

Reactivity of Substrates with Multiple Competitive Reactive Sites toward NBS under Neat Reaction Conditions Promoted by Visible Light

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Experimental

General information

Reagents and solvents were obtained from commercial sources. NBS was recrystallized from a mixture of CH_2Cl_2 /petroleum ether, solvents were used as received. All ketones were prepared by the method of the classical *Friedel-Crafts* acylation (Vogel's 1989). **14** was prepared according to the published procedure (Coan et al 1955).

Reactions were performed in closed flasks without inert atmosphere. The experimental procedure was the same for liquid and solid ketones: NBS was added to the substrate and the reaction mixture was stirred with a small stirring bar under solvent-free-reaction conditions (SFRC). Reaction mixtures with solid ketones turned into a molten state and the reaction proceeded as efficiently as the reactions with liquid substrates. An 8 W energy-saving lamp was used throughout all the experiments, and the average reaction temperature was 27 °C. The experiments in the dark were carried out at 27 °C. The progress of the reactions was monitored by thin-layer chromatography (TLC). Light source: Philips Genie 8 W energy-saving light bulb. Column chromatography (CC): silica gel 60 (63–200 mm, 70–230 mesh ASTM; Fluka); CH_2Cl_2 / petroleum ether (1:3). Preparative thin-layer chromatography (TLC): Merck-60-F₂₅₄ plates; mixtures of light petroleum ether (b.p. 40–60 °C) and CH_2Cl_2 . NMR spectra: Bruker DPX 300 (300 MHz) and Bruker AVANCE III (500 MHz) instruments; in CDCl_3 ; δ in ppm relative to TMS as internal standard for ^1H NMR and to the central line of CDCl_3 ($\delta = 77.00$ ppm) for ^{13}C NMR, J in Hz. IR spectra: Bruker Alpha FT-IR spectrometer; in cm^{-1} . HRMS: Agilent 6224 Accurate Mass TOF LC/MS system spectrometer; electrospray ionization; in m/z. Elemental analysis: Perkin Elmer CHNS/O Analyzer 2400 Series II elemental analyzer. Melting points: Büchi 535 melting point apparatus; uncorrected.

General Procedure for Photoinduced Reactions with NBS under SFRC

To a ketone (0.3 mmol), NBS (0.33 or 0.66 mmol, 20 or 39 mg) was added and the resulted reaction mixture was stirred under illumination with an 8 W energy-saving light bulb for 19–29 h. At the end of the reaction, conversions and the product distribution were determined by ^1H NMR spectroscopy of the crude reaction mixture. Pure products were obtained after separation either by CC or preparative TLC and were analyzed by ^1H NMR, ^{13}C NMR, IR, HRMS and melting point when solid. Copies of ^1H and ^{13}C NMR spectra of products are provided. Spectroscopic data of all known compounds were in accordance with literature data.

Characterization of the known products

2-Bromo-1-(4-methylphenyl)ethanone **2a** (Song et al 2010)

1a (0.040 g, 0.3 mmol), NBS (0.059 g, 0.33 mmol). Preparative TLC (R_f = 0.55, CH_2Cl_2 /petroleum ether 1:3). Colorless solid (0.008 g, 13%). M.p. 51–52 °C (lit. 51–53 °C). IR (neat): ν 2951, 1690, 1607, 1572, 1390, 1283, 1193, 1178, 994, 798, 683 cm^{-1} . ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 2.43 (s, 3H), 4.43 (s, 2H), 7.29 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.89 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H). ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 21.7, 30.9, 129.0, 129.5, 131.5, 145.0, 190.9. HRMS (ESI-TOF, m/z): found 212.9908 ($[M + H]^+$, $\text{C}_9\text{H}_{10}\text{BrO}^+$; calc. 212.9910).

2-Bromo-1-(4-ethylphenyl)ethanone **2b** (Jacobs et al 1915)

1b (0.044 g, 0.3 mmol), NBS (0.059 g, 0.33 mmol). Preparative TLC (R_f = 0.61, CH_2Cl_2 /petroleum ether 1:3). Brownish solid (0.010 g, 15%). M.p. 33–35 °C (lit. 33–34 °C). IR (neat): ν 2962, 1691, 1604, 1570, 1413, 1388, 1282, 1210, 1193, 1180, 1115, 1052, 989, 818, 681 cm^{-1} . ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 1.27 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 3H), 2.73 (q, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 4.43 (s, 2H), 7.32 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.91 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H). ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 15.0, 29.0, 30.9, 128.4, 129.2, 131.7, 151.1, 190.9. HRMS (ESI-TOF, m/z): found 227.0066 ($[M + H]^+$, $\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_{12}\text{BrO}^+$; calc. 227.0066).

2-Bromo-1-(4-(cyclohexyl)phenyl)ethanone **2d** (Roman et al 2010)

1d (0.061 g, 0.3 mmol), NBS (0.059 g, 0.33 mmol). Column chromatography on silica gel (R_f = 0.61, CH_2Cl_2 /petroleum ether 1:3 $\rightarrow$ 2:1). Brownish solid (0.030 g, 36%). M.p. 35–37 °C (lit. 44–45 °C). IR (neat): ν 2922, 2851, 1671, 1602, 1567, 1455, 1426, 1311, 1280, 1186, 1110, 1021, 1006, 853, 835, 764, 708, 608 cm^{-1} . ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 1.20–1.33 (m, 1H), 1.35–1.49 (m, 4H), 1.74–1.80 (m, 1H), 1.82–1.93 (m, 4H), 2.53–2.62 (m, 1H), 4.44 (s, 2H), 7.32 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.92 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H). ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 26.0, 26.7, 31.0, 34.0, 44.8, 127.4, 129.2, 131.7, 154.8, 190.9. HRMS (ESI-TOF, m/z): found 281.0533 ($[M + H]^+$, $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{18}\text{BrO}^+$; calc. 281.0536).

2-Bromo-1-(4-(bromomethyl)phenyl)ethanone **3a** (Salama et al 2011)

1a (0.040 g, 0.3 mmol), NBS (0.059 g, 0.33 mmol). Preparative TLC (R_f = 0.42, CH_2Cl_2 /petroleum ether 1:3). Colorless solid (0.002 g, 4%). M.p. 107–109 °C. IR (neat): ν 2923, 1694, 1603, 1571, 1414, 1384, 1275, 1227, 1190, 1177, 987, 833, 817, 732, 685, 635 cm^{-1} . ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 4.43 (s, 2H), 4.50 (s, 2H), 7.49–7.55 (m, 2H), 7.94–8.00 (m, 2H). ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 30.6, 31.8, 129.5, 129.5, 133.7, 143.7, 190.6. HRMS (ESI-TOF, m/z): found 290.9013 ($[M + H]^+$, $\text{C}_9\text{H}_9\text{Br}_2\text{O}^+$; calc. 290.9015).

2,2-Dibromo-1-(4-methylphenyl)ethanone **4a** (Terent'ev et al 2006)

1a (0.040 g, 0.3 mmol), NBS (0.059 g, 0.33 mmol). Column chromatography on silica gel (R_f = 0.61, CH_2Cl_2 /petroleum ether 1:3 $\rightarrow$ 2:1). Colorless solid (0.013 g, 26%). M.p. 94–96 °C (lit. 97–98 °C). IR (neat): ν 3028, 1683, 1602, 1570, 1273, 1224, 1194, 1139, 977, 833, 750, 697 cm^{-1} . ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 2.45 (s, 3H), 6.69 (s, 1H), 7.31 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.98 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H). ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 21.8, 39.8, 128.2, 129.6, 129.8, 145.7, 185.6. HRMS (ESI-TOF, m/z): found 290.9013 ($[M + H]^+$, $\text{C}_9\text{H}_9\text{Br}_2\text{O}^+$; calc. 290.9015). 122.8, 127.6, 130.1, 132.2, 162.9, 184.9. HRMS (ESI-TOF, m/z): found 320.9117 ($[M + H]^+$, $\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_{11}\text{Br}_2\text{O}_2^+$; calc. 320.9120).

2-Bromo-1-(4-methylphenyl)propan-1-one **6a** (Santali et al 2011)

5a (0.044 g, 0.3 mmol), NBS (0.059 g, 0.33 mmol). Preparative TLC (R_f = 0.64, CH_2Cl_2 /petroleum ether 1:3). Colorless solid (0.021 g, 30%). M.p. 77–78.5 °C (lit. 76–77 °C). IR (neat): ν 2923, 1673, 1604, 1440, 1347, 1240, 1213, 1163, 991, 945, 833, 746 cm^{-1} . ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 1.90 (d, J = 6.6 Hz, 3H), 2.43 (s, 3H), 5.28 (q, J = 6.6 Hz, 1H), 7.29 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.93 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H). ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 20.2, 21.7, 41.5, 129.0, 129.4, 131.5, 144.7, 193.0. HRMS (ESI-TOF, m/z): found 227.0067 ($[M + H]^+$, $\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_{12}\text{BrO}^+$; calc. 227.0066).

2-Bromo-1-(4-methoxyphenyl)propan-1-one **6b** (Ghosh et al 2003)

5b (0.164 g, 1.0 mmol), NBS (0.267 g, 1.5 mmol). Column chromatography on silica gel (R_f = 0.29, CH_2Cl_2 /hexane 1:2 $\rightarrow$ 2:1). Colorless solid (0.164 g, 68%). M.p. 65–67 °C (lit. 66 °C). IR (neat): ν 2975, 1665, 1598, 1570, 1508, 1421, 1352, 1243, 1164, 1023, 947, 843, 816, 762, 603 cm^{-1} . ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 1.89 (d, J = 6.6 Hz, 3H), 3.88 (s, 3H), 5.26 (q, J = 6.6 Hz, 1H), 6.92–6.99 (m, 2H), 7.97–8.05 (m, 2H). ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 20.3, 41.4, 55.5, 114.0, 126.9, 131.3, 163.9, 192.0. HRMS (ESI-TOF, m/z): 243.0008 ($[M + H]^+$, $\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_{12}\text{BrO}_2^+$; calc. 243.0015). Anal. calc. for $\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_{11}\text{BrO}_2$: C 49.41, H 4.56; found: C 49.21, H 4.41.

2-Bromo-1-(4-methoxyphenyl)-2-methylpropan-1-one **9c** (Maier et al 1985)

8c (0.178 g, 1.0 mmol), NBS (0.267 g, 1.5 mmol). Column chromatography on silica gel (R_f = 0.39, CH_2Cl_2 /hexane 1:1 $\rightarrow$ 2:1). Pale yellowish solid (0.201 g, 78%). M.p. 38–40 °C (lit. 33 °C). IR (neat): ν 2931, 1666, 1597, 1572, 1508, 1458, 1309, 1252, 1157, 1104, 1029, 978, 886, 839, 762 cm^{-1} . ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 2.04 (s, 6H), 3.87 (s, 3H), 6.89–6.95 (m, 2H), 8.18–8.25 (m, 2H). ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 31.9, 55.4, 60.5, 113.3, 126.9, 132.8, 162.9, 194.9. HRMS (ESI-TOF, m/z): found 257.0178 ($[M + H]^+$, $\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_{14}\text{BrO}_2^+$; calc. 257.0172). $\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_{13}\text{Br}_2\text{O}^+$; calc. 318.9328).

2-Bromo-1-(4-methylphenyl)-2-phenylethan-1-one **12a** (Ali et al 2007)

11a (0.063 g, 0.3 mmol), NBS (0.059 g, 0.33 mmol). Column chromatography on silica gel (R_f = 0.65, CH₂Cl₂/petroleum ether 1:3 → 2:1). Colorless solid (0.031 g, 35%). M.p. 82–84 °C (lit. 86–87 °C). IR (neat): ν 3011, 1675, 1602, 1493, 1455, 1282, 1222, 1197, 1179, 1157, 994, 839, 765, 729, 697, 671, 632 cm⁻¹. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 2.39 (s, 3H), 6.37 (s, 1H), 7.24 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.29–7.39 (m, 3H), 7.50–7.54 (m, 2H), 7.89 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 21.7, 51.1, 129.0, 129.0, 129.1, 129.2, 129.5, 131.6, 136.1, 144.7, 190.6. HRMS (ESI-TOF, m/z): found 289.0219 ($[M + H]^+$, C₁₅H₁₄BrO⁺; calc. 289.0223).

2-Bromo-2-phenylacetonitrile **18** (Donslund et al 2019)

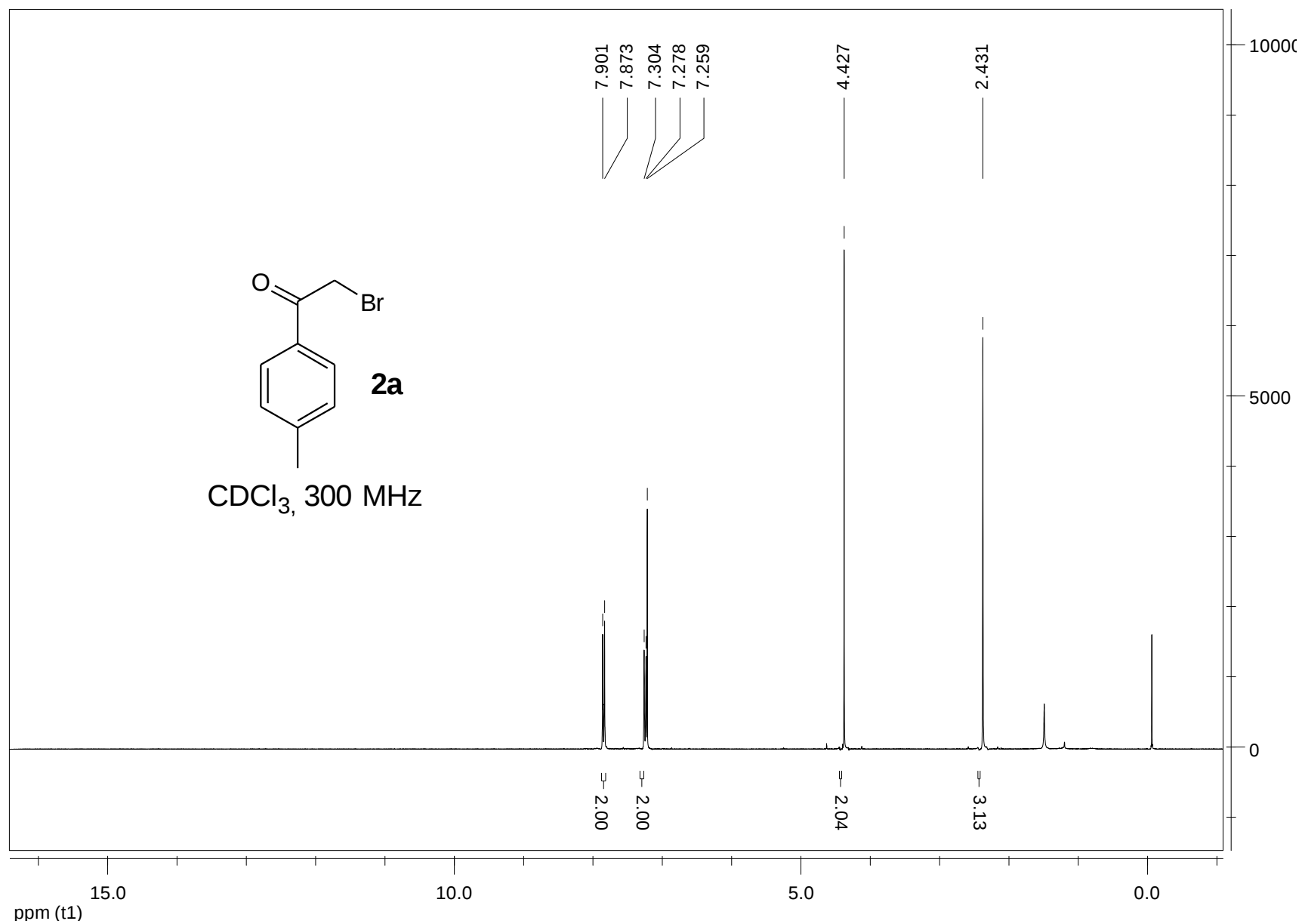
16 (0.048 g, 0.3 mmol), NBS (0.059 g, 0.33 mmol). Preparative TLC (R_f = 0.35, CH₂Cl₂/petroleum ether 1:3) Yellowish oil (0.031 g, 53%). IR (neat): 2971, 1496, 1455, 1188, 1138, 971, 817, 763, 690, 653, 621 cm⁻¹. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 5.49 (s, 1H), 7.39–7.48 (m, 3H), 7.52–7.60 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 27.4, 116.2, 127.8, 129.5, 130.3, 133.5.

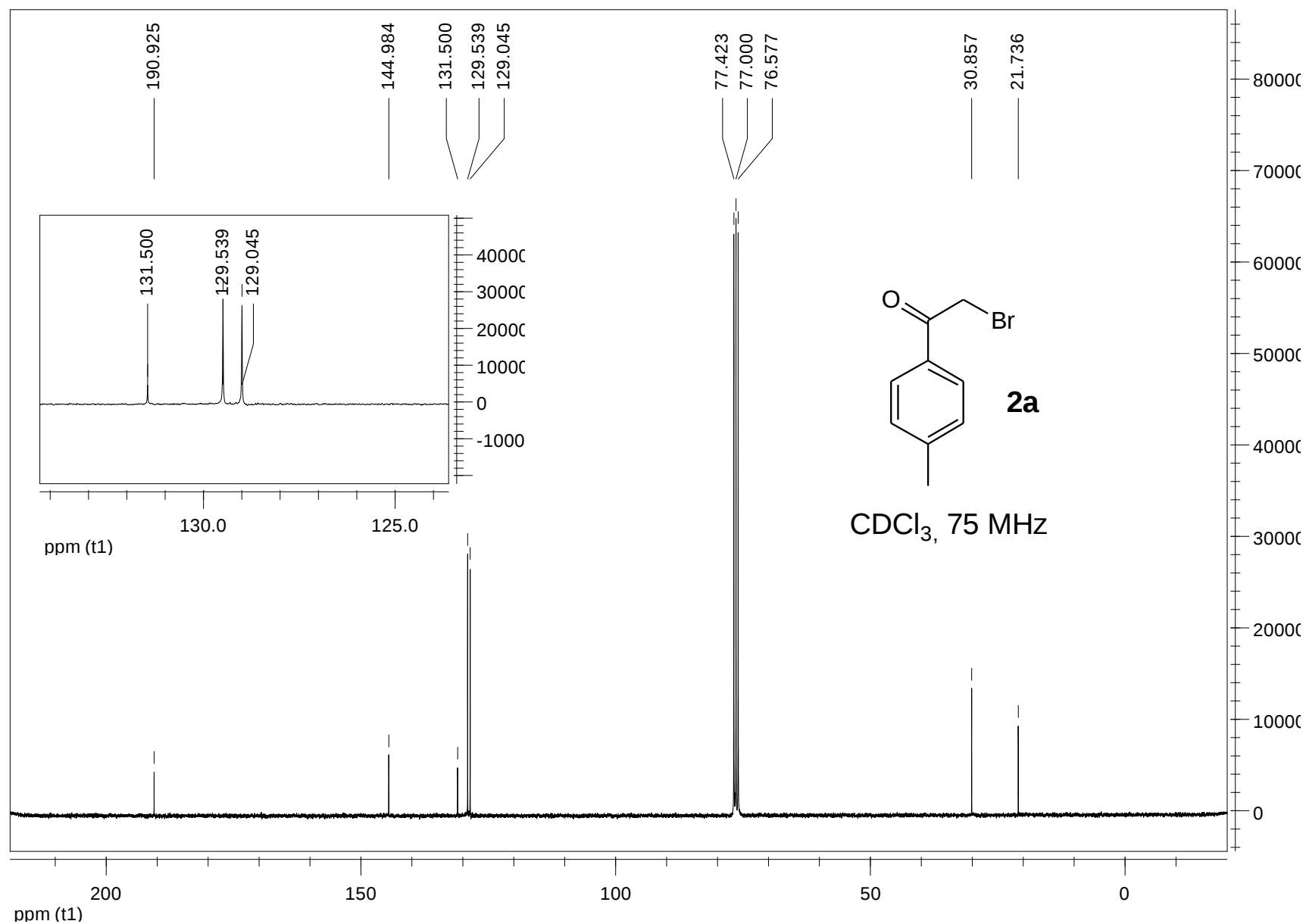
2,4-Dibromo-1-methoxynaphthalene **20** (Lash et al 2011)

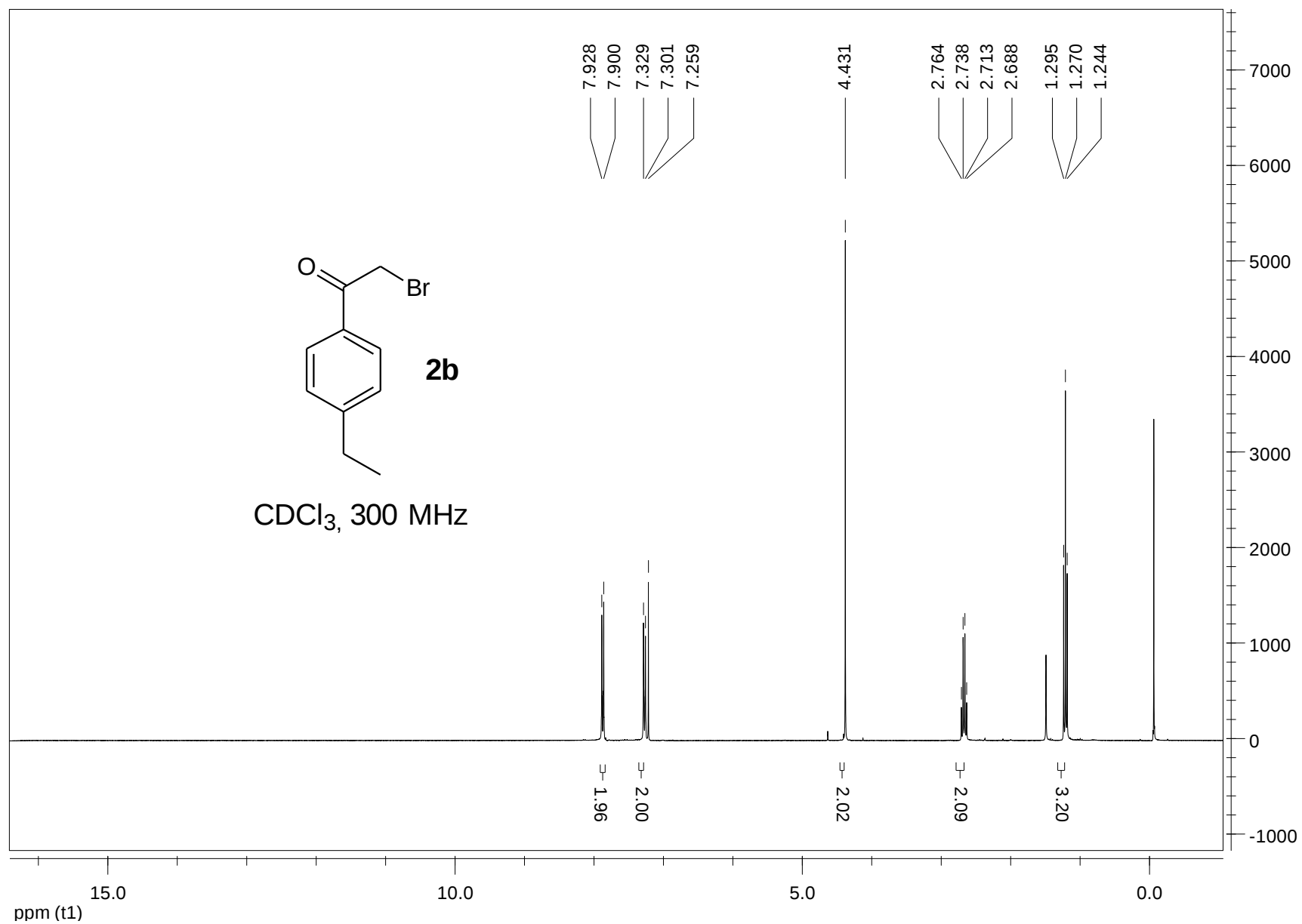
19a (0.200 g, 1.0 mmol), NBS (0.356 g, 2.0 mmol). Column chromatography on silica gel (R_f = 0.65, CH₂Cl₂/petroleum ether 1:3 → 2:1). Colorless solid (0.249 g, 79%). M.p. 49–52 °C (lit. 51–52 °C). IR (neat): ν 3062, 2934, 1572, 1448, 1363, 1248, 1212, 1068, 981, 908, 833, 751, 711, 679, 651 cm⁻¹. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 4.00 (s, 3H), 7.54–7.67 (m, 2H), 7.91 (s, 1H), 8.09–8.22 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 61.6, 112.1, 118.0, 122.5, 127.5, 127.6, 127.8, 129.8, 132.2, 133.0, 153.1. Anal. calc. for C₁₁H₈Br₂O: C 41.81, H 2.55; found: C 41.78, H 2.50.

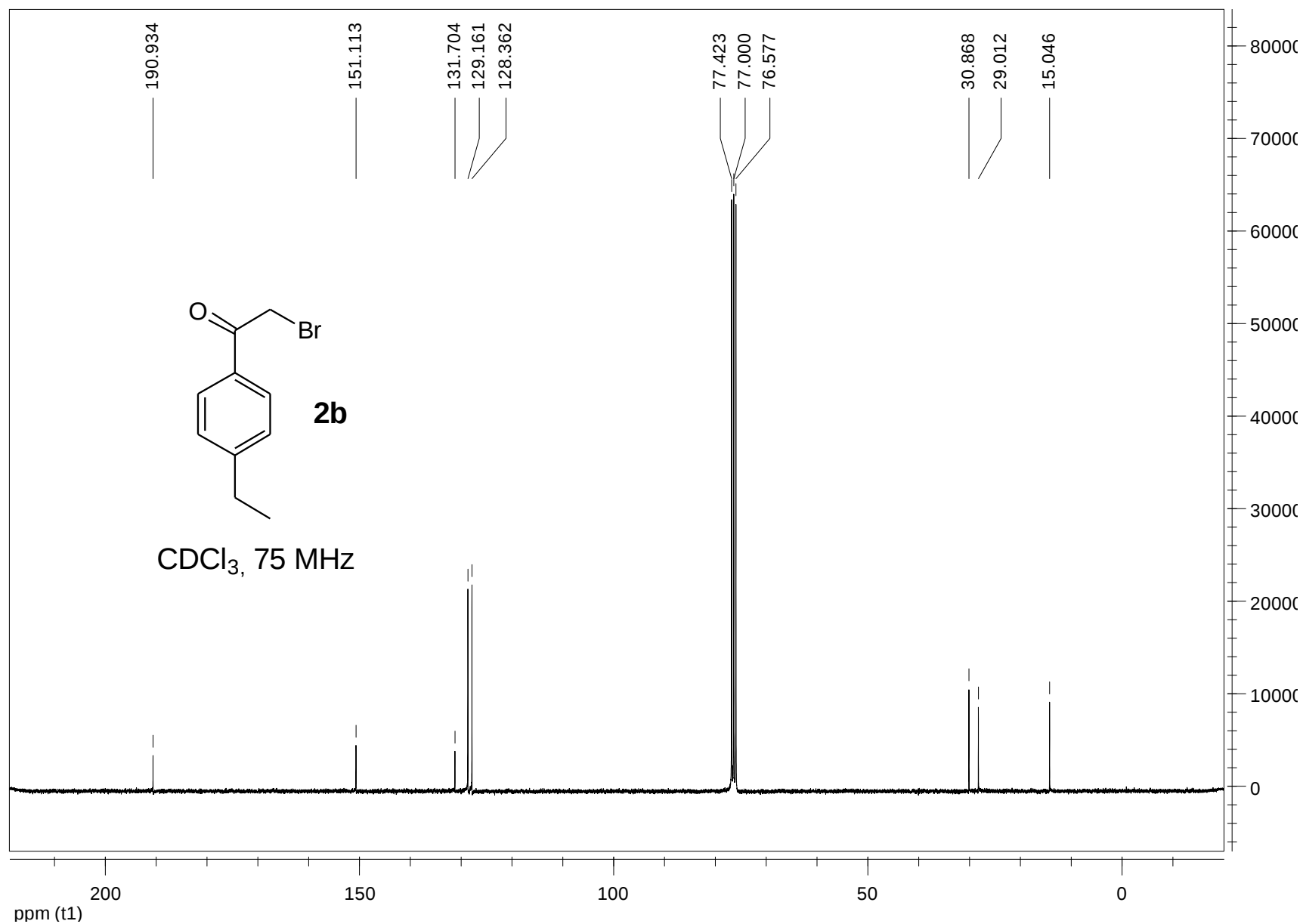
2-Bromo-4,5-dimethoxytoluene **24** (Fukuda et al 2007)

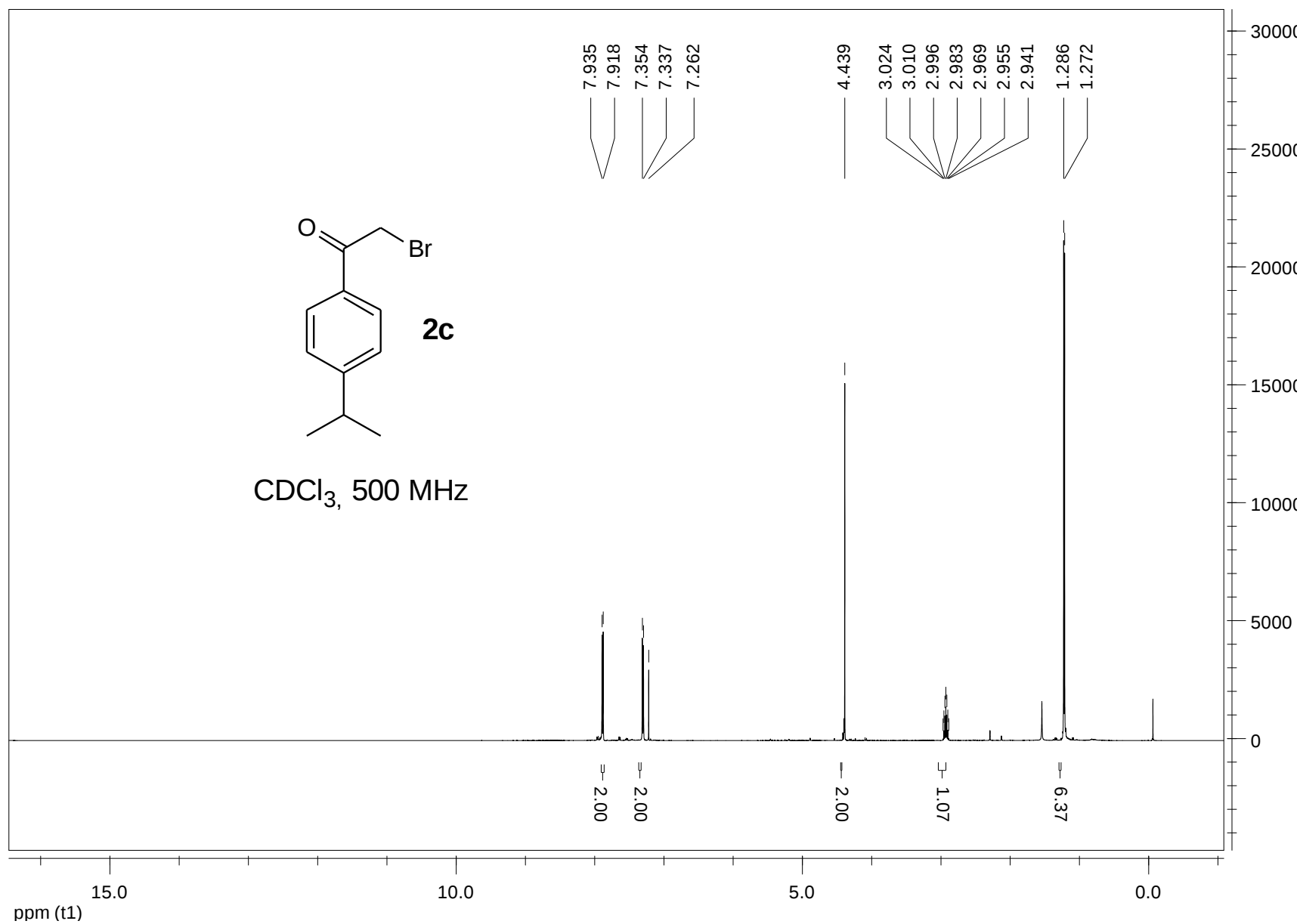
23 (0.058 g, 0.3 mmol), NBS (0.059 g, 0.33 mmol). Column chromatography on silica gel (R_f = 0.51, CH₂Cl₂/petroleum ether 1:3 → 2:1). Colorless solid (0.042 g, 61%). M.p. 30–32 °C. IR (neat): ν 2933, 1503, 1437, 1371, 1327, 1253, 1211, 1161, 1032, 953, 848, 792 cm⁻¹. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 2.33 (s, 3H), 3.84 (s, 3H), 3.85 (s, 3H), 6.73 (s, 1H), 7.00 (s, 1H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 22.3, 56.0, 56.2, 113.6, 114.4, 115.4, 129.6, 147.7, 148.2. HRMS (ESI-TOF, m/z): found 231.0014 ($[M + H]^+$, C₉H₁₂BrO₂⁺; calc. 231.0015).

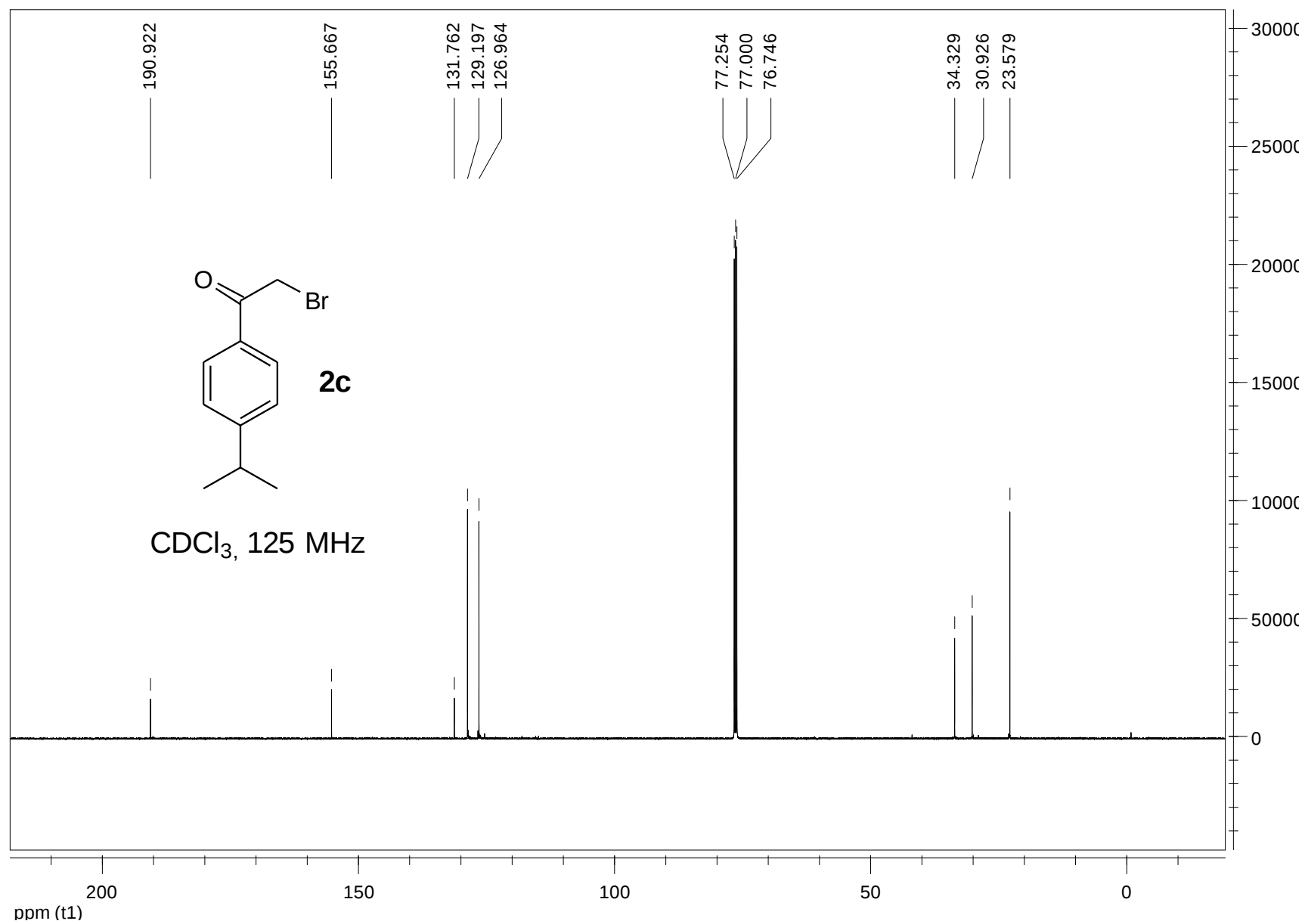


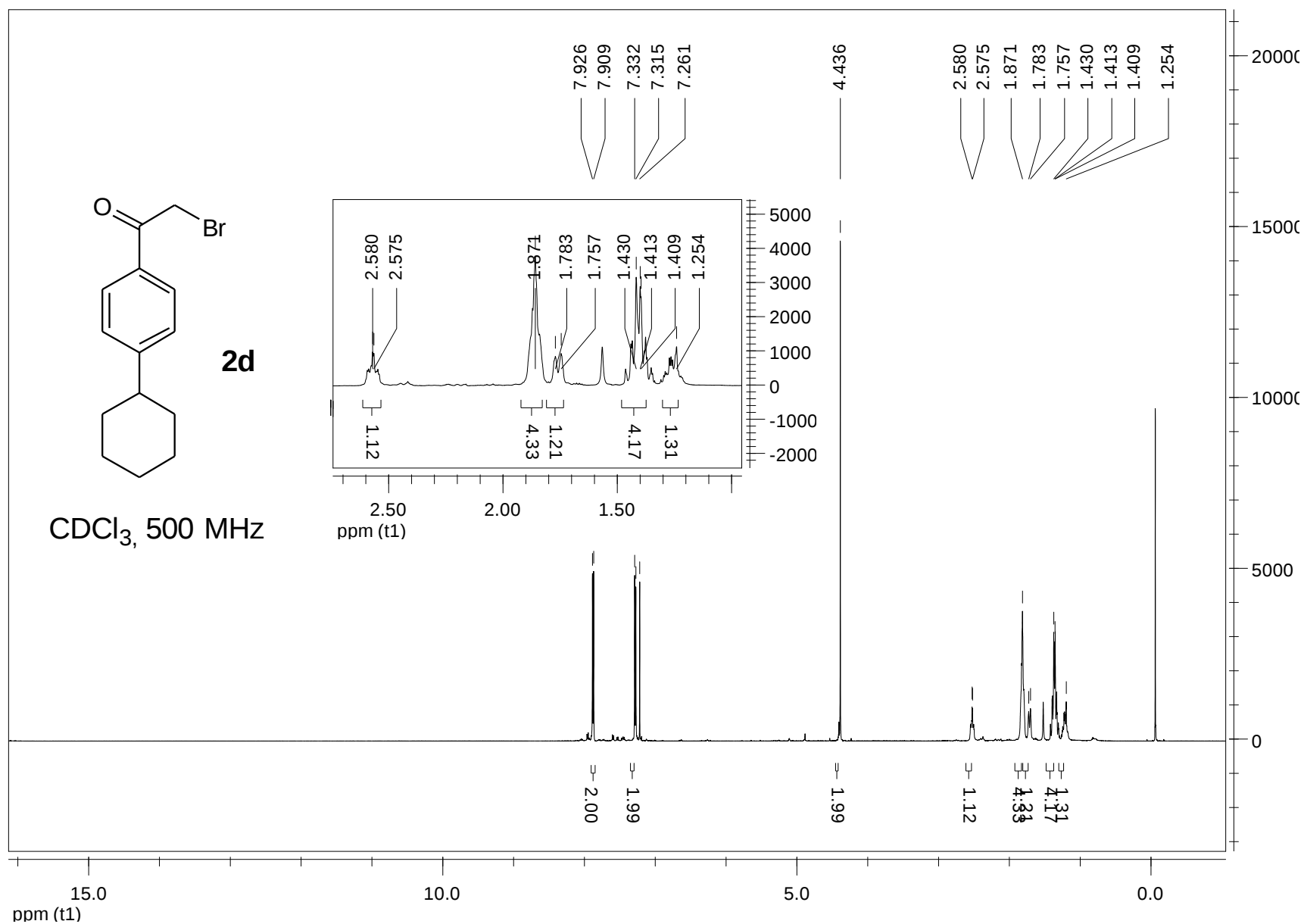


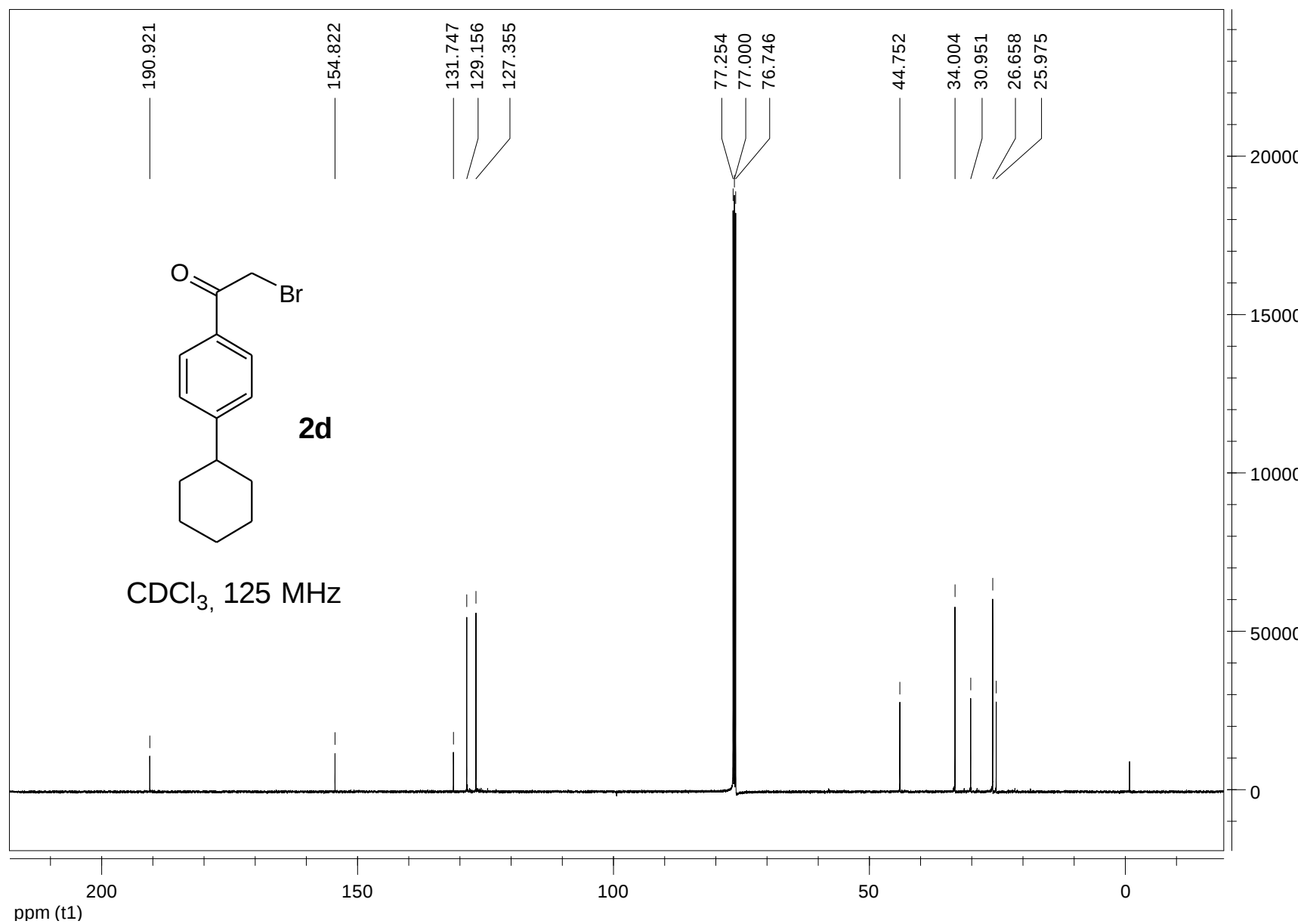


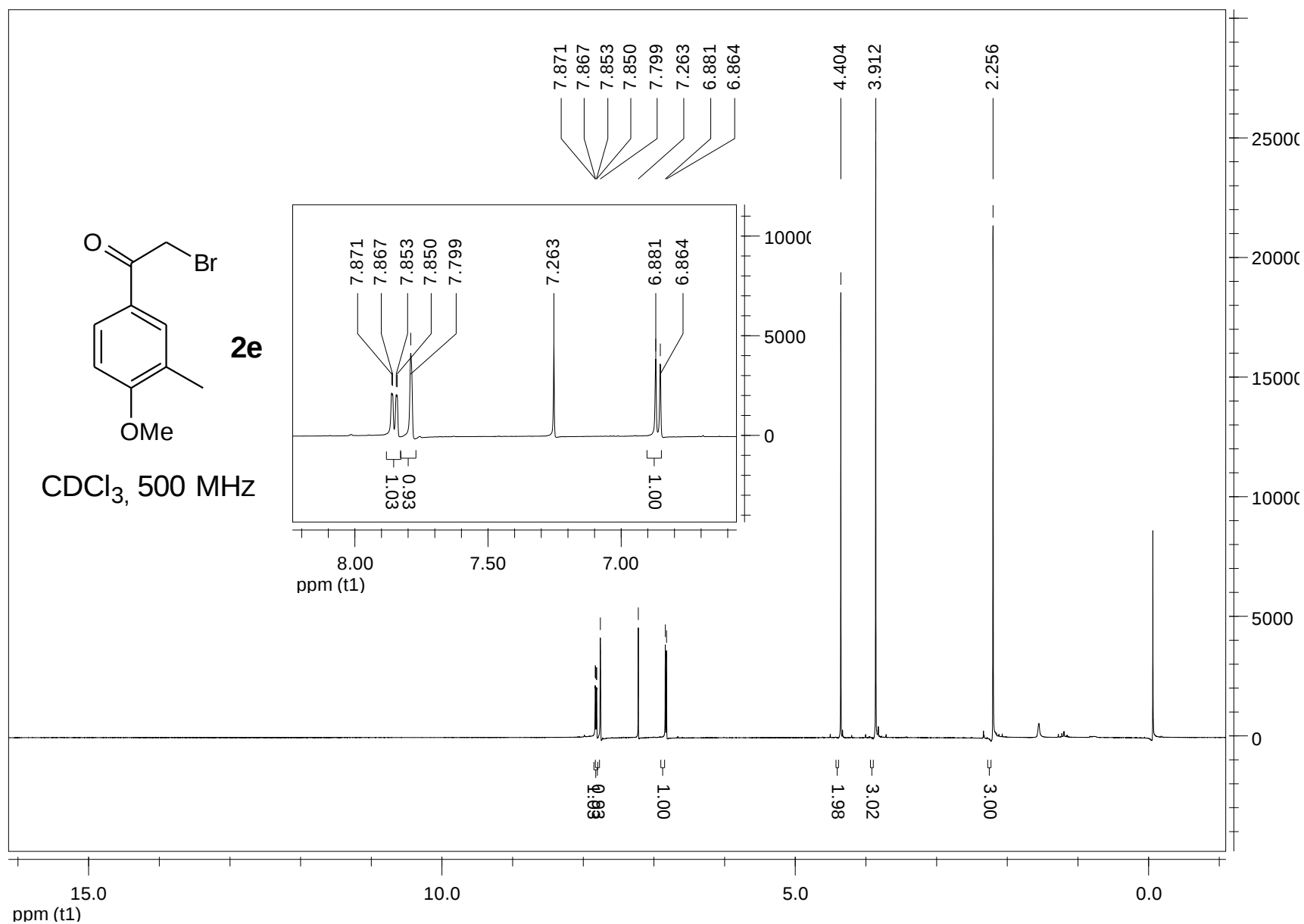


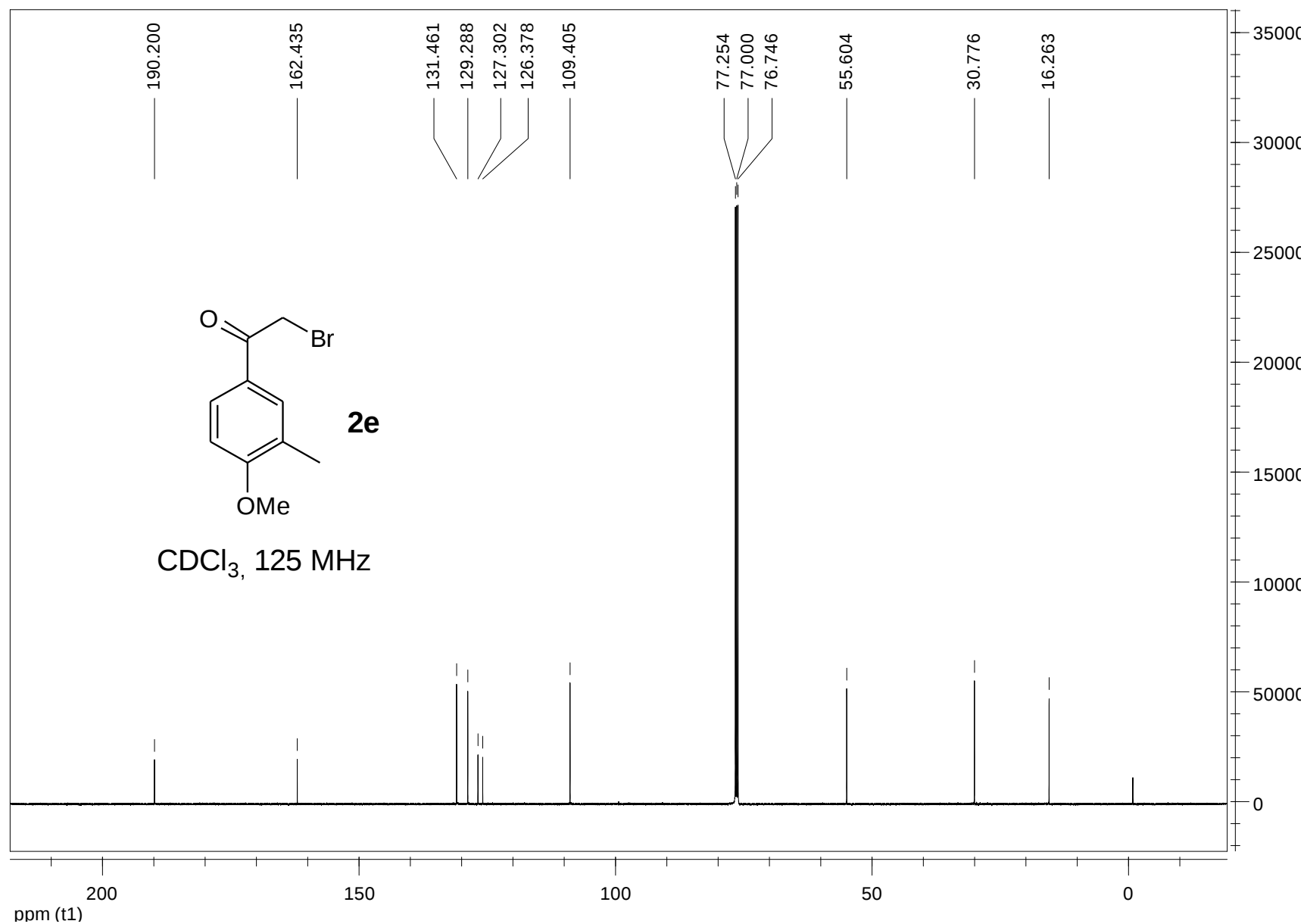


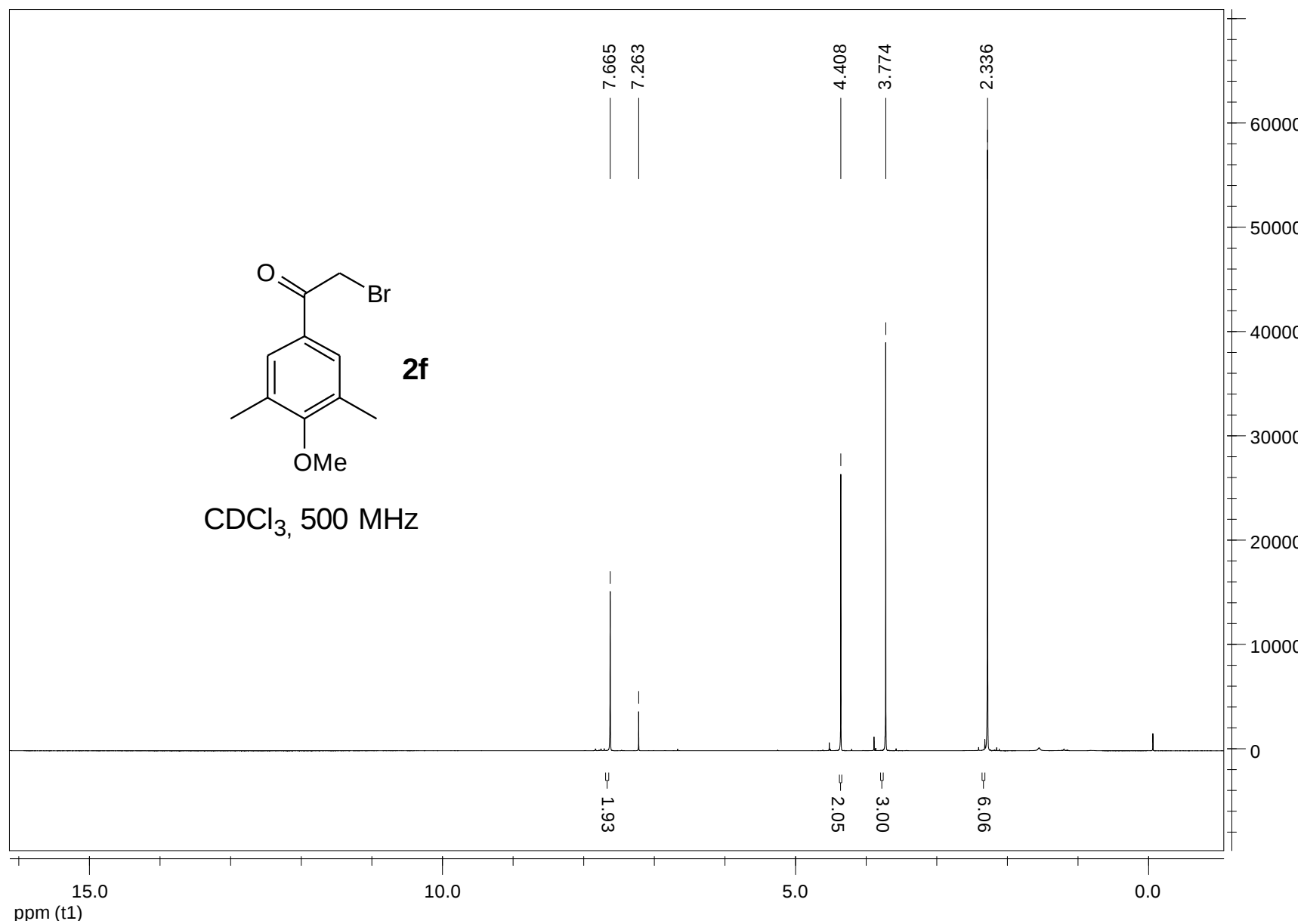


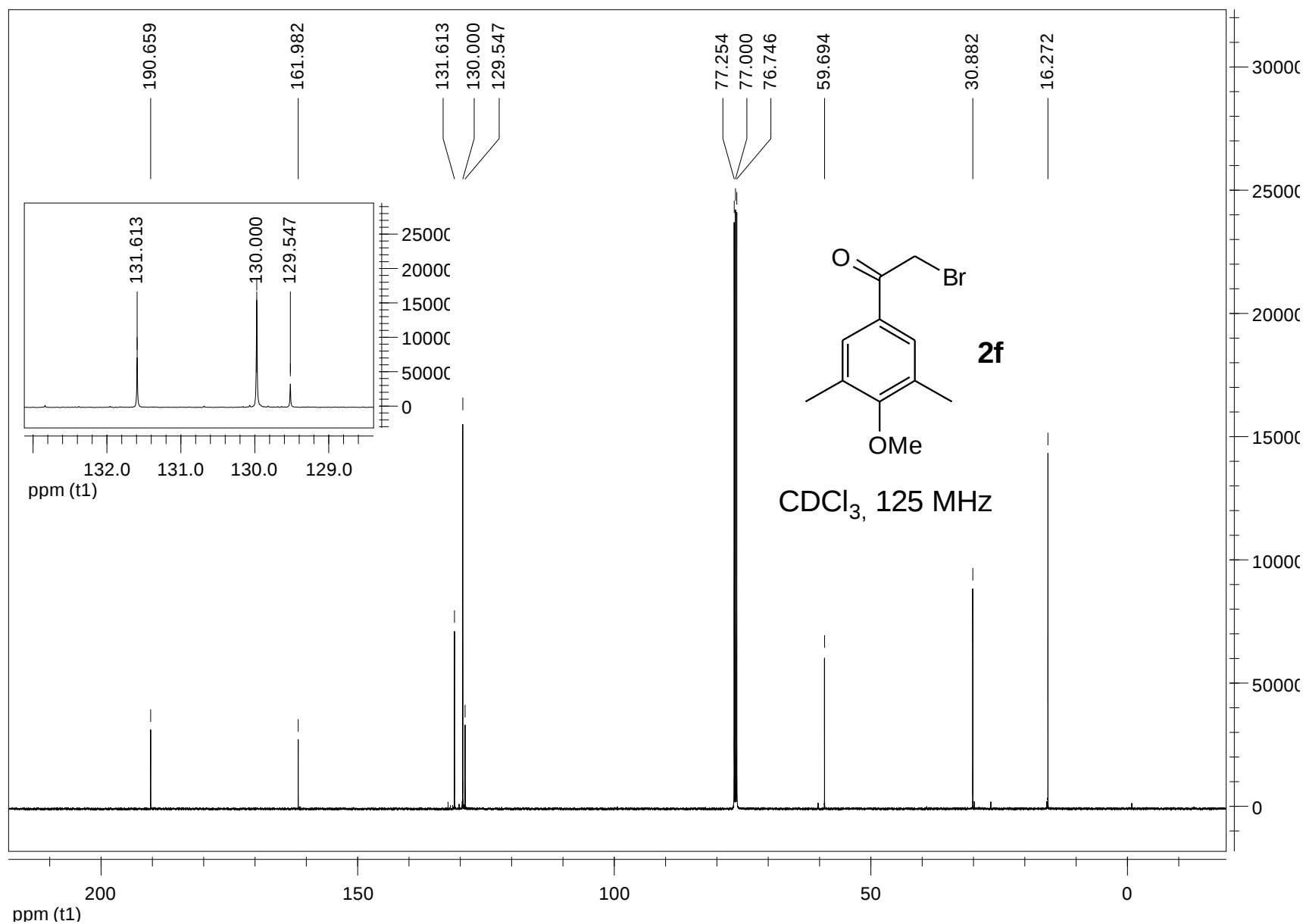


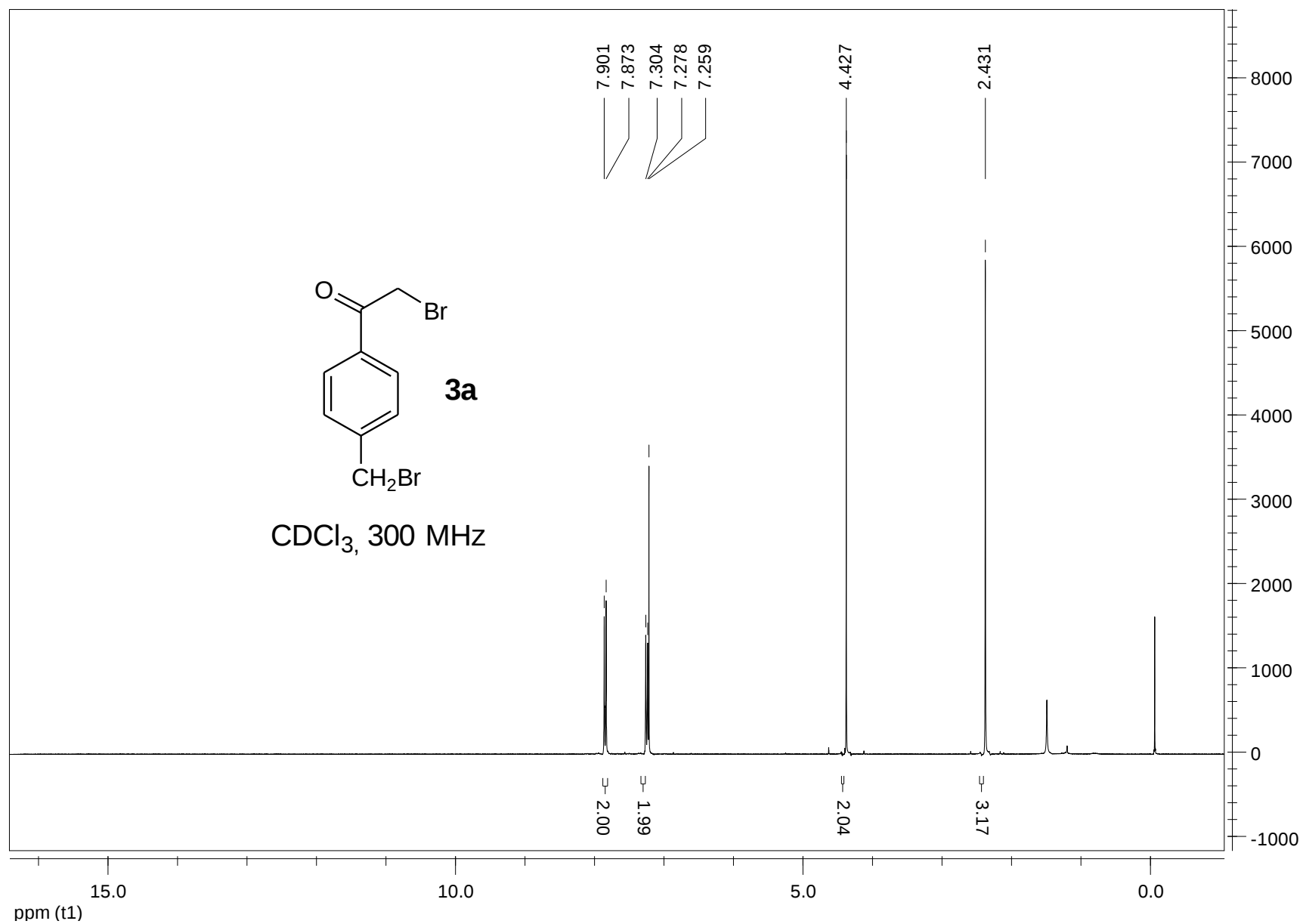


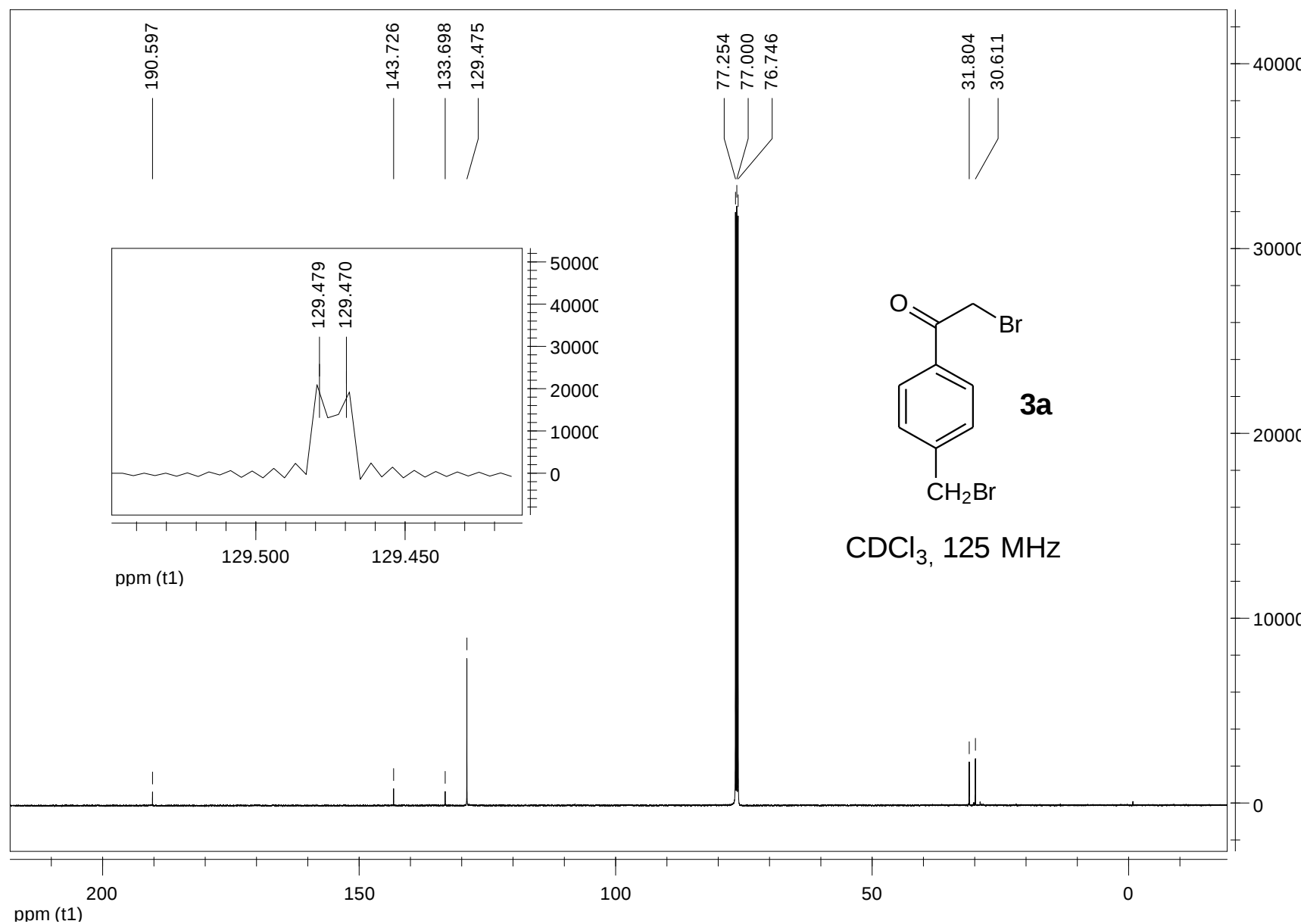


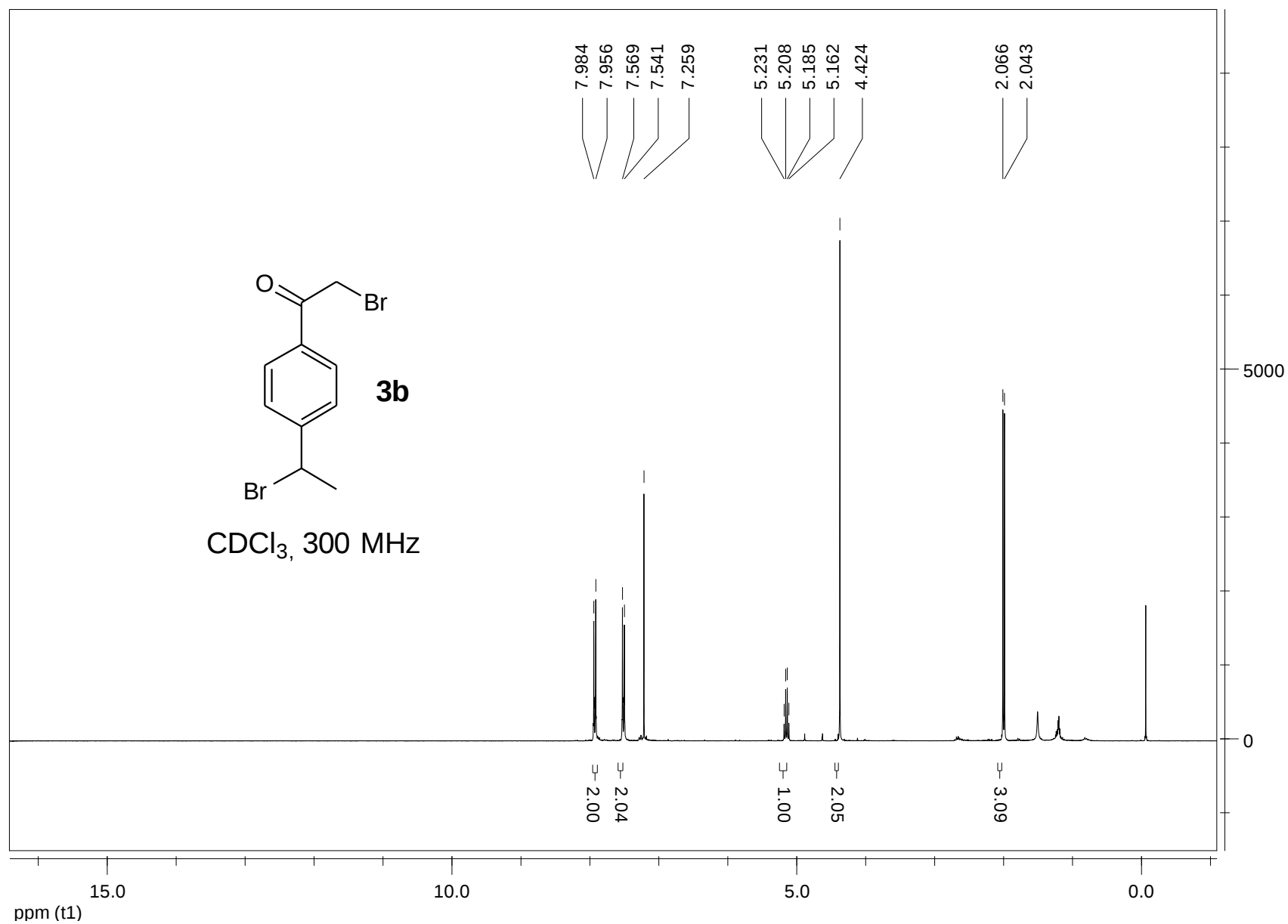


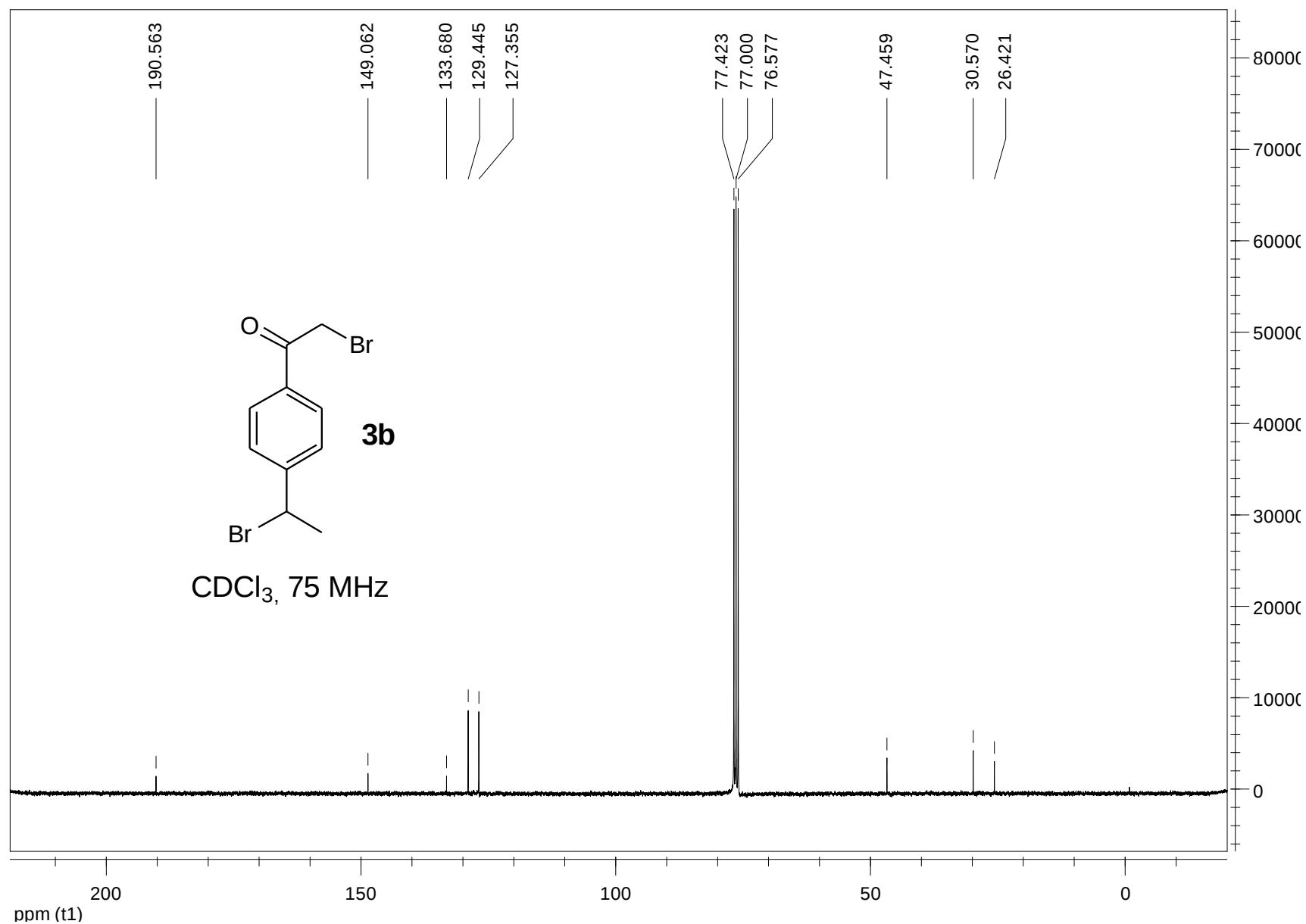


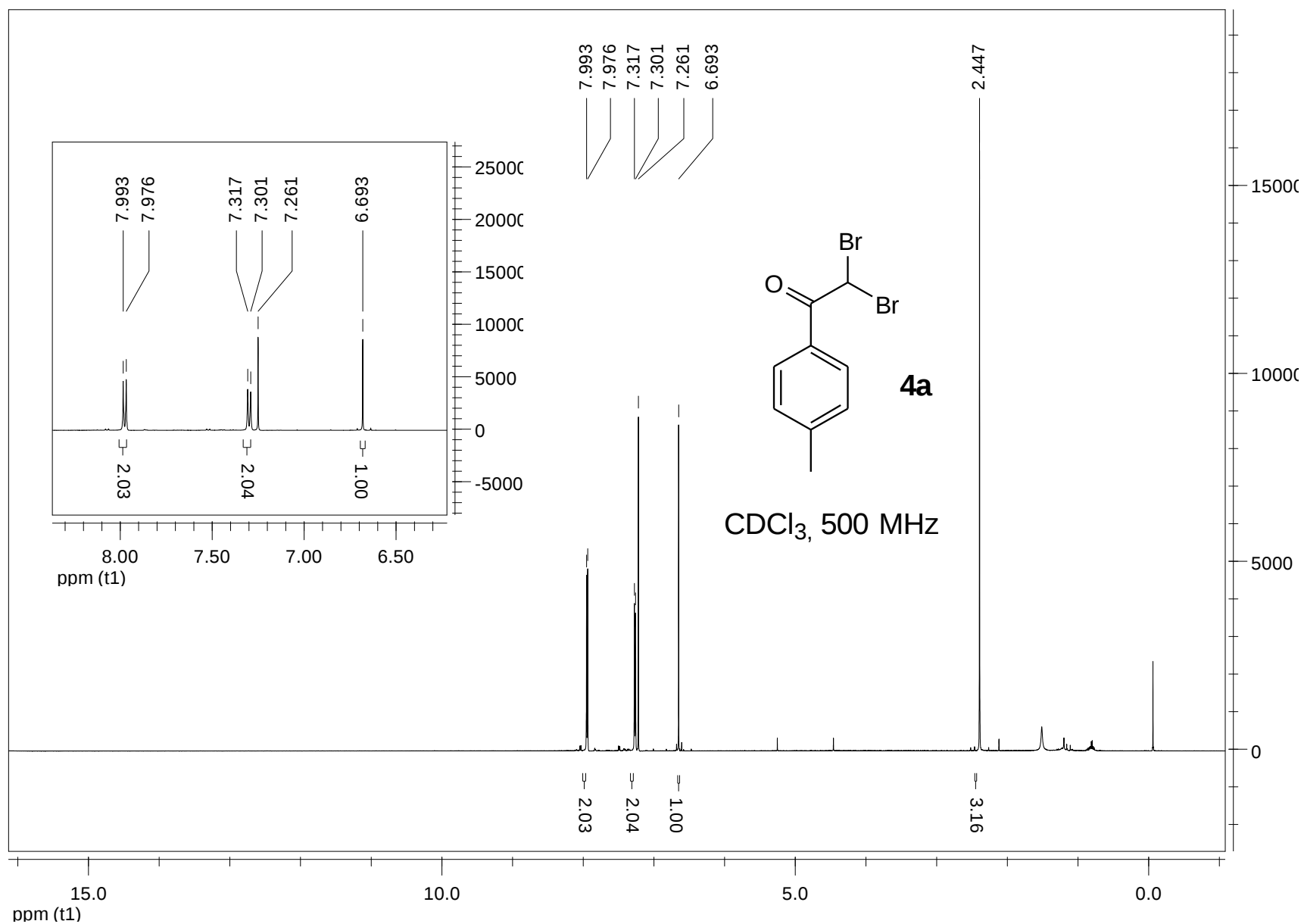


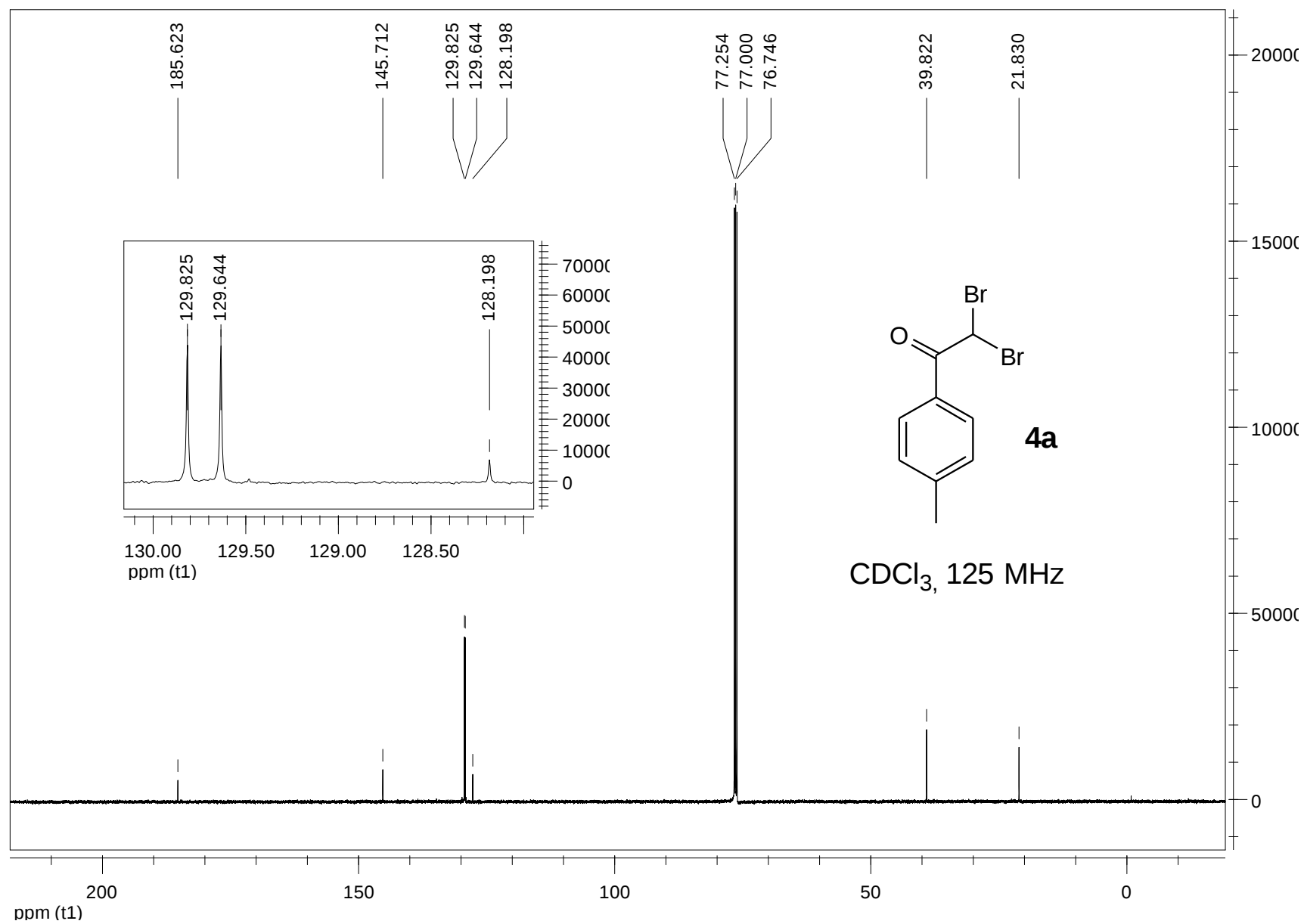


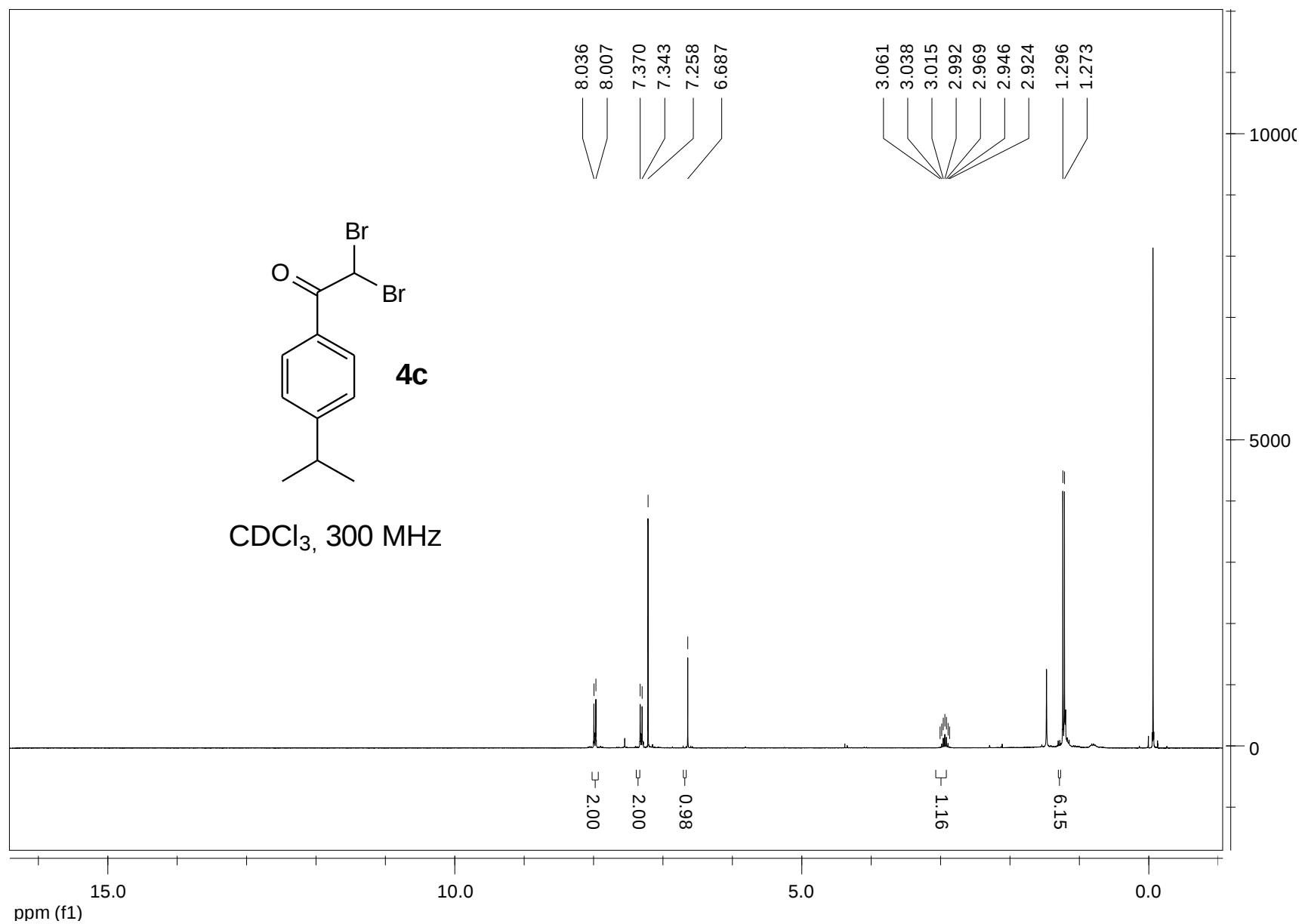


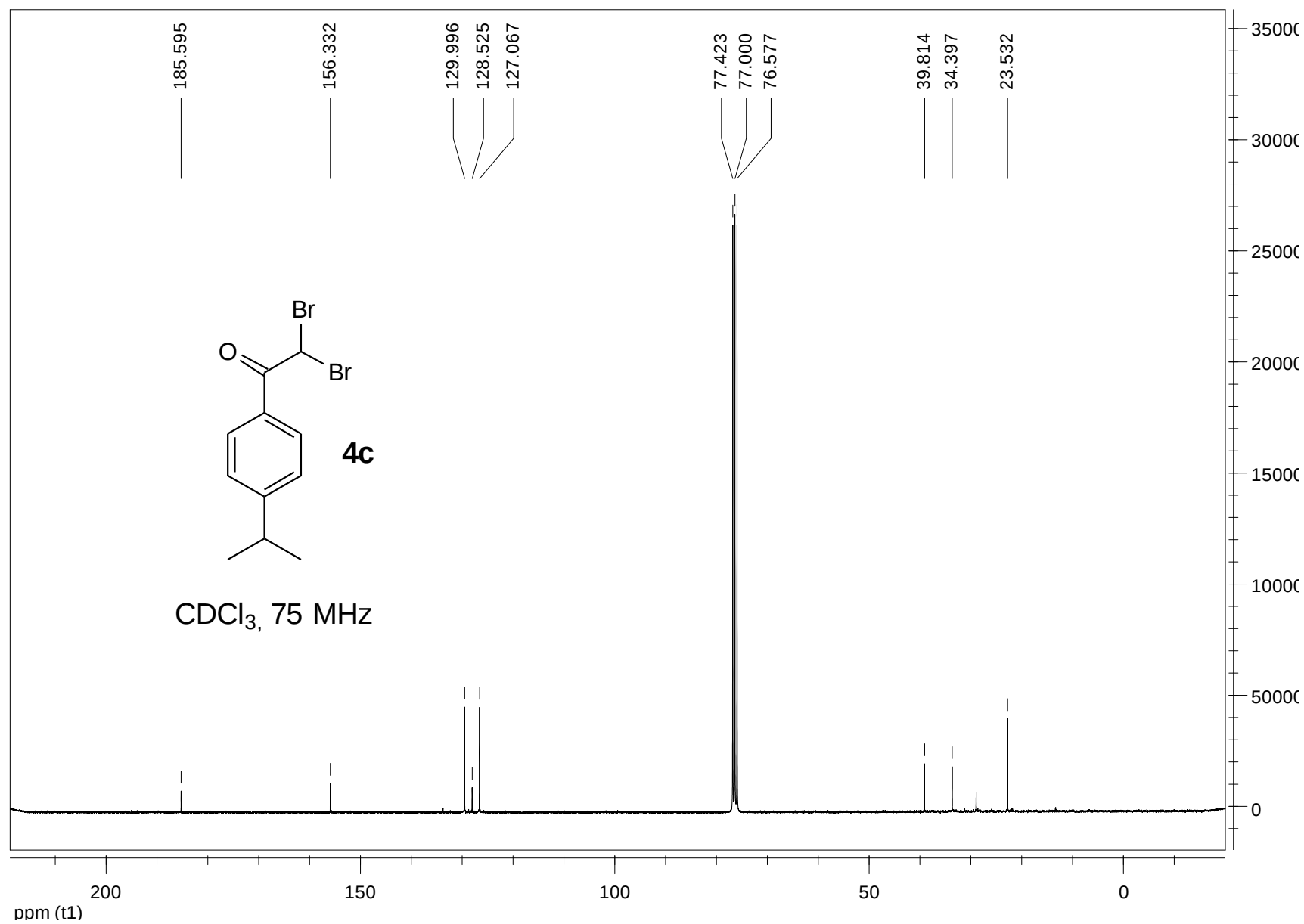


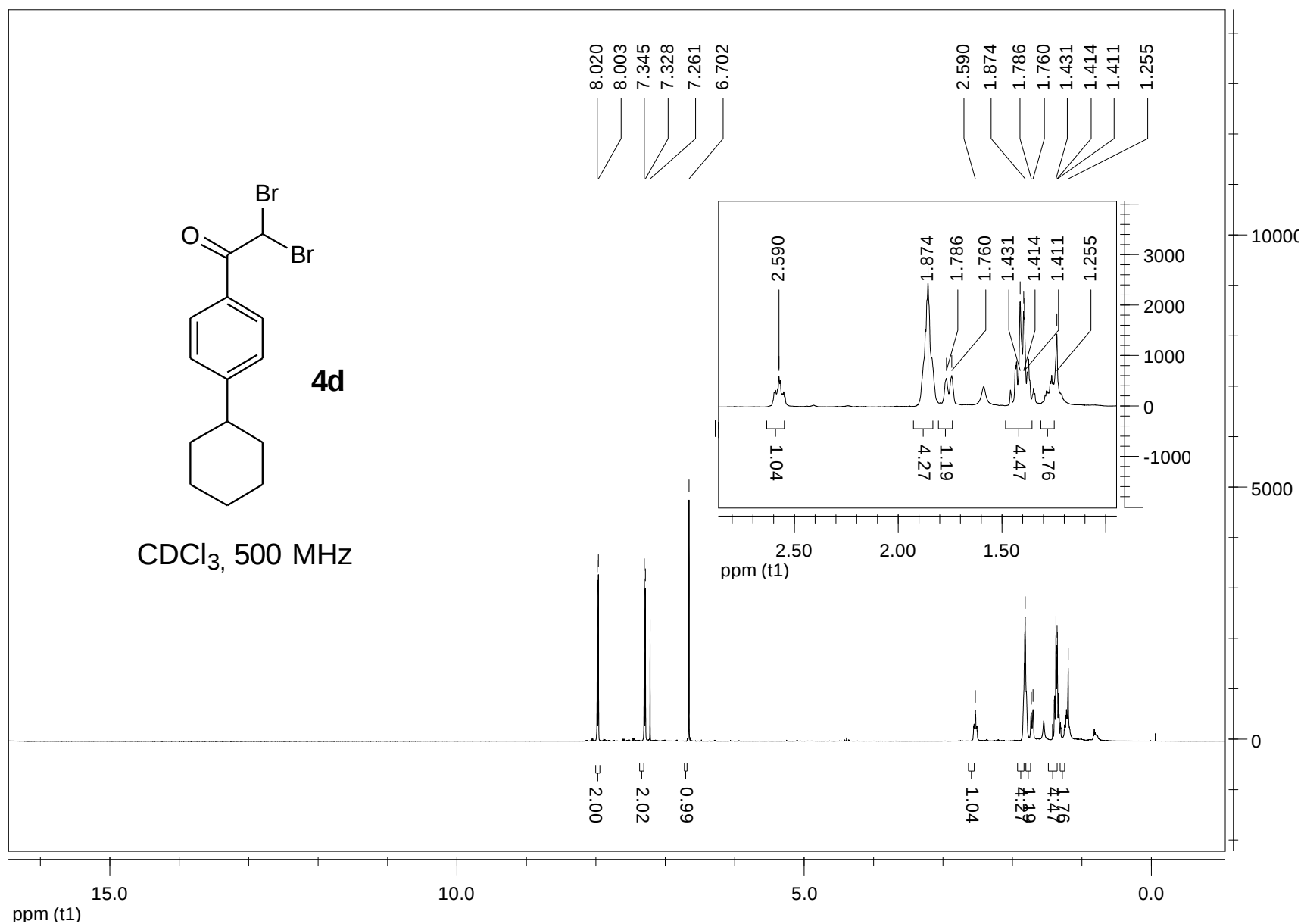


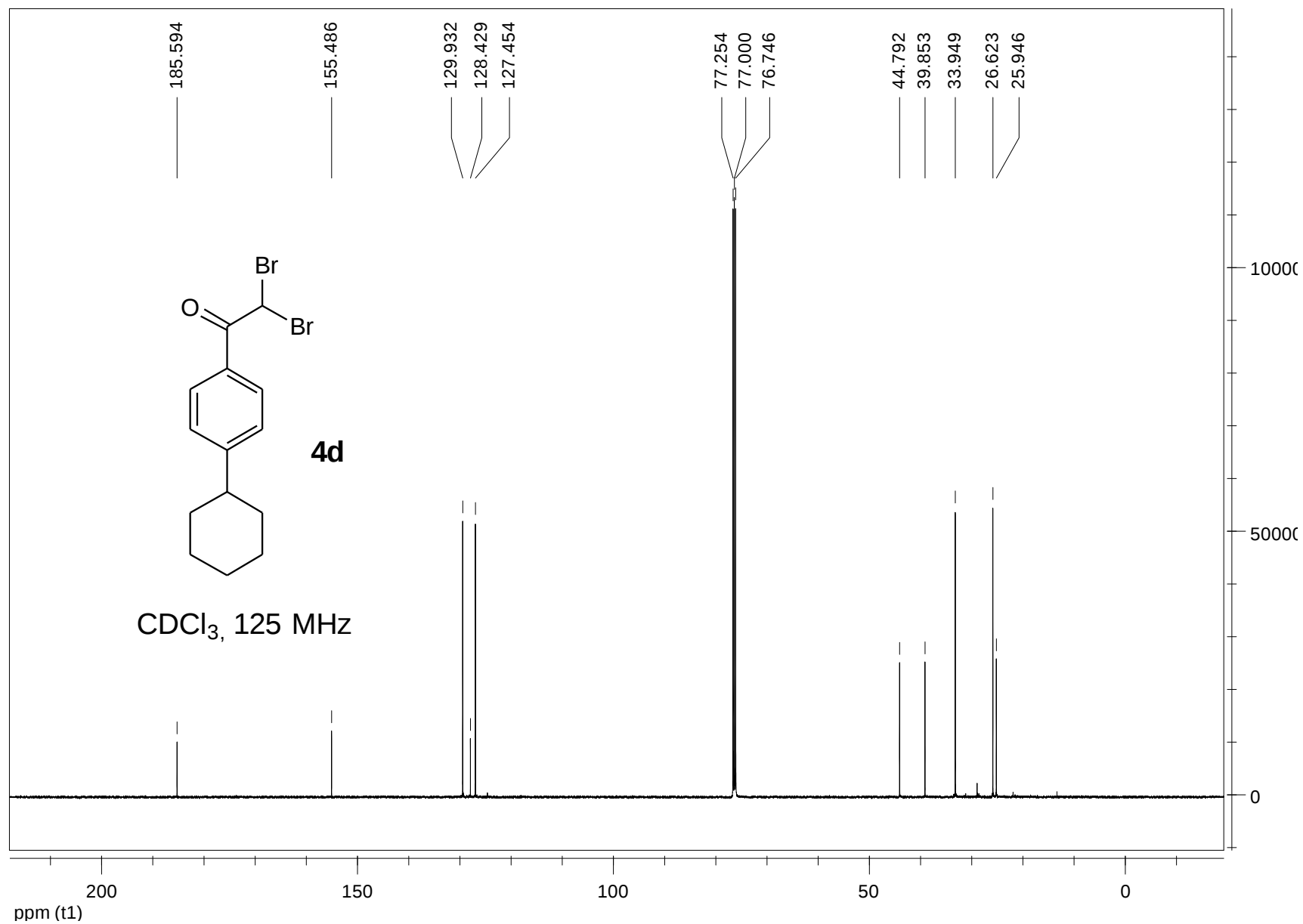


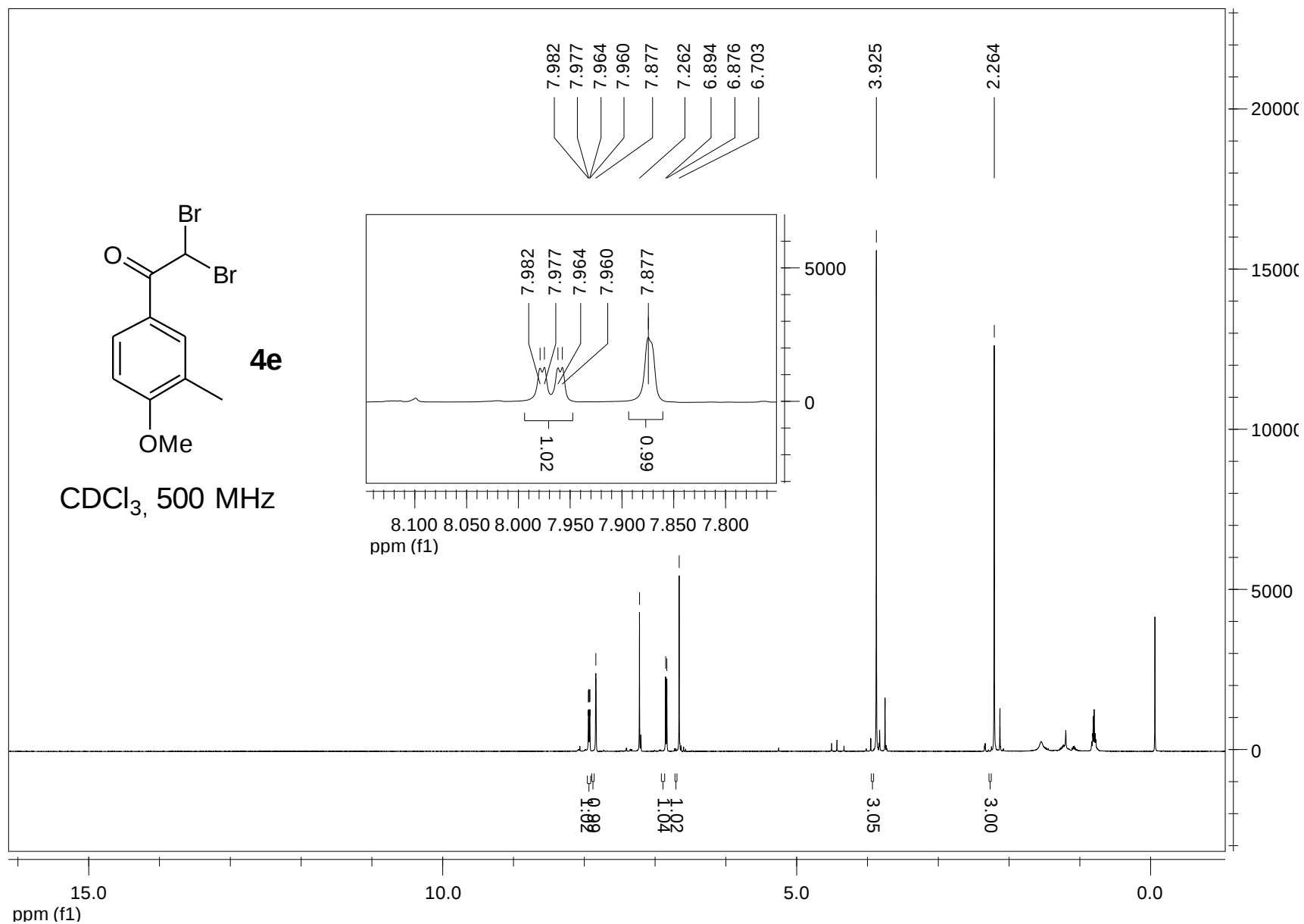


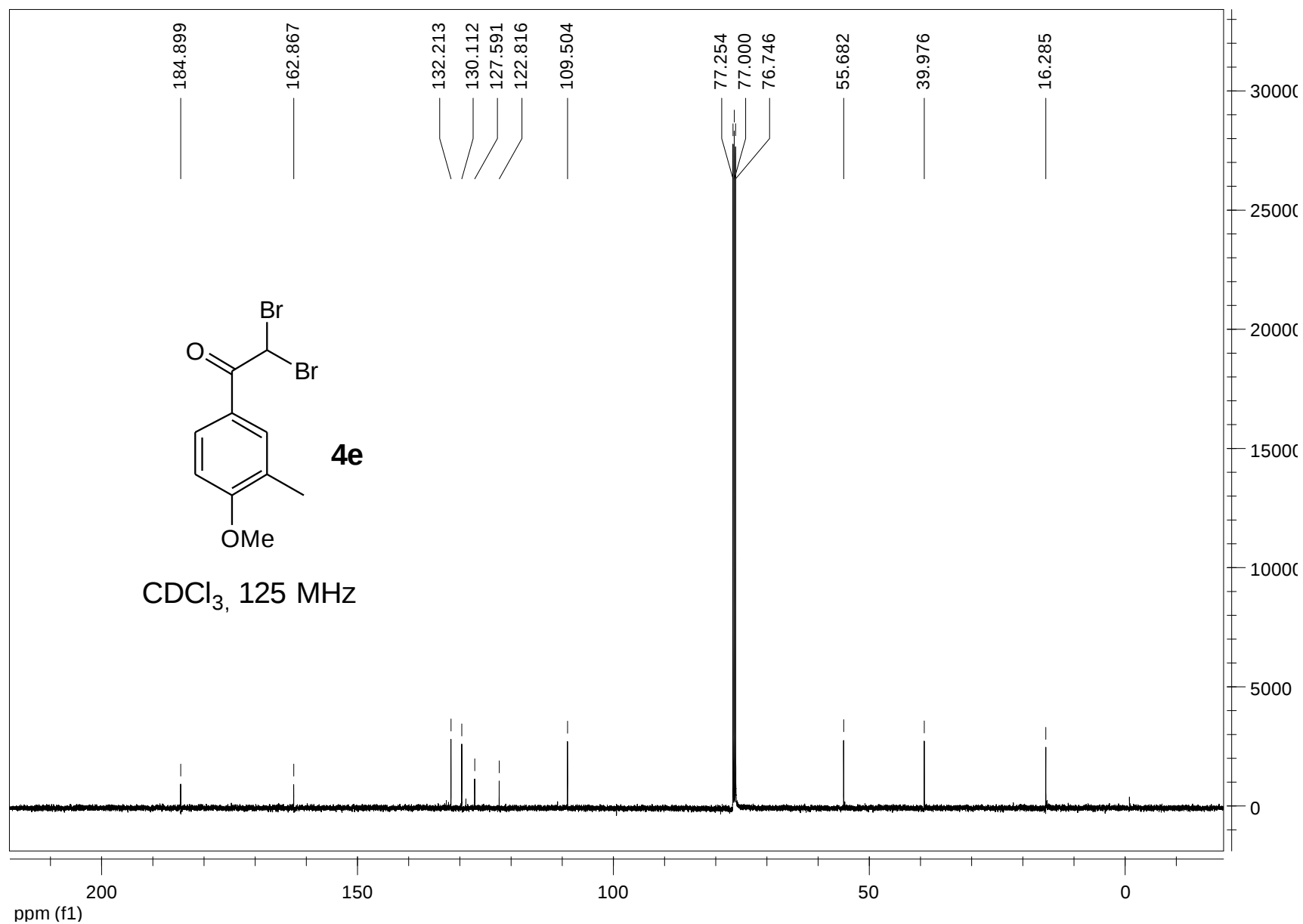


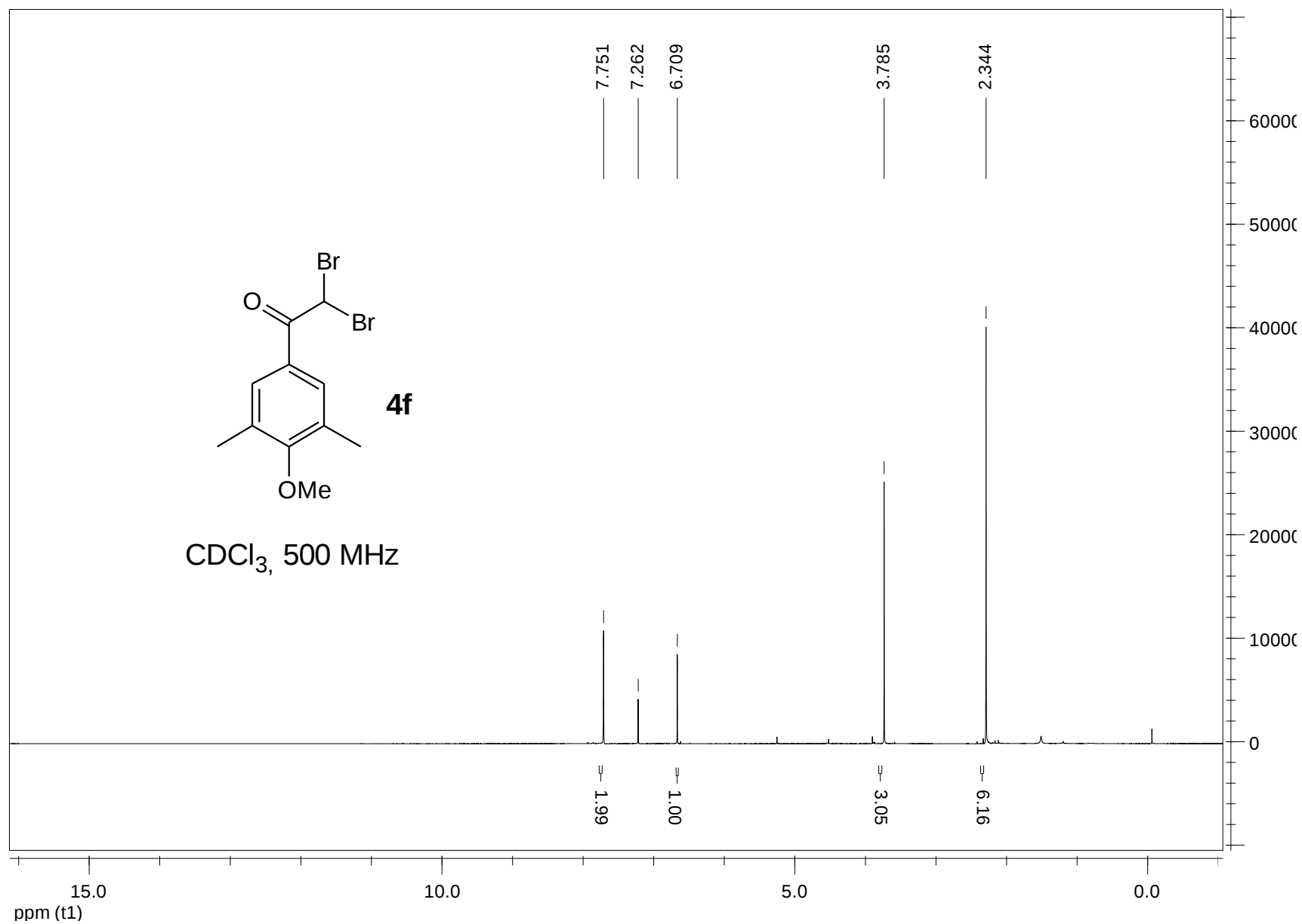


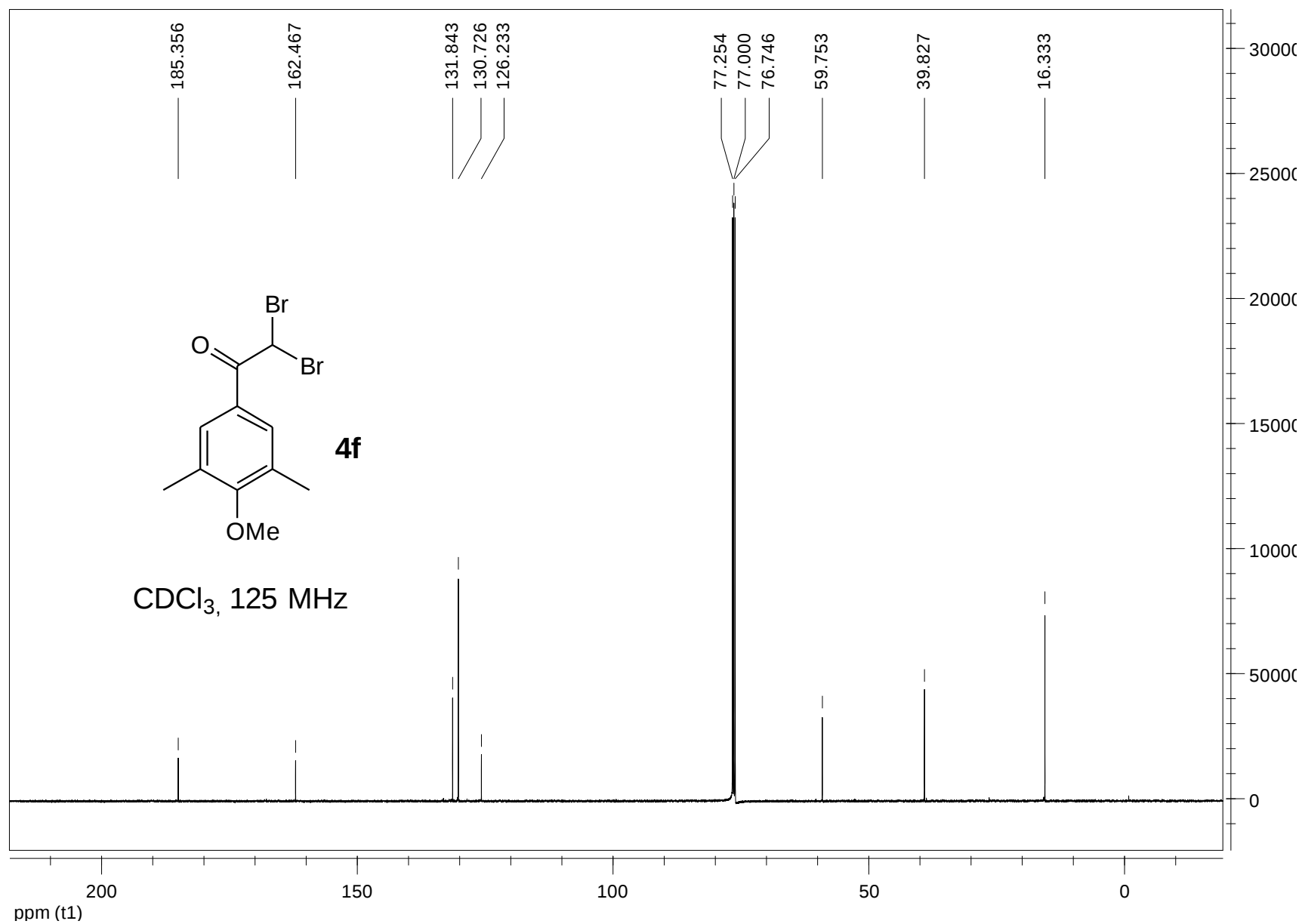


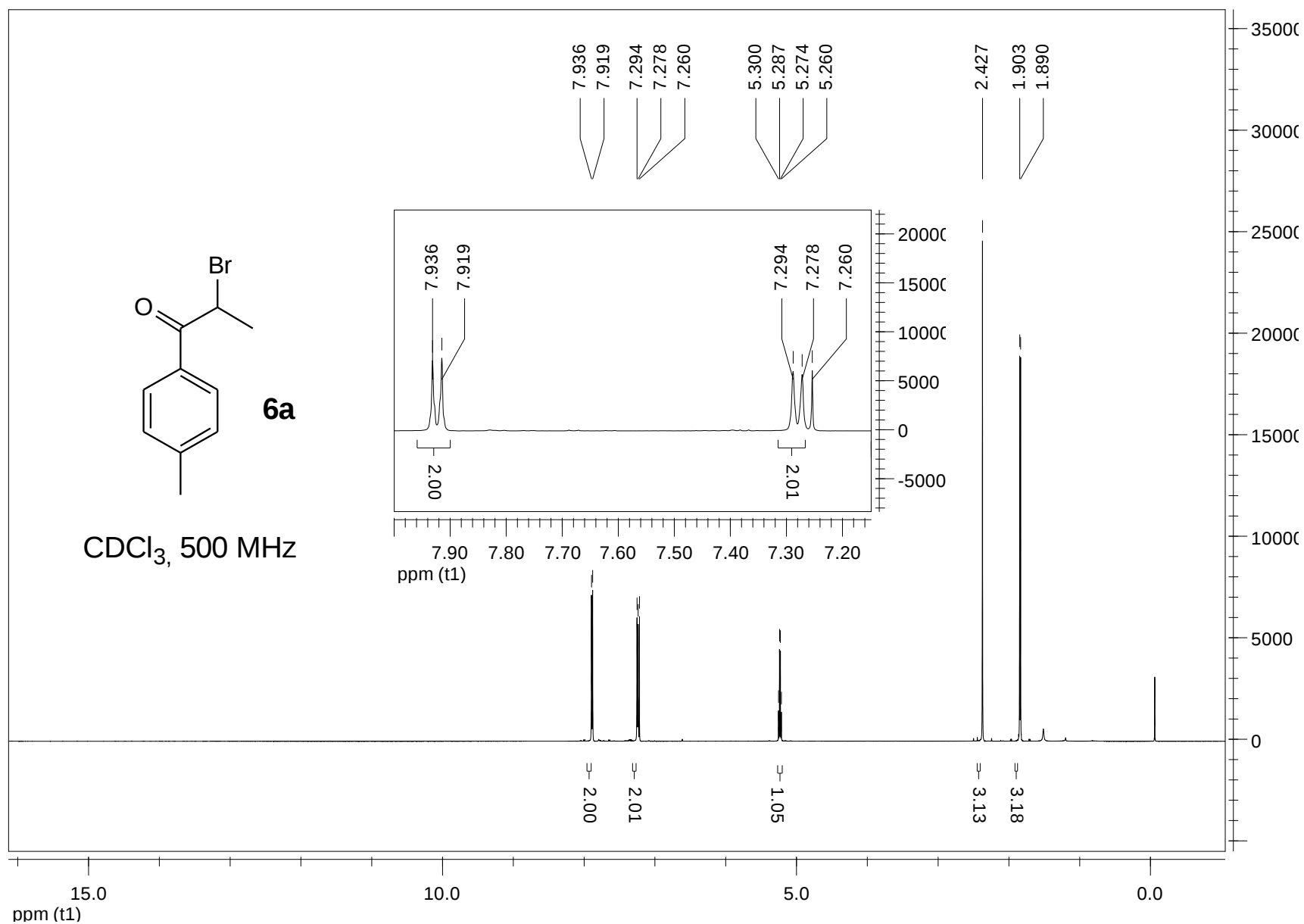


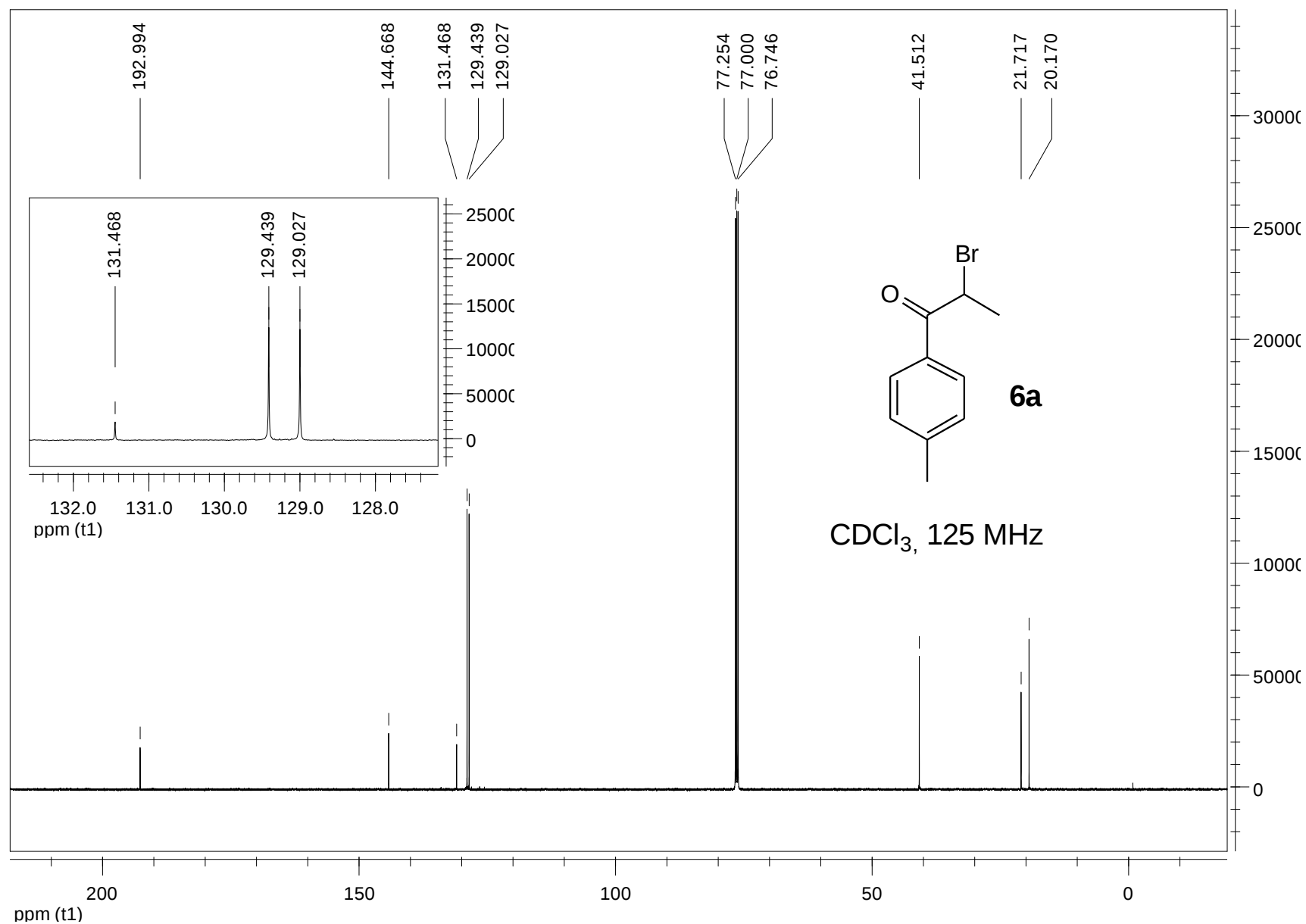


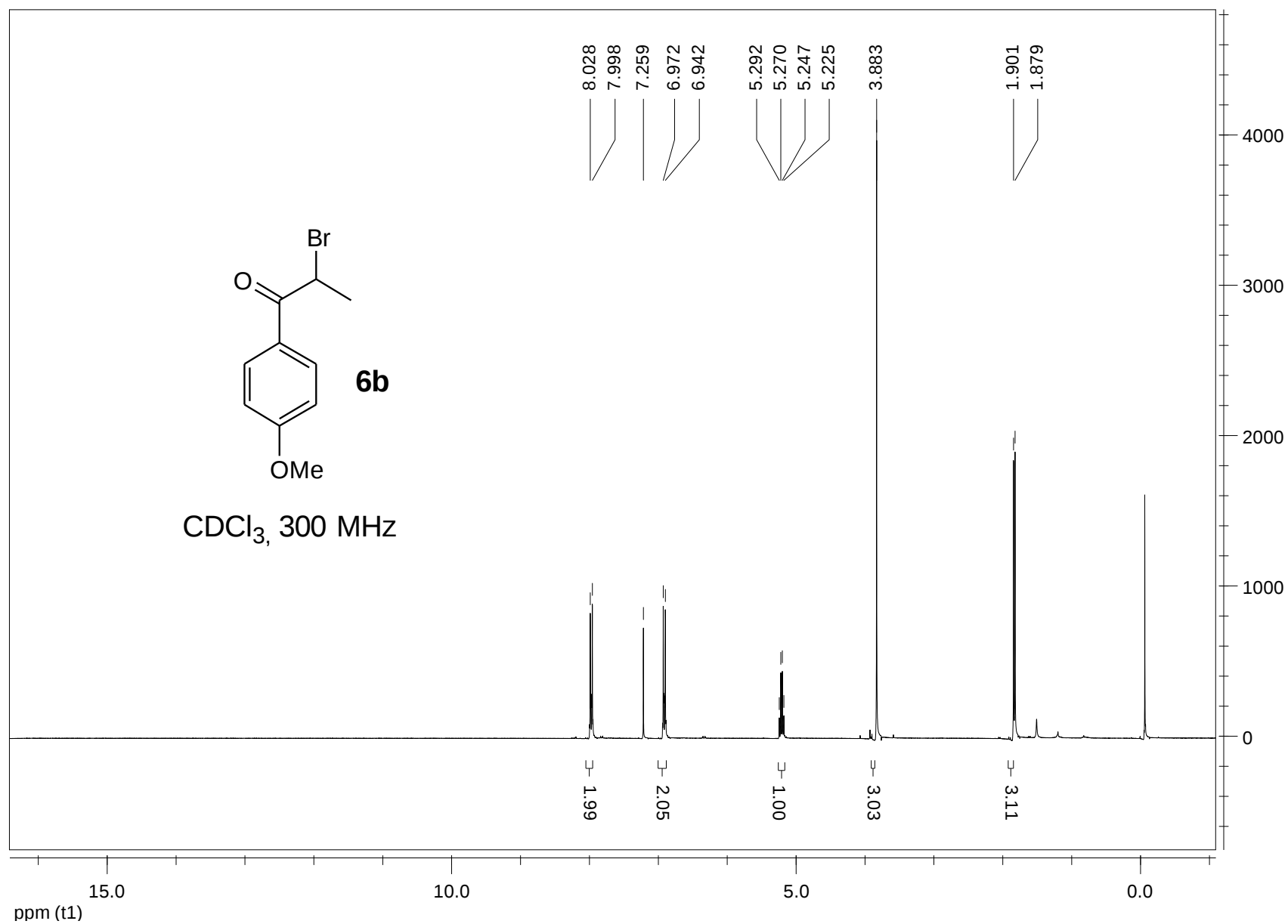


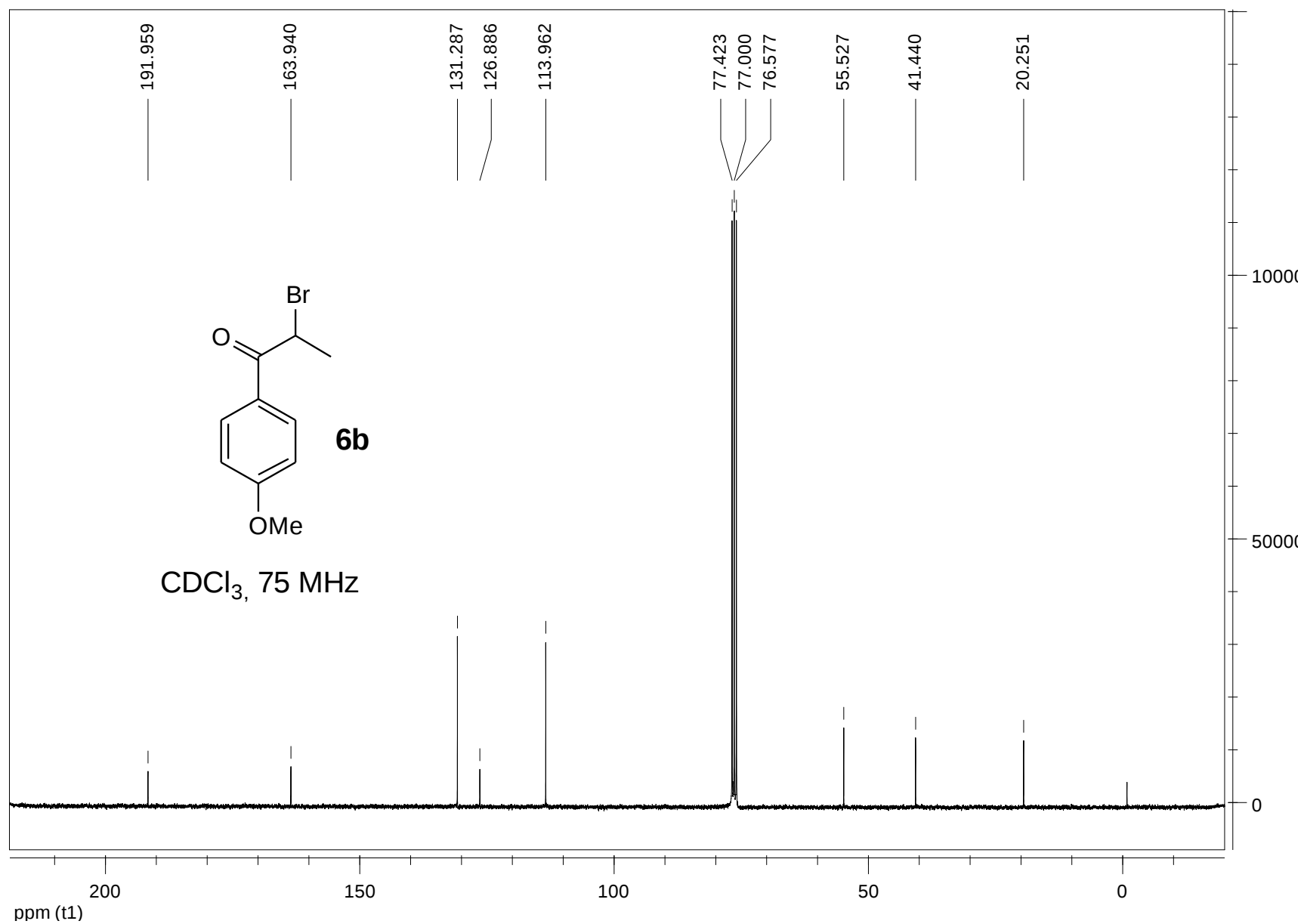


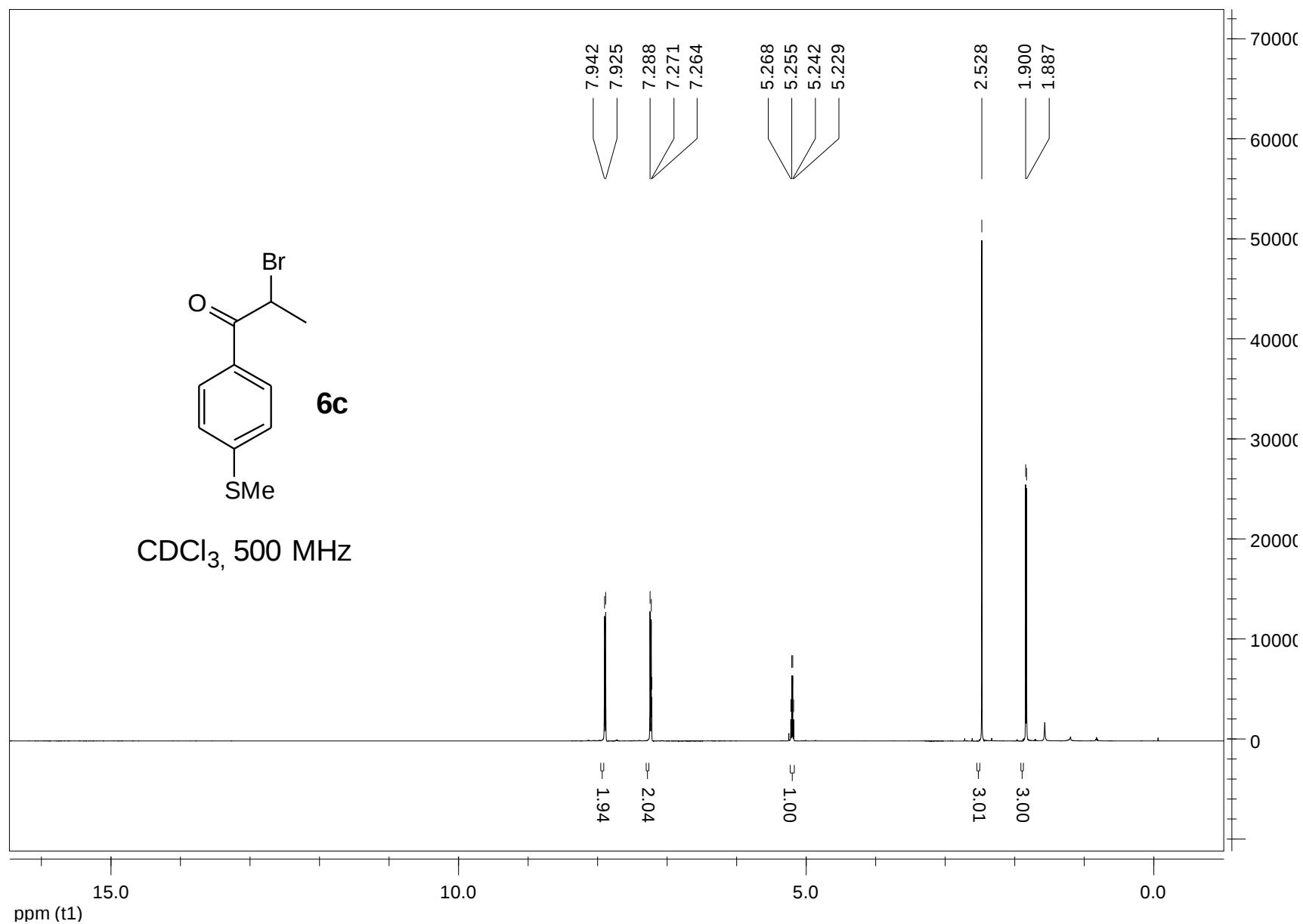


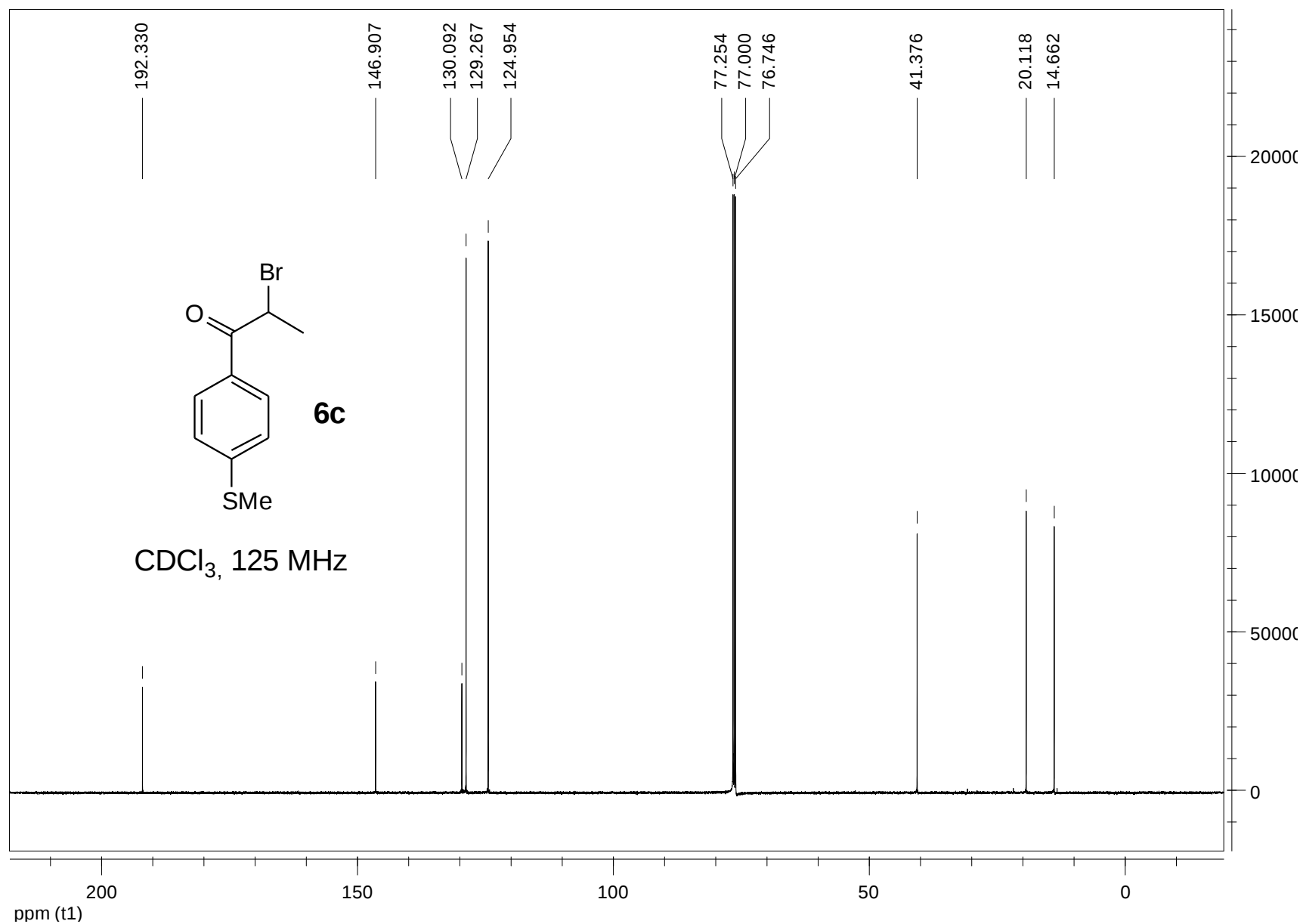


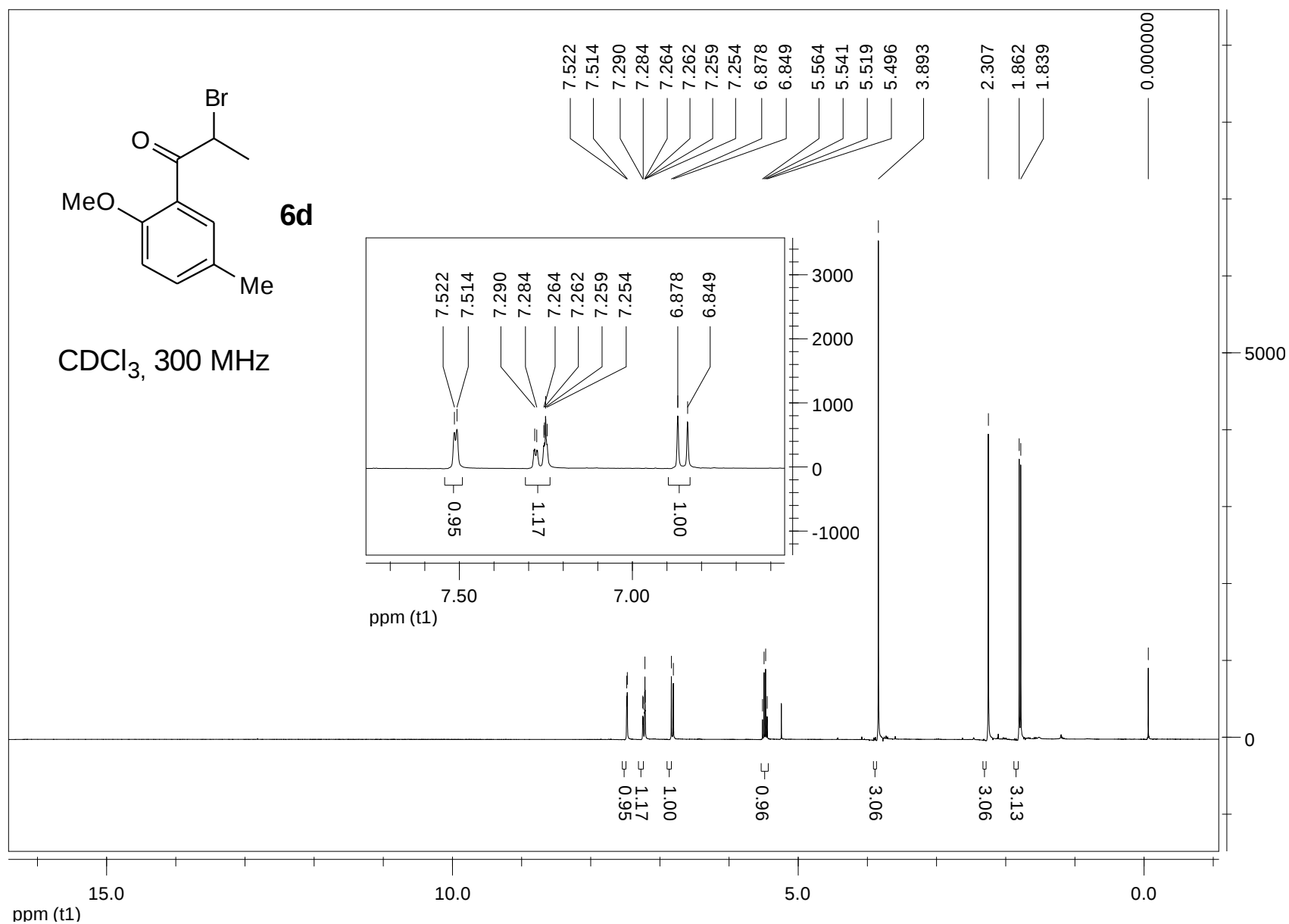


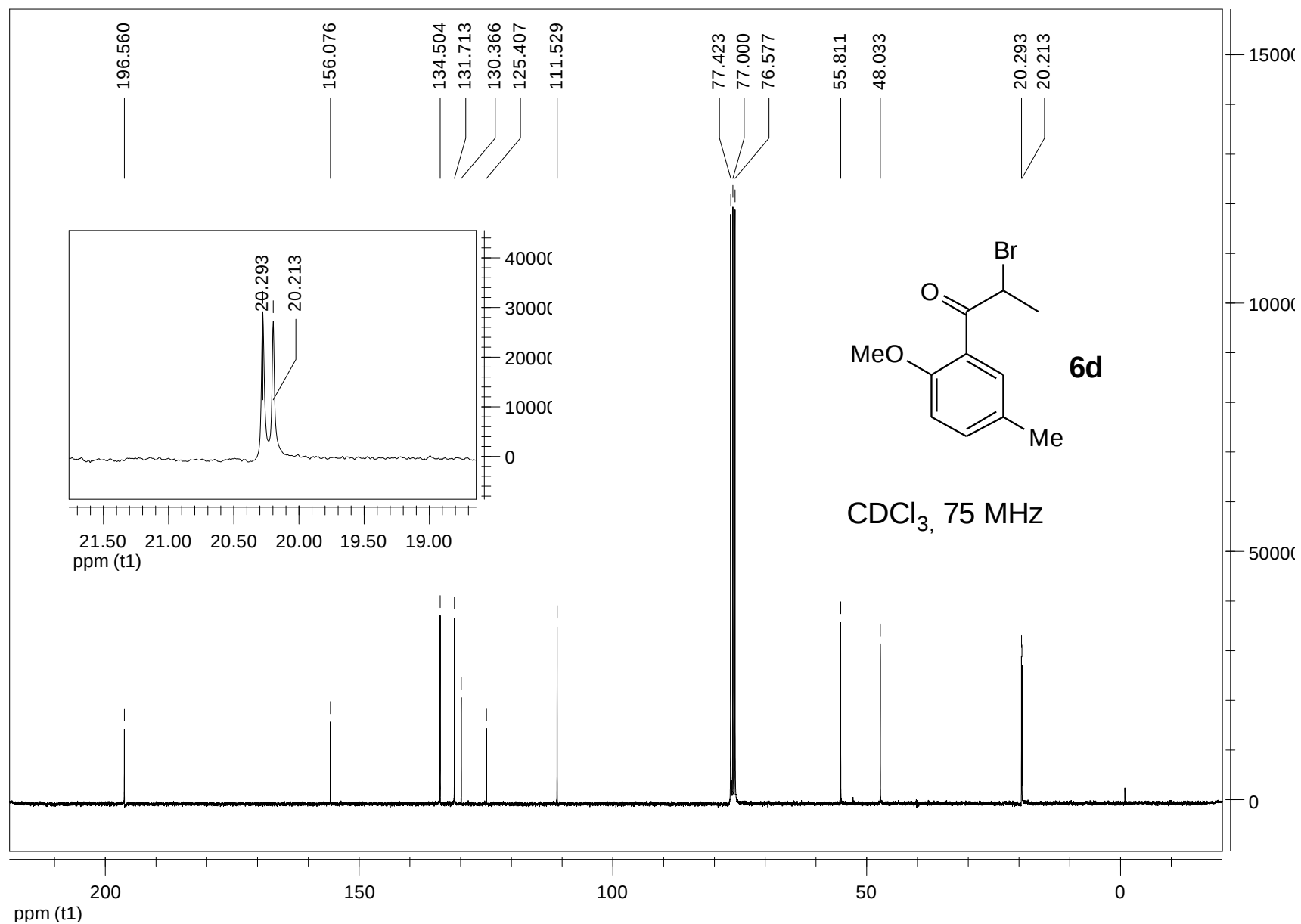


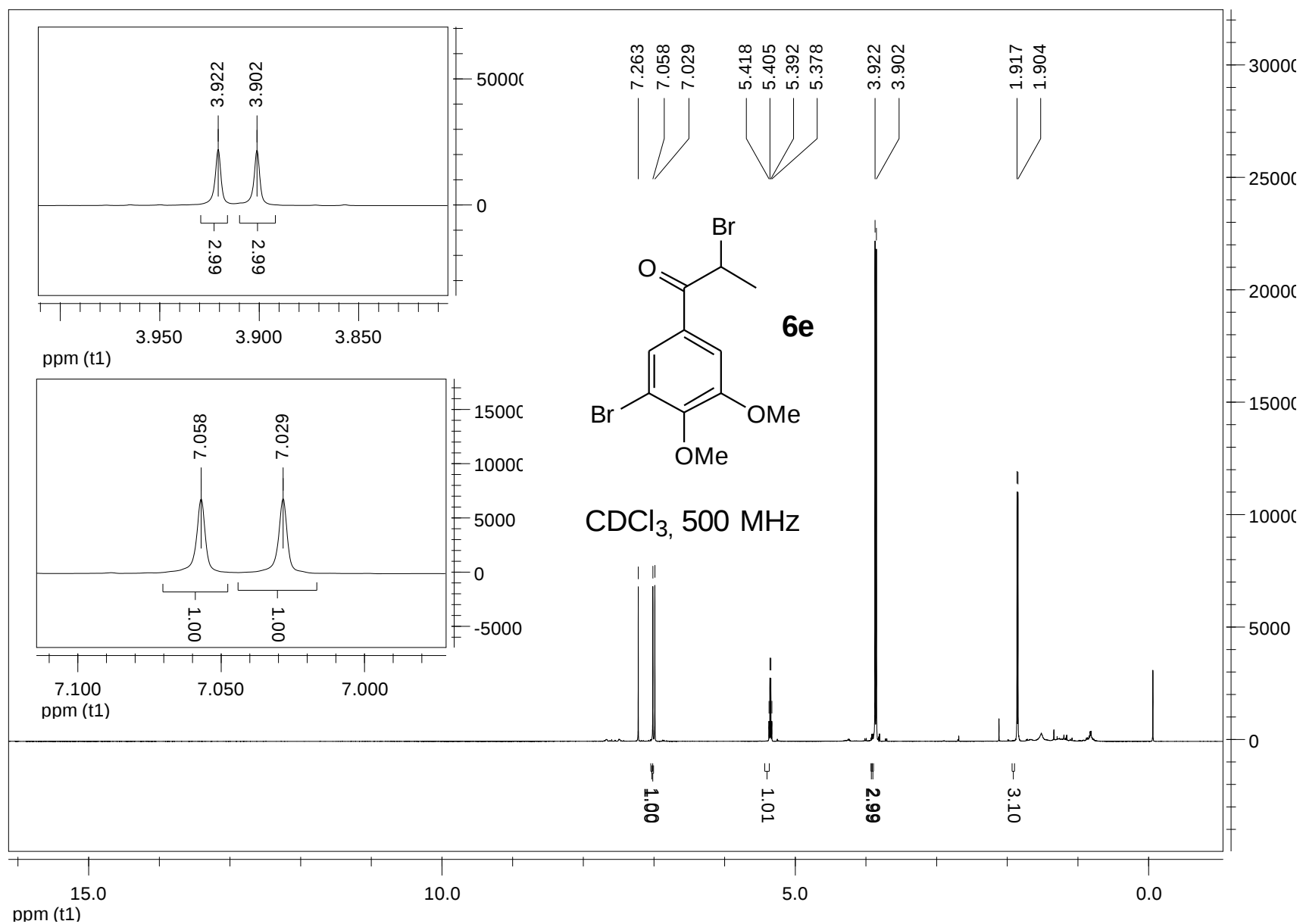


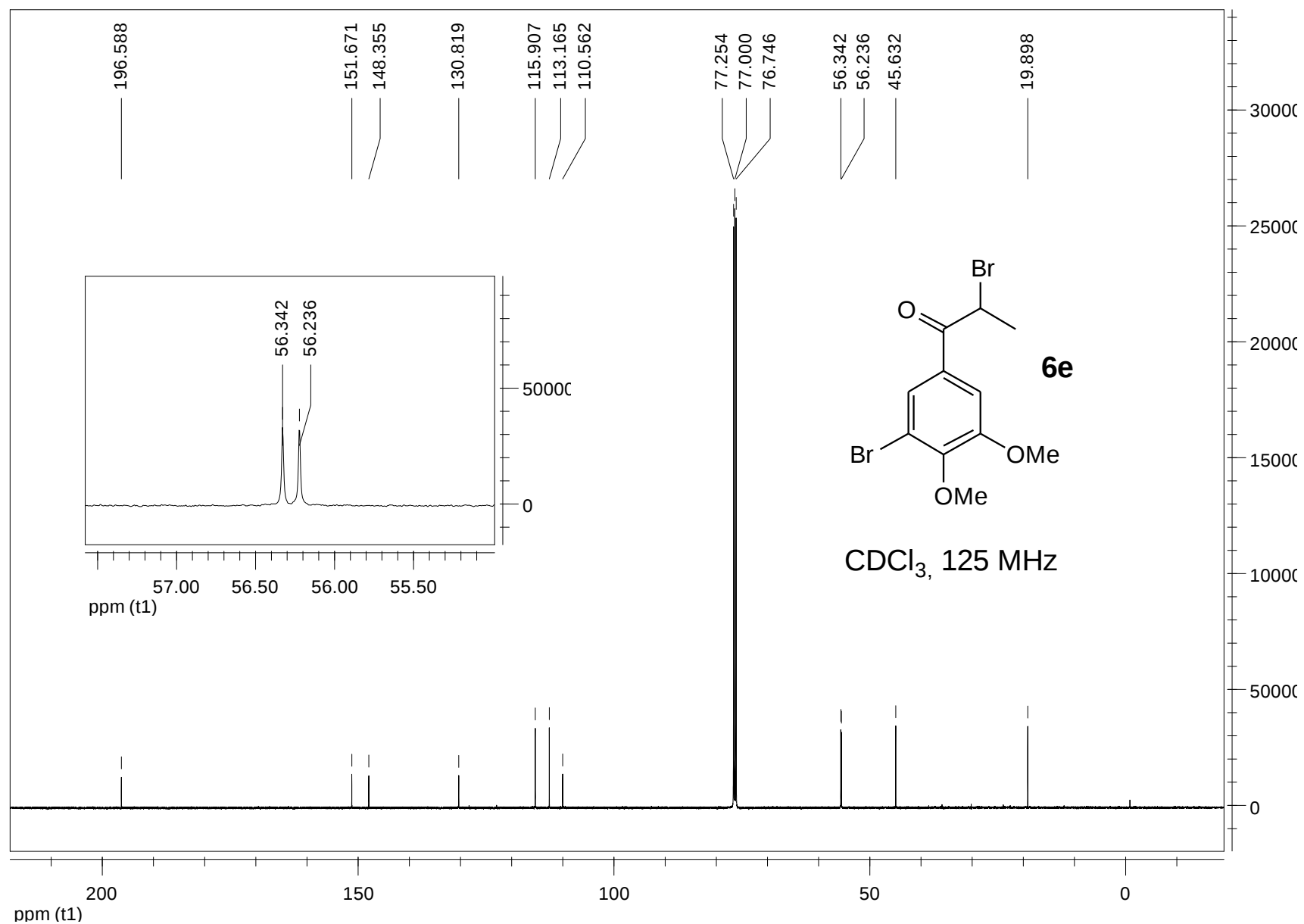


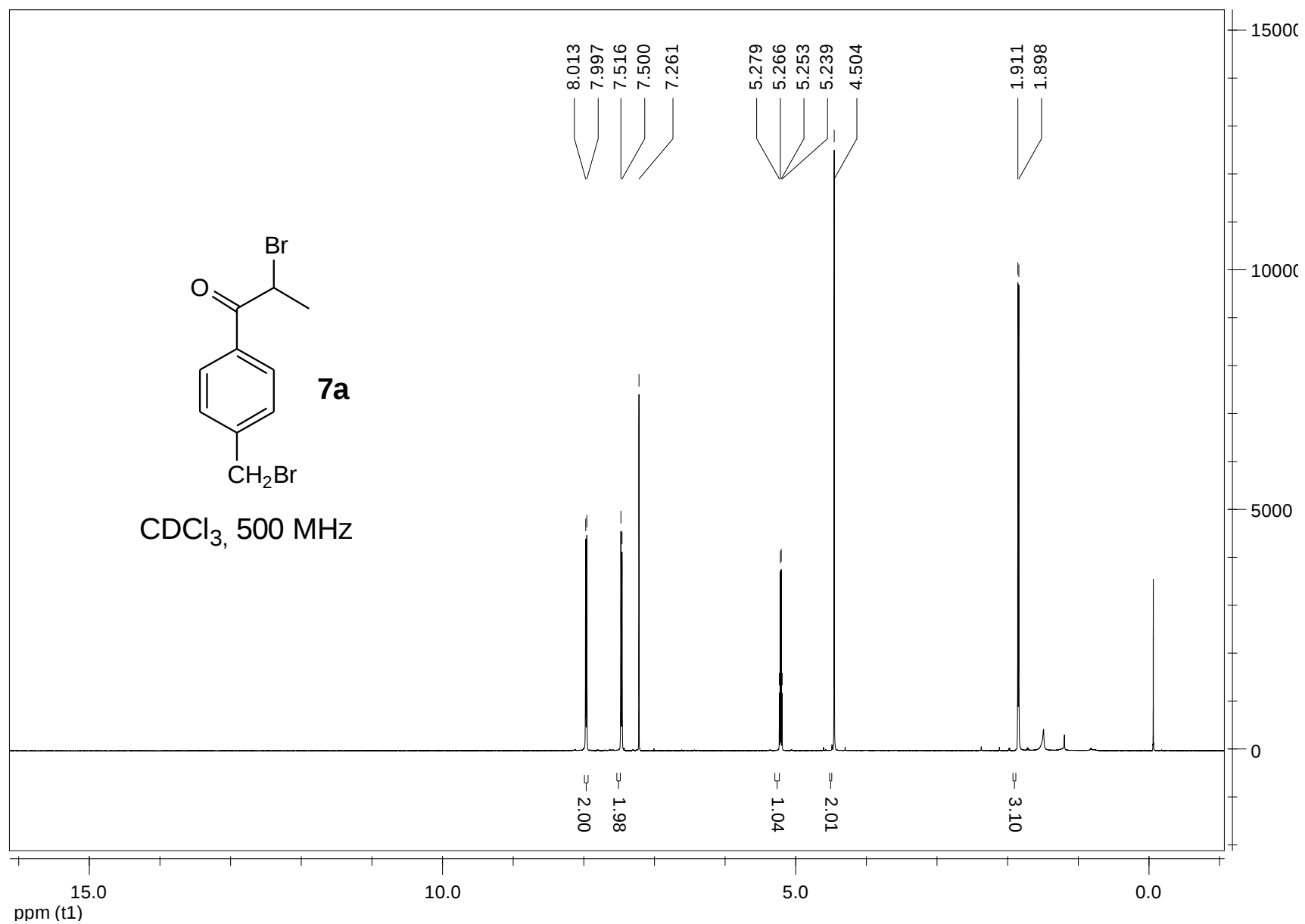


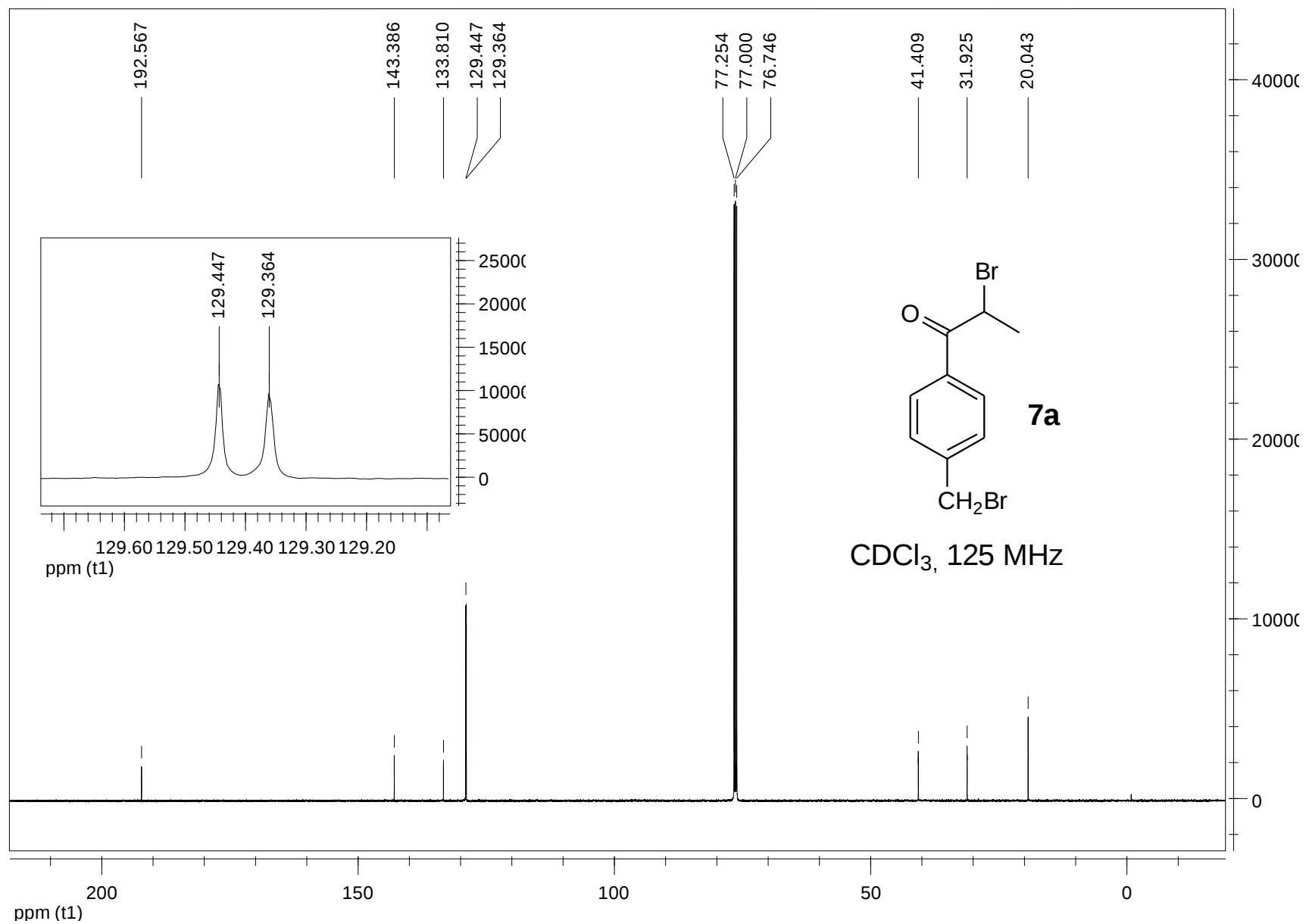


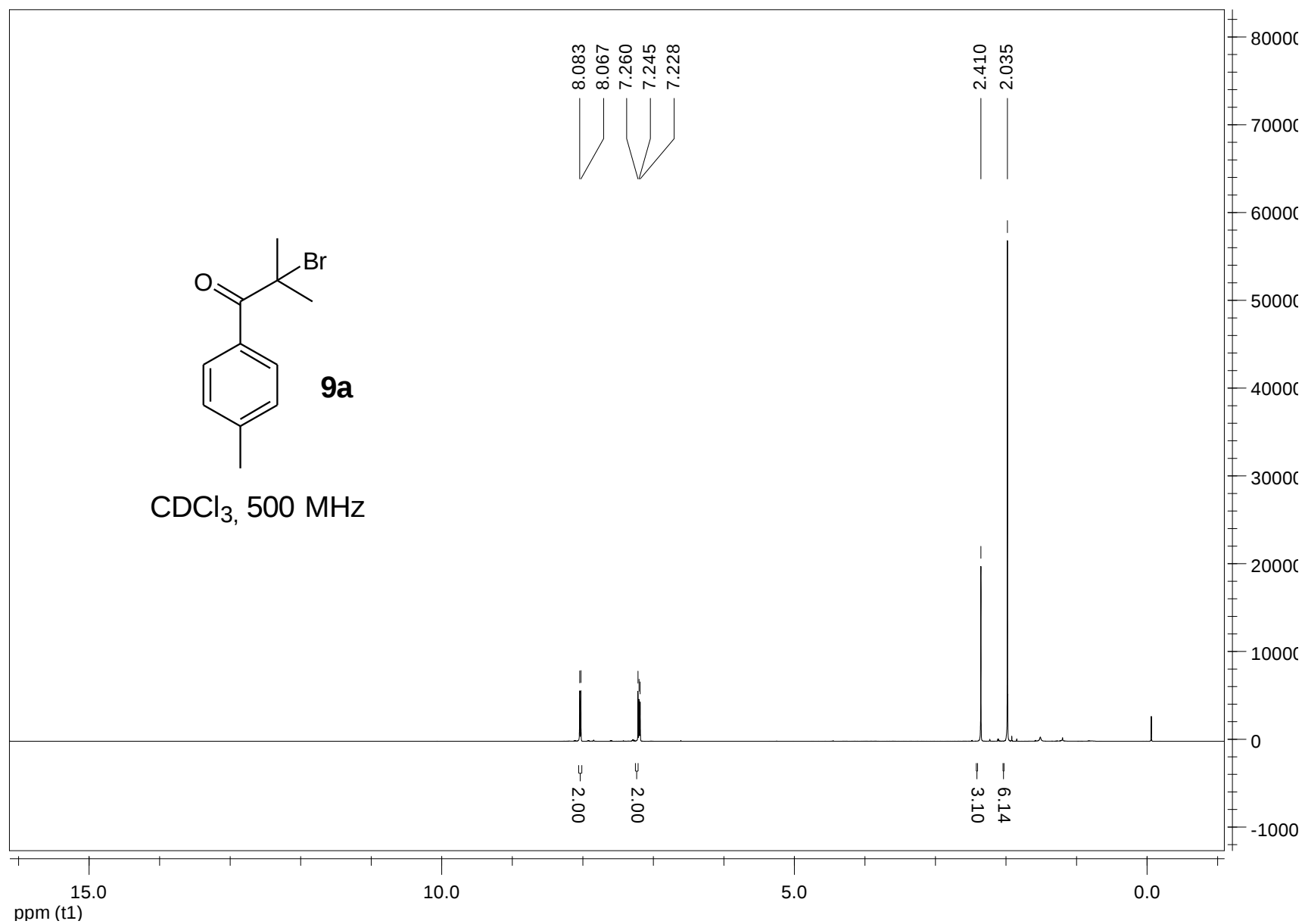


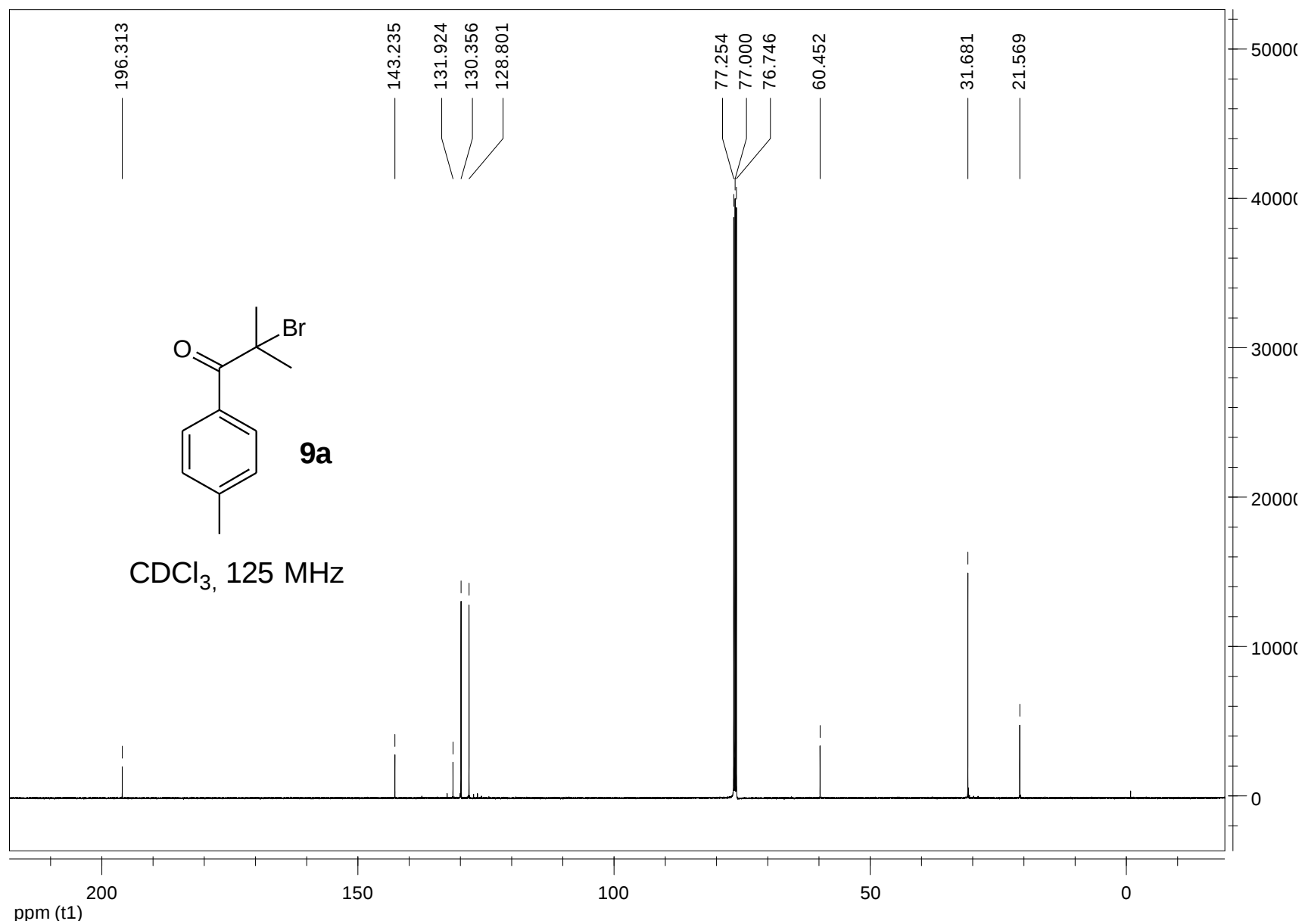


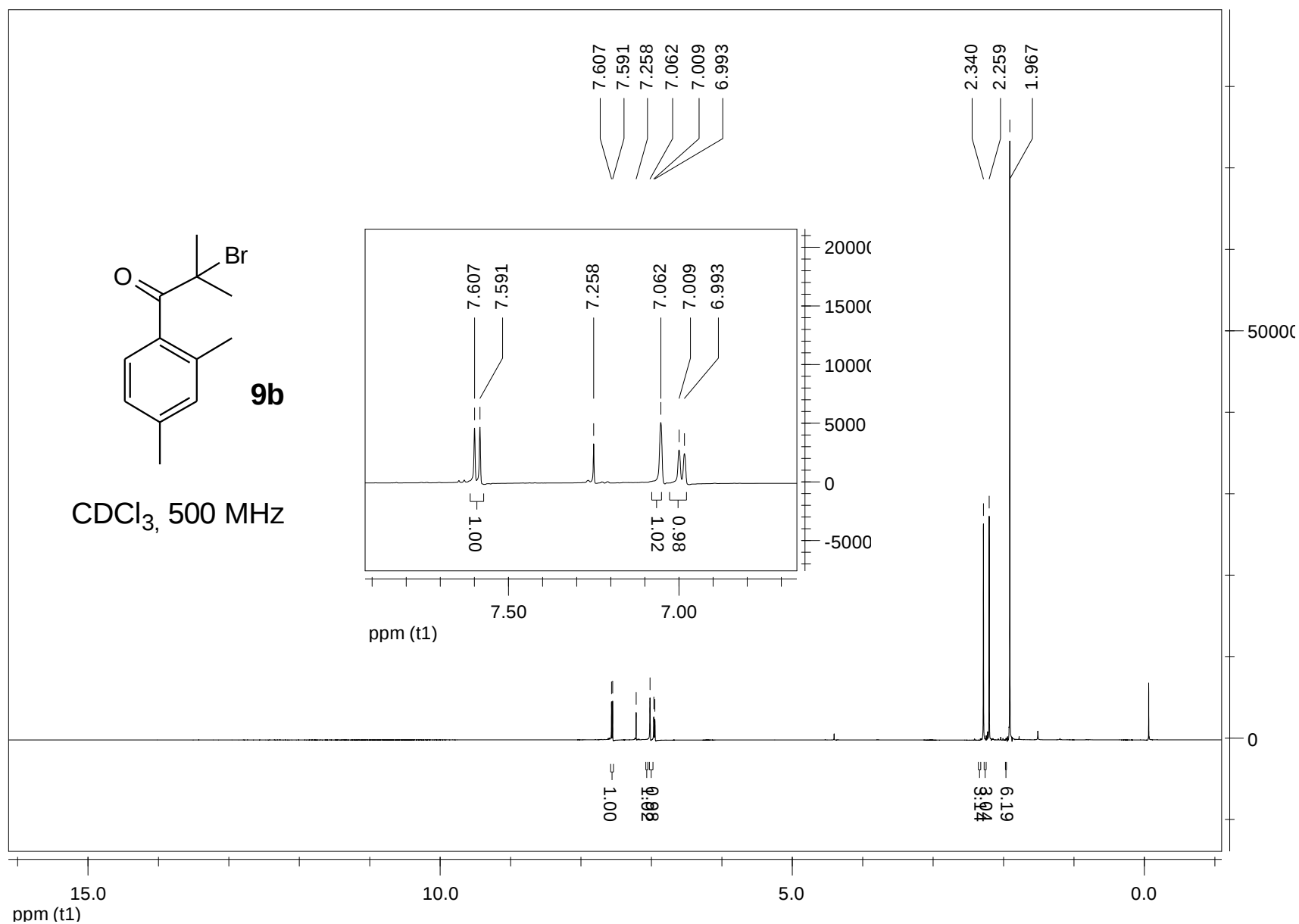


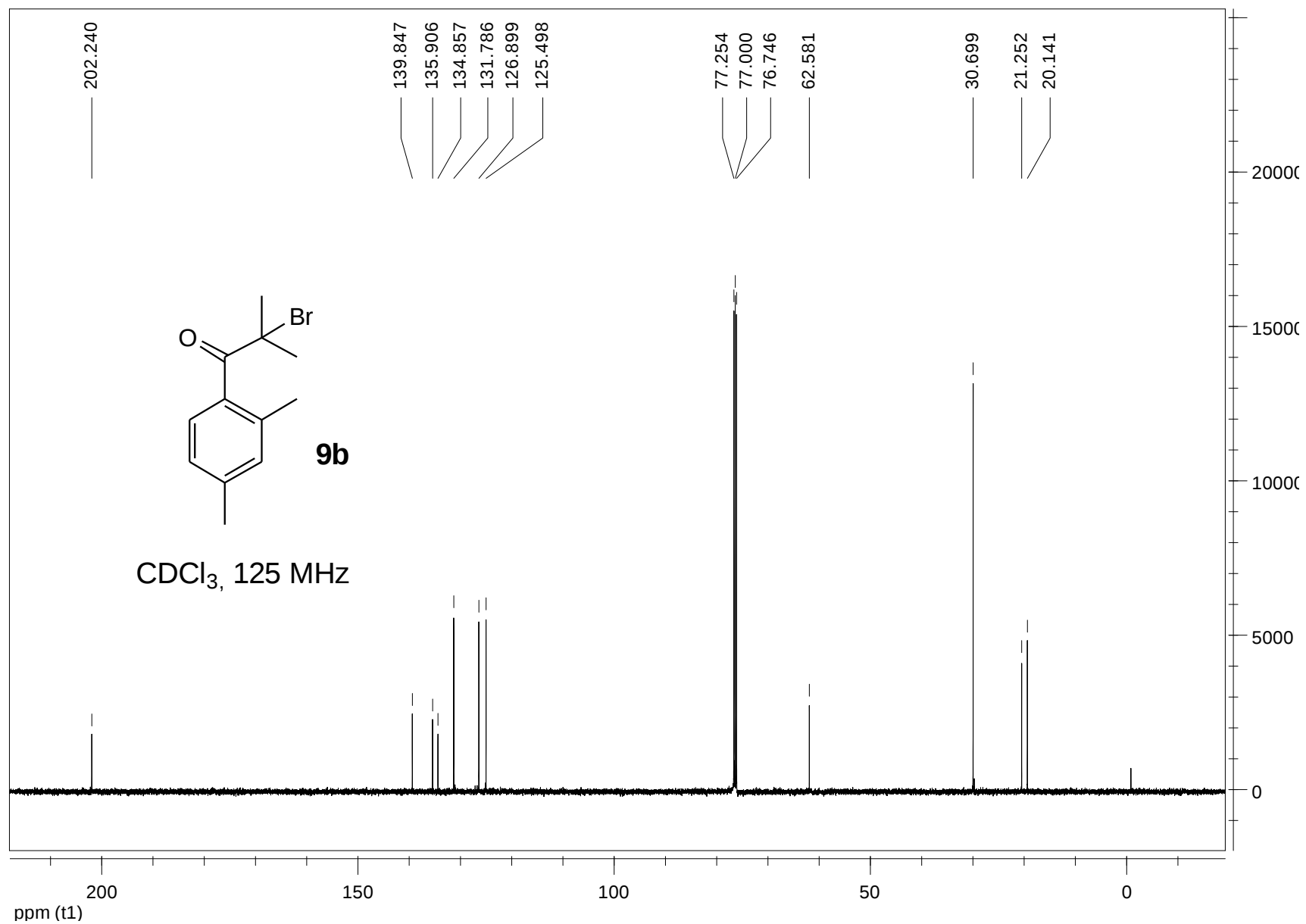


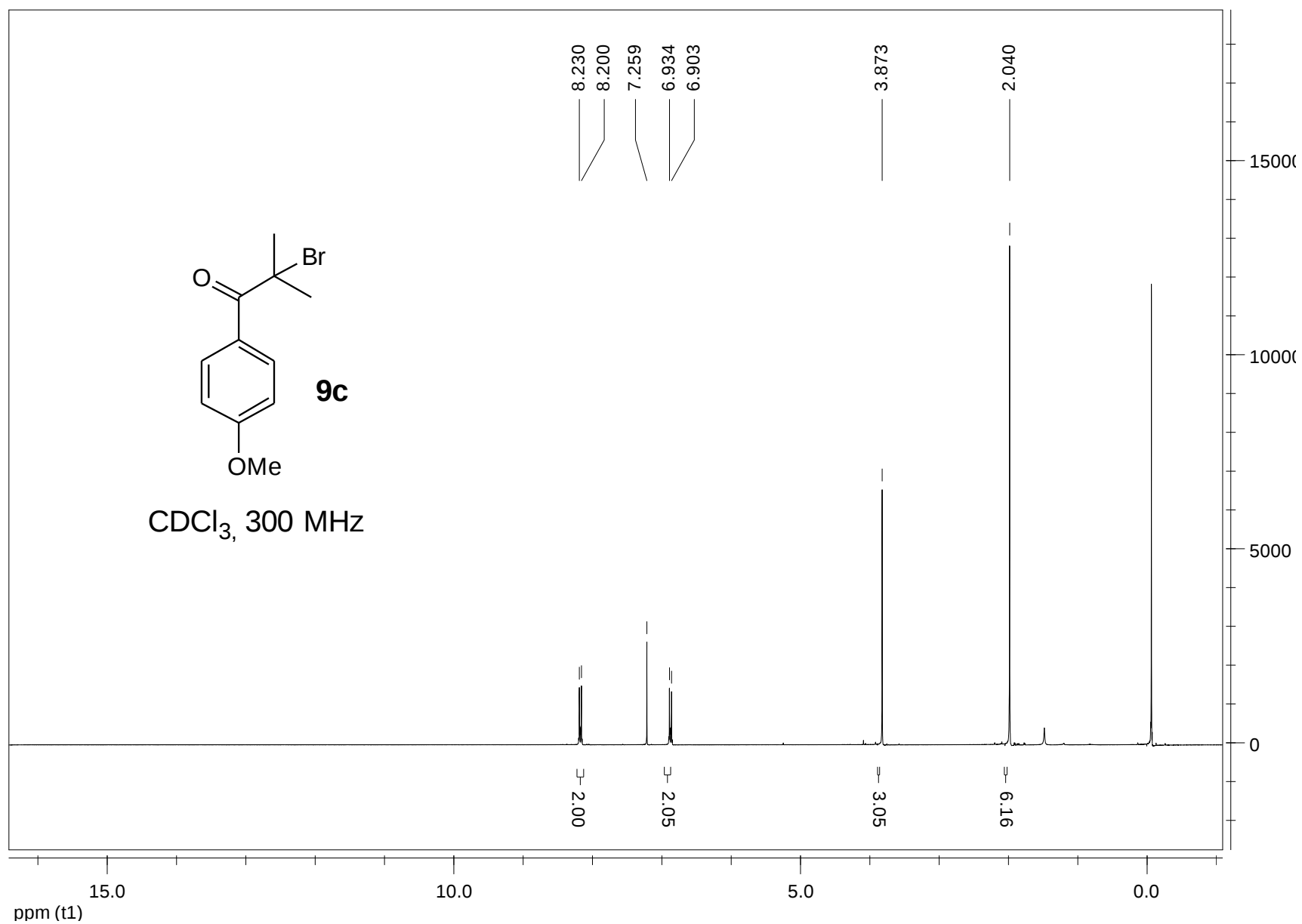


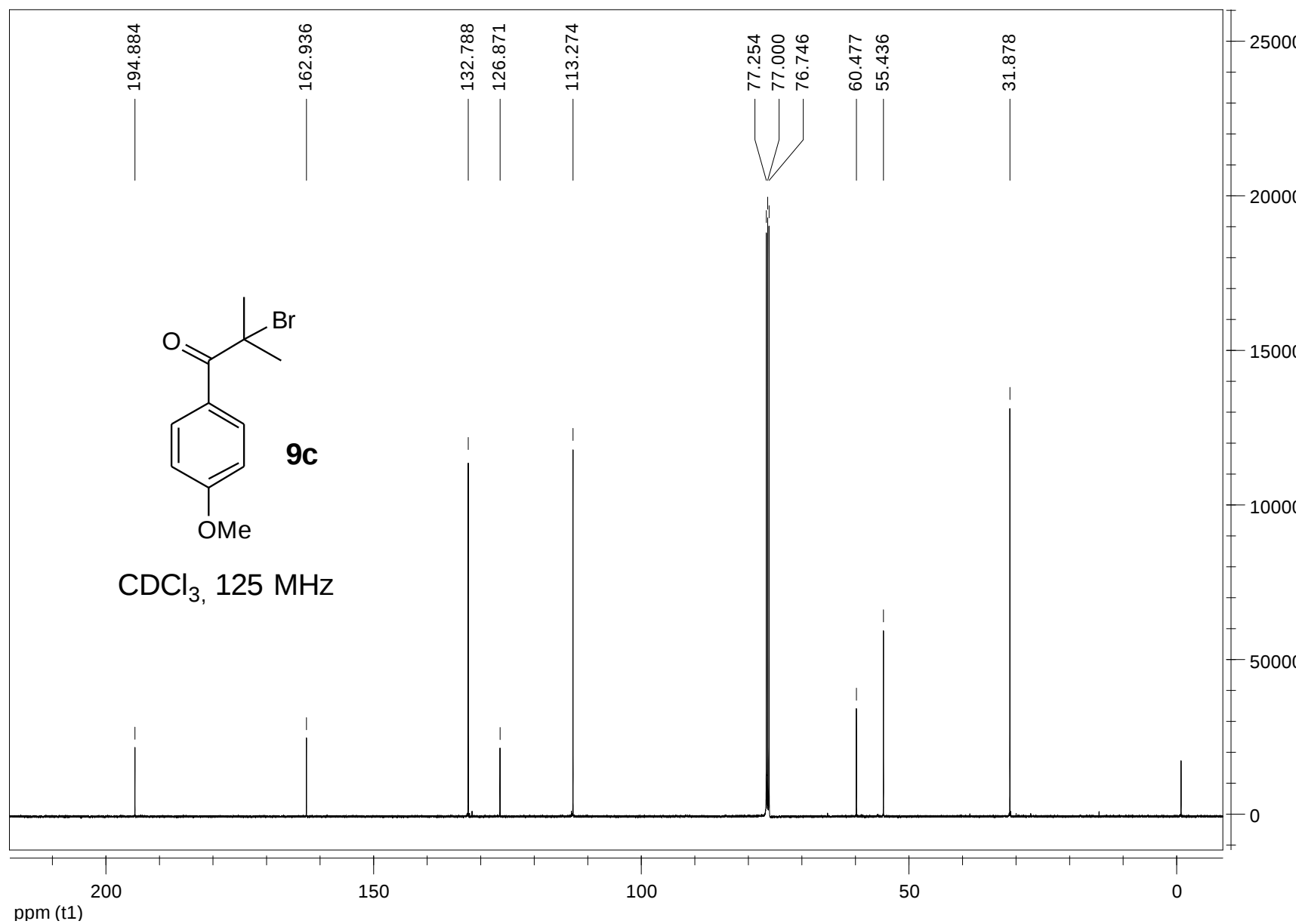


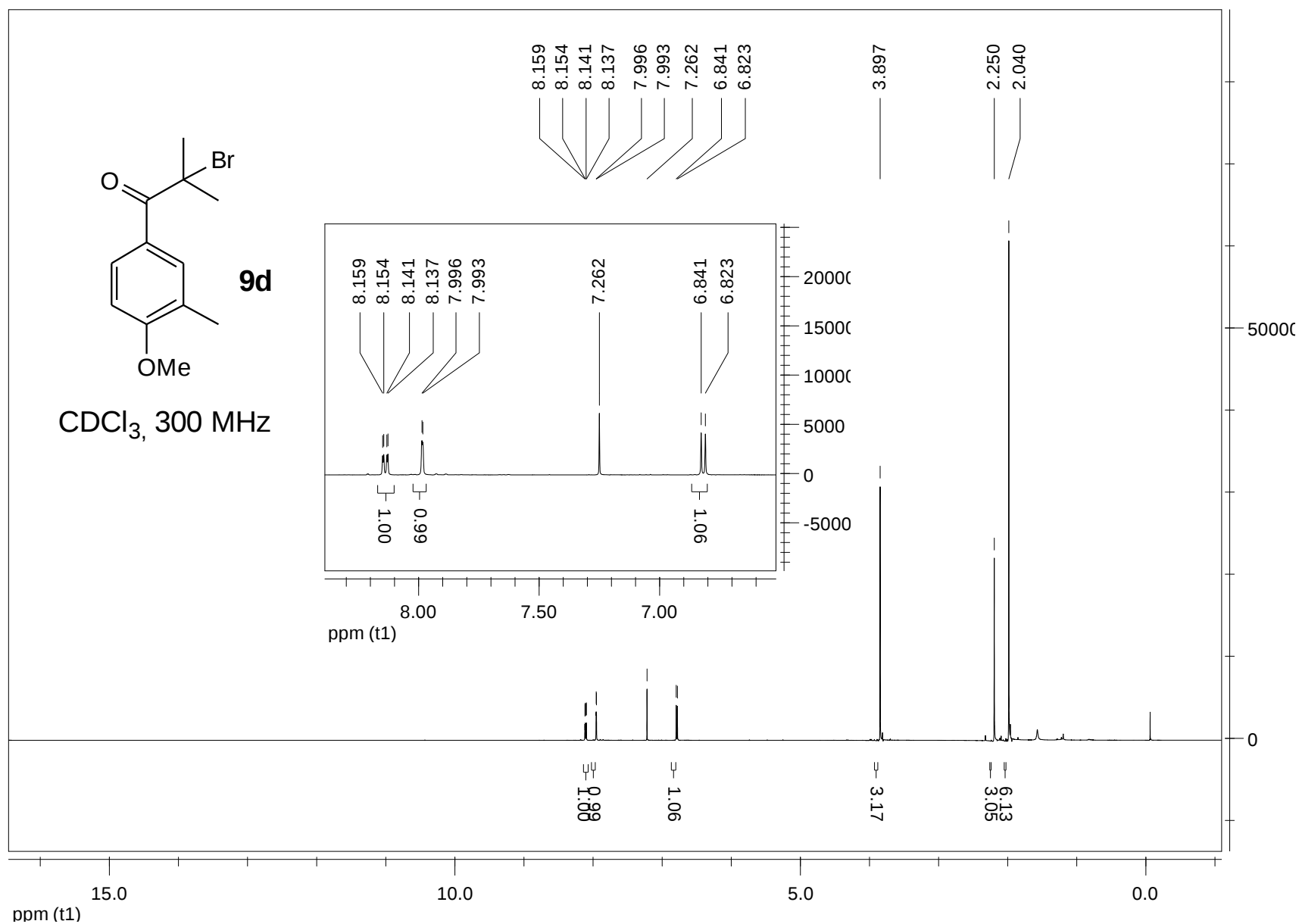


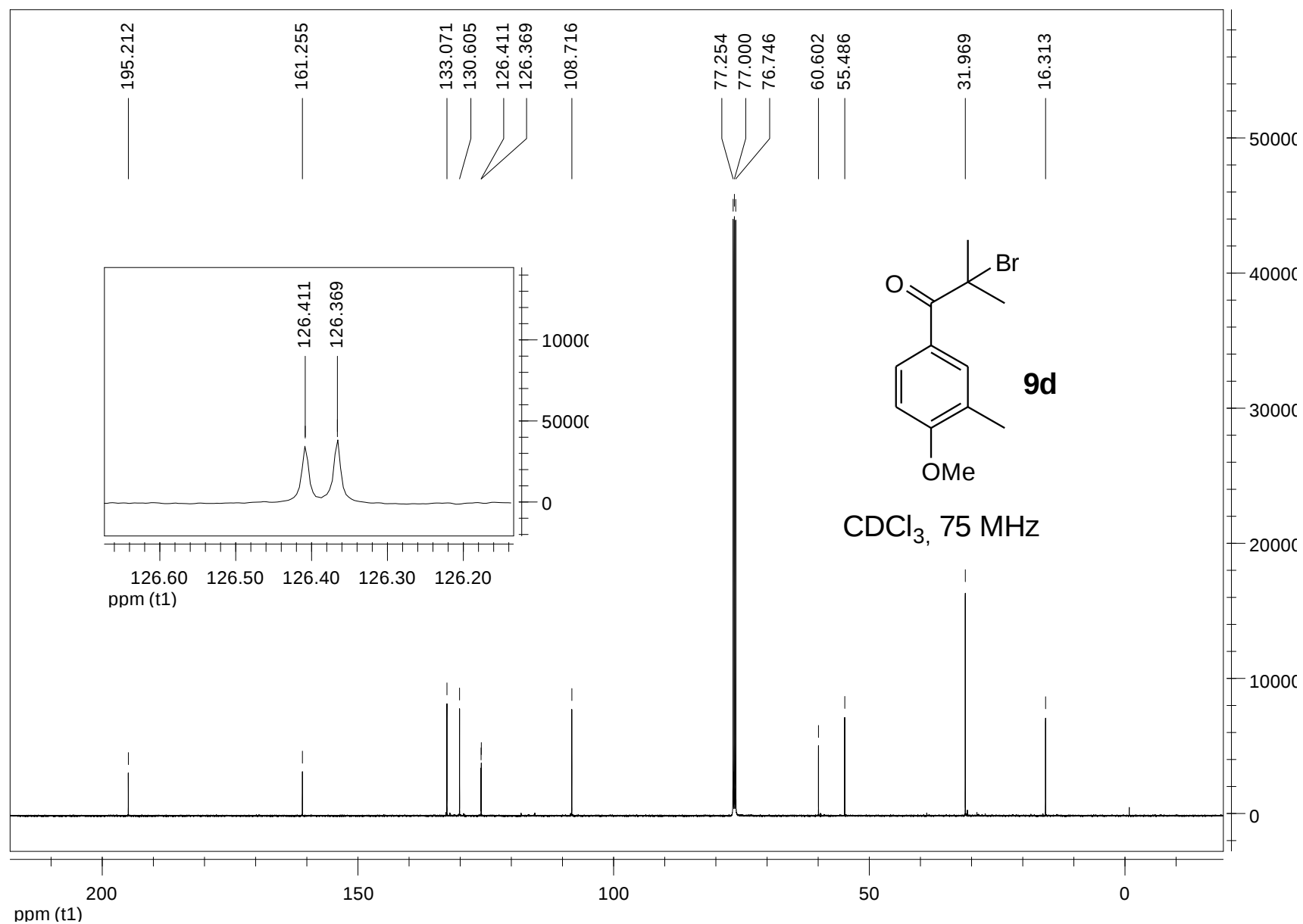


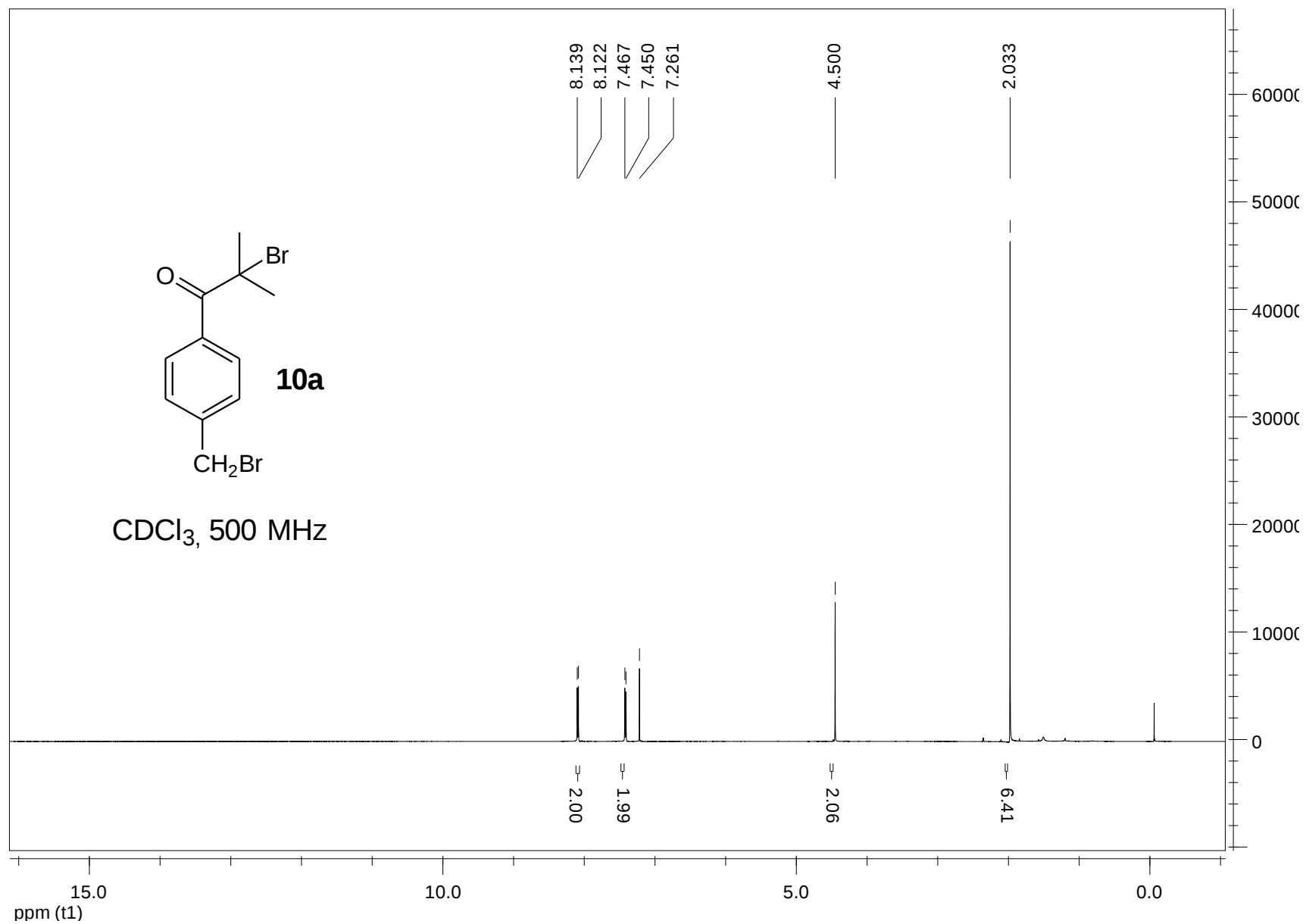


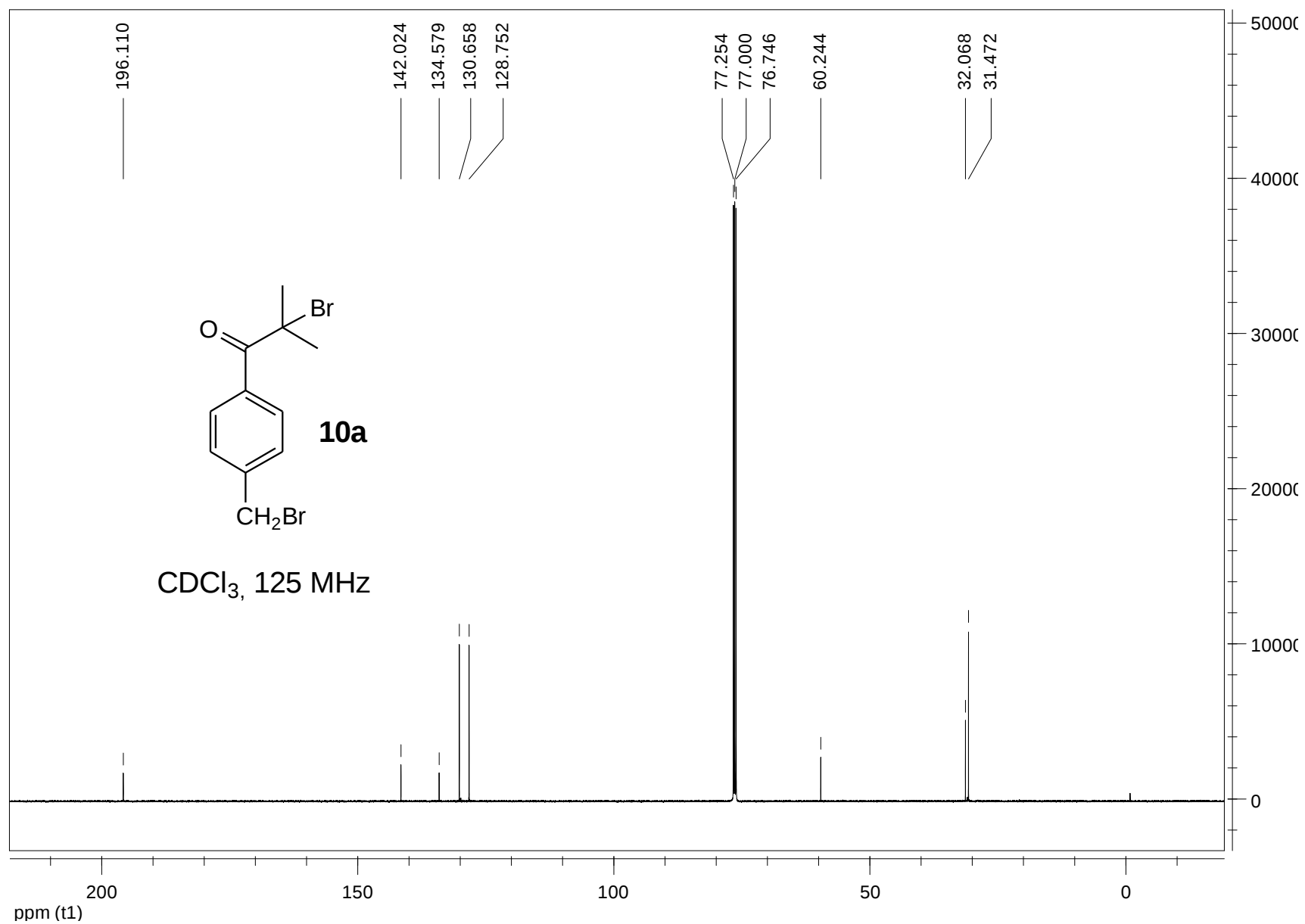


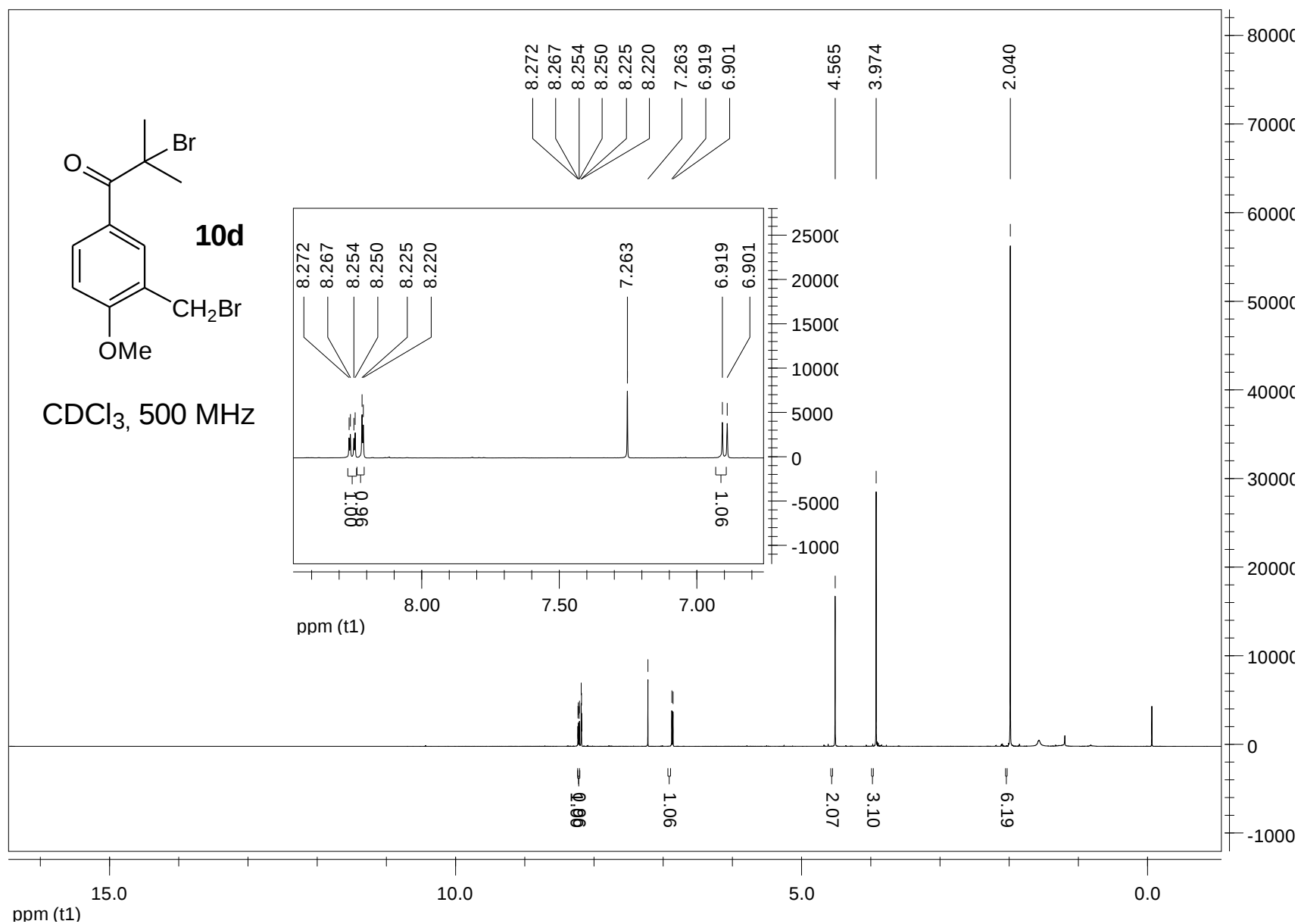


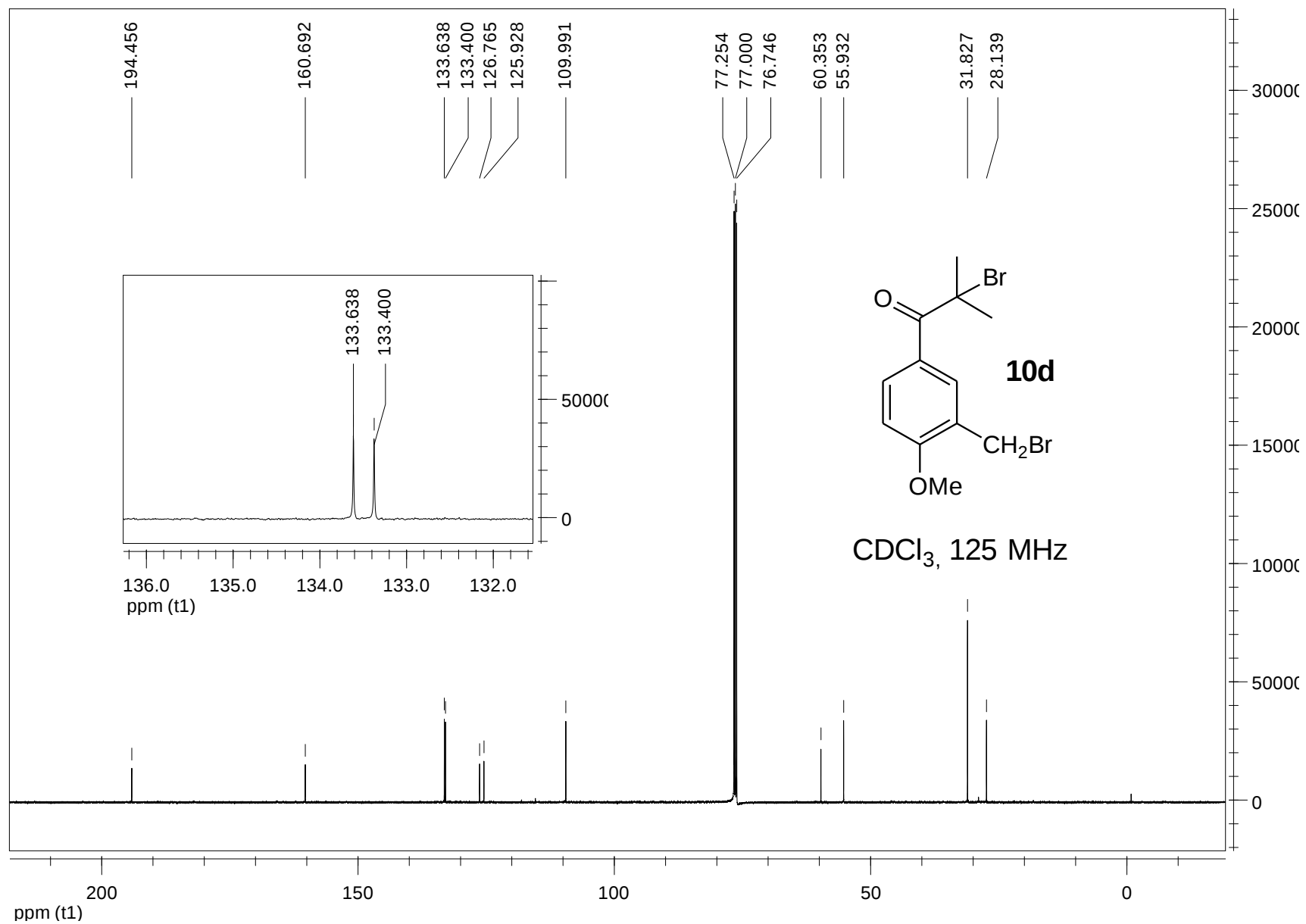


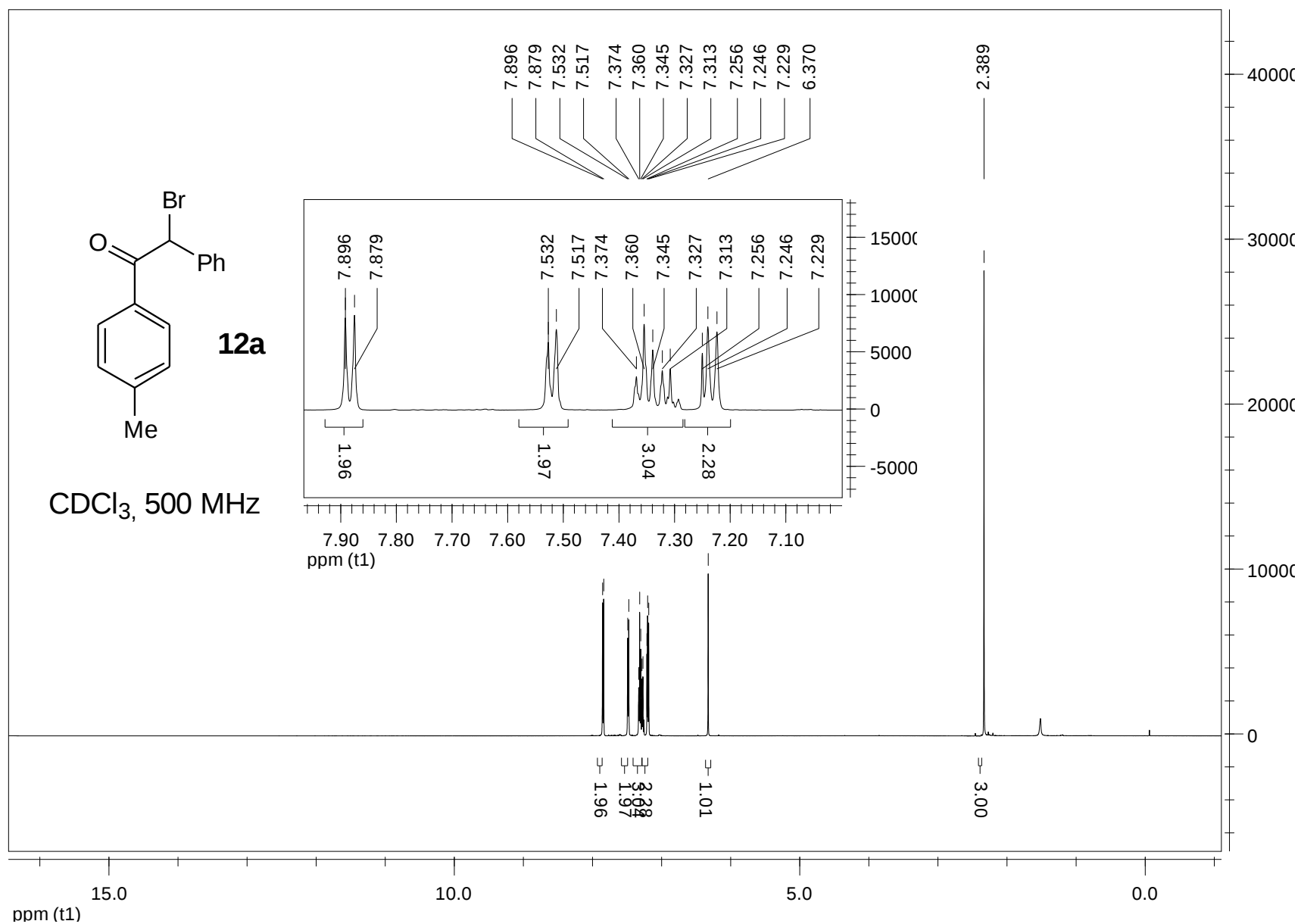


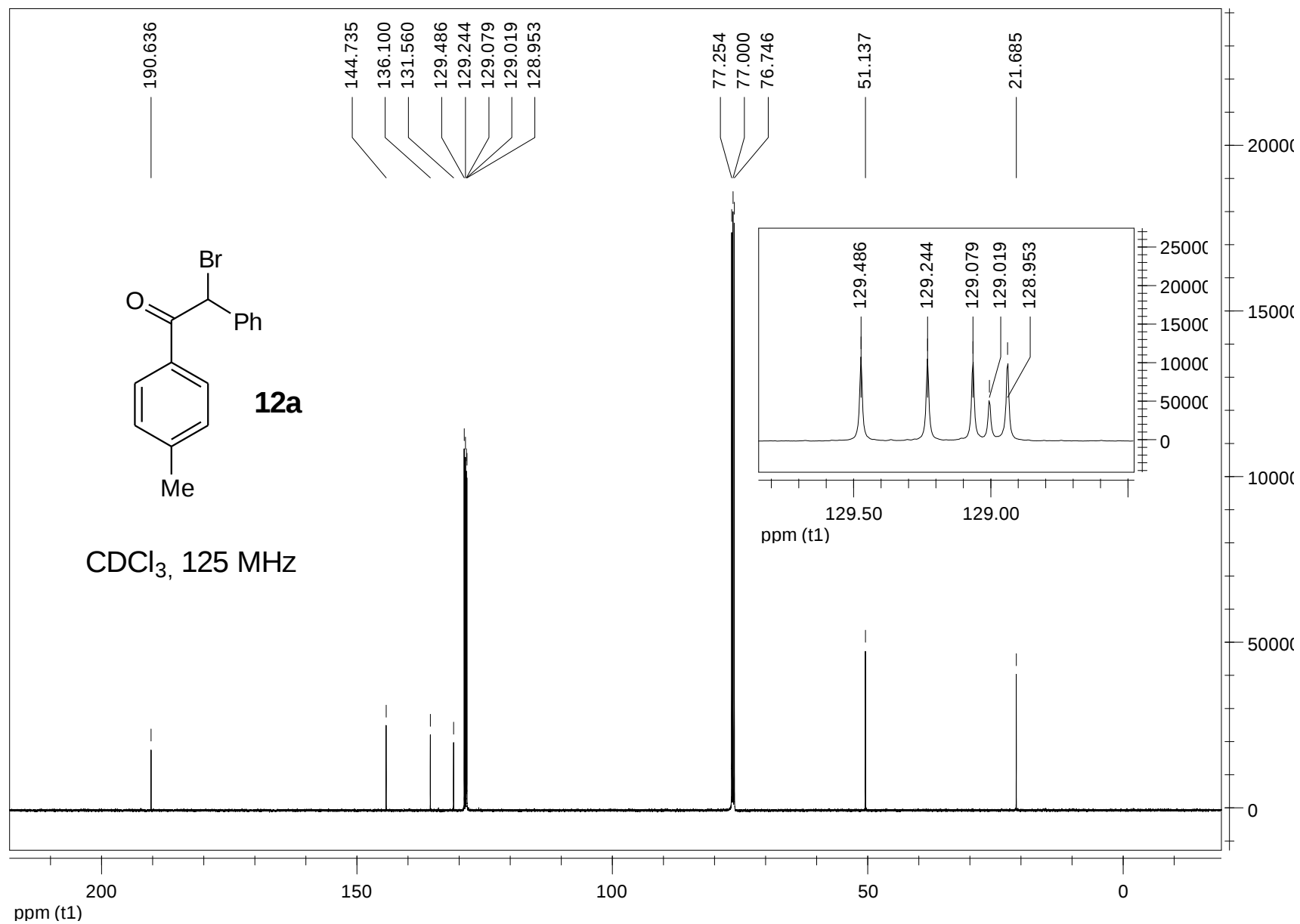


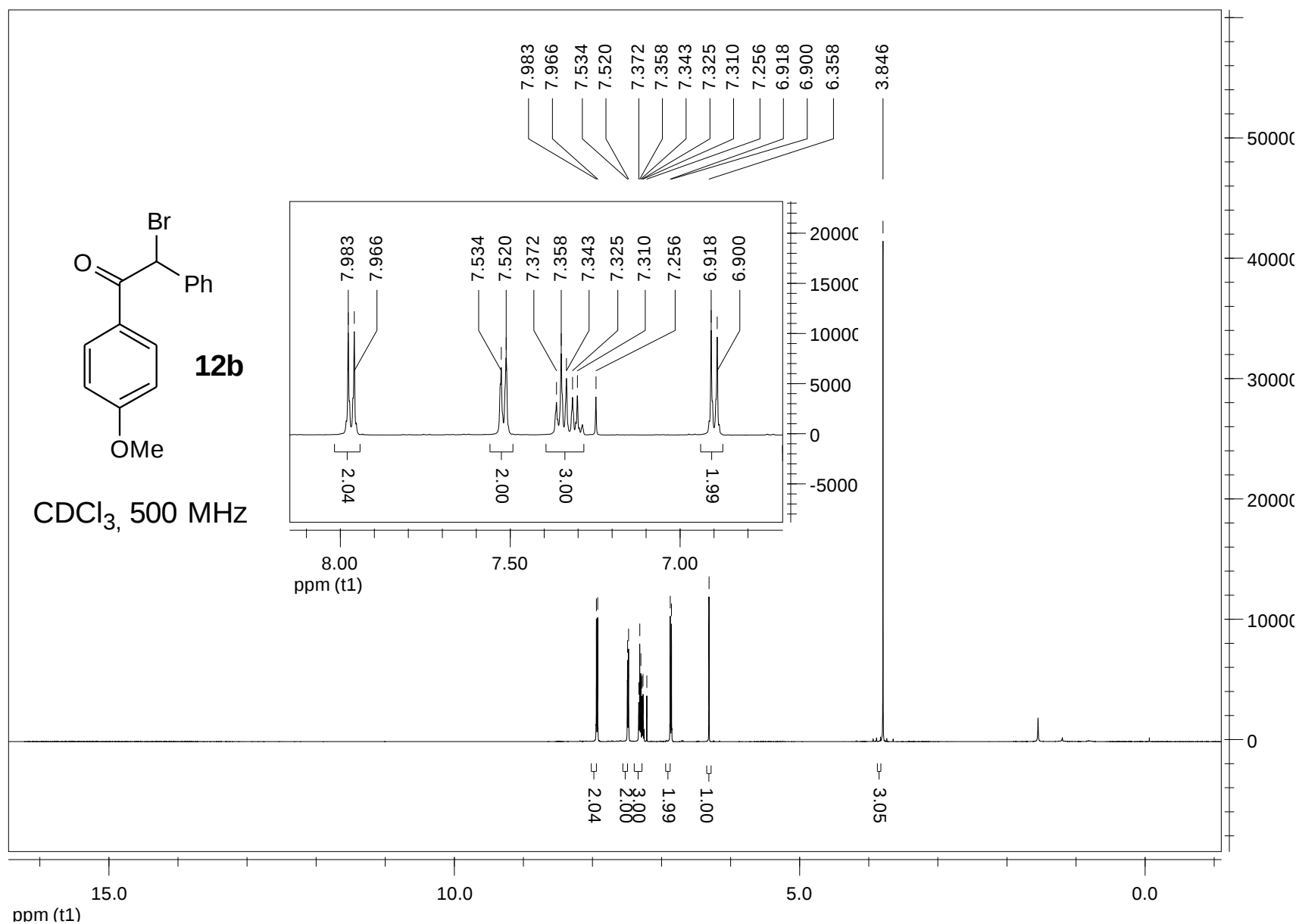


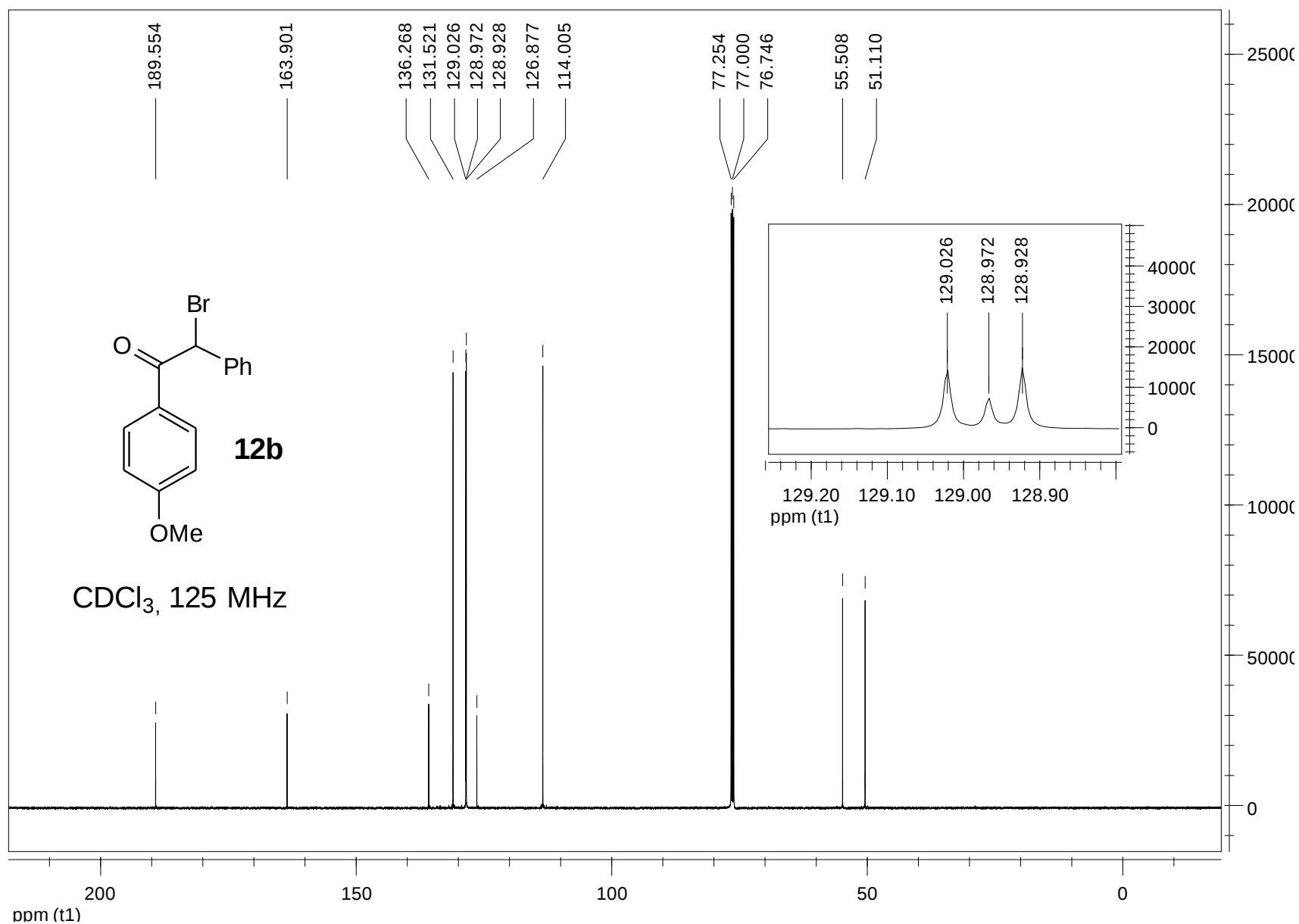


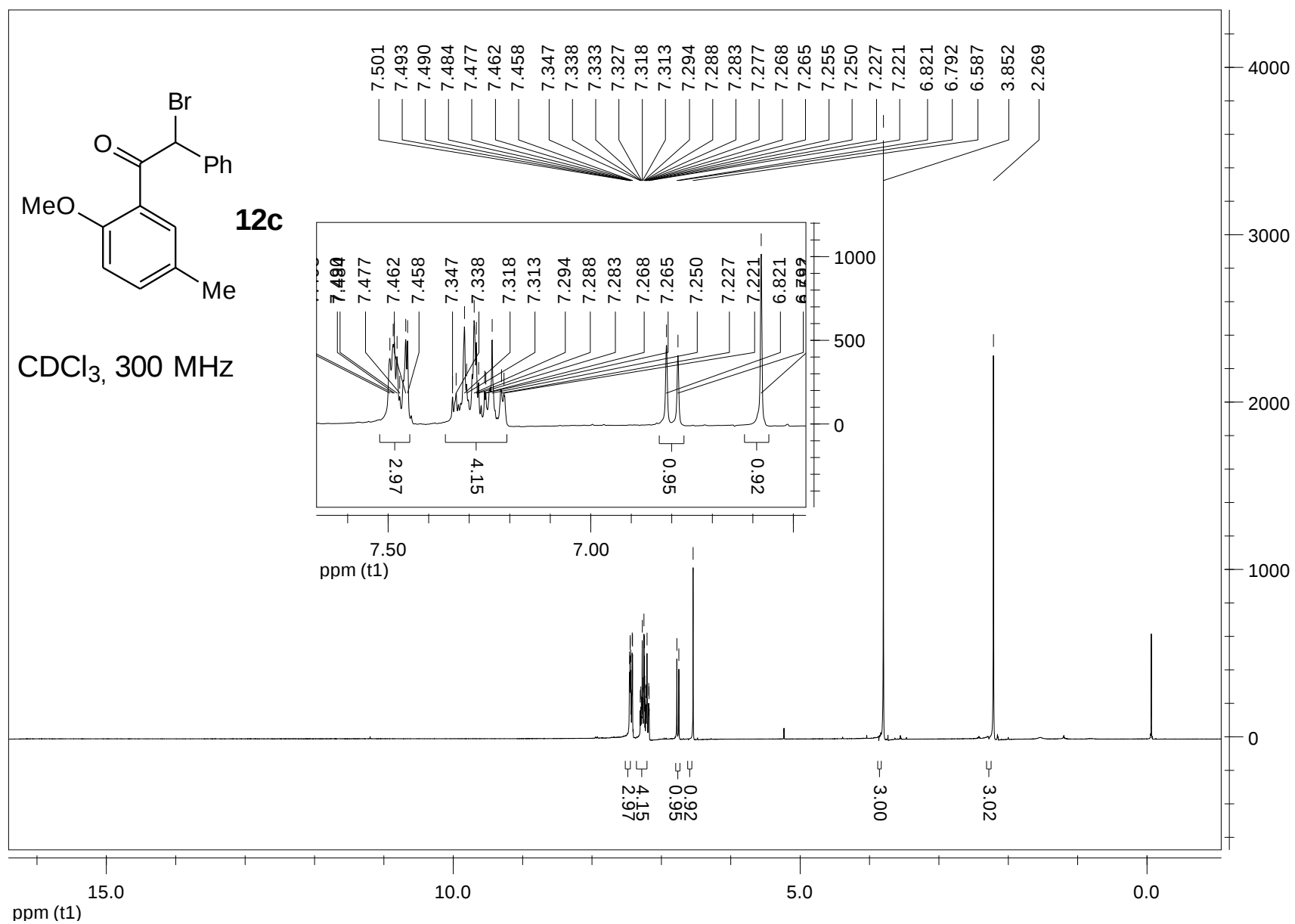


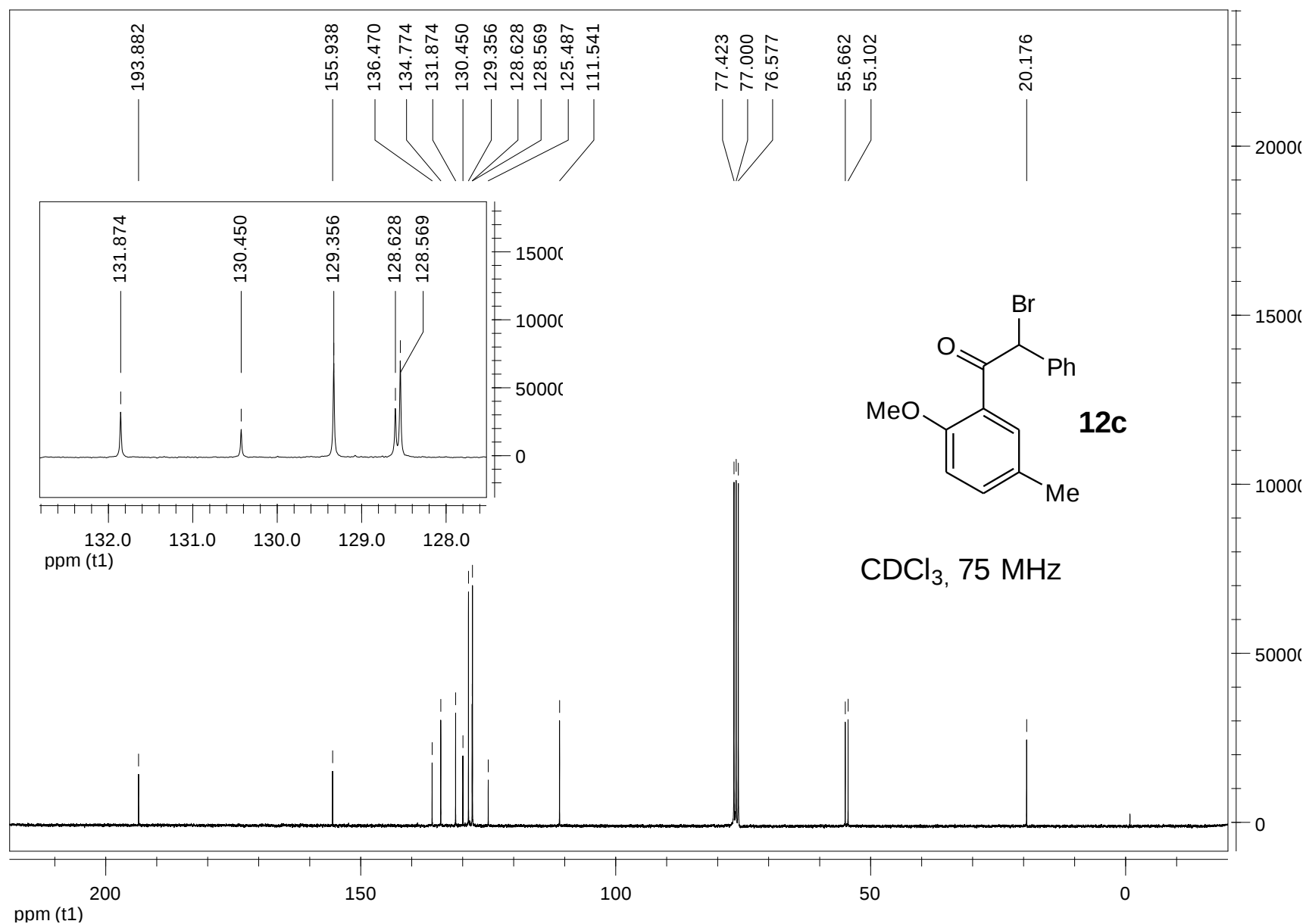


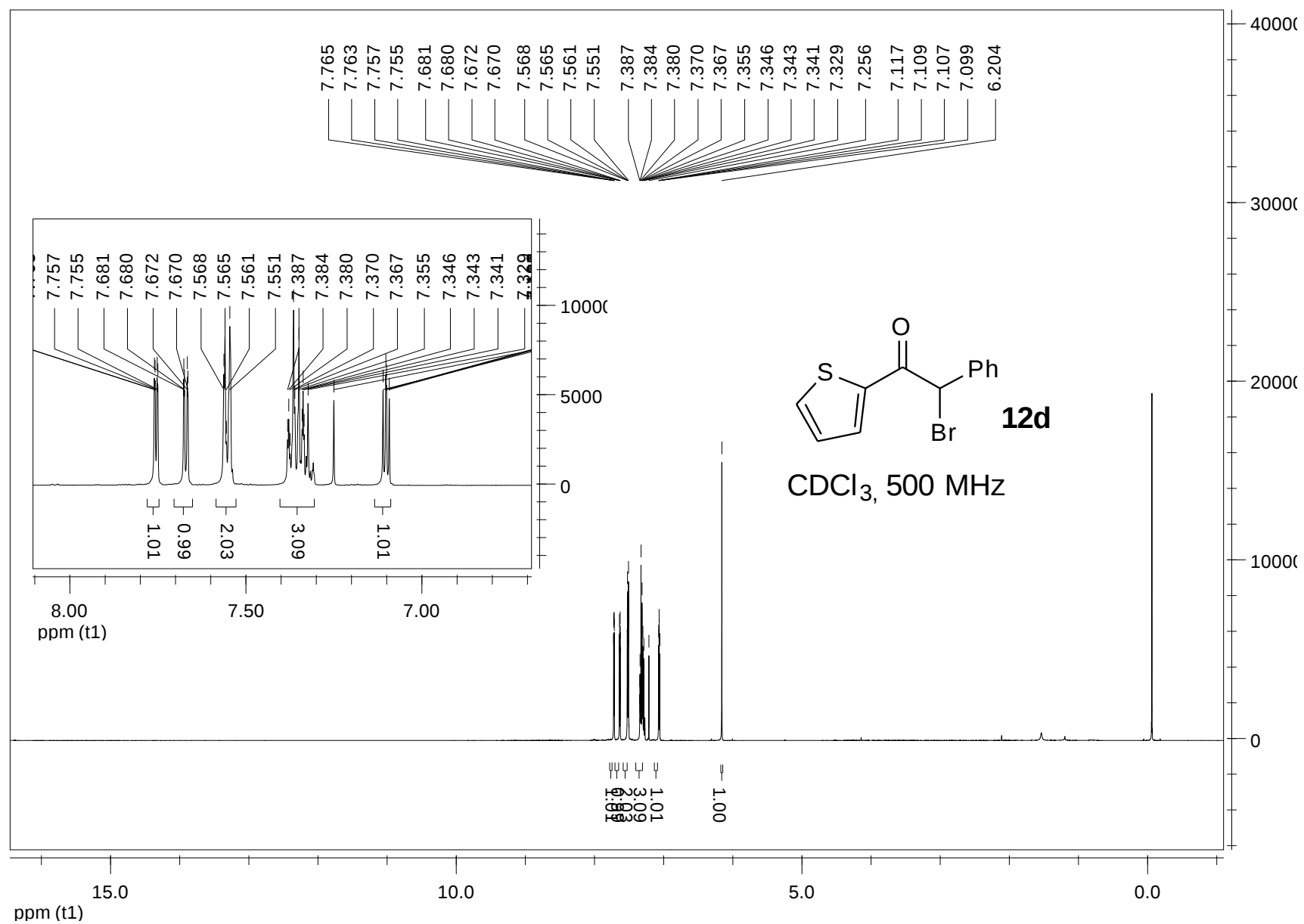


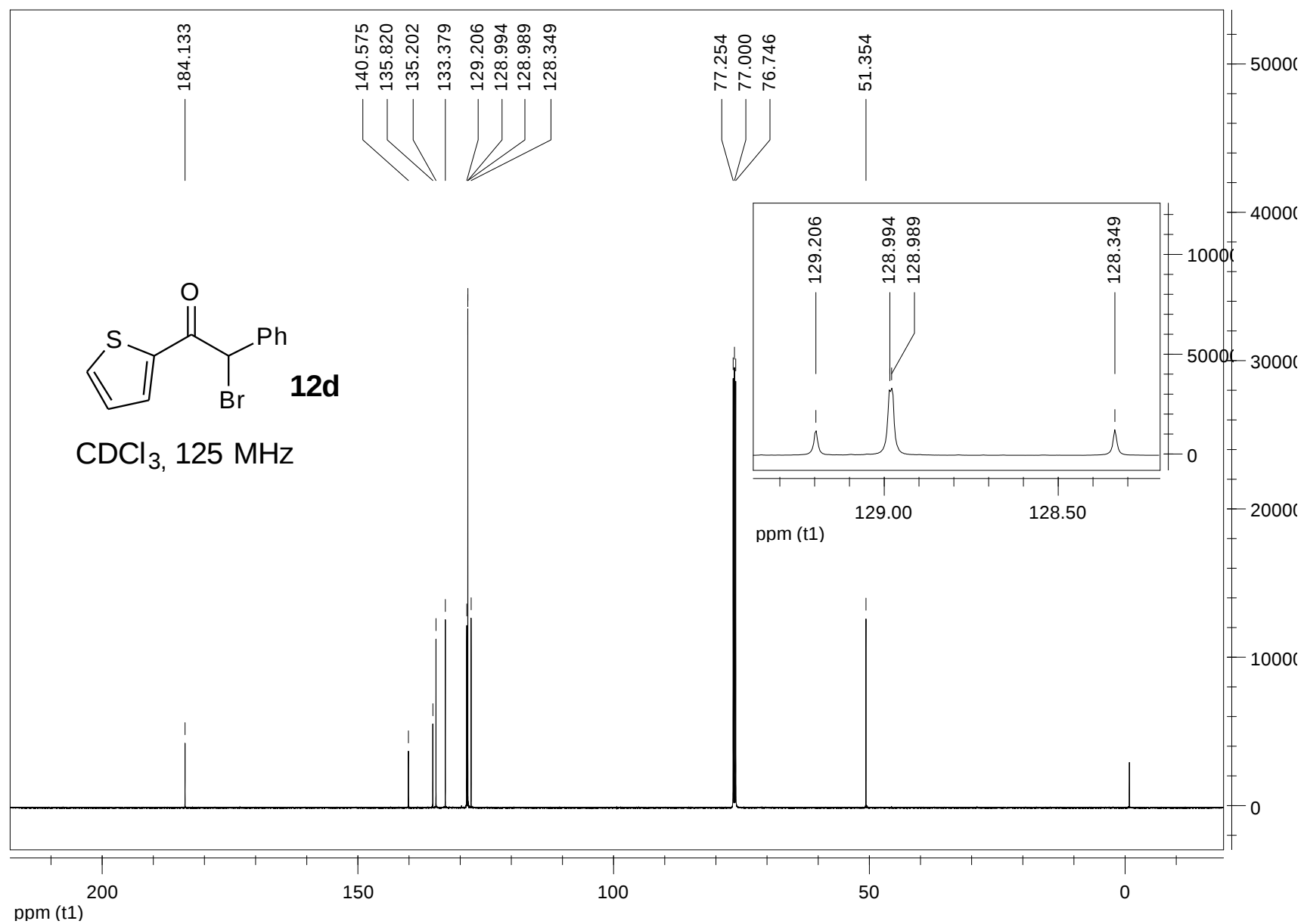


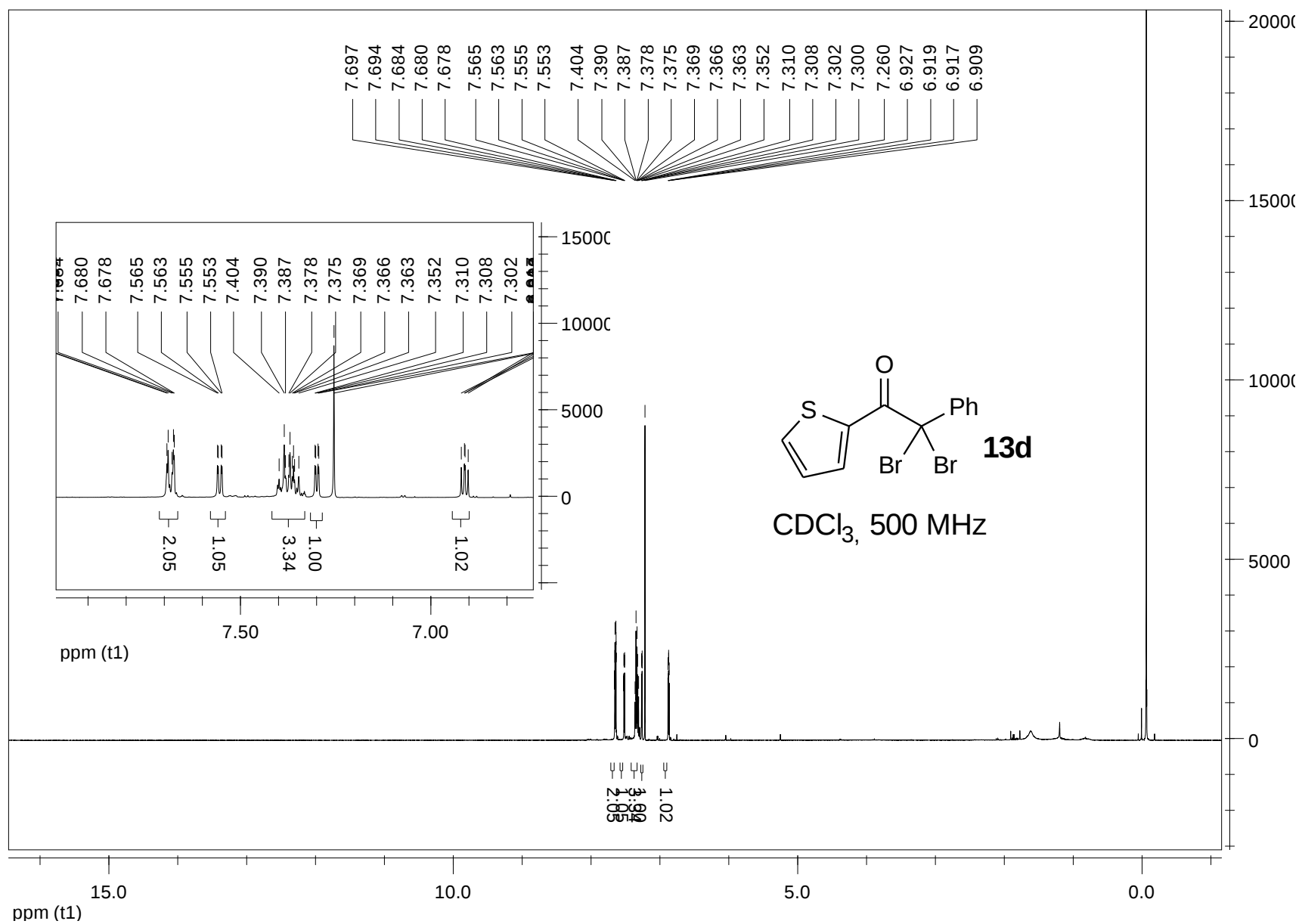


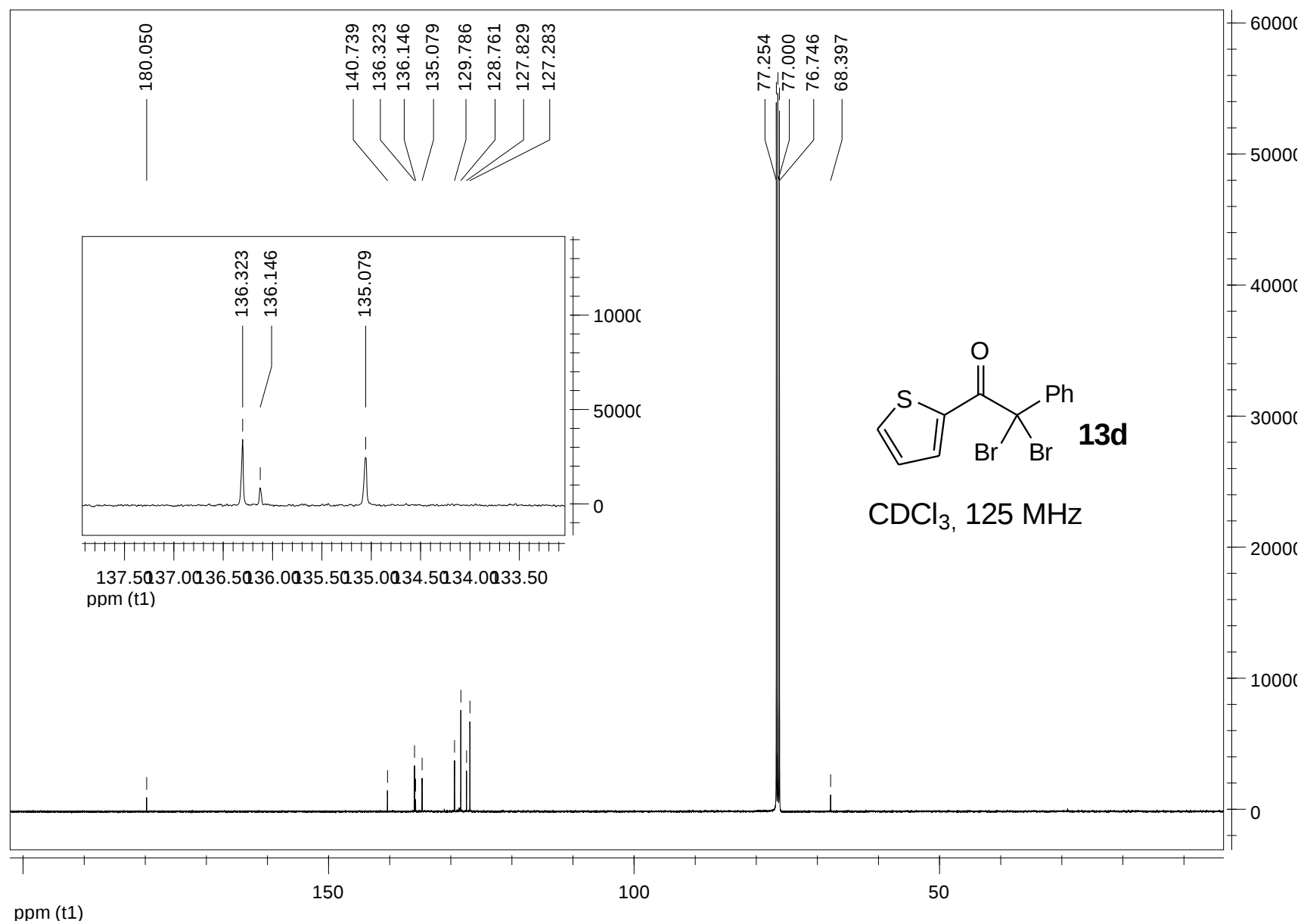


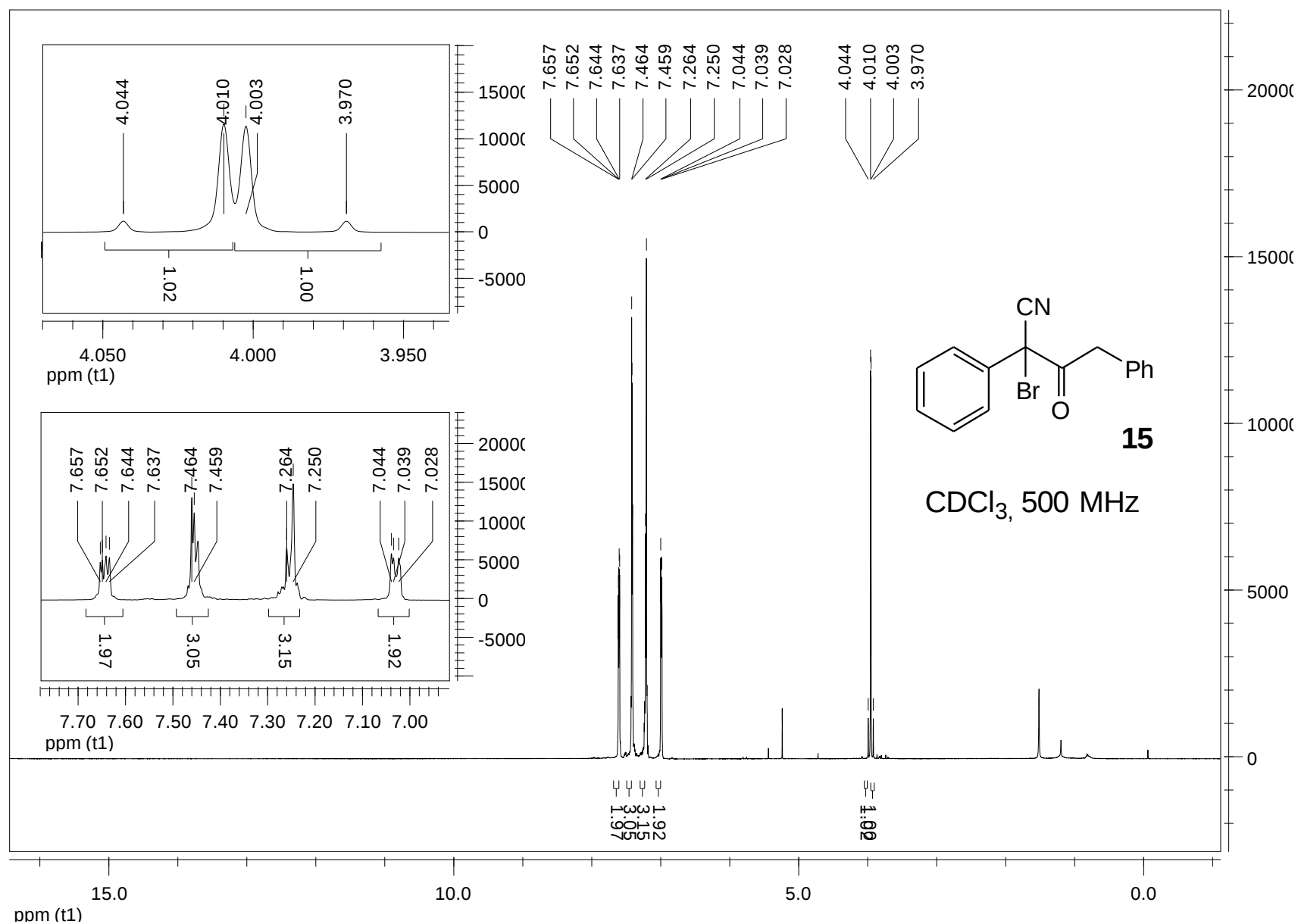


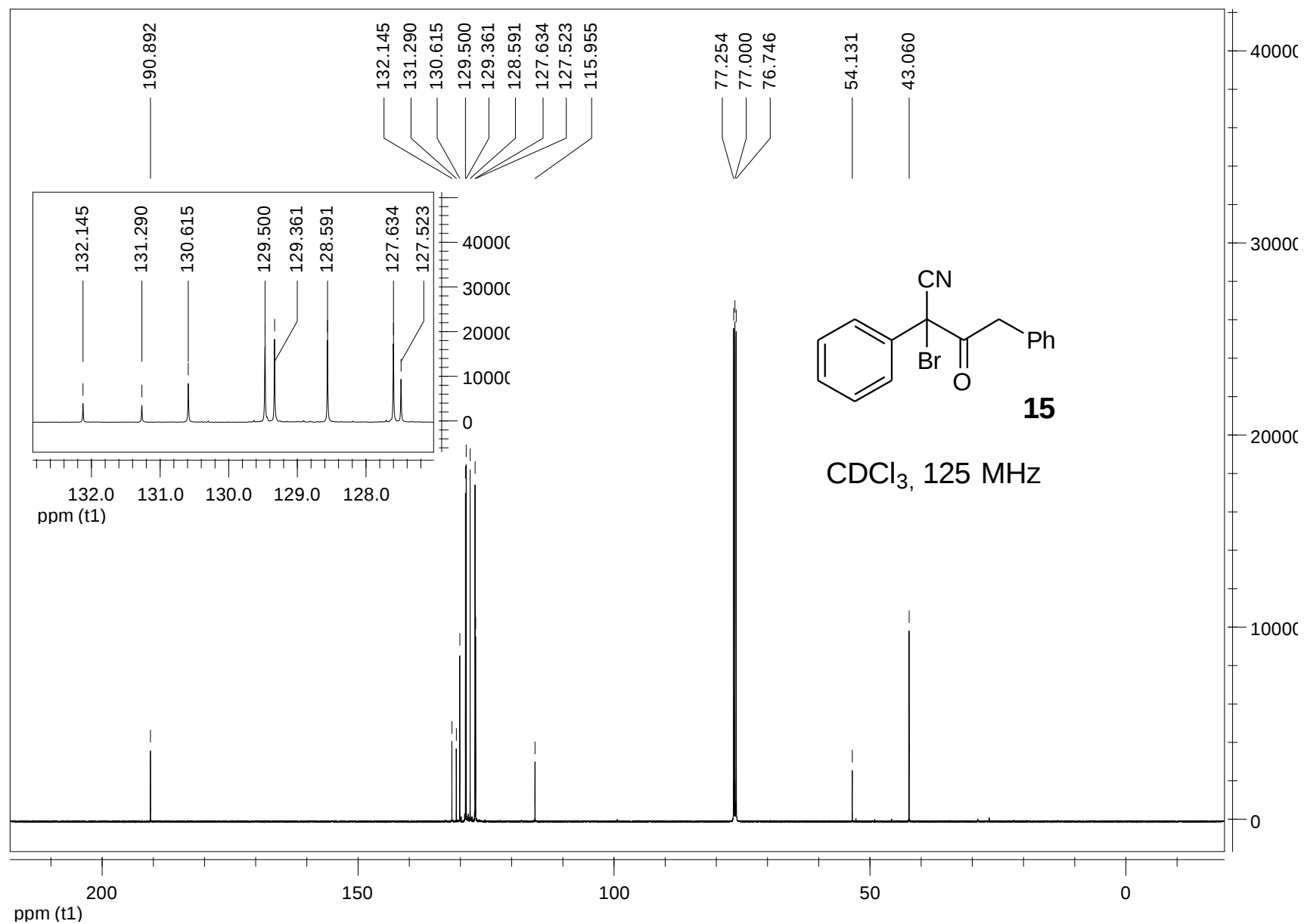


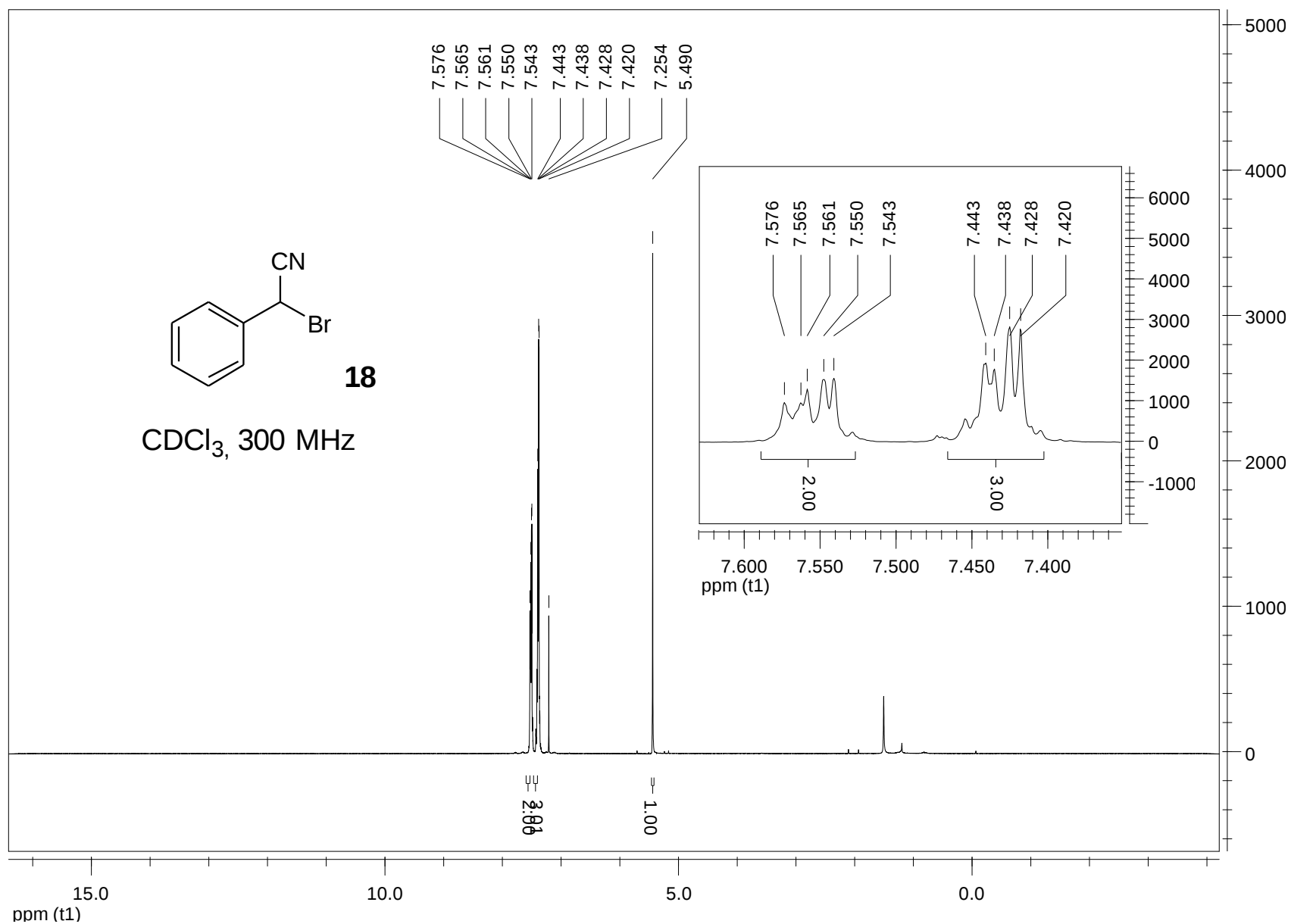


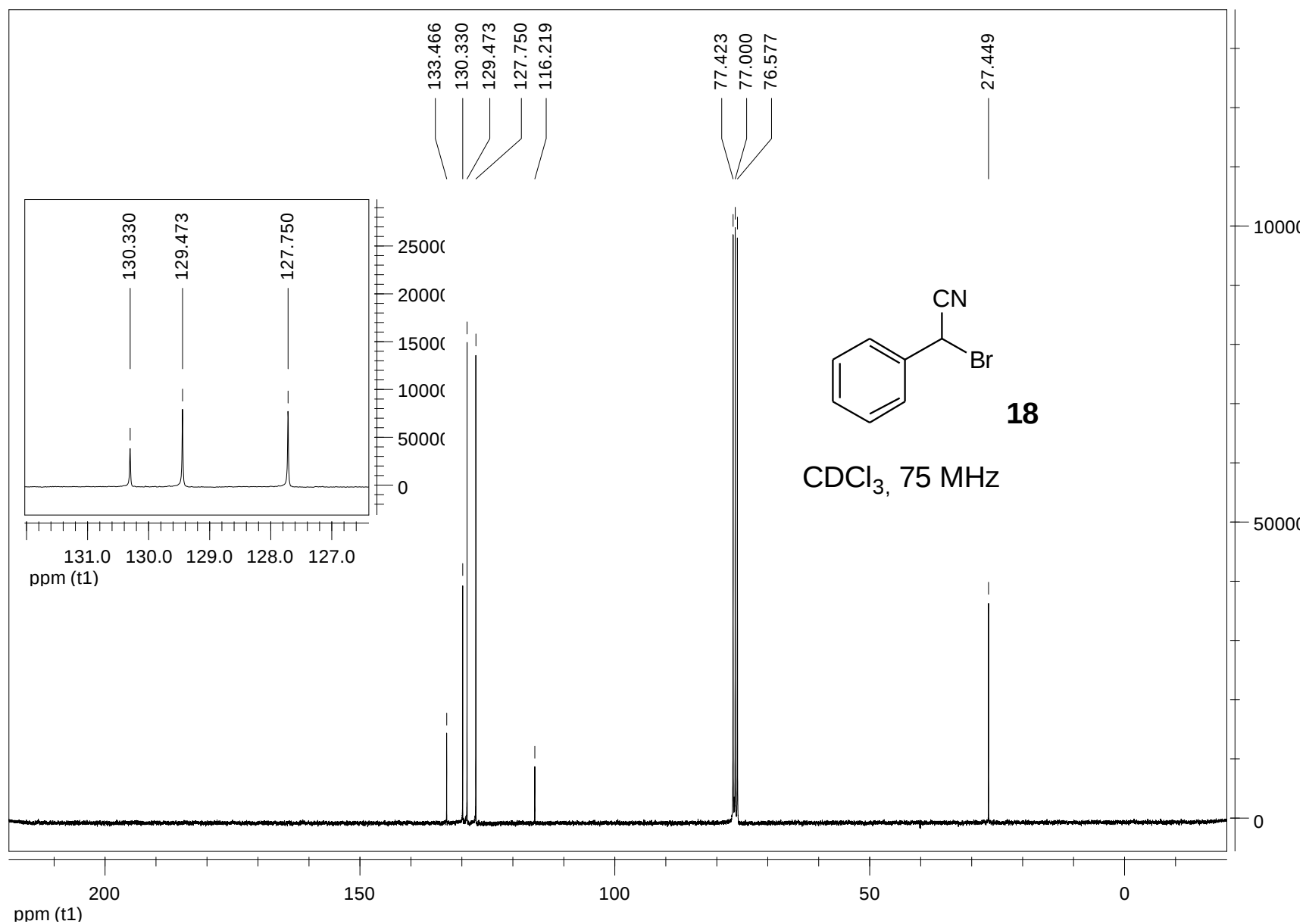


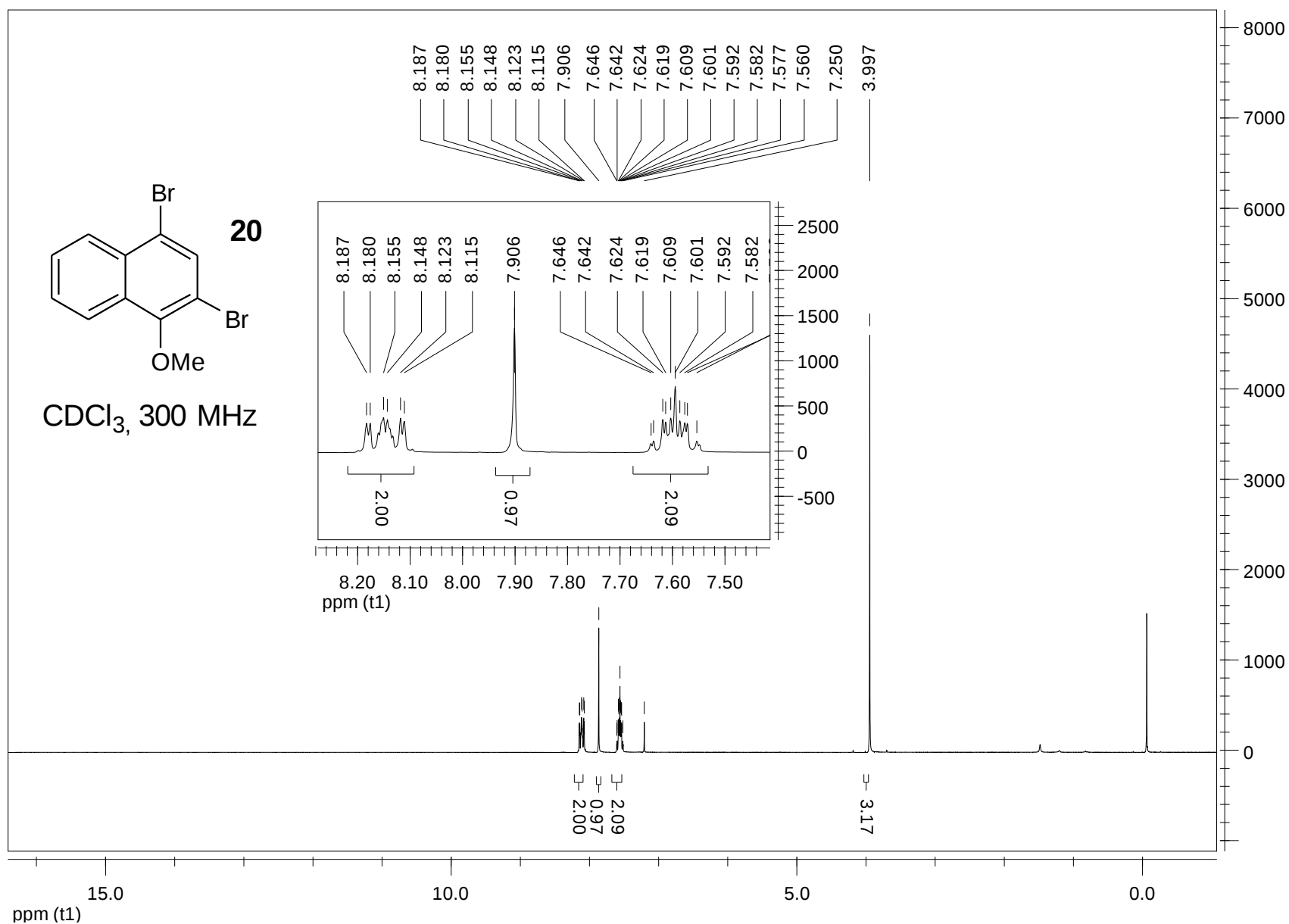


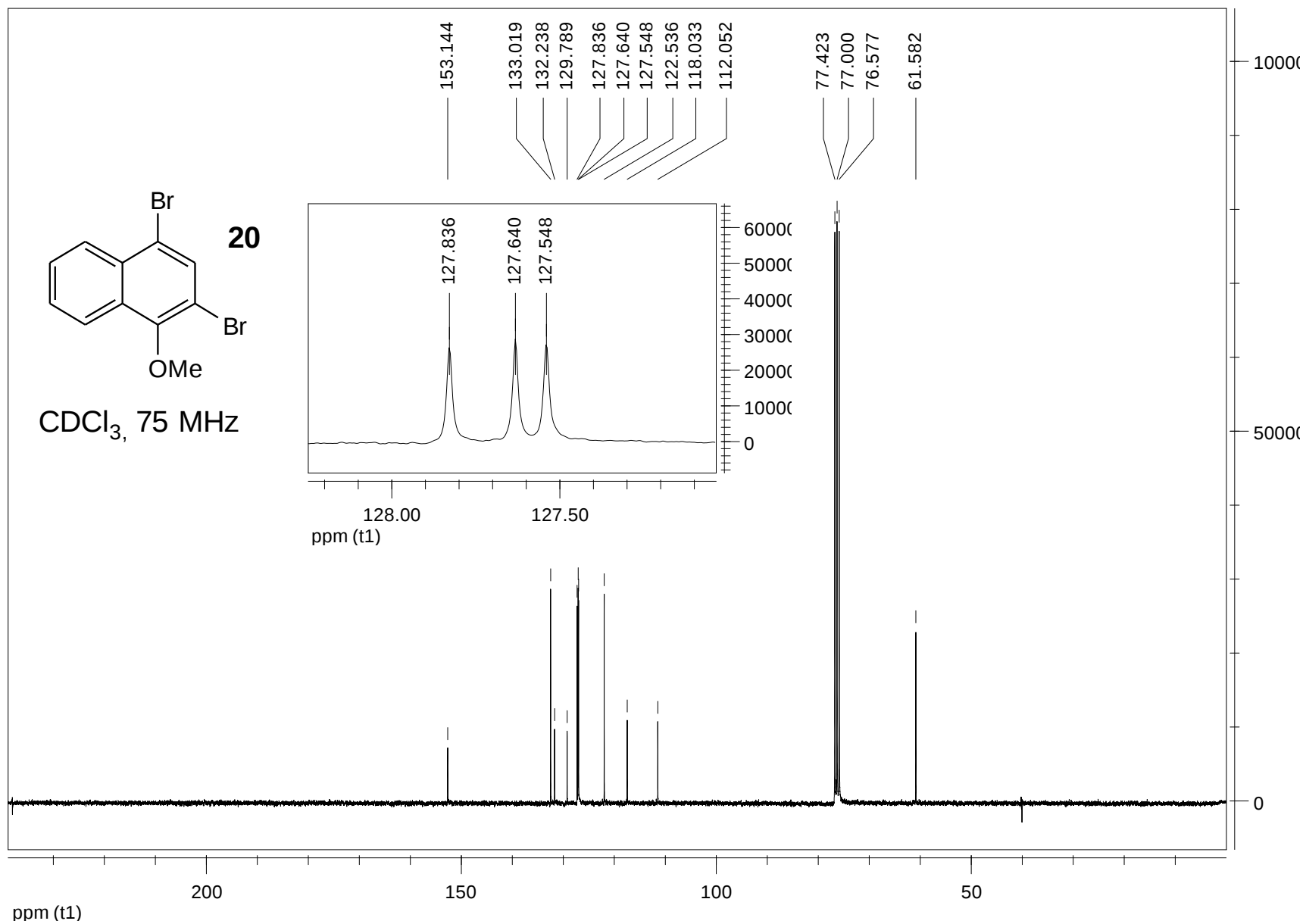


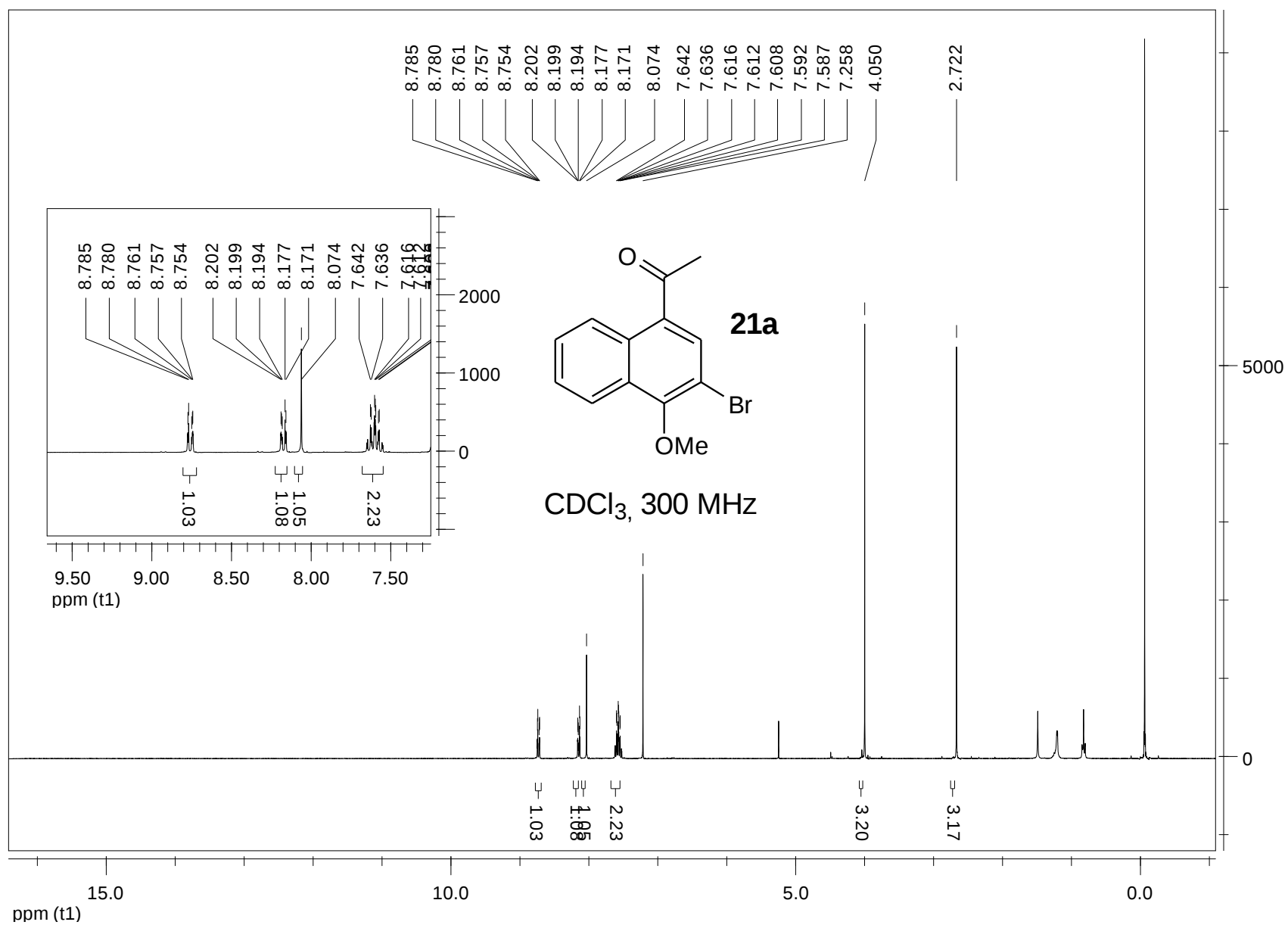


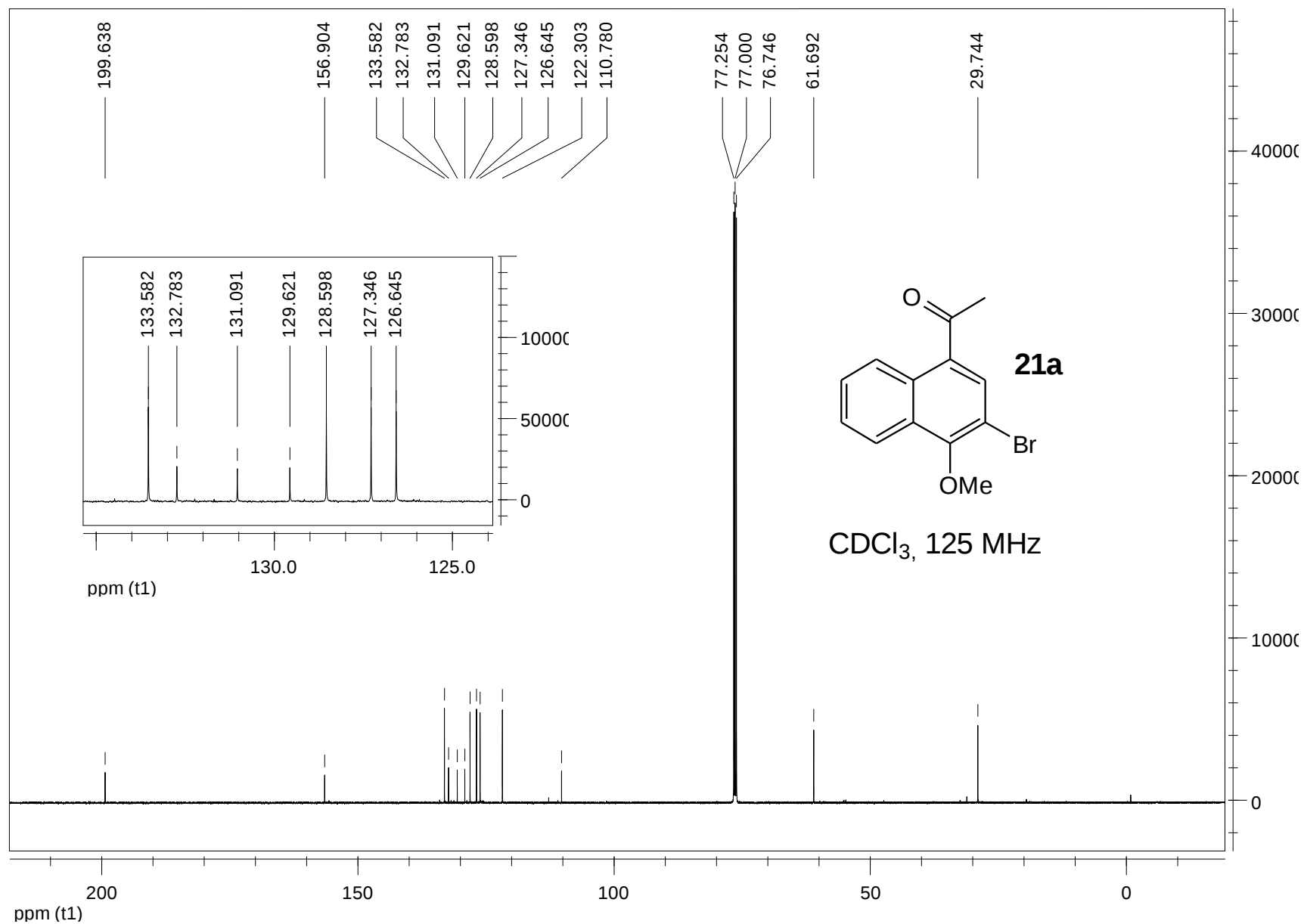


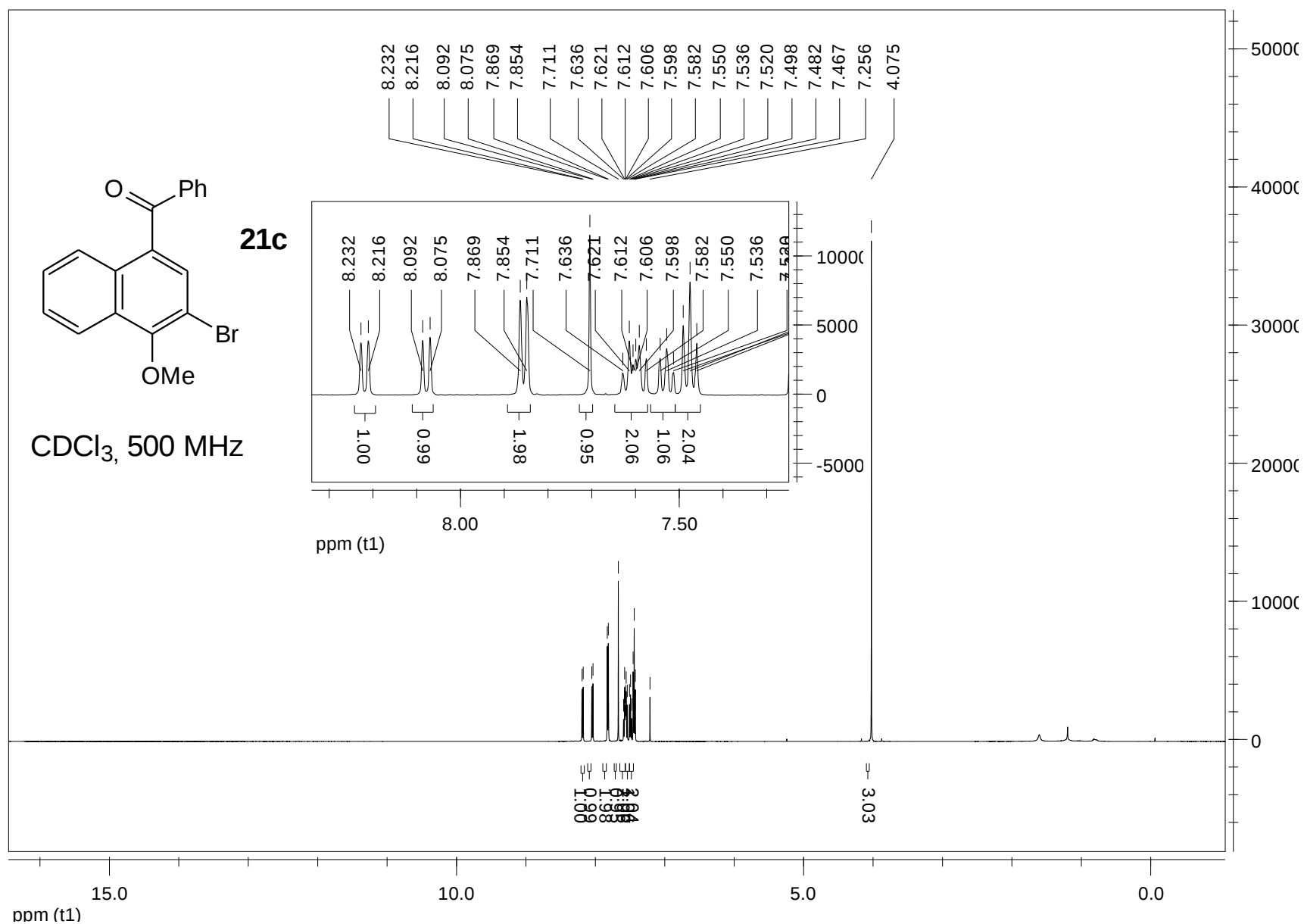


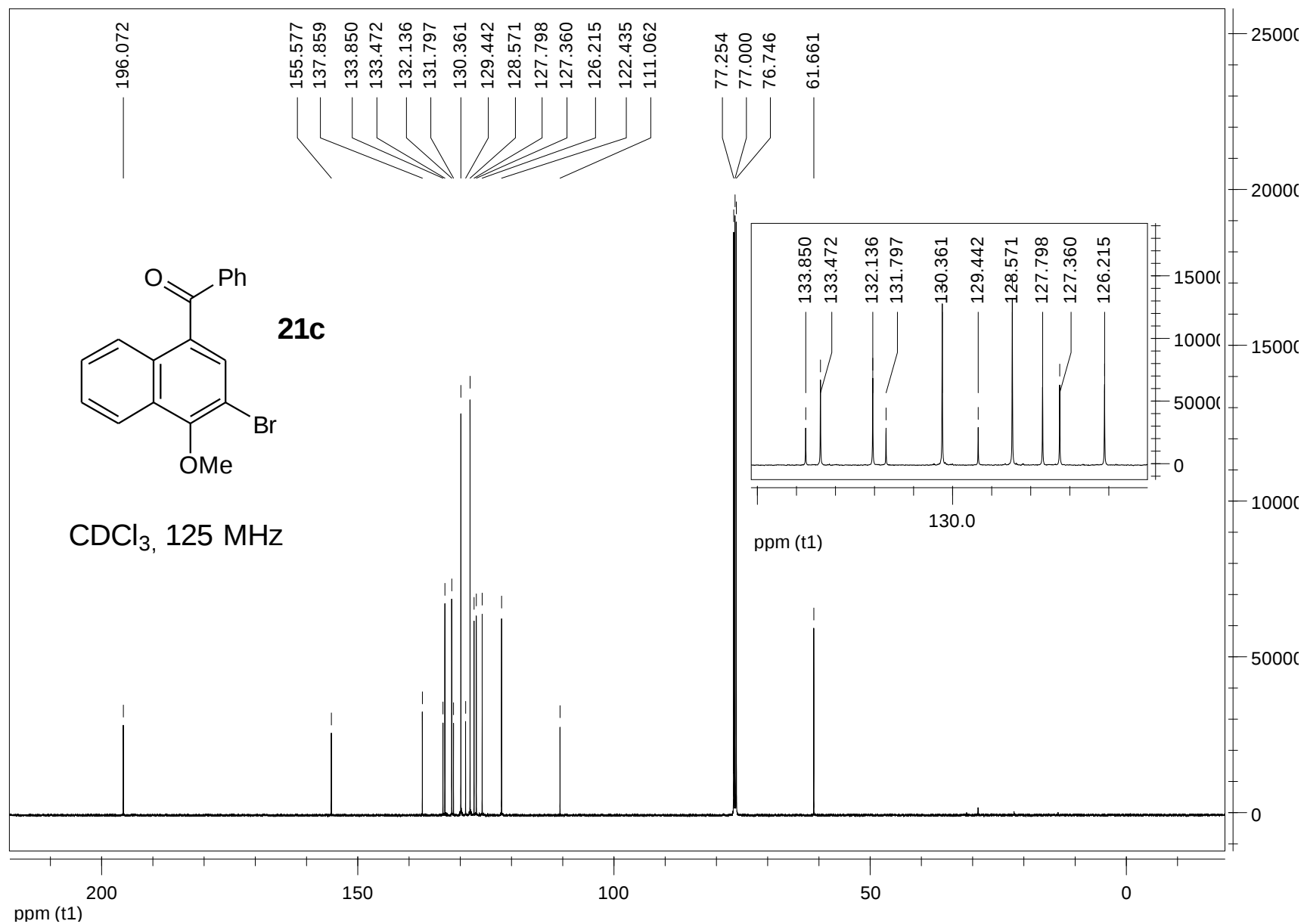


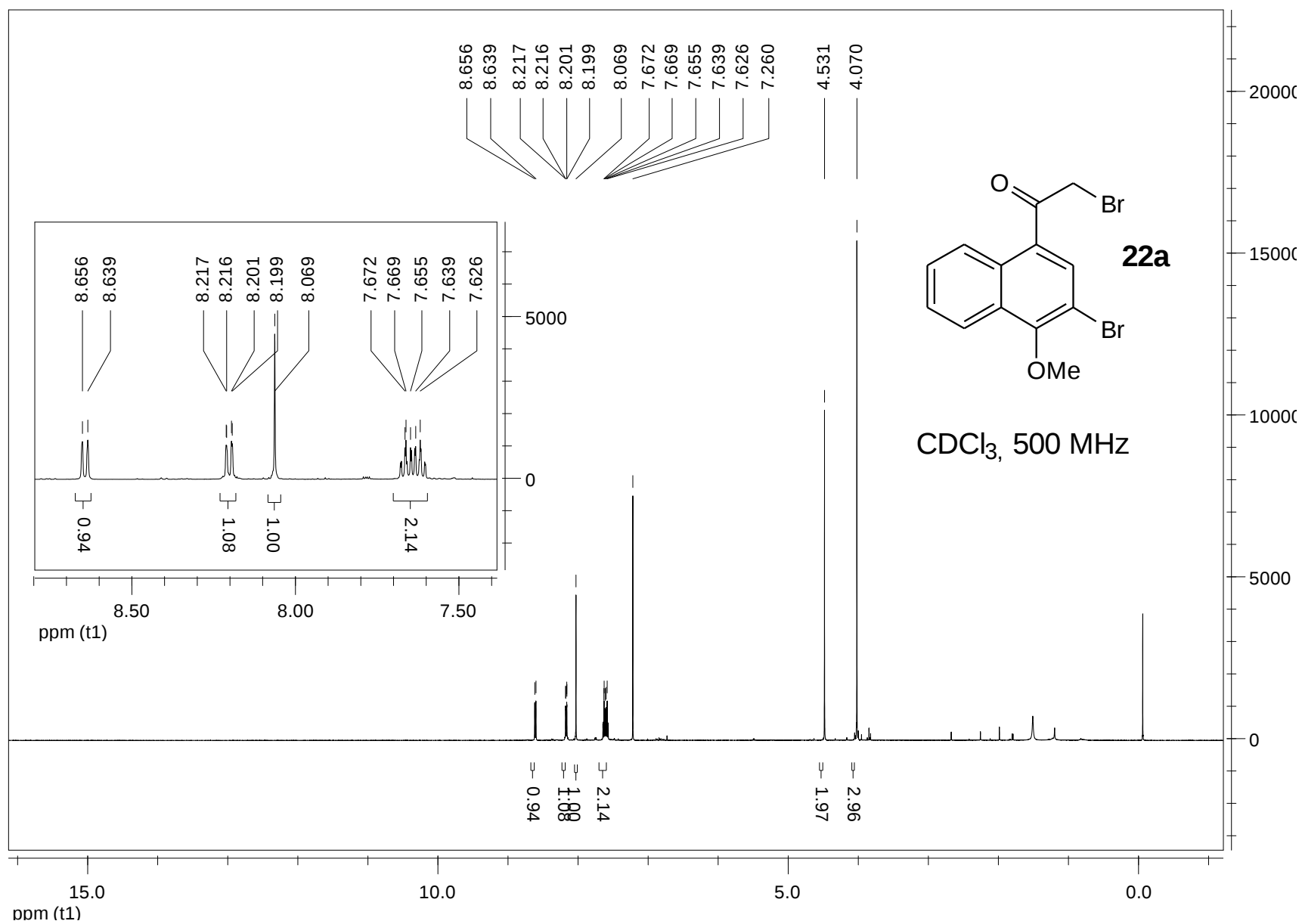


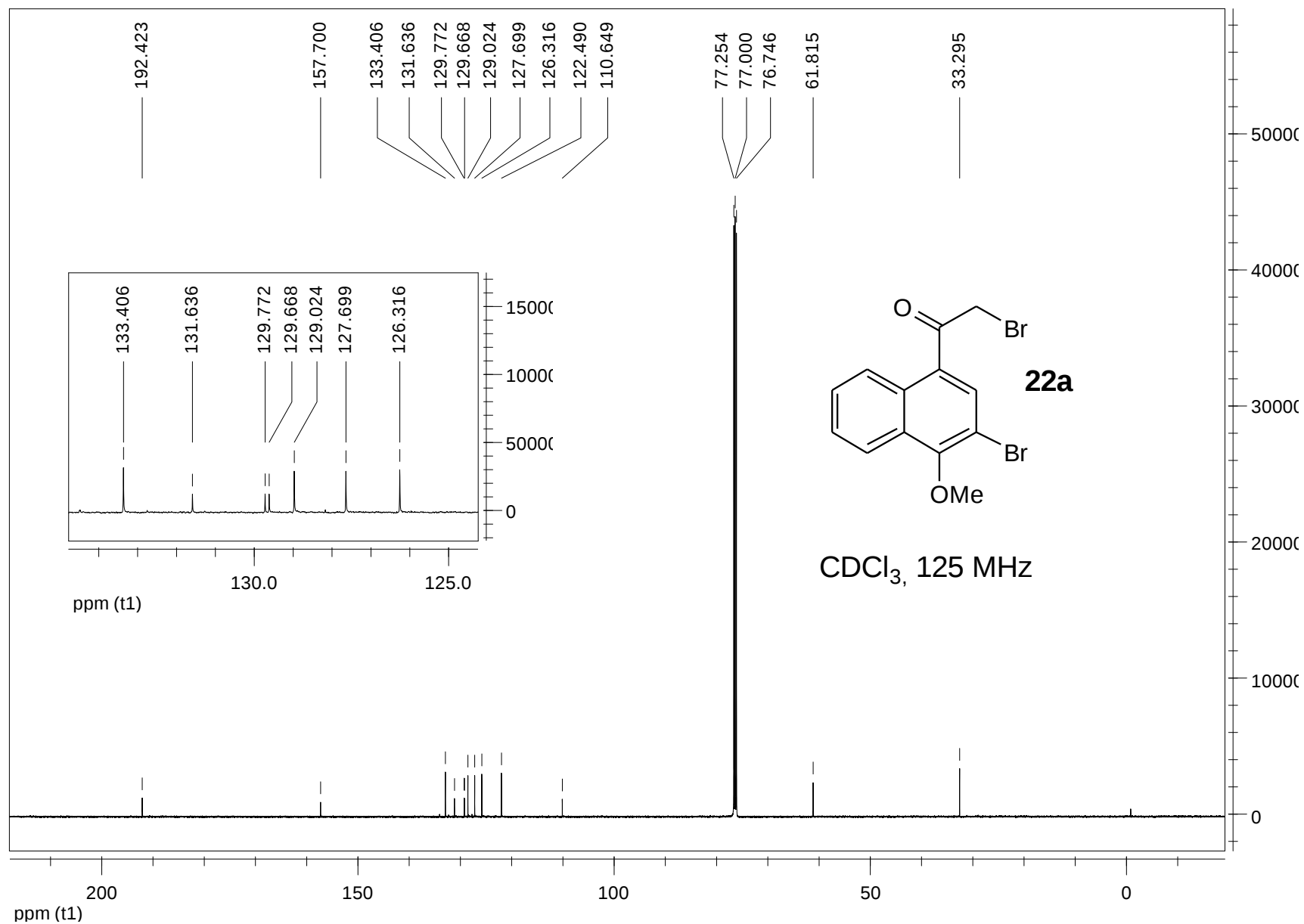


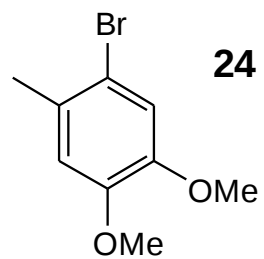




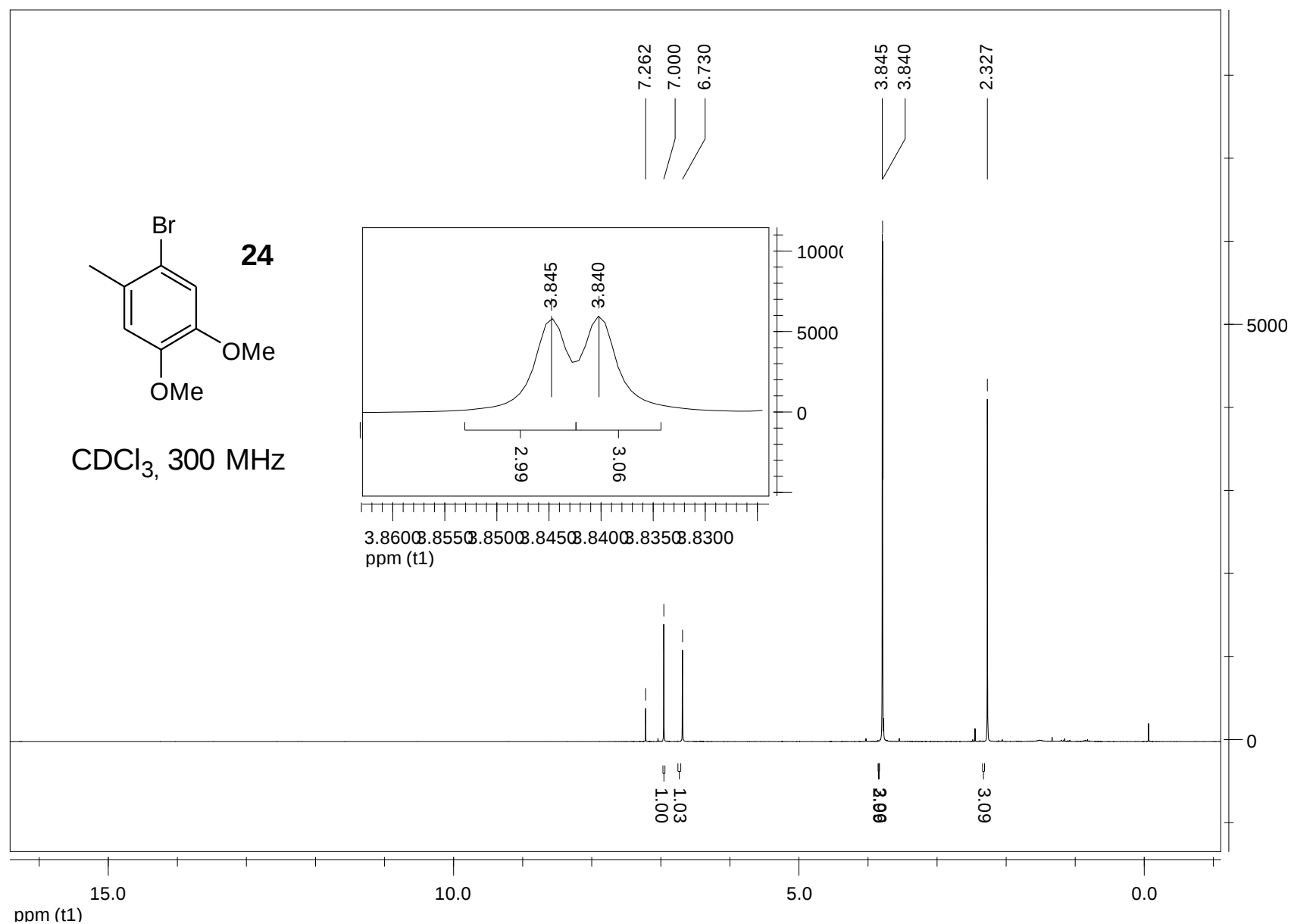


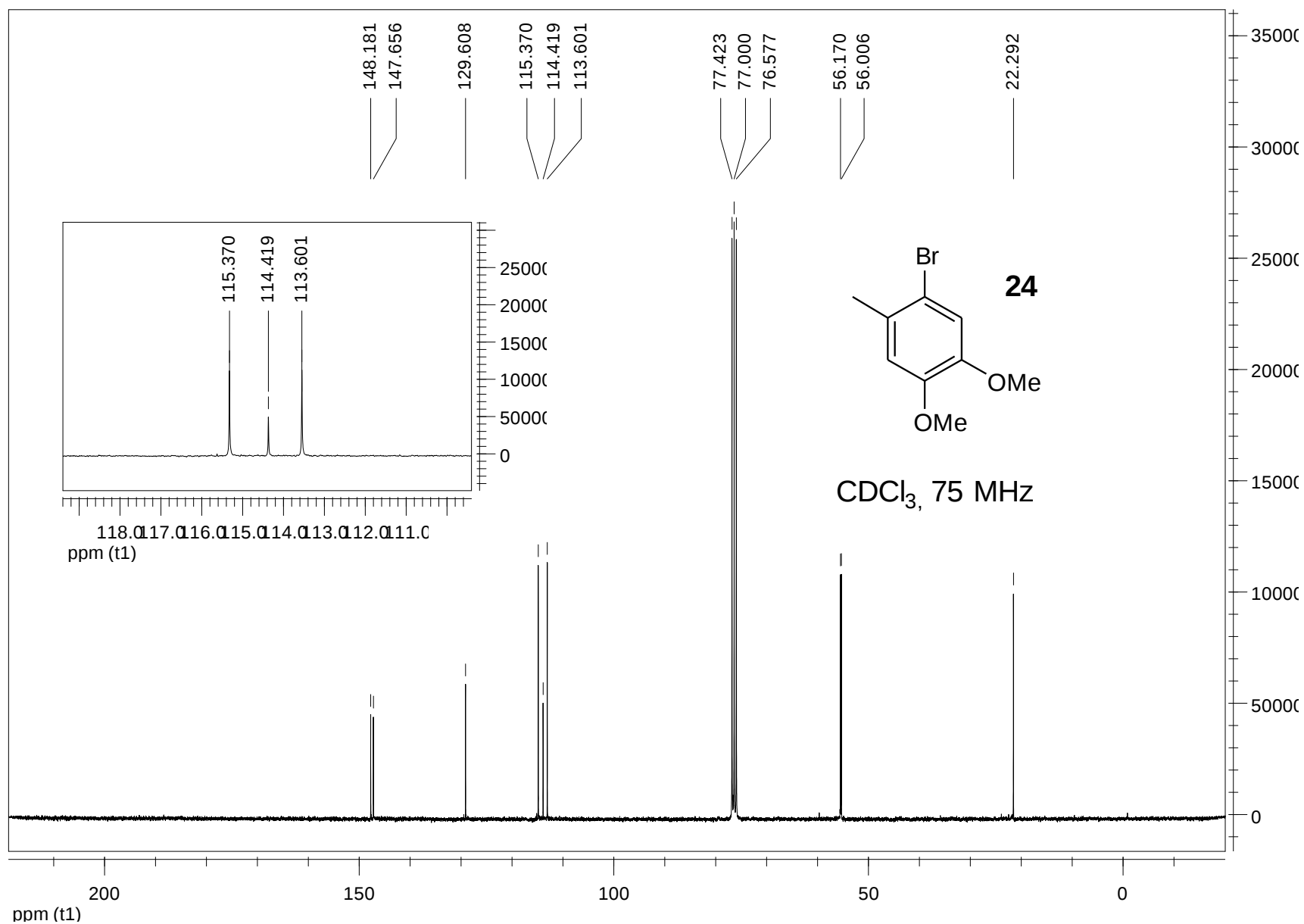






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