

## SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

### Sustainable Oleic and Stearic Acid Based Biodegradable Surfactants

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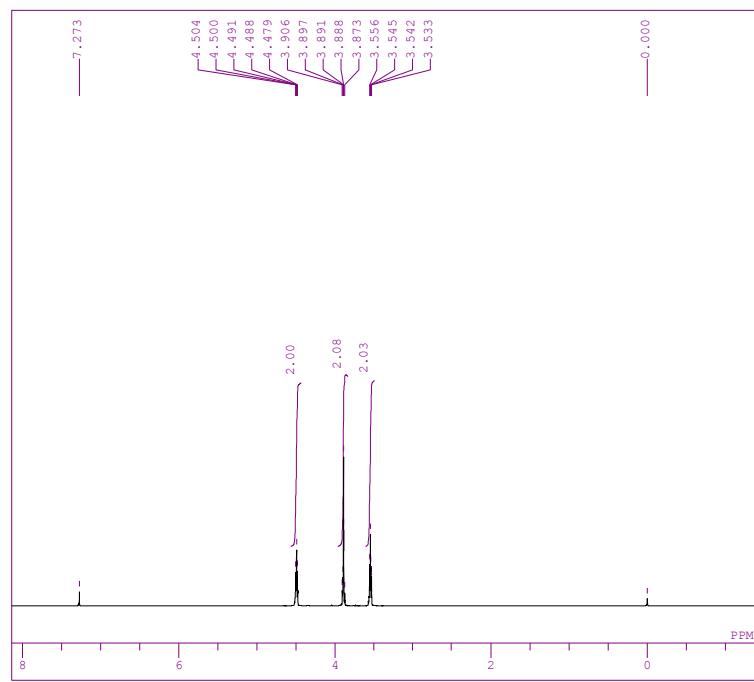
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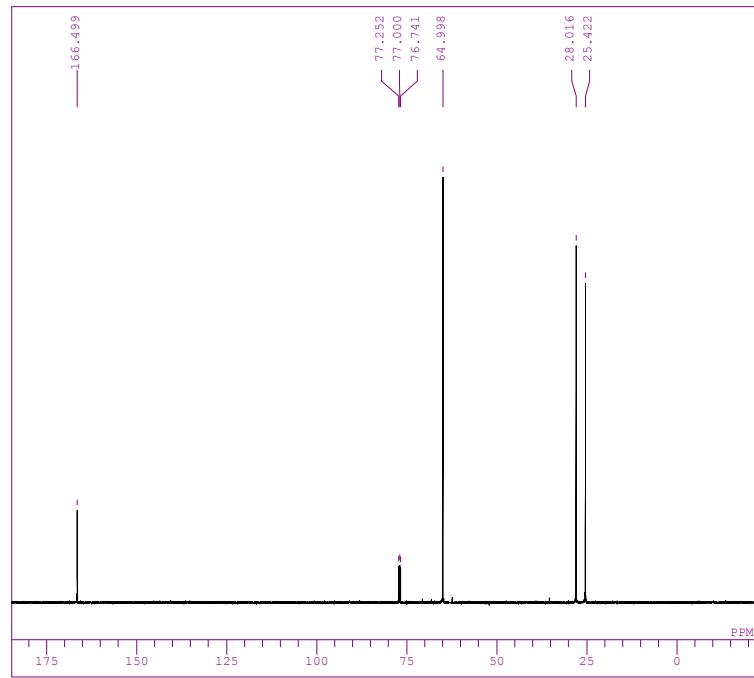
**2-bromoethyl 2-bromoacetate.** Transparent liquid, yield 63.4%.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) 4.48 (m, 2 H,  $\text{COOCH}_2\text{CH}_2$ ), 3.88 (s, 2 H,  $\text{COOCH}_2\text{Br}$ ), 3.54 (t,  $J = 3.70$ , 2 H,  $\text{CH}_2\text{Br}$ ).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (126 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) 166.49, 64.99, 28.01, 25.42.

**2-(2-bromoethoxy)-2-oxoethyl oleate.** Yellowish viscous liquid, yield 82.2%.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) 5.34 (m, 2 H,  $\text{CH}=\text{CH}$ ), 4.65 (m, 2 H,  $\text{COOCH}_2\text{COO}$ ), 4.47 (t,  $J = 6.1$ , 2 H,  $\text{COOCH}_2$ ), 3.51 (t,  $J = 6.1$ , 2 H,  $\text{BrCH}_2$ ), 2.42 (t,  $J = 7.5$ , 2 H,  $\text{CH}_2\text{COO}$ ), 2.01 (m, 4 H,  $\text{CH}_2\text{CH}=\text{CHCH}_2$ ), 1.65 (m, 2 H,  $\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{COO}$ ), 1.30-1.26 (m, 20 H, 10 $\times$  $\text{CH}_2$ ), 0.88 (t,  $J = 6.8$ , 3 H,  $\text{CH}_3$ ).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (126 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) 172.61, 167.13, 129.61, 129.37, 64.11, 60.01, 33.38, 31.63, 29.48, 29.40, 29.26, 29.05, 28.87, 28.79, 28.73, 27.87, 26.91, 26.87, 24.49, 22.40, 13.82.

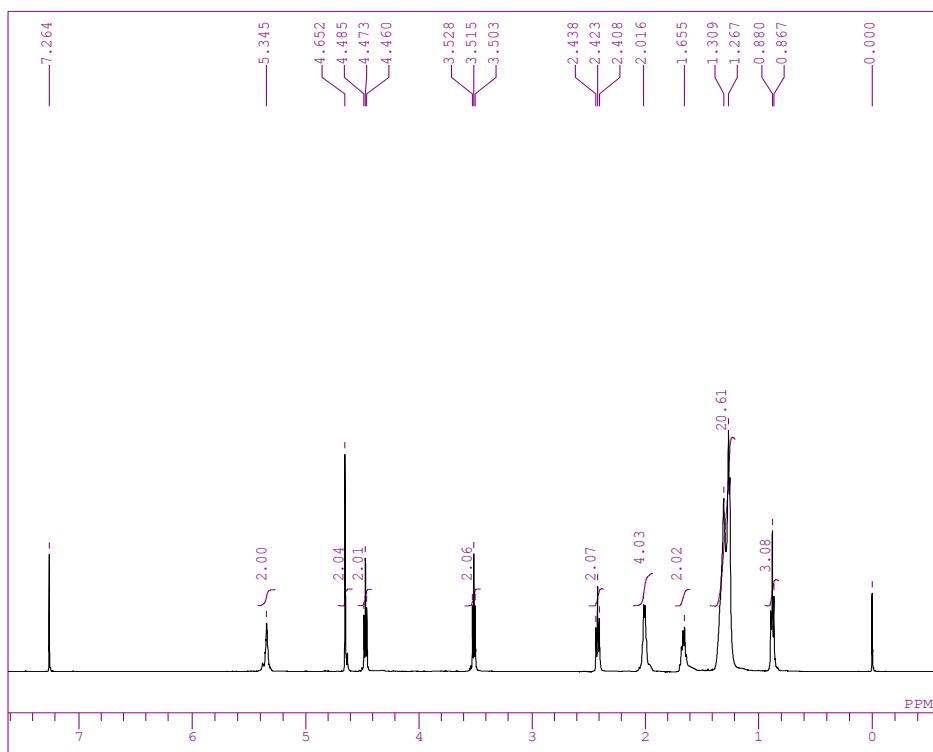
**2-(2-bromoethoxy)-2-oxoethyl stearate.** White waxy solid, yield 83.4%.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) 4.65 (s, 2 H,  $\text{COOCH}_2\text{COO}$ ), 4.47 (t,  $J = 6.1$ , 2 H,  $\text{COOCH}_2$ ), 3.51 (dd,  $J = 6.1$ , 2 H,), 2.42 (2 H, t,  $J = 7.5$ ), 1.66 (2 H, m), 1.25 (28 H, s), 0.88 (3 H, t,  $J = 6.6$ ).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (126 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) 172.83, 167.31, 64.24, 60.15, 33.57, 31.80, 29.57, 29.48, 29.32, 29.24, 29.12, 28.90, 27.91, 24.64, 22.56, 13.96.



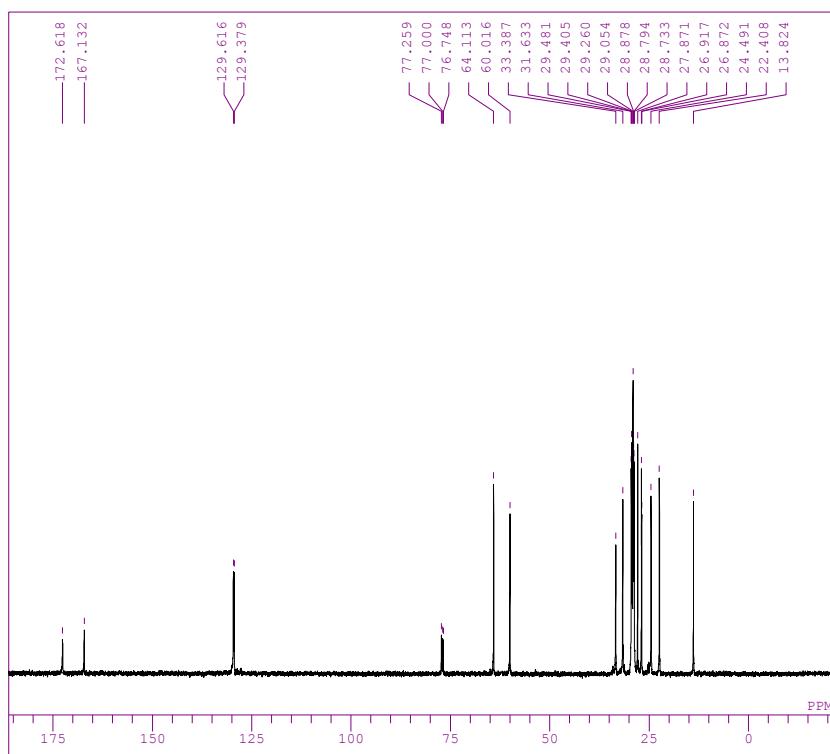
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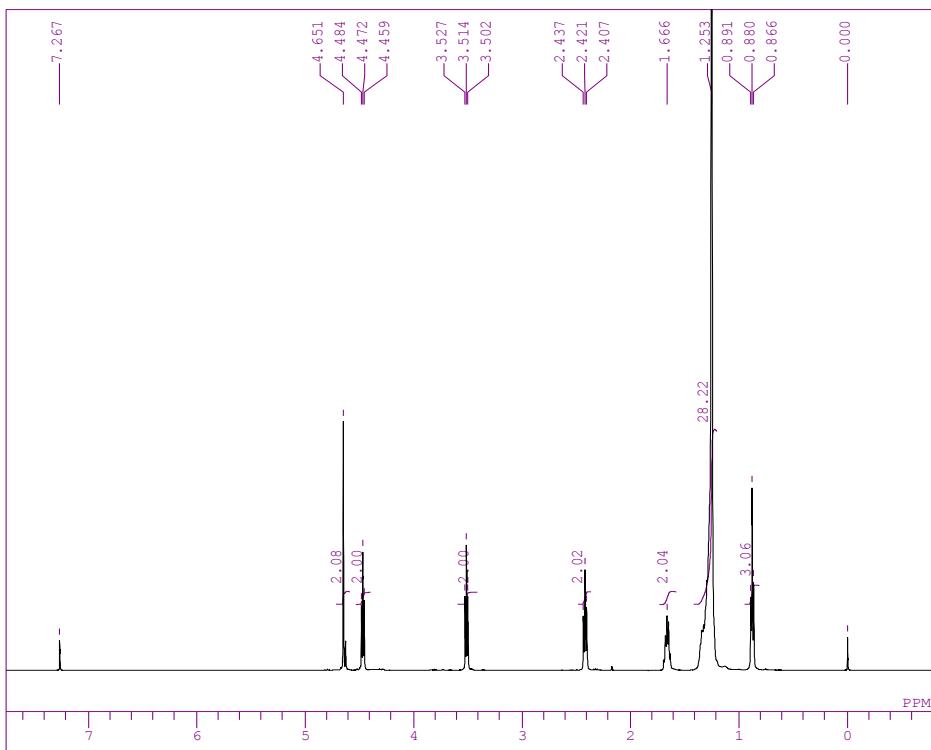
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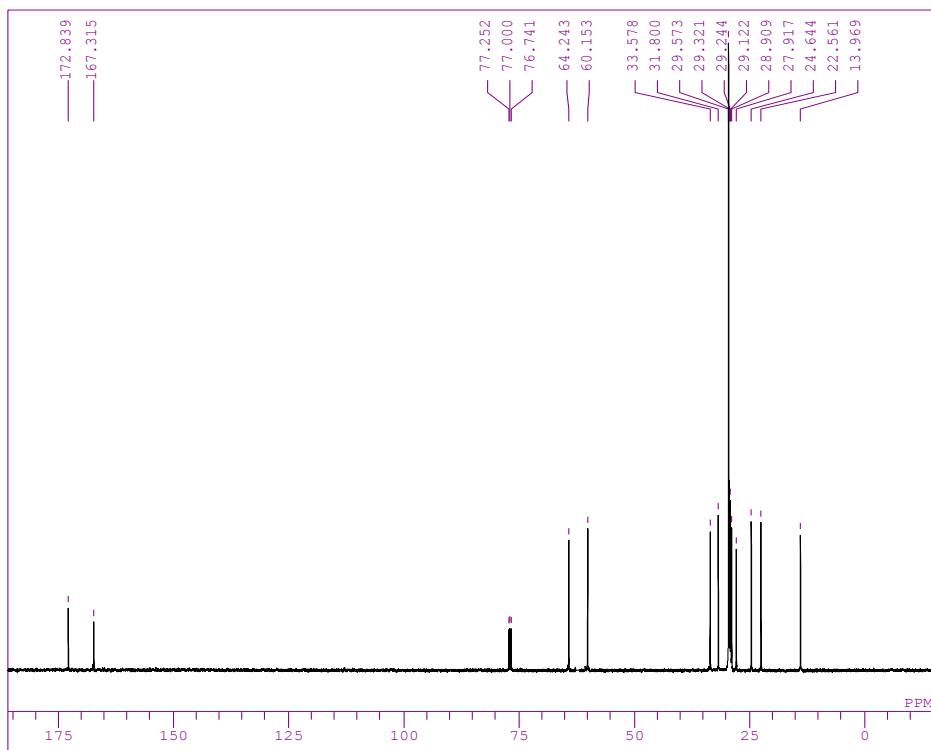
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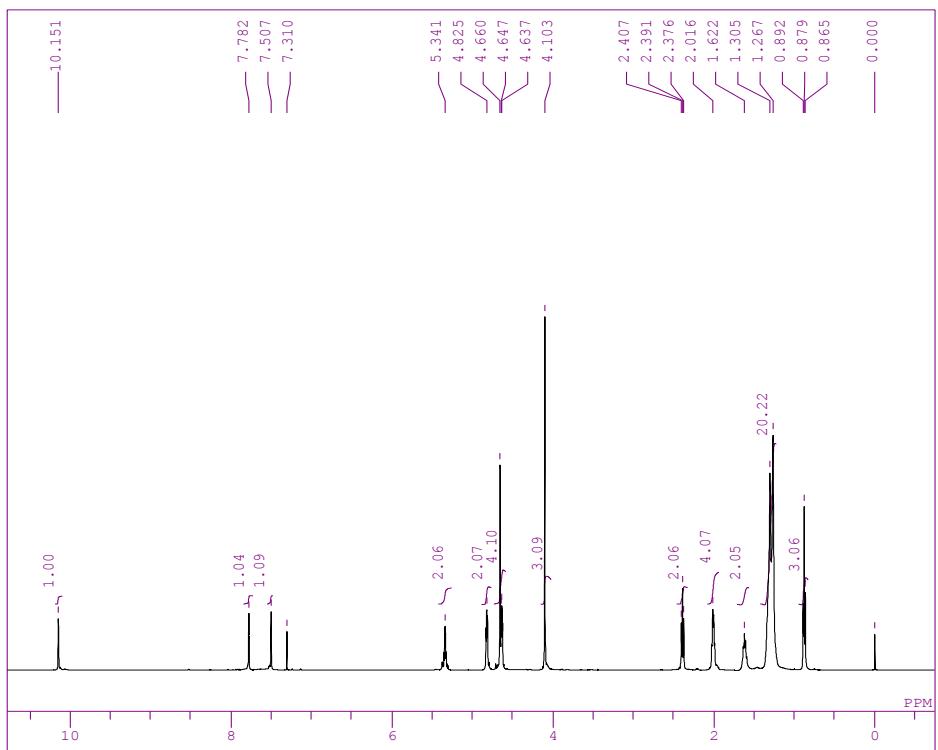
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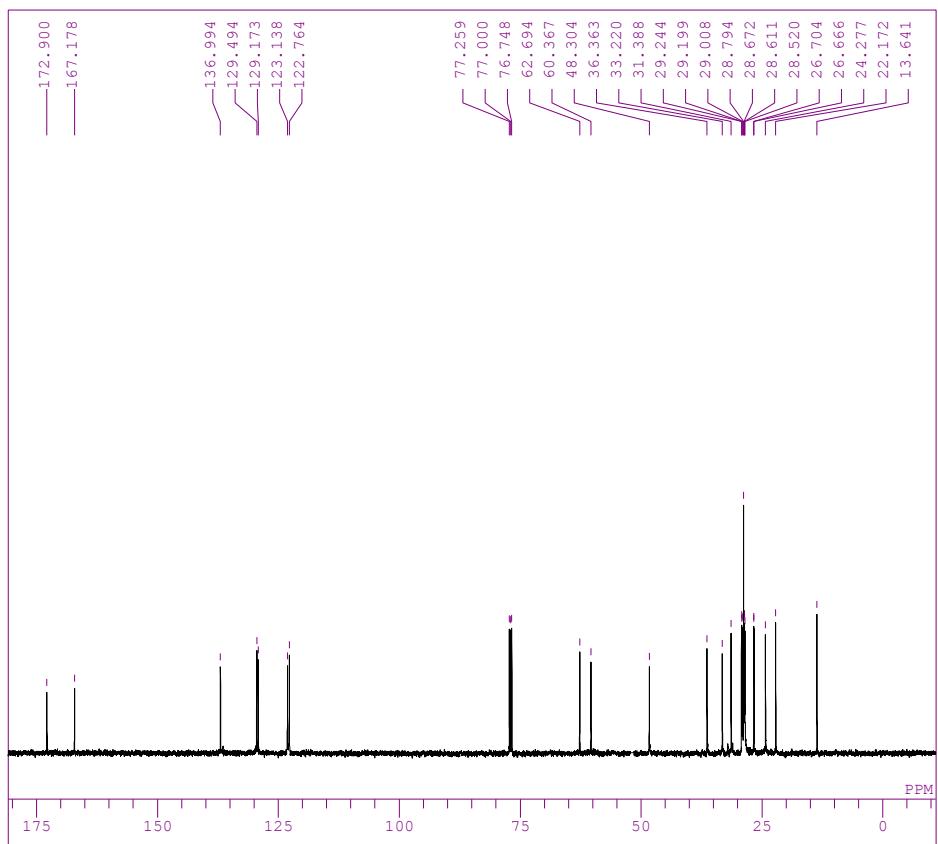
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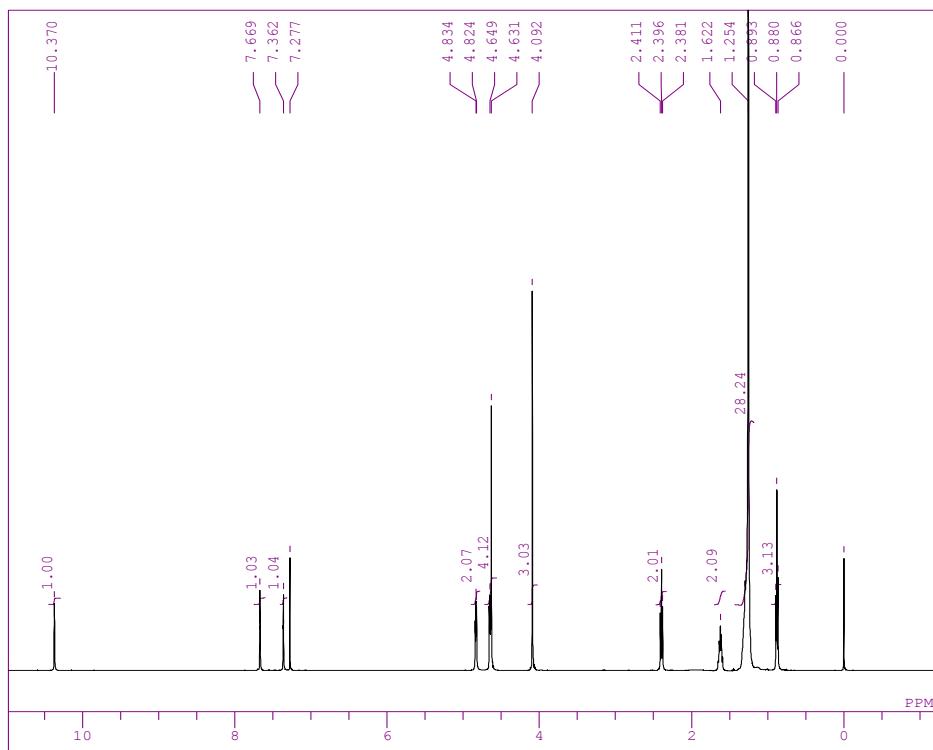
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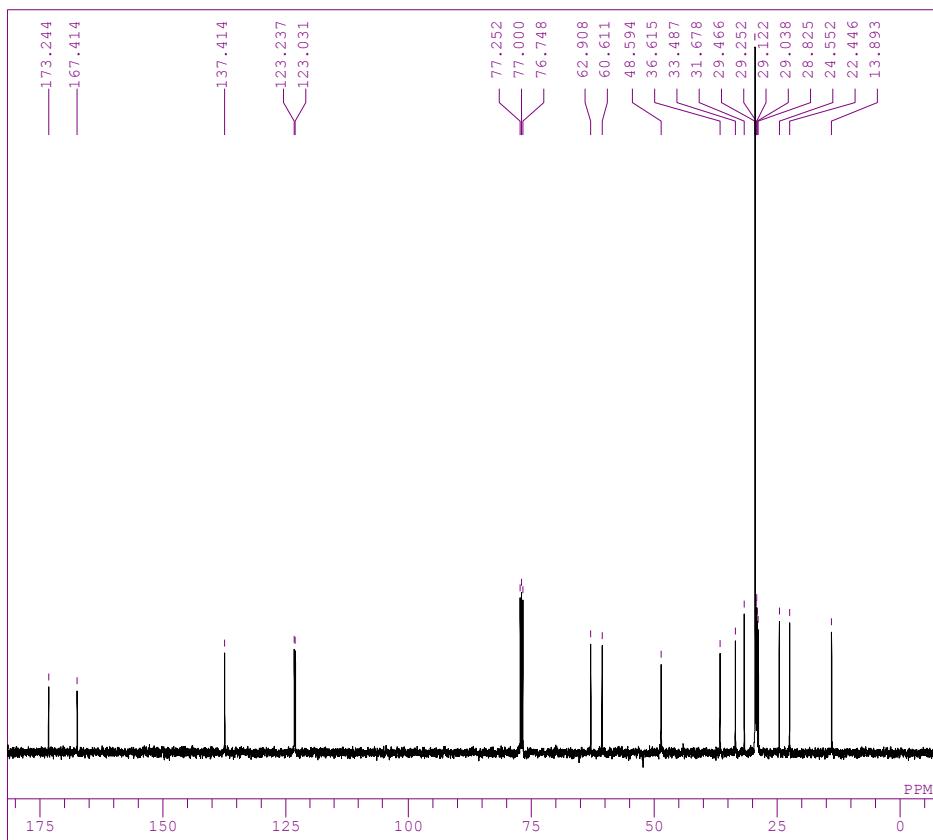
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