

# Synthesis, Structure and Properties of Thiophene-fused BODIPYs and AzaBODIPYs as Near-infrared Agents

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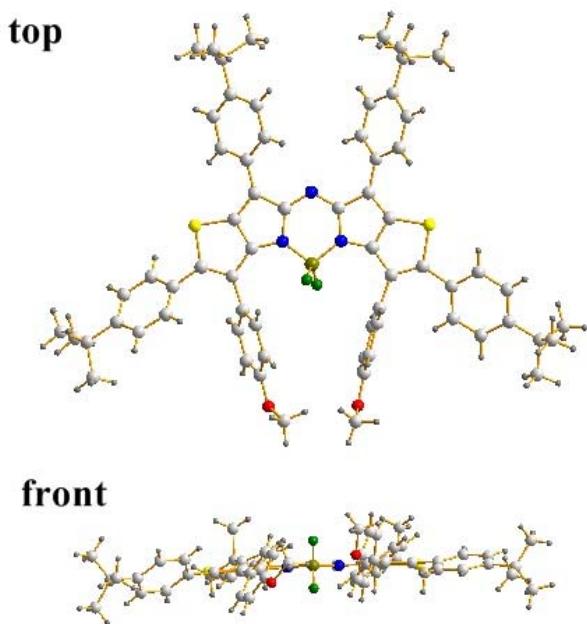
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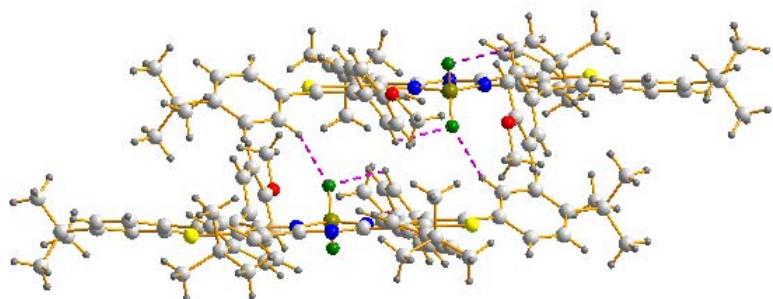
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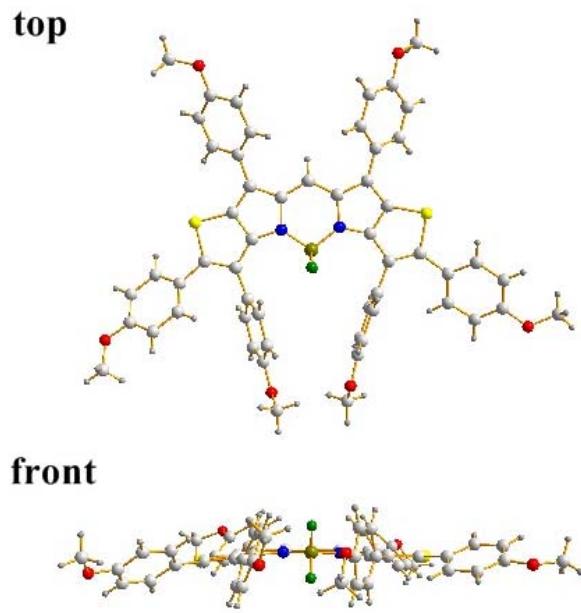
## 1. Crystal Structure



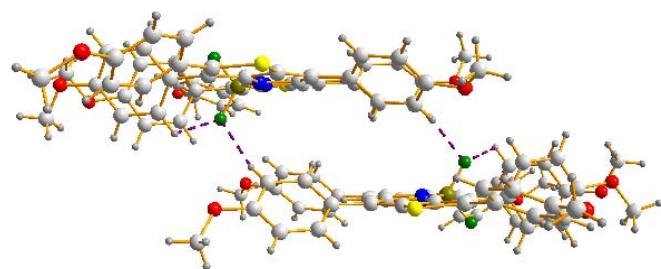
**Figure S1:** X-ray structures of **1f**. C, light gray; H, gray; N, blue; B, dark yellow; F, light green; S, yellow; O, red.



**Figure S2:** Intermolecular crystal packing of **1f** through H-bonding (dotted line). C, light gray; H, gray; N, blue; B, dark yellow; F, light green; S, yellow; O, red.

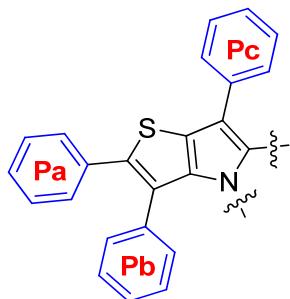


**Figure S3:** X-ray structures of **2b**. C, light gray; H, gray; N, blue; B, dark yellow; F, light green; S, yellow; O, red.



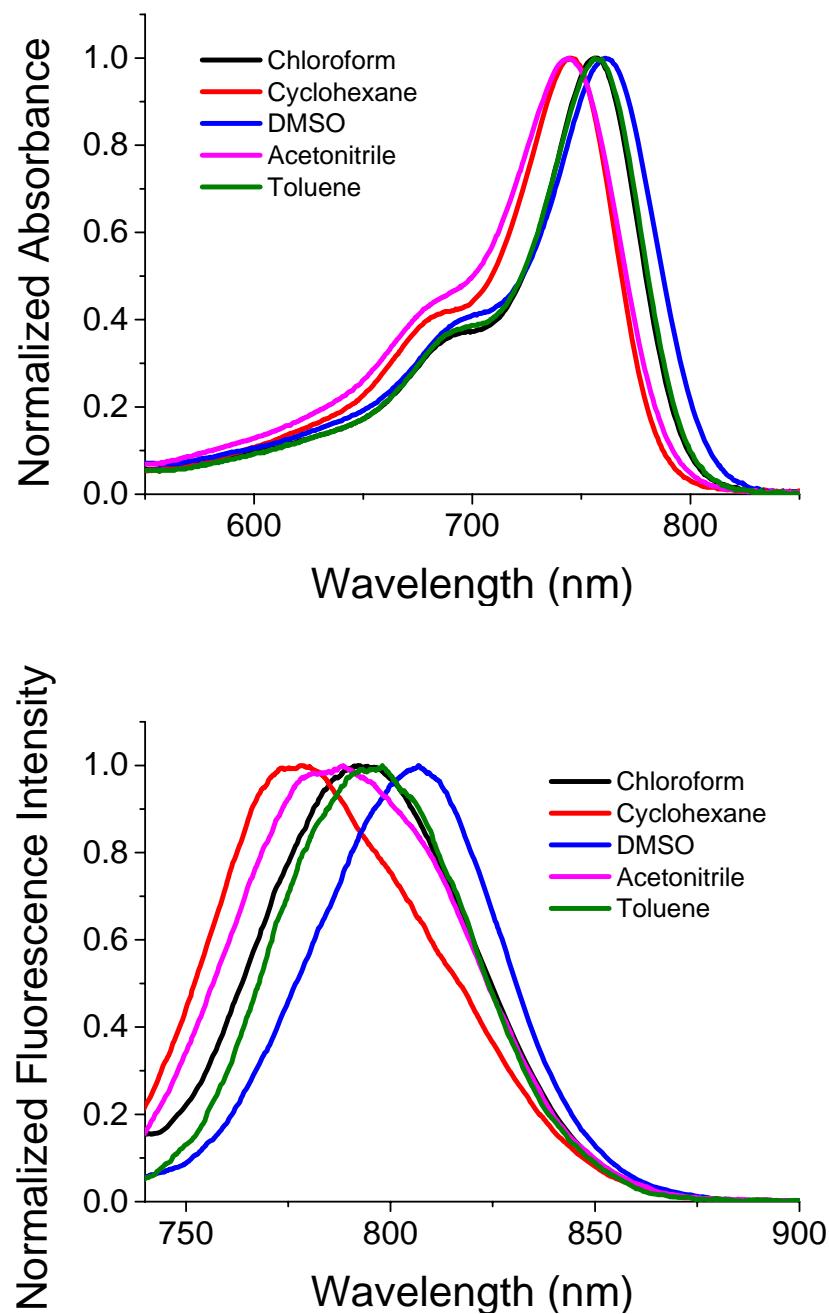
**Figure S4:** Intermolecular crystal packing of **2b** through H-bonding (dotted line). C, light gray; H, gray; N, blue; B, dark yellow; F, light green; S, yellow; O, red.

**Table S1. Selected geometrical parameters of compound **1e** and **2b** obtained from crystallography**

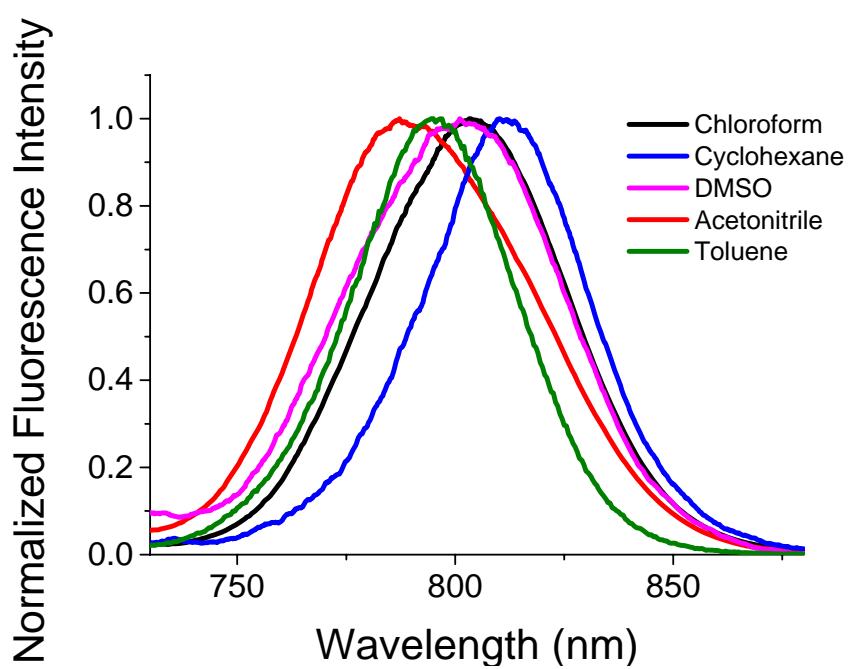
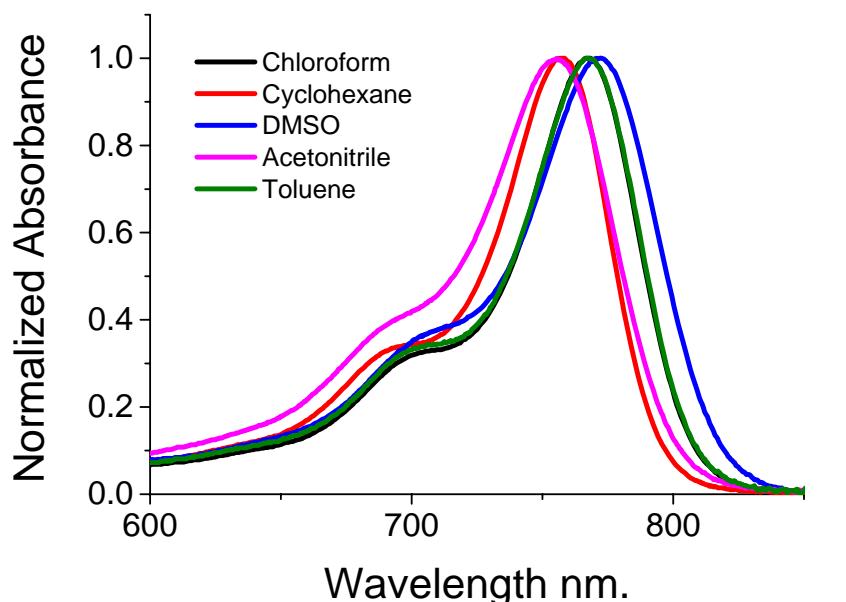


|   | <b>1f</b>                  | <b>2b</b>                  |
|---|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| the B-N bond distances (Å)  | 1.5655(74)<br>1.5684(84)   | 1.5500(43)<br>1.5578(78)   |
| the intramolecular F-H Hydrogen bond distances (Å)                        | 2.4463(34)                 | 2.6514(23)                 |
| the intermolecular F-H Hydrogen bond distances (Å)                        | 2.7922(35)                 | 2.5344(17)<br>2.8216(19)   |
| dihedral angles of two thiophene rings (deg)                              | 5.278(178)                 | 7.958(85)                  |
| dihedral angles of two pyrrole rings (deg)                                | 2.634(220)                 | 8.943(116)                 |
| dihedral angles between thiophene ring and phenyl ring<br><b>Pa</b> (deg) | 18.799(210)<br>38.981(170) | 27.547(109)<br>32.340(87)  |
| dihedral angles between thiophene ring and phenyl ring<br><b>Pb</b> (deg) | 57.820(174)<br>75.174(182) | 64.115(141)<br>88.247(140) |
| dihedral angles between pyrrole ring and phenyl ring<br><b>Pc</b> (deg)   | 24.564(222)<br>33.697(191) | 34.699(104)<br>40.286(117) |

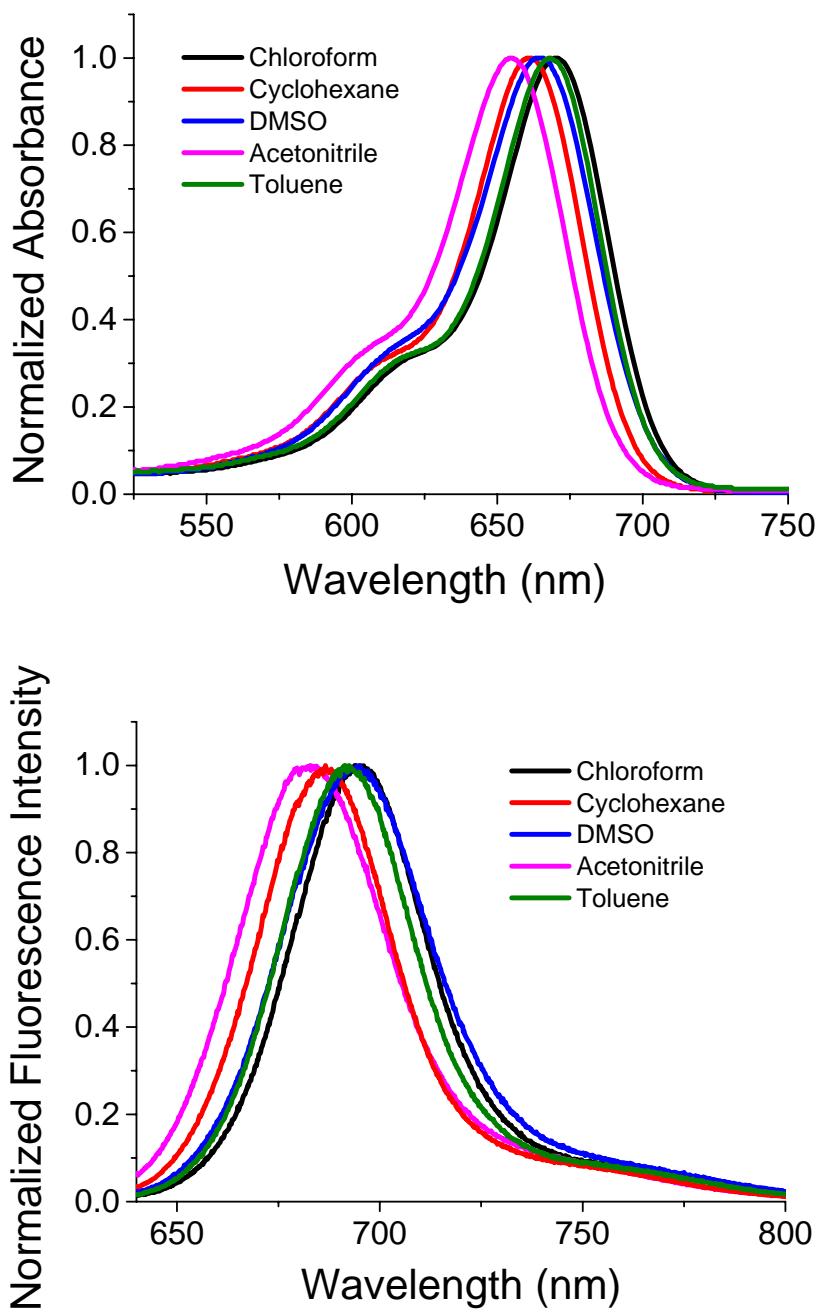
## 2. Photophysical Properties



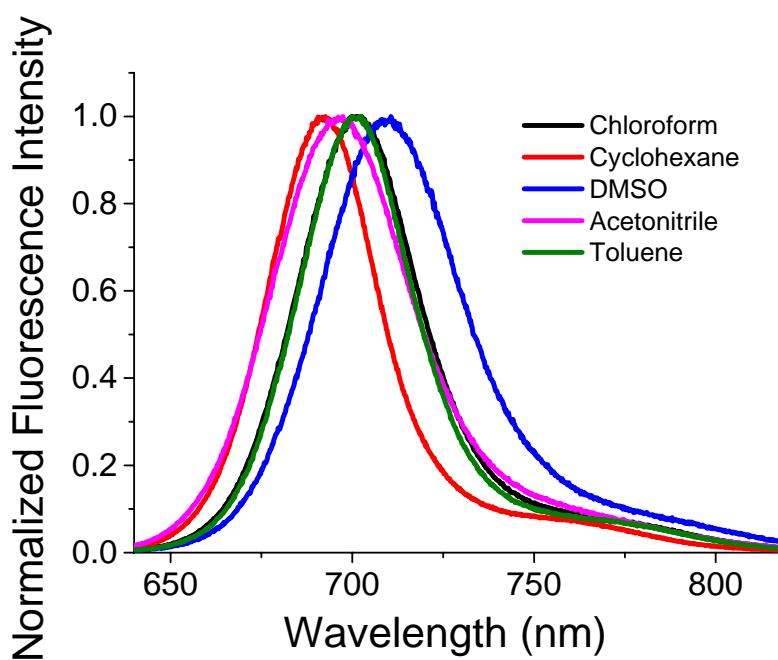
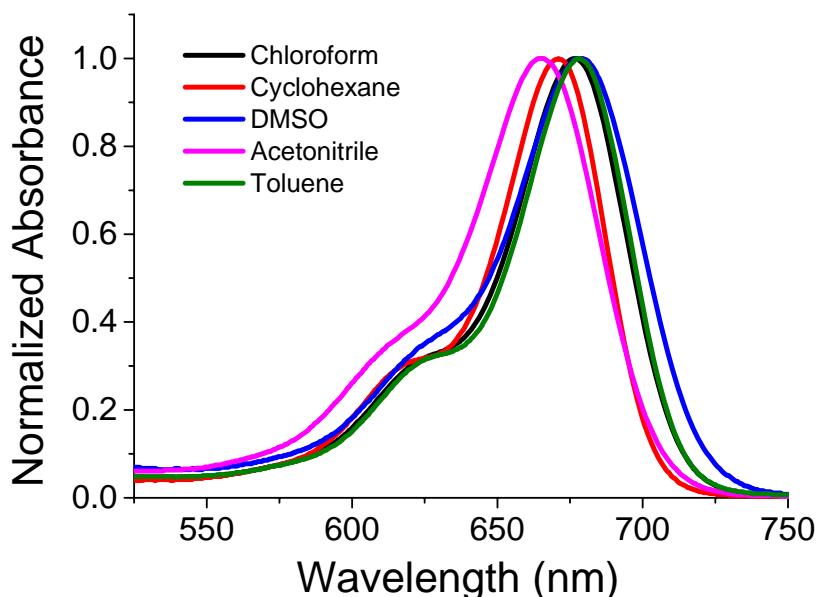
**Figure S5:** Absorption (top) and emission (bottom) spectra of compound **1e** recorded in different solvents. Excited at 720 nm.



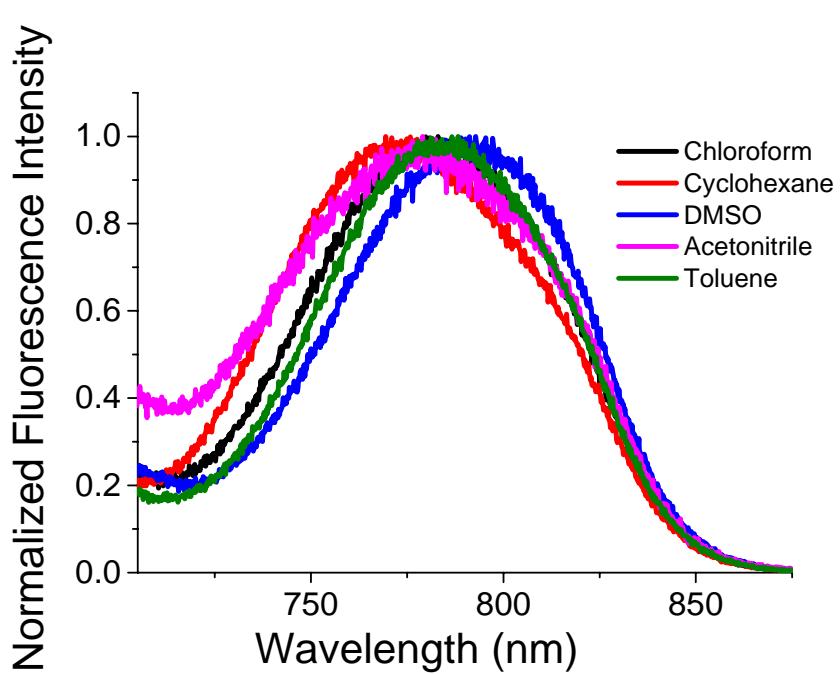
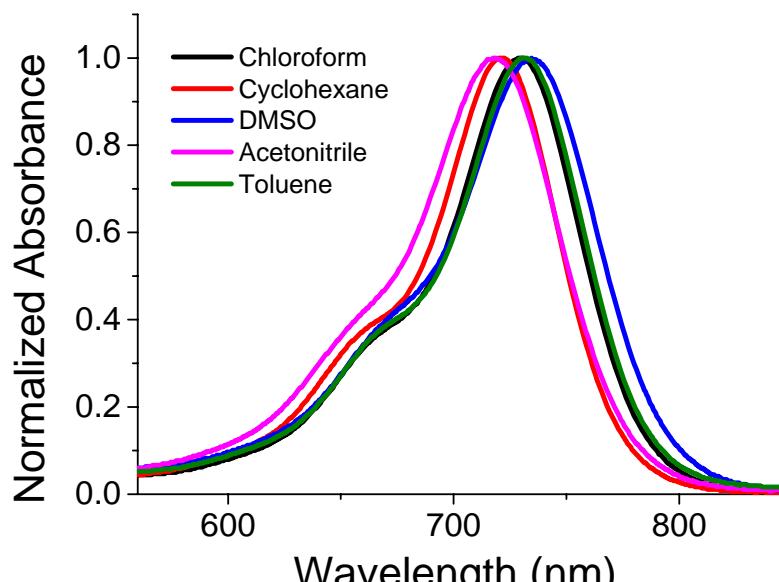
**Figure S6:** Absorption (top) and emission (bottom) spectra of compound **1f** recorded in different solvents. Excited at 720 nm.



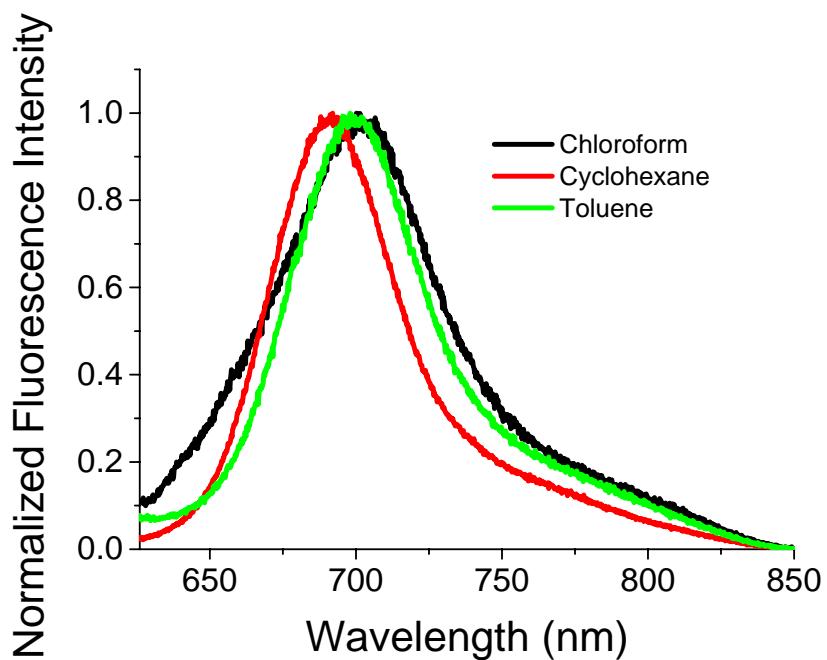
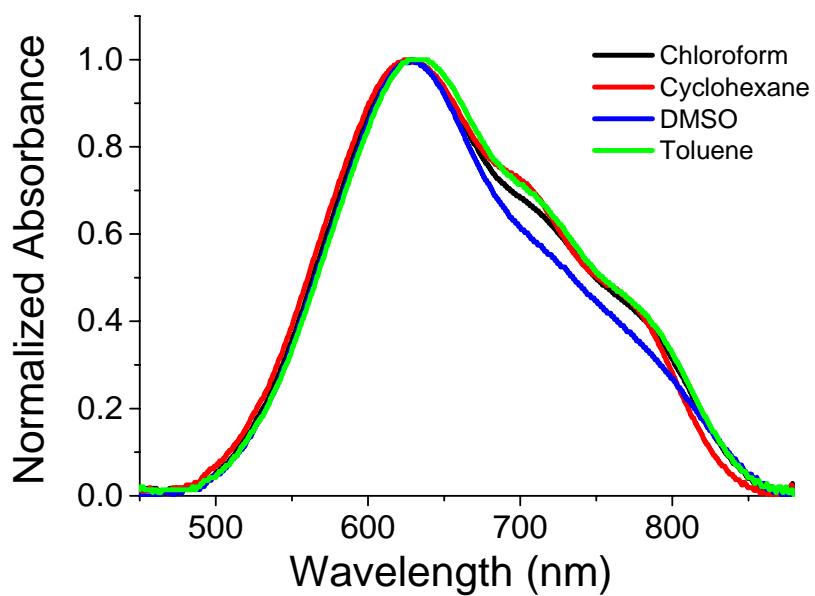
**Figure S7:** Absorption (top) and emission (bottom) spectra of compound **2a** recorded in different solvents. Excited at 630 nm



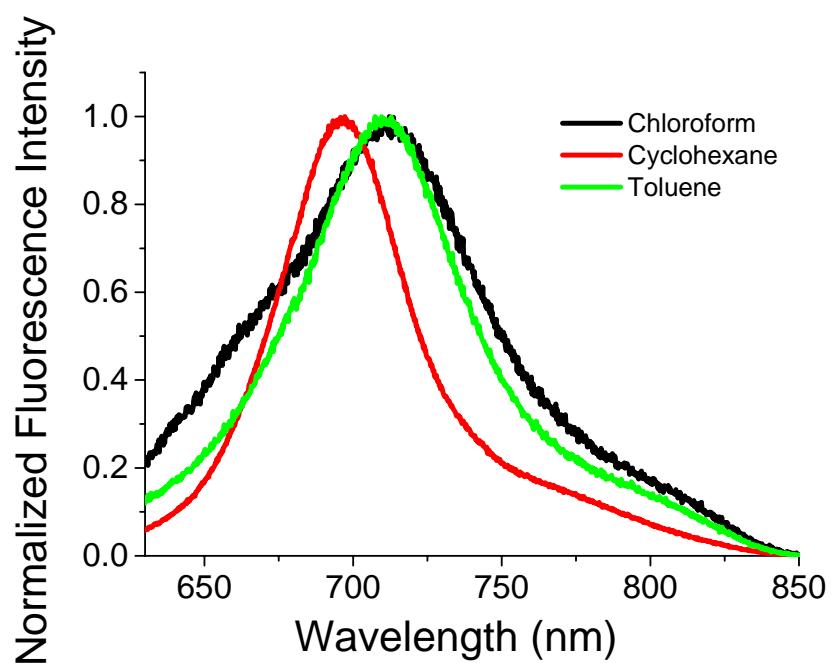
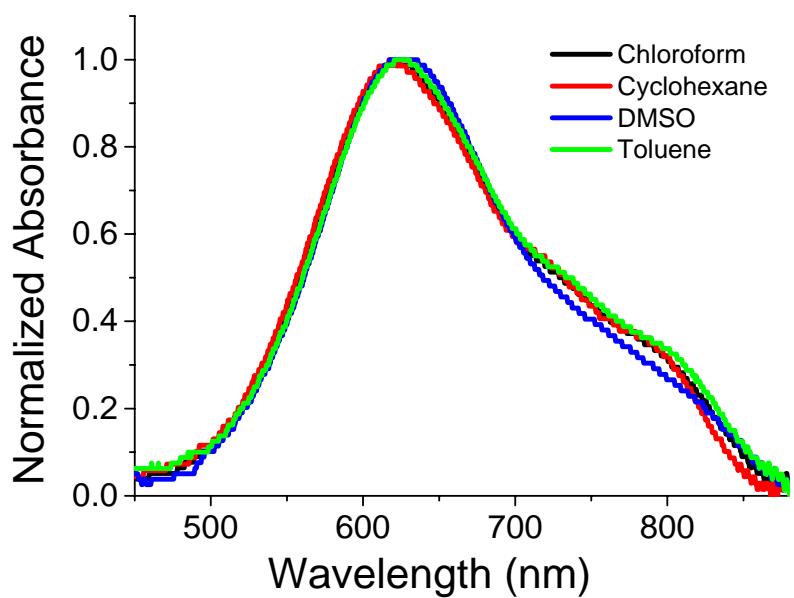
**Figure S8:** Absorption (top) and emission (bottom) spectra of compound **2b** recorded in different solvents. Excited at 630 nm



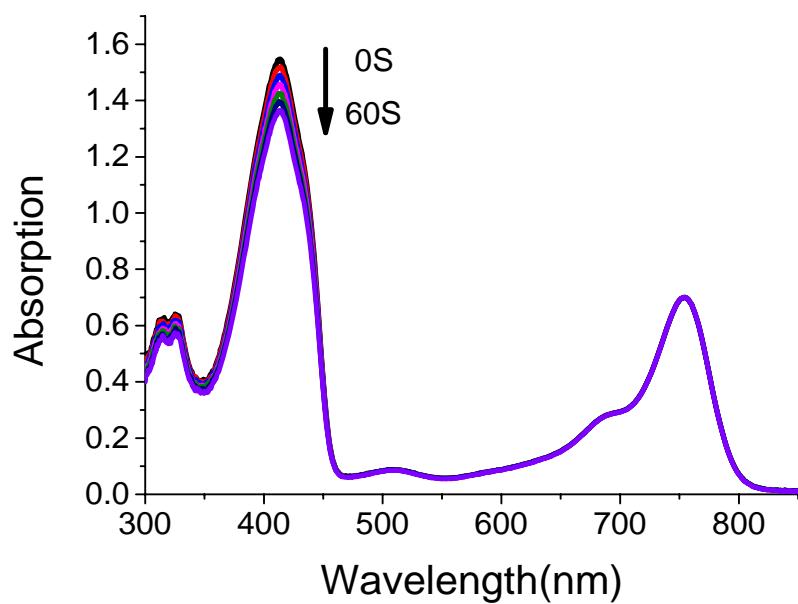
**Figure S9:** Absorption (top) and emission (bottom) spectra of compound **2c** recorded in different solvents. Excited at 660 nm.



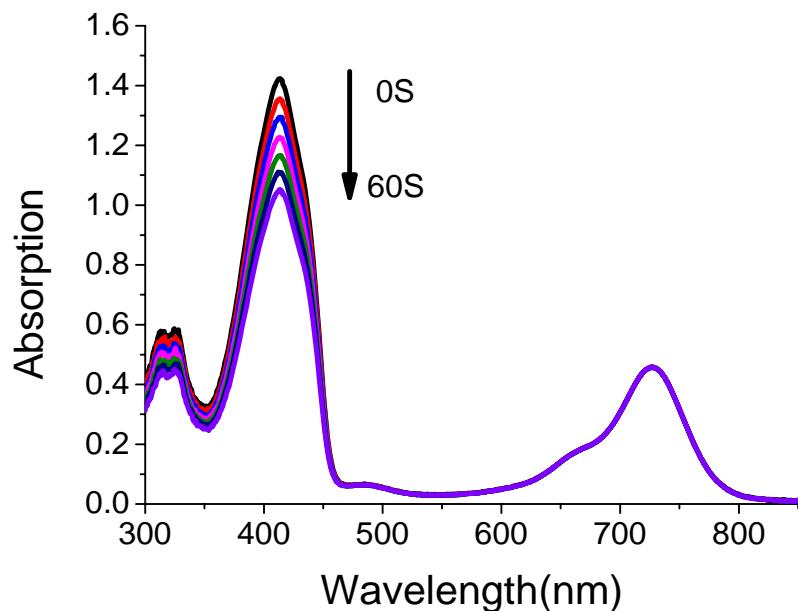
**Figure S10:** Absorption (top) and emission (bottom) spectra of compound **3a** recorded in different solvents. Excited at 610 nm.



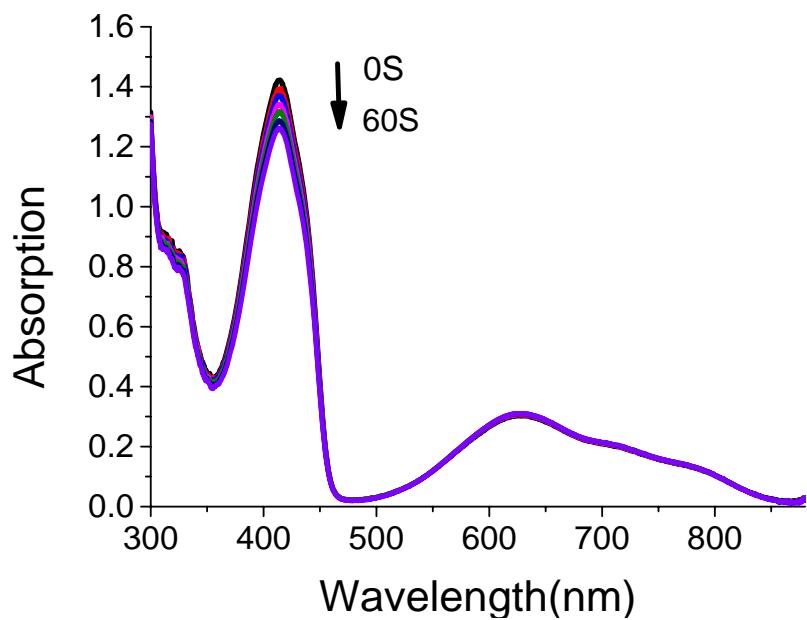
**Figure S11:** Absorption (top) and emission (bottom) spectra of compound **3b** recorded in different solvents. Excited at 610 nm.



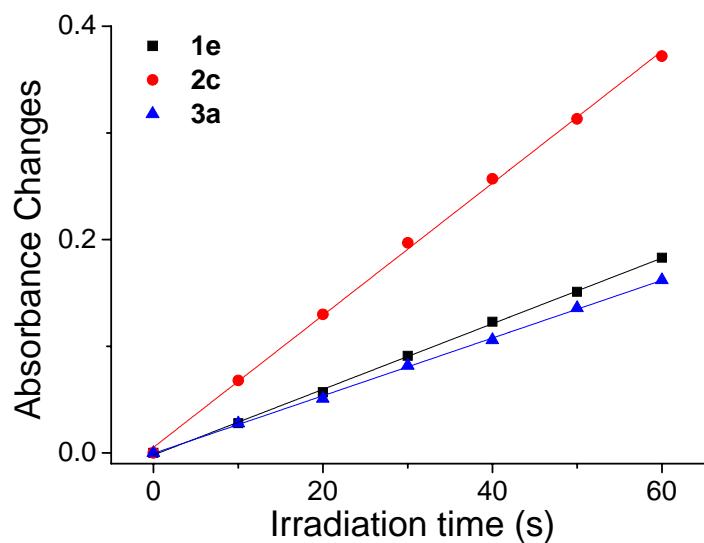
**Figure S12.** Absorption spectra of DPBF ( $5 \times 10^{-5}$  mol/ L) upon irradiation in the presence of **1e** ( $5 \times 10^{-6}$  mol/ L) for 60s. (a) 0 s to (b) 60s (recorded at 10s interval) under broad band light ( $>590$  nm) in chloroform.



**Figure S13.** Absorption spectra of DPBF ( $5 \times 10^{-5}$  mol/ L) upon irradiation in the presence of **2c** ( $5 \times 10^{-6}$  mol/ L) for 60 s. (a) 0 s to (b) 60 s (recorded at 10 s interval) under broad band light ( $>590$  nm) in chloroform.



**Figure S14.** Absorption spectra of DPBF ( $5 \times 10^{-5}$  mol/ L) upon irradiation in the presence of **3a** ( $5 \times 10^{-6}$  mol/ L) for 60 s. (a) 0 s to (b) 60 s (recorded at 10 s interval) under broad band light ( $>590$  nm) in chloroform.



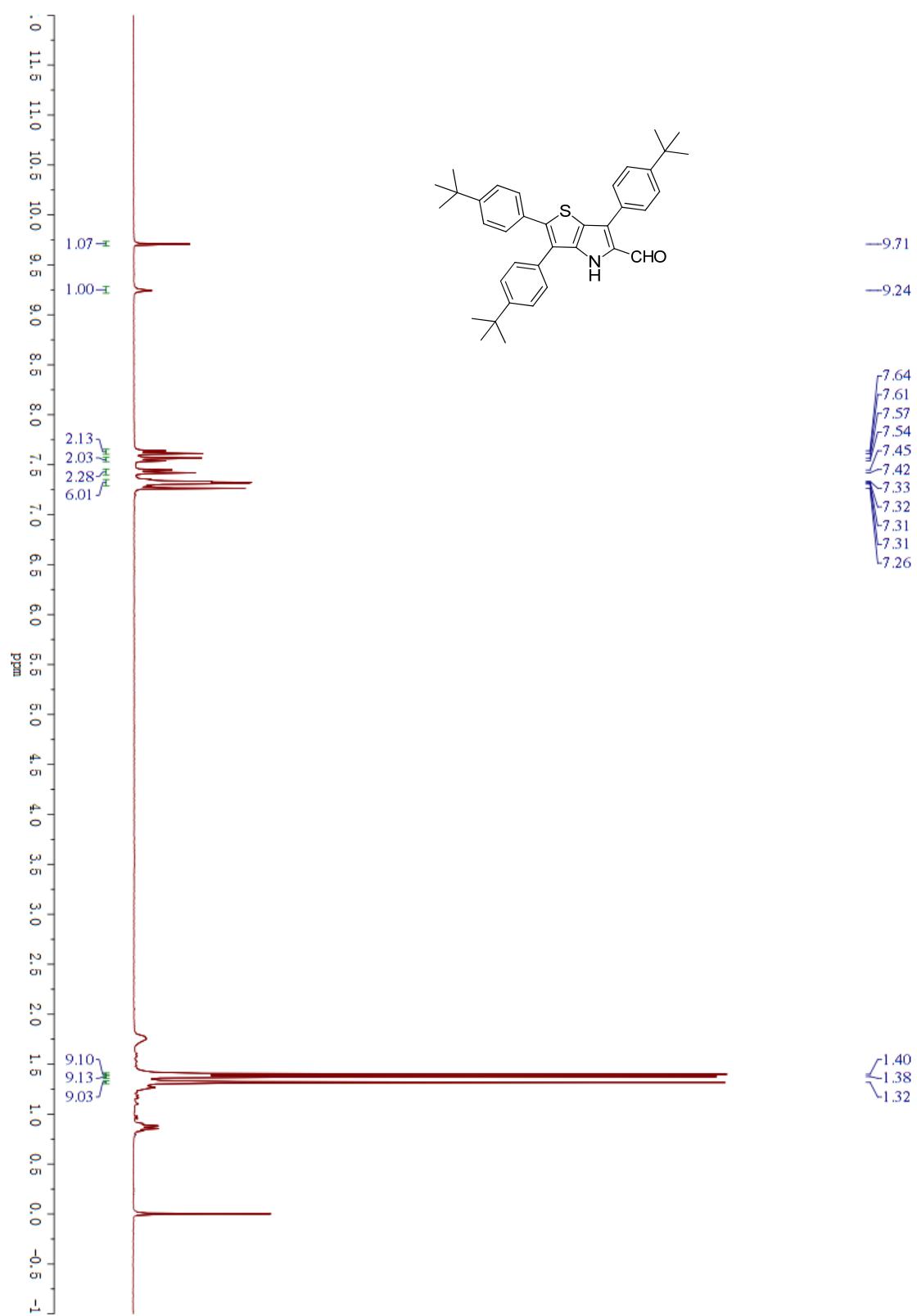
**Figure S15.** Comparative DPBF (initial concentration at  $4 \times 10^{-5}$  M) degradation profiles (absorption changes at 415 nm) in chloroform by **1e** (black), **2c** (red) and **3a** (blue) ( $5 \times 10^{-6}$  M). Filtered light  $> 590$  nm was used.

**3. Table S2: Photophysical properties of **1e-f**, **2a-c** and **3a-b** in different solvents at room temperature (DMSO: Dimethyl sulfoxide).**

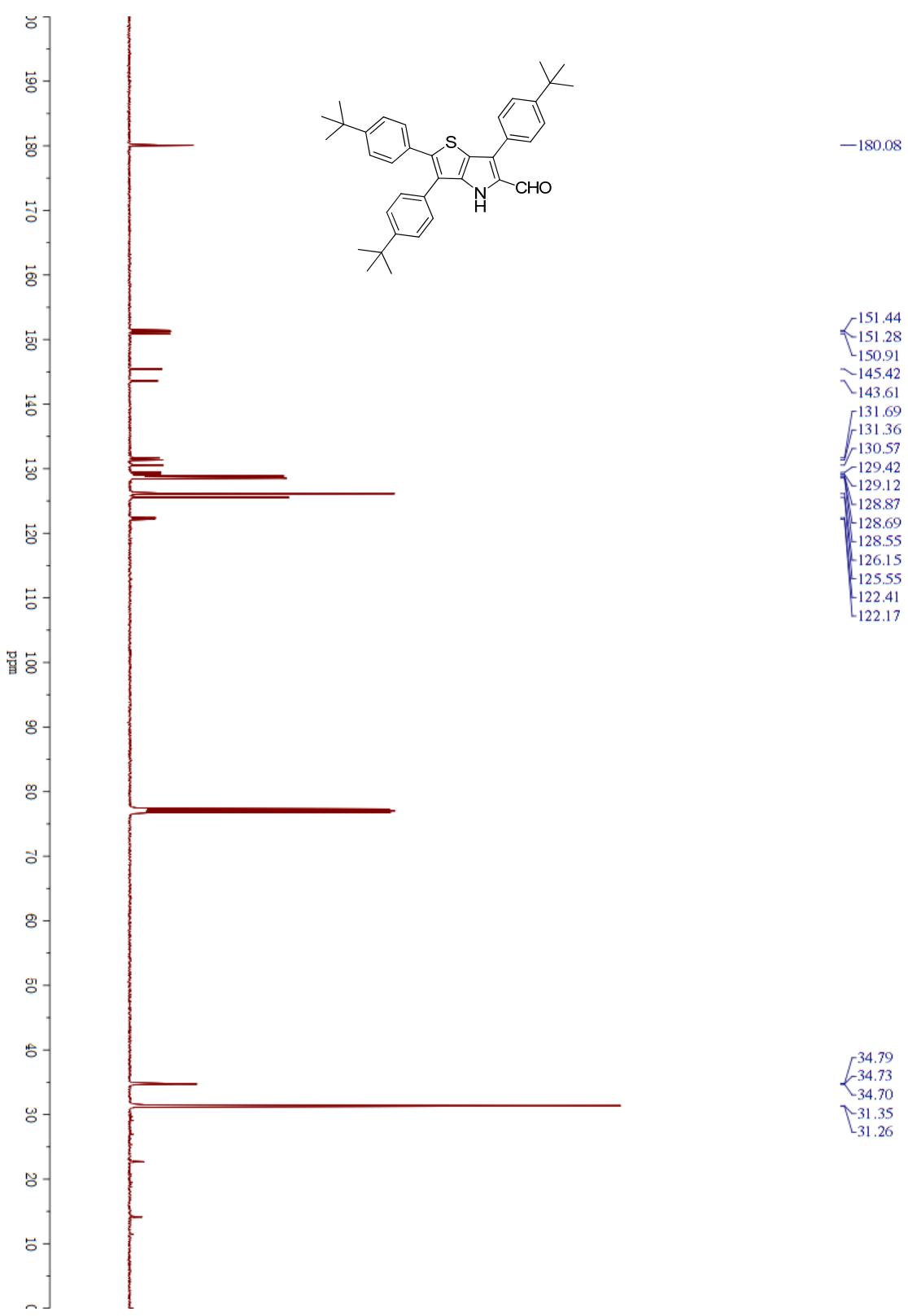
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|-----------|---------------|---|--|---|-------------------|-------------------------------------|
| <b>1e</b> | cyclohexane   | 746   | 778  | 5.22                                    | 0.02              | 551                                 |
|           | toluene       | 757   | 798  | 4.97                                    | 0.02              | 679                                 |
|           | chloromethane | 757   | 796  | 5.22                                    | 0.02              | 647                                 |
|           | DMSO          | 761   | 806  | 5.19                                    | 0.01              | 734                                 |
|           | acetonitrile  | 745   | 788  | 5.18                                    | 0.01              | 732                                 |
| <b>1f</b> | cyclohexane   | 757   | 792  | 5.21                                    | 0.05              | 584                                 |
|           | toluene       | 767   | 795  | 5.18                                    | 0.07              | 459                                 |
|           | chloromethane | 767   | 803  | 5.21                                    | 0.05              | 585                                 |
|           | DMSO          | 756   | 812  | 5.14                                    | 0.01              | 912                                 |
|           | acetonitrile  | 771   | 802  | 5.14                                    | 0.01              | 501                                 |
| <b>2a</b> | cyclohexane   | 661   | 687  | 5.19                                    | 0.86              | 573                                 |
|           | toluene       | 668   | 692  | 5.15                                    | 0.76              | 519                                 |
|           | chloromethane | 670   | 694  | 5.20                                    | 0.85              | 516                                 |
|           | DMSO          | 664   | 695  | 5.08                                    | 0.61              | 672                                 |
|           | acetonitrile  | 655   | 683  | 5.18                                    | 0.68              | 626                                 |
| <b>2b</b> | cyclohexane   | 671   | 694  | 5.17                                    | 0.85              | 494                                 |
|           | toluene       | 678   | 702  | 5.17                                    | 0.76              | 504                                 |
|           | chloromethane | 677   | 700  | 5.26                                    | 0.82              | 485                                 |
|           | DMSO          | 679   | 710  | 5.10                                    | 0.52              | 643                                 |
|           | acetonitrile  | 665   | 697  | 5.16                                    | 0.56              | 690                                 |
| <b>2c</b> | cyclohexane   | 735   | 769  | 5.07                                    | 0.001             | 602                                 |
|           | toluene       | 718   | 788  | 5.10                                    | 0.002             | 1237                                |
|           | chloromethane | 730   | 783  | 5.08                                    | 0.002             | 927                                 |
|           | DMSO          | 732   | 793  | 5.01                                    | 0.001             | 1051                                |
|           | acetonitrile  | 721   | 779  | 5.09                                    | 0.001             | 1033                                |
| <b>3a</b> | cyclohexane   | 626   | 692  | 4.76                                    | 0.002             | 1524                                |
|           | toluene       | 635   | 693  | 4.73                                    | 0.001             | 1318                                |
|           | chloromethane | 628   | 709  | 4.73                                    | 0.001             | 1819                                |
|           | DMSO          | 630   | - <sup>c</sup>                             | 4.68                                    | -                 | -                                   |
|           | acetonitrile  | -   | -  | -                                       | -                 | -                                   |
| <b>3b</b> | cyclohexane   | 618   | 697  | 4.70                                    | 0.01              | 1834                                |
|           | toluene       | 623   | 708  | 4.71                                    | 0.004             | 1927                                |
|           | cyclohexane   | 618   | 697  | 4.70                                    | 0.01              | 1834                                |
|           | DMSO          | 626   | -  | 4.65                                    | -                 | -                                   |
|           | acetonitrile  | -   | -  | -                                       | -                 | -                                   |

<sup>a</sup>Molar extinction coefficients are in the maximum of the highest peak. <sup>b</sup>Fluorescence quantum yields of **1e-f** were calculated using ICG ( $\phi = 0.12$  in DMSO), **2a-c** were calculated using 1,7-diphenyl-3,5-di(*p*-methoxyphenyl)-azadipyrromethene ( $\phi = 0.36$  in chloroform), **3a-b** were calculated using 1,3,5,7-tetraphenyl-azadipyrromethene ( $\phi = 0.34$  in chloroform). <sup>c</sup>“-” means no data available due to poor solubility or very low emission.

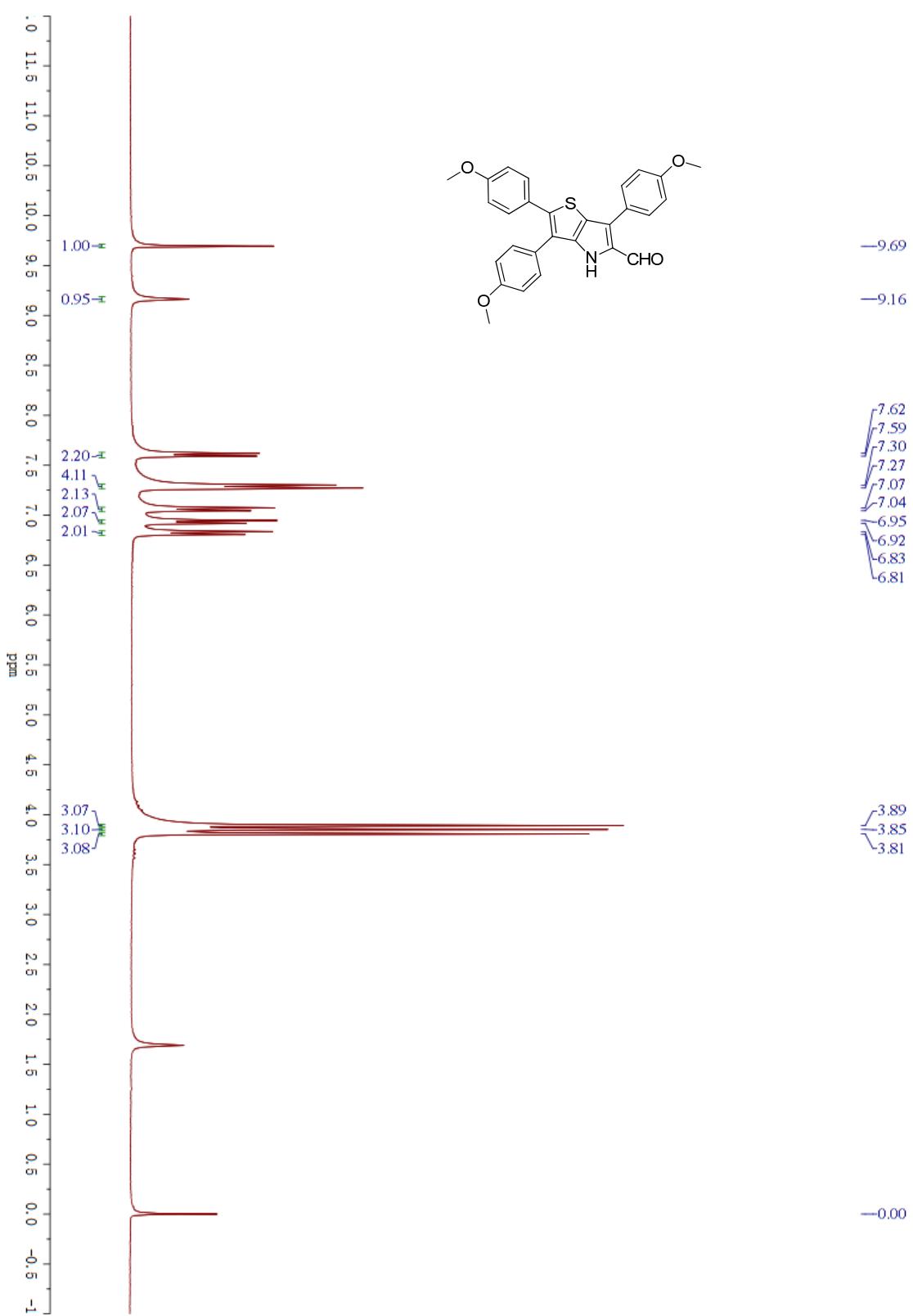
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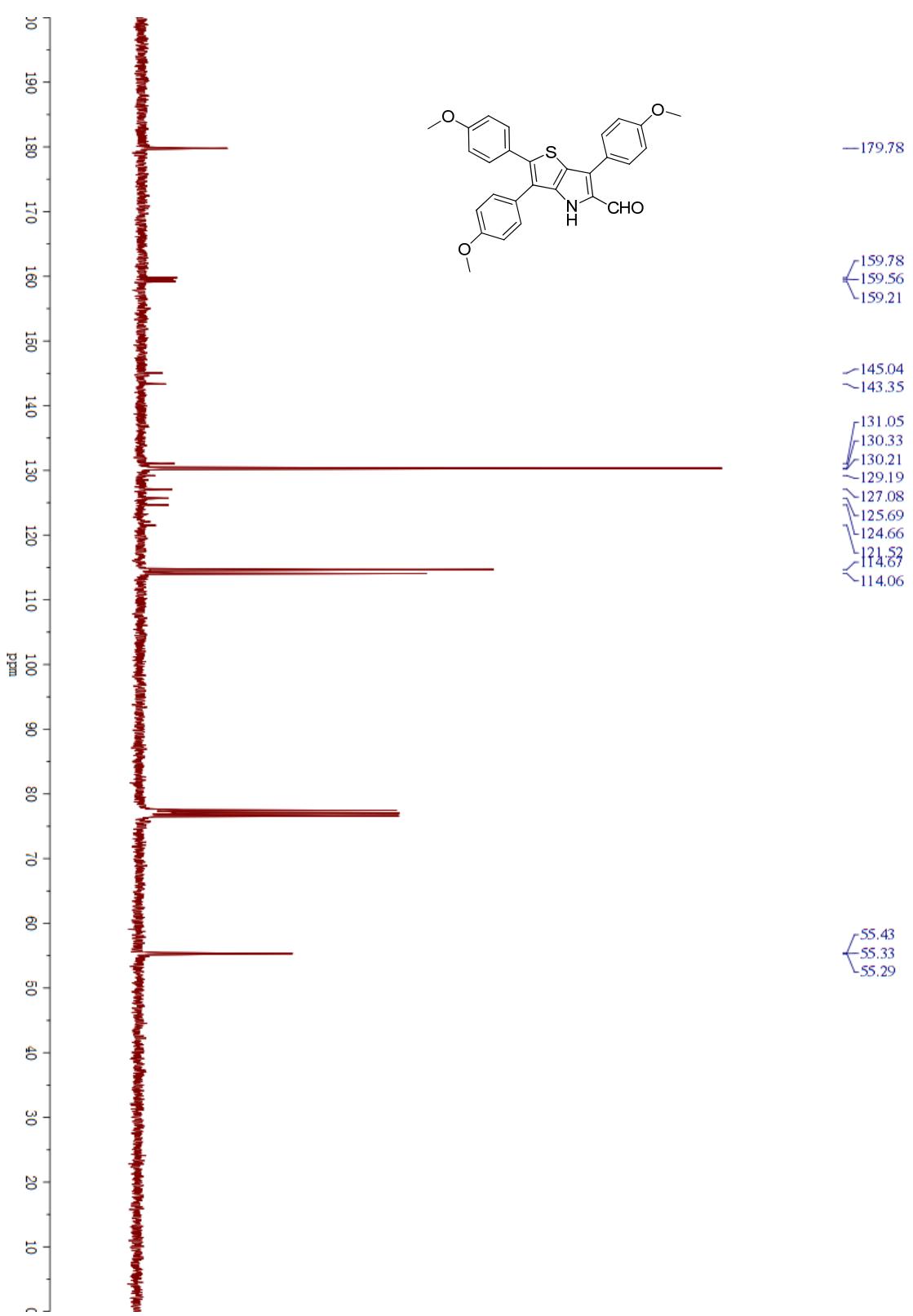
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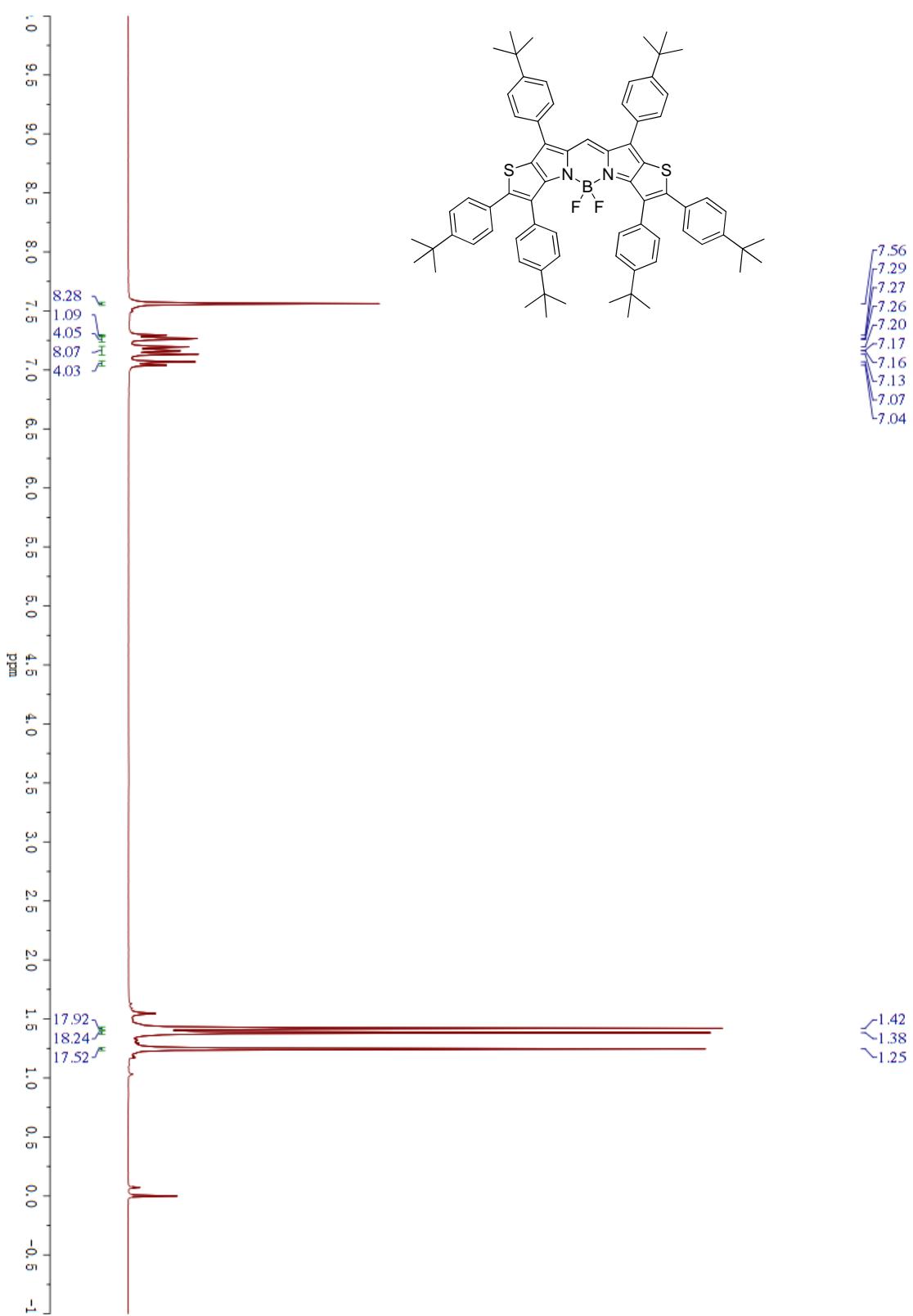
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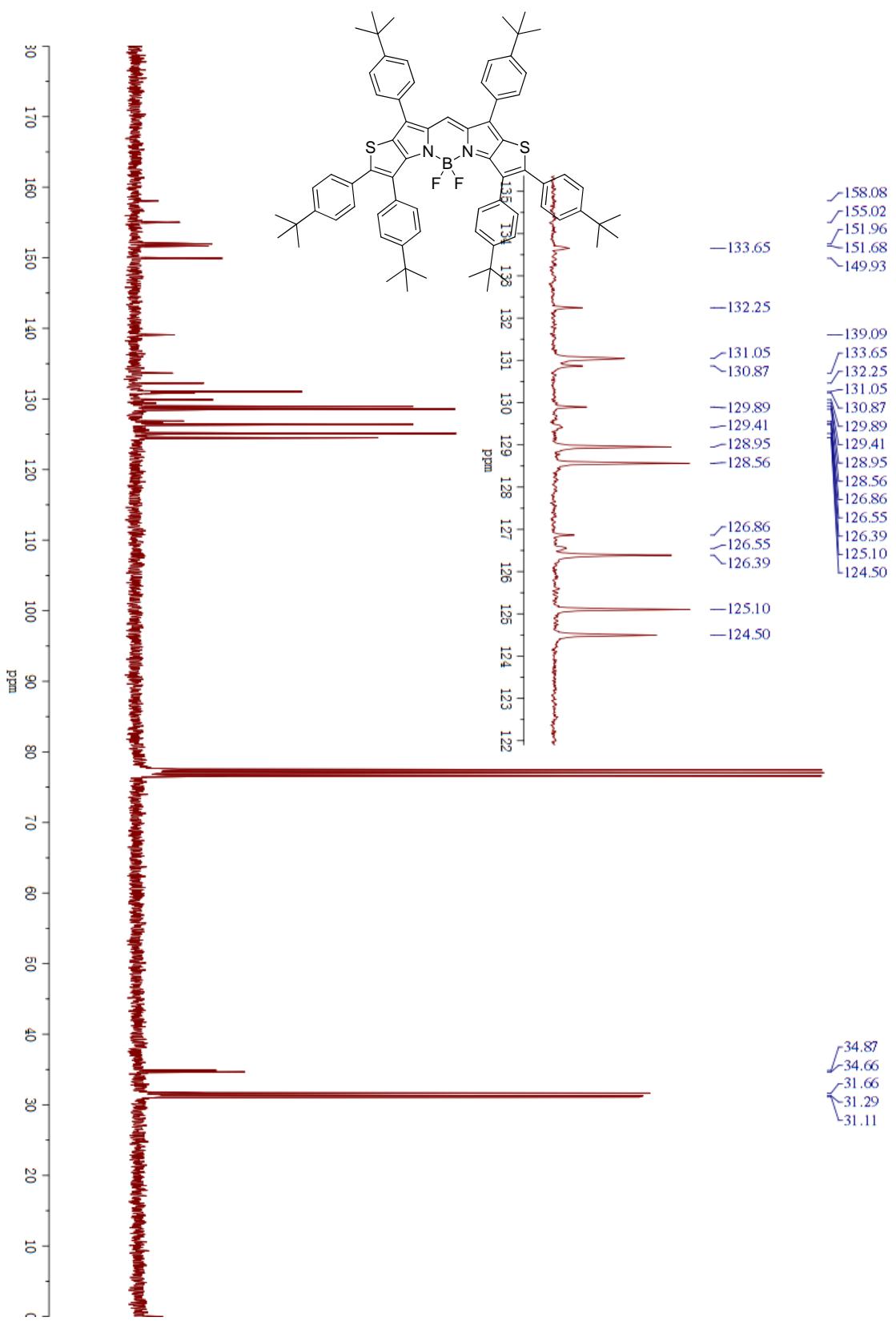
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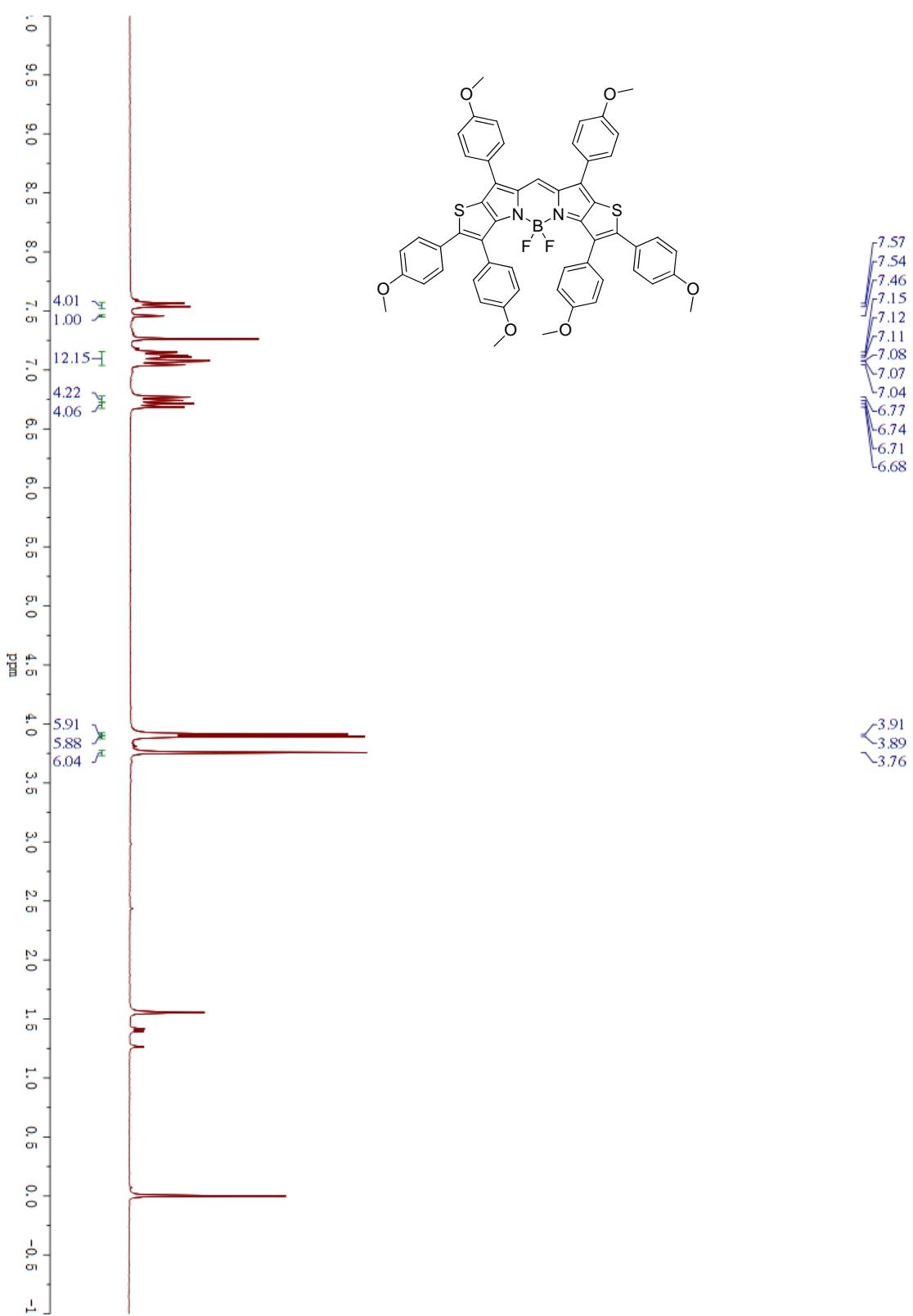
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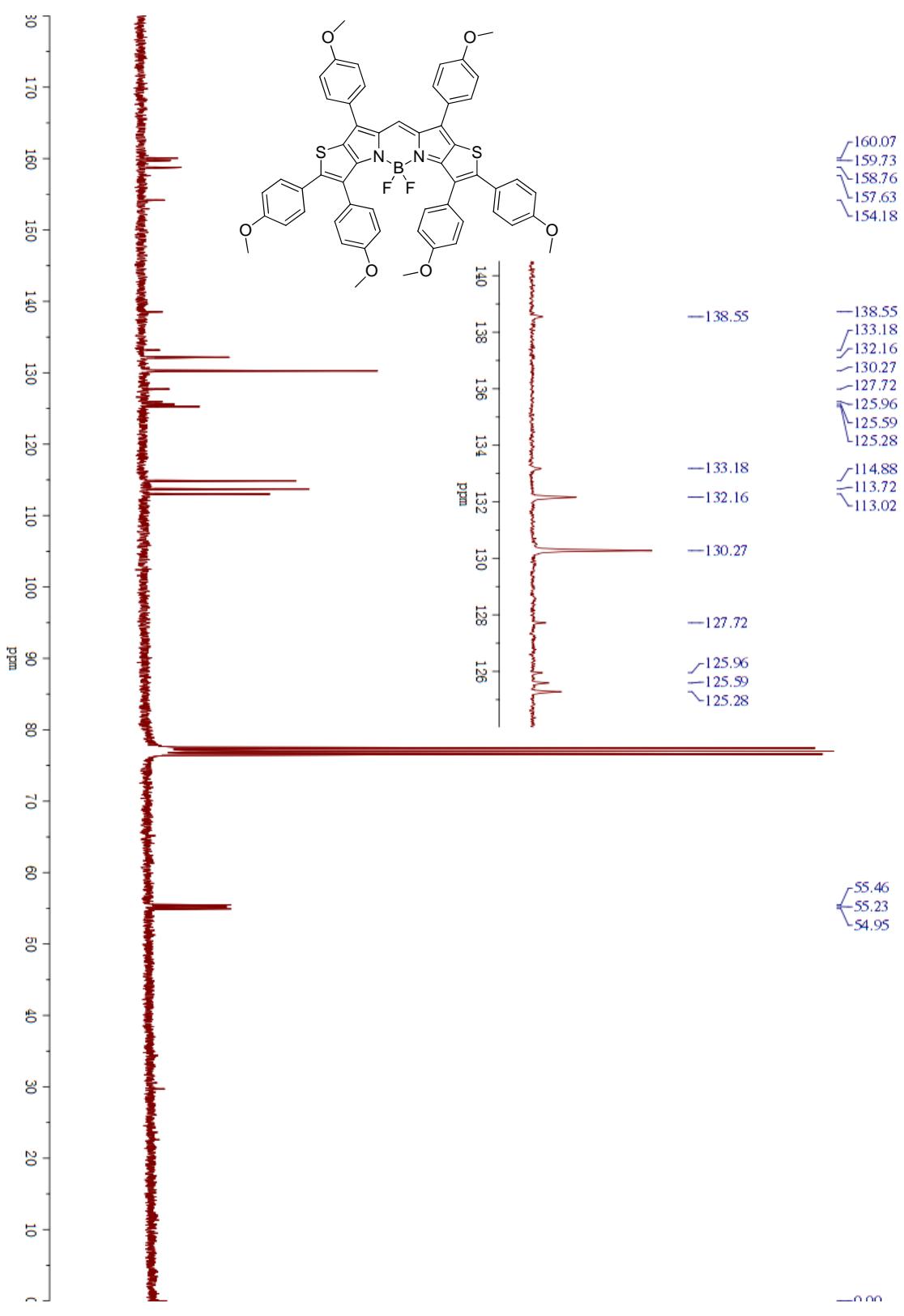
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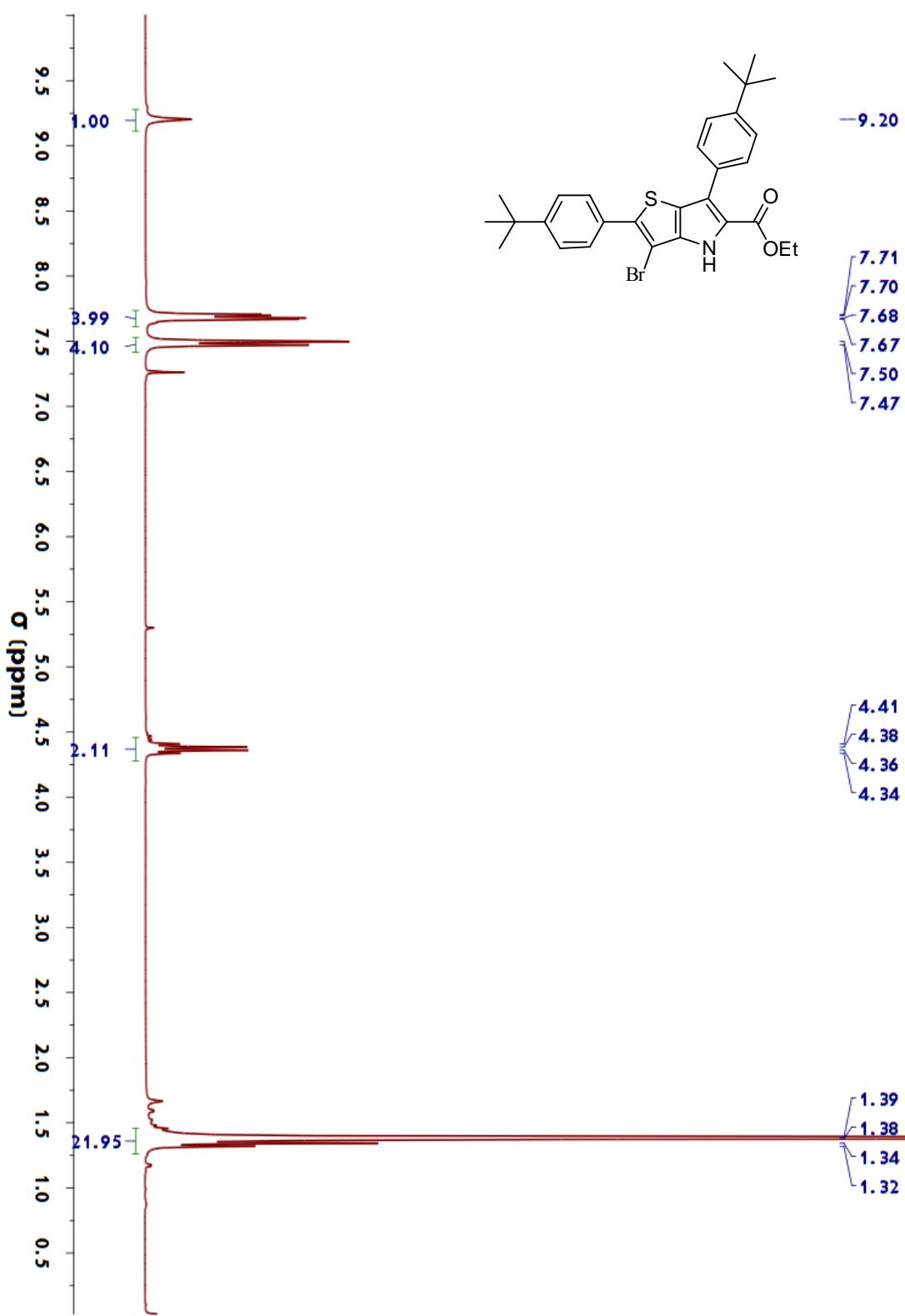


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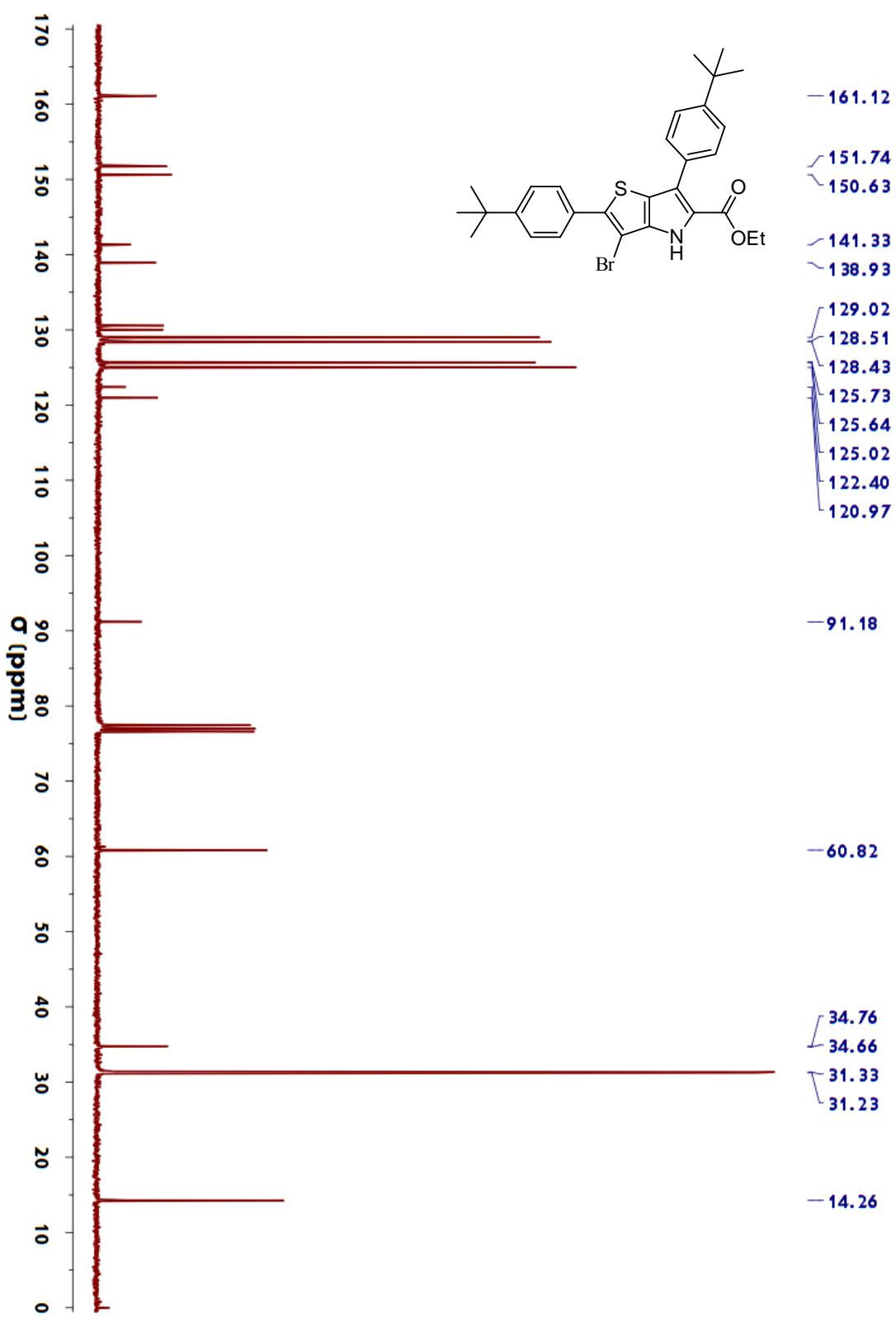


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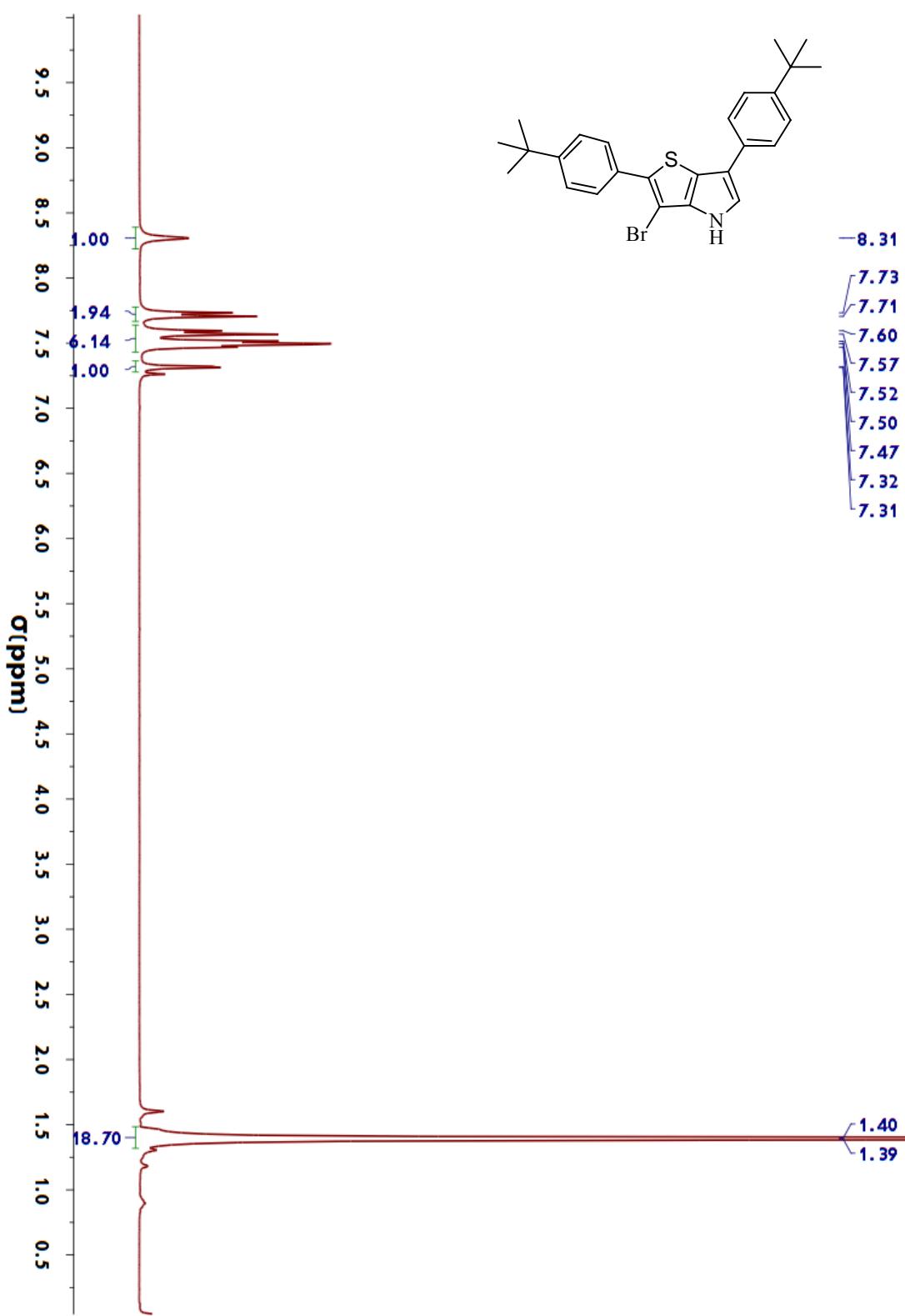




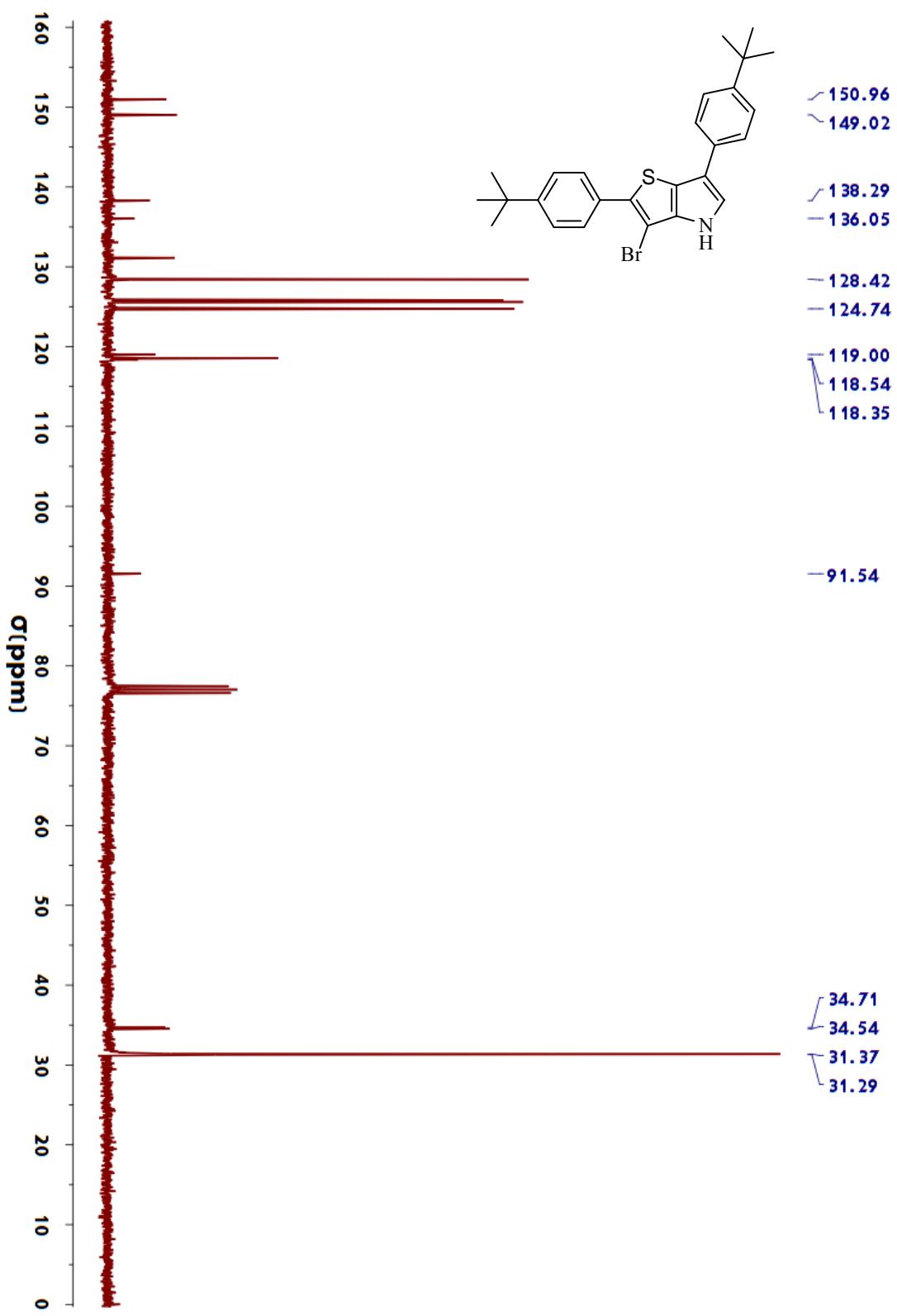
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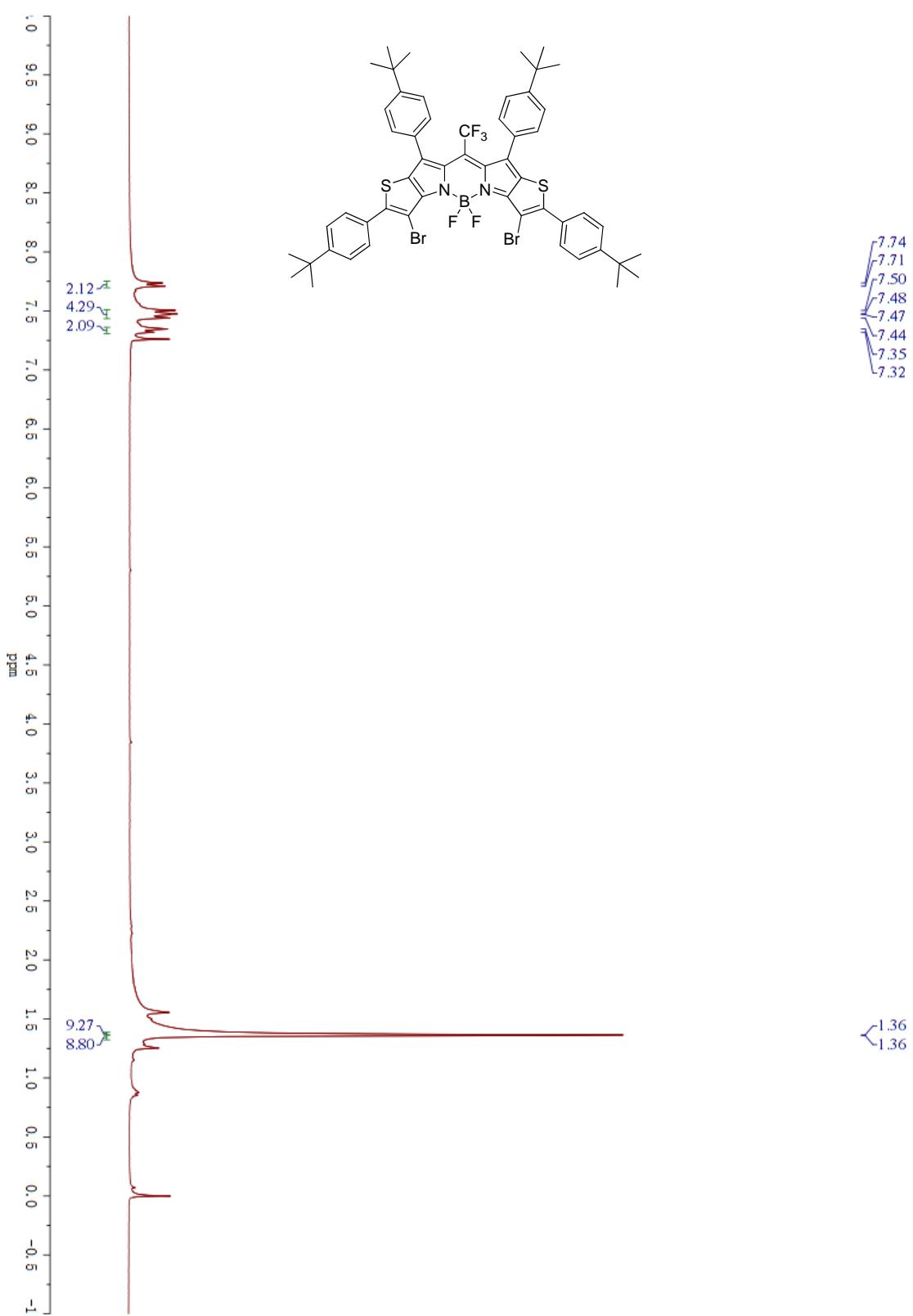
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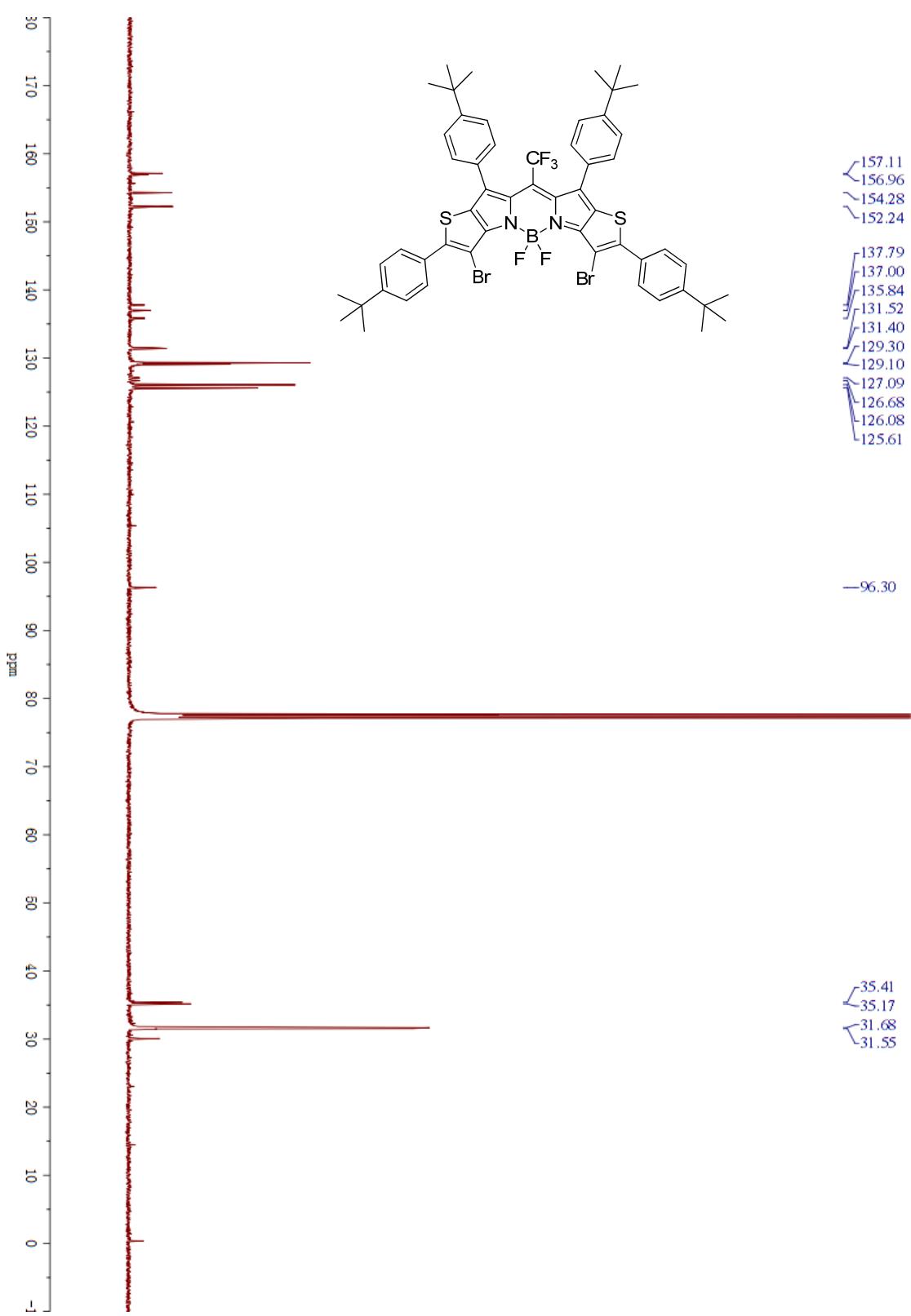


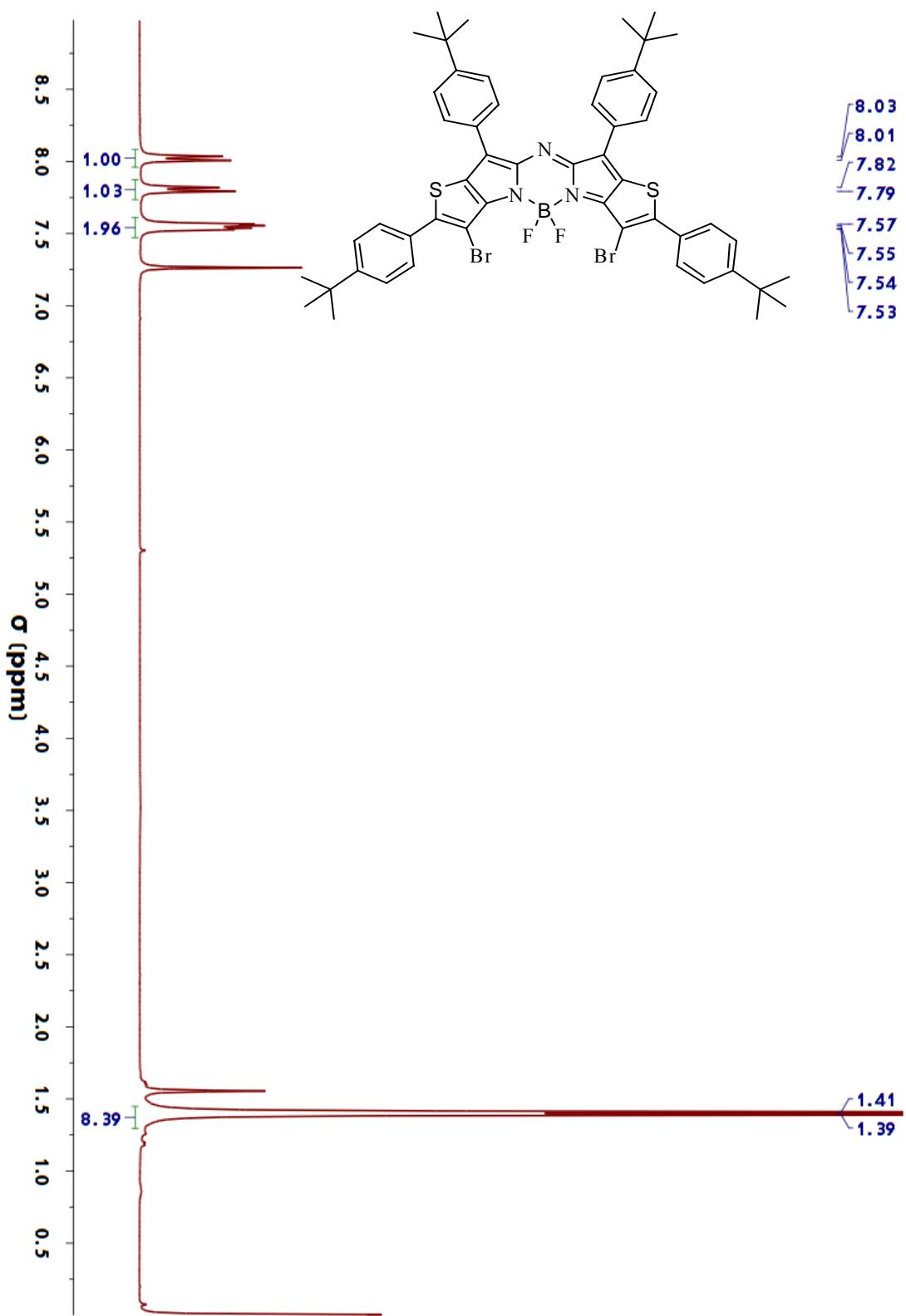
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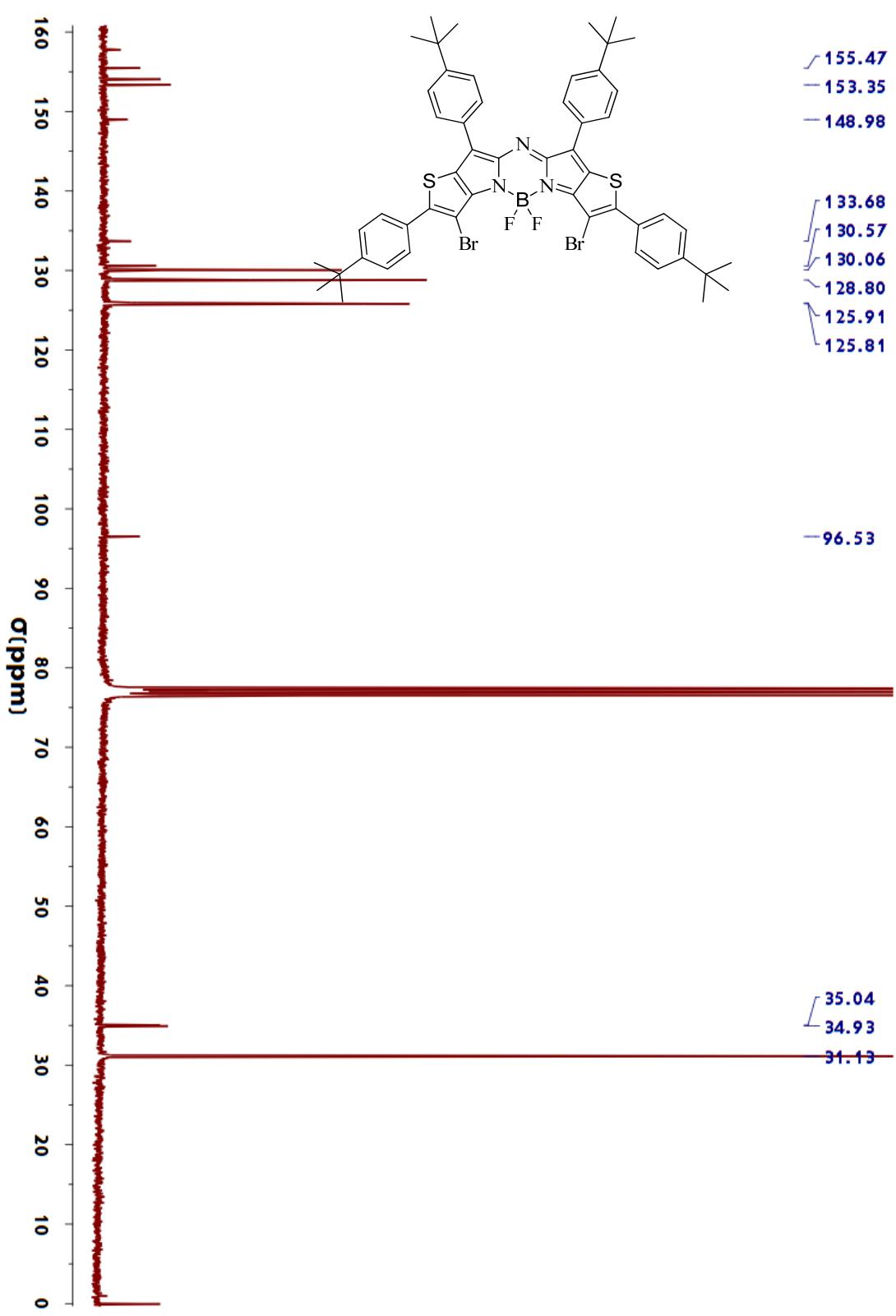
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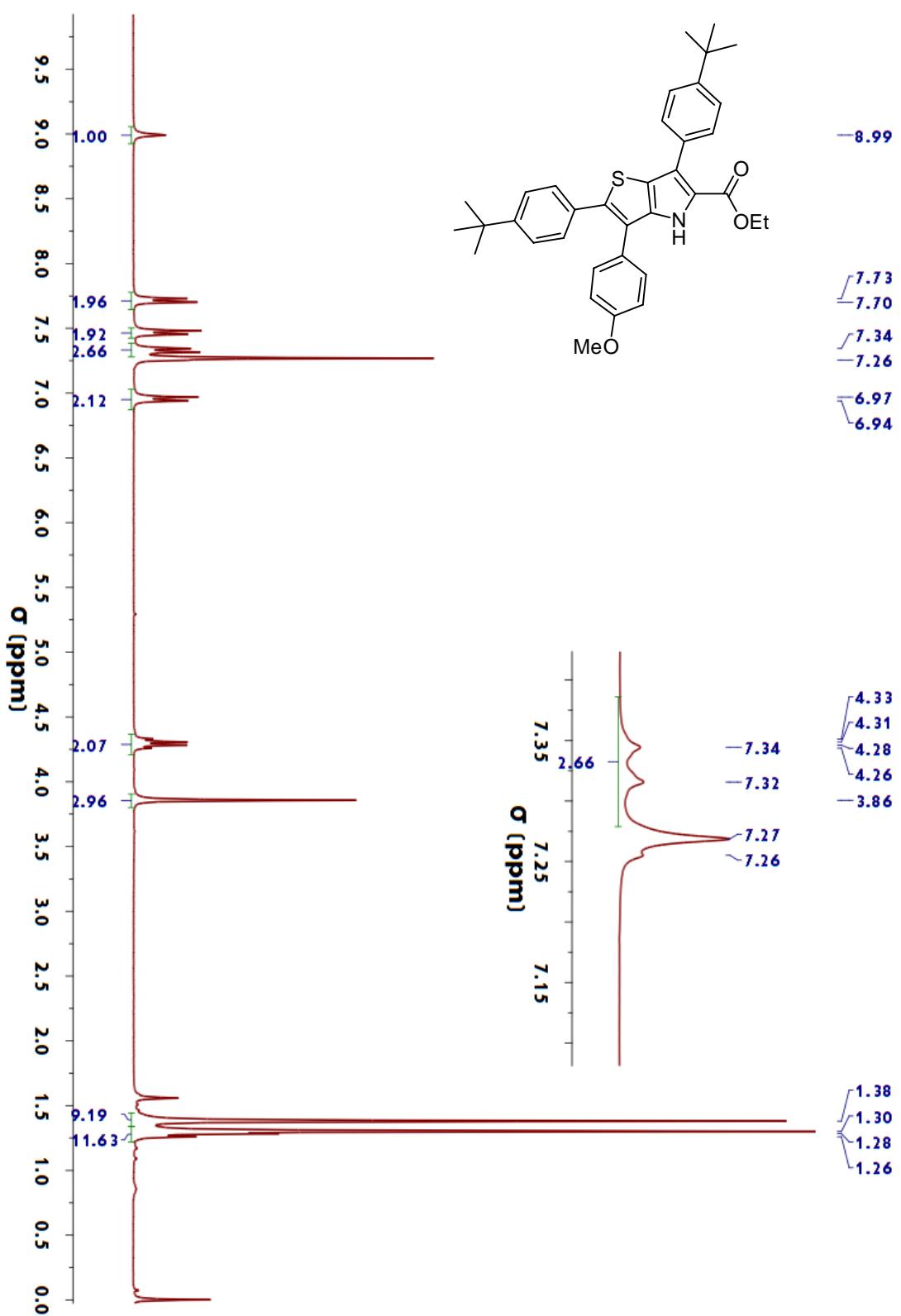




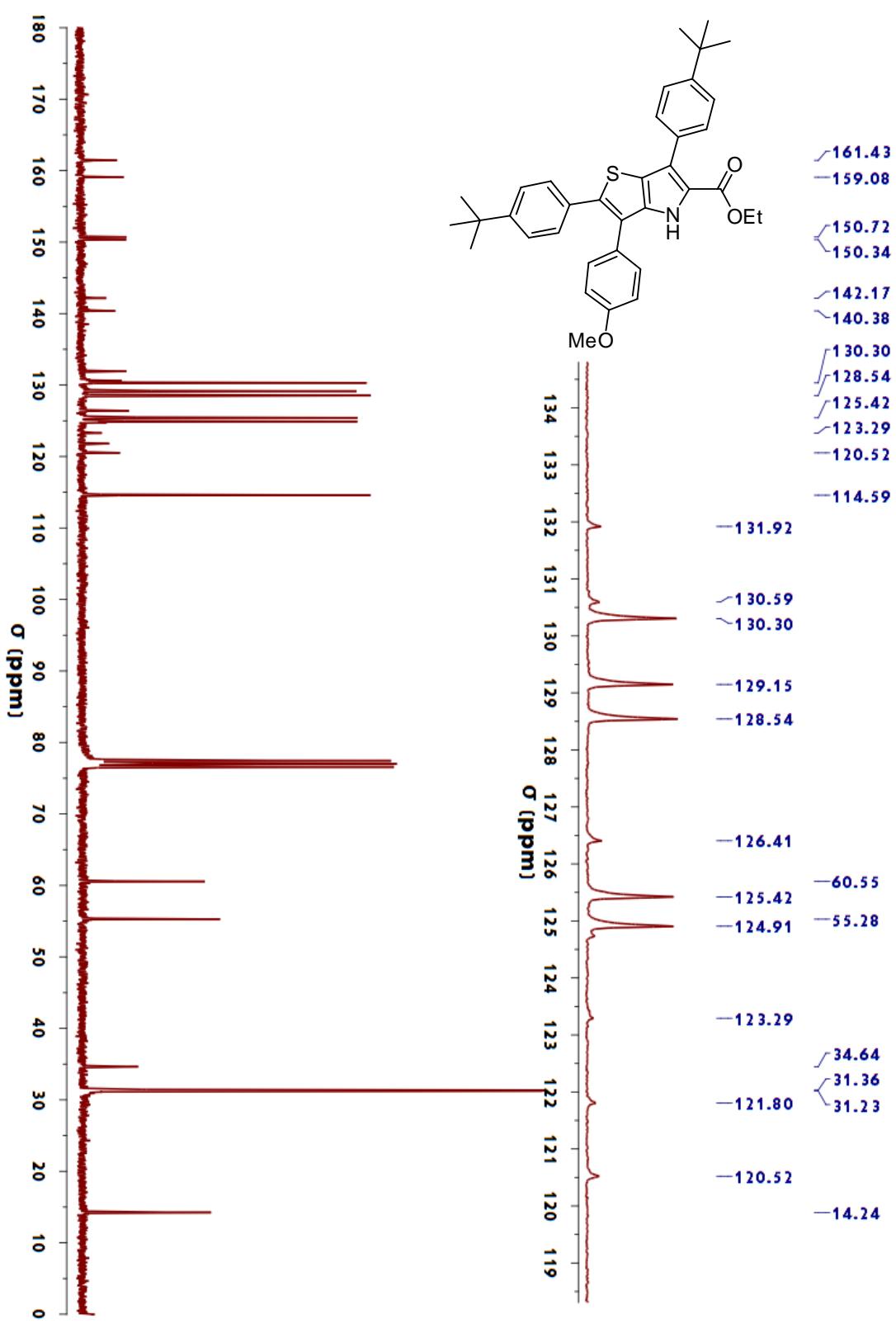
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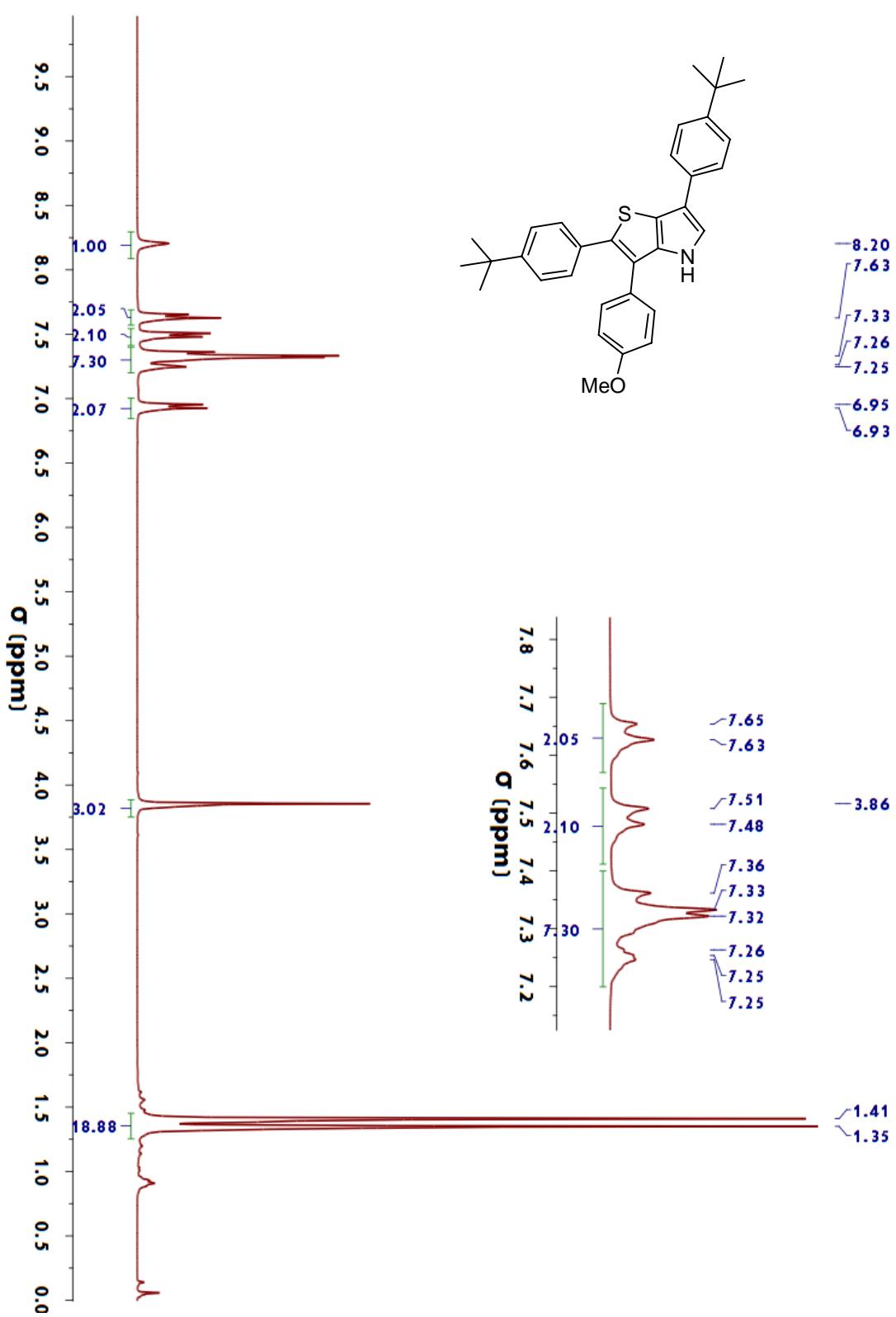
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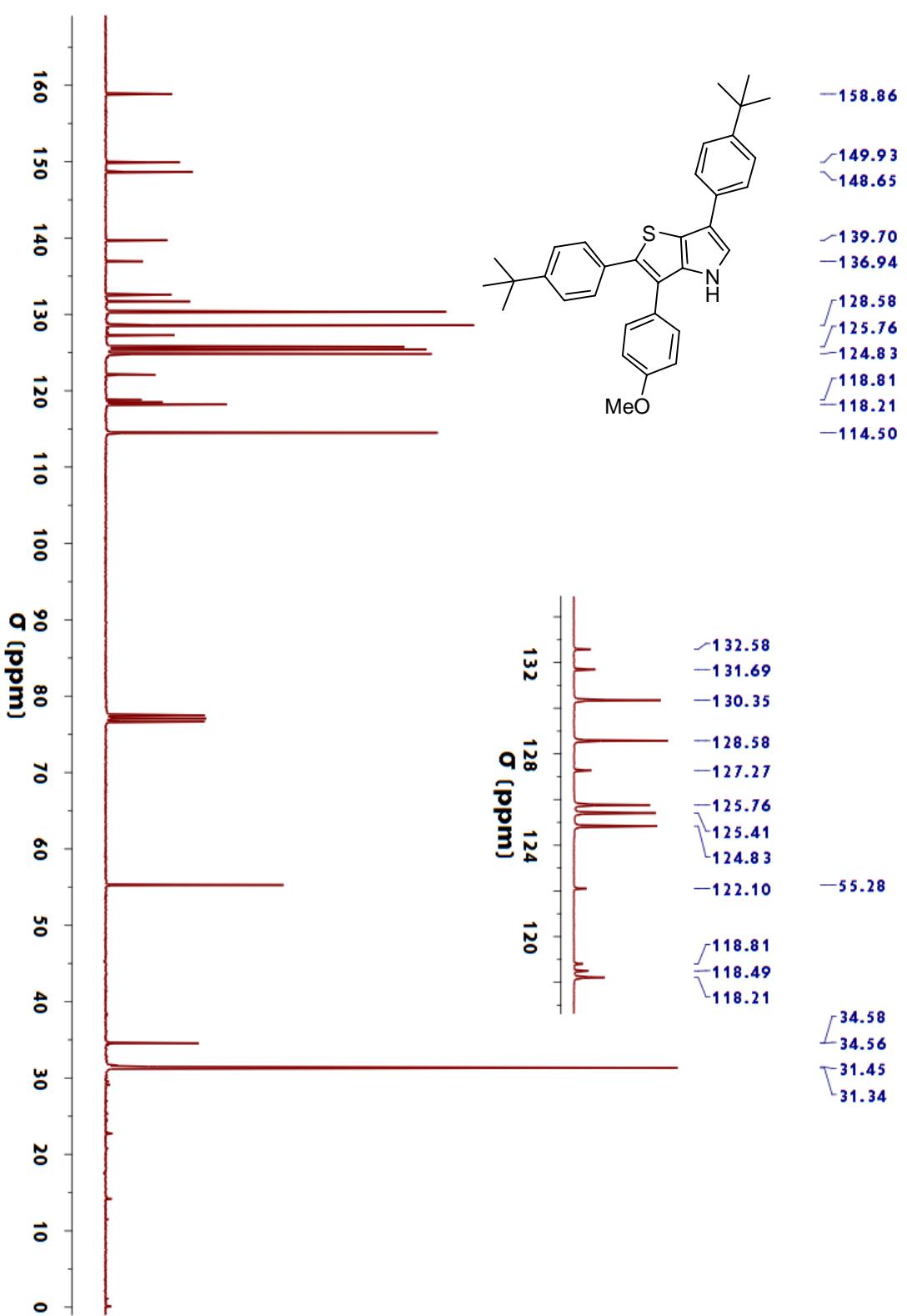
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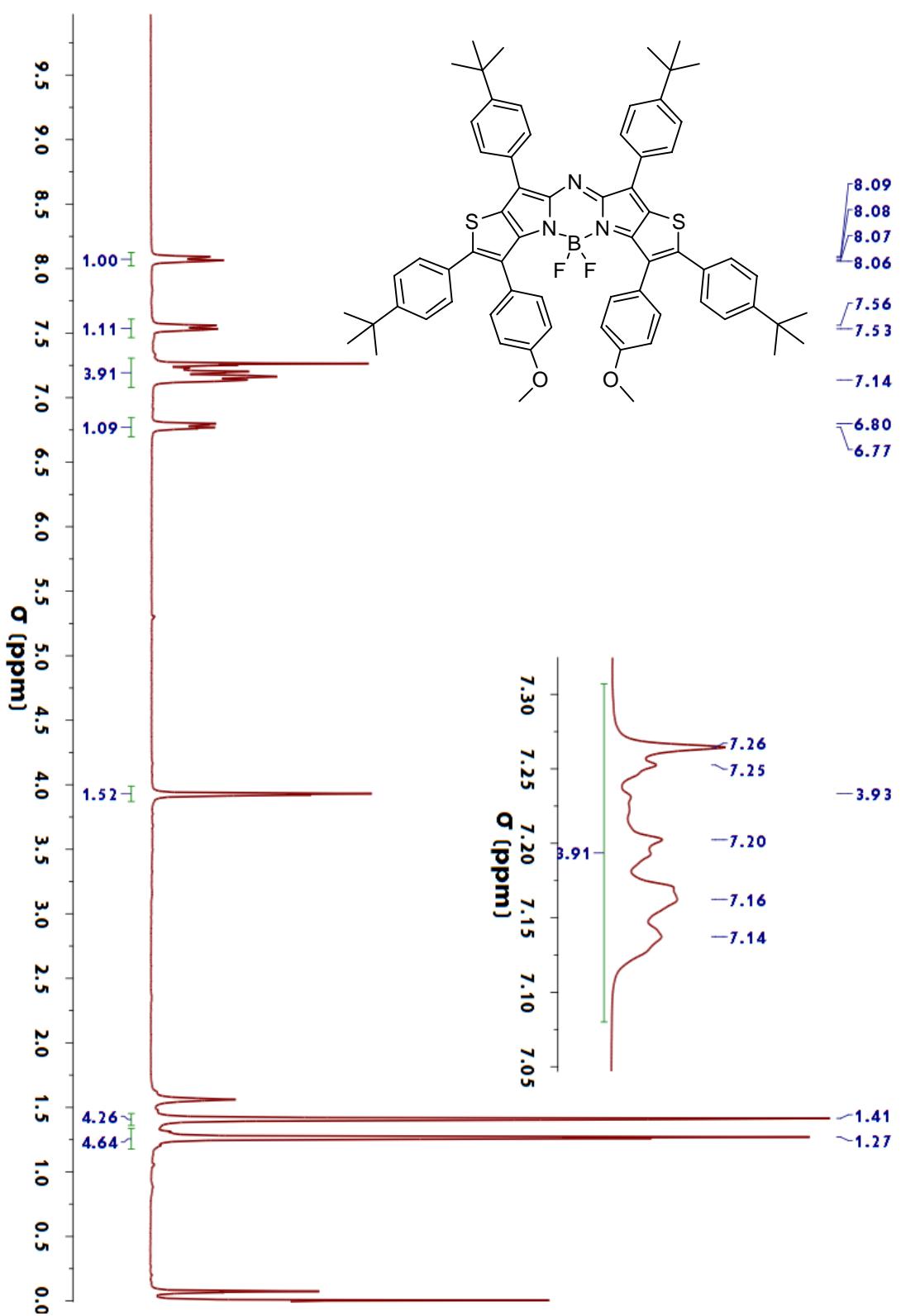
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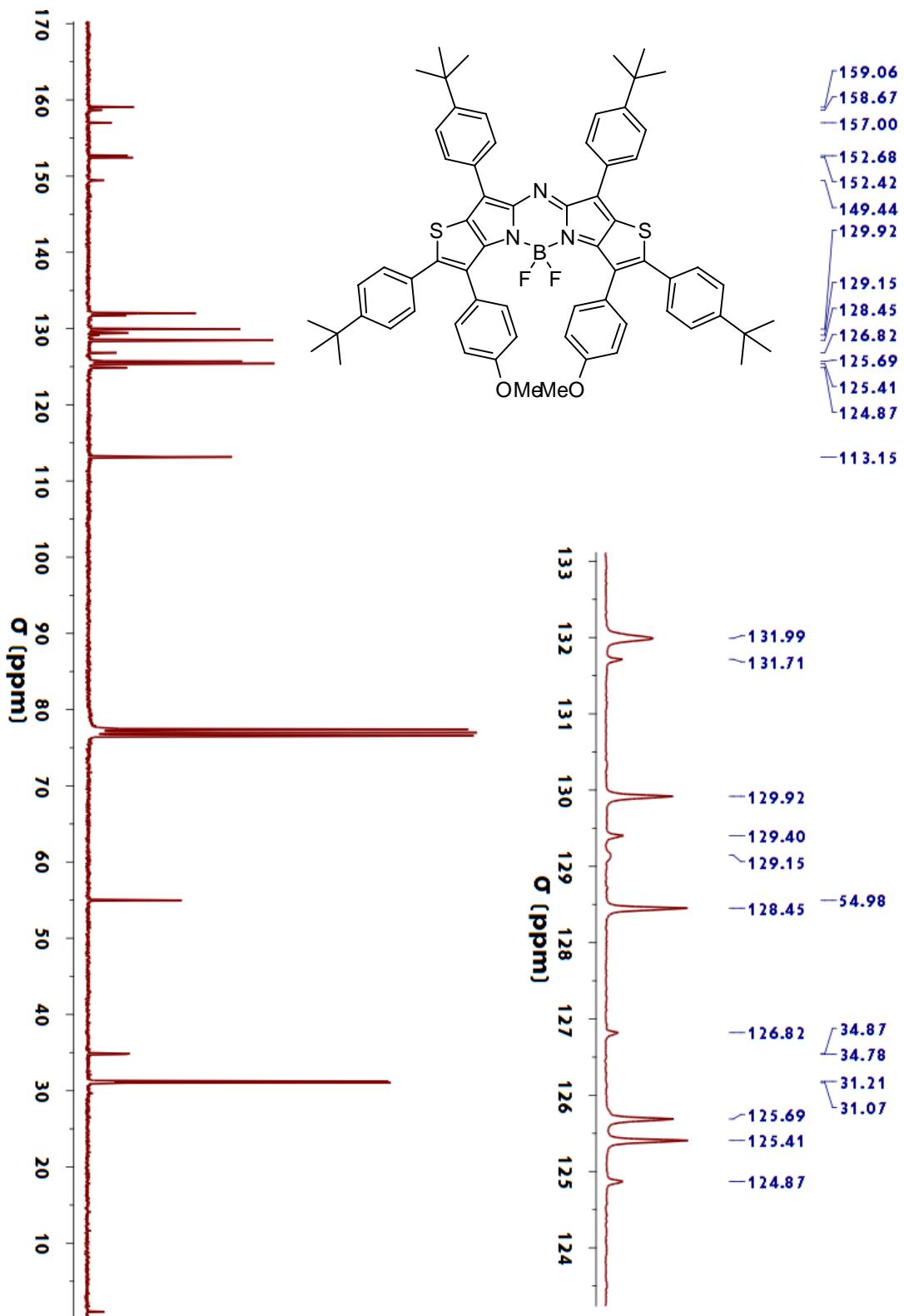
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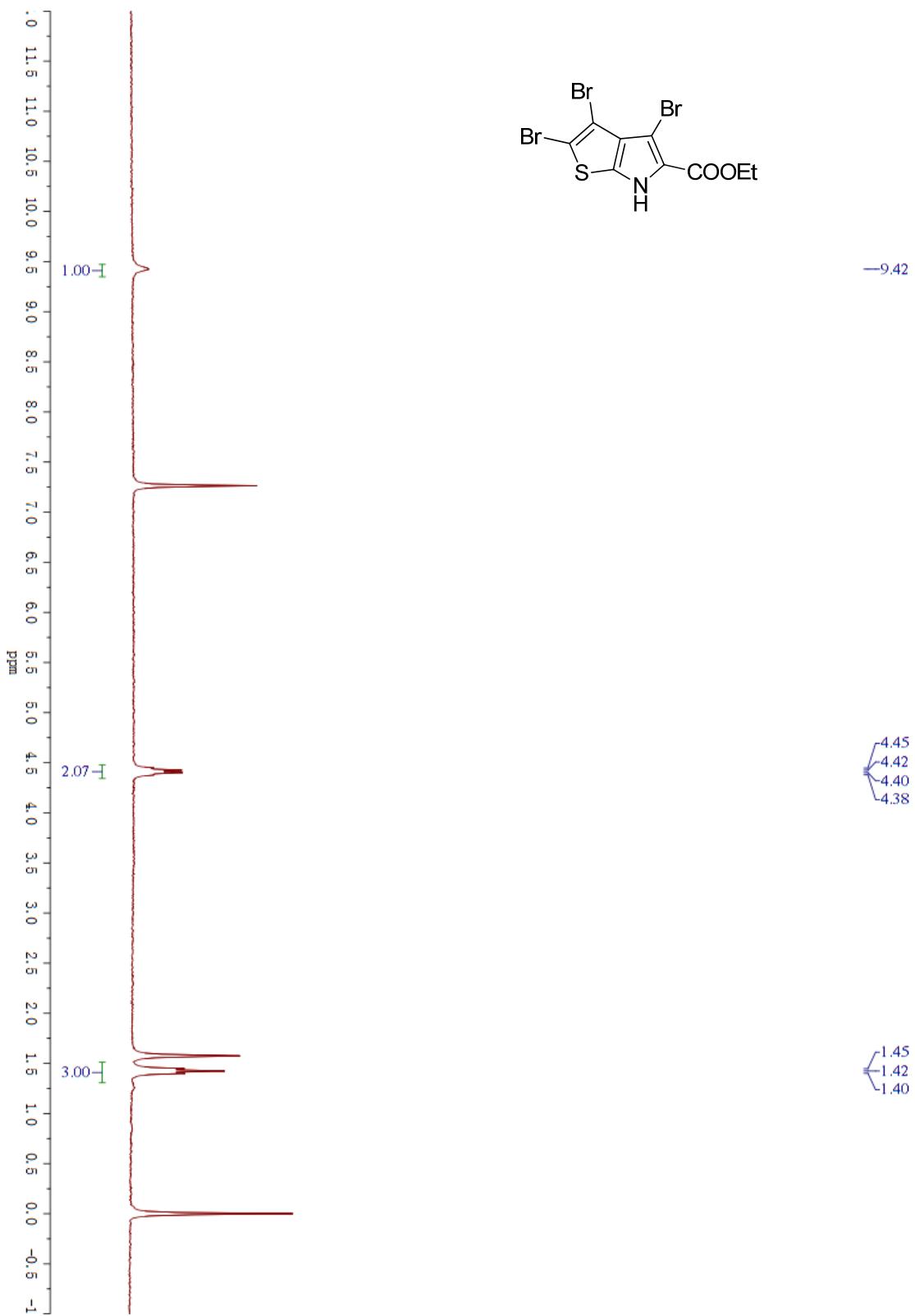
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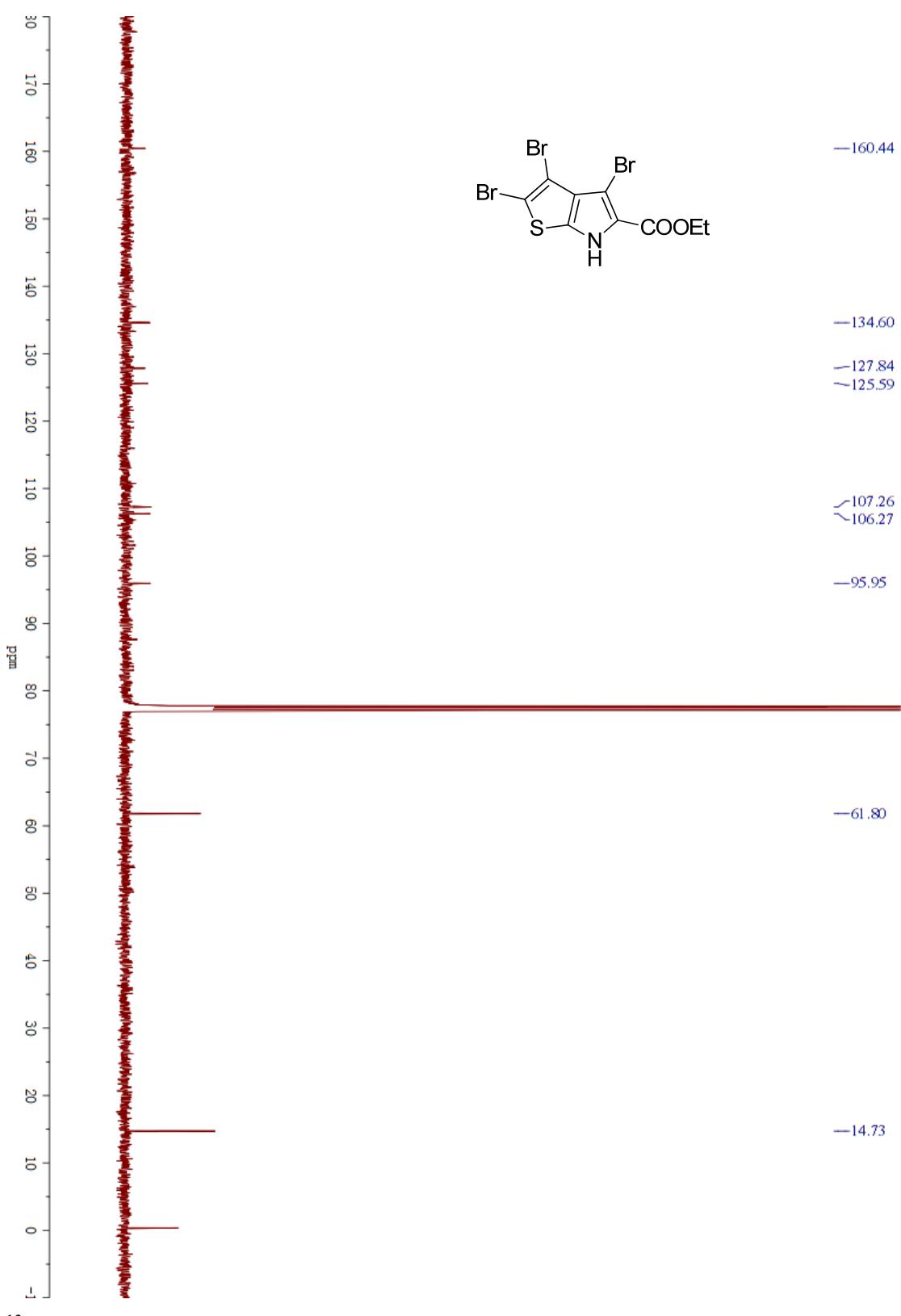
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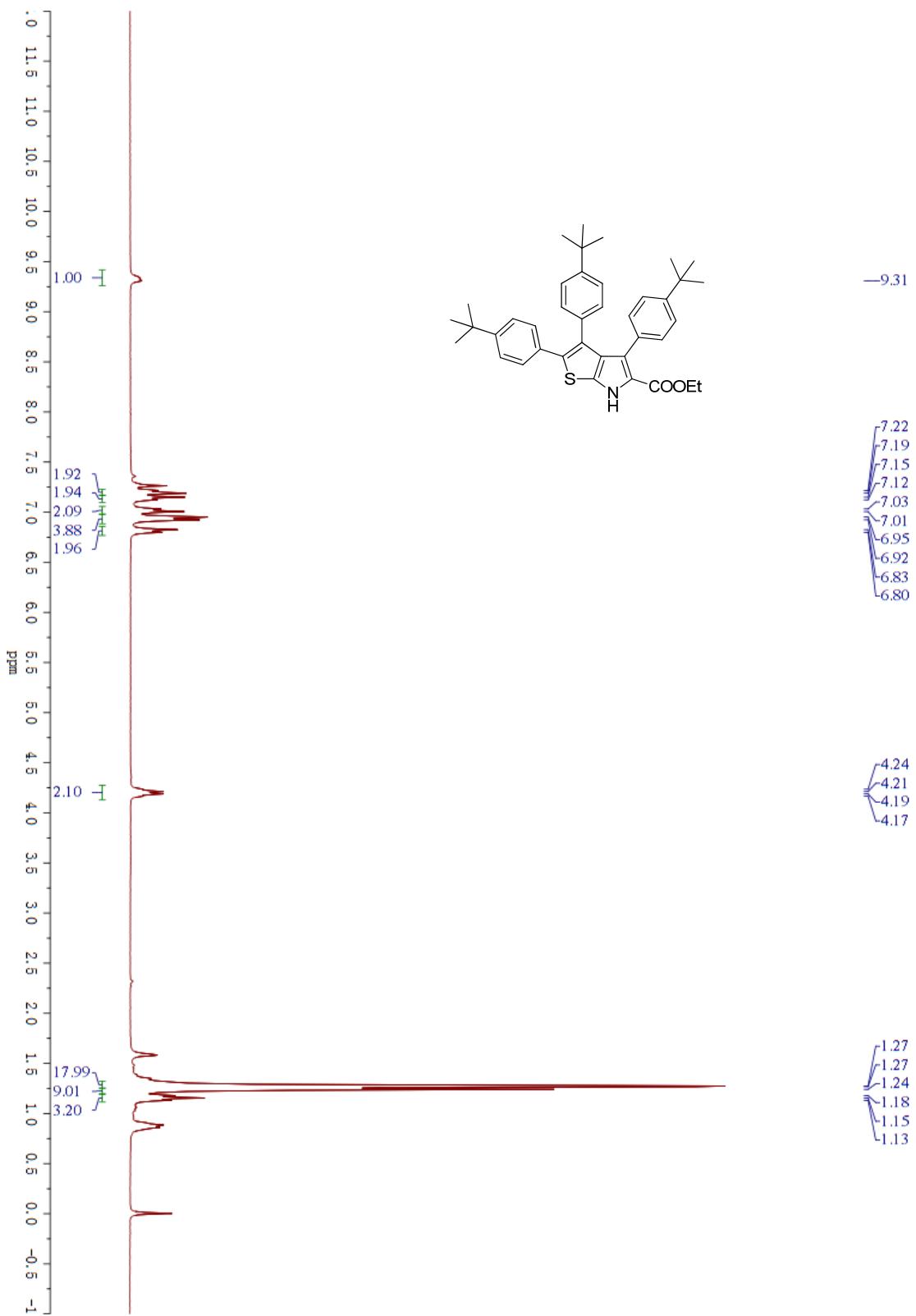


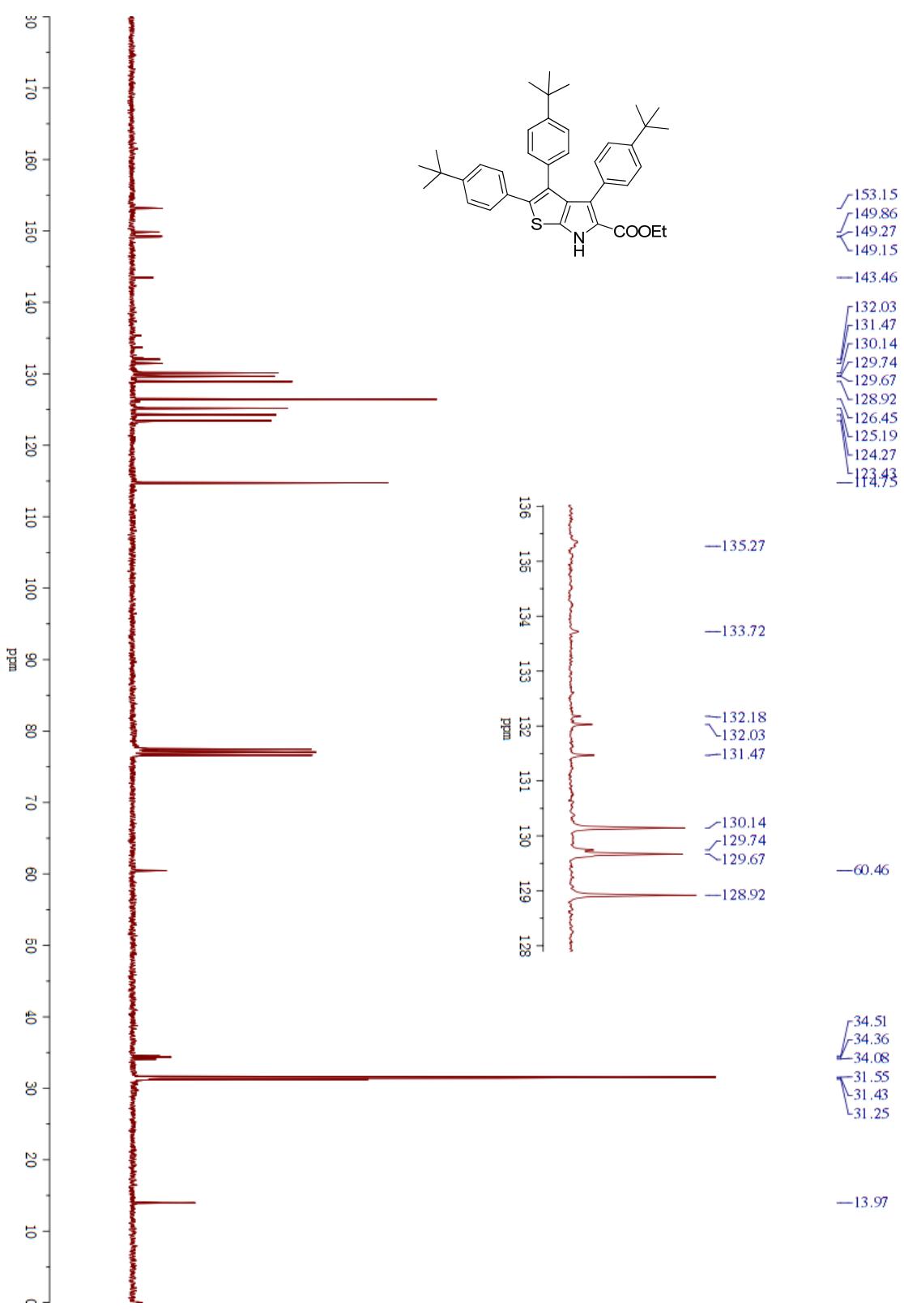
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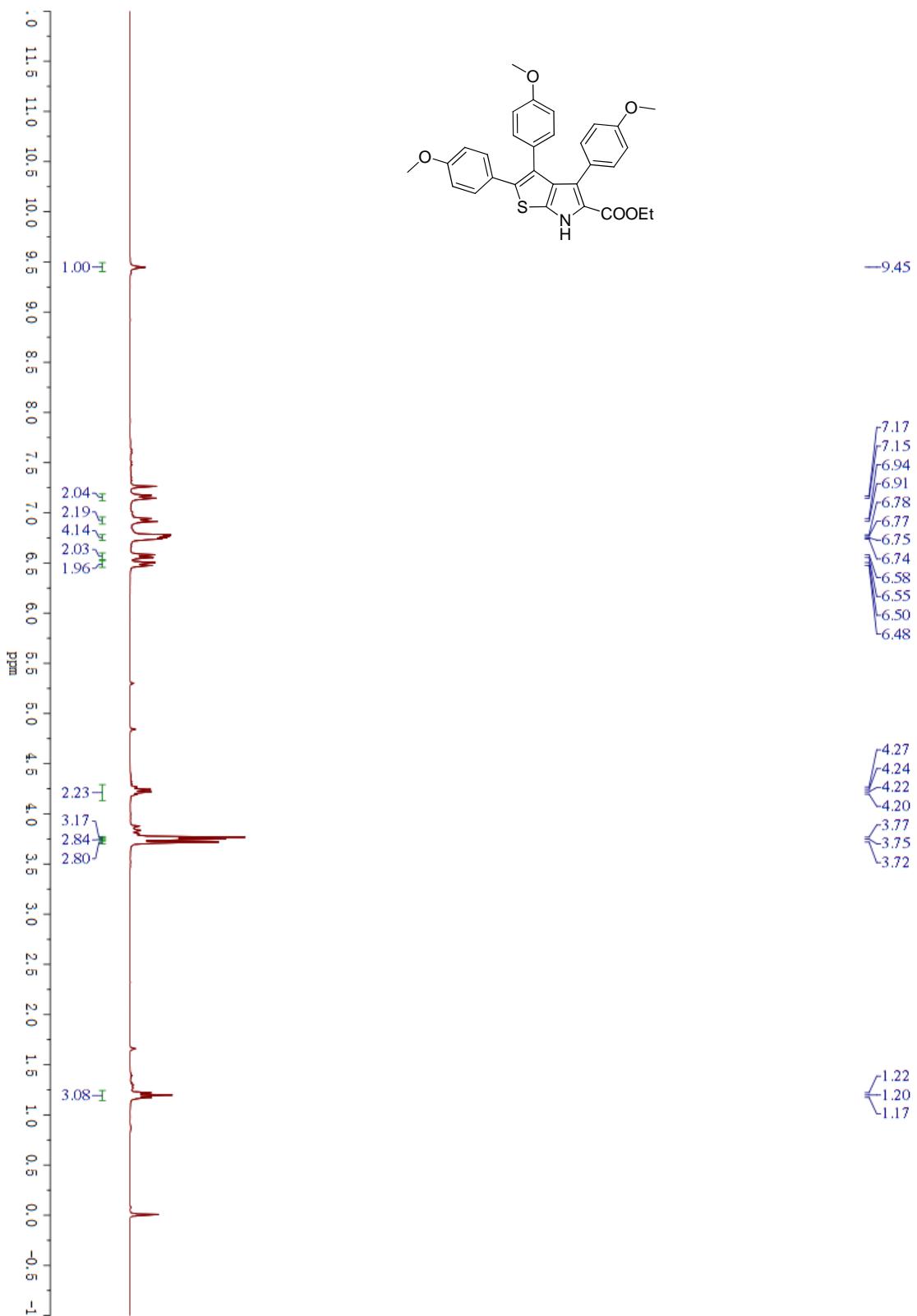
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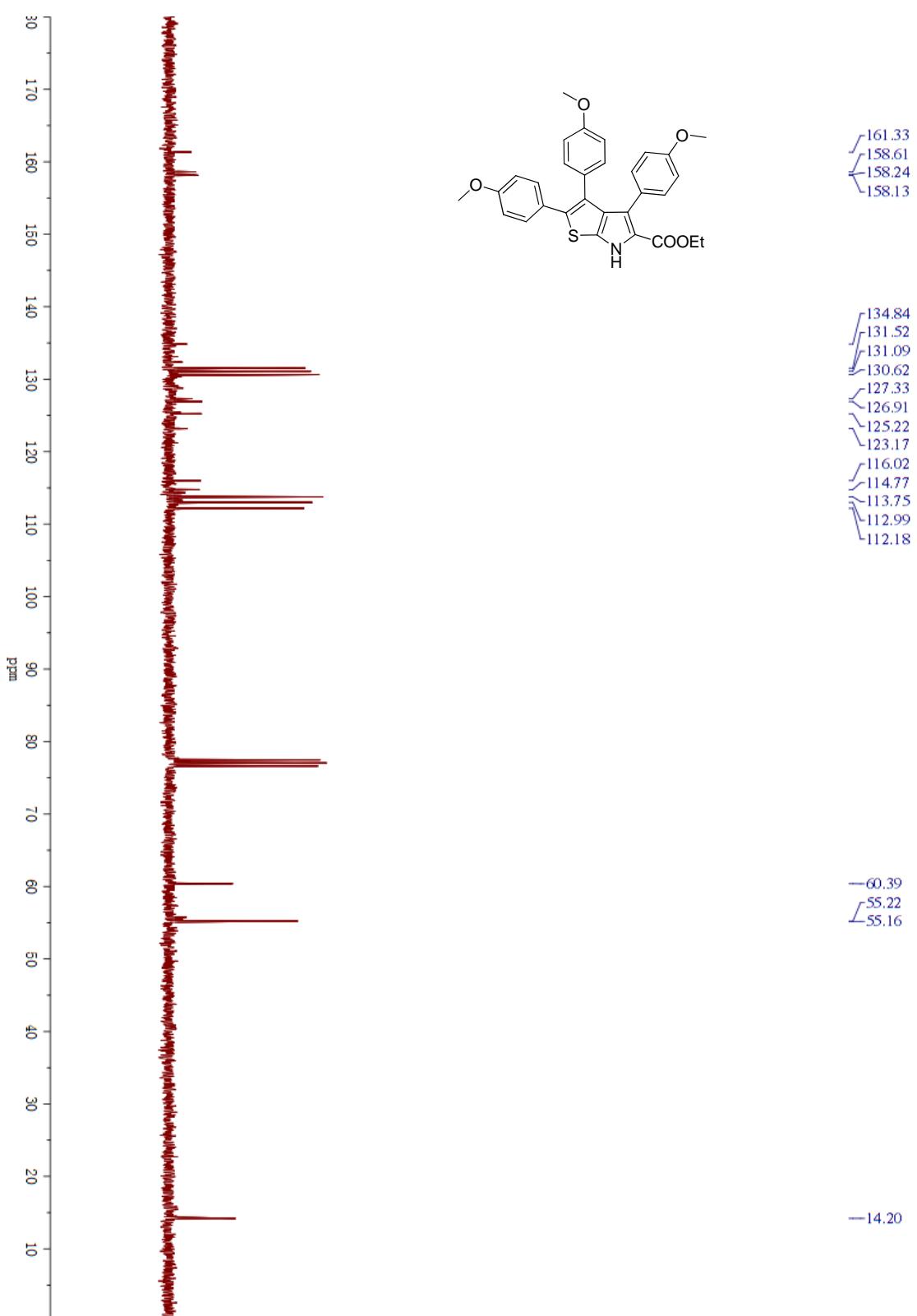




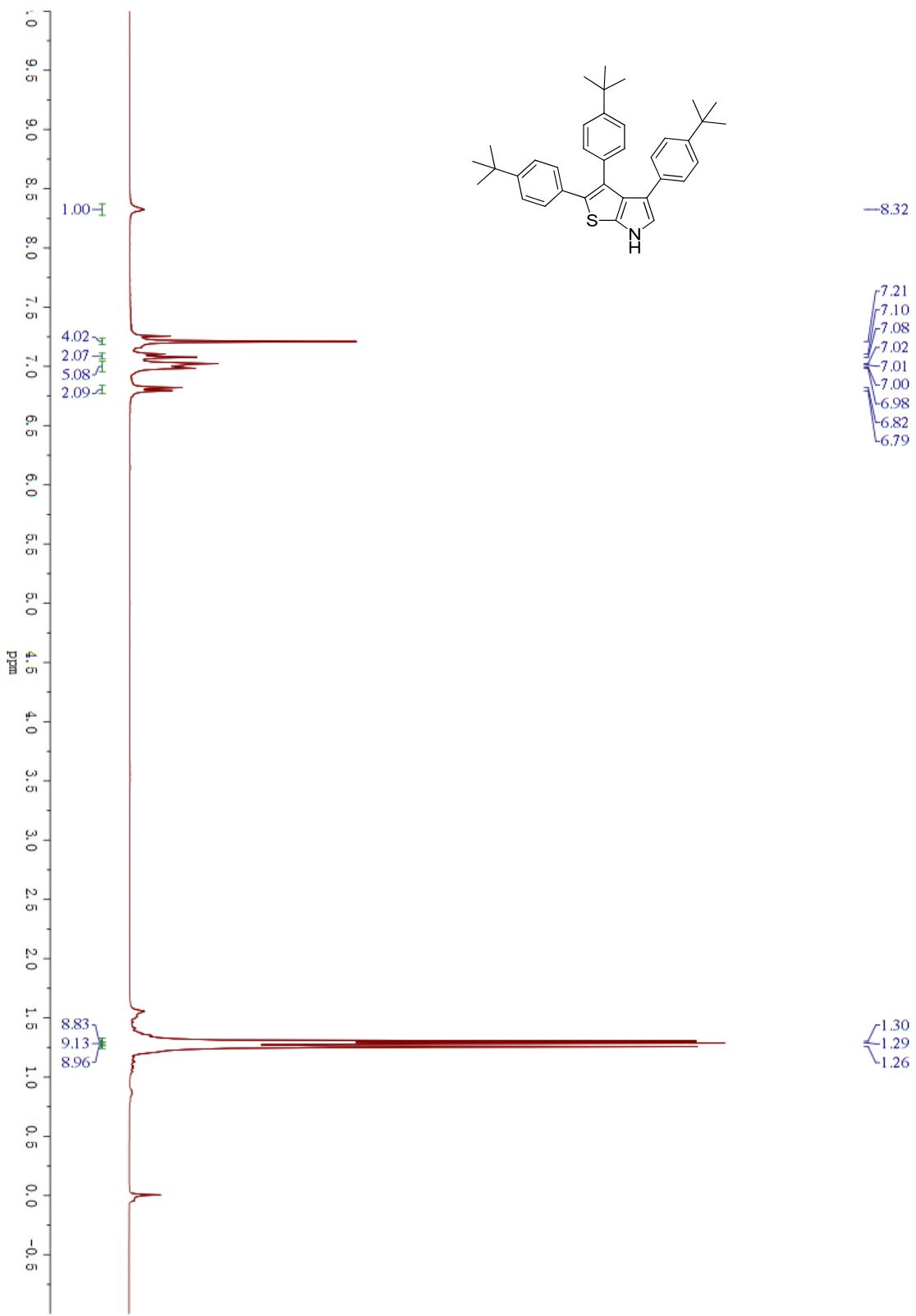
<sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of **Compound 11a** in CDCl<sub>3</sub> solution.

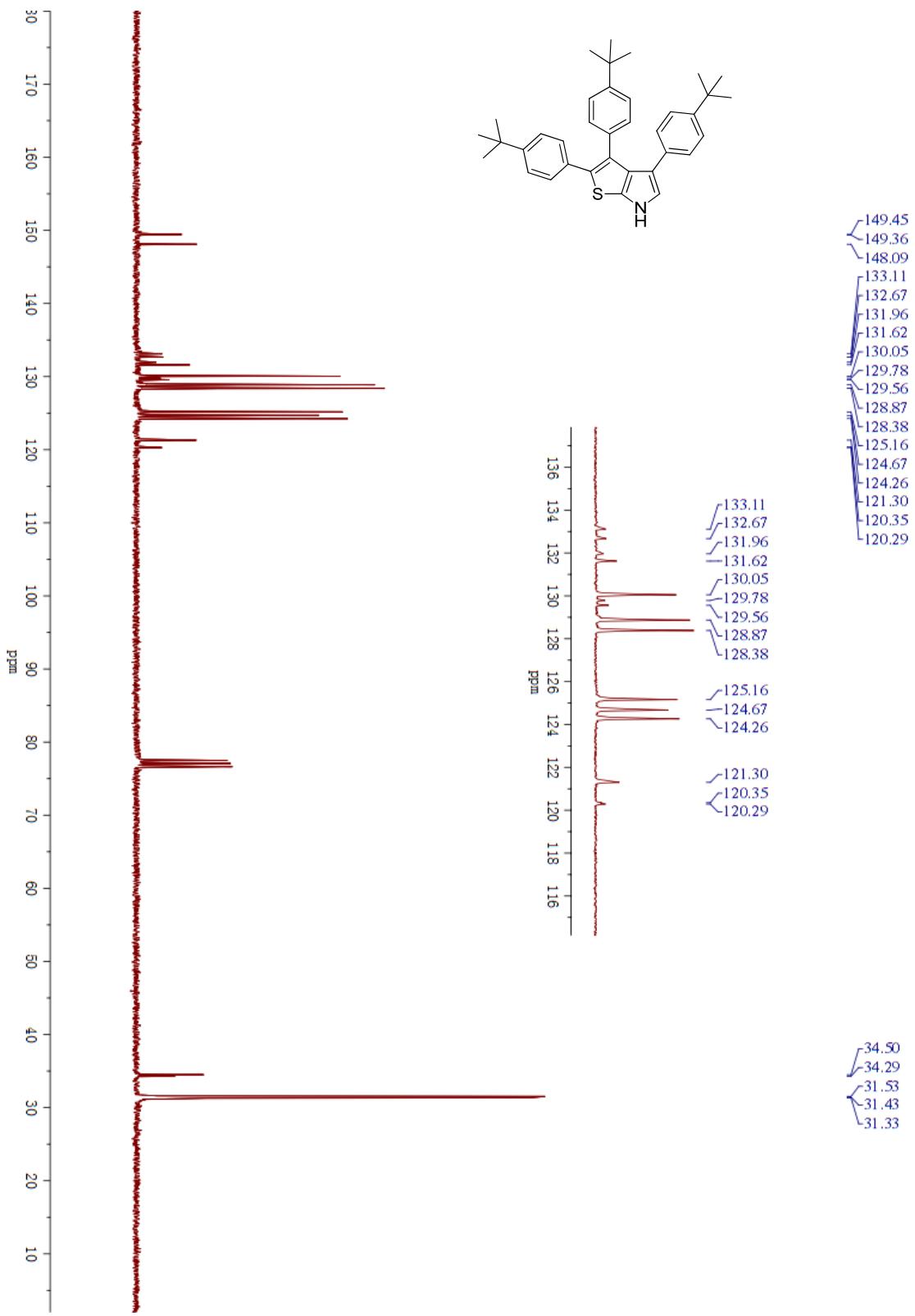


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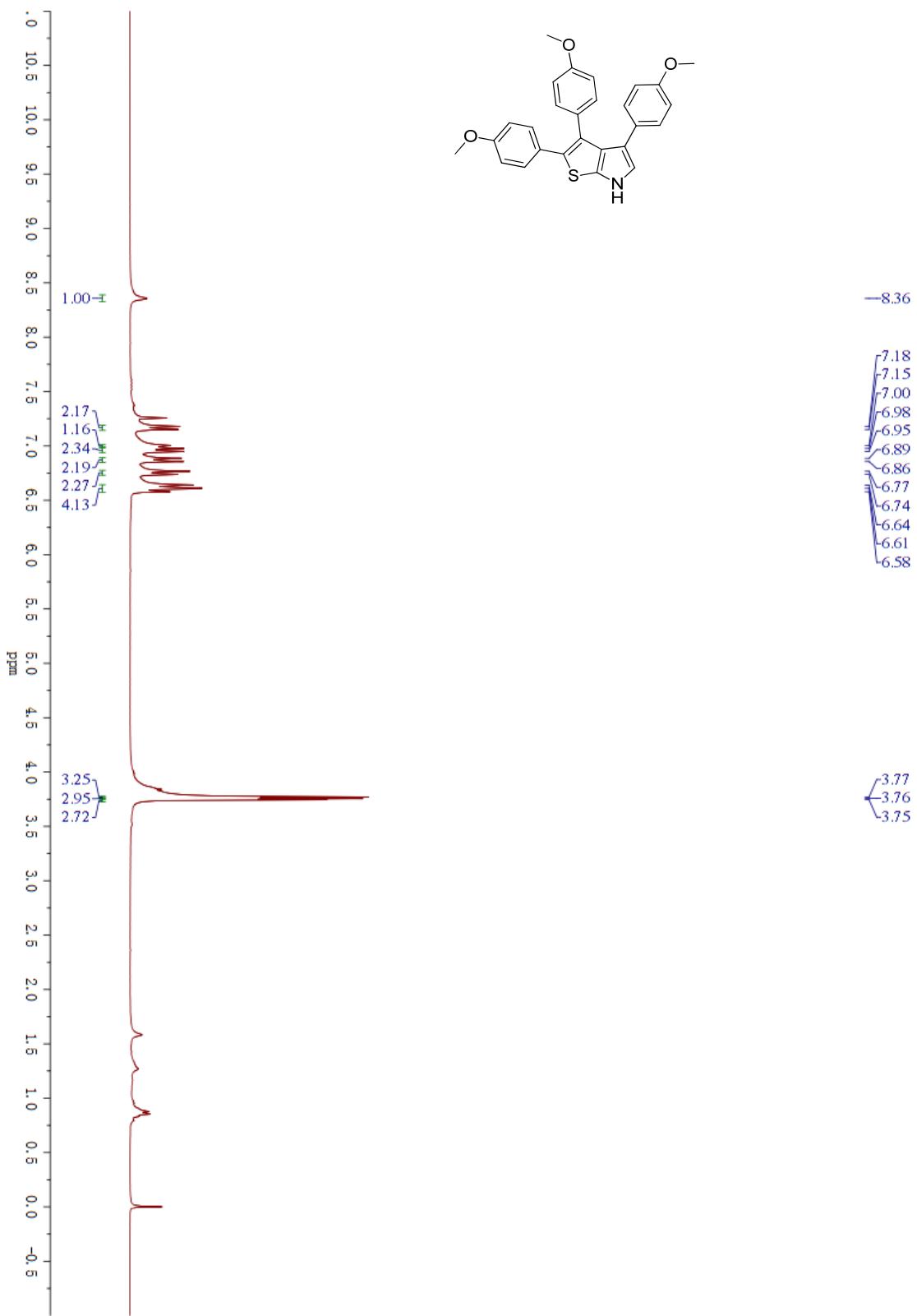


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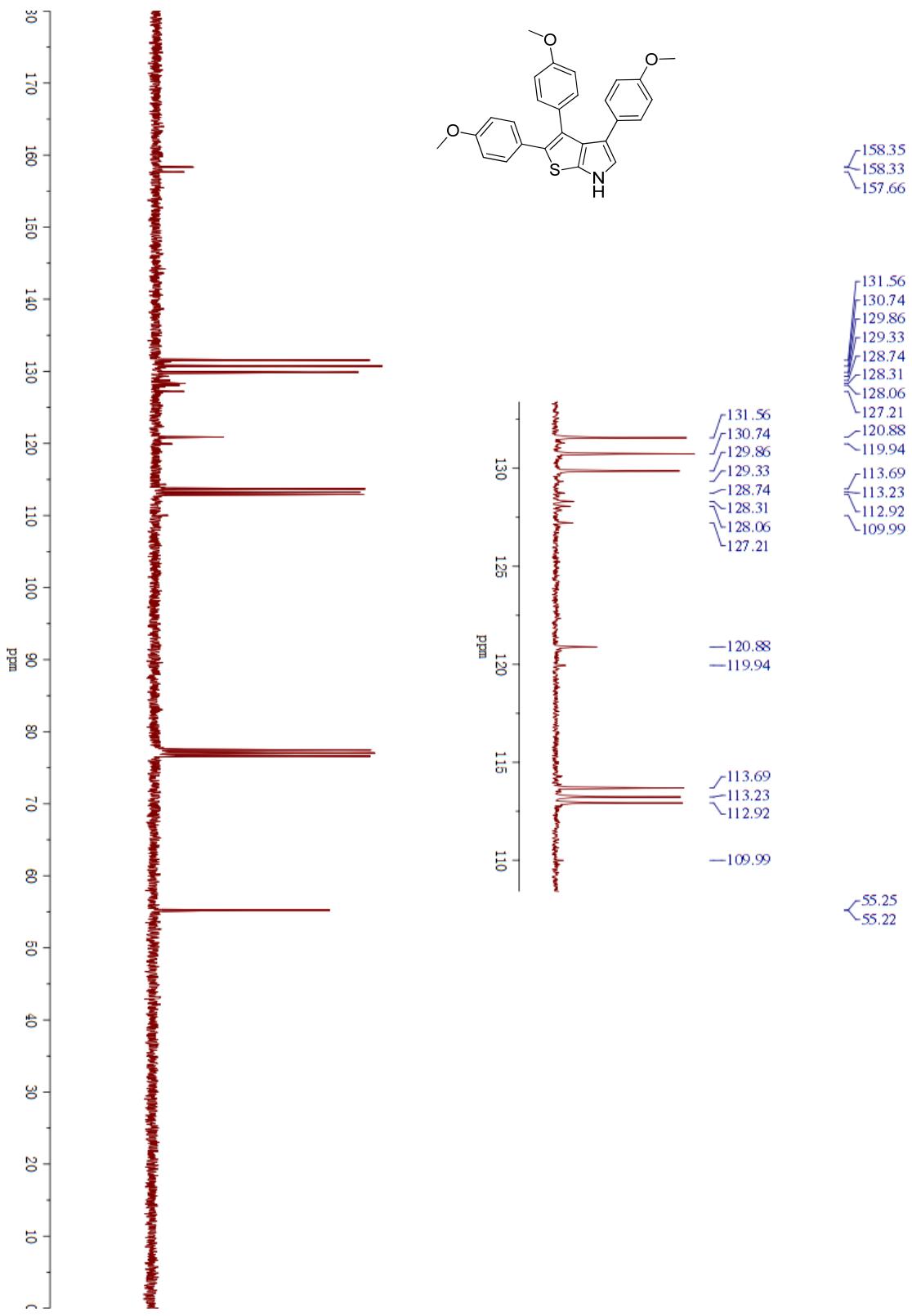




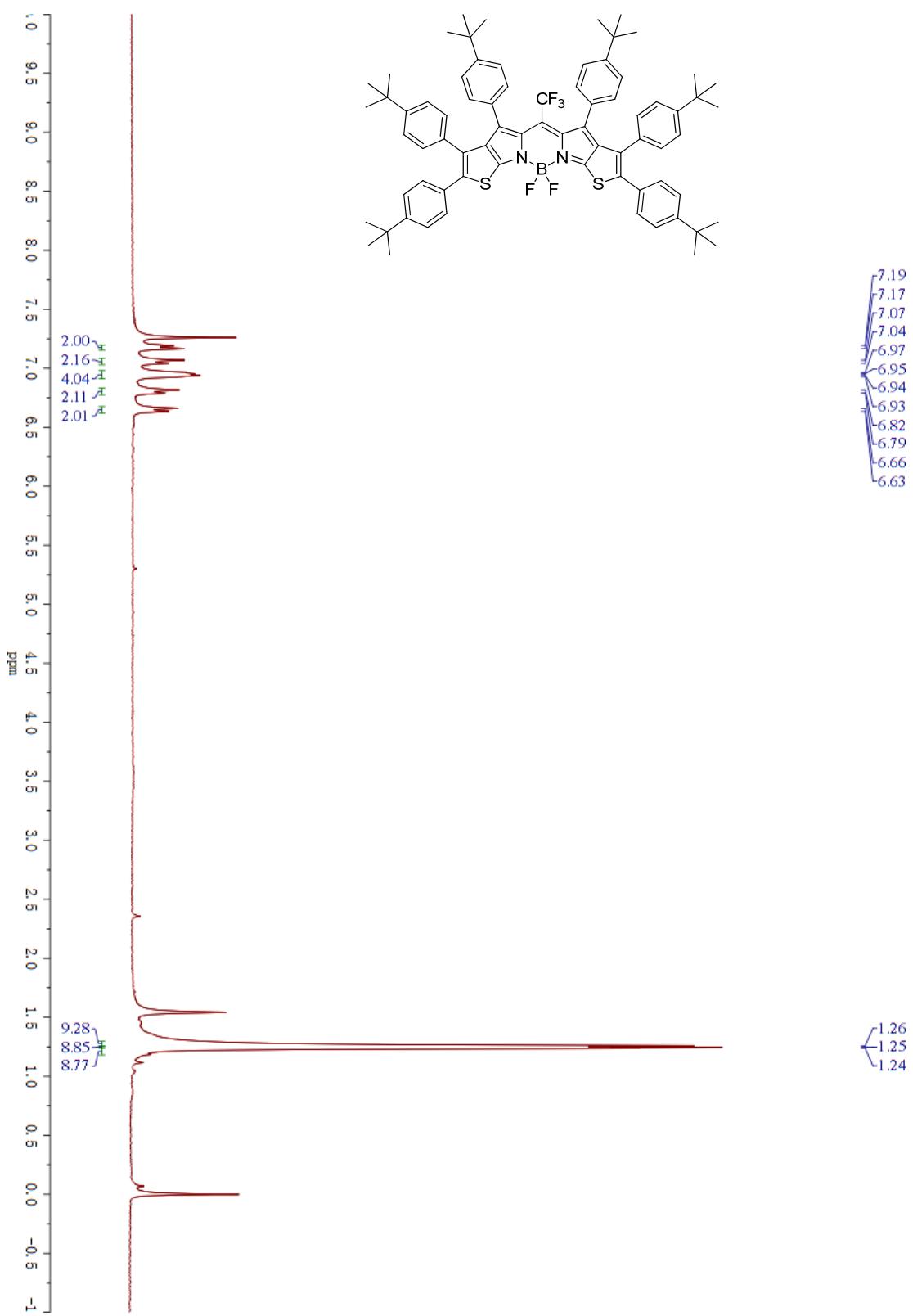
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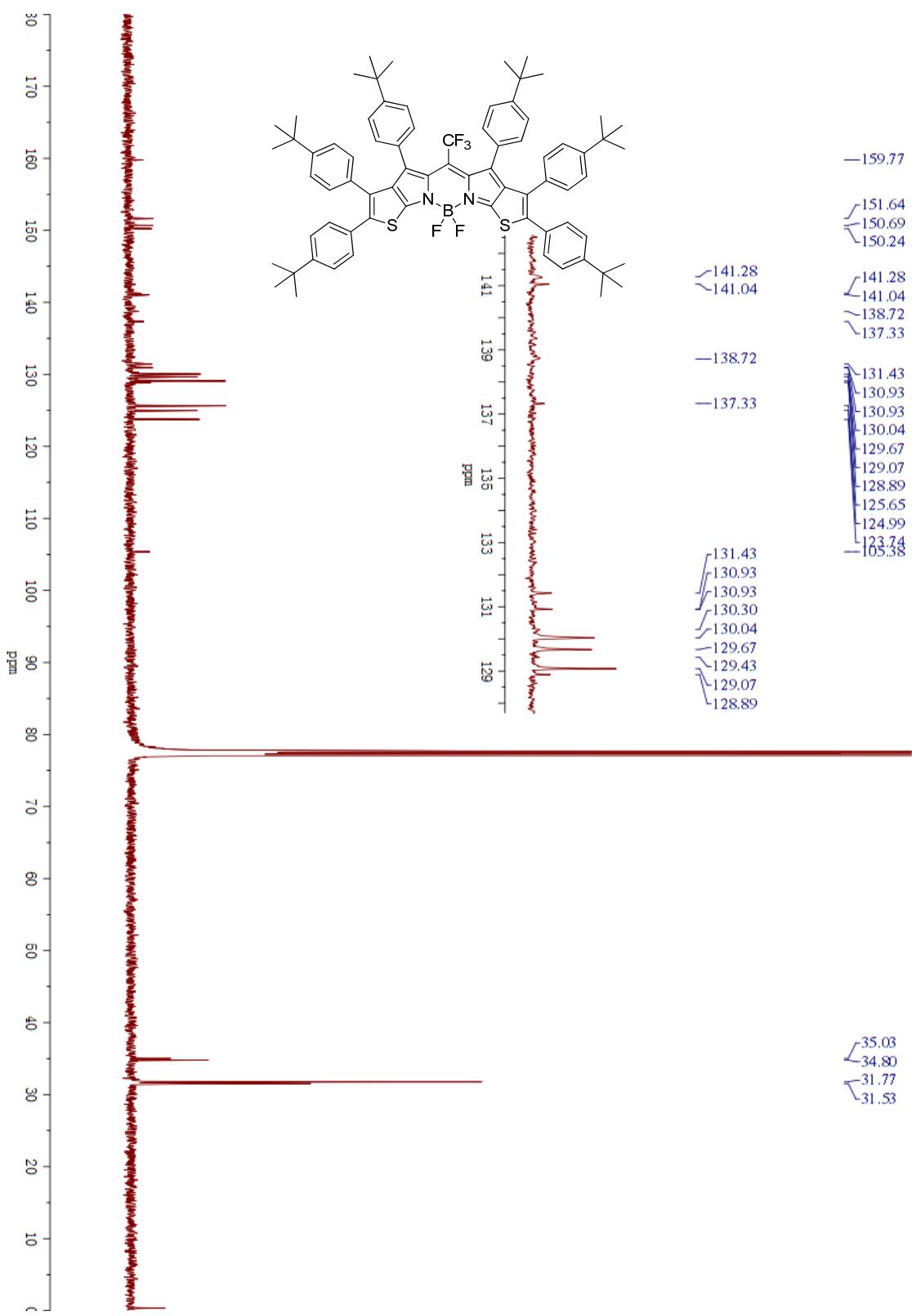


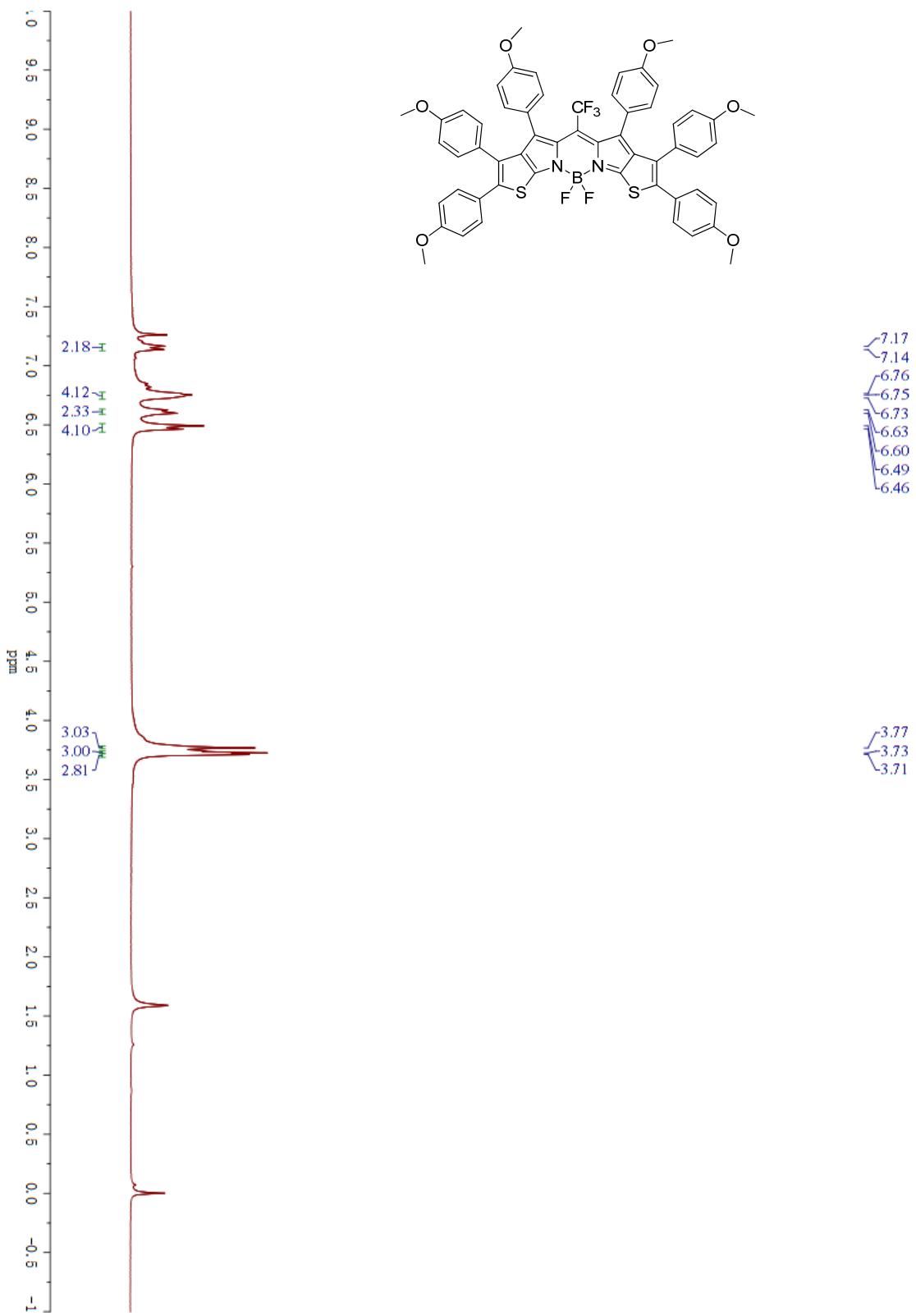
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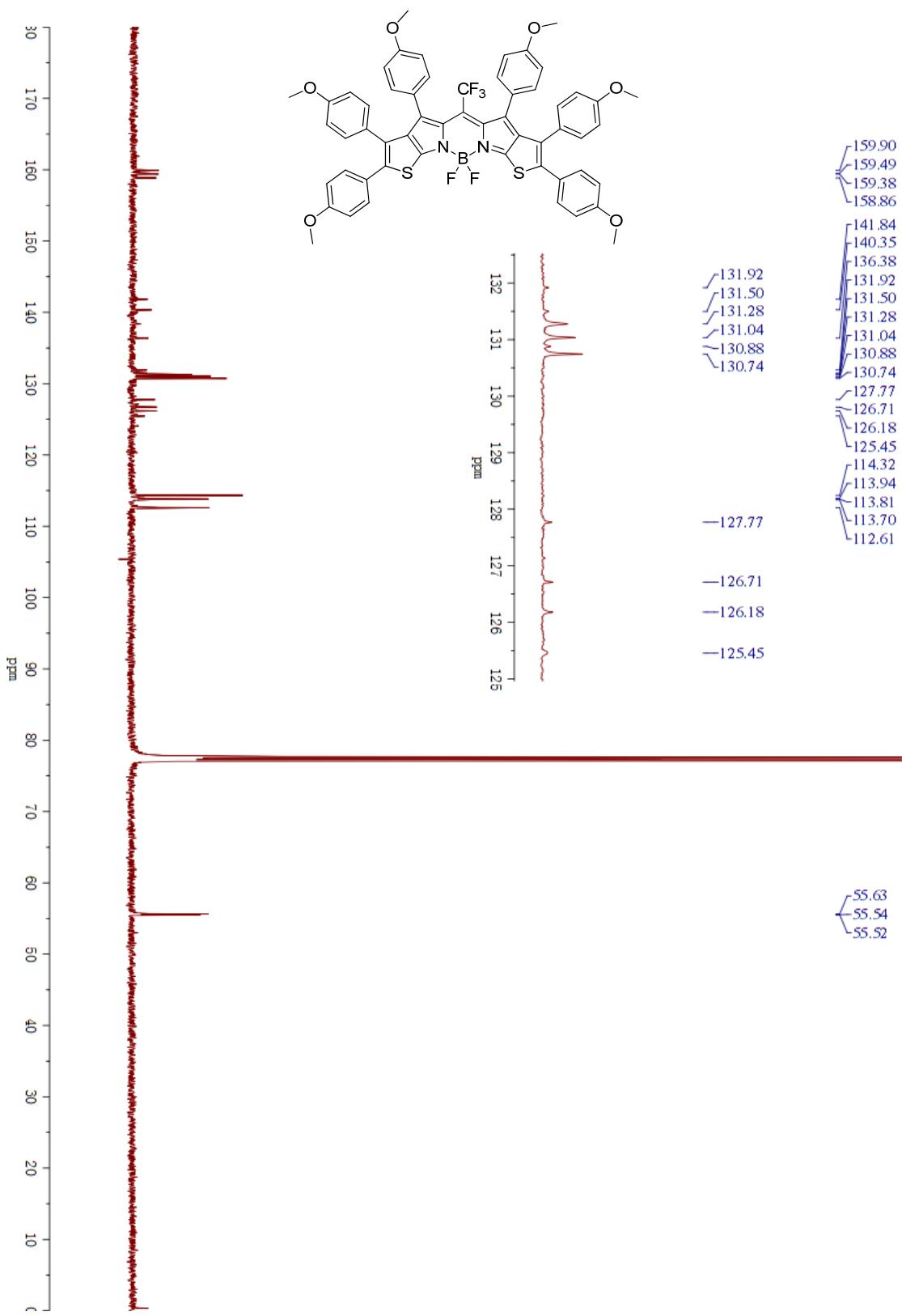
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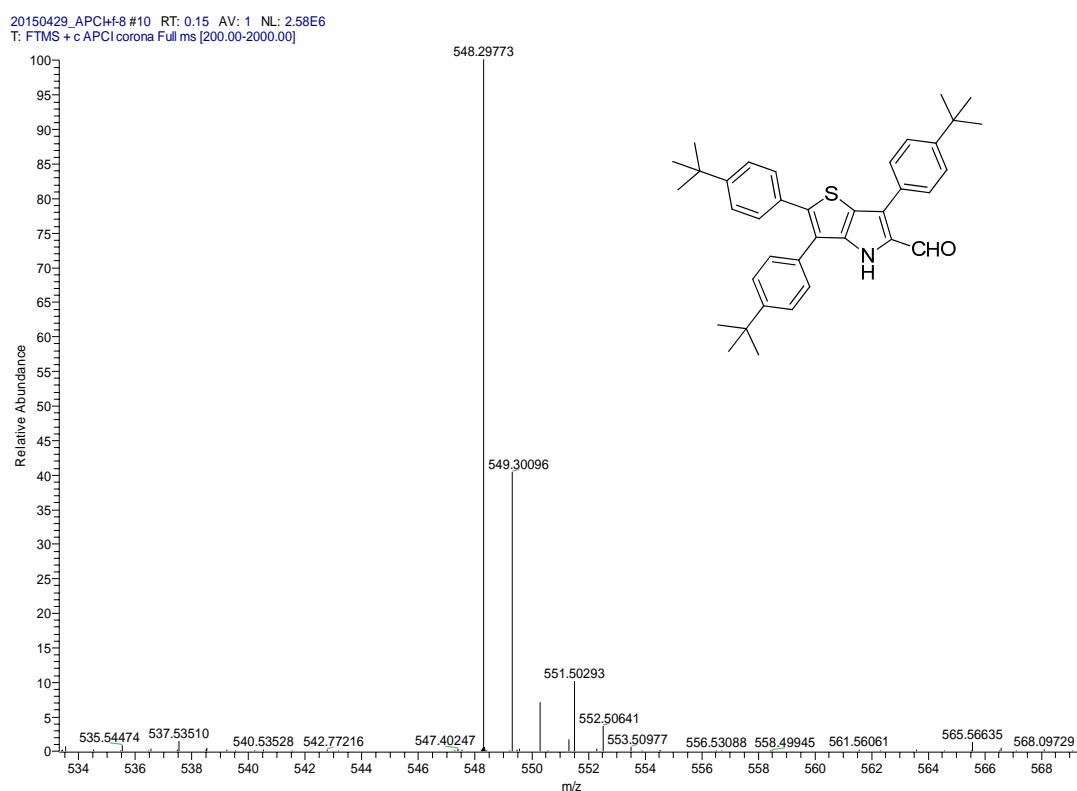


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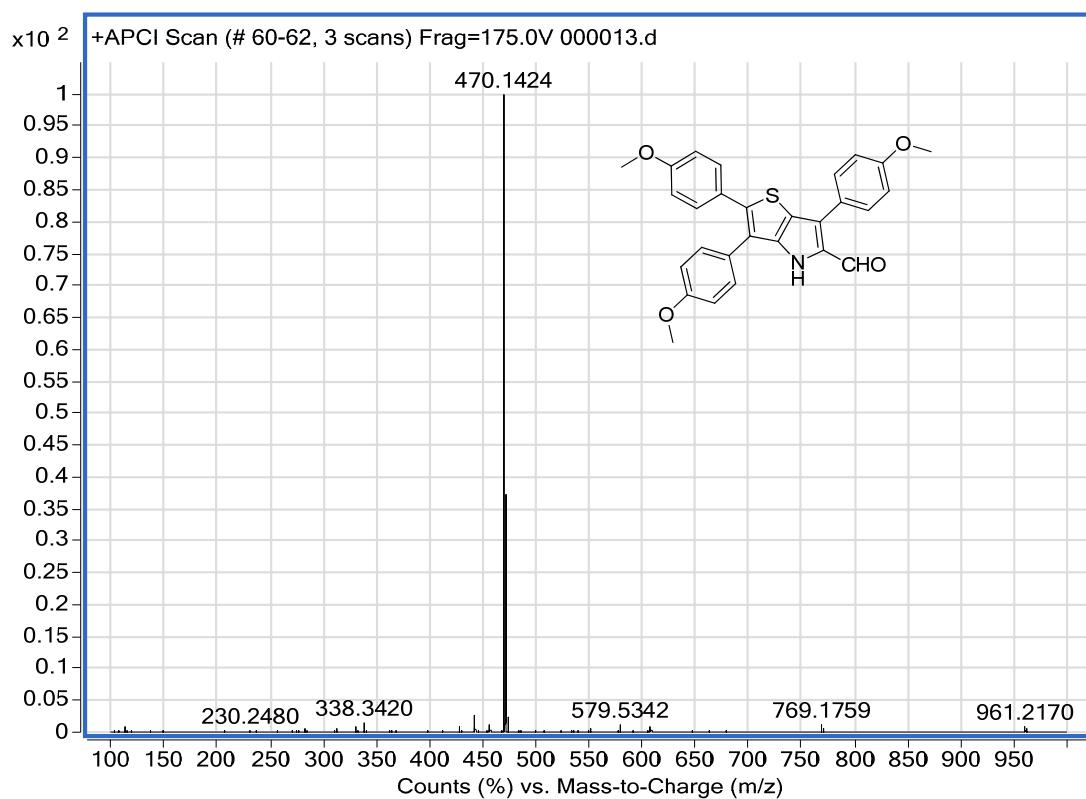


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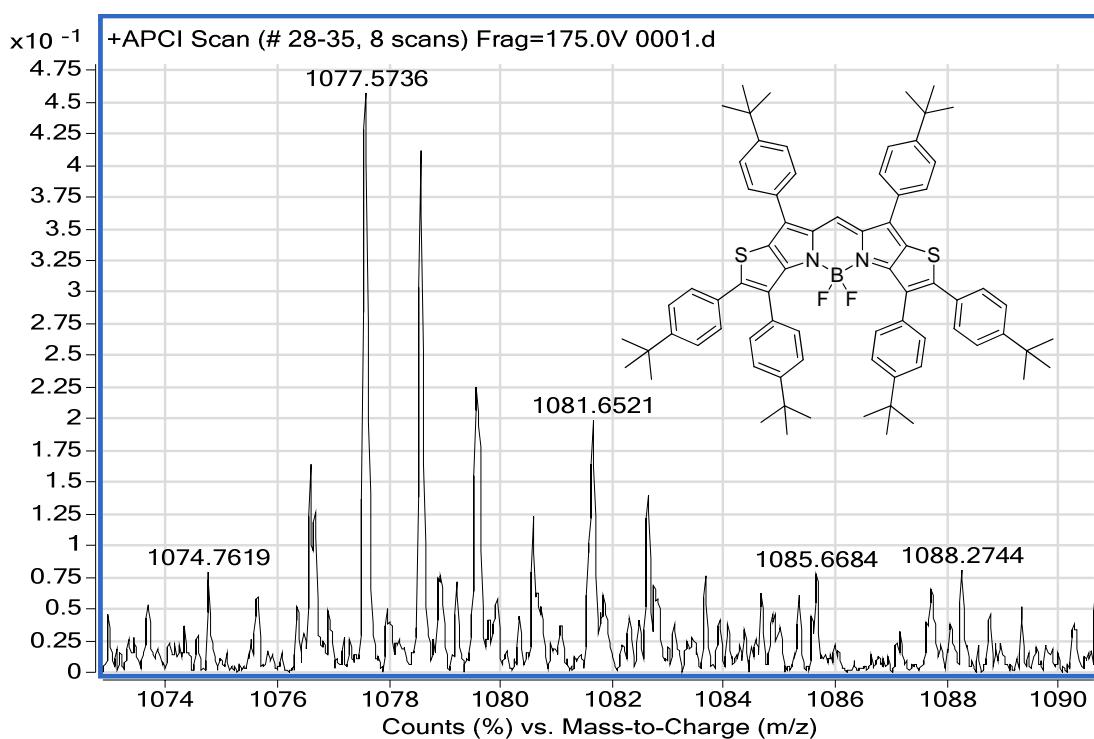
## 5. High resolution mass spectrosopes for all new compound



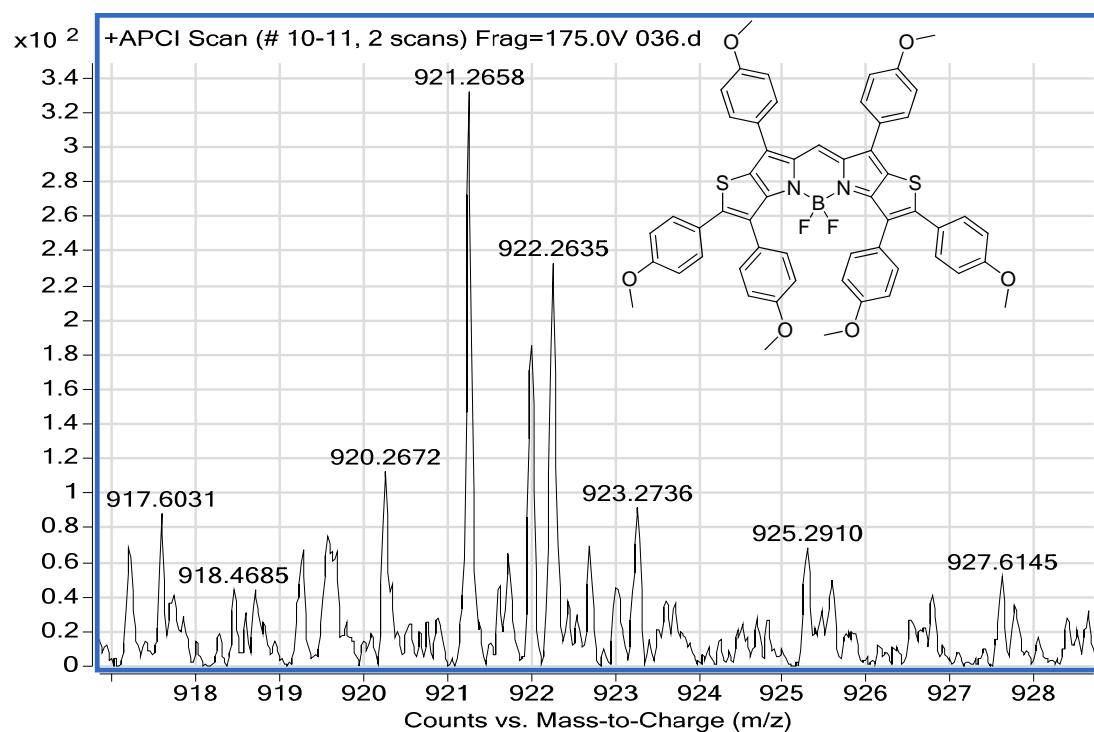
HRMS for **8a**



HRMS for **8b**

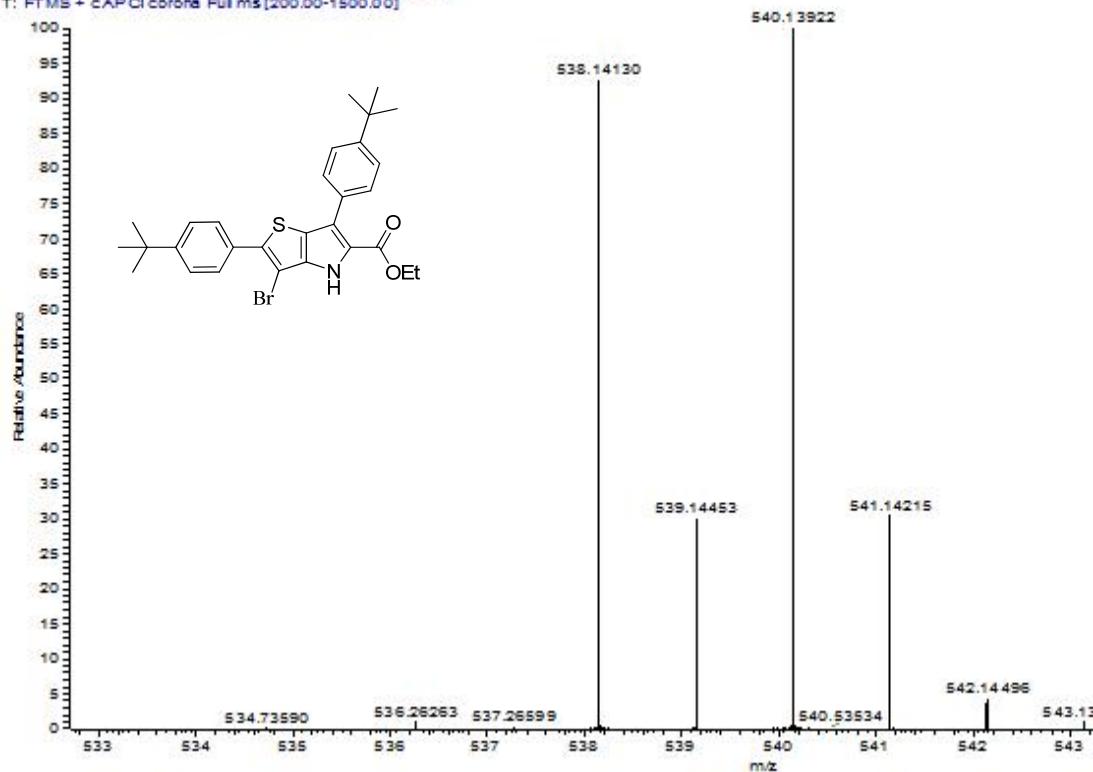


HRMS for 2a



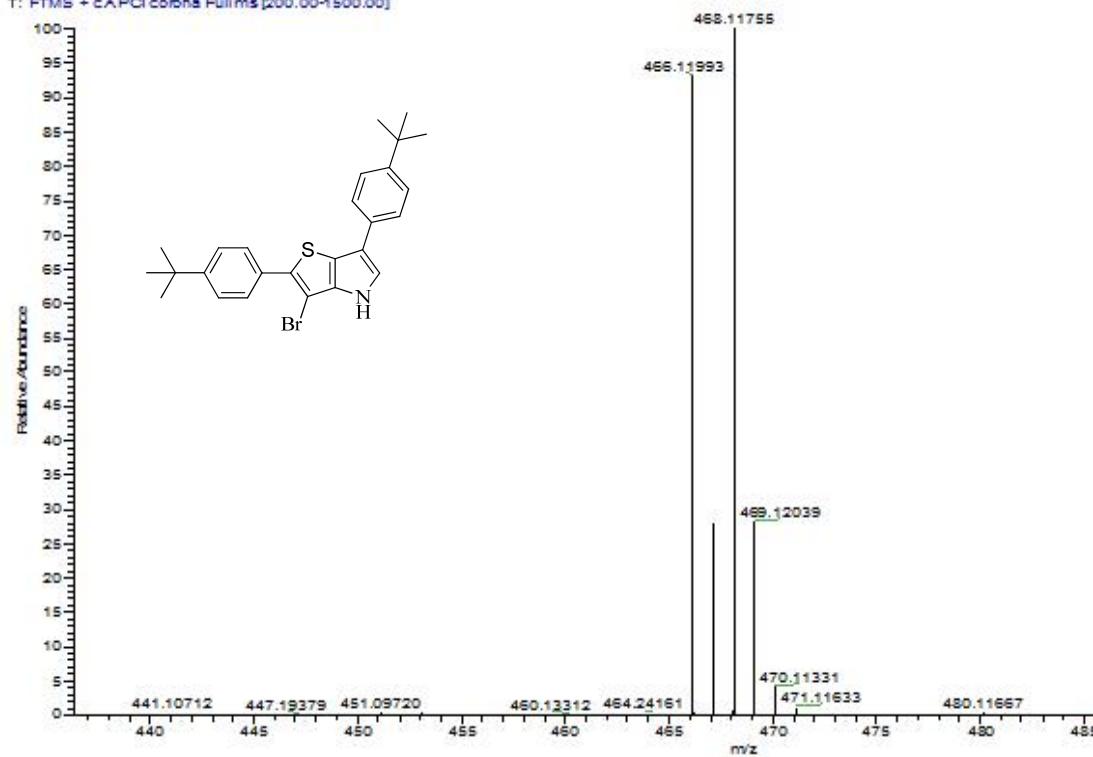
HRMS for 2b

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T: FTMS + cAPCI corona Full ms [200.00-1500.00]



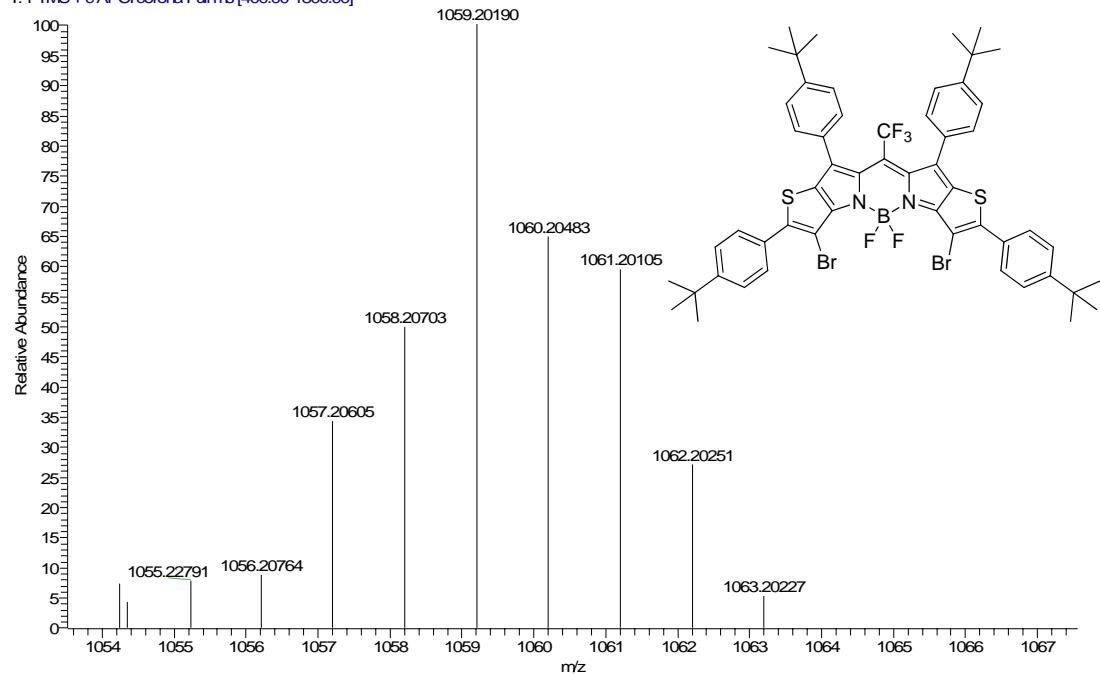
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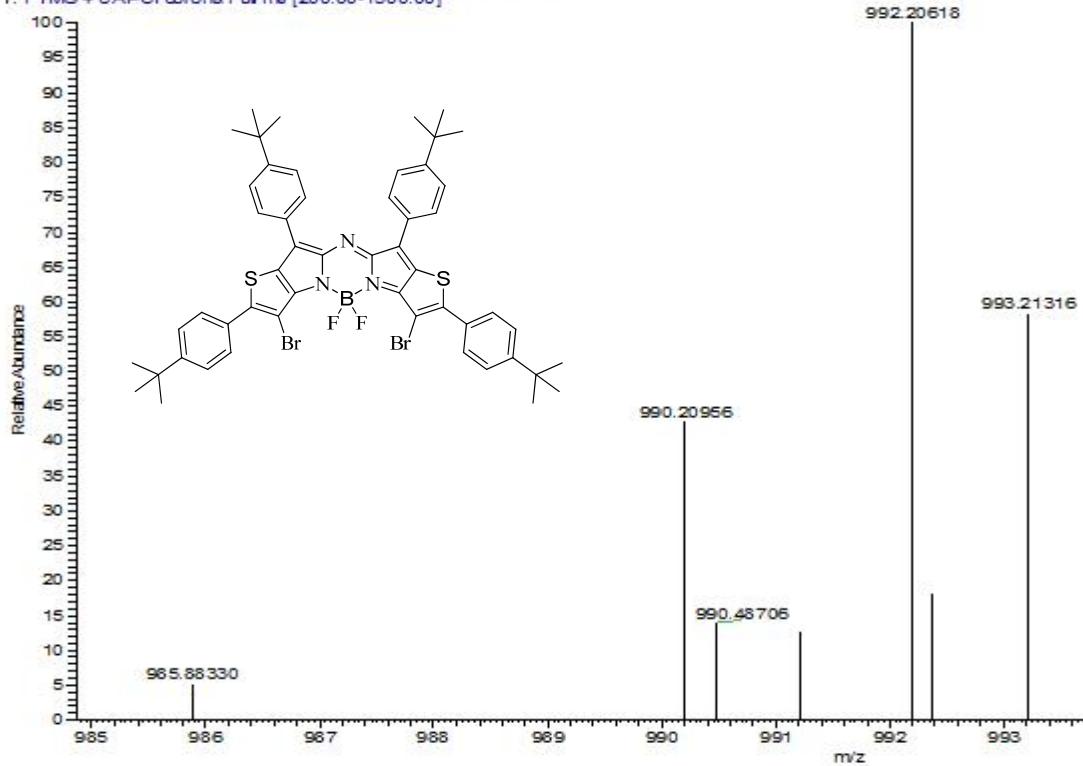
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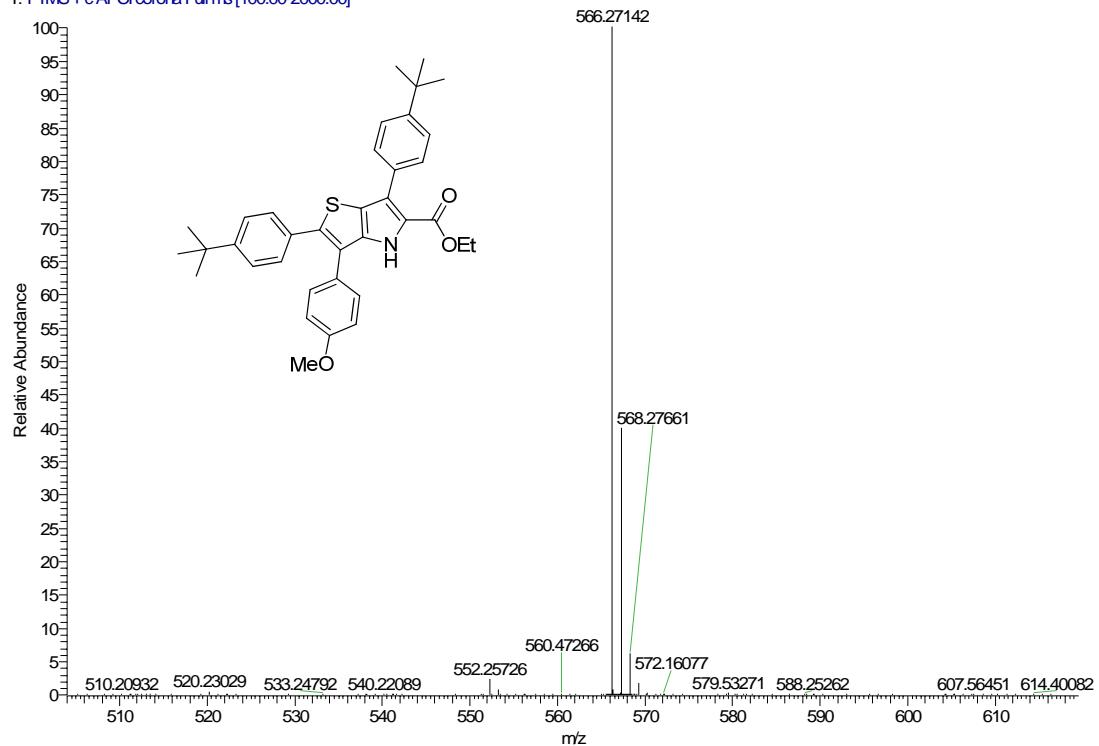
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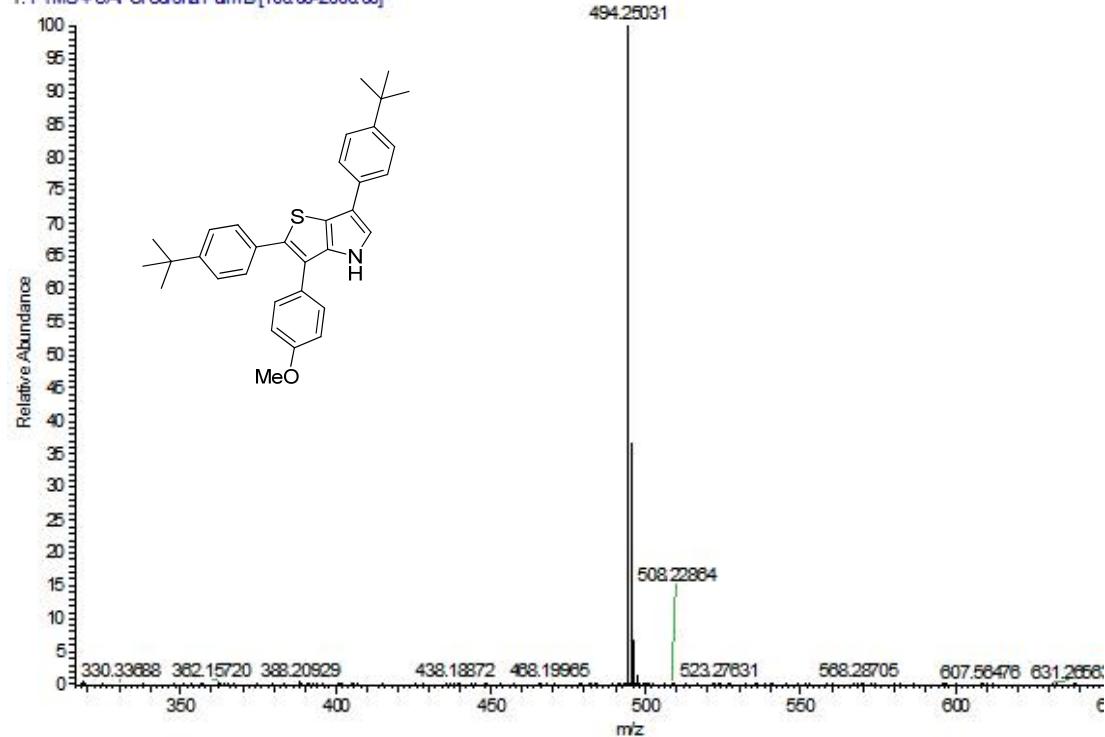
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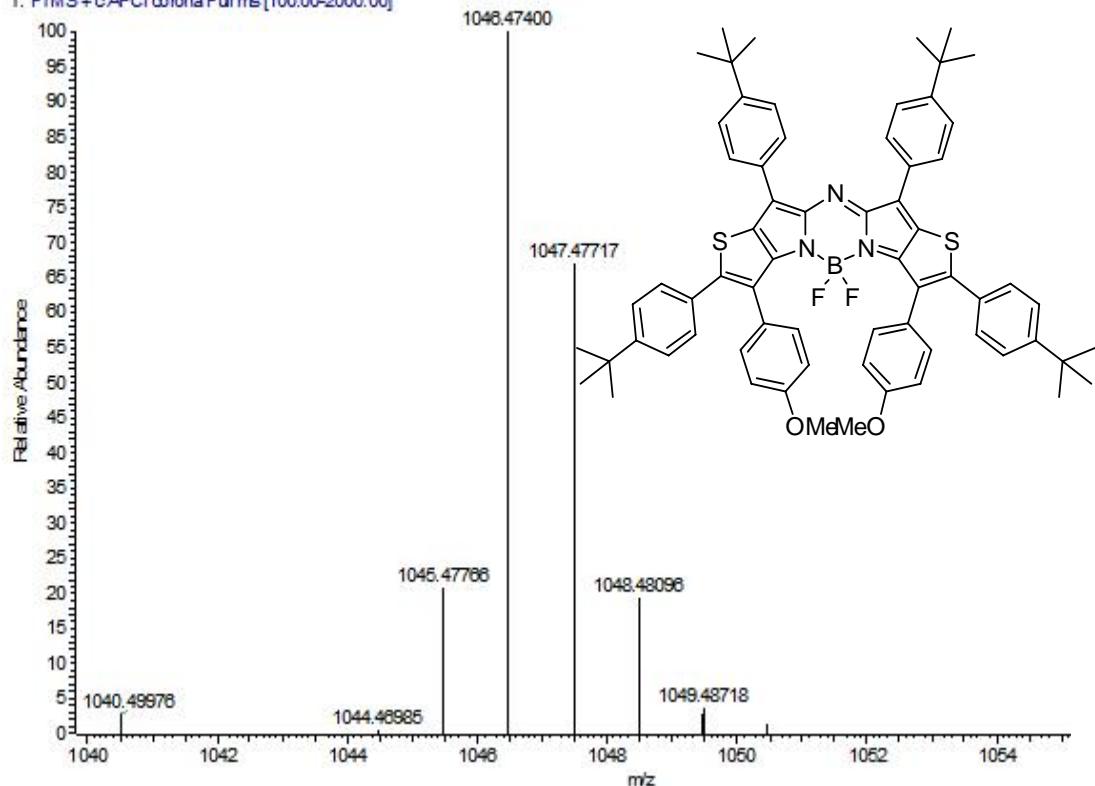
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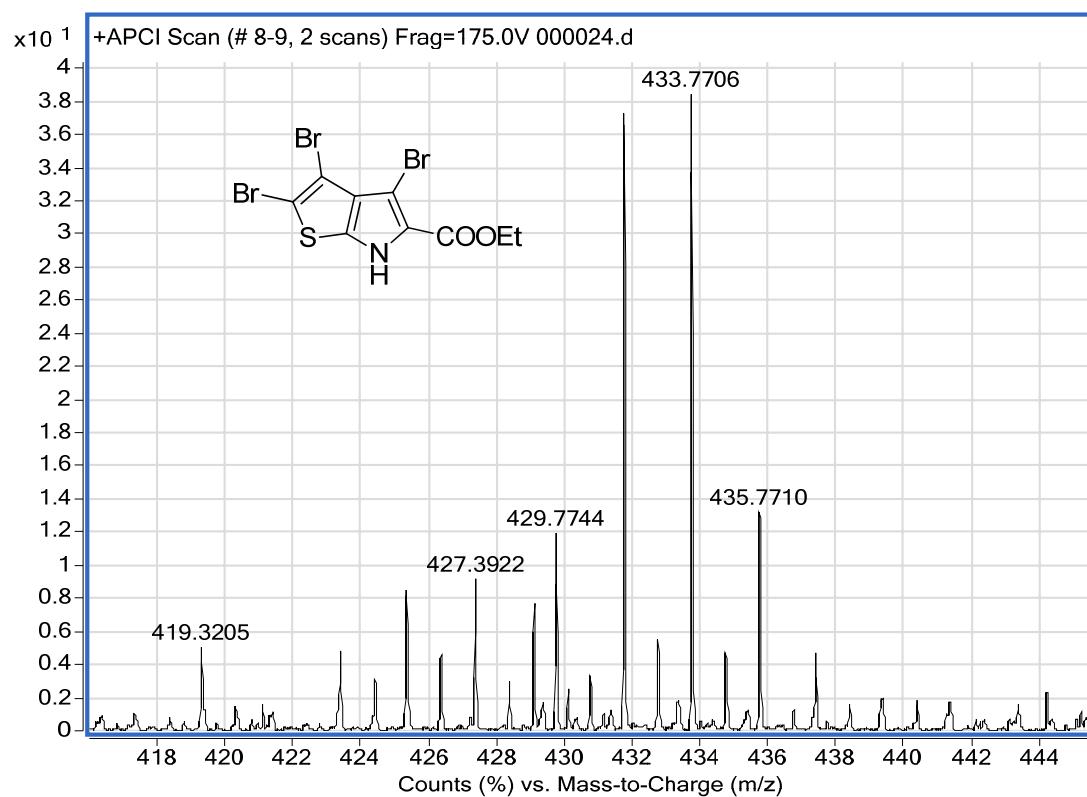


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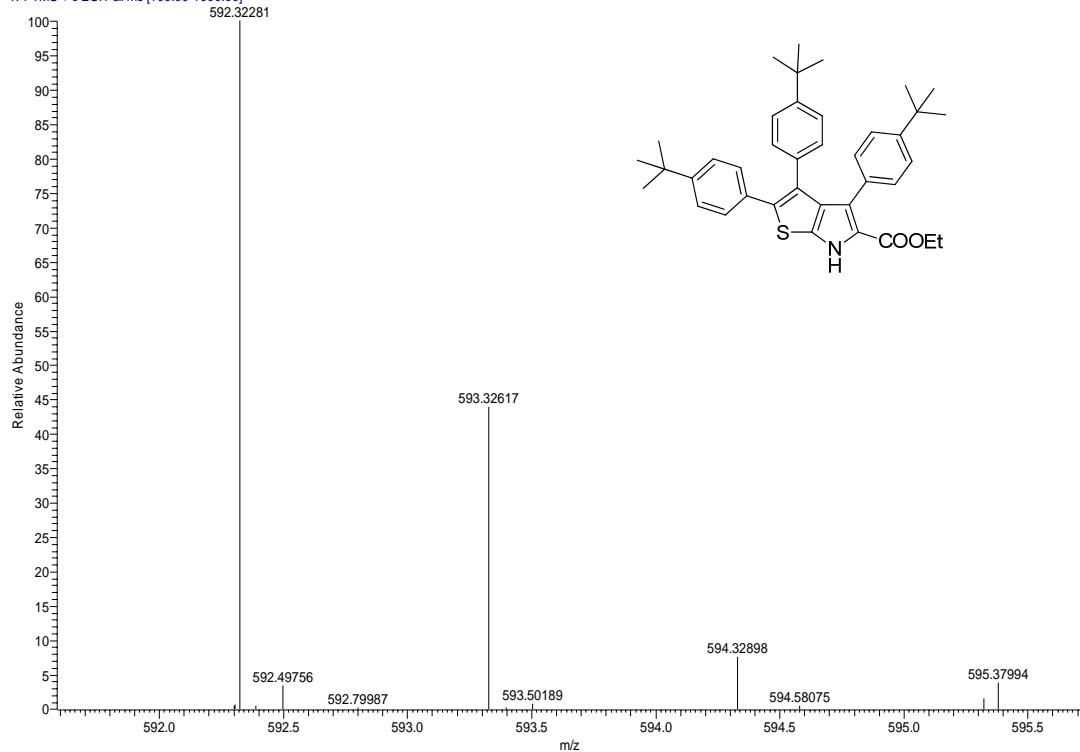


HRMS for **1f**



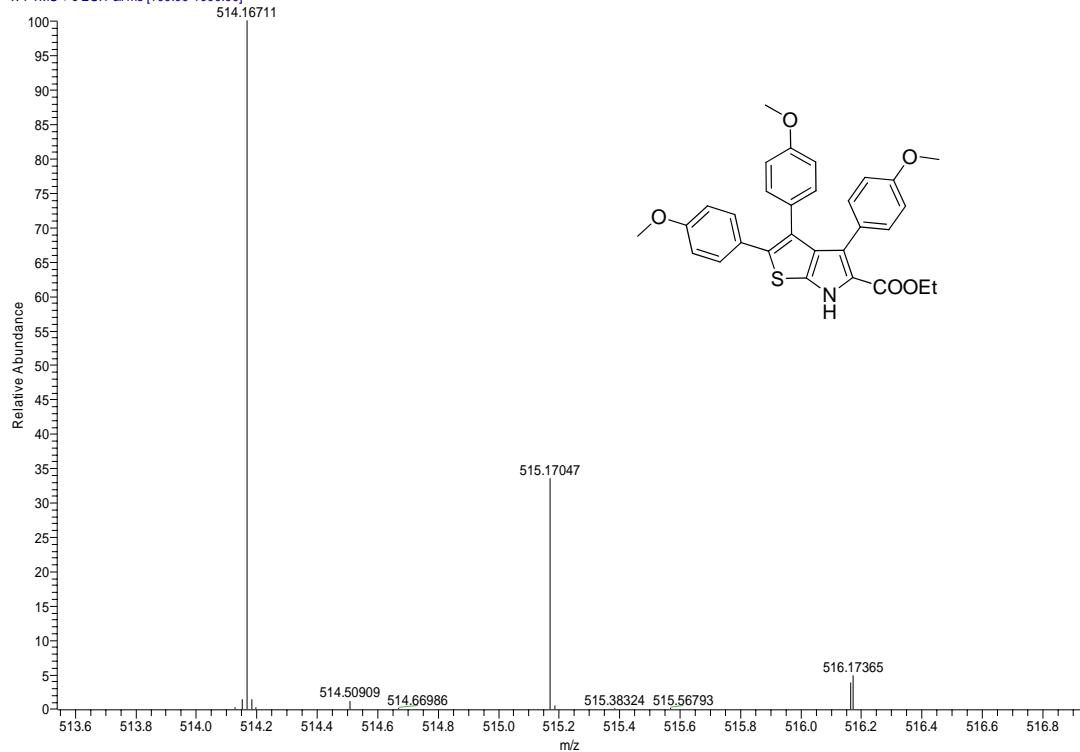
HRMS for **10**

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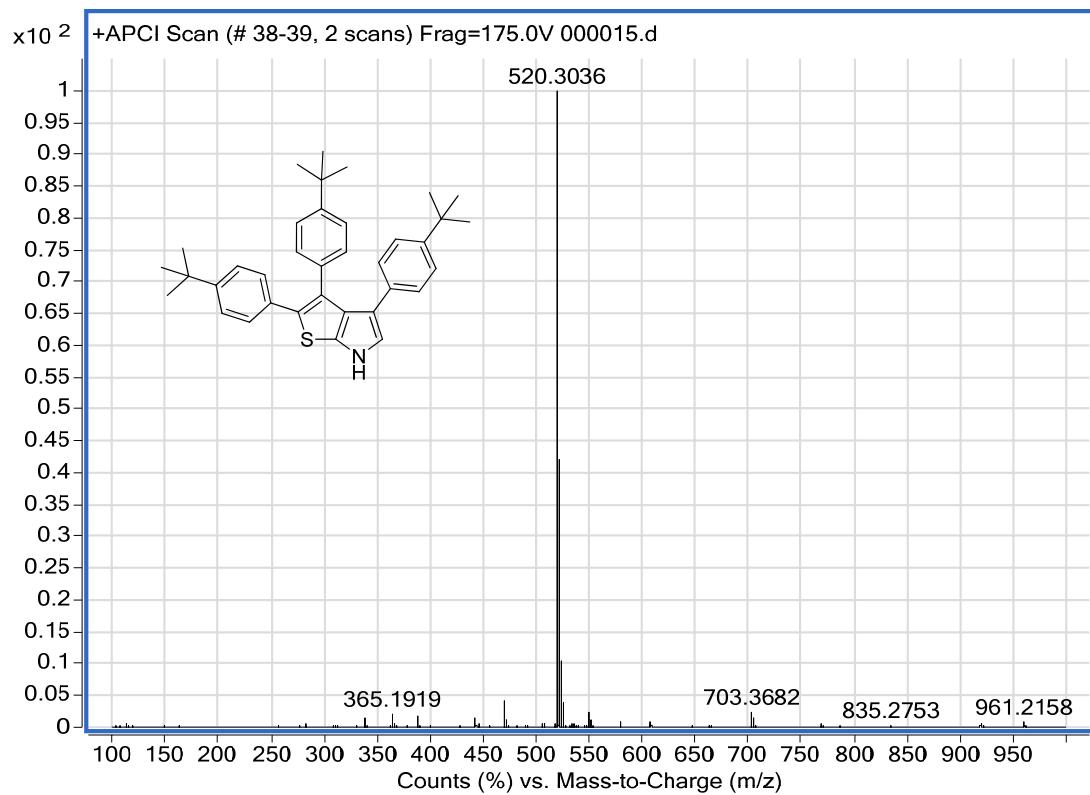


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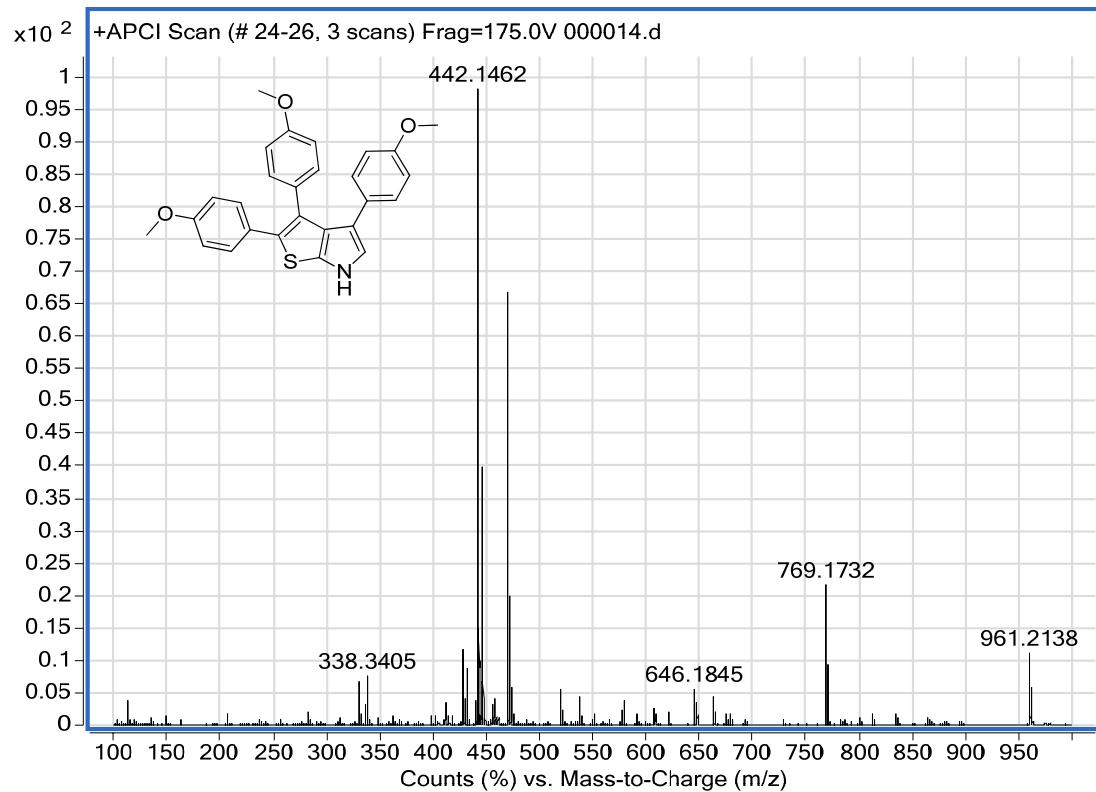
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### HRMS for 11b

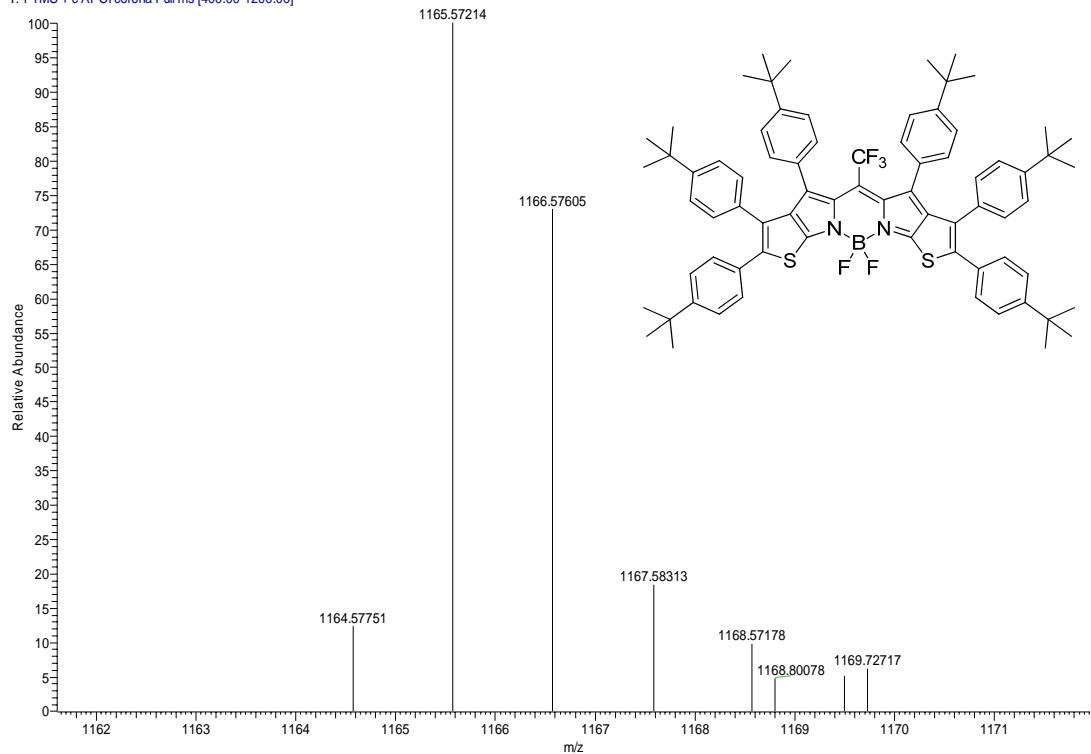


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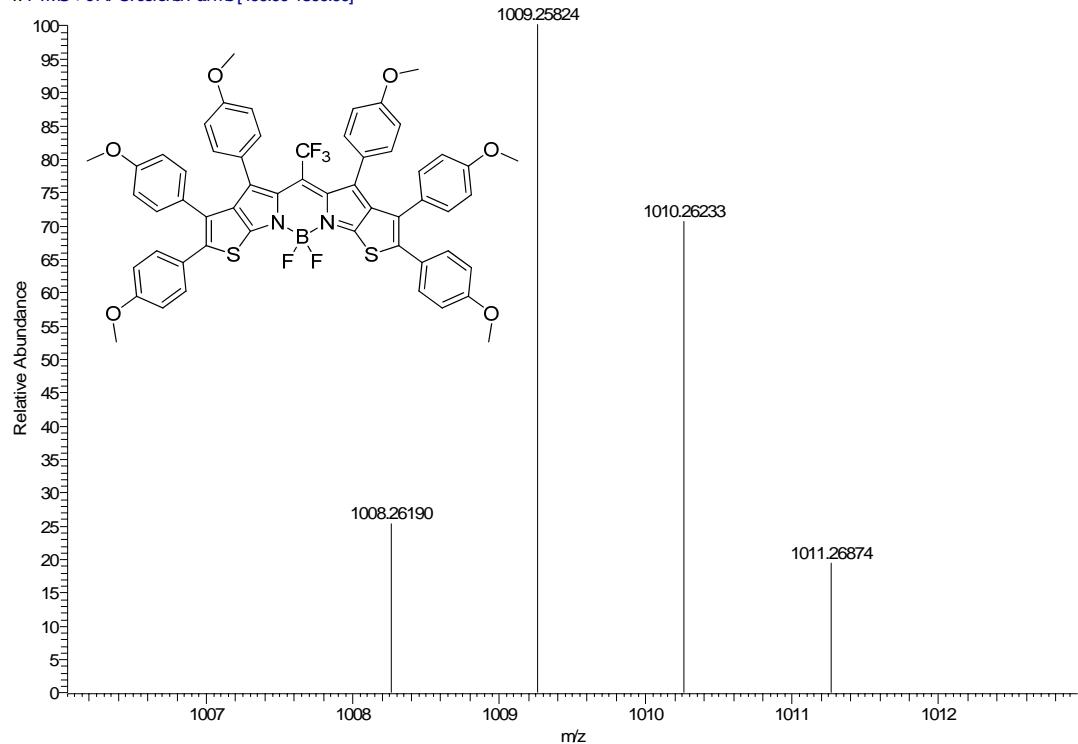
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### HRMS for 3a

20160314\_HESI+W2 #6 RT: 0.10 AV: 1 NL: 2.96E5  
T: FTMS + c APCI corona Full ms [400.00-1800.00]



### HRMS for 3b

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