

*Electronic Supplementary Information  
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**Synthesis, structure, photophysical, electrochemical properties and antibacterial activity of brominated BODIPYs**

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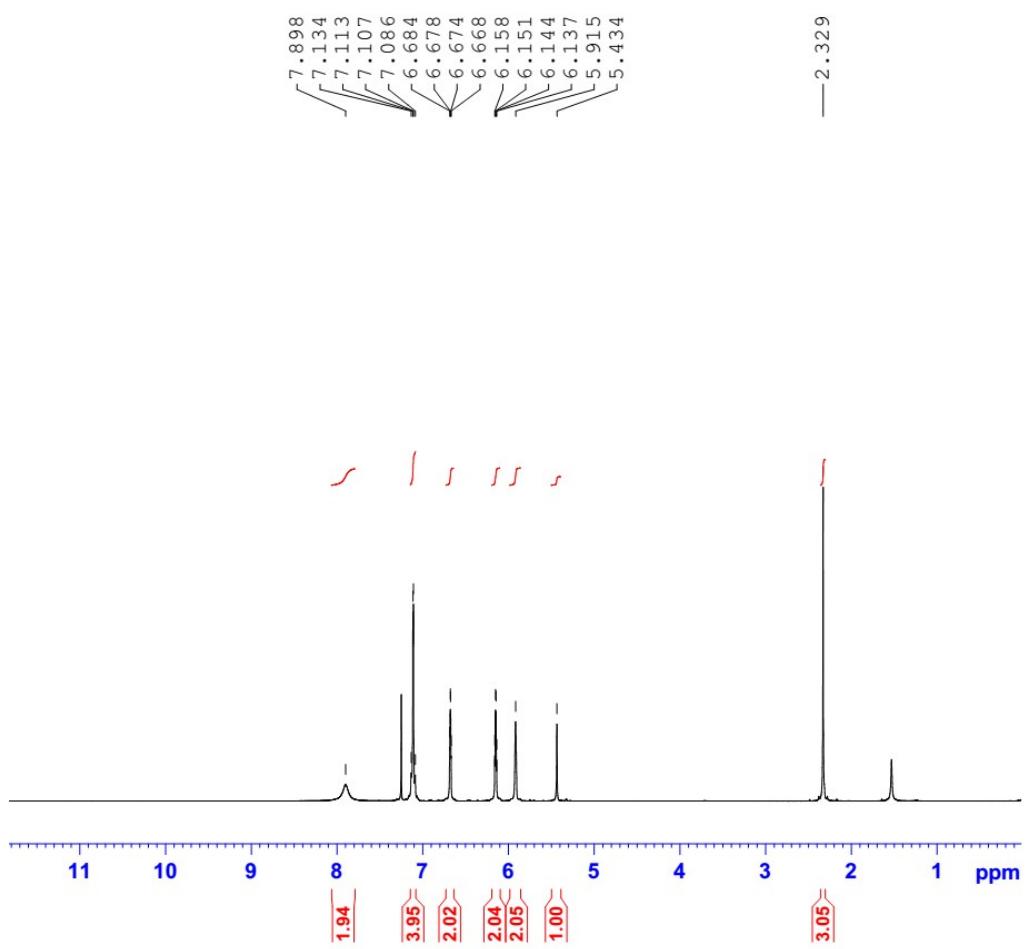
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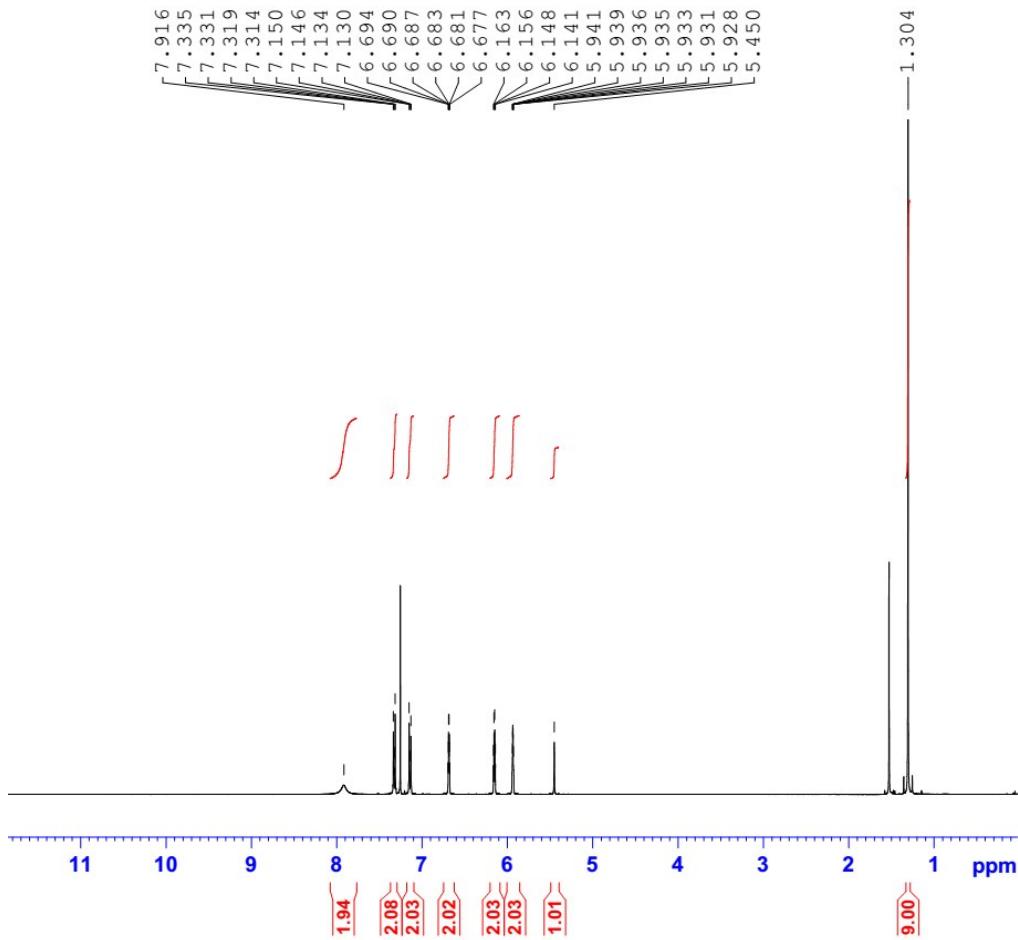
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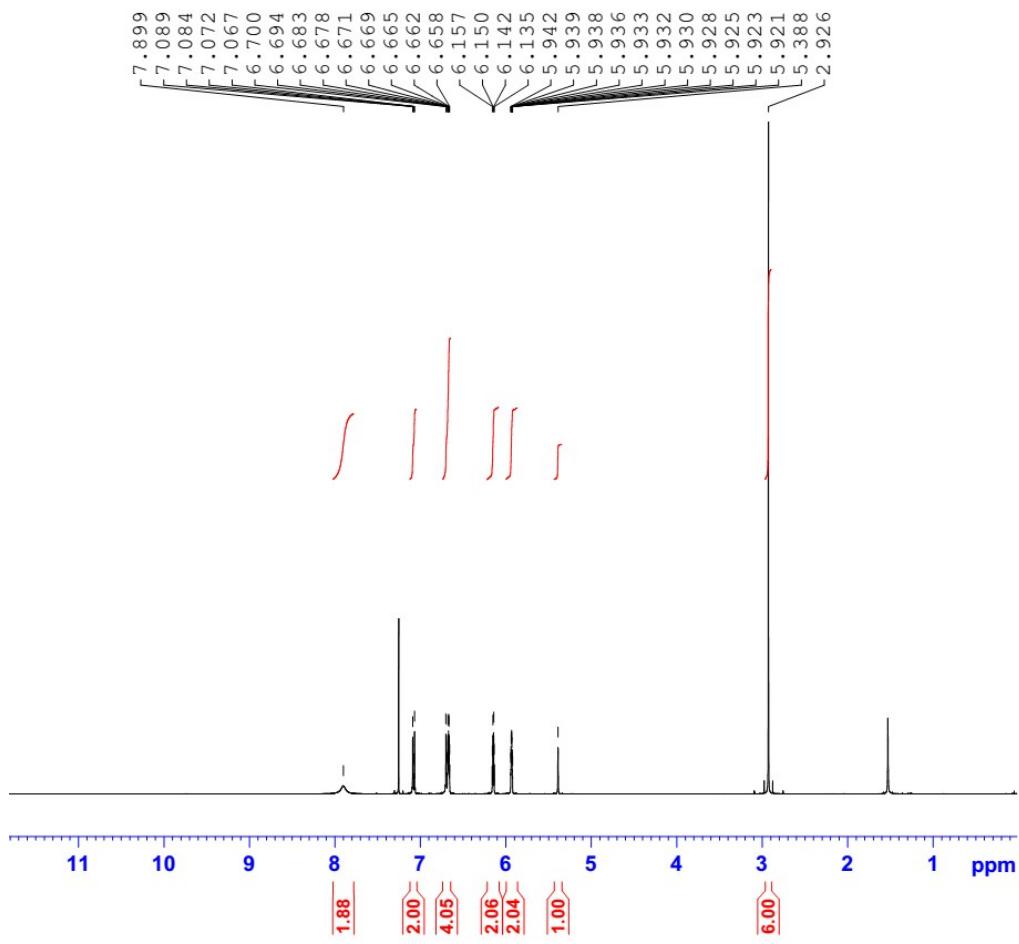
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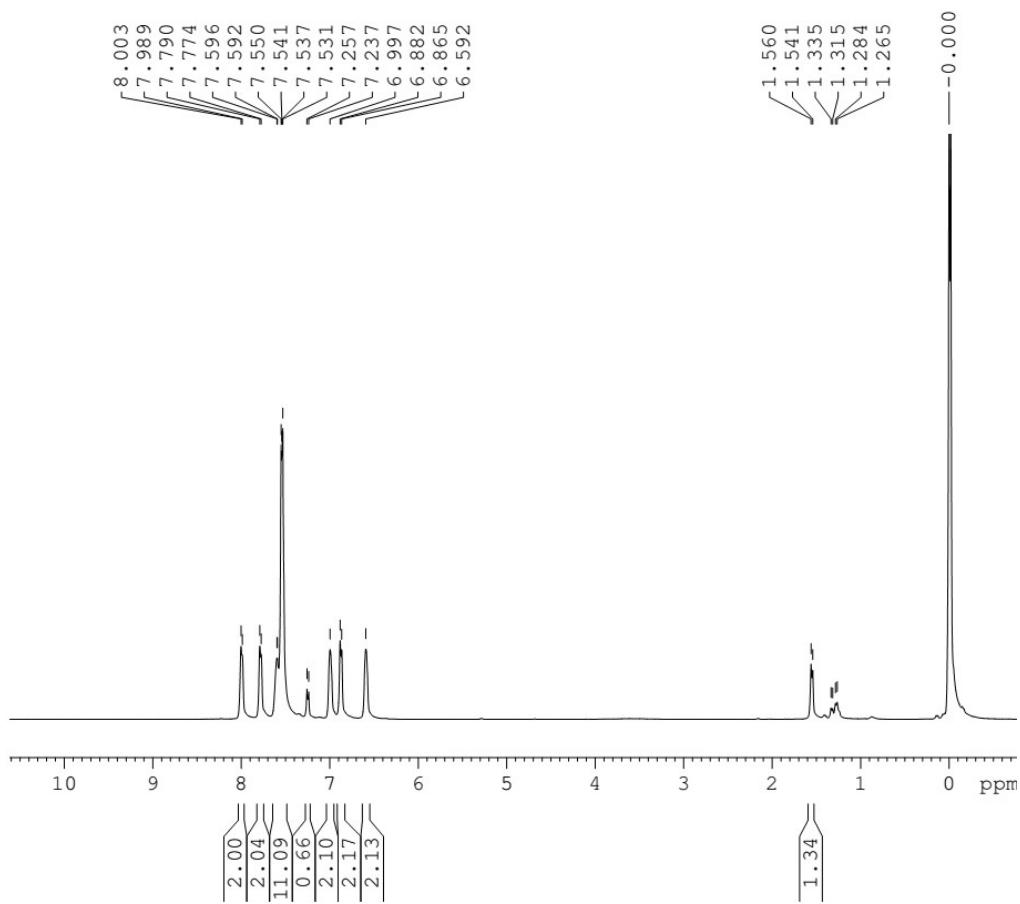
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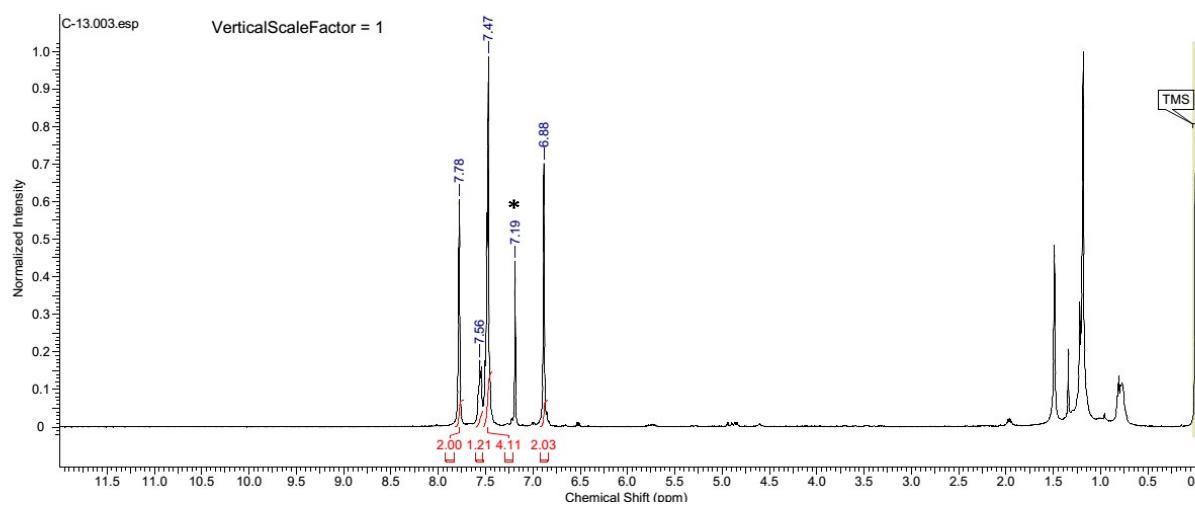
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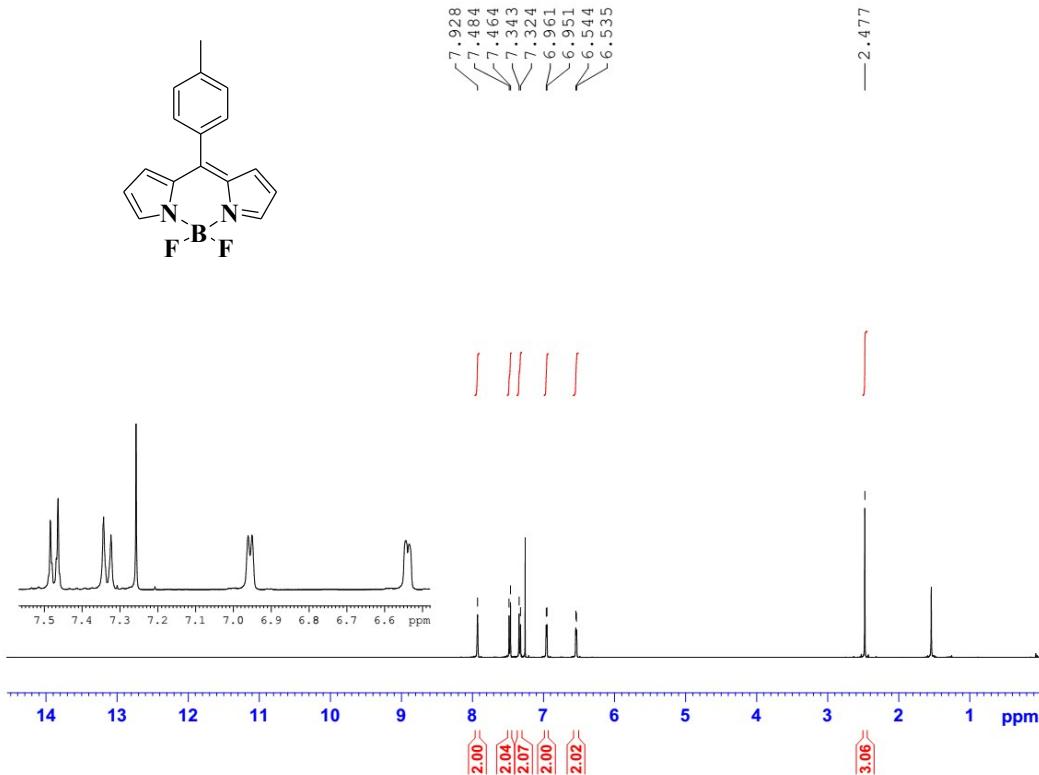
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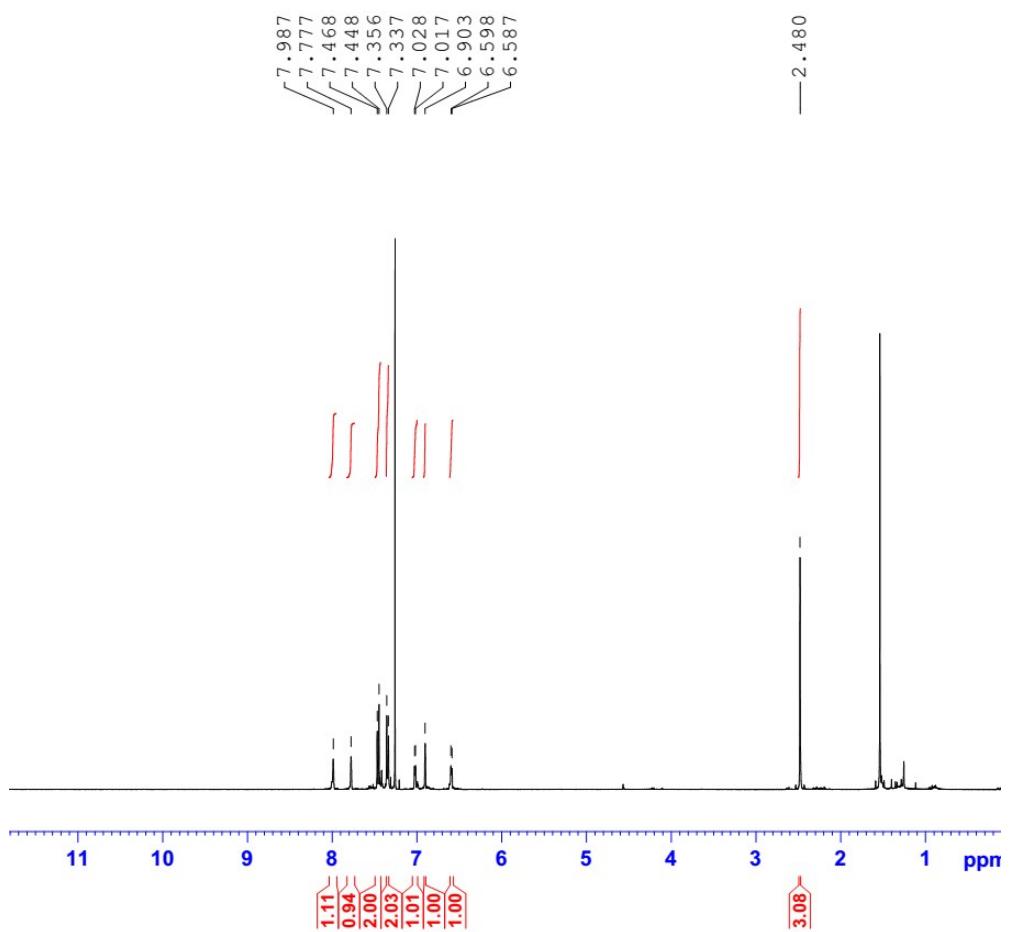
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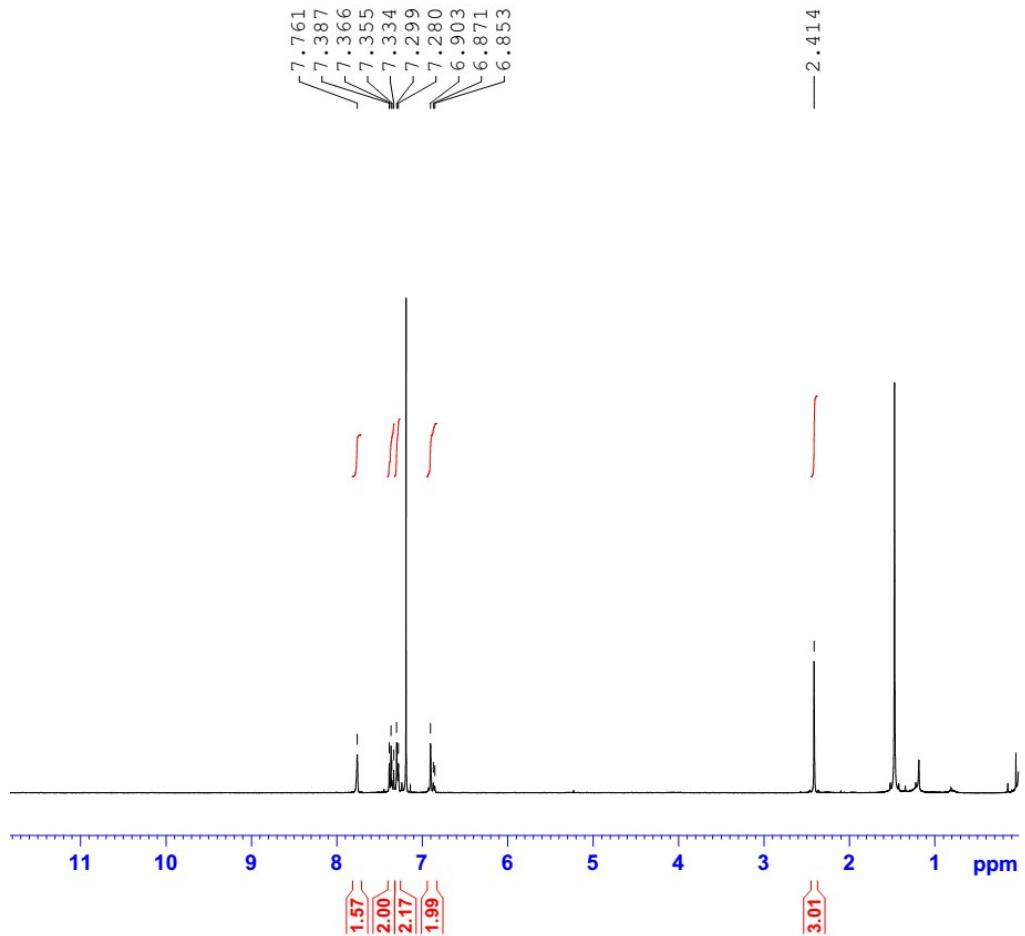
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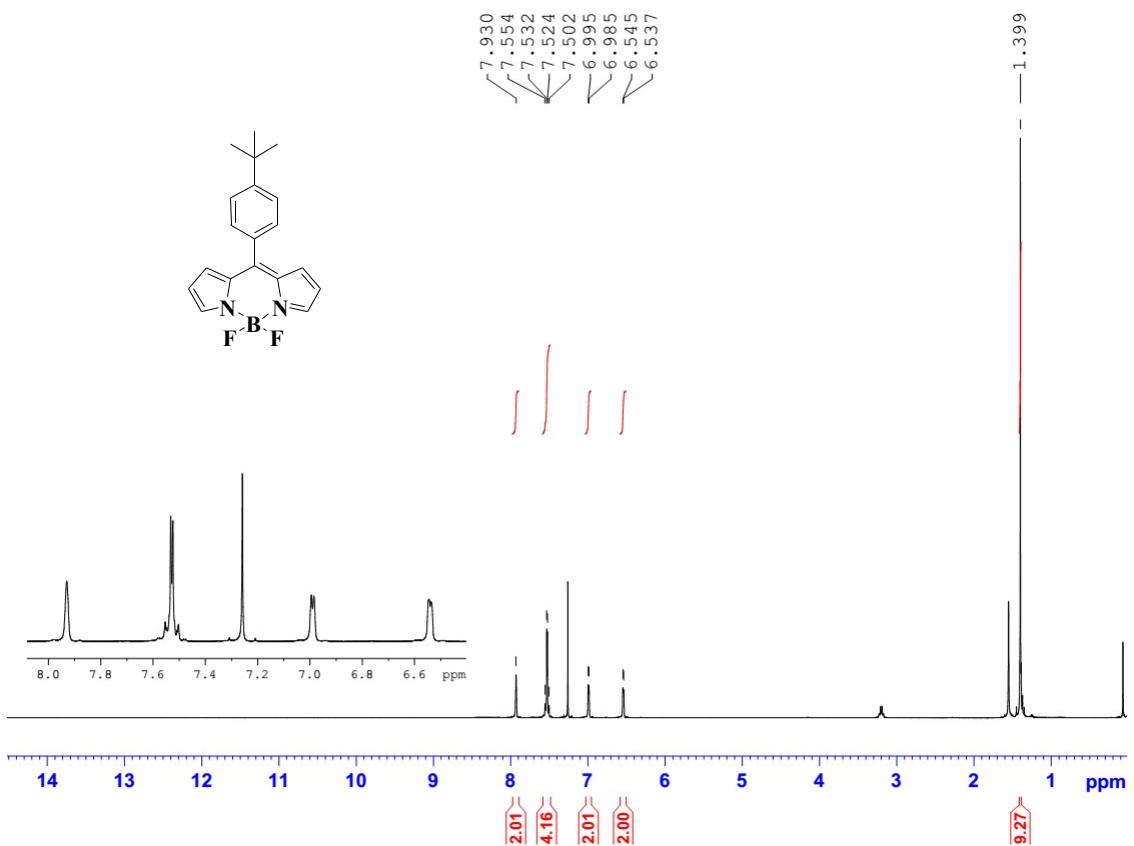
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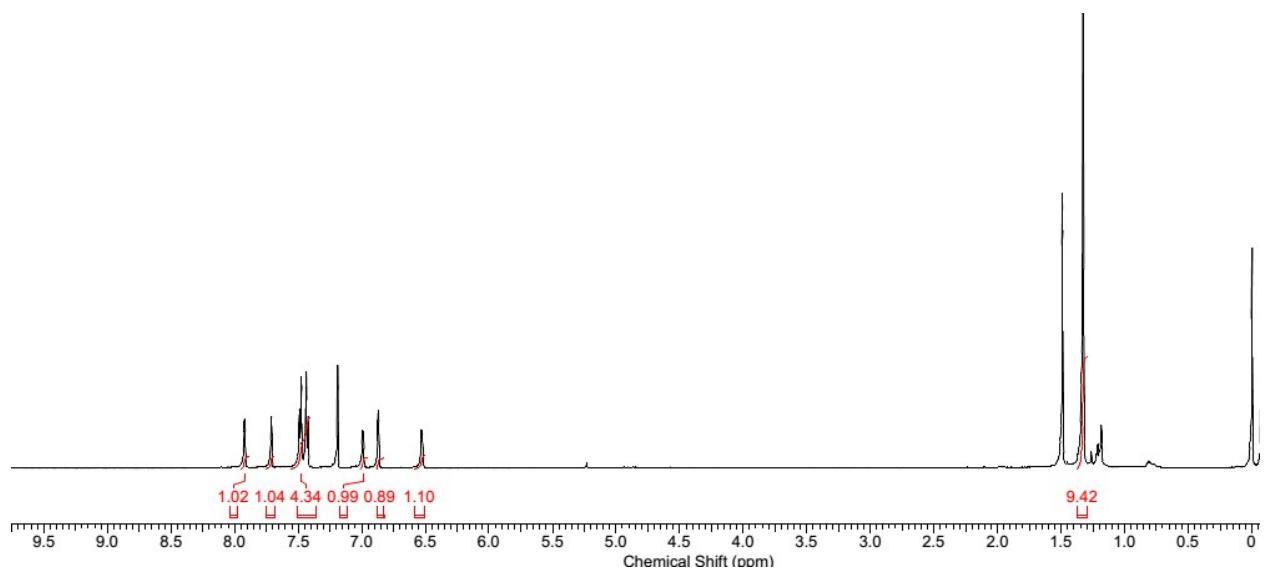
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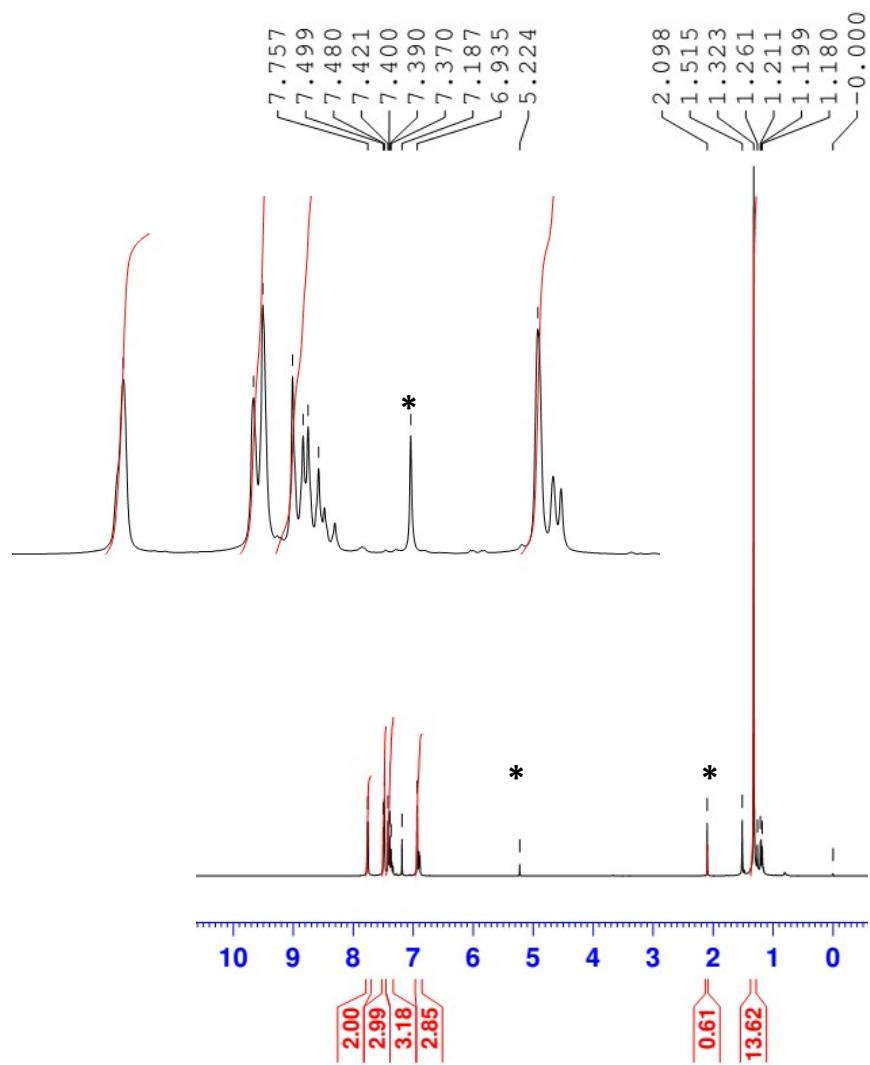
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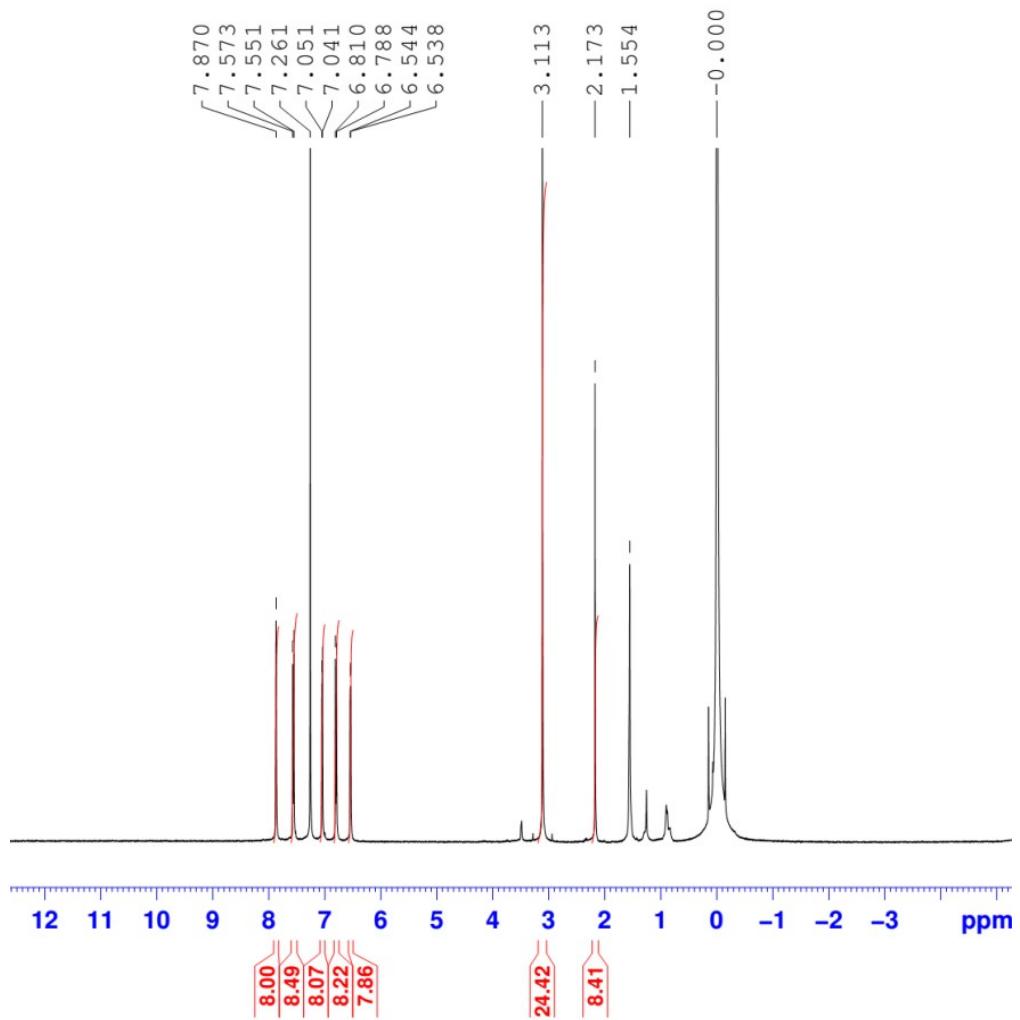
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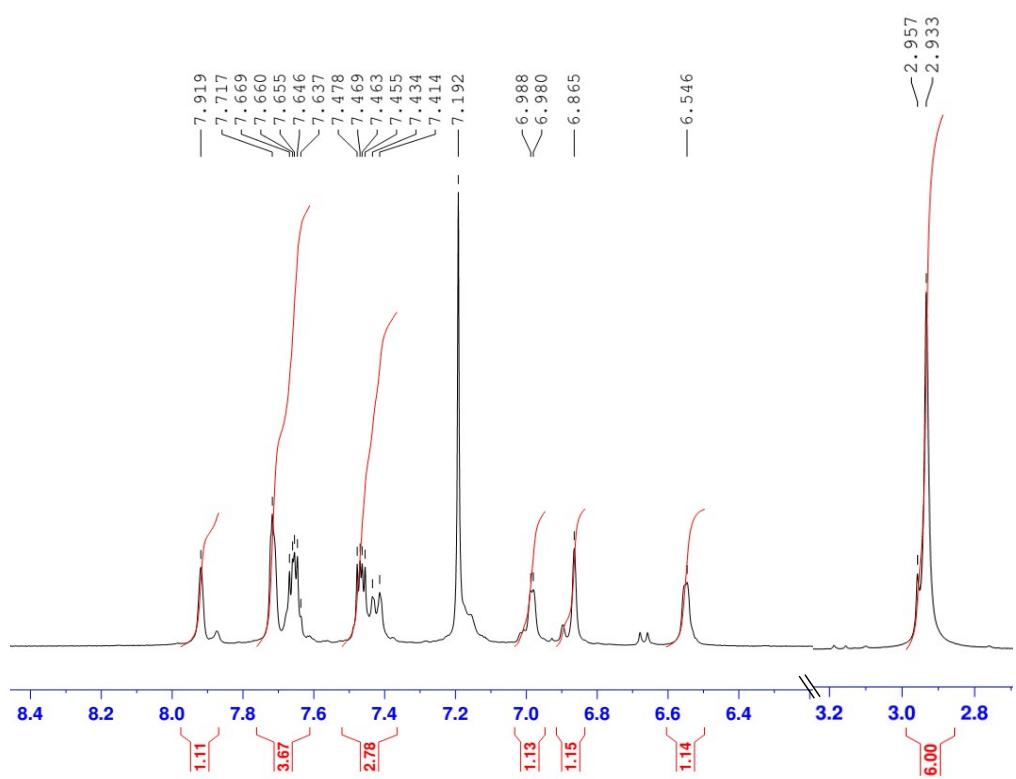
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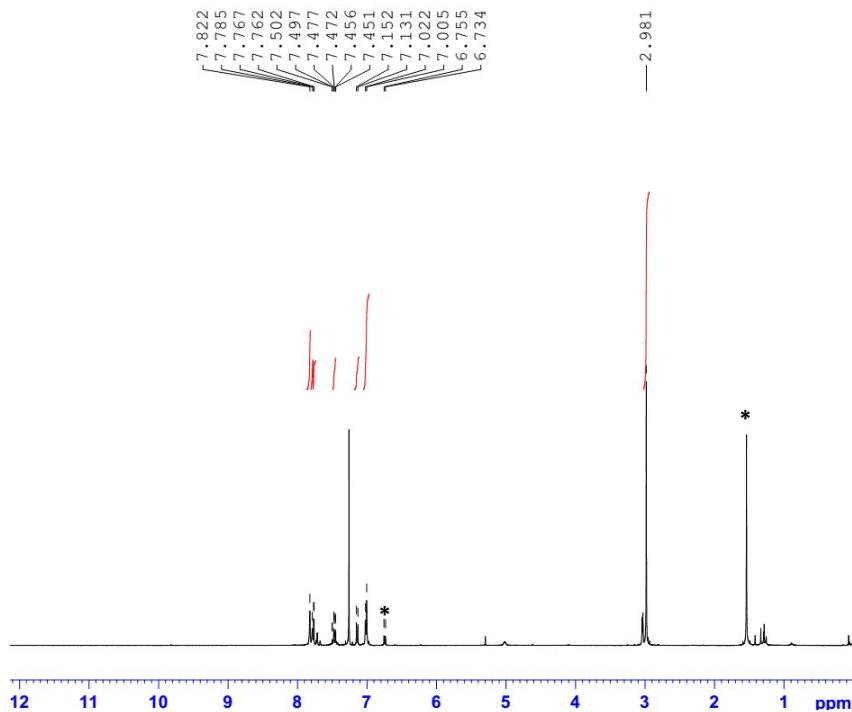
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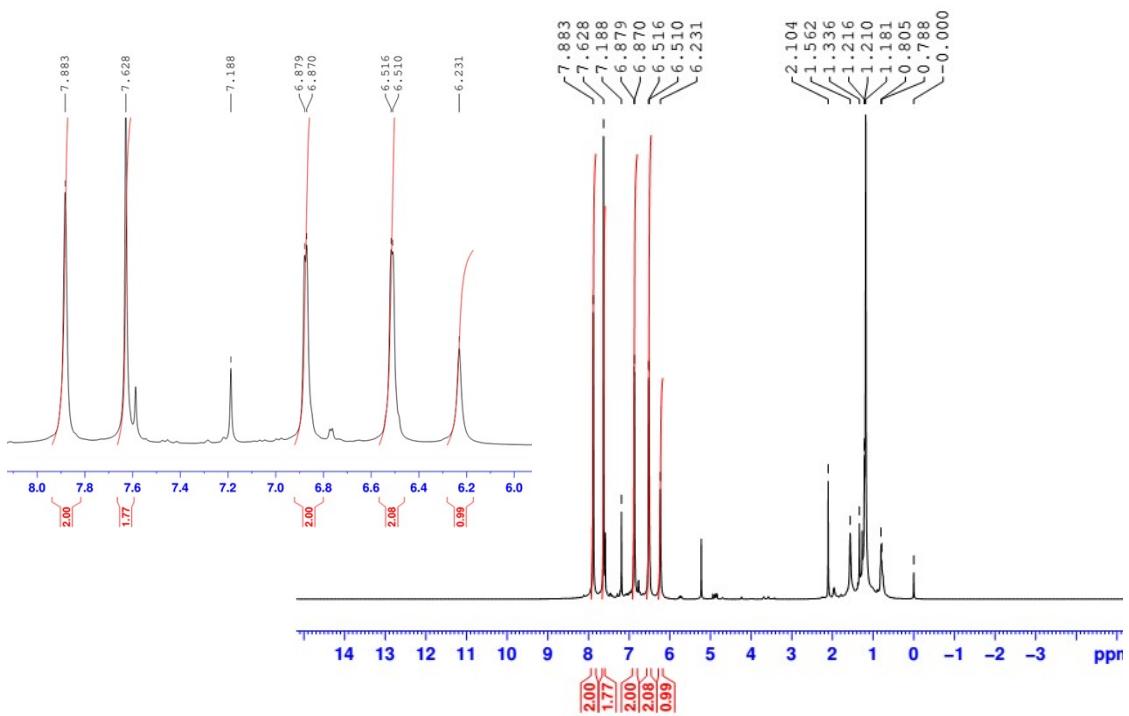
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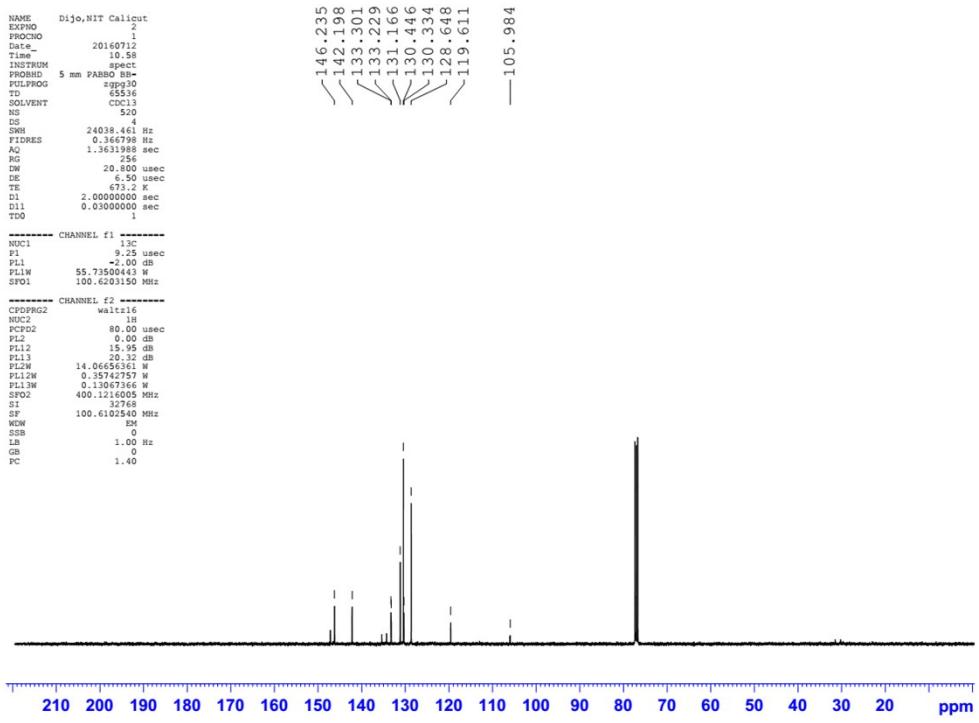
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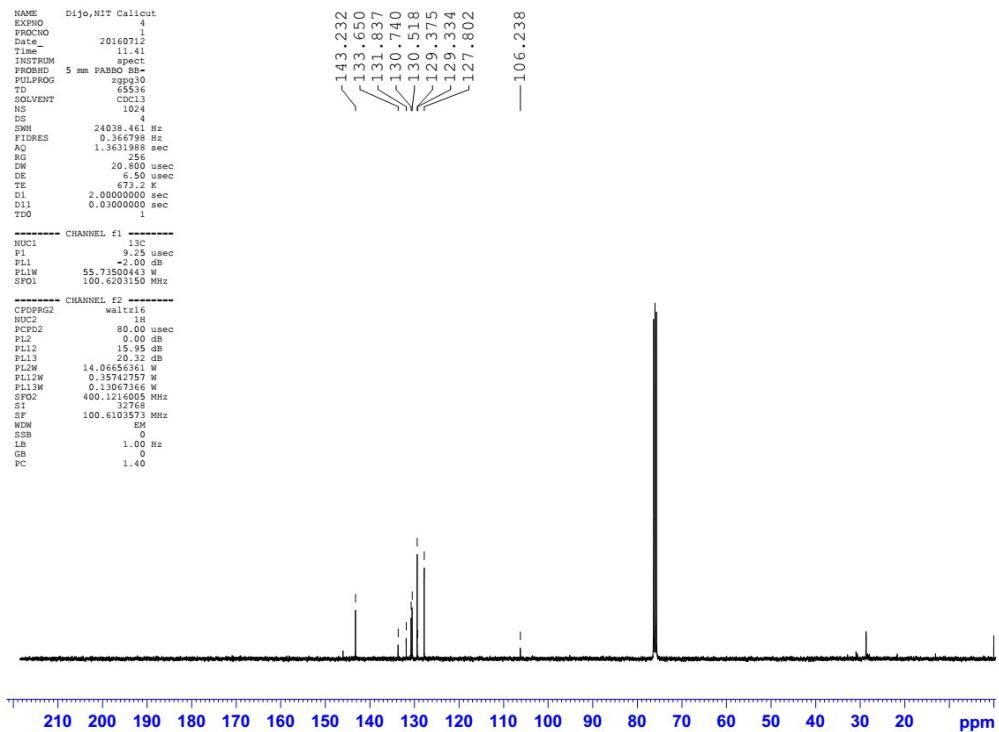
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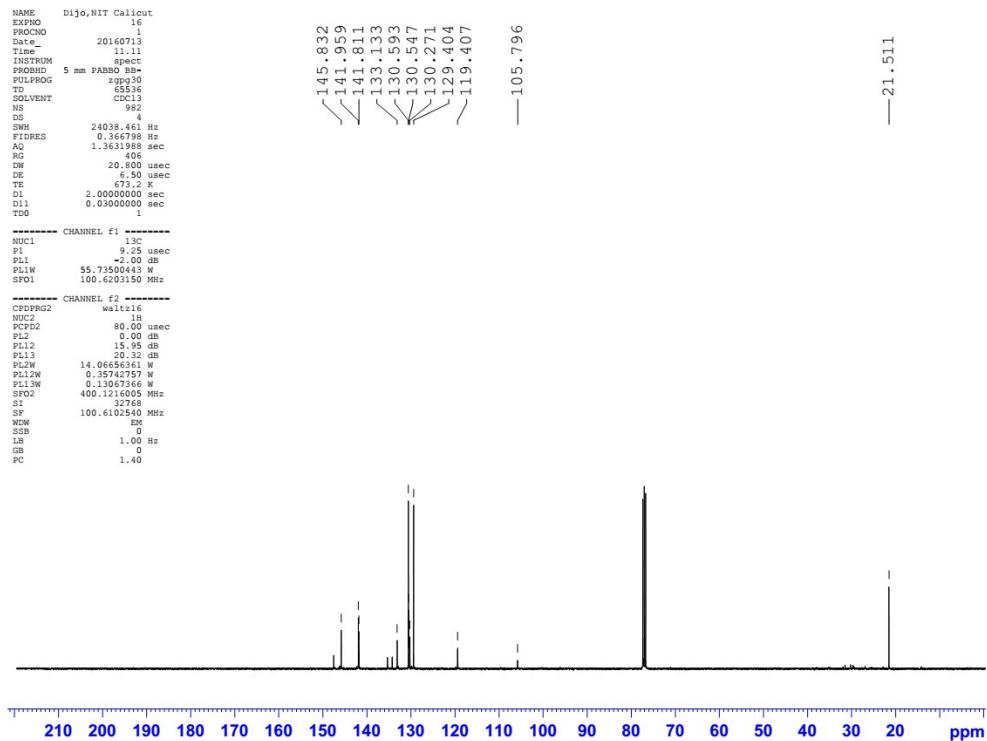
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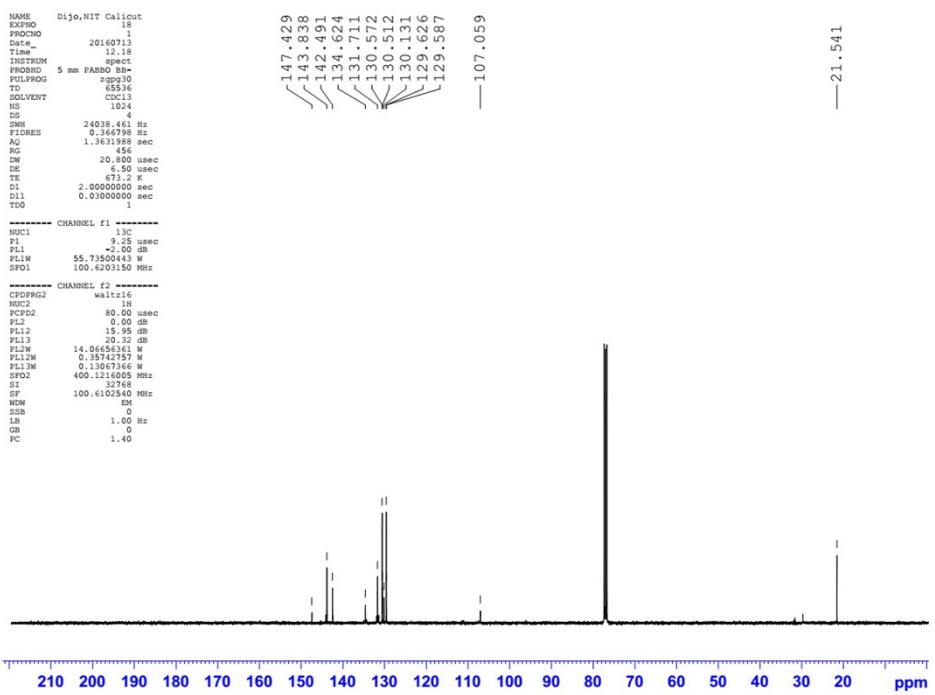
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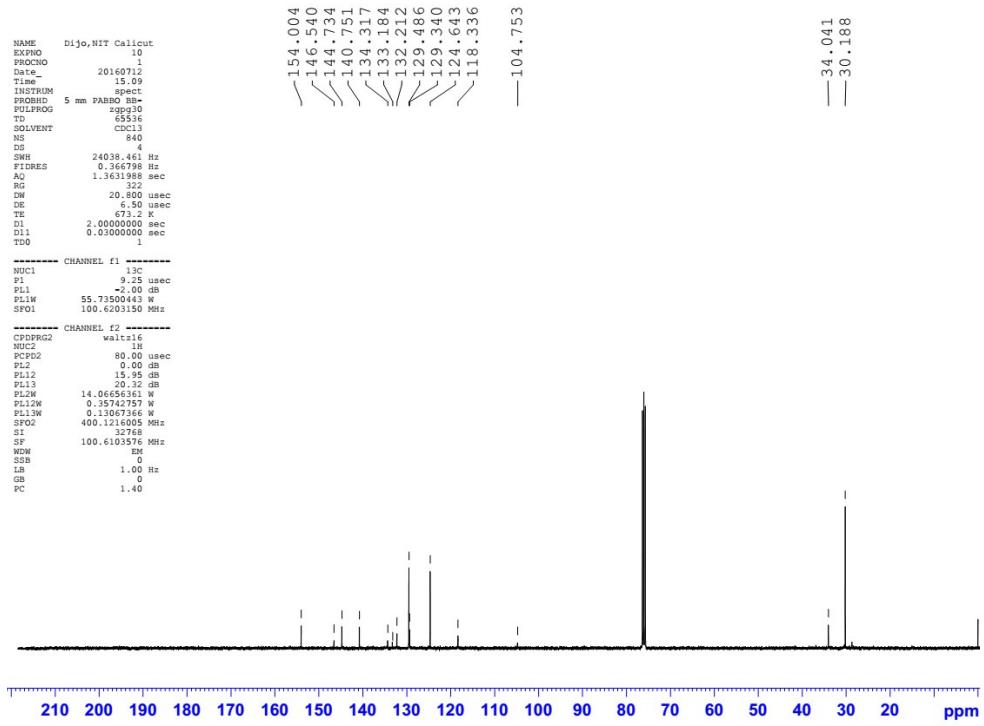
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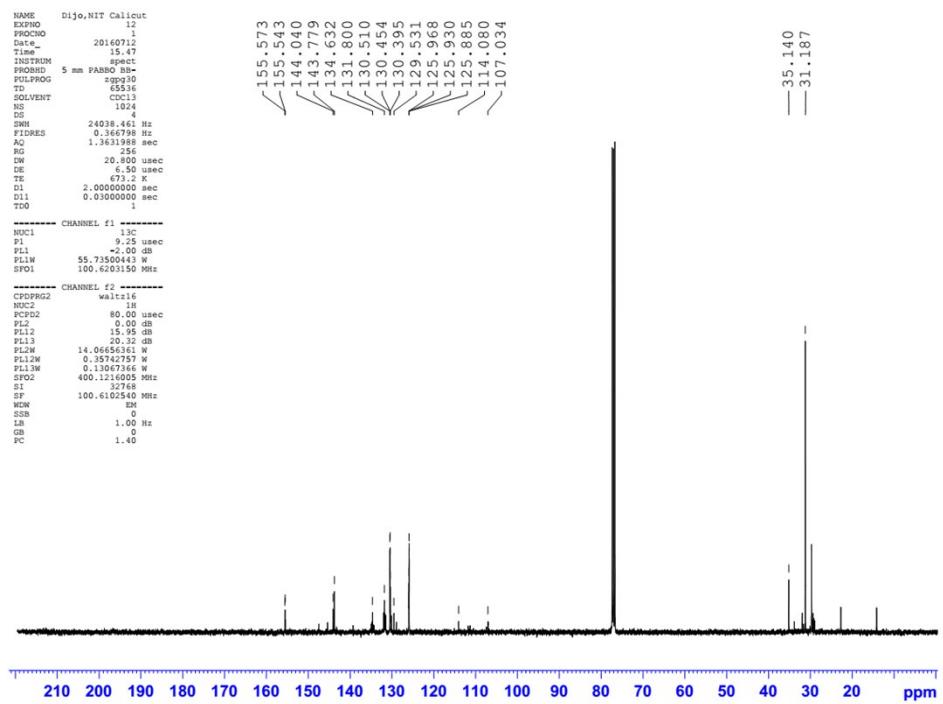
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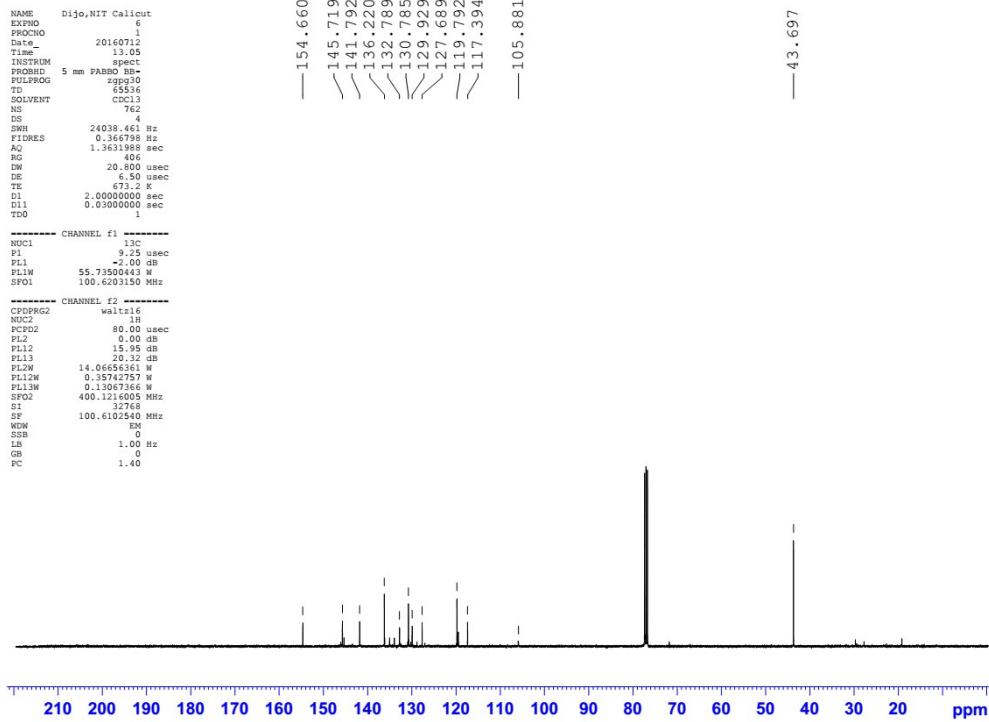
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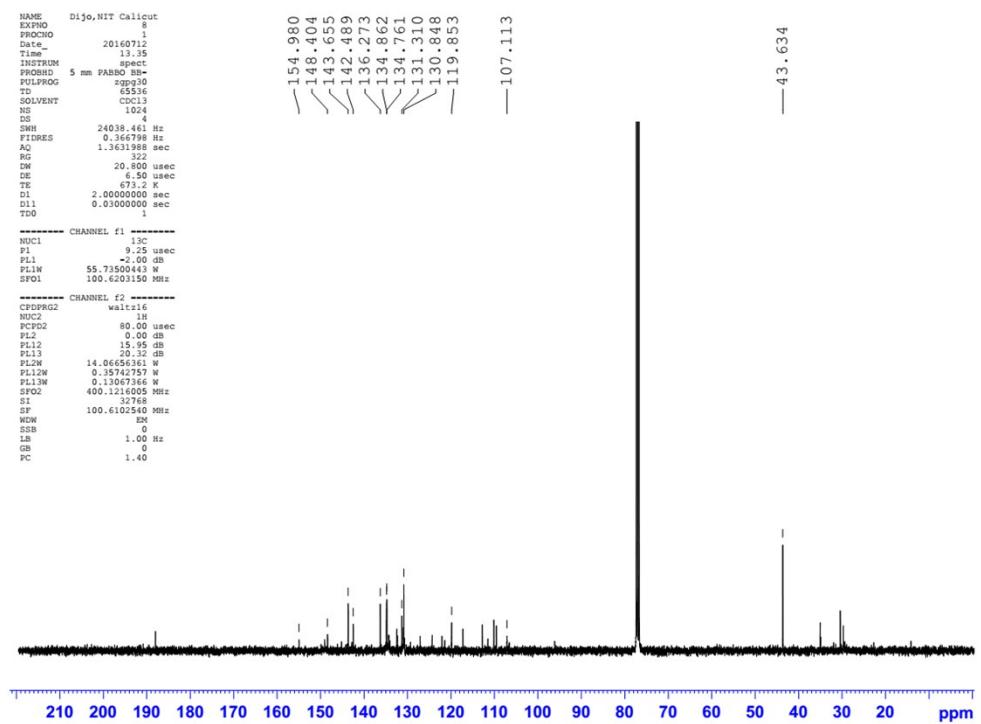
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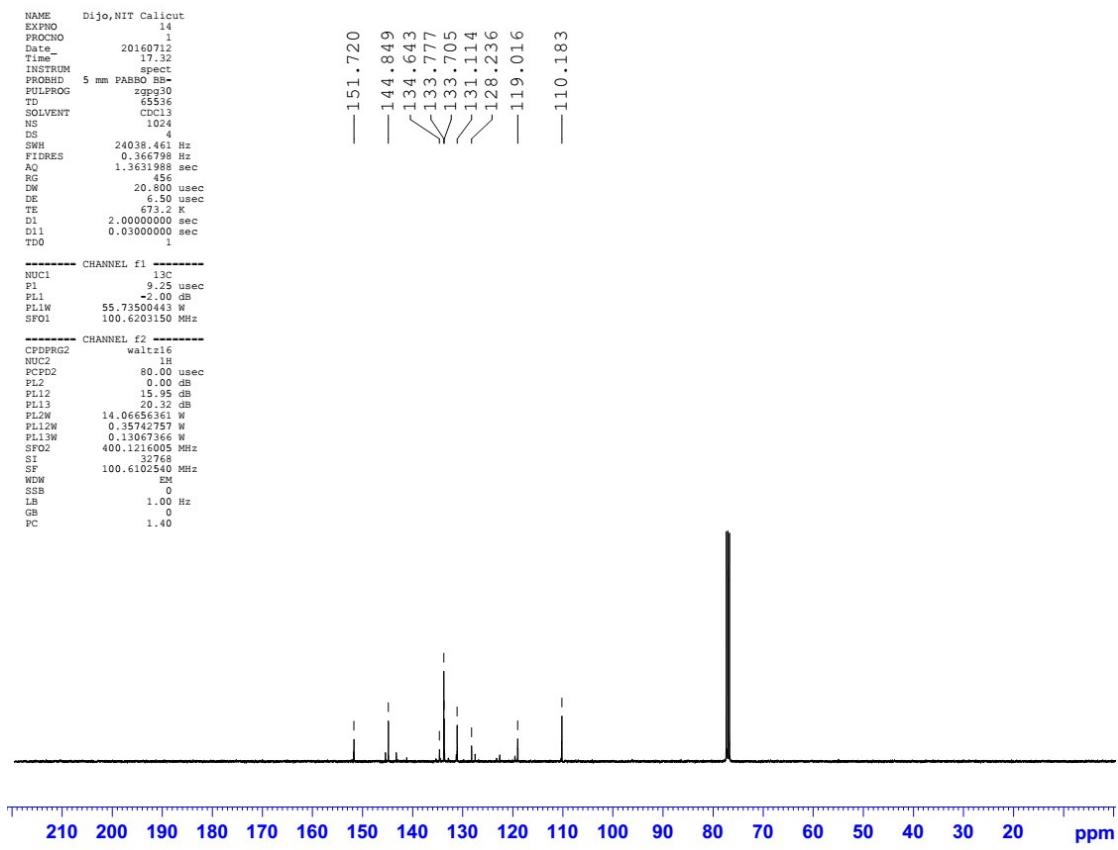
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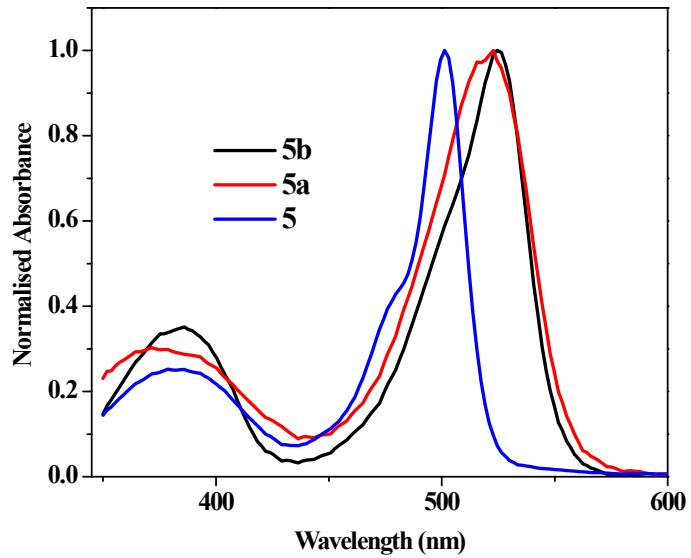
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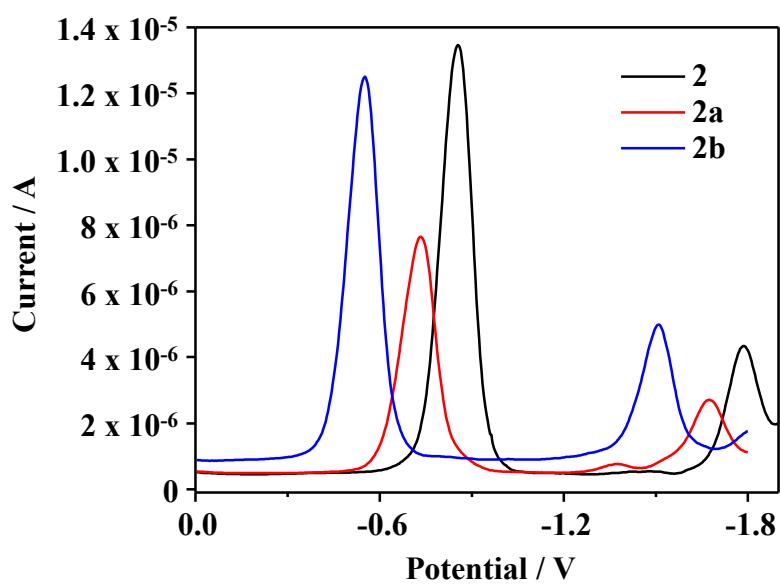
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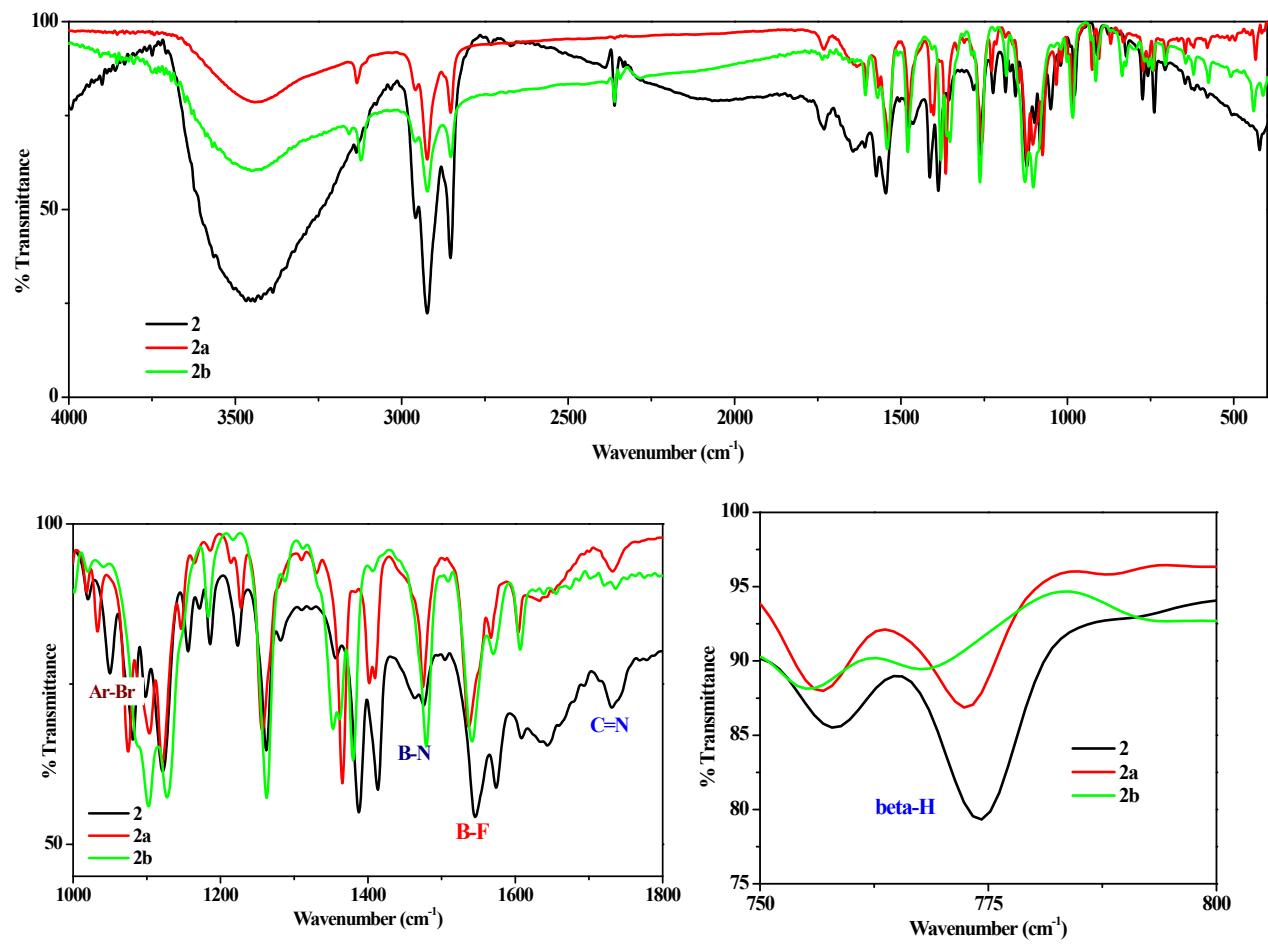
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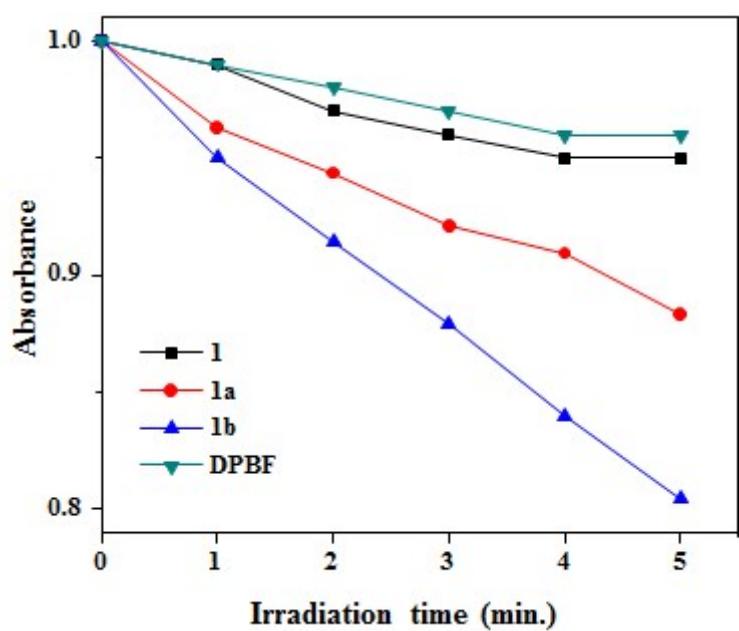
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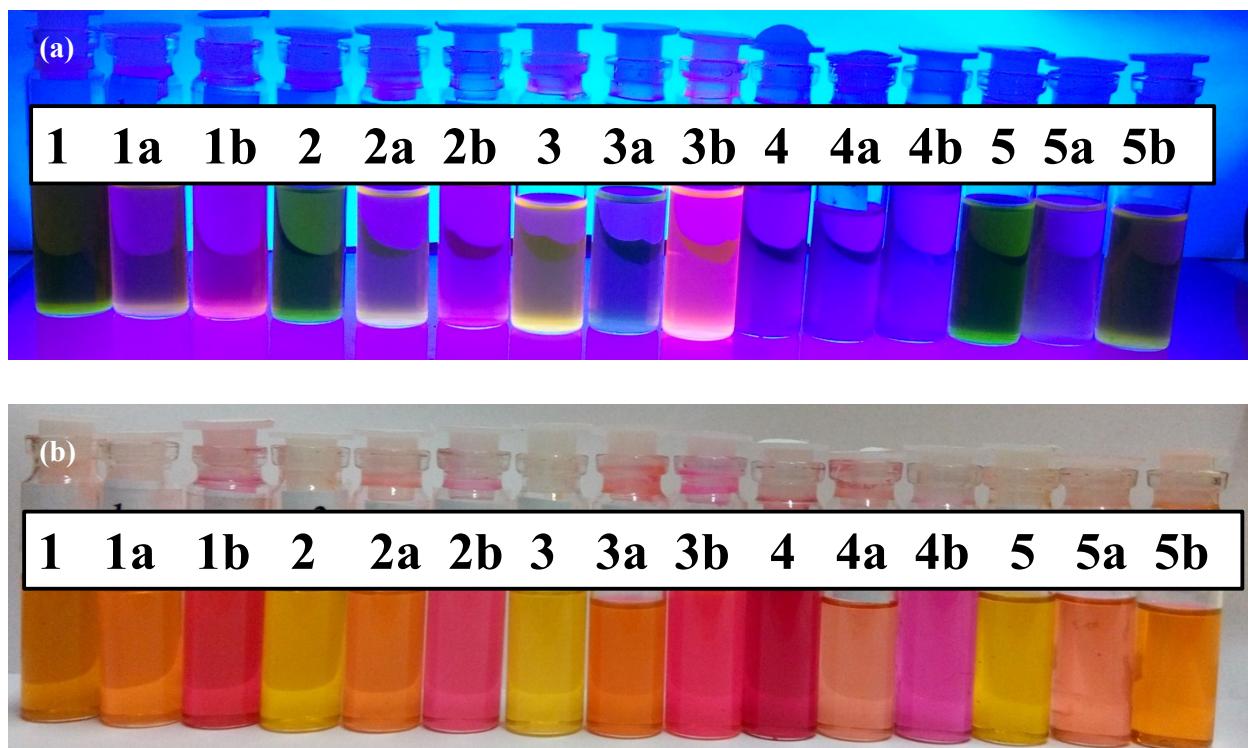
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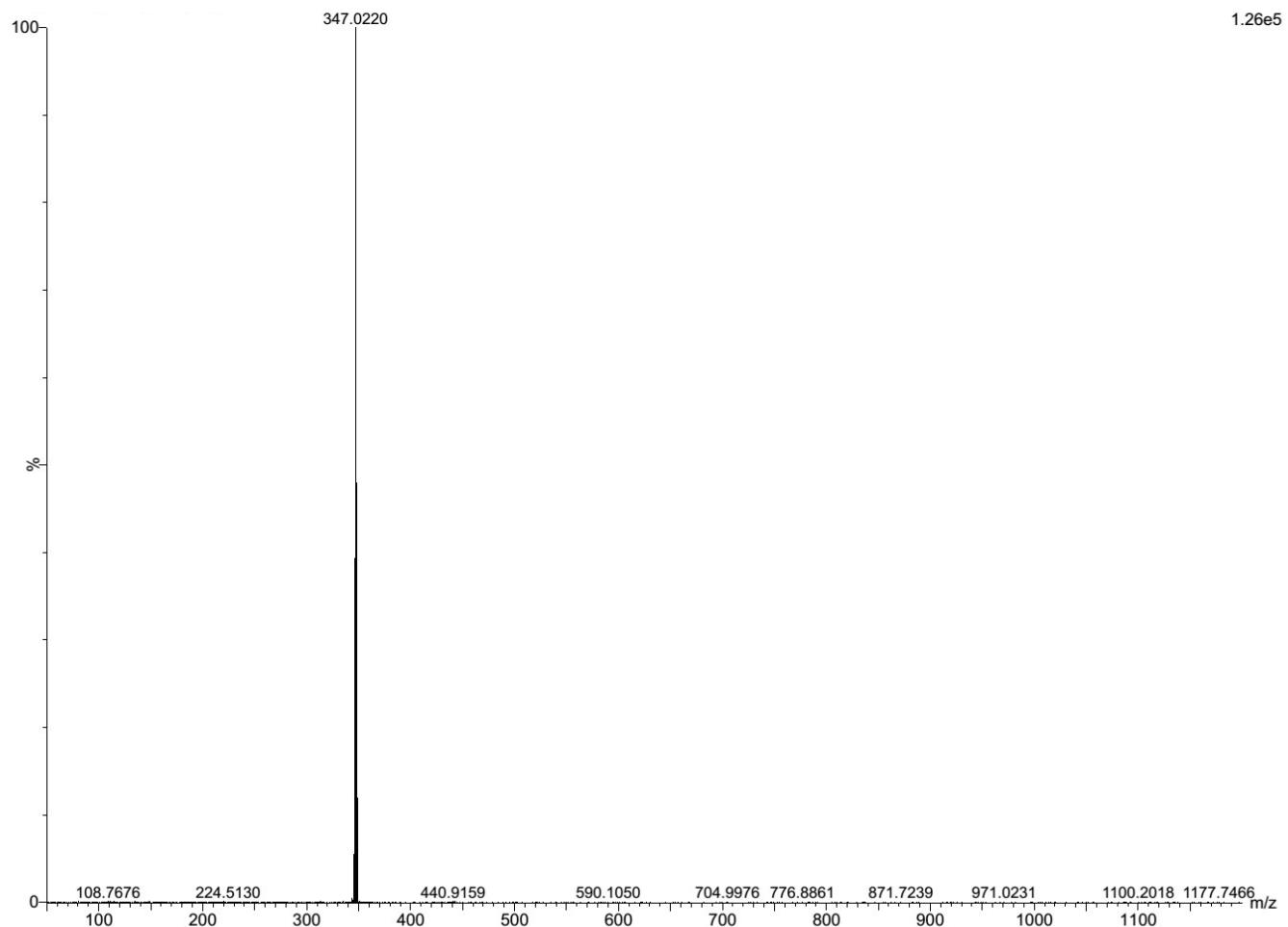
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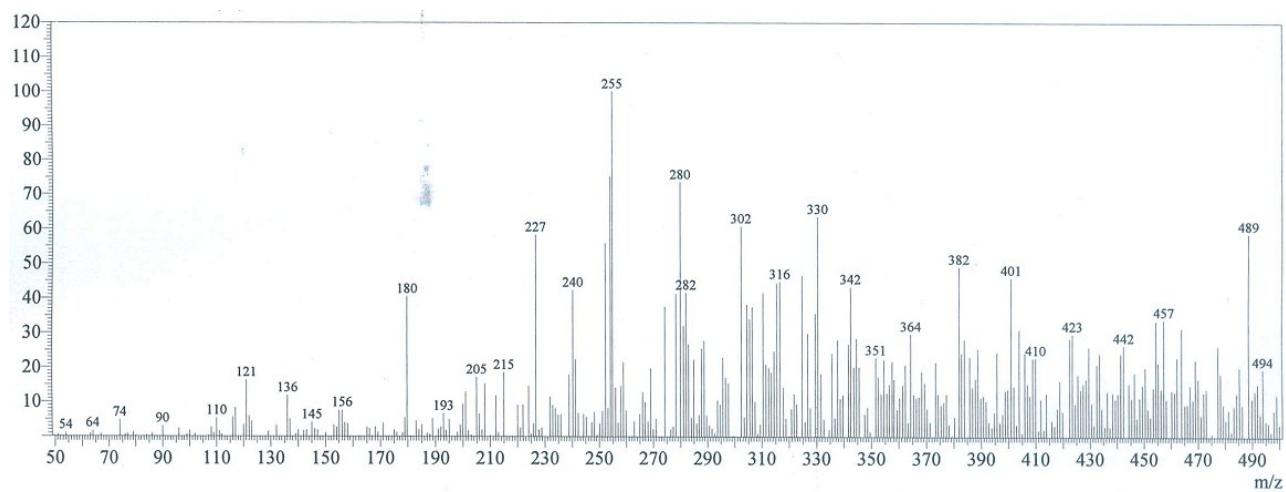
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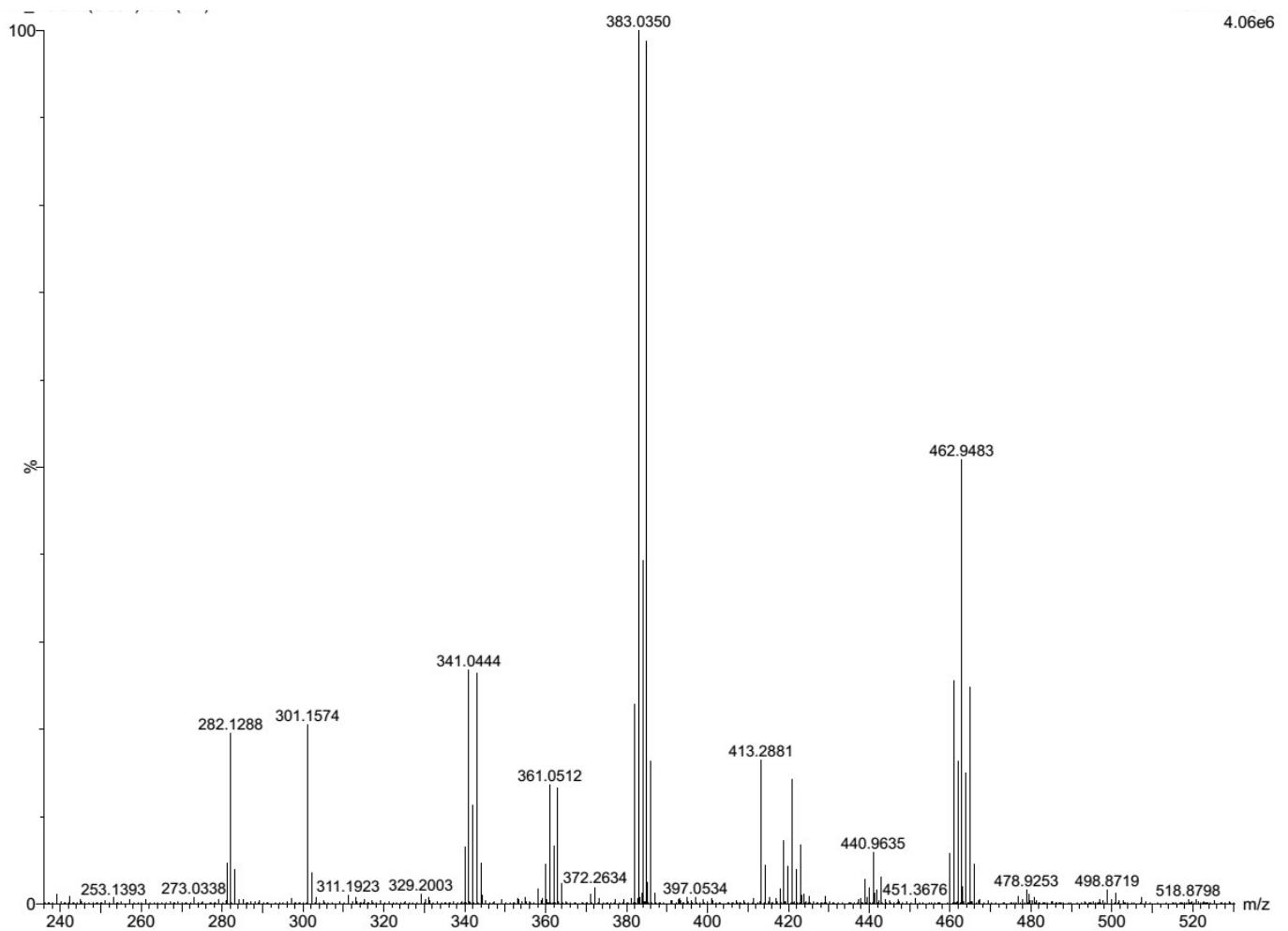
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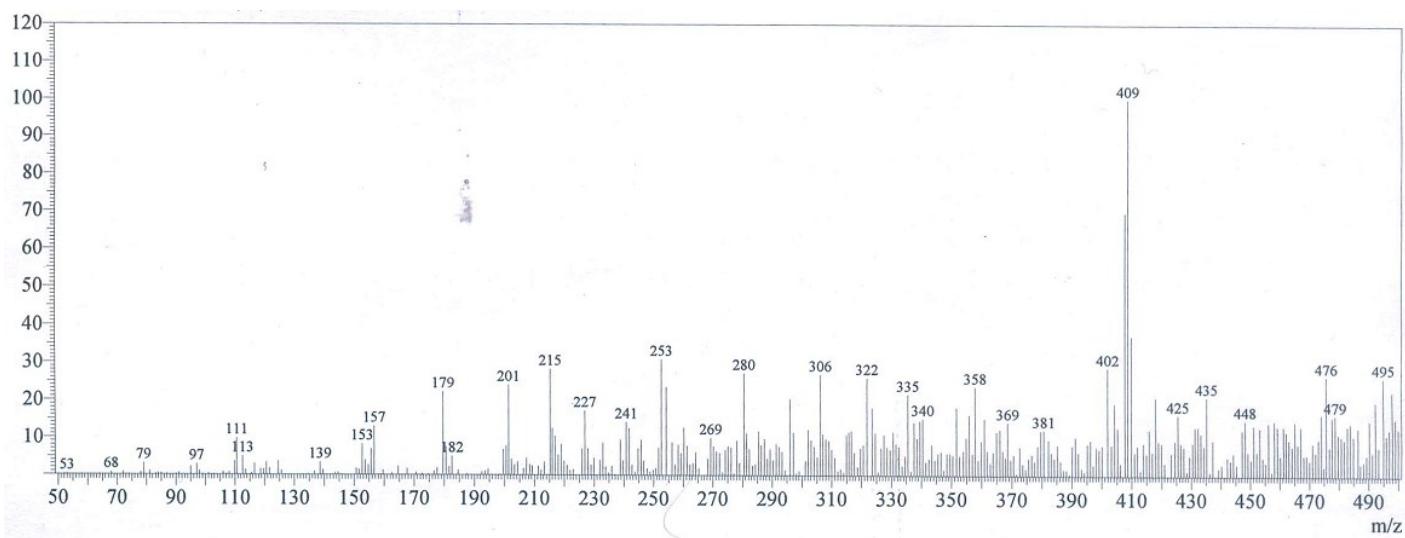
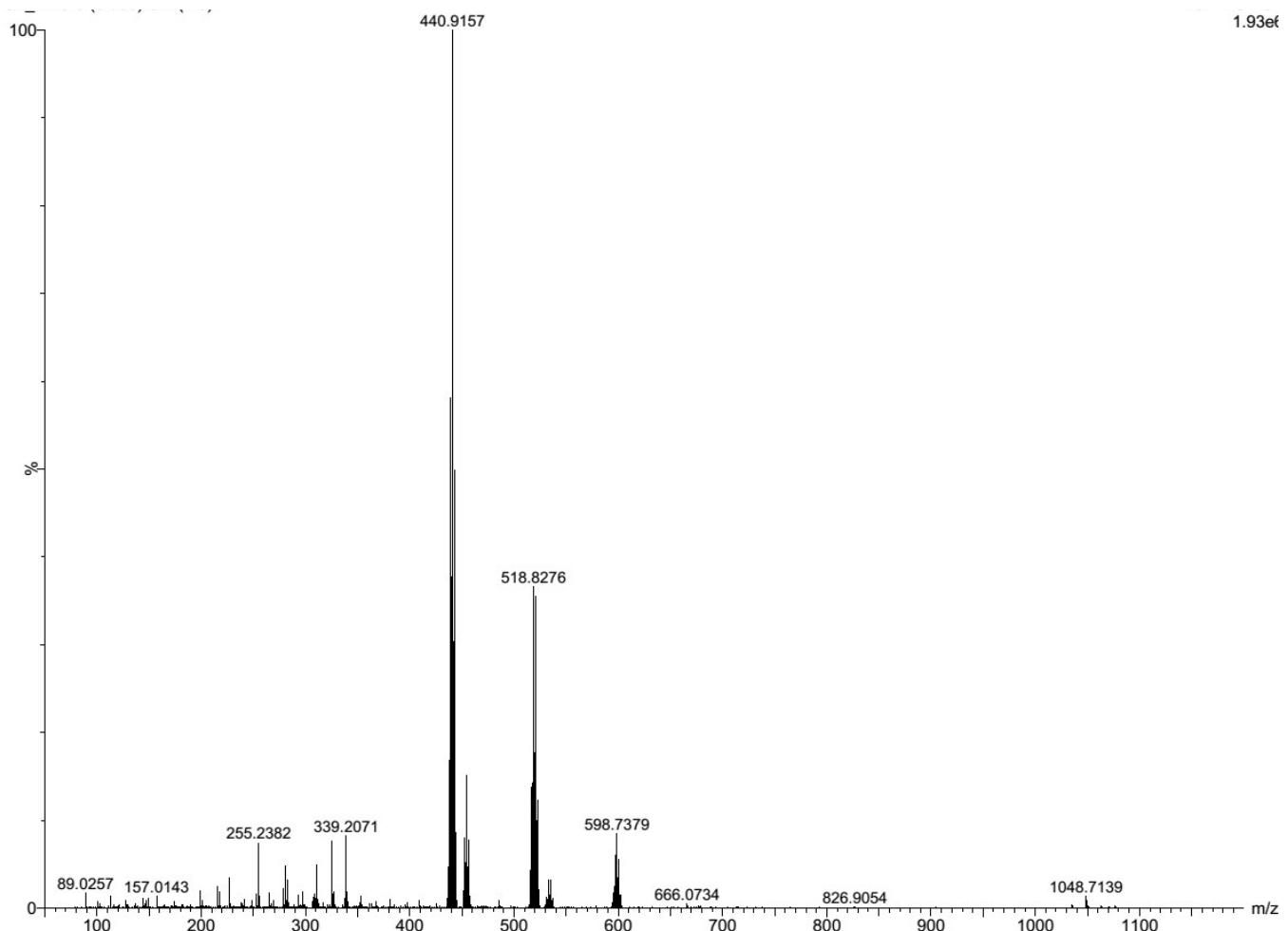
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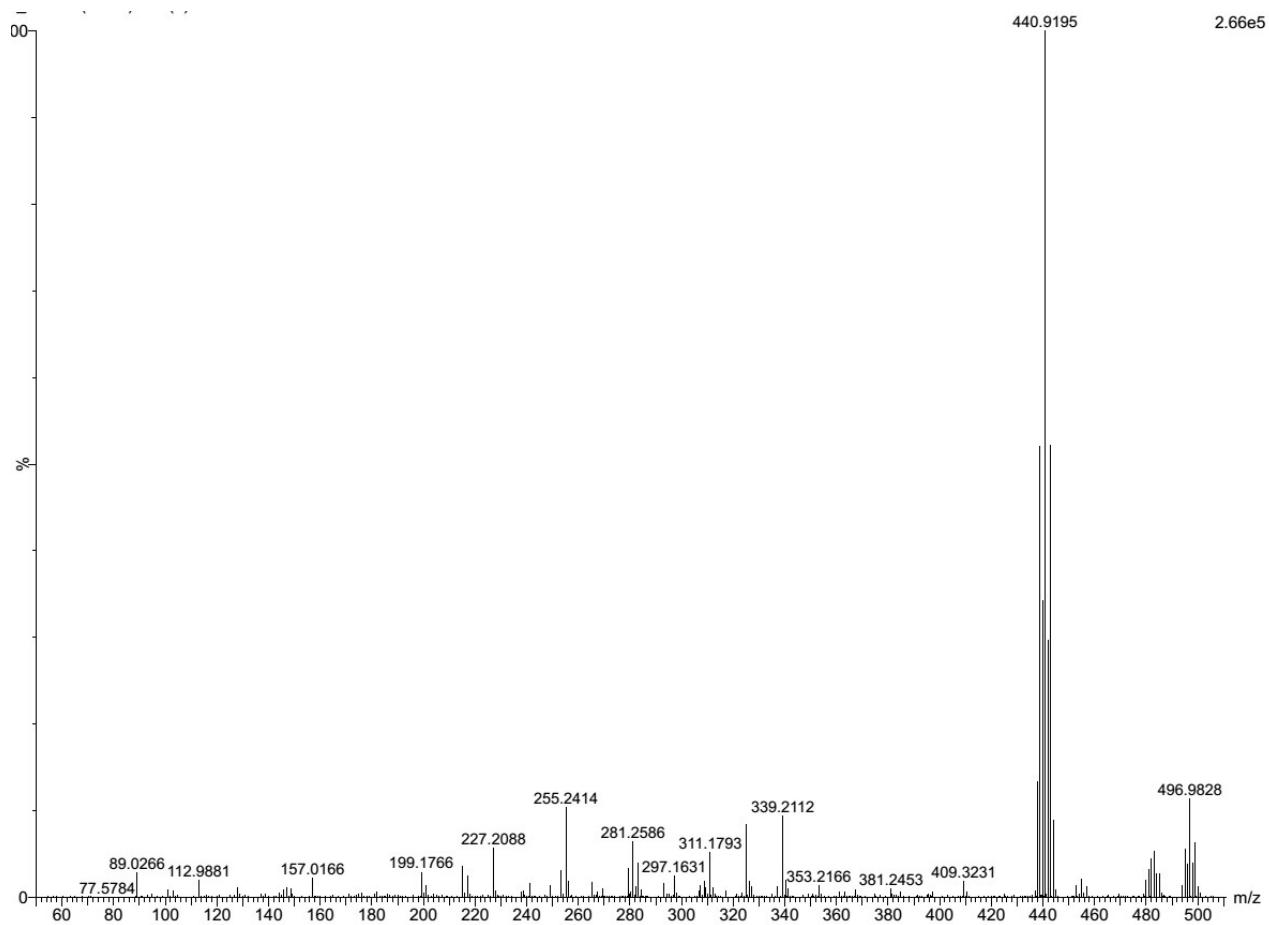


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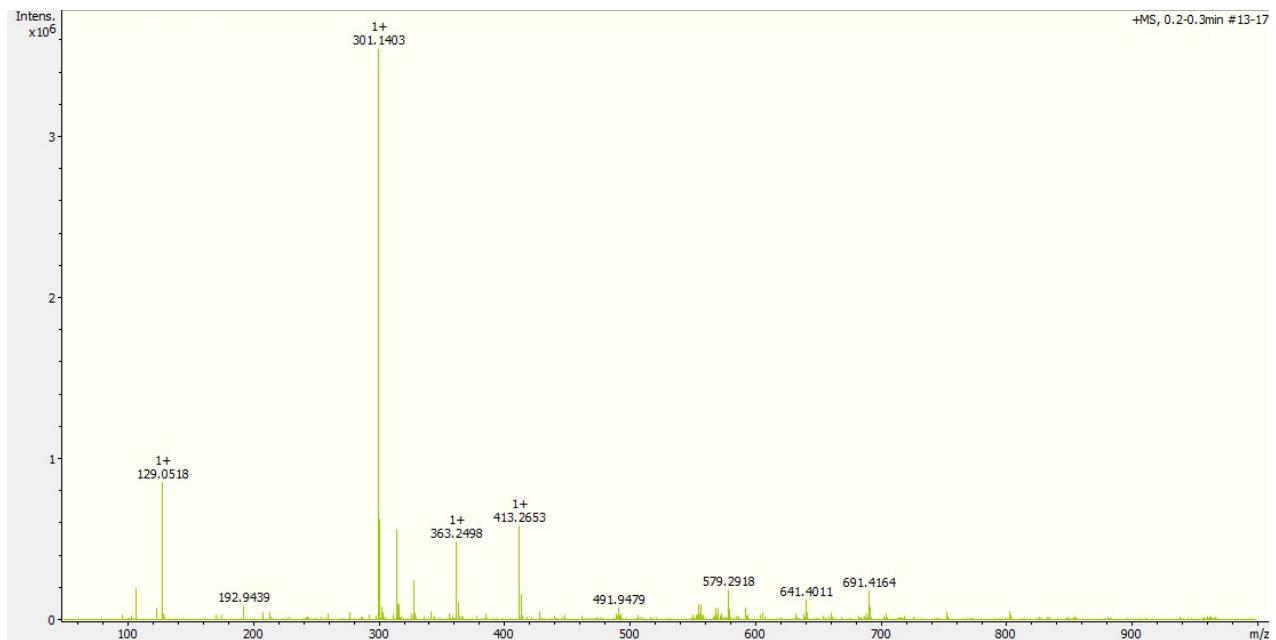


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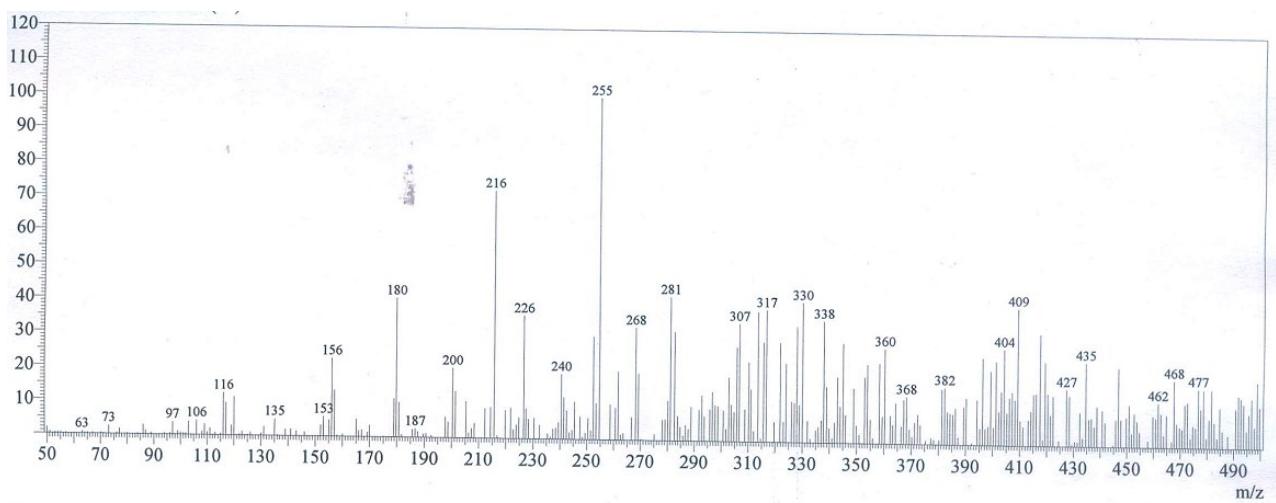




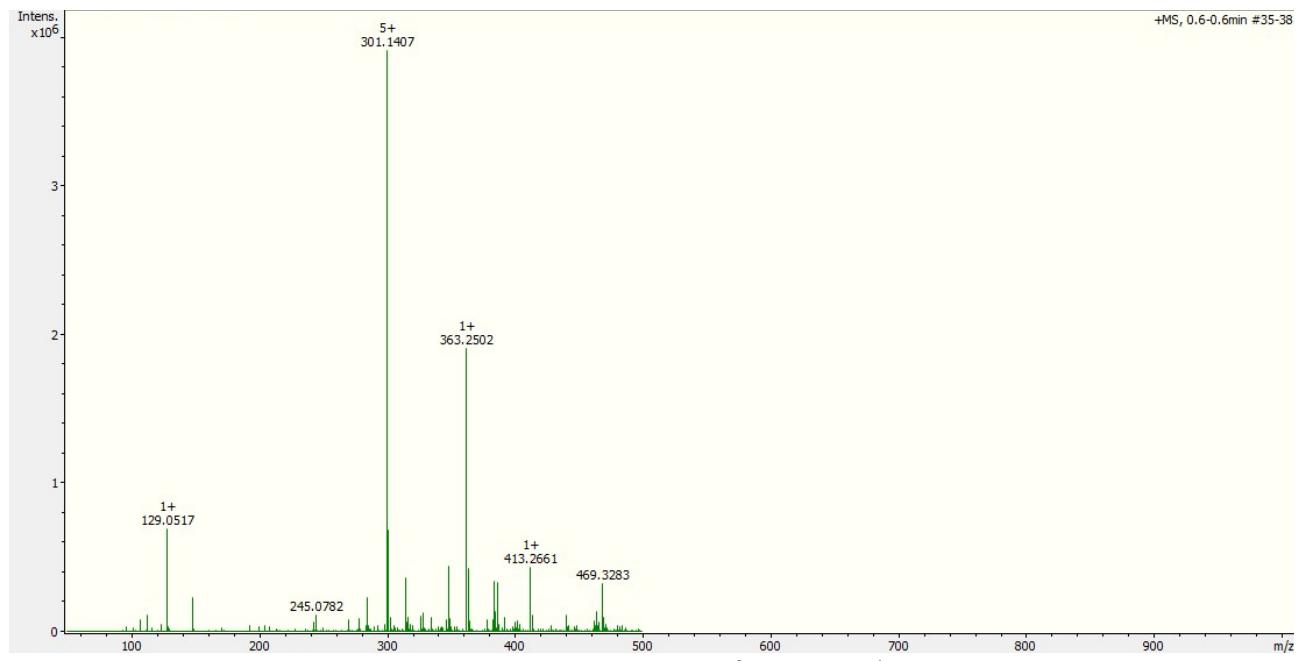
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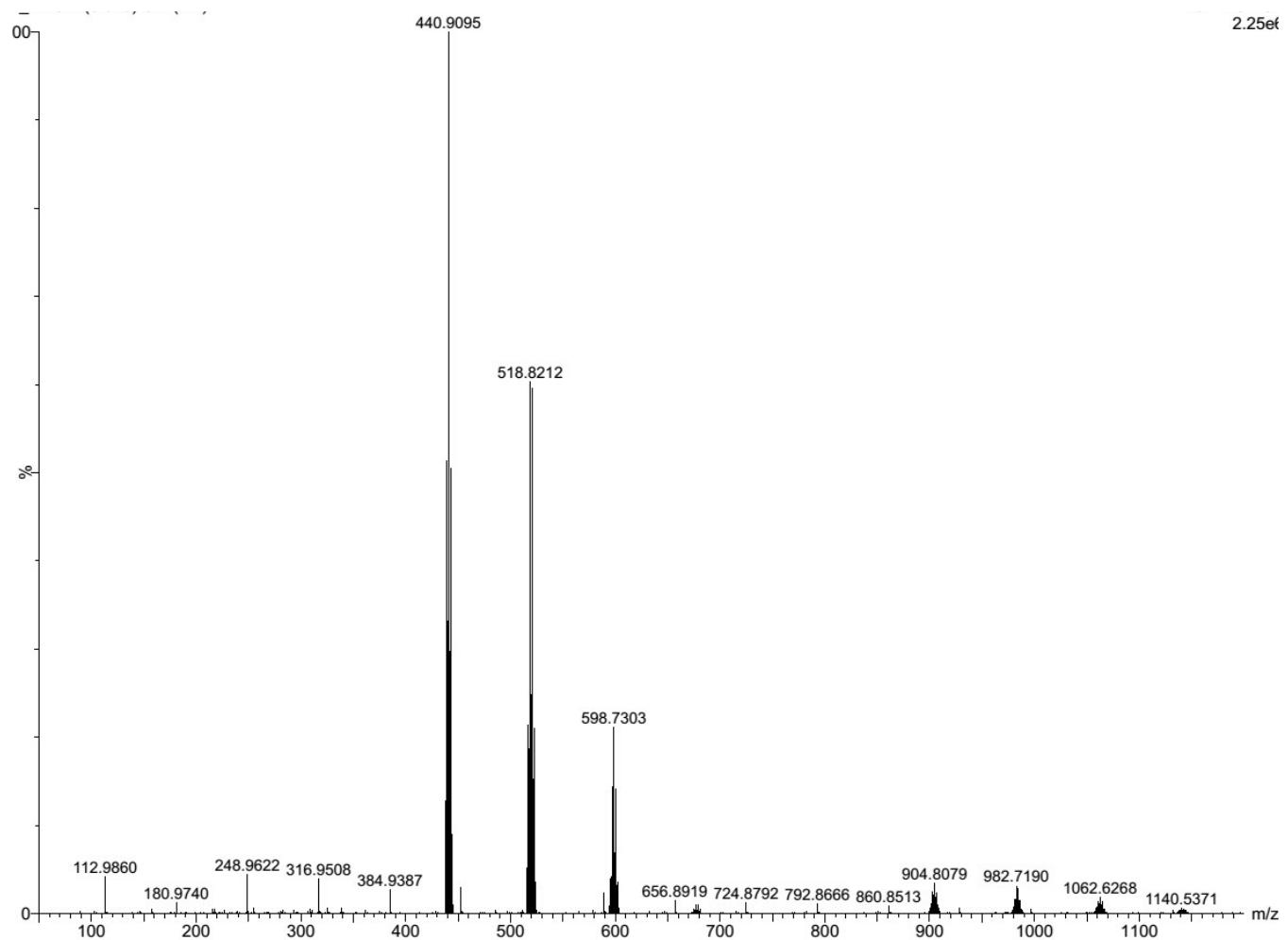
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**Figure S38.** Mass spectrum of compound **5a**



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**Table S1.**Solvatochromic data for compounds, **1-5**.

Compound	Solvent	$\lambda_{\text{max}}(\text{n m})$	$\lambda_{\text{em}}(\text{n m})$	Stokes shift, $\Delta_{\text{max}}(\text{cm}^{-1})$	Compound	Solvent	$\lambda_{\text{max}}(\text{n m})$	$\lambda_{\text{em}}(\text{n m})$	Stokes shift, $\Delta_{\text{max}}(\text{cm}^{-1})$
<b>1<sup>i</sup></b>	MeOH	497	514	665	<b>3b</b>	MeOH	539	560	696
	MeCN	496	513	668		MeCN	538	560	730
	THF	499	516	660		THF	542	562	657
	Toluene	501	522	810		Toluene	544	564	652
<b>1a<sup>i</sup></b>	MeOH	512	537	909	<b>4</b>	MeOH	488	-	-
	MeCN	511	537	947		MeCN	483	-	-
	THF	515	540	899		THF	492	543	1868
	Toluene	521	543	778		Toluene	498	626	4068
<b>1b<sup>i</sup></b>	MeOH	533	556	776	<b>4a</b>	MeOH	514	546	1140
	MeCN	531	557	879		MeCN	516	549	1165
	THF	535	558	770		THF	516	549	1165
	Toluene	540	565	819		Toluene	521	613	2881
<b>2</b>	MeOH	496	511	573	<b>4b</b>	MeOH	531	559	943
	MeCN	495	510	594		MeCN	528	559	1050
	THF	498	512	549		THF	532	547	515
	Toluene	501	518	655		Toluene	536	608.5	2236
<b>2a</b>	MeOH	511	535	878	<b>5</b>	MeOH	493	508	599
	MeCN	509	536	989		MeCN	493	508	599
	THF	513	537	871		THF	495	510	594
	Toluene	518	540	787		Toluene	501	518	655
<b>2b</b>	MeOH	532	555	779	<b>5a</b>	MeOH	507	536	1067
	MeCN	530	555	849		MeCN	510	535	916
	THF	533	557	808		THF	512	539	978
	Toluene	538	560	730		Toluene	519	545	919
<b>3</b>	MeOH	495	512	671	<b>5b</b>	MeOH	490	521	1214
	MeCN	495	512	671		MeCN	504	516	461
	THF	499	515	623		THF	507	526	712
	Toluene	501	520	729		Toluene	512	532	734
<b>3a</b>	MeOH	511	535	878					
	MeCN	510	536	951					
	THF	514	538	868					
	Toluene	518	541	820					

<sup>i</sup>Absorption of **1**, **1a** and **1b** in toluene (X.-F. Zhangand X. Yang, *J. Phys. Chem. B.*, 2013, 117, 5533-5539) and photophysical properties of **1**, **1a** and **1b** in acetonitrile, methanol and toluene at room temperature at  $\lambda_{\text{ex}}= 494$ , 493 and 501 nm respectively (M. Baruahet al., *J. Org. Chem.*,2005, 70, 4152-4157).

**Table S2.** Distances (in Å) for different types of interactions in BODIPYs, **1**, **2**, **2a**, **3**, **5** and **5b**.

Interaction <sup>i</sup>	<b>1</b> <sup>ii</sup>	<b>2</b> <sup>ii</sup>	<b>2a</b> <sup>ii</sup>	<b>3</b> <sup>ii</sup>	<b>5</b> <sup>ii</sup>	<b>5b</b> <sup>ii</sup>
C <sub>(Pyr)</sub> ···C <sub>(Ph)</sub>	3.298 ( <b>2</b> )	-	-	-	3.370 ( <b>2</b> )	-
C <sub>(Pyr)</sub> ···C <sub>(Pyr)</sub>	3.348-3.398 ( <b>3</b> )	-	3.386	-	-	-
N-B···C <sub>(Ph)</sub>	3.748 ( <b>2</b> )	-	-	-	-	-
N-B···H <sub>(Ph)</sub>	3.022	-	-	-	3.072 ( <b>2</b> )	-
N-B···H <sub>(Sol)</sub>	2.968 ( <b>2</b> )	-	-	-	2.754 ( <b>2</b> )	3.098 ( <b>2</b> )
N-B···H <sub>(Pyr)</sub>	3.100	-	3.042 ( <b>2</b> )	-	-	-
B-F···H <sub>(Ph)</sub>	2.623-2.654 ( <b>3</b> )	2.554 ( <b>2</b> )	2.631 ( <b>2</b> )	2.533-2.578 ( <b>4</b> )	2.638 ( <b>2</b> )	-
B-F···H <sub>(Me)</sub>	-	2.602 ( <b>2</b> )	-	-	-	-
B-F···H <sub>(Sol)</sub>	2.407 ( <b>2</b> )	-	-	-	1.942 ( <b>2</b> )	-
B-F···H <sub>(Hydroxy)</sub>	-	-	-	-	-	1.988 ( <b>2</b> )
B-F···H <sub>(Pyr)</sub>	2.348-2.562 ( <b>5</b> )	-	2.359-2.640 ( <b>4</b> )	-	-	2.484 ( <b>2</b> )
B-F···O <sub>(Sol)</sub>	-	-	-	-	2.838 ( <b>2</b> )	-
B-F···O <sub>(Hydroxy)</sub>	-	-	-	-	-	2.731 ( <b>2</b> )
B-F···C <sub>(Ph)</sub>	2.982 ( <b>2</b> )	-	-	-	-	3.147 ( <b>2</b> )
B-F···C <sub>(Pyr)</sub>	3.120 ( <b>2</b> )	-	-	-	-	-
N-B···O <sub>(Sol)</sub>	-	-	-	-	3.501 ( <b>2</b> )	-
(Hydroxy)O···O <sub>(Sol)</sub>	-	-	-	-	2.627- 2.791 ( <b>4</b> )	-
(Hydroxy)H···O <sub>(Sol)</sub>	-	-	-	-	1.818 ( <b>2</b> )	-
(Sol)H···O <sub>(Hydroxy)</sub>	-	-	-	-	1.878 ( <b>2</b> )	-
(Hydroxy)H···H <sub>(Sol)</sub>	-	-	-	-	2.272-2.395 ( <b>4</b> )	-
(Pyr)H···H <sub>(Pyr)</sub>	-	2.338	-	-	-	-
(Sol)H···C <sub>(Ph)</sub>	-	-	-	-	2.597 ( <b>2</b> )	-
(Ph)H···C <sub>(Pyr)</sub>	-	-	-	-	-	2.757 ( <b>2</b> )
(Ph)H···C <sub>(Ph)</sub>	2.818 ( <b>2</b> )	-	-	-	-	-
(Pyr)H···C <sub>(Ph)</sub>	2.754-2.886 ( <b>4</b> )	2.865 ( <b>2</b> )	-	-	-	-
(Pyr)Br···C <sub>(Ph)</sub>	-	-	3.449 ( <b>2</b> )	-	-	-
(Ph)Br···C <sub>(Pyr)</sub>	-	-	-	-	-	3.361 ( <b>2</b> )
(Ph)Br···H <sub>(Pyr)</sub>	-	-	-	-	-	2.946 ( <b>2</b> )
(Pyr)N···H <sub>(Ph)</sub>	2.737	-	-	-	-	-

<sup>i</sup>Different types. <sup>ii</sup>Value in parenthesis gives the number of interactions present in the molecule.

**Table S3.** Comparison of IC<sub>50</sub> values of different BODIPYs against *BS* and *EC*.

Compound	IC <sub>50</sub> in <i>BS</i> ( $\mu M$ )	IC <sub>50</sub> in <i>EC</i> ( $\mu M$ )	Compound	IC <sub>50</sub> in <i>BS</i> ( $\mu M$ )	IC <sub>50</sub> in <i>EC</i> ( $\mu M$ )
<b>1</b>	27	-	<b>3b</b>	12	-
<b>1a</b>	21	34	<b>4</b>	18	38
<b>1b</b>	20	34	<b>4a</b>	10	41
<b>2</b>	36	-	<b>4b</b>	6	34
<b>2a</b>	10	22	<b>5</b>	18	17
<b>2b</b>	13	38	<b>5a</b>	10	25
<b>3</b>	-	-	<b>5b</b>	5	26
<b>3a</b>	8	-	-	-	-