

Supporting Information

for

Visible light-mediated difluoroalkylation of electron-deficient alkenes

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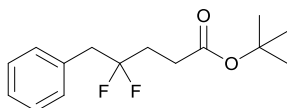
General methods: Column chromatography was carried out employing silica gel (230–400 mesh). Precoated silica gel plates F-254 were used for thin-layer analytical chromatography visualizing with UV and/or acidic aq KMnO₄ solution. High resolution mass spectra (HRMS) were measured using electrospray ionization (ESI) and time-of-flight (TOF) mass analyzer. The measurements were done in a positive ion mode (interface capillary voltage –4500 V) or in a negative ion mode (3200 V); mass range from *m/z* 50 to *m/z* 3000. For irradiation, a strip of light emitting diodes (2835-120LED 1M-Blue, 12V) was used.

Reagents. The following starting compounds were prepared according to literature procedures: (2,2-difluoro-2-iodoethyl)benzene (**1a**),¹ 1-bromo-2-(2,2-difluoro-2-iodoethyl)benzene,¹ 4-(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolan-2-yl)-2-(2,2-difluoro-2-iodoethyl)benzene,¹ (2,2-difluoro-2-iodo-1-methylethyl)benzene,¹ 4,4-difluoro-4-iodobutyl benzoate,¹ 2,2-difluoro-2-iodo-1-phenylethanol,² 2,2-difluoro-2-iodo-1-(4-methoxyphenyl)ethanol,² methyl 4-(2,2-difluoro-1-hydroxy-2-iodoethyl)benzoate.¹

Difluoroalkylation of alkenes (General procedure).

The tube containing a stirring bar and sodium cyanoborohydride (63 mg, 1.0 mmol) was evacuated and filled with argon. Then, methanol (1.0 mL), iodide **1** (0.50 mmol), alkene **2** [for **3a–s**, 0.60 mmol; for **3t,u**, 1.00 mmol], and pyridine (59 mg, 0.75 mmol) were added successively. The tube was tightly closed with a screw cap and the reaction mixture was irradiated by a strip of blue LED with cooling maintaining the reaction temperature around 23–25 °C. For the work-up, the reaction mixture was poured into brine (NaCl, 5 mL) and water (5 mL) mixture, and the product was extracted with ethyl acetate (3 × 4 mL). The combined organic phases were dried with Na₂SO₄ and concentrated under vacuum, and the residue was purified by column chromatography.

tert-Butyl 4,4-difluoro-5-phenylpentanoate (**3a**).



Yield 112 mg (83%). Colorless oil. Chromatography: hexanes/EtOAc, 10/1. *R_f* 0.29 (hexanes/EtOAc, 10/1).

¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 7.38–7.27 (m, 5H), 3.17 (t, *J* = 16.0 Hz, 2H), 2.47 (t, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 2.00–2.03 (m, 2H), 1.46 (s, 9H).

¹³C{¹H} NMR (75.5 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 171.7, 133.2 (t, *J* = 4.8 Hz), 130.4, 128.6, 127.5, 123.5 (t, *J* = 242.6 Hz), 80.8, 43.5 (t, *J* = 25.9 Hz), 31.3 (t, *J* = 25.2 Hz), 28.3 (t, *J* = 4.5 Hz), 28.1.

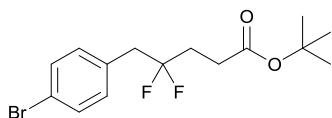
¹⁹F NMR (282 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: –99.1 (quint, *J* = 16.0 Hz).

HRMS (ESI): calcd for C₁₅H₂₁F₂O₂ (M+H) 271.1504; found 271.1500.

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tert-Butyl 5-(4-bromophenyl)-4,4-difluoropentanoate (3b).



Yield 138 mg (79%). Colorless oil. Chromatography: hexanes/EtOAc, 10/1. R_f 0.36 (hexanes/EtOAc, 10/1).

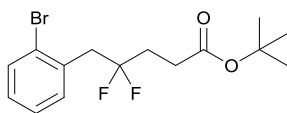
^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : 7.44 (d, $J = 8.3$ Hz, 2H), 7.13 (d, $J = 8.3$ Hz, 2H), 3.09 (t, $J = 16.0$ Hz, 2H), 2.43 (t, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 2H), 2.16–1.99 (m, 2H), 1.43 (s, 9H).

$^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR (75.5 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : 171.5, 132.1, 131.7, 123.1 (t, $J = 242.9$ Hz), 121.6, 80.0, 42.8 (t, $J = 26.2$ Hz), 31.3 (t, $J = 25.1$ Hz), 28.2 (t, $J = 4.4$ Hz), 28.1.

^{19}F NMR (282 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : -99.4 (quint, $J = 16.0$ Hz).

HRMS (ESI): calcd for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{19}\text{BrF}_2\text{O}_2\text{Na}$ ($\text{M}+\text{Na}$) 371.0429, 373.0409; found 371.0420, 373.0404.

tert-Butyl 5-(2-bromophenyl)-4,4-difluoropentanoate (3c).



Yield 142 mg (81%). Colorless oil. Chromatography: hexanes/EtOAc, 10/1. R_f 0.39 (hexanes/EtOAc, 10/1).

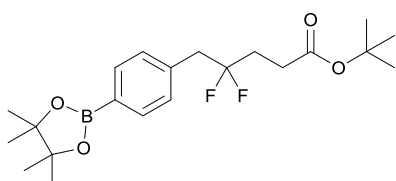
^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : 7.75 (dd, $J = 8.0, 1.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.37 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.27 (td, $J = 7.5, 1.3$ Hz, 1H), 7.13 (td, $J = 7.7, 1.8$ Hz, 1H), 3.40 (t, $J = 16.0$ Hz, 2H), 2.47 (t, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 2H), 2.27–2.10 (m, 2H), 1.44 (s, 9H).

$^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR (75.5 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : 171.6, 133.1, 133.0 (t, $J = 4.2$ Hz), 132.4 (t, $J = 1.3$ Hz), 129.1, 127.5, 125.8, 123.4 (t, $J = 243.6$ Hz), 80.7, 42.4 (t, $J = 26.2$ Hz), 31.5 (t, $J = 24.9$ Hz), 28.3 (t, $J = 4.5$ Hz), 28.1.

^{19}F NMR (282 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : -98.7 (quint, $J = 16.0$ Hz).

HRMS (ESI): calcd for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{19}\text{BrF}_2\text{O}_2\text{Na}$ ($\text{M}+\text{Na}$) 371.0429, 373.0409; found 371.0418, 373.0400.

tert-Butyl 4,4-difluoro-5-[4-(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolan-2-yl)phenyl]pentanoate (3d).



Yield 141 mg (71%). Colorless crystals. Mp 51–53 °C. Chromatography: hexanes/EtOAc, from 8/1 to 5/1. R_f 0.44 (hexanes/EtOAc, 5/1).

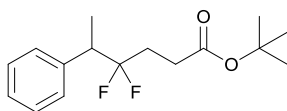
^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : 7.79 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 2H), 7.28 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 2H), 3.22 (t, $J = 15.9$ Hz, 2H), 2.43 (t, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 2H), 2.16–1.99 (m, 2H), 1.43 (s, 9H), 1.35 (s, 12H).

$^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR (75.5 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : 171.7, 136.3 (t, $J = 4.7$ Hz), 135.1, 129.8, 123.5 (t, $J = 243.2$ Hz), 83.9, 80.8, 43.7 (t, $J = 25.9$ Hz), 31.3 (t, $J = 25.1$ Hz), 28.3 (t, $J = 4.5$ Hz), 28.1, 25.0.

^{19}F NMR (282 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : -98.7 (quint, $J = 16.5$ Hz).

HRMS (ESI): calcd for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{31}\text{BF}_2\text{O}_4\text{Na}$ ($\text{M}+\text{Na}$) 419.2179; found 419.2171.

tert-Butyl 4,4-difluoro-5-phenylhexanoate (3e).



Yield 107 mg (75%). Colorless oil. Chromatography: hexanes/EtOAc, 10/1. R_f 0.42 (hexanes/EtOAc, 10/1).

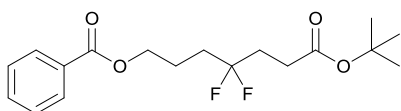
^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : 7.38–7.29 (m, 5H), 3.24–3.12 (m, 1H), 2.46–2.40 (m, 2H), 2.11–1.94 (m, 2H), 1.47–1.43 (m, 12H).

$^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR (75.5 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : 171.9, 139.6 (dd, $J = 6.1, 1.3$ Hz), 128.7 (t, $J = 1.2$ Hz), 128.6, 127.5, 124.7 (dd, $J = 246.7, 245.1$ Hz), 80.6, 46.8 (dd, $J = 24.7, 23.8$ Hz), 30.4 (t, $J = 25.2$ Hz), 28.1, 28.1 (t, $J = 4.7$ Hz), 14.8 (t, $J = 5.0$ Hz).

^{19}F NMR (282 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : -104.2 (dm, $J = 241.3$ Hz, 1F), -109.3 (dm, $J = 241.3$ Hz, 1F).

HRMS (ESI): calcd for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{23}\text{F}_2\text{O}_2$ (M+H) 285.1661; found 285.1653.

7-(tert-Butoxy)-4,4-difluoro-7-oxoheptyl benzoate (3f).



Yield 128 mg (75%). Colorless oil. Chromatography: hexanes/EtOAc, 8/1. R_f 0.25 (hexanes/EtOAc, 8/1).

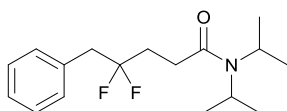
^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : 8.02 (d, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 2H), 7.54 (t, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.42 (dd, $J = 7.4, 7.1$ Hz, 2H), 4.34 (t, $J = 6.0$ Hz, 2H), 2.43 (t, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 2H), 2.24–1.94 (m, 6H), 1.43 (s, 9H).

$^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR (75.5 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : 171.6, 166.5, 133.0, 130.2, 129.6, 128.4, 124.0 (t, $J = 241.0$ Hz), 80.8, 64.1, 33.5 (t, $J = 25.7$ Hz), 31.9 (t, $J = 25.7$ Hz), 28.4 (t, $J = 4.6$ Hz), 28.1, 21.9 (t, $J = 4.6$ Hz).

^{19}F NMR (282 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : -101.1 (quint, $J = 16.5$ Hz).

HRMS (ESI): calcd for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{24}\text{F}_2\text{O}_4\text{Na}$ (M+Na) 365.1535; found 365.1536.

4,4-Difluoro-N,N-diisopropyl-5-phenylpentanamide (3g).



Yield 105 mg (71%). Colorless oil. Chromatography: hexanes/EtOAc, 5/1. R_f 0.26 (hexanes/EtOAc, 5/1).

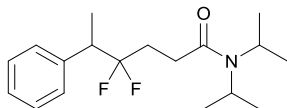
^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : 7.35–7.24 (m, 5H), 3.94 (sept, $J = 6.7$ Hz, 1H), 3.47 (br. s, 1H), 3.17 (t, $J = 15.9$ Hz, 2H), 2.51–2.46 (m, 2H), 2.25–2.07 (m, 2H), 1.35 (d, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 6H), 1.17 (d, $J = 6.7$ Hz, 6H).

$^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR (75.5 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : 169.9, 133.3 (t, $J = 5.0$ Hz), 130.4, 128.5, 127.3, 124.1 (t, $J = 242.6$ Hz), 48.3, 45.7, 43.8 (t, $J = 26.1$ Hz), 31.5 (t, $J = 24.1$ Hz), 27.2 (t, $J = 3.6$ Hz), 20.8, 20.7.

^{19}F NMR (282 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : -99.0 (quint, $J = 15.9$ Hz).

HRMS (ESI): calcd for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{26}\text{F}_2\text{NO}$ (M+H) 298.1977; found 298.1979.

4,4-Difluoro-*N,N*-diisopropyl-5-phenylhexanamide (3h).



Yield 109 mg (70%). Colorless oil. Chromatography: hexanes/EtOAc, 5/1. R_f 0.27 (hexanes/EtOAc, 5/1).

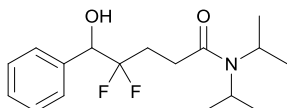
^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : 7.36–7.22 (m, 5H), 3.92 (sept, $J = 6.7$ Hz, 1H), 3.45 (br. s, 1H), 3.27–3.10 (m, 1H), 2.19–1.95 (m, 2H), 1.44 (d, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 3H), 1.34 (d, $J = 6.7$ Hz, 6H), 1.15 (d, $J = 6.7$ Hz, 6H).

$^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR (75.5 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : 170.1, 139.6 (dd, $J = 5.7, 1.7$ Hz), 128.8 (t, $J = 1.2$ Hz), 128.5, 127.4, 125.3 (dd, $J = 246.6, 245.0$ Hz), 48.1, 47.0 (t, $J = 24.5$ Hz), 45.7, 30.5 (t, $J = 24.2$ Hz), 27.2 (t, $J = 3.6$ Hz), 20.8, 20.7, 14.8 (t, $J = 5.0$ Hz).

^{19}F NMR (282 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : -103.6 (ddt, $J = 239.4, 28.2, 9.5$ Hz), -108.9 (dddd, $J = 239.4, 27.8, 18.9, 8.4$ Hz).

HRMS (ESI): calcd for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{28}\text{F}_2\text{NO}$ (M+H) 312.2133; found 312.2140.

4,4-Difluoro-5-hydroxy-*N,N*-diisopropyl-5-phenylpentanamide (3i).



Yield 114 mg (73%). Colorless crystals. Mp 80-82°C (hexanes). Chromatography: hexanes/EtOAc, from 3/1 to 1/1. R_f 0.26 (hexanes/EtOAc, 3/1).

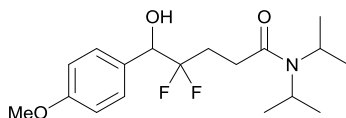
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$^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR (75.5 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : 170.7, 136.8 (t, $J = 1.8$ Hz), 128.4, 128.2, 127.8 (t, $J = 1.3$ Hz), 123.6 (dd, $J = 248.2, 246.1$ Hz), 74.5 (dd, $J = 29.2, 28.0$ Hz), 48.4, 46.0, 28.0 (t, $J = 24.2$ Hz), 27.2 (dd, $J = 5.5, 3.4$ Hz), 20.9, 20.8, 20.7, 20.6.

^{19}F NMR (282 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : -109.0 (dm, $J = 248.7$ Hz), -110.4 (dm, $J = 248.7$ Hz).

HRMS (ESI): calcd for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{26}\text{F}_2\text{NO}_2$ (M+H) 314.1926; found 314.1938.

4,4-Difluoro-5-hydroxy-*N,N*-diisopropyl-5-(4-methoxyphenyl)pentanamide (3j).



Yield 137 mg (80%). Colorless oil. Chromatography: hexanes/EtOAc, 2/1. R_f 0.26 (hexanes/EtOAc, 2/1).

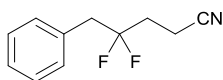
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$^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR (75.5 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : 170.6, 159.7, 129.0, 123.7 (t, $J = 246.8$ Hz), 113.6, 74.2 (t, $J = 28.5$ Hz), 55.3, 48.4, 46.0, 28.0 (t, $J = 24.2$ Hz), 27.2 (t, $J = 3.8$ Hz), 20.84, 20.82, 20.63, 20.60.

^{19}F NMR (282 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : -109.5 (dm, $J = 246.1$ Hz, 1F), -110.6 (dm, $J = 246.1$ Hz, 1F).

HRMS (ESI): calcd for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{28}\text{F}_2\text{NO}_3$ (M+H) 344.2032; found 344.2035.

4,4-Difluoro-5-phenylpentanenitrile (3k).



Yield 83 mg (85%). Colorless oil. Chromatography: hexanes/EtOAc, from 5/1 to 3/1. R_f 0.24 (hexanes/EtOAc, 5/1).

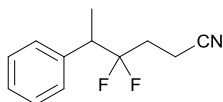
^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : 7.41–7.25 (m, 5H), 3.21 (t, $J = 16.0$ Hz, 2H), 2.53 (t, $J = 7.7$ Hz, 2H), 2.15 (tt, $J = 16.0, 7.7$ Hz, 2H).

$^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR (75.5 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : 132.3 (t, $J = 4.9$ Hz), 130.2, 128.7, 127.7, 122.3 (t, $J = 243.9$ Hz), 118.5, 43.1 (t, $J = 25.4$ Hz), 31.7 (t, $J = 25.5$ Hz), 10.3 (t, $J = 5.9$ Hz).

^{19}F NMR (282 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : -100.0 (quint, $J = 16.0$ Hz).

HRMS (ESI): calcd for $\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_{11}\text{F}_2\text{NNa}$ (M+Na) 218.0752; found 218.0760.

4,4-Difluoro-5-phenylhexanenitrile (3l).



Yield 90 mg (86%). Colorless oil. Chromatography: hexanes/EtOAc, 3/1. R_f 0.43 (hexanes/EtOAc, 3/1).

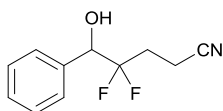
^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : 7.41–7.26 (m, 5H), 3.28–3.10 (m, 1H), 2.50 (ddd, $J = 10.5, 5.3, 2.5$ Hz, 2H), 2.17–1.94 (m, 2H), 1.48 (d, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 3H).

$^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR (75.5 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : 138.7 (dd, $J = 6.5, 1.1$ Hz), 128.8, 128.5, 127.9, 123.5 (dd, $J = 247.7, 246.2$ Hz), 118.7, 46.6 (dd, $J = 24.2, 23.2$ Hz), 31.2 (t, $J = 25.7$ Hz), 14.4 (t, $J = 4.8$ Hz), 10.3 (t, $J = 6.2$ Hz).

^{19}F NMR (282 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : -104.5 (ddt, $J = 242.8, 25.9, 8.7$ Hz, 1F), -111.2 (dddd, $J = 242.8, 27.0, 20.8, 7.2$ Hz, 1F).

HRMS (ESI): calcd for $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{13}\text{F}_2\text{NNa}$ (M+Na) 232.0908; found 232.0909.

4,4-Difluoro-5-hydroxy-5-phenylpentanenitrile (3m).³



Yield 82 mg (78%). Colorless oil. Chromatography: hexanes/EtOAc, 1/1. R_f 0.36 (hexanes/EtOAc, 1/1).

^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : 7.44–7.35 (m, 5H), 4.86 (td, $J = 9.9, 3.8$ Hz, 1H), 3.12 (d, $J = 4.1$ Hz, 1H), 2.50 (dd, $J = 7.2, 3.3$ Hz, 1H), 2.47 (dd, $J = 6.7, 2.2$ Hz, 1H), 2.42–1.95 (m, 2H).

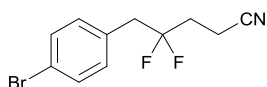
$^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR (75.5 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : 136.0 (dd, $J = 4.0, 1.0$ Hz), 129.0, 128.5, 127.3, 121.9 (d, $J = 248.3$ Hz), 118.8, 74.8 (t, $J = 28.4$ Hz), 28.1 (t, $J = 24.4$ Hz), 10.1 (t, $J = 6.0$ Hz).

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^{19}F NMR (282 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : -110.2 (ddt, $J = 249.3, 25.7, 9.0$ Hz, 1F), -111.7 (ddt, $J = 249.7, 25.9, 9.1$ Hz, 1F).

HRMS (ESI): calcd for $\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_{11}\text{F}_2\text{NONa}$ ($\text{M}+\text{Na}$) 234.0701; found 234.0707.

5-(4-Bromophenyl)-4,4-difluoropentanenitrile (3n).



Yield 106 mg (77%). Colorless crystals. Mp 79-80°C. Chromatography: hexanes/EtOAc, 3/1. R_f 0.36 (hexanes/EtOAc, 3/1).

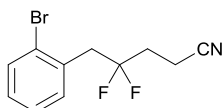
^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : 7.47 (d, $J = 8.3$ Hz, 2H), 7.13 (d, $J = 8.3$ Hz, 2H), 3.14 (t, $J = 16.0$ Hz, 2H), 2.53 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 2H), 2.21-2.05 (m, 2H).

$^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR (75.5 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : 132.0, 131.9, 131.2 (t, $J = 4.8$ Hz), 122.0, 121.9 (t, $J = 244.4$ Hz), 118.4, 42.6 (t, $J = 25.6$ Hz), 31.9 (t, $J = 25.4$ Hz), 10.4 (t, $J = 5.9$ Hz).

^{19}F NMR (282 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : -100.4 (quint, $J = 16.0$ Hz).

HRMS (ESI): calcd for $\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_{10}\text{BrF}_2\text{NNa}$ ($\text{M}+\text{Na}$) 295.9857, 297.9837; found 295.9853, 297.9835.

5-(2-Bromophenyl)-4,4-difluoropentanenitrile (3o).



Yield 112 mg (82%). Colorless oil. Chromatography: hexanes/EtOAc, 3/1. R_f 0.37 (hexanes/EtOAc, 3/1).

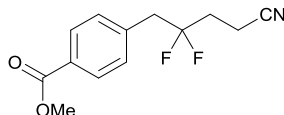
^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : 7.60 (dd, $J = 7.8, 1.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.36 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.30 (td, $J = 7.8, 1.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.18 (td, $J = 7.8, 1.5$ Hz, 1H), 3.45 (t, $J = 15.7$ Hz, 2H), 2.55 (t, $J = 7.7$ Hz, 2H), 2.30-2.15 (m, 2H).

$^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR (75.5 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : 133.3, 132.4, 132.2 (t, $J = 4.8$ Hz), 129.5, 127.8, 125.5, 122.2 (t, $J = 244.9$ Hz), 118.5, 42.2 (t, $J = 25.9$ Hz), 31.9 (t, $J = 25.1$ Hz), 10.4 (t, $J = 6.0$ Hz).

^{19}F NMR (282 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : -99.4 (quint, $J = 15.7$ Hz).

HRMS (ESI): calcd for $\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_{10}\text{BrF}_2\text{NNa}$ ($\text{M}+\text{Na}$) 295.9857, 297.9837; found 295.9849, 297.9831.

Methyl 4-(4-cyano-2,2-difluorobutyl)benzoate (3p).



Yield 97 mg (77%). Colorless crystals. Mp 51-53°C. Chromatography: hexanes/EtOAc, from 3/1 to 2/1. R_f 0.18 (hexanes/EtOAc, 3/1).

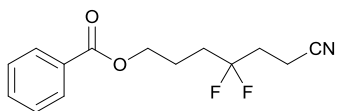
^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : 7.99 (d, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 2H), 7.31 (d, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 2H), 3.89 (s, 3H), 3.22 (t, $J = 16.0$ Hz, 2H), 2.52 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 2H), 2.21-2.05 (m, 2H).

$^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR (75.5 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : 166.6, 137.3 (t, $J = 4.6$ Hz), 130.3, 129.9, 129.7, 121.9 (t, $J = 244.3$ Hz), 118.4, 52.1, 43.0 (t, $J = 25.5$ Hz), 32.0 (t, $J = 25.5$ Hz), 10.3 (t, $J = 5.9$ Hz).

^{19}F NMR (282 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : -100.1 (quint, $J = 16.0$ Hz).

HRMS (ESI): calcd for $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{14}\text{F}_2\text{NO}_2$ ($\text{M}+\text{H}$) 254.0987; found 254.0988.

6-Cyano-4,4-difluorohexyl benzoate (3q).



Yield 110 mg (82%). Colorless oil. Chromatography: hexanes/EtOAc, 2/1. R_f 0.32 (hexanes/EtOAc, 2/1).

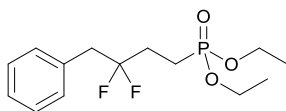
^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : 8.06–8.00 (m, 2H), 7.60–7.52 (m, 1H), 7.44 (t, $J = 7.7$ Hz, 2H), 4.35 (t, $J = 6.0$ Hz, 2H), 2.56 (t, $J = 7.7$ Hz, 2H), 2.30–2.15 (m, 2H), 2.12–1.93 (m, 4H).

$^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR (75.5 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : 166.4, 133.1, 130.0, 129.5, 128.4, 122.8 (t, $J = 242.9$ Hz), 118.5, 63.8, 33.3 (t, $J = 25.1$ Hz), 32.6 (t, $J = 26.1$ Hz), 21.7 (t, $J = 4.9$ Hz), 10.5 (t, $J = 5.8$ Hz).

^{19}F NMR (282 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : –102.4 (quint, $J = 16.2$ Hz).

HRMS (ESI): calcd for $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{16}\text{F}_2\text{NO}_2$ (M+H) 268.1144; found 268.1155.

Diethyl (3,3-difluoro-4-phenylbutyl)phosphonate (3r).



Yield 124 mg (81%). Colorless oil. Chromatography: EtOAc, R_f 0.22 (EtOAc).

^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : 7.32–7.22 (m, 5H), 4.10–3.99 (m, 4H), 3.13 (t, $J = 15.9$ Hz, 2H), 2.12–1.83 (m, 4H), 1.26 (t, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 6H).

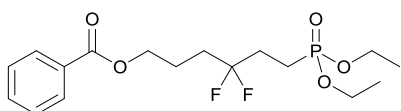
$^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR (75.5 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : 132.8 (t, $J = 4.8$ Hz), 130.2, 128.5, 127.5, 123.0 (td, $J = 243.4$, 19.0 Hz), 61.7 (d, $J = 6.5$ Hz), 43.1 (t, $J = 29.5$ Hz), 29.3 (td, $J = 26.1$, 3.7 Hz), 18.5 (dt, $J = 145.7$, 4.6 Hz), 16.3 (d, $J = 6.0$ Hz).

^{19}F NMR (282 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : –99.7 (quint, $J = 15.9$ Hz).

^{31}P NMR (121 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : 30.3.

HRMS (ESI): calcd for $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{22}\text{F}_2\text{O}_3\text{P}$ (M+H) 307.1269; found 307.1272.

6-(Diethoxyphosphoryl)-4,4-difluorohexyl benzoate (3s).



Yield 132 mg (70%). Colorless oil. Chromatography: EtOAc. R_f 0.36 (EtOAc).

^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : 8.00 (d, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 2H), 7.52 (t, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.40 (t, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 2H), 4.32 (t, $J = 5.5$ Hz, 2H), 4.06 (td, $J = 7.1$, 2.9 Hz, 4H), 2.22–1.85 (m, 8H), 1.29 (t, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 6H).

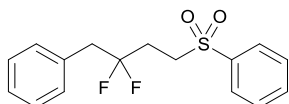
$^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR (75.5 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : 166.4, 133.0, 130.1, 129.6, 128.4, 123.6 (td, $J = 242.0$, 18.8 Hz), 64.0, 61.9 (d, $J = 6.5$ Hz), 33.3 (t, $J = 25.7$ Hz), 30.4 (td, $J = 26.6$, 4.1 Hz), 21.9 (t, $J = 4.7$ Hz), 18.6 (dt, $J = 145.6$, 4.6 Hz), 16.4 (d, $J = 5.8$ Hz).

^{19}F NMR (282 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : –102.2 (quint, $J = 16.0$ Hz).

$^{31}\text{P}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR (121 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : 30.3.

HRMS (ESI): calcd for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{26}\text{F}_2\text{O}_5\text{P}$ (M+H) 379.1480; found 379.1491.

[2,2-Difluoro-4-(phenylsulfonyl)butyl]benzene (3t).



Yield 133 mg (86%). Colorless crystals. Mp 63–64°C (hexanes). Chromatography: hexanes/EtOAc, from 3/1 to 2/1. R_f 0.33 (hexanes/EtOAc, 3/1).

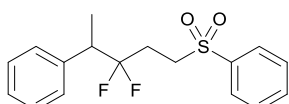
^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : 7.87 (dd, $J = 7.2, 1.4$ Hz, 2H), 7.67 (tt, $J = 7.4, 1.3$ Hz, 1H), 7.56 (tt, $J = 7.5, 1.2$ Hz, 2H), 7.33–7.28 (m, 3H), 7.22–7.17 (m, 2H), 3.28–3.22 (m, 2H), 3.15 (t, $J = 15.9$ Hz, 2H), 2.33–2.16 (m, 2H).

$^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR (75.5 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : 138.9, 134.1, 132.3 (t, $J = 4.9$ Hz), 130.3, 129.6, 128.8, 128.1, 127.9, 122.5 (t, $J = 244.1$ Hz), 49.7 (t, $J = 3.8$ Hz), 43.6 (t, $J = 25.5$ Hz), 29.3 (t, $J = 25.7$ Hz).

^{19}F NMR (282 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : -98.3 (quint, $J = 15.9$ Hz).

HRMS (ESI): calcd for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{16}\text{F}_2\text{O}_2\text{SNa}$ ($\text{M}+\text{Na}$) 333.0731; found 333.0738.

[(3,3-Difluoro-4-phenylpentyl)sulfonyl]benzene (3u).



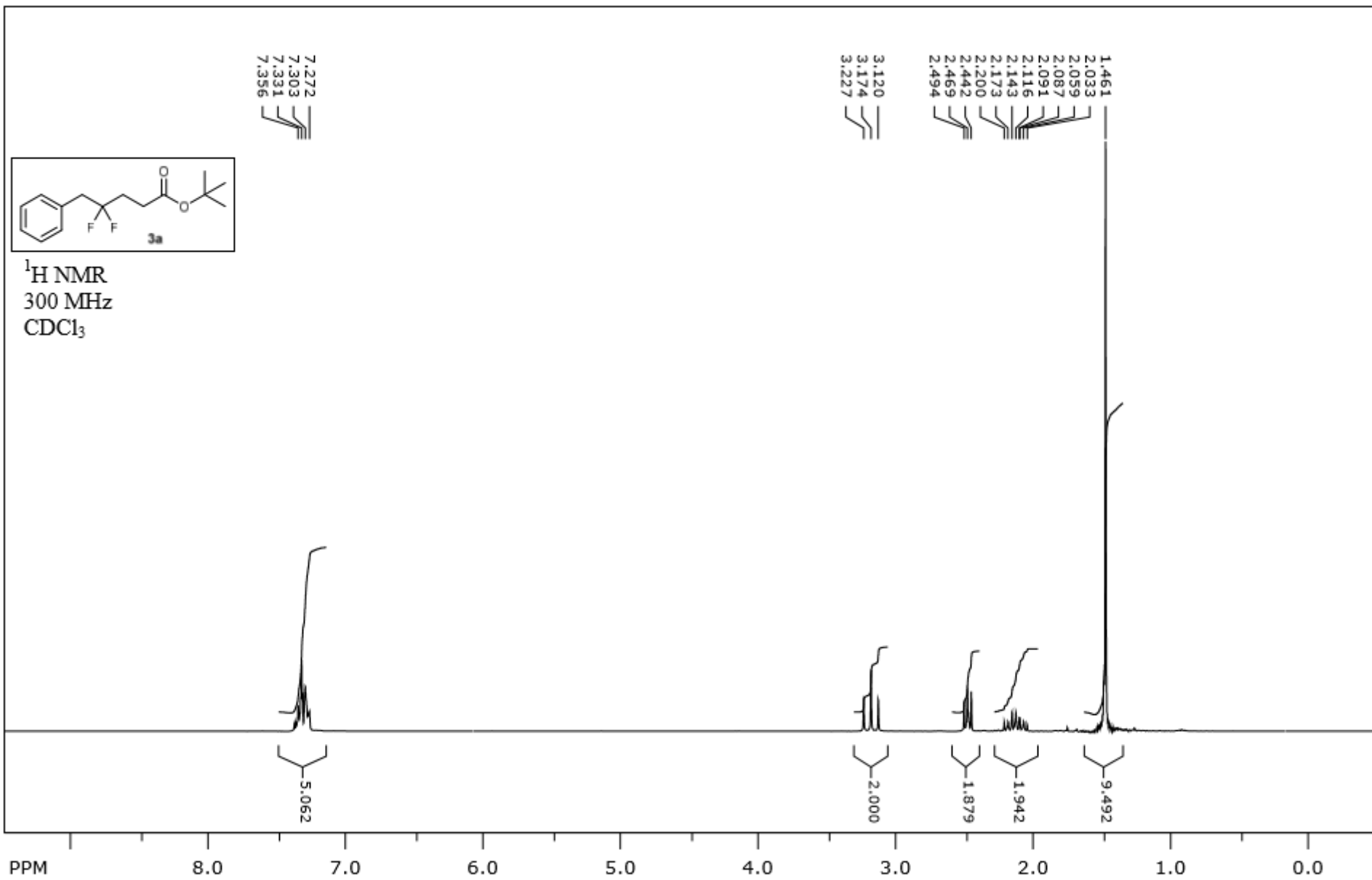
Yield 113 mg (70%). Colorless crystals. Mp 96–98°C (hexanes/EtOAc, 1/1). Chromatography: hexanes/EtOAc, 3/1. R_f 0.33 (hexanes/EtOAc, 3/1).

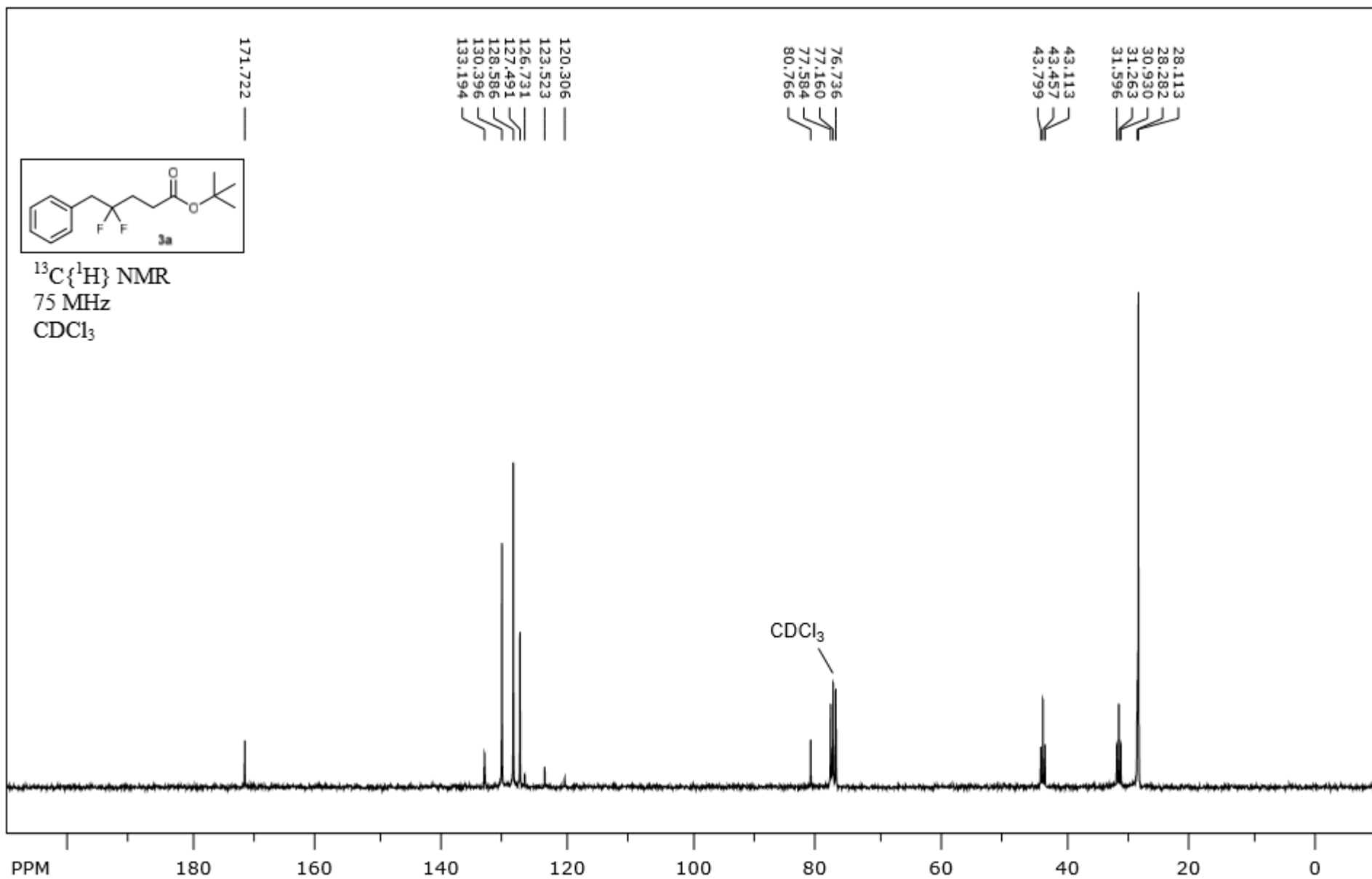
^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : 7.84 (dd, $J = 7.2, 1.4$ Hz, 2H), 7.65 (tt, $J = 7.4, 1.3$ Hz, 1H), 7.53 (t, $J = 7.5, 1.4$ Hz, 2H), 7.34–7.25 (m, 3H), 7.25–7.20 (m, 2H), 3.31–3.07 (m, 3H), 2.28–2.08 (m, 2H), 1.42 (d, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 3H).

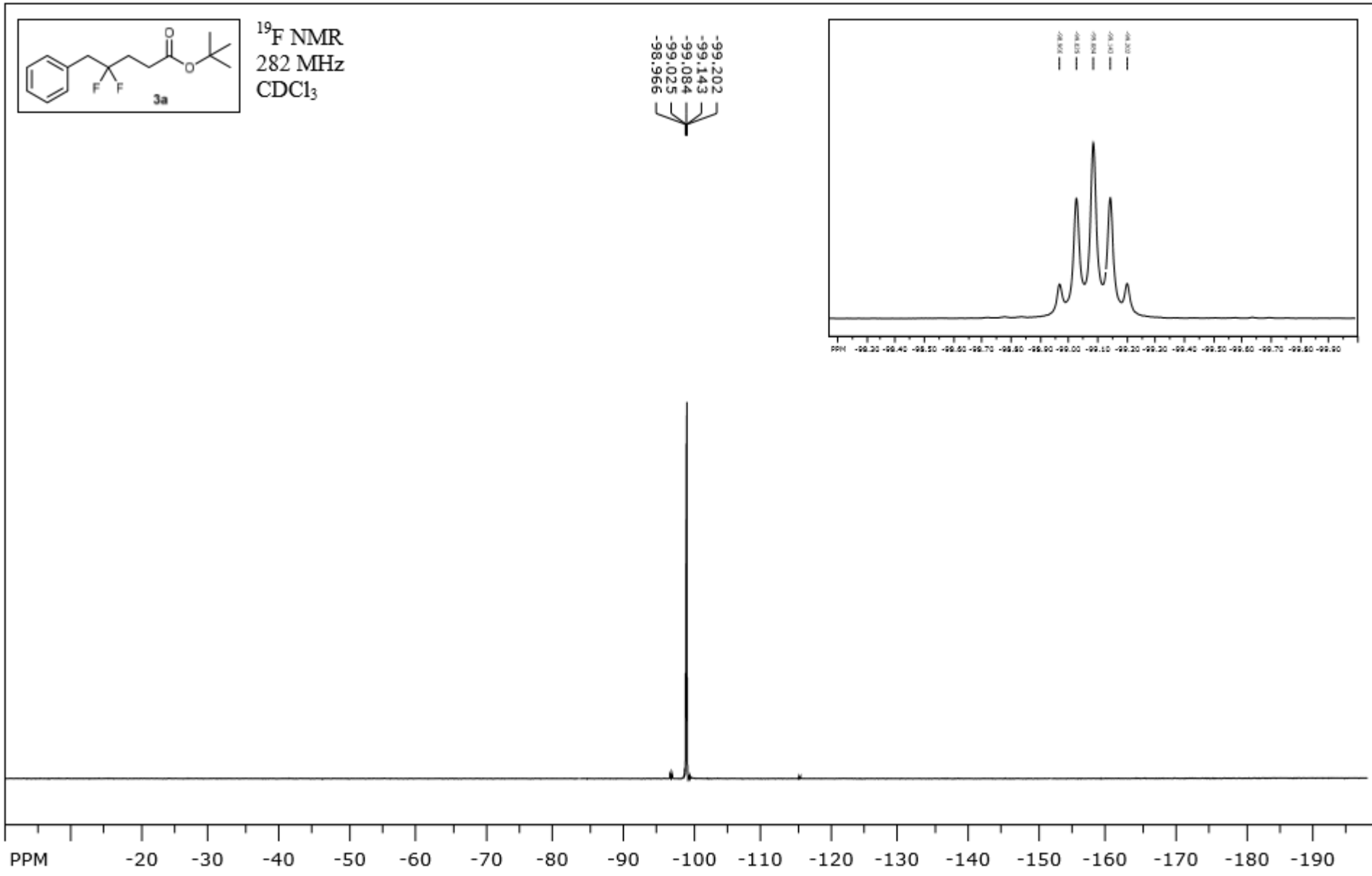
$^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR (75.5 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : 138.7, 138.6 (dd, $J = 6.2, 1.2$ Hz), 134.0, 129.4, 128.7, 128.5 (t, $J = 1.5$ Hz), 127.9, 127.8, 123.7 (t, $J = 248.1, 246.3$ Hz), 49.6 (t, $J = 4.3$ Hz), 46.7 (dd, $J = 24.2, 23.3$ Hz), 28.5 (t, $J = 26.0$ Hz), 14.5 (t, $J = 4.8$ Hz).

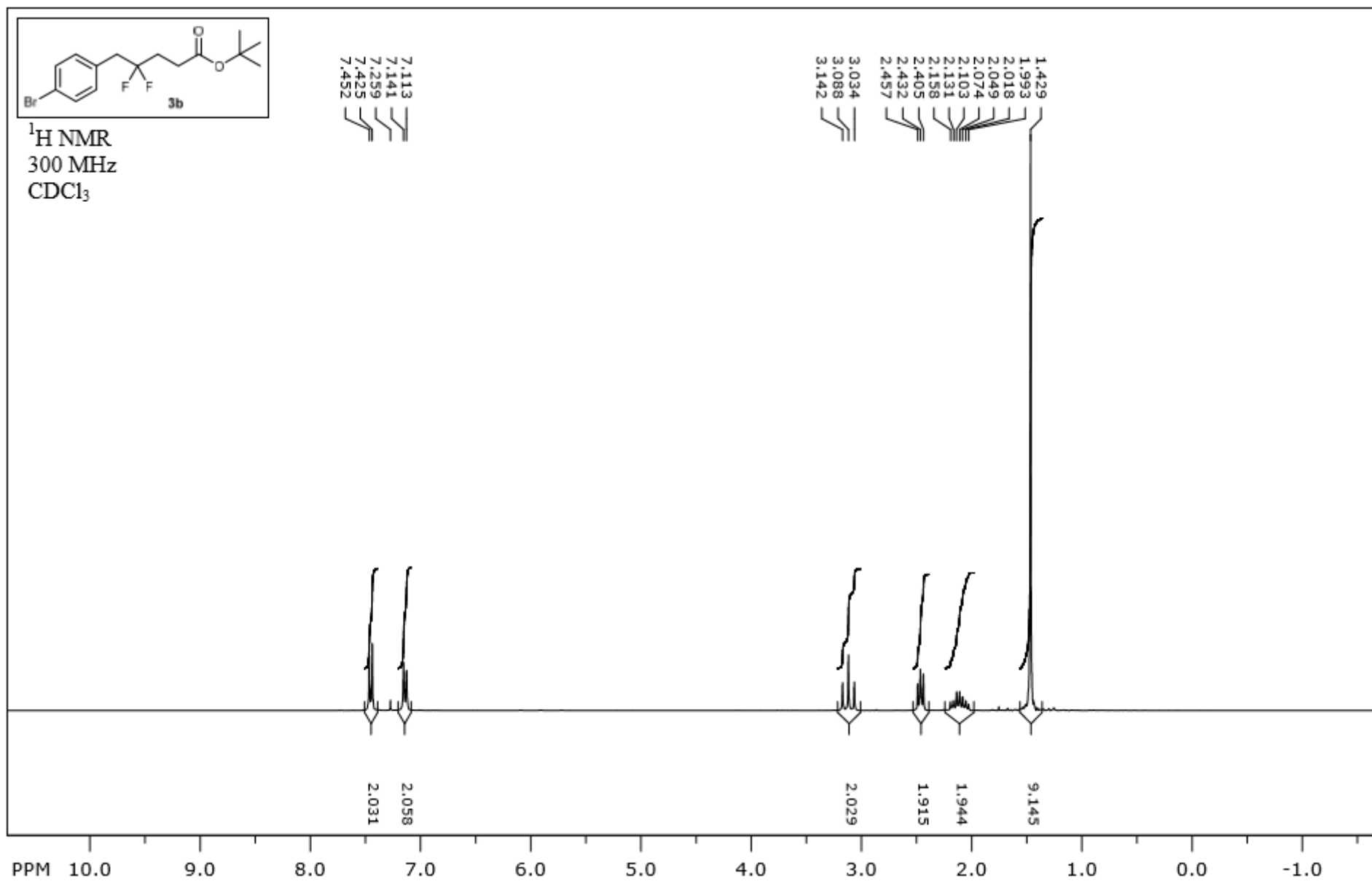
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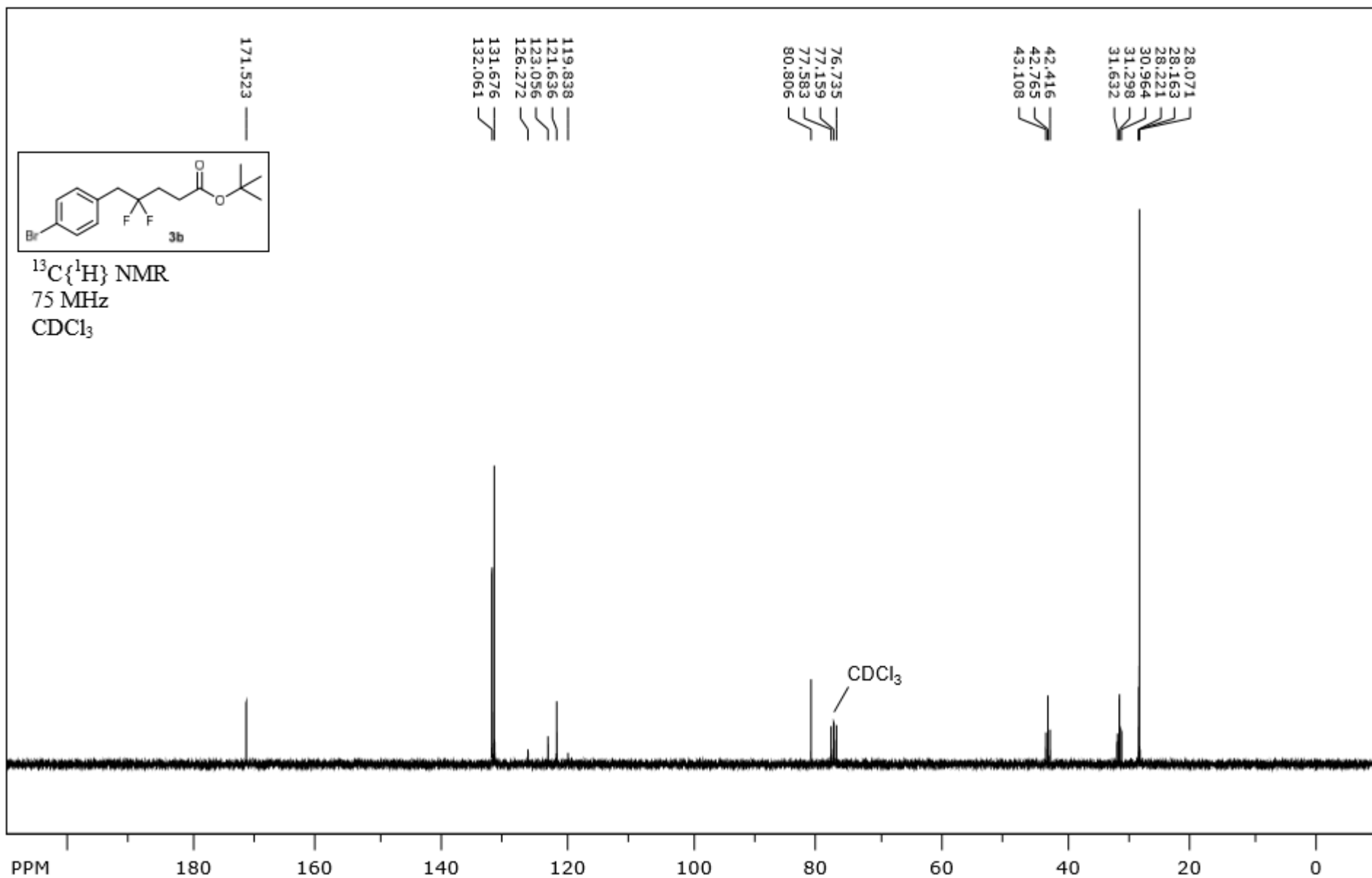
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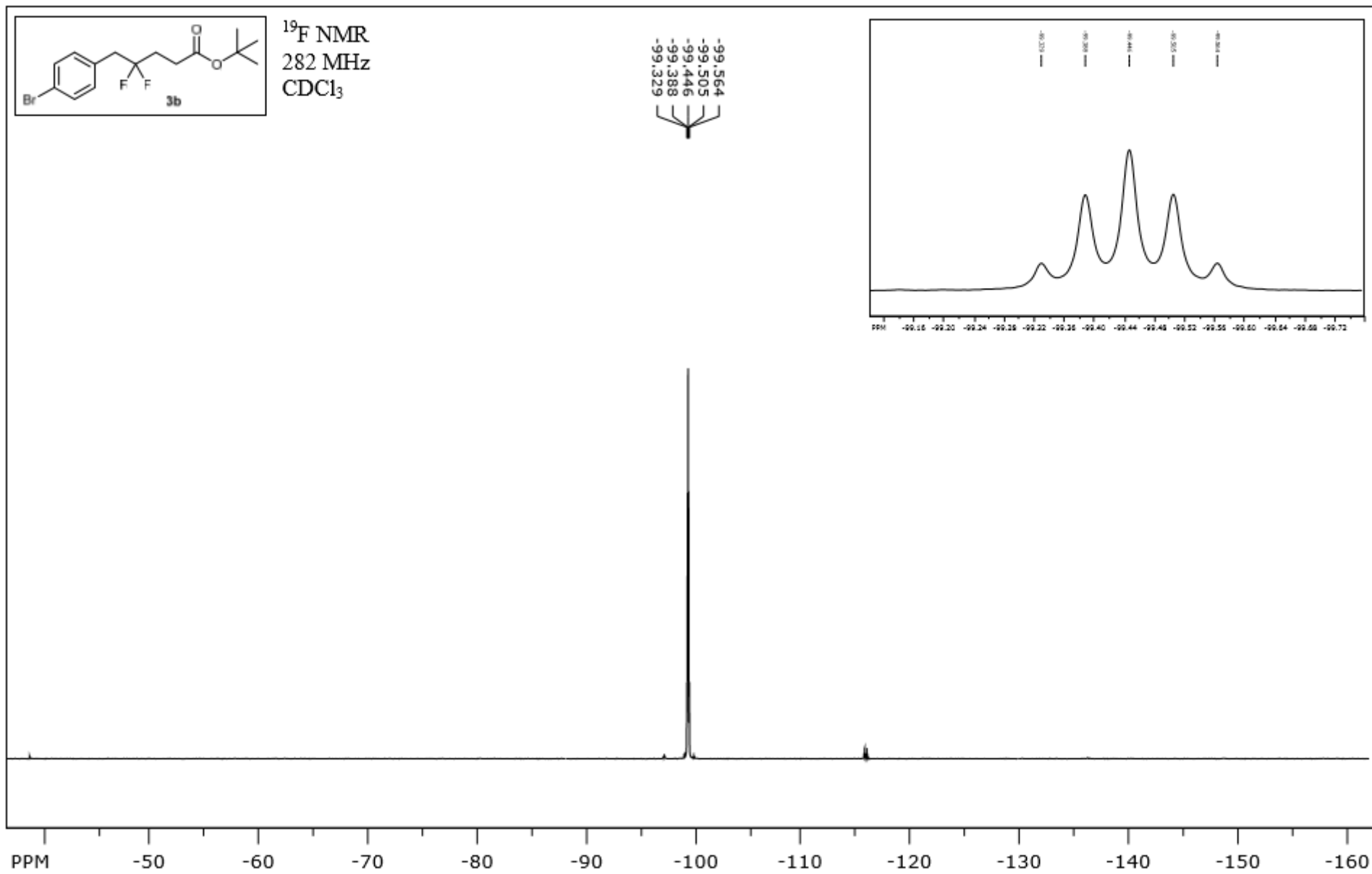


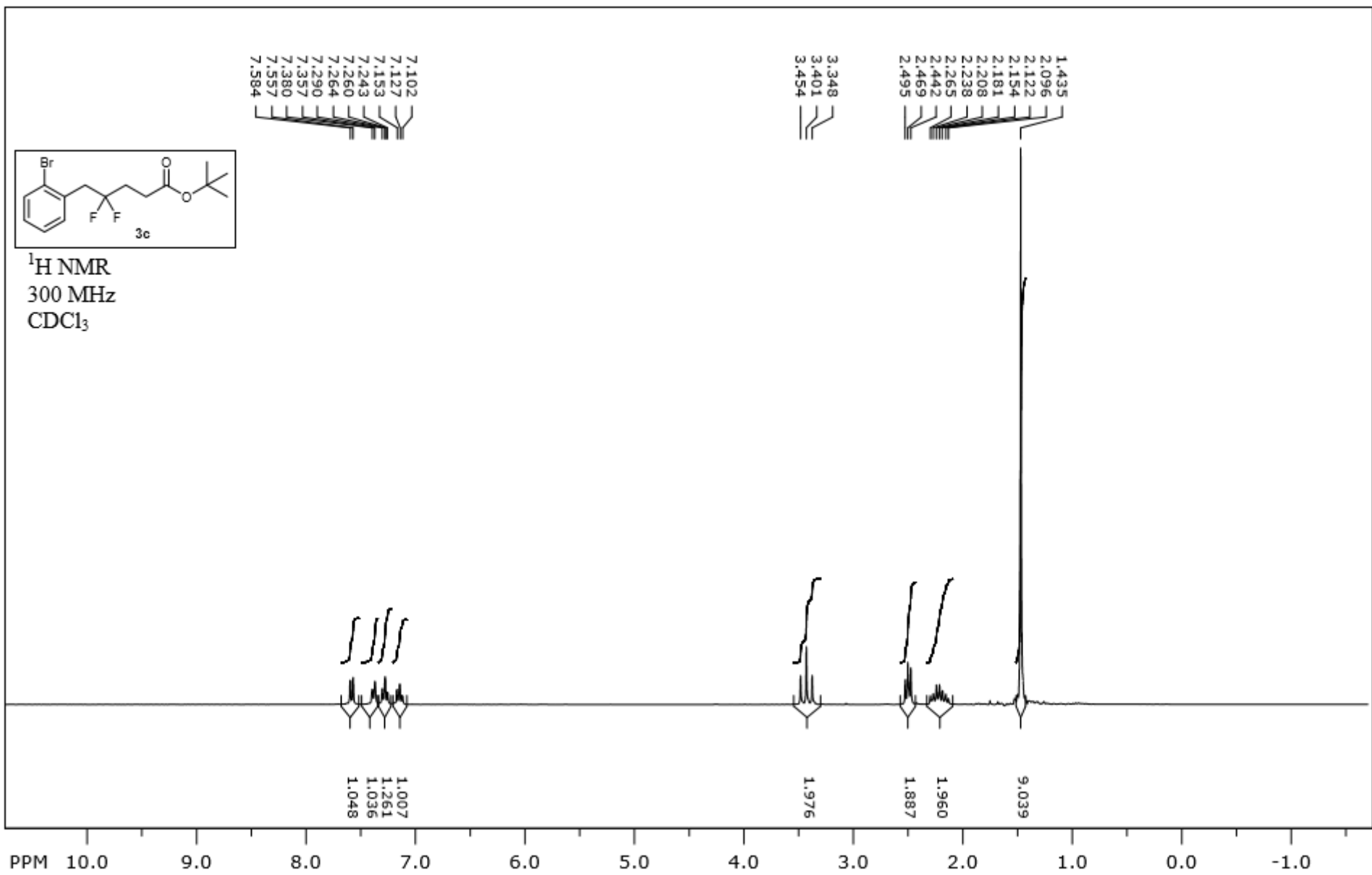


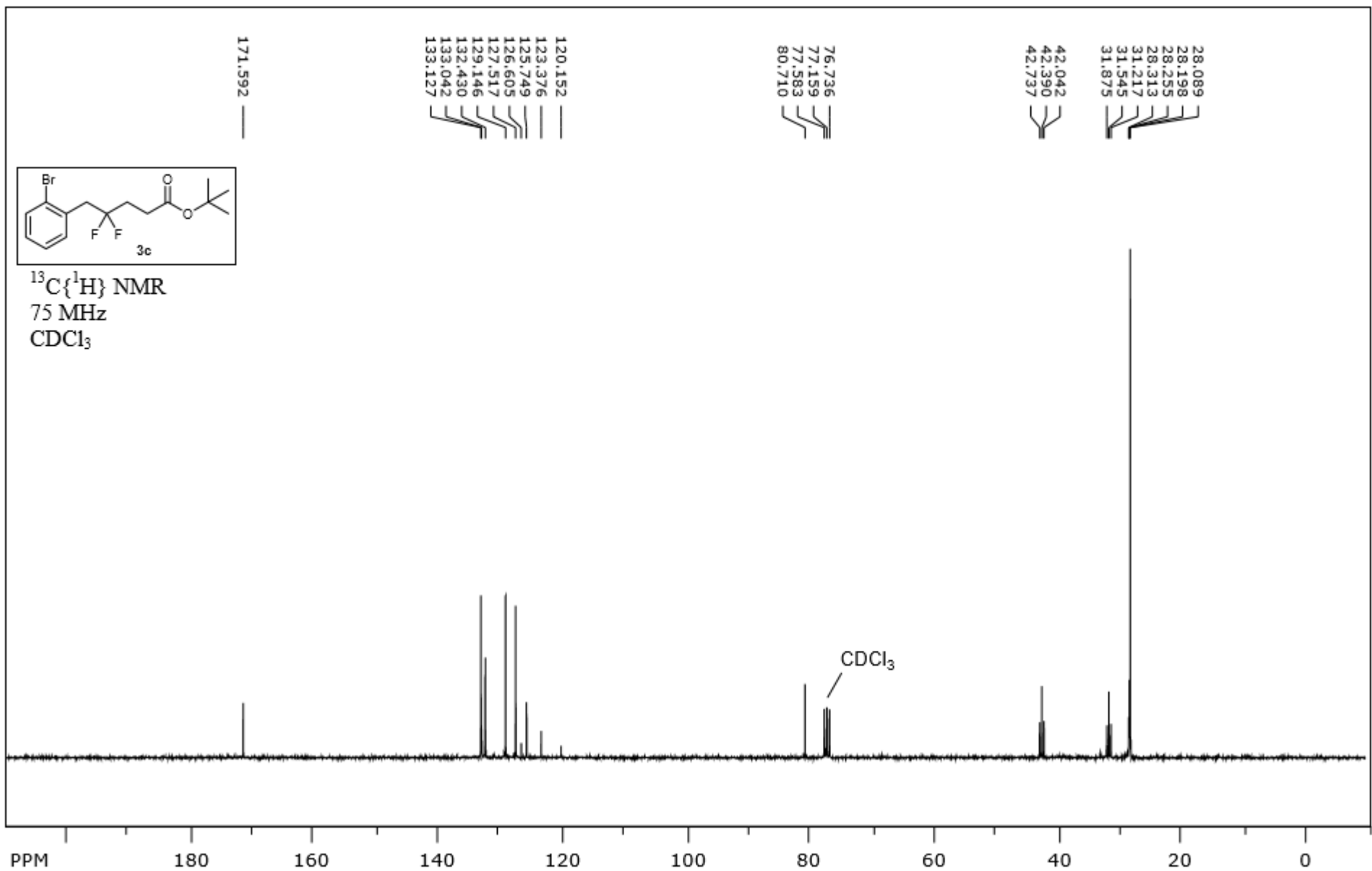


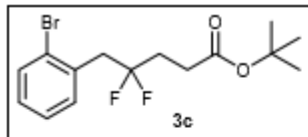






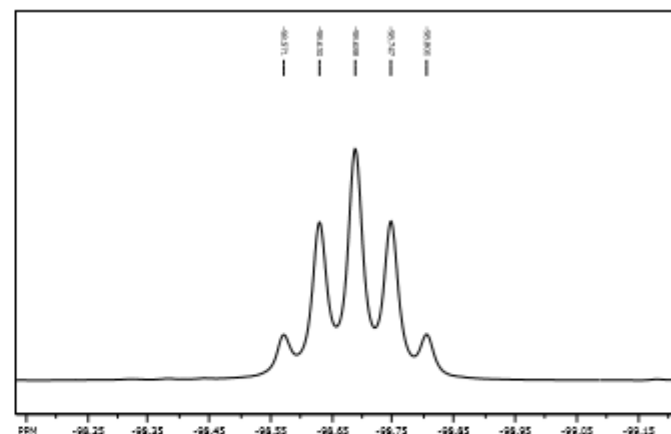




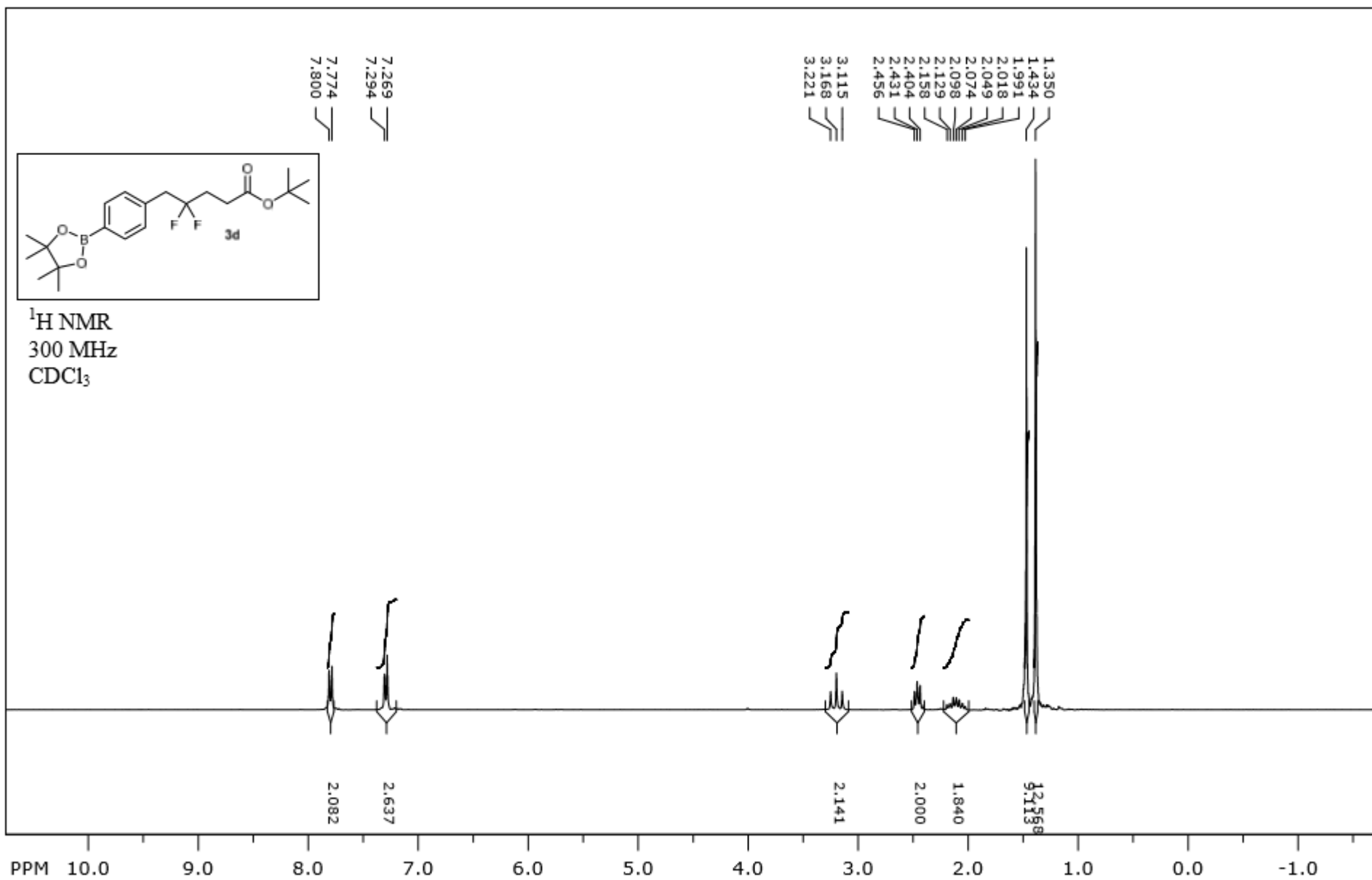


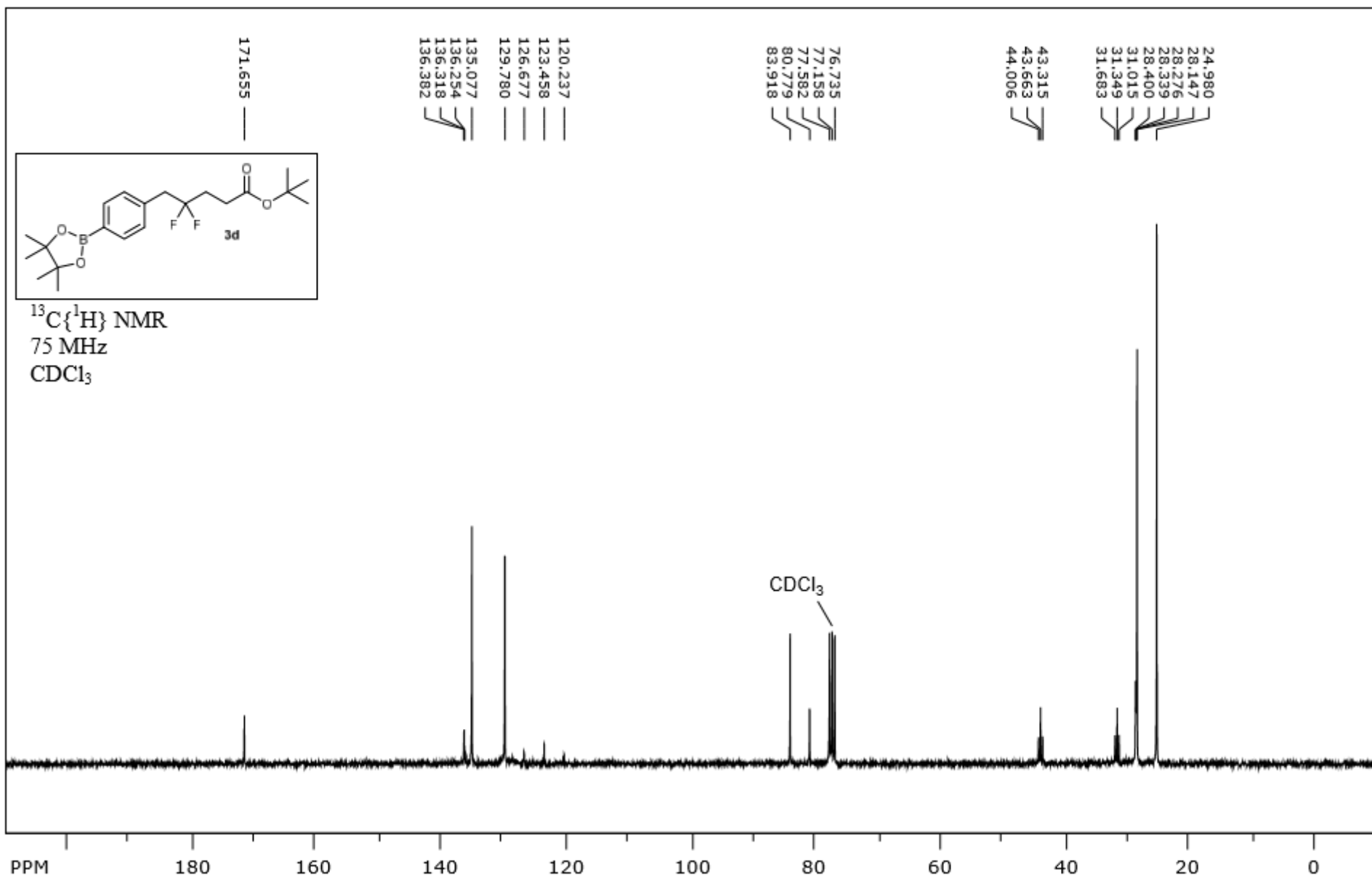
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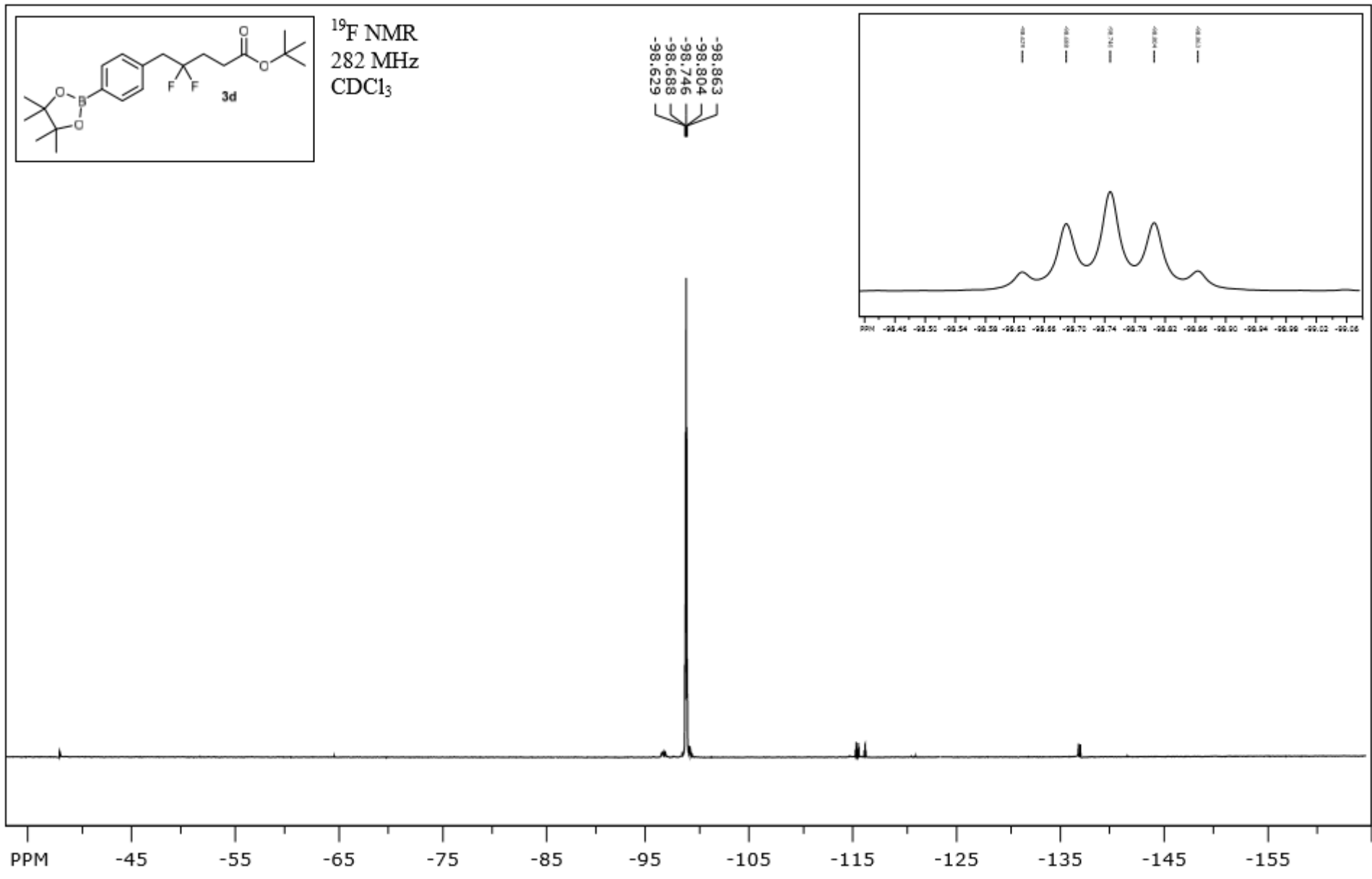
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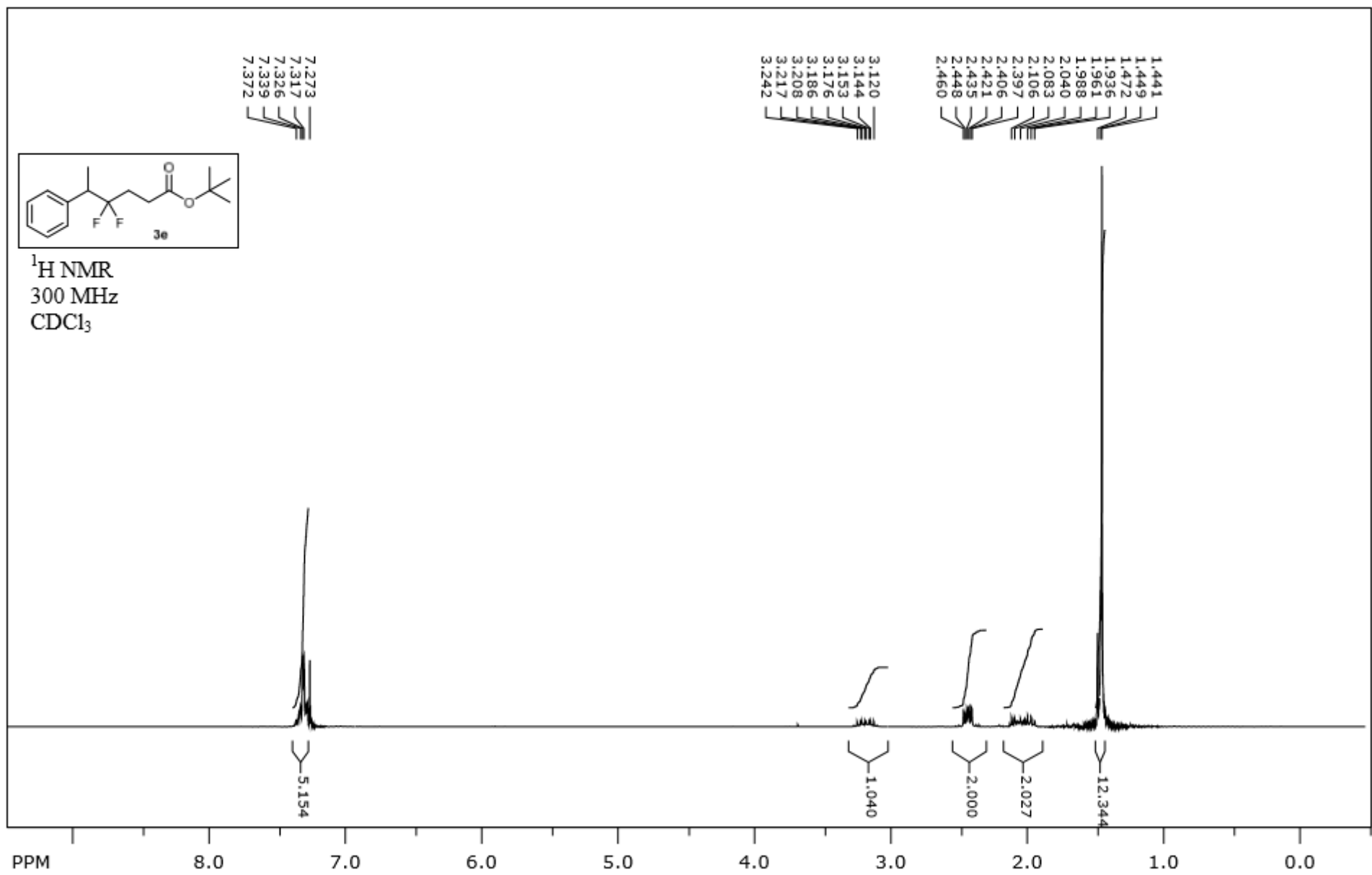


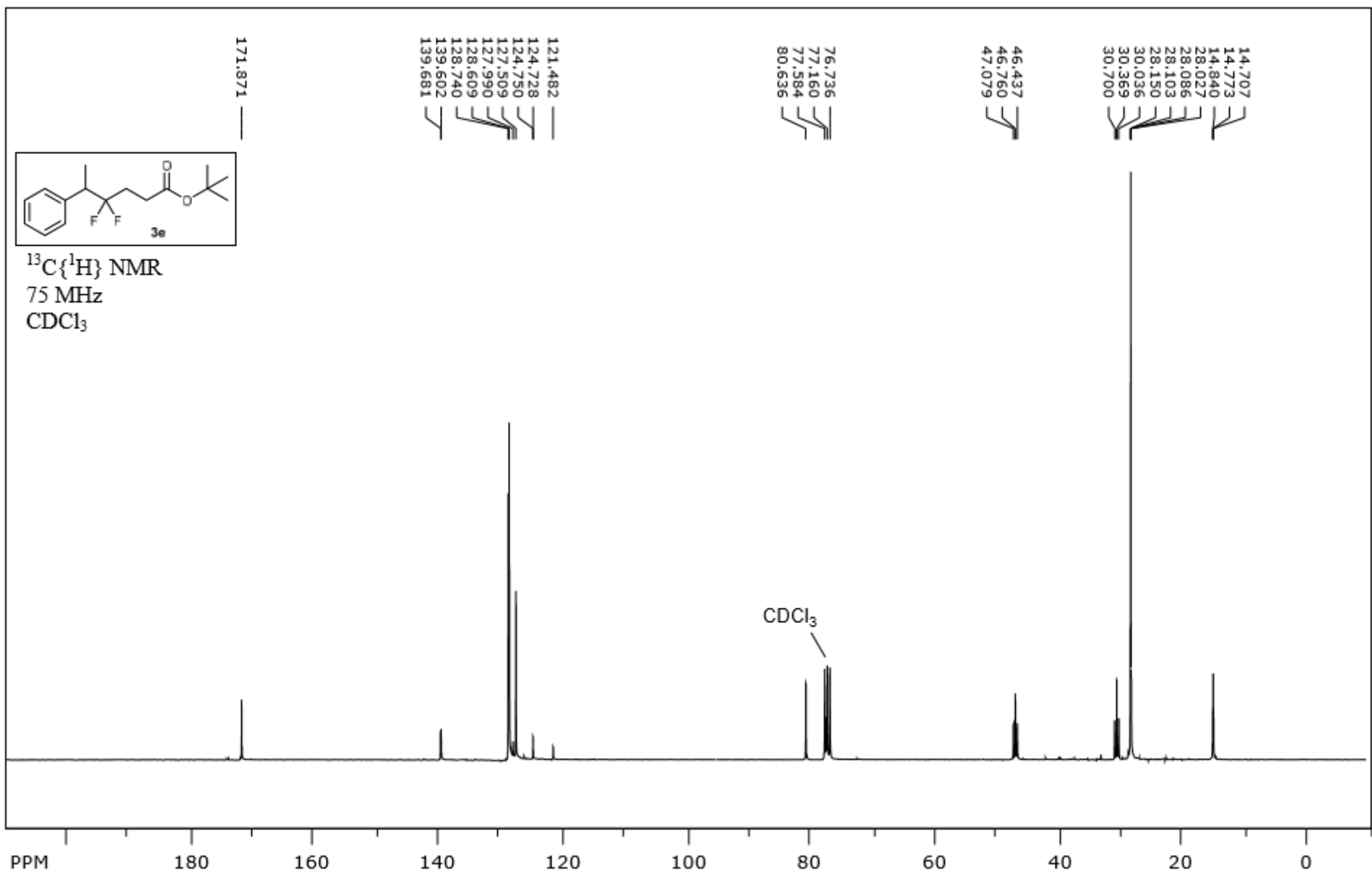
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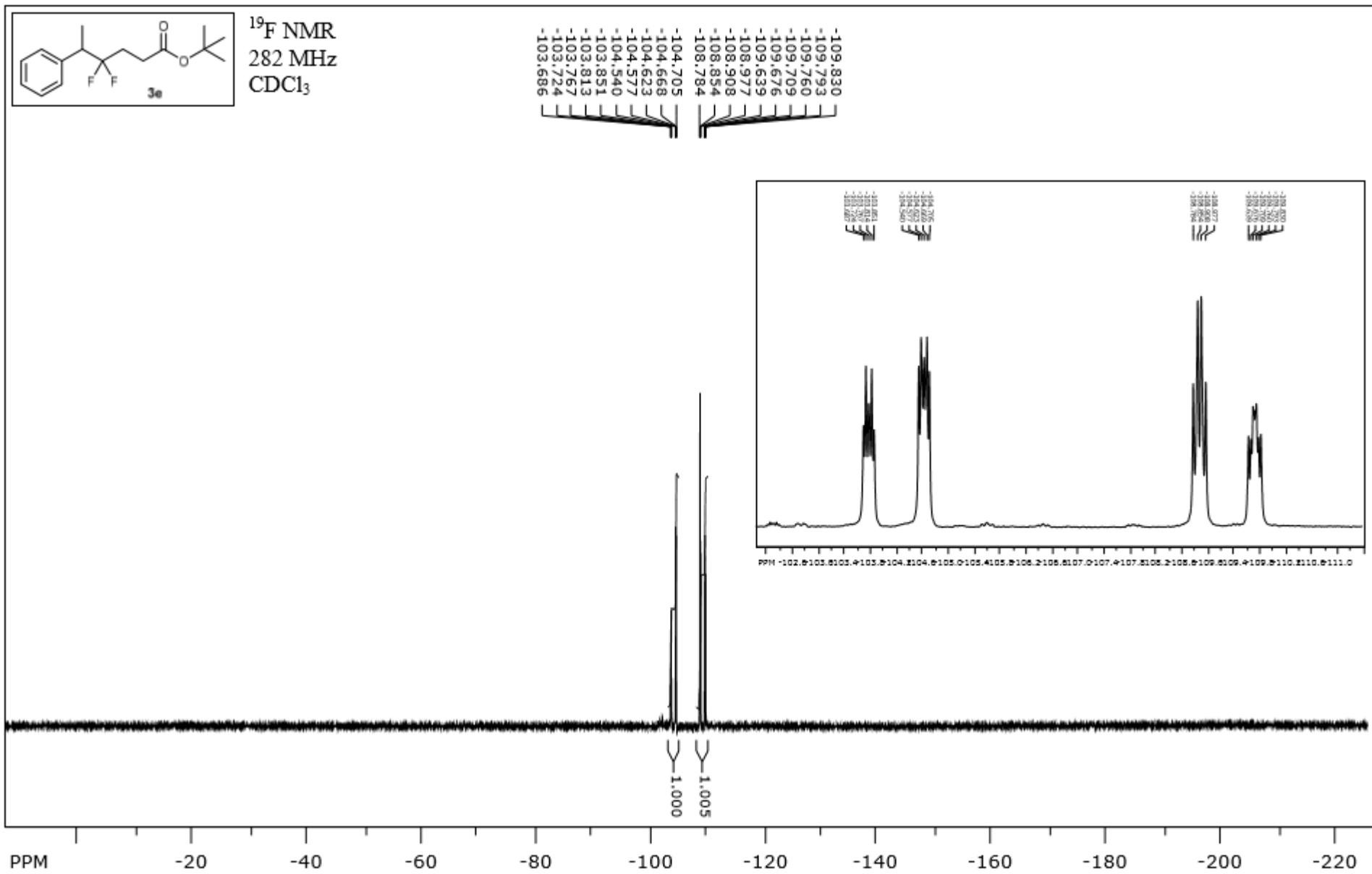


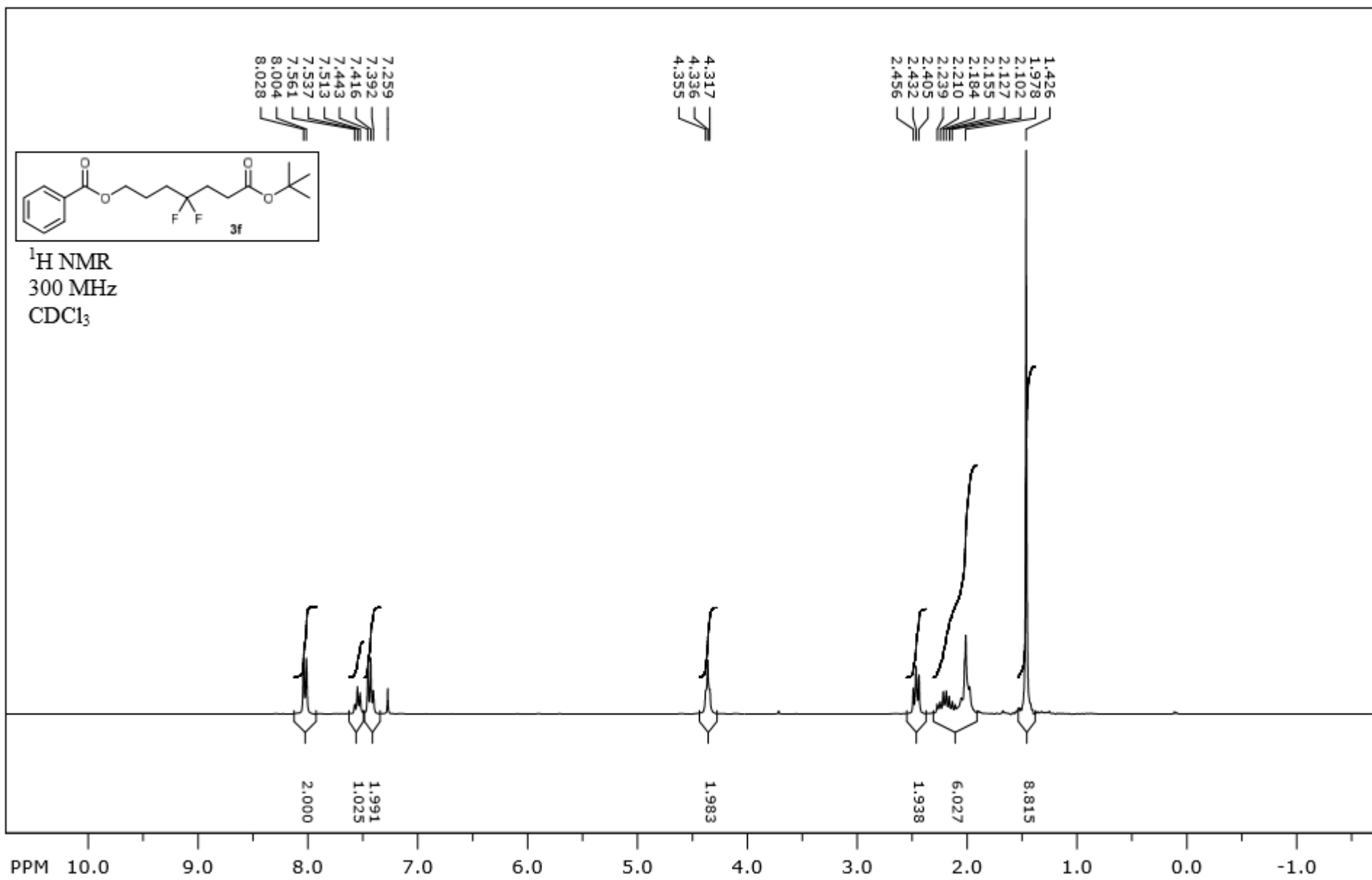


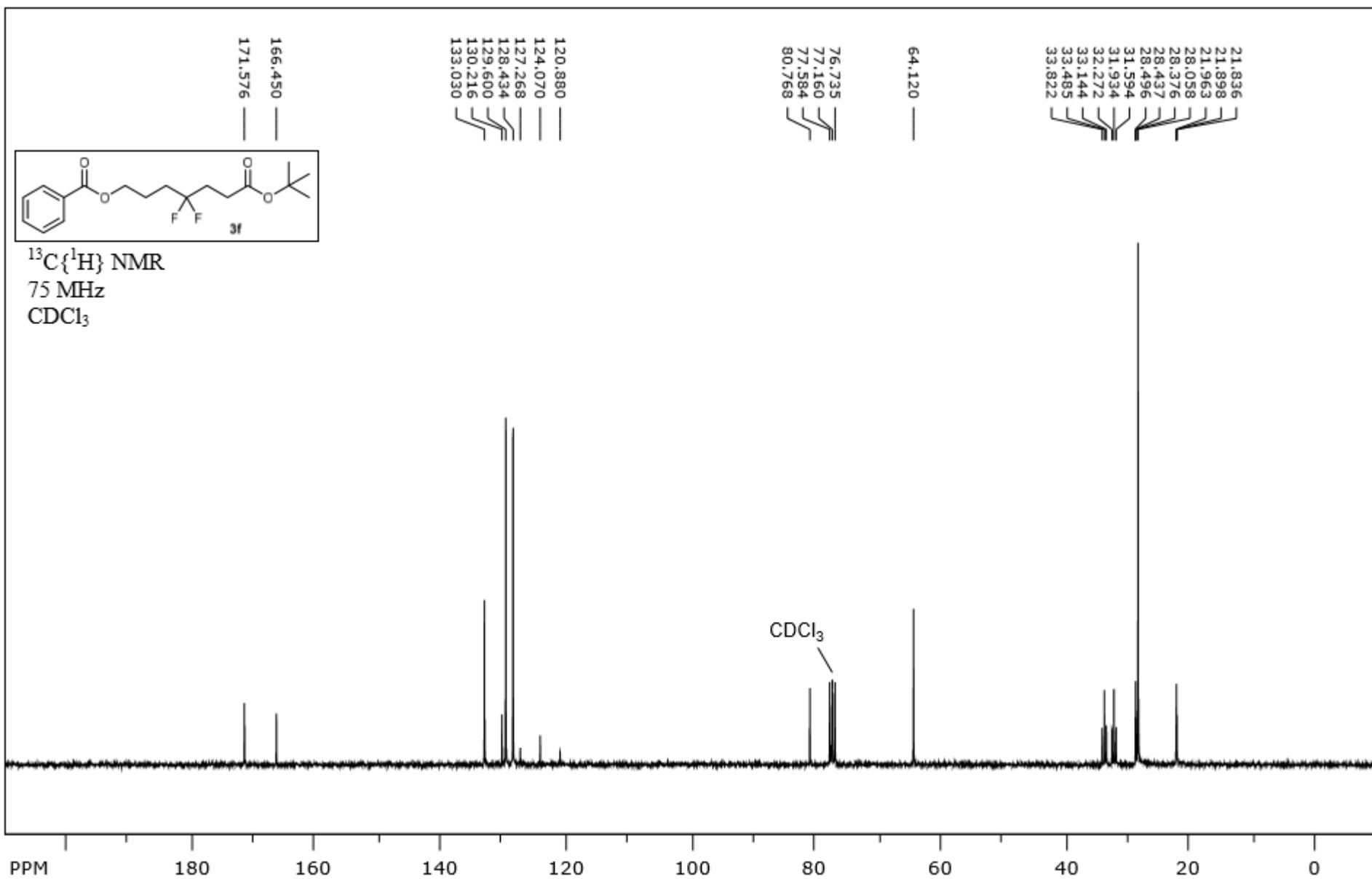


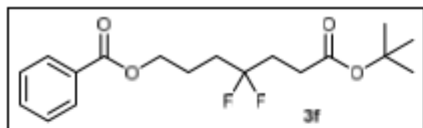






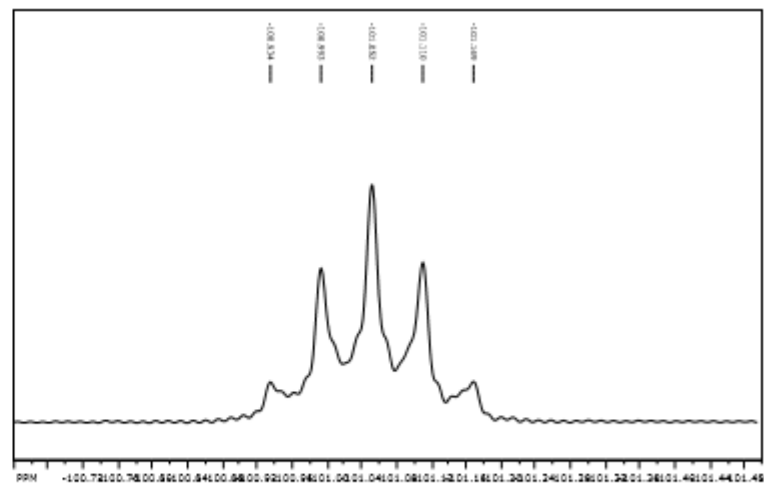




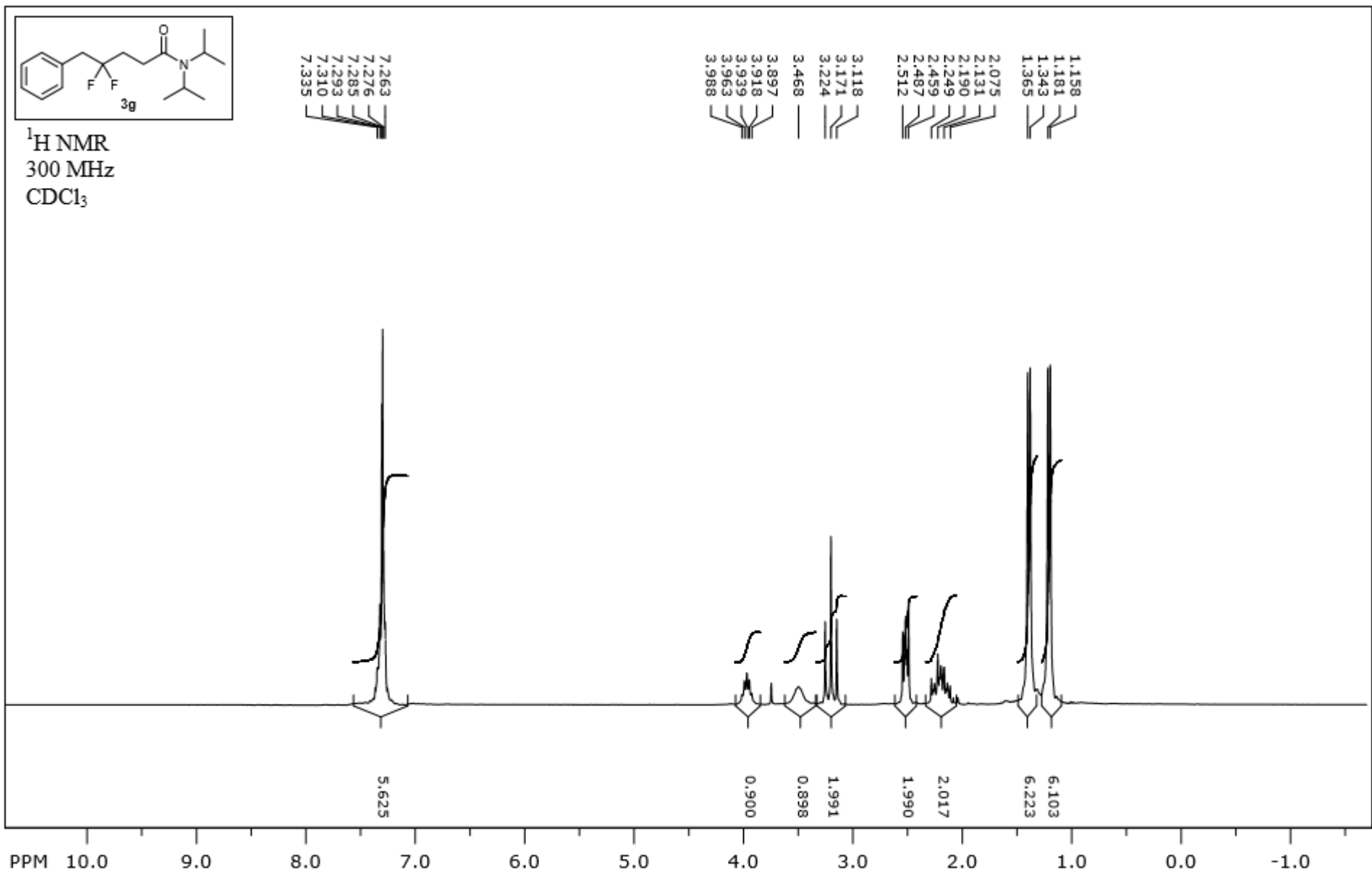


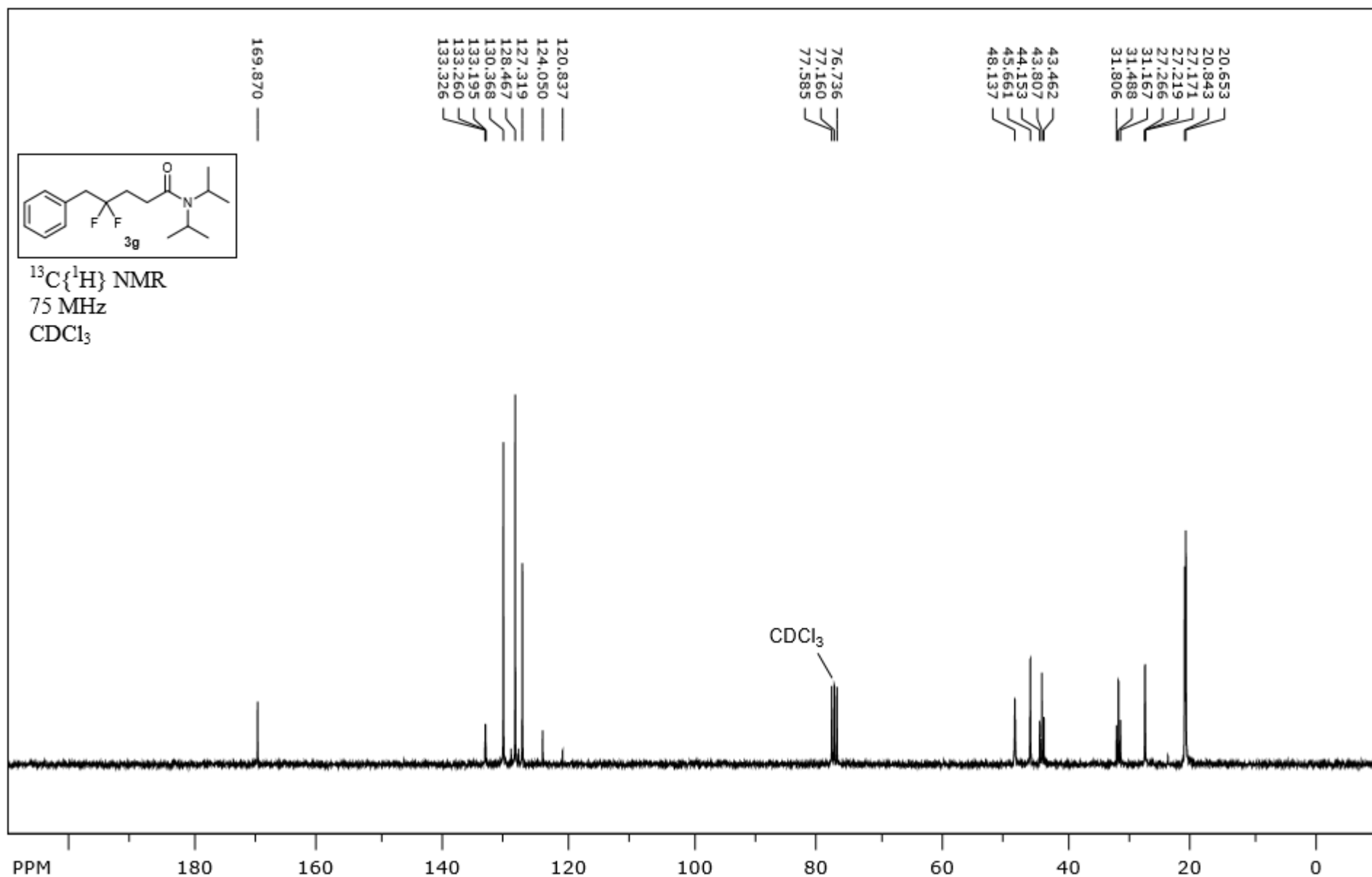
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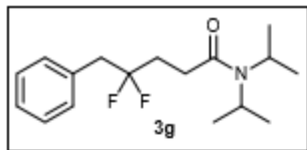
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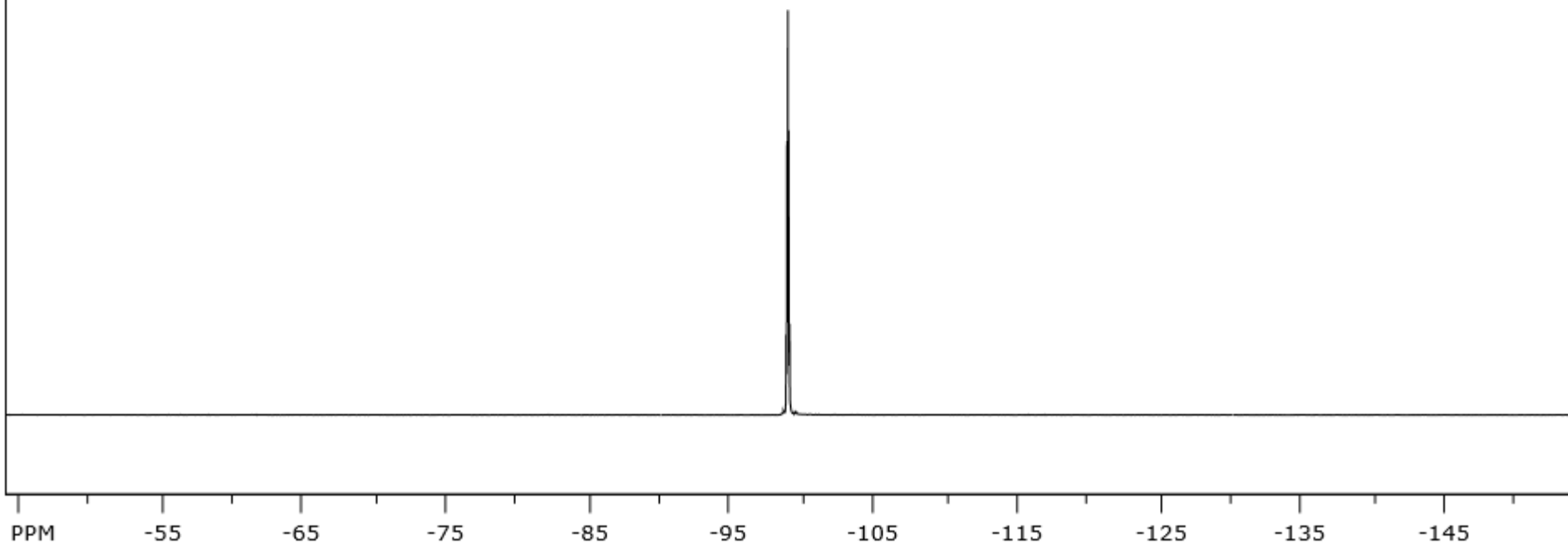
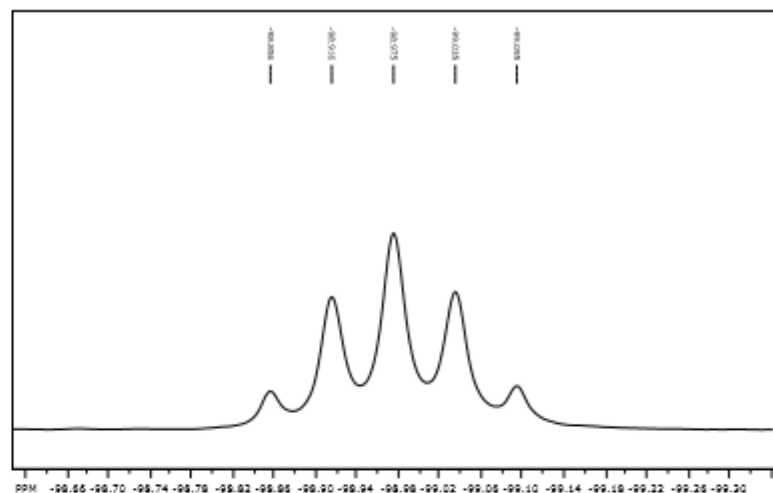


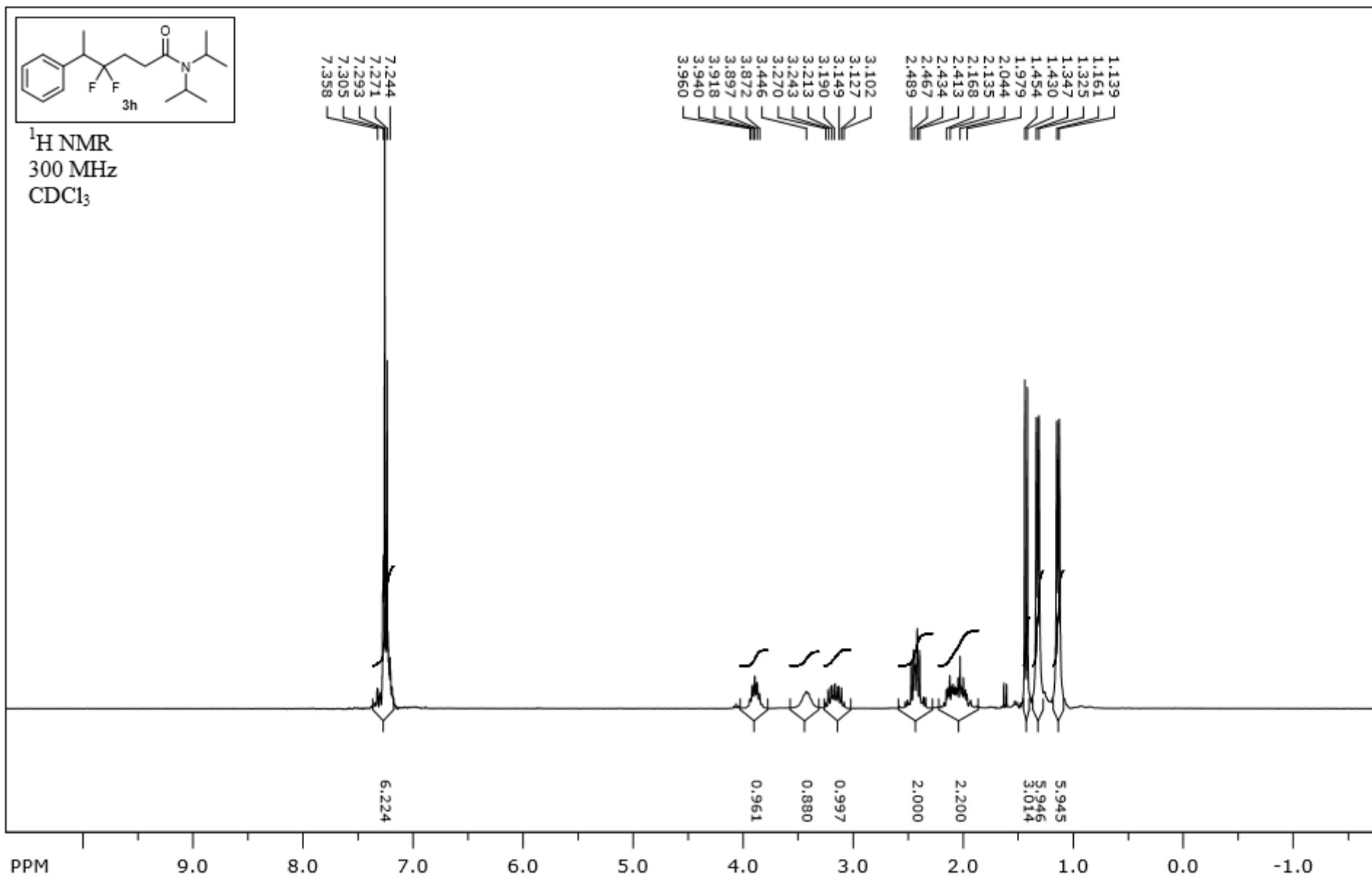


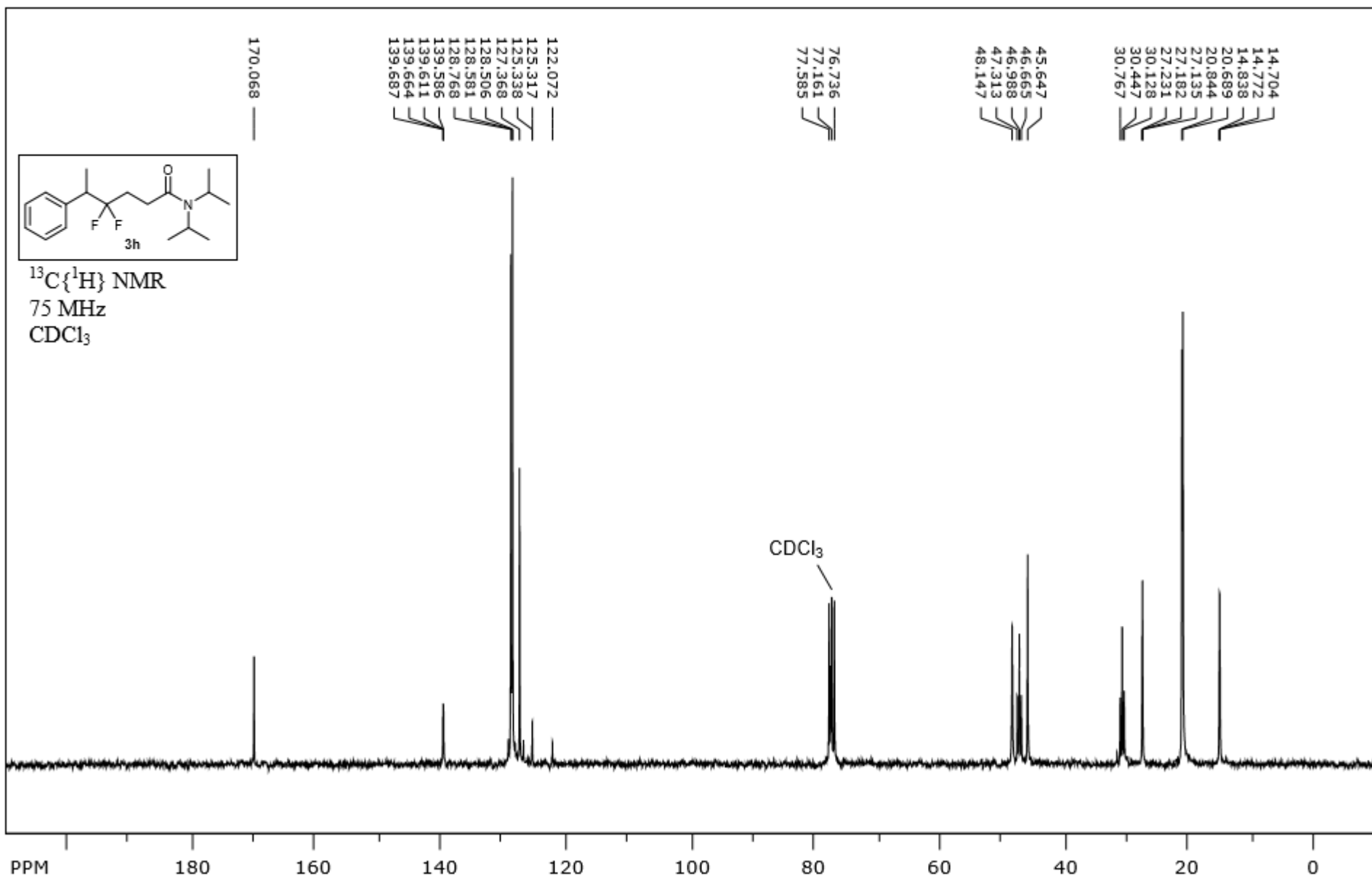


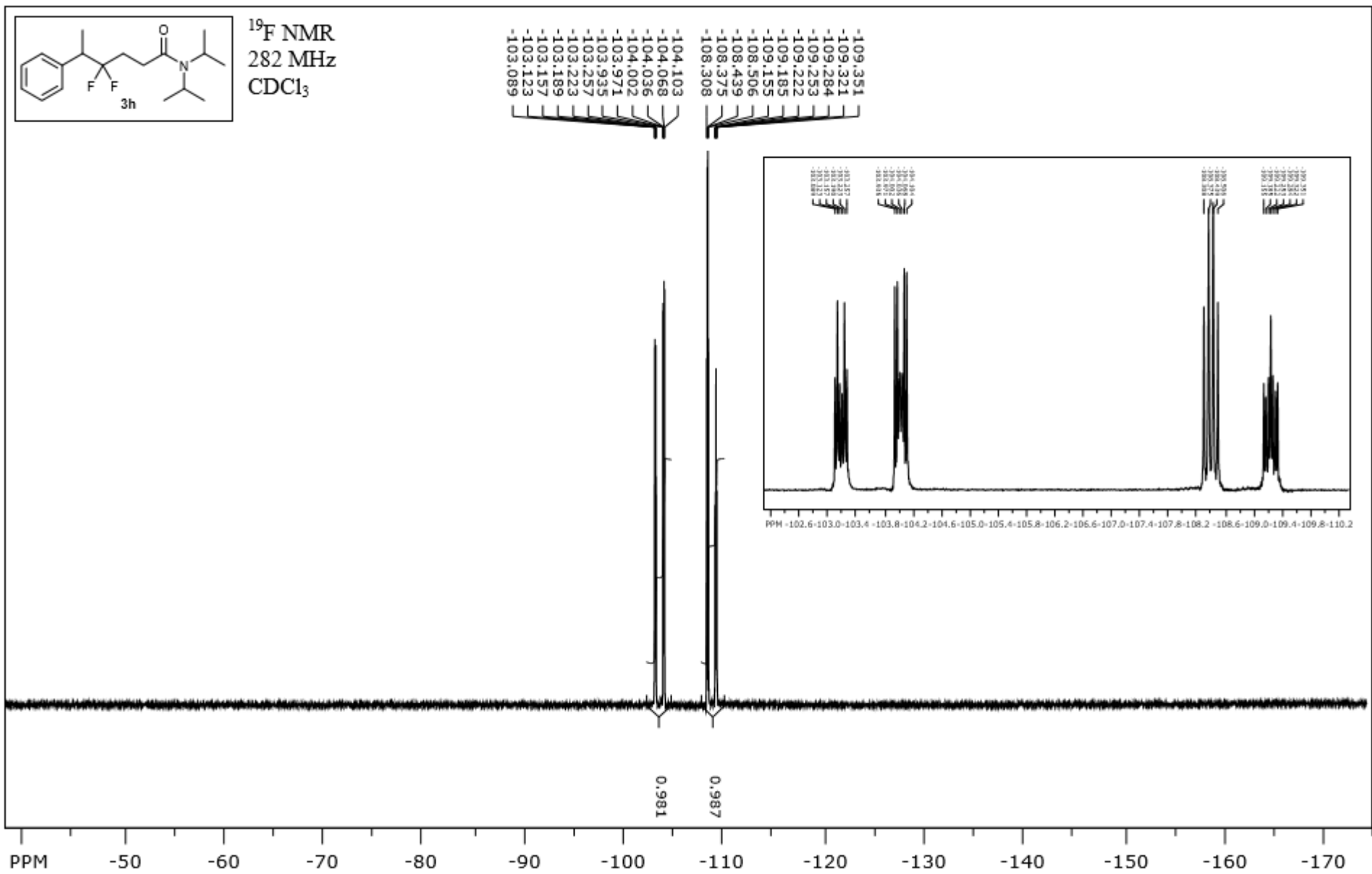
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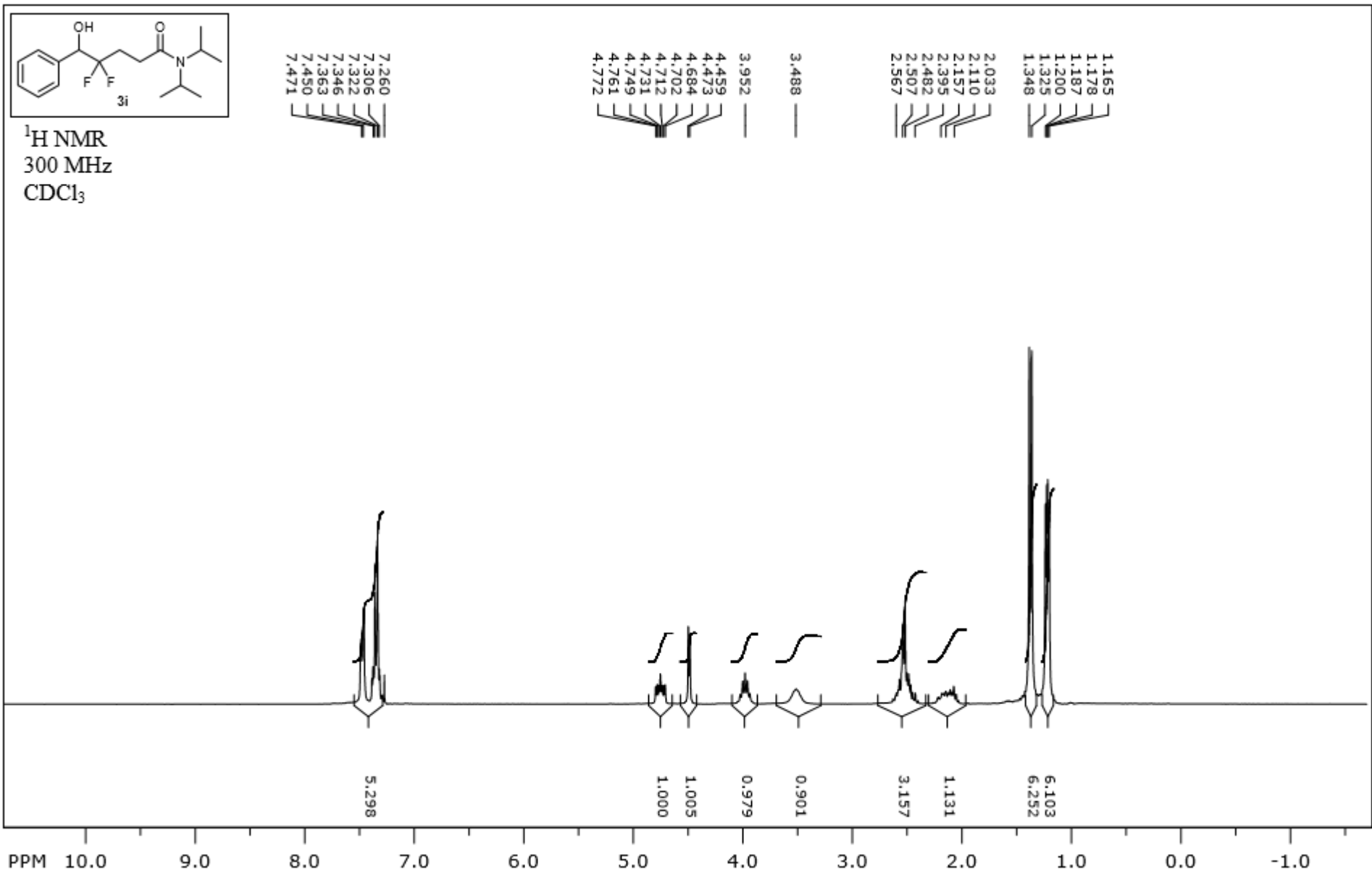
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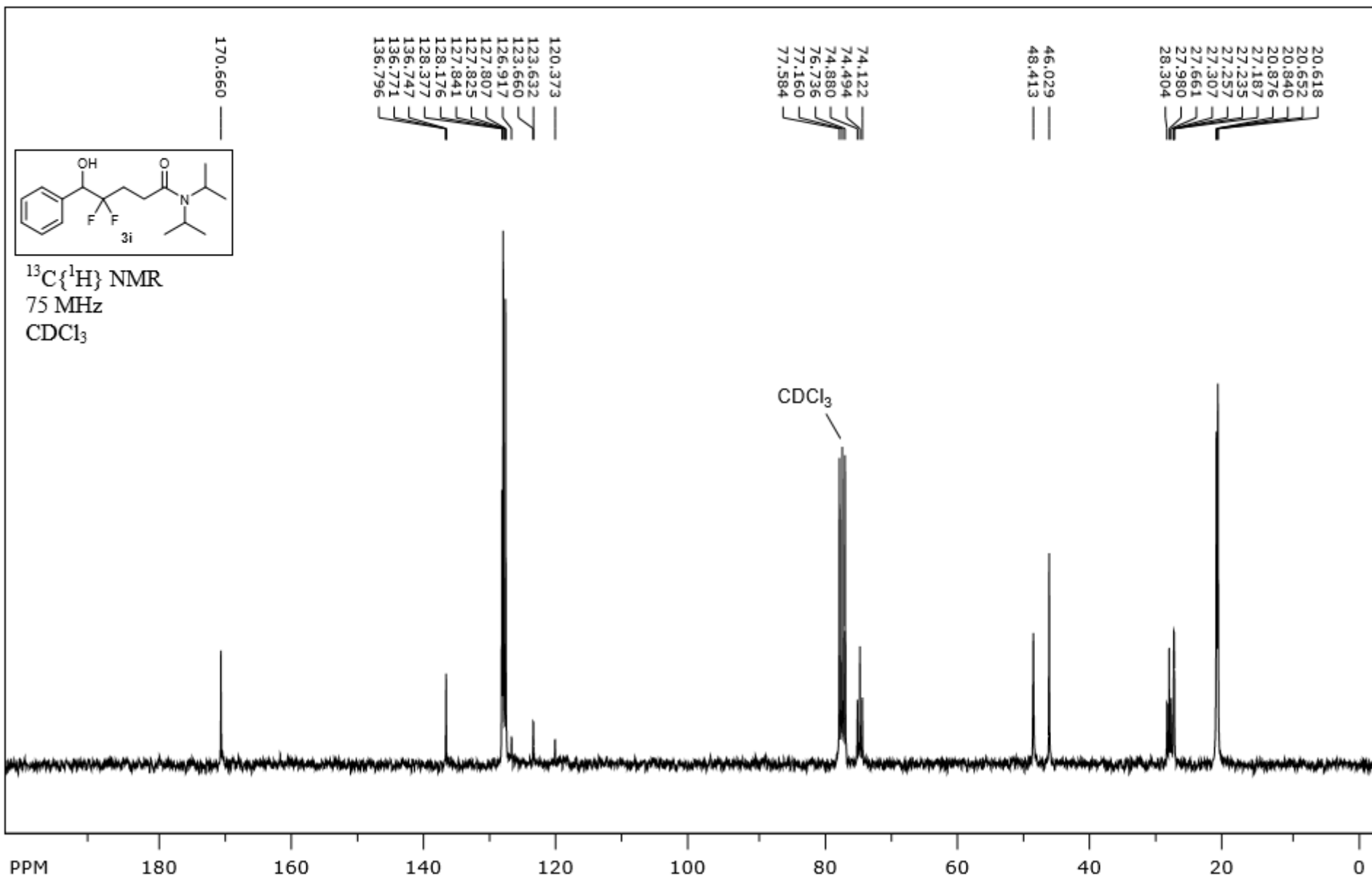


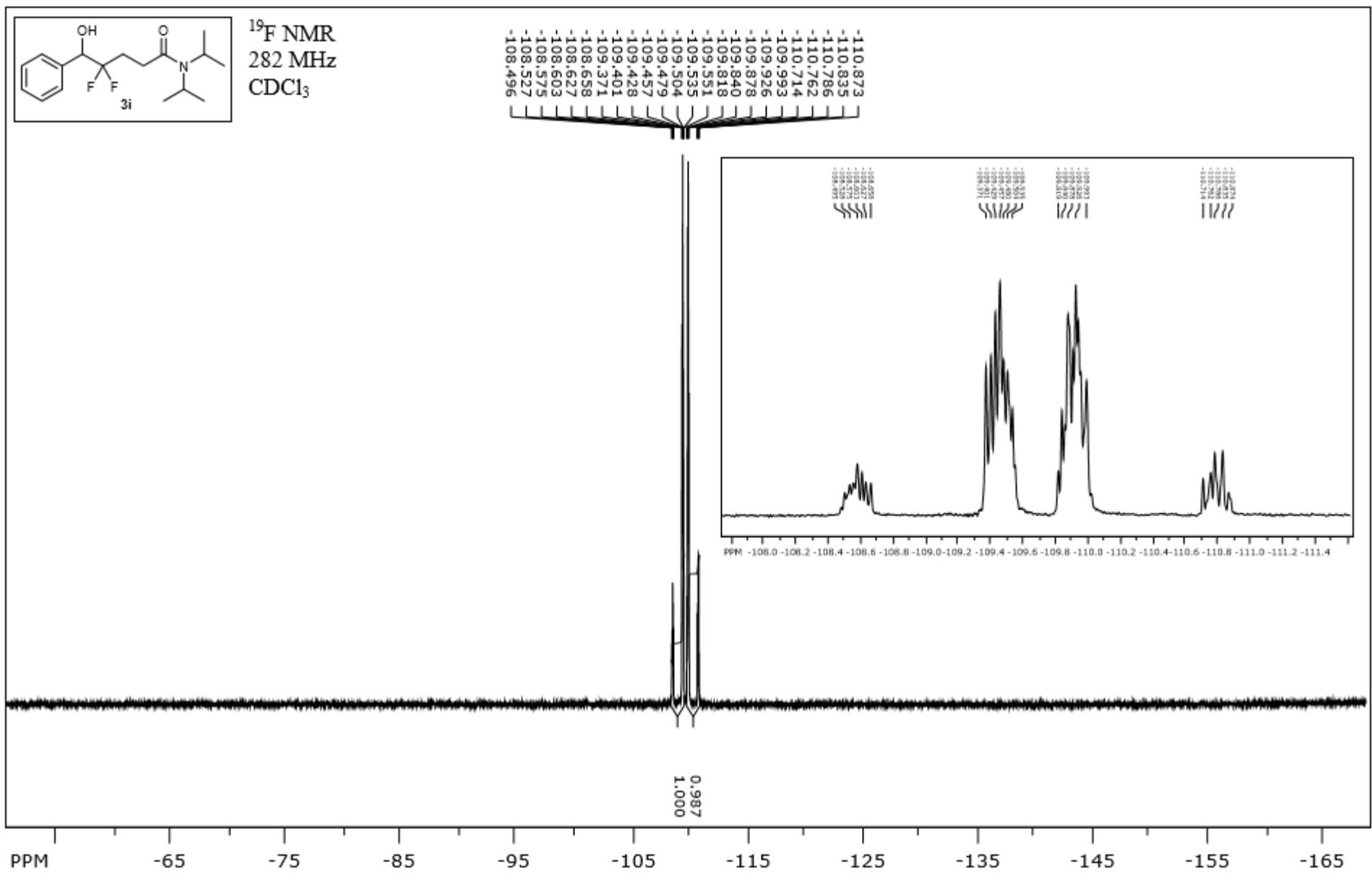


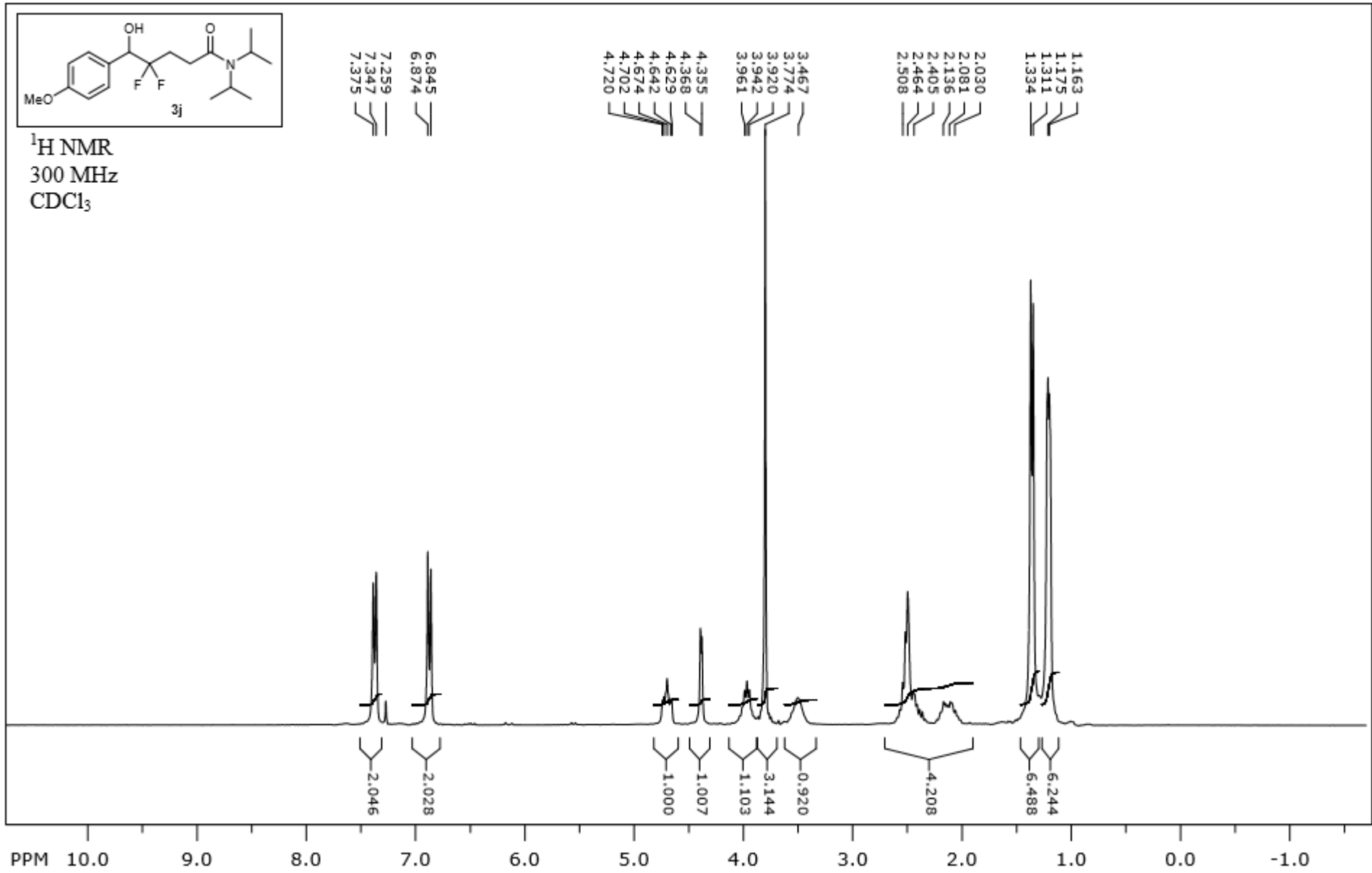


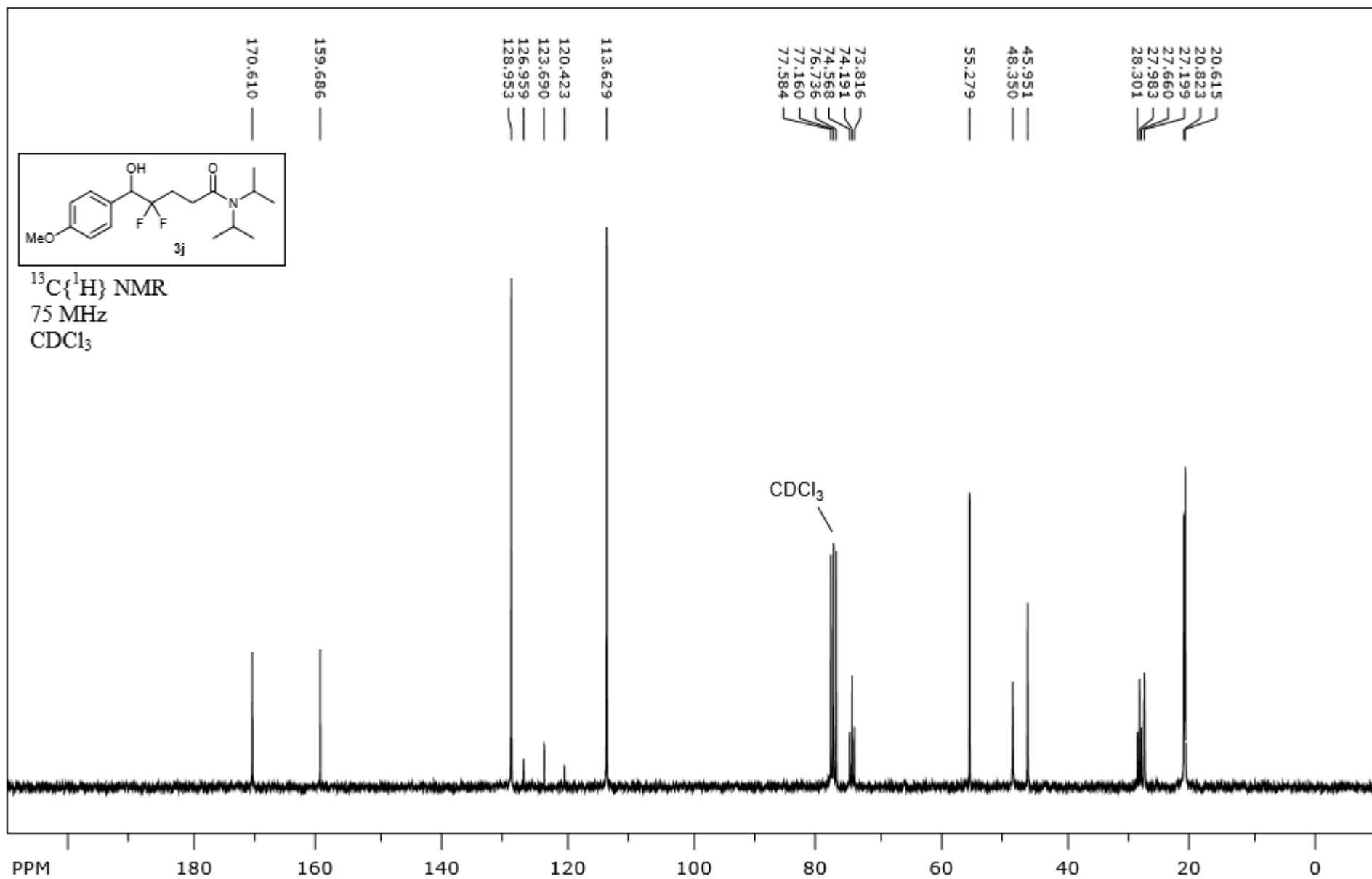


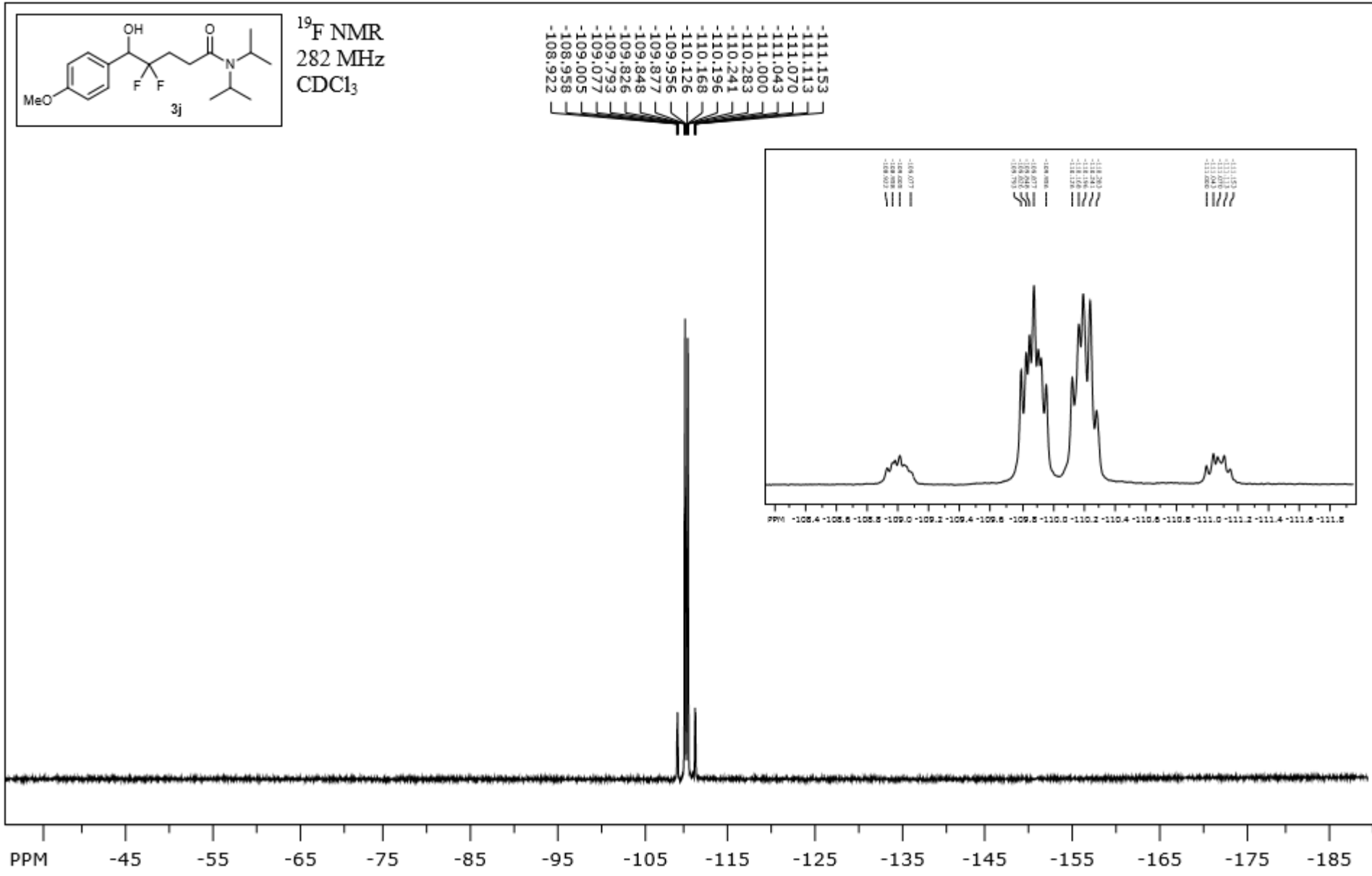


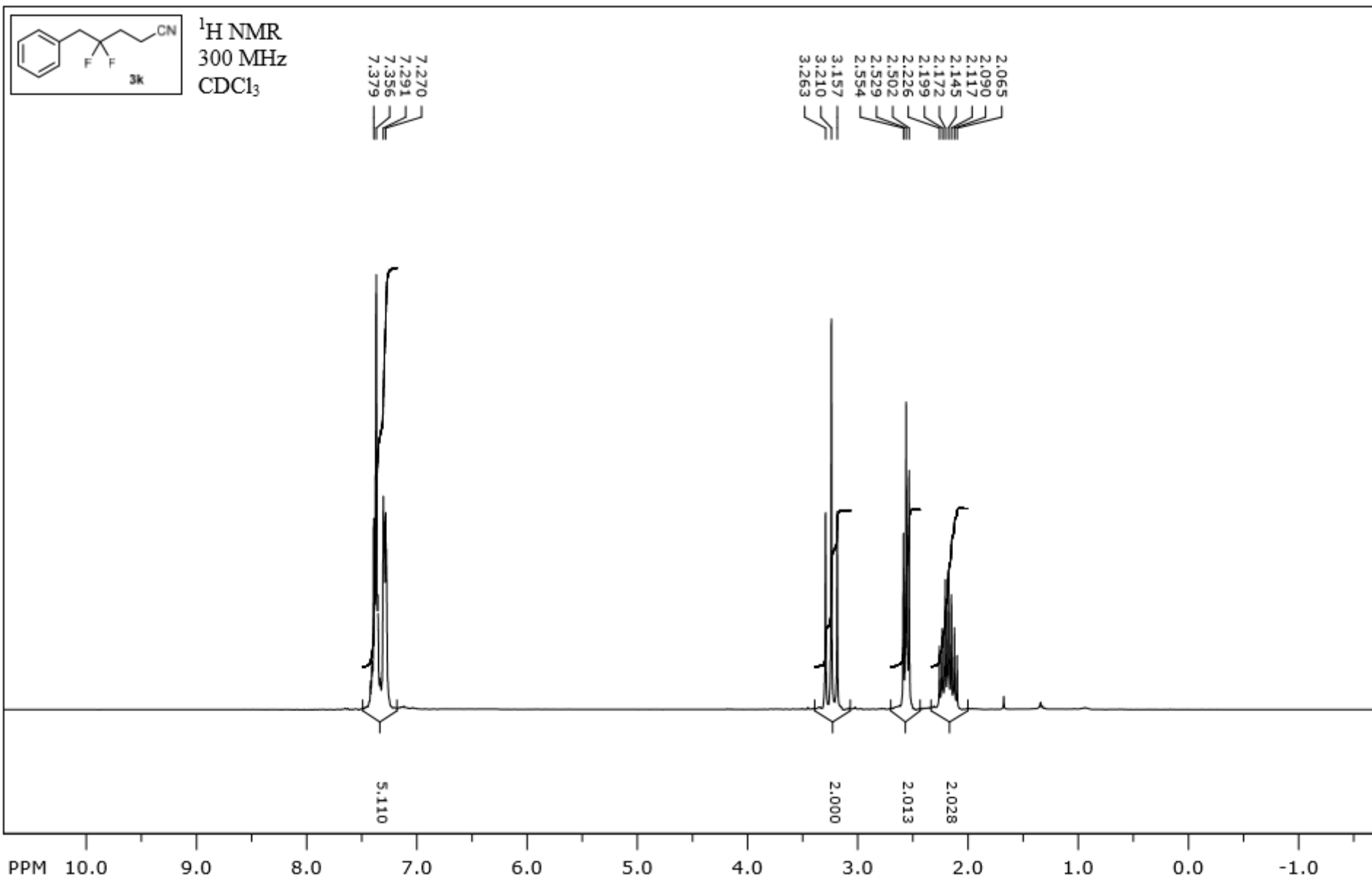


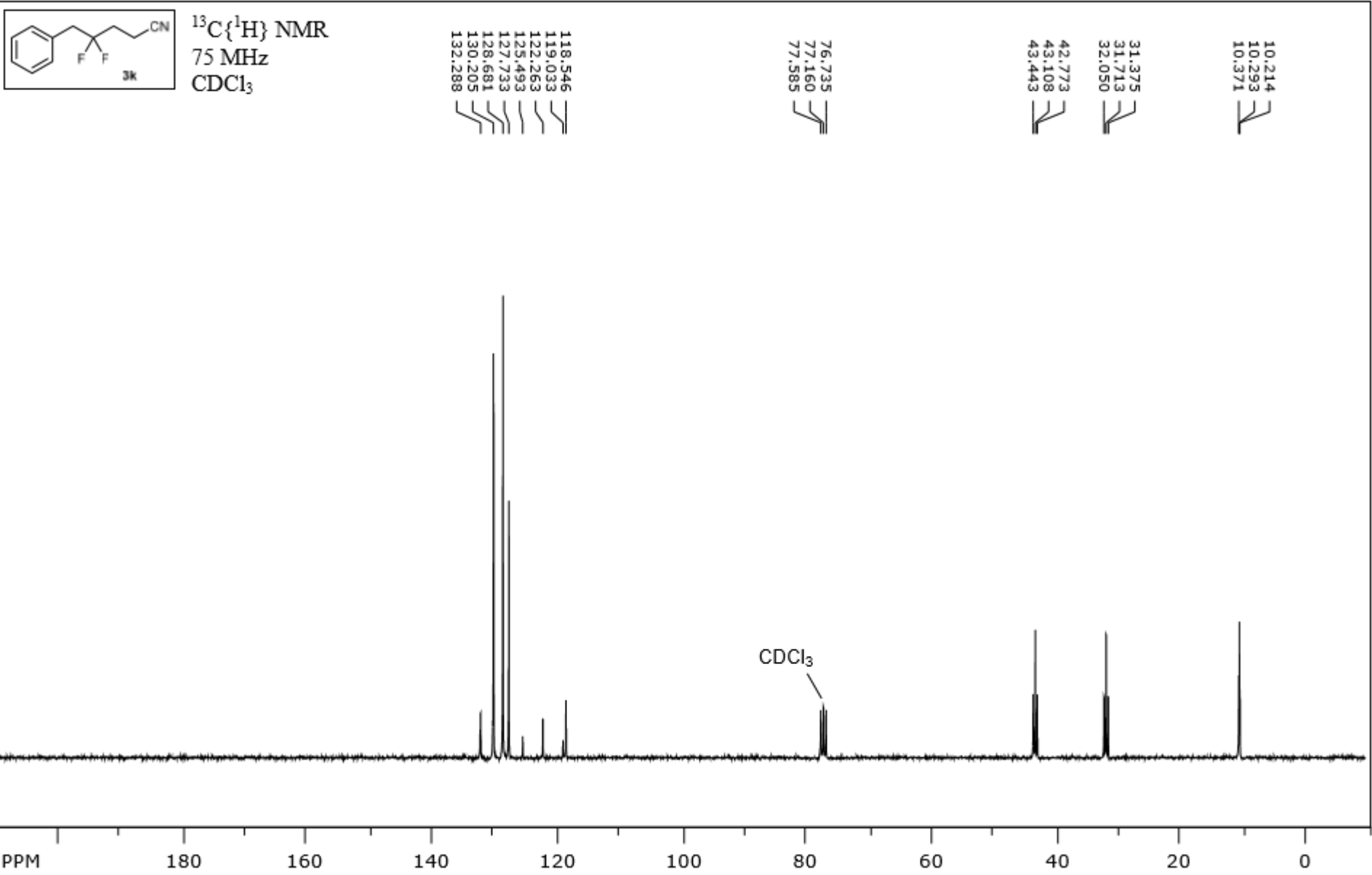


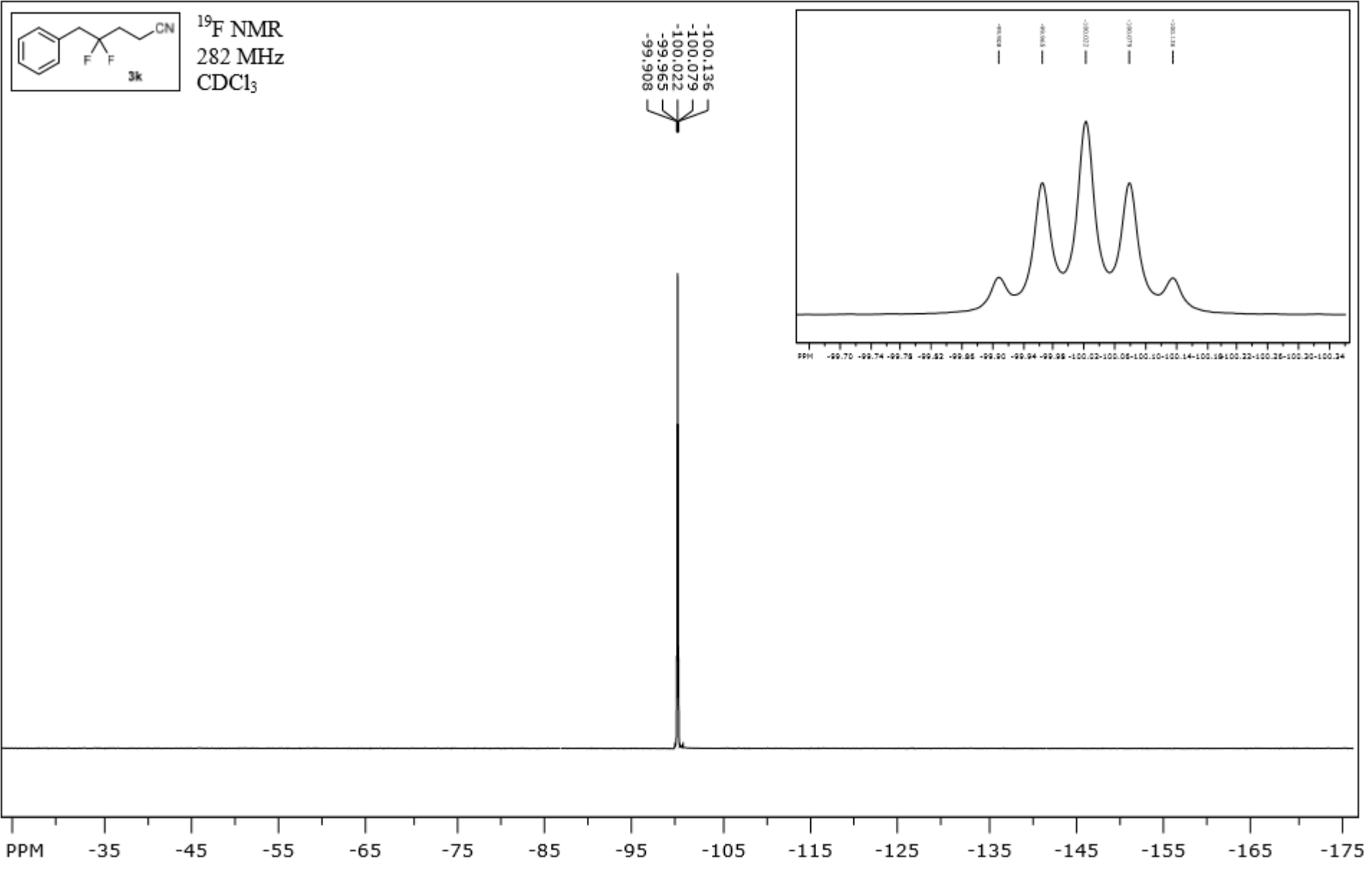


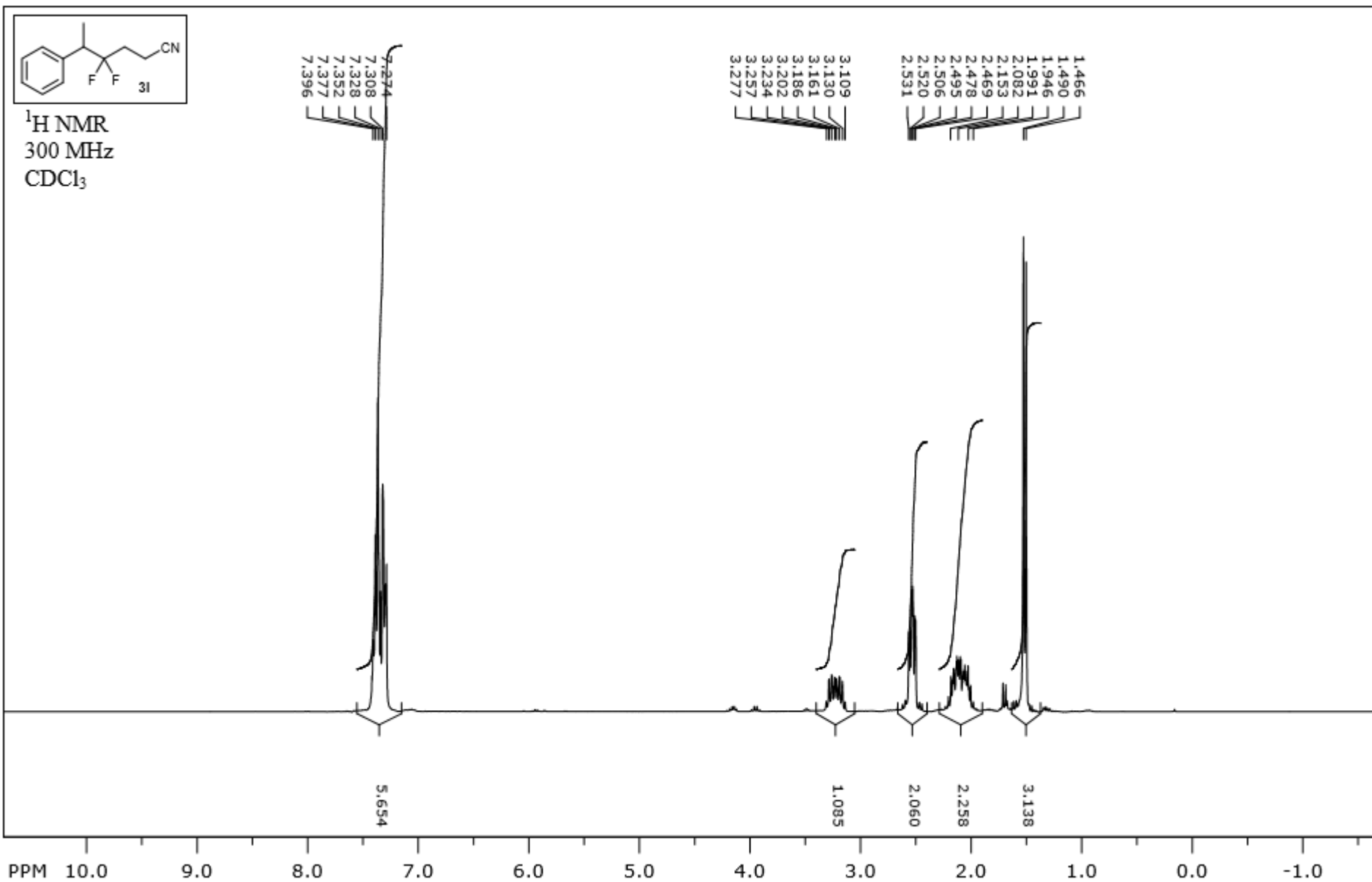


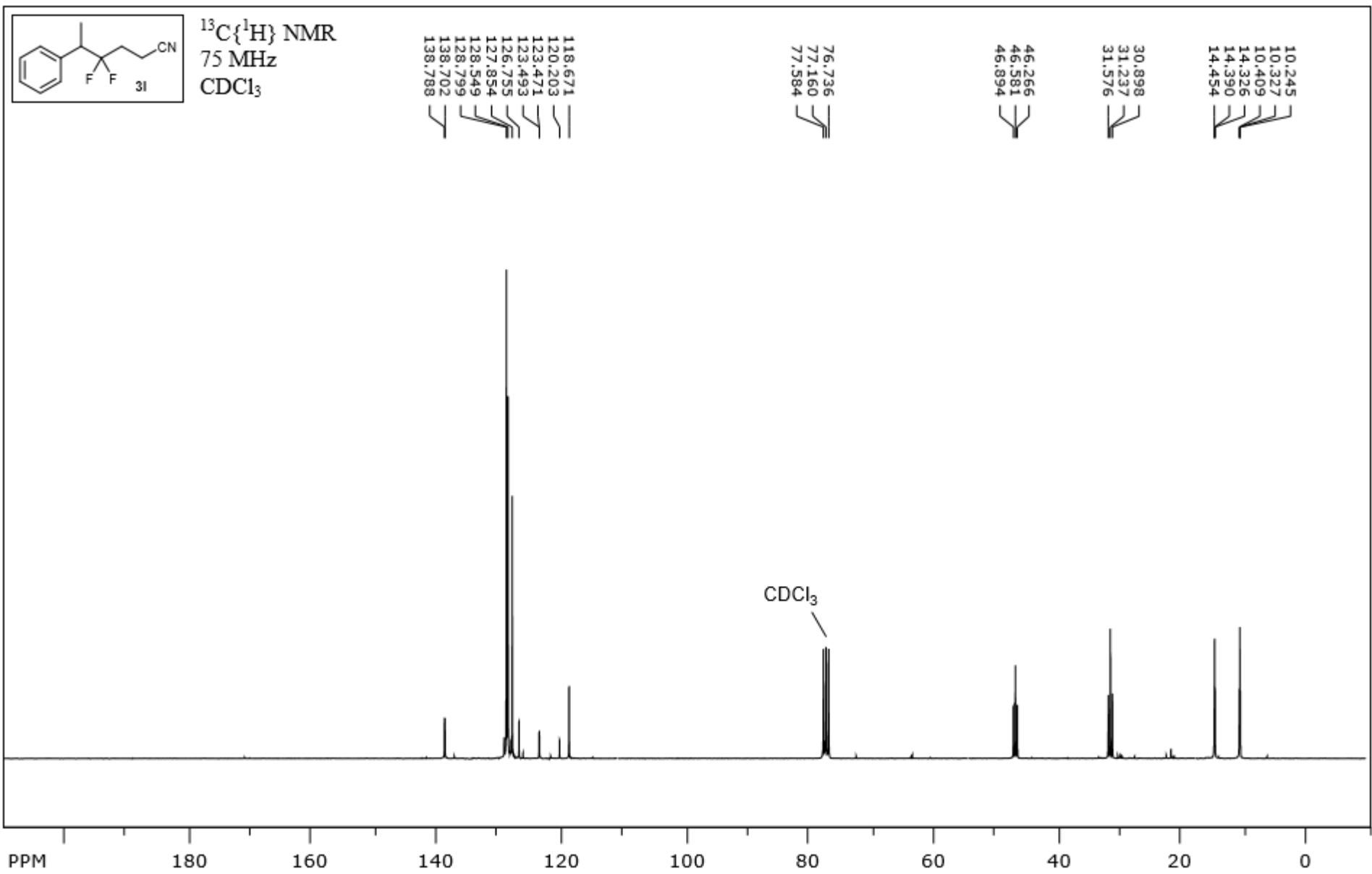


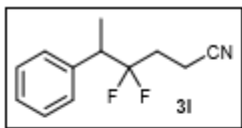






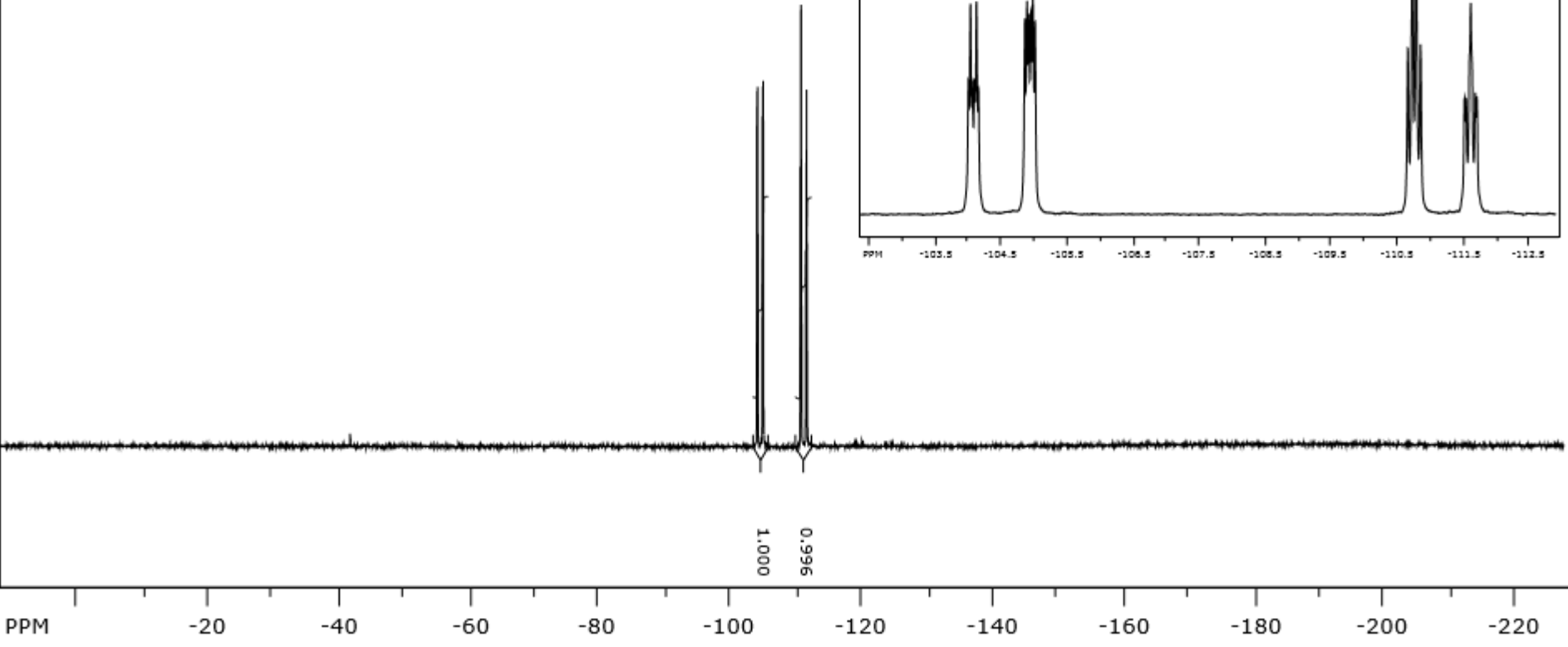
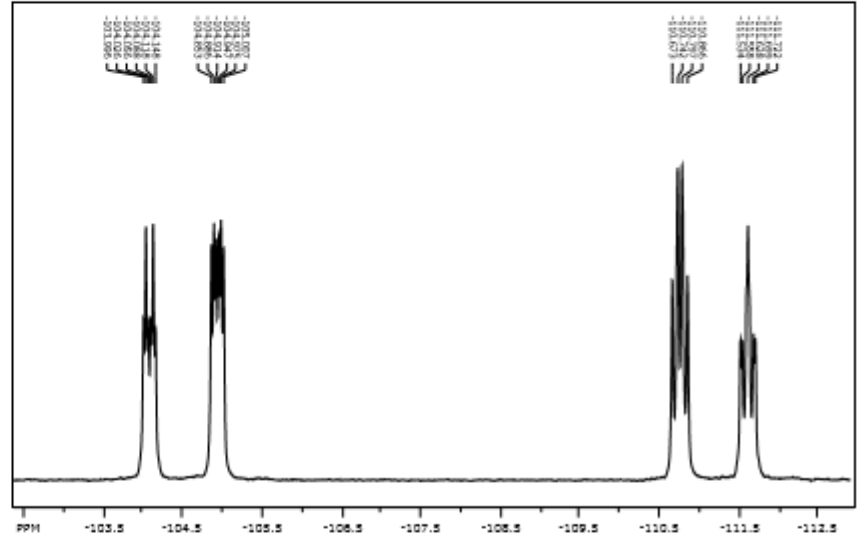


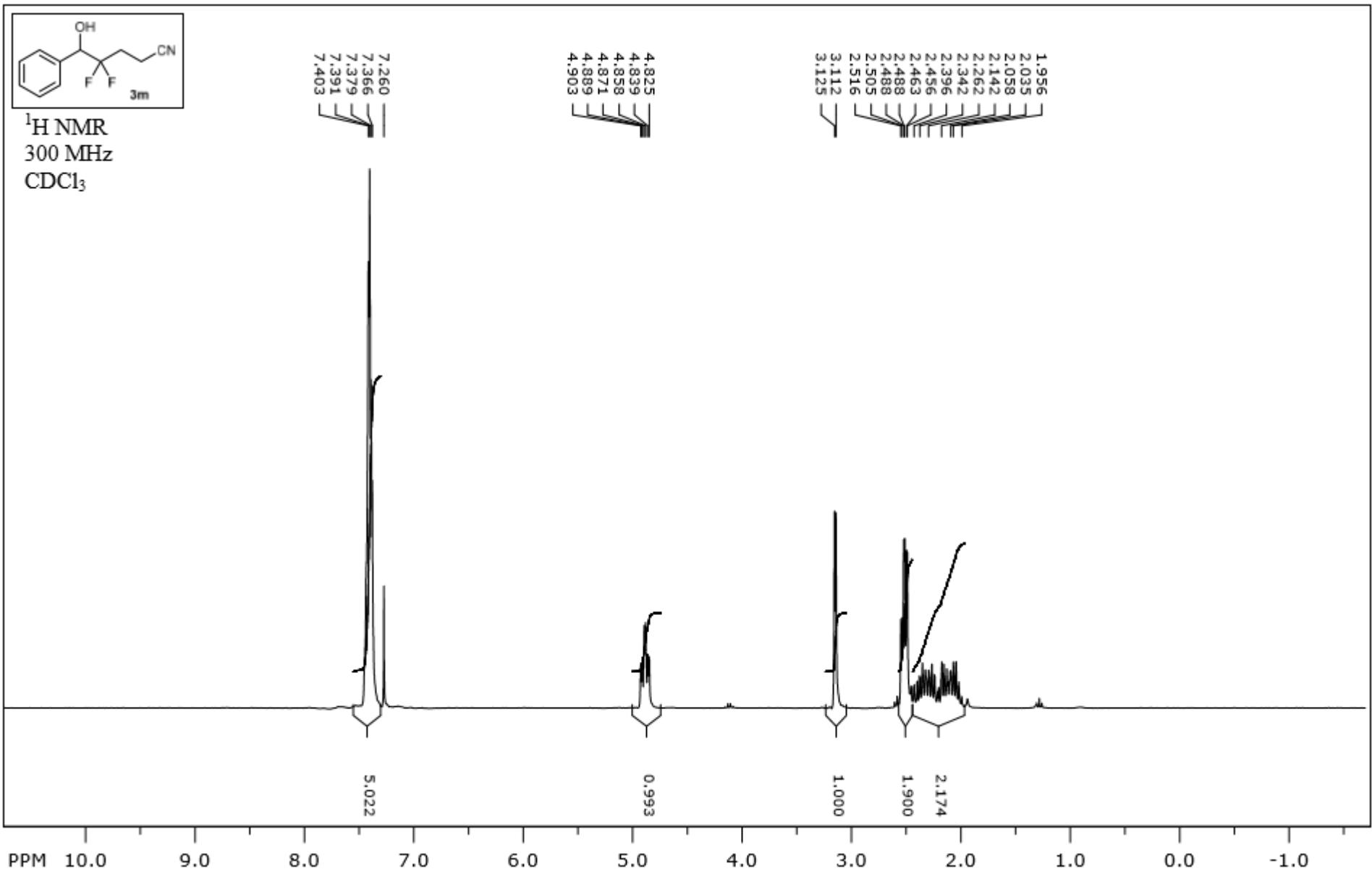


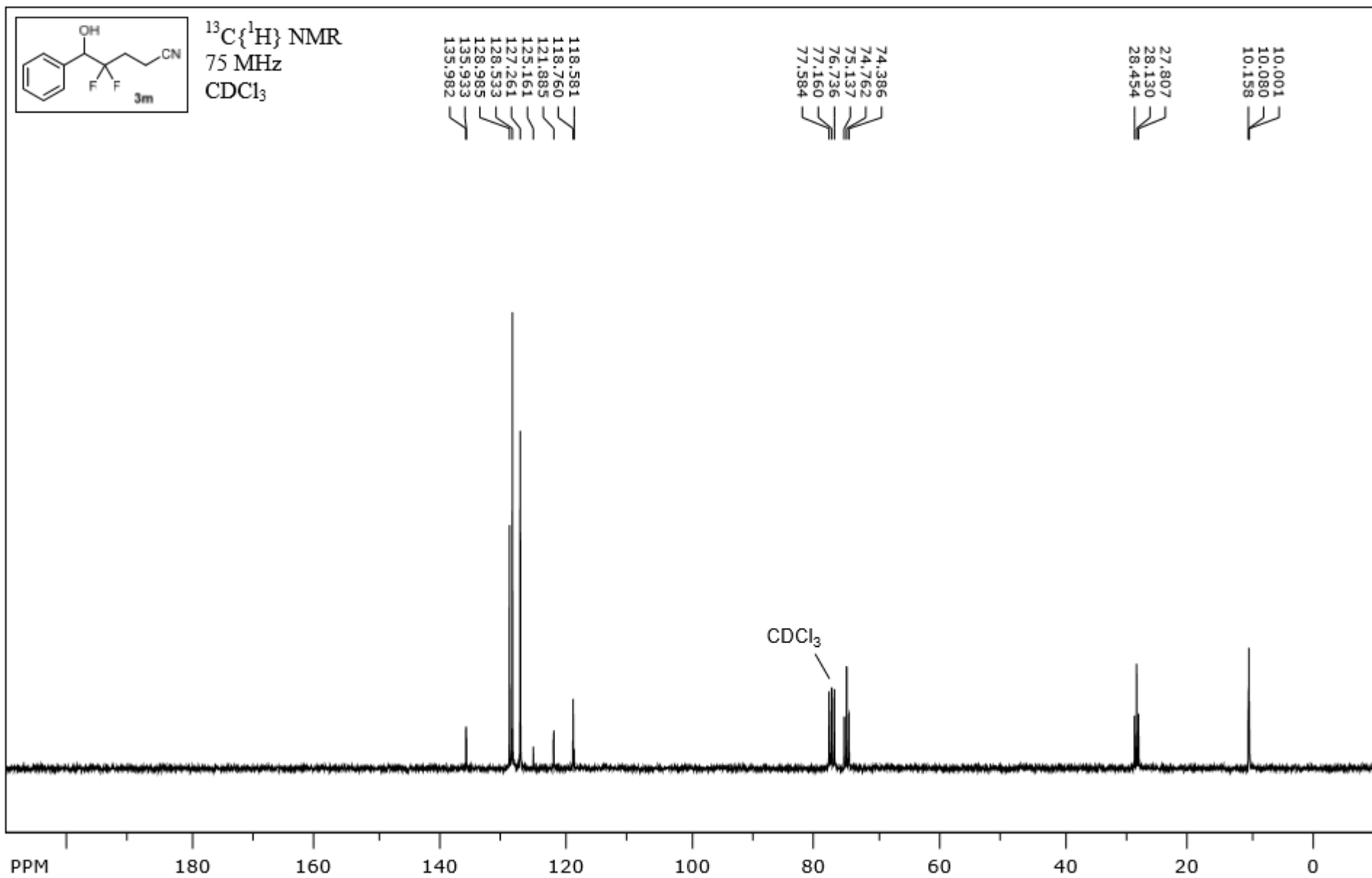


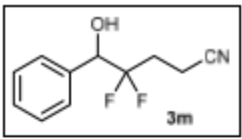
¹⁹F NMR
282 MHz
CDCl₃

- 111.722
- 111.698
- 111.628
- 111.557
- 111.534
- 110.866
- 110.797
- 110.741
- 110.673
- 105.007
- 104.975
- 104.947
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- 104.056
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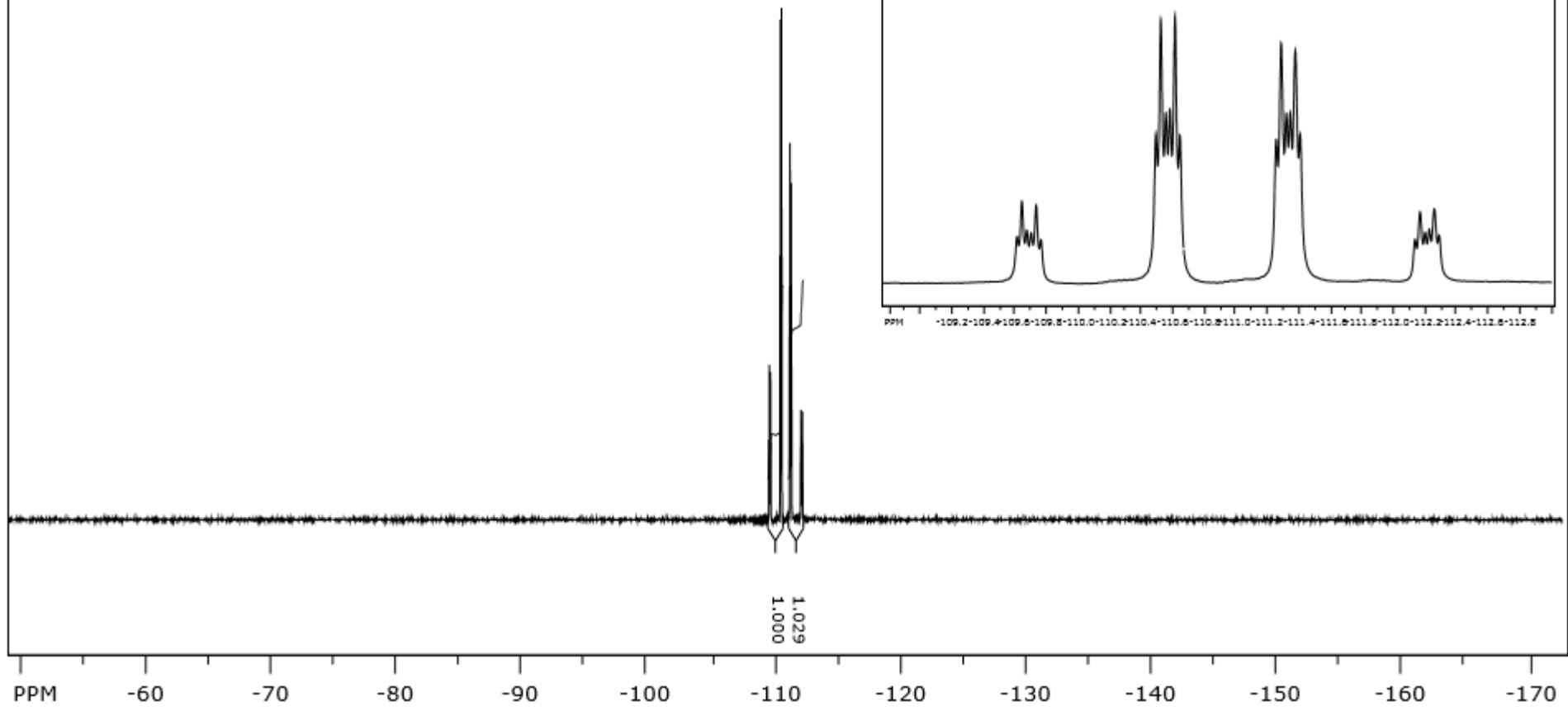
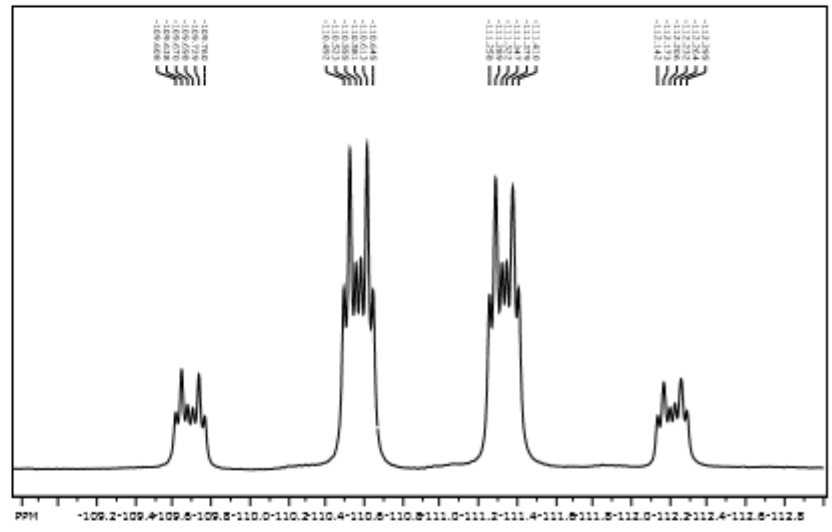


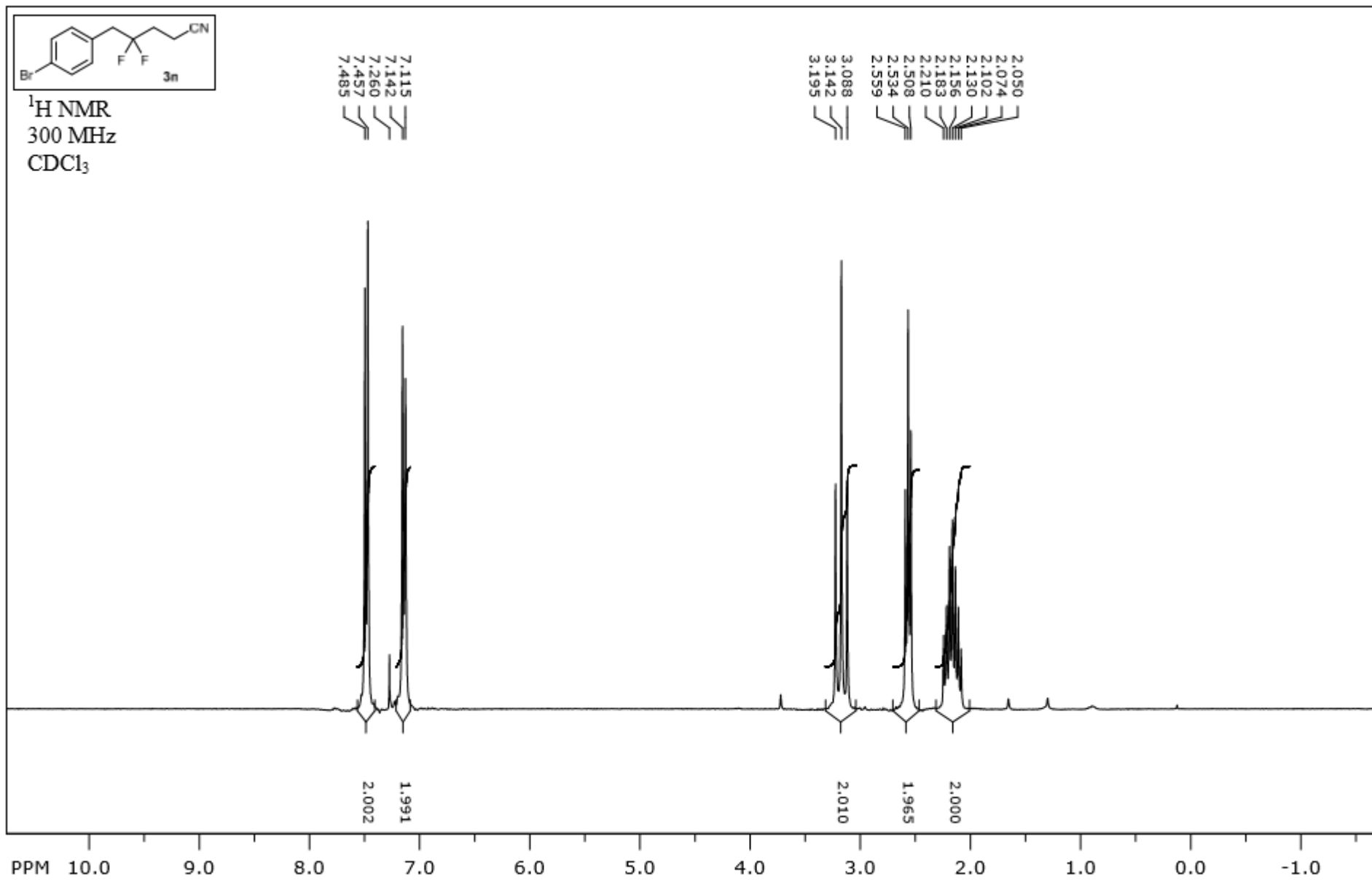


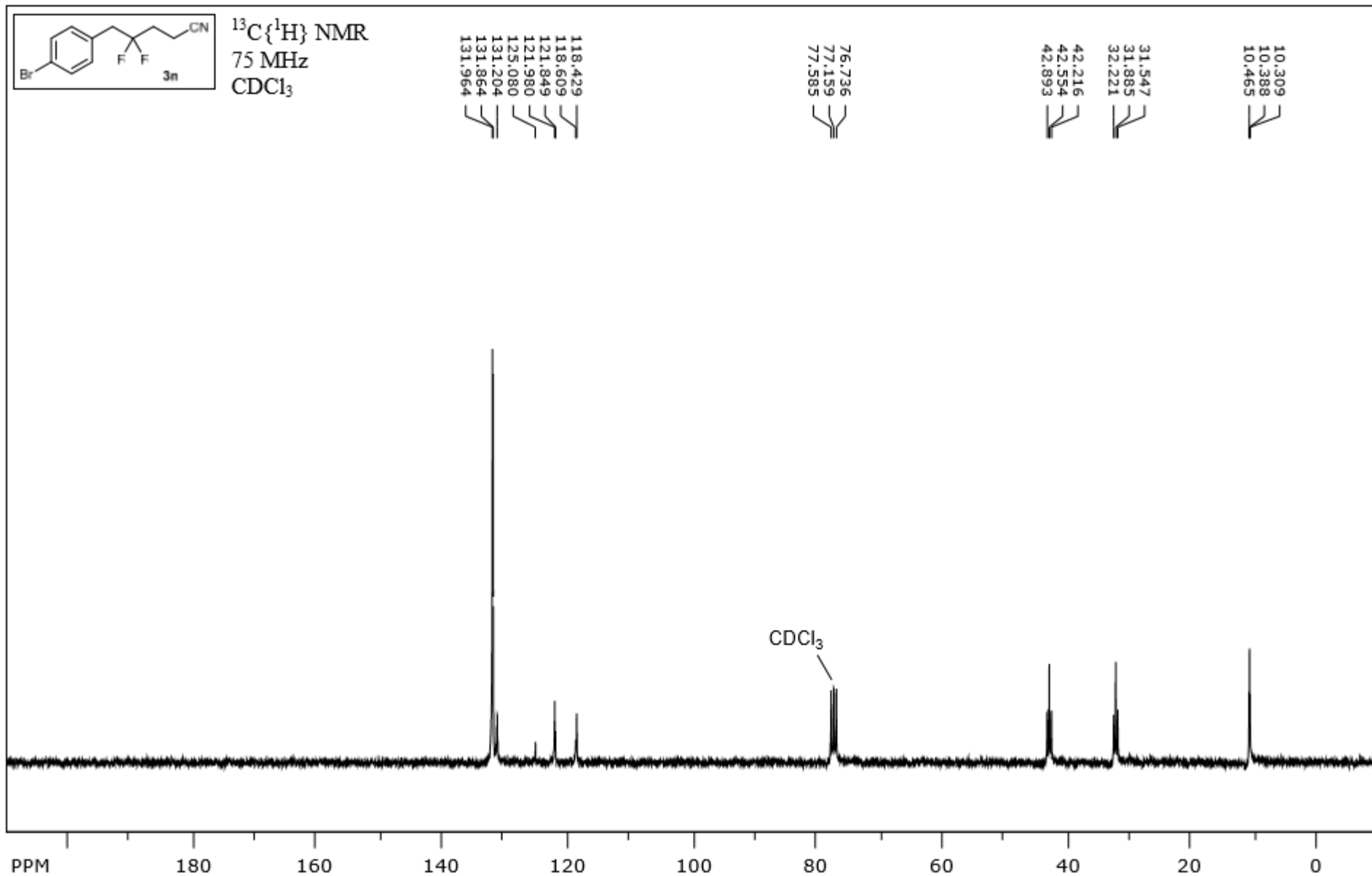


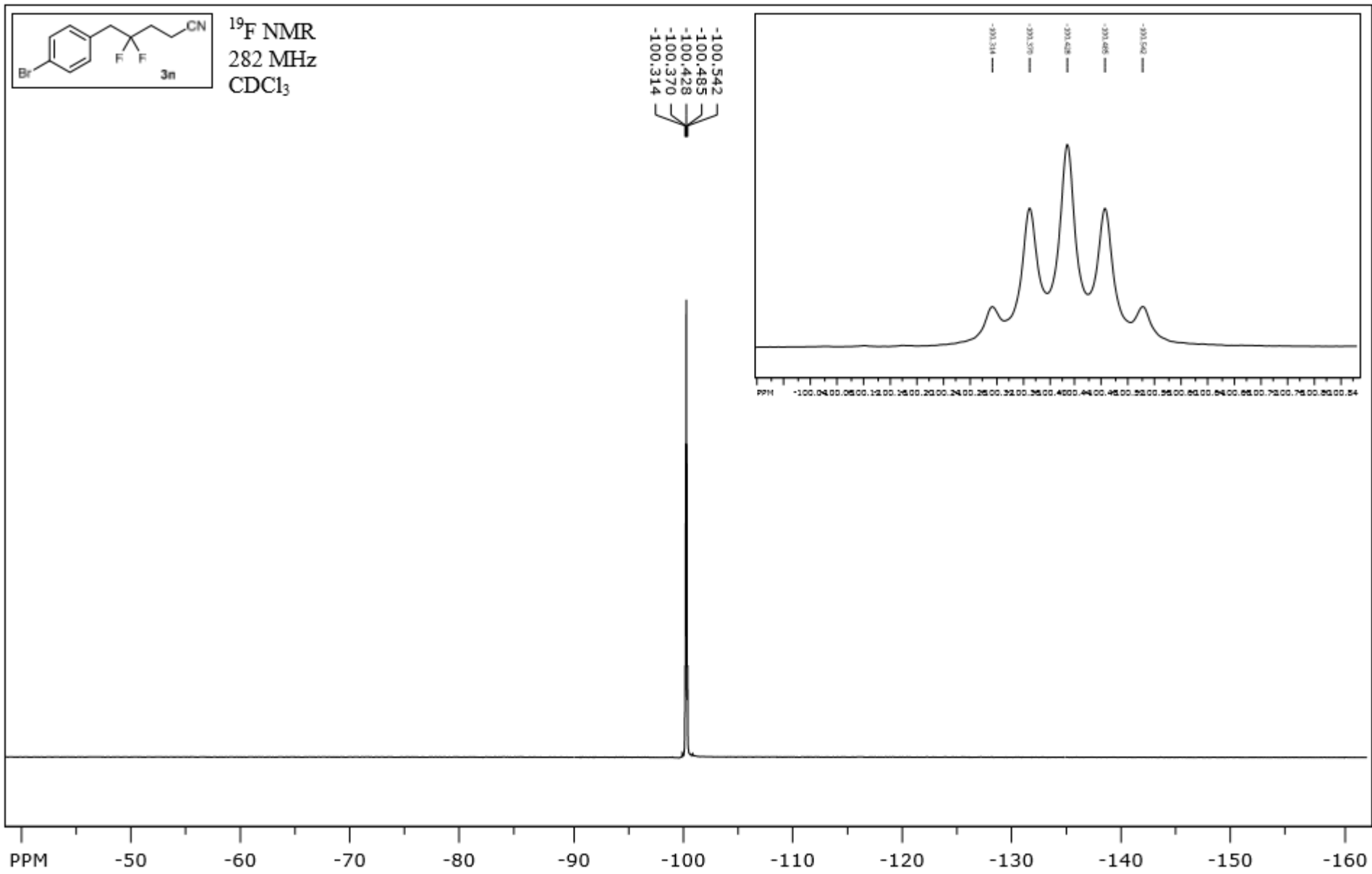
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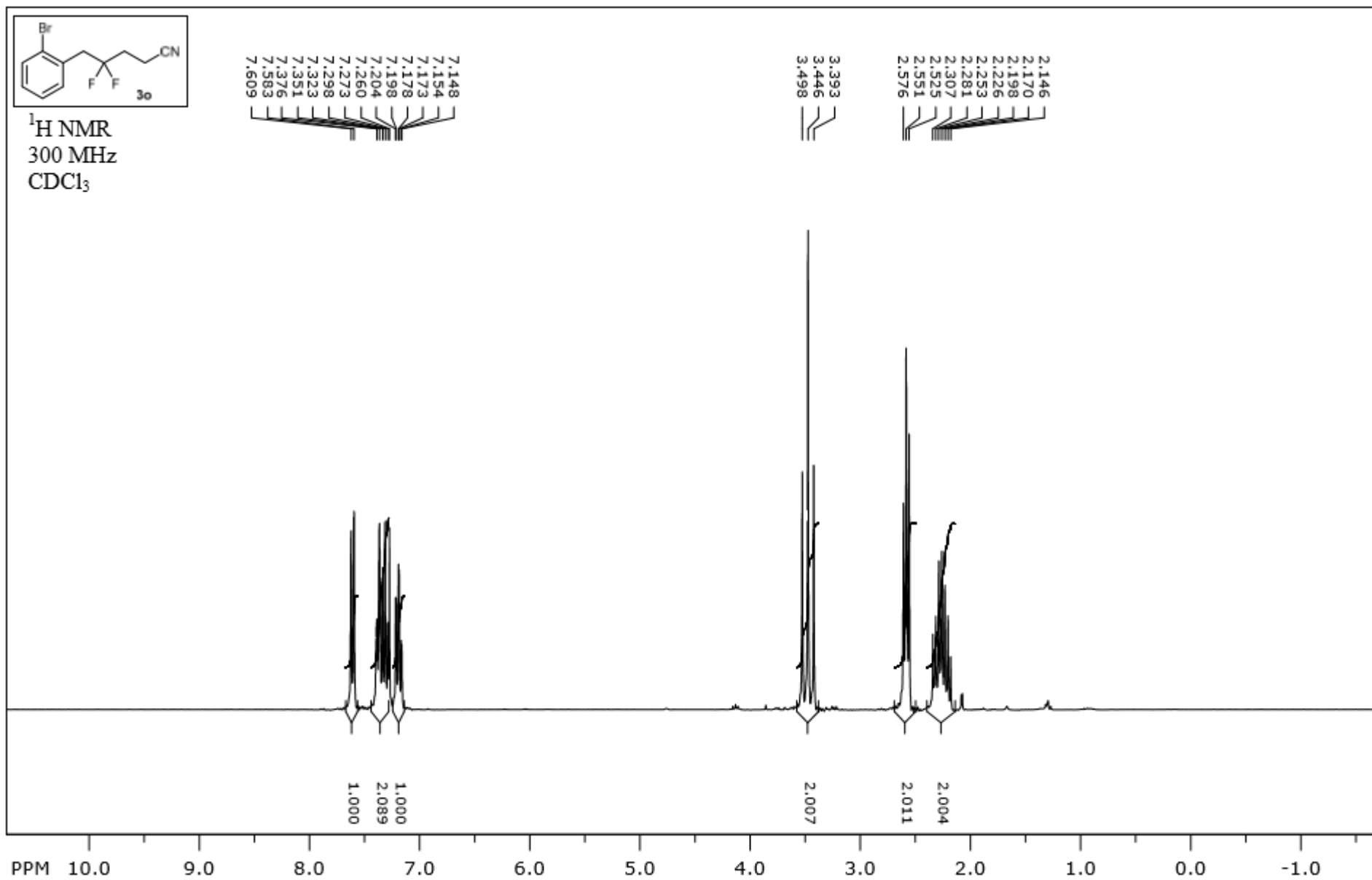
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-111.256
-110.646
-110.613
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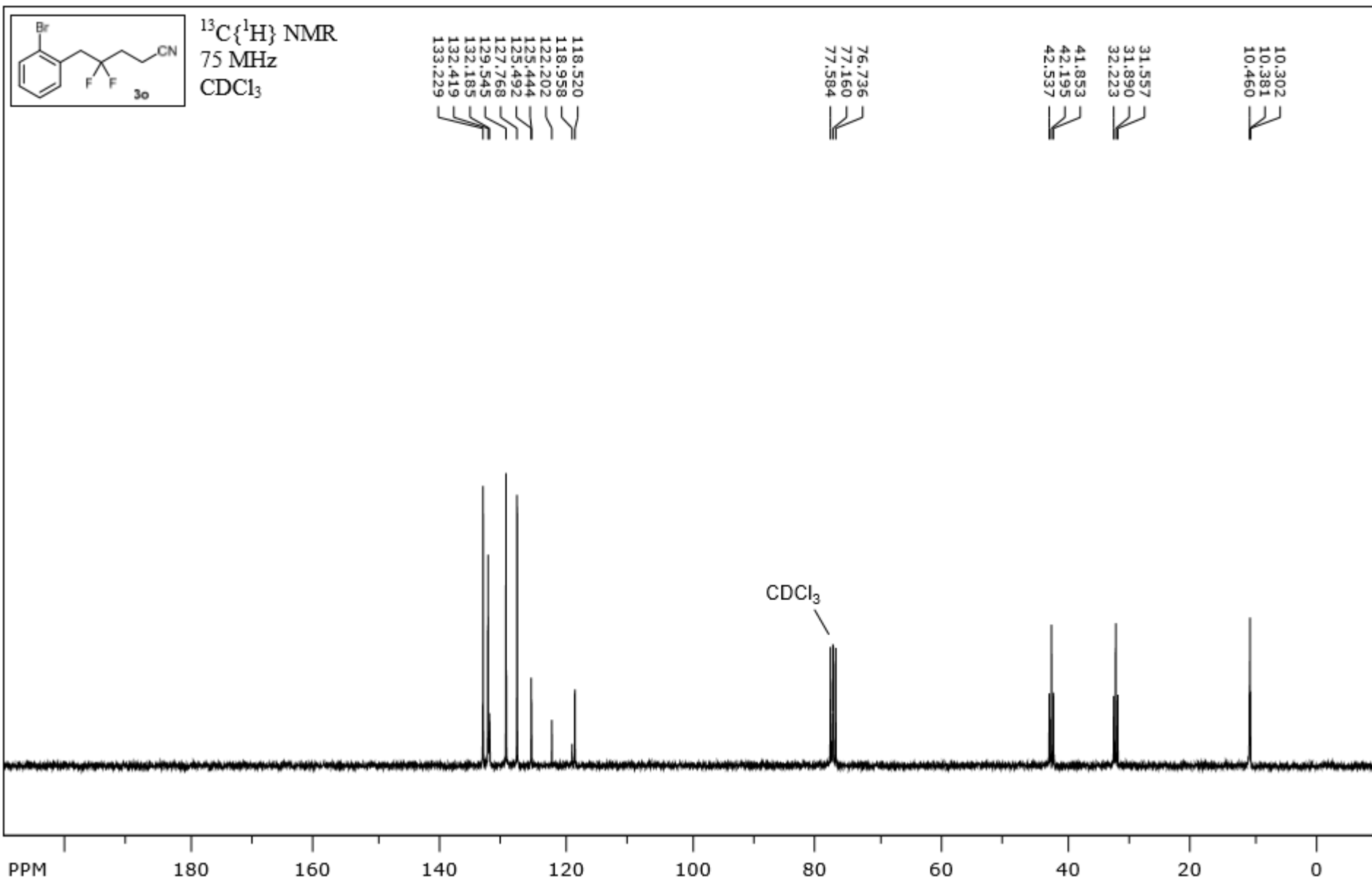


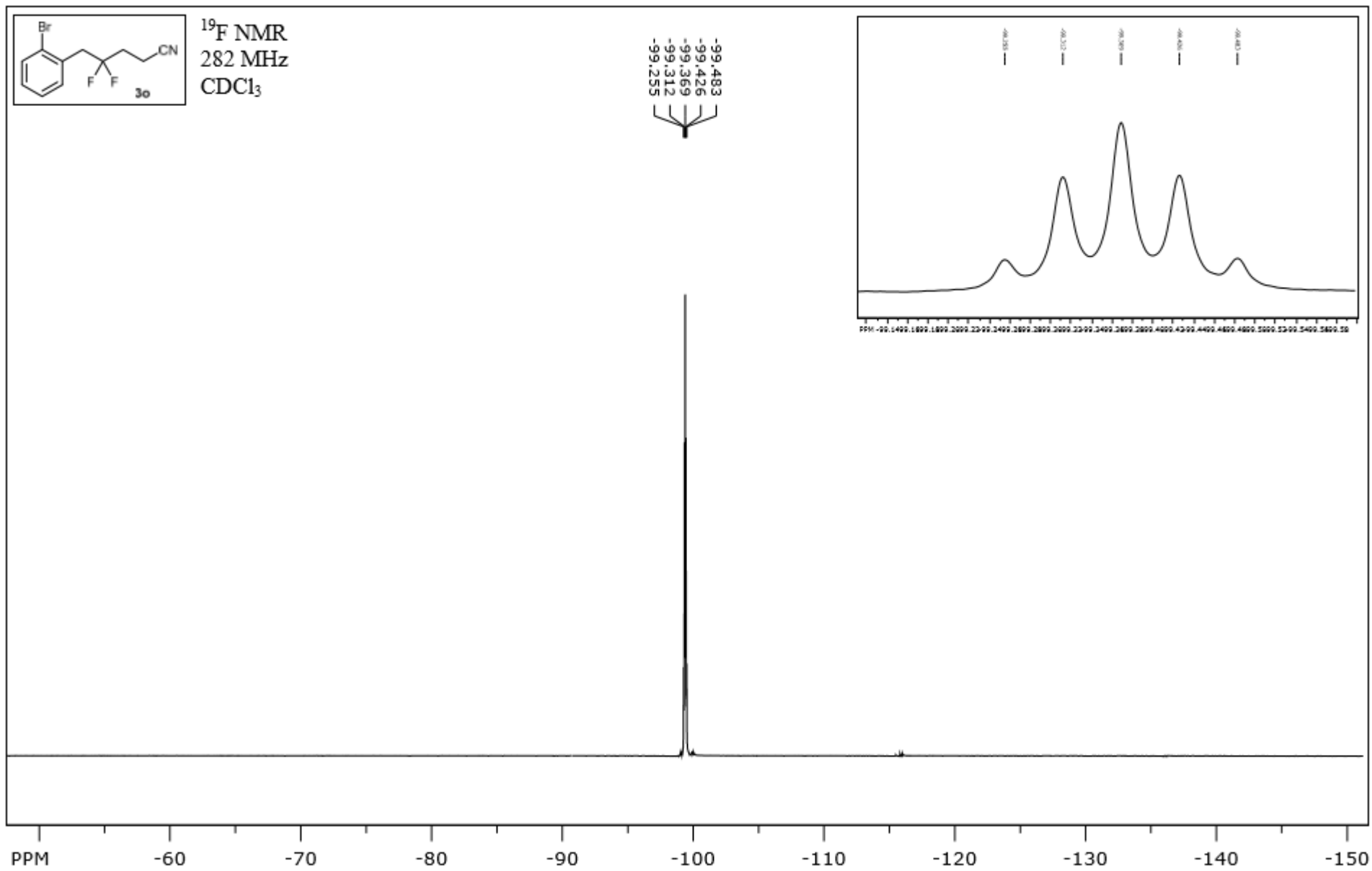


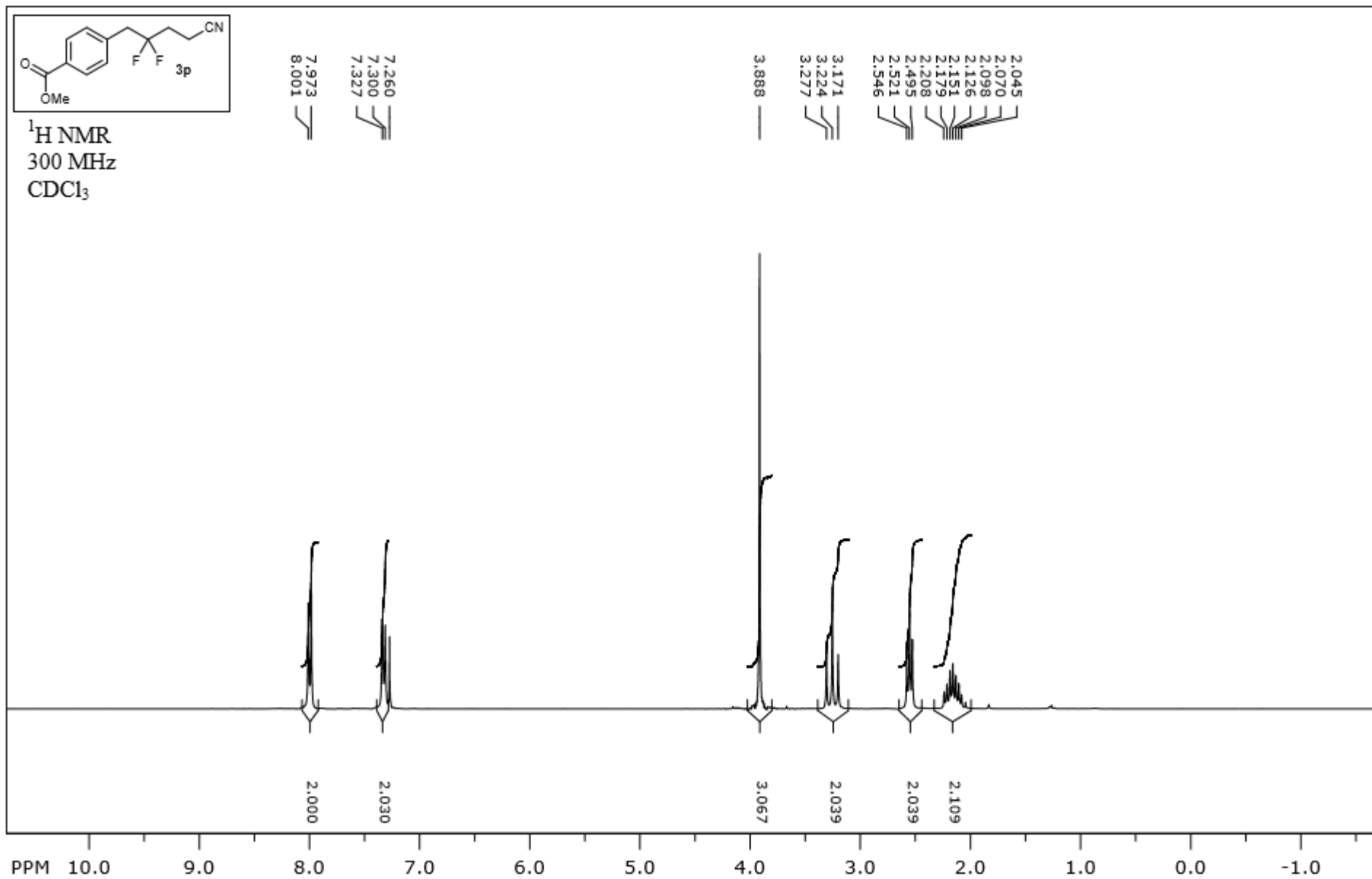


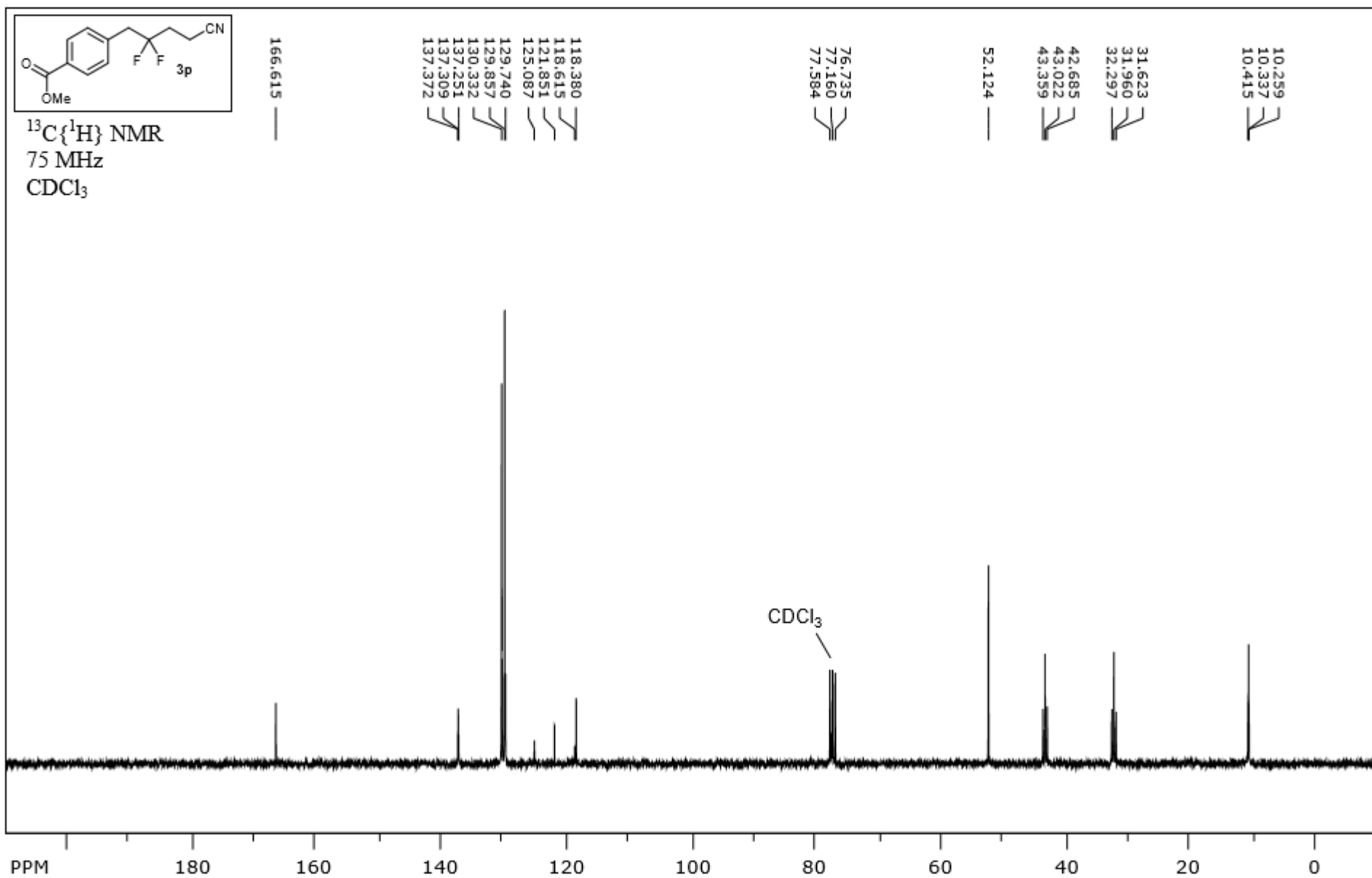


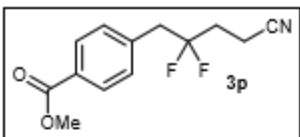






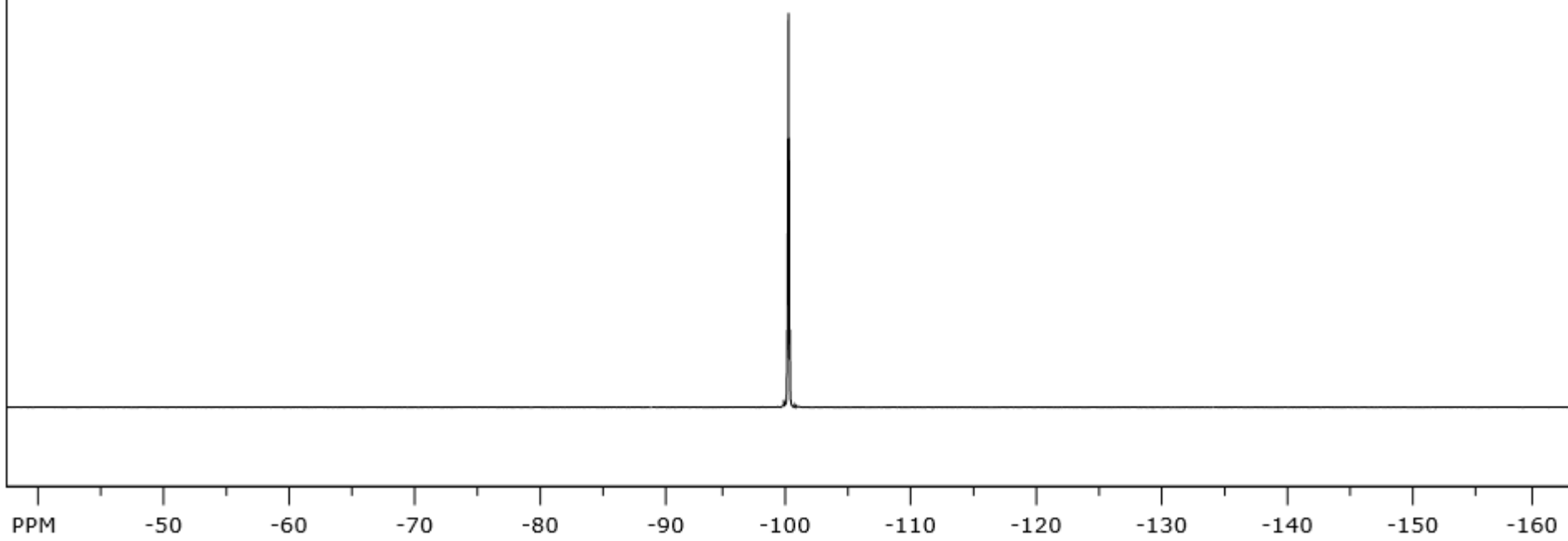
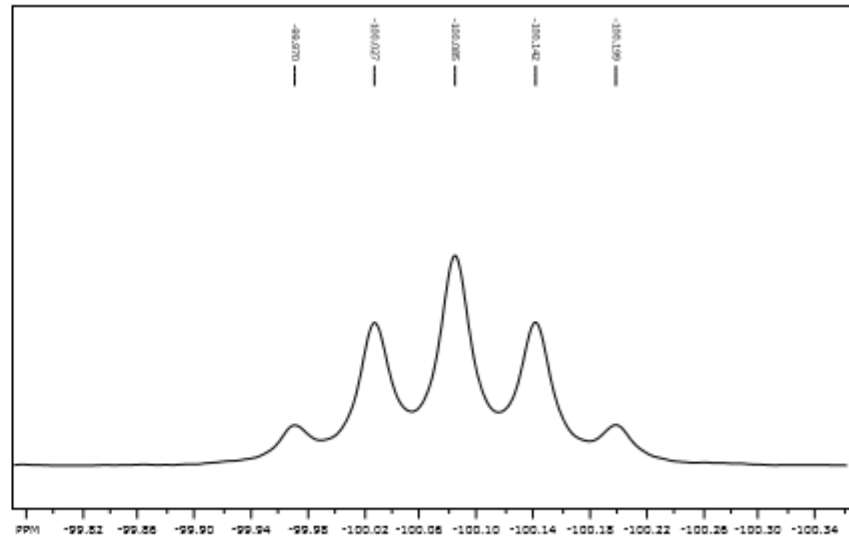


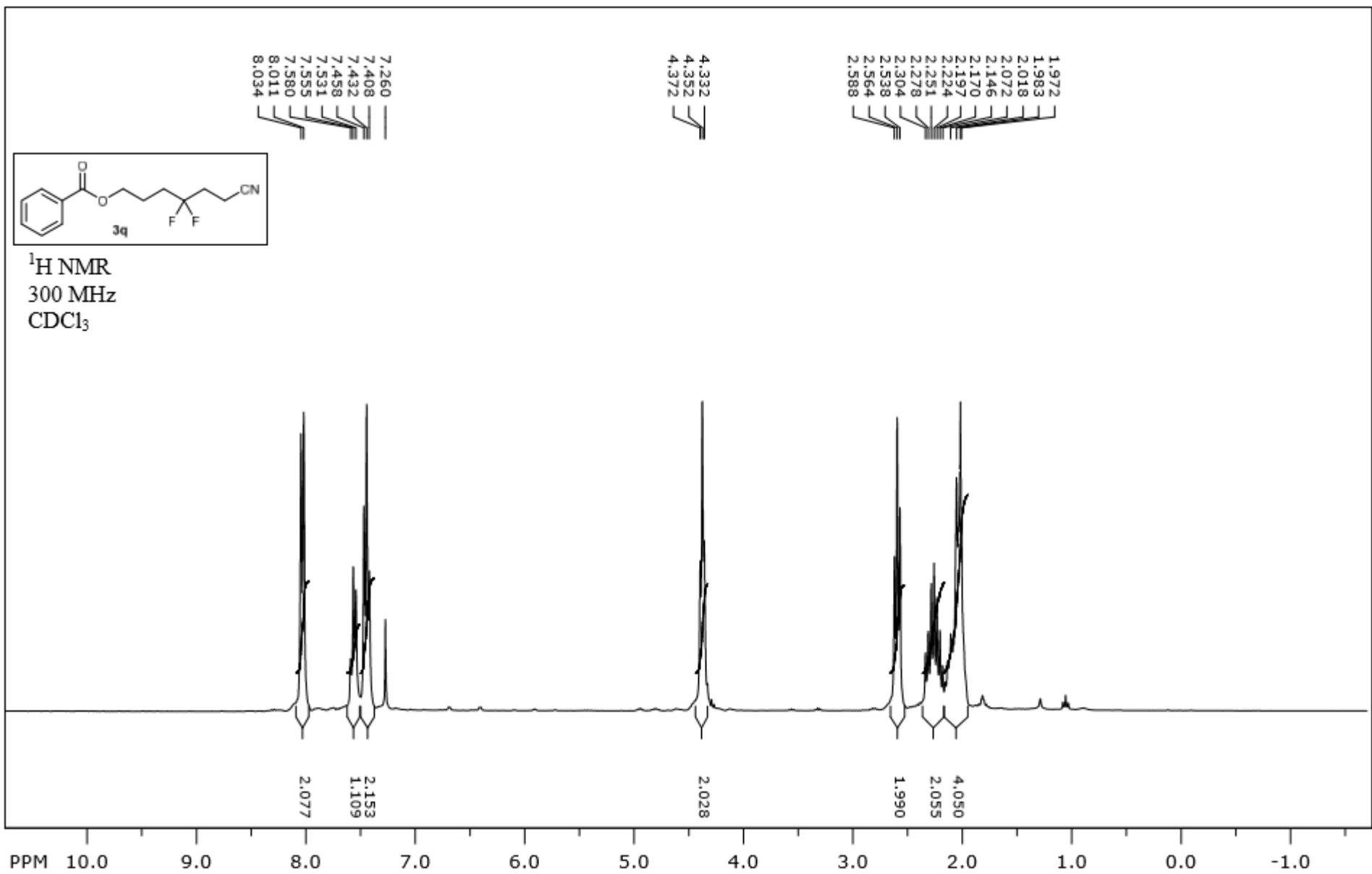


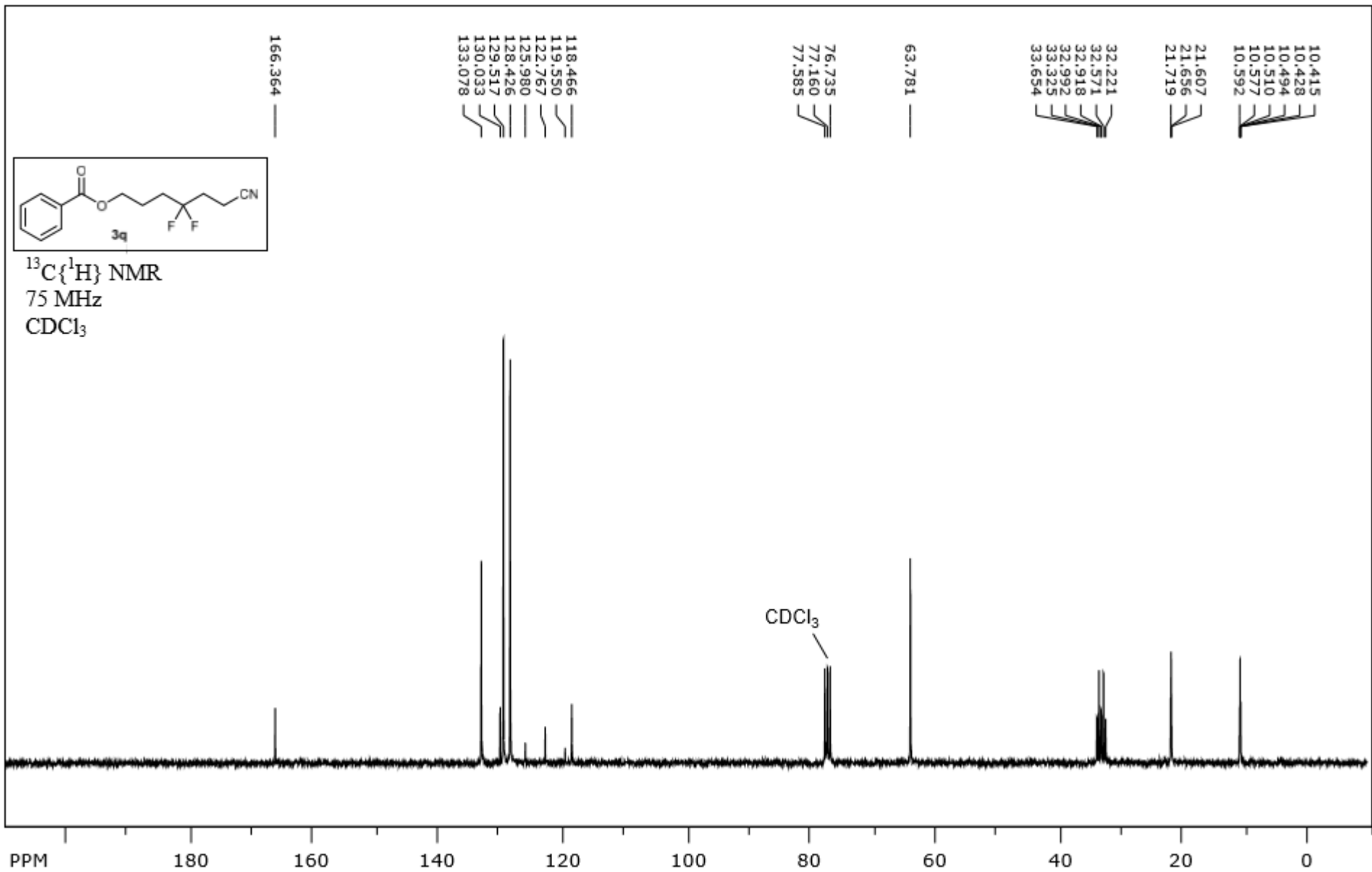


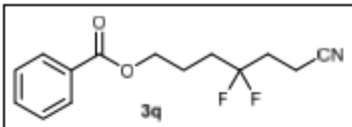
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282 MHz
 CDCl_3

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-100.142
-100.085
-100.027
-99.970



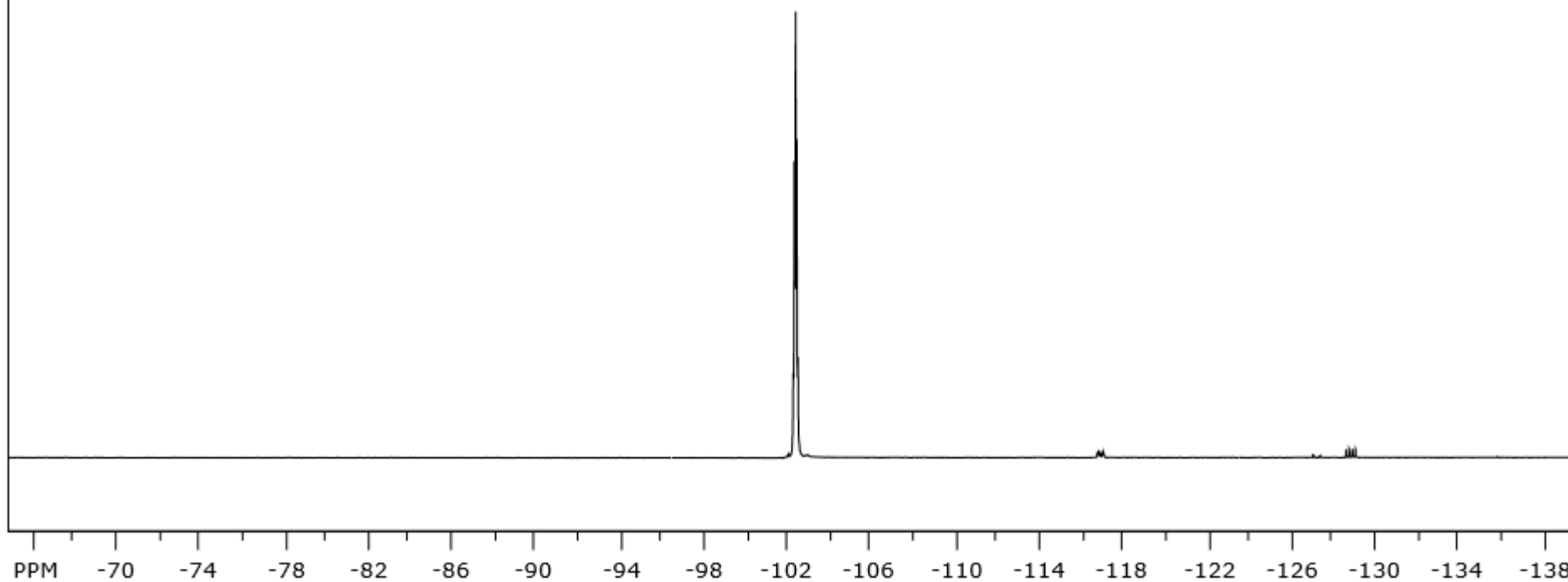
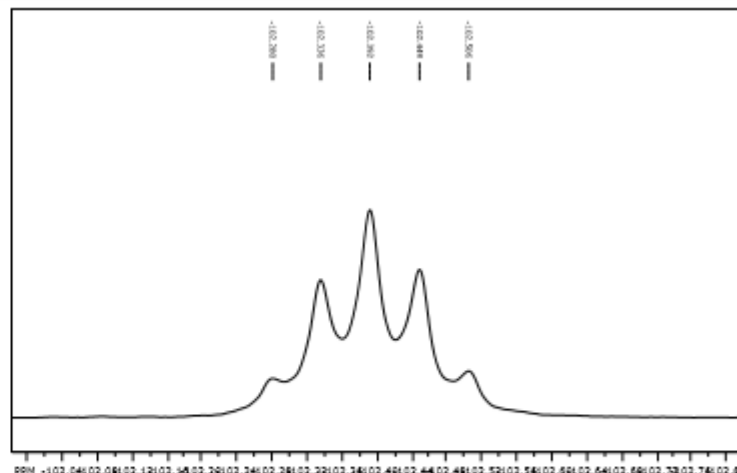


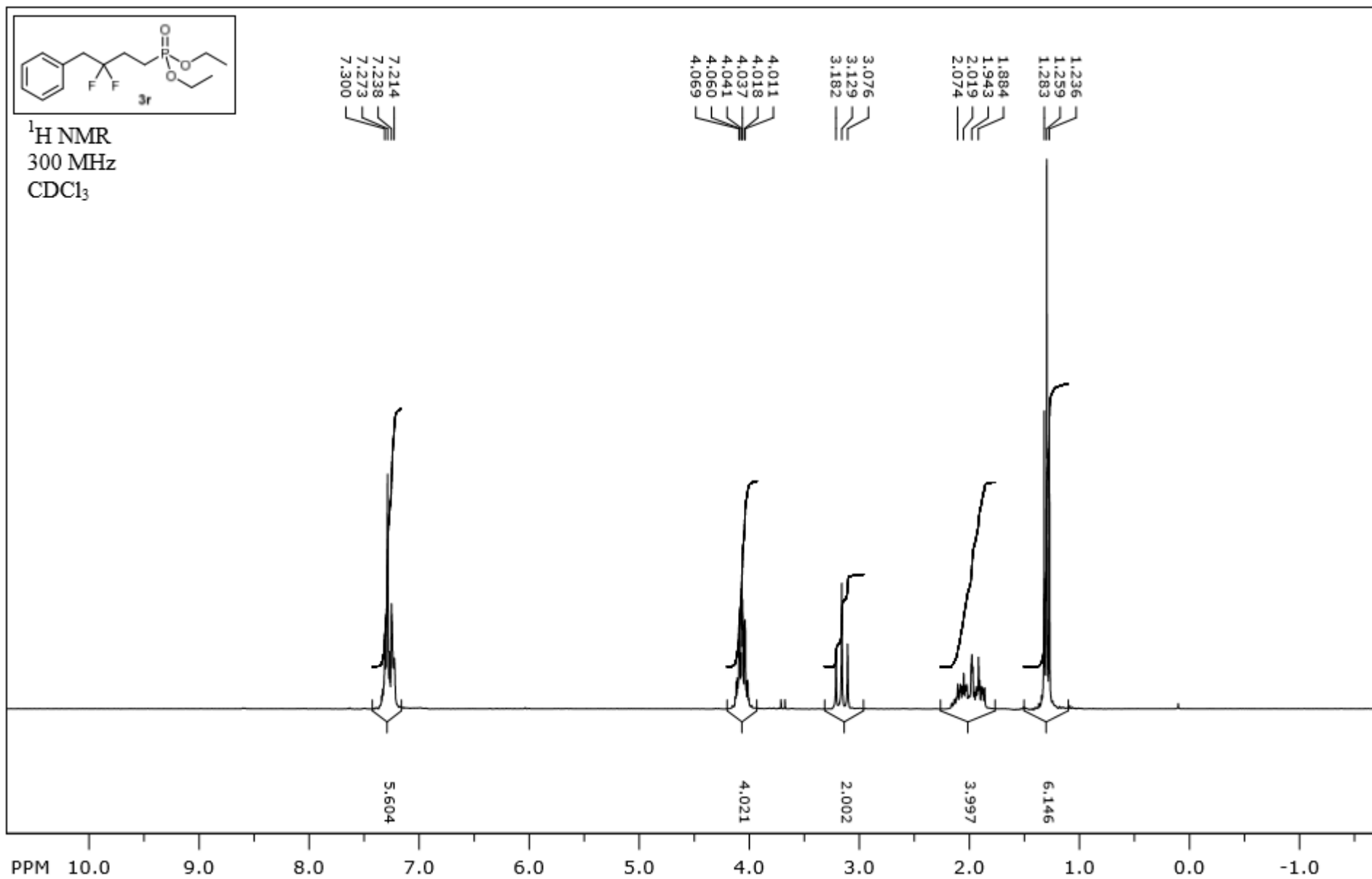


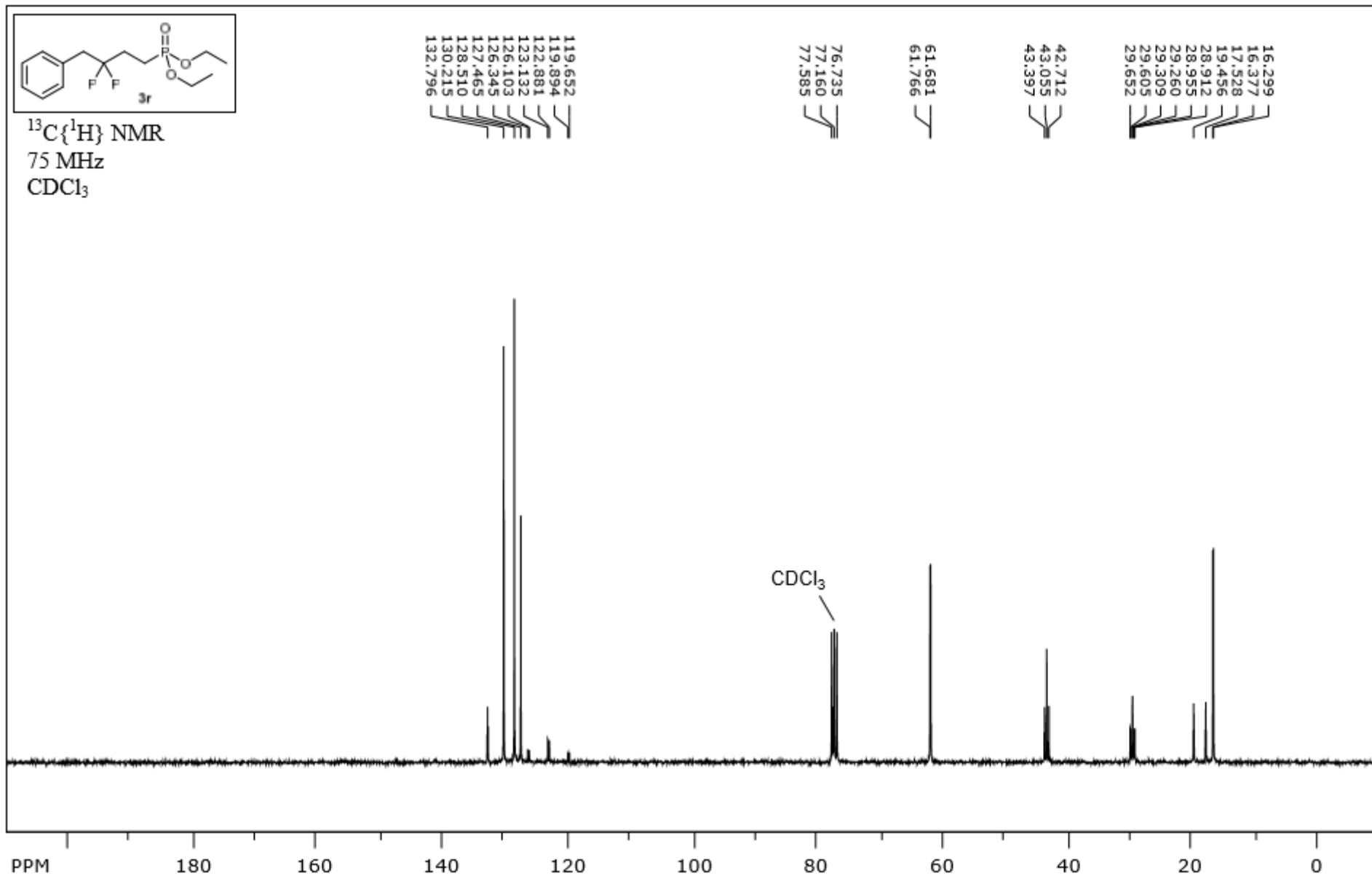


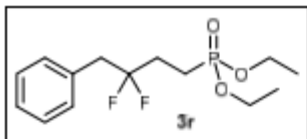
¹⁹F NMR
282 MHz
CDCl₃

-102.506
-102.449
-102.392
-102.336
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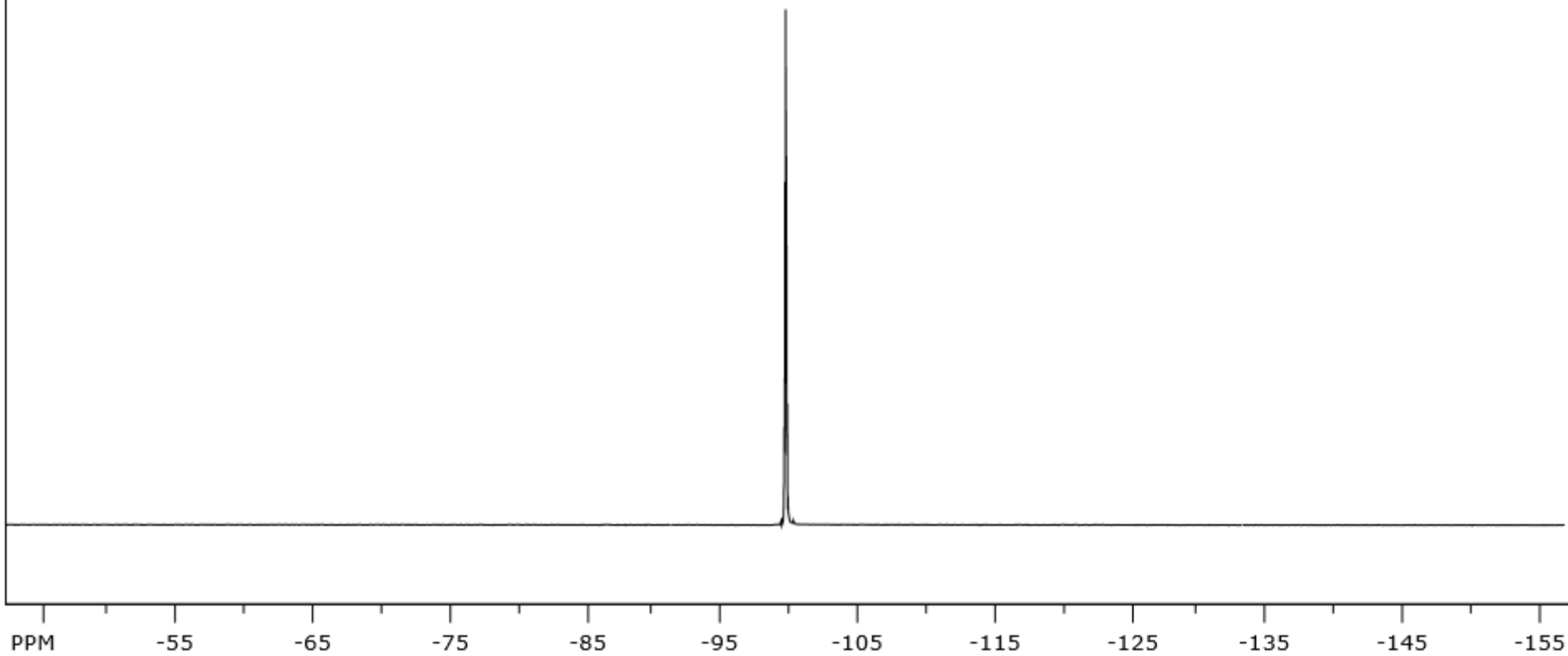
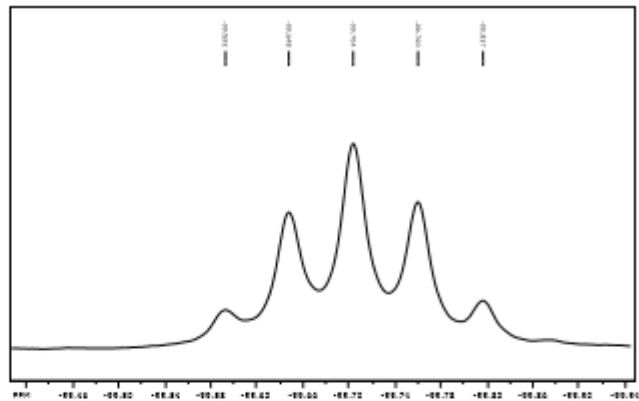


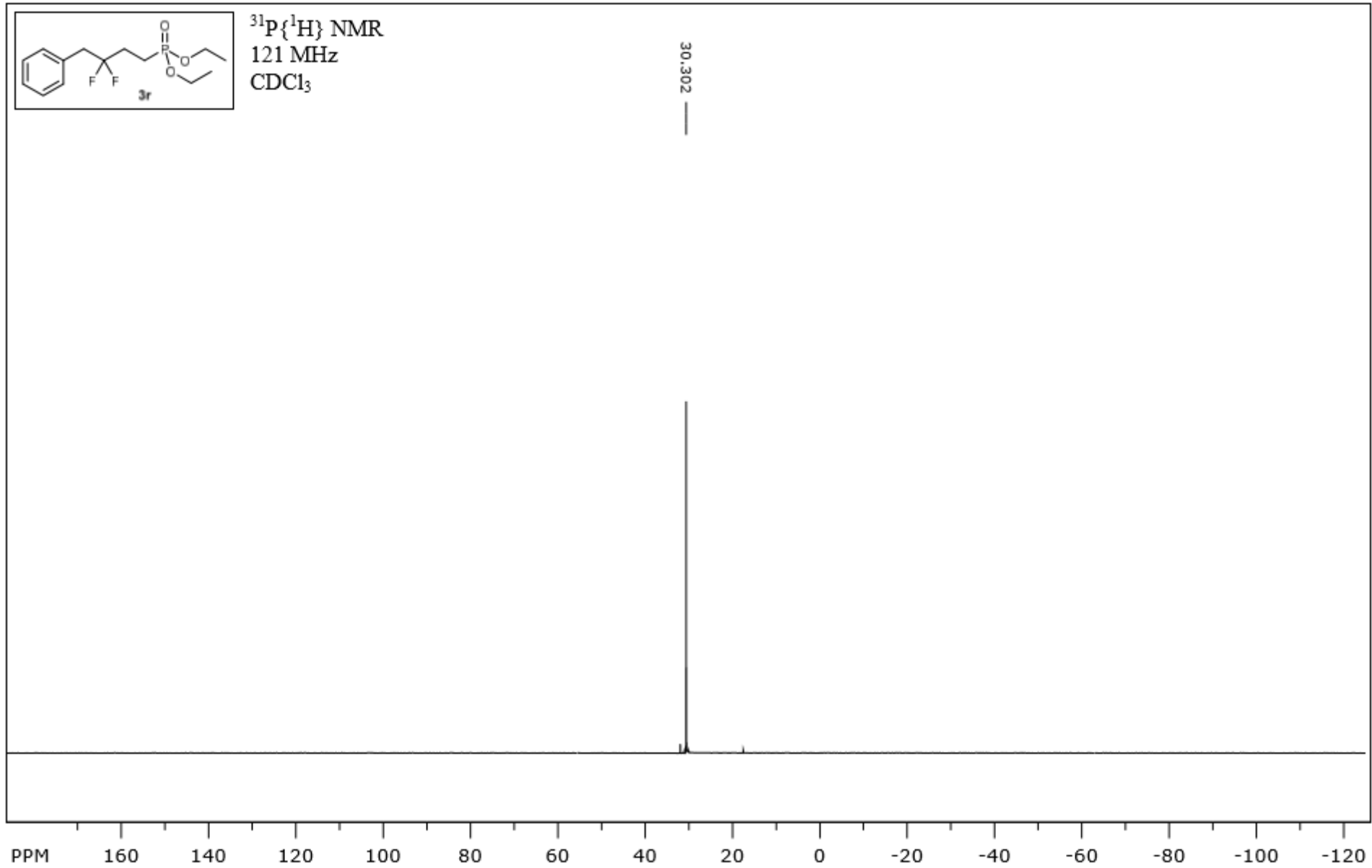


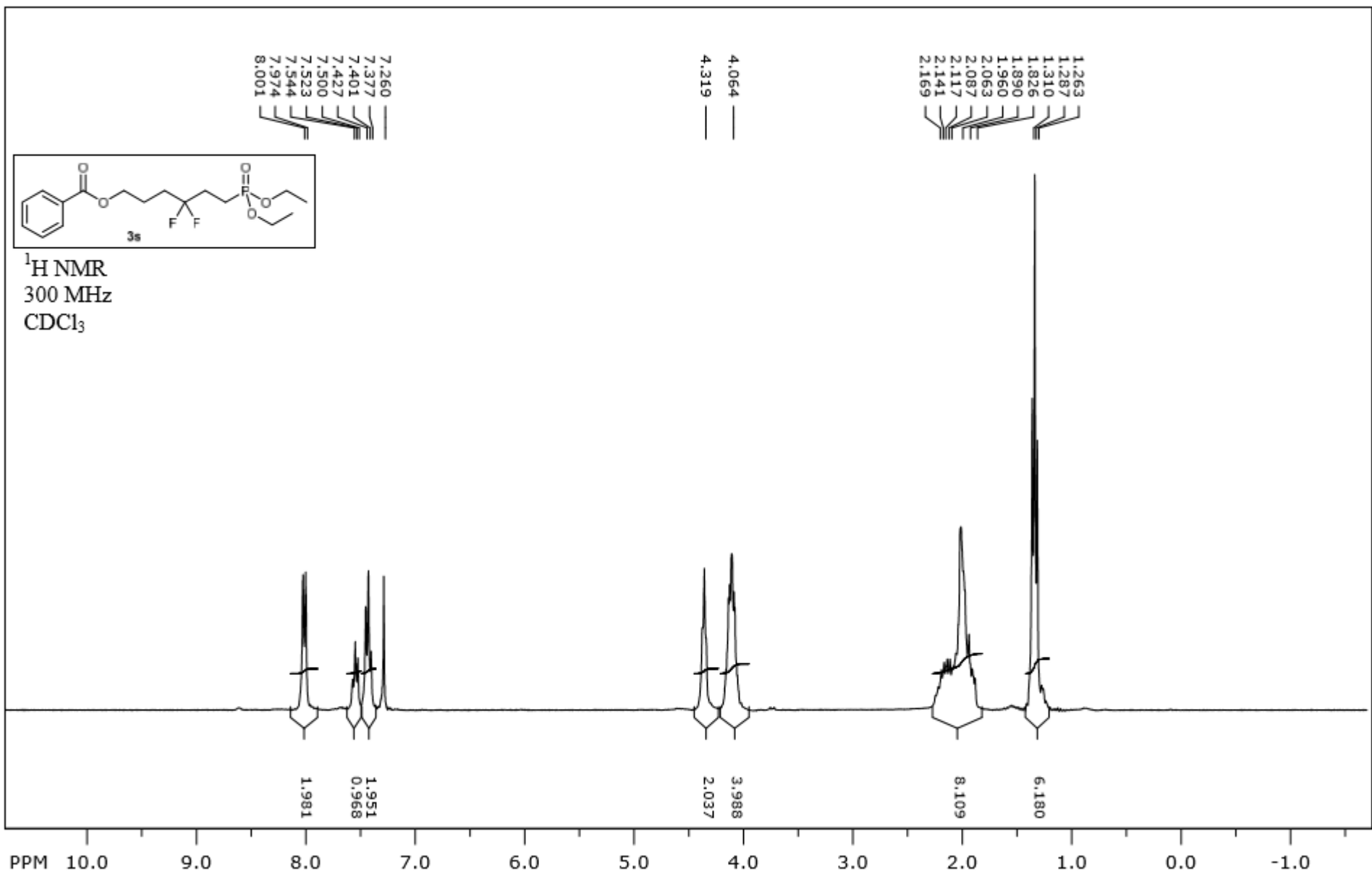


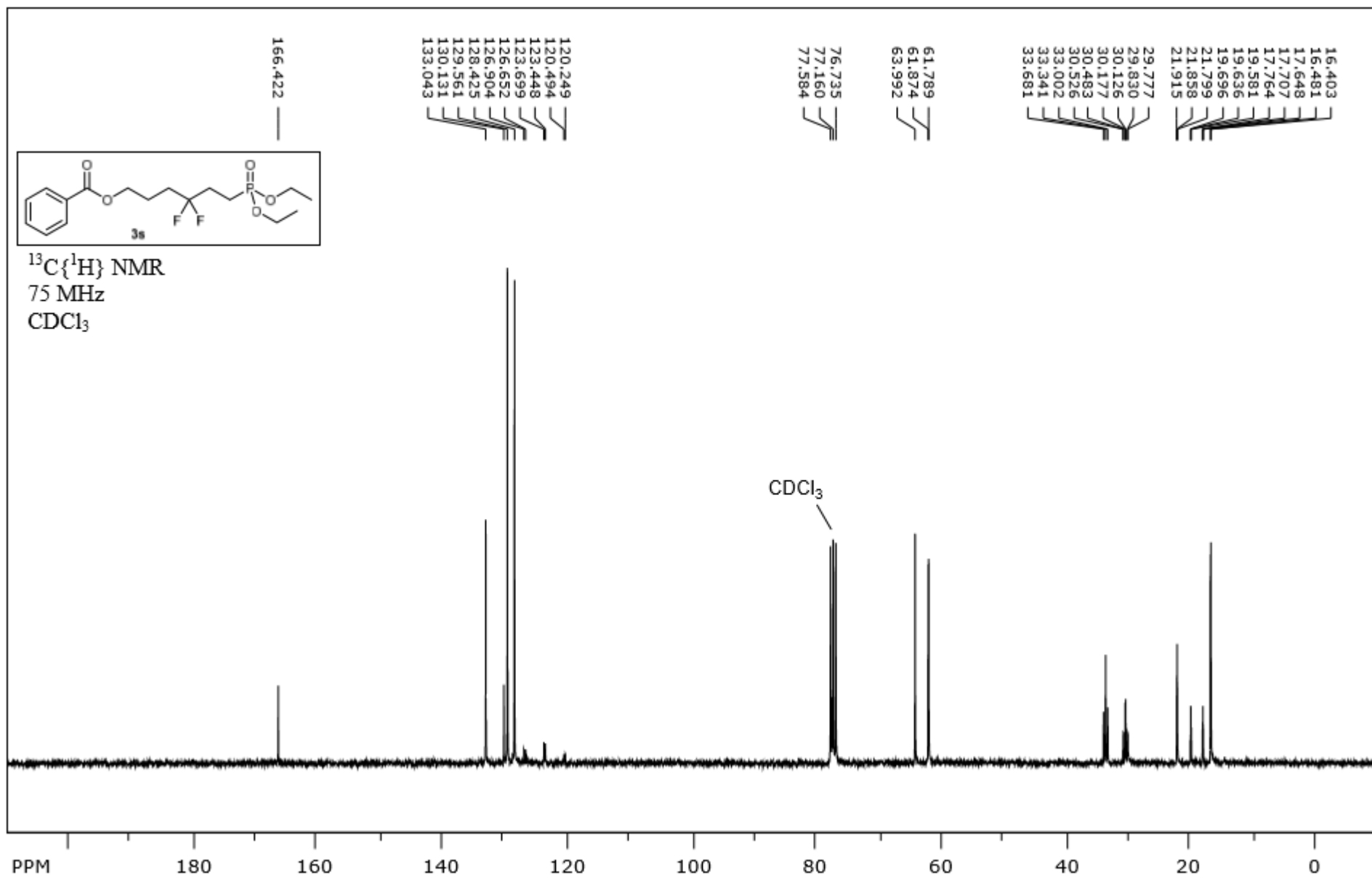
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 CDCl_3

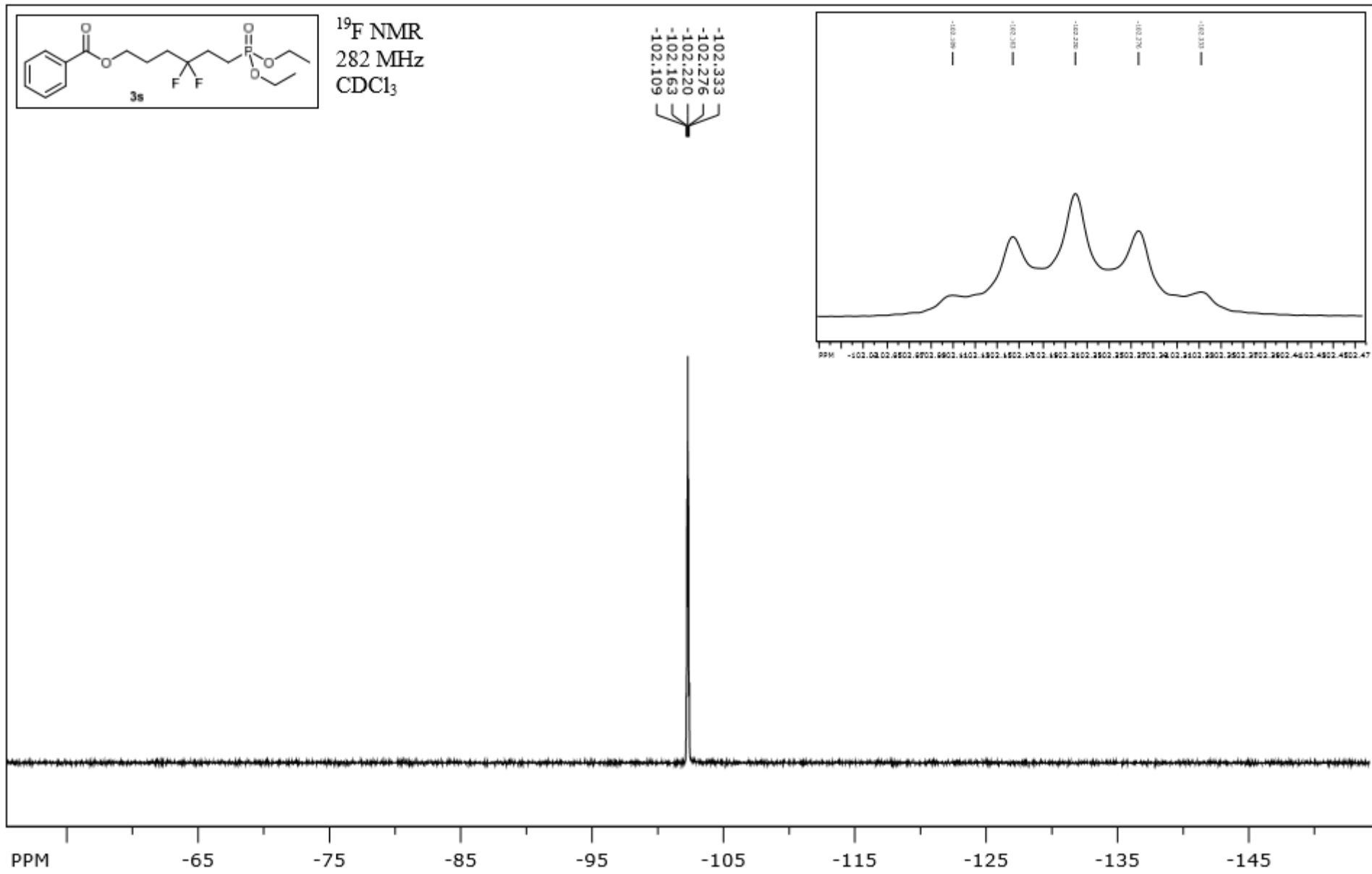
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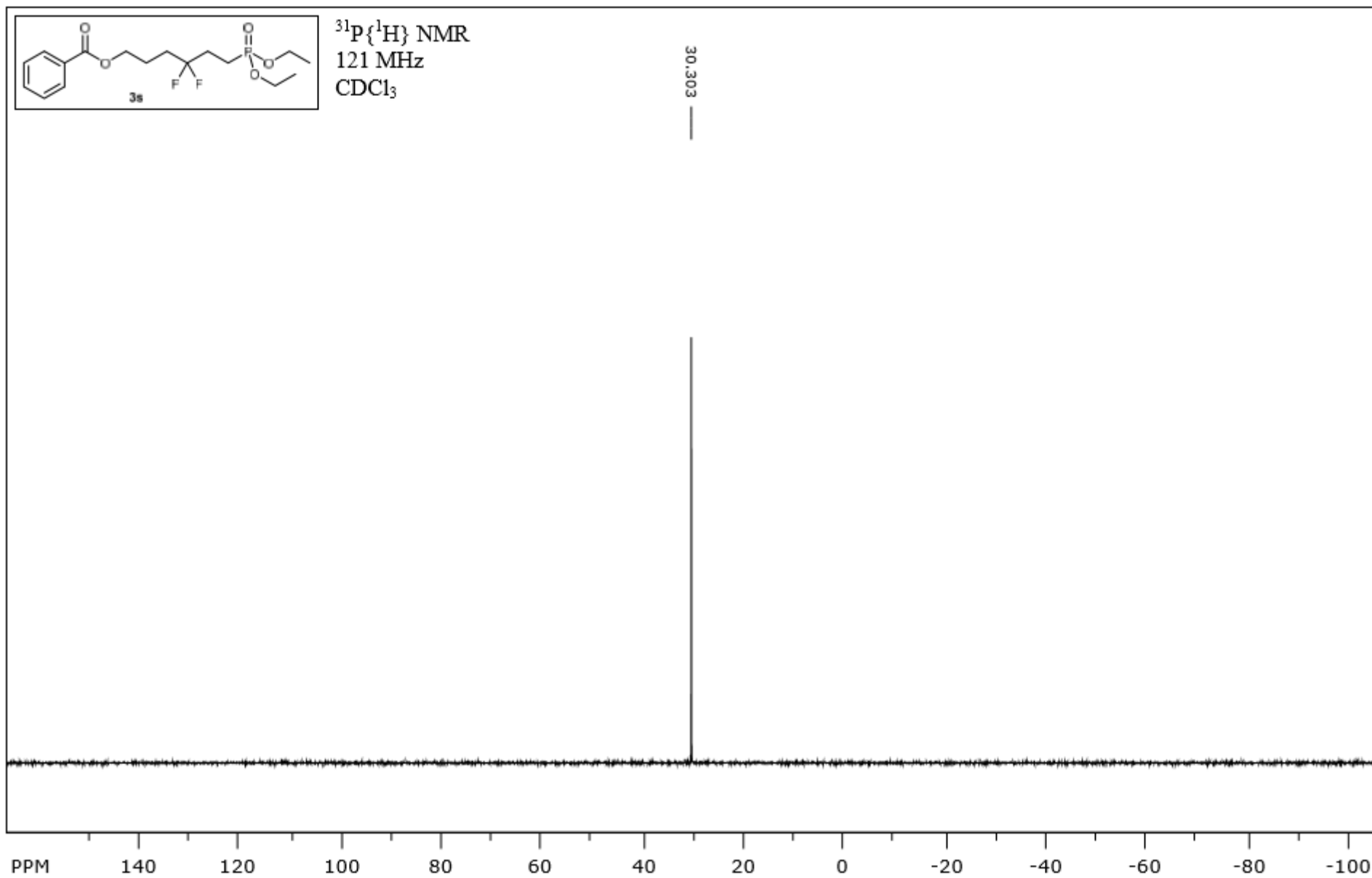


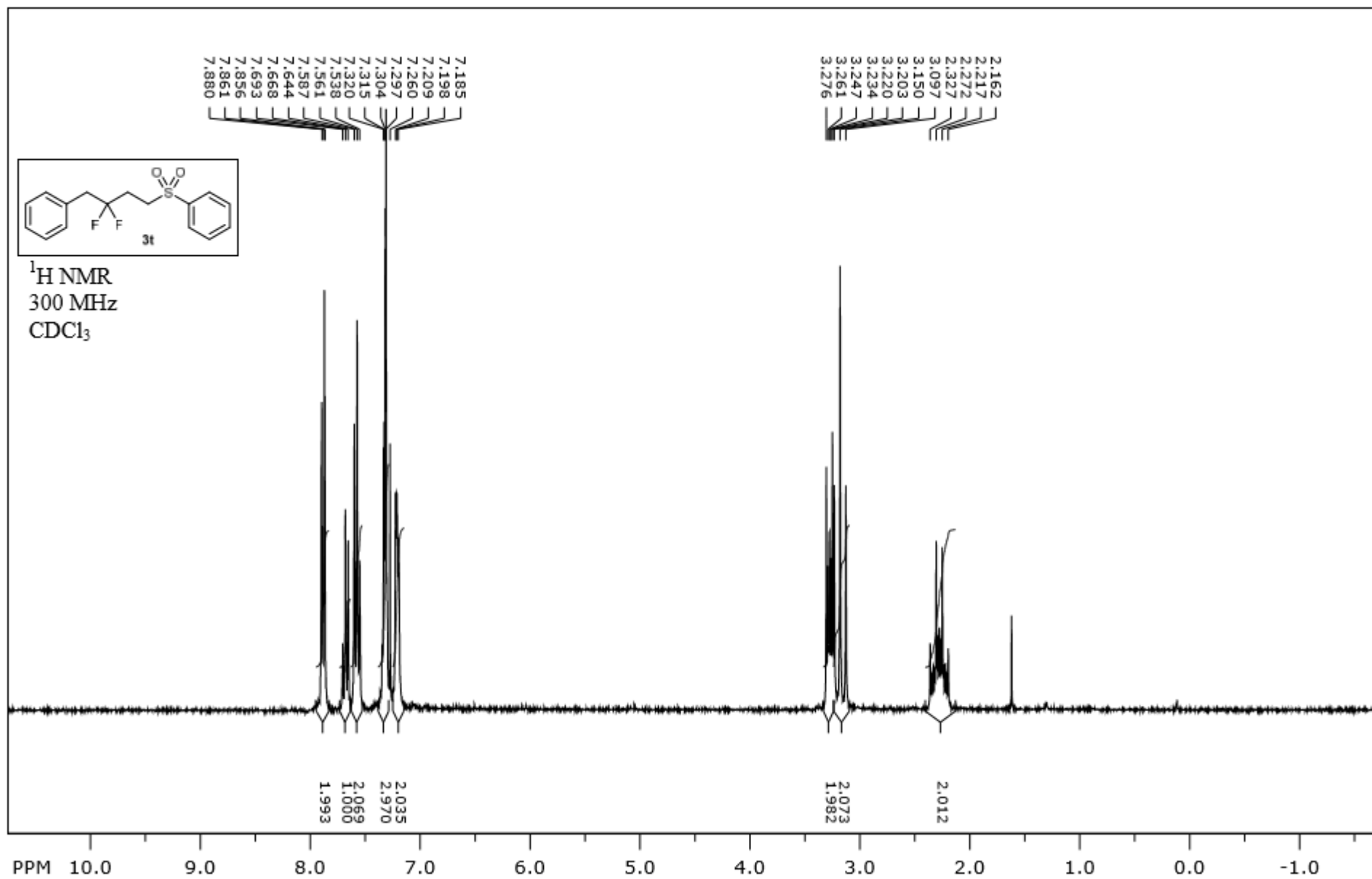


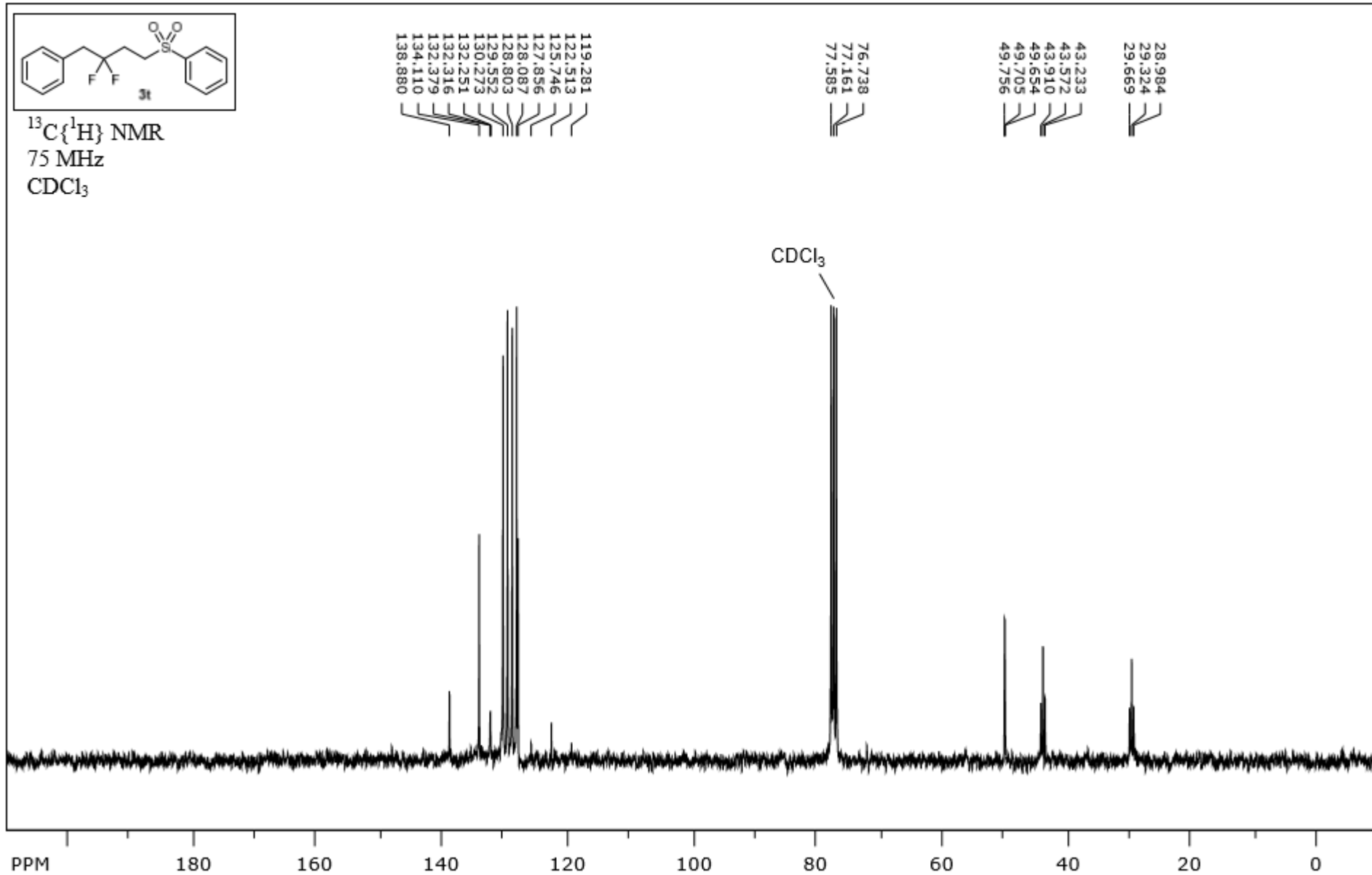


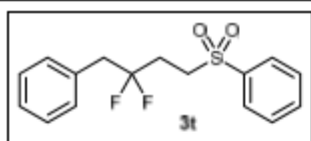






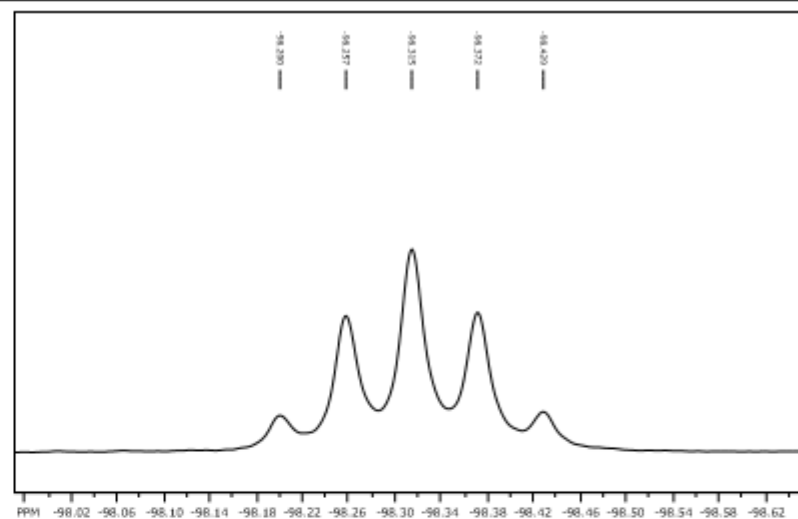






¹⁹F NMR
282 MHz
CDCl₃

-98.429
-98.372
-98.315
-98.257
-98.200



PPM -50 -60 -70 -80 -90 -100 -110 -120 -130 -140 -150

