

## Supplementary Information

### Photoaddition Reactions of N-Benzylglycinates Containing $\alpha$ -Trimethylsilyl Group with Dimethyl Acetylenedicarboxylate: Competitive Formation of Pyrroles vs $\beta$ -Enamino Esters

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## Experimental

<sup>1</sup>H- and <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (300 MHz) spectra were recorded on CDCl<sub>3</sub> solutions and chemical shifts were reported in parts per million relative to CHCl<sub>3</sub> peak (7.24 ppm for <sup>1</sup>H-NMR and 77.0 ppm for <sup>13</sup>C-NMR) as an internal standard. High resolution (HRMS) mass spectra were obtained by use of quadrupole mass analyzer and electron impact ionization unless otherwise noted. All new compounds described were isolated as oils unless noted otherwise.

**Synthesis of *N*- $\alpha$ -trimethylsilyl-*N*-benzylglycines 16a-16g.** Individual solutions of *N*- $\alpha$ -trimethylsilyl-*N*-benzylamines 15a-15g<sup>1</sup> (10 mmol) in acetonitrile (100 mL) containing K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (42 mmol) and ethyl bromoacetate (30 mmol) were stirred for 12 h at room temperature and concentrated in vacuo to give residues that were triturated with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>. The trituration were dried and concentrated in vacuo to afford residues, which were subjected to silica gel column chromatography (EtOAc/hexane = 1:5 to 1:8) to yield 16a<sup>2</sup> (70%), 16b<sup>3</sup> (66%), 16c (66%), 16d<sup>3</sup> (51%), 16e<sup>3</sup> (74%), 16f (68%) and 16g<sup>3</sup> (55%) respectively.

**16c:** <sup>1</sup>H-NMR 0.05 (s, 9H), 1.26 (t, 3H, *J* = 6.9 Hz), 2.24 (s, 2H), 2.30 (s, 3H), 2.34 (s, 3H), 3.25 (s, 2H), 3.75 (s, 2H), 4.14 (q, 2H, *J* = 6.9 Hz), 6.95 (d, 1H, *J* = 7.5 Hz), 6.96 (s, 1H), 7.19 (d, 1H, *J* = 7.5 Hz); <sup>13</sup>C-NMR -1.6, 14.2, 19.0, 20.9, 45.5, 56.4, 59.8, 126.0, 129.8, 130.9, 134.0, 136.4, 137.3, 171.3; HRMS (EI) *m/z* 307.1965 (M<sup>+</sup>, C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>29</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>Si requires 307.1968).

**16f:** <sup>1</sup>H-NMR 0.01 (s, 9H), 1.22 (t, 3H, *J* = 7.2 Hz), 2.16 (s, 2H), 3.22 (s, 2H), 3.73 (s, 2H), 4.12 (q, 2H, *J* = 7.2 Hz), 6.68-6.75 (m, 1H), 6.76-6.82 (m, 1H), 7.36-7.43 (m, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C-NMR -1.7, 14.2,

45.6, 53.6, 57.0, 60.1, 103.4 (t,  $J$  = 102 Hz), 110.9 (dd,  $J$  = 83 Hz, 15 Hz), 121.9 (dd,  $J$  = 57 Hz, 14.4 Hz), 131.8 (dd,  $J$  = 37.7 Hz, 24.9 Hz), 161.2 (dd,  $J$  = 989.7 Hz, 47 Hz), 162.0 (dd,  $J$  = 983.6 Hz, 48 Hz), 171.1; HRMS (EI)  $m/z$  315.1465 ( $M^+$ ,  $C_{15}H_{23}F_2NO_2Si$  requires 315.1466).

**General procedure of photoreactions of *N*- $\alpha$ -trimethylsilyl-*N*-benzylglycinate and dimethyl acetylenedicarboxylate (DMAD) in the presence of photosensitizer.** Preparative photochemical reactions were conducted using an apparatus consisting of a 450 W Hanovia medium vapor pressure mercury lamp equipped with a flint glass filter (>310 nm) in a water-cooled quartz immersion well surrounded by the solution being irradiated, consisting of solution (220 mL) containing glycinate (0.7 mmol, 3.2 mM), acetylene **17** (0.7 mmol, 3.2 mM), and photocatalyst (DCA (0.27 mM), DCN (0.32 mM), RB (0.32 mM),  $C_{60}$  (0.16 mM)). The solution being irradiated was purged with oxygen before and during irradiations for the time periods given below. The photolysates were concentrated in vacuo to yield residues, which were subjected to silica gel column chromatography to isolate the pure photoproducts.

**Photoreactions of oxygenated solution of **16a** and **17**.** *In MeCN solution of DCA.* 5 min irradiation, column chromatography (EtOAc: hexane = 1: 5) to yield **18a** (18 mg, 6%) and **19a** (117 mg, 50%). *In MeCN solution of DCN.* 60 min irradiation, column chromatography to yield **18a** (32 mg, 11%) and **19a** (96 mg, 41%). *In MeCN solution of RB.* 5 min irradiation, column chromatography to yield **18a** (32 mg, 11%) and **19a** (115 mg, 49%). *In toluene solution of  $C_{60}$ .* 20 min irradiation, column chromatography to yield **18a** (111 mg, 38%) and **19a** (49 mg, 21%).

**18a:**  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  0.26 (s, 9H), 1.19 (t, 3H,  $J = 7.2$  Hz), 3.80 (s, 3H), 3.88 (s, 3H), 4.12 (q, 2H,  $J = 7.2$  Hz), 5.77 (s, 2H), 6.78 (d, 2H,  $J = 7.2$  Hz), 7.18-7.31 (m, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$  1.2, 14.0, 51.5, 51.8, 52.6, 61.1, 122.7, 124.4, 125.2, 126.7, 127.3, 128.8, 138.4, 145.6, 159.6, 164.4, 166.9; HRMS (FAB)  $m/z$  418.1680 (M+1,  $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{28}\text{NO}_6\text{Si}$  requires 418.1686).

**19a:**  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  1.23 (t, 3H,  $J = 6.9$  Hz), 3.59 (s, 3H), 3.70 (s, 2H), 3.89 (s, 3H), 4.16 (q, 1H,  $J = 6.9$  Hz), 4.38 (s, 2H), 4.70 (s, 1H), 7.22-7.34 (m, 5H);  $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$  14.2, 50.2, 51.1, 53.2, 55.2, 61.7, 87.0, 128.1, 128.3, 129.0, 134.9, 154.5, 165.9, 167.9, 168.3; HRMS (FAB)  $m/z$  336.1445 (M+1,  $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{22}\text{NO}_6$  requires 336.1447).

**Photoreactions of oxygenated solution of 16b and 17.** *In MeCN solution of DCA.* 5 min irradiation, column chromatography (EtOAc: hexane = 1: 5) to yield **18b** (12 mg, 4%) and **19b** (125 mg, 51%). *In MeCN solution of DCN.* 60 min irradiation, column chromatography to yield **18b** (12 mg, 11%) and **19b** (120 mg, 49%). *In MeCN solution of RB.* 5 min irradiation, column chromatography to yield **18b** (36 mg, 12%) and **19b** (115 mg, 47%). *In toluene solution of C<sub>60</sub>.* 10 min irradiation, column chromatography to yield **18b** (124 mg, 41%) and **19b** (46 mg, 19%).

**18b:**  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  0.27 (s, 9H), 1.19 (t, 3H,  $J = 6.9$  Hz), 2.28 (s, 3H), 3.79 (s, 3H), 3.87 (s, 3H), 4.12 (q, 2H,  $J = 6.9$  Hz), 5.72 (s, 2H), 6.67 (d, 2H,  $J = 7.8$  Hz), 7.06 (d, 2H,  $J = 7.8$  Hz);  $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$  1.1, 13.9, 21.1, 51.3, 51.8, 52.5, 61.0, 122.5, 124.3, 125.0, 126.5, 129.4, 135.3, 136.8, 145.5, 159.5, 164.4, 166.8; HRMS (FAB)  $m/z$  432.1841 (M+1,  $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{30}\text{NO}_6\text{Si}$  requires 432.1842).

**19b:**  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  1.23 (t, 3H,  $J = 7.2$  Hz), 2.31 (s, 3H), 3.61 (s, 3H), 3.69 (s, 2H), 3.90 (s, 3H), 4.16 (q, 1H,  $J = 7.2$  Hz), 4.34 (s, 2H), 4.70 (s, 1H), 7.13 (s, 4H);  $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$  14.3, 21.3, 50.0, 51.1, 53.2, 55.0, 61.7, 86.8, 128.2, 129.7, 131.8, 138.2, 154.5, 165.9, 167.9, 168.4; HRMS (FAB)  $m/z$  350.1603 (M+1,  $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{24}\text{NO}_6$  requires 350.1604).

**Photoreactions of oxygenated solution of 16c and 17.** *In MeCN solution of DCA.* 5 min irradiation, column chromatography (EtOAc: hexane = 1: 5) to yield **18c** (3 mg, 1%) and **19c** (127 mg, 50%). *In toluene solution of C<sub>60</sub>.* 10 min irradiation, column chromatography to yield **18c** (122 mg, 39%) and **19c** (38 mg, 15%).

**18c:**  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  0.21 (s, 9H), 1.18 (t, 3H,  $J = 7.2$  Hz), 2.24 (s, 3H), 2.25 (s, 3H), 3.79 (s, 3H), 3.88 (s, 3H), 4.11 (q, 2H,  $J = 7.2$  Hz), 5.63 (s, 2H), 5.98 (d, 1H,  $J = 7.8$  Hz), 6.82 (d, 1H,  $J = 7.8$  Hz), 6.95 (s, 1H);  $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$  0.8, 13.8, 18.8, 20.9, 49.9, 51.6, 52.4, 60.9, 122.3, 123.5, 124.0, 126.6, 127.1, 130.8, 133.3, 133.8, 136.5, 145.8, 159.4, 164.2, 166.9; HRMS (EI)  $m/z$  445.1922 (M<sup>+</sup>,  $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{31}\text{NO}_6\text{Si}$  requires 445.1921).

**19c:**  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  1.23 (t, 3H,  $J = 6.9$  Hz), 2.18 (s, 3H), 2.27 (s, 3H), 3.60 (s, 3H), 3.63 (s, 2H), 3.88 (s, 3H), 4.15 (q, 1H,  $J = 6.9$  Hz), 4.33 (s, 2H), 4.76 (s, 1H), 6.94-7.06 (s, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$  14.1, 18.8, 20.9, 49.4, 50.9, 52.3, 52.9, 61.4, 87.2, 126.9, 128.6, 129.0, 131.5, 136.7, 138.0, 154.4, 165.7, 167.7, 168.5; HRMS (EI)  $m/z$  363.1680 (M+1,  $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{25}\text{NO}_6$  requires 363.1682).

**Photoreactions of oxygenated solution of 16d and 17.** *In MeCN solution of DCA.* 5 min irradiation, column chromatography (EtOAc: hexane = 1: 5) to yield **18d** (3 mg, 1%) and **19d** (118 mg,

46%). *In toluene solution of C<sub>60</sub>*. 10 min irradiation, column chromatography to yield **18d** (125 mg, 40%) and **19d** (46 mg, 18%).

**18d:** <sup>1</sup>H-NMR 0.27 (s, 9H), 1.19 (t, 3H, *J* = 7.2 Hz), 2.28 (s, 3H), 3.74 (s, 3H), 3.78 (s, 3H), 3.86 (s, 3H), 4.12 (q, 2H, *J* = 7.2 Hz), 5.68 (s, 2H), 6.70 (d, 2H, *J* = 8.7 Hz), 6.78 (d, 2H, *J* = 8.7 Hz); <sup>13</sup>C-NMR 1.0, 13.8, 50.8, 51.6, 52.3, 55.1, 60.9, 114.0, 122.4, 124.2, 126.2, 126.3, 130.1, 145.2, 158.6, 159.4, 164.2, 166.6; HRMS (EI) *m/z* 447.1717 (M+1, C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>29</sub>NO<sub>7</sub>Si requires 447.1713).

**19d:** <sup>1</sup>H-NMR 1.23 (t, 3H, *J* = 7.2 Hz), 3.61 (s, 3H), 3.67 (s, 2H), 3.77 (s, 3H), 3.90 (s, 3H), 4.16 (q, 1H, *J* = 7.2 Hz), 4.31 (s, 2H), 4.70 (s, 1H), 6.84 (d, 2H, *J* = 8.7 Hz), 7.17 (d, 2H, *J* = 8.7 Hz); <sup>13</sup>C-NMR 14.1, 49.6, 51.0, 53.1, 54.5, 55.3, 61.5, 86.7, 114.2, 126.6, 129.5, 154.3, 159.5, 165.8, 167.8, 168.3; HRMS (EI) *m/z* 365.1477 (M+1, C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>23</sub>NO<sub>7</sub> requires 365.1475).

**Photoreactions of oxygenated solution of 16e and 17.** *In MeCN solution of DCA*. 10 min irradiation, column chromatography (EtOAc: hexane = 1: 5) to yield **18e** (67 mg, 22%) and **19e** (79 mg, 32%). *In MeCN solution of DCN*. 90 min irradiation, column chromatography to yield **18e** (40 mg, 13%) and **19e** (99 mg, 40%). *In MeCN solution of RB*. 10 min irradiation, column chromatography to yield **18e** (37 mg, 12%) and **19e** (111 mg, 45%). *In toluene solution of C<sub>60</sub>*. 20 min irradiation, column chromatography to yield **18e** (110 mg, 36%) and **19e** (47 mg, 19%).

**18e:** <sup>1</sup>H-NMR 0.27 (s, 9H), 1.19 (t, 3H, *J* = 7.2 Hz), 3.79 (s, 3H), 3.87 (s, 3H), 4.13 (q, 2H, *J* = 7.2 Hz), 5.72 (s, 2H), 6.73-6.78 (m, 2H), 6.96 (t, 2H, *J* = 8.7 Hz); <sup>13</sup>C-NMR 1.3, 14.0, 51.0, 51.9, 52.6, 61.2, 115.8 (d, *J* = 86.4 Hz), 122.9, 124.2, 126.9 (d, *J* = 32.1 Hz), 134.1 (d, *J* = 12.6 Hz), 145.6, 159.6,

161.8 (d,  $J = 976.2$  Hz), 164.3, 166.8; HRMS (FAB)  $m/z$  436.1589 (M+1,  $C_{21}H_{27}FNO_6Si$  requires 436.1592).

**19e:**  $^1H$ -NMR 1.23 (t, 3H,  $J = 6.9$  Hz), 3.60 (s, 3H), 3.69 (s, 2H), 3.89 (s, 3H), 4.16 (q, 1H,  $J = 6.9$  Hz), 4.34 (s, 2H), 4.69 (s, 1H), 7.00 (t, 2H,  $J = 8.7$  Hz), 7.20-7.24 (m, 2H);  $^{13}C$ -NMR 14.3, 50.3, 51.2, 53.3, 54.7, 61.9, 87.4, 116.0 (d,  $J = 85.8$  Hz), 130.0 (d,  $J = 32.7$  Hz), 130.8 (d,  $J = 12.3$  Hz), 154.3, 162.8 (d,  $J = 982.2$  Hz), 166.0, 167.9, 168.3; HRMS (FAB)  $m/z$  354.1355 (M+1,  $C_{17}H_{21}FNO_6$  requires 354.1353).

**Photoreactions of oxygenated solution of 16f and 17.** In MeCN solution of DCA. 10 min irradiation, column chromatography (EtOAc: hexane = 1: 5) to yield **18f** (76 mg, 24%) and **19f** (88 mg, 34%). In toluene solution of  $C_{60}$ . 20 min irradiation, column chromatography to yield **18f** (102 mg, 32%) and **19f** (55 mg, 21%).

**18f:**  $^1H$ -NMR 0.25 (s, 9H), 1.20 (t, 3H,  $J = 7.2$  Hz), 3.79 (s, 3H), 3.87 (s, 3H), 4.14 (q, 2H,  $J = 7.2$  Hz), 5.71 (s, 2H), 6.24-6.32 (m, 1H), 6.70-6.84 (m, 2H);  $^{13}C$ -NMR 0.7, 13.7, 46.0, 51.6, 52.4, 61.0, 103.7 (t,  $J = 100.2$  Hz), 111.4 (dd,  $J = 84.8$  Hz, 14.7 Hz), 121.8 (dd,  $J = 58.4$  Hz, 15 Hz), 122.7, 123.9, 126.7, 126.8 (dd,  $J = 38.6$  Hz, 22.2 Hz), 145.6, 158.8 (dd,  $J = 988.5$  Hz, 46.8 Hz), 159.1, 162.0 (dd,  $J = 988.4$  Hz, 46.2 Hz), 163.9, 166.4; HRMS (EI)  $m/z$  453.1421 ( $M^+$ ,  $C_{21}H_{25}F_2NO_6Si$  requires 453.1419).

**19f:**  $^1H$ -NMR 1.21 (t, 3H,  $J = 7.2$  Hz), 3.57 (s, 3H), 3.74 (s, 2H), 3.86 (s, 3H), 4.14 (q, 2H,  $J = 7.2$  Hz), 4.37 (s, 2H), 4.67 (s, 1H), 6.73-6.86 (m, 2H), 7.24-7.31 (m, 1H);  $^{13}C$ -NMR 14.0, 48.2 (d,  $J = 15.3$  Hz), 50.8, 50.9, 53.0, 61.6, 87.6, 103.9 (t,  $J = 101.1$  Hz), 111.7 (dd,  $J = 84.9$  Hz, 15 Hz), 117.8

(dd,  $J = 57.2$  Hz, 14.7 Hz), 130.65 (dd,  $J = 37.5$  Hz, 20.7 Hz), 153.8, 160.7 (dd,  $J = 992.1$  Hz, 47.7 Hz), 162.6 (dd,  $J = 993.5$  Hz, 47.4 Hz), 165.5, 167.4, 167.9; HRMS (EI)  $m/z$  371.1182 ( $M^+$ ,  $C_{17}H_{19}F_2NO_6$  requires 371.1180).

**Photoreactions of oxygenated solution of 16g and 17.** *In MeCN solution of DCA.* 20 min irradiation, column chromatography (EtOAc: hexane = 1: 5) to yield **18g** (105 mg, 31%), **19g** (66 mg, 23%). *In MeCN solution of DCN.* 180 min irradiation, column chromatography to yield **18g** (71 mg, 21%) and **19g** (93 mg, 33%). *In MeCN solution of RB.* 30 min irradiation, column chromatography to yield **18g** (34 mg, 10%) and **19g** (121 mg, 43%). *In toluene solution of C<sub>60</sub>.* 30 min irradiation, column chromatography to yield **18g** (105 mg, 31%) and **19g** (59 mg, 21%).

**18g:**  $^1H$ -NMR 0.26 (s, 9H), 1.18 (t, 3H,  $J = 7.2$  Hz), 3.80 (s, 3H), 3.87 (s, 3H), 4.12 (q, 2H,  $J = 7.2$  Hz), 5.81 (s, 2H), 6.91 (d,  $J = 8.1$  Hz), 7.53 (d,  $J = 8.1$  Hz);  $^{13}C$ -NMR 1.0, 13.7, 51.1, 51.7, 52.4, 61.0, 122.8, 123.8, 125.3, 125.7 (q,  $J = 14.7$  Hz), 126.9, 142.3, 145.5, 159.3, 164.0, 166.5; HRMS (EI)  $m/z$  485.1479 ( $M^+$ ,  $C_{22}H_{26}F_3NO_6Si$  requires 485.1482).

**19g:**  $^1H$ -NMR 1.24 (t, 3H,  $J = 7.2$  Hz), 3.61 (s, 3H), 3.74 (s, 2H), 3.89 (s, 3H), 4.18 (q, 2H,  $J = 7.2$  Hz), 7.38 (d, 2H,  $J = 8.4$  Hz), 7.59 (d, 2H,  $J = 8.4$  Hz);  $^{13}C$ -NMR 14.0, 50.7, 51.0, 53.1, 54.7, 61.7, 87.8, 125.8 (q,  $J = 14.7$  Hz), 127.9, 139.0, 153.9, 165.5, 167.4, 168.0; HRMS (EI)  $m/z$  403.1244 ( $M^+$ ,  $C_{18}H_{20}F_3NO_6$  requires 403.1243).

**Photoreactions of oxygenated solution of 20 and 17.** *In MeCN solution of DCA.* 10 min irradiation, column chromatography (EtOAc: hexane = 1: 5) to yield **19a** (29 mg, 10%), **22** (62 mg,

34%) and **23** (18 mg, 10%). *In MeCN solution of DCN.* 60 min irradiation, column chromatography to yield **19a** (41 mg, 14%), **22** (58 mg, 32%) and **23** (18 mg, 10%). *In MeCN solution of RB.* 10 min irradiation, column chromatography to yield **19a** (50 mg, 17%), **22** (53 mg, 29%) and **23** (20 mg, 11%). *In toluene solution of C<sub>60</sub>.* 30 min irradiation, column chromatography to yield **19a** (123 mg, 42%) and **22** (34 mg, 19%).

**22:** <sup>1</sup>H-NMR 1.25 (t, 3H, *J* = 7.2 Hz), 2.91 (s, 3H), 3.60 (s, 3H), 3.81 (s, 2H), 3.87 (s, 3H), 4.18 (q, 2H, *J* = 7.2 Hz), 4.65 (s, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C-NMR 14.1, 39.2, 50.9, 53.0, 54.0, 61.6, 86.9, 154.3, 165.7, 167.7, 168.4; HRMS (EI) *m/z* 259.1052 (M<sup>+</sup>, C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>17</sub>NO<sub>6</sub> requires 259.1056).

**23:** <sup>1</sup>H-NMR 2.72 (s, 3H), 3.61 (s, 3H), 3.90 (s, 3H), 4.27 (s, 2H), 4.65 (s, 1H), 7.19-7.34 (m, 5H); <sup>13</sup>C-NMR 36.8, 50.7, 52.9, 56.3, 84.6, 127.3, 127.8, 128.7, 135.5, 154.9, 166.0, 168.0; HRMS (EI) *m/z* 263.1154 (M<sup>+</sup>, C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>17</sub>NO<sub>4</sub> requires 263.1158).

**Photoreactions of oxygenated solution of 21 and 17.** *In MeCN solution of DCA.* 5 min irradiation, column chromatography (EtOAc: hexane = 1: 5) to yield **23** (112 mg, 61%). *In MeCN solution of DCN.* 60 min irradiation, column chromatography to yield **23** (111 mg, 60%). *In MeCN solution of RB.* 5 min irradiation, column chromatography to yield **23** (107 mg, 58%). *In toluene solution of C<sub>60</sub>.* 10 min irradiation, column chromatography to yield **23** (144 mg, 78%).

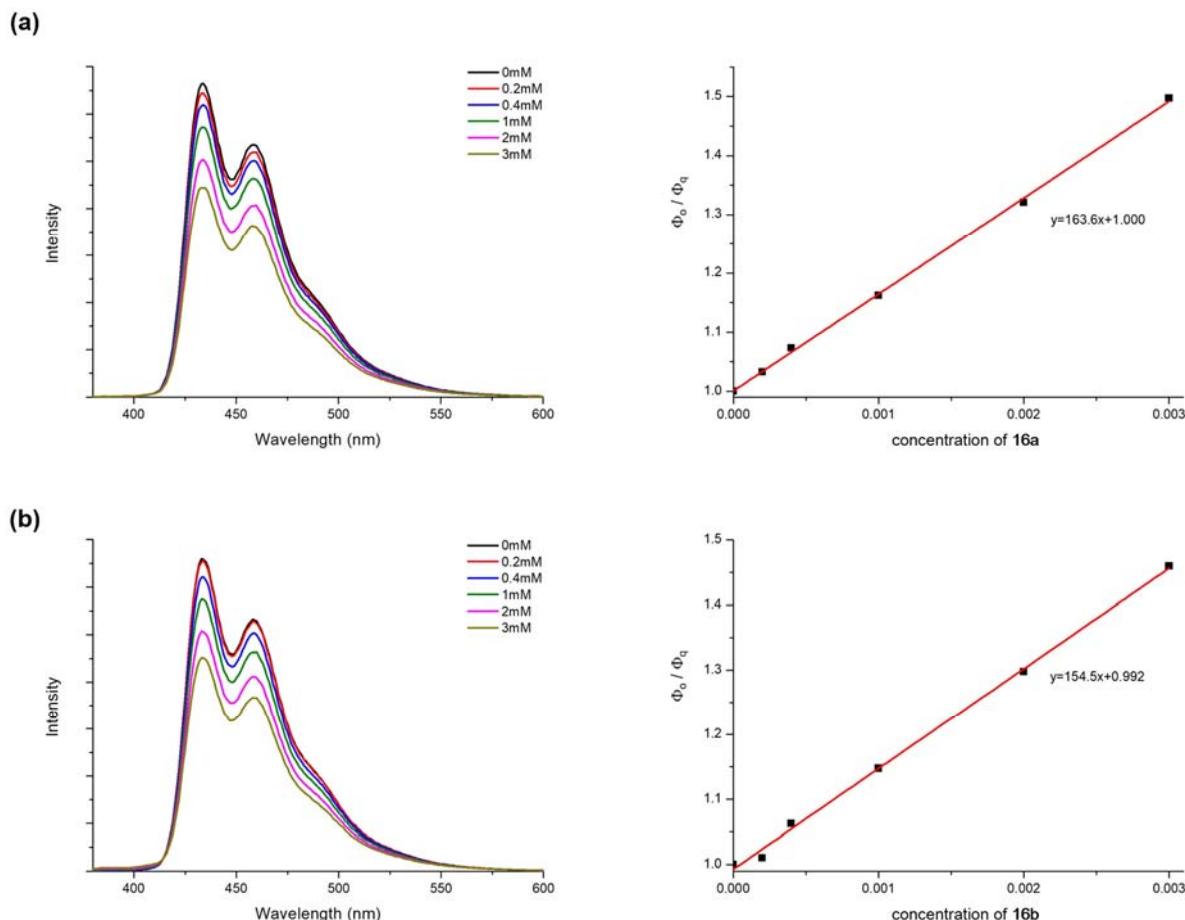
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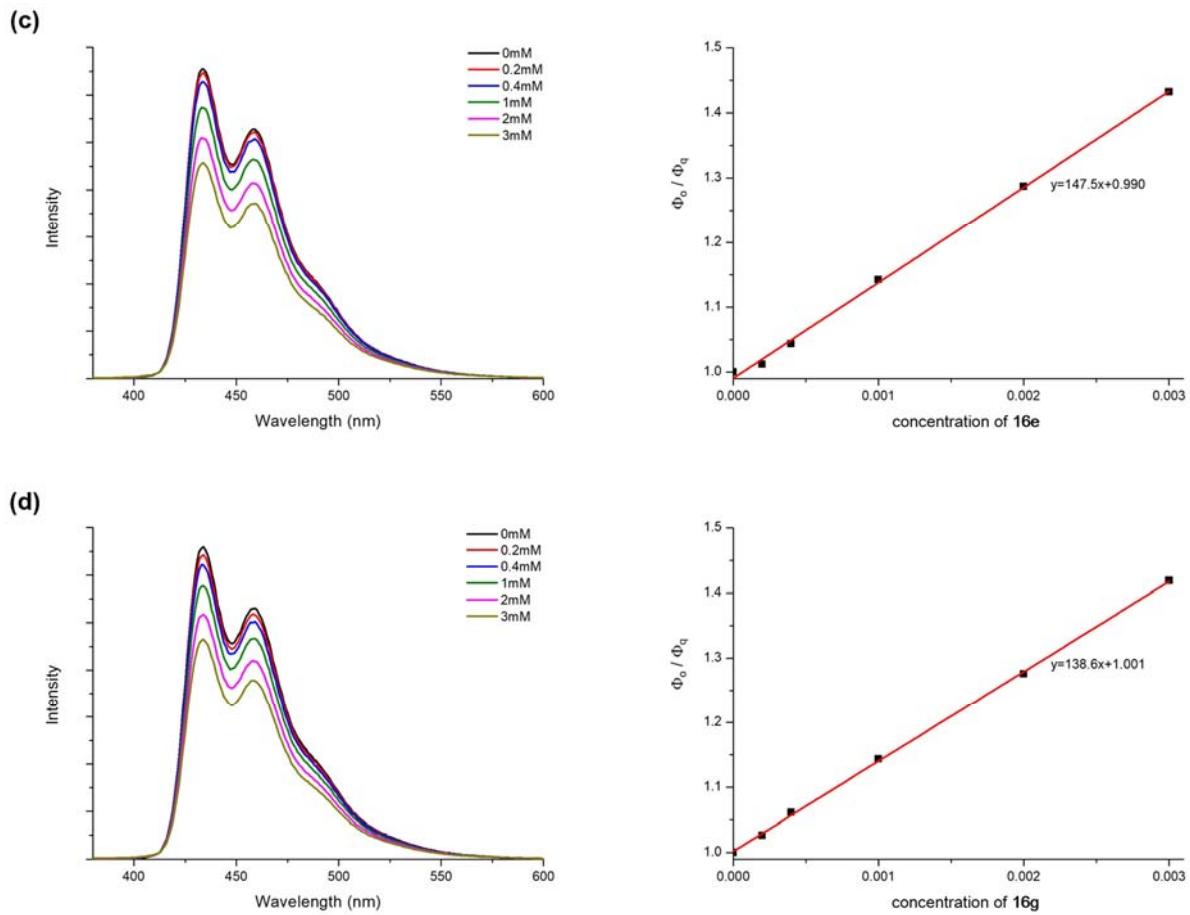
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**DCA-fluorescence quenching experiment by *N*-benzyl glycinate.** Fluorescence of MeCN solutions of DCA (3 mL,  $2.5 \times 10^{-6}$  M) containing 0, 0.2, 0.4, 1, 2 and 3 mM of the respective glycinate **16a**, **16b**, **16e** and **16f** were measured. The excitation wavelength was 365 nm. The spectra are displayed in Figure S1. The Stern-Volmer plots were determined by equation (1), where  $\Phi_0$  is the intensity of the fluorescence from the DCA in the absence of quencher (*i.e.*, *N*-benzylglycinate),  $\Phi_q$  is the intensity of the DCA when the quencher is present at a concentration [Q],  $k_q$  is quenching rate constant and  $\tau$  is lifetime of DCA. ( $\tau_{S1}$  (DCA) = 14.9 ns)

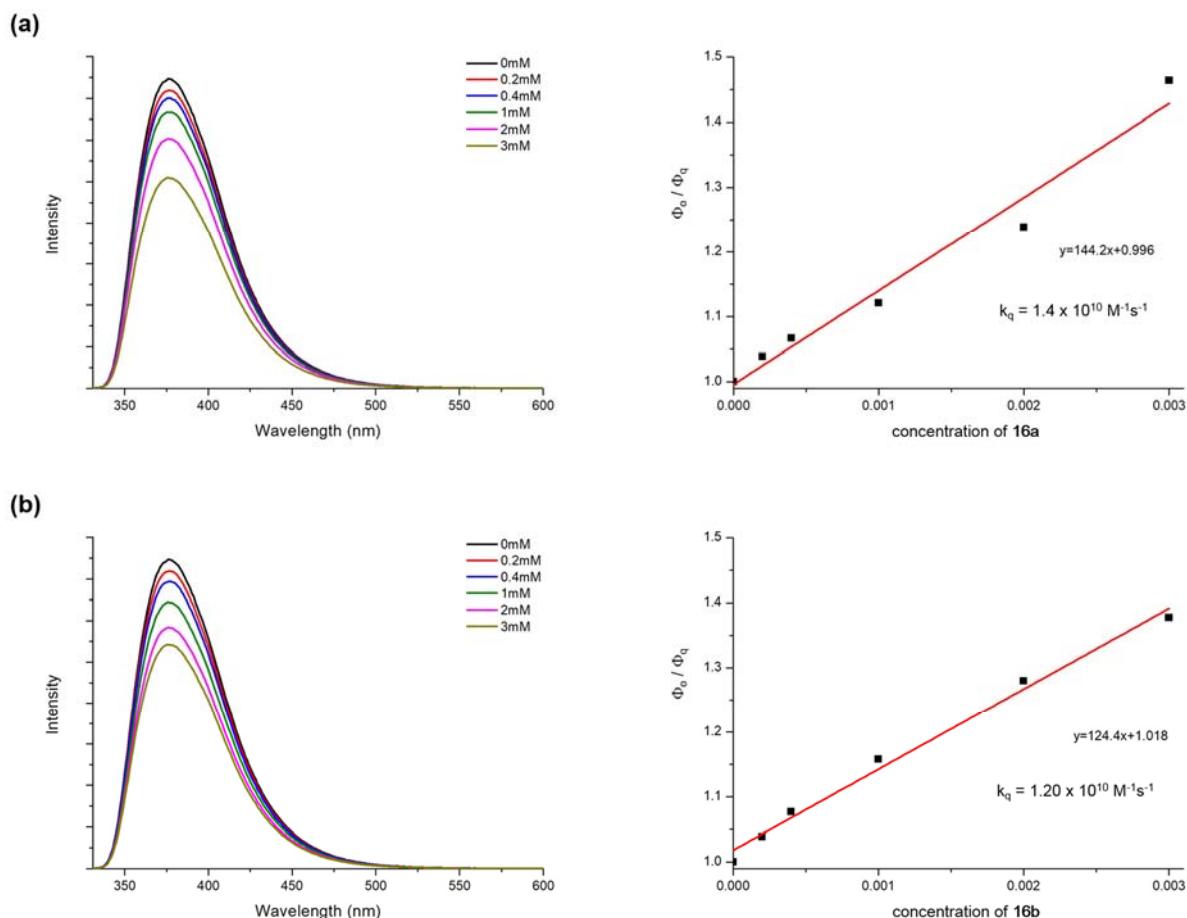
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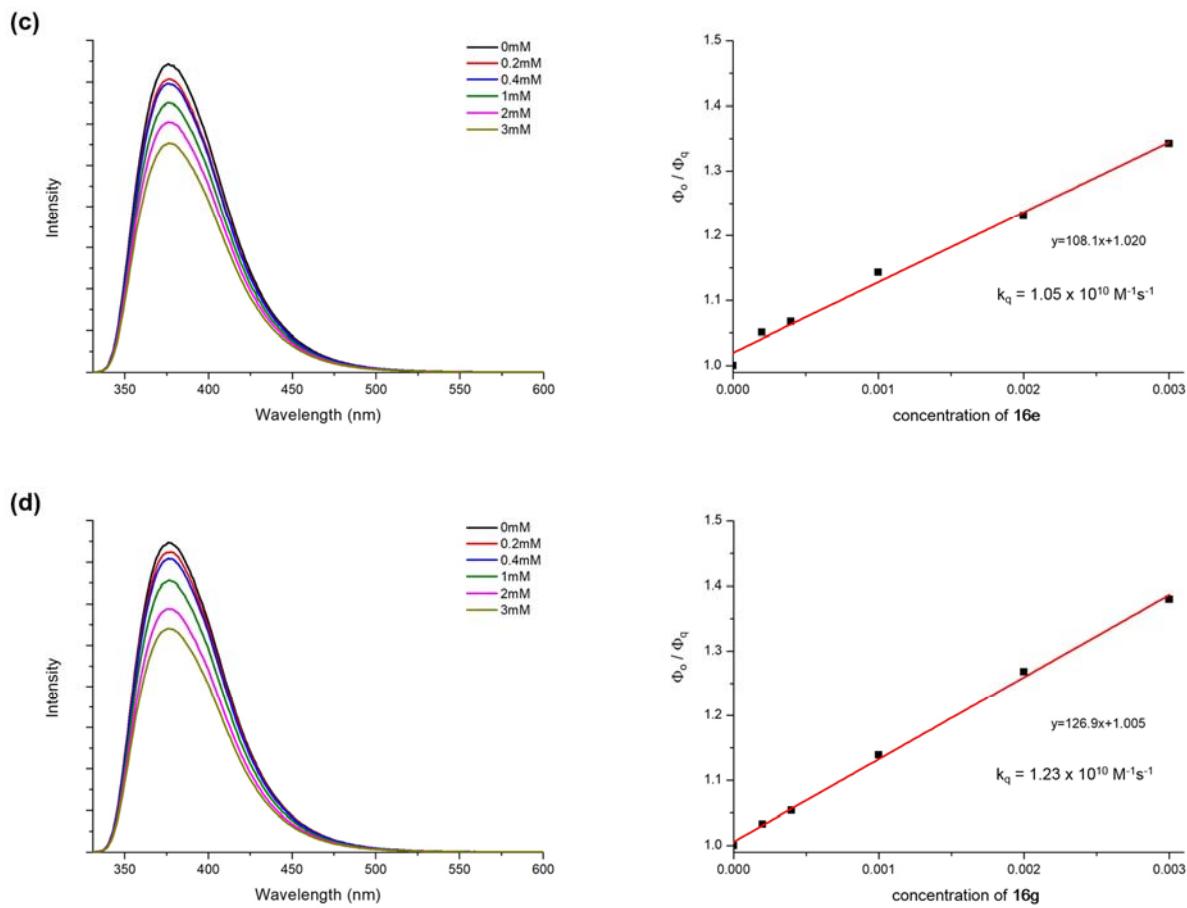




**Figure S1.** Fluorescence spectral changes of MeCN solutions of DCA ( $2.5 \times 10^{-6}$  M) upon addition of *N*-benzylglycimates (a) **16a**, (b) **16b**, (c) **16e**, (d) **16f** ( $\lambda_{ex} = 365$  nm) and Stern-Volmer plot of *N*-benzyl glycimates concentration dependence of the fluorescence intensity of DCA. ( $\tau_{S1}$  (DCA) = 14.9 ns)

**DCN-fluorescence quenching experiment by *N*-benzylglycinate.** Fluorescence of MeCN solutions of DCN (3 mL,  $5 \times 10^{-4}$  M) containing 0, 0.2, 0.4, 1, 2 and 3 mM of the respective glycinate **16a**, **16b**, **16e** and **16f** were measured. The excitation wavelength was 330 nm. The spectra are displayed in Figure S2. The Stern-Volmer plots were determined by equation (1), where  $\Phi_0$  is the intensity of the fluorescence from the DCN in the absence of *N*-benzylglycinate,  $\Phi_q$  is the intensity of the DCN when the *N*-benzylglycinate is present at a certain concentration [Q],  $k_q$  is quenching rate constant and  $\tau$  is lifetime of DCN. ( $\tau_{S1}$  (DCN) = 10.3 ns)

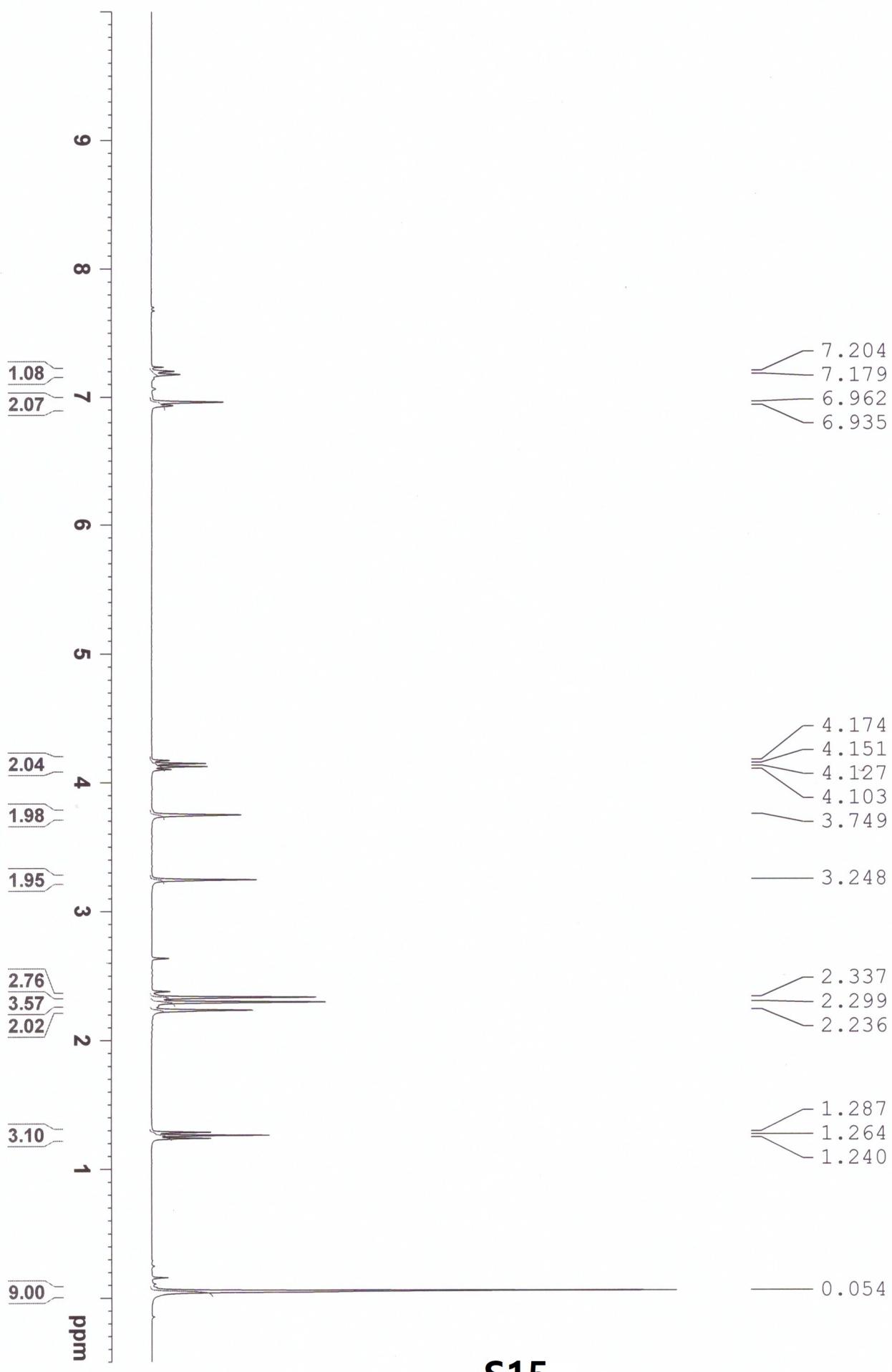




**Figure S2.** Fluorescence spectral changes of MeCN solutions of DCN ( $5 \times 10^{-4}$  M) upon addition of *N*-benzylglycines (a) **16a**, (b) **16b**, (c) **16e**, (d) **16f** ( $\lambda_{\text{ex}} = 365$  nm) and Stern-Volmer plot of *N*-benzyl glycines concentration dependence of the fluorescence intensity of DCA. ( $\tau_{\text{S1}}(\text{DCN}) = 10.3$  ns)

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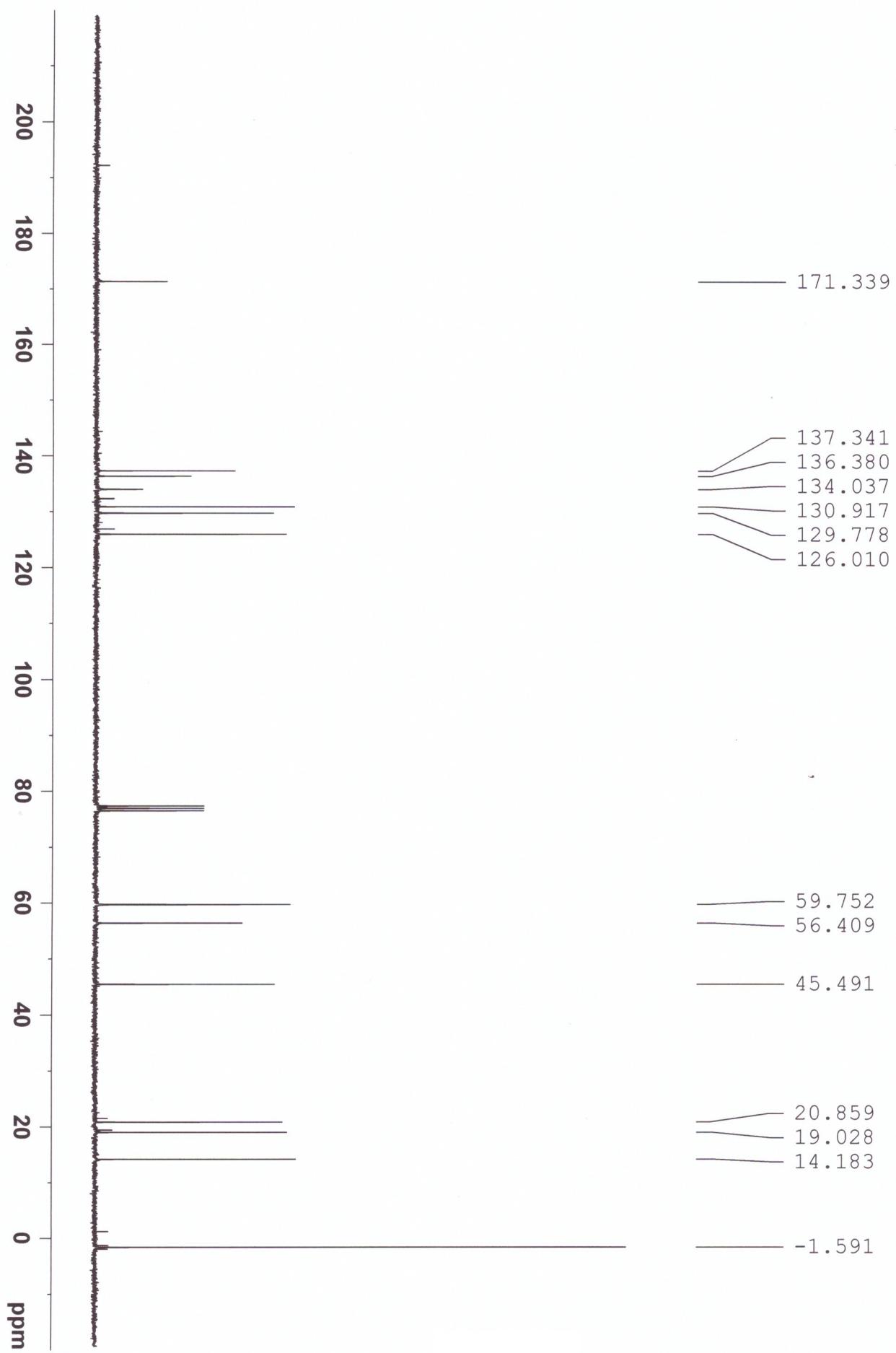
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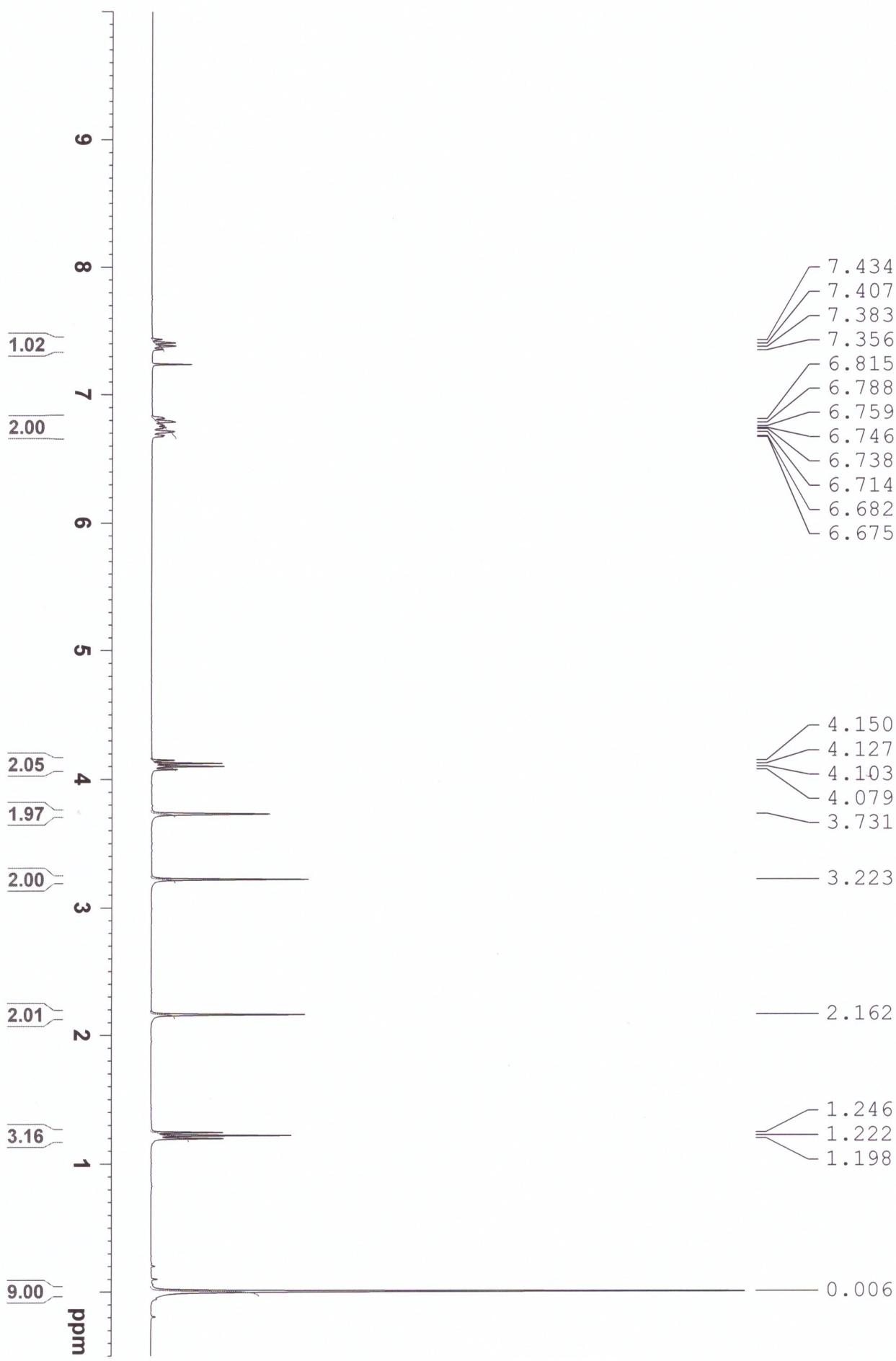
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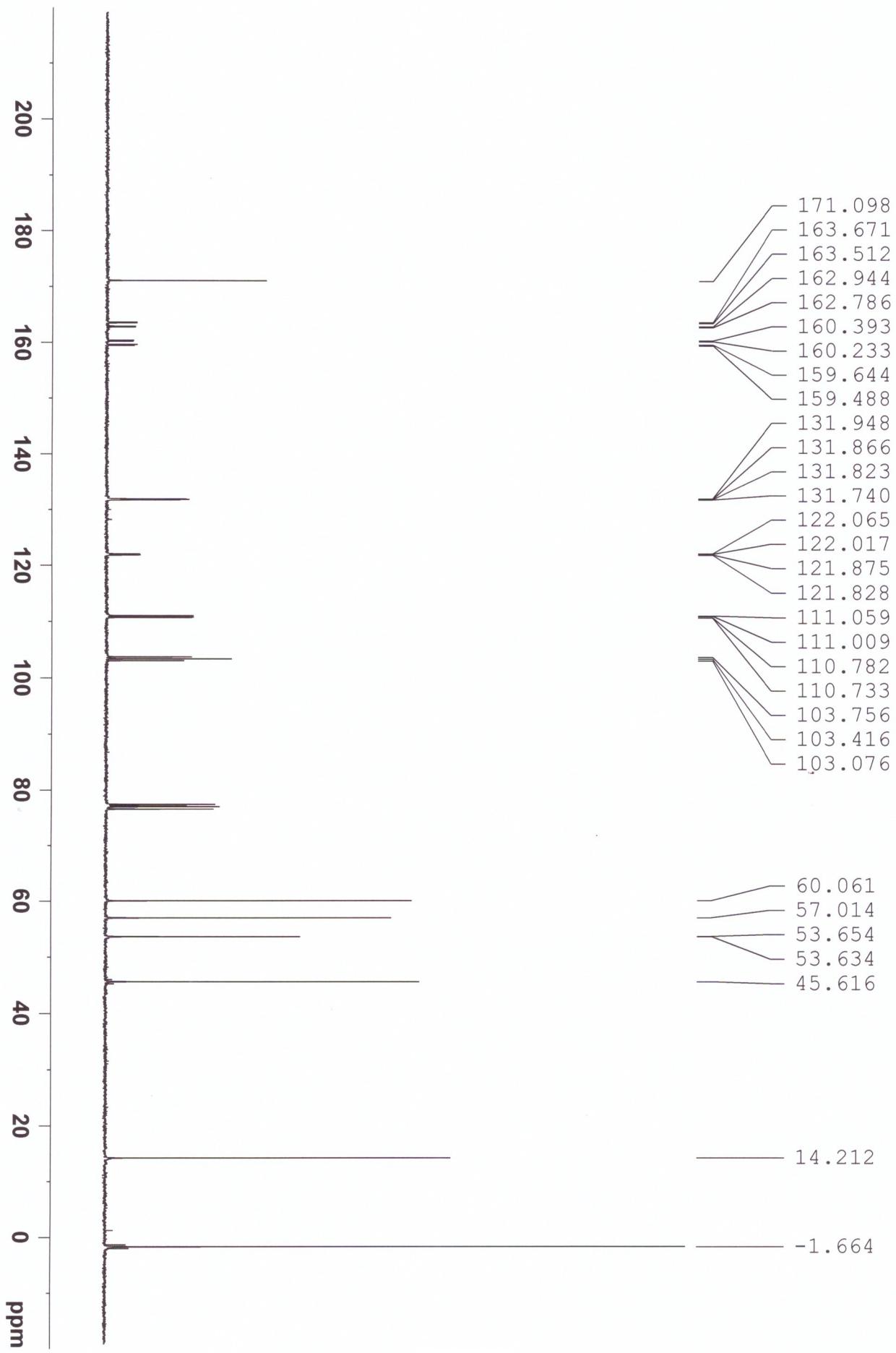
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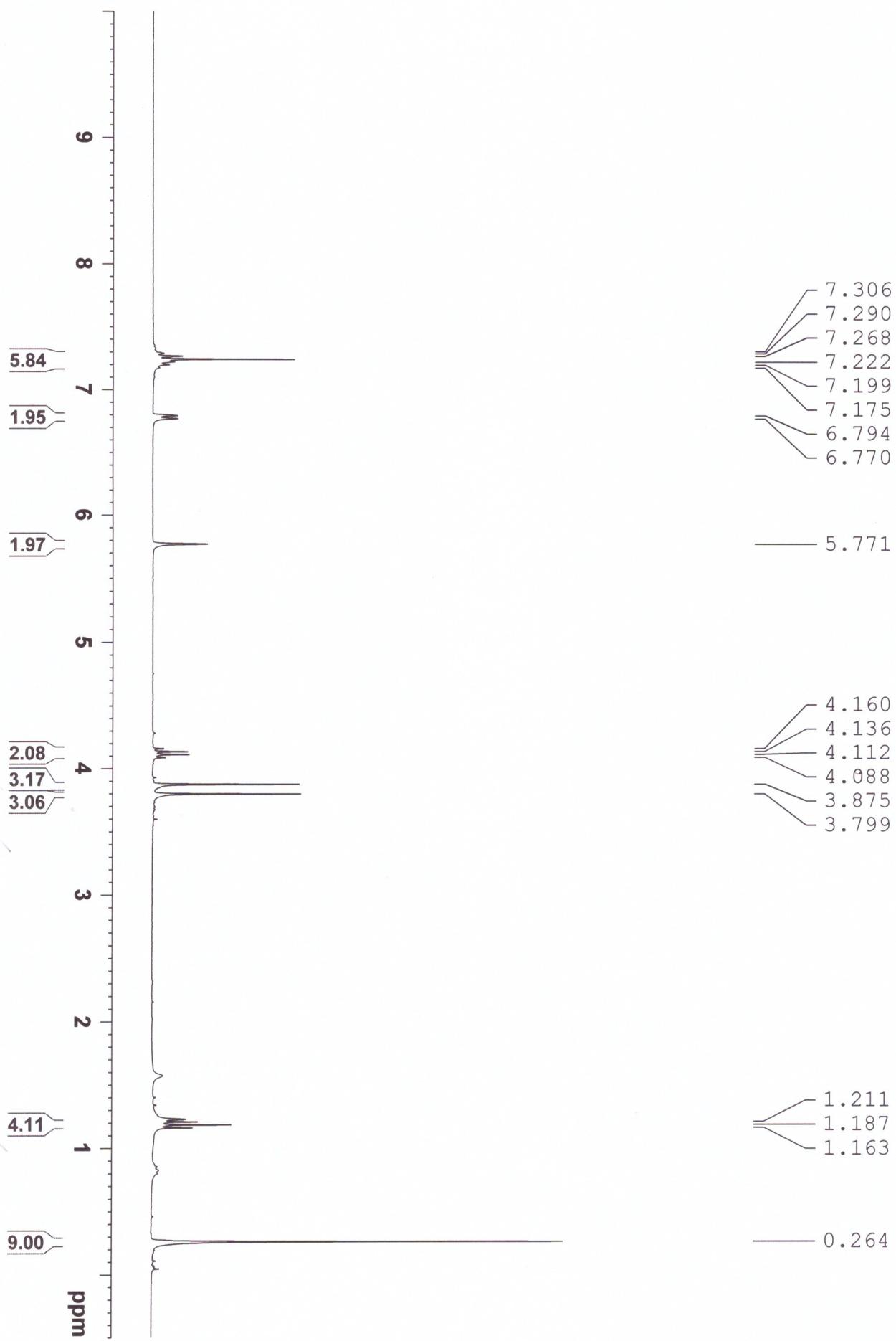
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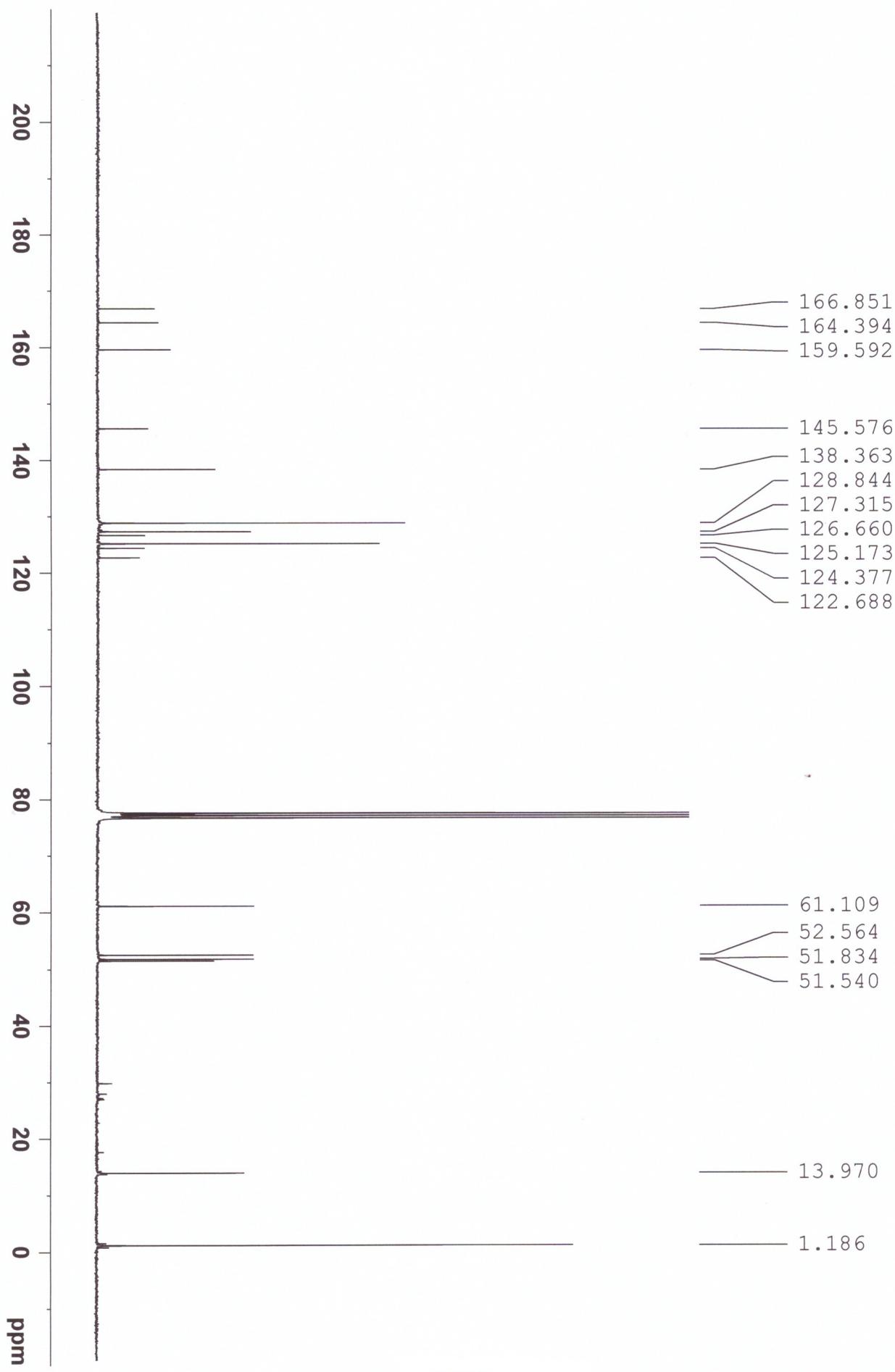
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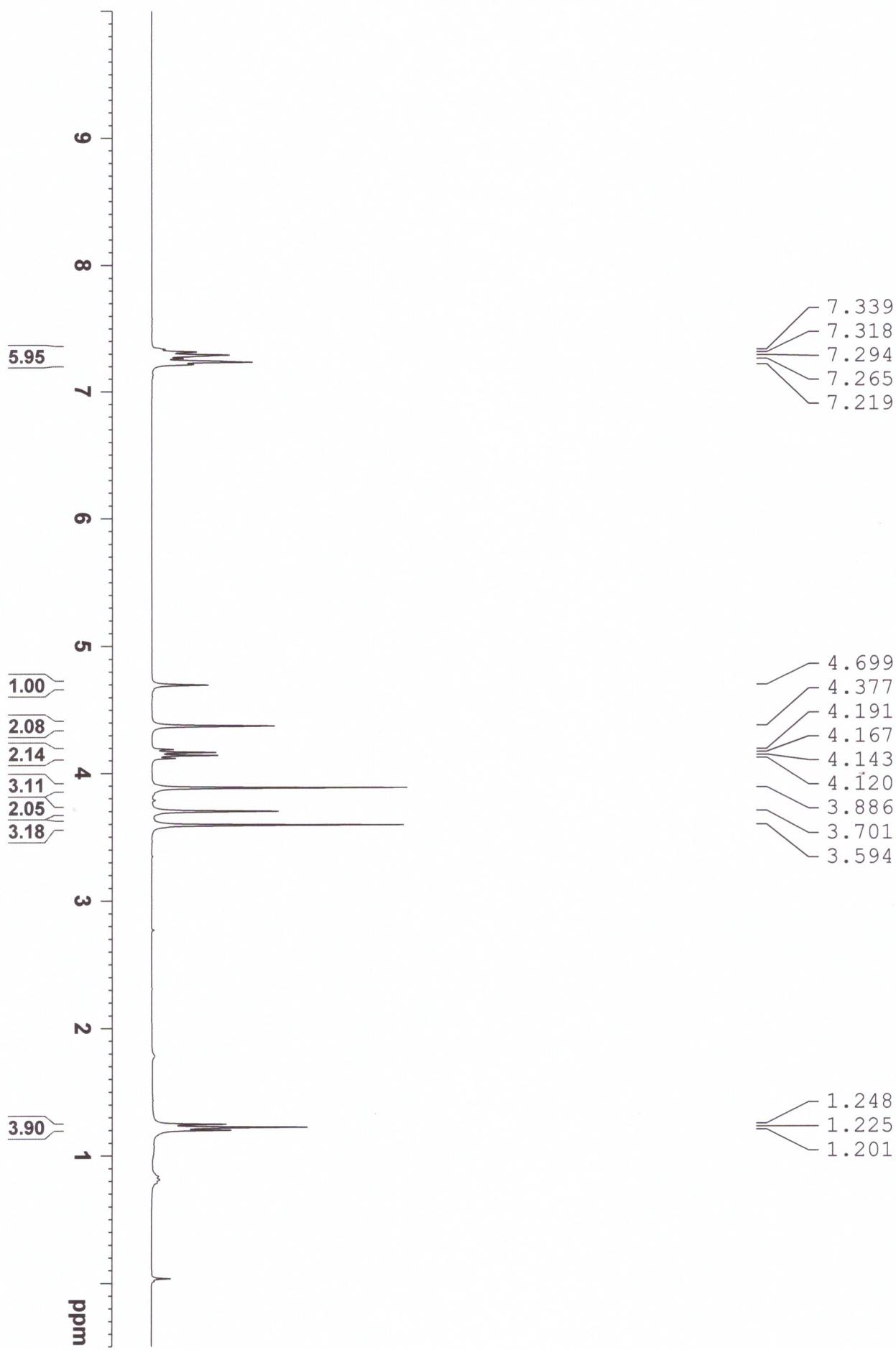
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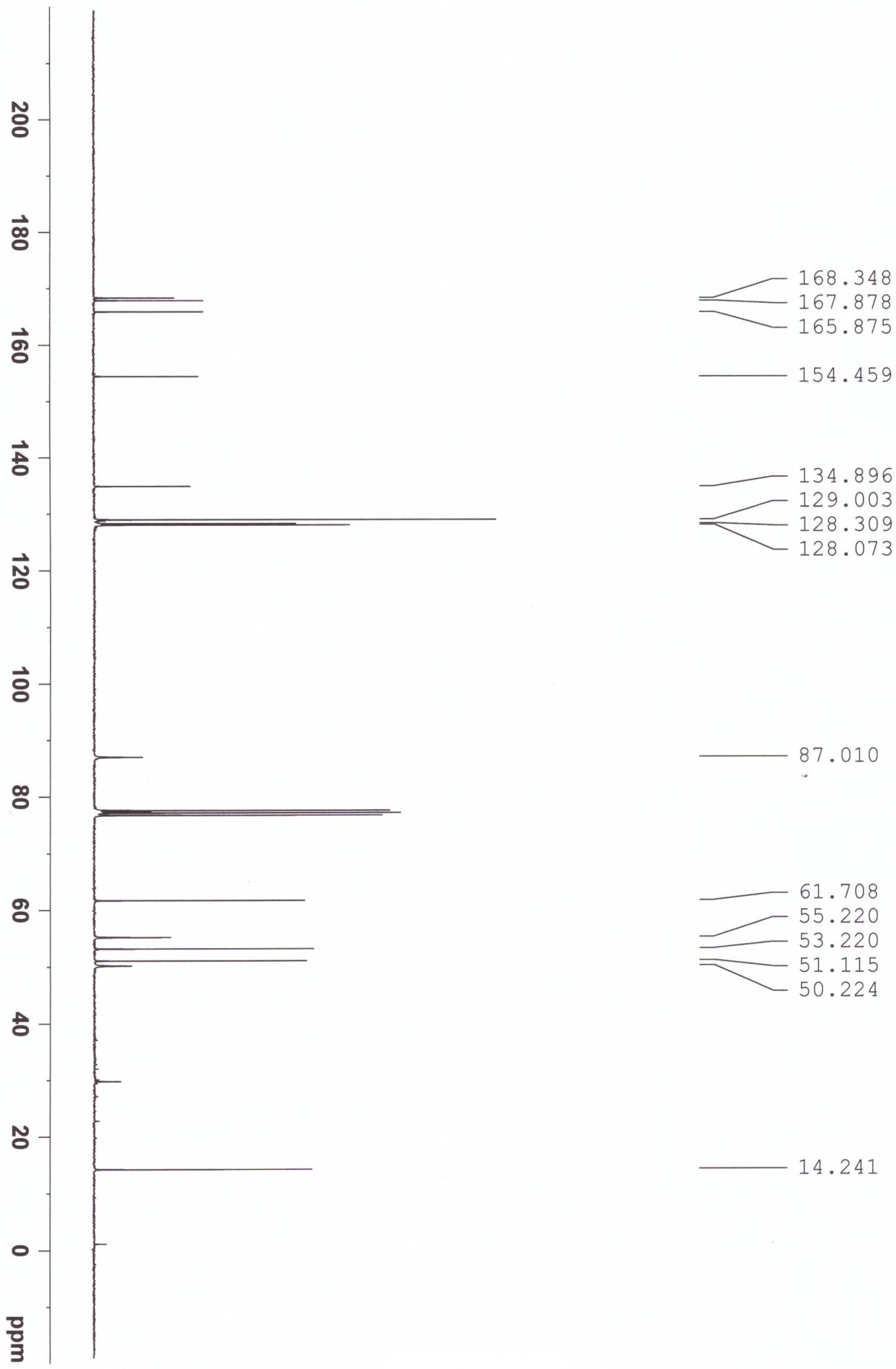
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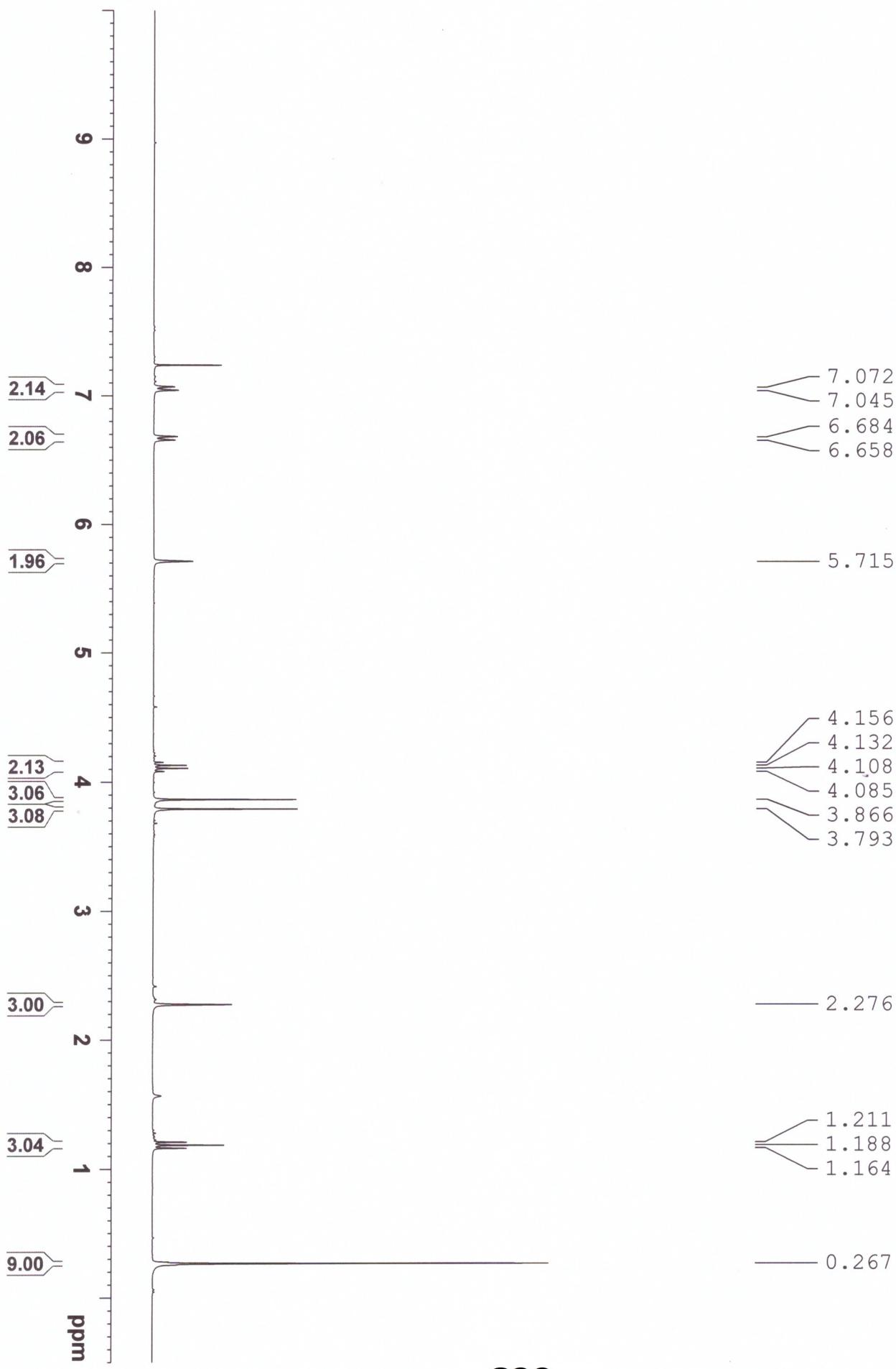
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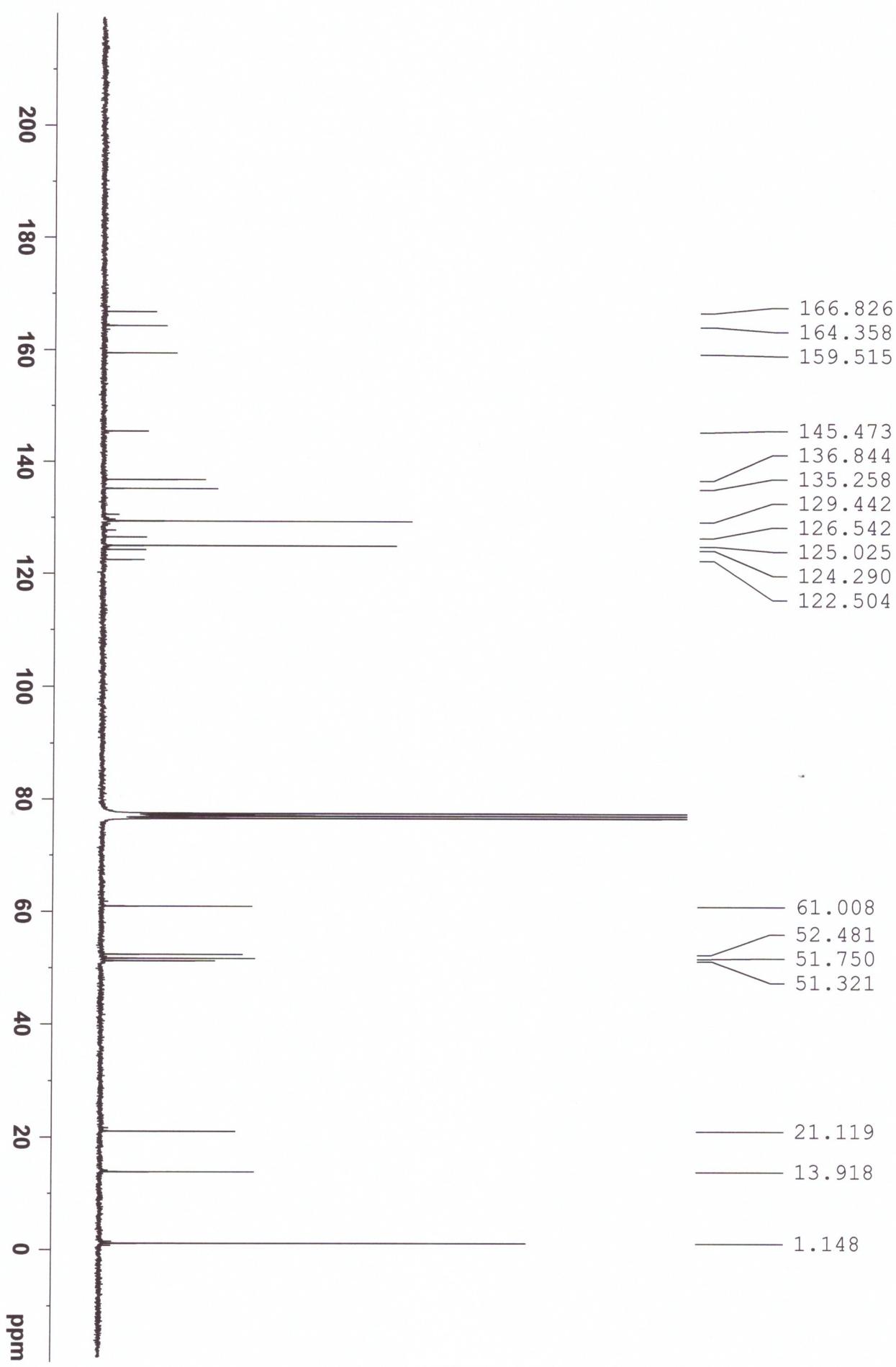
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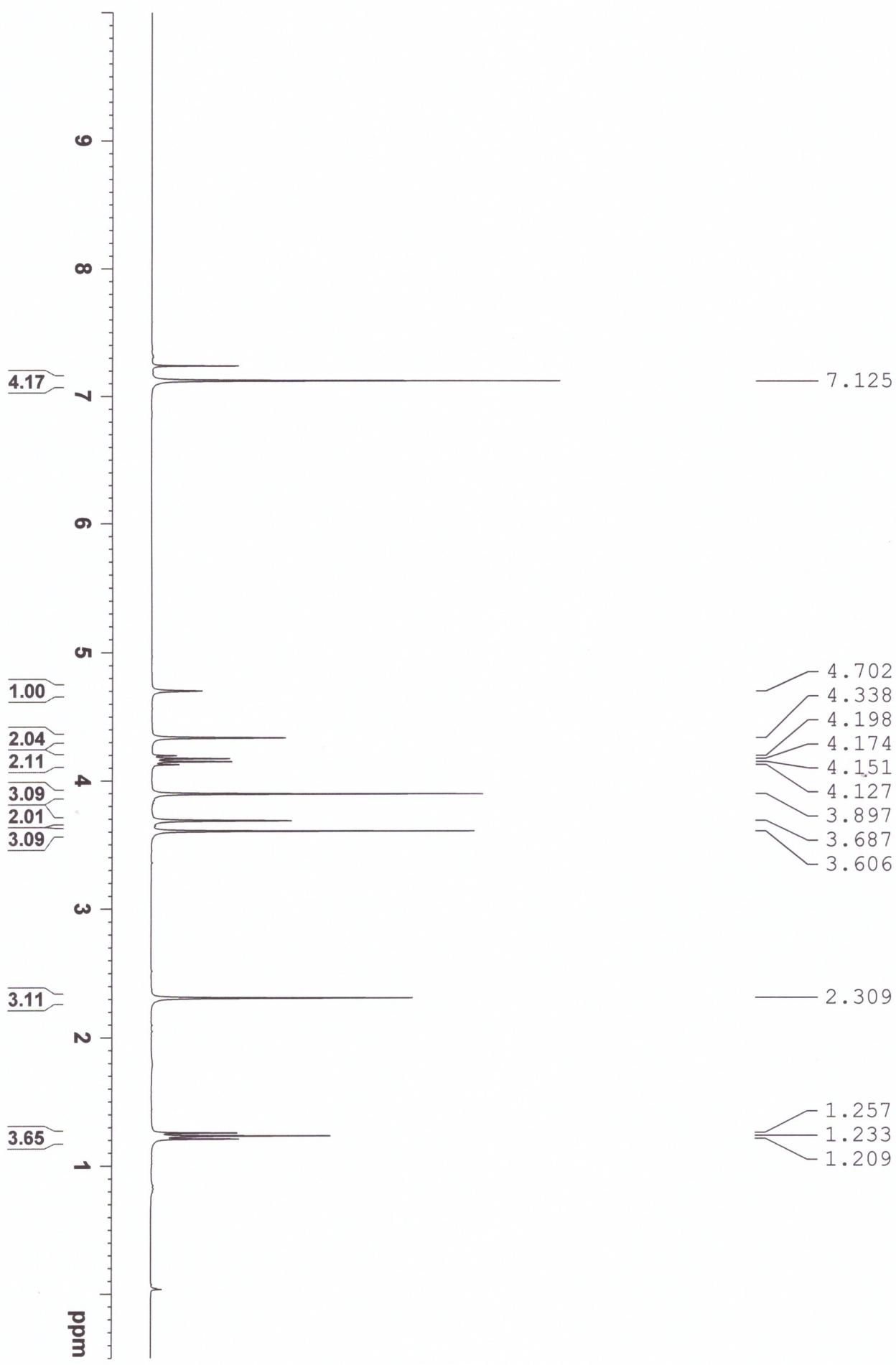
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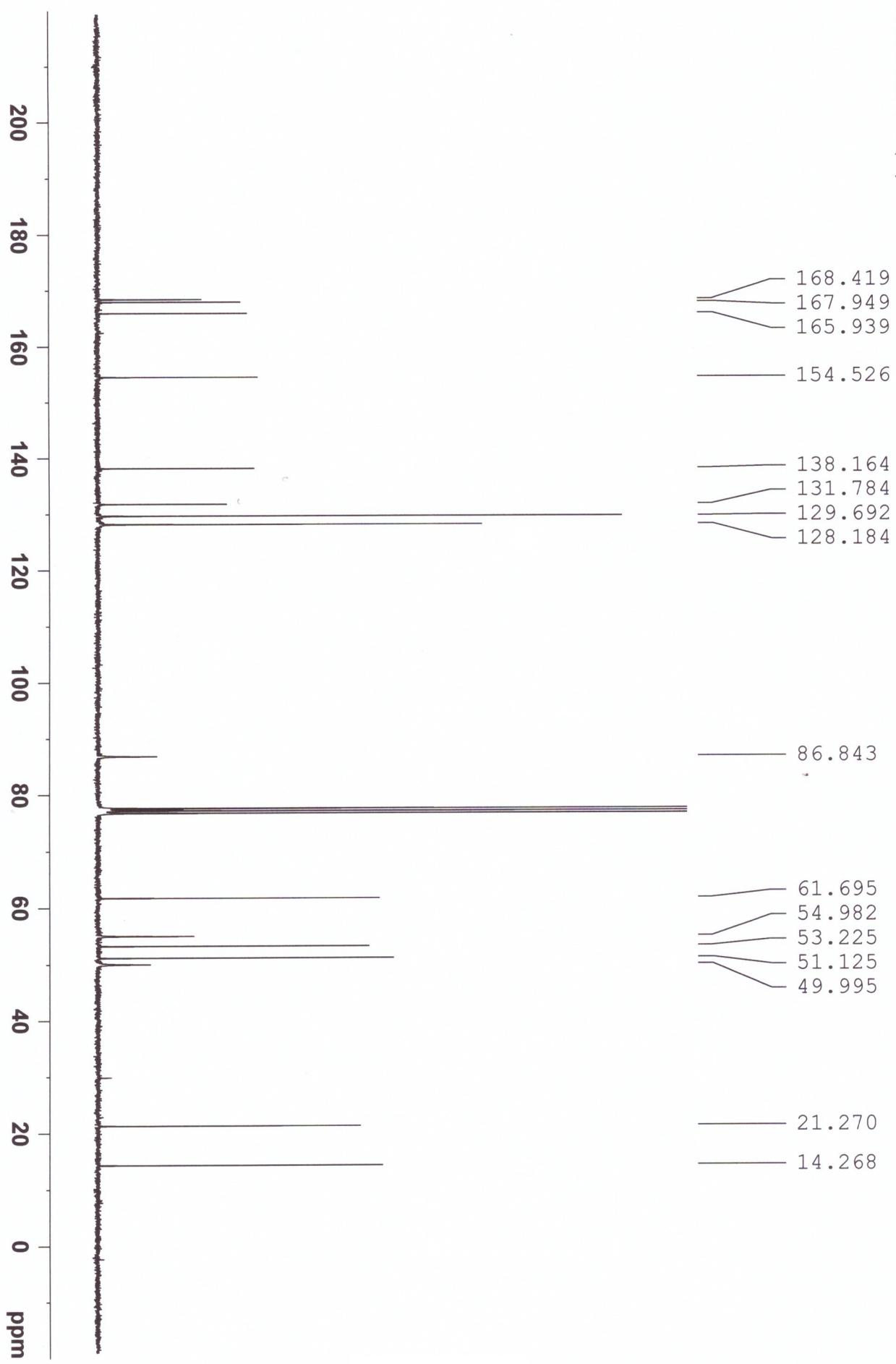
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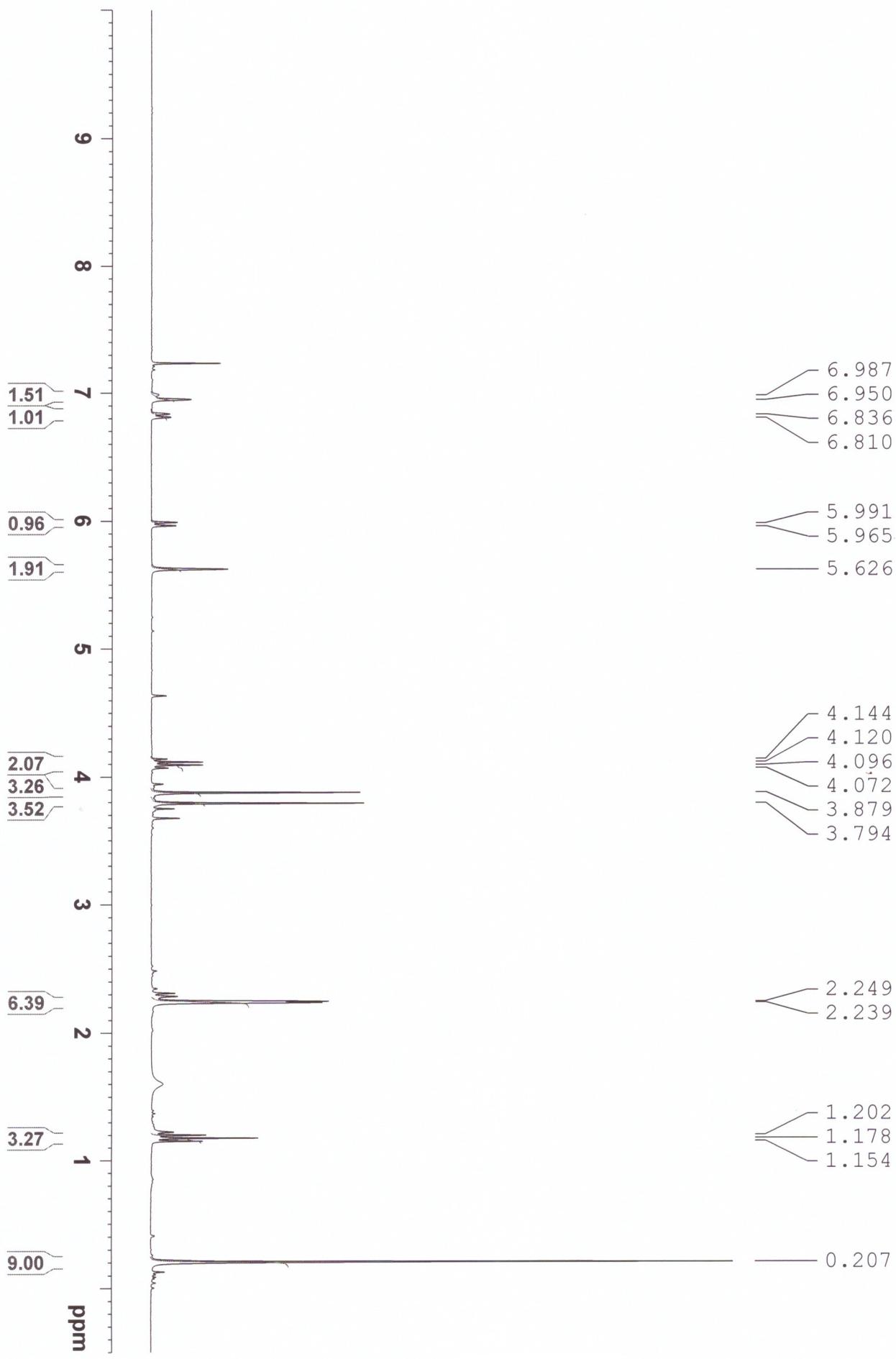
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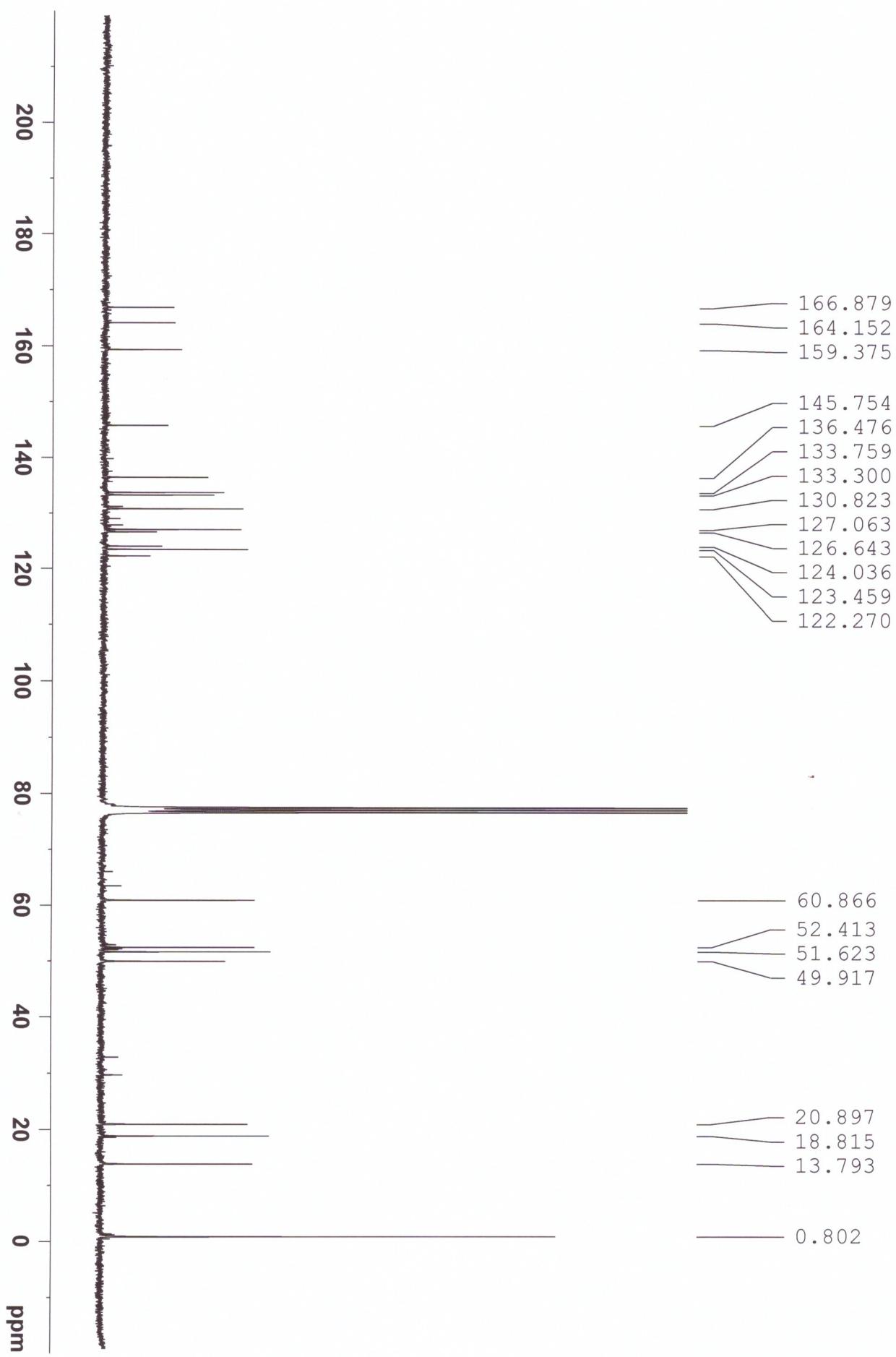
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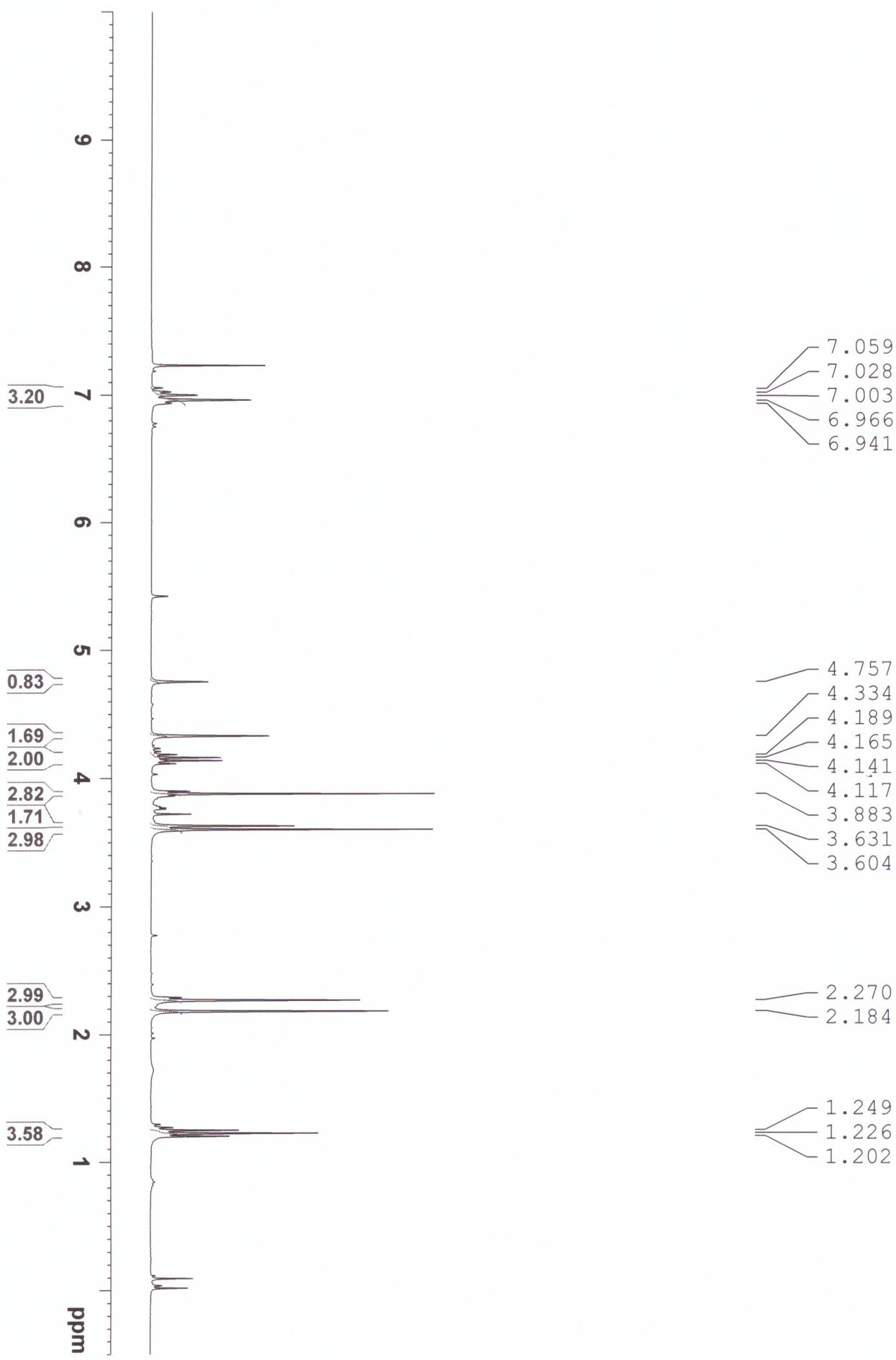
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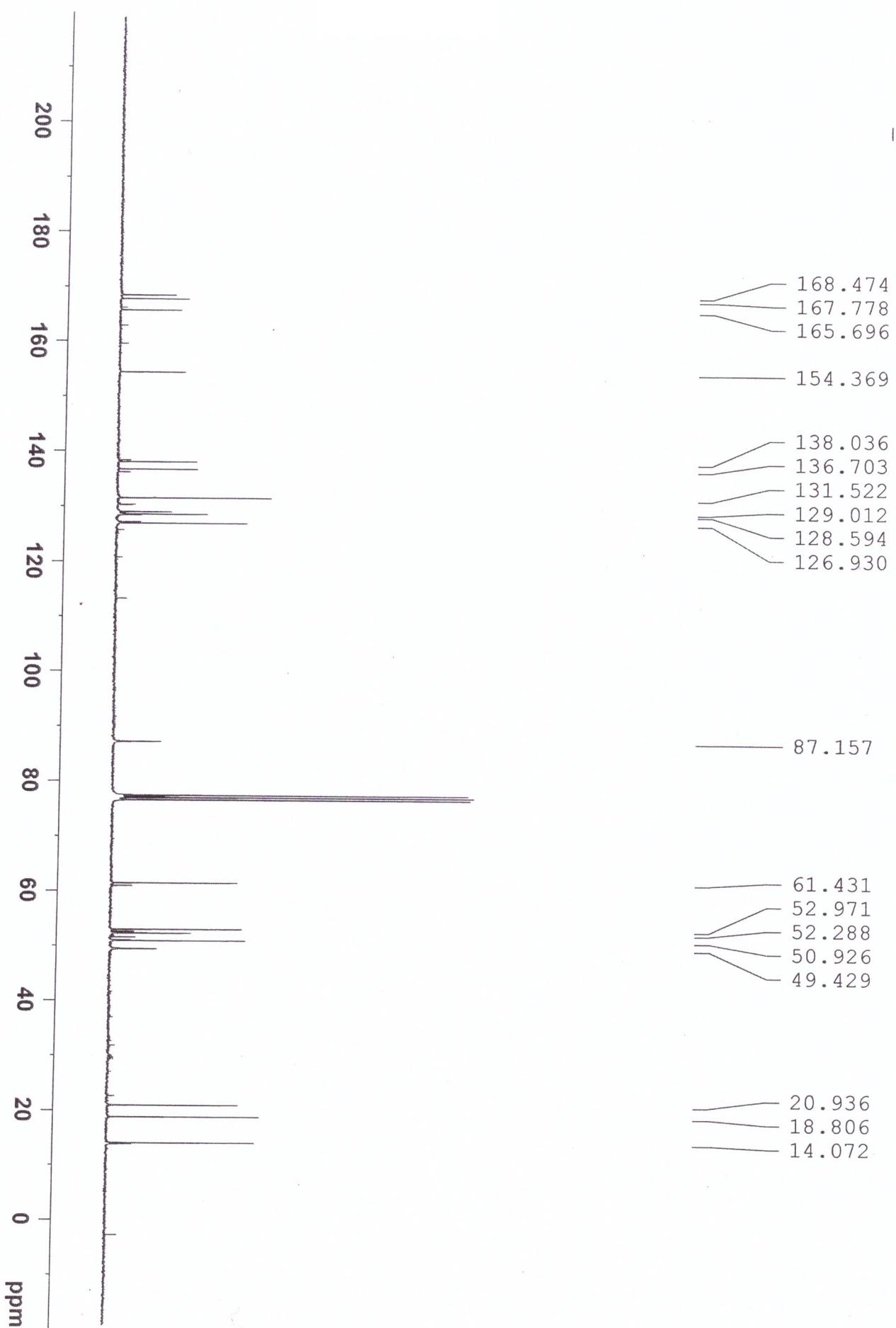
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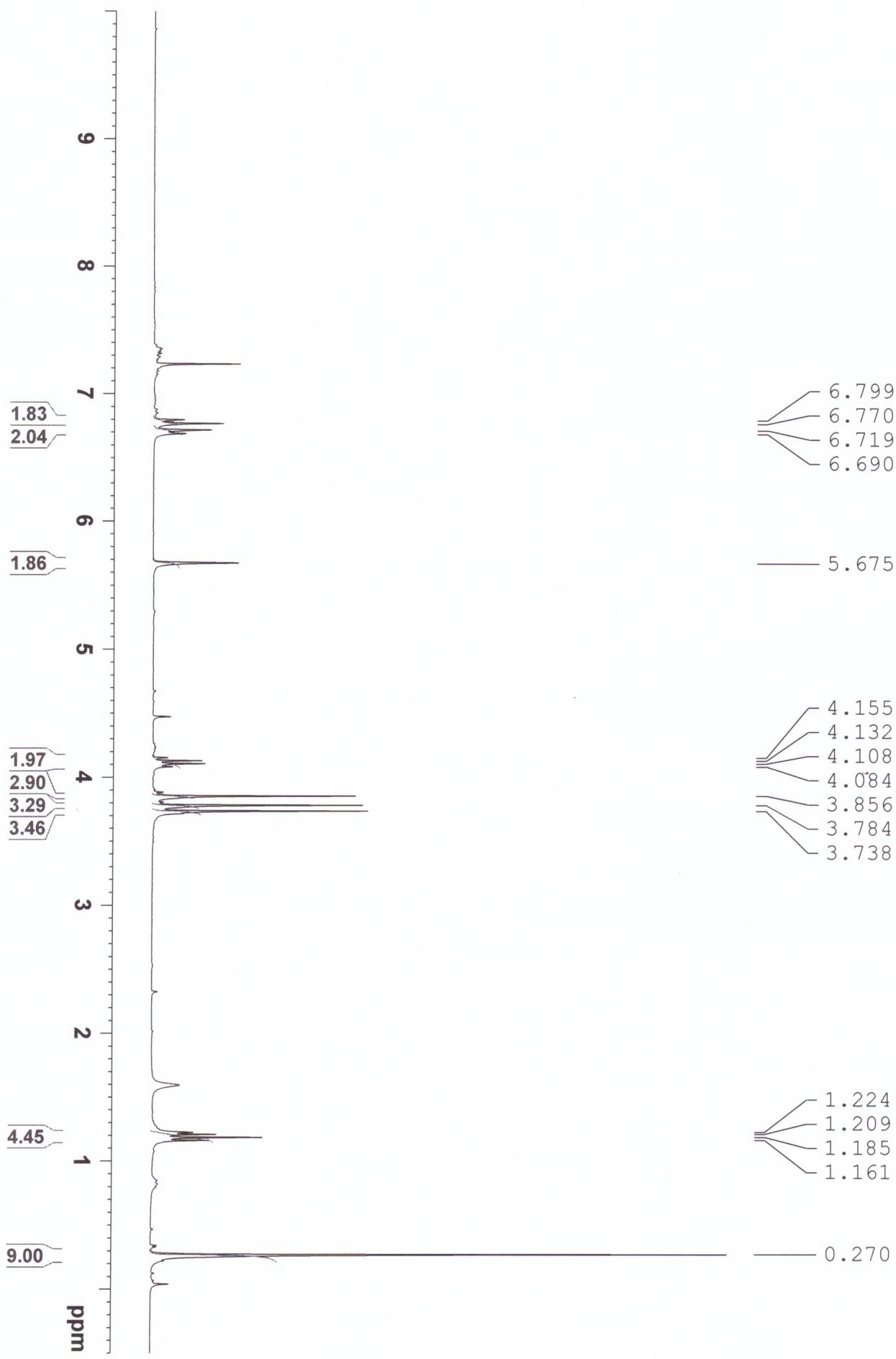
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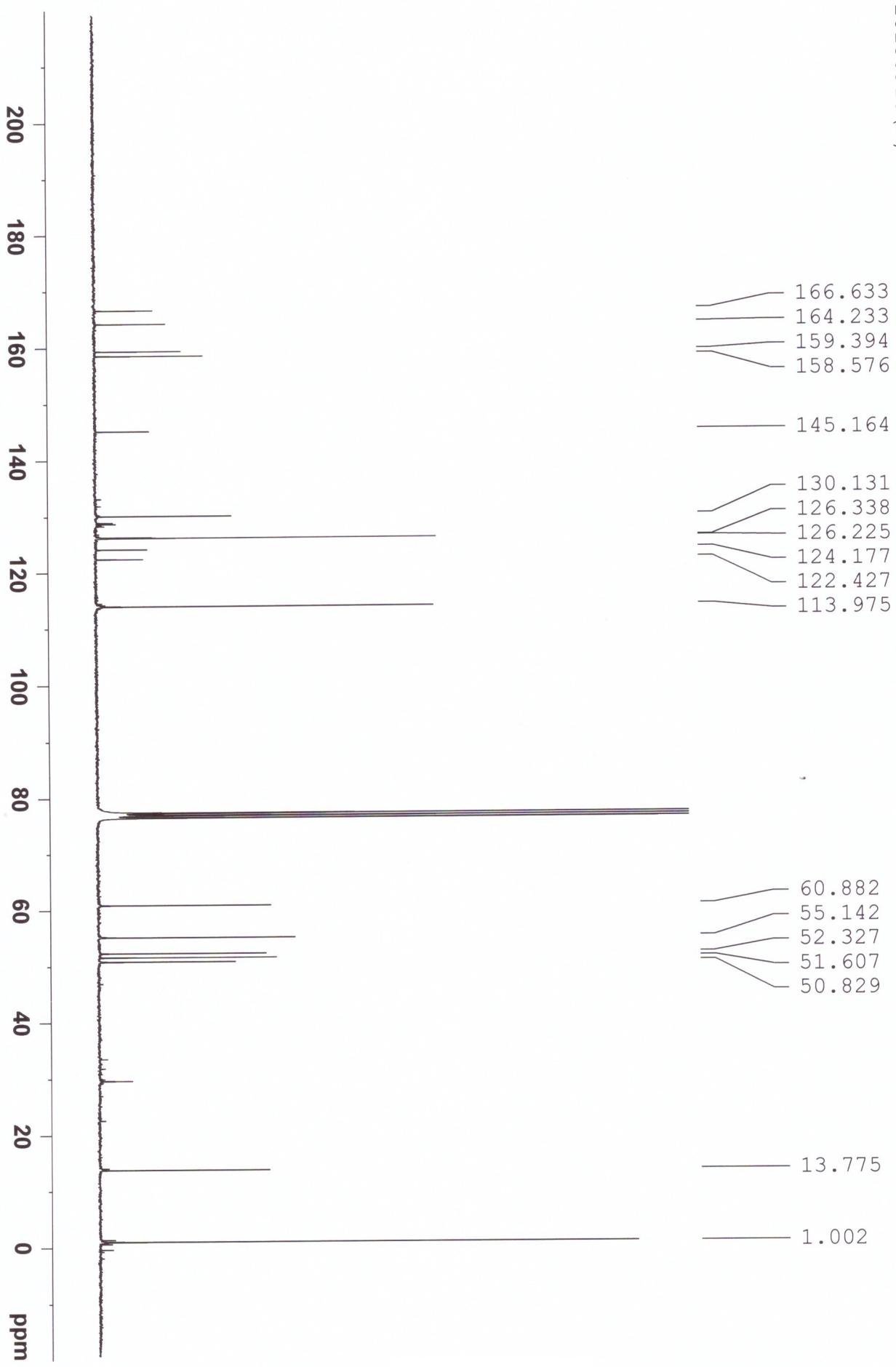
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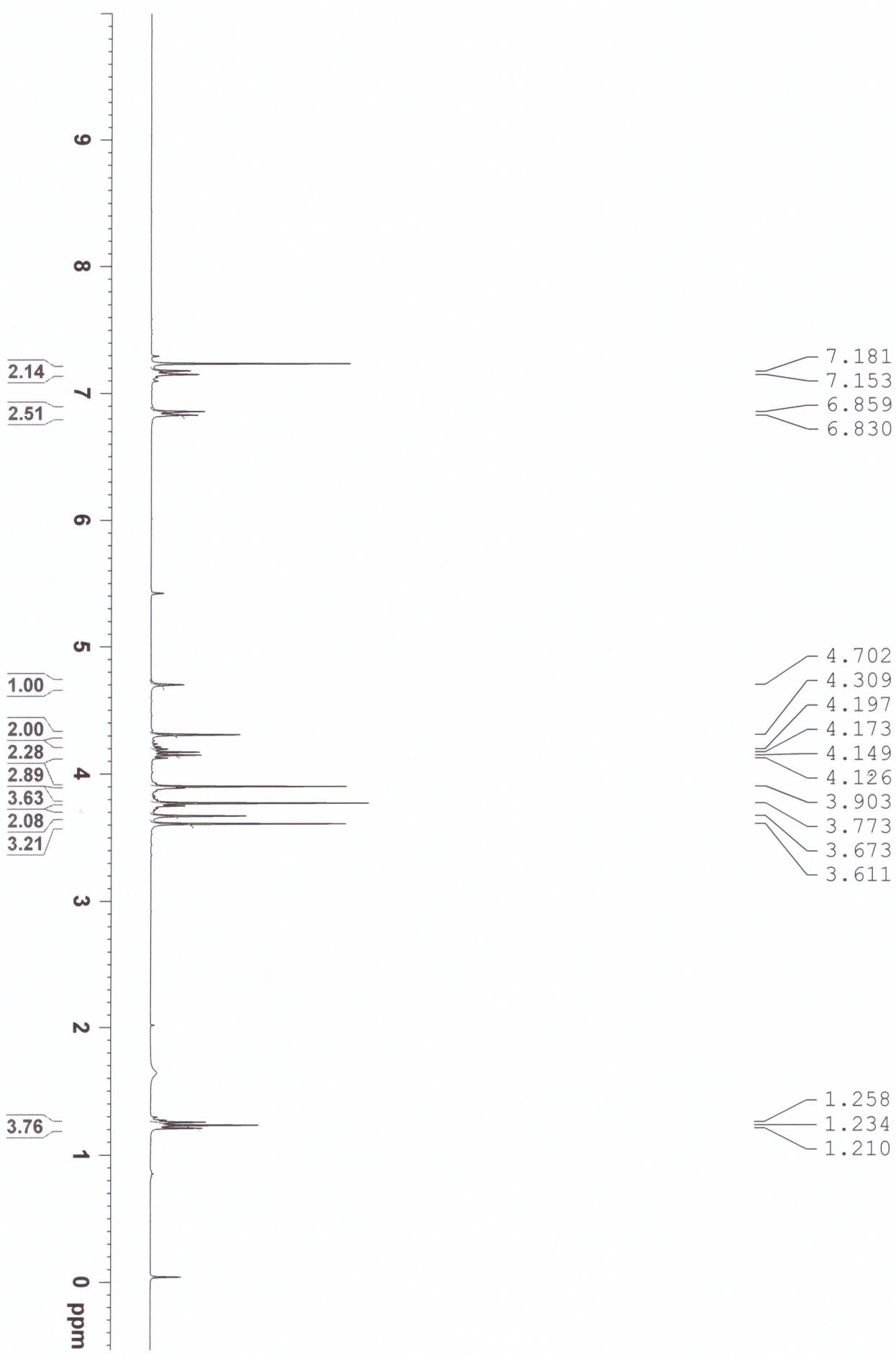
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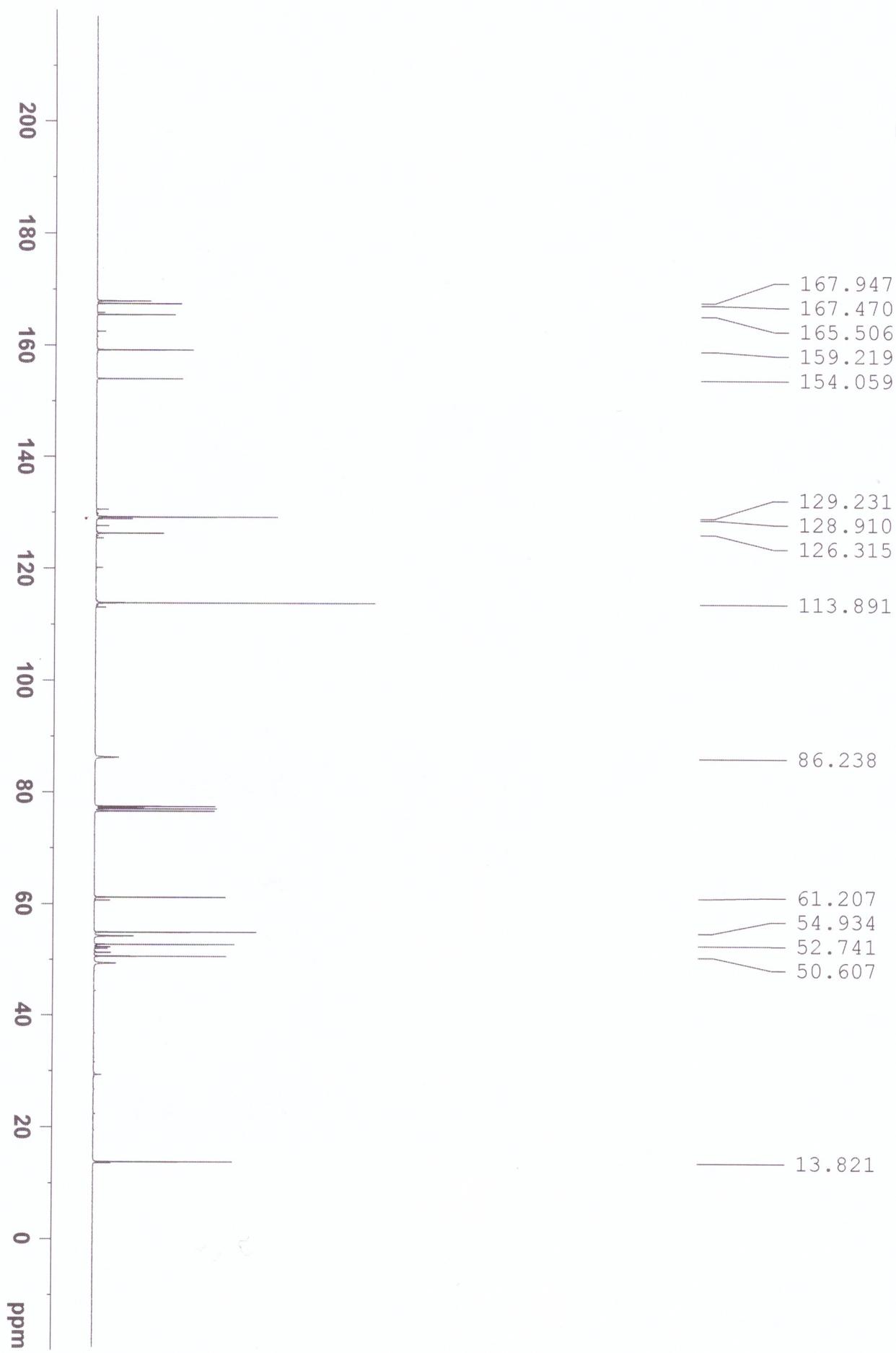
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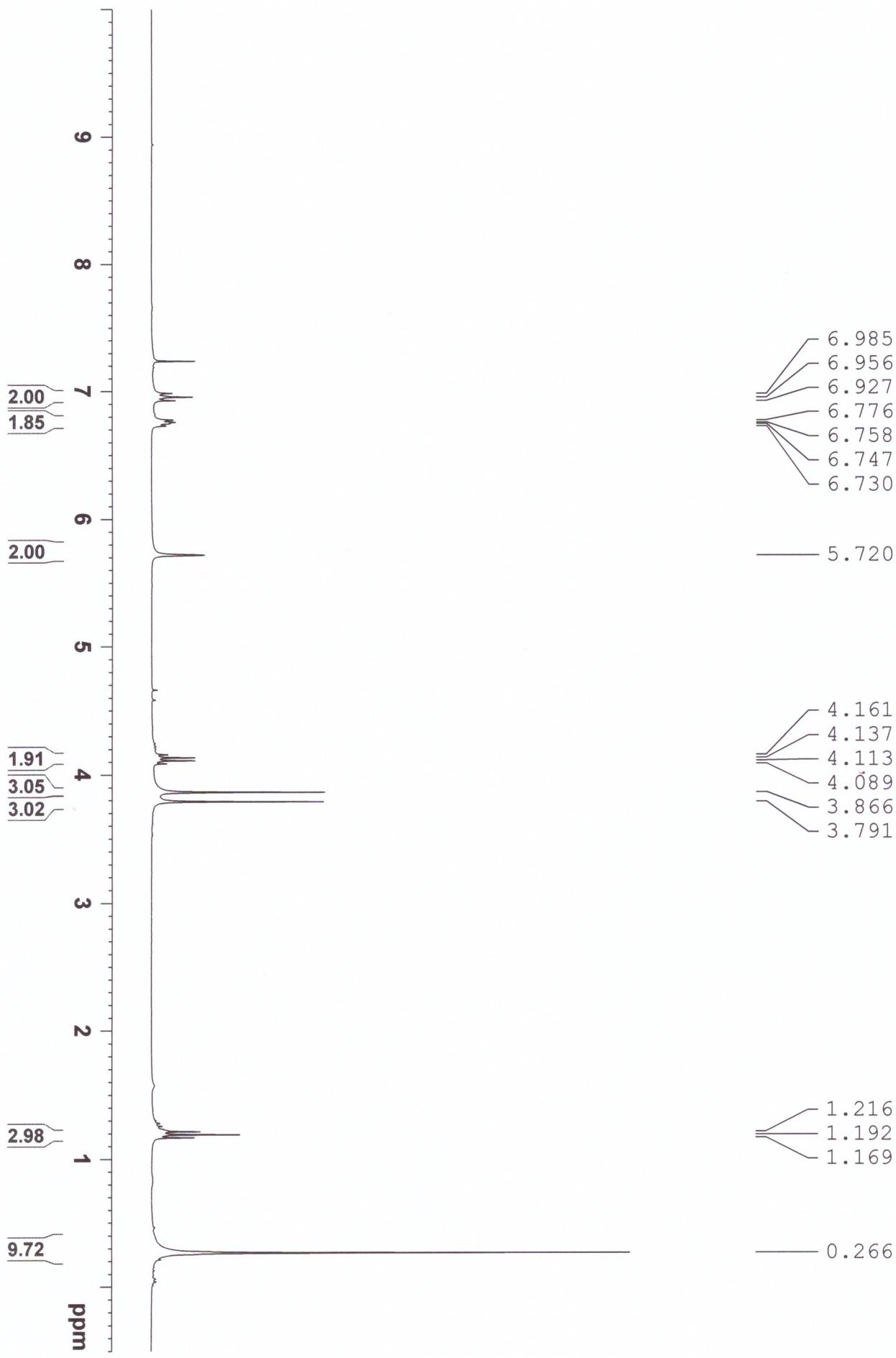
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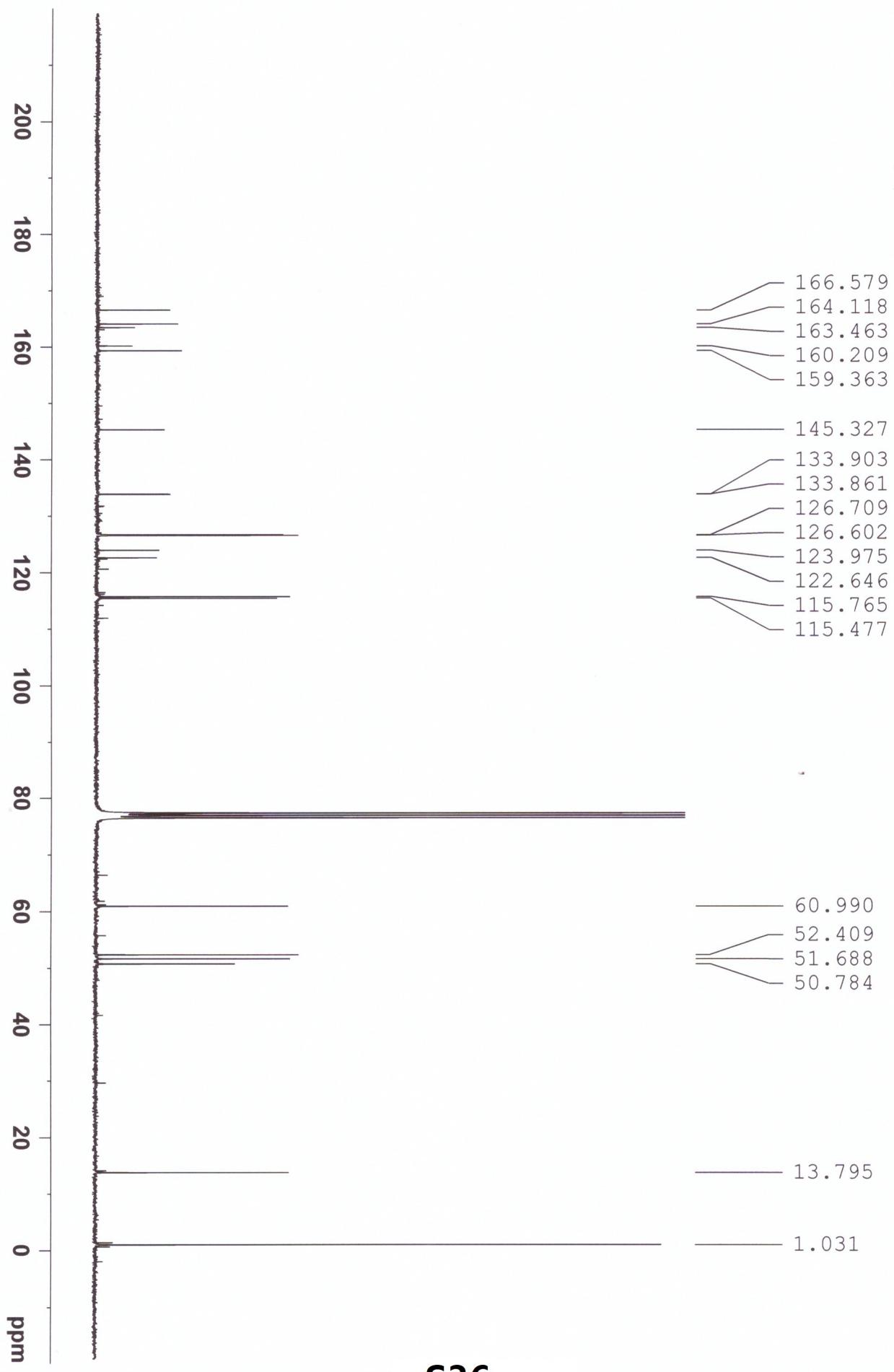
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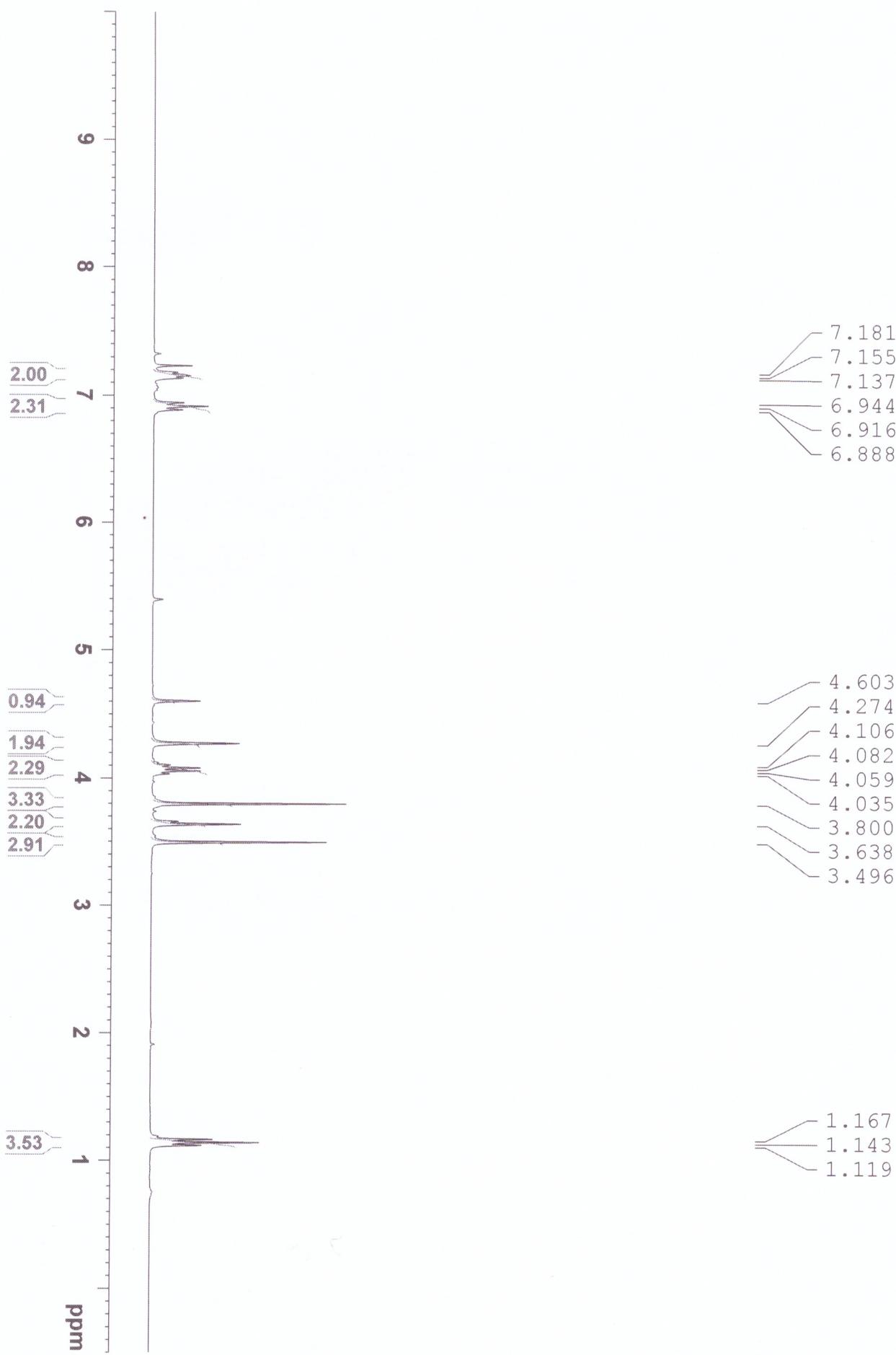
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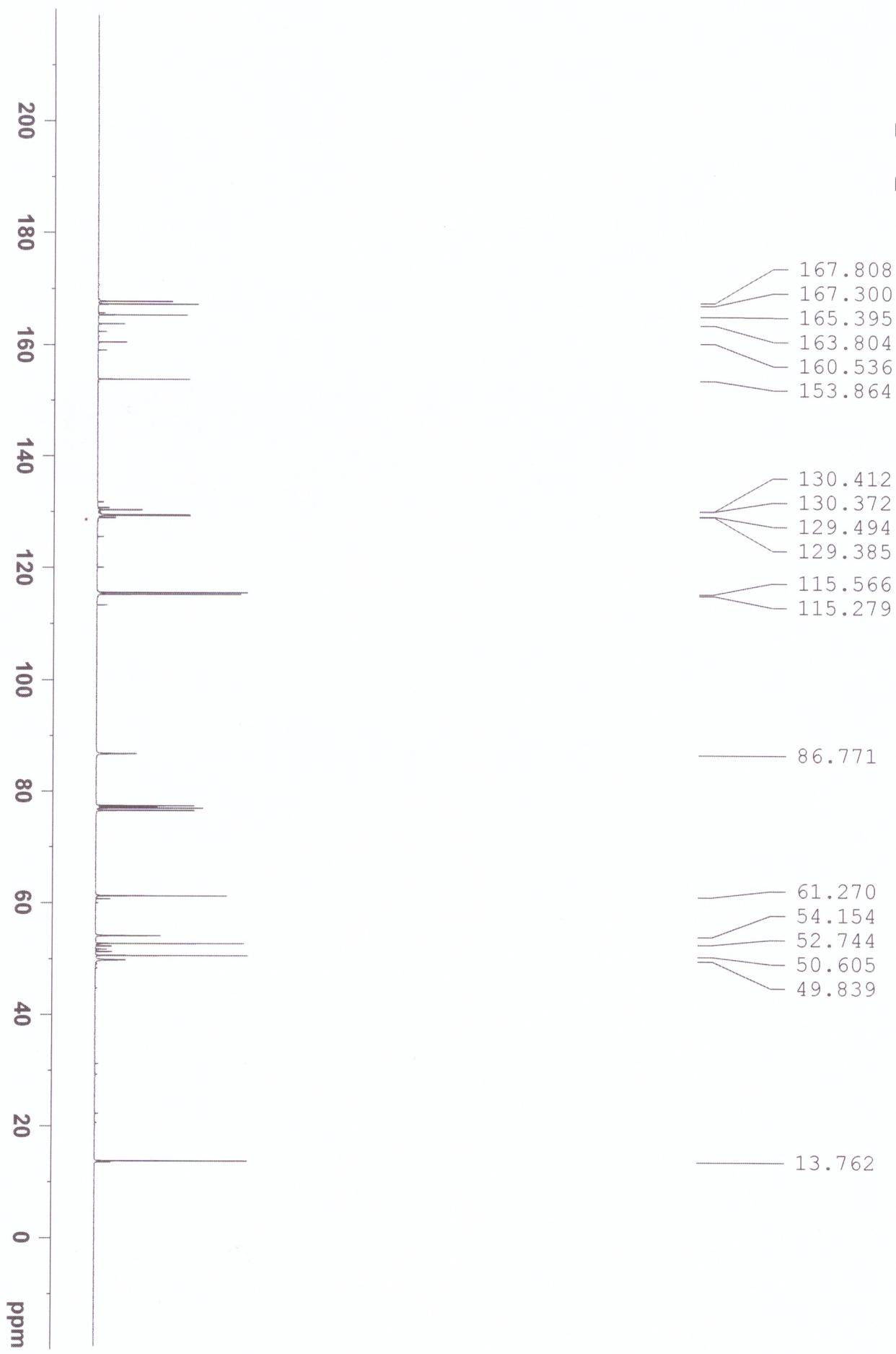
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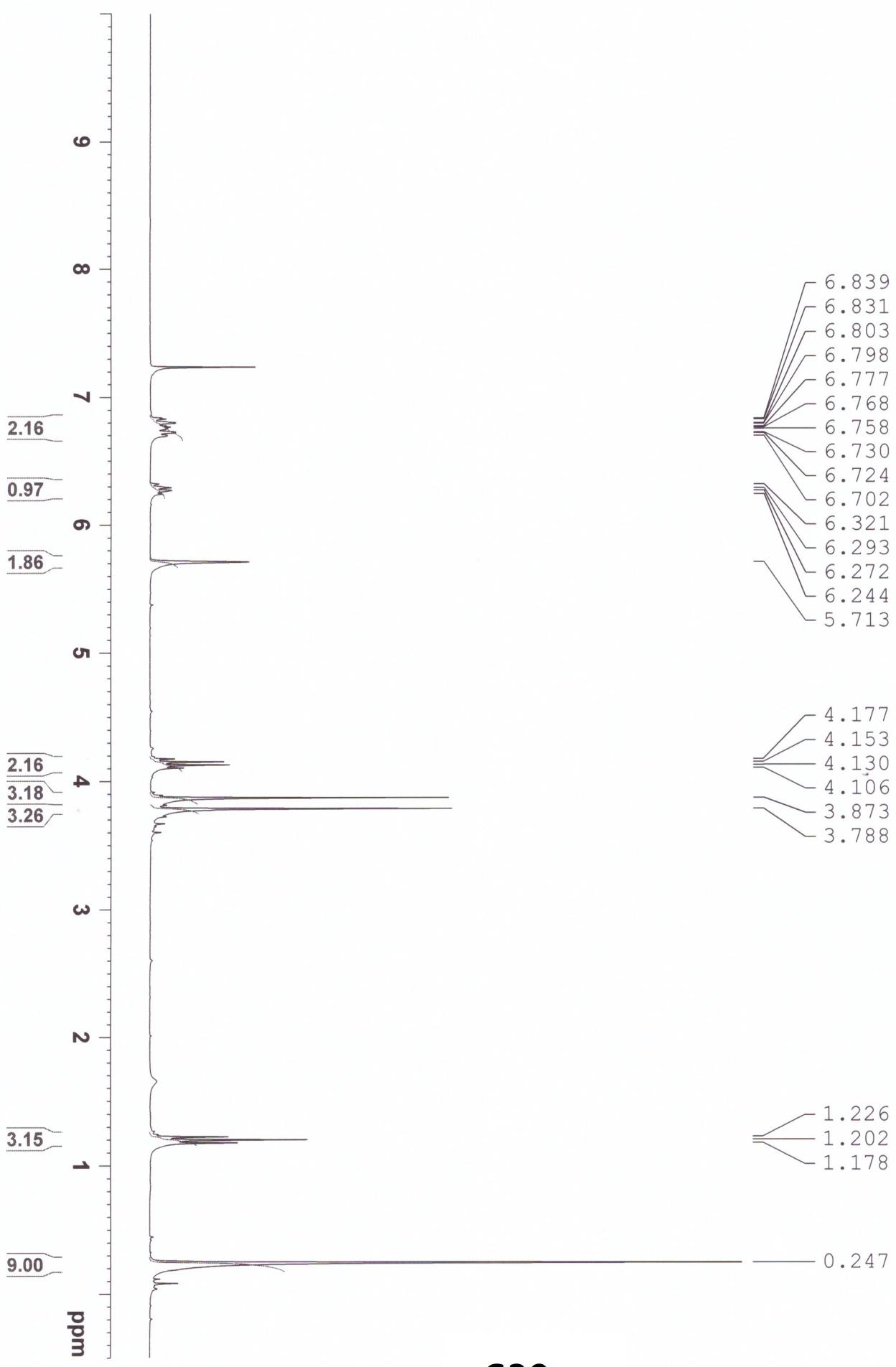
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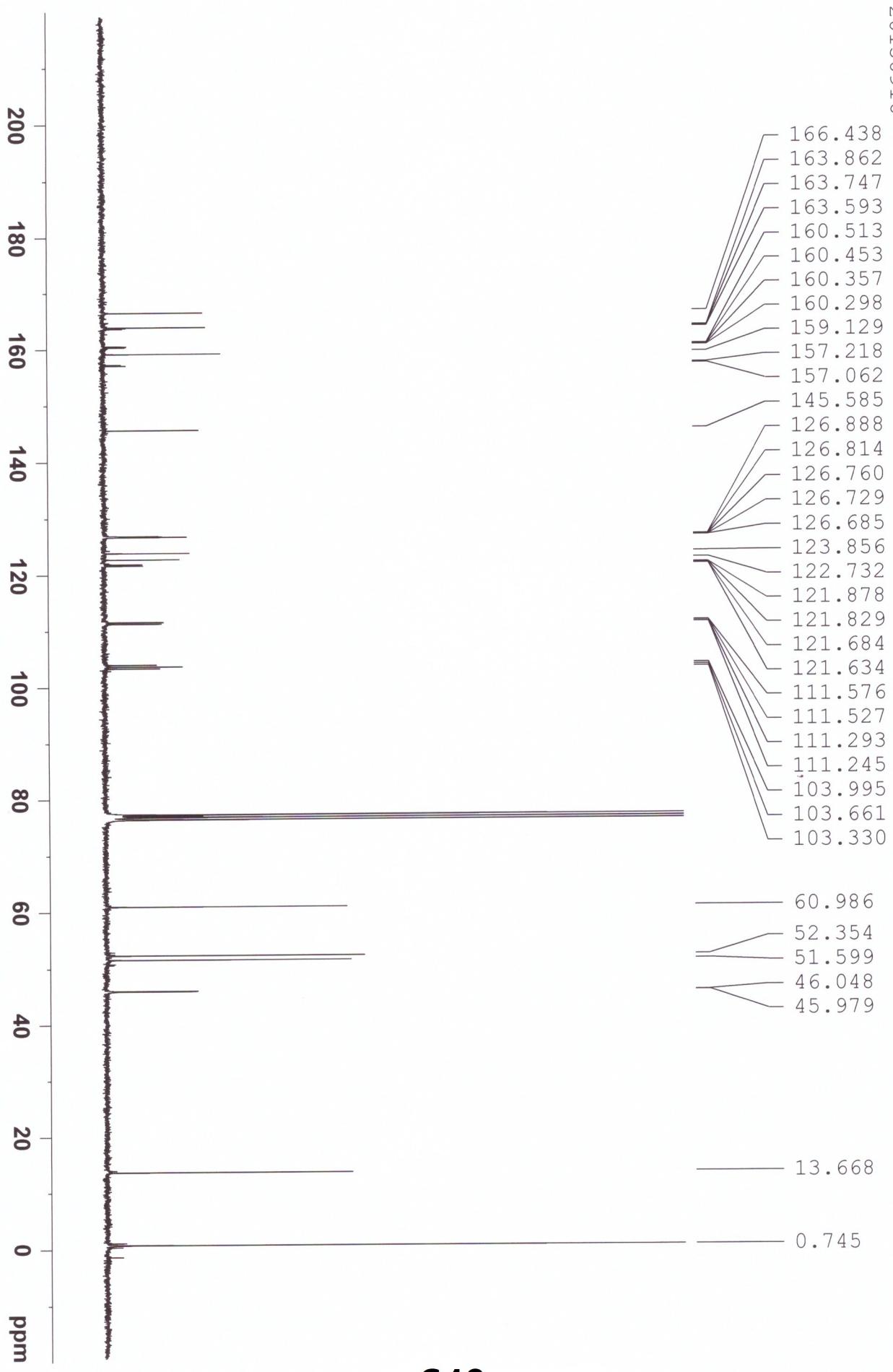
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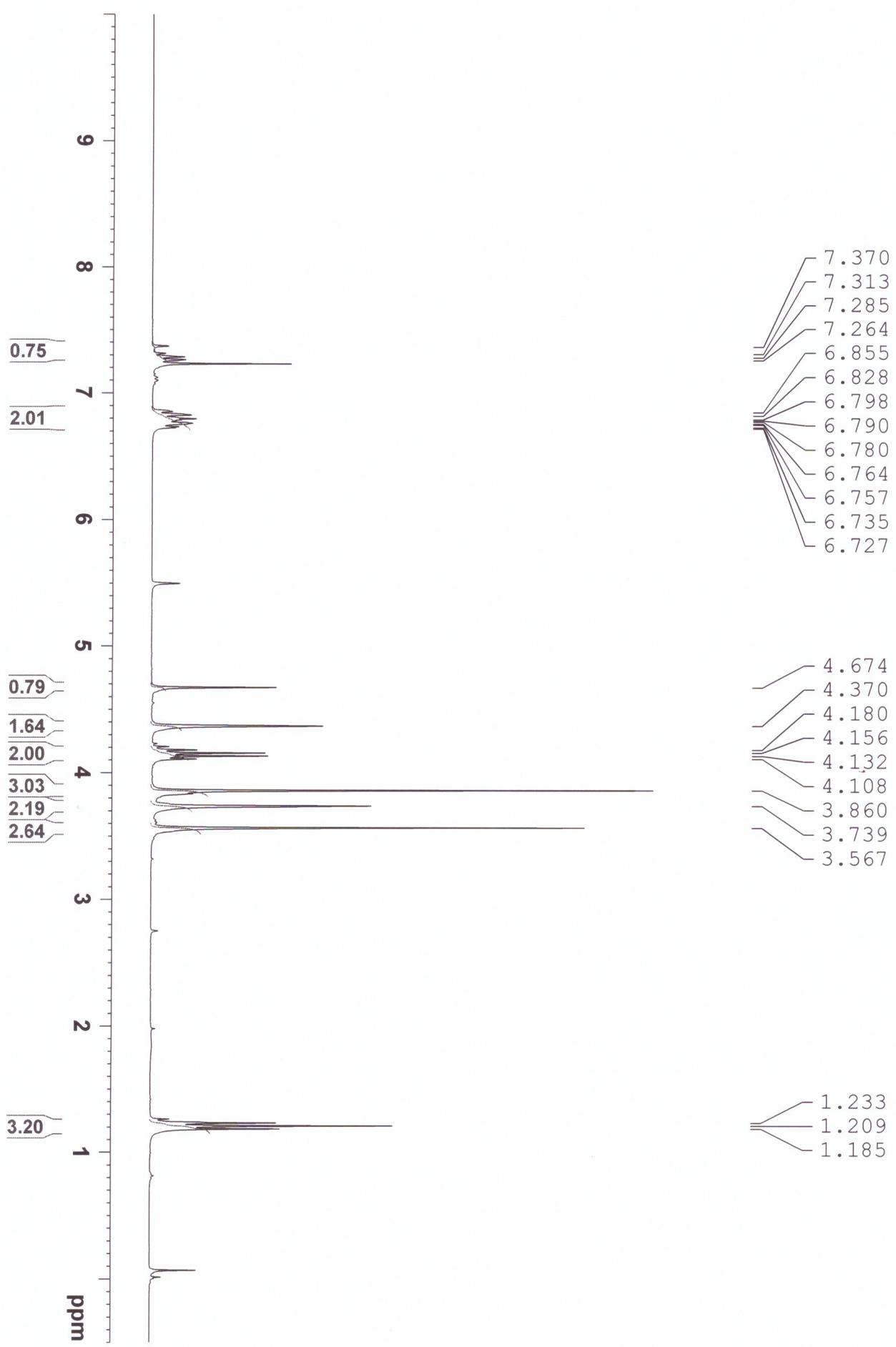
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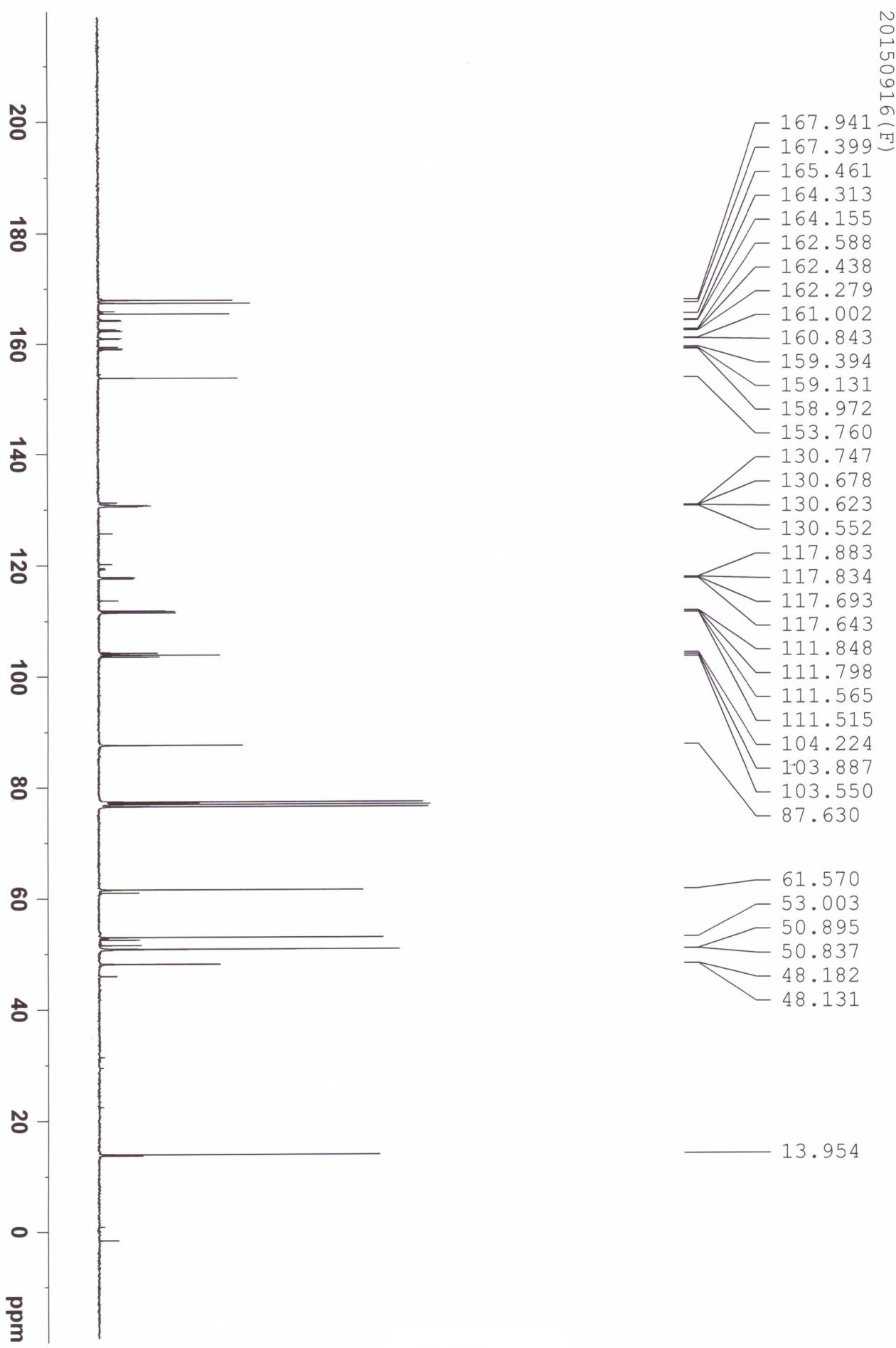
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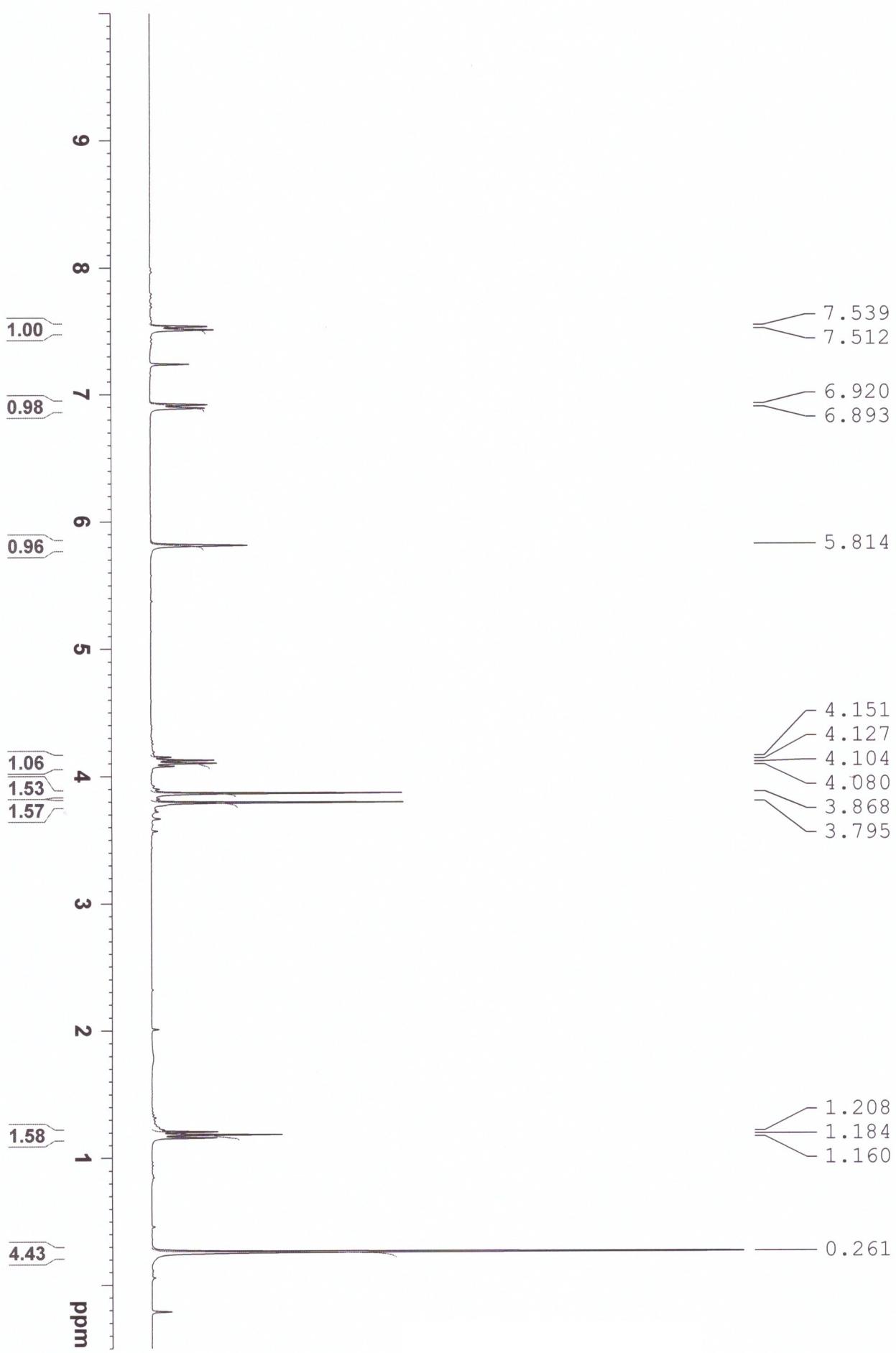
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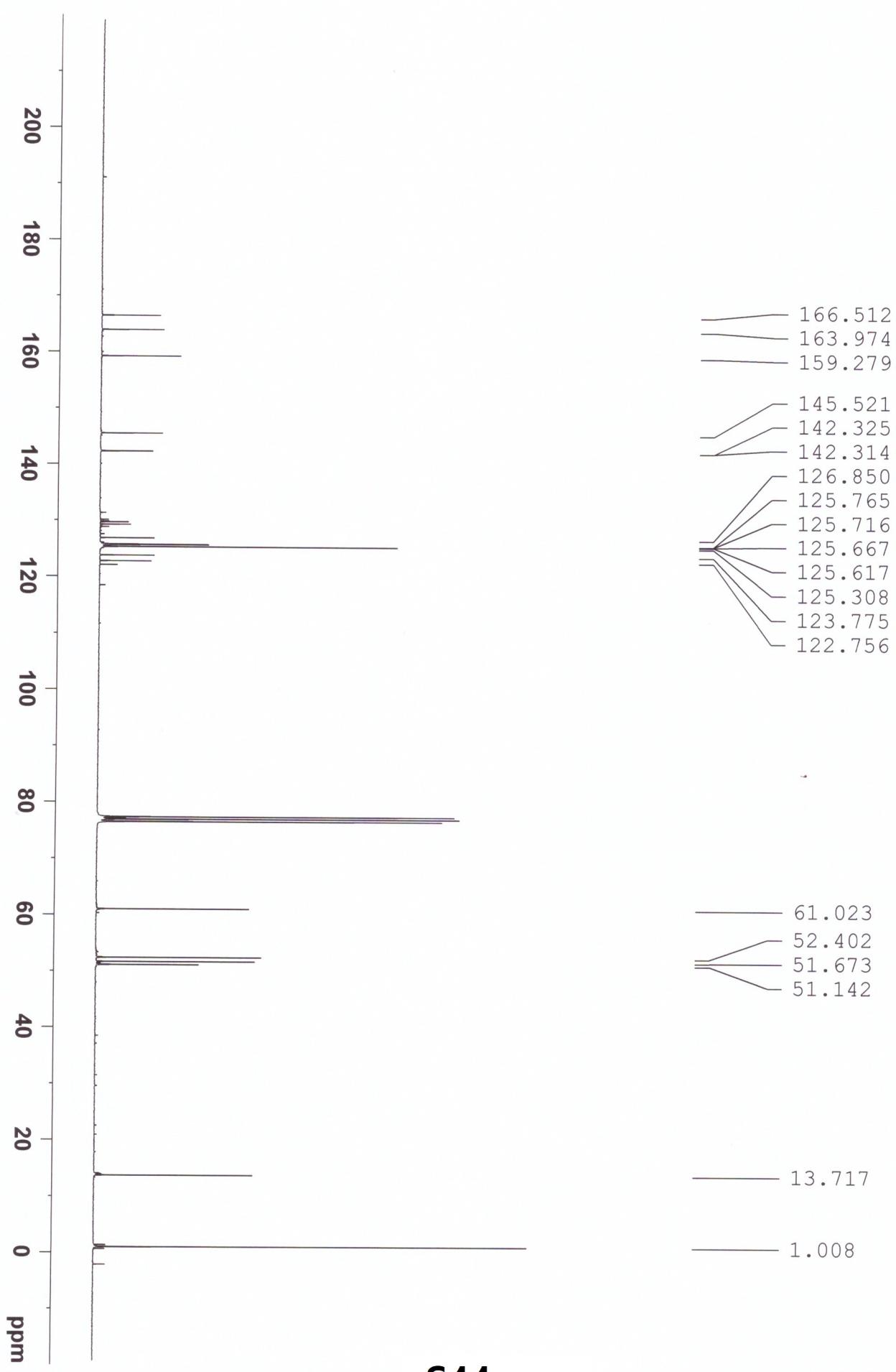


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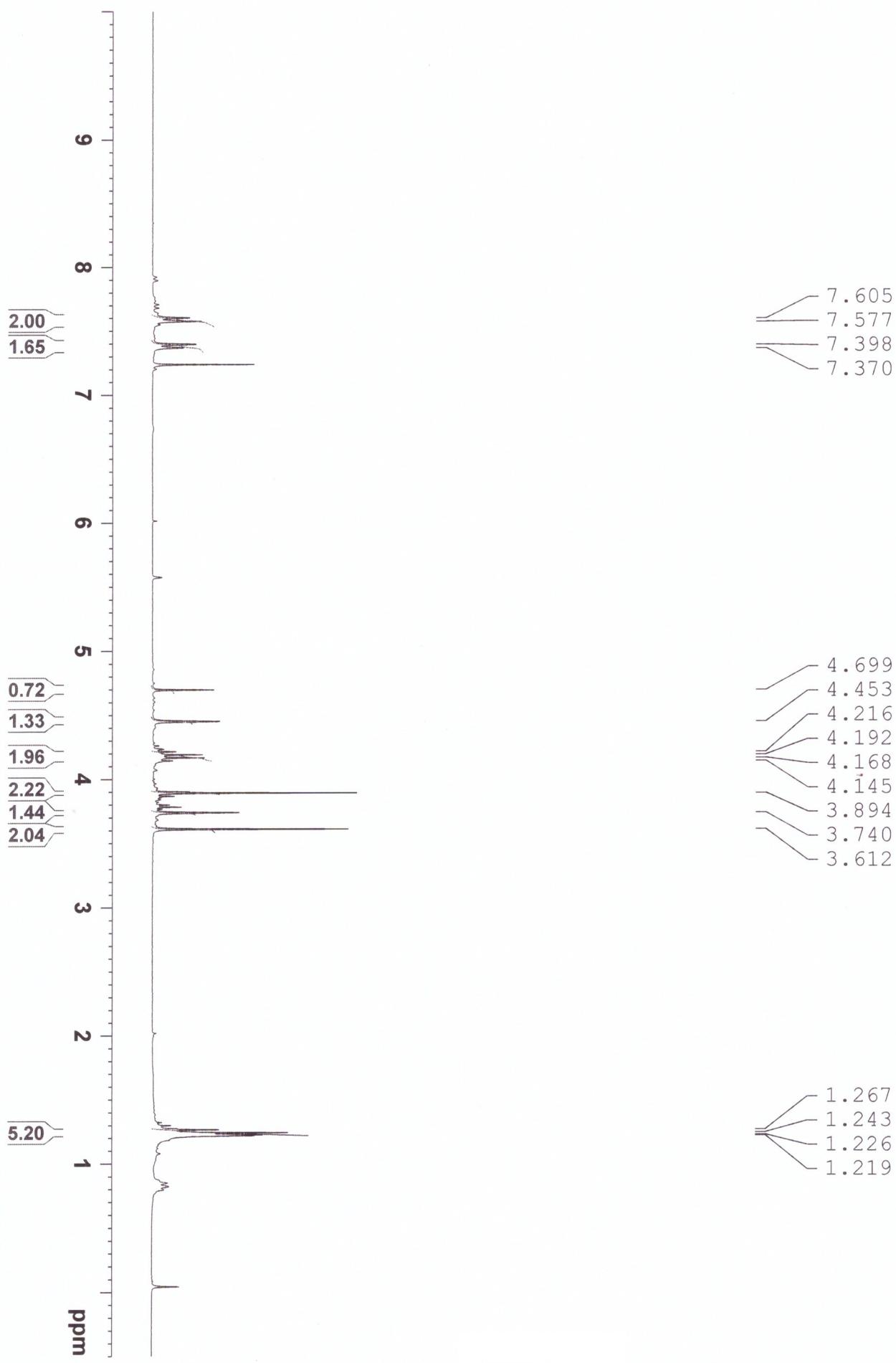
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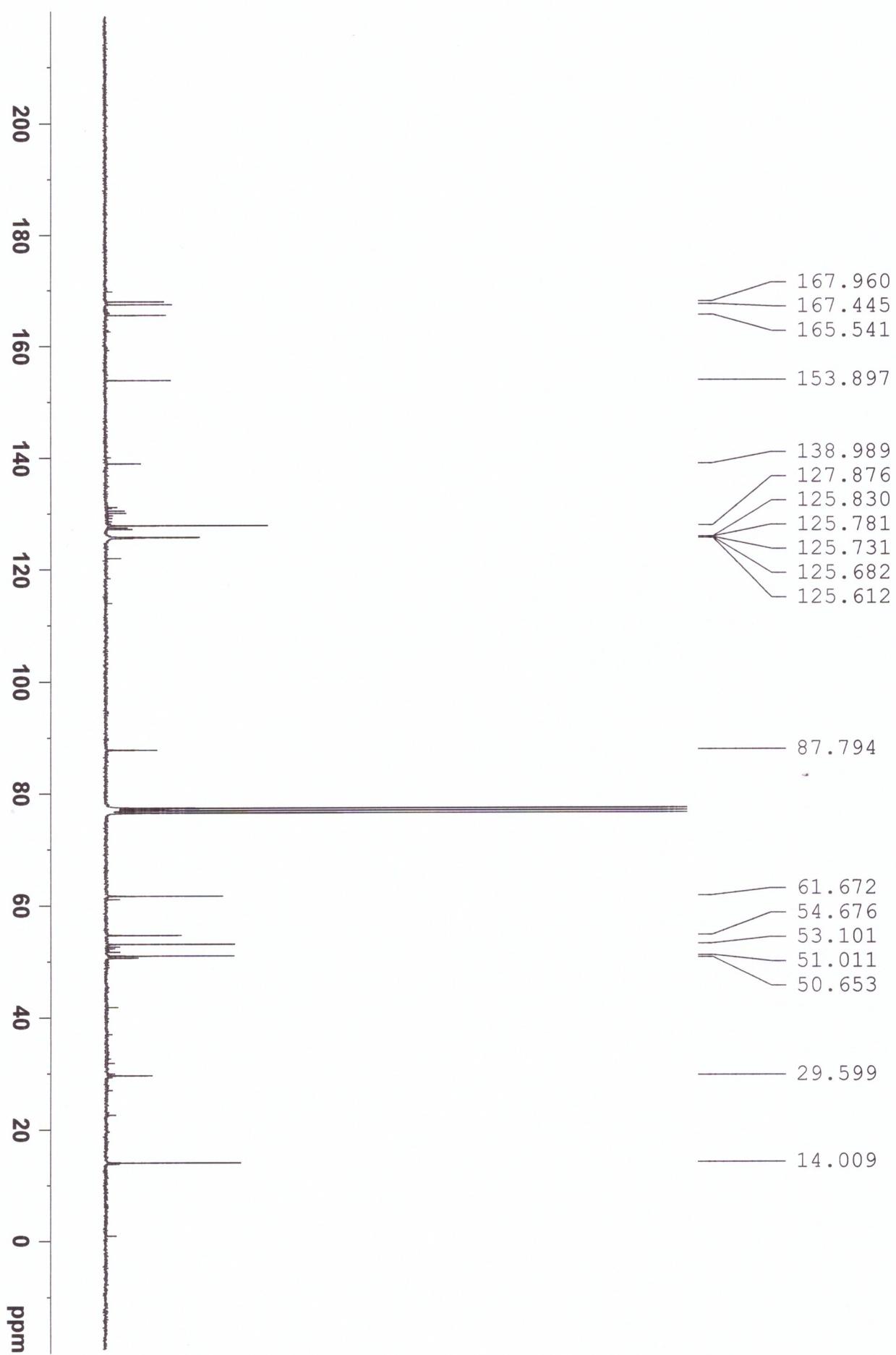
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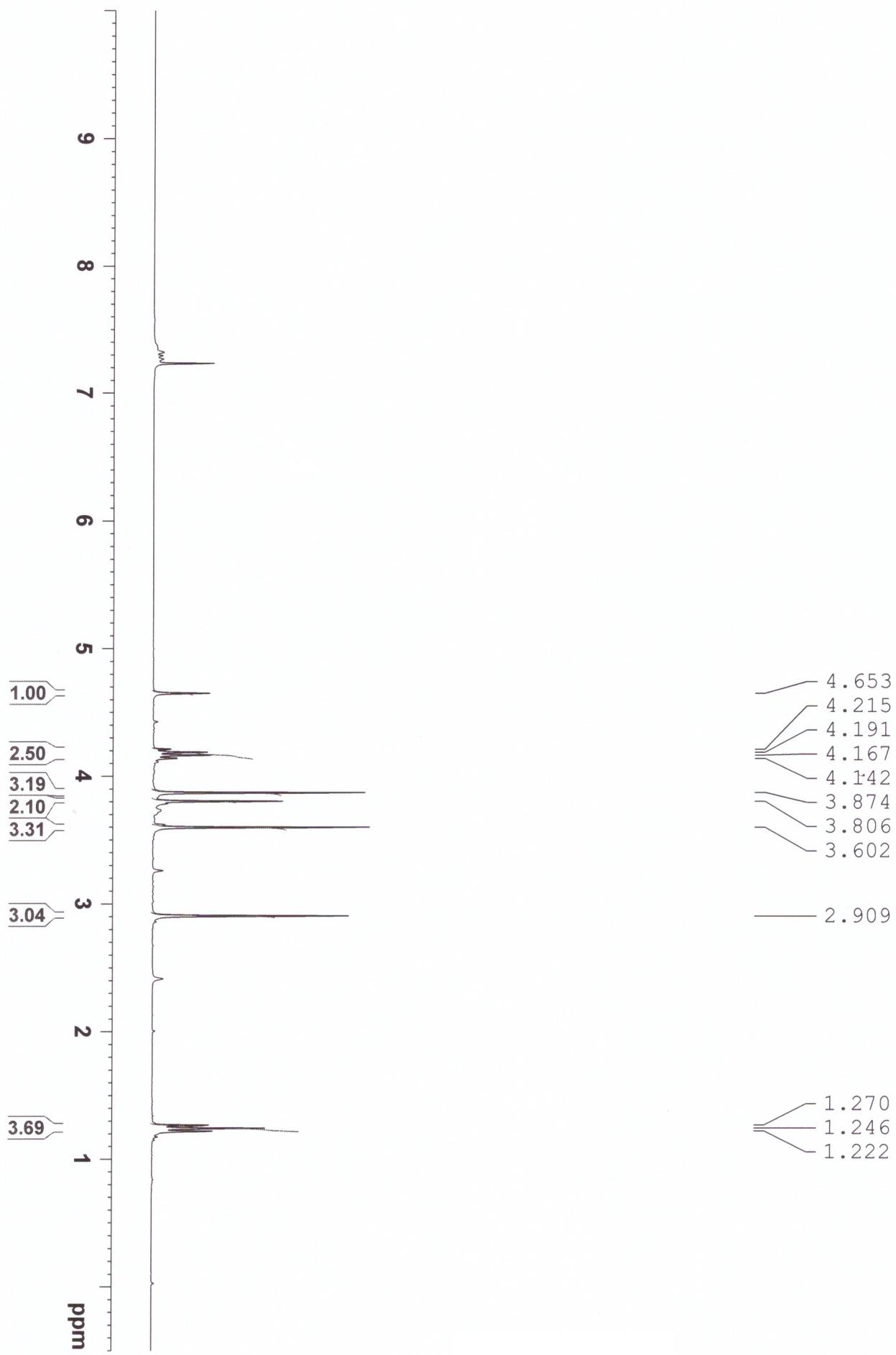
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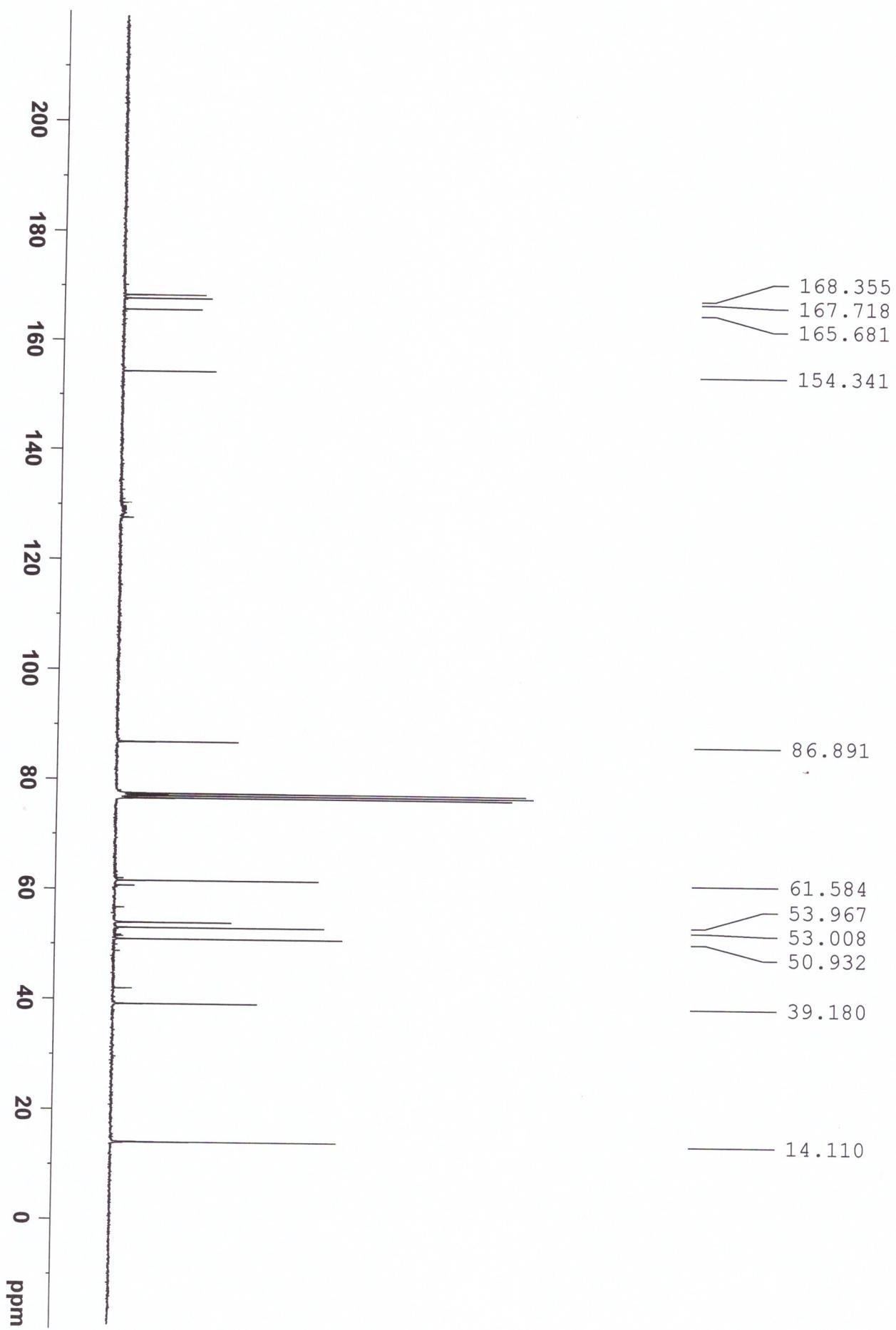


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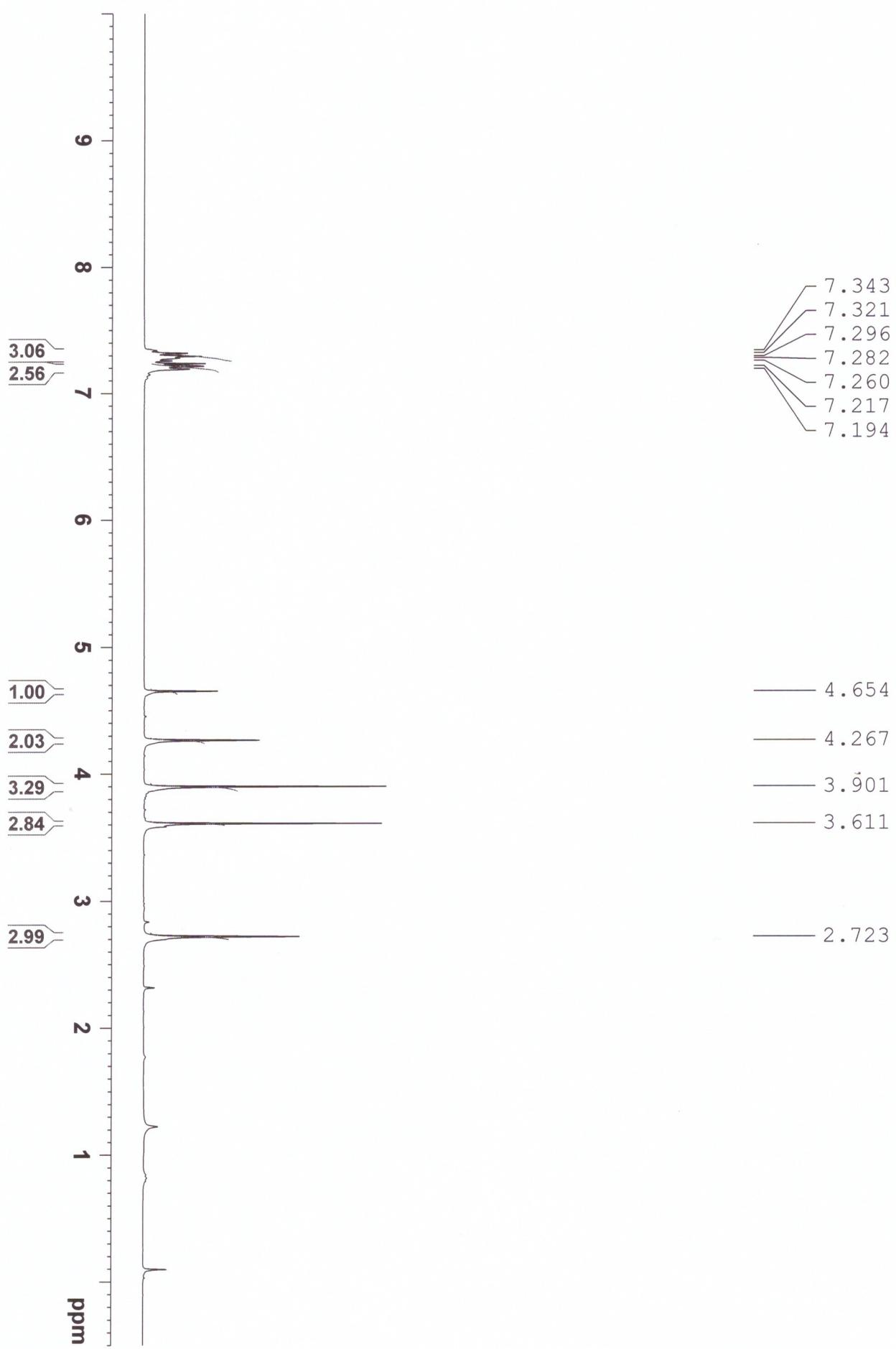
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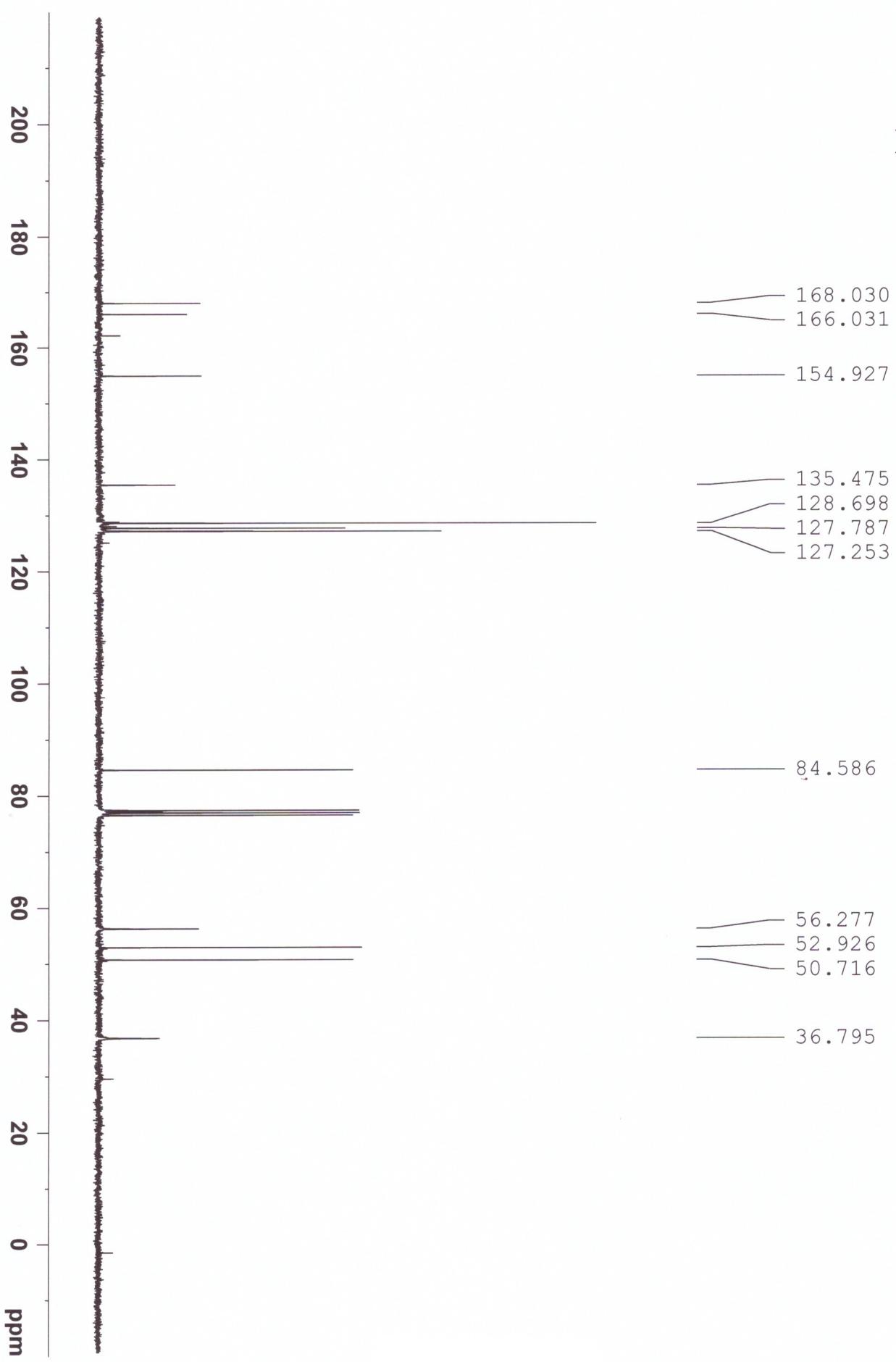


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