

**Functionalized Dienes: A New Series of Potential Agents for the Treatment of Alzheimer's Disease**

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## General considerations

All chemicals were of reagent grade and were used as received. Melting points were determined using a hot plate apparatus and are uncorrected. Infrared spectra were acquired with a FTIR spectrometer (range 4000-400  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) using KBr for solids and film for liquid samples. Elemental analyses were conducted in a CHNS microanalyzer and the analytical results were within  $\pm 0.4\%$  of the theoretical values for all compounds.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectra were recorded at 400 MHz and  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectra (fully decoupled) were recorded at 100 MHz. Splitting patterns are designated as s (singlet), d (doublet), dd (doublet of doublet), ddd (doublet of doublet of doublet), t (triplet), or m (multiplet). Coupling constants ( $J$ ) are measured in hertz (Hz). Chemical shifts were recorded in parts *per* million (ppm,  $\delta$ ) relative to solvent ( $\text{CDCl}_3$  at 7.26 ppm for  $^1\text{H}$  NMR, and  $\text{CDCl}_3$  at 77.16 ppm for  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR) as the internal standard. Column chromatography was performed using silica gel (70-230 mesh) and hexane/ethyl acetate as the eluent. Thin layer chromatography analysis was performed on silica gel plates, using a UV lamp for visualization.

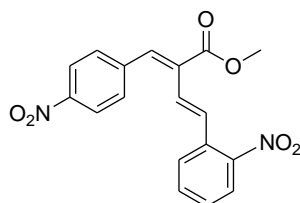
General procedure for the preparation of dienes **1**<sup>1</sup>

To a stirred mixture containing phosphonium salt **2** (1.0 mmol), and a given aldehyde (1.0 mmol) in DMSO (2.2 mL), it was added a solution of  $\text{NaHCO}_3$  (5.0 mmol) in  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  (5.0 mL) and the reaction mixture was stirred at 25 °C for 24-45 h (see below). Next, the reaction was quenched with the addition of 1 M HCl, the aqueous mixture was extracted with  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ , and the combined organic extracts were washed twice with water, dried over  $\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_4$ , filtered and concentrated under reduced pressure. In most cases, the crude product was purified by simple trituration with 2-propanol (or crystallization from the same solvent) to give pure (*E,E*)-dienes. Purification by column chromatography on silica gel (9:1 hexane/EtOAc) also furnished dienes **1** in comparable yields and purity.

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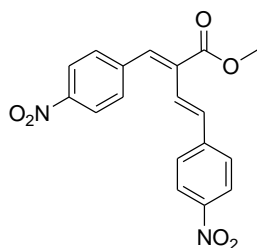
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(1*E*,3*E*)-2-Methoxycarbonyl-4-(4-nitrophenyl)-1-(2-nitrophenyl)-1,3-butadiene (**1a**)



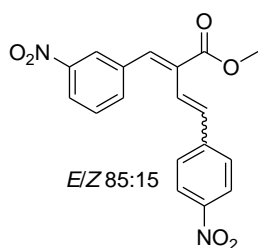
24 h, yellow solid; mp: 174.5-175.0 °C; IR (KBr)  $\nu_{\max}$  /  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  3101, 3033, 2956, 1713, 1603, 1588, 1526, 1513, 1343, 1252, 1133, 852, 741;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  3.94 (s, 3H,  $\text{CH}_3$ ), 6.84 (dd,  $J$  16.2, 1.2 Hz, 1H, HC), 7.42-7.61 (m, 4H,  $\text{H}_{\text{Ar}}$ ), 7.70 (s, 1H, HC), 7.71 (d,  $J$  16.2 Hz, 1H, HC), 7.98 (dd,  $J$  8.0, 1.2 Hz, 1H,  $\text{H}_{\text{Ar}}$ ), 8.27 (d,  $J$  8.6 Hz, 2H,  $\text{H}_{\text{Ar}}$ );  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  52.9 ( $\text{CH}_3$ ), 124.1 (2  $\times$  CH), 125.1 (CH), 125.2 (CH), 128.4 (CH), 129.1 (CH), 130.9 (2  $\times$  CH), 132.6 (CH), 132.7 (C), 132.9 (C), 133.5 (CH), 138.0 (CH), 141.8 (C), 147.8 (C), 148.3 (C), 167.0 (C). Anal. calcd. for  $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{14}\text{N}_2\text{O}_6$ : C, 61.02; H, 3.98; N, 7.91. Found: C, 61.00; H, 4.20; N, 7.90.

(1*E*,3*E*)-2-Methoxycarbonyl-1,4-bis(4-nitrophenyl)-1,3-butadiene (**1b**)



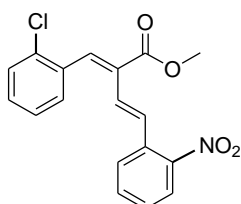
24 h, yellow solid; mp: 198.0-200.0 °C; IR (KBr)  $\nu_{\max}$  /  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  3107, 2959, 1723, 1591, 1513, 1344, 1248, 1126, 835;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  3.95 (s, 3H,  $\text{CH}_3$ ), 7.06 (d,  $J$  16.4 Hz, 1H, HC), 7.43 (d,  $J$  16.4 Hz, 1H, HC), 7.52 (d,  $J$  8.8 Hz, 2H,  $\text{H}_{\text{Ar}}$ ), 7.59 (d,  $J$  8.8 Hz, 2H,  $\text{H}_{\text{Ar}}$ ), 7.71 (s, 1H, HC), 8.20 (d,  $J$  8.8 Hz, 2H,  $\text{H}_{\text{Ar}}$ ), 8.30 (d,  $J$  8.8 Hz, 2H,  $\text{H}_{\text{Ar}}$ );  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  52.9 ( $\text{CH}_3$ ), 124.1 (2  $\times$  CH), 124.4 (2  $\times$  CH), 124.7 (CH), 127.6 (2  $\times$  CH), 130.9 (2  $\times$  CH), 132.2 (C), 134.7 (CH), 138.4 (CH), 141.7 (C), 143.3 (C), 147.6 (C), 147.9 (C), 166.9 (C). Anal. calcd. for  $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{14}\text{N}_2\text{O}_6$ : C, 61.02; H, 3.98; N, 7.91. Found: C, 60.65; H, 4.32; N, 7.77.

(1*E*,3*E*)-2-Methoxycarbonyl-1-(3-nitrophenyl)-4-(4-nitrophenyl)-1,3-butadiene (**1c**)



30 h, yellow solid (obtained as a 85:15 mixture of (*E,E*):(*E,Z*) isomers); mp: 160-164 °C; IR (KBr)  $\nu_{\max}$  /  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  3057, 2954, 1722, 1595, 1526, 1509, 1345, 1250, 1126, 836, 743;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) [data for major (*E,E*)-diene **1c**]  $\delta$  3.94 (s, 3H,  $\text{CH}_3$ ), 7.07 (dd,  $J$  16.4, 1.0 Hz, 1H, HC), 7.43 (d,  $J$  16.4 Hz, 1H, HC), 7.53 (d,  $J$  9.0 Hz, 2H,  $\text{H}_{\text{Ar}}$ ), 7.63 (t,  $J$  8.0 Hz, 1H,  $\text{H}_{\text{Ar}}$ ), 7.71 (s, 1H, HC), 7.74 (d,  $J$  8.0 Hz, 1H,  $\text{H}_{\text{Ar}}$ ), 8.19 (d,  $J$  9.0 Hz, 2H,  $\text{H}_{\text{Ar}}$ ), 8.23-8.33 (m, 2H,  $\text{H}_{\text{Ar}}$ );  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) [data for major (*E,E*)-diene **1c**]  $\delta$  52.8 ( $\text{CH}_3$ ), 123.9 (CH), 124.4 (2  $\times$  CH), 124.6 (CH), 124.8 (CH), 127.5 (2  $\times$  CH), 130.0 (CH), 131.6 (C), 134.5 (CH), 135.8 (CH), 136.9 (C), 138.2 (CH), 143.4 (C), 147.5 (C), 148.7 (C), 166.9 (C). Anal. calcd. for  $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{14}\text{N}_2\text{O}_6$ : C, 61.02; H, 3.98; N, 7.91. Found: C, 61.32; H, 3.75; N, 7.84.

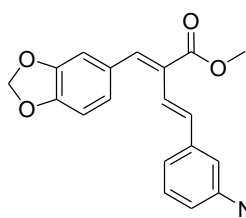
(1*E*,3*E*)-1-(2-Chlorophenyl)-2-methoxycarbonyl-4-(2-nitrophenyl)-1,3-butadiene (**1d**)



30 h, yellow solid; mp: 112.5-113.5 °C; IR (KBr)  $\nu_{\max}$  /  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  3069, 2952, 1717, 1605, 1566, 1515, 1342, 1243, 1118, 776, 748;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  3.92 (s, 3H,  $\text{CH}_3$ ), 6.80 (dd,  $J$  16.2, 1.0 Hz, 1H, HC), 7.26-7.41 (m, 4H,  $\text{H}_{\text{Ar}}$ ), 7.45-7.53 (m, 3H,  $\text{H}_{\text{Ar}}$ ), 7.71 (d,  $J$  16.2 Hz, 1H, HC), 7.79 (s, 1H, CH), 7.93 (d,  $J$  8.0 Hz, 1H,  $\text{H}_{\text{Ar}}$ );  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  52.7 ( $\text{CH}_3$ ), 124.9 (CH),

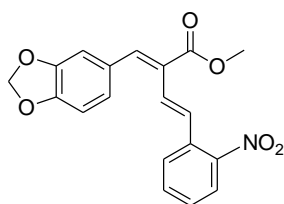
126.1 (CH), 126.8 (CH), 128.5 (CH), 128.6 (CH), 130.1 (CH), 130.4 (CH), 130.9 (CH), 131.0 (C), 131.7 (CH), 133.3 (CH), 133.9 (C), 134.6 (C), 138.2 (C), 138.3 (CH), 148.3 (C), 167.3 (C). Anal. calcd. for  $C_{18}H_{14}ClNO_4$ : C, 62.89; H, 4.10; N, 4.07. Found: C, 62.96; H, 3.87; N, 4.38.

**(1E,3E)-2-Methoxycarbonyl-1-(3,4-methylenedio-xyphenyl)-4-(3-nitrophenyl)-1,3-butadiene (1e)**



40 h, yellow solid; mp: 129.0-130.5 °C; IR (KBr)  $\nu_{max}$  /  $cm^{-1}$  3085, 2950, 1709, 1583, 1528, 1490, 1352, 1237, 1120, 1038, 930, 823, 732;  $^1H$  NMR (400 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$  3.90 (s, 3H,  $CH_3$ ), 6.04 (s, 2H,  $CH_2$ ), 6.88 (d,  $J$  8.0 Hz, 1H,  $H_{Ar}$ ), 6.94-6.98 (m, 2H,  $H_{Ar}$ ), 7.11 (dd,  $J$  16.2, 1.0 Hz, 1H, HC), 7.35 (d,  $J$  16.2 Hz, 1H, HC), 7.50 (t,  $J$  8.0 Hz, 1H,  $H_{Ar}$ ), 7.64 (s, 1H, HC), 7.72 (d,  $J$  8.0 Hz, 1H,  $H_{Ar}$ ), 8.08-8.27 (m, 2H,  $H_{Ar}$ );  $^{13}C$  NMR (100 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$  52.4 ( $CH_3$ ), 101.8 ( $CH_2$ ), 108.8 (CH), 110.1 (CH), 121.3 (CH), 122.5 (CH), 124.9 (CH), 125.7 (CH), 127.5 (C), 129.4 (C), 129.8 (CH), 132.3 (CH), 132.5 (CH), 139.6 (C), 141.3 (CH), 148.2 (C), 148.9 (2  $\times$  C), 167.8 (C). Anal. calcd. for  $C_{19}H_{15}NO_6$ : C, 64.59; H, 4.28; N, 3.96. Found: C, 64.21; H, 4.52; N, 4.03.

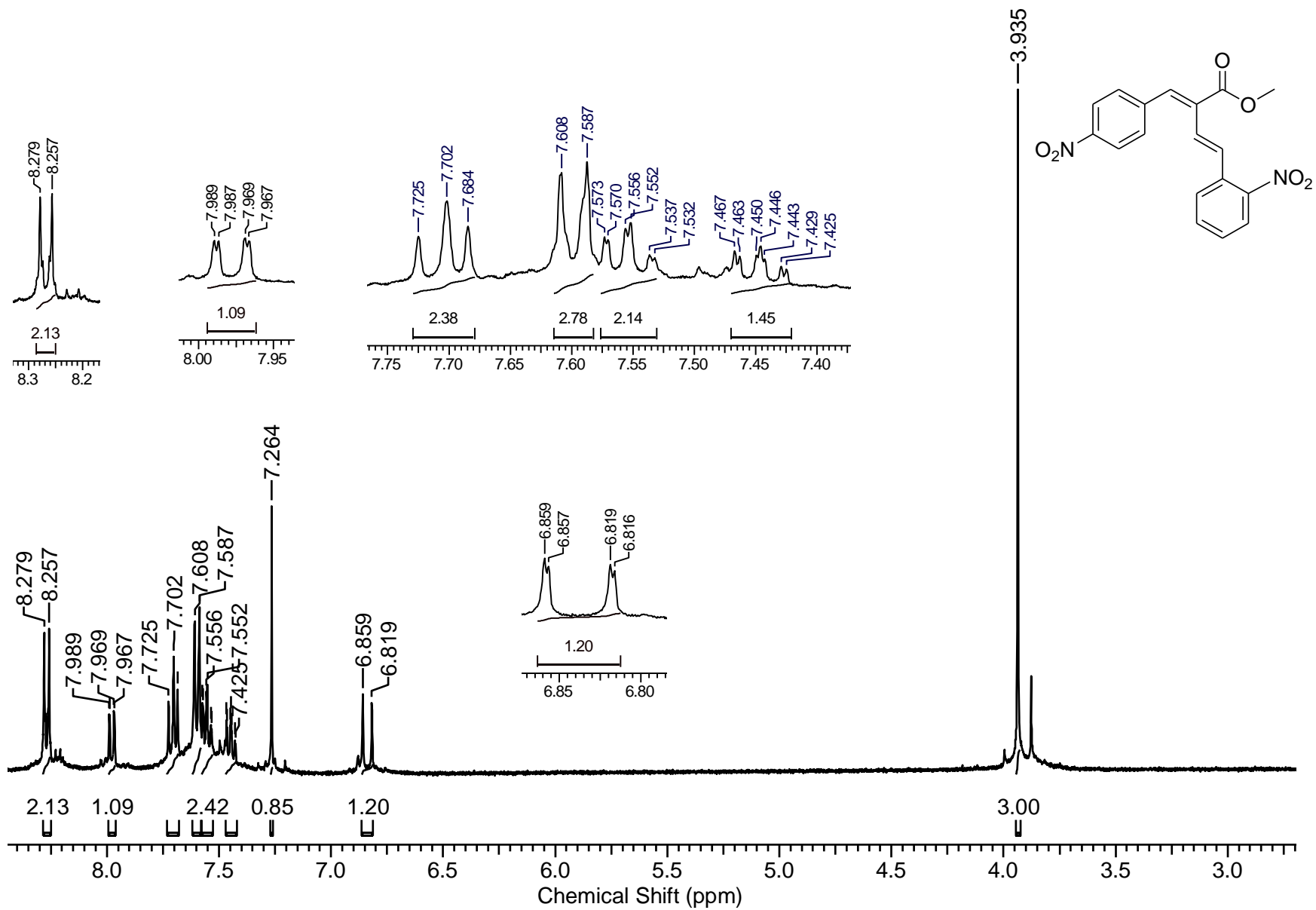
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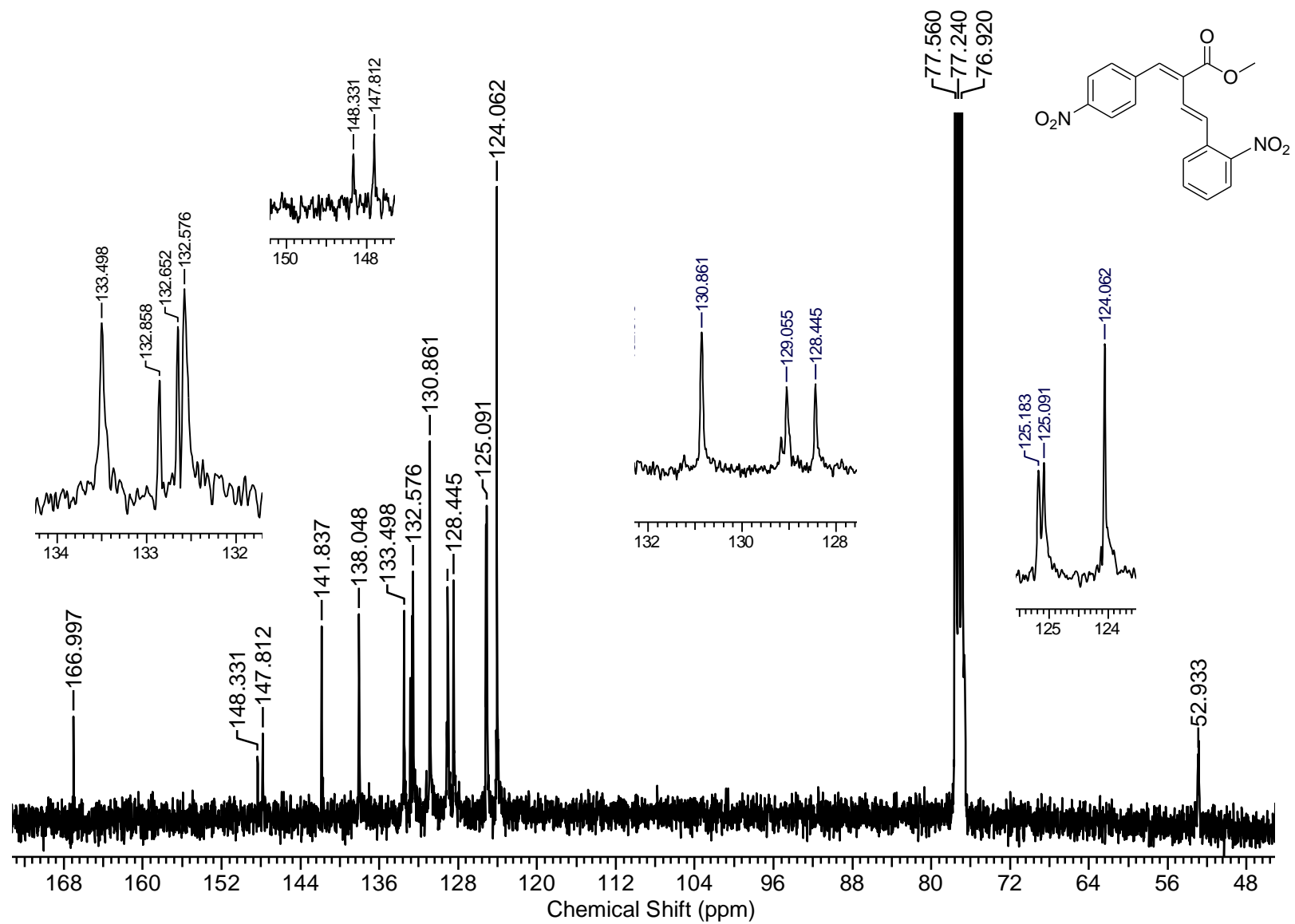
45 h, yellow solid; mp: 100.5-101.0 °C; IR (KBr)  $\nu_{max}$  /  $cm^{-1}$  3096, 2957, 1702, 1605, 1589, 1517, 1507, 1352, 1240, 1036, 925, 804, 741;  $^1H$  NMR (400 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$  3.88 (s, 3H,  $CH_3$ ), 6.01 (s, 2H,  $CH_2$ ), 6.85 (d,  $J$  8.5 Hz, 1H,  $H_{Ar}$ ), 6.92-6.98 (m, 3H, HC and 2 $H_{Ar}$ ), 7.39 (ddd,  $J$  8.0, 7.5, 1.3 Hz, 1H,  $H_{Ar}$ ), 7.54-7.68 (m, 4H, 2HC and 2 $H_{Ar}$ ), 7.94 (dd,  $J$  8.0, 1.3 Hz, 1H,  $H_{Ar}$ );  $^{13}C$  NMR (100 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$  52.5 ( $CH_3$ ), 101.7 ( $CH_2$ ), 108.8 (CH), 110.2 (CH), 125.0 (CH), 125.8 (CH), 126.7 (CH), 127.9 (C), 128.4 (CH), 129.4 (C), 130.1 (CH), 133.3 (CH), 133.5 (C), 141.4 (CH), 141.5 (CH), 148.1 (C), 148.3 (C), 148.8 (C), 167.8 (C). Anal. calcd. for  $C_{19}H_{15}NO_6$ : C, 64.59; H, 4.28; N, 3.96. Found: C, 64.27; H, 4.53; N, 3.83.

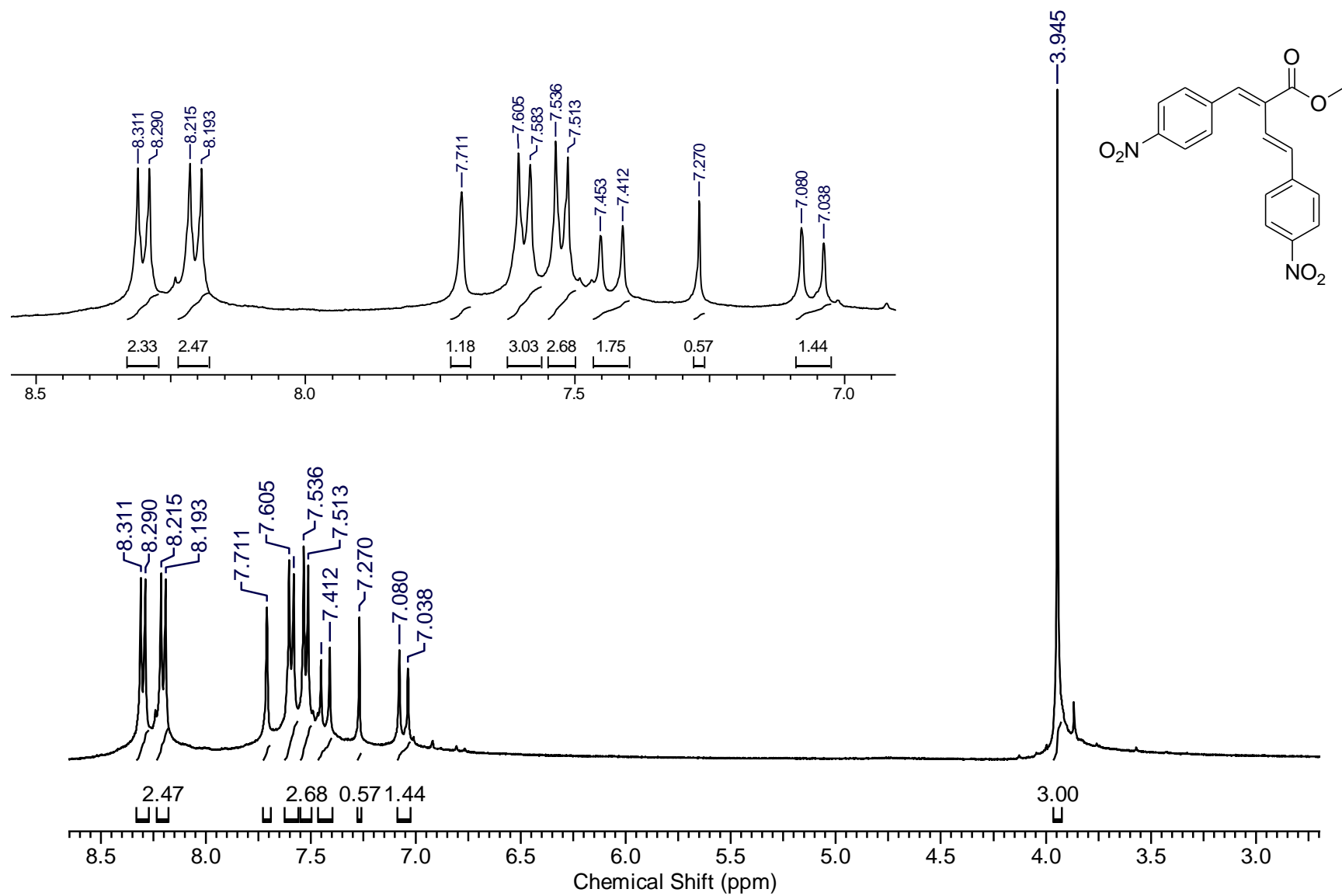
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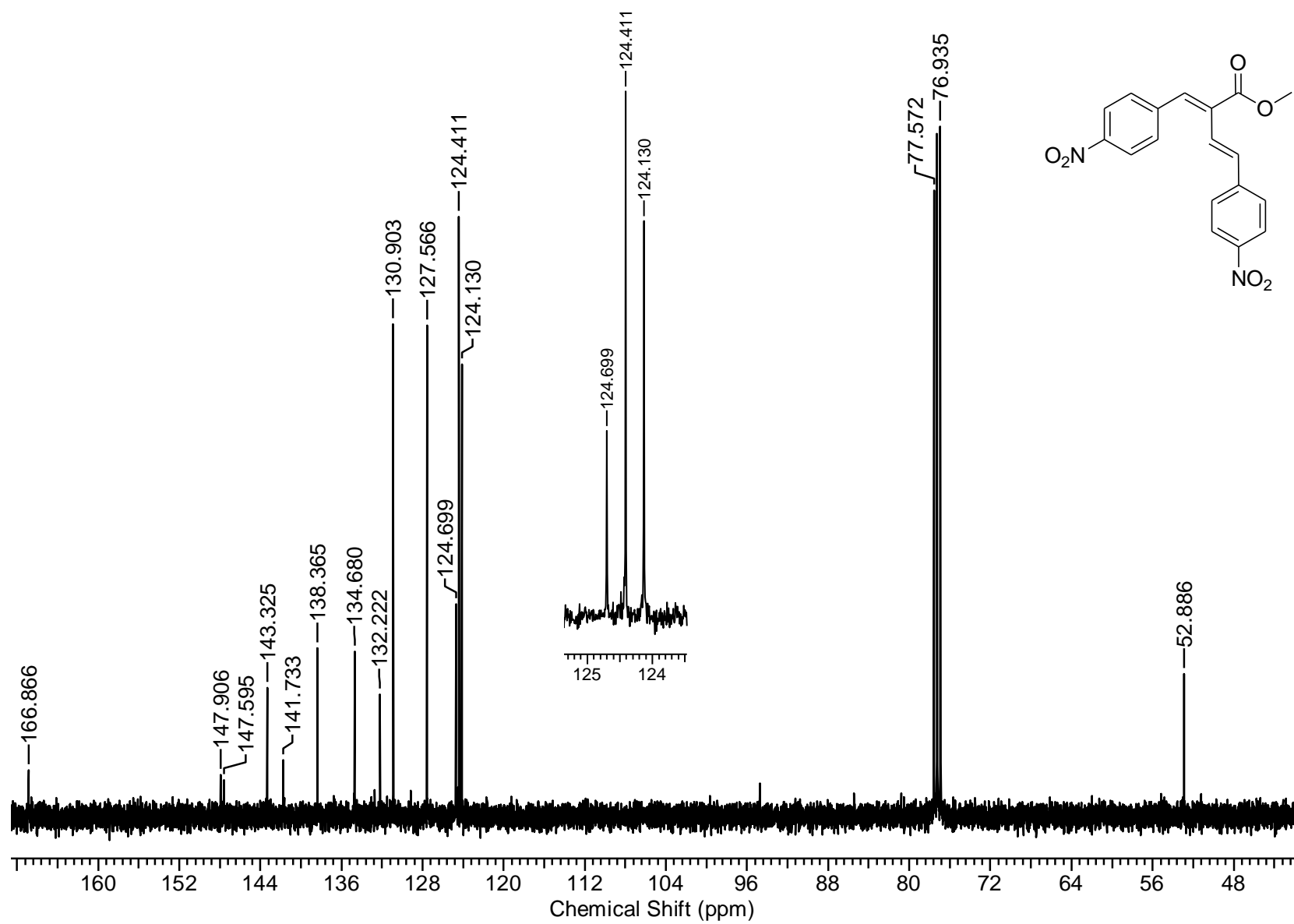


**Figure S1.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) of (1E,3E)-2-methoxycarbonyl-4-(4-nitrophenyl)-1-(2-nitrophenyl)-1,3-butadiene (**1a**).

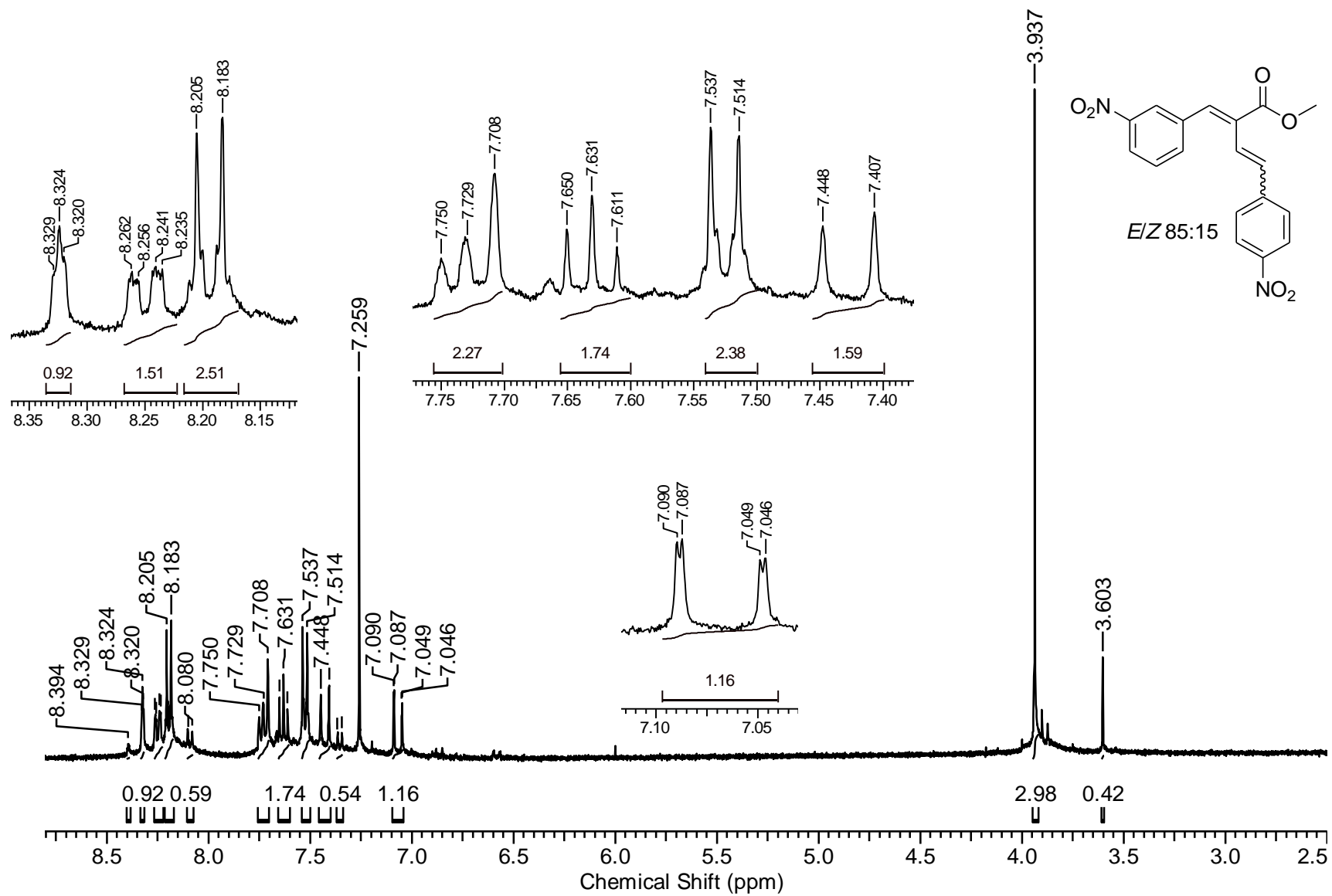




**Figure S3.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) of (1E,3E)-2-methoxycarbonyl-1,4-bis(4-nitrophenyl)-1,3-butadiene (**1b**).

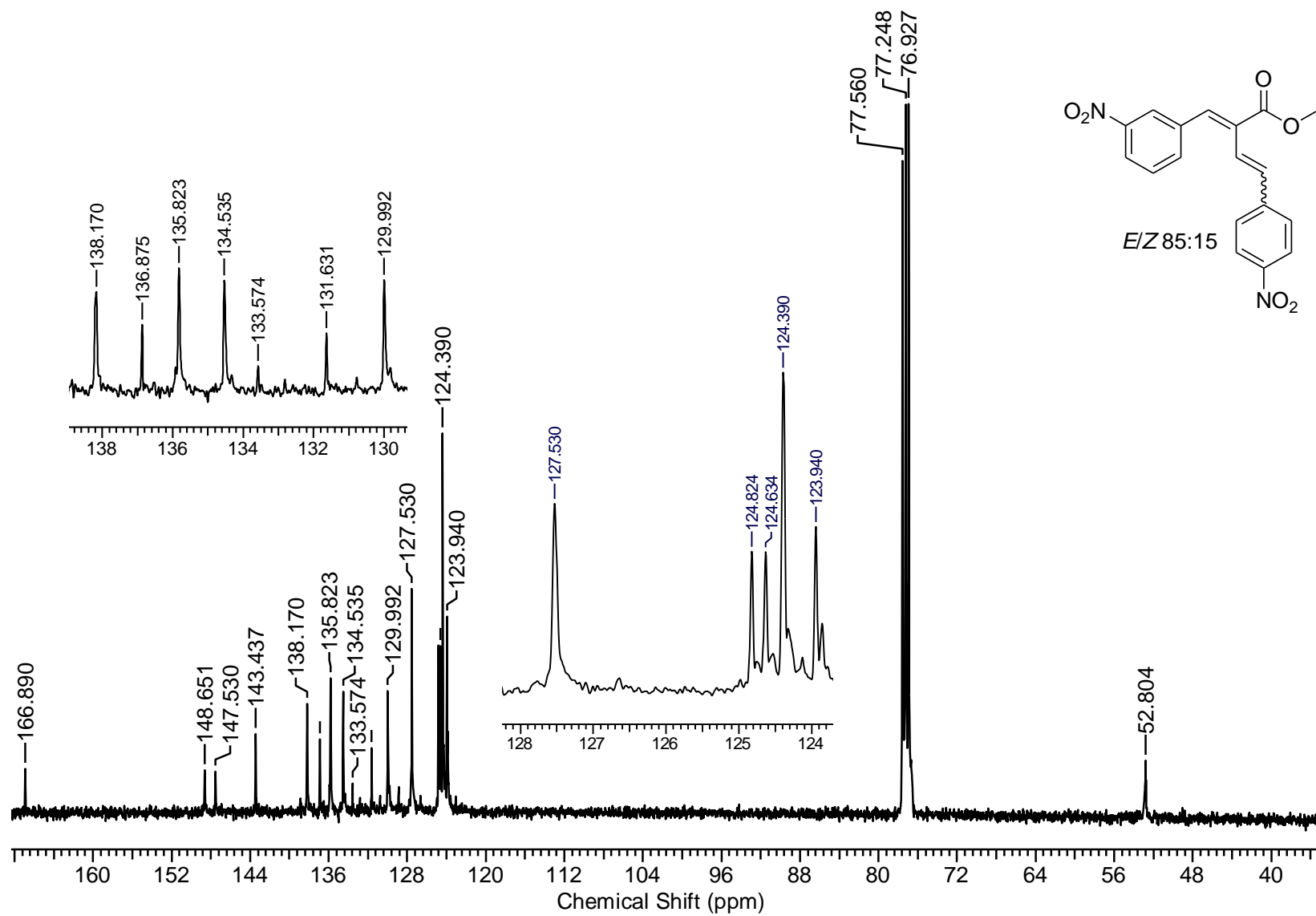


**Figure S4.**  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) of (1*E*,3*E*)-2-methoxycarbonyl-1,4-*bis*(4-nitrophenyl)-1,3-butadiene (**1b**).

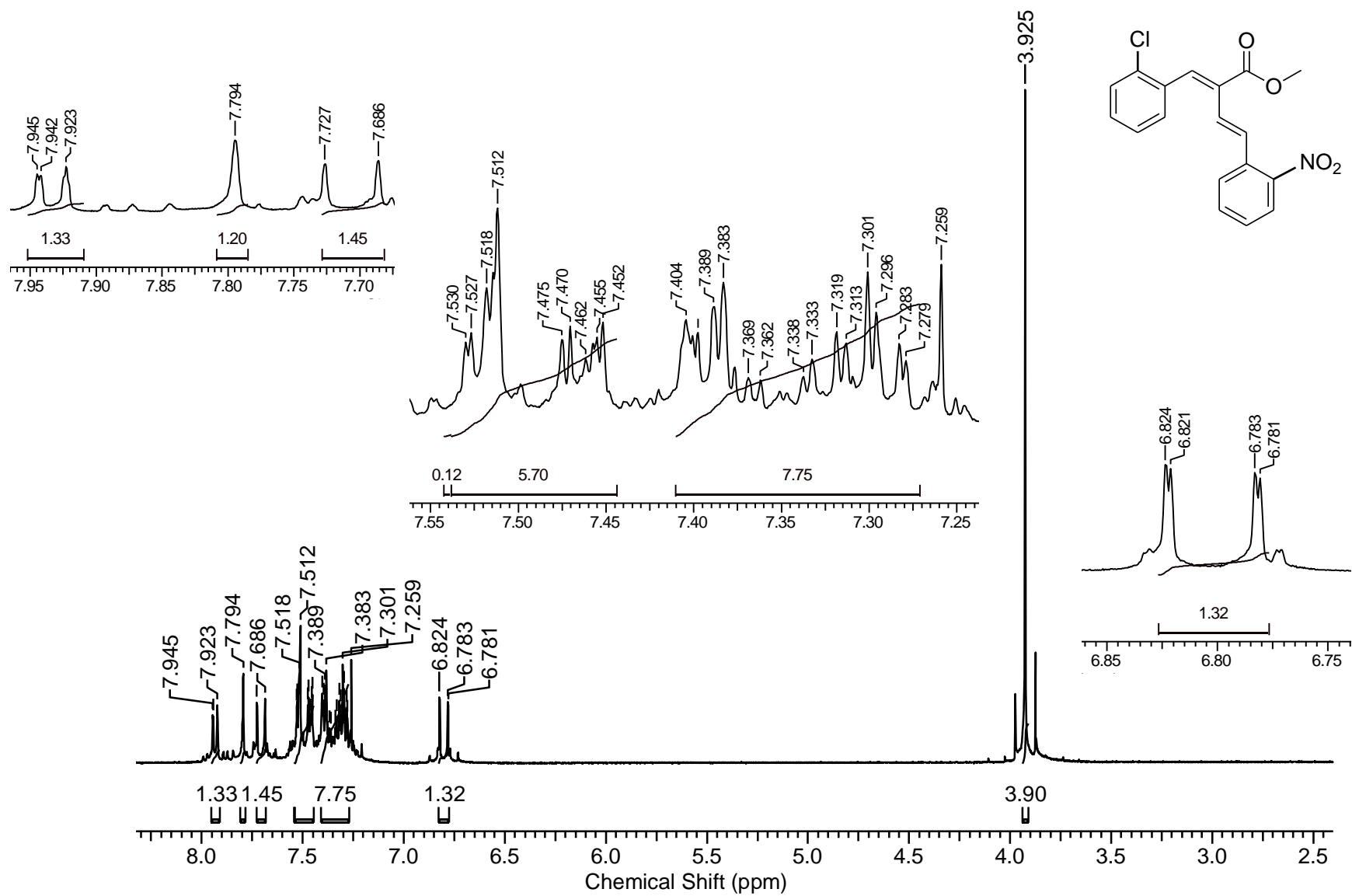


**Figure S5.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) of (1*E*,3*E*)-2-methoxycarbonyl-1-(3-nitrophenyl)-4-(4-nitrophenyl)-1,3-butadiene (**1c**).

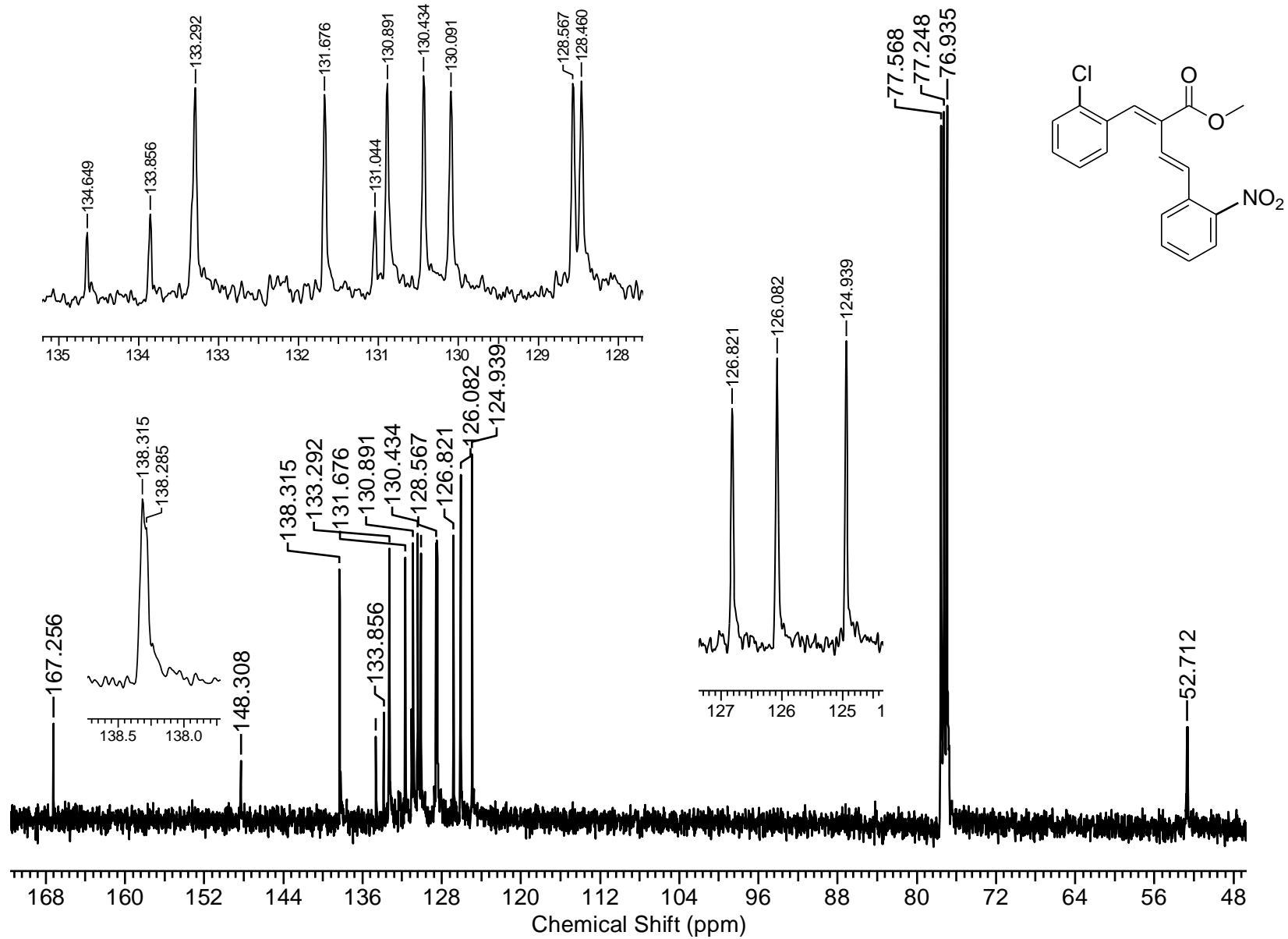




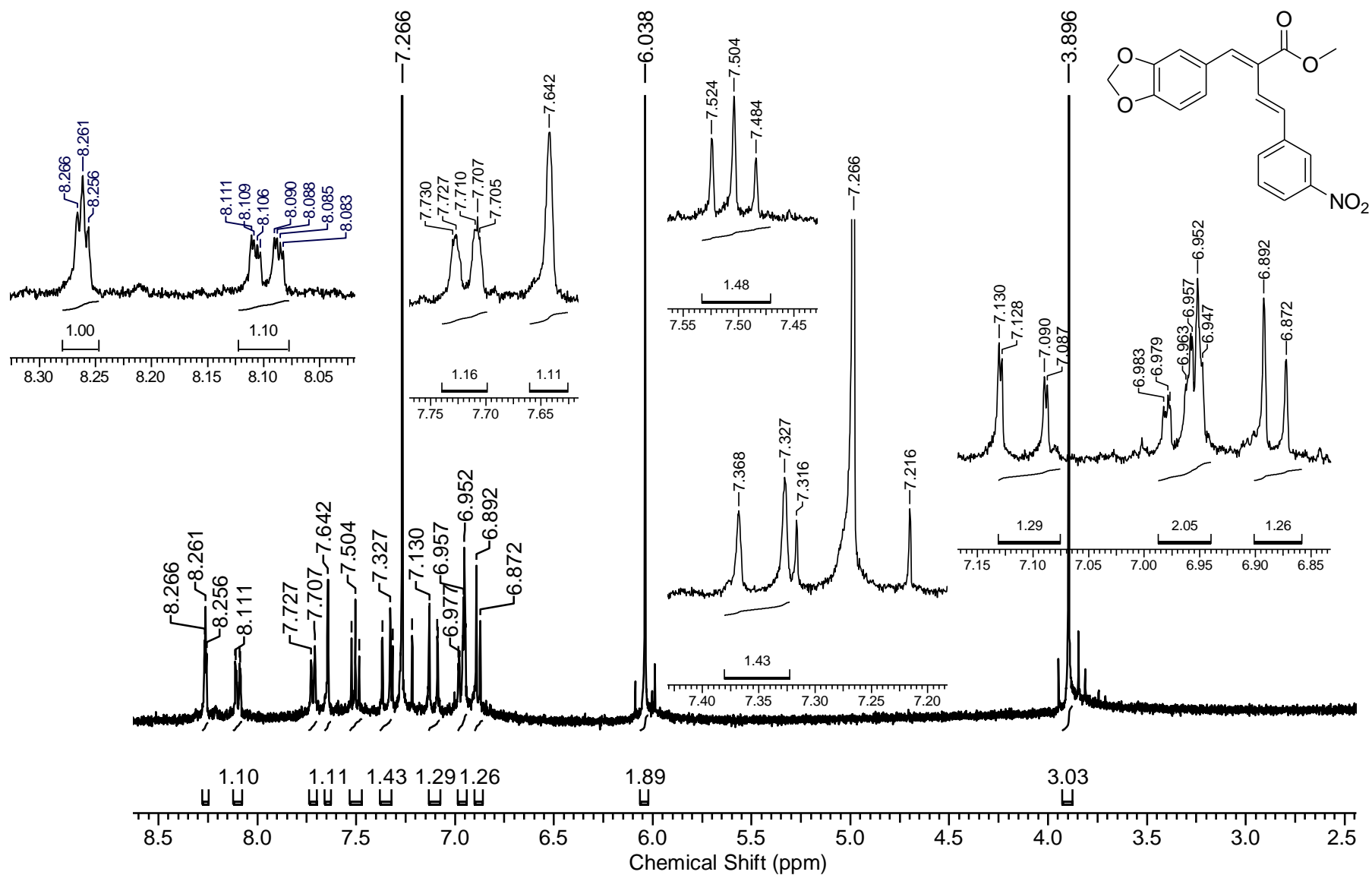
**Figure S6.**  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) of (1*E*,3*E*)-2-methoxycarbonyl-1-(3-nitrophenyl)-4-(4-nitrophenyl)-1,3-butadiene (**1c**).



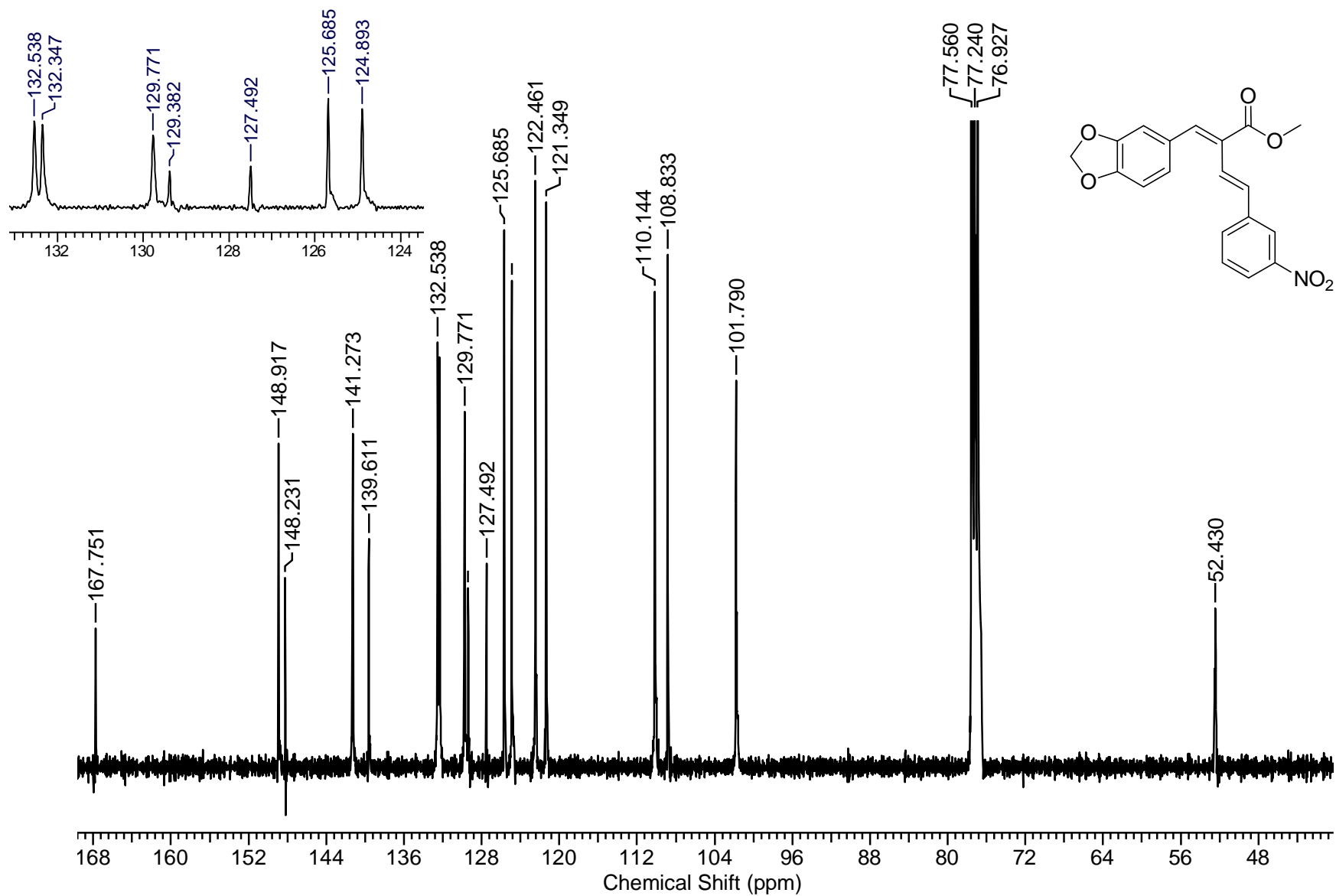
**Figure S7.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) of (1E,3E)-1-(2-chlorophenyl)-2-methoxycarbonyl-4-(2-nitrophenyl)-1,3-butadiene (**1d**).



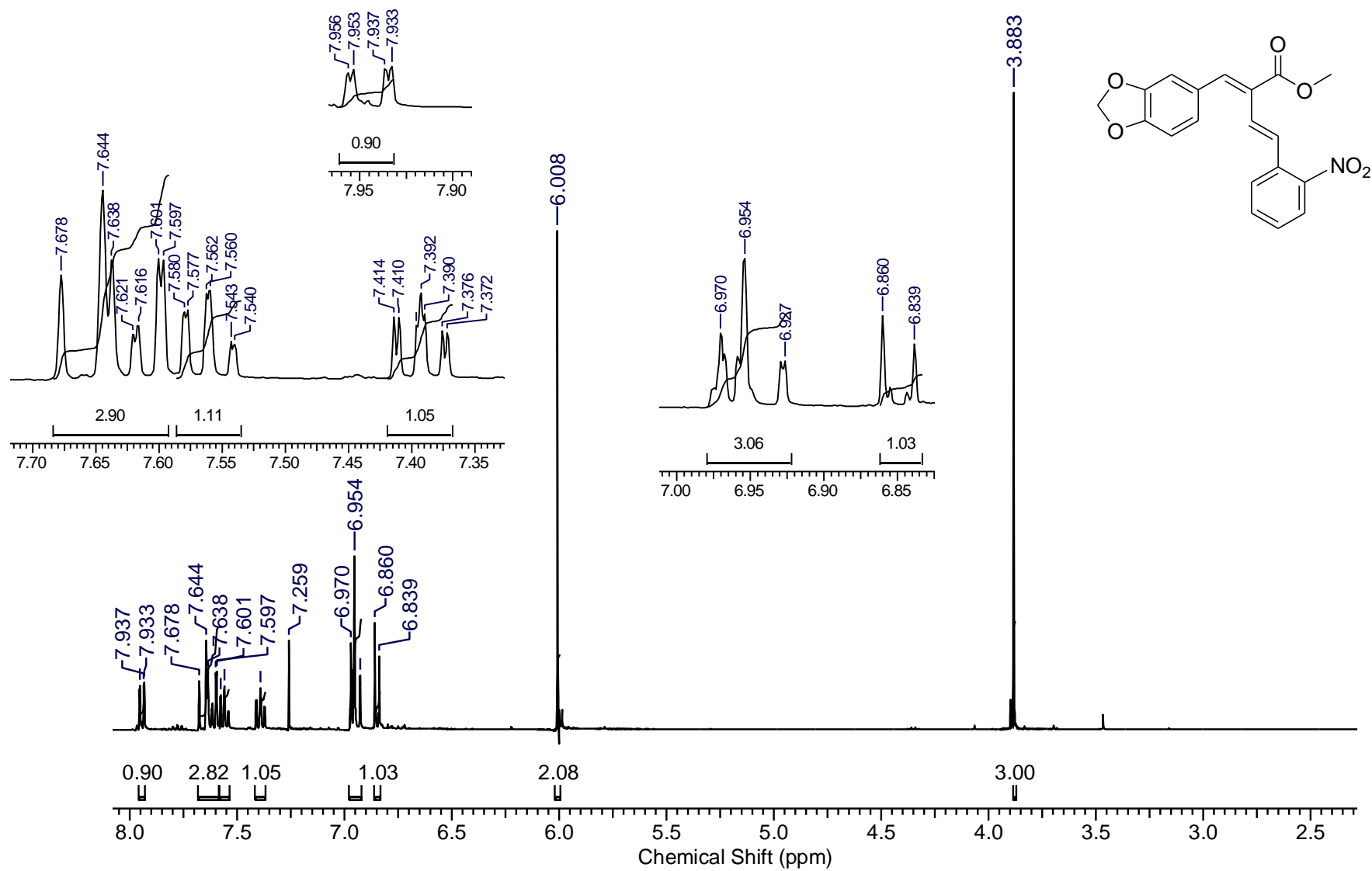
**Figure S8.**  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) of (1*E*,3*E*)-1-(2-chlorophenyl)-2-methoxycarbonyl-4-(2-nitrophenyl)-1,3-butadiene (**1d**).



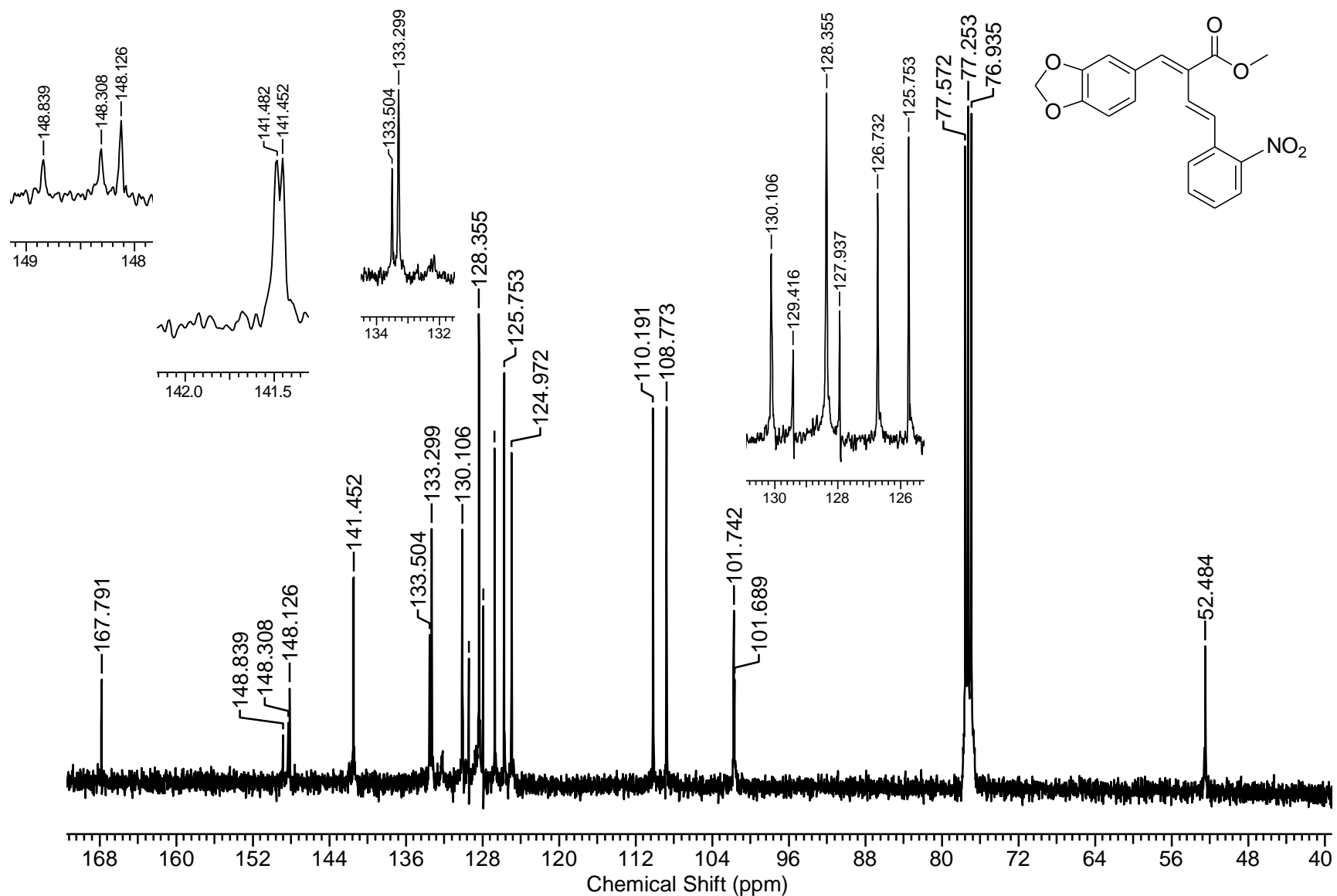
**Figure S9.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) of (1E,3E)-2-methoxycarbonyl-1-(3,4-methylenedioxyphenyl)-4-(3-nitrophenyl)-1,3-butadiene (**1e**).



**Figure S10.** <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) of (1E,3E)-2-methoxycarbonyl-1-(3,4-methylenedioxyphenyl)-4-(3-nitrophenyl)-1,3-butadiene (**1e**).



**Figure S11.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) of (1E,3E)-2-methoxycarbonyl-1-(3,4-methylenedioxyphenyl)-4-(2-nitrophenyl)-1,3-butadiene (**1f**).



**Figure S12.** <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) of (1*E*,3*E*)-2-methoxycarbonyl-1-(3,4-methylenedioxyphenyl)-4-(2-nitrophenyl)-1,3-butadiene (**1f**).

