

## Supplementary Information

### Tacrine-deferiprone hybrids as multi-target-directed metal chelators against Alzheimer's disease: two in one drug

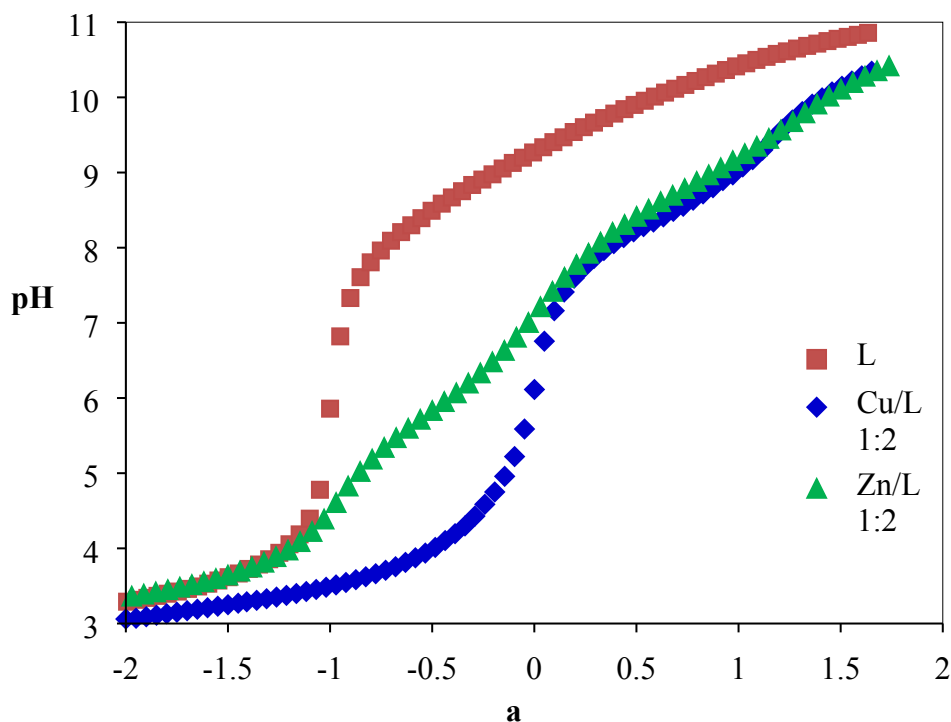
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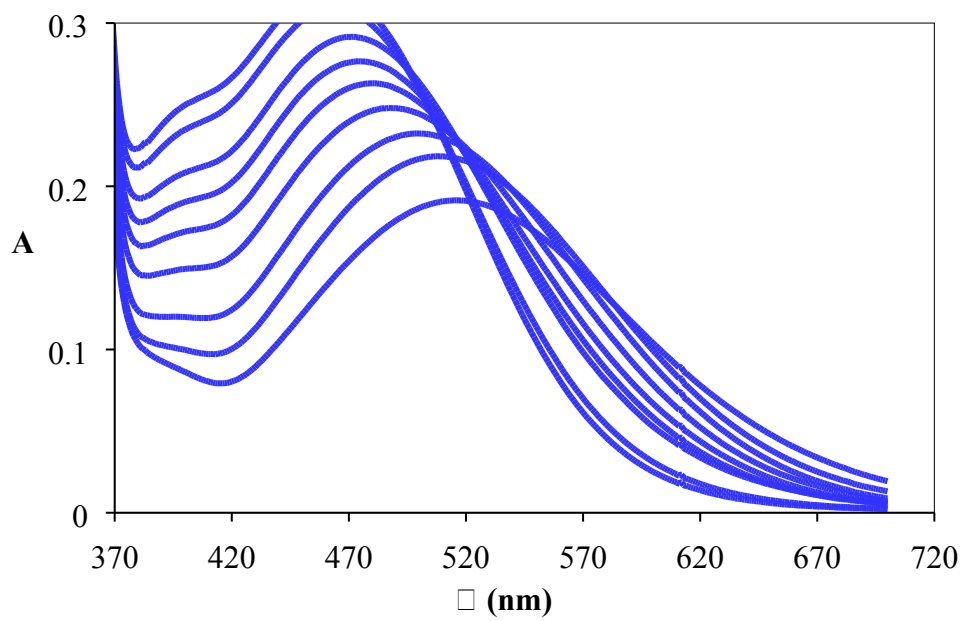
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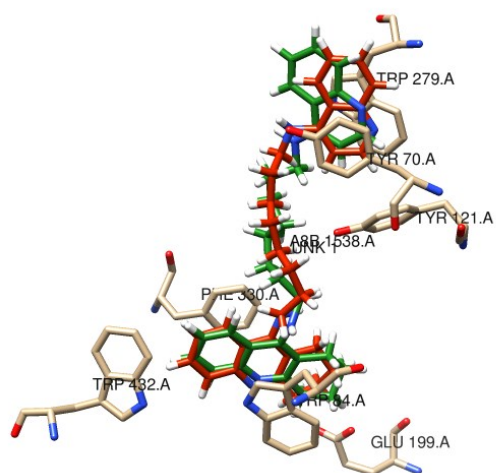
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**Fig. S1.** Potentiometric titration curves of **32** (20% w/w DMSO/H<sub>2</sub>O, *I* = 0.1 M KCl, *T* = 25.0 ± 0.1 °C, *C<sub>L</sub>* = 2 × 10<sup>-4</sup> M); *a* represents moles of base per mole of ligand



**Fig. S2** Electronic spectra for the 1:3 Fe(III)/**32** system (pH 2.42-7.43,  $C_L = 2.0 \times 10^{-4}$  M).



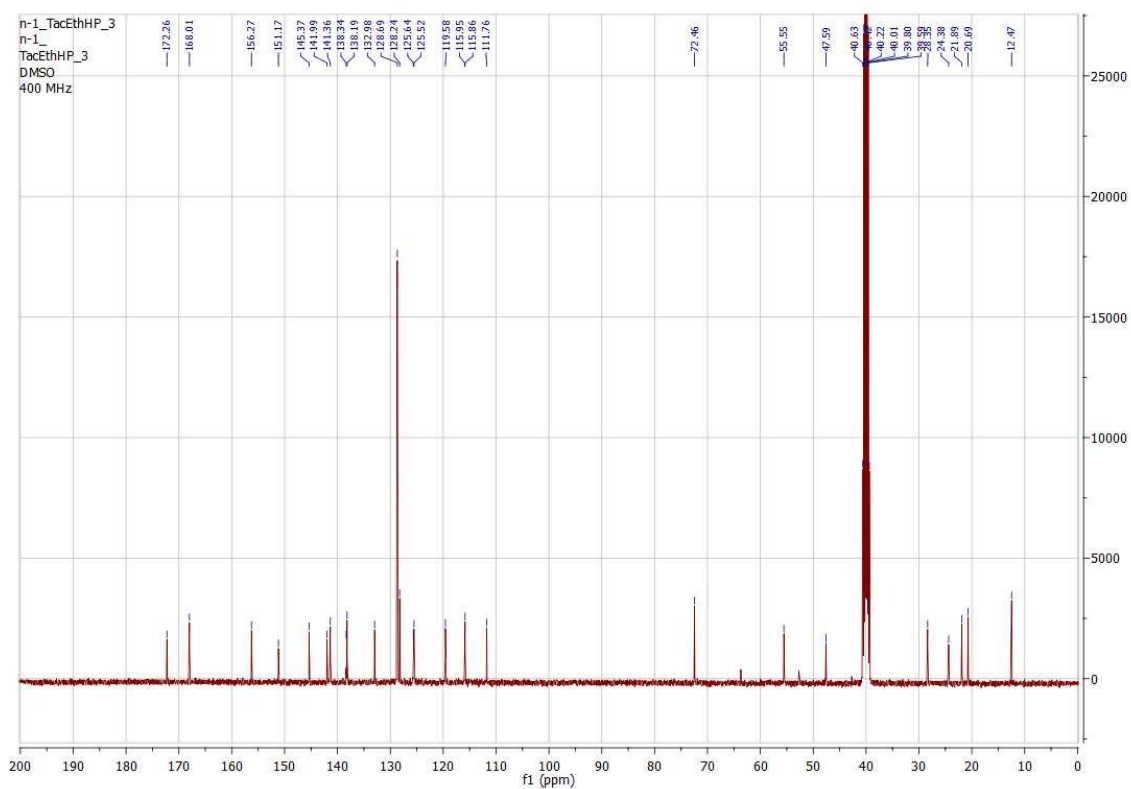
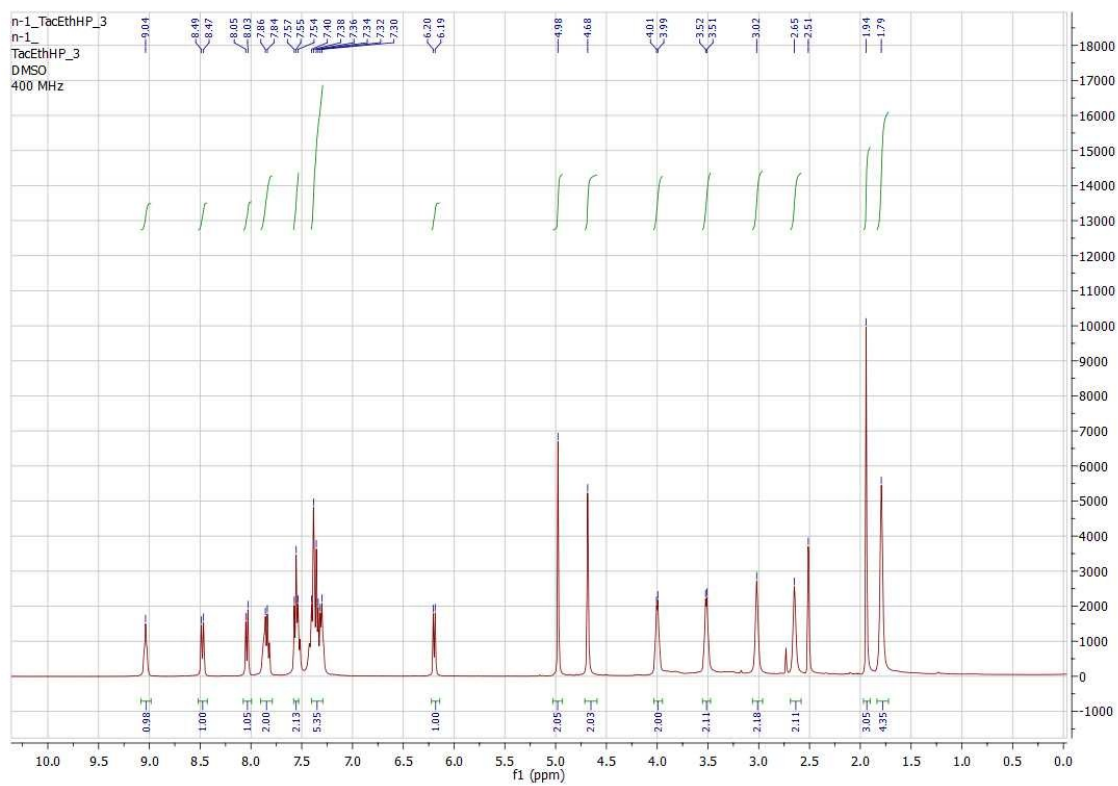
**Fig. S3:** Redocking results of the original ligand (red) and its superimposition with the original X-ray structure (green) of the corresponding reported complex with AChE (PDB entry 1ODC) (RMSD = 5.2 Å).

### List of NMR spectra (Sp1-Sp16)

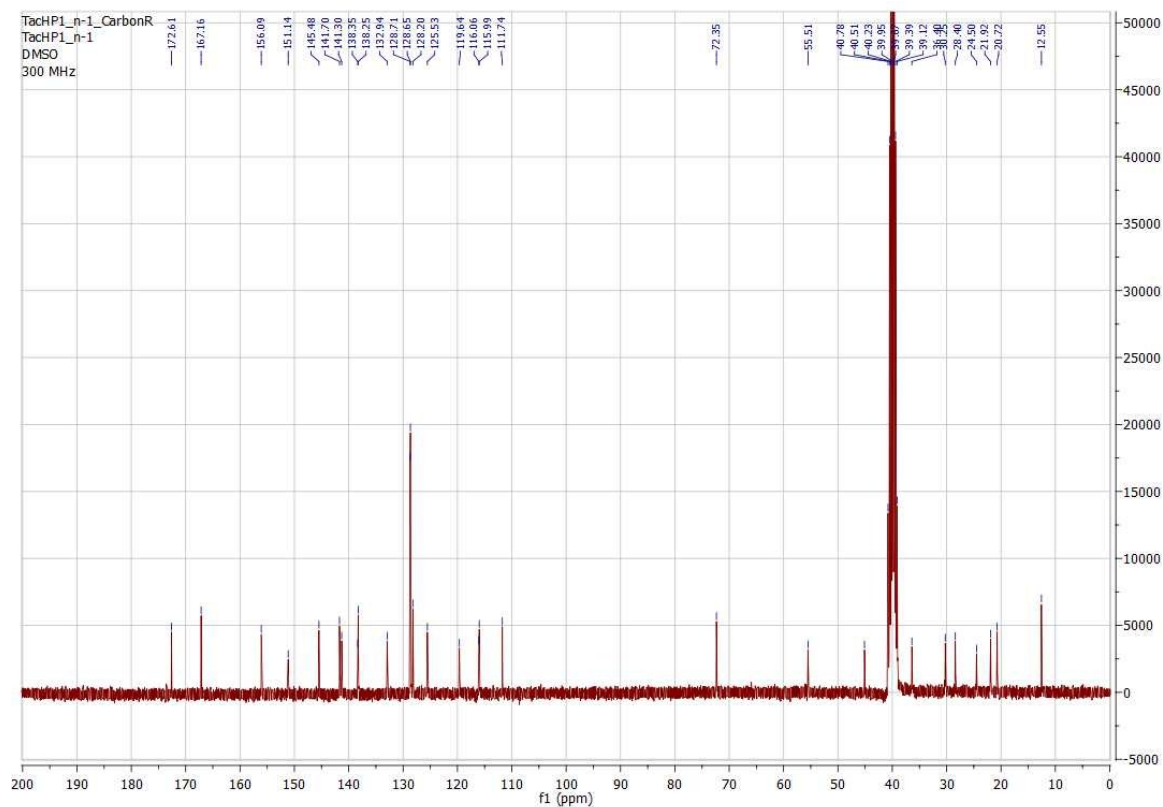
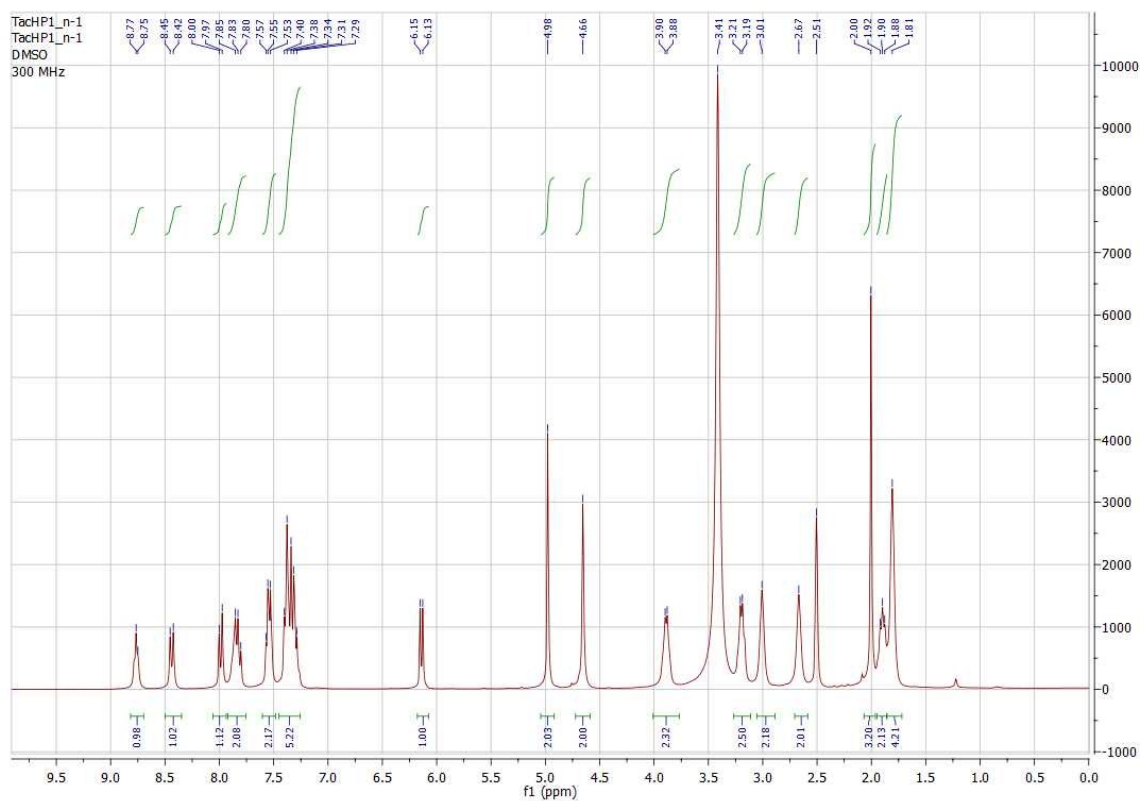
1.  $^1\text{H}$  &  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR of 2-(3-(Benzyloxy)-2-methyl-4-oxopyridin-1(4H)-yl)-N-(2-((1,2,3,4-tetrahydroacridin-9-yl)amino)ethyl)acetamide (**18**). Sp1
2.  $^1\text{H}$  &  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR of 2-(3-(Benzyloxy)-2-methyl-4-oxopyridin-1(4H)-yl)-N-(3-((1,2,3,4-tetrahydroacridin-9-yl)amino)propyl)acetamide (**19**). Sp2
3.  $^1\text{H}$  &  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR of 2-(3-(Benzyloxy)-2-methyl-4-oxopyridin-1(4H)-yl)-N-(4-((1,2,3,4-tetrahydroacridin-9-yl)amino)butyl)acetamide (**20**). Sp3
4.  $^1\text{H}$  &  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR of 2-(3-(Benzyloxy)-2-methyl-4-oxopyridin-1(4H)-yl)-N-(2-((6-chloro-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroacridin-9-yl)amino)ethyl)acetamide (**21**). Sp4
5.  $^1\text{H}$  &  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR of 2-(3-(benzyloxy)-2-methyl-4-oxopyridin-1(4H)-yl)-N-(3-((6-chloro-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroacridin-9-yl)amino)propyl)acetamide (**22**). Sp5
6.  $^1\text{H}$  &  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR of 2-(3-(Benzyloxy)-2-methyl-4-oxopyridin-1(4H)-yl)-N-(4-((6-chloro-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroacridin-9-yl)amino)butyl)acetamide (**23**). Sp6
7.  $^1\text{H}$  &  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR of 2-(3-(Benzyloxy)-2-methyl-4-oxopyridin-1(4H)-yl)-N-(2-hydroxy-3-((1,2,3,4-tetrahydroacridin-9-yl)amino)propyl)acetamide (**24**). Sp7
8.  $^1\text{H}$  &  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR of 2-(3-(Benzyloxy)-2-methyl-4-oxopyridin-1(4H)-yl)-N-(3-((6-chloro-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroacridin-9-yl)amino)-2-hydroxypropyl)acetamide (**25**). Sp8
9.  $^1\text{H}$  &  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR of 2-(3-hydroxy-2-methyl-4-oxopyridin-1(4H)-yl)-N-(2-((1,2,3,4-tetrahydroacridin-9-yl)amino)ethyl)acetamide (**26**). Sp9
10.  $^1\text{H}$  &  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR of 2-(3-Hydroxy-2-methyl-4-oxopyridin-1(4H)-yl)-N-(3-((1,2,3,4-tetrahydroacridin-9-yl)amino)propyl)acetamide (**27**). Sp10
11.  $^1\text{H}$  &  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR of 2-(3-hydroxy-2-methyl-4-oxopyridin-1(4H)-yl)-N-(4-((1,2,3,4-tetrahydroacridin-9-yl)amino)butyl)acetamide (**28**). Sp11
12.  $^1\text{H}$  &  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR of N-(2-((6-chloro-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroacridin-9-yl)amino)ethyl)-2-(3-hydroxy-2-methyl-4-oxopyridin-1(4H)-yl)acetamide (**29**). Sp12
13.  $^1\text{H}$  &  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR of N-(3-((6-Chloro-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroacridin-9-yl)amino)propyl)-2-(3-hydroxy-2-methyl-4-oxopyridin-1(4H)-yl)acetamide (**30**). Sp13
14.  $^1\text{H}$  &  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR of N-(4-((6-chloro-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroacridin-9-yl)amino)butyl)-2-(3-hydroxy-2-methyl-4-oxopyridin-1(4H)-yl)acetamide (**31**). Sp14
15.  $^1\text{H}$  &  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR of 2-(3-hydroxy-2-methyl-4-oxopyridin-1(4H)-yl)-N-(2-hydroxy-3-((1,2,3,4-tetrahydroacridin-9-yl)amino)propyl)acetamide (**32**). Sp15

16.  $^1\text{H}$  &  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR of *N*-(3-((6-chloro-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroacridin-9-yl)amino)-2-hydroxypropyl)-2-(3-hydroxy-2-methyl-4-oxopyridin-1(4*H*)-yl)acetamide (**33**).

Sp16

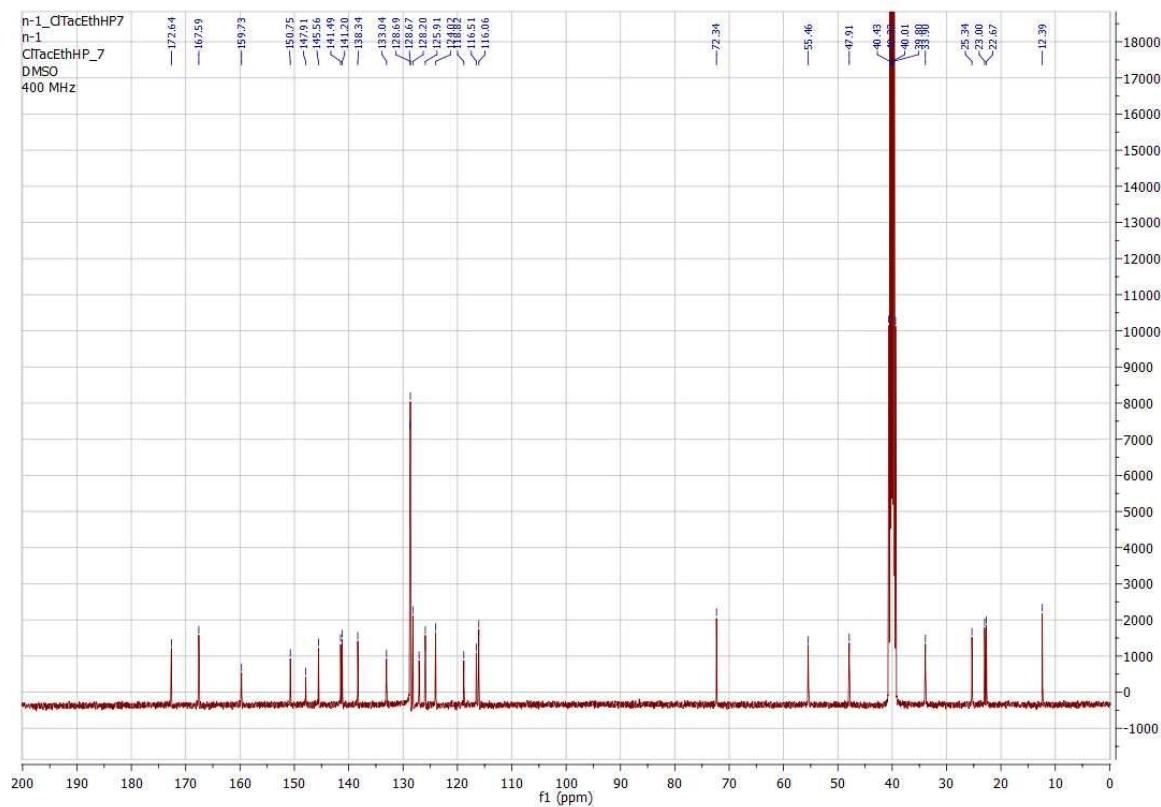
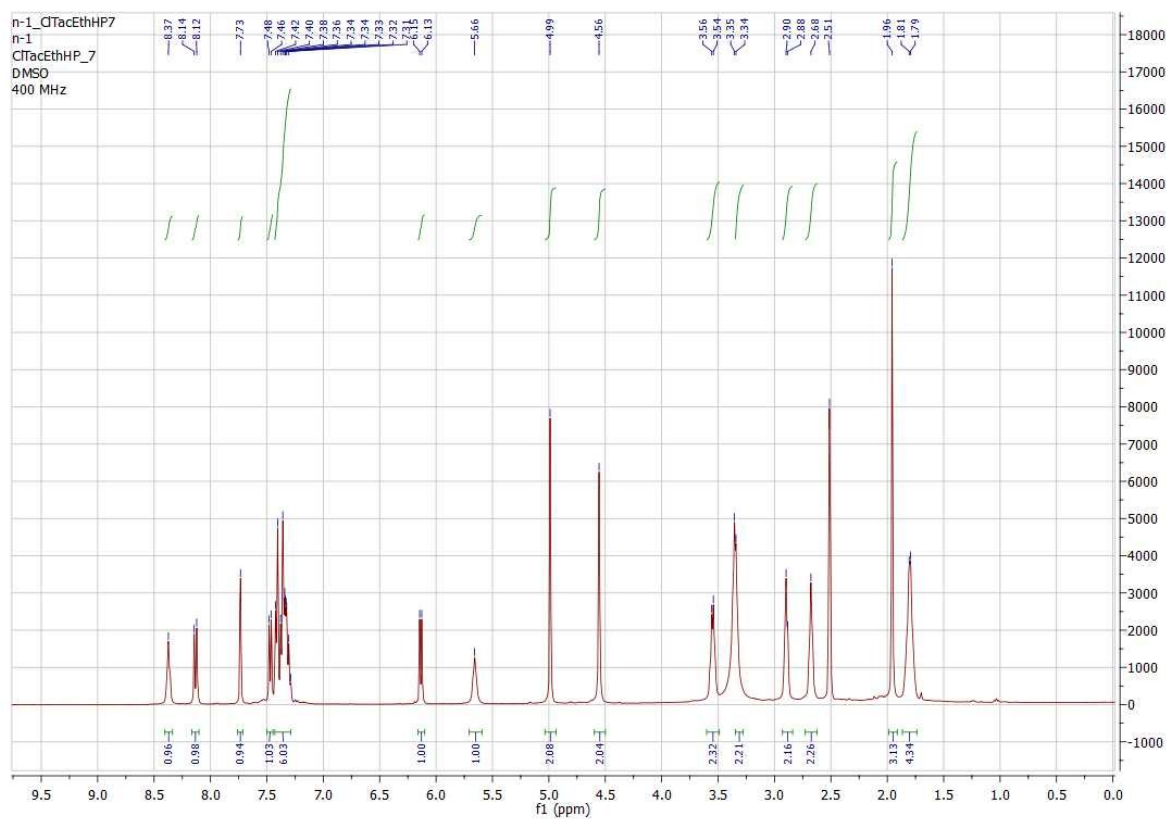


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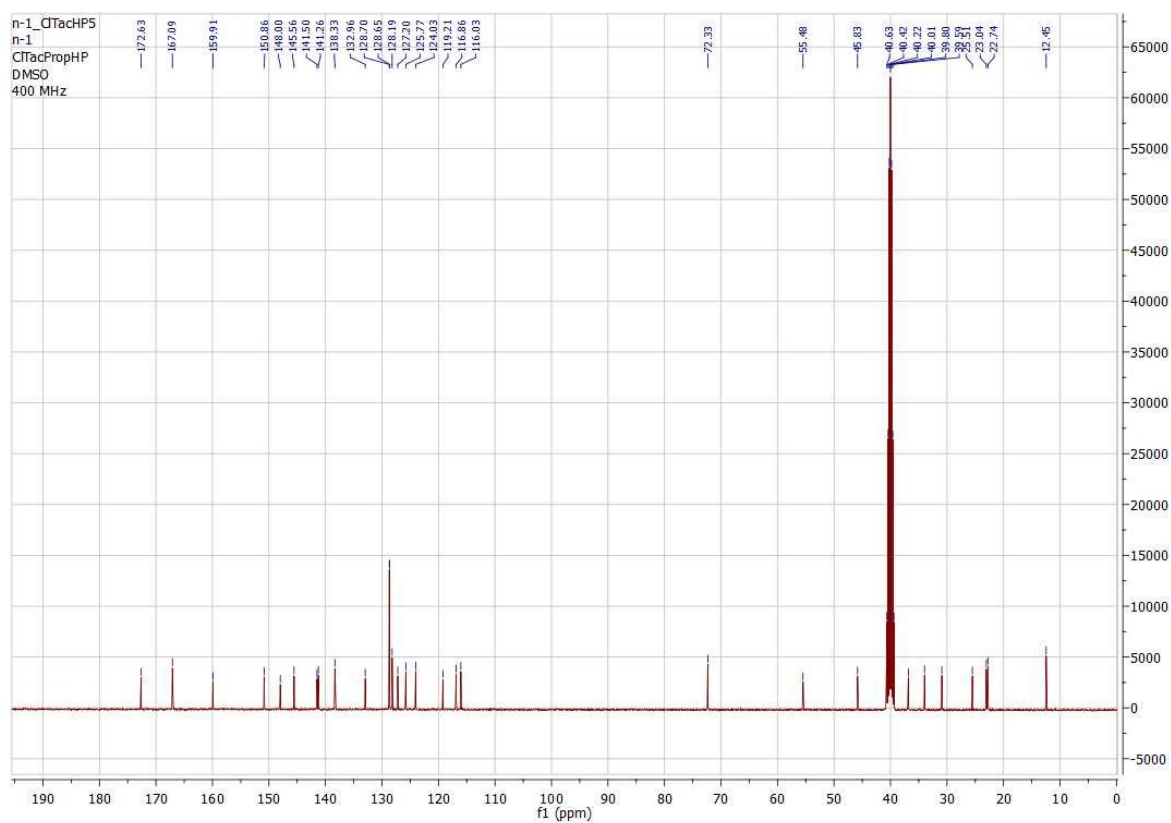
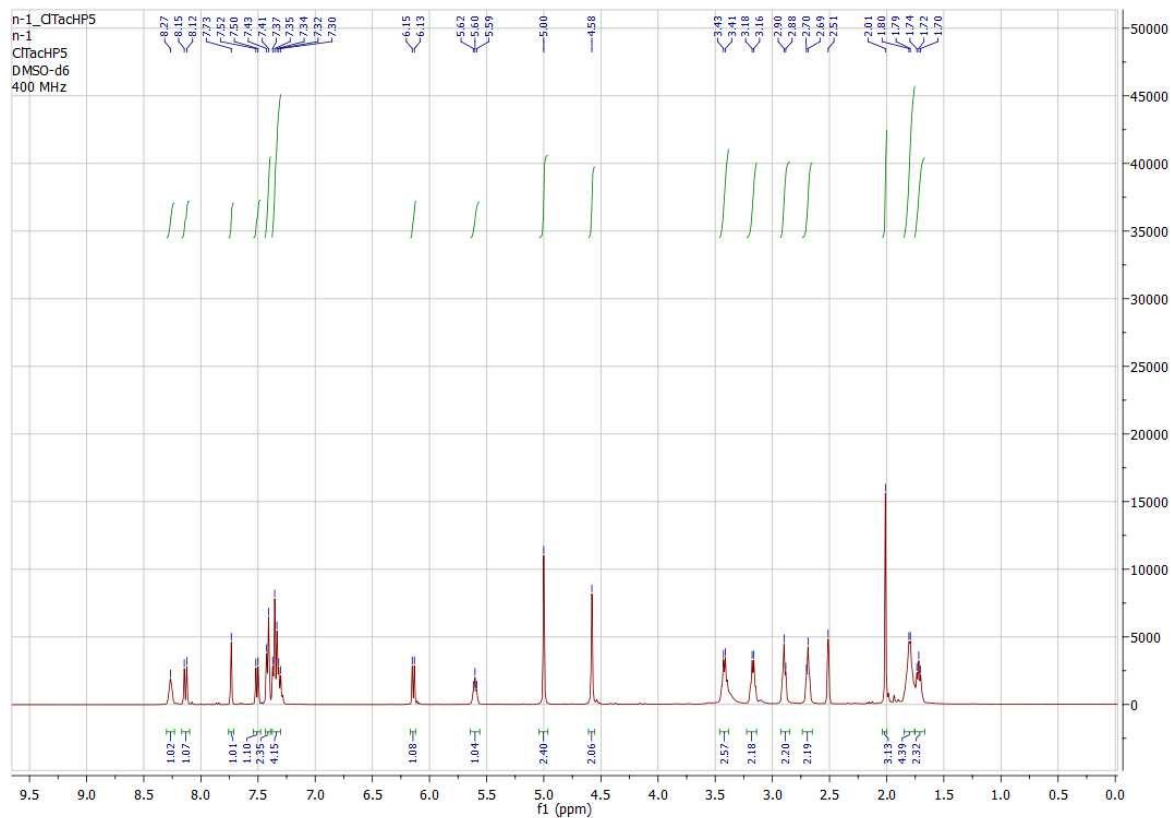


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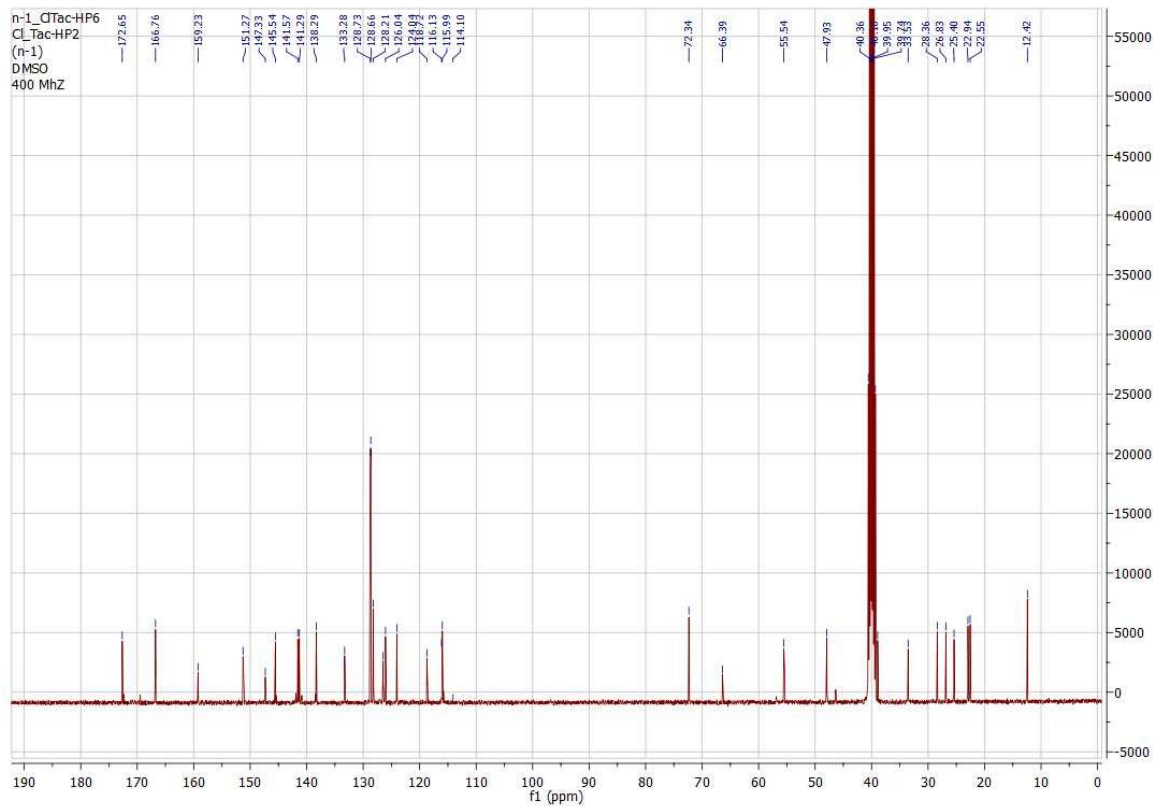
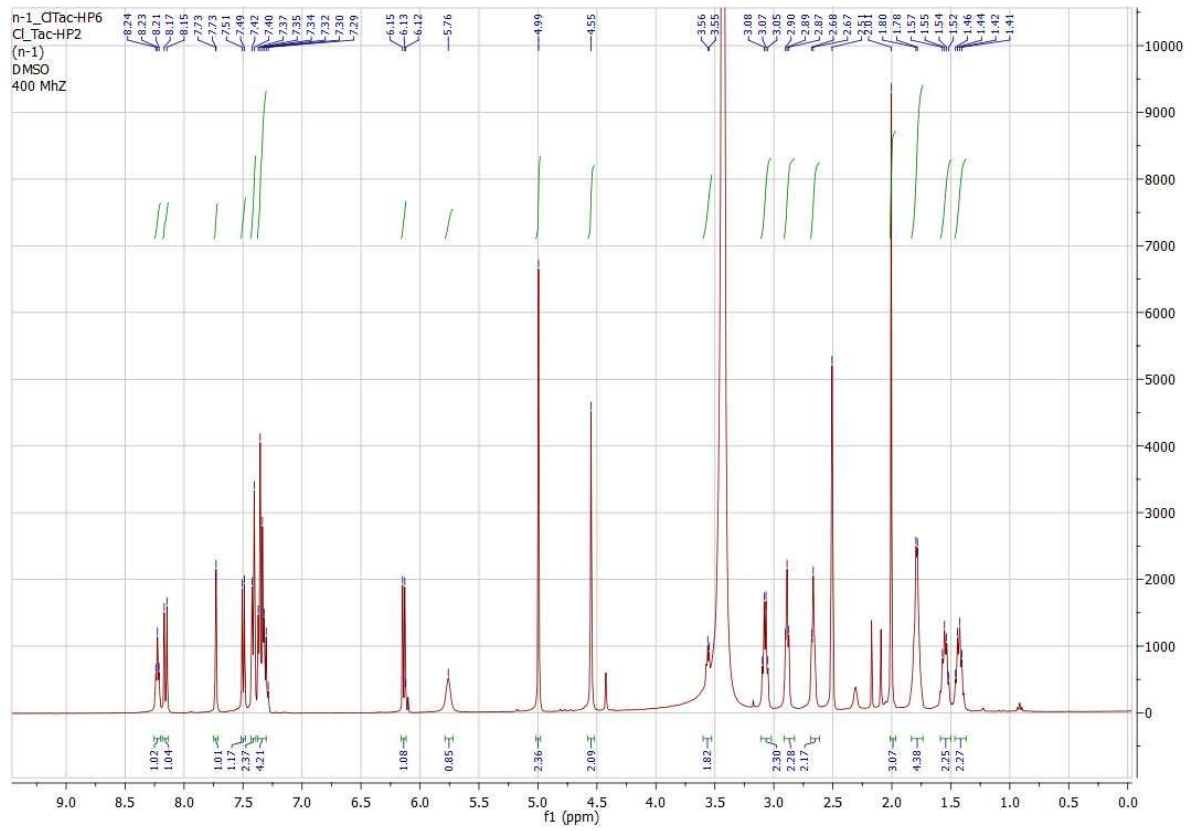




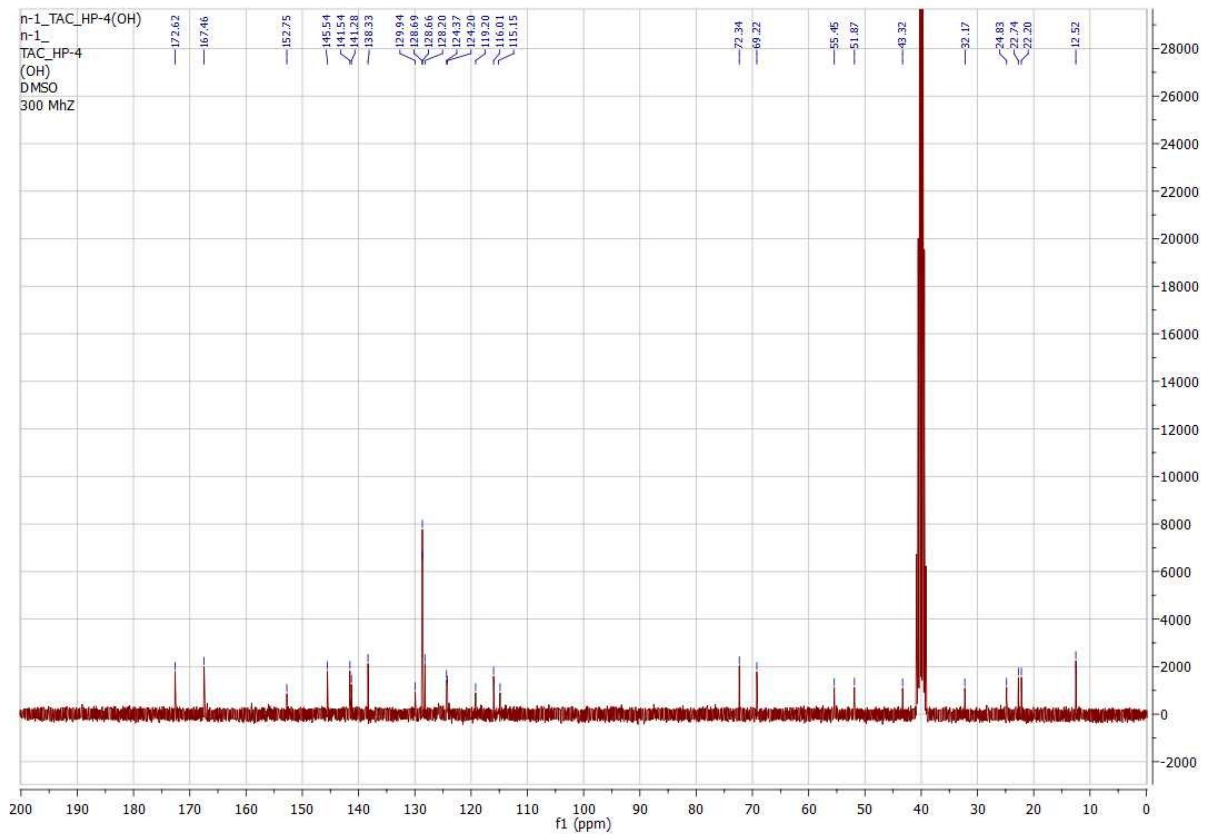
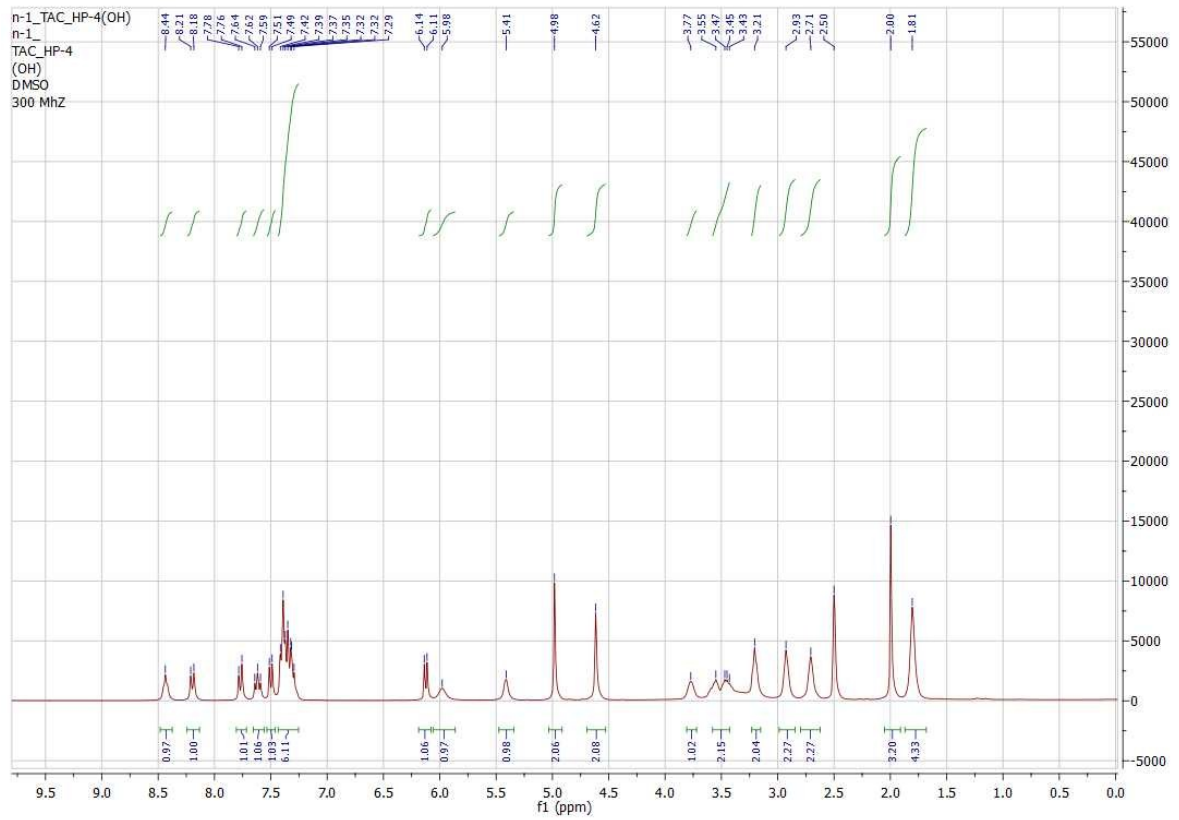
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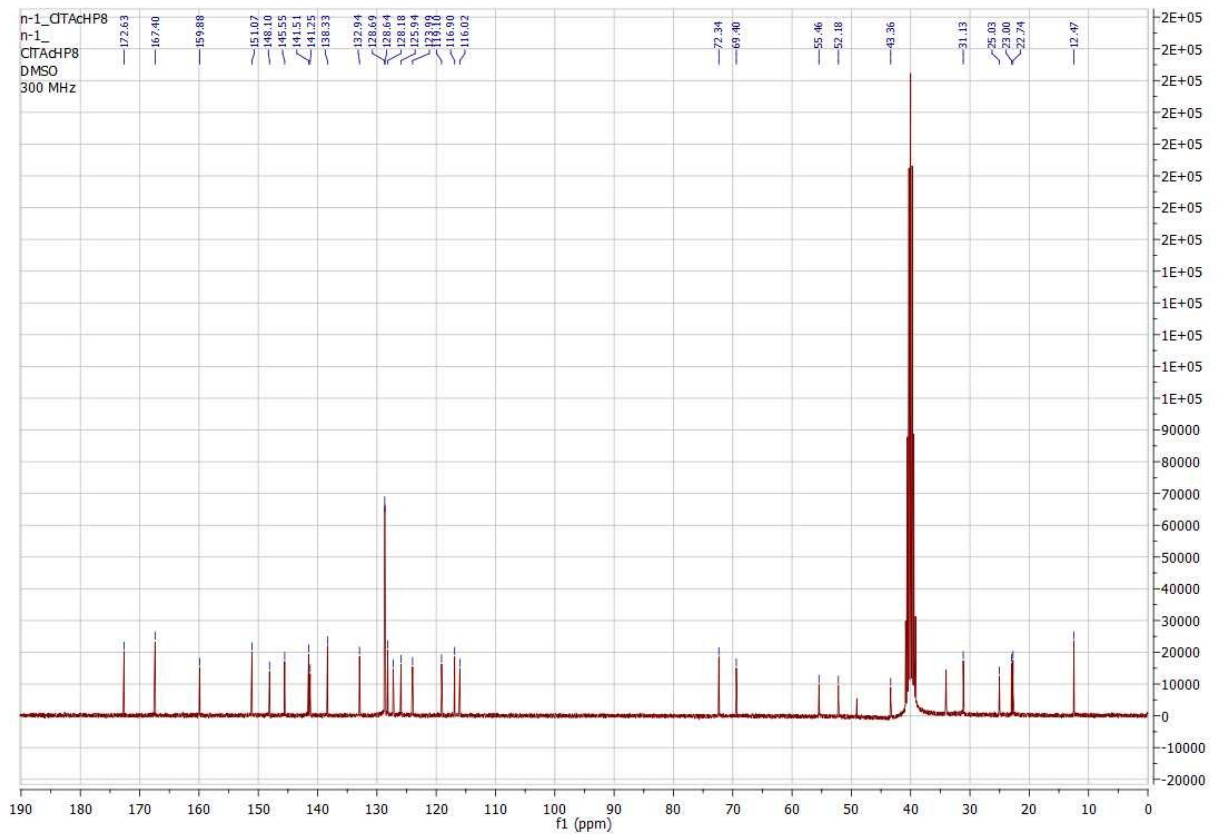
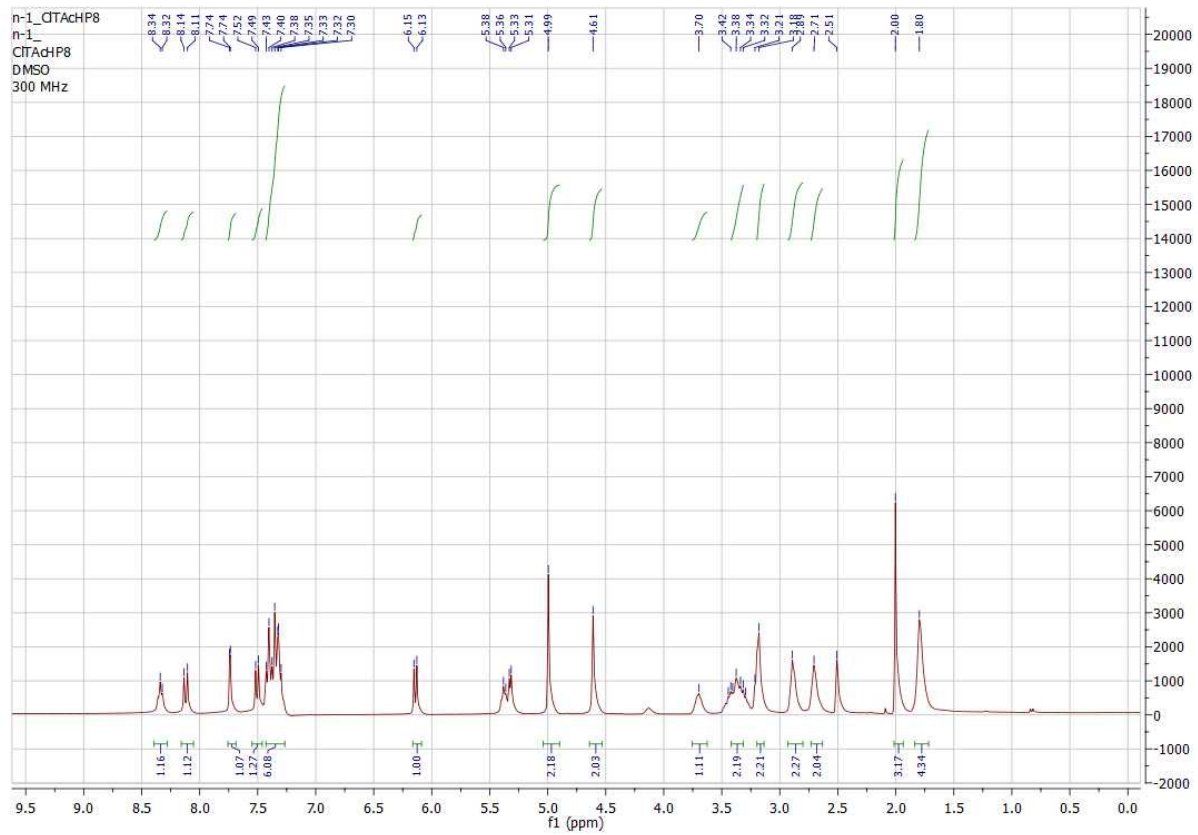
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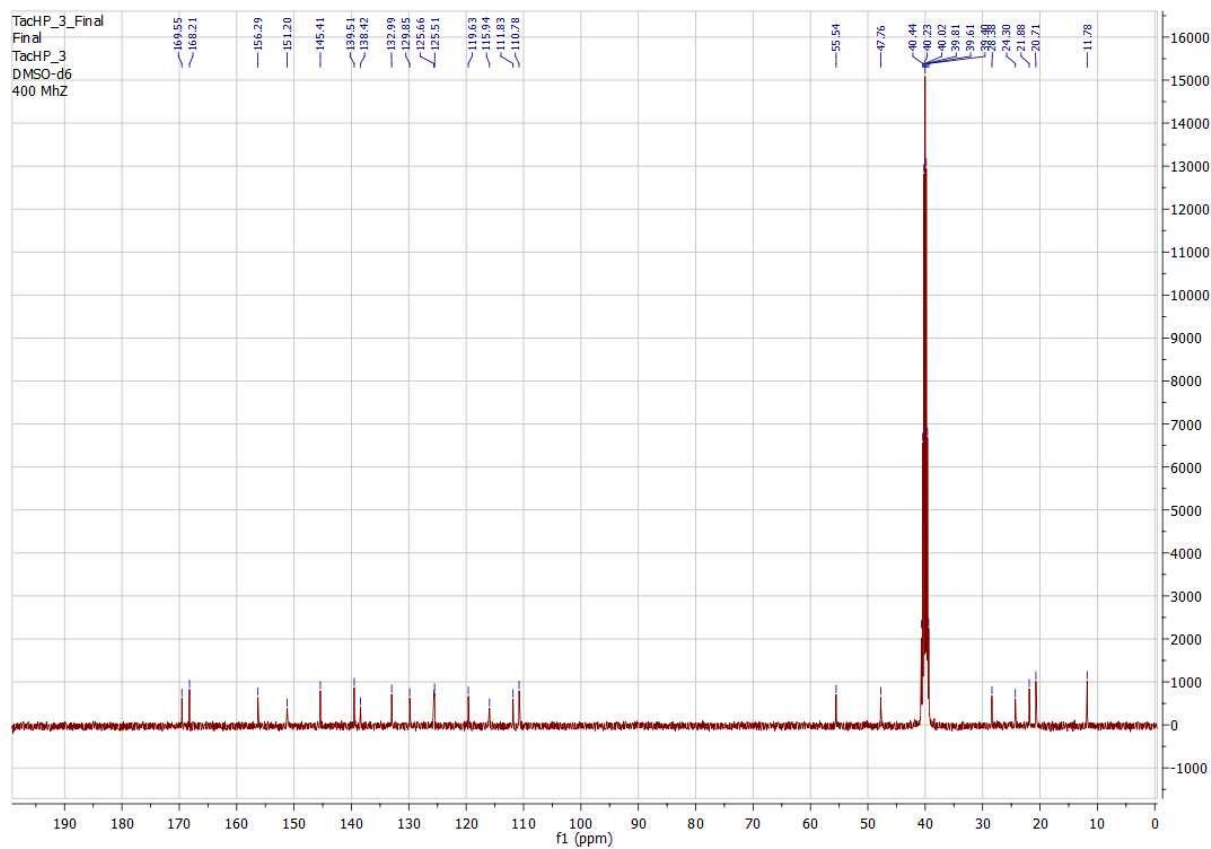
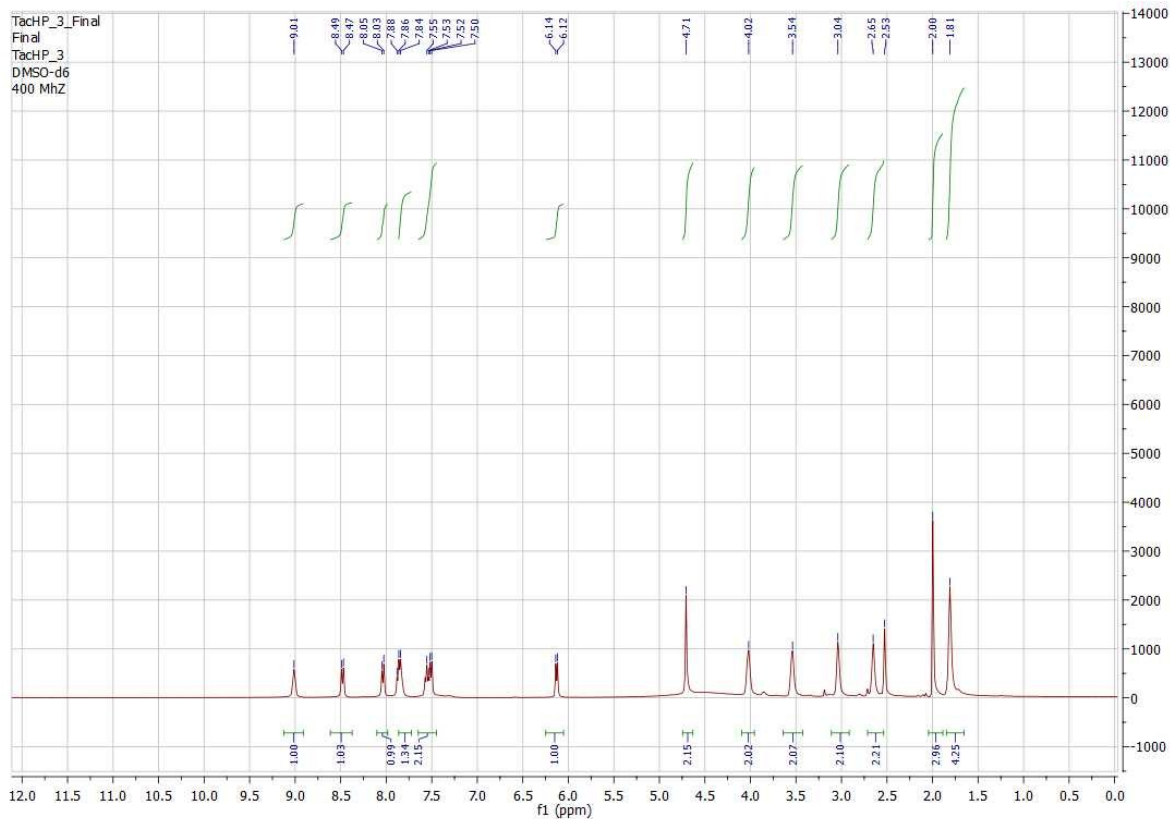
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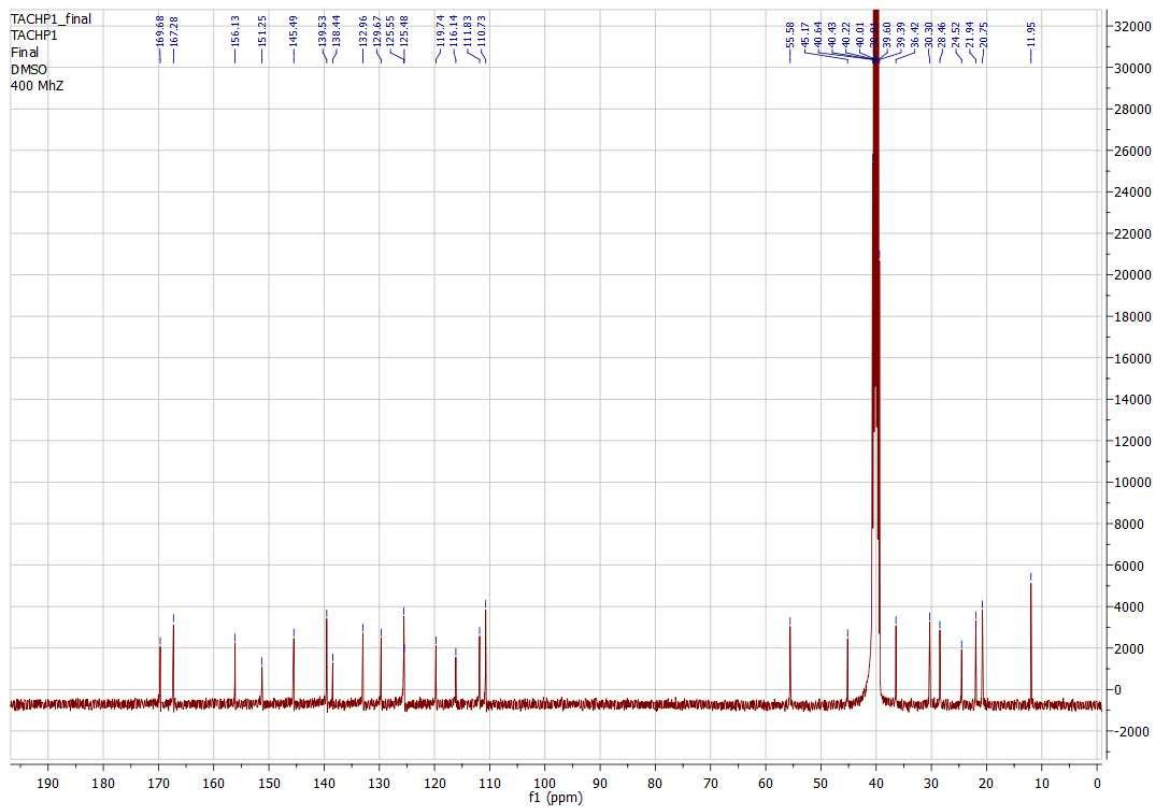
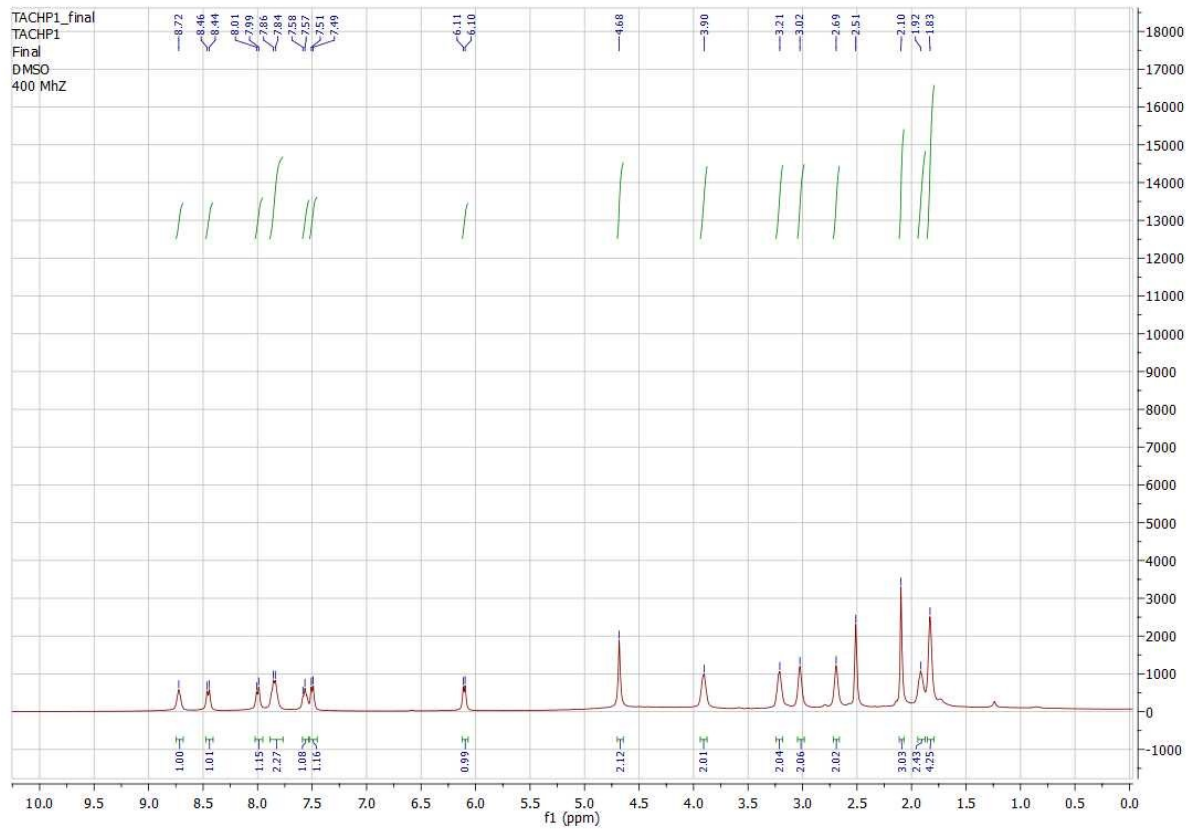
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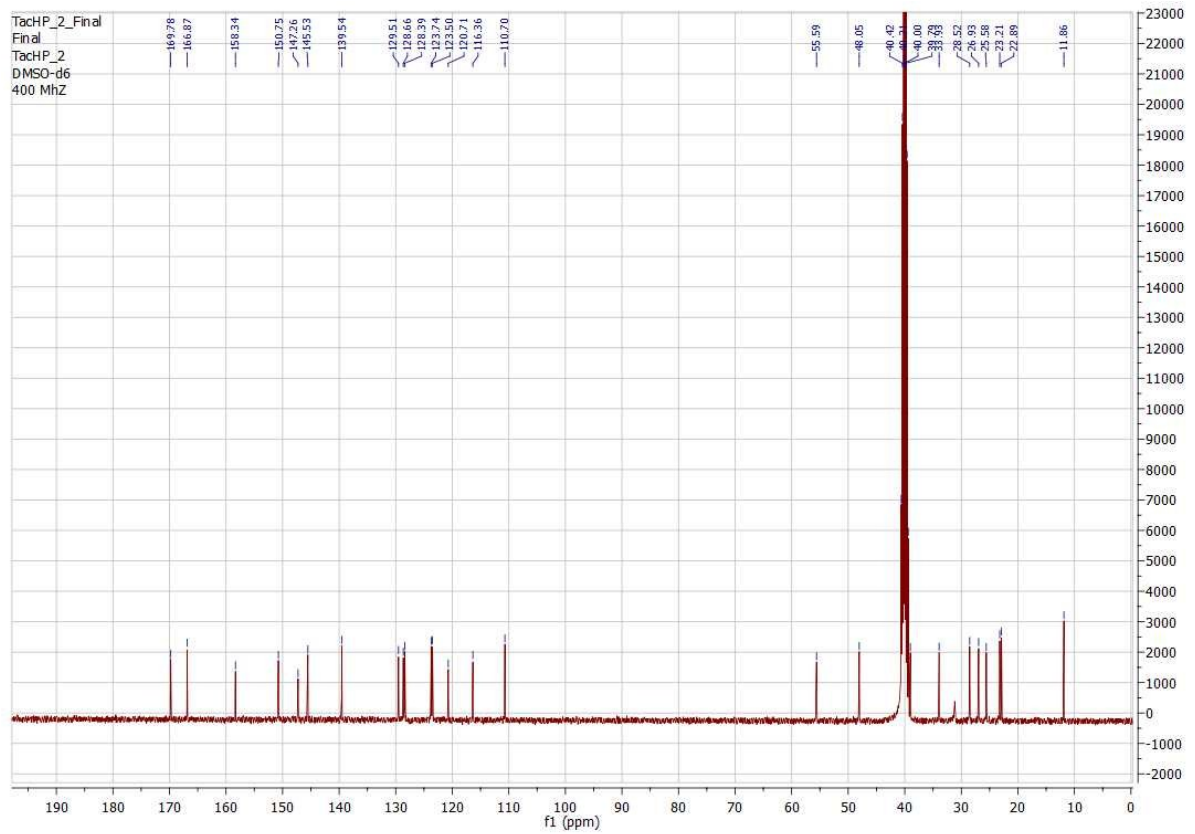
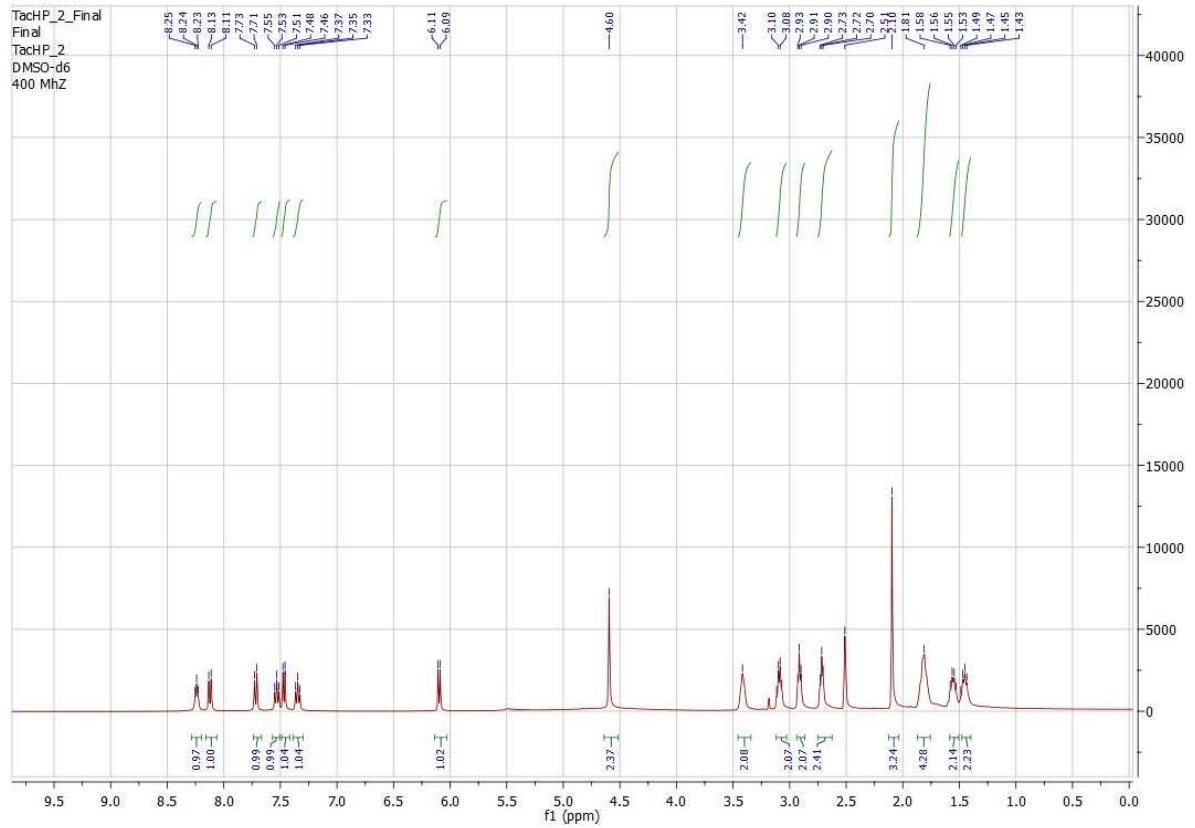
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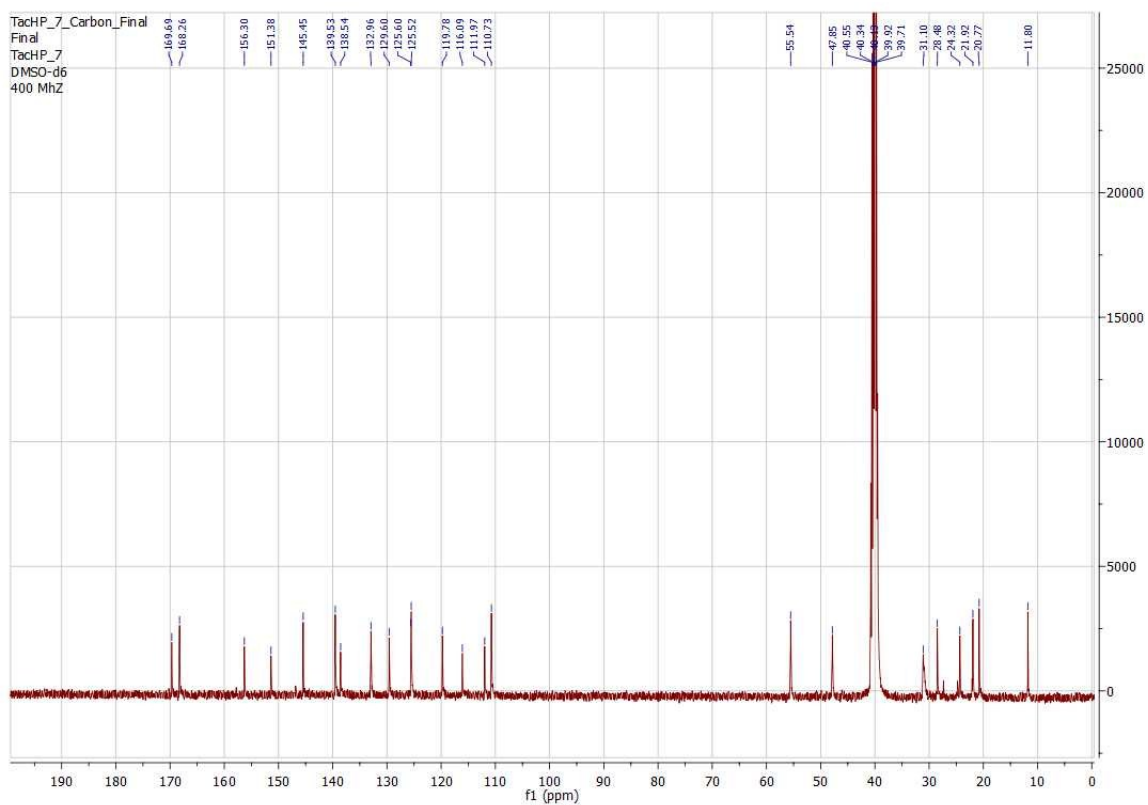
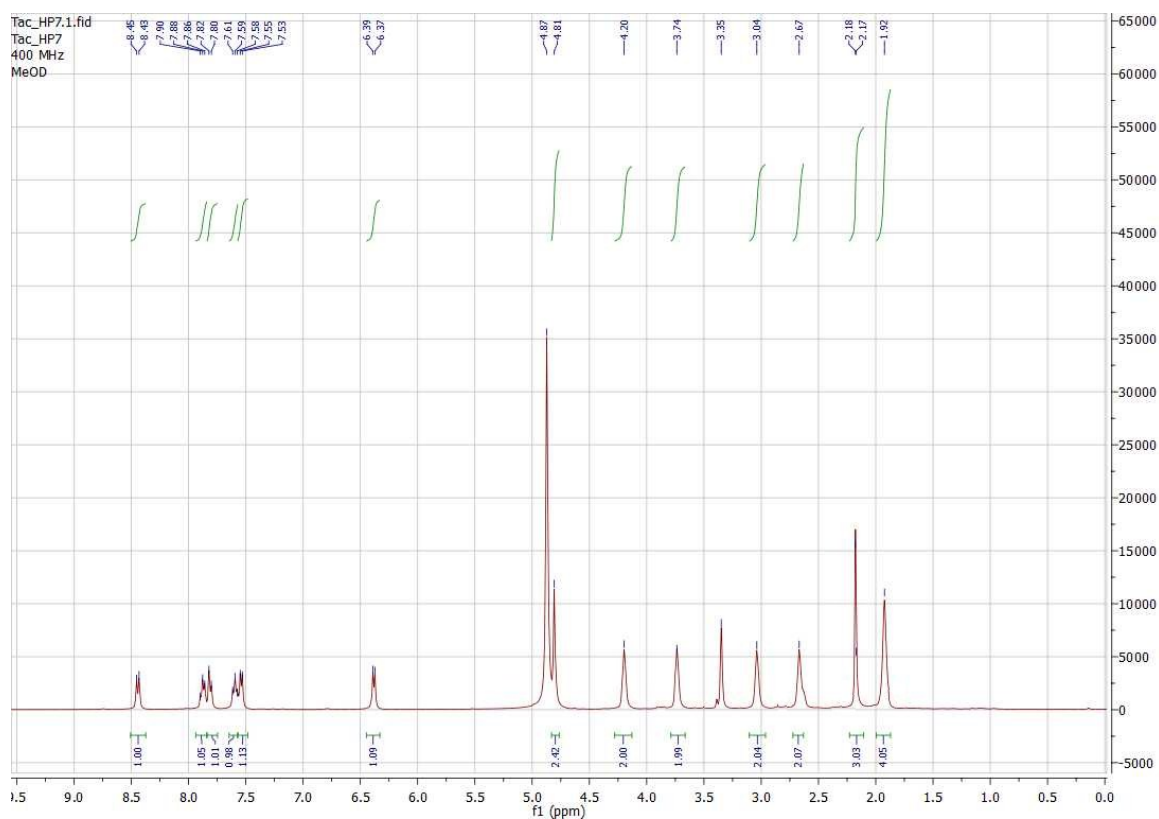
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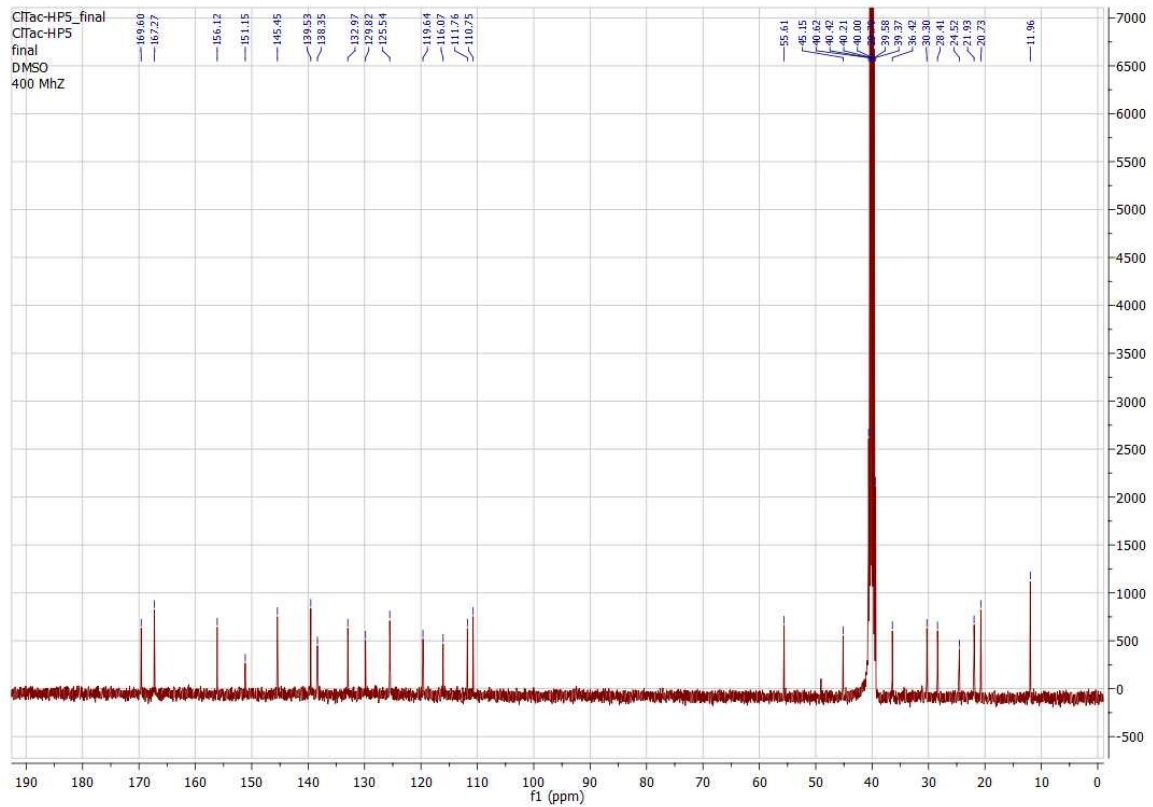
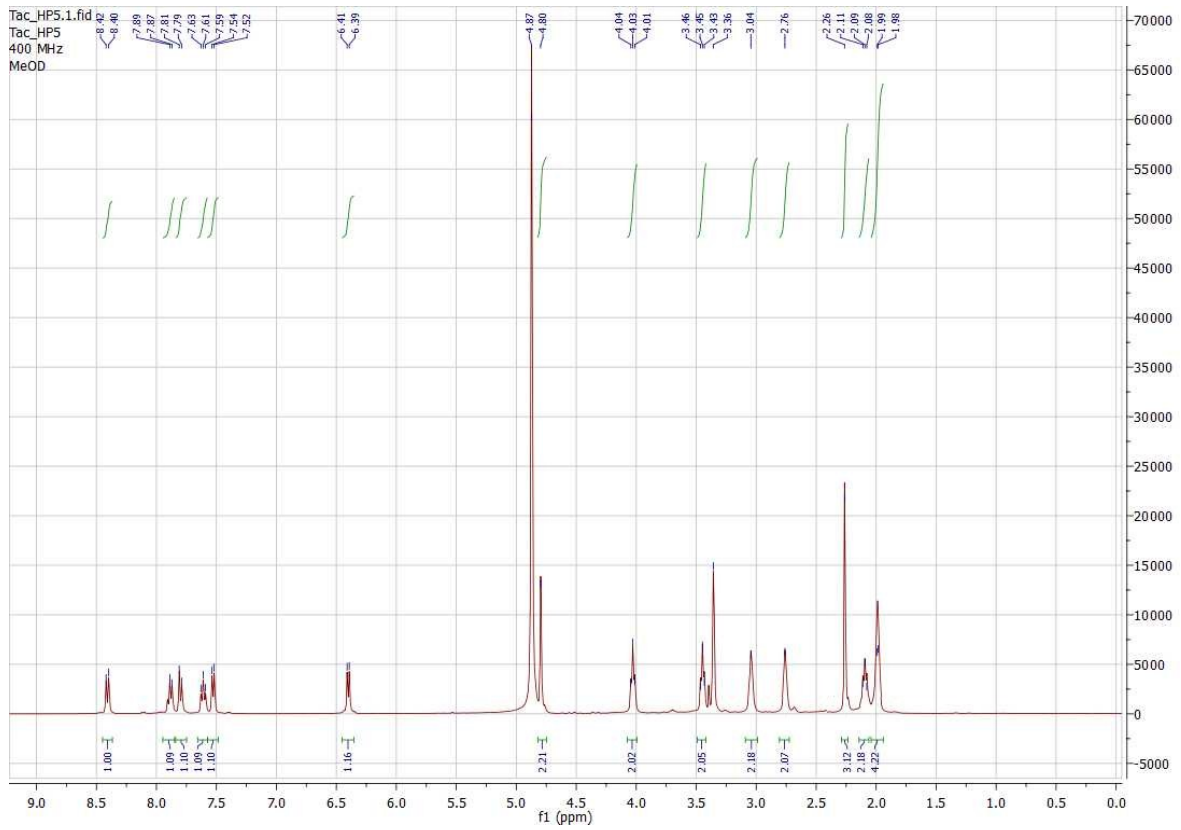


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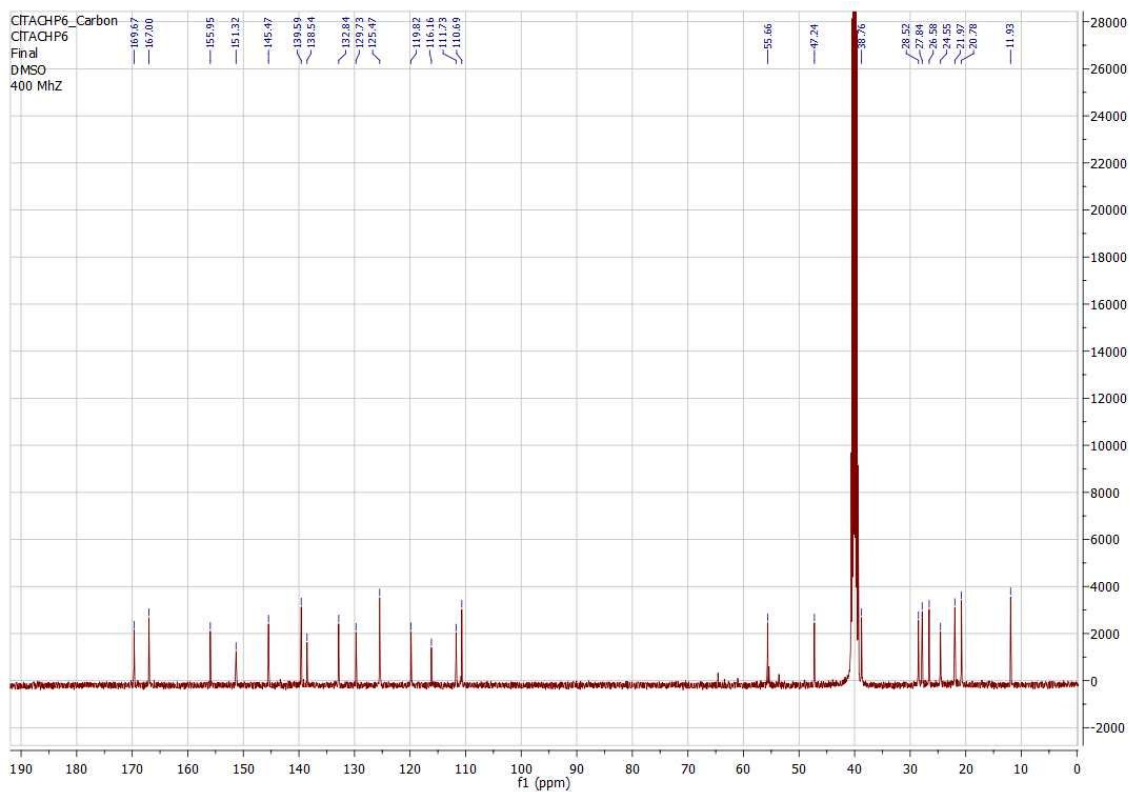
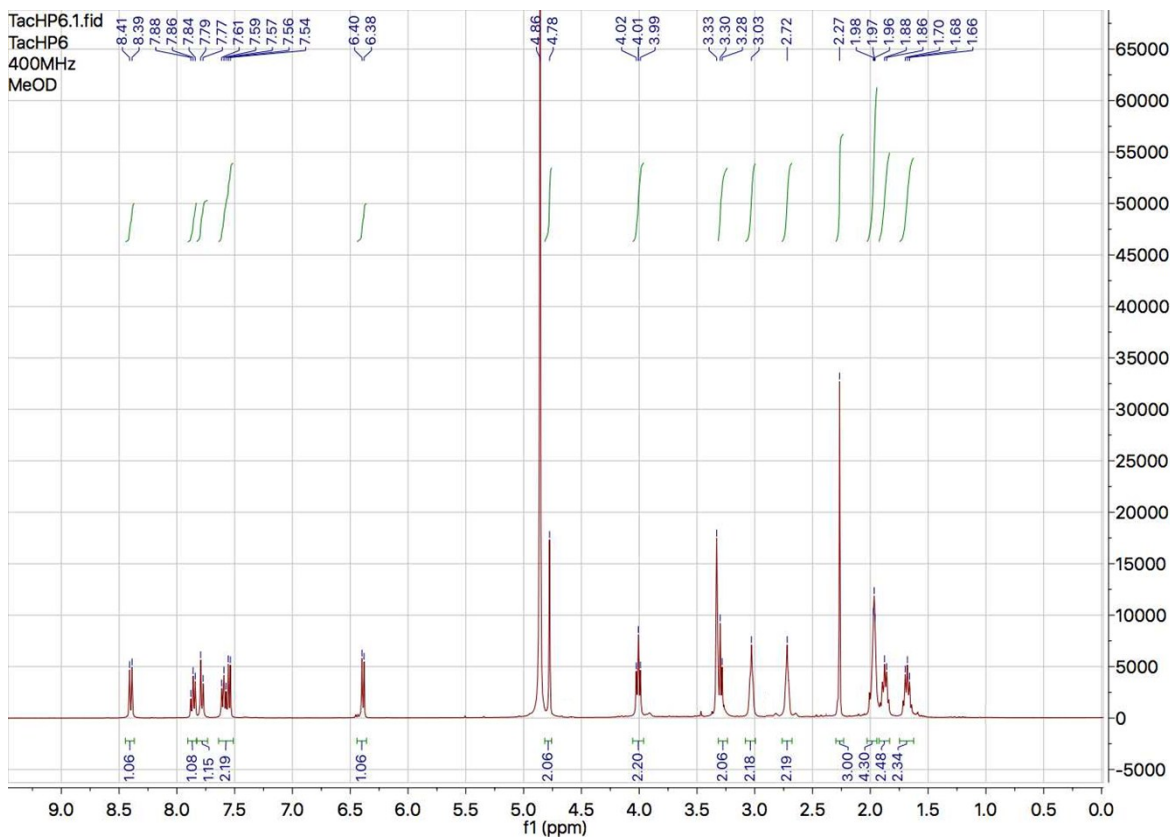




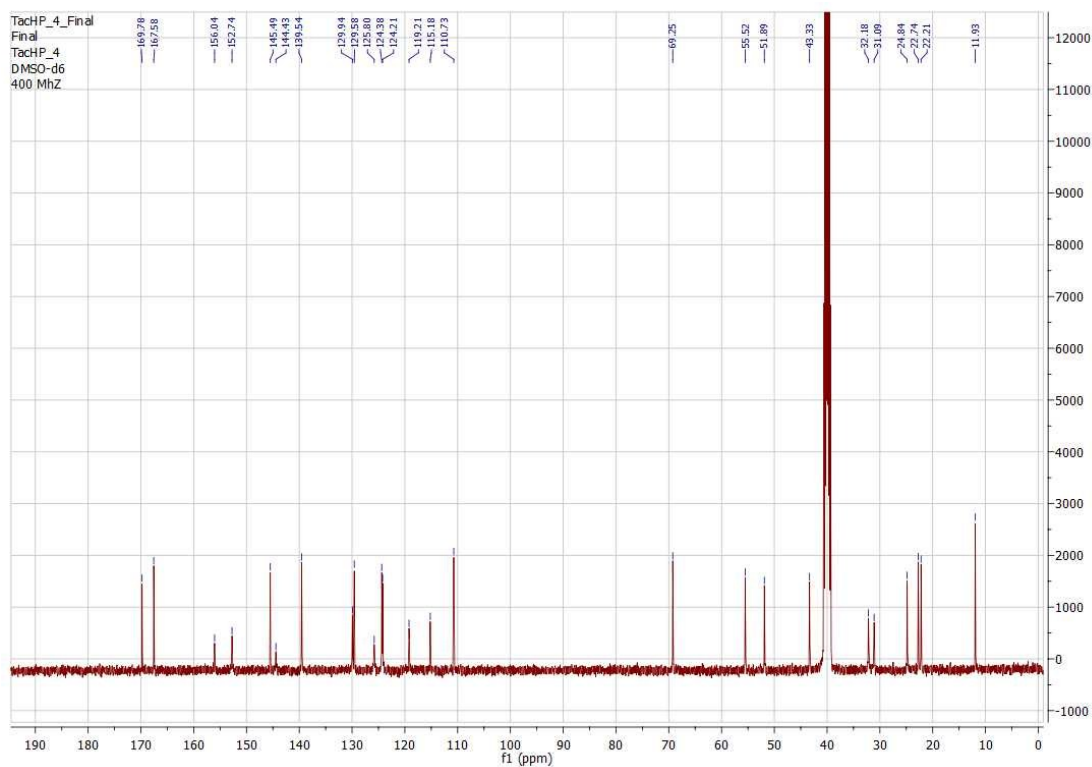
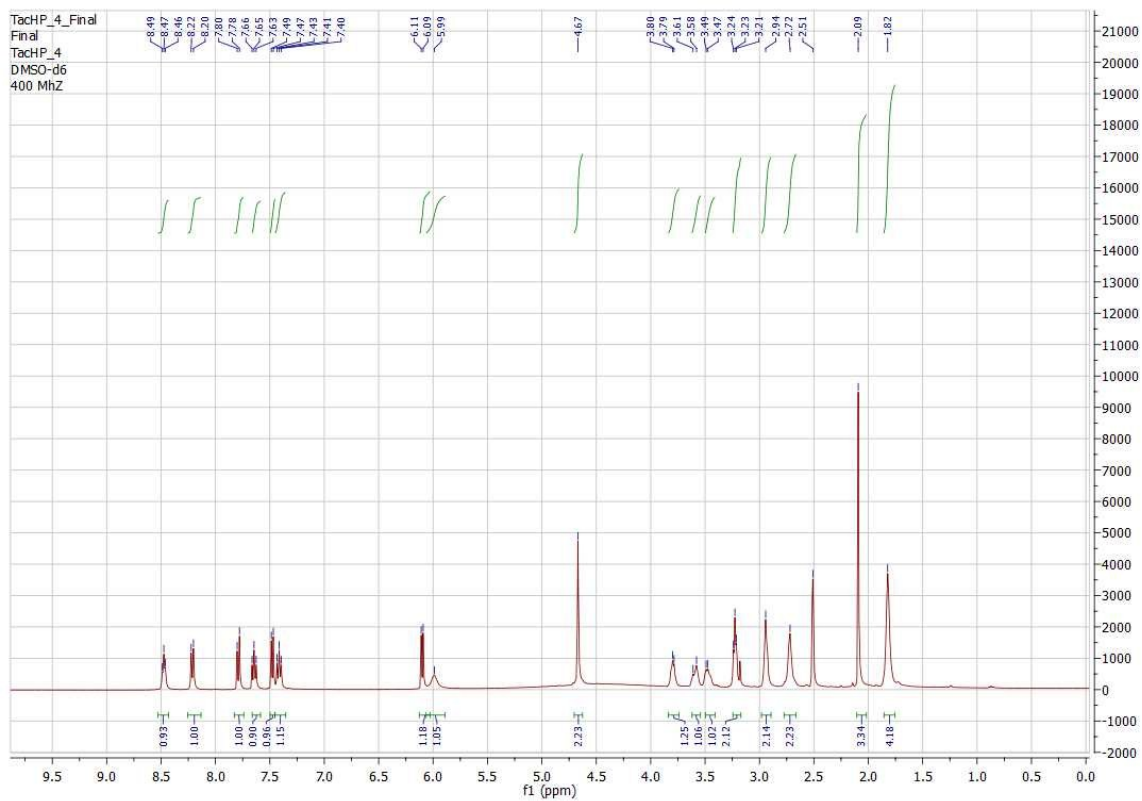
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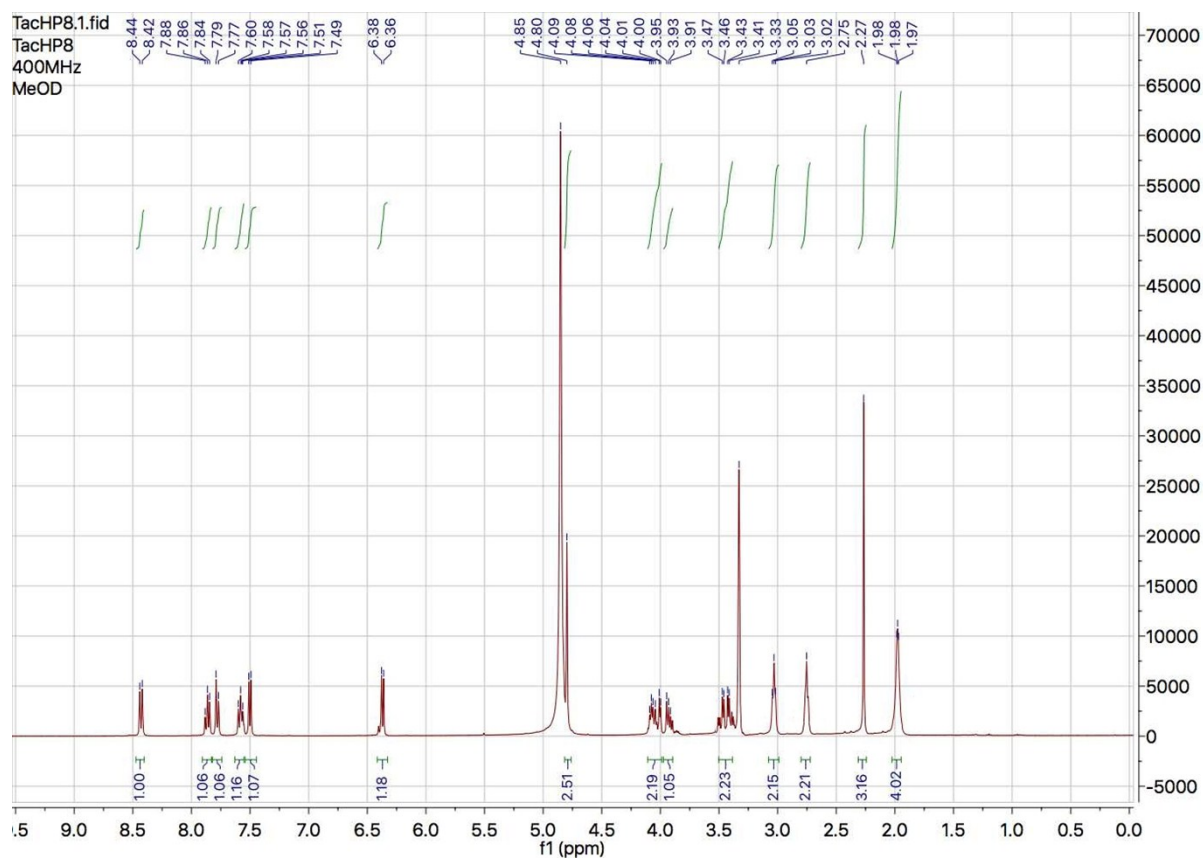
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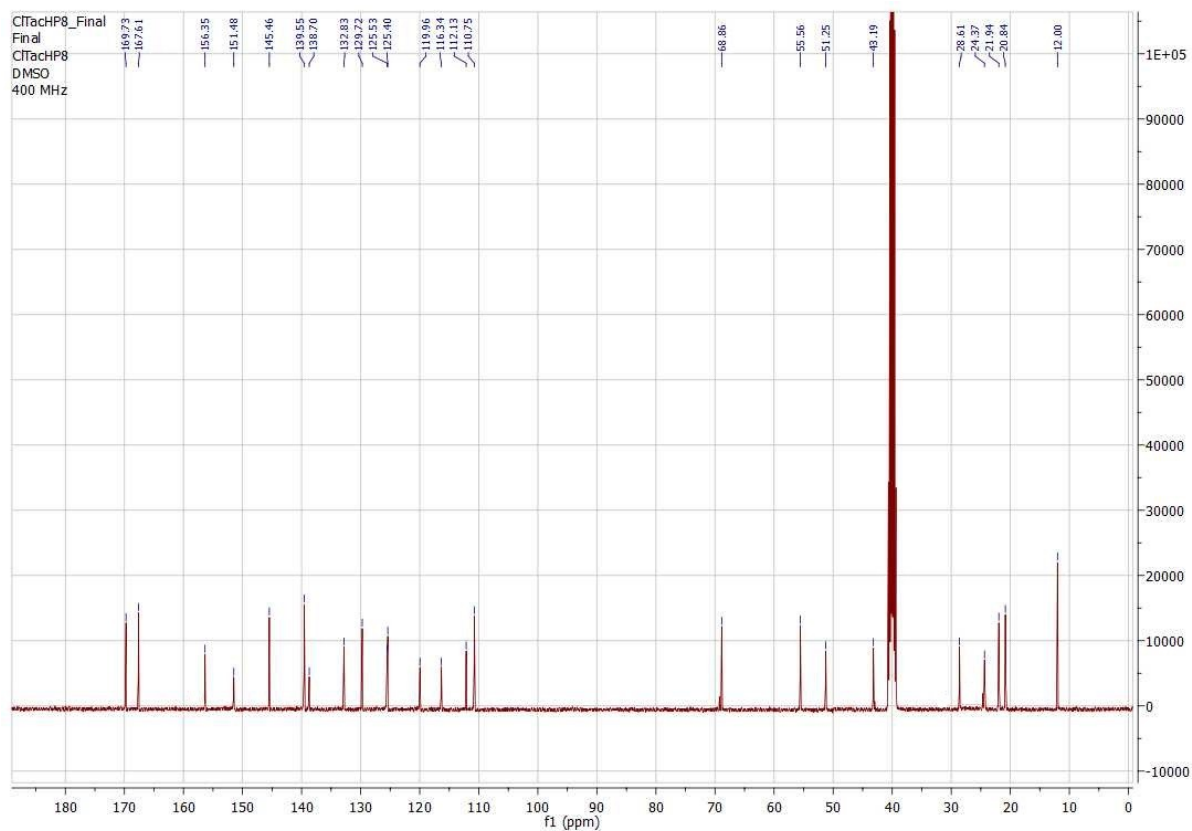


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Sp15 -  $^1\text{H}$  &  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR of 2-(3-hydroxy-2-methyl-4-oxopyridin-1(4H)-yl)-*N*-(2-hydroxy-3-((1,2,3,4-tetrahydroacridin-9-yl)amino)propyl)acetamide (**32**).





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