

## Supporting Information

### Pentazadiene: a high nitrogen linkage in energetic materials

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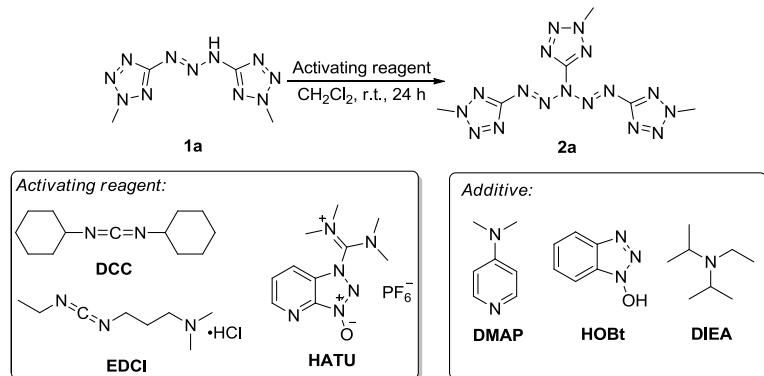
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## Further optimization of reaction condition to synthesize **2a**

Besides EDCI and DCC, 1-[Bis(dimethylamino)methylene]-1*H*-1,2,3-triazolo[4,5-*b*]pyridinium 3-oxid hexafluorophosphate (HATU), another common condensation agent in the construction of amide bond, was utilized to active **1a** (Table S1, entry 6). However, the product **2a** was not formed. Compared with DMAP, 1-hydroxybenzotriazole (HOEt) had no effect on this reaction (entries 3 and 5).

**Table S1.** Synthesis of **2a** in different activating conditions.<sup>a</sup>

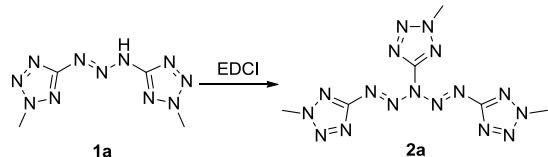


entry	activating reagent (equiv.)	yield(%) <sup>b</sup>
1 <sup>c</sup>	DCC (0.6)	trace
2 <sup>c</sup>	DCC (0.6), DMAP (0.2)	53
3	DCC (0.6), HOEt (0.6)	0
4	EDCI (0.6), DMAP (0.2)	56
5	EDCI (0.6), HOEt (0.6)	0
6	HATU (0.6), DIEA (1.0)	0

<sup>a</sup> Reactions were carried out with tetrazole triazene (0.5 mmol), and activating reagent in  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  (5 mL) at room temperature. <sup>b</sup> Isolated yield. <sup>c</sup> 72 h.

In EDCI/DMAP condition, low polar solvent provided higher yield (Table S2, entries 1-7). The yield in chloroform was slightly higher than dichloromethane (entry 2). Without DMAP, the yields in most solvents were increasing, whereas no solvent exceeded dichloromethane (entries 9-13). The solution concentration had no effect on this reaction (entries 16-18), neither did extension of time (entries 19 and 20). The reaction was smoothly scaled up to 5.0 mmol, giving **2a** in a 74% yield.

**Table S2.** Synthesis of **2a** in different reaction conditions.<sup>a</sup>



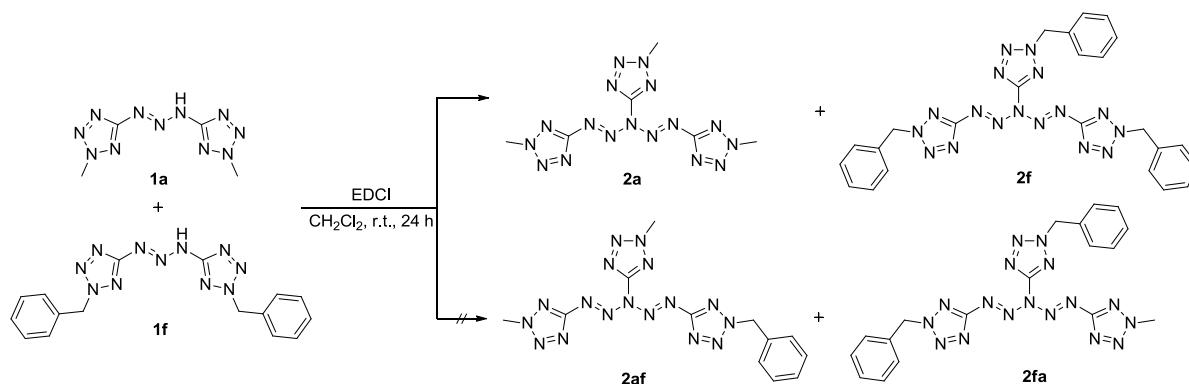
entry	EDCI (equiv.)	DMAP (equiv.)	solvent	conc. (M)	time (h)	yield (%) <sup>b</sup>
1	0.6	0.2	CH <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub>	0.1	24	56
2	0.6	0.2	CHCl <sub>3</sub>	0.1	24	60
3	0.6	0.2	DCE	0.1	24	48
4	0.6	0.2	CH <sub>3</sub> CN	0.1	24	44
5	0.6	0.2	THF	0.1	24	38
6	0.6	0.2	acetone	0.1	24	35
7	0.6	0.2	DMF	0.1	24	n.r.
8	0.6	0.6	CH <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub>	0.1	24	21
9	0.6	0	CH <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub>	0.1	24	80
10	0.6	0	CHCl <sub>3</sub>	0.1	24	69
11	0.6	0	DCE	0.1	24	65
12	0.6	0	CH <sub>3</sub> CN	0.1	24	50
13	0.6	0	THF	0.1	24	38
14 <sup>c</sup>	0.5	0	CH <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub>	0.1	24	65
15	1.2	0	CH <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub>	0.1	24	48
16	0.6	0	CH <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub>	0.05	24	78
17	0.6	0	CH <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub>	0.2	24	76
18	0.6	0	CH <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub>	0.5	24	78
19	0.6	0	CH <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub>	0.1	36	78
20	0.6	0	CH <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub>	0.1	48	78
21 <sup>d</sup>	0.6	0	CH <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub>	0.1	24	74

<sup>a</sup> Reactions were carried out with tetrazolyltriazene (0.5 mmol), and EDCI at room temperature. <sup>b</sup> Isolated yield. <sup>c</sup> 72 h. <sup>d</sup> On 5.0 mmol scale.

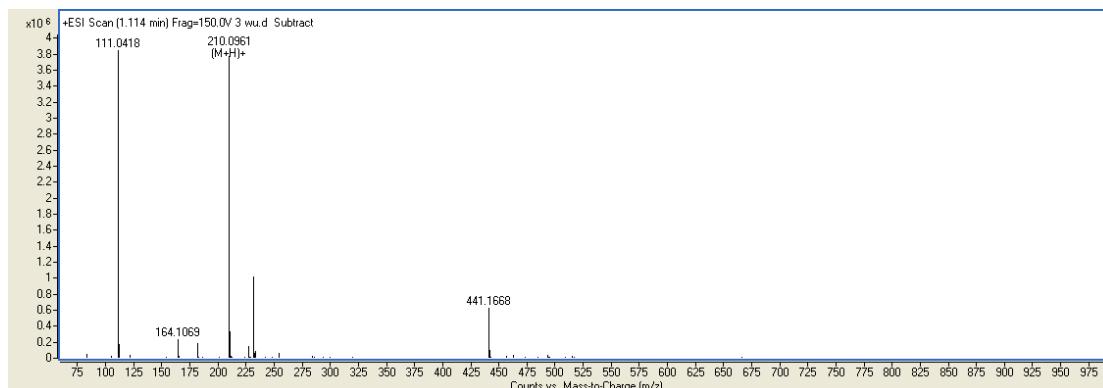
## Investigations of mechanism

When **1a** and **1f** were mixed of 1:1 ratio as starting material, cross-reacted product **2af** and **2fa** were not observed in mass spectrum (Scheme S1), which indicated that two molecules of triazenes forming pentaza-1,4-dienes connected with each other by intermolecular forces.

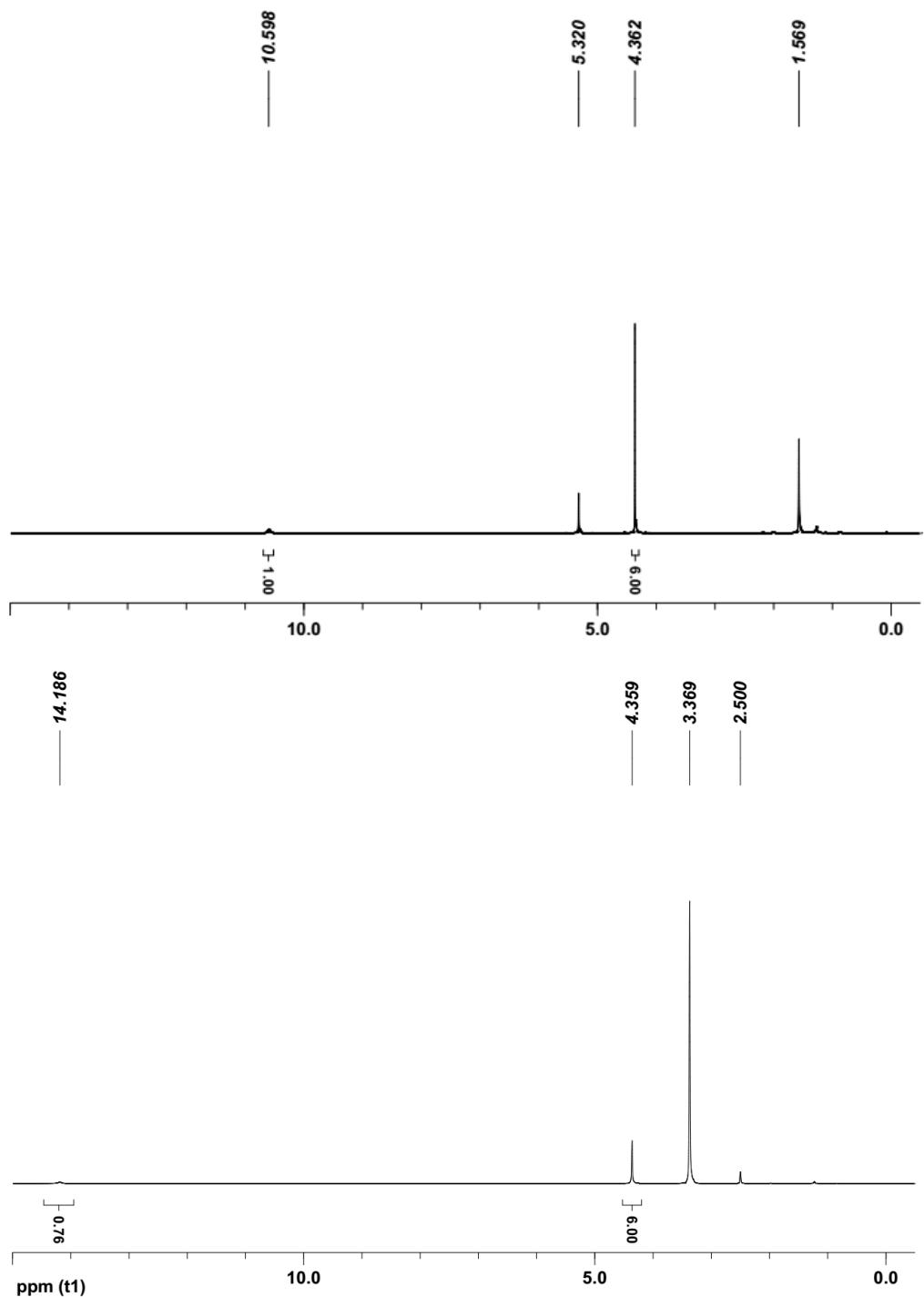
**Scheme S1.** Cross-reaction of two different substituted tetrazolyl triazenes



The dimer [**1a**] was observed in mass spectrum (Figure S1). In  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectra, the proton signal of amino in triazene employing  $\text{CD}_2\text{Cl}_2$  as solvent (Figure S2 upper) shift up field, compared with the signal employing DMSO-D6 (Figure S2 lower). One of the reason is the hydrogen bonds in dimers ( $-\text{N}-\text{H} \cdots \text{N}-$ ) are weaker than the ones between **1a** and DMSO ( $-\text{N}-\text{H} \cdots \text{O}-$ ). Another reason might be strong shielding effect on inner hydrogens surrounded by two molecules in a dimer [**1a**]. The solvents forming strong hydrogen bonds with **1a** (Table S2, entry 4-6) provide lower yield of **2a**, which also implies that the dimer [**1a**] is the active species in this reaction.



**Figure S1.** High resolution mass spectrum of **1a** and dimer [**1a**]



**Figure S2.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra of **1a** in  $\text{CD}_2\text{Cl}_2$  (upper) and  $\text{DMSO}-\text{D}_6$  (lower). The x axis represents the chemical shift  $\delta$  in ppm

**Caution!** Due to the fact that tetrazolyl pentazadienes are to some extent rather unstable toward external stimuli, proper safety precautions should be taken when handling the dry materials. Lab personnel and the equipment should be properly grounded and protective equipment such as leather coat, Kevlar gloves, ear protection and face shield are recommended.

**General Methods:**  $^1\text{H}$  and  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectra were recorded on a 400 MHz (Bruker Avance 400) nuclear magnetic resonance spectrometers operating at 400 and 100 MHz, respectively, by using  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , [D6]DMSO and  $\text{CD}_3\text{CN}$  as solvent and locking solvent.  $^{15}\text{N}$  NMR spectra were recorded on a 700 MHz (Bruker Avance 700) nuclear magnetic resonance spectrometers operating at 70 MHz, respectively, by using  $\text{CD}_2\text{Cl}_2$  and DMF-D7 as solvent and locking solvent. IR spectra were recorded using KBr pellets for solids on a Bruker ALPHA FT-IR-Spektrometer. The melting and decomposition points were obtained on a differential scanning calorimeter (METTLER TOLEDO) at a scan rate of  $5\ ^\circ\text{C min}^{-1}$ . Elemental analyses were carried out using an Elementar Vario EL element analyzer. High resolution mass spectrometry was recorded on Bruker Apex IV FTMS. Details of the X-ray diffraction analysis of **2a** are presented. Data were collected on a Rigaku Saturn 724 CCD diffractometer employing graphite-monochromated MoKa radiation ( $\lambda=0.71073\ \text{\AA}$ ) using omega scans.

**X-ray diffraction:** For compound **2a**, data were collected on a Rigaku Saturn 724 CCD diffractometer employing graphite-monochromated MoKa radiation ( $\lambda=0.71073\ \text{\AA}$ ) using omega scans. Data collection and reduction were performed and the unit cell was initially refined using Crystal Clear SM Expert 2.0 r2.<sup>1</sup> The reflection data were corrected for Lorentz-polarization factors. The structure was solved by direct methods and refined by the least-squares method on  $F^2$  using the SHELXTL-97 suite of programs.<sup>2</sup> All non-hydrogen atoms were refined anisotropically. The structure of **2a** was solved in the space group  $P2_1/c$  by analysis of systematic absences.

Compound **1a** and **1j** were synthesized according as literature.<sup>3</sup>

### General procedure to synthesize substituted tetrazolyl triazene **1c-1h**

$\text{NaNO}_2$  (0.690 g, 10 mmol) in 40 mL water was added dropwise to a solution of 2-substituted-5-aminotetrazole (20 mmol) and concentrated HCl (4 mL, 48 mmol) in 100 mL water at  $0\ ^\circ\text{C}$ . After 2 h, the reaction stirred additional 2 h at room temperature. The precipitate was filtered, washed with water, and dried to provide high purity product.

In all the  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectra of the tetrazolyl triazene, the carbon atom of tetrazole rings (165.4-169.0 ppm) were hard to be found due to the weak resonance, even not in **1b** and **1f**.

**1,3-bis(2-allyltetrazol-5-yl)triazene (1c).** Yield 2.195 g (84%) of product **1c**.

White solid (**1c**): m.p. 50-52  $^\circ\text{C}$ . IR (KBr):  $\tilde{\nu} = 3497, 3451, 2770, 1639, 1597, 1461, 1227, 1044, 930, 810, 557\ \text{cm}^{-1}$ .  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz, [D6]DMSO):  $\delta = 14.26$  (s, 1H), 6.07-6.14 (m, 2H), 5.31-5.36 (m, 8H) ppm.  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz, [D6]DMSO):  $\delta = 168.8, 130.6, 120.3, 55.3$  ppm. HRMS: calc. for  $\text{C}_8\text{H}_{12}\text{N}_{11} [\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ : 262.1272; found:

**1,3-bis(2-*tert*-butyltetrazol-5-yl)triazene (1d).** Yield 2.442 g (83%) of product **1d**.

White solid (**1d**): m.p. 169-170 °C. IR (KBr):  $\tilde{\nu}$  = 3181, 3133, 2989, 2940, 1595, 1481, 1387, 1373, 1342, 1314, 1279, 1217, 1189, 1020, 941, 826, 760 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, [D6]DMSO):  $\delta$  = 14.10 (s, 1H), 1.69 (s, 18H) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, [D6]DMSO):  $\delta$  = 168.2, 64.2, 28.6 ppm. HRMS: calc. for C<sub>10</sub>H<sub>20</sub>N<sub>11</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 294.1898; found: 294.1901.

**1,3-bis(2-bromoethyltetrazol-5-yl)triazene (1e).** Yield 3.522 g (89%) of product **1e**.

White solid (**1e**): m.p. 131-133 °C. IR (KBr):  $\tilde{\nu}$  = 3034, 2979, 2876, 1587, 1458, 1426, 1308, 1258, 1204, 1040, 959, 874, 744 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, [D6]DMSO):  $\delta$  = 14.34 (s, 1H), 5.14 (t, *J*=5.6 Hz, 4H), 4.05 (t, *J*=5.6 Hz, 4H) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, [D6]DMSO):  $\delta$  = 169.0, 54.6, 29.9 ppm. HRMS: calc. for C<sub>9</sub>H<sub>12</sub>Br<sub>3</sub>N<sub>17</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 395.9467; found: 395.9463.

**1,3-bis(2-methoxycarbonylmethyltetrazol-5-yl)triazene (1f).** Yield 2.695 g (83%) of product **1f**.

White solid (**1f**): m.p. 84-86 °C. IR (KBr):  $\tilde{\nu}$  = 3539, 3464, 3007, 2964, 1735, 1583, 1454, 1363, 1241, 1043, 986, 790, 738 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, [D6]DMSO):  $\delta$  = 14.45 (s, 1H), 5.86 (s, 4H), 3.75 (s, 6H) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, [D6]DMSO):  $\delta$  = 166.4, 53.6, 52.9 ppm. HRMS: calc. for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>15</sub>N<sub>17</sub>O<sub>6</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 326.1068; found: 326.1067.

**1,3-bis(2-cyanomethyltetrazol-5-yl)triazene (1g).** Yield 2.241 g (86%) of product **1g**.

White solid (**1g**): m.p. 79-81 °C. IR (KBr):  $\tilde{\nu}$  = 3490, 3454, 2999, 1603, 1468, 1378, 1301, 1229, 1041, 936, 828, 776, 741 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, [D6]DMSO):  $\delta$  = 14.61 (s, 1H), 6.24 (s, 4H) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, [D6]DMSO):  $\delta$  = 166.2, 113.4, 41.1 ppm. HRMS: calc. for C<sub>9</sub>H<sub>6</sub>N<sub>20</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 260.0864; found: 260.0864.

**1,3-bis(2-vinyltetrazol-5-yl)triazene (1h).** Yield 1.990 g (85%) of product **1h**.

White solid (**1h**): m.p. 157-158 °C (dec.). IR (KBr):  $\tilde{\nu}$  = 3180, 3135, 3018, 1600, 1488, 1386, 1328, 1228, 1196, 1010, 952, 936, 789, 722 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, [D6]DMSO):  $\delta$  = 14.45 (s, 1H), 7.77 (dd, *J*=15.4, 8.6 Hz, 2H), 6.09 (d, *J*=15.2, 2H), 5.49 (d, *J*=7.6, 2H) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, [D6]DMSO):  $\delta$  = 165.4, 130.1, 109.2 ppm. HRMS: calc. for C<sub>9</sub>H<sub>9</sub>N<sub>17</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 234.0959; found: 234.0962.

**1,3-bis(2-benzyltetrazol-5-yl)triazene (1b).** Yield 2.007 g (55%) of product **1b**.

NaNO<sub>2</sub> (0.690 g, 10 mmol) in 20 mL water was added dropwise to a solution of 2-benzyl-5-aminotetrazole (3.504 g, 20 mmol) and concentrated HCl (4 mL, 48 mmol) in 40 mL water and 40 mL THF at 0 °C. After 2 h, the reaction stirred additional 2 h at room temperature. The precipitate was filtered, washed with water, and dried to provide high purity product.

White solid (**1b**): m.p. 66-68 °C. IR (KBr):  $\tilde{\nu}$  = 3535, 3474, 1602, 1466, 1225, 1034, 824, 744, 716 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, [D6]DMSO):  $\delta$  = 14.25 (s, 1H), 7.39 (s, 10H), 5.92 (s, 4H) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, [D6]DMSO):  $\delta$  = 133.7, 128.8, 128.6, 128.3, 56.4 ppm. HRMS: calc. for C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>21</sub>N<sub>17</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 362.1585; found: 362.1589.

**1,3-bis(2-hydroxyethyltetrazol-5-yl)triazene (1i).** Yield 1.863 g (69%) of product **1i**.

NaNO<sub>2</sub> (0.690 g, 10 mmol) in 4 mL water was added dropwise to a solution of 2-hydroxyethyl-5-amino-tetrazole (2.582 g, 20 mmol) and concentrated HCl (2 mL, 24 mmol) in 10 mL water at 0 °C. After 2 h, the reaction stirred additional 2 h at room temperature. The precipitate was filtered, washed with filtrate, and dried to provide high purity product.

White solid (**1i**): m.p. 132-133 °C. IR (KBr):  $\tilde{\nu}$  = 3412, 3309, 2931, 2816, 1603, 1472, 1316, 1220, 1068, 966, 862, 790, 744 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, [D6]DMSO):  $\delta$  = 14.19 (s, 1H), 5.09 (s, 2H), 4.70 (t, *J*=5.0 Hz, 4H), 3.93 (d, *J*=2.8 Hz, 4H) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, [D6]DMSO):  $\delta$  = 165.6, 59.0, 56.2 ppm. HRMS: calc. for C<sub>9</sub>H<sub>15</sub>N<sub>17</sub>O<sub>3</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 270.1170; found: 270.1172.

**General procedure to synthesize substituted tetrazolyl pentazadiene 2a-2f, 2h, 2i**

1,3-Bis(2-substituted-tetrazol-5-yl)triazene (**1a-1f, 1h, 1i**, 0.5 mmol) and 1-(3-dimethylaminoprop-yl)-3-ethyl-carbodiimide hydrochloride (EDCI, 58 mg, 0.3 mmol) were dissolved in 5 mL CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> at room temperature. After stirring for 24 h, the reaction mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure and the residue purified by column chromatography to provide 1,3,5-tri(2-substituted-tetrazol-5-yl)pentazadiene (**2a-2f, 2h, 2i**). After recrystallization from PE/CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, high purity product was obtained.

**1,3,5-tri(2-methyltetrazol-5-yl)pentazadiene (2a).** Yield 64 mg (80%) of product **2a**.

White solid (**2a**): DSC (5 °C min<sup>-1</sup>): 141 °C (dec.). IR (KBr):  $\tilde{\nu}$  = 1495, 1466, 1397, 1202, 1154, 1077, 942, 761, 720, 576 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 4.50 (s, 3H), 4.41 (s, 6H) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 167.7, 153.8, 40.8, 40.2 ppm. <sup>15</sup>N NMR (70 MHz, CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>):  $\delta$  = 85.3 (N6), 10.7 (N5), 9.5 (N3), 4.8 (N10), -44.0 (N4), -56.5 (N11), -69.3 (N1), -82.6 (N8), -97.1 (N2), -101.4 (N9), -138.4 (N7) ppm. Elemental analysis: (C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>9</sub>N<sub>17</sub>, 319.12) calc.: C 22.57, H 2.84, N 74.59; found: C 22.83, H 2.87, N 74.30. HRMS: calc. for C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>9</sub>N<sub>17</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 320.1300; found: 320.1295.

**Another procedure to synthesize 2a.**

When the reaction completed, 20 mL CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> and 10 mL concentrated HCl were added to the reaction mixture. After rapid extraction, the organic layer was washed with saturated NaHCO<sub>3</sub> (30 mL × 2) and brine (30mL), dry over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, evaporated under reduced pressure. The crude product was purified by recrystallization from PE/CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (60 mg, 75%).

**1,3,5-tri(2-benzyltetrazol-5-yl)pentazadiene (2b).** Yield 94 mg (70%) of product **2b**.

White solid (**2b**): DSC (5 °C min<sup>-1</sup>): 132 °C (dec.), 236 °C (dec.). IR (KBr):  $\tilde{\nu}$  = 3065, 3032, 3017, 1487, 1472, 1334, 1246, 1204, 1159, 1117, 1071, 1037, 955, 723, 595 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 7.38 (s, 15H), 5.85 (s, 2H), 5.78 (s, 4H) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 167.7, 153.8, 132.3, 131.9, 129.3, 129.2, 129.1, 128.6, 128.5, 58.1, 57.7 ppm. Elemental analysis: (C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>21</sub>N<sub>17</sub>, 547.22) calc.: C 52.65, H 3.87, N 43.49; found: C 53.19, H 3.87, N 42.95. HRMS: calc. for C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>21</sub>N<sub>17</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 548.2239; found: 548.2239.

**1,3,5-tri(2-allyltetrazol-5-yl)pentazadiene (2c).** Yield 72 mg (72%) of product **2c**.

White solid (**2c**): DSC (5 °C min<sup>-1</sup>): 99 °C (m.p.); 100 °C (dec.). IR (KBr):  $\tilde{\nu}$  = 3098, 2988, 1487, 1472, 1460, 1424, 1173, 1156, 1074, 1036, 957, 788, 720, 576 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 6.03-6.20 (m, 3H), 5.40-5.49 (m, 6H), 5.33 (dt, <sup>3</sup>J=6.4 Hz, 2H), 5.25 (dt, <sup>3</sup>J=6.4 Hz, 4H) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 167.7, 153.8, 128.9, 128.6, 122.1, 121.8, 56.7, 56.2 ppm. Elemental analysis: (C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>15</sub>N<sub>17</sub>, 397.17) calc.: C 36.27, H 3.80, N 59.92; found: C 37.11, H 3.41, N 59.47. HRMS: calc. for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>15</sub>N<sub>17</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 398.1769; found: 398.1772.

**1,3,5-tri(2-*tert*-butyltetrazol-5-yl)pentazadiene (2d).** Yield 83 mg (75%) of product **2d**.

White solid (**2d**): DSC (5 °C min<sup>-1</sup>): 135 °C (dec.). IR (KBr):  $\tilde{\nu}$  = 2989, 2940, 1486, 1455, 1373, 1313, 1240, 1190, 1172, 1144, 1067, 945, 758, 638 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 1.80 (s, 9H), 1.75 (s, 18H) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 167.3, 153.2, 66.0, 65.2, 29.2 ppm. Elemental analysis: (C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>27</sub>N<sub>17</sub>, 445.26) calc.: C 40.44, H 6.11, N 53.45; found: C 41.43, H 6.04, N 52.53. HRMS: calc. for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>27</sub>N<sub>17</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 446.2708; found: 446.2713.

**1,3,5-tri(2-bromoethyltetrazol-5-yl)pentazadiene (2e).** Yield 109 mg (73%) of product **2e**.

White solid (**2e**): DSC (5 °C min<sup>-1</sup>): 123 °C (m.p.); 124 °C (dec.). IR (KBr):  $\tilde{\nu}$  = 3013, 2968, 1492, 1459, 1430, 1401, 1364, 1309, 1257, 1165, 1077, 942, 881, 760, 587, 570 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 5.16 (t, J=6.8 Hz, 2H), 5.07 (t, J=6.4 Hz, 4H), 3.94 (t, J=6.8 Hz, 2H), 3.90 (t, J=6.4 Hz, 4H) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 167.7, 153.9, 55.2, 54.8, 26.7, 26.1 ppm. HRMS: calc. for C<sub>9</sub>H<sub>12</sub>Br<sub>3</sub>N<sub>17</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 597.9069; found: 597.9055.

**1,3,5-tri(2-methoxycarbonylmethyltetrazol-5-yl)pentazadiene (2f).** Yield 92 mg (75%) of product **2f**.

White solid (**2f**): DSC (5 °C min<sup>-1</sup>): 120 °C (m.p.); 121 °C (dec.), 221 °C (dec.). IR (KBr):  $\tilde{\nu}$  = 3015, 2962, 1758, 1497, 1471, 1440, 1358, 1227, 1163, 1076, 992, 942, 804, 756, 595, 580 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 5.57 (s, 2H), 5.47 (s, 4H), 3.85 (s, 3H), 3.81 (s, 6H) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 167.8, 164.8, 164.4, 154.0, 54.3, 53.8, 53.6, 53.5 ppm. Elemental analysis: (C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>15</sub>N<sub>17</sub>O<sub>6</sub>, 493.14) calc.: C 29.21, H 3.06, N 48.26; found: C 29.80, H 2.56, N 48.18. HRMS: calc. for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>15</sub>N<sub>17</sub>O<sub>6</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 494.1464; found: 494.1465.

**1,3,5-tri(2-vinyltetrazol-5-yl)pentazadiene (2h).** Yield 72 mg (81%) of product **2h**.

White solid (**2h**): DSC (5 °C min<sup>-1</sup>): 122 °C (dec.). IR (KBr):  $\tilde{\nu}$  = 3129, 3104, 1644, 1493, 1468, 1410, 1385, 1175, 1153, 1074, 1032, 1007, 944, 914, 744 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 7.58 (dd, *J*=15.8, 8.6 Hz, 1H), 7.54 (dd, *J*=15.6, 8.4 Hz, 2H), 6.33 (dd, *J*=15.6, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 6.32 (dd, *J*=15.8, 1.8 Hz, 2H), 5.58 (dd, *J*=8.8, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 5.50 (dd, *J*=8.4, 1.6 Hz, 2H) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 167.1, 153.6, 129.8, 129.7, 111.2, 110.4 ppm. HRMS: calc. for C<sub>9</sub>H<sub>9</sub>N<sub>17</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 356.1300; found: 356.1305.

**1,3,5-tri(2-hydroxyethyltetrazol-5-yl)pentazadiene (2i).** Yield 38 mg (37%) of product **2i**.

White solid (**2i**): DSC (5 °C min<sup>-1</sup>): 118 °C (m.p.); 119 °C (dec.). IR (KBr):  $\tilde{\nu}$  = 3390, 2939, 1591, 1492, 1401, 1212, 1165, 1077, 944, 870, 760 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>CN):  $\delta$  = 4.88 (t, *J*=5.2 Hz, 2H), 4.75 (t, *J*=5.0 Hz, 4H), 4.10 (dd, *J*=10.4, 5.2 Hz, 2H), 4.05 (dd, *J*=10.6, 5.8 Hz, 4H), 3.28 (t, *J*=5.8 Hz, 1H), 3.13 (t, *J*=6.0 Hz, 2H) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>CN):  $\delta$  = 168.5, 154.6, 60.4, 60.2 58.4, 57.6 ppm. Elemental analysis: (C<sub>9</sub>H<sub>15</sub>N<sub>17</sub>O<sub>3</sub>, 409.15) calc.: C 26.41, H 3.69, N 58.17; found: C 27.02, H 3.66, N 57.59. HRMS: calc. for C<sub>9</sub>H<sub>15</sub>N<sub>17</sub>O<sub>3</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 410.1617; found: 410.1615.

**1,3,5-tri(2-cyanomethyltetrazol-5-yl)pentazadiene (2g).** Yield 79 mg (80%) of product **2g**.

1,3-Bis(2-cyanomethyltetrazol-5-yl)triazene (130 mg, 0.5 mmol) and 1-(3-dimethylaminoprop-yl)-3-ethyl-carbodiimide hydrochloride (EDCI, 58 mg, 0.3 mmol) were dissolved in 4 mL CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> and 1 mL acetonitrile at room temperature. After stirring for 24 h, the solvent was evaporated in vacuum and the residue purified by column chromatography to provide **2g**. After recrystallization from PE/EtOAc, high purity product was obtained.

White solid (**2g**): DSC (5 °C min<sup>-1</sup>): 128 °C (dec.). IR (KBr):  $\tilde{\nu}$  = 3000, 2956, 1497, 1470, 1404, 1368, 1166, 1039, 1075, 941, 793, 756, 595 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>CN):  $\delta$  = 5.94 (s, 2H), 5.83 (s, 4H) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>CN):  $\delta$  = 168.5, 154.9, 112.9, 112.8, 43.5, 42.6 ppm. HRMS: calc. for C<sub>9</sub>H<sub>6</sub>N<sub>20</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 395.1157; found: 395.1162.

**1,3,5-tri(1-methyltetrazol-5-yl)pentazadiene (2j).** Yield 51 mg (64%) of product **2j**.

1,3-Bis(1-methyltetrazol-5-yl)triazene (105 mg, 0.5 mmol) and 1-(3-dimethylaminoprop-yl)-3-ethyl-carbodiimide hydrochloride (EDCI, 58 mg, 0.3 mmol) were dissolved in 5 mL acetonitrile at room temperature. After stirring for 24 h, the solvent was evaporated in vacuum and the residue purified by column chromatography to provide **2j**. After recrystallization from PE/EtOAc, high purity product was obtained.

White solid (**2j**): DSC (5 °C min<sup>-1</sup>): 141 °C (dec.). IR (KBr):  $\tilde{\nu}$  = 1518, 1467, 1140, 1089, 1039, 948, 744, 583 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, [D6]DMSO):  $\delta$  = 4.15 (s, 3H), 4.02 (s, 6H) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, [D6]DMSO):  $\delta$  = 155.6, 144.6, 34.4, 34.4 ppm. <sup>15</sup>N NMR (70 MHz, [D7]DMF):  $\delta$  = 82.6 (N6), 16.6 (N3), 10.6 (N10), 2.8 (N5), -0.6 (N2), -5.7 (N9), -47.6 (N4), -64.9 (N11), -145.1 (N7), -150.5 (N1), -156.7 (N8) ppm. Elemental analysis: (C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>9</sub>N<sub>17</sub>, 319.12) calc.: C 22.57, H 2.84, N 74.59; found: C 23.41, H 2.80, N 73.79. The chemical stability of **2j** is very poor, so it will decomposed to **1j** in ESI-MS.

### **Reaction of tetrazolyl triazene with *N*-methyl-*p*-toluidine**

1,3-Bis(2-methyltetrazol-5-yl)triazene (**1a**, 209 mg, 1.0 mmol), 1-(3-dimethylaminoprop-yl)-3-ethyl-carbodiimide hydrochloride (EDCI, 230 mg, 1.2 mmol) and *N*-methyl-*p*-toluidine (150 µL, 1.2 mmol) were dissolved in 10 mL CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> at room temperature. After stirring for 6 h, the reaction mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure and the residue purified by column chromatography to provide product **5** and **6**.

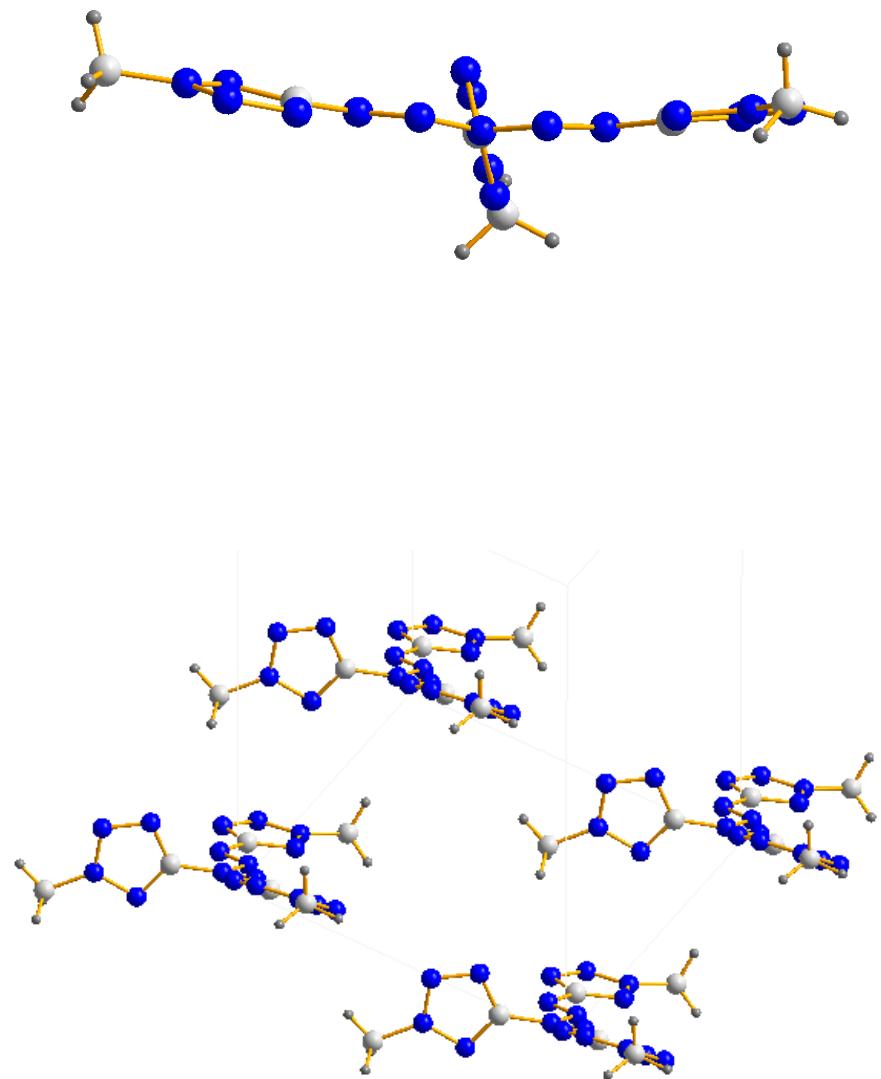
White solid (**5**): m.p. 99-100 °C. IR (KBr):  $\tilde{\nu}$  = 2959, 2926, 1726, 1600, 1514, 1458, 1378, 1286, 1119, 1072, 1039, 981, 822, 739 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, [D6]DMSO):  $\delta$  = 7.45 (d, *J*=6.4 Hz, 2H), 7.28 (d, *J*=6.8 Hz, 2H), 4.35 (s, 3H), 3.68 (s, 3H), 2.32 (s, 3H) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, [D6]DMSO):  $\delta$  = 170.1, 141.4, 134.8, 129.7, 118.4, 39.8, 34.1, 20.3 ppm. HRMS: calc. for C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>9</sub>N<sub>17</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 232.1305; found: 232.1308.

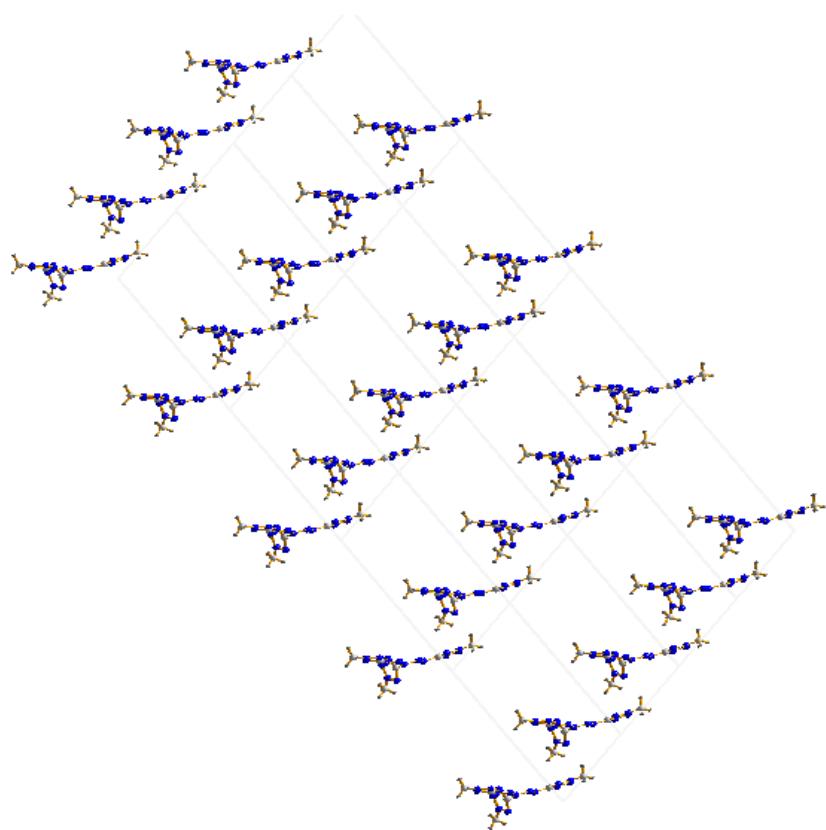
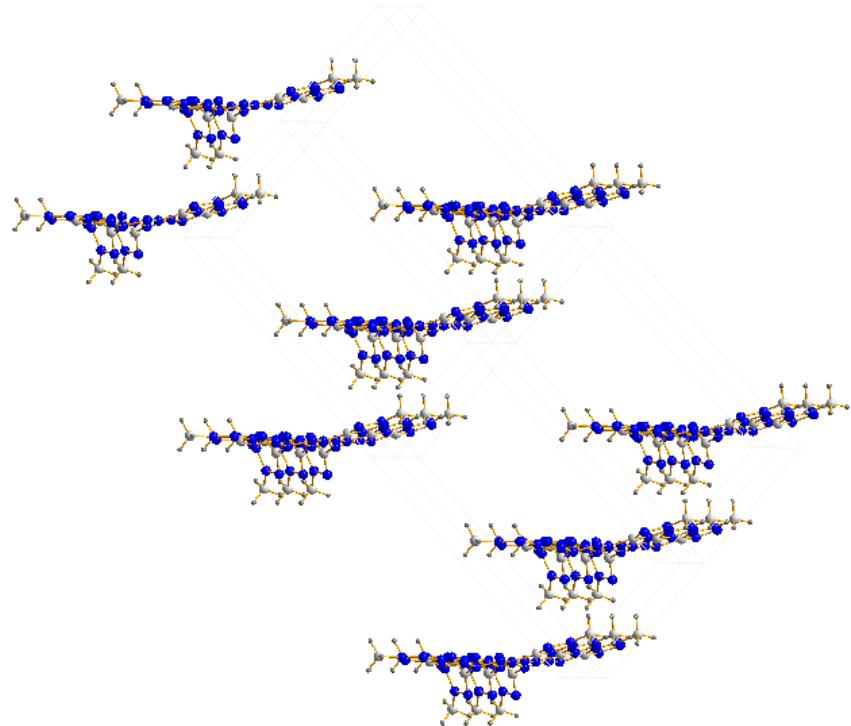
Scarlet solid (**6**): m.p. 88-90 °C. IR (KBr):  $\tilde{\nu}$  = 2959, 2924, 1726, 1571, 1527, 1469, 1392, 1286, 1174, 1137, 1073, 1038, 743 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, [D6]DMSO):  $\delta$  = 8.53 (d, *J*=4.8 Hz, 1H), 7.57 (s, 1H), 7.30 (d, *J*=8.8 Hz, 1H), 6.86 (d, *J*=8.8 Hz, 1H), 4.43 (s, 3H), 2.97 (d, *J*=5.2 Hz, 3H), 2.26 (s, 3H) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, [D6]DMSO):  $\delta$  = 171.6, 143.6, 137.1, 135.9, 128.5, 124.5, 112.6, 40.0, 29.1, 19.4 ppm. HRMS: calc. for C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>9</sub>N<sub>17</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 232.1305; found: 232.1309.

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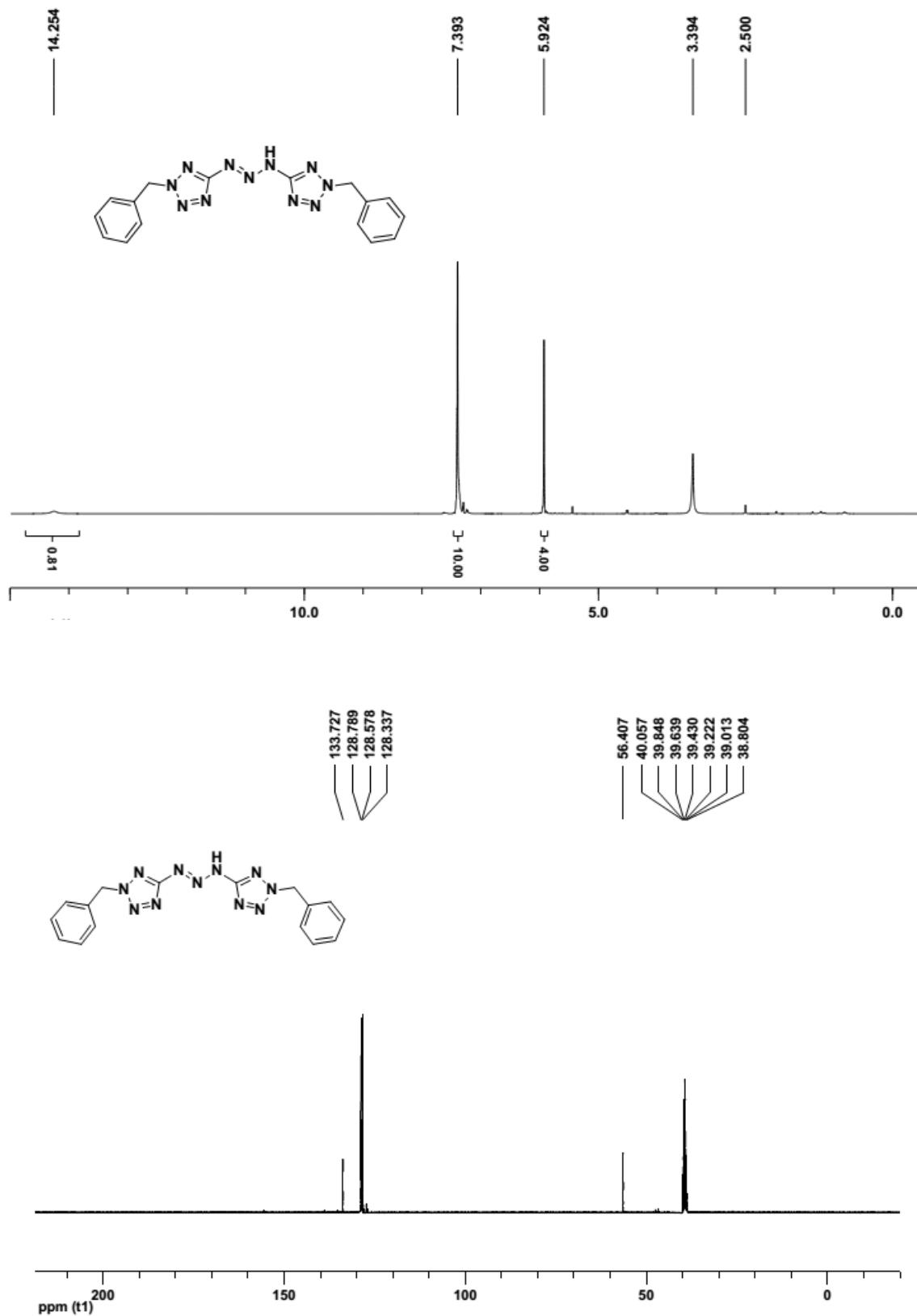
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**X-ray crystallography of 2a**

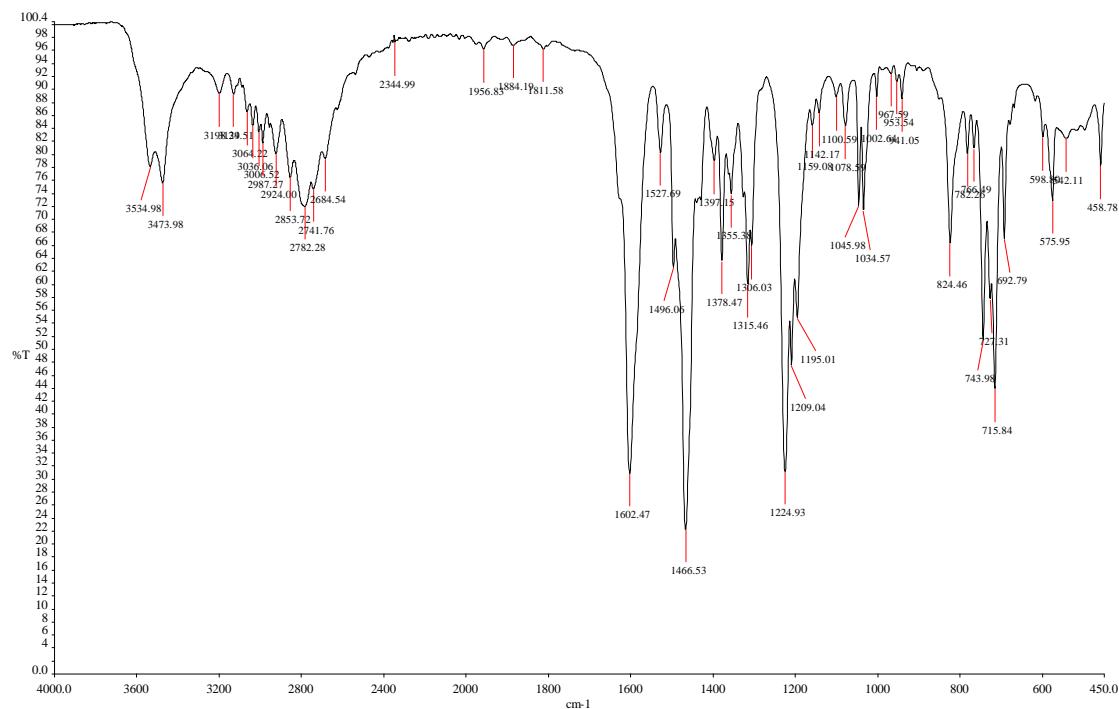




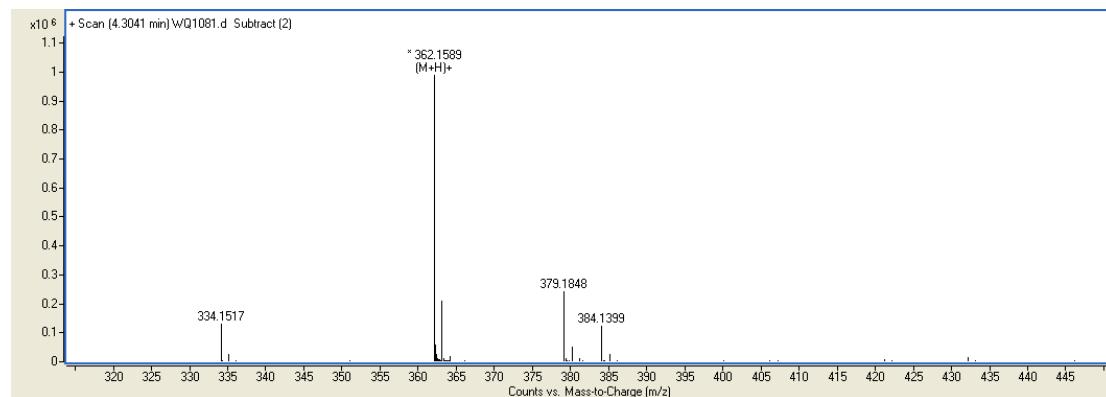
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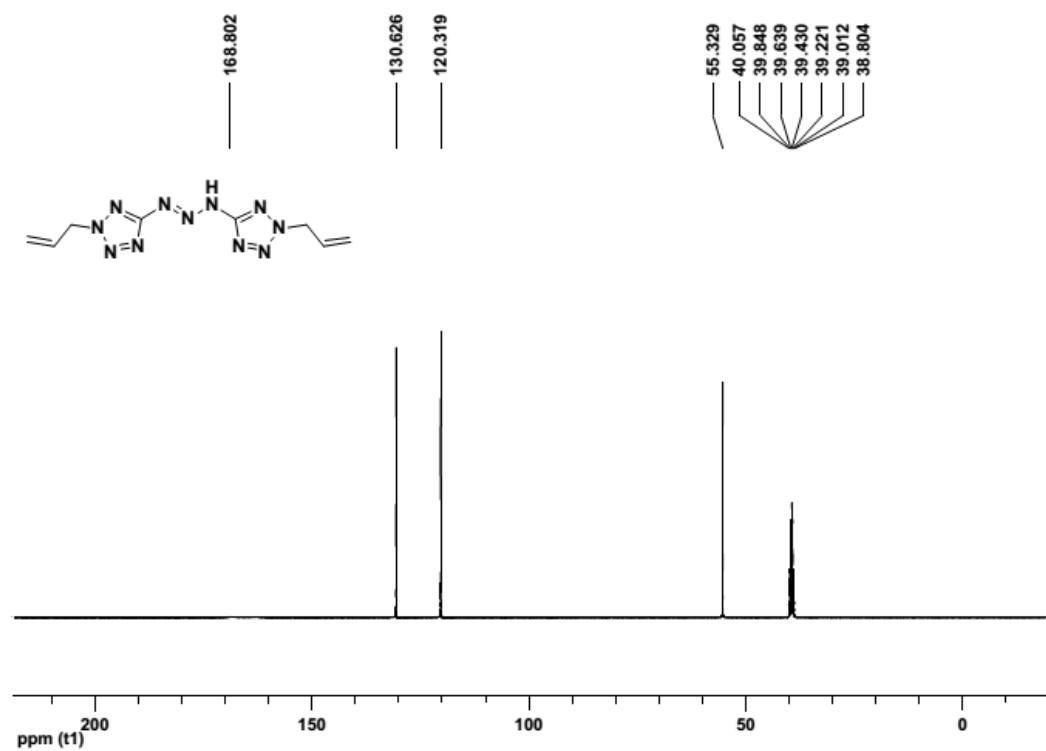
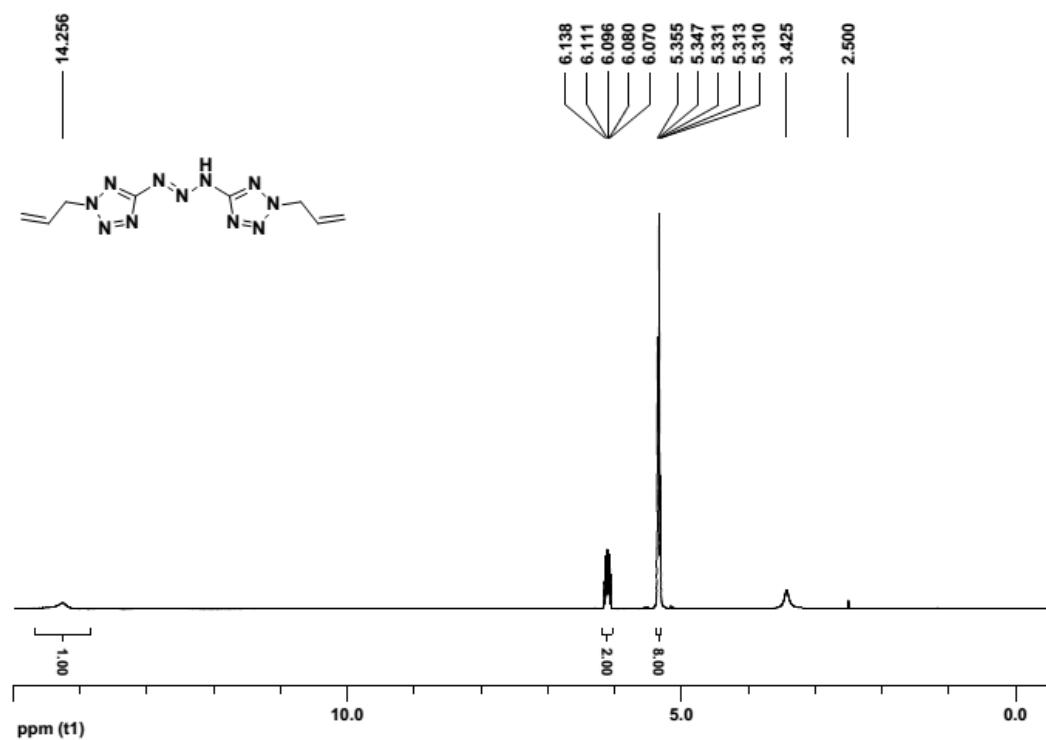
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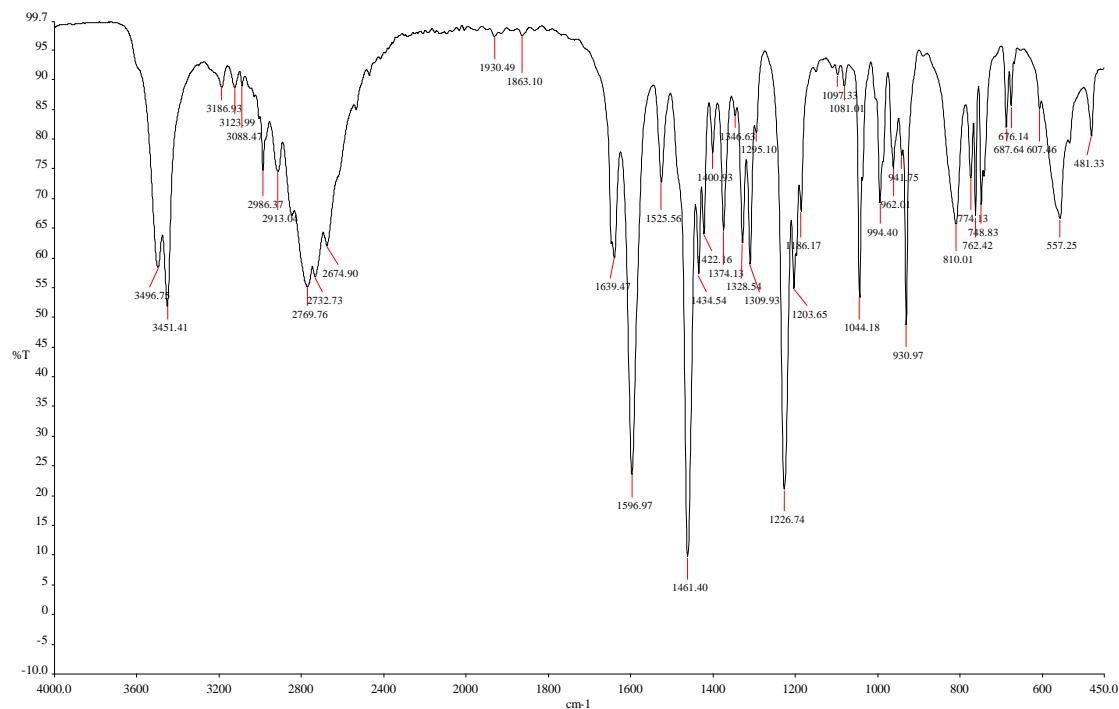
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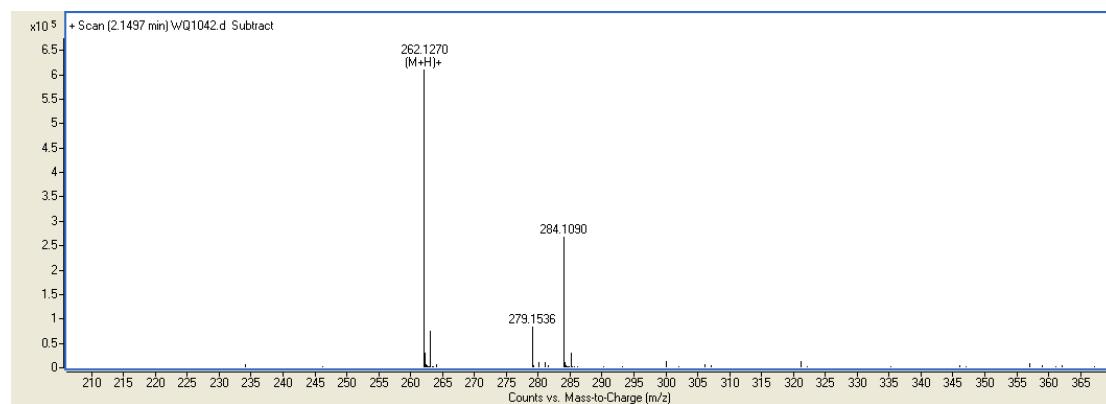
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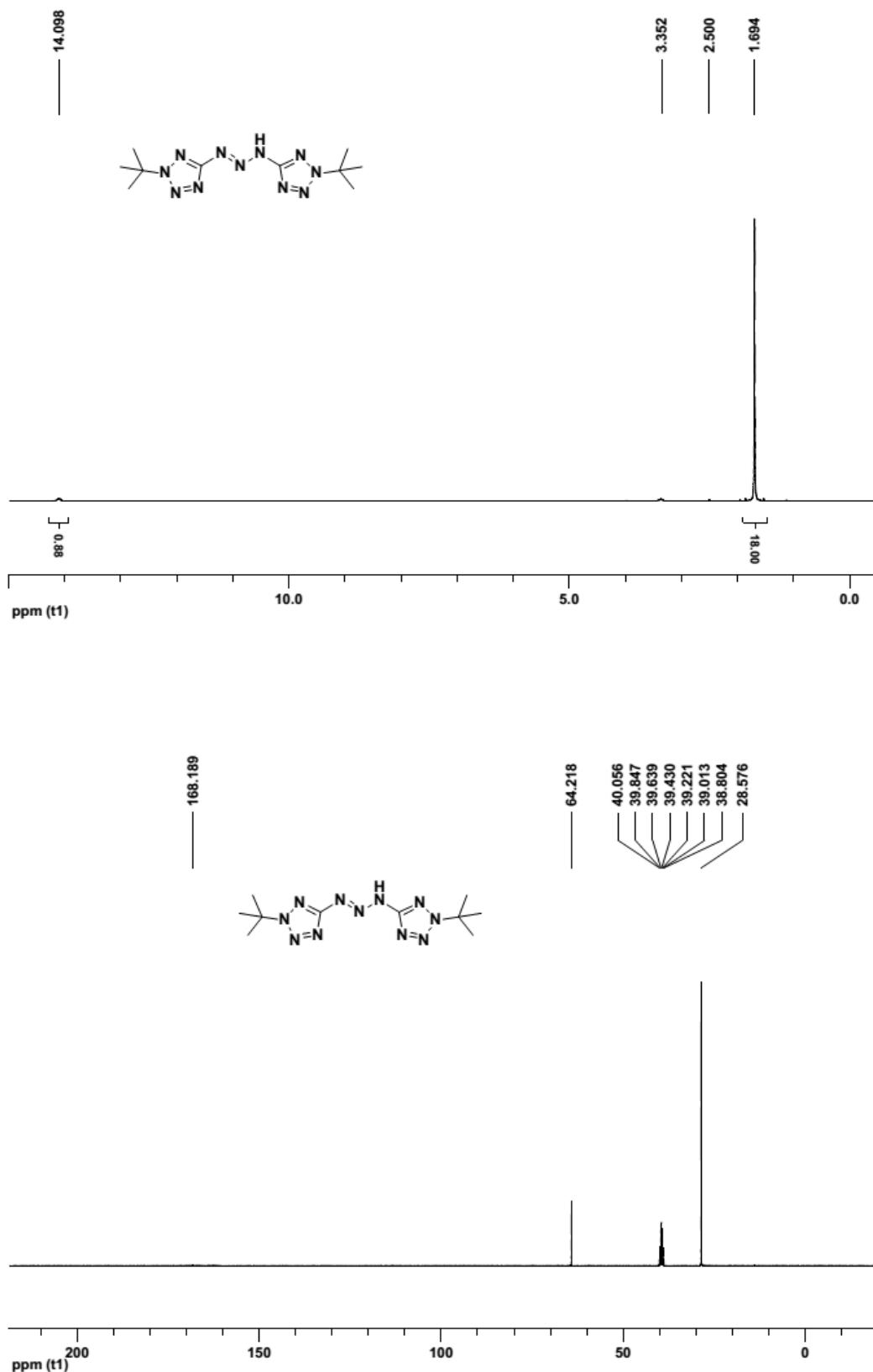
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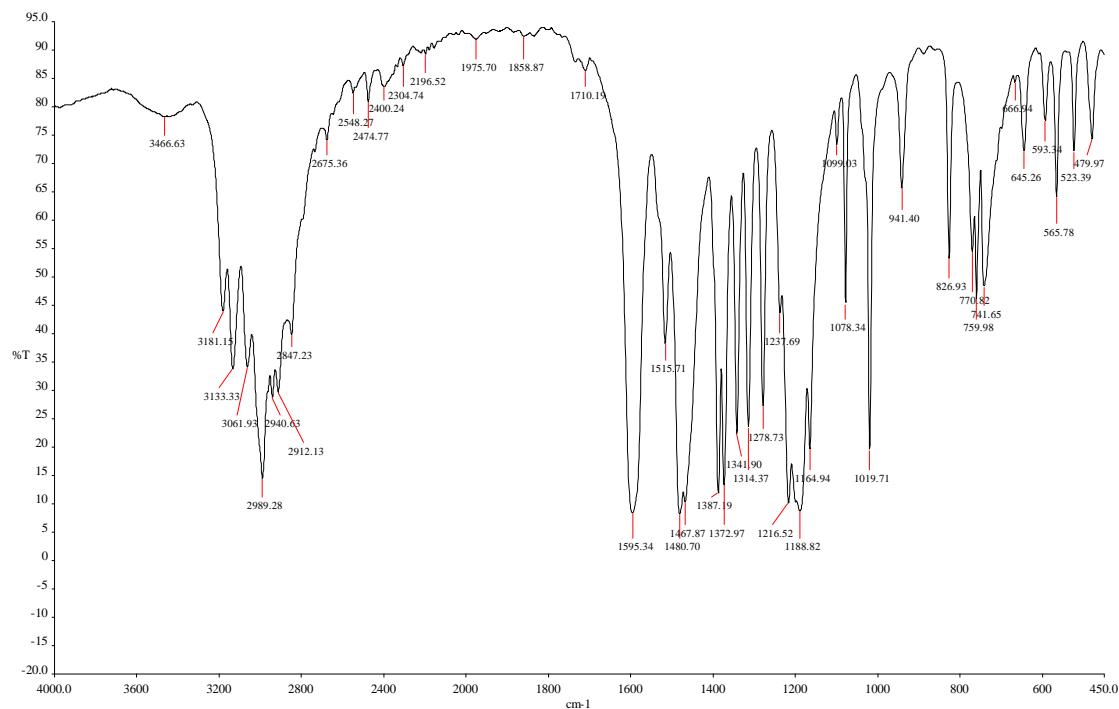
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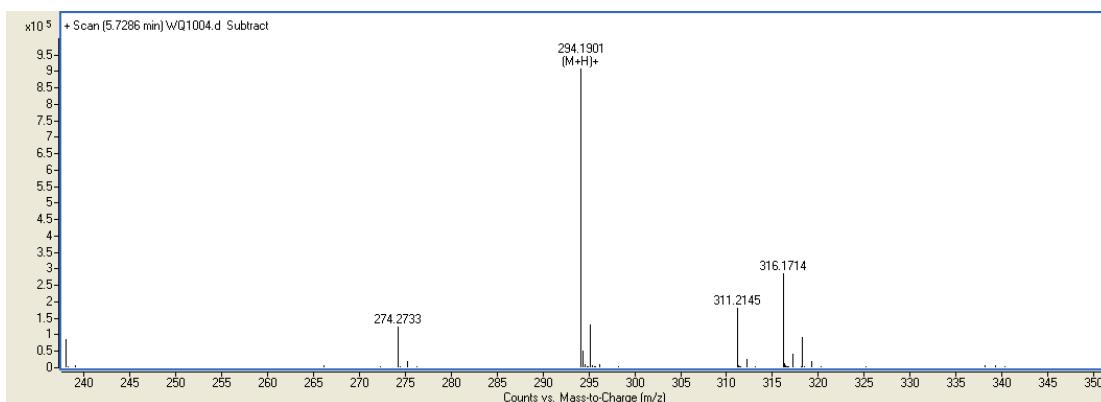
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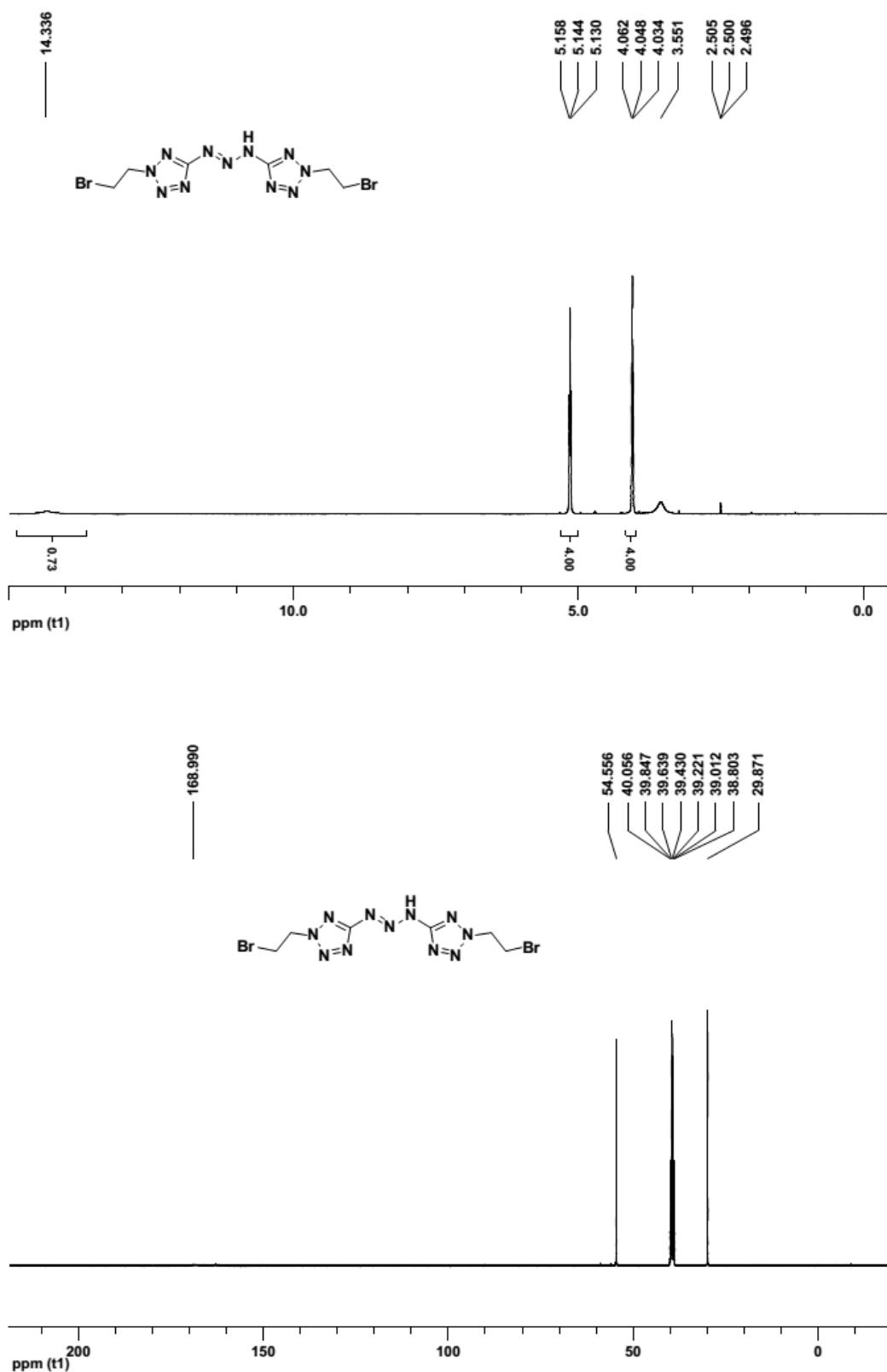
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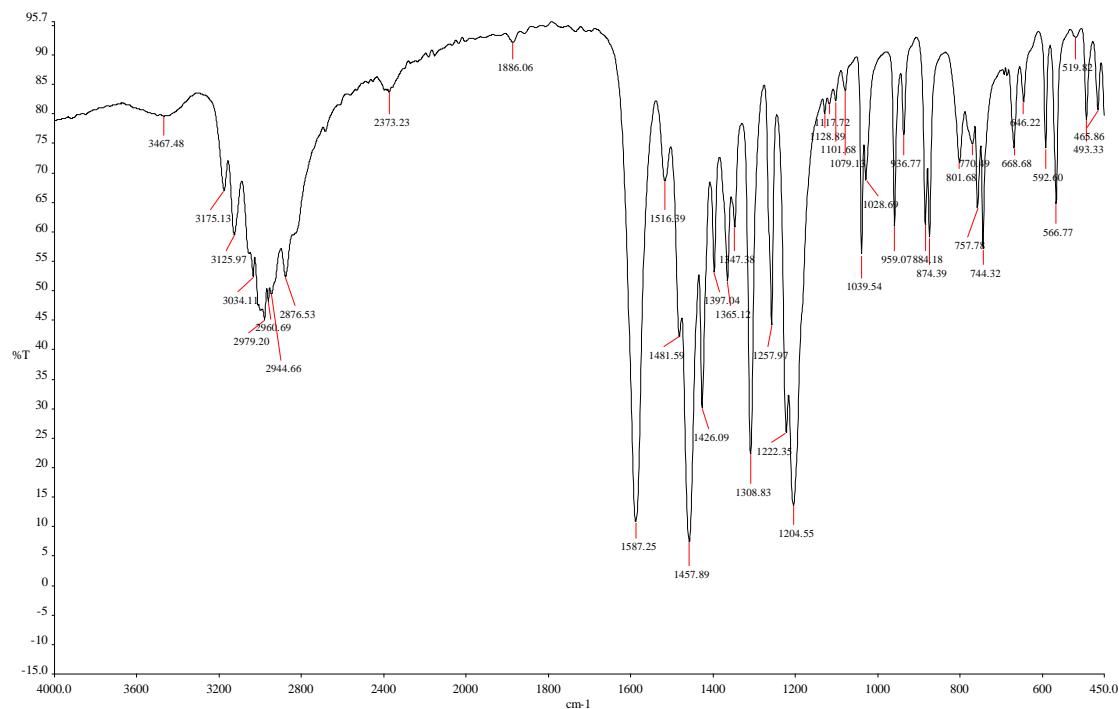
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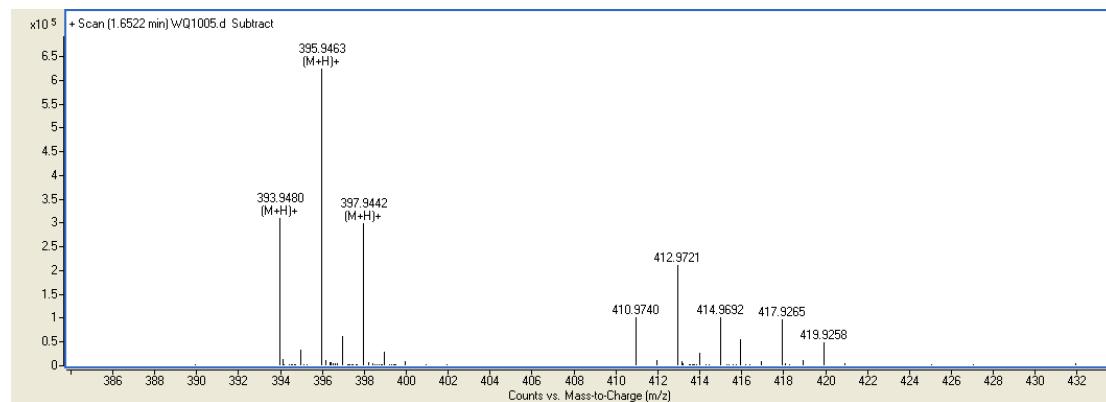
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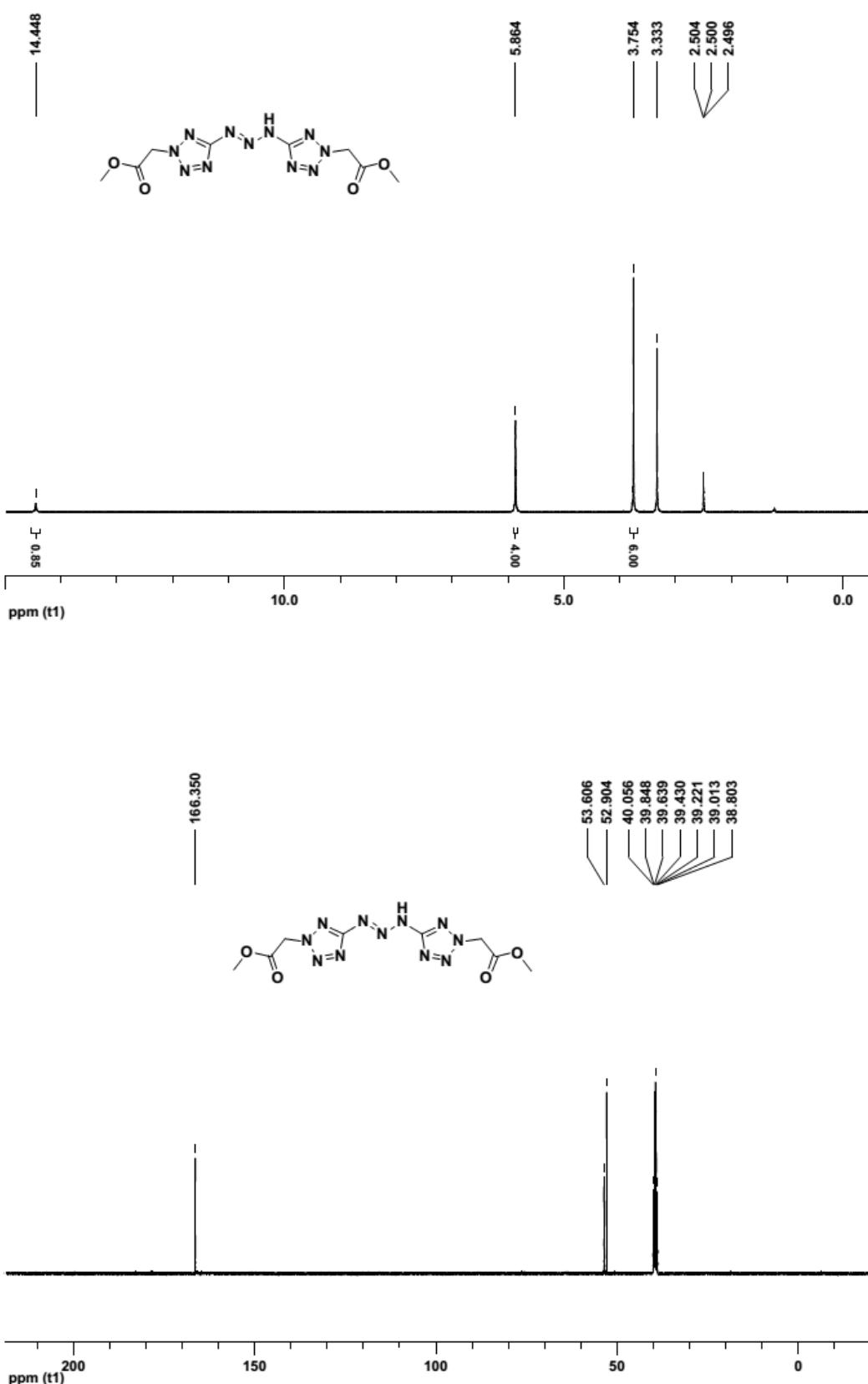
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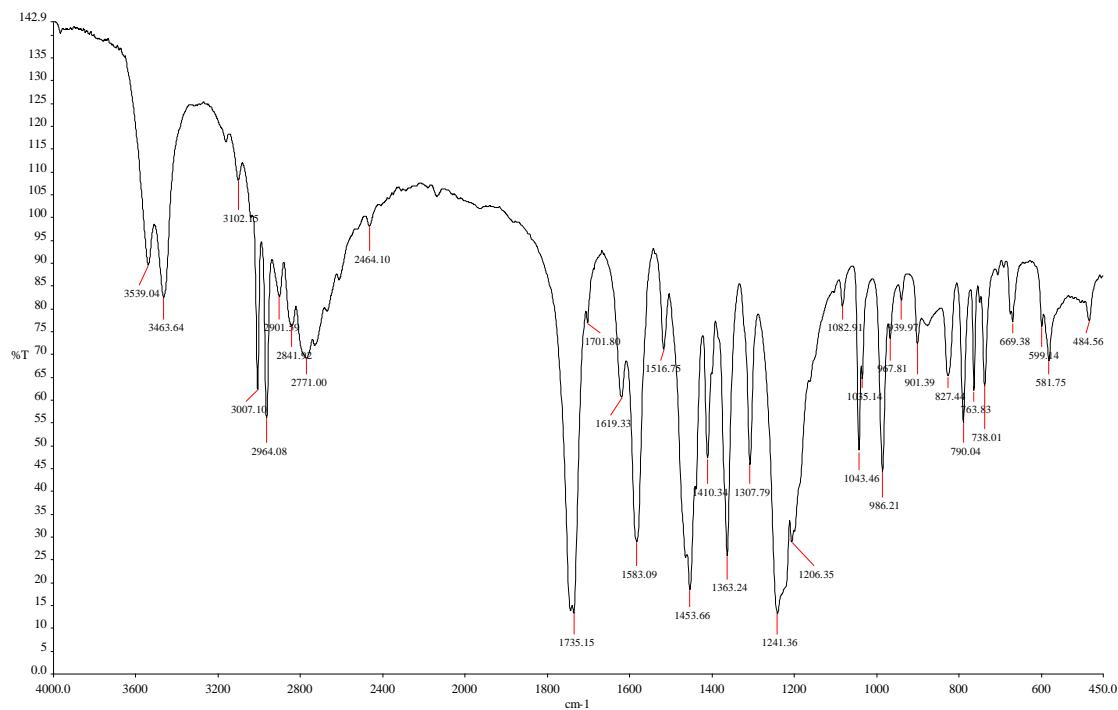
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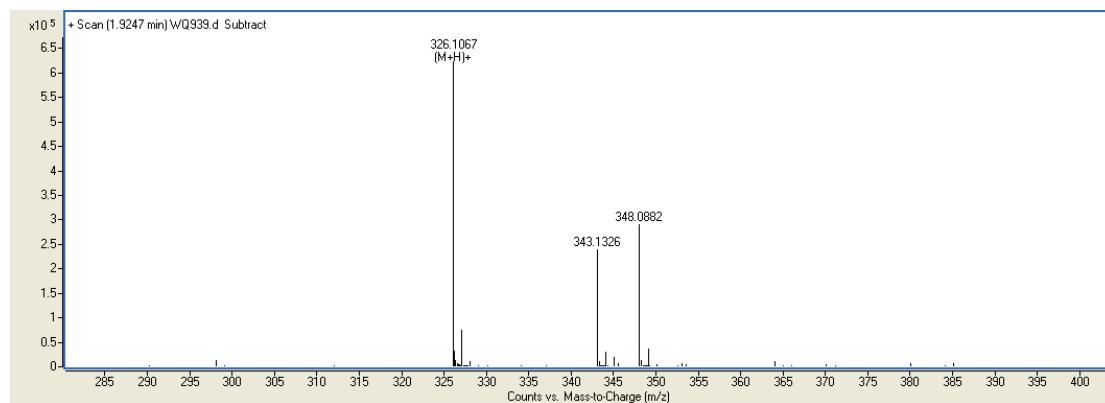
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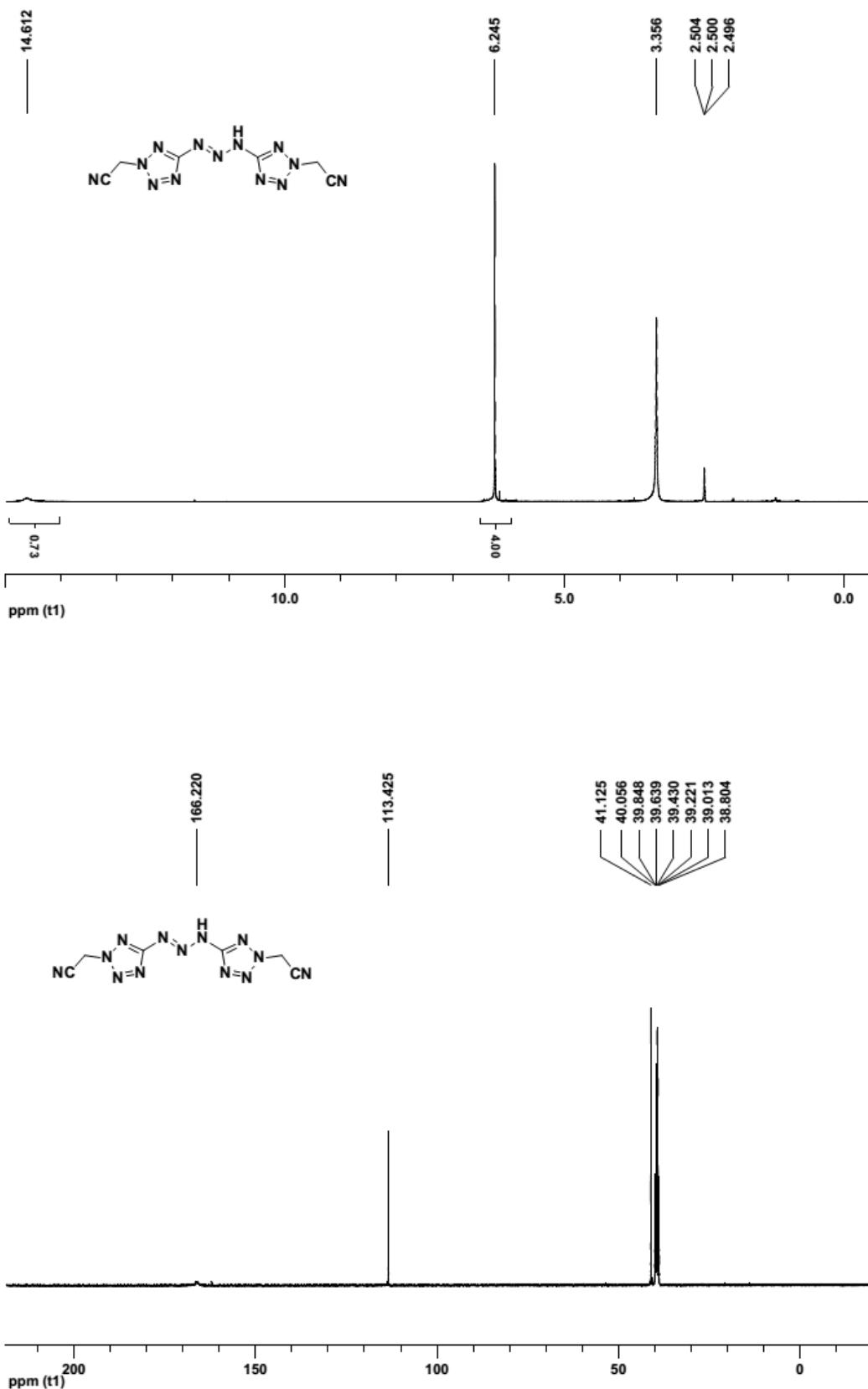
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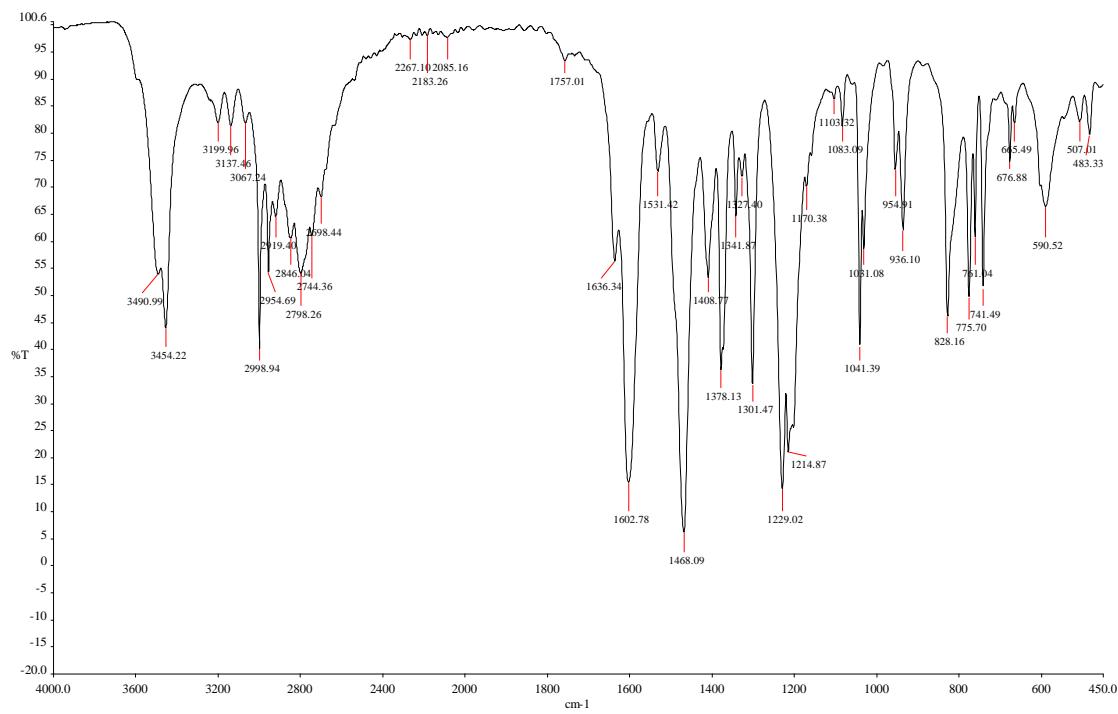
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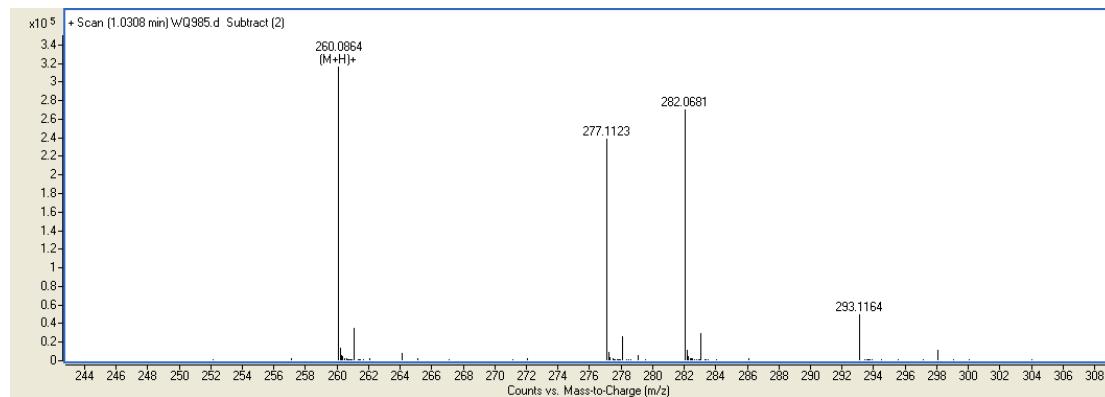
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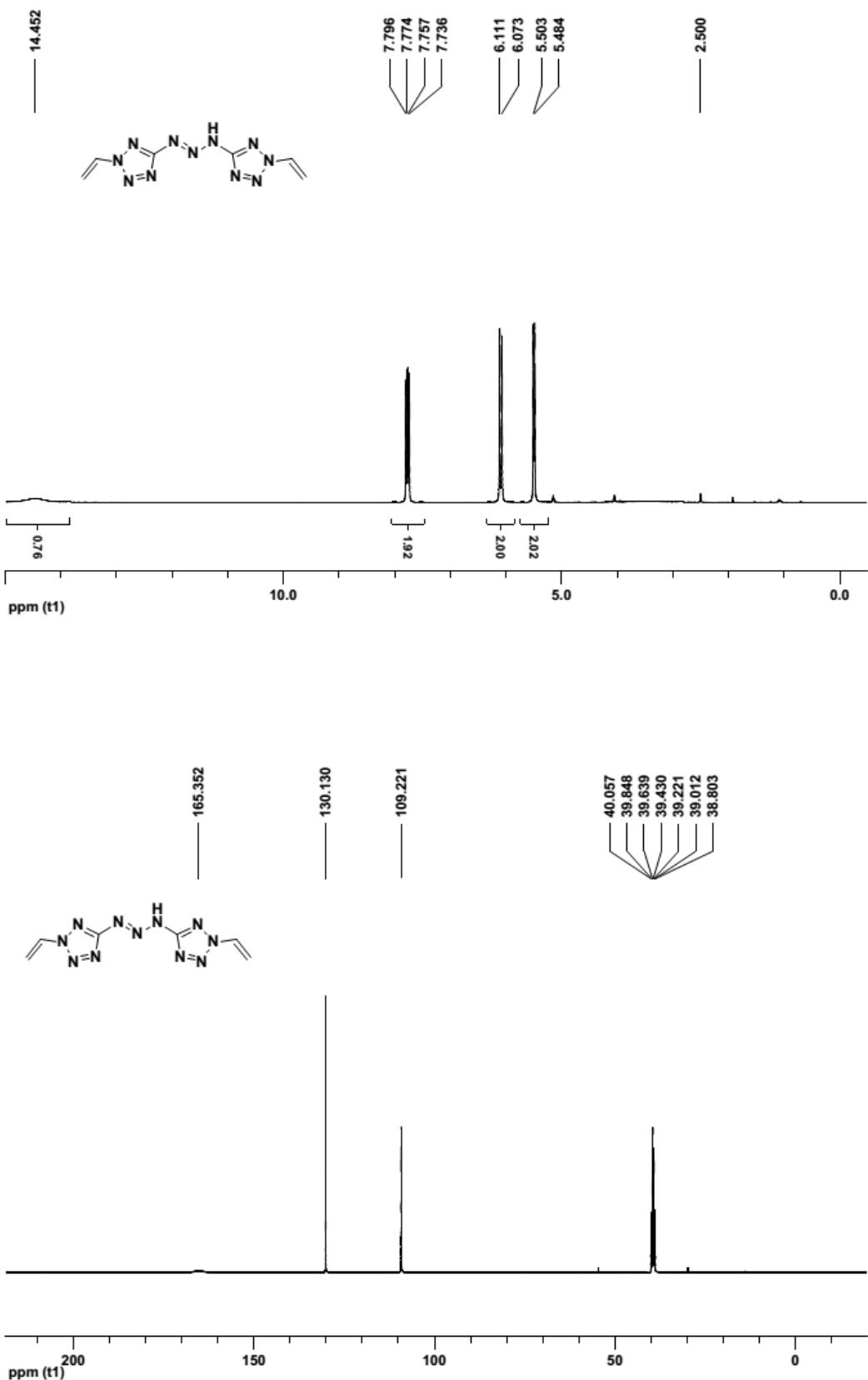
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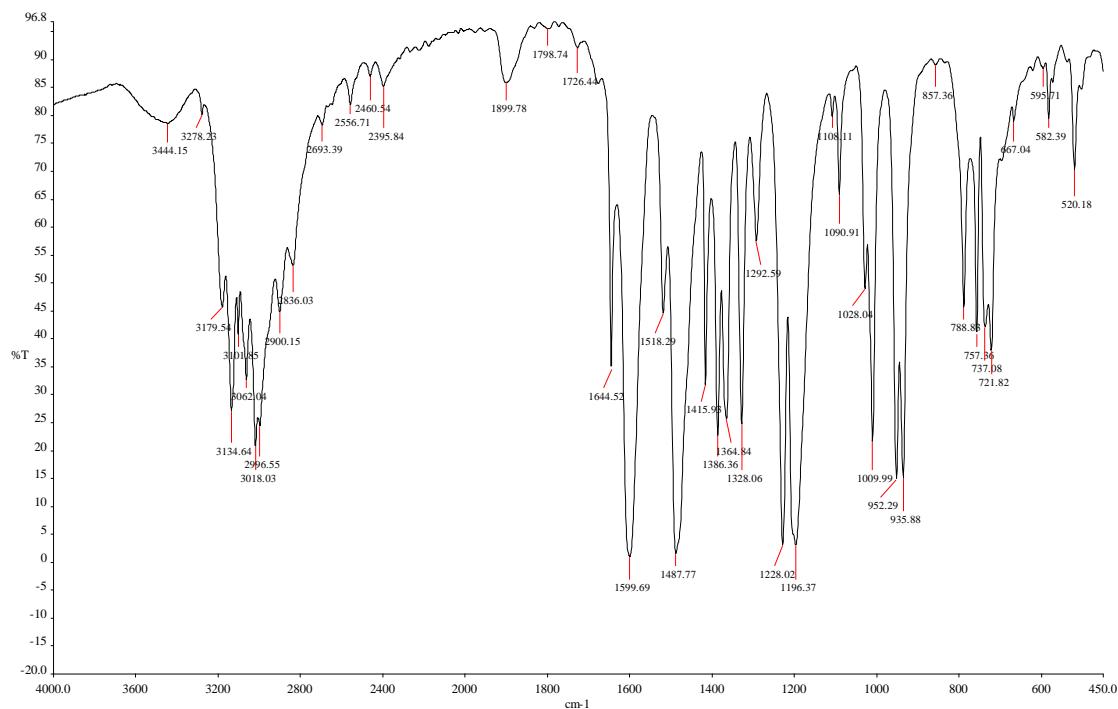
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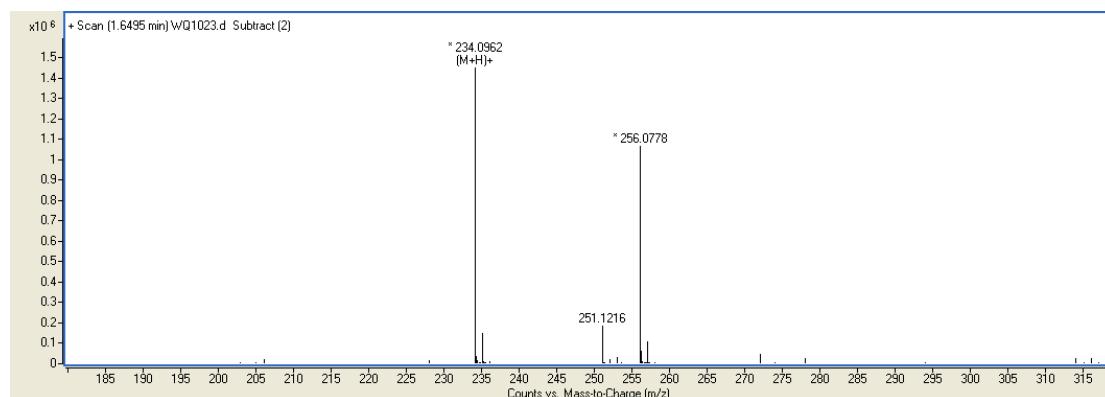
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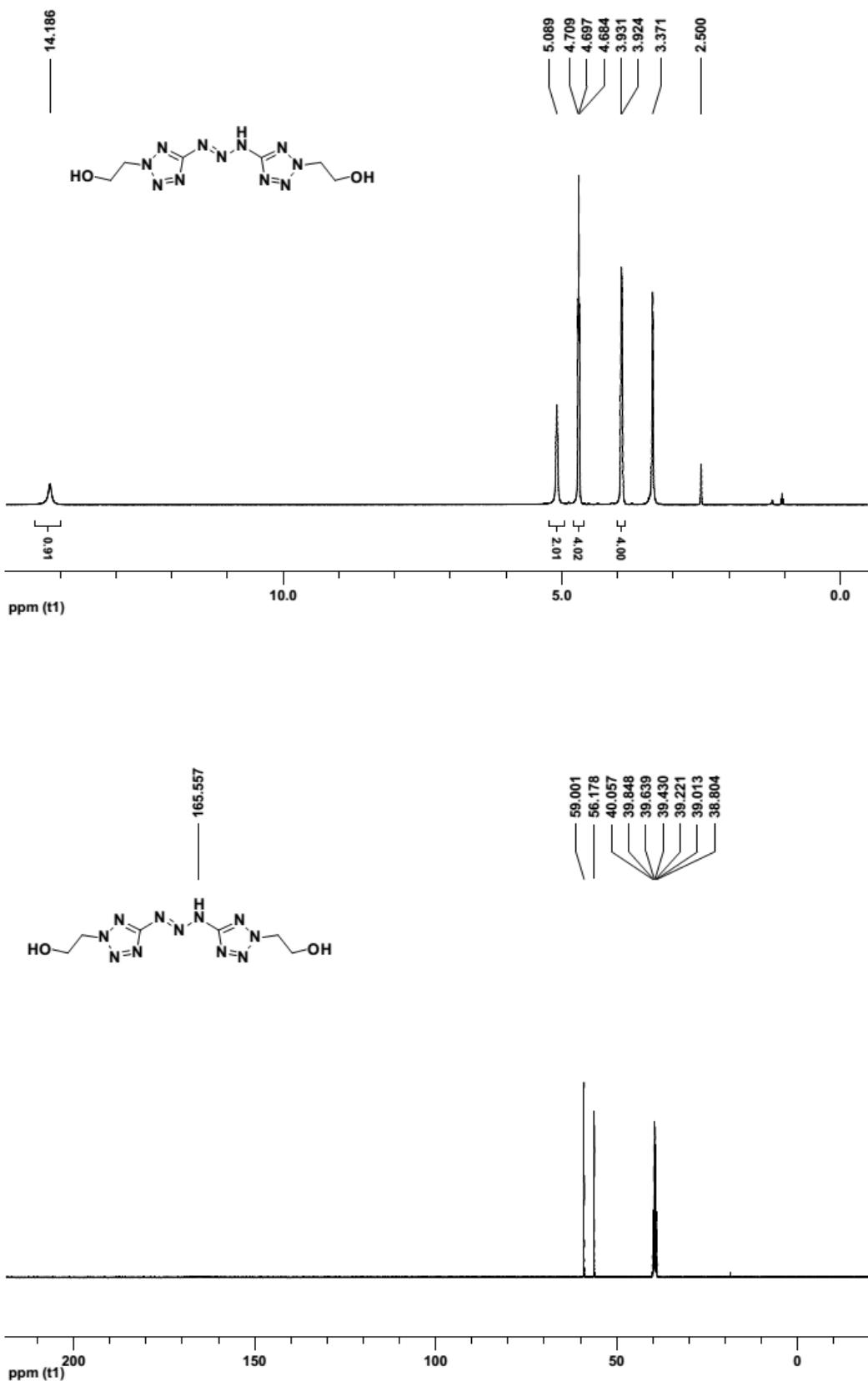
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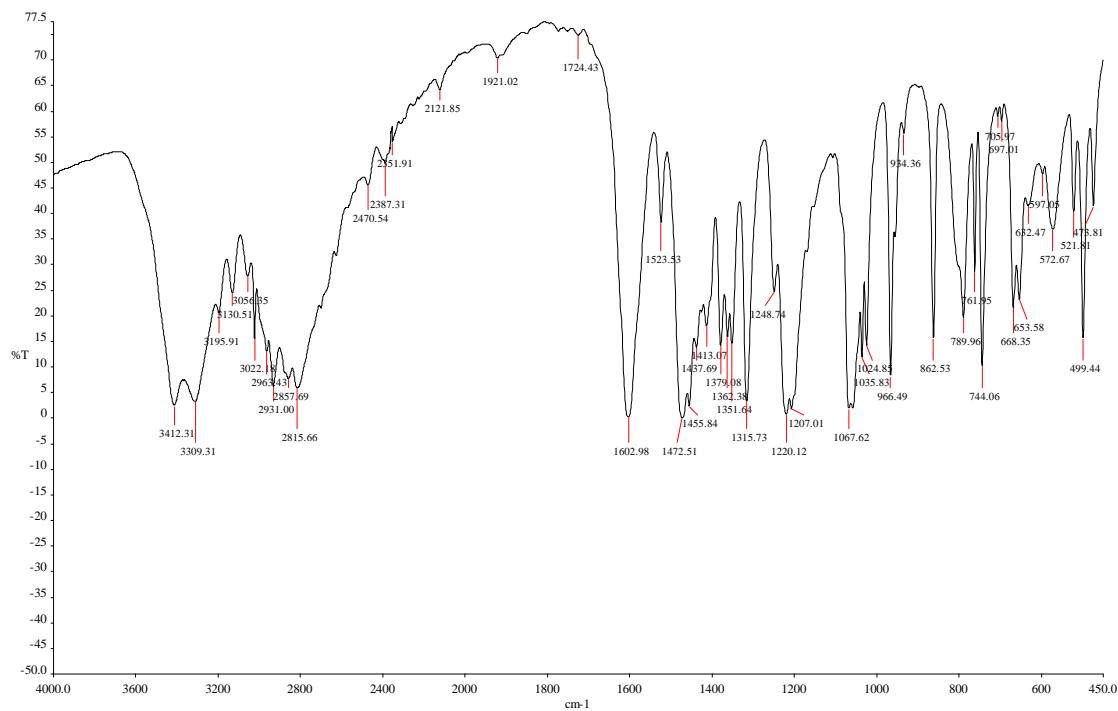
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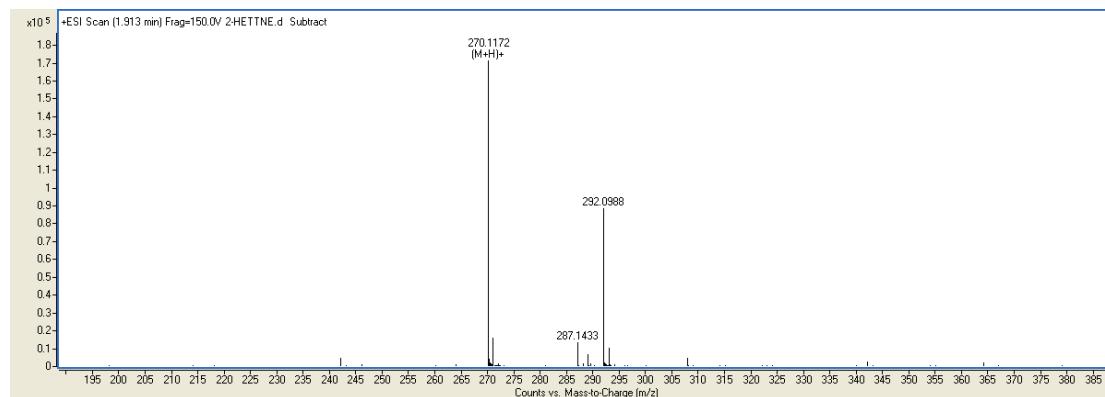
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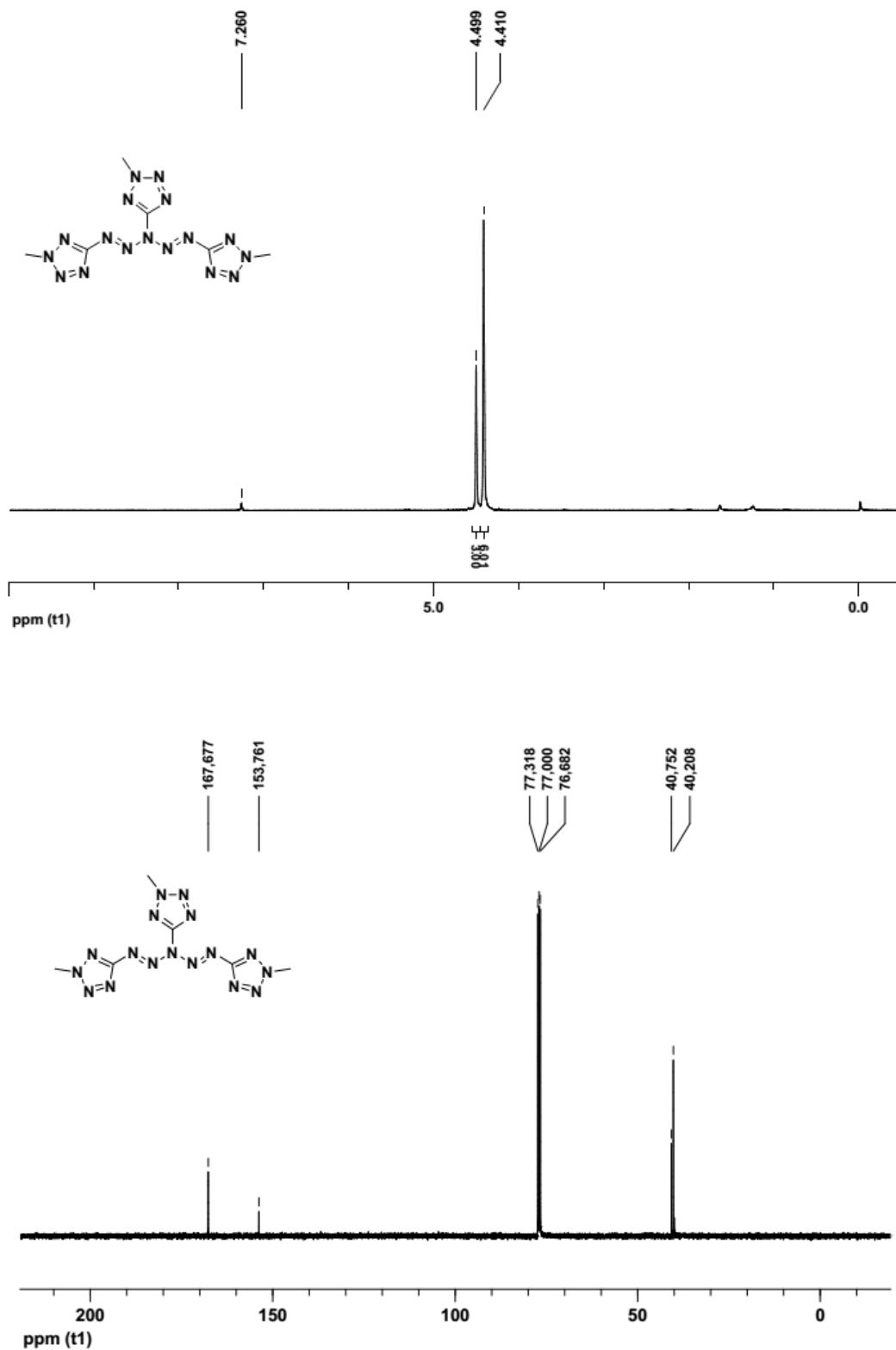
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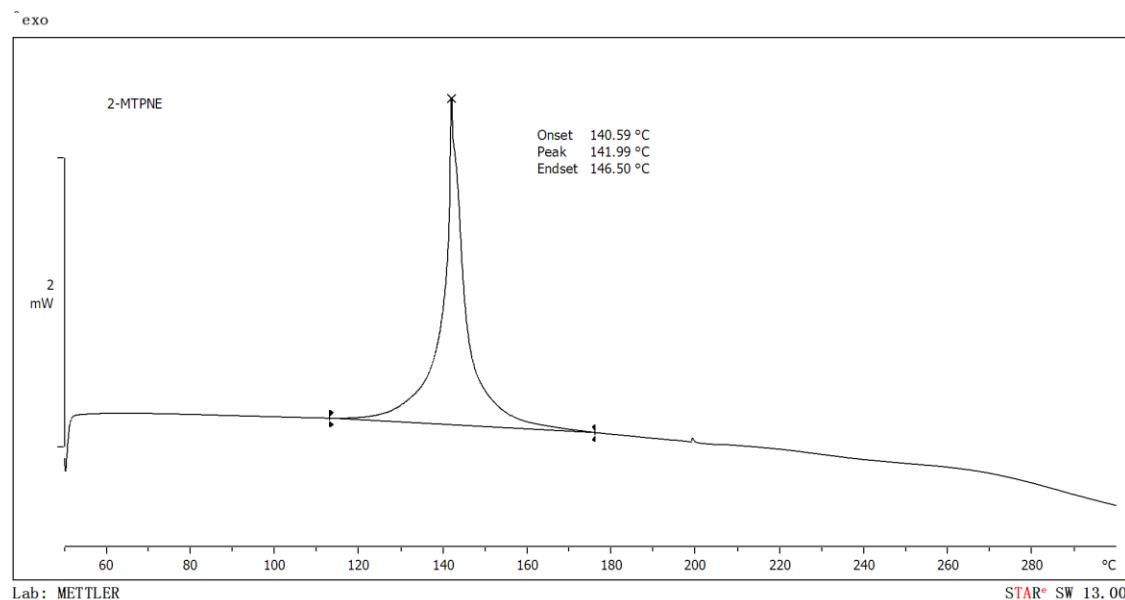
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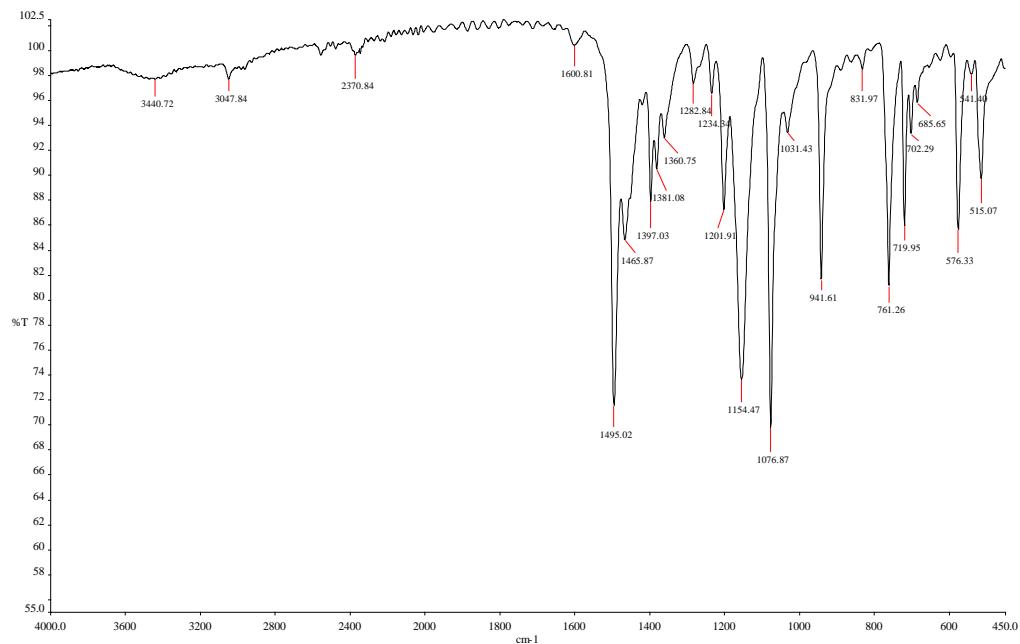
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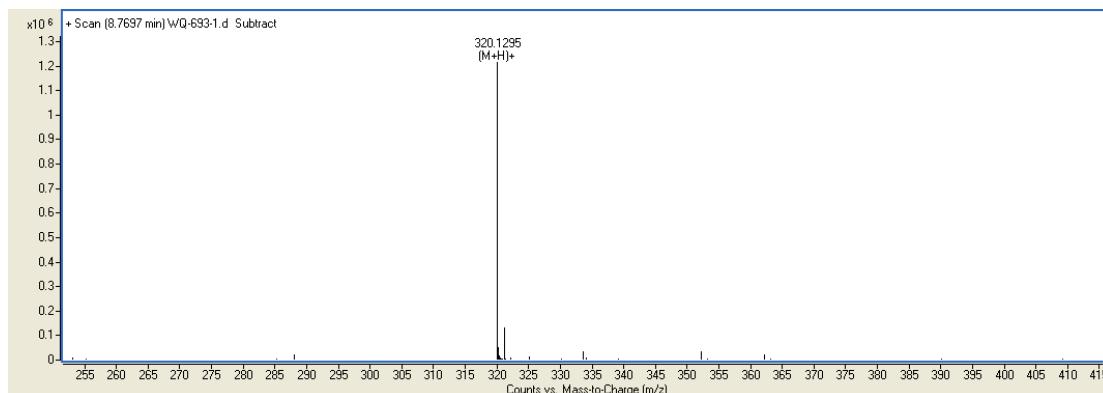
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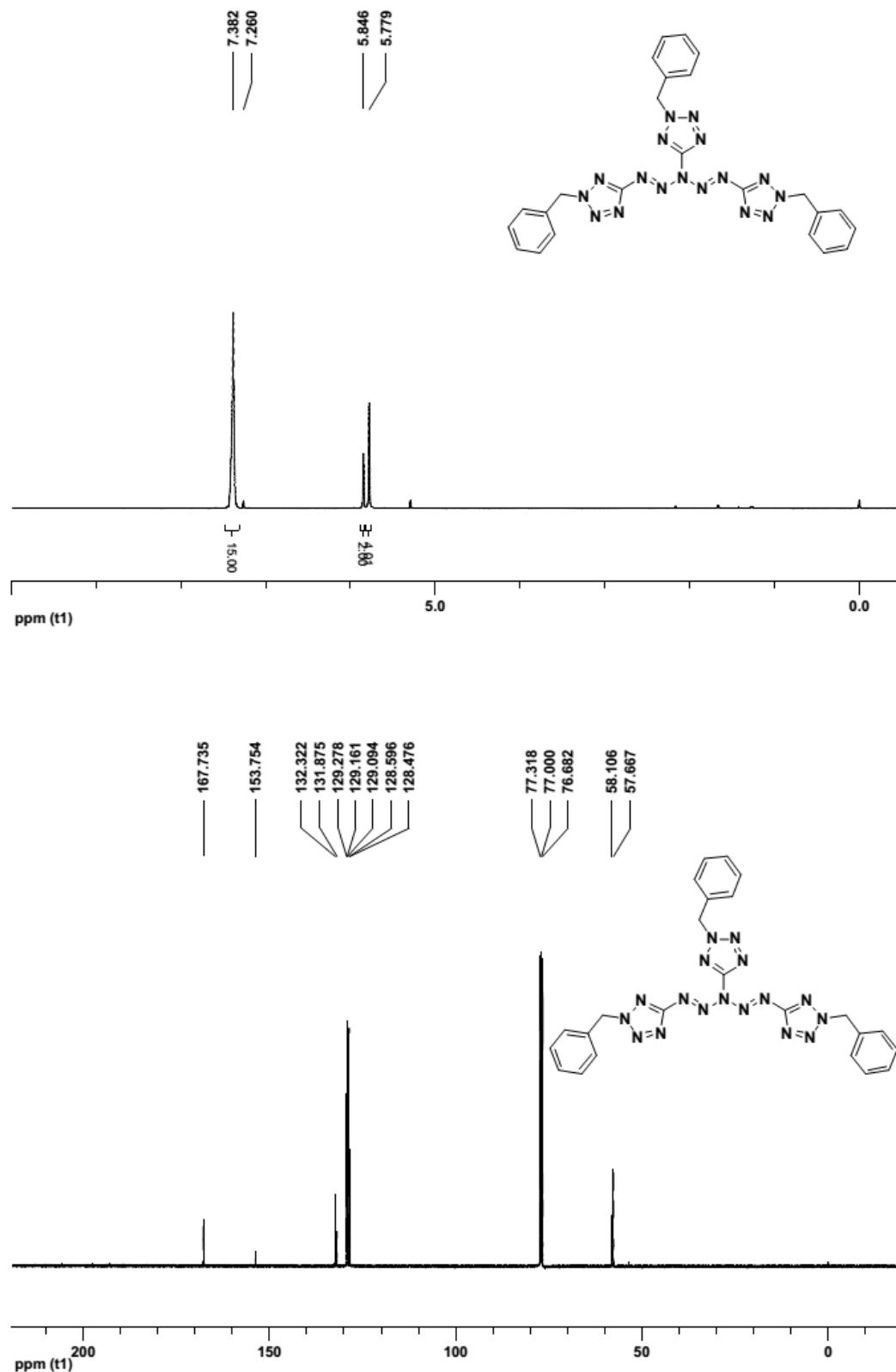
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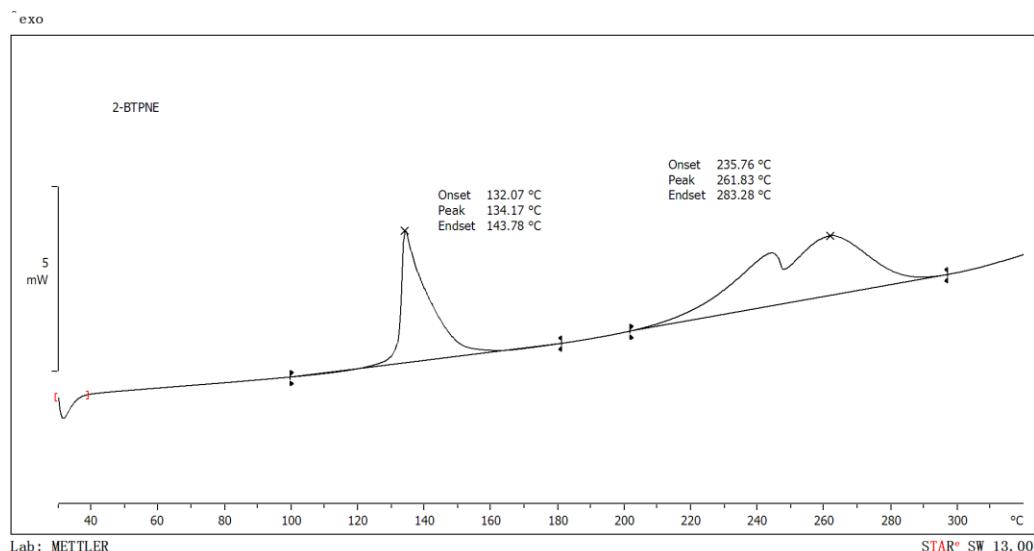
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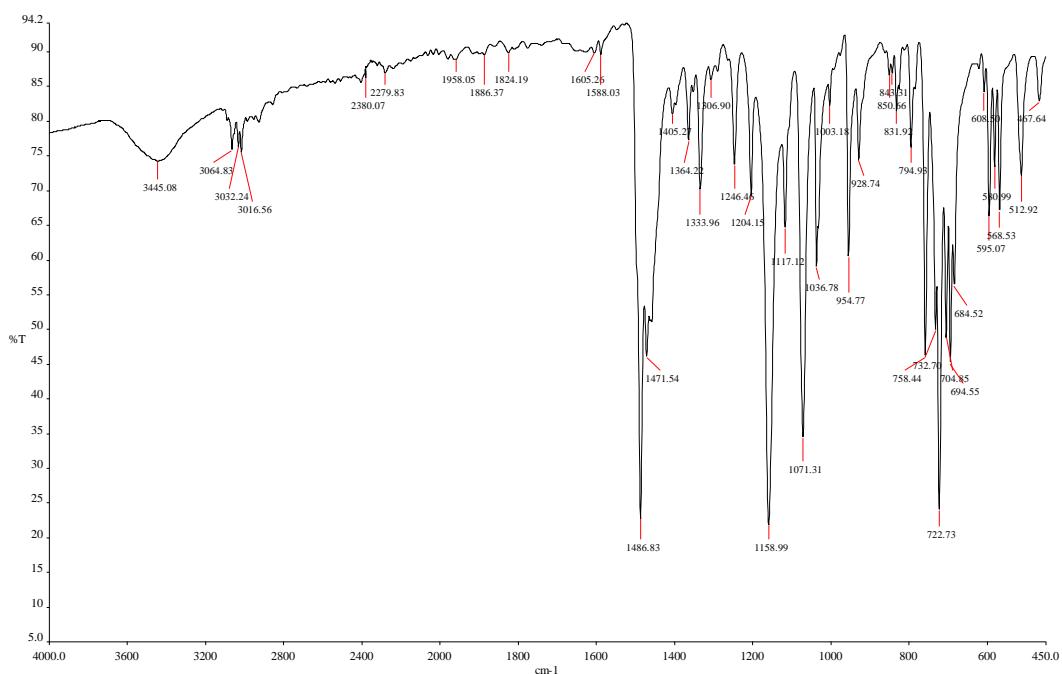
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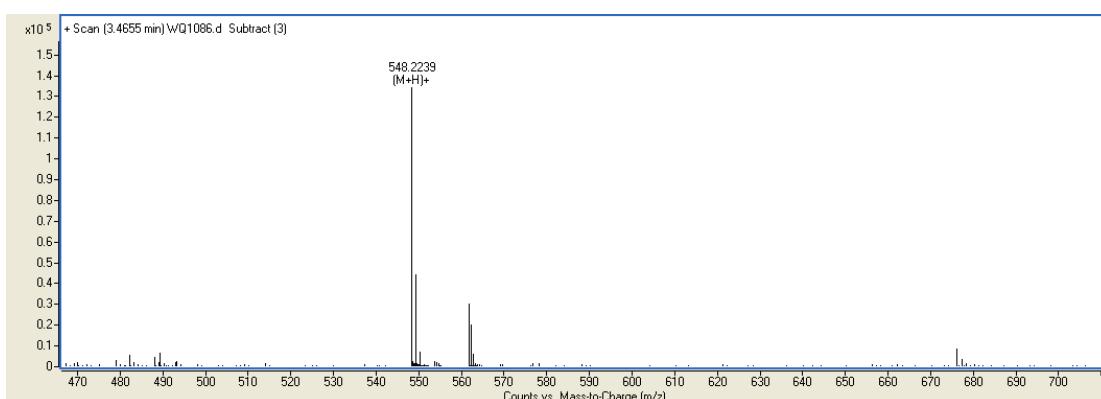
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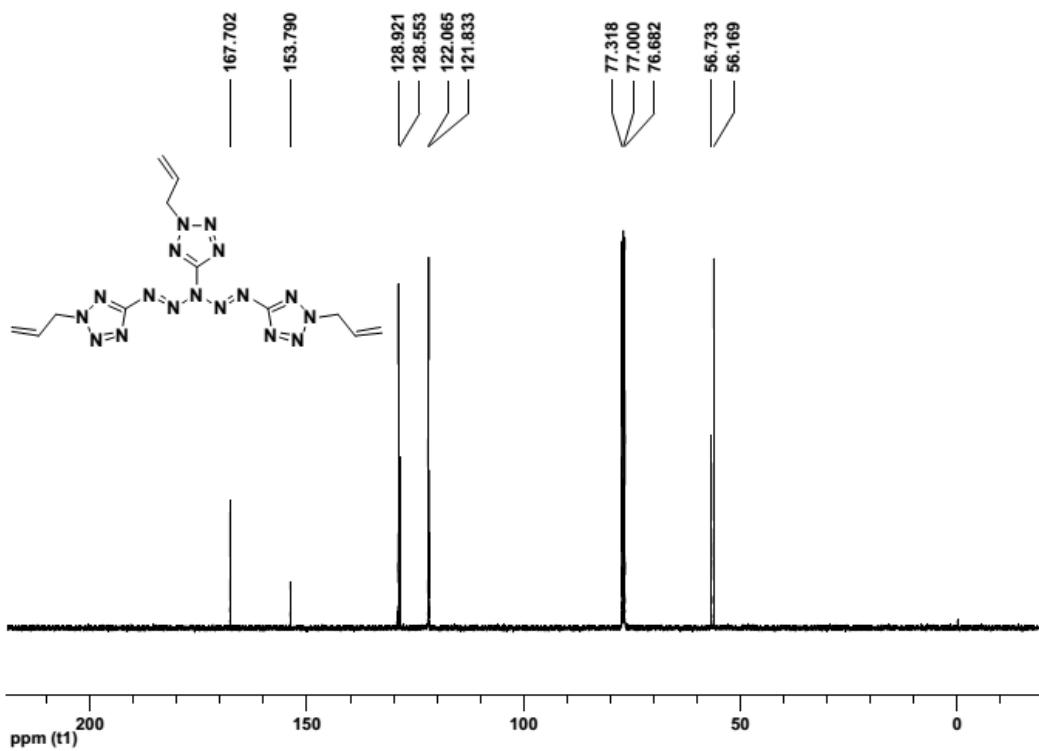
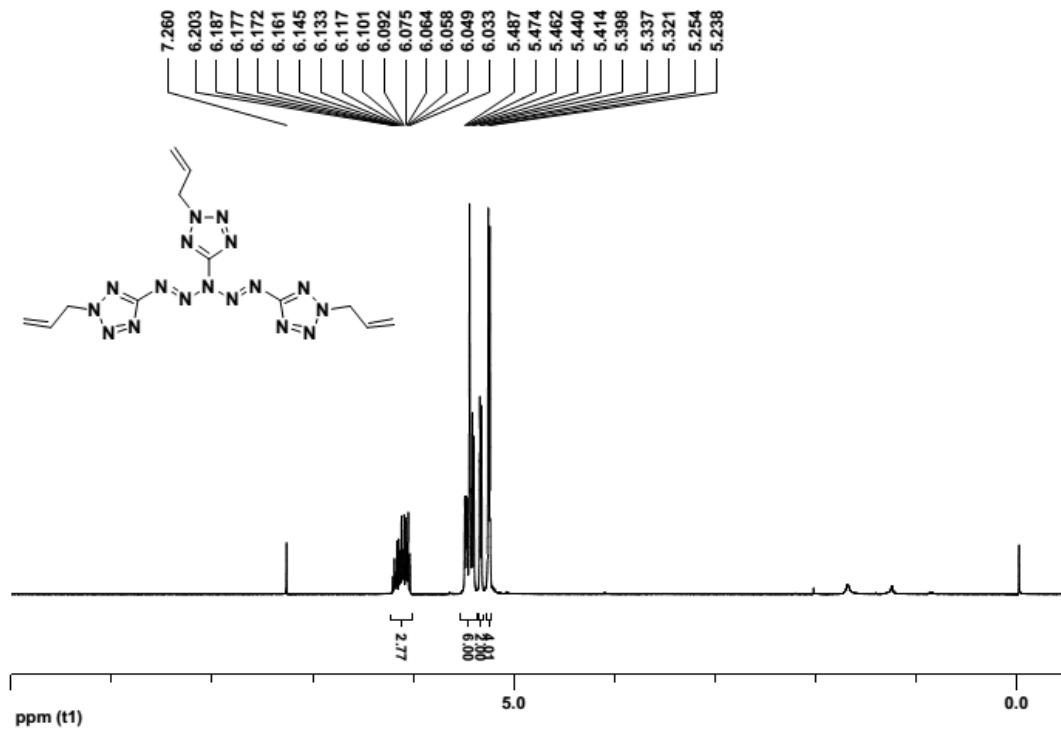
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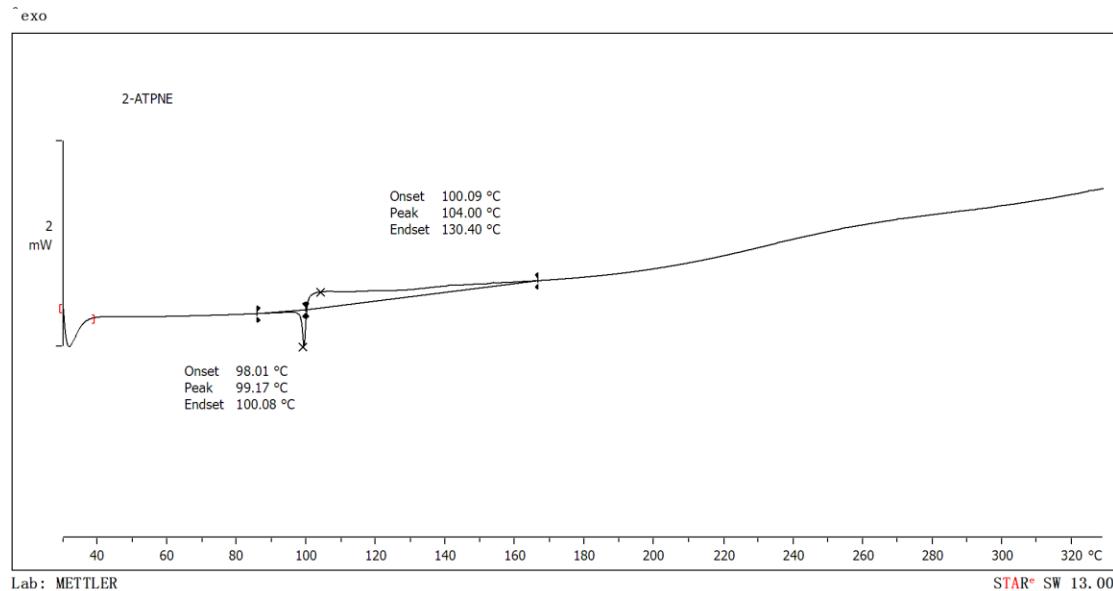
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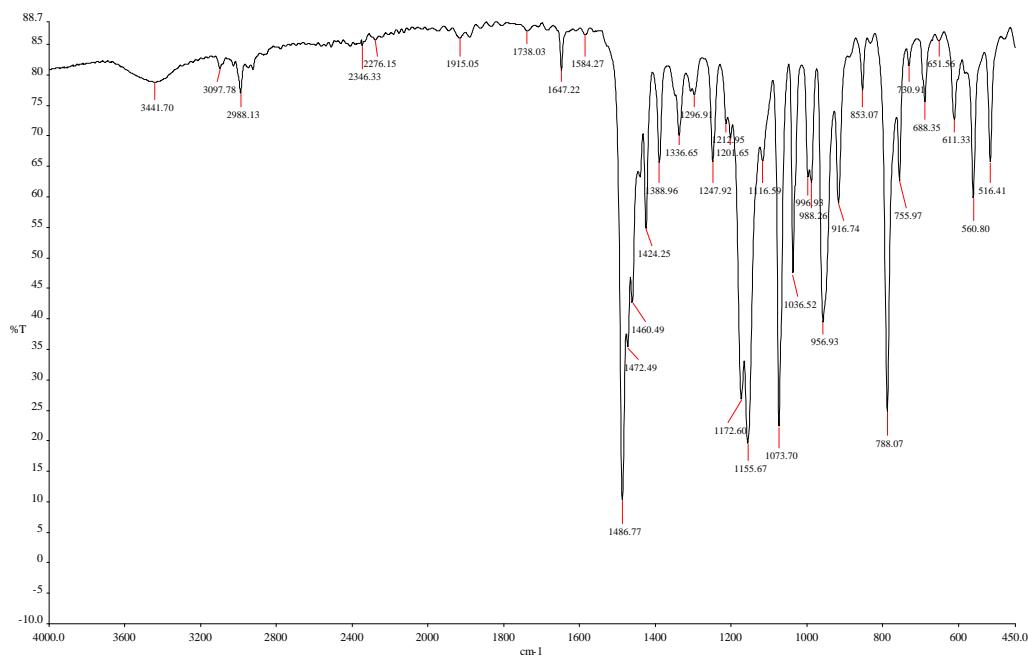
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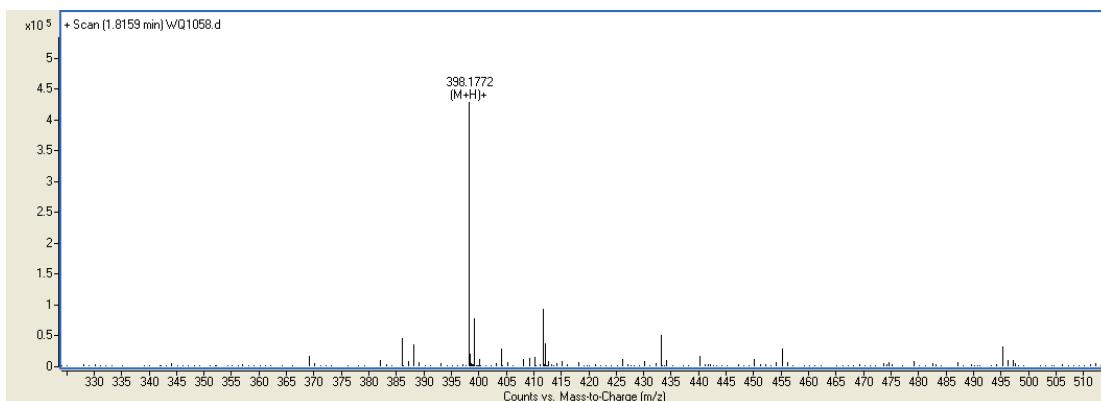
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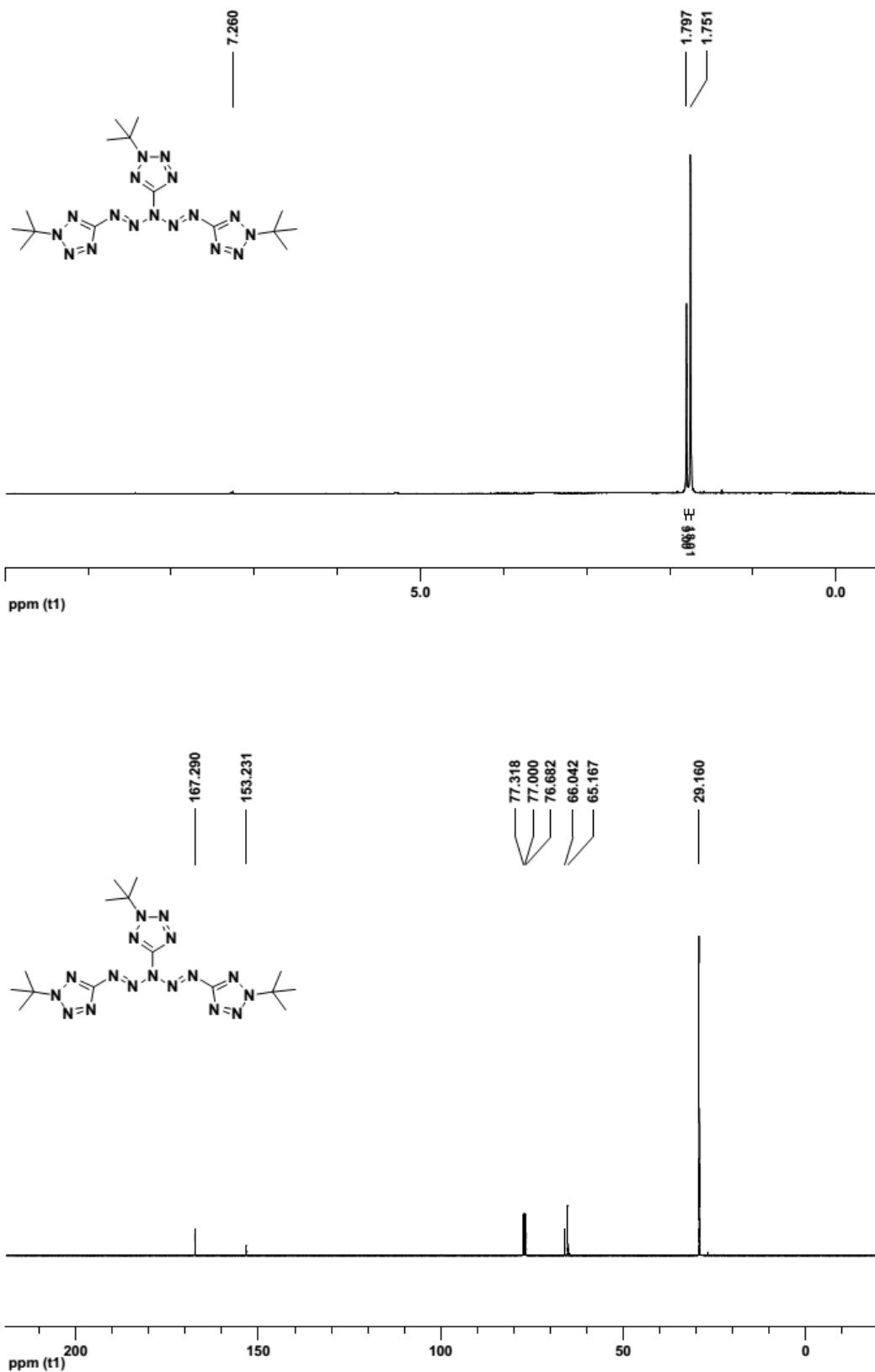
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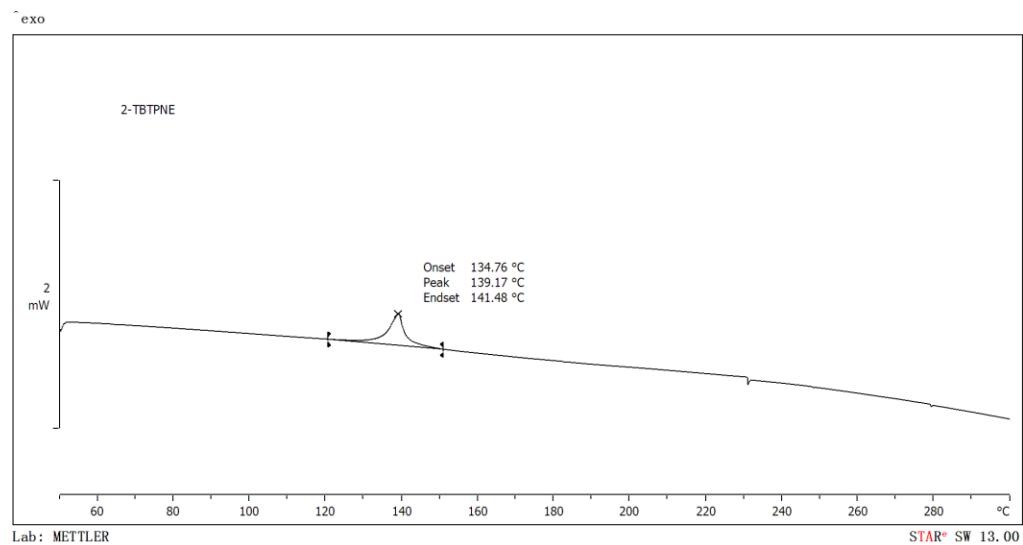
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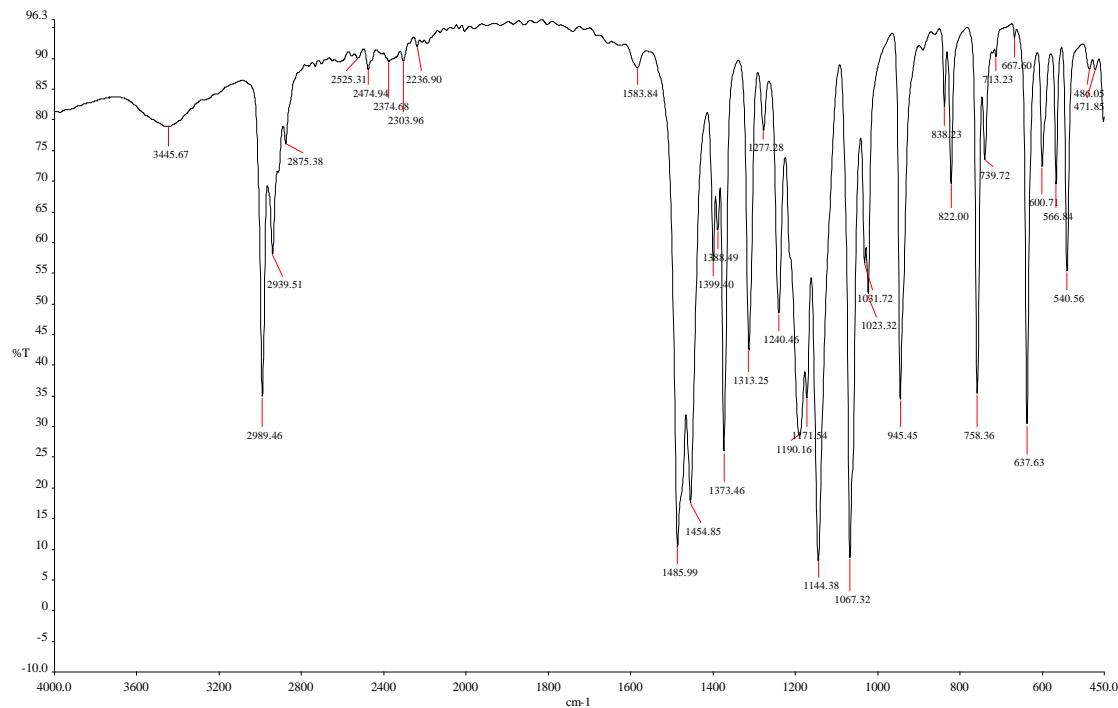
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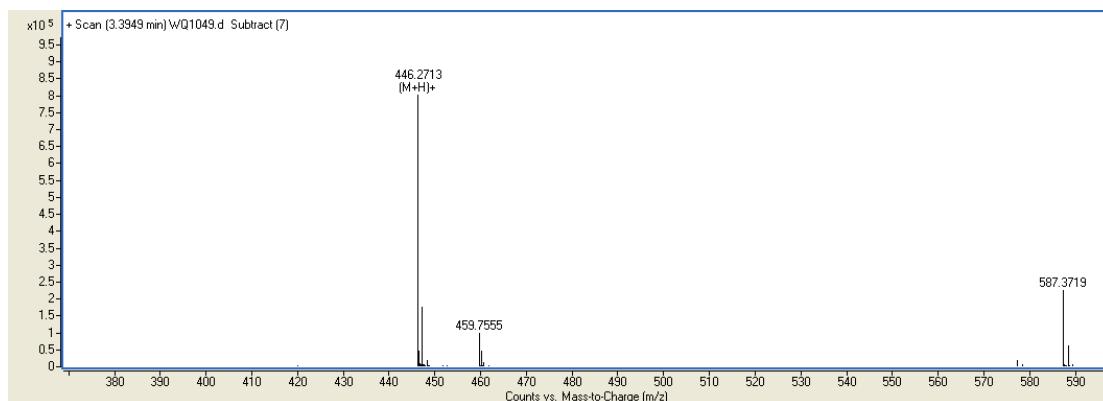
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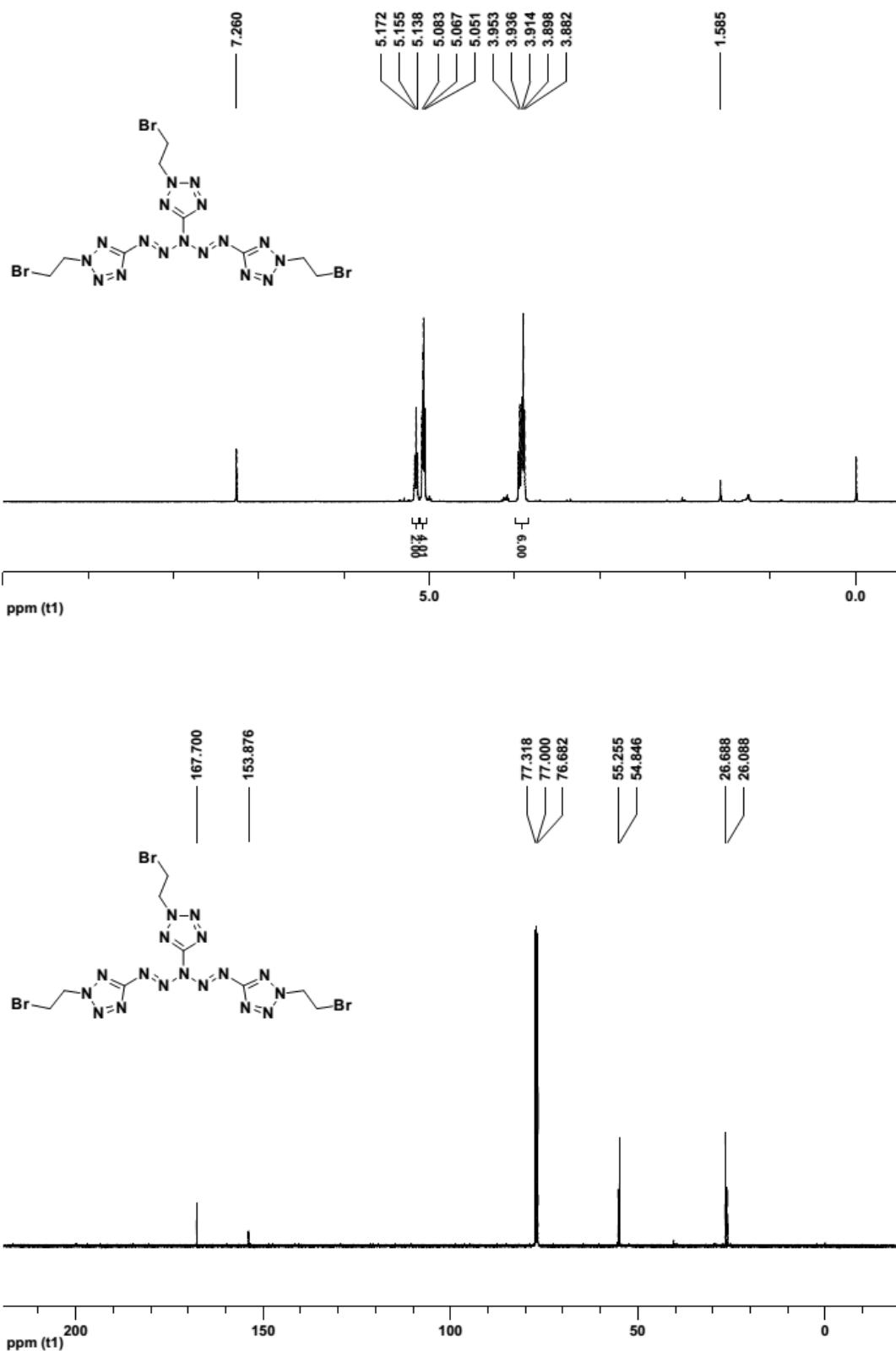
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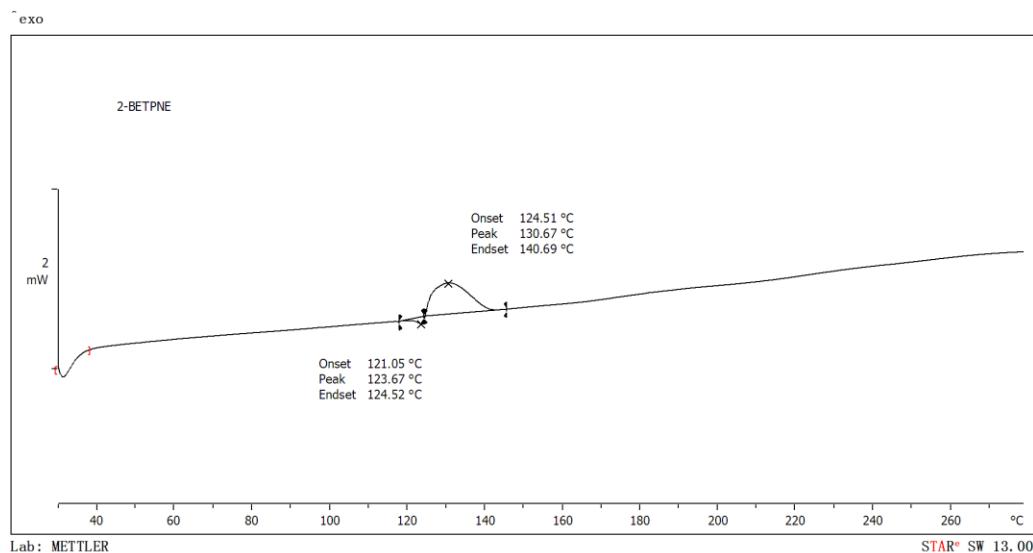
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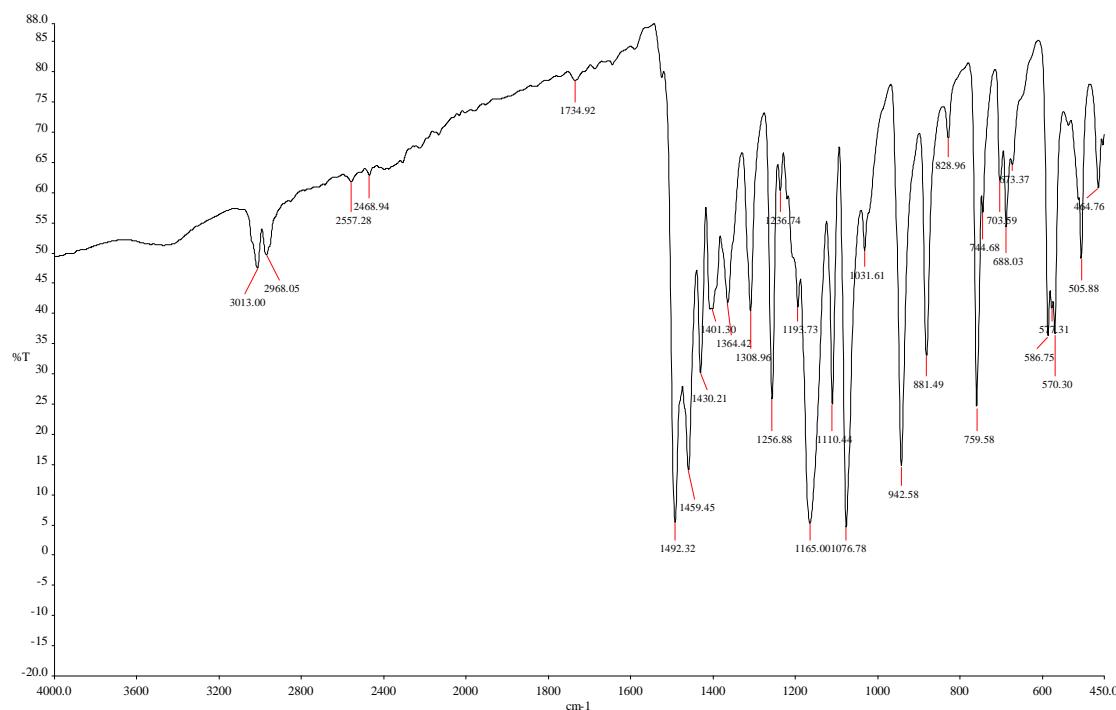
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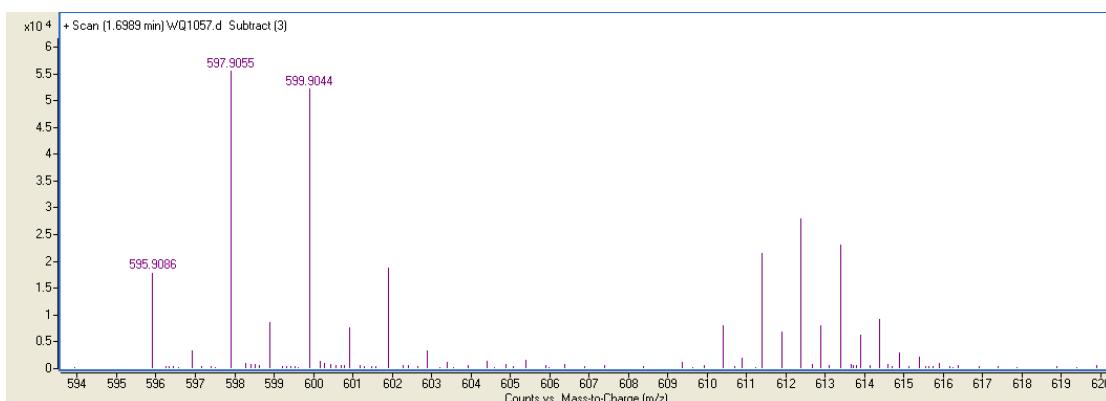
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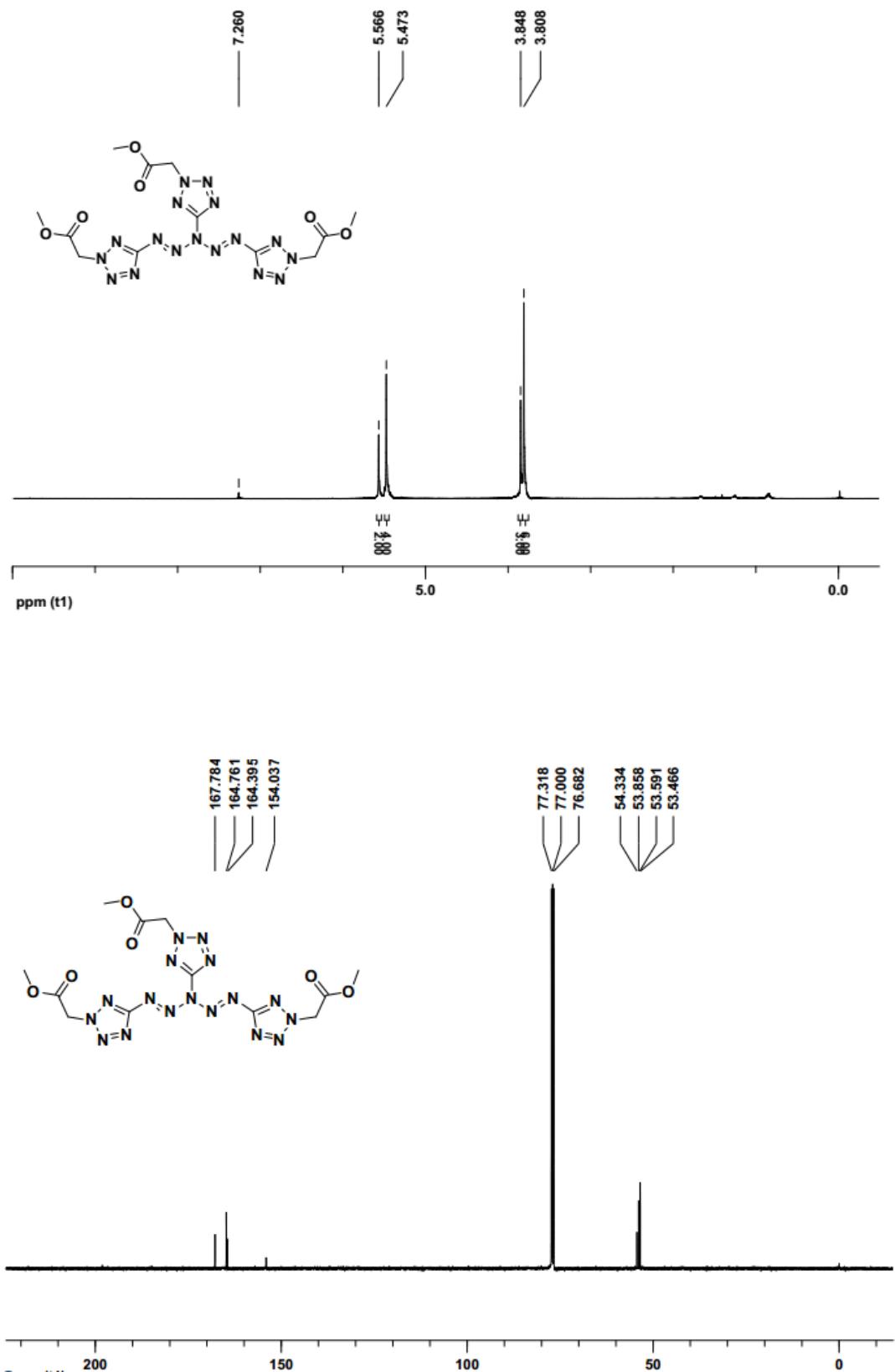
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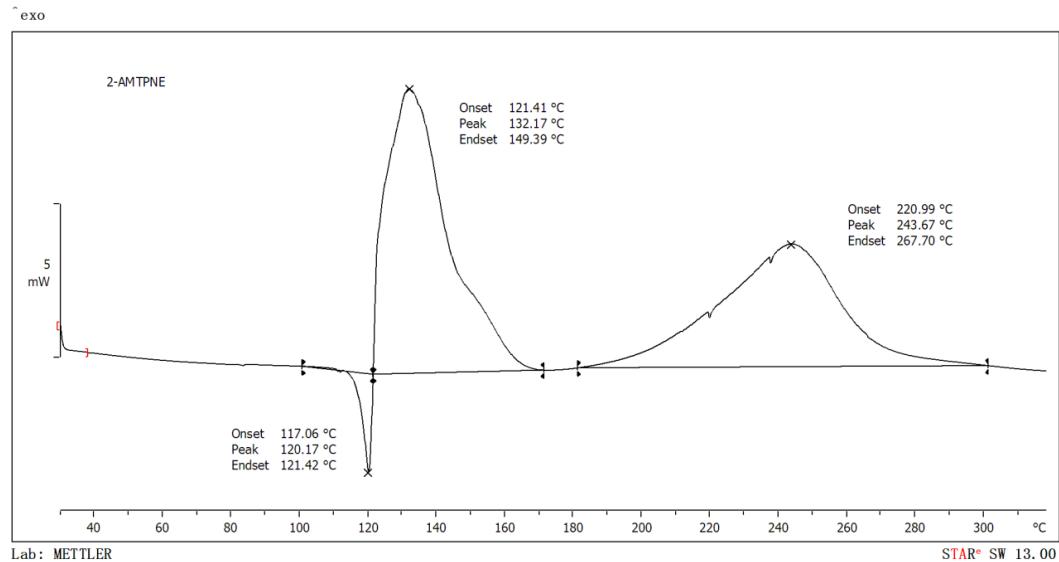
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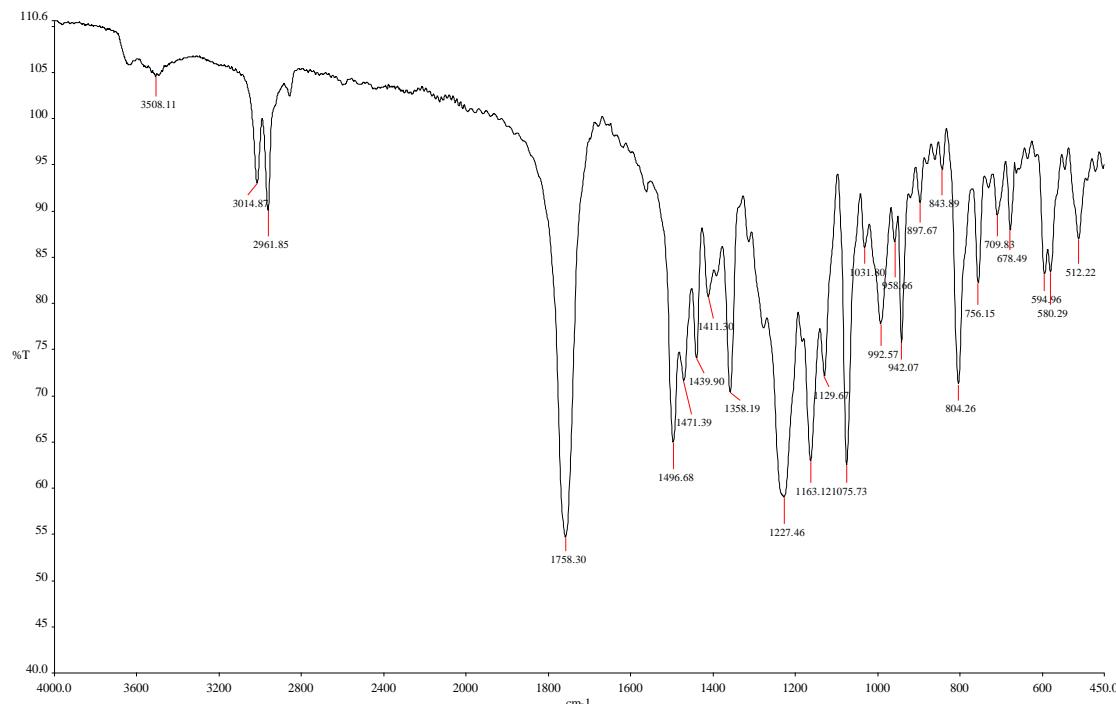
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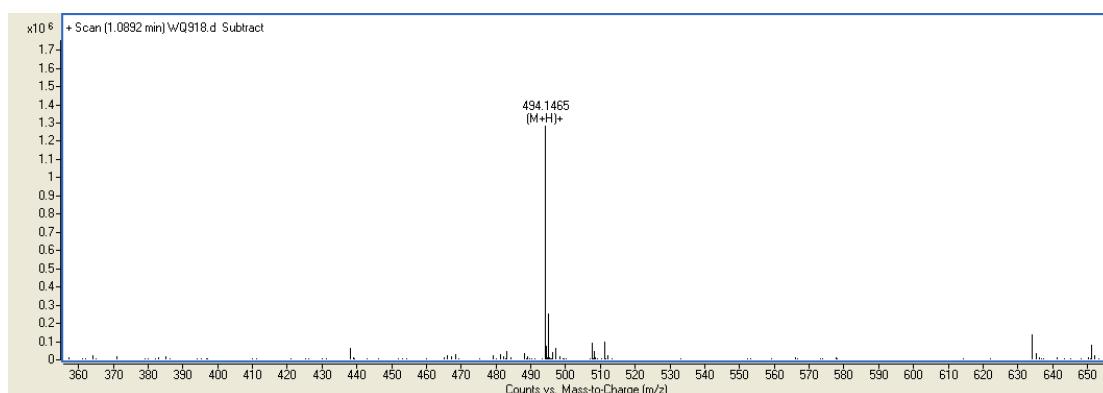
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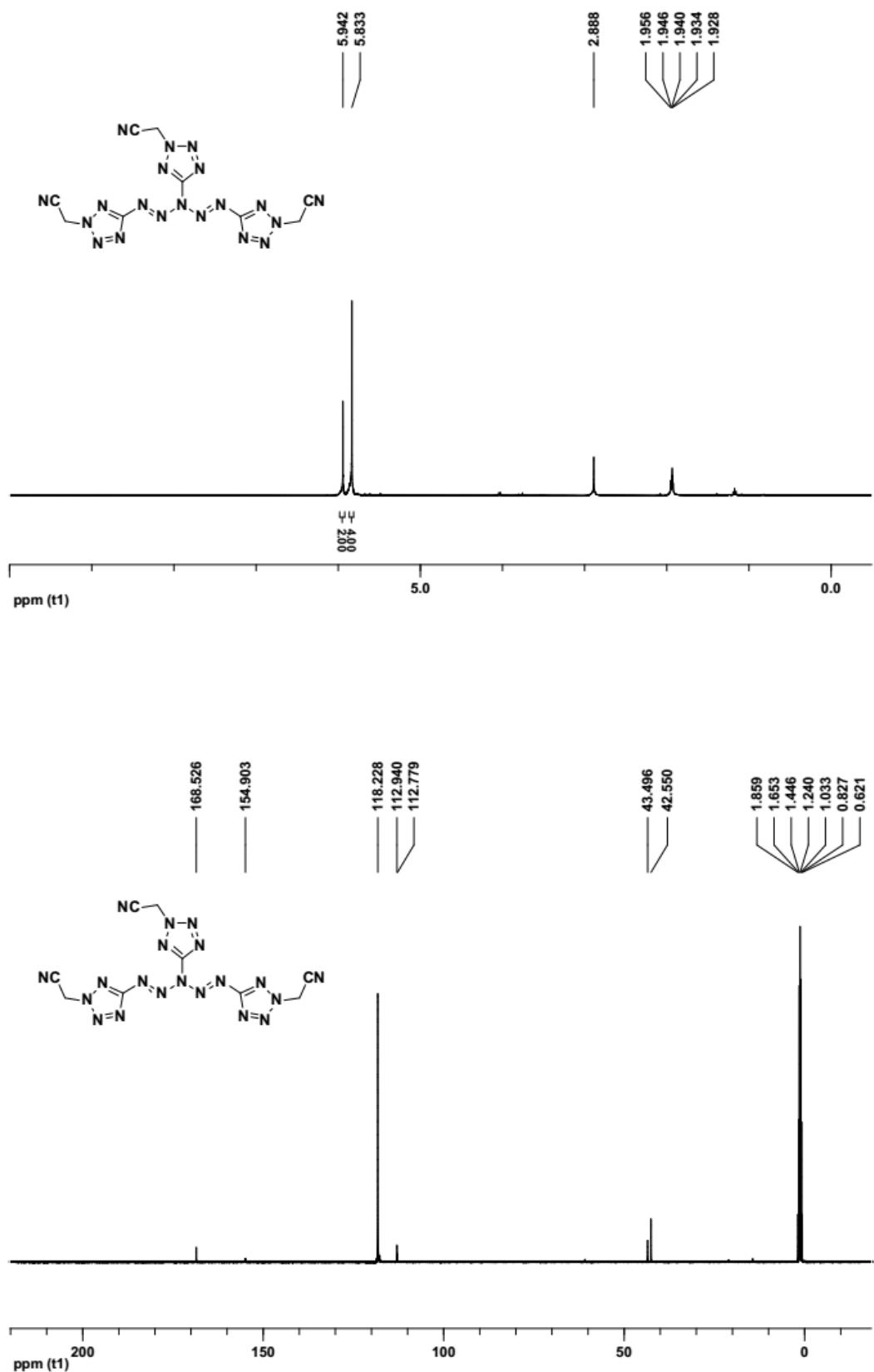
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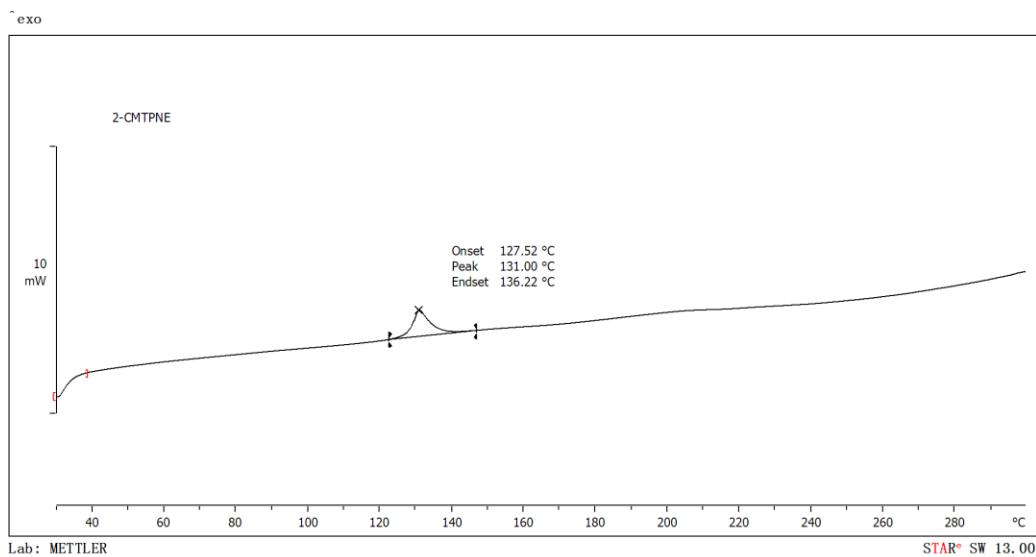
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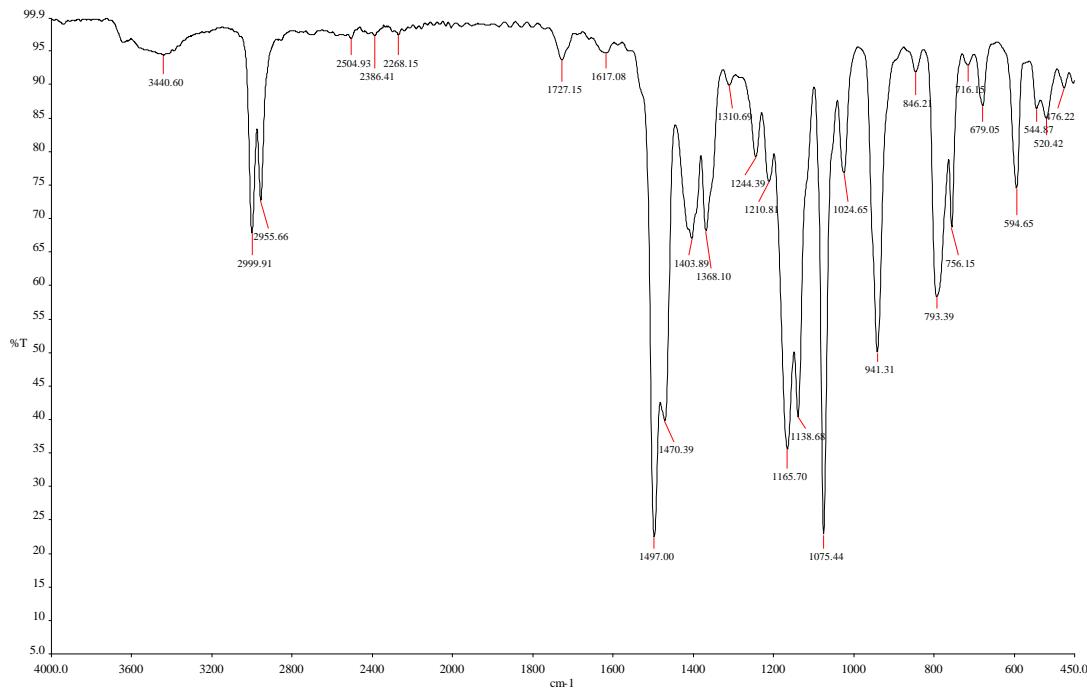
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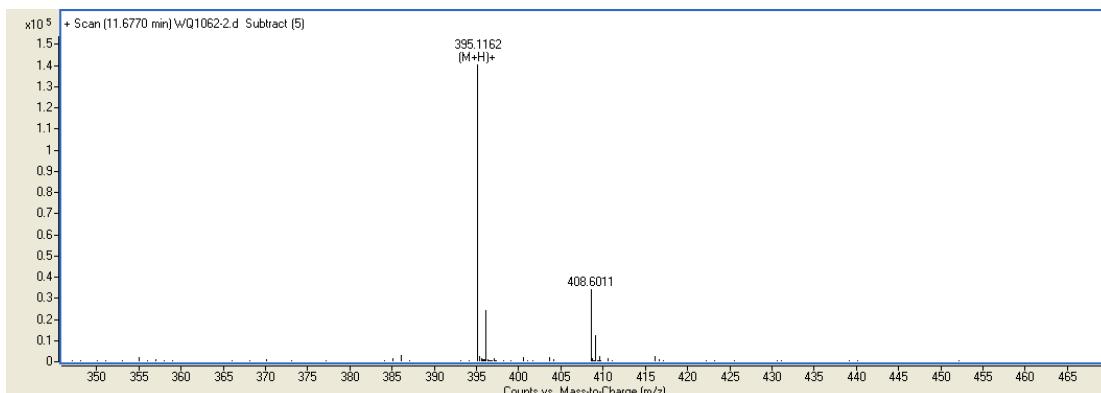
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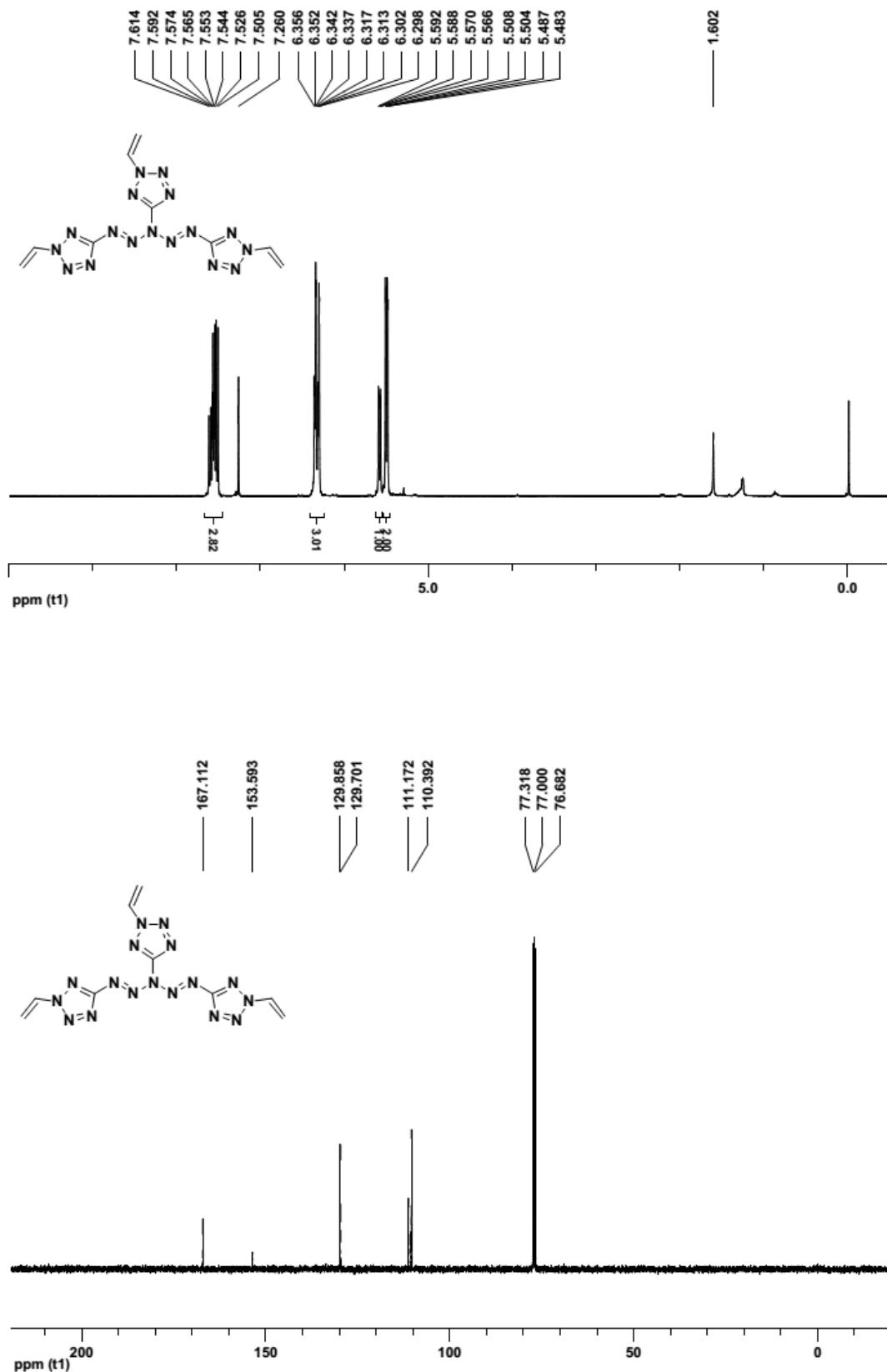
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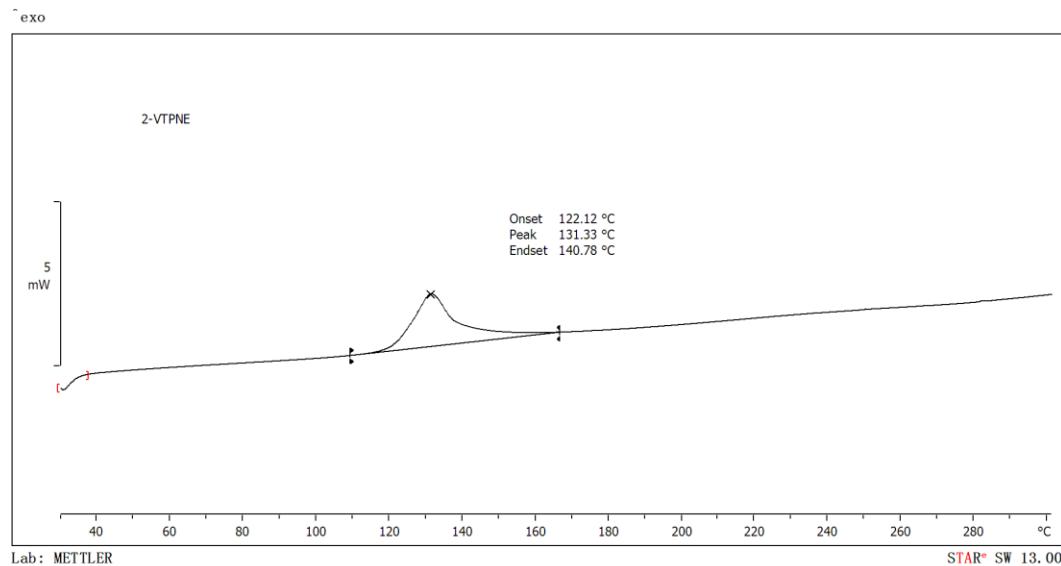
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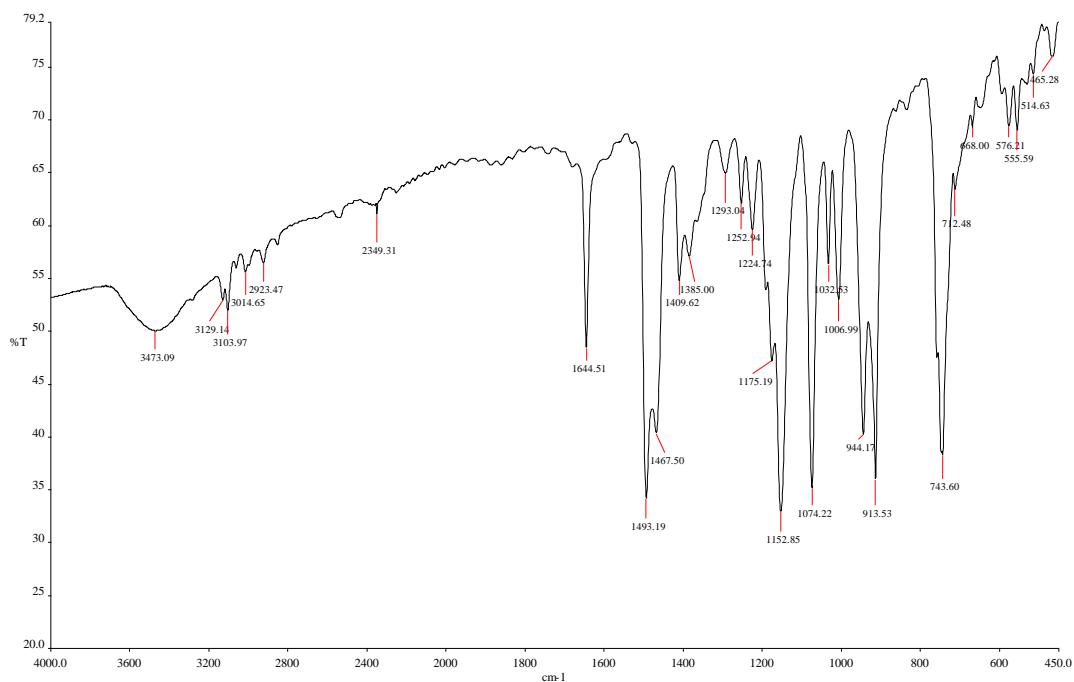
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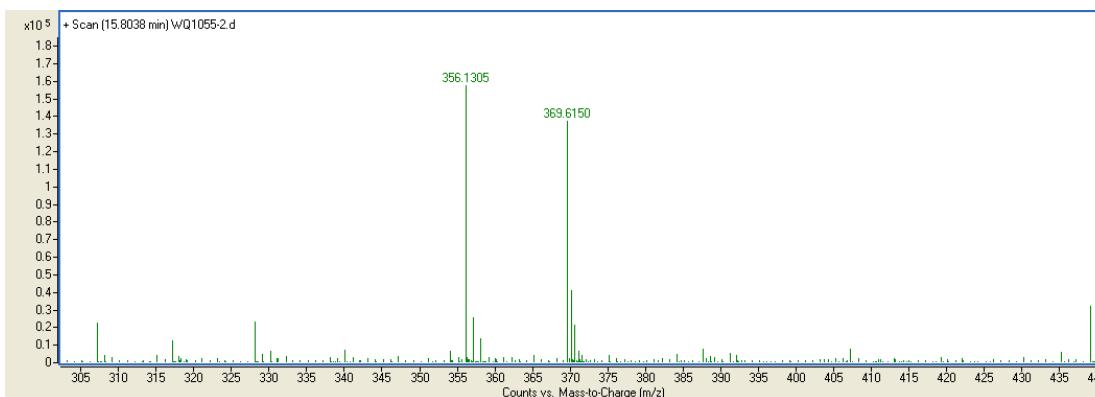
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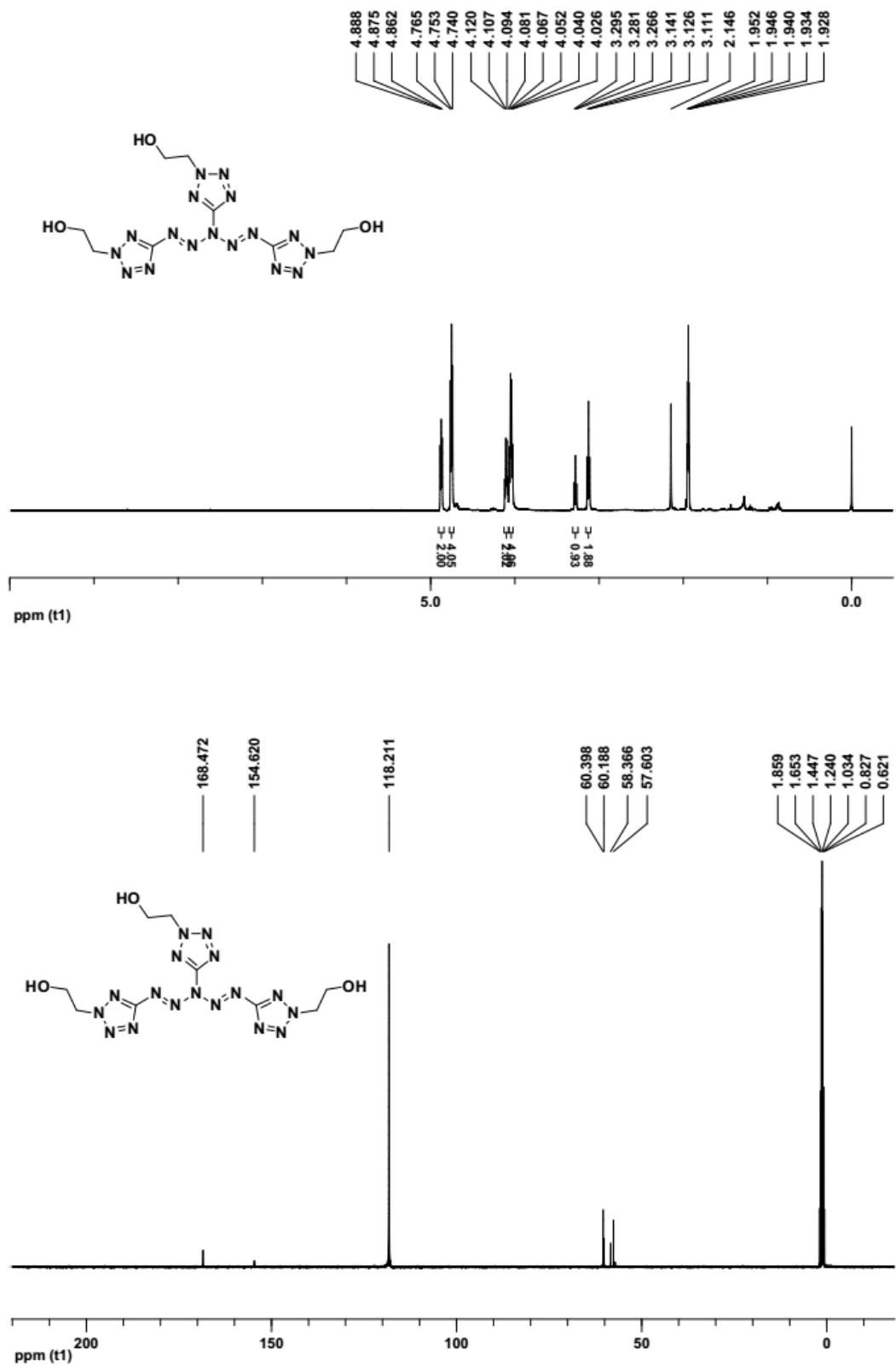
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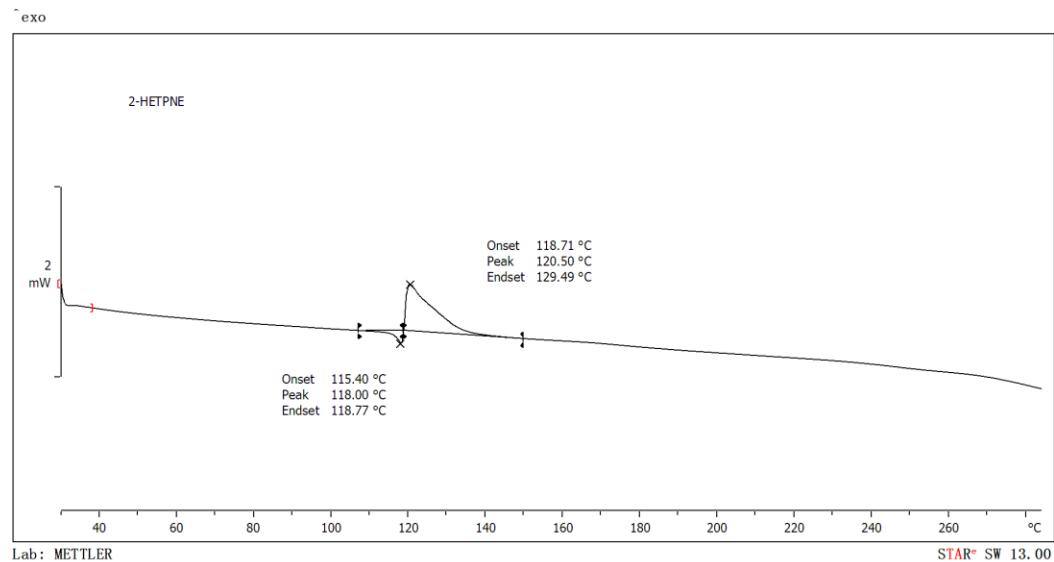
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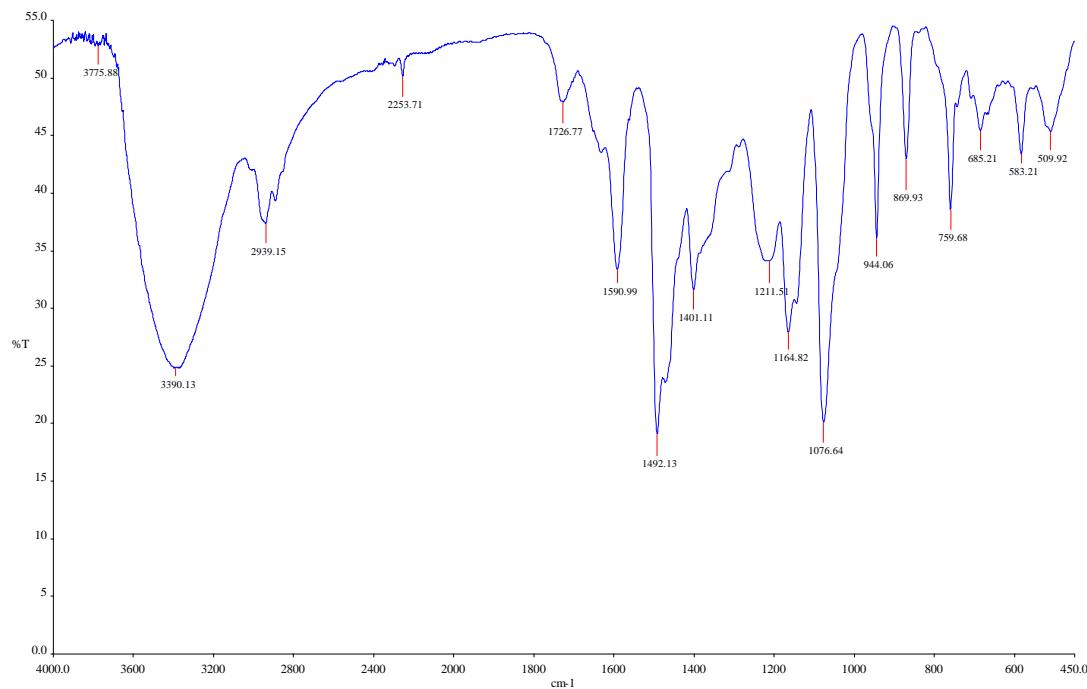
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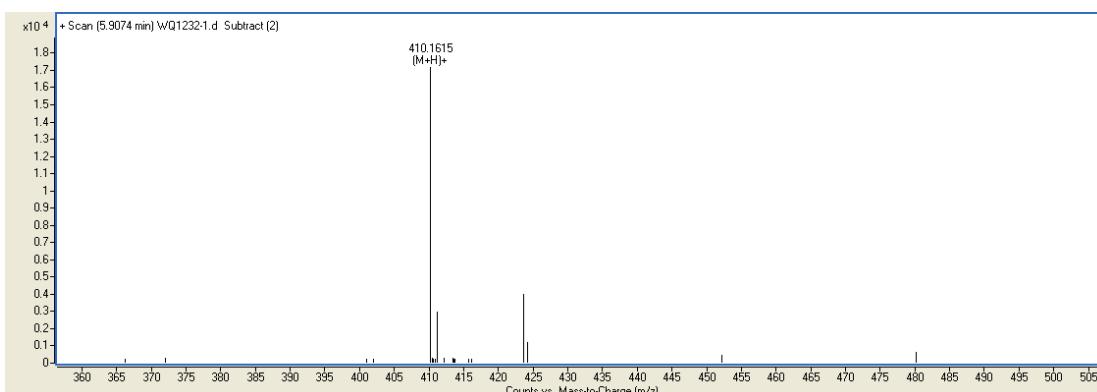
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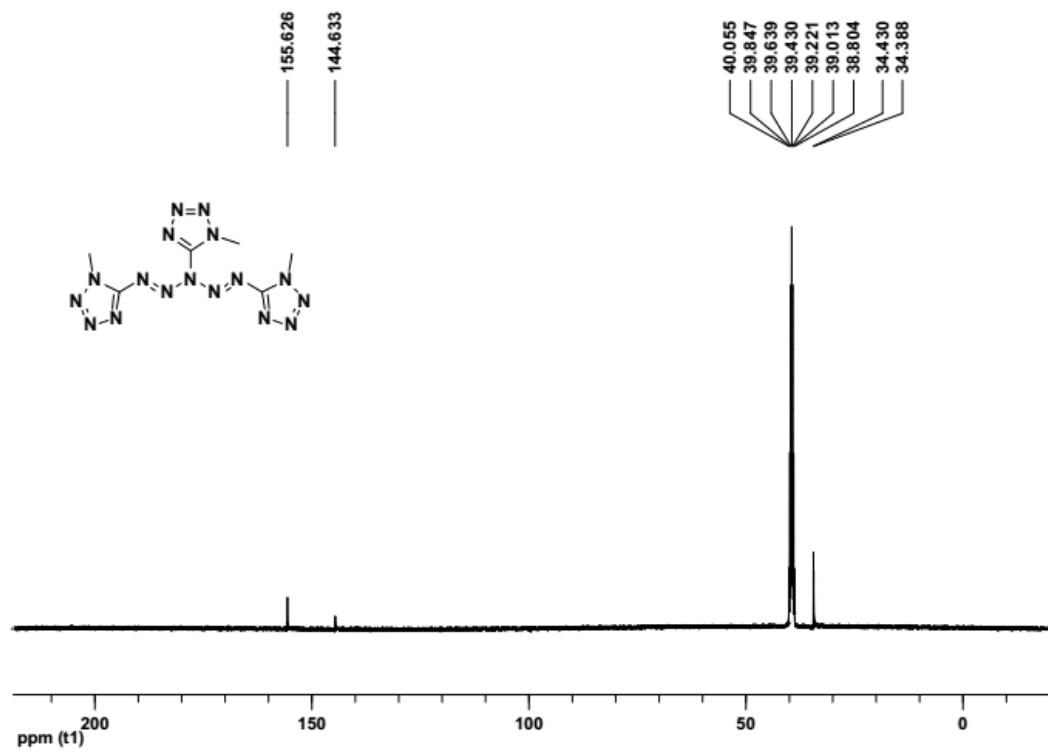
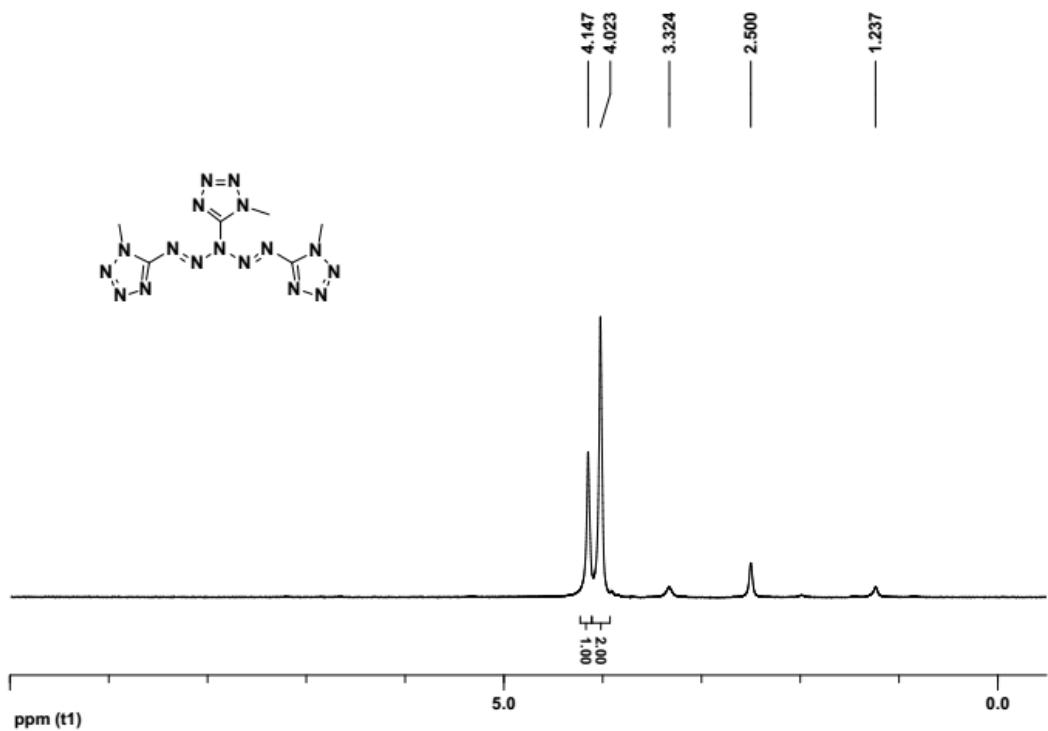
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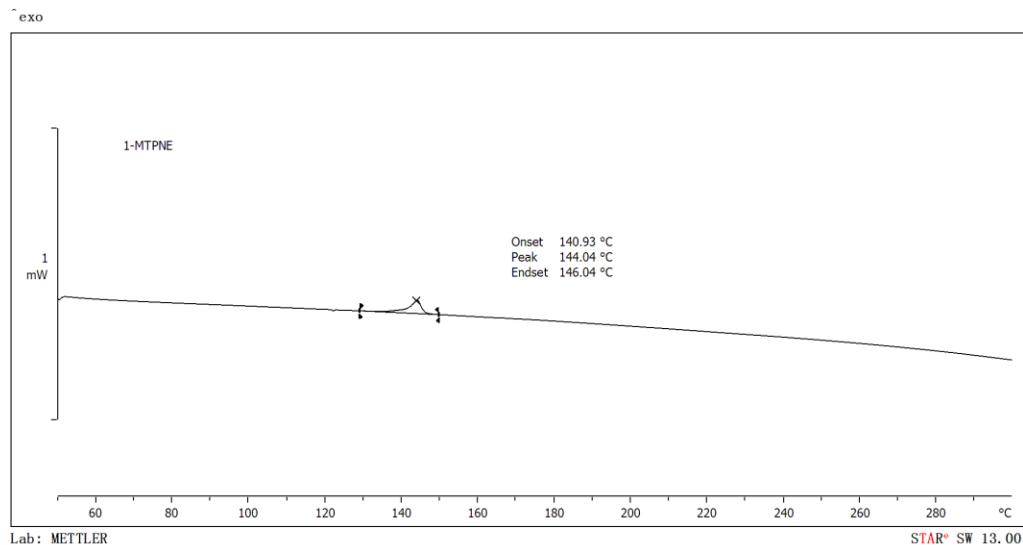
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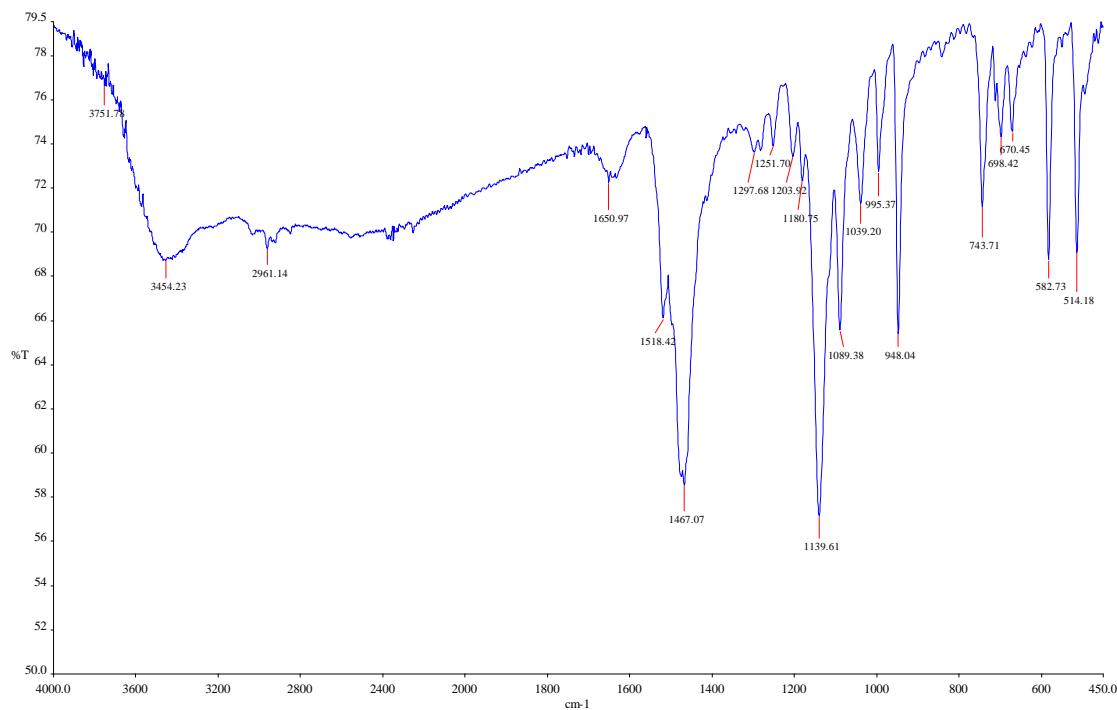
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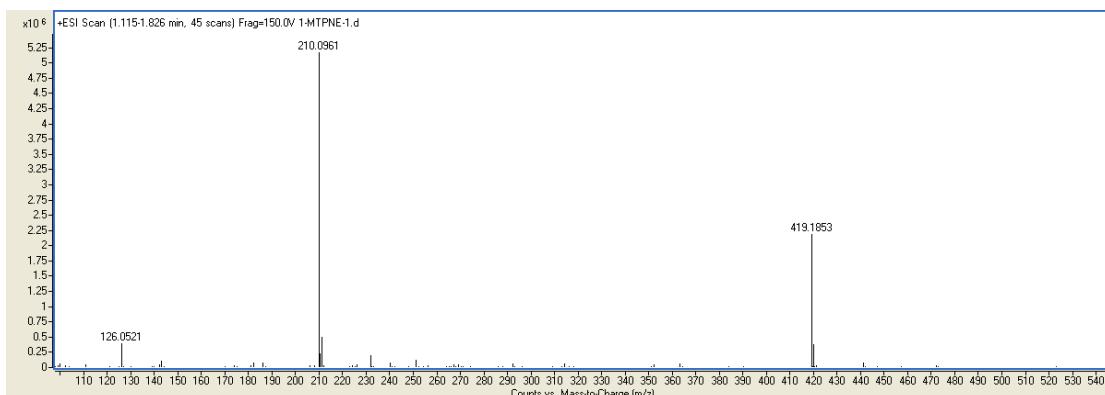
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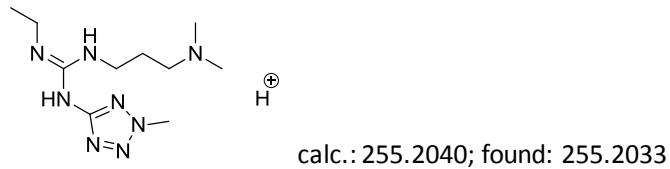
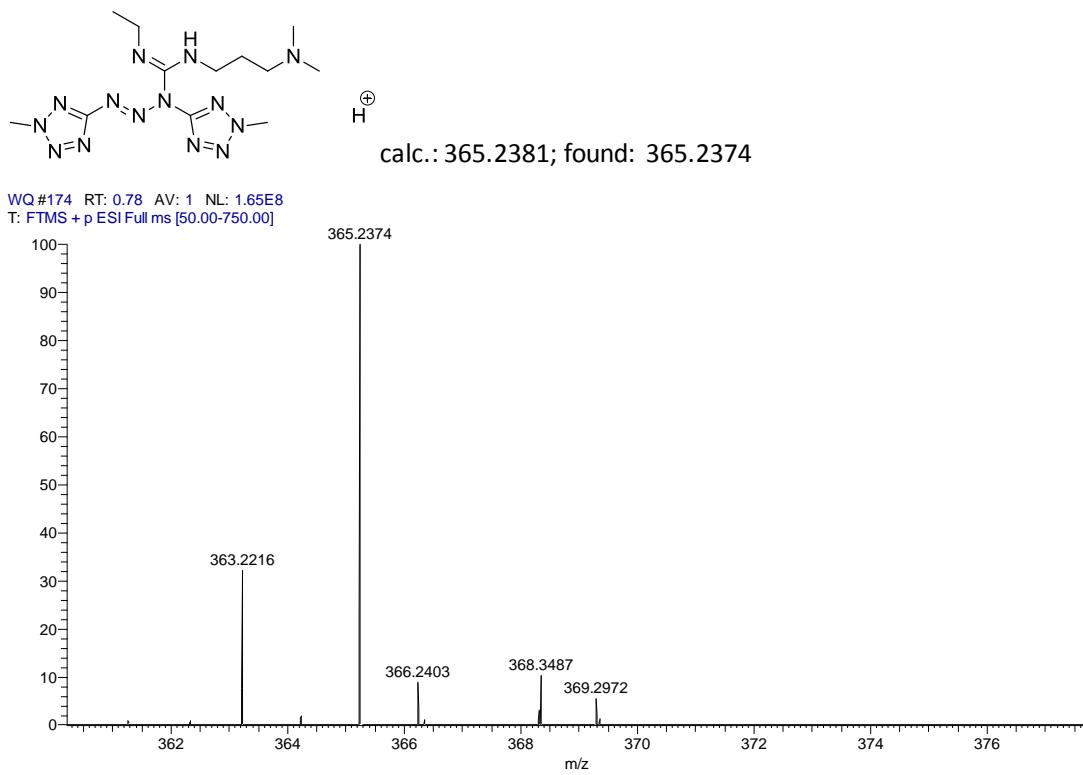


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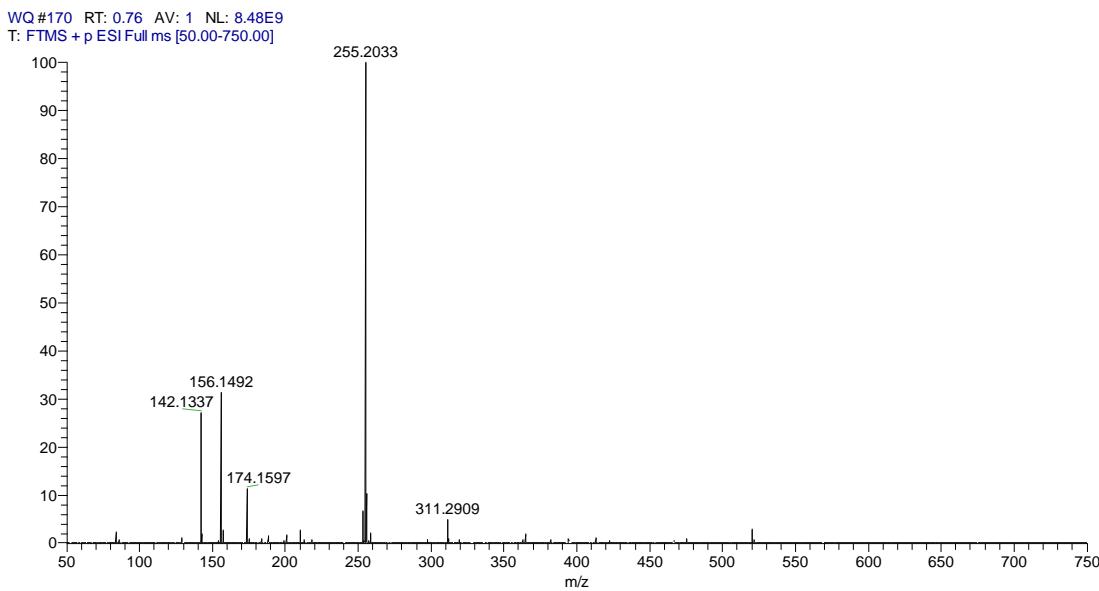


When R'-N=C=N-R" was EDCI, the molecular weight of **3a** and **4a** was observed in HRMS.

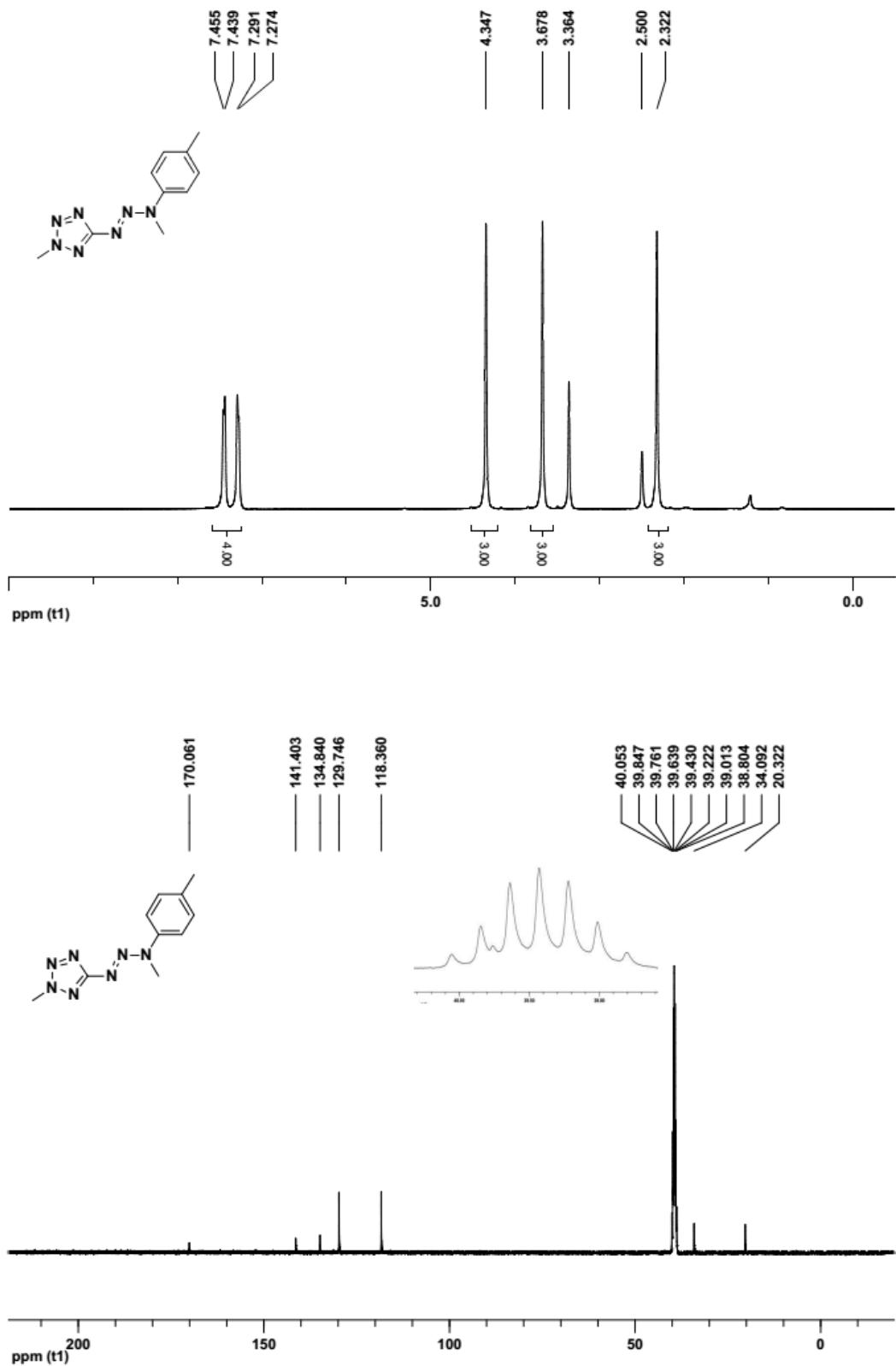
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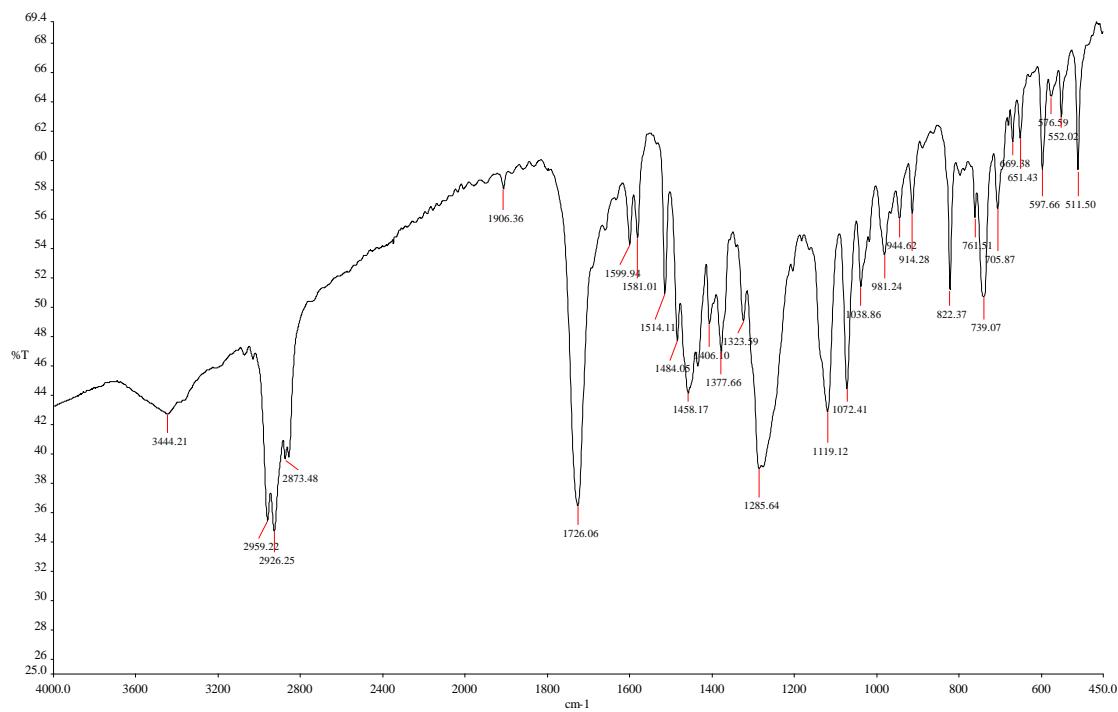
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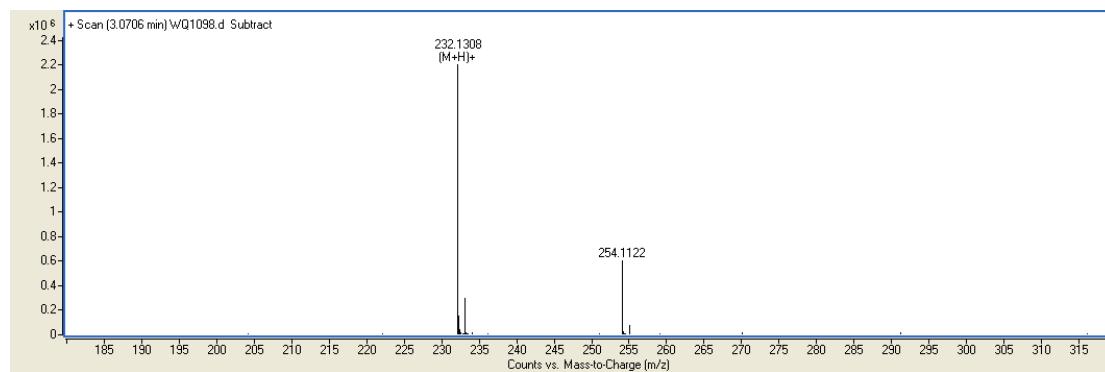
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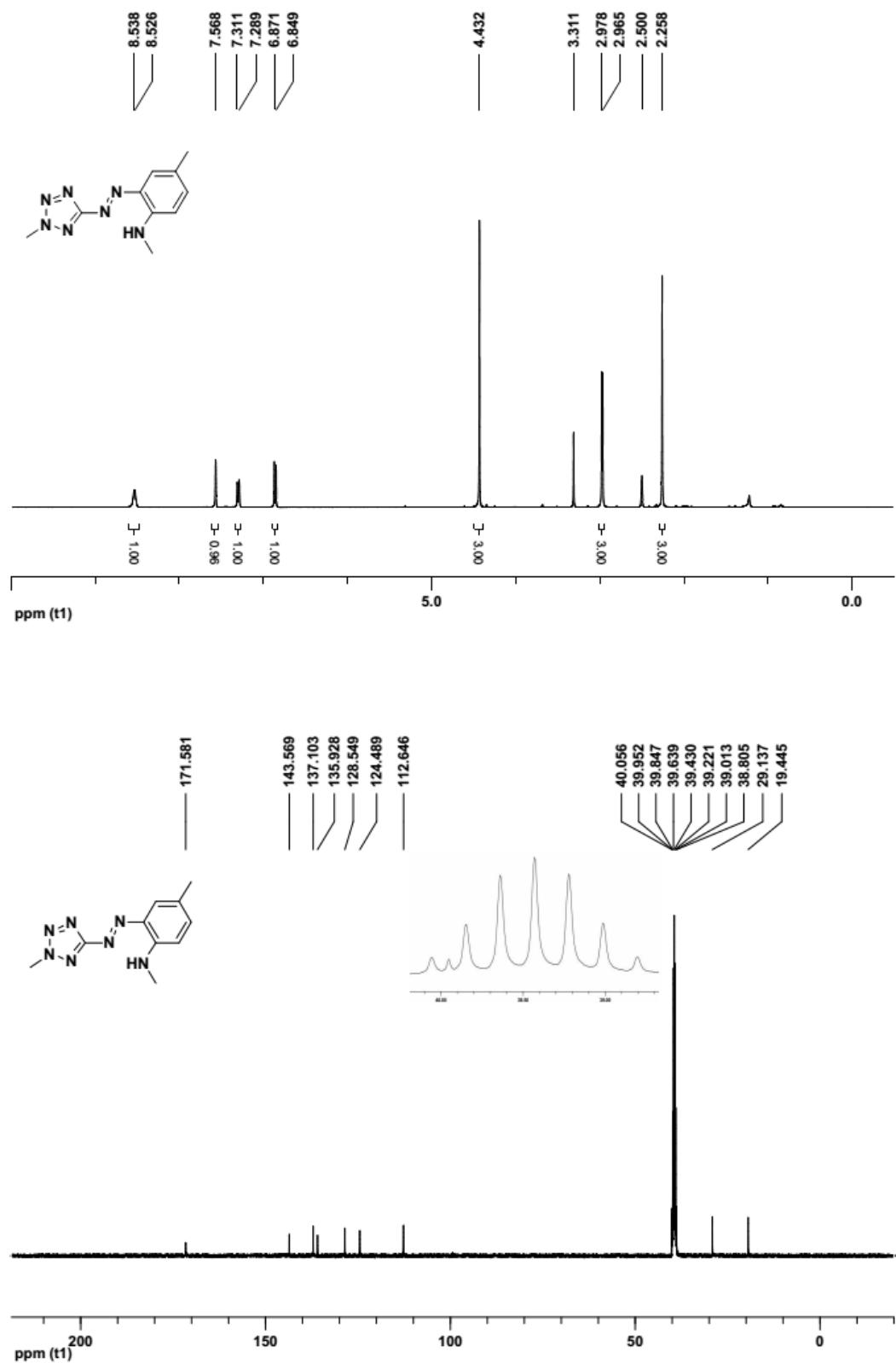
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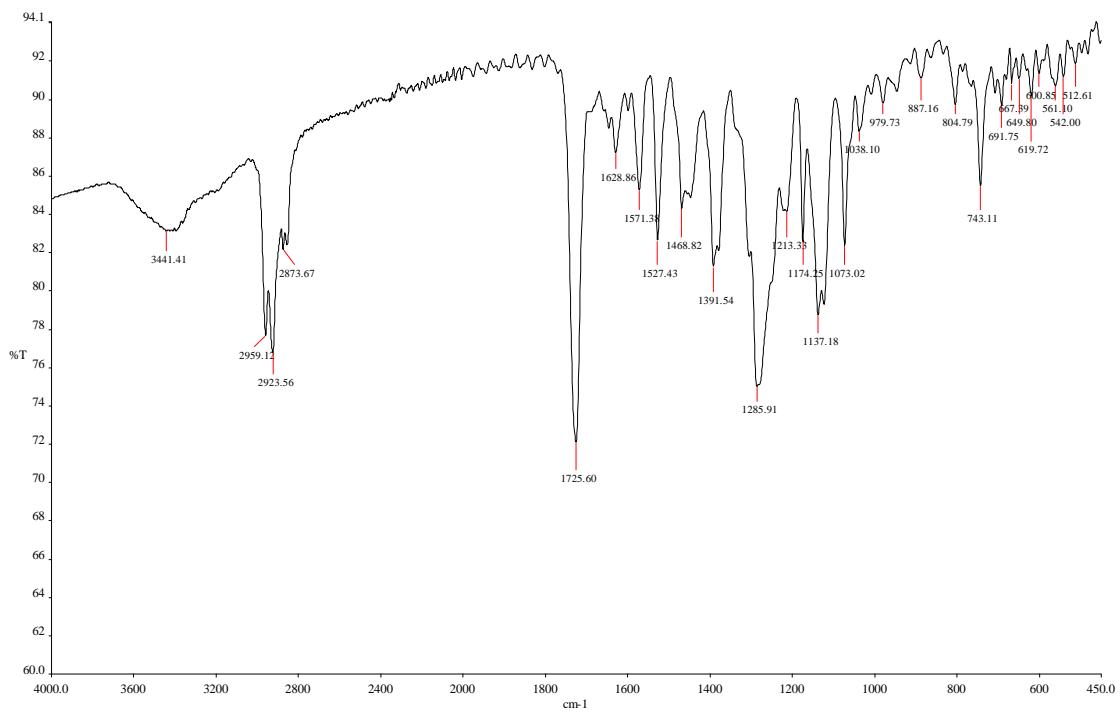
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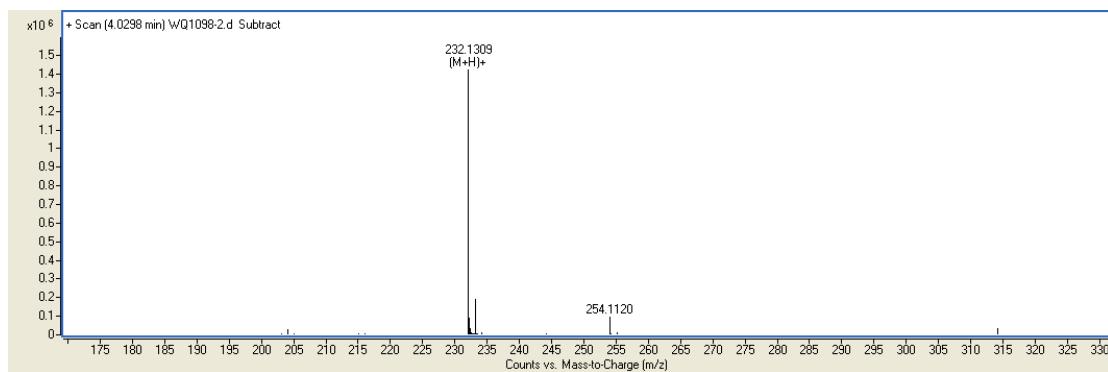
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## Infrared



## HRMS



**Table S3.** Crystal data and structure refinement for **2a**.

Identification code	<b>2a</b>
CCDC deposition number	1499749
Empirical formula	C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>9</sub> N <sub>17</sub>
Formula weight	319.30
Temperature	153.15 K
Wavelength	0.71073 Å
Crystal system, space group	monoclinic, P2 <sub>1</sub> /c
Unit cell dimensions	a = 15.804(3) Å    α = 90.00 ° b = 10.785(2) Å    β = 99.10(3) ° c = 8.1924(16) Å    γ = 90.00 °
Volume	1378.8(5) Å <sup>3</sup>
Z	4
Calculated density	1.538 g/cm <sup>3</sup>
Absorption coefficient	0.118 mm <sup>-1</sup>
F(000)	656
Crystal size	0.16 x 0.05 x 0.04 mm
Theta range for data collection	2.6 to 50 °
Limiting indices	-17<=h<=18, -12<=k<=12, -9<=l<=8
Reflections collected / unique	8237 / 2410 [Rint = 0.0675]
Absorption correction	Multi-scan
Refinement method	Full-matrix least-squares on F <sup>2</sup>
Data / restraints / parameters	2410 / 0 / 211
Goodness-of-fit on F <sup>2</sup>	1.205
Final R indices [I>2sigma(I)]	R <sub>1</sub> = 0.1663, wR <sub>2</sub> = 0.4342
R indices (all data)	R <sub>1</sub> = 0.1853, wR <sub>2</sub> = 0.4465
Largest diff. peak and hole	0.812 and -0.543 e.Å <sup>-3</sup>

**Table S4.** Atomic coordinates ( $x \times 10^4$ ) and equivalent isotropic displacement parameters ( $\text{\AA}^2 \times 10^3$ ) for **2a**. U(eq) is defined as one third of the trace of the orthogonalized  $U^{ij}$  tensor.

	x	y	z	U(eq)
N(1)	940(5)	8692(7)	-850(10)	26(19)
N(2)	489(5)	9252(7)	-2176(11)	27 (19)
N(3)	441(6)	10464(8)	-2029(10)	30(2)
N(4)	868(5)	10752(7)	-559(10)	27(19)
N(5)	1651(6)	9633(8)	1715(10)	28(2)
N(6)	1896(5)	8557(8)	2110(10)	27(2)
N(7)	2394(5)	8522(8)	3633(10)	27(2)
N(8)	2754(5)	7364(7)	3907(10)	27(2)
N(9)	3304(5)	7329(7)	5223(11)	27(2)
N(10)	3294(7)	5075(8)	4718(14)	46(3)
N(11)	3770(6)	4161(8)	5375(13)	40(2)
N(12)	4359(5)	4661(8)	6540(10)	26 (19)
N(13)	4289(6)	5887(8)	6658(11)	32(2)
N(14)	3399(6)	10154(8)	4674(13)	35(2)
N(15)	3371(6)	11121(8)	5630(12)	32(2)
N(16)	2606(6)	11108(7)	6110(10)	27(19)
N(17)	2109(6)	10152(8)	5475(11)	33(2)
C(1)	101(8)	8575(10)	-3626(15)	41(3)
C(2)	1154(6)	9650(9)	111(12)	24(2)
C(3)	3619(6)	6105(10)	5481(13)	28(2)
C(4)	4964(8)	3886(11)	7590(17)	44(3)
C(5)	2643(6)	9586(9)	4621(13)	28(2)
C(6)	2325(7)	12080(10)	7139(12)	30(2)

**Table S5.** Bond lengths [Å] and angles [°] for **2a**.

N(1)-N(2)	1.345(11)	N(1)-C(2)	1.311(13)
N(2)-N(3)	1.317(11)	N(2)-C(1)	1.445(14)
N(3)-N(4)	1.321(12)	N(4)-C(2)	1.356(13)
N(5)-N(6)	1.250(12)	N(5)-C(2)	1.420(13)
N(6)-N(7)	1.366(11)	N(7)-N(8)	1.376(11)
N(7)-C(5)	1.424(13)	N(8)-N(9)	1.273(12)
N(9)-C(3)	1.415(13)	N(10)-N(11)	1.303(13)
N(10)-C(3)	1.337(14)	N(11)-N(12)	1.337(13)
N(12)-N(13)	1.332(12)	N(12)-C(4)	1.446(14)
N(13)-C(3)	1.336(13)	N(14)-N(15)	1.309(13)
N(14)-C(5)	1.337(14)	N(15)-N(16)	1.329(12)
N(16)-N(17)	1.350(12)	N(16)-C(6)	1.458(12)
N(17)-C(5)	1.327(14)	C(1)-H(1A)	0.9800
C(1)-H(1B)	0.9800	C(1)-H(1C)	0.9800
C(4)-H(4A)	0.9800	C(4)-H(4B)	0.9800
C(4)-H(4C)	0.9800	C(6)-H(6A)	0.9800
C(6)-H(6B)	0.9800	C(6)-H(6C)	0.9800
C(2)-N(1)-N(2)	100.7(8)	N(1)-N(2)-C(1)	122.6(8)
N(3)-N(2)-N(1)	113.8(8)	N(3)-N(2)-C(1)	123.6(9)
N(2)-N(3)-N(4)	106.7(8)	N(3)-N(4)-C(2)	104.7(8)
N(6)-N(5)-C(2)	110.8(8)	N(5)-N(6)-N(7)	111.9(8)
N(6)-N(7)-N(8)	109.7(8)	N(6)-N(7)-C(5)	124.3(8)
N(8)-N(7)-C(5)	124.7(8)	N(9)-N(8)-N(7)	112.0(8)
N(8)-N(9)-C(3)	109.3(8)	N(11)-N(10)-C(3)	106.4(9)
N(10)-N(11)-N(12)	106.3(9)	N(11)-N(12)-C(4)	120.8(9)
N(13)-N(12)-N(11)	113.3(8)	N(13)-N(12)-C(4)	125.8(9)
N(12)-N(13)-C(3)	100.8(8)	N(15)-N(14)-C(5)	105.7(9)
N(14)-N(15)-N(16)	106.7(8)	N(15)-N(16)-N(17)	113.3(8)
N(15)-N(16)-C(6)	122.6(8)	N(17)-N(16)-C(6)	124.0(9)
C(5)-N(17)-N(16)	100.1(8)	N(2)-C(1)-H(1A)	109.5
N(2)-C(1)-H(1B)	109.5	N(2)-C(1)-H(1C)	109.5
H(1A)-C(1)-H(1B)	109.5	H(1A)-C(1)-H(1C)	109.5

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H(1B)-C(1)-H(1C)	109.5	N(1)-C(2)-N(4)	114.2(9)
N(1)-C(2)-N(5)	126.7(9)	N(4)-C(2)-N(5)	119.1(9)
N(10)-C(3)-N(9)	127.3(9)	N(13)-C(3)-N(9)	119.5(9)
N(13)-C(3)-N(10)	113.1(9)	N(12)-C(4)-H(4A)	109.5
N(12)-C(4)-H(4B)	109.5	N(12)-C(4)-H(4C)	109.5
H(4A)-C(4)-H(4B)	109.5	H(4A)-C(4)-H(4C)	109.5
H(4B)-C(4)-H(4C)	109.5	N(14)-C(5)-N(7)	123.6(9)
N(17)-C(5)-N(7)	121.9(9)	N(17)-C(5)-N(14)	114.3(9)
N(16)-C(6)-H(6A)	109.5	N(16)-C(6)-H(6B)	109.5
N(16)-C(6)-H(6C)	109.5	H(6A)-C(6)-H(6B)	109.5
H(6A)-C(6)-H(6C)	109.5	H(6B)-C(6)-H(6C)	109.5

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**Table S6.** Anisotropic displacement parameters ( $\text{\AA}^2 \times 10^3$ ) for **2a**. The anisotropic displacement factor exponent takes the form:  $-2\pi^2 [ h^2 a^*{}^2 U^{11} + \dots + 2 h k a^* b^* U^{12} ]$ .

	U11	U22	U33	U23	U13	U12
N(1)	33(5)	18(4)	25(4)	-2(3)	5(4)	0(3)
N(2)	32(5)	16(4)	32(5)	4(4)	1(4)	0(4)
N(3)	36(5)	24(5)	28(4)	2(4)	1(4)	1(4)
N(4)	32(5)	19(4)	31(5)	-1(4)	5(4)	-1(4)
N(5)	35(5)	22(4)	26(4)	-5(4)	4(4)	-1(4)
N(6)	30(5)	23(4)	27(4)	0(4)	3(4)	3(4)
N(7)	30(5)	23(4)	24(4)	-5(3)	-1(4)	3(4)
N(8)	32(5)	14(4)	34(5)	9(4)	3(4)	7(3)
N(9)	28(4)	17(4)	36(5)	1(4)	8(4)	-2(3)
N(10)	51(6)	13(4)	68(7)	-6(4)	-10(6)	2(4)
N(11)	45(6)	21(5)	55(6)	9(4)	6(5)	7(4)
N(12)	20(4)	29(5)	31(5)	3(4)	7(3)	-2(4)
N(13)	34(5)	28(5)	35(5)	-3(4)	5(4)	5(4)
N(14)	34(5)	23(5)	51(6)	2(4)	10(4)	1(4)
N(15)	33(5)	20(4)	45(5)	-3(4)	11(4)	-8(4)
N(16)	42(5)	14(4)	24(4)	-1(3)	4(4)	-1(4)
N(17)	39(5)	21(4)	37(5)	-1(4)	-1(4)	-1(4)
C(1)	56(7)	19(5)	43(7)	-9(5)	-5(6)	0(5)
C(2)	22(5)	25(5)	27(5)	-1(4)	10(4)	3(4)
C(3)	24(5)	25(5)	35(6)	2(4)	6(4)	3(4)
C(4)	40(6)	34(6)	55(7)	-4(6)	0(6)	20(5)
C(5)	31(5)	12(5)	41(6)	0(4)	3(5)	5(4)
C(6)	36(6)	26(5)	26(5)	-8(4)	5(5)	10(4)

**Table S7.** Hydrogen coordinates ( $\times 10^4$ ) and isotropic displacement parameters ( $\text{\AA}^2 \times 10^3$ ) for **2a**.

	x	y	z	U(eq)
H(1A)	534	8405	-4330	61
H(1B)	-362	9072	-4242	61
H(1C)	-132	7791	-3288	61
H(4A)	4937	4074	8752	66
H(4B)	5544	4048	7362	66
H(4C)	4819	3012	7369	66
H(6A)	2265	11736	8223	44
H(6B)	1771	12407	6605	44
H(6C)	2748	12751	7281	44

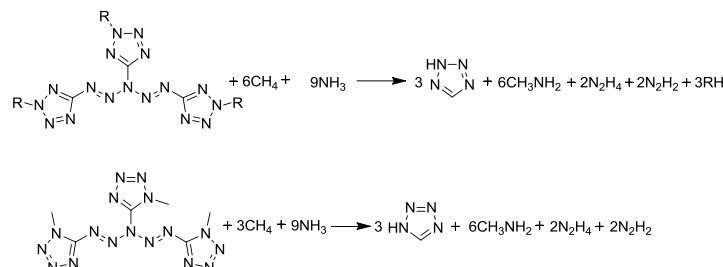
**Table S8.** Torsion angles [ °] for **2a**.

N(1)-N(2)-N(3)-N(4)	-0.3(12)	N(2)-N(1)-C(2)-N(4)	-0.7(11)
N(2)-N(1)-C(2)-N(5)	-179.5(9)	N(2)-N(3)-N(4)-C(2)	-0.2(10)
N(3)-N(4)-C(2)-N(1)	0.6(11)	N(3)-N(4)-C(2)-N(5)	179.5(8)
N(5)-N(6)-N(7)-N(8)	-170.8(8)	N(5)-N(6)-N(7)-C(5)	-3.1(13)
N(6)-N(5)-C(2)-N(1)	2.0(14)	N(6)-N(5)-C(2)-N(4)	-176.8(9)
N(6)-N(7)-N(8)-N(9)	172.1(8)	N(6)-N(7)-C(5)-N(14)	-97.3(12)
N(6)-N(7)-C(5)-N(17)	77.6(13)	N(7)-N(8)-N(9)-C(3)	177.1(8)
N(8)-N(7)-C(5)-N(14)	68.7(14)	N(8)-N(7)-C(5)-N(17)	-116.5(11)
N(8)-N(9)-C(3)-N(10)	-13.0(15)	N(8)-N(9)-C(3)-N(13)	170.6(9)
N(10)-N(11)-N(12)-N(13)	-0.6(12)	N(10)-N(11)-N(12)-C(4)	176.1(10)
N(11)-N(10)-C(3)-N(9)	-178.0(10)	N(11)-N(10)-C(3)-N(13)	-1.5(14)
N(11)-N(12)-N(13)-C(3)	-0.3(11)	N(12)-N(13)-C(3)-N(9)	177.9(9)
N(12)-N(13)-C(3)-N(10)	1.1(12)	N(14)-N(15)-N(16)-N(17)	-0.8(12)
N(14)-N(15)-N(16)-C(6)	-177.3(9)	N(15)-N(14)-C(5)-N(7)	176.5(9)
N(15)-N(14)-C(5)-N(17)	1.3(13)	N(15)-N(16)-N(17)-C(5)	1.5(11)
N(16)-N(17)-C(5)-N(7)	-176.9(9)	N(16)-N(17)-C(5)-N(14)	-1.7(12)
C(1)-N(2)-N(3)-N(4)	-179.8(10)	C(2)-N(1)-N(2)-N(3)	0.6(11)
C(2)-N(1)-N(2)-C(1)	-179.9(10)	C(2)-N(5)-N(6)-N(7)	178.5(8)
C(3)-N(10)-N(11)-N(12)	1.2(13)	C(4)-N(12)-N(13)-C(3)	-176.7(10)
C(5)-N(7)-N(8)-N(9)	4.4(13)	C(5)-N(14)-N(15)-N(16)	-0.3(11)
C(6)-N(16)-N(17)-C(5)	177.9(9)		

## Computation details

The heats of formation of **2a-2j** were carried out by using the Gaussian09 (Revision B.01) suite of programs based on isodesmic reactions (Scheme S2).<sup>4</sup> The elementary geometric optimization and the frequency analysis were performed at the level of B3LYP/6-311+G\*\*. The total energy was performed at the level of MP2/6-311++G\*\*.

**Scheme S2.** Isodesmic reactions for the calculation of heats of formation.



**Table S9.** Calculated (B3LYP/6-311+G\*\*//MP2/6-311++G\*\*) total energy ( $E_0$ ), Zero-Point Energy (ZPE), values of thermal correction ( $H_T$ ), and heats of formation (HOF) of **2a** and **2j**.

Name	$E_0$ (a.u.)	ZPE (a.u.)	$H_T$ (a.u.)	HOF (kJ mol <sup>-1</sup> )
<b>2a</b>	-1161.953770	0.221028	0.021410	1699.2
<b>2b</b>	-1853.849328	0.465224	0.034320	1189.8
<b>2c</b>	-1393.897319	0.320857	0.027725	1059.3
<b>2d</b>	-1515.253398	0.473213	0.033226	550.6
<b>2e</b>	-8996.818310	0.279371	0.028024	871.5
<b>2f</b>	-1844.588827	0.349851	0.034265	-77.7
<b>2g</b>	-1438.437752	0.217076	0.025914	1387.1
<b>2h</b>	-1276.245240	0.234925	0.023308	1174.5
<b>2i</b>	-1505.196037	0.320841	0.028920	311.2
<b>2j</b>	-1162.180333	0.219624	0.021818	1179.8
2 <i>H</i> -tetrazole	-257.706842	0.047597	0.004364	318.2 <sup>a</sup>
1 <i>H</i> -tetrazole	-257.712578	0.046863	0.004429	327.4 <sup>a</sup>
CH <sub>4</sub>	-40.396999	0.044793	0.003812	-74.4 <sup>a</sup>
NH <sub>3</sub>	-56.427034	0.034372	0.003818	-46.0 <sup>a</sup>
CH <sub>3</sub> NH <sub>2</sub>	-95.622396	0.064026	0.004375	-22.5 <sup>b</sup>
N <sub>2</sub> H <sub>4</sub>	-111.609981	0.052611	0.003904	95.4 <sup>b</sup>
N <sub>2</sub> H <sub>2</sub>	-110.391652	0.028442	0.003802	211.9 <sup>c</sup>

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