

## **Supplementary information**

# **Acid catalyzed formation of C-C and C-S bonds via Excited State Proton Transfer**

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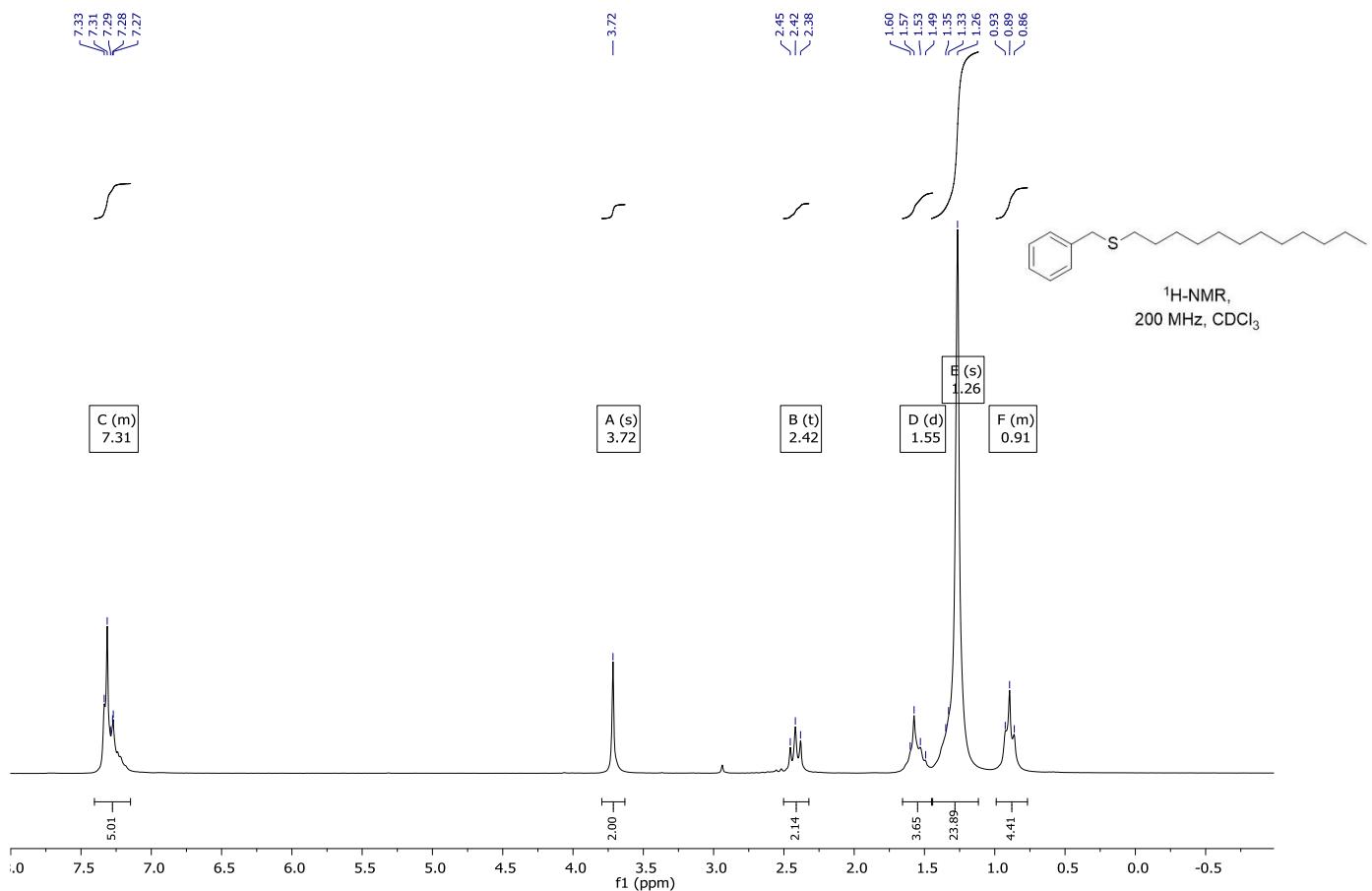
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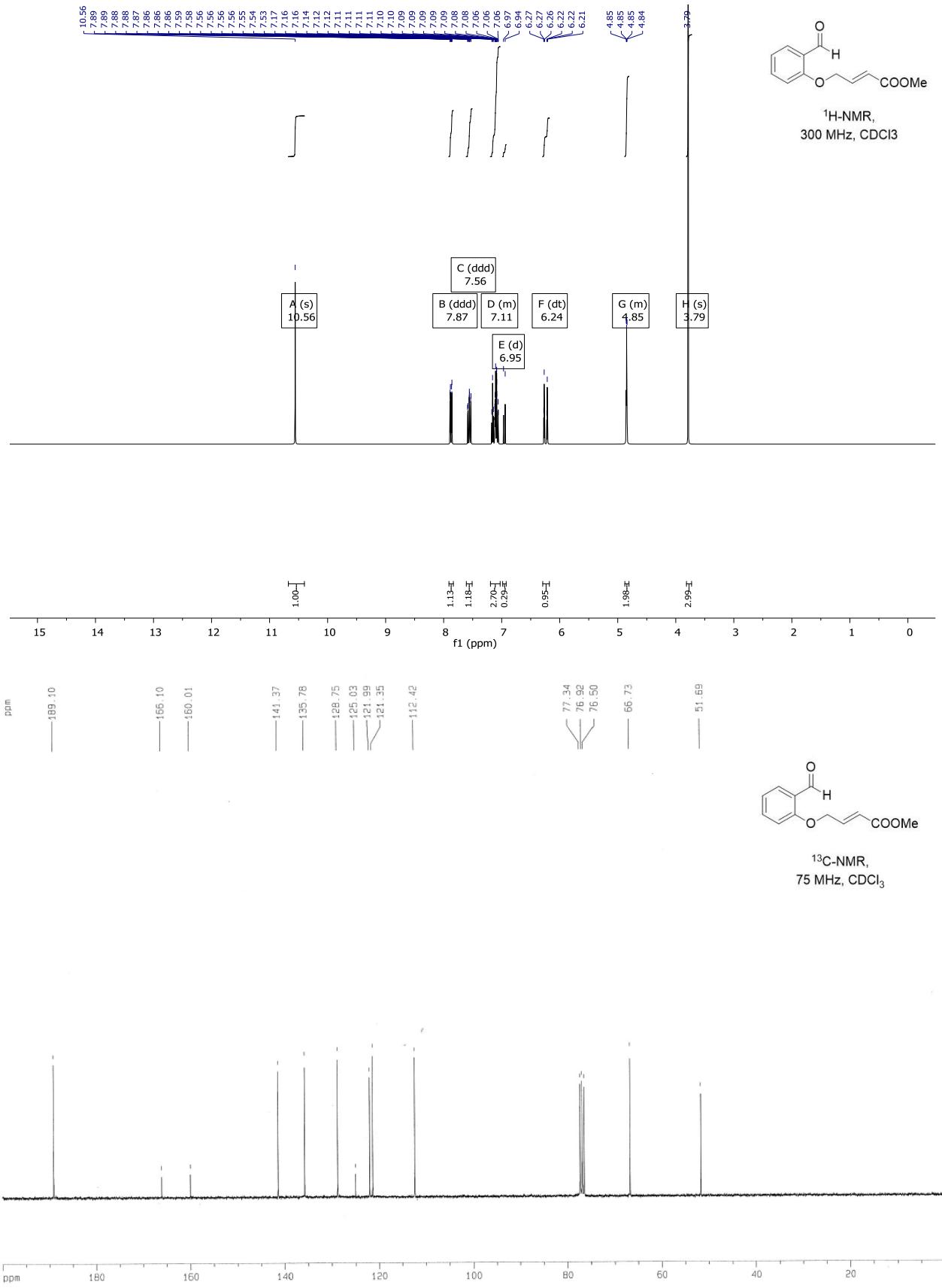
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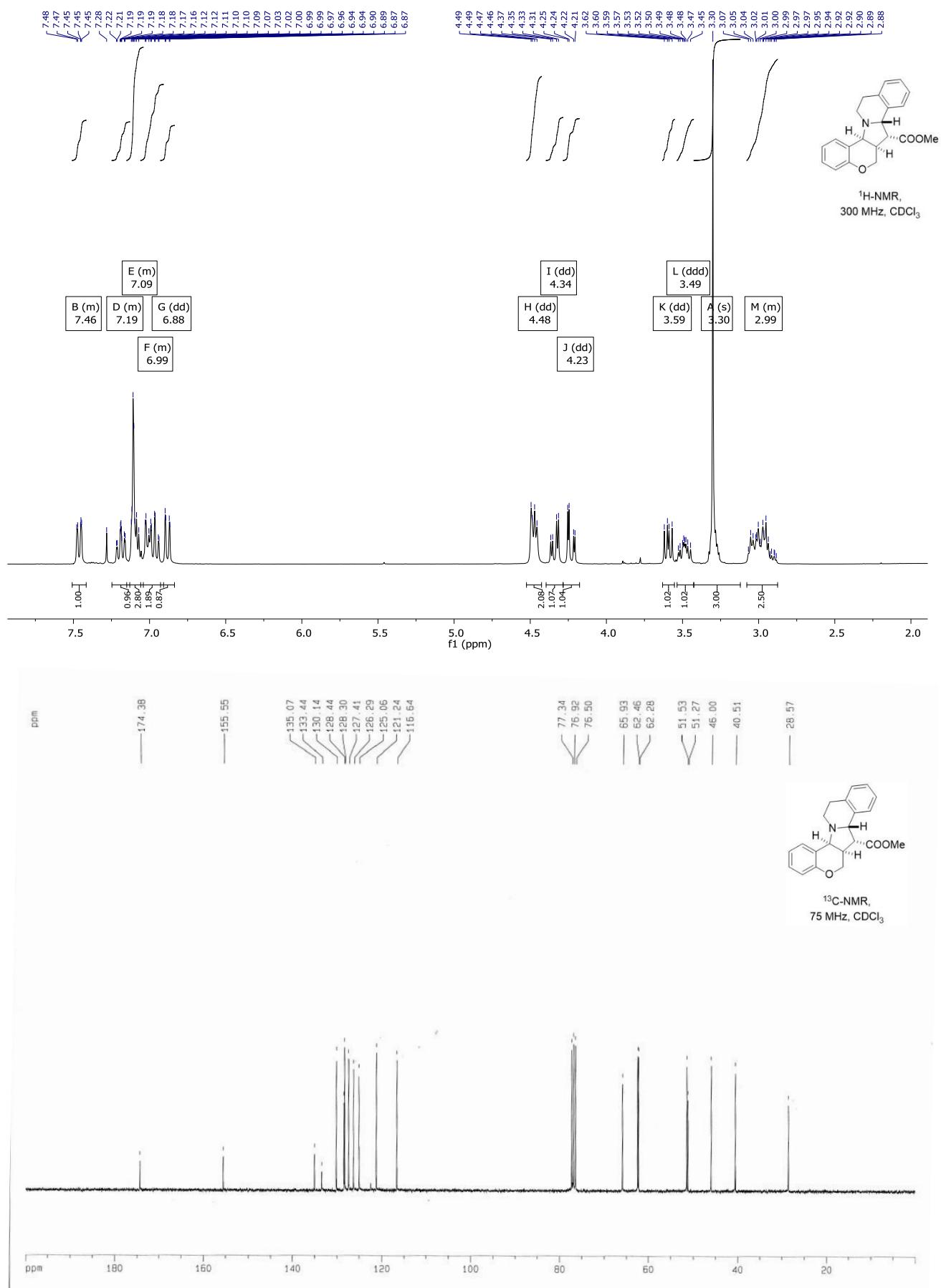
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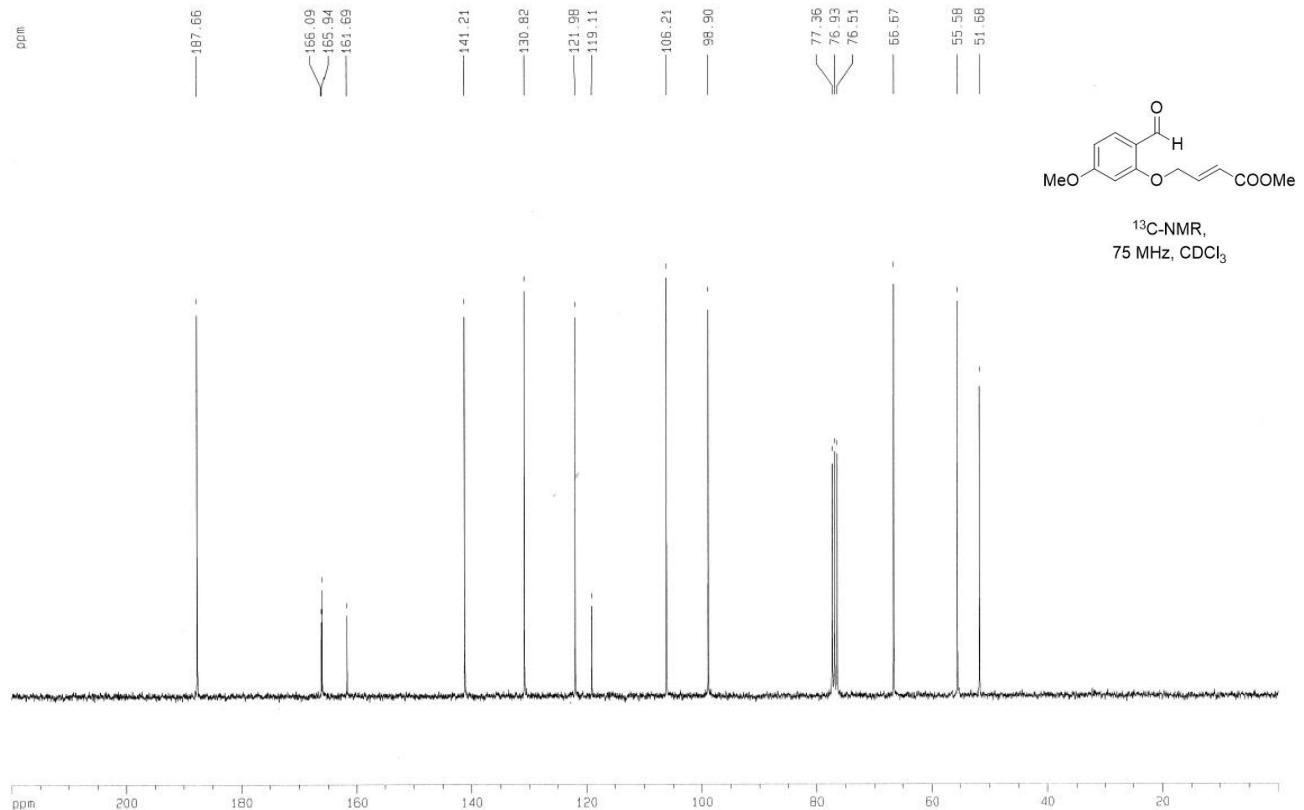
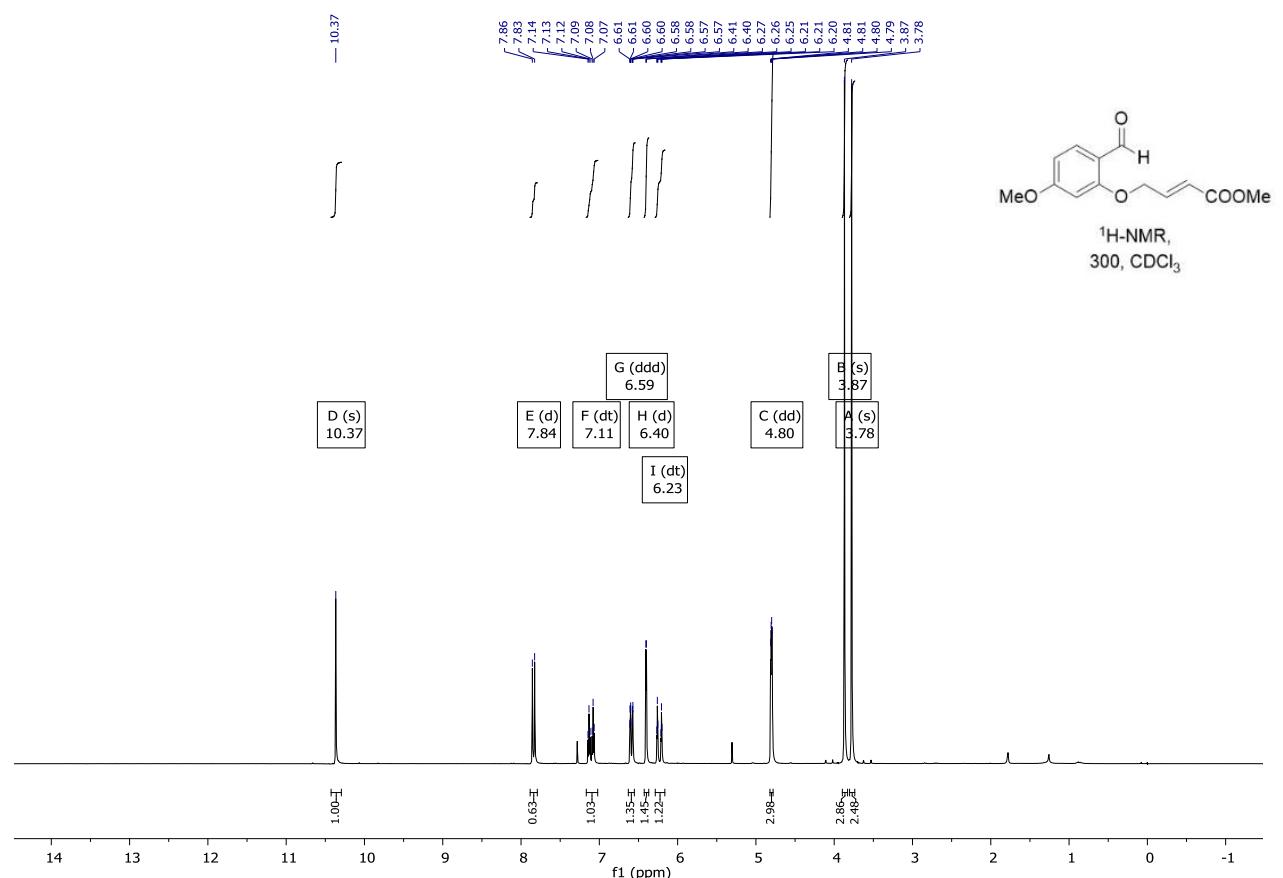
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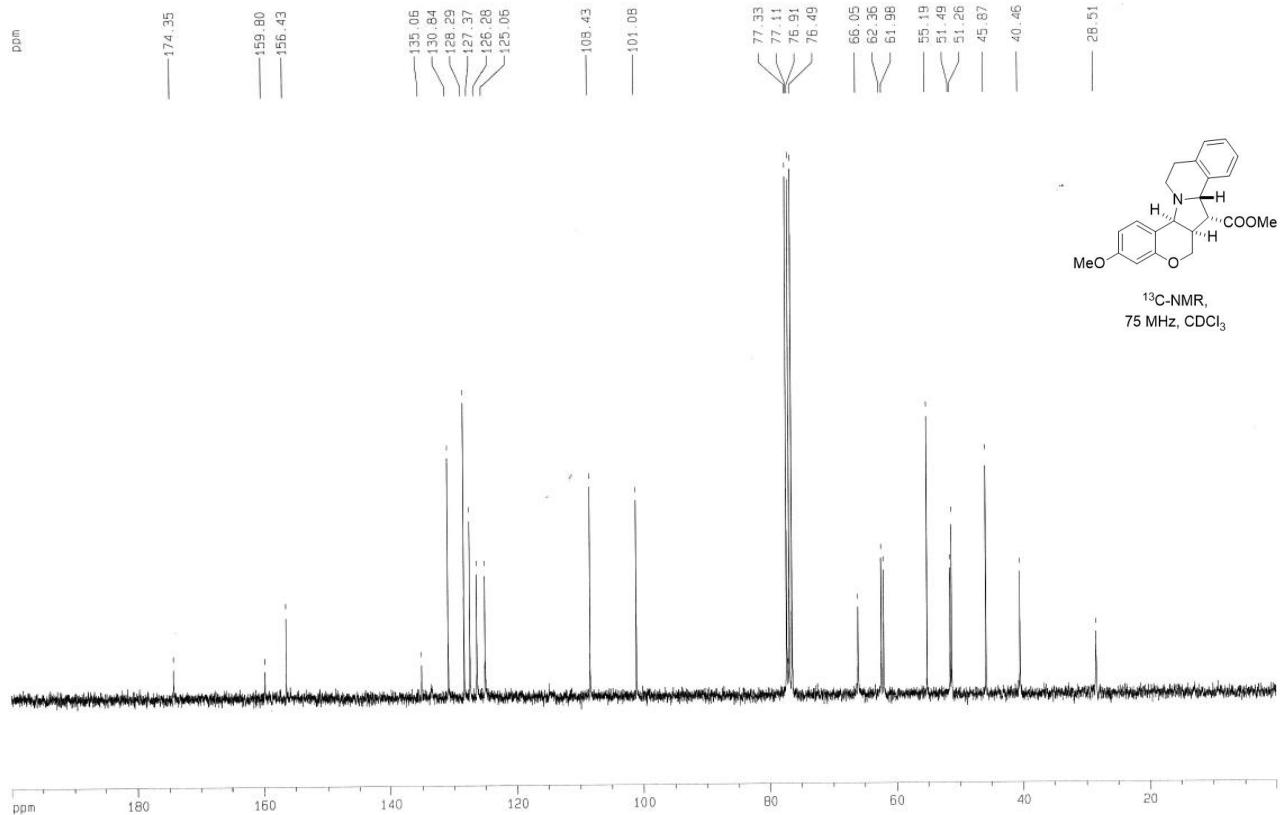
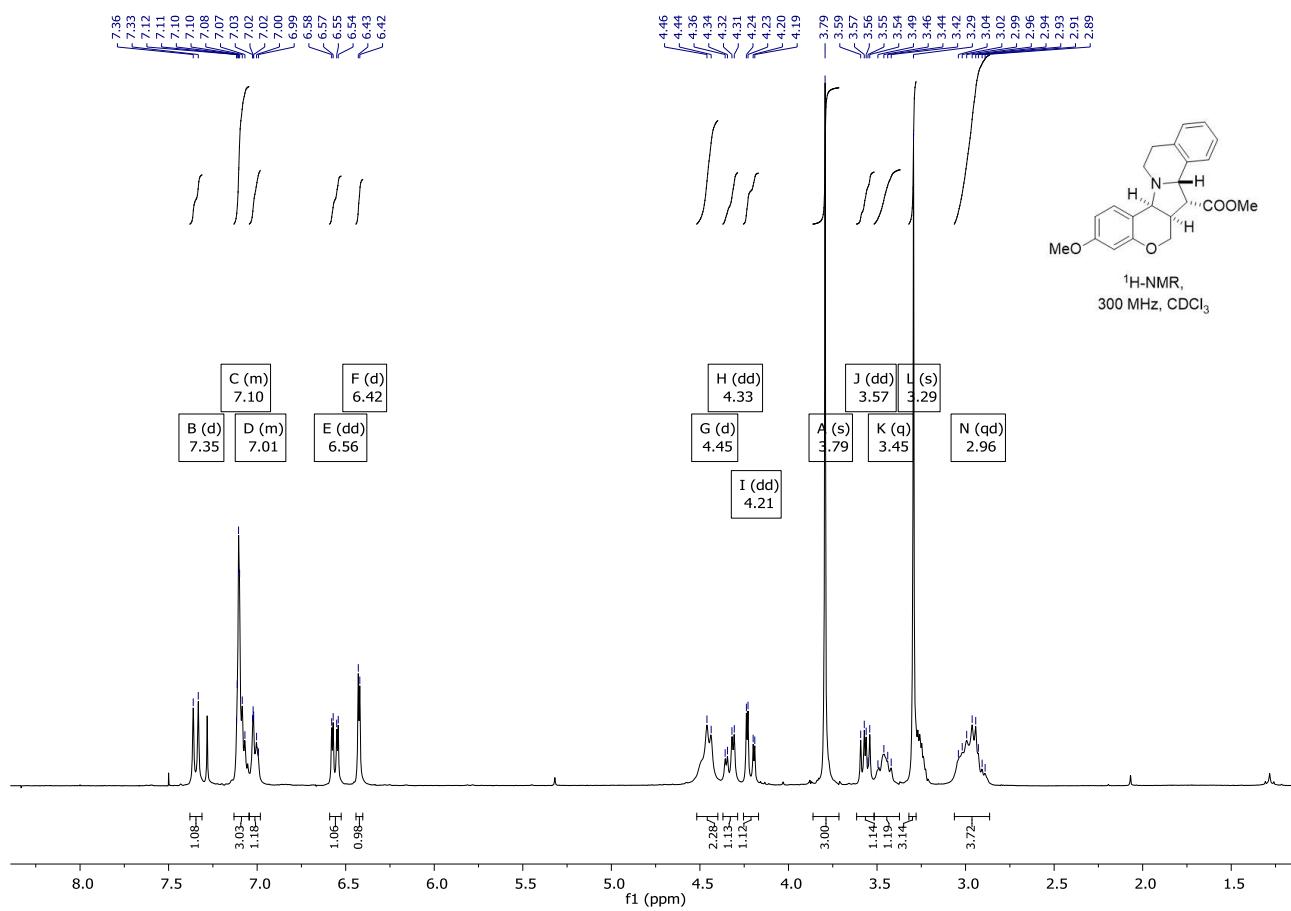
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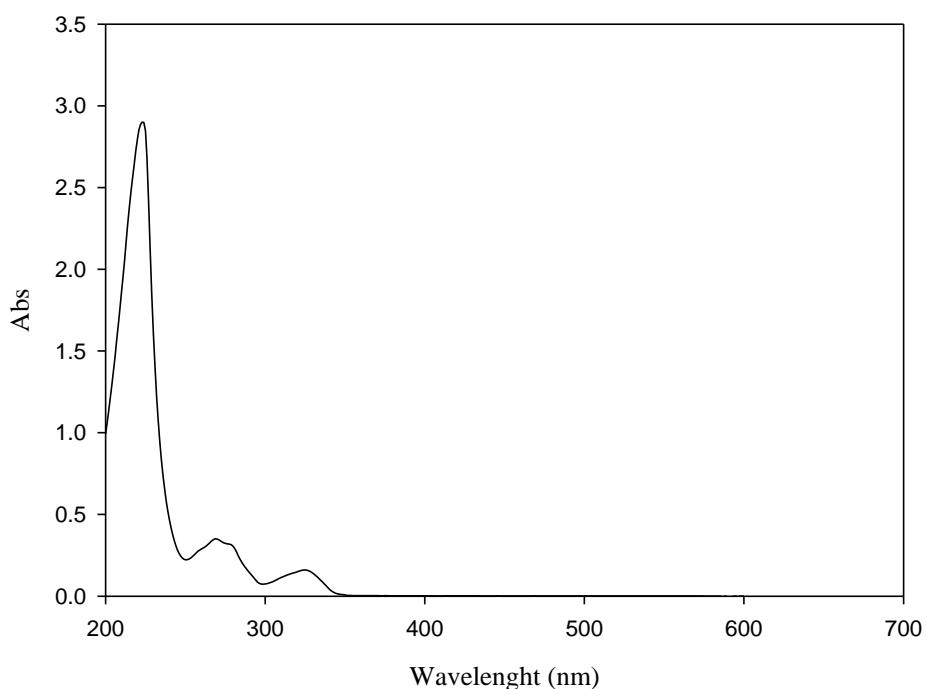




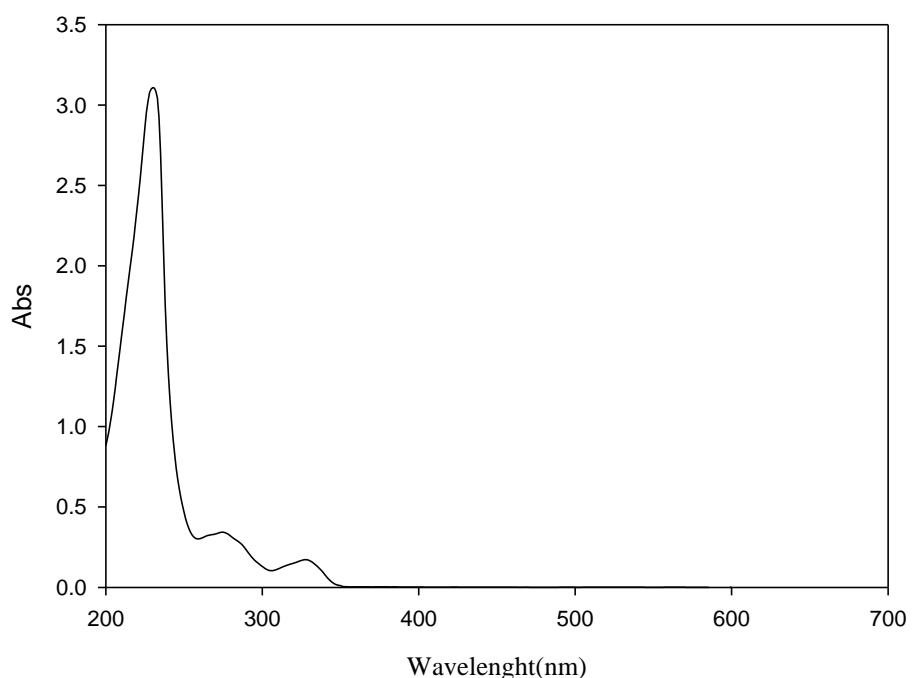




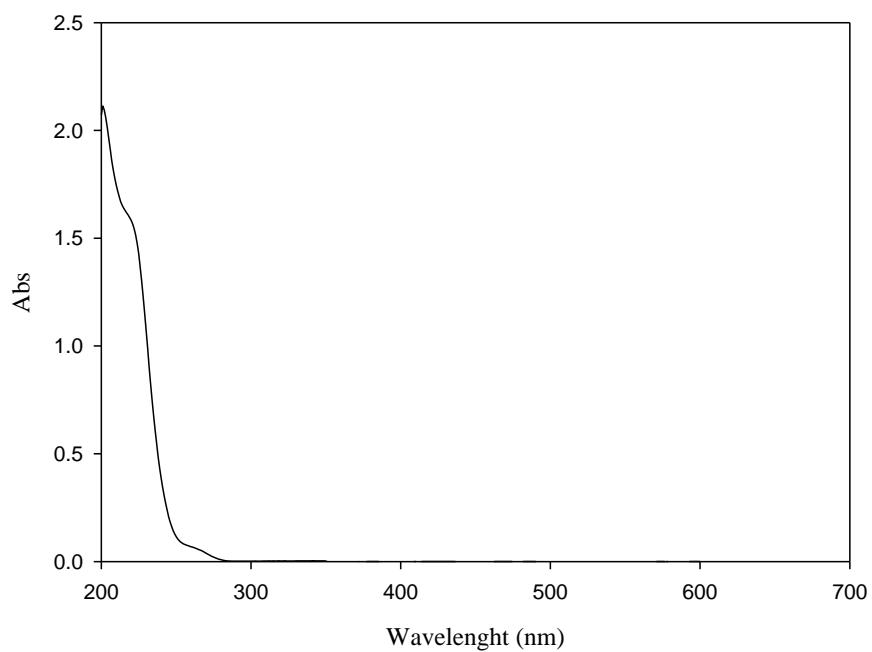
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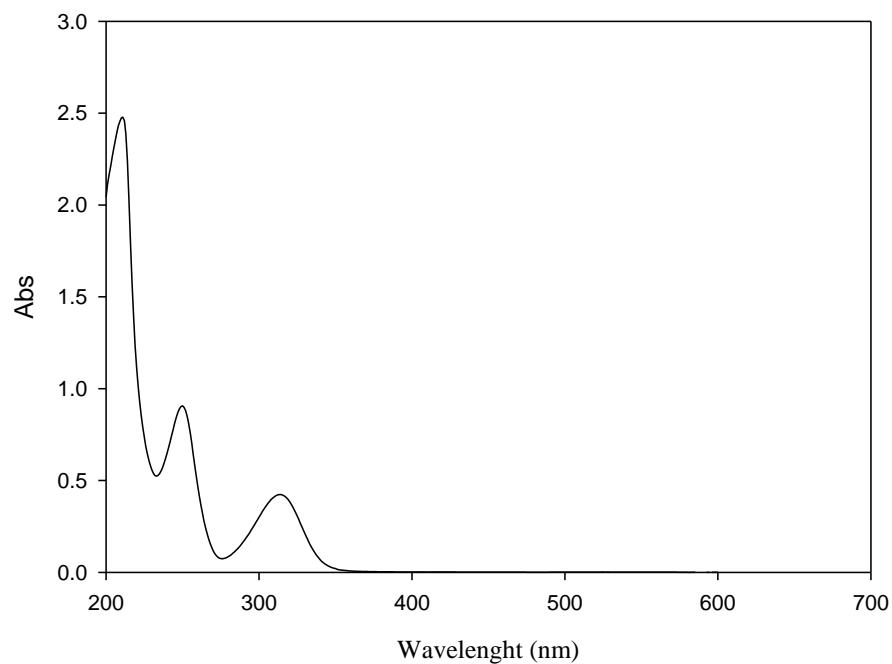
**Figure S1.** UV-Visible spectra of a solution  $10^{-4}$  M of 2-Naphthol (**PA1**) in Acetonitrile.



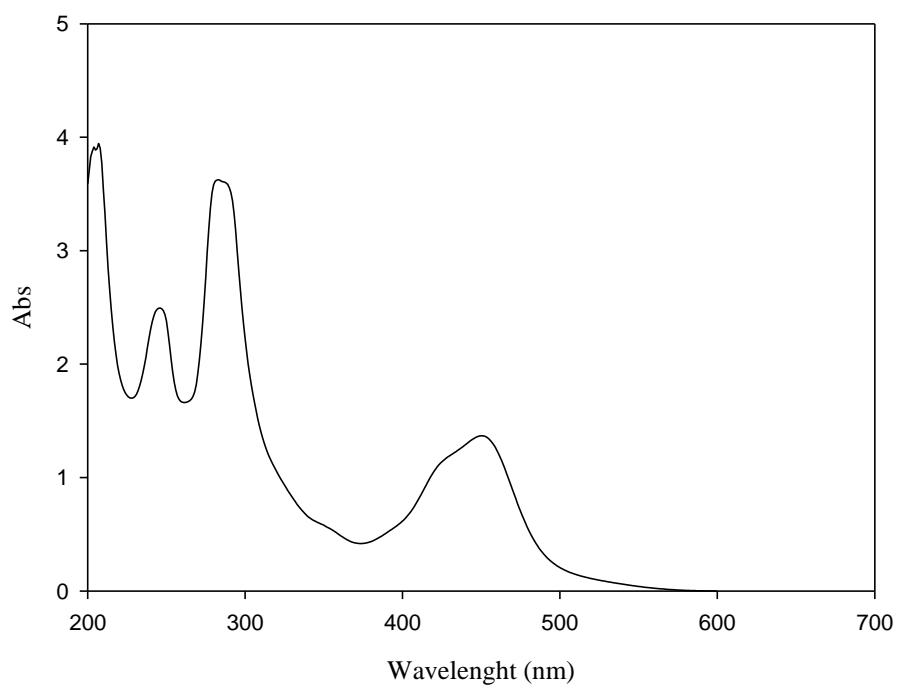
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**Figure S3.** UV-Visible spectra of a solution  $10^{-4}$  M of Benzyl 2,2,2-trichloroacetimidate **1** in Acetonitrile



**Figure S4.** UV-Visible spectra of a solution  $10^{-4}$  M of (E)-methyl 4-(2-formylphenoxy)but-2-enoate **4a** in Acetonitrile



**Figure S5.** UV-Visible spectra of a solution  $10^{-4}$  M of Tris(2,2'-bipyridyl)dichlororuthenium(II) hexahydrate in Acetonitrile