

## New selective cyclizations of alk-4-ynals with primary amines and azoles: one-pot synthesis of 2-azolylypyrrolidines and 3-iminocyclopentenes

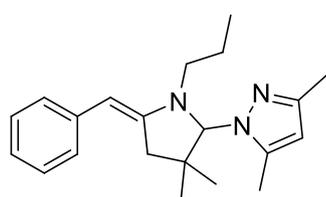
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### Experimental

The  $^1\text{H}$  and  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker AC-200p spectrometer in solutions in DMSO- $d_6$  (for amins **4a-g**) or in  $\text{CDCl}_3$  (for imines **7a-f**). Signals of the solvents were used as references. High resolution mass spectra were recorded on a Bruker micrOTOF II instrument with electrospray ionization (ESI). The measurements were performed on the positive ions (capillary voltage 4500 V). Masses were scanned in the range of  $m/z$  from 50 to 3000 Da, using an external or an internal calibration (Electrospray Calibrant Solution, Fluka). Solutions of compounds in acetonitrile were injected using a syringe, the flow rate  $3 \text{ dm min}^{-1}$ . Nebulizer gas was nitrogen ( $4 \text{ dm min}^{-1}$ ), the interface temperature was  $180 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ .

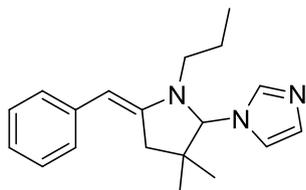
DMSO was distilled in vacuum over  $\text{CaH}_2$  prior use. THF was dried over  $\text{LiAlH}_4$  at room temperature followed by distillation in argon atmosphere. Starting aldehydes **1a-c** were prepared from corresponding propargylic chlorides (1-chloro-3-phenylprop-2-yne, 1-chloro-3-(2-thienyl) prop-2-yne) and aldehydes (isobutyraldehyde and cyclohexanecarboxaldehyde) according to the procedure described in our previous work<sup>1</sup>.

### Characterization data for compounds **4b-g** and **7b-f**.

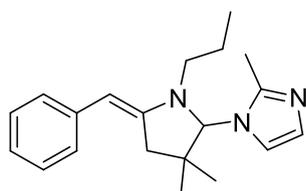


*1-[(5E)-5-Benzylidene-3,3-dimethyl-1-propylpyrrolidin-2-yl]-3,5-dimethyl-1H-pyrazole* **4b** was prepared from aldehyde **1a**, *n*-propylamine and 2,5-dimethylpyrazole in 75% yield.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR,  $\delta$ : 0.63 (s, 3H,  $\text{CH}_3$ ), 0.84 (t, 3H,  $\text{CH}_3$ ,  $J$  7.4 Hz), 1.11 (s, 3H,  $\text{CH}_3$ ), 1.26-1.63 (m, 2H,  $\text{NCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_3$ ), 2.07 (s, 3H,  $\text{CH}_3$  at pyrazole ring), 2.28 (s, 3H,  $\text{CH}_3$  at pyrazole ring), 2.50 (d, 1H,  $=\text{CCHH}$ ,  $J$  14.8 Hz), 2.75 (ddd, 1H,  $\text{NCHHCH}_2\text{CH}_3$ ,  $^2J$  14.1 Hz,  $^3J$  8.6 Hz,  $^3J$  5.9 Hz), 3.06 (br.d, 1H,  $=\text{CCHH}$ ,  $J$  14.8 Hz), 3.10 (ddd, 1H,  $\text{NCHHCH}_2\text{CH}_3$ ,  $^2J$  14.1 Hz,  $^3J$  8.6 Hz,  $^3J$  6.4 Hz), 4.99 (s, 1H,  $\text{NCHN}$ ), 5.17 (br. s, 1H,  $\text{PhCH}=\text{}$ ), 5.81 (s, 1H,  $\text{C}^4\text{H}$ , pyrazole), 6.84-6.96 (m, 1H, Ph), 7.05-7.25 (m, 4H, Ph).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR,  $\delta$ : 10.8 ( $\text{CH}_3$  at pyrazole ring), 11.6 ( $\text{NCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_3$ ), 13.8 ( $\text{CH}_3$  at

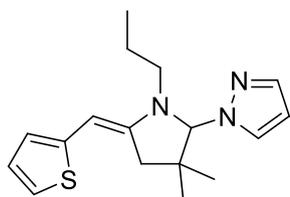
pyrazole ring), 19.6 (NCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>), 21.4 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 28.0 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 40.7 (C(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>), 43.0, 45.6 (NCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>, =CCH<sub>2</sub>-), 81.1 (NCHN), 91.2 (PhCH=), 104.8 (C<sup>4</sup>, pyrazole), 122.1 (C<sup>4</sup>, Ph), 125.8, 128.1 (C<sup>2</sup>, C<sup>3</sup>, C<sup>5</sup>, C<sup>6</sup>, Ph), 139.5, 140.3 (C<sup>5</sup>, pyrazole; C<sup>1</sup>, Ph), 146.6, 148.9 (C<sup>3</sup>, pyrazole; PhCH=C). Found (%): C, 78.15; H, 8.78; N, 12.74. Calc. for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>29</sub>N<sub>3</sub> (%): C, 77.97; H, 9.04; N, 12.99.



*1-[(5E)-5-Benzylidene-3,3-dimethyl-1-propylpyrrolidin-2-yl]-1H-imidazole 4c* was prepared from aldehyde **1a**, *n*-propylamine and imidazole in 59% yield. <sup>1</sup>H NMR,  $\delta$ : 0.65 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 0.86 (t, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>,  $J$  7.4 Hz), 1.10 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.33-1.65 (m, 2H, NCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>), 2.59 (d, 1H, =CCHH,  $J$  14.9 Hz), 2.81 (ddd, 1H, CHHCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>,  $^2J$  14.1 Hz,  $^3J$  8.5 Hz,  $^3J$  5.9 Hz), 2.87 (br.d, 1H, =CCHH,  $J$  14.8 Hz), 3.17 (ddd, 1H, NCHHCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>,  $^2J$  14.1 Hz,  $^3J$  8.5 Hz,  $^3J$  6.3 Hz), 5.26 (s, 1H, NCHN), 5.30 (br. s, 1H, PhCH=), 6.90-7.01 (m, 1H, Ph), 6.94 (br. s, 1H, C<sup>4</sup>H, imidazole), 7.03 (br. s, 1H, C<sup>5</sup>H, imidazole), 7.12-7.27 (m, 4H, Ph), 6.94 (s, 1H, C<sup>2</sup>H, imidazole). <sup>13</sup>C NMR,  $\delta$ : 11.4 (NCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>), 19.4 (NCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>), 21.6 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 27.3 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 40.1 (C(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>), 41.9, 45.5 (NCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>, =CCH<sub>2</sub>-), 81.9 (NCHN), 92.6 (PhCH=), 117.5 (C<sup>5</sup>, imidazole), 122.7 (C<sup>4</sup>, Ph), 126.3, 128.1 (C<sup>2</sup>, C<sup>3</sup>, C<sup>5</sup>, C<sup>6</sup>, Ph), 128.7 (C<sup>4</sup>, imidazole), 136.4 (C<sup>2</sup>, imidazole), 139.6 (C<sup>1</sup>, Ph), 146.6 (PhCH=C). Found (%): C, 77.38; H, 8.39; N, 14.30. Calc. for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>25</sub>N<sub>3</sub> (%): C, 77.25; H, 8.53; N, 14.22.

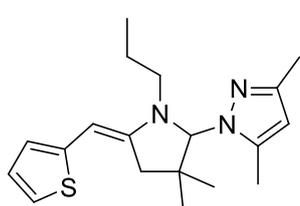


*1-[(5E)-5-Benzylidene-3,3-dimethyl-1-propylpyrrolidin-2-yl]-2-methyl-1H-imidazole 4d* was prepared from aldehyde **1a**, *n*-propylamine and 2-methylimidazole in 64% yield. <sup>1</sup>H NMR,  $\delta$ : 0.64 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 0.86 (t, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>,  $J$  7.4 Hz), 1.13 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.36-1.64 (m, 2H, NCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>), 2.36 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub> at imidazole ring), 2.57 (d, 1H, =CCHH,  $J$  14.9 Hz), 2.82 (ddd, 1H, CHHCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>,  $^2J$  14.1 Hz,  $^3J$  8.5 Hz,  $^3J$  5.9 Hz), 2.84 (br.d, 1H, =CCHH,  $J$  14.8 Hz), 3.15 (ddd, 1H, NCHHCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>,  $^2J$  14.1 Hz,  $^3J$  8.5 Hz,  $^3J$  6.3 Hz), 5.10 (s, 1H, NCHN), 5.28 (br. s, 1H, PhCH=), 6.72 (d, 1H, C<sup>4</sup>H, imidazole,  $J$  1.3 Hz), 6.79 (d, 1H, C<sup>5</sup>H, imidazole,  $J$  1.3 Hz), 6.88-7.00 (m, 1H, Ph), 7.11-7.26 (m, 4H, Ph). <sup>13</sup>C NMR,  $\delta$ : 11.4 (NCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>), 13.3 (CH<sub>3</sub> at imidazole ring), 19.4 (NCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>), 21.7 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 27.7 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 40.4 (C(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>), 42.1, 45.7 (NCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>, =CCH<sub>2</sub>-), 80.7 (NCHN), 92.5 (PhCH=), 115.7 (C<sup>5</sup>, imidazole), 122.7 (C<sup>4</sup>, Ph), 126.2, 128.1 (C<sup>2</sup>, C<sup>3</sup>, C<sup>5</sup>, C<sup>6</sup>, Ph), 128.0 (C<sup>4</sup>, imidazole), 139.6 (C<sup>1</sup>, Ph), 146.6 (PhCH=C), 148.1 (C<sup>2</sup>, imidazole). Found (%): C, 77.44; H, 8.58; N, 13.71. Calc. for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>27</sub>N<sub>3</sub> (%): C, 77.63; H, 8.79; N, 13.58.



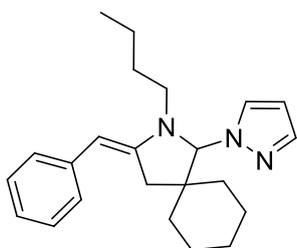
*1-[(5E)-3,3-Dimethyl-1-propyl-5-(2-thienylmethylidene)pyrrolidin-2-yl]-1H-pyrazole 4e* was prepared from aldehyde **1b**, *n*-propylamine and pyrazole in

68% yield.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR,  $\delta$ : 0.61 (s, 3H,  $\text{CH}_3$ ), 0.83 (t, 3H,  $\text{CH}_3$ ,  $J$  7.4 Hz), 1.16 (s, 3H,  $\text{CH}_3$ ), 1.25-1.61 (m, 2H,  $\text{NCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_3$ ), 2.64 (d, 1H,  $=\text{CCHH}$ ,  $J$  14.8 Hz), 2.70 (ddd, 1H,  $\text{NCHHCH}_2\text{CH}_3$ ,  $^2J$  14.1 Hz,  $^3J$  8.7 Hz,  $^3J$  5.9 Hz), 2.79 (br.d, 1H,  $=\text{CCHH}$ ,  $J$  14.8 Hz), 3.08 (ddd, 1H,  $\text{NCHHCH}_2\text{CH}_3$ ,  $^2J$  14.1 Hz,  $^3J$  8.6 Hz,  $^3J$  6.4 Hz), 5.31 (s, 1H,  $\text{NCHN}$ ), 5.53 (br. s, 1H,  $\text{ThiCH}=\text{C}$ ), 6.27 (dd, 1H,  $\text{C}^4\text{H}$ , pyrazole,  $J$  2.2 Hz,  $J$  1.7 Hz), 6.67 (dd, 1H,  $\text{C}^3\text{H}$ , thienyl,  $^3J$  3.6 Hz,  $^4J$  1.0 Hz), 6.91 (dd, 1H,  $\text{C}^4\text{H}$ , thienyl,  $^3J$  5.2 Hz,  $^3J$  3.6 Hz), 7.08 (dd, 1H,  $\text{C}^5\text{H}$ , thienyl,  $^3J$  5.2 Hz,  $^4J$  1.0 Hz), 7.48 (d, 1H,  $\text{C}^3\text{H}$ , pyrazole,  $J$  1.7 Hz), 7.72 (d, 1H,  $\text{C}^5\text{H}$ , pyrazole,  $J$  2.2 Hz).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR,  $\delta$ : 11.4 ( $\text{NCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_3$ ), 19.5 ( $\text{NCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_3$ ), 21.4 ( $\text{CH}_3$ ), 28.1 ( $\text{CH}_3$ ), 40.6 ( $\text{C}(\text{CH}_3)_2$ ), 42.8, 45.5 ( $\text{NCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_3$ ,  $=\text{CCH}_2-$ ), 85.7 ( $\text{NCHN}$ ), 88.7 ( $\text{ThiCH}=\text{C}$ ), 105.0 ( $\text{C}^4$ , pyrazole), 119.4, 120.2, 127.1 ( $\text{C}^2$ ,  $\text{C}^3$ ,  $\text{C}^4$ ,  $\text{C}^5$ , Thi), 129.4 ( $\text{C}^5$ , pyrazole), 139.2 ( $\text{C}^3$ , pyrazole), 143.9 ( $\text{C}^2$ , Thi), 147.5 ( $\text{ThiCH}=\text{C}$ ). Found (%): C, 67.52; H, 7.84; N, 13.81. Calc. for  $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{23}\text{N}_3\text{S}$  (%): C, 67.73; H, 7.69; N, 13.94.



*1-[(5E)-3,3-Dimethyl-1-propyl-5-(2-thienylmethylidene)pyrrolidin-2-yl]-3,5-dimethyl-1H-pyrazole* **4f** was prepared from aldehyde **1b**, *n*-propylamine and 2,5-dimethylpyrazole in 74% yield.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR,  $\delta$ : 0.63 (s,

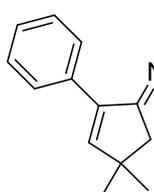
3H,  $\text{CH}_3$ ), 0.84 (t, 3H,  $\text{CH}_3$ ,  $J$  7.4 Hz), 1.17 (s, 3H,  $\text{CH}_3$ ), 1.23-1.61 (m, 2H,  $\text{NCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_3$ ), 2.05 (s, 3H,  $\text{CH}_3$  at pyrazole ring), 2.27 (s, 3H,  $\text{CH}_3$  at pyrazole ring), 2.58 (d, 1H,  $=\text{CCHH}$ ,  $J$  14.8 Hz), 2.70 (ddd, 1H,  $\text{NCHHCH}_2\text{CH}_3$ ,  $^2J$  14.1 Hz,  $^3J$  8.7 Hz,  $^3J$  5.9 Hz), 2.85 (br.d, 1H,  $=\text{CCHH}$ ,  $J$  14.8 Hz), 3.05 (ddd, 1H,  $\text{NCHHCH}_2\text{CH}_3$ ,  $^2J$  14.1 Hz,  $^3J$  8.6 Hz,  $^3J$  6.4 Hz), 5.03 (s, 1H,  $\text{NCHN}$ ), 5.46 (br. s, 1H,  $\text{ThiCH}=\text{C}$ ), 5.80 (s, 1H,  $\text{C}^4\text{H}$ , pyrazole), 6.63 (dd, 1H,  $\text{C}^3\text{H}$ , thienyl,  $^3J$  3.6 Hz,  $^4J$  1.0 Hz), 6.90 (dd, 1H,  $\text{C}^4\text{H}$ , thienyl,  $^3J$  5.2 Hz,  $^3J$  3.6 Hz), 7.04 (dd, 1H,  $\text{C}^5\text{H}$ , thienyl,  $^3J$  5.2 Hz,  $^4J$  1.0 Hz).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR,  $\delta$ : 10.8 ( $\text{CH}_3$  at pyrazole ring), 11.5 ( $\text{NCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_3$ ), 13.7 ( $\text{CH}_3$  at pyrazole ring), 19.6 ( $\text{NCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_3$ ), 21.4 ( $\text{CH}_3$ ), 28.3 ( $\text{CH}_3$ ), 40.7 ( $\text{C}(\text{CH}_3)_2$ ), 43.2, 45.5 ( $\text{NCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_3$ ,  $=\text{CCH}_2-$ ), 81.4 ( $\text{NCHN}$ ), 86.0 ( $\text{ThiCH}=\text{C}$ ), 104.8 ( $\text{C}^4$ , pyrazole), 118.9, 119.6, 127.1 ( $\text{C}^2$ ,  $\text{C}^3$ ,  $\text{C}^4$ ,  $\text{C}^5$ , Thi), 139.5 ( $\text{C}^5$ , pyrazole), 144.3 ( $\text{C}^2$ , Thi), 146.7 ( $\text{C}^3$ , pyrazole), 148.3 ( $\text{ThiCH}=\text{C}$ ). Found (%): C, 69.43; H, 8.05; N, 12.92. Calc. for  $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{27}\text{N}_3\text{S}$  (%): C, 69.26; H, 8.26; N, 12.75.



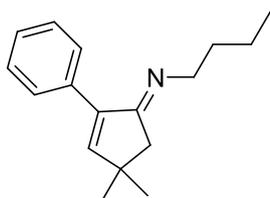
*(3E)-3-Benzylidene-2-butyl-1-(1H-pyrazol-1-yl)-2-azaspiro[4.5]decane* **4g** was prepared from aldehyde **1c**, *n*-butylamine and pyrazole in 73% yield.

$^1\text{H}$  NMR,  $\delta$ : 0.85 (t, 3H,  $\text{CH}_3$ ,  $J$  7.4 Hz), 1.05-1.70 (m, 14H,  $\text{NCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_3$ ;  $5\text{CH}_2$ , *cyclo-C6*), 2.72 (d, 1H,  $=\text{CCHH}$ ,  $J$  15.3 Hz), 2.76 (ddd, 1H,  $\text{NCHHCH}_2\text{CH}_3$ ,  $^2J$  14.1 Hz,  $^3J$  8.7 Hz,  $^3J$  5.9 Hz), 2.85 (br.d, 1H,  $=\text{CCHH}$ ,  $J$  15.3 Hz), 3.14 (ddd, 1H,  $\text{NCHHCH}_2\text{CH}_3$ ,  $^2J$  14.1 Hz,  $^3J$  8.5 Hz,  $^3J$  5.9 Hz), 5.21 (br. s, 1H,  $\text{PhCH}=\text{C}$ ), 5.39 (s, 1H,  $\text{NCHN}$ ), 6.26 (dd, 1H,  $\text{C}^4\text{H}$ , pyrazole,  $J$  2.3 Hz,  $J$  1.8 Hz), 6.87-6.99 (m, 1H, Ph), 7.11-7.27 (m, 4H, Ph), 7.48 (d, 1H,  $\text{C}^3\text{H}$ , pyrazole,  $J$  1.8 Hz), 7.75 (d, 1H,  $\text{C}^5\text{H}$ , pyrazole,  $J$  2.3 Hz).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR,  $\delta$ : 13.7 ( $\text{NCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_3$ ), 19.7, 22.0, 22.6, 25.4, 28.2, 30.9,

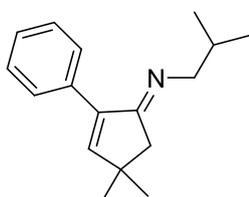
35.1 (NCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>; 5CH<sub>2</sub>, *cyclo*-C<sub>6</sub>), 39.7, 43.3 (NCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>, =CCH<sub>2</sub>-), 43.8 (quaternary C), 84.5 (NCHN), 92.0 (PhCH=), 104.8 (C<sup>4</sup>, pyrazole), 122.4 (C<sup>4</sup>, Ph), 126.0, 128.1 (C<sup>2</sup>, C<sup>3</sup>, C<sup>5</sup>, C<sup>6</sup>, Ph), 129.5 (C<sup>5</sup>, pyrazole), 138.9 (C<sup>3</sup>, pyrazole), 139.9 (C<sup>1</sup>, Ph), 147.3 (PhCH=C). Found (%): C, 79.11; H, 8.82; N, 11.88. Calc. for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>31</sub>N<sub>3</sub> (%): C, 79.04; H, 8.94; N, 12.02.



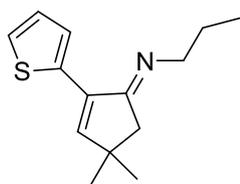
*N*-[(1*E*)-4,4-Dimethyl-2-phenylcyclopent-2-en-1-ylidene]-*N*-methylamine **7b** was prepared from aldehyde **1a** and methylamine and isolated in 42% yield by vacuum microdistillation (1 Torr, bath temperature 90-100 °C). <sup>1</sup>H NMR, δ: 1.26 (s, 6H, 2CH<sub>3</sub>), 2.51 (q, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>C=N, <sup>4</sup>*J* 1.3 Hz), 3.30 (t, 3H, NCH<sub>3</sub>, <sup>4</sup>*J* 1.3 Hz), 6.78 (s, 1H, =CH-), 7.24-7.43 (m, 3H, C<sup>3</sup>H, C<sup>4</sup>H, C<sup>5</sup>H, Ph), 7.69-7.79 (m, 2H, C<sup>2</sup>H, C<sup>6</sup>H, Ph). <sup>13</sup>C NMR, δ: 28.7 (2CH<sub>3</sub>), 40.3 (C(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>), 40.8 (NCH<sub>3</sub>), 43.3 (CH<sub>2</sub>C=N), 127.4, 127.8, 128.2 (Ph), 133.7 (C<sup>1</sup>, Ph), 141.2 (C=CH), 155.5 (C=CH); 176.5 (C=N). HRMS, *m/z* 200.1431, calculated for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>18</sub>N, [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: *m/z* 200.1434.



*N*-[(1*E*)-4,4-Dimethyl-2-phenylcyclopent-2-en-1-ylidene]-*N*-butylamine **7c** was prepared from aldehyde **1a** and *n*-butylamine and isolated in 40% yield by vacuum microdistillation (1 Torr, bath temperature 130-140 °C). <sup>1</sup>H NMR, δ: 1.00 (t, 3H, NCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>, *J* 7.2 Hz), 1.25 (s, 6H, 2CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.37-1.59 (m, 2H, NCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.62 - 1.81 (m, 2H, NCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>), 2.49 (t, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>C=N, <sup>4</sup>*J* 1.2 Hz), 3.38 (tt, 2H, NCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>, <sup>3</sup>*J* 7.1 Hz, <sup>4</sup>*J* 1.2 Hz), 6.77 (s, 1H, =CH-), 7.27-7.43 (m, 3H, C<sup>3</sup>H, C<sup>4</sup>H, C<sup>5</sup>H, Ph), 7.71-7.80 (m, 2H, C<sup>2</sup>H, C<sup>6</sup>H, Ph). <sup>13</sup>C NMR, δ: 14.2 (NCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>), 21.0 (NCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>), 29.1 (2CH<sub>3</sub>), 33.2 (NCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>), 40.6 (C(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>), 43.8 (CH<sub>2</sub>C=N), 53.9 (NCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>), 127.7, 128.1, 128.4 (Ph), 134.1 (C<sup>1</sup>, Ph), 141.2 (C=CH), 155.5 (C=CH); 174.4 (C=N). HRMS, *m/z* 242.1899, calculated for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>23</sub>N, [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: *m/z* 242.1903.



*N*-[(1*E*)-4,4-Dimethyl-2-phenylcyclopent-2-en-1-ylidene]-*N*-isobutylamine **7d** was prepared from aldehyde **1a** and isobutylamine and isolated in 26% yield by vacuum microdistillation (1 Torr, bath temperature 130-140 °C). <sup>1</sup>H NMR, δ: 1.05 (d, 6H, NCH<sub>2</sub>CH(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>, *J* 6.7 Hz), 1.26 (s, 6H, 2CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.96-2.21 (m, 1H, NCH<sub>2</sub>CH(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>), 2.49 (s, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>C=N), 3.21 (d, 2H, NCH<sub>2</sub>CH(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>, *J* 6.7 Hz), 6.80 (s, 1H, =CH-), 7.24-7.48 (m, 3H, C<sup>3</sup>H, C<sup>4</sup>H, C<sup>5</sup>H, Ph), 7.77-7.85 (m, 2H, C<sup>2</sup>H, C<sup>6</sup>H, Ph). <sup>13</sup>C NMR, δ: 21.0 (NCH<sub>2</sub>CH(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>), 29.0 (2CH<sub>3</sub>), 30.0 (NCH<sub>2</sub>CH(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>), 40.5 (C(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>), 43.9 (CH<sub>2</sub>C=N), 62.0 (NCH<sub>2</sub>CH(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>), 127.6, 128.0, 128.3 (Ph), 134.0 (C<sup>1</sup>, Ph), 141.0 (C=CH), 155.2 (C=CH); 174.2 (C=N). HRMS, *m/z* 242.1906, calculated for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>23</sub>N, [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: *m/z* 242.1903.

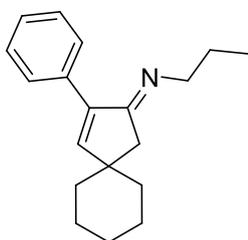


*N*-[(1*E*)-4,4-Dimethyl-2-(2-thienyl)cyclopent-2-en-1-ylidene]-*N*-propylamine

**7e** was prepared from aldehyde **1b** and *n*-propylamine and isolated in 40% yield by vacuum microdistillation (1 Torr, bath temperature 130-140 °C). <sup>1</sup>H

NMR,  $\delta$ : 1.06 (t, 3H, NCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>, *J* 7.2 Hz), 1.23 (s, 6H, 2CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.68 – 1.88

(m, 2H, NCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>), 2.44 (t, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>C=N, <sup>4</sup>*J* 1.2 Hz), 3.35 (tt, 2H, NCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>, <sup>3</sup>*J* 7.0 Hz, <sup>4</sup>*J* 1.2 Hz), 6.83 (s, 1H, =CH-), 7.03 (dd, 1H, C<sup>4</sup>H, thienyl, <sup>3</sup>*J* 5.2 Hz, <sup>3</sup>*J* 3.6 Hz), 7.26 (dd, 1H, C<sup>5</sup>H, thienyl, <sup>3</sup>*J* 5.2 Hz, <sup>4</sup>*J* 1.0 Hz), 7.69 (dd, 1H, C<sup>3</sup>H, thienyl, <sup>3</sup>*J* 3.6 Hz, <sup>4</sup>*J* 1.0 Hz). <sup>13</sup>C NMR,  $\delta$ : 12.3 (NCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>), 24.2 (NCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>), 28.9 (2CH<sub>3</sub>), 41.1 (C(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>), 43.3 (CH<sub>2</sub>C=N), 55.4 (NCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>), 125.6, 125.7, 126.5 (C<sup>3</sup>, C<sup>4</sup>, C<sup>5</sup>, Thi), 134.8, 135.1 (C<sup>1</sup>, Thi; C=CH), 152.2 (C=CH); 173.3 (C=N). HRMS, *m/z* 234.1308, calculated for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>20</sub>NS, [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: *m/z* 234.1311.



*N*-[(2*E*)-3-Phenylspiro[4.5]dec-3-en-2-ylidene]-*N*-propylamine **7f** was

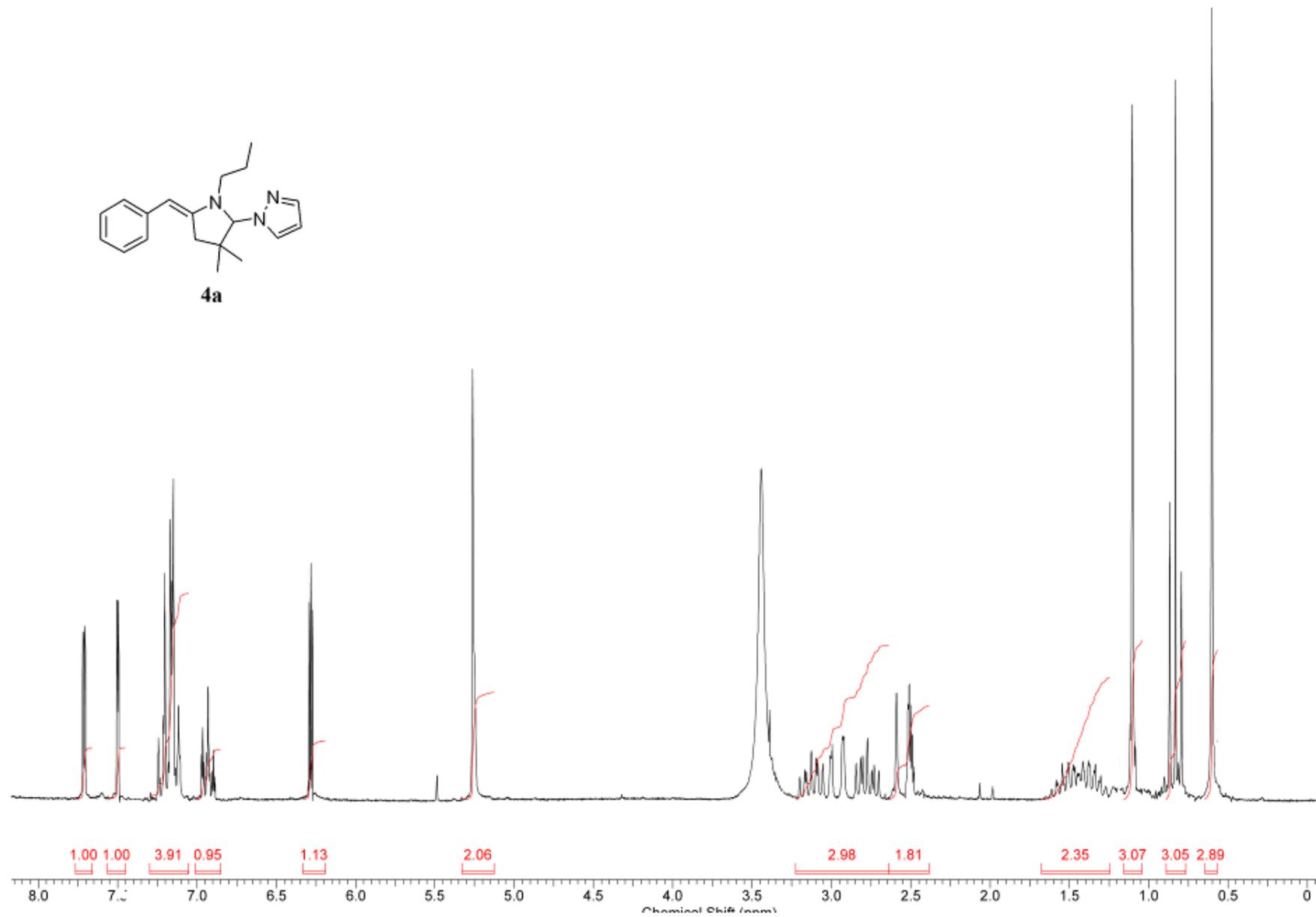
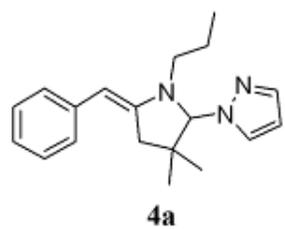
prepared from aldehyde **1c** and *n*-propylamine and isolated in 48% yield by column chromatography on basic Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> [hexane–Et<sub>2</sub>O (20:1→10:1) as eluent]. <sup>1</sup>H NMR,  $\delta$ : 1.05 (t, 3H, NCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>, *J* 7.2 Hz), 1.10 – 1.65 (m,

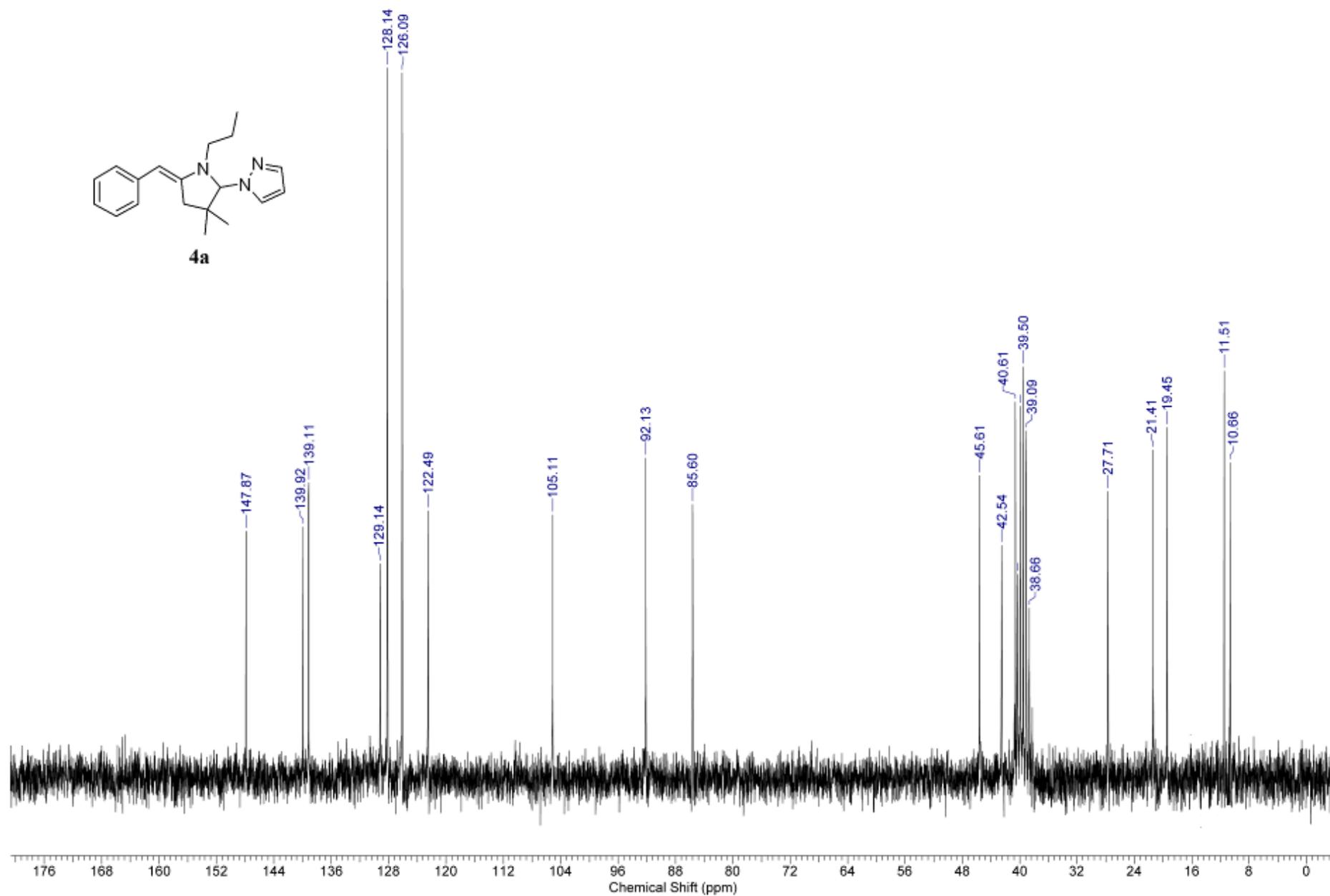
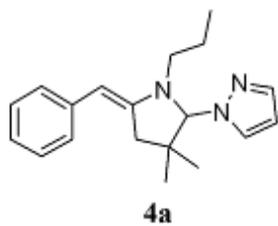
12H, NCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>; 5CH<sub>2</sub>, *cyclo*-C<sub>6</sub>), 2.48 (t, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>C=N, <sup>4</sup>*J* 1.2 Hz), 3.39

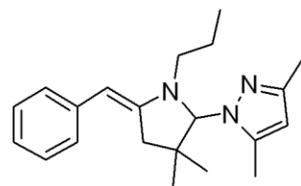
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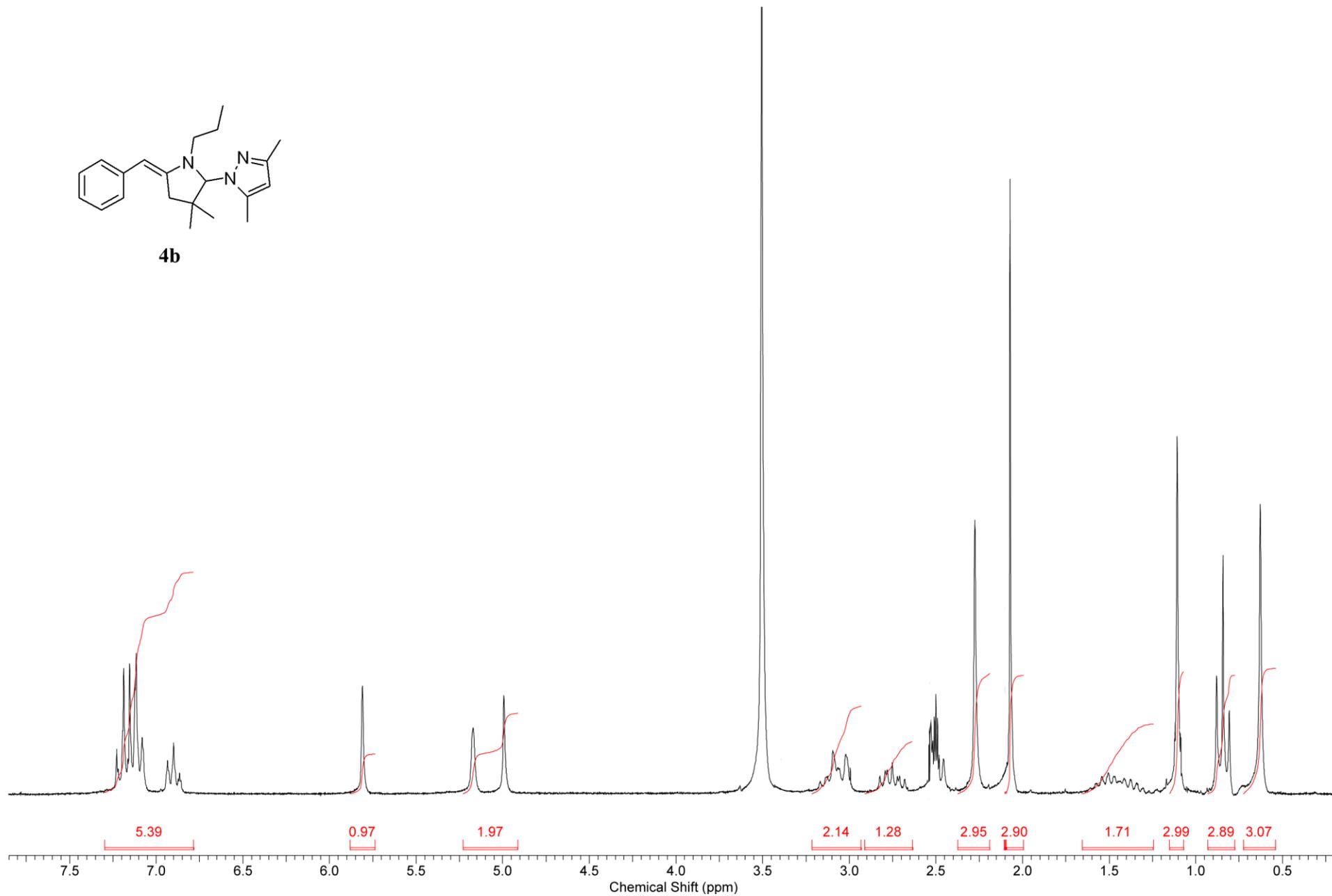
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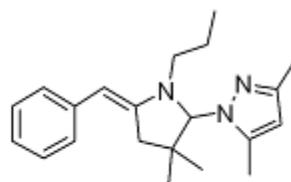
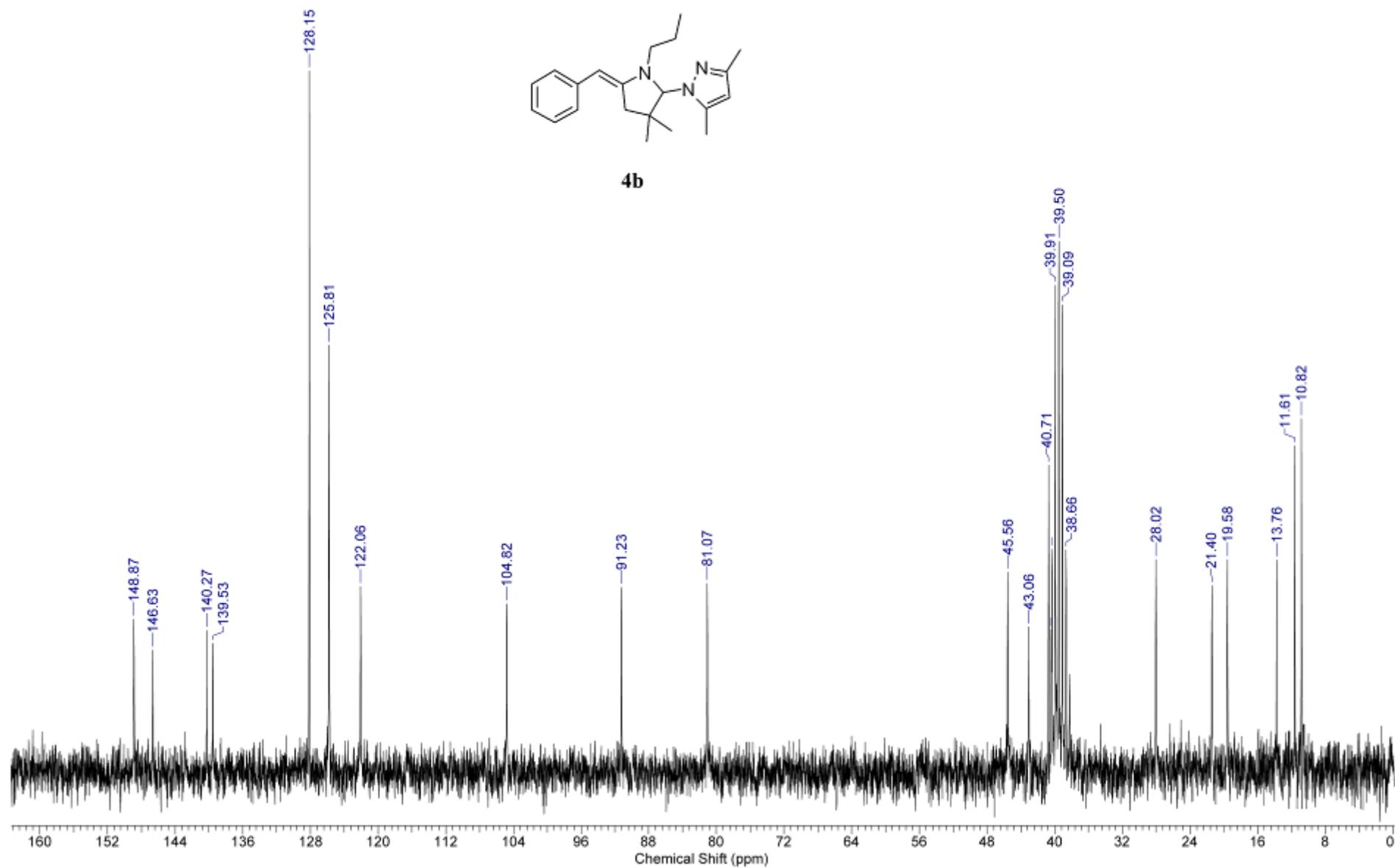
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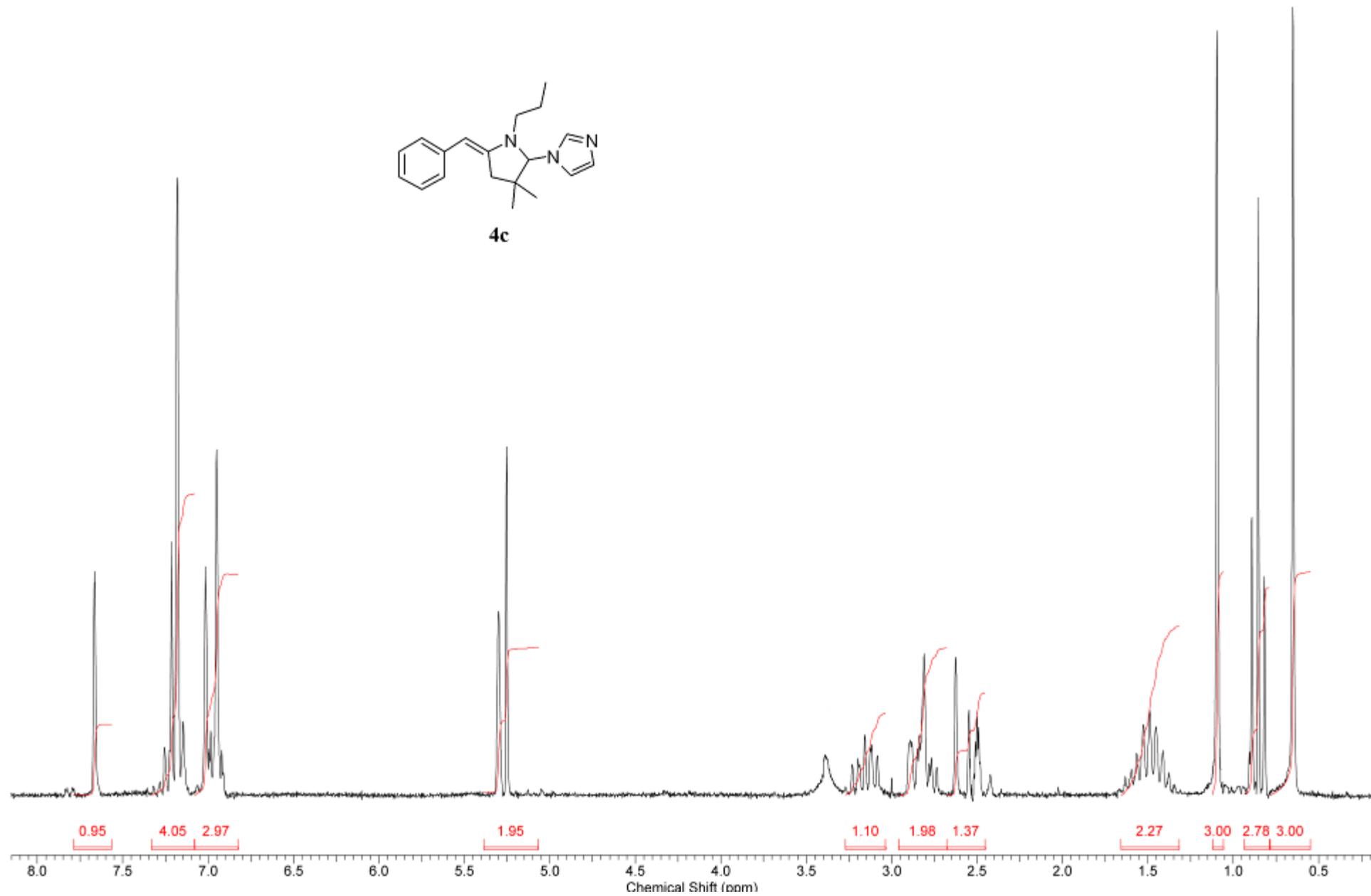
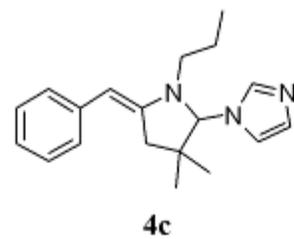


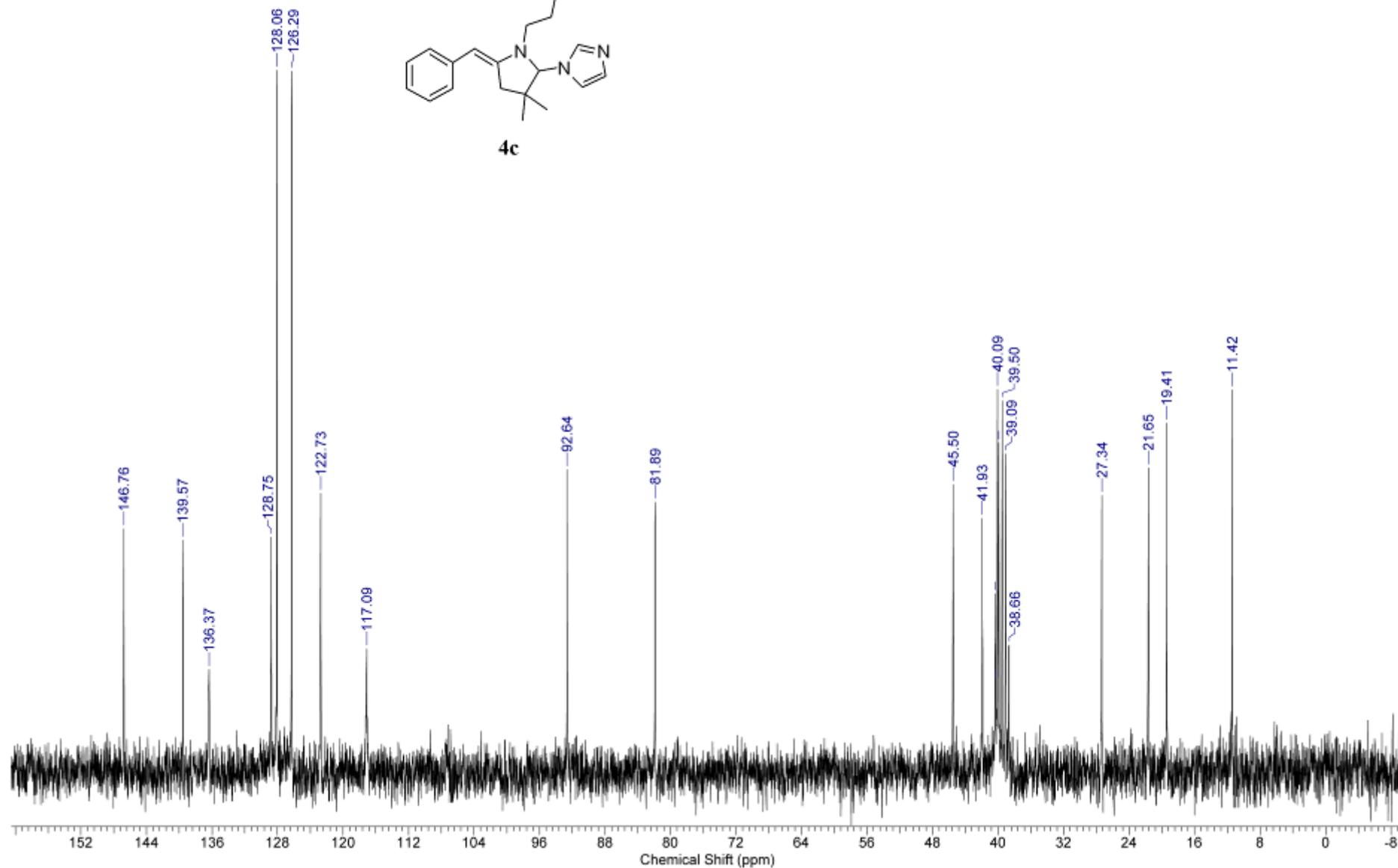
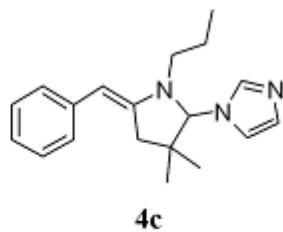


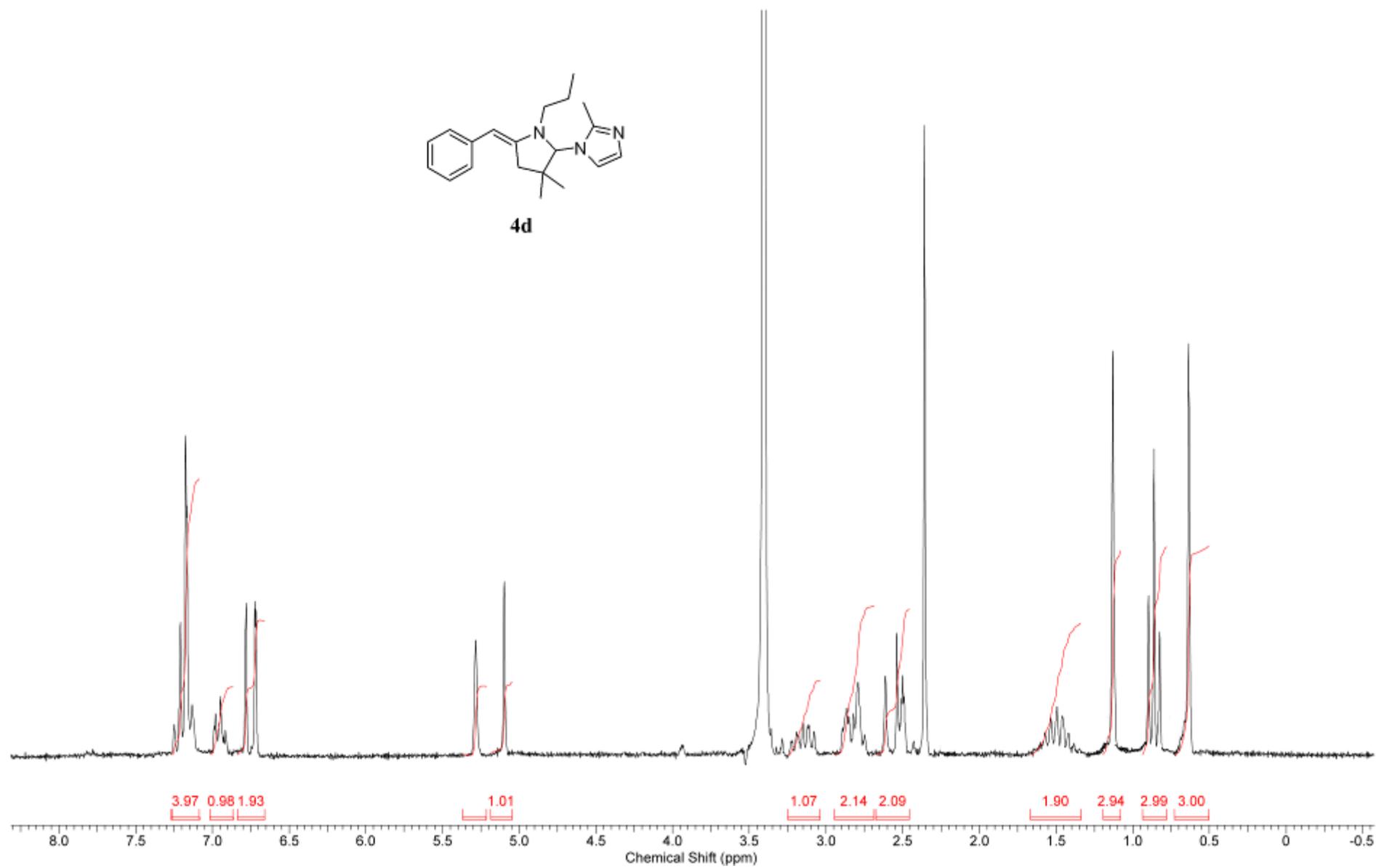
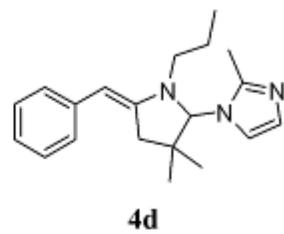
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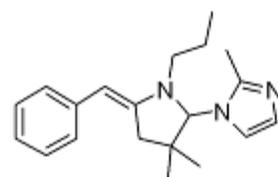


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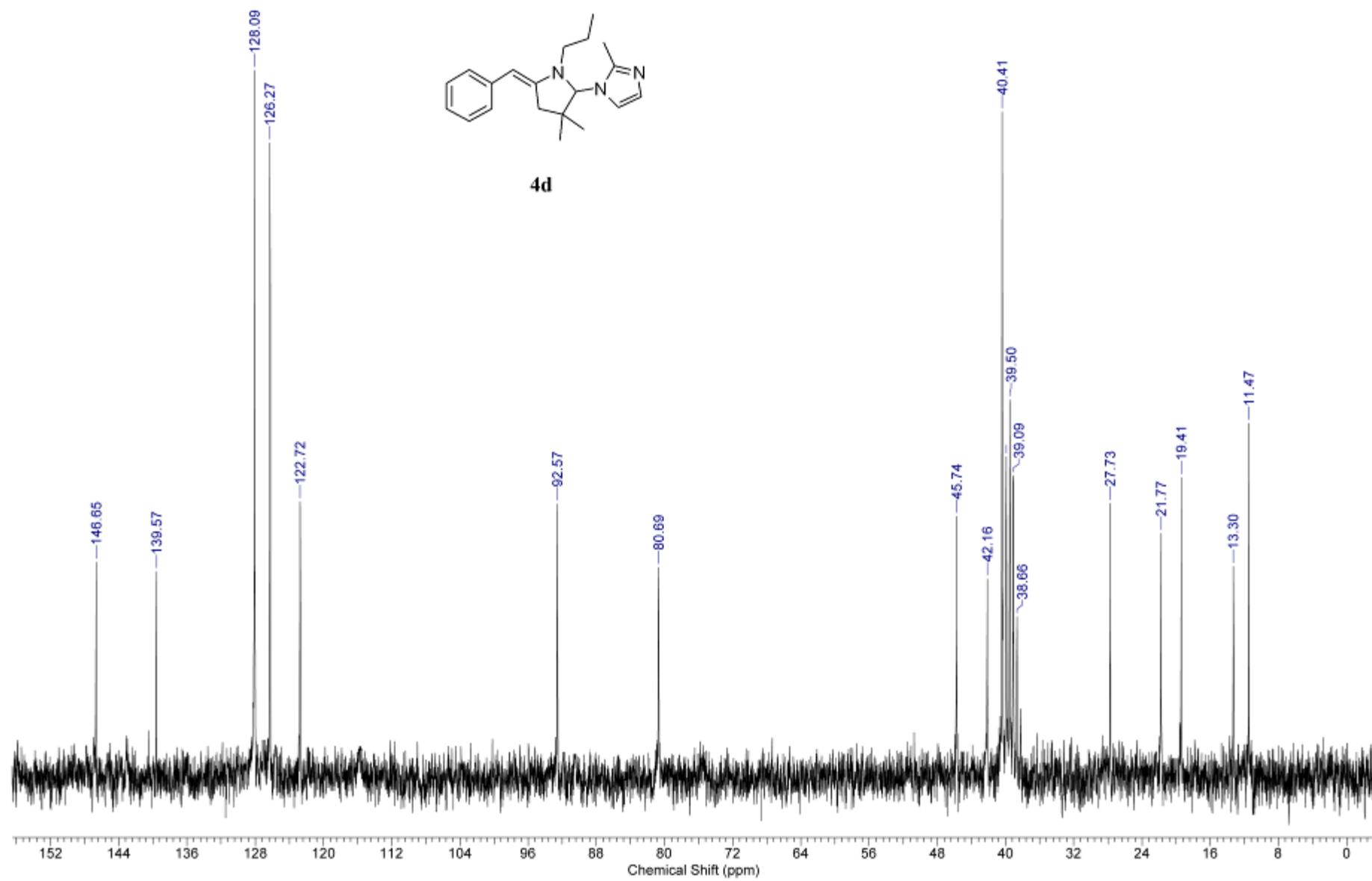


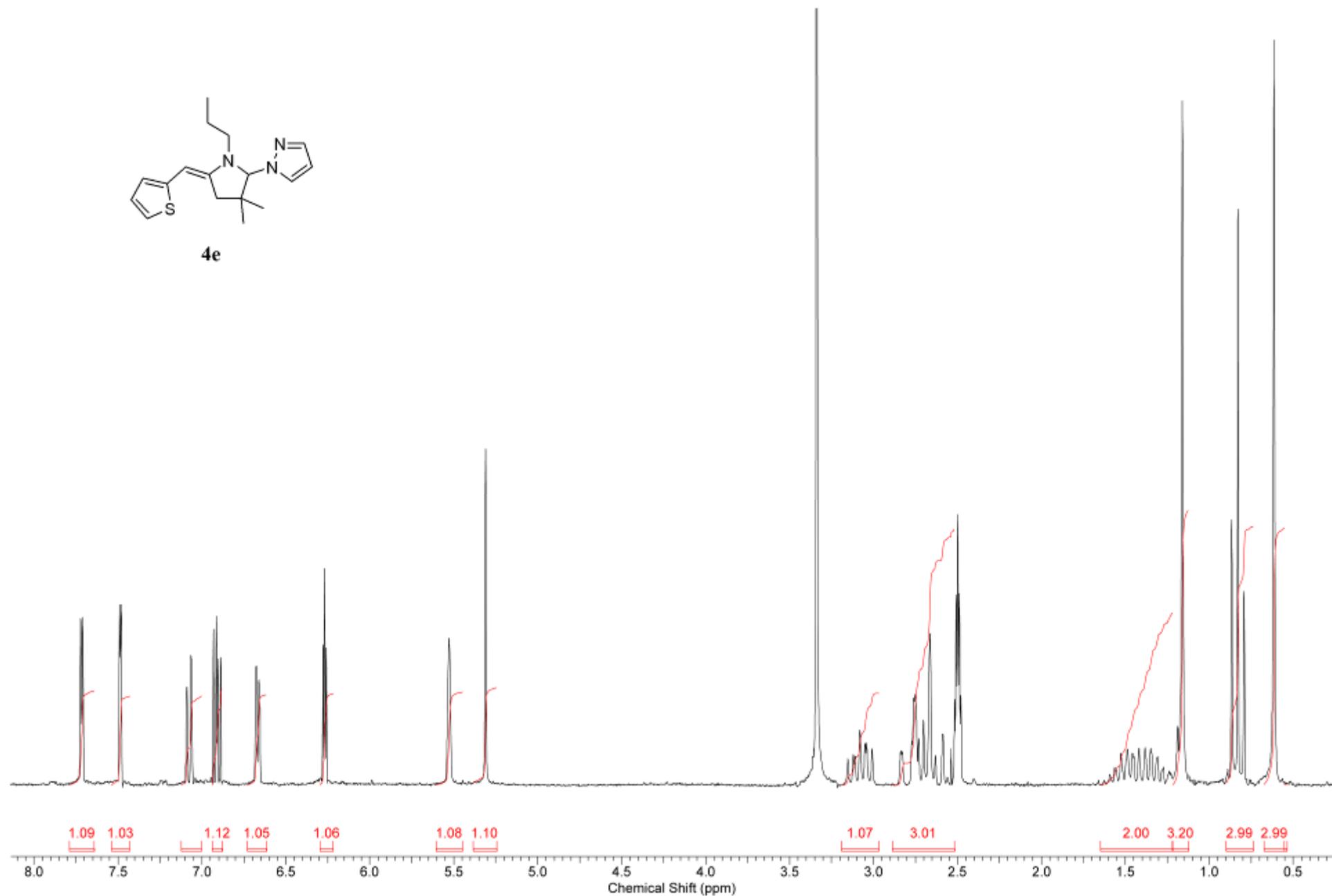
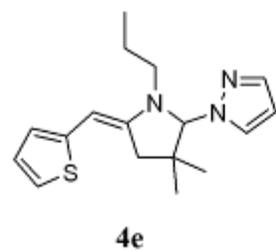


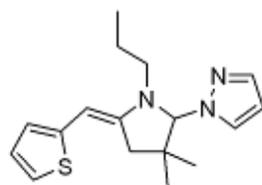




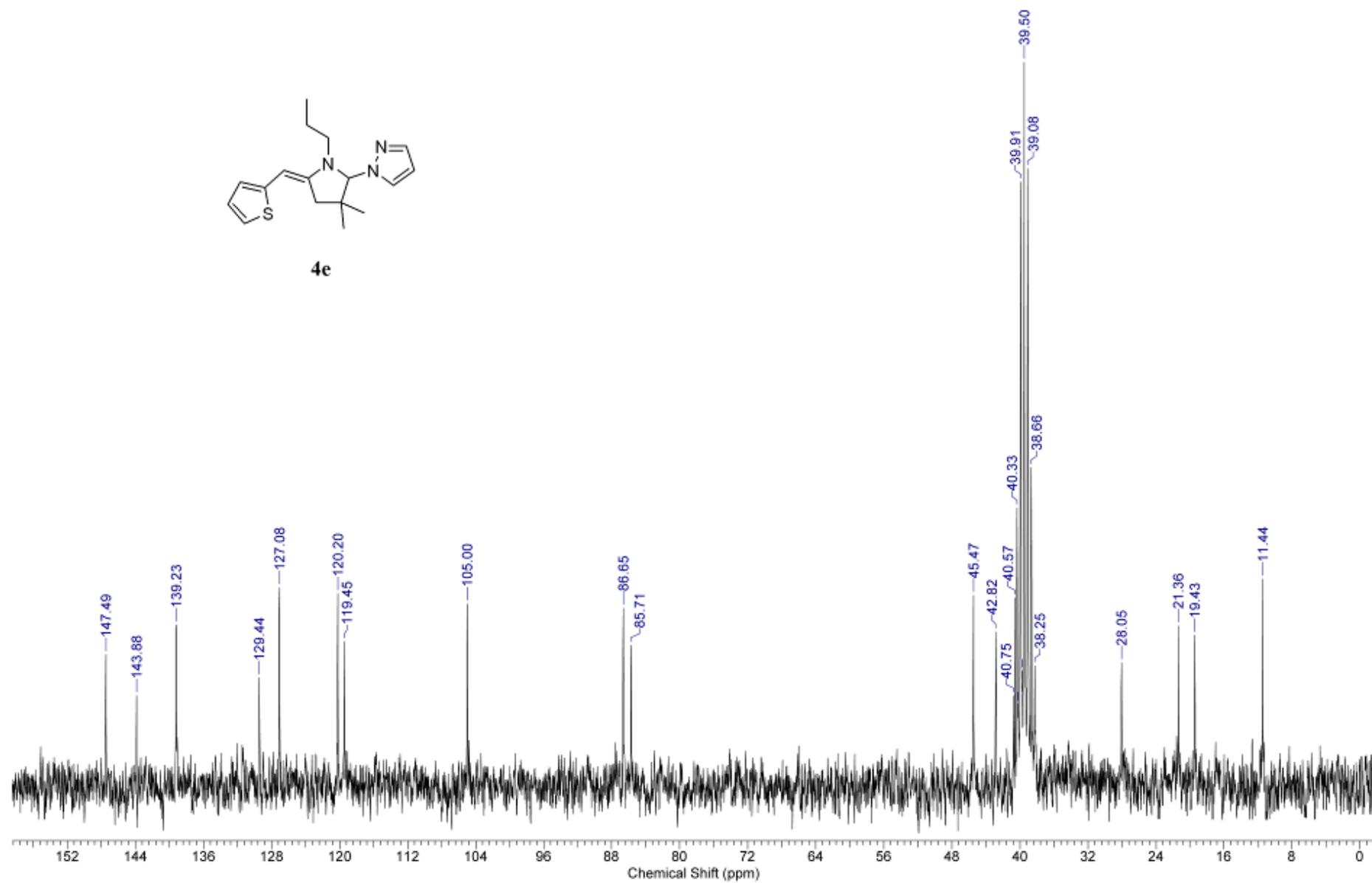
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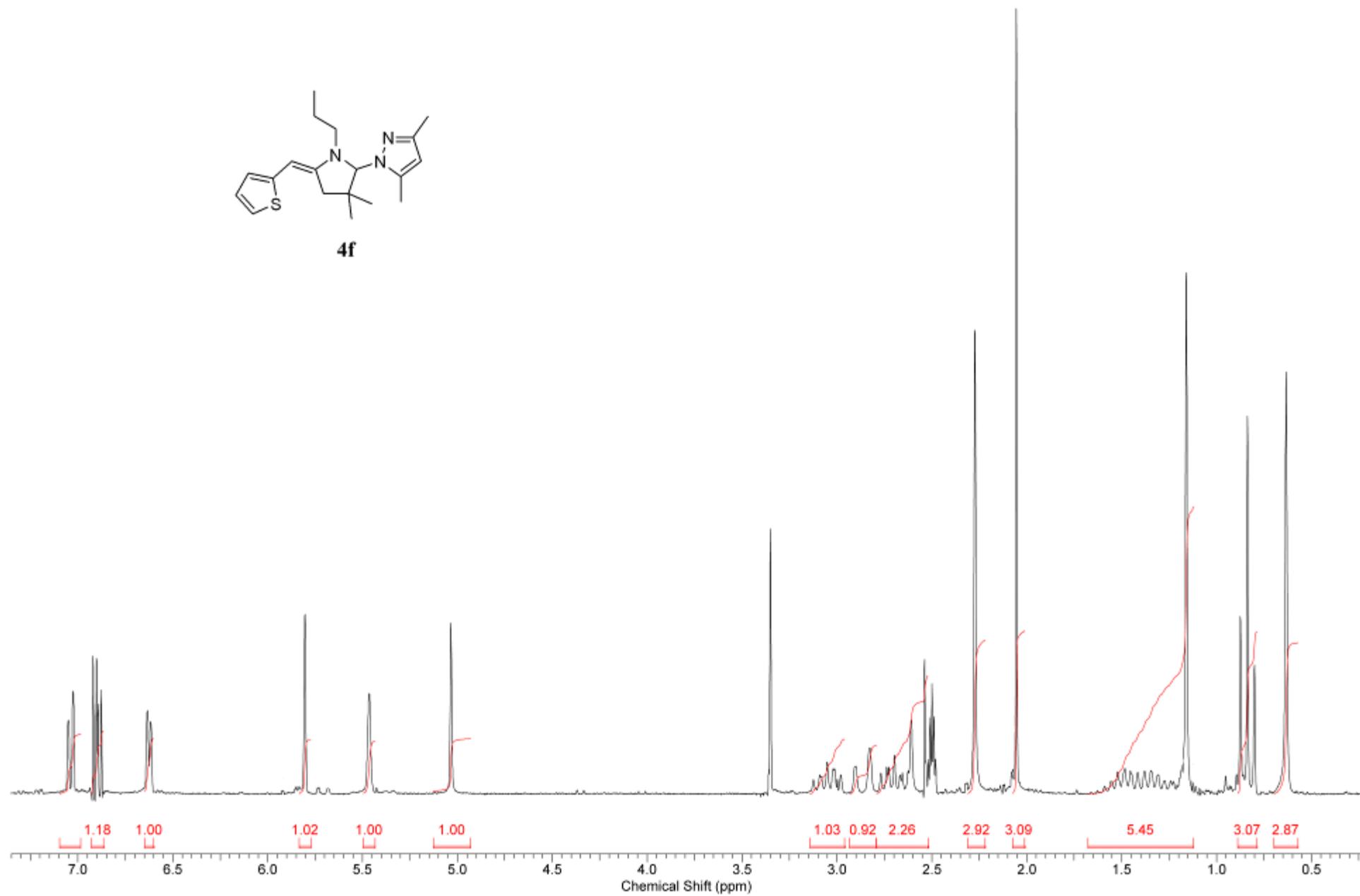
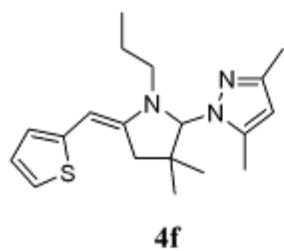


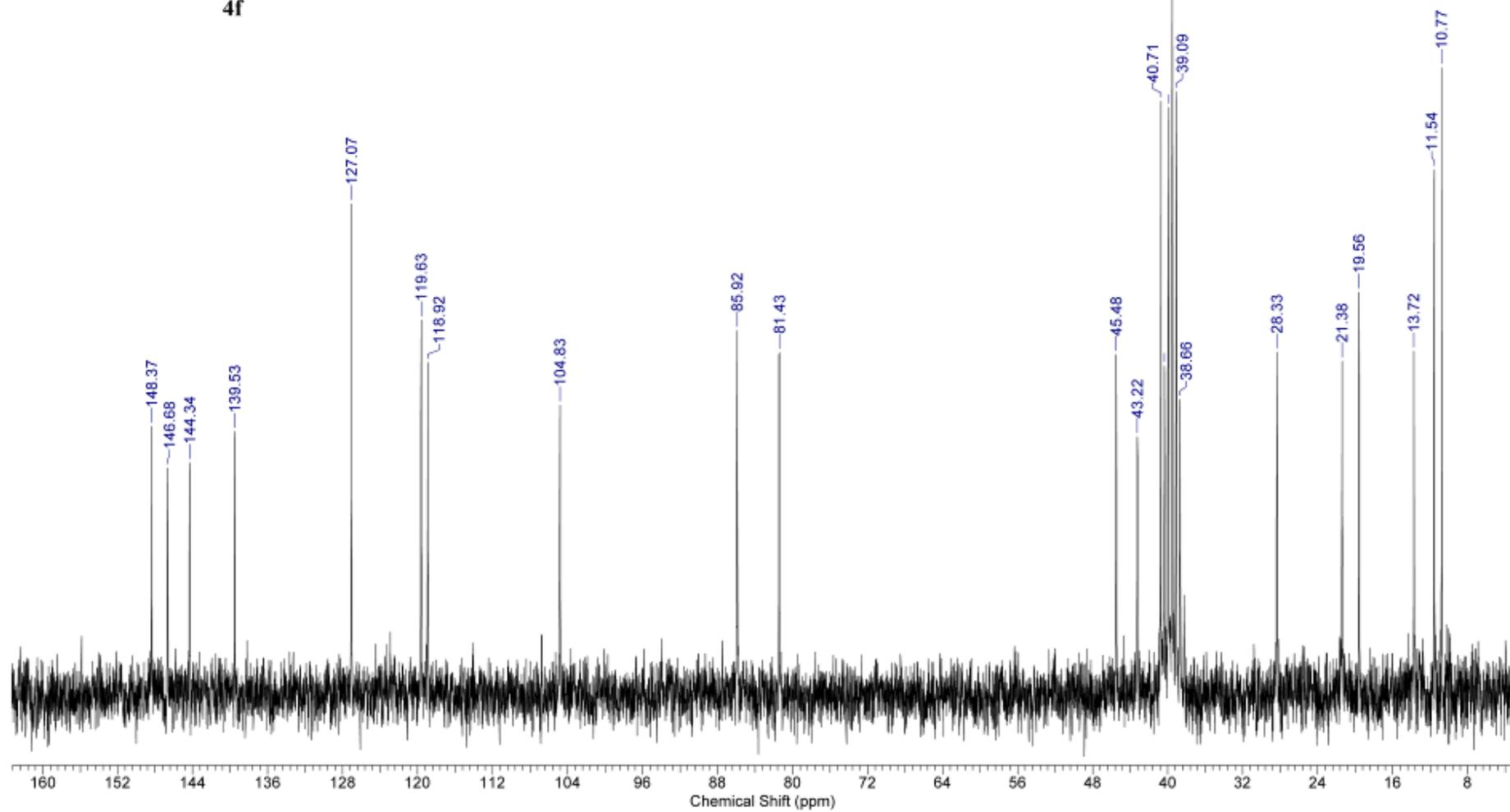
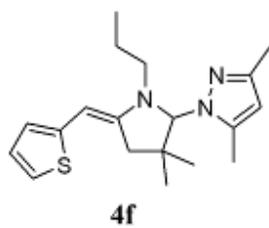


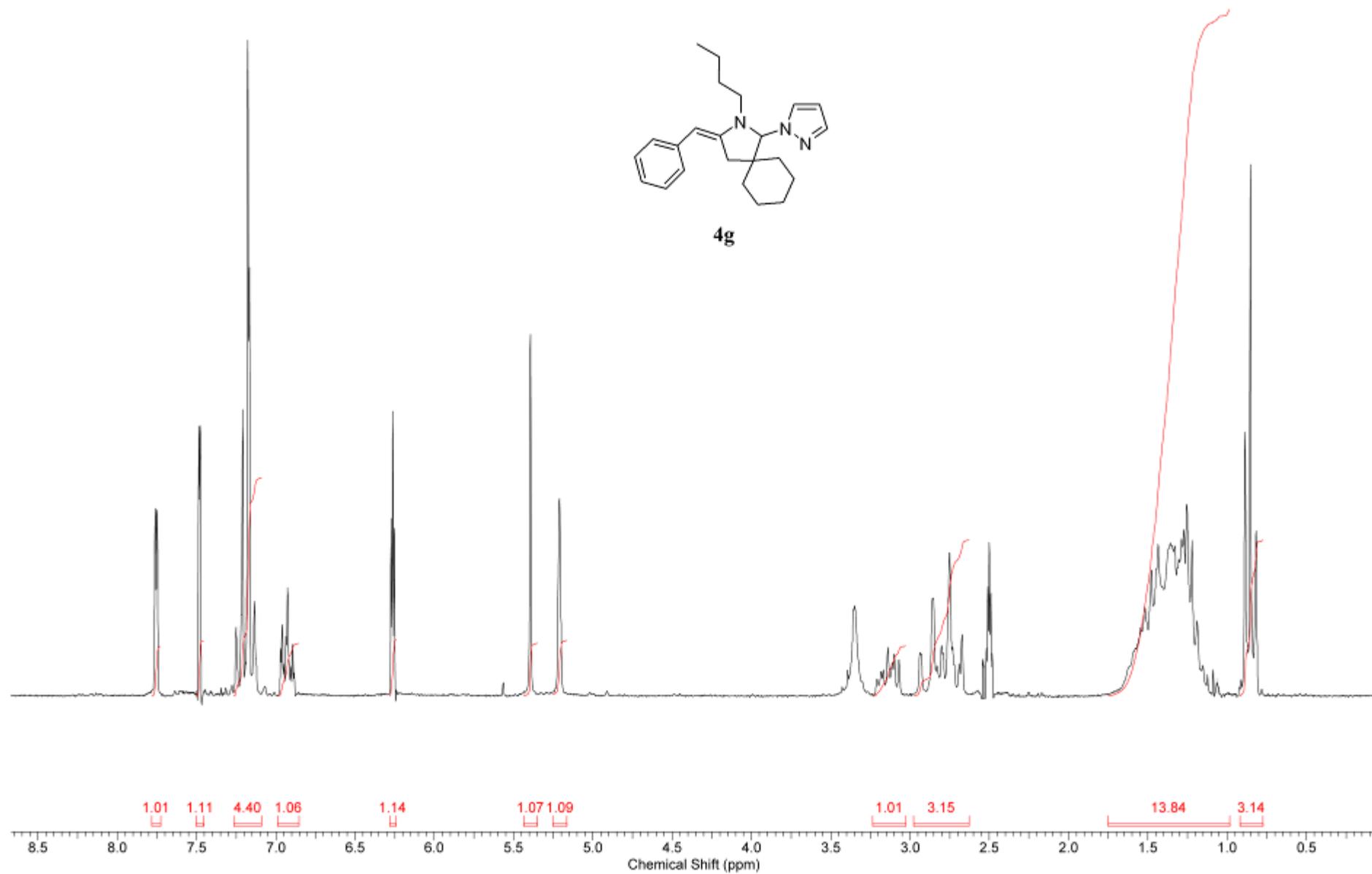
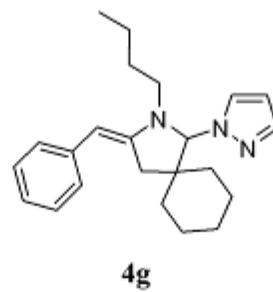


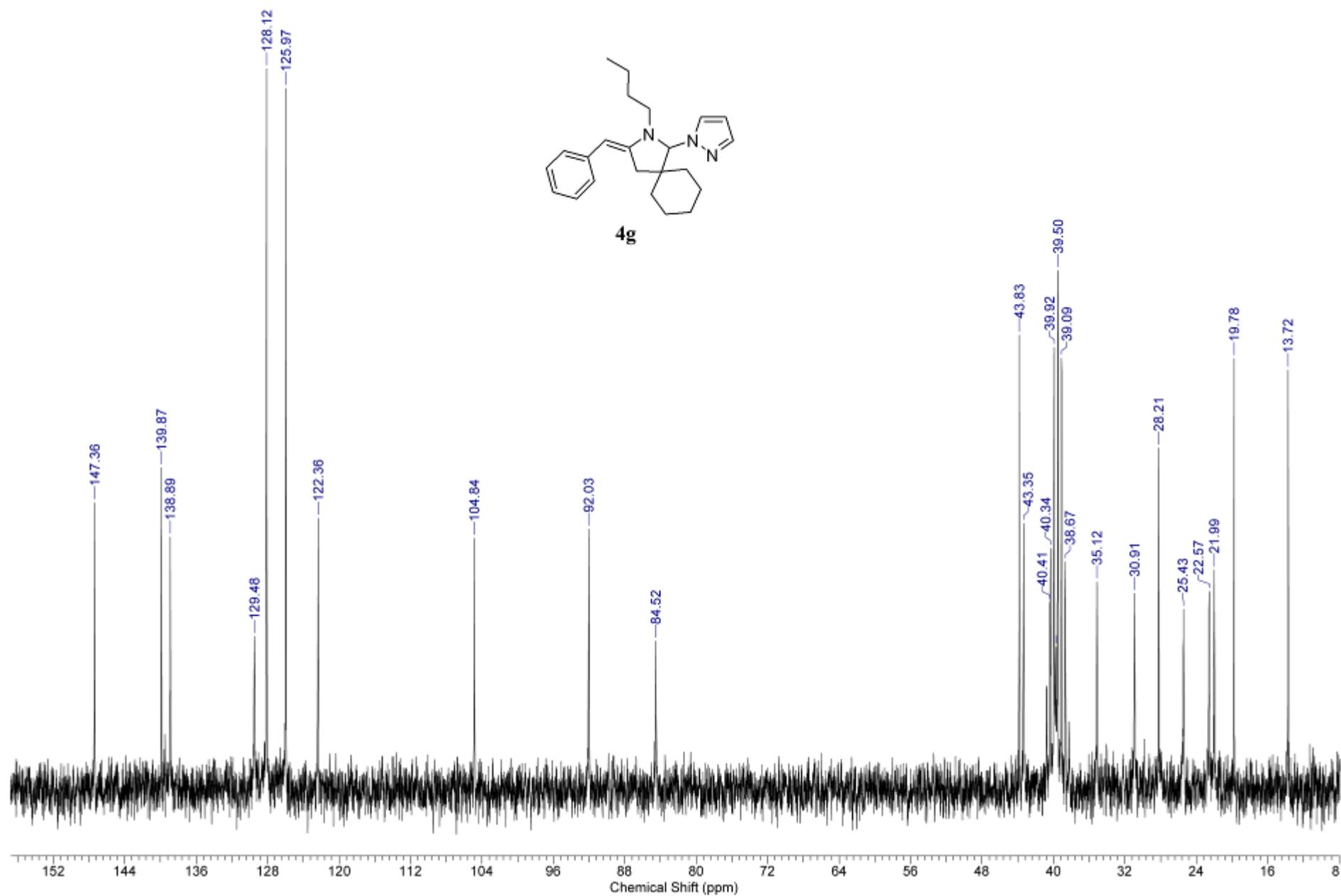
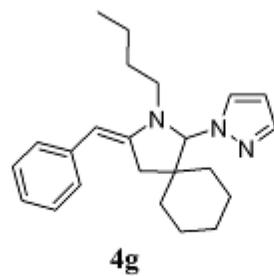
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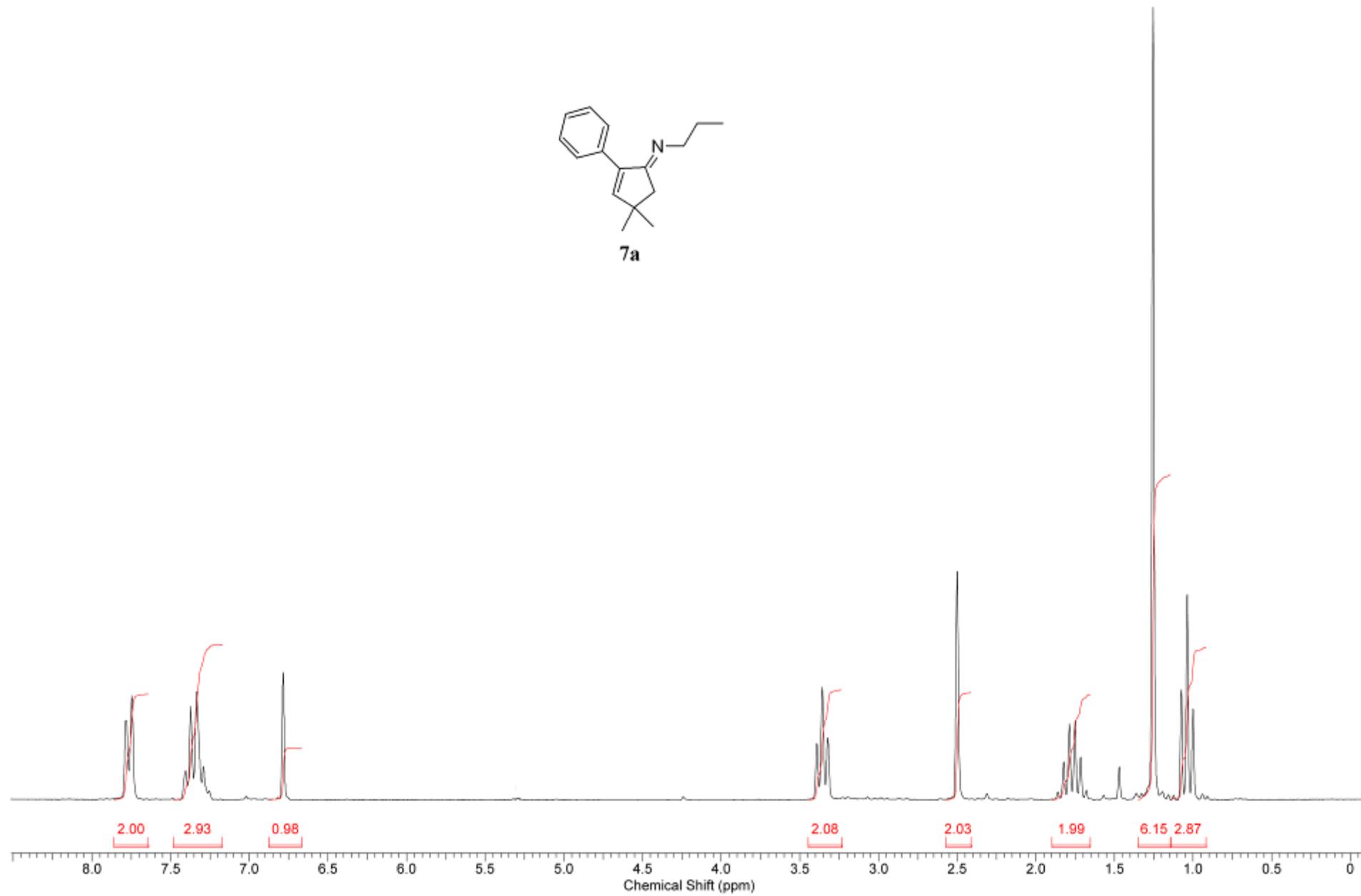
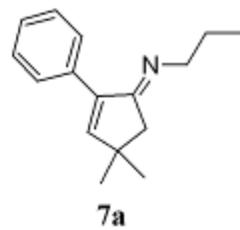


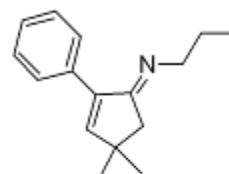




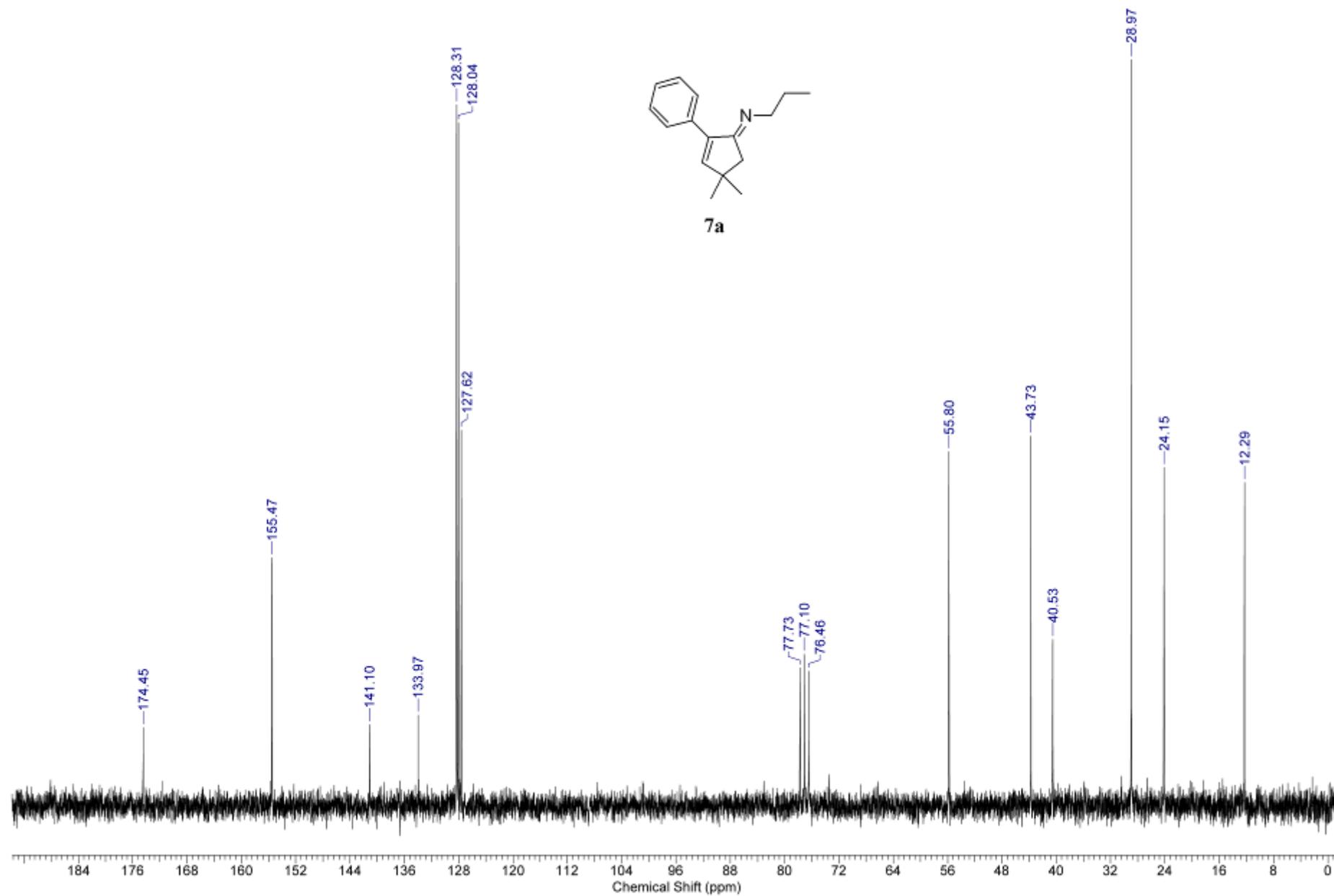


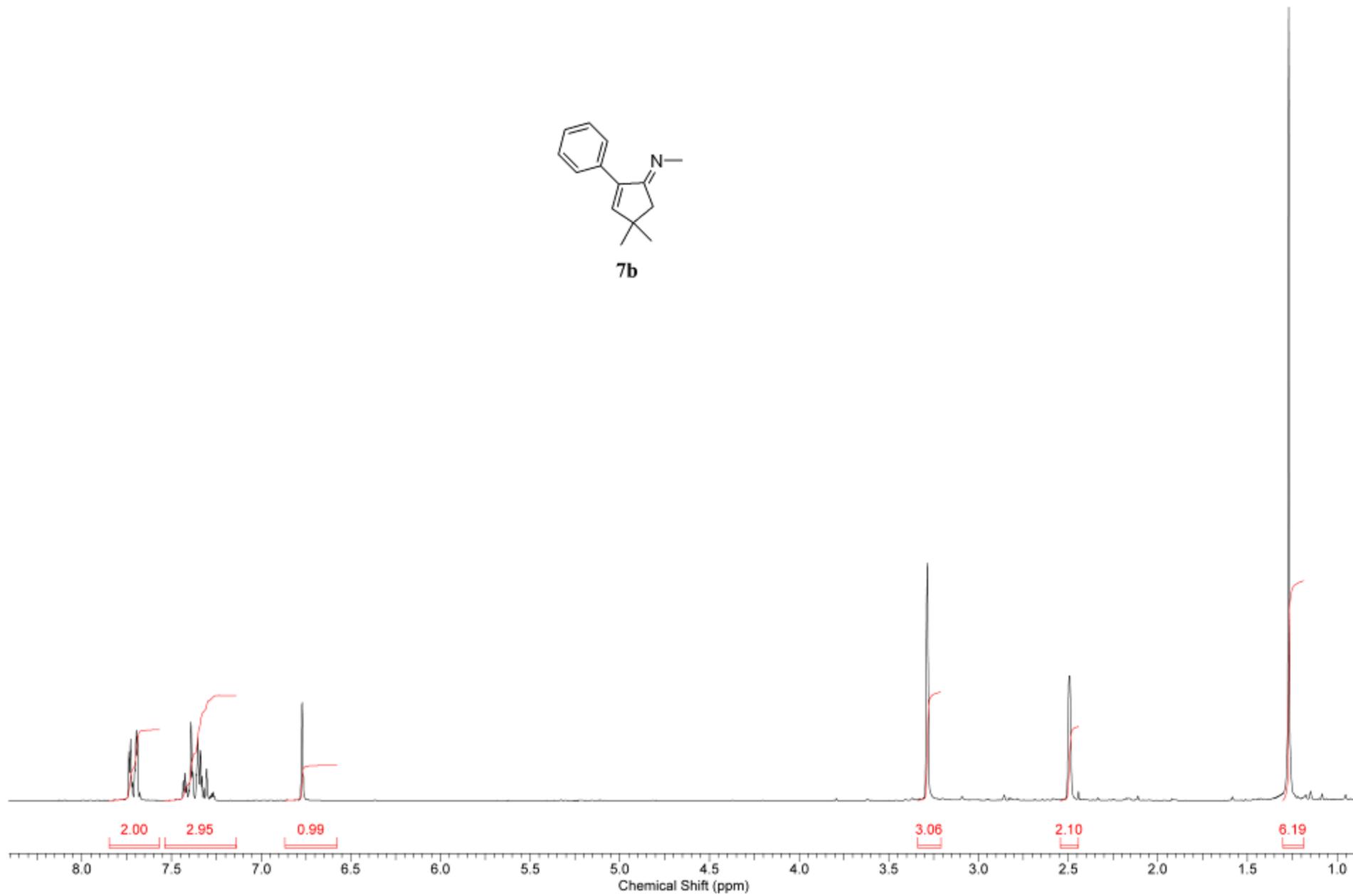
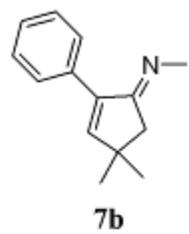


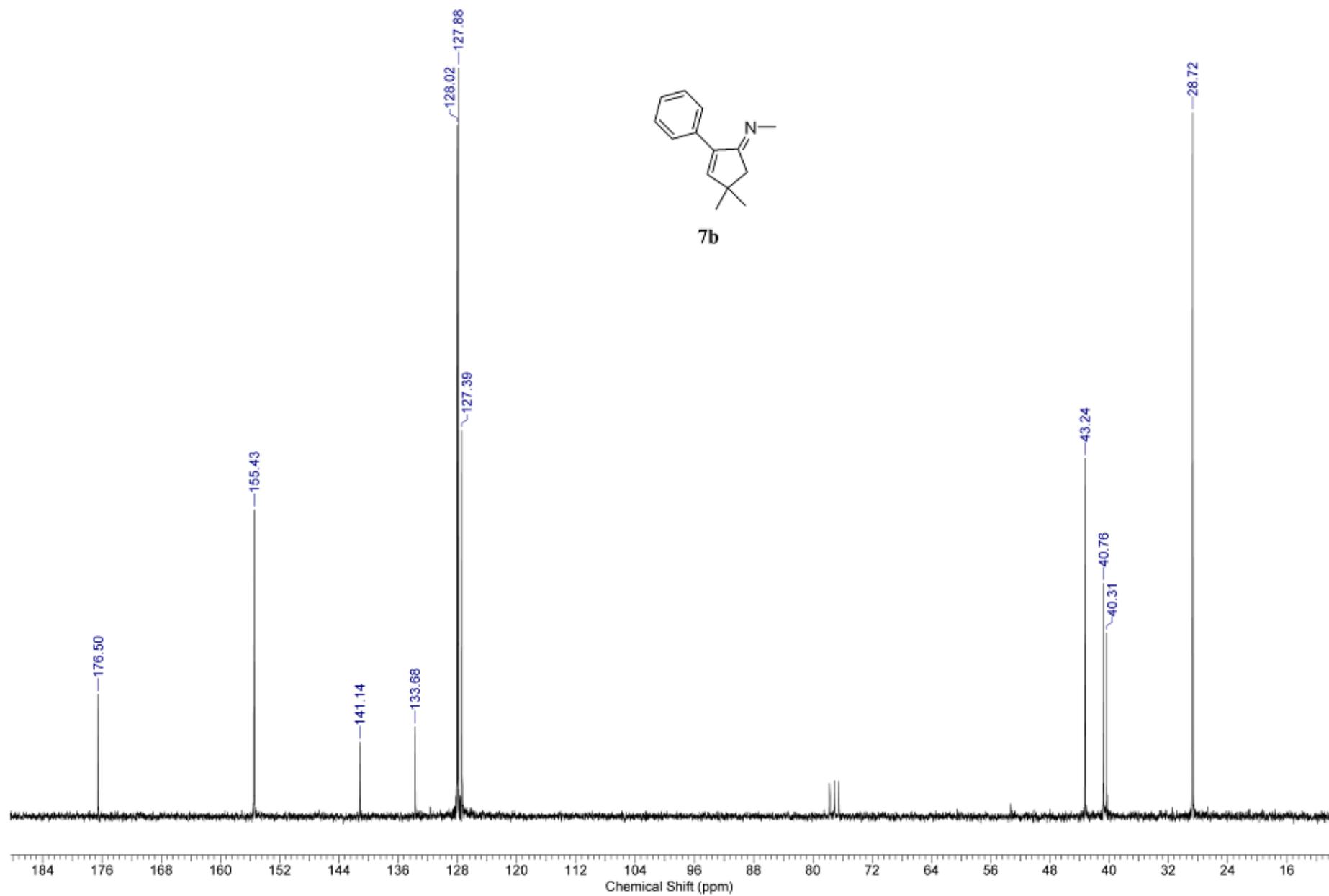
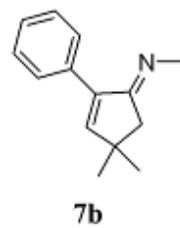


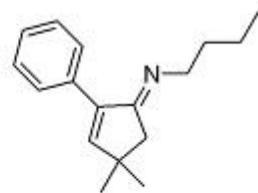


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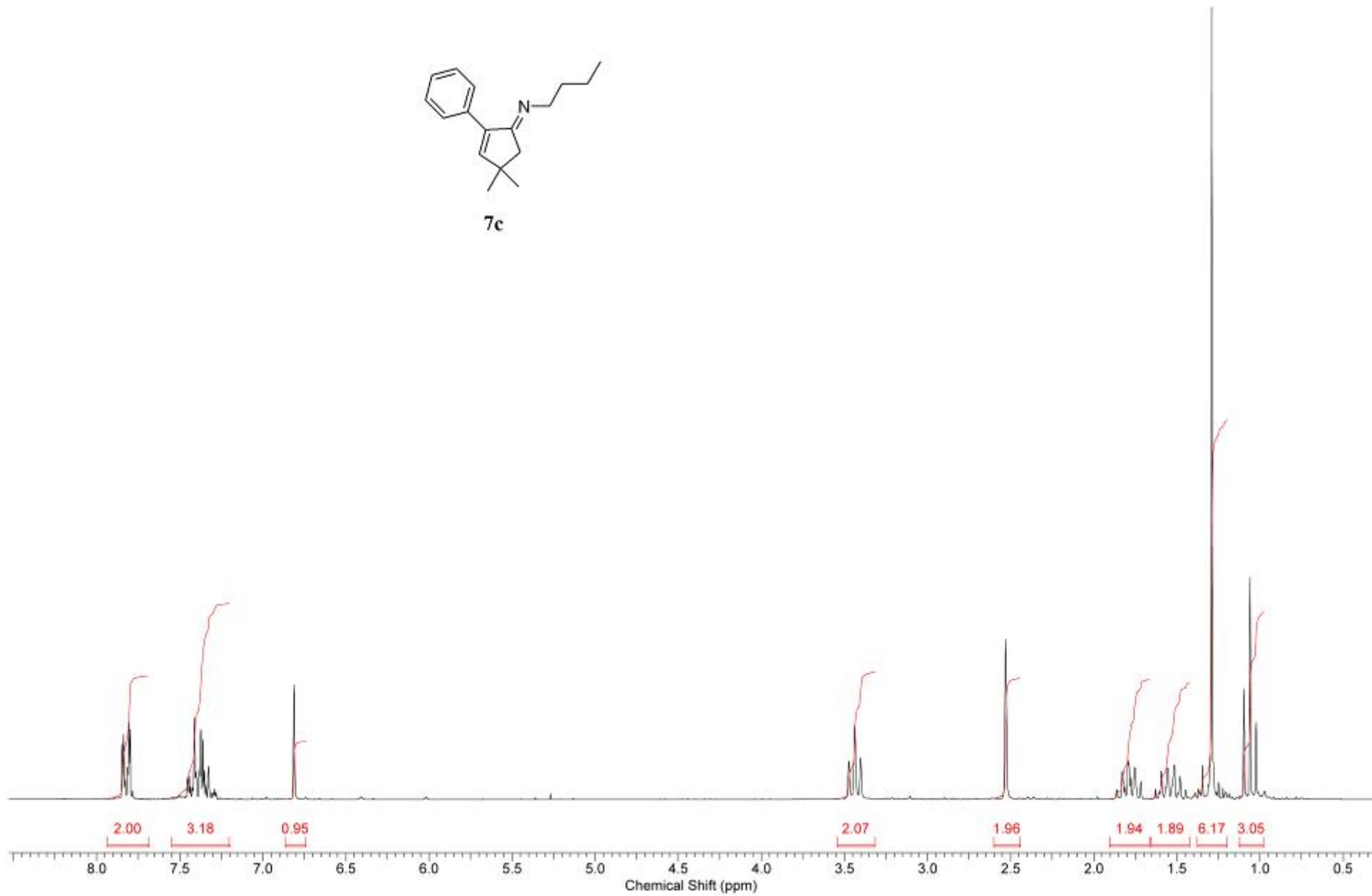


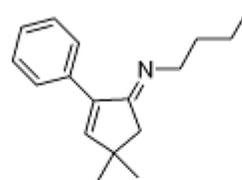




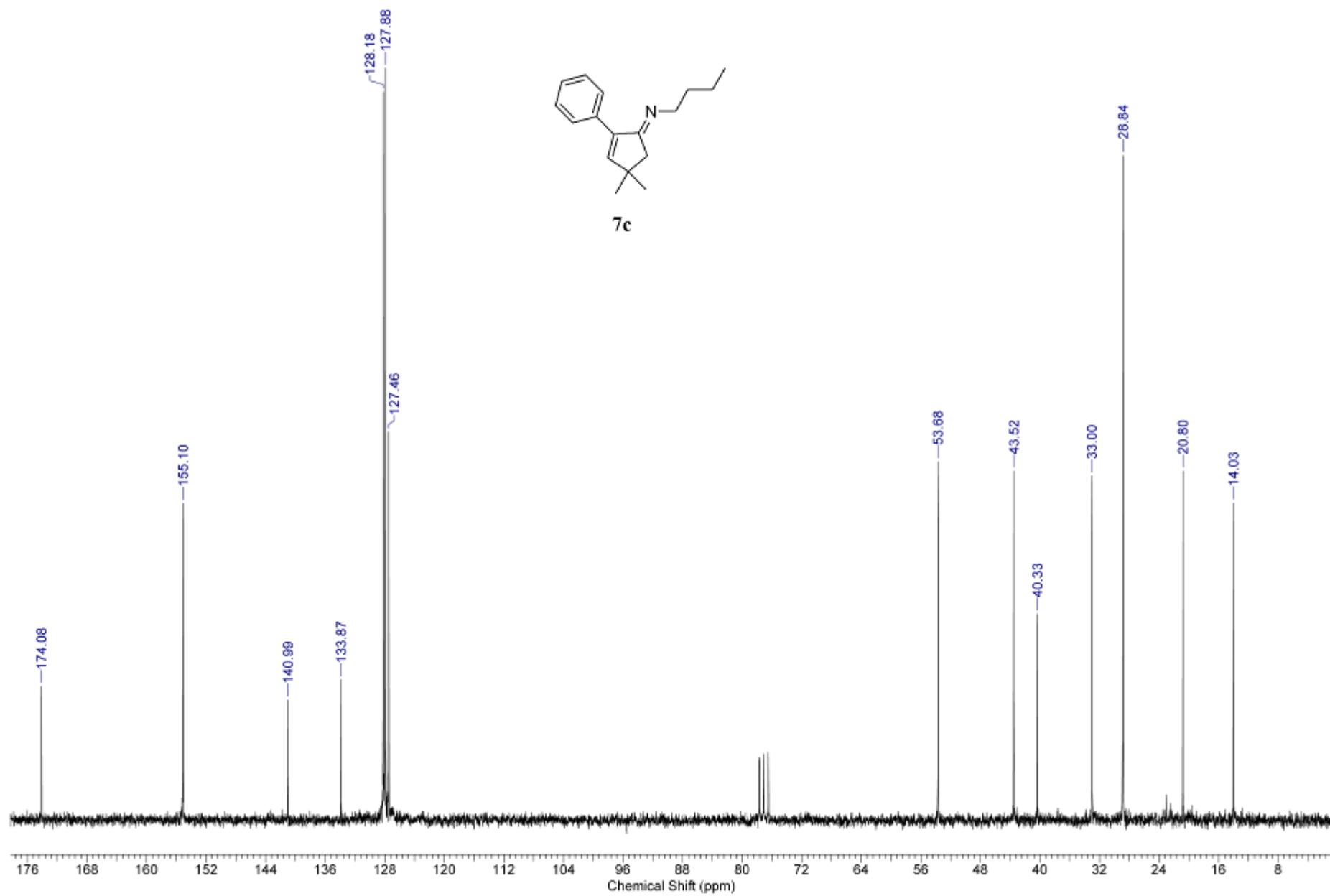


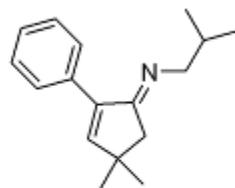
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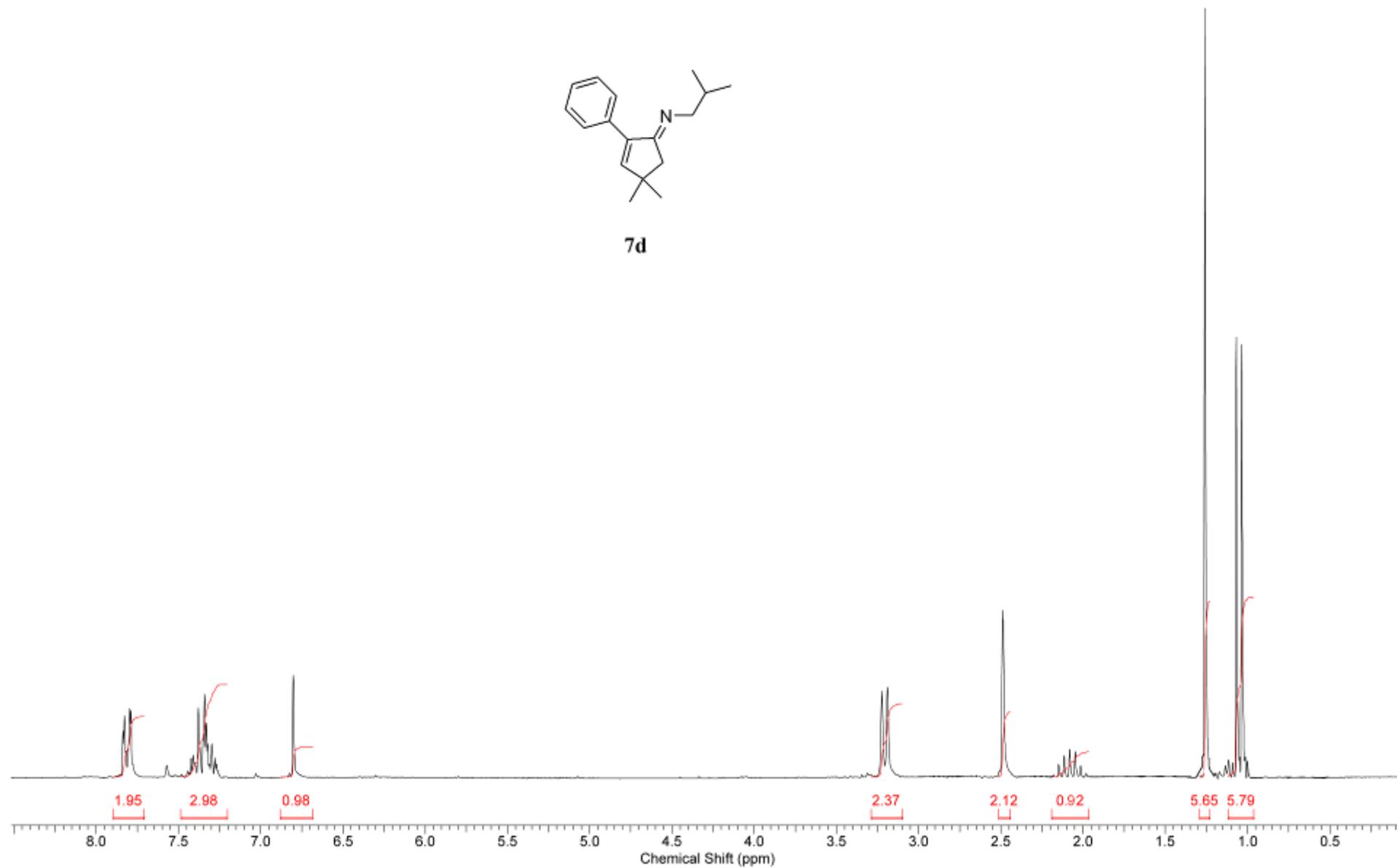


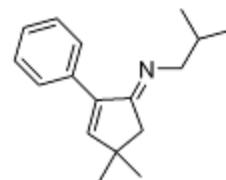
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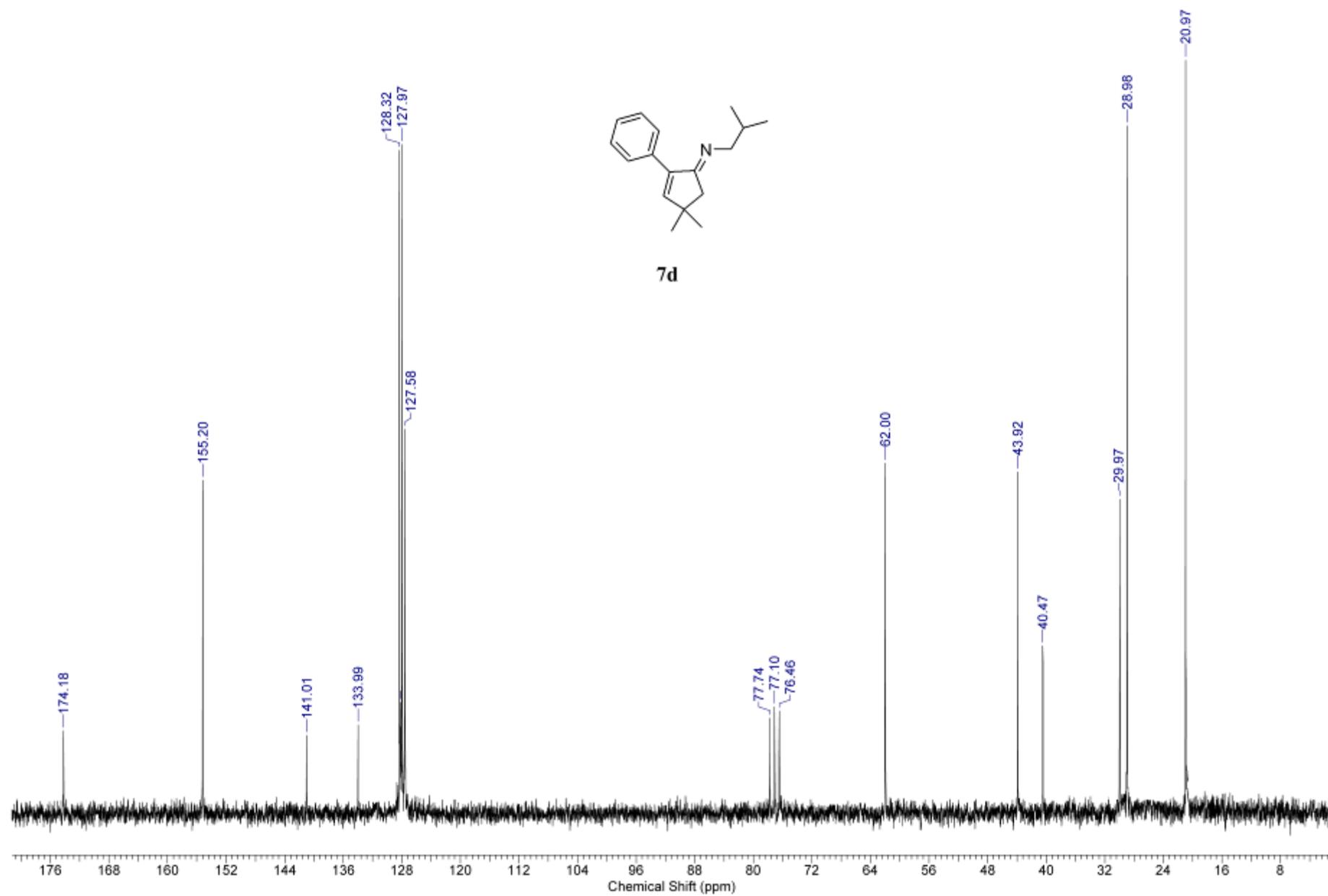


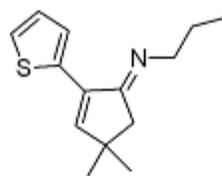
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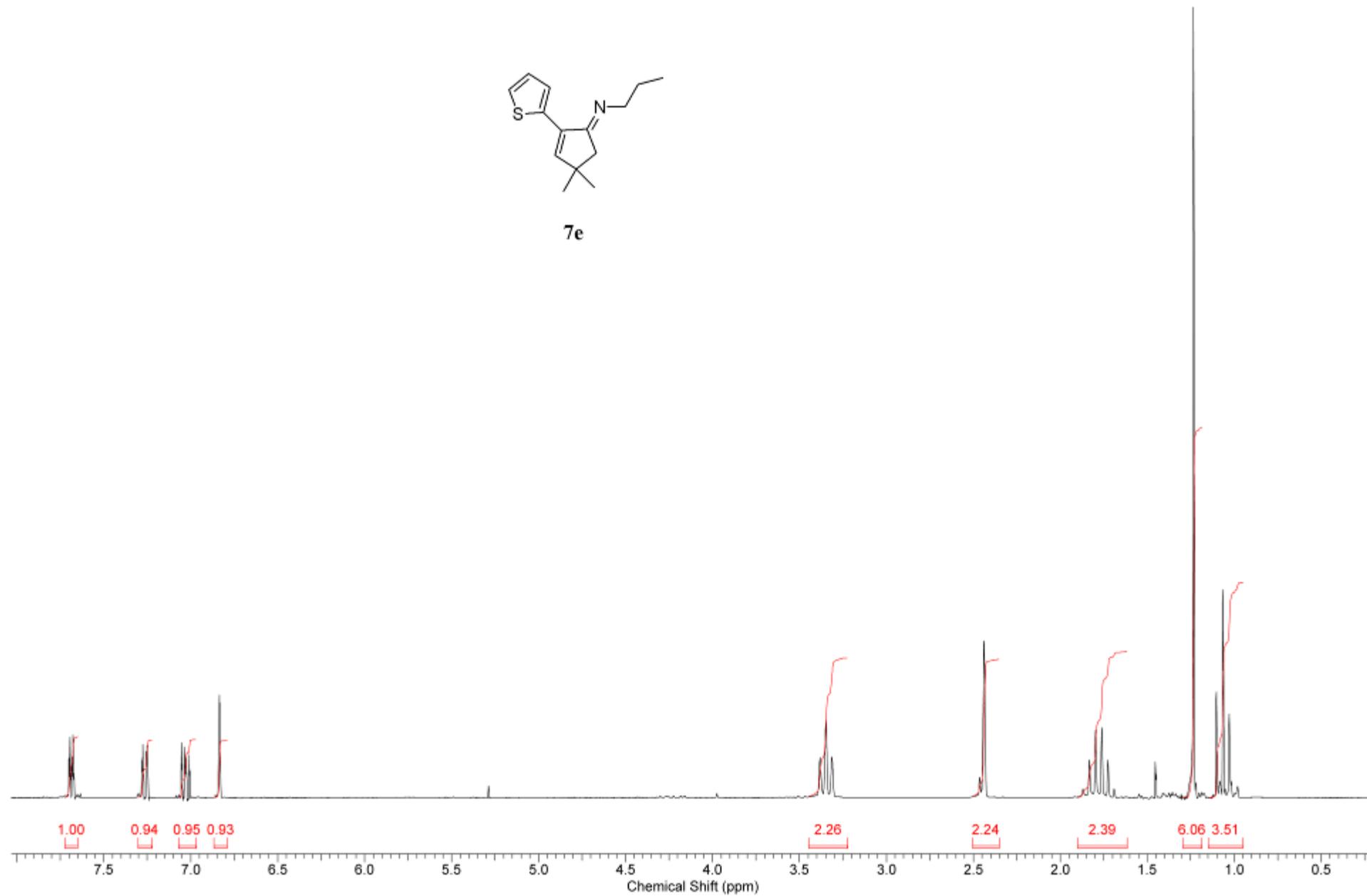


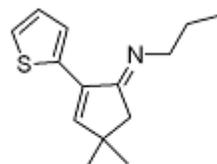
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