

Electronic Supporting Information (ESI)

**Deciphering the Mechanism of Silver Catalysis of
“Click” Chemistry in Water by Combining
Experimental and MEDT Studies †**

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Figure S1

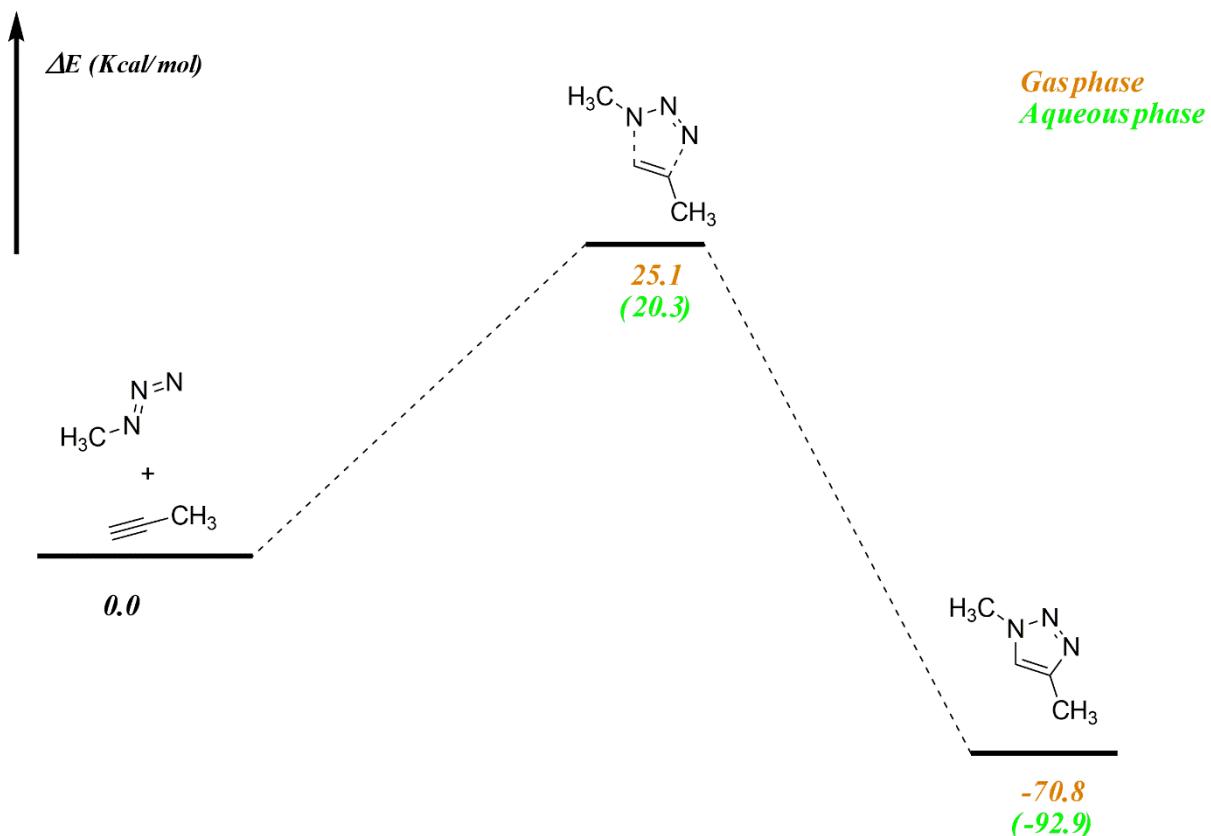


Figure S1. Energy profile for the non-catalyzed azide-alkyne cycloaddition reaction between methyl alkyne and methyl azide

1. Characterization of 1,2,3 triazoles products

1-Benzyl-4-phenyl-1H-1,2,3-triazole (3a)

Yield: 92%. White solid. M.P.: 128.8 °C. ^1H NMR (300MHz, CDCl_3 , δ ppm): 5.59 (s, 2H, CH_2), 7.31-7.44 (m, 8H, CH_{Ar}), 7.69 (s, 1H, $\text{CH}_{\text{Triazole}}$), 7.81-7.83(s, 2H, CH_{Ar}). ^{13}C NMR (75MHz, CDCl_3 , δ ppm): 54.62 (CH_2), 119.95 (CH_{Ar}), 126.10 (CH_{Ar}), 128.46 (2 CH_{Ar}), 128.57 (2 CH_{Ar}), 129.21 (C_{Ar}), 129.56 ($\text{CH}_{\text{Triazole}}$), 130.95 (C_{Ar}), 135.11 (C_{Ar}). HRMS (ESI) $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ found m/z = 236.1183. Calcd value for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{13}\text{N}_3$ = 236.1182.

1-(4-methylbenzyl)-4-phenyl-1H-1,2,3-triazole (3b)

Yield: 93%. White solid. M.P.: 106.5°C. ^1H NMR (300MHz, CDCl_3 , δ ppm): 2.28 (s, 3H, CH_3); 5.46 (s, 2H, CH_2); 7.13-7.35 (m, 7H, CH_{Ar}); 7.57 (s, 1H, $\text{CH}_{\text{Triazole}}$); 7.71-7.73 (d, 2H, CH_{Ar}). ^{13}C NMR (100MHz, CDCl_3 , δ ppm): 21.19 (CH_3); 54.10 (CH_2); 125.70 (2 CH_{Ar}); 128.16 (3 CH_{Ar}); 129.80 (4 CH_{Ar}); 129.83 (C_{Ar}); 130.58 ($\text{CH}_{\text{Triazole}}$); 131.63 (C_{Ar}); 138.78

(C_{Ar}); 148.72 (C_{Triazole}). HRMS (ESI) [M + H]⁺ found m/z = 250.1344. Calcd value for C₁₆H₁₅N₃ = 250.1345.

1-Benzyl-4-p-tolyl-1H-1,2,3-triazole (3c)

Yield: 94%. White solid. ¹H NMR (300MHz, CDCl₃, δ ppm): 2.38 (s, 3H, CH₃), 5.59 (s, 2H, CH₂), 7.22-7.42 (m, 7H, CH_{Ar}), 7.66 (s, 1H, CH_{Triazole}), 7.70-7.73 (d, 2H, CH_{Ar}). ¹³C NMR (75MHz, CDCl₃, δ ppm): 21.67 (CH₃), 54.64 (CH₂), 126.00 (CH_{Ar}), 128.14 (2CH_{Ar}), 128.47 (2CH_{Ar}), 129.16 (2CH_{Ar}), 129.54 (2CH_{Ar}), 129.88 (C_{Ar}), 131.68 (CH_{Triazole}), 135.14 (2C_{Ar}), 138.41 (C_{Triazole}). HRMS (ESI) [M + H]⁺ found m/z = 250.1339. Calcd value for C₁₆H₁₅N₃ = 250.1339.

1-benzyl-4-(phenoxyethyl)-1H-1,2,3-triazole (3d)

Yield: 92%. White solid. ¹H NMR (300MHz, CDCl₃, δ ppm): 5.21 (s, 2H, CH₂); 5.55 (s, 2H, OCH₂); 6.96-7.00 (m, 3H, CH_{Ar}); 7.28-7.41 (m, 7H, CH_{Ar}); 7.57 (s, 1H, CH_{Triazole}). ¹³C NMR (75MHz, CDCl₃, δ ppm): 54.7 (CH₂); 62.46 (CH₂); 115.18 (2CH_{Ar}); 116.56 (CH_{Ar}); 121.65 (CH_{Triazole}); 128.53 (CH_{Ar}); 129.22 (2CH_{Ar}); 129.51 (4CH_{Ar}); 129.92 (C_{Ar}); 134.90 (C_{Triazole}); 158.56 (C_{Ar}). HRMS (ESI) [M + H]⁺ found m/z = 266.1289. Calcd value for C₁₆H₁₅N₃O = 266.1288.

1-(4-Fluoro-benzyl)-4-p-tolyl-1H-[1,2,3]triazole (3e)

Yield: 86%. White solid. M.P.: 149°C. ¹H NMR (300MHz, CDCl₃, δ ppm): 2.39 (s, 3H, CH₃); 5.55 (s, 2H, CH₂); 7.06-7.17 (m, 2H, CH_{Ar}); 7.22-7.29 (m, 2H, CH_{Ar}); 7.39-7.45 (m, 2H, CH_{Ar}); 7.64 (s, 1H, CH_{Triazole}); 7.69-7.72 (m, 2H, CH_{Ar}). ¹³C NMR (100MHz, CDCl₃, δ ppm): 21.29 (CH₃); 53.44 (CH₂); 116.29 (2CH_{Ar}); 125.62 (2CH_{Ar}); 127.63 (C_{Ar}); 129.24 (2CH_{Ar}); 129.88 (2CH_{Ar}); 130.66 (CH_{Triazole}); 131.80 (2CH_{Ar}); 132.74 (2C_{Ar}); 148.43 (C_{Triazole}); 161.23 (C_{Ar}-F). HRMS (ESI) [M + H]⁺ found m/z = 268.1249. Calcd value for C₁₆H₁₄FN₃ = 268.1245.

1-(4-fluorobenzyl)-4-(4-fluorophenyl)-1H-1,2,3-triazole (3f)

Yield: 79%. White solid. M.P.: 128.2°C. ¹H NMR (300MHz, CDCl₃, δ ppm): 5.55 (s, 2H, CH₂); 7.08-7.15 (m, 4H, CH_{Ar}); 7.31-7.36 (m, 2H, CH_{Ar}); 7.63 (s, 1H, CH_{Triazole}); 7.77-7.82 (m, 2H, CH_{Ar}). ¹³C NMR (100MHz, CDCl₃, δ ppm): 53.54 (CH₂); 115.70 (2CH_{Ar}); 116.38 (2CH_{Ar}); 119.06 (C_{Triazole}); 127.41 (C_{Ar}); 127.52 (2CH_{Ar}); 129.92 (2CH_{Ar}); 130.03 (C_{Ar});

137.78 ($\text{CH}_{\text{Triazole}}$); 161.29 ($\text{C}_{\text{Ar}}\text{-F}$); 163.53 ($\text{C}_{\text{Ar}}\text{-F}$). HRMS (ESI) $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ found m/z = 272.0996. Calcd value for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{11}\text{F}_2\text{N}_3$ = 272.0994.

1-(4-isopropylphenyl)-4-phenyl-1H-1,2,3-triazole (3g)

Yield: 82%. White solid. M.P.: 127.5°C. ^1H NMR (300MHz, CDCl_3 , δ ppm): 1.31 (s, 3H, CH_3); 1.34 (s, 3H, CH_3); 2.98-3.07 (m, 1H, CH); 7.36-7.40 (t, 1H, CH_{Ar}); 7.43-7.51 (d, 2H, CH_{Ar}); 7.71-7.74 (d, 2H, CH_{Ar}); 7.93-7.95 (d, 2H, CH_{Ar}); 7.94-7.96 (d, 2H, CH_{Ar}); 8.13 (s, 1H, $\text{CH}_{\text{Triazole}}$). ^{13}C NMR (100MHz, CDCl_3 , δ ppm): 23.92 (2 CH_3); 33.87 (CH); 117.62 (C_{Ar}); 120.62 (2 CH_{Ar}); 125.86 (2 CH_{Ar}); 127.73 (CH_{Ar}); 128.37 (2 CH_{Ar}); 128.92 (2 CH_{Ar}); 130.73 ($\text{CH}_{\text{Triazole}}$); 135.01 (C_{Ar}); 148.16 ($\text{C}_{\text{Triazole}}$); 149.87 (C_{Ar}). HRMS (ESI) $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ found m/z = 264.1498. Calcd value for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{11}\text{F}_2\text{N}_3$ = 264.1495.

(1-(4-isopropylphenyl)-1H-1,2,3-triazol-4-yl)methyl benzoate (3h)

Yield: 84%. White solid. MP= 117.2°C. ^1H NMR (300MHz, CDCl_3 , δ ppm) : 1.29 (s, 3H, CH_3); 1.31 (s, 3H, CH_3); 2.95-3.04 (m, 1H, CH); 5.58 (s, 2H, CH_2); 7.37-7.40 (d, 2H, CH_{Ar}); 7.43-7.48 (t, 2H, CH_{Ar}); 7.56-7.60 (d, 1H, CH_{Ar}); 7.64-7.67 (d, 2H, CH_{Ar}); 8.07-8.10 (d, 2H, CH_{Ar}); 8.12 (s, 1H, $\text{CH}_{\text{Triazole}}$). ^{13}C NMR (75MHz, CDCl_3 , δ ppm): 24.26 (2 CH_3); 34.23 (CH); 58.48 (CH_2); 121.11 ($\text{CH}_{\text{Triazole}}$); 122.71 (C_{Ar}); 128.10 (2 CH_{Ar}); 128.81 (2 CH_{Ar}); 130.13 (2 CH_{Ar}); 130.18 (2 CH_{Ar}); 133.65 (C_{Ar}); 135.22 (CH_{Ar}); 143.83 ($\text{C}_{\text{Triazole}}$); 150.42 (C_{Ar}); 166.92 (C_{Ester}). HRMS (ESI) $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ found m/z = 322.1562. Calcd value for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{19}\text{N}_3\text{O}_2$ = 322.1550.

Methyl 1-(4-isopropylphenyl)-1H-1,2,3-triazole-4-carboxylate (3i)

Yield: 78%. White solid. MP= 71.5°C. ^1H NMR (300MHz, CDCl_3 , δ ppm): 1.30 (s, 3H, CH_3); 1.32 (s, 3H, CH_3); 2.97-3.06 (m, 1H, CH); 4.01 (s, 3H, OCH_3); 7.40-7.43 (d, 2H, CH_{Ar}); 7.66-7.70 (d, 2H, CH_{Ar}); 8.50 (s, 1H, $\text{CH}_{\text{Triazole}}$). ^{13}C NMR (75MHz, CDCl_3 , δ ppm): 24.23 (2 CH_3); 34.28 (CH); 52.73 (OCH_3); 121.25 (C_{Ar}); 125.98 (2 CH_{Ar}); 128.30 ($\text{CH}_{\text{Triazole}}$); 134.64 (2 CH_{Ar}); 141.27 ($\text{C}_{\text{Triazole}}$); 151.14 (C_{Ar}); 161.54 (C_{Ester}). HRMS (ESI) $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ found m/z = 246.1239. Calcd value for $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{15}\text{N}_3\text{O}_2$ = 246.1237.

1-(4-isopropylphenyl)-4-(phenylthiomethyl)-1H-1,2,3-triazole (3j)

Yield: 81%. White solid. MP= 138.6°C. ^1H NMR (300MHz, CDCl_3 , δ ppm): 1.29 (s, 3H, CH_3); 1.31 (s, 3H, CH_3); 2.94-3.03 (m, 1H, CH); 4.34 (s, 2H, CH_2); 7.19-7.24 (d, 1H, CH_{Ar});

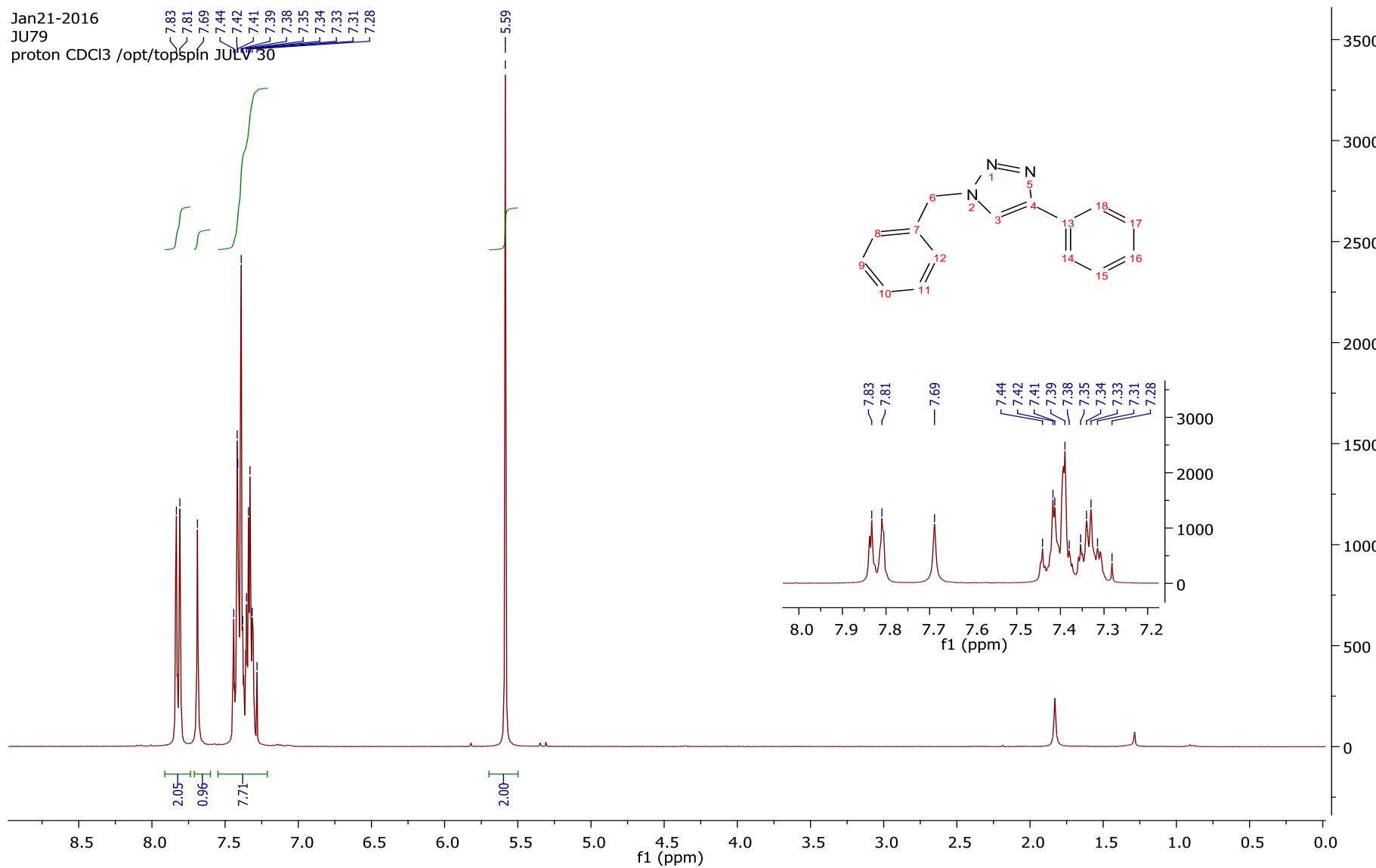
7.31-7.41 (m, 6H, CH_{Ar}); 7.57-7.61 (d, 2H, CH_{Ar}); 7.78 (s, 1H, CH_{Triazole}). ¹³C NMR (75MHz, CDCl₃, δ ppm): 24.27 (2CH₃); 29.29 (CH); 34.22 (CH₂); 120.95 (CH_{Triazole}); 126.59 (CH_{Ar}); 126.98 (2CH_{Ar}); 128.06 (2CH_{Ar}); 129.45 (2CH_{Ar}); 130.03 (C_{Triazole}); 133.76 (C_{Ar}); 134.56 (2CH_{Ar}); 135.80 (C_{Ar}); 150.20 (C_{Ar}). HRMS (ESI) [M + H]⁺ found m/z = 310.1373. Calcd value for C₁₈H₁₉N₃S = 310.1372.

1-Benzyl-4-phenyl-1H-1,2,3-triazole (3a)

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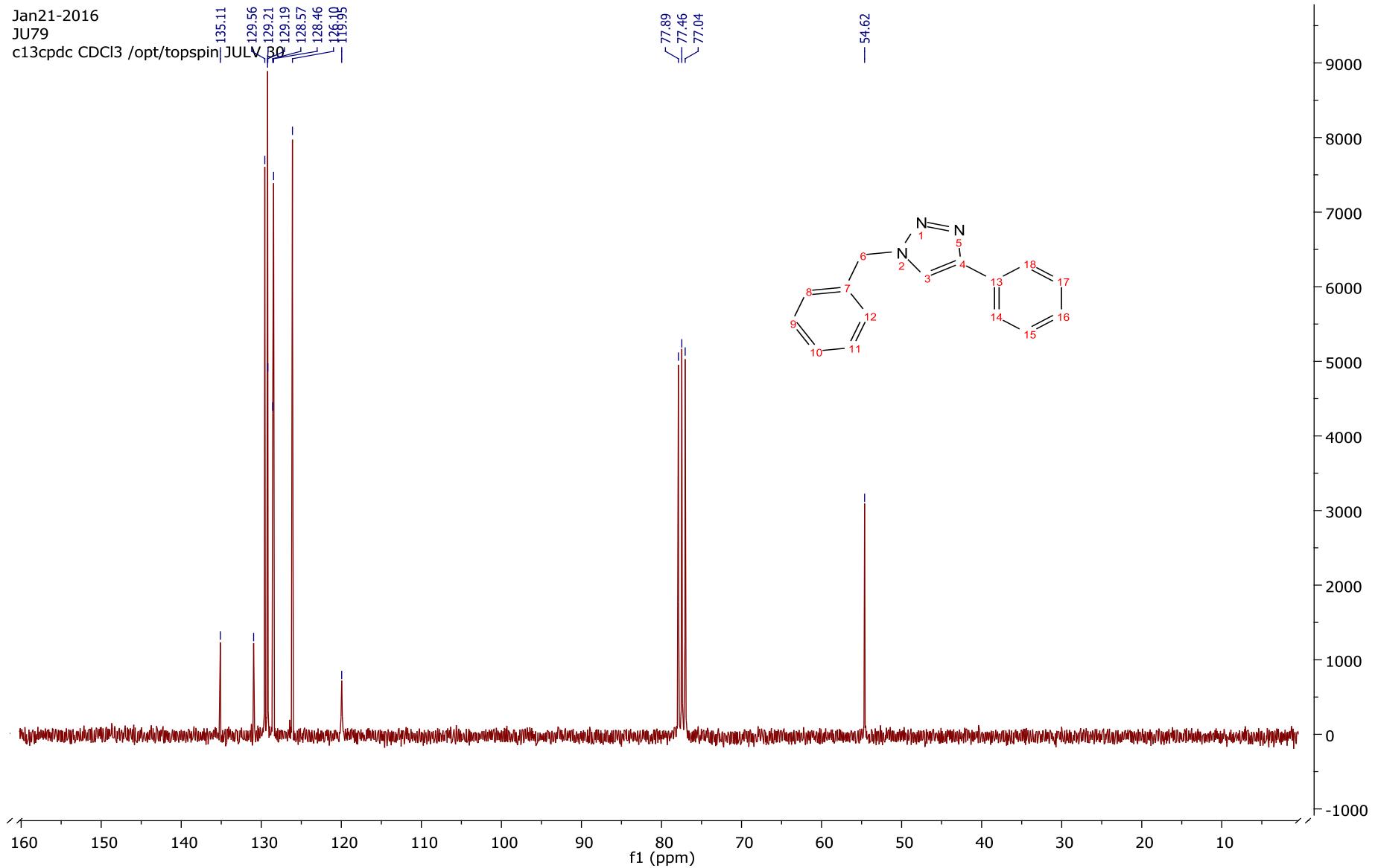
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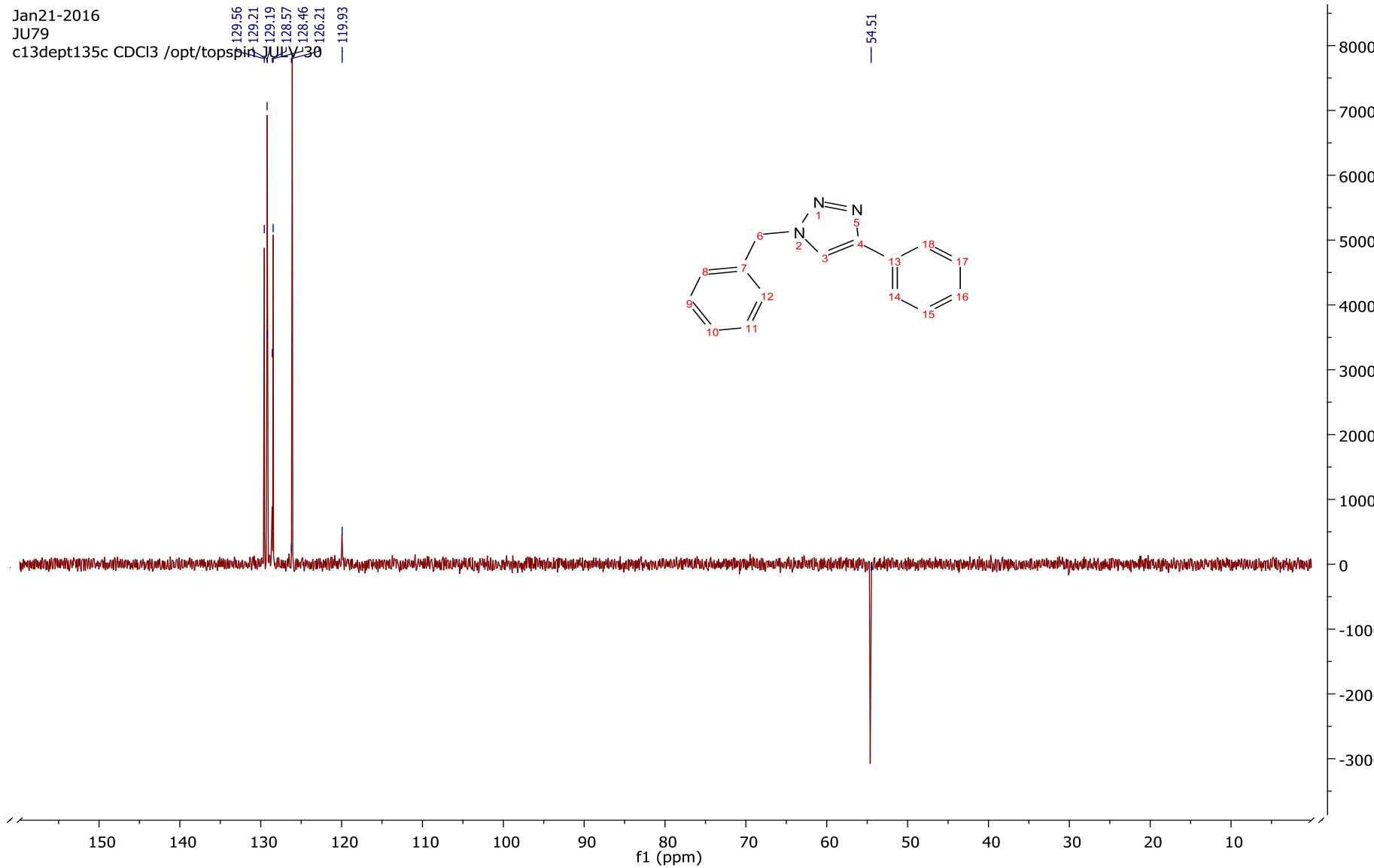
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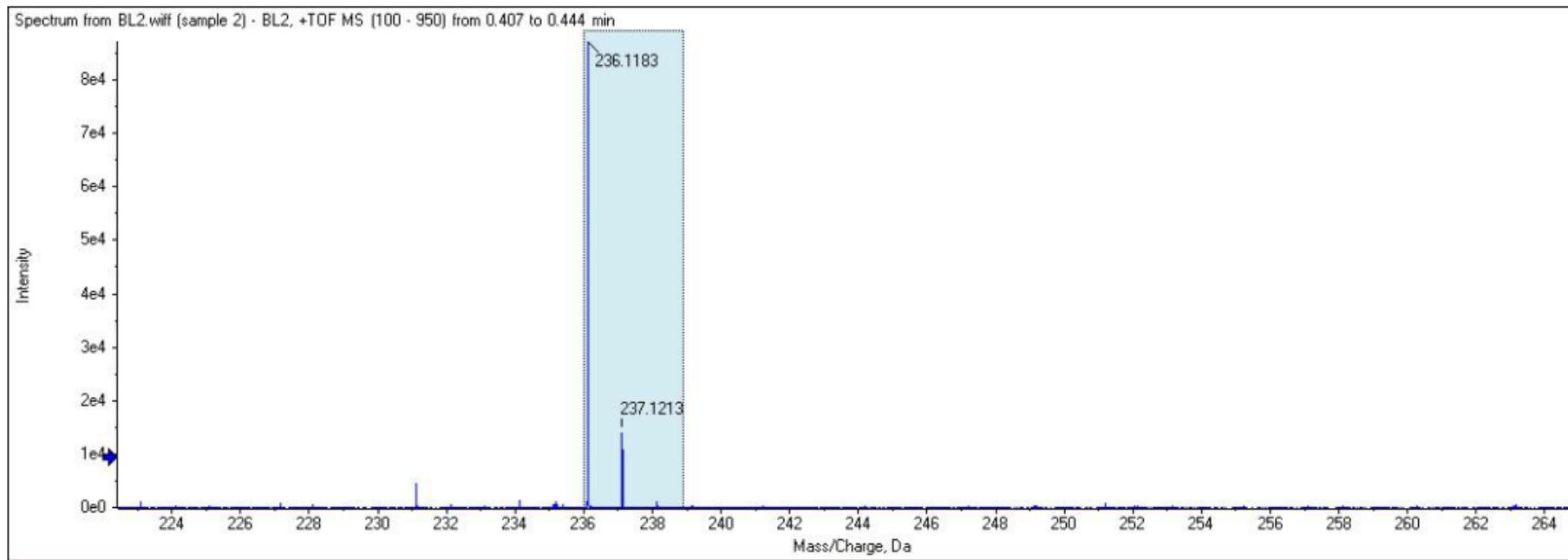


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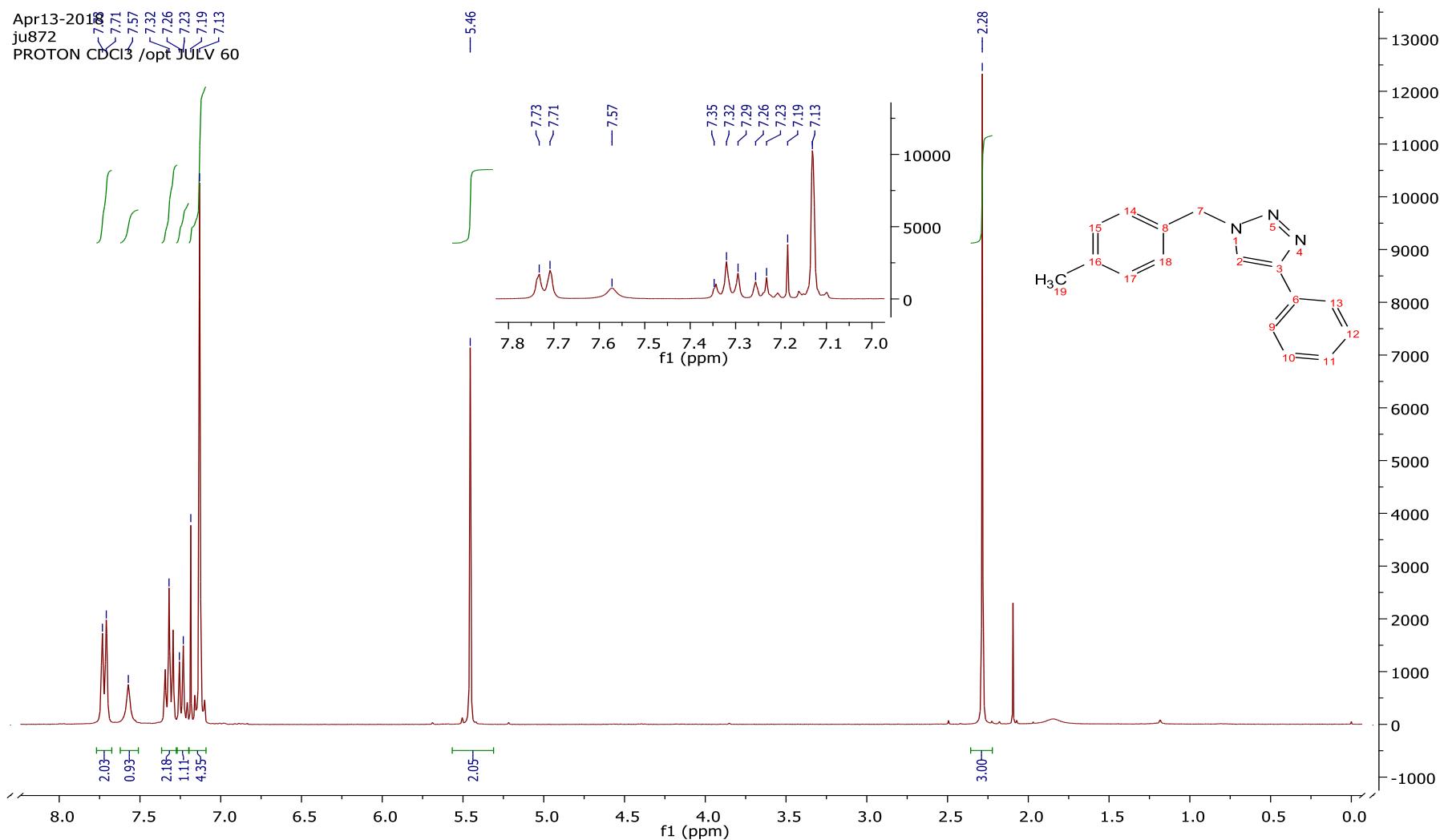
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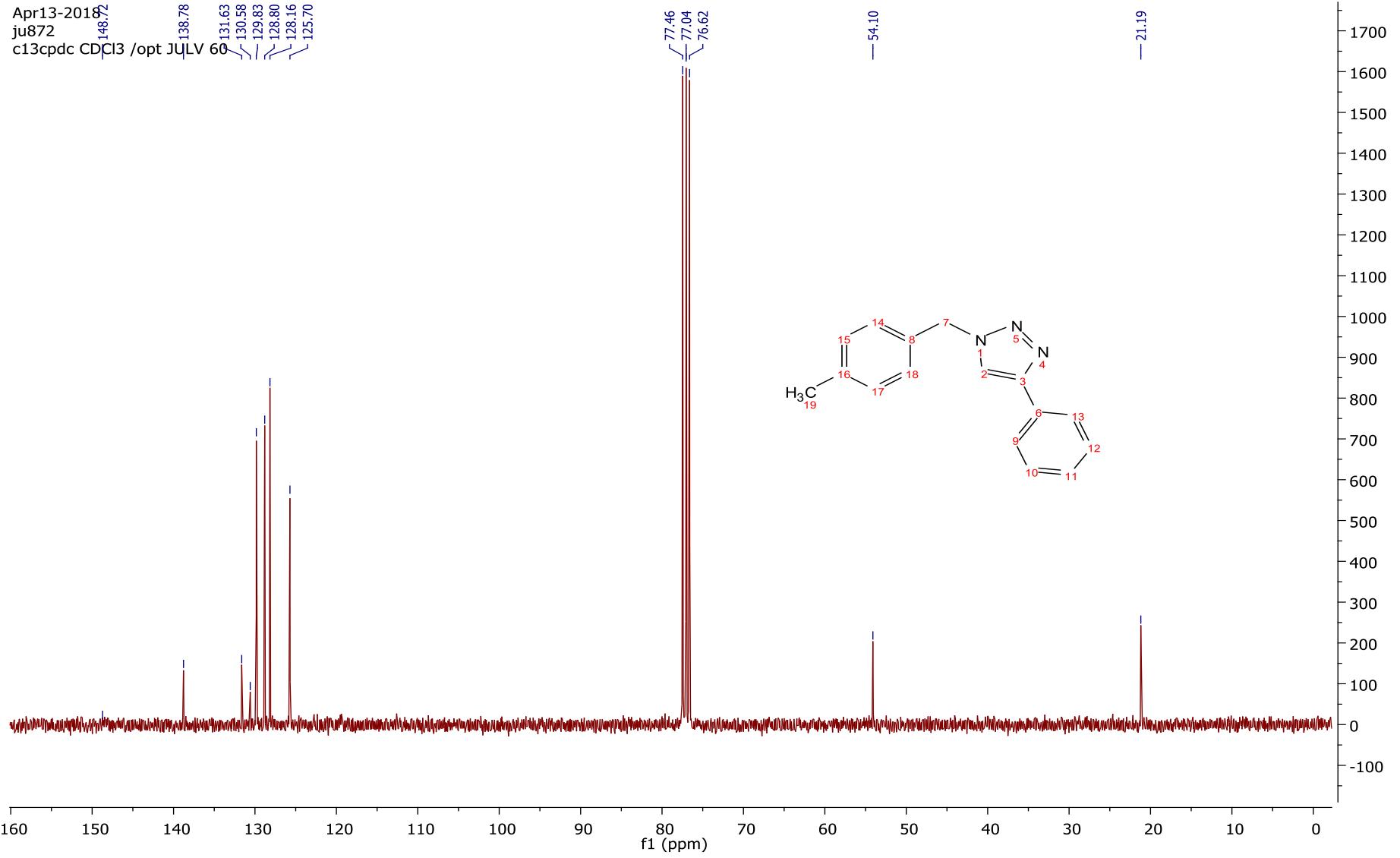




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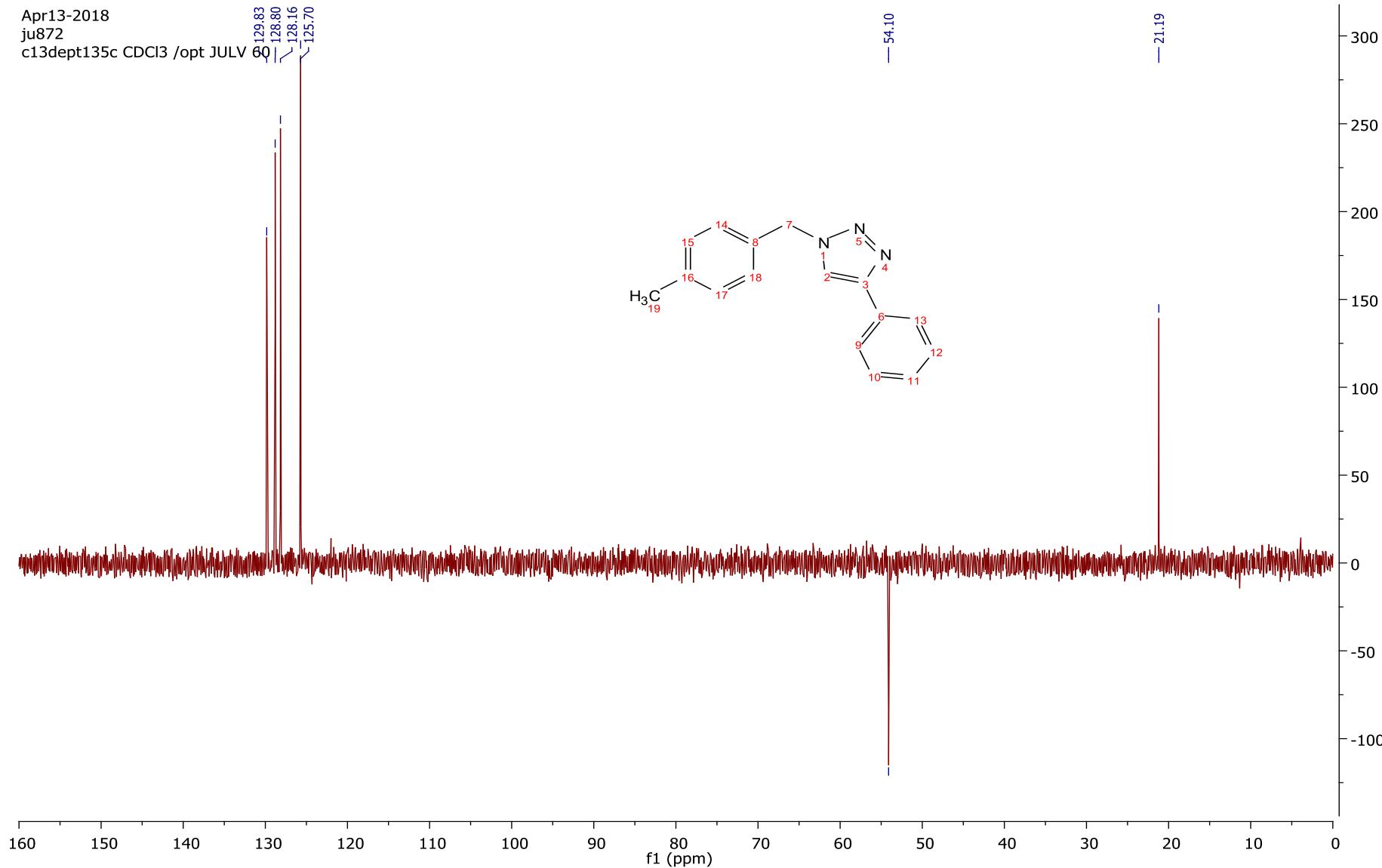
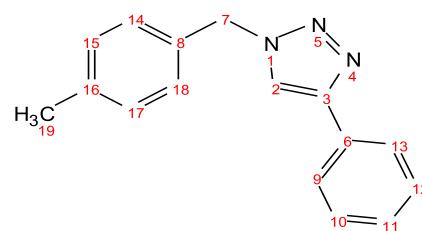


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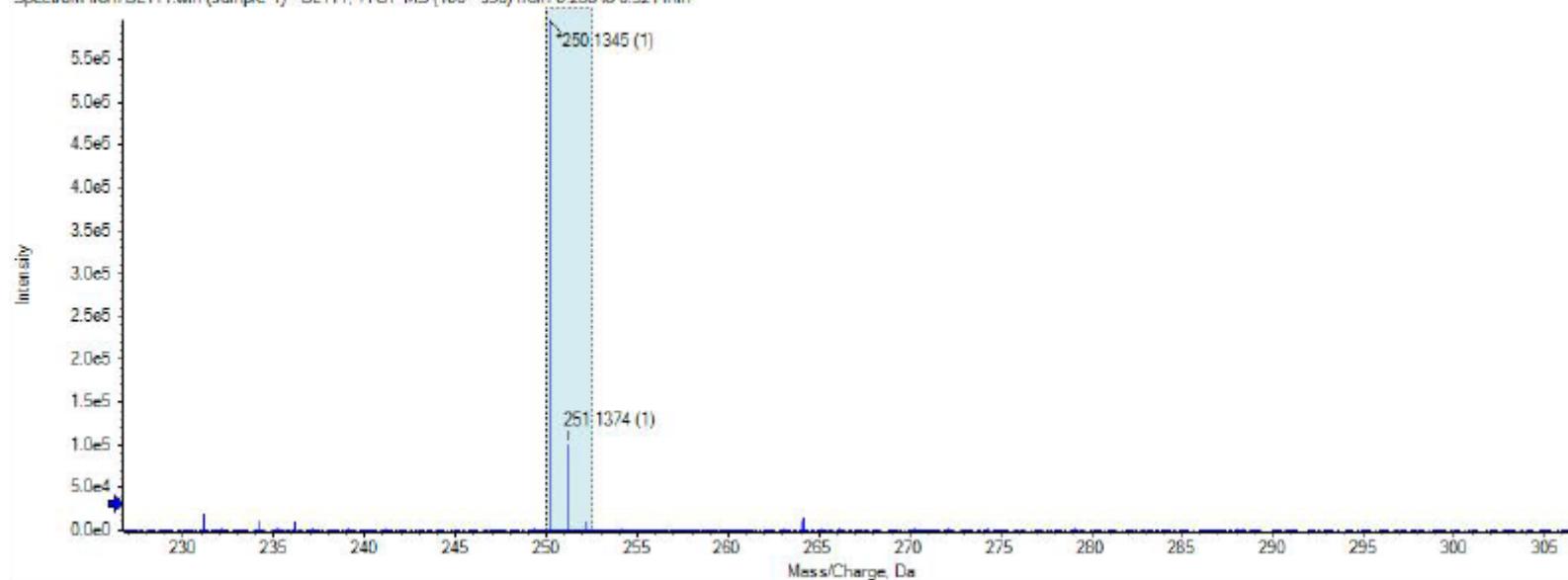
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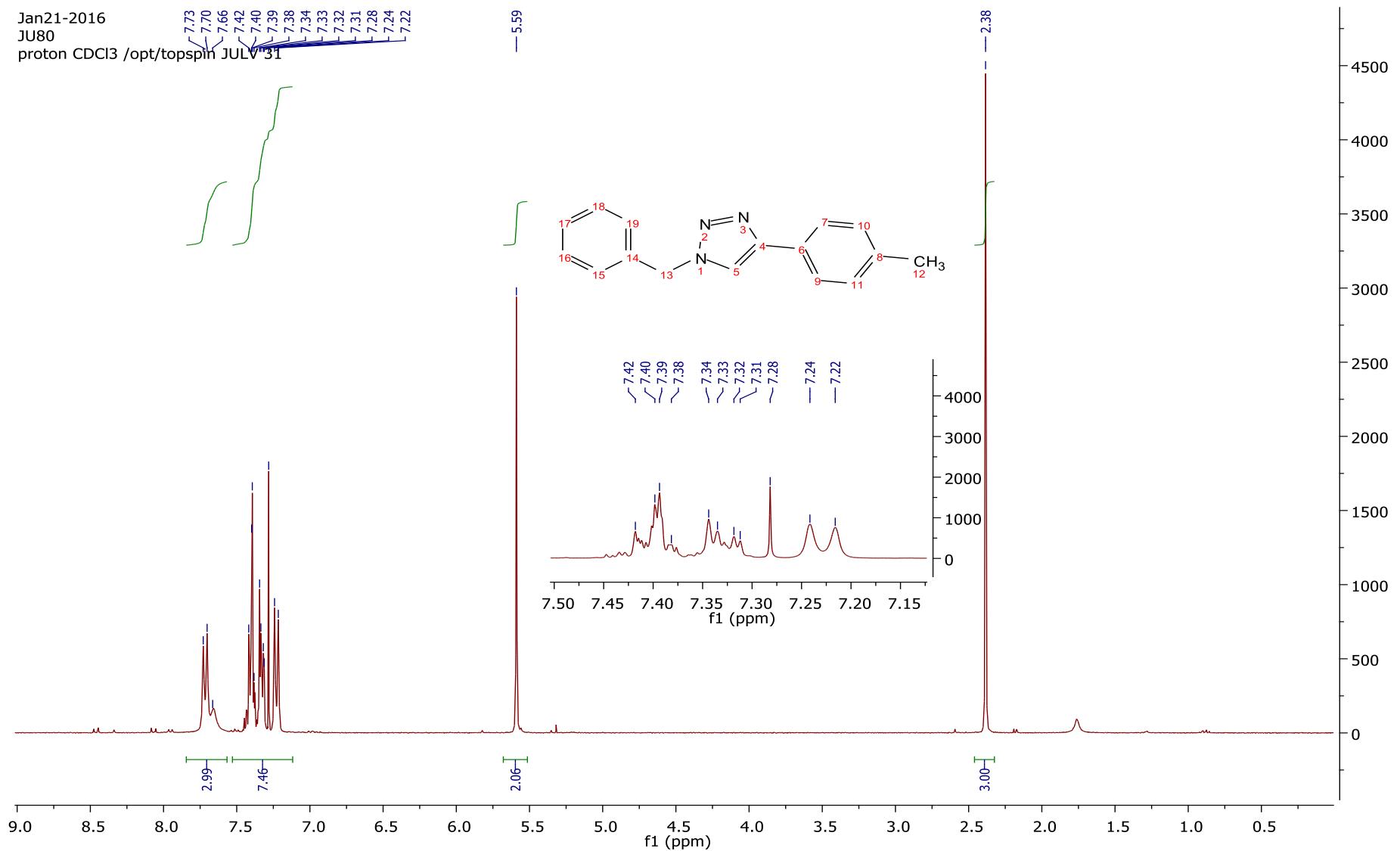
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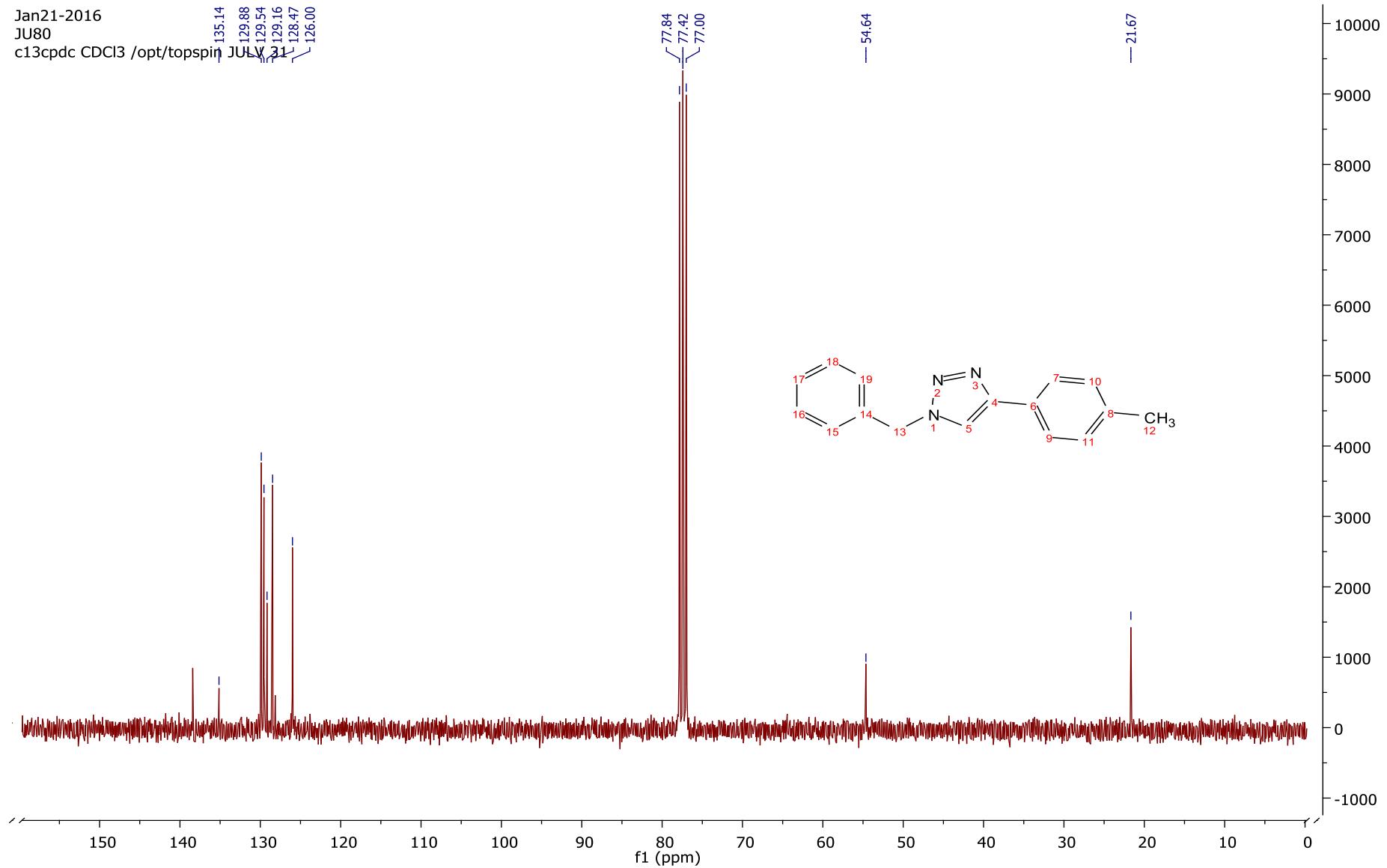


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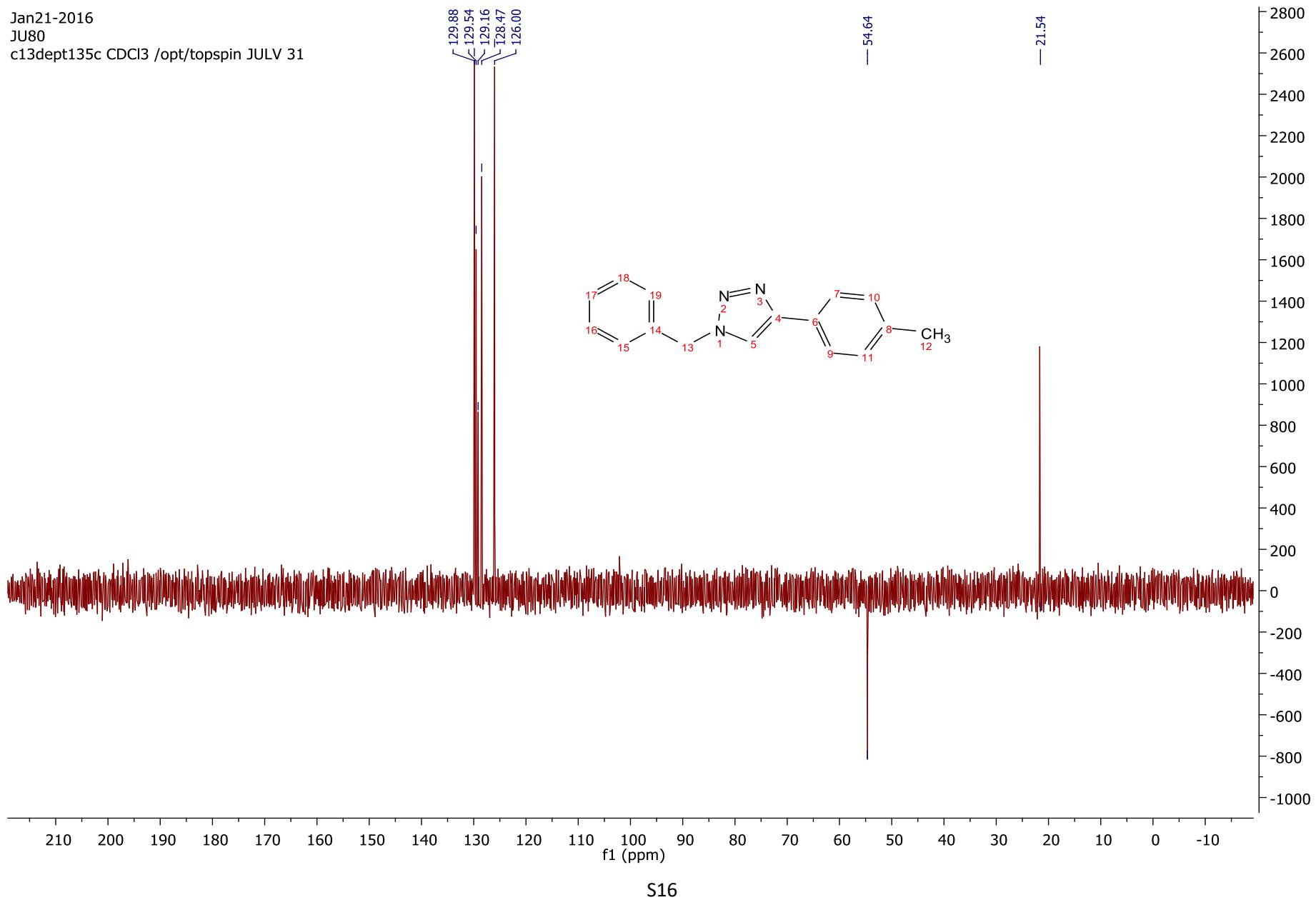
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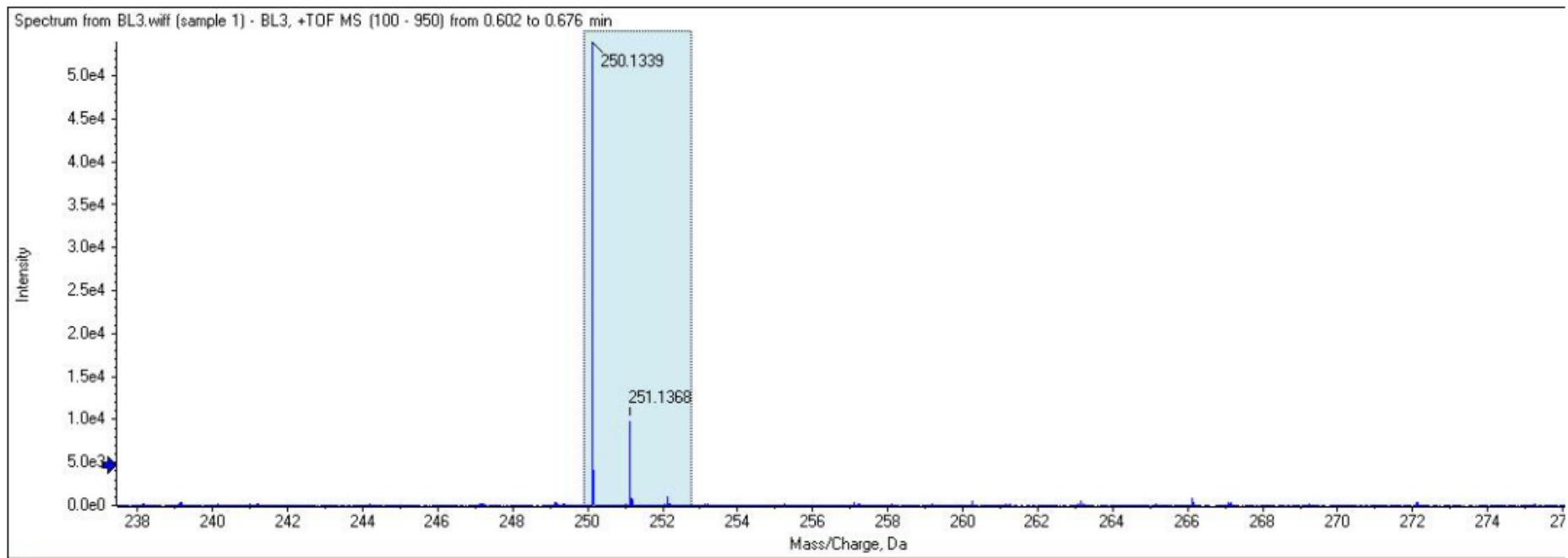
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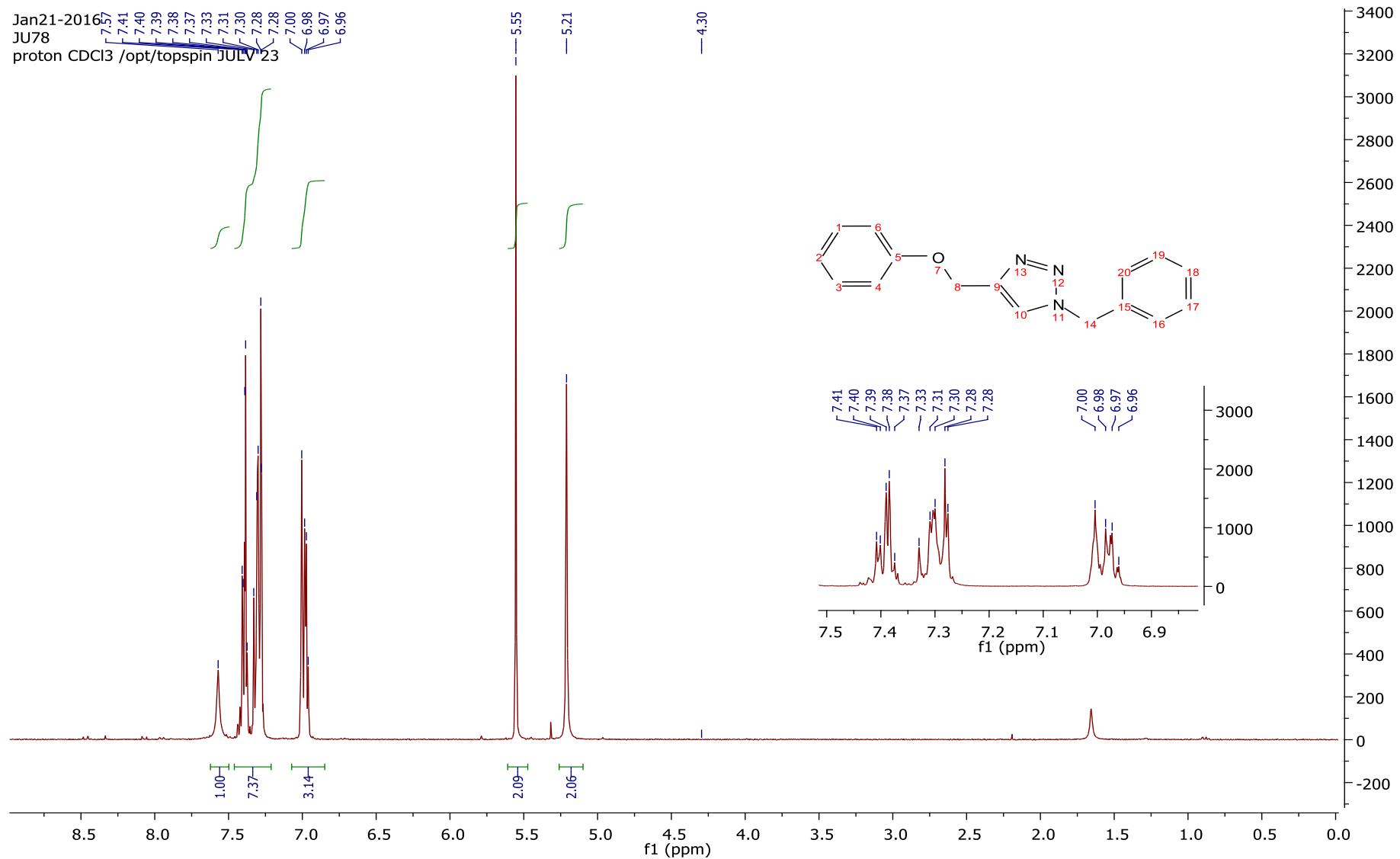


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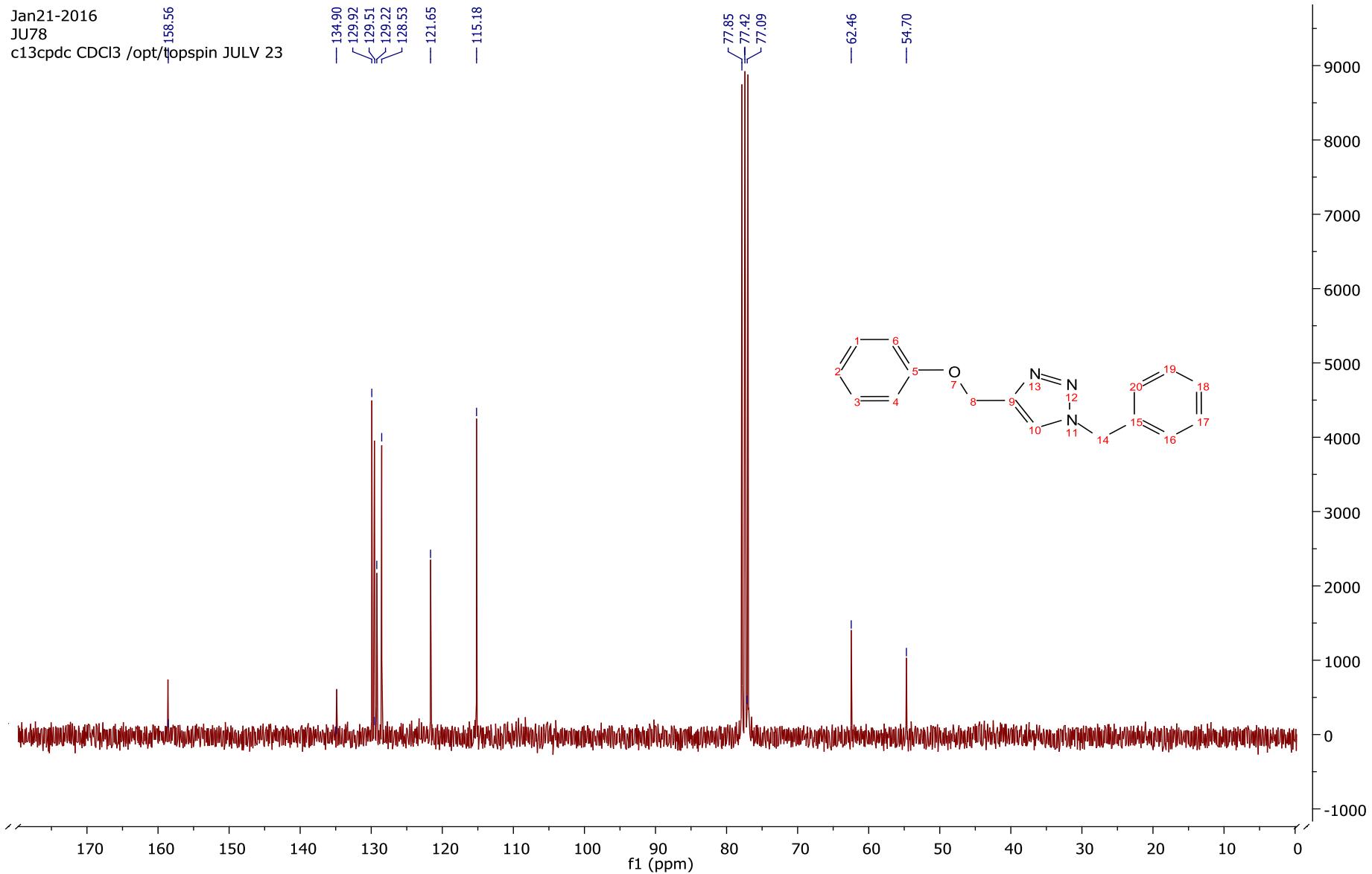




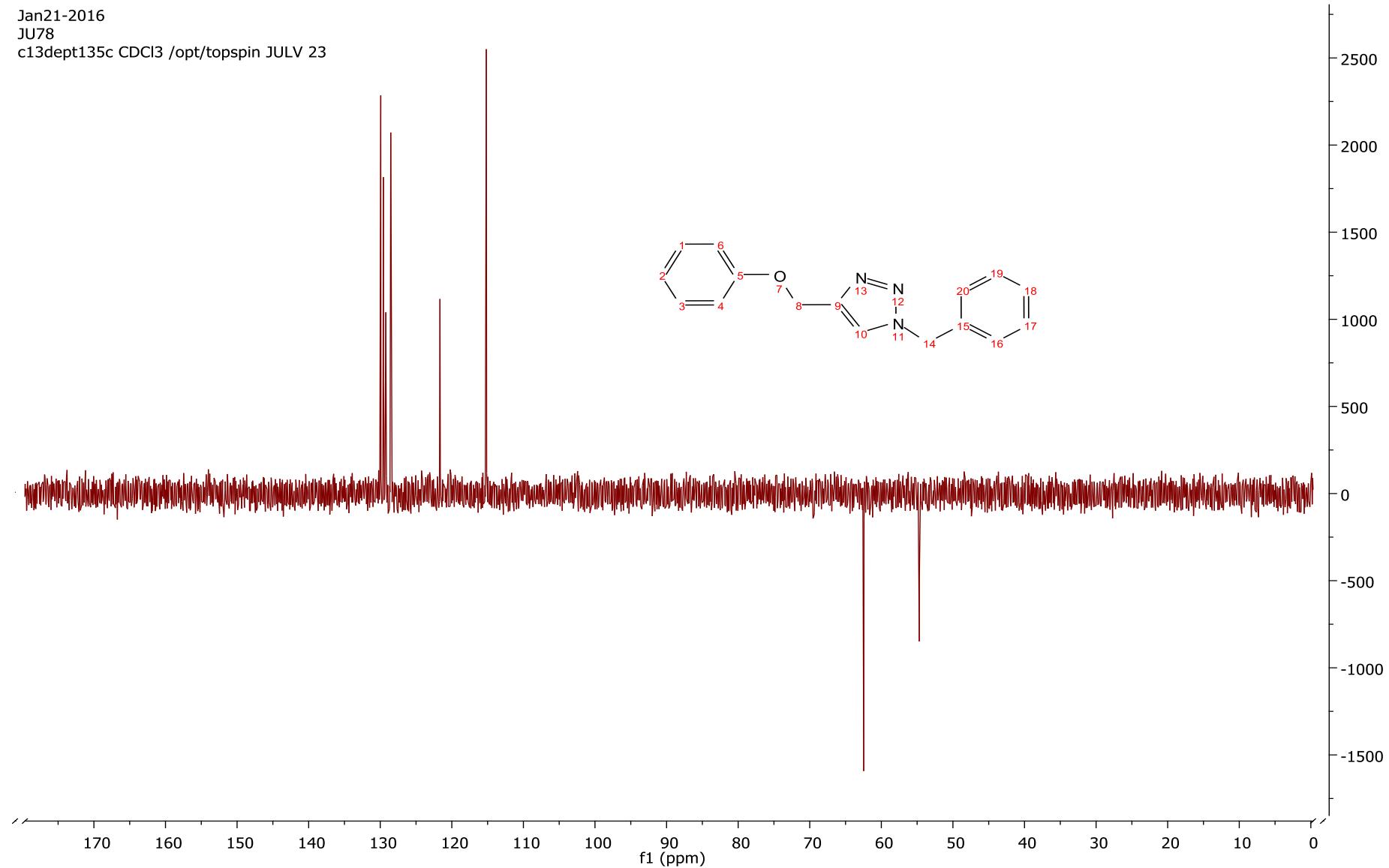
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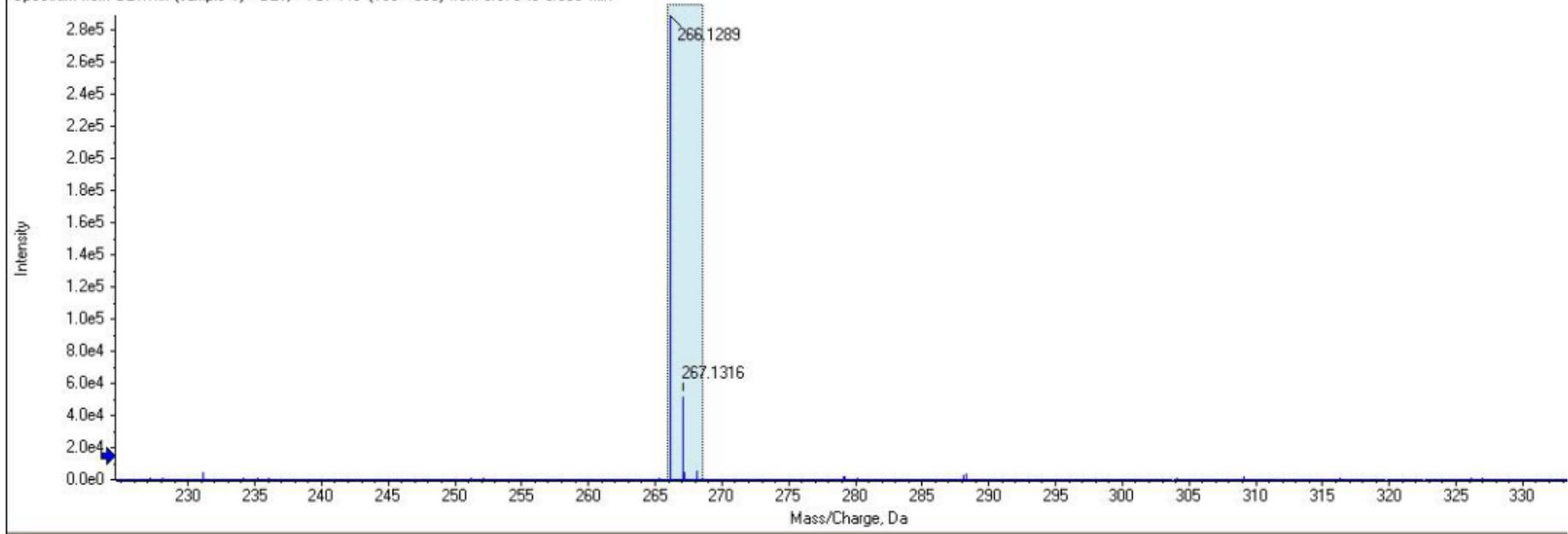
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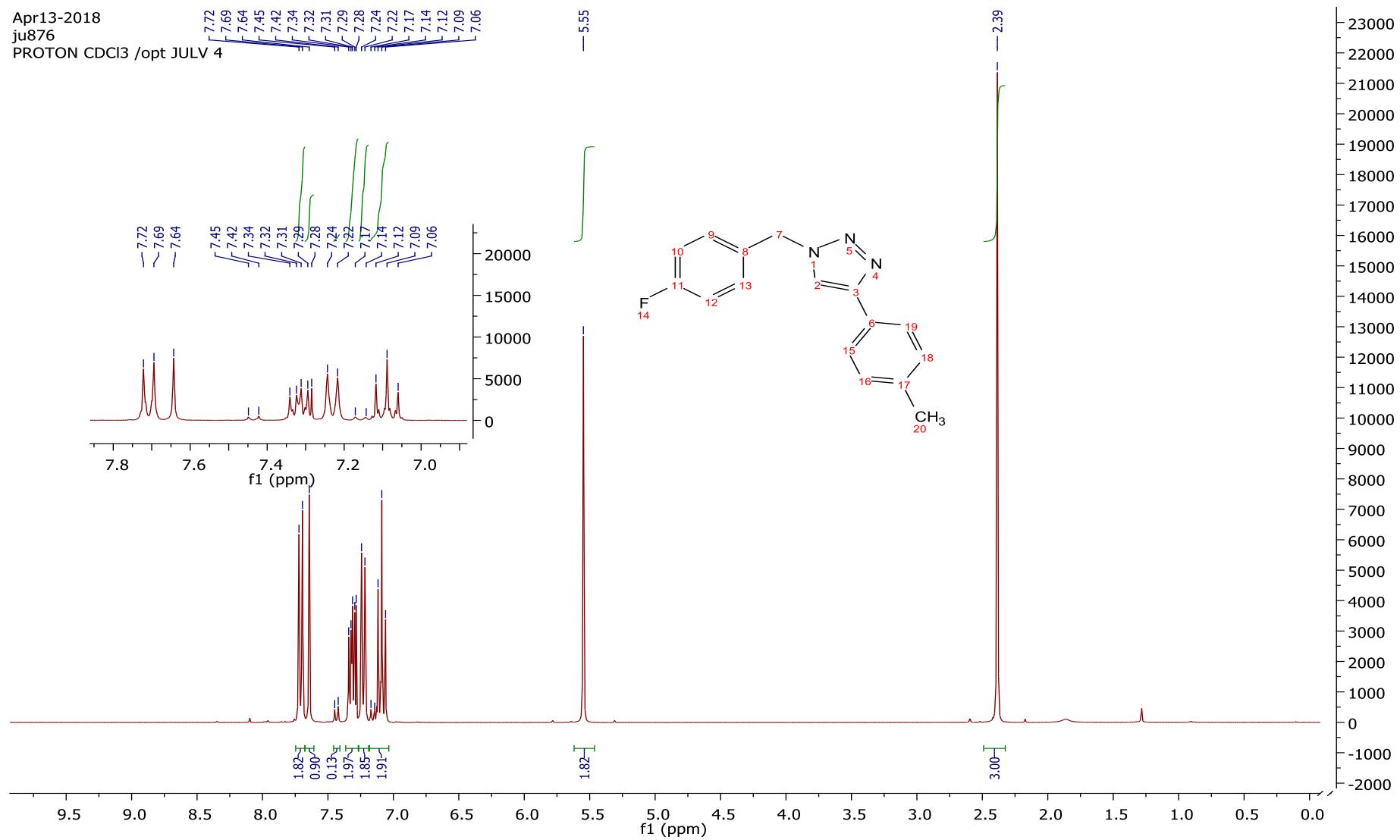
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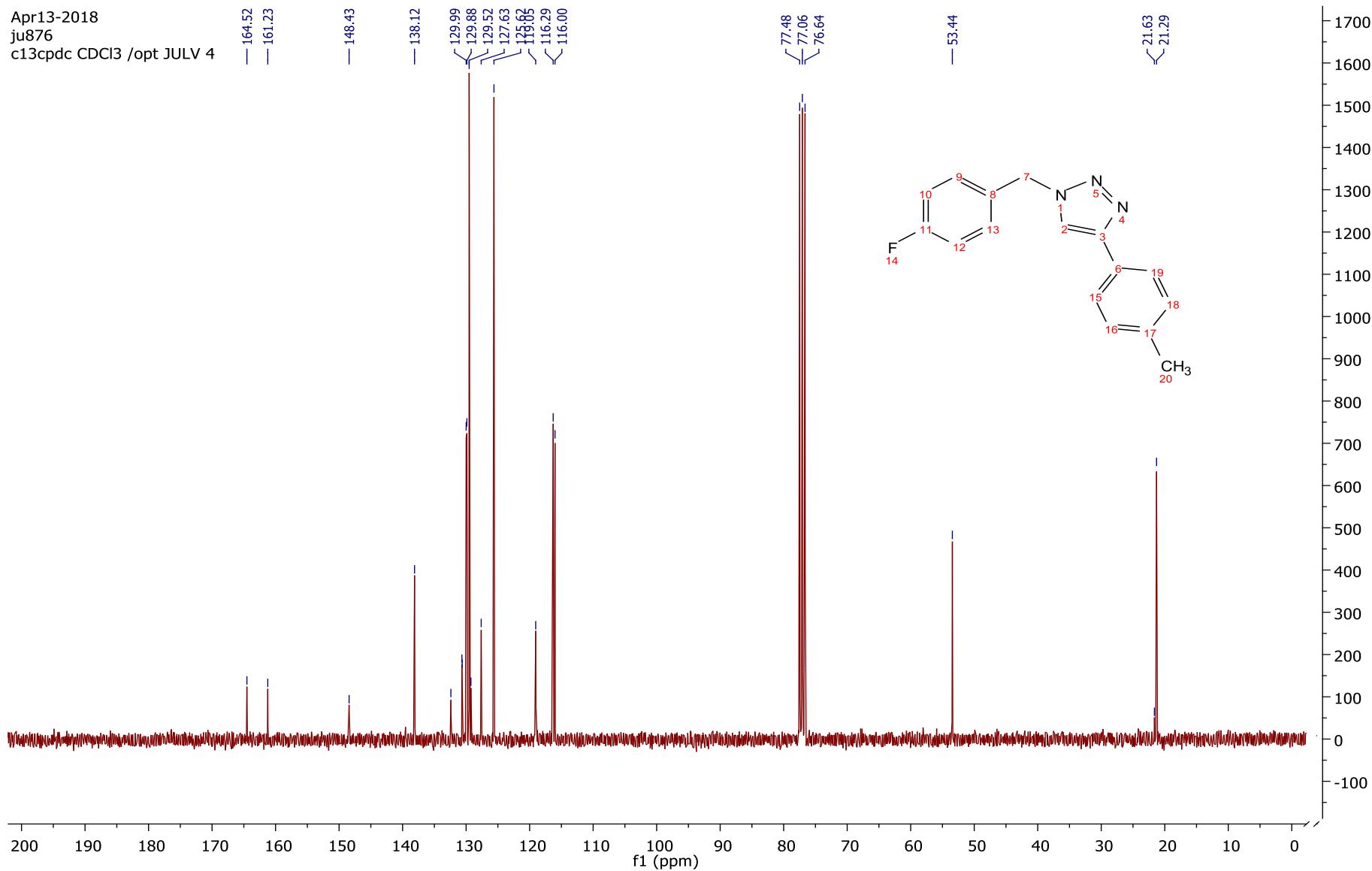
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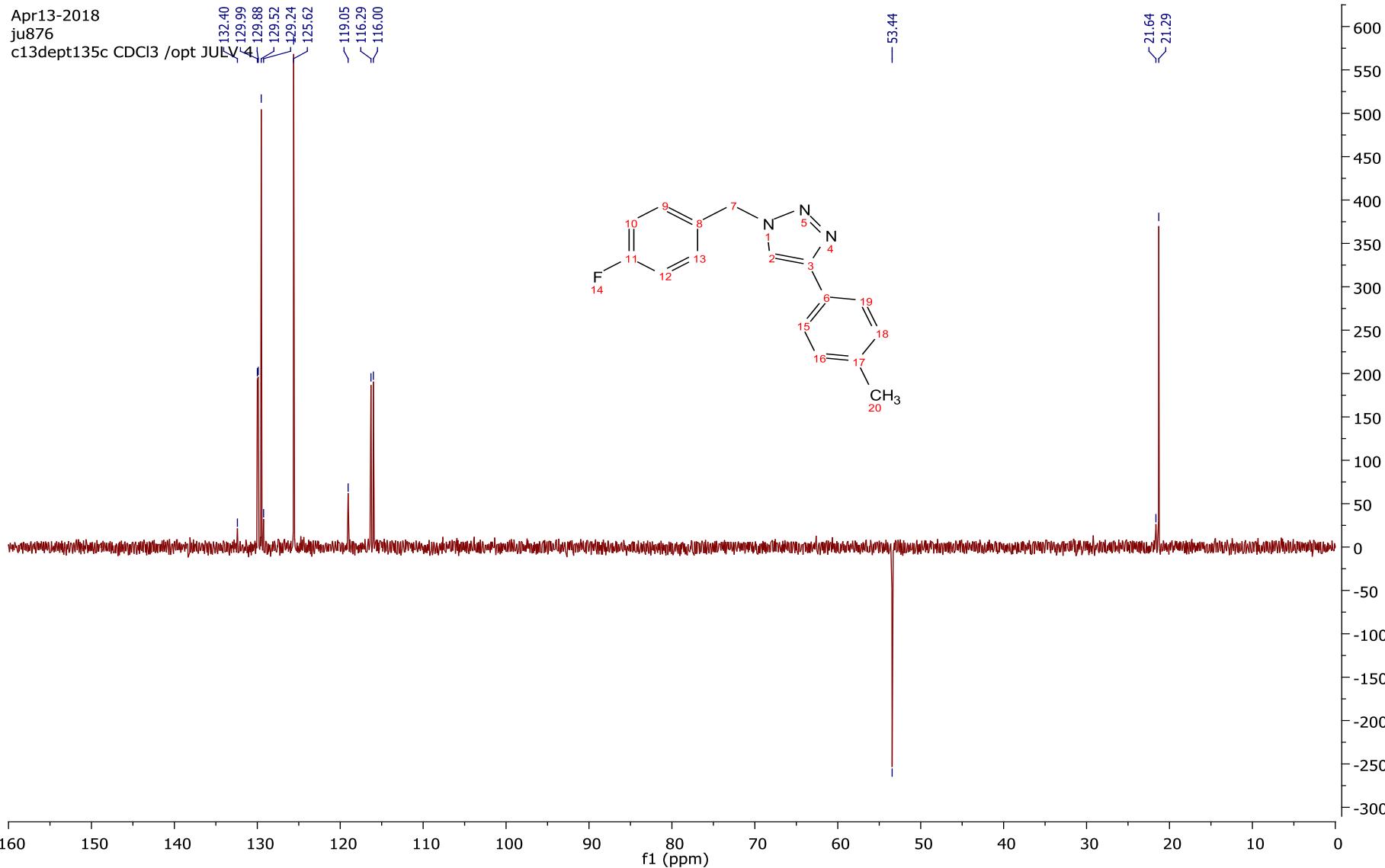
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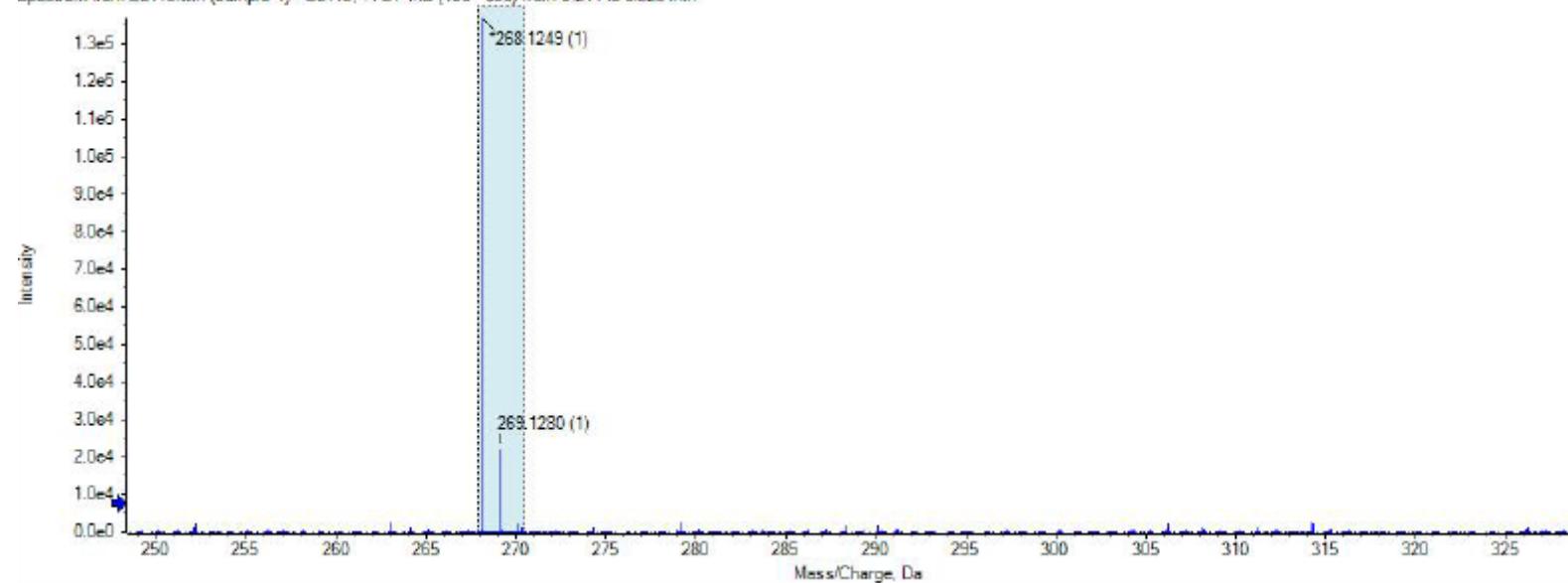
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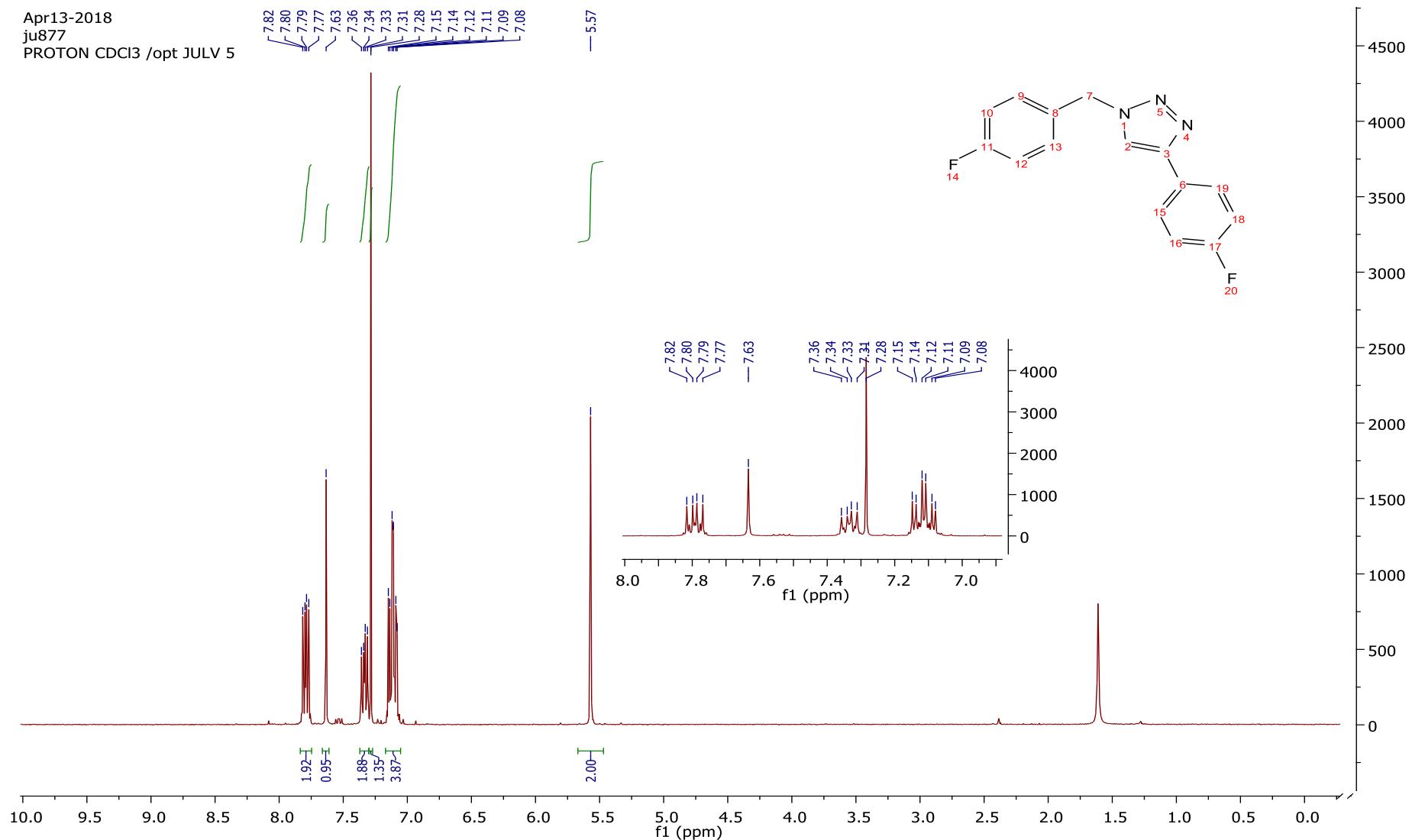
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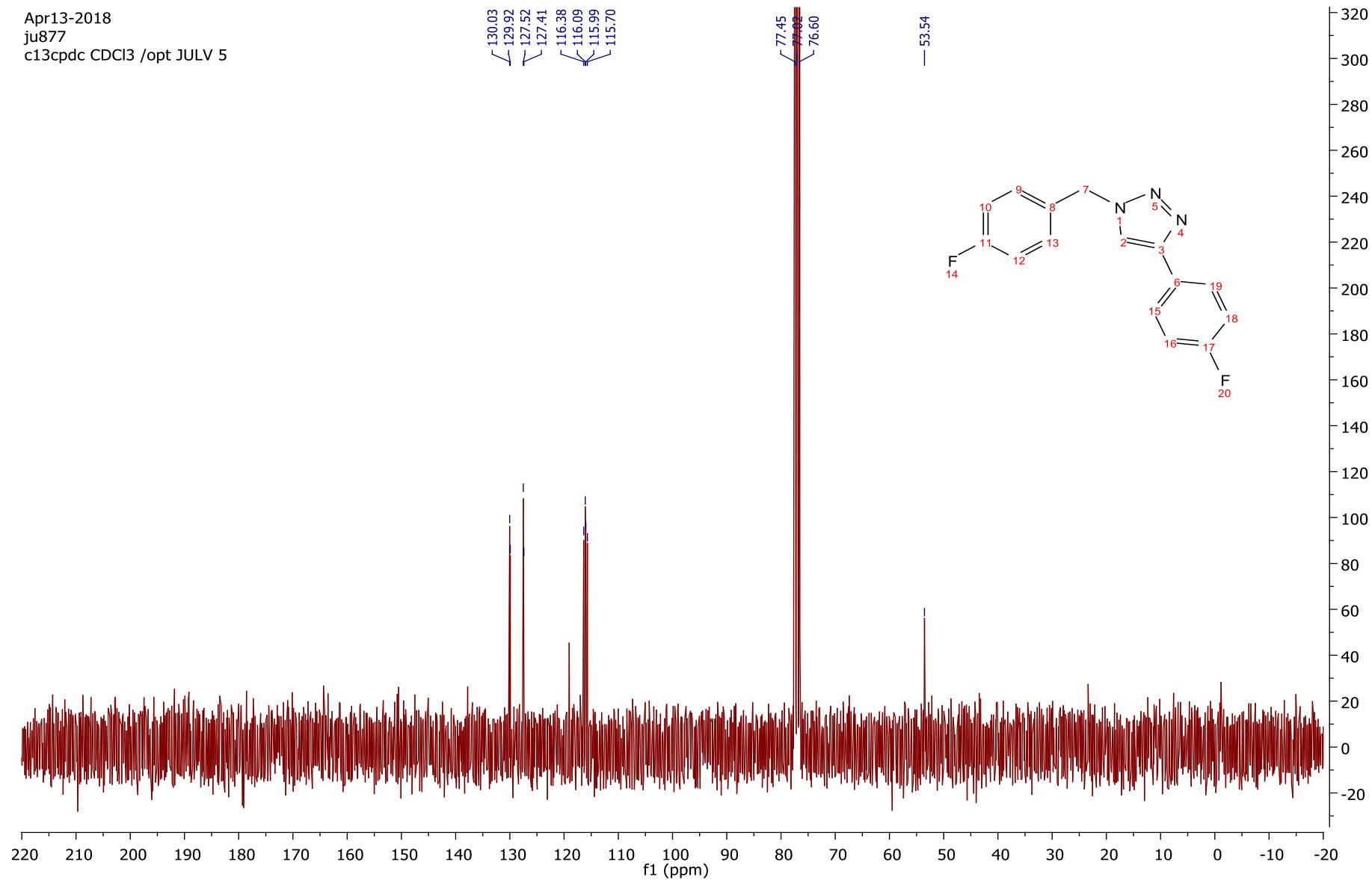
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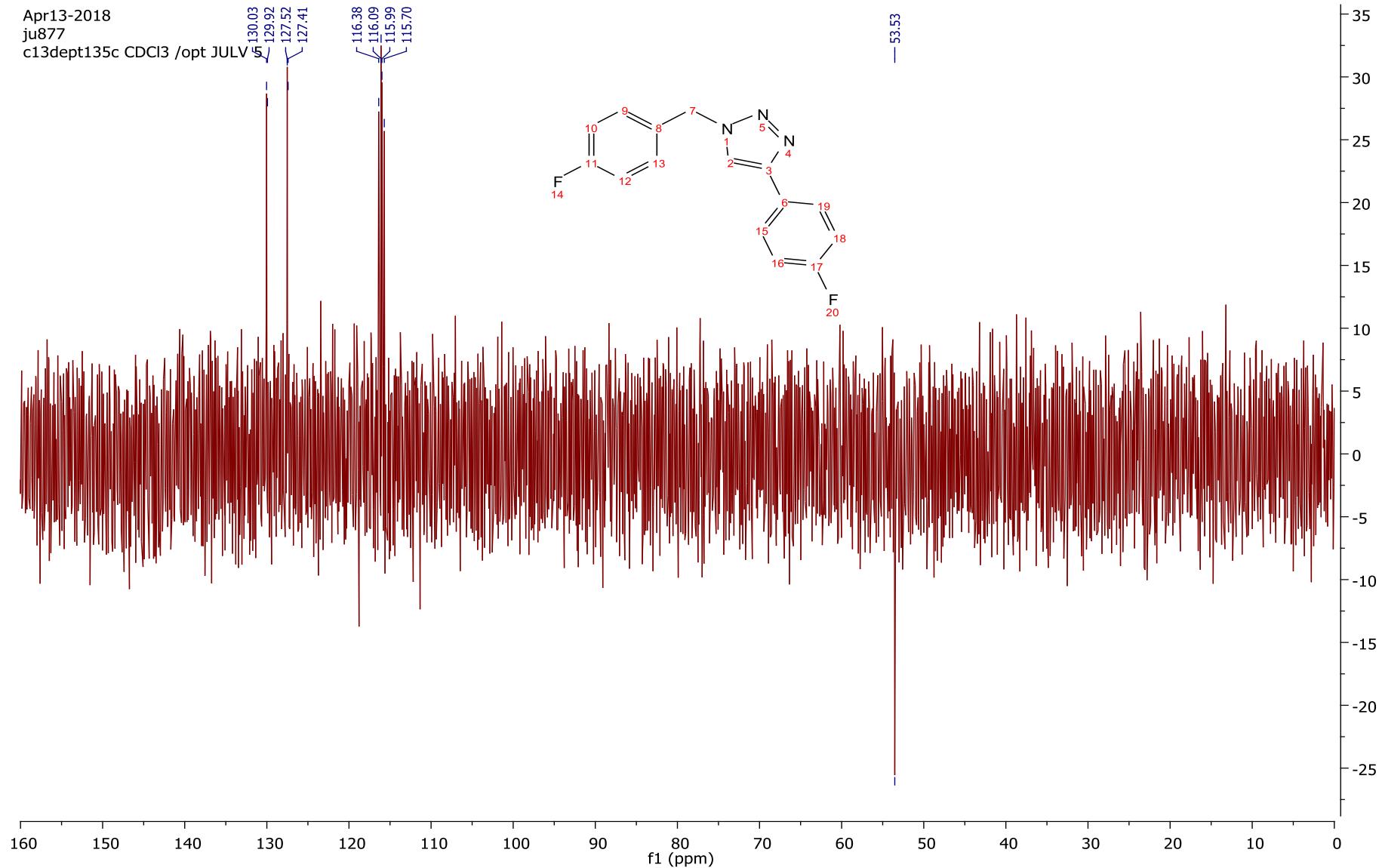
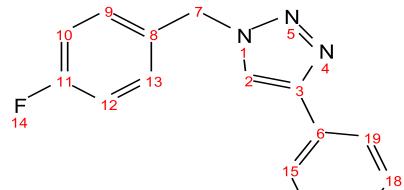
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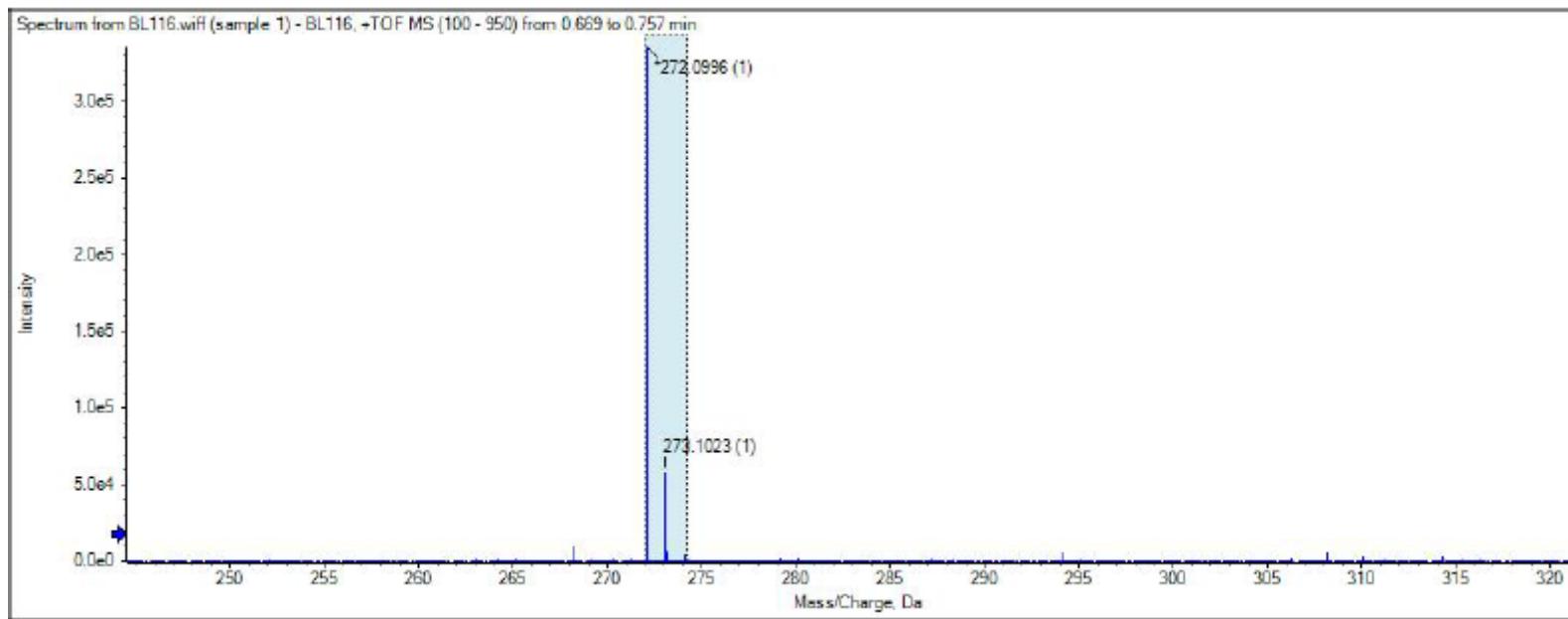
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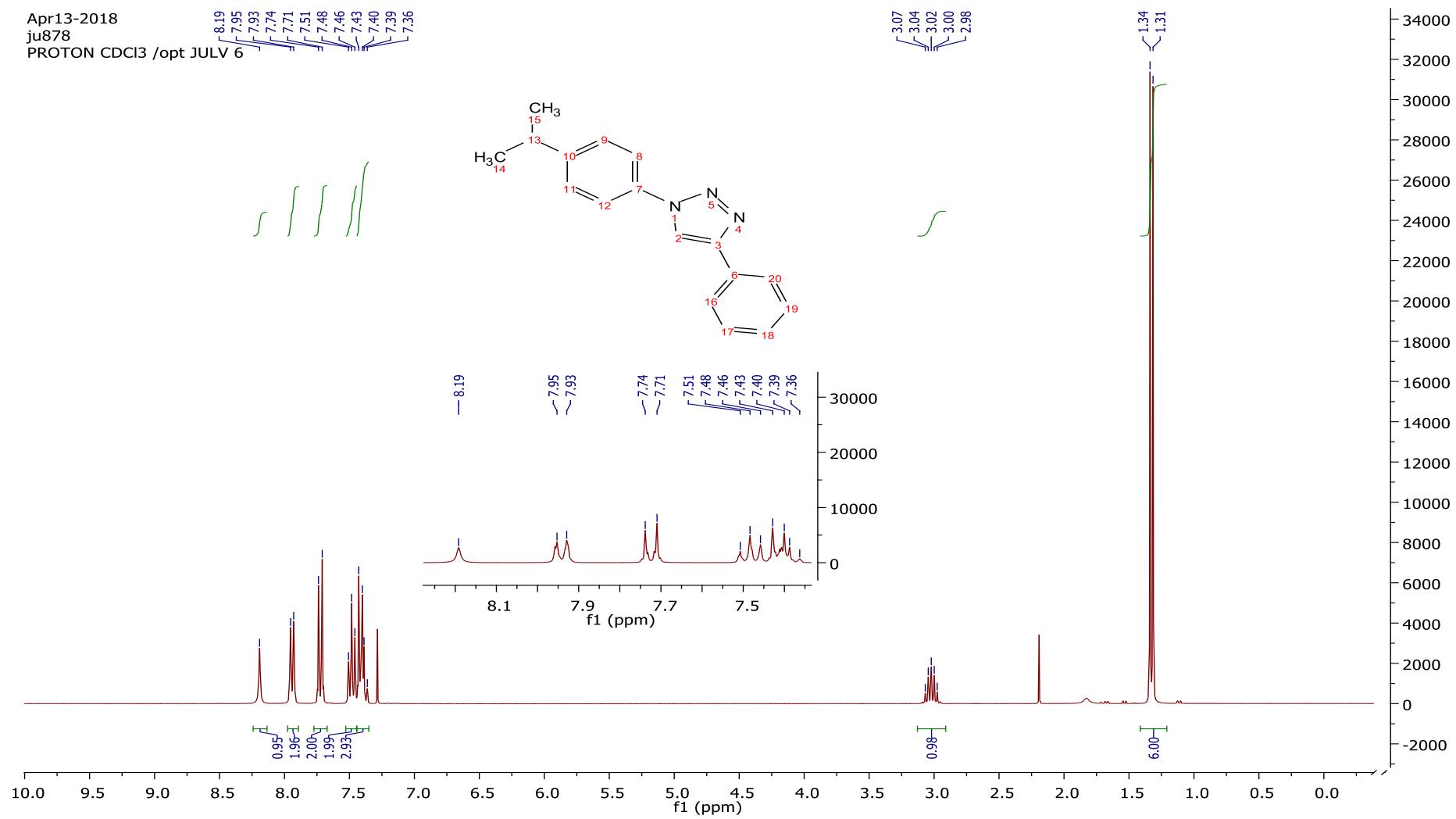
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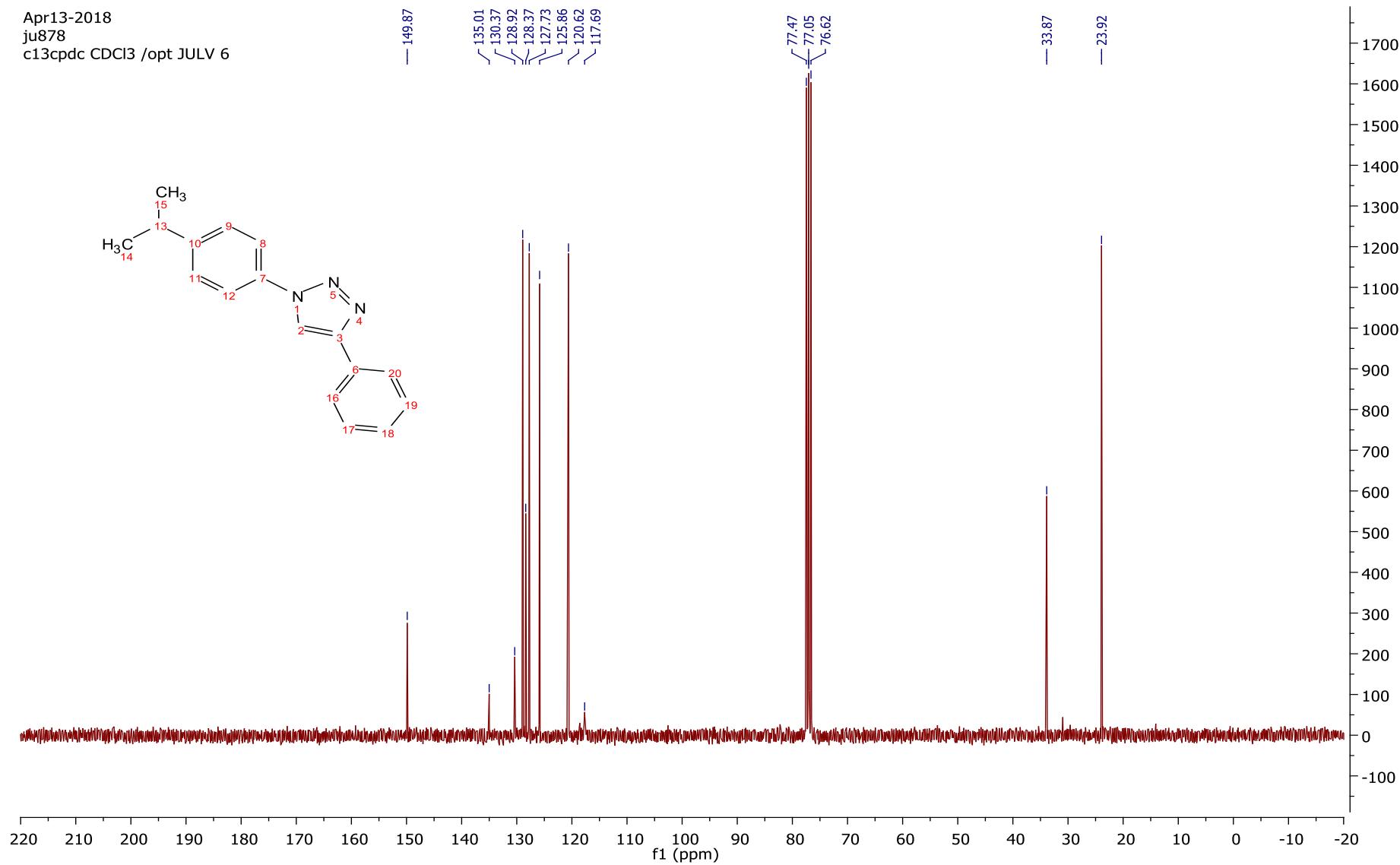




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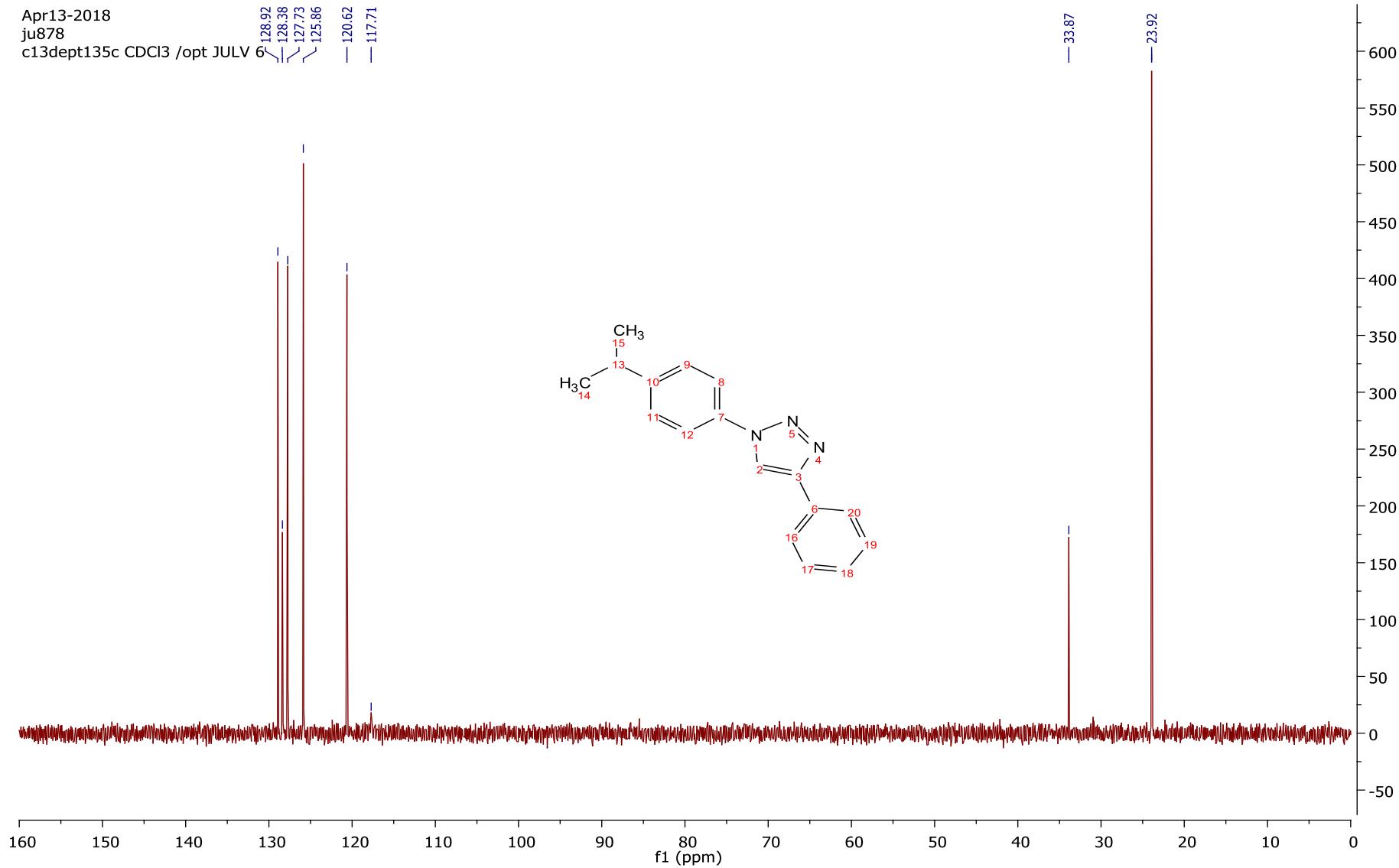
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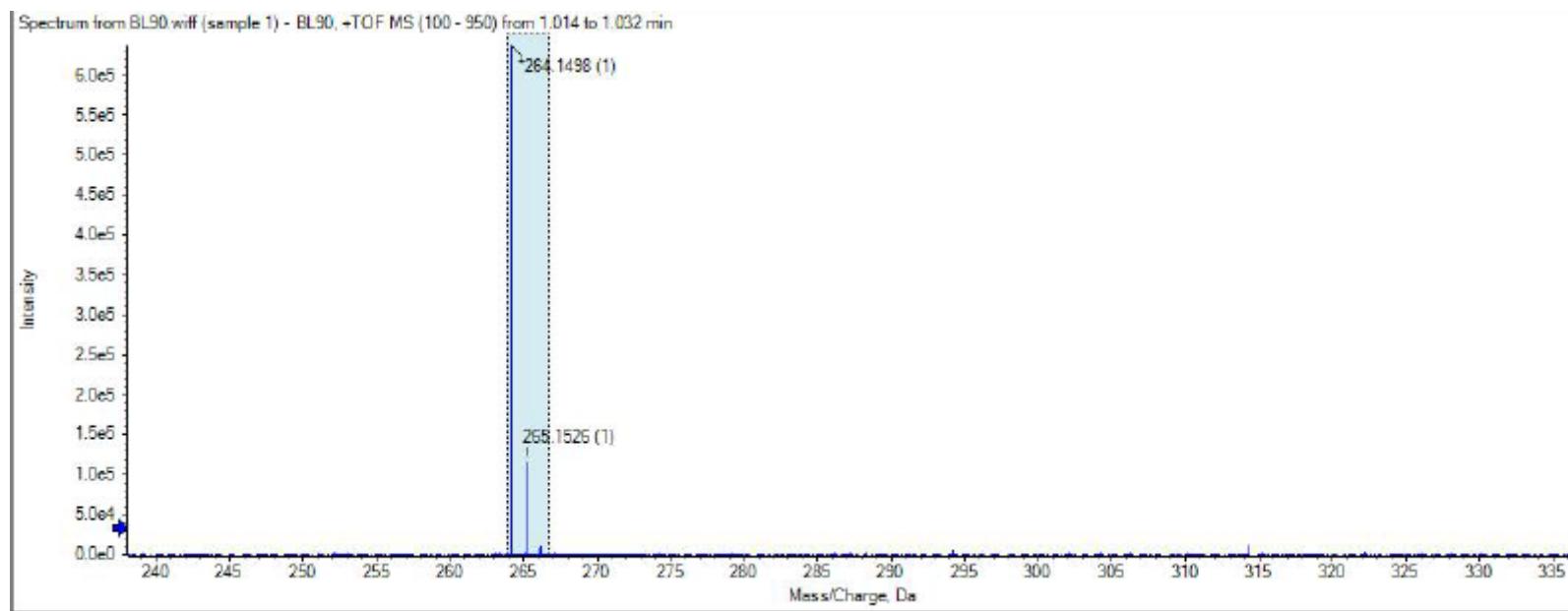
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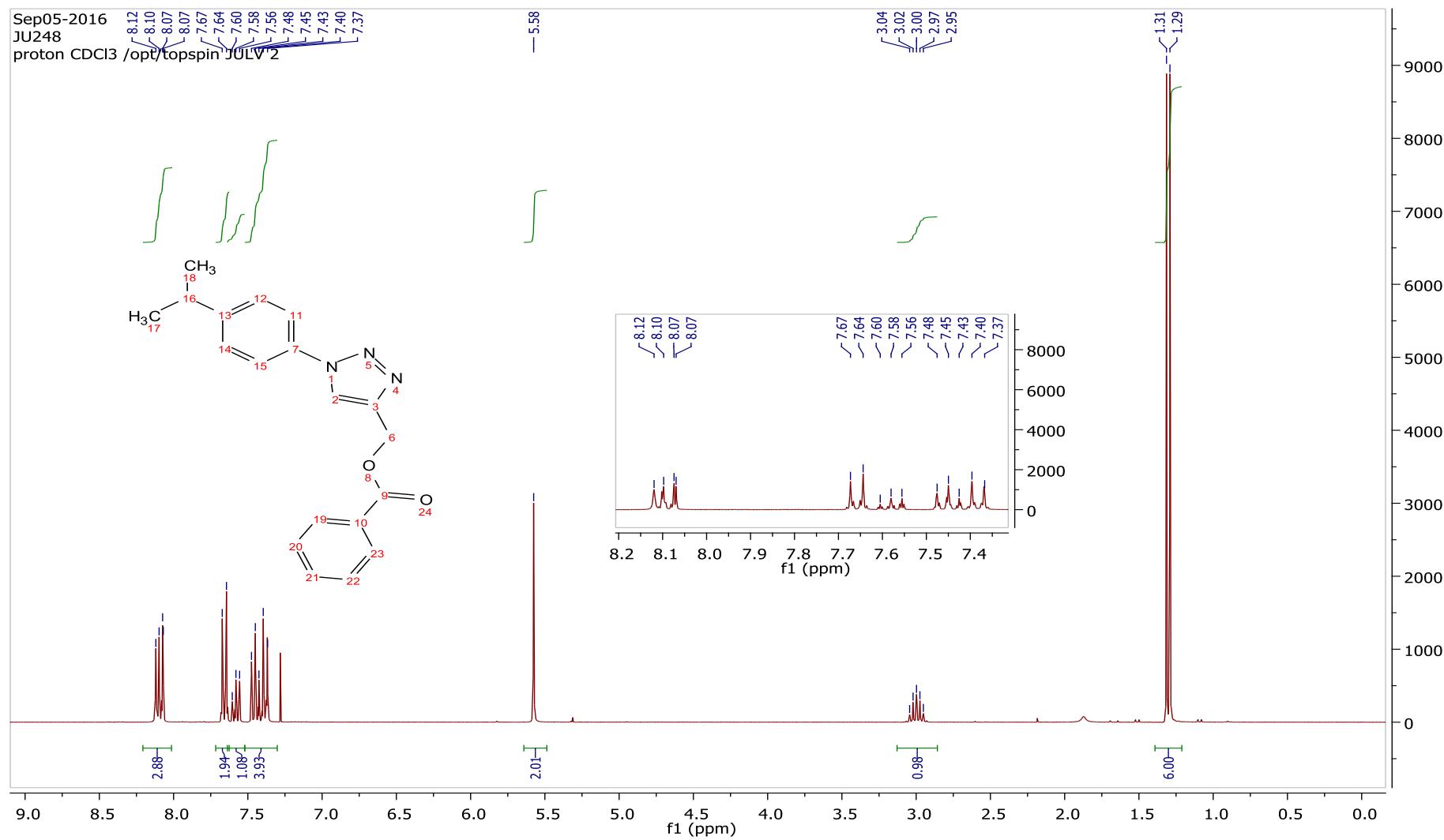
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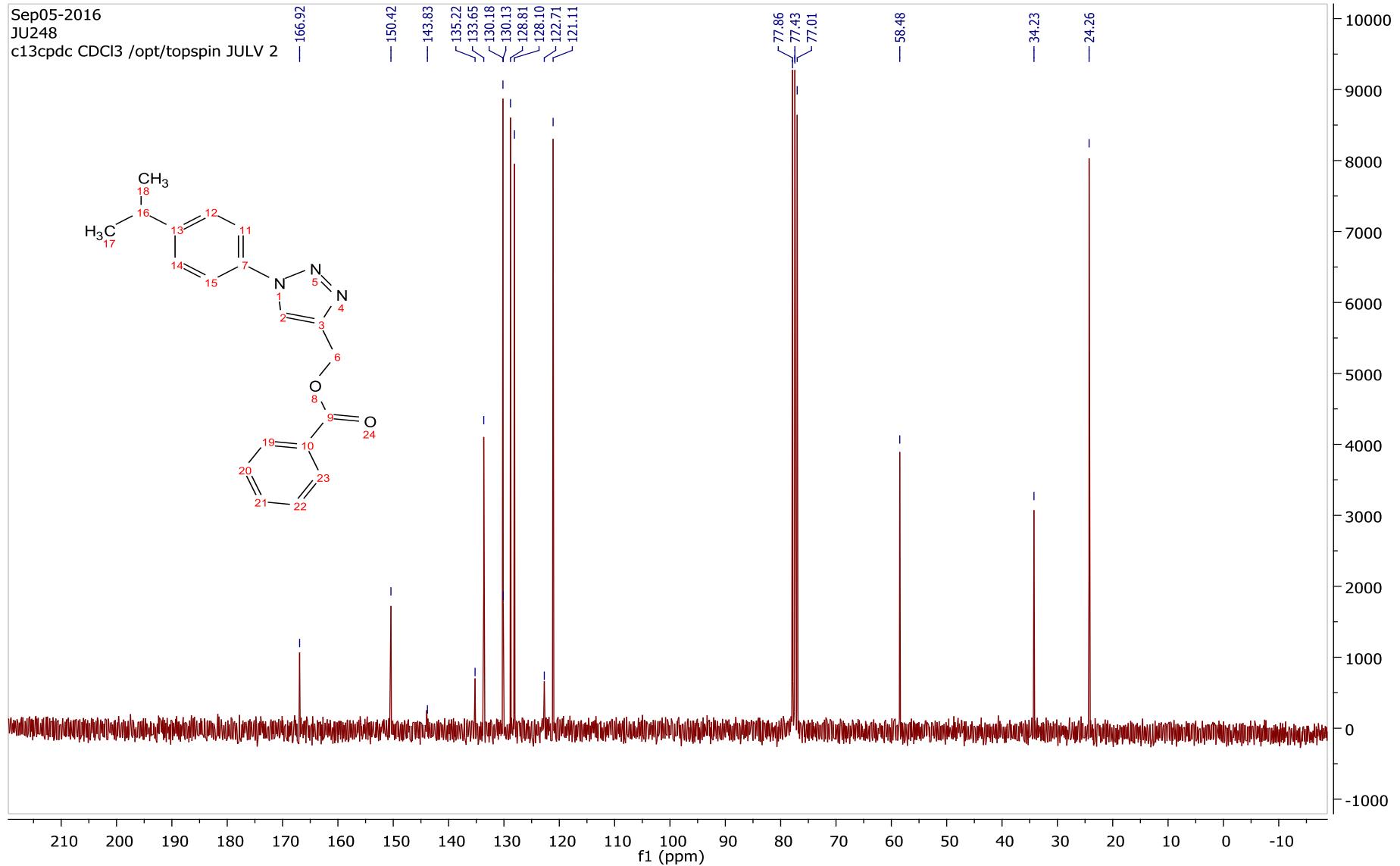
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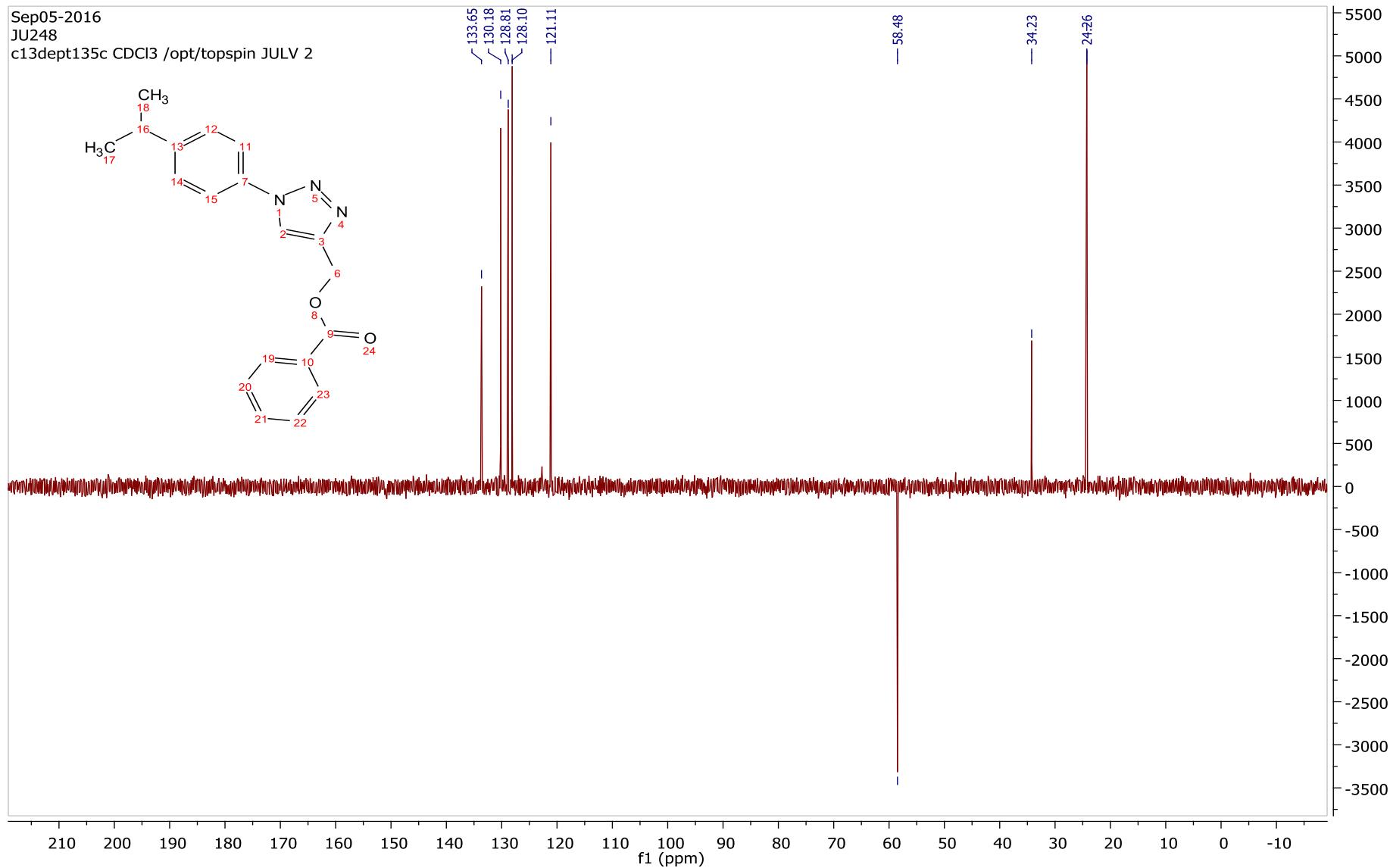


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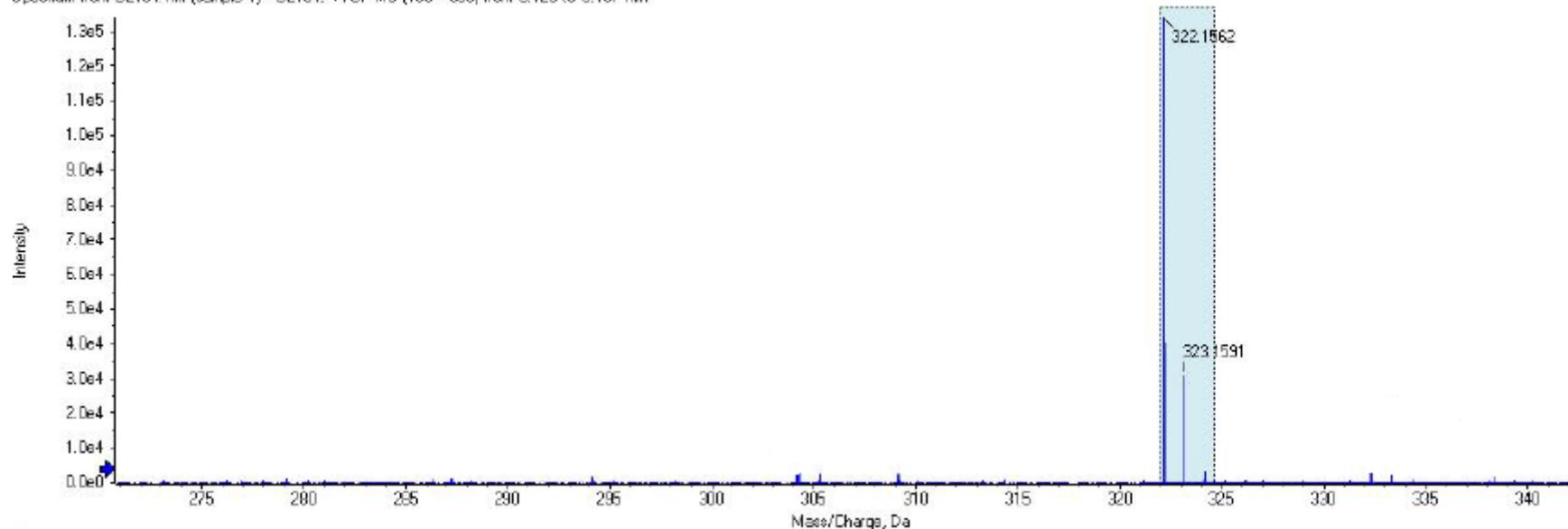




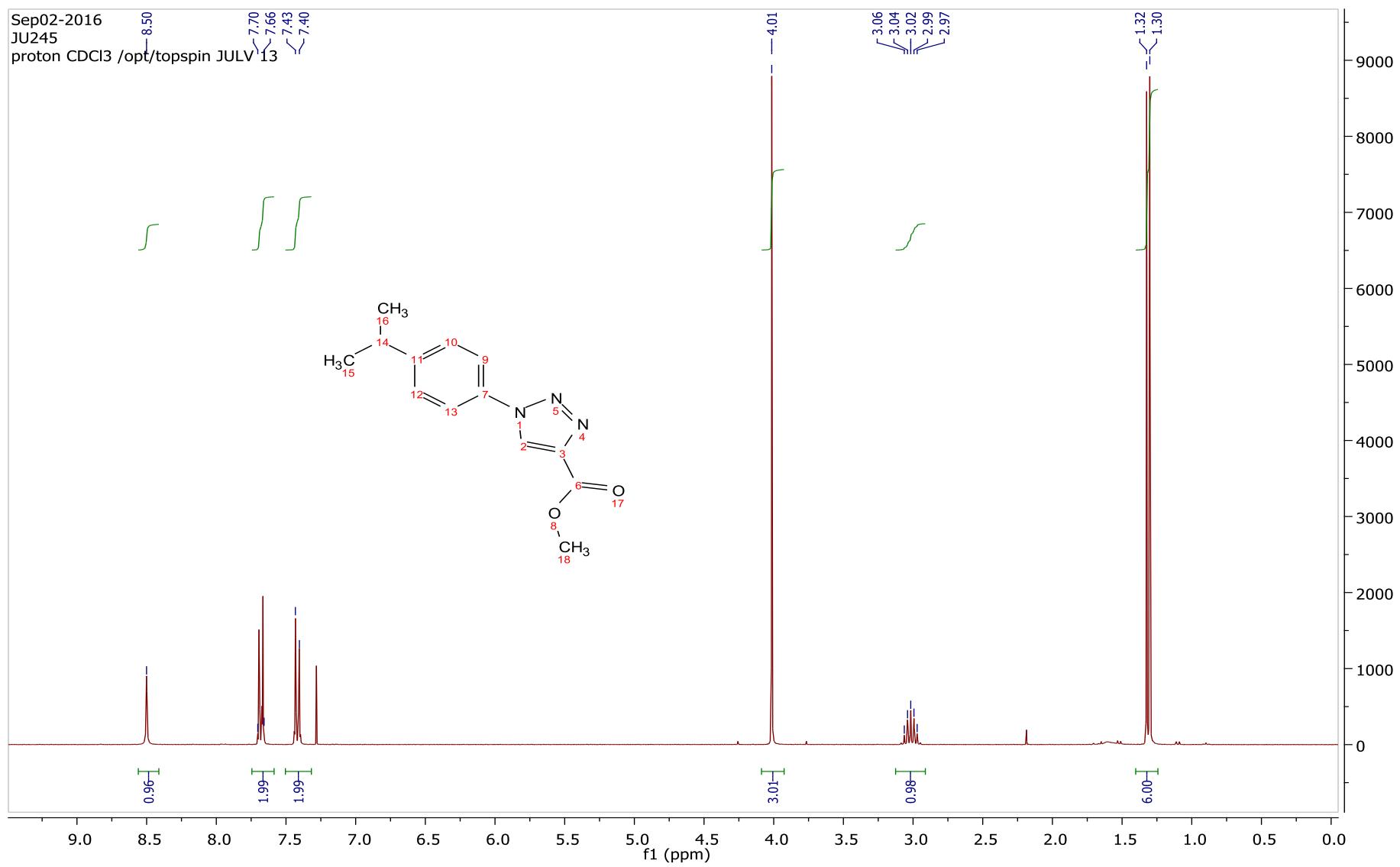
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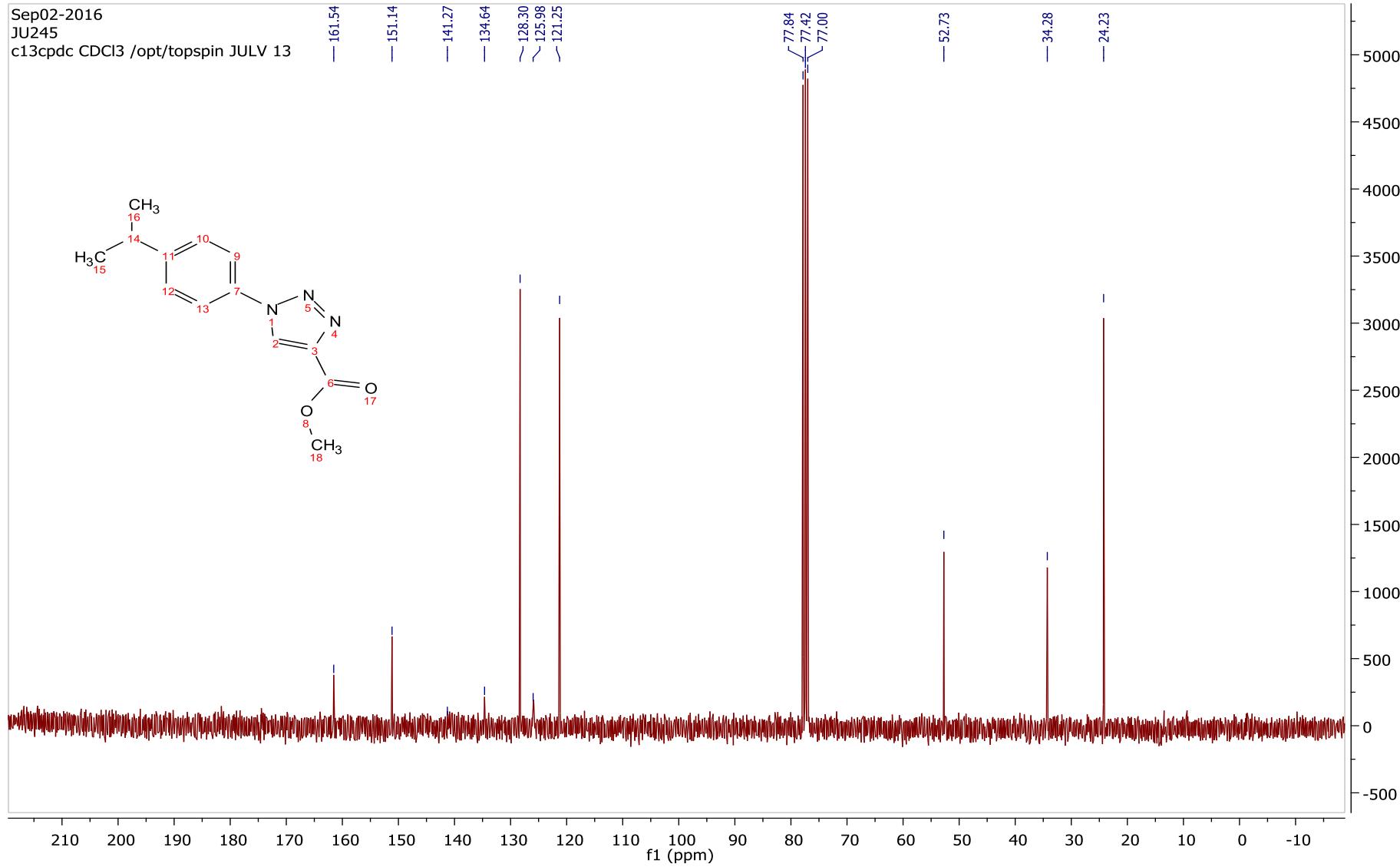
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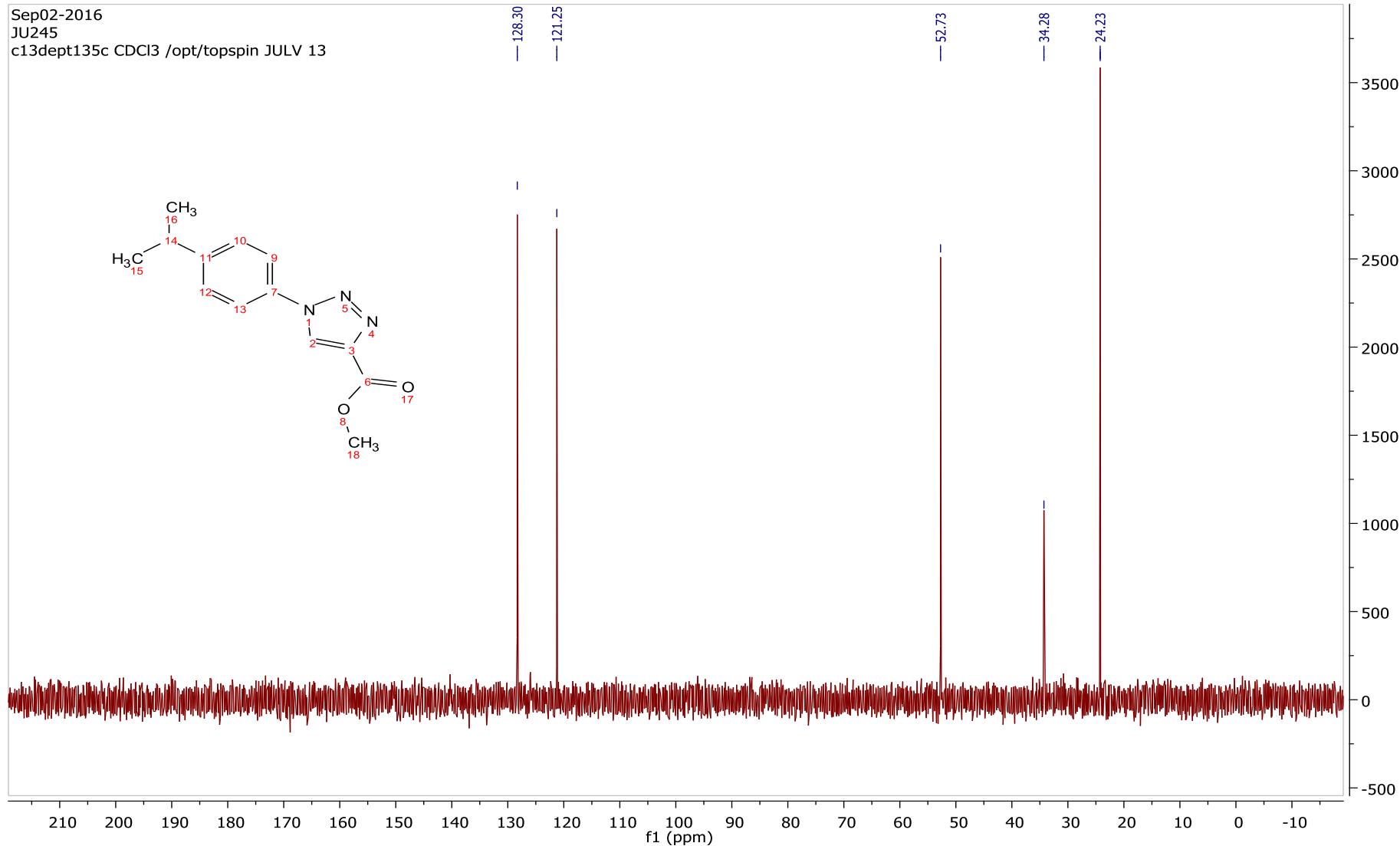
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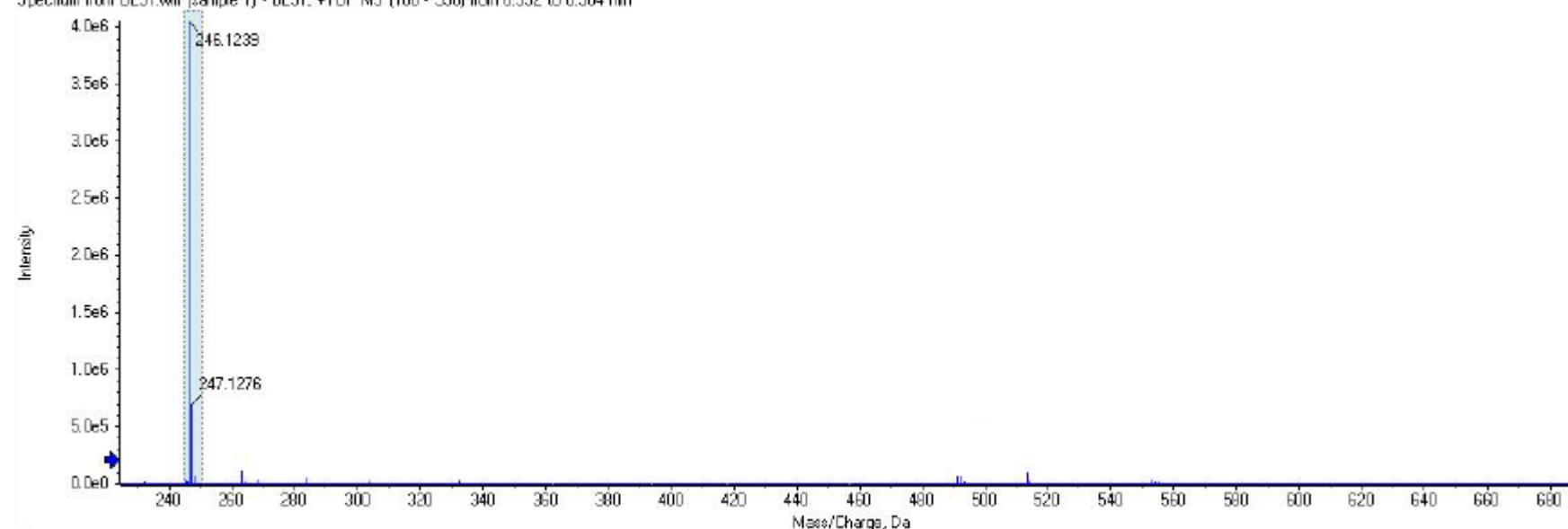
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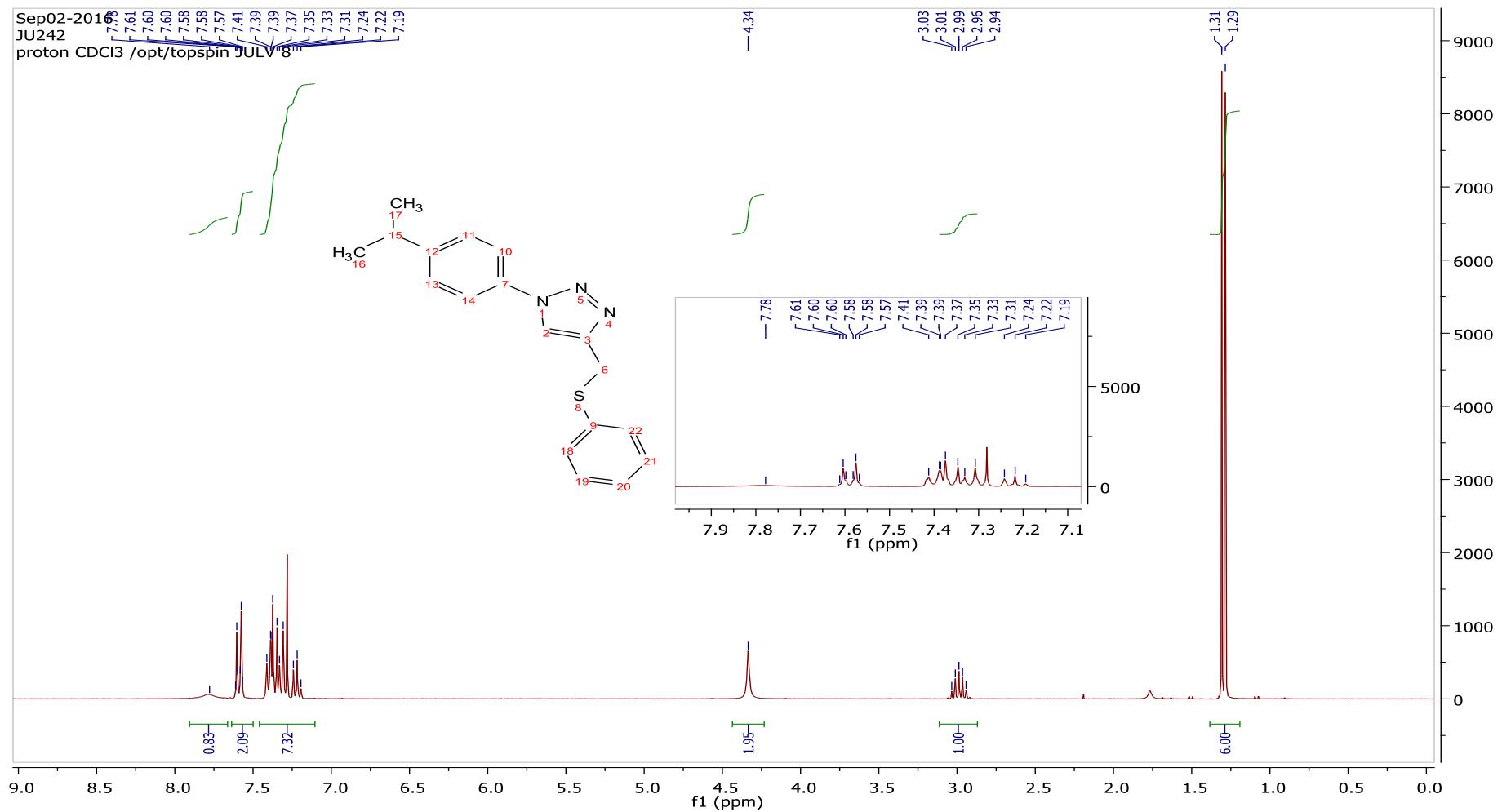
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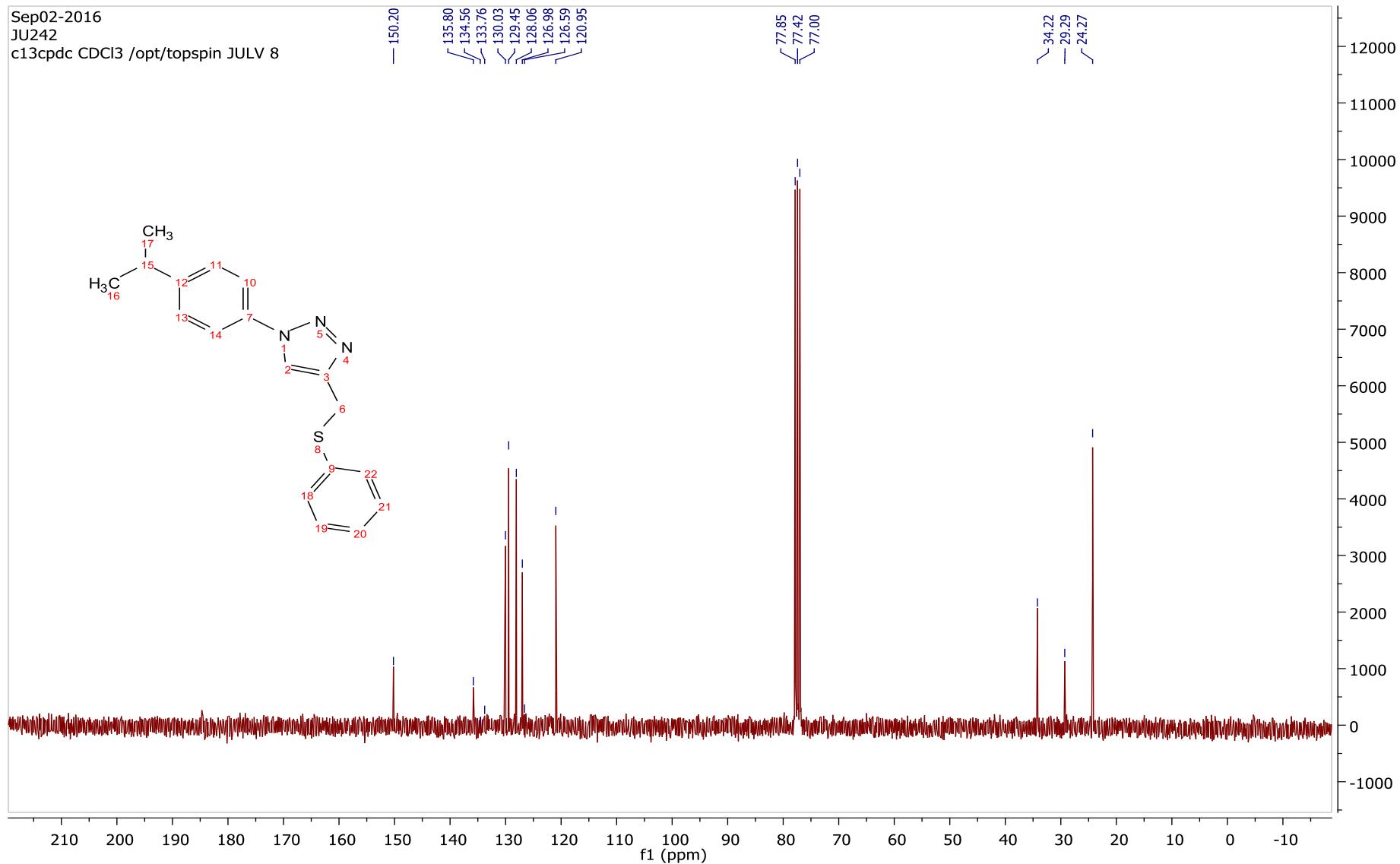
Spectrum from BL91.wif (sample 1) - BL91_+TOF MS (100 - 950) from 0.352 to 0.384 min



1-(4-isopropylphenyl)-4-(phenylthiomethyl)-1H-1,2,3-triazole (3j)



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