

Supporting Information
for
Synthesis of alpha-tetrasubstituted triazoles by
copper-catalyzed silyl deprotection/azide
cycloaddition

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Experimental details

General reagent information

All reactions were set up under ambient atmosphere and carried out in oven-dried screw-cap test-tubes with Teflon seals under an atmosphere of nitrogen. Flash column chromatography was performed using silica gel purchased from Silicycle. Cu(OTf)₂ and CuCl₂ was purchased from Strem and Acros respectively and used as supplied. Amines were purchased from Acros Organics, Alfa Aesar, or Aldrich and distilled before use. All ketones and alkynes were purchased from Acros Organics, Alfa Aesar or TCI America and were purified by distillation before use. Silyl-protected progargylamines were prepared according to the published literature (Palchak, Z. L.; Lussier, D. J.; Pierce, C. J.; Larsen, C. H. *Green Chem.* **2015**, 17, 1802-1810 DOI: 10.1039/C4GC02318H). Azides were purchased from Alfa Aesar, or Enamine and used as supplied. Additional azides were prepared in accordance with the published literature (Asano, K.; Matsubara, S. *Org. Lett.* **2010**, 12, 4988-4991 DOI: 10.1021/ol101990d).

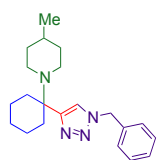
General analytical information

¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra were measured on a Varian Inova (400 MHz or 500 MHz) spectrometer using CDCl₃ as a solvent and trimethylsilane as an internal standard. The following abbreviations are used singularly or in combination to indicate the multiplicity of signals: s - singlet, d - doublet, t - triplet, q - quartet, m - multiplet and br - broad. NMR spectra were acquired at 300 K. Gas chromatography (GC) was carried out on an Agilent Technologies 6850 Network GC System, and dodecane was used as the internal standard. IR spectra were recorded on Perkin Elmer Spectrum One FT-IR Spectrometer. Attenuated total reflection infrared (ATR-IR) was used for analysis with selected absorption maxima reported in wavenumbers (cm⁻¹). Mass spectrometric data was collected on a HP 5989A GC/MS quadrupole instrument. Exact masses were recorded on a Waters GCT Premier TOF instrument using direct injection of samples in acetonitrile into the electrospray source.

General procedure

An oven-dried test tube equipped with a magnetic stir bar was charged with 10 mol% Cu(OTf)₂ and 10 mol % sodium ascorbate, capped with a septum, and vacuum purged with nitrogen. Isopropanol was added followed by the silyl-protected propargylamine (1.0 equiv), azide (1.2 equiv), TBAF (1.5 equiv, tetrabutylammonium fluoride, 1 M in THF), and the internal standard dodecane (20 μ L). The septum was then replaced under nitrogen pressure with a Teflon-seal screw cap. The reaction was stirred at 65 $^{\circ}$ C for the indicated time. Upon reaction completion as confirmed by GC analysis, the mixture was cooled to room temperature and the reaction was quenched with ~5 mL H₂O. The reaction was then extracted into diethyl ether, dried over sodium sulfate and concentrated. The resulting oil was placed under high vacuum to remove trace solvent and the resulting product was a brown crude solid. The crude solid was then recrystallized in hexanes to obtain pure triazole product as an off-white solid.

6a: 1-(1-(1-benzyl-1*H*-1,2,3-triazol-4-yl)cyclohexyl)-4-methylpiperidine

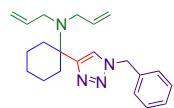


Prepared according to the general procedure: The corresponding silyl-protected propargylamine (360 mg, 1.0 mmol), benzyl azide (158 μ L, 1.2 mmol), TBAF in THF (1.5 mL, 1.5 mmol), Cu(OTf)₂ (35 mg, 0.1 mmol), and sodium ascorbate (21 mg, 0.1 mmol) afford the title compound as an off white solid in 66% yield (0.224 g, 0.66 mmol) after two recrystallizations

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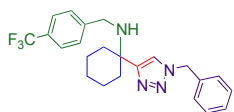
IR (film) 3122, 2913, 1455 cm^{-1} . ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, 25 $^{\circ}$ C) δ 7.34 (m, 3H), 7.18 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.15 (s, 1H), 5.51 (s, 2H), 2.99 (d, *J* = 10.8 Hz, 2H), 2.11 (m, 2H), 1.88 (t, *J* = 10 Hz, 2H), 1.67 (t, *J* = 4 Hz, 2H) 1.53 (m, 4H), 1.37 (p, *J* = 5.2 Hz, 2H) 1.15 (m, 5H), 0.81 (d, *J* = 4.8 Hz, 3H) ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃, 25 $^{\circ}$ C) δ 149.0, 135.4, 129.2, 128.7, 127.8, 121.3, 57.7, 54.0, 45.9, 35.3, 34.5, 31.3, 26.2, 22.4, 22.0. HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd for [M+H]⁺ requires 339.2548, found 339.2571.

6b: *N,N*-diallyl-1-(1-benzyl-1*H*-1,2,3-triazol-4-yl)cyclohexanamine



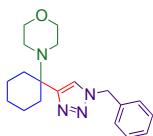
Prepared according to the general procedure: The corresponding silyl-protected propargylamine (360 mg, 1.0 mmol), benzyl azide (158 μ L, 1.2 mmol), TBAF in THF (1.5 mL, 1.5 mmol), Cu(OTf)₂ (35 mg, 0.1 mmol), and sodium ascorbate (21 mg, 0.1 mmol) afford the title compound as a yellow waxy solid in 67% yield (0.225 g, 0.67 mmol) after chromatography on silica gel (Solvent gradient: 100% hexanes, 10%, 20%, 50% EtOAc in hexanes). IR (film) 3149, 2938, 1456 cm^{-1} . IR (film) 3132, 2932, 1453 cm^{-1} . ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, 25 $^{\circ}$ C) δ 7.29 (m, 3H), 7.14 (m, 3H), 5.66 (m, 2H), 5.46 (s, 2H), 4.93 (d, *J* = 17.2 Hz, 2H), 4.82 (d, *J* = 10.4 Hz, 2H), 3.06 (d, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 4H), 2.06 (m, 2H) 1.83 (t, *J* = 10Hz, 2H), 1.62 (m, 2H), 1.32 (m, 2H), 1.17 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃, 25 $^{\circ}$ C) δ 151.4, 139.1, 135.3, 129.2, 128.7, 127.9, 121.4, 114.9, 58.7, 54.1, 51.9, 45.4, 26.1, 22.6. HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd for [M+H]⁺ requires 337.2387, found 337.2370.

6c: 1-(1-benzyl-1*H*-1,2,3-triazol-4-yl)-*N*-(4-(trifluoromethyl)benzyl)cyclohexanamine



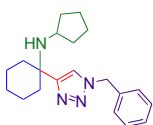
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6d: 4-(1-(1-benzyl-1*H*-1,2,3-triazol-4-yl)cyclohexyl)morpholine



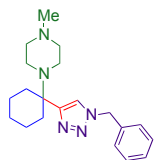
Prepared according to the general procedure: The corresponding silyl-protected propargylamine (349 mg, 1.0 mmol), benzyl azide (158 μ L, 1.2 mmol), TBAF in THF (1.5 mL, 1.5 mmol), Cu(OTf)₂ (35 mg, 0.1 mmol), and sodium ascorbate (21 mg, 0.1 mmol) afford the title compound as a white solid in 72% yield (0.234 g, 0.72 mmol) after two recrystallizations from hexanes. IR (film) 3125, 2928, 1449 cm^{-1} . ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, 25 °C) δ 7.34 (m, 3H), 7.20 (dd, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2 Hz, 2H), 7.16 (s, 1H), 5.51 (s, 2H), 3.62 (t, *J* = 4.4 Hz, 4H), 2.34 (m, 4H), 2.04 (m, 2H), 1.90 (t, *J* = 10 Hz, 2H) 1.68 (m, 2H), 1.40 (t, *J* = 5.6 Hz, 2H) 1.23 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃, 25 °C) δ 148.5, 135.1, 129.3, 128.8, 127.9, 121.3, 67.8, 57.4, 54.1, 46.1, 33.7, 26.1, 22.1. HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd for [M+H]⁺ requires 327.2179, found 327.2187.

6e: 1-(1-benzyl-1*H*-1,2,3-triazol-4-yl)-*N*-cyclopentylcyclohexanamine



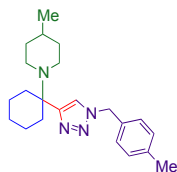
Prepared according to the general procedure: The corresponding silyl-protected propargylamine (348 mg, 1.0 mmol), benzyl azide (158 μ L, 1.2 mmol), TBAF in THF (1.5 mL, 1.5 mmol), Cu(OTf)₂ (35 mg, 0.1 mmol), and sodium ascorbate (21 mg, 0.1 mmol) afford the title compound as an off white solid in 65% yield (0.316 g, 0.76 mmol) after chromatography on silica gel (Solvent gradient: 100% hexanes, 10%, 20%, 50% EtOAc in hexanes) and finally recrystallized out of hexanes. IR (film) 3149, 2938, 1456 cm^{-1} . IR (film) 3124, 2940, 1445 cm^{-1} . ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, 25 °C) δ 7.34 (m, 3H), 7.25 (s, 1H), 7.20 (dd, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2 Hz, 2H), 5.51 (s, 2H), 2.72 (p, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 2.07 (m, 2H), 1.67 (m, 4H), 1.51 (m, 4H) 1.38 (m, 2H), 1.30 (m, 4H) 1.05 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃, 25 °C) δ 154.8, 135.3, 129.2, 128.7, 127.9, 121.2, 54.9, 54.5, 54.1, 37.1, 35.4, 26.1, 23.9, 22.6. HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd for [M+H]⁺ requires 325.2387, found 325.2400.

6f: 1-(1-(1-benzyl-1*H*-1,2,3-triazol-4-yl)cyclohexyl)-4-methylpiperazine



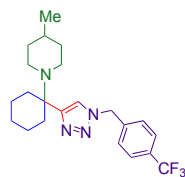
Prepared according to the general procedure: The corresponding silyl-protected propargylamine (362 mg, 1.0 mmol), benzyl azide (158 μ L, 1.2 mmol), TBAF in THF (1.5 mL, 1.5 mmol), Cu(OTf)₂ (35 mg, 0.1 mmol), and sodium ascorbate (21 mg, 0.1 mmol) afford the title compound as an off white solid in 73% yield (0.250 g, 0.73 mmol) after two recrystallizations from hexanes. IR (film) 3124, 2929, 1452 cm^{-1} . ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃, 25 °C) δ 7.37 (m, 3H), 7.24 (d, J = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 7.18 (s, 1H), 5.50 (s, 2H), 2.4 (m, 4H), 2.21 (s, 3H), 2.11 (m, 2H), 1.93 (t, J = 10 Hz, 2H) 1.70 (m, 2H), 1.42 (p, J = 5.5 Hz, 2H) 1.25 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃, 25 °C) δ 148.1, 134.8, 129.0, 128.5, 127.9, 121.0, 57.1, 55.8, 53.9, 45.9, 45.1, 33.9, 26.0, 22.0. HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for [M+H]⁺ requires 340.2496, found 340.2493.

6g: 4-methyl-1-(1-(1-(4-methylbenzyl)-1*H*-1,2,3-triazol-4-yl)cyclohexyl)piperidine



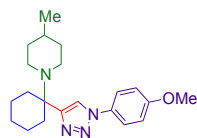
Prepared according to the general procedure: The corresponding silyl-protected propargylamine (360 mg, 1.0 mmol), 4-methyl benzyl azide (176 mg, 1.2 mmol), TBAF in THF (1.5 mL, 1.5 mmol), Cu(OTf)₂ (35 mg, 0.1 mmol), and sodium ascorbate (21 mg, 0.1 mmol) afford the title compound as an off white solid in 57% yield (0.201 g, 0.57 mmol) after two recrystallizations from hexanes. IR (film) 3119, 2915, 1458 cm^{-1} . ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, 25 °C) δ 7.15 (d, J = 8 Hz, 2H), 7.13 (s, 1H), 7.09 (d, J = 8 Hz, 2H), 5.47 (s, 2H), 2.99 (d, J = 10.8 Hz, 2H), 2.33 (s, 3H), 2.11 (m, 2H), 1.88 (t, J = 12.4 Hz, 2H) 1.69 (m, 2H), 1.54 (m, 2H), 1.37 (p, J = 5.6 Hz, 2H), 1.20 (m, 2H), 1.19 (m, 3H), 0.81 (d, J = 5.2 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃, 25 °C) δ 148.9, 138.5, 132.3, 129.9, 127.9, 121.2, 57.7, 53.9, 46.0, 35.4, 34.5, 31.2, 26.2, 22.4, 22.0, 21.3. HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for [M+H]⁺ requires 353.2700, found 353.2689.

6h: 4-methyl-1-(1-(1-(4-(trifluoromethyl)benzyl)-1*H*-1,2,3-triazol-4-yl)cyclohexyl)piperidine



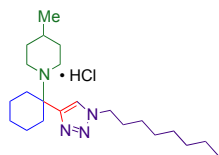
Prepared according to the general procedure: The corresponding silyl-protected propargylamine (360 mg, 1.0 mmol), 4-trifluoromethyl benzyl azide (210 mg, 1.2 mmol), TBAF in THF (1.5 mL, 1.5 mmol), Cu(OTf)₂ (35 mg, 0.1 mmol), and sodium ascorbate (21 mg, 0.1 mmol) afford the title compound as an off white solid in 29% yield (0.117 g, 0.29 mmol) after two recrystallizations from hexanes. IR (film) 3118, 2939, 1456 cm^{-1} . ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃, 25 °C) δ 7.64 (d, J = 8 Hz, 2H), 7.32 (d, J = 8 Hz, 2H), 7.24 (s, 1H), 5.61 (s, 2H), 3.04 (d, J = 10 Hz, 2H), 2.14 (m, 2H), 1.95 (t, J = 11 Hz, 2H), 1.72 (m, 2H) 1.58 (t, J = 9.5 Hz, 4H), 1.42 (t, J = 6 Hz, 2H) 1.24 (m, 2H), 1.15 (m, 2H), 0.85 (d, J = 4.5 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃, 25 °C) δ 149.2, 139.1, 130.6, 127.7, 126.0, 121.2, 57.5, 53.2, 45.8, 35.1, 34.2, 31.1, 26.0, 22.1, 21.8. HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for [M+H]⁺ requires 407.2417, found 407.2391.

6i: 1-(1-(1-(4-methoxyphenyl)-1*H*-1,2,3-triazol-4-yl)cyclohexyl)-4-methylpiperidine

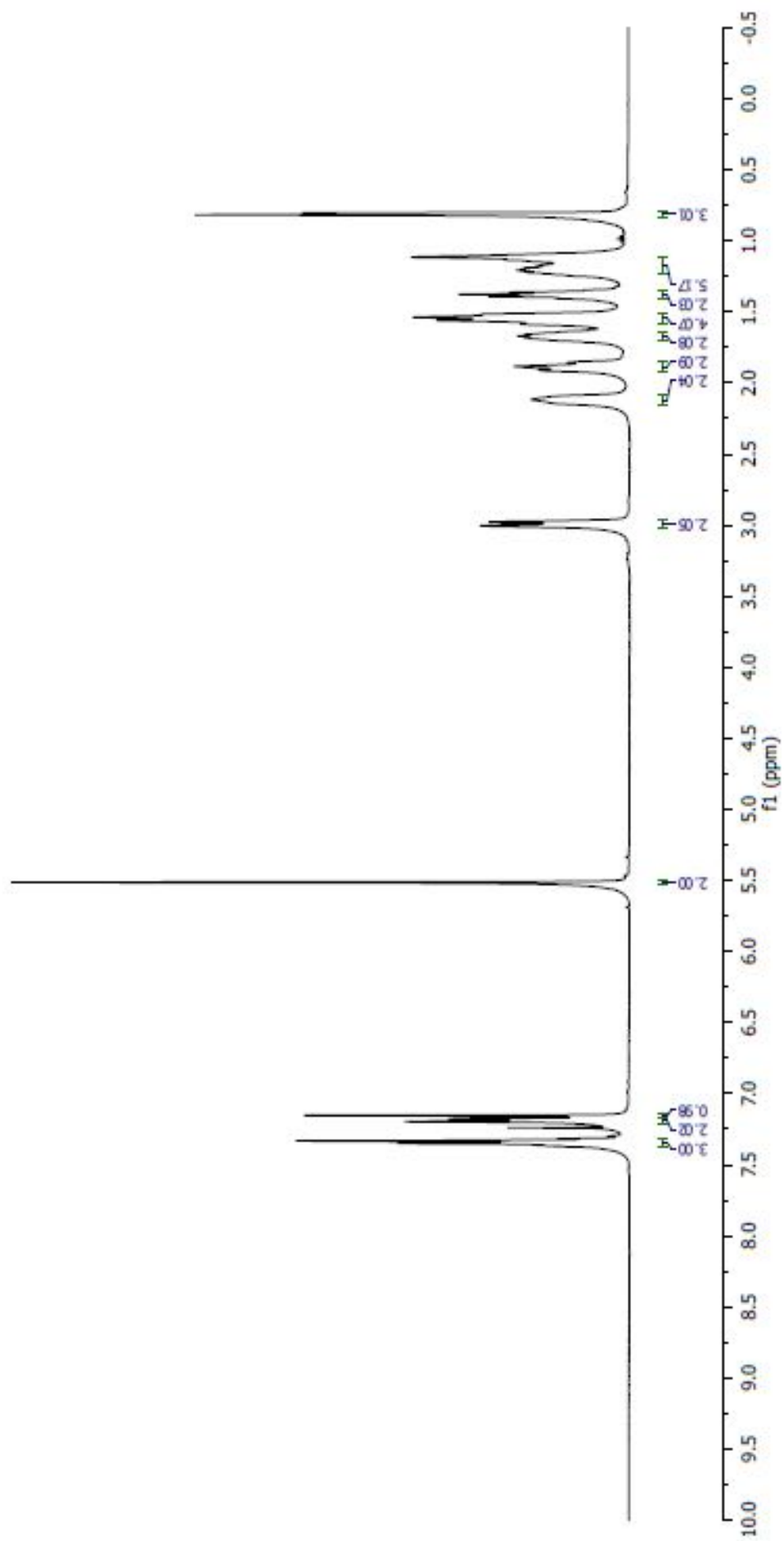
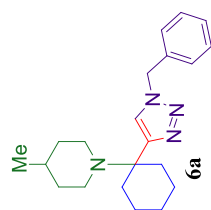


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6j: 4-methyl-1-(1-(1-(1-octyl-1*H*-1,2,3-triazol-4-yl)cyclohexyl)piperidin-1-ium chloride

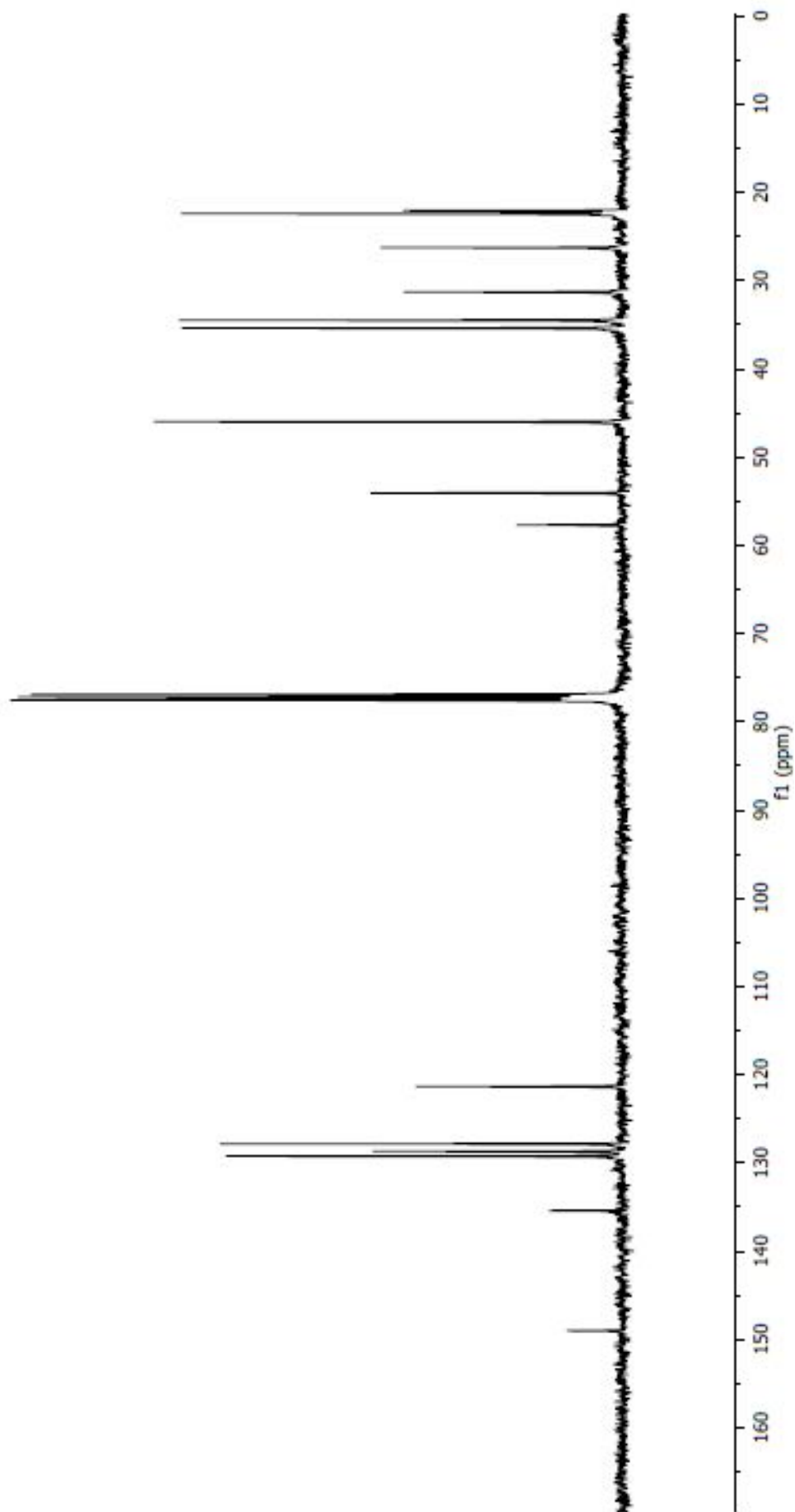
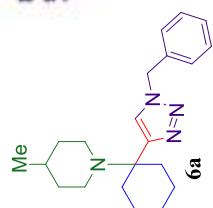


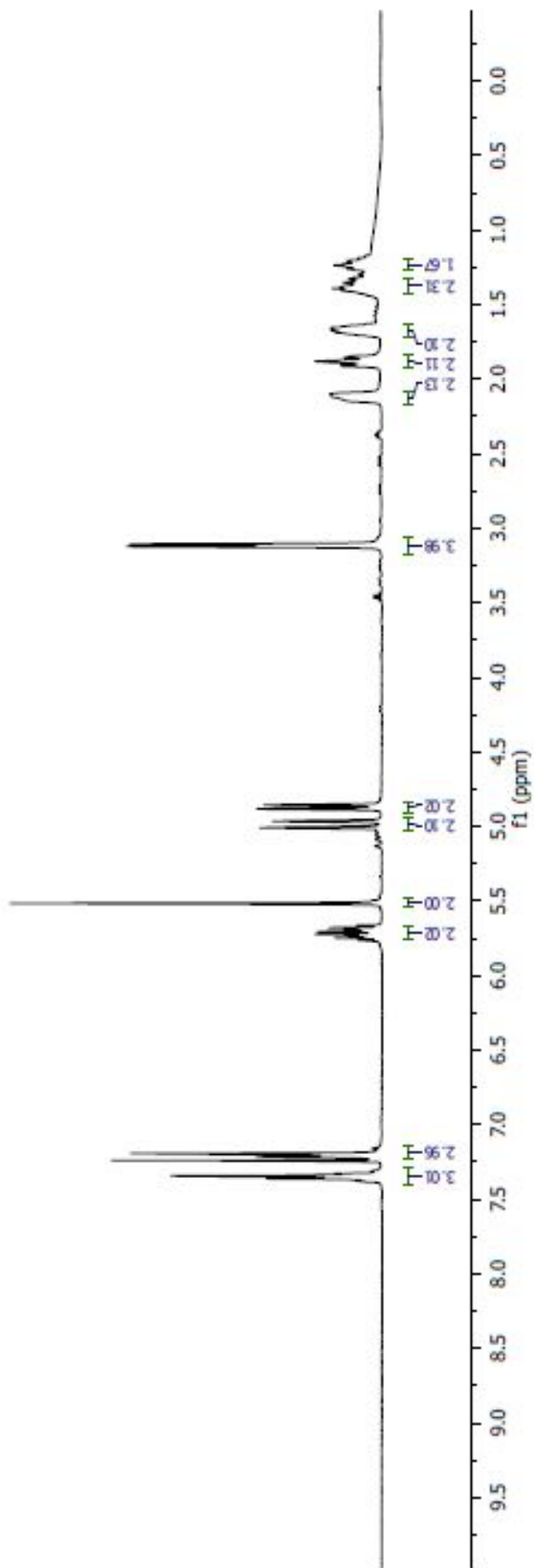
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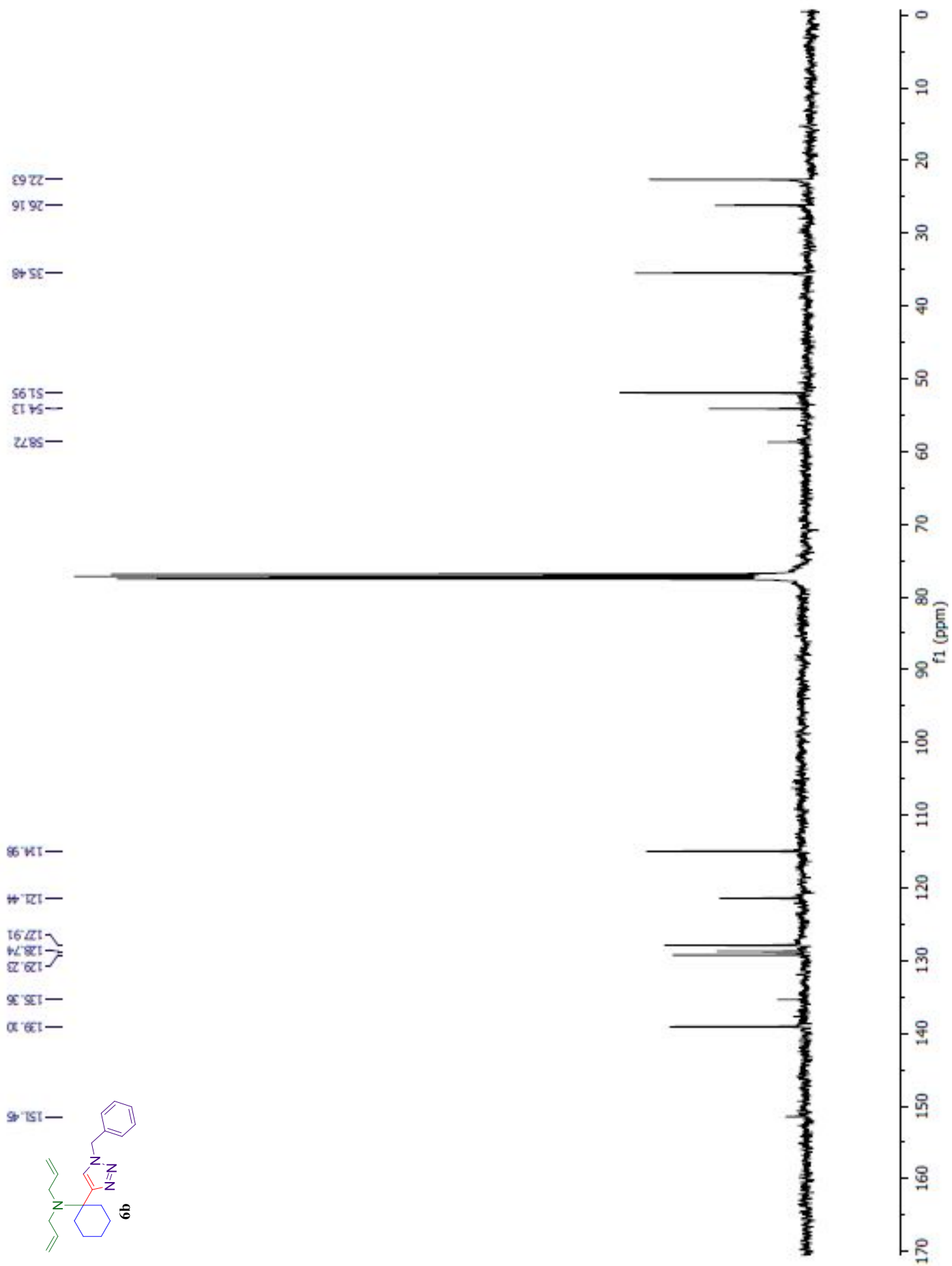


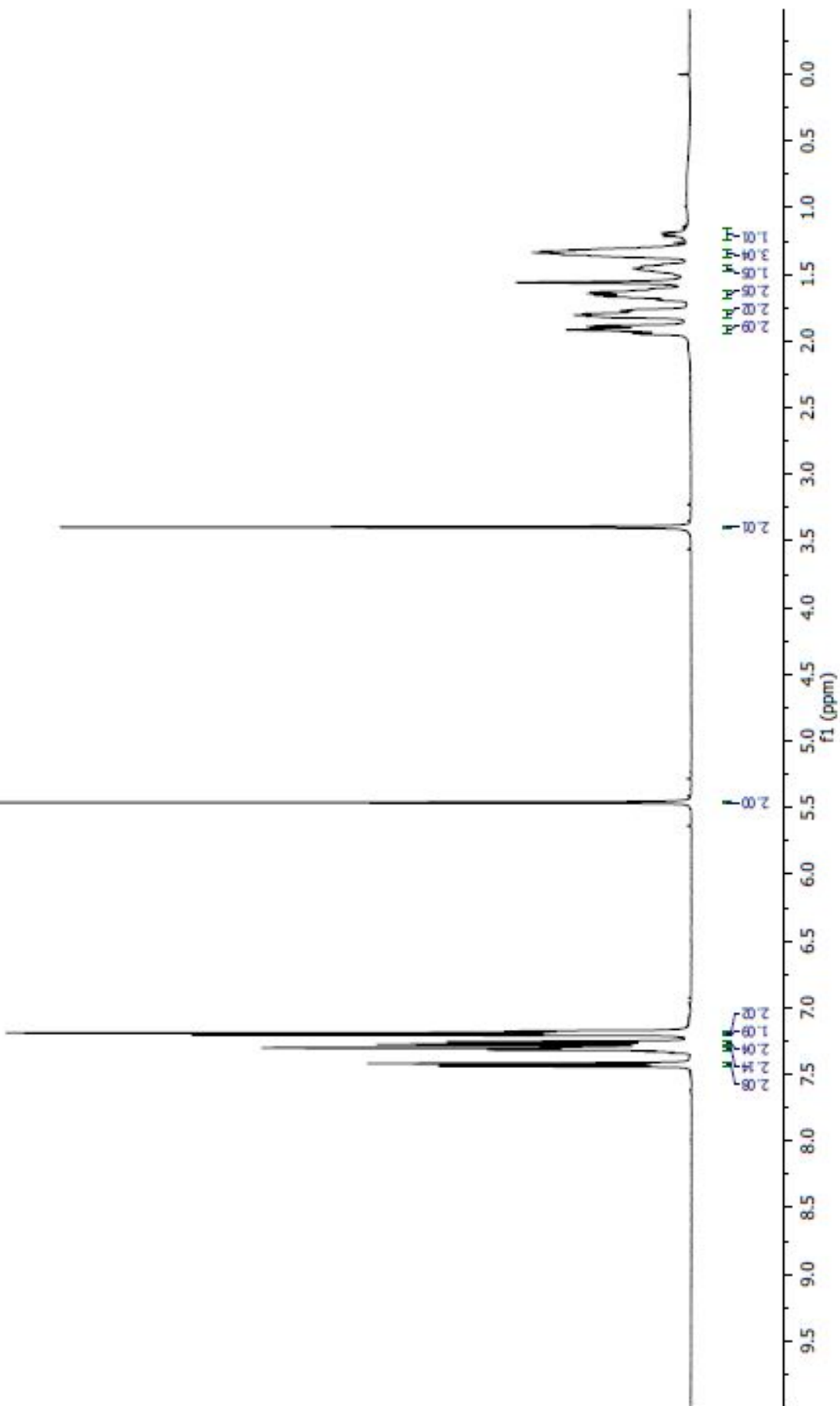
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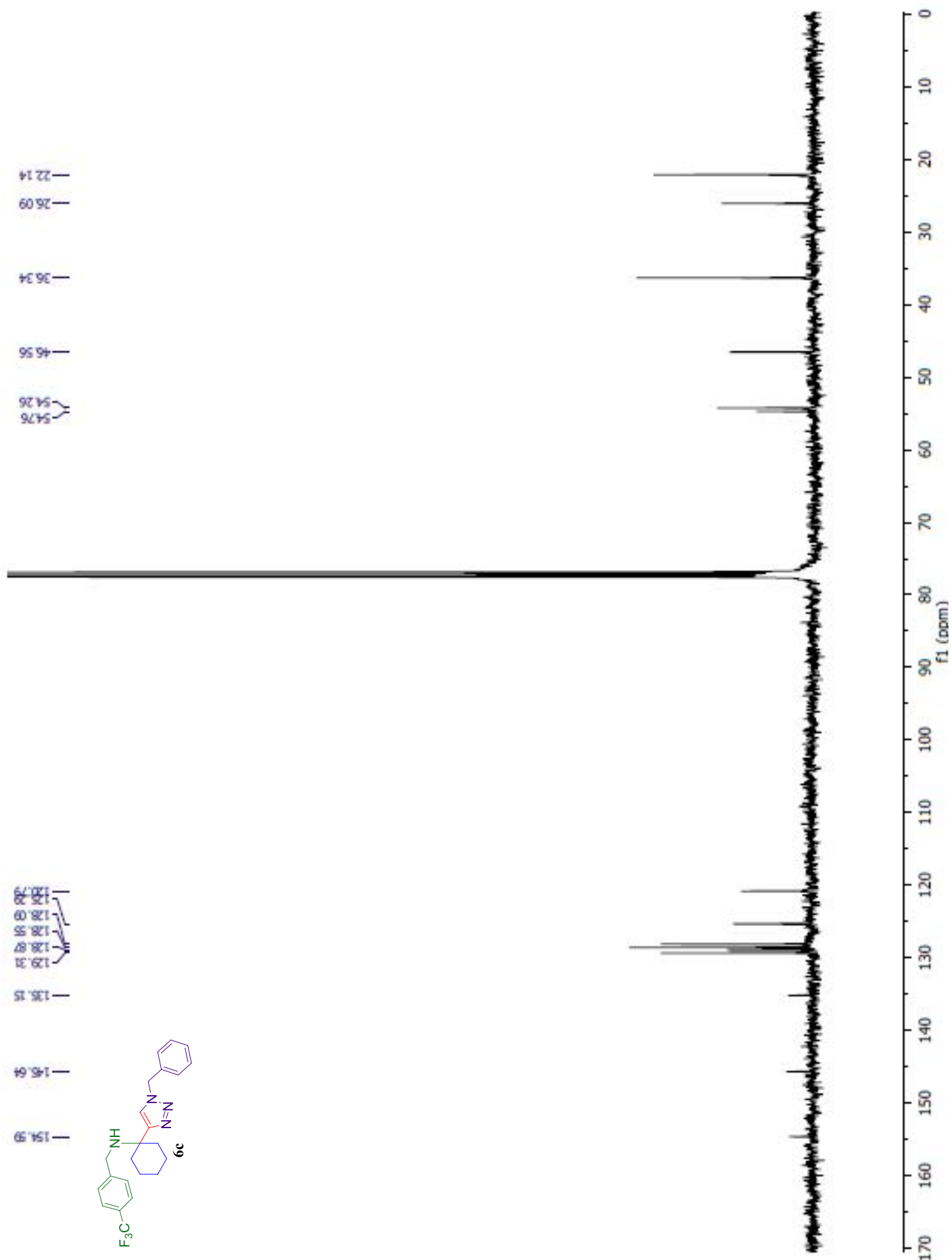
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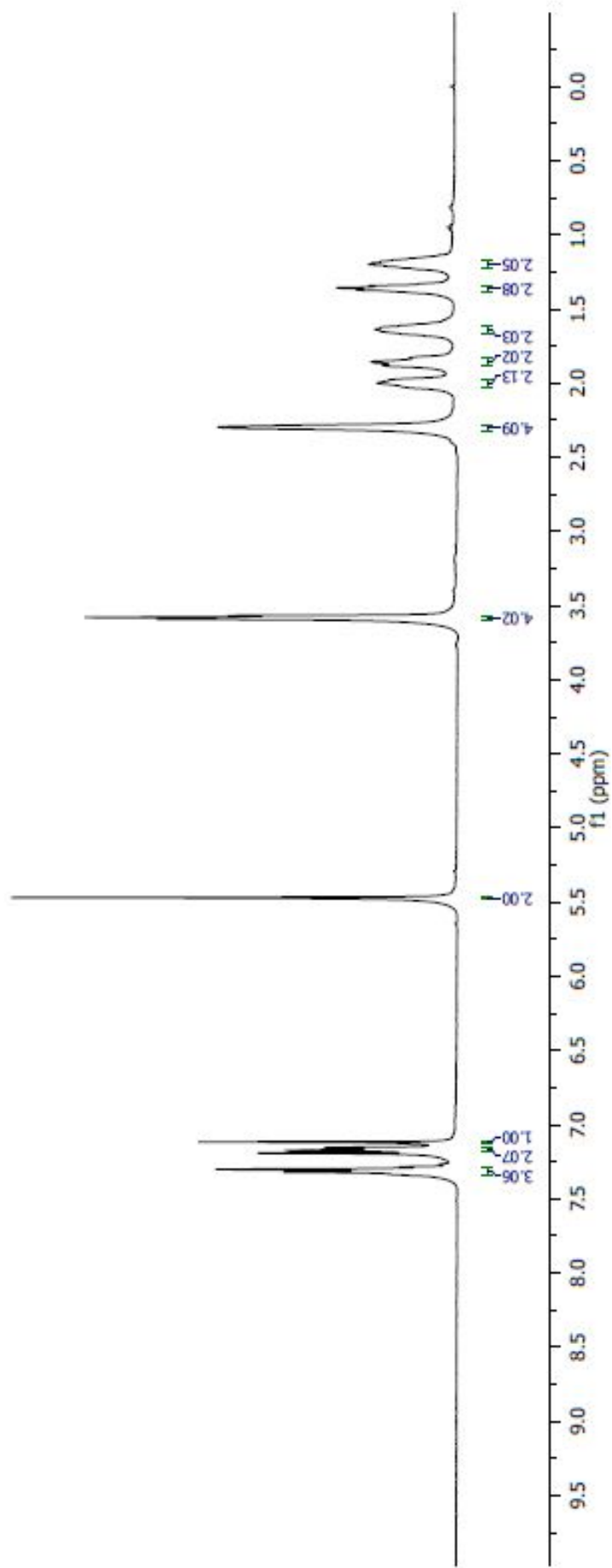
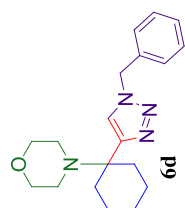


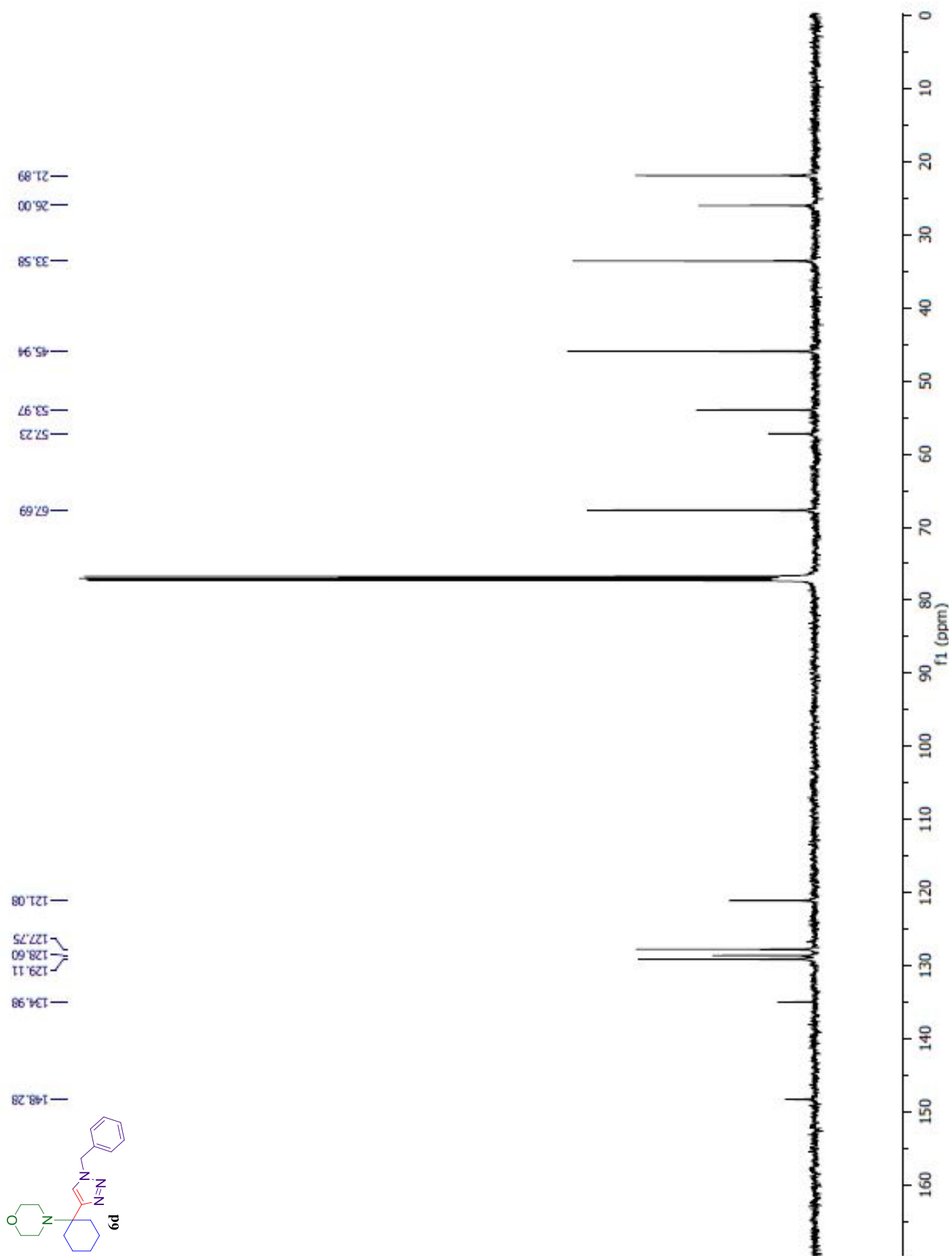


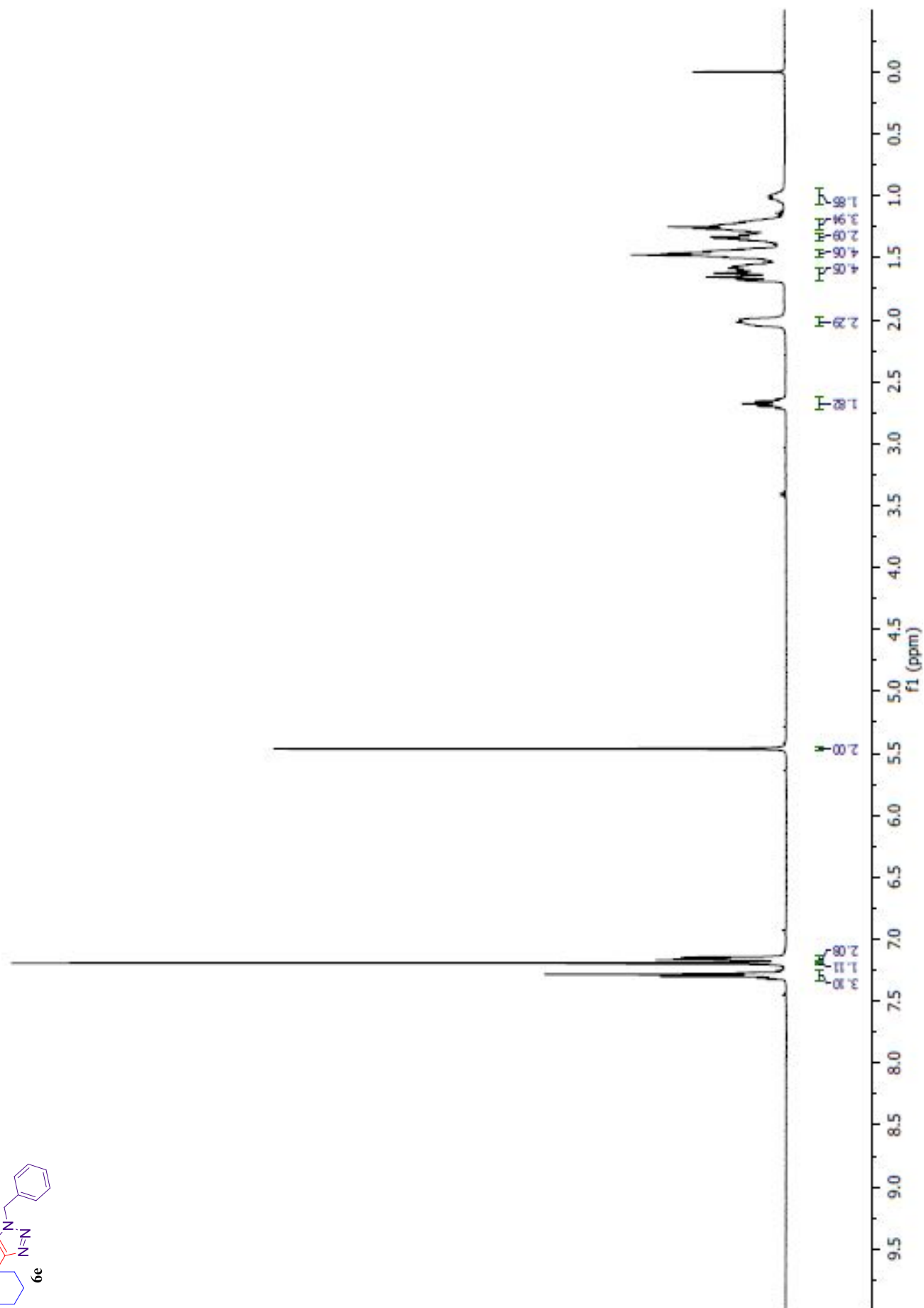
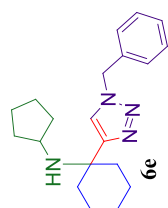






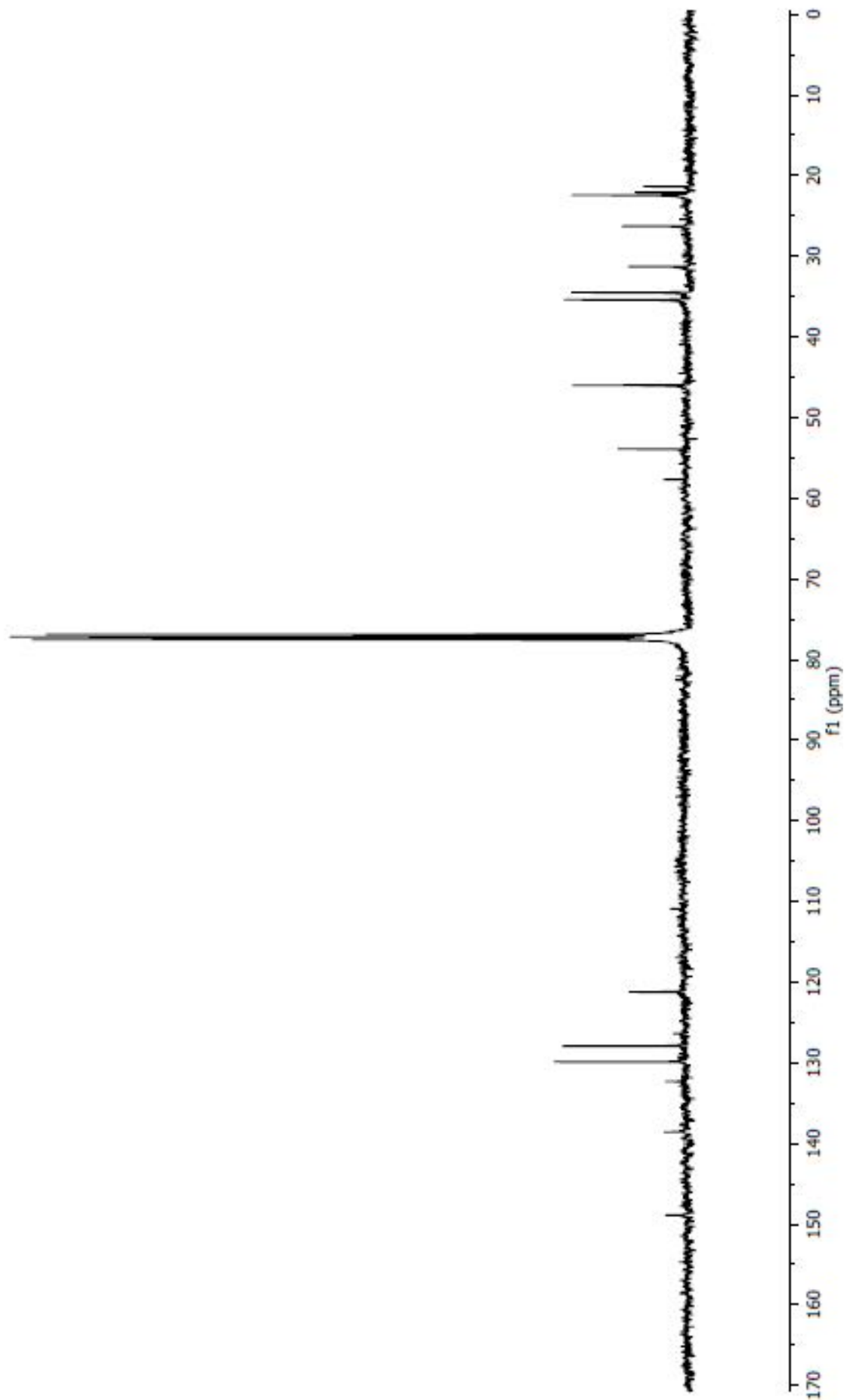
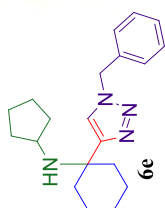


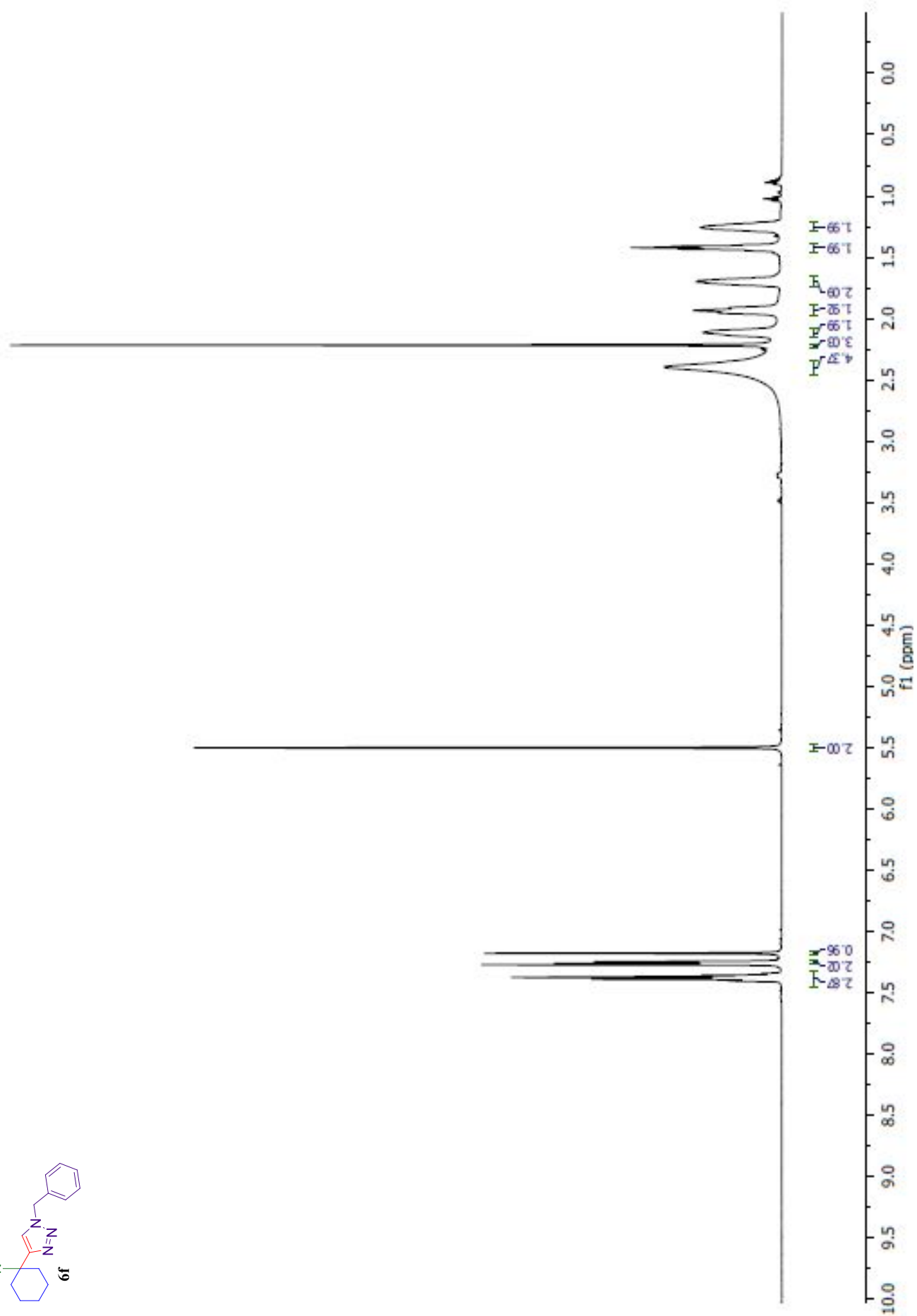
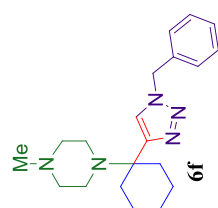


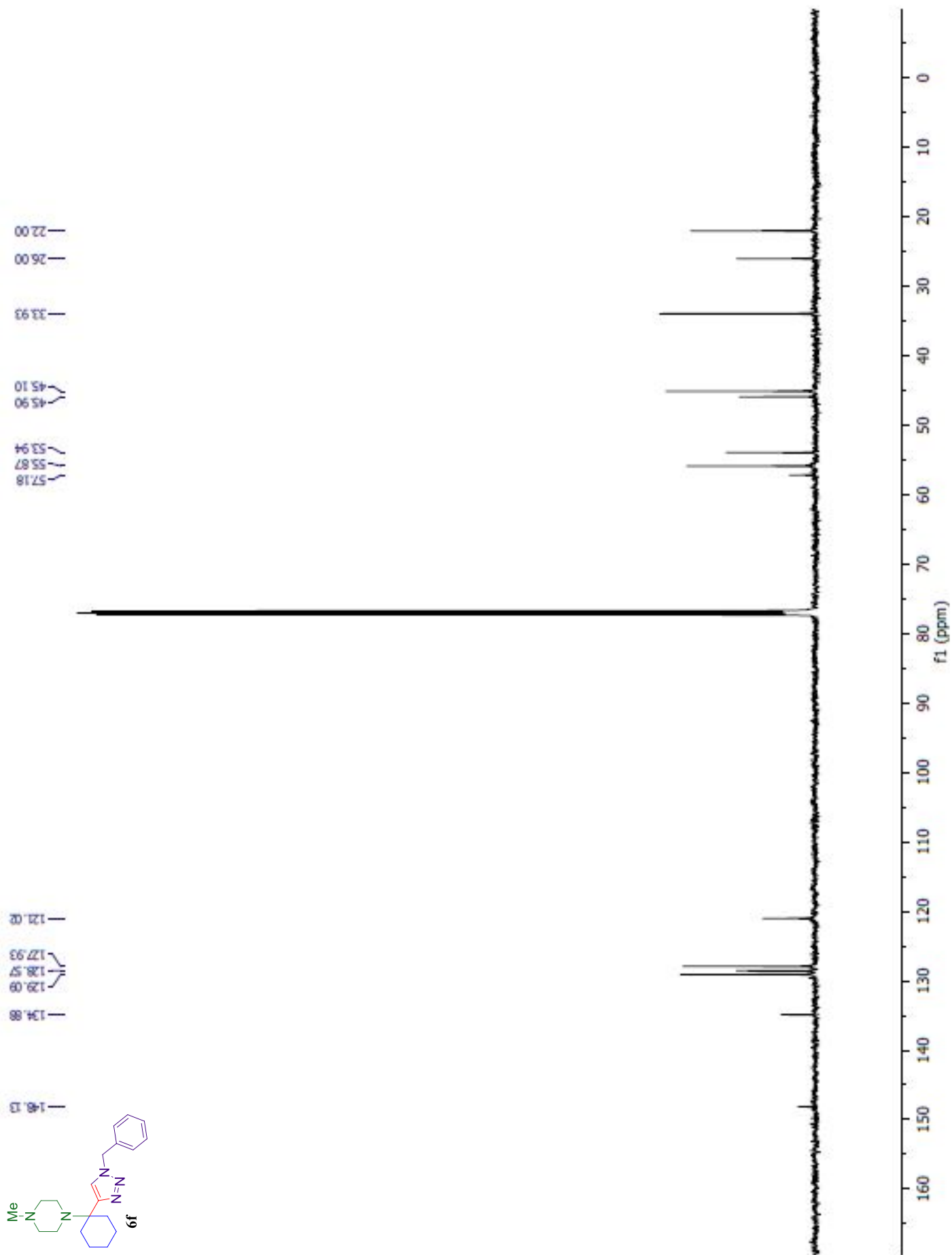


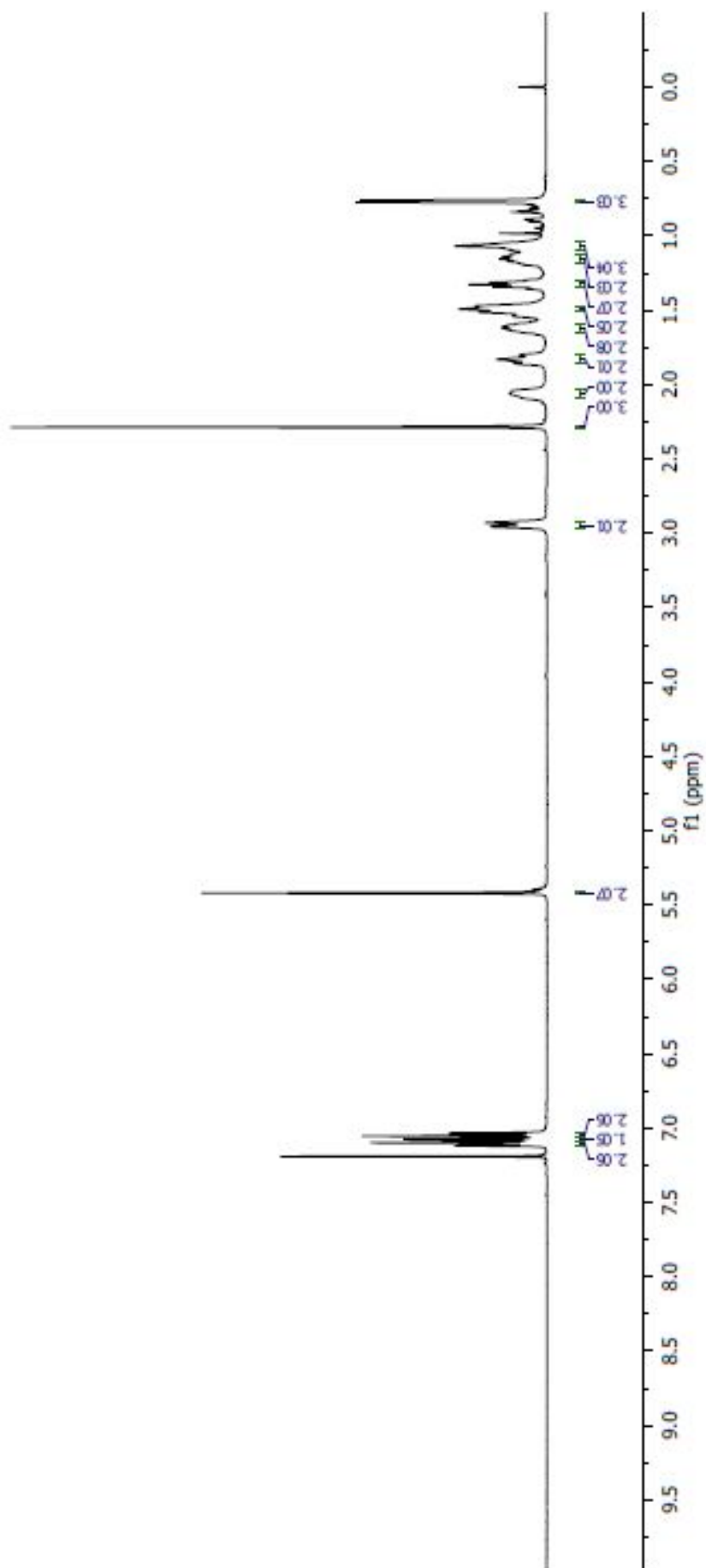
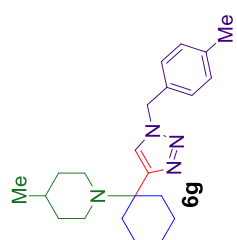
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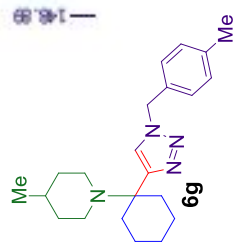
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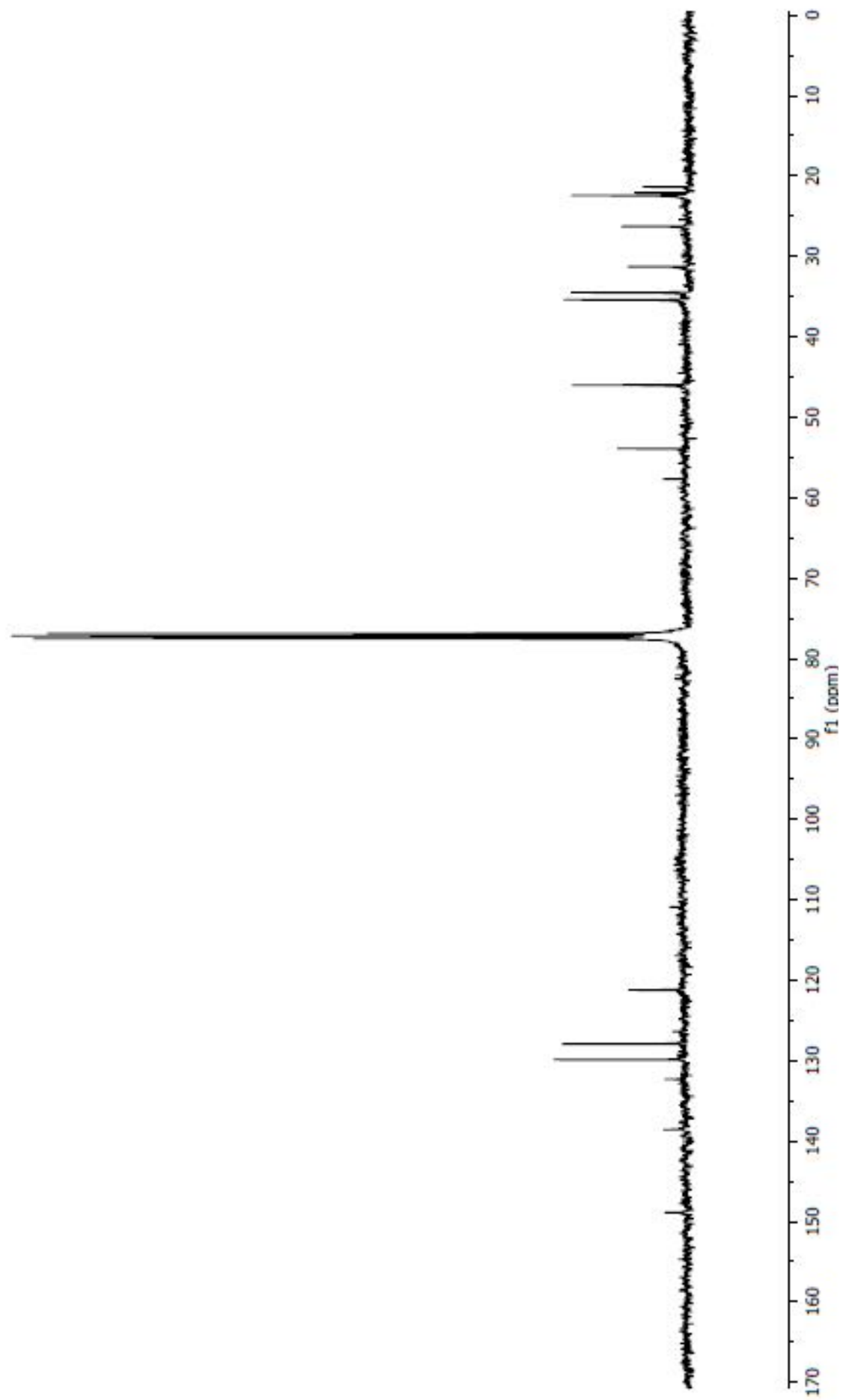


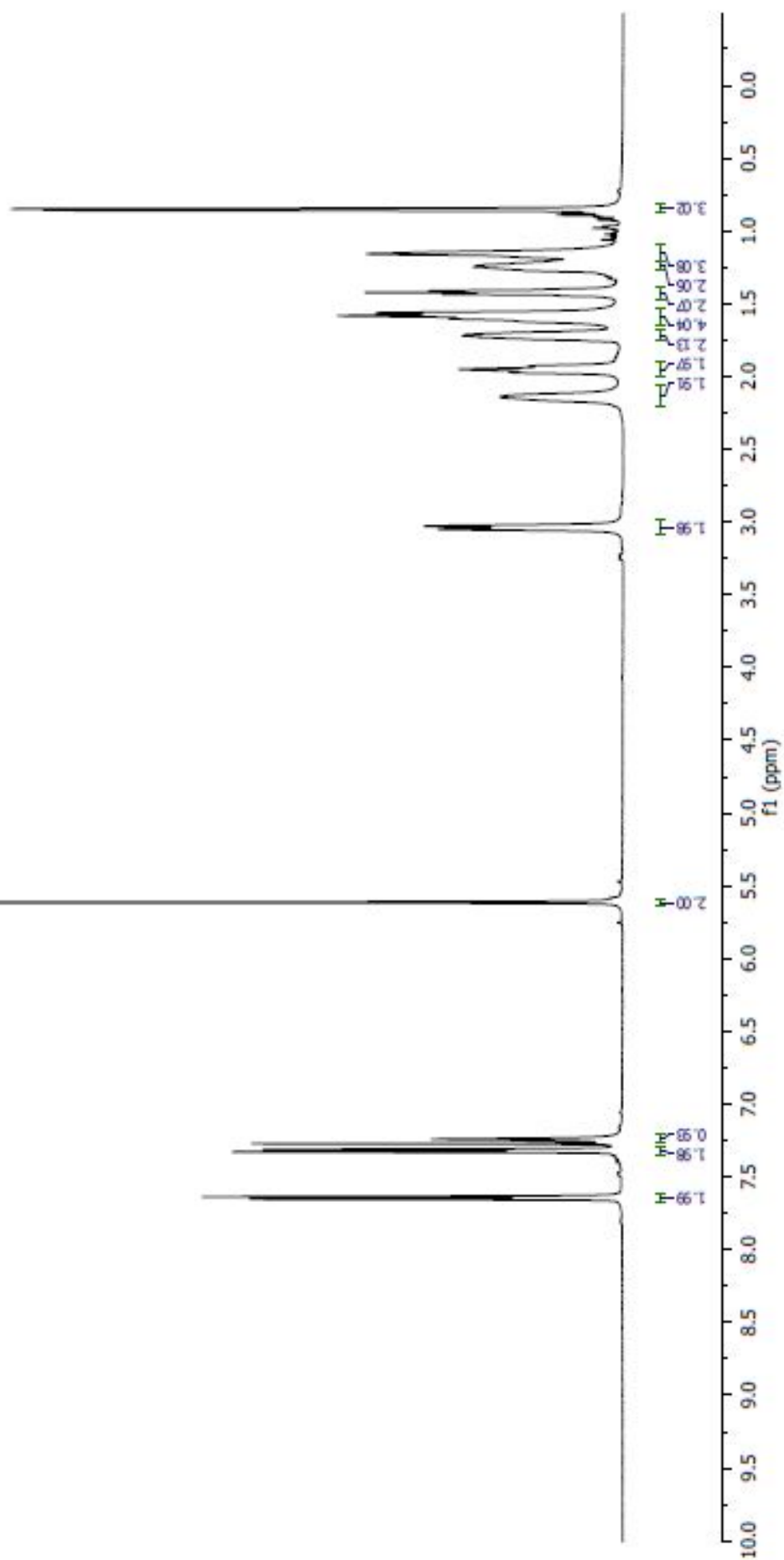
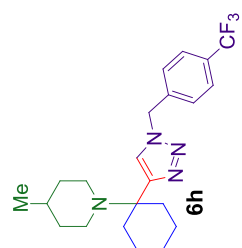




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