

## Superbase-promoted multi-molecular acetylene/arylamine self-organization to 1-arylpyrroles

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The IR spectra were recorded on a Bruker IFS25 spectrophotometer. The NMR spectra were recorded on Bruker DPX-400 and AV-400 spectrometers (400.1 MHz for  $^1\text{H}$  and 100.6 MHz for  $^{13}\text{C}$ ) in  $\text{CDCl}_3$ . The assignment of signals was made using COSY, NOESY,  $^1\text{H}$ - $^{13}\text{C}$  HSQC and  $^1\text{H}$ - $^{13}\text{C}$  HMBC experiments.

*2,5-Dimethyl-1-(o-tolyl)-1H-pyrrole 2b* was prepared from **1b** (10 mmol, 1.07 g), yellow oil, yield 0.22 g (12%).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR,  $\delta$ : 7.38-7.37, 7.33-7.32, 7.23-7.21 (m, 4H,  $\text{H}_{\text{Ar}}$ ), 5.97 (s, 2H, H3, H4), 1.99 (s, 3H, Me), 1.98, 1.97 (s, 6H, Me). Lit. [S1],  $\delta$ : 7.33-7.32 (m, 2H), 7.29-7.27 (m, 1H), 7.16 (d, 1H,  $J$  7.3 Hz), 5.91 (s, 2H), 1.93 (s, 3H), 1.91 (s, 6H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR,  $\delta$ : 138.2, 137.3, 130.7, 128.9, 128.5, 128.4 ( $\text{C}_{\text{Ar}}$ ), 126.7 (C2, C5), 105.3 (C3, C4), 17.2 (Me), 12.6 (Me). Lit. [S1],  $\delta$ : 138.1, 137.1, 130.6, 128.8, 128.3, 128.2, 126.6, 105.2, 17.0, 12.5. Found (%): C, 84.31; H, 8.28; N, 7.41. Calc. for  $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{15}\text{N}$  (%): C, 84.28; H, 8.16; N, 7.56.

*2,5-Dimethyl-1-(m-tolyl)-1H-pyrrole 2c* was prepared from **1c** (10 mmol, 1.07 g), yellow oil, yield 0.70 g (47%, based on aniline **1c** consumed). Aniline **1c** (0.20 g, 81% conversion) was recovered upon column chromatography.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR,  $\delta$ : 7.32-7.28 (m, 1H), 7.17-7.15 (m, 1H), 6.99-6.97 (m, 2H) [ $\text{H}_{\text{Ar}}$ ], 5.93 (s, 2H, H3, H4), 2.44 (s, 3H, Me), 2.07 (s, 6H, Me). Lit. [S1],  $\delta$ : 7.33 (t, 1H,  $J$  8.0 Hz), 7.19 (d, 1H,  $J$  8.0 Hz), 7.01 (m, 2H), 5.89 (s, 2H), 2.39 (s, 3H), 2.02 (s, 6H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR,  $\delta$ : 138.9, 128.8, 128.73, 128.72, 128.3 ( $\text{C}_{\text{Ar}}$ ), 125.2 (C2, C5), 105.5 (C3, C4), 21.3 ( $\text{C}_{\text{m-Me}}$ ), 13.0 (Me). Lit. [S1],  $\delta$ : 138.94, 138.9, 128.8, 128.74, 128.73, 128.3, 125.2, 105.5, 21.3, 12.9. IR (film,  $\text{v}/\text{cm}^{-1}$ ): 2964, 2924, 2873, 1667, 1494, 1451, 1396, 1327, 1173, 1088, 1041, 787, 758, 701. Found (%): C, 84.21; H, 8.18; N, 7.61. Calc. for  $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{15}\text{N}$  (%): C, 84.28; H, 8.16; N, 7.56.

*1-(4-Methoxyphenyl)-2,5-dimethyl-1H-pyrrole 2d* was prepared from **1d** (10 mmol, 1.23 g), yellow oil, yield 0.49 g (24%).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR,  $\delta$ : 7.14 (d,  $J$  8.4 Hz, 2H,  $\text{H}_{\text{o}}$ ), 6.98 (d,  $J$  8.4 Hz, 2H,  $\text{H}_{\text{m}}$ ), 5.89 (s, 2H, H3, H4), 3.87 (s, 3H, OMe), 2.01 (s, 6H, Me). Lit. [S1],  $\delta$ : 7.12 (d, 2H,  $J$  8.5 Hz), 6.96 (d, 2H,  $J$  8.5 Hz), 5.88 (s, 2H), 3.86 (s, 3H), 2.01 (s, 6H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR,  $\delta$ : 158.9 ( $\text{C}_{\text{p}}$ ), 131.8 ( $\text{C}_{\text{i}}$ ), 129.2 ( $\text{C}_{\text{o}}$ ), 129.0 (C2, C5), 114.2 ( $\text{C}_{\text{m}}$ ), 105.3 (C3, C4), 55.4 (OMe), 13.0 (Me). Lit. [S1],  $\delta$ : 158.8, 131.7, 129.2, 128.9, 114.1, 105.2, 55.4, 12.9. IR (film,  $\text{v}/\text{cm}^{-1}$ ): 2960, 2925, 1670, 1635, 1513, 1449, 1377, 1292, 1246, 1174, 1036, 834, 754. Found (%): C, 77.63; H, 7.58; N, 6.70. Calc. for  $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{15}\text{NO}$  (%): C, 77.58; H, 7.51; N, 6.96.

*1-(3-Fluorophenyl)-2,5-dimethyl-1H-pyrrole 2e* was prepared from **1e** (10 mmol, 1.11 g), brown oil, yield 0.38 g (25%, based on aniline **1e** consumed). Aniline **1e** (0.20 g, 82% conversion) was recovered upon column chromatography.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR,  $\delta$ : 7.47-7.41, 7.16-7.11, 7.04-7.02, 6.98-6.96

(m, 4H, H<sub>Ar</sub>), 5.92 (s, 2H, 3H, 4H), 2.06 (s, 6H, Me). Lit. [S1],  $\delta$ : 7.45-7.39 (m, 1H), 7.12-7.10 (m, 1H), 7.01 (d, 1H,  $J$  7.8 Hz), 6.95 (dt, 1H,  $J$  9.0, 1.8 Hz), 5.90 (s, 2H), 2.04 (s, 6H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR,  $\delta$ : 162.8 (d,  $J$  247.4 Hz, C<sub>3</sub>), 130.2 (d,  $J$  9.0 Hz, C<sub>5</sub>), 128.8 (C<sub>2</sub>, C<sub>5</sub>), 128.1 (d,  $J$  6.7 Hz, C<sub>i</sub>), 124.2 (d,  $J$  2.7 Hz, C<sub>6</sub>), 115.8 (d,  $J$  22.0 Hz), 114.8 (d,  $J$  20.8 Hz) [C<sub>2</sub>, C<sub>4</sub>], 106.2 (C<sub>3</sub>, C<sub>4</sub>), 13.0 (Me). Lit. [S1],  $\delta$ : 162.7 (d,  $J$  247.9 Hz), 140.5 (d,  $J$  9.5 Hz), 130.1 (d,  $J$  9.1 Hz), 128.7, 124.1 (d,  $J$  3.3 Hz), 115.7 (d,  $J$  21.9 Hz), 114.8 (d,  $J$  20.7 Hz), 106.1, 12.9. IR (film,  $\nu/\text{cm}^{-1}$ ): 2962, 2924, 1605, 1491, 1452, 1402, 1241, 1179, 1152, 1036, 871, 783, 765. Found (%): C, 76.26; H, 6.47; F, 9.84; N, 7.43. Calc. for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>12</sub>FN (%): C, 76.17; H, 6.39; F, 10.04; N, 7.40.

*1-(4-Fluorophenyl)-2,5-dimethyl-1H-pyrrole 2f* was prepared from **1f** (10 mmol, 1.11 g), yellow oil, yield 0.43 g (28%, based on aniline **1f** consumed). Aniline **1f** (0.21 g, 81% conversion) was recovered upon column chromatography. <sup>1</sup>H NMR,  $\delta$ : 7.22-7.18 (m, 4H, H<sub>Ar</sub>), 5.95 (s, 2H, H<sub>3</sub>, H<sub>4</sub>), 2.06 (s, 6H, Me). Lit. [S1],  $\delta$ : 7.20-7.11 (m, 4H), 5.89 (s, 2H), 2.01 (s, 6H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR,  $\delta$ : 161.8 (d,  $J$  247.2 Hz, C-F), 135.0 (d,  $J$  2.7 Hz, C<sub>i</sub>), 129.8 (d,  $J$  8.5 Hz, C<sub>o</sub>), 128.8 (C<sub>2</sub>, C<sub>5</sub>), 115.9 (d,  $J$  22.7 Hz, C<sub>m</sub>), 105.7 (C<sub>3</sub>, C<sub>4</sub>), 12.9 (Me). Lit. [S1],  $\delta$ : 161.8 (d,  $J$  247.0 Hz), 134.9 (d,  $J$  3.3 Hz), 129.8 (d,  $J$  8.7 Hz), 128.8, 115.9 (d,  $J$  22.3 Hz), 105.7, 12.9. IR (film,  $\nu/\text{cm}^{-1}$ ): 2964, 2925, 2866, 1644, 1511, 1446, 1406, 1225, 1157, 1094, 1036, 1000, 841, 758. Found (%): C, 76.14; H, 6.41; F, 9.89; N, 7.56. Calc. for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>12</sub>FN (%): C, 76.17; H, 6.39; F, 10.04; N, 7.40.

*1-(2-Chlorophenyl)-2,5-dimethyl-1H-pyrrole 2g* was prepared from **1g** (10 mmol, 1.28 g), yellow oil, yield 0.25 g (12%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR,  $\delta$ : 7.57-7.54 (m, 1H), 7.41-7.38 (m, 2H), 7.32-7.30 (m, 1H) [H<sub>Ar</sub>], 5.95 (s, 2H, H<sub>3</sub>, H<sub>4</sub>), 1.98 (s, 6H, Me). Lit. [S2],  $\delta$ : 7.54-7.52 (m, 1H), 7.40-7.23 (m, 3H), 5.93 (s, 2H), 1.95 (s, 6H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR,  $\delta$ : 136.8, 134.0, 130.6, 130.2, 129.5, 127.5 (6C, C<sub>Ar</sub>), 128.6 (C<sub>2</sub>, C<sub>5</sub>), 105.7 (C<sub>3</sub>, C<sub>4</sub>), 12.4 (Me).

*1-(4-Chlorophenyl)-2,5-dimethyl-1H-pyrrole 2h* was prepared from **1h** (10 mmol, 1.28 g), yellow oil, yield 0.63 g (31%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR,  $\delta$ : 7.45 (d,  $J$  8.5 Hz, 2H, H<sub>o</sub>), 7.17 (d,  $J$  8.5 Hz, 2H, H<sub>m</sub>), 5.92 (s, 2H, H<sub>3</sub>, H<sub>4</sub>), 2.04 (s, 6H, Me). Lit. [S1],  $\delta$ : 7.42 (d, 2H,  $J$  8.5 Hz), 7.14 (d, 2H,  $J$  8.5 Hz), 5.89 (s, 2H), 2.02 (s, 6H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR,  $\delta$ : 134.4 (C<sub>p</sub>), 130.3, 130.1 (C<sub>m</sub>, C<sub>o</sub>), 129.5 (C<sub>i</sub>), 128.1 (C<sub>2</sub>, C<sub>5</sub>), 106.9 (C<sub>3</sub>, C<sub>4</sub>), 13.8 (Me). Lit. [S1],  $\delta$ : 137.5, 133.5, 129.5, 129.3, 128.7, 106.0, 12.9. IR (film,  $\nu/\text{cm}^{-1}$ ): 2965, 2925, 2863, 1634, 1595, 1495, 1402, 1324, 1173, 1093, 1006, 834, 757. Found (%): C, 70.28; H, 5.62; Cl, 17.31; N, 6.79. Calc. for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>12</sub>ClN (%): C, 70.07; H, 5.88; Cl, 17.24; N, 6.81.

*1-(2-Bromophenyl)-2,5-dimethyl-1H-pyrrole 2i* was prepared from **1i** (10 mmol, 1.72 g), yellow oil, yield 0.33 g (13%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR,  $\delta$ : 7.73-7.71 (m, 1H), 7.44-7.40 (m, 1H), 7.31-7.29 (m, 2H) [H<sub>Ar</sub>], 5.94 (s, 2H, H<sub>3</sub>, H<sub>4</sub>), 1.97 (s, 6H, Me). Lit. [S3],  $\delta$ : 7.72 (d,  $J$  8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.46-7.40 (m, 1H), 7.34-7.28 (m, 2H), 5.94 (s, 2H), 1.97 (s, 6H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR,  $\delta$ : 138.5, 133.3, 130.5, 129.8, 128.5, 124.4 (6C, C<sub>Ar</sub>), 128.2 (C<sub>2</sub>, C<sub>5</sub>), 105.6 (C<sub>3</sub>, C<sub>4</sub>), 12.6 (Me). Lit. [S3],  $\delta$ : 138.5, 133.3, 130.5, 129.8, 128.4, 128.1, 124.1, 105.6, 12.5. IR (film,  $\nu/\text{cm}^{-1}$ ): 3062, 2922, 1640, 1593, 1484, 1439, 1400, 1321, 1190, 1024, 955, 756. Found (%): C, 57.72; H, 4.92; Br, 31.95; N, 5.41. Calc. for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>12</sub>BrN (%): C, 57.62; H, 4.84; Br, 31.94; N, 5.60.

*1-(4-Bromophenyl)-2,5-dimethyl-1H-pyrrole 2j* was prepared from **1j** (10 mmol, 1.72 g), yellow oil, yield 0.53 g (21%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR,  $\delta$ : 7.58 (d,  $J$  8.4 Hz, 2H, H<sub>o</sub>), 7.08 (d,  $J$  8.4 Hz, 2H, H<sub>m</sub>), 5.89 (s, 2H, H<sub>3</sub>, H<sub>4</sub>), 2.02 (s, 6H, Me). Lit. [S1],  $\delta$ : 7.58 (d, 2H,  $J$  8.6 Hz), 7.09 (d, 2H,  $J$  8.6 Hz), 5.89 (s,

2H), 2.02 (s, 6H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR,  $\delta$ : 138.0 (C<sub>i</sub>), 132.3 (C<sub>m</sub>), 129.8 (C<sub>j</sub>), 128.6 (C<sub>2</sub>, C<sub>5</sub>), 121.5 (C<sub>i</sub>), 106.1 (C<sub>3</sub>, C<sub>4</sub>), 12.9 (Me). Lit. [S1],  $\delta$ : 137.9, 132.3, 129.8, 128.6, 121.5, 106.0, 12.9. IR (film,  $\nu/\text{cm}^{-1}$ ): 3350, 3035, 2917, 1624, 1497, 1430, 1408, 1280, 1173, 1025, 950, 883, 756, 694. Found (%): C, 57.70; H, 4.86; Br, 31.87; N, 5.57. Calc. for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>12</sub>BrN (%): C 57.62; H, 4.84; Br, 31.94; N, 5.60.

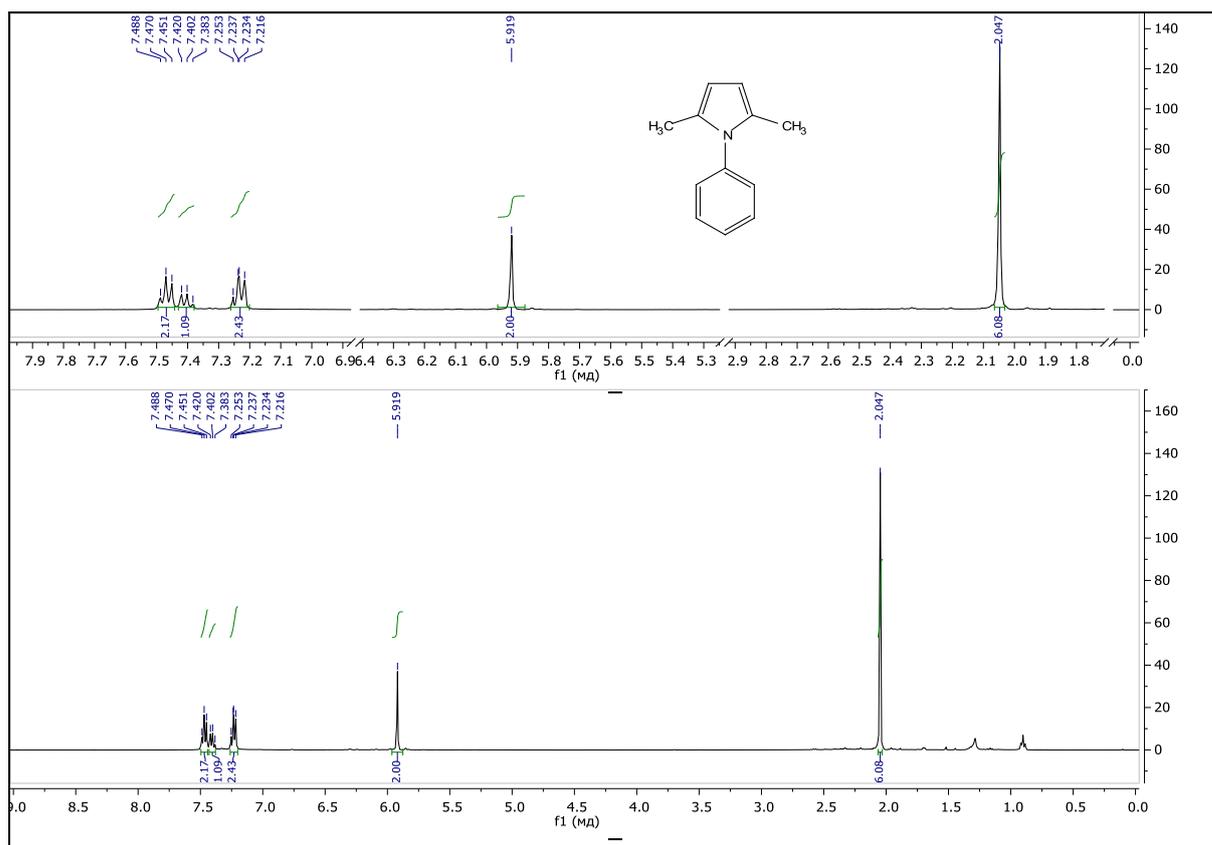
*2,5-Dimethyl-1-(naphthalen-1-yl)-1H-pyrrole 2k* was prepared from **1k** (5 mmol, 0.72 g), yellow oil, yield 0.30 g (40%, based on 1-aminonaphthalene **1k** consumed). 1-Aminonaphthalene **1k** (0.23 g, 68% conversion) was also recovered upon column chromatography.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR,  $\delta$ : 7.94 (d,  $J$  8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.57-7.51 (m, 2H), 7.48-7.42 (m, 2H), 7.15 (d,  $J$  = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 6.02 (s, 2H, H<sub>3</sub>, H<sub>4</sub>), 1.91 (s, 6H, Me). Lit. [S1], 7.92 (d, 2H,  $J$  8.0 Hz), 7.57-7.49 (m, 2H), 7.44-7.42 (m, 2H), 7.13 (d, 1H,  $J$  8.3 Hz), 6.01 (s, 2H), 1.89 (s, 6H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR,  $\delta$ : 135.8, 134.2, 131.9, 129.8, 128.5 (C<sub>2</sub>, C<sub>5</sub>), 128.0, 127.2, 126.5, 126.2, 125.3, 123.3, 105.4 (C<sub>3</sub>, C<sub>4</sub>), 12.5 (Me). Lit. [S1], 135.7, 134.2, 131.9, 129.8, 128.5, 128.0, 127.2, 126.5, 126.2, 125.4, 123.3, 105.4, 12.5. IR (film,  $\nu/\text{cm}^{-1}$ ): 3052, 2958, 2924, 2860, 1648, 1591, 1515, 1461, 1412, 1023, 964, 801, 774. Found (%): C, 86.87; H, 6.87; N, 6.26. Calc. for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>15</sub>N (%): C, 86.84; H, 6.83; N, 6.33.

*4-(2,5-Dimethyl-1H-pyrrol-1-yl)pyridine 2l* was prepared from **1l** (10 mmol, 0.94 g), yellow oil, yield 0.18 g (10%).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR,  $\delta$ : 8.75-8.73 (m, 2H), 7.19-7.18 (m, 2H) [H<sub>PyR</sub>], 5.96 (s, 2H, H<sub>3</sub>, H<sub>4</sub>), 2.11 (s, 6H, Me). Lit. [S4],  $\delta$ : 8.85 (d, 2H,  $J$  5.8 Hz), 7.29-7.23 (dd, 2H,  $J$  9.45,  $J$  5.85 Hz), 6.45 (d, 1H,  $J$  8.95 Hz), 2.35 (d, 3H,  $J$  9.25 Hz), 2.06 (d, 3H,  $J$  9.15 Hz).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR,  $\delta$ : 150.6 (C<sub>2</sub>, C<sub>6</sub>), 146.1 (C<sub>4</sub>), 127.9 (C<sub>2</sub>, C<sub>5</sub>), 122.4 (C<sub>3</sub>, C<sub>5</sub>), 107.0 (C<sub>3</sub>, C<sub>4</sub>), 12.7 (Me). IR (film,  $\nu/\text{cm}^{-1}$ ): 3377, 3035, 2966, 2924, 2747, 1947, 1707, 1647, 1589, 1498, 1404, 1330, 1218, 1039, 993, 834, 776, 710. Found (%): C, 76.68; H, 6.97; N, 16.35. Calc. for C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>12</sub>N<sub>2</sub> (%): C, 76.71; H, 7.02; N, 16.27.

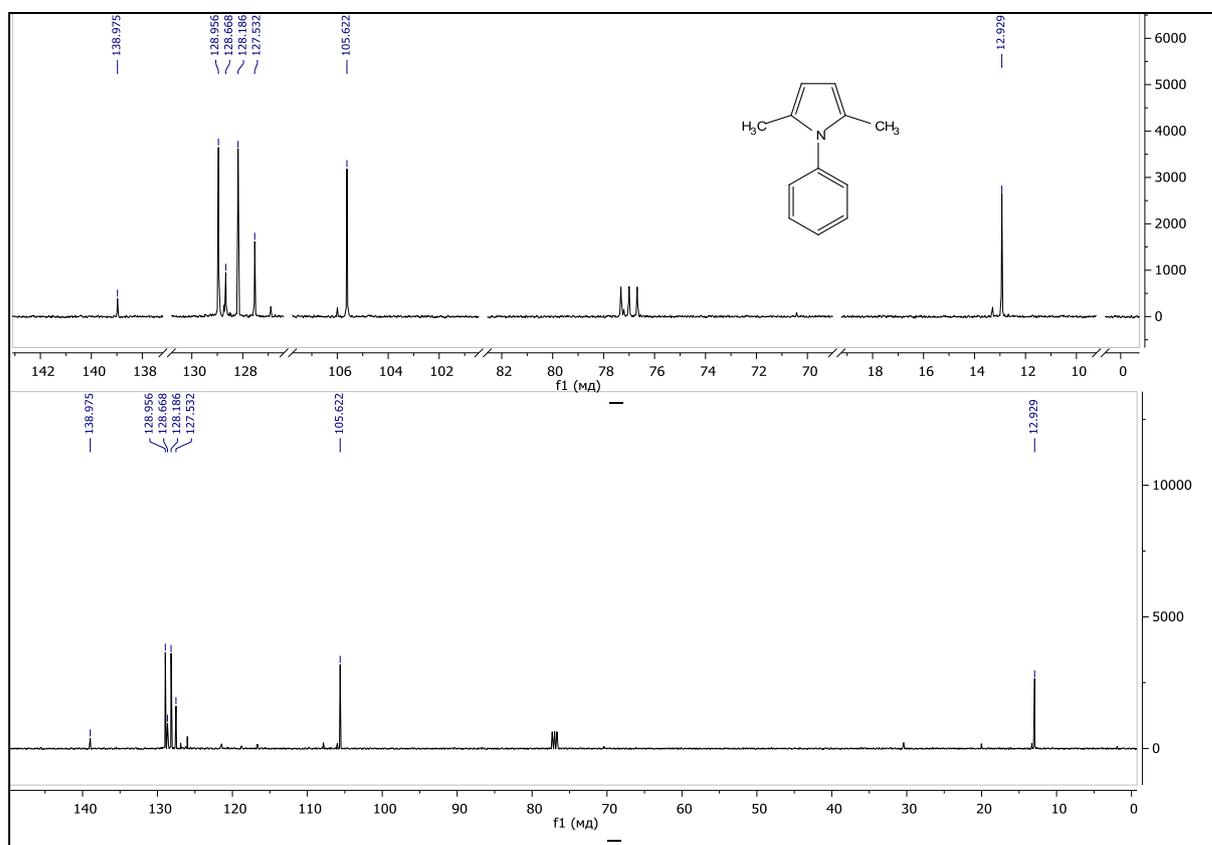
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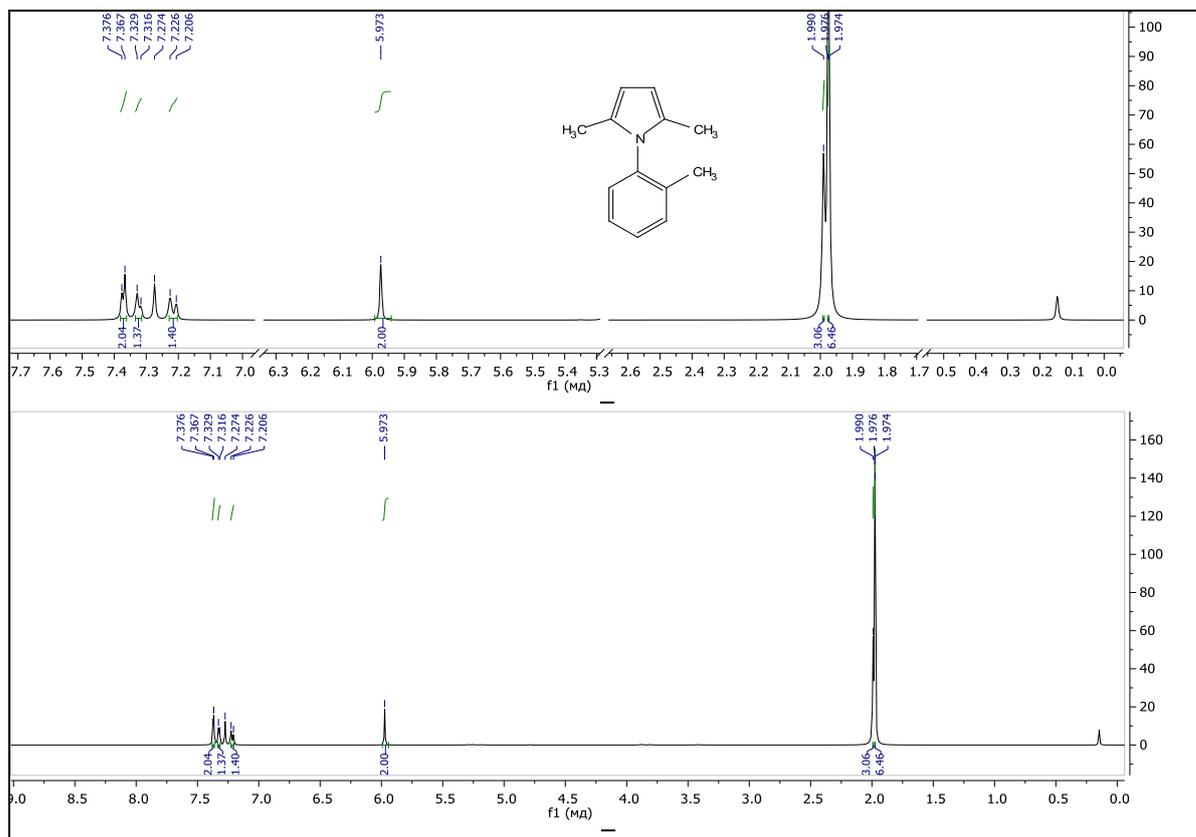
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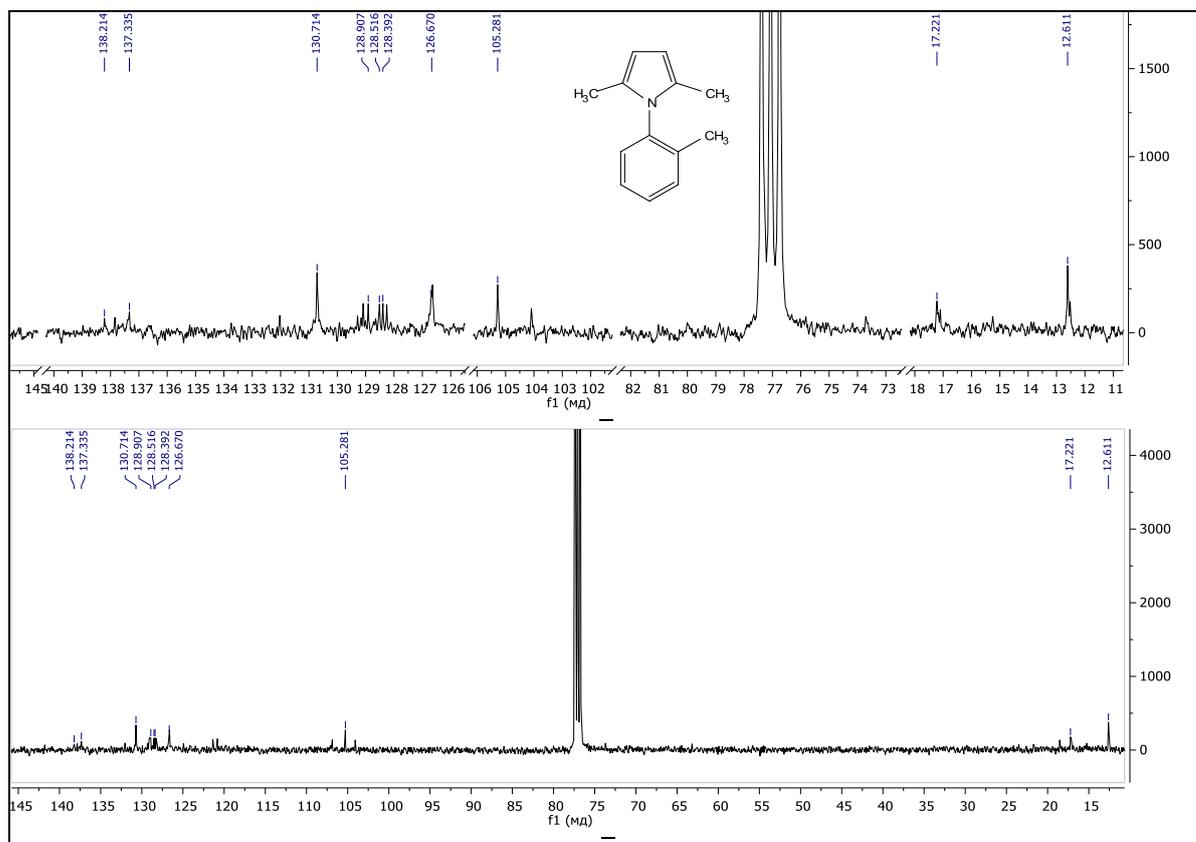
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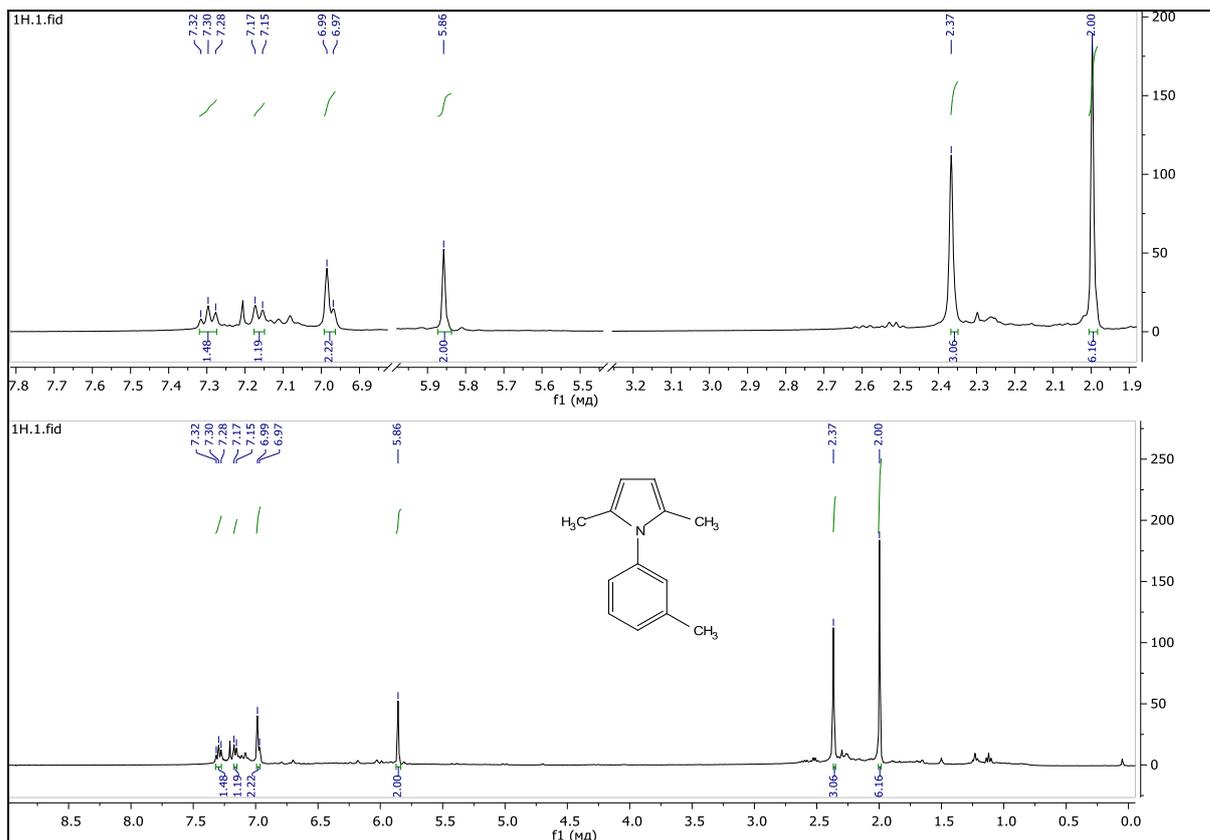
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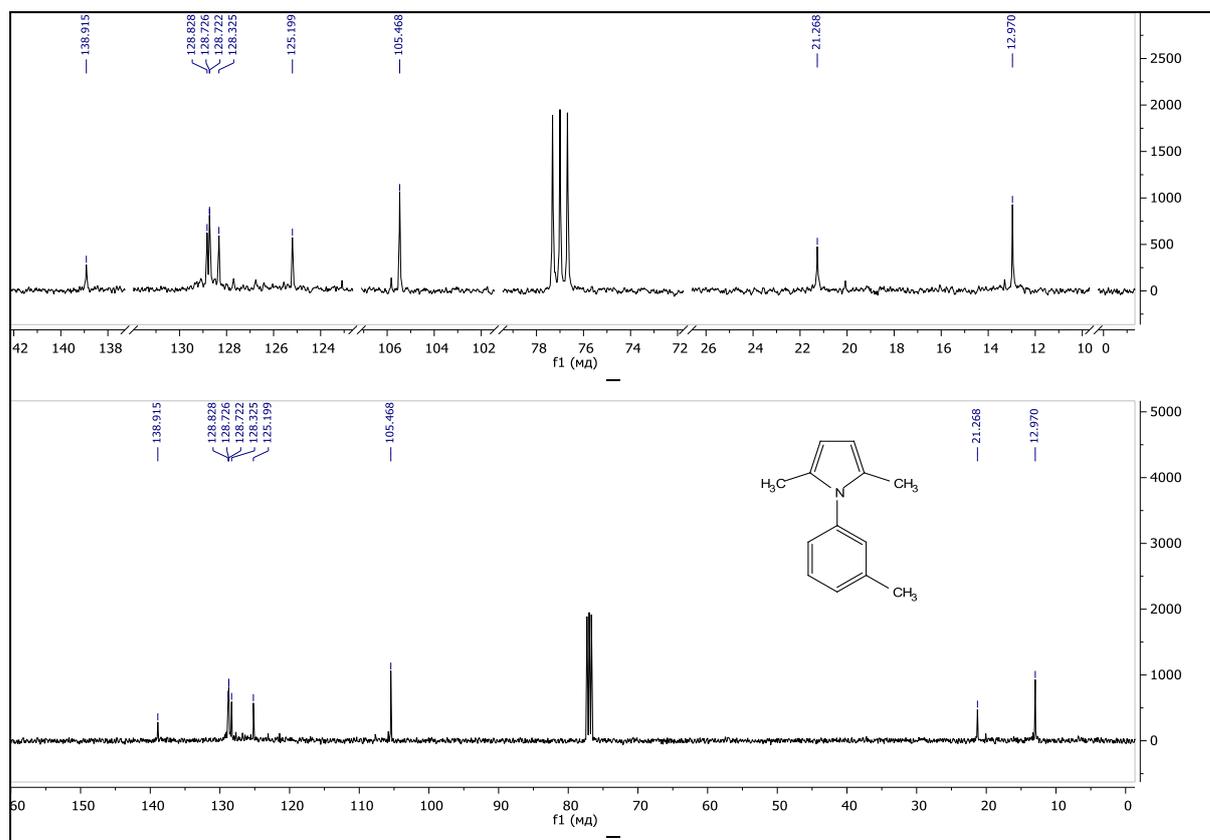
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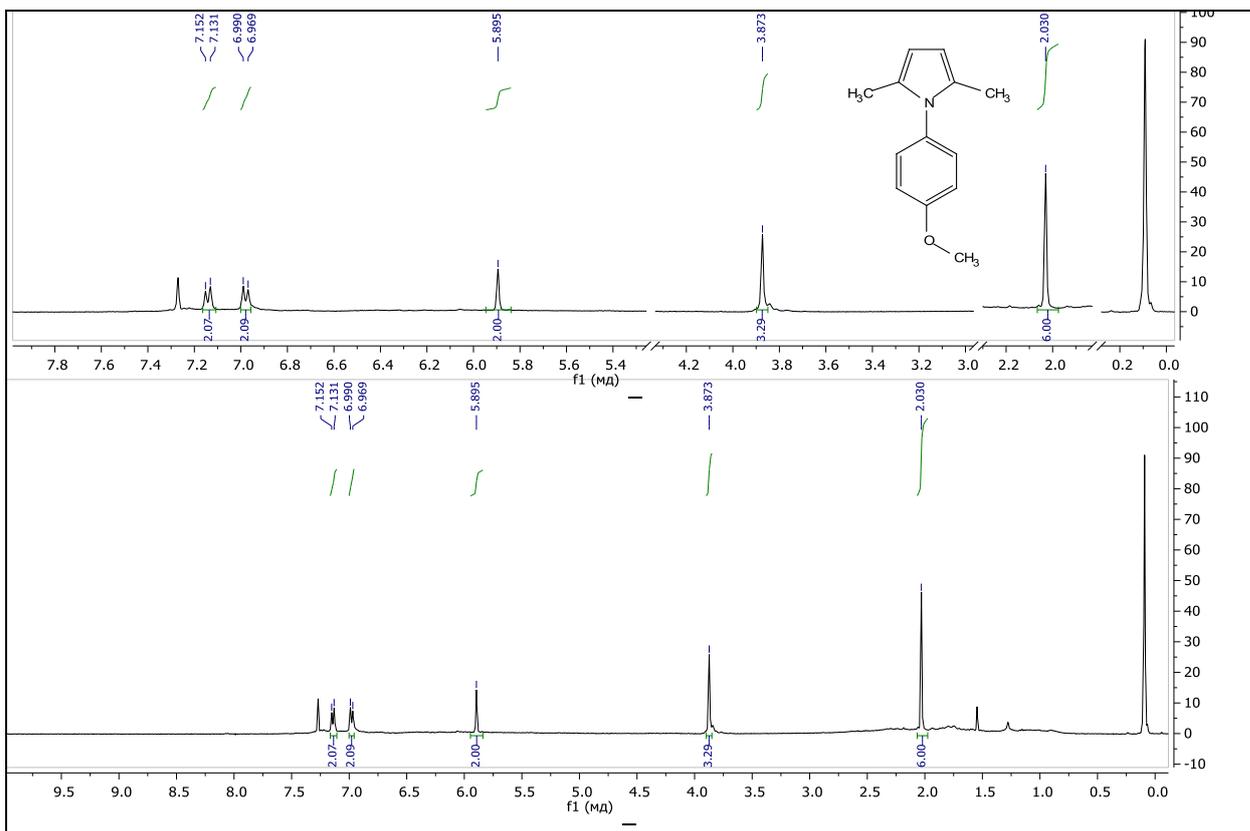
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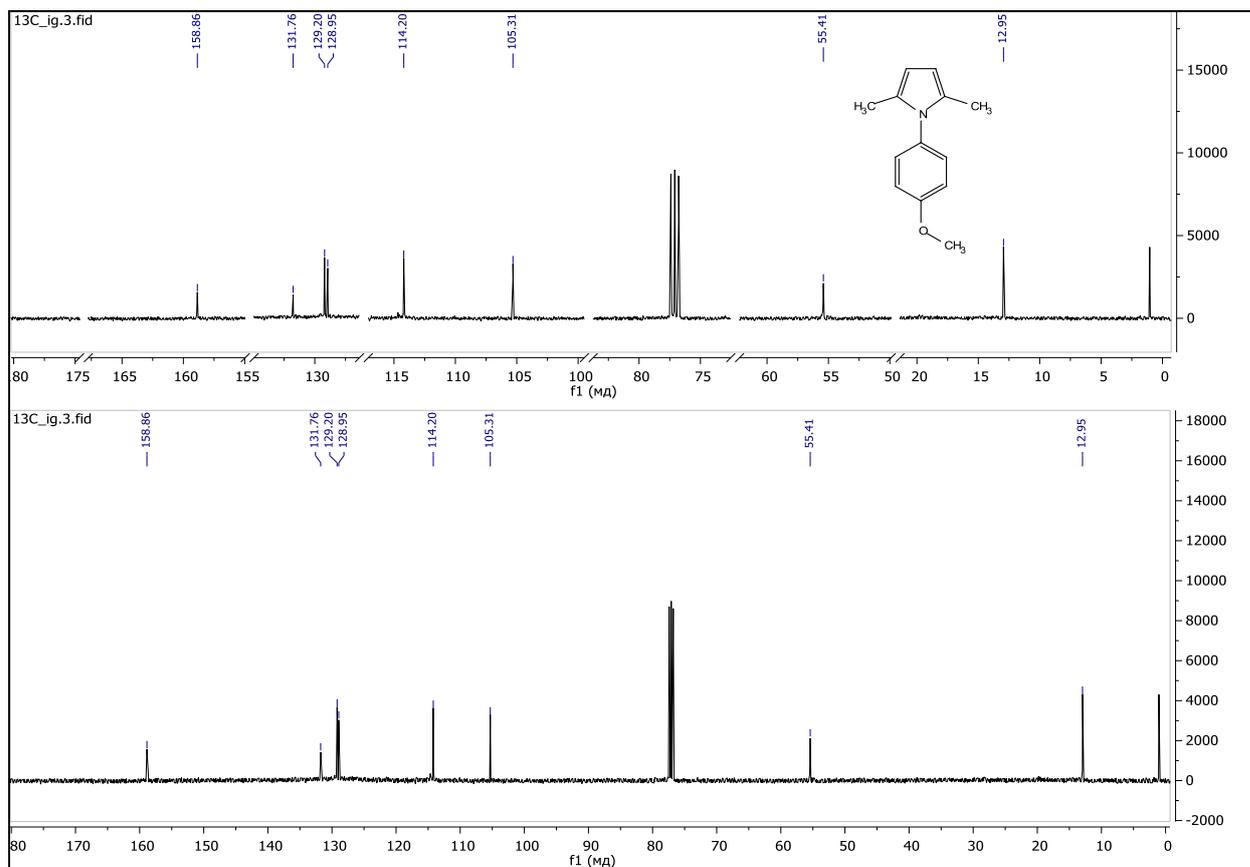
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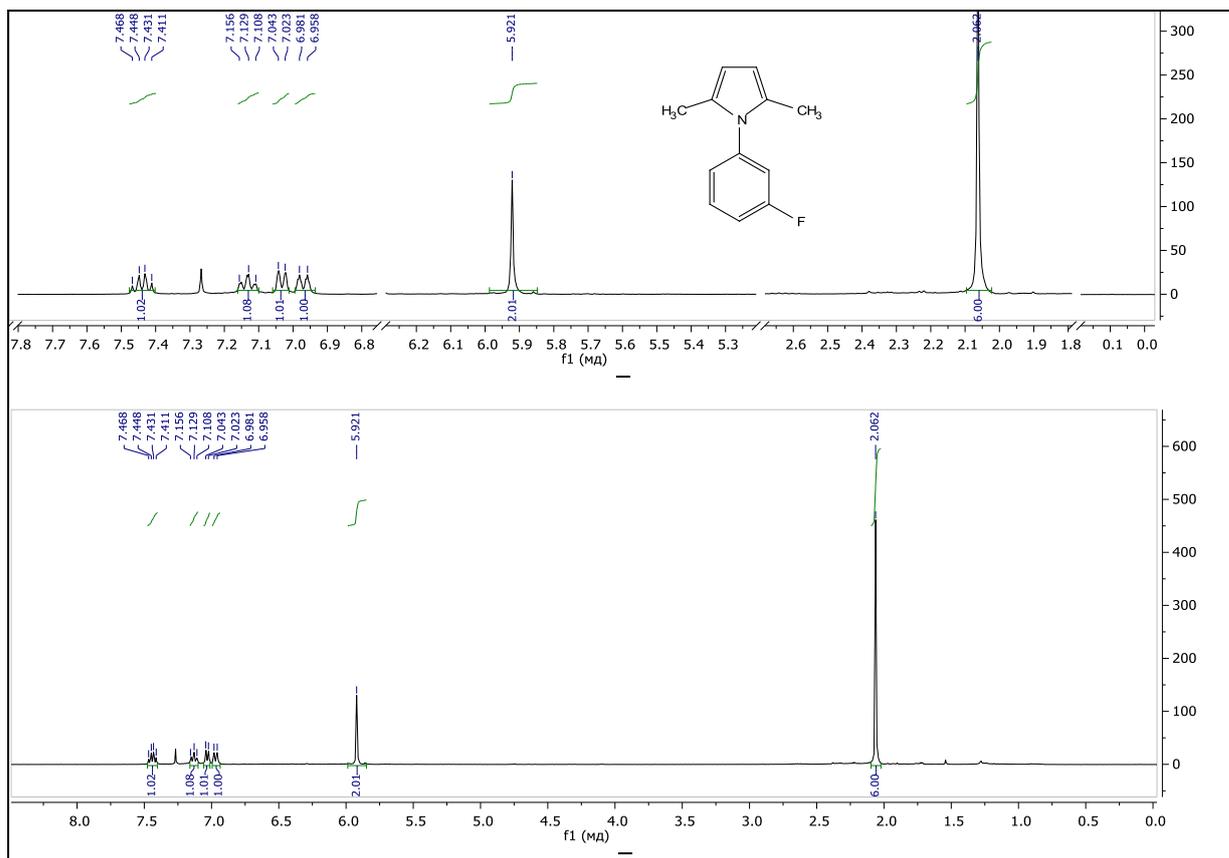
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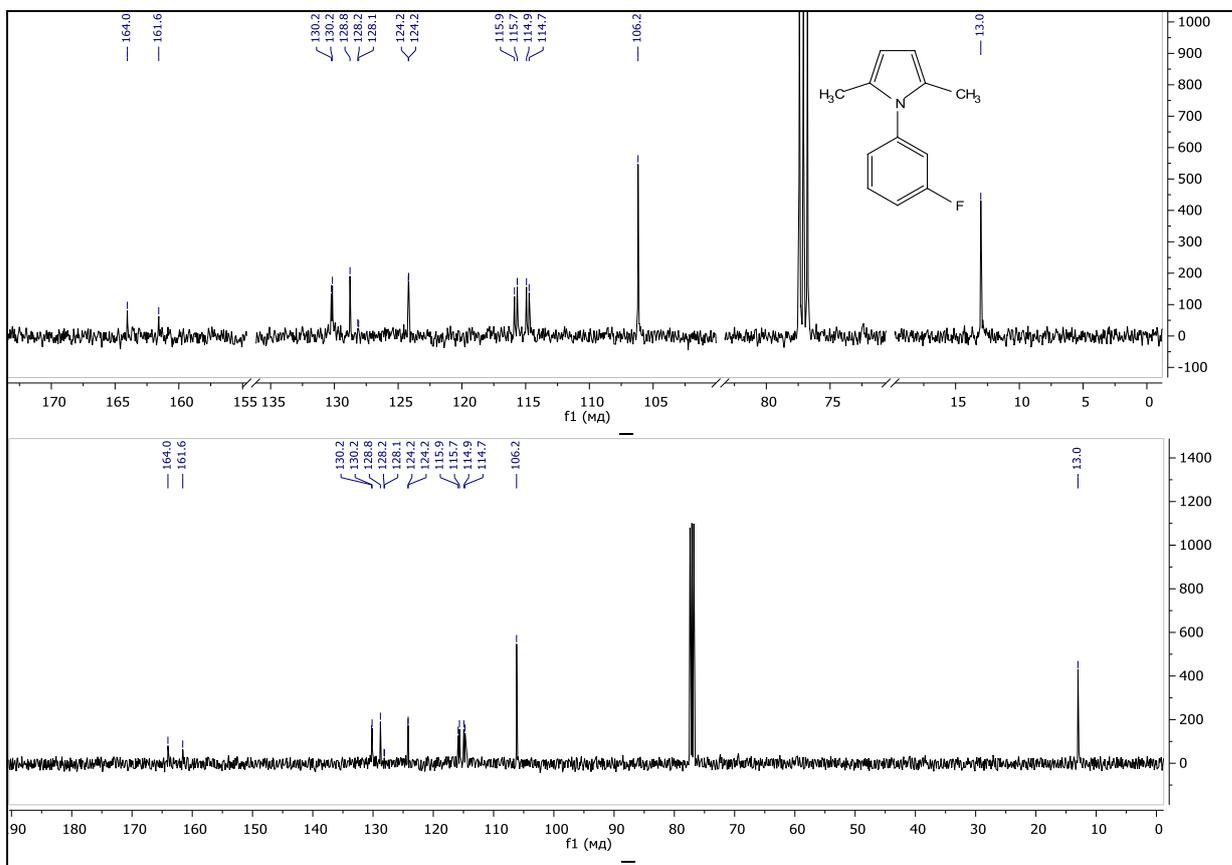
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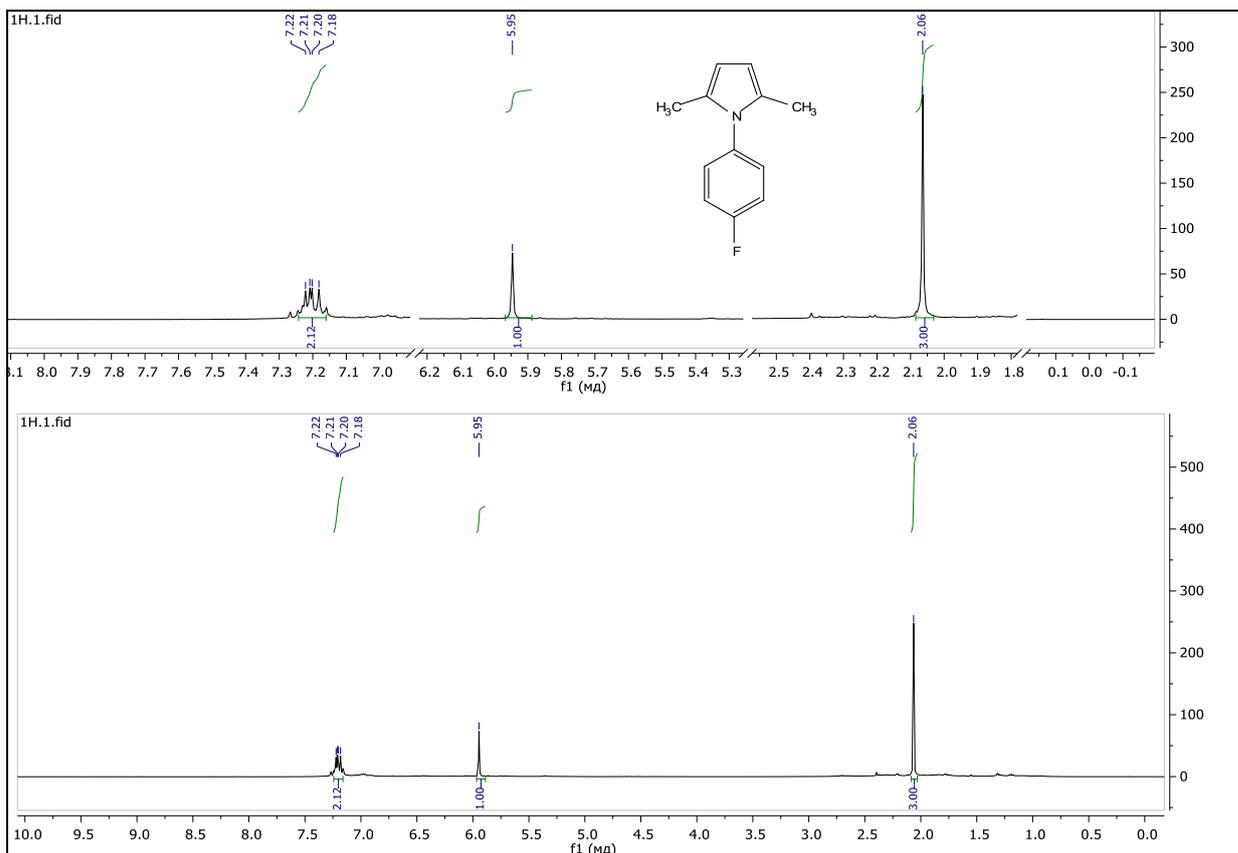
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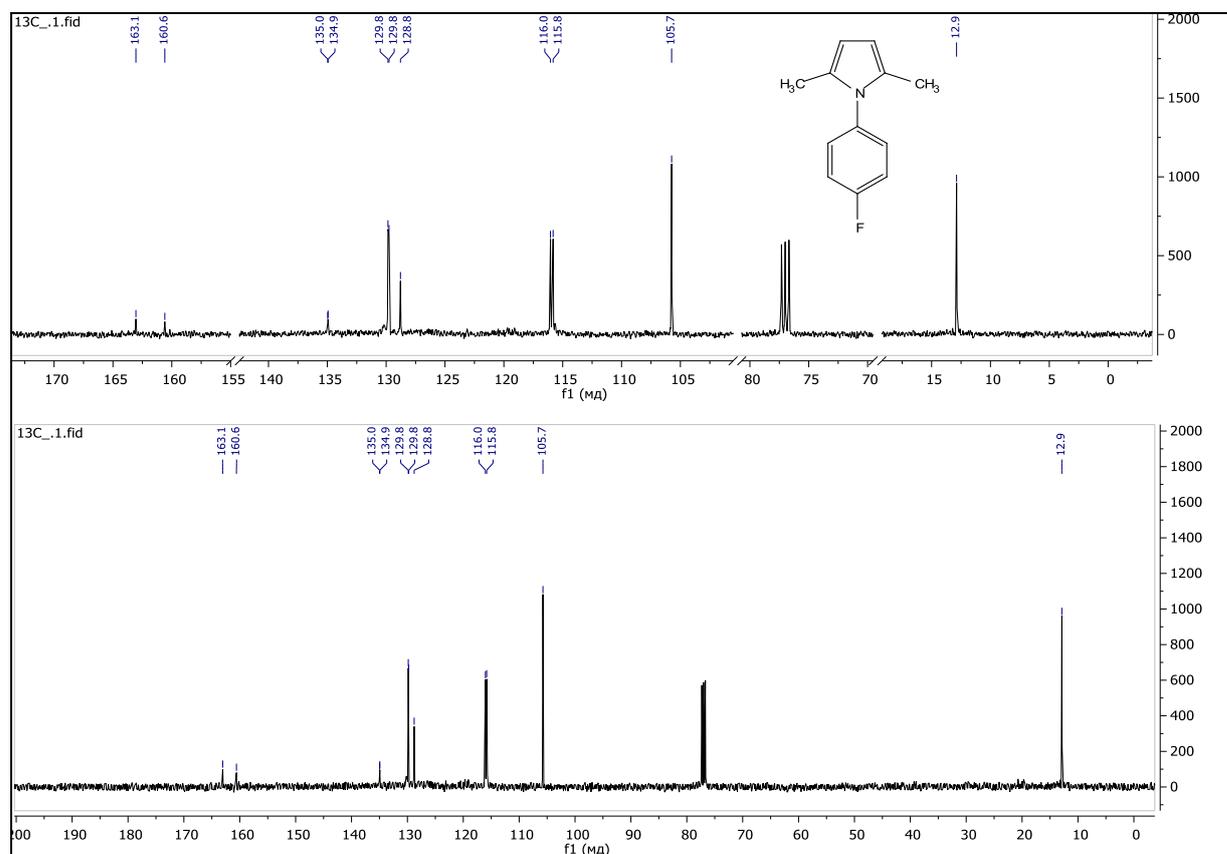
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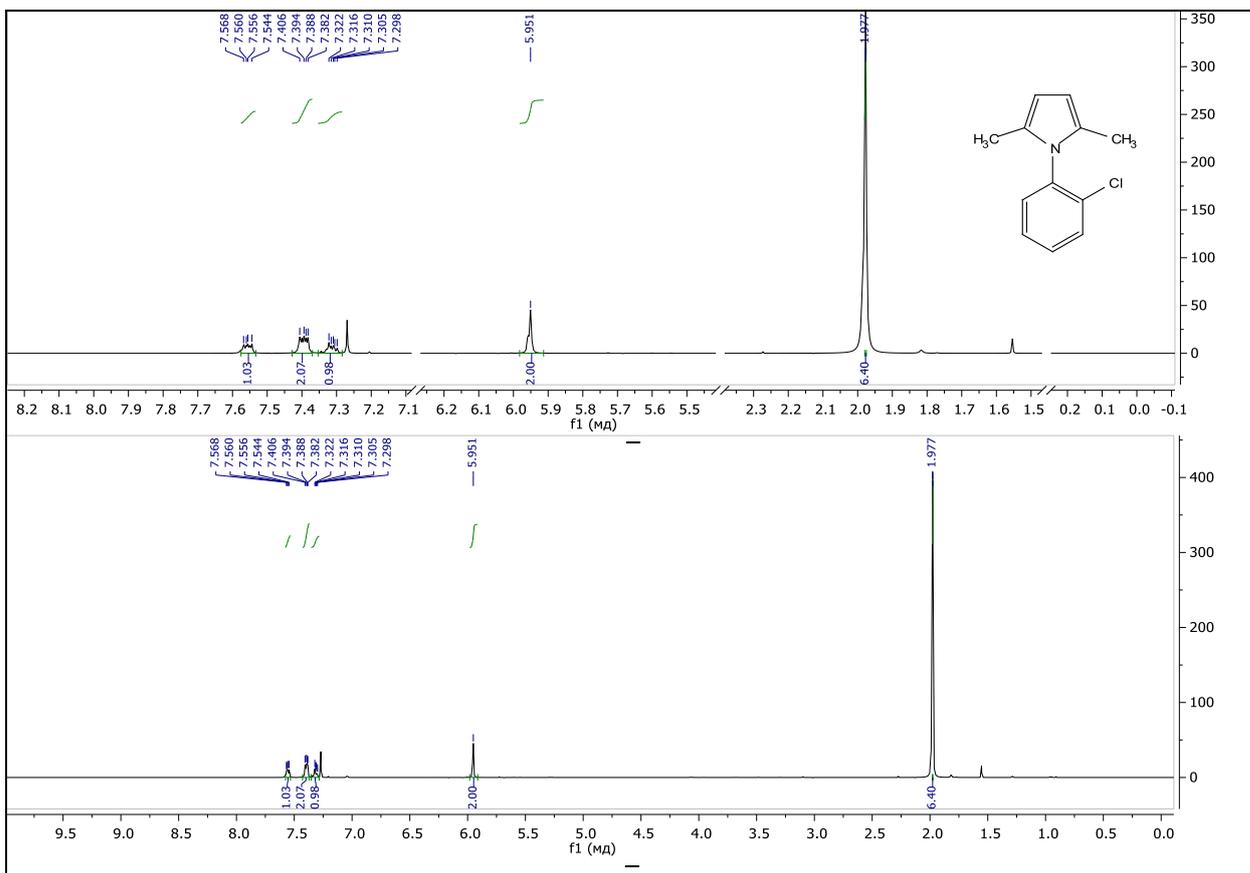
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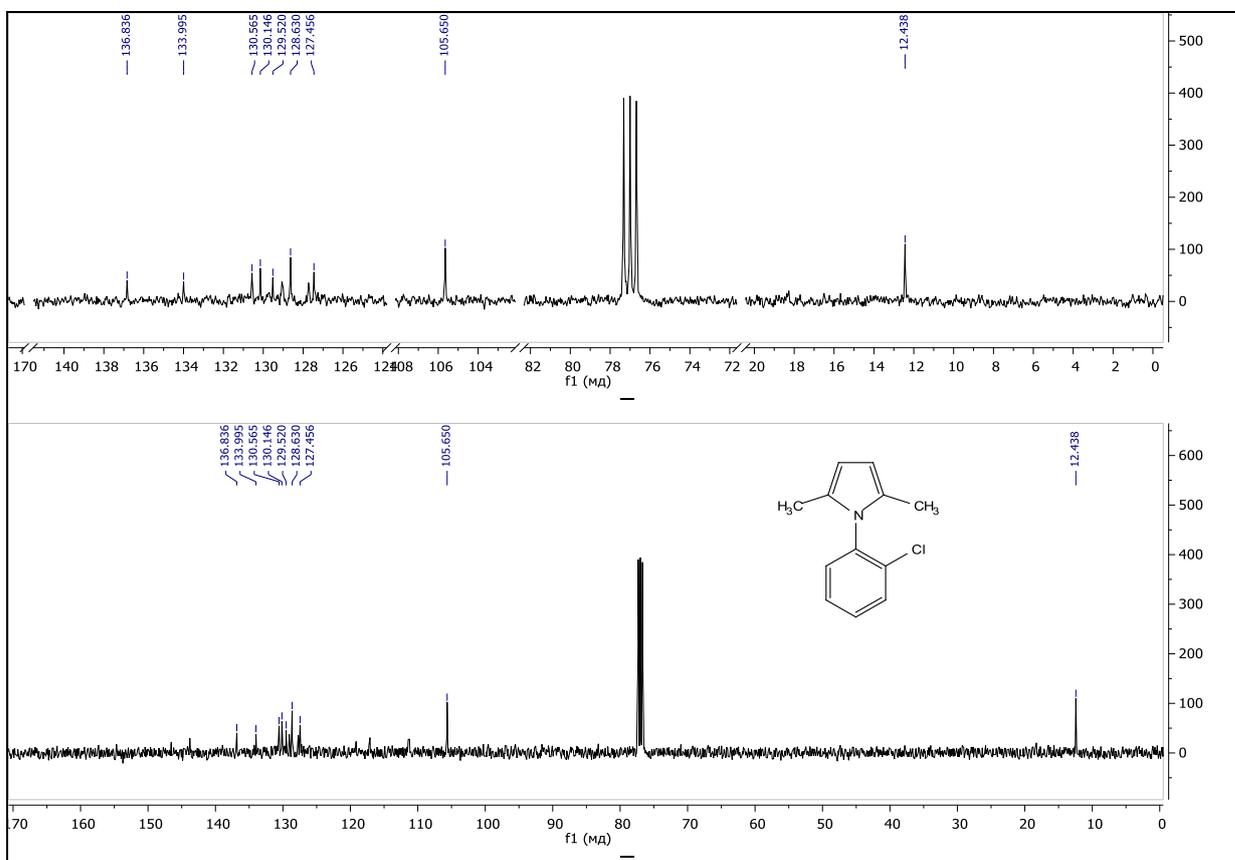
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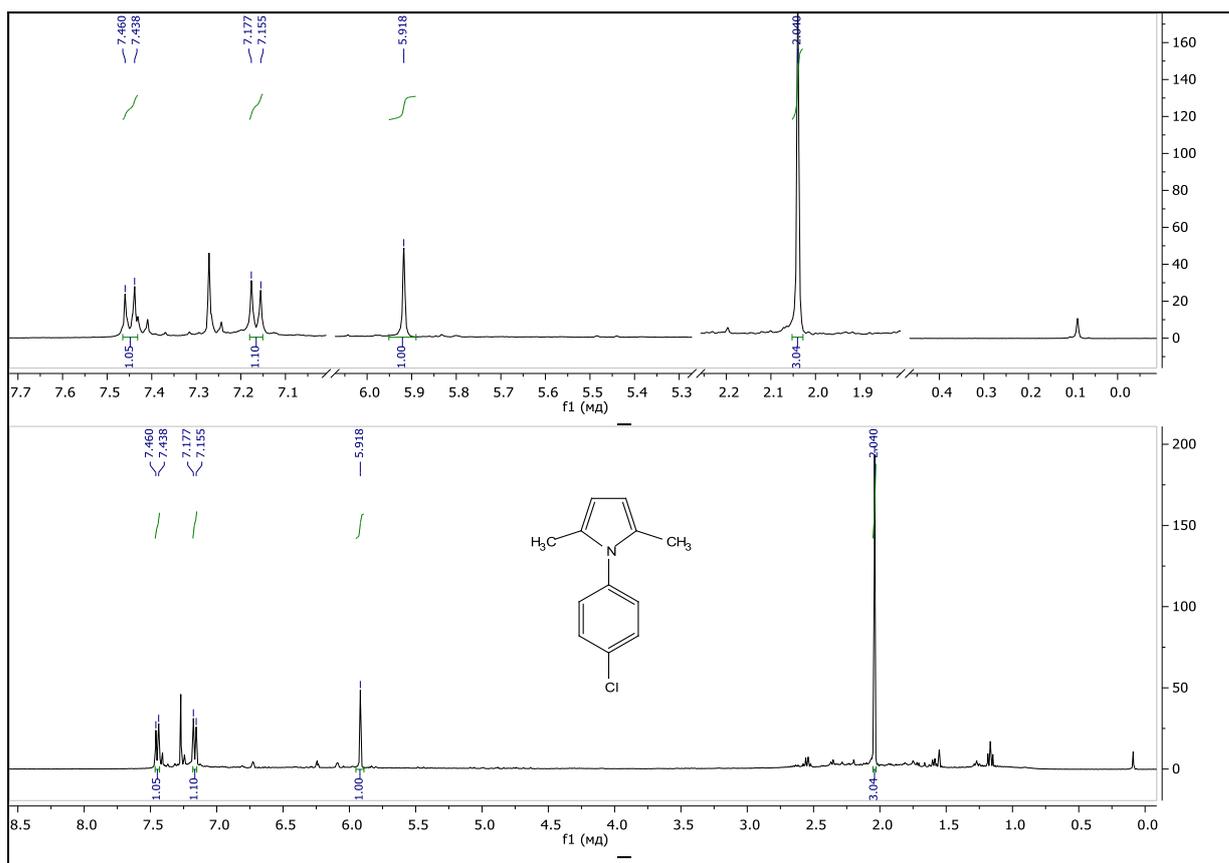
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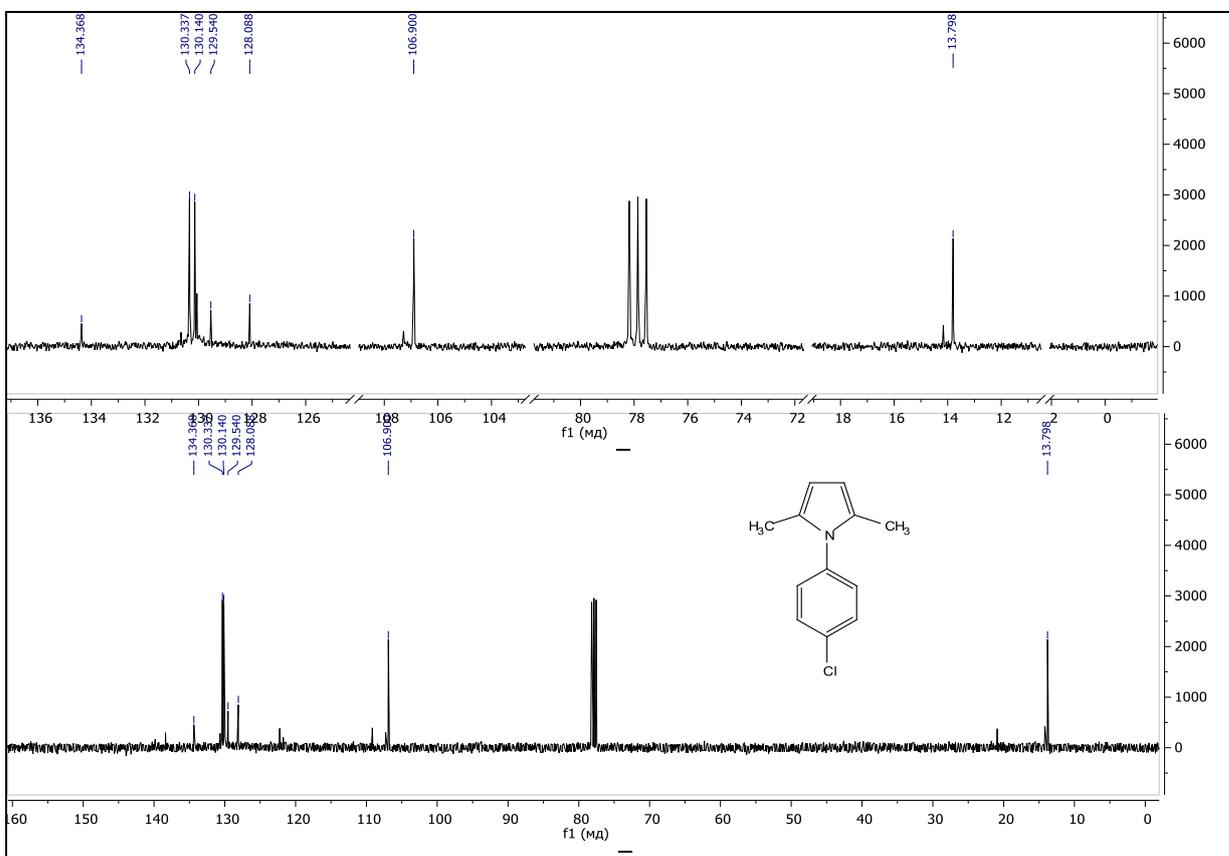
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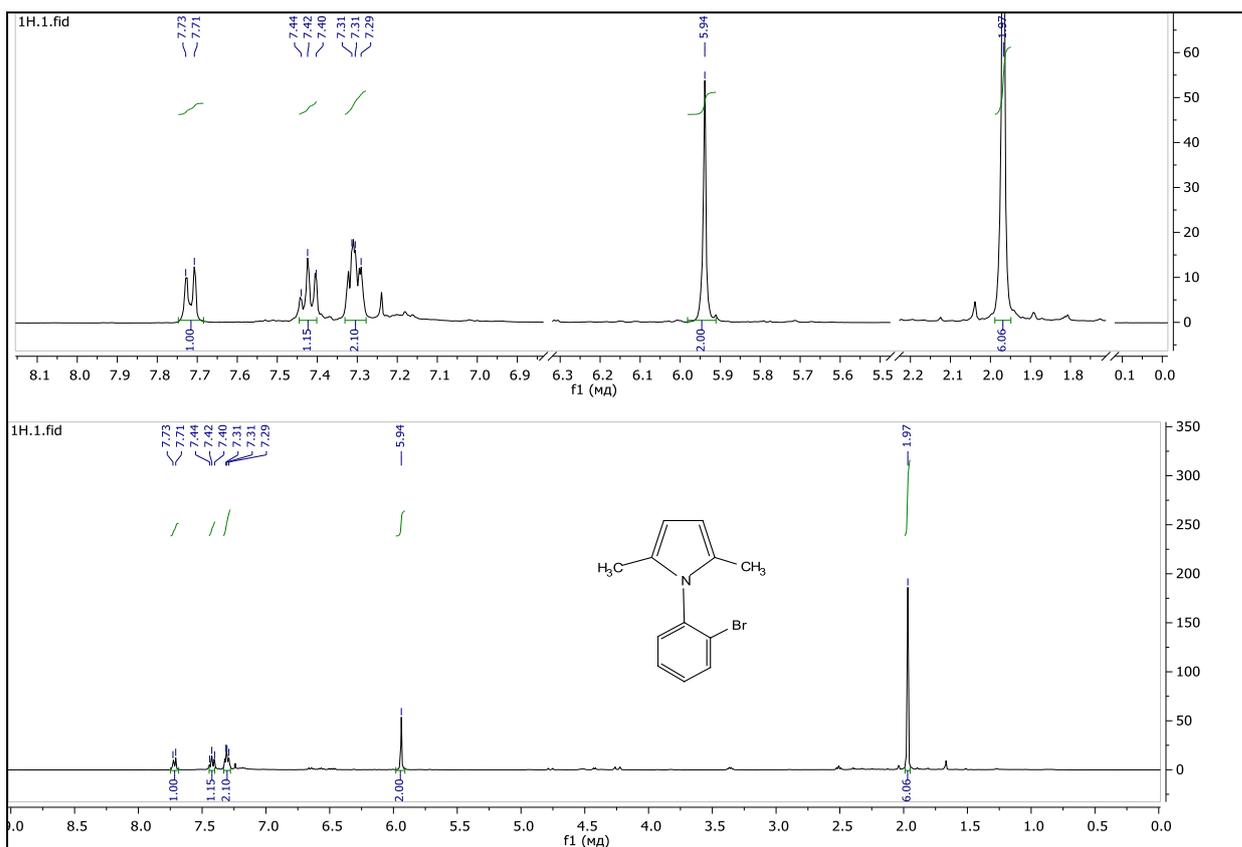
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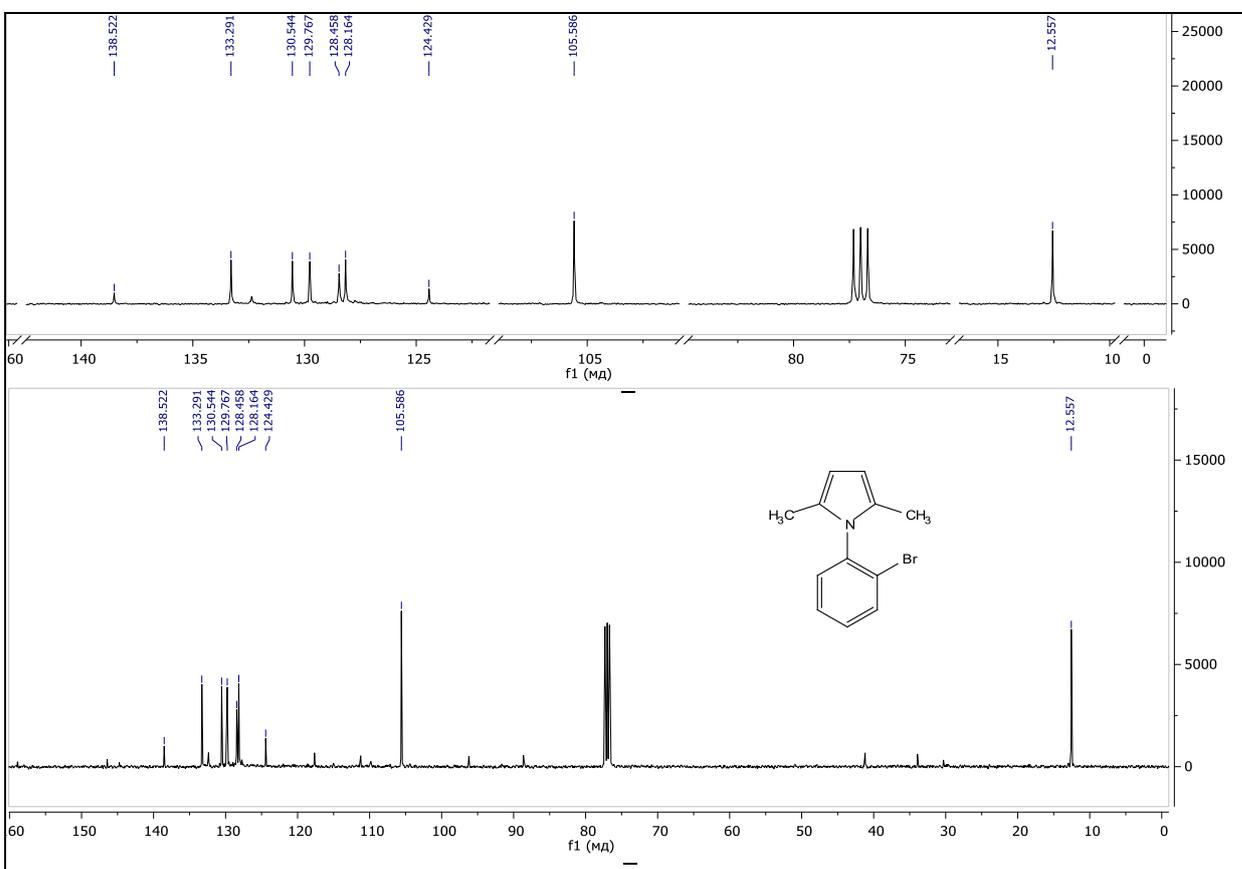
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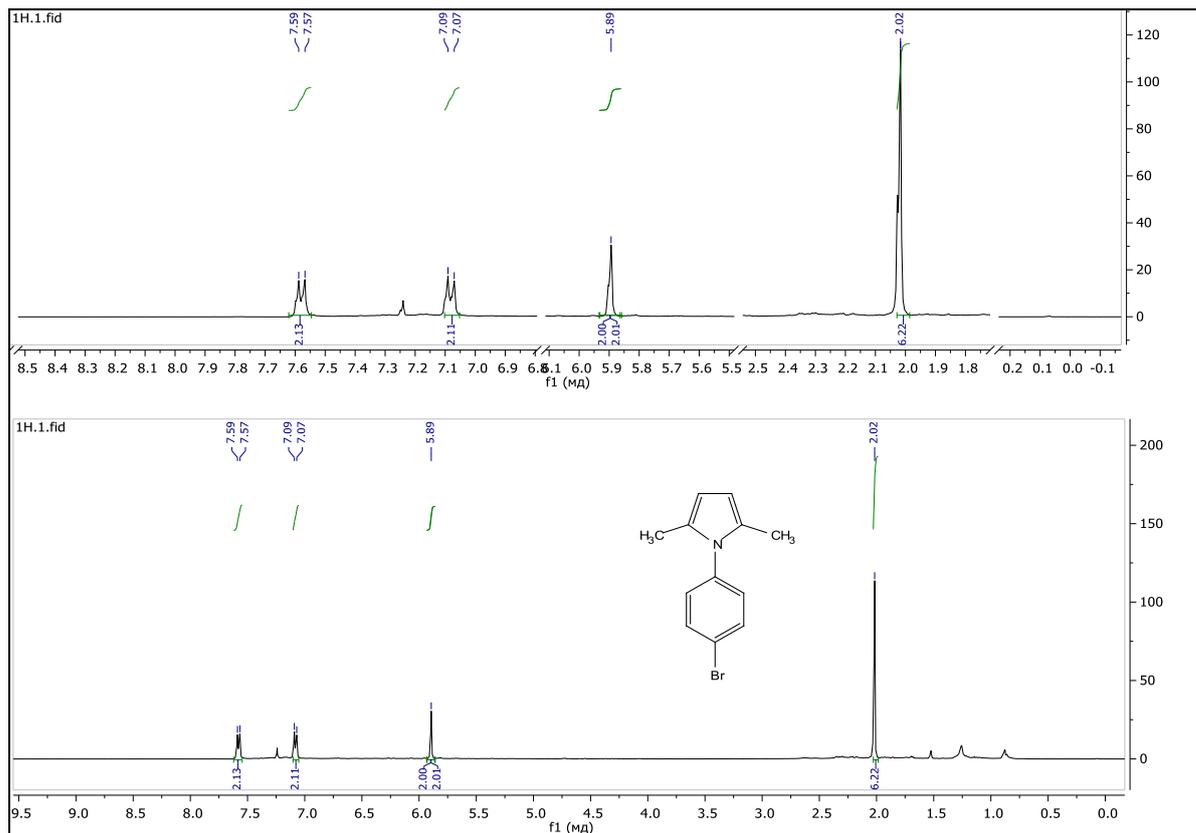
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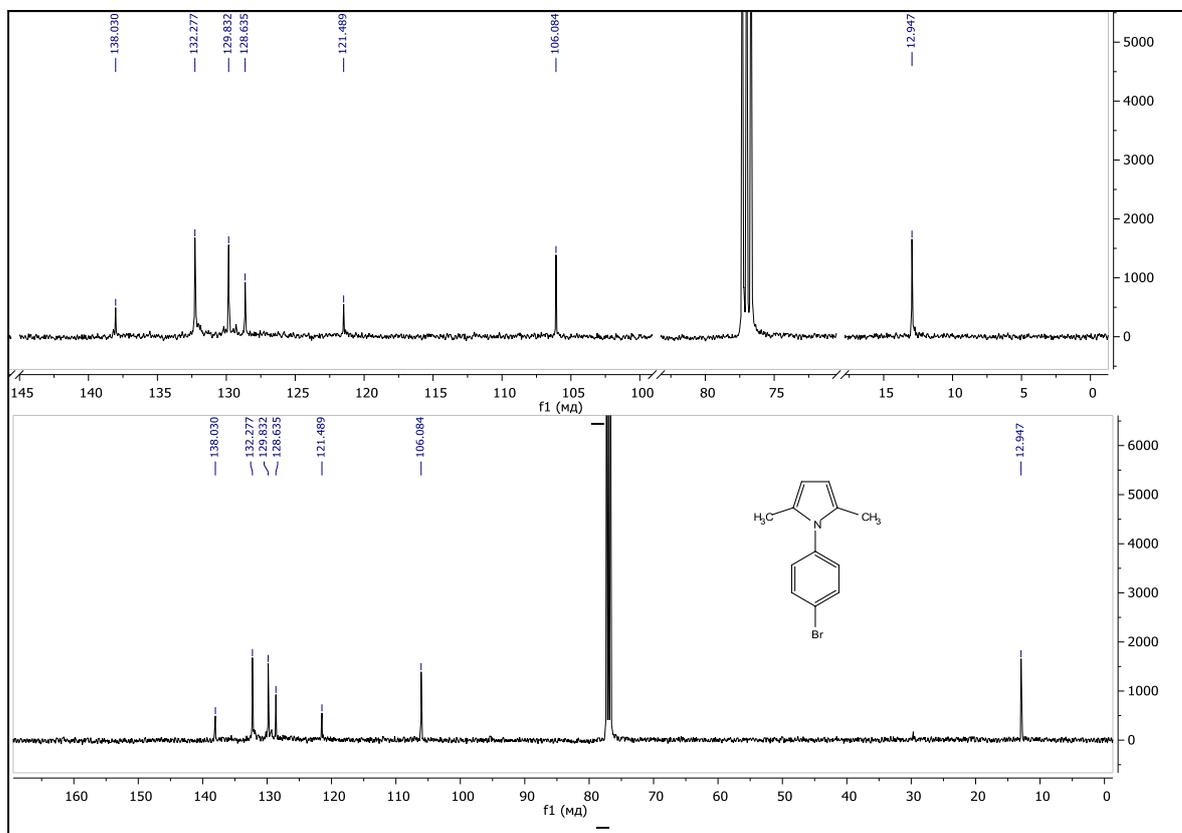
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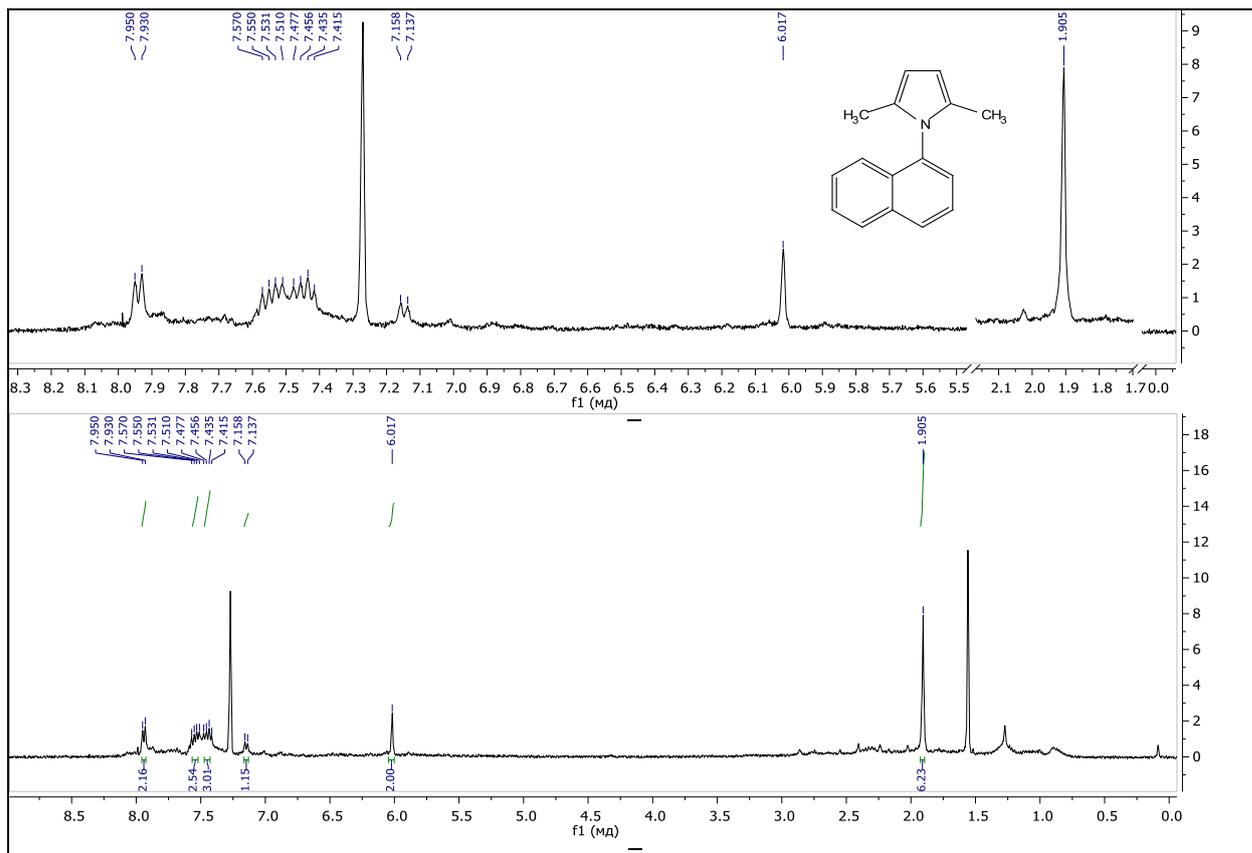
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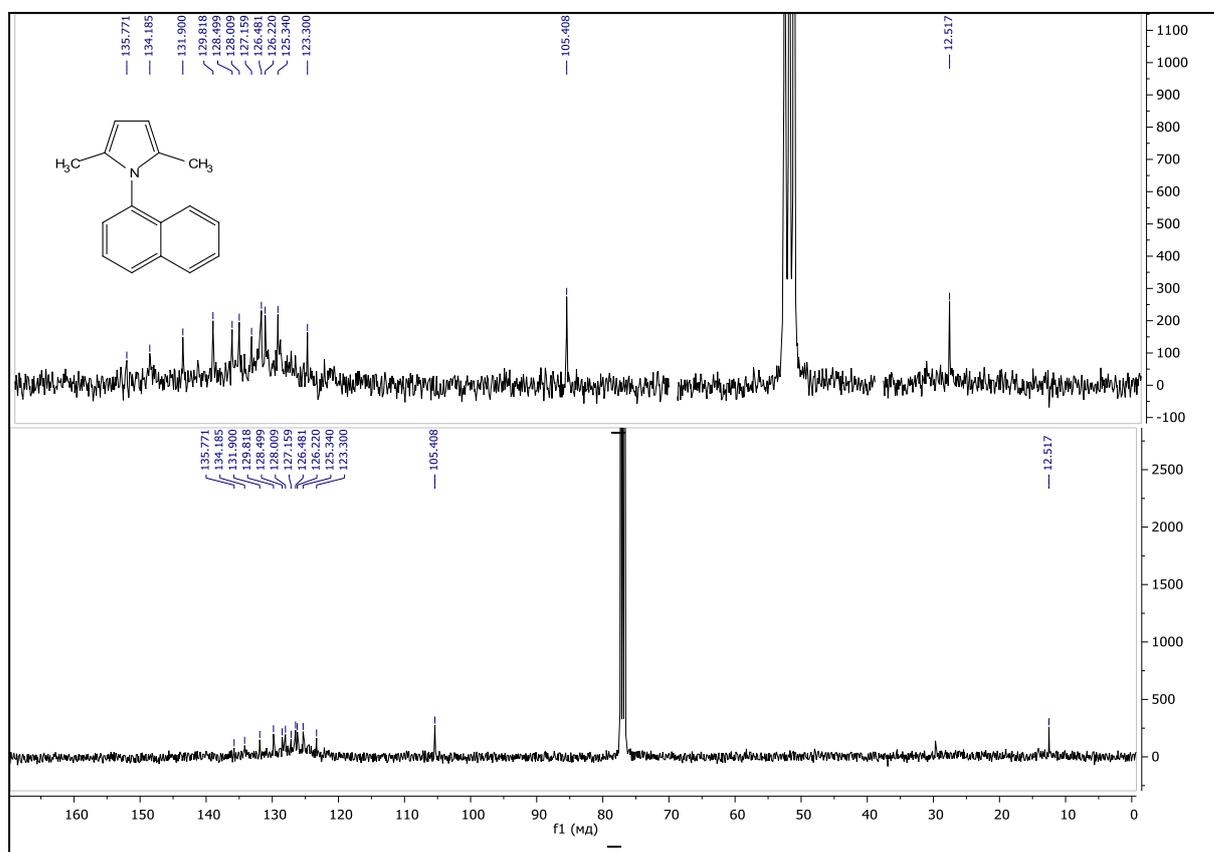
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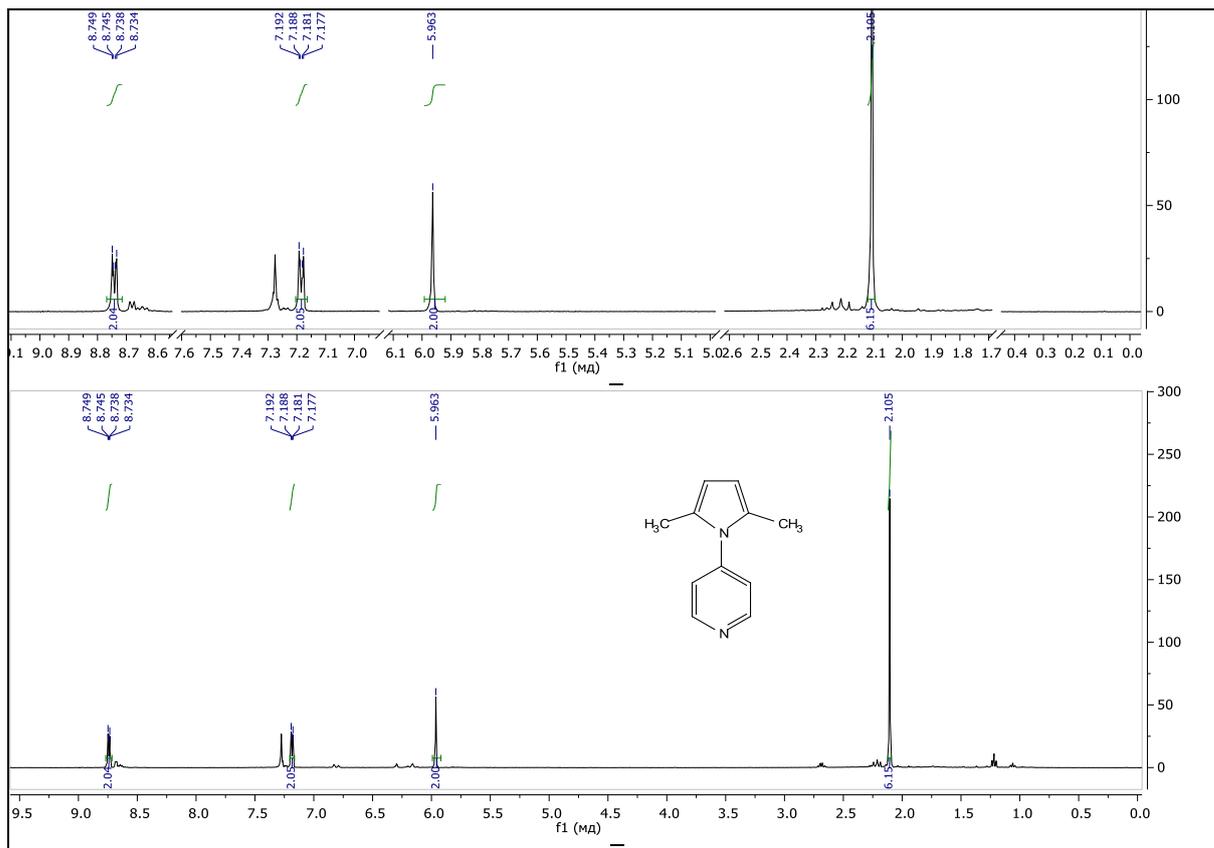
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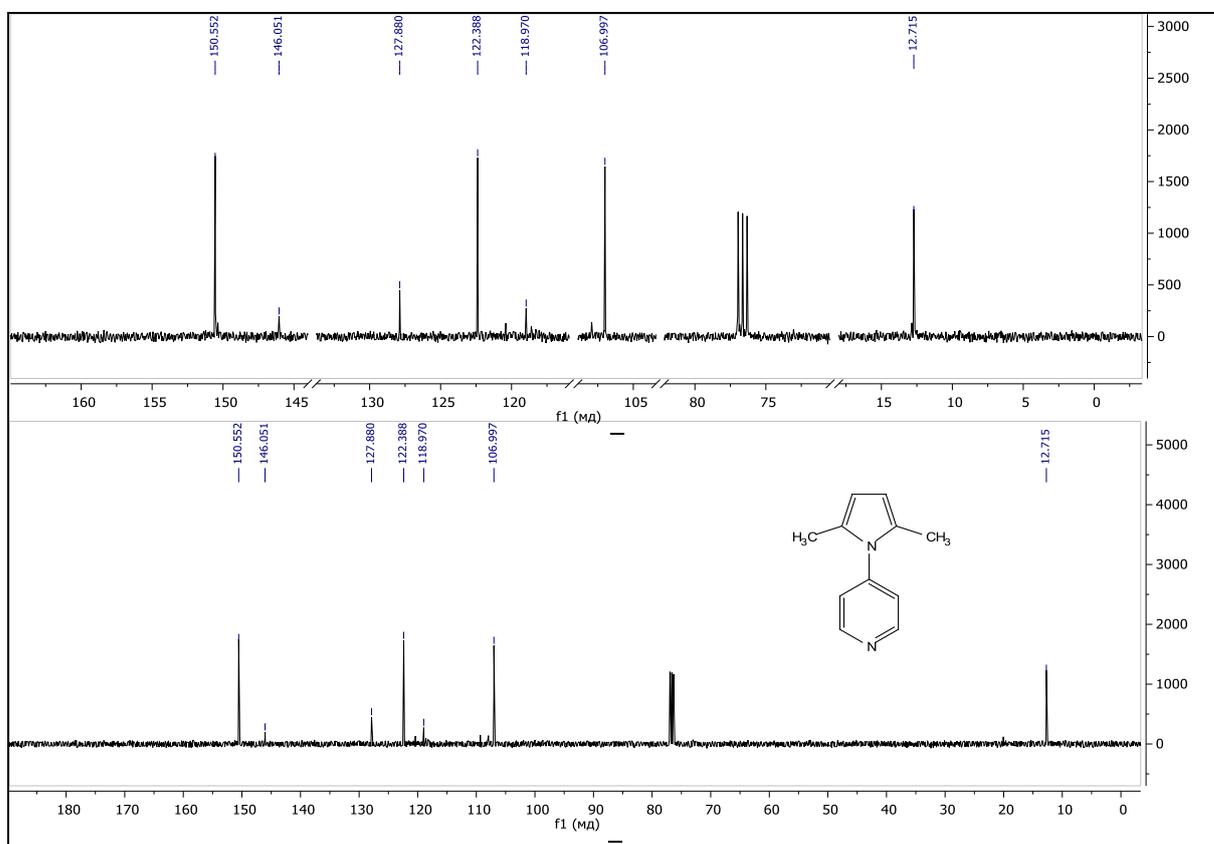
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<sup>13</sup>C NMR Spectrum of **2k**



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*Identification of the vinylacetylene G in the volatile products from the reaction of aniline with acetylene by GLC-MS*

