

Supporting Information

Mild-Condition Synthesis of Allenes from Alkynes and Aldehydes Mediated by Tetrahydroisoquinoline (THIQ)

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1. Comparison of the Allene Syntheses

Table S1. Comparison of the Allene Synthesis Using Three Different Protocols

$\text{R}^1\text{—}\equiv\text{C} + \text{R}^2\text{—CHO} + \text{pyrrolidine} \xrightarrow{\text{reaction condition}} \text{R}^1\text{—CH=CH—R}^2$					
3	4			2	
			or		
Pieriasamy ¹	Ma ²	Pieriasamy ³			
entry	R ¹ /R ²	2	yield (%) ^a		
			Ma	Pieriasamy	present method
1	R ¹ = <i>n</i> -C ₈ H ₁₇ R ² = Ph		55 ²	72 ¹	63
2	R ¹ = <i>n</i> -C ₈ H ₁₇ R ² = <i>p</i> -Me-Ph		40 ²	63 ³	73
3	R ¹ = <i>n</i> -C ₈ H ₁₇ R ² = <i>m</i> -Me-Ph		48 ²	67 ³	77
4	R ¹ = <i>n</i> -C ₈ H ₁₇ R ² = <i>m</i> -MeO-Ph		47 ²	65 ³	60
5	R ¹ = <i>n</i> -C ₈ H ₁₇ R ² = <i>p</i> -Cl-Ph		47 ²	71 ³	67
6	R ¹ = Cl(CH ₂) ₃ R ² = Ph		43 ²	68 ³	63

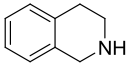
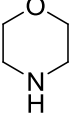
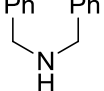
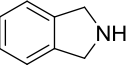
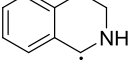
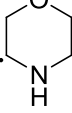
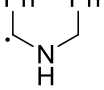
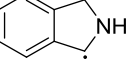
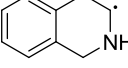
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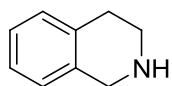
2. Calculations of C-H Bond Dissociation Energies and Computed Structures

All DFT calculations were carried out with the Gaussian 03 program package.⁴ The geometry optimization of all the minima and transition states were performed at (U)B3LYP⁵ level of theory with the 6-31G(d)⁶ basis set. The vibrational frequencies were computed at the same level of theory to check whether every optimized structure is an energy minimum and to evaluate its zero-point vibration energy (ZPE). The bond dissociation energies were computed based on the following scheme.

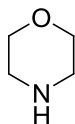


$$\text{BDE} = \Delta H_{\text{gas}} = H_{\text{gas}}(\text{A}\cdot) + H_{\text{gas}}(\text{B}\cdot) - H_{\text{gas}}(\text{A-B})$$

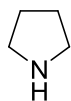
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Structure							
H_{gas} (Hartree)	-403.520991	-286.994358	-211.806955	-212.997872	-596.377142	-364.228446	-403.483586



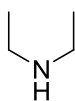
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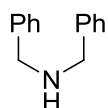


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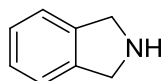
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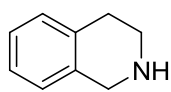


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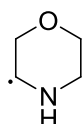


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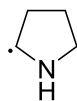


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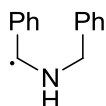


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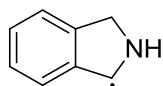


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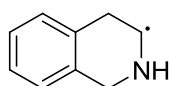


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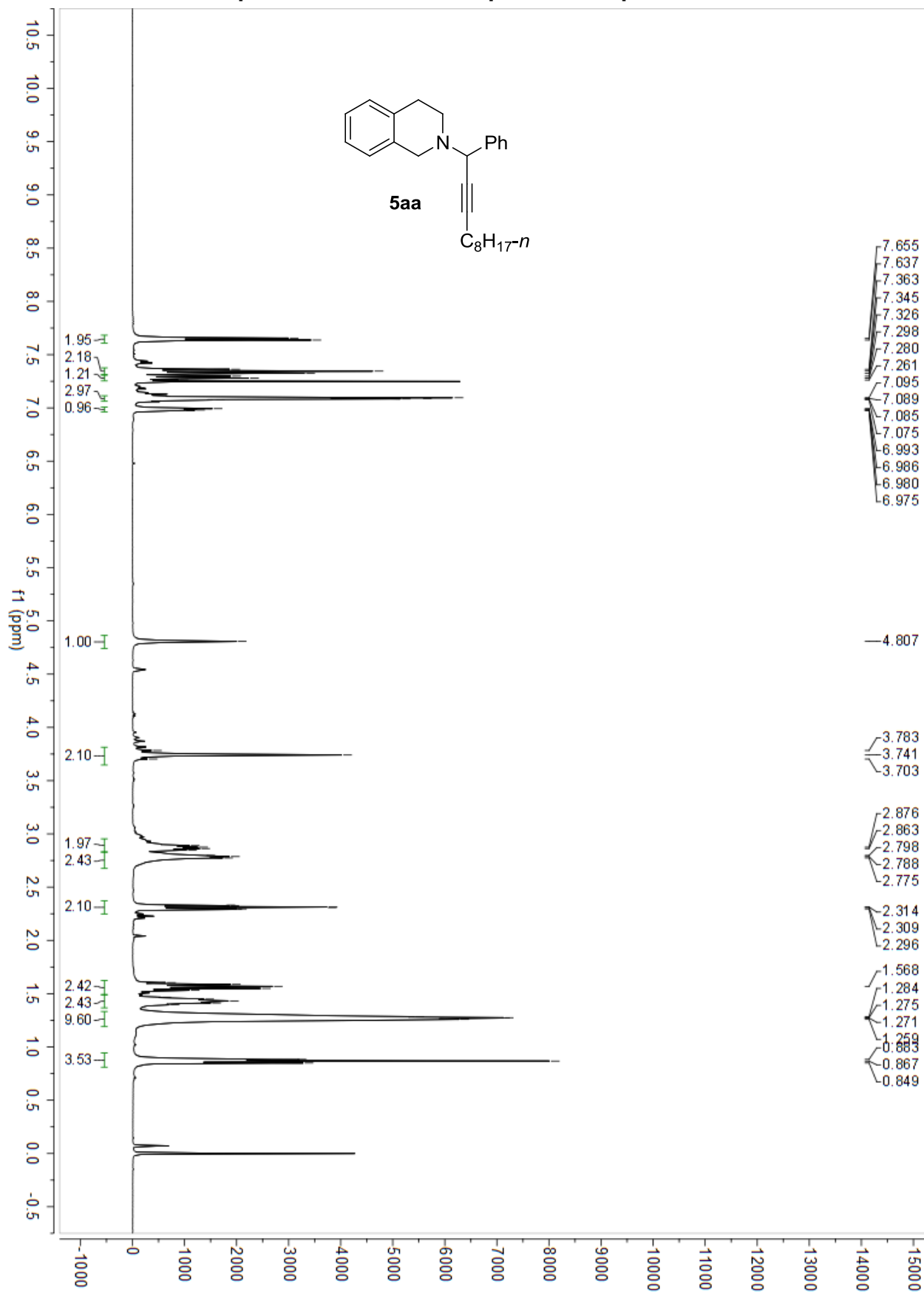
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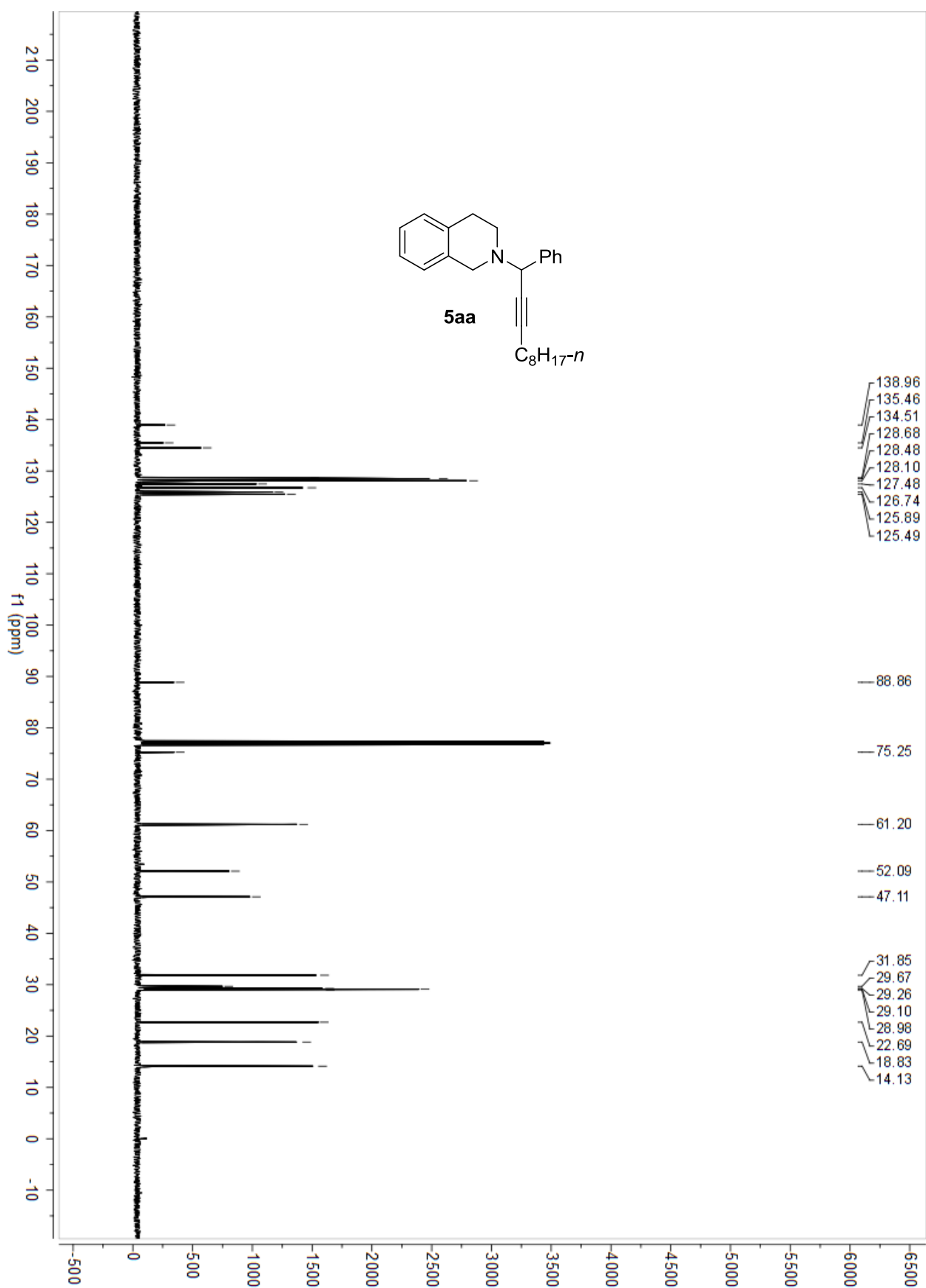
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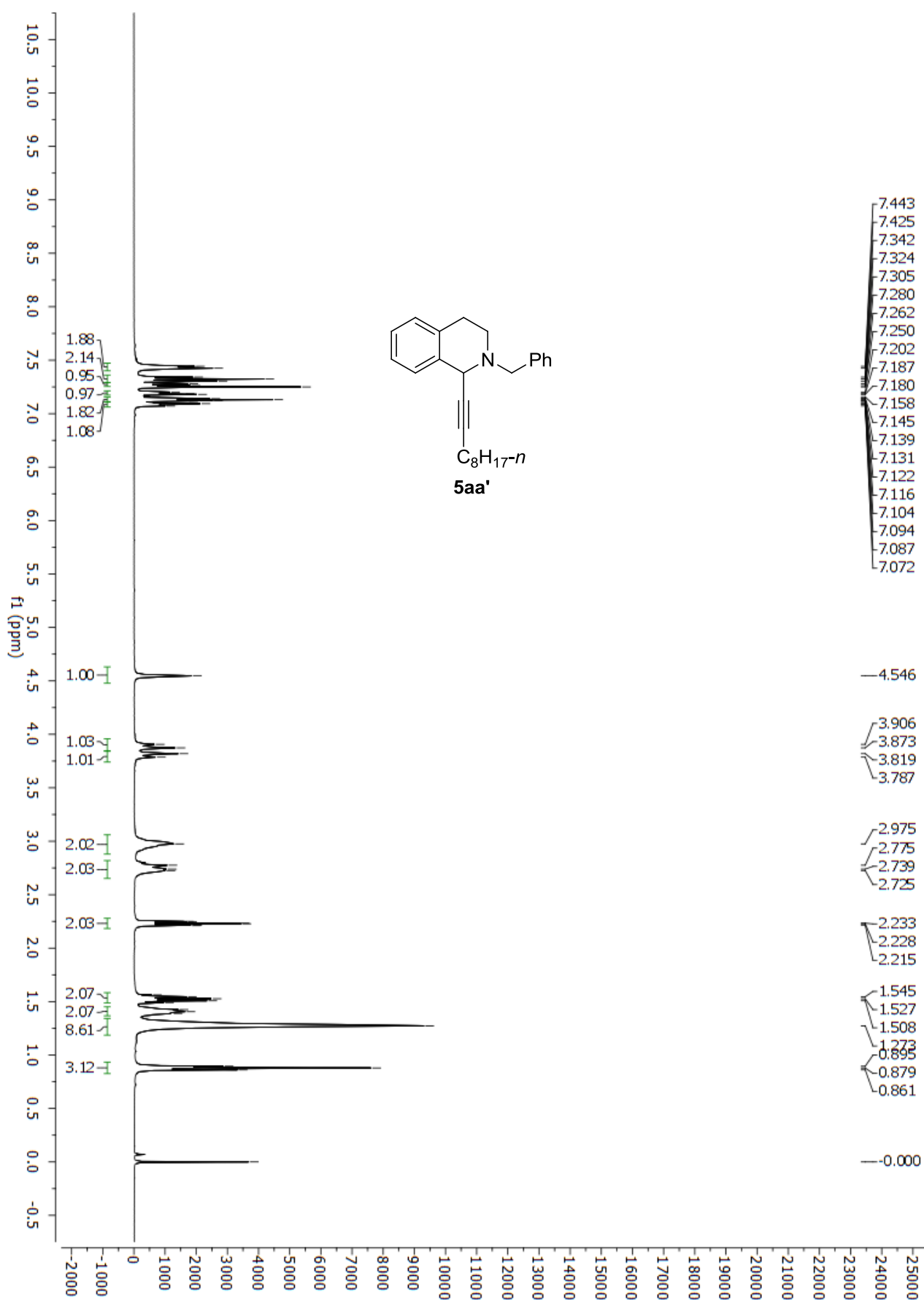
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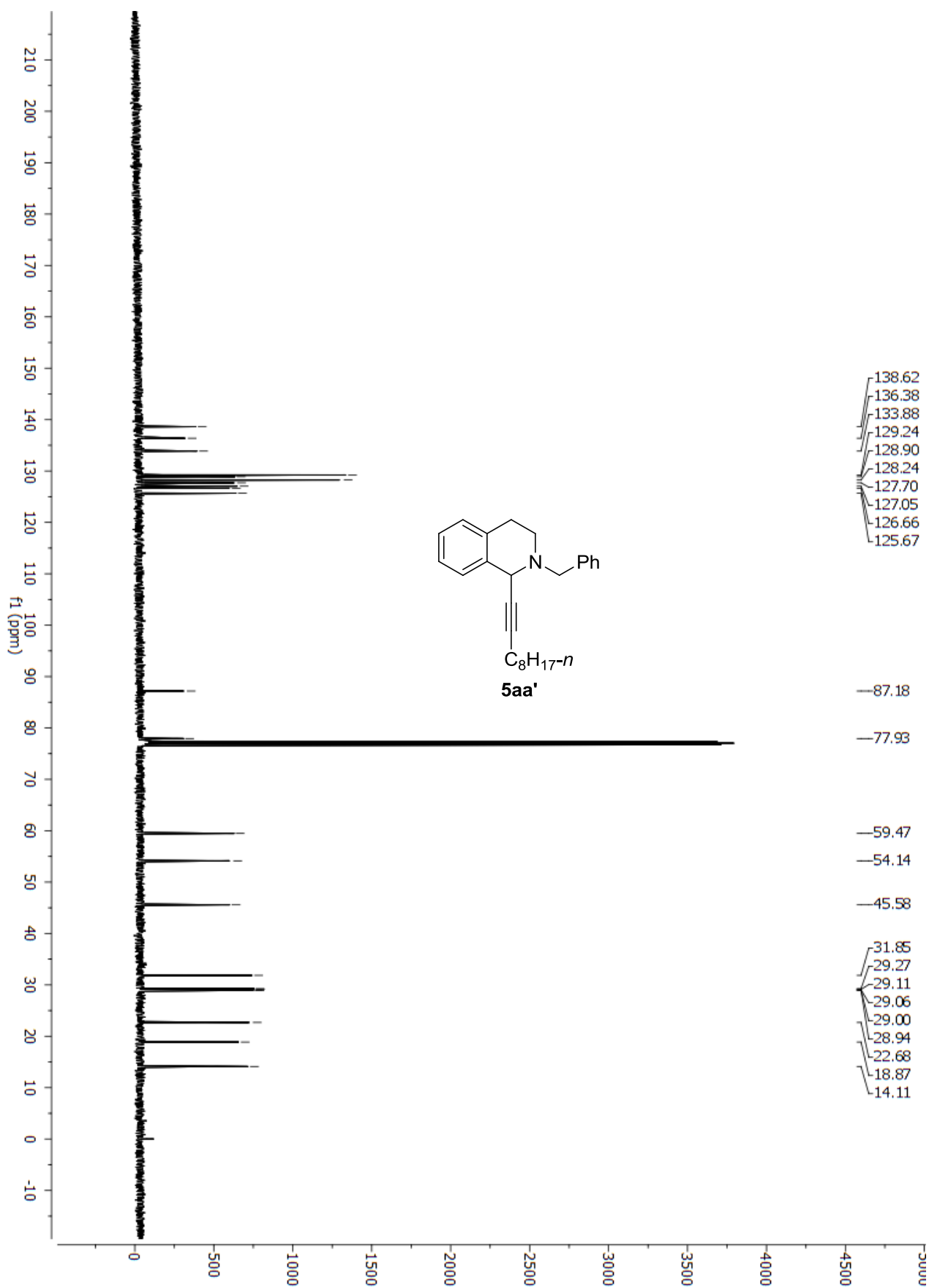
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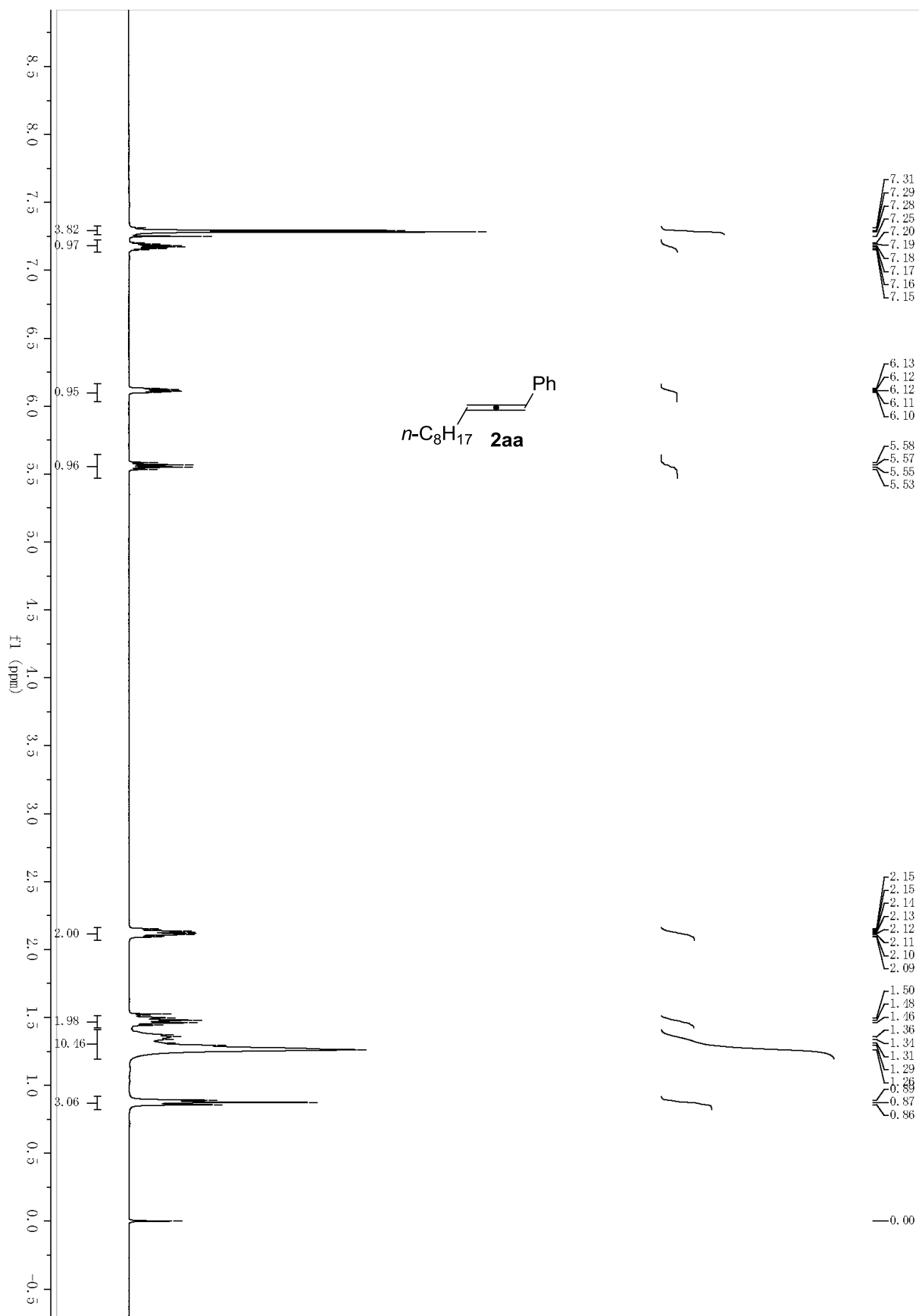
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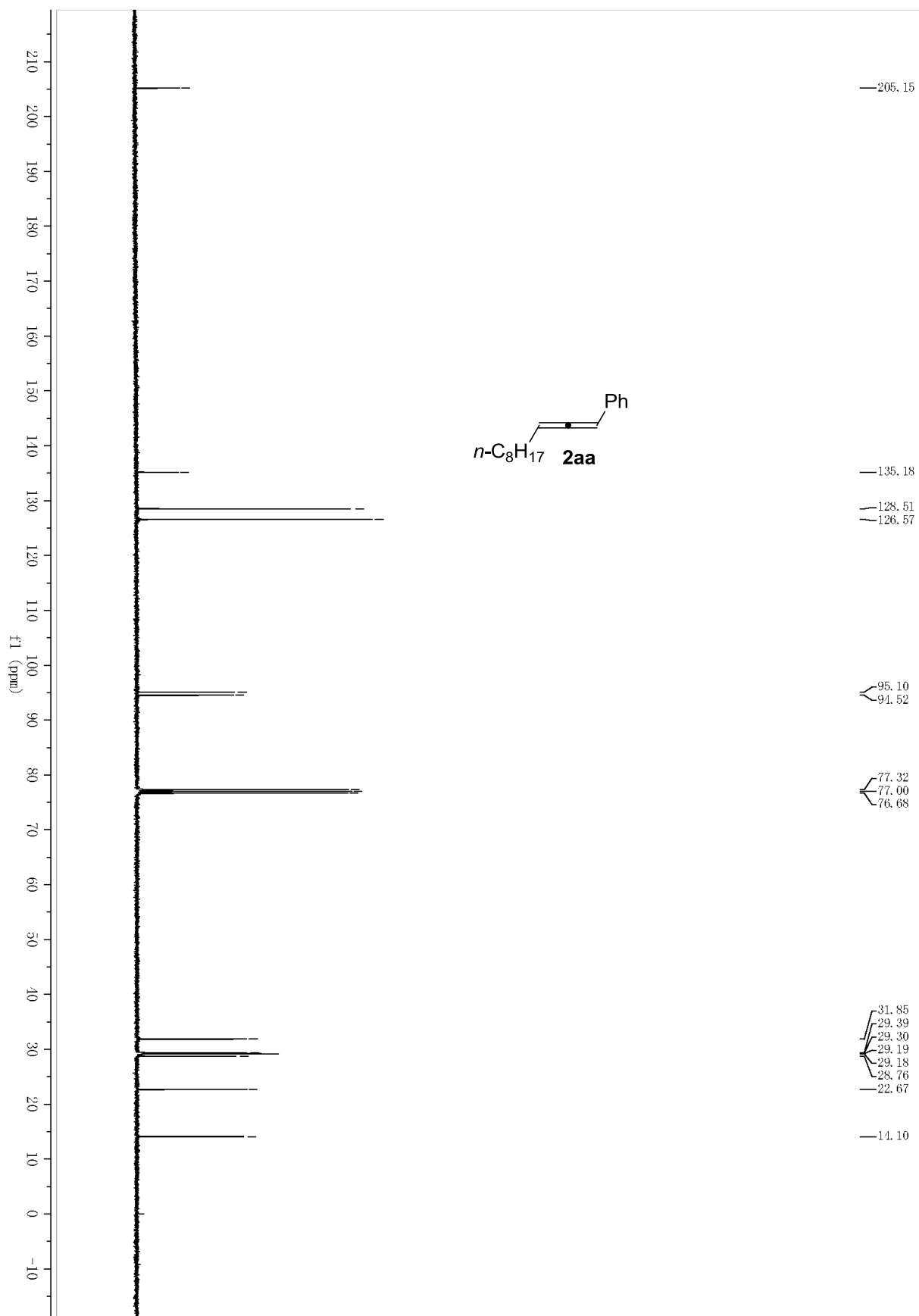


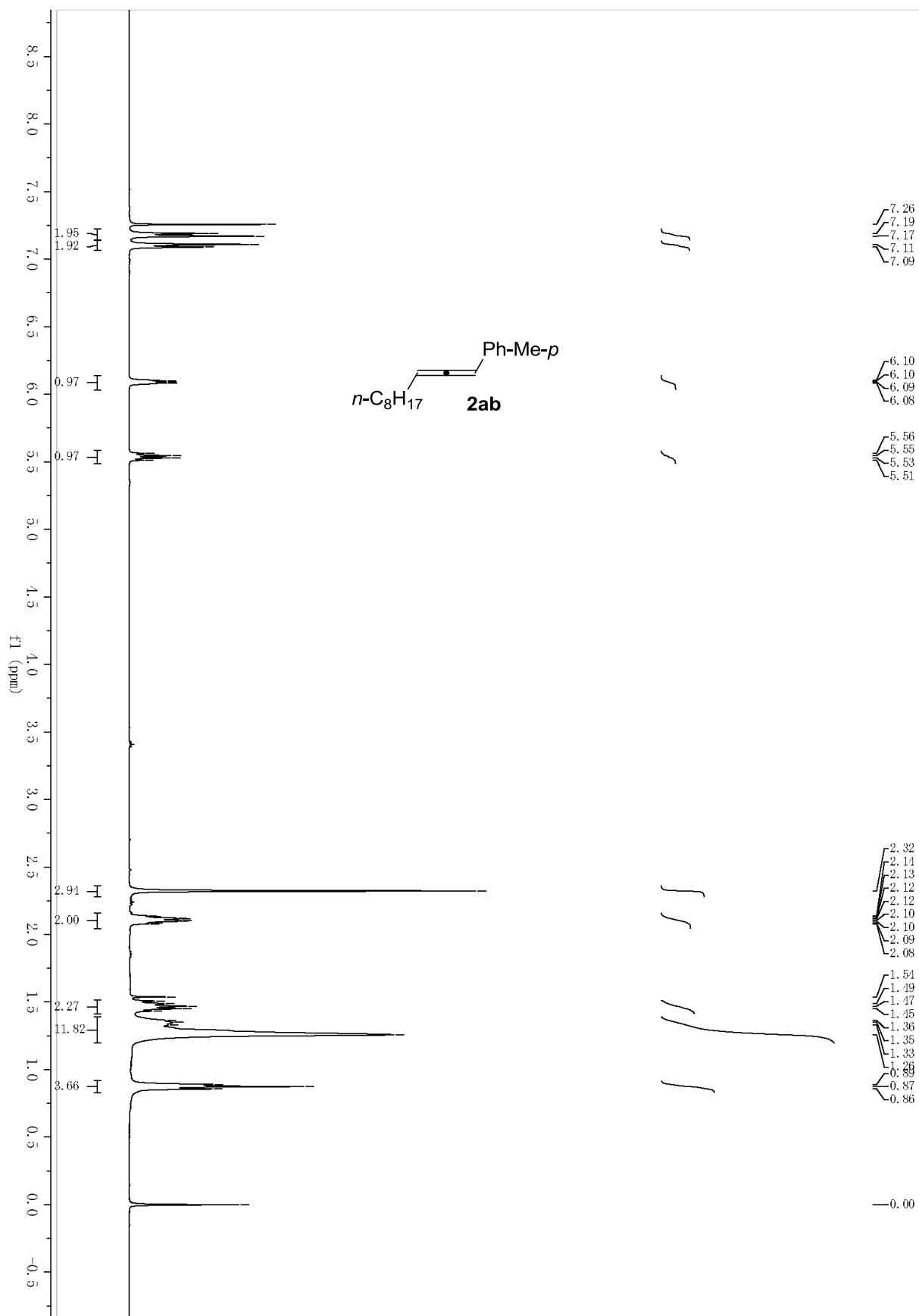


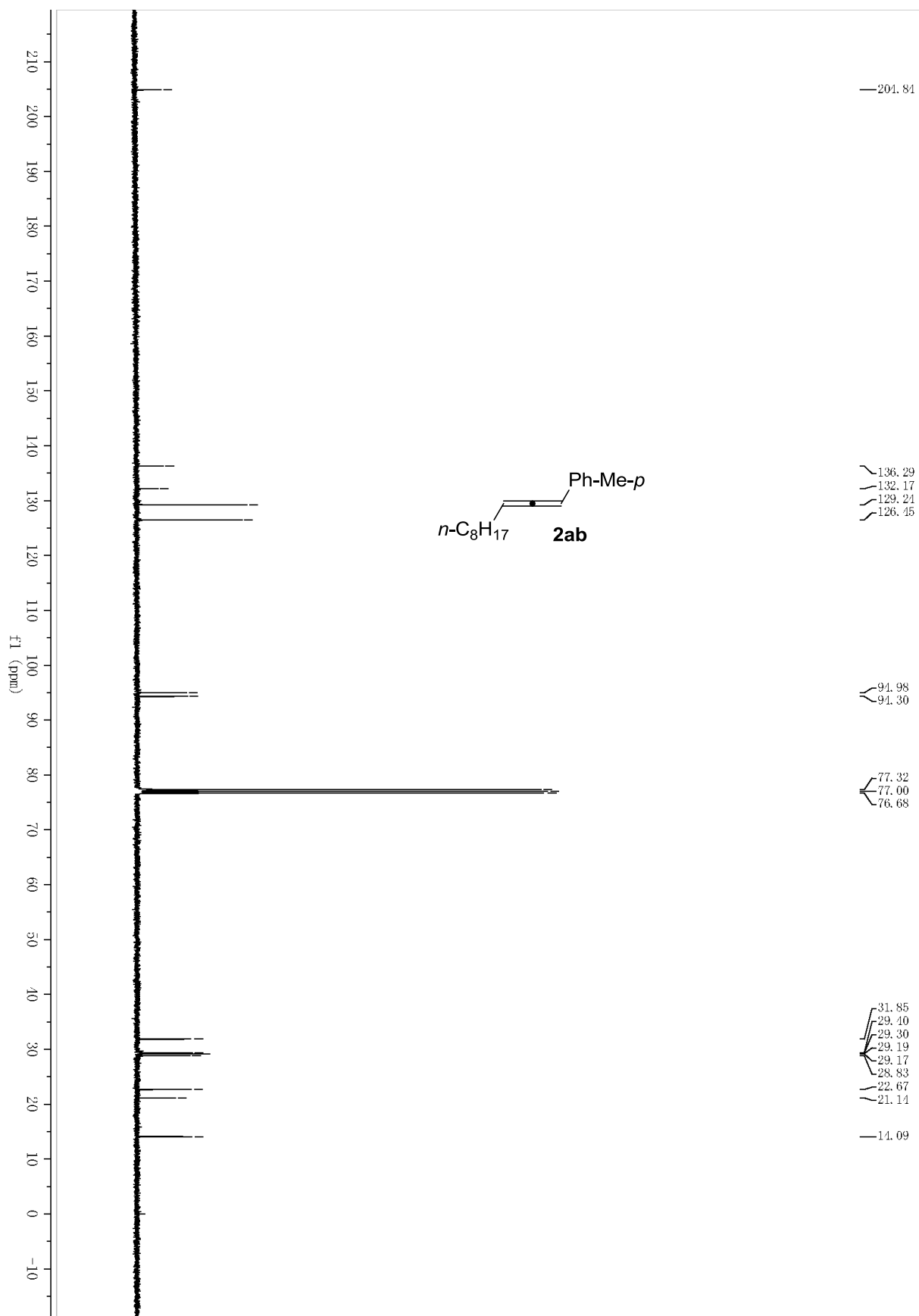


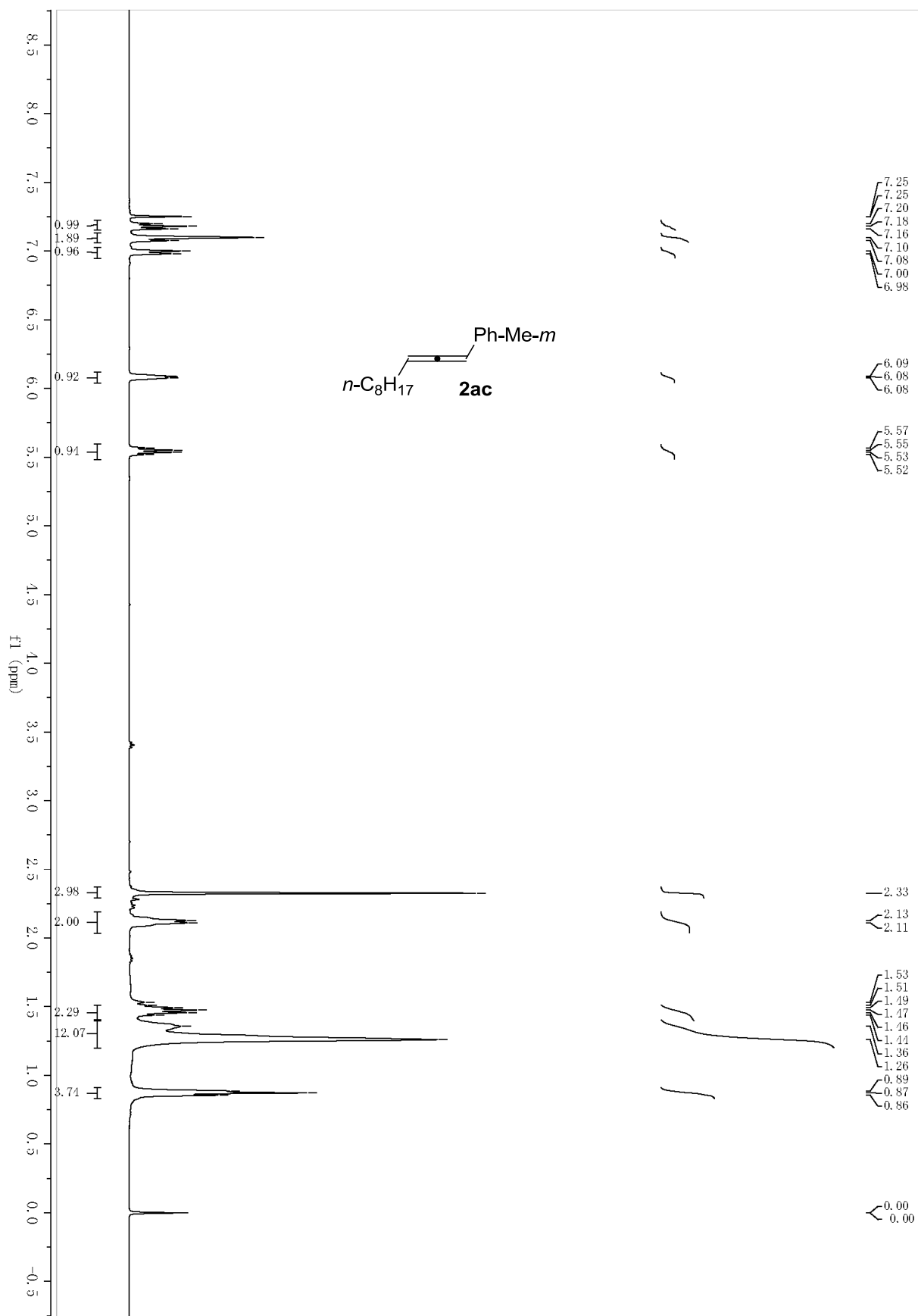


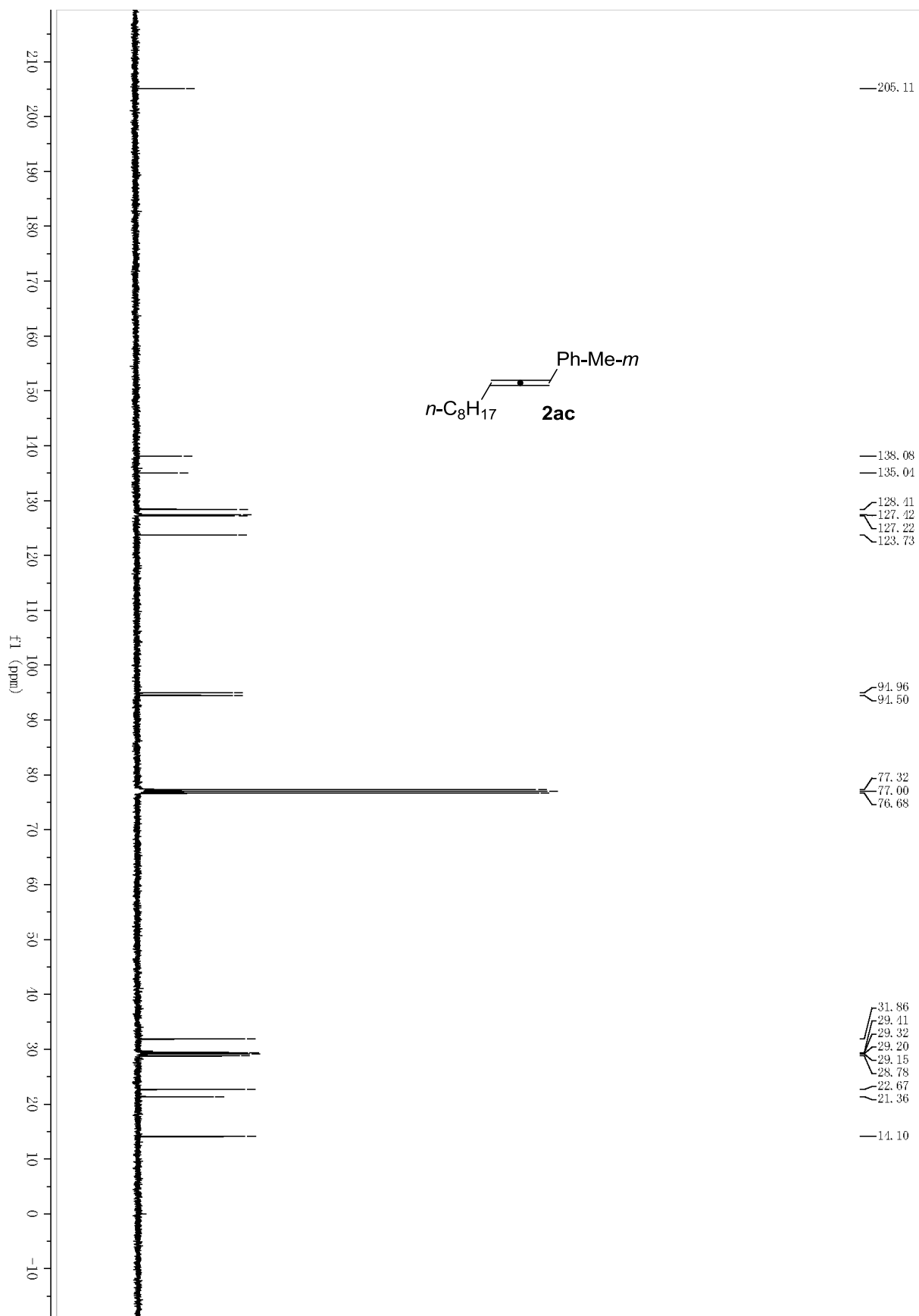


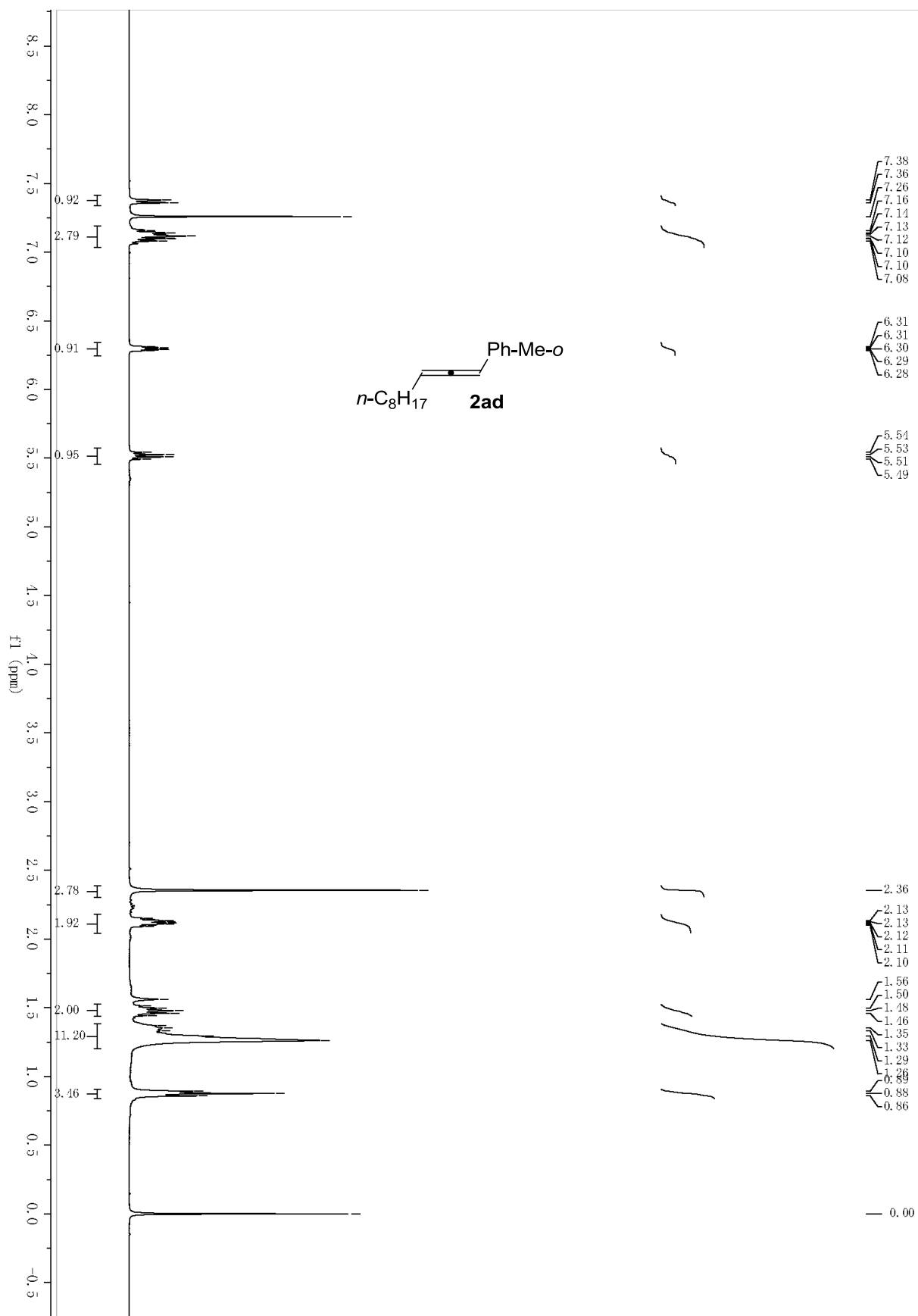


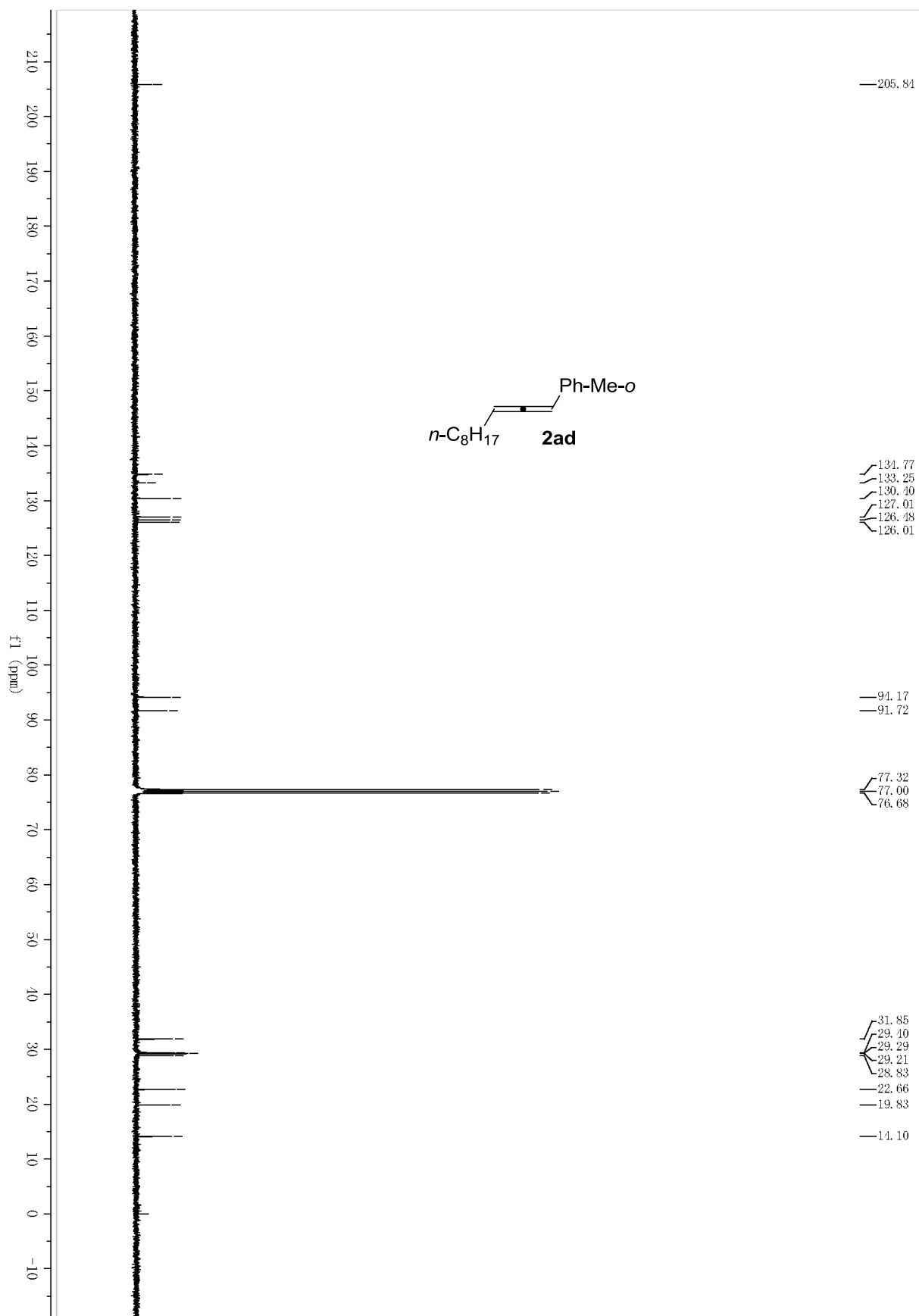


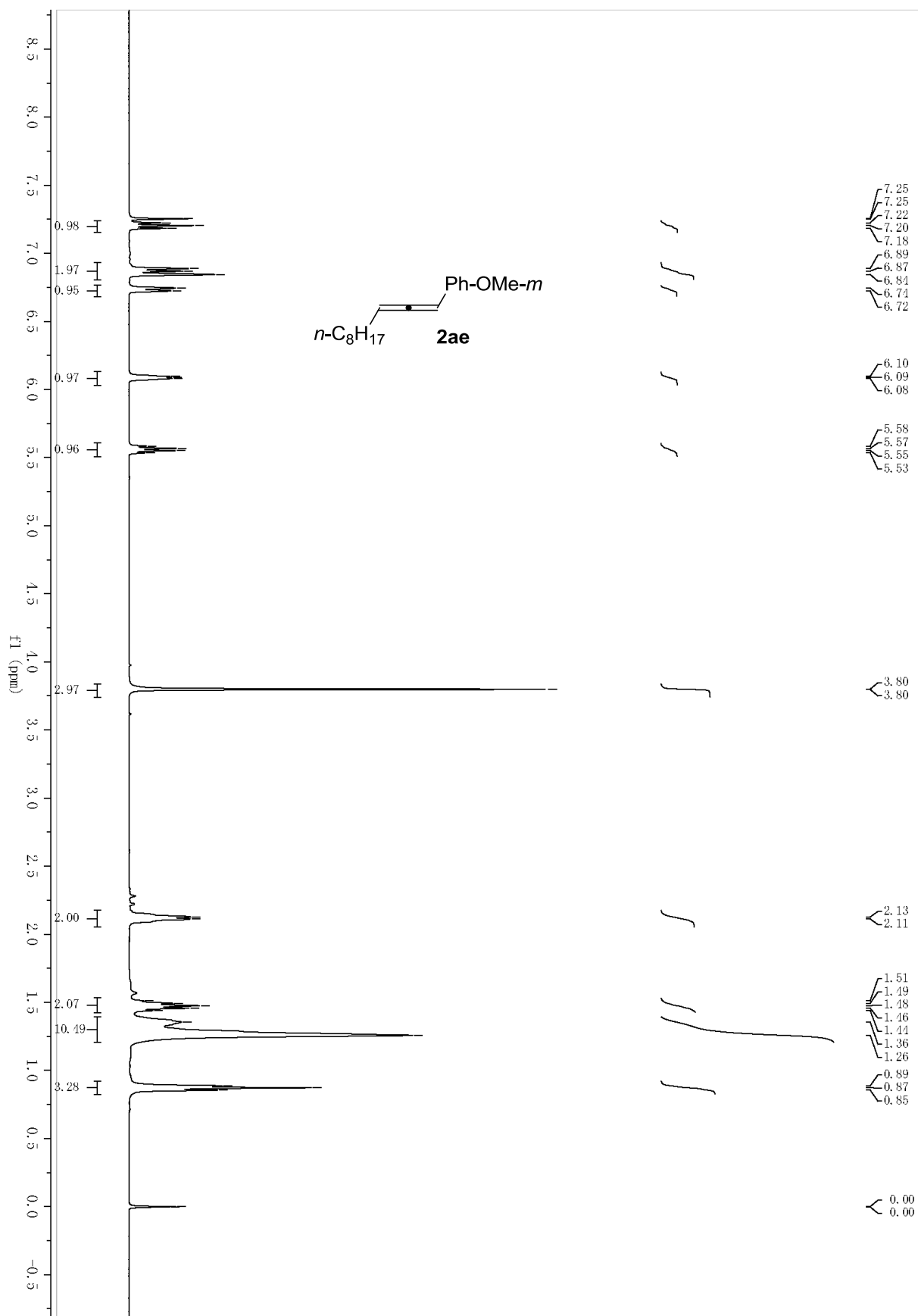


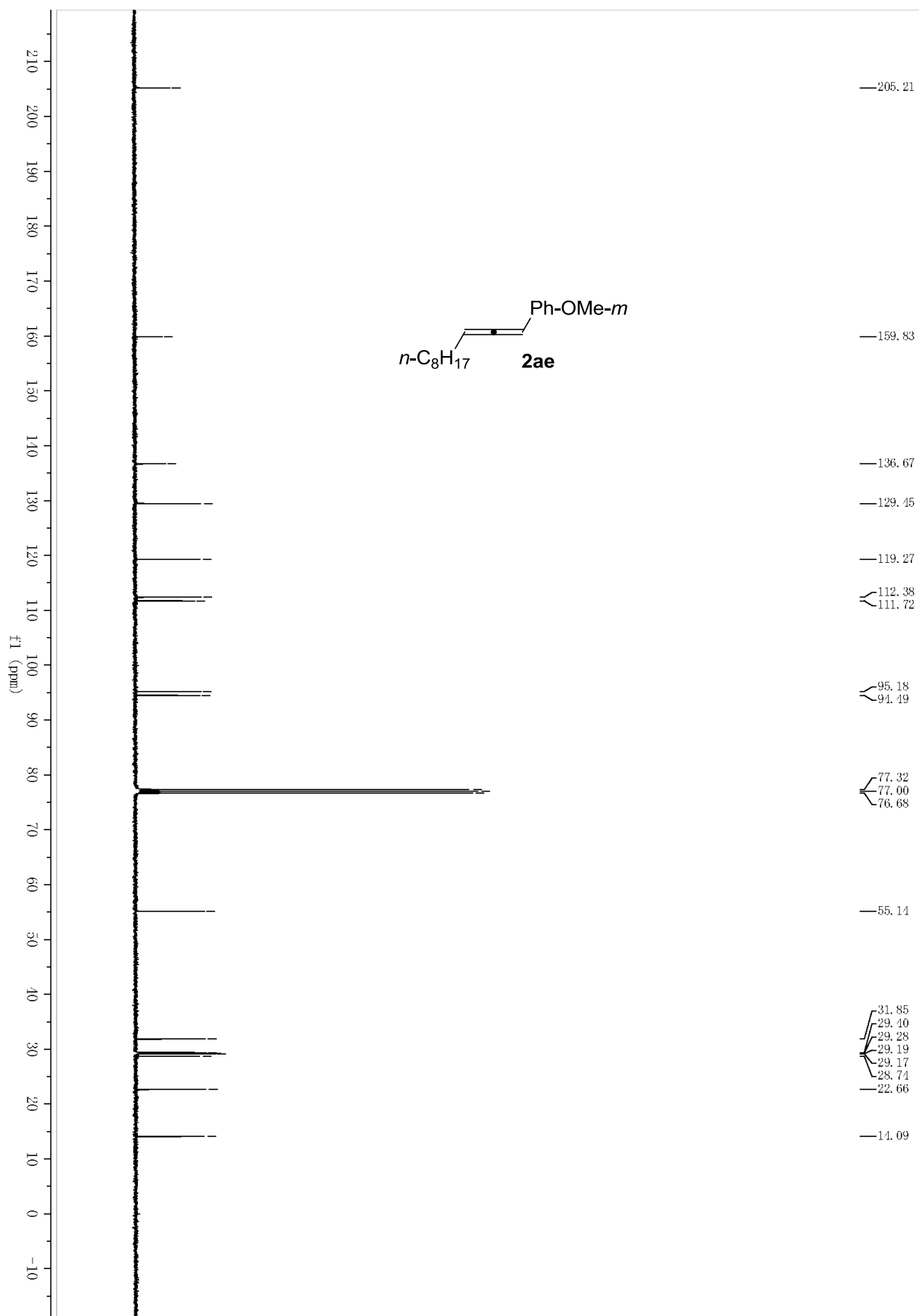


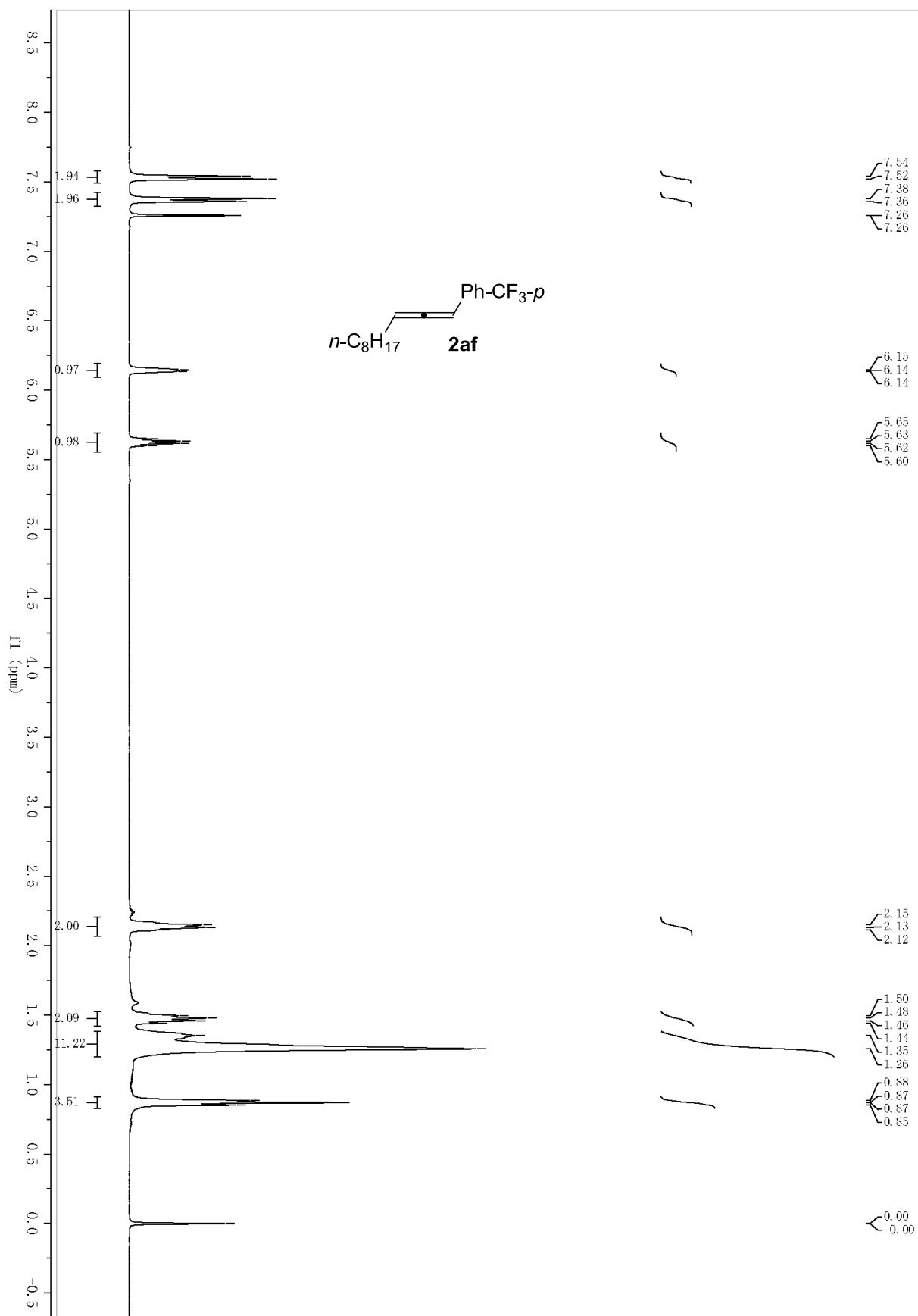


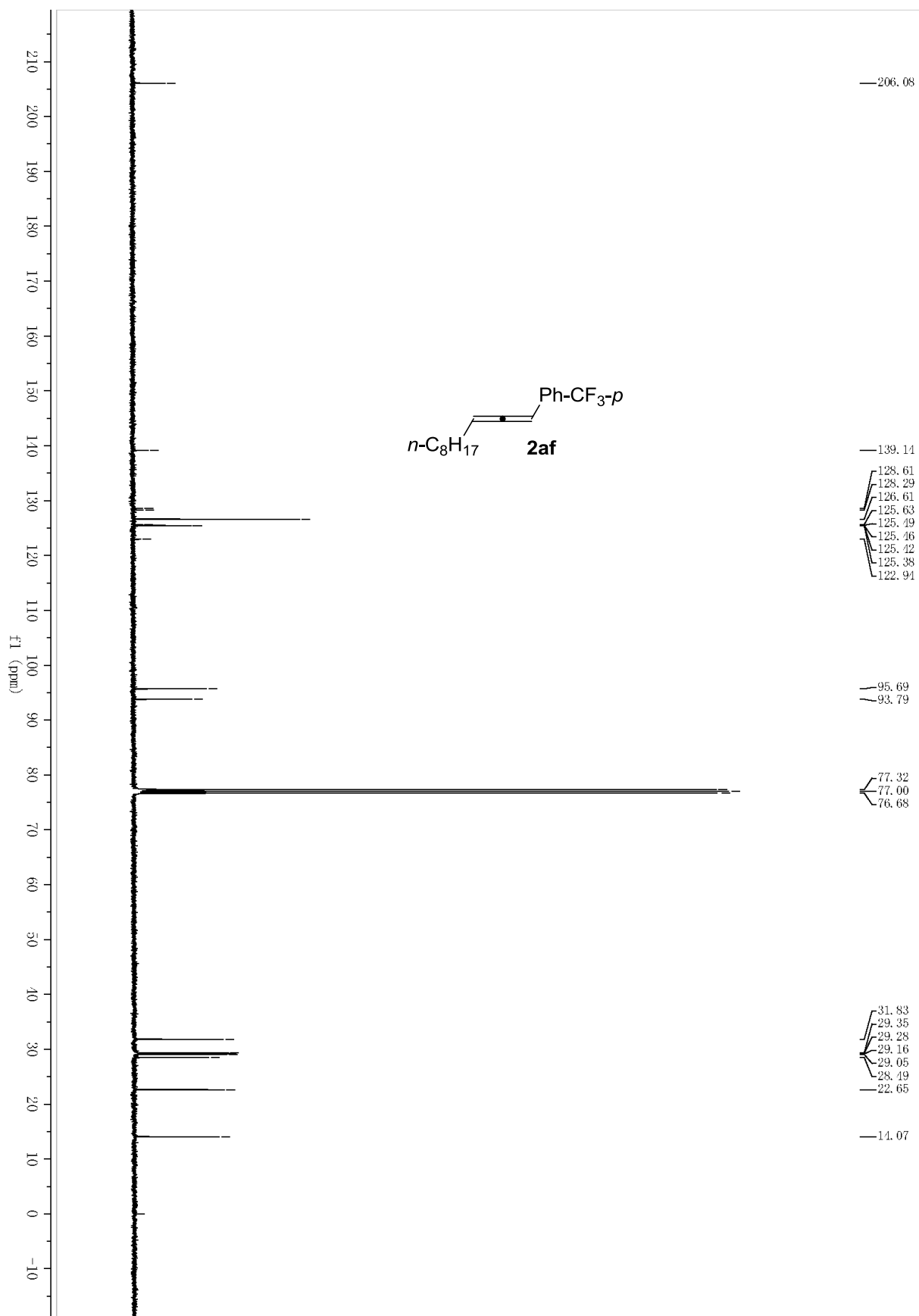


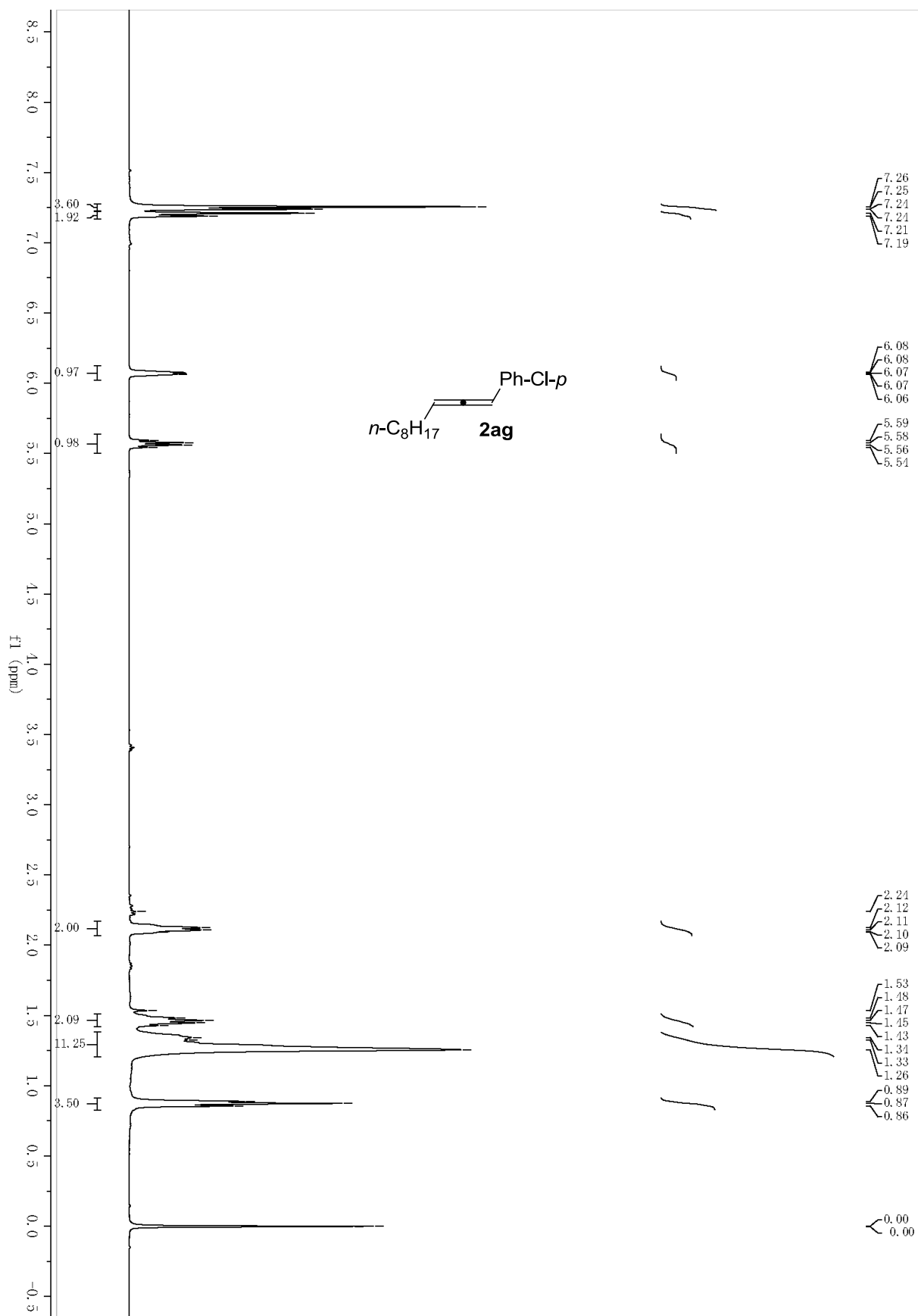


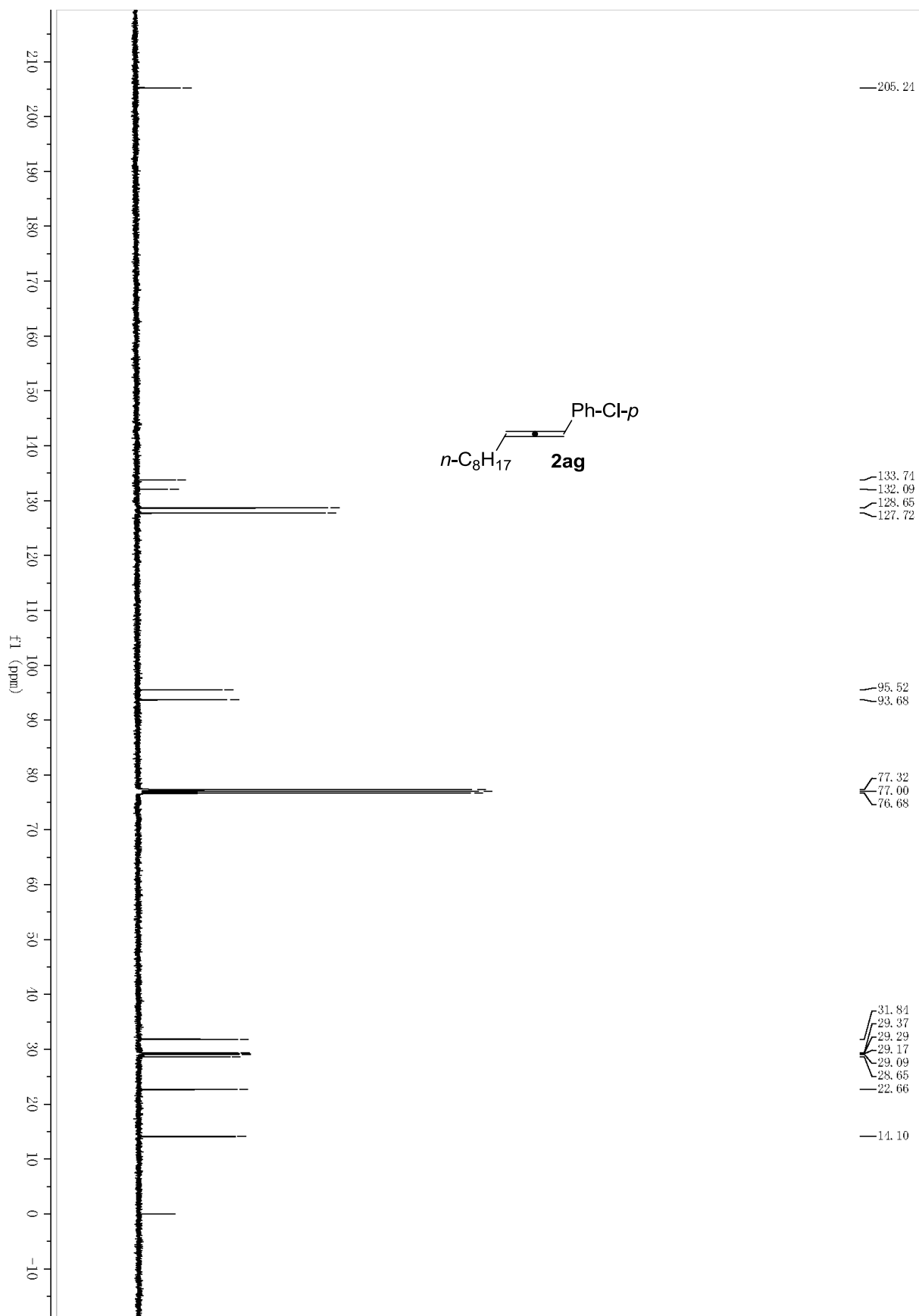


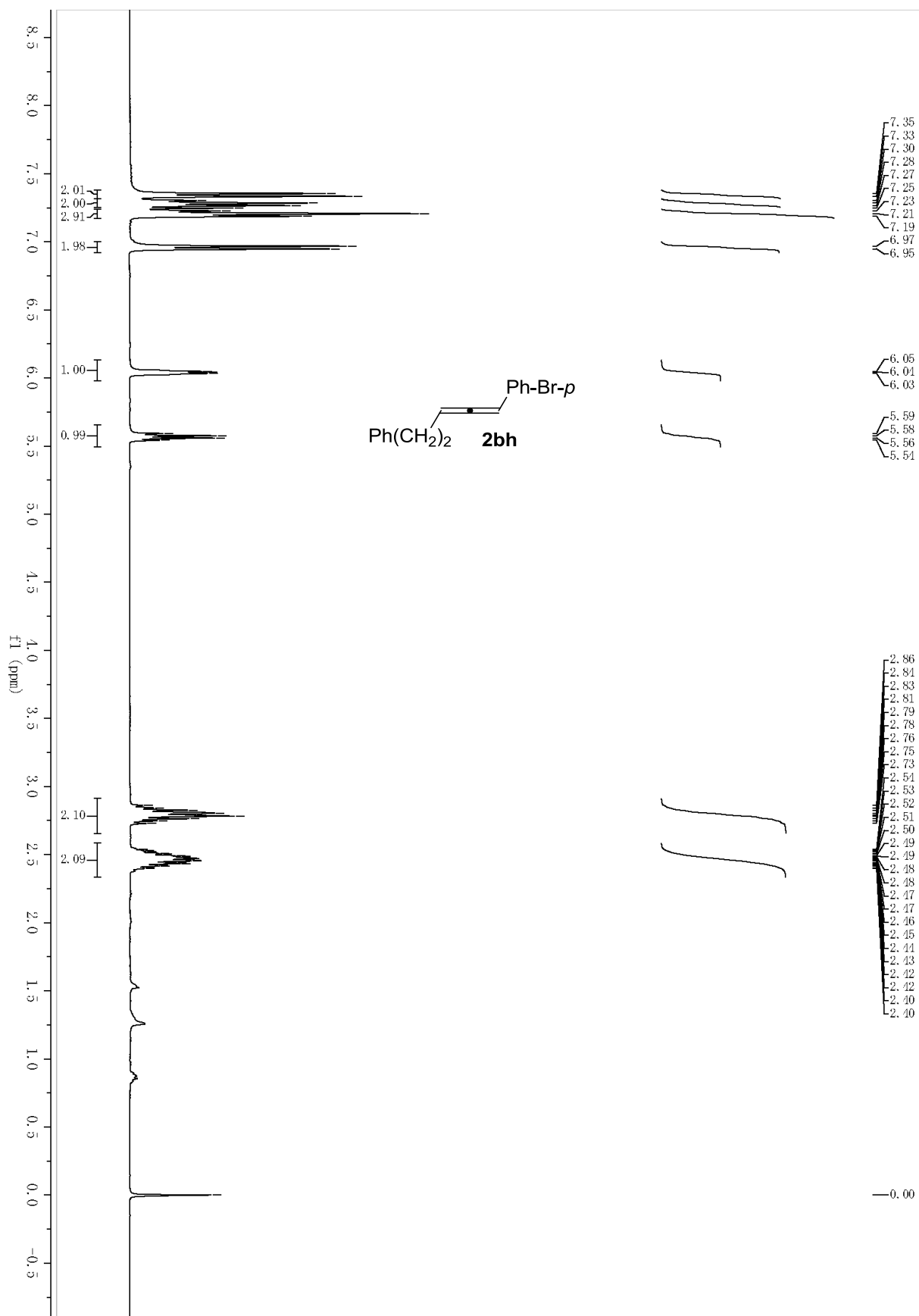


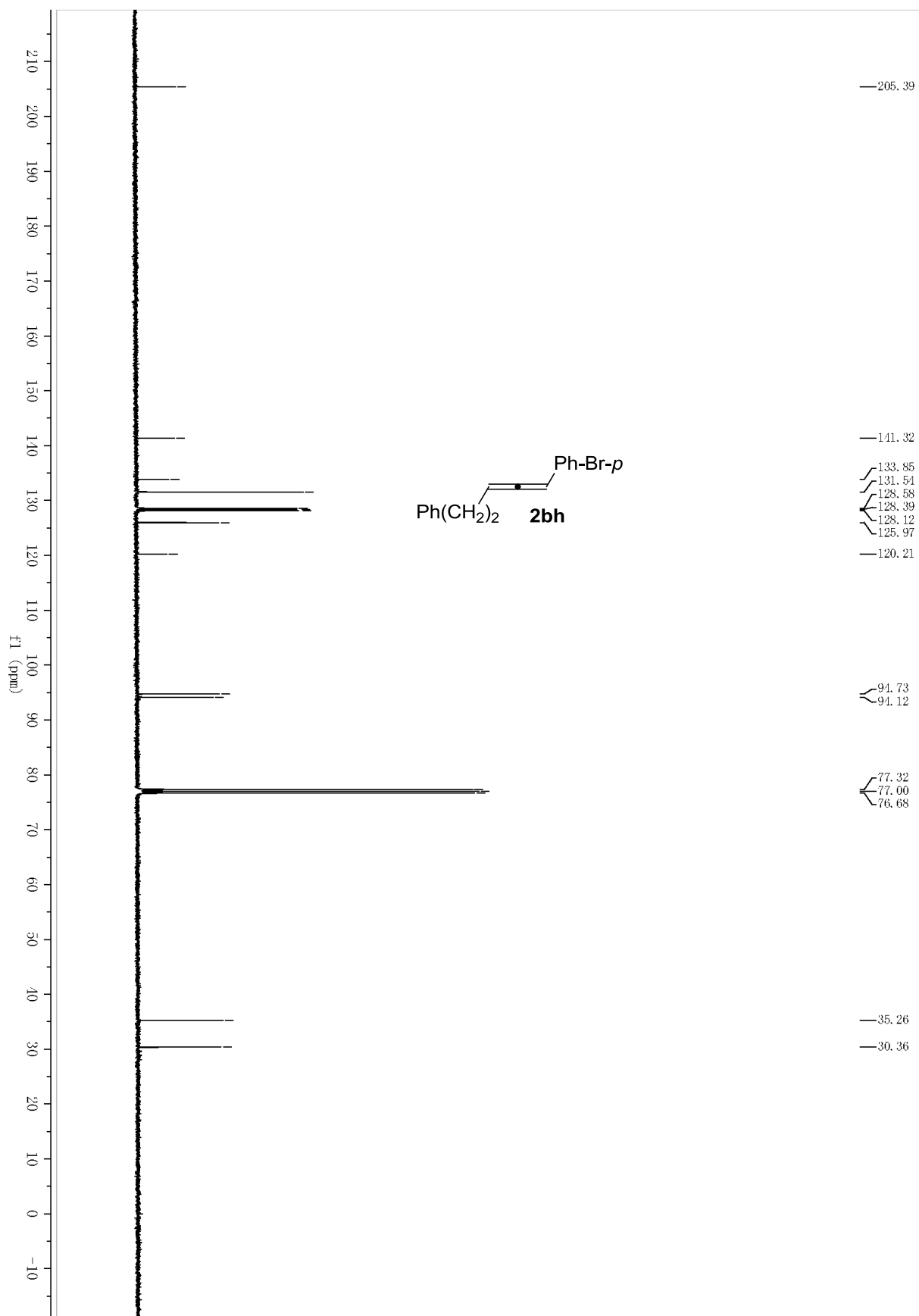


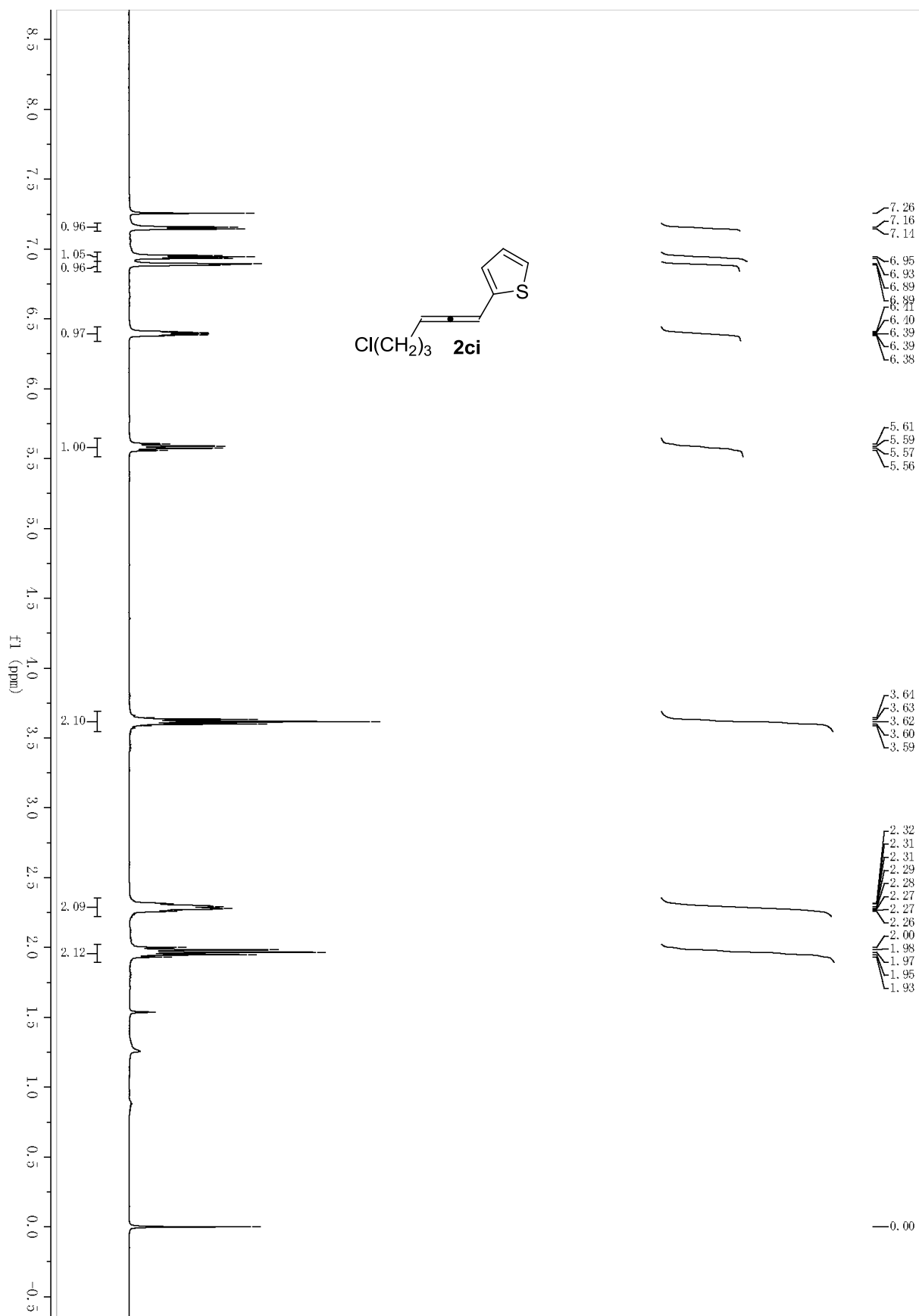


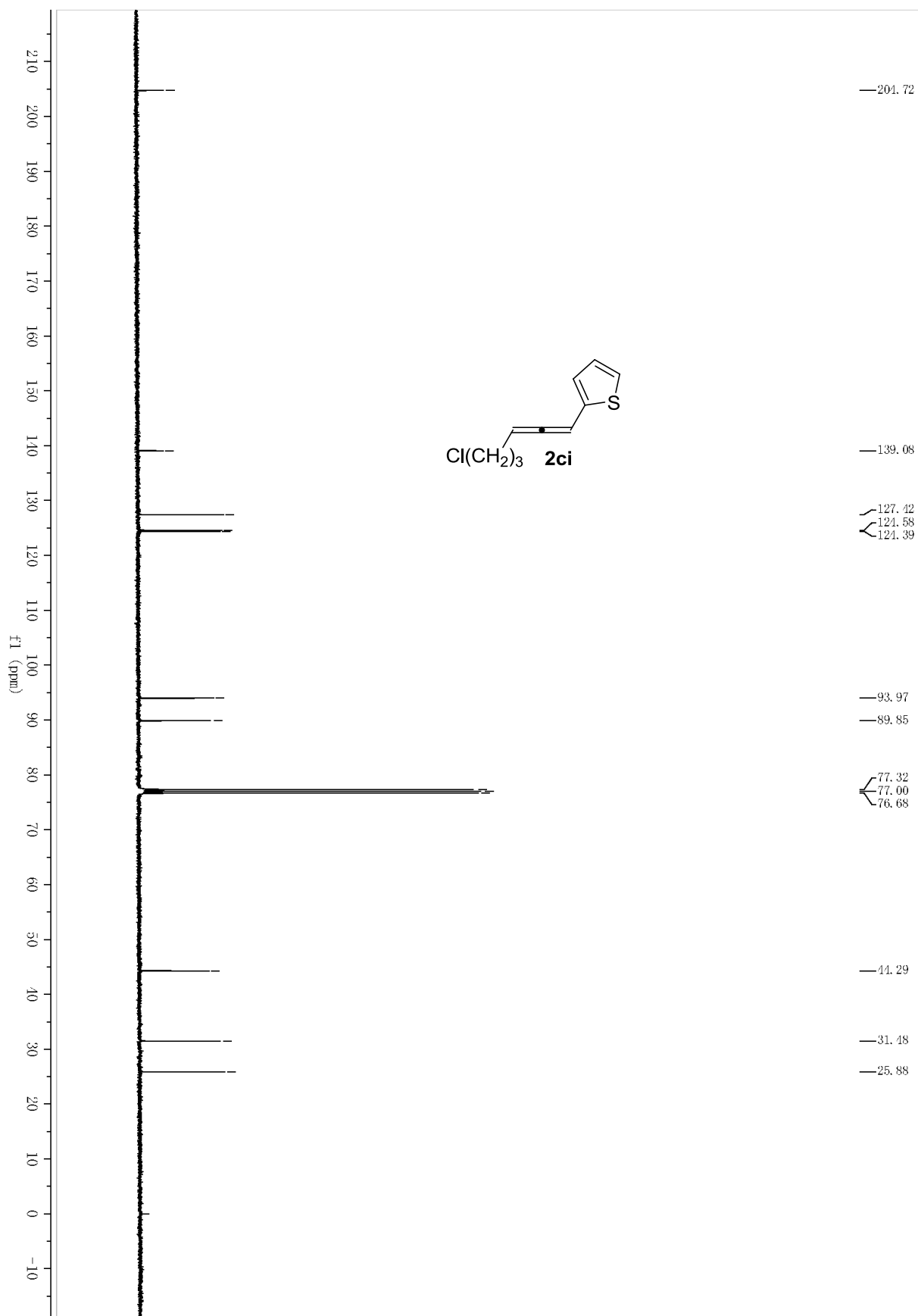


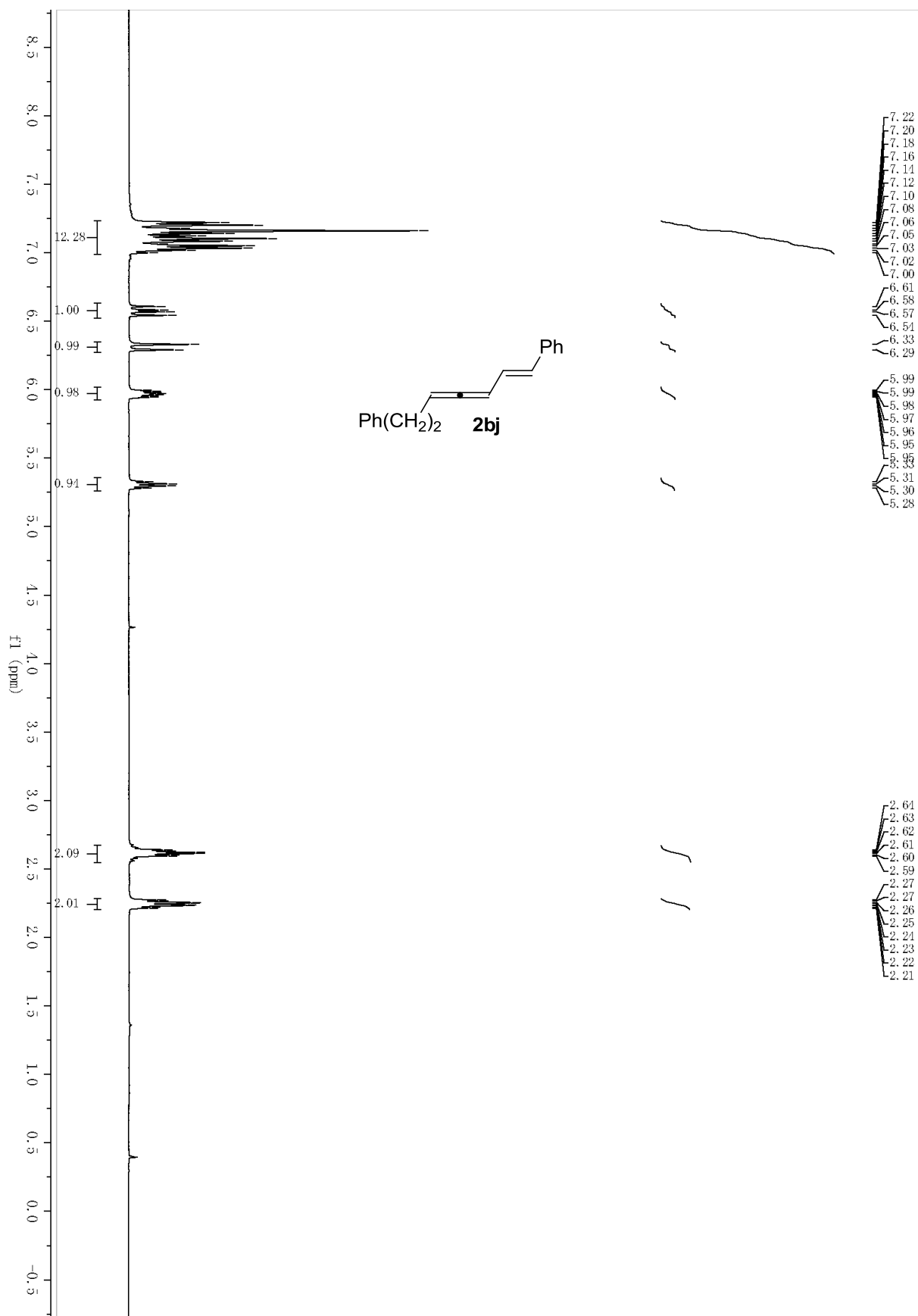


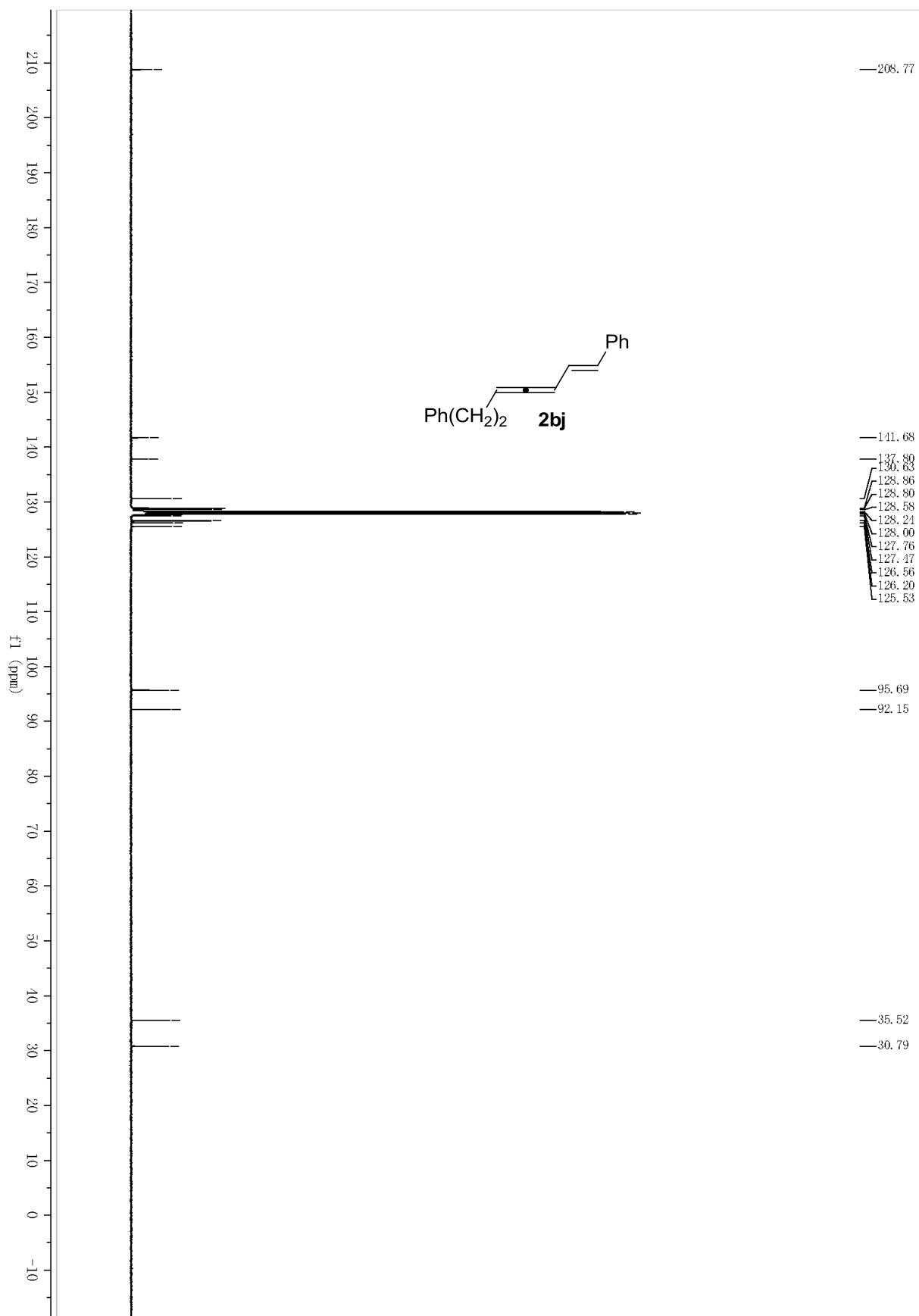


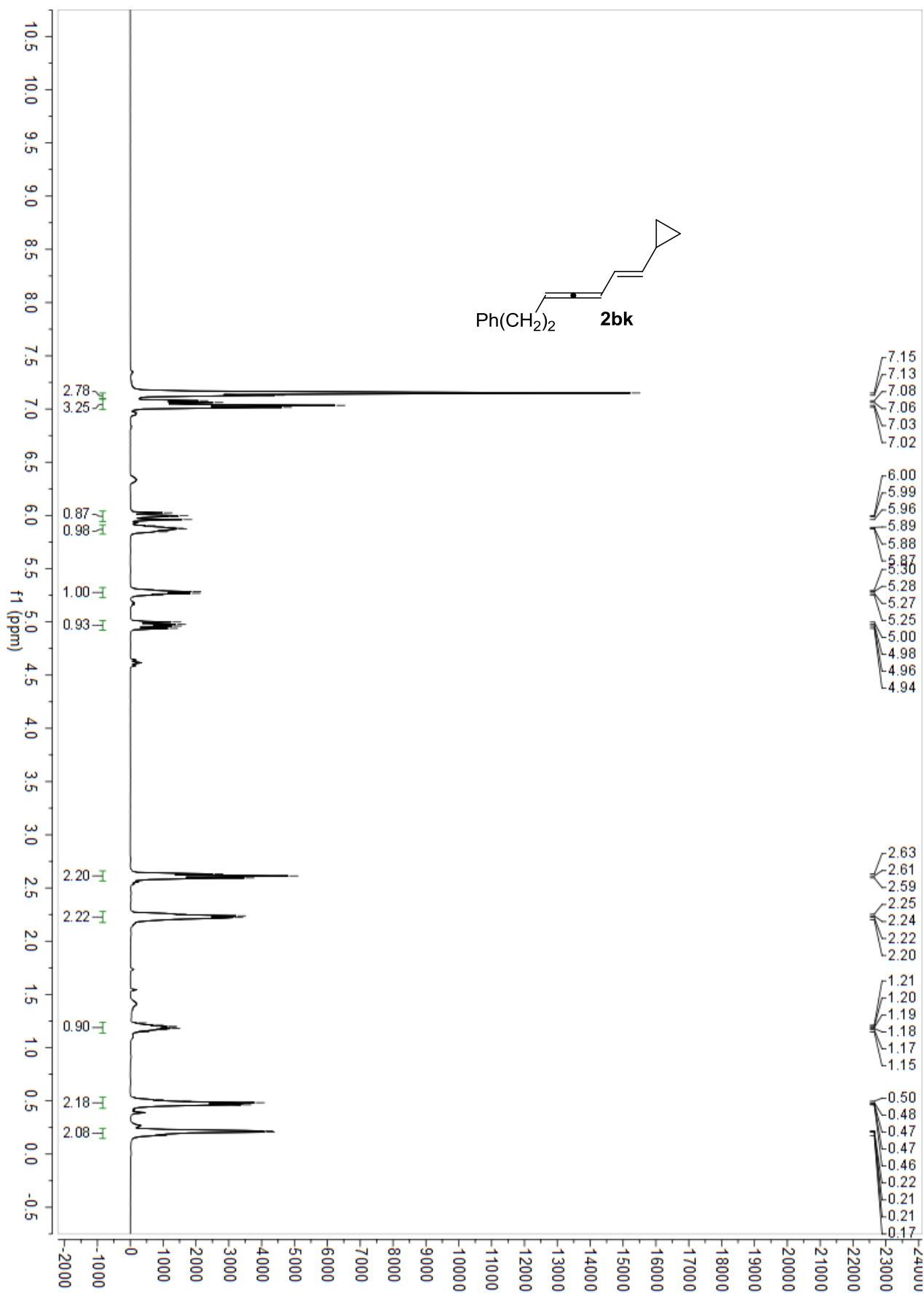


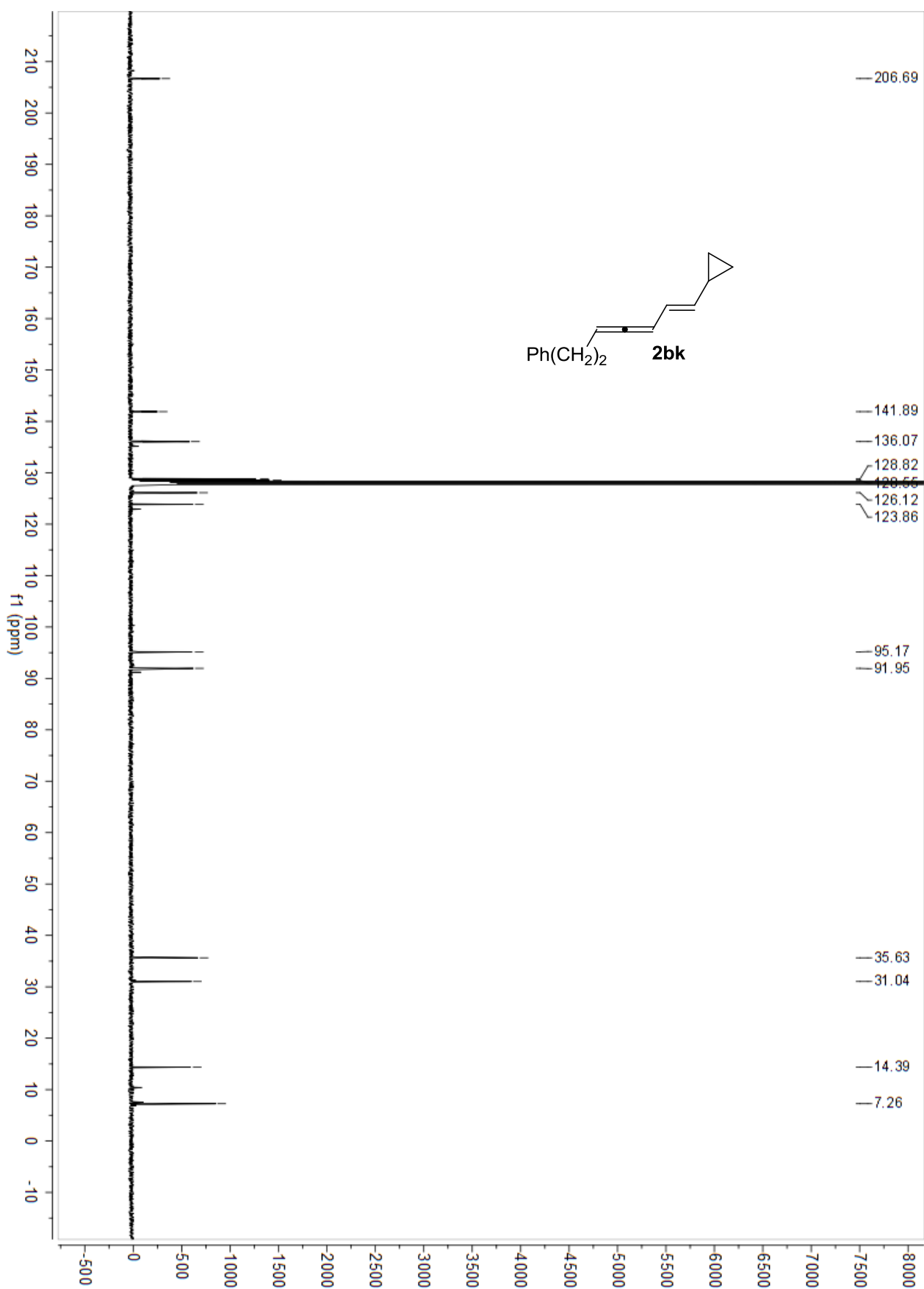


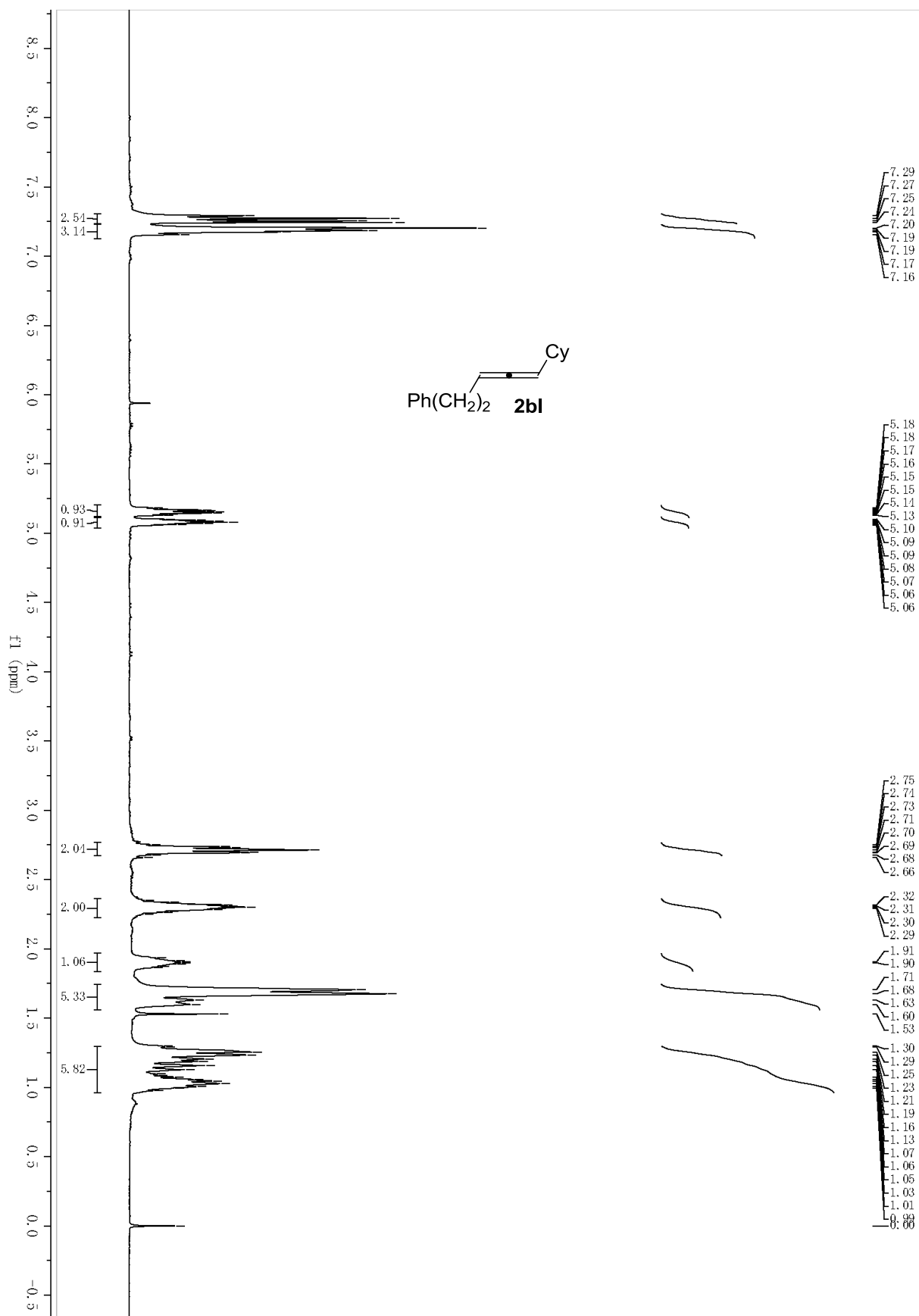


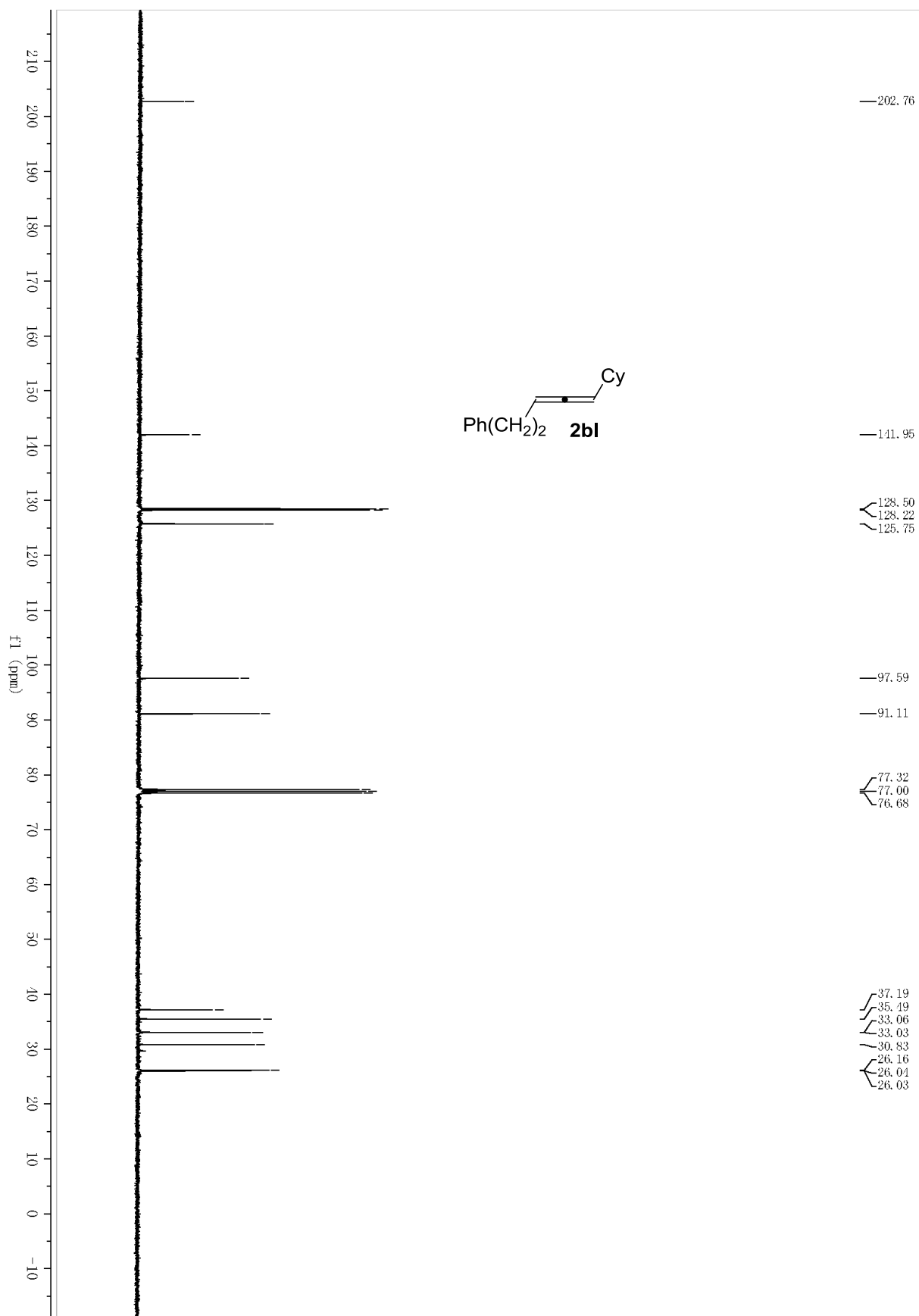


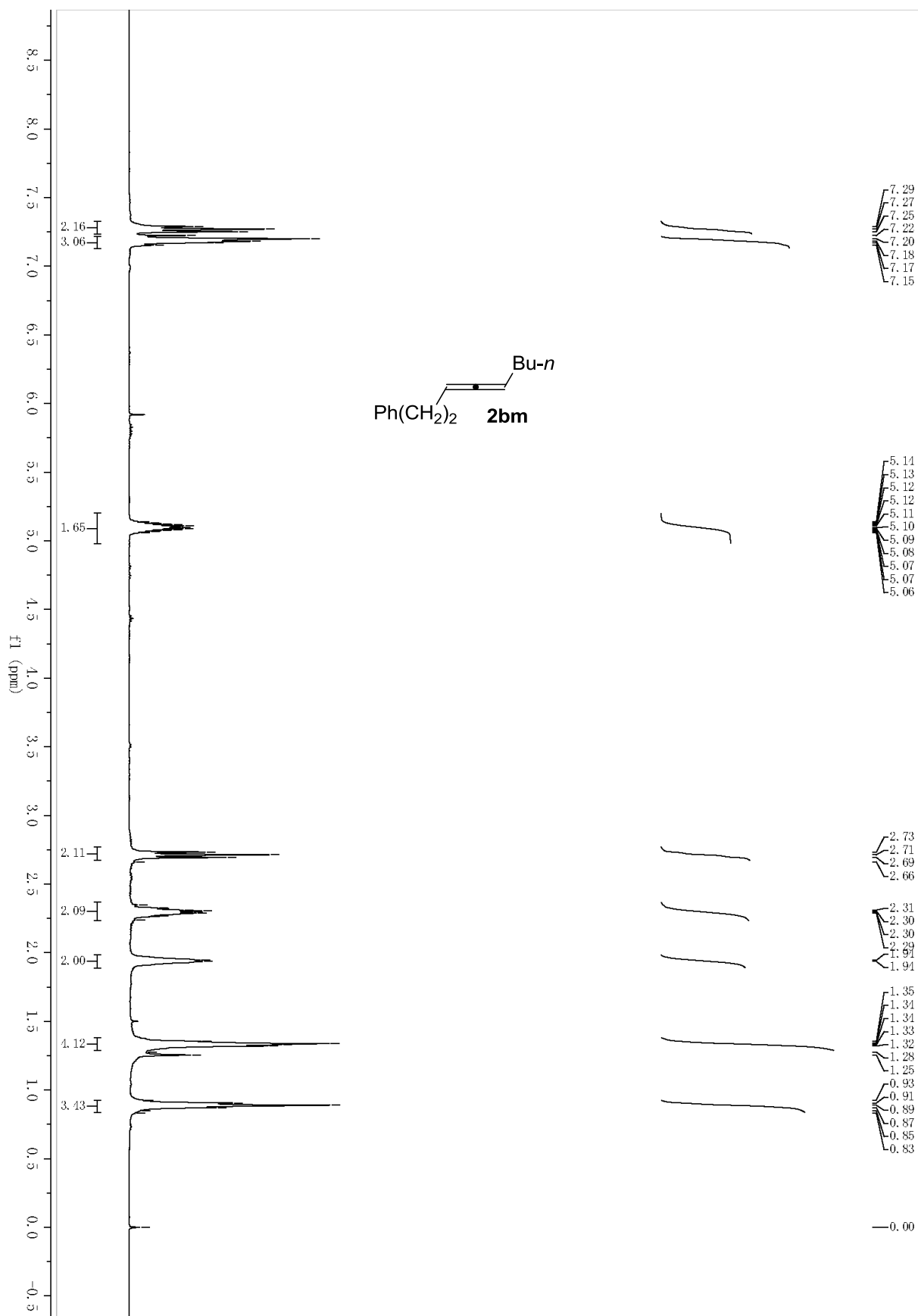


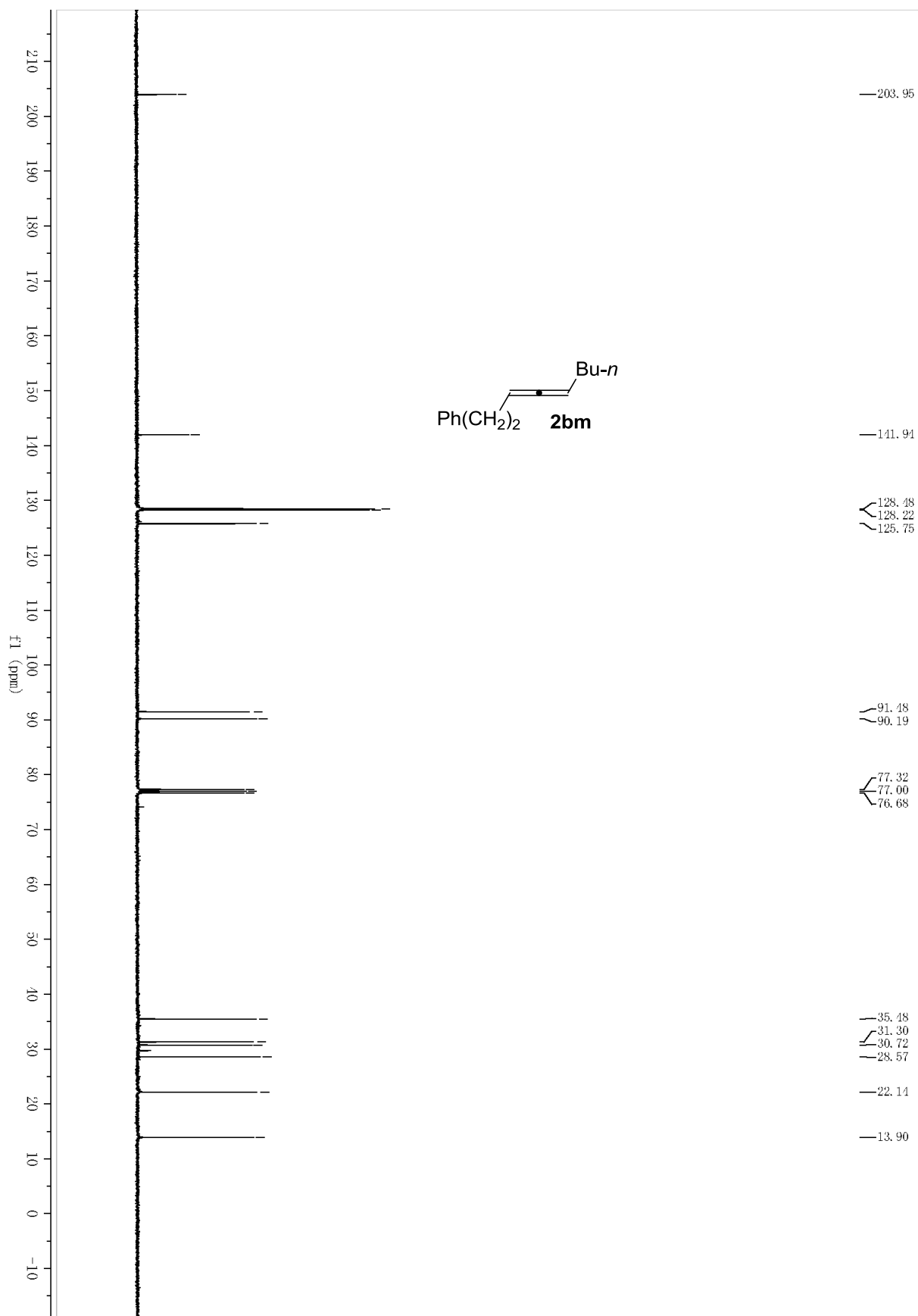


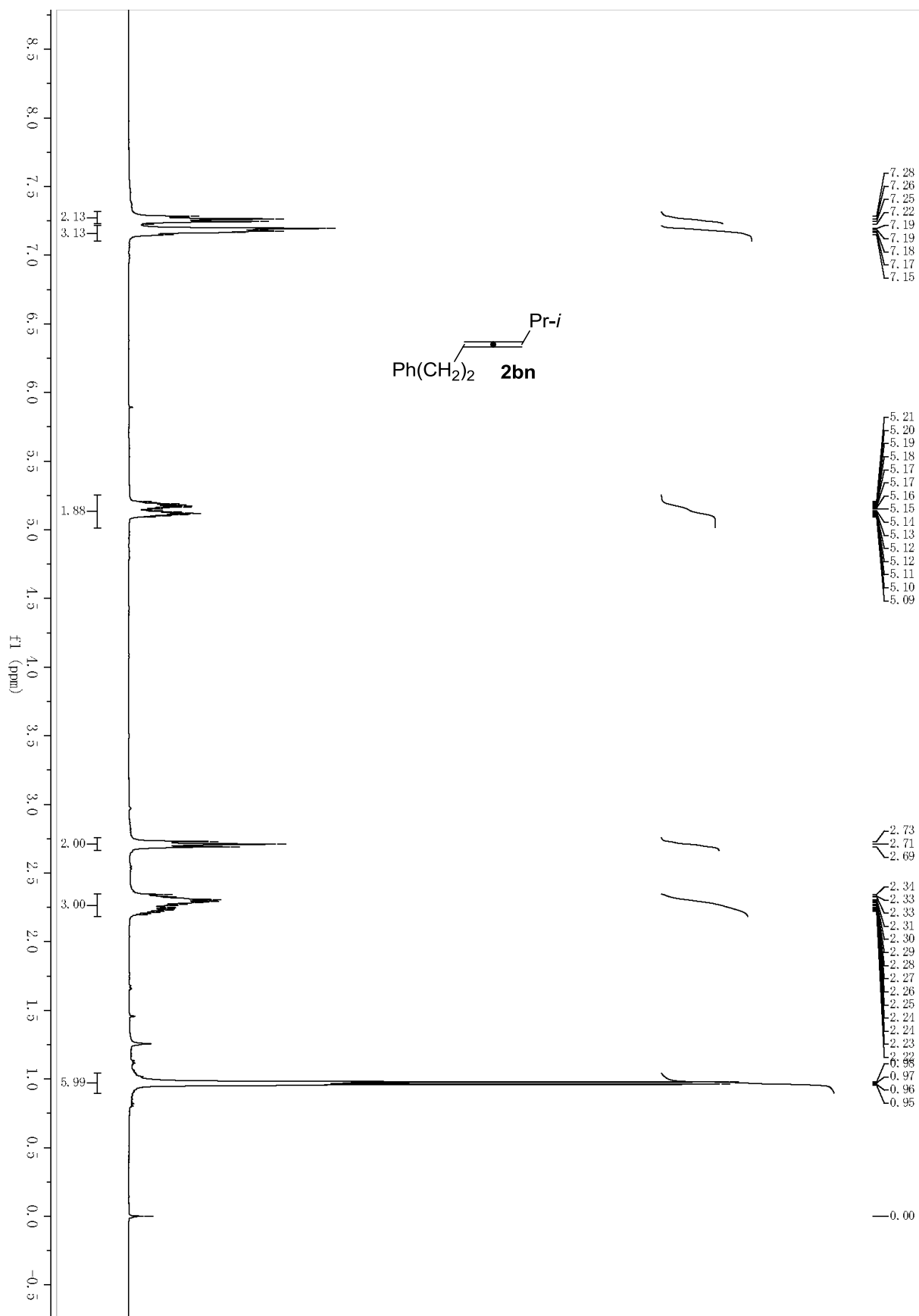


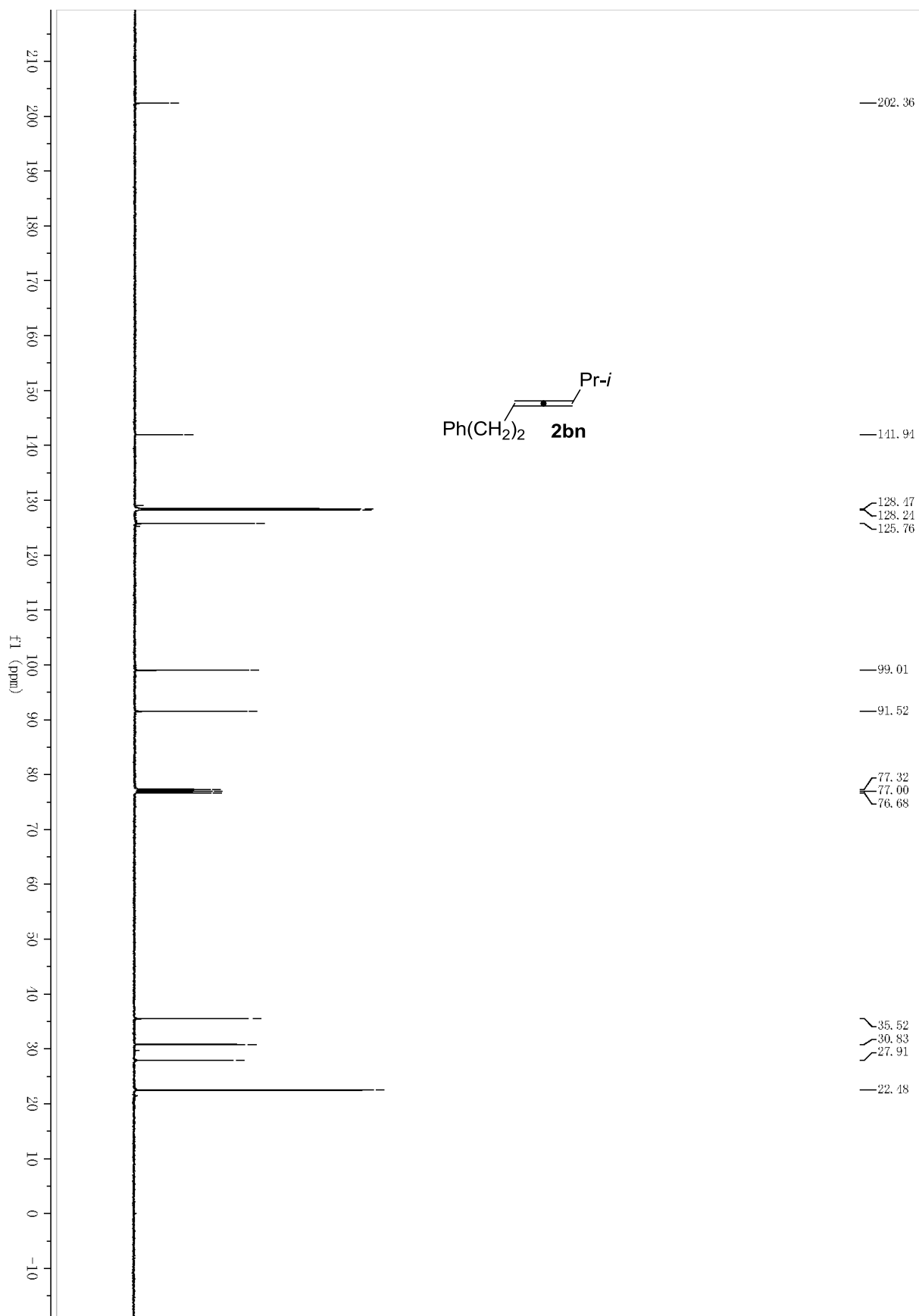


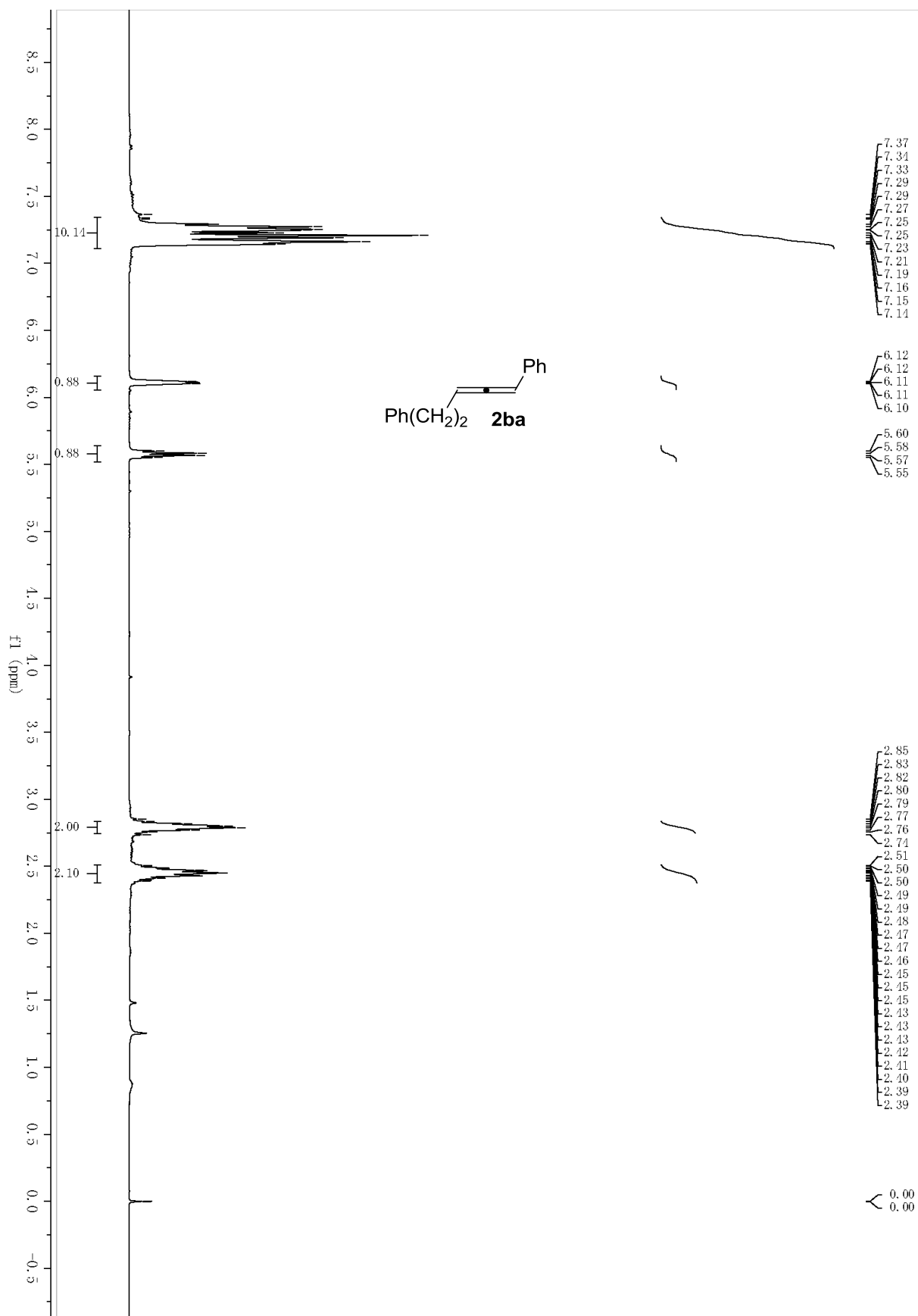


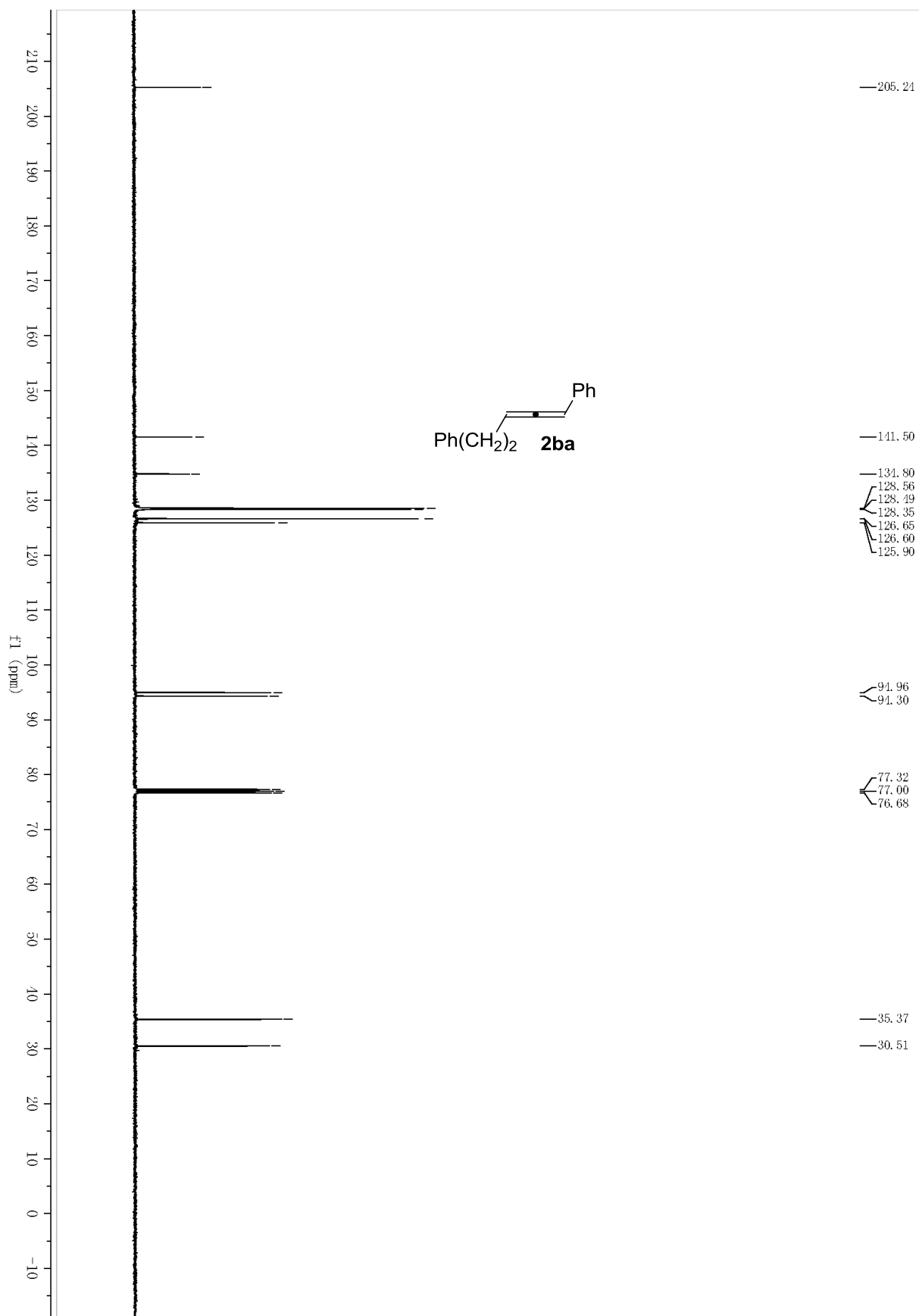


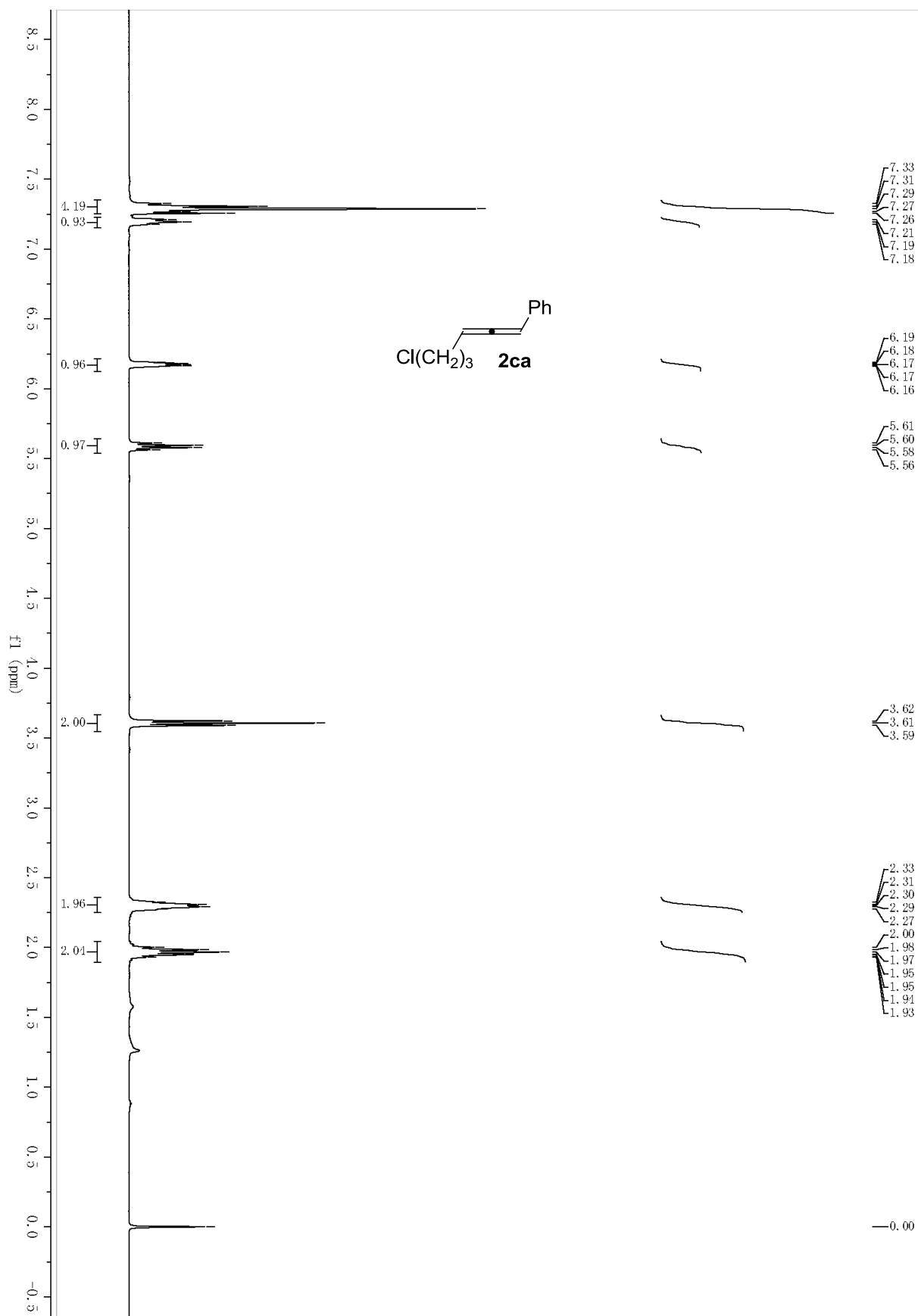


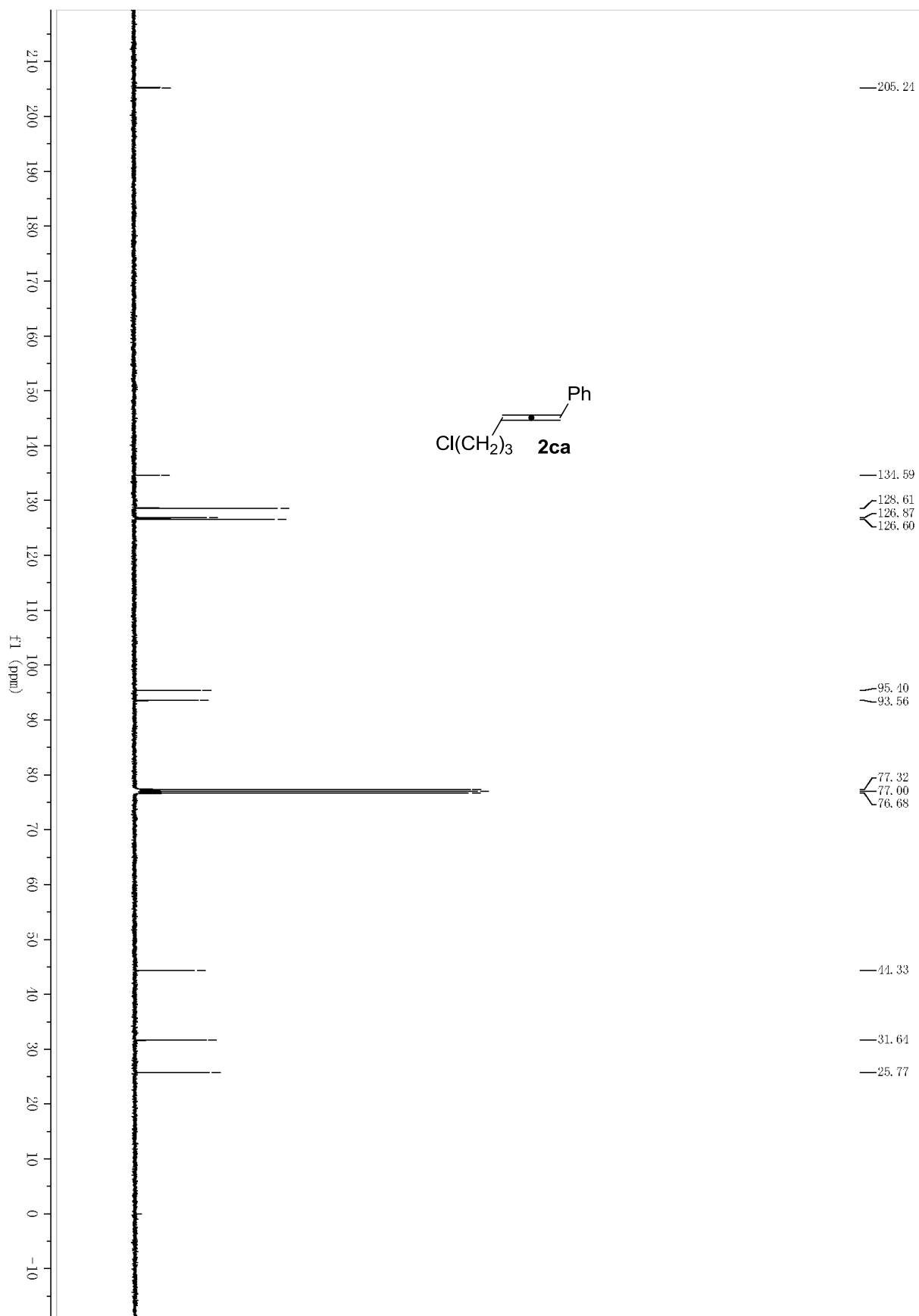


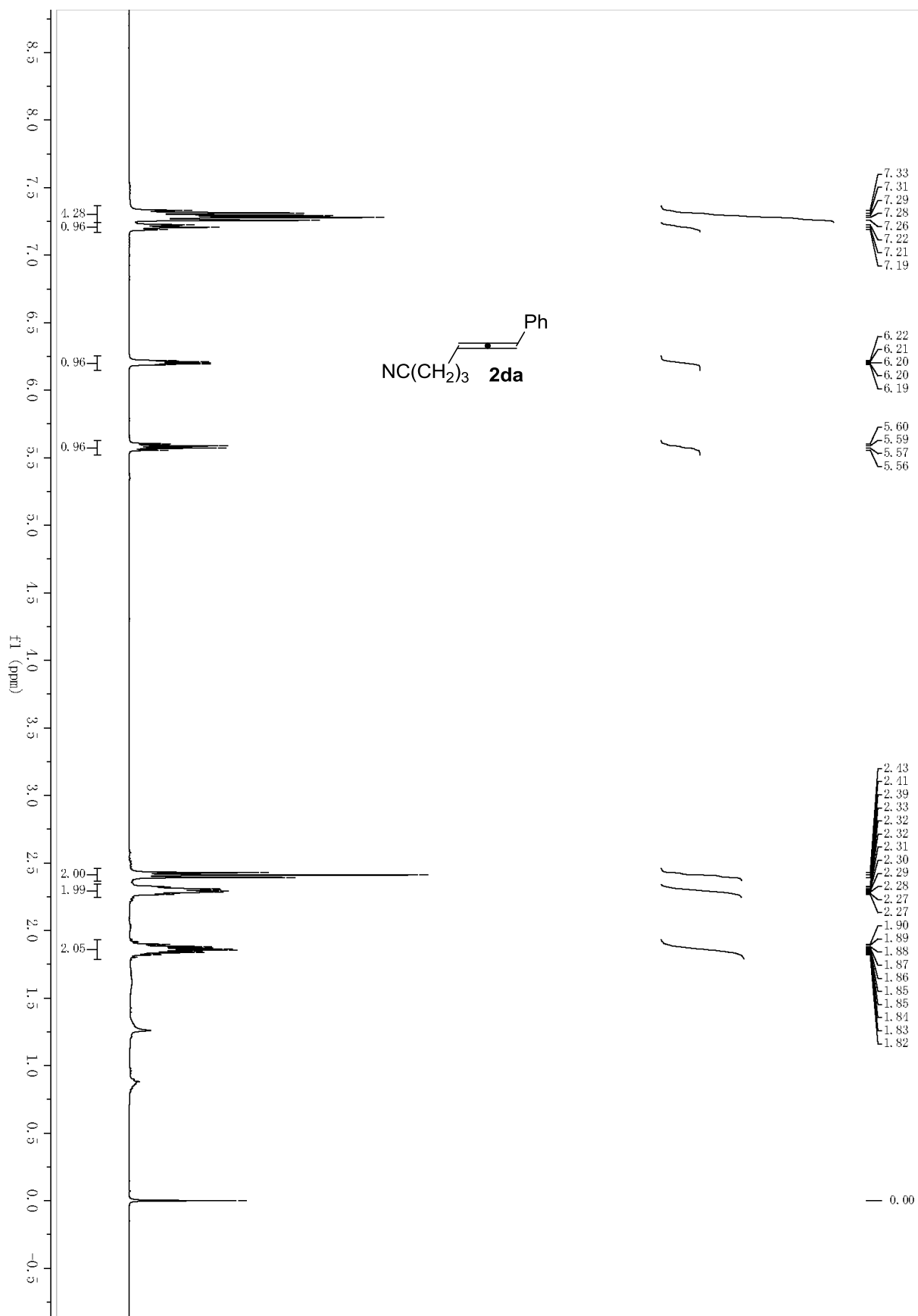




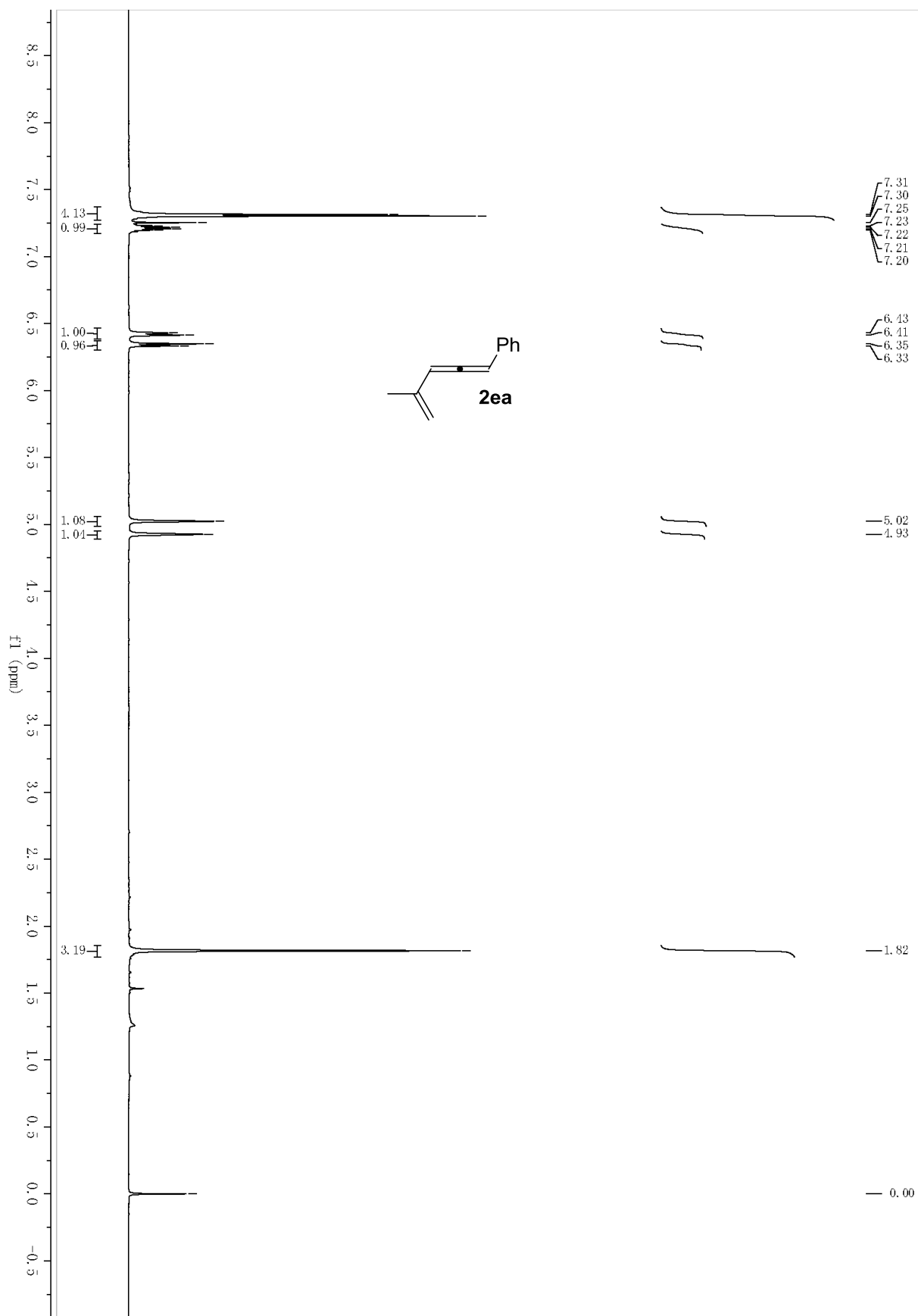


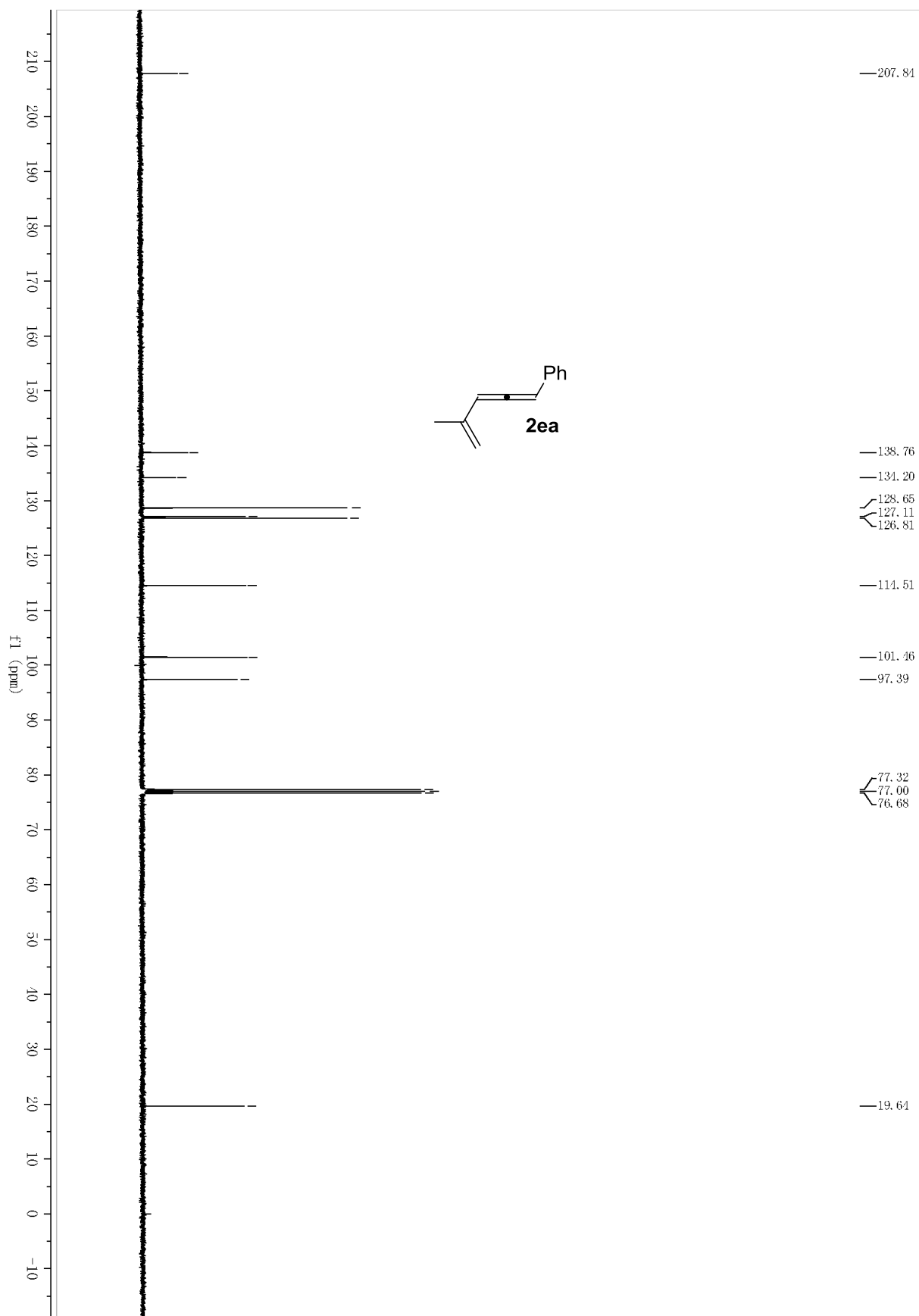


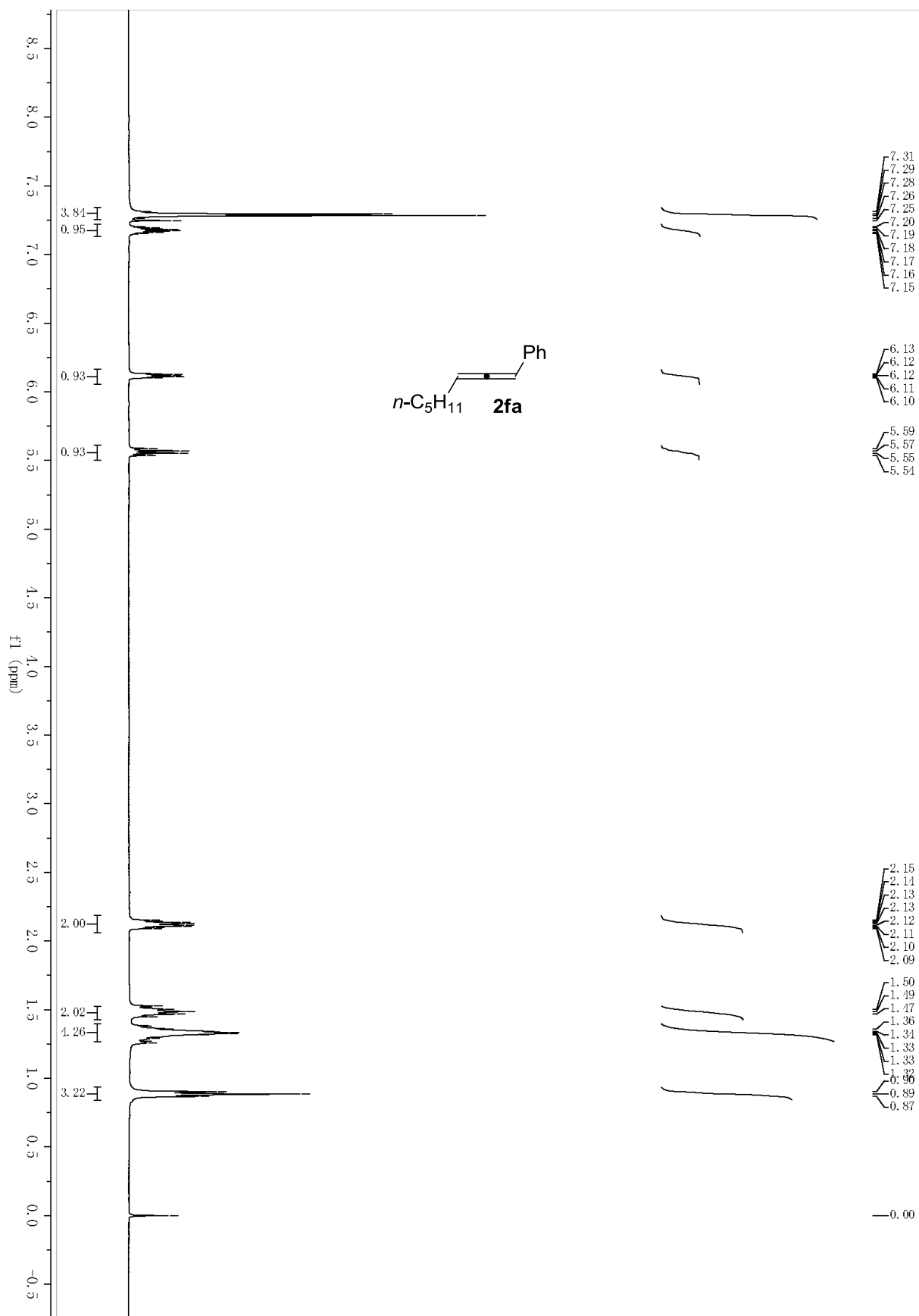


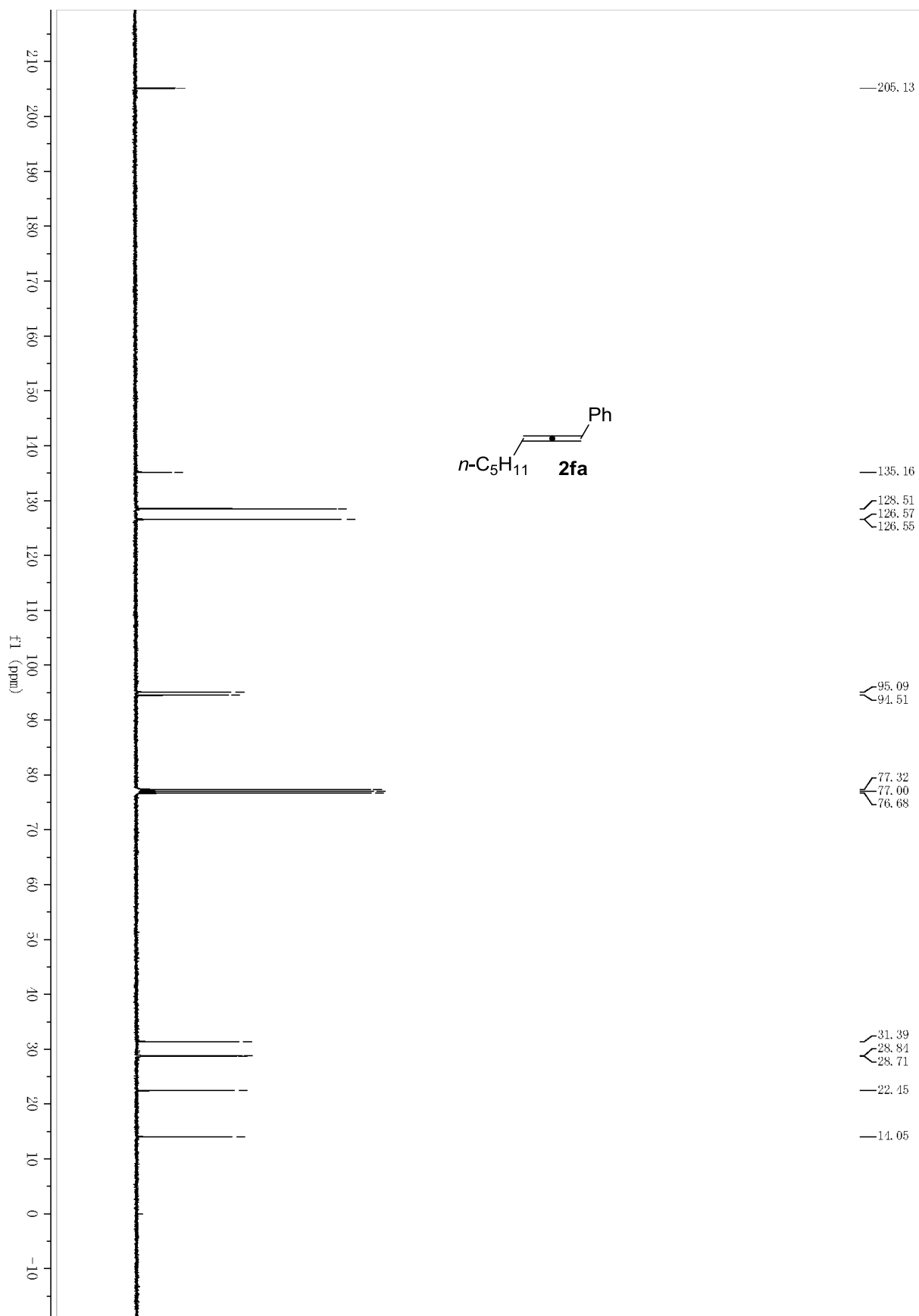


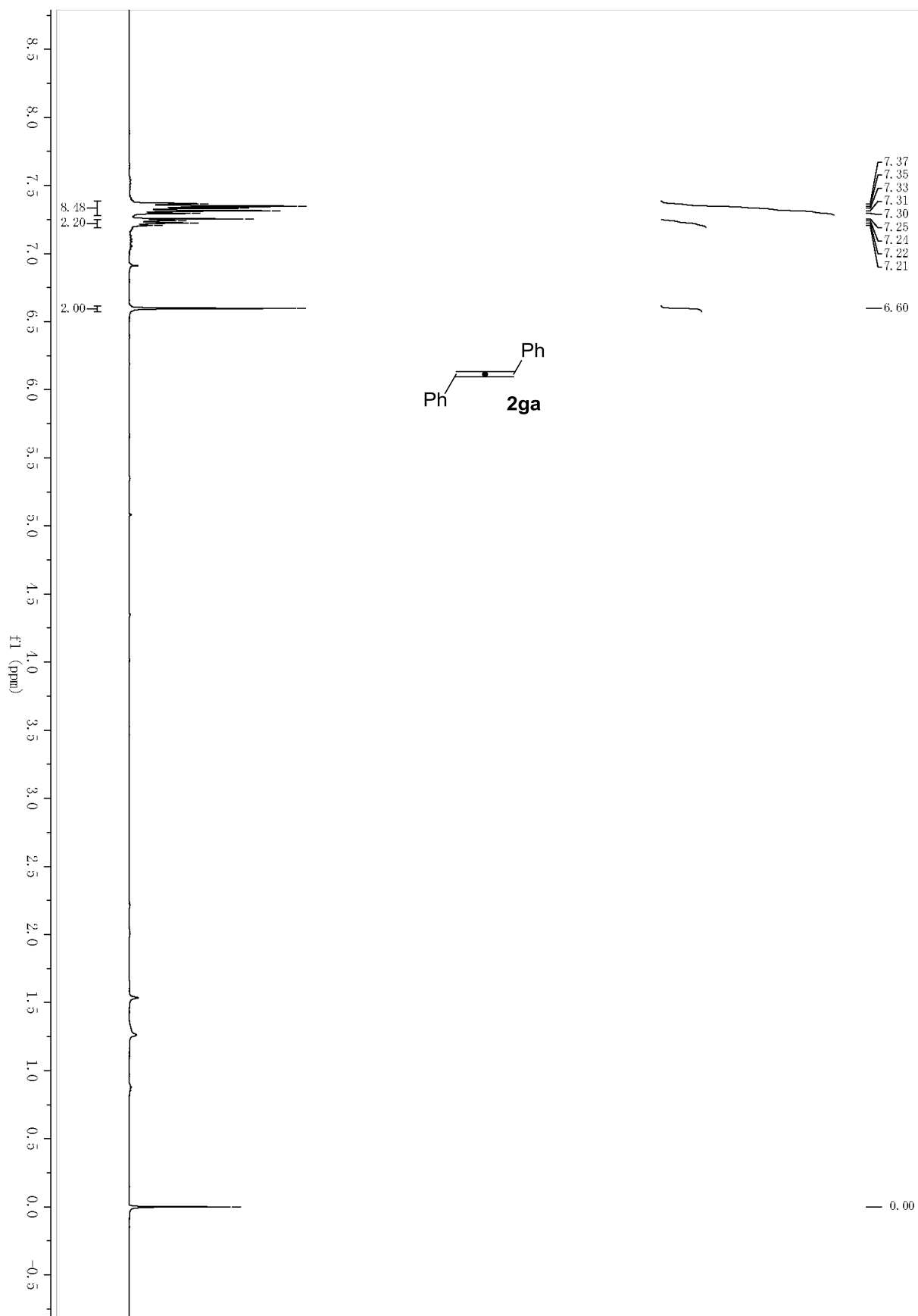


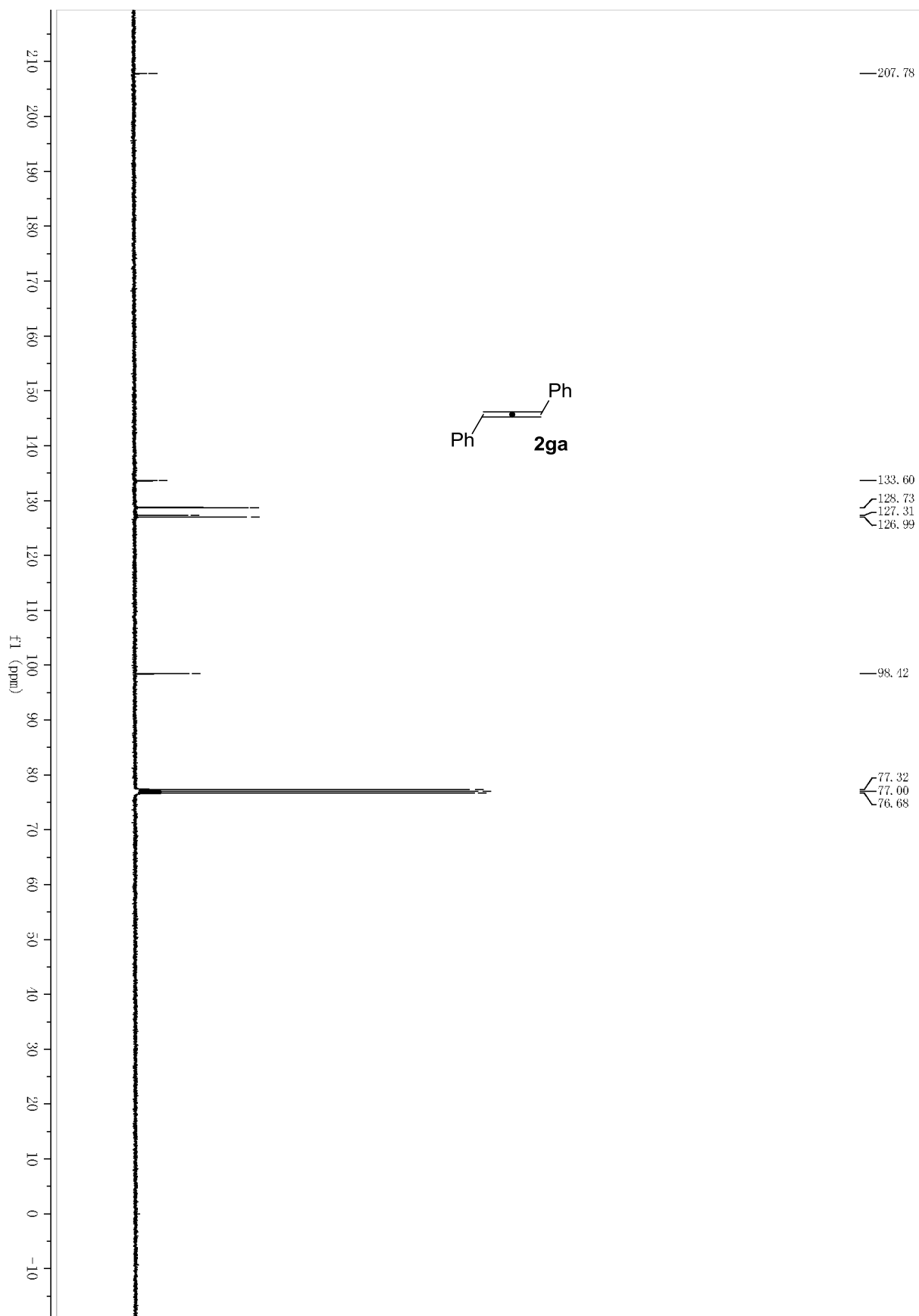


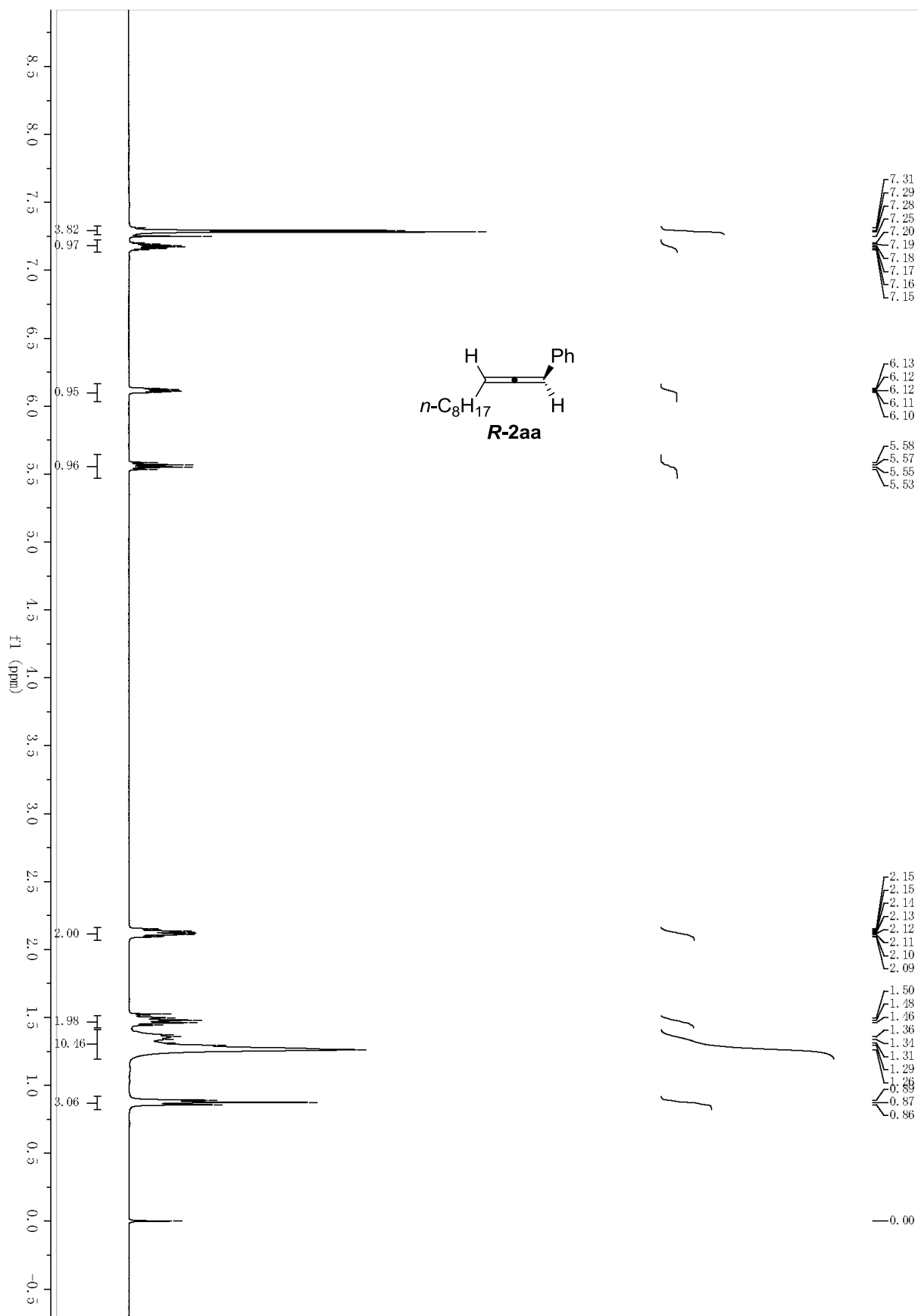


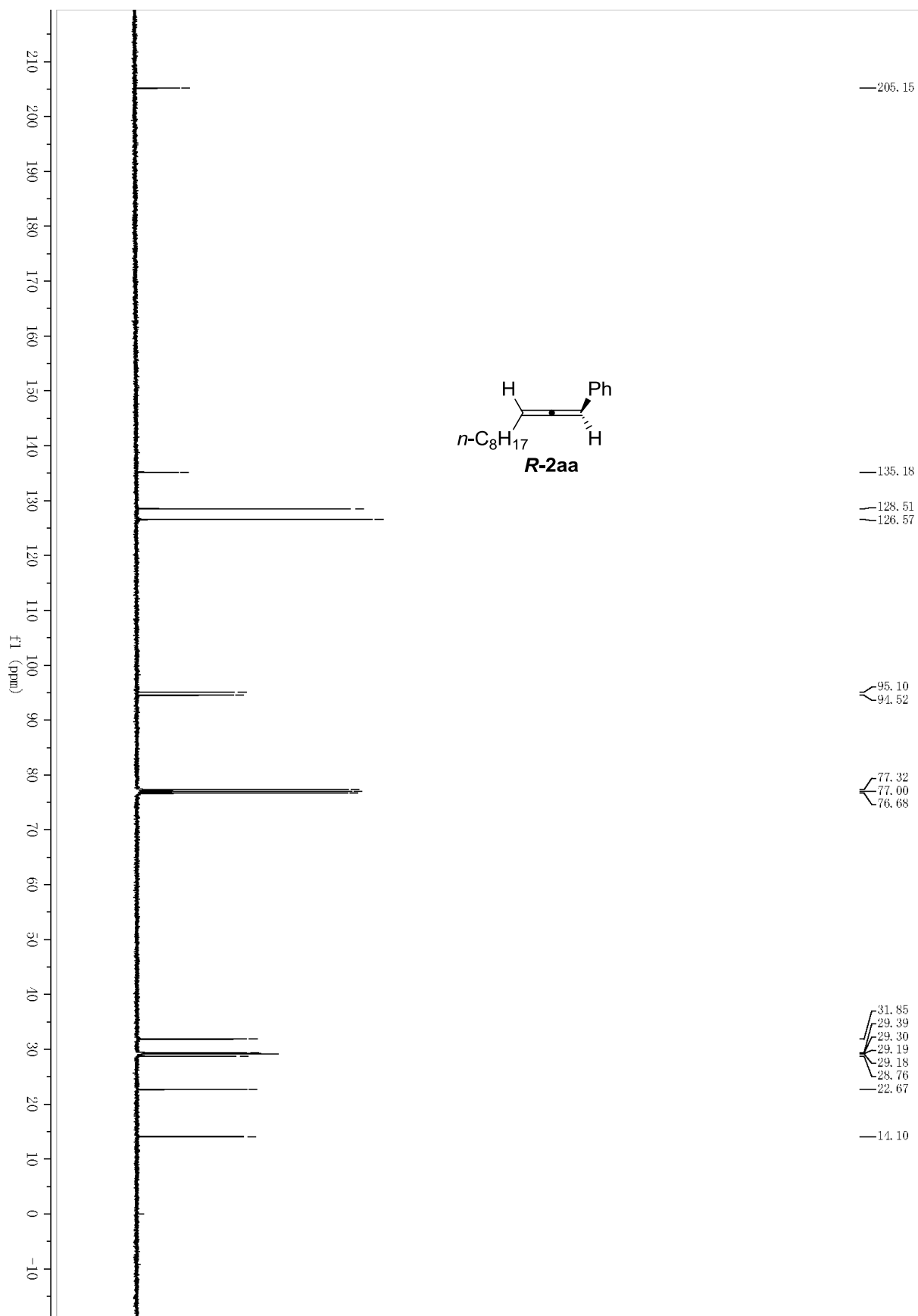


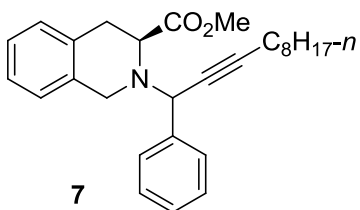


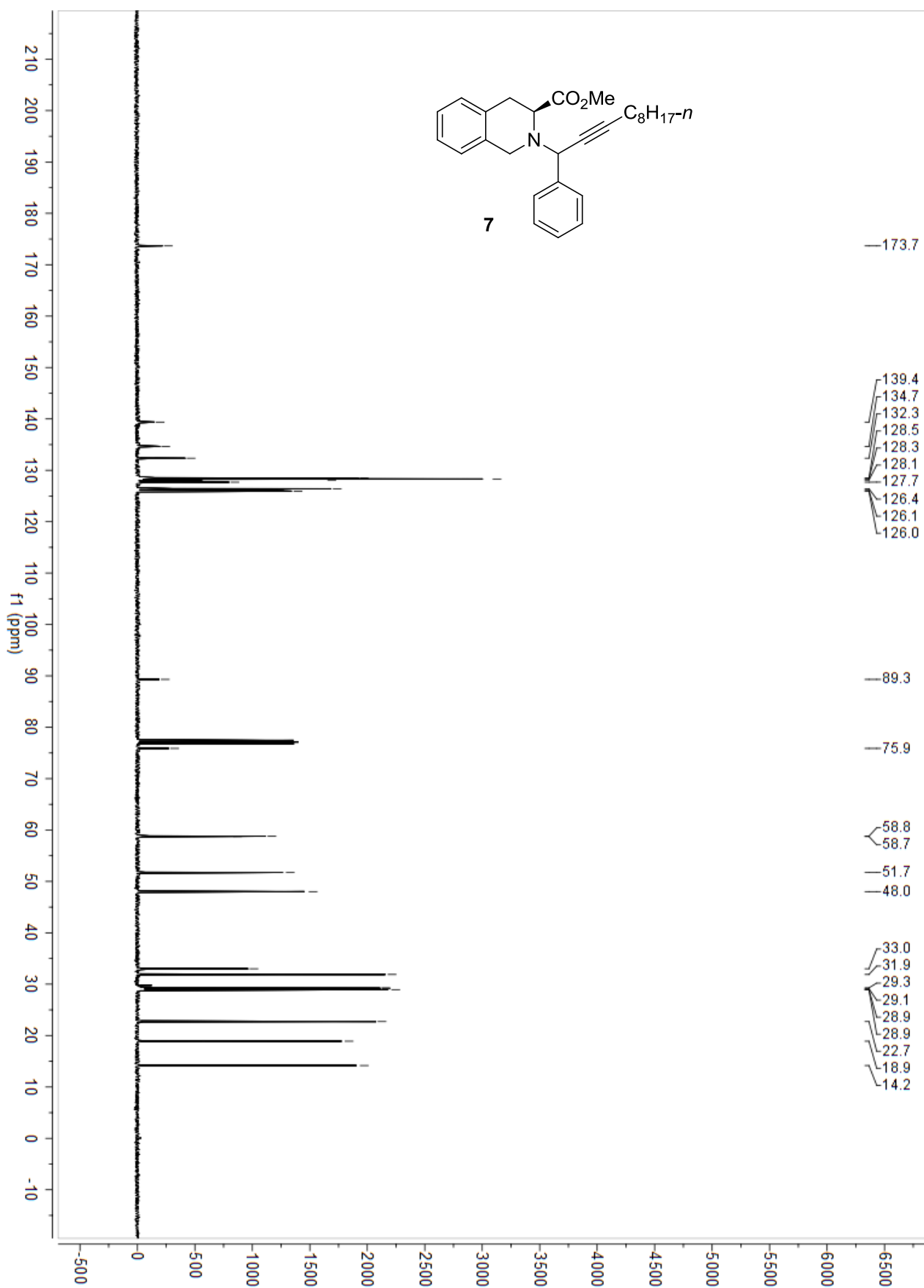


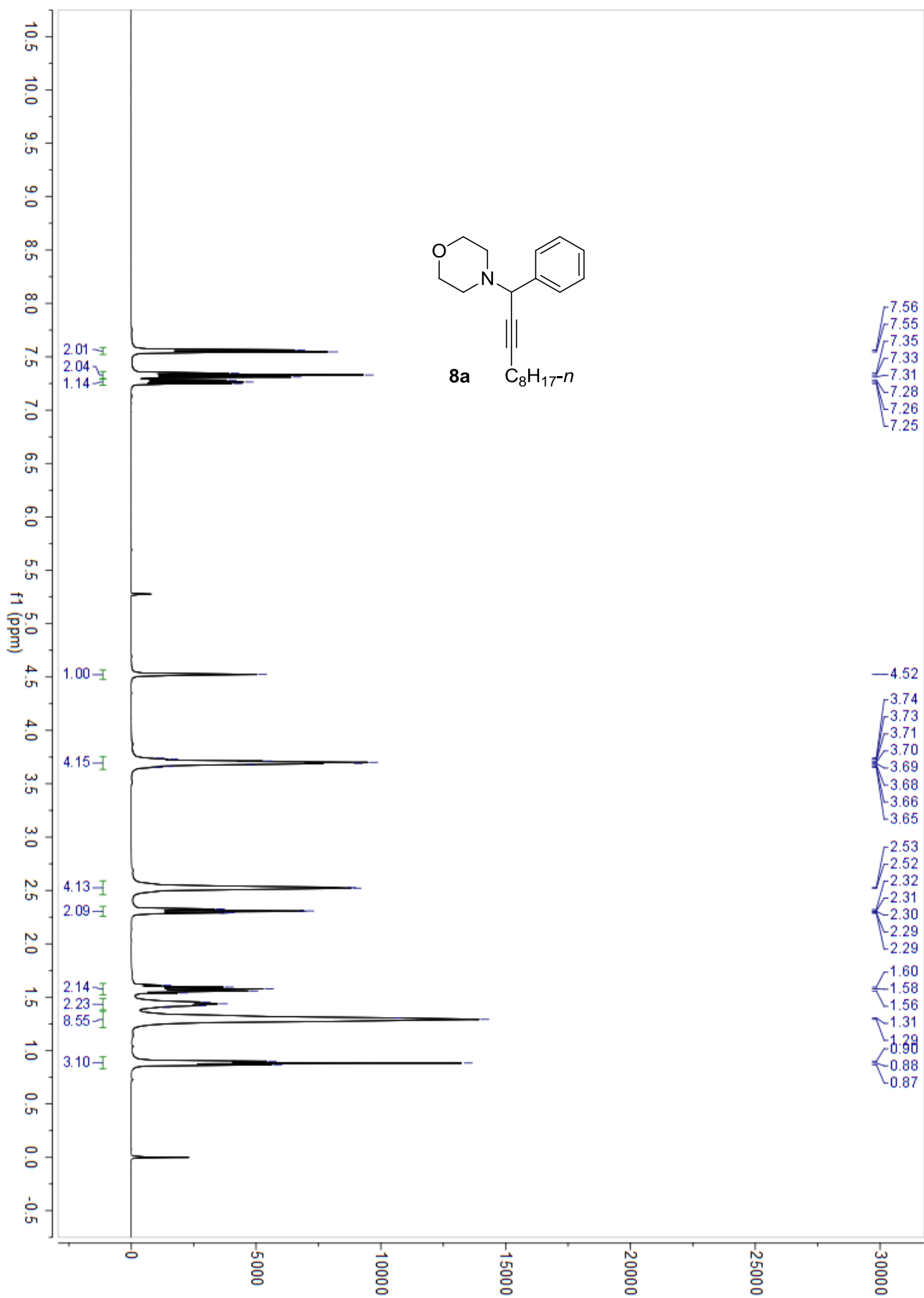


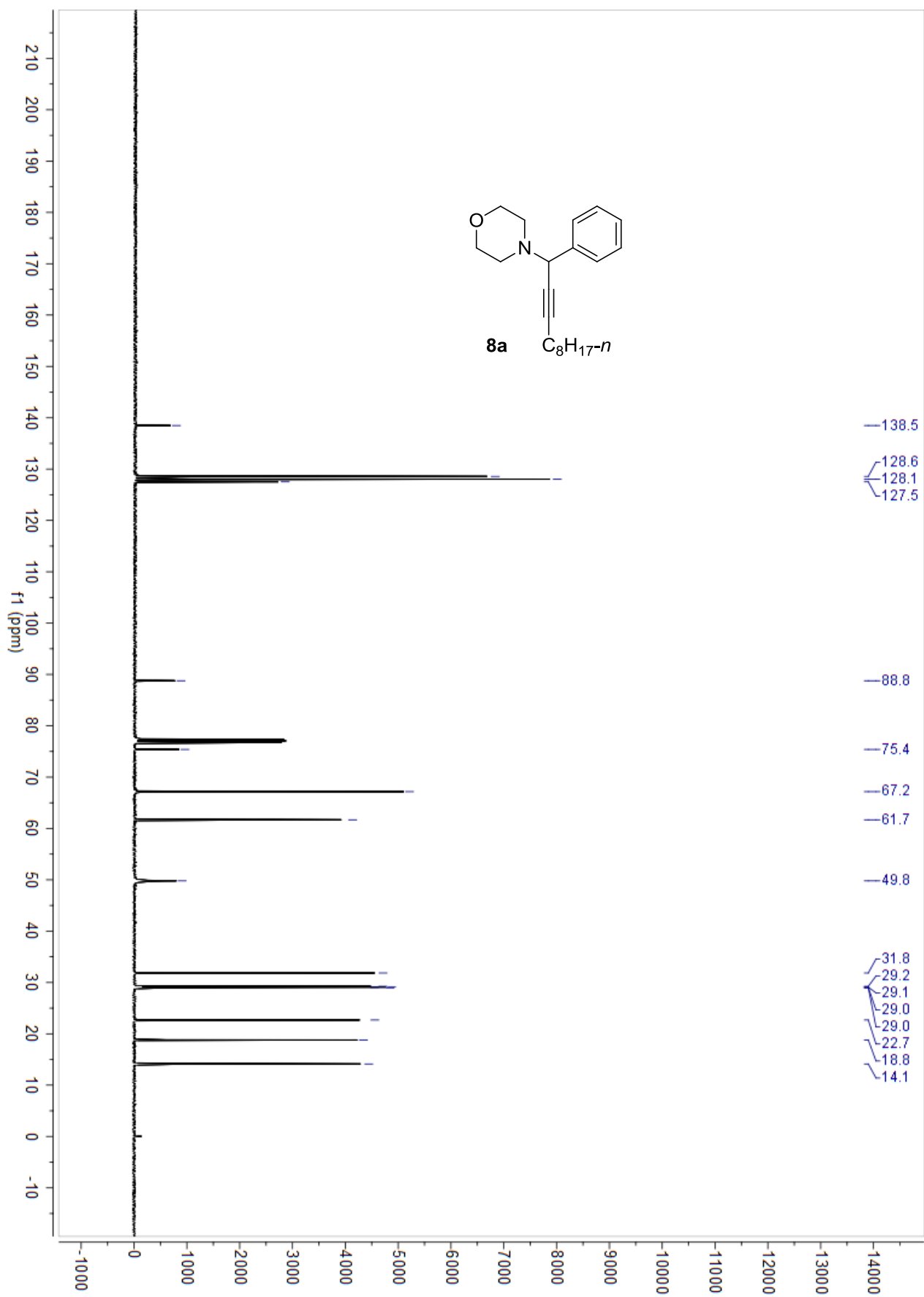


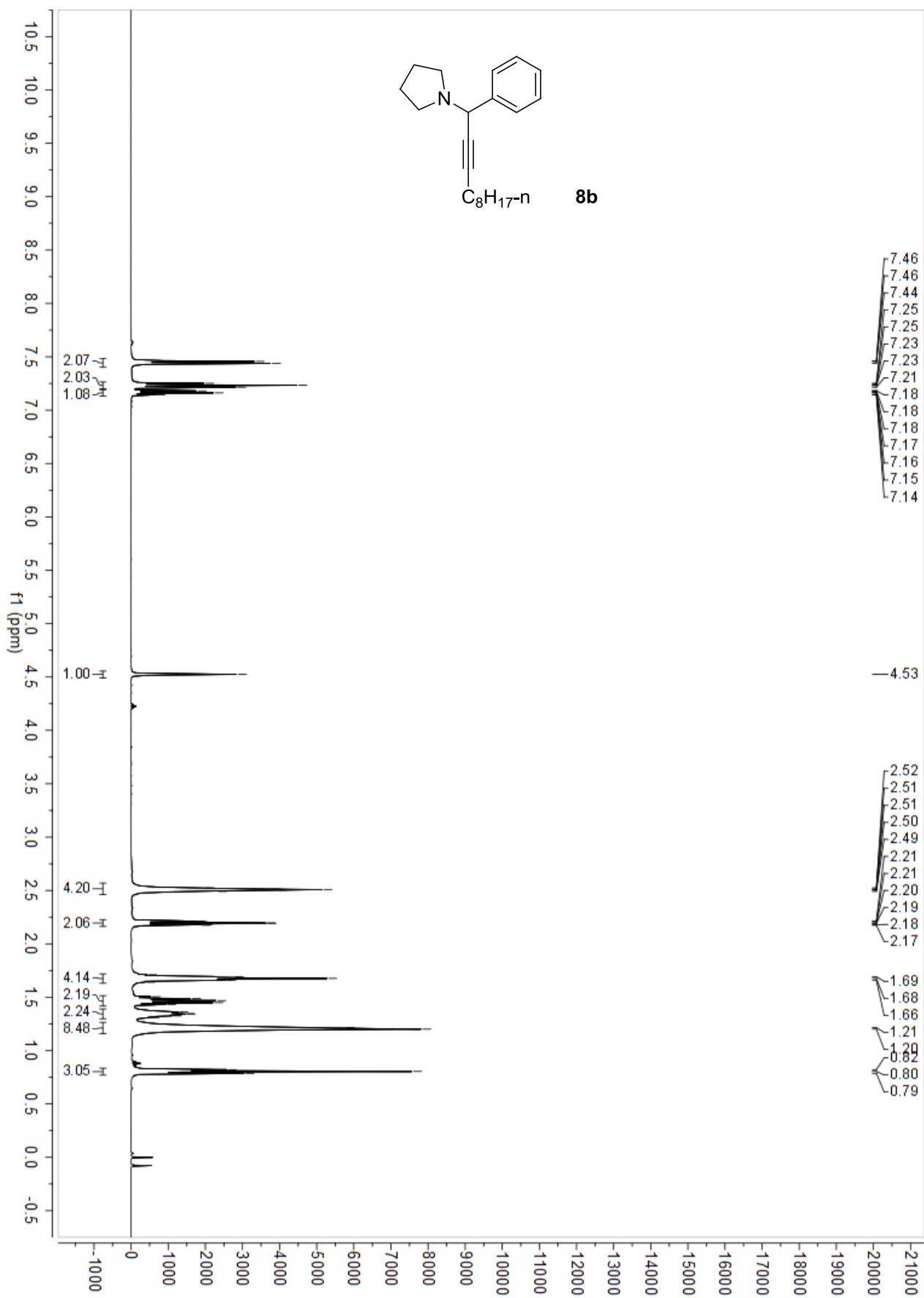


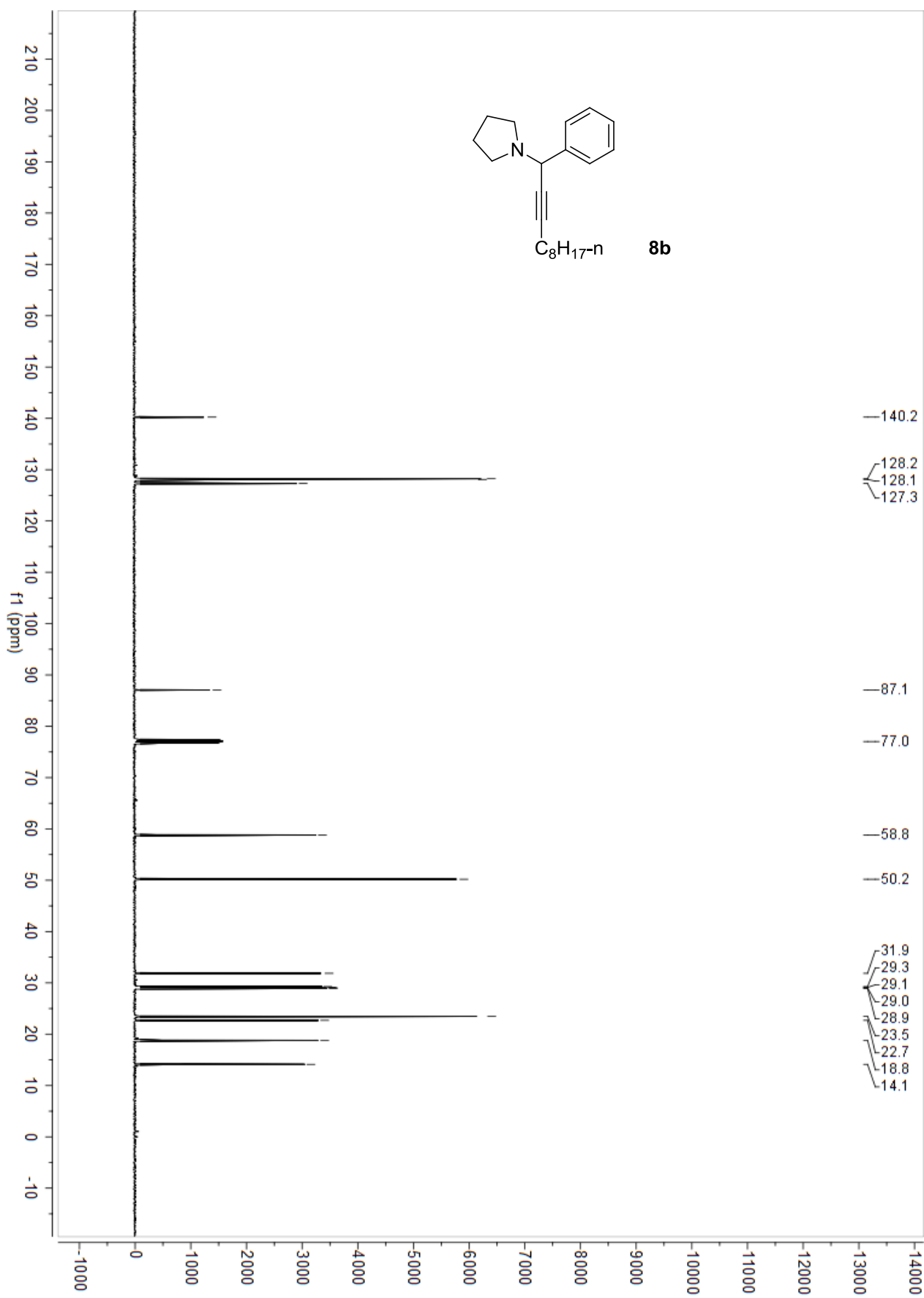


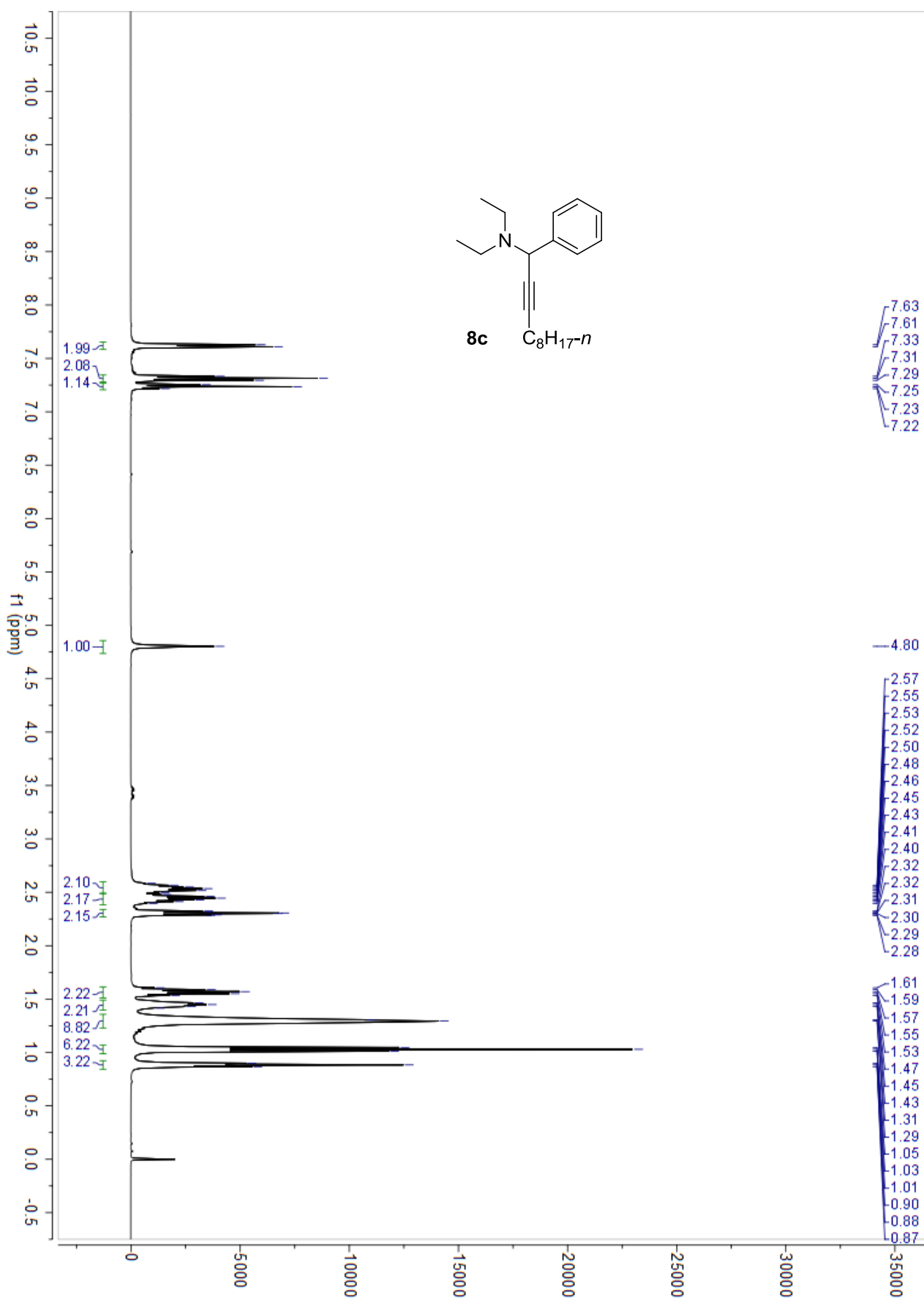


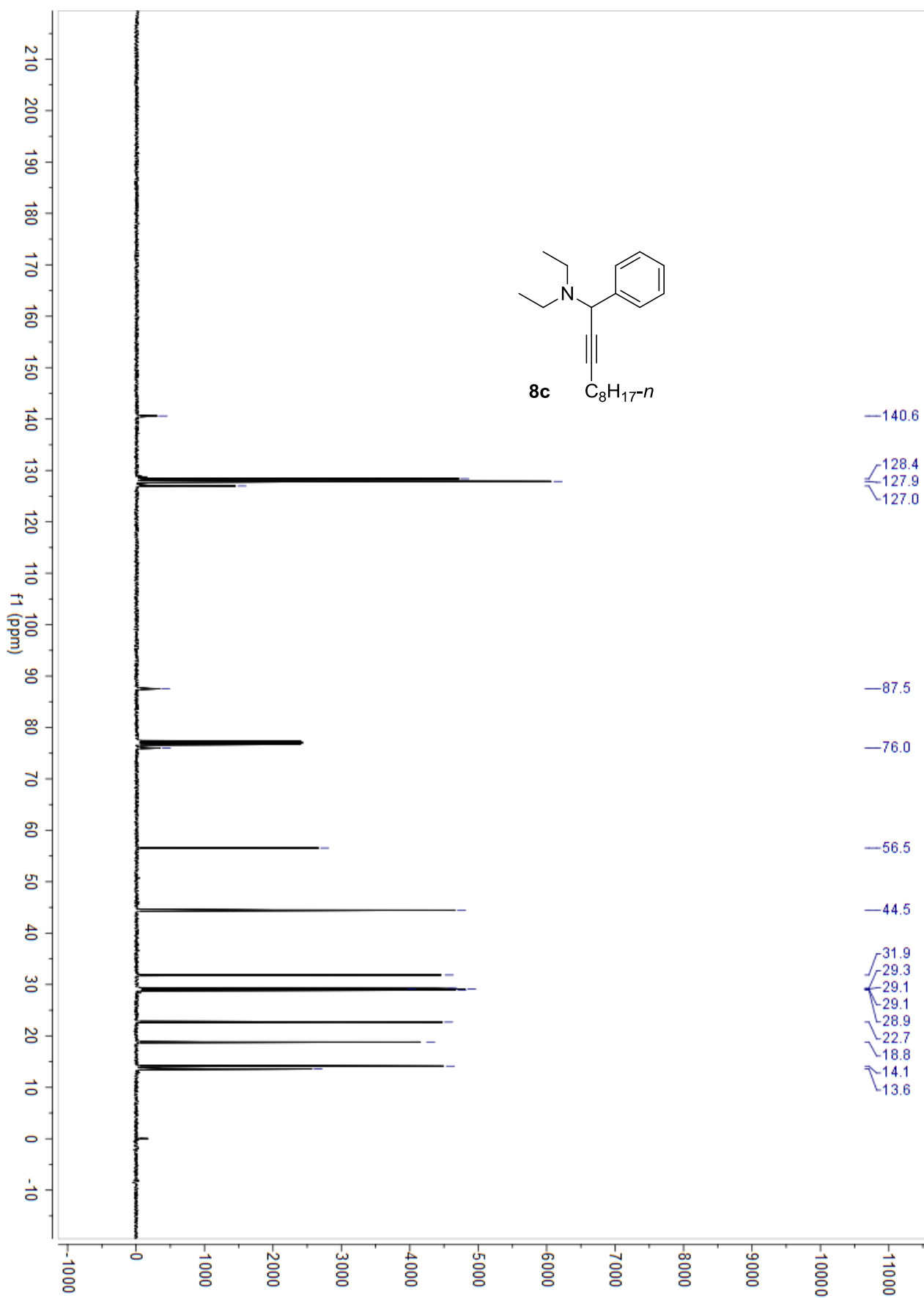


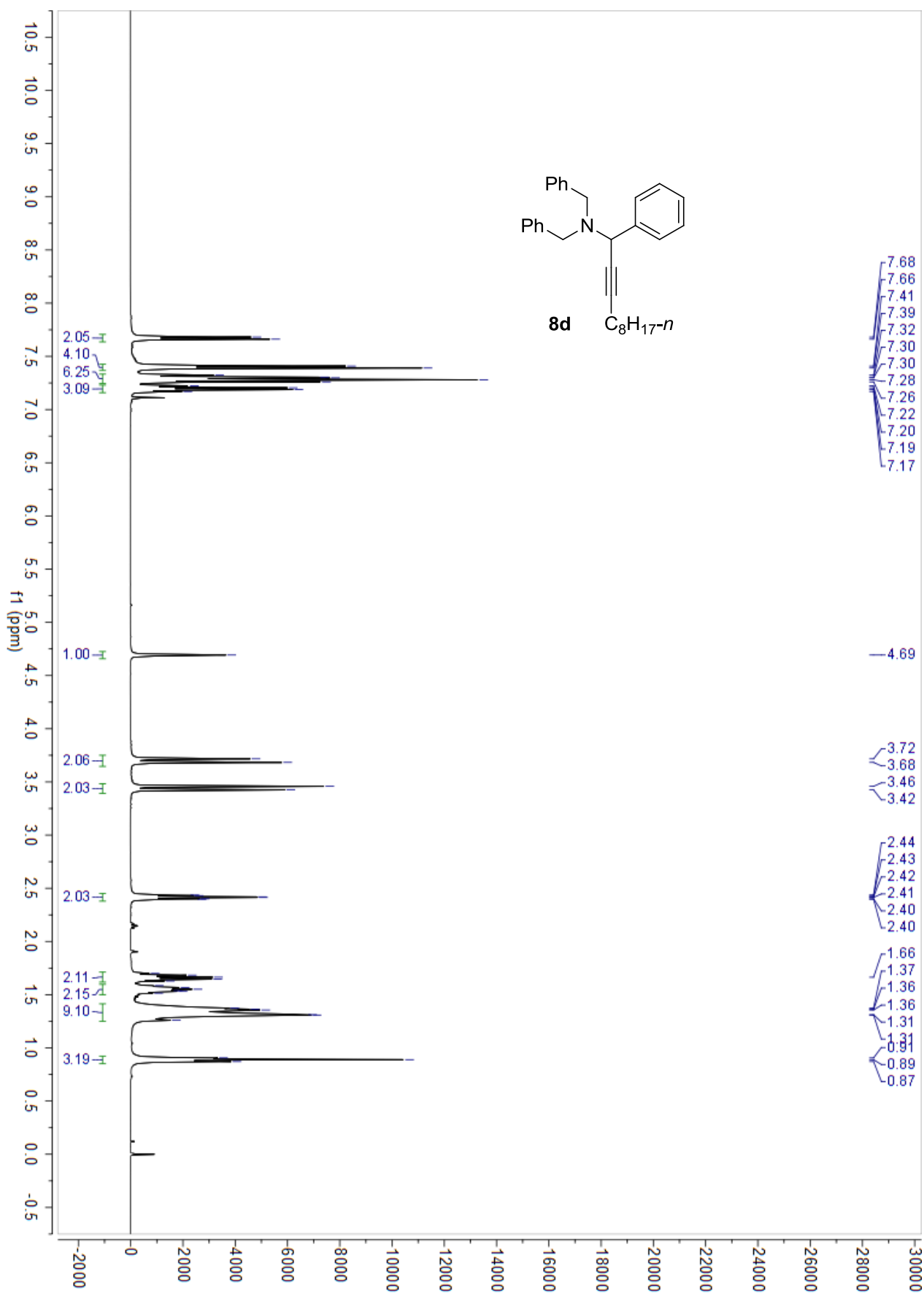


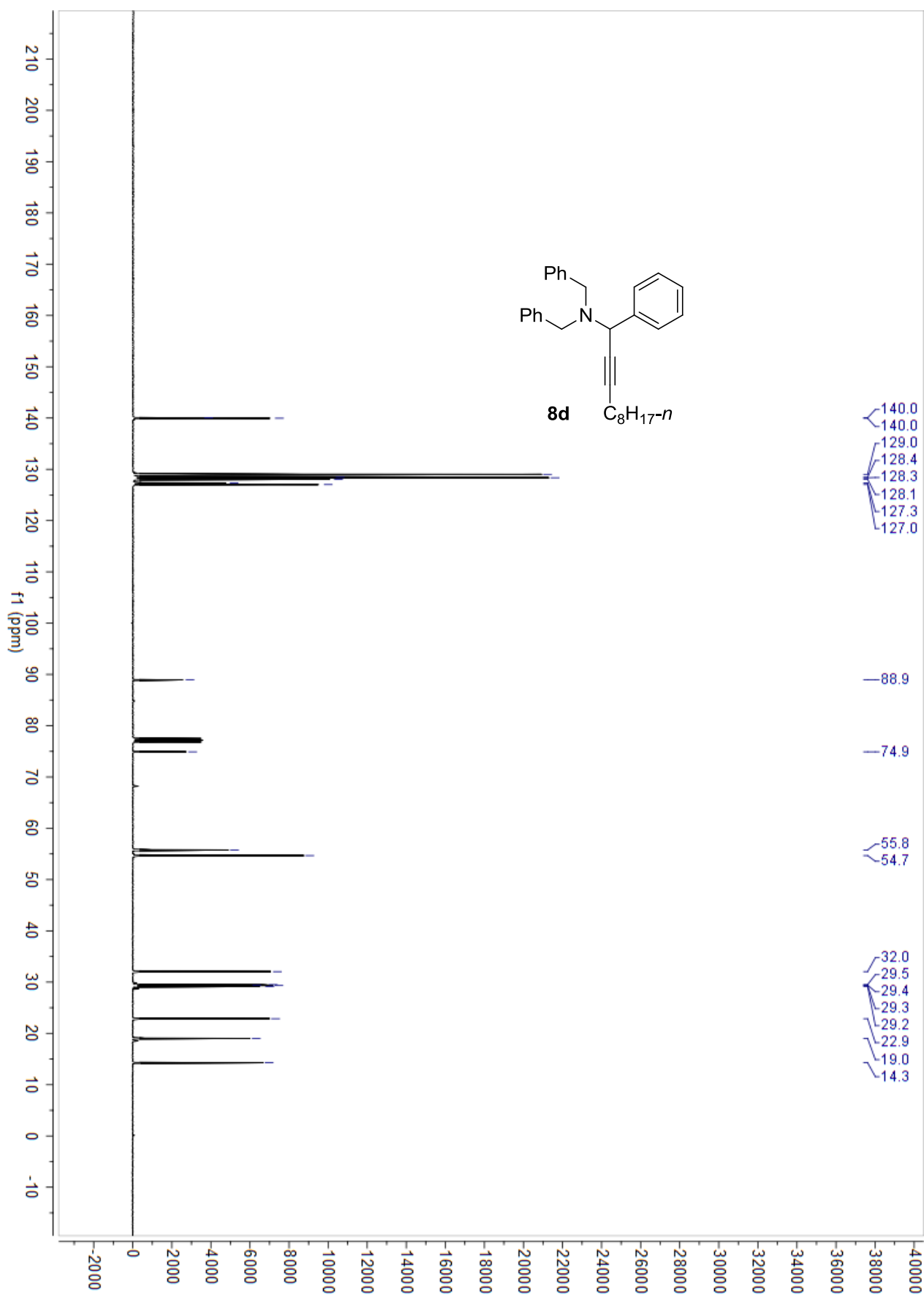


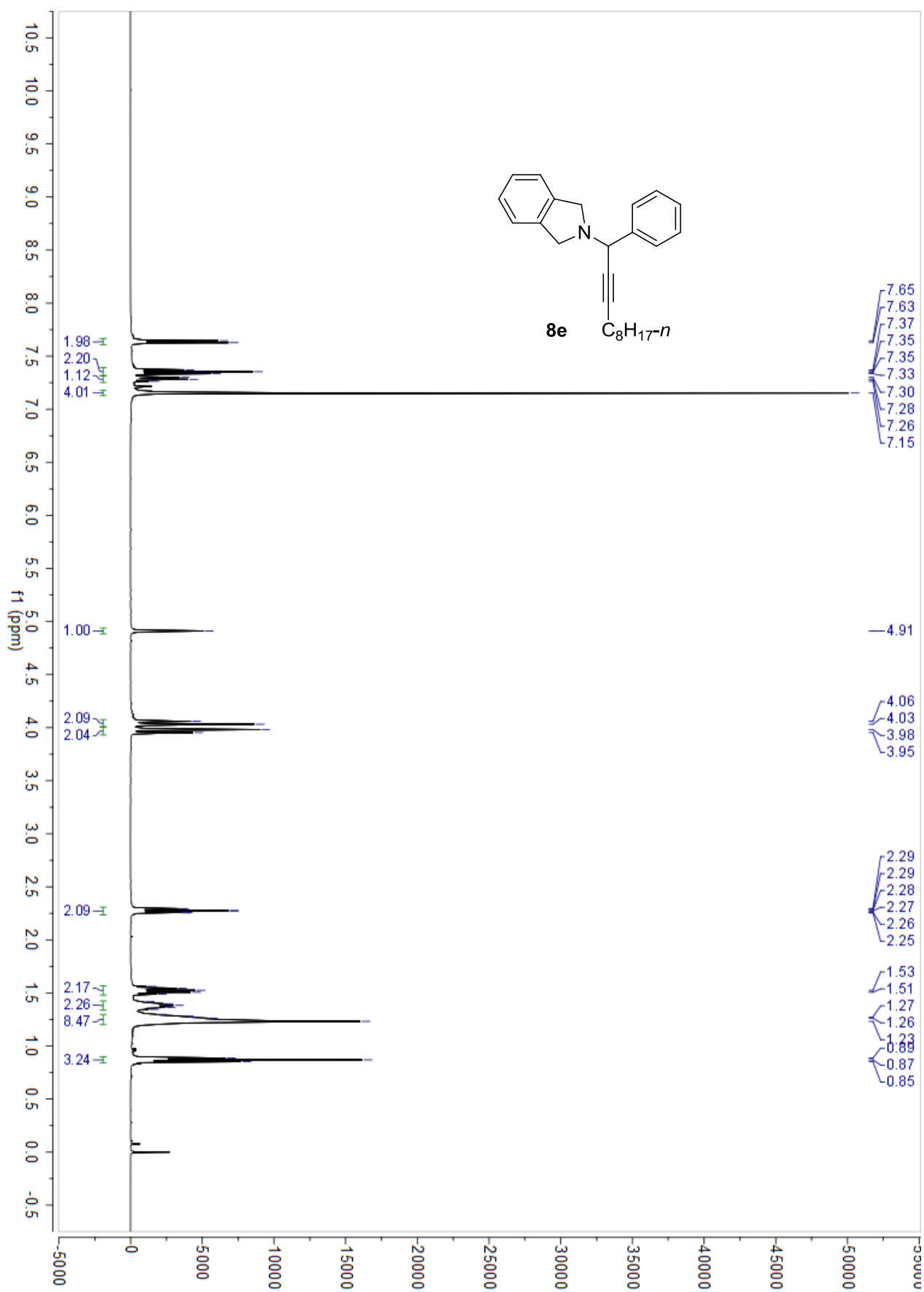


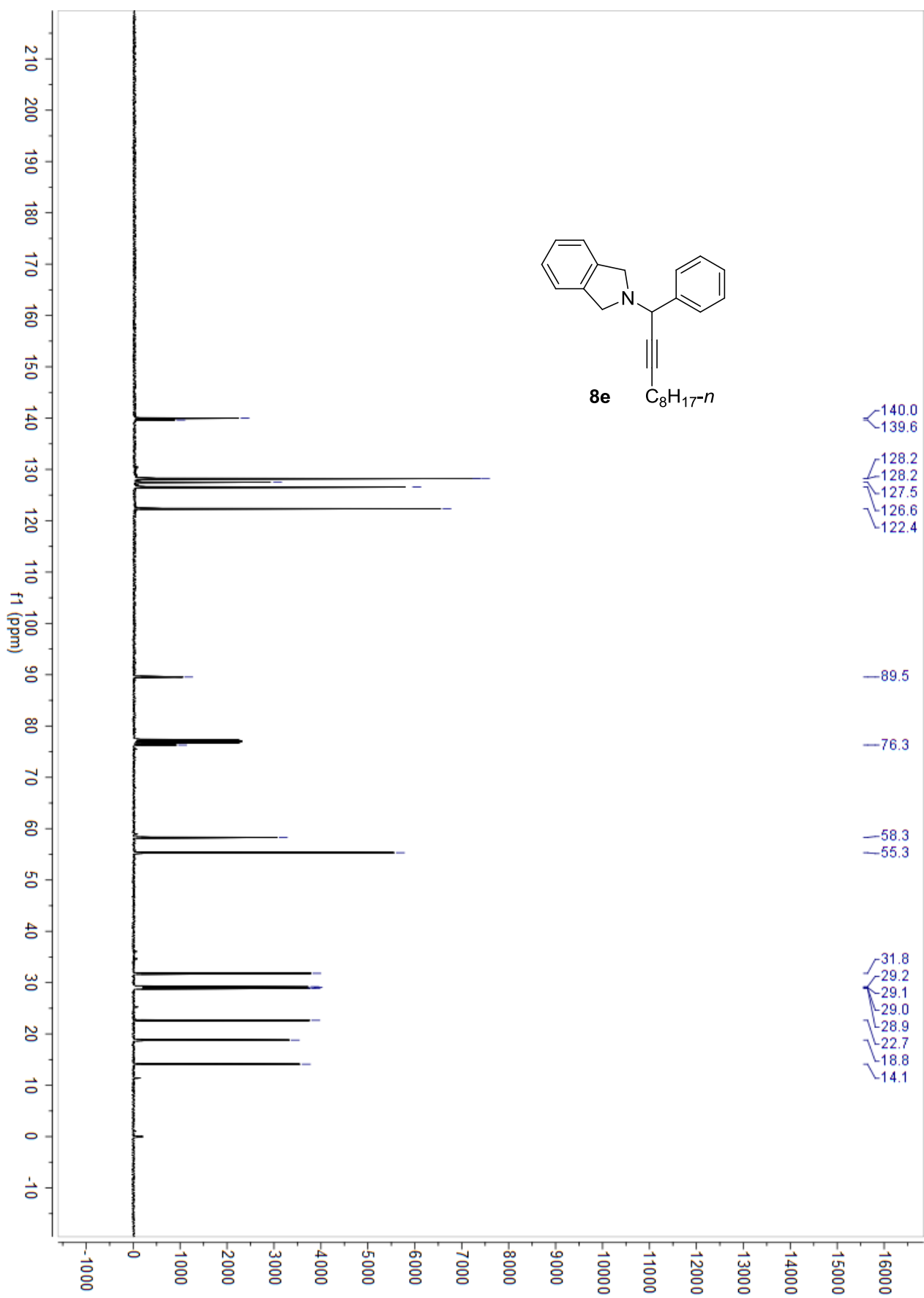








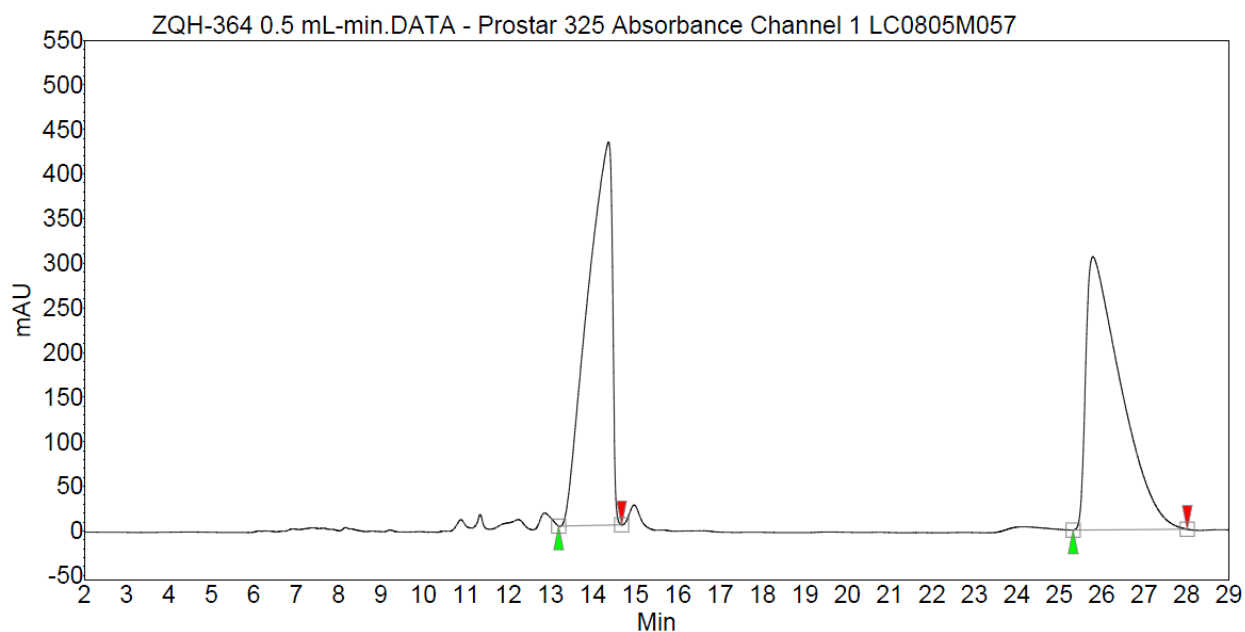
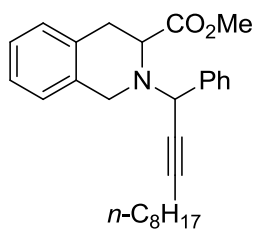




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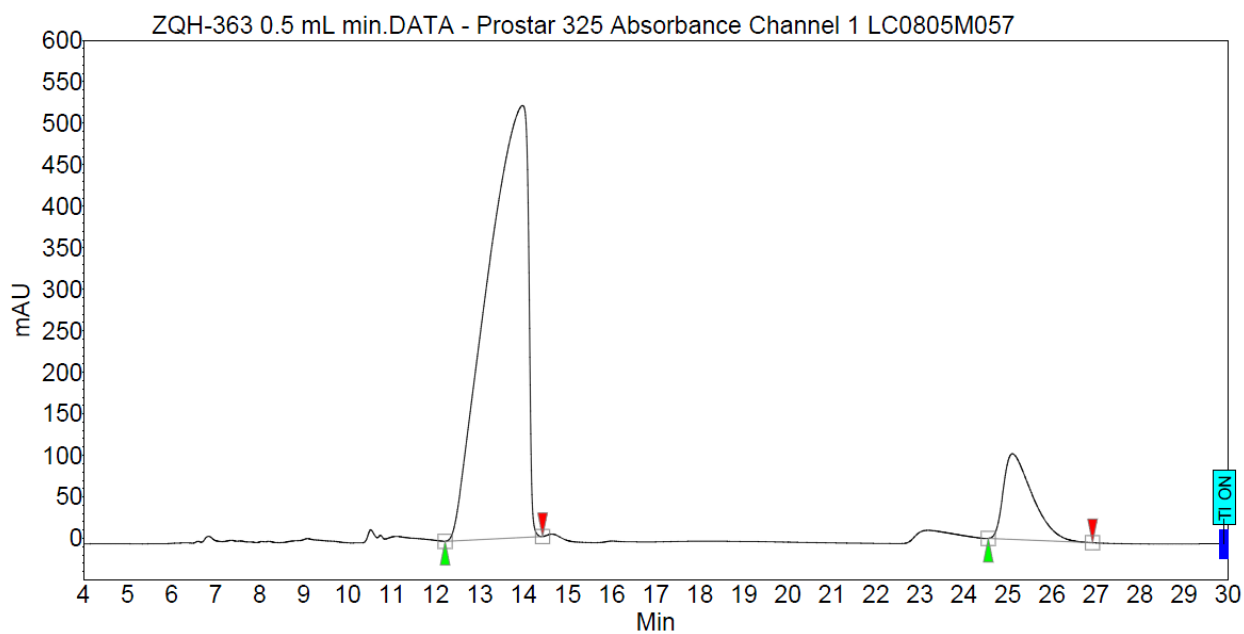
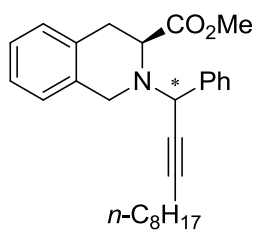
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HPLC Profile of rac-7



No.	Ret.Time (min)	Height (mAU)	Rel.Area (%)
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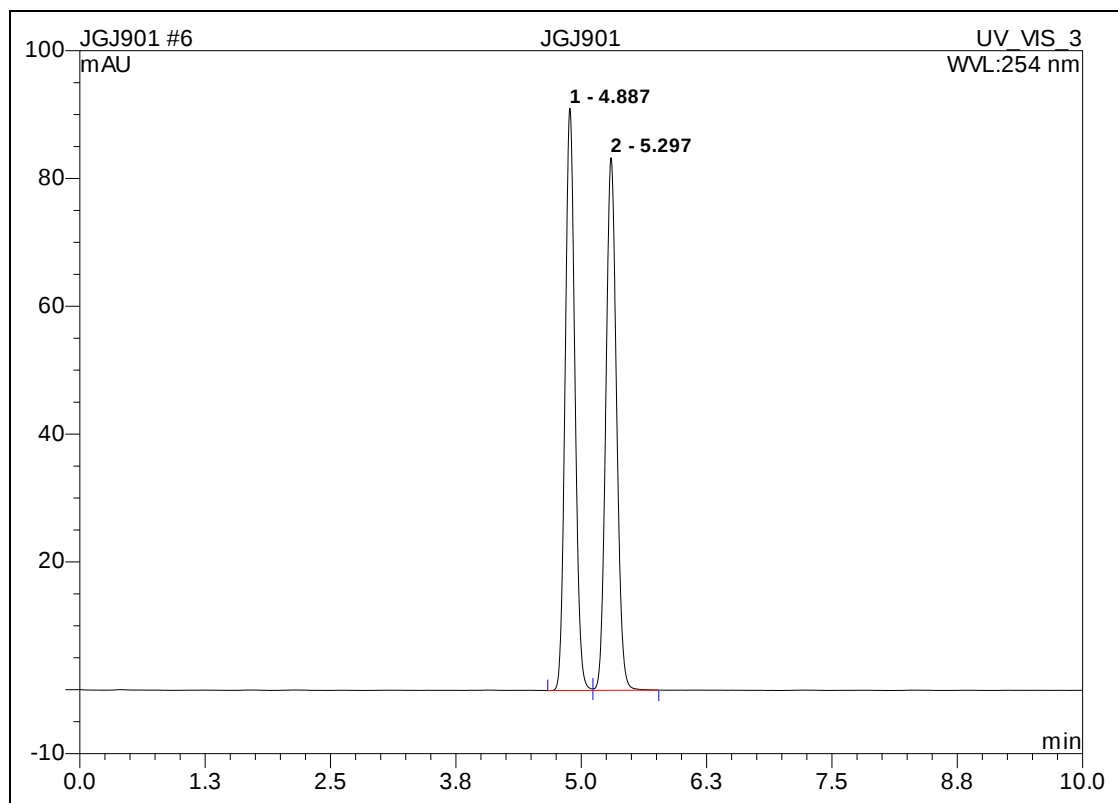
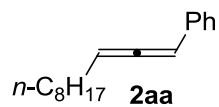
HPLC Profile of 7



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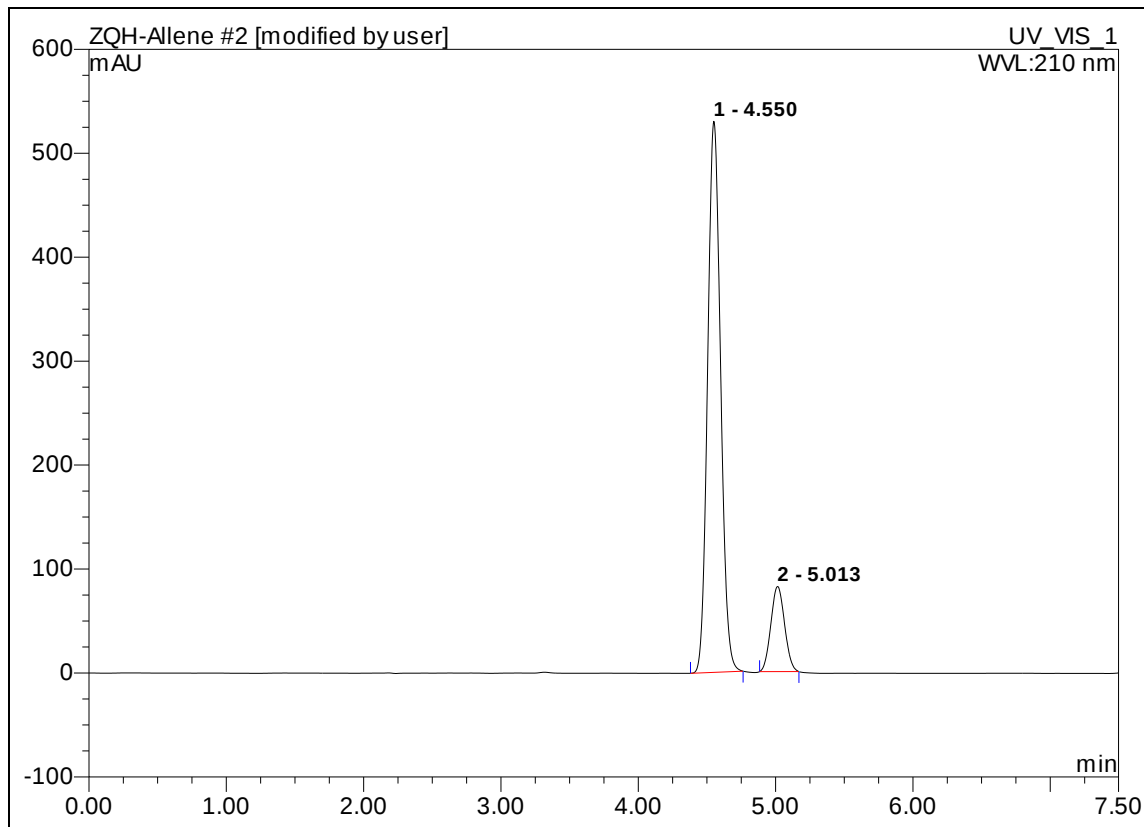
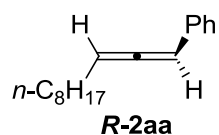
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HPLC Profile of 2aa



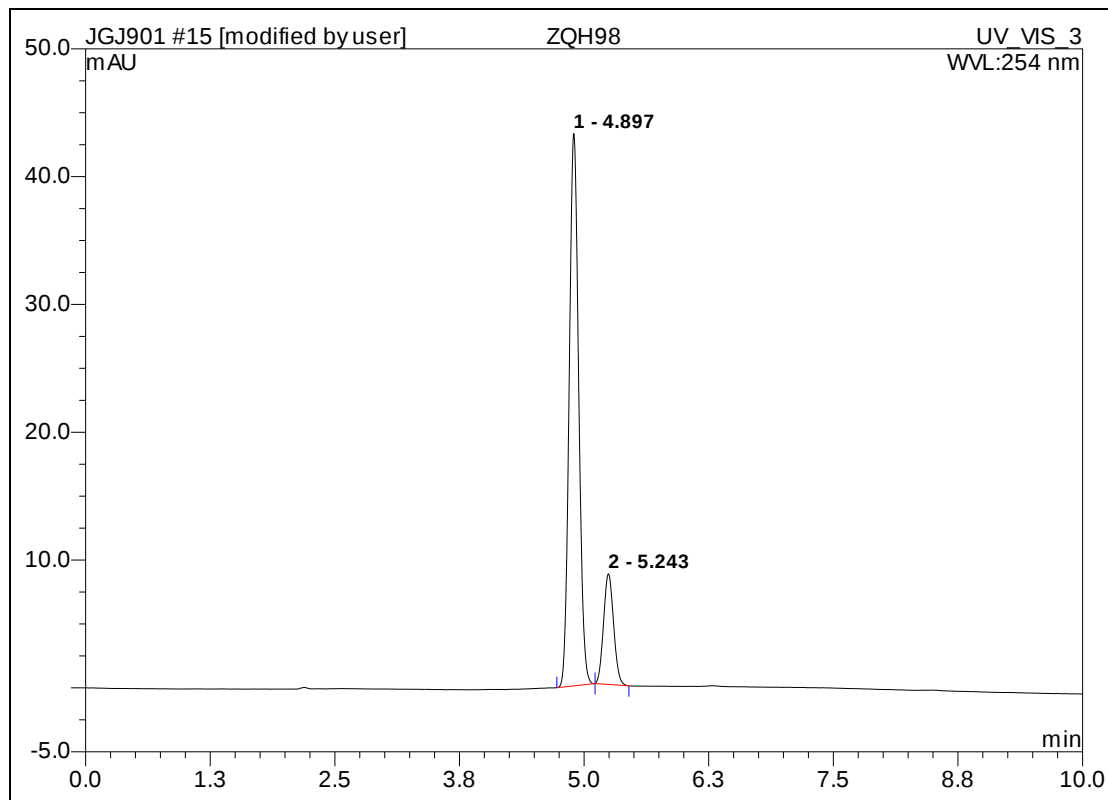
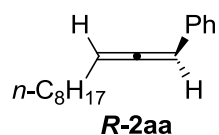
No.	Ret.Time (min)	Height (mAU)	Area (mAU*min)	Rel.Area (%)
1	4.887	91.123	10.295	49.95
2	5.297	83.341	10.317	50.05

HPLC Profile of R-2aa (synthesized by using purified propargyl amine intermediate 7)



No.	Ret.Time (min)	Height (mAU)	Area (mAU*min)	Rel.Area (%)
1	4.55	530.121	57.889	85.95
2	5.01	81.874	9.465	14.05

HPLC Profile of R-2aa (using unpurified propargyl amine intermediate)



No.	Ret.Time (min)	Height (mAU)	Area (mAU*min)	Rel.Area (%)
1	4.897	43.212	4.756	82.48
2	5.243	8.647	1.010	17.52