

Supporting Information

Stereoselective Synthesis of Both Stereoisomers of β -Fluorostyrene Derivatives from a Common Intermediate

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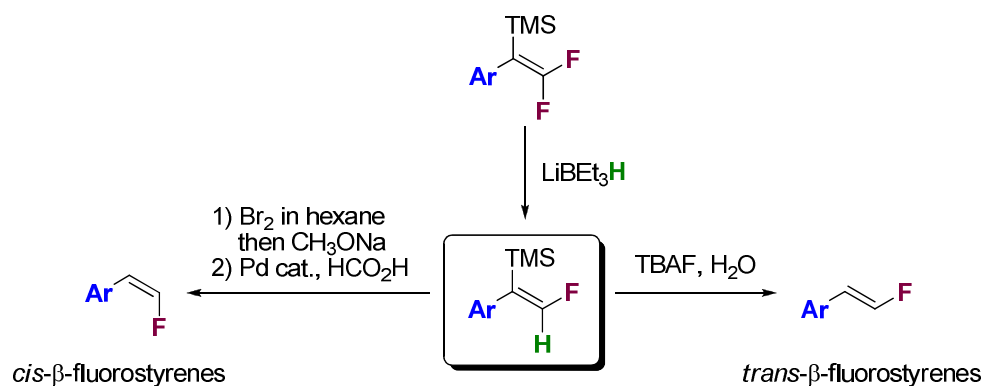
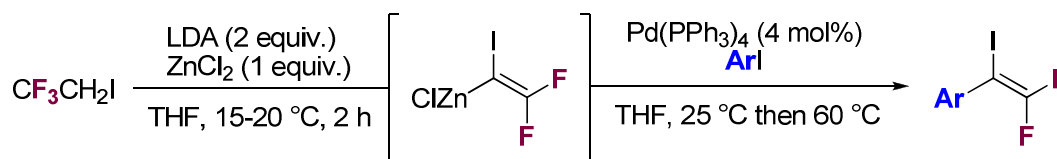


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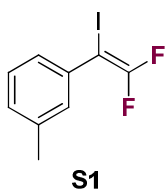
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1. General information: The following includes general experimental procedures, specific details for representative reactions and spectroscopic information for the new compounds prepared. All reactions were carried out under a nitrogen atmosphere with dry solvents under anhydrous conditions. ^1H , ^{13}C , and ^{19}F NMR spectra were recorded on a VARIAN Inova 400 MHz or BRUKER Avance 300 MHz in CDCl_3 at ambient temperature using tetramethylsilane (^1H NMR) or residual CHCl_3 (^1H and ^{13}C NMR) as the internal standard, or CFCl_3 (^{19}F NMR) as the external standard. Infrared spectra were recorded on a Bomem FT-IR MB-Series spectrometer. High-resolution mass spectra were obtained on a LC/MS-TOF Agilent 6210 using atmospheric pressure photoionization ionization (APPI). Low-resolution mass spectra were obtained on a ThermoFisher Scientific Trace GC Ultra with a ITQ 900 Ion Trap mass spectrometer.

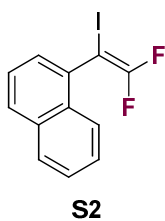
2. Synthesis of the α -iodo- β,β -difluorostyrenes



All the α -iodo- β,β -difluorostyrenes were prepared according to the protocol reported by Burton^{1,2} The data for the α -iodo- β,β -difluorostyrenes not described previously are given below.



1-(2,2-difluoro-1-iodovinyl)-3-methylbenzene (S1). Following Burton's protocol¹ on a 7.7 mmol scale of 3-iodotoluene, the desired product (1.82 g, 85%) was isolated as a pink oil by flash chromatography using 100% hexane. IR (neat) $\nu = 3038, 2861, 1706, 1485, 1258, 1178, 981, 695 \text{ cm}^{-1}$; ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.25 (m, 3H), 7.12 (m, 1H), 2.37 (s, 3H); ^{13}C (75 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 152.8 (dd, $J_{\text{C-F}} = 298 \text{ Hz}$, $J_{\text{C-F}} = 282 \text{ Hz}$), 138.3, 133.8, 130.3, 129.5, 128.4, 126.8, 48.4 (dd, $J = 29 \text{ Hz}$, $J = 27 \text{ Hz}$), 21.3; ^{19}F (282 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -70.8 (d, 1F, $J = 26 \text{ Hz}$), -77.8 (d, 1F, $J = 26 \text{ Hz}$); GC/MS calcd for $\text{C}_9\text{H}_7\text{F}_2\text{I}$ $[\text{M}]^+$ 280.05, found 280.93.

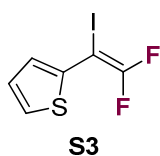


1-(2,2-difluoro-1-iodovinyl)naphthalene (S2). Following Burton's protocol¹ on a 6 mmol scale of 1-iodonaphthalene, the desired product (1.65 g, 87%) was isolated as a pink oil by flash chromatography using 100% hexane. IR (neat) $\nu = 3059, 1720, 1508, 1262, 1241, 1095, 968, 780 \text{ cm}^{-1}$; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.03 (d, 1H, $J = 9 \text{ Hz}$), 7.92 (t, 2H, $J = 9 \text{ Hz}$), 7.65 (t, 1H, $J = 7 \text{ Hz}$), 7.60-7.53 (2H, m),

¹ Anilkumar, R.; Burton, D. J. *J. Fluorine Chem.* **2005**, 126, 457.

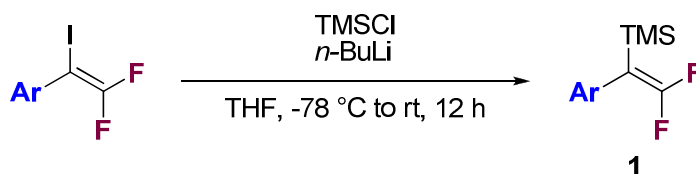
² Landelle, G.; Champagne, P.-A.; Barbeau, X.; Paquin, J.-F. *Org. Lett.* **2009**, 11, 681.

7.48 (t, 1H, $J = 7$ Hz); ^{13}C (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 153.3 (dd, $J_{\text{C-F}} = 295$ Hz, $J_{\text{C-F}} = 285$ Hz), 150.4, 134.2, 131.3 (dd, $J = 9$ Hz, $J = 2$ Hz), 130.1, 128.8, 128.5 (m), 126.9, 126.8, 125.8, 125.2, 43.1 (d, $J = 31$ Hz); ^{19}F (376 MHz, CDCl_3) -73.6 (d, 1F, $J = 24$ Hz), -75.6 (d, 1F, $J = 24$ Hz).; HRMS-APPI calcd for $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_7\text{F}_2\text{I}$ $[\text{M}^*]^+$ 315.9561, found 315.9558.

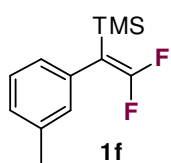


2-(2,2-difluoro-1-iodovinyl)thiophene (S3). Following Burton's protocol¹ on a 7.7 mmol scale of 2-iodothiophene, the desired product (1.42 g, 68%) was isolated as a colorless oil by flash chromatography using 100% hexane. IR (neat) $\nu = 3106, 1698, 1517, 1424, 1275, 1197, 979, 699$ cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.41 (dd, 1H, $J = 5.1$ Hz, $J = 0.9$ Hz), 7.24 (m, 1H), 7.05 (m, 1H); ^{13}C (75 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 153.1 (dd, $J_{\text{C-F}} = 302$ Hz, $J_{\text{C-F}} = 284$ Hz), 140.2 (d, $J = 14$ Hz), 129.7, 127.2, 127.0, 42.1 (dd, $J = 36$ Hz, $J = 27$ Hz); ^{19}F (282 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -71.0 (d, 1F, $J = 18$ Hz), -72.4 (d, 1F, $J = 18$ Hz); GC/MS calcd for $\text{C}_6\text{H}_3\text{F}_2\text{IS}$ $[\text{M}]^+$ 272.05, found 272.99.

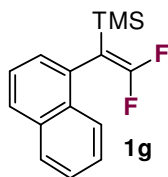
3. Synthesis of the α -silylated- β,β -difluoroalkenes



All the α -silylated- β,β -difluoroalkenes were prepared according to the protocol reported previously.² The data for the α -silylated- β,β -difluoroalkenes not described previously are given below.

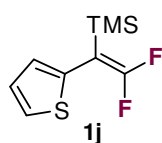


(2,2-difluoro-1-*m*-tolylvinyl)trimethylsilane (1f). Following the reported procedure² on a 6 mmol scale using TMSCl, the desired product (1.07 g, 79%) was isolated as a colorless oil by flash chromatography using 100% hexane. IR (neat) $\nu = 3038, 2959, 1692, 1606, 1269, 1225, 1021, 842$ cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.26-7.18 (m, 1H), 7.07 (m, 1H), 6.90 (m, 2H), 2.37 (s, 3H), 0.17 (s, 9H); ^{13}C (75 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 155.5 (dd, $J_{\text{C-F}} = 306$ Hz, $J_{\text{C-F}} = 286$ Hz), 137.9, 134.5 (d, $J = 9$ Hz), 129.7, 128.2, 127.2, 126.1, 87.7 (dd, $J_{\text{C-F}} = 33$ Hz, $J_{\text{C-F}} = 4$ Hz), 21.4, 0.9; ^{19}F (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -71.0 (d, 1F, $J = 28$ Hz), -78.4 (d, 1F, $J = 28$ Hz); HRMS-APPI calcd for $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{16}\text{F}_2\text{Si}$ $[\text{M}^*]^+$ 226.0989, found 226.1028



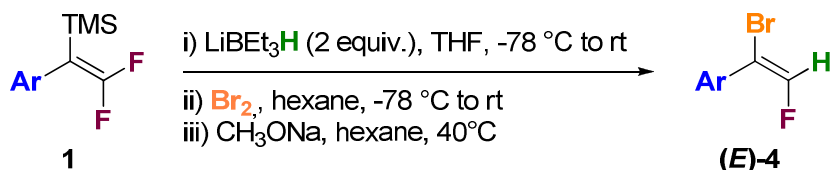
(2,2-difluoro-1-(naphthalen-1-yl)vinyl)trimethylsilane (1g). Following the reported procedure² on a 1.57 mmol scale using TMSCl, the desired product (407 mg, 98%) was isolated as a colorless oil by flash chromatography using 100% hexane. IR (neat) $\nu = 3060, 2959, 1691, 1270, 1252, 1017, 916, 843$ cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ

7.95 (m, 2H), 7.84 (d, 1H, $J = 8$ Hz), 7.62-7.46 (m, 3H), 7.28 (d, 1H, $J = 7$ Hz), 0.23 (s, 9H), 0.17 (s, 9H) ; ^{13}C (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 155.2 (dd, $J_{\text{C-F}} = 308$ Hz, $J_{\text{C-F}} = 287$ Hz), 134.1, 132.3 (m, 2C), 129.0, 128.8, 127.5, 126.7 (m, 2C), 126.3, 126.2, 125.7, 124.0, 85.7 (dd, $J = 35$ Hz, $J = 3$ Hz), -0.8 ; ^{19}F (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -68.0 (d, 1F, $J = 25$ Hz), -77.2 (d, 1F, $J = 25$ Hz) ; HRMS-APPI calcd for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{16}\text{F}_2\text{Si}$ [M^*] $^+$ 262.0989, found 262.0990

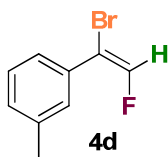


(2,2-difluoro-1-(thiophen-2-yl)vinyl)trimethylsilane (1j). Following the reported procedure² on a 4.3 mmol scale using TMSCl , the desired product (655 mg, 70%) was isolated as a colorless oil by flash chromatography using 100% hexane. IR (neat) $\nu = 3075, 2959, 1682, 1524, 1434, 1251, 1014, 845\text{ cm}^{-1}$; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.24 (d, 1H, $J = 4.8$ Hz), 6.99 (dd, 1H, $J = 4.8$ Hz, $J = 3.6$ Hz), 6.79 (d, 1H, $J = 3.4$ Hz), 0.22 (s, 9H) ; ^{13}C (75 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 155.8 (dd, $J_{\text{C-F}} = 311$ Hz, $J_{\text{C-F}} = 288$ Hz), 135.2 (d, $J = 13$ Hz), 126.9, 126.2, 124.7, 81.6, -0.9 ; ^{19}F (282 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -66.5 (d, 1F, $J = 19$ Hz), -74.6 (d, 1F, $J = 18$ Hz) ; HRMS-APPI calcd for $\text{C}_9\text{H}_{12}\text{F}_2\text{SSi}$ [M^*] $^+$ 218.0397 found 218.0424

4. General procedure for the addition/elimination reaction of hydride followed by a bromination/desilicobromination reaction



All the 1-aryl-1-bromo-2-fluoroethenes were prepared according to the protocol reported previously.³ The data for the 1-aryl-1-bromo-2-fluoroethenes not described previously are given below.

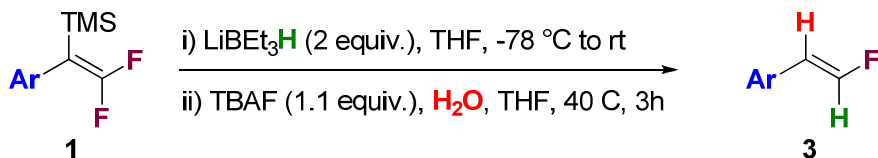


(E)-1-(1-bromo-2-fluorovinyl)-3-methylbenzene (4d). Following the general procedure on a 3.16 mmol scale of **1f**, the desired product (472 mg, 70%) was isolated as a colorless oil by flash chromatography using 100% hexane. IR (neat) $\nu = 3097, 2922, 1704, 1603, 1486, 1166, 1086, 782\text{ cm}^{-1}$; ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.41 (m, 2H), 7.26 (m, 1H), 7.15 (m, 1H), 7.08 (d, 1H, $J_{\text{H-F}} = 82$ Hz), 2.39 (s, 3H) ; ^{13}C (75 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 145.4 (d, $J_{\text{C-F}} = 277$ Hz), 138.1, 132.8, 129.9, 129.6 (d, $J = 5$ Hz), 128.2, 126.2 (d, $J = 5$ Hz), 110.4 (d, $J =$

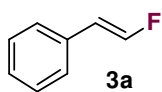
³ Landelle, G.; Turcotte-Savard, M.-O.; Marterer, J.; Champagne, P. A.; Paquin, J.-F. *Org. Lett.* **2009**, *11*, 5406.

19 Hz), 21.4 ; ^{19}F (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -113.1 (d, 1F, $J_{\text{F-H}} = 83$ Hz) ; HRMS-APPI calcd for $\text{C}_9\text{H}_8\text{BrF} [\text{M}^*]^+$ 213.9793, found 213.9818

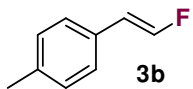
5. General procedure for the addition/elimination reaction of hydride followed by a protodesilylation reaction



(E)-Fluorostyrene derivatives – General protocol: To a stirred solution of α -silylated- β,β -difluoroalkenes **1** (1 mmol) and THF (9 mL) at -78 °C was added dropwise LiBEt_3H (1 M in THF, 2 mmol) under N_2 . After 20 min at -78 °C, the reaction mixture was allowed to warm to rt over 1 h. H_2O and Et_2O were added and the layers were separated. The aqueous layer was extracted with Et_2O (3 $\times$). The aqueous phase was neutralized with saturated aqueous NH_4Cl and extracted further with Et_2O (2 $\times$). The combined organic extracts were washed with brine, dried over anhydrous MgSO_4 and concentrated. The crude material was directly used without purification for the protodesilylation reaction. To a stirred solution of the crude material in THF (9 mL) and H_2O (2 mmol) at rt was added tetrabutylammonium fluoride (1 M in THF, 1.1 equiv). The reaction mixture was heated to 40 °C for 3 h and then cooled down to rt (For substrate bearing an electron-rich aryl group, TBAF was added slowly over 1 h at 40 °C in order to reduce the formation of the corresponding alkyne). H_2O (10 mL) and Et_2O (10 mL) were added and the layers were separated. The aqueous layer was extracted with Et_2O (3 $\times$) and pentane (1 $\times$). The combined organic extracts were washed with brine, dried over anhydrous MgSO_4 and concentrated. The crude material was purified with flash chromatography to give the desired product.

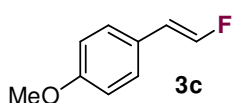


(E)-(2-fluorovinyl)benzene (3a). Following the general procedure on a 1.4 mmol scale of (2,2-difluoro-1-phenylvinyl)trimethylsilane, the desired product (104 mg, 61%) was isolated as a colorless oil by flash chromatography using 100% pentane. IR (neat) $\nu = 3296, 3063, 2856, 1658, 1447, 1095, 920, 675$ cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.31 (m, 5H), 7.21 (dd, 1H, $J_{\text{H-F}} = 83$ Hz, $J_{\text{H-H}} = 11$ Hz), 6.43 (dd, 1H, $J_{\text{H-F}} = 19$ Hz, $J_{\text{H-H}} = 11$ Hz) ; ^{13}C (75 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 150.4 (d, $J_{\text{C-F}} = 259$ Hz), 132.2, 128.8, 127.5, 126.2, 113.9 (d, $J = 16$ Hz) ; ^{19}F (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -130.3 (dd, 1F, $J_{\text{F-H}} = 83$ Hz, $J_{\text{F-H}} = 19$ Hz) ; HRMS-APPI calcd for $\text{C}_8\text{H}_7\text{F} [\text{M}^*]^+$ 122.0532, found 122.0538



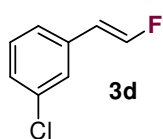
(E)-1-(2-fluorovinyl)-4-methylbenzene (3b). Following the general procedure on a 1.1 mmol scale of (2,2-difluoro-1-*p*-tolylvinyl)trimethylsilane, the desired product (95 mg, 64%) was isolated as a colorless oil by flash chromatography using 100% pentane.

IR (neat) ν = 3298, 2924, 1663, 1514, 1454, 1089, 911, 798 cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.19-7.16 (m, 4H), 7.17 (dd, 1H, $J_{\text{H-F}}$ = 84 Hz, $J_{\text{H-H}}$ = 11 Hz), 6.40 (dd, 1H, $J_{\text{H-F}}$ = 20 Hz, $J_{\text{H-H}}$ = 11 Hz), 2.37 (s, 3H); ^{13}C (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 150.0 (d, $J_{\text{C-F}}$ = 260 Hz), 137.5 (d, $J_{\text{C-F}}$ = 3 Hz), 132.3, 129.7, 126.3 (d, $J_{\text{C-F}}$ = 3 Hz), 113.9 (d, $J_{\text{C-F}}$ = 16 Hz), 21.4; ^{19}F (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -131.7 (dd, 1F, $J_{\text{F-H}}$ = 83 Hz, $J_{\text{F-H}}$ = 20 Hz); HRMS-APPI calcd for $\text{C}_9\text{H}_9\text{F}$ $[\text{M}^*]^+$ 136.0688, found 136.0737



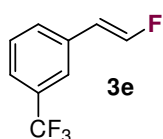
(E)-1-(2-fluorovinyl)-4-methoxybenzene (3c). Following the general procedure on a 1.03 mmol scale of (2,2-difluoro-1-(4-methoxyphenyl)vinyl)trimethylsilane, the desired product (100 mg, 64% contaminated with ca. 2% of 4-ethynylanisole) was

isolated as a colorless oil by flash chromatography using diethyl ether/pentane (2:98). IR (neat) ν = 3294, 2958, 1661, 1511, 1465, 1085, 911, 835 cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.19 (d, 2H, J = 8 Hz), 7.11 (dd, 1H, $J_{\text{H-F}}$ = 84 Hz, $J_{\text{H-H}}$ = 12 Hz), 6.86 (d, 2H, J = 8 Hz), 6.36 (dd, 1H, $J_{\text{H-F}}$ = 20 Hz, $J_{\text{H-H}}$ = 11 Hz), 3.81 (s, 3H); ^{13}C (75 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 159.1, 149.1 (d, $J_{\text{C-F}}$ = 256 Hz), 133.6, 127.3 (d, J = 3 Hz), 114.3, 113.3 (d, J = 15 Hz), 55.3; ^{19}F (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -133.1 (dd, 1F, $J_{\text{F-H}}$ = 84 Hz, $J_{\text{F-H}}$ = 20 Hz); HRMS-APPI calcd for $\text{C}_9\text{H}_9\text{FO}$ $[\text{M}^*]^+$ 152.0637, found 152.0656



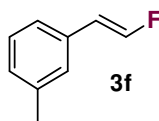
(E)-1-chloro-3-(2-fluorovinyl)benzene (3d). Following the general procedure on a 0.81 mmol scale of (1-(3-chlorophenyl)-2,2-difluorovinyl)trimethylsilane, the desired product (61 mg, 48%) was isolated as a colorless oil by flash chromatography using 100% pentane. IR (neat) ν = 3298, 2959, 1660, 1596, 1476, 1105, 915, 779 cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR (300

MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.24 (m, 3H), 7.17 (dd, 1H, $J_{\text{H-F}}$ = 82 Hz, $J_{\text{H-H}}$ = 11 Hz), 7.13 (m, 1H), 6.35 (dd, 1H, $J_{\text{H-F}}$ = 19 Hz, $J_{\text{H-H}}$ = 12 Hz); ^{13}C (75 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 151.0 (d, $J_{\text{C-F}}$ = 263 Hz), 134.7 (d, J = 8 Hz), 134.4, 130.0, 127.5 (d, J = 2 Hz), 126.1 (d, J = 2 Hz), 124.4 (d, J = 3 Hz), 112.9 (d, J = 17 Hz); ^{19}F (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -127.8 (dd, 1F, $J_{\text{F-H}}$ = 83 Hz, $J_{\text{F-H}}$ = 19 Hz); HRMS-APPI calcd for $\text{C}_8\text{H}_6\text{ClF}$ $[\text{M}^*]^+$ 156.0142, found 156.0153



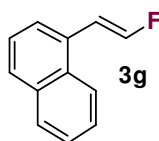
(E)-1-(2-fluorovinyl)-3-(trifluoromethyl)benzene (3e). Following the general procedure on a 0.89 mmol scale of (2,2-difluoro-1-(3-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)vinyl)trimethylsilane, the desired product (49 mg, 30%) was isolated as a colorless oil by flash chromatography using 100% pentane. IR (neat) ν = 3083, 2931, 1663, 1593, 1448, 1337, 1200, 913 cm^{-1} ;

^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.56-7.40 (m, 4H), 7.23 (dd, 1H, $J_{\text{H-F}}$ = 82 Hz, $J_{\text{H-H}}$ = 11 Hz), 6.44 (dd, 1H, $J_{\text{H-F}}$ = 19 Hz, $J_{\text{H-H}}$ = 12 Hz); ^{13}C (75 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 151.2 (d, $J_{\text{C-F}}$ = 263 Hz), 133.6 (d, J = 13 Hz), 129.3, 128.9, 125.9 (d, J = 21 Hz), 124.1 (m), 122.9 (m), 122.1, 113.0 (d, J = 16 Hz); ^{19}F (282 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -63.1 (s, 3F), -127.0 (dd, 1F, $J_{\text{F-H}}$ = 83 Hz, $J_{\text{F-H}}$ = 19 Hz); HRMS-APPI calcd for $\text{C}_9\text{H}_6\text{F}_4$ $[\text{M}^*]^+$ 190.0406, found 190.0380



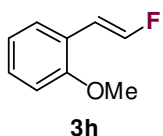
(E)-1-(2-fluorovinyl)-3-methylbenzene (3f). Following the general procedure on a 1.1 mmol scale of (2,2-difluoro-1-*m*-tolylvinyl)trimethylsilane (**1f**), the desired product (95 mg, 64%) was isolated as a colorless oil by flash chromatography using 100% pentane.

IR (neat) ν = 3034, 2922, 1703, 1659, 1606, 1489, 1075, 917 cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.38-7.22 (m, 1H), 7.24 (dd, 1H, $J_{\text{H-F}}$ = 83 Hz, $J_{\text{H-H}}$ = 11 Hz), 7.13 (m, 3H), 6.43 (dd, 1H, $J_{\text{H-F}}$ = 19 Hz, $J_{\text{H-H}}$ = 11 Hz), 2.4 (s, 3H) ; ^{13}C (75 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 150.1 (d, $J_{\text{C-F}}$ = 258 Hz), 138.4, 132.6 (d, J = 13 Hz), 128.7, 128.3, 126.9 (d, J = 3 Hz), 123.3 (d, J = 3 Hz), 113.9 (d, J = 16 Hz), 21.4 ; ^{19}F (282 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -130.5 (d, 1F, $J_{\text{F-H}}$ = 84 Hz, $J_{\text{F-H}}$ = 19 Hz) ; HRMS-APPI calcd for $\text{C}_9\text{H}_9\text{F}$ [M^*] $^+$ 136.0688, found 136.0697



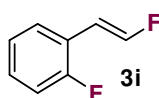
(E)-1-(2-fluorovinyl)naphthalene (3g). Following the general procedure on a 0.70 mmol scale of (2,2-difluoro-1-(naphthalen-1-yl)vinyl)trimethylsilane (**1g**), the desired product (103 mg, yield of **3g** is 62%) was isolated as a colorless oil by flash chromatography using 100% pentane. IR (neat) ν = 3297, 3059, 1654, 1590, 1508, 1102, 916, 775 cm^{-1} ;

^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.01 (m, 1H), 7.88 (d, 2H, J = 8 Hz), 7.54 (m, 2H), 7.44 (m, 2H), 7.01 (dd, 1H, $J_{\text{H-F}}$ = 29 Hz, $J_{\text{H-F}}$ = 11 Hz) ; ^{13}C (75 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 150.8 (d, $J_{\text{C-F}}$ = 263 Hz), 133.6 (d, J = 10 Hz), 131.3, 129.3, 128.6, 128.3, 126.3, 126.1, 125.6, 124.1, 119.8, 111.5 (d, J = 15 Hz) ; ^{19}F (282 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -123.8 (d, 1F, $J_{\text{F-H}}$ = 87 Hz, $J_{\text{F-H}}$ = 16 Hz) ; HRMS-APPI calcd for $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_9\text{F}$ [M^*] $^+$ 172.0688, found 172.0704



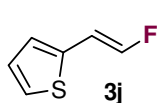
(E)-1-(2-fluorovinyl)-2-methoxybenzene (3h). Following the general procedure on a 0.83 mmol scale of (2,2-difluoro-1-(2-methoxyphenyl)vinyl)trimethylsilane, the desired product (74 mg, 60%) was isolated as a colorless oil by flash chromatography using 100% pentane. IR (neat) ν = 3005, 2838, 1657, 1599, 1493, 1246, 1077, 915 cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR

(300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.46 (dd, 1H, $J_{\text{H-F}}$ = 86 Hz, $J_{\text{H-H}}$ = 11 Hz), 7.24 (m, 2H), 6.94 (m, 2H), 6.54 (dd, 1H, $J_{\text{H-F}}$ = 22 Hz, $J_{\text{H-H}}$ = 11 Hz) ; ^{13}C (75 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 156.8, 151.6 (d, $J_{\text{C-F}}$ = 258 Hz), 128.4 (dd, J = 9 Hz, J = 2 Hz), 121.6 (d, J = 11 Hz), 131.4, 120.8, 110.8, 110.5 (d, J = 18 Hz), 55.3 ; ^{19}F (282 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -125.2 (dd, 1F, J = 87 Hz, J = 23 Hz) ; HRMS-APPI calcd for $\text{C}_9\text{H}_9\text{FO}$ [M^*] $^+$ 152.0637, found 152.0648



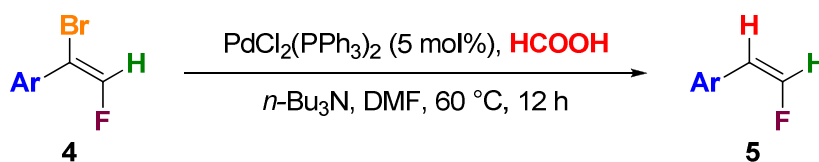
(E)-1-fluoro-2-(2-fluorovinyl)benzene (3i). Following the general procedure on a 1.05 mmol scale of (2,2-difluoro-1-(2-fluorophenyl)vinyl)trimethylsilane, the desired product (76 mg, 52%) was isolated as a colorless oil by flash chromatography using 100% pentane. IR (neat) ν = 3085, 2959, 1660, 1489, 1455, 1118, 915, 753 cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3)

δ 7.20 (dd, 1H, $J_{\text{H-F}}$ = 84 Hz, $J_{\text{H-H}}$ = 11 Hz), 7.14-6.86 (m, 4H), 6.27 (dd, 1H, $J_{\text{H-F}}$ = 21 Hz, $J_{\text{H-H}}$ = 11 Hz) ; ^{13}C (75 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 161.3 (dd, $J_{\text{C-F}}$ = 250 Hz, $J_{\text{C-F}}$ = 3 Hz), 153.6 (dd, $J_{\text{C-F}}$ = 260 Hz, $J_{\text{C-F}}$ = 11 Hz), 129.9, 129.8 (m), 125.5 (d, J = 3 Hz), 117.2, 116.9, 109.5 (d, J = 20 Hz) ; ^{19}F (282 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -113.8 (m, 1H), -123.0 (dm, 1F, $J_{\text{F-H}}$ = 84 Hz) ; HRMS-APPI calcd for $\text{C}_8\text{H}_6\text{F}_2$ [M^*] $^+$ 140.0438, found 140.0444

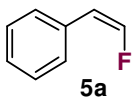


(E)-2-(2-fluorovinyl)thiophene (3j). Following the general procedure on a 1.01 mmol scale of (2,2-difluoro-1-(thiophen-2-yl)vinyl)trimethylsilane (**1j**), the desired product (49 mg, 35%) was isolated as a colorless oil by flash chromatography using 100% pentane. IR (neat) $\nu = 3073, 2959, 1659, 1465, 1201, 1103, 905, 694 \text{ cm}^{-1}$; ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.17 (dd, 1H, $J_{\text{H-F}} = 83 \text{ Hz}$, $J_{\text{H-H}} = 11 \text{ Hz}$), 7.15 (d, 1H, $J = 5 \text{ Hz}$), 7.03-6.90 (m, 2H), 6.55 (dd, 1H, $J_{\text{H-F}} = 17 \text{ Hz}$, $J_{\text{H-H}} = 11 \text{ Hz}$); ^{13}C (75 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 149.7 (d, $J_{\text{C-F}} = 261 \text{ Hz}$), 134.9 (d, $J = 13 \text{ Hz}$), 127.4, 125.8 (d, $J = 6 \text{ Hz}$), 123.8 (d, $J = 3 \text{ Hz}$), 108.1 (d, $J = 20 \text{ Hz}$); ^{19}F (282 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -129.6 (dd, 1F, $J_{\text{F-H}} = 83 \text{ Hz}$, $J_{\text{F-H}} = 18 \text{ Hz}$); HRMS-APPI calcd for $\text{C}_6\text{H}_5\text{FS}$ $[\text{M}^*]^+$ 128.0096, found 128.0104

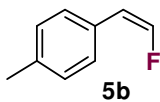
6. Procedure for the reduction with formic acid



(Z)-Fluorostyrene derivatives – General protocol: To a stirred solution of $\text{PdCl}_2(\text{PPh}_3)_2$ (0.1 mmol) and $n\text{-Bu}_3\text{N}$ (4.5 mmol) in DMF (7 mL) was added a solution of 1-aryl-1-bromo-2-fluoroethene **4** (1 mmol) in DMF (2 mL) under N_2 . After 5 min at rt, formic acid (3 mmol) was added and the reaction mixture was heated for 12 h at 60 °C. Et_2O (10 mL) and H_2O (20 mL) were added and the layers were separated. The aqueous layer was extracted with Et_2O (3 $\times$). The combined organic extracts were washed with brine, dried over anhydrous MgSO_4 and concentrated. The crude material was purified with flash chromatography to give the desired product.

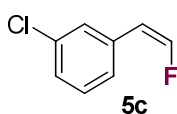


(Z)-(2-fluorovinyl)benzene (5a). Following the general procedure on a 0.34 mmol scale of (E)-1-(1-bromo-2-fluorovinyl)benzene, the desired product (31 mg, 73%) was isolated as a colorless oil by flash chromatography using 100% pentane. IR (neat) $\nu = 3085, 2856, 1644, 1590, 1432, 1058, 923, 693 \text{ cm}^{-1}$; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.53 (d, 2H, $J = 7 \text{ Hz}$), 7.36 (t, 2H, $J = 7 \text{ Hz}$), 7.28 (d, 1H, $J = 7 \text{ Hz}$), 6.67 (dd, 1H, $J_{\text{H-F}} = 83 \text{ Hz}$, $J_{\text{H-H}} = 5 \text{ Hz}$), 5.62 (dd, 1H, $J_{\text{H-F}} = 45 \text{ Hz}$, $J_{\text{H-H}} = 5 \text{ Hz}$); ^{13}C (75 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 148.2 (d, $J_{\text{C-F}} = 270 \text{ Hz}$), 128.9, 128.8, 128.5, 127.5, 110.8; ^{19}F (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -122.6 (dd, 1F, $J_{\text{F-H}} = 82 \text{ Hz}$, $J_{\text{F-H}} = 45 \text{ Hz}$); HRMS-APPI calcd for $\text{C}_8\text{H}_7\text{F}$ $[\text{M}^*]^+$ 122.0531, found 122.0510



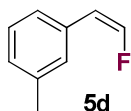
(Z)-1-(2-fluorovinyl)-4-methylbenzene (5b). Following the general procedure on a 0.58 mmol scale of (E)-1-(1-bromo-2-fluorovinyl)-4-methylbenzene, the desired product (38 mg, 52%) was isolated as a colorless oil by flash chromatography using 100% pentane. IR

(neat) $\nu = 3026, 2923, 1663, 1514, 1387, 1236, 1017, 824 \text{ cm}^{-1}$; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.44 (d, 2H, $J = 8 \text{ Hz}$), 7.17 (d, 2H, $J = 8 \text{ Hz}$), 6.64 (dd, 1H, $J_{\text{H-F}} = 83 \text{ Hz}$, $J_{\text{H-H}} = 5 \text{ Hz}$), 5.61 (dd, 1H, $J_{\text{H-F}} = 45 \text{ Hz}$, $J_{\text{H-H}} = 5 \text{ Hz}$), 2.37 (s, 3H); ^{13}C (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 147.8 (d, $J_{\text{C-F}} = 269 \text{ Hz}$), 137.4, 129.8, 129.2, 128.8 (d, $J = 7 \text{ Hz}$), 110.7, 21.3; ^{19}F (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -123.4 (dd, 1F, $J_{\text{F-H}} = 83 \text{ Hz}$, $J_{\text{F-H}} = 45 \text{ Hz}$); HRMS-APPI calcd for $\text{C}_9\text{H}_9\text{F} [\text{M}^*]^+$ 136.0688, found 136.0696



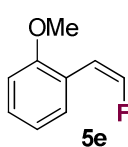
(Z)-1-chloro-3-(2-fluorovinyl)benzene (5c). Following the general procedure on a 0.81 mmol scale of (*E*)-1-(1-bromo-2-fluorovinyl)-3-chlorobenzene, the desired product (64 mg, 51%) was isolated as a colorless oil by flash chromatography using 100% pentane.

IR (neat) $\nu = 2926, 2854, 1660, 1597, 1566, 1235, 1026, 791 \text{ cm}^{-1}$; ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.53 (s, 1H), 7.38 (d, 1H, $J = 7 \text{ Hz}$), 7.26 (m, 2H), 6.68 (dd, 1H, $J_{\text{H-F}} = 83 \text{ Hz}$, $J_{\text{H-H}} = 5 \text{ Hz}$), 5.59 (dd, 1H, $J_{\text{H-F}} = 44 \text{ Hz}$, $J_{\text{H-H}} = 5 \text{ Hz}$); ^{13}C (75 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 149.2 (d, $J_{\text{C-F}} = 274 \text{ Hz}$), 134.3 (d, $J = 8 \text{ Hz}$), 129.7, 128.8, 127.6, 126.9, 126.1, 109.8; ^{19}F (282 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -120.2 (dd, 1F, $J_{\text{F-H}} = 83 \text{ Hz}$, $J_{\text{F-H}} = 45 \text{ Hz}$); HRMS-APPI calcd for $\text{C}_8\text{H}_6\text{ClF} [\text{M}^*]^+$ 156.0142, found 156.0160



(Z)-1-(2-fluorovinyl)-3-methylbenzene (5d). Following the general procedure on a 0.47 mmol scale of (*E*)-1-(1-bromo-2-fluorovinyl)-3-methylbenzene (**4d**), the desired product (35 mg, 56%) was isolated as a colorless oil by flash chromatography using 100% pentane. IR

(neat) $\nu = 3052, 2923, 1662, 1606, 1491, 1235, 1027, 794 \text{ cm}^{-1}$; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.34 (m, 2H), 7.25 (m, 1H), 7.10 (d, 1H, $J = 8 \text{ Hz}$), 6.65 (dd, 1H, $J_{\text{H-F}} = 83 \text{ Hz}$, $J_{\text{H-H}} = 5 \text{ Hz}$), 5.60 (dd, 1H, $J_{\text{H-F}} = 45 \text{ Hz}$, $J_{\text{H-H}} = 5 \text{ Hz}$), 2.37 (s, 3H); ^{13}C (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 148.4 (d, $J_{\text{C-F}} = 267 \text{ Hz}$), 138.3, 132.7, 129.8 (d, $J = 7 \text{ Hz}$), 128.6, 128.5 (d, $J = 2 \text{ Hz}$), 126.2 (d, $J = 7 \text{ Hz}$), 111.1, 21.7; ^{19}F (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -122.6 (dd, 1F, $J_{\text{F-H}} = 83 \text{ Hz}$, $J_{\text{F-H}} = 45 \text{ Hz}$); HRMS-APPI calcd for $\text{C}_9\text{H}_9\text{F} [\text{M}^*]^+$ 136.0688, found 136.0691

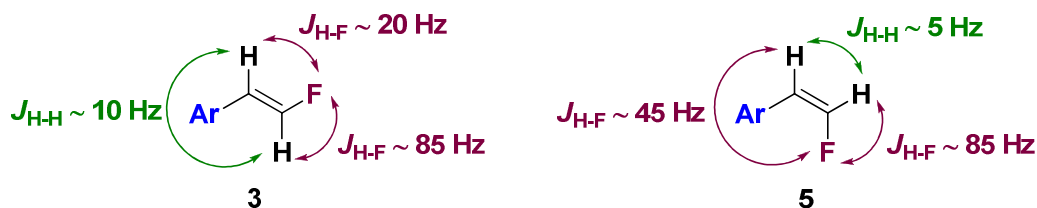


(Z)-1-(2-fluorovinyl)-2-methoxybenzene (5e). Following the general procedure on a 0.62 mmol scale of (*E*)-1-(1-bromo-2-fluorovinyl)-2-methoxybenzene, the desired product (49 mg, 52%) was isolated as a colorless oil by flash chromatography using diethyl ether/pentane

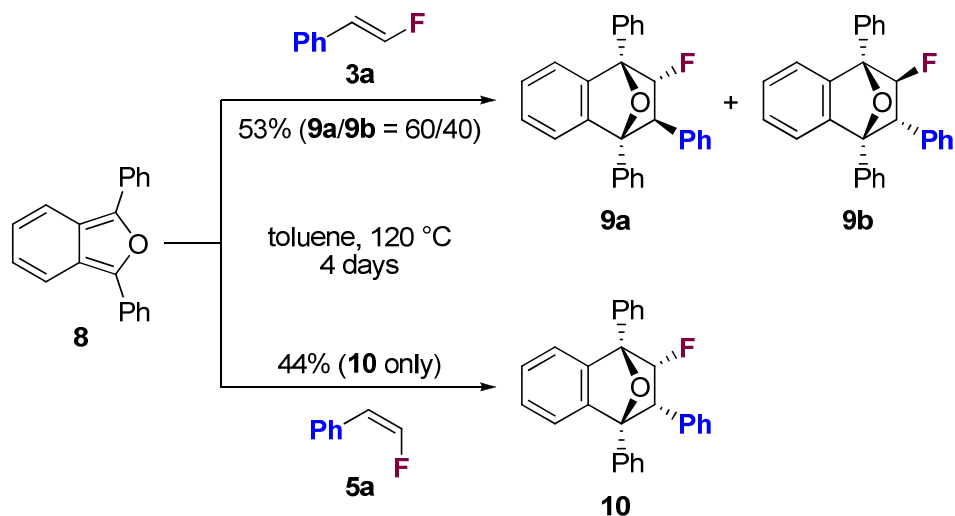
(1:99). IR (neat) $\nu = 3073, 2838, 1661, 1599, 1488, 1247, 1016, 771 \text{ cm}^{-1}$; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.82 (d, 1H, $J = 8 \text{ Hz}$), 7.26 (t, 1H, $J = 7 \text{ Hz}$), 6.98 (t, 1H, $J = 7 \text{ Hz}$), 6.89 (d, 1H, $J = 9 \text{ Hz}$), 6.70 (dd, 1H, $J_{\text{H-F}} = 84 \text{ Hz}$, $J_{\text{H-H}} = 6 \text{ Hz}$), 6.08 (dd, 1H, $J_{\text{H-F}} = 46 \text{ Hz}$, $J_{\text{H-H}} = 6 \text{ Hz}$), 3.85 (s, 3H); ^{13}C (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 156.3, 148.5 (d, $J_{\text{C-F}} = 270 \text{ Hz}$), 134.0 (d, $J = 19 \text{ Hz}$), 130.6 (d, $J = 11 \text{ Hz}$), 128.9, 120.9, 110.7, 104.5, 55.8; ^{19}F (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -124.3 (dd, 1F, $J_{\text{F-H}} = 84 \text{ Hz}$, $J_{\text{F-H}} = 47 \text{ Hz}$); HRMS-APPI calcd for $\text{C}_9\text{H}_9\text{FO} [\text{M}^*]^+$ 152.0637, found 152.0640

7. Determination of the stereochemistry

The stereochemistry of the two isomers of β -fluorostyrenes **3** and **5** was unambiguously determined by examination of the coupling constants in ^1H and ^{19}F NMR.

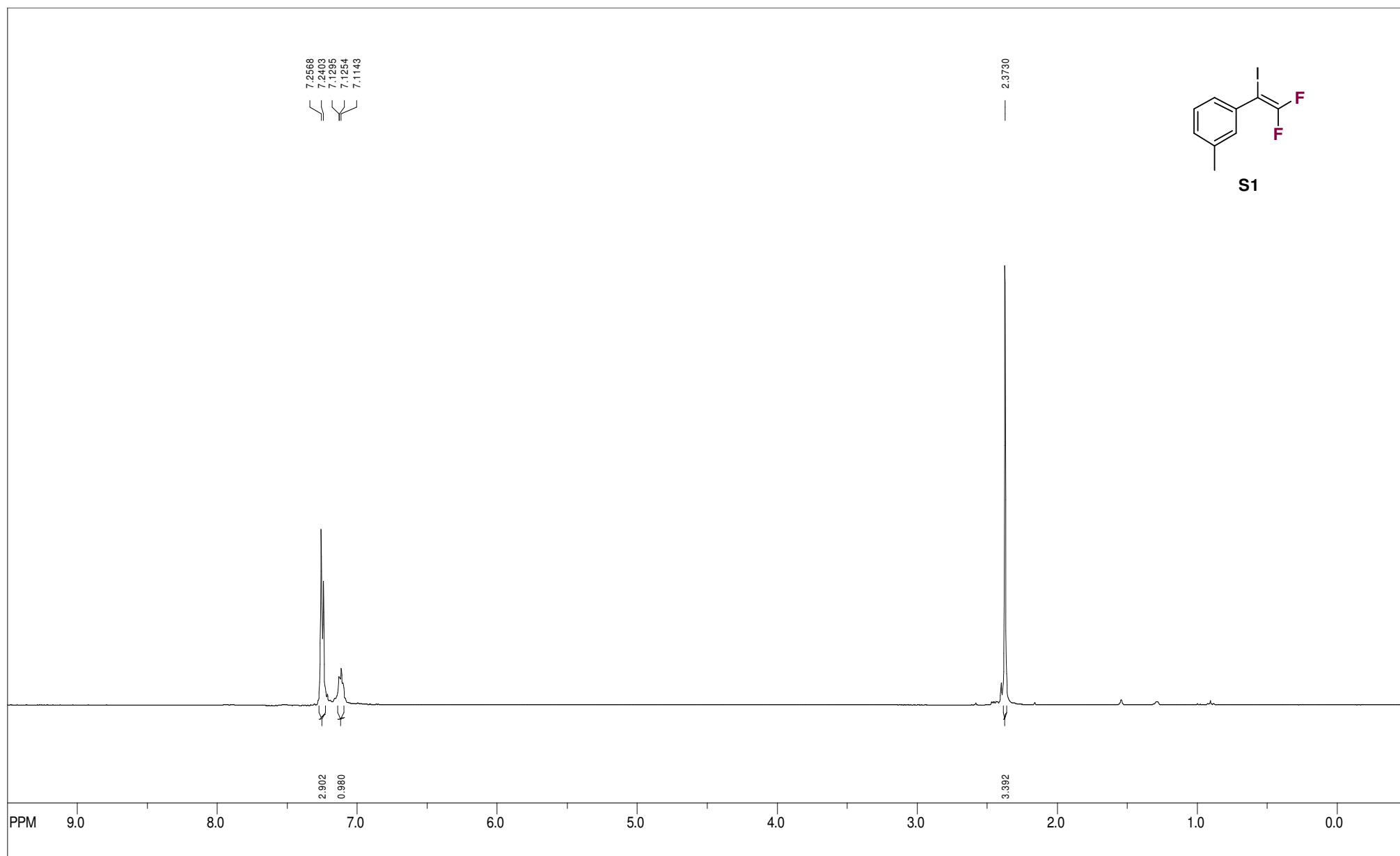


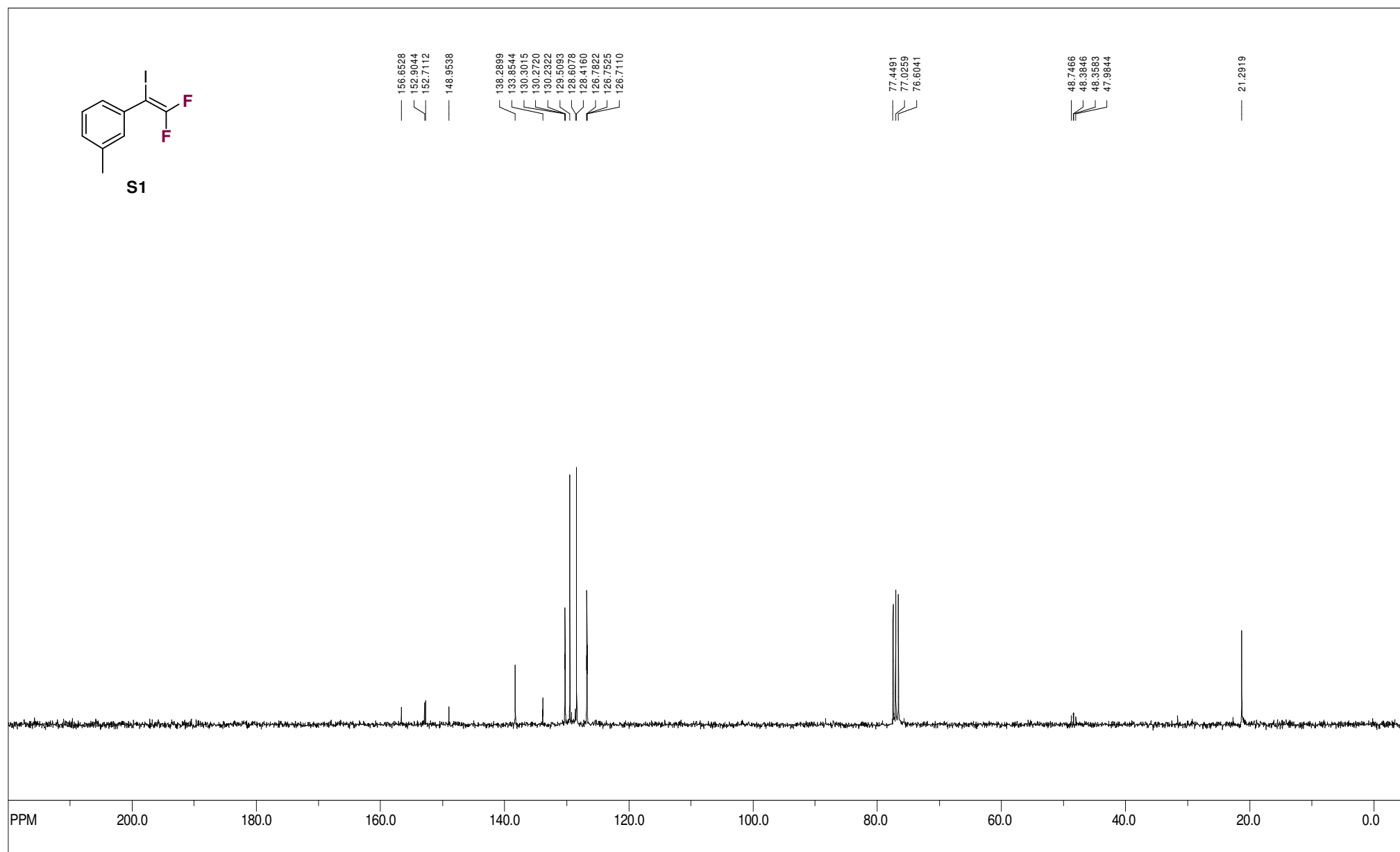
8. Diels-Alder reaction with 1,3-diphenylisobenzofuran

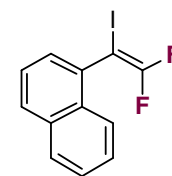
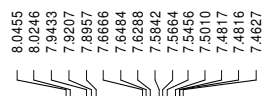


The β -fluorostyrene (**3a** or **5a**, 0.2 mmol) and 1,3-diphenylisobenzofuran **8** (0.2 mmol) in toluene (1 mL) were heated in a sealed glass tube at 120°C for 4 days. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure. After taking a ^{19}F NMR spectrum of the crude product, in order to determine the ratio of diastereoisomers, the desired product was isolated as a light yellow oil by flash chromatography using 8% ethyl acetate/hexane. The spectroscopic data were in agreement with the literature.⁴

⁴ Ernet, T.; Maulitz, A. H.; Würthwein, E.-U.; Haufe, G. *J. Chem. Soc., Perkin Trans. 1* **2001**, 1929.





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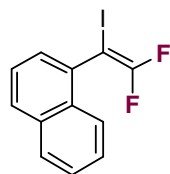
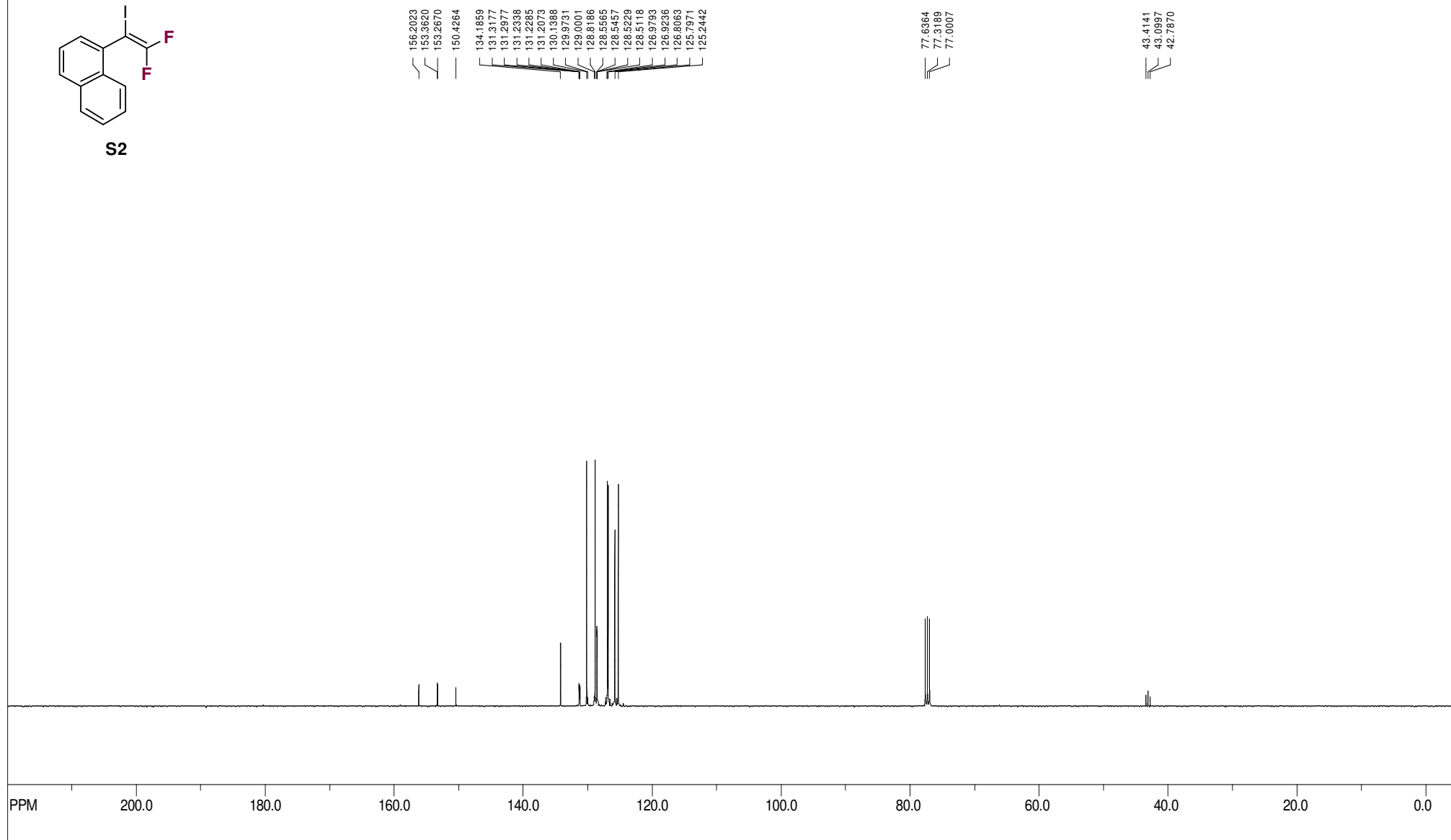
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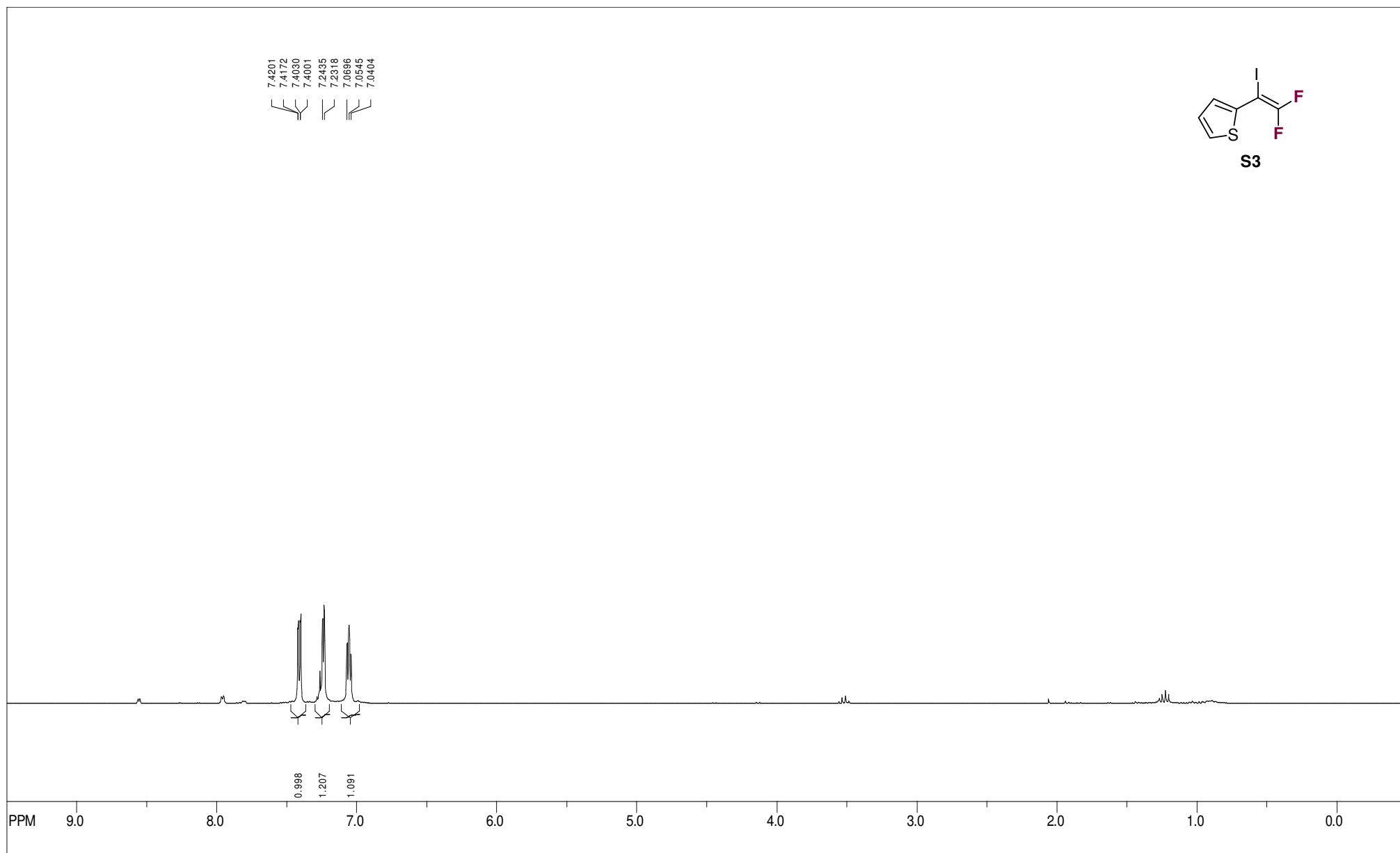
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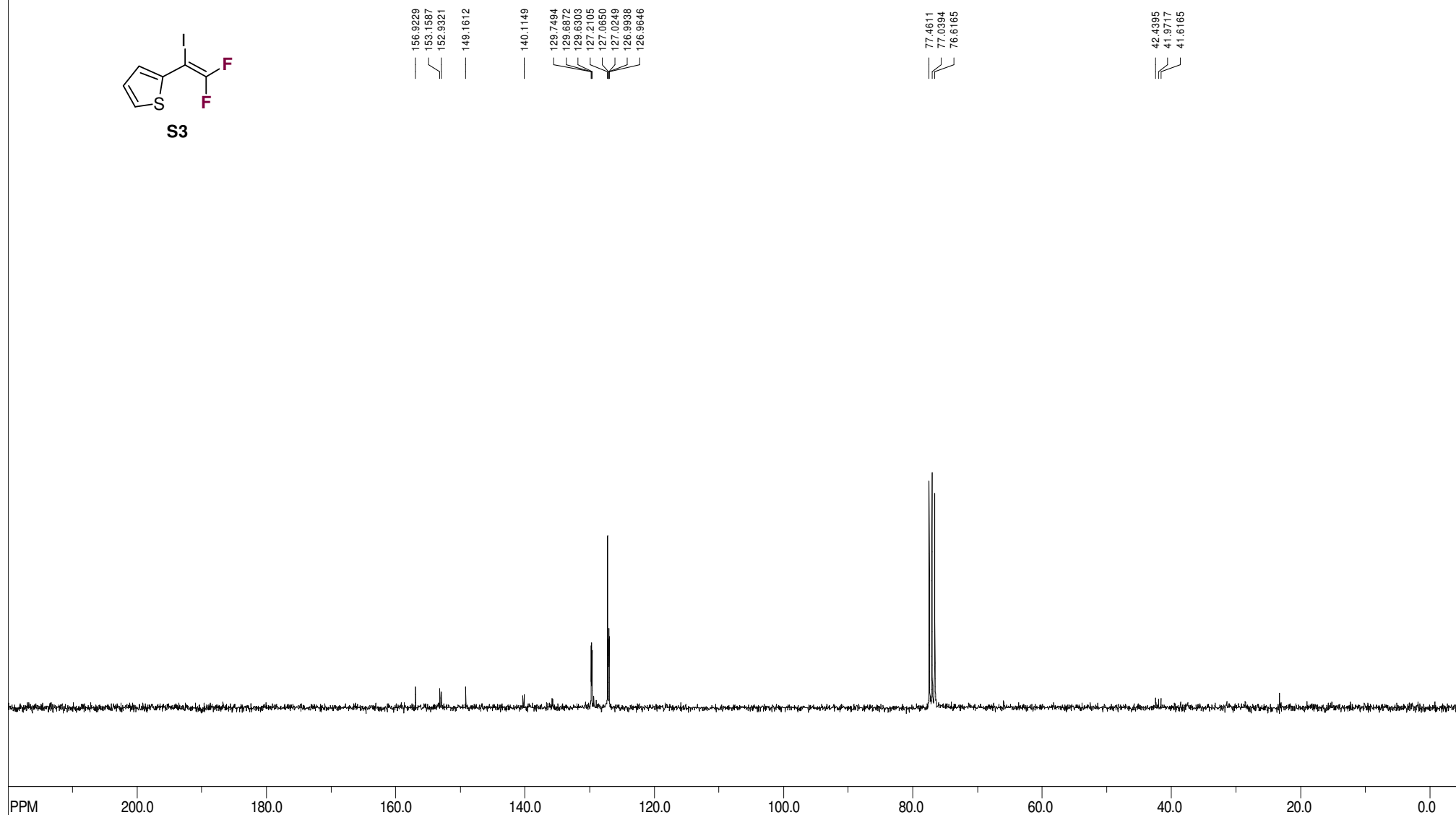
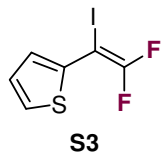
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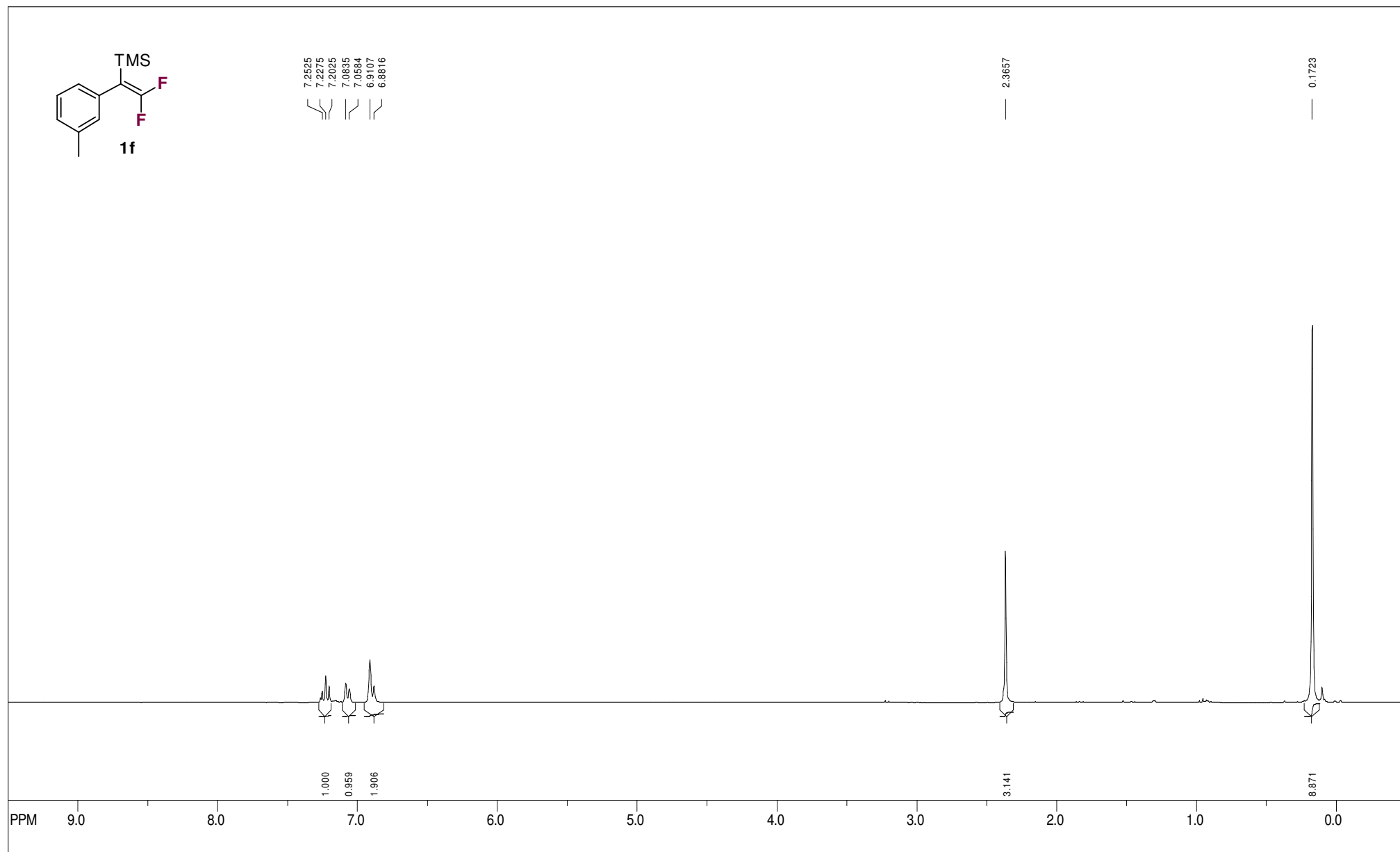
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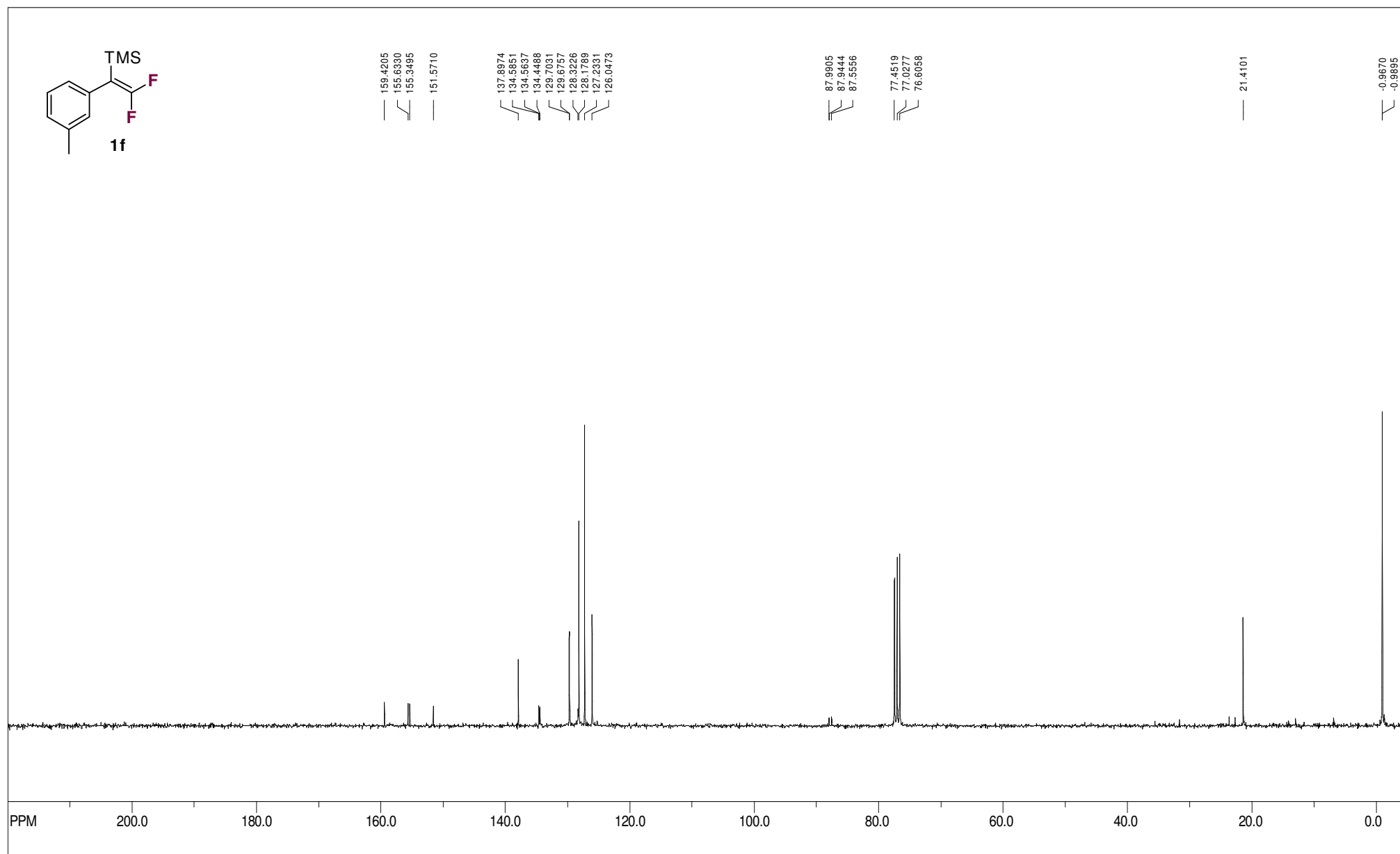
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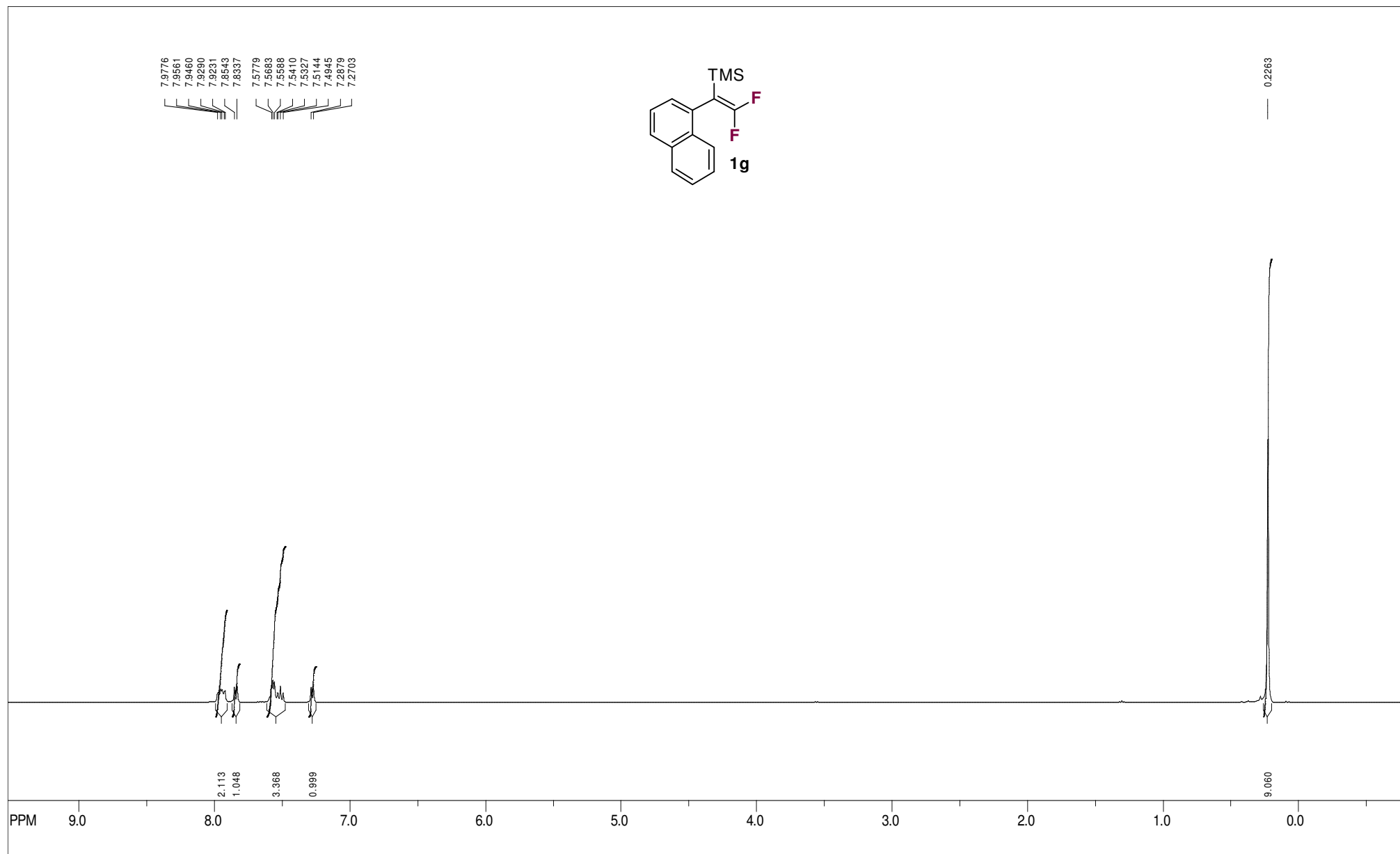
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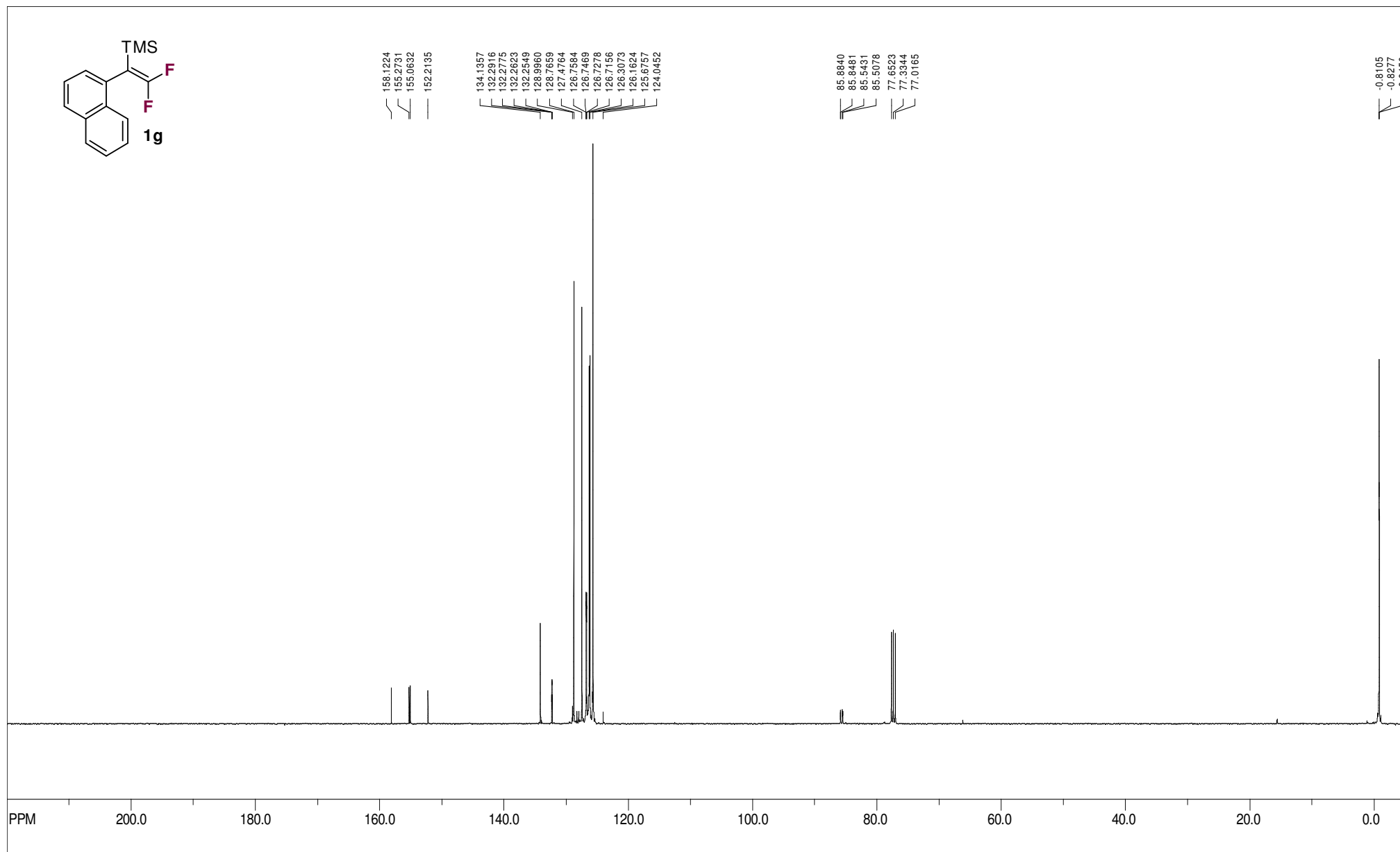


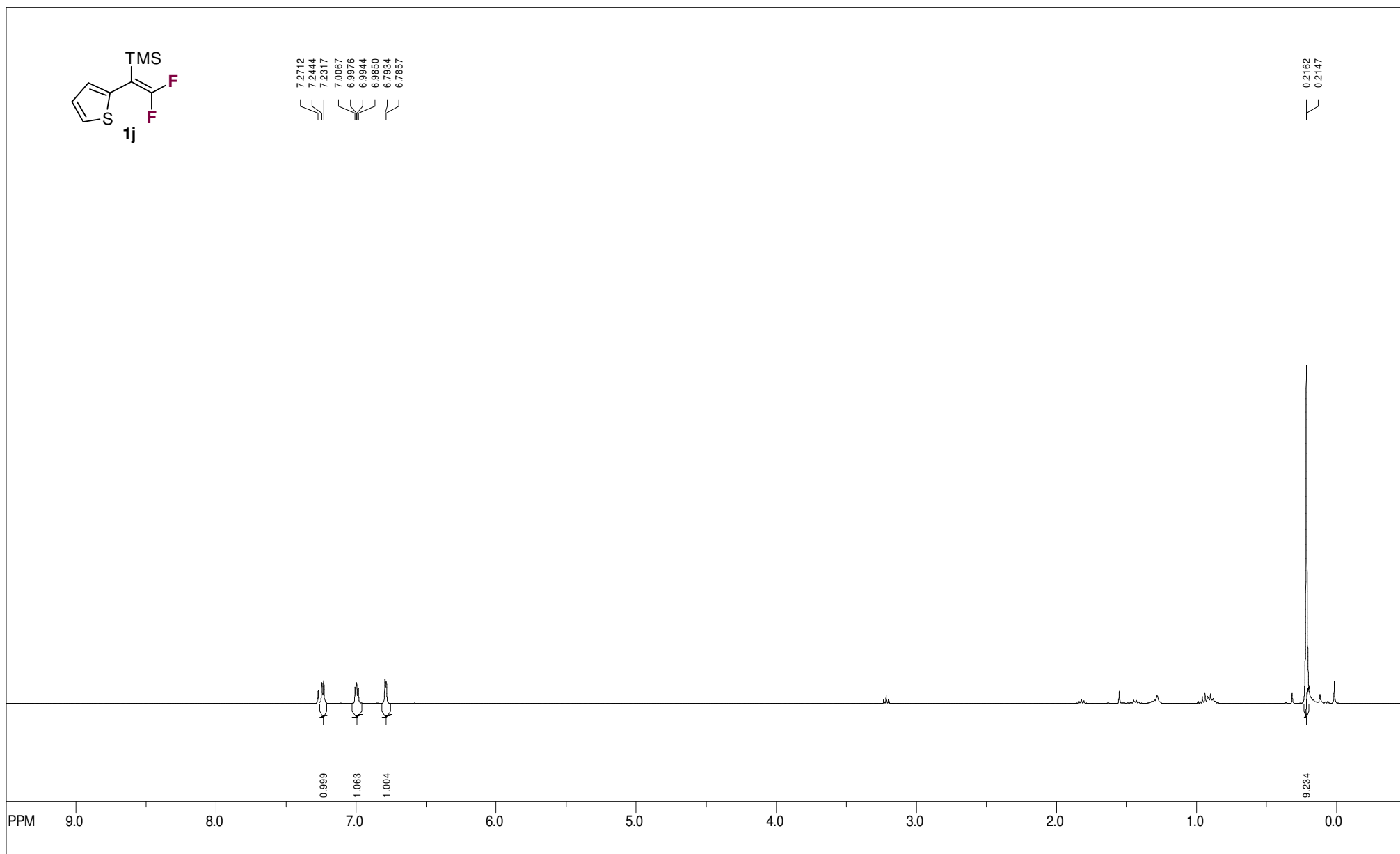


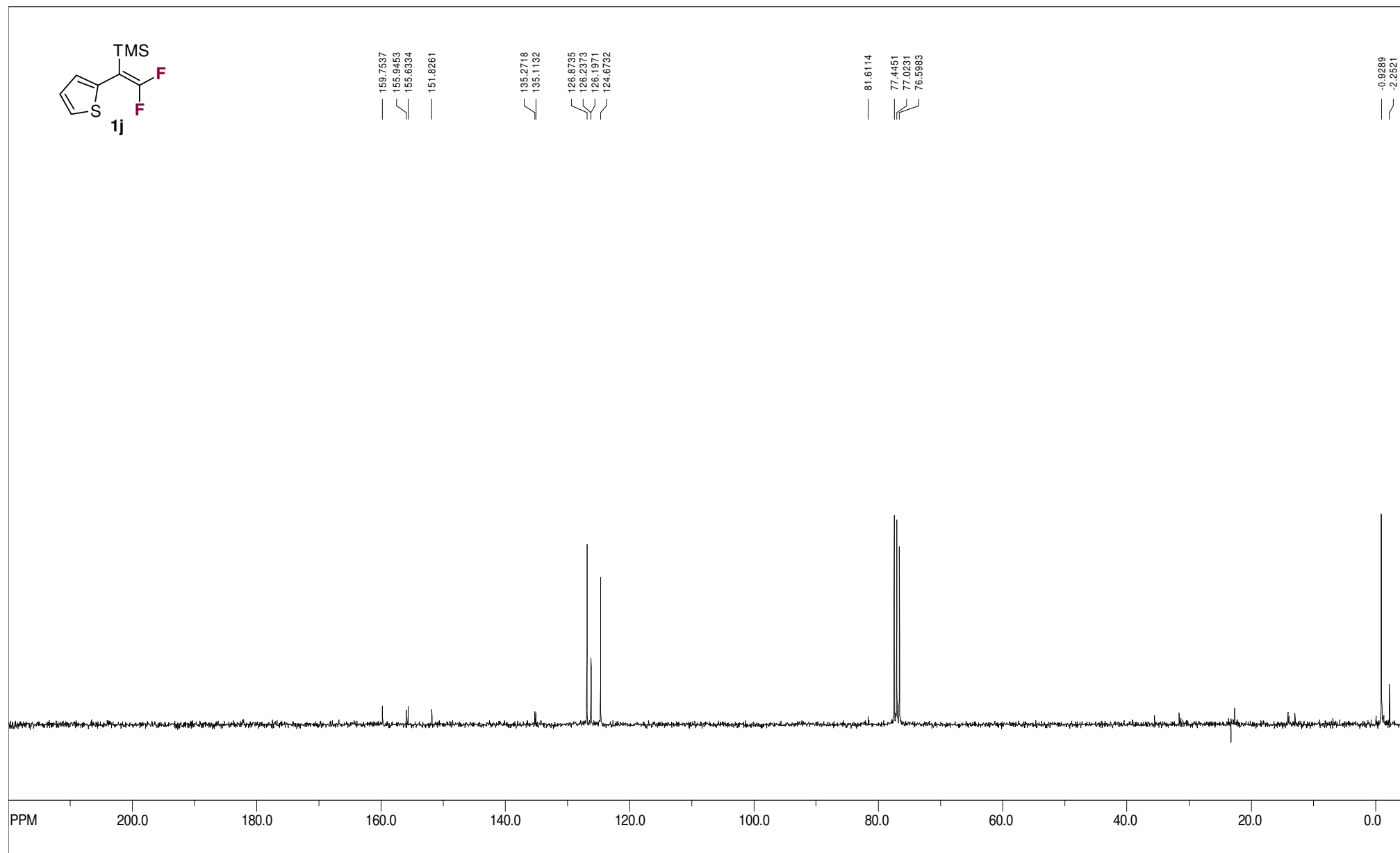


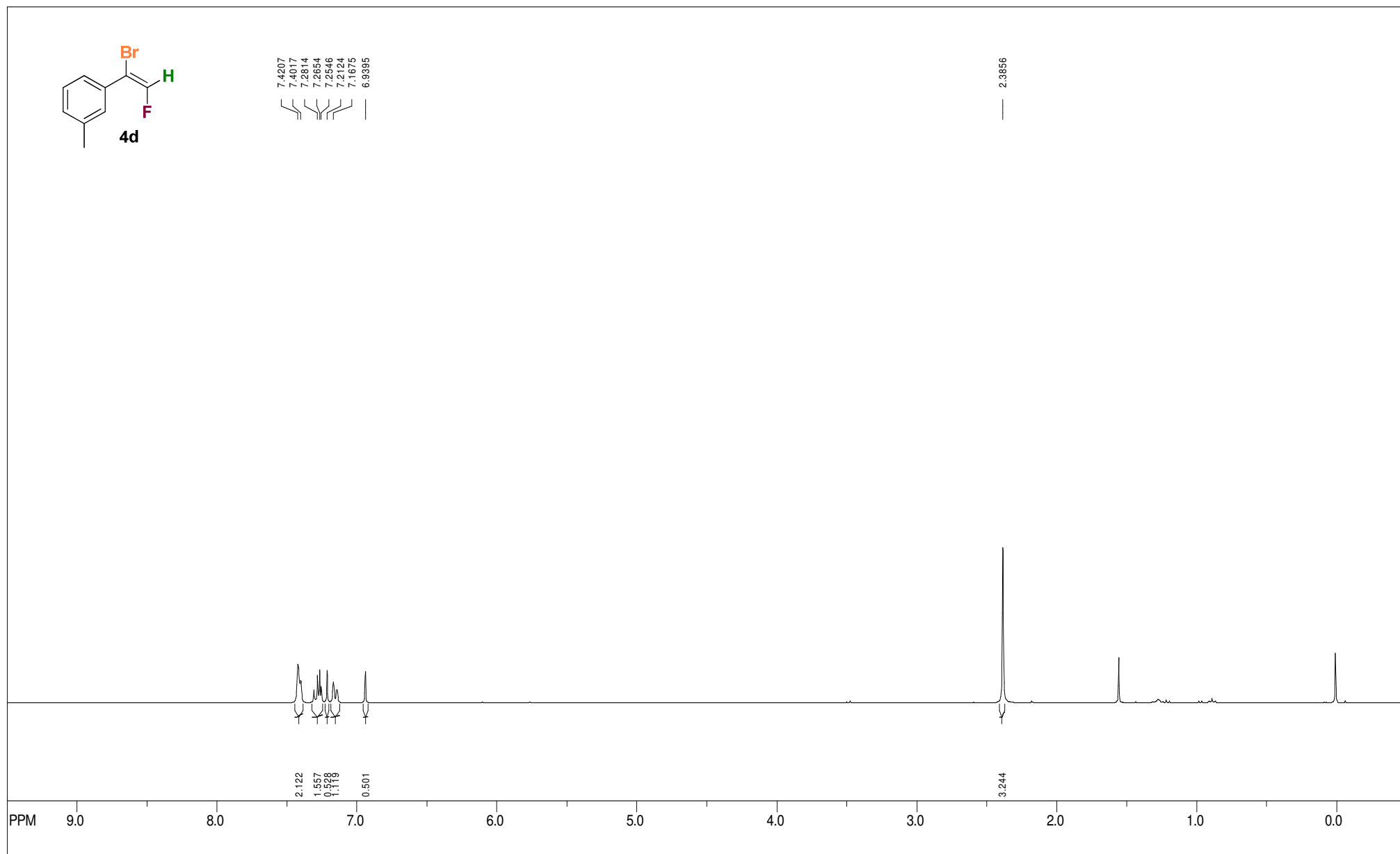


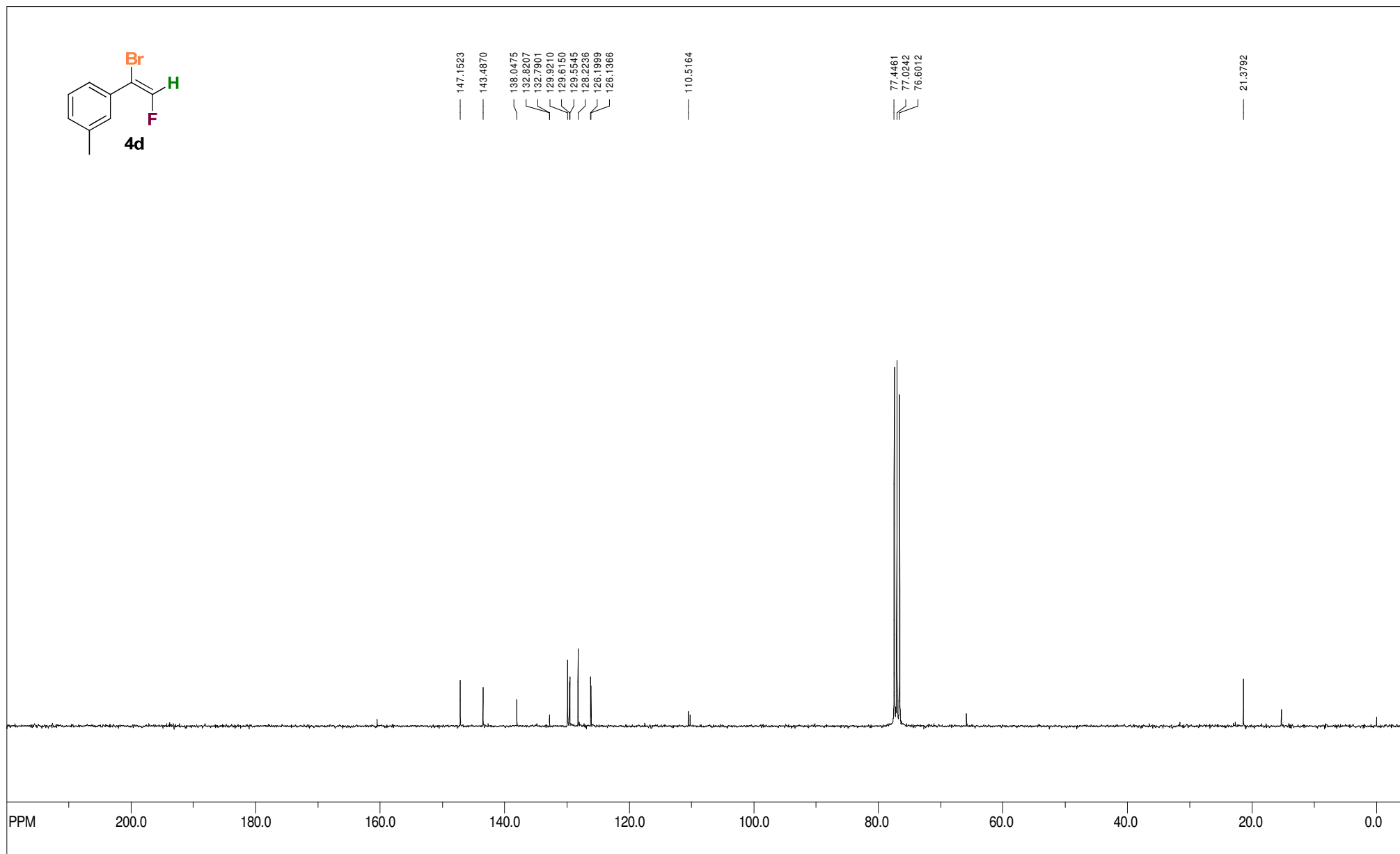


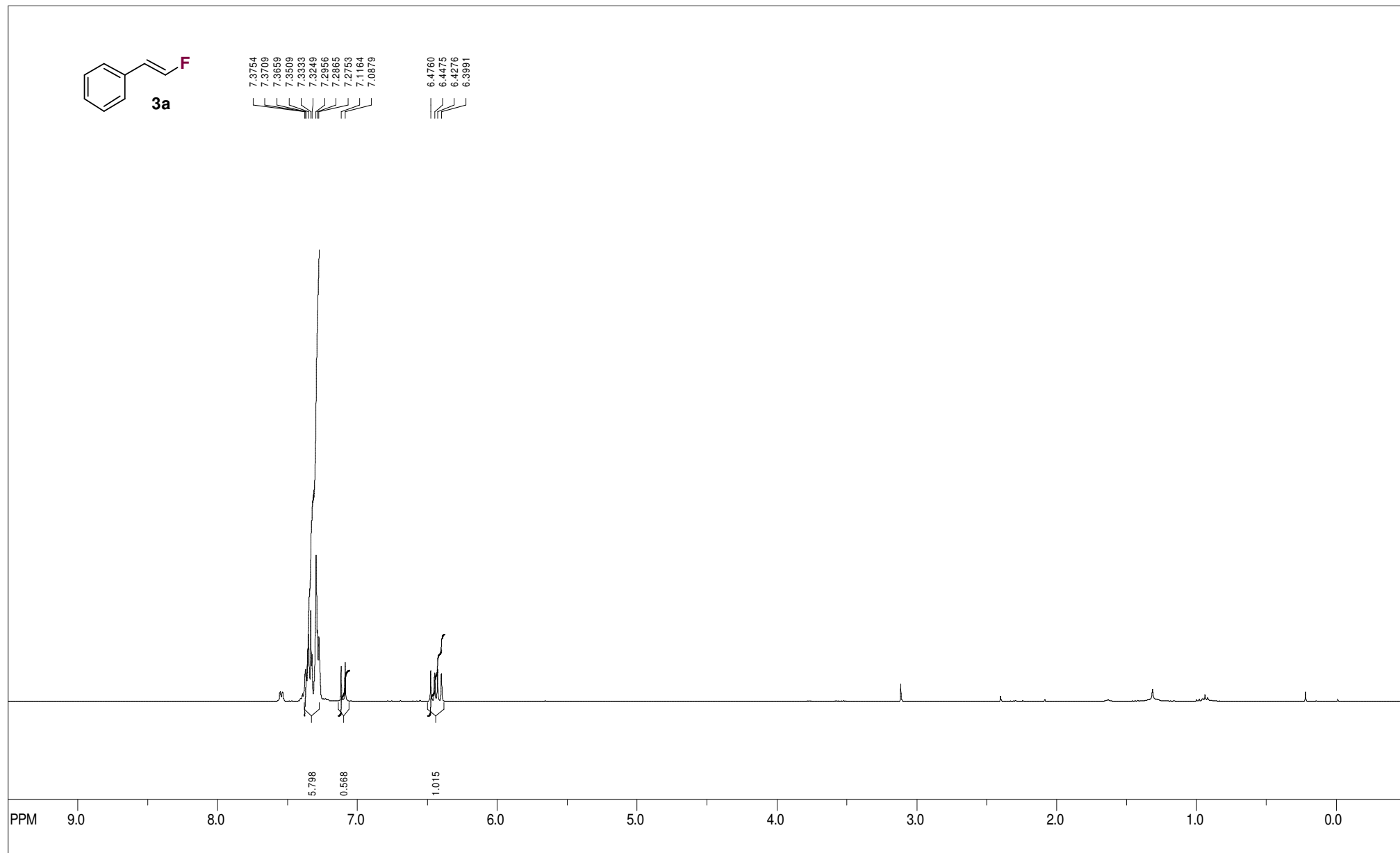


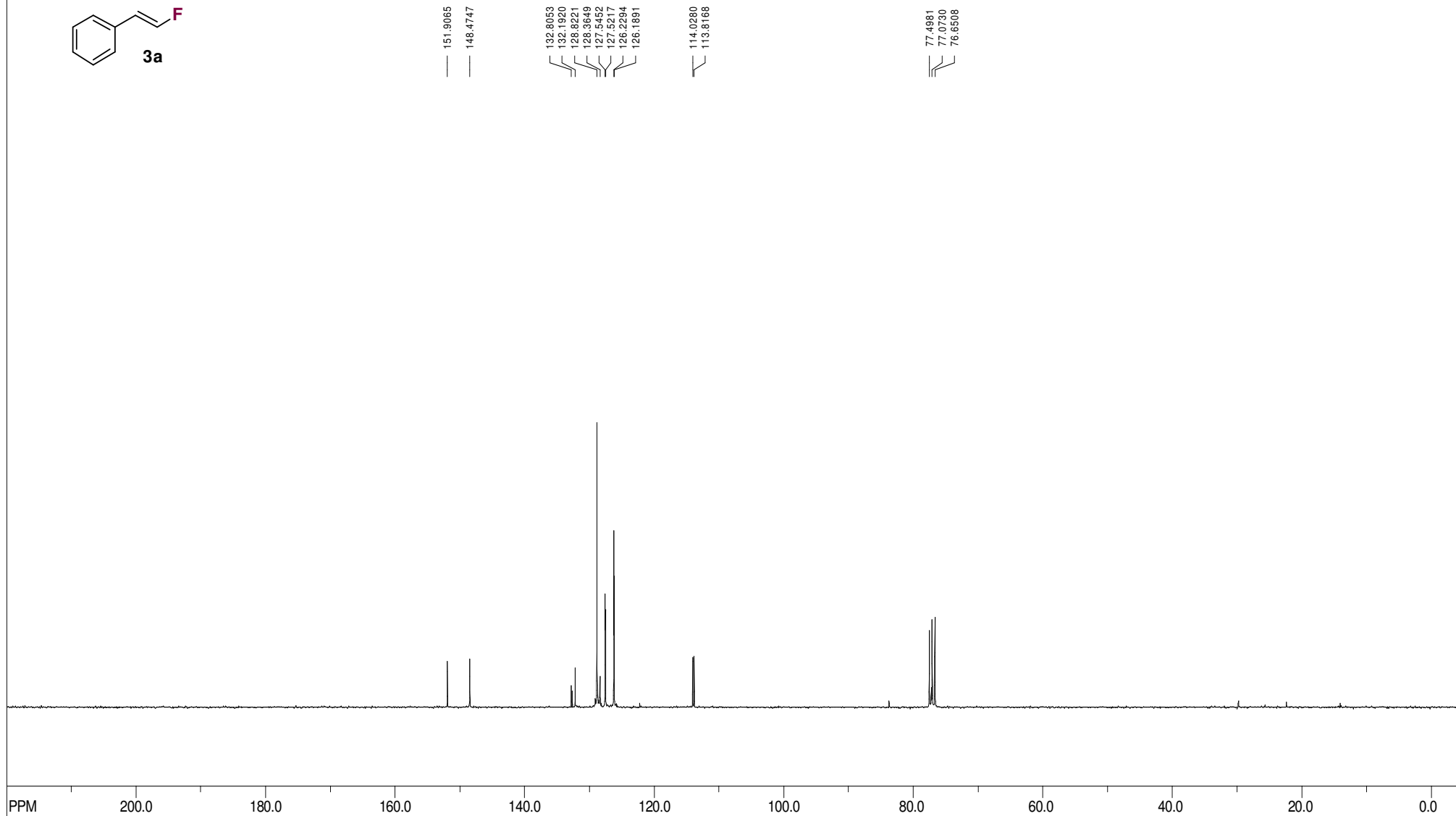
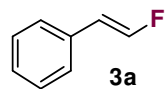


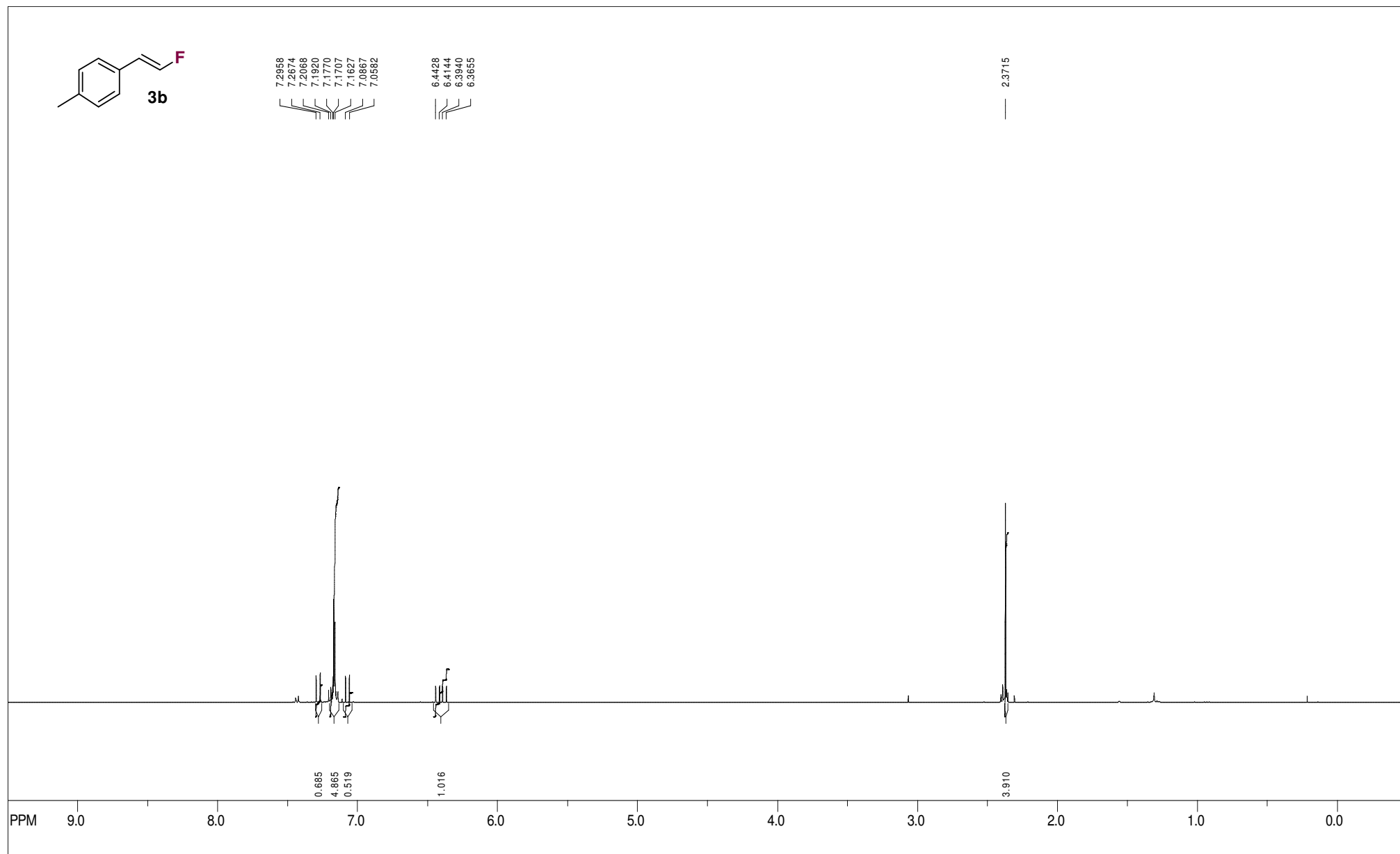


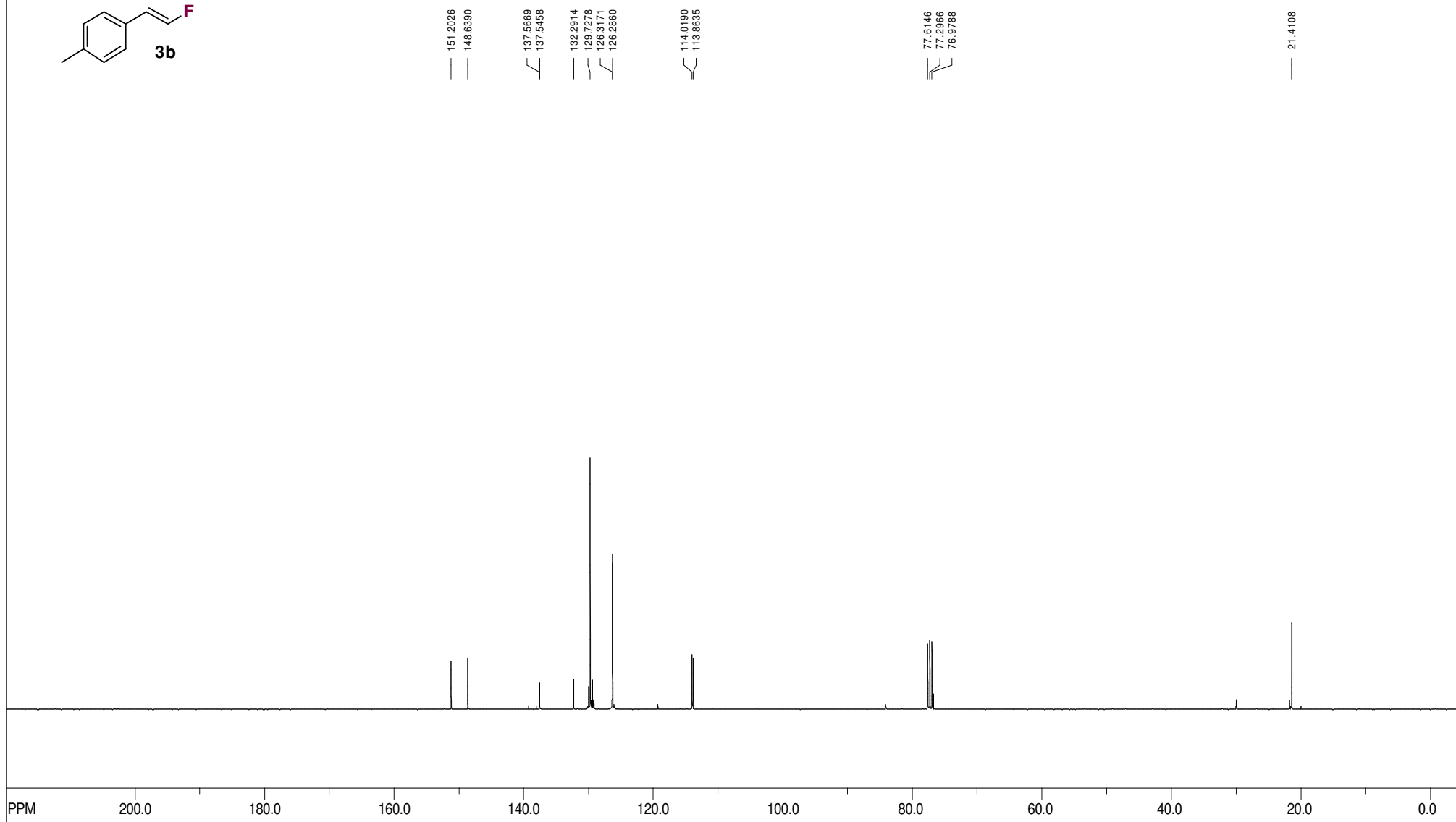
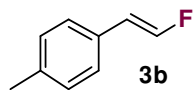


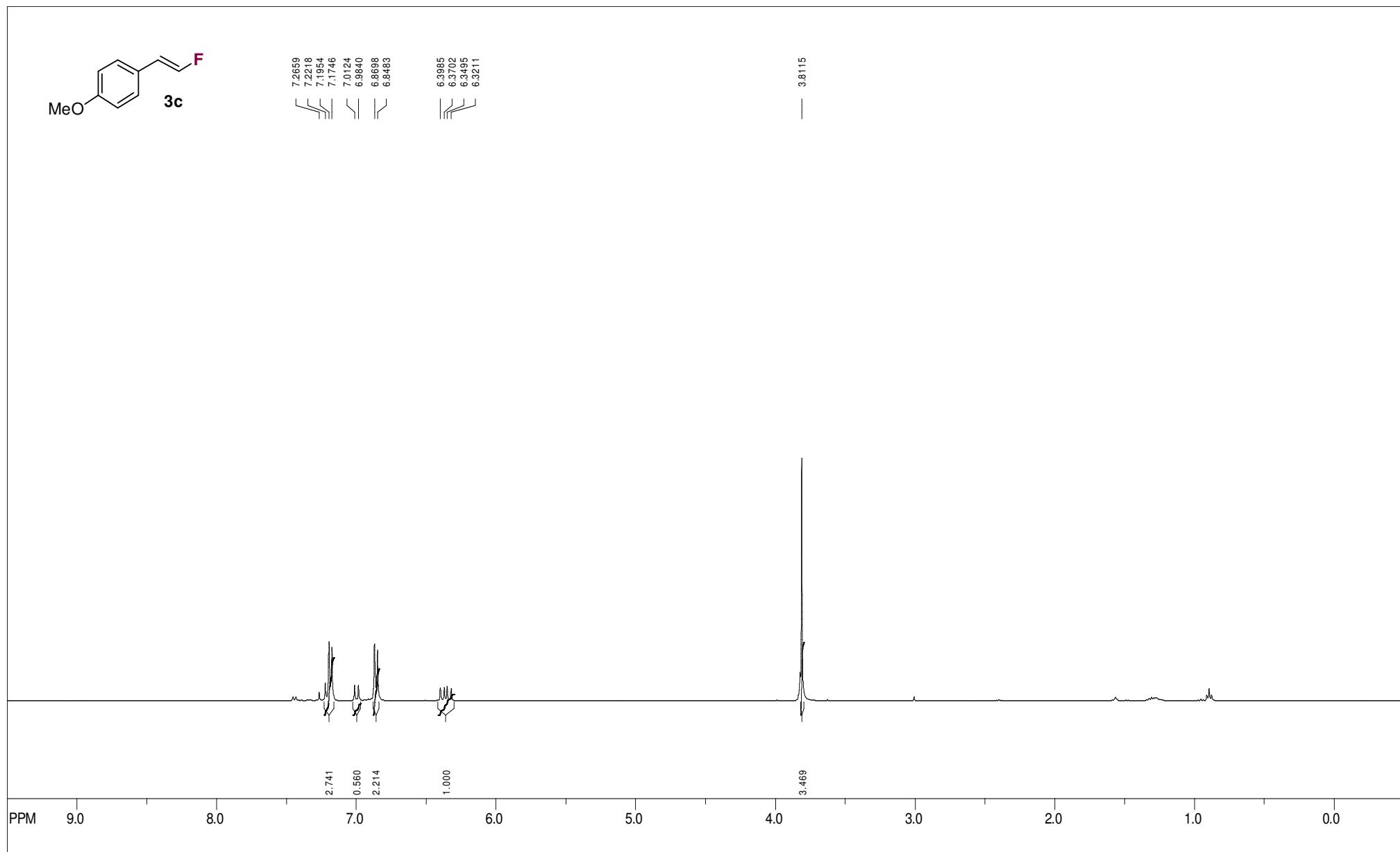


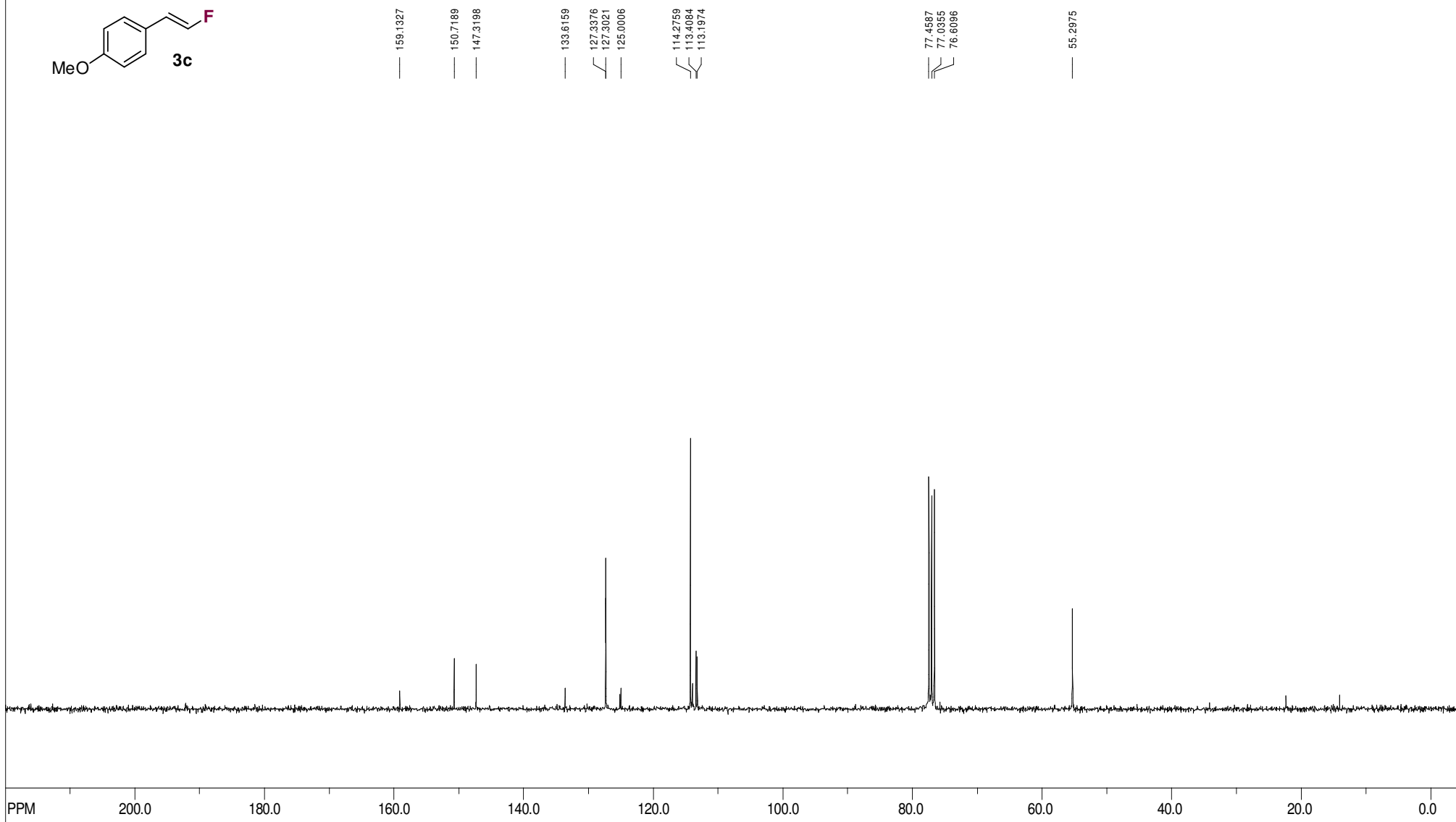
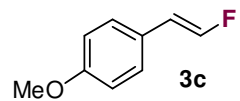


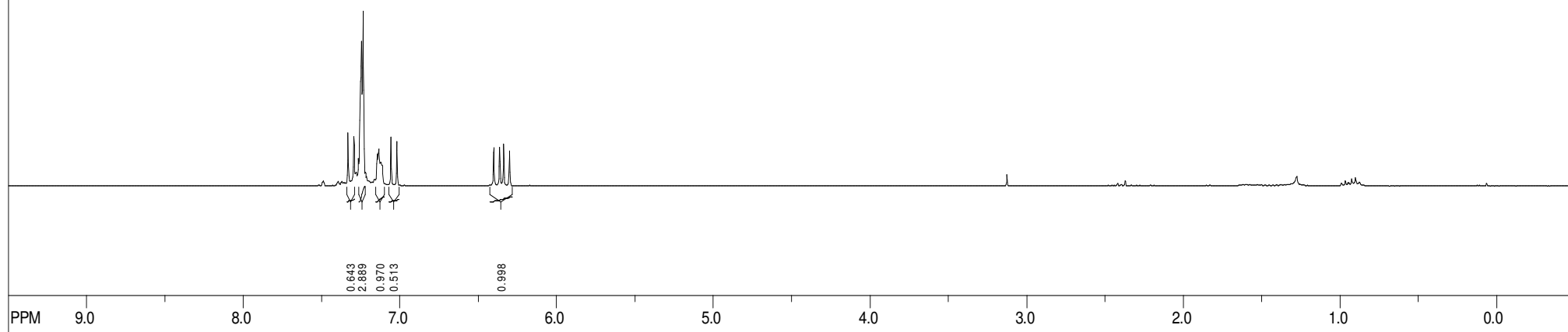
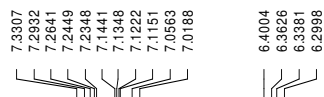
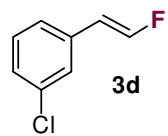


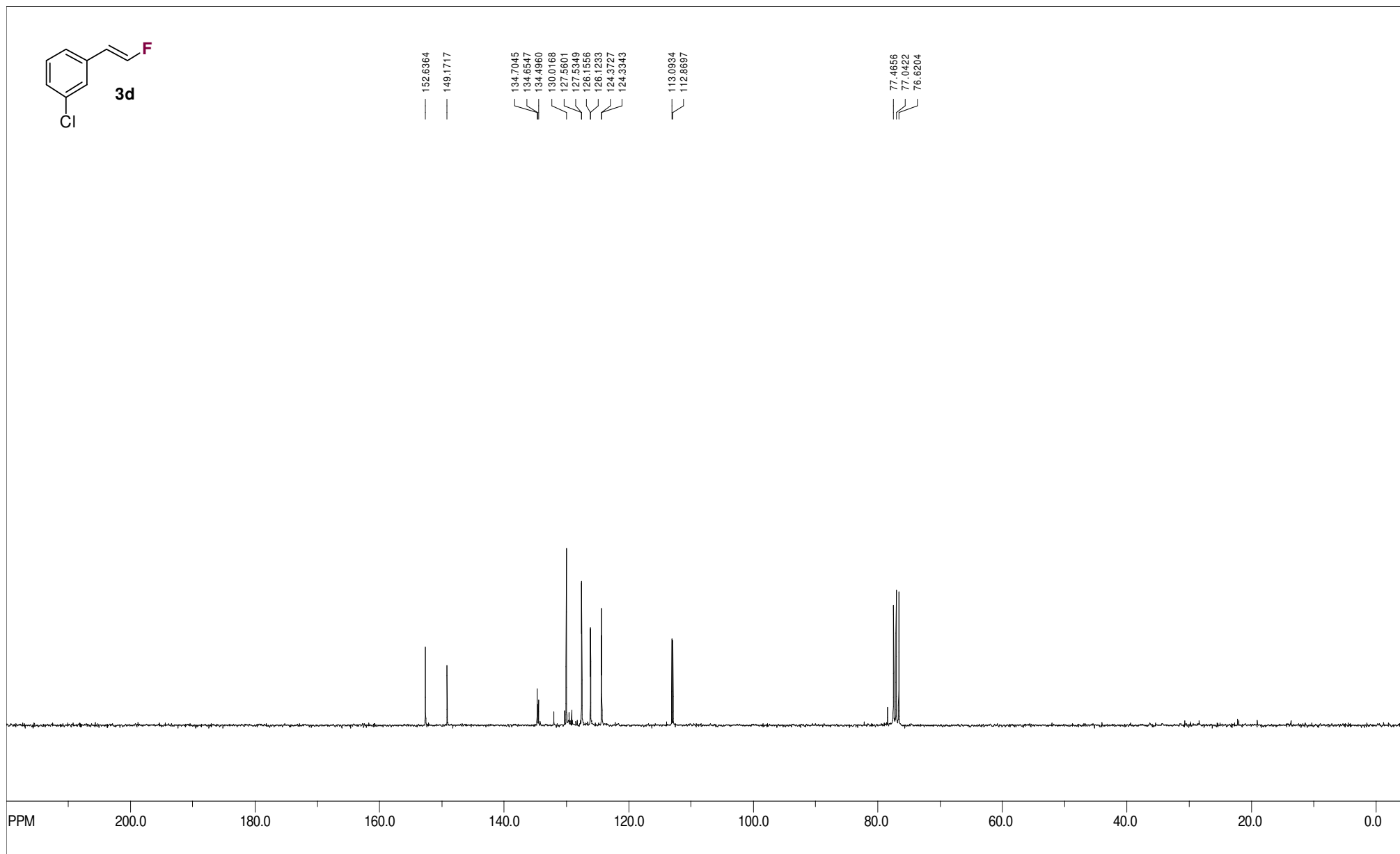


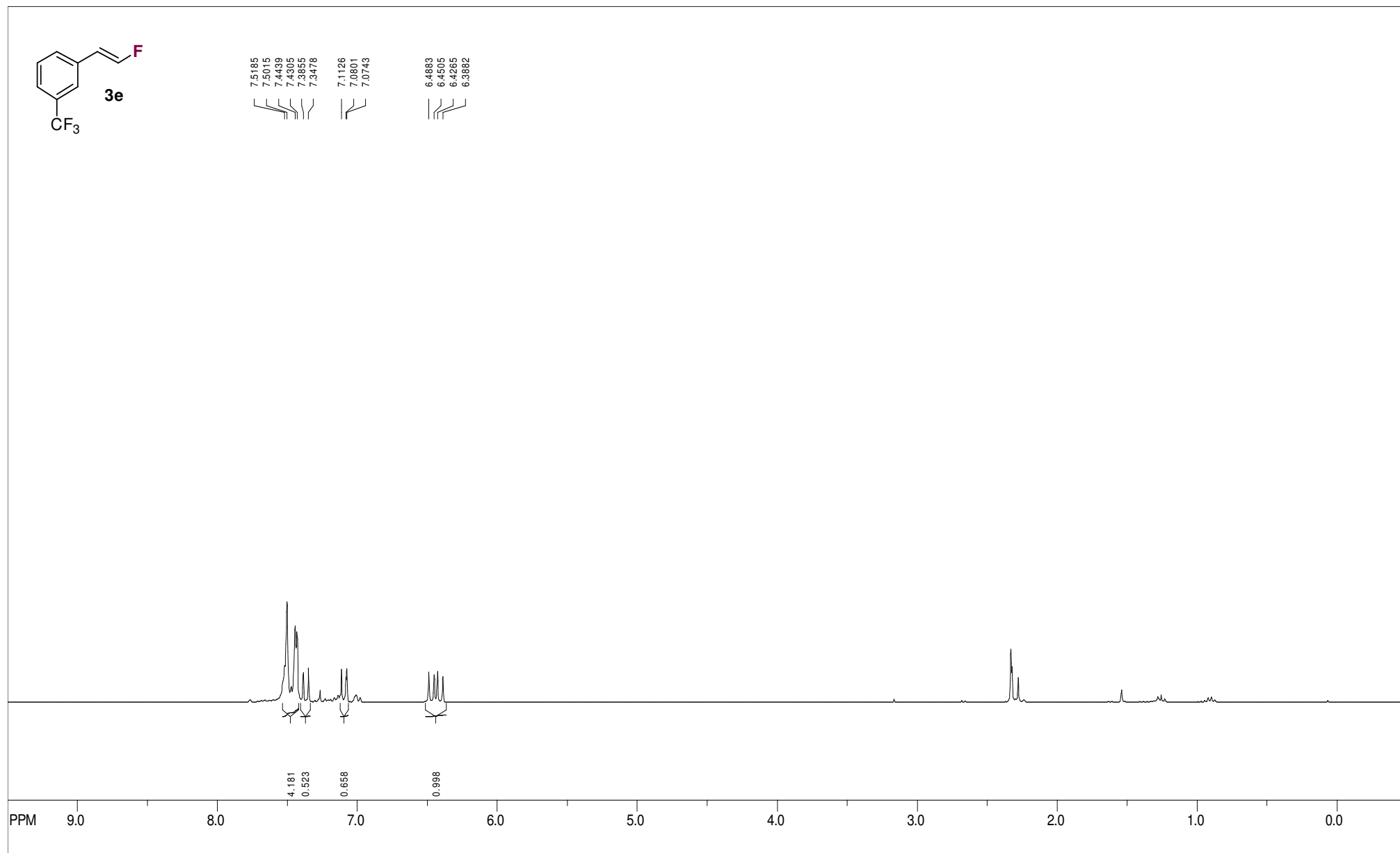


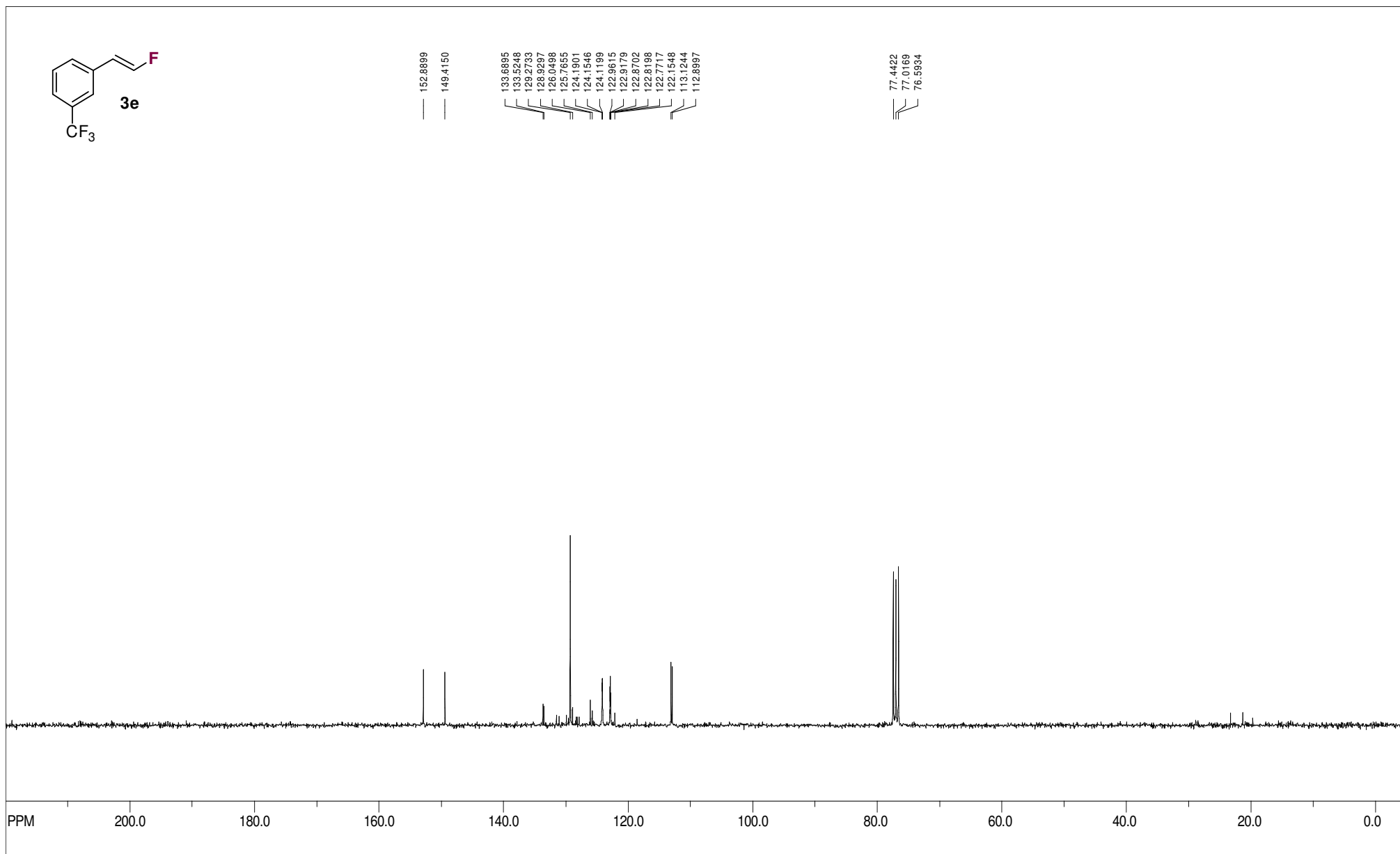


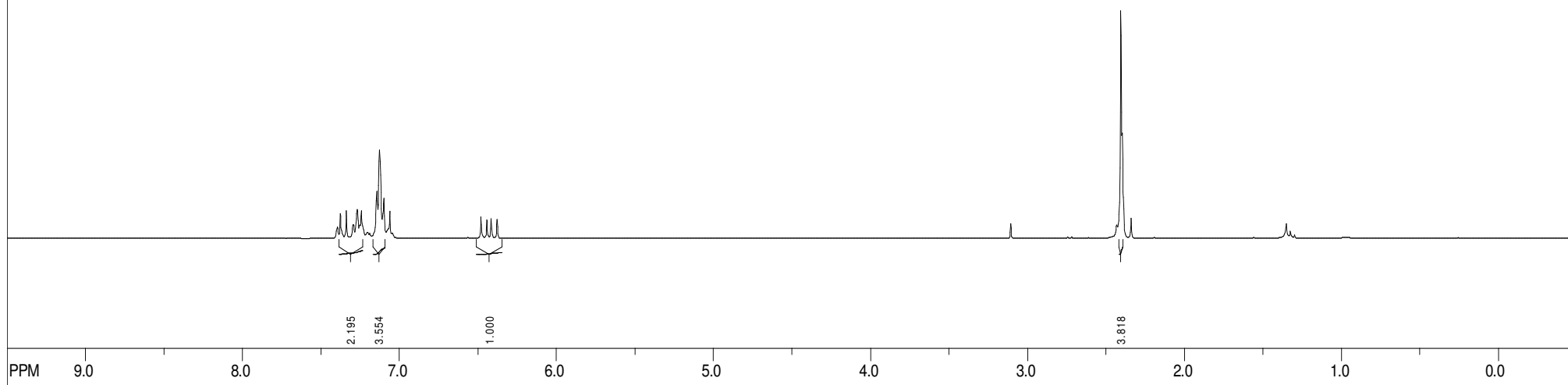
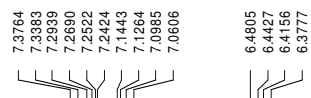
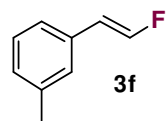


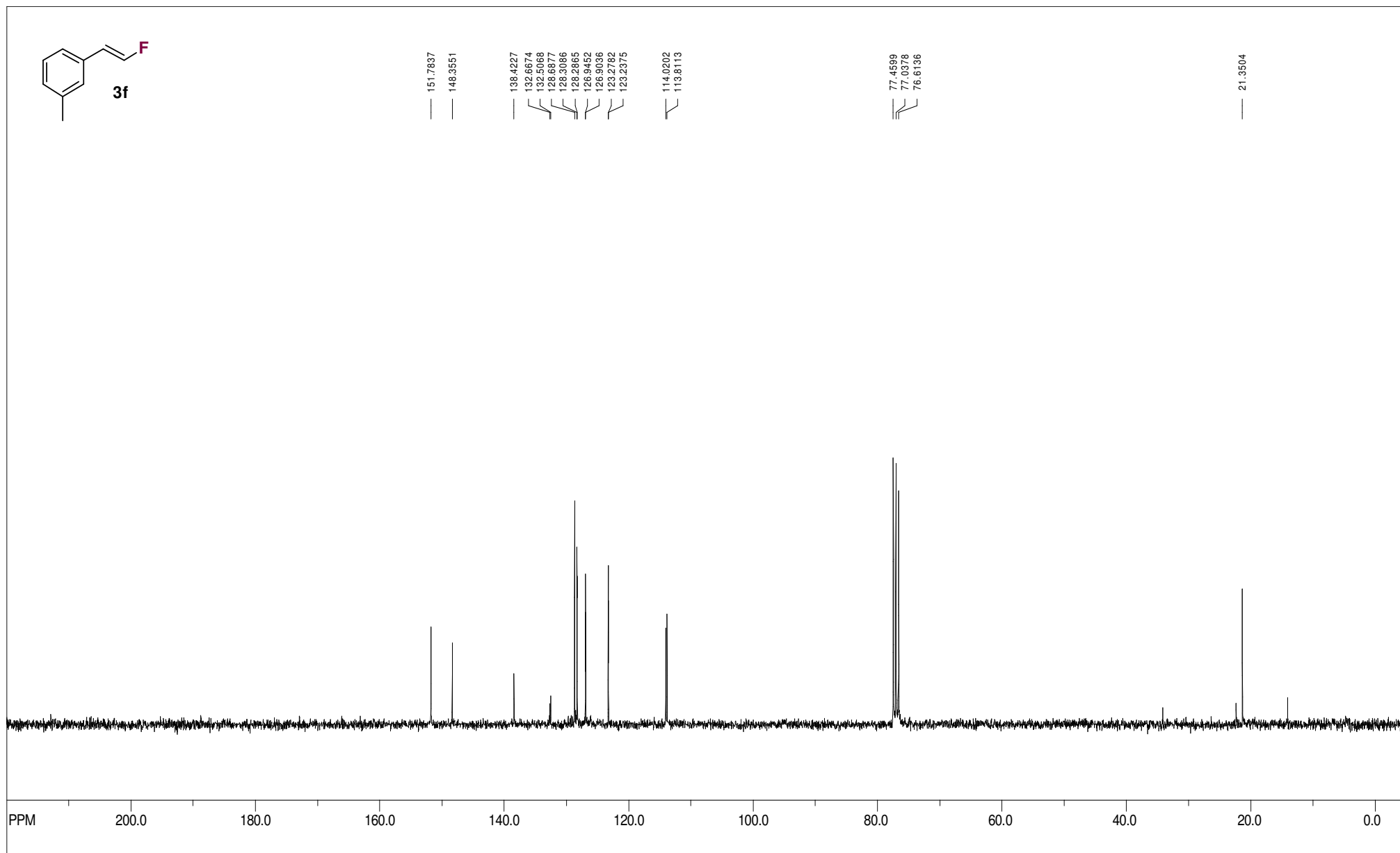


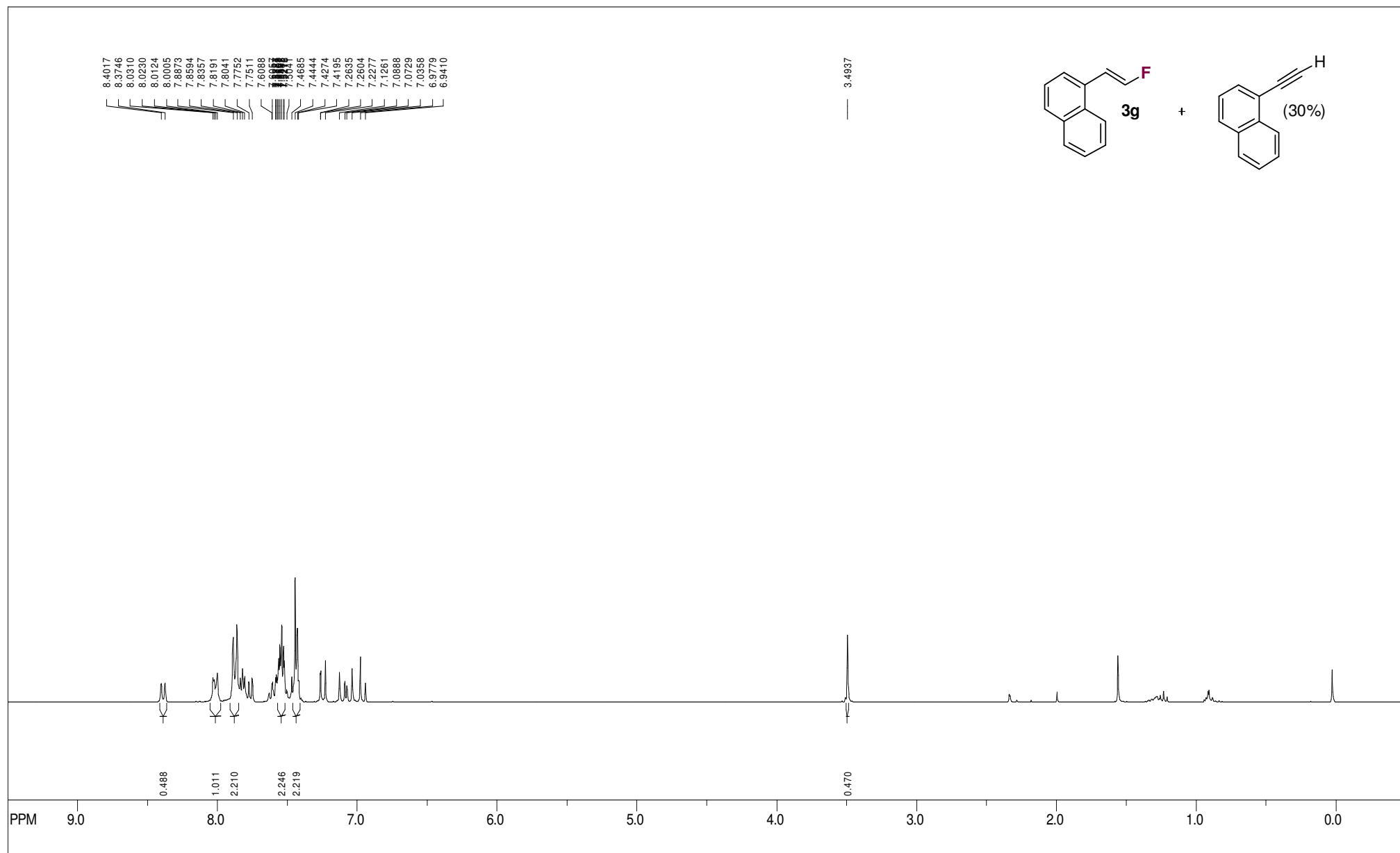


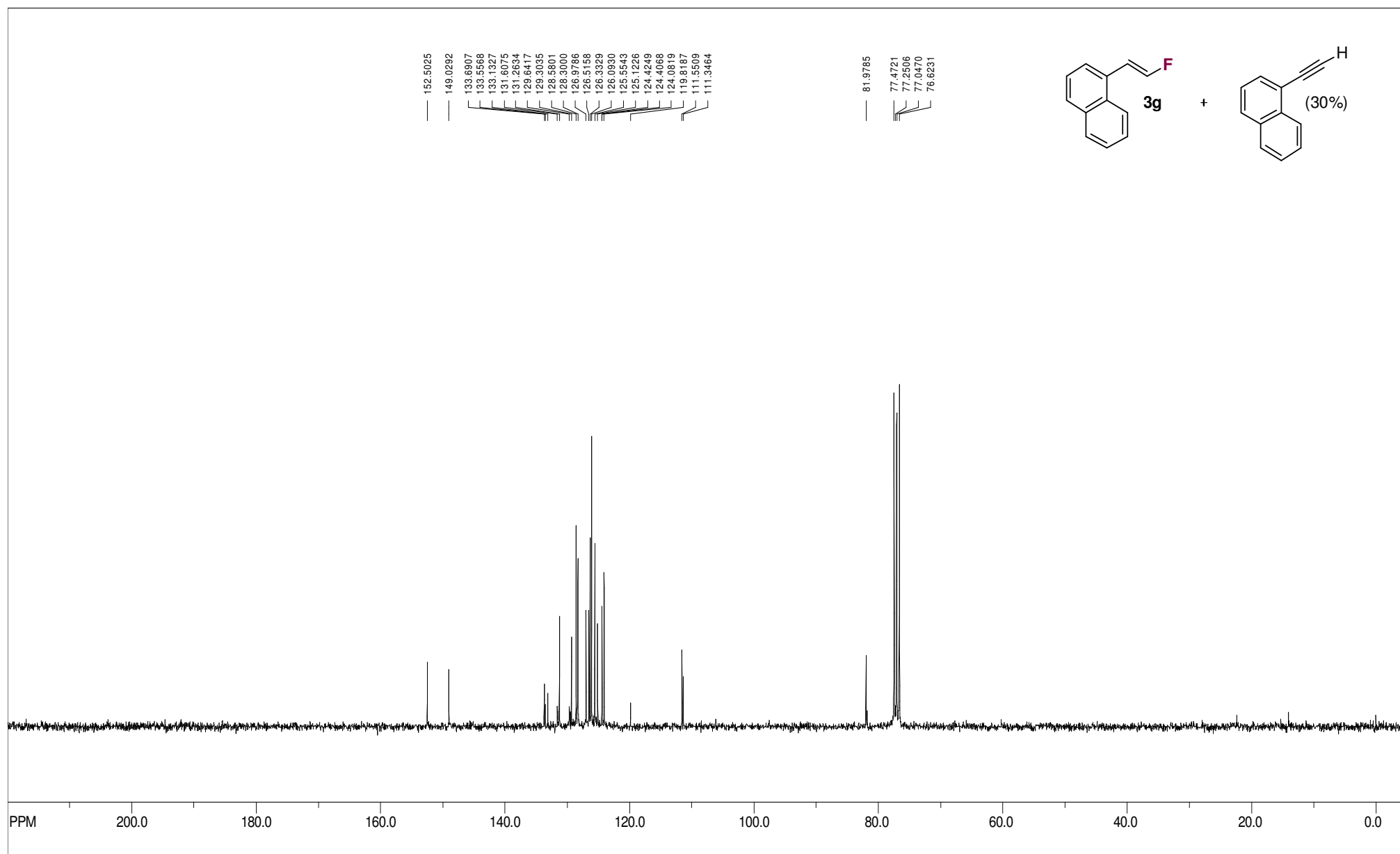


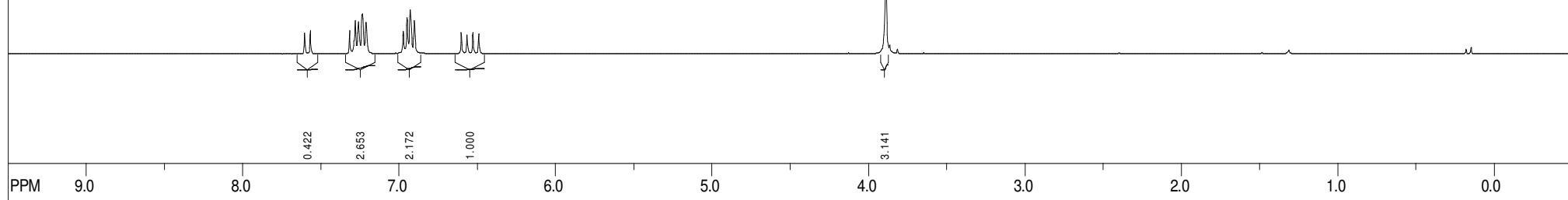
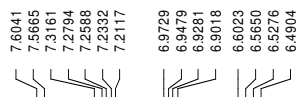
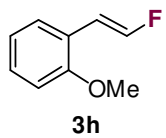


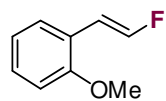










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