, 3H), 6.94-6.93 (m, 2H), 6.30-6.28 (m, 2H), 3.66 (t, $J = 4.5$ Hz, 4H), 3.30 (s, 2H), 2.38 (t, $J = 4.4$ Hz, 4H).

$^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (75 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 141.1, 133.2, 131.0, 127.8, 127.0, 126.7, 122.7, 108.7, 67.0, 58.1, 53.2.

MS (ESI): m/z 265.1 $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$; **HRMS** (ESI): Exact mass calcd. for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{18}\text{N}_2\text{ONa}$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ 265.1317, Found: 265.1314.



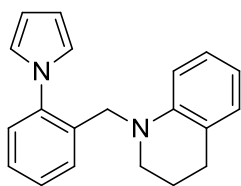
3t

3t, 84% yield, light yellow oil ($R_f = 0.85$, petroleum ether/ethyl acetate, 50/3).

$^1\text{H NMR}$ (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.55 (dd, $J = 5.8, 2.9$ Hz, 1H), 7.37-7.24 (m, 3H), 7.06 (d, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.00 (t, $J = 7.7$ Hz, 1H), 6.85 (t, $J = 2.1$ Hz, 2H), 6.65 (t, $J = 7.3$ Hz, 1H), 6.35 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 6.29 (t, $J = 2.1$ Hz, 2H), 4.05 (s, 2H), 3.24 (t, $J = 8.3$ Hz, 2H), 2.92 (t, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 2H).

$^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (75 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 152.2, 140.3, 134.1, 129.9, 129.6, 127.8, 127.7, 127.2, 126.9, 124.4, 122.4, 117.9, 109.1, 107.1, 53.8, 49.5, 28.5.

MS (ESI): m/z 297.1 $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$; **HRMS** (ESI): Exact mass calcd. for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{18}\text{N}_2\text{Na}$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ 297.1368, Found: 297.1374.



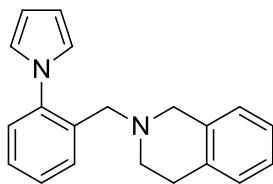
3u

3u, 88% yield, light yellow oil ($R_f = 0.90$, petroleum ether/ethyl acetate, 50/3).

$^1\text{H NMR}$ (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.43-7.34 (m, 1H), 7.29 (m, 3H), 6.94 (t, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 2H), 6.82 (t, $J = 2.1$ Hz, 2H), 6.56 (t, $J = 7.3$ Hz, 1H), 6.36 (s, 1H), 6.33 (t, $J = 2.0$ Hz, 2H), 4.29 (s, 3H), 3.26 (t, $J = 5.7$ Hz, 3H), 2.78 (t, $J = 6.2$ Hz, 3H), 2.05-1.90 (m, 3H).

$^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (75 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 145.4, 139.9, 134.7, 129.0, 128.0, 127.4, 127.1, 127.06, 122.2, 122.1, 116.0, 110.7, 109.2, 51.4, 49.9, 28.1, 22.3.

MS (ESI): m/z 311.2 $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$; **HRMS** (ESI): Exact mass calcd. for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{20}\text{N}_2$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ 311.1524, Found: 311.1534.



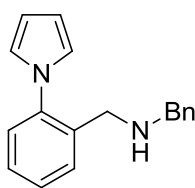
3v

3v, 76% yield, light yellow oil ($R_f = 0.70$, petroleum ether/ethyl acetate, 50/3).

$^1\text{H NMR}$ (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.71-7.53 (m, 1H), 7.38-7.21 (m, 3H), 7.13-7.03 (m, 3H), 6.97-6.94 (m, 3H), 6.31-6.29 (m, 2H), 3.58 (s, 2H), 3.48 (s, 2H), 2.87 (t, $J = 5.7$ Hz, 2H), 2.68 (t, $J = 5.8$ Hz, 2H).

$^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (75 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 141.0, 134.9, 134.4, 134.0, 130.8, 128.6, 127.7, 127.3, 126.7, 126.5, 126.0, 125.5, 122.8, 108.8, 57.6, 55.8, 50.4, 29.4.

MS (ESI): m/z 311.2 $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$; **HRMS** (ESI): Exact mass calcd. for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{20}\text{N}_2\text{Na}$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ 311.1524, Found: 311.1516.



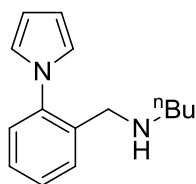
3w

3w, 98% yield, light yellow oil ($R_f = 0.35$, petroleum ether/ethyl acetate, 50/3).

$^1\text{H NMR}$ (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.53-7.41 (m, 1H), 7.36-7.09 (m, 8H), 6.85 (t, $J = 1.9$ Hz, 2H), 6.29 (t, $J = 1.9$ Hz, 2H), 3.68 (s, 2H), 3.65 (s, 2H).

$^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (75 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 140.3, 140.0, 135.7, 130.0, 128.2, 128.0, 127.7, 127.5, 126.8, 126.6, 122.2, 109.0, 53.3, 49.2.

MS (ESI): m/z 285.1 $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$; **HRMS** (ESI): Exact mass calcd. for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{18}\text{N}_2\text{Na}$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ 285.1368, Found: 285.1376.



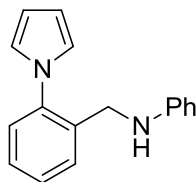
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3x, 33% yield, light yellow oil ($R_f = 0.35$, petroleum ether/ethyl acetate, 50/3).

$^1\text{H NMR}$ (300 MHz, d_6 -DMSO) δ 7.59-7.44 (m, 1H), 7.38-7.19 (m, 3H), 6.93-6.77 (m, 2H), 6.39-6.23 (m, 2H), 3.66 (s, 2H), 2.49 (t, $J = 6.9$ Hz, 2H), 1.45-1.33 (m, 2H), 1.27 (dt, $J = 13.8, 6.7$ Hz, 2H), 0.87 (t, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 3H).

$^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (75 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 140.2, 136.1, 129.9, 127.6, 126.7, 122.3, 109.0, 49.8, 49.2, 32.1, 20.4, 13.9.

MS (ESI): m/z 251.2 $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$; **HRMS** (ESI): Exact mass calcd. for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{20}\text{N}_2\text{Na}$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ 251.1524, Found: 251.1530.



3y

3y, 99% yield, light yellow solid ($R_f = 0.60$, petroleum ether/ethyl acetate, 50/3), m.p. 81.5-84.0 °C.

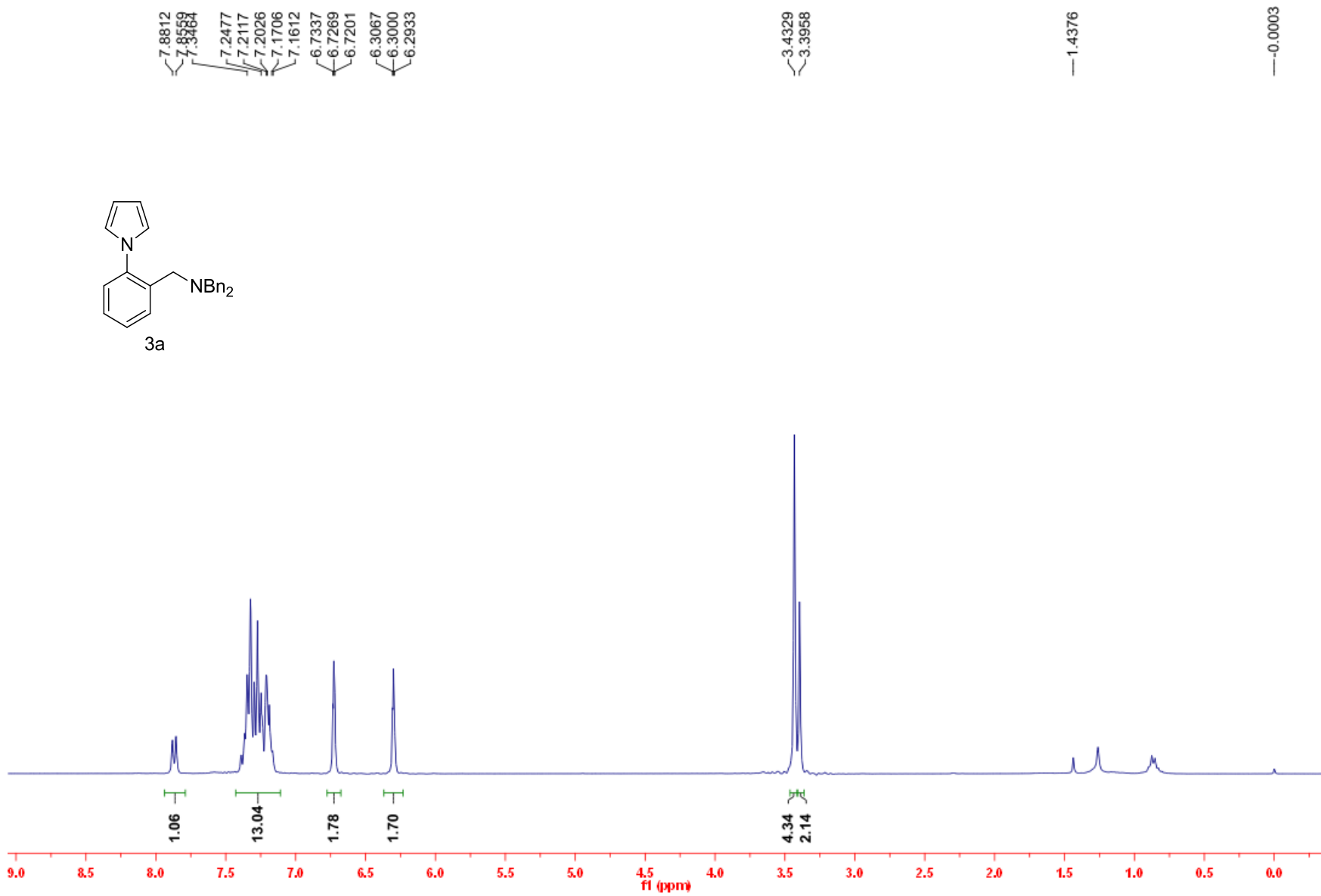
$^1\text{H NMR}$ (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.52-7.42 (m, 1H), 7.36-7.22 (m, 3H), 7.10 (t, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 2H), 6.84-6.83 (m, 2H), 6.66 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 6.49 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 2H), 6.33-6.31 (m, 2H), 4.18 (s, 2H), 3.74 (s, 1H).

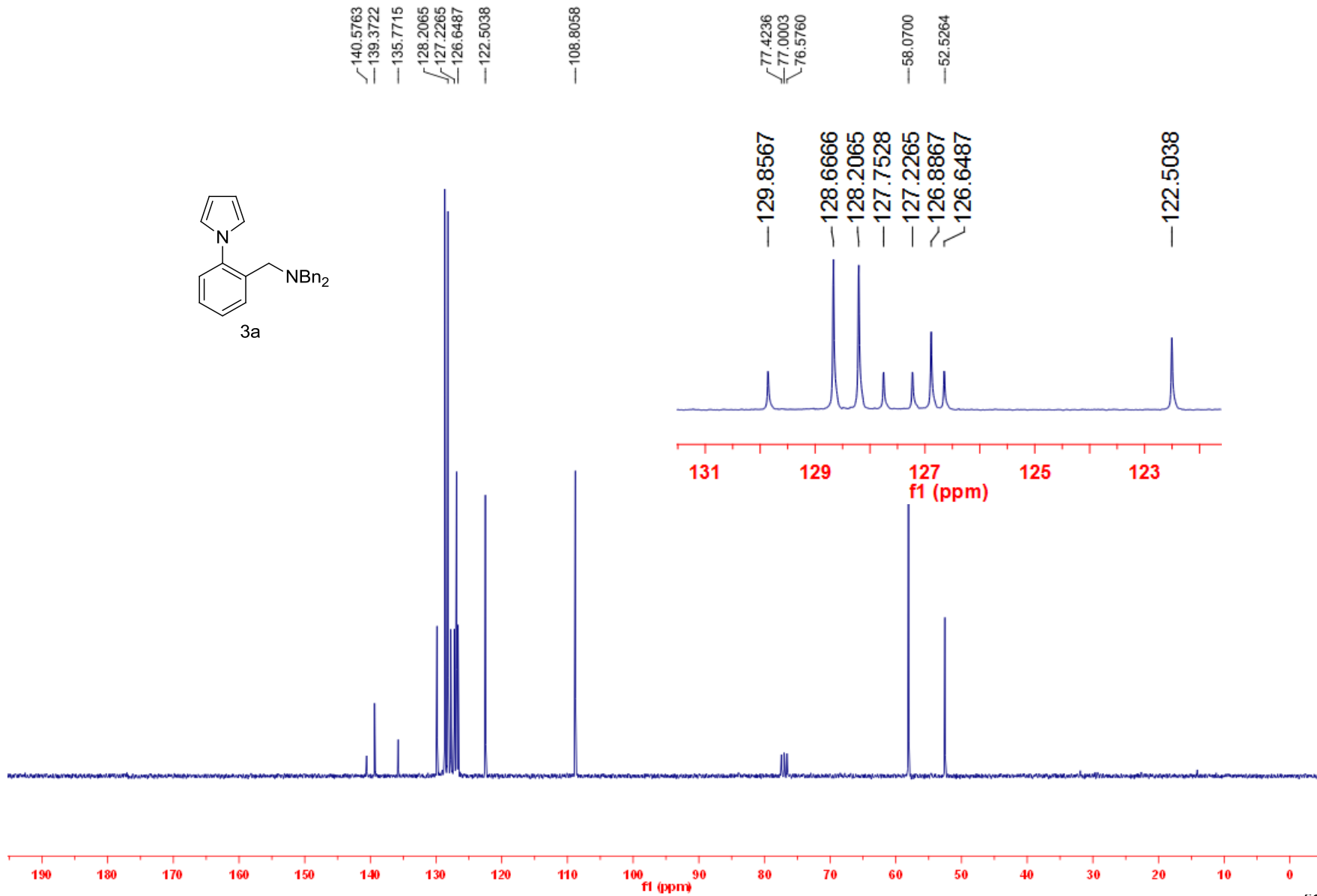
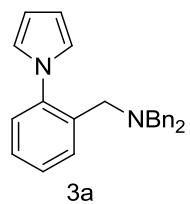
$^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (75 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 147.6, 140.1, 134.8, 129.4, 129.1, 128.0, 127.8, 126.8, 122.1, 117.6, 112.93, 109.4, 44.3.

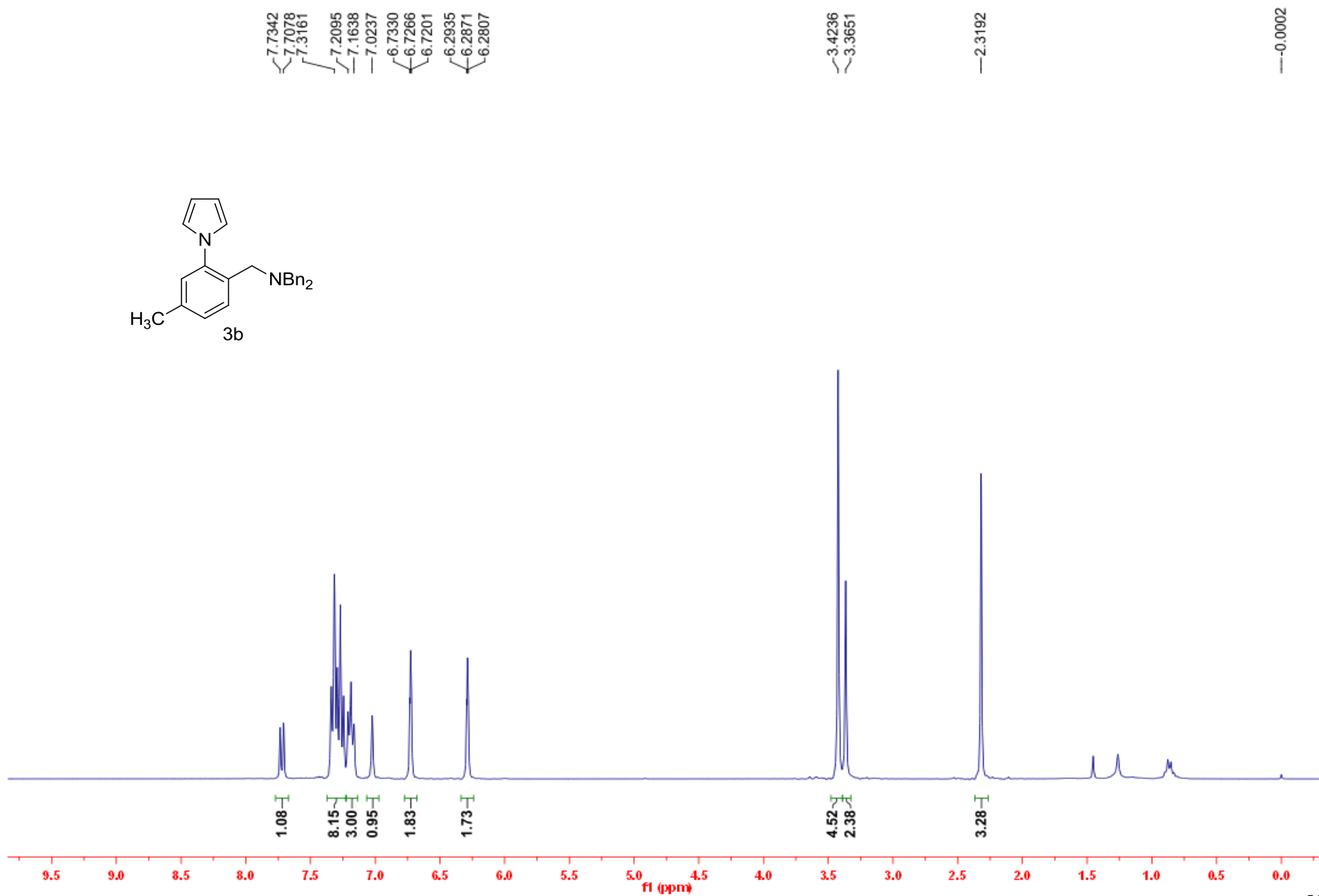
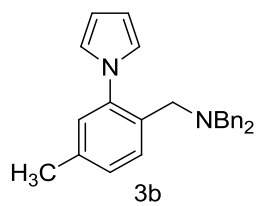
MS (ESI): m/z 249.1 $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$; **HRMS** (ESI): Exact mass calcd. for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{17}\text{N}_2$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 249.1392, Found: 249.1385.

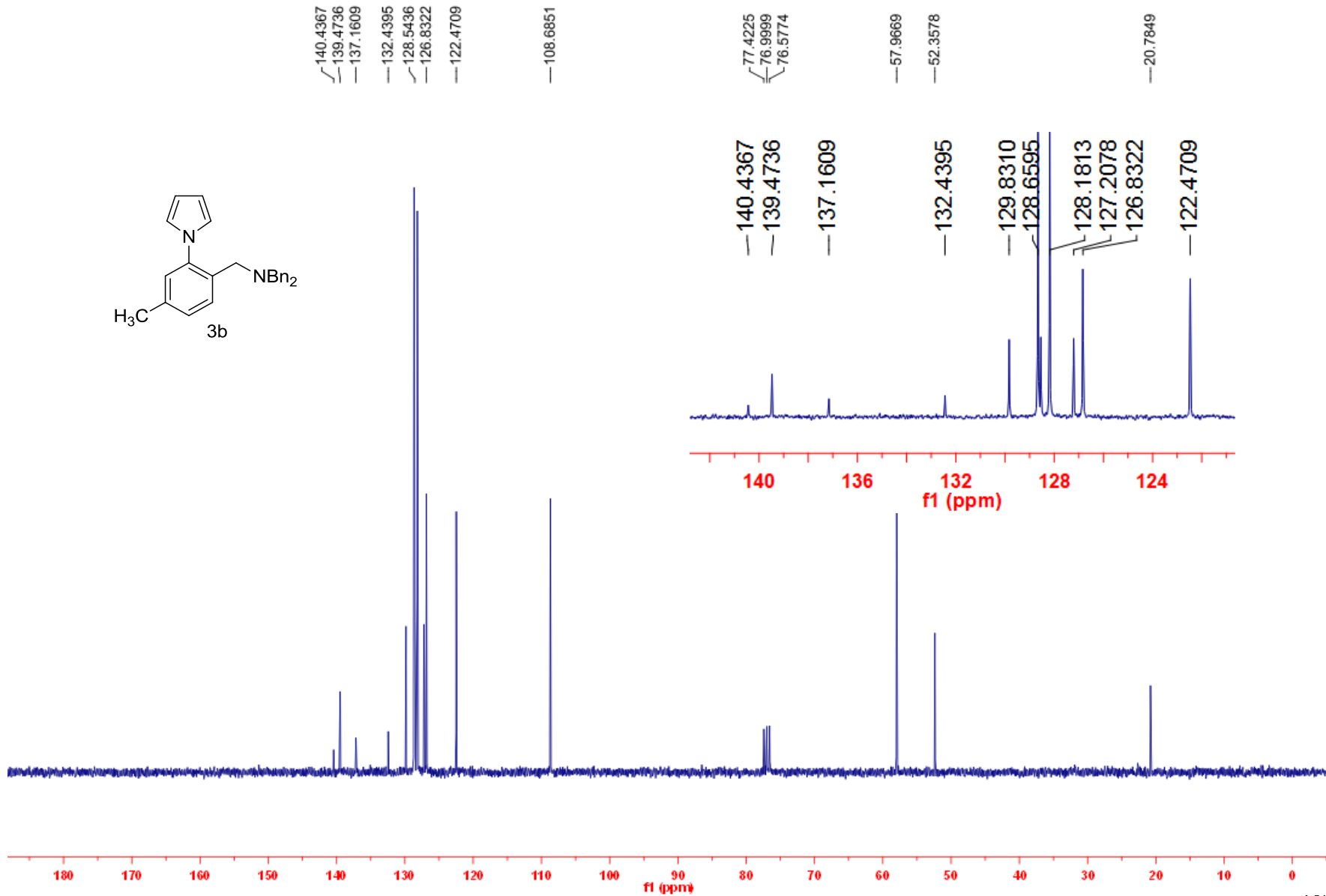
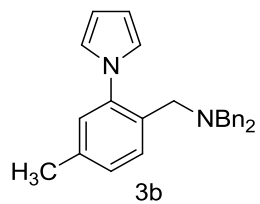
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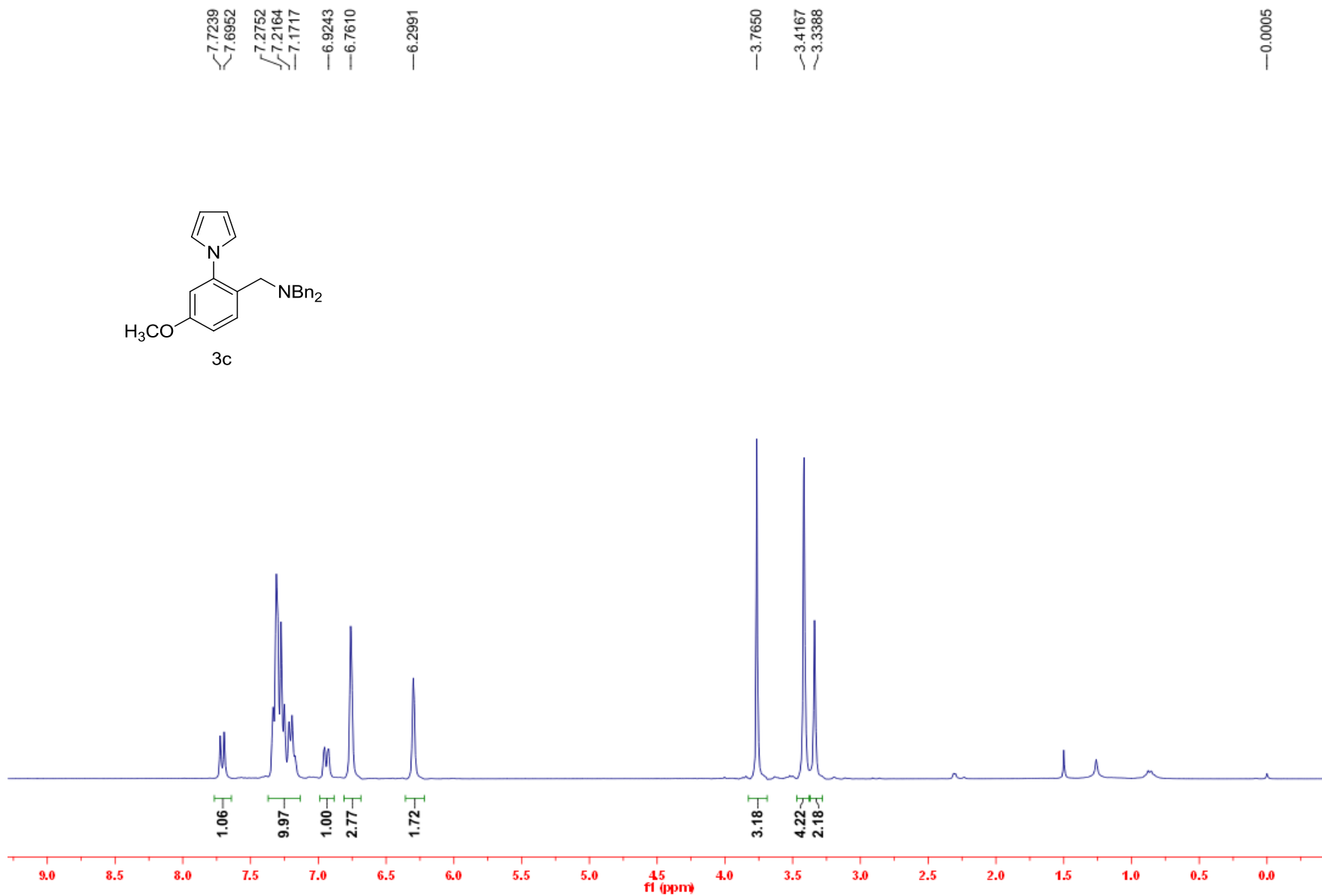
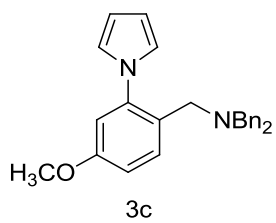
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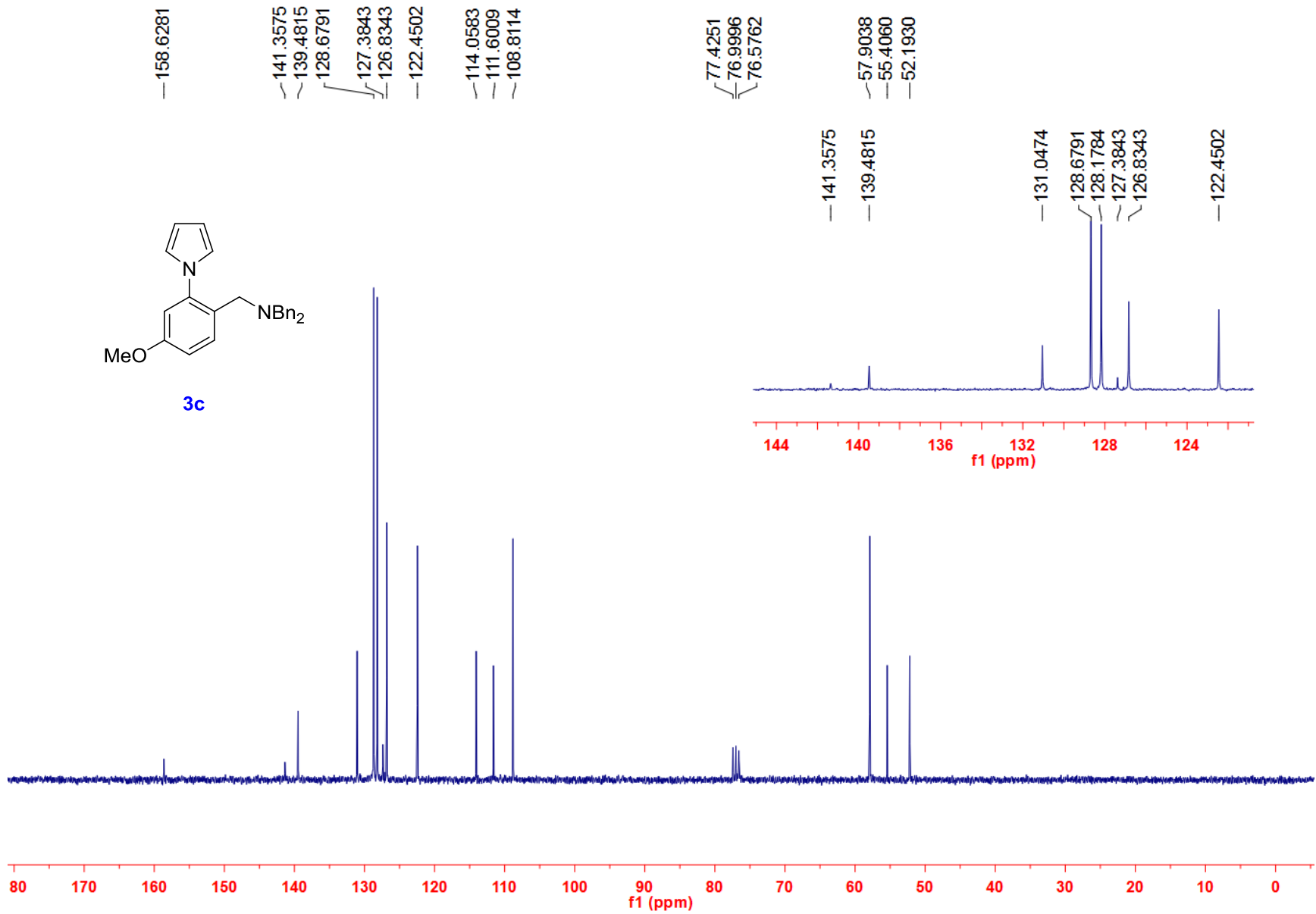


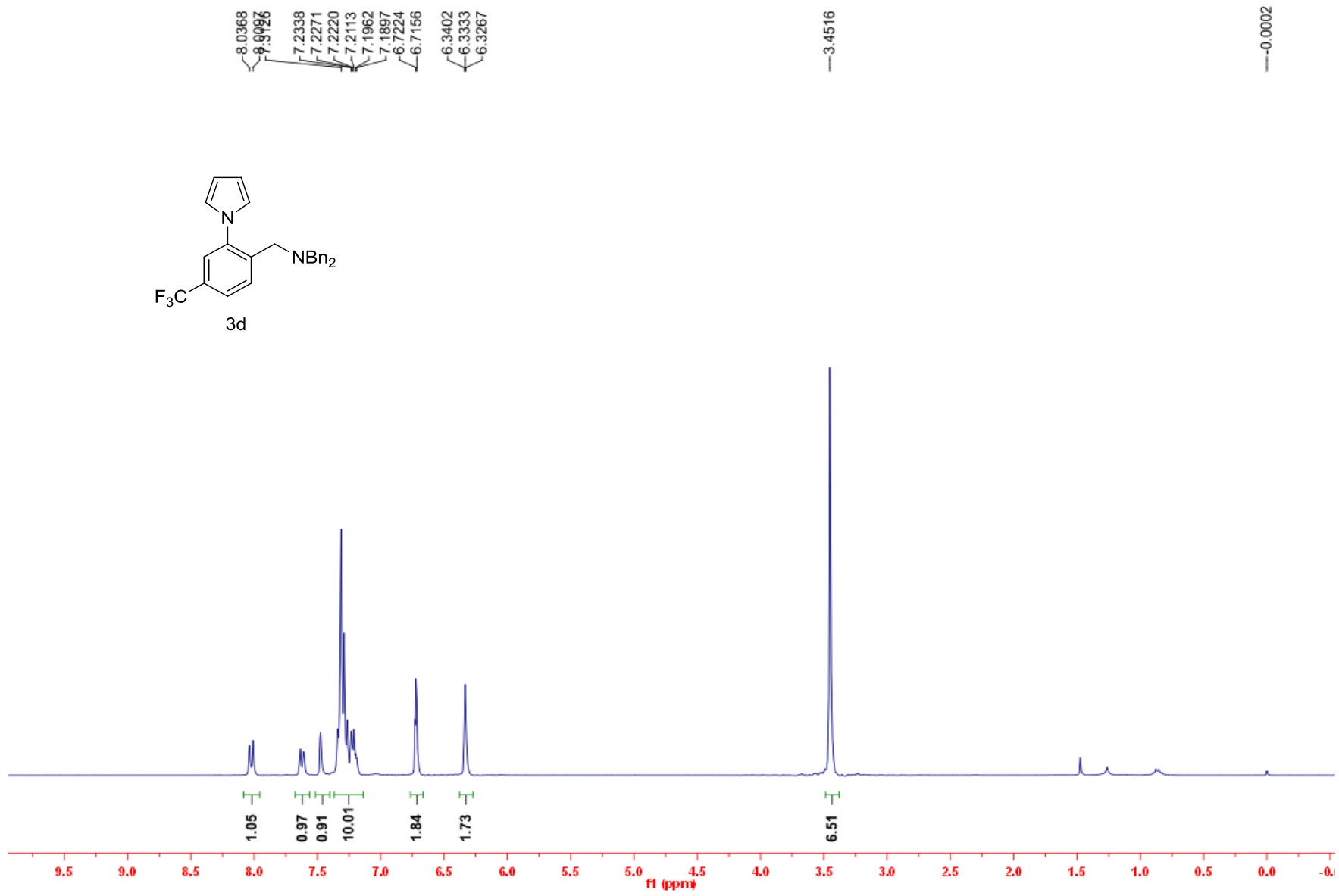
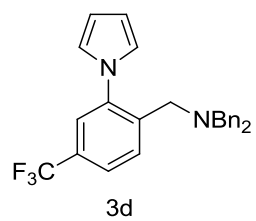


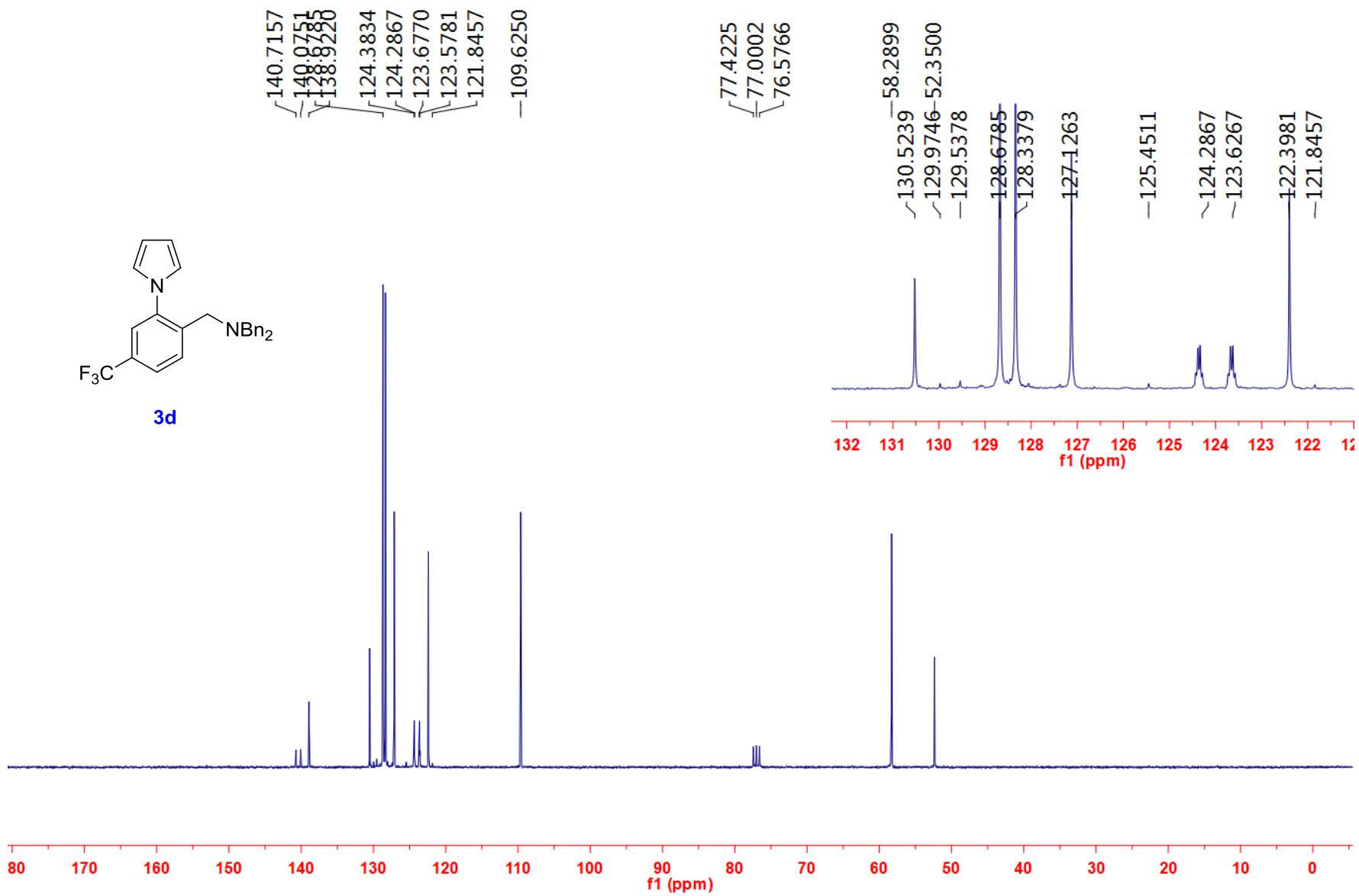


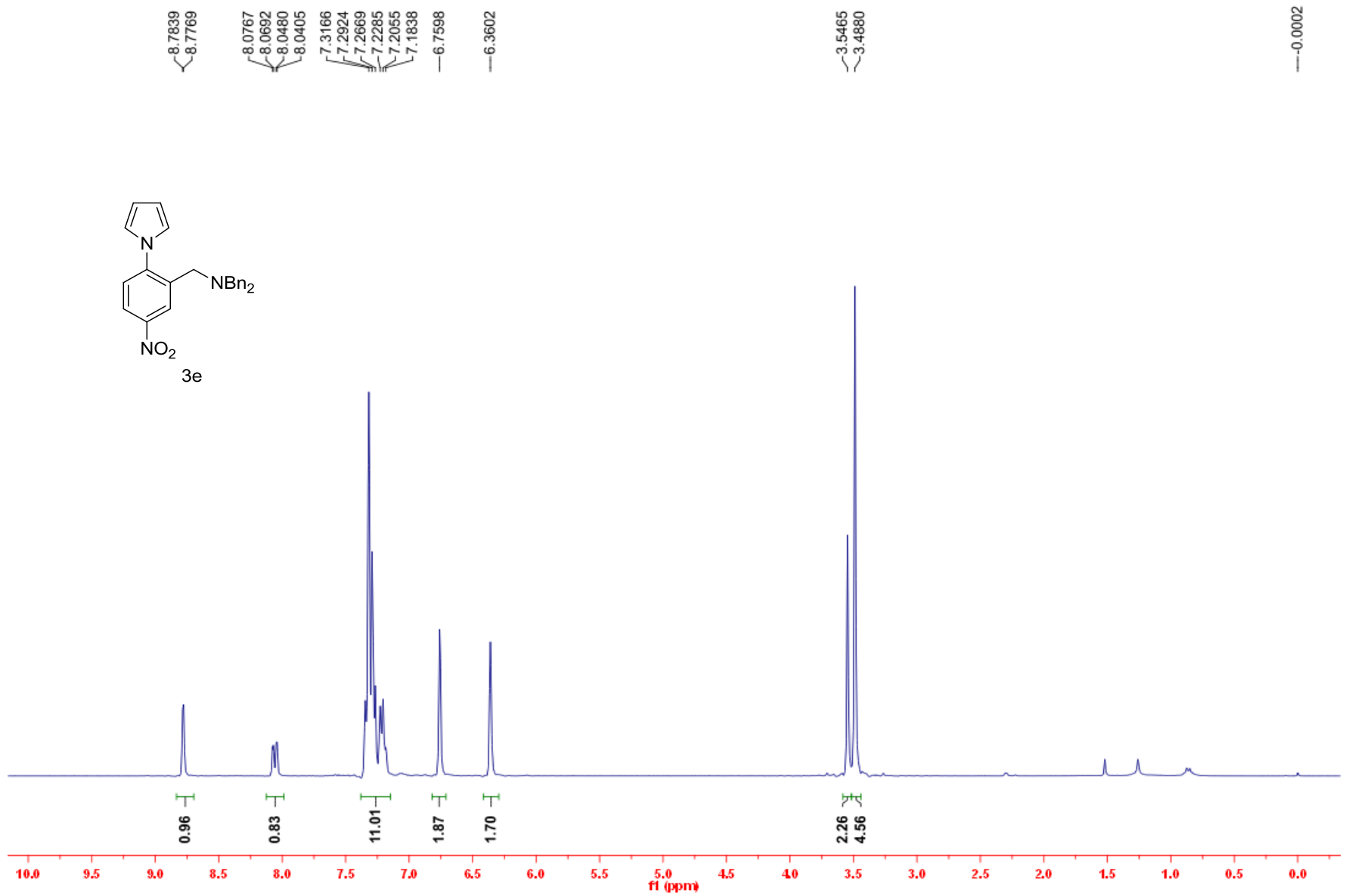


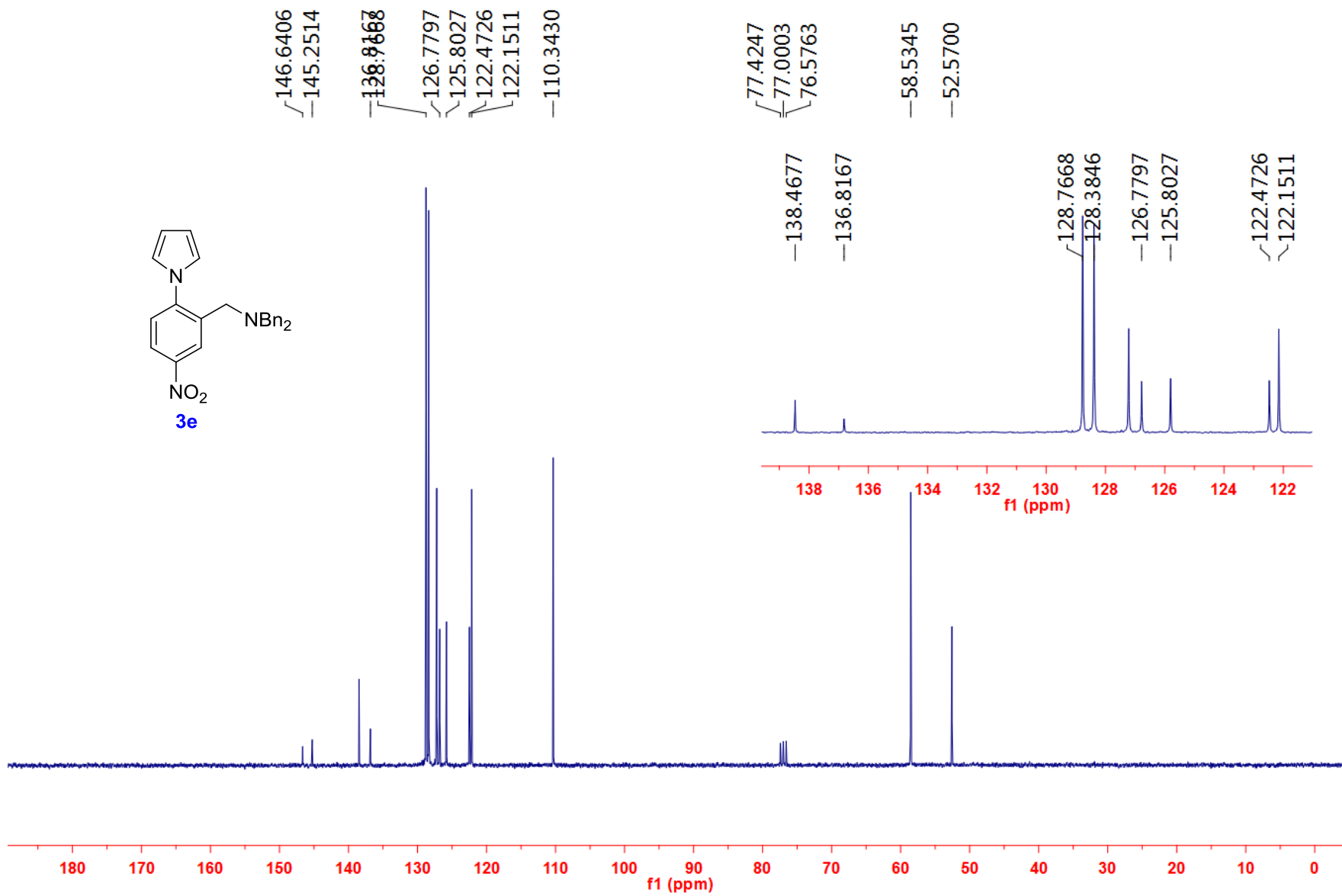
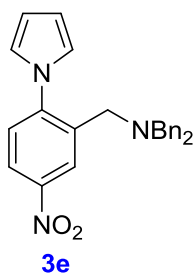


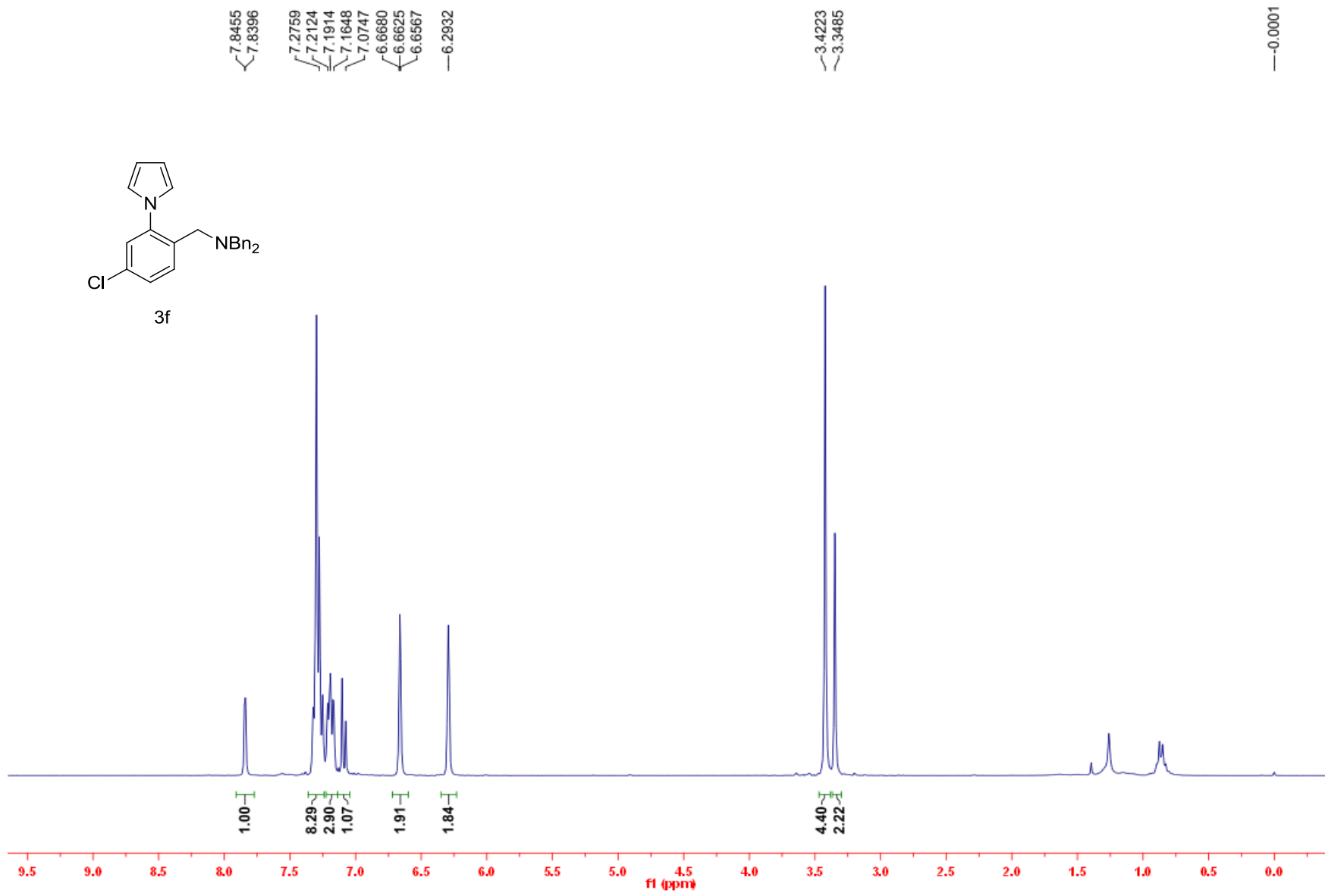
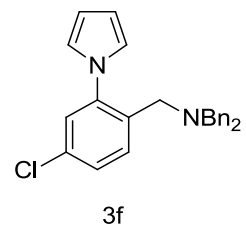


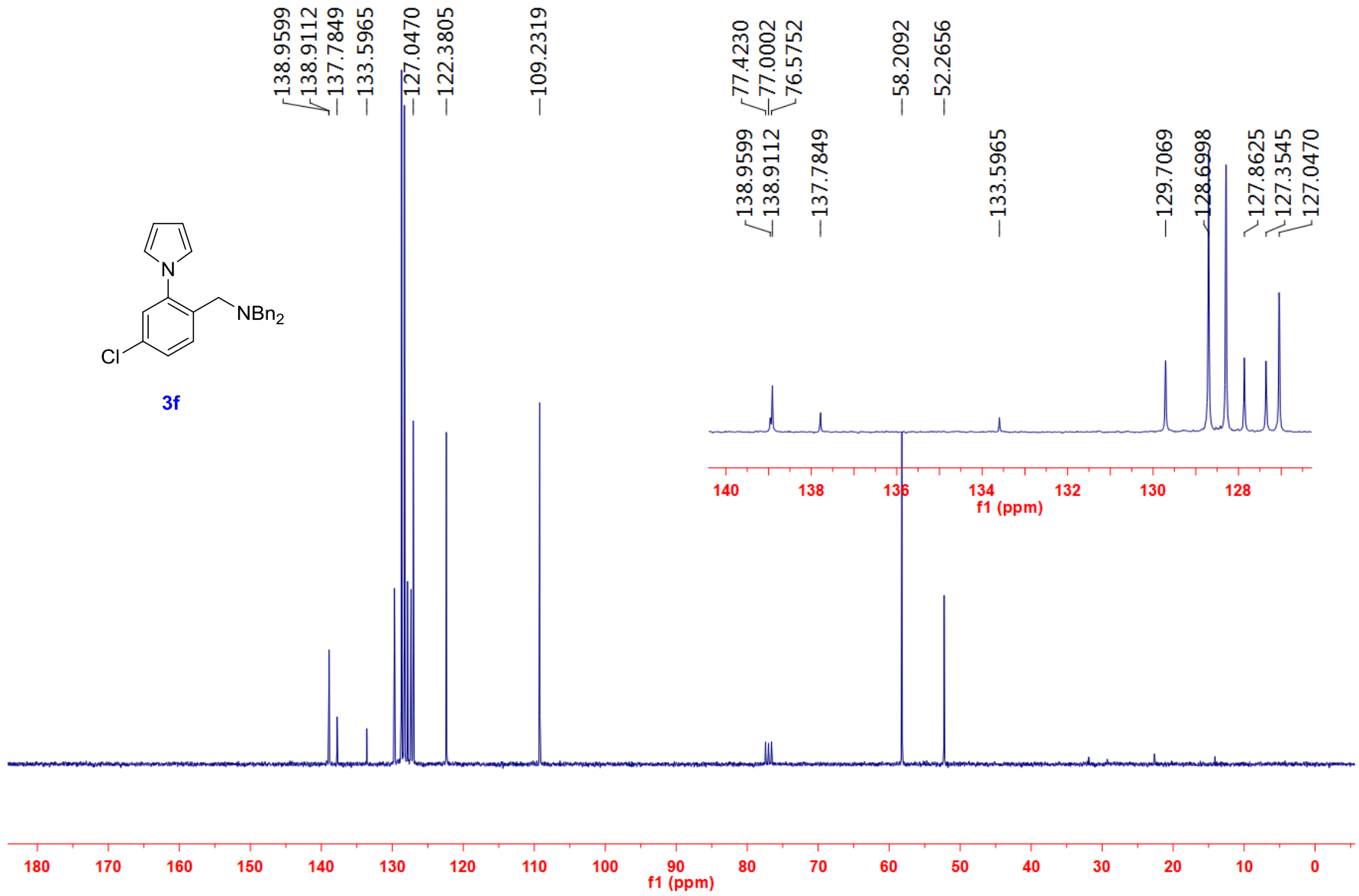
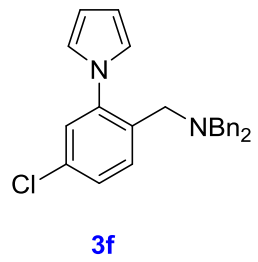


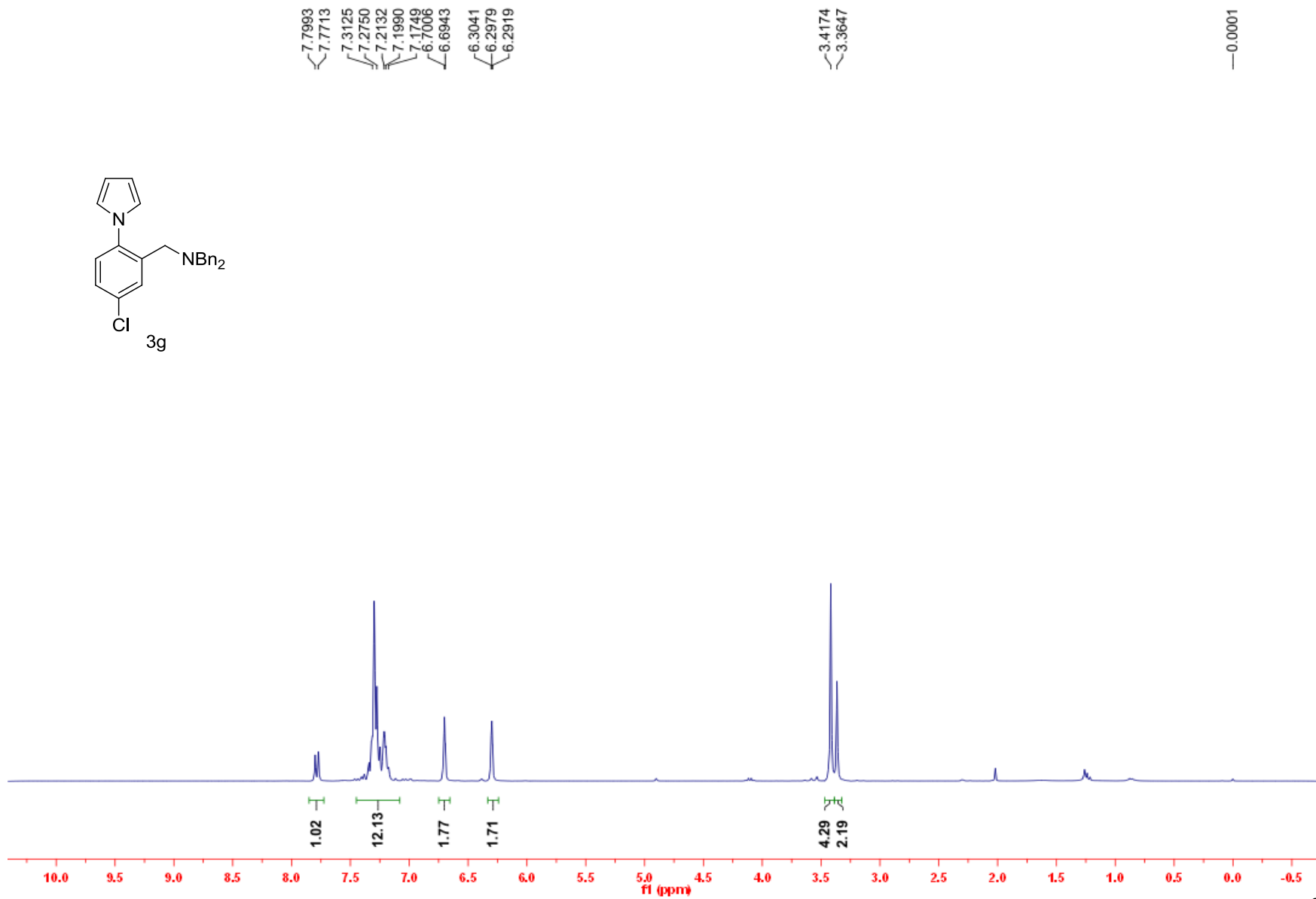
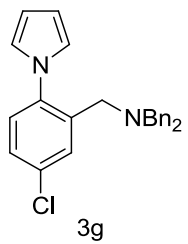


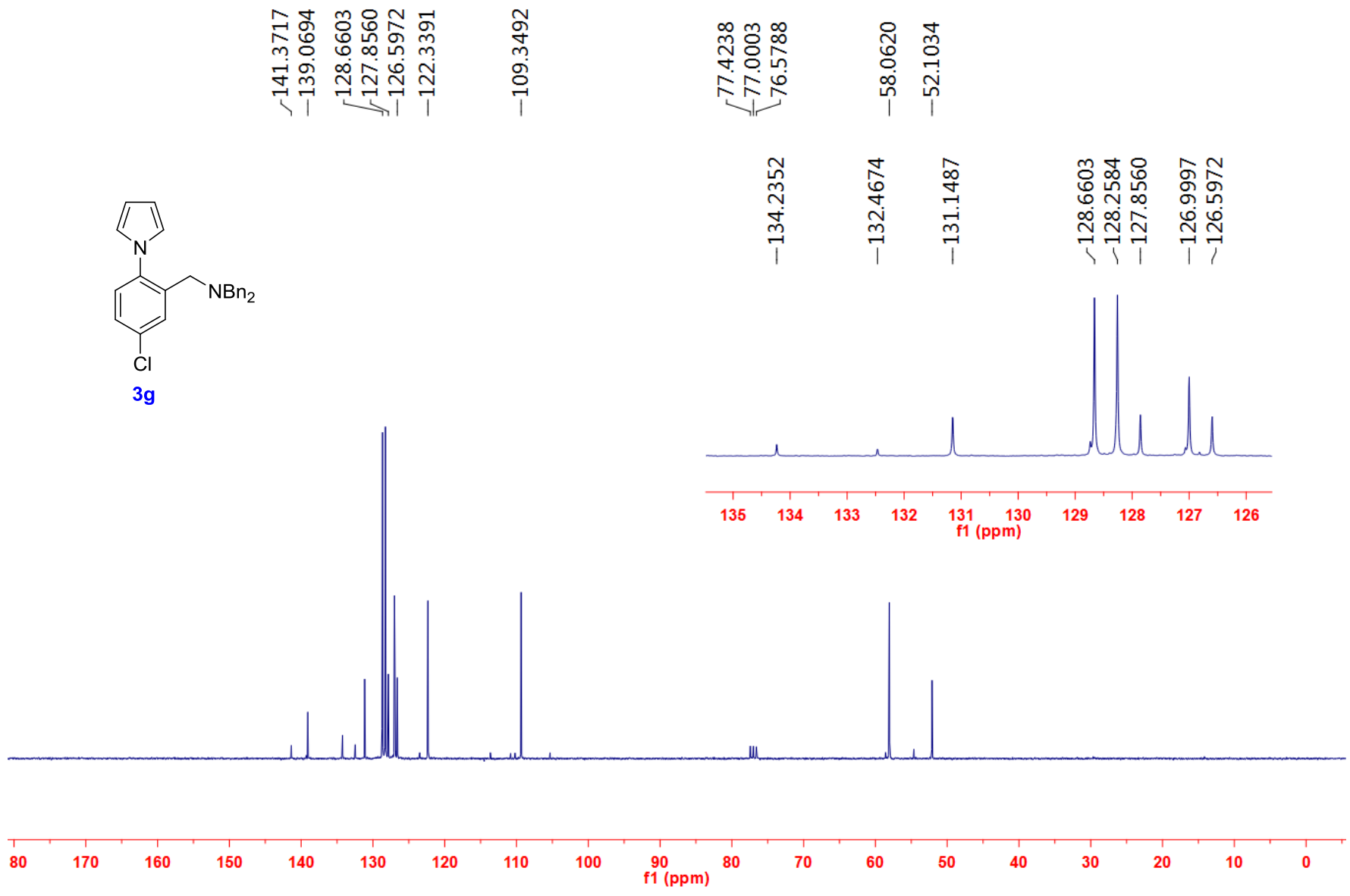


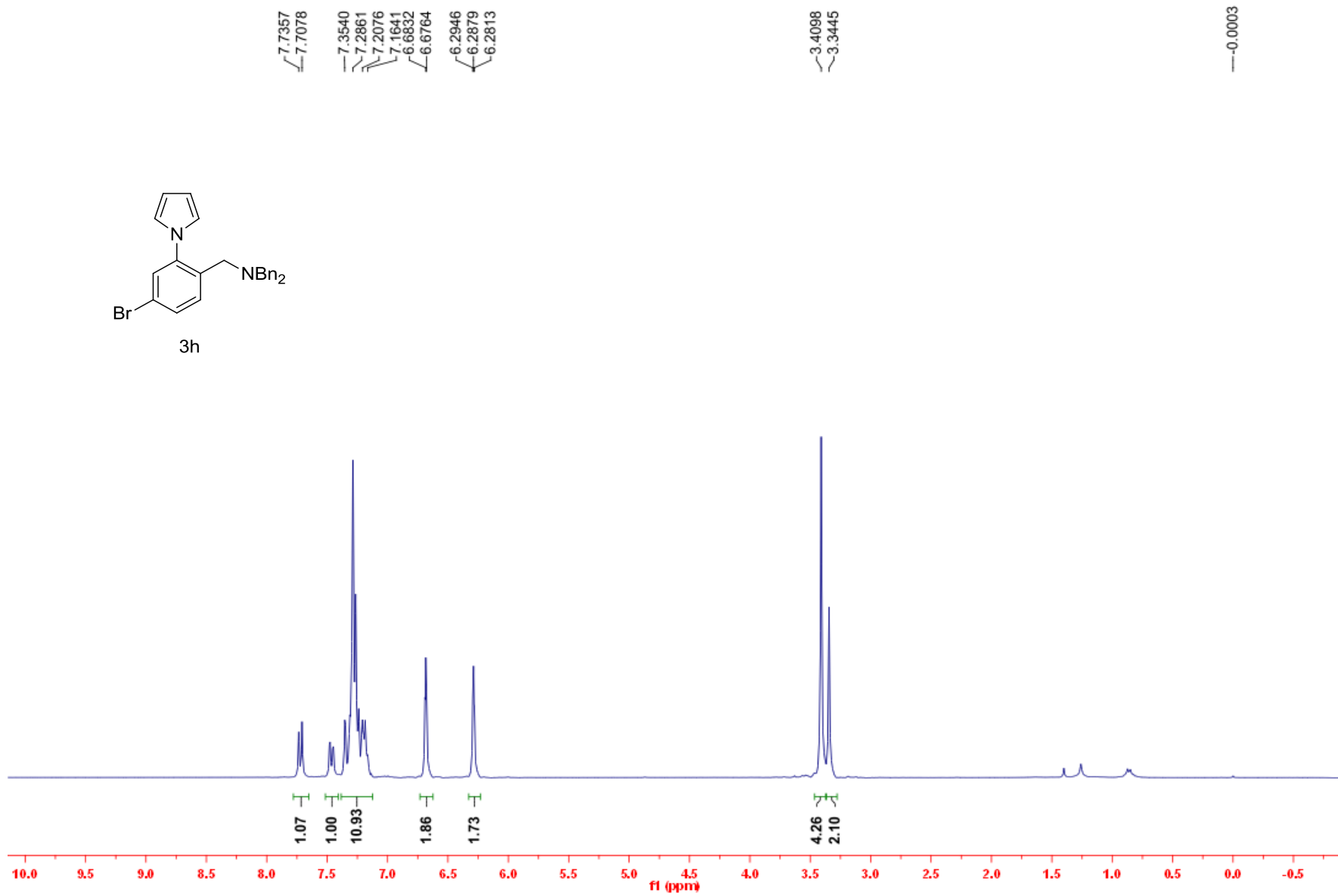
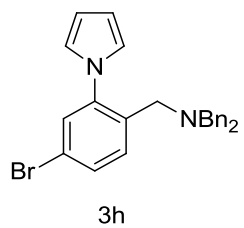


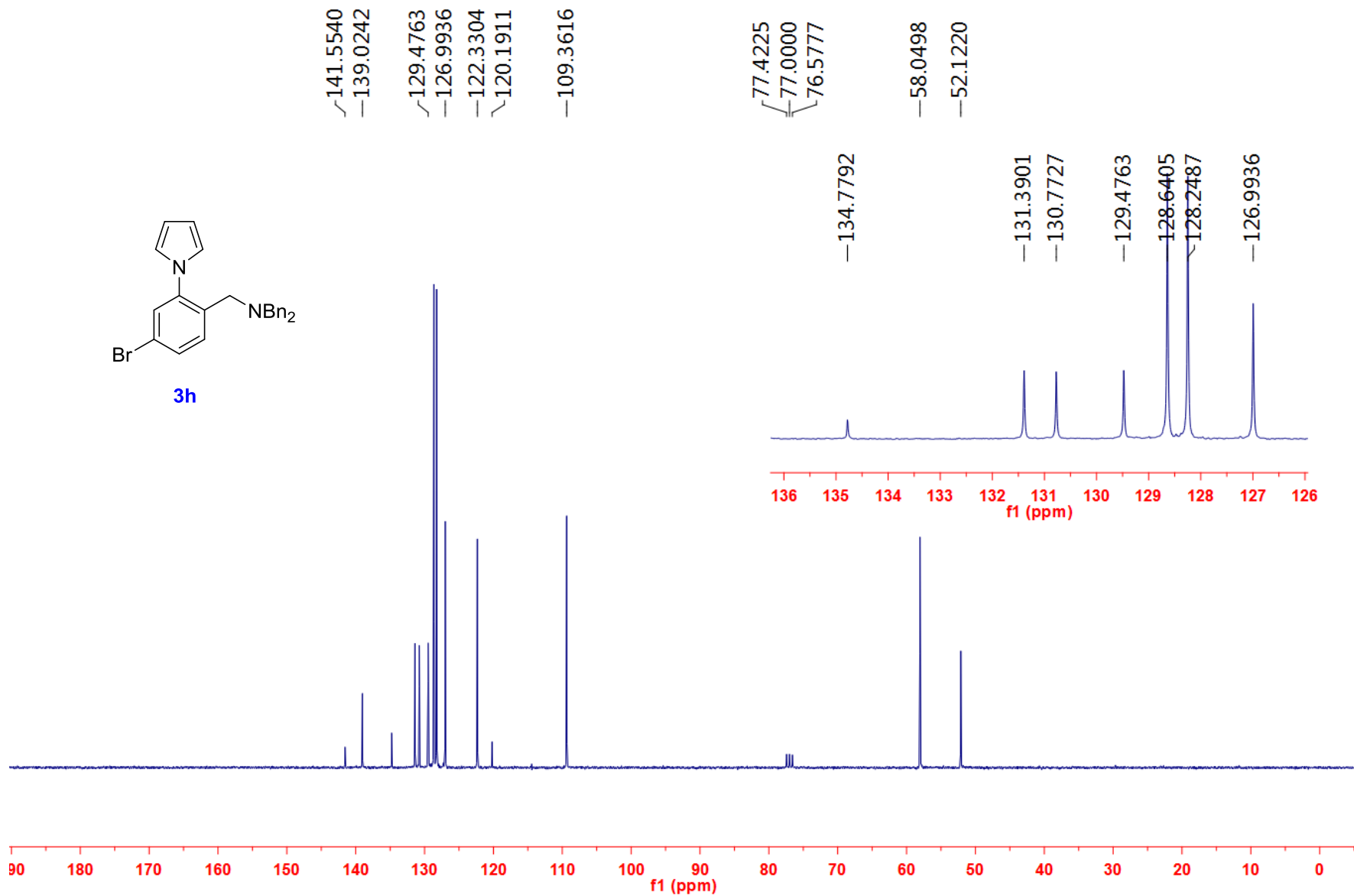
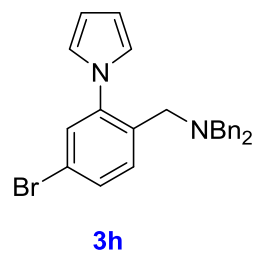


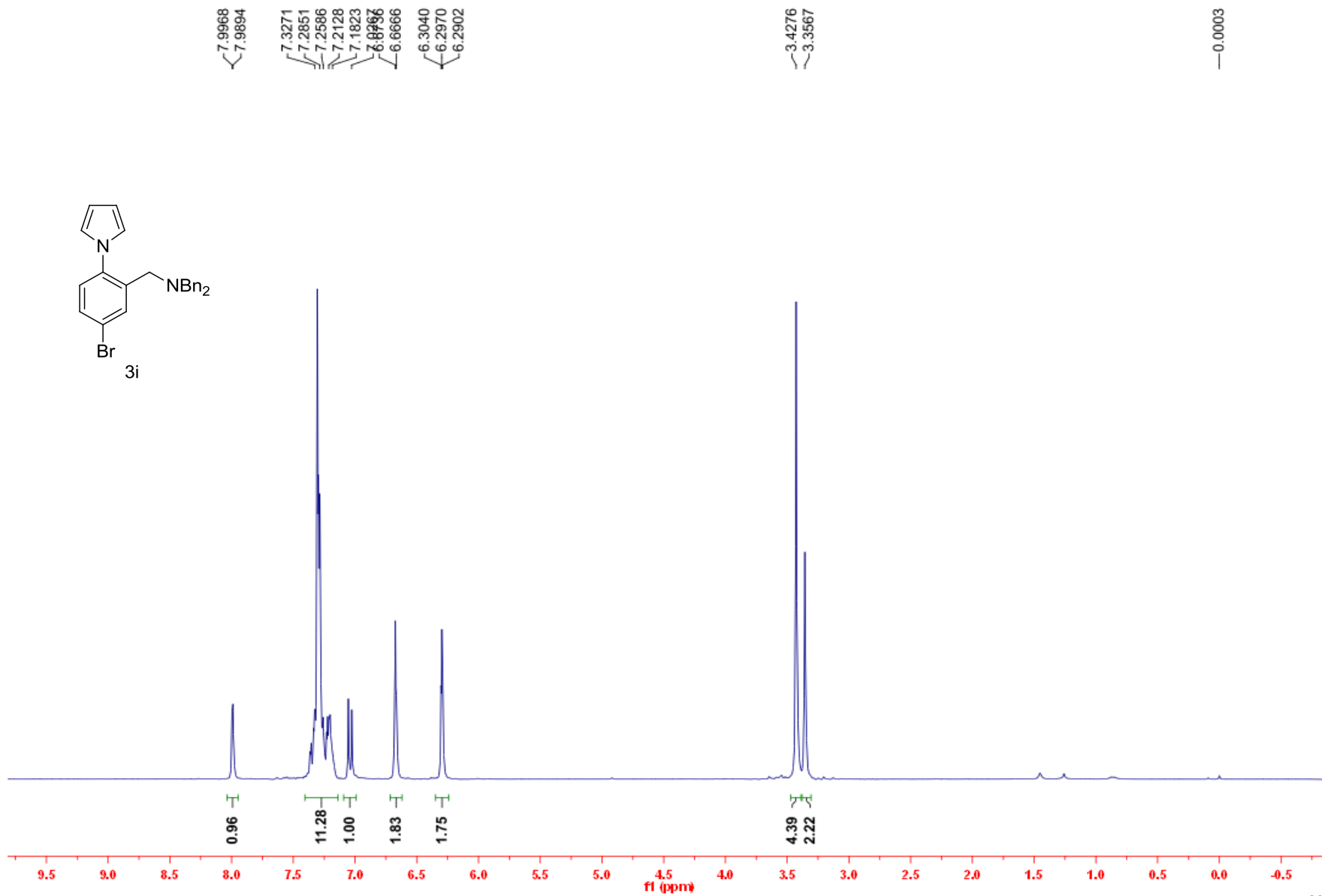
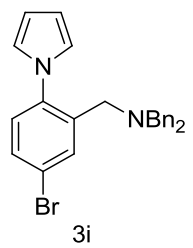


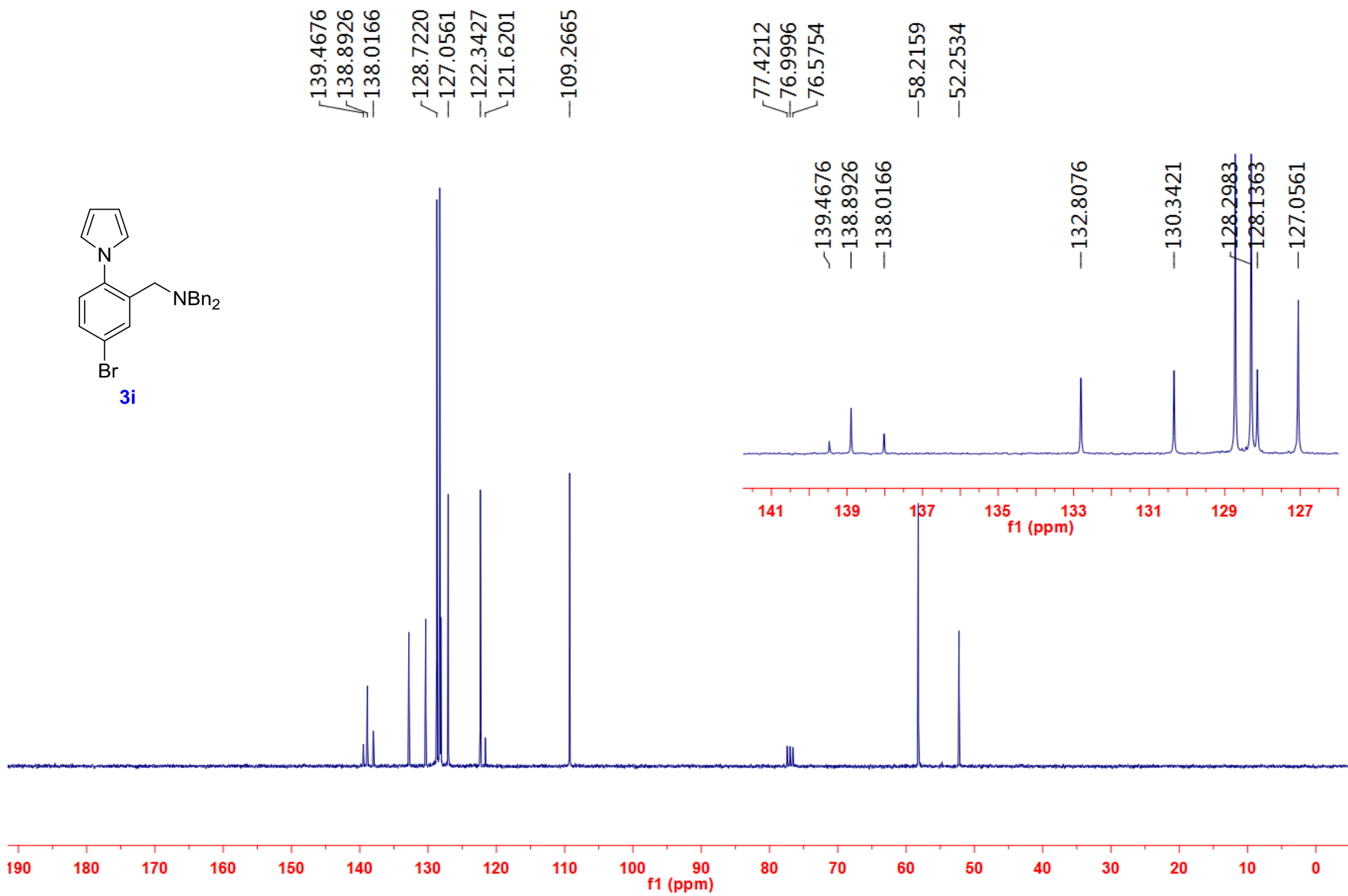
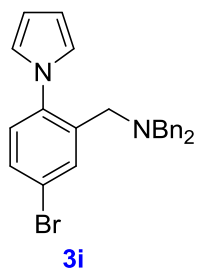


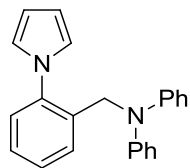




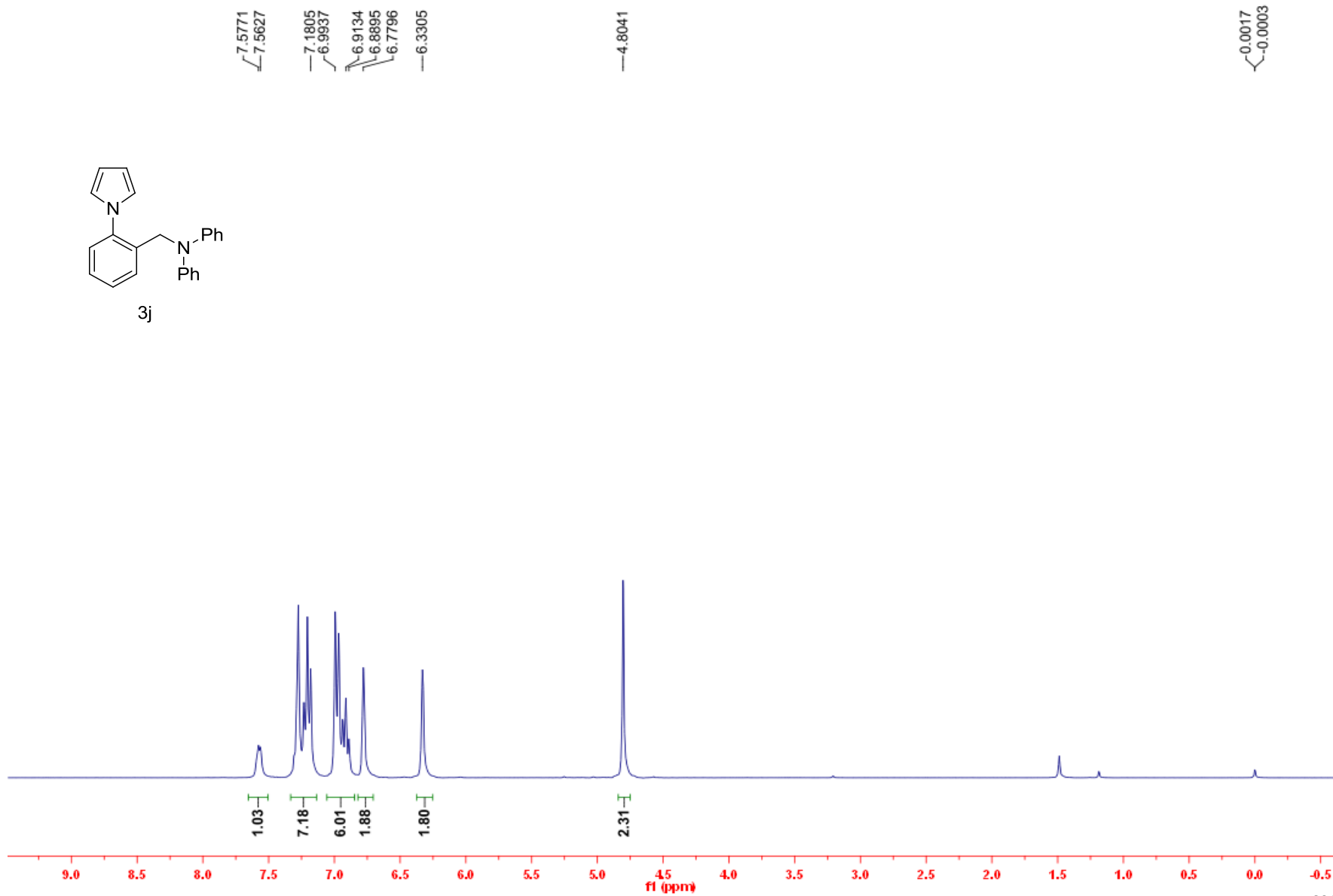


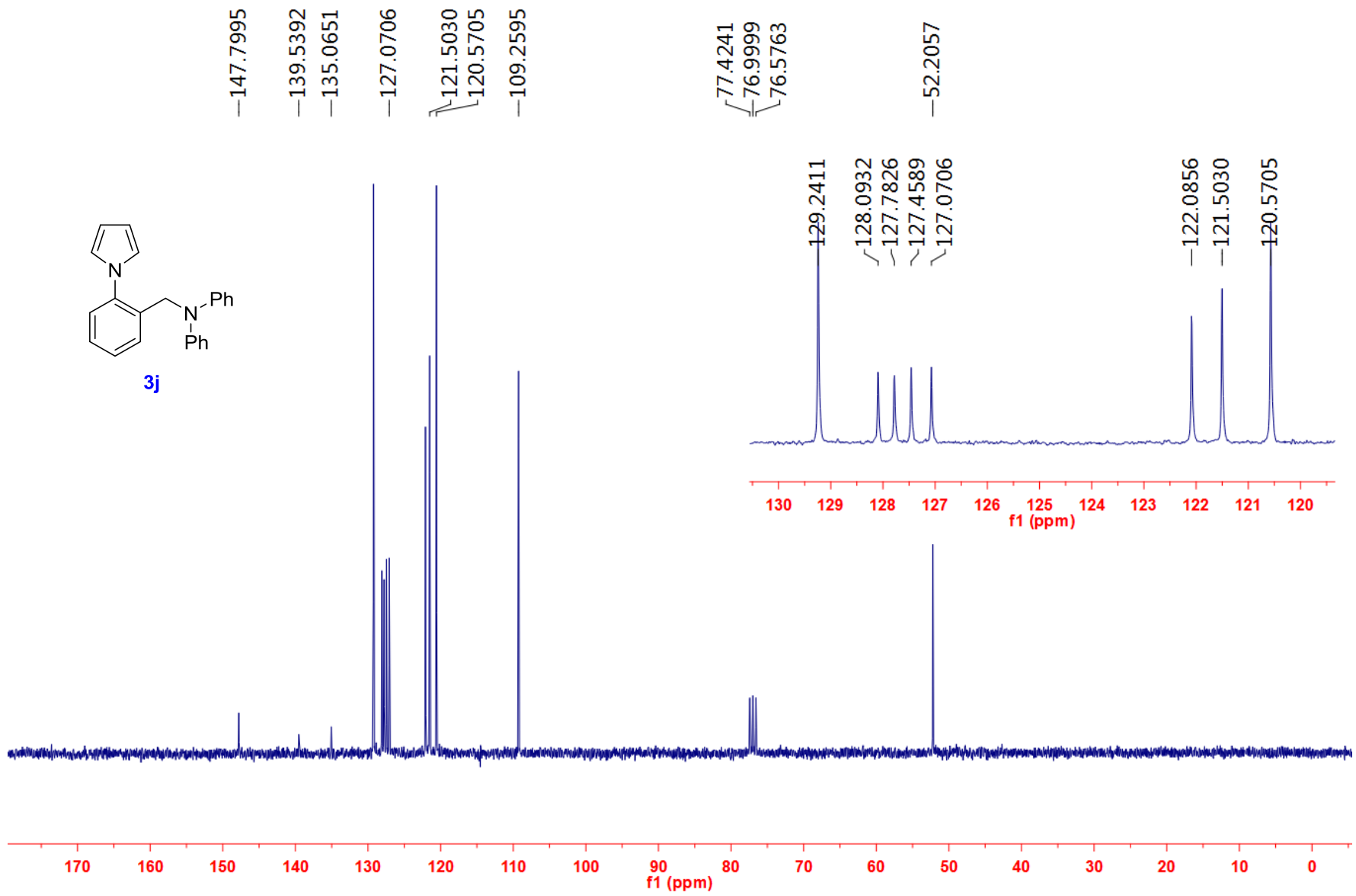


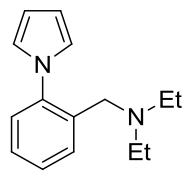




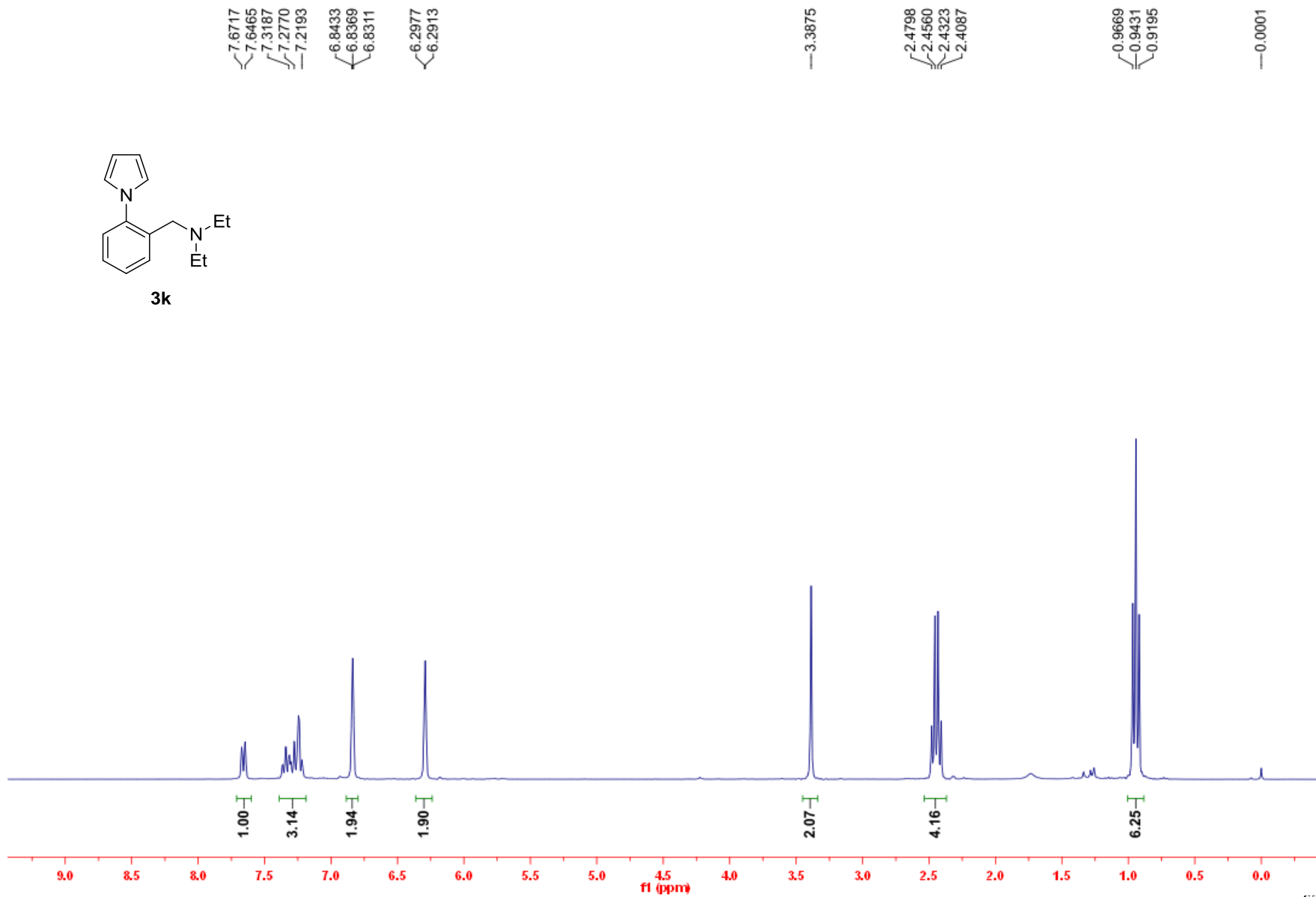
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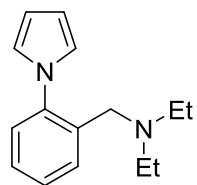




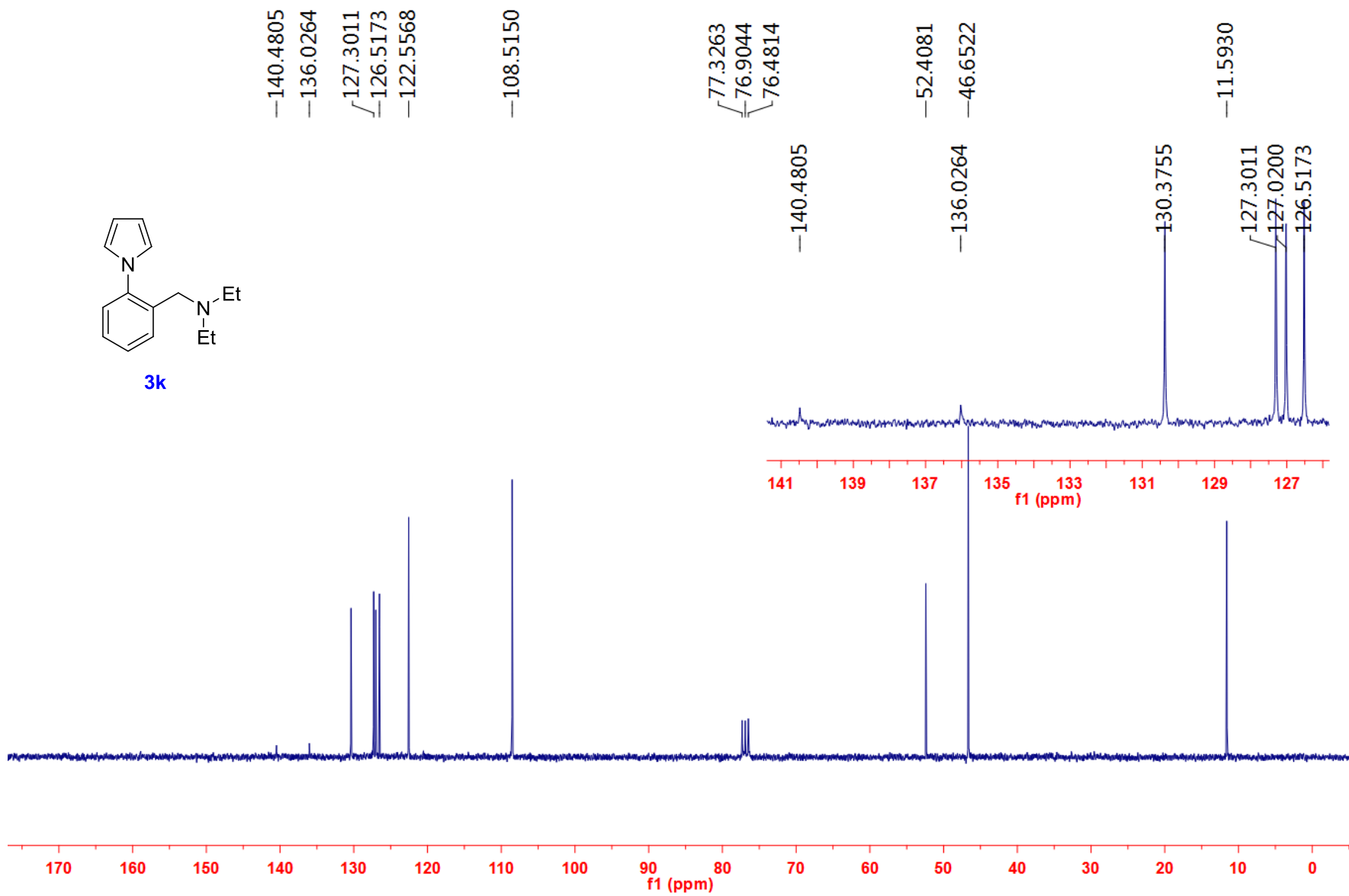


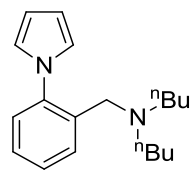
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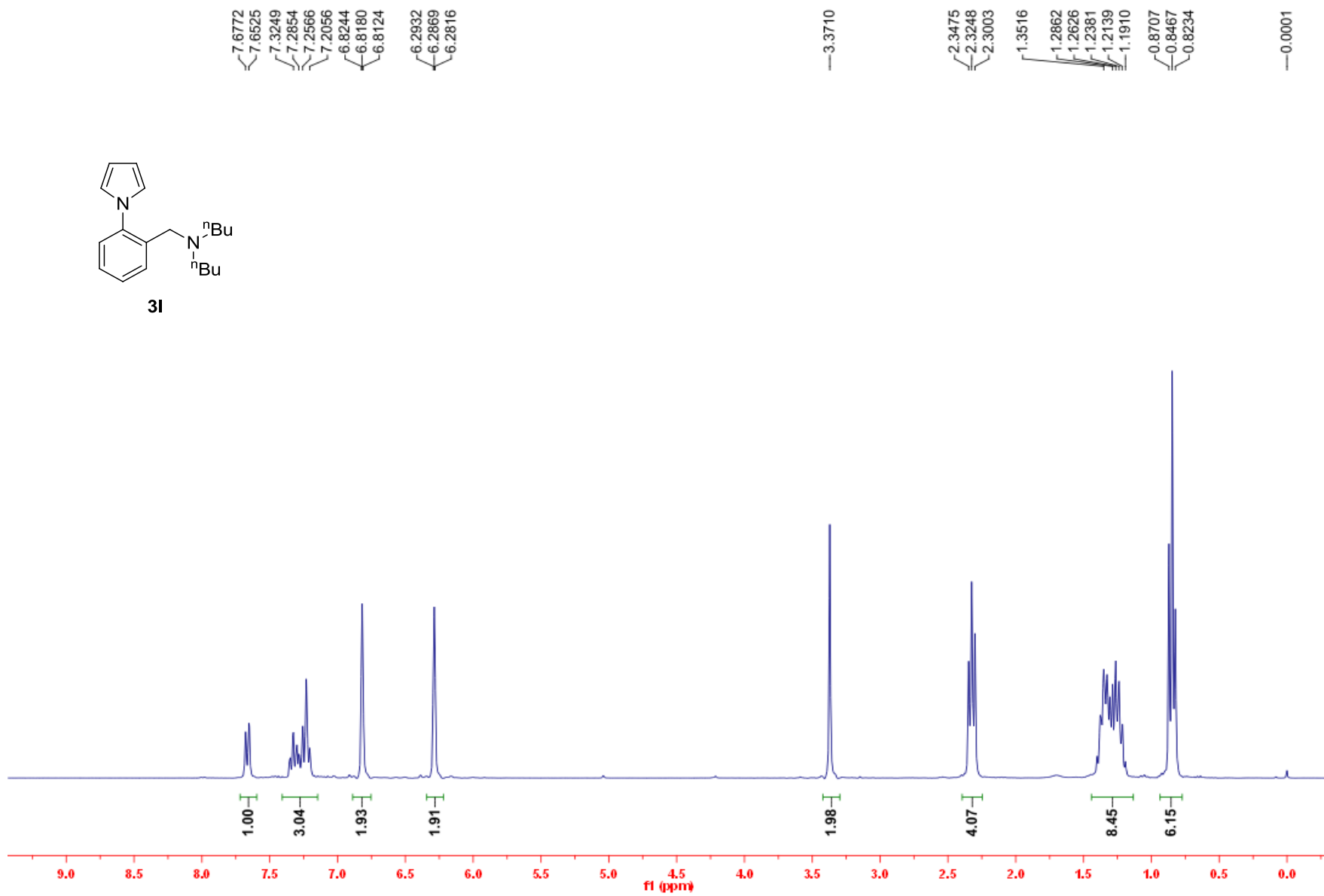


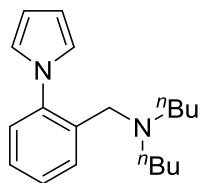
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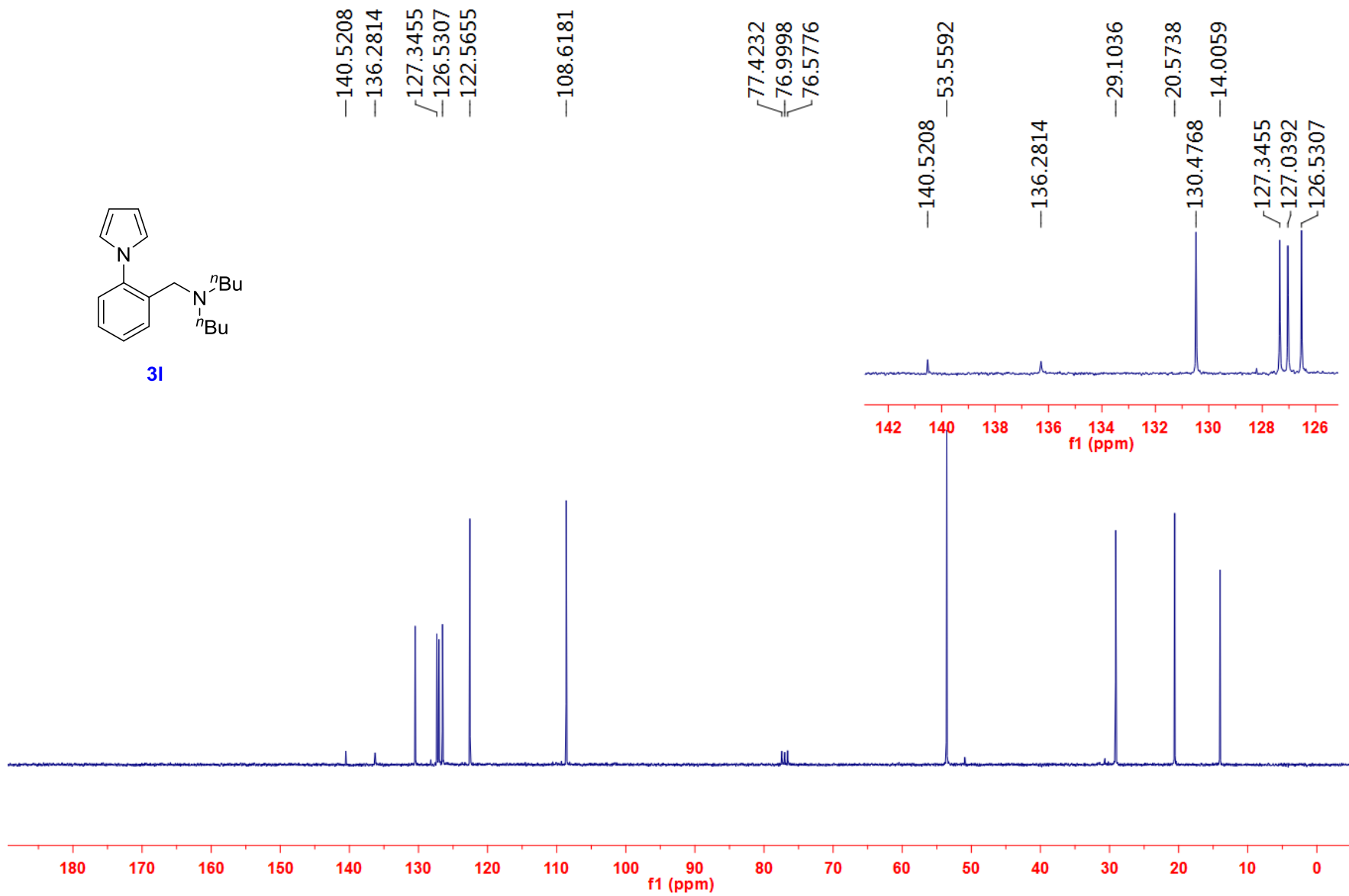


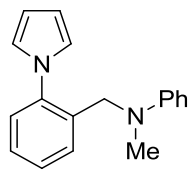
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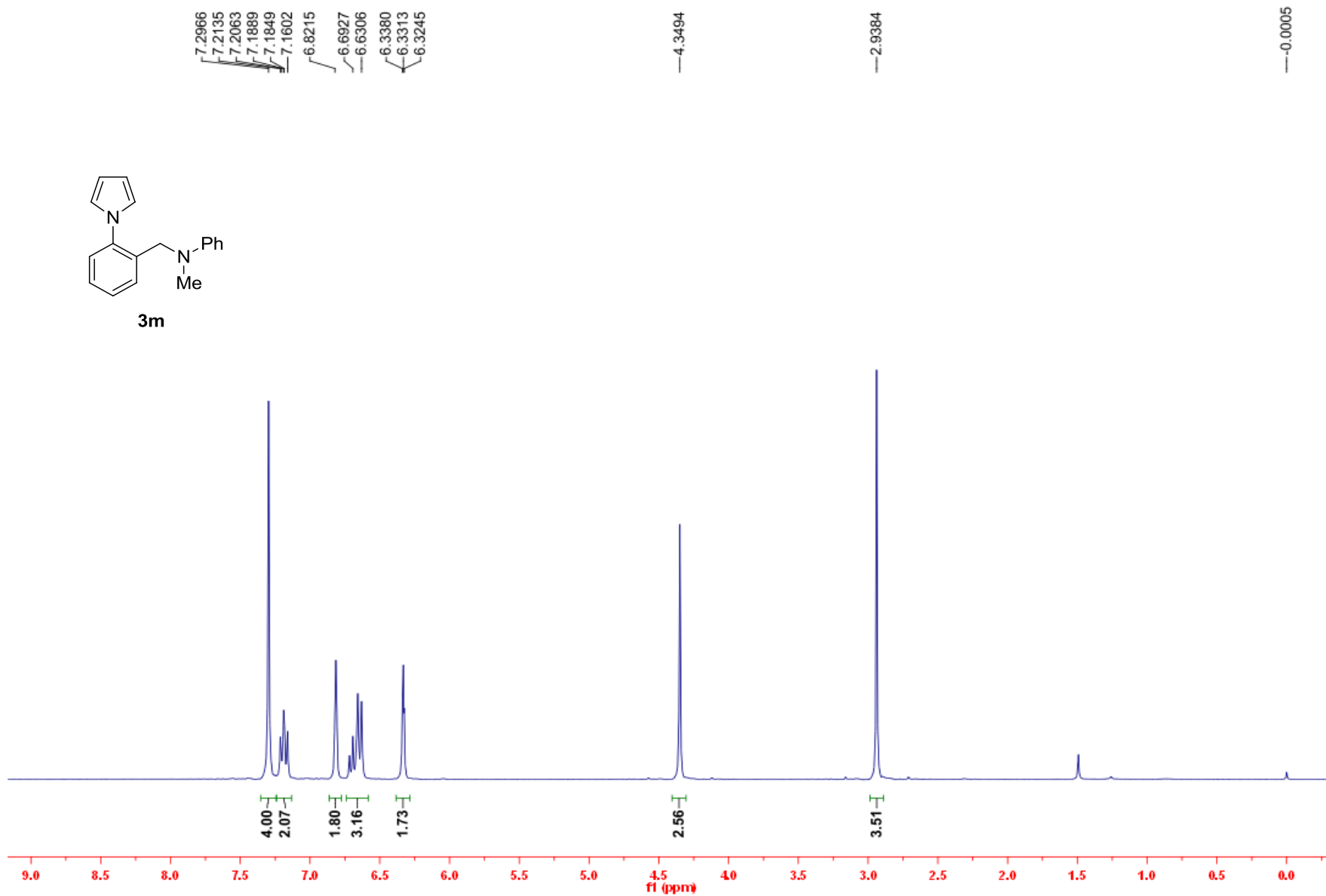


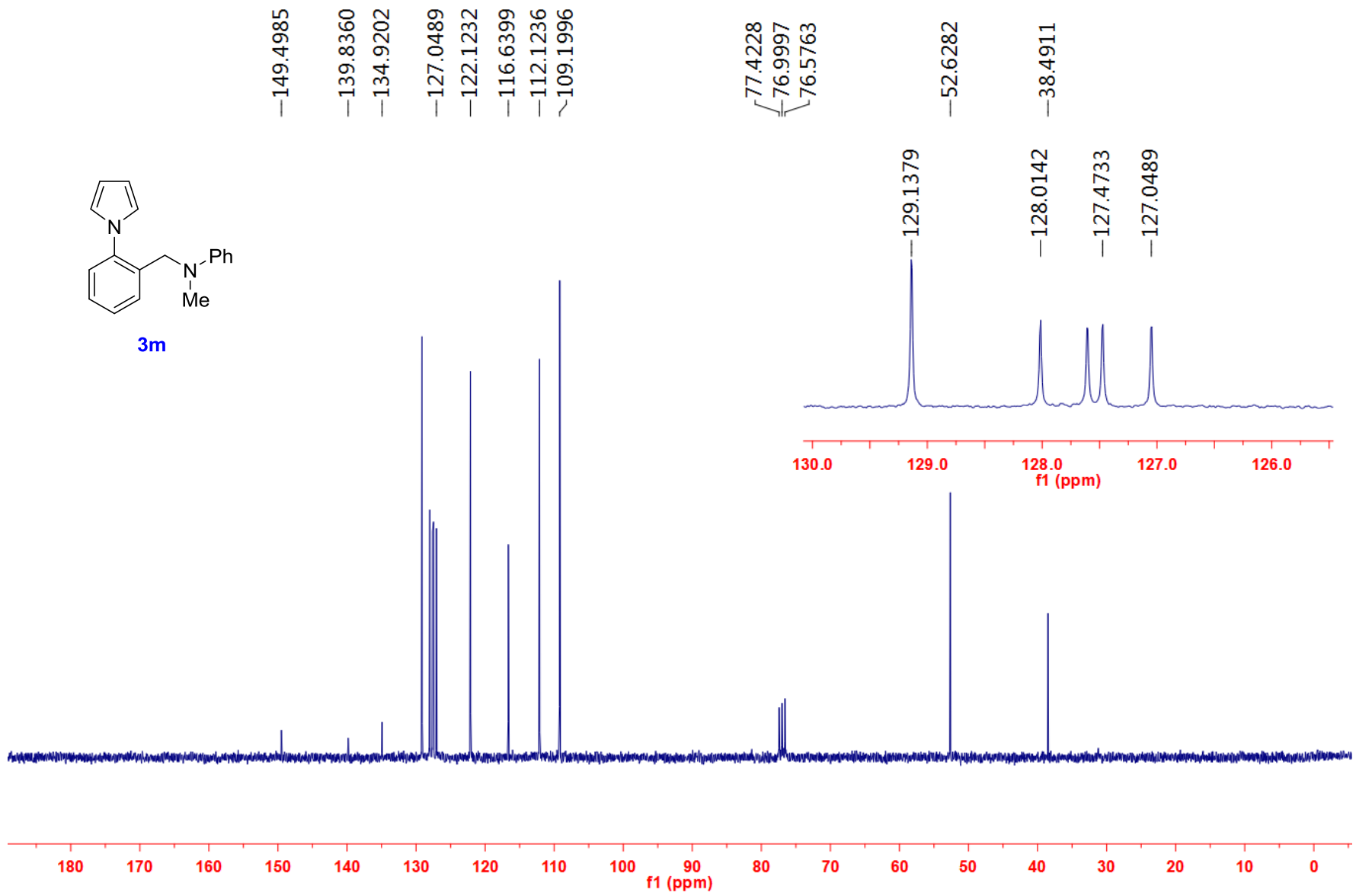
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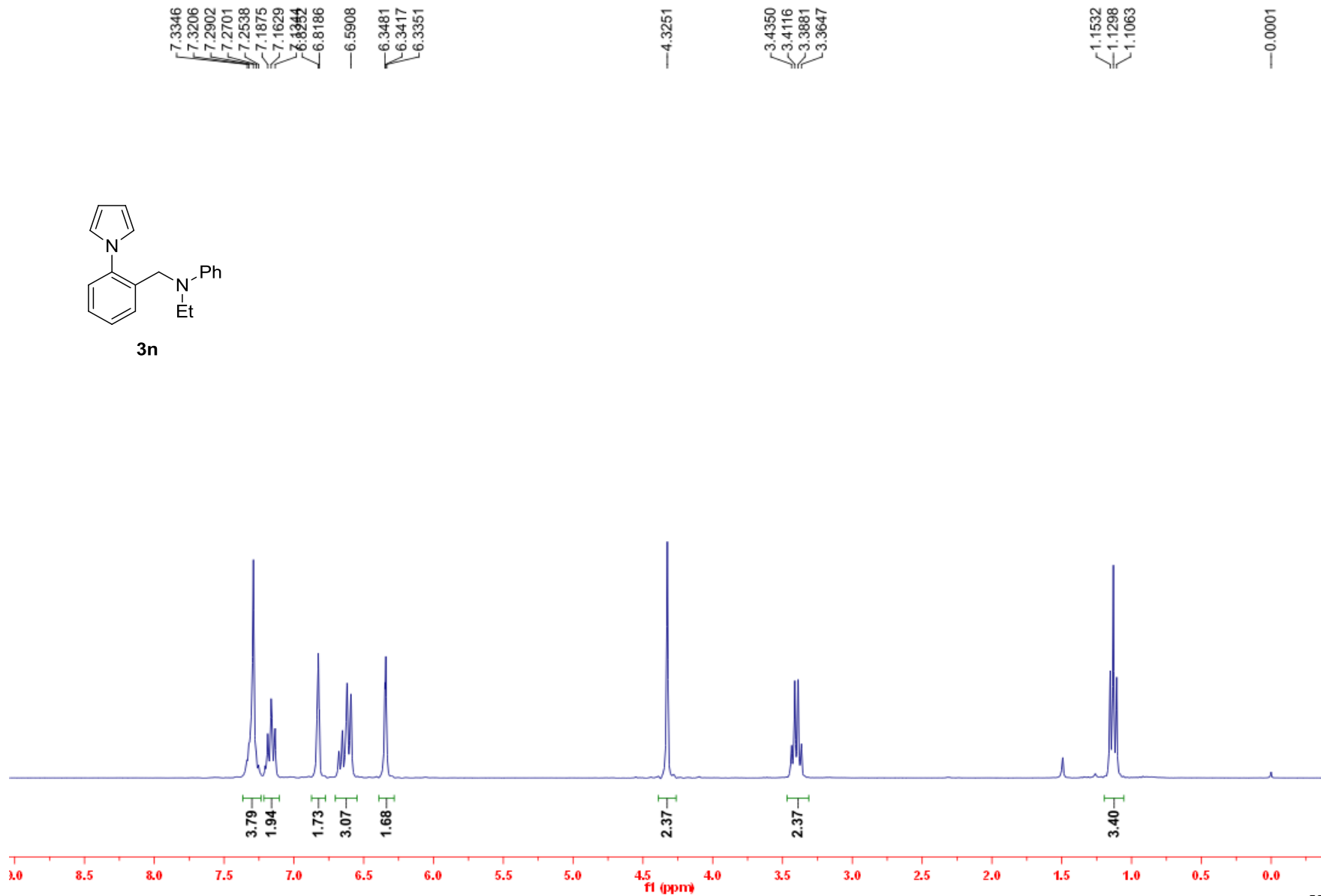
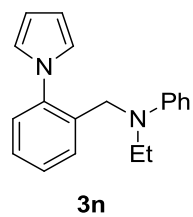


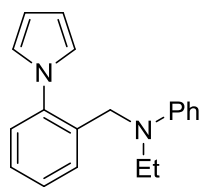


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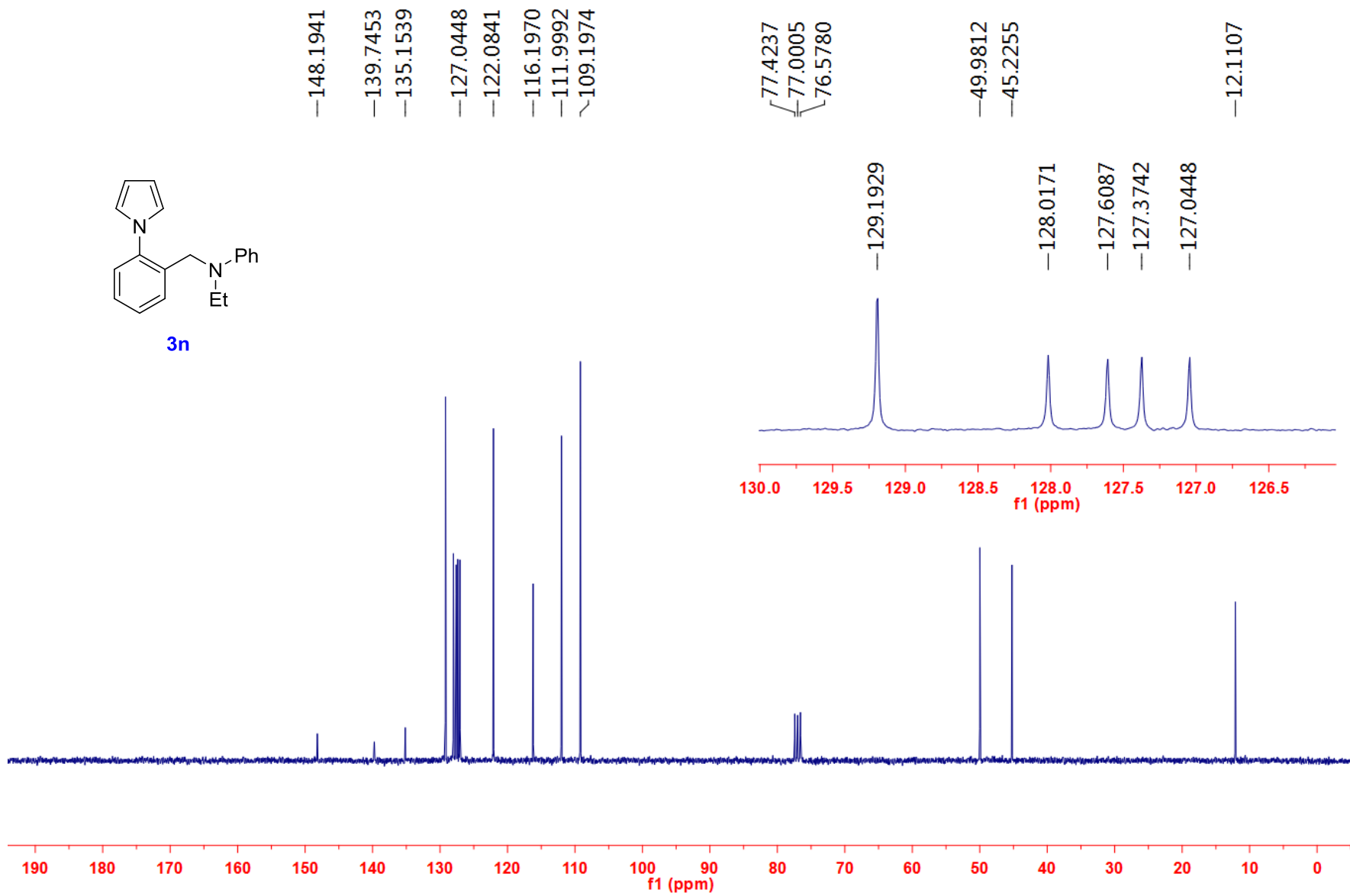


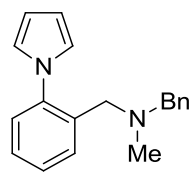




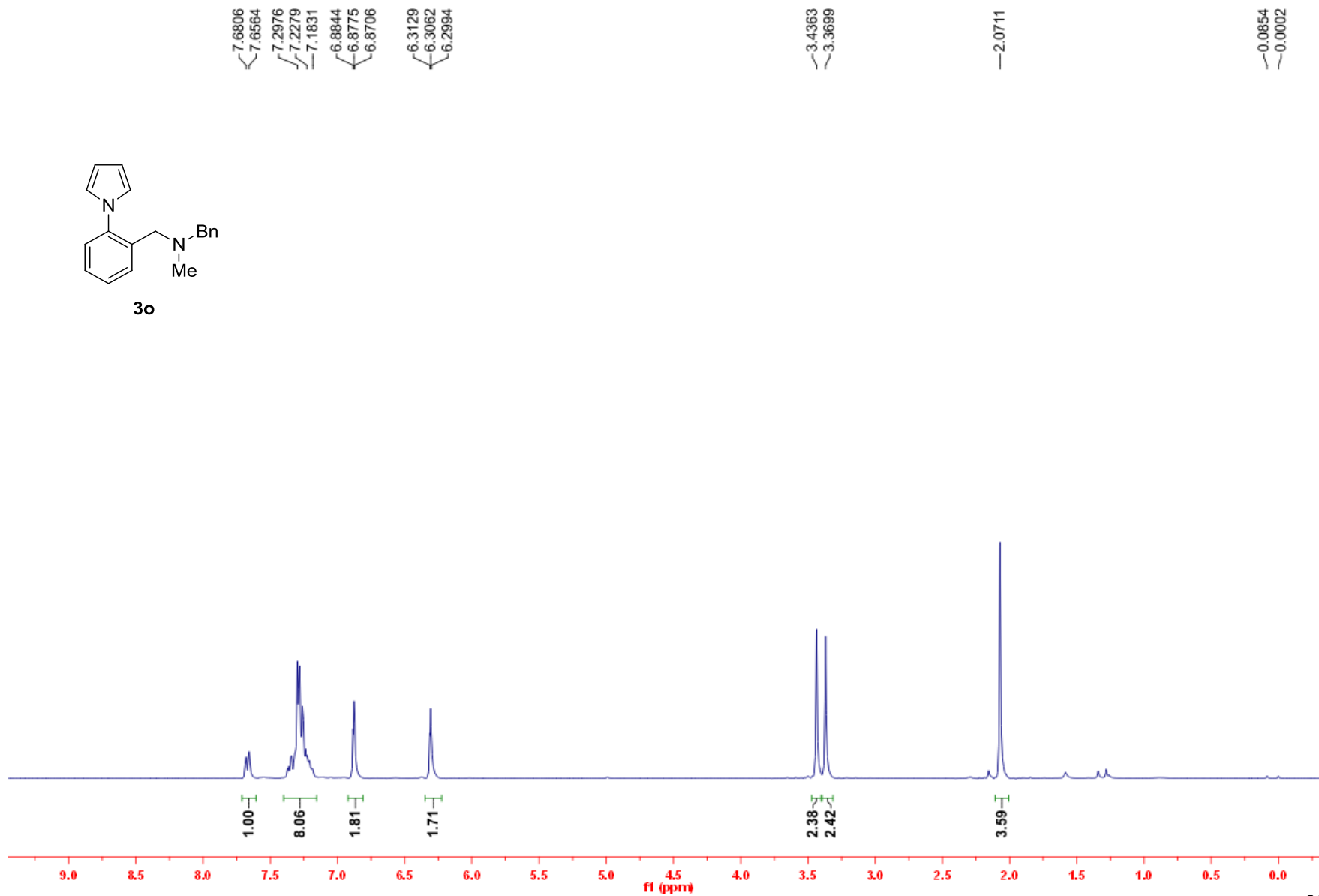


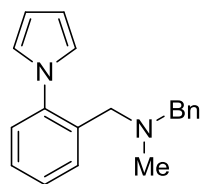
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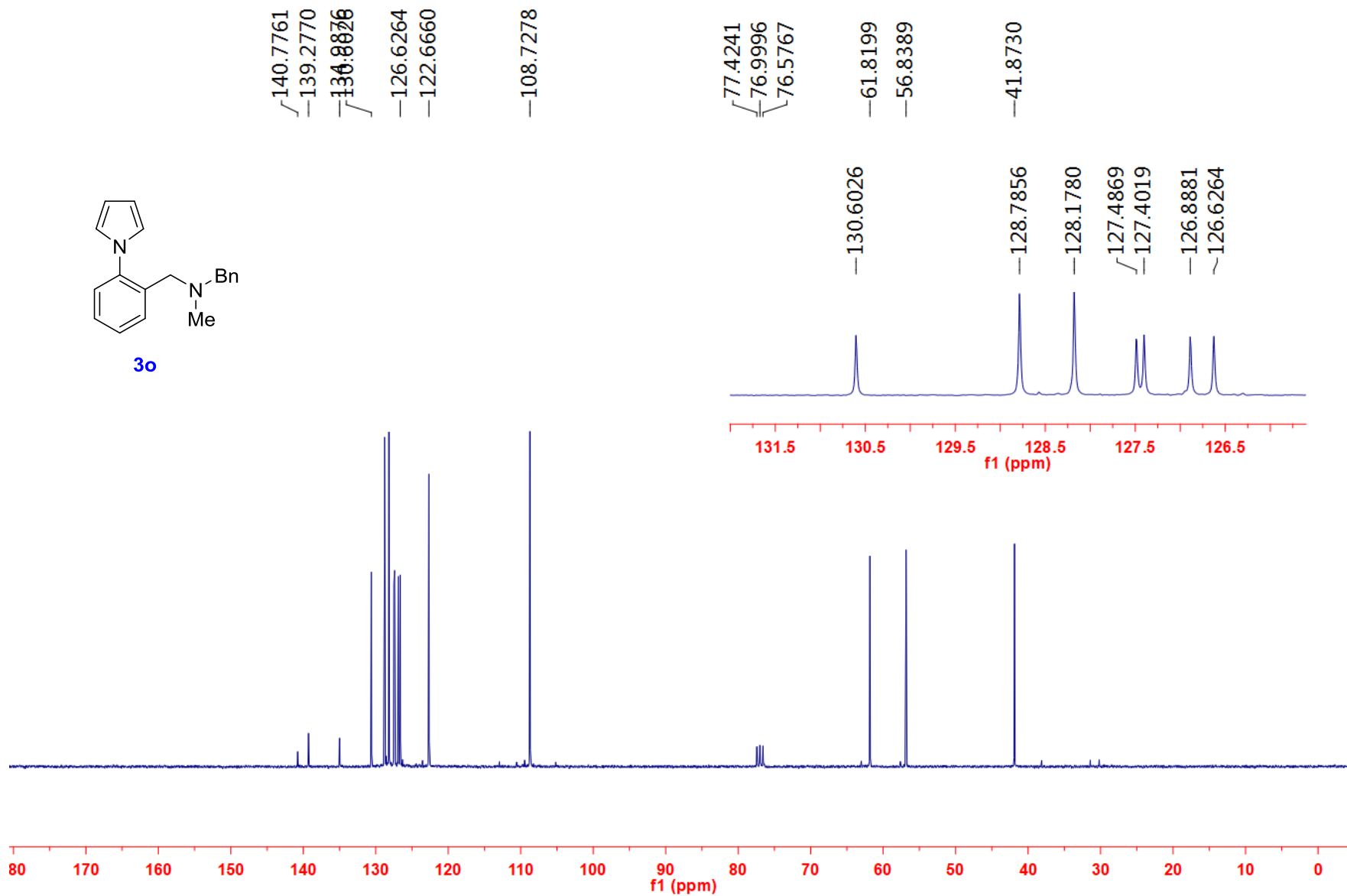


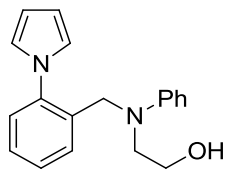
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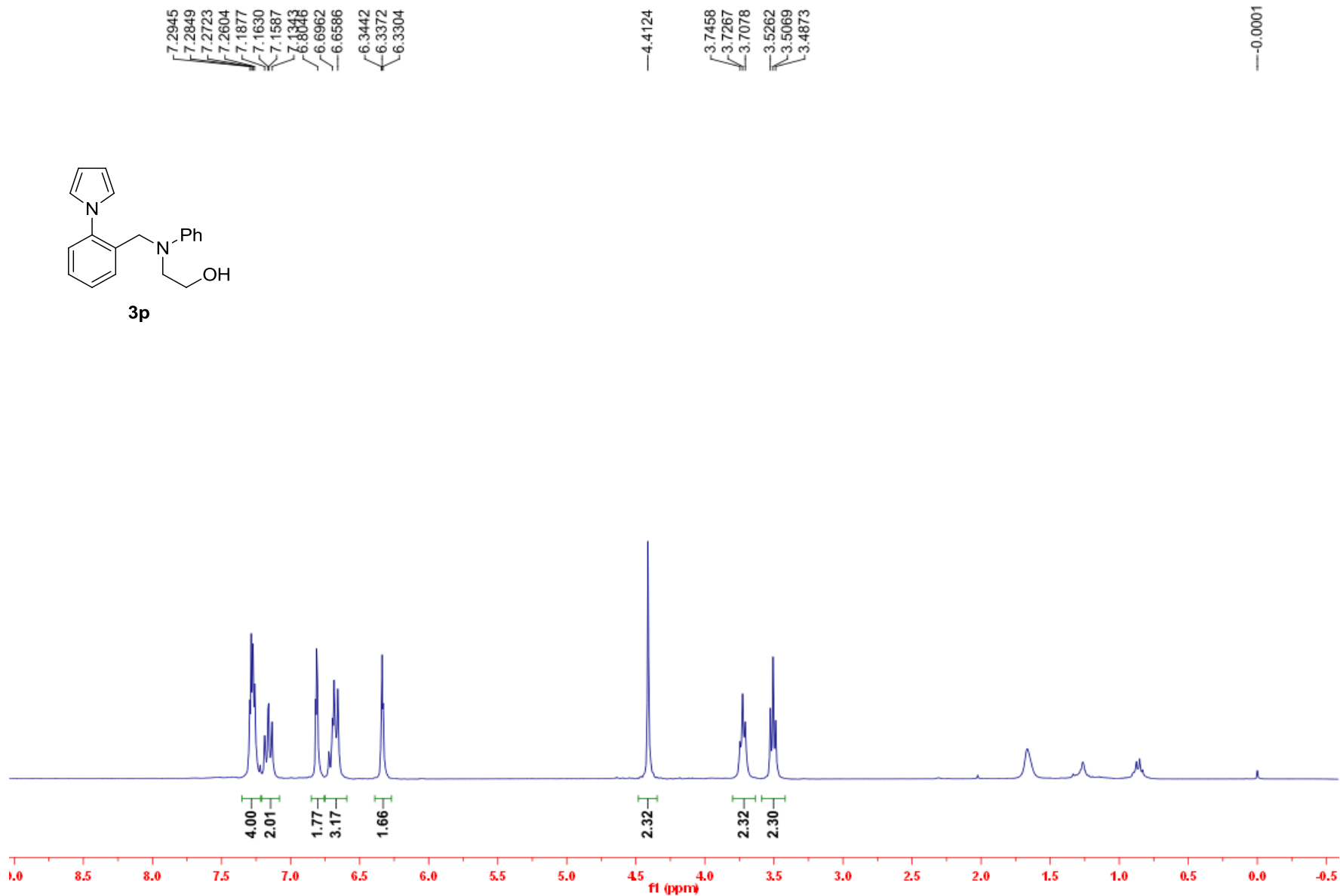


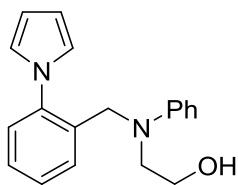
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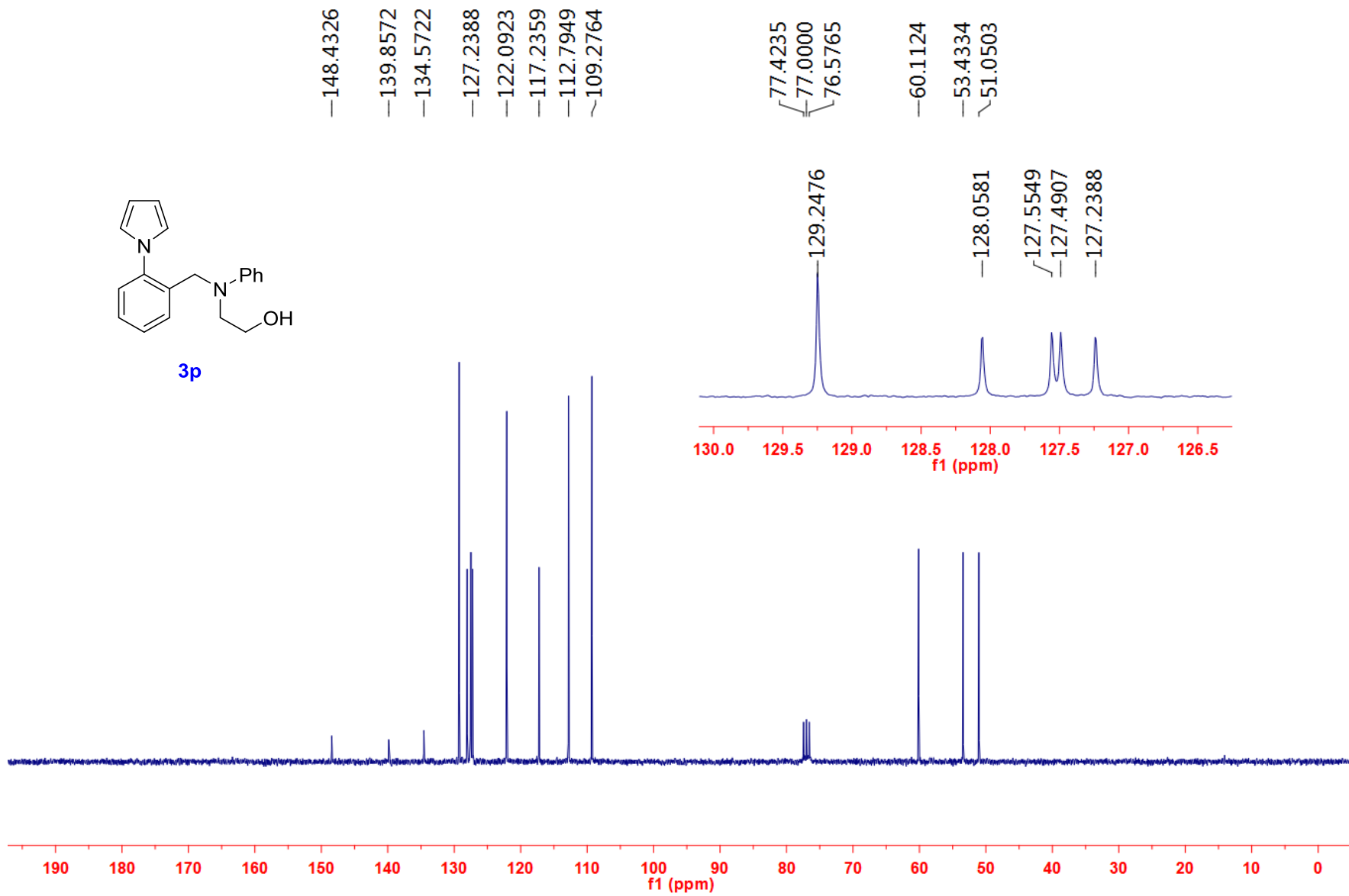


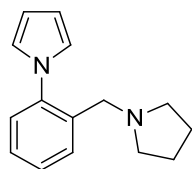
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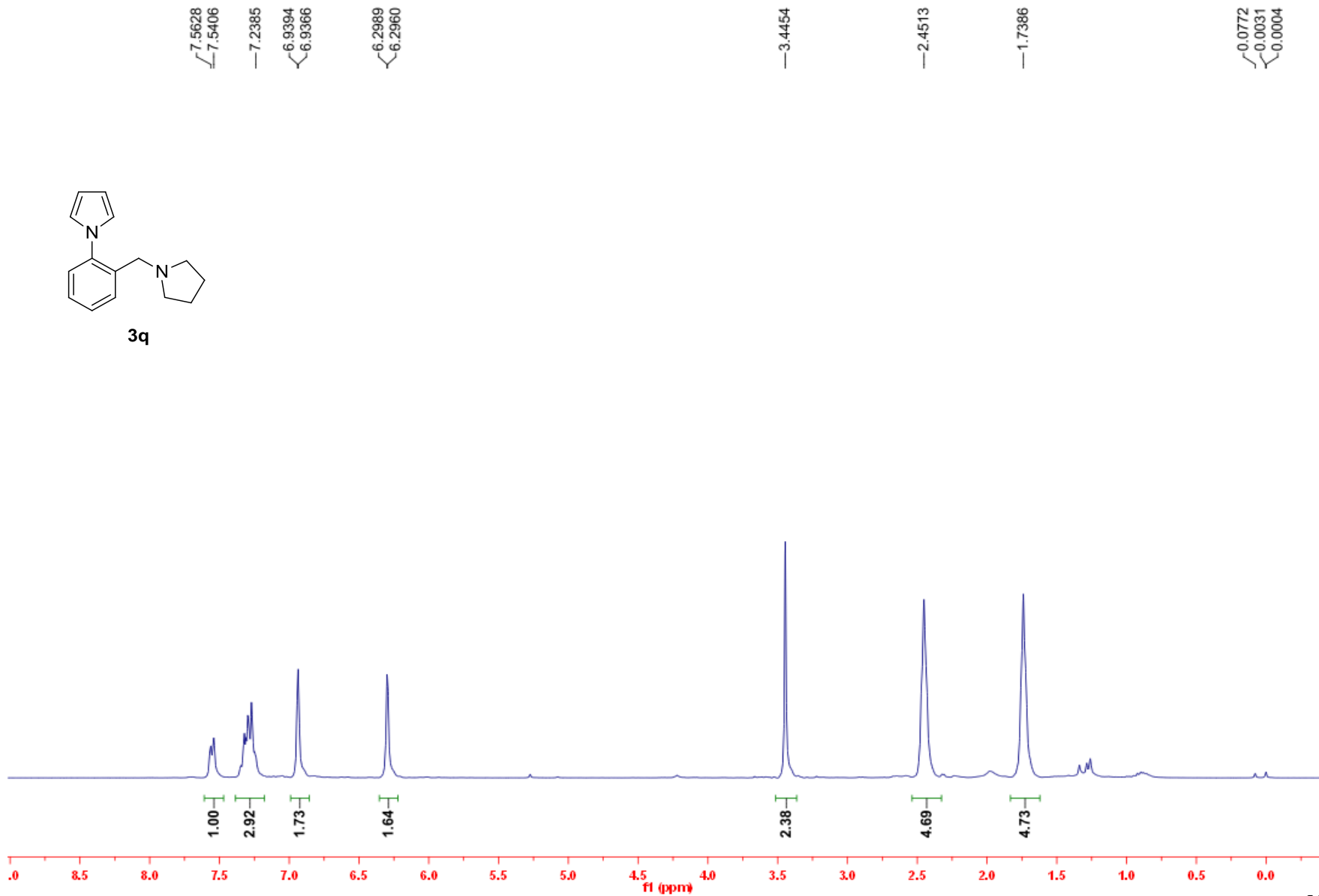


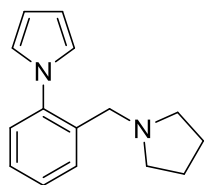
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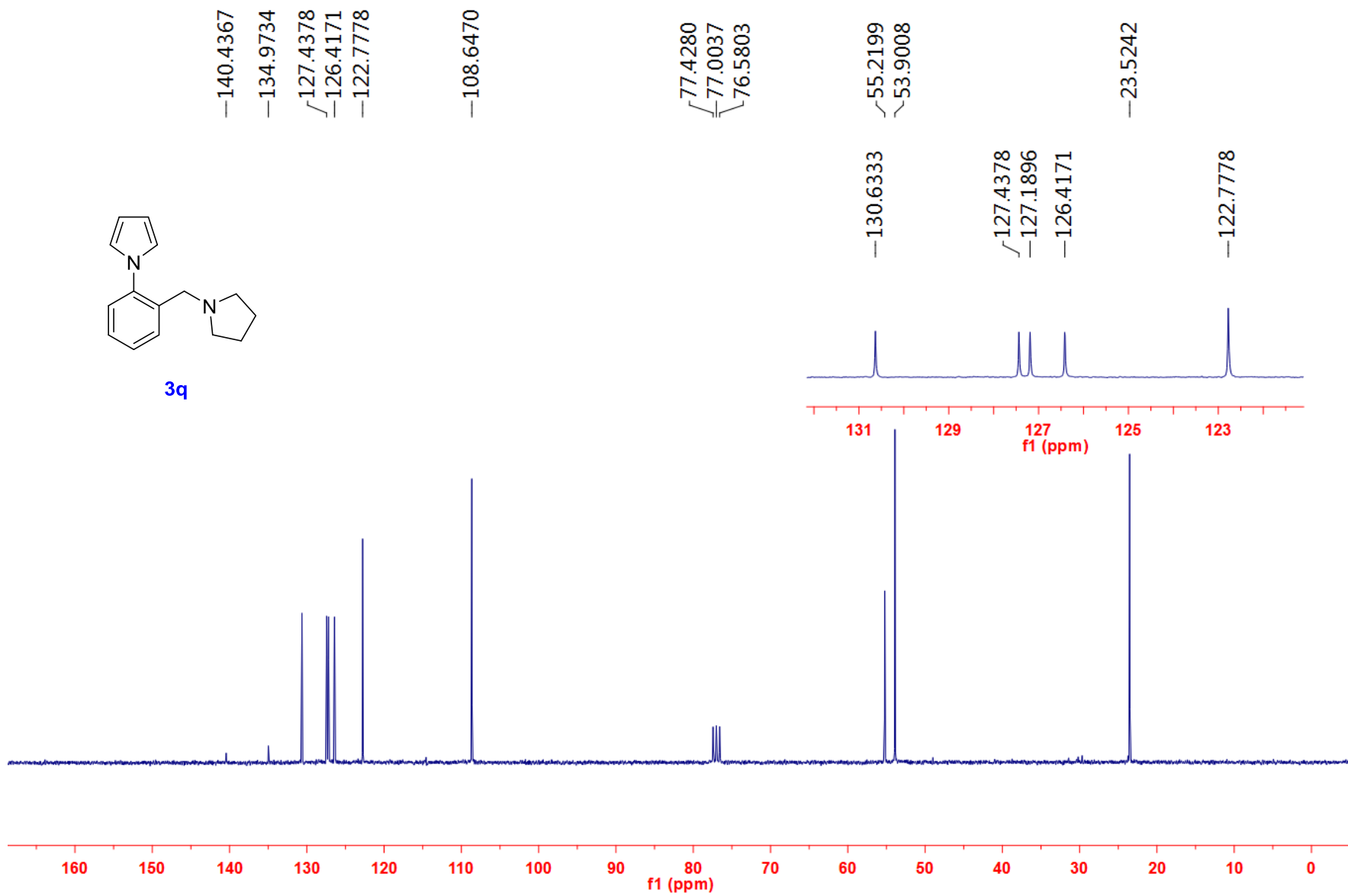


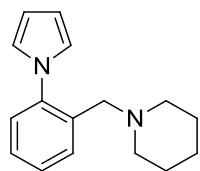
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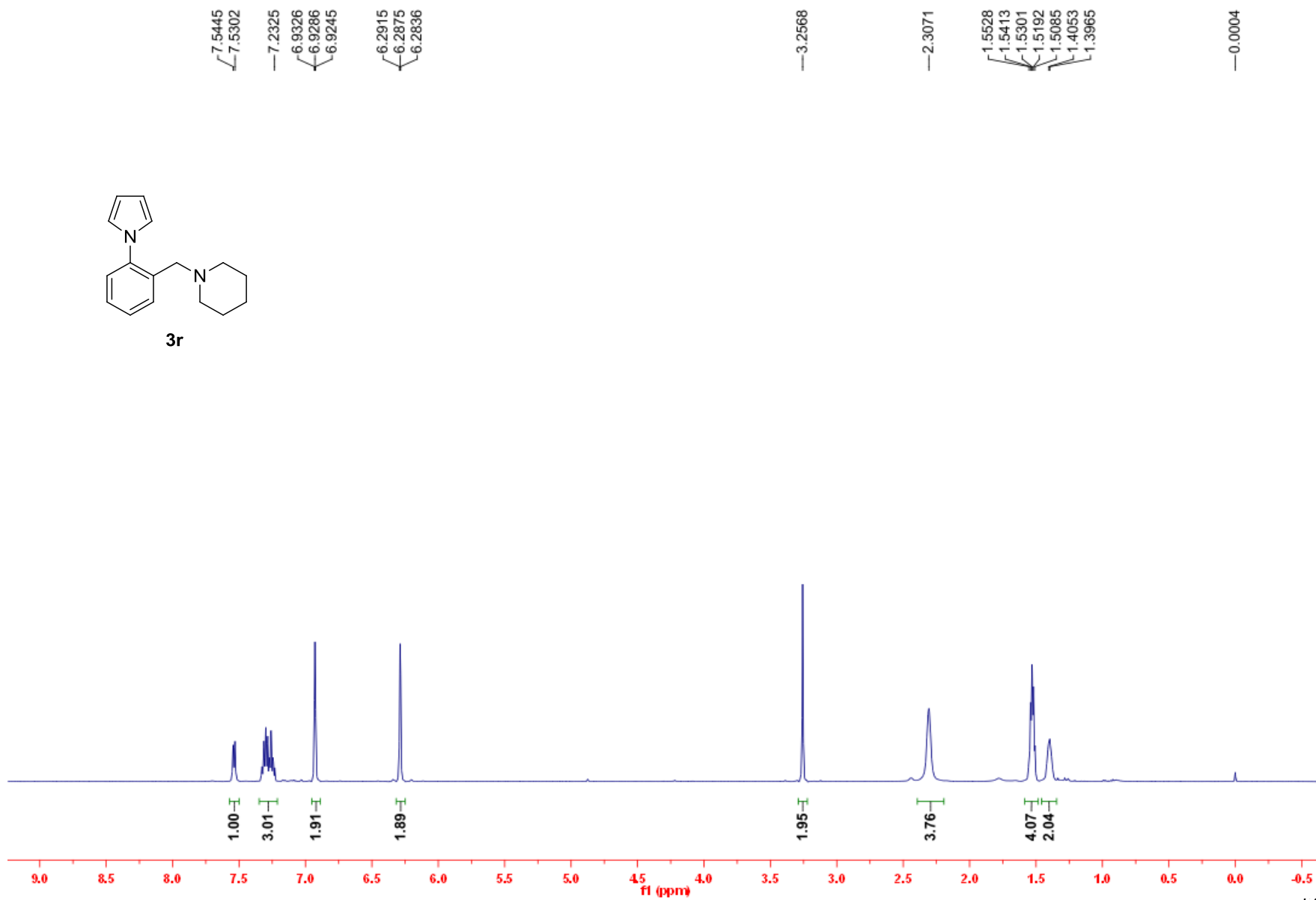


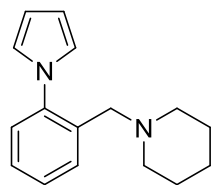
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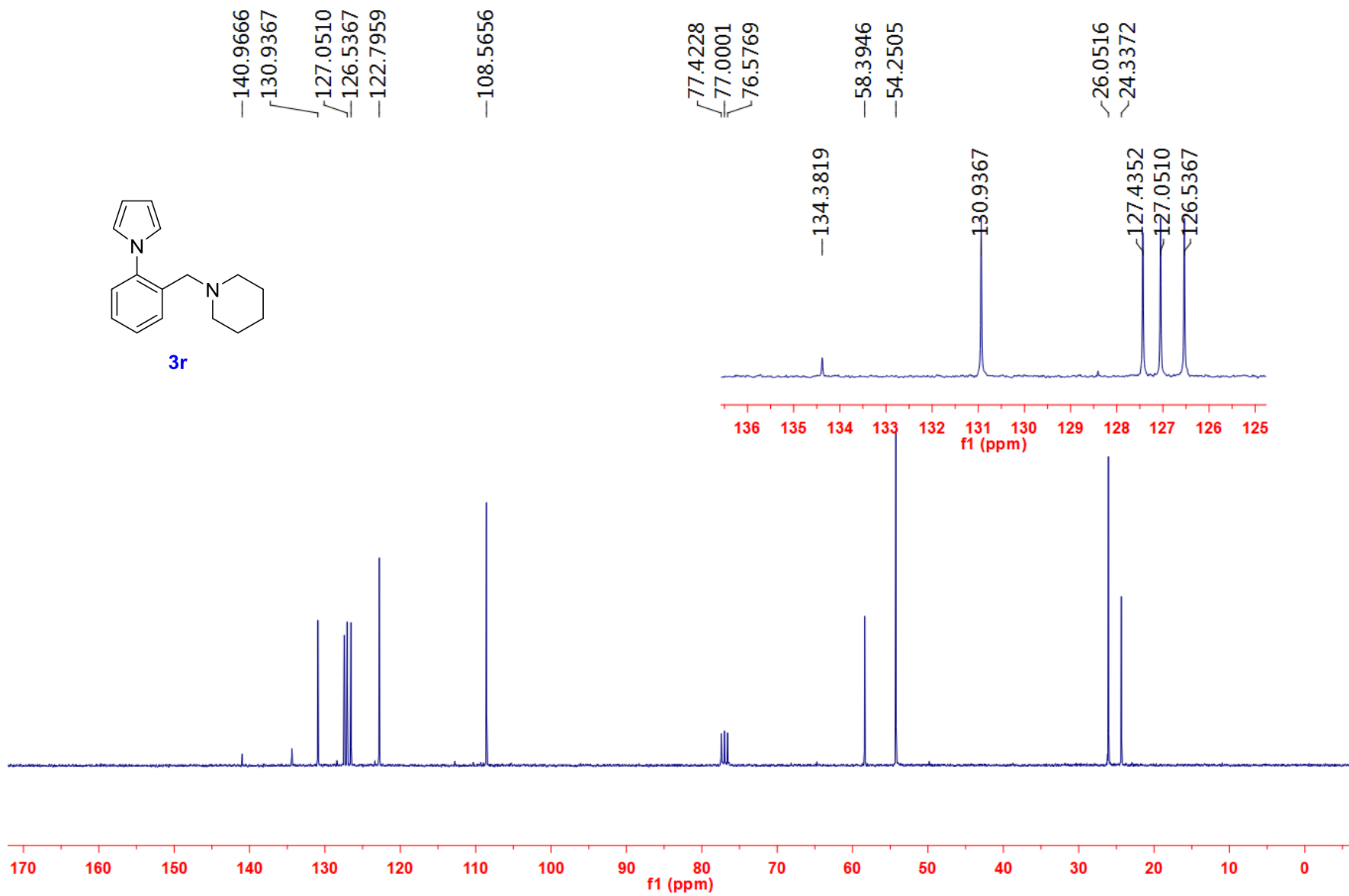


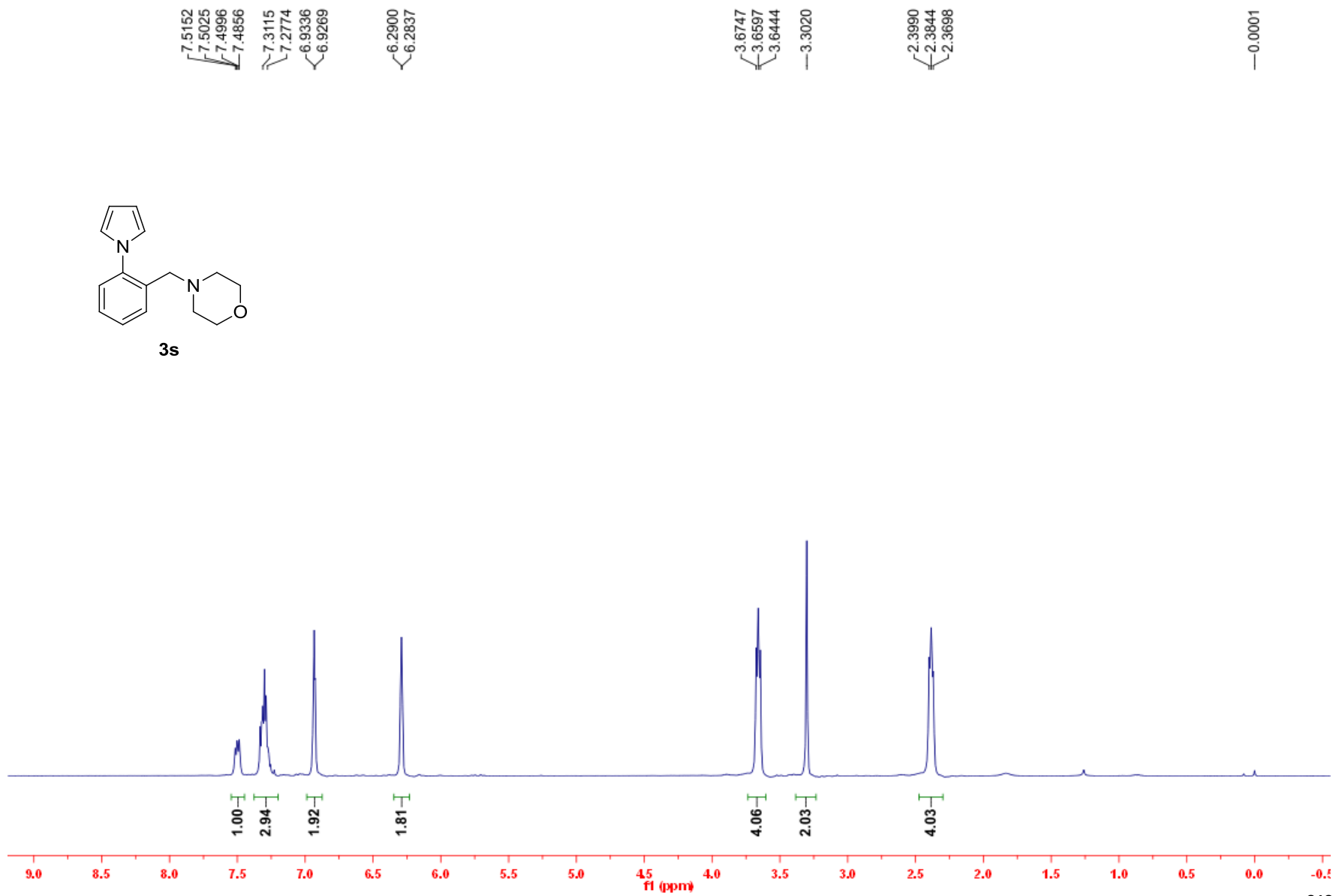
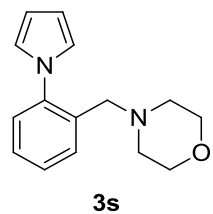
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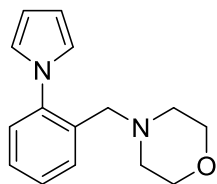




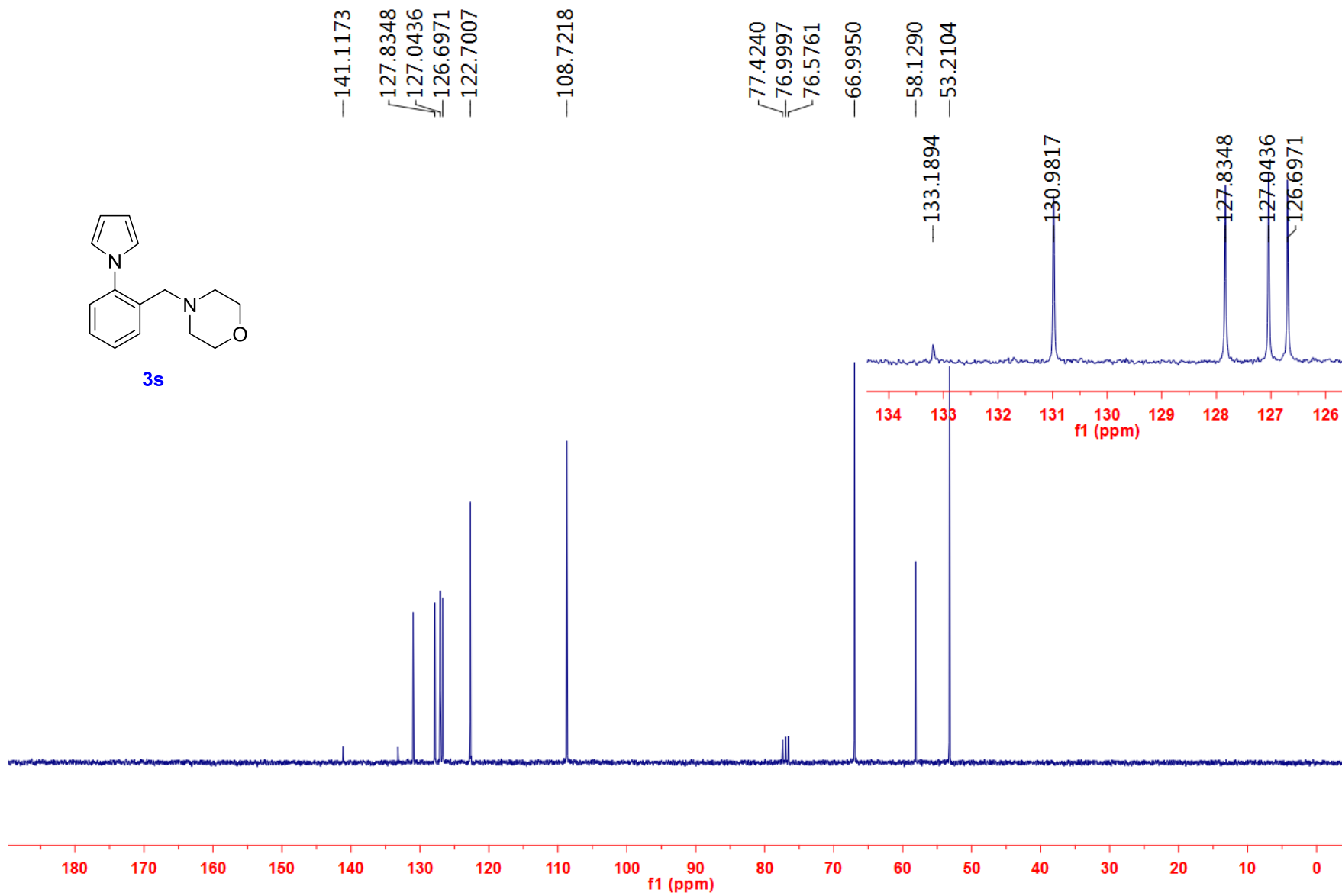
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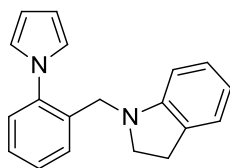




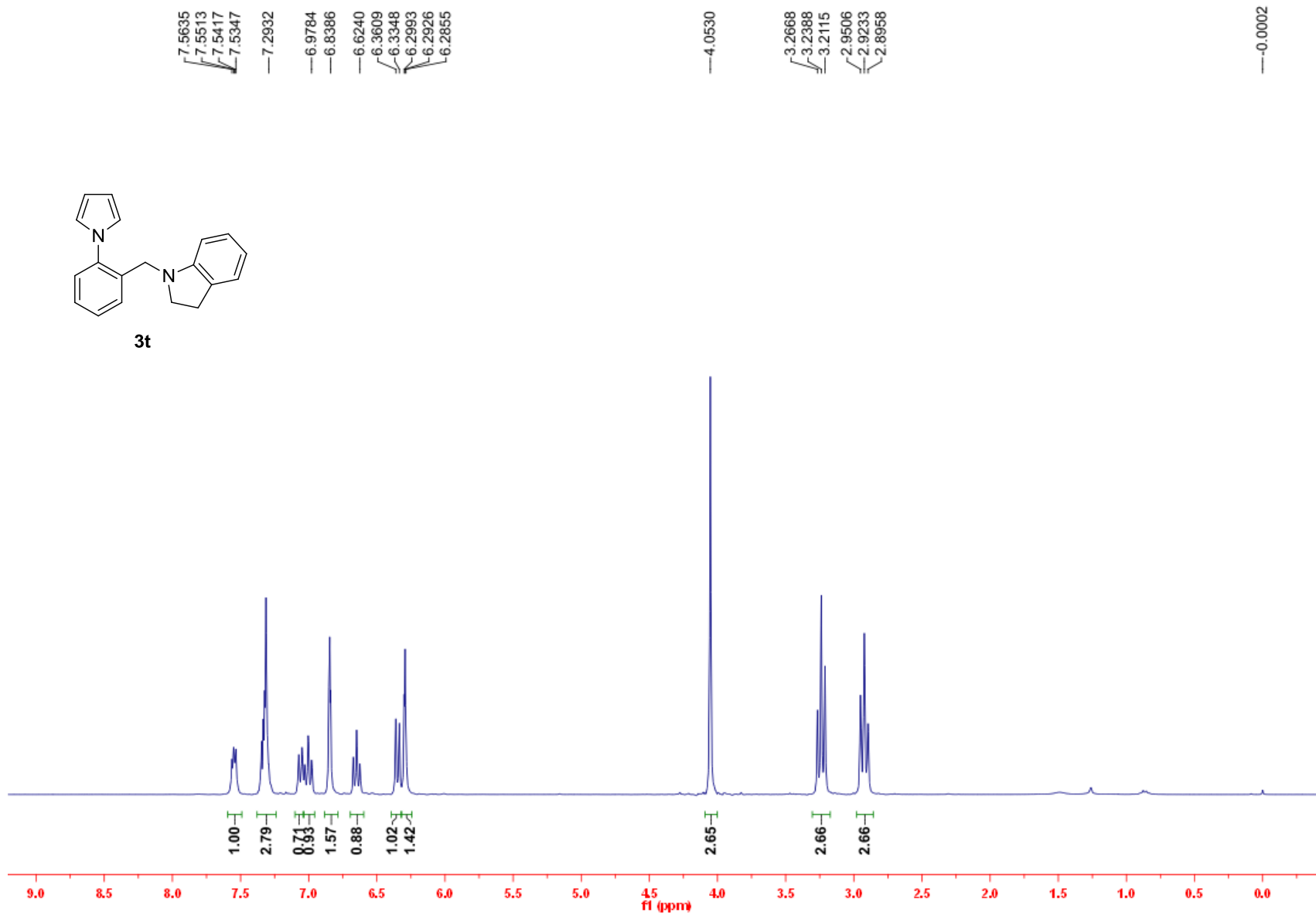


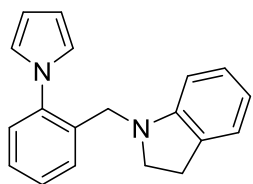
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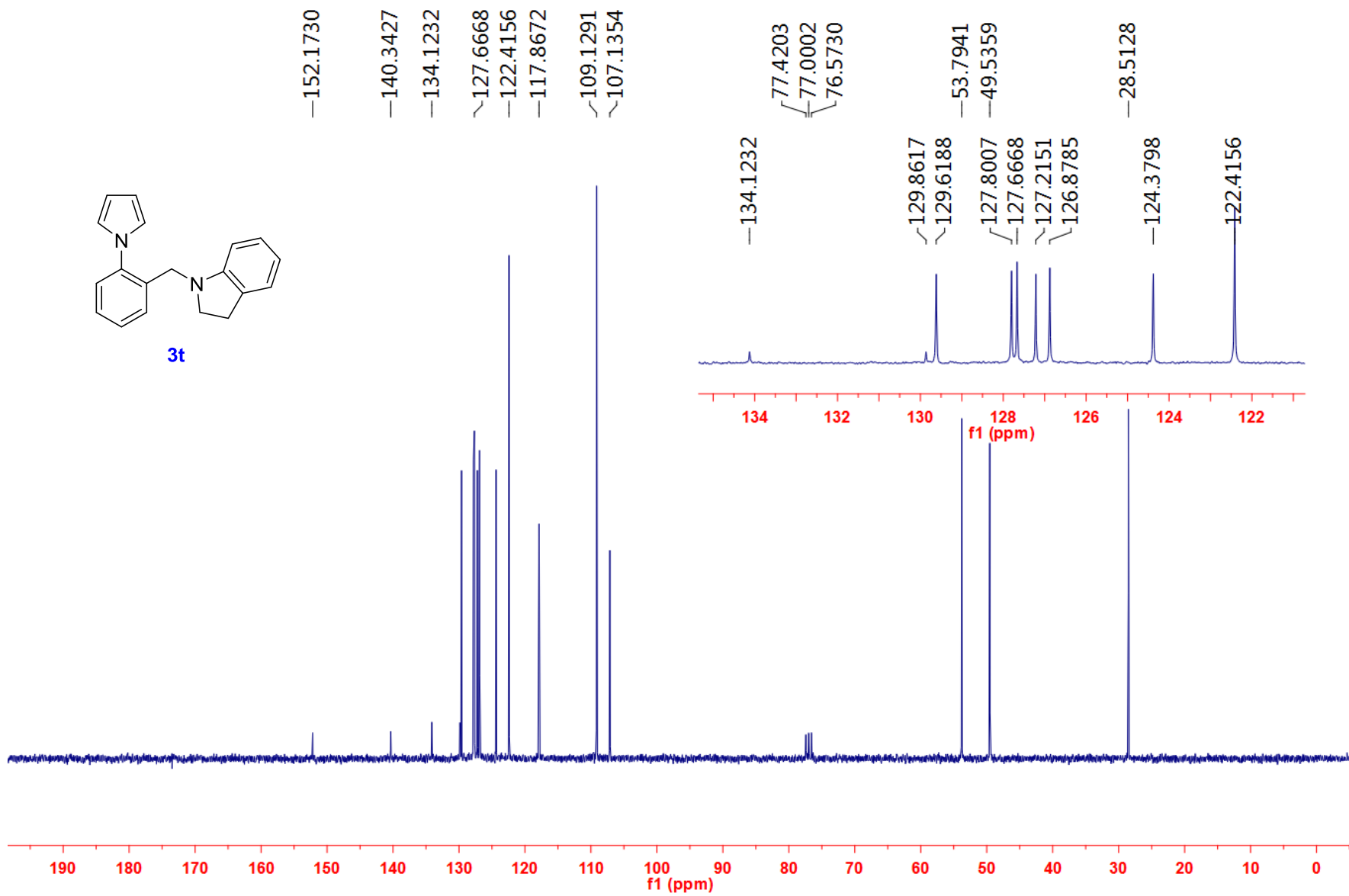


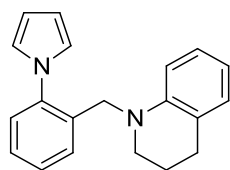
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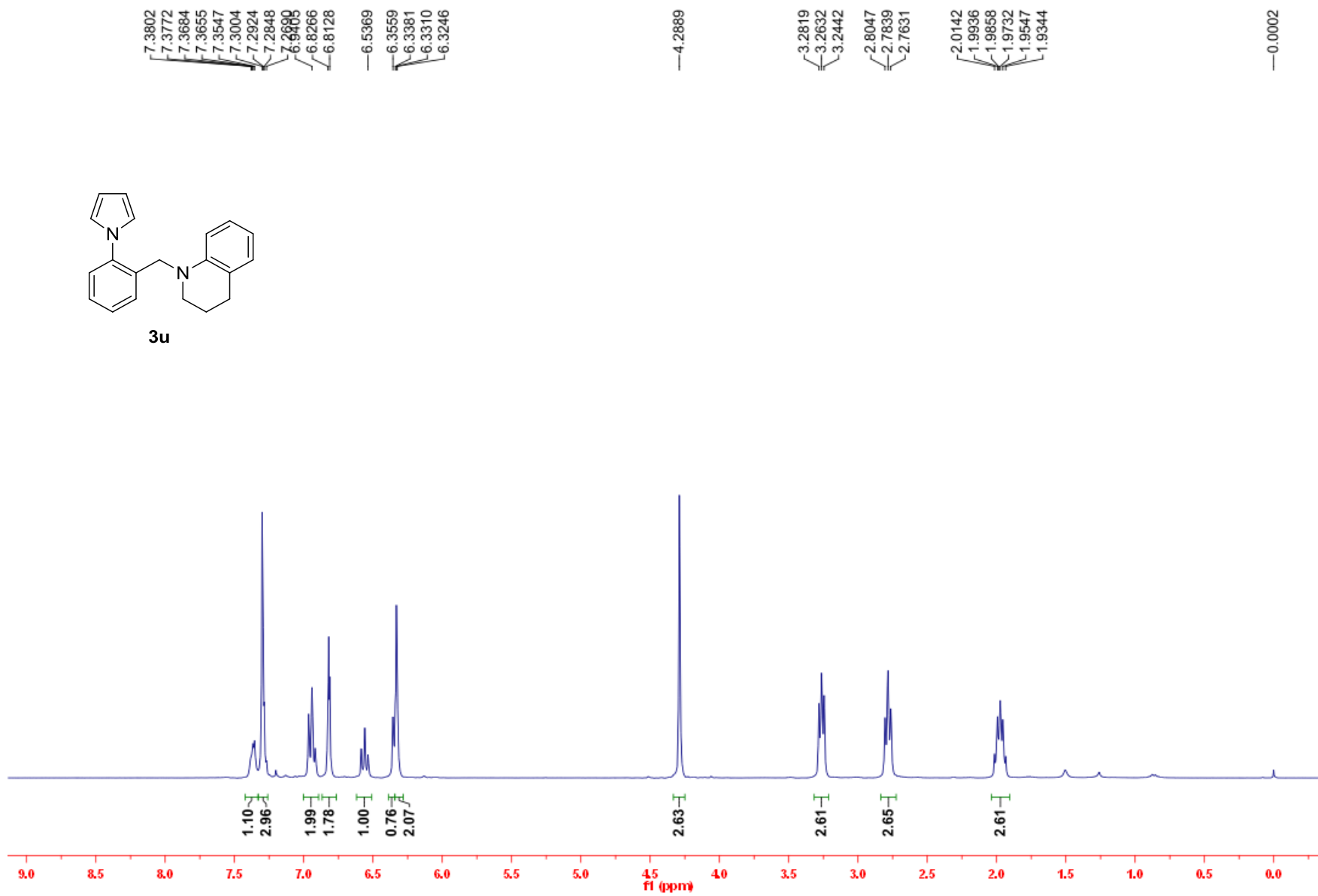


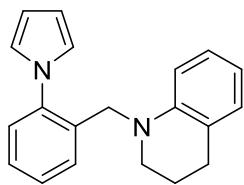
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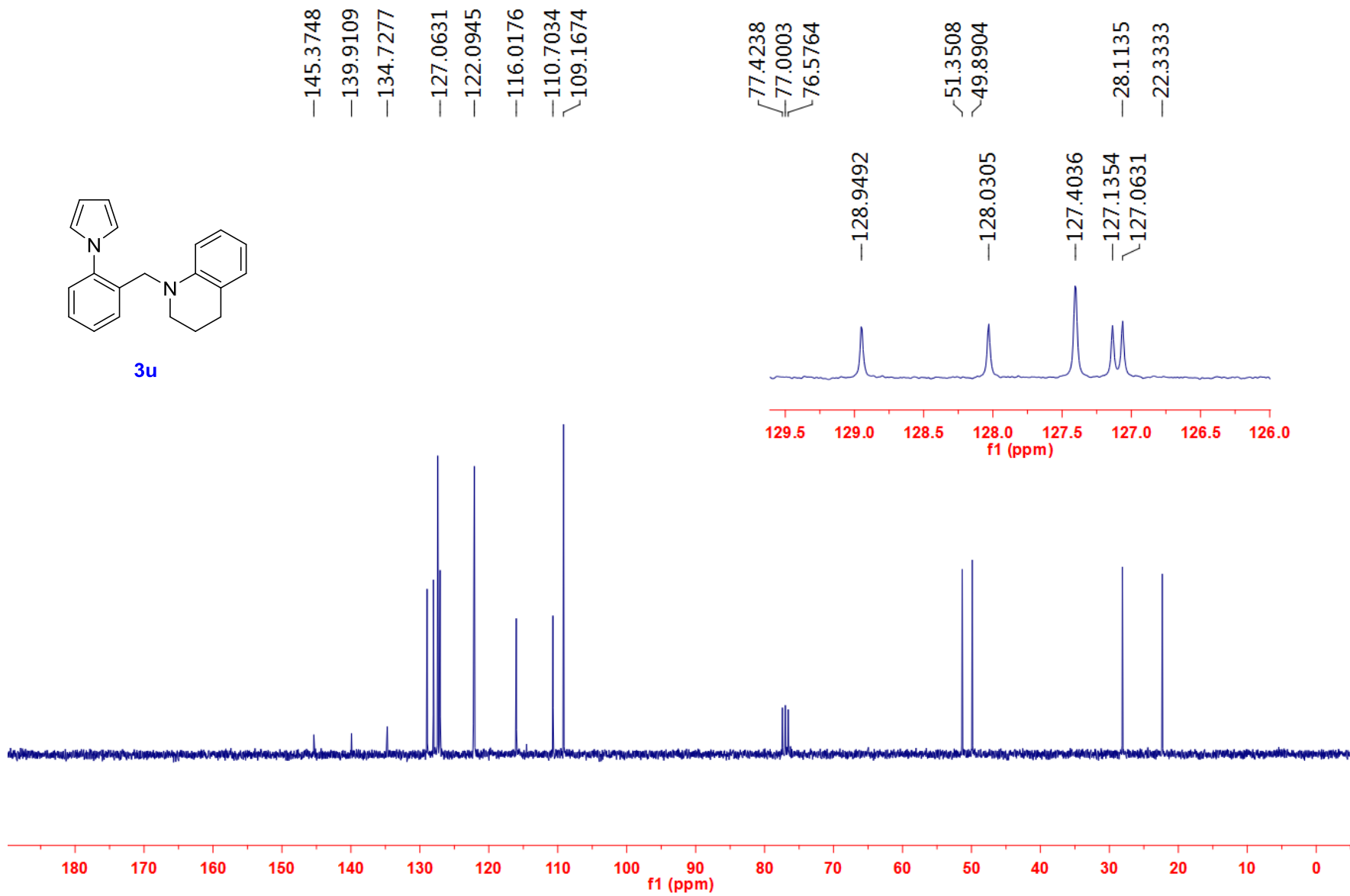


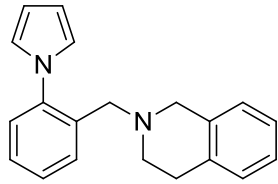
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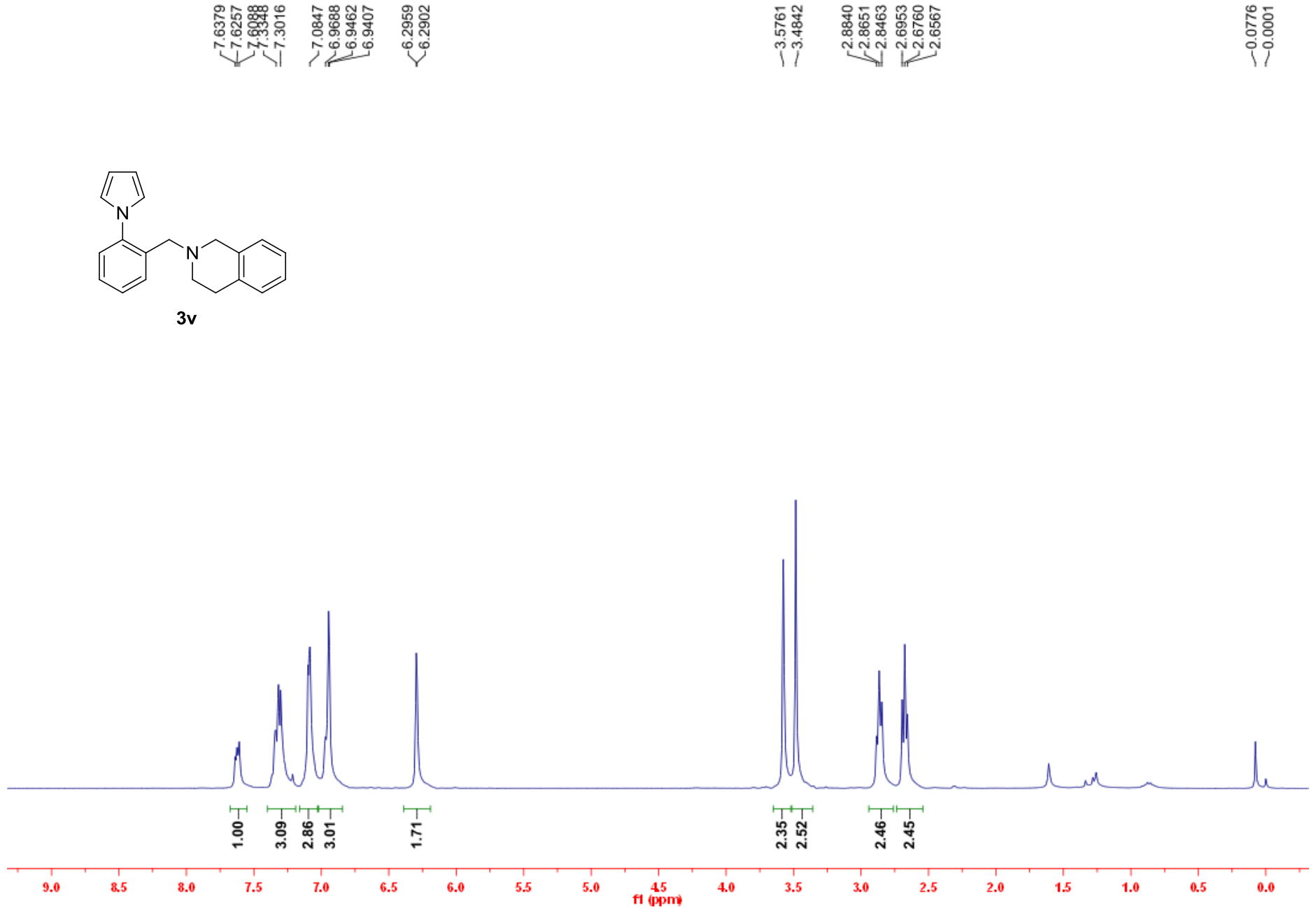


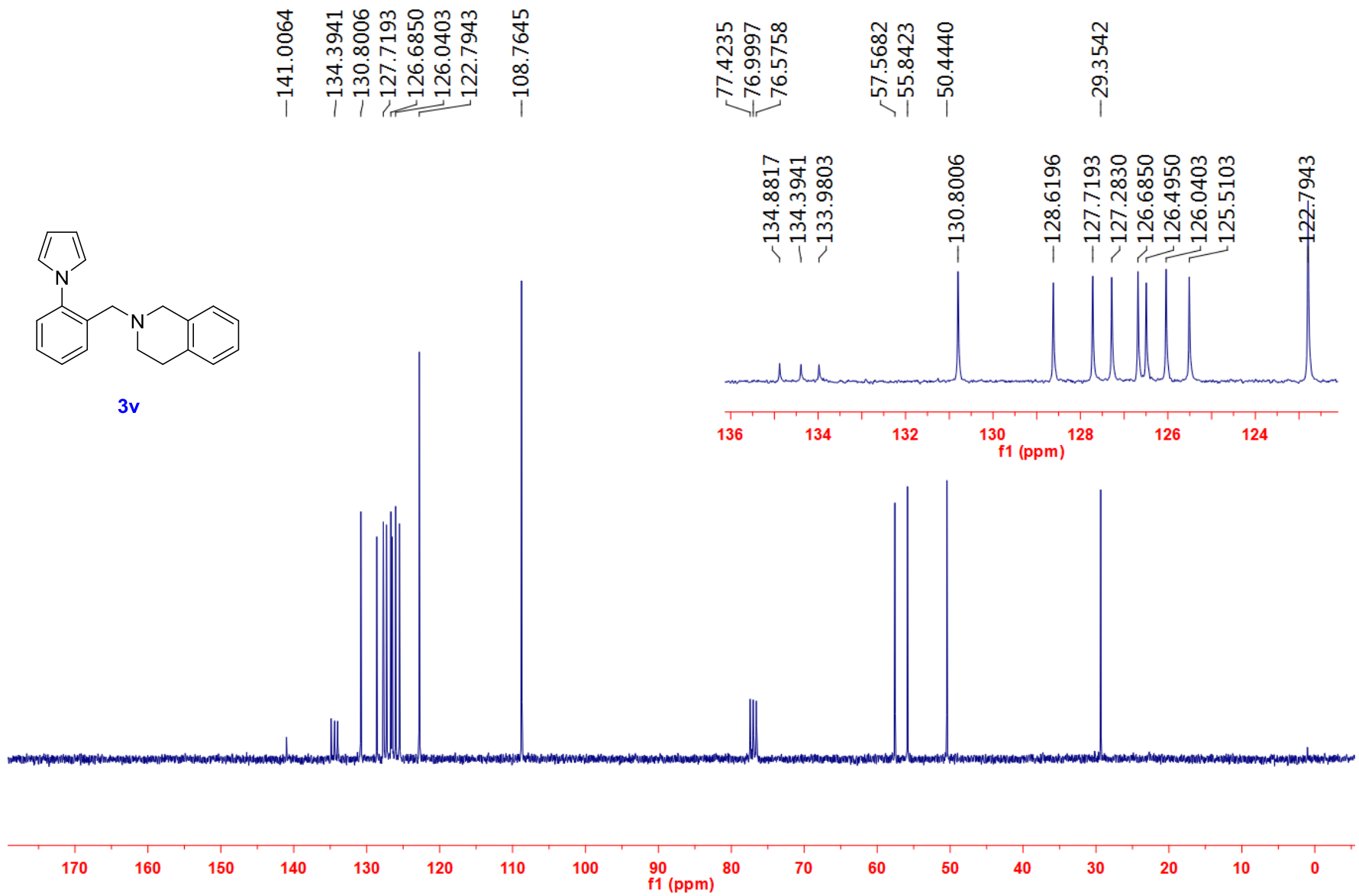
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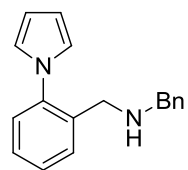




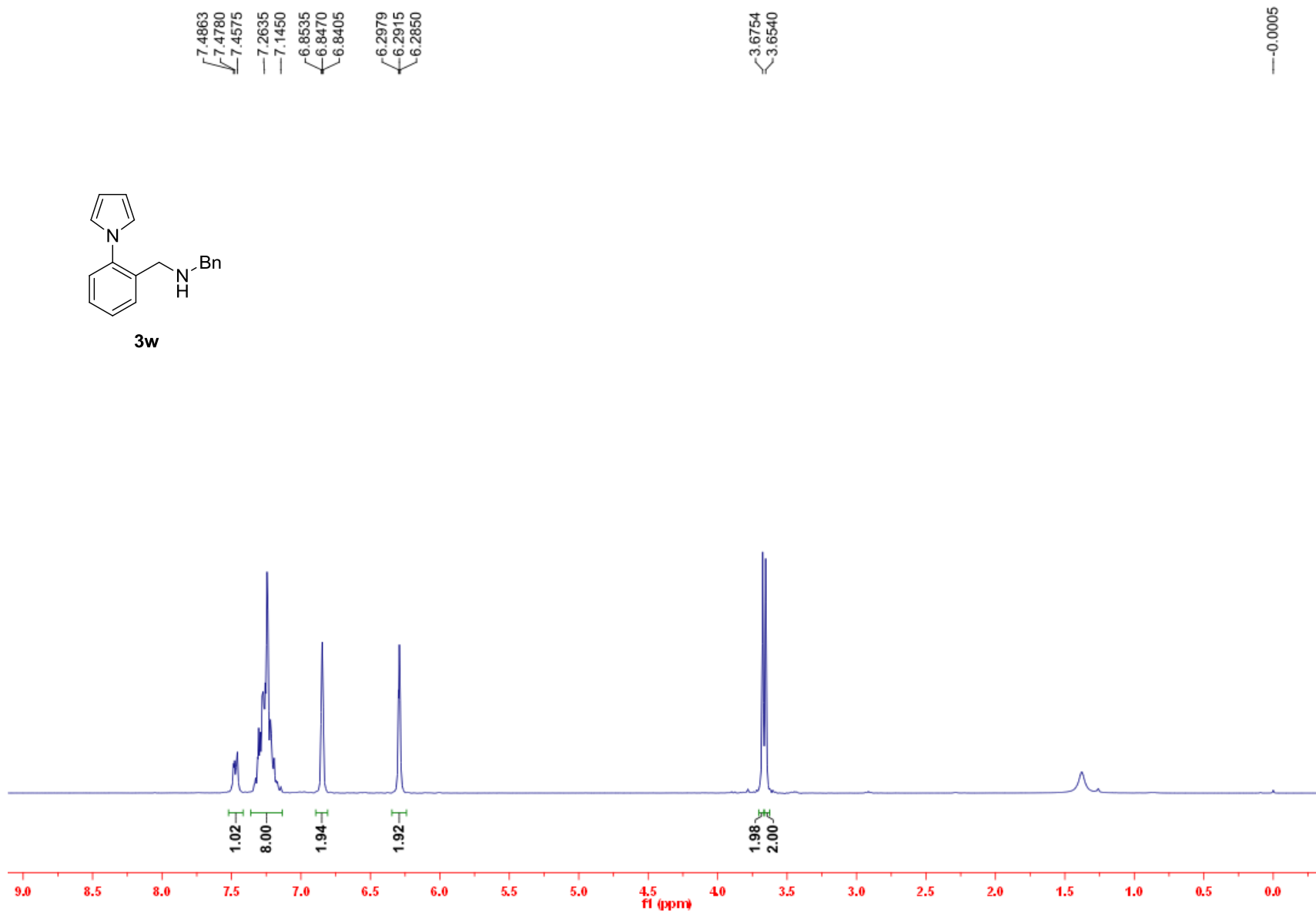
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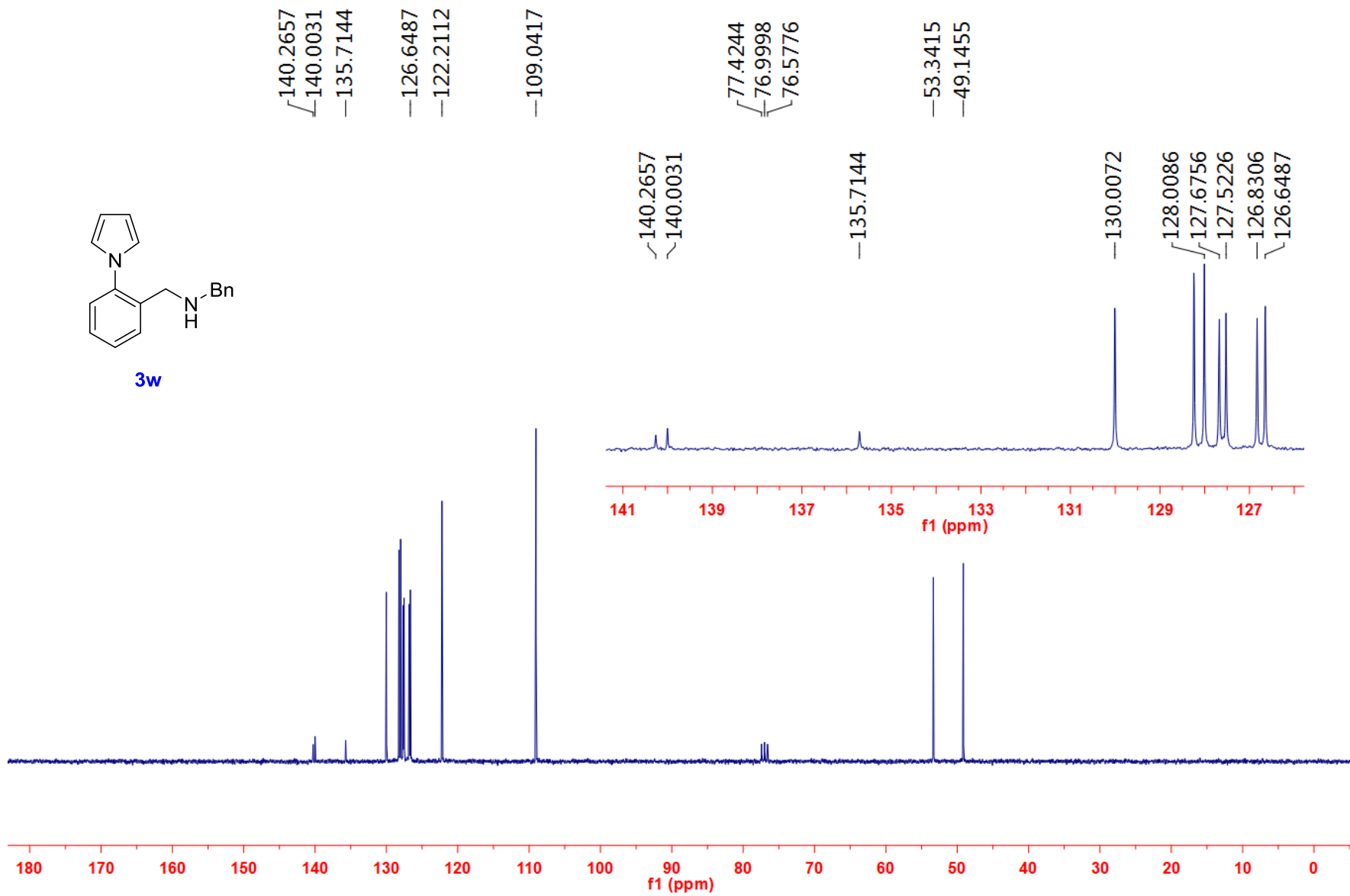
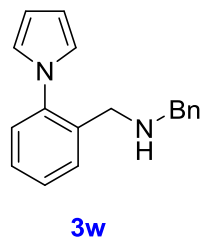


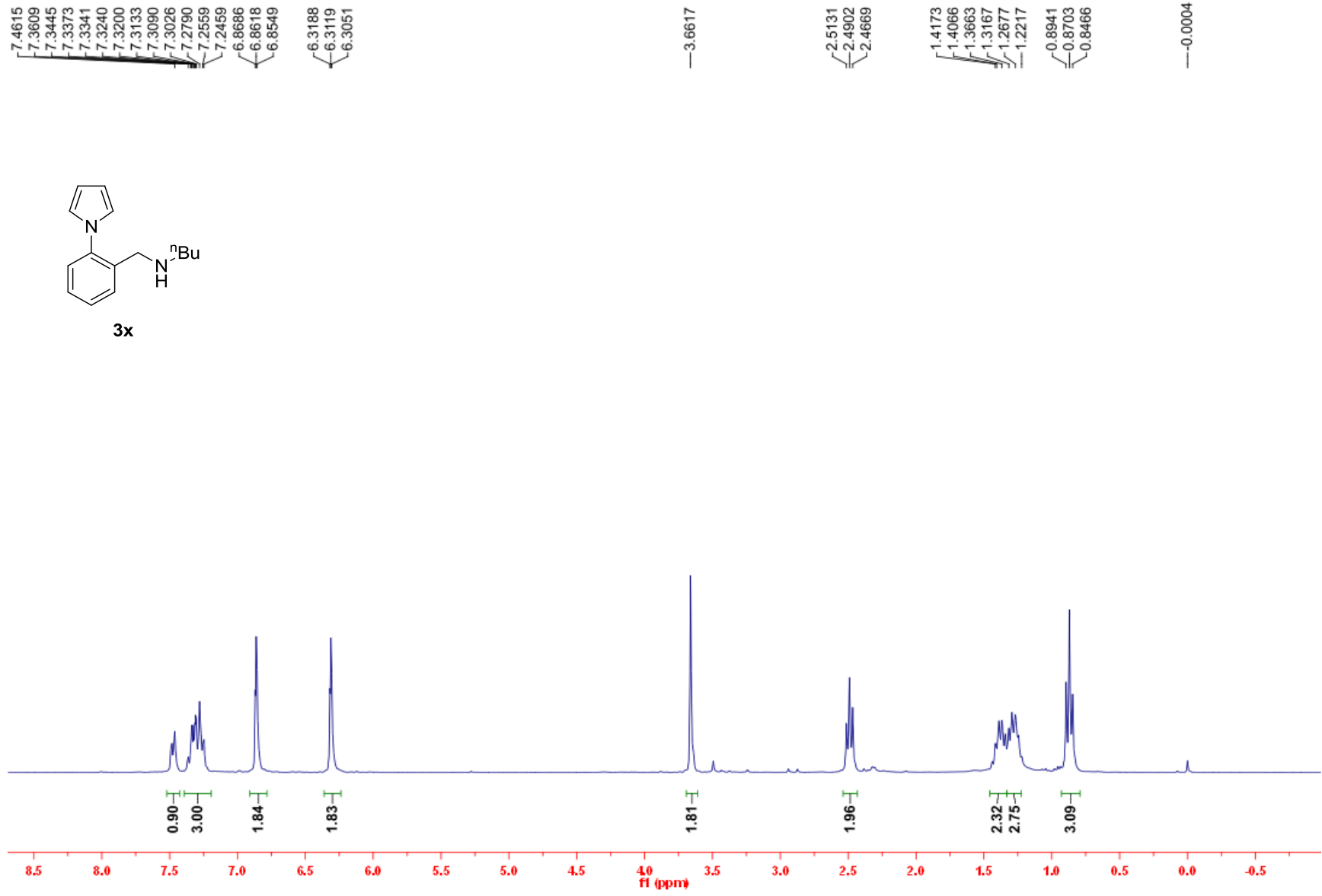


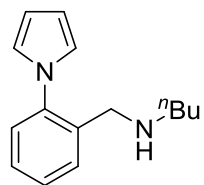


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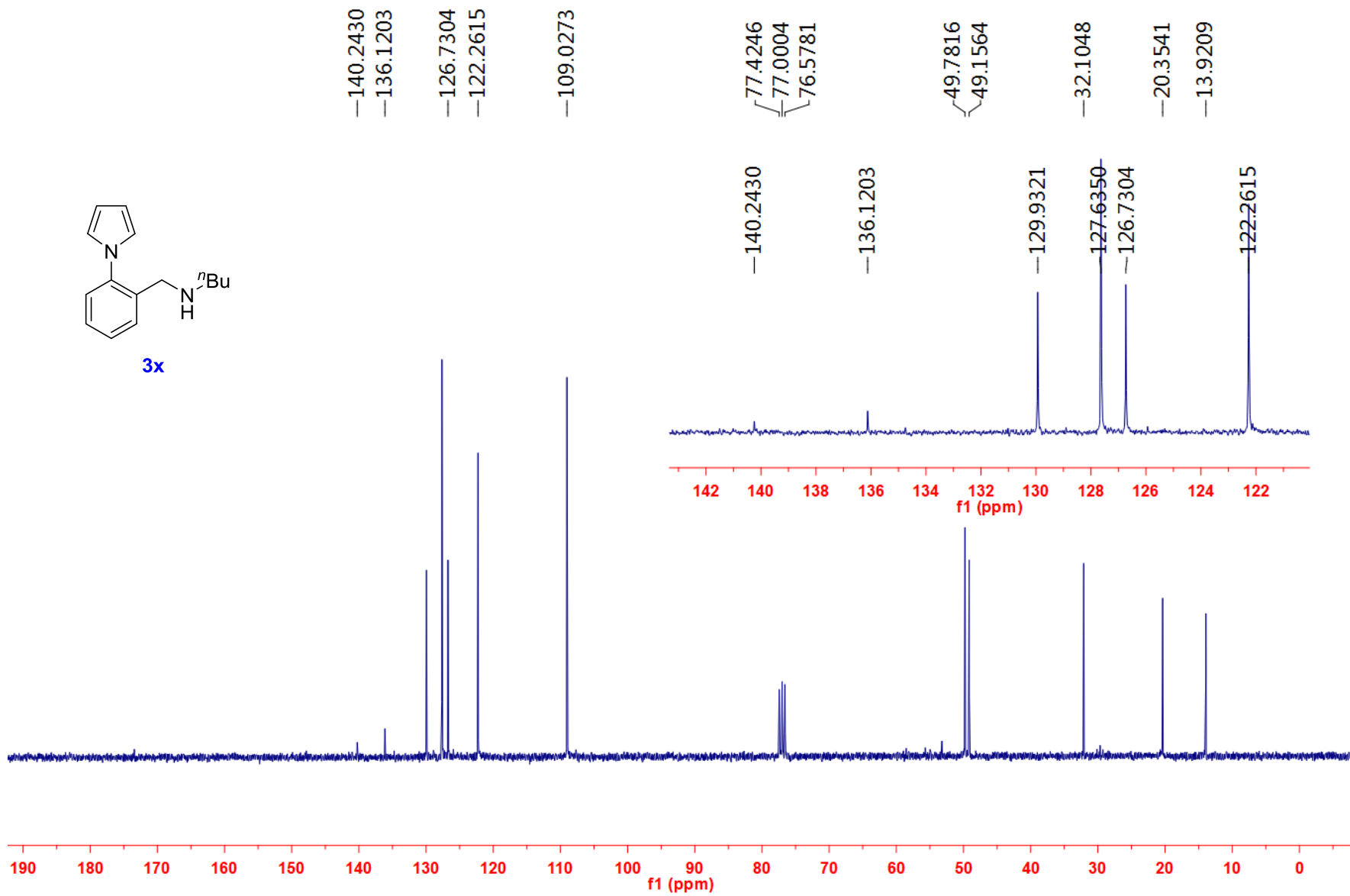


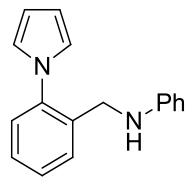






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