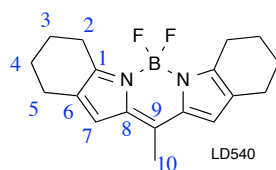


## Electronic Supplementary Information

### Synthesis and Characterisation of LD 540

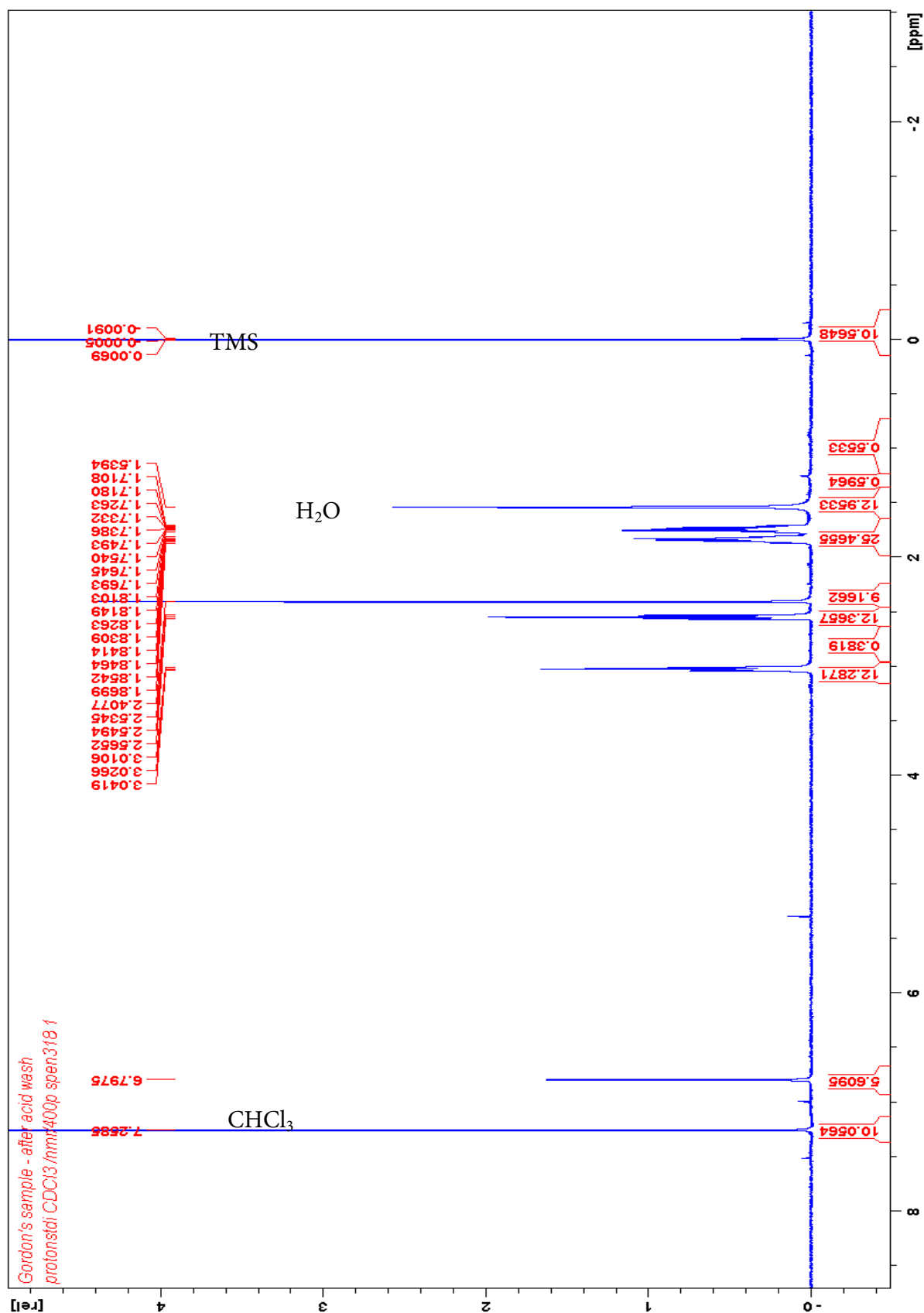
Prepared based on report by Spandl, J.; White, D.J.; Peychl, J.; Thiele, C., *Traffic* **2009**, 10, 1579 and in US patent by Morgan L.R.; Boyer, J.H. 446,157 1995

1 g of 4,5,6,7-tetrahydroindole was dissolved in 6 mL dry dichloromethane ( $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ ), and 1.6 mL of freshly distilled acetyl chloride was added dropwise followed by 0.4 mL of non-distilled acetyl chloride dropwise with stirring under nitrogen. The solution was refluxed for 1 h, then about half the dichloromethane was distilled at atmospheric pressure while the remainder was removed under reduced pressure (rotavap) leaving a gummy solid. This was triturated with 3 x 10 mL hexanes and then filtered. The solid material on the filter and remaining in the flask was dissolved in 100 mL dry  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  and placed under nitrogen in a 250 mL RB flask with a septum and magnetic stirrer bar. Then 2.5 mL triethylamine and 2.5 mL  $\text{BF}_3$  etherate were added separately alternately dropwise and the solution was stirred for 2 h under nitrogen. The solution was then stored 2 days under nitrogen prior to workup. The solution was evaporated almost to dryness (rotavap), then the residue was dissolved in  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ : hexanes 2:3 and loaded on a silica gel column prepared in the same solvent mixture. Then  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  2:3 was used to elute a purple band that was discarded and then a strongly fluorescent red band. The eluate was taken almost to dryness, then a small volume of hexanes was added and the resulting solid was filtered and washed with hexanes (0.195 g, F1). A further 50 mg of less pure material was obtained by combining the filtrate and washings, evaporating (rotavap and then high vacuum), then triturating with a mix of hexanes and isopropanol and filtering. NMR, elemental analysis, and mass spectral measurements showed that the material in F1 was contaminated with triethylamine. This was removed by dissolving the solid in  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ , washing with dilute potassium dihydrogen citrate, then drying the solution with  $\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_4$ , adding hexanes, and evaporating the solution almost to dryness. The solid was filtered and washed with a small volume of hexane. Elemental analysis: Calculated for  $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{21}\text{NF}_2\text{N}_2$  C: 68.8%, H: 6.74%, N: 8.92%. Found: C: 68.3%, H: 6.80%, N: 8.71%. Mass spectrum (electrospray introduction, positive ion mode): (M+Na): 337.1673 Calculated for  $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{21}\text{BF}_2\text{NaN}_2$ : 337.1661  
 $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ ): H(2) 3.02 (triplet, 4H) H(3) (or H(4)) 1.74 (multiplet, 4H), H(3) (or H(4)) 1.84 (multiplet, 4H), H(5) 2.55 (triplet, 4H), H(7) 6.80 (singlet, 2H), H(10) 2.40 (singlet, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) C(1) 128.5, C(2) 24.5, C(3) (or C(5)) 23.2, C(4) 22.4, C(5) (or C(3)) 24.5, C(6) 156.4, C(7) 123.1, C(8) 134.2, C(9) 138.4, C(10) 15.2

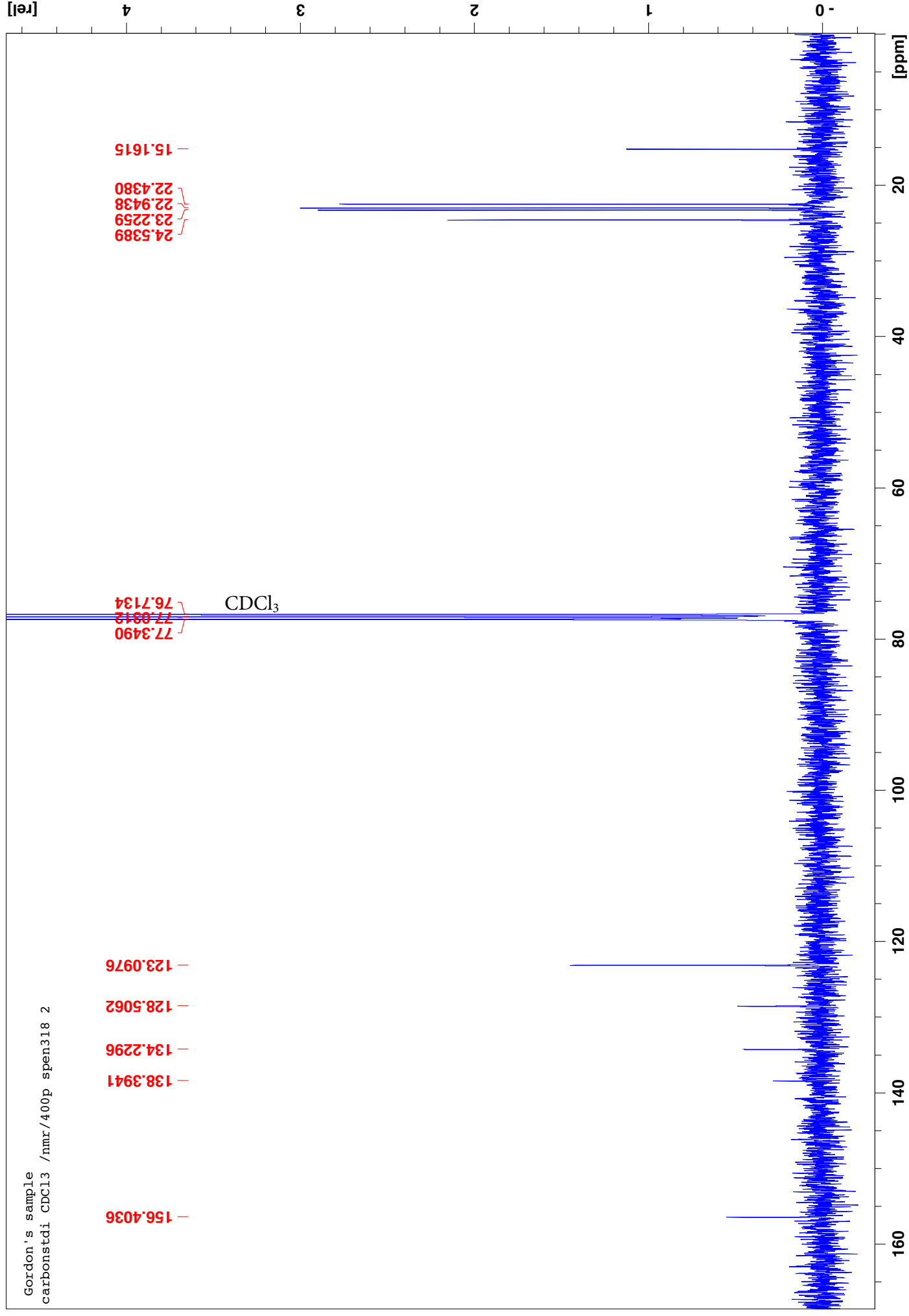


LD 540 after chromatography and acid wash

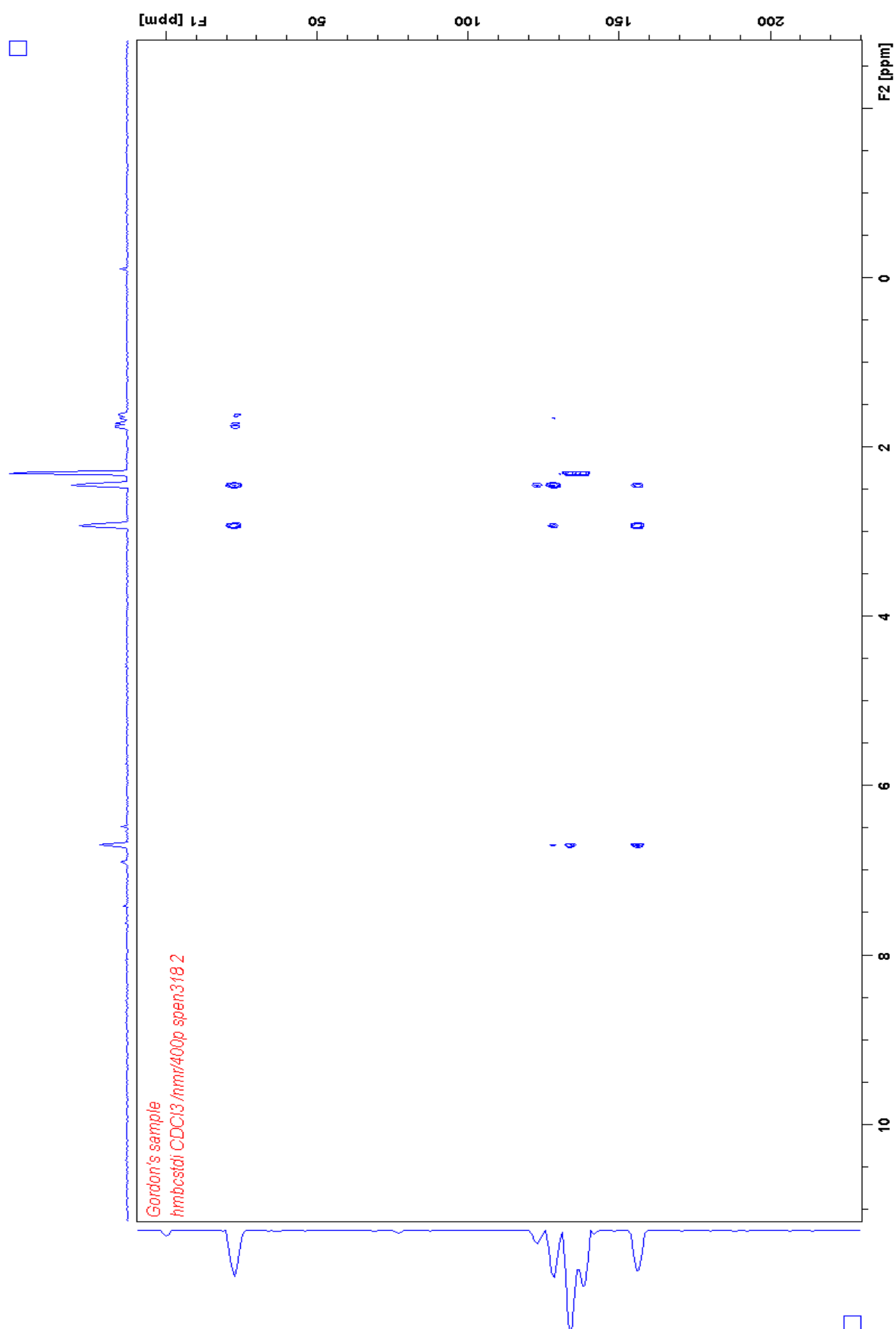
$^1\text{H}$  NMR, decoupled  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR, HMBC, HSQC



Gordon's sample  
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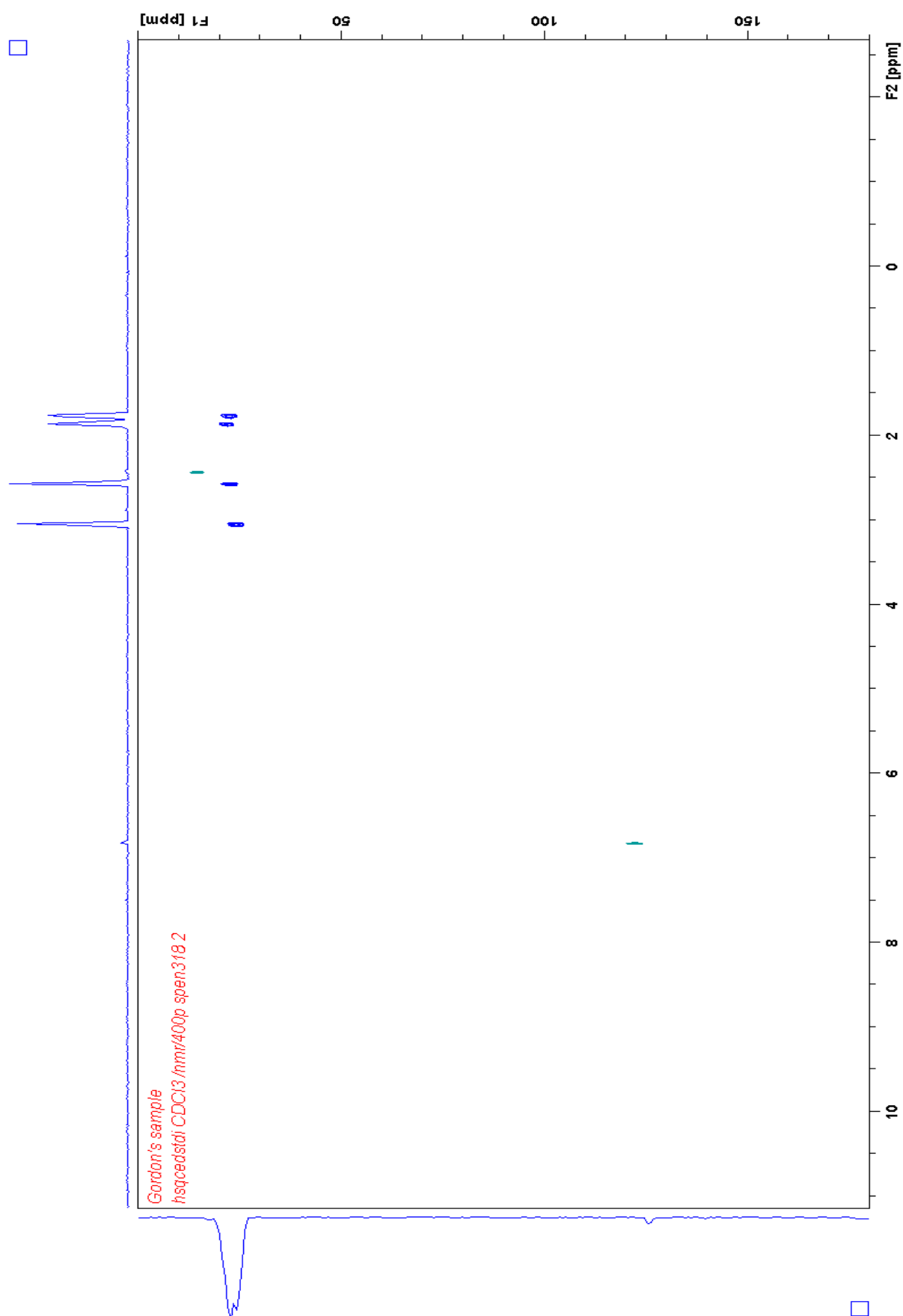


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## Analysis Info

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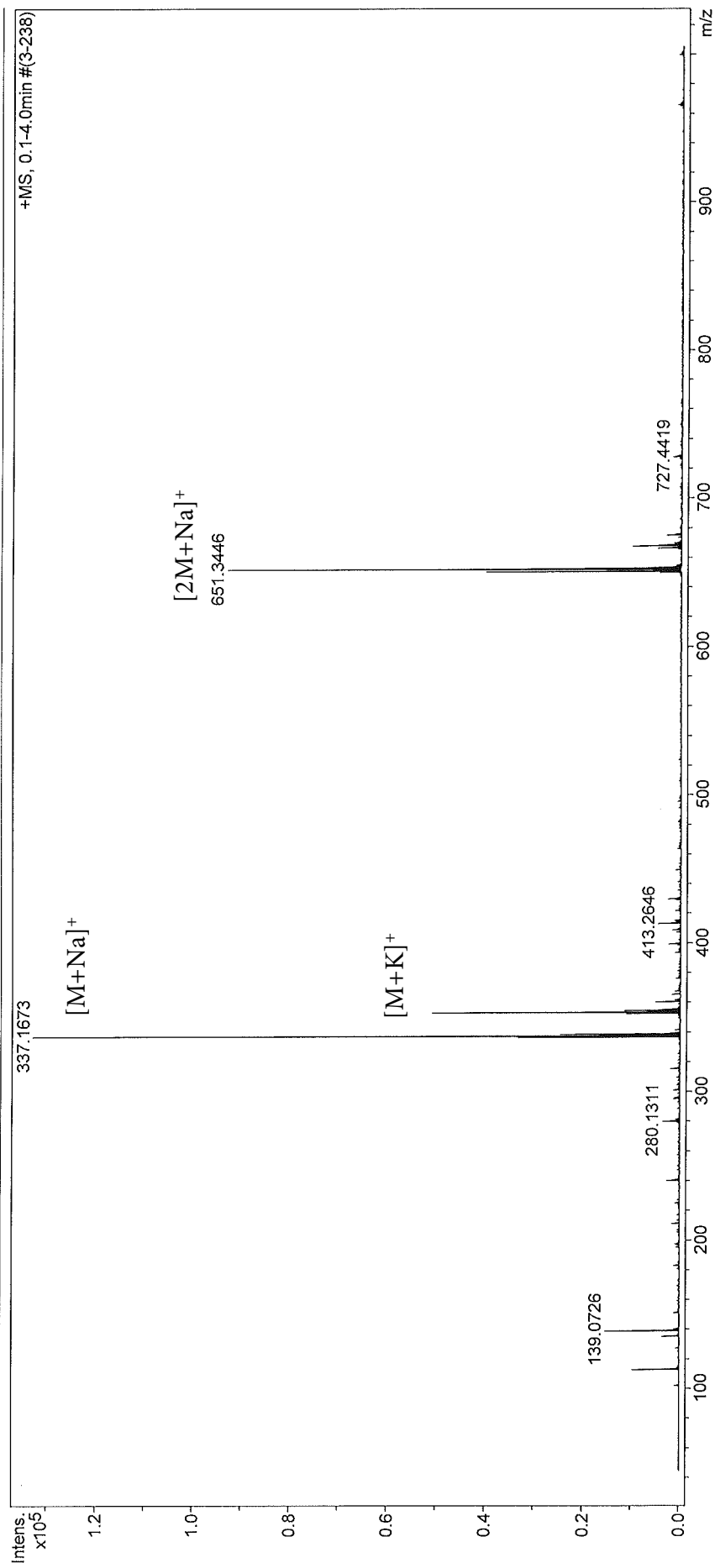
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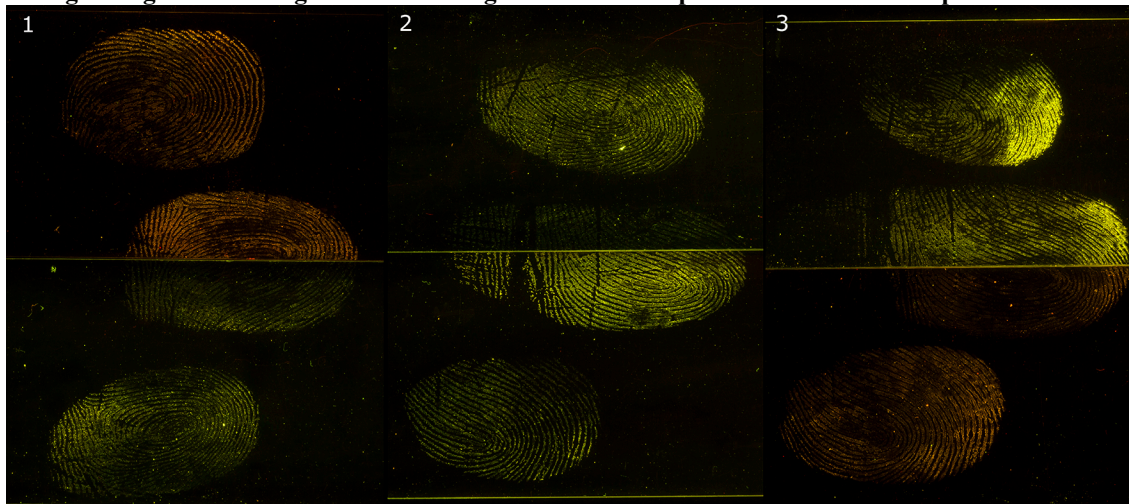
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### Enhancement of fingermarks on glass slides.

All fingermarks were 24 h old, and were either charged (by wiping fingers across the forehead) or uncharged (hands were washed 2 h prior to fingermark application, followed by normal activities). The methanolic aqueous Nile Red solution was prepared as described in M. de la Hunty X. Spindler, S. Chadwick, C. Lennard & C. Roux, *For. Sci. Int.*, 2014, 244, e48-e55, but on a 1/10 scale. An LD 540 stock solution was prepared by dissolving 10 mg LD540 in 50 mL HFE-7100. This was then diluted 1:1 with either HFE-7100 or with perfluorooctane. Fingermarks were exposed to the solutions for 5 min, and were then rinsed with water (Nile Red) or HFE-7100 or 1:1 HFE-7100: perfluorooctane. Illumination for the fluorescent imaging was from a Polilight PL10 with excitation band centred at 505 nm. Images were taken with a Canon EOS 550D with 100 mm macro lens and KV550 filter, using DSLR remote (Breeze Systems) with manual control, ASA 400, “tungsten” white balance setting, with images stored both as jpg and cr2 (Raw). Images shown below are from cr2 images with no changes in brightness or contrast.

### Charged fingermarks on glass slides. Images taken with exposure time of 4s and aperture = 11

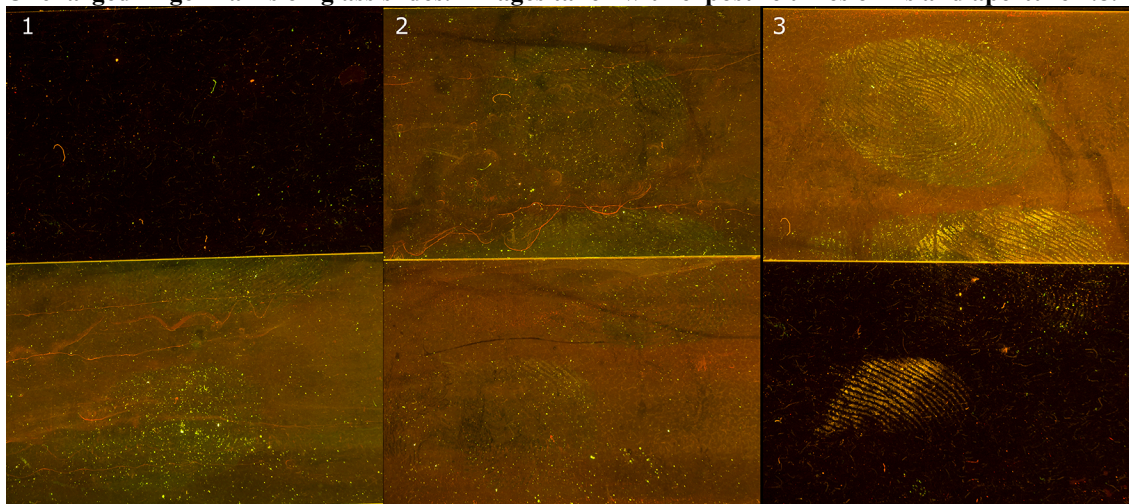


1 Upper: Nile red in aqueous methanol Lower: LD540 in HFE7100

2 Upper: LD540 in HFE7100 Lower: LD540 in HFE7100:perfluorooctane 1:1

3 Upper: LD540 in HFE 7100:perfluorooctane 1:1 Lower Nile red in aqueous methanol

### Uncharged fingermarks on glass slides. Images taken with exposure times of 4 s and aperture 2.8.



1 Upper: Nile red in aqueous methanol Lower: LD540 in HFE7100

2 Upper: LD540 in HFE7100 Lower: LD540 in HFE7100:perfluorooctane 1:1

3 Upper: LD540 in HFE 7100:perfluorooctane 1:1 Lower Nile red in aqueous methanol

### Imaging of sebaceous fingerprints on ice

Sebaceous fingerprints were deposited on ice at -15 °C and then stored at -15 °C for the times shown until development. Enhancement was with a saturated solution of LD540 in HFE-7100:perfluorooctane 1:1 at -15 °C. Imaging was performed as described previously, except the sample was placed on a platform in an insulated container containing dry ice. The temperature at the sample during imaging was approximately -35 °C.

