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# Poly-Histidine Grafting Leading to Fishbone-Like Architectures

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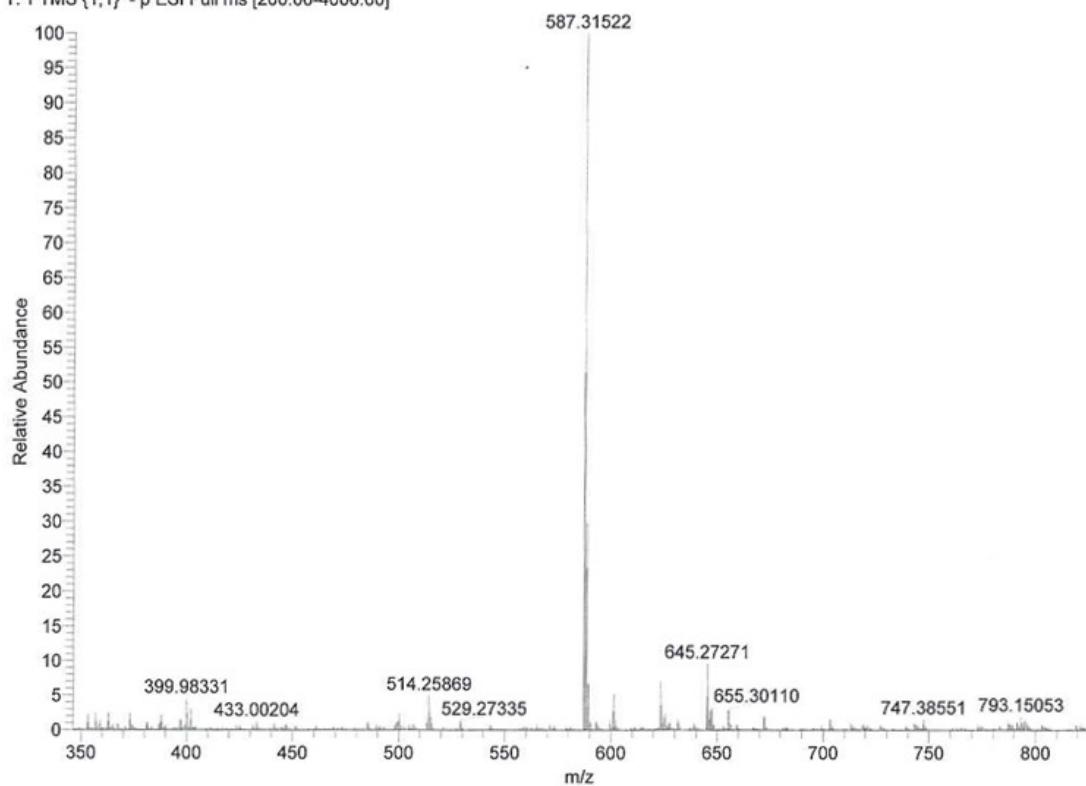
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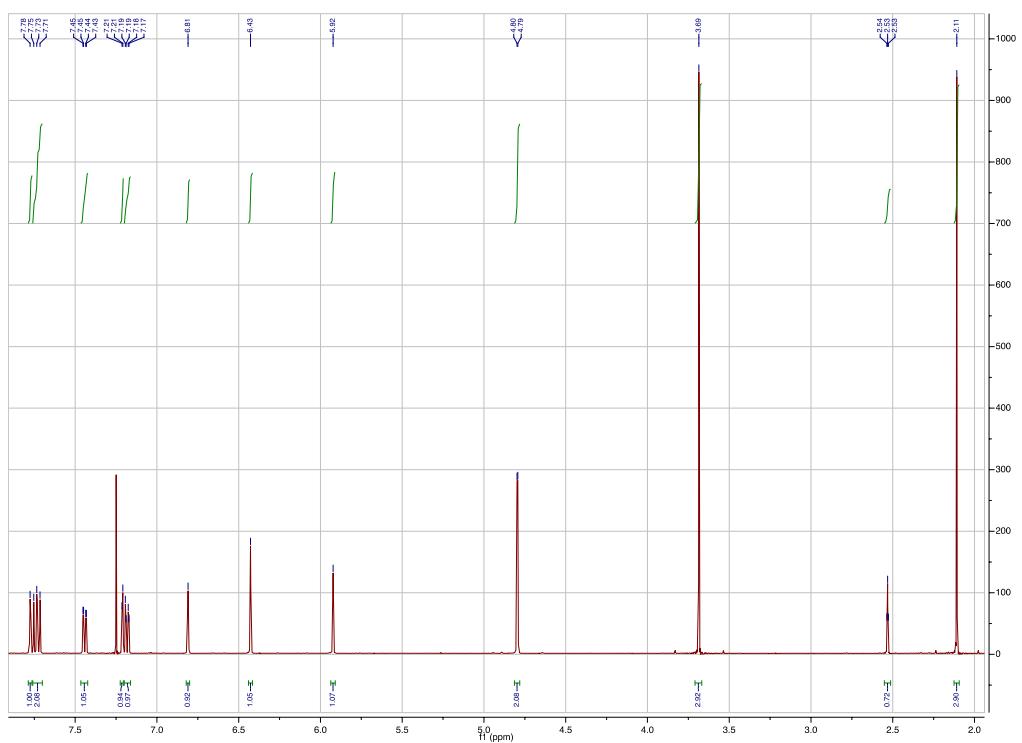
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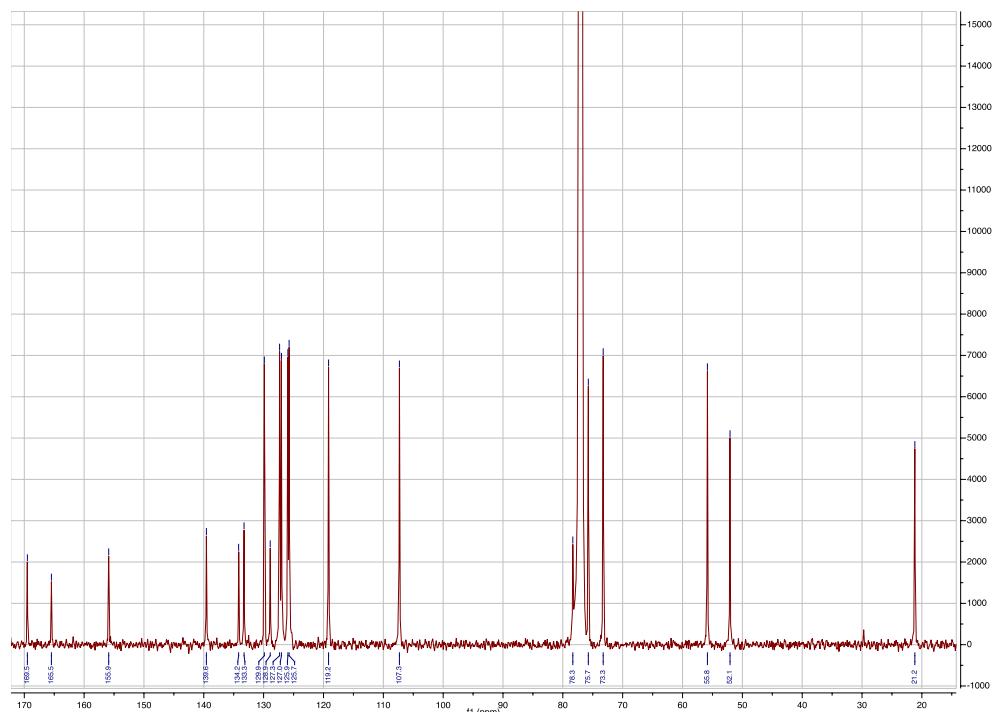
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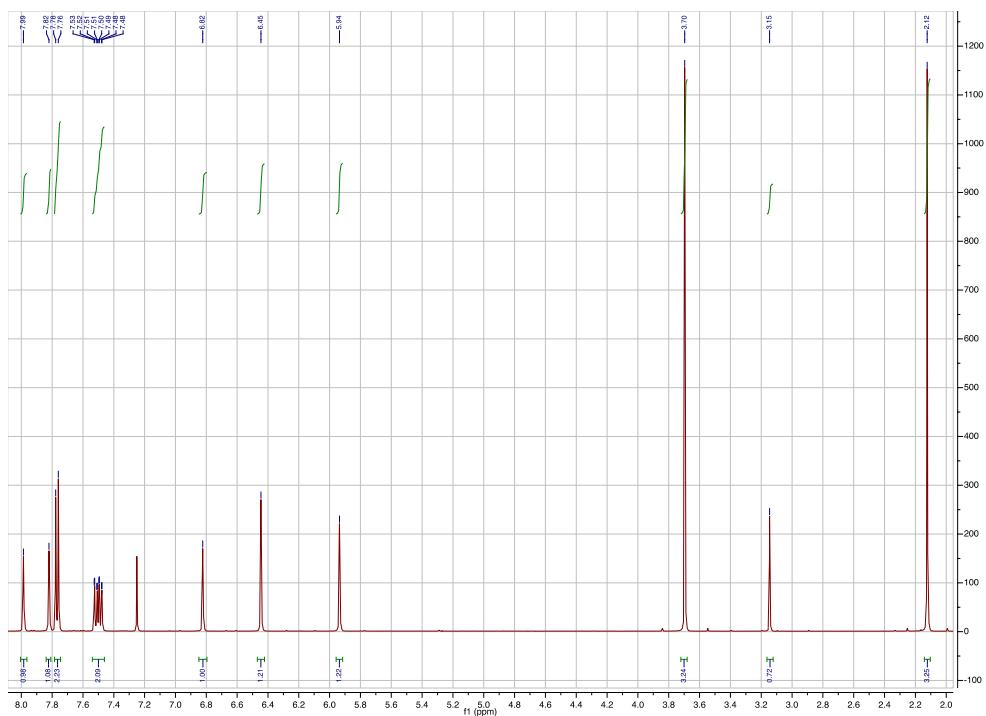
**Figure ESI-1.** ESI mass spectrum (negative-ion mode) of **Ac-His-6-MBHA-1d** material.



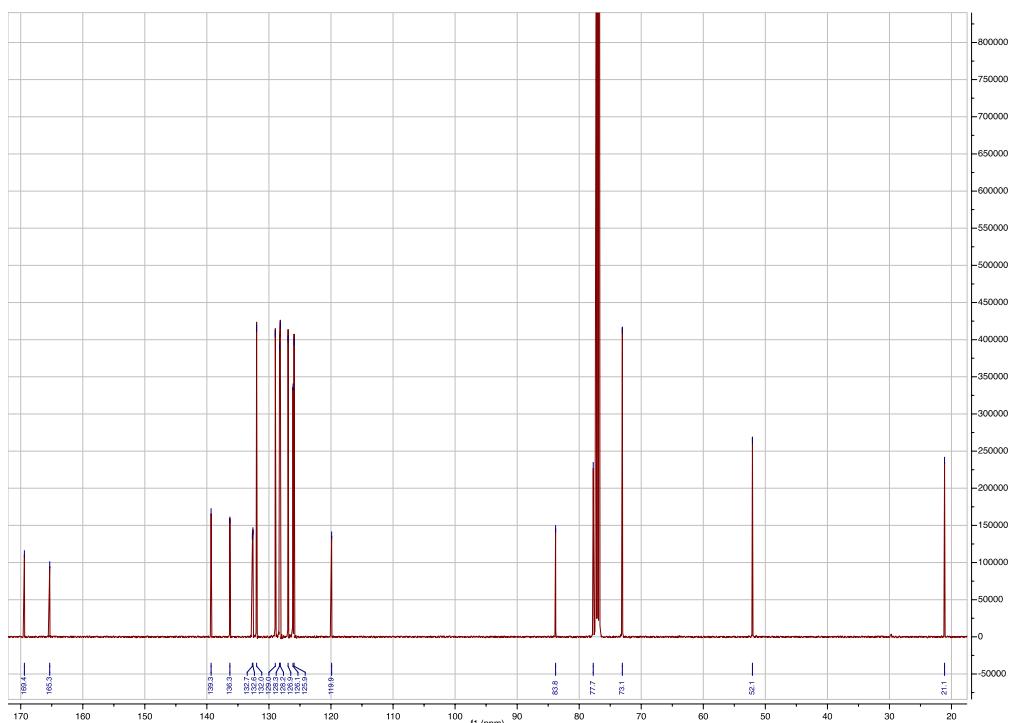
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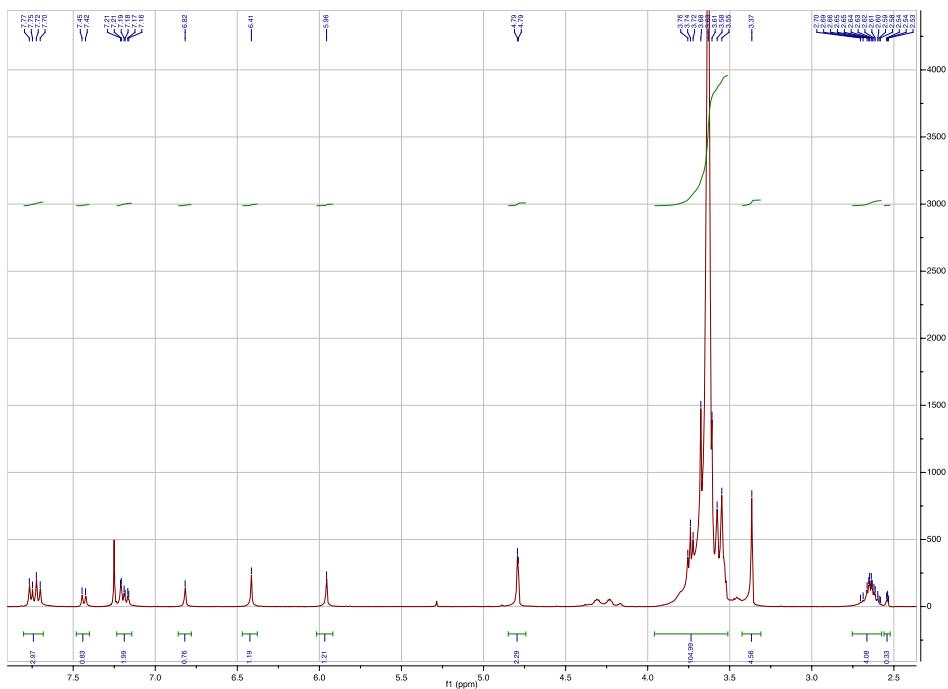
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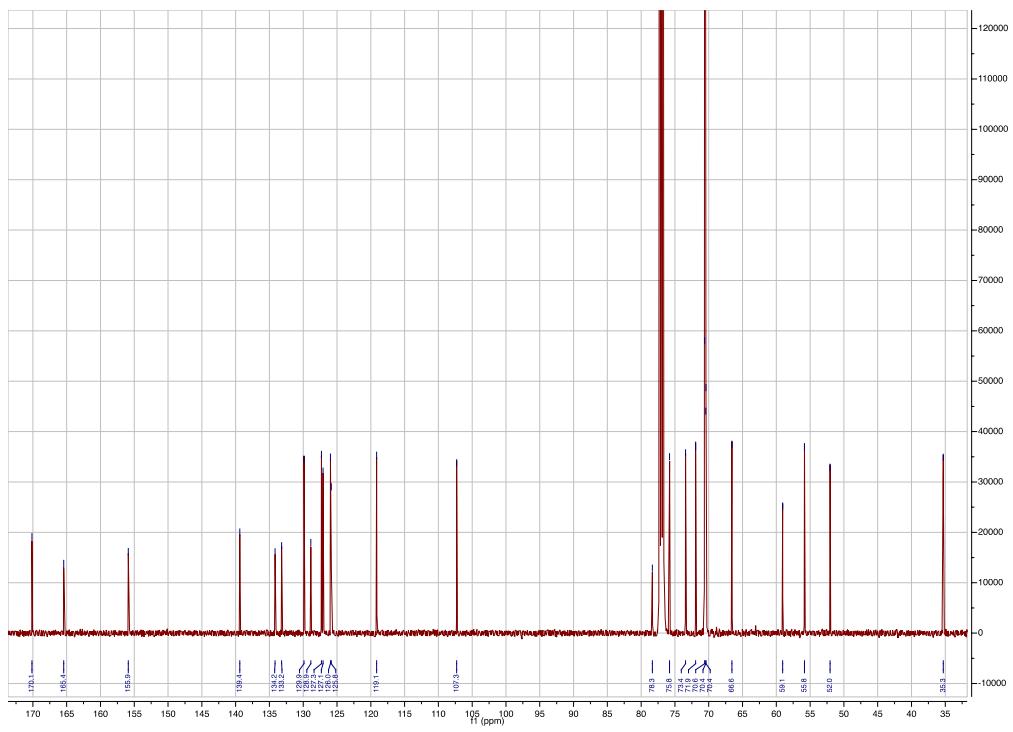
**Figure ESI-4.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) of methyl 2-[acetoxy(6-ethynylnaphthalen-2-yl)methyl]acrylate (**1b**).



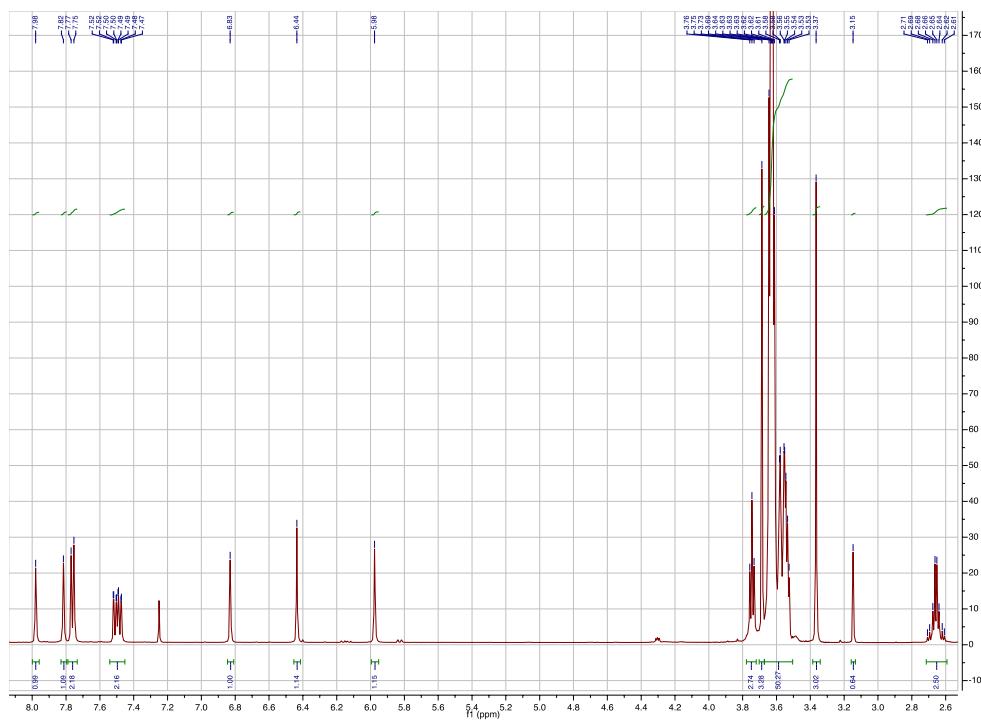
**Figure ESI-5.** <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) of methyl 2-[acetoxy(6-ethynylnaphthalen-2-yl)methyl]acrylate (**1b**).



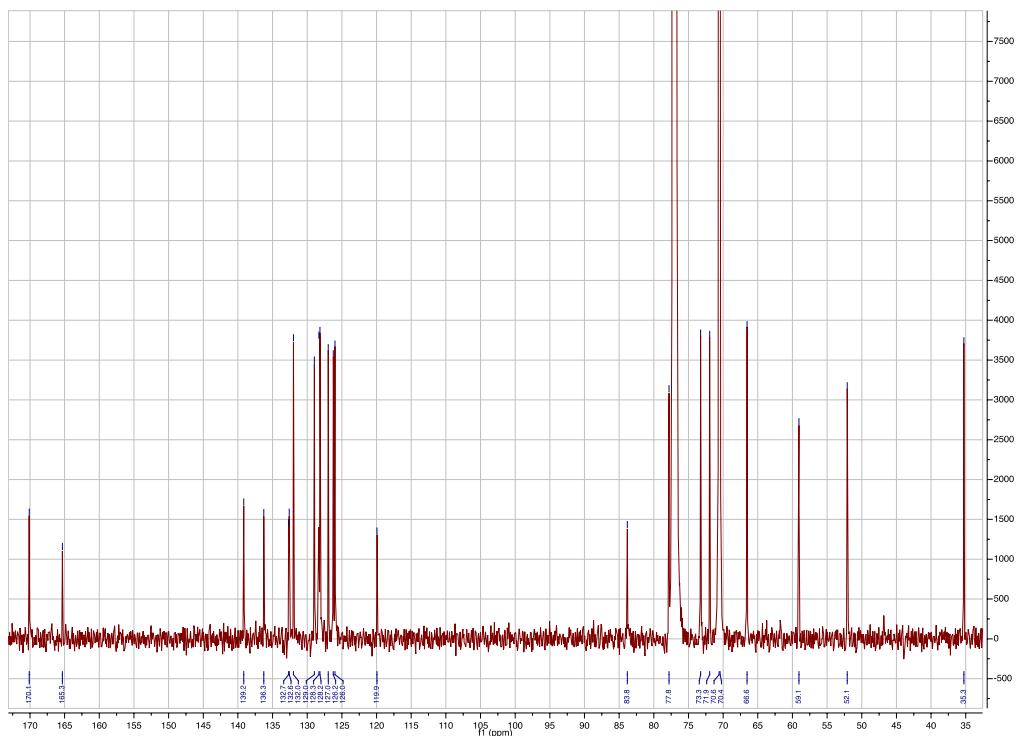
**Figure ESI-6.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) of 2-(methoxycarbonyl)-1-[6-(prop-2-nyloxy)naphthalen-2-yl]allyl 2,5,8,11,14,17,20,23,26,29,32,35-dodecaoxaocatriacontan-38-oate (**1c**).



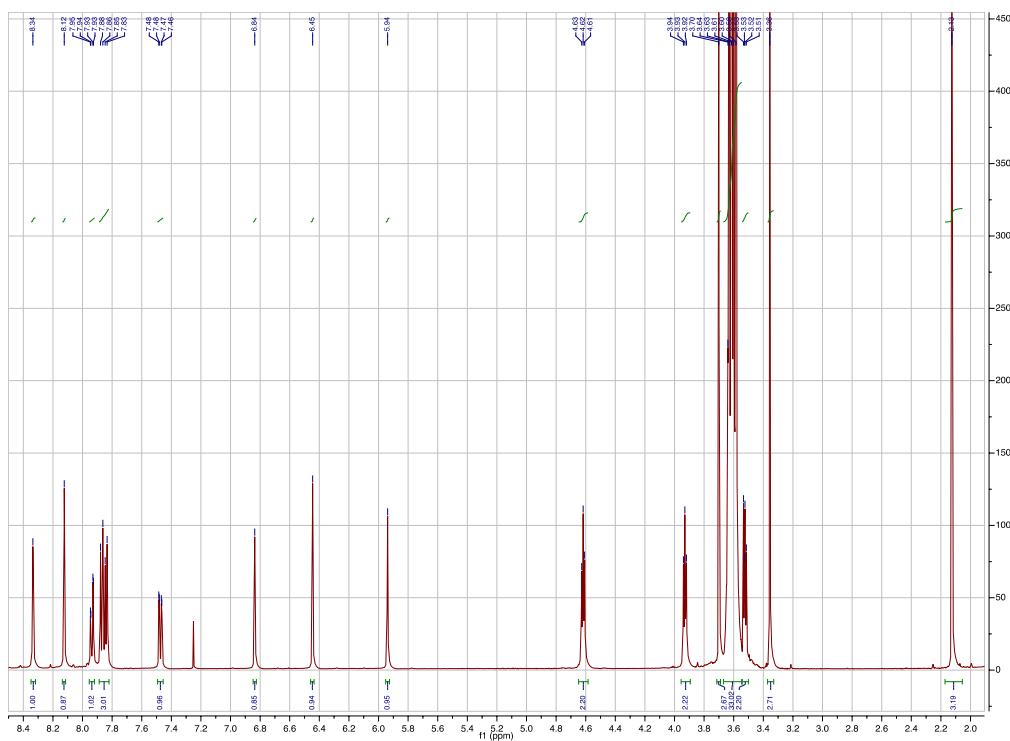
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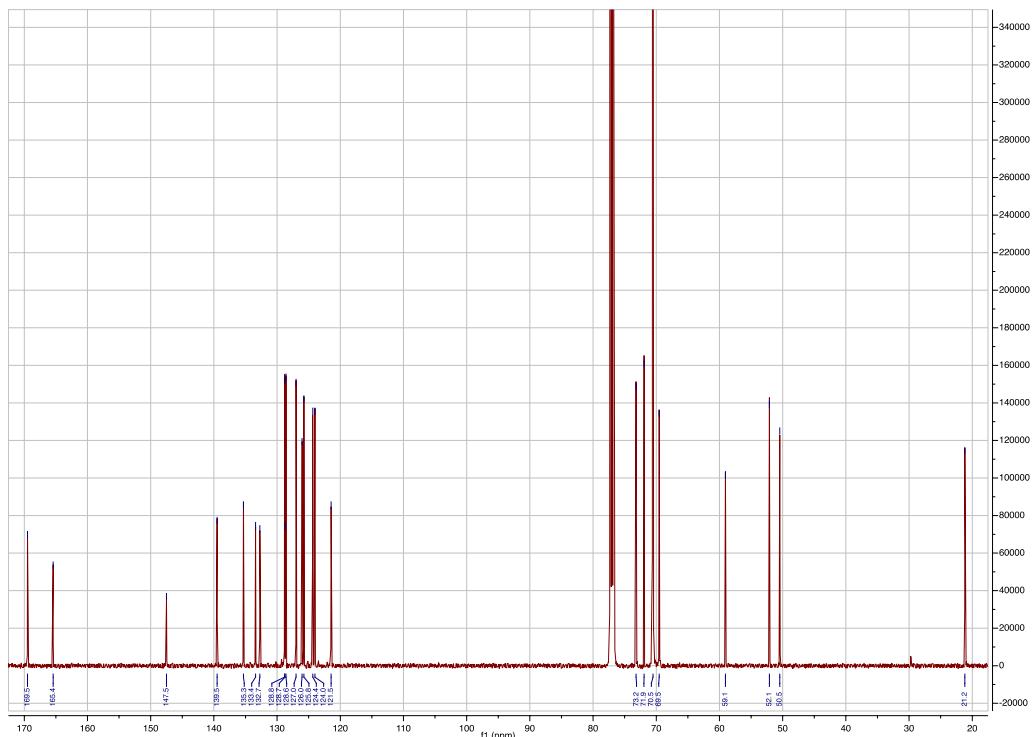
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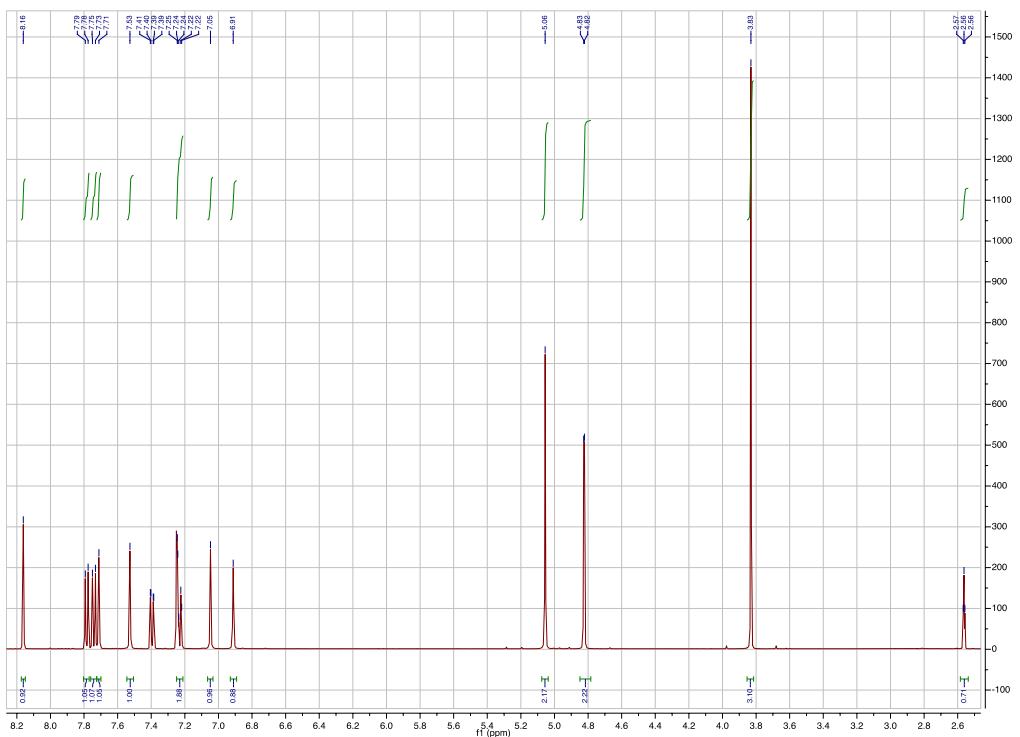
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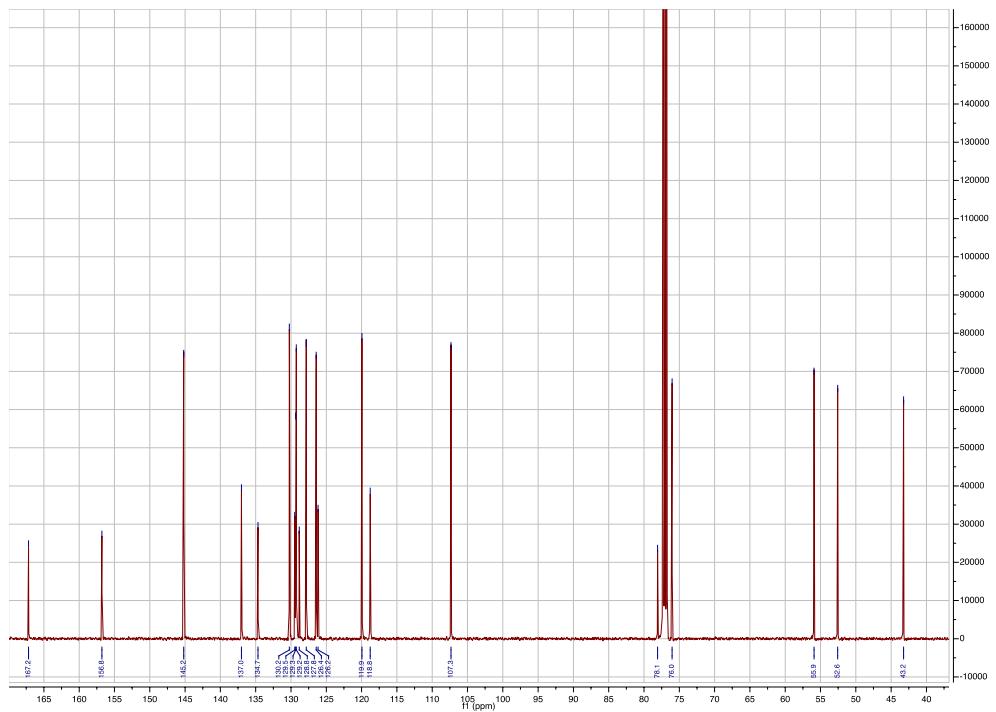
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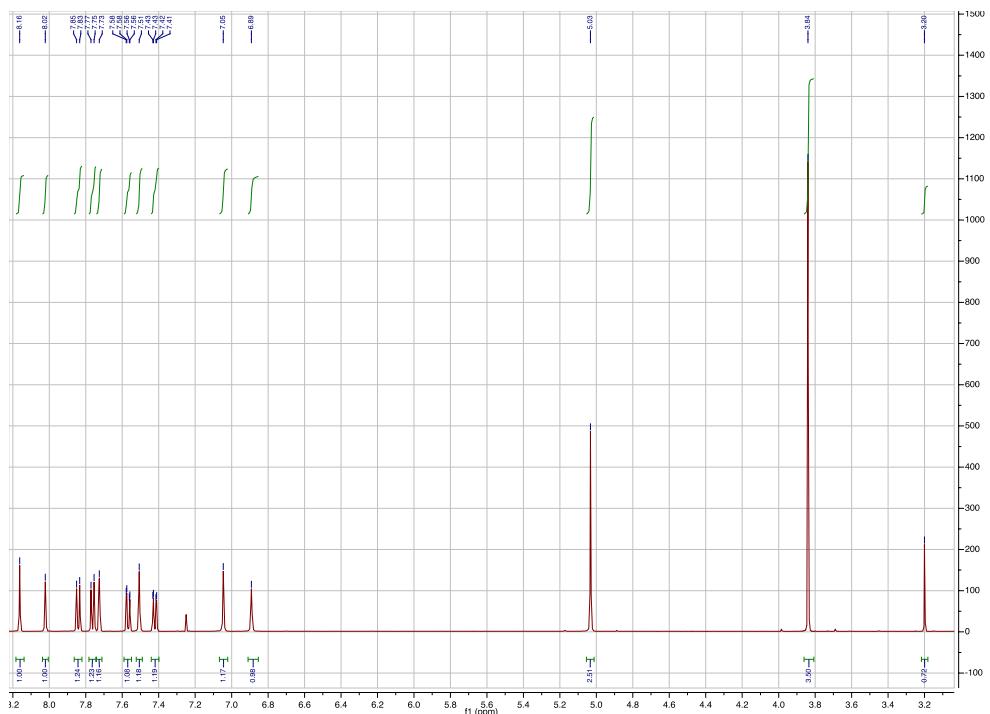
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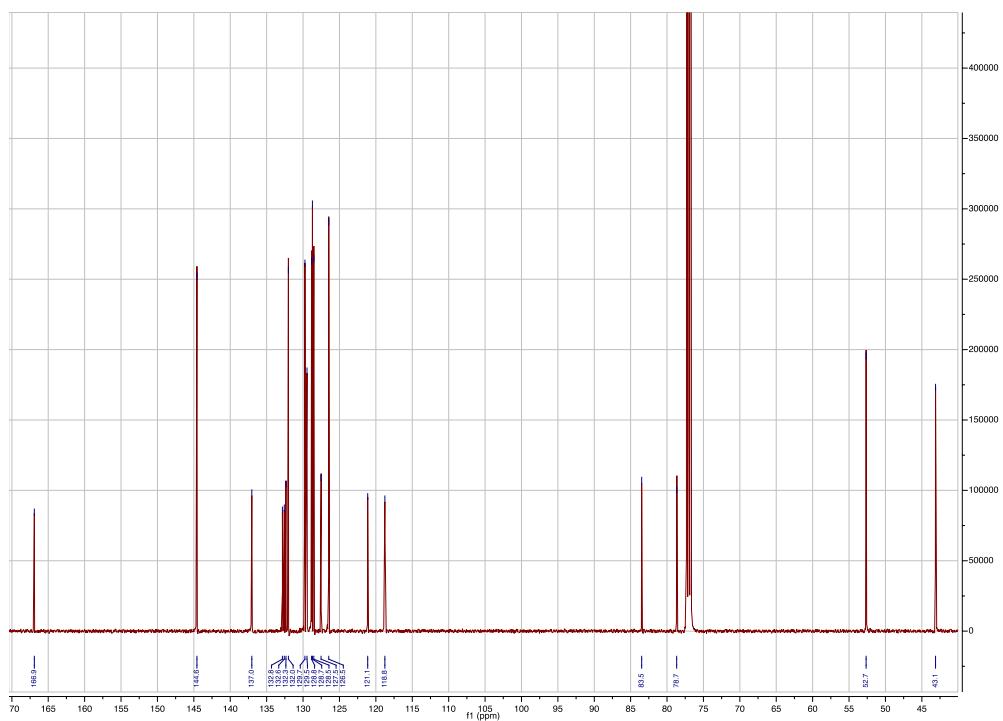
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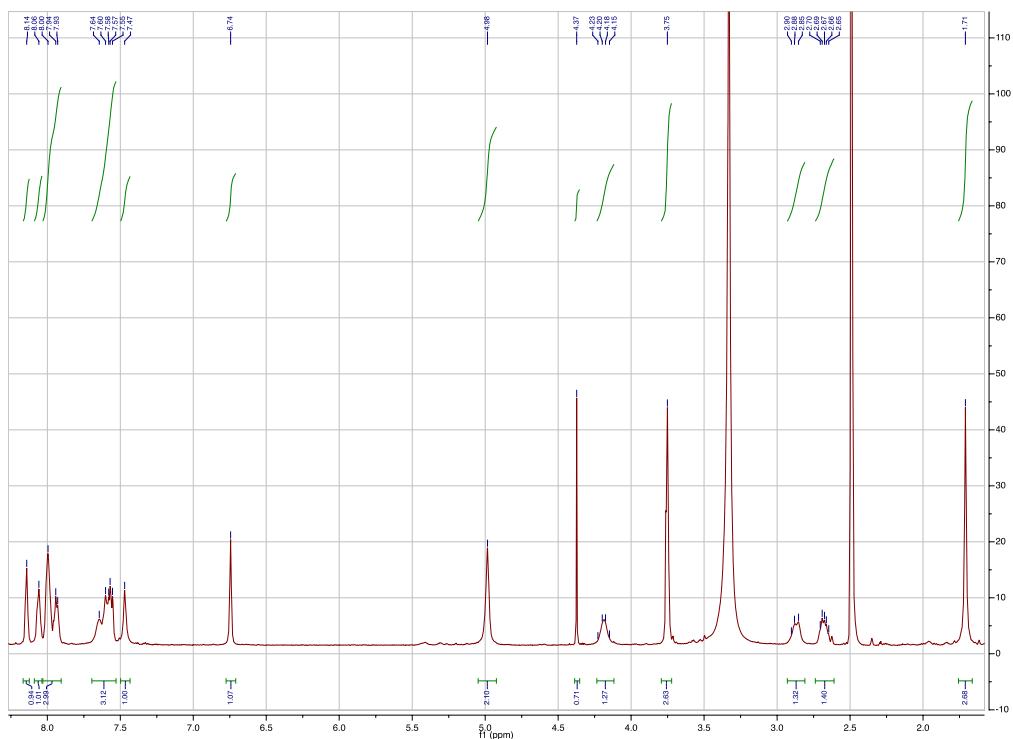
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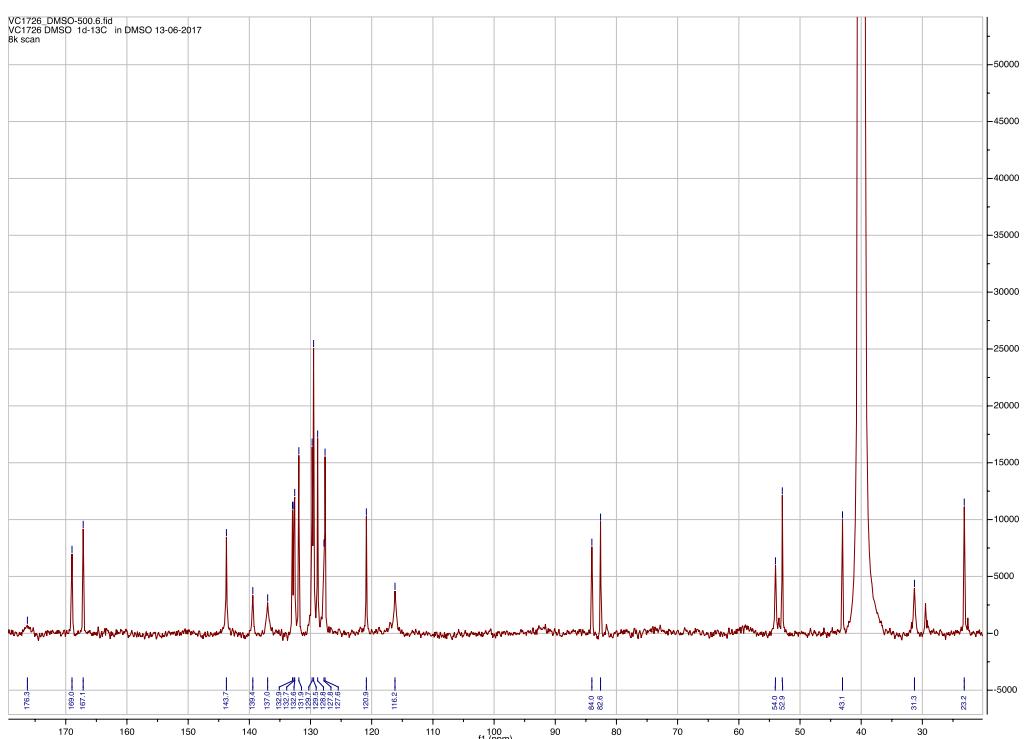
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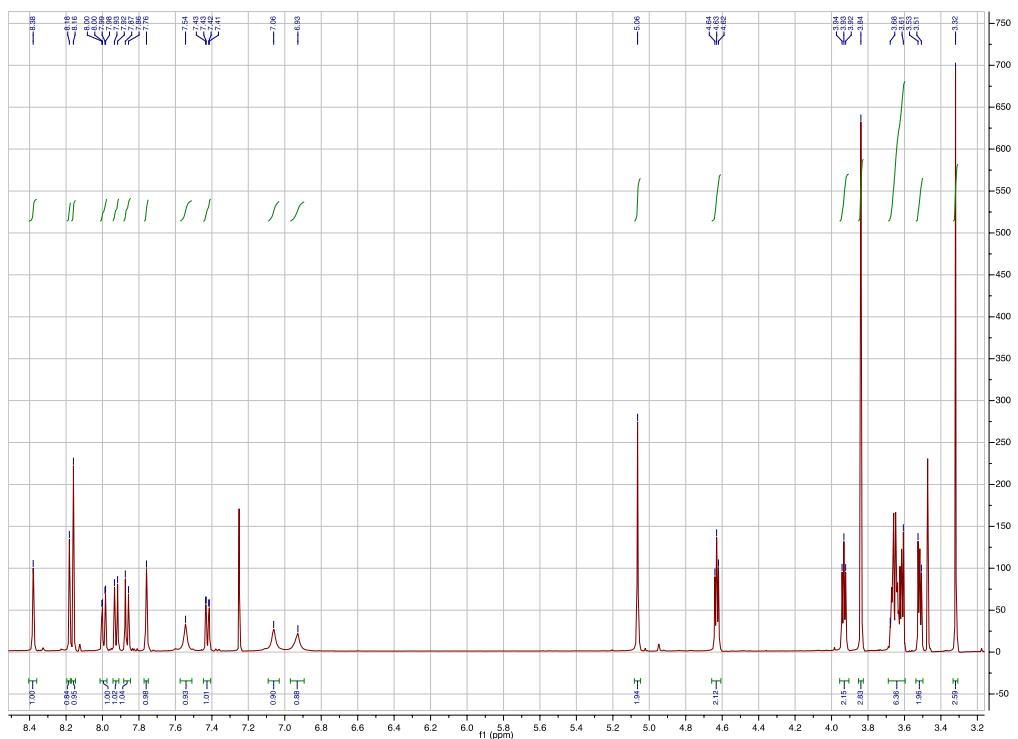
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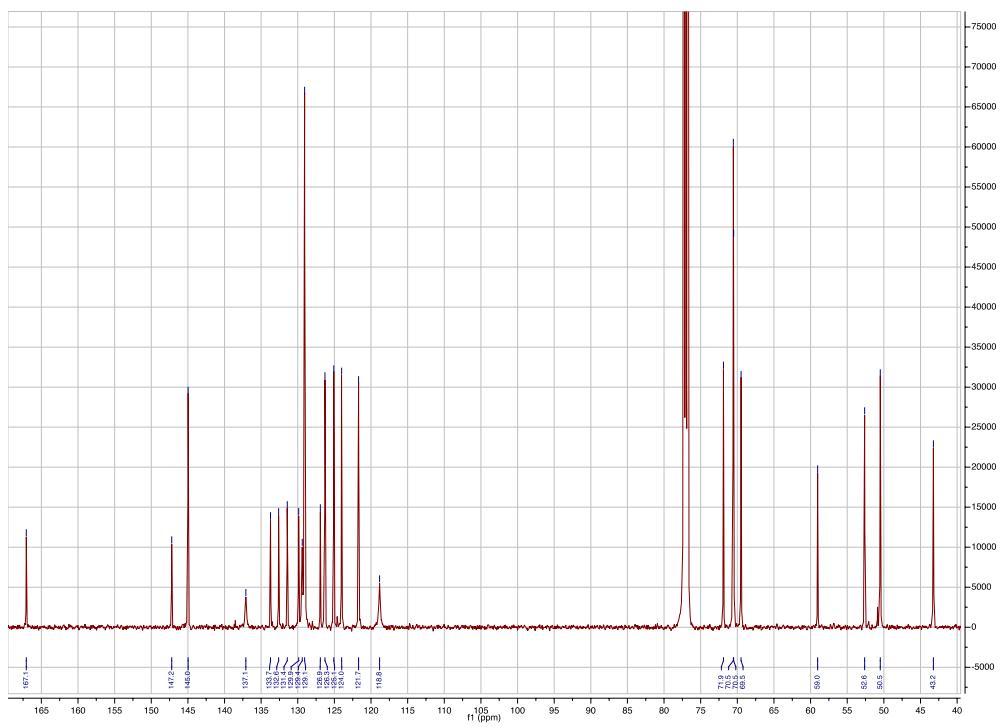
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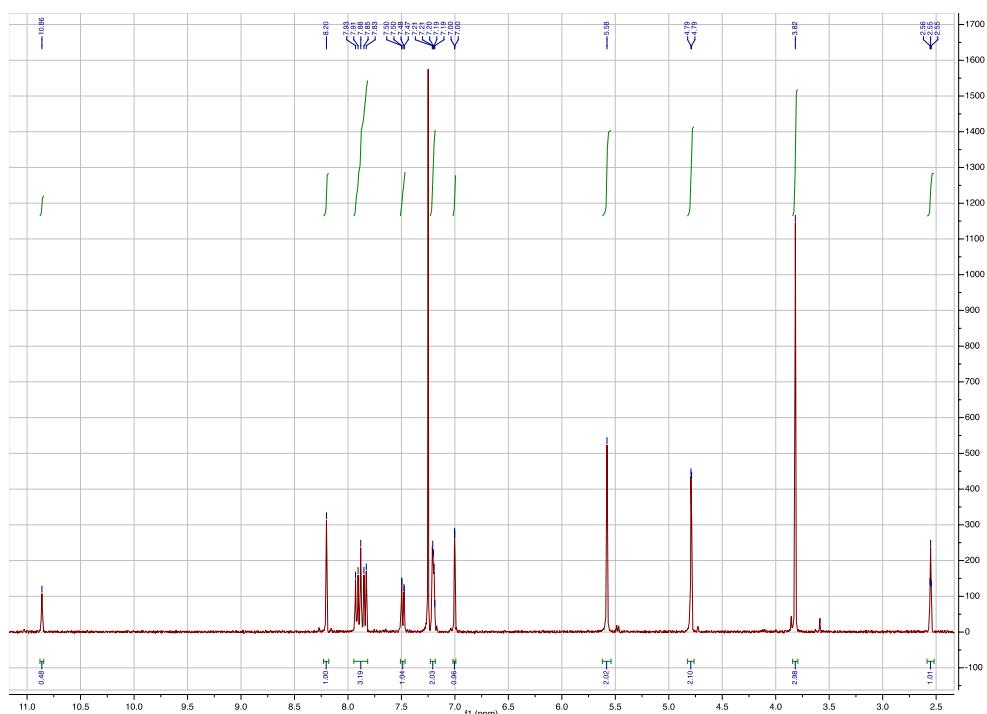
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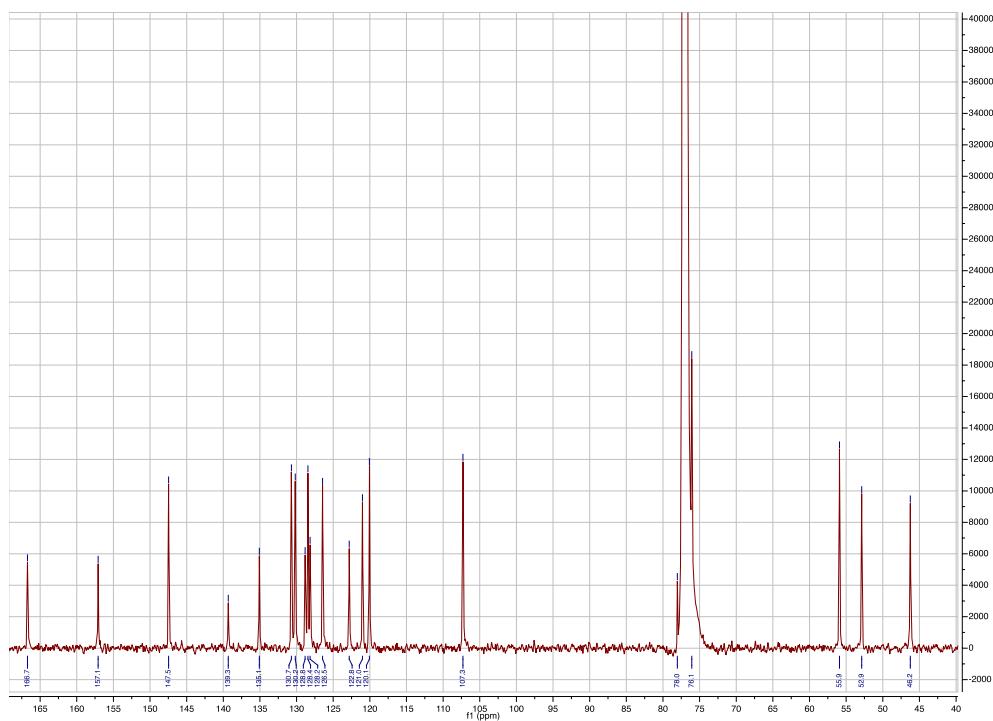
**Figure ESI-18.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) of (*E*)-methyl 2-[ $(1\text{H}$ -imidazol-1-yl)methyl]-3-[6-[1-[2-[2-(2-methoxyethoxy)ethoxy]ethyl]- $1\text{H}$ -1,2,3-triazol-4-yl]naphthalen-2-yl]acrylate (**2d**).

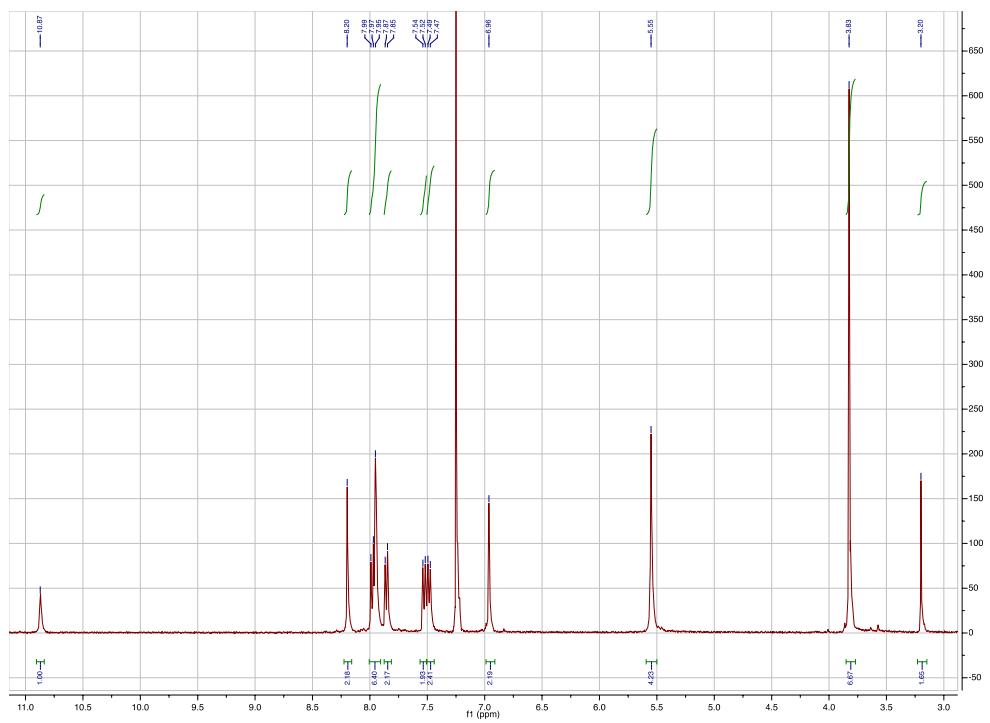


**Figure ESI-19.**  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) of (*E*)-methyl 2-[(1*H*-imidazol-1-yl)methyl]-3-[6-[1-[2-[2-(2-methoxyethoxy)ethoxy]ethyl]-1*H*-1,2,3-triazol-4-yl]naphthalen-2-yl]acrylate (**2d**).

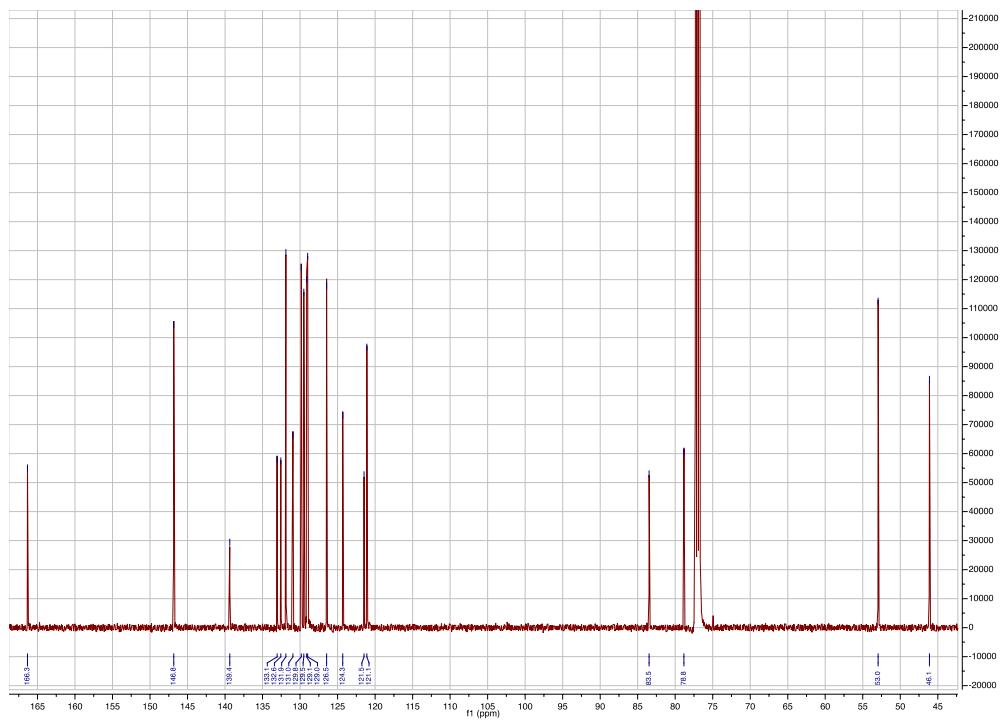


**Figure ESI-20.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) of 1,3-bis[(*E*)-2-(methoxycarbonyl)-3-[6-(prop-2-ynyloxy)naphthalen-2-yl]allyl]-1*H*-imidazol-3-i um chloride (**3a**).

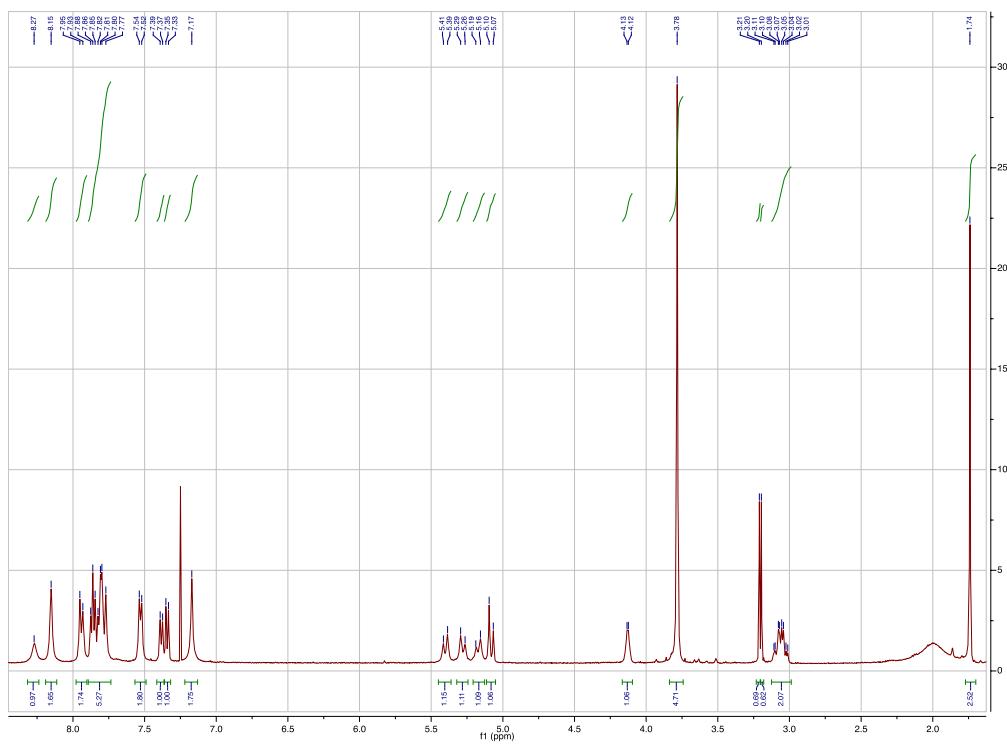




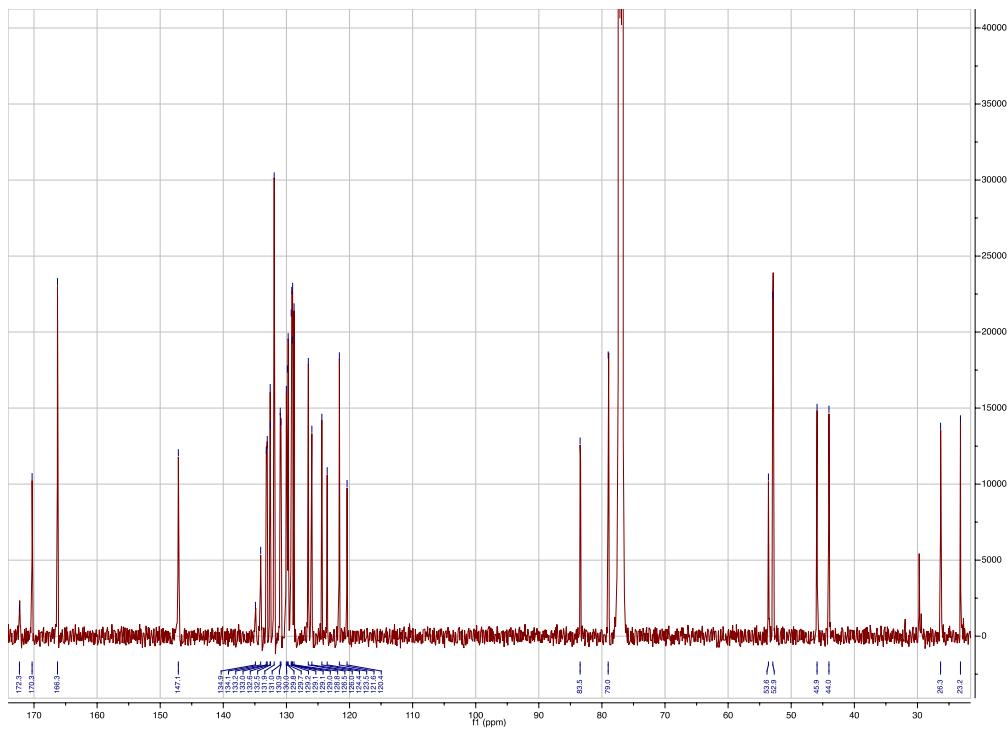
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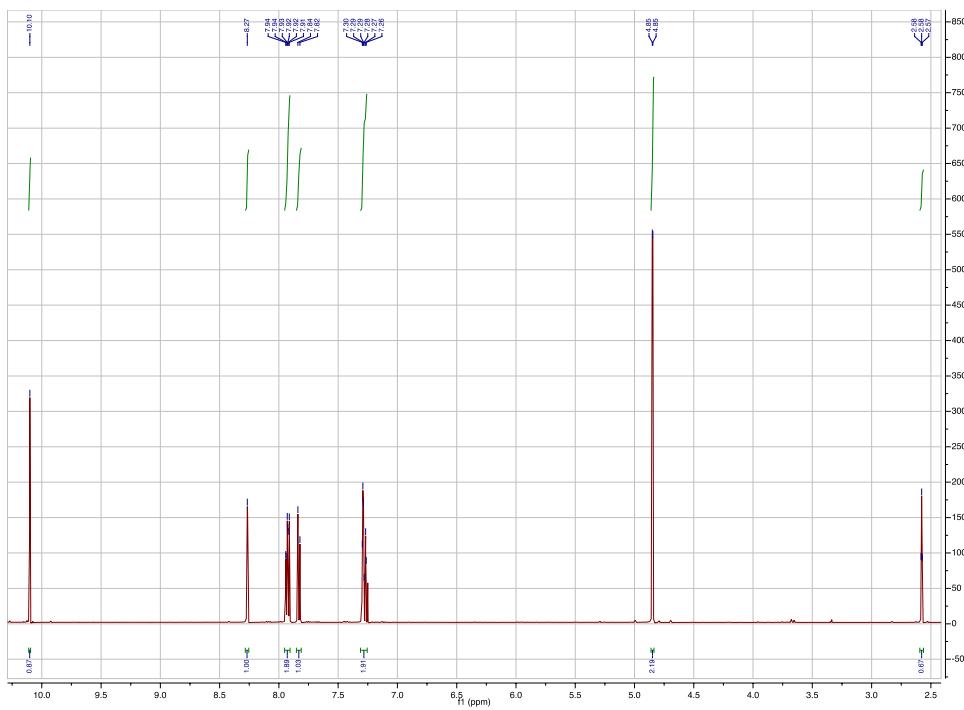
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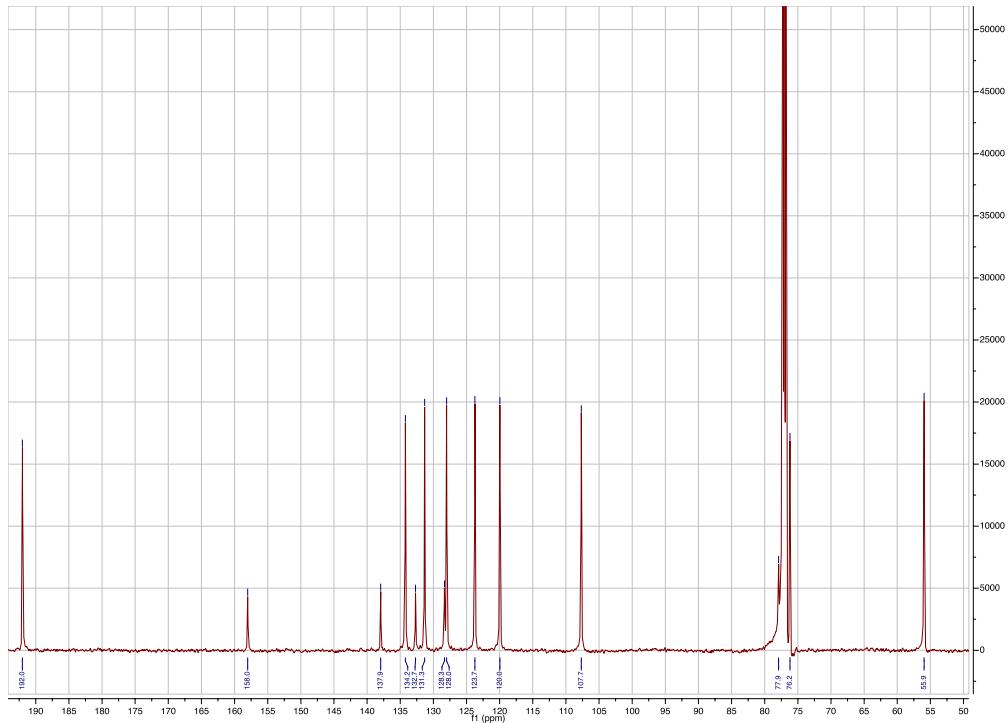
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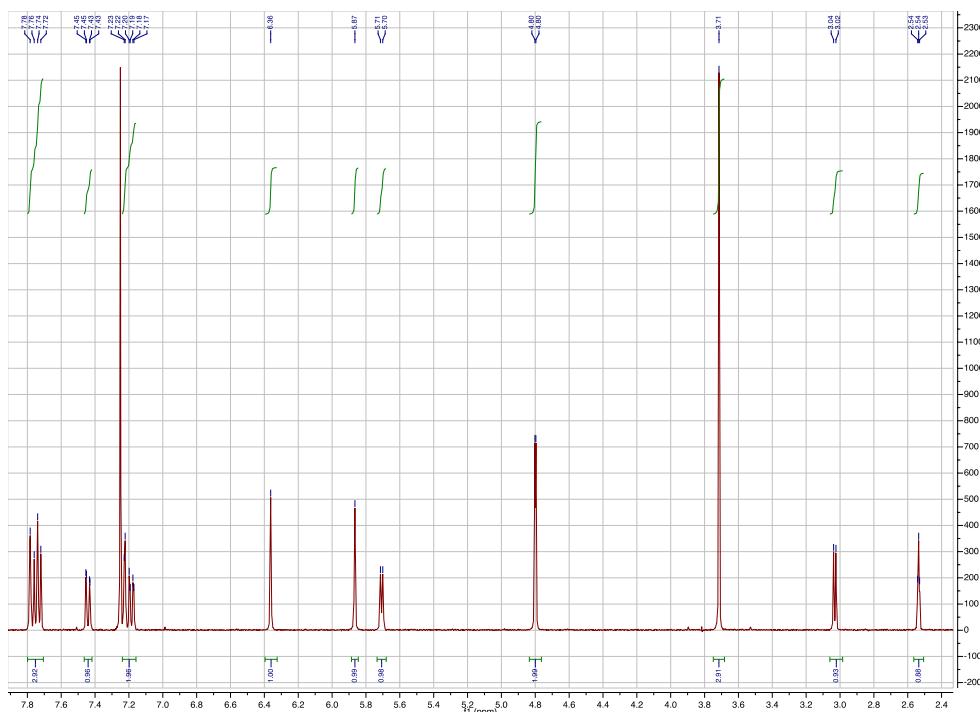
**Figure ESI-25.**  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) of 2-acetamido-3-[1,3-bis[(*E*)-3-(6-ethynylnaphthalen-2-yl)-2-(methoxycarbonyl)allyl]-1*H*-imidazol-3-ium-4-yl]propanoate (**3c**).



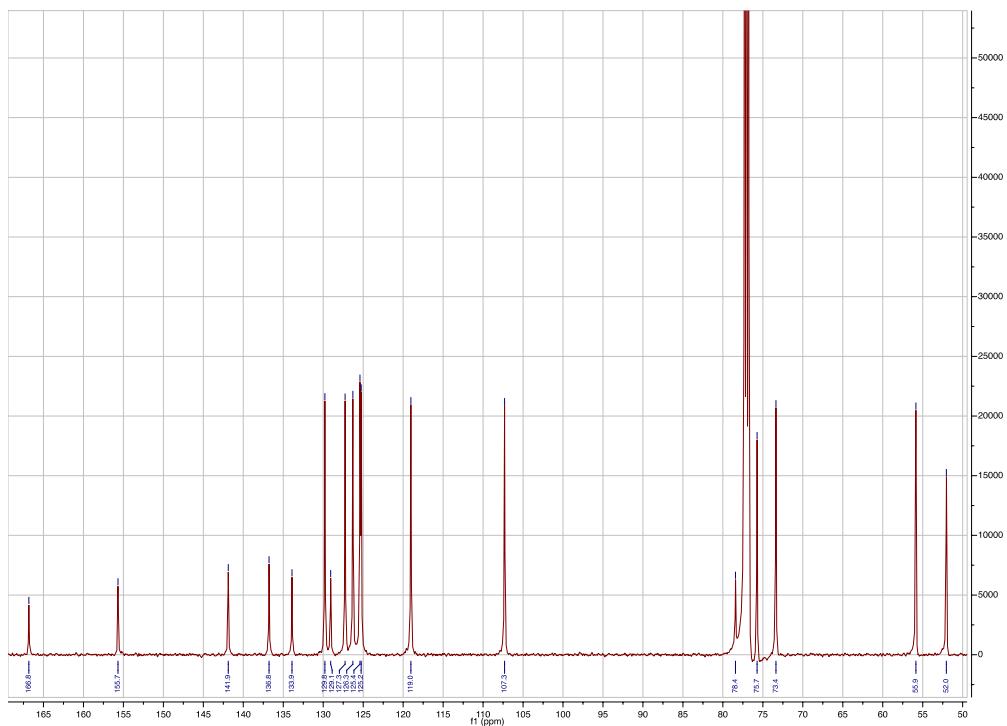
**Figure ESI-26.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) of 6-(prop-2-ynyoxy)-2-naphthaldehyde (**5**).



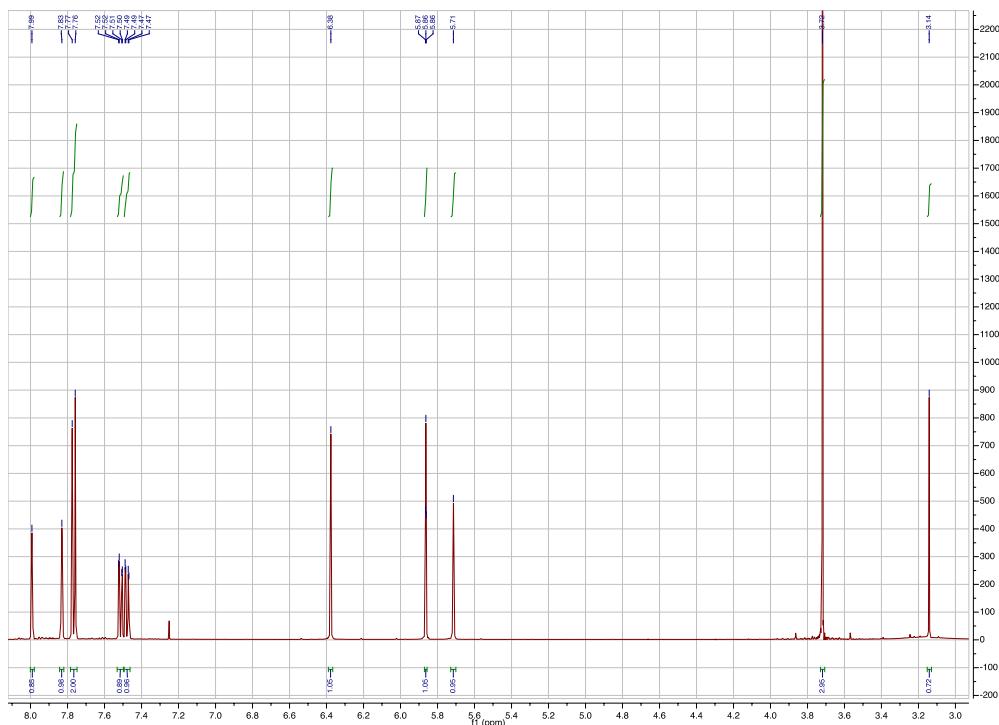
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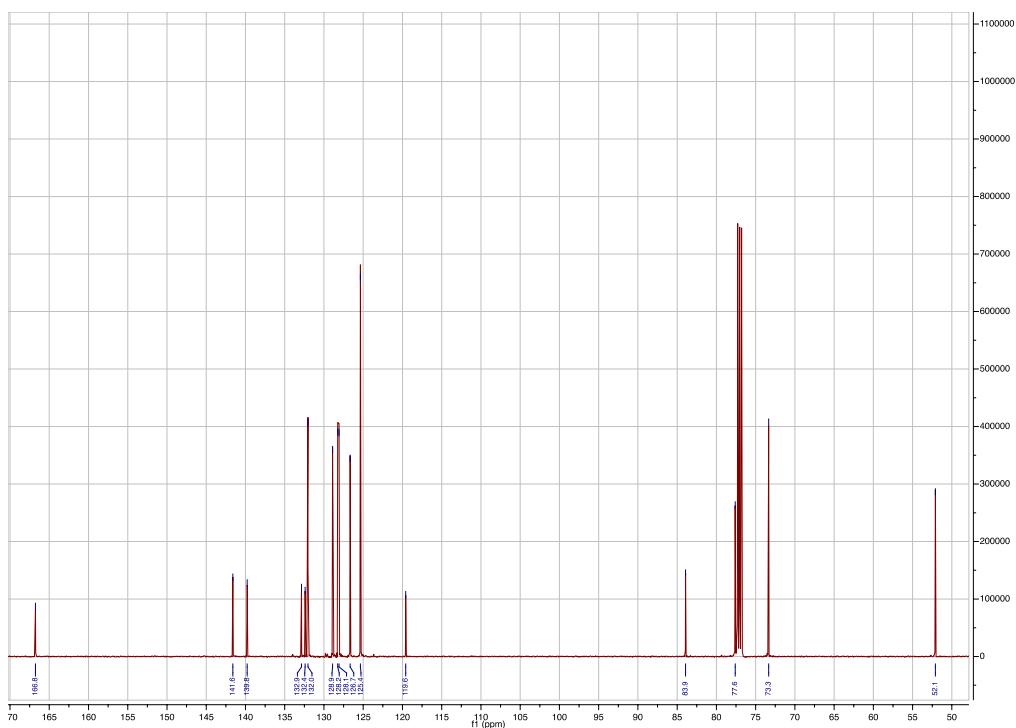
**Figure ESI-28.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) of methyl 2-[hydroxyl[6-(prop-2-nyloxy)naphthalen-2-yl]methyl]acrylate (**6a**).



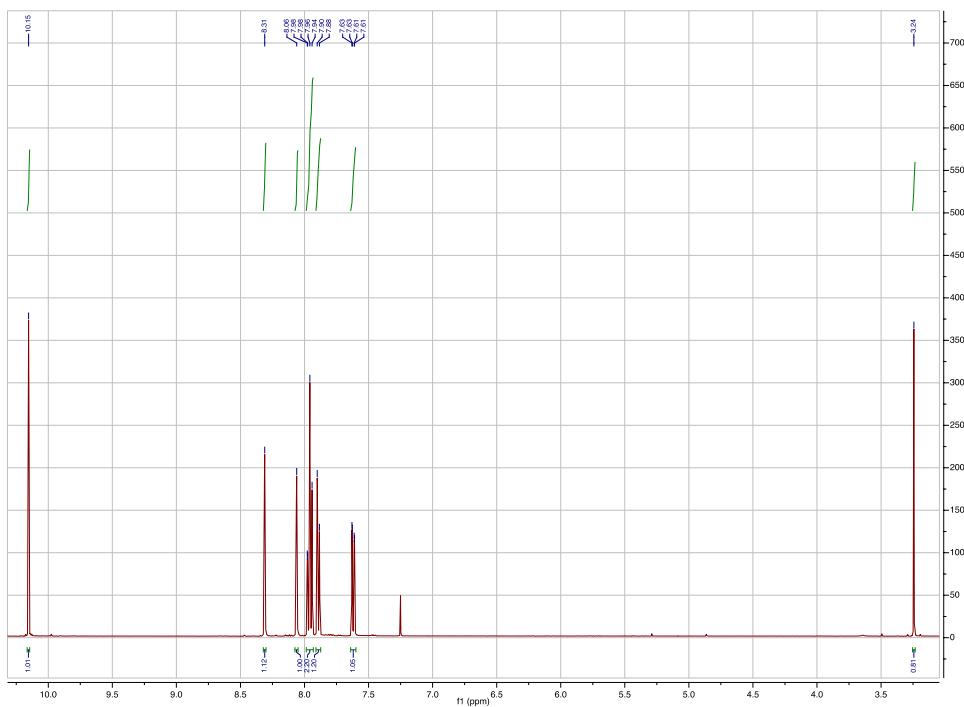
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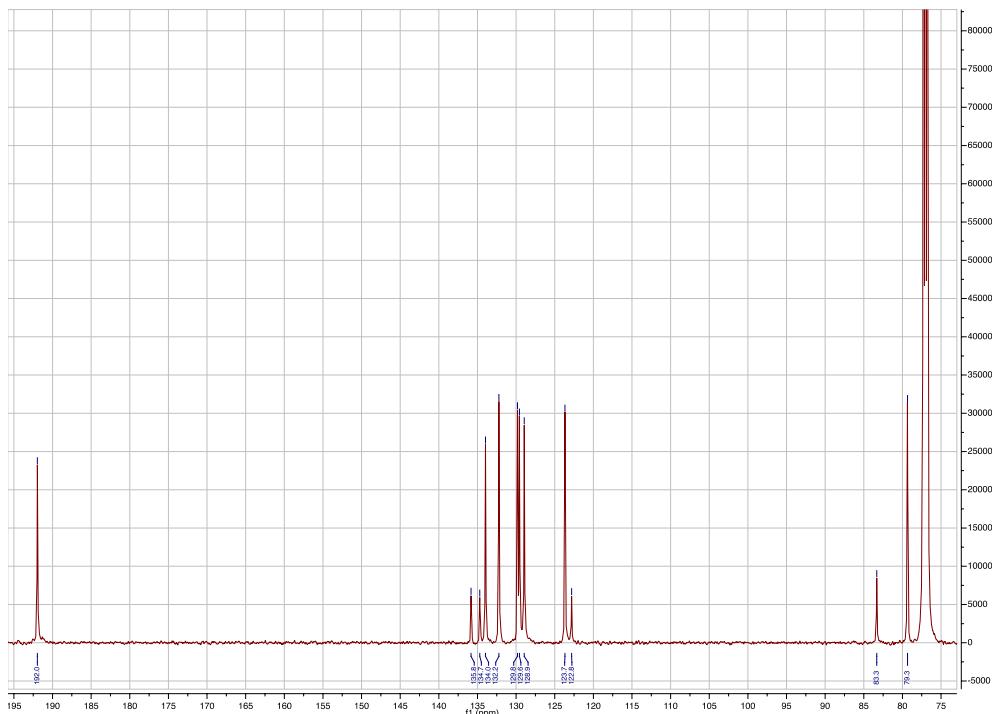
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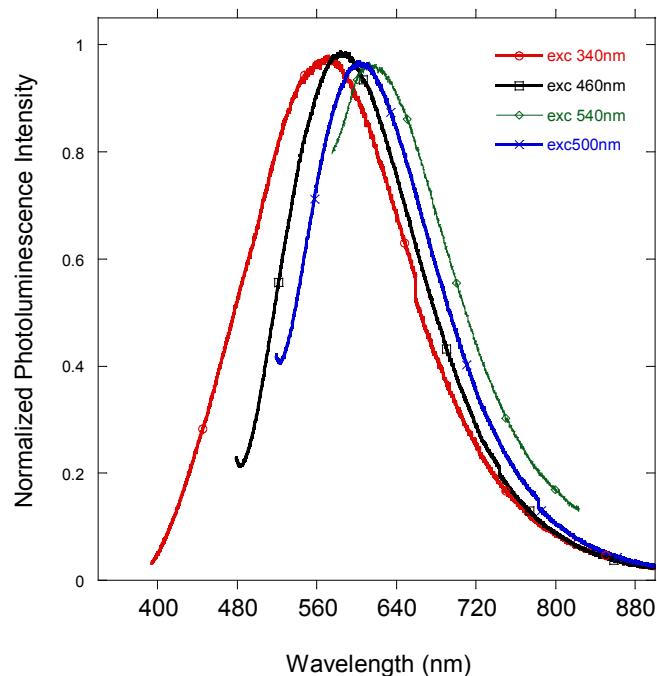


**Figure ESI-31.** <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) of methyl 2-[(6-ethynyl)naphthalen-2-yl](hydroxy)methyl]acrylate (**6b**).

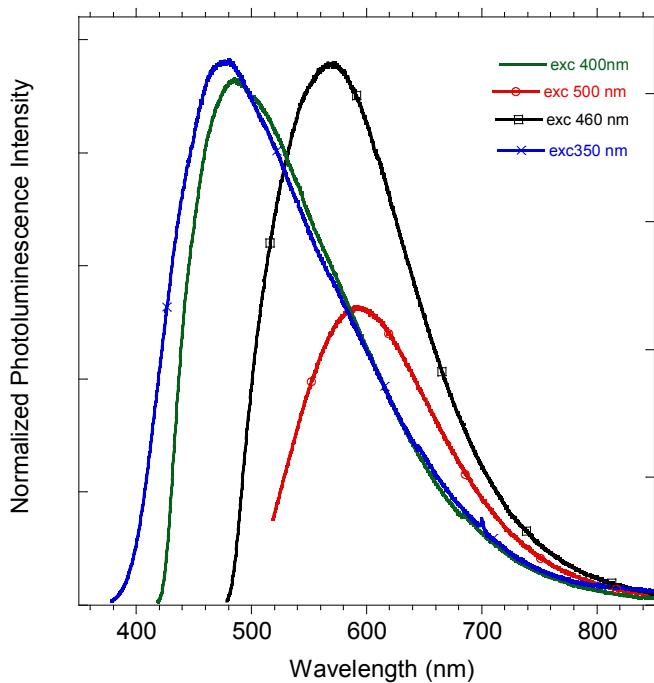


**Figure ESI-32.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) of 6-ethynyl-2-naphthaldehyde (**8**).





**Figure ESI-34.** Photoluminescence of polymeric material **Ac-His-6-MBHA-1d** obtained by exciting at different wavelengths.



**Figure ESI-35.** Photoluminescence of polymeric material **Ac-His-6-MBHA-1e** obtained by exciting at different wavelengths.