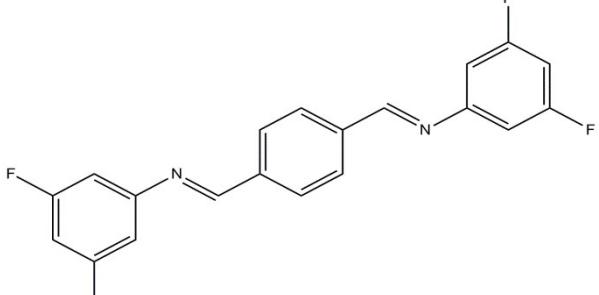
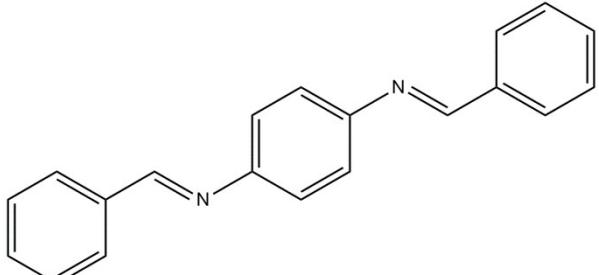
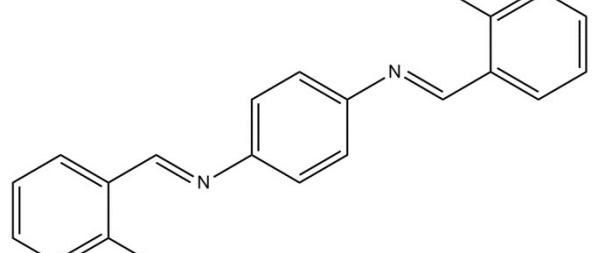
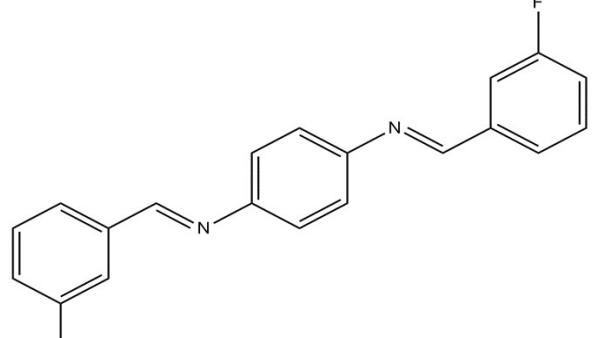


SUPPORTING INFORMATION (ESI)

TABLE-1:

Serial No.	IUPAC NAME	MOLECULAR SKETCH
1.	(N,N'Z,N,N'Z)-N,N'-(1,4-phenylenebis(methanlylidene))dianiline	
2.	(N,N'Z,N,N'Z)-N,N'-(1,4-phenylenebis(methanlylidene))bis(2-fluoroaniline)	
3.	(N,N'Z,N,N'Z)-N,N'-(1,4-phenylenebis(methanlylidene))bis(3-fluoroaniline)	
4.	(N,N'Z,N,N'Z)-N,N'-(1,4-phenylenebis(methanlylidene))bis(4-fluoroaniline)	
5.	(N,N'Z,N,N'Z)-N,N'-(1,4-phenylenebis(methanlylidene))bis(2,3-difluoroaniline)	

Serial No.	IUPAC NAME	MOLECULAR SKETCH
6.	(N,N'Z,N,N'Z)-N,N'-(1,4-phenylenebis(methanlylidene))bis(2,4-difluoroaniline)	<p>Chemical structure of (N,N'Z,N,N'Z)-N,N'-(1,4-phenylenebis(methanlylidene))bis(2,4-difluoroaniline): A central methanlylidene group (-C=N=CH-N=C-) is linked to two 4-fluorophenyl groups via their para positions.</p>
7.	(N,N'Z,N,N'Z)-N,N'-(1,4-phenylenebis(methanlylidene))bis(2,5-difluoroaniline)	<p>Chemical structure of (N,N'Z,N,N'Z)-N,N'-(1,4-phenylenebis(methanlylidene))bis(2,5-difluoroaniline): A central methanlylidene group (-C=N=CH-N=C-) is linked to two 5-fluorophenyl groups via their para positions.</p>
8.	(N,N'Z,N,N'Z)-N,N'-(1,4-phenylenebis(methanlylidene))bis(2,6-difluoroaniline)	<p>Chemical structure of (N,N'Z,N,N'Z)-N,N'-(1,4-phenylenebis(methanlylidene))bis(2,6-difluoroaniline): A central methanlylidene group (-C=N=CH-N=C-) is linked to two 6-fluorophenyl groups via their para positions.</p>
9.	(N,N'Z,N,N'Z)-N,N'-(1,4-phenylenebis(methanlylidene))bis(3,4-difluoroaniline)	<p>Chemical structure of (N,N'Z,N,N'Z)-N,N'-(1,4-phenylenebis(methanlylidene))bis(3,4-difluoroaniline): A central methanlylidene group (-C=N=CH-N=C-) is linked to two 4-fluorophenyl groups via their meta positions.</p>

Serial No.	IUPAC NAME	MOLECULAR SKETCH
10.	(N,N'Z,N,N'Z)-N,N'-(1,4-phenylenebis(methanylidene))bis(3,5-difluoroaniline)	
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12.	(N1E,N4E)-N1,N4-bis(2-fluorobenzylidene)benzene-1,4-diamine	
13.	(N1E,N4E)-N1,N4-bis(3-fluorobenzylidene)benzene-1,4-diamine	

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14.	(N1E,N4E)-N1,N4-bis(4-fluorobenzylidene)benzene-1,4-diamine	
15.	(N1E,N4E)-N1,N4-bis(2,3-difluorobenzylidene)benzene-1,4-diamine	
16.	(N1E,N4E)-N1,N4-bis(2,4-difluorobenzylidene)benzene-1,4-diamine	
17.	(N1E,N4E)-N1,N4-bis(2,5-difluorobenzylidene)benzene-1,4-diamine	
18.	(N1E,N4E)-N1,N4-bis(2,6-difluorobenzylidene)benzene-1,4-diamine	

Serial No	IUPAC NAME	MOLECULAR SKETCH
19.	(N1E,N4E)-N1,N4-bis(3,4-difluorobenzylidene)benzene-1,4-diamine	
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### Coulomb-London-Pauli (CLP) Energy Calculations

The initial NAME.cif files were generated using the Olex2 package and edited manually to convert into the CSD CIF format. NAME.ohi files were generated using the retcif module available within the CLP package. NAME.oeh and NAME.dat files were generated subsequently using rector interface module of CLP package. The required input files for PIXELC were generated using the pixmt2 server module which reads NAME.oeh and generates NAME.gjf and NAME.inp files. NAME.den files (files that contain the molecular electron density generated at the MP2 level and the 6-31G\*\* basis set) were then generated by running Gaussian09 using the NAME.gjf file as the input. NAME.inp and NAME.den files along with the parameter controller file, PIXPAR.par, were used to calculate lattice energy of a cluster of molecules with a maximum distance from the central molecule of 40 Å and a top radius for search of 50 Å. After successful completion of the calculation, the output file contains partitioned total energies in the form of  $E_{COUL}$ ,  $E_{POL}$ ,  $E_{DISP}$ , and  $E_{REP}$ . The package generates two output files, namely, NAME.pri (a printout file with the results of the calculation) and NAME.mlc (a file with molecule-molecule energies).

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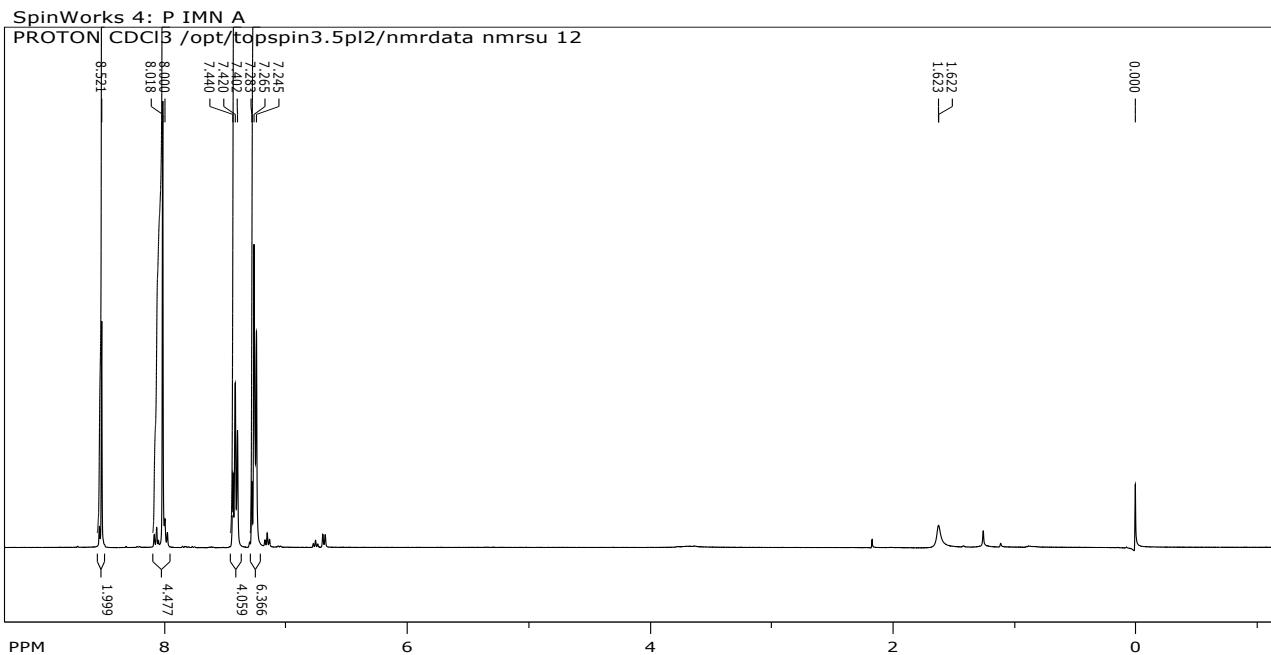


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$^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 Hz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  7.19–7.28[m(8H), H4,H5,H6,H7] ,  $\delta$  8.05[m(4H),H9,H10] , $\delta$  8.60 [s(2H),H1]

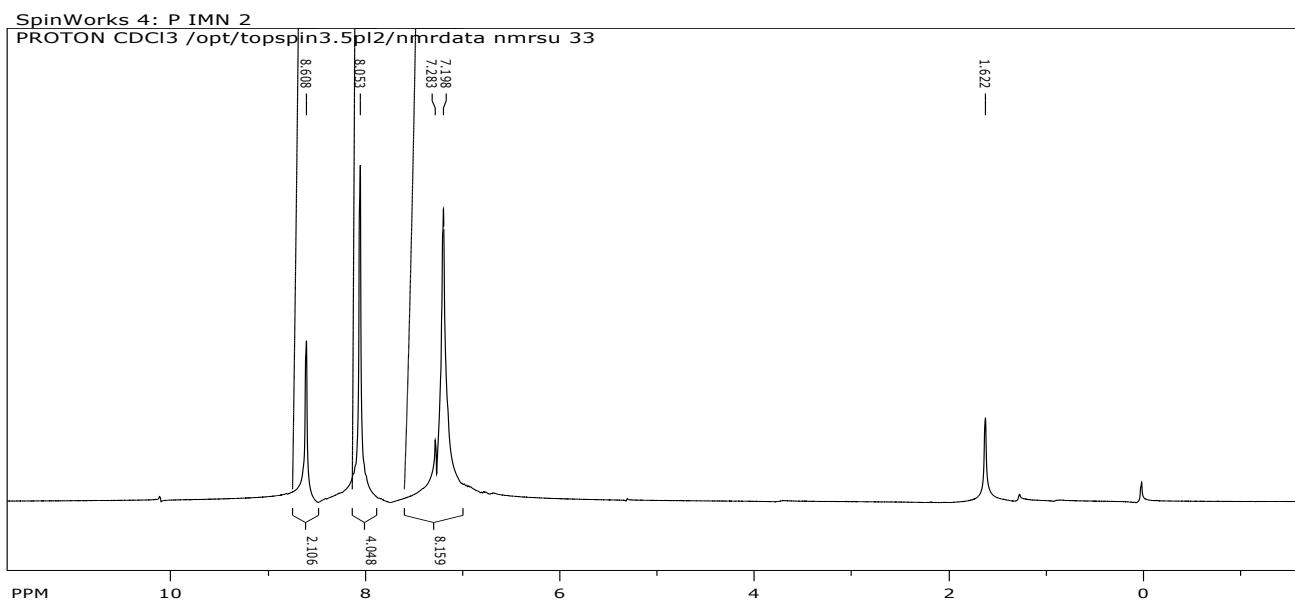


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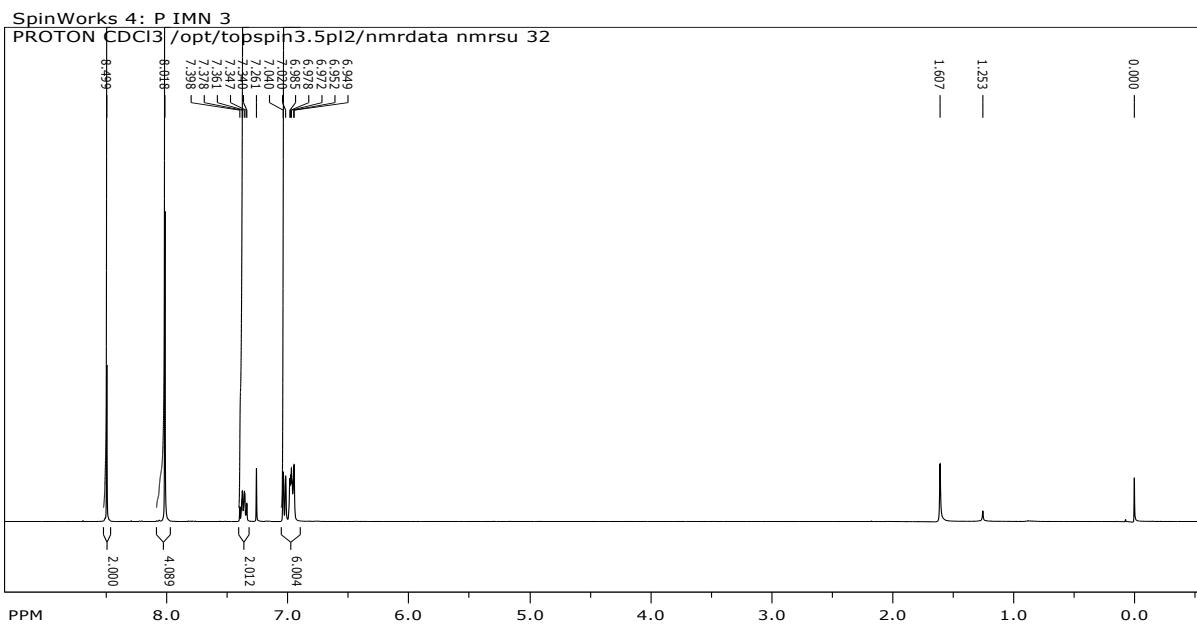


Figure: S1.c)  $^1\text{H}$  NMR Spectra of compound 3.

- $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 HZ,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  7.09–7.27[m(8H),H3,H4,H6,H7] ,  $\delta$  8.01[m(4H),H9,H10] $\delta$  8.51 [s(2H),H1]

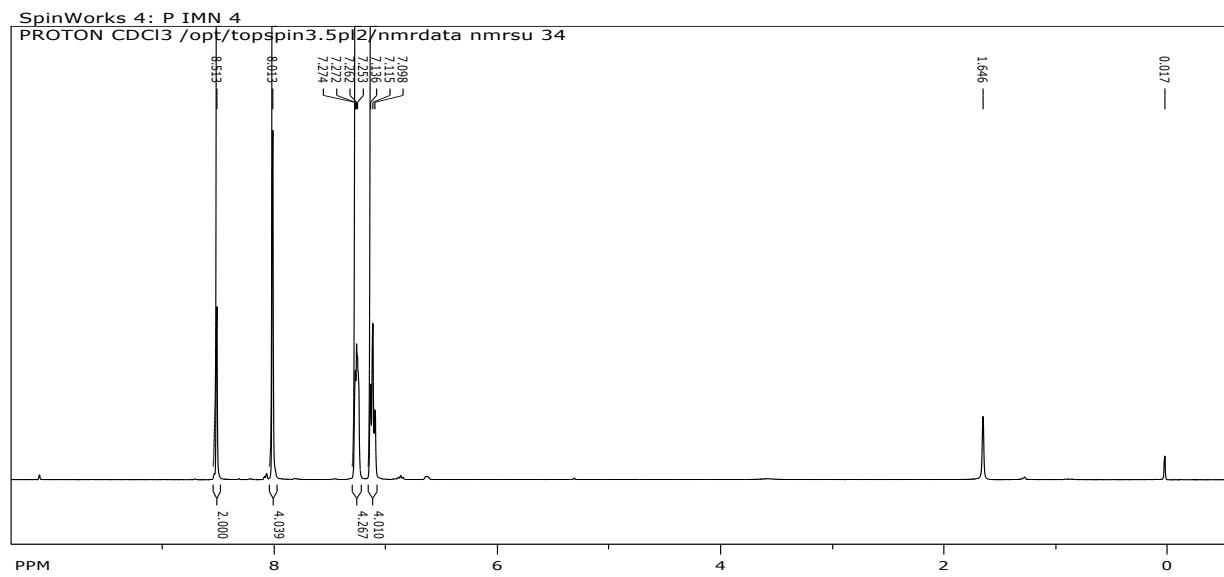


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- $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 HZ,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  6.93–7.26[m(6H),H5,H6,H7] ,  $\delta$  7.99–8.11[m(4H),H9,H10] $\delta$  8.58–8.60[s(2H),H1]

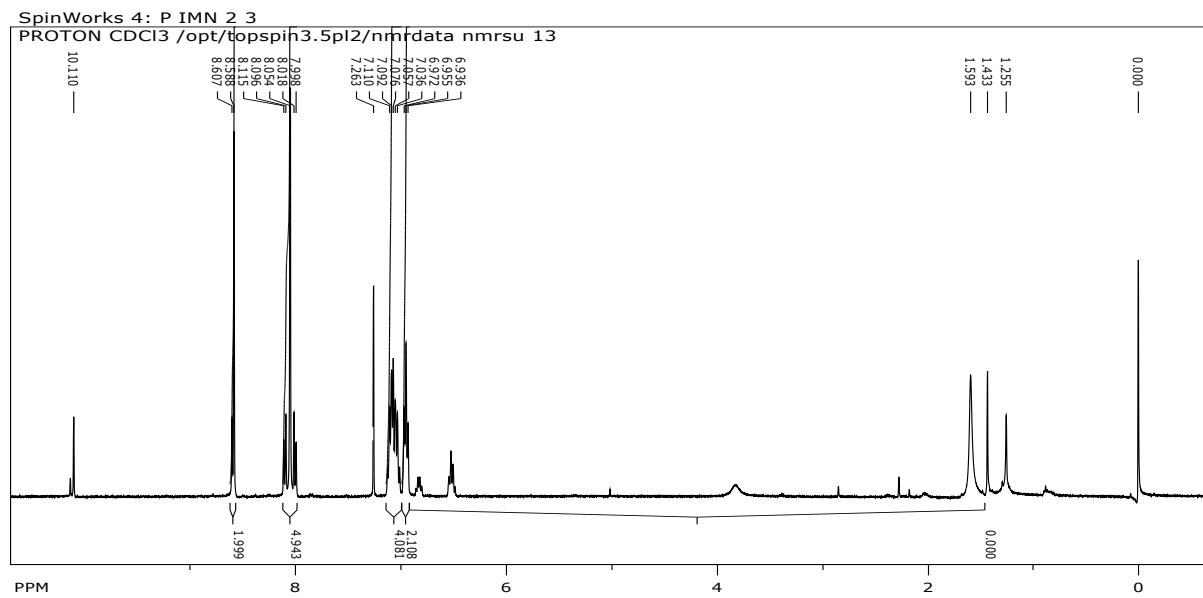


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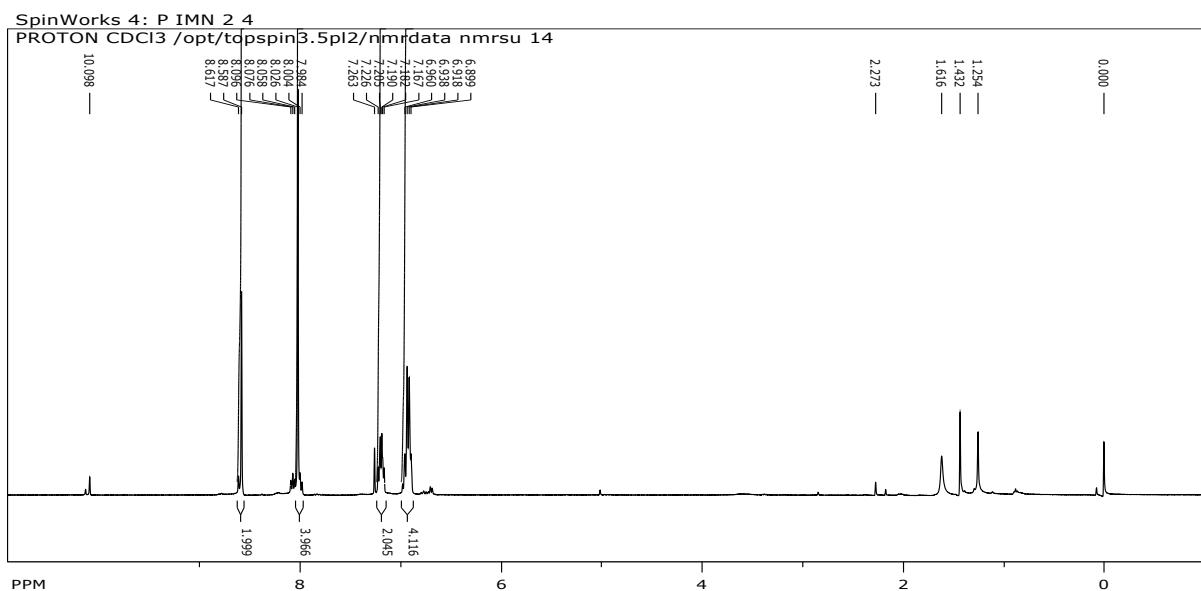


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- $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 HZ,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ): $\delta$  7.99–8.10 [m(6H),H4,H5,H7] ,  $\delta$  6.89–7.26 [m(4H)H9,H10] , $\delta$  8.57–8.59[s(2H),H1]

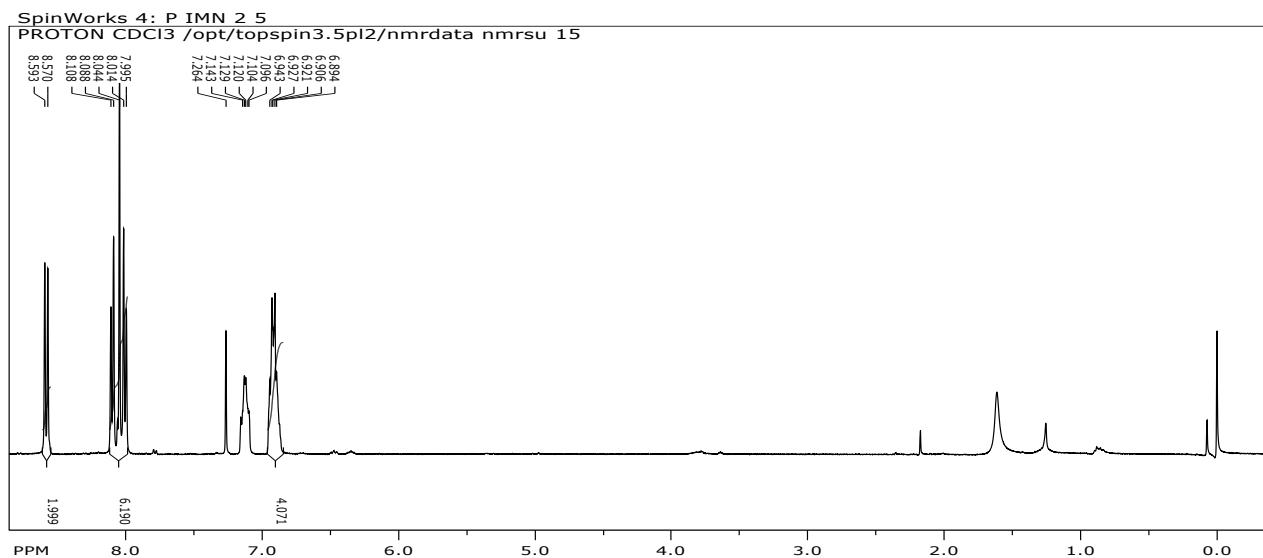


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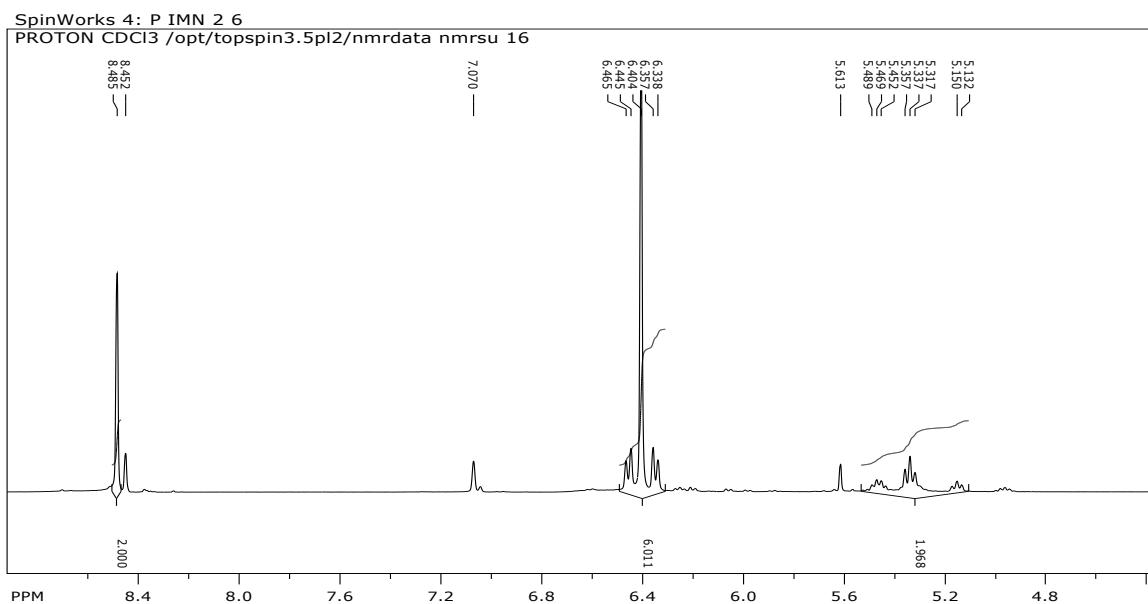


Figure: S1.h)  $^1\text{H}$  NMR Spectra of compound 8.

- $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 HZ,  $\text{CDCl}_3$  ):  $\delta$  6.99–7.26[m(6H),H3,H6,H7] ,  $\delta$  8.00 [m(4H)H9,H10] , $\delta$  8.48[s(2H),H1]

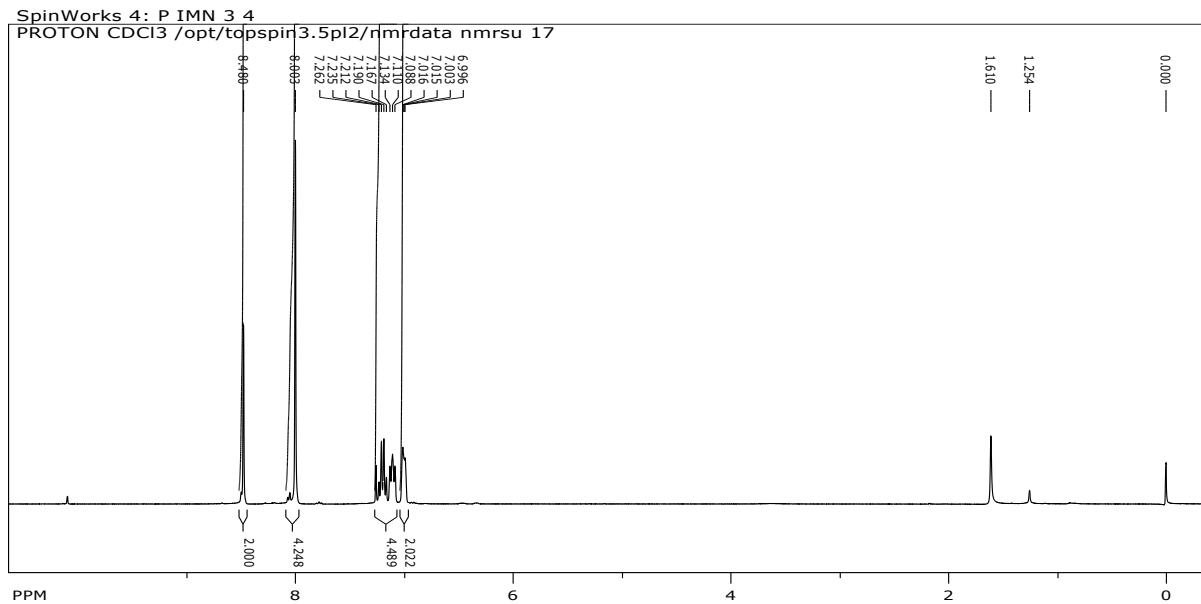


Figure: S1.i)  $^1\text{H}$  NMR Spectra of compound 9.

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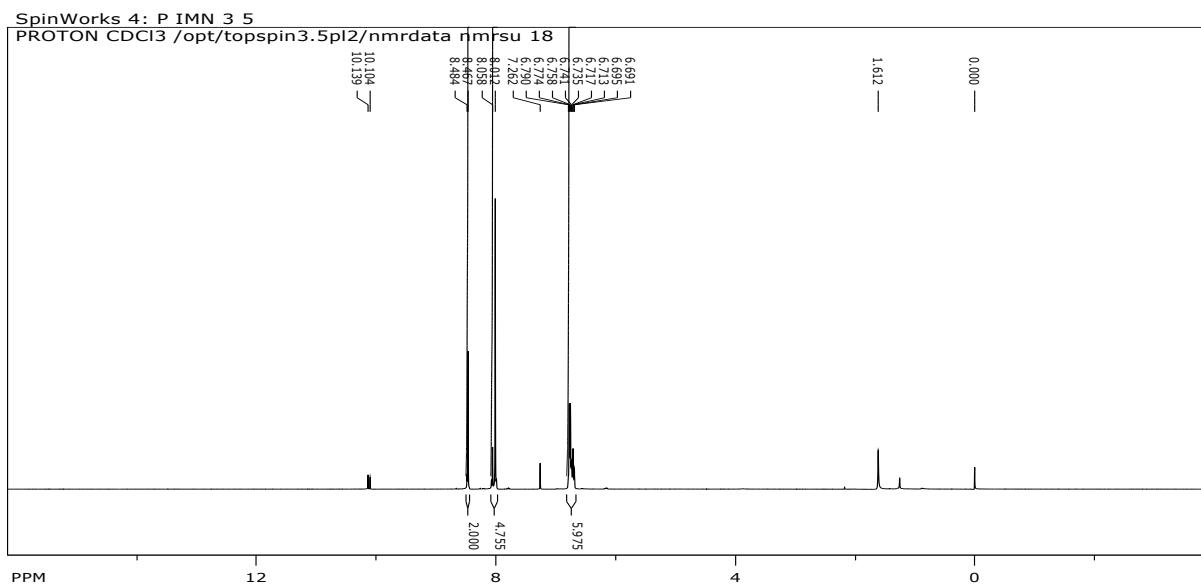


Figure: S1.j)  $^1\text{H}$  NMR Spectra of compound 10.

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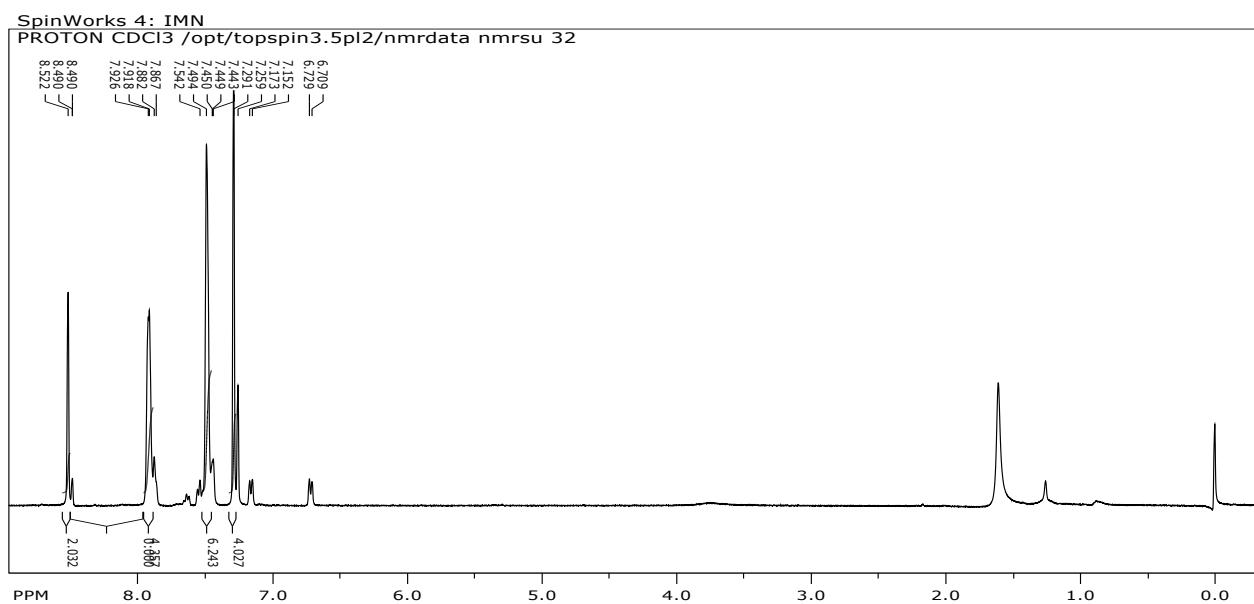


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- $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 HZ,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  7.19–7.28[m(8H),H4,H5,H6,H7] ,  $\delta$  8.05[m(4H),H9,H10] , $\delta$  8.60 [s(2H),H1]

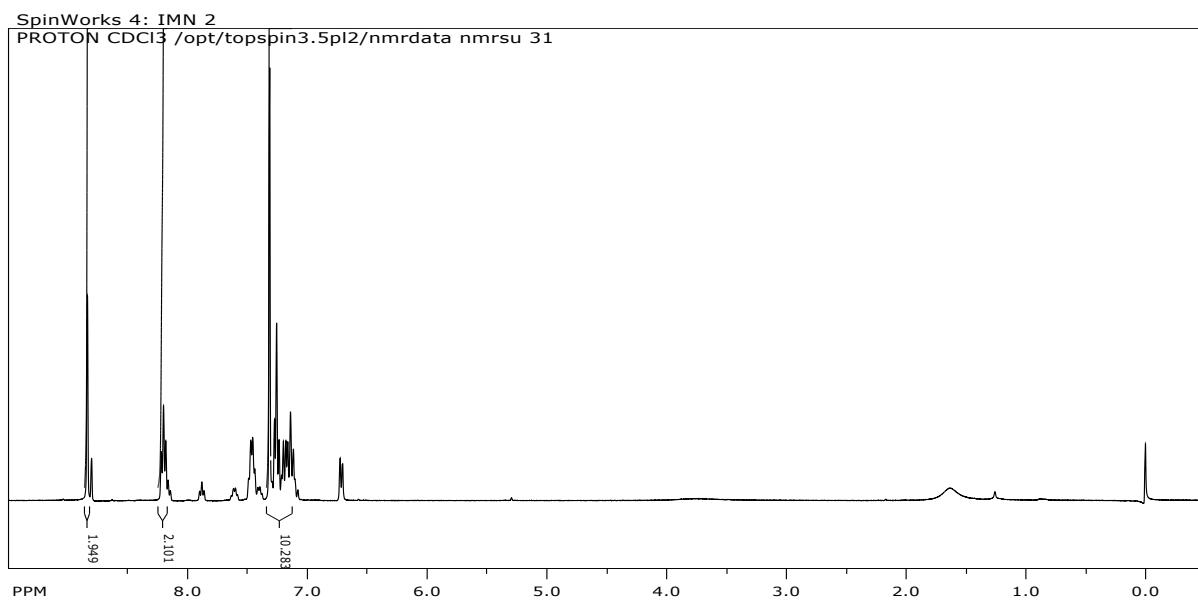


Figure: S1.l)  $^1\text{H}$  NMR Spectra of compound 12.

- $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 HZ,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  7.16–7.48[m(8H),H3,H5,H6,H7] ,  $\delta$  7.63–7.69 [m(4H)H9,H10] , $\delta$  8.49 [s(2H),H1]

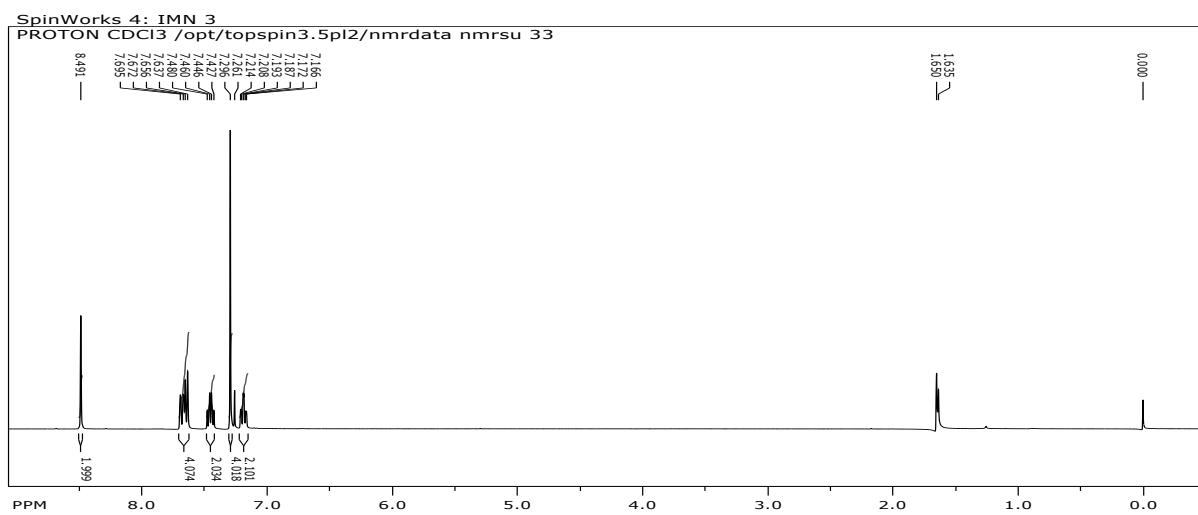


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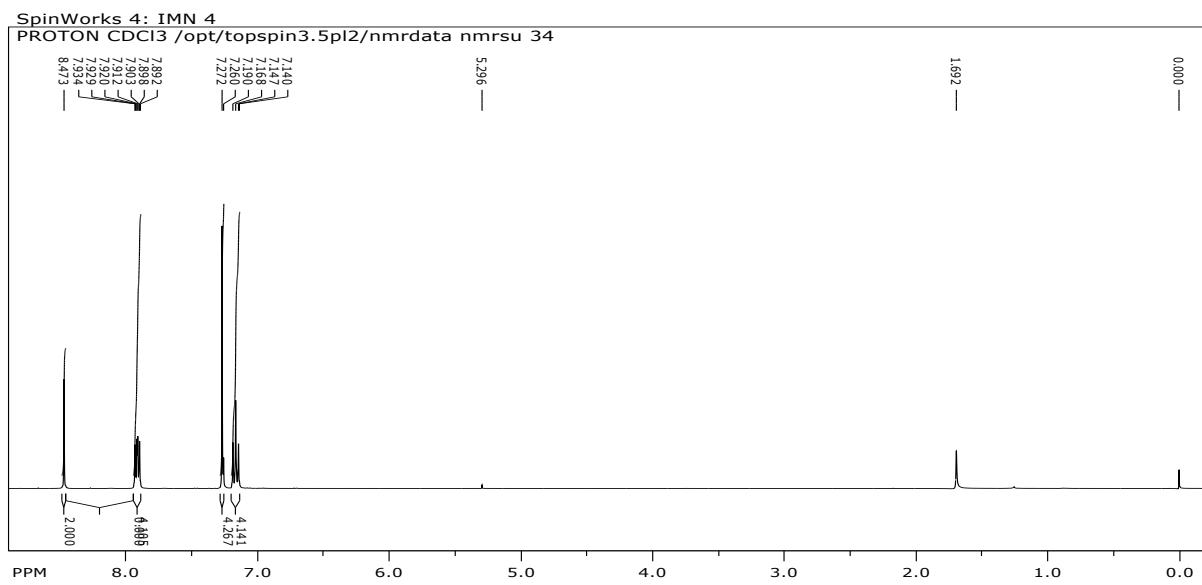


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- $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 Hz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$  ): δ 7.19–7.33 [m(6H), H4, H6, H7], δ 7.94–7.97 [m(4H) H9, H10], δ 8.82 [s(2H), H1]

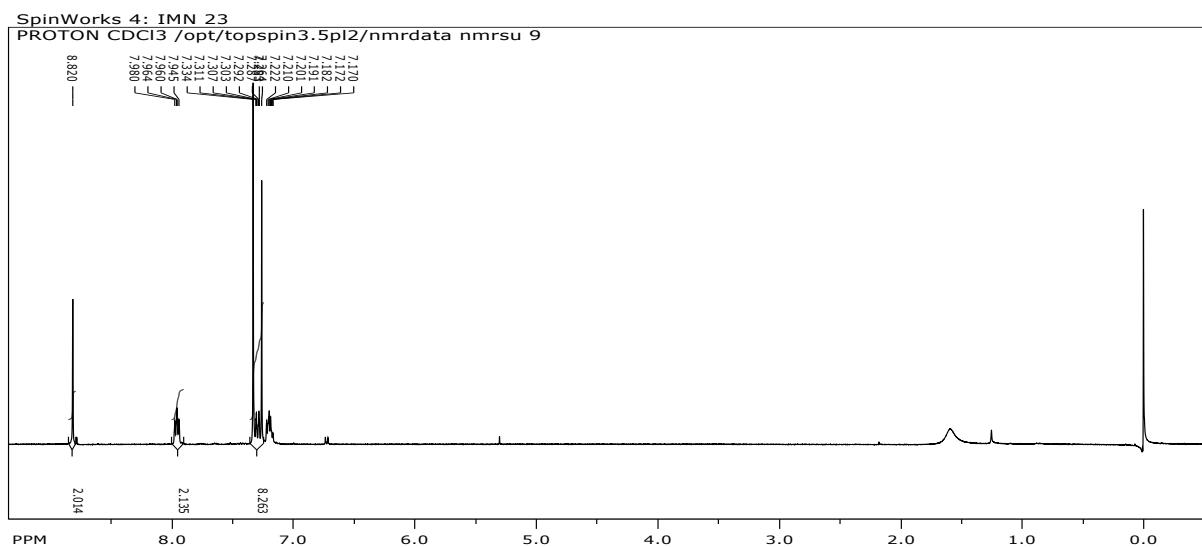


Figure: S1.o)  $^1\text{H}$  NMR Spectra of compound 15.

- $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 Hz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$  ):  $\delta$  7.86–7.29 [m(6H), H4, H6, H7],  $\delta$  8.19–8.25 [m(4H) H9, H10],  $\delta$  8.75 [s(2H), H1]

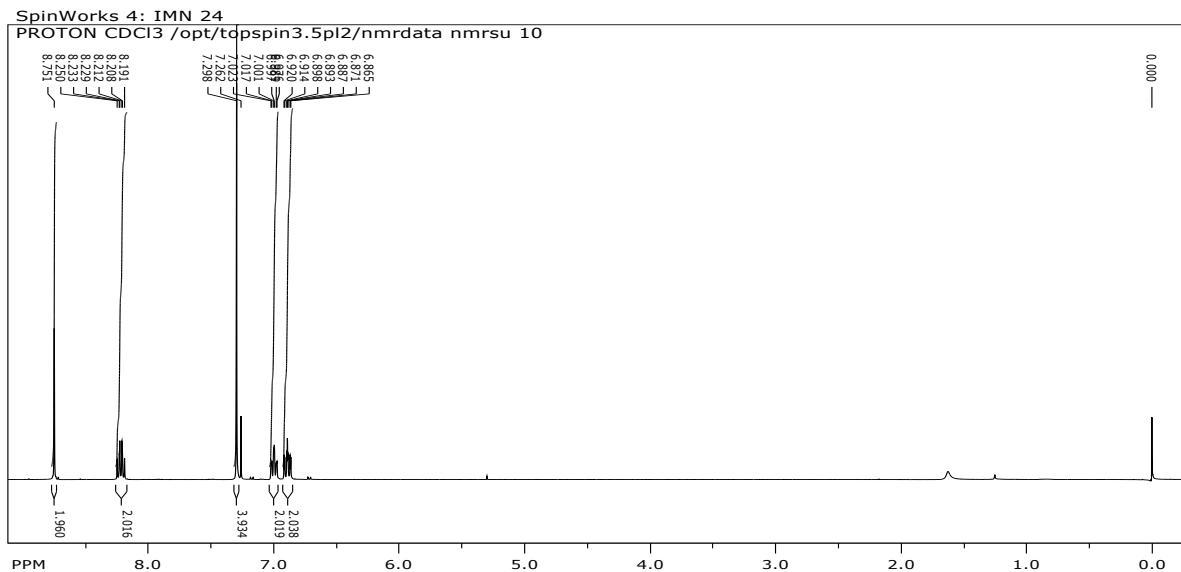


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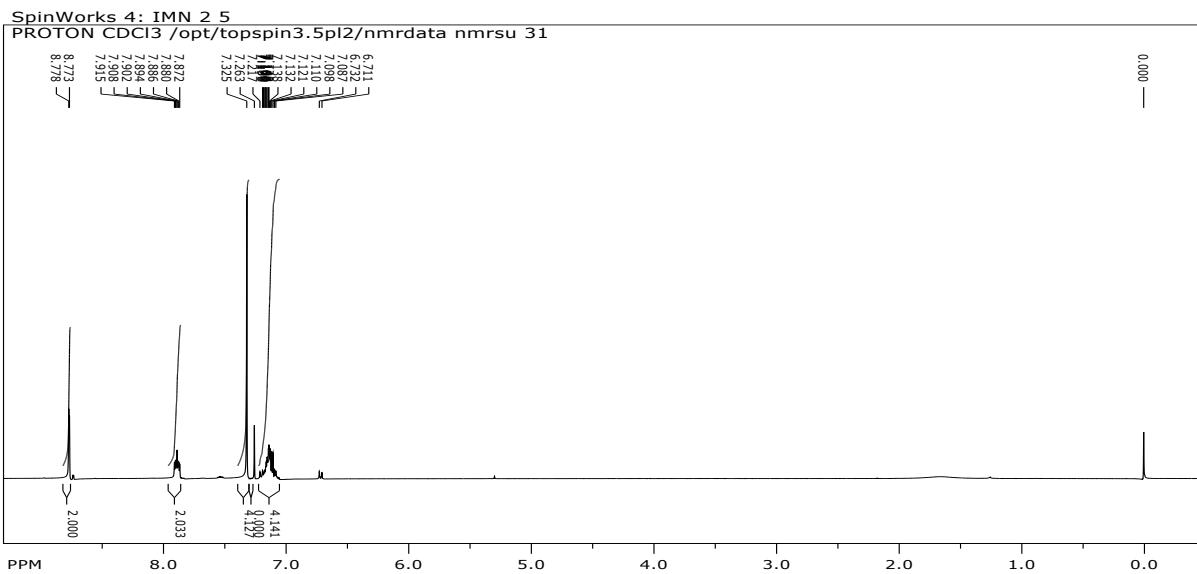


Figure: S1.q)  $^1\text{H}$  NMR Spectra of compound 17.

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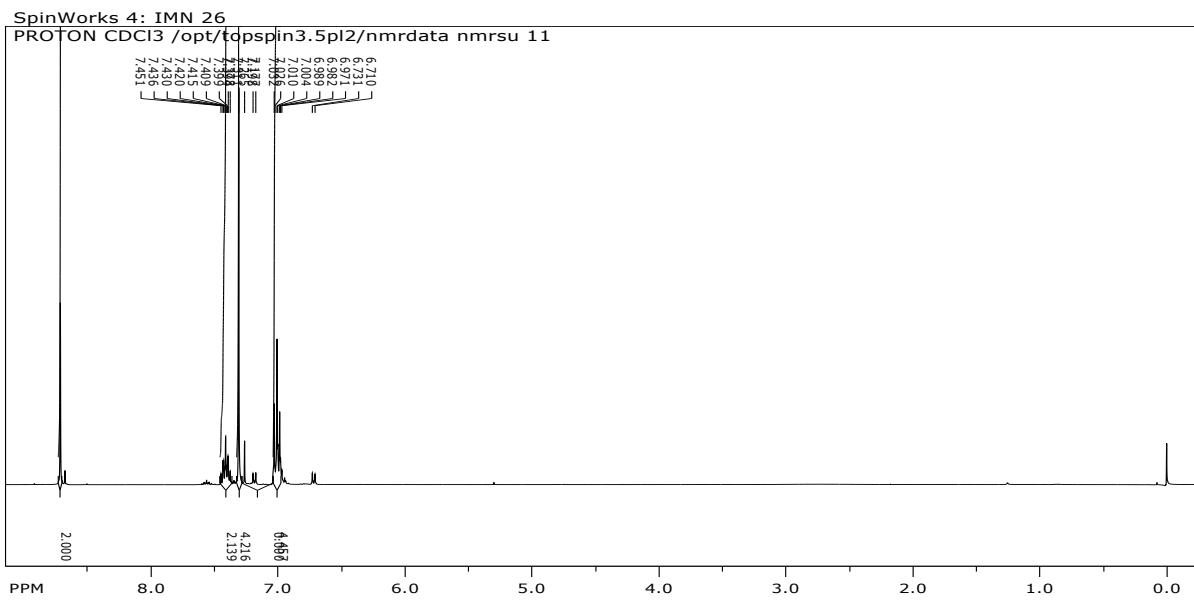


Figure: S1.r)  $^1\text{H}$  NMR Spectra of compound 18.

- $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 Hz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ): δ 7.23–7.61 [m(6H), H3, H6, H7], δ 7.80–7.85 [m(4H), H9, H10] δ 8.43 [s(2H), H1]

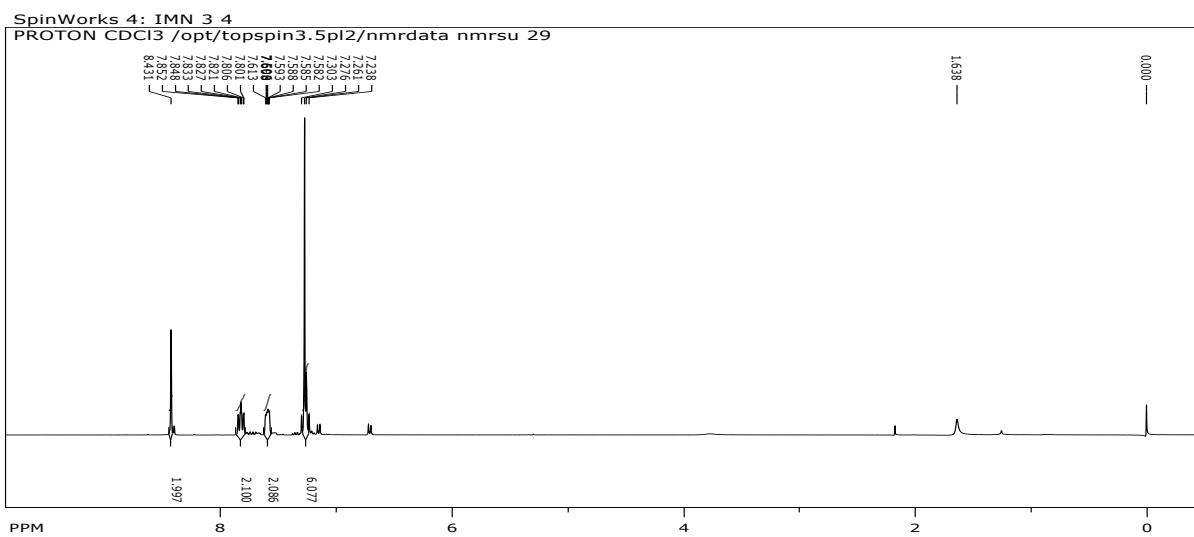


Figure: S1.s)  $^1\text{H}$  NMR Spectra of compound 19.

- $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 Hz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ): δ 6.67–7.29 [m(6H), H3, H6, H7], δ 7.40–7.45 [m(4H), H9, H10] δ 8.41–8.43 [s(2H), H1]

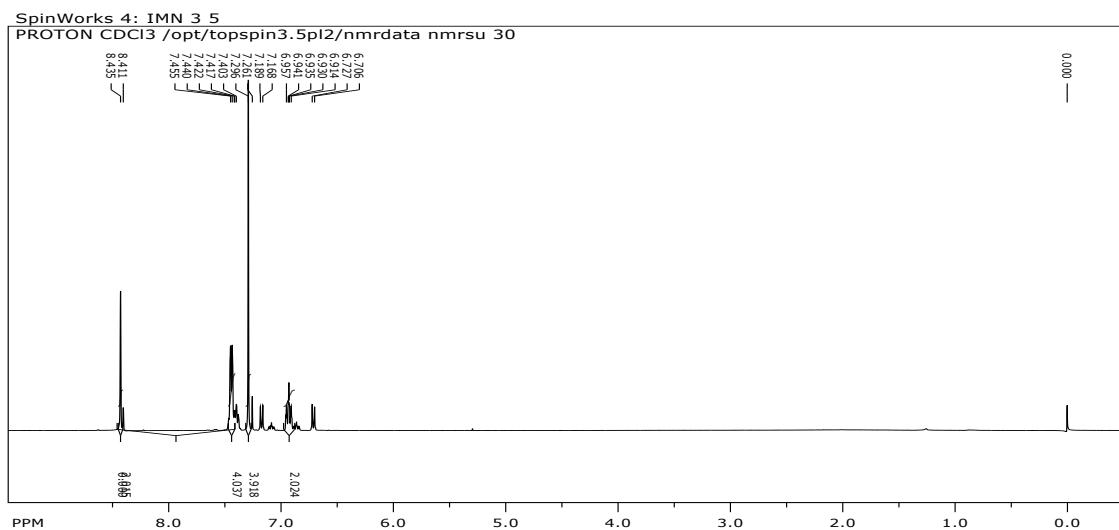


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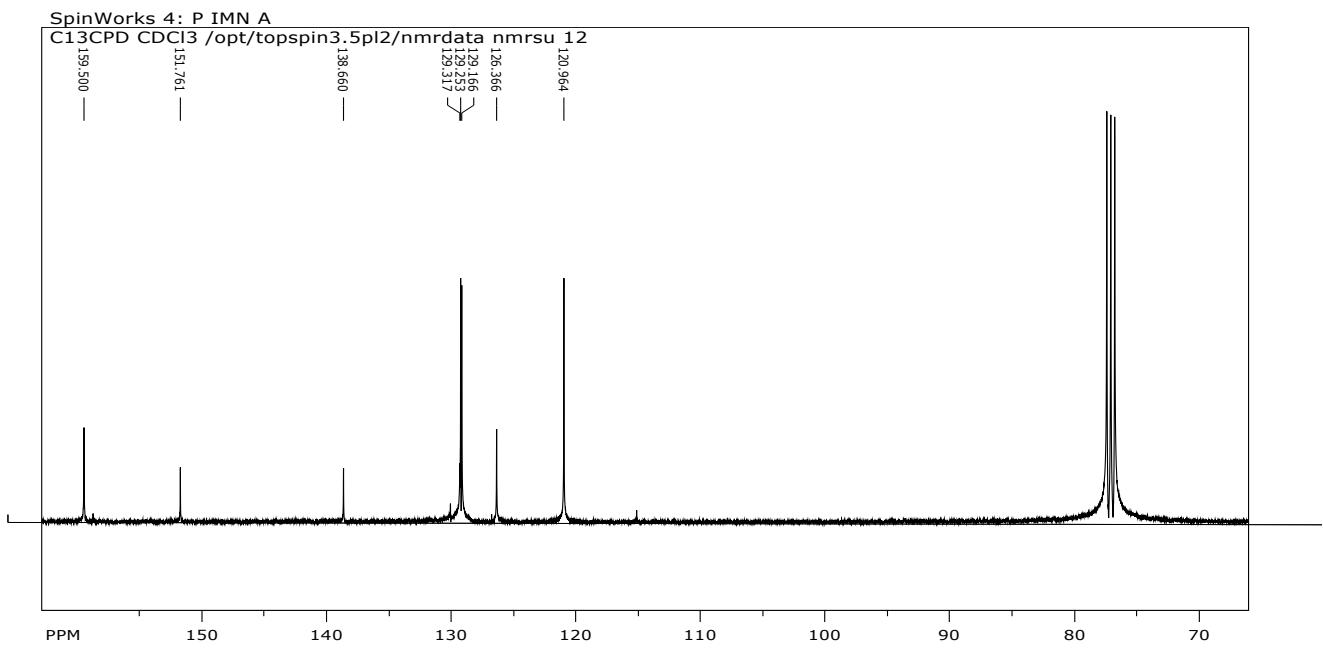


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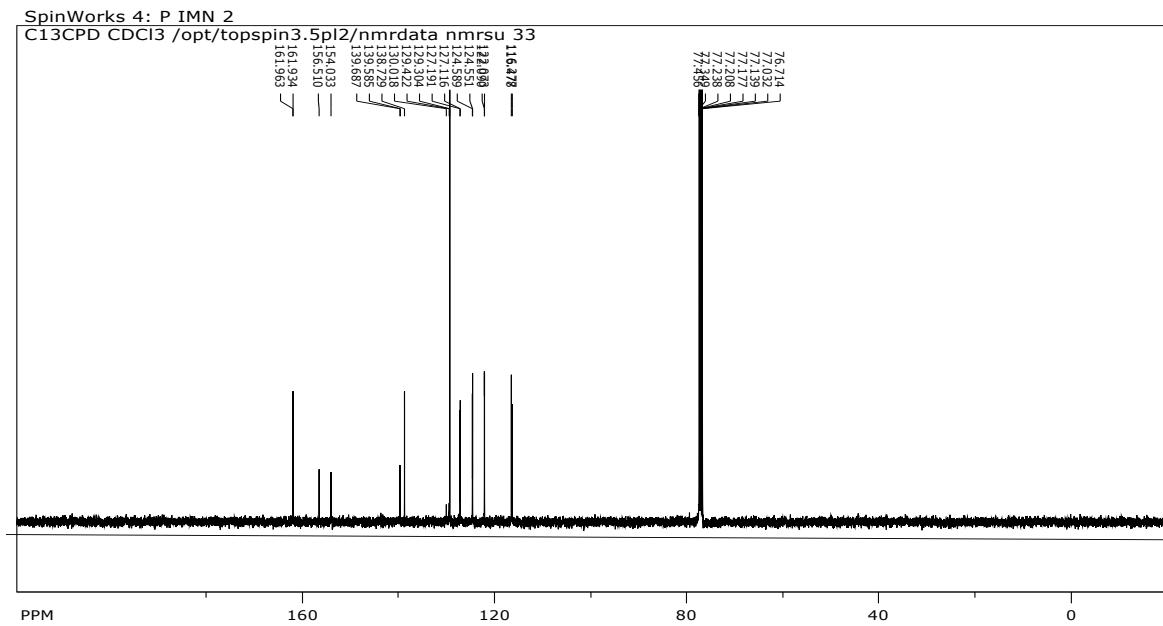


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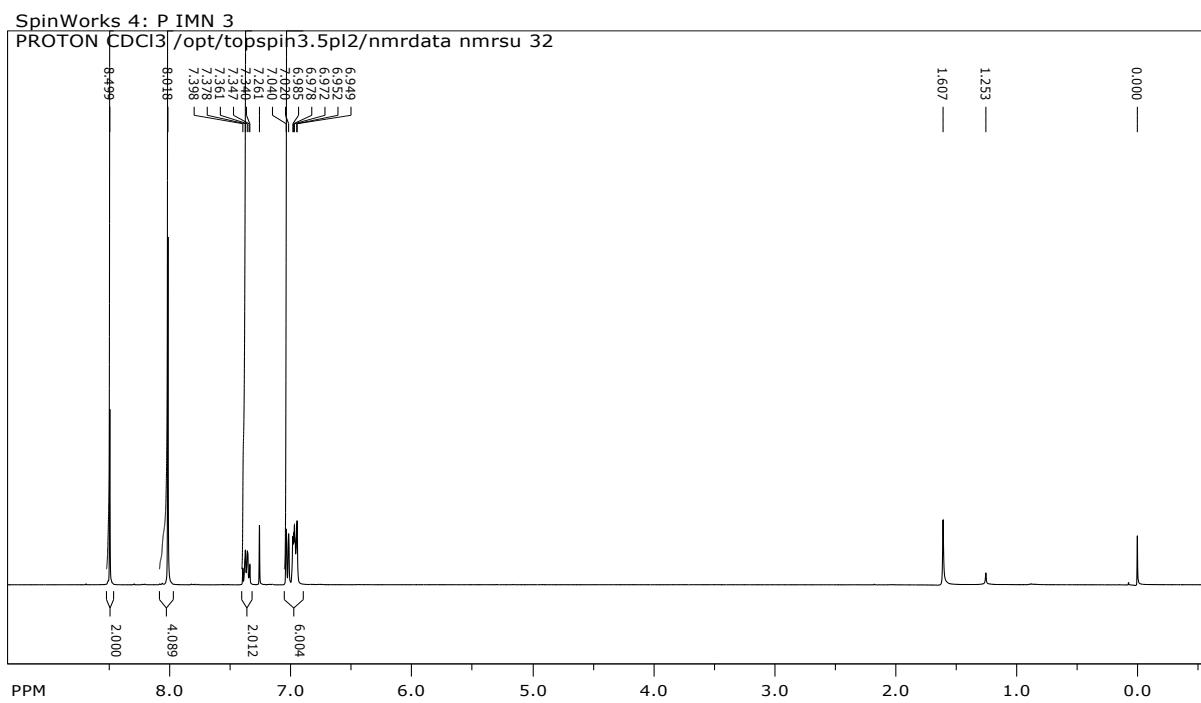


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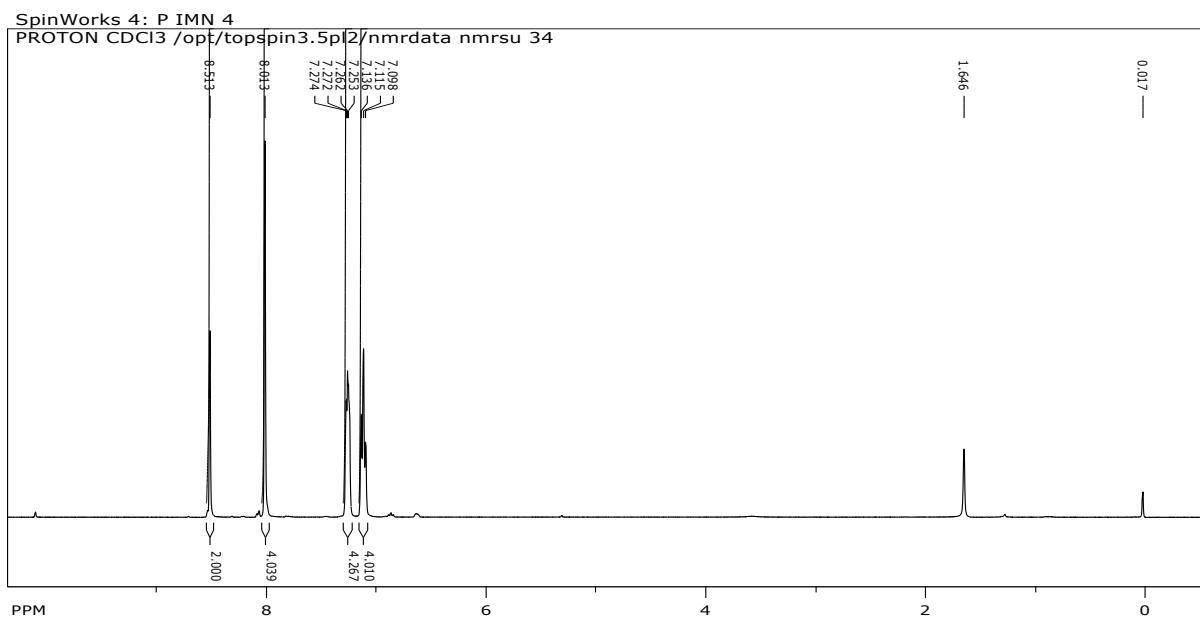


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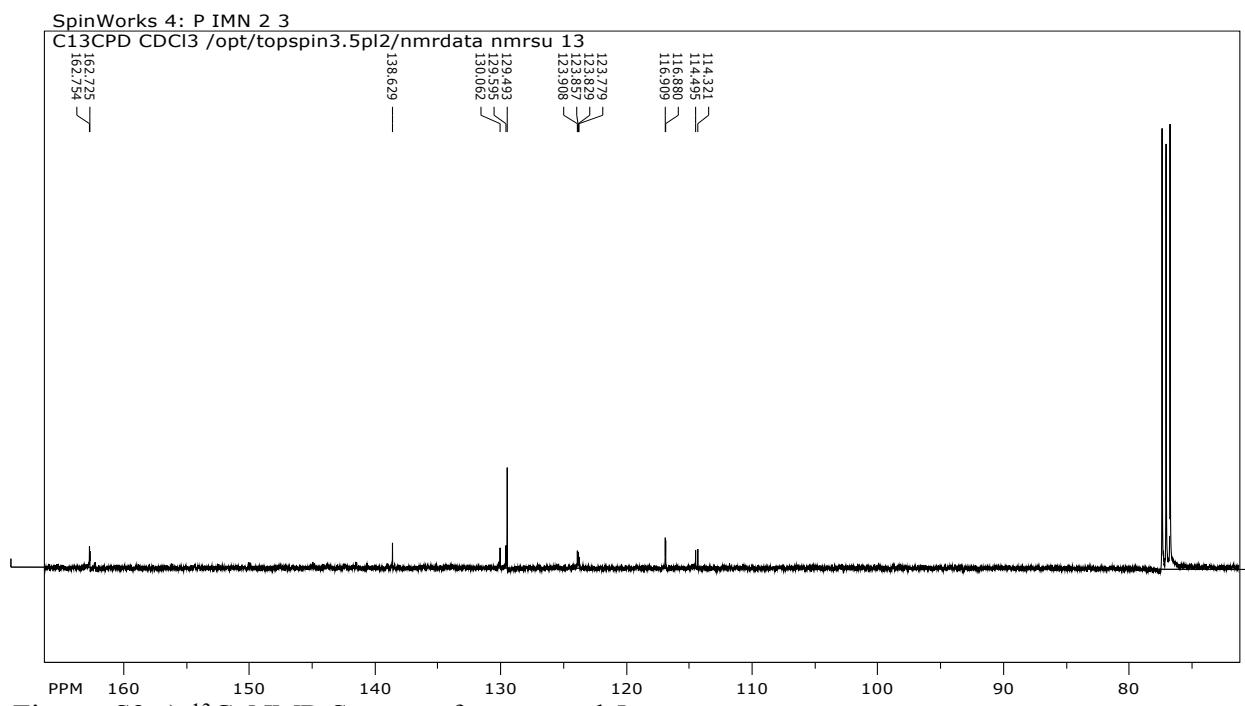


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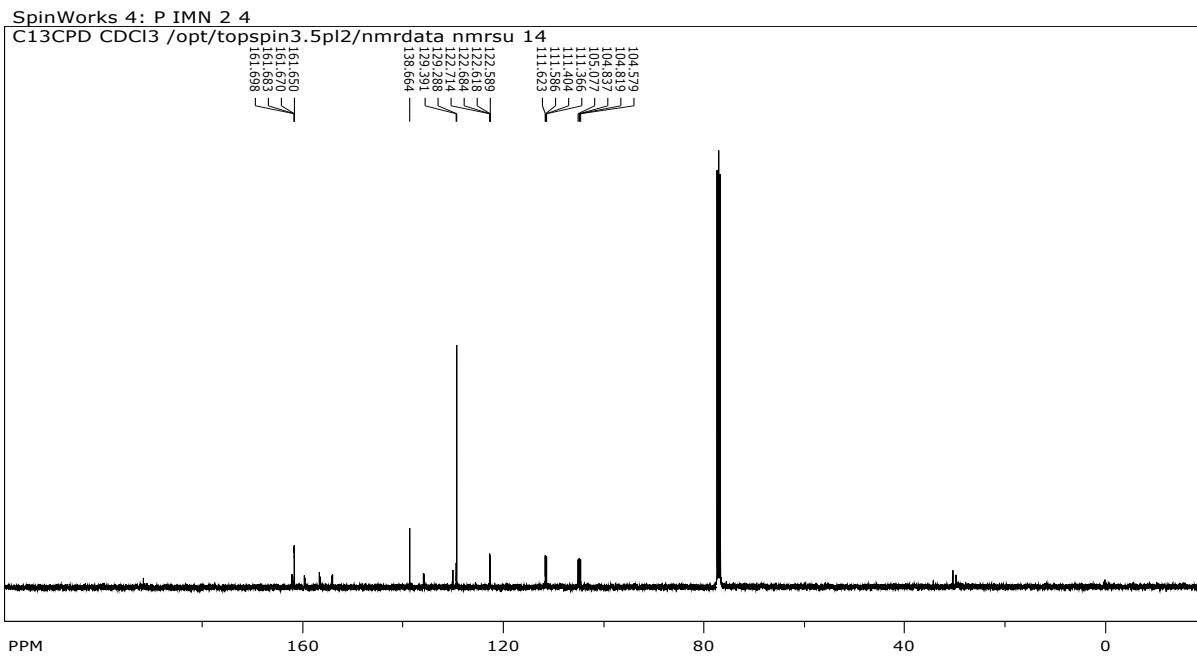


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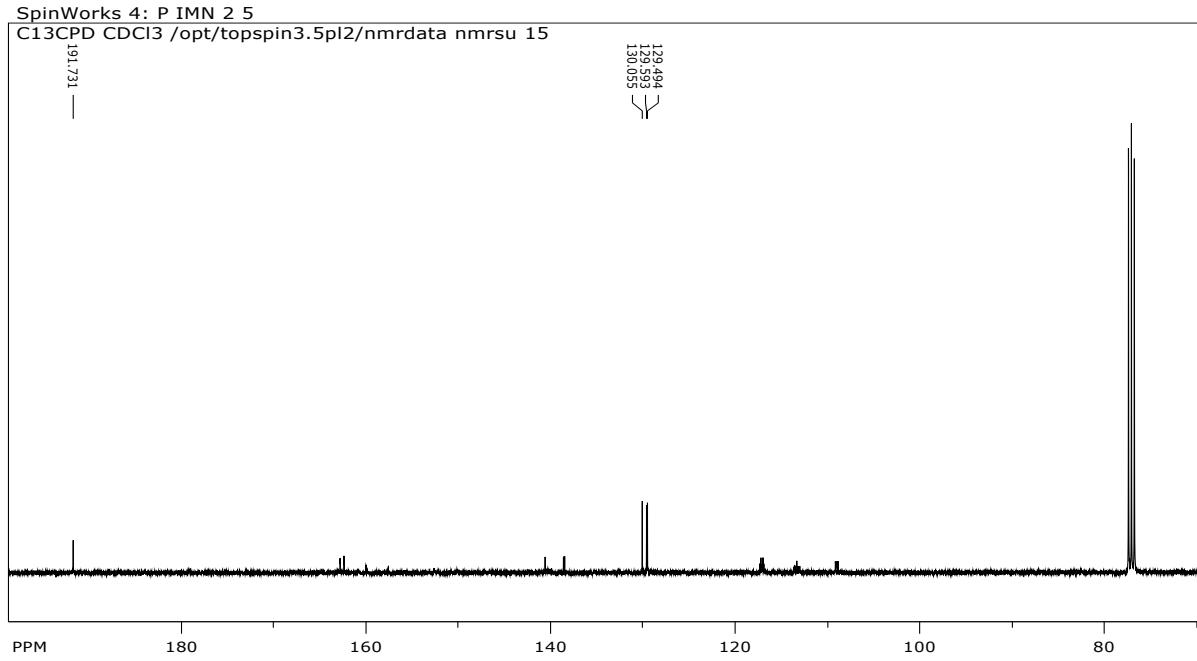


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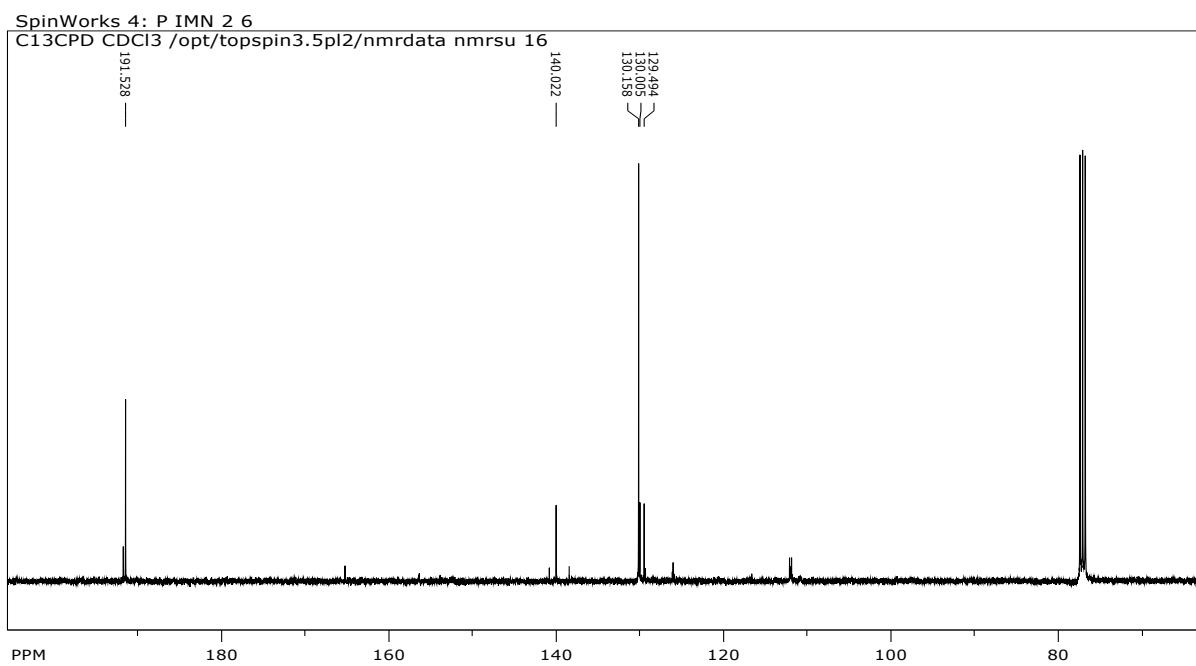


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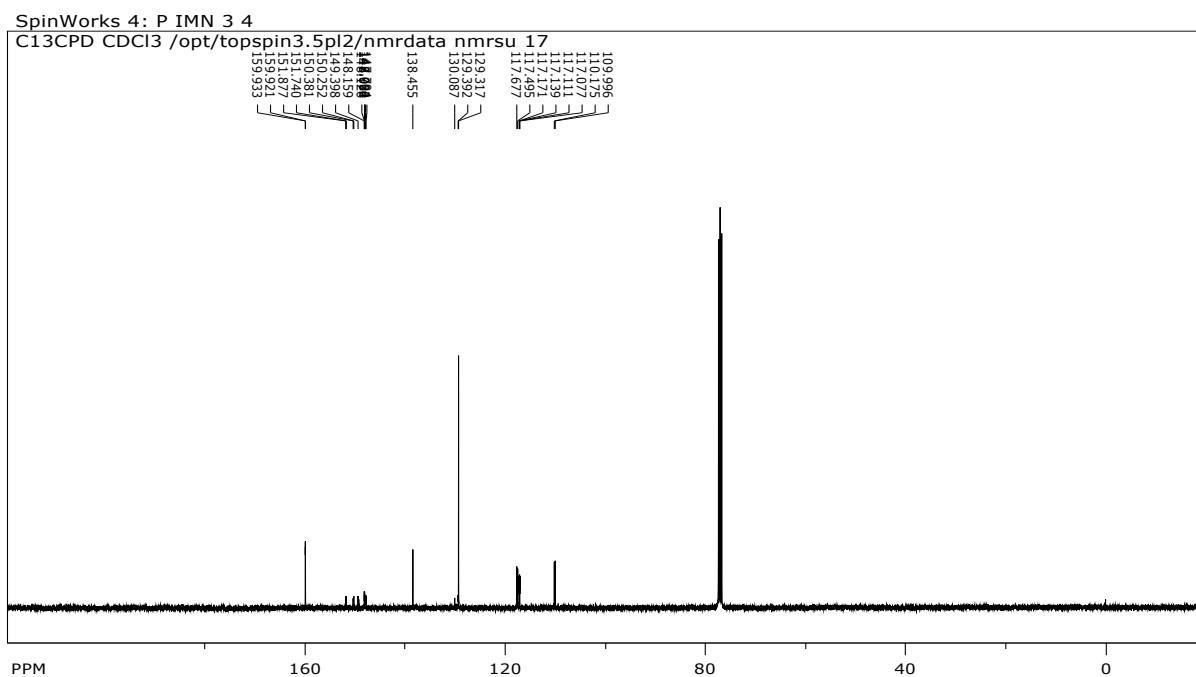


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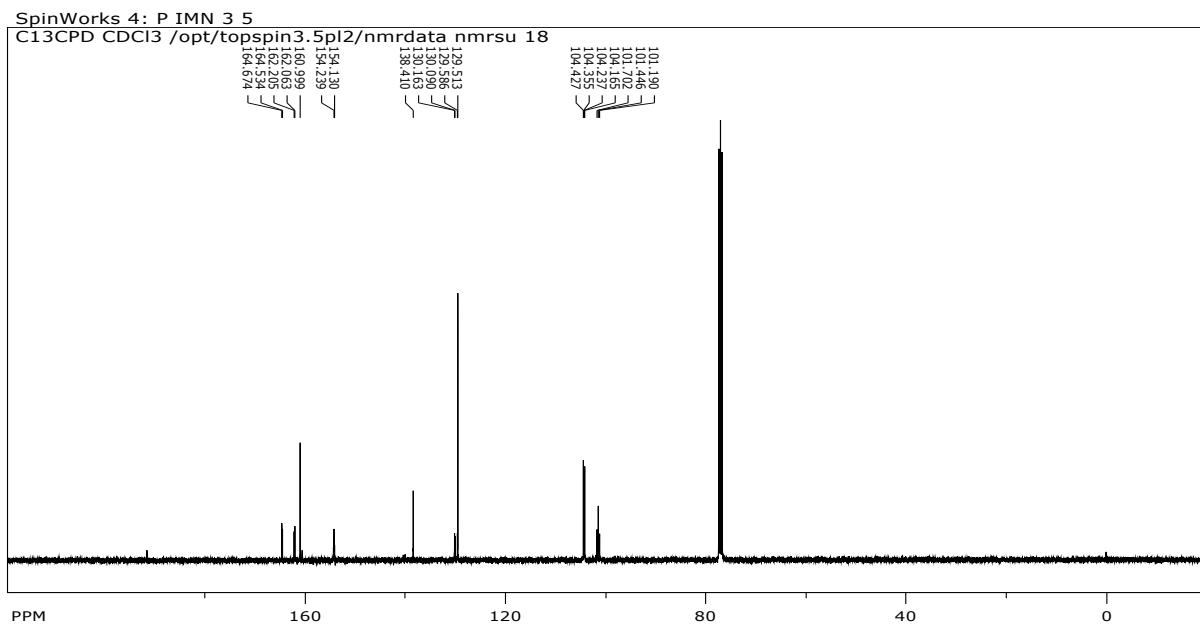


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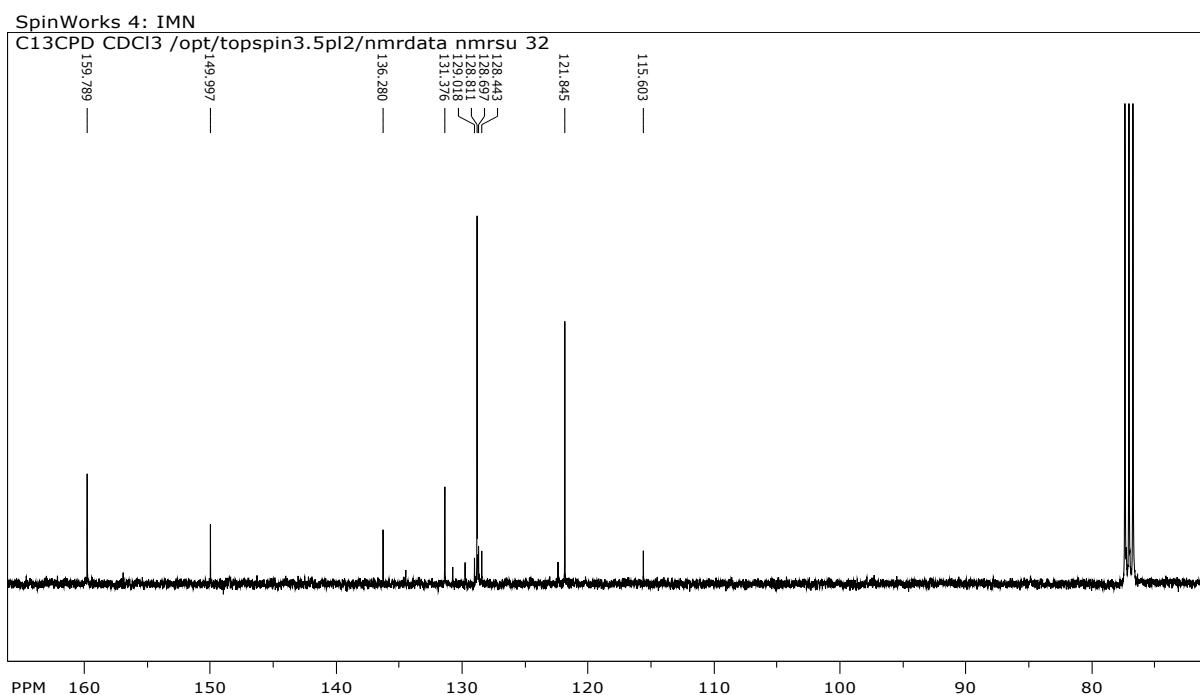


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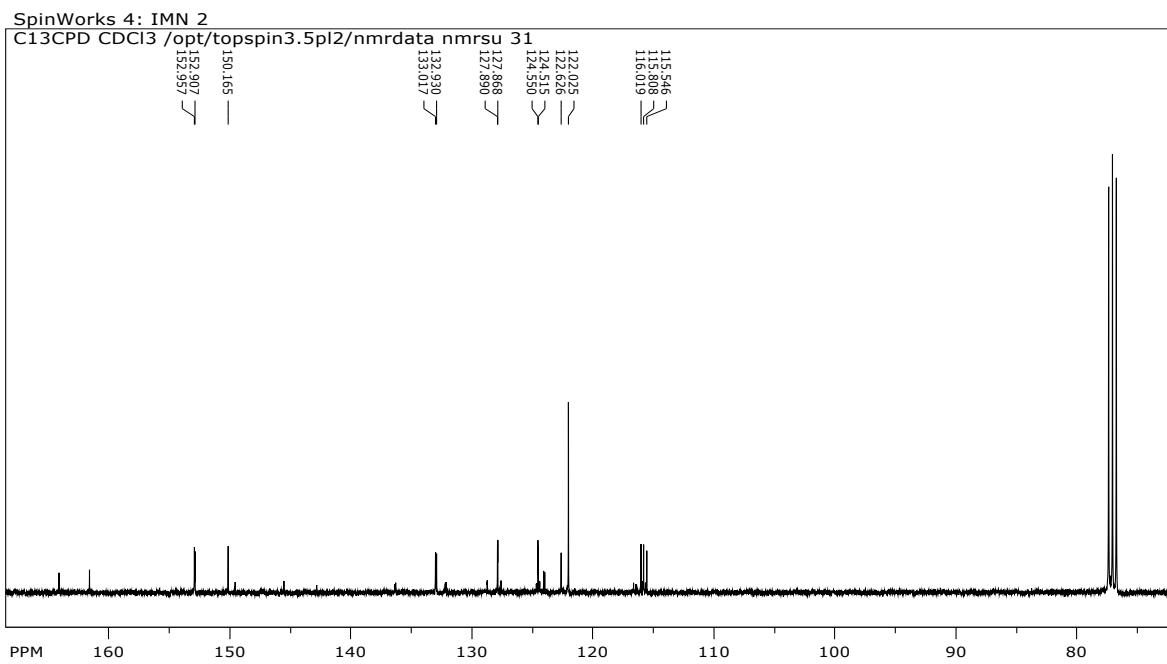


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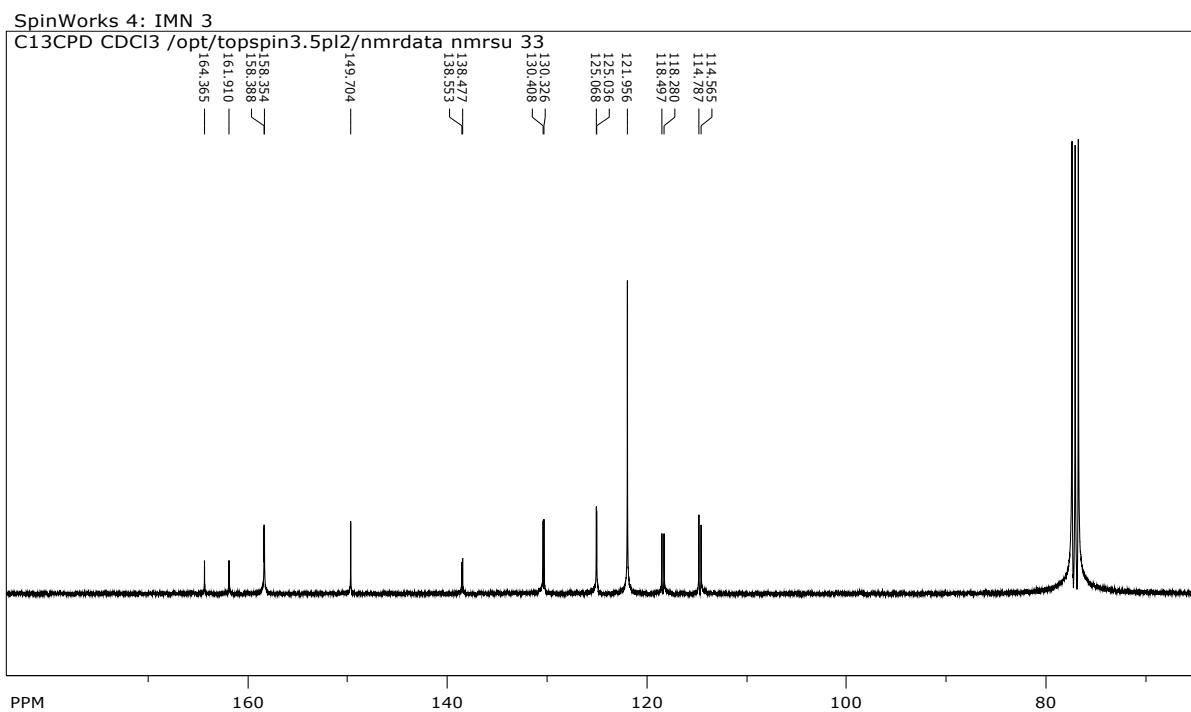


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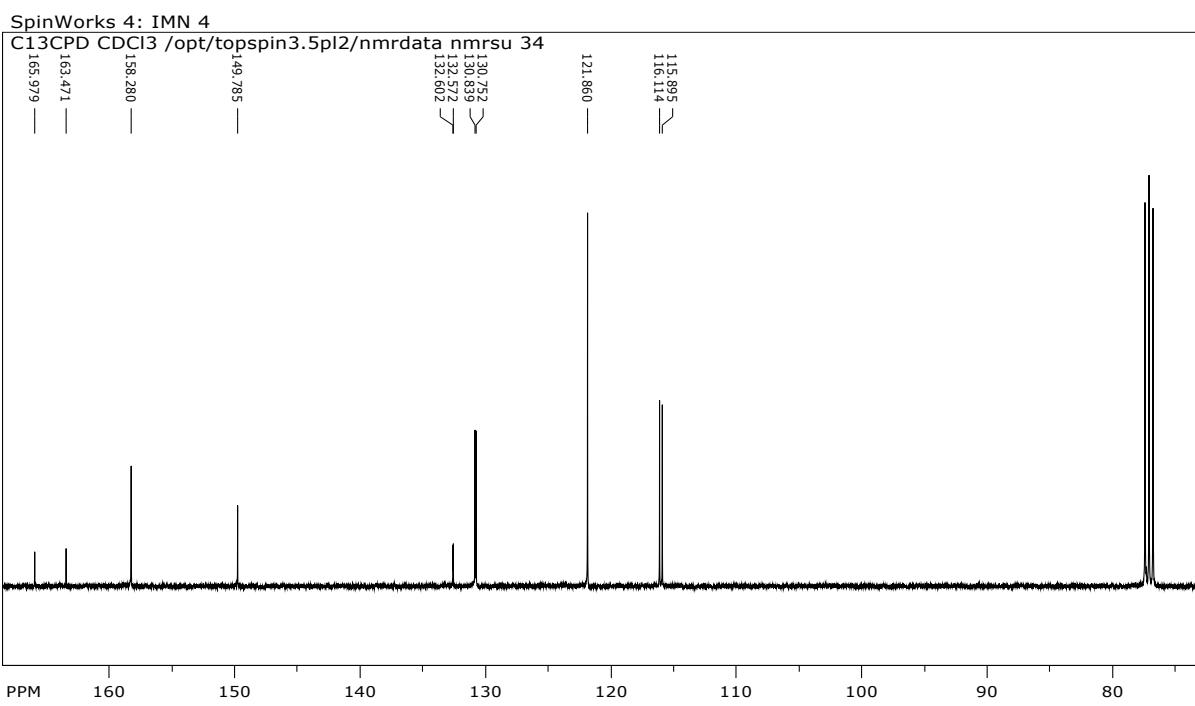


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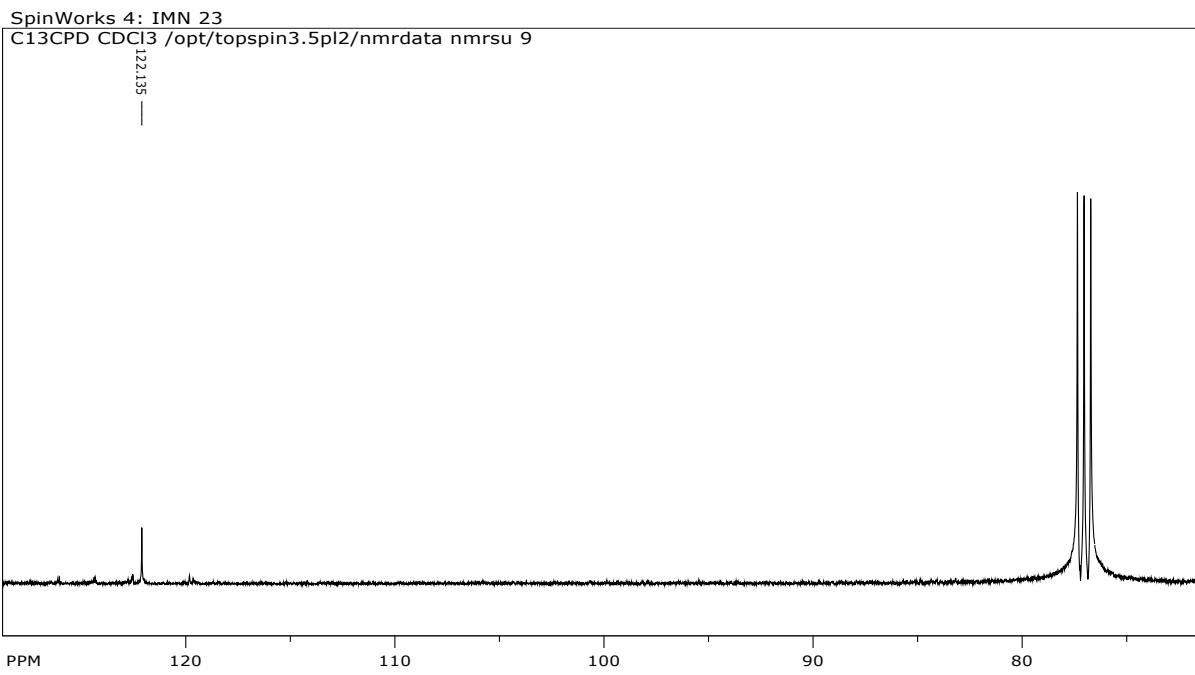


Figure: S2.o) <sup>13</sup>C NMR Spectra of compound 15.

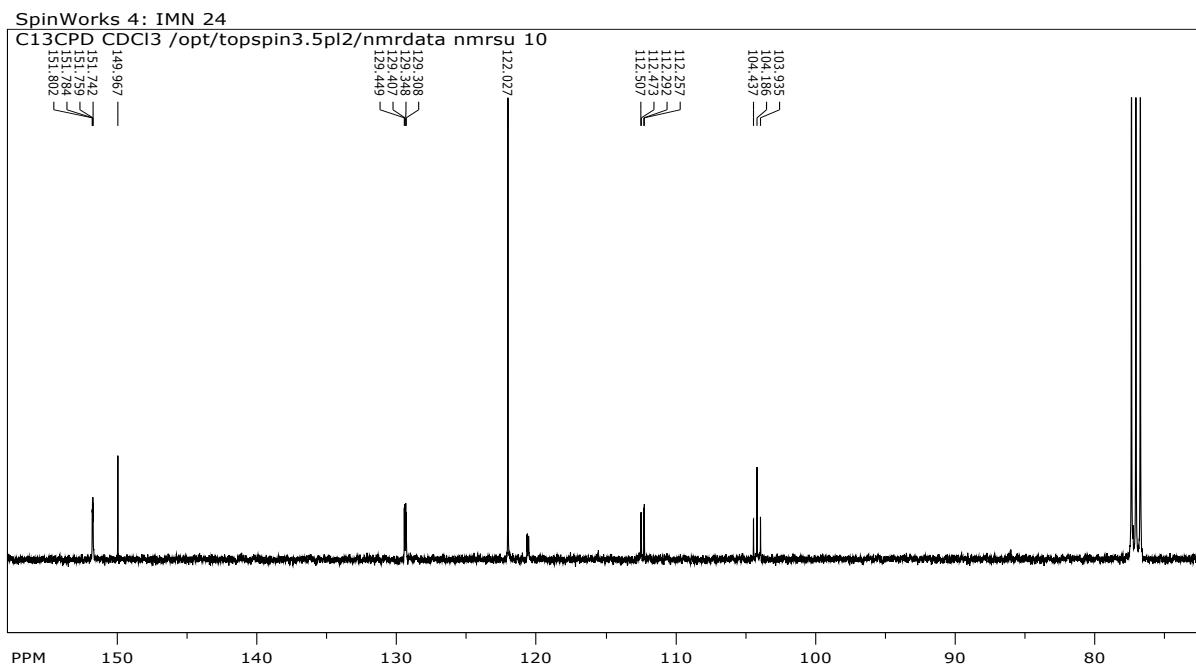


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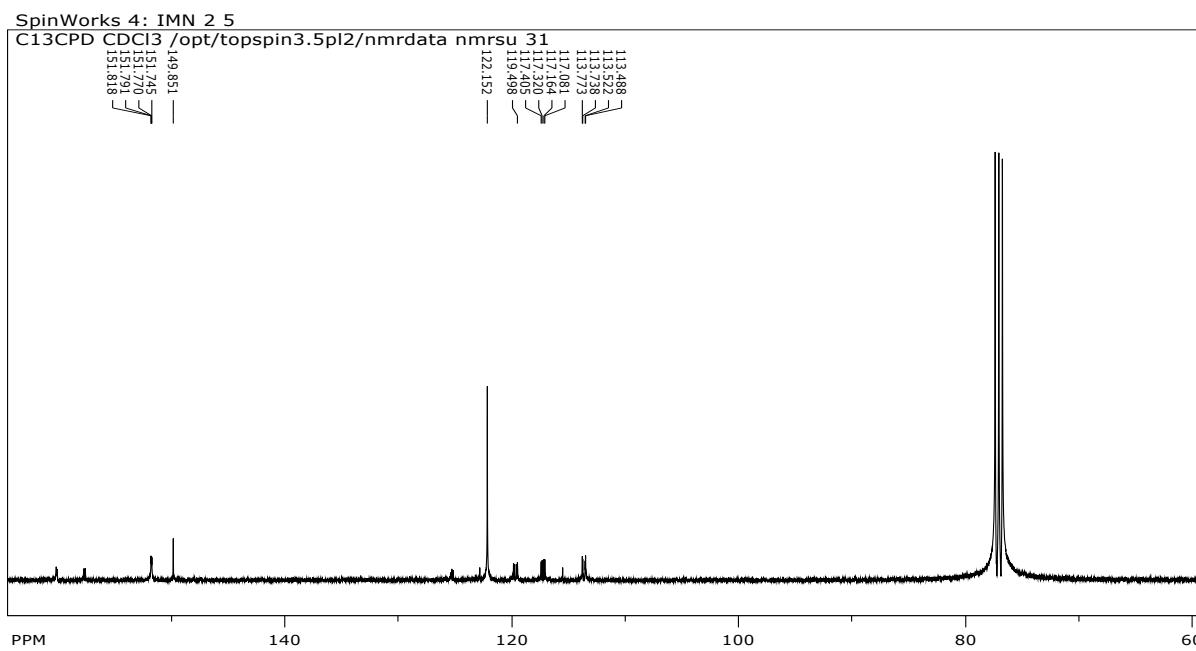


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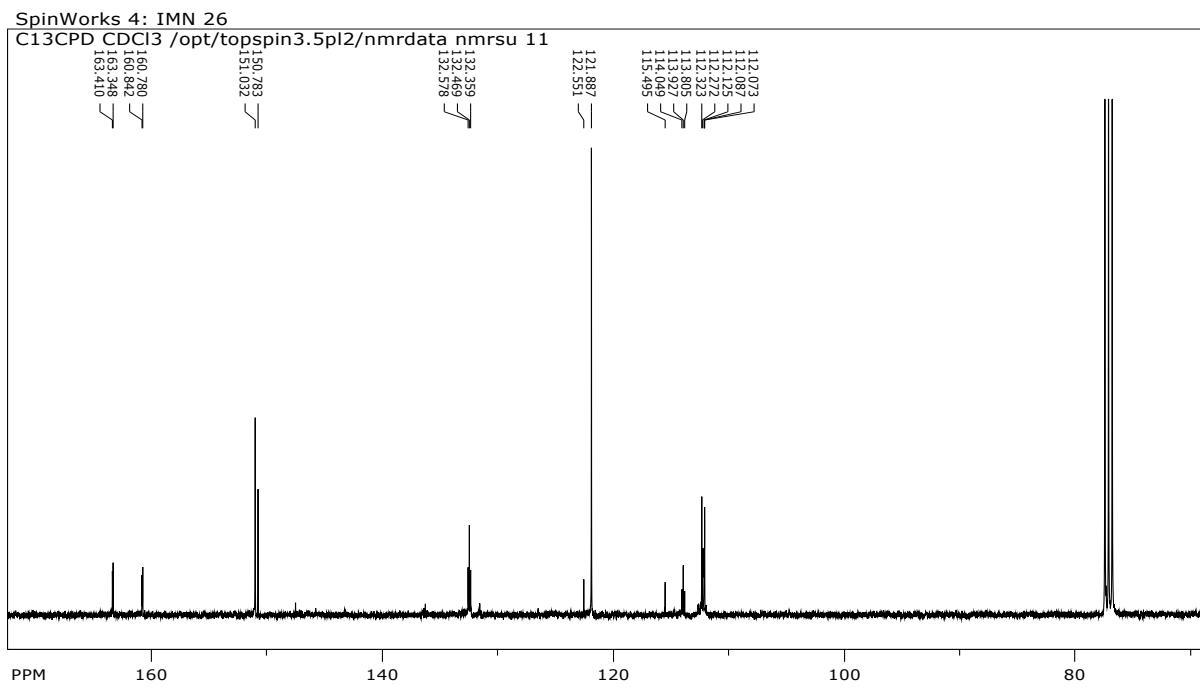


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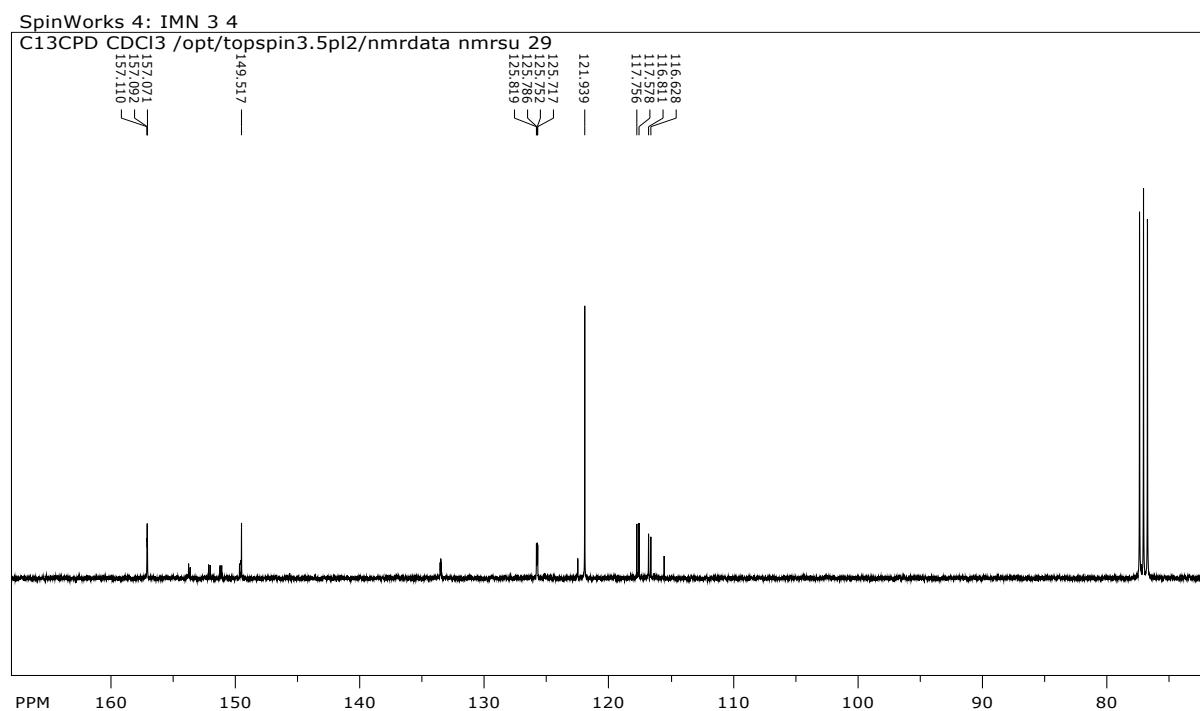


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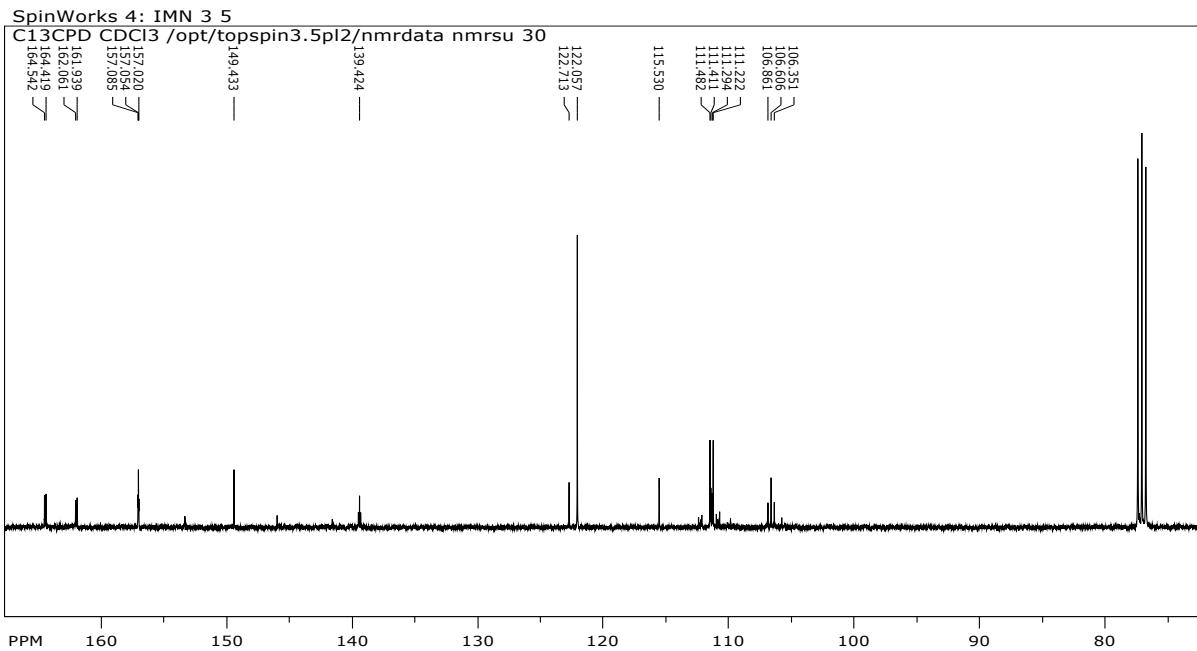


Figure: S2.t) <sup>13</sup>C NMR Spectra of compound 20.

NOTE: As compound 1 does not contain any fluorine in it. So, it doesn't show any peak in the <sup>19</sup>F NMR Spectra.

Figure: S3.a) <sup>19</sup>F NMR Spectra of compound 1.

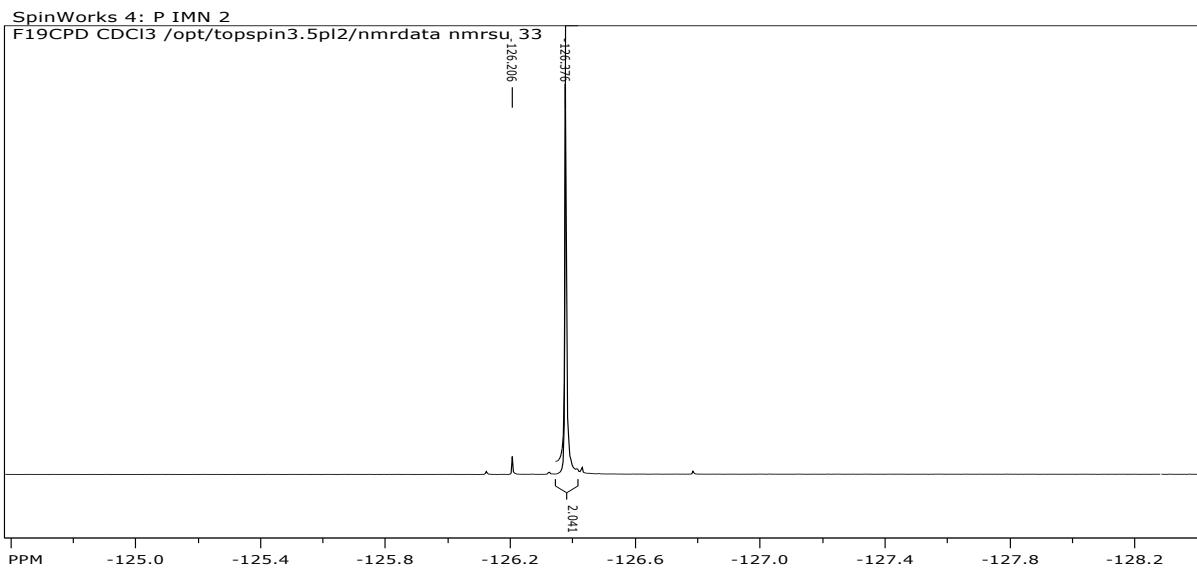


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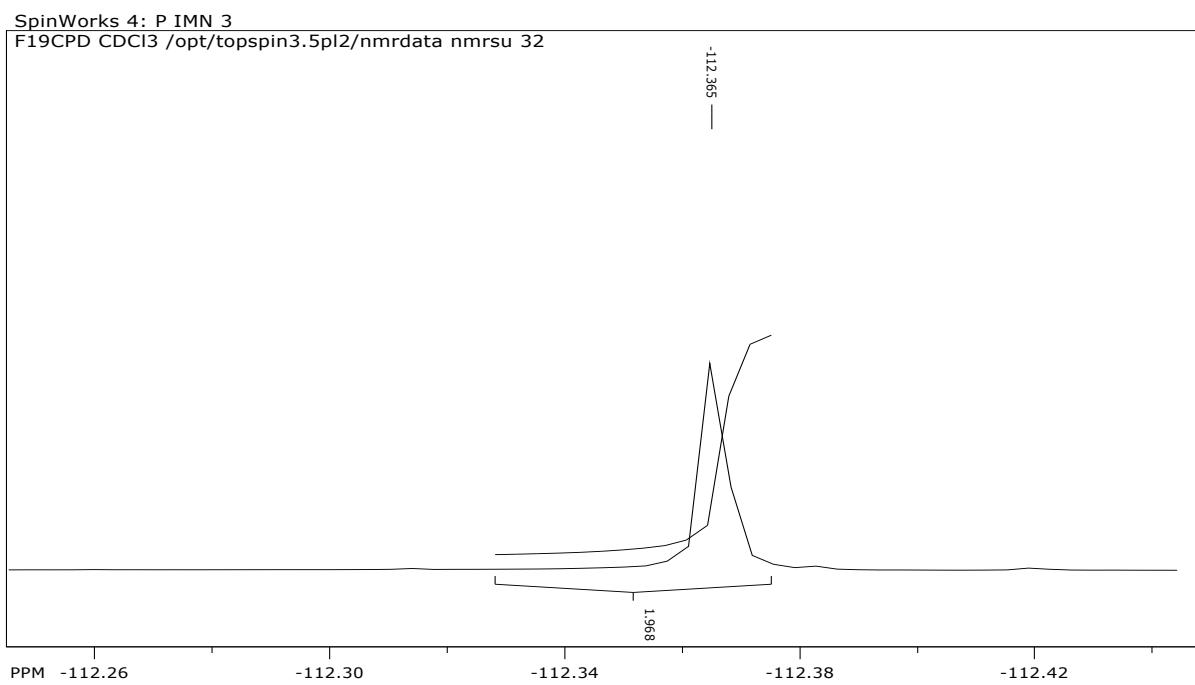


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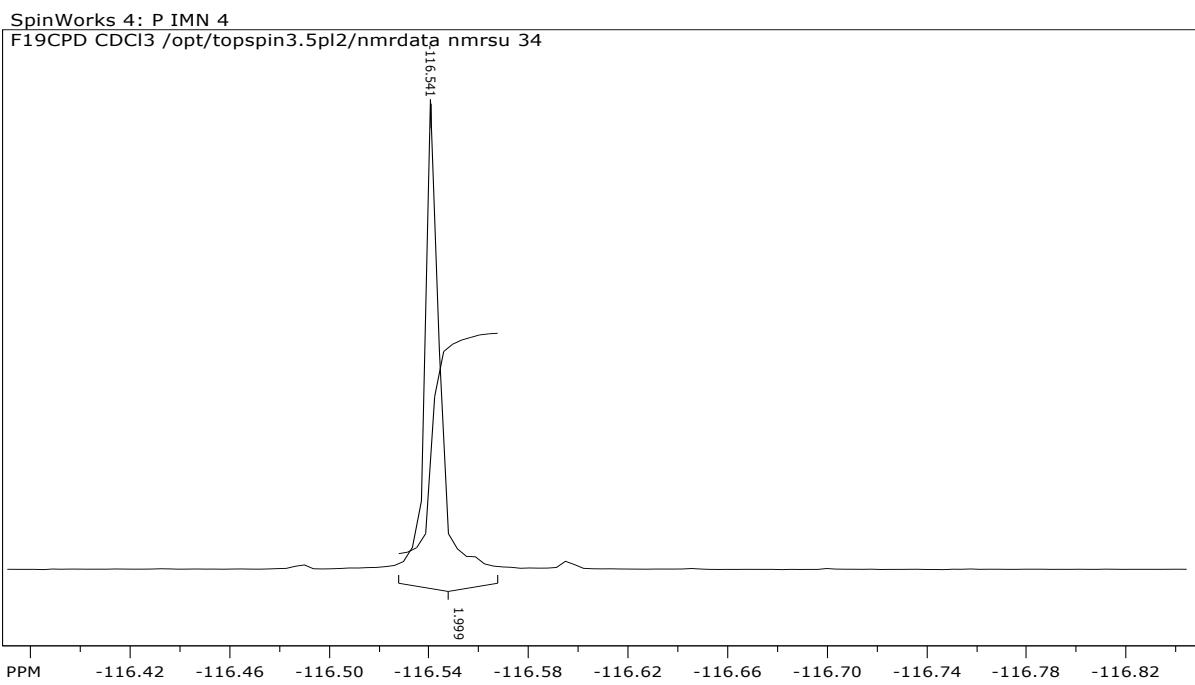


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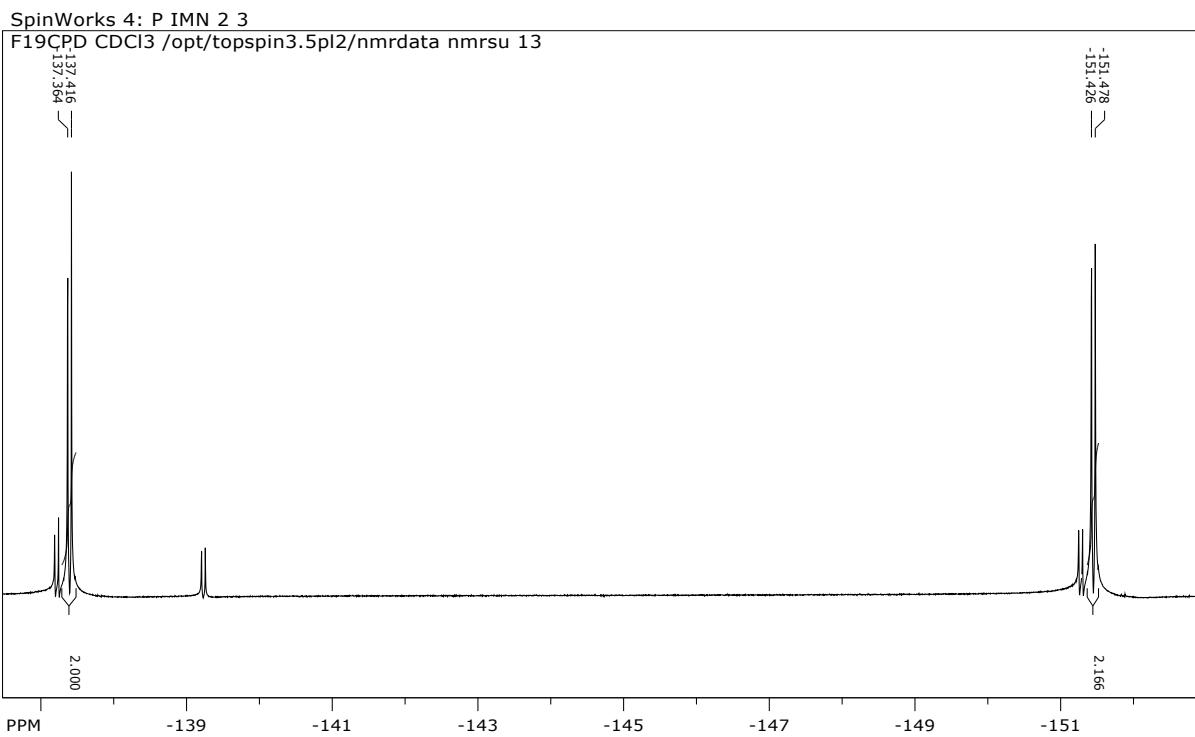


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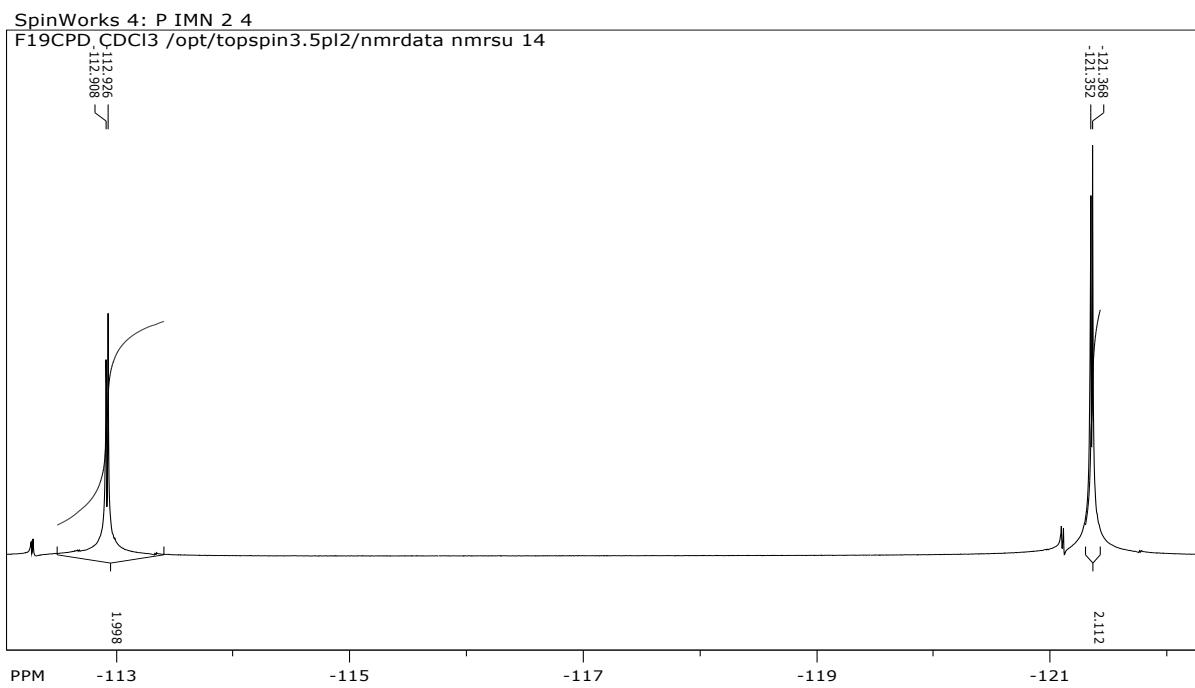


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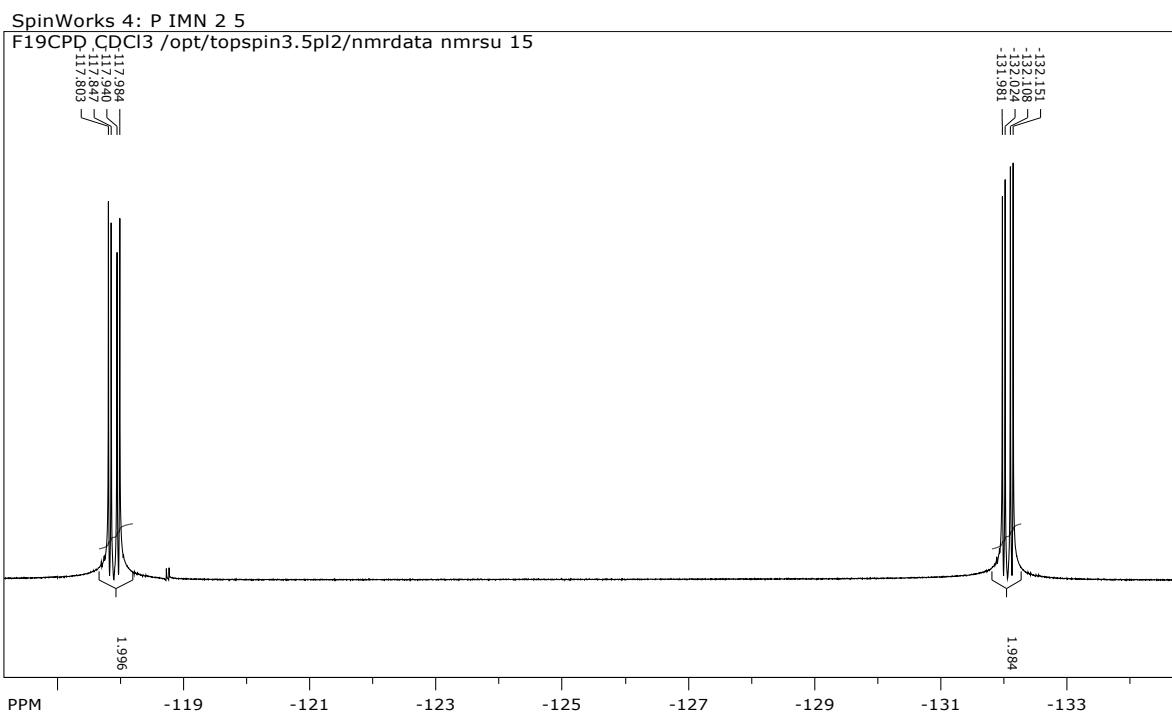


Figure: S3.g) <sup>19</sup>F NMR Spectra of compound 7.

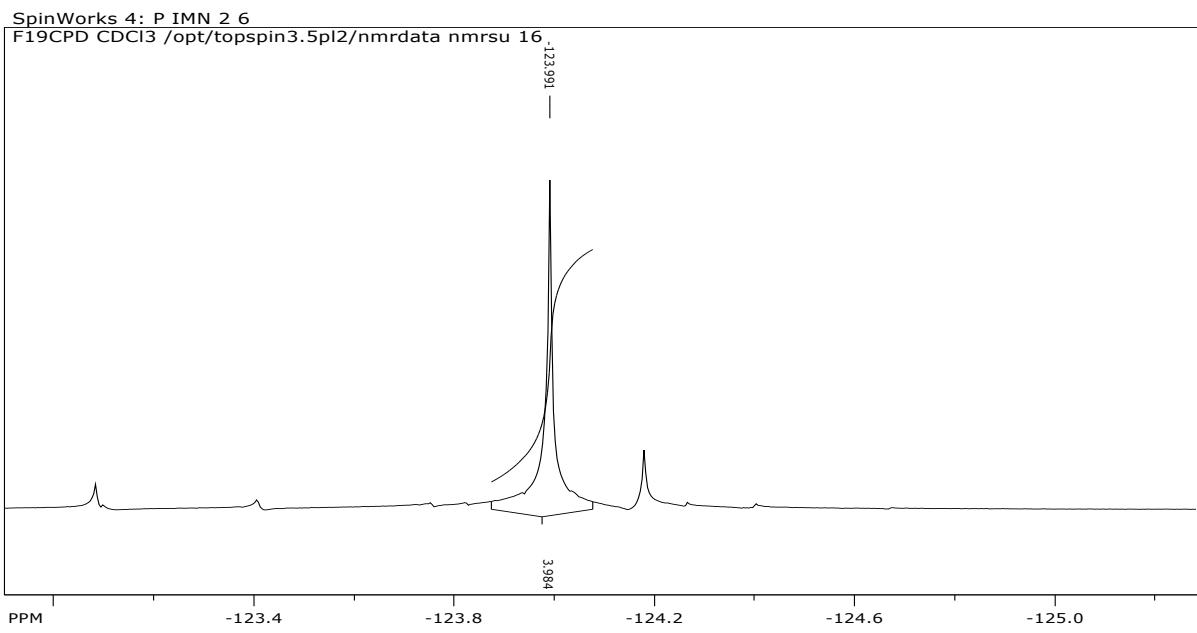


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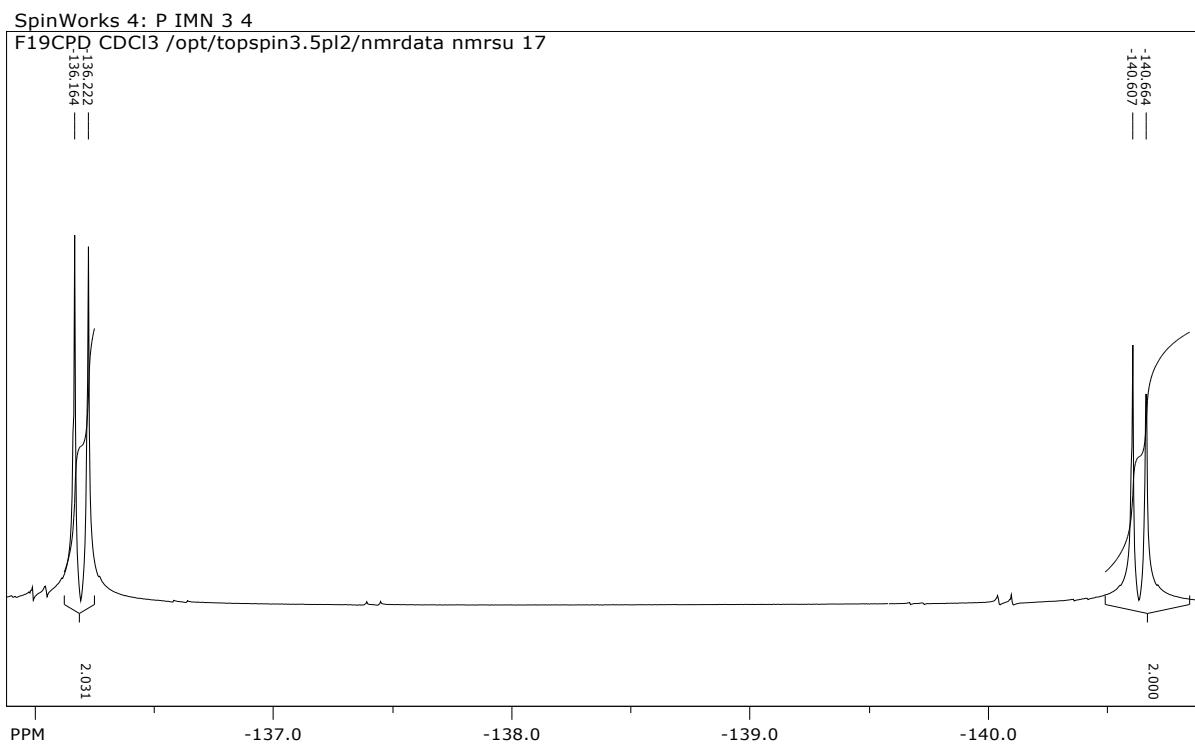


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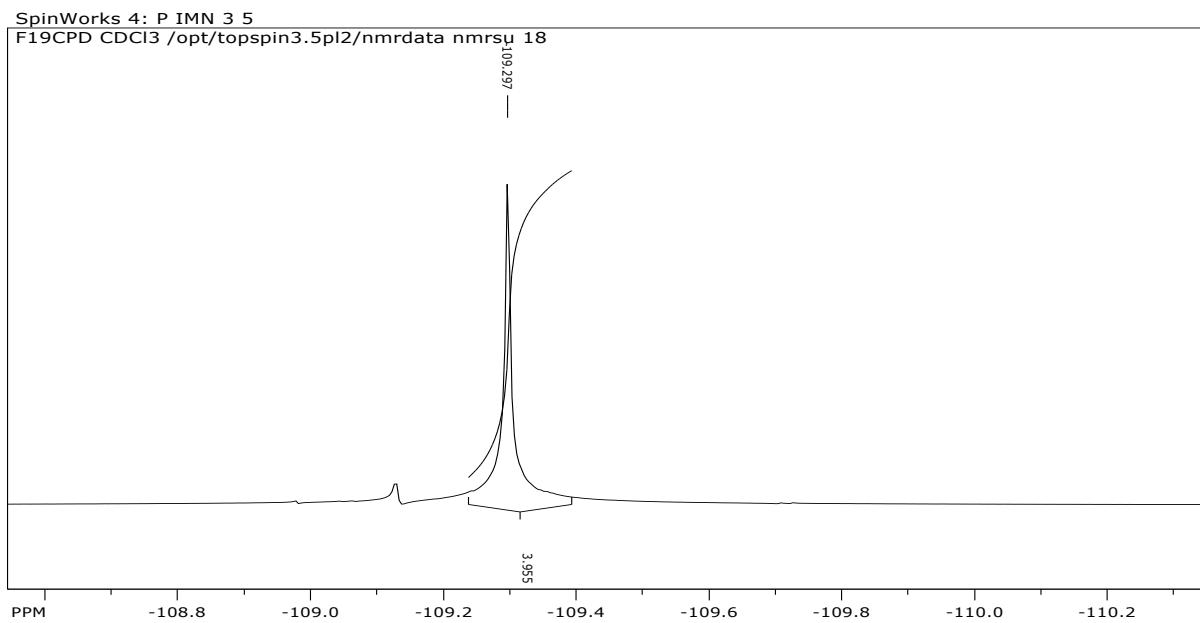


Figure: S3.j) <sup>19</sup>F NMR Spectra of compound 10.

NOTE: As compound 11 does not contain any fluorine in it. So, it doesn't show any peak in the  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR Spectra.

Figure: S3.k)  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR Spectra of compound 11.

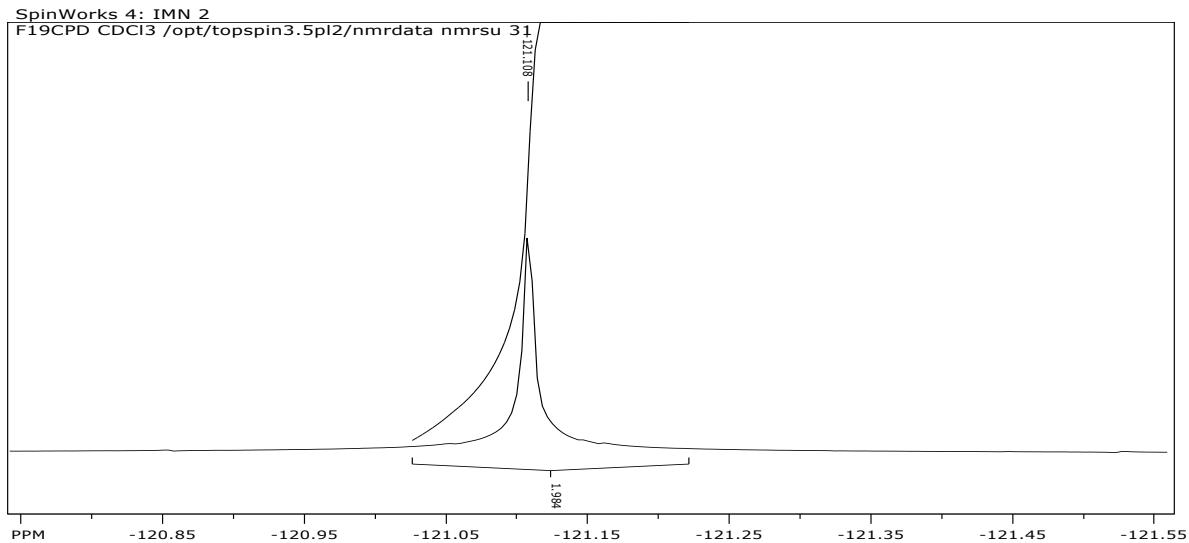


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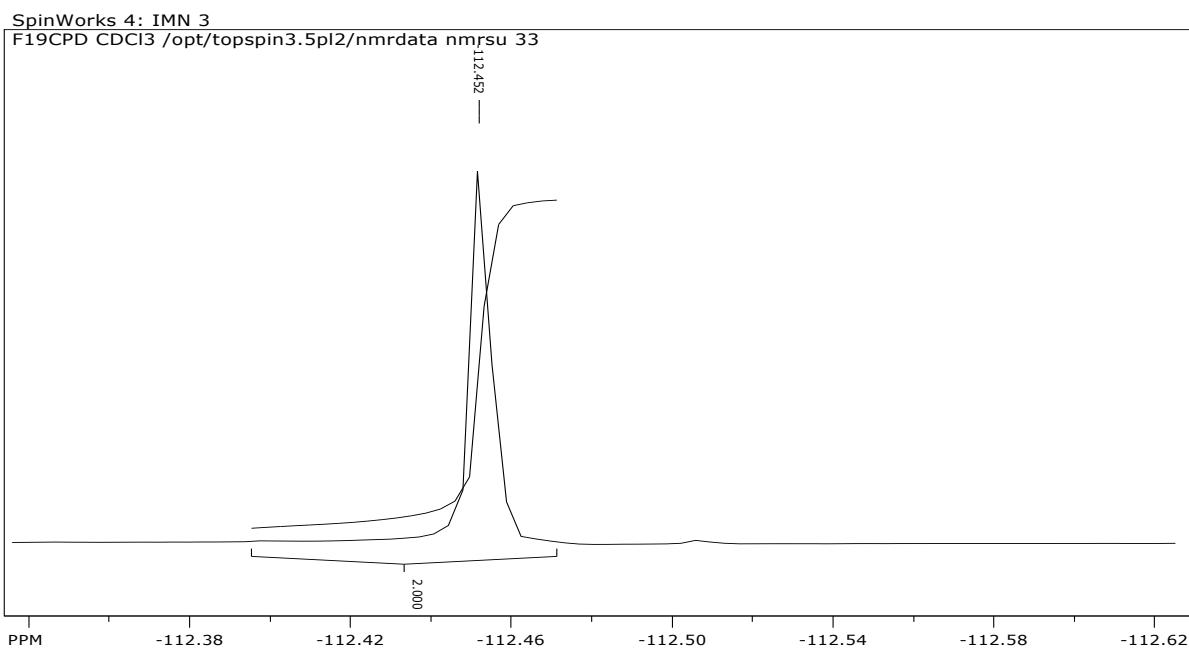


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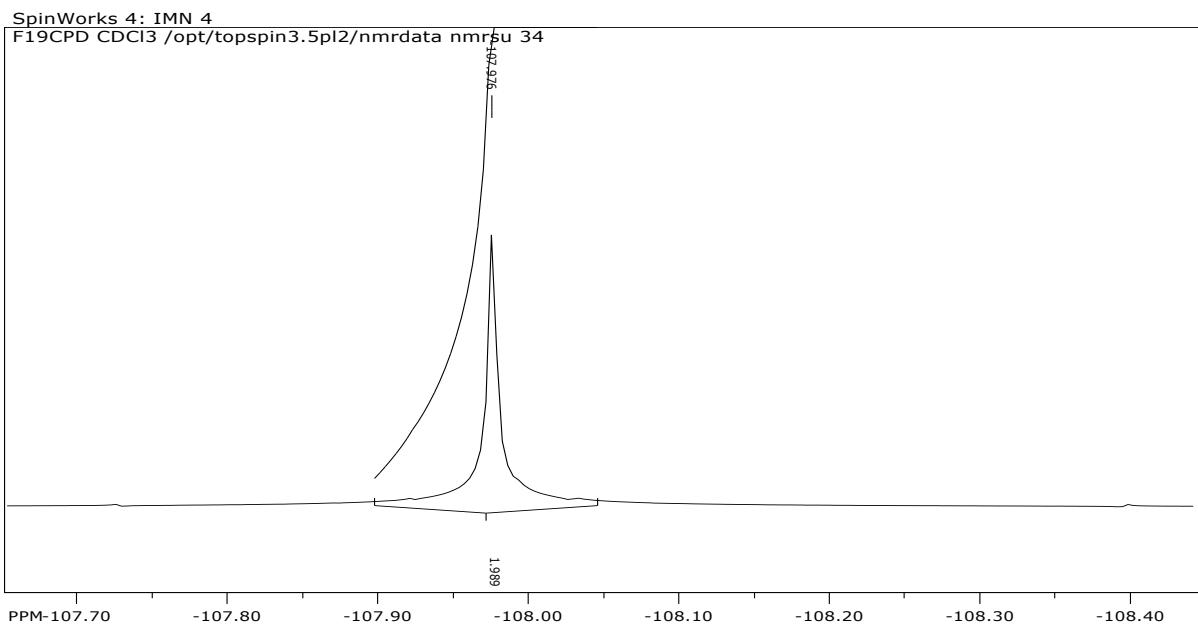


Figure: S3.n) <sup>19</sup>F NMR Spectra of compound 14.

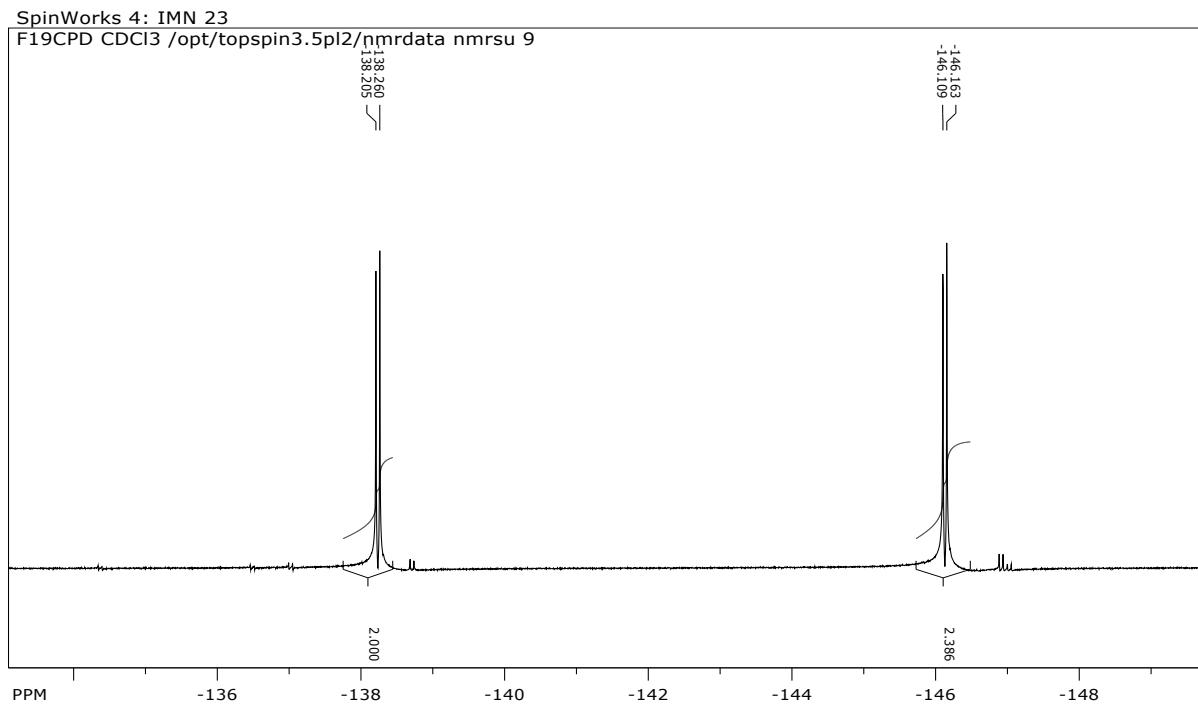


Figure: S3.o) <sup>19</sup>F NMR Spectra of compound 15.

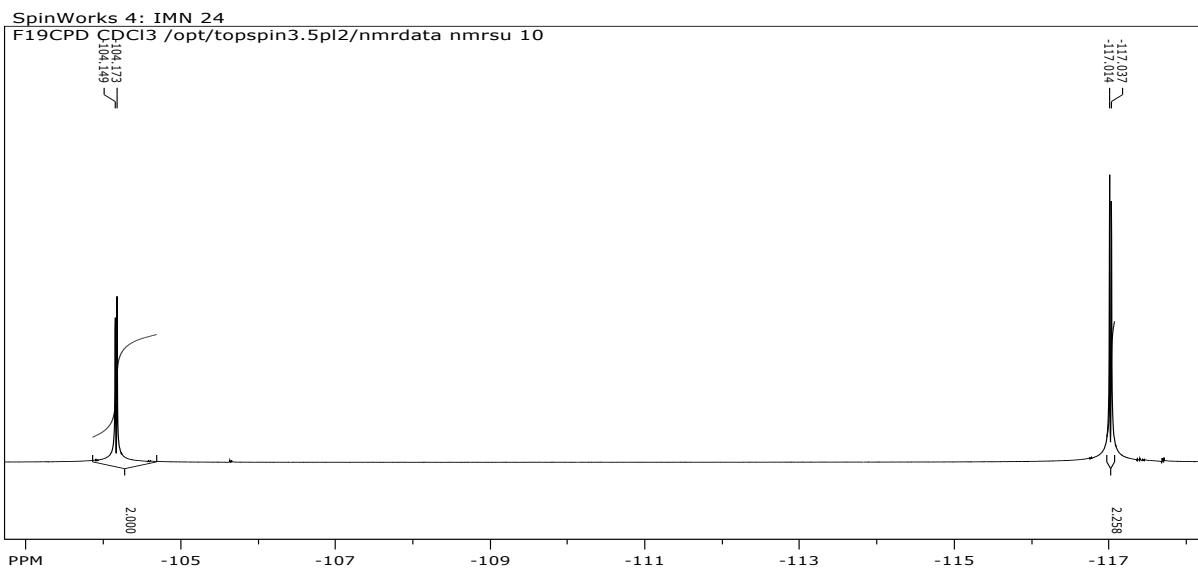


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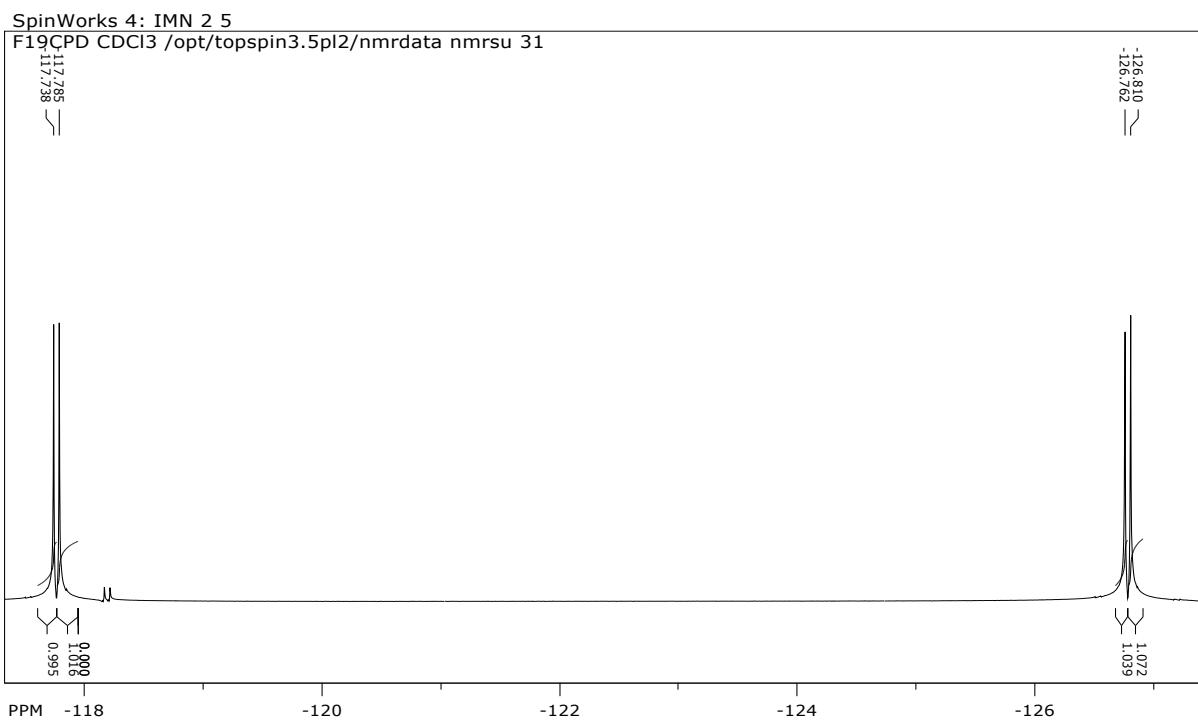


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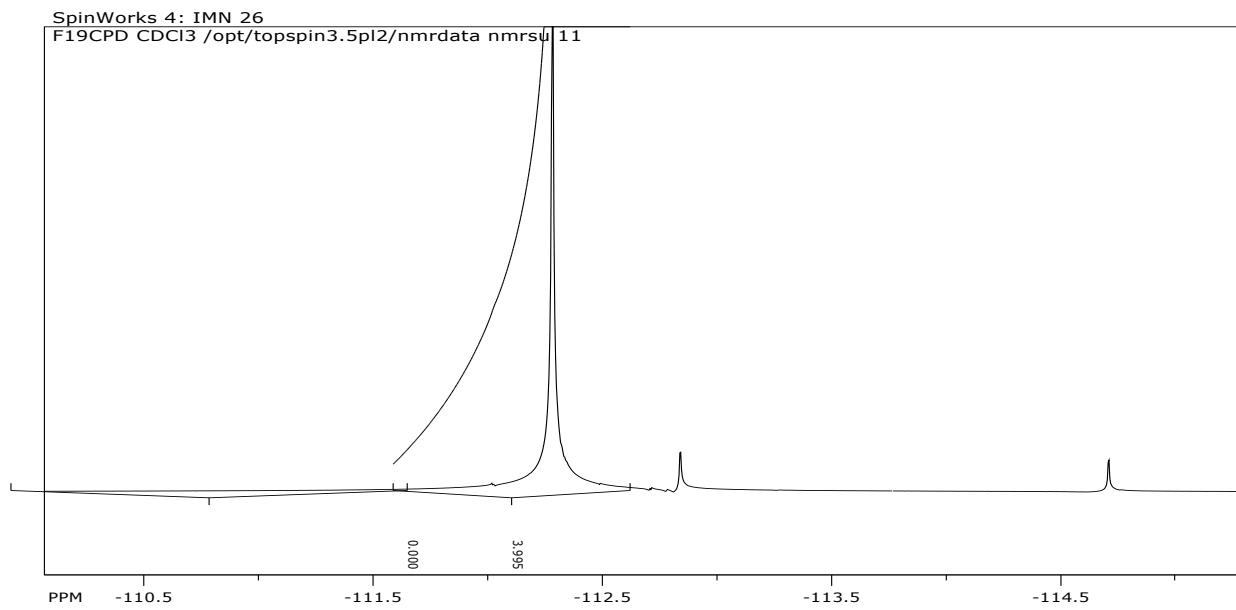


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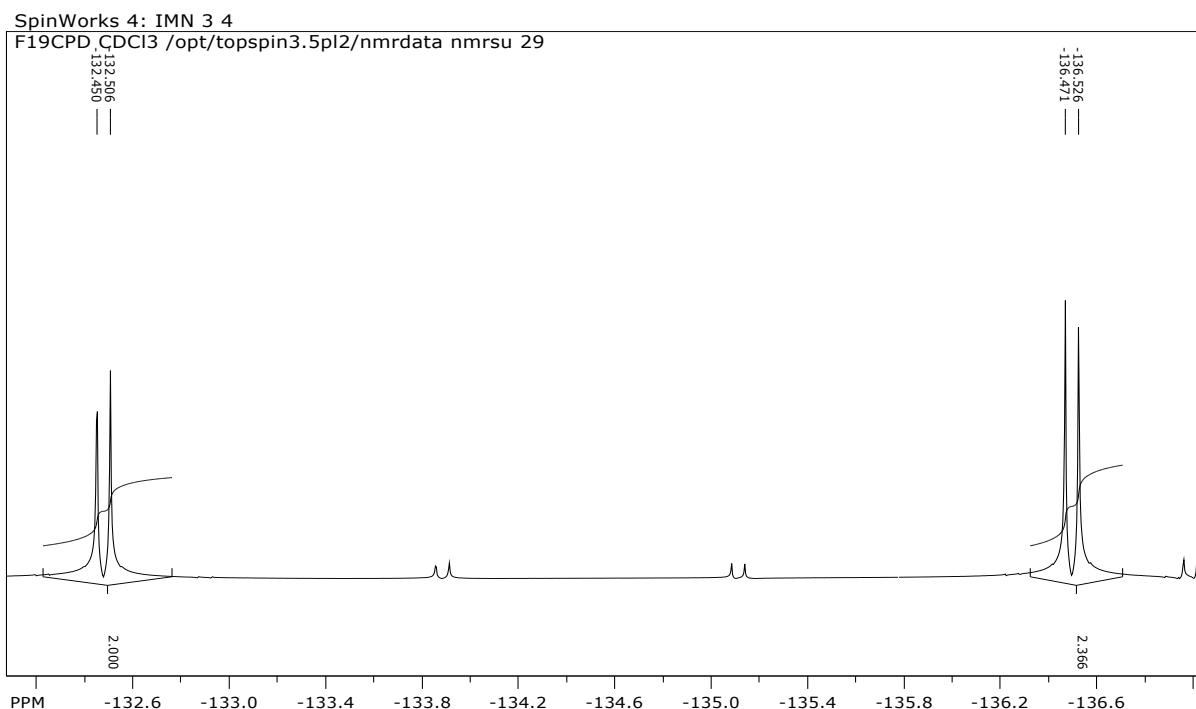


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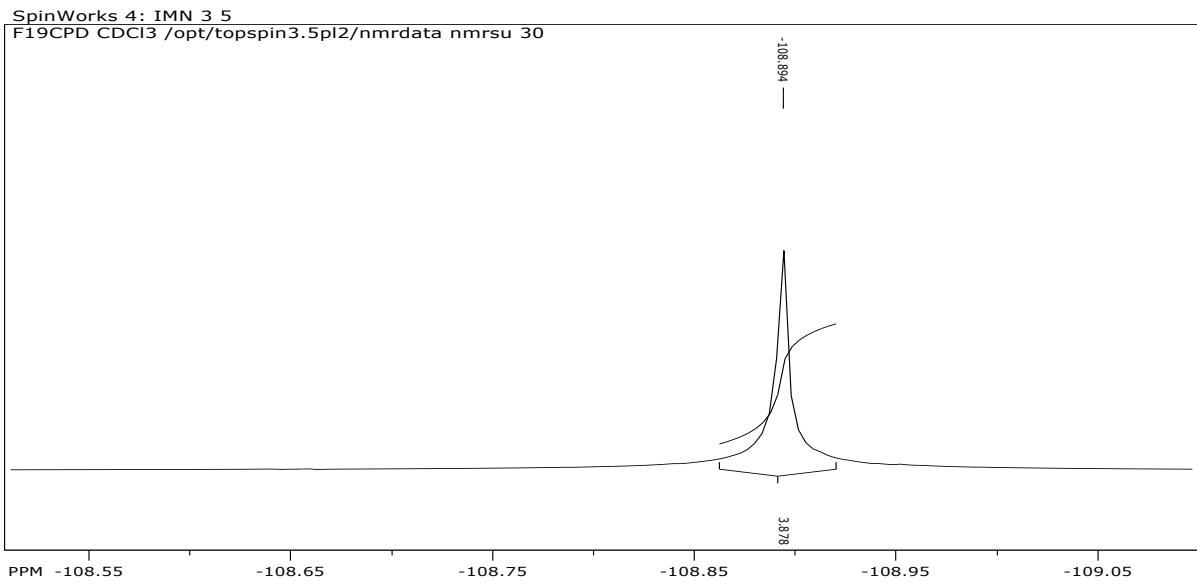


Figure: S3.t) <sup>19</sup>F NMR Spectra of compound 20.

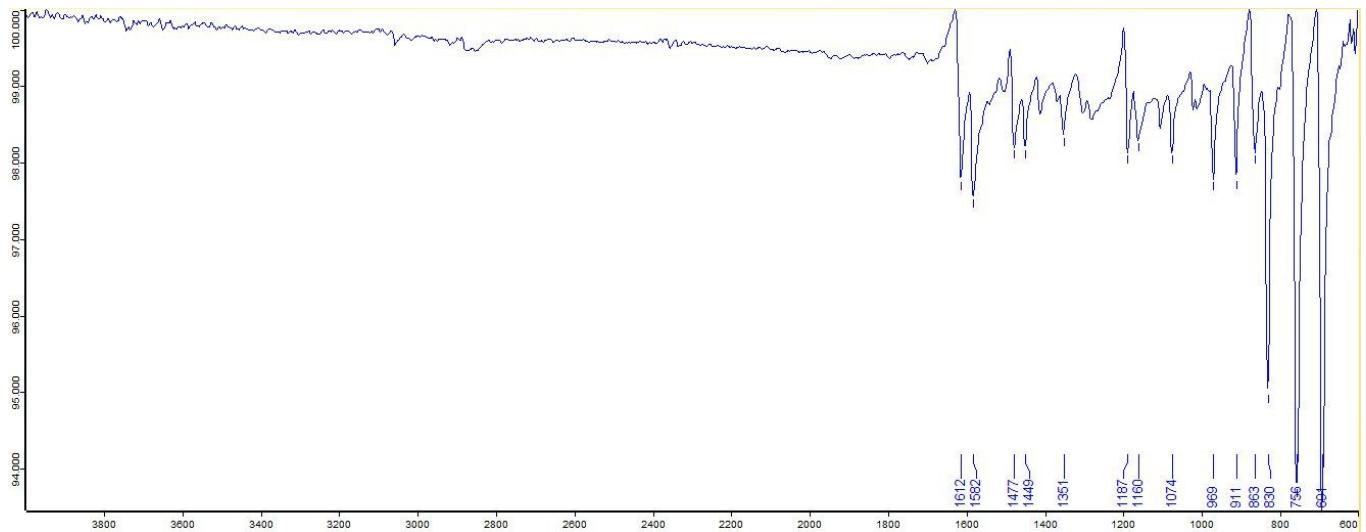


Figure: S4.a) FTIR of compound 1(stretching frequency of imine  $\nu_{C=N} = 1612, 1582 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ ).

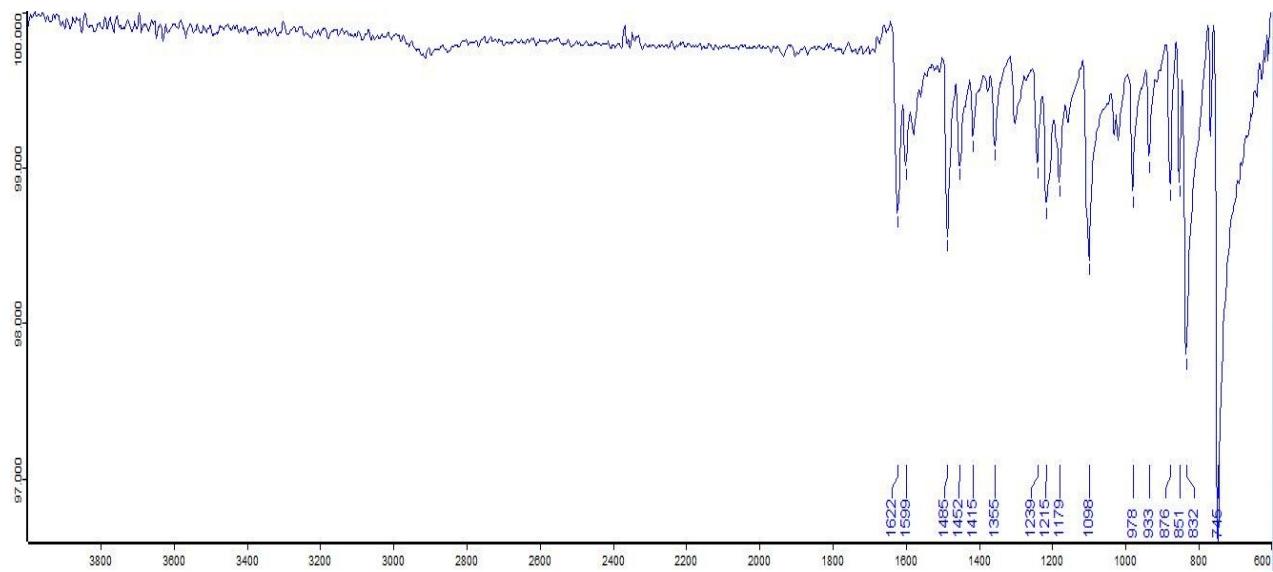


Figure: S4.b) FTIR of compound 2 (stretching frequency of imine  $\nu_{C=N} = 1622, 1599 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ ).

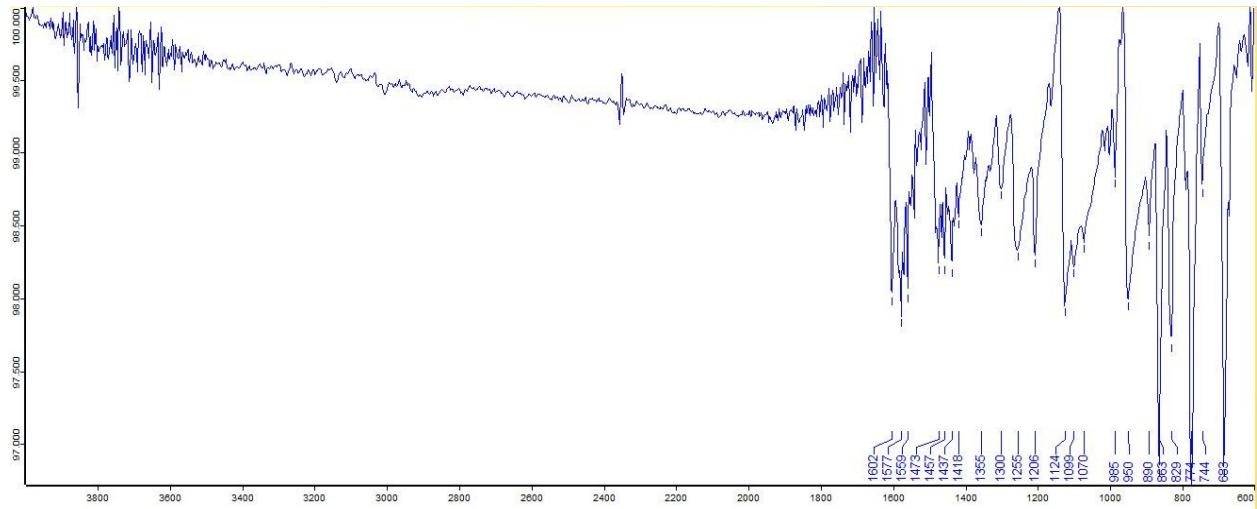


Figure: S4.c) FTIR of compound 3(stretching frequency of imine  $\nu_{C=N} = 1602, 1577 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ ).

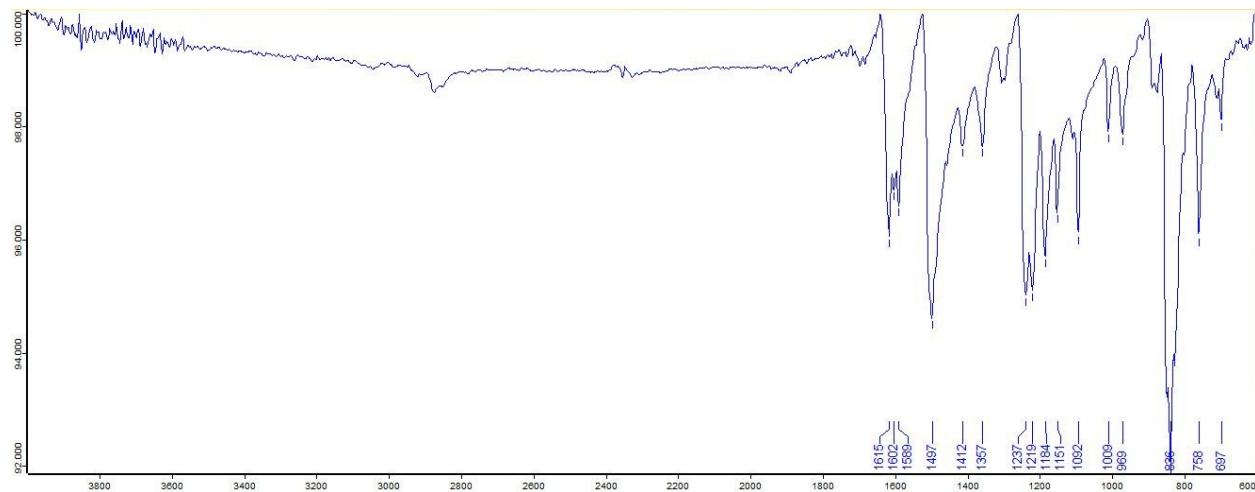


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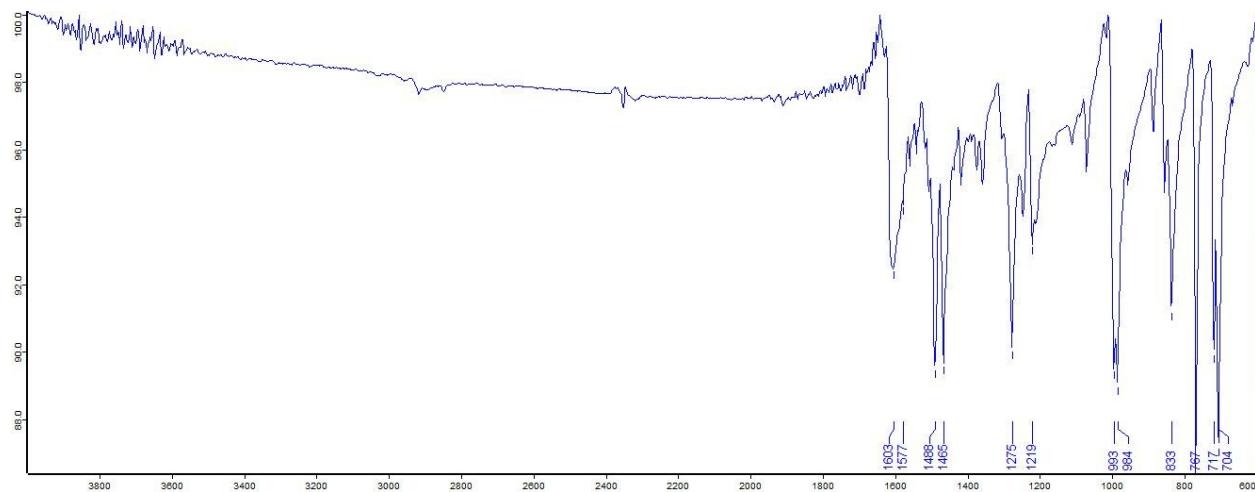


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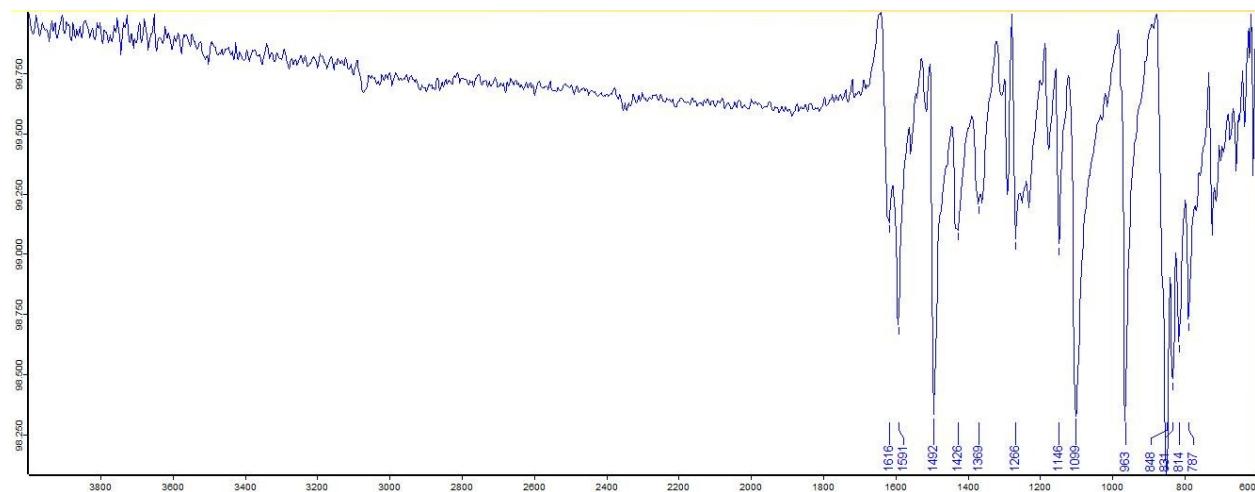


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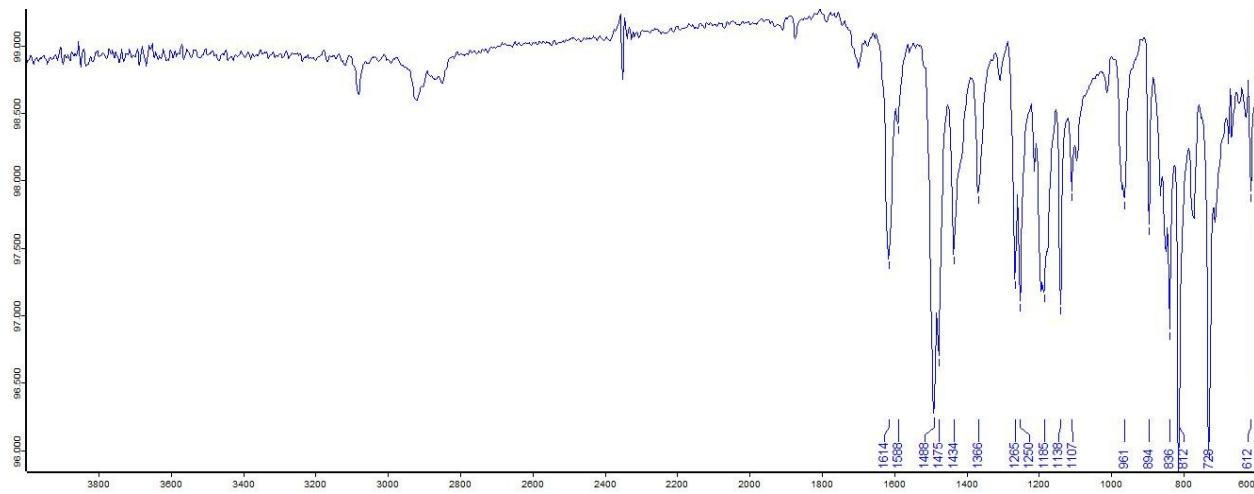


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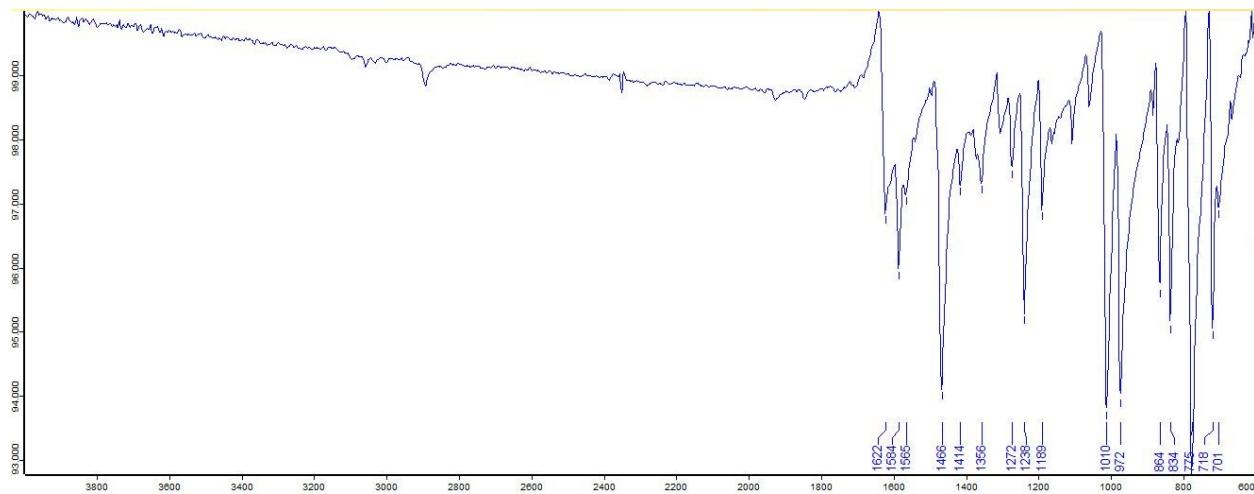


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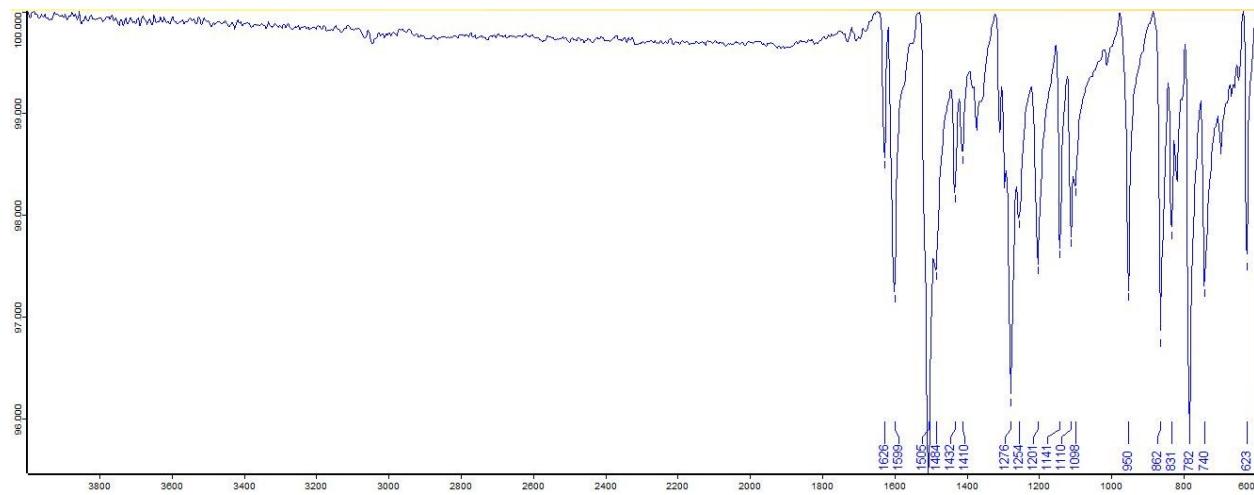


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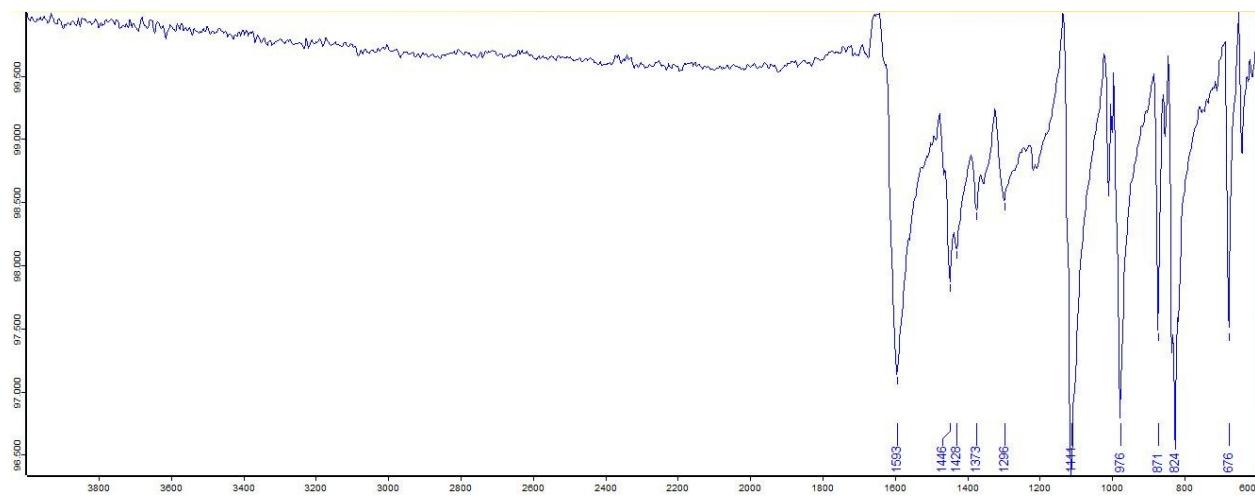


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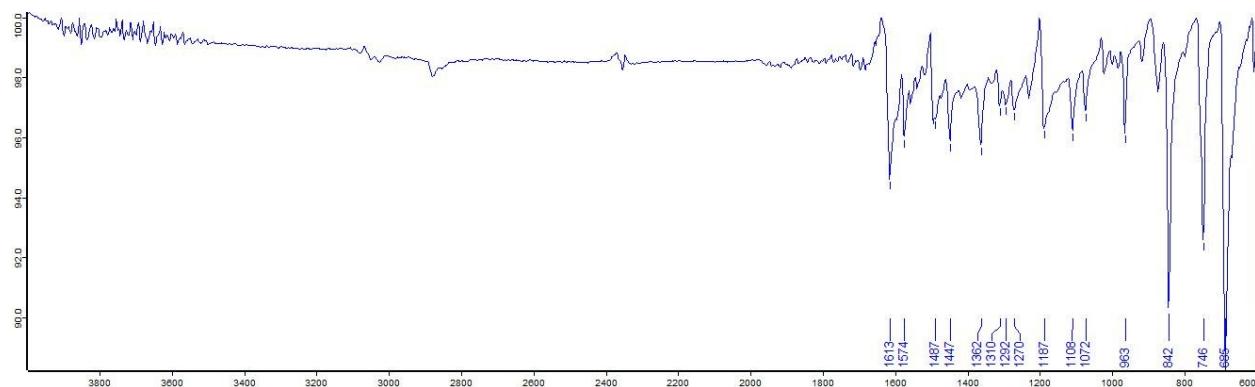


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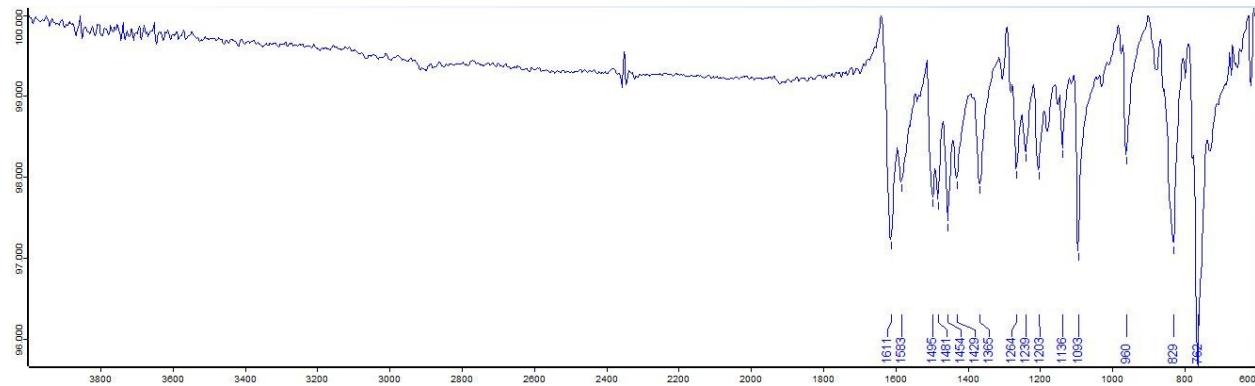


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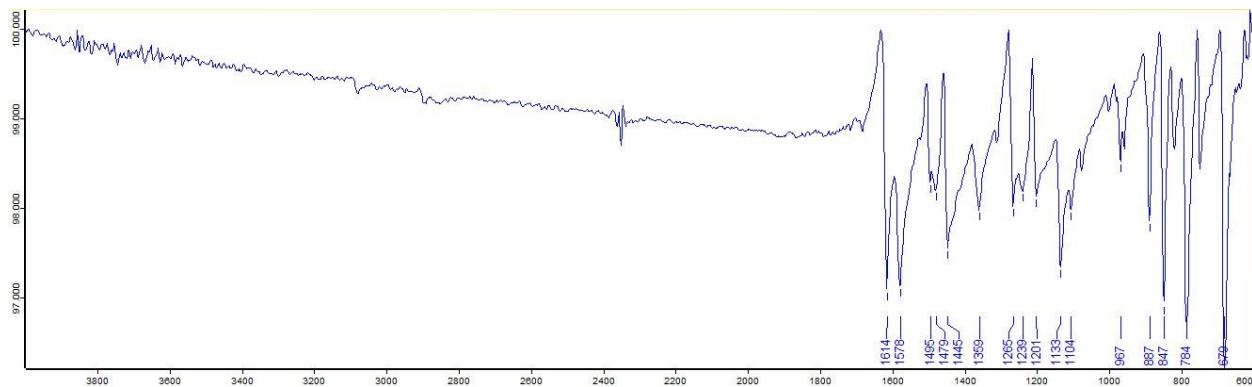


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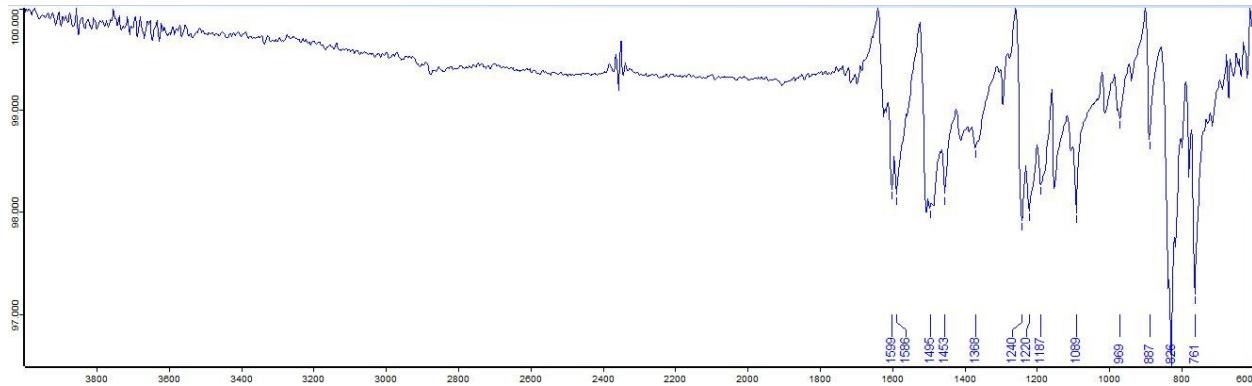


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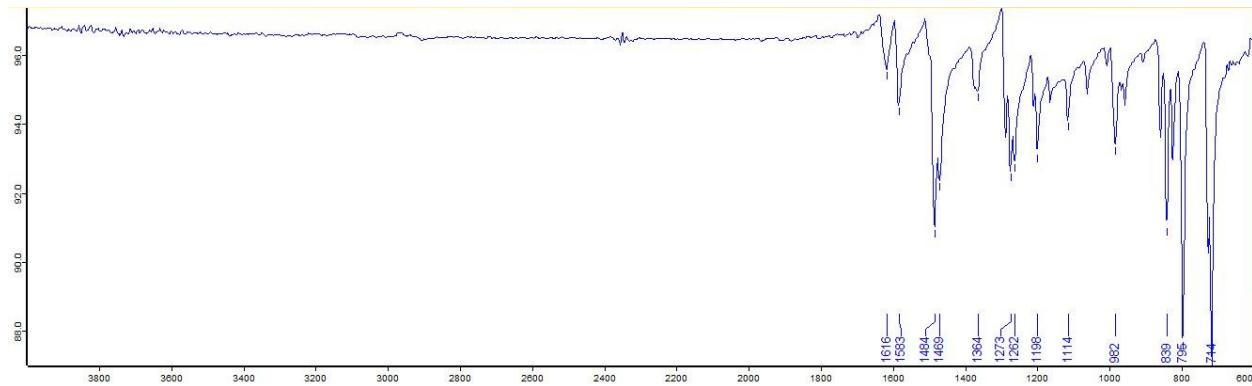


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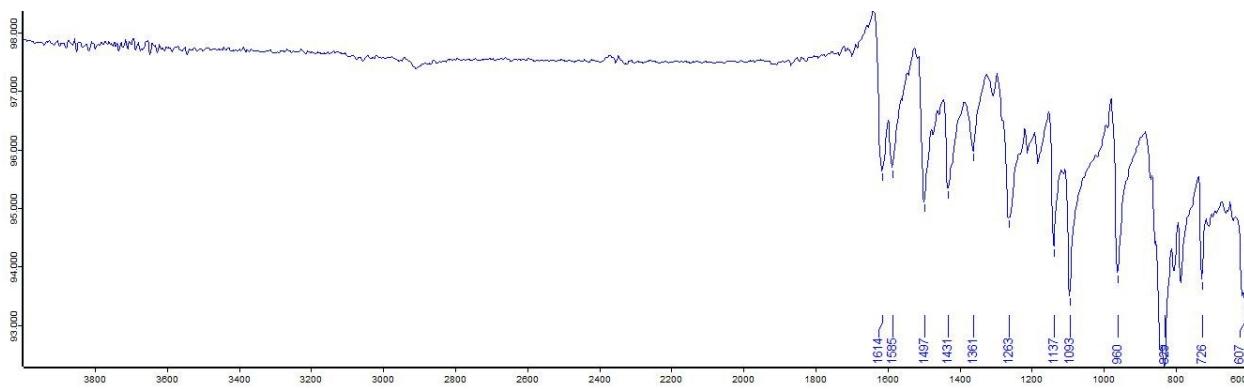


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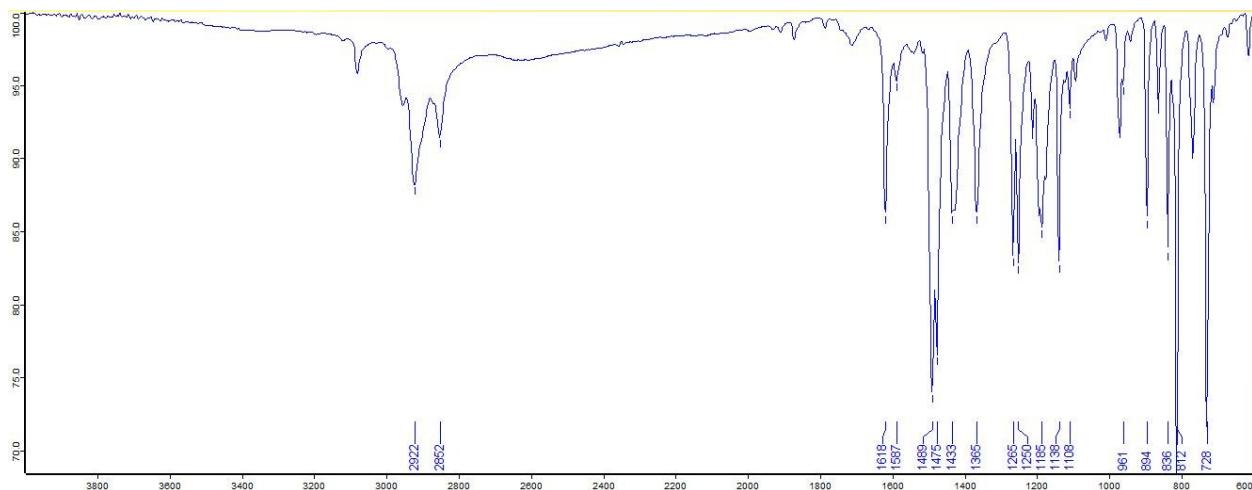


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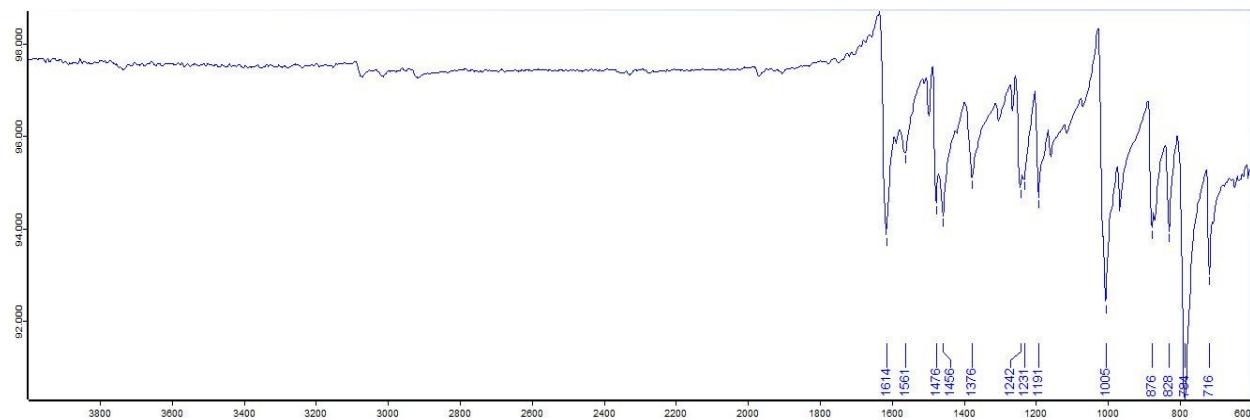


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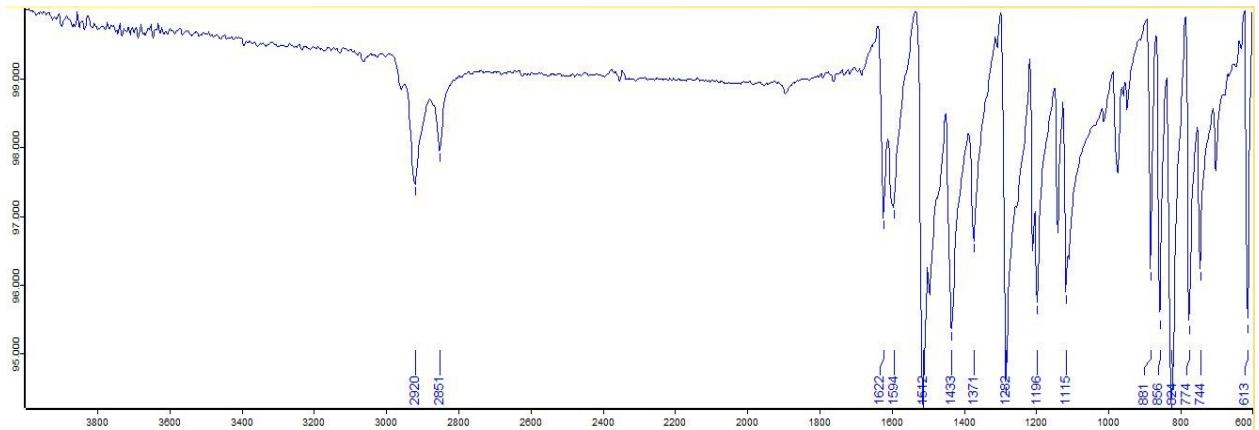


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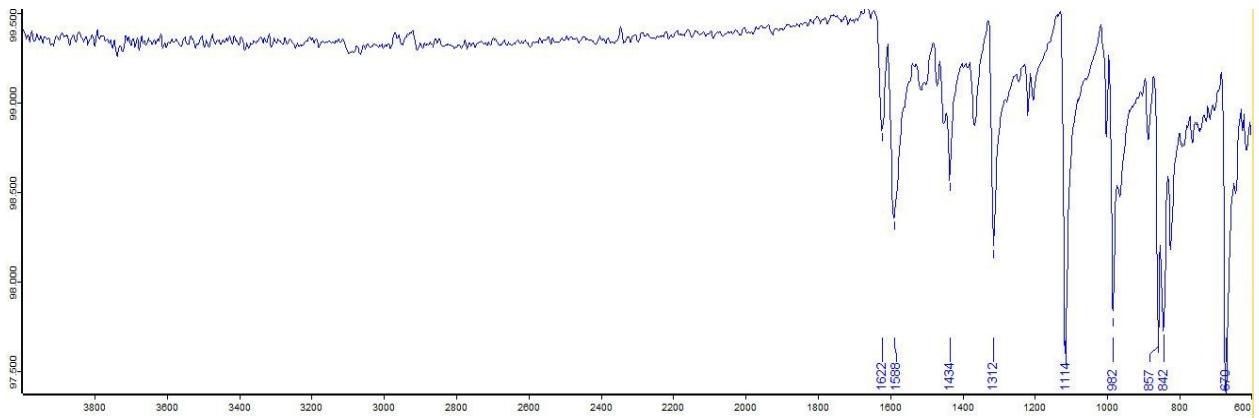


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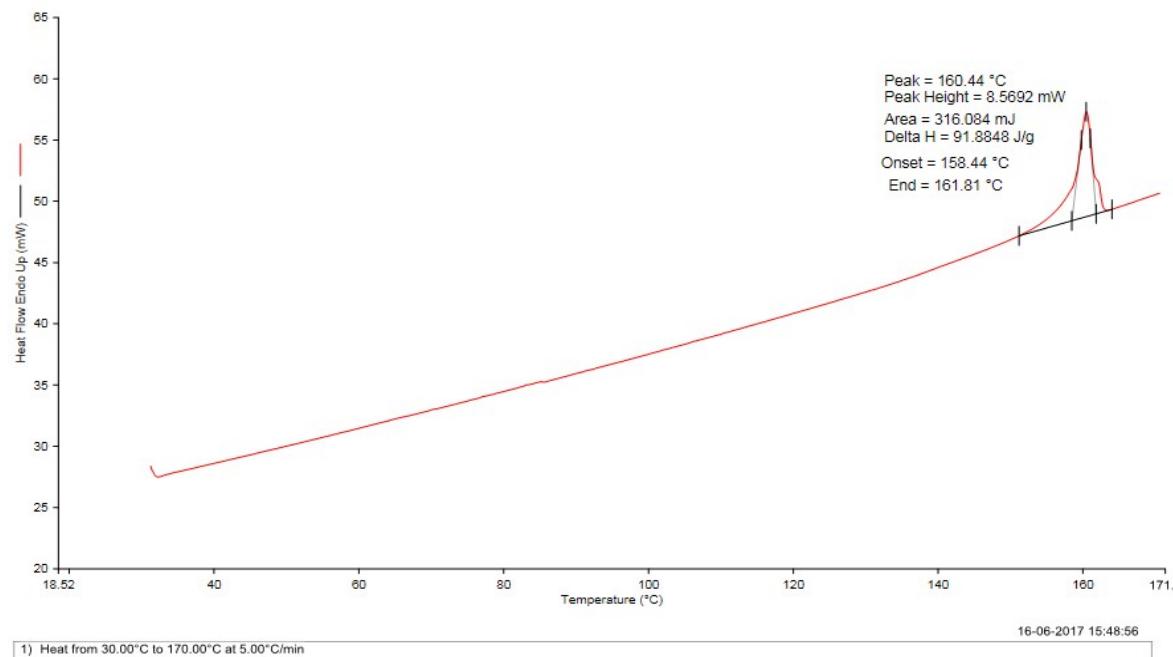


Figure: S5.a) DSC of compound 1.

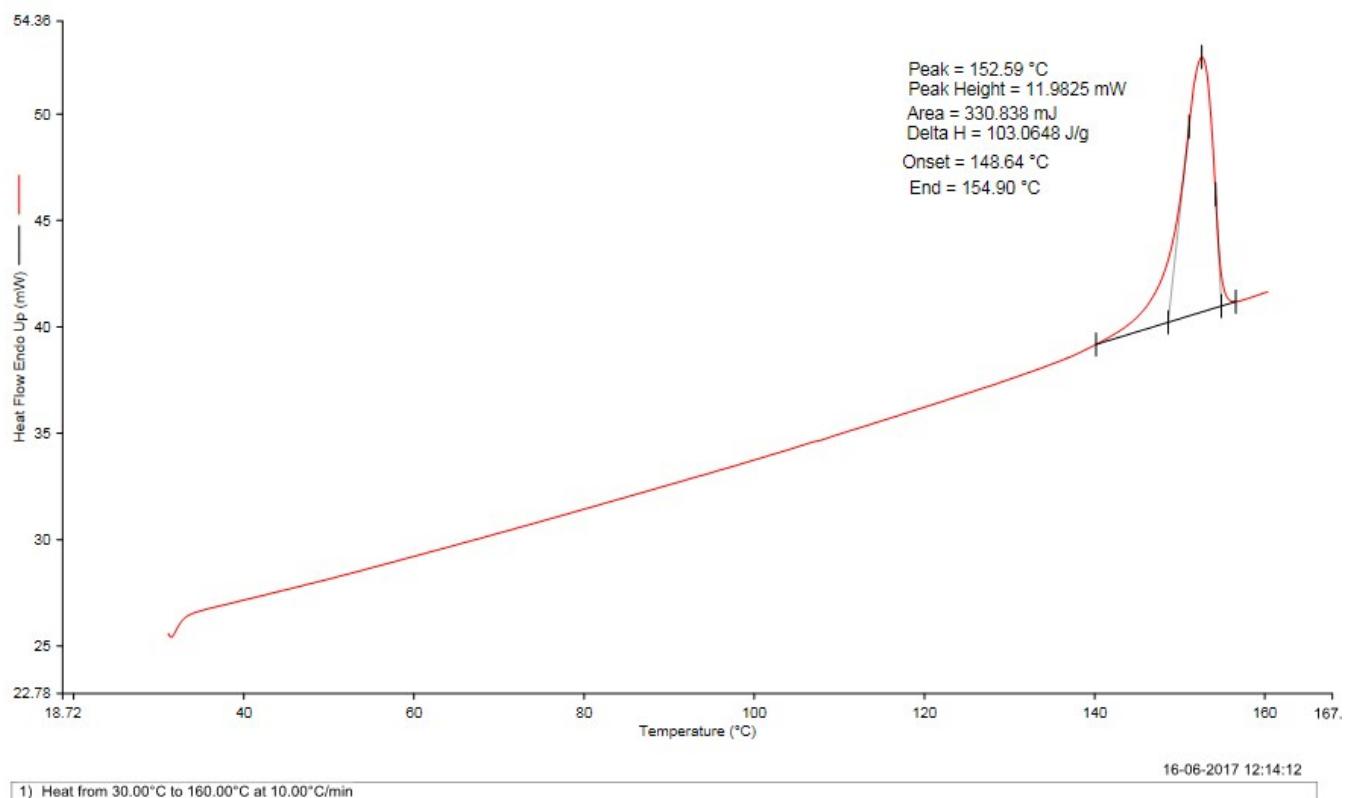


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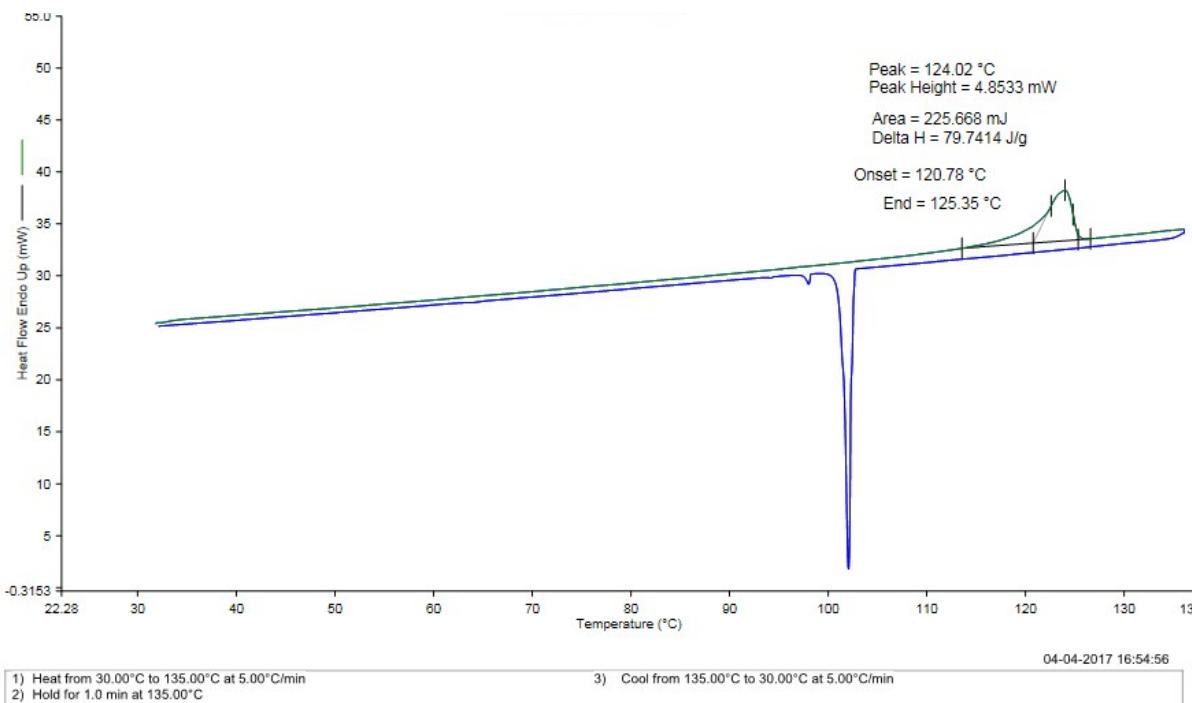


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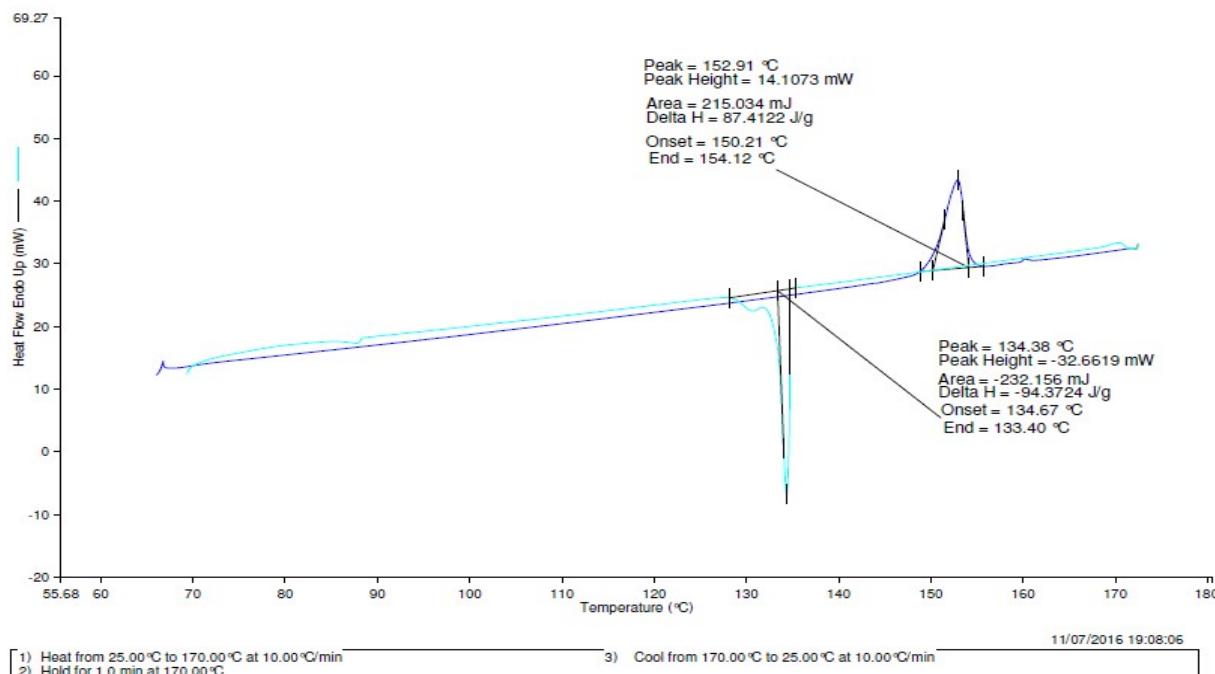


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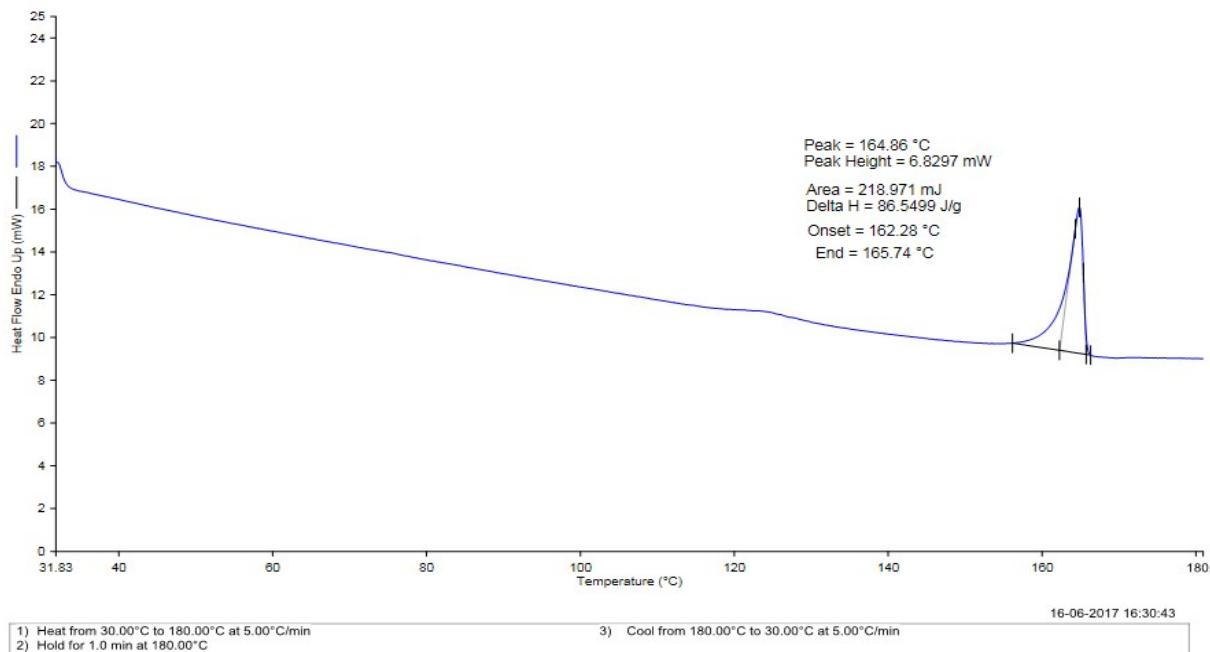


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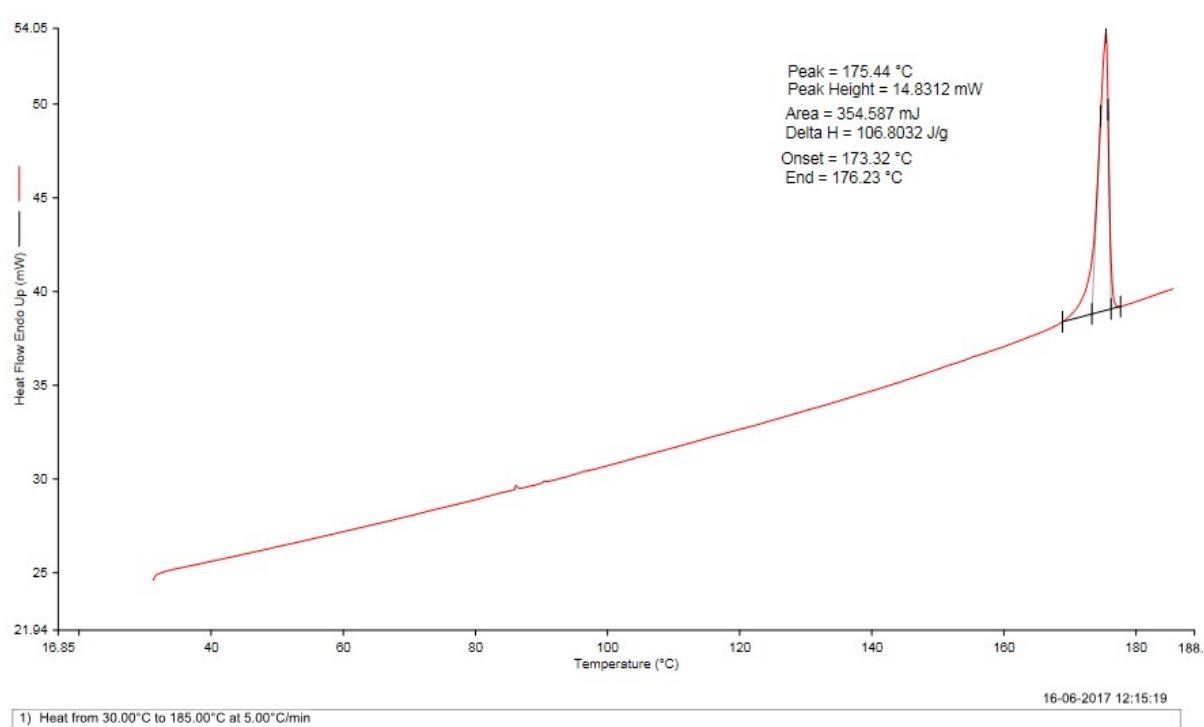


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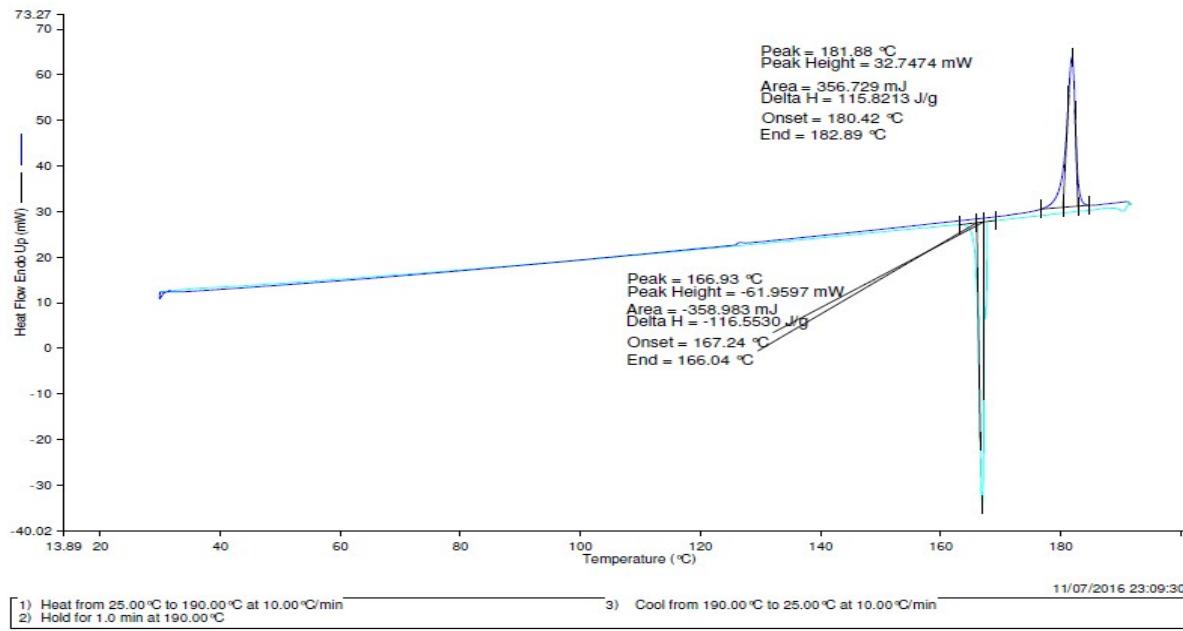


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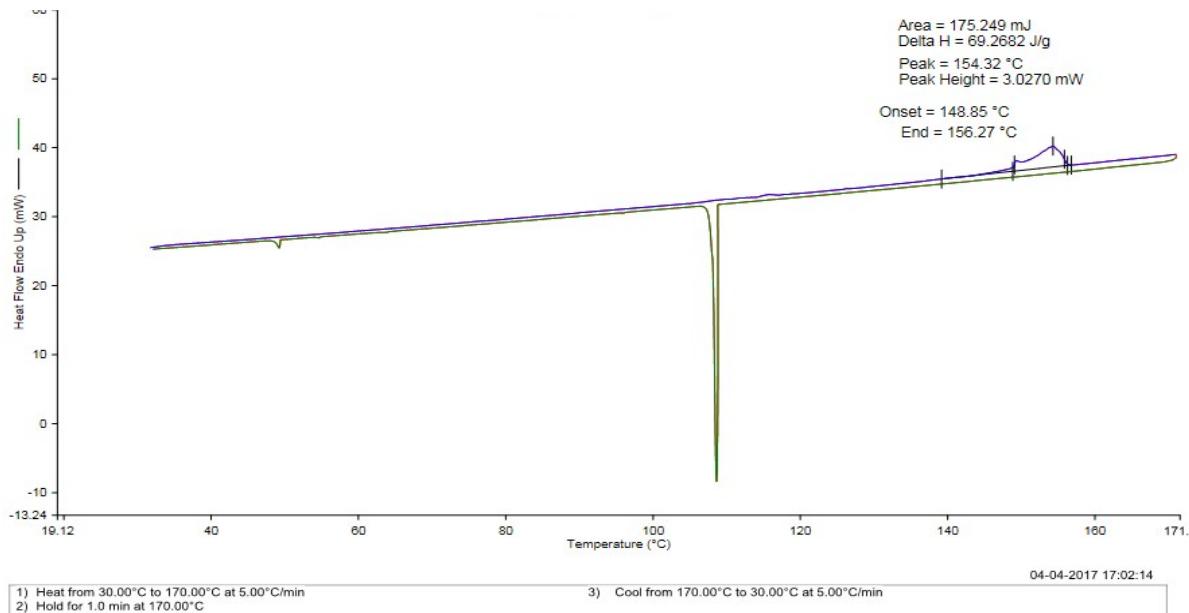


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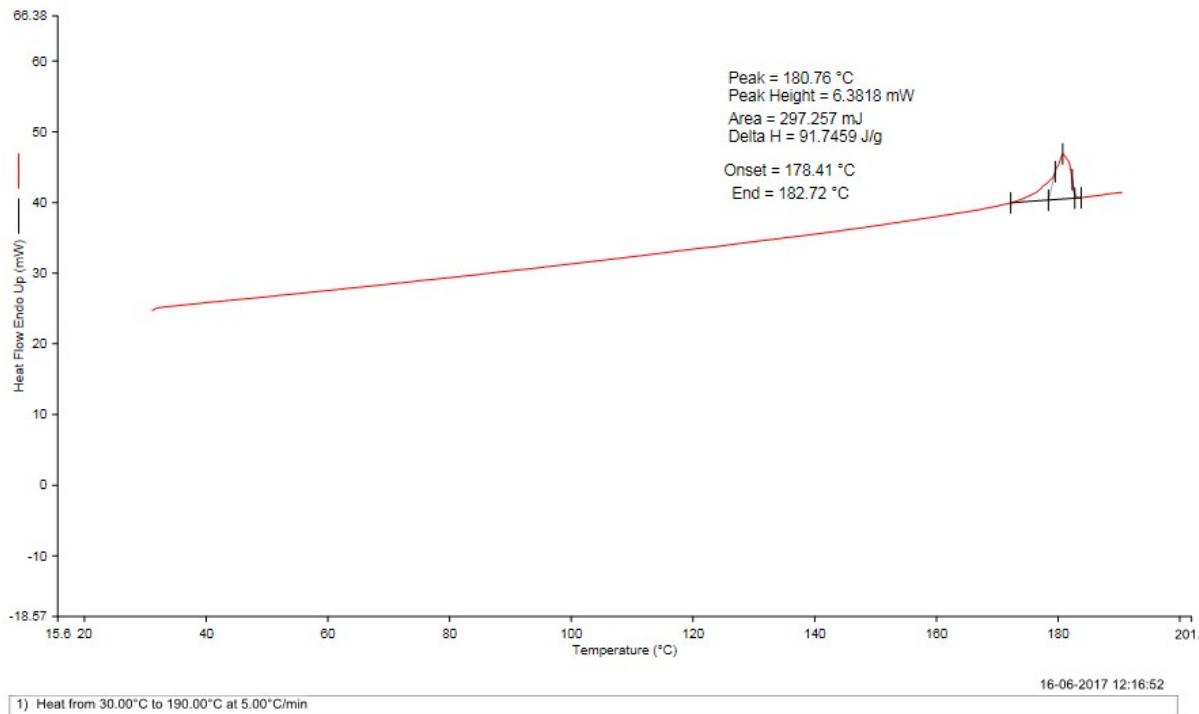


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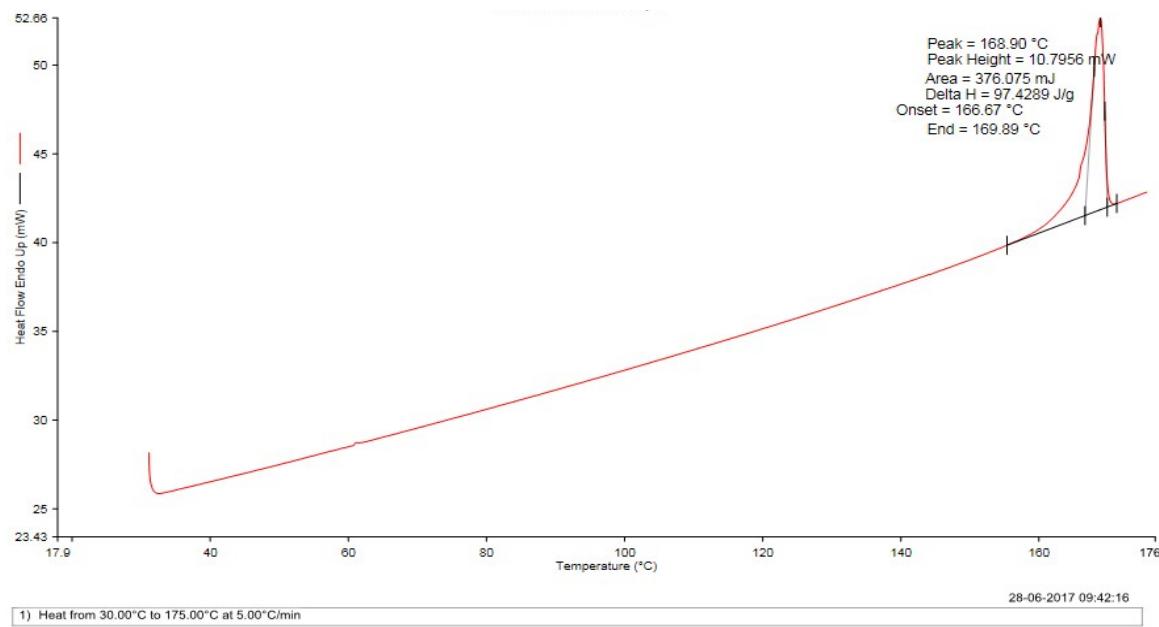


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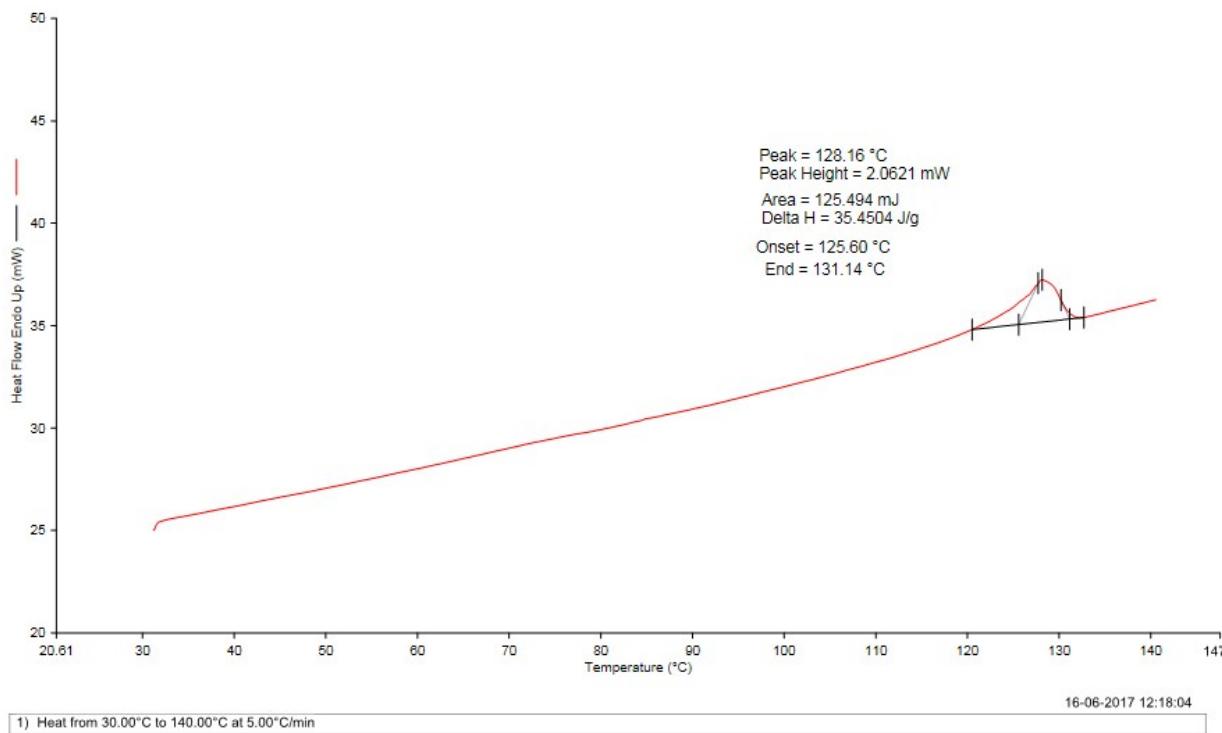


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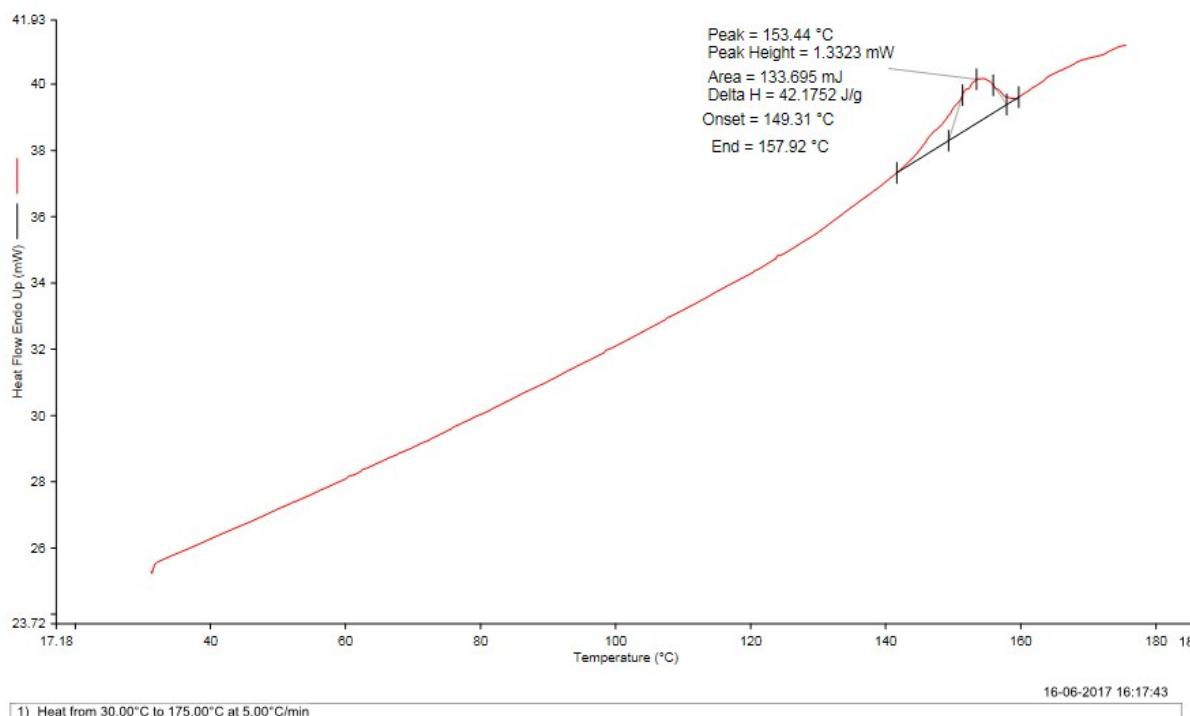


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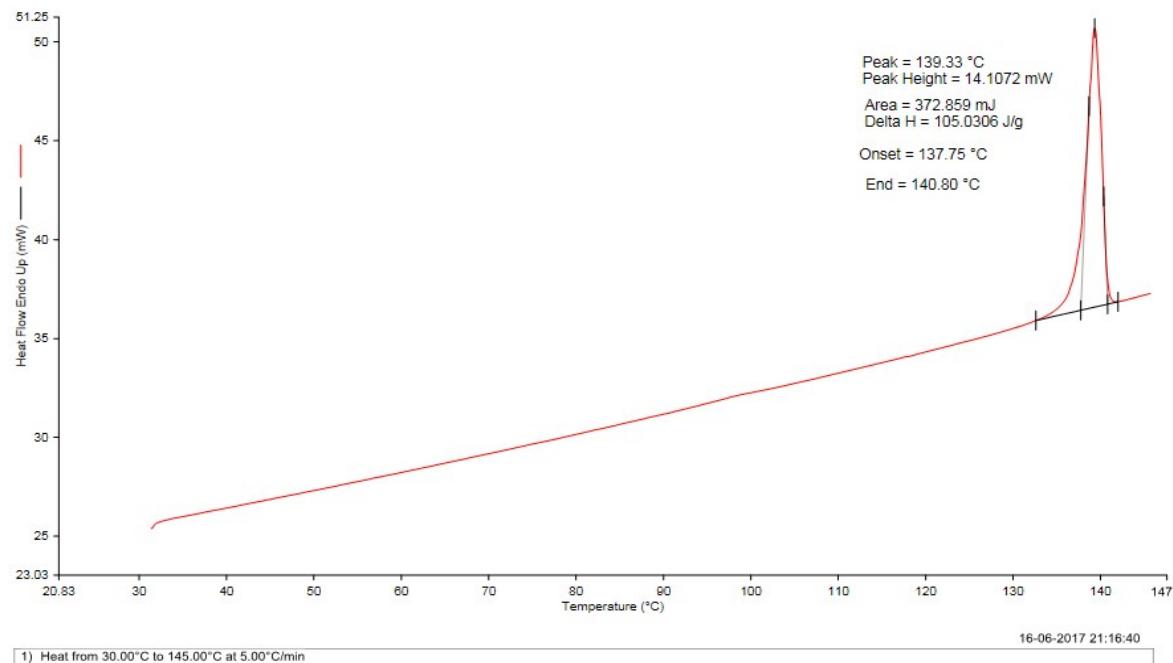


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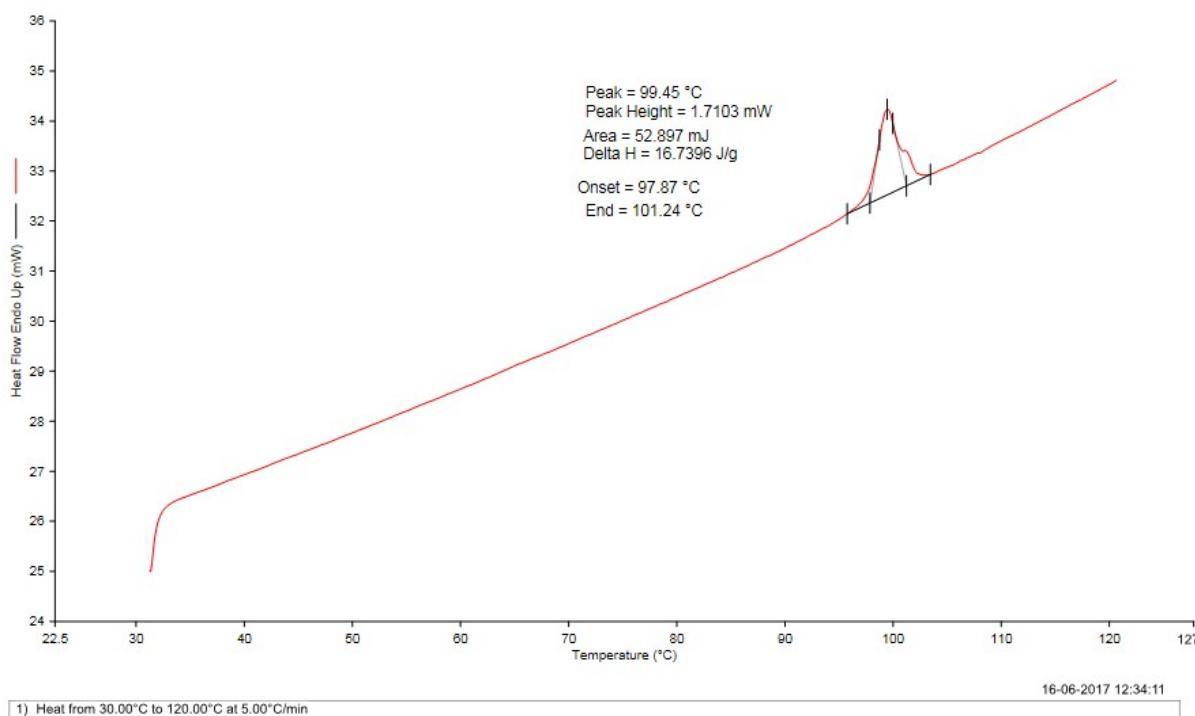


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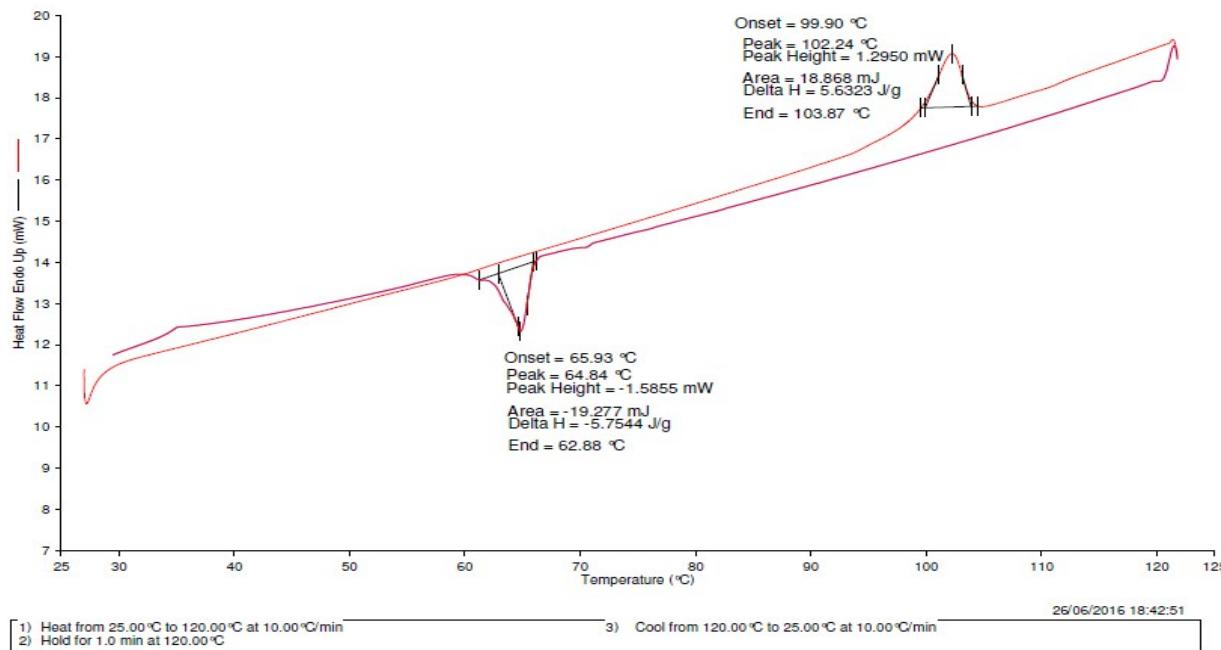


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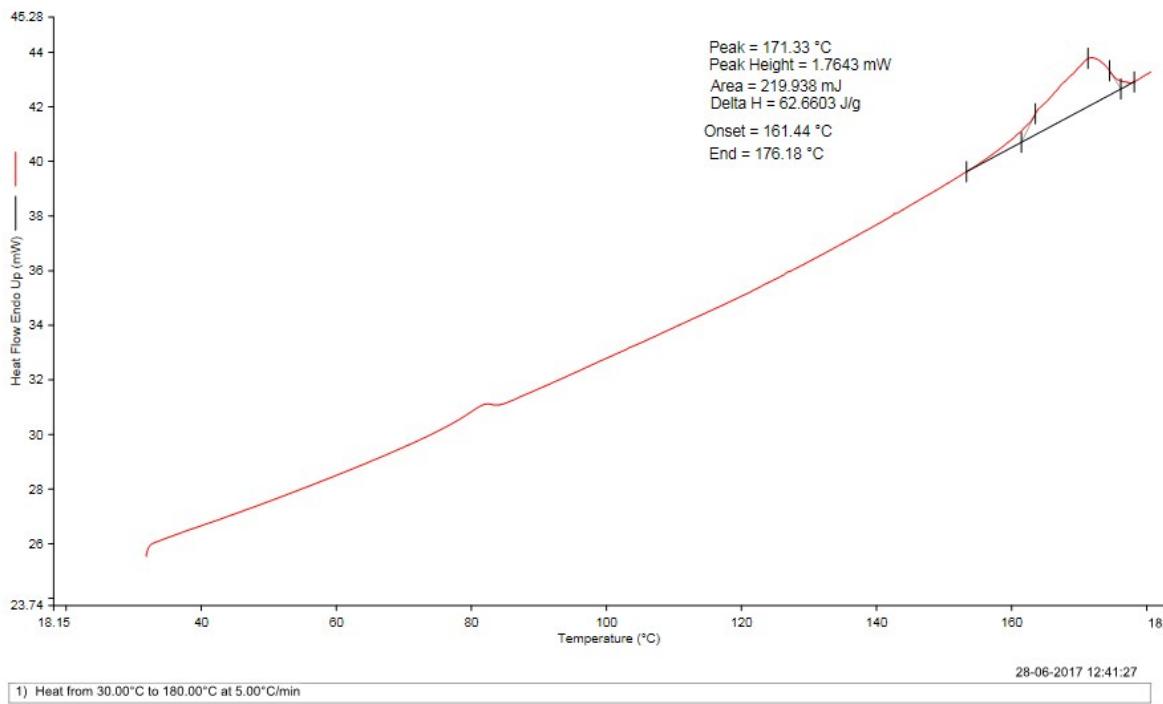


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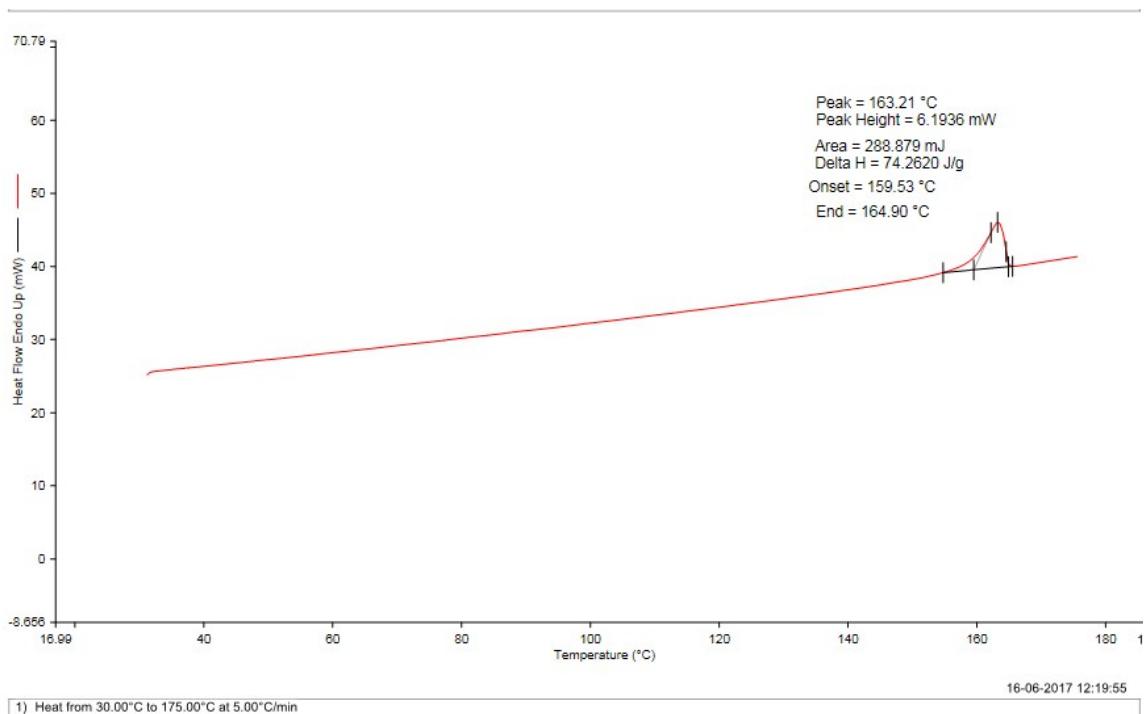


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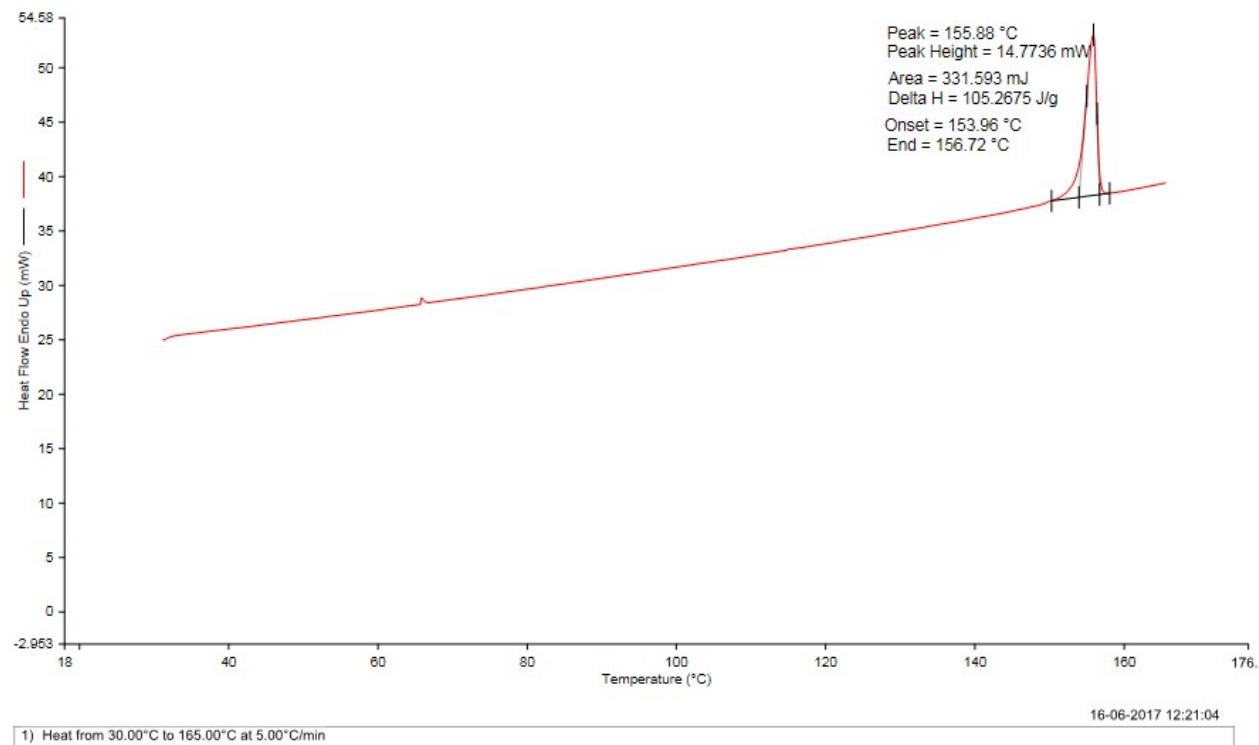


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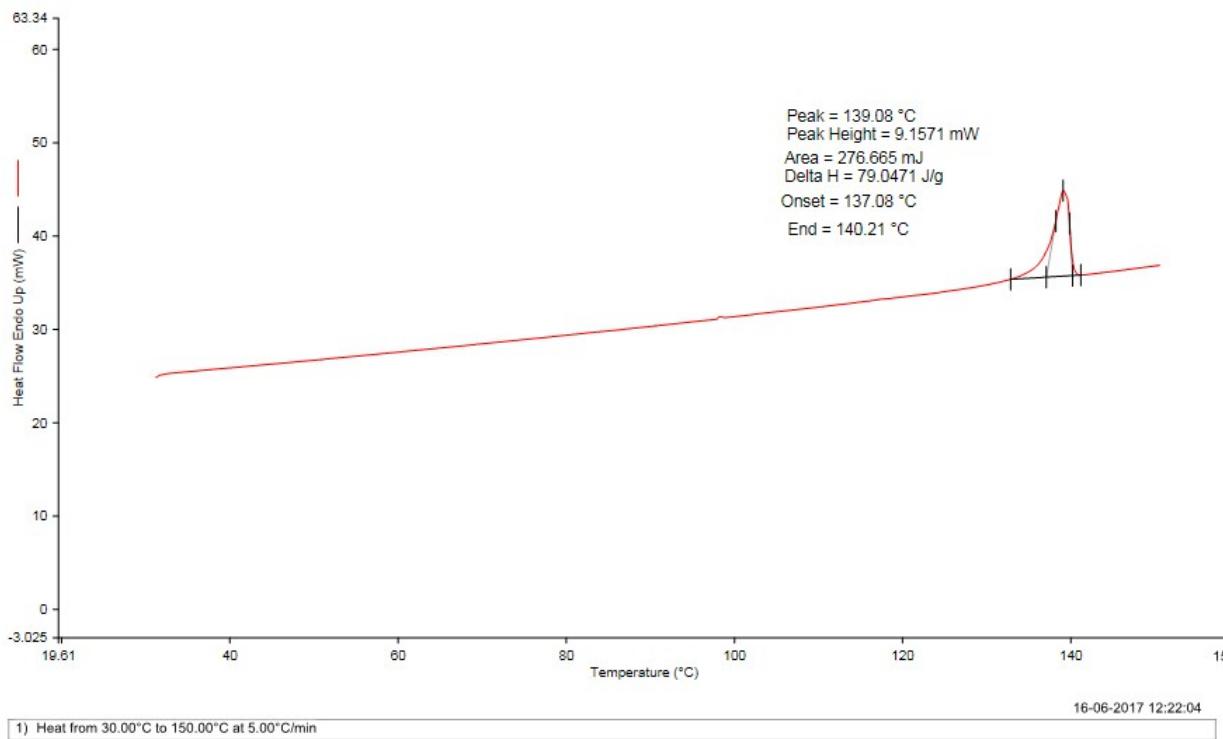


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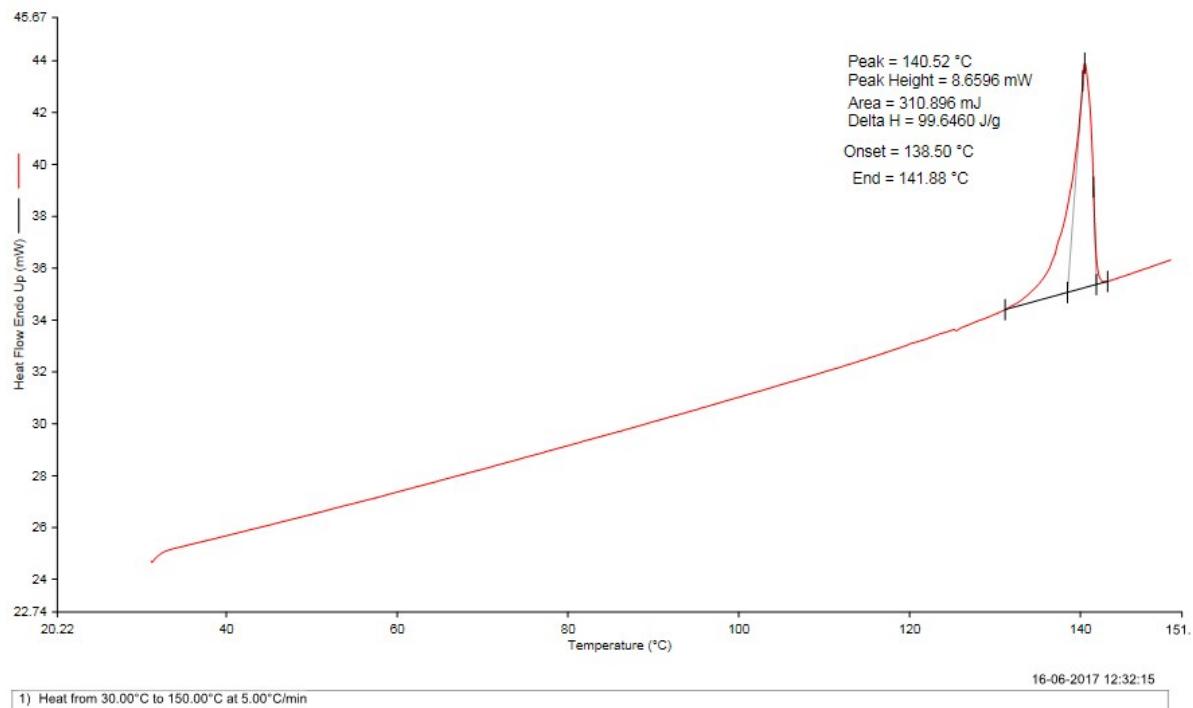


Figure: S5.t) DSC of compound 20.

**Table 2:** Melting Points of all the Compounds Synthesized

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Compound No.	Melting range(°C)	Enthalpy of melting(J/g)
1.	158-161	91.88
2.	148-154	103.06
3.	120-125	79.7
4.	150-154	87.4
5.	162-165	93.4
6.	173-176	106.60
7.	180-182	115.8
8.	148-156	69.3
9.	178-182	91.74
10.	166-169	97.43
11.	125-131	35.45
12.	149-157	42.17
13.	137-140	105.03
14.	97-101	16.74
15.	99-103	5.63
16.	161-176	62.7
17.	159-164	74.26
18.	153-156	105.26
19.	137-140	79.05
20.	138-141	99.65

NOTE: Following are the PXRD plots the bulk material (blue) and the simulated pattern (red) from the single crystal X-ray data

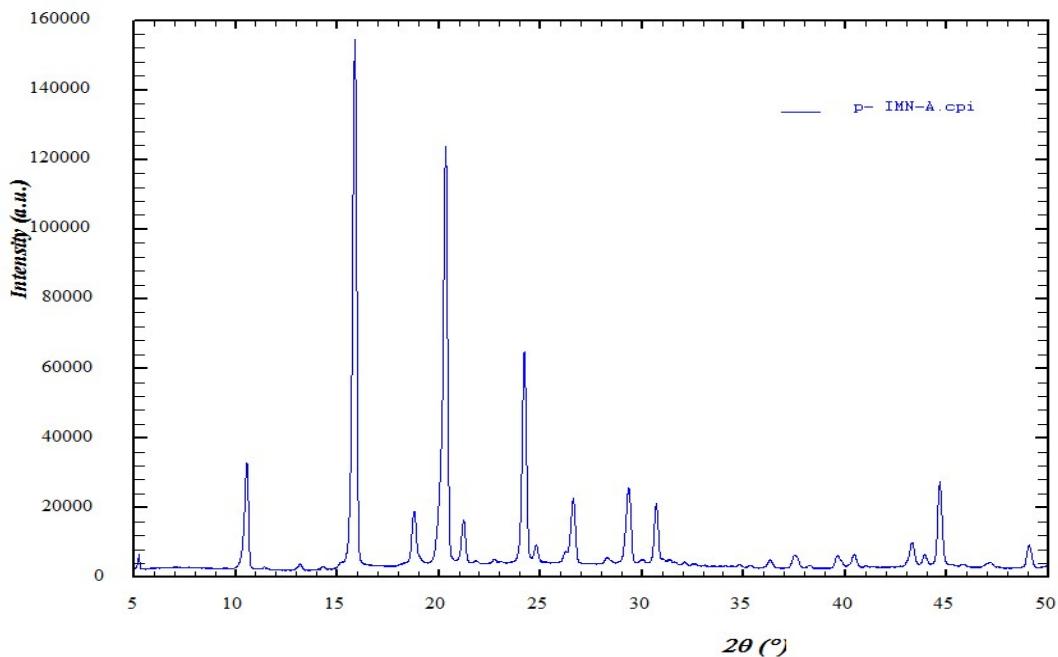


Figure: S6.a) PXRD of compound 1.

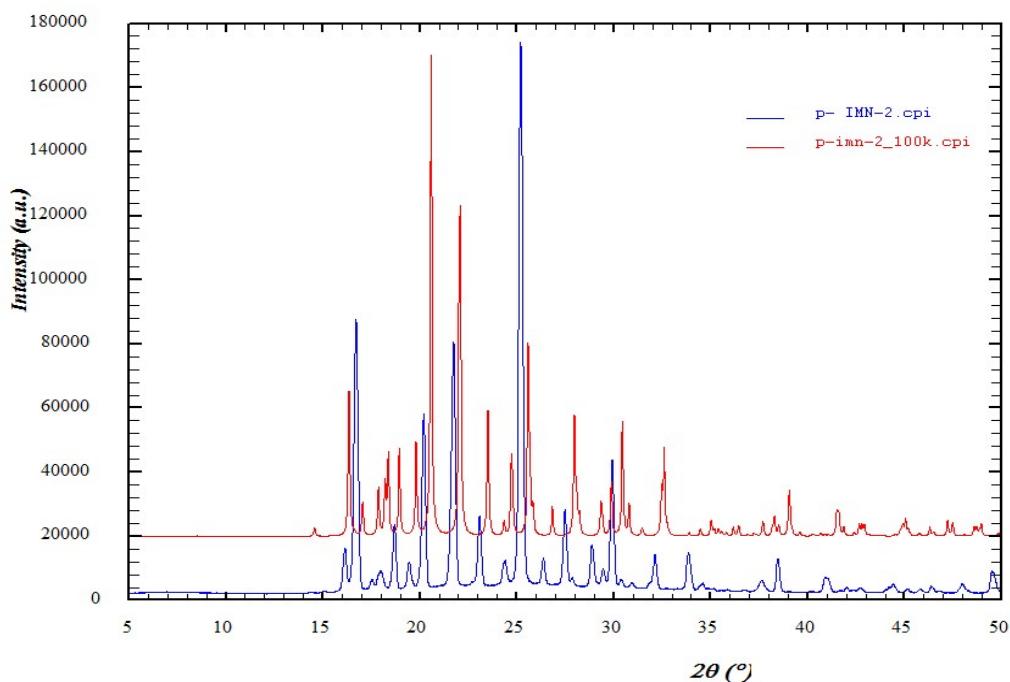


Figure: S6.b) PXRD of compound 2.

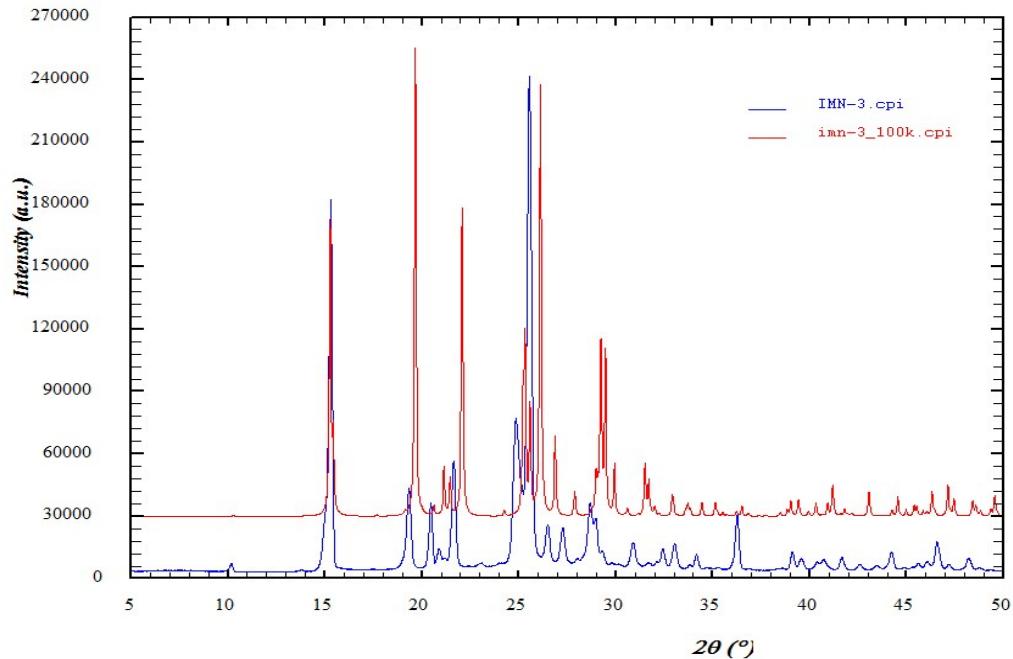


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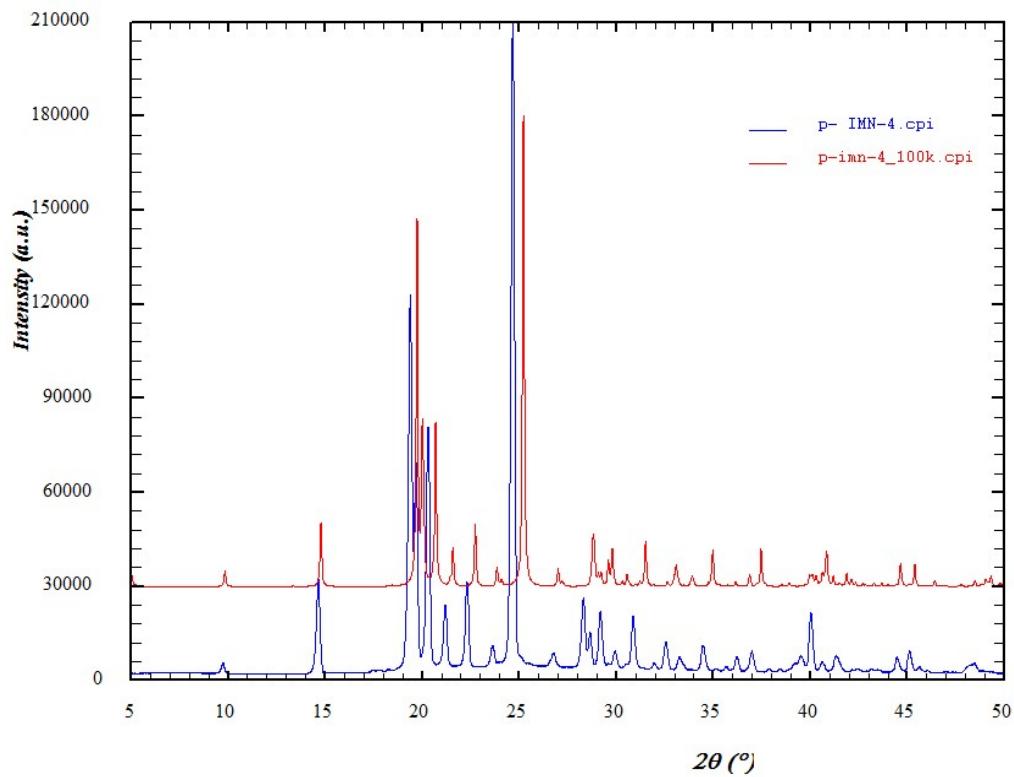


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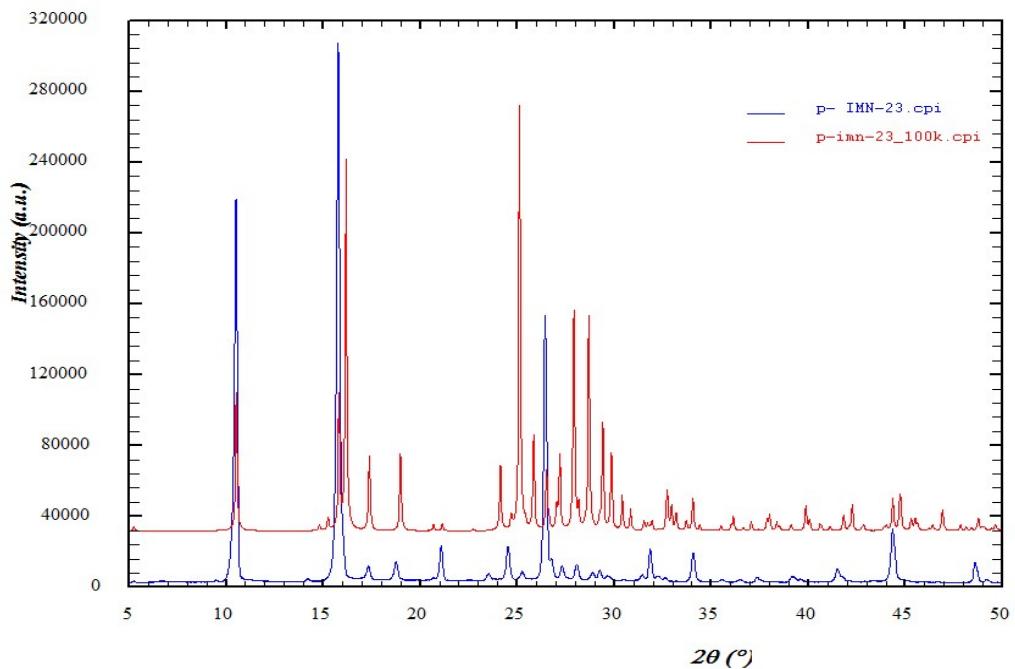


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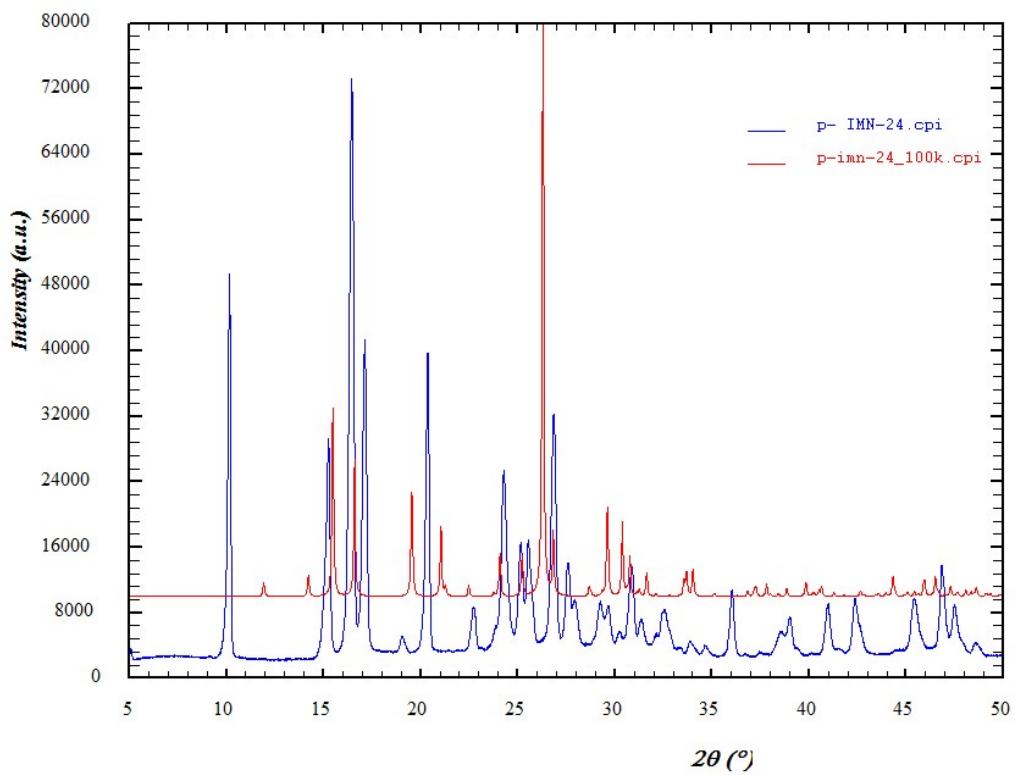


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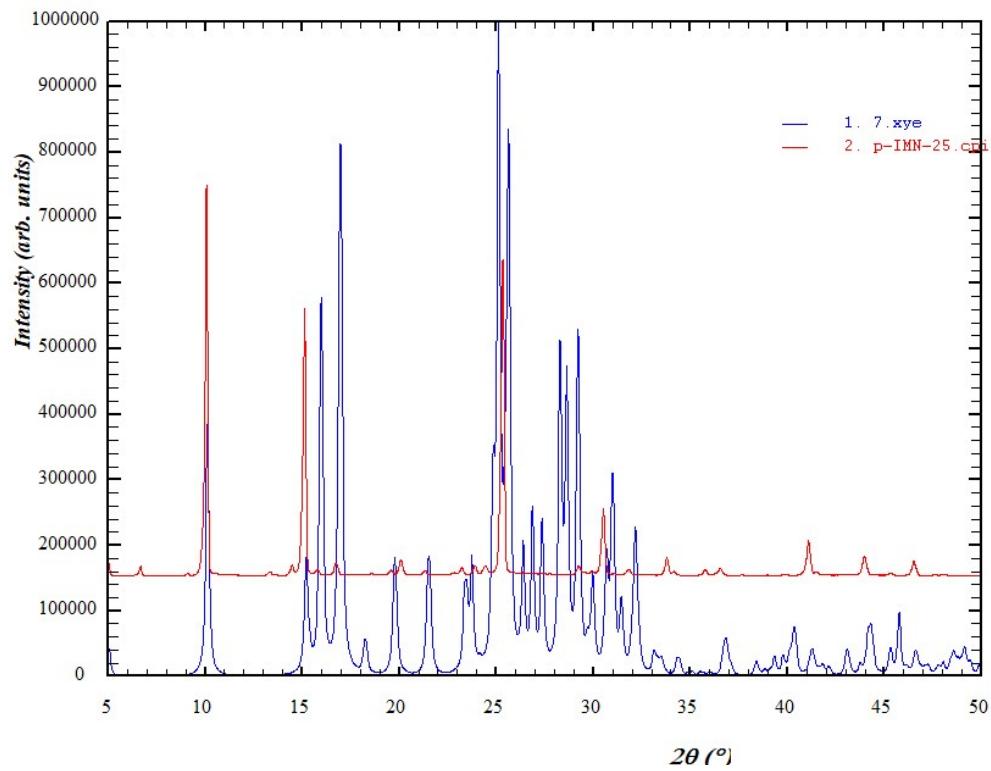


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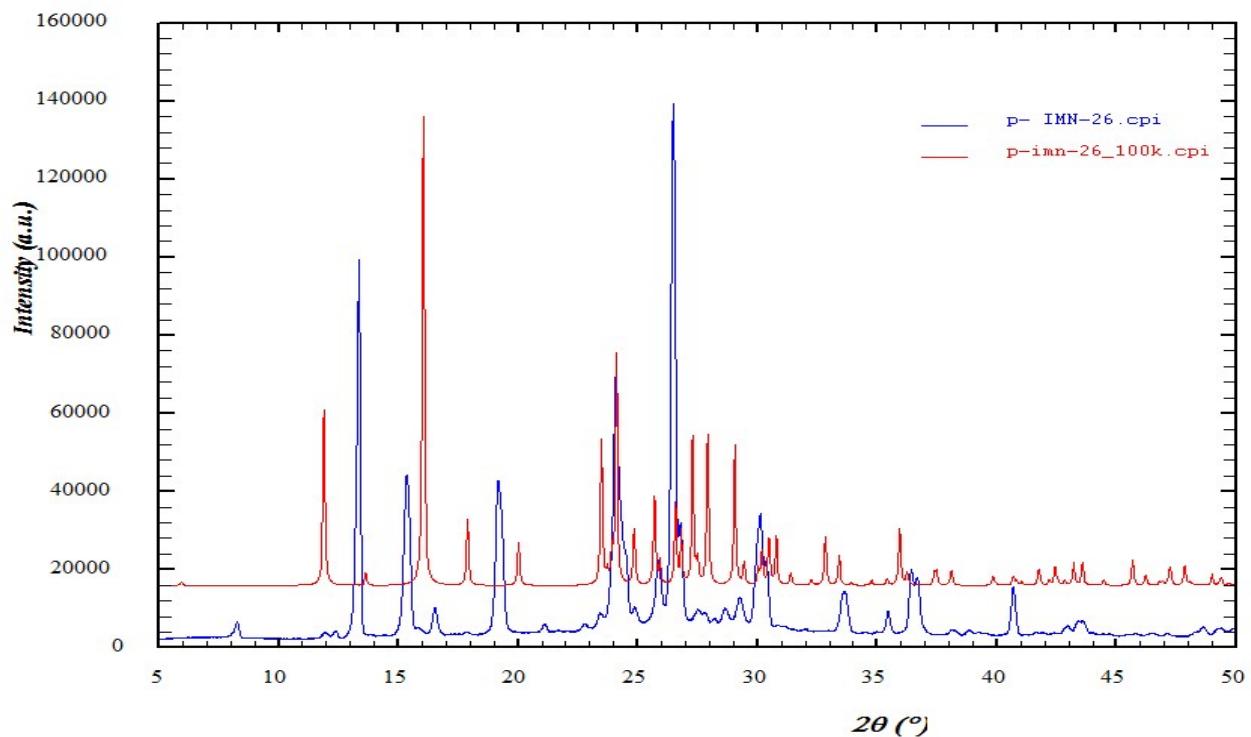


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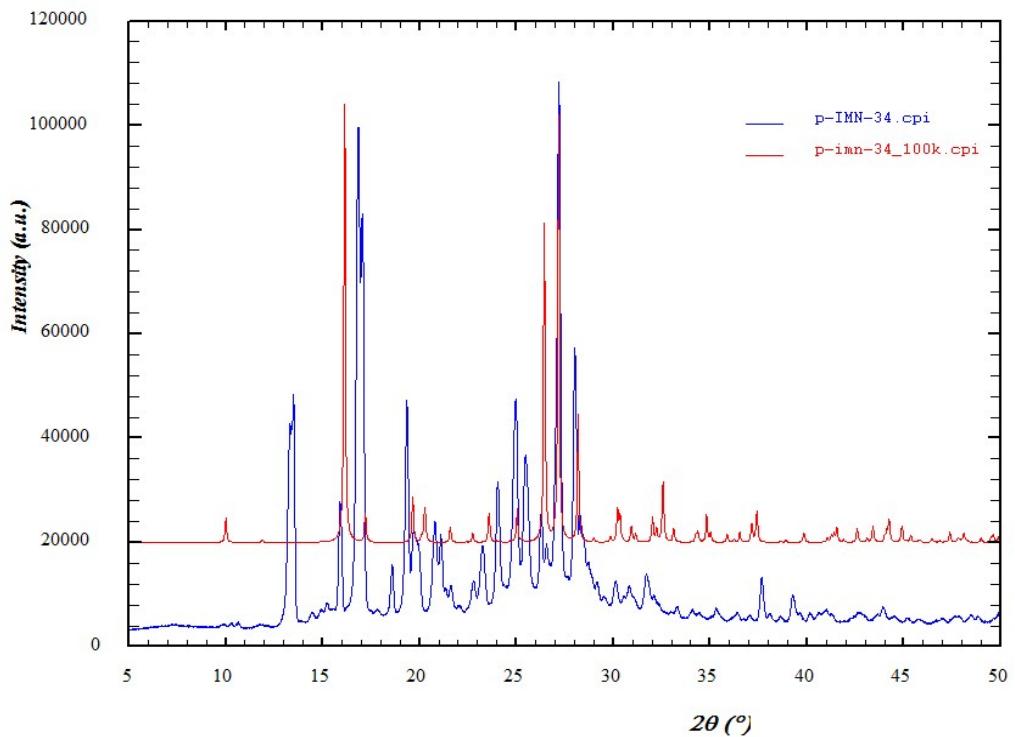


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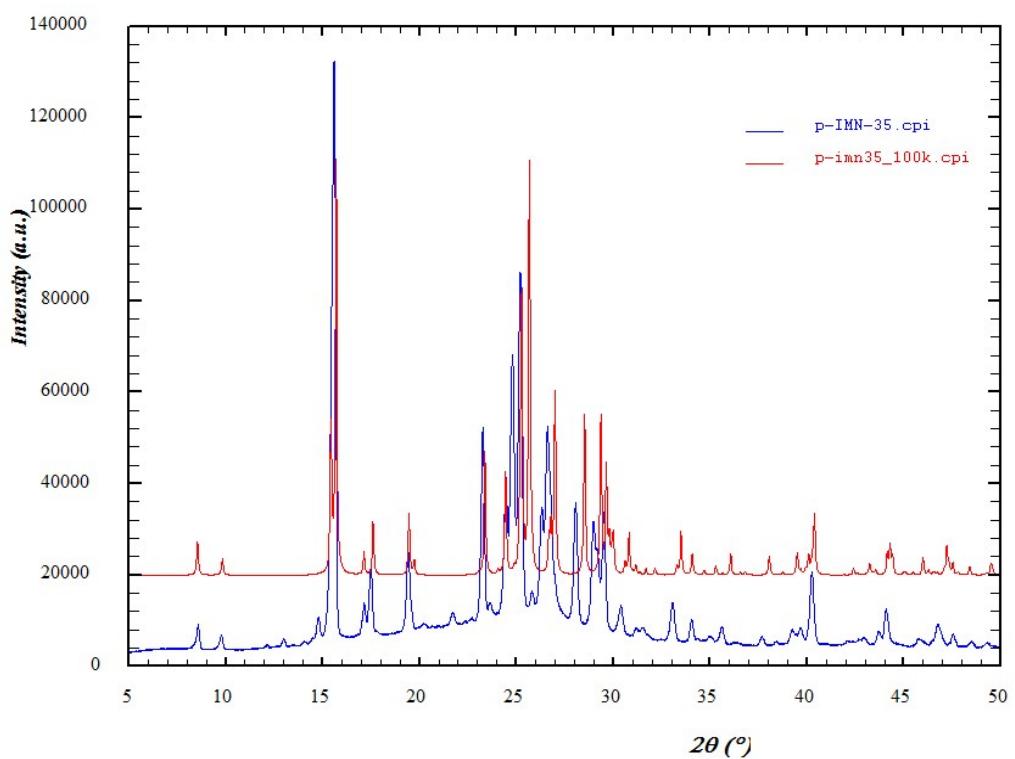


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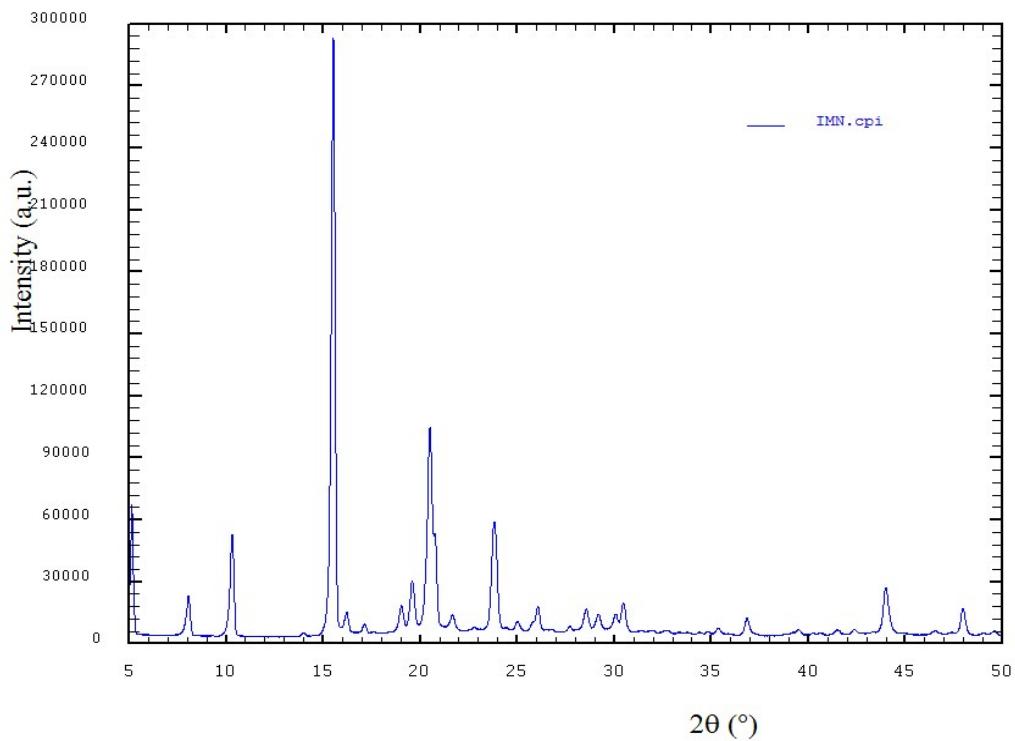


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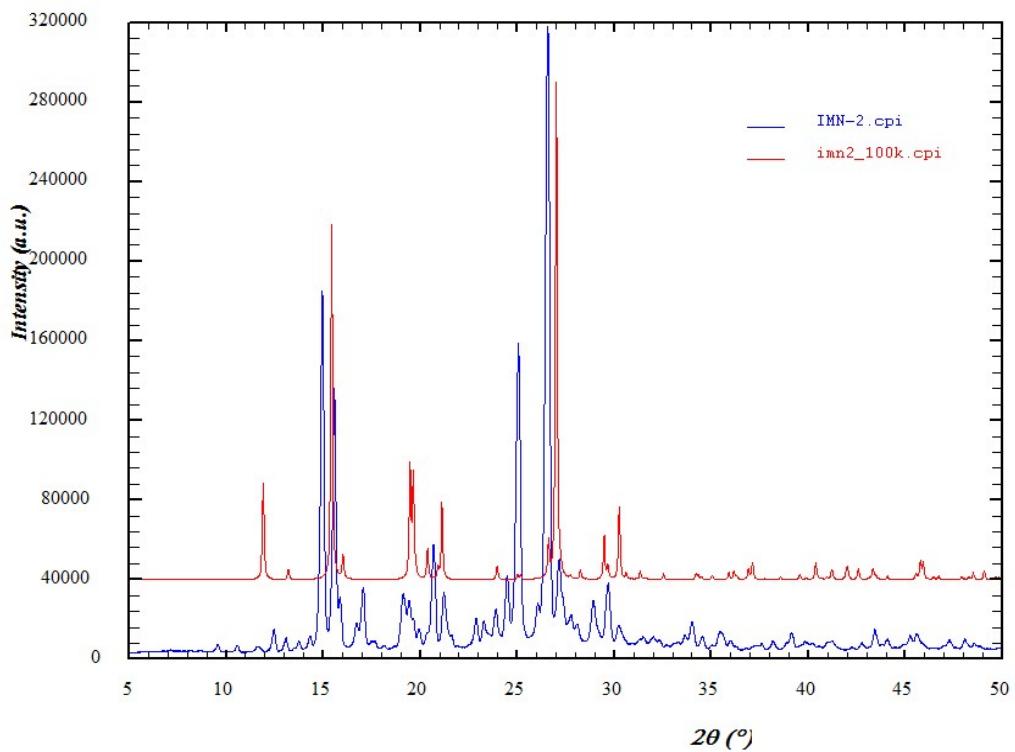


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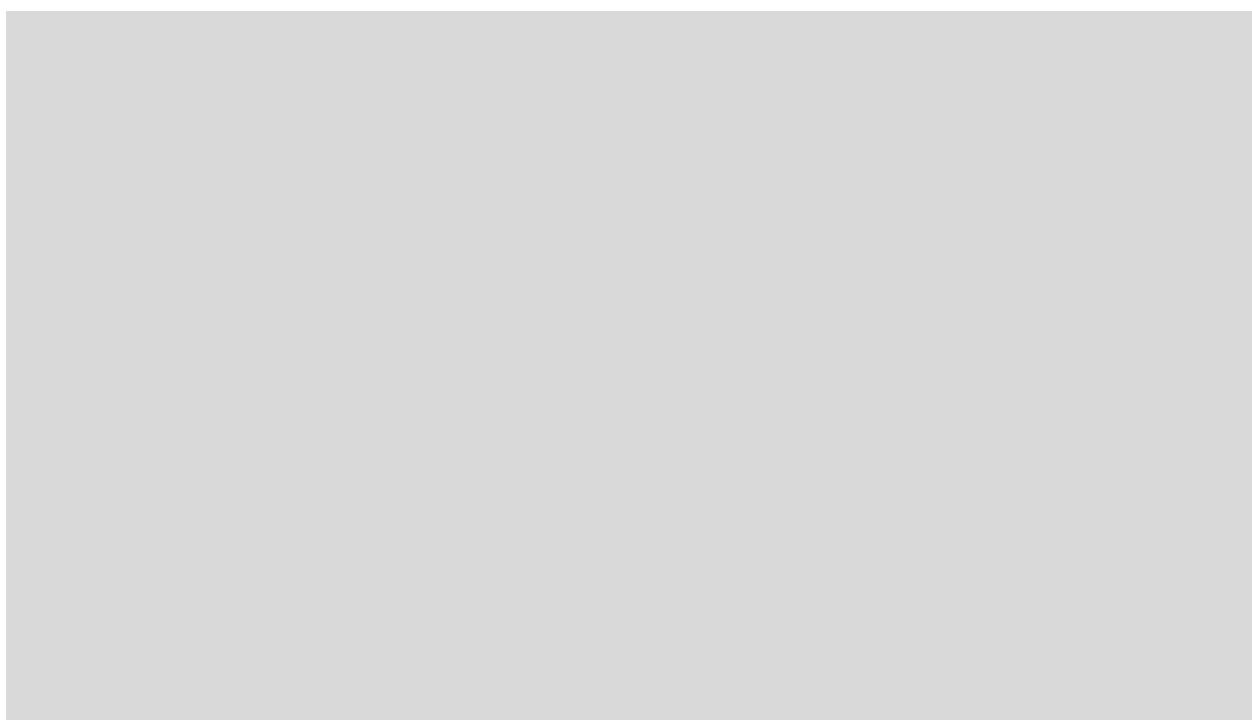


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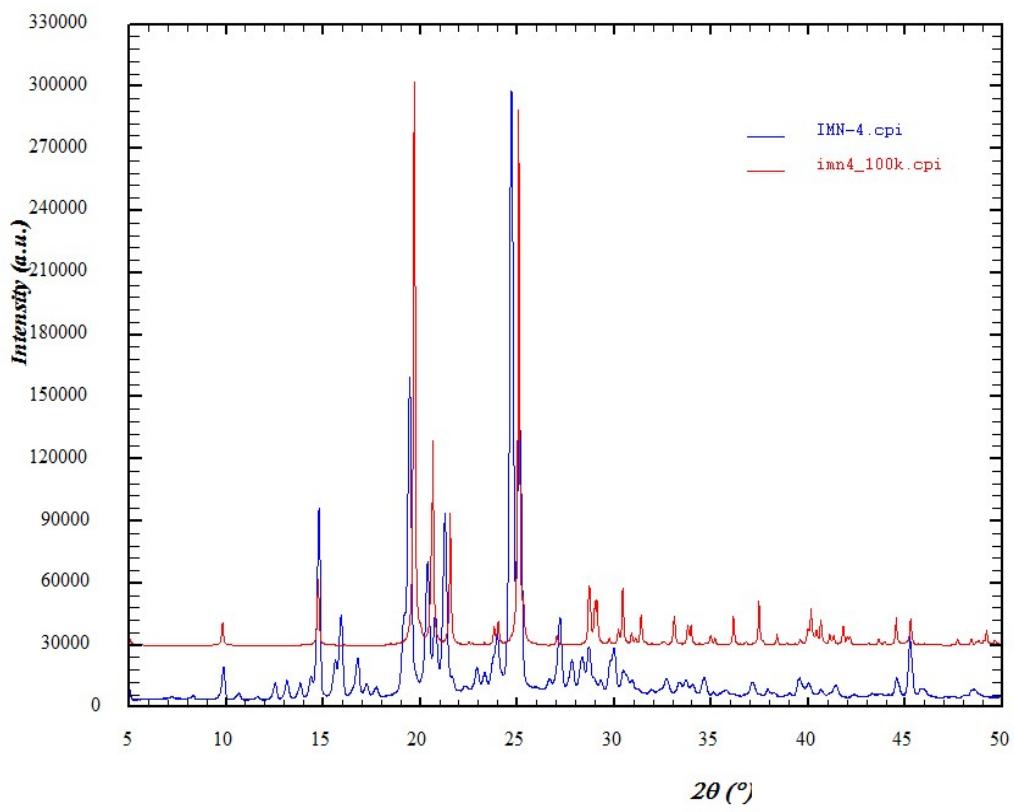


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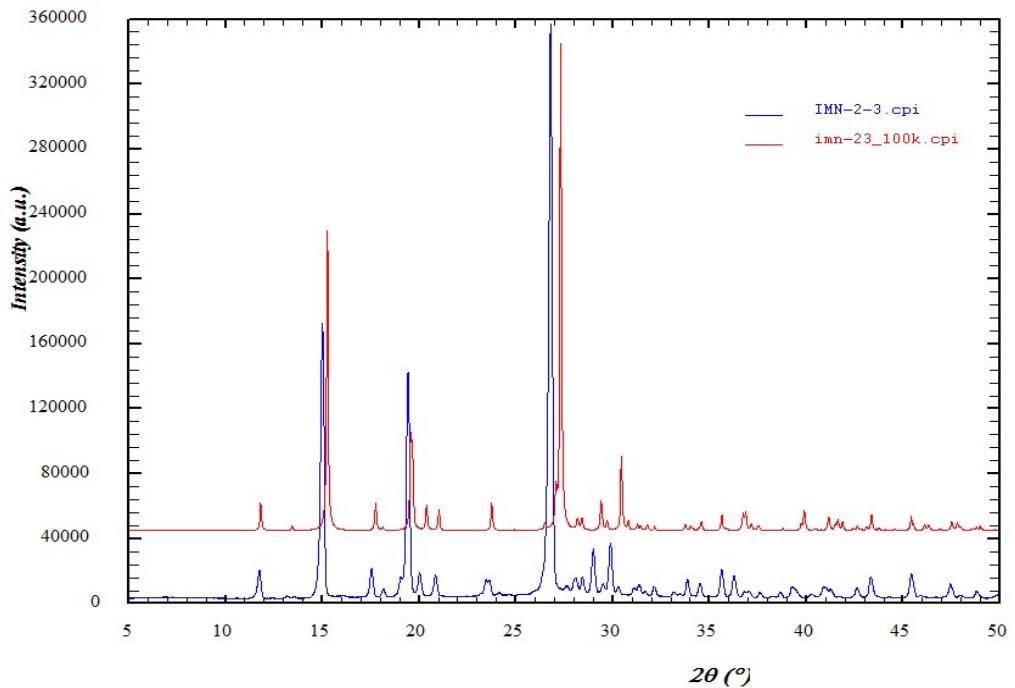


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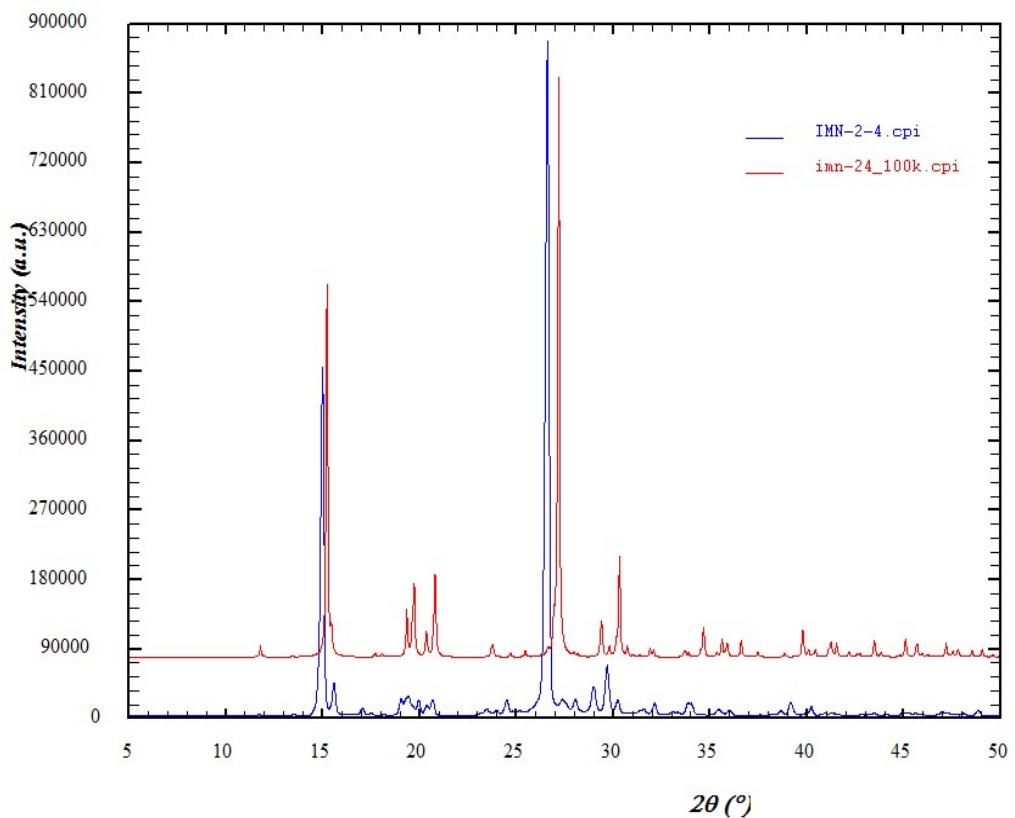


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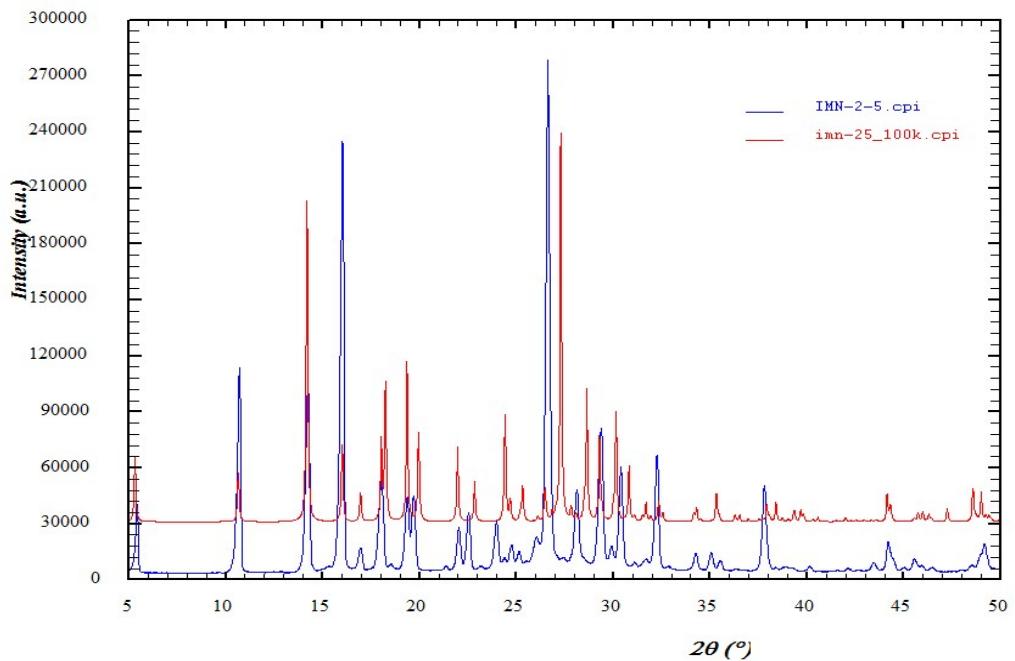


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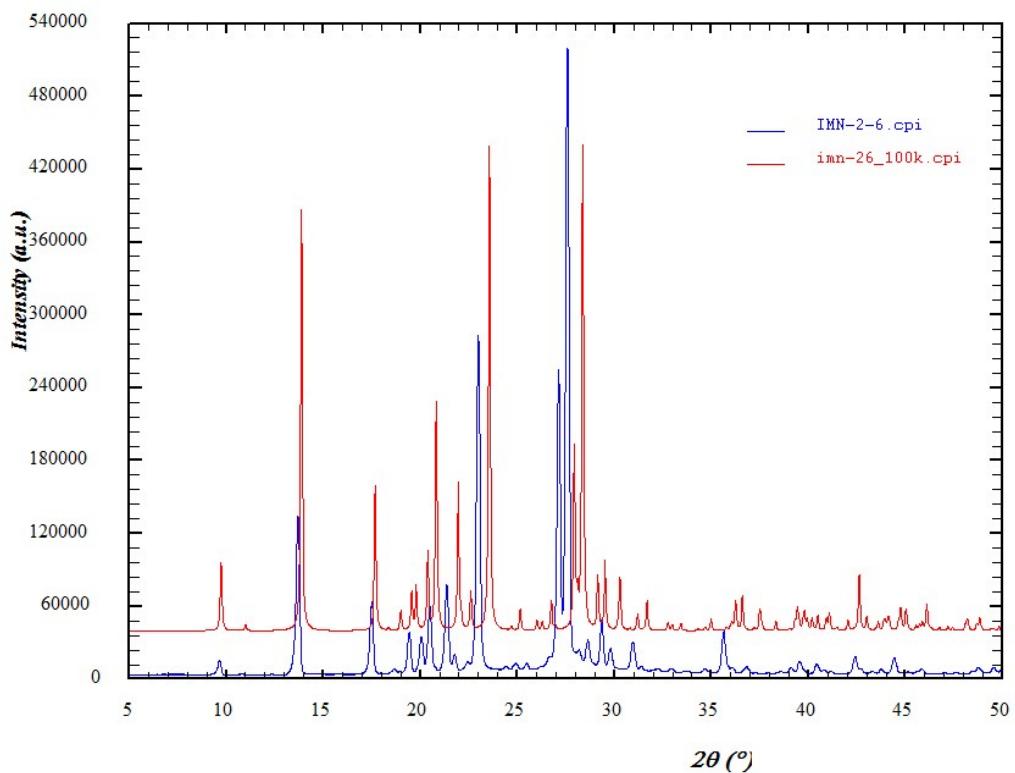


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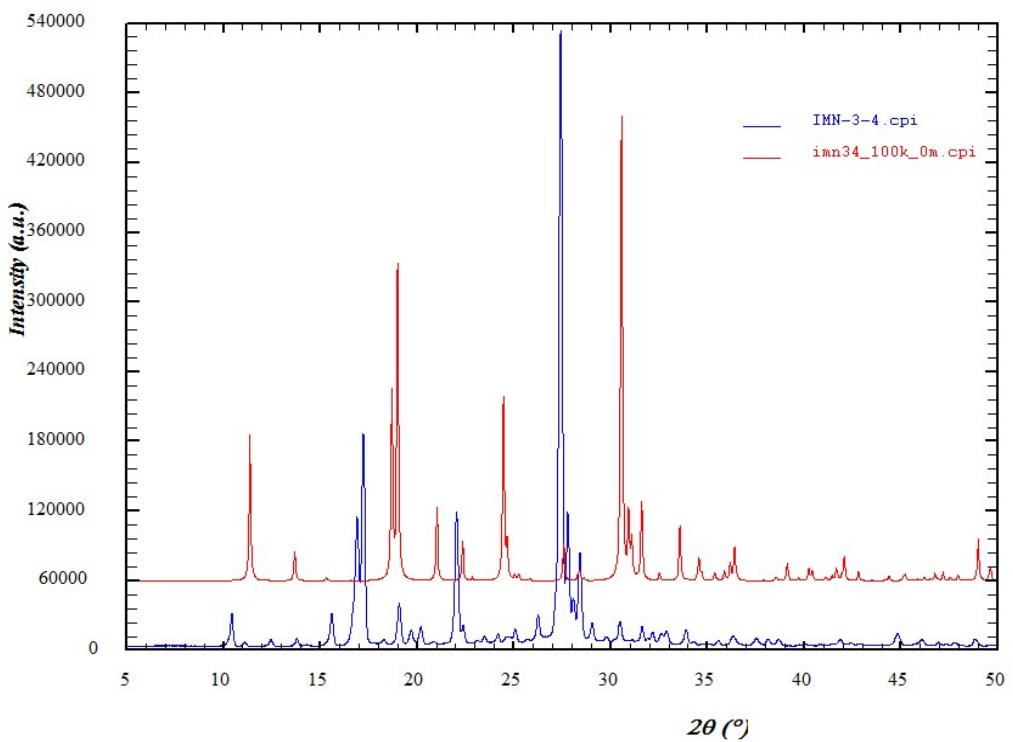


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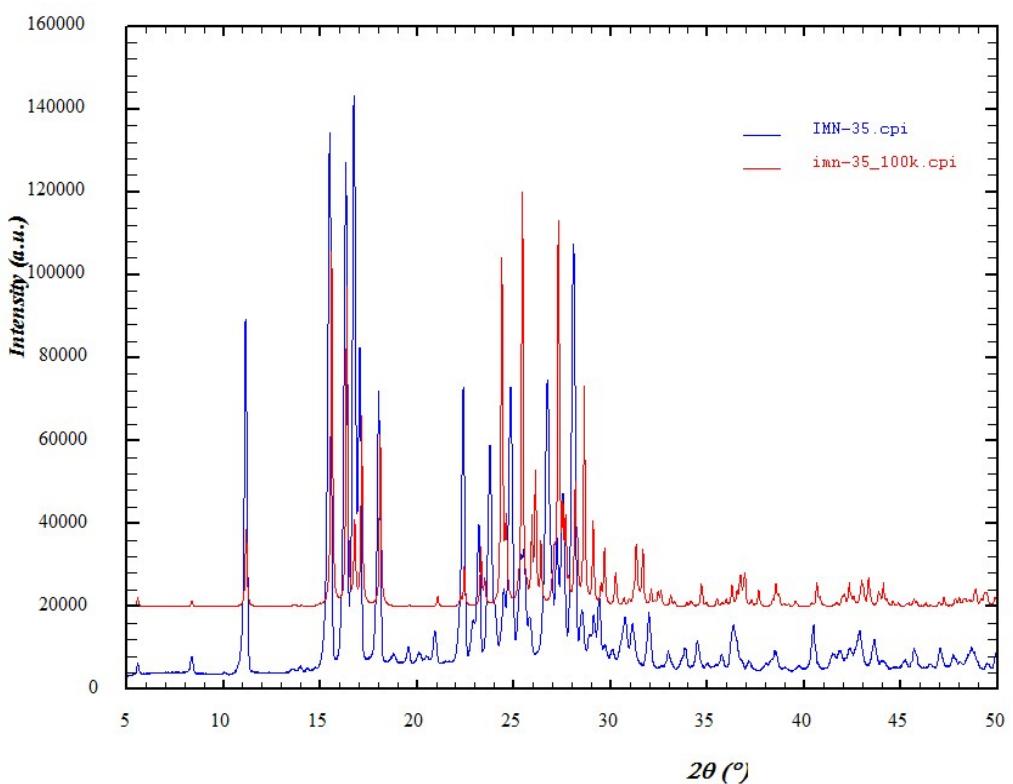


Figure: S6.t) PXRD of compound 20.

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<b>Space group</b>	$P2_1/c$
<b>a (Å)</b>	7.4632(5)
<b>b (Å)</b>	5.6697(4)
<b>c (Å)</b>	37.578(3)
<b><math>\alpha</math> (°)</b>	90
<b><math>\beta</math> (°)</b>	106.491(7)
<b><math>\gamma</math> (°)</b>	90
<b>V (Å<sup>3</sup>)</b>	1524.68(19)
<b>Z</b>	4
<b><math>\rho_{\text{calc}}</math> (g cm<sup>-3</sup>)</b>	1.396
<b><math>\mu/\text{mm}^{-1}</math></b>	0.125
<b>F(000)</b>	664.0
<b>2θ<sub>min,max</sub>(°)</b>	5.48,65.54
<b>h<sub>min,max</sub>; k<sub>min,max</sub>; l<sub>min,max</sub></b>	-10,10; -6,8; -56,56
<b>Total no. of reflections</b>	17673
<b>R<sub>int</sub></b>	0.0711
<b>No. of unique reflections</b>	5418
<b>R<sub>1</sub> [I &gt; 2σ(I)]</b>	0.1215
<b>wR<sub>2</sub> (all data)</b>	0.3661
<b>GooF</b>	1.112
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### Anisotropic ellipsoid (50% probability ) plots with atom numbering

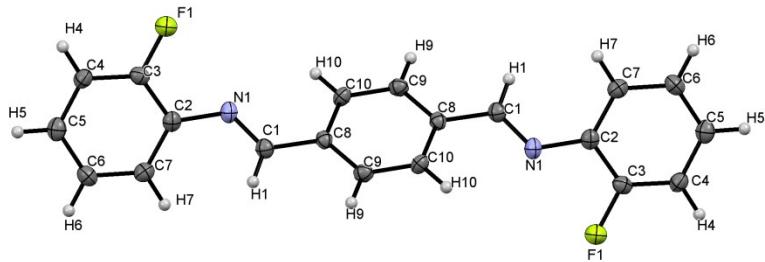


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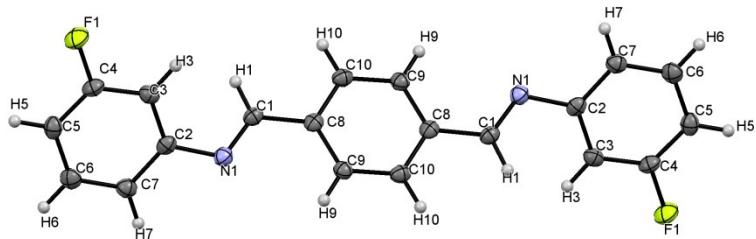


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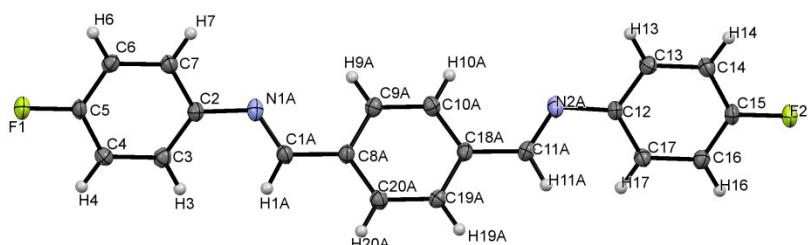


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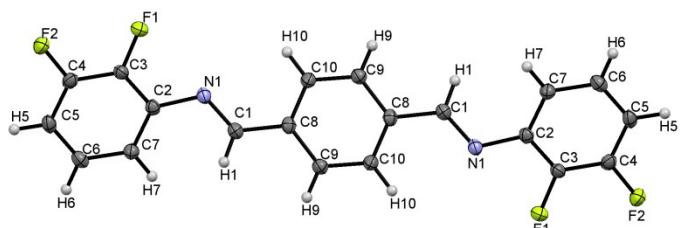


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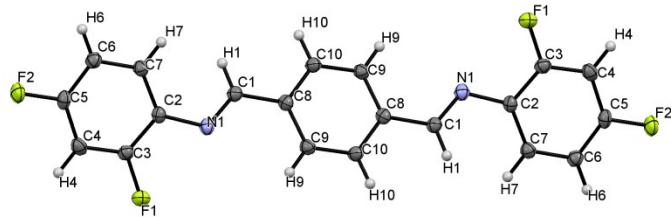


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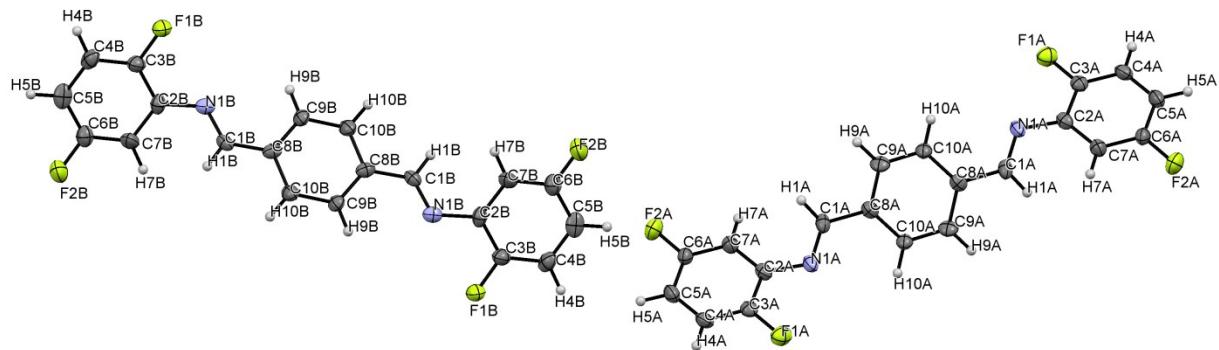


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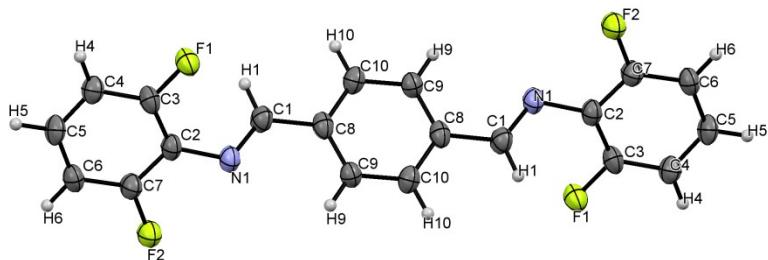


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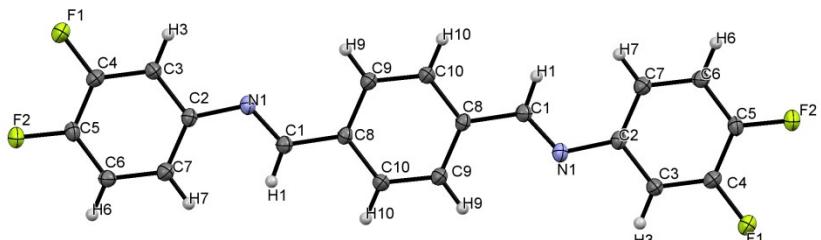


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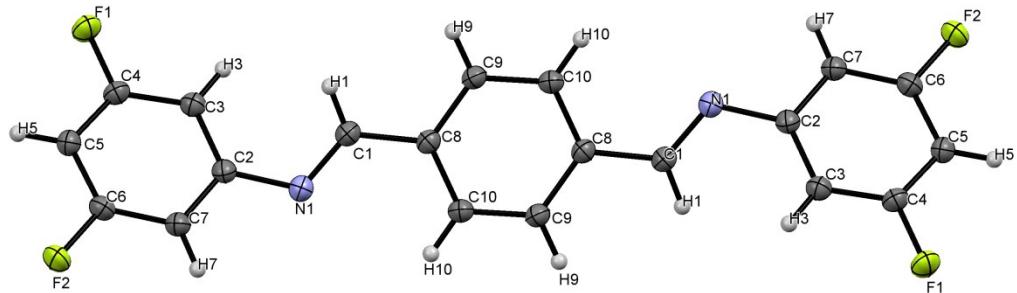


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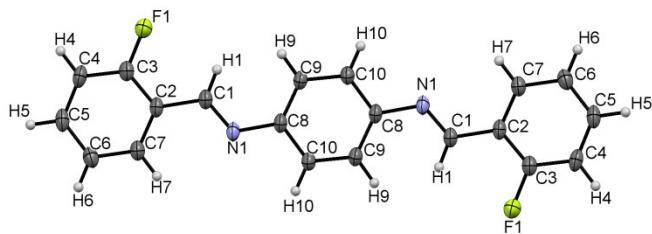


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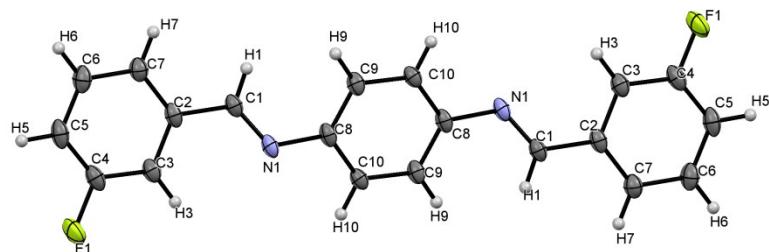


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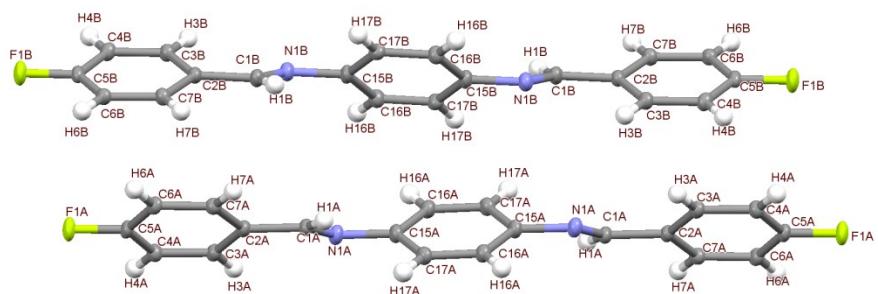


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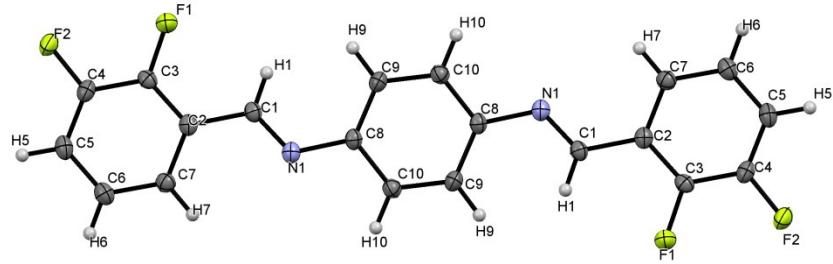


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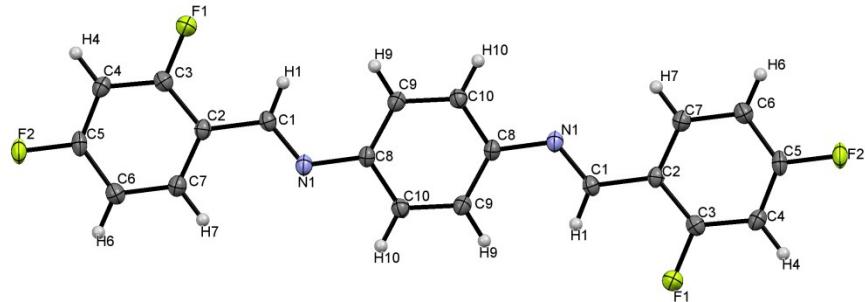


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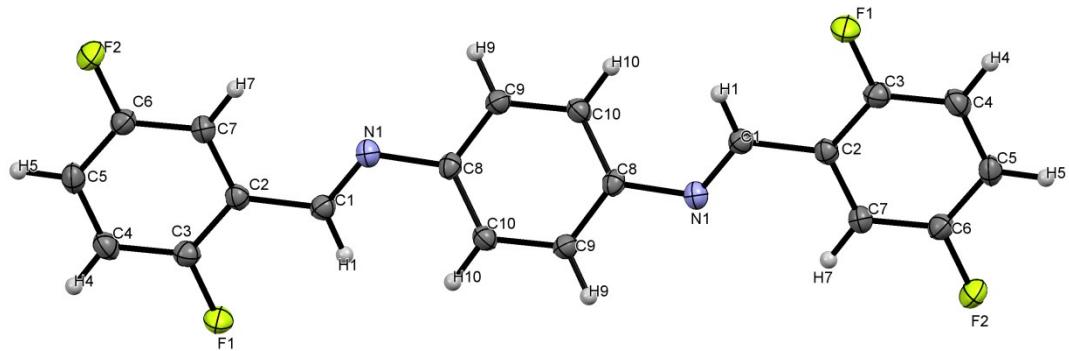


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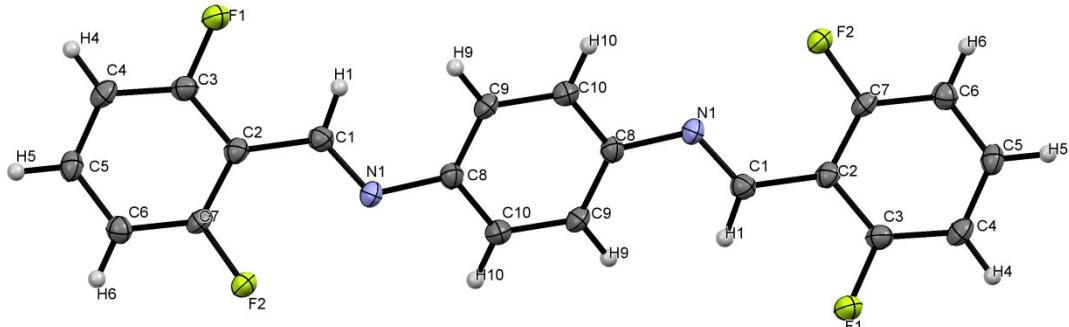


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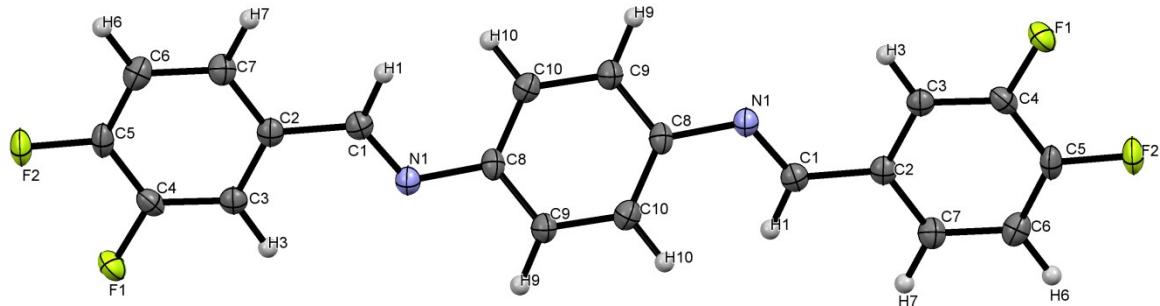


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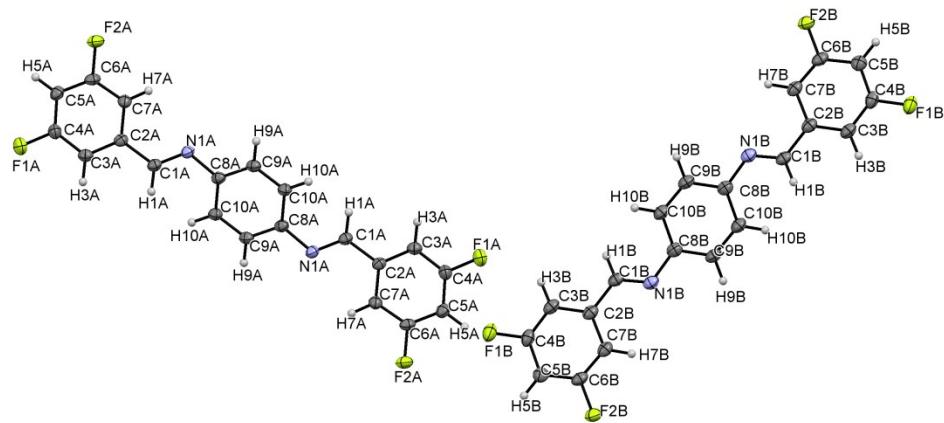


Fig.S7.r. Anisotropic ellipsoid (50% probability ) plot of 20 with atom numbering

## Pair wise comparison of bridge flipped isomers.

### 8.1. Structural comparison of the compounds **2-12**

The structures of **2** and **12** have been solved and refined in the monoclinic centrosymmetric  $P2_1/n$  and  $P2_1/c$  space group respectively (Table 2 in main paper). The compounds **2** and **12** adopt different unit cell parameters and have different overall molecular conformation. Compound **2** with fluorine at the *ortho*-position, forms a dimer adopting the robust synthon I(A) involving C–H $\cdots$ F hydrogen bond (Table 3a, Figure S8a) involving the imine has reported recently<sup>3k</sup>. Molecular sheets have been formed involving this hydrogen bond. These sheets are further interconnected via weak C–H $\cdots$  $\pi$  intermolecular interactions in the solid state (Table 3b, Figure S8b)

Compound **12** forms herring bone structure involving intermolecular C–H $\cdots$ F and C–H $\cdots$ N hydrogen bonds (Figure S8c) simultaneously in the lattice along with C–H $\cdots$  $\pi$  interactions (Figure S8d). The compounds **2** and **12** are not isostructural (isomorphous).

**Table 3:** (a) Intermolecular C–H $\cdots$ F and C–H $\cdots$ N Interactions and (b) Intermolecular C–H $\cdots$  $\pi$  and C=N $\cdots$  $\pi$  Interactions in the Crystallized Compounds **2** and **12**.

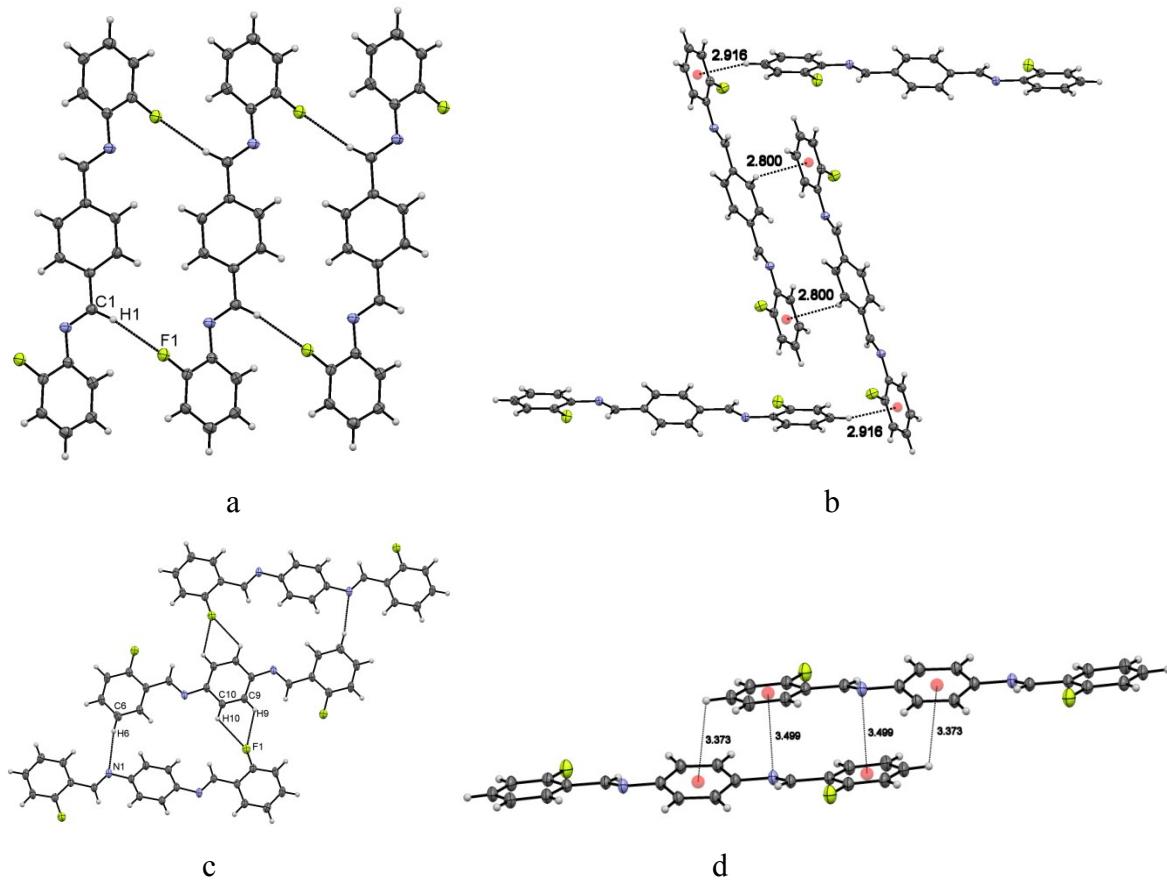
(a) Intermolecular C–H $\cdots$ F and C–H $\cdots$ N Interactions

Compd.	D–H $\cdots$ A	D–H/ $\text{\AA}$	D(D $\cdots$ A)/ $\text{\AA}$	d(H $\cdots$ A)/ $\text{\AA}$	$\angle D\text{--}H\cdots A^{\circ}$	SYMMETRY	SYNTTHON
<b>2</b>	<b>C1–H1<math>\cdots</math>F1</b>	1.080	3.484(5)	2.42	168.0	x - 1, y, z+1	IVa
<b>12</b>	<b>C6–H6<math>\cdots</math>N1</b>	1.080	3.578(2)	2.54	161.6	$x, \frac{1}{2}-y, z-\frac{1}{2}$	IVc
	<b>C9–H9<math>\cdots</math>F1</b>	1.080	3.220(2)	2.49	124.4	$x, \frac{3}{2}-y, \frac{1}{2}+z$	IVb
	<b>C10–H10<math>\cdots</math>F1</b>	1.080	3.292(2)	2.65	117.9		IVb

(b) Intermolecular C–H $\cdots$  $\pi$  and C=N $\cdots$  $\pi$  Interactions

Compd.	C–H/ C=N $\cdots$ $\pi$	C $\cdots$ $\pi$ ( $\text{\AA}$ )	H/N $\cdots$ $\pi$ / $\text{\AA}$	C–H/C=N $\cdots$ $\pi$ /°	SYMMETRY	SYNTTHON
<b>2</b>	<b>C9–H9<math>\cdots</math> Cg1(Ar<sub>F</sub>)</b>	3.444	2.80	125.87	x +1, y, z	IIb
	<b>C5–H5<math>\cdots</math> Cg1(Ar<sub>F</sub>)</b>	3.708	2.92	141.69	x -1, y, z+1	IIb
<b>12</b>	<b>C5–H5<math>\cdots</math> Cg2(Ar<sub>H</sub>)</b>	3.706	3.37	103.10	x, y,z+1	IIIb

	$\text{C1}=\text{N1}\cdots\text{Cg1}(\text{Ar}_F)$	3.420	3.50	75.93	$1-x, 1-y, 1-z$	V
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**Figure S8.** (a)Molecular sheet formation *via*  $\text{C}-\text{H}\cdots\text{F}$  intermolecular hydrogen bonds involving imine hydrogen in **2**;(b) weak  $\text{C}-\text{H}\cdots\pi$  intermolecular interactions in **2**;(c)  $\text{C}-\text{H}\cdots\text{F}$  and  $\text{C}-\text{H}\cdots\text{N}$  intermolecular hydrogen bonds in **12**;(d)  $\text{C}-\text{H}\cdots\pi$  and  $\text{N}\cdots\pi$  interactions forming dimers in **12**.

### 8.2. Structural comparison of the compounds **3-13**

Structures of **3** and **13** were solved and refined in the monocyclic centrosymmetric  $P2_1/n$  and  $P2_1/c$  space groups respectively (Table 2 in the main paper). The compounds were found to have different  $\text{C}-\text{H}\cdots\text{F}$  hydrogen bonds in their crystal lattice. Compound **3** was forming herring bone structure (Figure S9a) involving the imine H atom while the compound **13** was found to form molecular steps (Figure S9c) utilizing a different set of  $\text{C}-\text{H}\cdots\text{F}$  hydrogen bond involving the aromatic H atoms.

In spite of non-planarity of phenyl rings in **3**, they are stacked in the offset (parallel displaced) orientation (Figure S9b) with a distance of 3.929 Å between the centroid of aromatic rings, while in **13**, steps are connected through weak C–H···π interactions (Figure S9d).

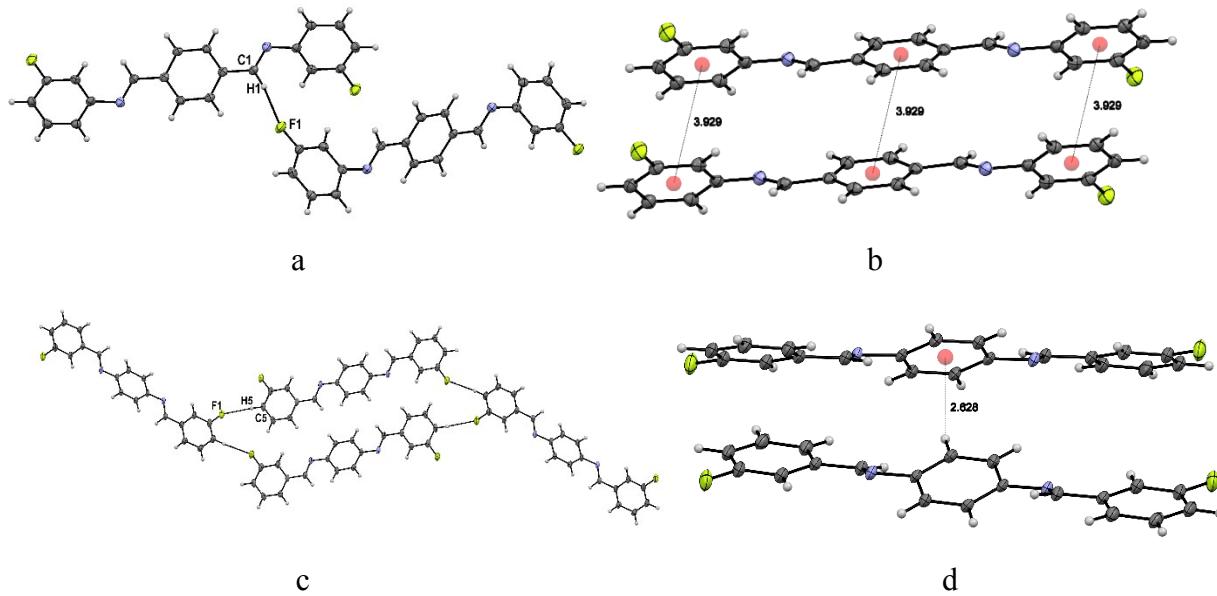
**Table 4:** a) Intermolecular C–H···F Interactions and (b) Intermolecular C–H···π Interactions in the Crystallized Compounds **3** and **13**.

(a) Intermolecular C–H···F Interactions

Compd.	D–H···F	D–H/Å	D(D···F)/Å	d(H···F)/Å	∠D–H···F/°	SYMMETRY	SYNTTHON
<b>3</b>	<b>C1–H1···F1</b>	1.080	3.410(4)	2.40	155.0	$\frac{1}{2} -x, \frac{1}{2} +y, \frac{1}{2} -z$	IVa
<b>13</b>	<b>C5–H5···F1</b>	1.080	3.421(1)	2.47	147.0	$2 -x, \frac{1}{2} +y, \frac{1}{2} -z$	IVb

(b) Intermolecular C–H···π Interactions

Compd.	C–H···π	C···π/Å	H···π/Å	C–H···π/°	SYMMETRY	SYNTTHON
<b>13</b>	<b>C9–H9···Cg2(Ar<sub>H</sub>)</b>	3.416	2.628	140.58	$x, \frac{1}{2} -y, \frac{1}{2} +z$	IIIb



**Figure S9.** (a) C–H···F intermolecular hydrogen bonds in **3**; (b) offset stacking  $\pi\cdots\pi$  interaction in **3**; (c) C–H···F intermolecular hydrogen bonds in **13**; (d) C–H··· $\pi$  interaction in **13**.

### 8.3. Structural comparison of the compound **4** and **14**

Structures of **4** and **14** have been solved and refined in the monoclinic centrosymmetric  $P2_1/c$  space group (Table 2 in the main paper). Interestingly, the compound **4** has a full molecule in the asymmetric unit and the molecule is disordered in the lattice about a 2-fold molecular axis of symmetry (Fig 7.c). The molecules pack in the unit cell involving C–H···F and C–H···N hydrogen bonds. Molecular sheet is formed by weak C–H···F hydrogen bonds (Figure S10a) and these sheets are interlinked by C–H··· $\pi$  interactions and C–H···N hydrogen bonds (Figure S10 b, c). Compound **14** has two independent half molecules in the asymmetric unit. Both the molecules are found to form molecular sheets involving C–H···F hydrogen bonds (Figure S10d) as seen in **4**. These sheets are interlinked through C–H···N hydrogen bonds (Figure S10e) and C–H··· $\pi$  interactions (Figure S10f) same as in **4**.

**Table 5:** a) Intermolecular C–H···F and C–H···N Interactions and (b) Intermolecular C–H··· $\pi$  Interactions in the Crystallized Compounds **4** and **14**.

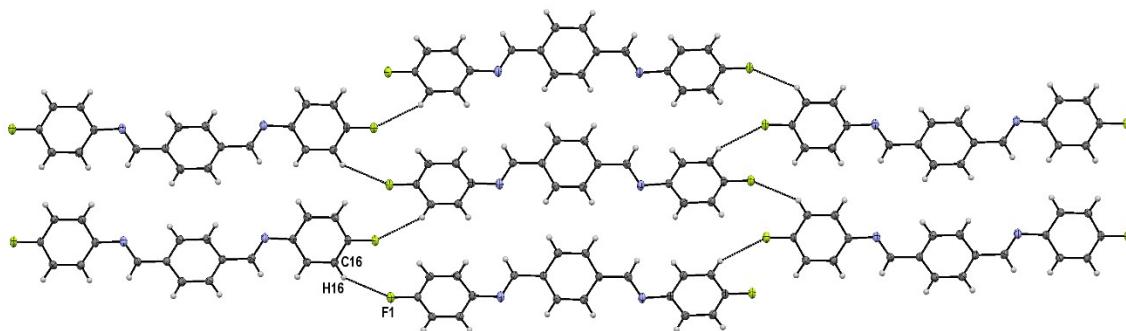
(a) Intermolecular C–H···F and C–H···N Interactions

Compd.	D–H···A	D–H/Å	D(D···A)/Å	d(H···A)/Å	$\angle D-H\cdots A/^\circ$	SYMMETRY	SYNTTHON
<b>4.</b>	<b>C9B–H9···N2A</b>	1.080	3.550(3)	2.68	137.6	$2 - x, \frac{1}{2} + y, \frac{3}{2} - z$	IVc
	<b>C9B–H9···N2B</b>	1.080	3.550(3)	2.68	137.6		IVc
	<b>C6–H6···F2</b>	1.080	3.335(3)	2.56	128.2	$x - 1, \frac{3}{2} - y, z - \frac{1}{2}$	IVb
	<b>C16–H16···F1</b>	1.080	3.340(3)	2.55	128.6	$1 + x, \frac{1}{2} - y, \frac{1}{2} + z$	IVb
	<b>C17–H17···N1A</b>	1.080	3.492(3)	2.62	137.9	$2 - x, y - \frac{1}{2}, \frac{3}{2} - z$	IVc
<b>14.</b>	<b>C6A–H6A···F1A</b>	1.080	3.368(2)	2.56	130.9	$-\frac{1}{2} - x, y - \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2} - z$	IVb
	<b>C4B–H4B···F1B</b>	1.080	3.338(2)	2.54	130.1		IVb
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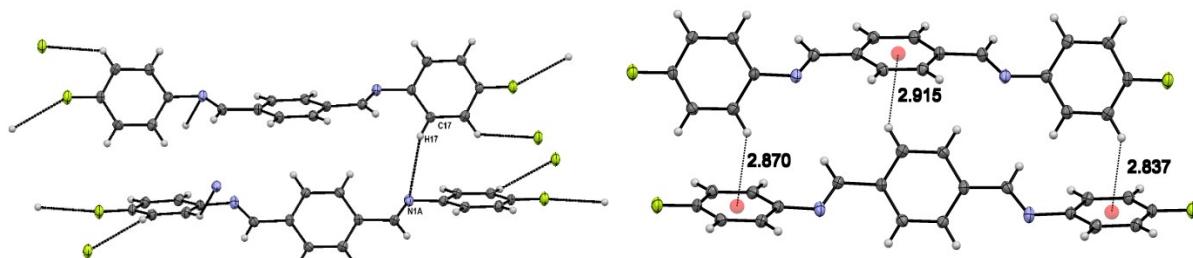
(b) Intermolecular C–H··· $\pi$  Interactions

Serial No	C–H ··· $\pi$	C··· $\pi$ /Å	H··· $\pi$ /Å	C–H··· $\pi$ /°	SYMMETRY	SYNTTHON
4	<b>C6–H6···Cg1(Ar<sub>F</sub>)</b>	3.515	2.837	130.70	$1 - x, -\frac{1}{2} + y, \frac{1}{2} - z$	IIb

	<b>C13–H13···Cg1'(Ar<sub>F</sub>)</b>	3.510	2.870	127.05	1 - x, -½ + y, ½ - z	IIb
	<b>C20A–H20A···Cg2(Ar<sub>H</sub>)</b>	3.526	2.915	124.48	1 - x, -½ + y, ½ - z	IIIb
14	<b>C6A–H6A···Cg1'(Ar<sub>F</sub>)</b>	2.875	3.539	129.41	x, y, z	IIb
	<b>C3A–H3A···Cg1'(Ar<sub>F</sub>)</b>	2.843	3.496	128.23	2 - x, 1 - y, 1 - z	IIb
	<b>C17B–H17B···Cg2(Ar<sub>H</sub>)</b>	2.805	3.499	132.29	x, y, z	IIIb

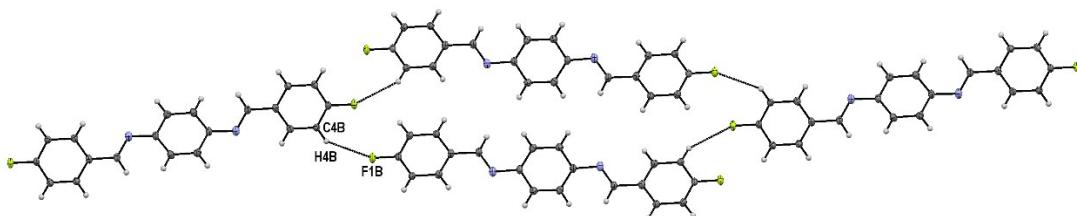


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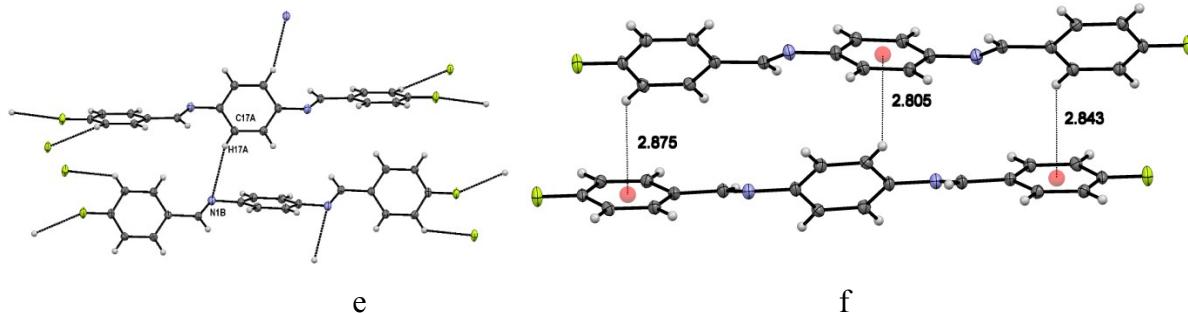


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**Figure S10:** (a)C–H···F, (b)C–H···N, (c)C–H··· $\pi$  interactions in **4**; (e)C–H···F, (f)C–H···N, (g)C–H··· $\pi$  interactions in **14**

#### 8.4. Structural comparison of the compounds **5–15**

The structures of **5** and **15** were solved and refined in the monoclinic centrosymmetric  $P2_1/c$  space group (Table 2 in the main paper). The compounds **5** and **15** differ in their unit cell parameters and in crystal packing as well. In compound **5**, the *o*-fluorine forms bifurcated C–H···F hydrogen bonds simultaneously with the imine H and with an aromatic H forming a 3D network of molecules (Figure S11a). The *meta*-F also forms bifurcated C–H···F hydrogen bonds (Figure S11a). Molecules of **5** are separated by a distance of 3.777 Å between the centroids of aromatic rings (Figure S11b). Compound **15** forms herring bone structure involving C–H···F (*ortho*-F) and C–H···N hydrogen bonds together (Figure S11c), as was seen in the case of compound **12**. Further C–H···F hydrogen bonds have been identified through the *meta*-F forming head to head and tail to tail dimers (Figure S11c) utilizing synthon II reported recently along with C–H··· $\pi$  Interaction.<sup>3k</sup>

**Table 6a)** Intermolecular C–H···F and C–H···N Interactions and (b) Intermolecular C–H··· $\pi$  and C=N··· $\pi$  Interaction in the Crystallized Compounds **5** and **15**.

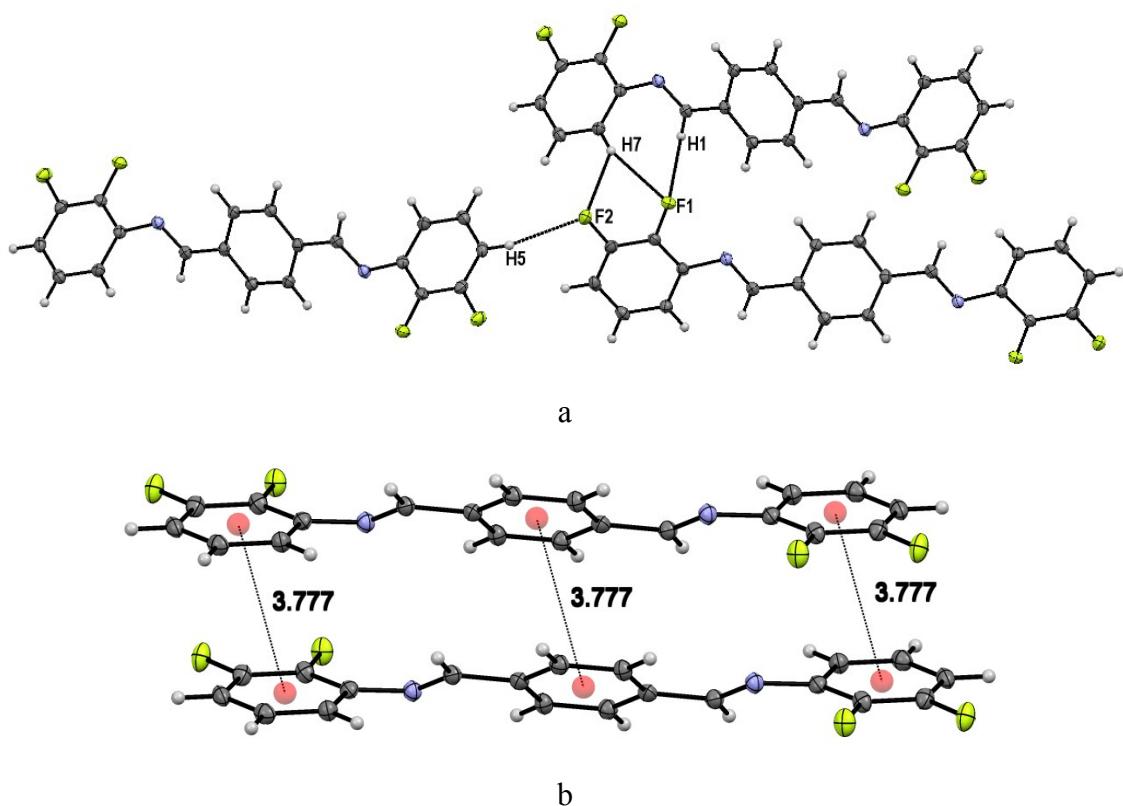
#### (a) Intermolecular C–H···F and C–H···N Interactions

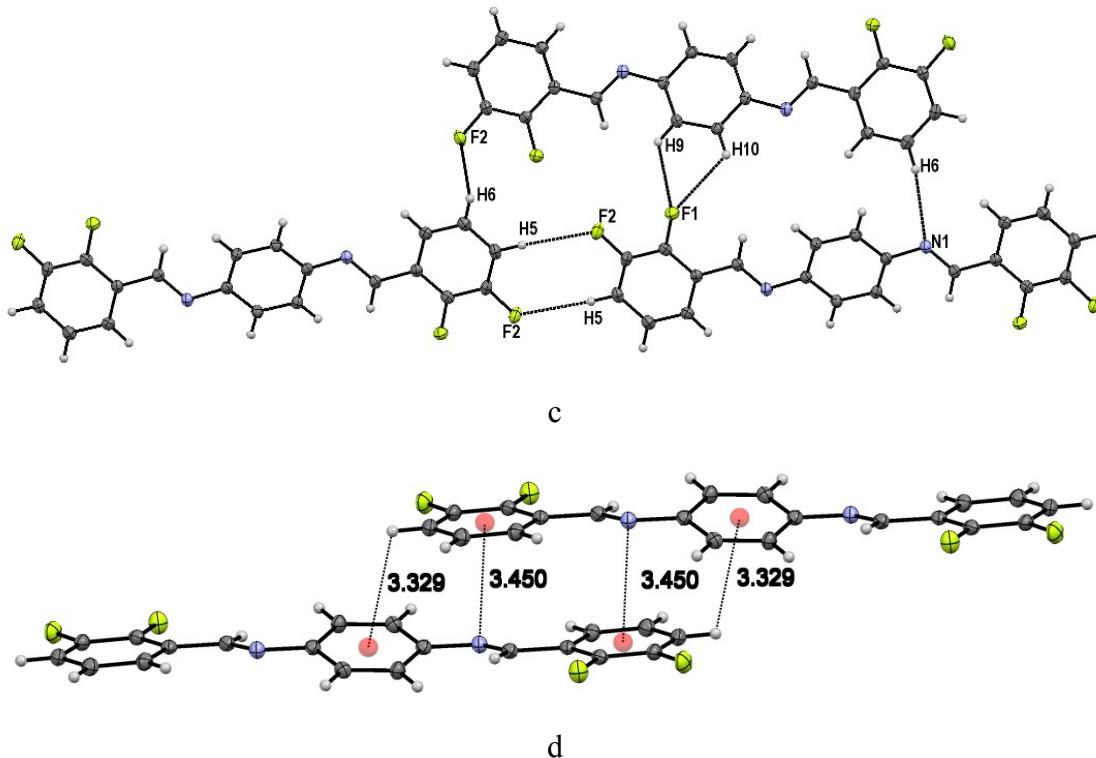
Compd.	D–H···A	D–H/Å	D(D···A)/Å	d(H···A)/Å	$\angle D$ –H···A/°	SYMMETRY	SYNTNON
<b>5.</b>	<b>C7–H7···F1</b>	1.080	3.683(2)	2.64	162.4	$x, \frac{1}{2} - y, \frac{1}{2} + z$	IVb
	<b>C1–H1···F1</b>	1.080	3.705(2)	2.69	155.7		IVa
	<b>C7–H7···F2</b>	1.080	3.319(2)	2.47	134.7	$x, \frac{3}{2} - y, \frac{1}{2} + z$	IVb

	<b>C5–H5···F2</b>	1.080	3.413(2)	2.52	139.2	$2 - x, \frac{1}{2} + y, \frac{1}{2} - z$	IVb
15.	<b>C5–H5···F2</b>	1.080	3.532(2)	2.46	169.6	$2 - x, 1 - y, 2 - z$	IVb
	<b>C6–H6···N1</b>	1.080	3.625(2)	2.57	164.3	$x, \frac{3}{2} - y, \frac{1}{2} + z$	IVc
	<b>C9–H9···F1</b>	1.080	3.238(2)	2.50	125.0	$x, \frac{1}{2} - y, -\frac{1}{2} + z$	IVb
	<b>C10–H10···F1</b>	1.080	3.322(2)	2.68	118		IVb

(b) Intermolecular C–H···π and C=N···π Interactions

Compd.	C–H/ C=N···π	C···π/Å	H/N···π/Å	C–H/ C=N···π/%	SYMMETRY	SYNTTHON TYPE
15	<b>C5–H5···Cg2(Ar<sub>H</sub>)</b>	3.678	3.329	104.12	$-1+x, y, -1+z$	IIIb
	<b>C1=N1···Cg1(Ar<sub>F</sub>)</b>	3.363	3.450	75.38	$-1+x, y, -1+z$	V





**Figure S11.** (a) 3D network of molecules involving bifurcated C–H···F hydrogen bonds through *o*-F and *m*-F in **5**, (b) offset stacking  $\pi\cdots\pi$  interaction in **5**; (c) 3D network of molecules involving C–H···F and C–H···N hydrogen bonds through both *o*-F and *m*-F simultaneously in **15**; (d) C–H··· $\pi$  and N··· $\pi$  interaction in **15**.

#### 8.5. Structural comparison of the compounds **6–16**

The structures of **6** and **16** were solved and refined in the monoclinic centrosymmetric  $P2_1/c$  space Group (Table 2). The compounds **6** and **16** adopt different unit cell parameters. In compound **6**, *o*-F is involved in bifurcated hydrogen bonding (Figure S12a) and *p*-F prefers to form dimer (Figure S12a). Thus, the head to tail dimers involving a pair of C–H···F hydrogen bonds (through *p*-F) are interlinked through a bifurcated C–H···F hydrogen bond involving the *o*-F atom (Figure S12a). Compound **16** forms herring bone structure involving C–H···F (*o*-F) and C–H···N hydrogen bonds simultaneously, same as was seen in compound **12**, in addition to H10 with F1 and C–H···F (*para*-F) involves in the formation of head to head and tail to tail dimers (Figure S12c) utilizing synthon II reported recently<sup>3k</sup>. Compound **16** was found to have

different C–H···F/C–H···N hydrogen bonds in their crystal lattice when compared to compound **6**.

**Table 7:** a) Intermolecular C–H···F and C–H···N Interactions and (b) Intermolecular C–F··· $\pi$  and C=N··· $\pi$  Interactions in the Crystallized Compounds **6** and **16**.

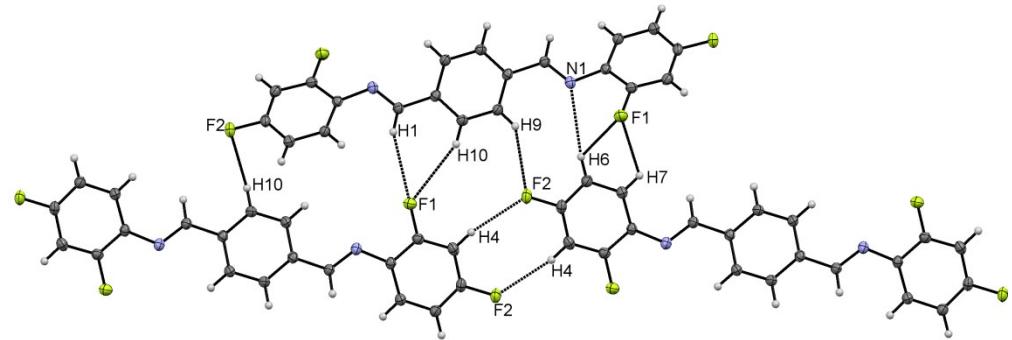
(a) Intermolecular C–H···F and C–H···N Interactions

Compd.	D–H···A	D–H/Å	D(D···A)/Å	d(H···A)/Å	$\angle D\text{--H}\cdots A^{\circ}$	SYMMETRY	SYNTTHON TYPE
6.	<b>C6–H6···N1</b>	1.080	3.717(1)	2.64	173.6	$2 - x, -\frac{1}{2} + y, \frac{3}{2} - z$	IVc
	<b>C10–H10···F2</b>	1.080	3.422(1)	2.69	124.5	$1 - x, \frac{1}{2} + y, \frac{3}{2} - z$	IVb
	<b>C9–H9···F2</b>	1.080	3.409(1)	2.61	130.5		IVb
	<b>C4–H4···F2</b>	1.080	3.363(2)	2.29	161.9	$3 - x, -y, 1 - z$	IVb
	<b>C1–H1···F1</b>	1.080	3.571(1)	2.62	146.7	$1 - x, y - \frac{1}{2}, \frac{3}{2} - z$	IVa
	<b>C6–H6···F1</b>	1.080	3.154(2)	2.56	113.8		
	<b>C7–H7···F1</b>	1.080	3.156(2)	2.53	116.1		
	<b>C10–H10···F1</b>	1.080	3.686(2)	2.76	144.4	$x - 1, -y + \frac{3}{2}, z - \frac{1}{2}$	
16.	<b>C4–H4···F2</b>	1.080	3.307(2)	2.39	142.2	$-x, 1 - y, -z$	IVb
	<b>C7–H7···F2</b>	1.080	3.500(2)	2.73	128.0	$x, -y + \frac{1}{2}, z + \frac{1}{2}$	
	<b>C6–H6···N1</b>	1.080	3.499(1)	2.46	160.3	$x, \frac{1}{2} - y, z - \frac{1}{2}$	IVc
	<b>C9–H9···F1</b>	1.080	3.307(1)	2.57	124.8	$x, \frac{3}{2} - y, \frac{1}{2} + z$	IVb
	<b>C10–H10···F1</b>	1.080	3.362(1)	2.69	120.3	$1 - x, y - \frac{1}{2}, \frac{3}{2} - z$	IVb

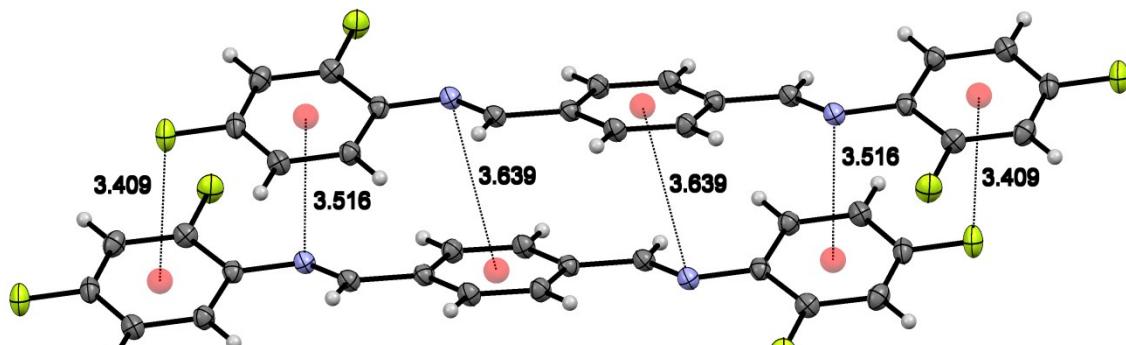
(a) Intermolecular C–F··· $\pi$  and C=N··· $\pi$  Interactions

Compd.	C–F/C=N··· $\pi$	C··· $\pi$ /Å	H/N··· $\pi$ /Å	C–H/C=N··· $\pi$ /°	SYMMETRY	SYNTTHON TYPE
6	<b>C5–F2···Cg1(Ar<sub>F</sub>)</b>	3.801	3.408	96.11	$1 + x, y, z$	IIa
	<b>C1=N1···Cg1(Ar<sub>F</sub>)</b>	3.484	3.516	78.08	$1 + x, y, z$	V
	<b>C1=N1···Cg2(Ar<sub>H</sub>)</b>	3.638	3.639	79.87	$1 + x, y, z$	VI

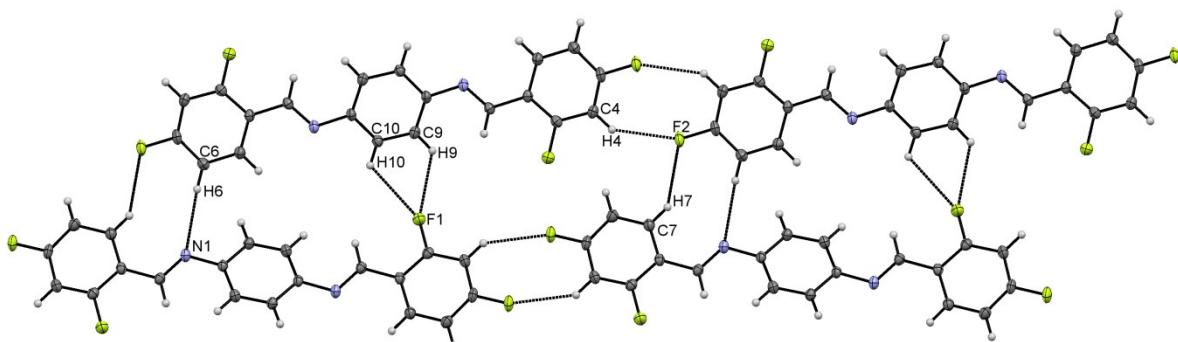
16	C5—F2···Cg2(Ar <sub>H</sub> )	3.788	3.343	98.35	1 +x, y, z	IIIa
	C1=N1···Cg1(Ar <sub>F</sub> )	3.362	3.518	72.50	1 +x, y, z	V



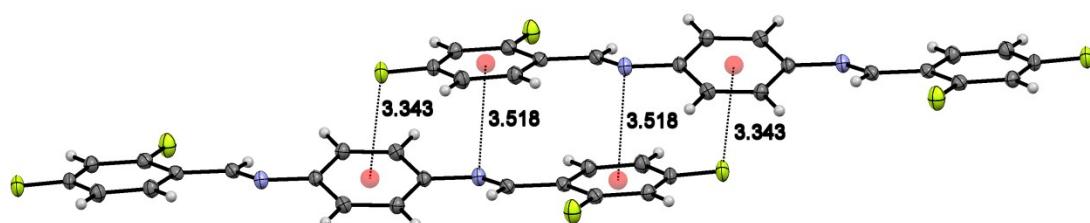
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**Figure S12.** (a) 3D network of molecules involving bifurcated C–H···F hydrogen bonds through *o*-F and C–H···N in **16**; (b)Molecular packing showing C–F··· $\pi$  / N··· $\pi$  interactions as dashed lines in **6**; (c)formation of head to head and tail to tail dimers involving *p*-F which are interlinked through bifurcated C–H···F hydrogen bonds involving *o*-F in **16**; (d)Molecular packing showing C–F··· $\pi$  / N··· $\pi$  interactions as dashed lines in **16**.

#### 8.6. Structural comparison of the compounds **7-17**

Structures of **7** and **17** were solved and refined in the monocyclic centrosymmetric  $P2_1/c$  space groups (Table 2 in the main paper) having same unit cell parameters. The asymmetric unit of the compound **7** has two half molecules connected by weak C–H···F hydrogen bond involving the *m*-F of one half molecule and the H5 of the other half molecule (Figure S13a). All the F atoms of the molecules are involved in C–H···F hydrogen bond generating a molecular tetramer (Figure S13a). Compound **17** forms head to head/tail to tail dimers utilizing C–H···F hydrogen bond involving H4 with F2 and H7 with F1 (Figure S13c). These dimers are in turn interconnected by C–H···F hydrogen bonds involving H5 and F2 forming a nine-membered ring (Figure S13c). **7** has larger number of C–H···F hydrogen bonds compared to that in **17** along with  $\pi\cdots\pi$  stack with a distance of 3.766 Å between the centroids (Figure S13b).

**Table 8:** (a) Intermolecular C–H···F Interactions and (b) Intermolecular C–H··· $\pi$  Interactions in the Crystallized Compounds **7** and **17**

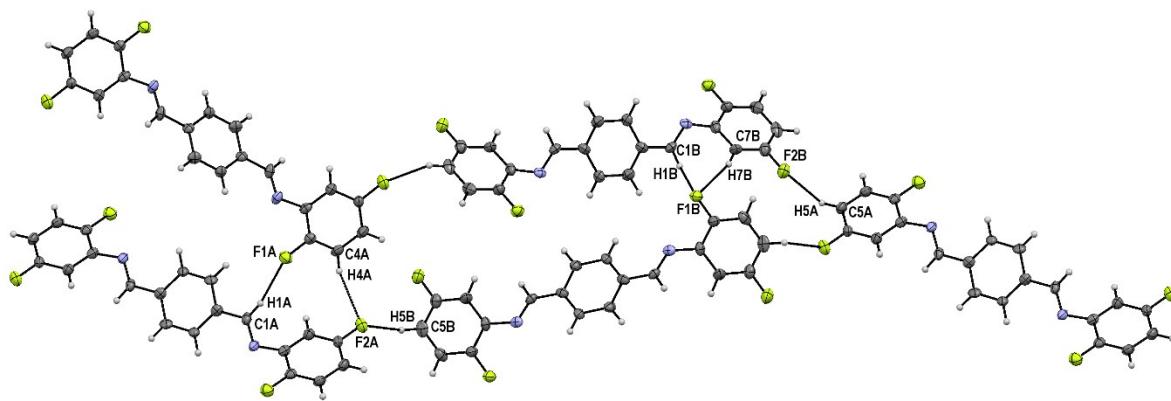
#### (a) Intermolecular C–H···F Interactions

Compd.	D–H···F	D–H/Å	D(D···F)/Å	d(H···F)/Å	$\angle D$ –H···F/ $^{\circ}$	SYMMETRY	SYNTTHON
	<b>C7A–H7A···F1A</b>	1.080	3.620(9)	2.58	161.1	$x, \frac{1}{2}-y, z-\frac{1}{2}$	IVb
	<b>C1A–H1A···F1A</b>	1.080	3.521(1)	2.50	158.0		IVa
	<b>C4A–H4A···F2A</b>	1.080	3.556(2)	2.52	161.6	$x, -\frac{1}{2}-y, \frac{1}{2}+z$	IVb

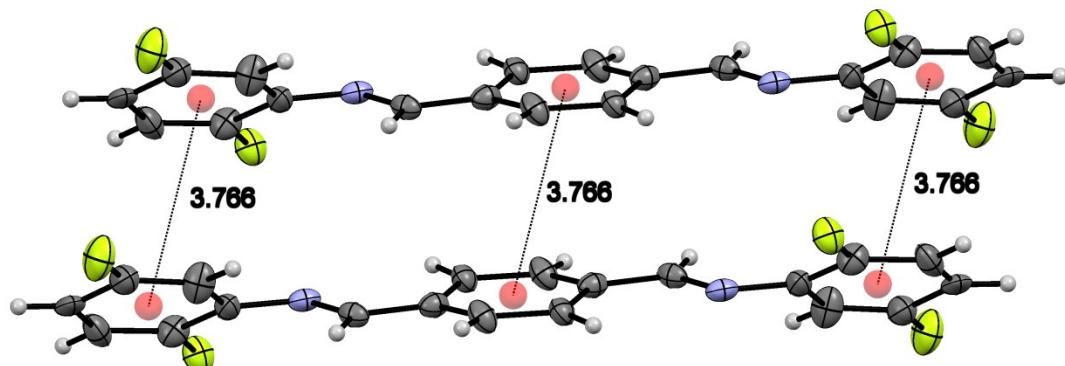
	<b>C7B–H7B···F1B</b>	1.080	3.588(11)	2.54	164.0	x, $\frac{1}{2}$ -y, z- $\frac{1}{2}$	IVb
	<b>C1B–H1B···F1B</b>	1.080	3.572(9)	2.55	157.3		IVa
	<b>C5B–H5B···F2A</b>	1.080	3.504(9)	2.54	148.3	x, y+1, z	IVb
	<b>C5A–H5A···F2B</b>	1.080	3.174(2)	2.42	125.7	x, $\frac{1}{2}$ -y, $\frac{1}{2}$ +z	IVb
17	<b>C4–H4···F2</b>	1.080	3.432(1)	2.36	170.5	x, 1+y, z	IVb
	<b>C5–H5···F2</b>	1.080	3.389(1)	2.40	151.5	-x, $\frac{1}{2}$ +y, - $\frac{1}{2}$ -z	IVb
	<b>C7–H7···F1</b>	1.080	3.419(1)	2.35	170.4	x, y-1, z	IVb

(b) Intermolecular C–H···π Interactions

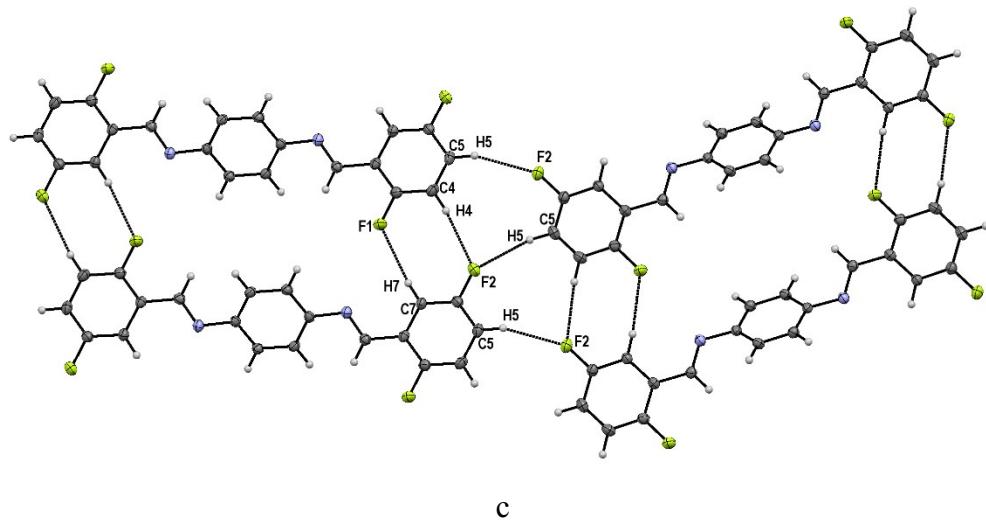
Compd.	C–H ··· π	C···π/Å	H···π/Å	C–H···π/°	SYMMETRY	SYNTTHON
17	<b>C10–H10···Cg2(Ar<sub>H</sub>)</b>	3.602	2.686	162.22	x, $\frac{1}{2}$ -y, - $\frac{1}{2}$ +z	IIIb



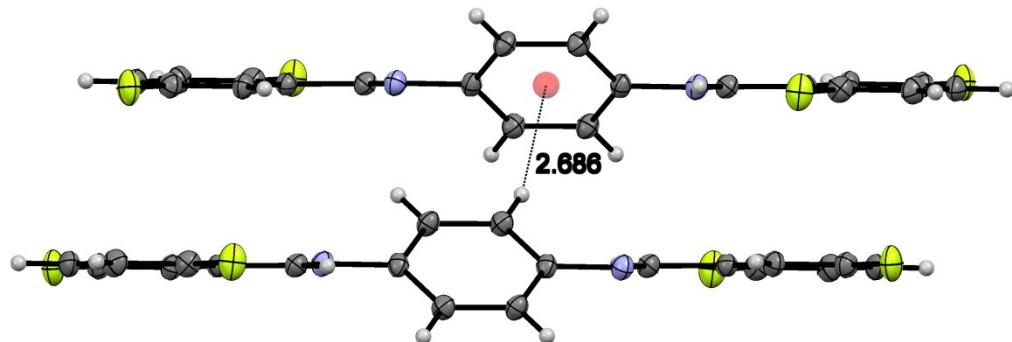
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**Figure S13.** (a) Intermolecular C–H $\cdots$ F hydrogen bonds involving all the F atoms of **7** forming a tetrameric unit;(b)  $\pi\cdots\pi$  stacking in **7**(c) dimers interconnected by C–H $\cdots$ F hydrogen bonds involving H5 and F2 forming a nine–membered ring in **17**(d) Intermolecular C–H $\cdots$  $\pi$  interaction in **17**.

#### 8.7. Structural comparison of the compounds **8-18**

The structures of **8** and **18** were solved and refined in the monoclinic centrosymmetric  $P2_1/c$  space group (Table 2 in the main paper) though they adopted different unit cell parameters. Both the molecules adopt different interactions in the crystal lattice. The molecules of **8** and **18** form chains of head to tail dimers involving C–H $\cdots$ F and C–H $\cdots$ N hydrogen bonds (Figure S14a, c). These chains of dimers are further interlinked through C–H $\cdots$ F hydrogen bonds. **8** has

$\pi \cdots \pi$  stacking with distance of 3.914 Å (Figure S14b). Interestingly, type I C–F $\cdots$ F–C contact has also been observed in structure of **18** (Figure S14d).

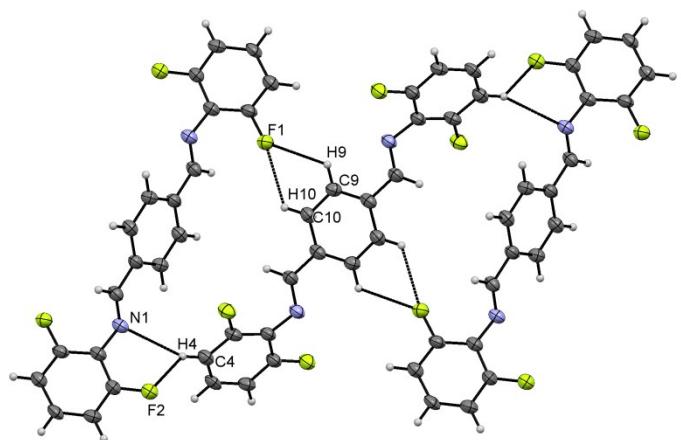
**Table 9:** a) Intermolecular C–H $\cdots$ F, F $\cdots$ F Interactions and (b) Intermolecular C–F $\cdots$  $\pi$  Interactions in the Crystallized Compounds **8** and **18**.

(a) Intermolecular C–H $\cdots$ F Interactions

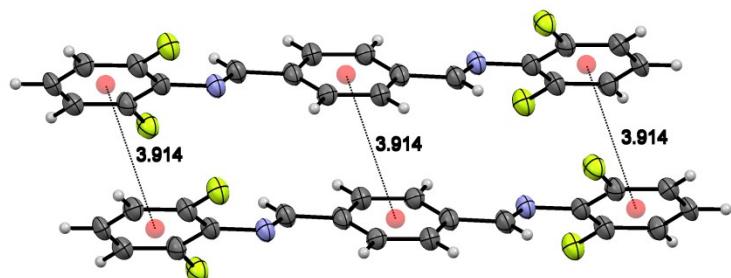
Compd.	D–H $\cdots$ A	D–H/Å	D(D $\cdots$ A)/Å	d(H $\cdots$ A)/Å	$\angle$ D–H $\cdots$ A/°	SYMMETRY	SYNTHON
<b>8</b>	<b>C4–H4<math>\cdots</math>F2</b>	1.080	3.333(2)	2.50	133.3	$x, \frac{3}{2}-y, -\frac{1}{2}+z$	IVb
	<b>C4–H4<math>\cdots</math>N1</b>	1.080	3.705(3)	2.68	157.8	$x, \frac{3}{2}-y, -\frac{1}{2}+z$	IVc
	<b>C10–H10<math>\cdots</math>F1</b>	1.080	3.189(3)	2.47	123.1	$x, \frac{1}{2}-y, \frac{1}{2}+z$	IVb
	<b>C9–H9<math>\cdots</math>F1</b>	1.080	3.265(3)	2.64	116.4		IVb
<b>18</b>	<b>C5–H5<math>\cdots</math>N1</b>	1.080	3.475(3)	2.43	163.4	$1+x, \frac{1}{2}-y, -\frac{1}{2}+z$	IVc
	<b>C5–H5<math>\cdots</math>F2</b>	1.080	3.197(4)	2.47	124.0	$1+x, \frac{1}{2}-y, -\frac{1}{2}+z$	IVb
	<b>C4–H4<math>\cdots</math>F2</b>	1.080	3.257(3)	2.62	116.8		IVb
	<b>C9–H9<math>\cdots</math>F1</b>	1.080	3.612(5)	2.55	169.2	$1-x, 1-y, 1-z$	IVb
	<b>C3–F1<math>\cdots</math>F1–C3</b>	1.359(2)	4.009(4)	2.875(3)	139.7(1)	$2-x, -y, -z$	IVd

(b) Intermolecular C–F $\cdots$  $\pi$  Interaction

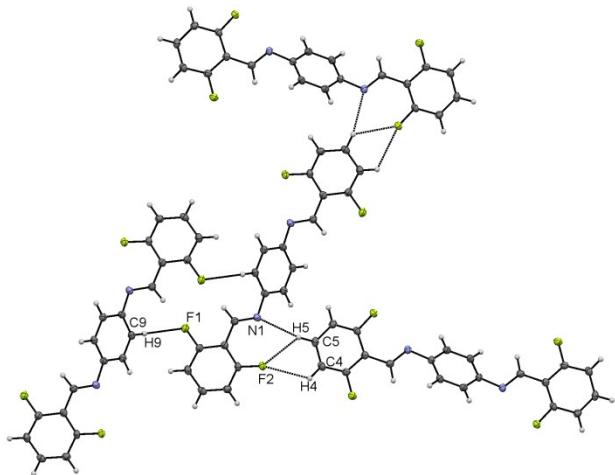
Compd.	C–H $\cdots$ $\pi$	C $\cdots$ $\pi$ /Å	H $\cdots$ $\pi$ /Å	C–H $\cdots$ $\pi$ /°	SYMMETRY	SYNTHON
<b>9</b>	<b>C7–F2<math>\cdots</math>Cg1(Ar<sub>F</sub>)</b>	3.957	3.384	105.21	$x, \frac{1}{2}-y, \frac{1}{2}+z$	IIa



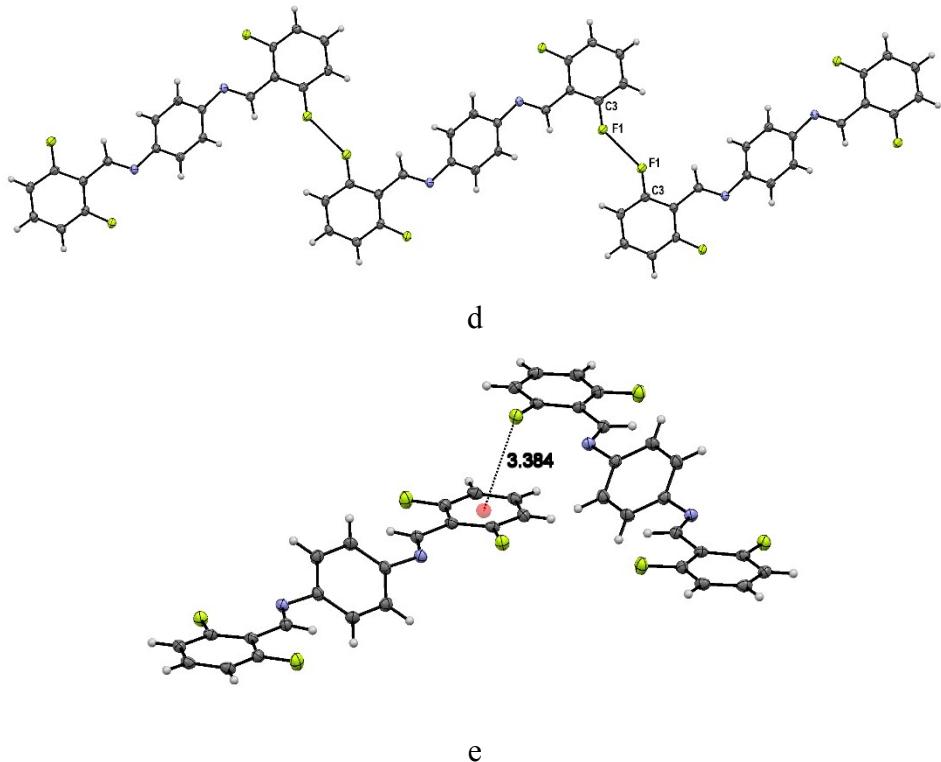
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**Figure S14.** (a) C–H···F and C–H···N intermolecular hydrogen bonds in **8**; (b) offset stacking in **8**; (c) C–H···F (F2) intermolecular hydrogen bonds in **18**; (d) F···F (F2) interaction in **18**; (e) F··· $\pi$  intermolecular interactions in **18**.

#### 8.8. Structural comparison of the compounds **9-19**

Structures of compounds **9** and **19** were solved and refined in the monocyclic centrosymmetric  $P2_1/n$  and  $P\bar{1}$  space groups respectively (Table 2). Molecular chains have been identified in **9** formed by the utilization of type I (C5–F2···F2) and type II (C5–F2···F1) F···F contacts, which in turn are connected through C–H···F hydrogen bond involving H20 with F2 and C–H···N hydrogen bond involving H6 with N1 (Figure S15a). Two molecules are stacked involving F··· $\pi$  and C=N··· $\pi$  (Figure S15b). Compound **19** forms head to head/tail to tail dimers utilizing trifurcated C–H···F hydrogen bonds, which in turn are connected to each other utilizing another set of C–H···F hydrogen bonds (Figure S15c) forming molecular sheet. These sheets are connected to each other through C–H···F hydrogen bond involving H9 with F2.

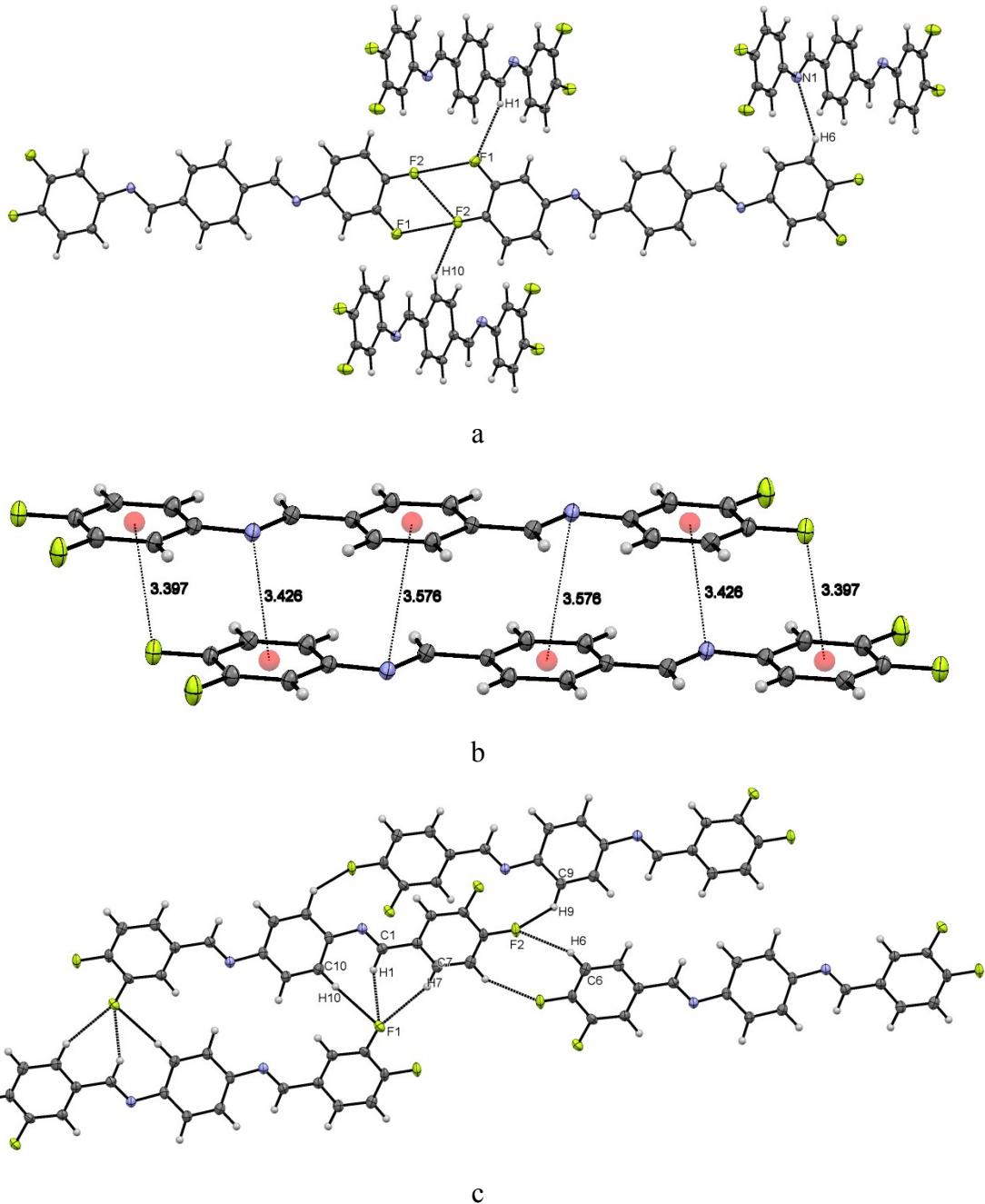
**Table 10:** (a) Intermolecular C–H···F and F···F Interactions and (b) Intermolecular C–F···π and C=N···π Interactions in the Crystallized Compounds **9** and **19**.

(a) Intermolecular C–H···F and F···F Interactions

Compd.	D–H···A	D–H/Å	D(D···A)/Å	d(H···A)/Å	∠D–H···A/°	SYMMETRY	SYNTHON
<b>9</b>	<b>C1–H1···F1</b>	1.080	3.531(2)	2.53	153.2	$\frac{1}{2}-x, \frac{3}{2}-y, \frac{1}{2}+z$	IVa
	<b>C10–H10···F2</b>	1.080	3.328(2)	2.49	133.9	$\frac{1}{2}-x, -\frac{1}{2}+y, \frac{3}{2}-z$	IVb
	<b>C6–H6···N1</b>	1.080	3.532(2)	2.63	140.6	$\frac{1}{2}+x, \frac{3}{2}-y, \frac{1}{2}+z$	IVc
	<b>C4–F1···F2–C5</b>	1.353(2)	4.285(2)	2.940(2)	121.4(1)	$-1-x, -y, 1-z$	IVd
	<b>C5–F2···F2–C5</b>	1.346(2)	3.793(2)	2.870(1)	124.1(1)	$-1-x, -y, 1-z$	IVd
<b>19</b>	<b>C1–H1···F1</b>	1.080	2.983(2)	2.06	142.1	$x, y-1, z$	IVa
	<b>C7–H7···F1</b>	1.080	3.178(3)	2.33	134.5		IVb
	<b>C10–H10···F1</b>	1.080	3.653(2)	2.74	142.04		IVb
	<b>C9–H9···F2</b>	1.080	3.118(3)	2.33	128.2	$1-x, 1-y, 2-z$	IVb
	<b>C6–H6···F2</b>	1.080	3.056(2)	2.18	136.4		IVb

(b) Intermolecular C–F···π and C=N···π Interactions

Compd.	C–H ···π	C···π/Å	H/N···π/Å	C–H/ C=N···π/°	SYMMETRY	SYNTHON
<b>9</b>	<b>C5–F2···Cg1(Ar<sub>F</sub>)</b>	3.808	3.397	97.23	$2+x, y, z$	IIa
	<b>C1=N1···Cg1(Ar<sub>F</sub>)</b>	3.517	3.426	83.40	$2+x, y, z$	V
	<b>C1=N1···Cg1(Ar<sub>H</sub>)</b>	3.448	3.576	73.90	$2+x, y, z$	VI



**Figure S15.** (a) C-H···F intermolecular hydrogen bonds in **9**;(b) molecules are stacked involving F···π and C=N···π intermolecular interactions in **9**; (c)Molecular packing showing interactions as dashed lines in **19**.

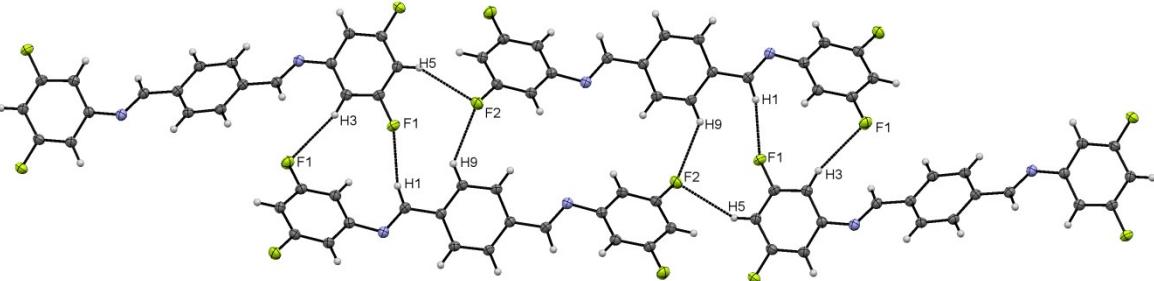
#### 8.9. Structural comparison of the compounds **10-20**

Structures of compounds **10** and **20** were solved and refined in the monocyclic centrosymmetric  $P2_1/n$  and  $P2_1/c$  space groups respectively (Table 2) with different unit cell parameters. While **10** has a half molecule in the asymmetric unit, **20** has two half molecules in the asymmetric unit connected by weak C–H $\cdots$ F hydrogen bonds (between H5 and F3). The molecules in **10** forms tetrameric units involving three different C–H $\cdots$ F hydrogen bonds (Figure S16a). These hydrogen bonds propagate in the packing forming a complex 3D network of molecules. These tetrameric units are further connected to another set of parallel tetrameric units involving C3–H3 $\cdots$ F1 hydrogen bonds. The distance between the two-parallel molecules in **10** is 3.75 $\text{\AA}$  (Figure S16b). Among the two half molecules present in the asymmetric unit of **20**, one is centered around the origin of the unit cell (inversion center) and the other is centered around the inversion point located at the center of the *ab* face thereby aligned in two different directions in the lattice. The molecules form trimetric units through three different C–H $\cdots$ F hydrogen bonds forming a 14-membered ring and these trimetric units propagate in the *ac* plane in the lattice (Figure S16c). These set of trimetric units are once again connected to another set of similar trimetric units involving other C–H $\cdots$ F hydrogen bonds (C1A–H1A $\cdots$ F2A and C5B–H5B $\cdots$ F1A) in a different direction. The distance between the two-parallel molecules in **20** is 3.81 $\text{\AA}$  (Figure S16d) In both the compounds, fluorine at meta-position interacts with the imine hydrogen.

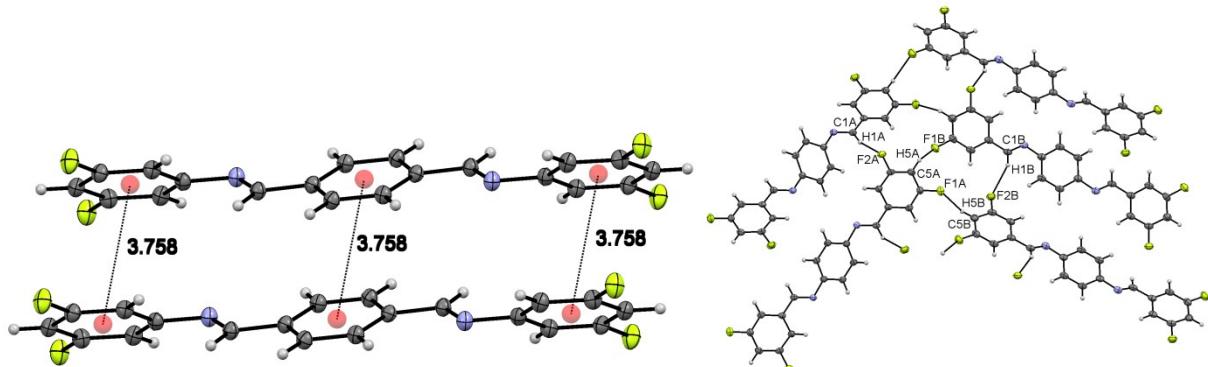
**Table 11:** intermolecular interaction metrics of hydrogen bonds of compounds **10** and **20**

Compd.	D–H $\cdots$ F	D–H/ $\text{\AA}$	D(D $\cdots$ F)/ $\text{\AA}$	d(H $\cdots$ F)/ $\text{\AA}$	$\angle D\text{--}H\cdots F^{\circ}$	SYMMETRY	SYNTHON
<b>10</b>	<b>C9–H9<math>\cdots</math>F2</b>	1.080	3.438(0)	2.61	133.0	$-1+x, y, z$	IVb
	<b>C1–H1<math>\cdots</math>F1</b>	1.080	3.406(1)	2.37	160.2	$\frac{1}{2}-x, -\frac{1}{2}+y, \frac{1}{2}-z$	IVa
	<b>C3–H3<math>\cdots</math>F1</b>	1.080	3.718(1)	2.66	162.2		IVb
	<b>C5–H5<math>\cdots</math>F2</b>	1.080	3.492(0)	2.68	131.6	$\frac{3}{2}-x, \frac{1}{2}+y, \frac{1}{2}-z$	IVb
<b>20</b>	<b>C1B–H1B<math>\cdots</math>F2B</b>	1.080	3.559(3)	2.56	153.3	$x, \frac{3}{2}-y, -\frac{1}{2}+z$	IVa
	<b>C1A–H1A<math>\cdots</math>F2A</b>	1.080	3.524(2)	2.53	152.4		IVa

	<b>C5A–H5A···F1B</b>	1.080	3.369(3)	2.36	154.4	$x, -1+y, z$	IVb
	<b>C5B–H5B···F1A</b>	1.080	3.404(3)	2.54	136.8	$x, \frac{1}{2}-y, \frac{1}{2}+z$	IVb

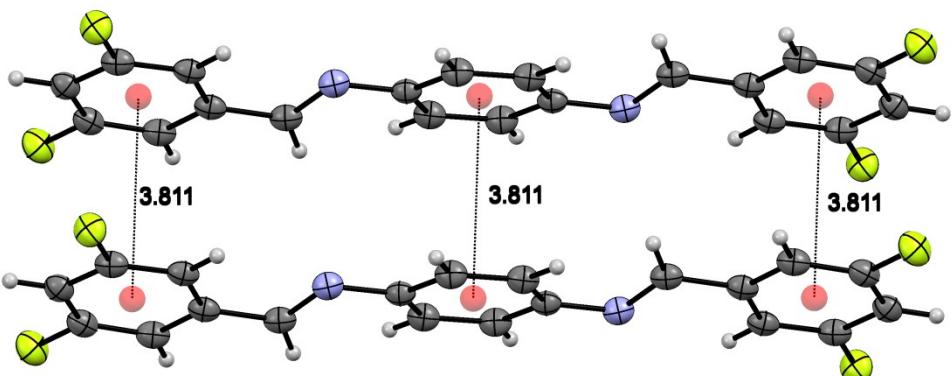


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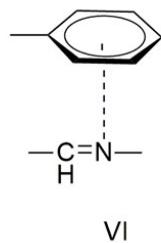


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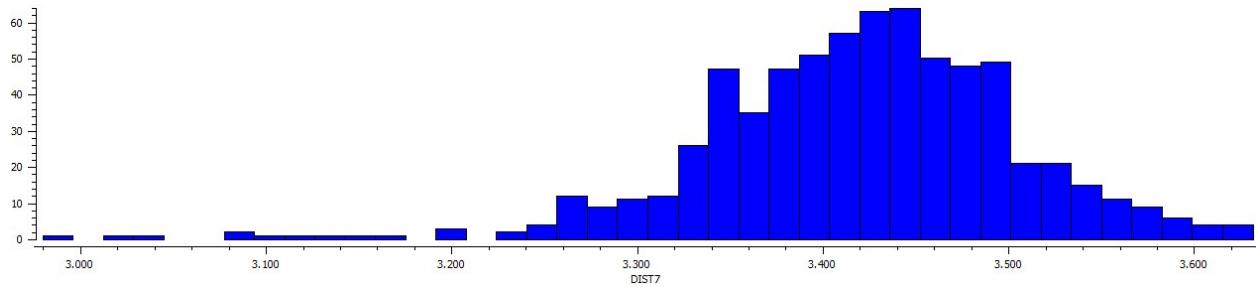
**Figure S16:** (a) tetrameric units involving three different C–H···F hydrogen bonds in **10**;(b) stacking in **10**;(c) trimetric units through three different C–H···F hydrogen bonds forming a 14-membered ring in **20**; (d) stacking in **20**.

#### CCDC Search on C=N···π interaction

CCDC search was done on synthon VI showing C=N···π interaction, by defining contact between imine N and centroid of aromatic ring in the range of 2-4 Å with the restriction that the distance between each C atom of the ring to the N falling in the range 2-4 Å. The search was restricted to organic structures only, without powder structures, without disorder and without any error. This search resulted in to 599 hits.



The histogram of the distance from the centroid to the imine N is shown below from this search.



This indicates that there is a preference for this interaction near 3.4-3.5 Å distance between the centroid and the imine N with the mean at 3.420 Å and variance of 0.007.