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Synthesis and Complexation of Superbulky Imidazolium-2-dithiocarboxylate Ligands

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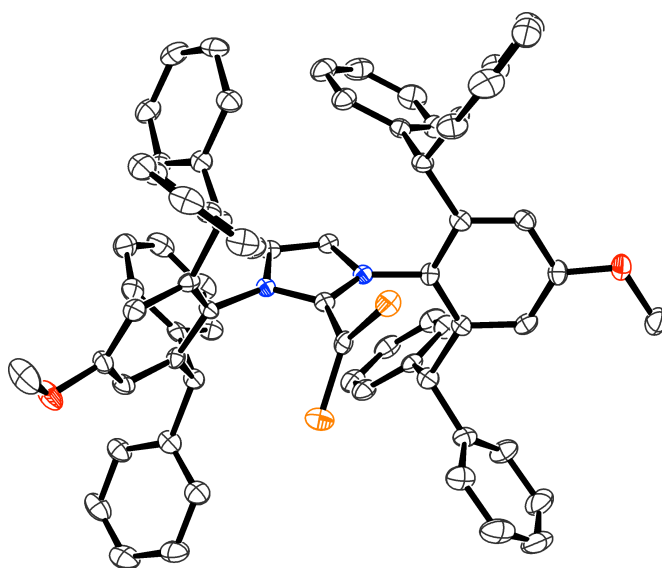
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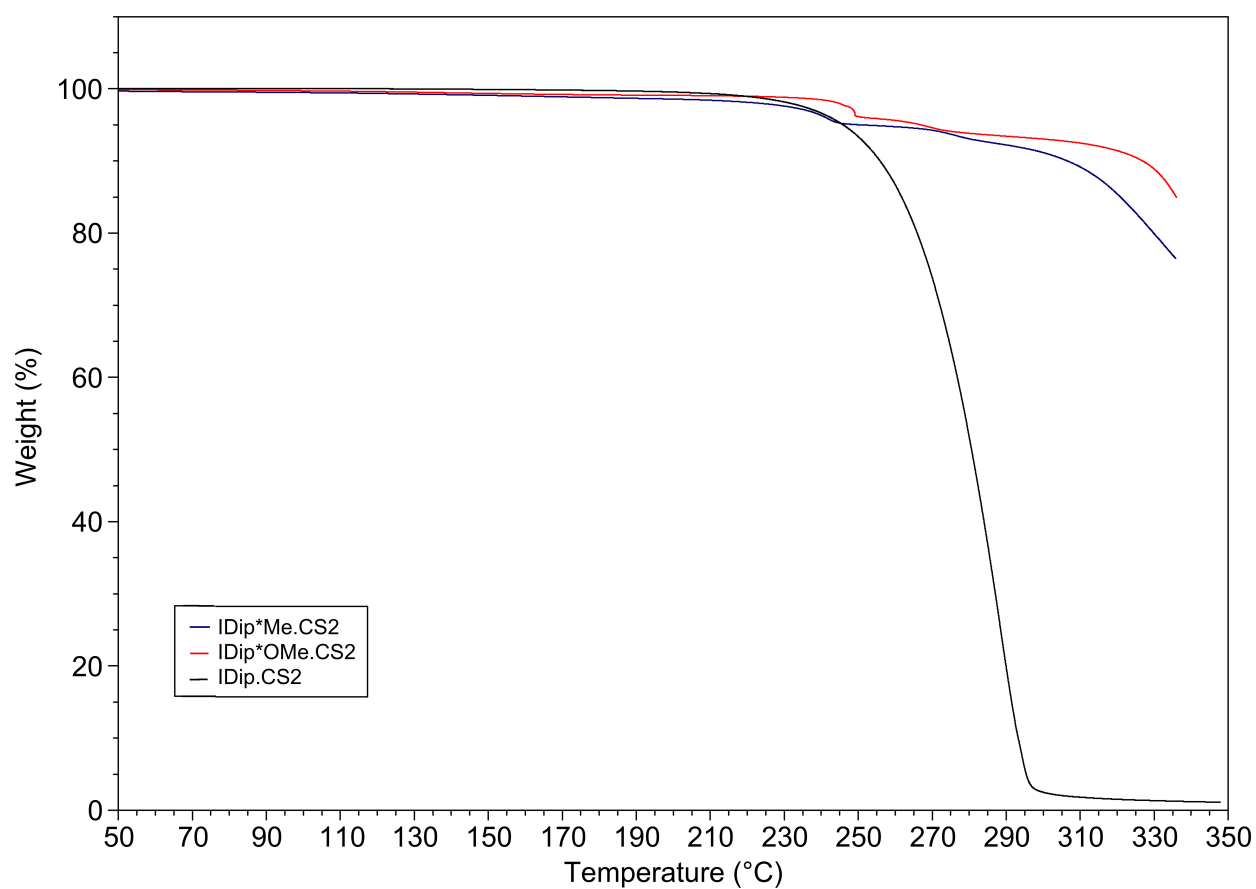
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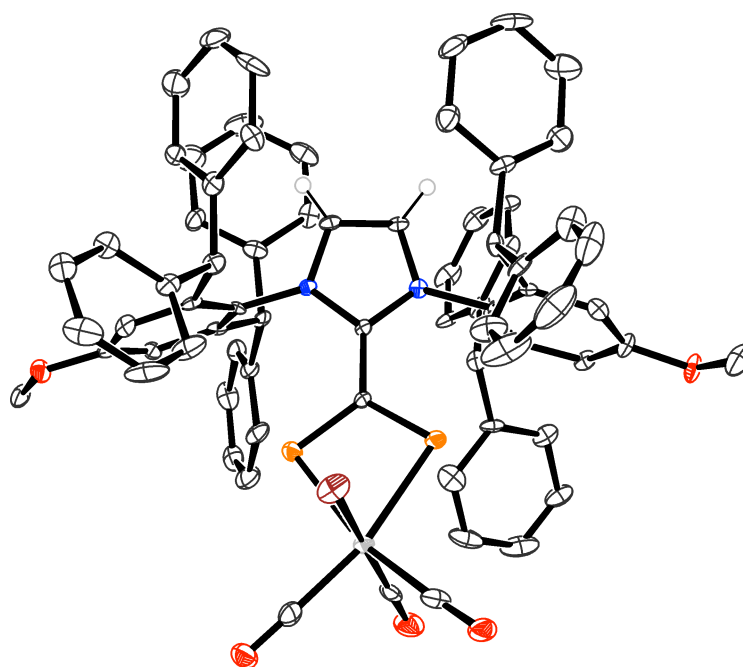
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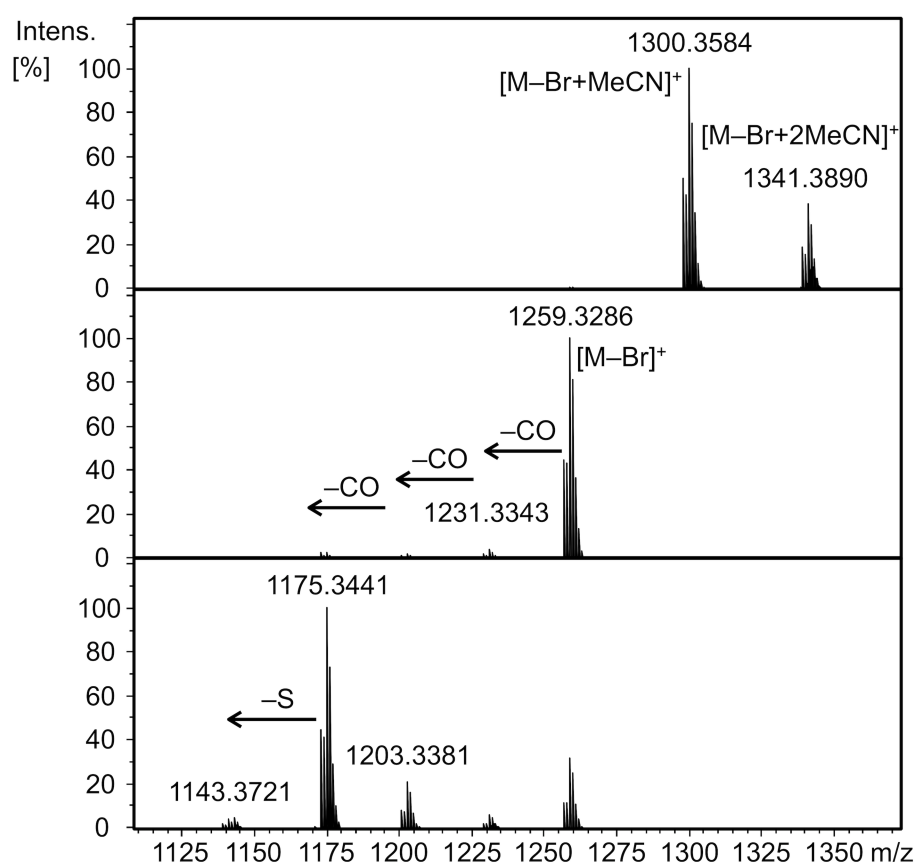
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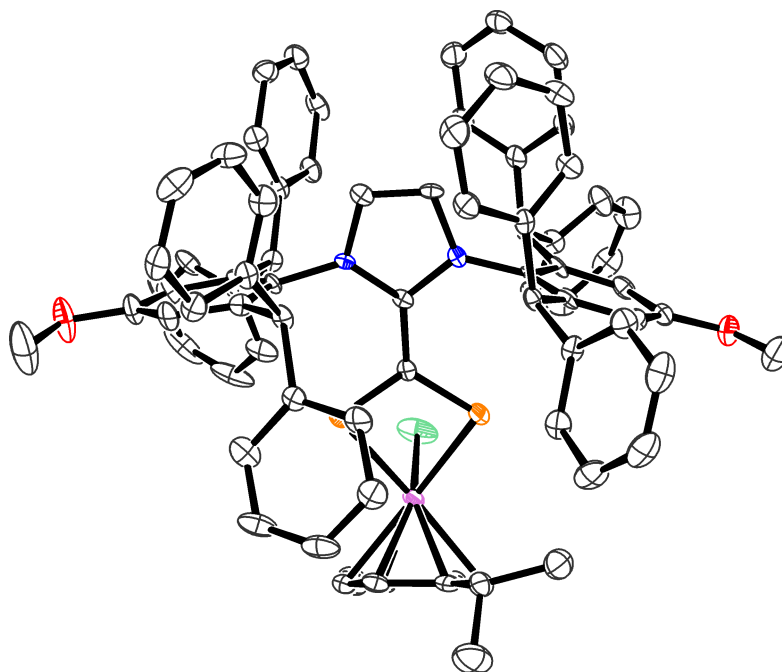
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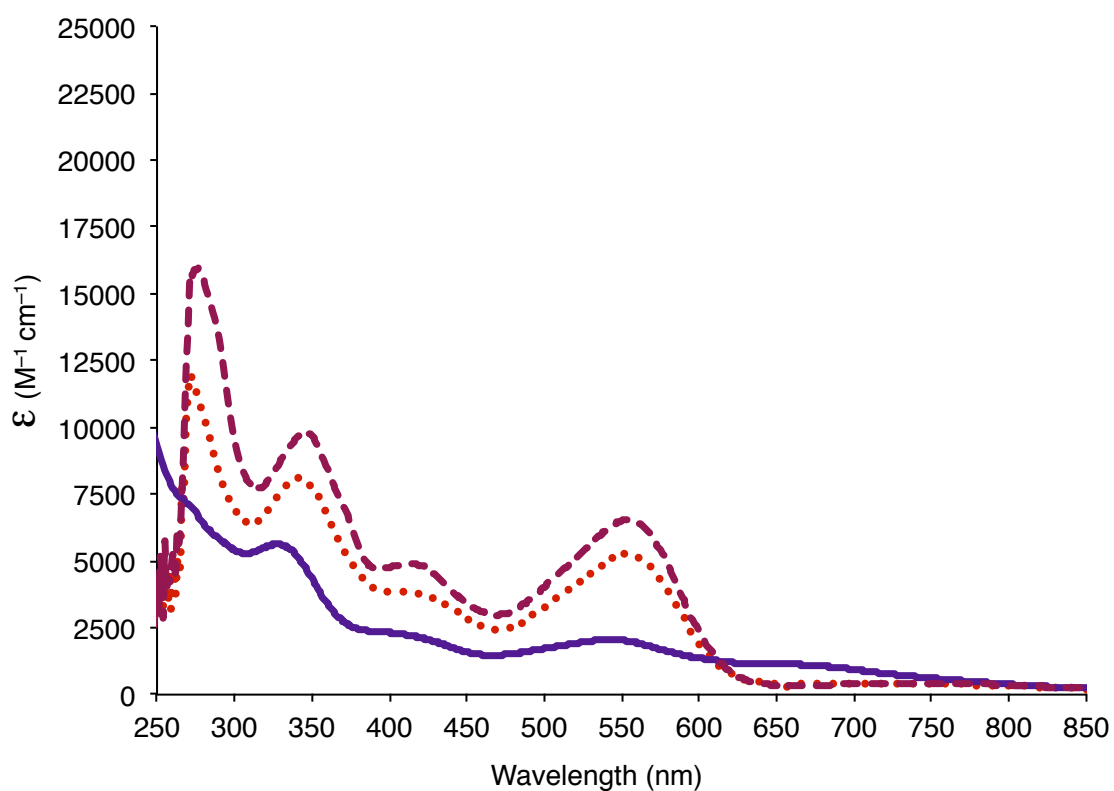
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**Figure S4.** ESI-MS spectrum of  $[\text{ReBr}(\text{CO})_3(\text{S}_2\text{C-IDip}^*\text{Me})]$  (**3**) (top) and MS/MS spectra of the  $[\text{Re}(\text{CO})_3(\text{S}_2\text{C-IDip}^*\text{Me})]^+$  ion ( $[\text{M-Br}]^+$ ) at a collision energy of 20 V (middle) and 30 V (bottom)

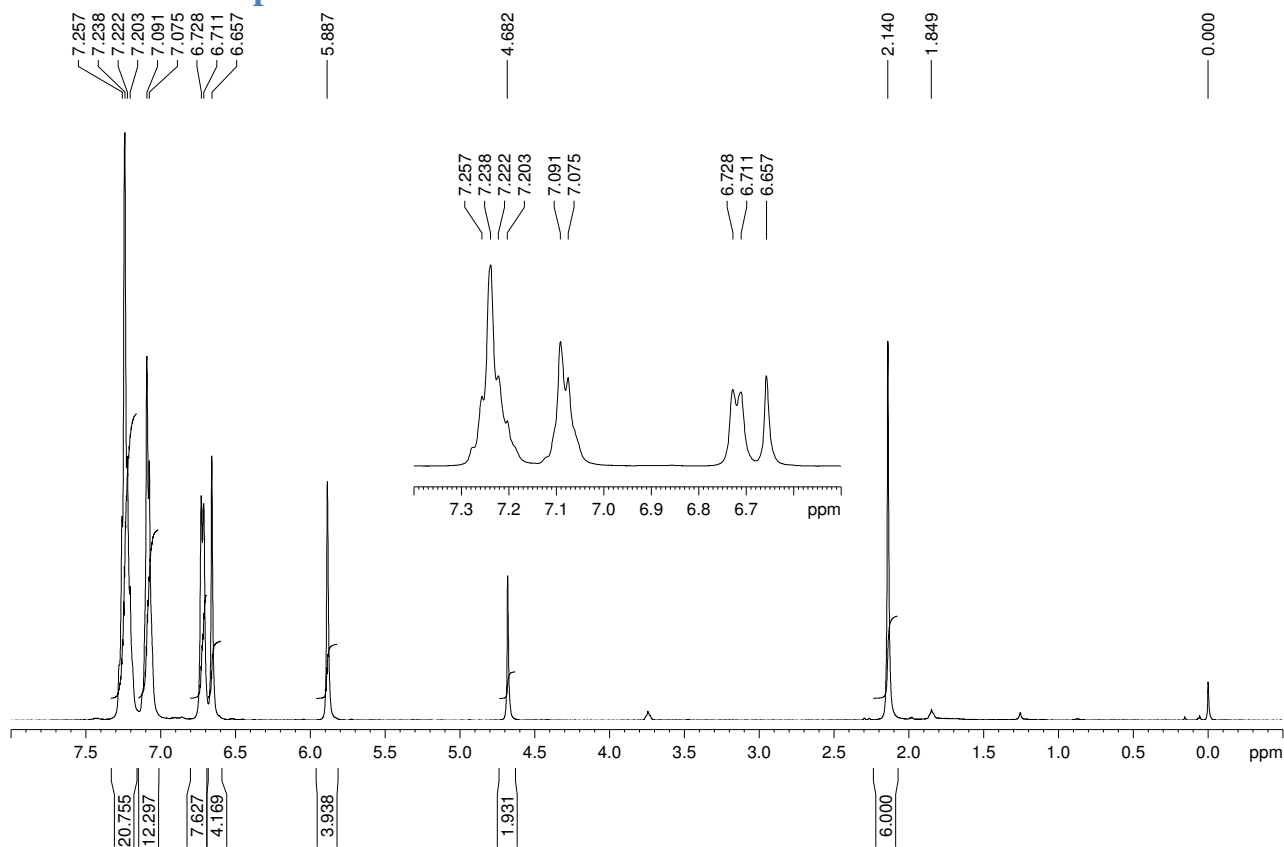


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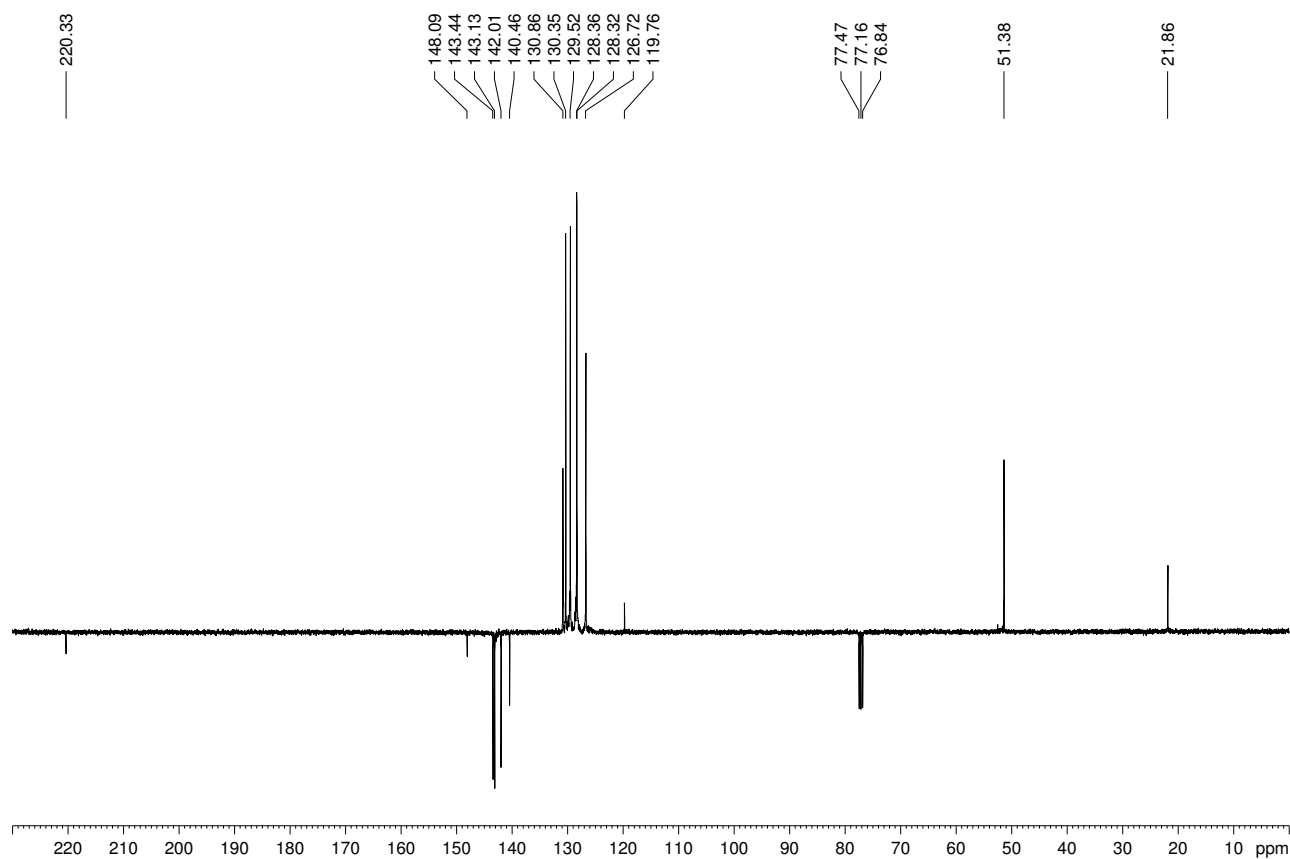


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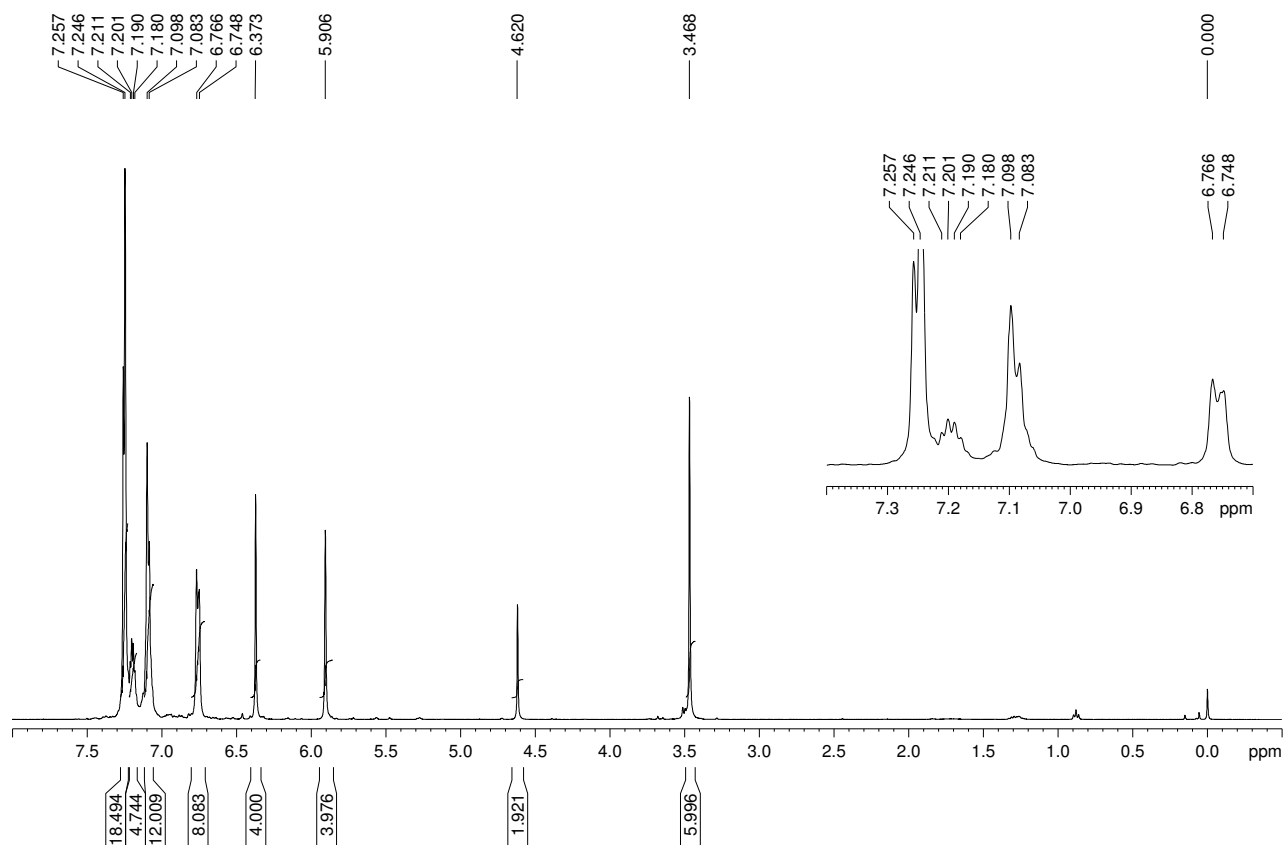
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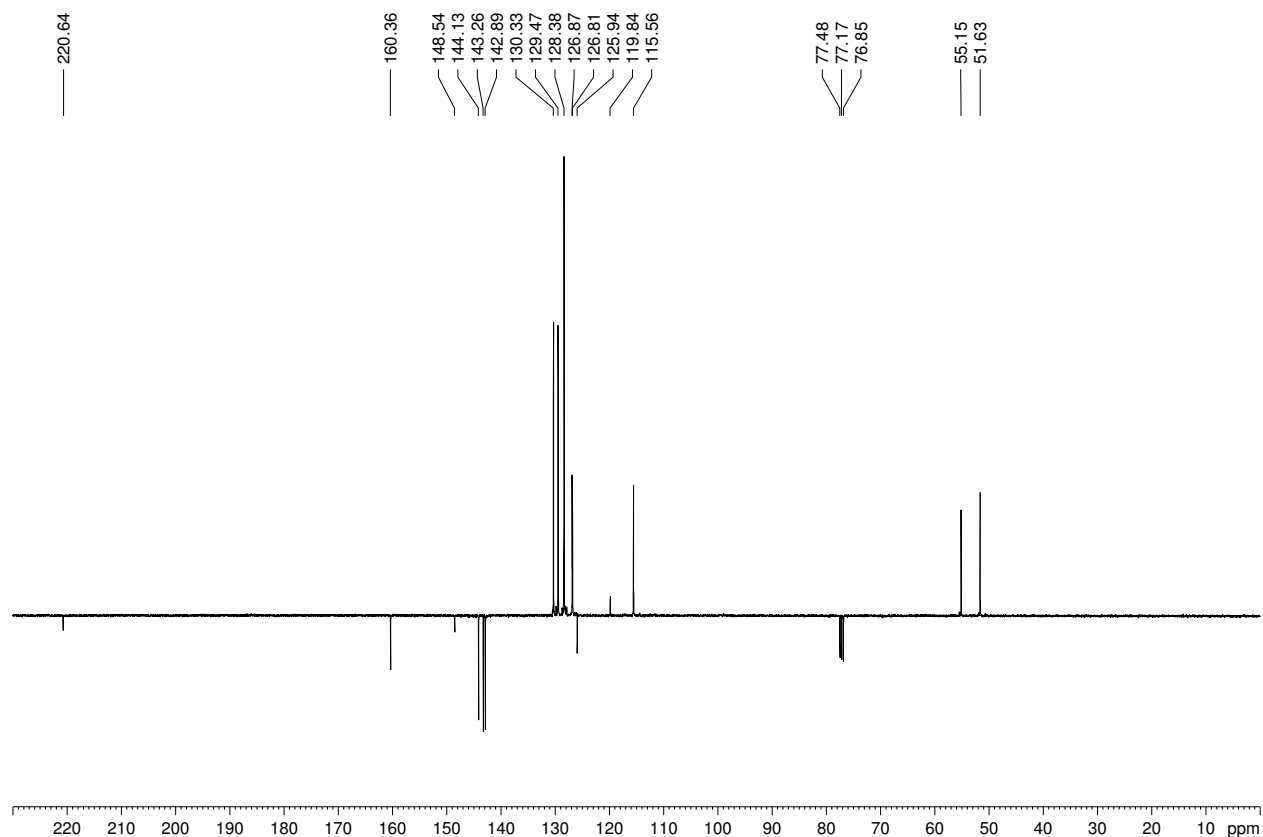
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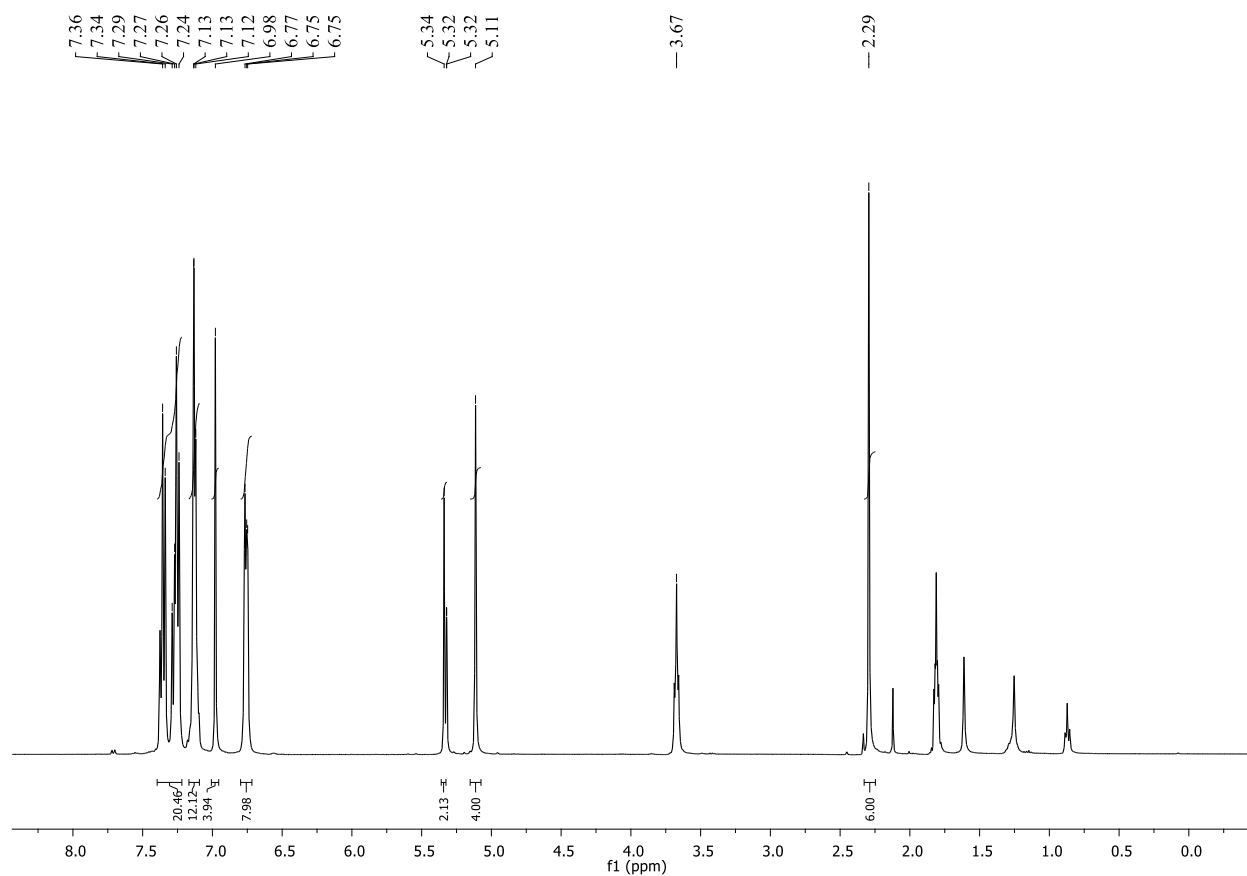
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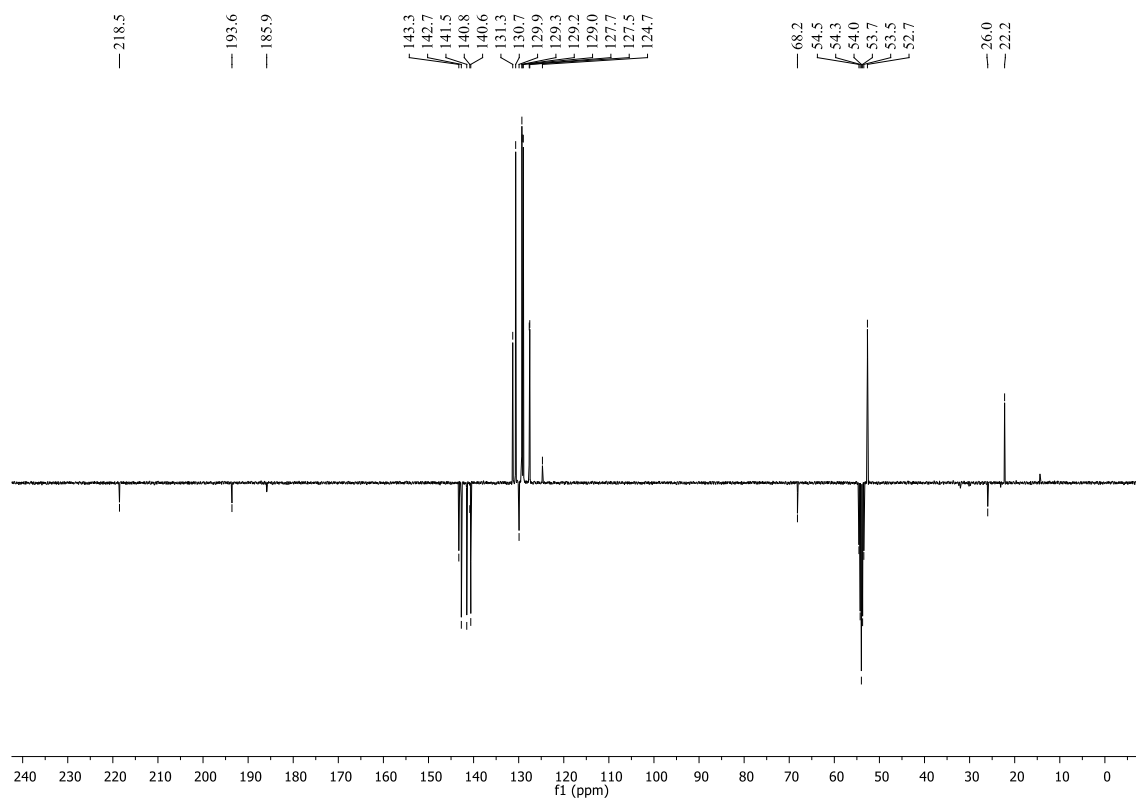
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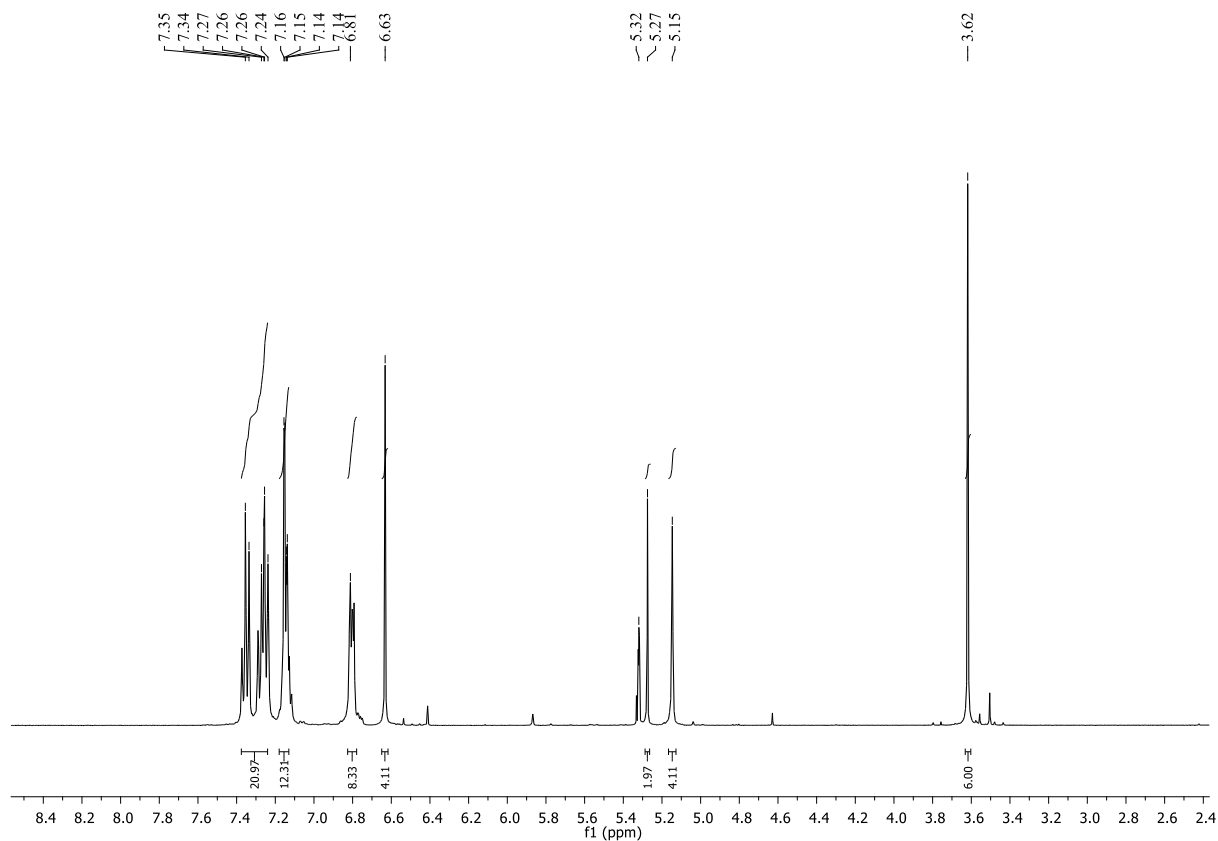
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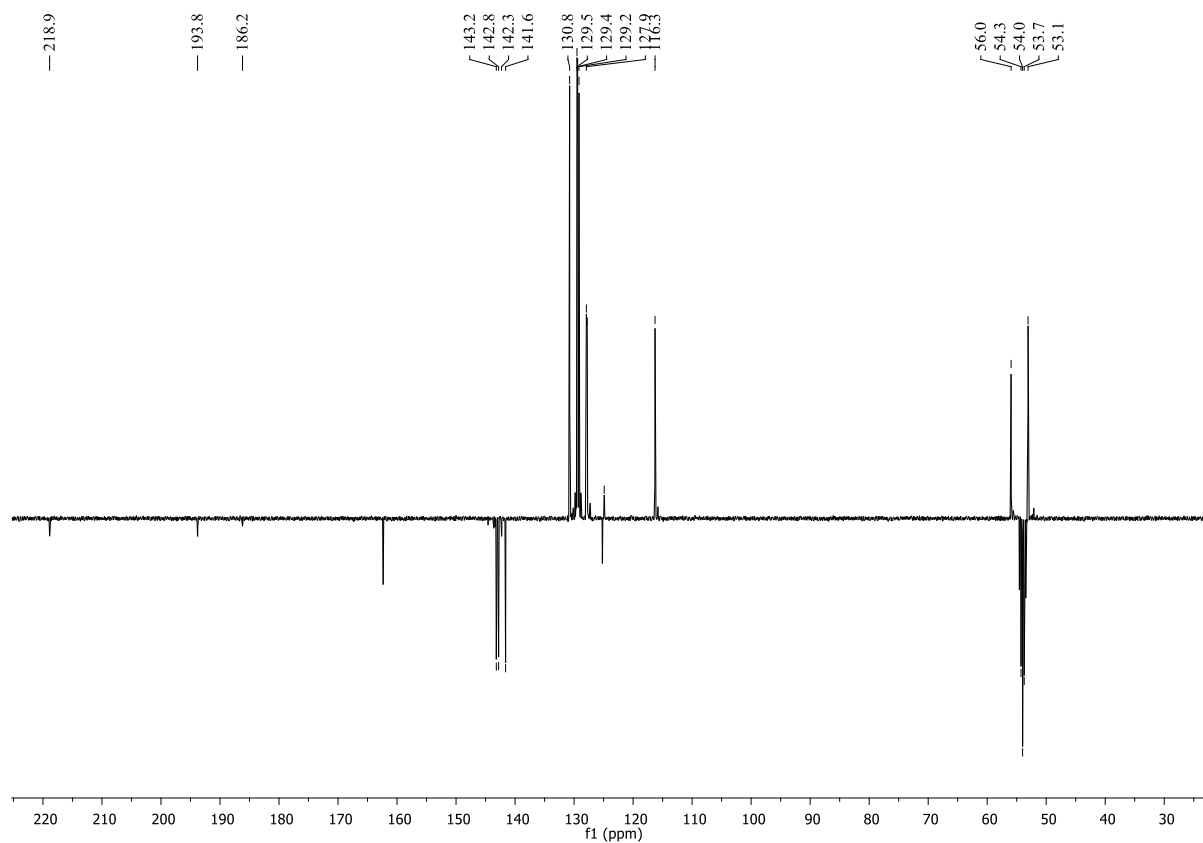
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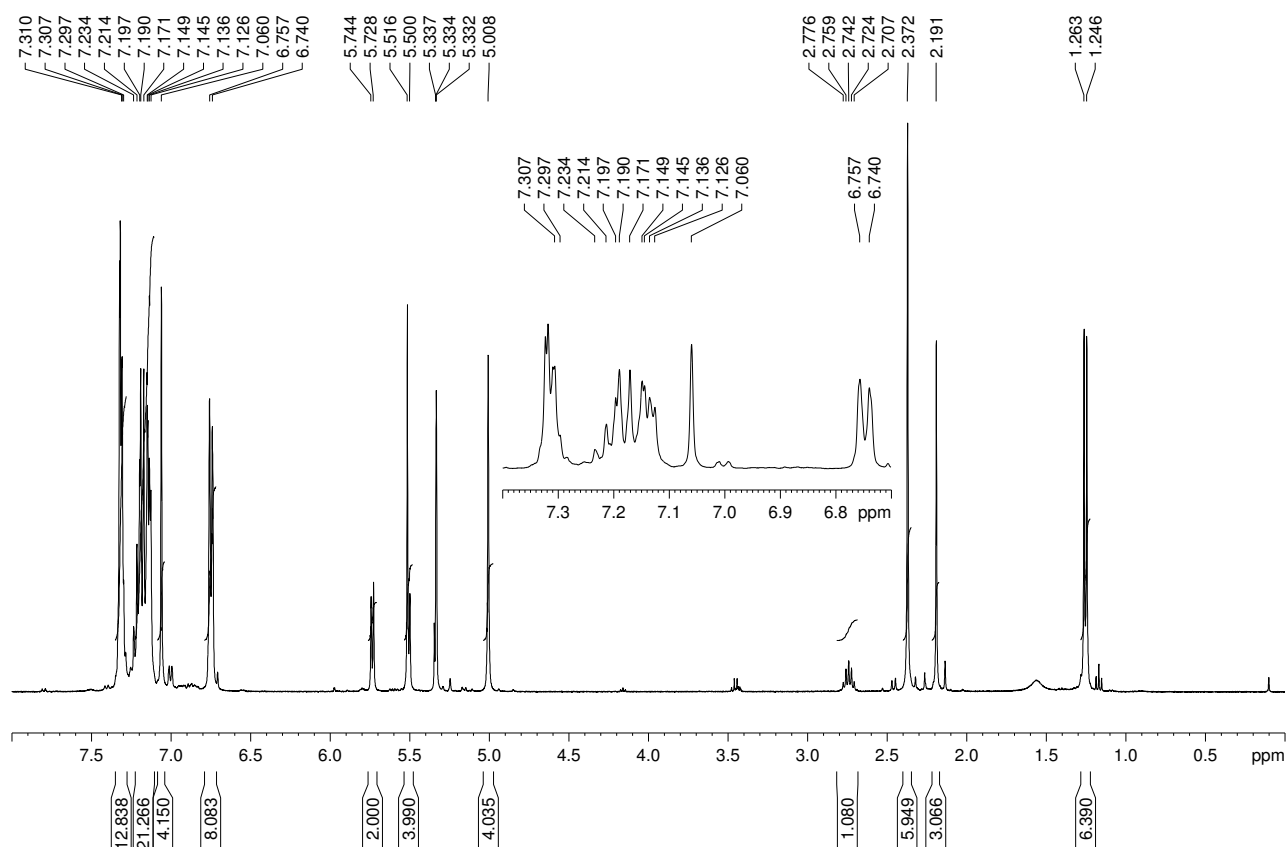
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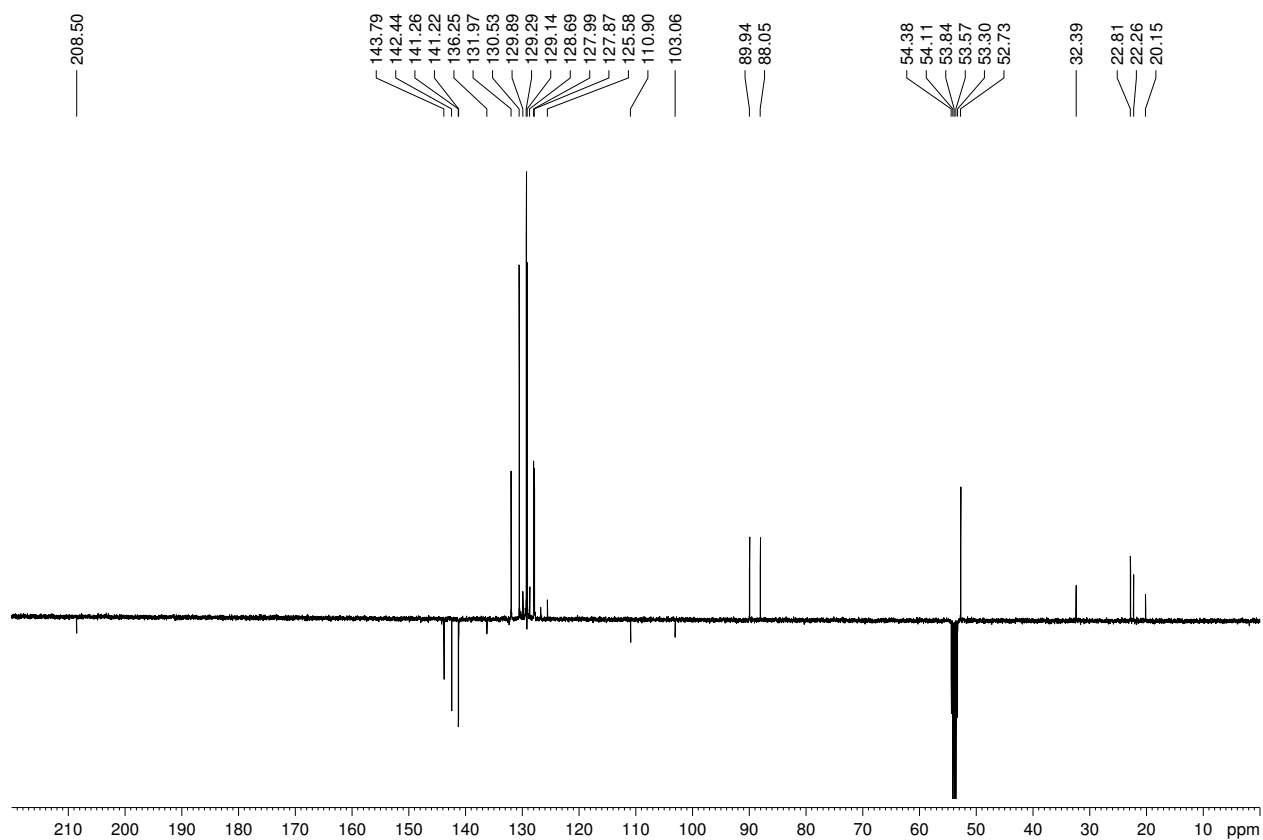
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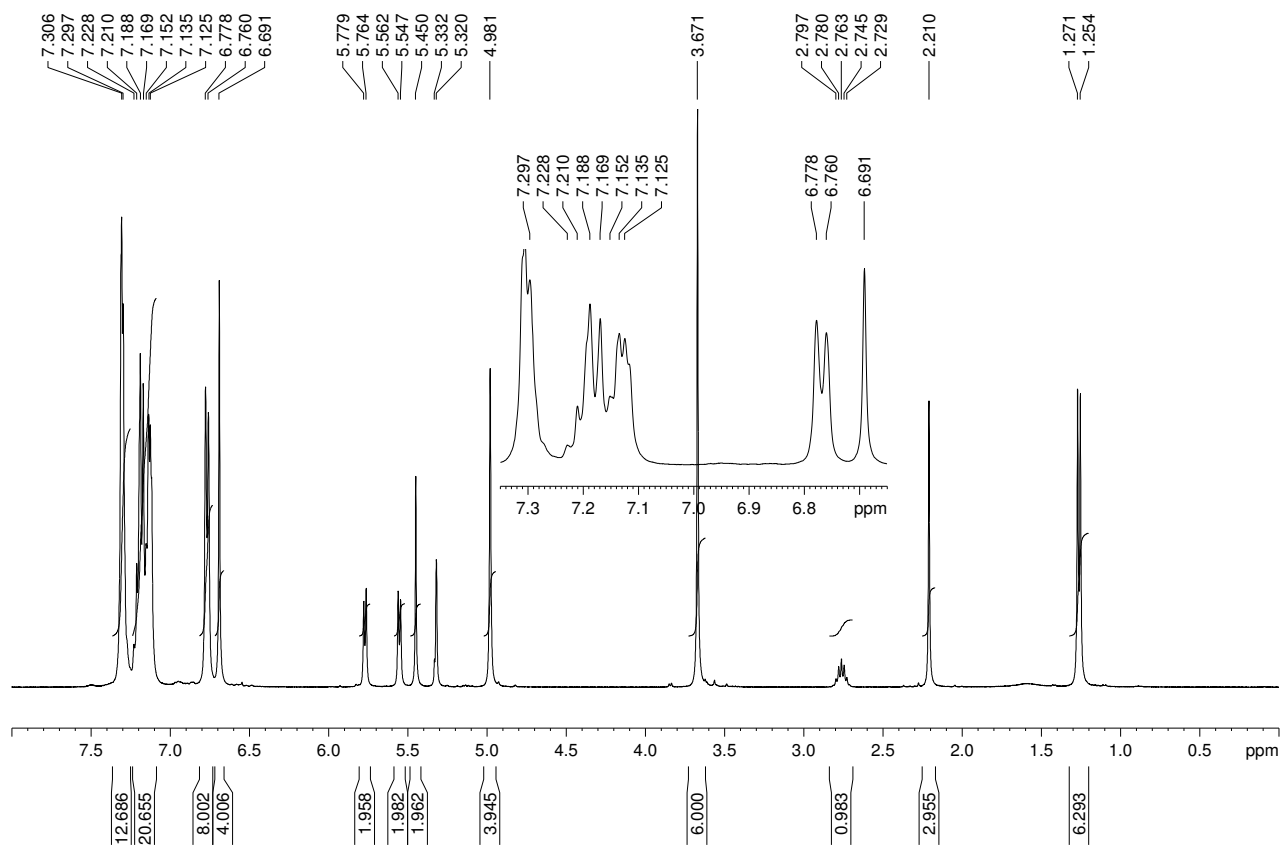
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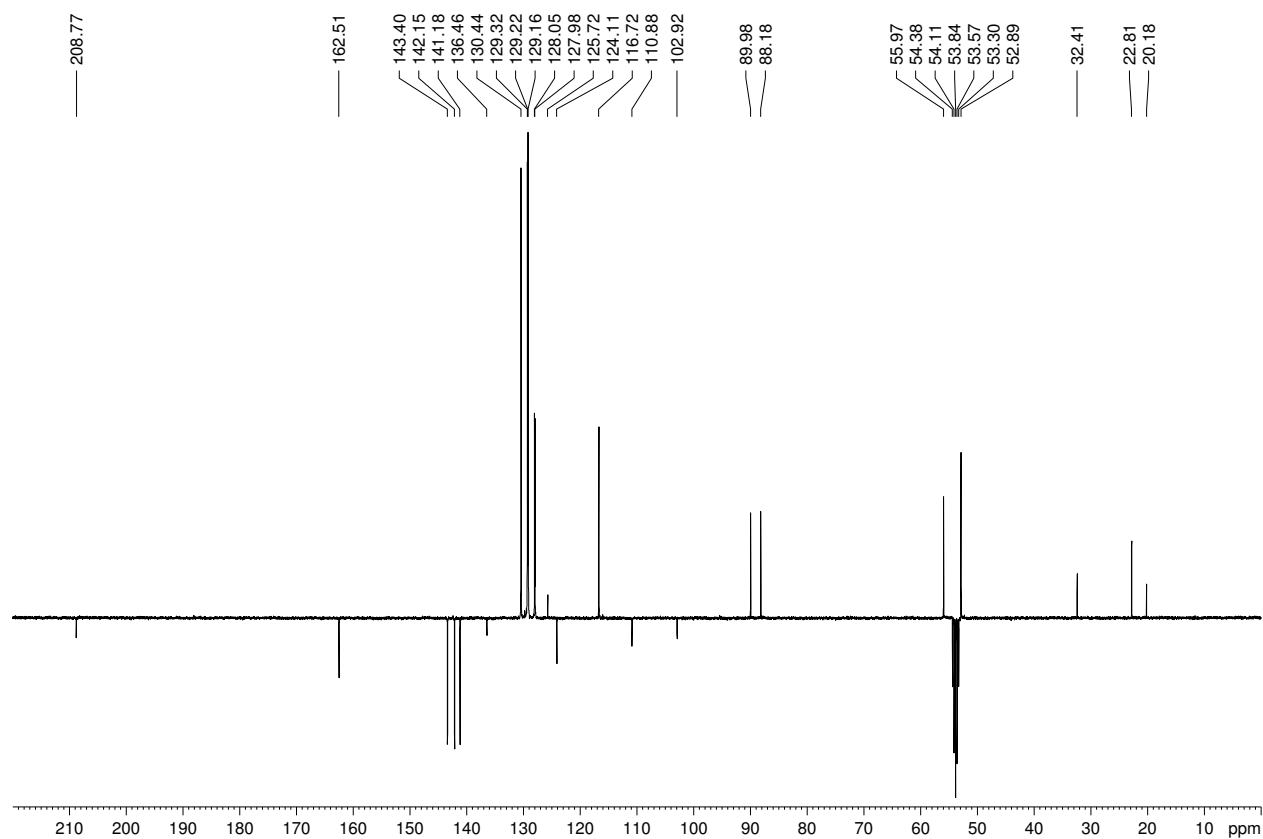
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**Figure S18.** <sup>13</sup>C APT NMR spectrum (100 MHz, CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, 298 K) of [RuCl(*p*-cym)(S<sub>2</sub>C-IDip\*OMe)]PF<sub>6</sub> (**6**)