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Solvent-free Mizoroki-Heck reaction applied to the synthesis of abscisic acid and analogues

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1. Materials and Methods

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1.1. General Methods

All reagents were purchased from commercial suppliers and were used without further purification. THF was dried with a dry station GT S100 instantaneously prior to use. The reactions were monitored by thin-layer chromatography (TLC) analysis using silica gel (60 F254) plates. Compounds were visualized by UV irradiation. Flash column chromatography was performed on silica gel 60 (230 - 400 mesh, 0.040 - 0.063 mm). Melting points (mp [°C]) were taken on samples in open capillary tubes and are uncorrected. The infrared spectra of compounds were recorded on a Thermo Scientific Nicolet iS10. ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker avance II spectrometer at 250 MHz (¹³C, 62.9 MHz) and on a Bruker avance III HD nanobay 400 MHz (¹³C 100.62 MHz). Chemical shifts are given in parts per million from tetramethylsilane (TMS) or deterrered solvent (MeOH-*d*₄, Chloroform-*d*) as internal standard. The following abbreviations are used for the proton spectra multiplicities: b : broad, s: singlet, d: doublet, t: triplet, q: quartet, p: pentuplet, m: multiplet. Coupling constants (*J*) are reported in Hertz (Hz). High-resolution mass spectra (HRMS (ESI)) were performed on a Maxis Bruker 4G by the “Federation de Recherche” ICOA/CBM (FR2708) platform.

1.2 Procedure for synthesis of 1-Ethenyl-3-methylcyclohex-2-en-1-ol

1-Ethenyl-3-methylcyclohex-2-en-1-ol 1: To a solution of vinylmagnesium bromide (22.7 mL, 22.7 mmol) 2.5 equiv) in dry THF (10 mL), was added the corresponding ketone (1.000 g, 9.1 mmol 1 equiv) at 0 °C. The mixture was stirred at this temperature for 2 – 3 hours. Then a saturated solution of NH₄Cl (50 mL) was added, and the reaction mixture was extracted with EtOAc (3 x 40 mL). The organic phases were combined, dried on MgSO₄ and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude material was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel PE-AE: (8:2, v/v), to provide **1** (1.065 g, 85 %) as a pale yellow oil. ¹H NMR (250 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 5.93 (dd, *J* = 17.3, 10.6 Hz, 1H, H_{1'}), 5.29 (q, *J* = 1.6 Hz, 1H, H₂), 5.21 (dd, *J* = 17.3, 1.4 Hz, 1H, H_{2'}), 5.06 (dd, *J* = 10.6, 1.5 Hz, 1H, H_{2'}), 1.97 – 1.88 (m, 2H, H₄), 1.80 – 1.59 (m, 8H, H₆, H₅, H₇, OH); ¹³C NMR (63 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 144.7 (C_{1'}), 138.5 (C₃), 125.6 (C₂), 112.5 (C_{2'}), 71.4 (C₁), 36.0 (C₆), 30.0 (C₄), 23.7 (C₇), 19.3 (C₅); IR (ATR, cm⁻¹): 3355, 2966, 2866, 1669, 1638, 1436, 988; HRMS (ESI): *m/z* [M+Li]⁺ calc for C₉H₁₄LiO 145.1199, found 145.1195.

1.3 Procedures for synthesis of Methyl (2Z)-3-iodobut-2-enoate, (2Z)-3-Iodobut-2-enenitrile, Methyl (2Z)-3-iodoacrylate and 4-Nitrophenyl (2Z)-3-iodo-2-methylprop-2-enoate, Methyl (2Z,4E)-3-methyl-5-(4',4',6'-trimethyl-1',3',2'-dioxaborinan-2'-yl)penta-2,4-dienoate, Methyl (2Z,4E)-5-iodo-3-methylpenta-2,4-dienoate.

Methyl (2Z)-3-iodobut-2-enoate (2). [1]: To a solution of methyl butynoate (2.0 g, 20 mmol) in AcOH (18 mL), was added NaI (4.89 g, 33 mmol). The mixture was under reflux for 2 hours. After completion, the reaction was quenched with water (10 mL), treated with a saturated solution of sodium carbonate (100 mL) and extracted with ethyl acetate (3 x 20 mL). The organic phases were combined, dried with MgSO₄ then concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude product was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel PE-AE: (9:1, v/v), to provide **2** (3.8 g, 83 %) as a brown oil. ¹H NMR (250 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 6.30 (q, *J* = 1.5 Hz, 1H, H₂), 3.75 (s, 3H, H₅), 2.73 (d, *J* = 1.4 Hz, 3H, H₄); ¹³C NMR (63 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 164.9 (C₁), 125.3 (C₂), 113.8 (C₃), 51.7 (C₅), 36.7 (C₄).

(2Z)-3-Iodobut-2-enenitrile (2a). [2]: To a solution of (2Z)-3-iodobut-2-enamide (537 mg; 2.5 mmol) in DCM (2mL) at 0°C, were added triethylamine (369 μL; 3.3 mmol) and trichloroacetylene chloride (711 μL; 5.1 mmol). The mixture was stirred at 0°C for 1.5 h. After

completion, the reaction was quenched with water (10 mL), treated with a saturated solution of sodium carbonate (100 mL) and extracted with ethyl acetate (3 × 20 mL). The organic phases were combined, dried with MgSO₄ then concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude product was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel PE-AE: (9:1, v/v), to provide **2a** (453 mg, 92 %) as a brown oil. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 6.13 (s, 1H, H₂), 2.70 (s, 3H, H₄); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 122.6 (C₃), 118.1 (C₁), 110.2 (C₂), 34.6 (C₄).

Methyl (2Z)-3-iodoacrylate (2b). [3]: To a solution of methyl propynoate (500 mg; 5.9 mmol) in AcOH (5 mL), was added NaI (1.43 g; 9.4 mmol). The mixture was stirred under reflux for 2 h. After completion, the reaction was quenched with water (20 mL), treated with a saturated solution of sodium carbonate (100 mL) and extracted with ethyl acetate (3 × 20 mL). The organic phases were combined, dried with MgSO₄ then concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude product was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel PE-AE: (9:1, v/v), to provide **2b** (635 mg, 50 %) as a brown oil. ¹H NMR (250 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.44 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 1H, H₃), 6.89 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 1H, H₂), 3.76 (s, 3H, H₄).

4-Nitrophenyl (2Z)-3-iodo-2-methylprop-2-enoate (2c). To a solution of (*Z*)-3-iodobut-2-enoic acid (147 mg; 0.7 mmol) in Toluene (10 mL) at 0 °C, was added SOCl₂ (251 μL; 3.5 mmol) and *p*-nitrophenol (124 mg; 1.0 mmol). The mixture was stirred at 0 °C for 30 min. After completion, the reaction was quenched with water (20 mL), treated with a saturated solution of sodium carbonate (100 mL) and extracted with ethyl acetate (3 × 20 mL). The organic phases were combined, dried with MgSO₄ then concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude product was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel PE-AE: (9:1, v/v), to provide **2c** (159 mg, 69 %) as a yellow solid. mp: 129 - 130 °C ¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 8.26 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H, H₂), 7.33 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H, H₃), 6.57 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 1H, H₂), 2.85 (s, 3H, H₄); ¹³C RMN (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 161.7(C₁) 155.2 (C₄), 145.4 (C_{1'}), 125.3 (C_{2'}), 124.1 (C₂), 122.5 (C_{3'}), 119.3 (C₃), 37.3 (C₄). HRMS (ESI): *m/z* [M+H]⁺ calcd. for C₁₀H₉INO₄: 333.9571, found: 333.9577.

Methyl (2Z,4E)-3-methyl-5-(4',4',6'-trimethyl-1',3',2'-dioxaborinan-2'-yl)penta-2,4-dienoate (2d). To a solution of **2** (500 mg; 0.7 mmol) in ACN (10 mL) were successively added the 2'-ethenyl-4,4,6-trimethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborinane (572 μL; 3.32 mmol), AgOAc (554 mg; 3.32 mmol), P(*o*-tolyl)₃ (741 mg; 2.43 mmol) and Pd(OAc)₂ (248 mg; 0.5 mmol). The mixture was stirred at 60 °C for 6 h. After completion, the reaction was quenched with water (20 mL), treated with a saturated solution of sodium carbonate (100 mL) and extracted with ethyl acetate (3 × 20 mL). The organic phases were combined, dried with MgSO₄ then concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude product was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel PE-AE: (9:1, v/v), to provide **2d** (464 mg, 83 %) as a yellow oil. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 8.26 (d, *J* = 18.2 Hz, 1H, H₄), 5.93 (d, *J* = 18.3 Hz, 1H, H₅), 5.76 (s, 1H, H₂), 4.25 (dq, *J* = 12.2, 6.1, 2.8 Hz, 1H, H_{5'}), 3.72 (s, 3H, H₇), 1.99 (s, 3H, H₆), 1.81 (dd, *J* = 13.9, 2.9 Hz, 1H, H_{4'}), 1.51 (d, *J* = 13.9 Hz, 1H, H_{4'}), 1.32 (d, *J* = 4.1 Hz, 6H, H₇), 1.29 (d, *J* = 6.2 Hz, 3H, H_{8'}); ¹³C RMN (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 166.4 (C₁), 151.6 (C₃), 142.4 (C₄), 118.4 (C₂), 71.1 (C_{3'}), 64.9 (C₅), 51.1 (C₇), 46.0 (C_{4'}), 31.2 (C₇), 28.1 (C₇), 23.1 (C₈), 20.7 (C₆). HRMS (ESI): *m/z* [M+H]⁺ calcd. for C₁₃H₂₂BO₄: 253.1608, found: 253.1607.

Methyl (2Z,4E)-5-iodo-3-methylpenta-2,4-dienoate (2e). To a solution of **2d** (200 mg; 0.79 mmol) in THF (10 mL) at -78 °C was added a solution of NaOMe 0.5M in MeOH (2 mL; 1 mmol). The mixture was stirred for 30 min then a solution of ICl (133 mg; 0.82 mmol) was added at -78 °C The mixture was still stirred for 1 h then the temperature is allowed to rise to room temperature. The reaction was quenched with water (20 mL), treated with a saturated solution of sodium carbonate

(100 mL) and extracted with ethyl acetate (3 × 20 mL). The organic phases were combined, dried with MgSO₄ then concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude product was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel PE-AE: (9:1, v/v), to provide **2e** (464 mg, 83 %) as a yellow oil. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 8.61 (d, 1H, *J* = 16 Hz, H₄ or H₅), 5.65 (m, 1H, H₂), 6.94 (d, 1H, *J* = 16 Hz, H₄ or H₅), 3.71 (s, 3H, H₇), 1.98 (s, 3H, H₆); ¹³C RMN (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 166.3 (C₁), 149.4 (C₃), 142.7 (C₄ or C₅), 117.4 (C₄ or C₅), 102.9 (C₃), 51.4 (C₇), 20.4 (C₆). HRMS (ESI): *m/z* [M+H]⁺ calcd. for C₇H₁₀O₂: 252.9720, found: 252.9724.

1.4. General procedure for Mizoroki-Heck optimized reaction

Iodinated substrate (0.53 mmol), vinylic compound (0.44 mmol), silver carbonate (0.66 mmol) and palladium acetate (5 % mol) were placed in a round bottom flask, stirred at 50 °C for the corresponding time. After completion, the reaction mixture was diluted in EtOAc (5 mL) and a saturated solution of ammonium chloride (5 mL). The aqueous phase was extracted with EtOAc (3 × 10 mL). Then the combined organic layers were dried with MgSO₄ and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude material was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel to provide the expected product.

Methyl (2Z,4E)-5-(1-hydroxy-3-methylcyclohex-2-en-1-yl)-3-methylpenta-2,4-dienoate **3a**

PE-AE: (8:2, v/v), pale yellow oil (59 mg, 63 %). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.73 (d, *J* = 16.2 Hz, 1H, H₅), 6.18 (d, *J* = 16.2 Hz, 1H, H₄), 5.69 (s, 1H, H₂), 5.36 (d, *J* = 1.4 Hz, 1H, H₂), 3.70 (s, 3H, H₇), 2.01 (d, *J* = 1.3 Hz, 3H, H₆), 1.99 – 1.93 (m, 2H, H₄), 1.82 – 1.64 (m, 8H, H₅, H₆, H₇, OH); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 166.6 (C₁), 150.8 (C₃), 143.6 (C₄), 139.1 (C₃), 125.2 (C₅, C₂), 117.2 (C₂), 71.3 (C₁), 51.0 (C₇), 36.0 (C₆), 30.0 (C₄), 23.8 (C₇), 21.1 (C₆), 19.2 (C₅); IR (ATR, cm⁻¹): 3459, 2947, 1713, 1436, 1157; HRMS (ESI): *m/z* [M+Na]⁺ calcd. for C₁₃H₁₈NaO₃ 245.1148, found 245.1145.

Methyl (2Z,4E)-5-(1-hydroxy-3,5-dimethylcyclohex-2-en-1-yl)-3-methylpenta-2,4-dienoate **3b**

PE-AE: (8:2, v/v), pale yellow oil (84 mg, 76 %). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.65 (dd, *J* = 16.1, 0.9 Hz, 1H, H₄), 6.17 (d, *J* = 16.1 Hz, 1H, H₅), 5.70 (s, 1H, H₂), 5.29 (q, *J* = 1.4 Hz, 1H, H₂), 3.71 (s, 3H, H₇), 2.01 (d, *J* = 1.3 Hz, 3H, H₆), 2.00 – 1.96 (m, 1H, H₆), 1.91 (ddt, *J* = 12.5, 2.8, 1.6 Hz, 1H, H₄), 1.75 (d, *J* = 1.4 Hz, 3H, H₇), 1.69 – 1.58 (m, 3H, OH, H₅, H₆), 1.46 – 1.33 (m, 1H, H₄), 0.99 (d, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 3H, H₈); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 166.7 (C₁), 150.8 (C₃), 142.8 (C₅), 137.7 (C₃), 126.0 (C₄), 125.7 (C₂), 117.6 (C₂), 73.7 (C₁), 51.2 (C₇), 45.4 (C₄), 39.1 (C₆), 27.3 (C₅), 23.4 (C₇), 21.9 (C₈), 21.3 (C₆); IR (ATR, cm⁻¹): 3427, 2967, 1717, 1436, 1157; HRMS (ESI): *m/z* [M+Na]⁺ calcd. for C₁₅H₂₂NaO₃ 273.1461, found 273.1458.

Methyl (2Z,4E)-5-(1-hydroxy-2-methylcyclohex-2-en-1-yl)-3-methylpenta-2,4-dienoate **3c**

PE-AE: (8:2, v/v), colorless oil (84 mg, 76 %). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.73 (dd, *J* = 16.3, 0.9 Hz, 1H, H₄), 6.12 (d, *J* = 16.1 Hz, 1H, H₅), 5.69 (s, 1H, H₂), 5.63 (t, *J* = 1.8 Hz, 1H, H₃), 3.70 (s, 3H, H₇), 2.07 – 2.00 (m, 5H, H₆, H₄), 1.88 – 1.76 (m, 2H, H₆), 1.72 (bs, 1H, OH), 1.67 (q, *J* = 1.9 Hz, 5H, H₇, H₅); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 166.6 (C₁), 150.5 (C₃), 142.4 (C₄), 135.5 (C₂), 126.5 (C₃), 126.2 (C₅), 117.1 (C₂), 73.7 (C₁), 51.0 (C₇), 37.9 (C₆), 25.5 (C₄), 21.2 (C₆), 19.2 (C₅), 18.1 (C₇); IR (ATR, cm⁻¹): 3459, 2947, 1713, 1436, 1157; HRMS (ESI): *m/z* [M+Na]⁺ calcd. for C₁₄H₂₀NaO₃ 259.1304, found 259.1304.

Methyl (2Z,4E)-5-(1-hydroxycyclohexyl)-3-methylpenta-2,4-dienoate **3d**

PE-AE: (9:1, v/v), colorless oil (47 mg, 47 %). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.77 (d, *J* = 16.2 Hz, 1H, H₄), 6.20 (d, *J* = 16.2 Hz, 1H, H₅), 5.70 (s, 1H, H₂), 3.70 (s, 3H, H₇), 2.01 (d, *J* = 1.3 Hz, 3H, H₆), 1.70 – 1.52 (m, 10H), 1.47 (s, 1H, OH), 1.35 – 1.23 (m, 1H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 166.7 (C₁), 150.9 (C₃), 144.8 (C₅), 124.6 (C₄), 117.1 (C₂), 71.8 (C₁), 51.0 (C₇), 37.5 (C₂), 25.5 (C₄), 21.9 (C₃), 21.0 (C₆); IR (ATR, cm⁻¹): 3401, 2929, 1698, 1447, 1157; HRMS (ESI): *m/z* [M+Na]⁺ calcd. for C₁₃H₂₀NaO₃ 247.1304, found 247.1297.

Methyl (2Z,4E)-5-(1-hydroxy-3,5-dimethylcyclohexyl)-3-methylpenta-2,4-dienoate **3e**

PE-AE: (8:2, v/v), colorless oil (59.9 mg, 63 %). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.73 (d, J = 16.2 Hz, 1H, H₄), 6.17 (d, J = 16.2 Hz, 1H, H₅), 5.68 (s, 1H, H₂), 3.70 (s, 3H, H₇), 1.99 (s, 3H, H₆), 1.91 – 1.79 (m, 2H, H₃, H₅), 1.72 – 1.61 (m, 3H), 1.52 (s, 1H, OH), 1.08 (t, J = 12.8 Hz, 2H), 0.91 (d, J = 1.3 Hz, 3H), 0.89 (s, 3H), 0.55 (q, J = 12.2 Hz, 1H, H₄); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 166.9 (C₁), 151.1 (C₃), 145.8 (C₅), 123.9 (C₄), 117.1 (C₂), 73.2 (C₁'), 51.2 (C₇), 45.4 (C₆, C₂'), 43.4 (C₄'), 27.7 (C₃', C₅'), 22.4 (C₇', C₈'), 21.3 (C₆); IR (ATR, cm⁻¹): 3411, 2946, 1698, 1434, 1155; HRMS (ESI): m/z [M+Na]⁺ calcd. for C₁₅H₂₄NaO₃ 275.1617, found 275.1617.

Methyl (2Z,4E)-5-(1-hydroxy-3,3-dimethylcyclohexyl)-3-methylpenta-2,4-dienoate **3f**

PE-AE: (8:2, v/v), colorless oil (70 mg, 64 %). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.75 (d, J = 16.2 Hz, 1H, H₄), 6.17 (d, J = 16.1 Hz, 1H, H₅), 5.71 (s, 1H, H₂), 3.72 (s, 3H, H₇), 2.02 (s, 3H, H₆), 1.90 – 1.80 (m, 1H, H₅'), 1.70 – 1.61 (m, 1H, H₄'), 1.61 – 1.38 (m, 5H, H₄', H₆', H₂'), 1.33 (s, 1H, OH), 1.23 – 1.17 (m, 1H, H₆'), 1.13 (s, 3H, H₇'), 0.92 (s, 3H, H₇'); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 166.7 (C₁), 150.9 (C₃), 146.0 (C₅), 123.8 (C₄), 117.1 (C₂), 72.9 (C₁'), 51.0 (C₇), 49.3 (C₂'), 38.9 (C₆'), 37.2 (C₄'), 33.1 (C₇'), 30.8 (C₃'), 27.9 (C₇'), 21.1 (C₆), 18.5 (C₅'); IR (ATR, cm⁻¹): 3443, 2948, 1716, 1455, 1190; HRMS (ESI): m/z [M+Na]⁺ calcd. for C₁₅H₂₄NaO₃ 275.1617, found 275.1618.

Methyl (2Z,4E)-5-(1-hydroxycyclopentyl)-3-methylpenta-2,4-dienoate **3g**

PE-AE: (9:1, v/v), dark yellow oil (25 mg, 27 %). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.80 (d, J = 16.1 Hz, 1H, H₄), 6.28 (d, J = 16.2 Hz, 1H, H₅), 5.69 (s, 1H, H₂), 3.70 (s, 3H, H₇), 2.02 (d, J = 1.3 Hz, 3H, H₆), 1.96 – 1.85 (m, 2H, H₃'), 1.81 – 1.70 (m, 6H, H₂', H₃'); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 166.7 (C₁), 150.7 (C₃), 143.5 (C₅), 124.1 (C₄), 116.9 (C₂), 82.2 (C₁'), 51.0 (C₇), 40.7 (C₂'), 23.8 (C₃'), 21.1 (C₆); IR (ATR, cm⁻¹): 3472, 2965, 1687, 1452, 1164; HRMS (ESI): m/z [M+Na]⁺ calcd. for C₁₂H₁₈NaO₃ 233.1148, found 233.1147.

Methyl (2Z,4E)-6-cyclohexyl-6-hydroxy-3-methylhexa-2,4-dienoate **3h**

PE-AE: (8:2, v/v), pale yellow oil (74 mg, 70 %). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.67 (d, J = 16.0 Hz, 1H, H₄), 6.10 (d, J = 16.0 Hz, 1H, H₅), 5.70 (s, 1H, H₂), 4.02 (t, J = 6.8 Hz, 1H, H₆), 3.70 (s, 3H, H₈), 2.01 (s, 3H, H₇), 1.88 (d, J = 13.1 Hz, 1H), 1.80 – 1.71 (m, 2H), 1.66 (dd, J = 17.7, 5.6 Hz, 3H), 1.47 (tdd, J = 11.9, 6.4, 3.2 Hz, 1H, H₁'), 1.30 – 1.11 (m, 3H), 1.08 – 0.96 (m, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 166.6 (C₁), 150.4 (C₃), 138.8 (C₅), 128.2 (C₄), 117.2 (C₂), 77.4 (C₆), 51.1 (C₈), 43.8 (C₁'), 28.9 (CH₂), 28.5 (CH₂), 26.5 (CH₂), 26.1 (CH₂), 26.0 (CH₂), 21.1 (C₇); IR (ATR, cm⁻¹): 3399, 2923, 1714, 1449, 1157; HRMS (ESI): m/z [M+Na]⁺ calcd. for C₁₄H₂₂NaO₃ 261.1461, found 261.1463.

Methyl (2Z,4E)-5-cyclohexyl-3-methylpenta-2,4-dienoate **3i**

PE-AE: (8:2, v/v), pale yellow oil (195 mg, 42 %). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.56 (d, J = 16.3 Hz, 1H, H₄), 6.08 (dd, J = 16.0, 7.0 Hz, 1H, H₅), 5.61 (s, 1H, H₂), 3.69 (s, 3H, H₇), 2.14 (dt, J = 11.4, 7.6, 3.7 Hz, 1H, H₁'), 1.98 (s, 3H, H₆), 1.81 – 1.70 (m, 4H, H₂'), 1.34 – 1.10 (m, 6H, H₃', H₄'); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 166.9 (C₁), 152.0 (C₃), 144.7 (C₄), 125.3 (C₅), 115.3 (C₂), 50.9 (C₇), 41.4 (C₁'), 32.6 (C₂'), 26.1 (C₄'), 25.9 (C₃'), 21.1 (C₆); IR (ATR, cm⁻¹): 2923, 1713, 1448, 1157; HRMS (ESI): m/z [M+H]⁺ calcd. for C₁₃H₂₁O₂ 209.1536, found 209.1535.

Methyl (2Z,4E)-3-methyl-5-phenylpenta-2,4-dienoate **3j** [4]

PE-AE: (8:2, v/v), white solid (208 mg, 76 %). mp: 36 – 38 °C (litt 38 – 40 °C)³¹; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 8.41 (d, J = 16.4, 1H, H₅), 7.59 – 7.52 (m, 2H, H₂'), 7.38 – 7.32 (m, 2H, H₃'), 7.31 – 7.27 (m, 1H, H₄'), 6.93 (d, J = 16.3 Hz, 1H, H₄), 5.77 – 5.74 (s, 1H, H₂), 3.74 (s, 3H, H₇), 2.14 (d, J = 1.3 Hz, 3H, H₆); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 166.8 (C₁), 151.1 (C₃), 136.7 (C₁'), 135.5 (C₄), 128.7 (C₃'), 128.7 (C₄'), 127.4 (C₂'), 125.9 (C₅), 117.2 (C₂), 51.1 (C₇), 20.9 (C₆); IR (ATR, cm⁻¹): 2999, 1706, 1619, 1598, 1457, 1148; HRMS (ESI): m/z [M+H]⁺ calcd. for C₁₃H₁₅O₂ 203.1066, found 203.1063.

Methyl (2Z,4E)-3-methyl-5-phenylpenta-2,4-dienoate **3k**

PE-AE: (8:2, v/v), pale yellow oil (46 mg, 44 %). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.50 (dd, J = 15.5, 11.3 Hz, 1H, H₄), 6.59 (td, J = 11.3, 0.8 Hz, 1H, H₃), 6.12 (d, J = 15.5 Hz, 1H, H₅),

5.69 – 5.64 (s, 1H, H₂), 5.34 (s, 1H, H_{2'}), 3.73 (s, 3H, H₆), 2.02 – 1.88 (m, 2H, H_{4'}), 1.81 – 1.62 (m, 8H, H_{5'}, H_{6'}, H_{7'}, OH); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 166.8 (C₁), 149.8 (C₅), 144.7 (C₃), 139.3 (C_{3'}), 124.8 (C₂), 124.1 (C₄), 117.1 (C₂), 71.1 (C_{1'}), 51.2 (C₆), 35.9 (C_{6'}), 30.0 (C_{4'}), 23.8 (C₇), 19.2 (C_{5'}); IR (ATR, cm⁻¹): 3436, 2950, 1716, 1437, 1173; HRMS (ESI): *m/z* [M+Na]⁺ calcd. for C₁₃H₁₈NaO₃ 245.1148, found 245.1145.

Methyl (2Z,4E)-5-cyclohexyl-3-methylpenta-2,4-dienoate **3l**

PE-AE: (9:1, v/v), dark yellow oil (50 mg, 49 %). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 6.84 (d, *J* = 15.7 Hz, 1H, H₅), 6.21 (d, *J* = 15.7 Hz, 1H, H₄), 5.32 (s, 1H, H_{2'}), 5.16 (s, 1H, H₂), 2.01 (d, *J* = 1.3 Hz, 3H, H₆), 2.00 – 1.94 (m, 2H, H_{4'}), 1.81 – 1.65 (m, 8H, H_{5'}, H_{6'}, H_{7'}, OH); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 156.2 (C₃), 145.0 (C₄), 139.9 (C_{3'}), 125.4 (C₅), 124.6 (C₂), 116.7 (C₁), 96.6 (C_{2'}), 71.1 (C_{1'}), 36.1 (C_{6'}), 29.9 (C_{4'}), 23.8 (C₇), 19.6 (C₆), 19.1 (C_{5'}); IR (ATR, cm⁻¹): 3438, 2935, 2211, 1165; HRMS (ESI): *m/z* [M+Na]⁺ calcd. for C₁₃H₁₇NNaO 226.1202, found 226.1199.

4-Nitrophenyl-(2Z,4E)-5-(1-hydroxy-3-methylcyclohex-2-en-1-yl)-3-methylpenta-2,4-dienoate **3m**

PE-AE: (8:2, v/v), yellow oil (60 mg, 58 %). ¹H NMR (250 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 8.33 – 8.21 (m, 2H, H₈), 7.74 (d, *J* = 16.8 Hz, 1H, H₅), 7.36 – 7.26 (m, 2H, H₉), 6.32 (d, *J* = 16.7 Hz, 1H, H₄), 5.90 (s, 1H, H₂), 5.33 (p, *J* = 1.3 Hz, 1H, H_{2'}), 2.13 (d, *J* = 1.2 Hz, 3H, H₆), 1.99 – 1.90 (m, 2H, H_{4'}), 1.80 – 1.62 (m, 8H, H_{5'}, H_{6'}, H_{7'}, OH); ¹³C NMR (63 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 163.1 (C₁), 155.6 (C₁₀), 155.4 (C₃), 145.7 (C₇), 145.1 (C₄), 139.5 (C_{3'}), 125.1 (C₈), 124.8 (C₂), 124.8 (C₅), 122.6 (C₉), 115.2 (C₂), 71.3 (C_{1'}), 36.0 (C_{6'}), 30.0 (C_{4'}), 23.8 (C₇), 21.4 (C₆), 19.1 (C_{5'}); IR (ATR, cm⁻¹): 3389, 2932, 1731, 1632, 1613, 1521, 1111; HRMS (ESI): *m/z* [M+Na]⁺ calcd. for C₁₉H₂₁NNaO₅ 366.1311, found 366.113.

Methyl (2Z,4E,6E)-7-(1-hydroxy-3-methylcyclohex-2-en-1-yl)-3-methylhepta-2,4,6-trienoate **3n**

PE-AE: (85:15, v/v), yellow oil (64 mg, 56 %). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.74 (d, *J* = 15.5 Hz, 1H, H₄), 6.60 (dd, *J* = 15.6, 10.6 Hz, 1H, H₅), 6.40 (dd, *J* = 15.3, 10.6 Hz, 1H, H₆), 5.97 (d, *J* = 15.3 Hz, 1H, H₇), 5.66 (s, 1H, H₂), 5.31 (q, *J* = 1.6 Hz, 1H, H_{2'}), 3.70 (s, 3H, H₉), 2.02 (d, *J* = 1.2 Hz, 3H, H₈), 1.94 (dt, *J* = 10.8, 5.8 Hz, 2H, H_{4'}), 1.81 – 1.57 (m, 8H, H_{5'}, H_{6'}, H_{7'}, OH); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 166.7 (C₁), 151.0 (C₃), 143.8 (C₄), 138.9 (C_{3'}), 135.6 (C₆), 129.6 (C₇), 129.0 (C₅), 125.3 (C₂), 116.7 (C_{2'}), 71.4 (C_{1'}), 51.0 (C₉), 36.3 (C_{6'}), 30.0 (C_{4'}), 23.7 (C₇), 20.8 (C₈), 19.3 (C_{5'}); IR (ATR, cm⁻¹): 3391, 2932, 1711, 1609, 1613, 1450, 1378, 1155, 993; HRMS (ESI): *m/z* [M+Na]⁺ calcd. for C₁₆H₂₂NaO₃ 285.1461, found 285.1462.

Methyl (2Z,4E)-5-(3-hydroxy-3-methylcyclohex-1-en-1-yl)-3-methylpenta-2,4-dienoate **4**

PE-AE: (8:2, v/v), yellow oil (17.0 mg, 20 %). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.83 (d, *J* = 16.2 Hz, 1H, H₅), 6.56 (d, *J* = 16.2 Hz, 1H, H₄), 5.81 (s, 1H, H_{2'}), 5.68 (s, 1H, H₂), 3.70 (s, 3H, H₇), 2.40 – 2.30 (m, 1H, H_{4'}), 2.24 – 2.16 (m, 1H, H_{4'}), 2.04 (t, *J* = 1.6 Hz, 3H, H₆), 1.85 – 1.64 (m, 5H, H_{5'}, H_{6'}, OH), 1.33 (s, 3H, H_{7'}); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 166.8 (C₁), 151.3 (C₃), 138.2 (C₄), 138.0 (C_{2'}), 137.5 (C_{1'}), 125.5 (C₅), 116.8 (C₂), 68.8 (C_{3'}), 51.0 (C₇), 37.8 (C_{7'}), 29.2 (C_{6'}), 24.5 (C_{4'}), 20.8 (C₆), 19.4 (C_{5'}); IR (ATR, cm⁻¹): 3459, 2950, 1717, 1445, 1157; HRMS (ESI): *m/z* [M+Na]⁺ calcd. for C₁₄H₂₀NaO₃ 259.1304, found 259.1302.

(2S,3S)-7,9,9-trimethyl-2,3-diphenyl-1,4-dioxaspiro[4.5]dec-6-en-8-one **6**

To a solution of (*S,S*)-(-)-hydrobenzoin (2.000 g, 9.3 mmol, 1 equiv) in cyclohexane (50 mL), was added the 2,6,6-trimethyl-2-cyclohexene-1,4-dione (3.552 g, 23.3 mmol, 2.5 equiv) and pyridinium *p*-toluenesulfonate (258 mg, 1.0 mmol, 0.11 equiv). Then, the reaction mixture was heated under reflux overnight using a *Dean Stark* trap to remove water. The reaction was cooled, diluted with EtOAc/H₂O (30 mL/ 20 mL) and extracted with EtOAc (2 × 30 mL). The organic phases were combined, dried with MgSO₄ and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude product was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel PE-AE: (9:1, v/v), to provide **6** (3.130 g, 96 %) as a pale yellow oil. ¹H NMR (250 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.35 – 7.31 (m, 6H, H_{3'}, H_{4'}), 7.25 – 7.20 (m, 4H, H_{2'}), 6.63 (t, *J* = 1.2, 1H, H_{2'}), 4.78 (m, 2H, H₂, H₃), 2.45 (d, *J* = 14.0 Hz, 1H, H₁₀), 2.36 (dd, *J* = 14.0, 1.4 Hz, 1H, H₁₀), 1.89 (d, *J* = 1.4 Hz, 3H,

H₁₁), 1.30 (s, 3H, H₁₂), 1.28 (s, 3H, H₁₂); ¹³C NMR (63 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 204.2 (C₈), 140.4 (C₆), 136.1 (C₇), 135.9 (C_{1'}), 135.9 (C_{1'}), 128.5 (C_{3'}, C_{4'}), 126.7 (C_{2'}), 126.7 (C_{2'}), 104.4 (C₅), 85.2 (CH), 85.2 (CH), 47.4 (C₁₀), 42.3 (C₉), 27.0 (C₁₂), 26.3 (C₁₂), 16.4 (C₁₁); IR (ATR, cm⁻¹): 3032, 2922, 1674, 1094, 896; HRMS (ESI): *m/z* [M+Na]⁺ calcd. for C₂₃H₂₄NaO₃ 371.1618, found 371.1617.

(2S,3S)-8-ethenyl-7,9,9-trimethyl-2,3-diphenyl-1,4-dioxaspiro[4.5]dec-6-en-8-ol 7

To a solution of 1M vinylmagnesium bromide (4.3 mL, 4.3 mmol 5 equiv) in dry THF (10, mL) at 0 °C, was added **6** (300 mg, 0.86 mmol, 1 equiv). The reaction mixture was stirred at 0 °C for 1 hour under inert atmosphere. Then a saturated solution of NH₄Cl (50 mL) was added, and the reaction mixture was extracted with EtOAc (3 × 40 mL). The organic phases were combined, dried with MgSO₄ and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude product was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel PE-AE: (8:2, v/v), to provide **7** (316 mg, 100 %) as a colorless gum. ¹H NMR (250 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.34 – 7.30 (m, 6H, H_{3'}, H_{4'}), 7.25 – 7.20 (m, 4H, H₂), 5.94 (dd, *J* = 17.3, 10.7 Hz, 1H, H₁₁), 5.78 – 5.73 (m, 1H, H₆), 5.40 – 5.23 (m, 2H, H₁₂), 4.84 – 4.69 (m, 2H, H₂, H₃), 2.31 – 1.97 (m, 2H, H₁₀), 1.77 (d, *J* = 1.4 Hz, 3H, H₁₄), 1.58 (s, 1H, OH), 1.18 (s, 3H, H₁₃), 1.01 (s, 3H, H₁₃); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 141.8 (C₇), 138.9 (C₁₁), 136.8 (C_{1'}), 136.6 (C_{1'}), 128.6 (CH_{Ar}), 128.5 (CH_{Ar}), 128.5 (CH_{Ar}), 128.4 (CH_{Ar}), 128.4 (CH_{Ar}), 128.3 (CH_{Ar}), 127.0 (CH_{Ar}), 127.0 (CH_{Ar}), 126.9 (CH_{Ar}), 126.8 (CH_{Ar}), 125.0 (C₆), 114.8 (C₁₂), 105.7 (C₅), 85.0 (CH), 84.7 (CH), 79.5 (C₈), 46.1 (C₁₀), 38.9 (C₉), 24.8 (C₁₃), 23.2 (C₁₃), 17.9 (C₁₄); IR (ATR, cm⁻¹): 3499, 2969, 2875, 1666, 1604, 1439, 1093, 972; HRMS (ESI): *m/z* [M+Na]⁺ calcd. for C₂₅H₂₈NaO₃ 399.1930, found 399.1928. HPLC: Hitachi Chiralpack IA+pre-column 250X4.6 mm; det DAD 254 nm; Mobile phase: 95% acetonitrile, 5% Ethanol, flow: 0.9 mLmin⁻¹; T = 30 °C; P = 40 bar; sample preparation: conc. 0.5 mgmL⁻¹ in Acetonitrile/Ethanol (95/5), 10 µL injected. Retention time: t₁ = 4.096 min for 66.88 %, t₂ = 4.338 min for 33.12 %.

Methyl(2Z,4E)-5-[(2S,3S)-8-hydroxy-7,9,9-trimethyl-2,3-diphenyl-1,4-dioxaspiro[4.5]dec-6-en-8-yl]-3-methylpenta-2,4-dienoate 8

2 (100 mg, 0.44 mmol), **7** (250 mg, 0.53 mmol), silver carbonate (153 mg, 0.55 mmol) and palladium acetate (10 mg, 5 % mmol) were placed in a round bottom flask, stirred at 50 °C for 17 h. After completion, the reaction mixture was diluted in EtOAc (5 mL) and in a saturated solution of ammonium chloride (5 mL). The aqueous phase was extracted with EtOAc (3 × 10 mL). Then the combined organic layers were dried with MgSO₄ and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude product was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel PE-EA: (8:2, v/v), to provide **8** (88 mg, 96 %) as a pale yellow gum. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.84 (dd, *J* = 16.0, 11.8 Hz, 1H, H₅), 7.36 – 7.27 (m, 5H, H_{Ar}), 7.28 – 7.18 (m, 5H, H_{Ar}), 6.16 (d, *J* = 15.9 Hz, 1H, H₄), 5.80 – 5.68 (m, 2H, H₂, H_{6'}), 4.85 – 4.68 (m, 2H, H_{2'}, H_{3'}), 3.68 (s, 3H, H₇), 2.33 – 2.01 (m, 2H, H_{10'}), 2.00 (s, 3H, H₆), 1.78 (s, 3H, H_{12'}), 1.19 (s, 3H, H_{11'}), 1.01 (s, 3H, H_{11'}); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 166.7 (C₁), 150.2 (C_{7'}), 141.9 (C₃), 138.4 (C₄), 136.9 (C_{Ar}), 136.7 (C_{Ar}), 128.6 (CH_{Ar}), 128.6 (CH_{Ar}), 128.5 (CH_{Ar}), 128.5 (CH_{Ar}), 128.4 (CH_{Ar}), 127.3 (CH_{Ar}), 127.0 (CH_{Ar}), 127.0 (CH_{Ar}), 126.9 (CH_{Ar}), 126.7 (CH_{Ar}), 125.1 (C₂), 117.4 (C_{6'}), 105.7 (C_{5'}), 85.1 (CH), 84.8 (CH), 79.3 (C_{8'}), 51.2 (C₇), 46.4 (C_{10'}), 39.6 (C_{9'}), 25.3 (C_{11'}), 23.6 (C_{11'}), 21.5 (C₆), 18.0 (C_{12'}); IR (ATR, cm⁻¹): 3460, 2969, 2875, 1717, 1666, 1604, 1439, 1157, 1093, 972; HRMS (ESI): *m/z* [M+Na]⁺ calcd. for C₃₀H₂₄NaO₅ 497.2298, found 497.2292.

(2Z,4E)-5-(1-hydroxy-2,6,6-trimethyl-4-oxocyclohex-2-en-1-yl)-3-methylpenta-2,4-dienoic acid (abscisic acid, ABA). [5,6]

To **8** (178.3 mg, 0.38 mmol, 1 eq) in THF (2 mL), was added a 1N solution of sodium hydroxide (300 µL, 4 equiv) and tetrabutylammonium chloride (2 drops). The mixture was stirred at 40 °C for 2 hours. After completion the reaction was concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude mixture was placed at 0 °C and a 1N solution of HCl (4 mL, 10 equiv) was added. The reaction was stirred at room temperature for 1 hour. Next, the reaction mixture was diluted in EtOAc (5 mL). The aqueous phase was extracted with EtOAc (3 × 10 mL). Then the combined organic layers were dried with MgSO₄ and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude product was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel PE-EA-AcOH: (7:2.9:0.1, v/v/v) to provide **ABA** as a grey solid, which was recrystallized in a mixture of

heptane-EA: (9:1, v/v) to provide **ABA** (62 mg, 62 %) as a white solid. mp: 159 – 162 °C (Lit 161 – 163 °C);^{25b} ¹H NMR (400 MHz, Methanol-*d*₄) δ 7.77 (d, *J* = 16.2 Hz, 1H, H₄), 6.23 (d, *J* = 16.1 Hz, 1H, H₅), 5.92 (s, 1H, H_{3'}), 5.75 (s, 1H, H₂), 2.53 (d, *J* = 17.0 Hz, 1H, H_{5'}), 2.26 (s, 1H, OH), 2.18 (d, *J* = 16.9 Hz, 1H, H_{5'}), 2.03 (s, 3H, H₆), 1.92 (s, 3H, H₇), 1.06 (s, 3H, H_{8'}), 1.03 (s, 3H, H₈); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, Methanol-*d*₄) δ 201.0 (C_{4'}), 169.7 (C₁), 166.6 (C_{2'}), 150.6 (C₃), 137.7 (C₅), 129.5 (C₄), 127.5 (C_{3'}), 120.0 (C₂), 80.6 (C_{1'}), 50.7 (C_{5'}), 42.8 (C_{6'}), 24.7 (C_{8'}), 23.6 (C₈), 21.2 (C₆), 19.6 (C₇). IR (ATR, cm⁻¹): 3389, 2957, 1676, 1643, 1597, 1196, 1023, 979; HRMS (ESI): *m/z* [M+Na]⁺ calcd. for C₁₅H₂₀NaO₄ 287.1253, found 287.1254. HPLC: Hitachi Chiralpack IA+pre-column 250X4.6 mm; det DAD max plot; Mobile phase: 90% heptane, 10% Ethanol, flow: 1 mLmin⁻¹; T = 30 °C; P = 40 bar; sample preparation: conc. 0.5 mgmL⁻¹ in Heptane/Ethanol (90/10), 20 µL injected. Retention time: t₁ = 10.713 min for 35.69 %, t₂ = 23.773 min for 61.79 %.

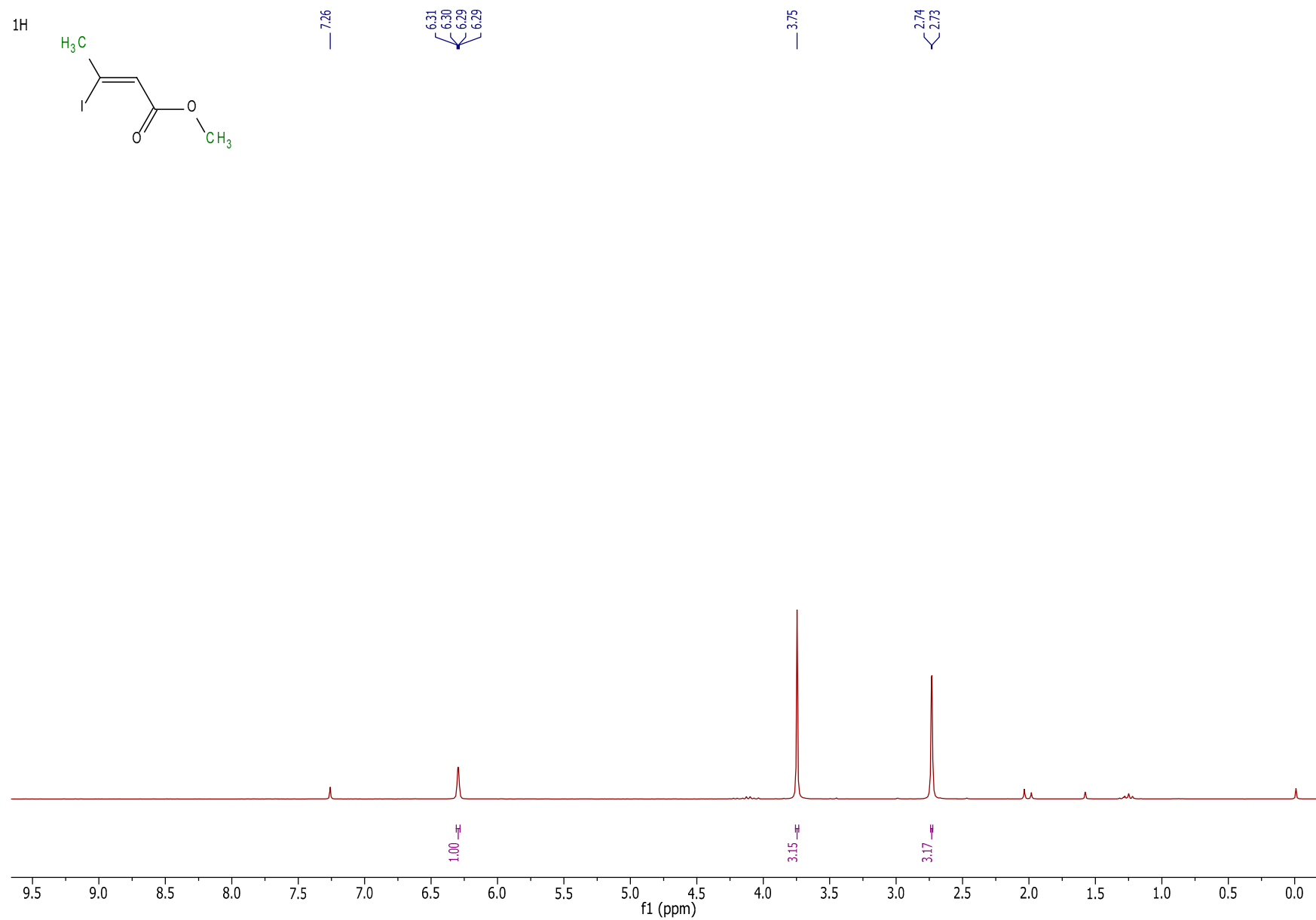
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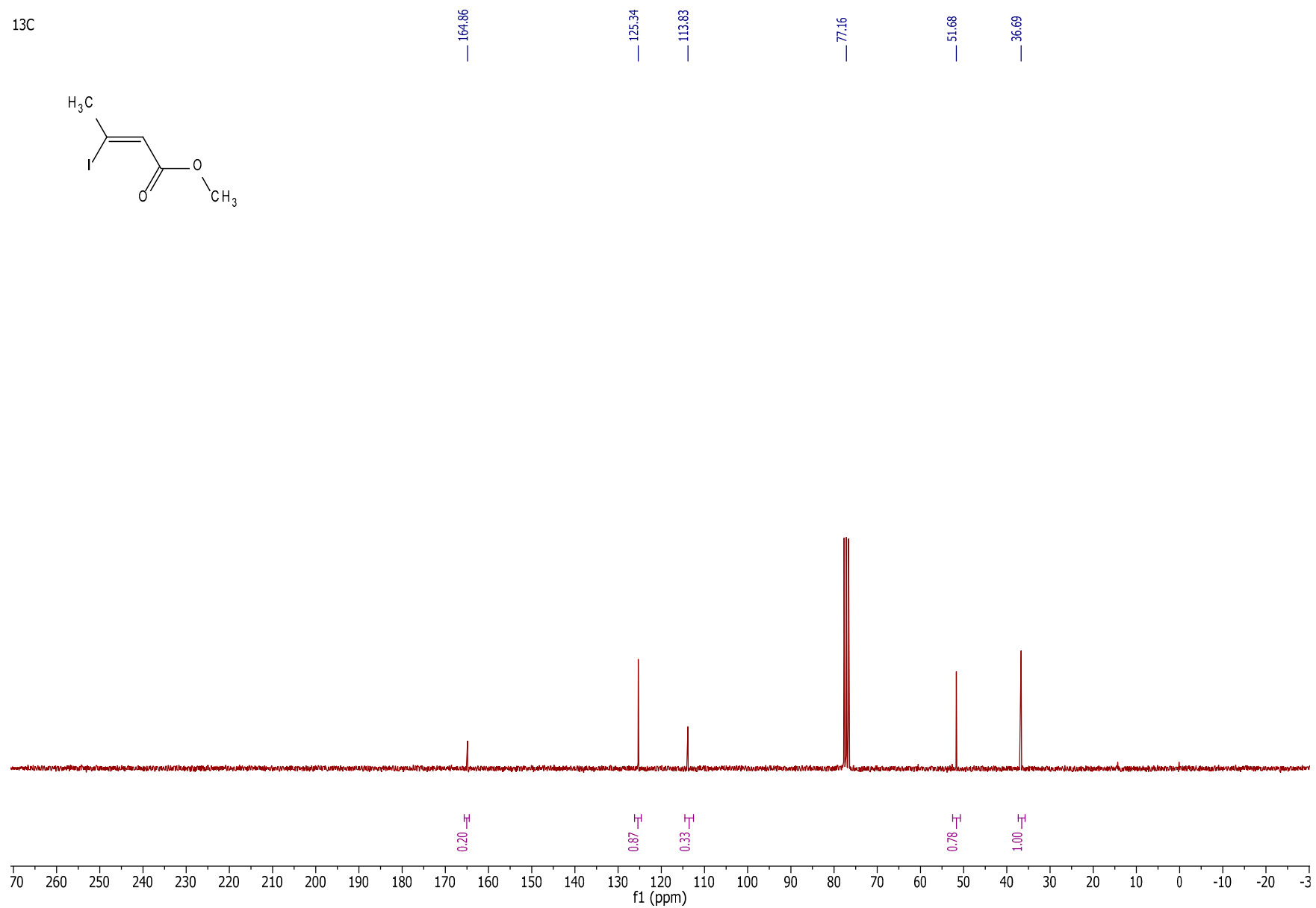
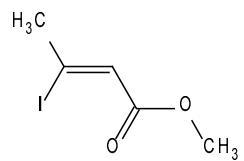
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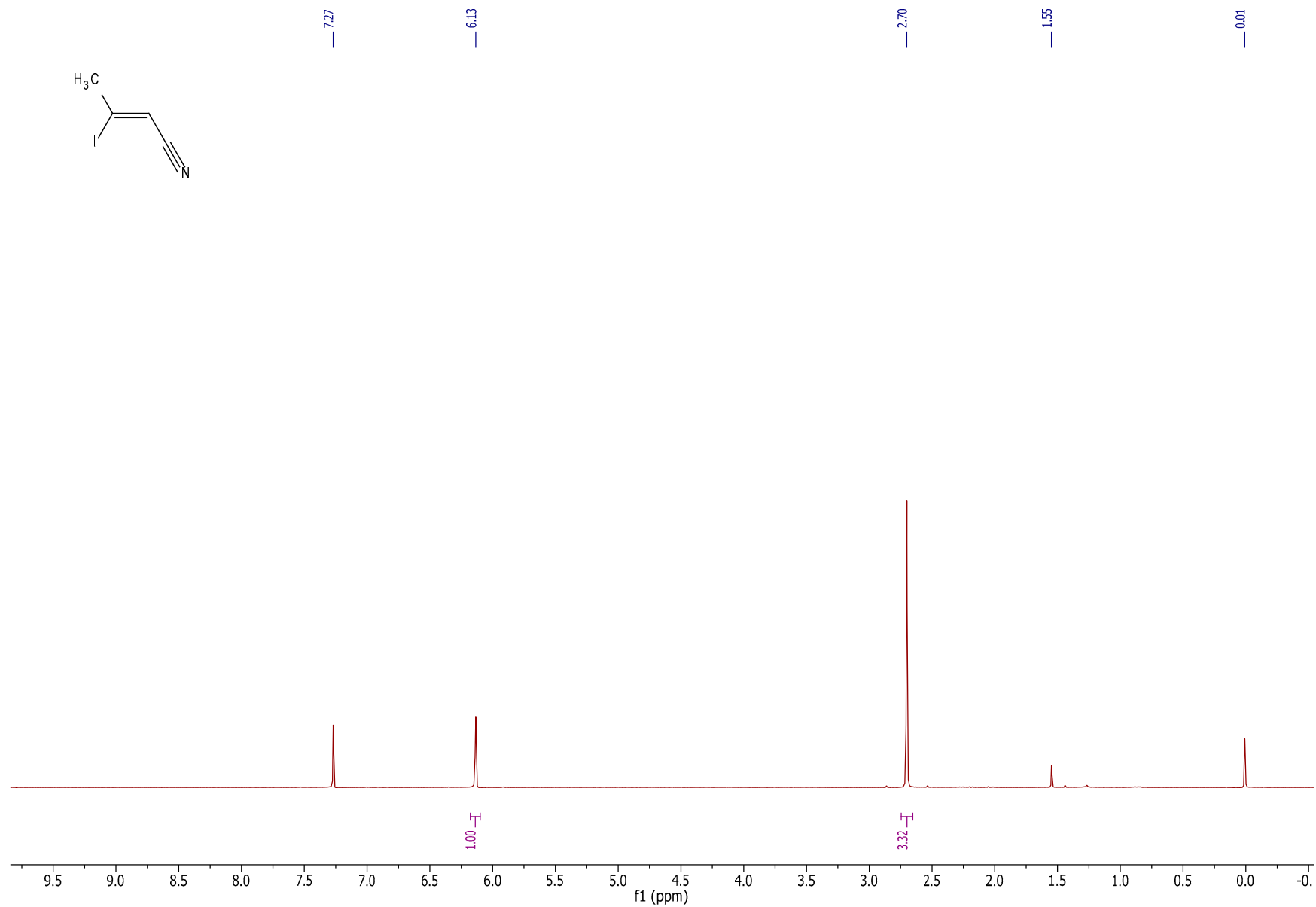
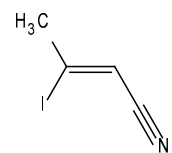
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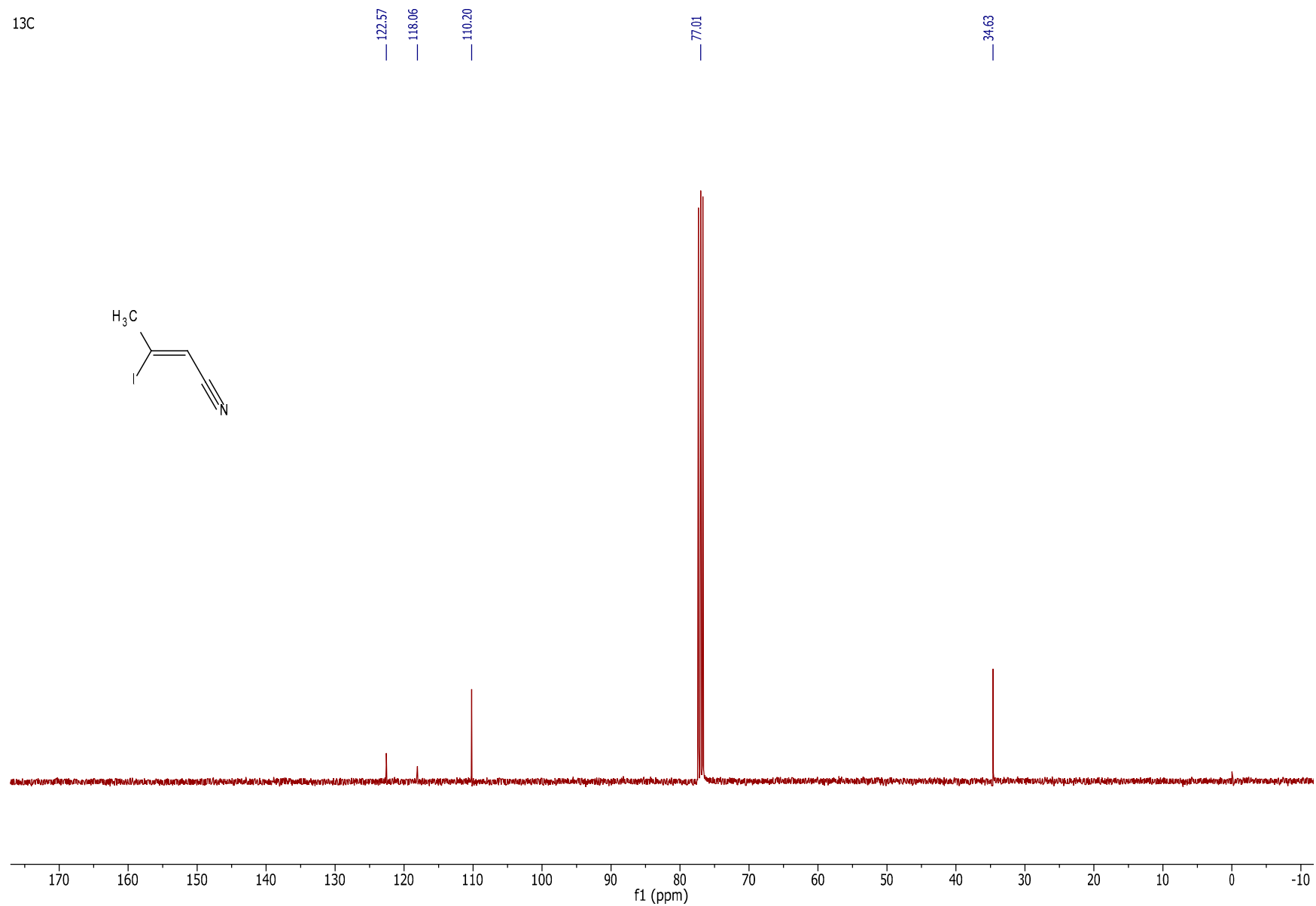
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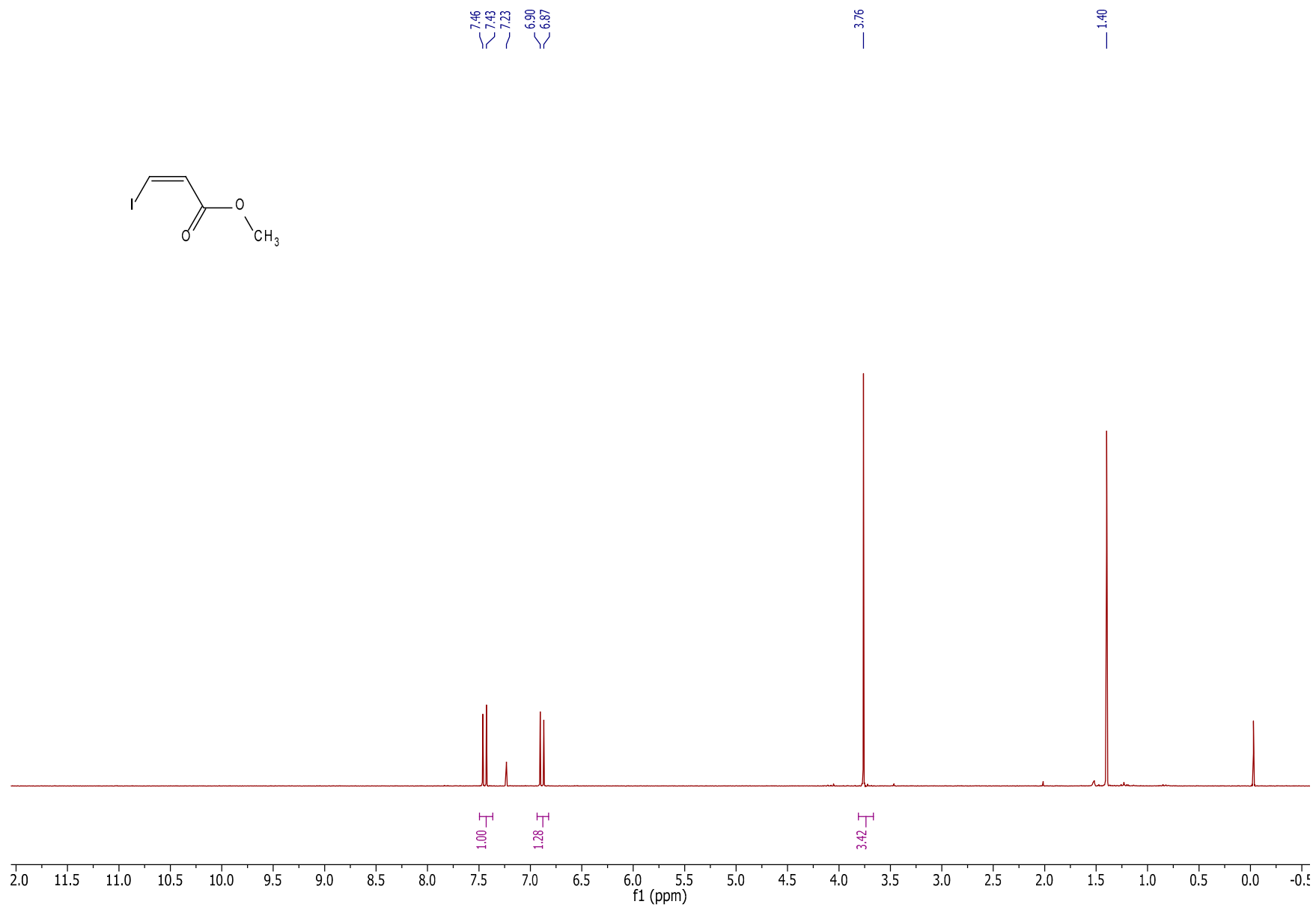
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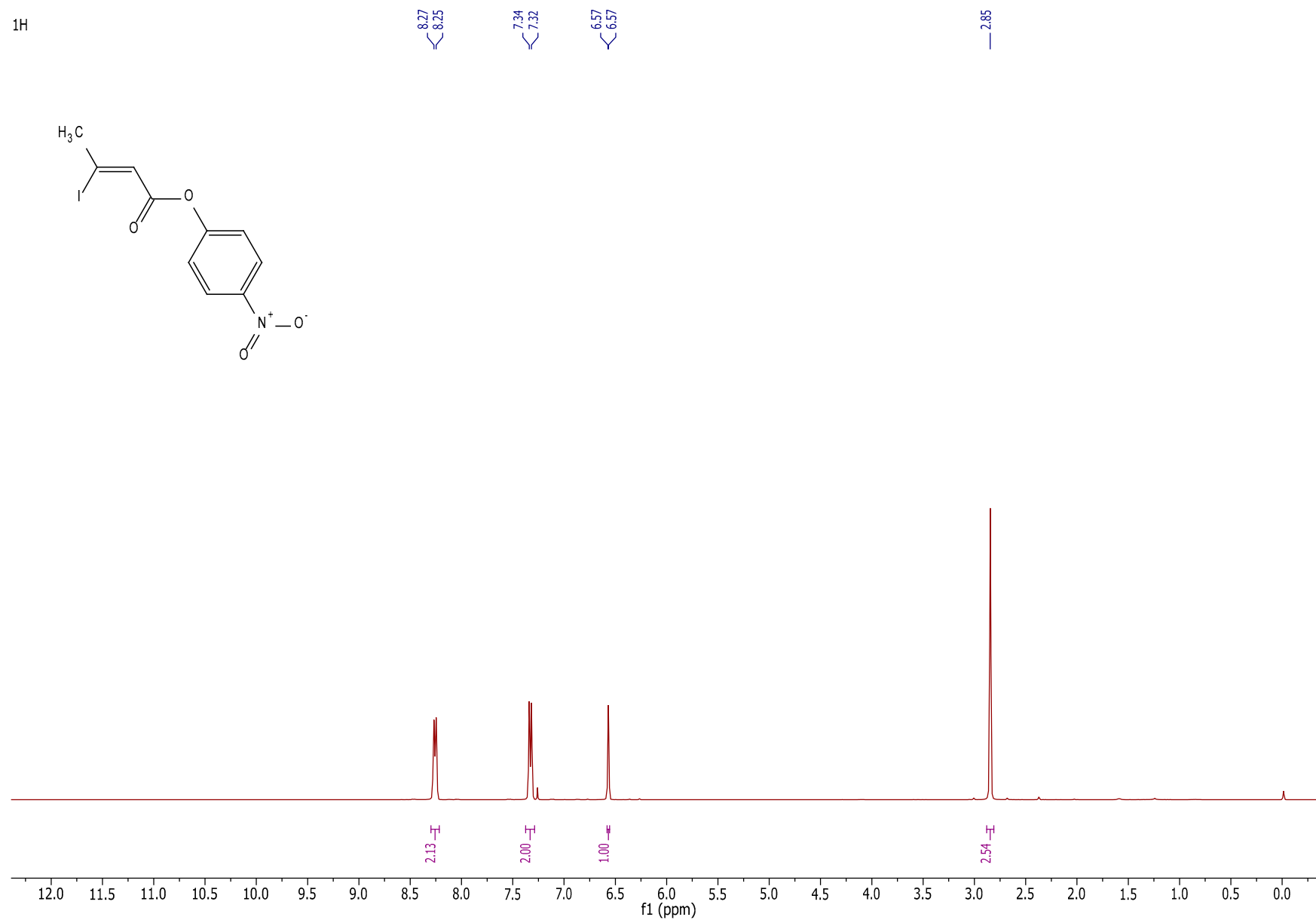


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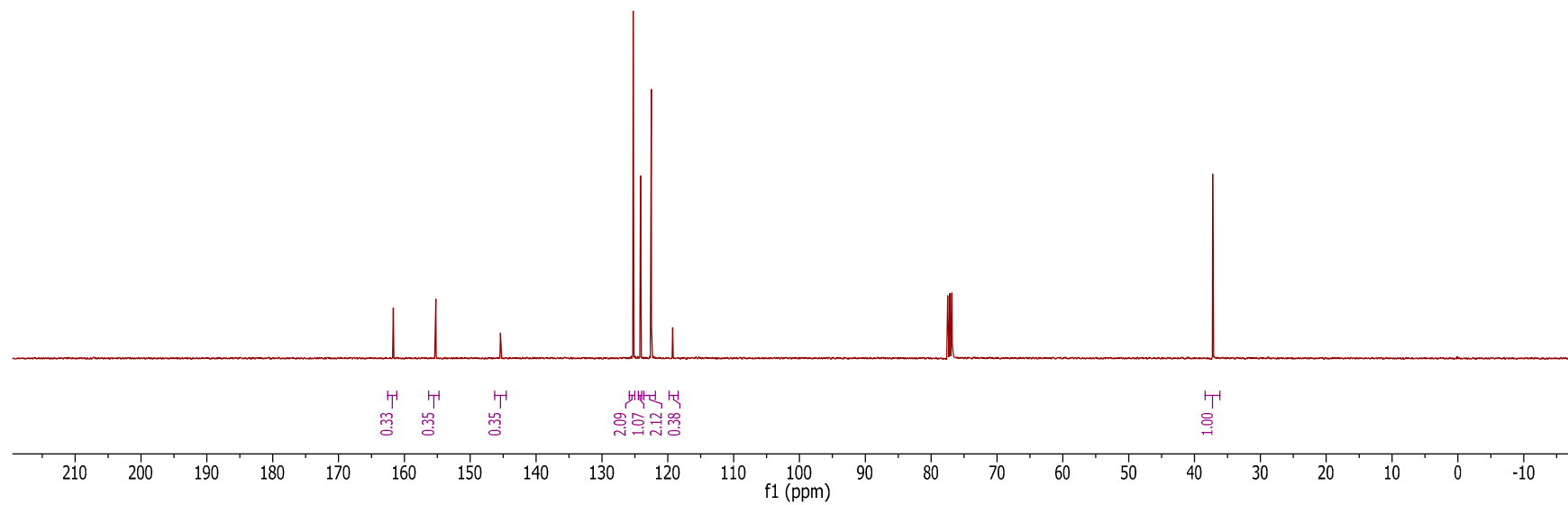
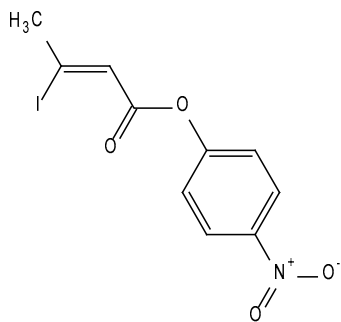
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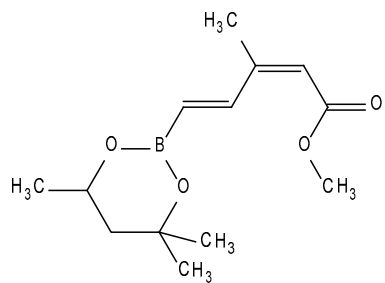
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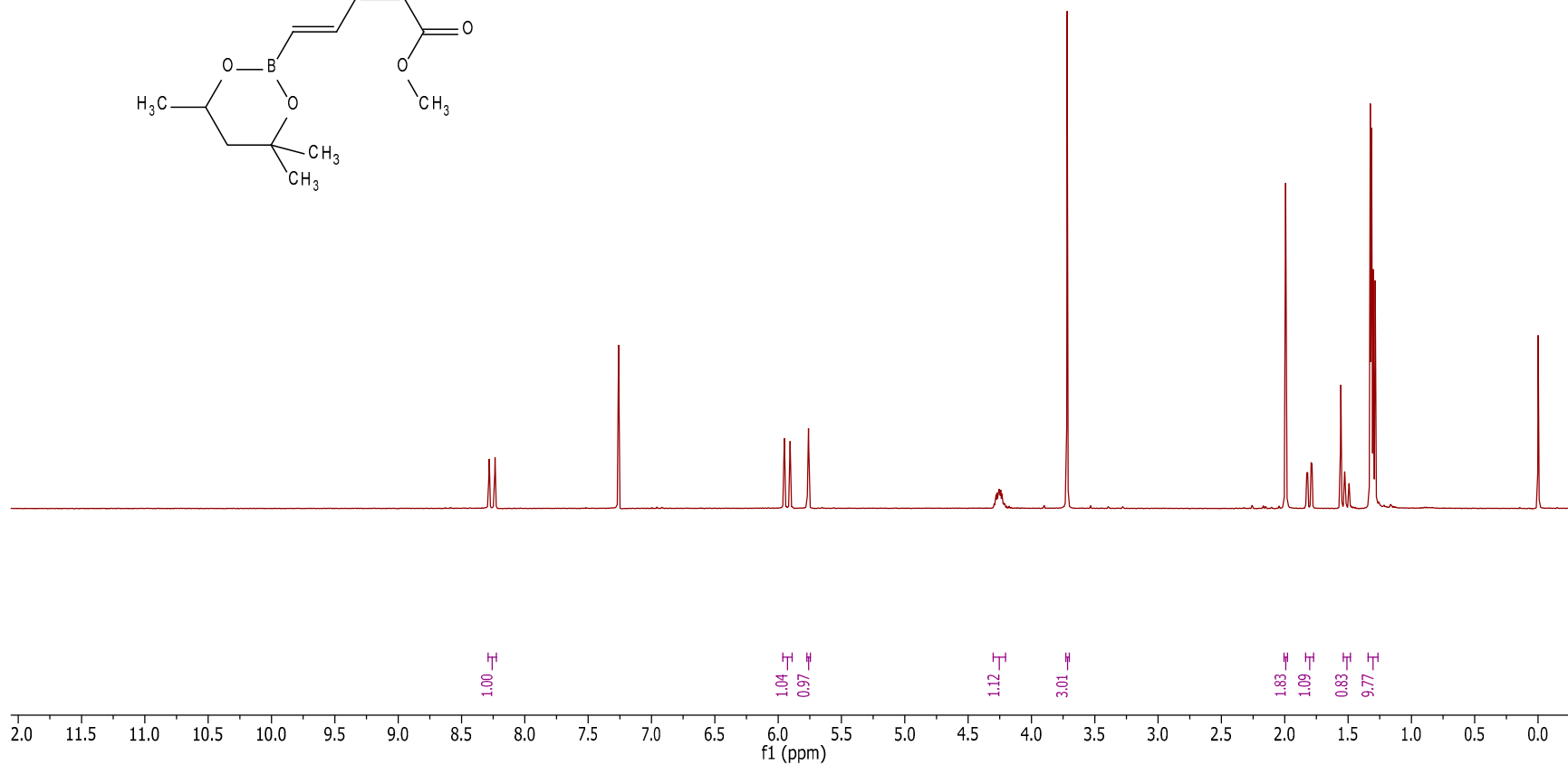
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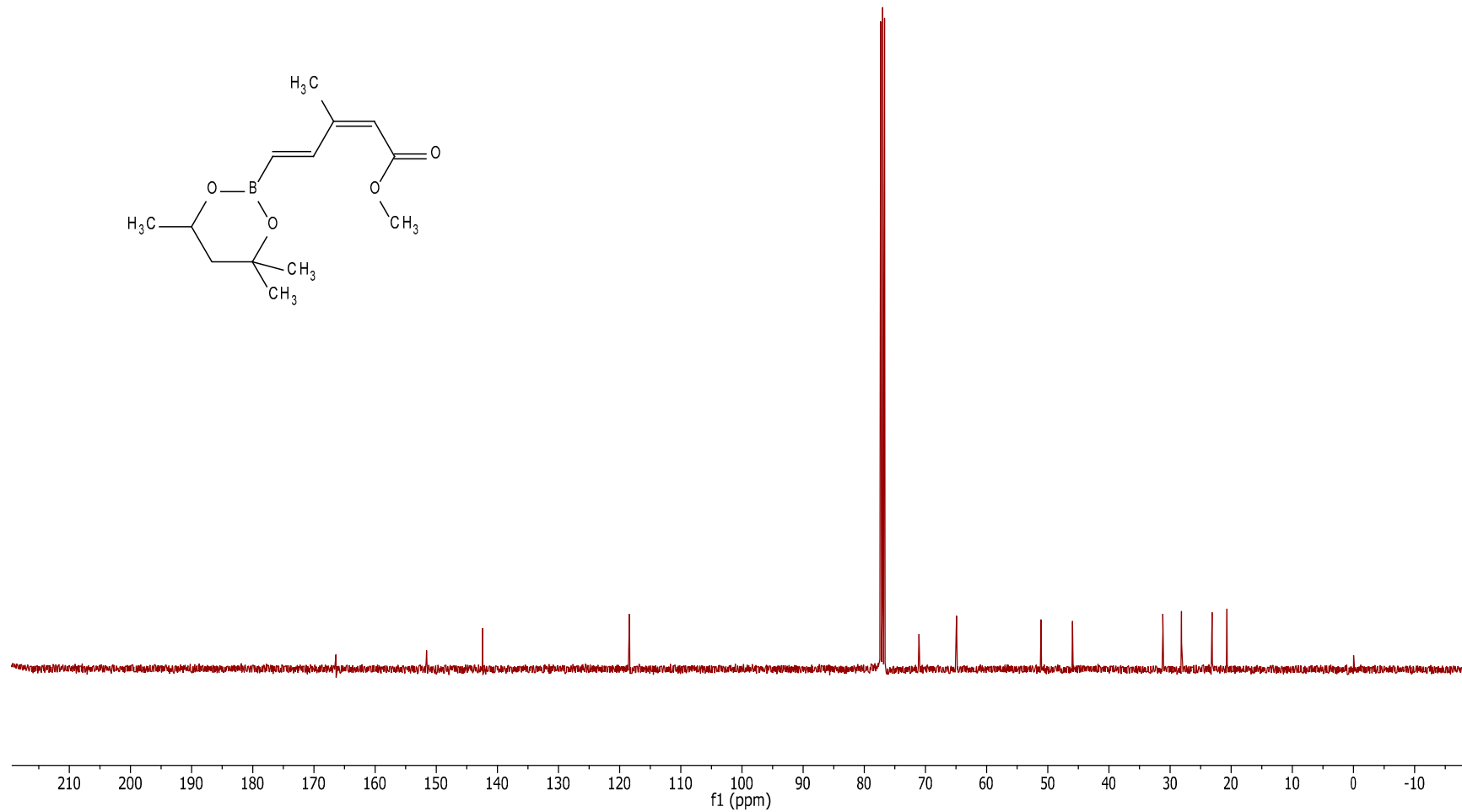
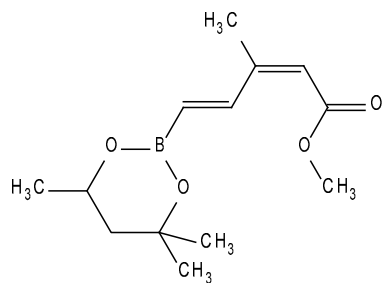
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4.22
4.21
3.72

1.99
1.83
1.82
1.79
1.78
1.56
1.56
1.53
1.52
1.49
1.32
1.31
1.30
1.29



¹³C

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Compound 2e :

¹H

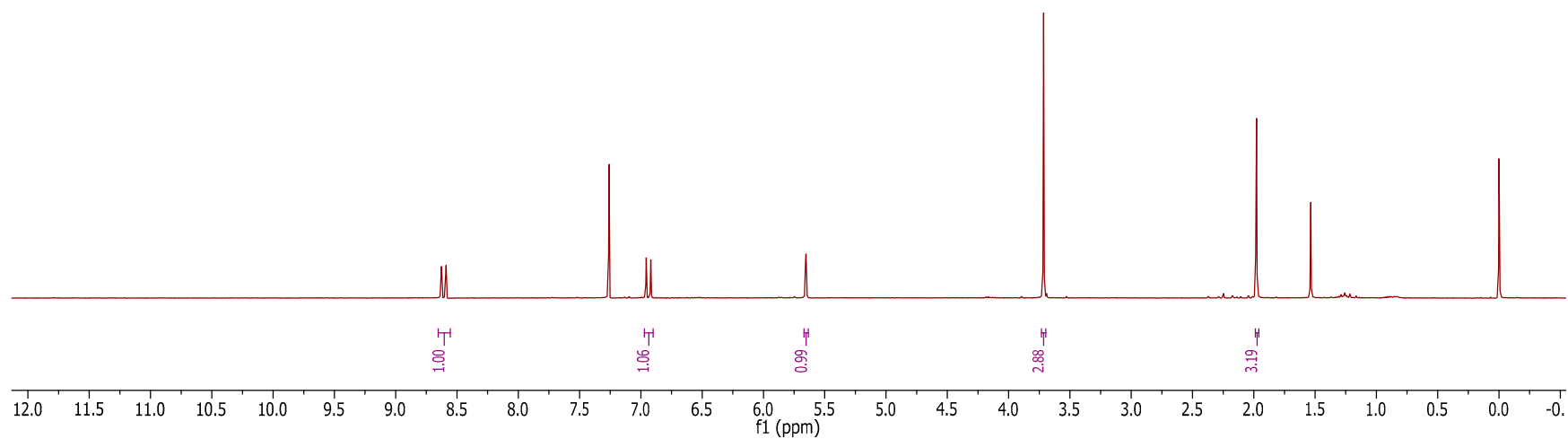
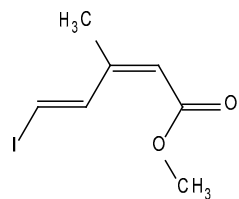
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6.92

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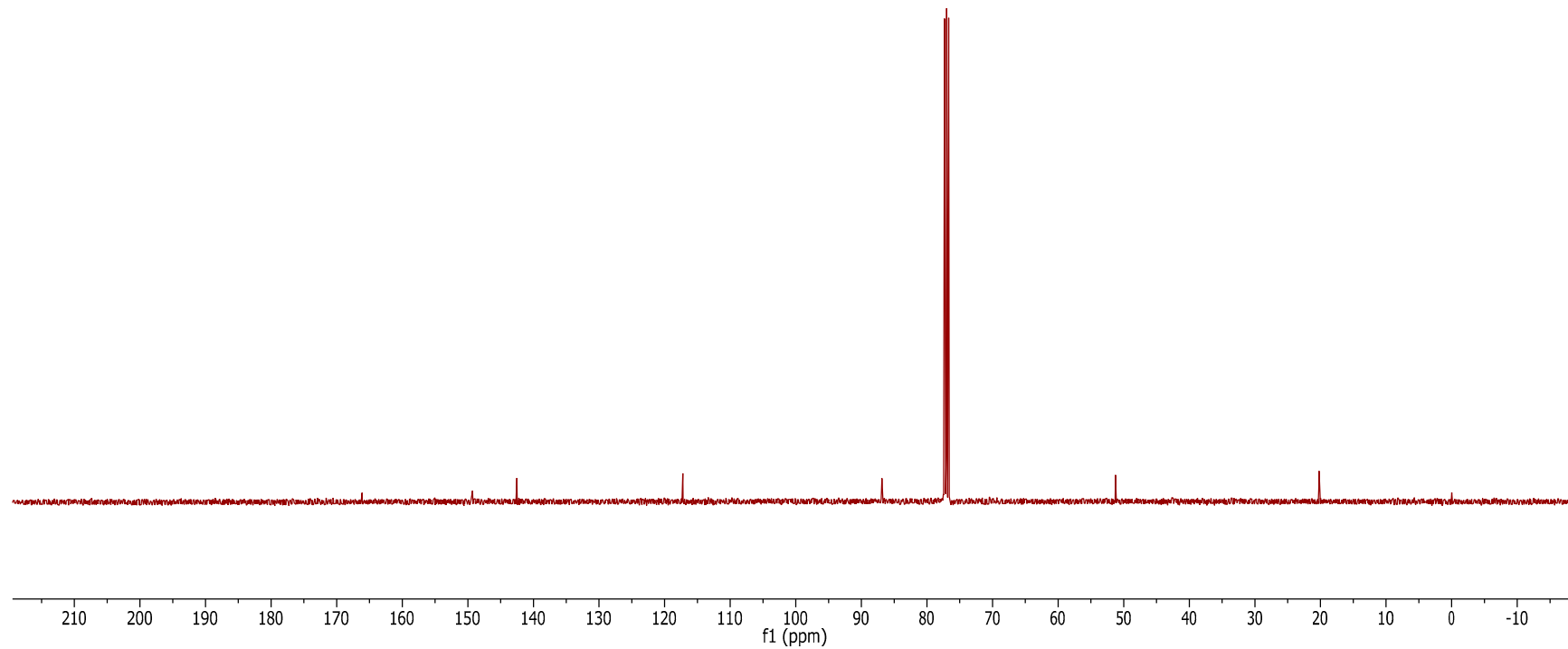
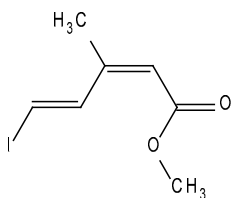
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1.98
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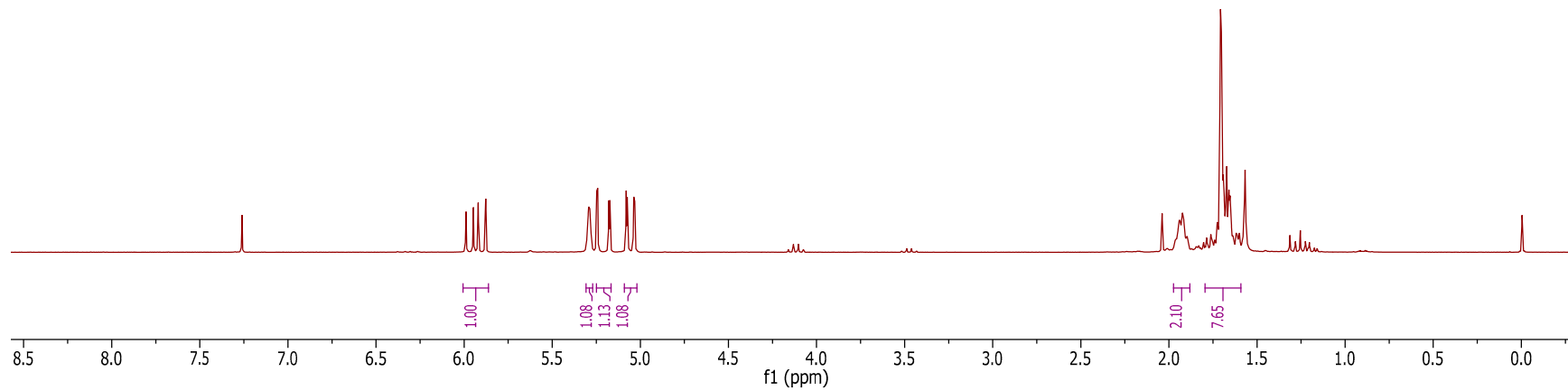
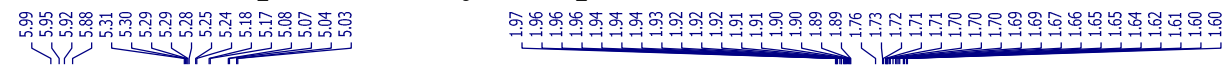
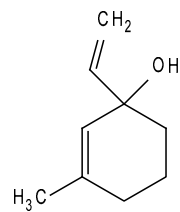
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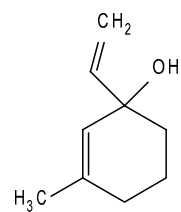


NMR Spectra – Vinyl compounds

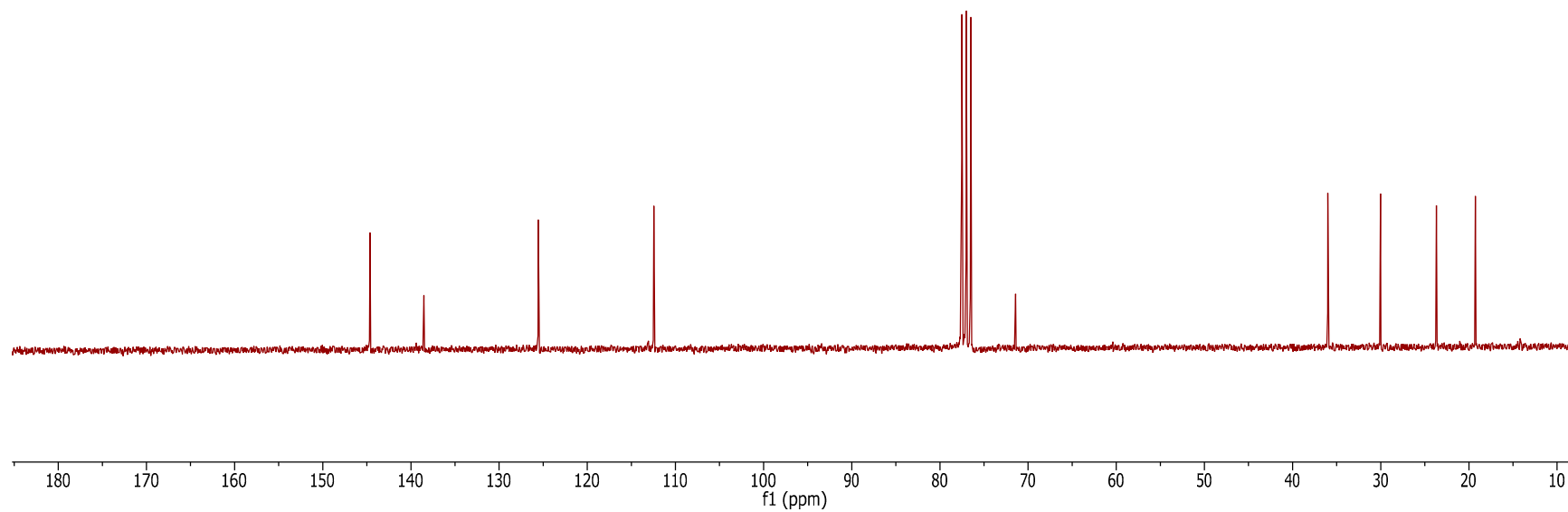
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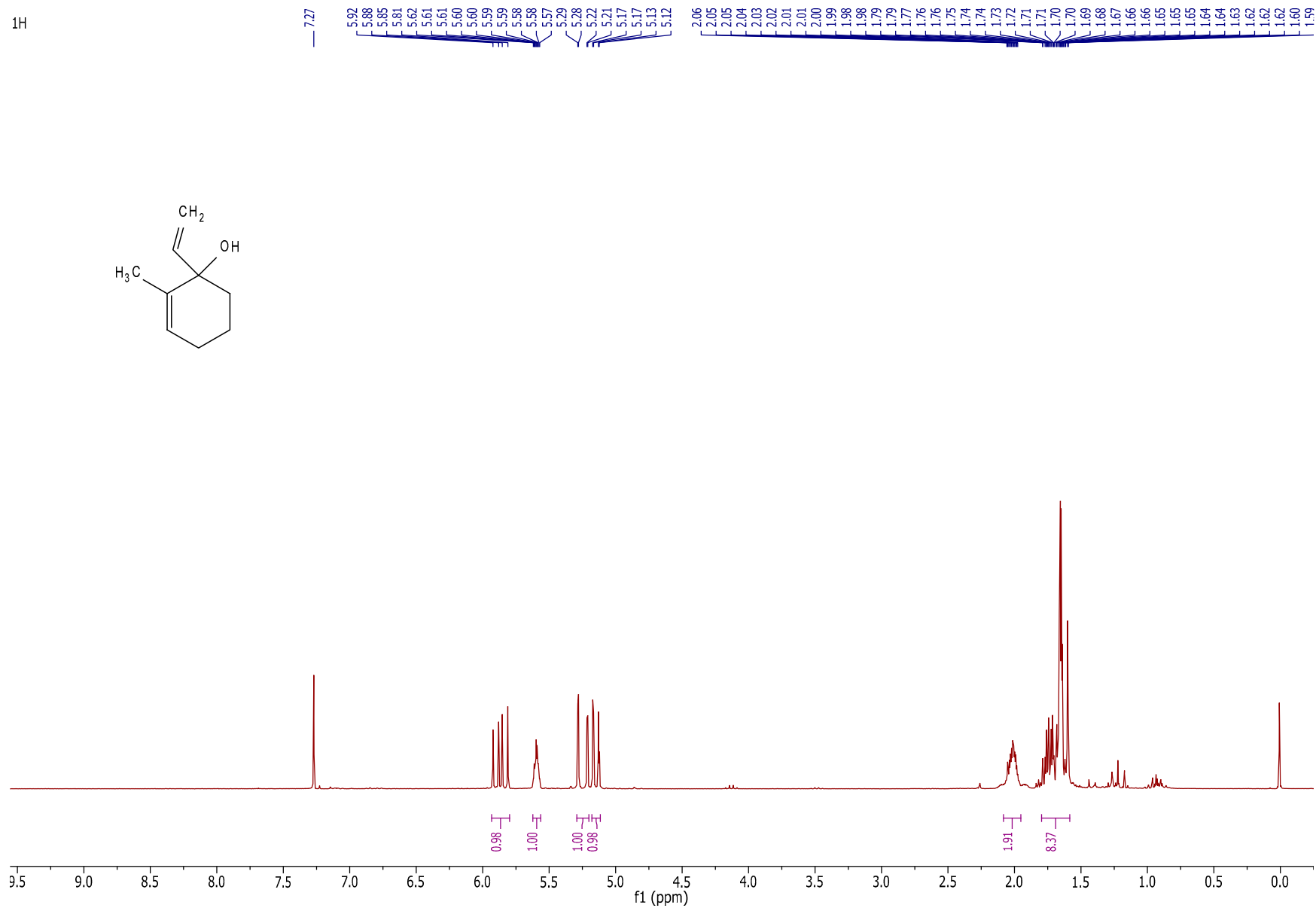
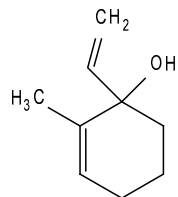
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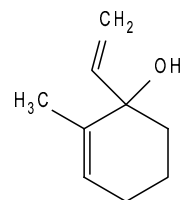
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125.55
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71.41
36.01
30.02
23.69
19.27



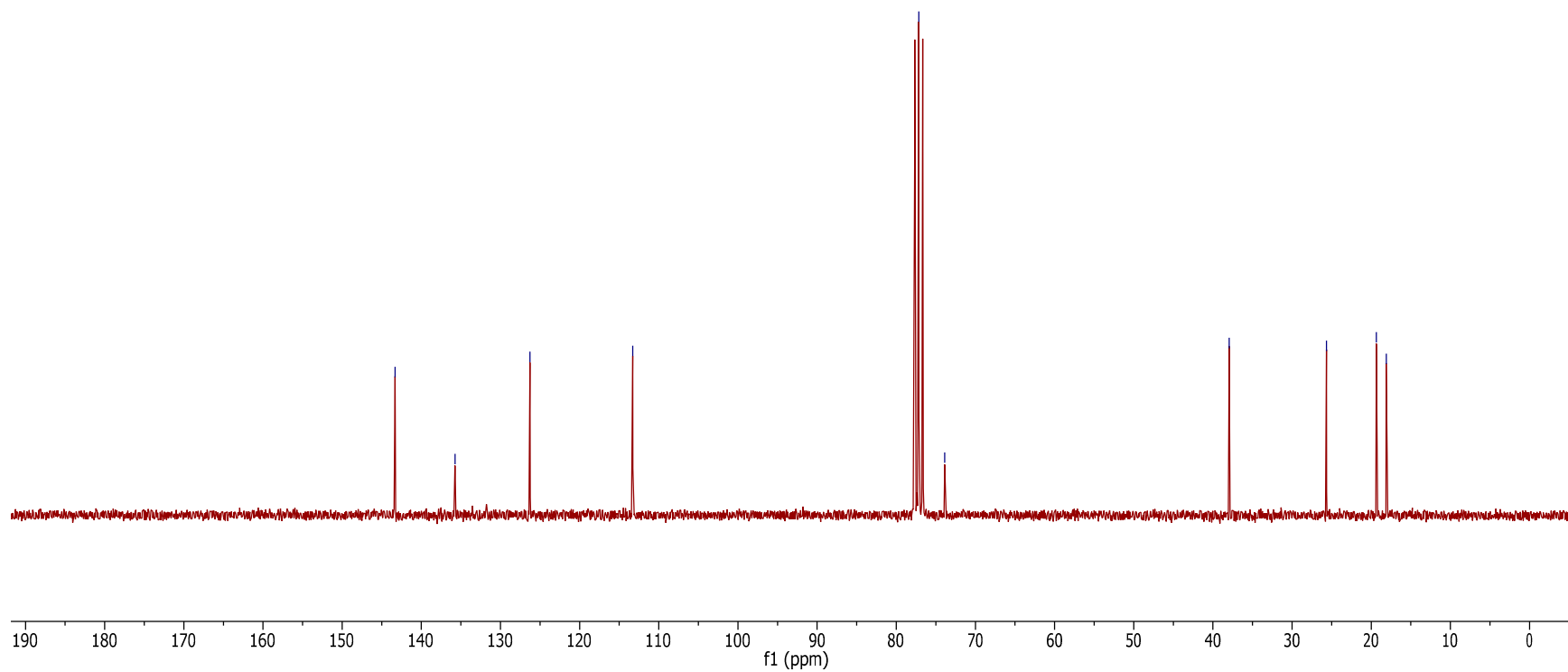
¹H



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143.31 [8]
135.74 [2]
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113.29 [9]
77.16
73.89 [1]
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25.66 [4]
19.35 [5]
18.10 [7]

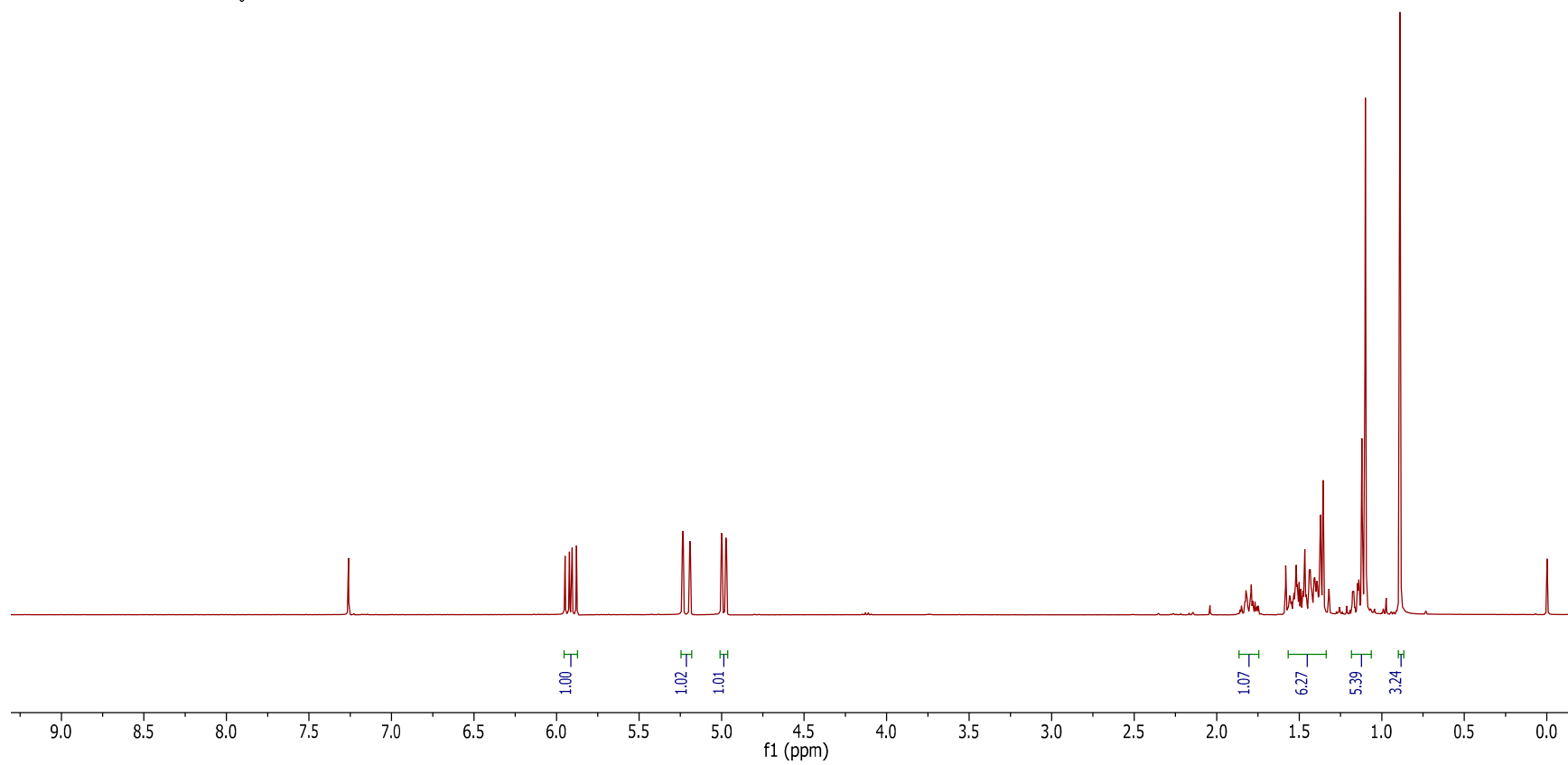
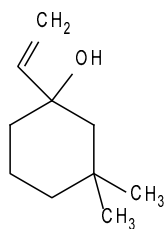


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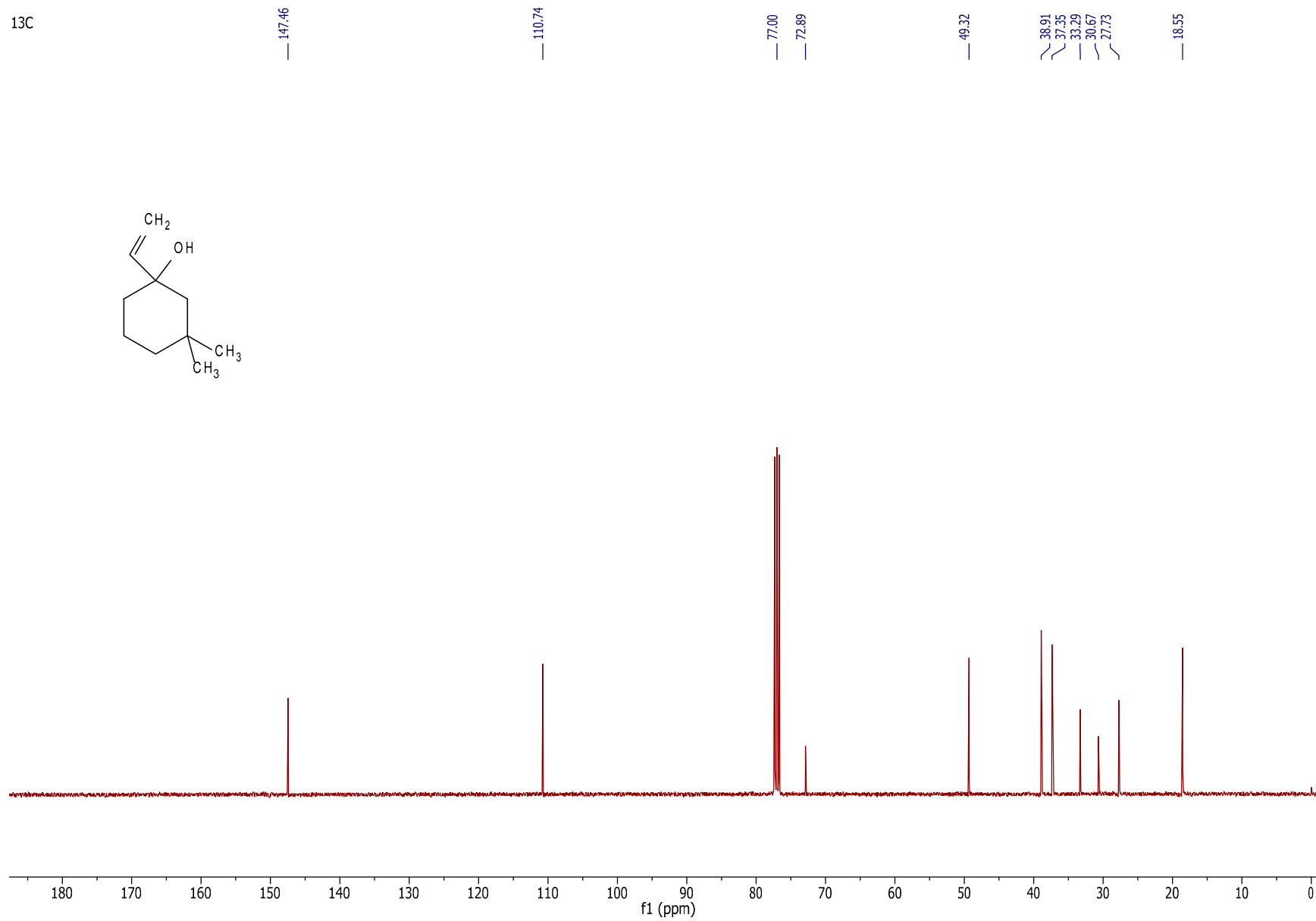
— 7.26

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5.91
5.88
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5.23
5.19
5.19
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4.97
4.97

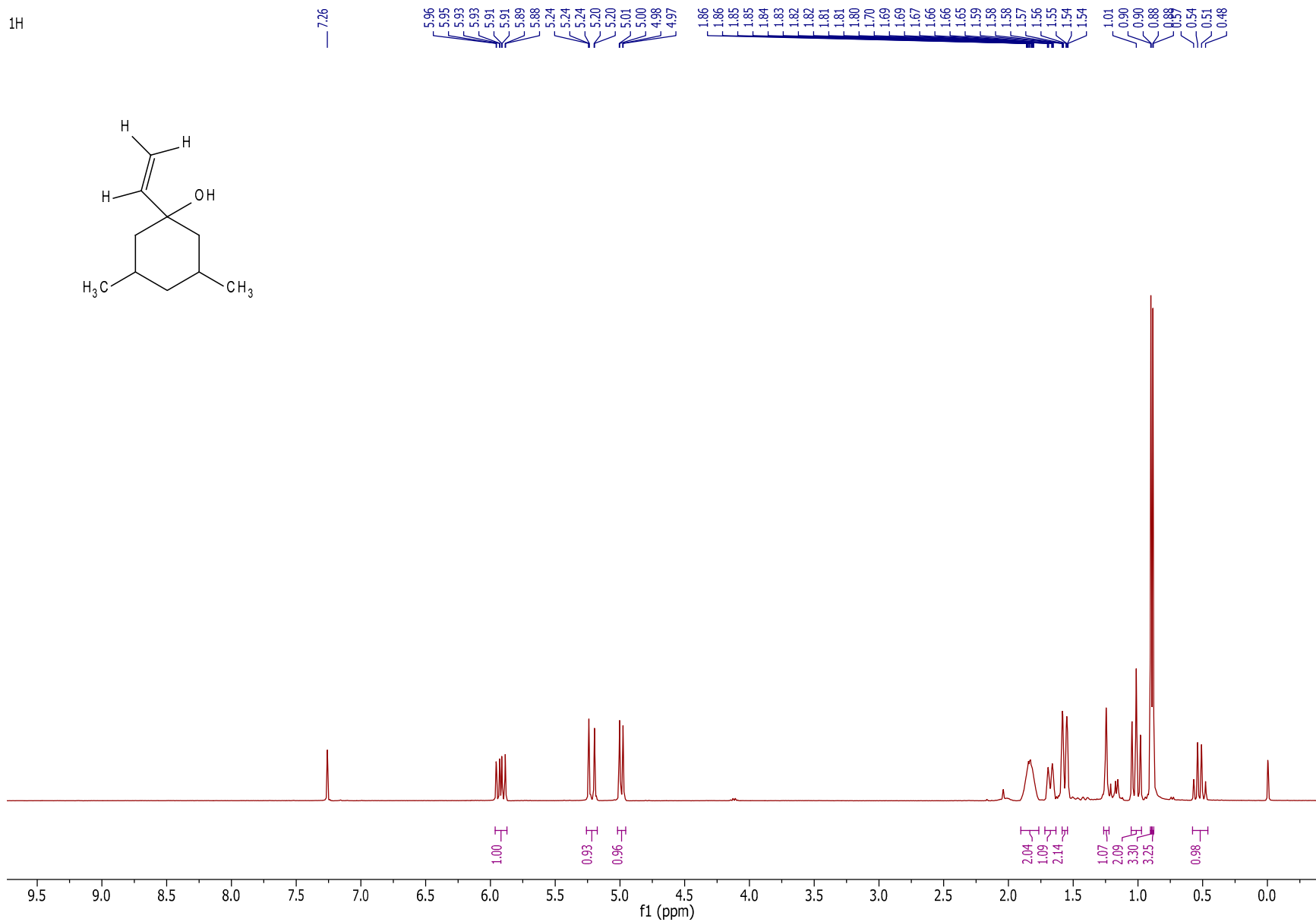
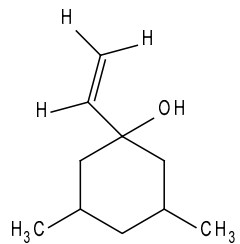
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1.15
1.12
1.10
0.89



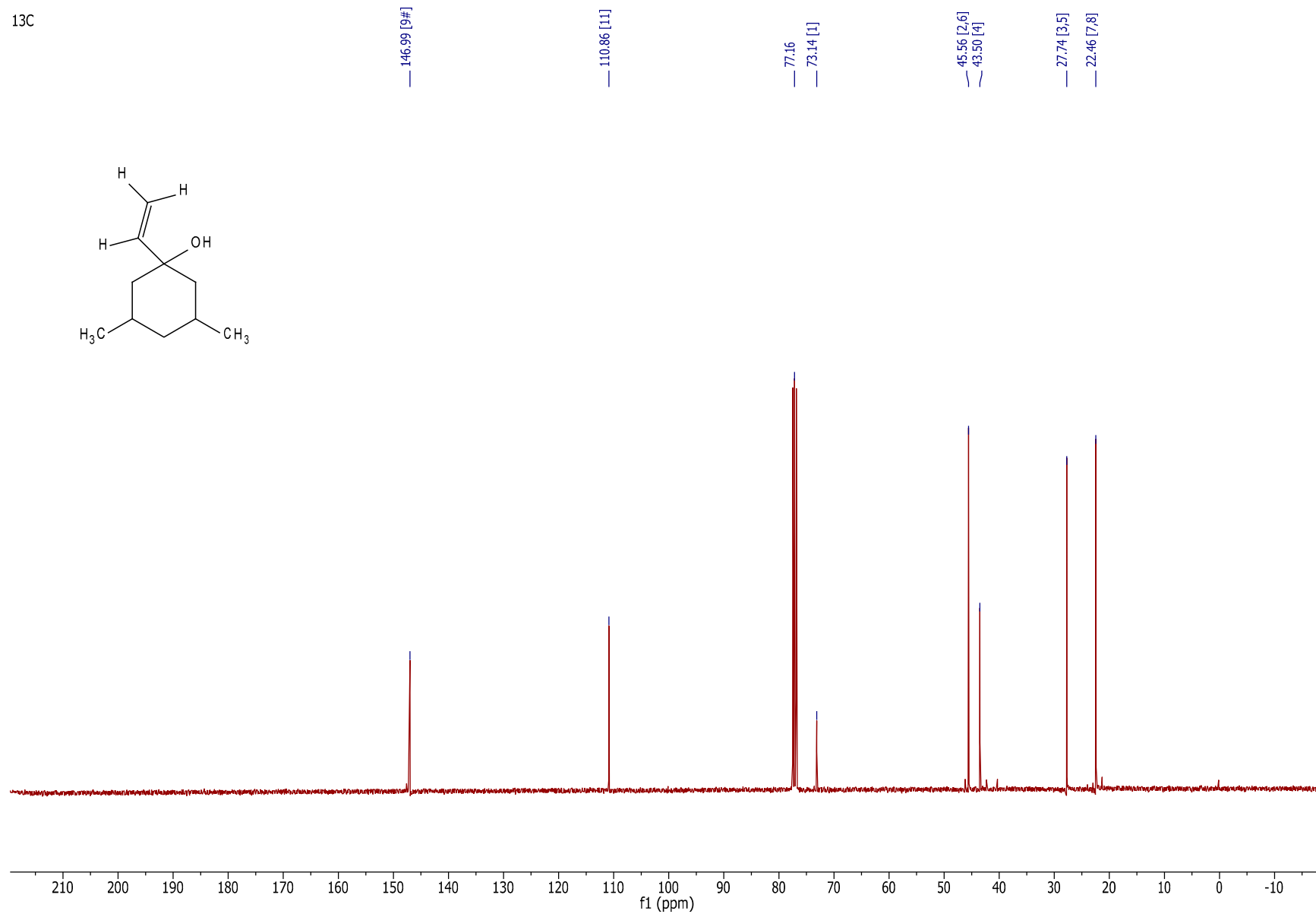
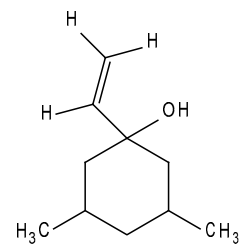
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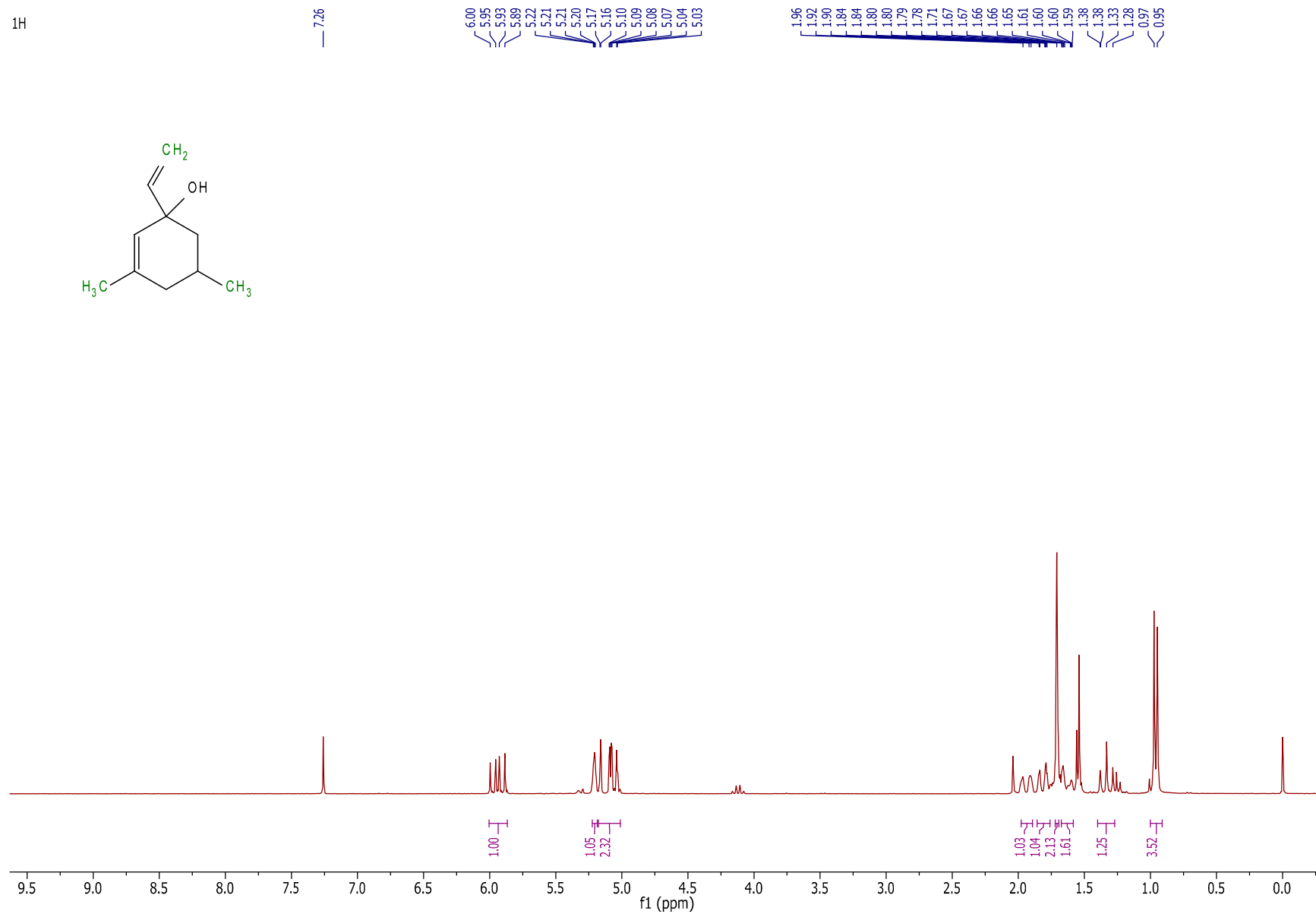
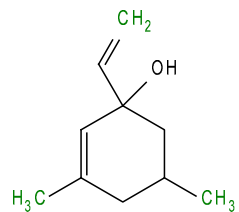


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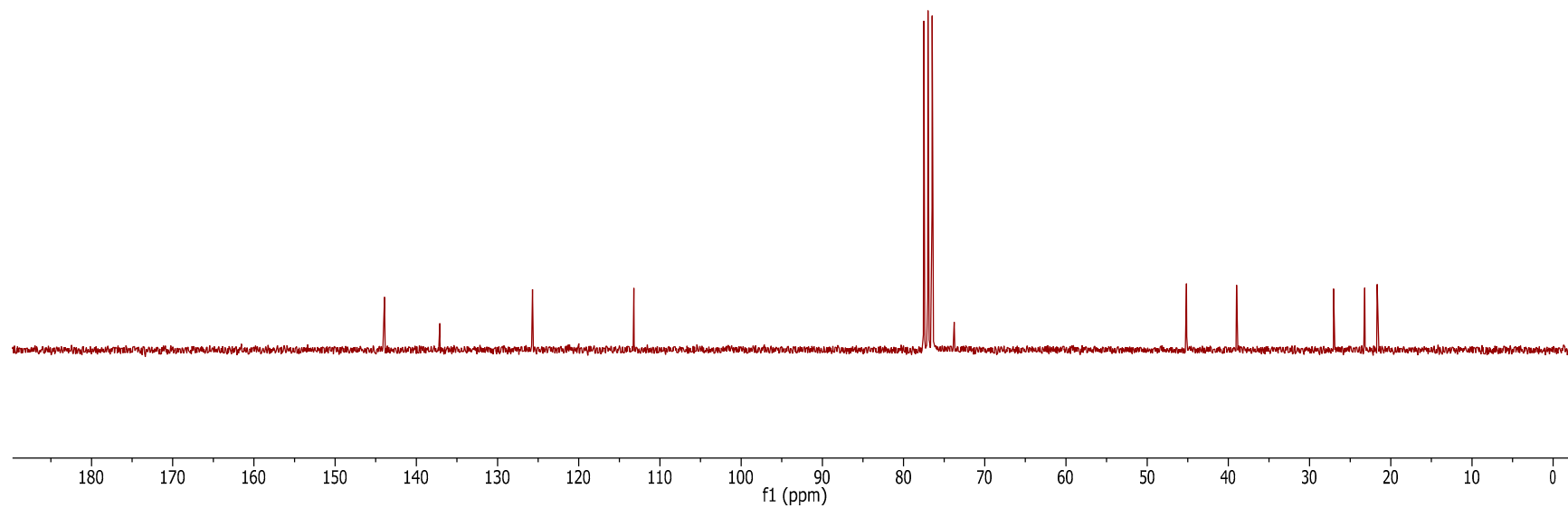
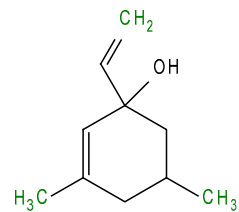
¹H

— 7.26

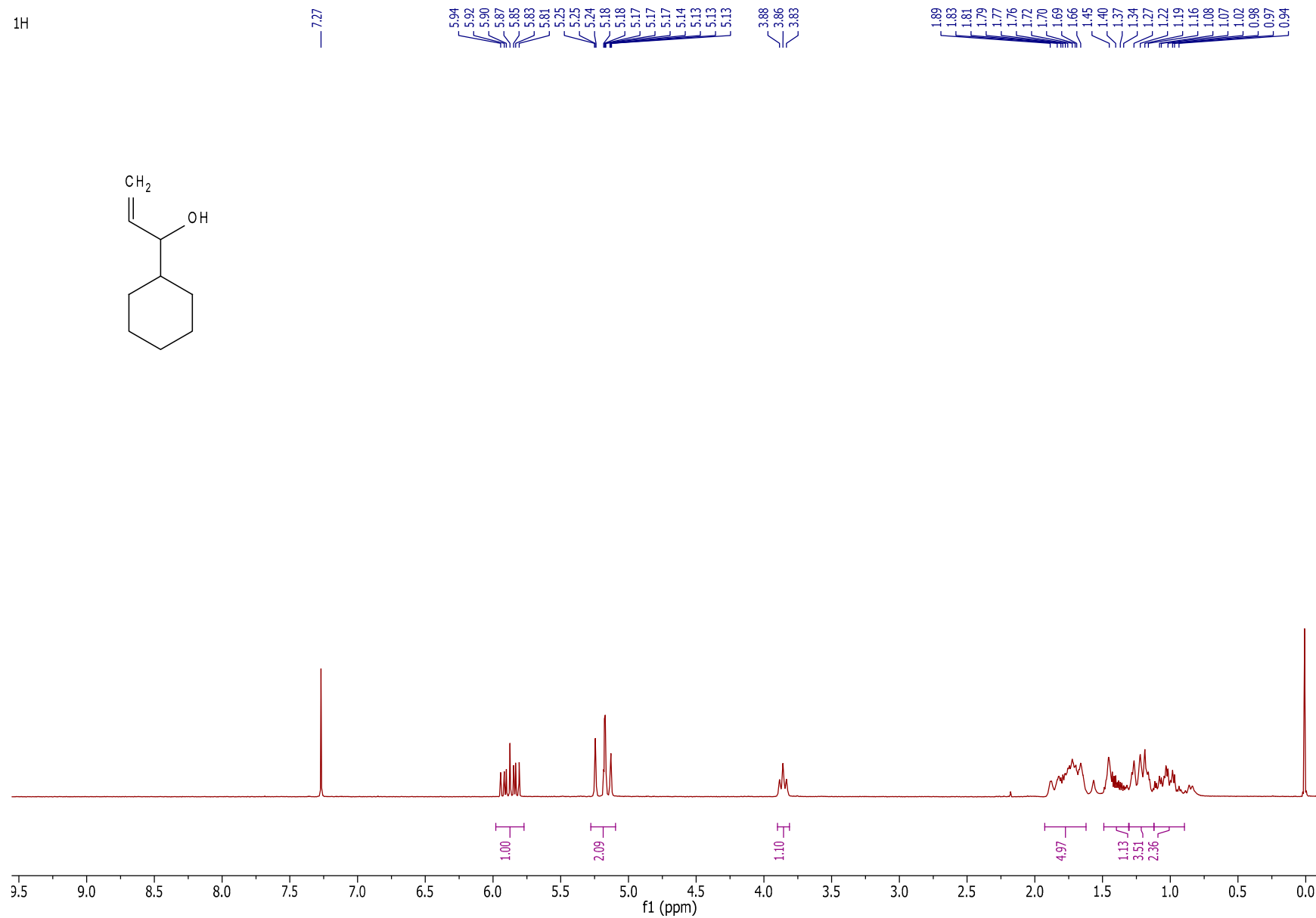
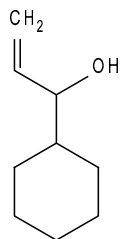


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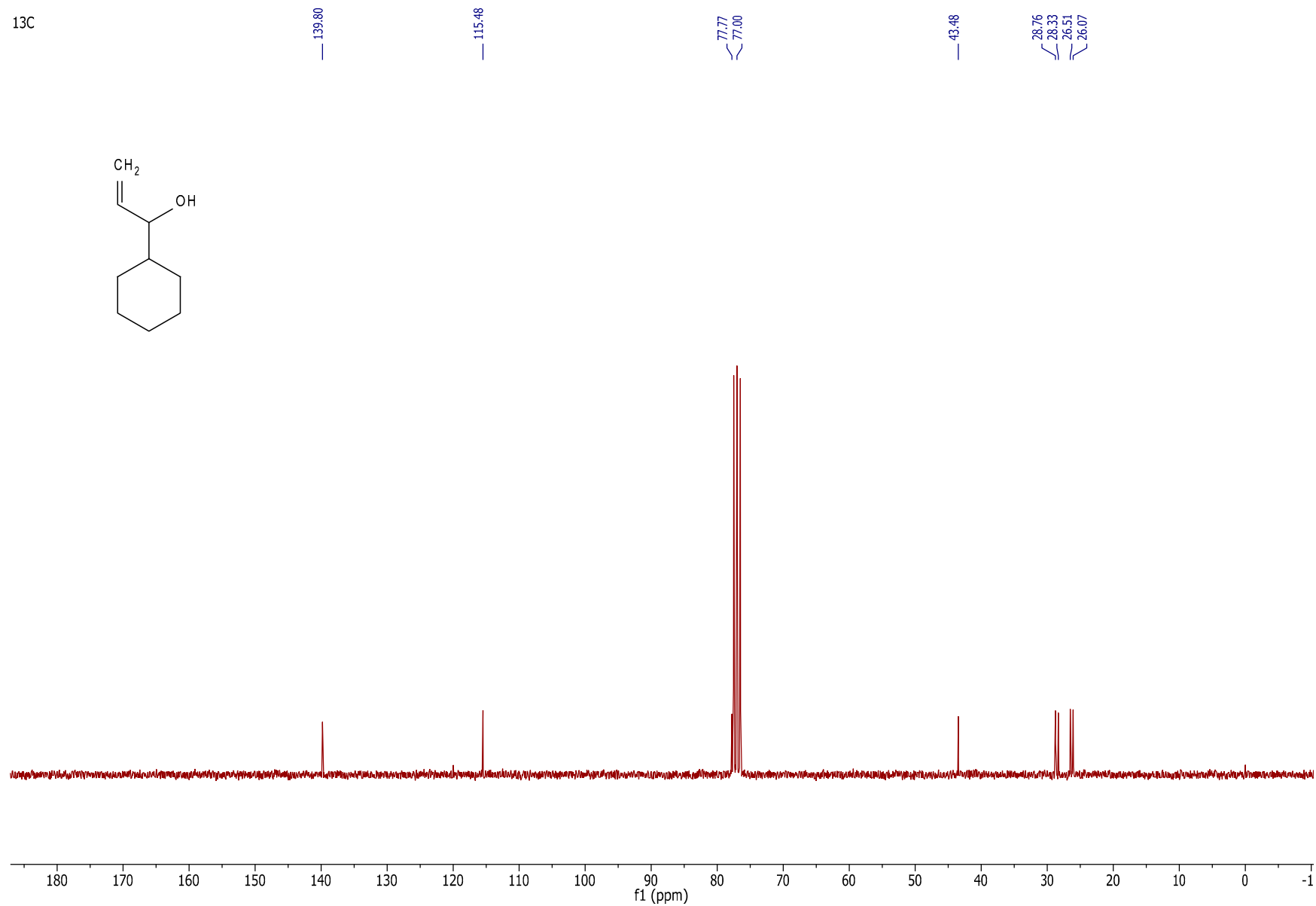
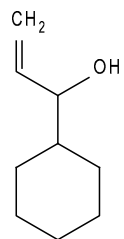
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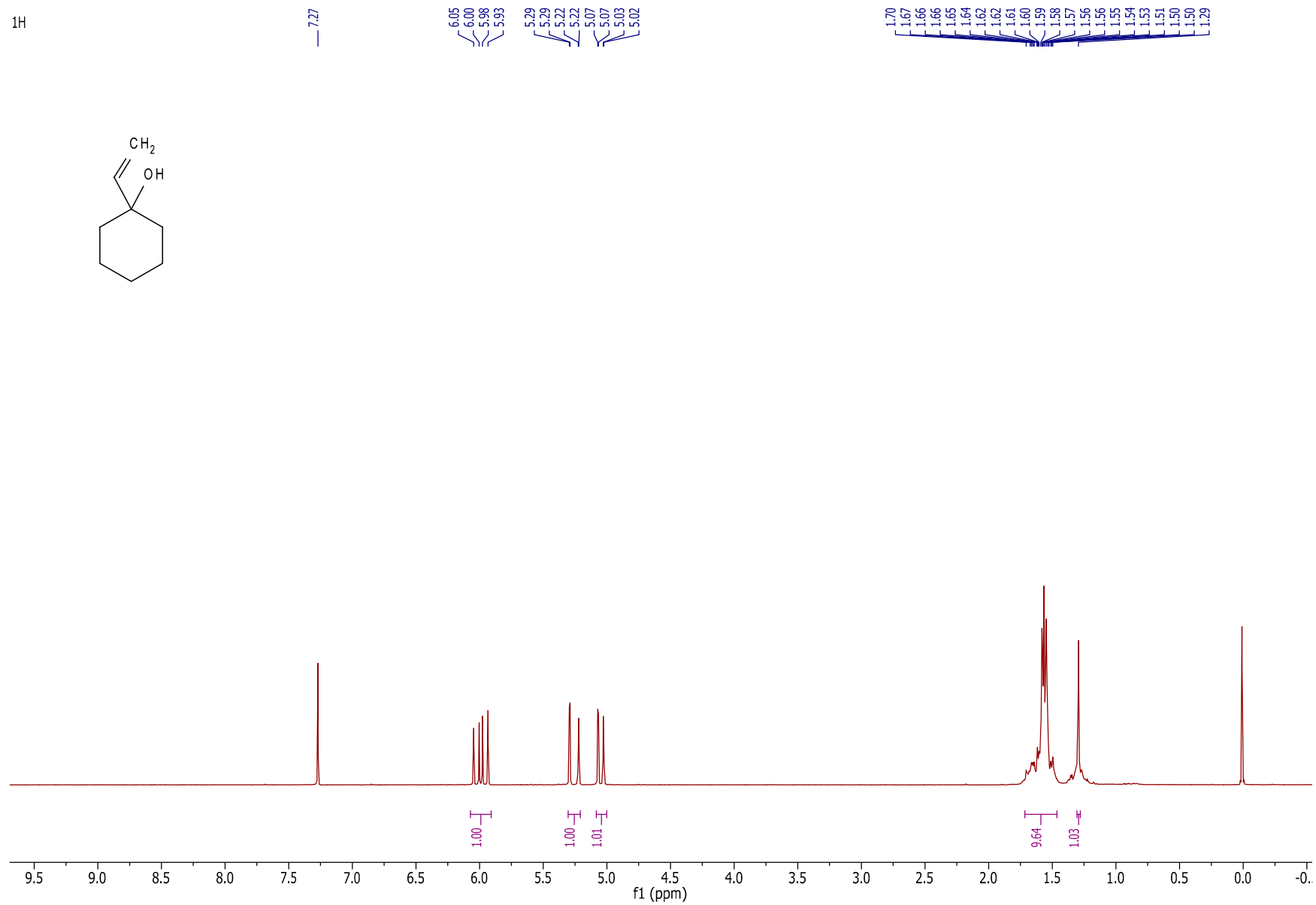
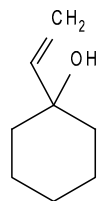
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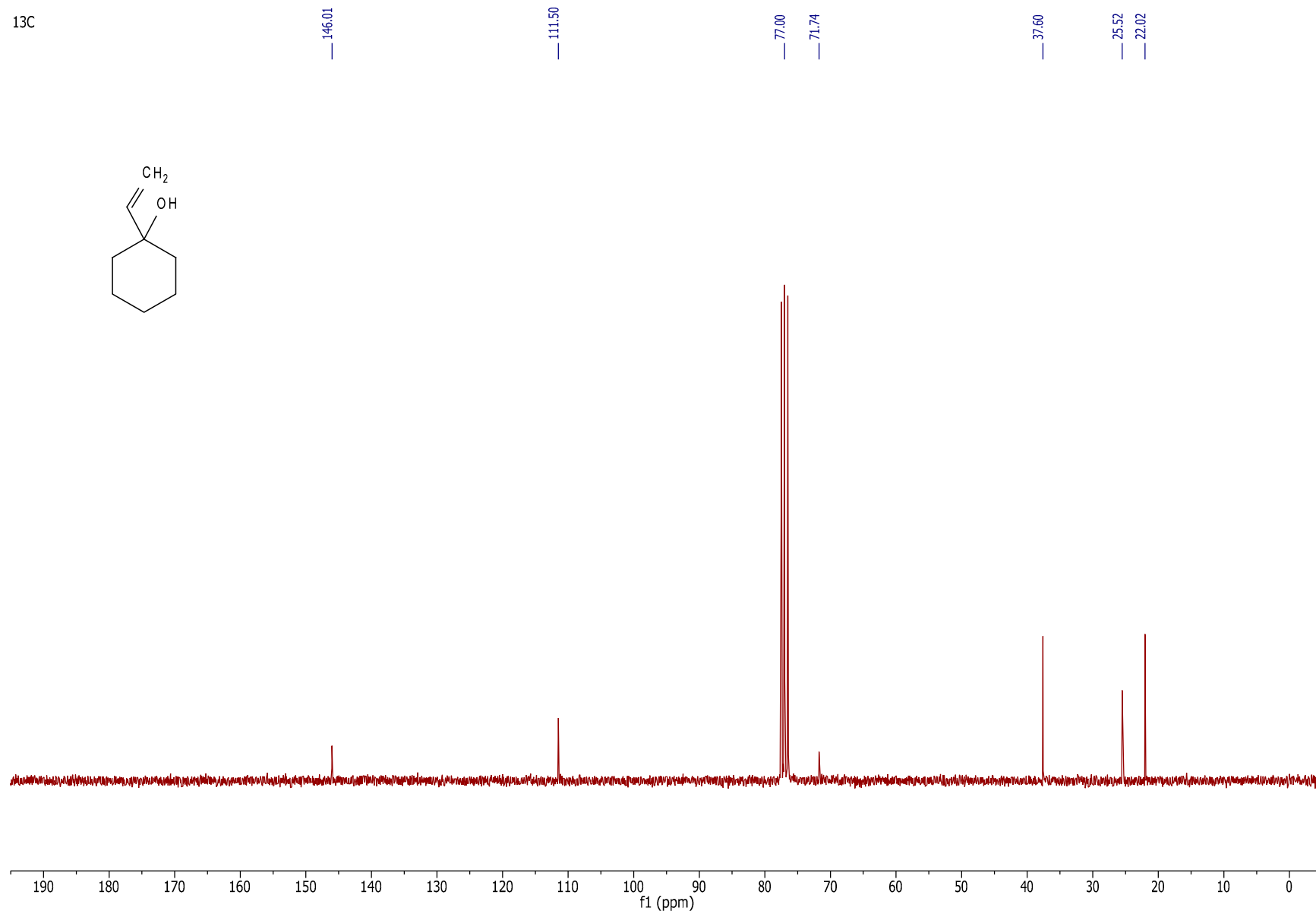
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¹H



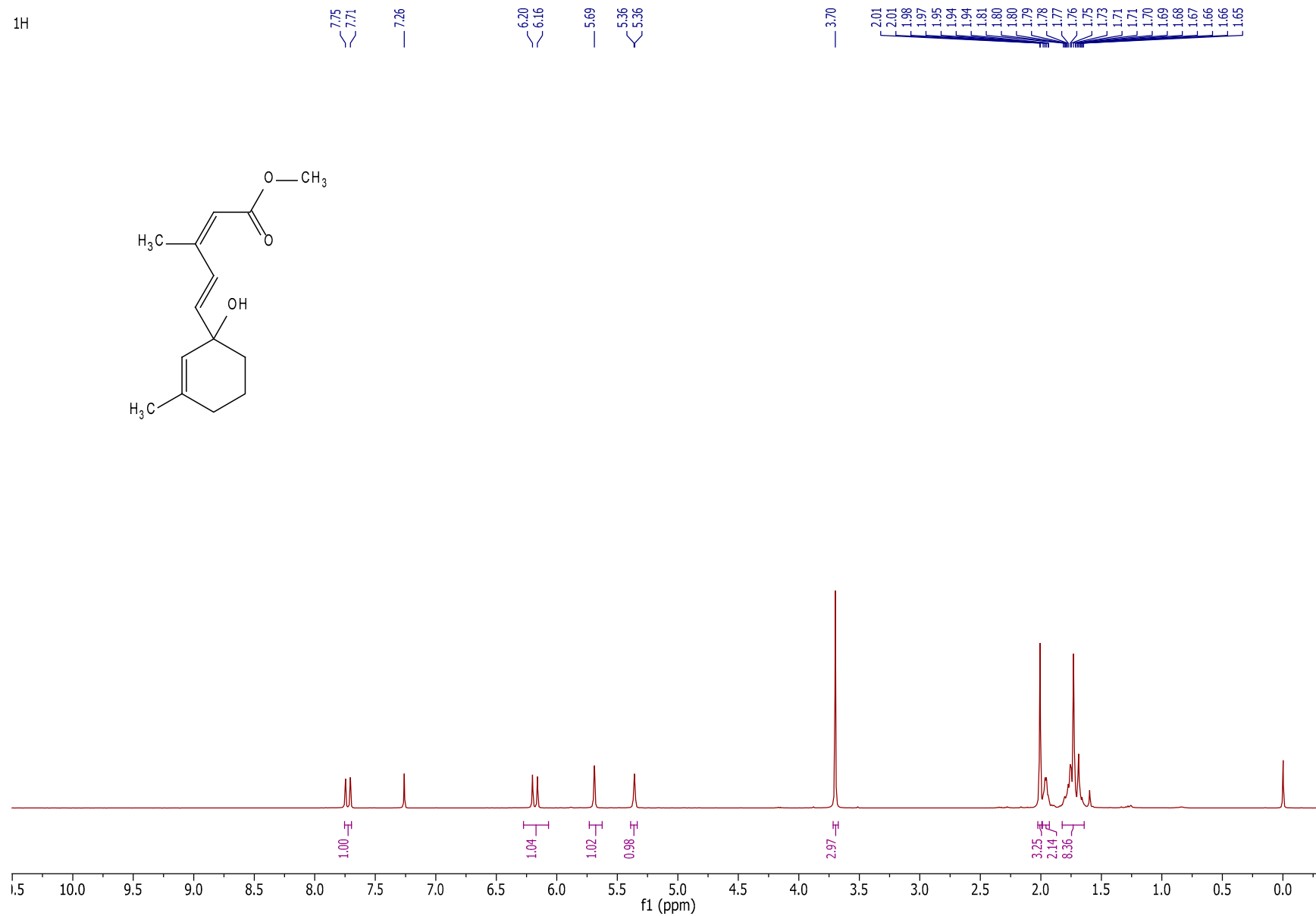
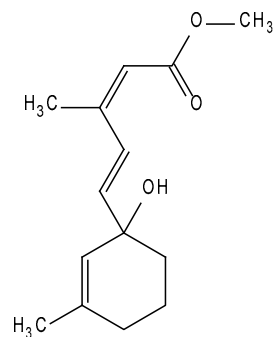
13C



NMR Spectra – Compounds 3a-3n, 4

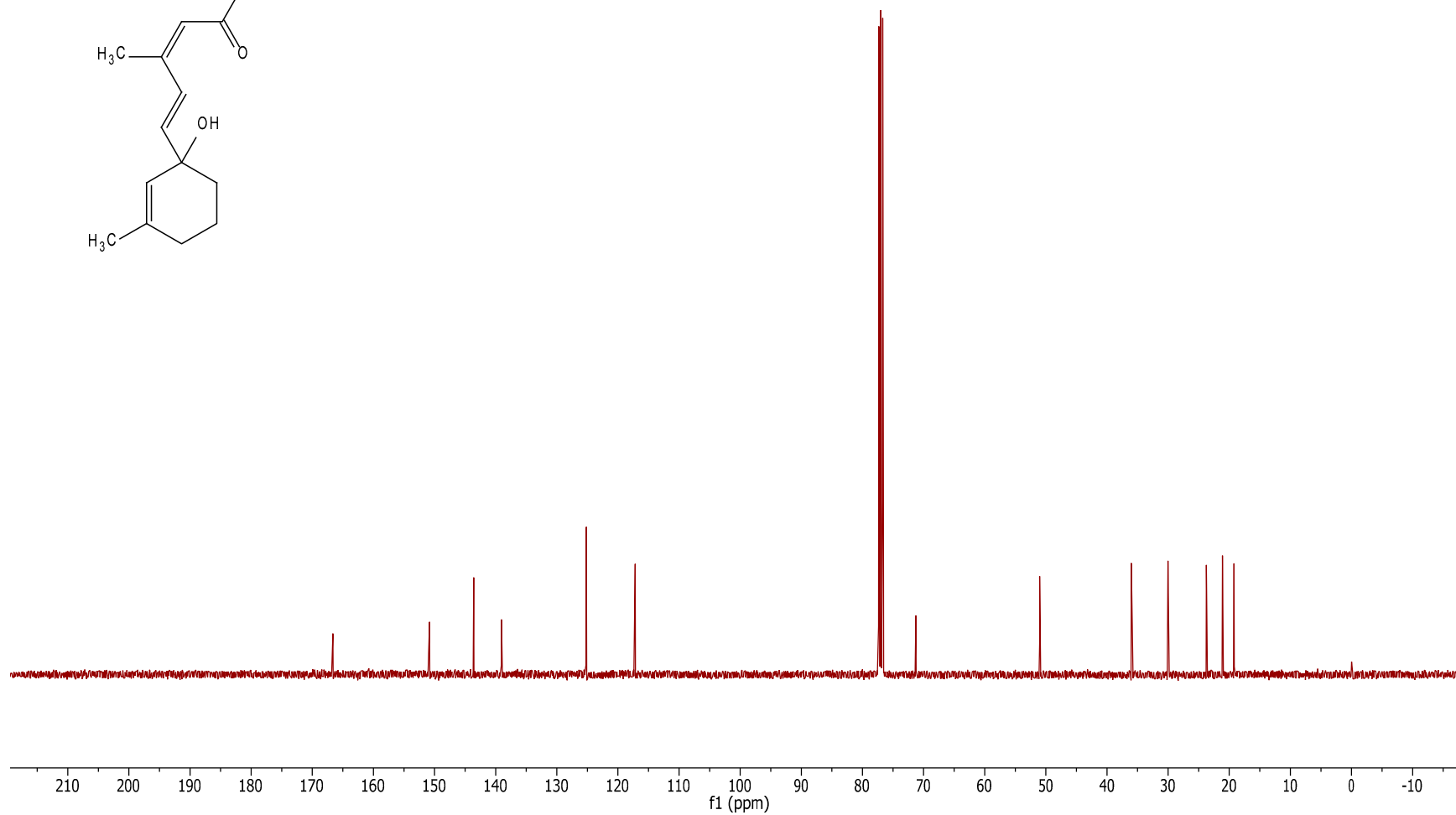
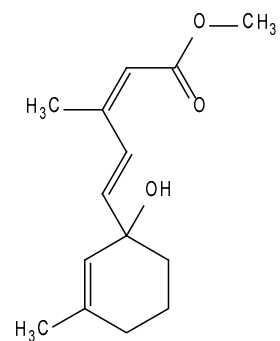
Compound 3a :

¹H



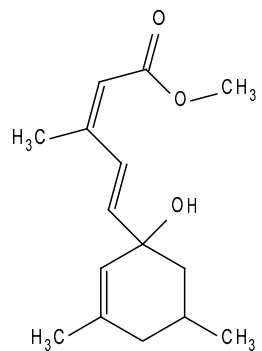
13C

166.62
150.82
143.59
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125.18
117.17
71.25
51.01
36.01
30.03
23.75
21.11
19.23



Compound 3b :

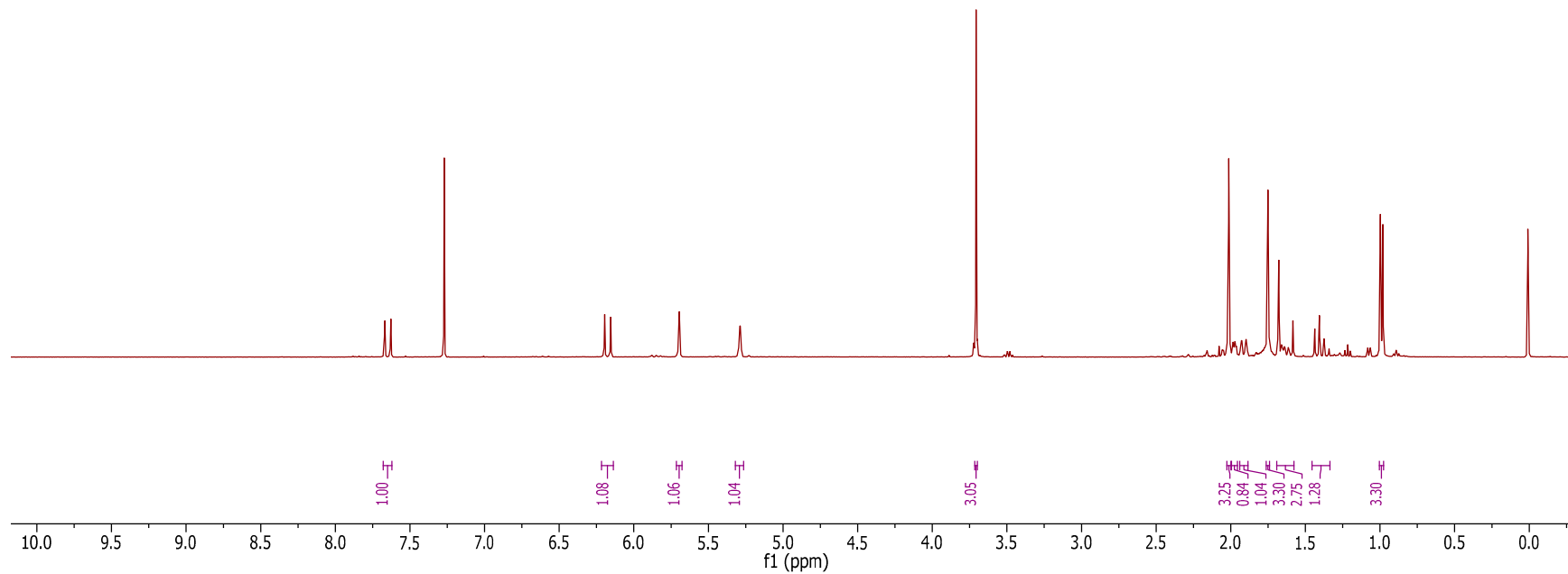
¹H



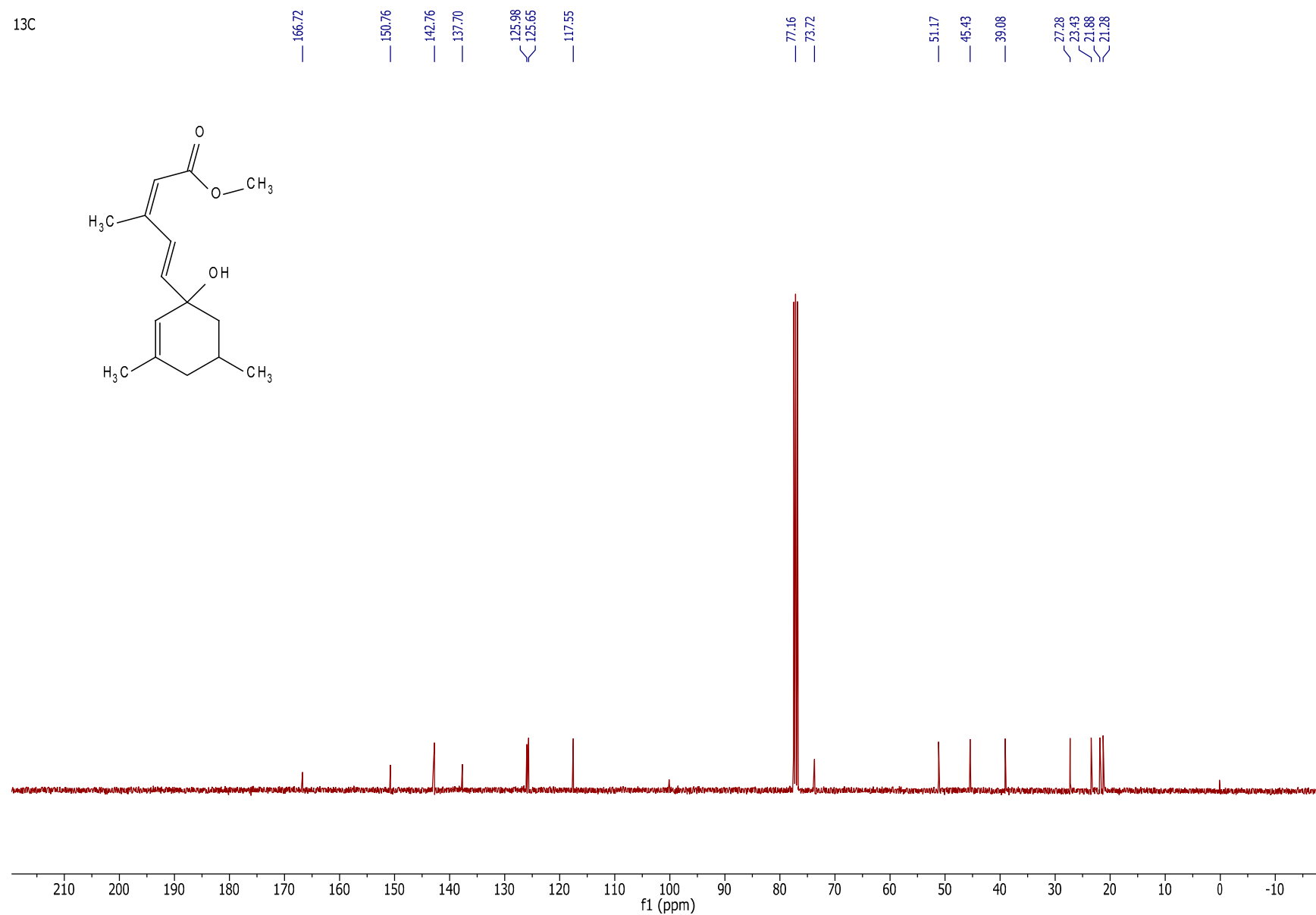
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5.70
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5.29
5.29
5.28
5.28

3.71
3.71
2.01
2.01
1.98
1.97
1.93
1.93
1.92
1.90
1.90
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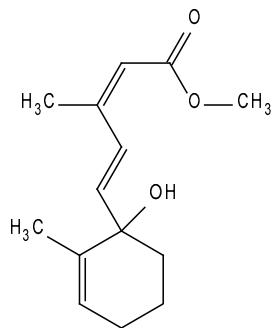


13C



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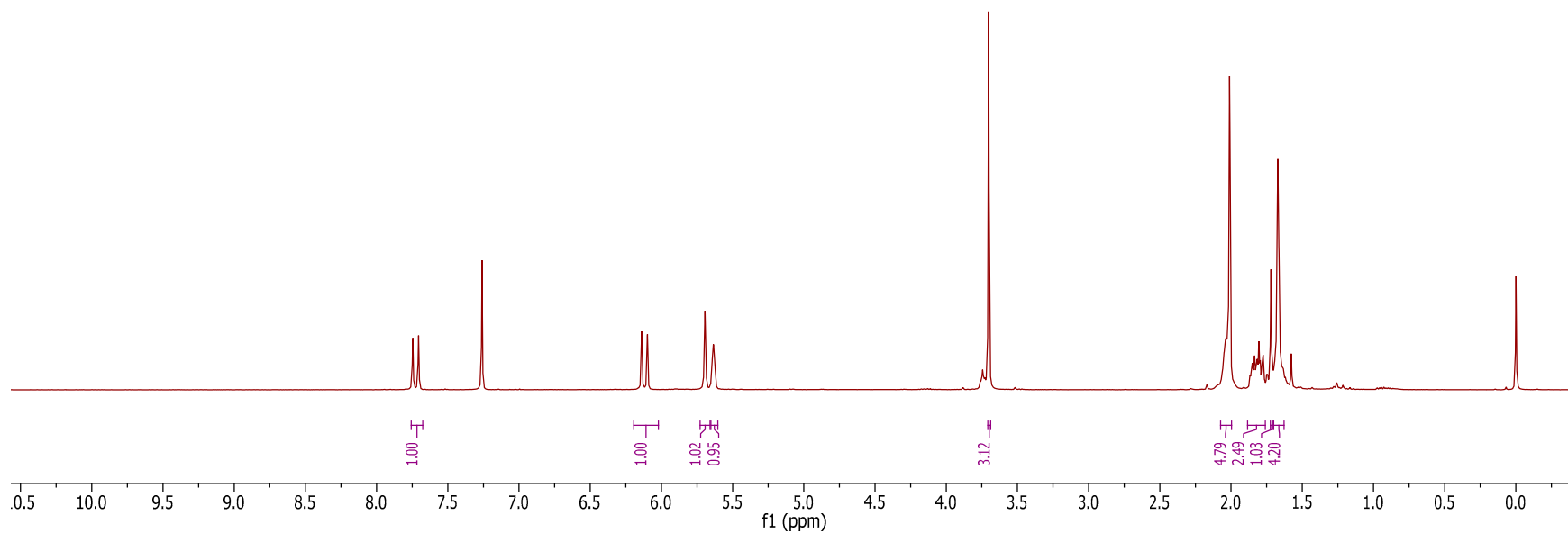
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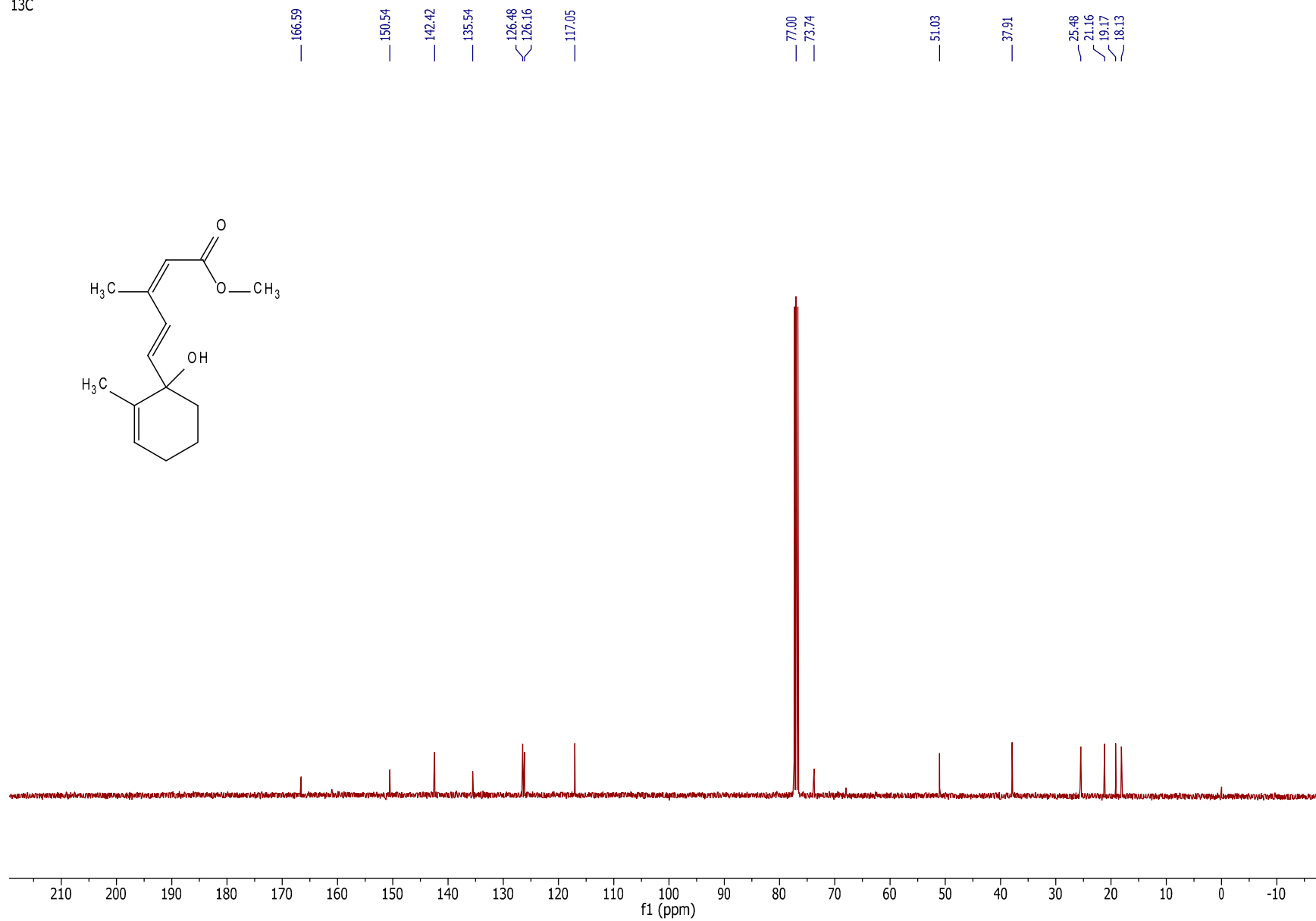
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6.14
6.10
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5.63
5.62

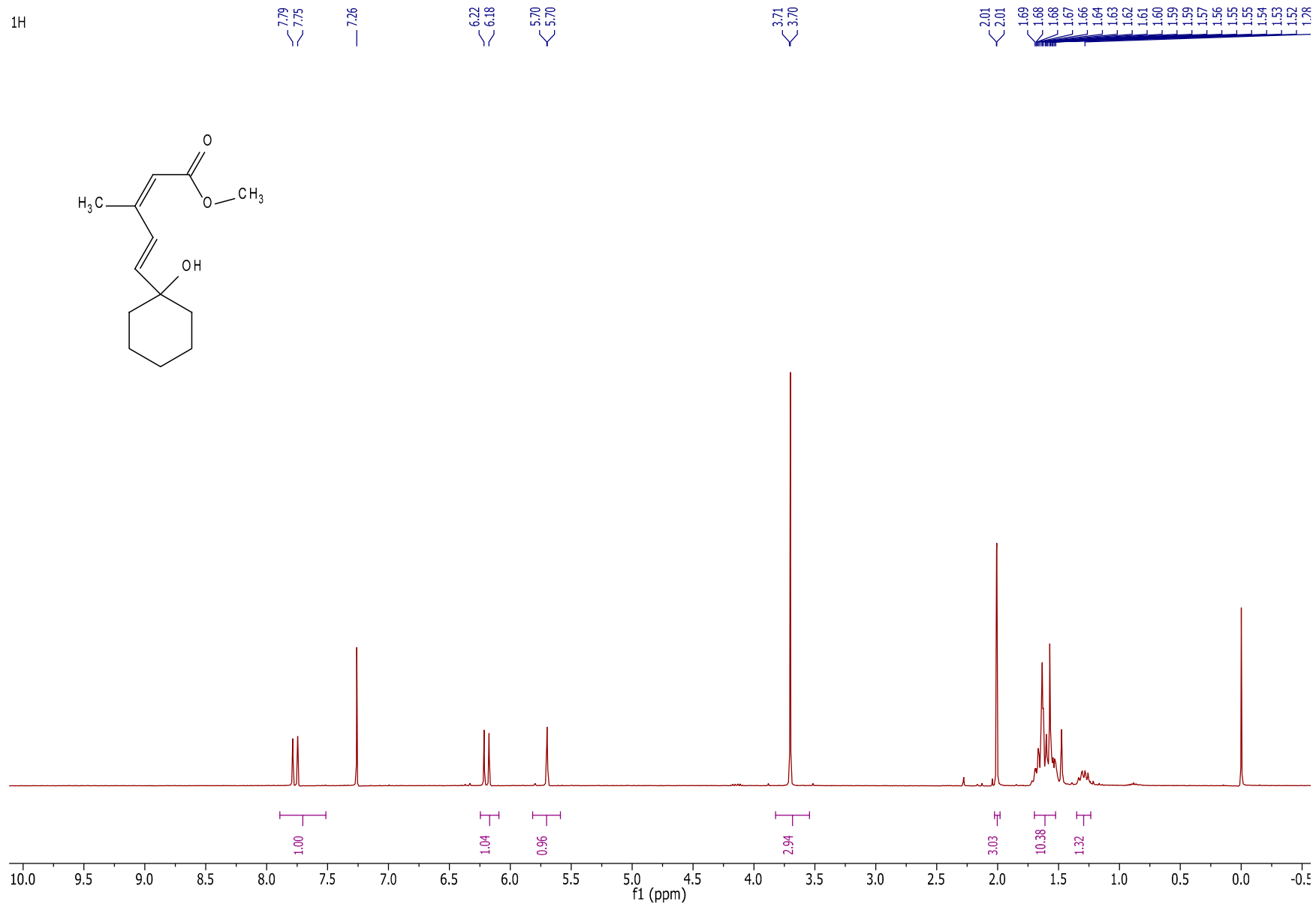
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2.04
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1.83
1.82
1.81
1.80
1.80
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1.78
1.77
1.72
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1.64



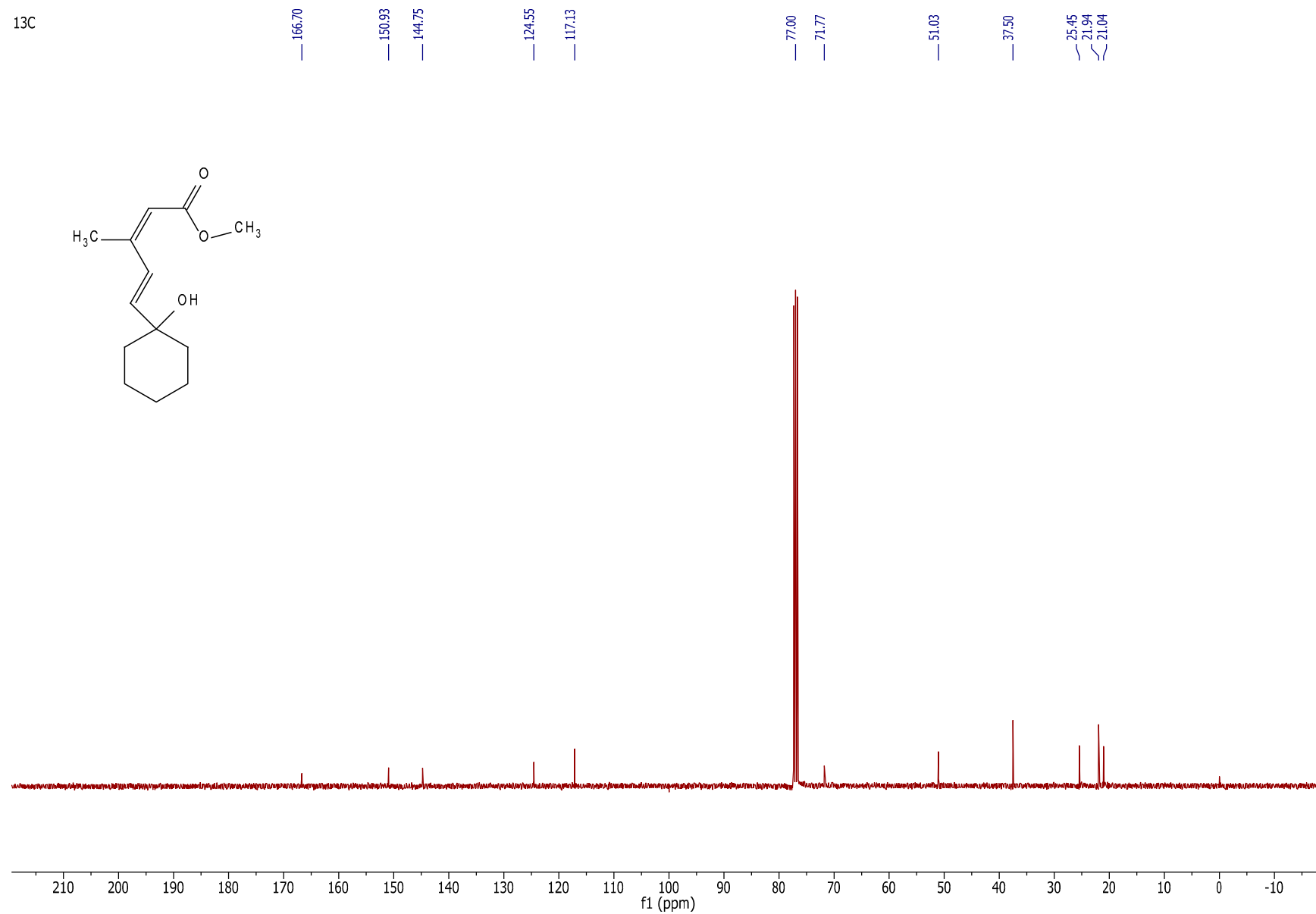
¹³C



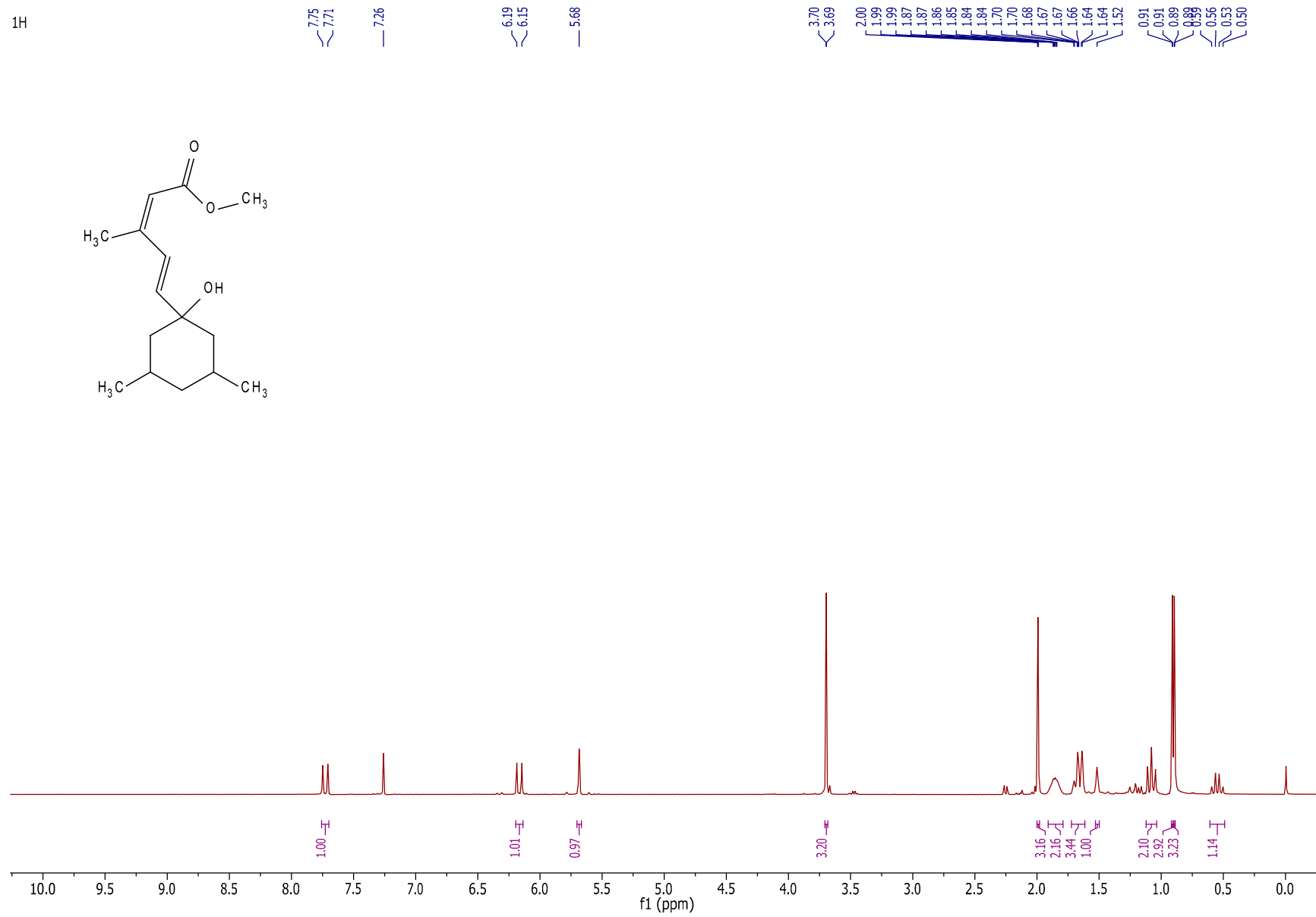
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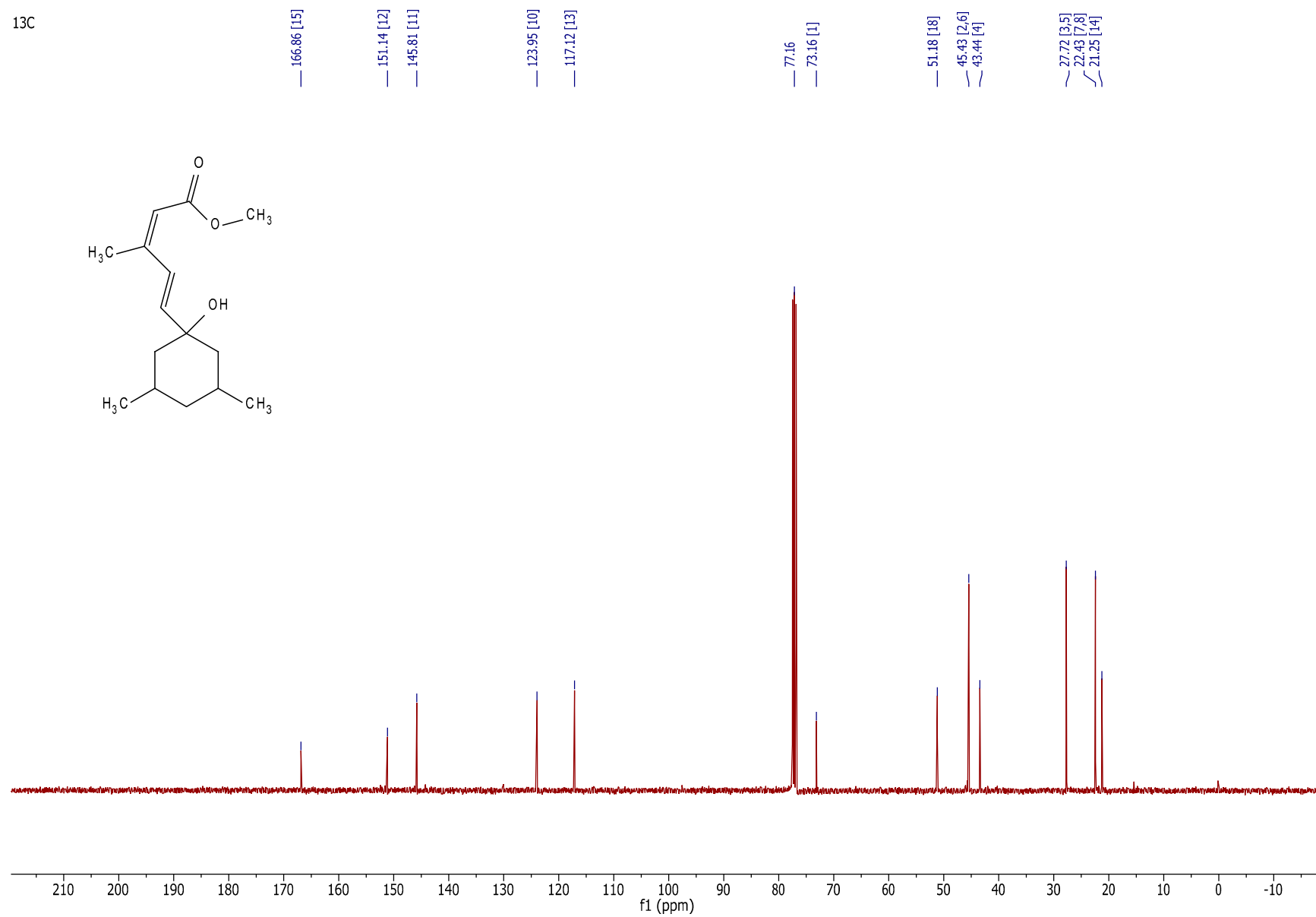
13C



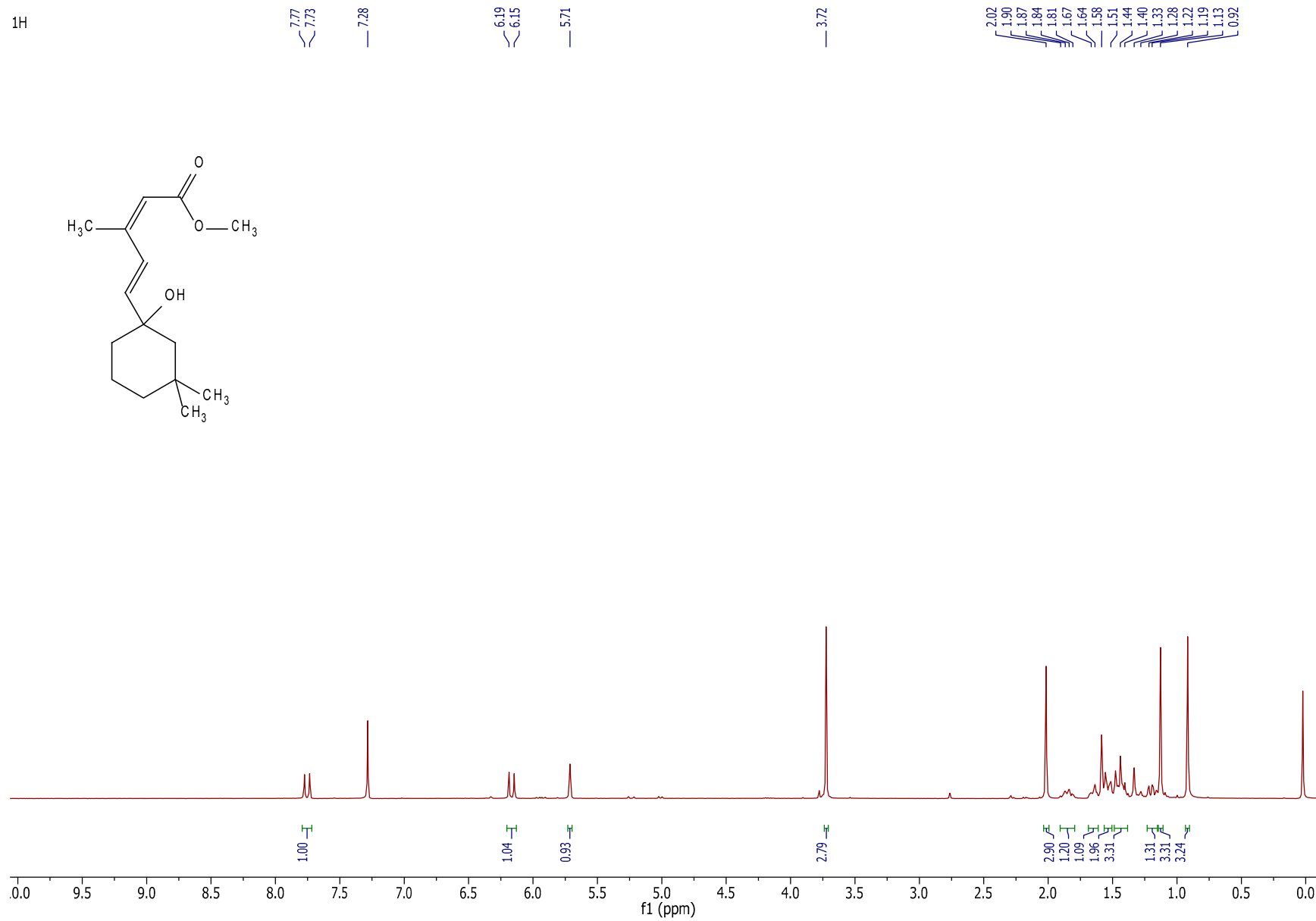
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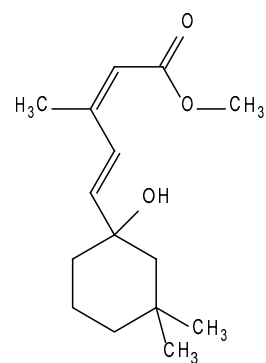
13C



Compound 3f :



13C



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150.91

146.00

123.82

117.06

77.00

72.85

51.03

49.33

38.86

37.23

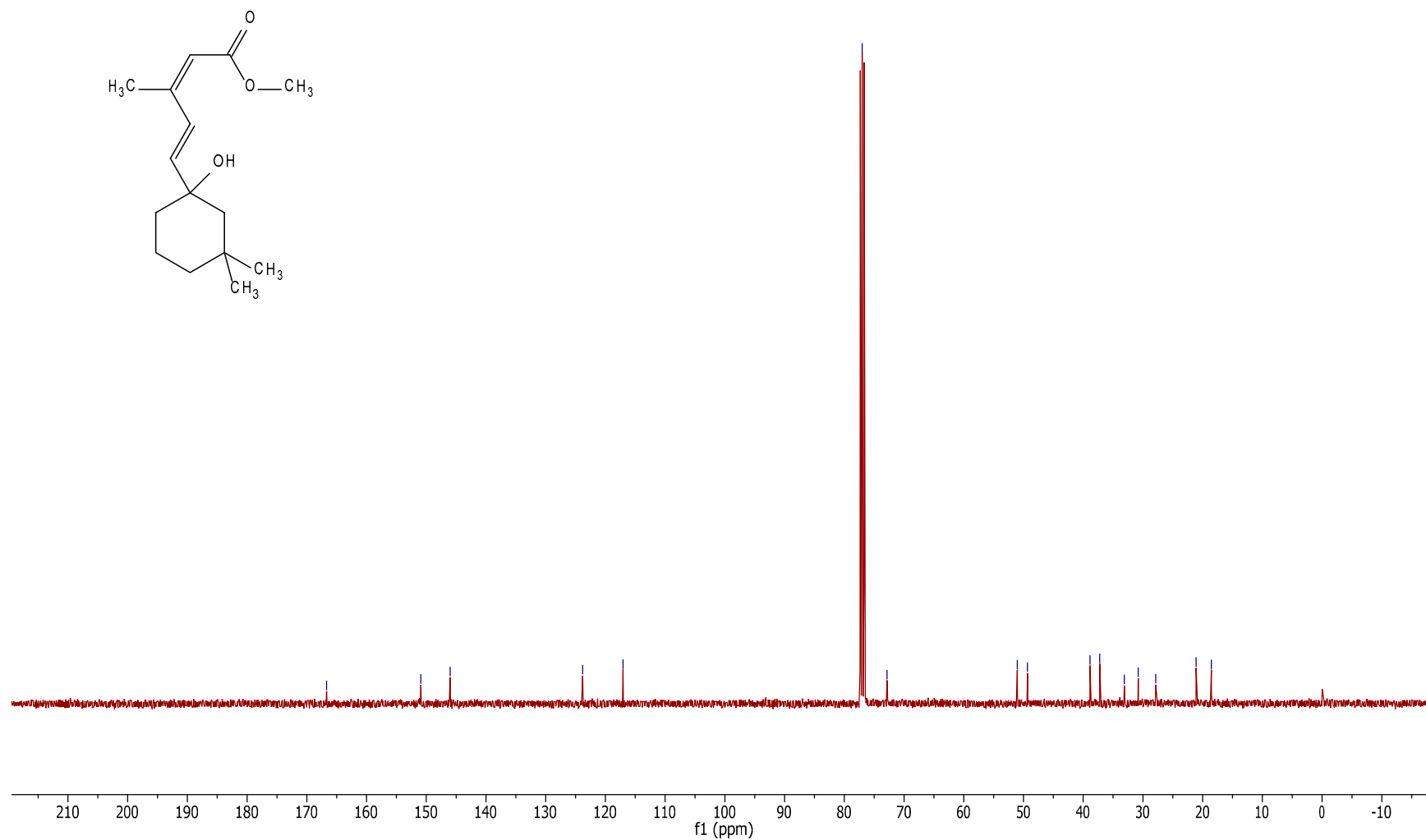
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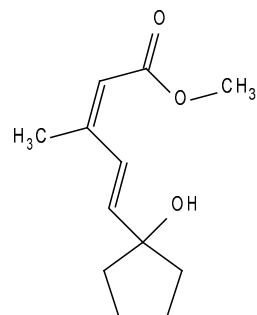
21.09

18.54



Compound 3g :

¹H



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7.78

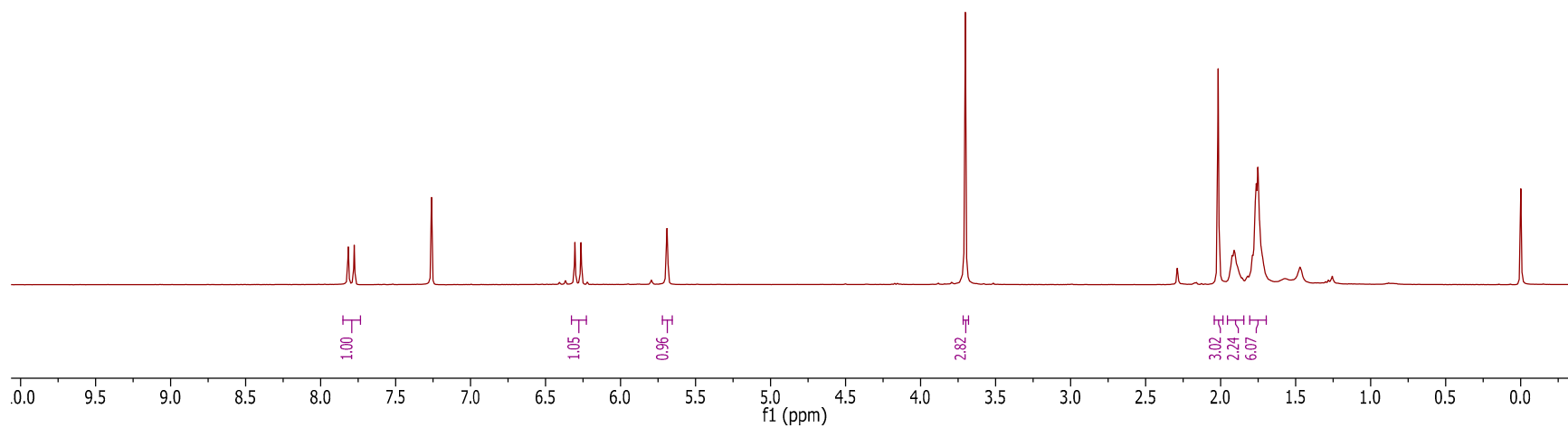
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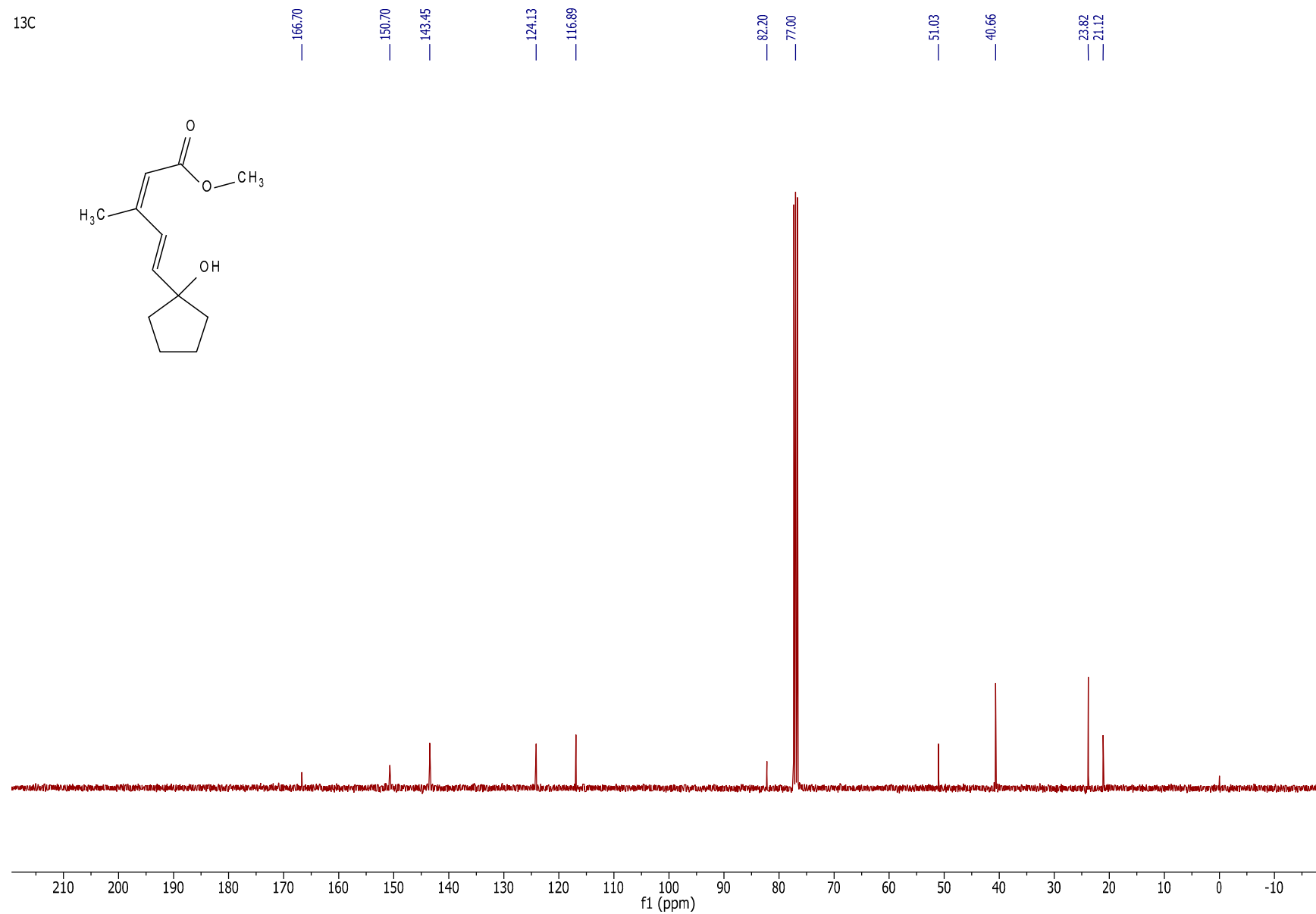
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3.70

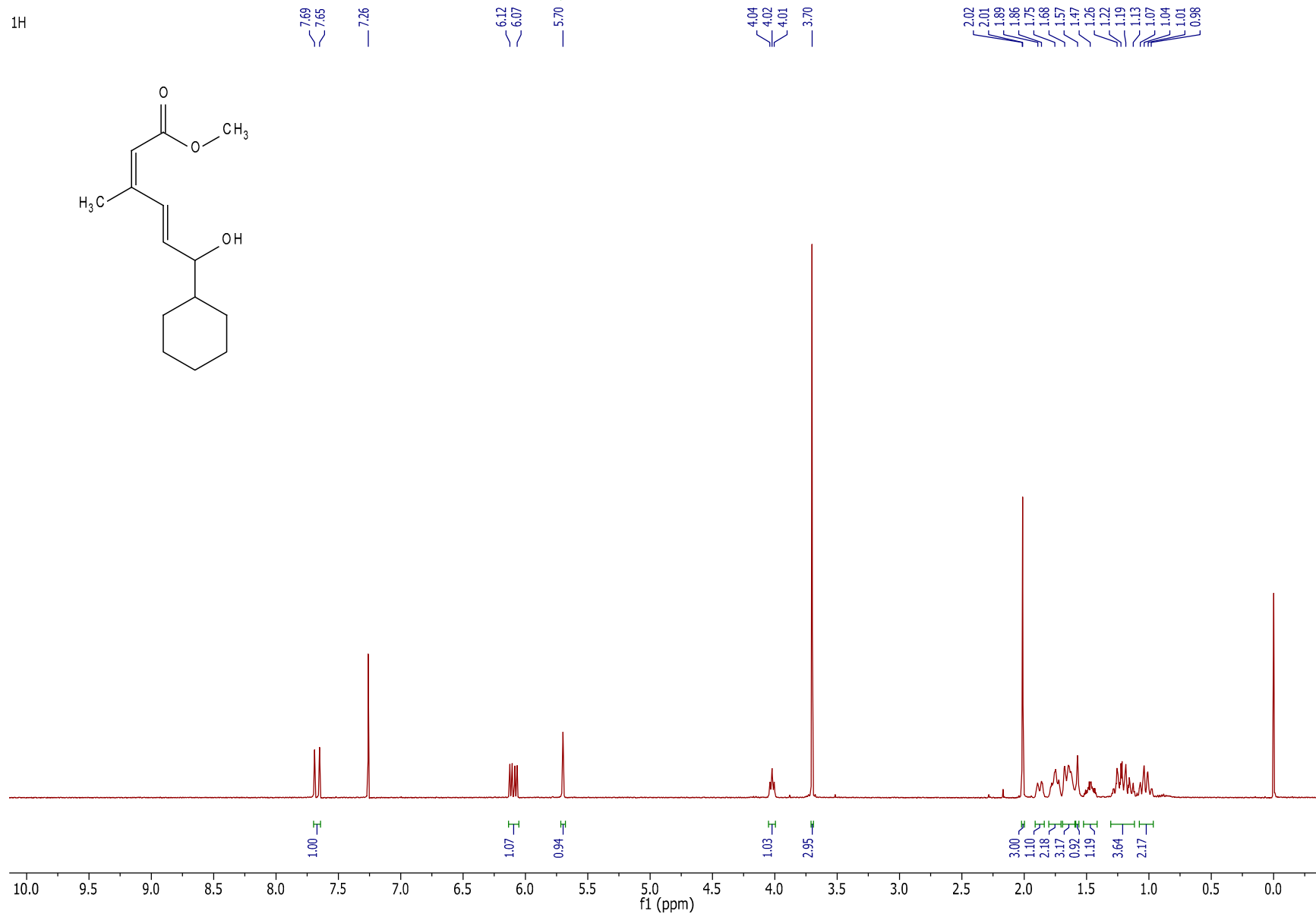
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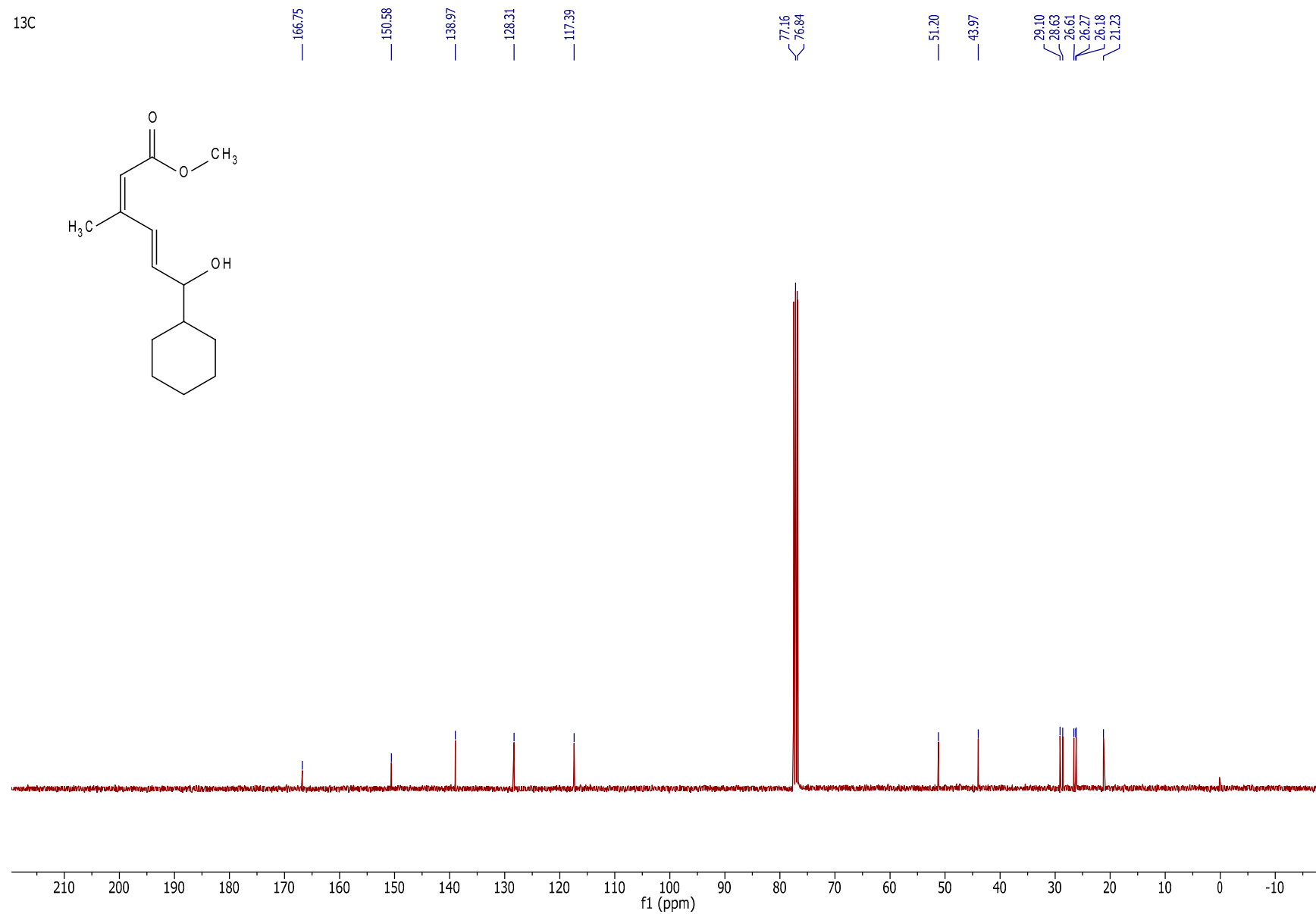
13C



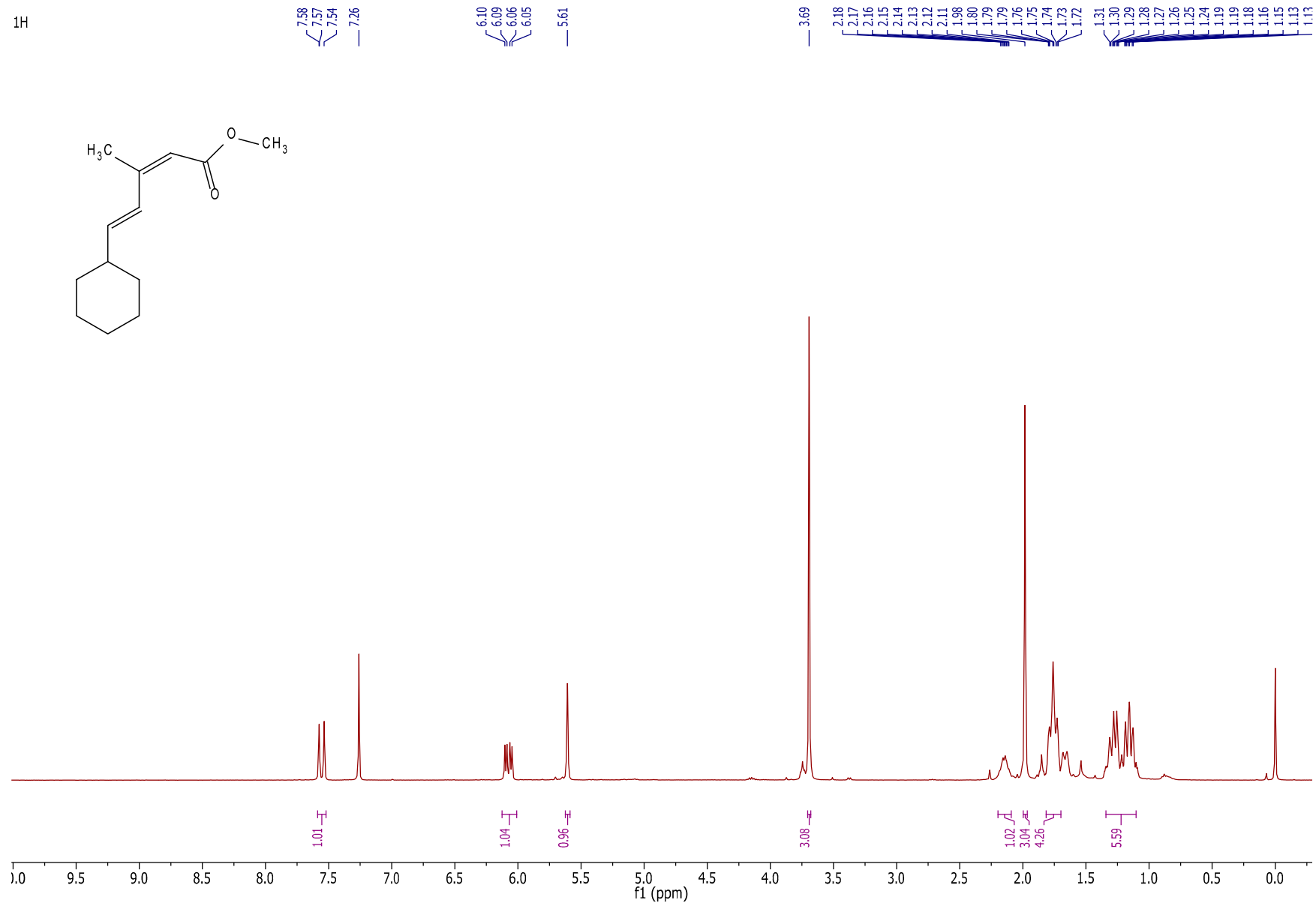
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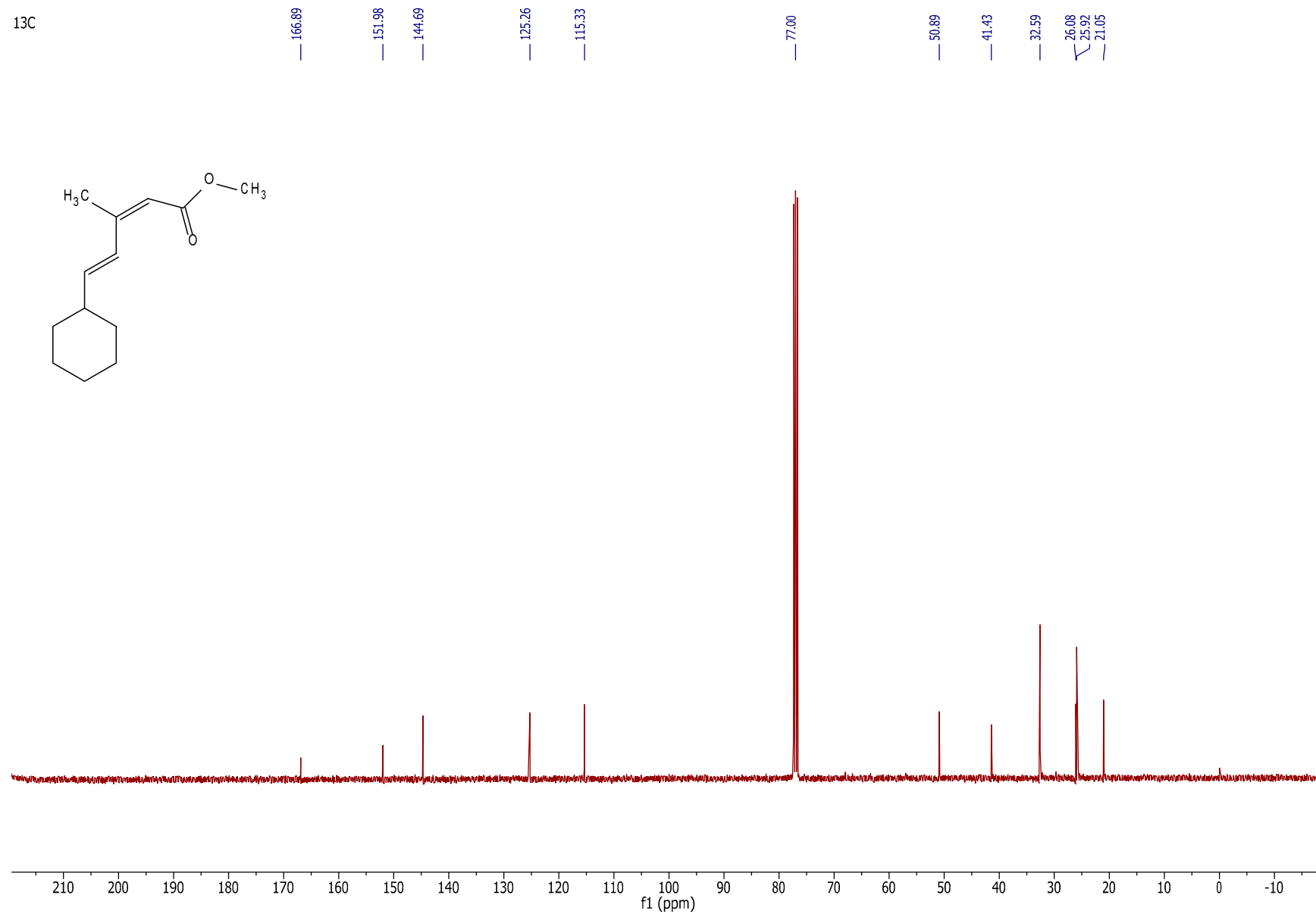
13C



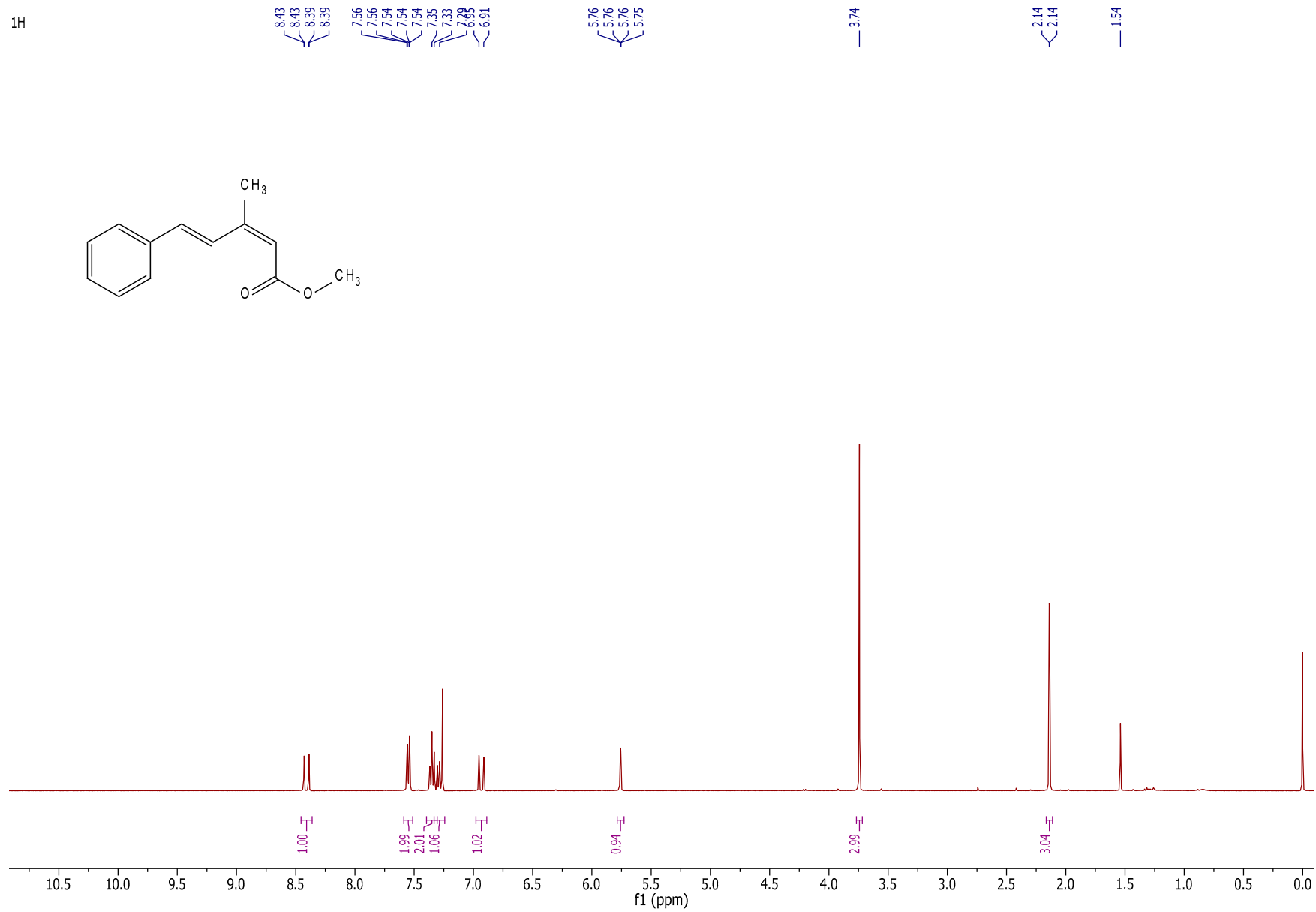
Compound 3i :



¹³C



Compound 3j :



13C

166.82

151.06

136.71

135.46

128.69

128.66

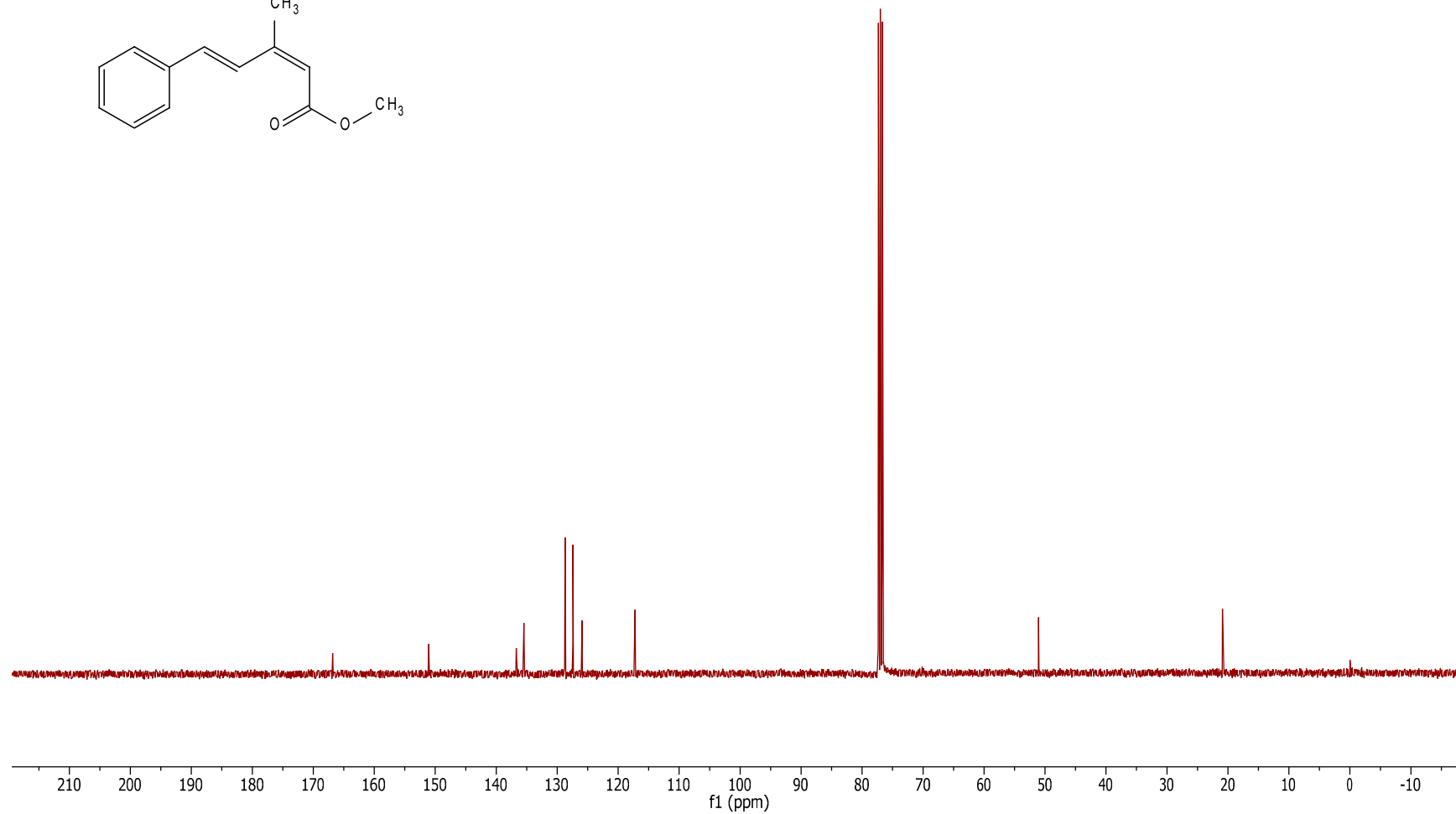
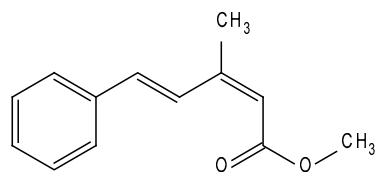
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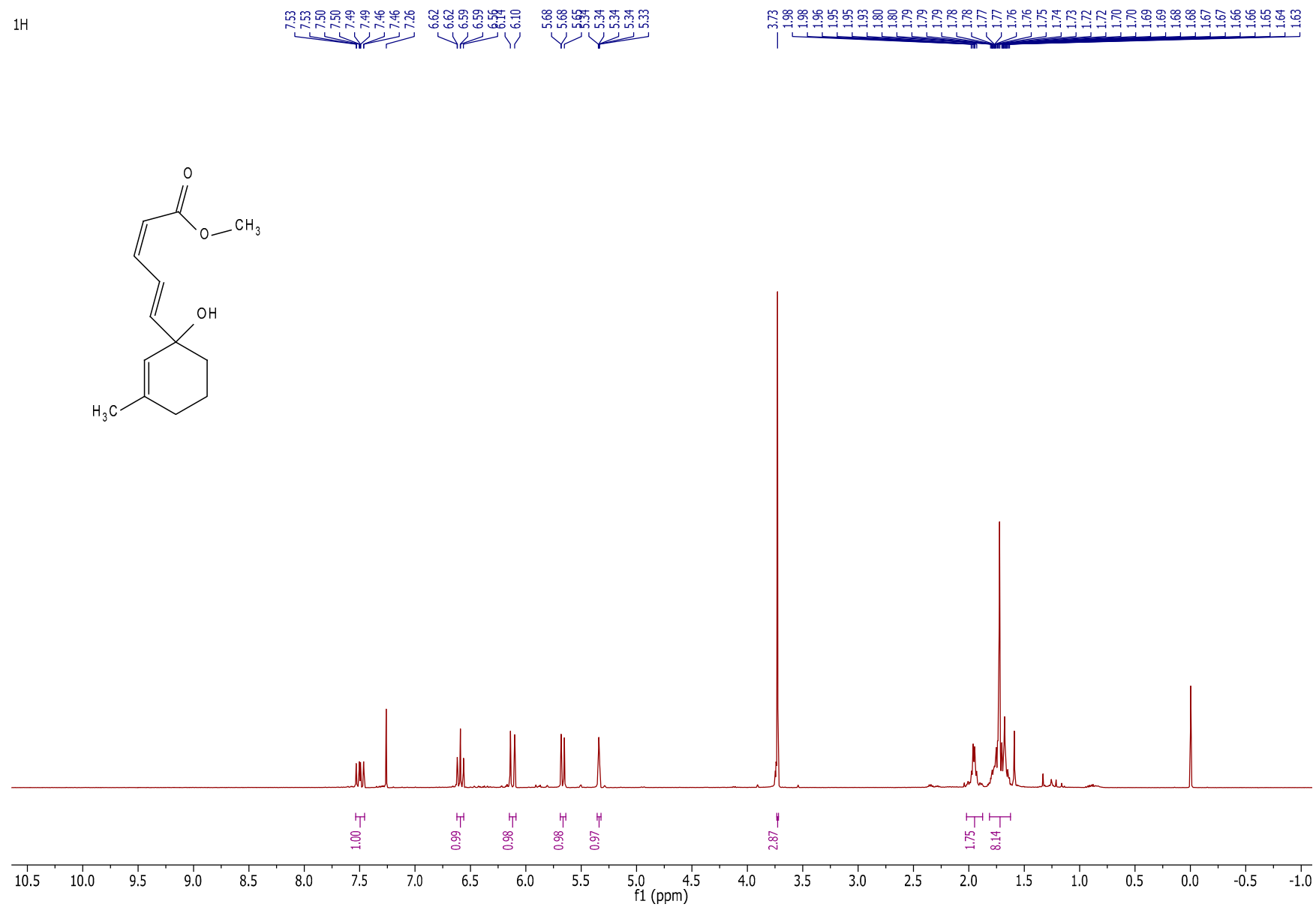
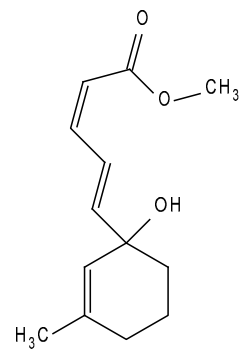
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20.90



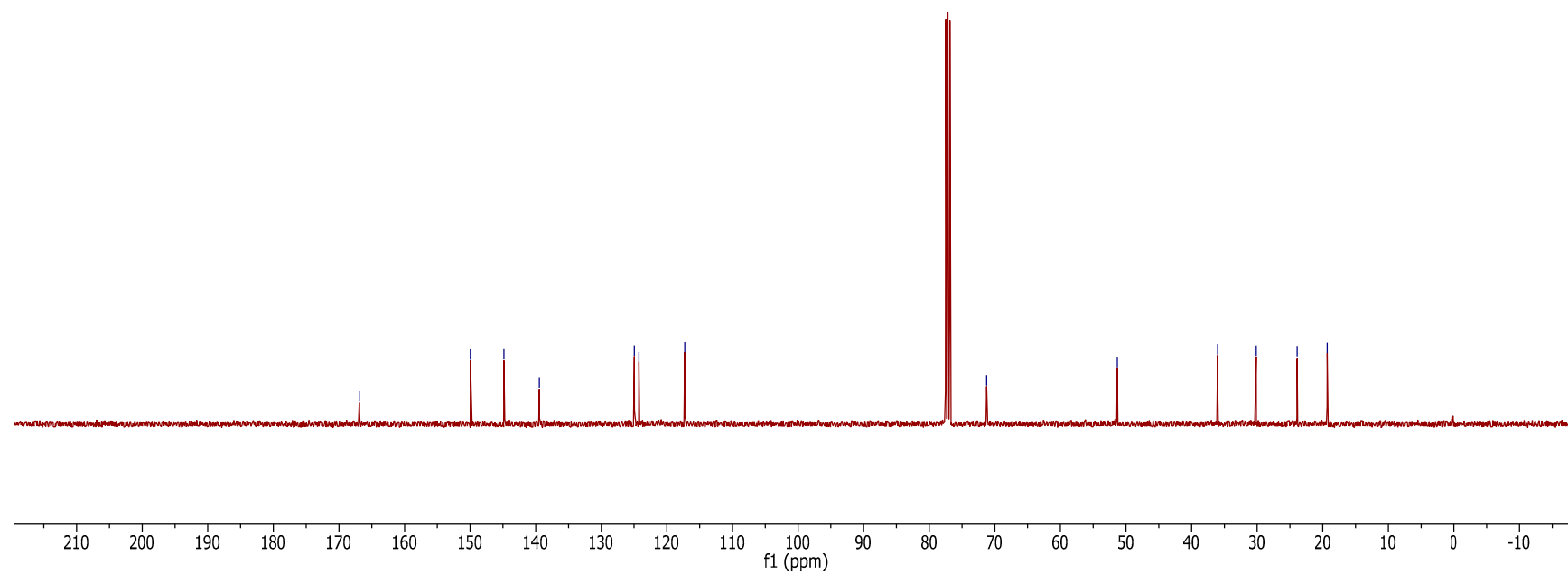
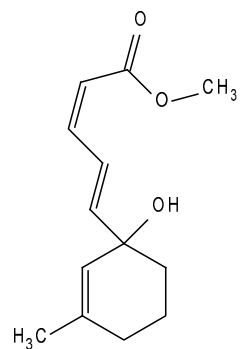
Compound 3k :

¹H



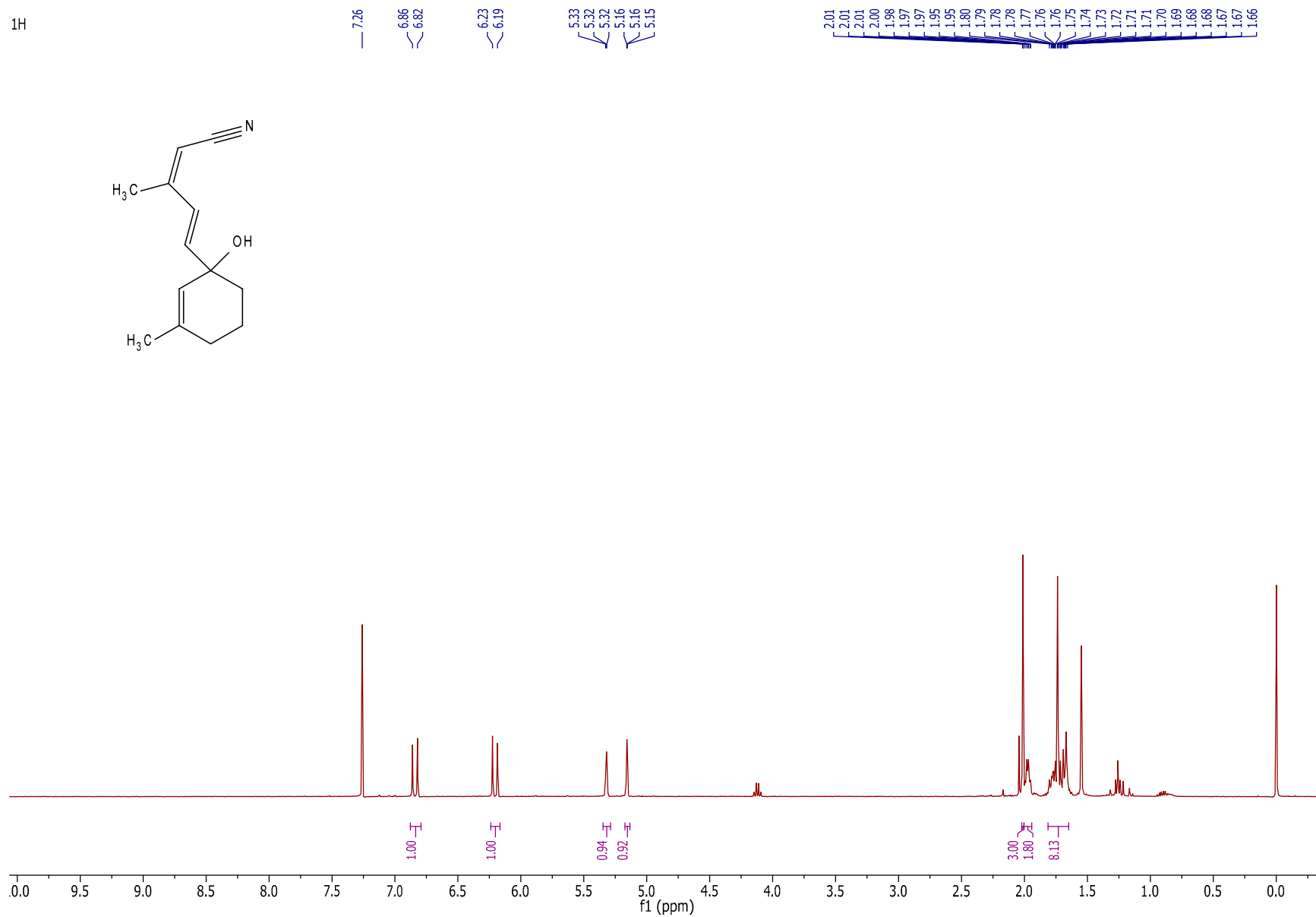
¹³C

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139.45
124.96
124.26
117.28
71.25
51.32
36.02
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23.90
19.32

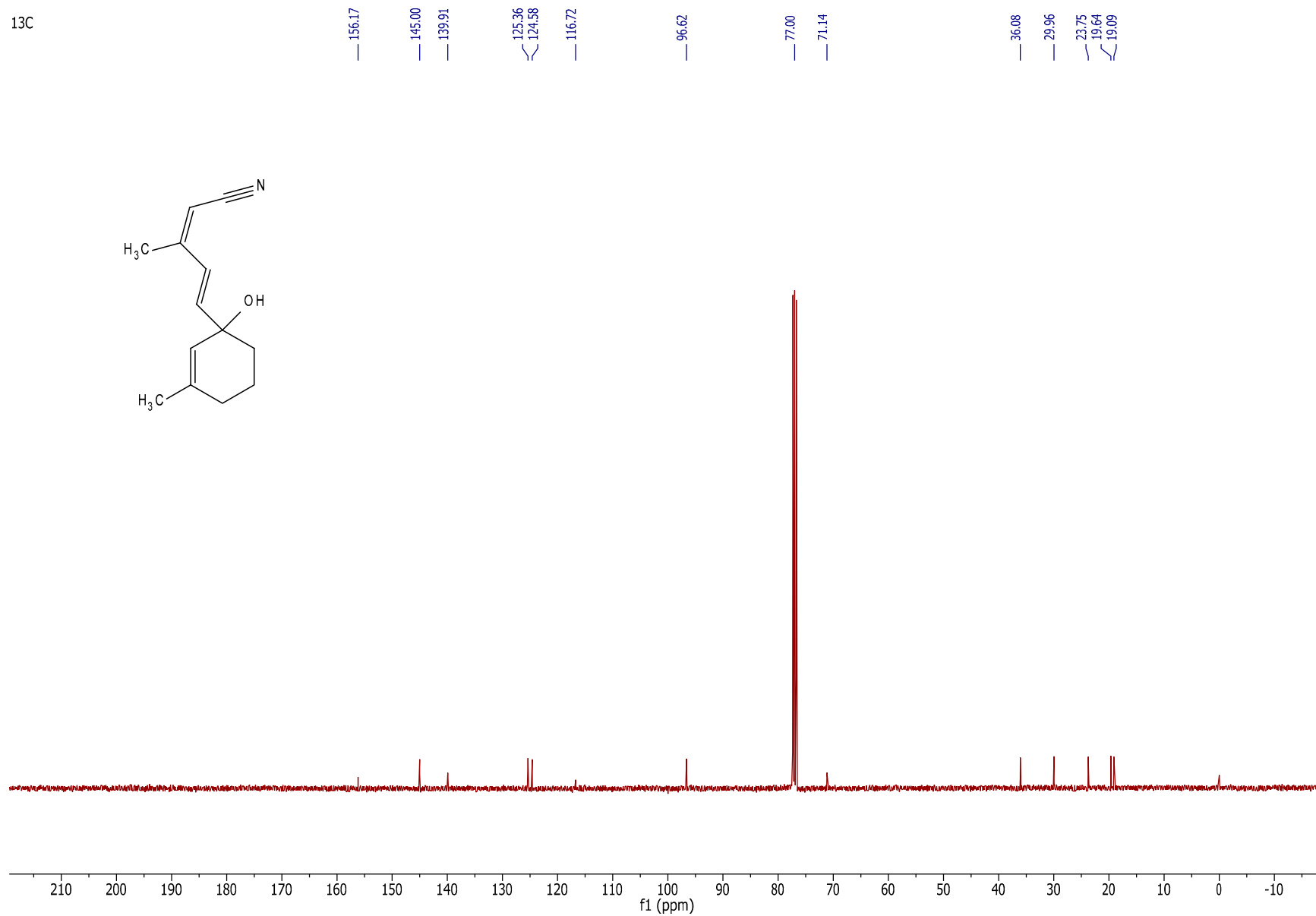
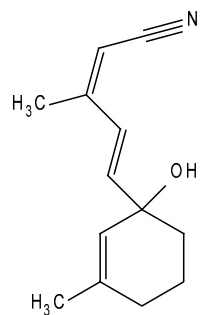


Compound 3l :

¹H

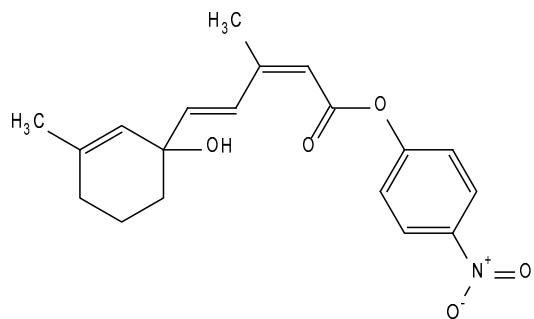


¹³C



Compound 3m :

¹H

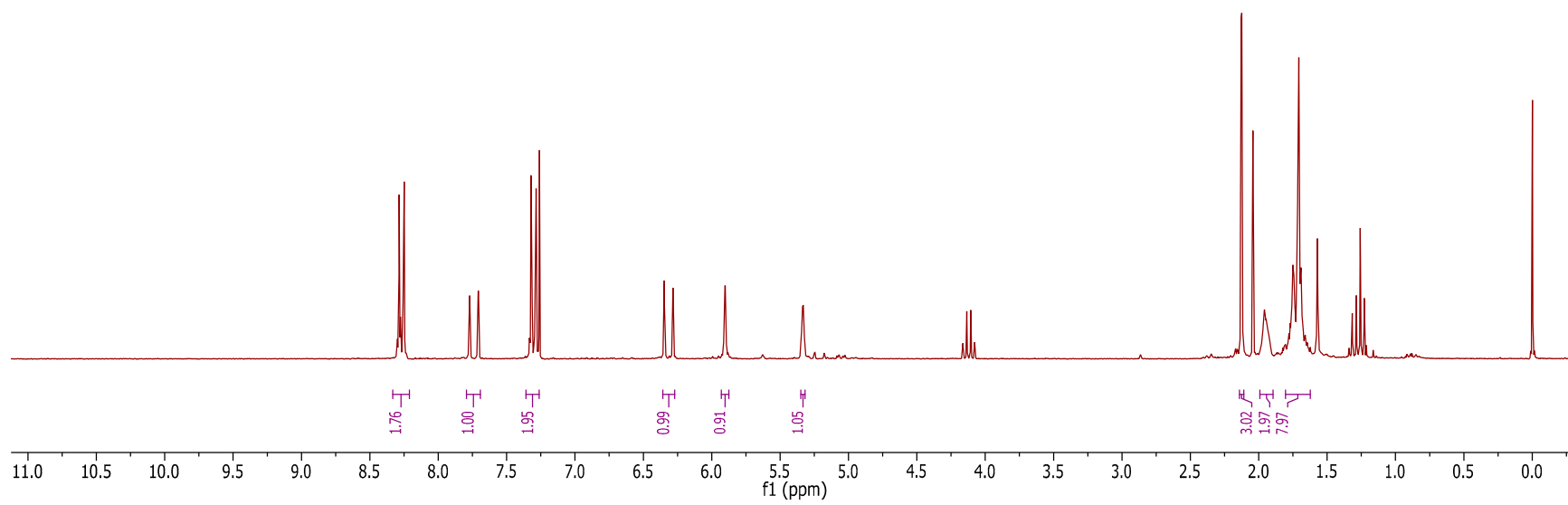


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7.26

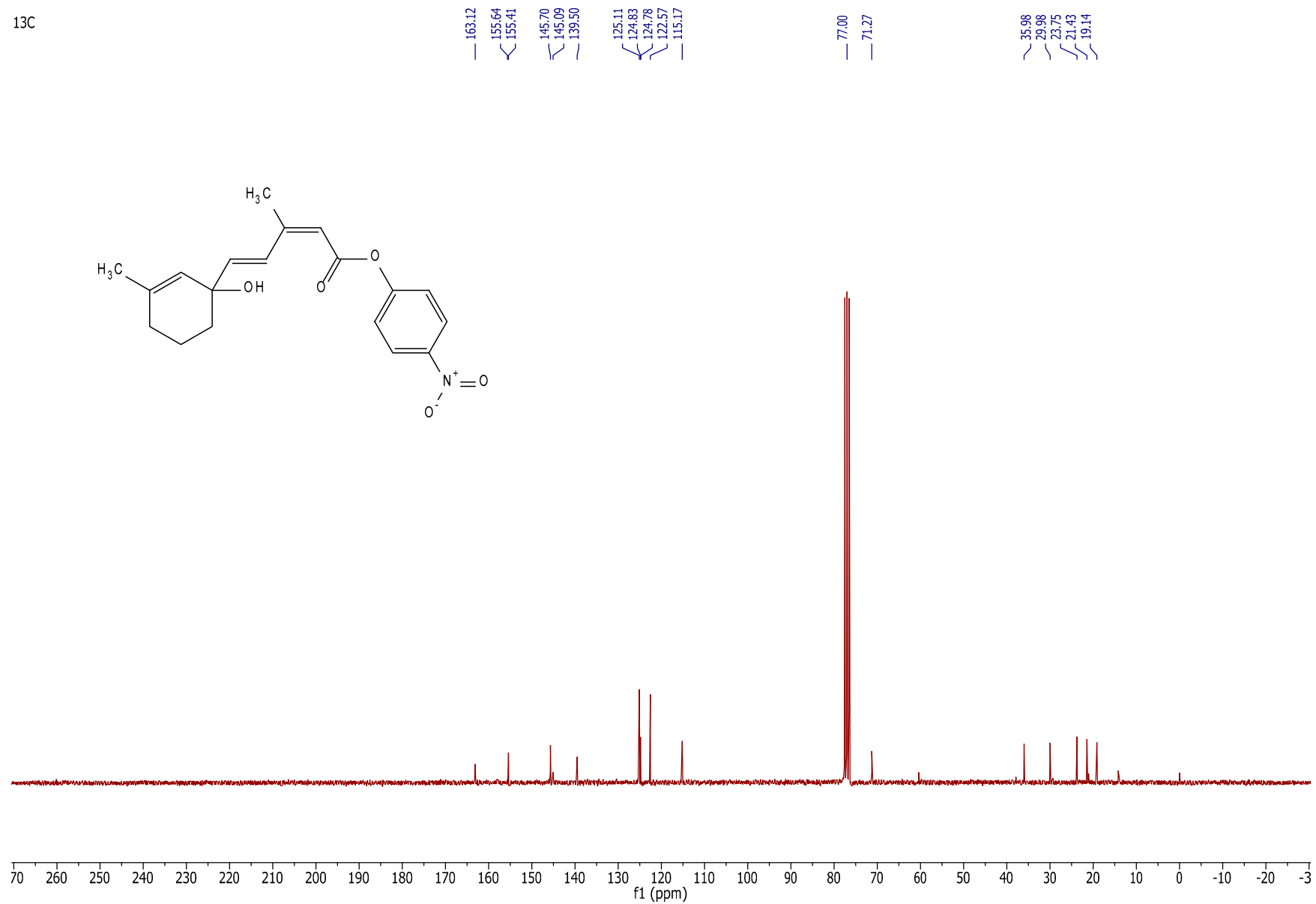
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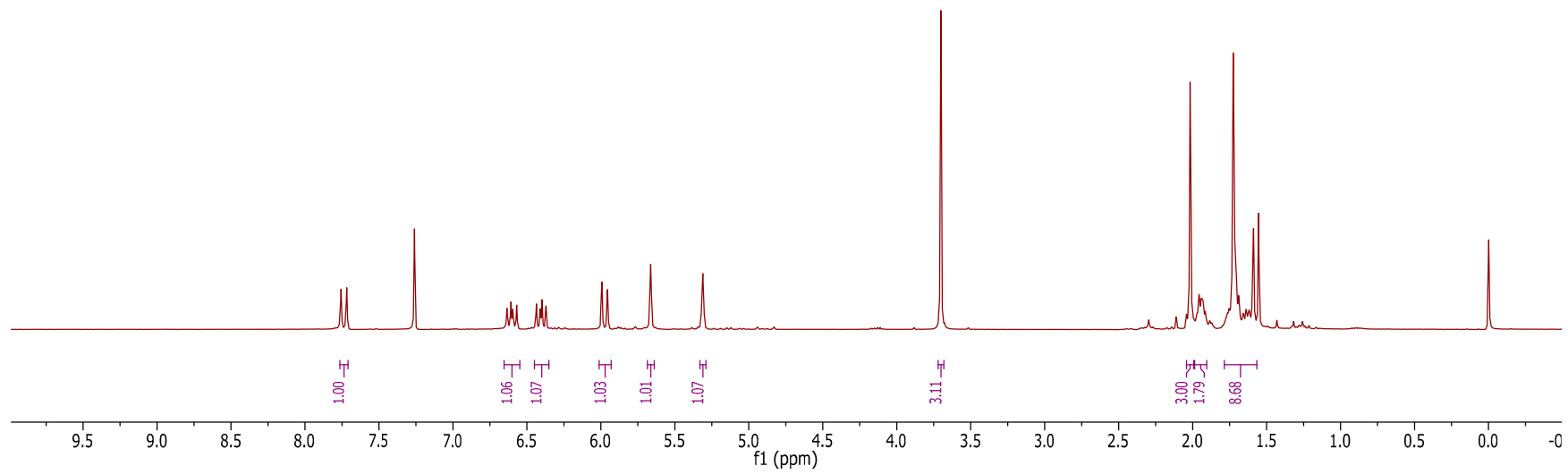
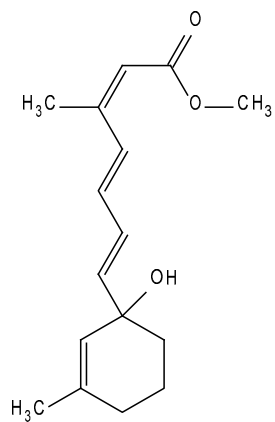


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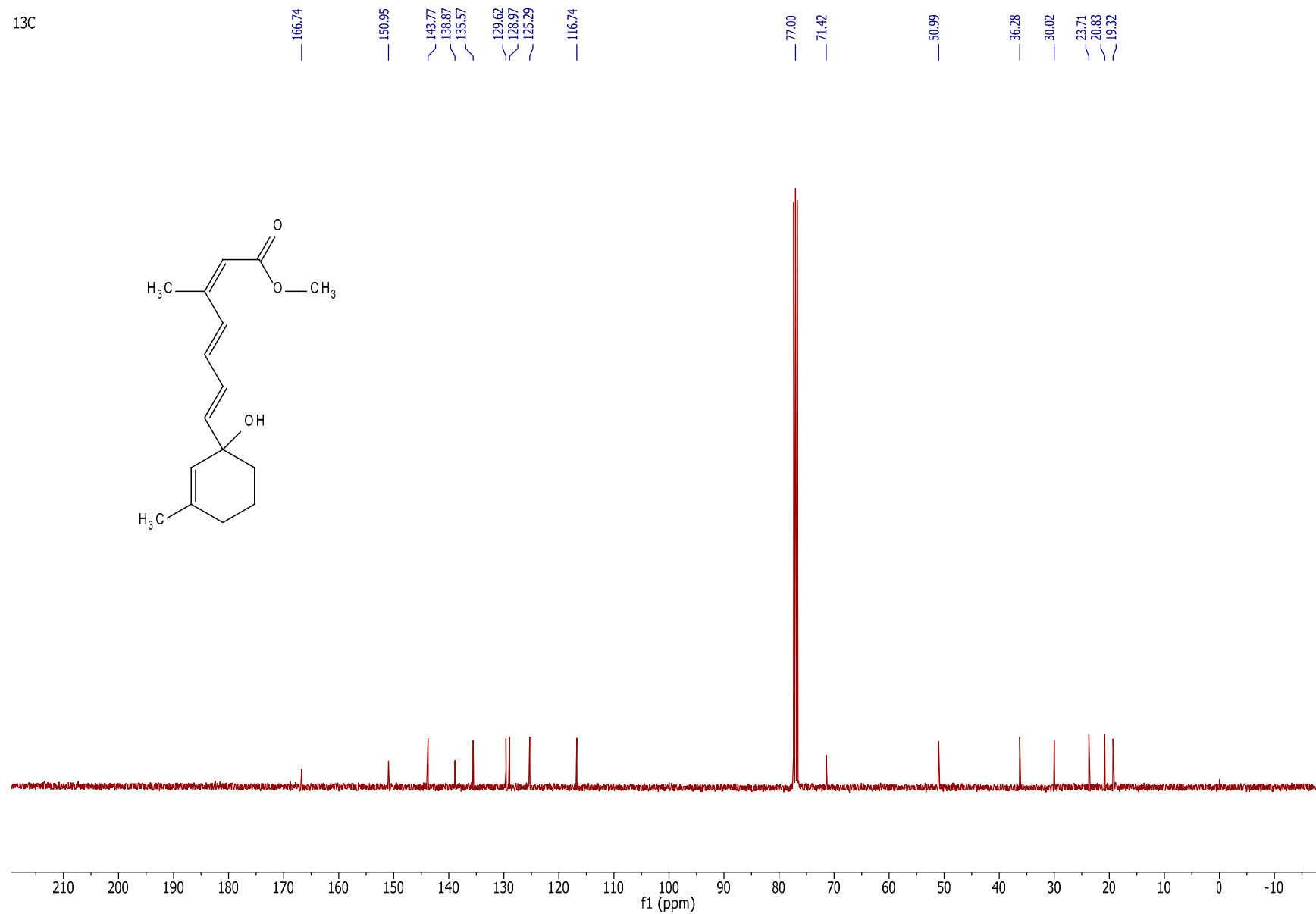


Compound 3n :

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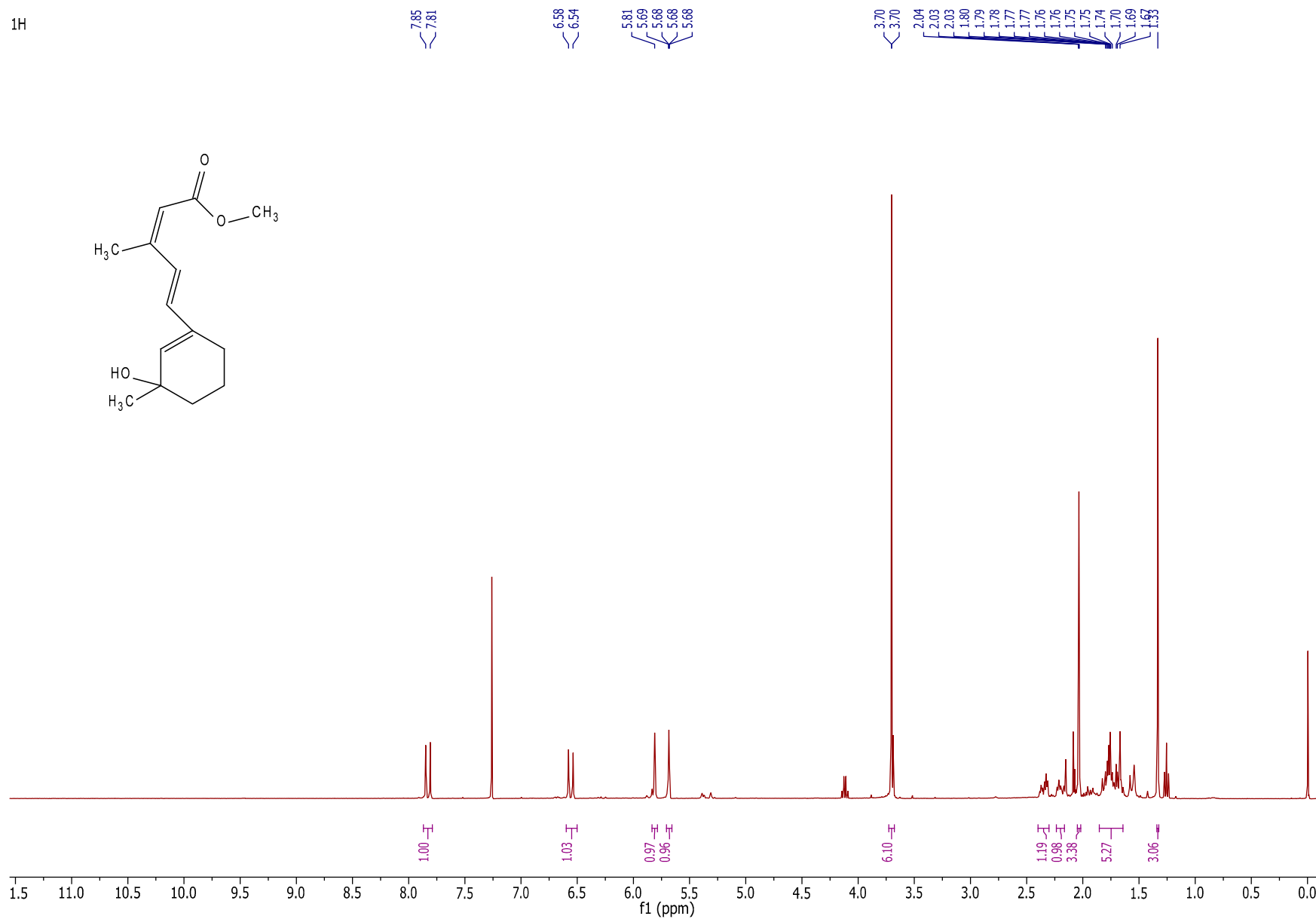


13C

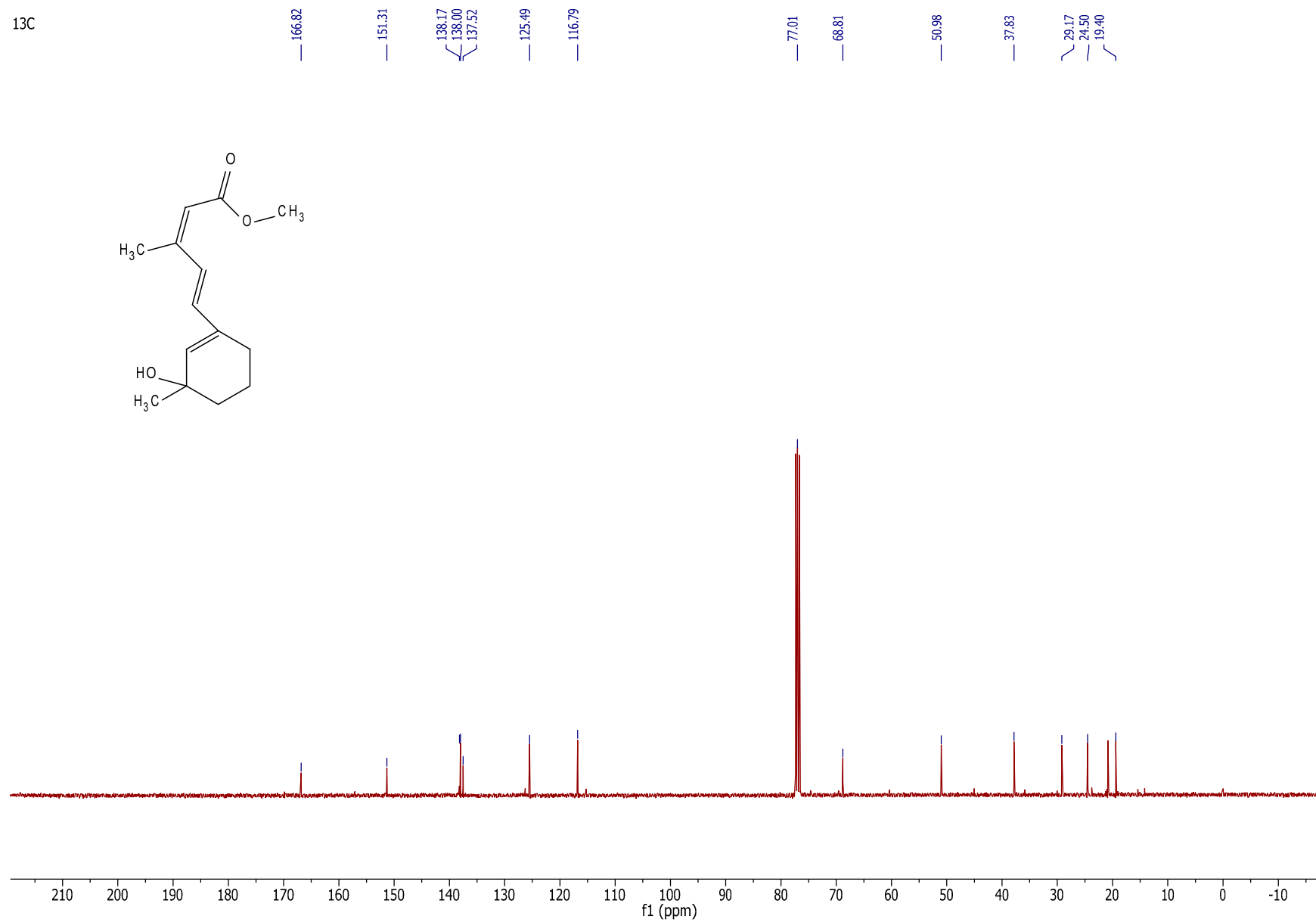


Compound 4 :

¹H



13C



NMR spectra – Synthesis of ABA

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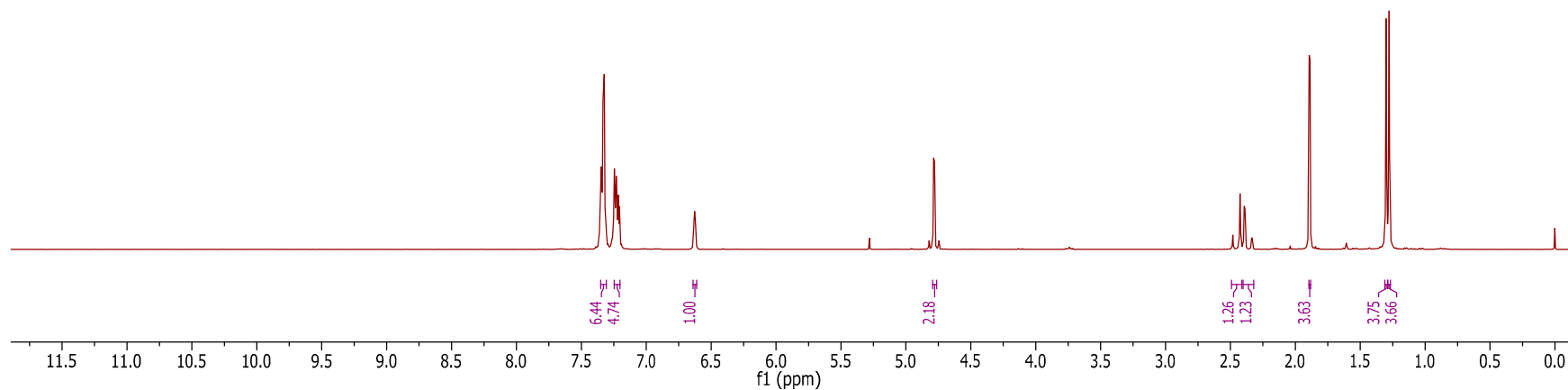
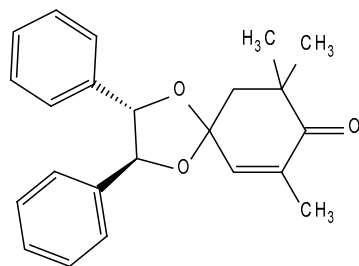
¹H

7.35
7.35
7.34
7.34
7.33
7.33
7.32
7.25
7.24
7.23
7.23
7.22
7.22
7.21
6.63
6.63
6.63
6.62

4.79
4.78

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2.43
2.39
2.39
2.34
2.33
1.89
1.89

1.30
1.28



13C

204.16

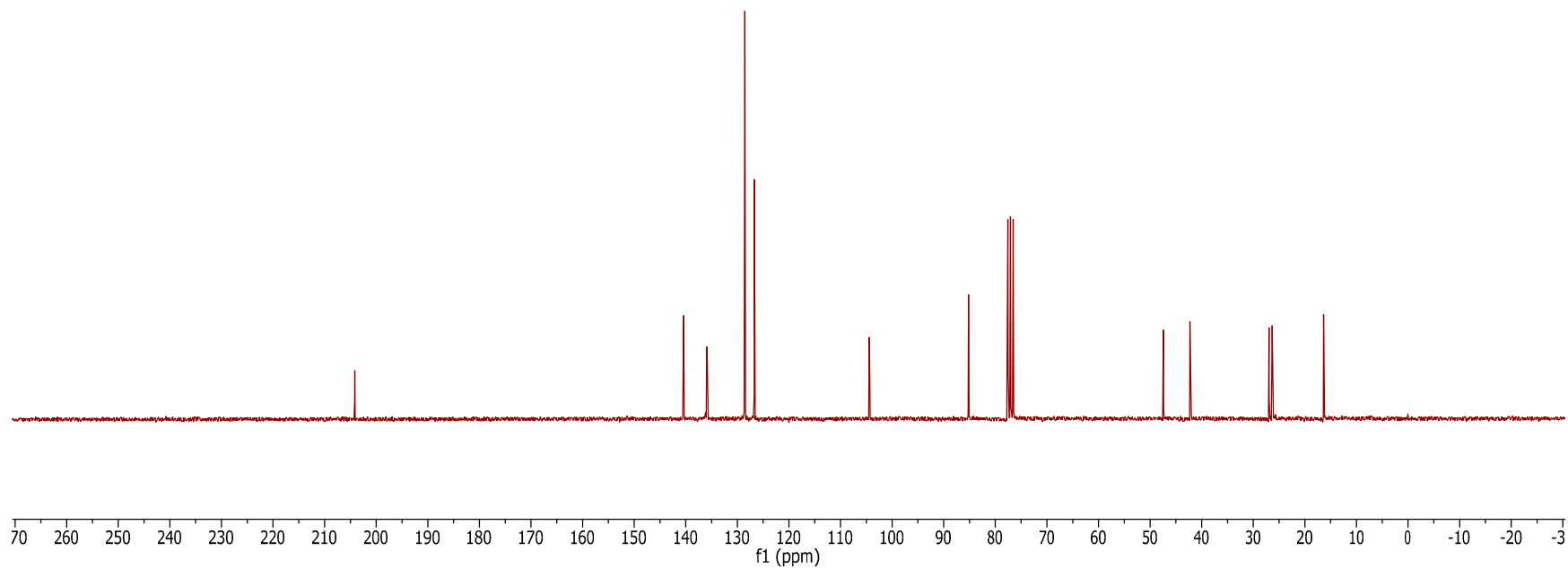
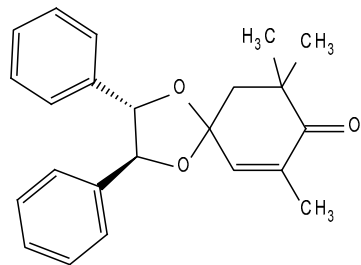
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128.54
126.70
126.68

104.43

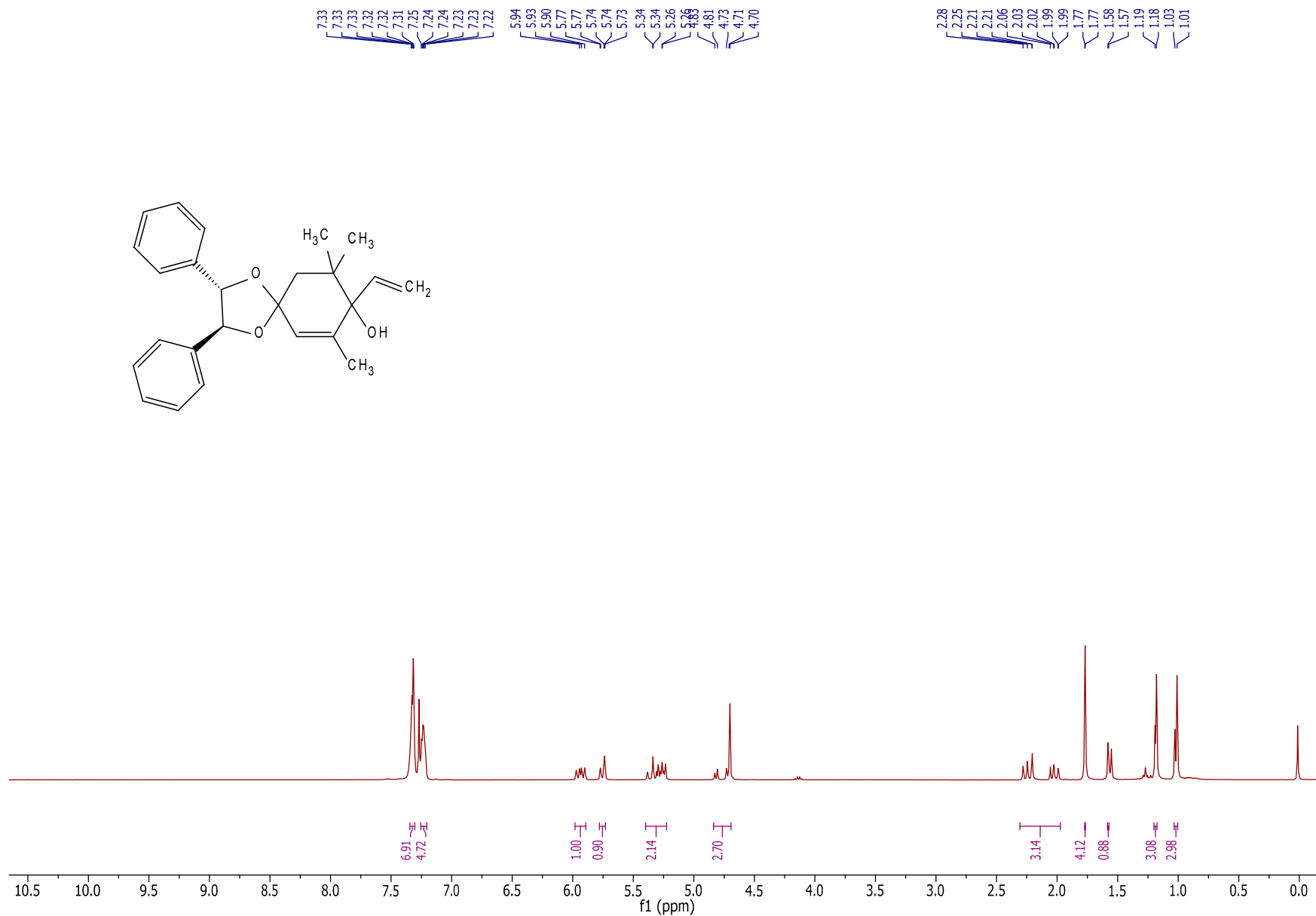
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85.19
77.05

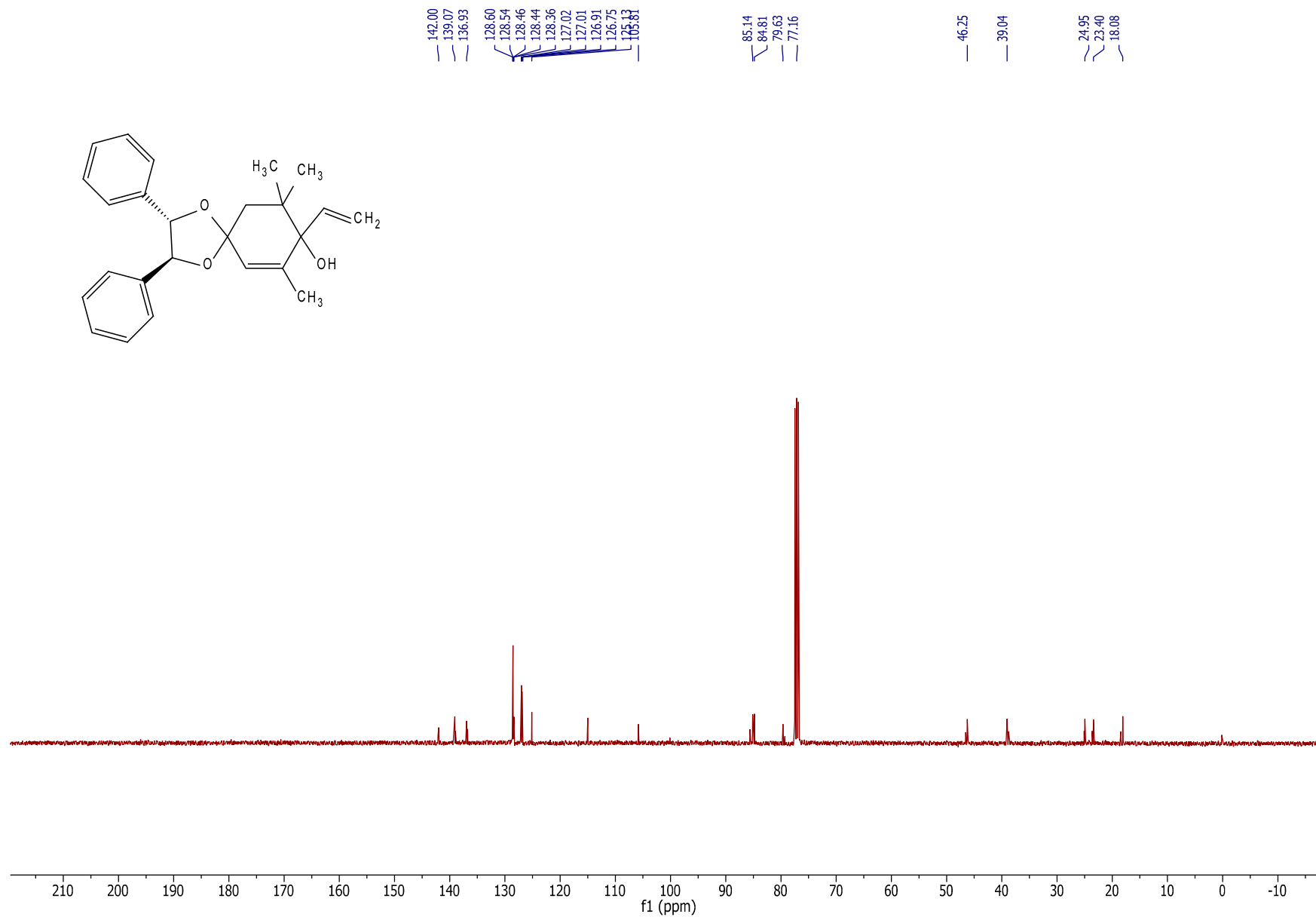
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42.27

26.95
26.33
16.38



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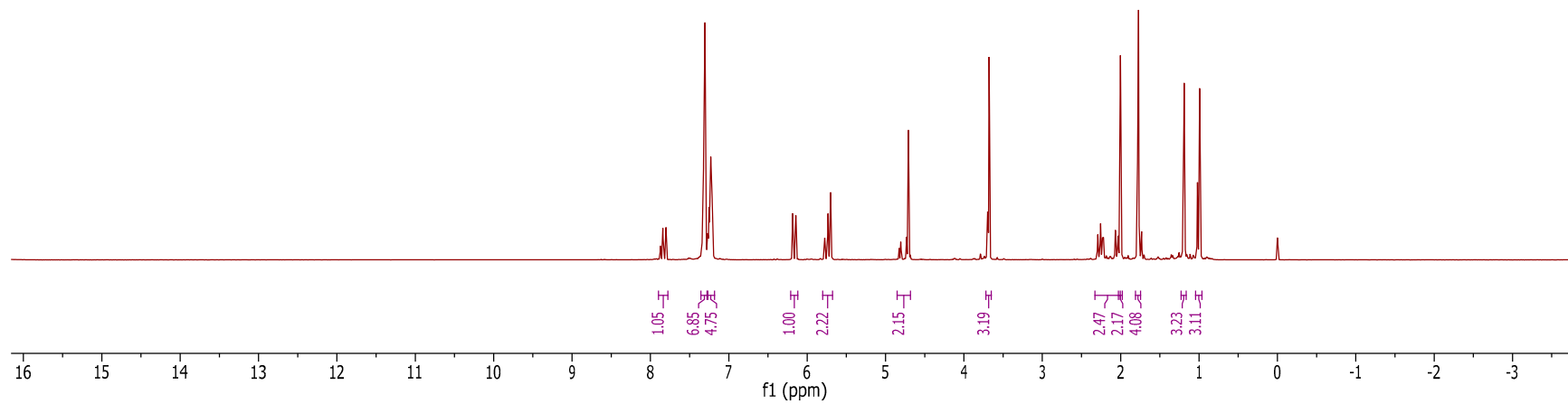
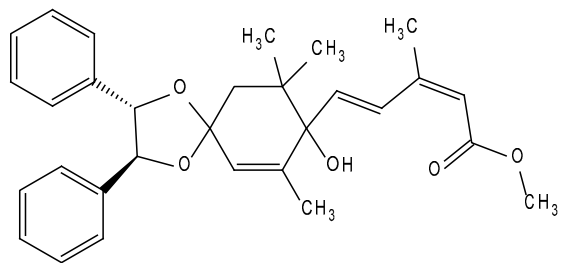




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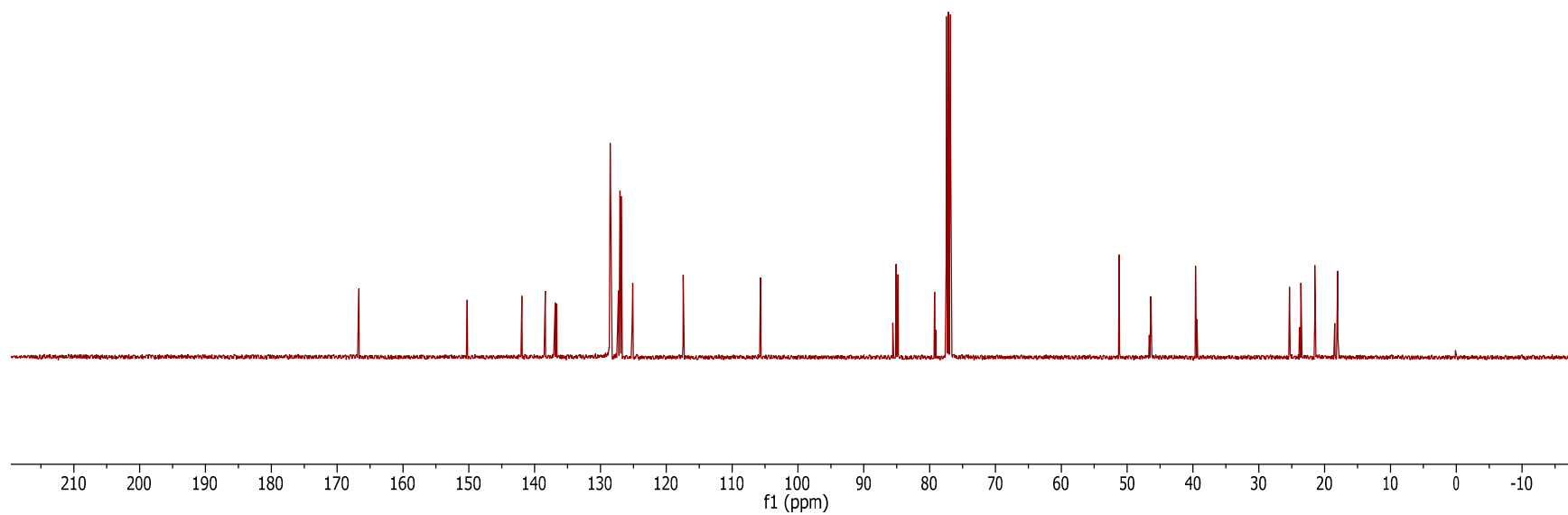
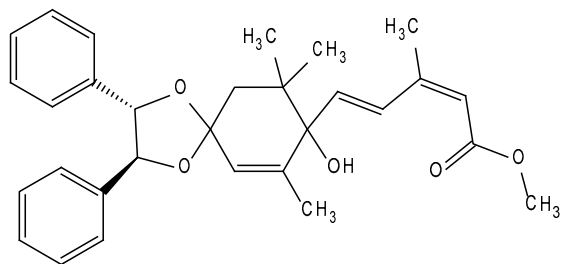
¹H

7.87
7.84
7.83
7.80
7.32
7.30
7.23
7.22
6.18
6.14
5.78
5.73
5.70
4.83
4.81
4.73
4.71
3.69
3.68
3.68
2.29
2.26
2.07
2.00
2.00
1.79
1.70
1.19
1.02
0.99



13C

166.70
 150.24
 141.95
 138.37
 136.88
 136.66
 128.53
 128.48
 128.36
 126.99
 119.85
 119.85
 105.71
 85.09
 84.81
 79.26
 77.16
 51.21
 46.41
 39.61
 25.34
 23.60
 21.50
 18.00



Compound ABA :

