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Direct arylation of C₆₀Cl₆ and C₇₀Cl₈ with carboxylic acids: a synthetic avenue to water-soluble fullerene derivatives with promising antiviral activity

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Experimental procedures

Water-soluble fullerene C₆₀ derivatives were synthesized according to the following procedure: Chlorofullerene C₆₀Cl₆ (200 mg, 0.214 mmol) was dissolved in nitrobenzene (for phenyl substituted acids, 50 mL) or 1,2-dichlorobenzene (for thiienyl substituted acids, 50 mL) under inert conditions. Then aromatic acid (5.36 mmol, 25 eq) and SnCl₄ (5 μL) were added. Reaction mixture was heated to 70–80°C and stirred at this temperature for ~1 hour. Then reaction mixture was allowed to cool down, precipitated with 100 mL of hexane and centrifuged. Residue was washed with hexane, dried, washed with acetonitrile 5 times. Obtained orange powder was dissolved in aqueous K₂CO₃ (73.8 mg, 0.535 mmol, 2.5 eq), filtered through syringe filter (average pore size 0.45 μm), precipitated with HCl or acetic acid (1–2 mL), washed with water 10 times and dried in vacuo.

Procedure for the synthesis of the C₇₀ derivatives was similar, except 40 equivalents of the aromatic acid was used. Fullerene derivatives **1–11** were obtained with ~95% yields.

Potassium salts of the fullerene derivatives **1–11** were obtained by the dissolution of the compounds **1–11** (1 eq) in aqueous K₂CO₃ (2.5 eq for C₆₀ derivatives and 4 eq for C₇₀ derivatives) and filtration through the PES syringe filter followed by freeze-drying. Compounds **1–11** in form of potassium salts were obtained with quantitative yields.

Amides of aromatic acids ((3-phenylpropanoyl)glycine (**12a**), 6-(3-phenylpropanamido)hexanoic acid (**12b**), (3-(thiophen-2-yl)propanoyl)glycine (**12c**), 6-(2-(thiophen-2-yl)acetamido)hexanoic acid (**12d**)) were synthesized using standard method reported previously (*Chem. Commun.*, 2016, **52**, 7043–7046).

Selected data

Compounds **1** and **2** have been fully characterized earlier (*Org. Biomol. Chem.*, 2019, **17**, 7155–7160).

3 (Yield 95%). ^1H NMR (600 MHz, (CD₃)₂SO, δ , ppm): 1.23 – 1.44 (m, 15H), 3.61 – 3.80 (m, 5H), 6.95 – 7.66 (m, 25H), 7.67 – 8.11 (m, 10H).

^{13}C NMR (151 MHz, (CD₃)₂SO, δ , ppm): 18.72 (CH₃), 44.48 (CH), 44.56 (CH), 57.85 (C_{sp3} fullerene cage), 60.56 (C_{sp3} fullerene cage), 63.18 (C_{sp3} fullerene cage), 76.24 (C_{sp3} fullerene cage), 115.61, 115.62, 115.77, 118.59, 124.35, 124.39, 124.50, 124.53, 125.99, 126.08, 126.10, 126.11, 126.19, 128.61, 128.70, 128.71, 128.75, 129.90, 129.92, 129.95, 129.98, 130.00, 131.04, 131.06, 135.30, 135.37, 136.32, 137.71, 137.73, 142.63, 142.88, 143.17, 143.68, 143.88, 144.47, 144.93, 145.28, 145.32,

146.22, 146.59, 147.14, 148.51, 148.63, 148.67, 150.25, 151.07, 154.15, 156.59, 158.45, 158.56, 160.19, 175.24 (CO), 175.29 (CO).

¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, (CD₃)₂SO, δ, ppm): -118.20 (s, 2F) -117.90 (s, 3F).

ESI MS: m/z= 1936 ([M-Cl]⁻).

4 (Yield 95%). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, (CD₃)₂SO, δ, ppm): 2.31 – 2.38 (m, 2H), 2.42 – 2.53 (m, 8H), 2.69 – 2.75 (m, 2H), 2.77 – 2.94 (m, 8H), 3.66 – 3.84 (m, 10H), 6.96 – 7.14 (m, 4H), 7.19 – 7.31 (m, 8H), 7.51 – 7.59 (m, 4H), 7.74 – 7.82 (m, 4H), 8.09 – 8.13 (m, 1H), 8.14 – 8.29 (m, 4H), 12.43 (br.s, 5H).

¹³C NMR (126 MHz, (CD₃)₂SO, δ, ppm): 30.38 (CH₂), 30.76 (CH₂), 31.01 (CH₂), 36.60 (CH₂), 36.89 (CH₂), 37.00 (CH₂), 41.07 (CH₂), 57.85 (C_{sp³ fullerene cage), 60.59 (C_{sp³ fullerene cage), 63.15 (C_{sp³ fullerene cage), 76.54 (C_{sp³ fullerene cage-Cl), 128.33, 128.48, 128.66, 128.74, 129.40, 129.48, 130.06, 134.51, 135.97, 141.28, 141.60, 141.84, 141.99, 142.79, 143.58, 143.61, 143.65, 143.76, 143.89, 144.07, 144.22, 144.39, 144.44, 145.49, 146.97, 147.03, 147.18, 147.22, 147.33, 147.79, 148.08, 148.17, 148.40, 148.53, 148.57, 148.61, 148.72, 150.66, 151.39, 156.82, 156.86, 171.79 (CO), 171.85 (CO), 172.16 (CO), 172.24 (CO), 174.15 (CO), 174.20 (CO).}}}}

ESI MS: m/z= 1751 ([M-Cl]⁻).

5 (Yield 95%). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, (CD₃)₂SO, δ, ppm): 1.16 – 1.28 (m, 10H), 1.29 – 1.38 (m, 10H), 1.41 – 1.51 (m, 10H), 2.09 – 2.22 (m, 10H), 2.23 – 2.46 (m, 10H), 2.68 – 2.90 (m, 10H), 2.92 – 3.08 (m, 10H), 6.61 – 7.66 (m, 20H), 7.69 – 7.99 (m, 5H), 11.92 (br.s, 5H).

¹³C NMR (126 MHz, (CD₃)₂SO, δ, ppm): 24.66 (CH₂), 26.39 (CH₂), 29.32 (CH₂), 31.18 (CH₂), 34.05 (CH₂), 37.04 (CH₂), 37.28(CH₂), 38.77(CH₂), 38.81(CH₂), 57.88 (C_{sp³ fullerene cage), 60.59 (C_{sp³ fullerene cage), 63.15 (C_{sp³ fullerene cage), 74.87 (C_{sp³ fullerene cage-Cl), 127.88, 128.02, 128.28, 128.44, 128.68, 129.02, 129.37, 129.45, 129.49, 129.75, 129.97, 132.09, 135.98, 141.83, 142.04, 142.79, 142.89, 143.04, 143.17, 143.39, 143.57, 143.64, 143.77, 143.87, 144.08, 144.24, 144.38, 144.43, 145.50, 146.97, 147.02, 147.09, 147.19, 147.25, 147.35, 147.75, 147.83, 148.02, 148.11, 148.19, 148.32, 148.42, 148.56, 148.74, 150.65, 151.40, 156.87, 171.41 (CO), 171.46 (CO), 171.50 (CO), 174.87 (CO). ESI MS: m/z= 1016 ([M-Cl]²⁻).}}}}

6 (Yield 95%). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, (CD₃)₂SO, δ, ppm): 3.75 (s, 2H), 3.83 (s, 4H), 3.86 (s, 4H), 6.78 (d, 1H, *J* = 3.5 Hz), 6.83 (d, 1H, *J* = 3.6 Hz), 6.91 (d, 2H, *J* = 3.5 Hz), 6.95 (d, 2H, *J* = 3.6 Hz), 7.09 (d, 2H, *J* = 3.5 Hz), 7.37 (d, 2H, *J* = 3.5 Hz).

¹³C NMR (126 MHz, (CD₃)₂SO, δ, ppm): 35.37 (CH₂), 35.54 (CH₂), 35.62 (CH₂), 54.07 (C_{sp³ fullerene cage), 56.28 (C_{sp³ fullerene cage), 59.64 (C_{sp³ fullerene cage), 75.47 (C_{sp³ fullerene cage-Cl), 126.87, 127.04, 127.45, 127.47, 127.60, 129.88, 137.90, 138.11, 138.45, 139.14, 140.21, 142.26, 142.54, 142.82, 143.10, 143.37, 143.89, 144.29, 144.30, 144.33, 144.61, 144.66, 144.93, 145.60, 146.00, 147.12, 147.26, 147.83, 148.18, 148.23, 148.32, 148.62, 148.69, 148.72, 149.95, 150.58, 153.32, 155.70, 171.79 (CO), 171.92 (CO), 171.93 (CO).}}}}

ESI MS: m/z= 1425 ([M-Cl]⁻).

7 (Yield 95%). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, (CD₃)₂SO, δ, ppm): 3.69 – 3.84 (m, 20H), 6.75 – 6.82 (m, 2H), 6.89 (d, 2H, *J* = 3.2 Hz), 6.92 (d, 2H, *J* = 3.3 Hz), 7.07 (d, 2H, *J* = 3.4 Hz), 7.35 (d, 2H, *J* = 3.5 Hz), 8.33 – 8.52 (m, 5H), 12.58 (br.s, 5H).

¹³C NMR (126 MHz, (CD₃)₂SO, δ, ppm): 36.59 (CH₂), 36.81 (CH₂), 36.87 (CH₂), 41.28 (CH₂), 54.12 (C_{sp3} fullerene cage), 56.35 (C_{sp3} fullerene cage), 59.65 (C_{sp3} fullerene cage), 75.49 (C_{sp3} fullerene cage-Cl), 126.44, 126.72, 126.78, 127.48, 129.85, 138.89, 139.01, 139.25, 139.60, 139.94, 142.29, 142.54, 142.81, 143.00, 143.06, 143.38, 143.93, 144.30, 144.58, 144.63, 144.93, 145.41, 146.05, 147.12, 147.26, 147.83, 148.16, 148.22, 148.31, 148.60, 148.71, 149.98, 150.60, 153.36, 155.76, 169.49 (CO), 169.67 (CO), 171.57 (CO), 171.61 (CO).

ESI MS: m/z= 1711 ([M-Cl]⁻).

8 (Yield 95%). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, (CD₃)₂SO, δ, ppm): 1.19 – 1.29 (m, 10H), 1.33 – 1.42 (m, 10H), 1.43 – 1.51 (m, 10H), 2.12 – 2.20 (m, 10H), 2.94 – 3.08 (m, 10H), 3.55 (s, 2H), 3.62 (s, 4H), 3.65 (s, 4H), 6.73 – 6.78 (m, 1H), 6.81 – 6.83 (m, 1H), 6.84 – 6.86 (m, 2H), 6.87 – 6.90 (m, 2H), 7.05 – 7.08 (m, 2H), 7.32 – 7.36 (m, 2H), 7.98 – 8.18 (m, 5H), 12.18 (br.s, 5H).

¹³C NMR (126 MHz, (CD₃)₂SO, δ, ppm): 24.66 (CH₂), 26.43 (CH₂), 29.19 (CH₂), 34.05 (CH₂), 37.10 (CH₂), 37.27 (CH₂), 37.36 (CH₂), 39.07 (CH₂), 54.12 (C_{sp3} fullerene cage), 56.34 (C_{sp3} fullerene cage), 59.65 (C_{sp3} fullerene cage), 75.51 (C_{sp3} fullerene cage-Cl), 126.12, 126.37, 126.54, 126.71, 127.03, 127.41, 129.80, 137.89, 138.09, 138.44, 138.73, 138.79, 139.24, 139.55, 139.76, 140.25, 142.29, 142.36, 142.53, 142.56, 142.81, 143.00, 143.07, 143.38, 143.91, 144.21, 144.31, 144.59, 144.64, 144.93, 145.28, 146.04, 147.12, 147.26, 147.83, 148.17, 148.22, 148.31, 148.60, 148.70, 149.98, 150.60, 153.34, 155.75, 169.03 (CO), 174.88 (CO).

ESI MS: m/z= 1991 ([M-Cl]⁻).

9 (Yield 95%). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, (CD₃)₂SO, δ, ppm): 3.67 (s, 4H), 3.70 (s, 4H), 3.73 (s, 4H), 3.82 (s, 4H), 6.56 (d, 2H, J = 3.4 Hz), 6.60 (d, 2H, J = 3.5 Hz), 6.66 (d, 2H, J = 3.5 Hz), 6.69 (d, 2H, J = 3.4 Hz), 6.72 (d, 2H, J = 3.5 Hz), 6.78 (d, 2H, J = 3.4 Hz), 6.83 (d, 2H, J = 3.5 Hz), 6.99 (d, 2H, J = 3.5 Hz).

¹³C NMR (126 MHz, (CD₃)₂SO, δ, ppm): 35.46 (CH₂), 35.57 (CH₂), 56.05 (C_{sp3} fullerene cage), 56.76 (C_{sp3} fullerene cage), 57.11 (C_{sp3} fullerene cage), 57.59 (C_{sp3} fullerene cage), 108.13, 126.48, 126.58, 126.72, 126.85, 126.97, 126.99, 127.35, 131.57, 132.79, 134.03, 134.56, 135.65, 137.15, 137.50, 137.69, 140.56, 140.84, 141.19, 142.12, 142.14, 142.30, 142.34, 145.31, 145.44, 145.48, 145.77, 146.28, 146.52, 148.06, 148.42, 149.45, 149.50, 150.39, 150.51, 151.74, 152.16, 152.55, 153.05, 153.29, 153.79, 154.48, 155.01, 161.06, 171.88 (COOH), 171.91 (COOH), 171.92 (COOH), 172.03 (COOH).

ESI MS: m/z= 1969 ([M]⁻).

10 (Yield 95%). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, (CD₃)₂SO, δ, ppm): 2.43 – 2.62 (m, 16H), 2.84 – 3.06 (m, 16H), 6.53 (d, 2H, J = 3.5 Hz), 6.57 (d, 2H, J = 3.4 Hz), 6.61 (d, 2H, J = 3.6 Hz), 6.64 (d, 2H, J = 3.5 Hz), 6.66 (d, 2H, J = 3.5 Hz), 6.73 (d, 2H, J = 3.4 Hz), 6.77 (d, 2H, J = 3.5 Hz), 6.94 (d, 2H, J = 3.5 Hz).

¹³C NMR (126 MHz, (CD₃)₂SO, δ, ppm): 25.26 (CH₂), 25.29 (CH₂), 25.41(CH₂), 35.85(CH₂), 35.89 (CH₂), 35.91(CH₂), 56.70 (C_{sp3} fullerene cage), 57.07 (C_{sp3} fullerene cage), 57.33 (C_{sp3} fullerene cage), 57.53 (C_{sp3} fullerene cage), 124.99, 125.02, 125.13, 125.45, 126.73, 126.76, 126.89, 127.12, 131.57, 132.67, 133.97, 134.52, 135.63, 139.26, 139.47, 139.89, 141.02, 141.99, 142.20, 142.27, 144.37, 144.39, 144.72, 144.89, 145.24, 145.38, 145.78, 146.12, 146.41, 147.99, 148.46, 149.42, 149.51,

150.36, 150.47, 151.76, 152.14, 152.50, 152.58, 153.01, 153.25, 153.74, 154.44, 154.98, 155.05, 160.97, 173.72 (COOH), 173.80 (COOH).
ESI MS: m/z= 1041 ([M] $^{2-}$).

11 (Yield 95%). ^1H NMR (500 MHz, $(\text{CD}_3)_2\text{SO}$, δ , ppm): 1.65 – 1.90 (m, 16H), 2.12 – 2.32 (m, 16H), 2.60 – 2.82 (m, 16H), 6.48 (d, 2H, J = 3.5 Hz), 6.52 (d, 2H, J = 3.4 Hz), 6.59 (d, 2H, J = 3.2 Hz), 6.68 – 6.71 (m, 4H), 6.73 (d, 2H, J = 3.5 Hz), 6.82 (d, 2H, J = 3.4 Hz), 7.02 (d, 2H, J = 3.5 Hz).

^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, DMSO, δ , ppm): 26.92 (CH_2), 27.00 (CH_2), 29.08 (CH_2), 29.21 (CH_2), 33.04 (CH_2), 33.07 (CH_2), 33.17 (CH_2), 56.72 ($\text{C}_{\text{sp}3}$ fullerene cage), 57.11 ($\text{C}_{\text{sp}3}$ fullerene cage), 57.36 ($\text{C}_{\text{sp}3}$ fullerene cage), 57.56 ($\text{C}_{\text{sp}3}$ fullerene cage), 124.78, 124.81, 124.88, 125.27, 126.78, 126.81, 126.96, 127.13, 131.62, 132.82, 134.13, 134.52, 135.63, 139.22, 139.48, 139.91, 140.90, 142.00, 142.14, 142.25, 145.18, 145.22, 145.29, 145.40, 145.50, 145.67, 145.73, 146.23, 146.57, 148.03, 148.48, 149.40, 149.45, 150.34, 150.47, 151.83, 152.10, 152.15, 152.55, 152.95, 153.11, 153.72, 154.30, 155.02, 161.05, 174.55 (COOH), 174.57 (COOH), 174.59 (COOH).

ESI MS: m/z= 1097 ([M] $^{2-}$).

12a (Yield 95%). ^1H NMR (600 MHz, $(\text{CD}_3)_2\text{SO}$, δ , ppm): 2.44 (t, 2H, J = 7.9 Hz), 2.82 (t, 2H, J = 7.9 Hz), 3.75 (d, 2H, J = 5.8 Hz), 7.16 – 7.29 (m, 5H), 8.19 (s, 1H).

12b (Yield 95%). ^1H NMR (600 MHz, $(\text{CD}_3)_2\text{SO}$, δ , ppm): 2.32 – 2.38 (m, 4H), 2.79 (t, 2H, J = 7.8 Hz), 3.20 – 3.26 (m, 2H), 7.15 – 7.29 (m, 5H), 7.91 (s, 1H).

12c (Yield 95%). ^1H NMR (500 MHz, $(\text{CD}_3)_2\text{SO}$, δ , ppm): 3.69 (d, 2H, J = 0.4 Hz), 3.76 (d, 2H, J = 5.9 Hz), 6.89 – 6.99 (m, 2H), 7.34 (dd, 1H, J = 5.1, 1.3 Hz), 8.39 (t, 1H, J = 5.7 Hz).

12d (Yield 95%). ^1H NMR (500 MHz, $(\text{CD}_3)_2\text{SO}$, δ , ppm): 2.41 (t, 2H, J = 6.8 Hz), 3.24 – 3.31 (m, 2H), 3.64 (s, 2H), 6.89 – 6.92 (m, 1H), 6.96 (dd, 1H, J = 5.1, 3.4 Hz), 7.37 (dd, 2H, J = 5.1, 1.3 Hz), 8.19 (t, 1H, J = 5.1 Hz).

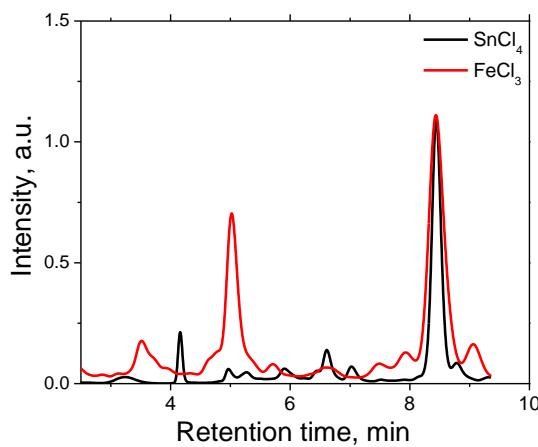


Fig. S1. HPLC profiles of the C_{60}Cl_6 reaction with hydrocinnamic acid methyl ester catalyzed by FeCl_3 and SnCl_4 (C18 Cosmosil column, elution with toluene/acetonitrile mixtures 80%/20% v/v, 30oC, flow rate 1 mL/min)

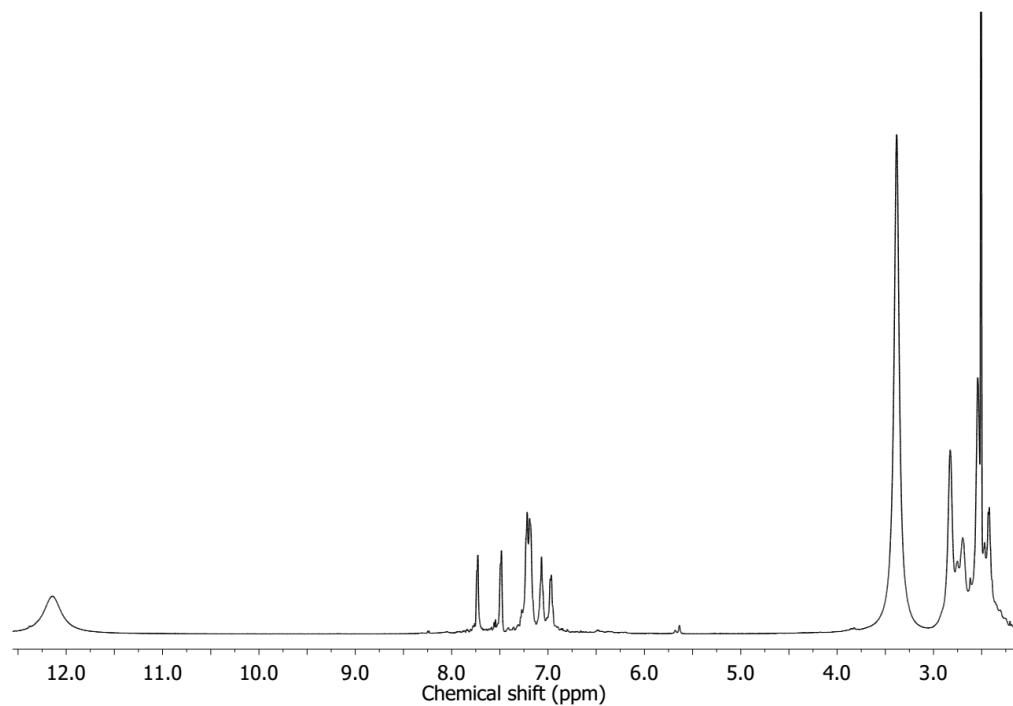


Fig. S2. ^1H NMR spectrum of compound 1

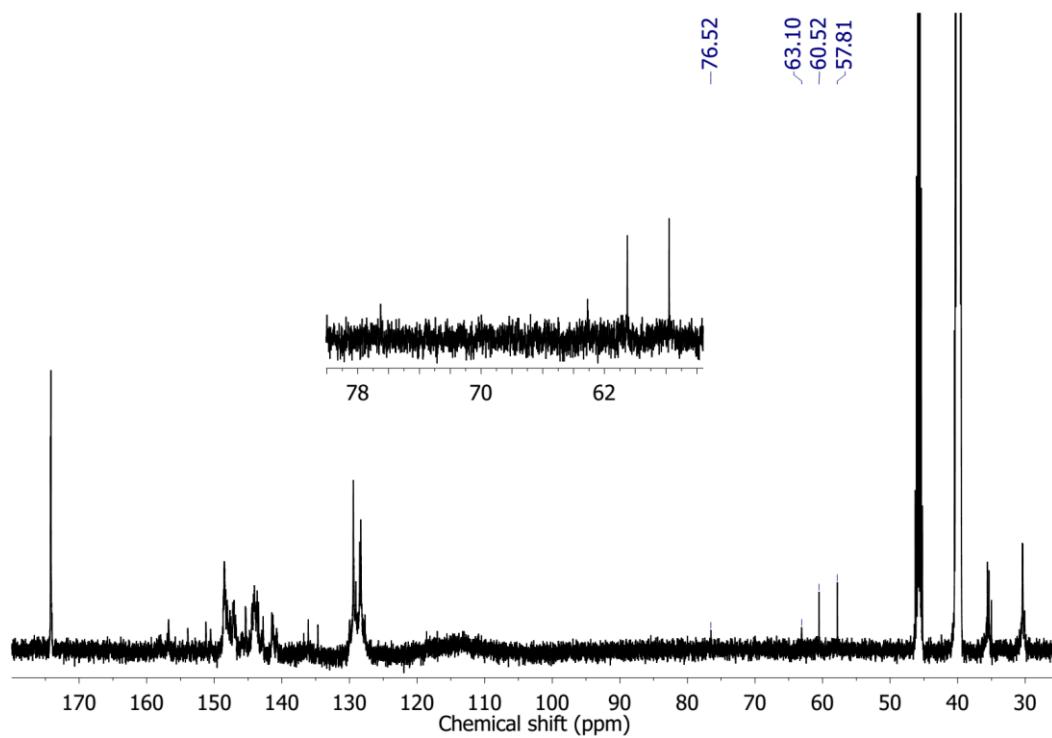


Fig. S3. ^{13}C NMR spectrum of compound 1

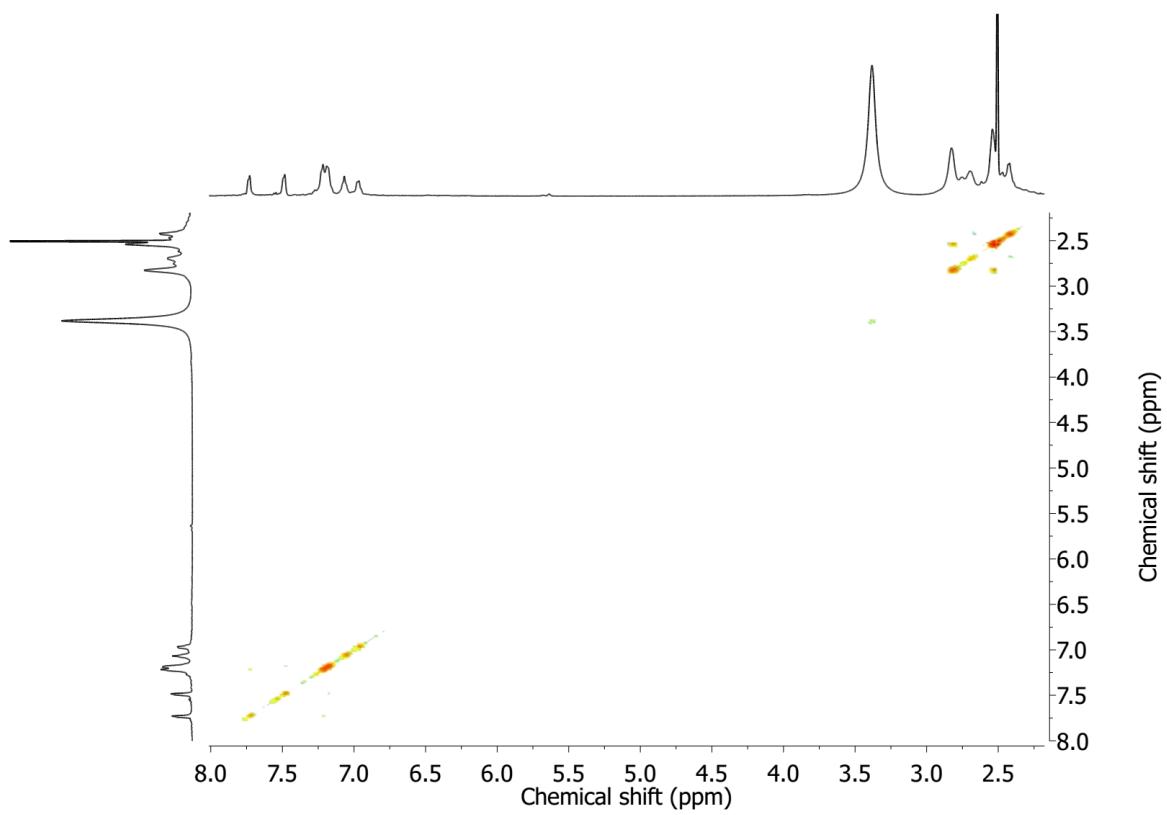


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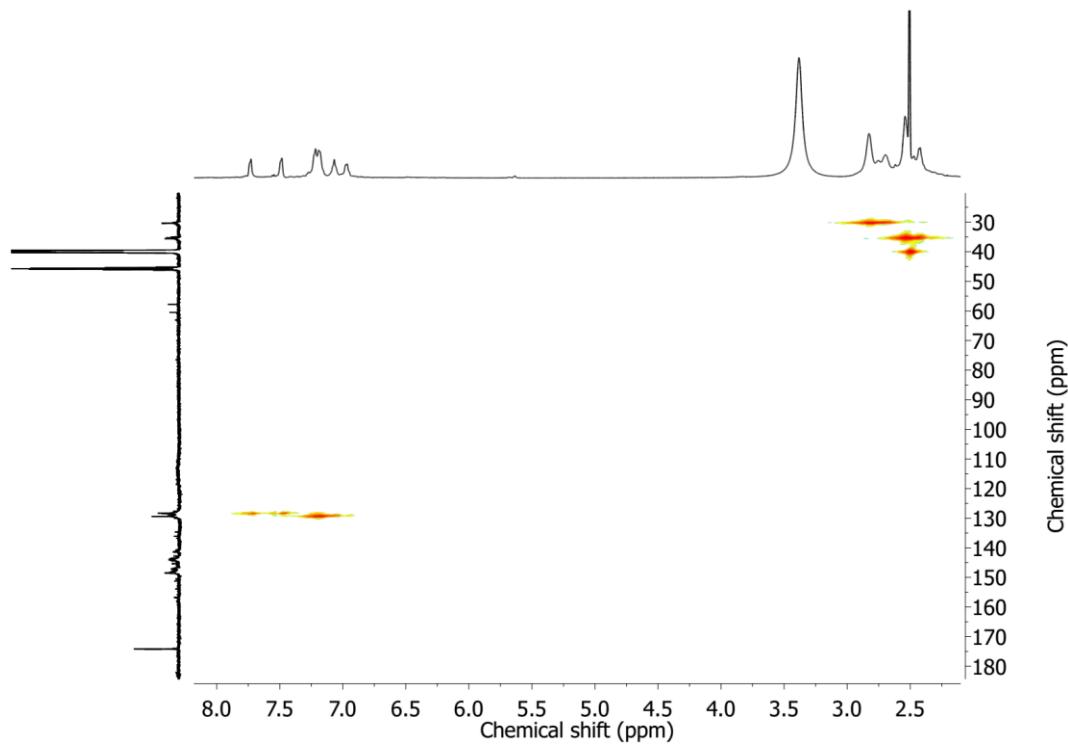


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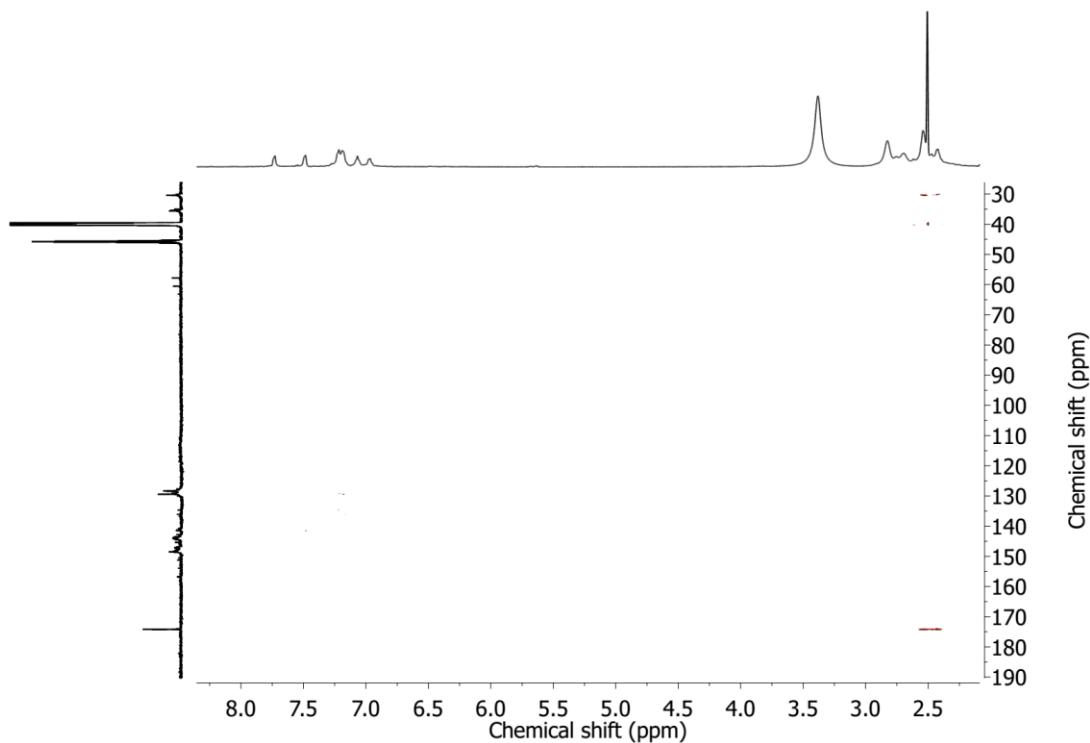


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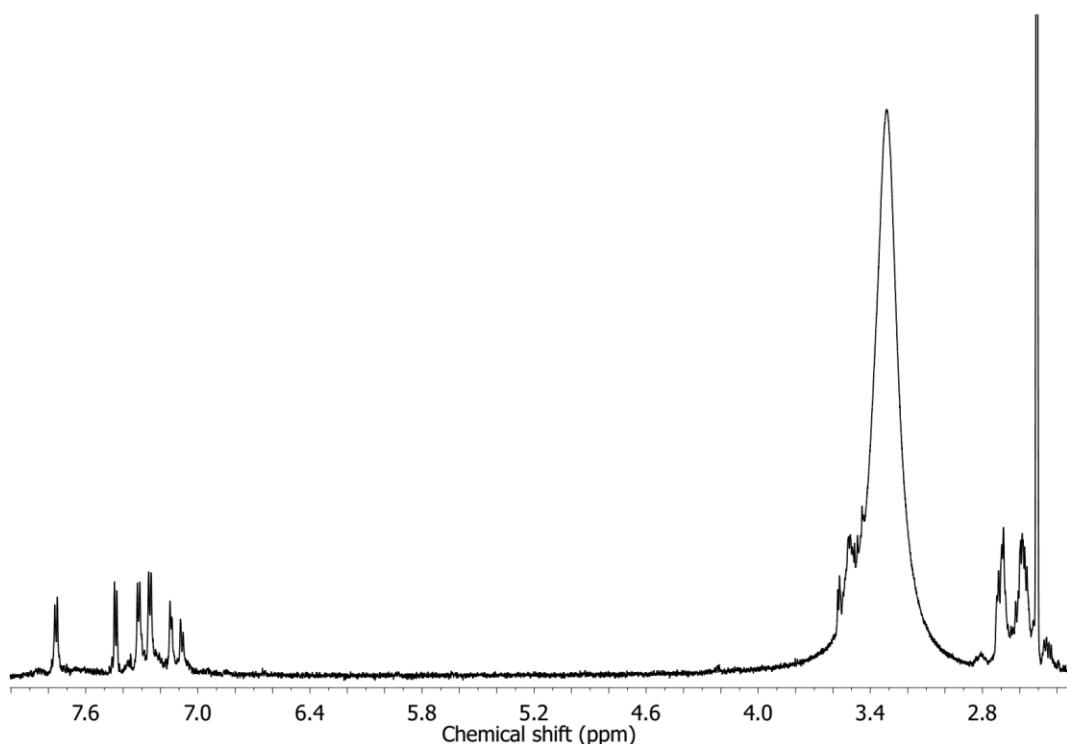


Fig. S7. ^1H NMR spectrum of compound **2**

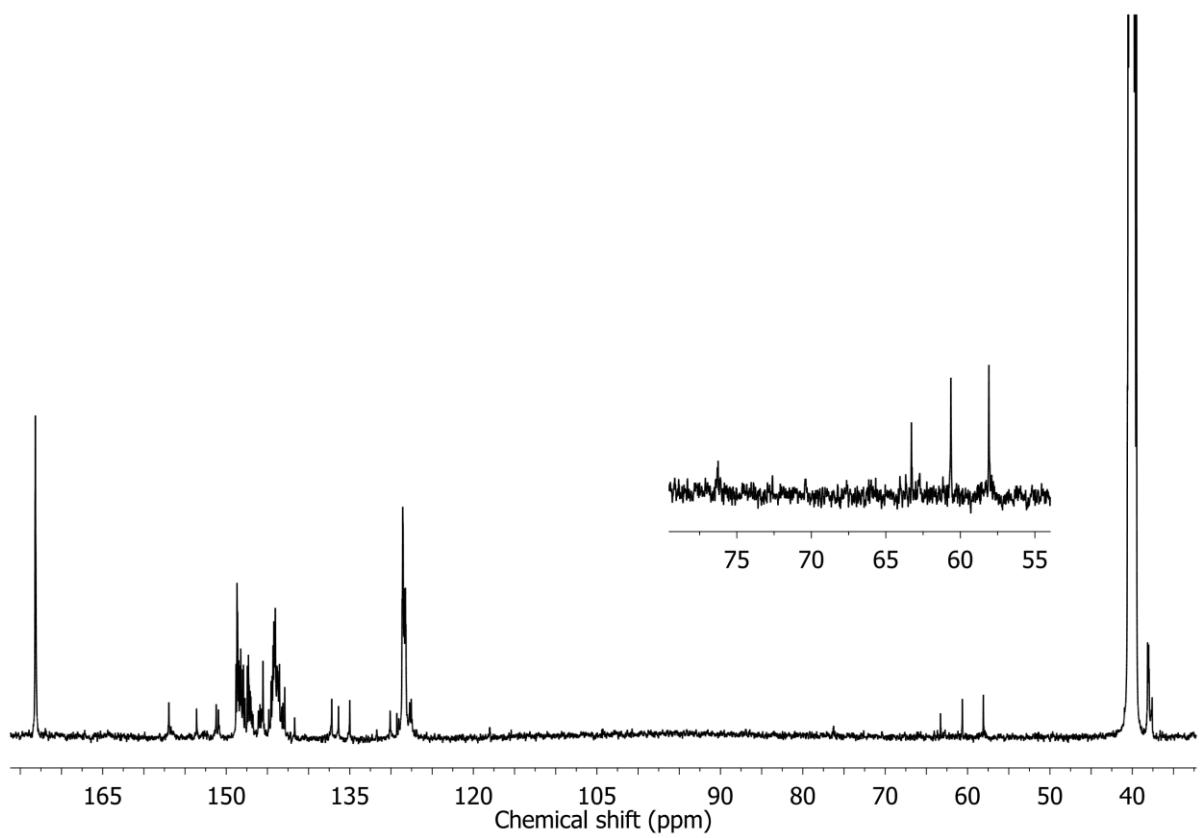


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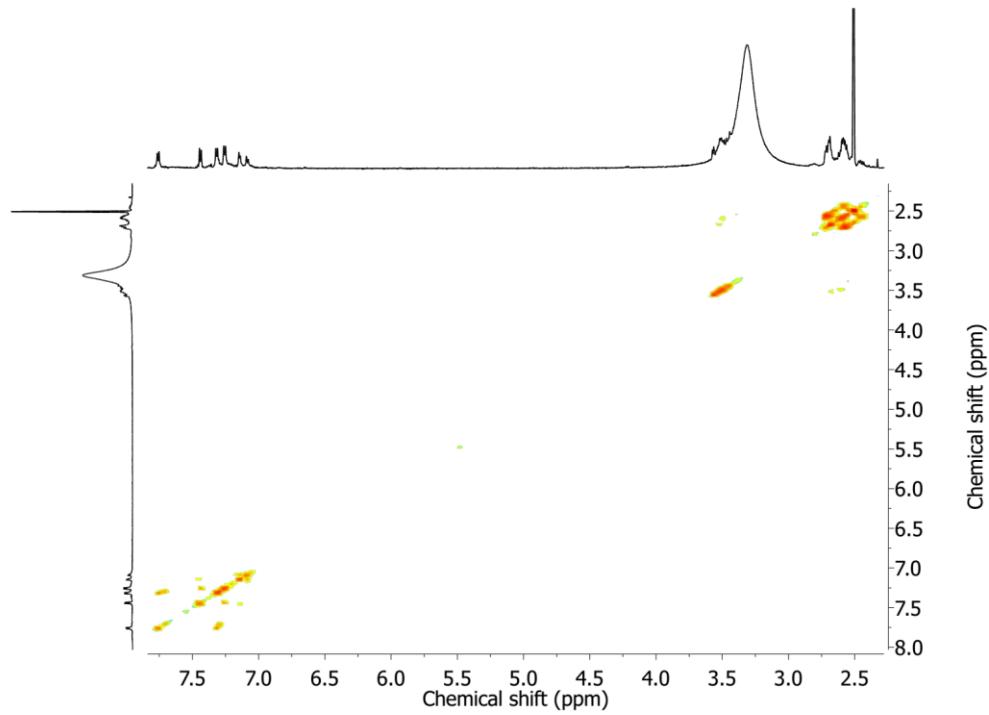


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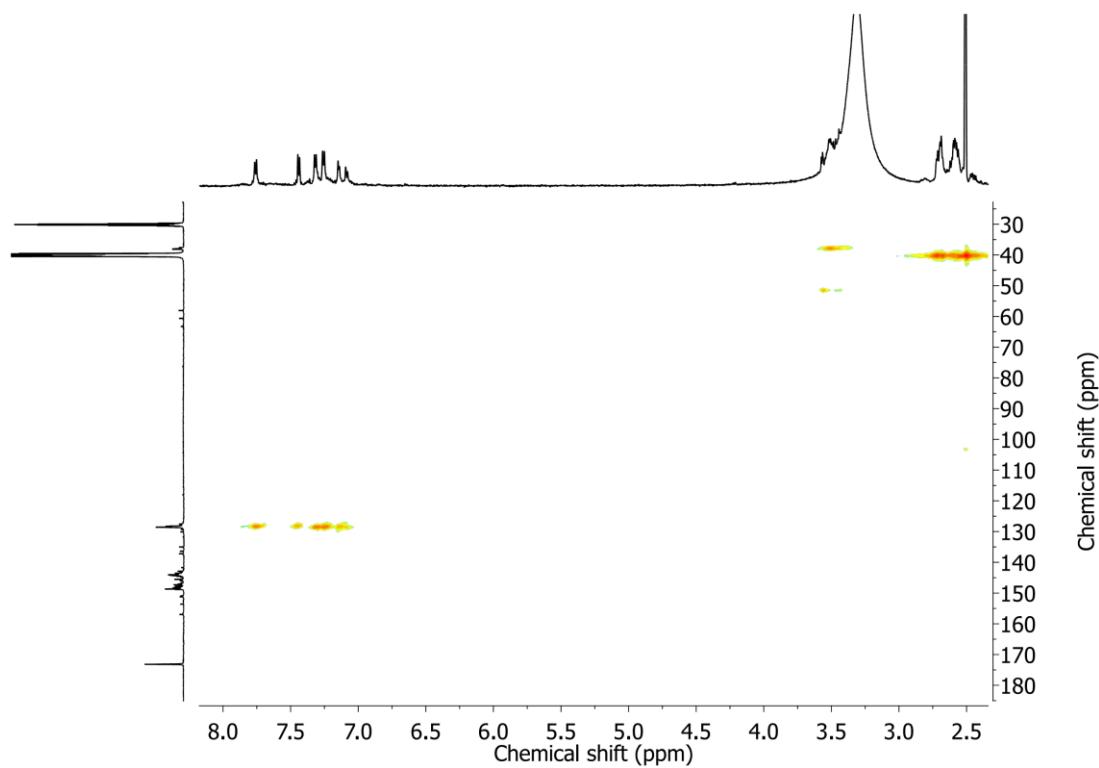


Fig. S10. ^1H - ^{13}C HSQC NMR spectrum of compound 2

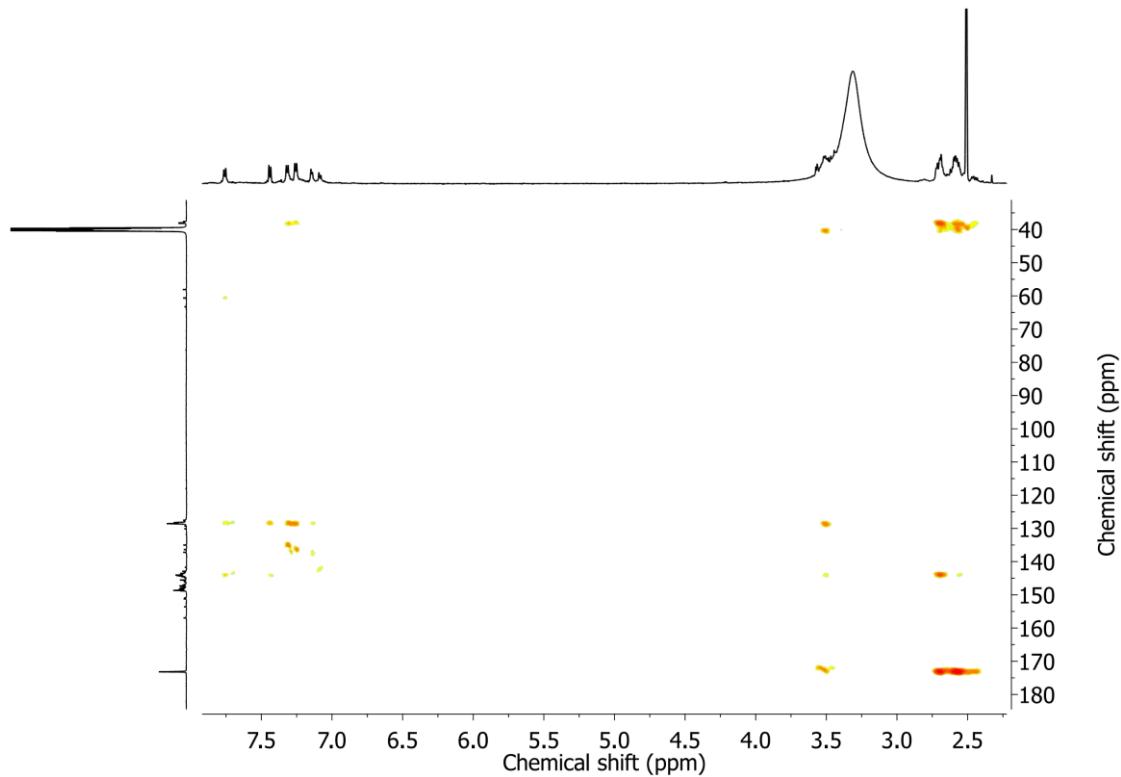


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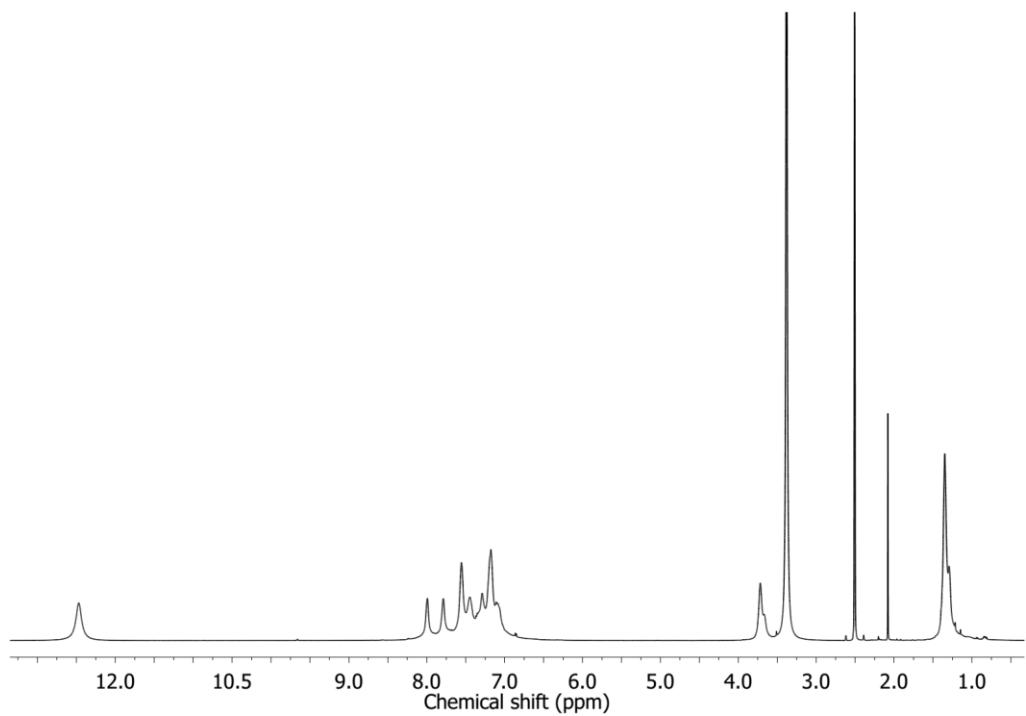


Fig. S12. ^1H NMR spectrum of compound 3

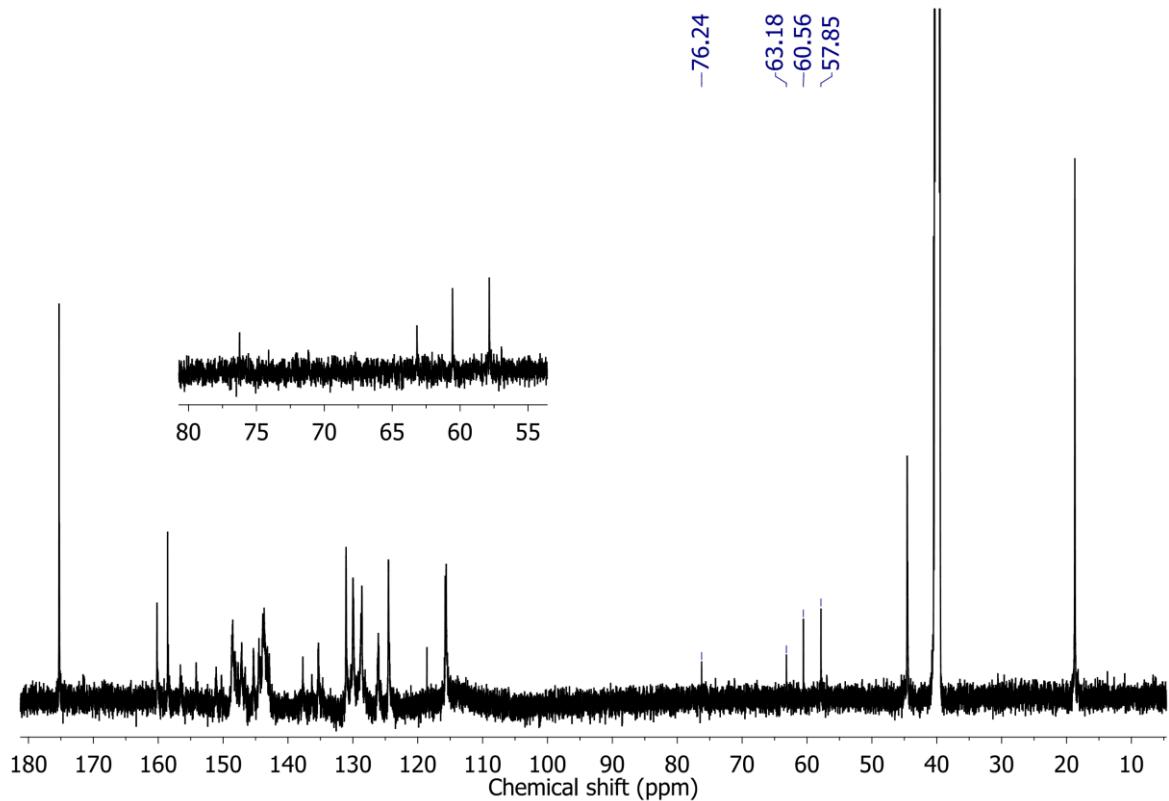


Fig. S13. ^{13}C NMR spectrum of compound 3

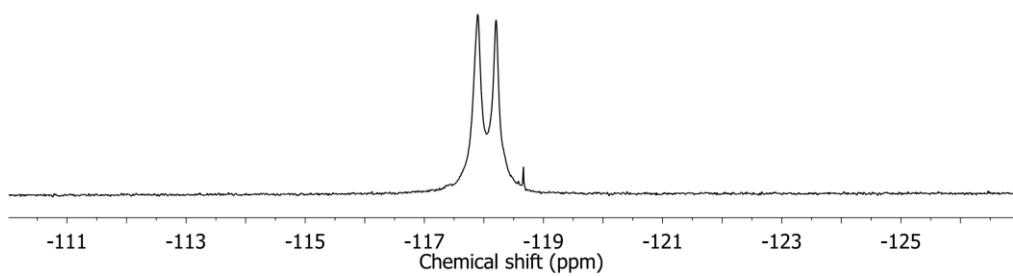


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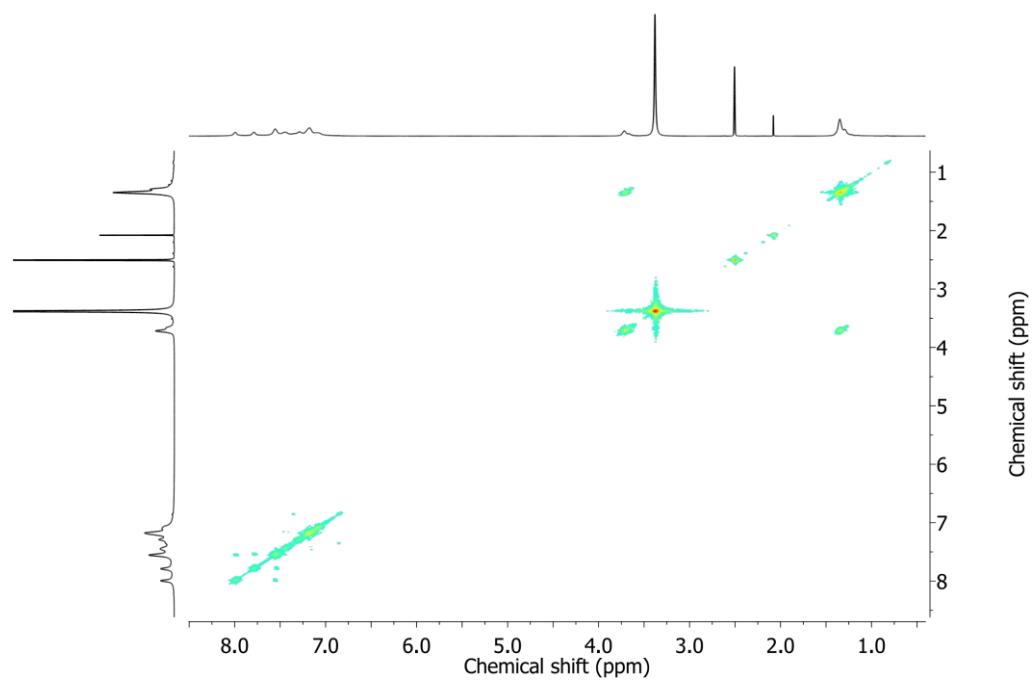


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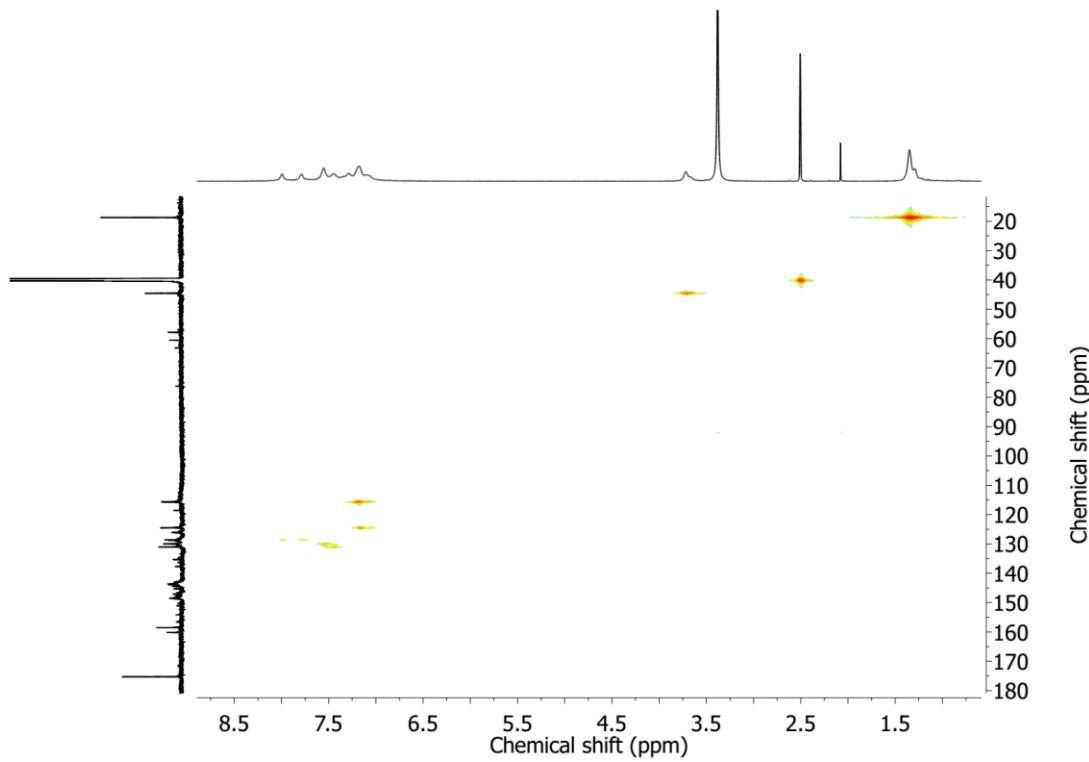


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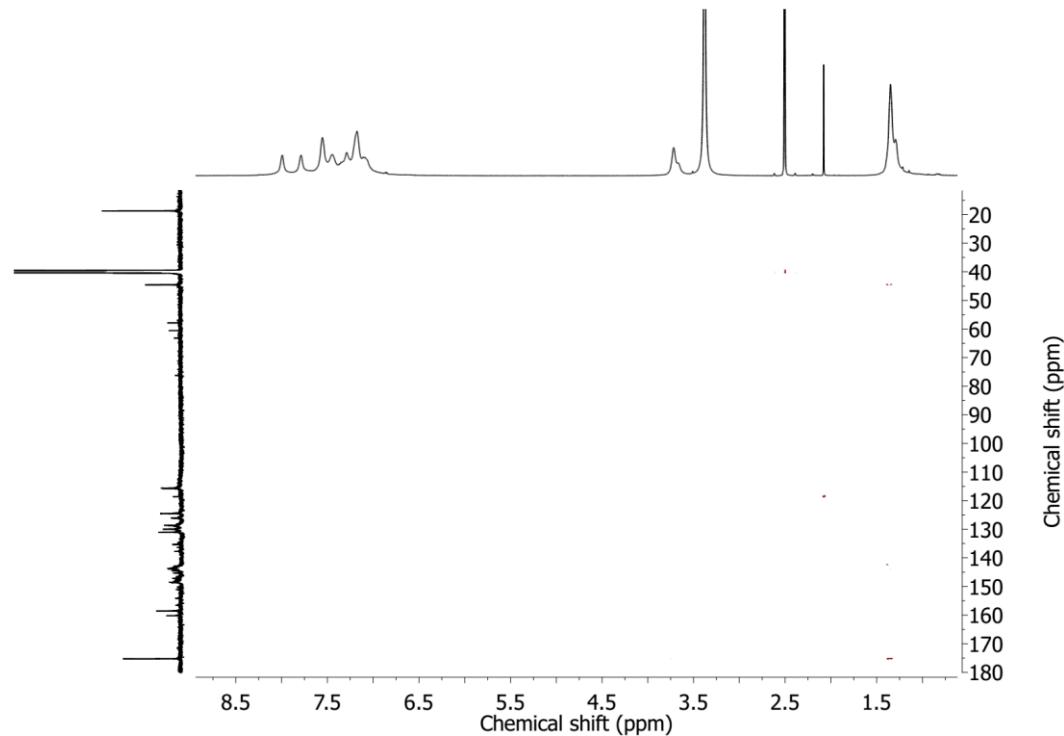


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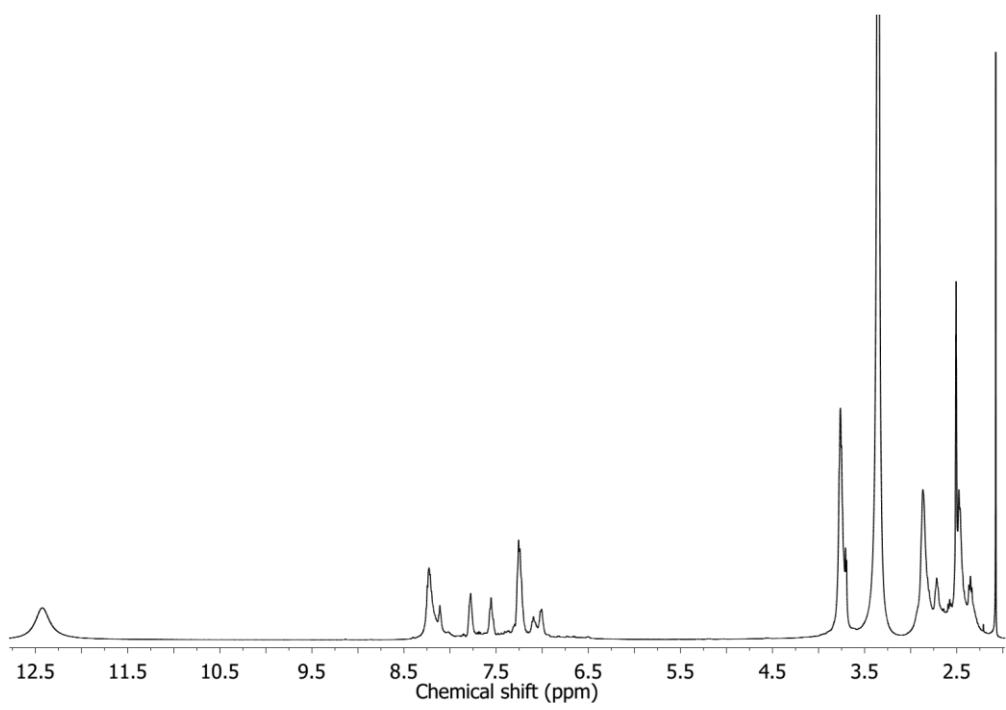


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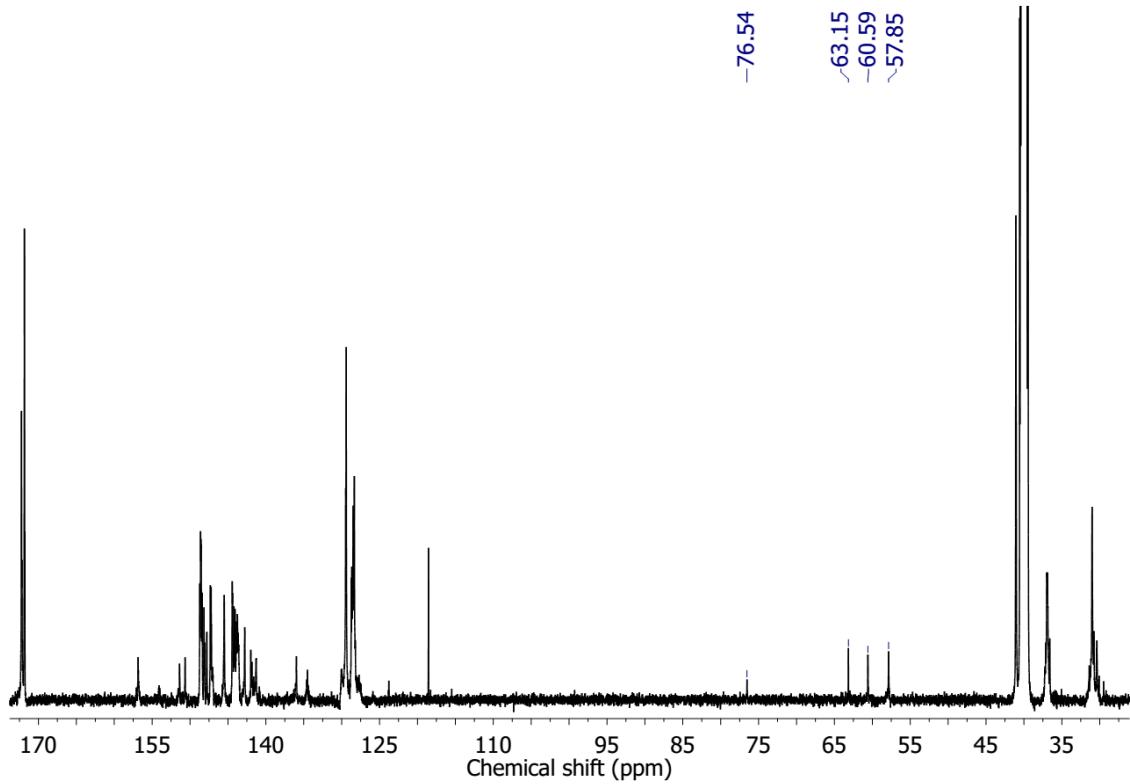


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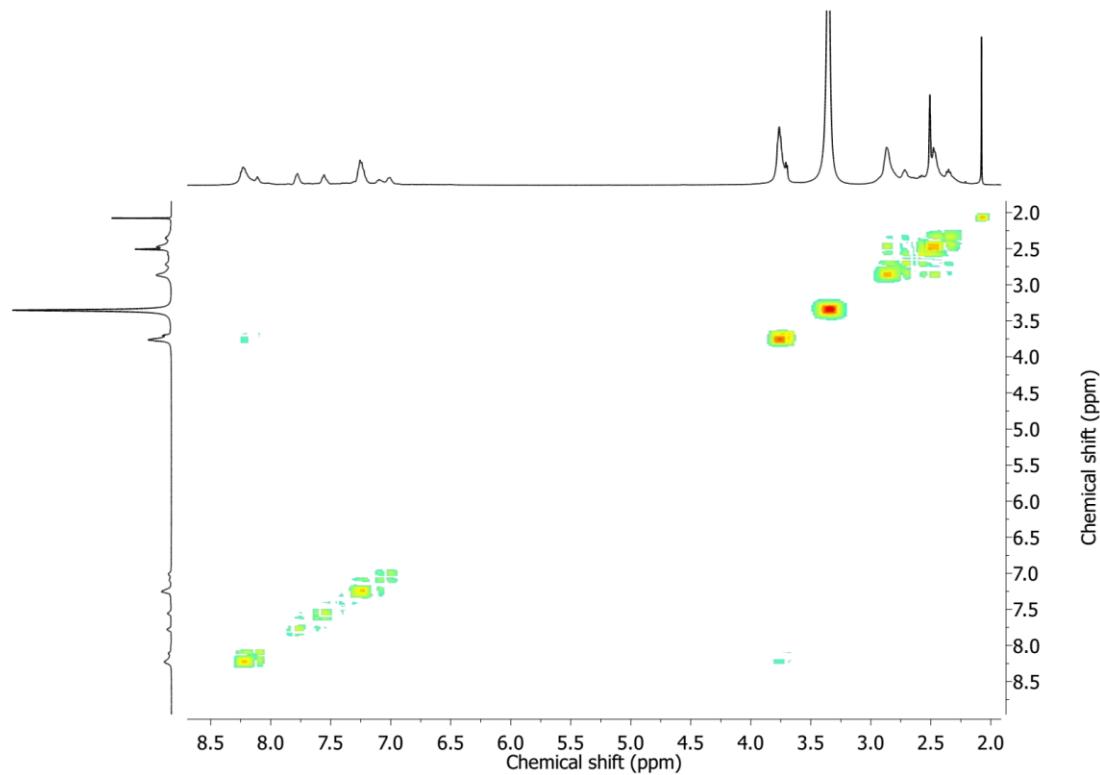


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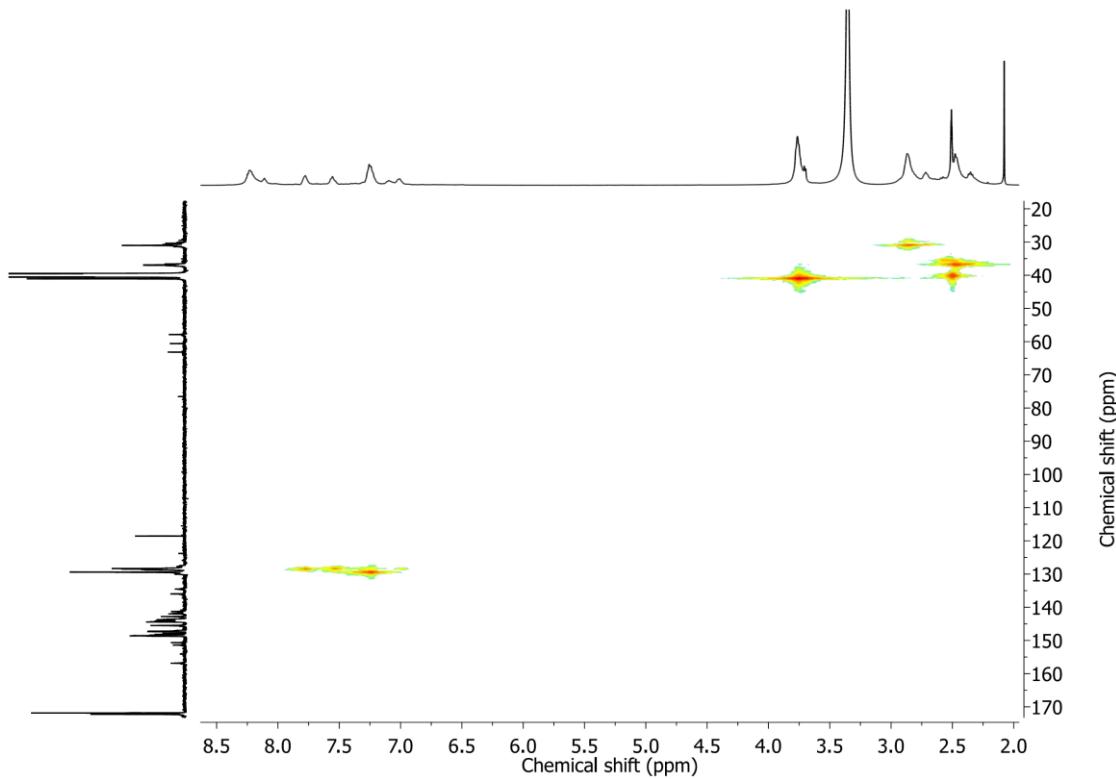


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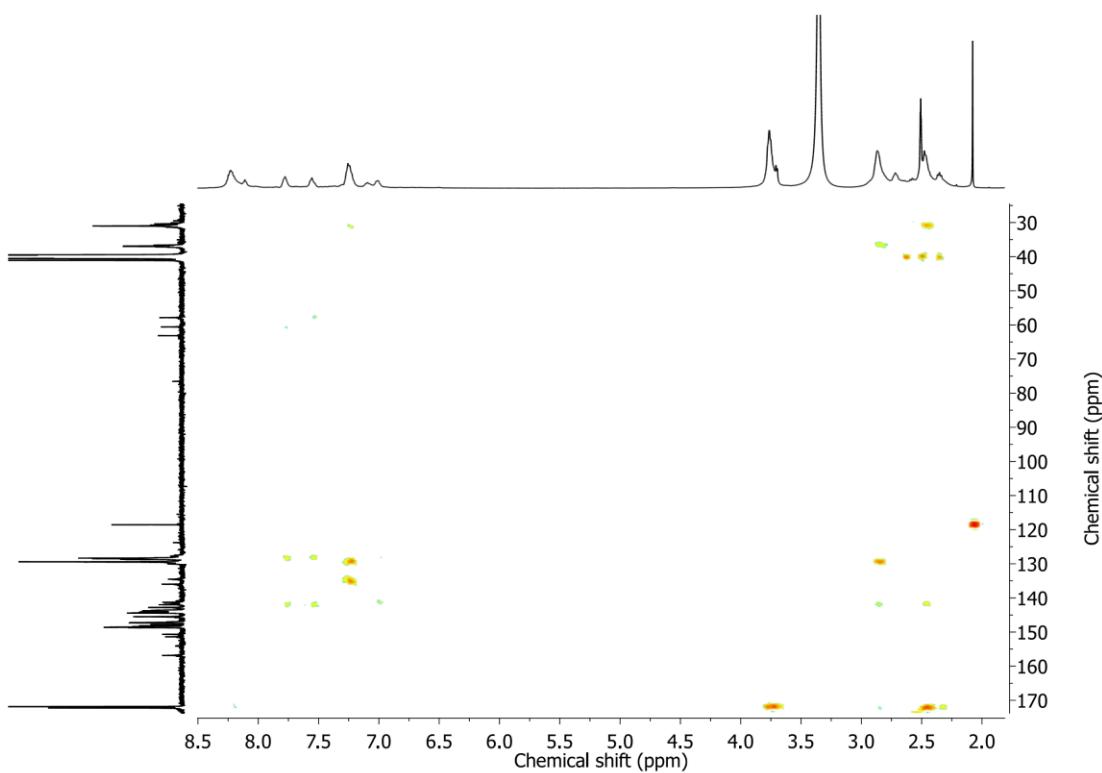


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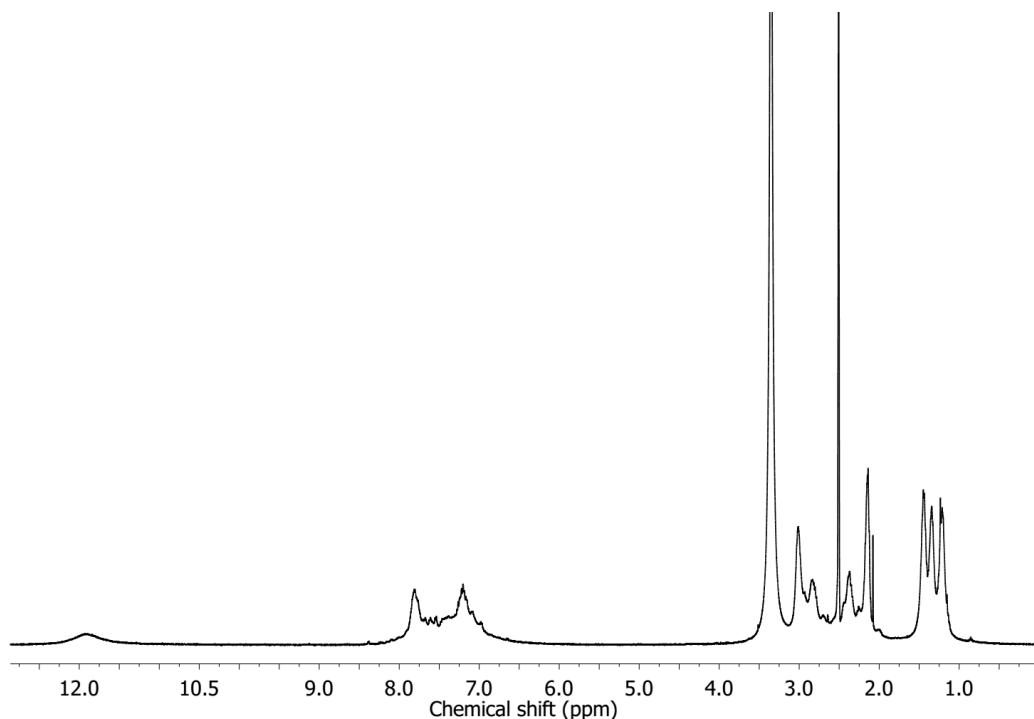


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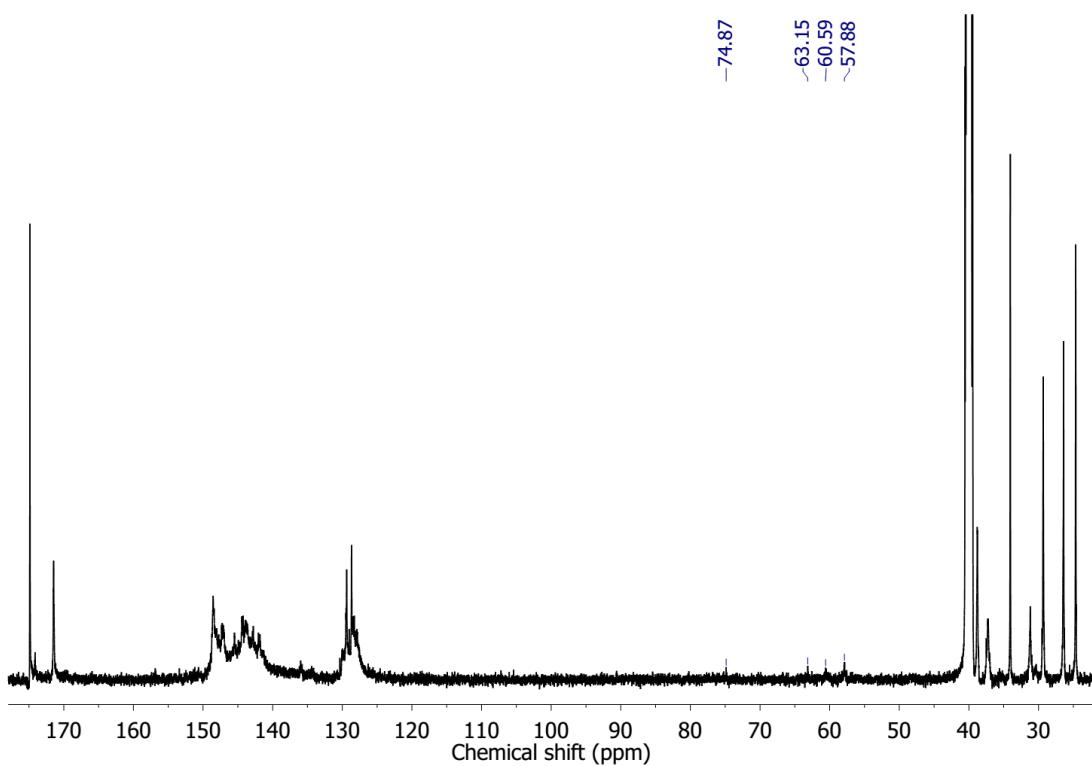


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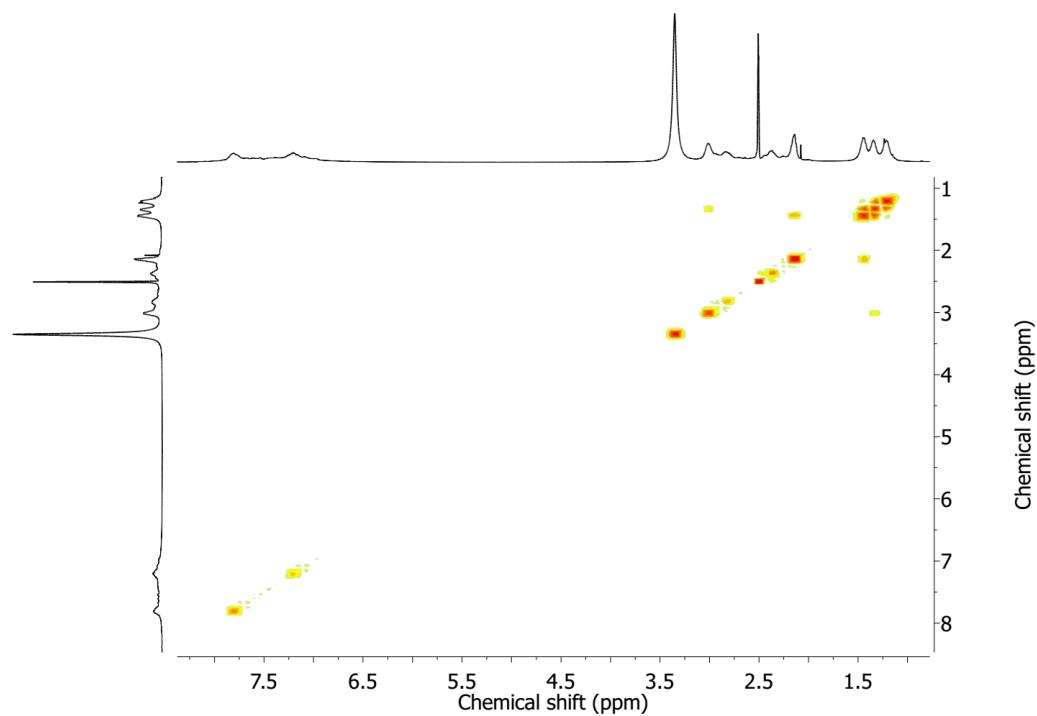


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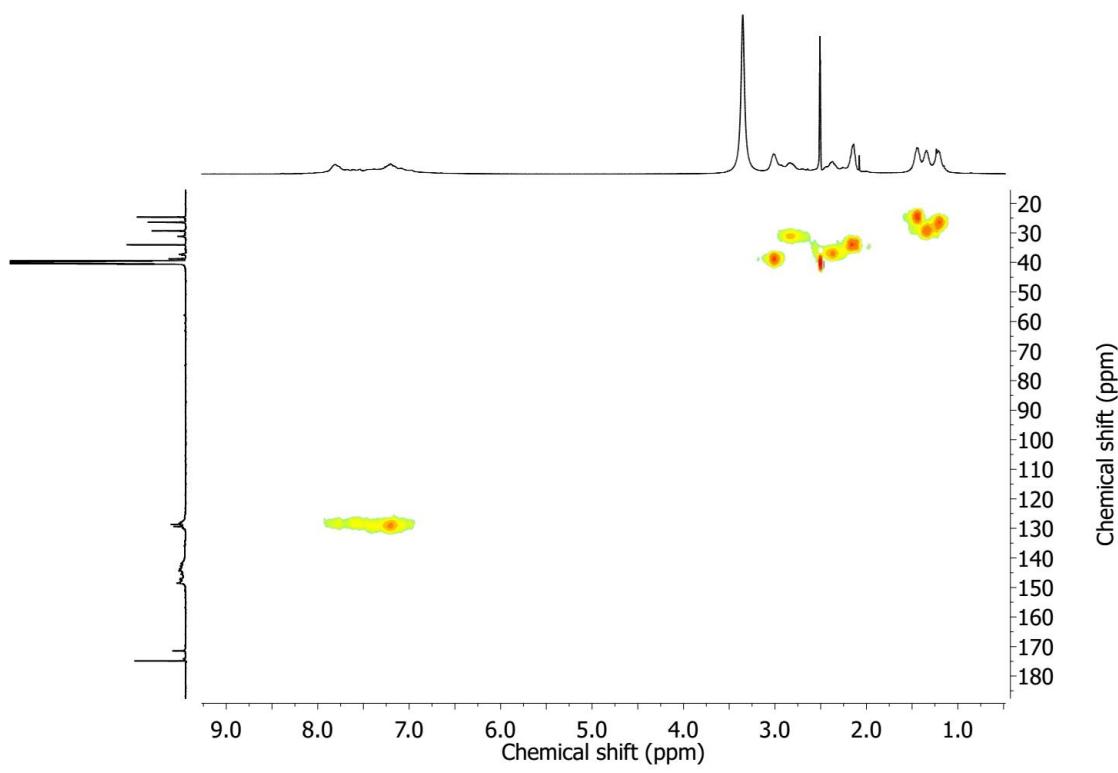


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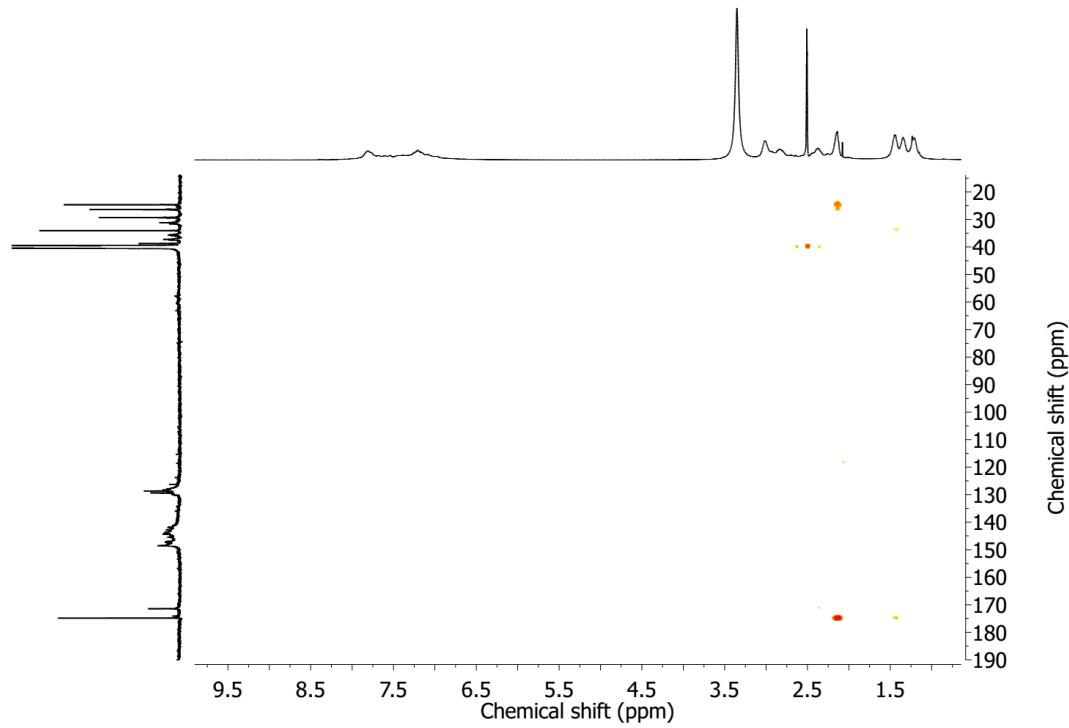


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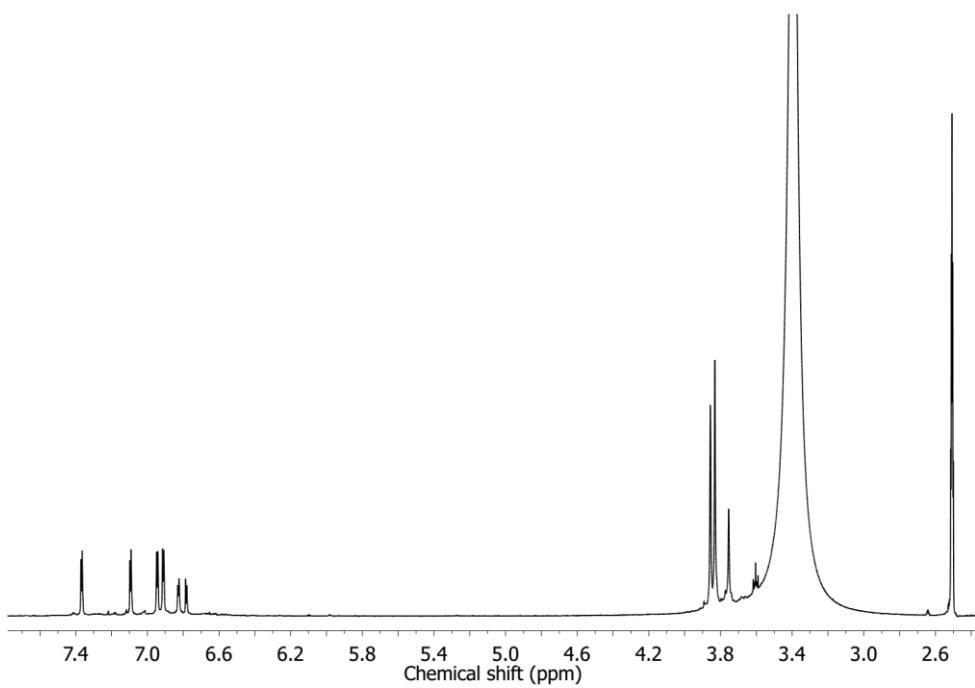


Fig. S28. ^1H NMR spectrum of compound **6**

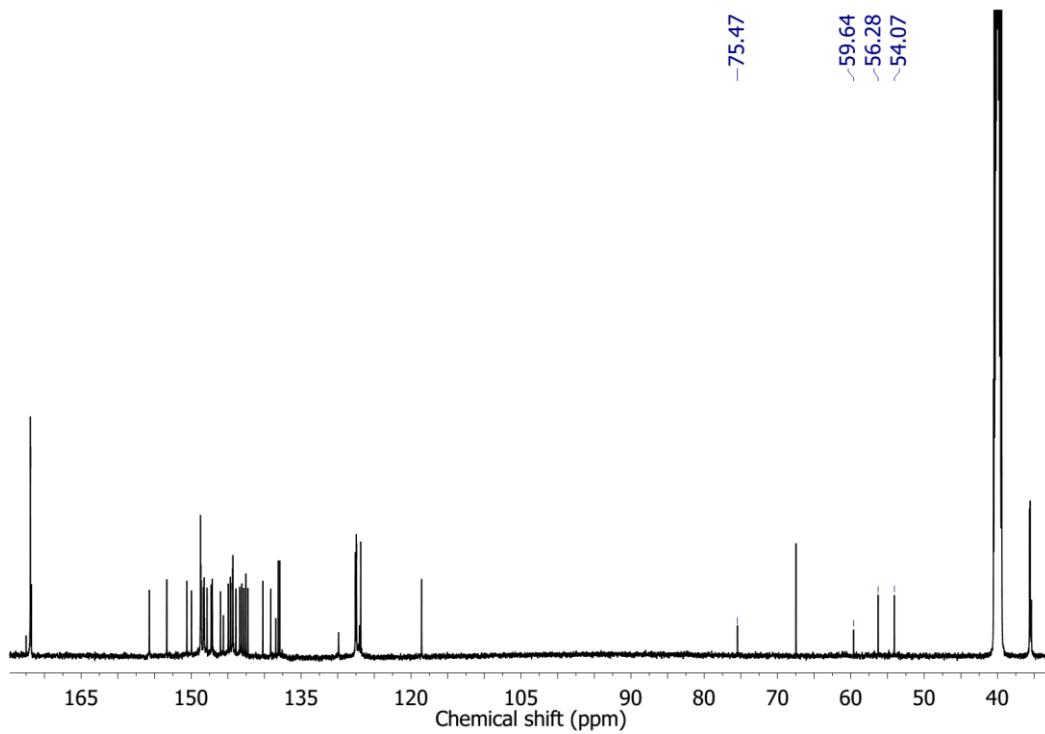


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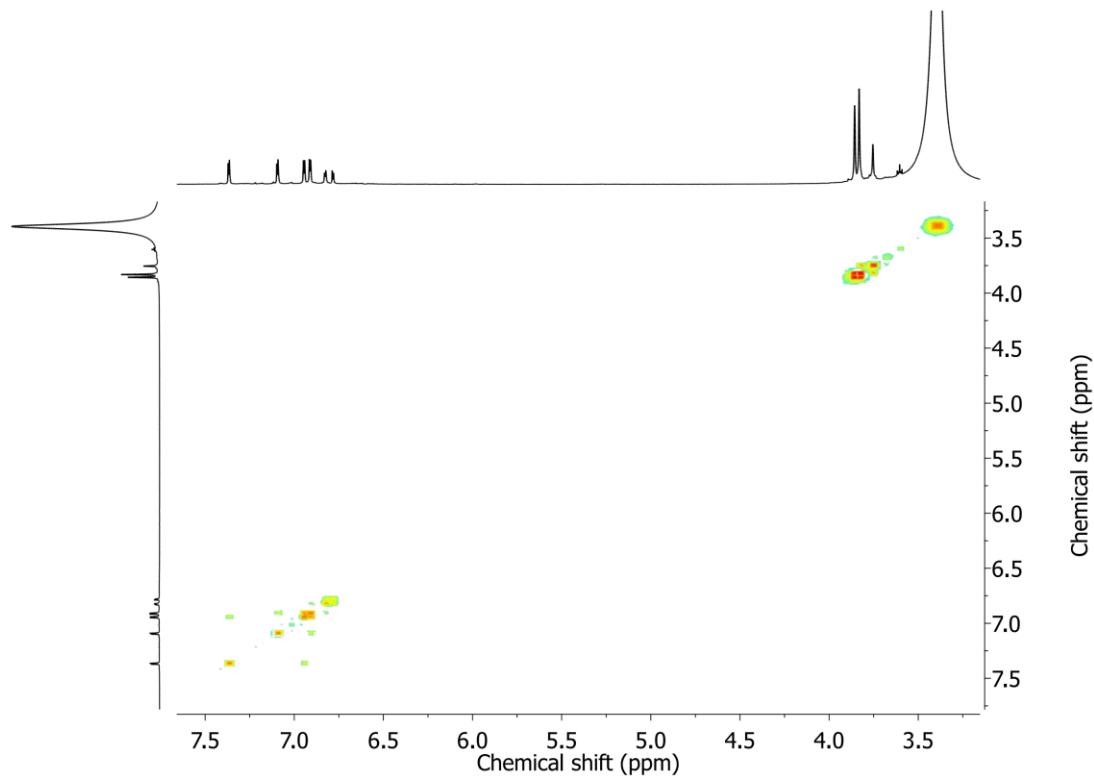


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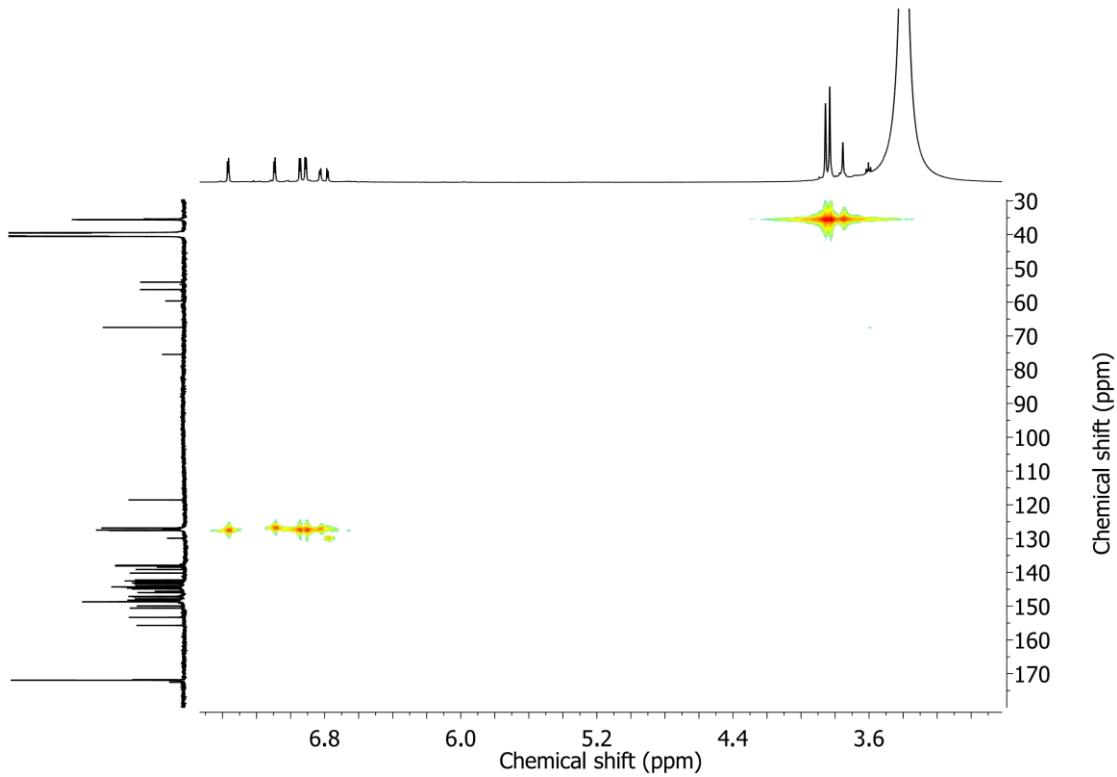


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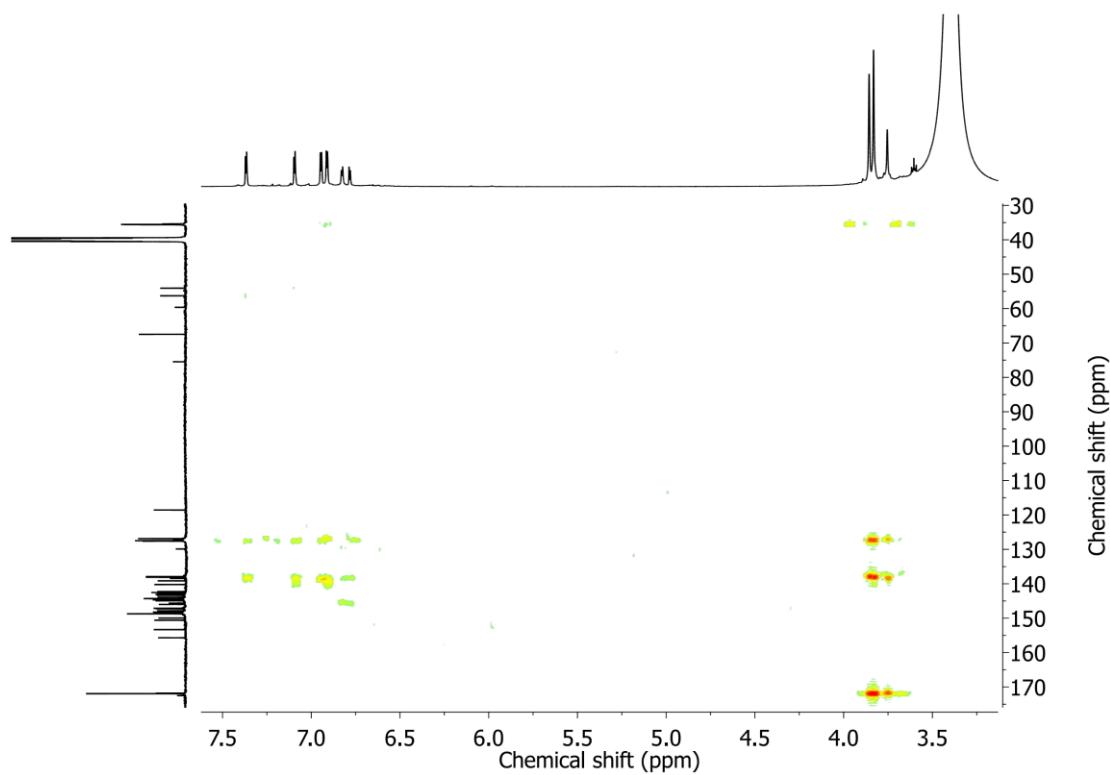


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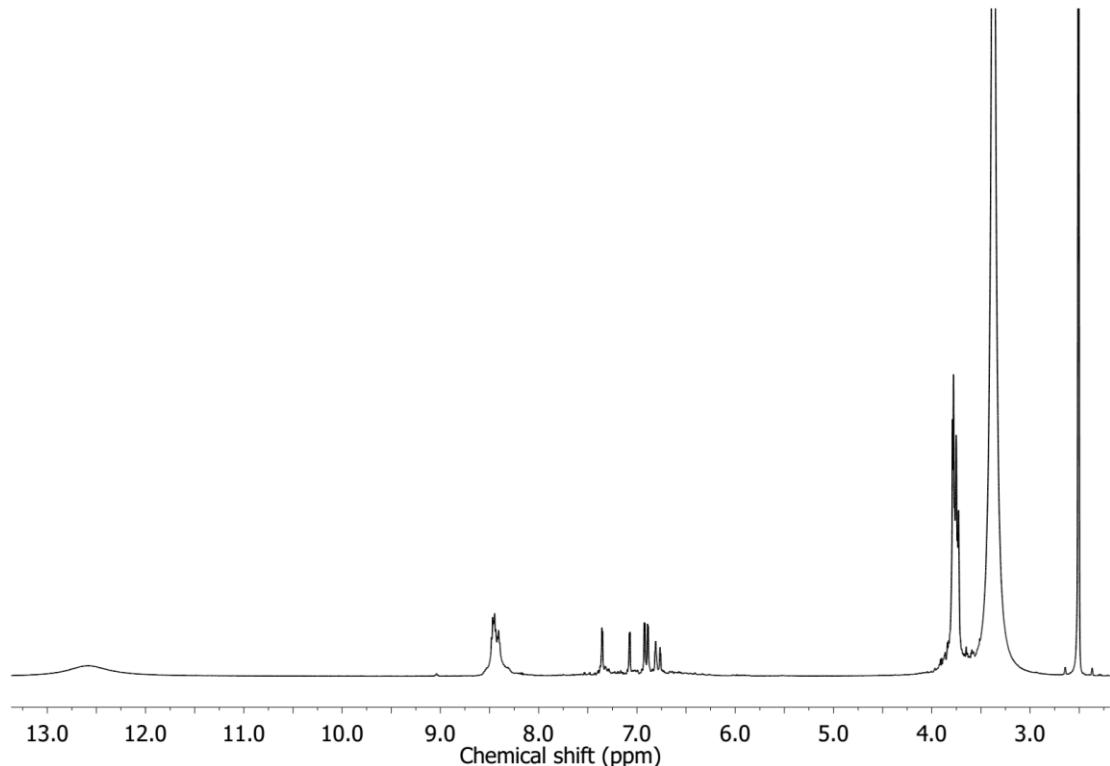


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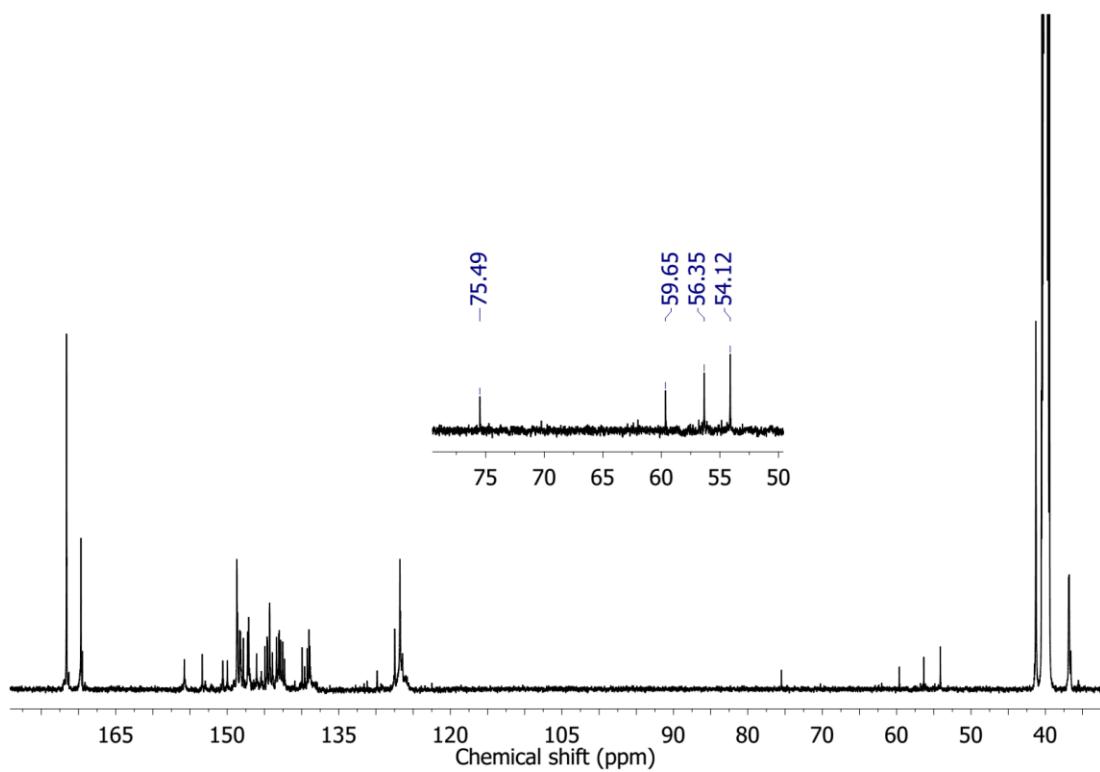


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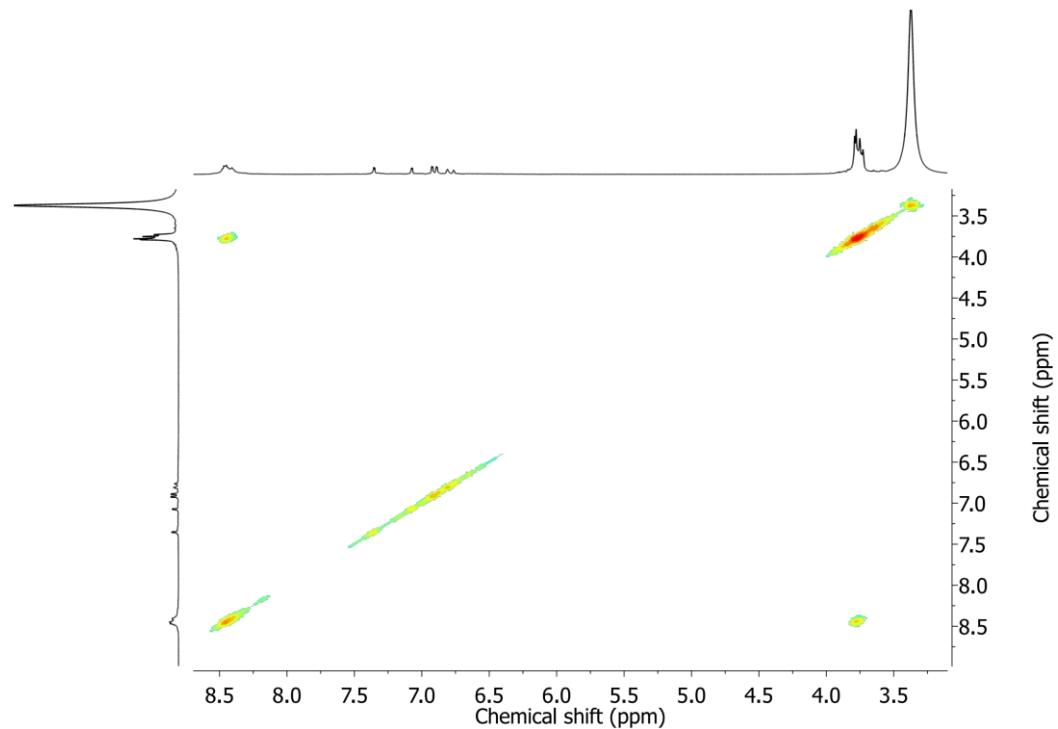


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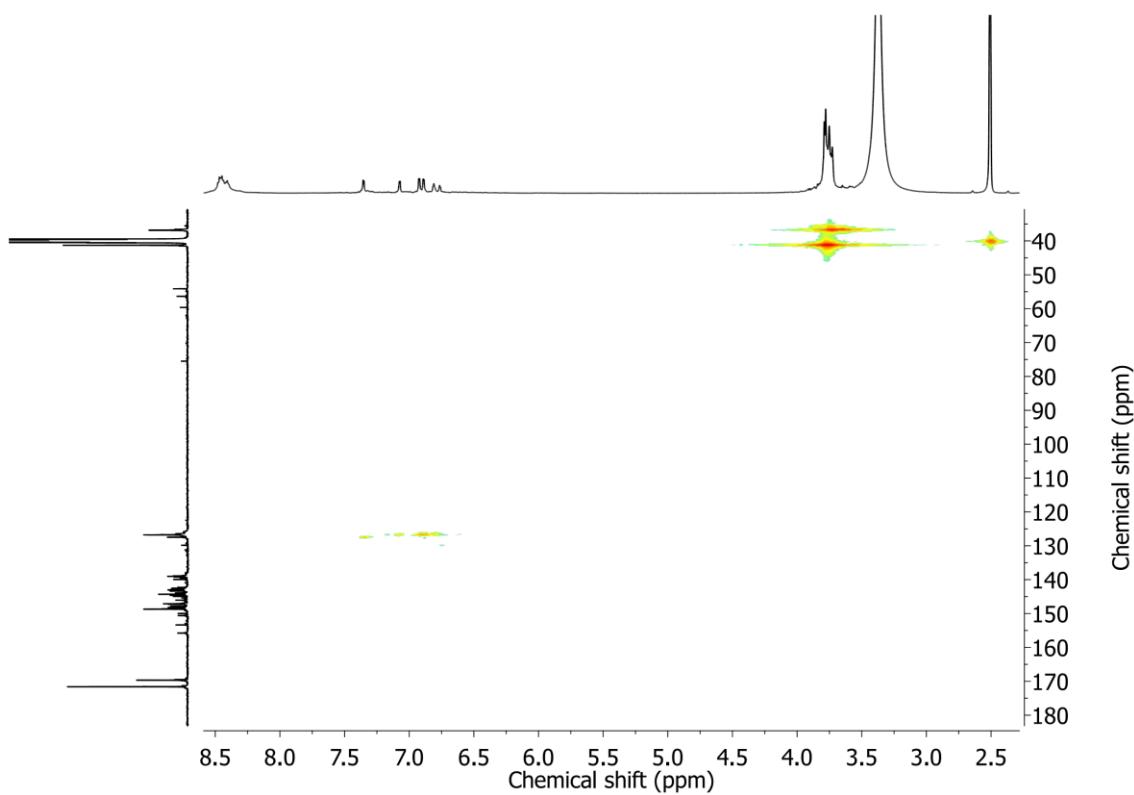


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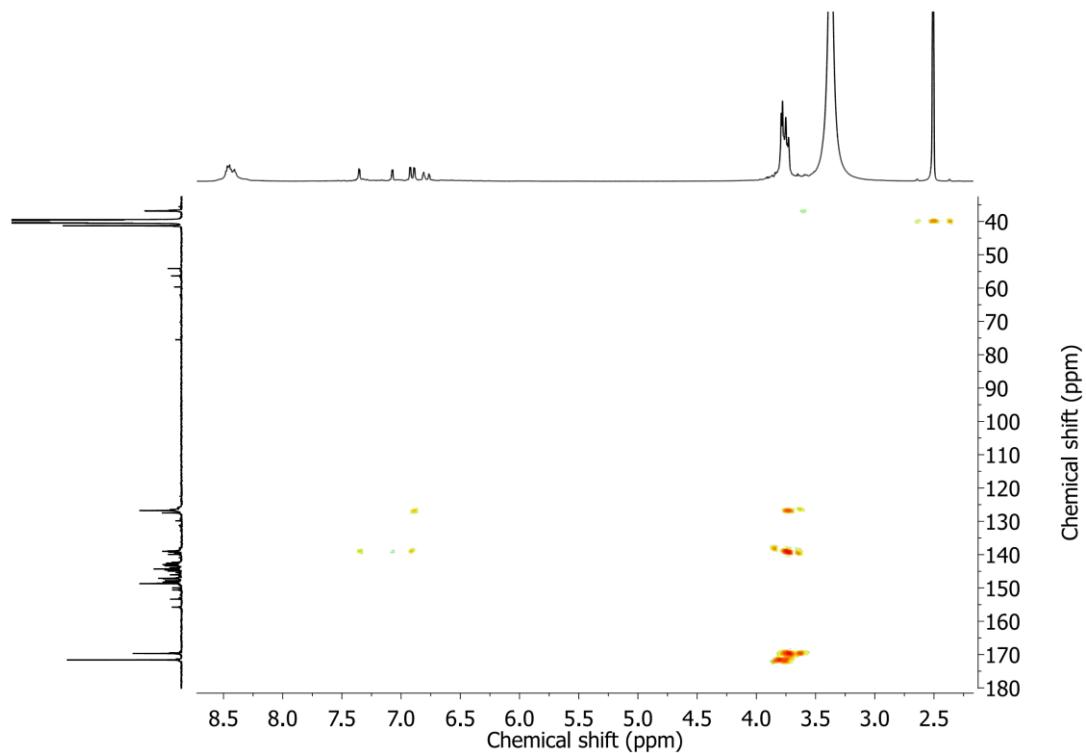


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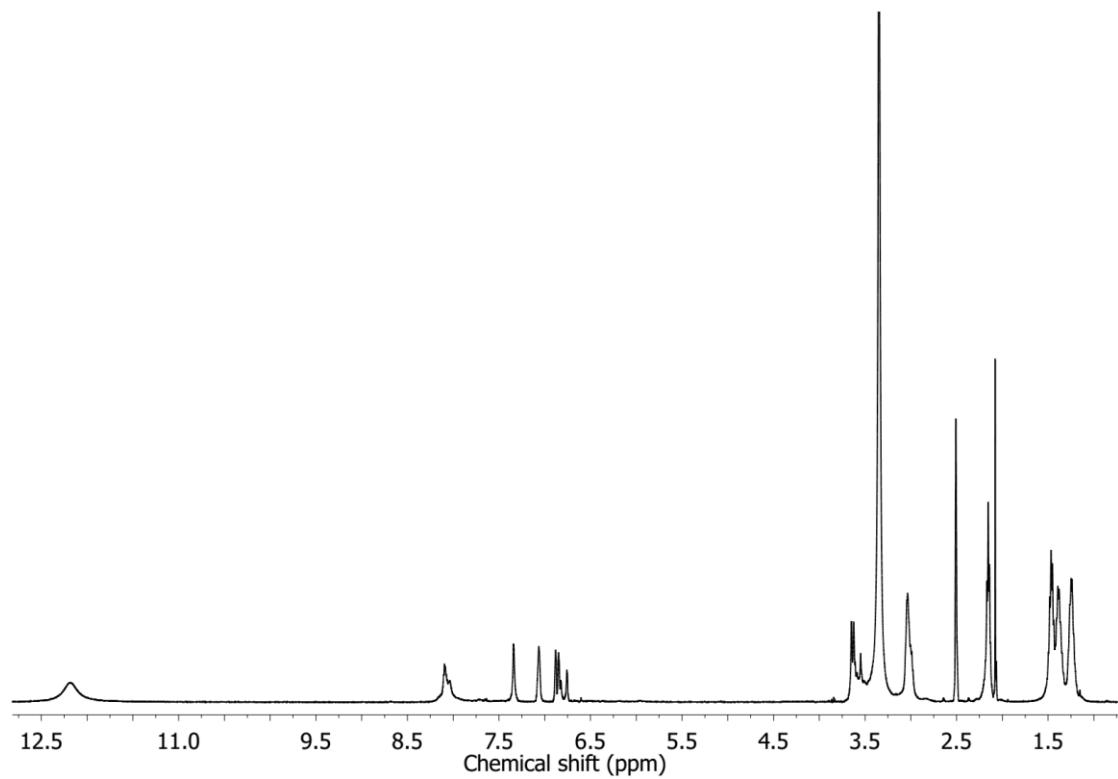


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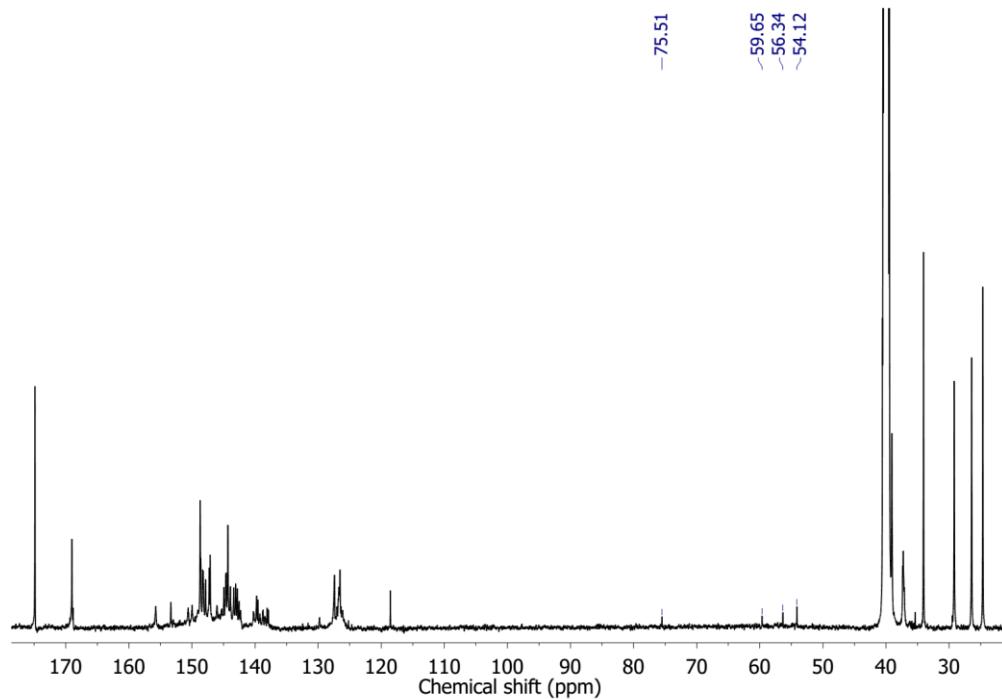


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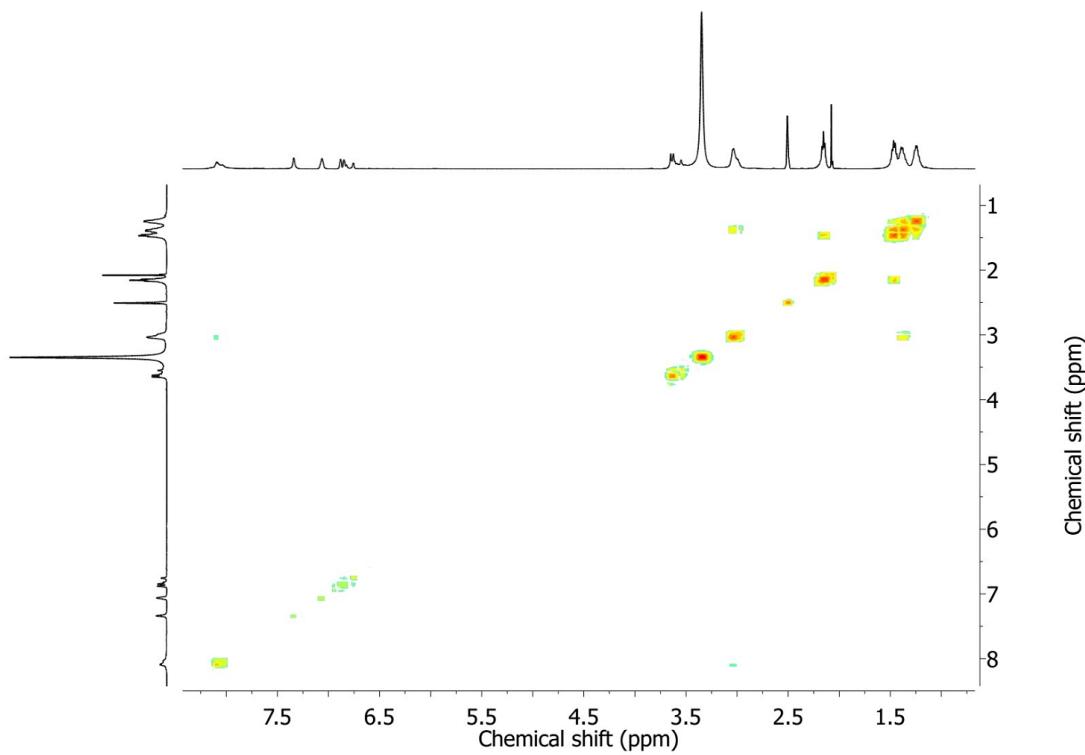


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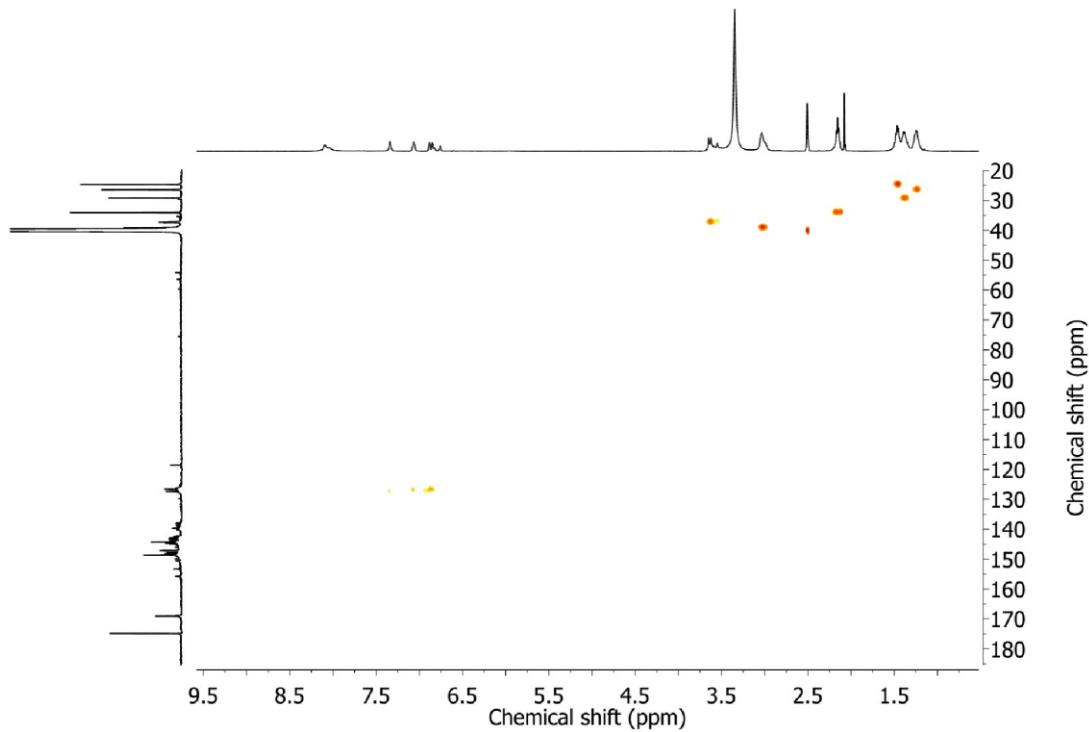


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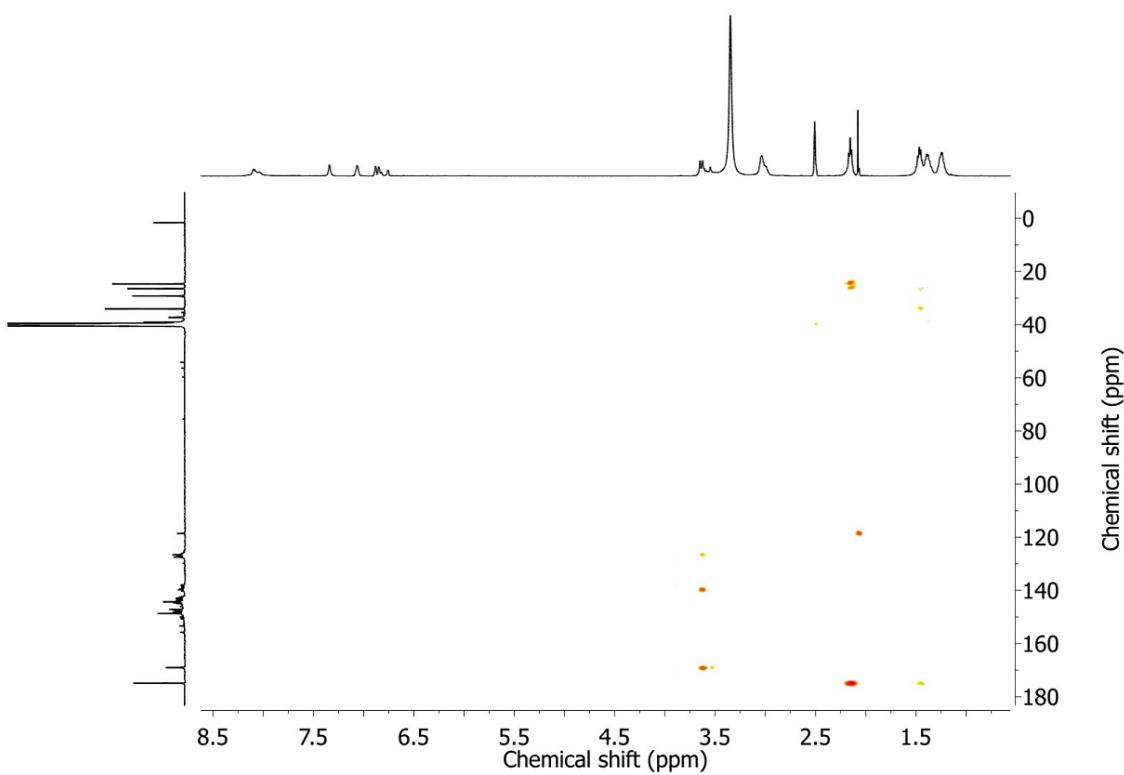


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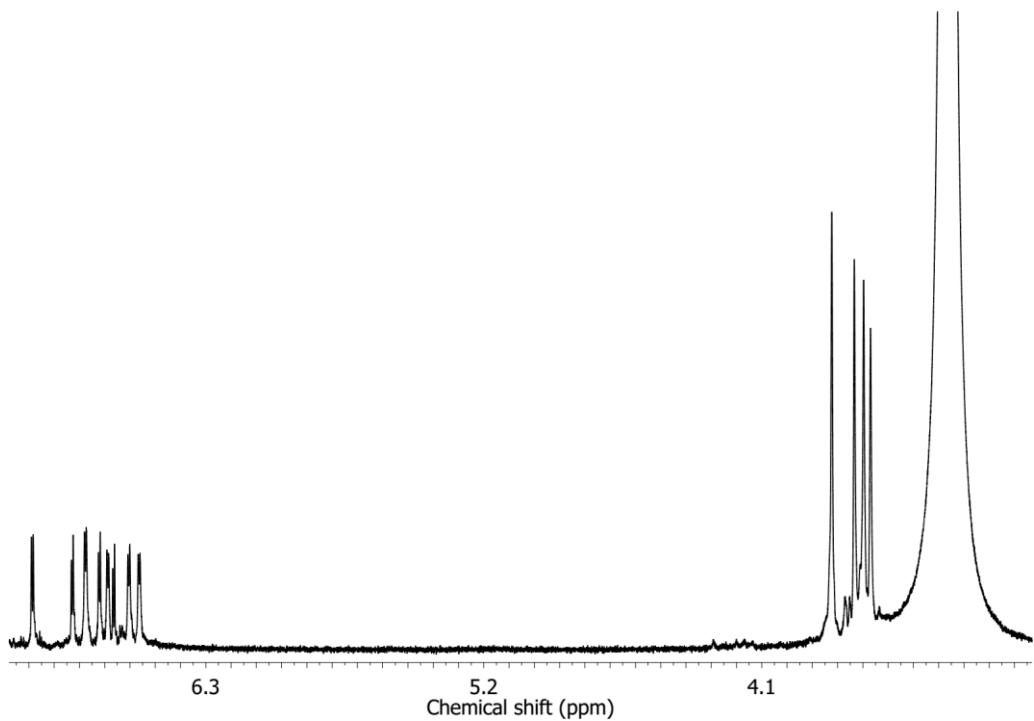


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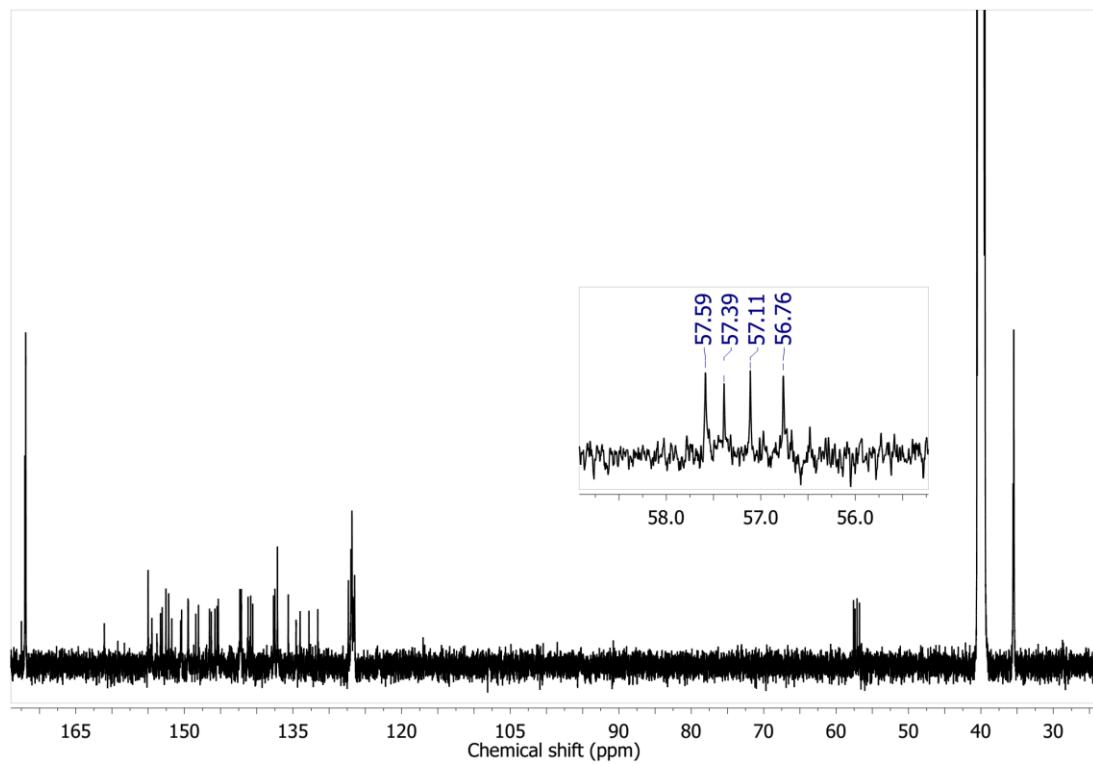


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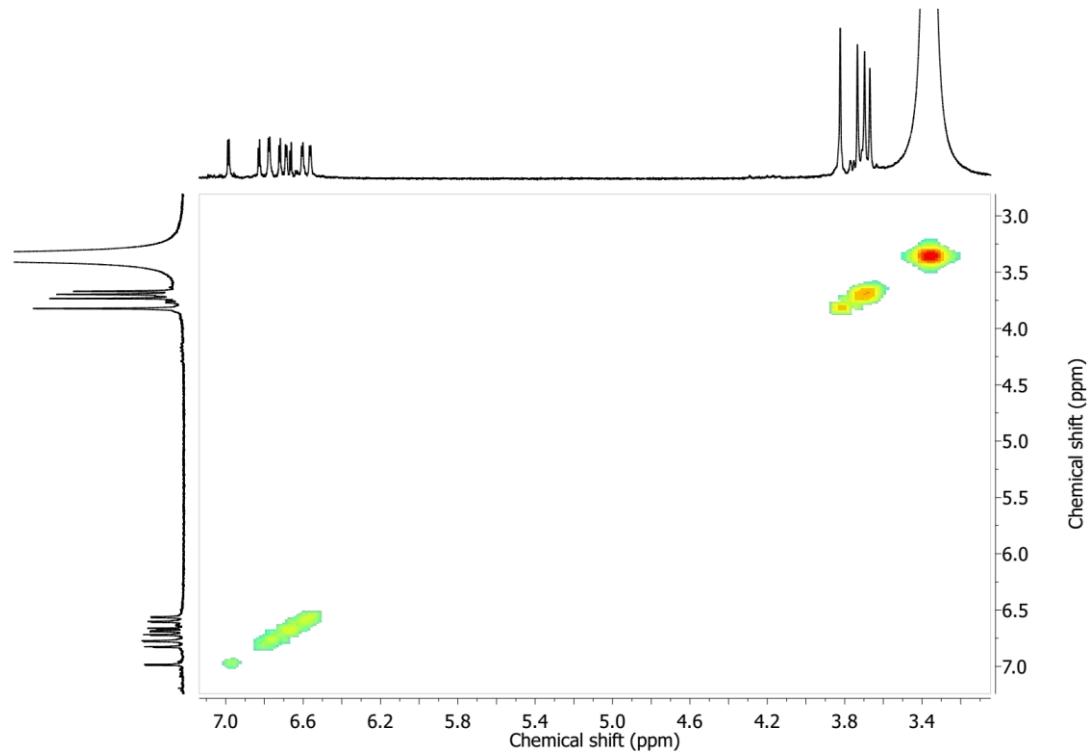


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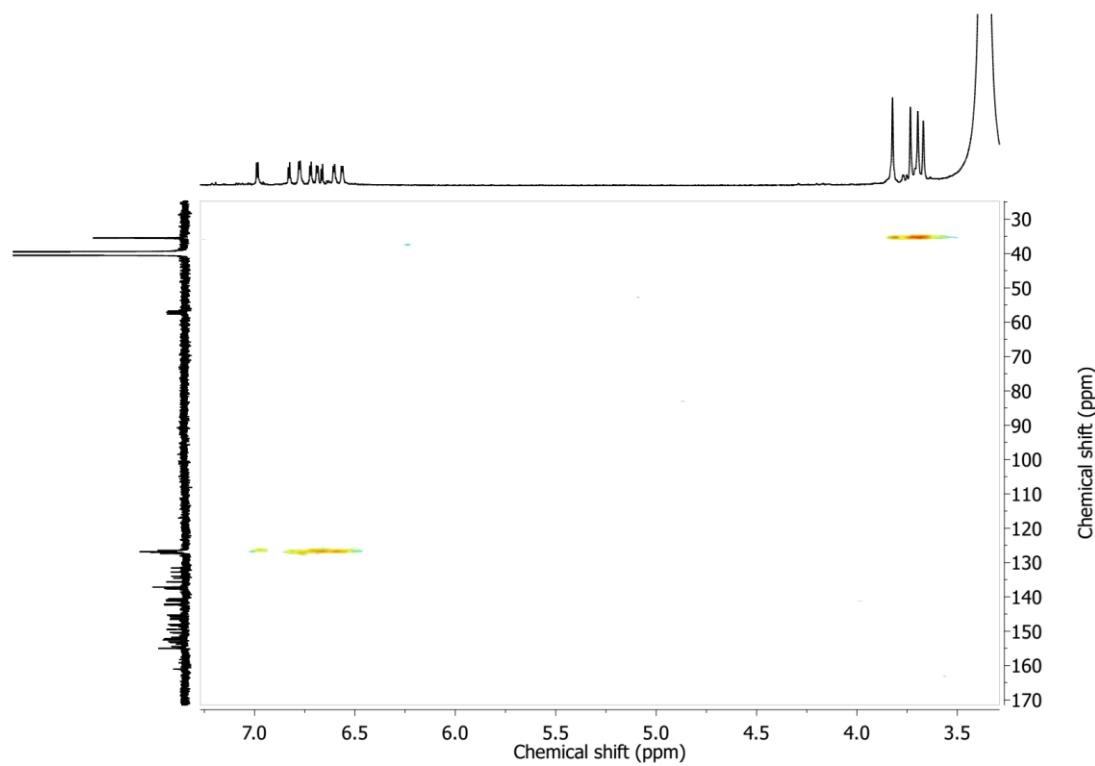


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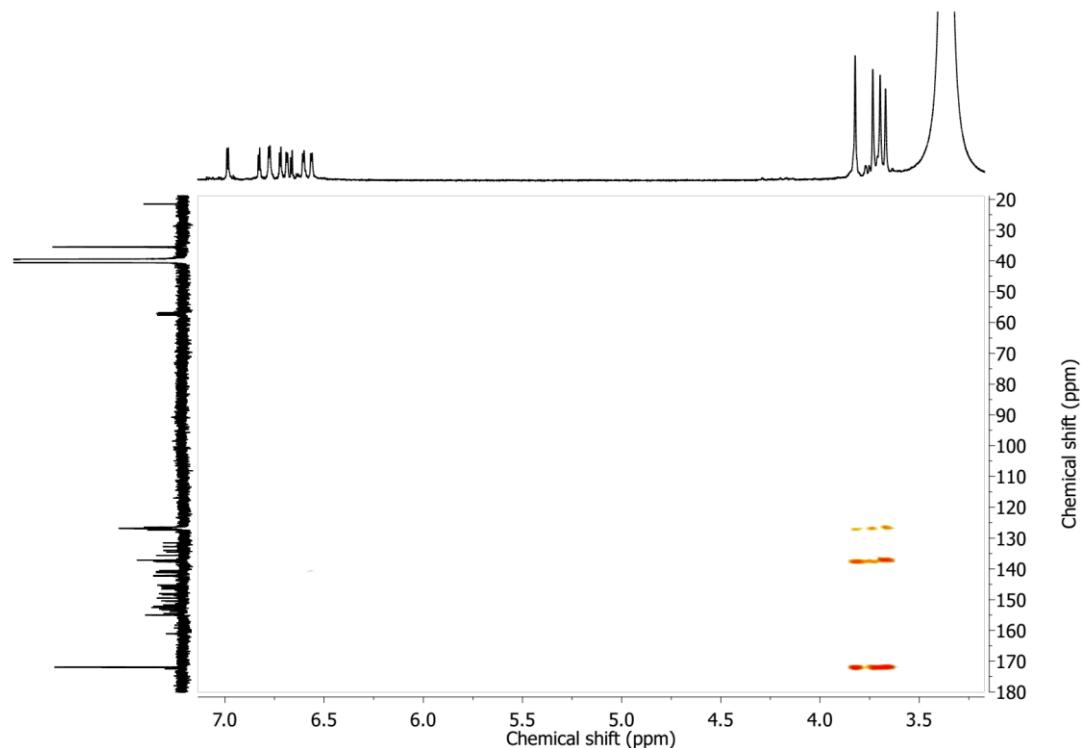


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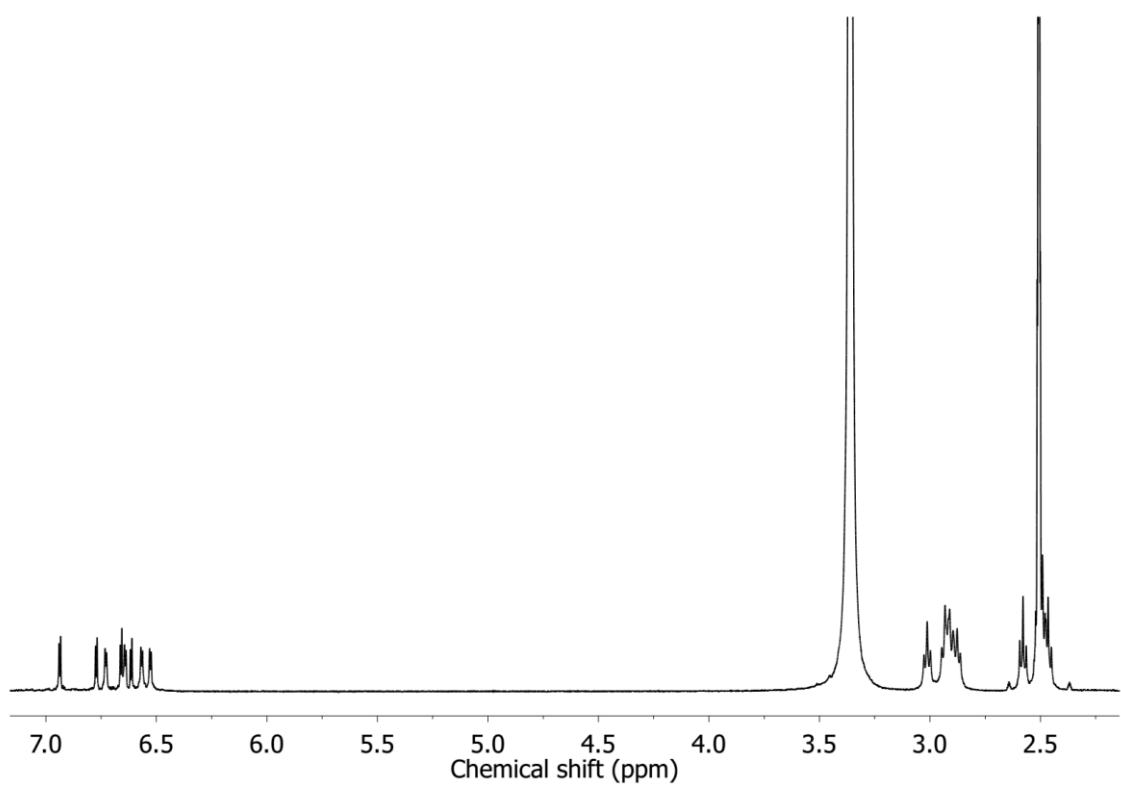


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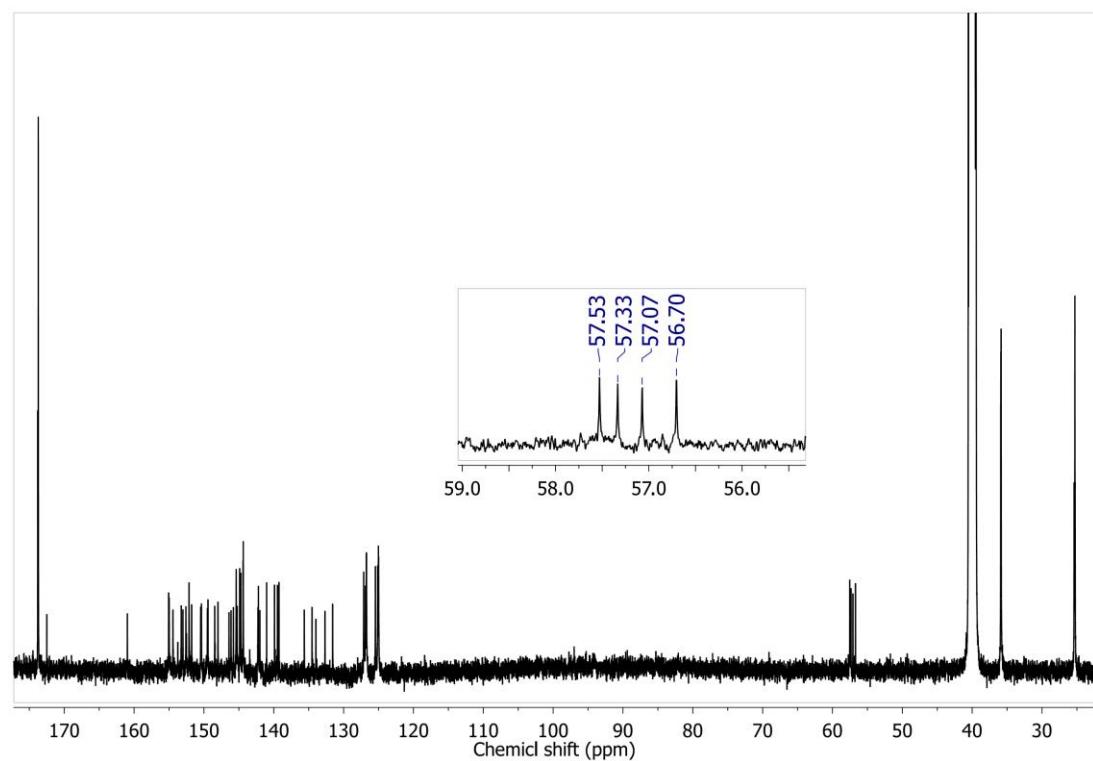


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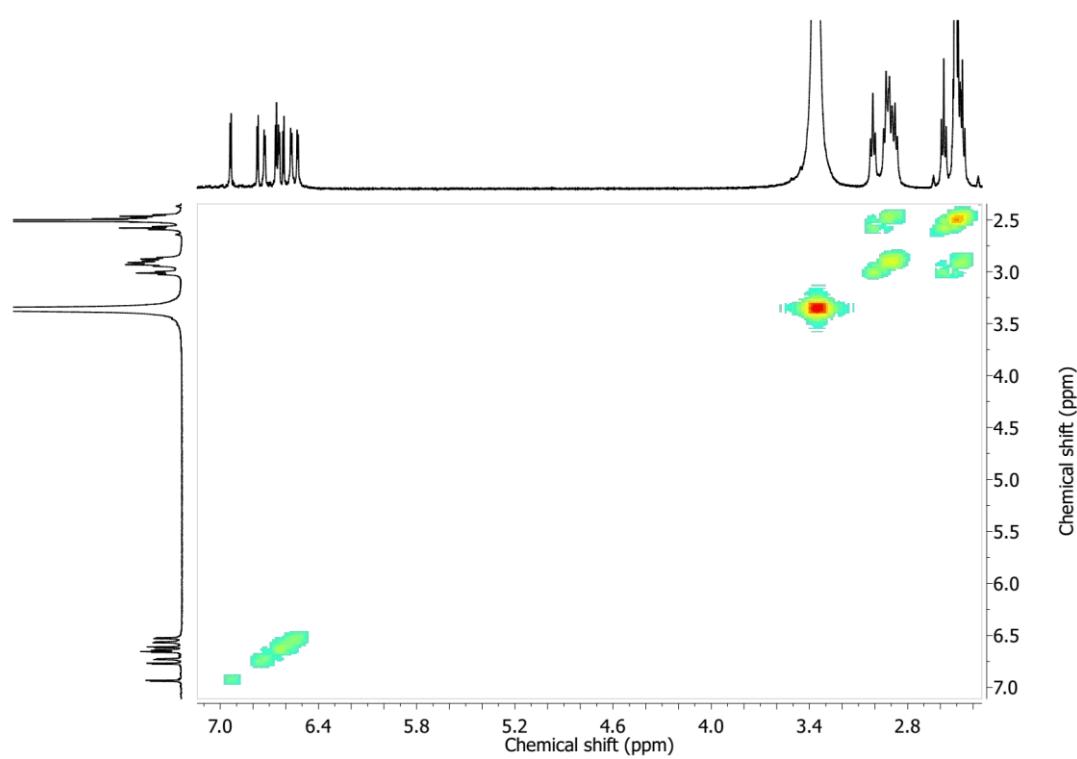


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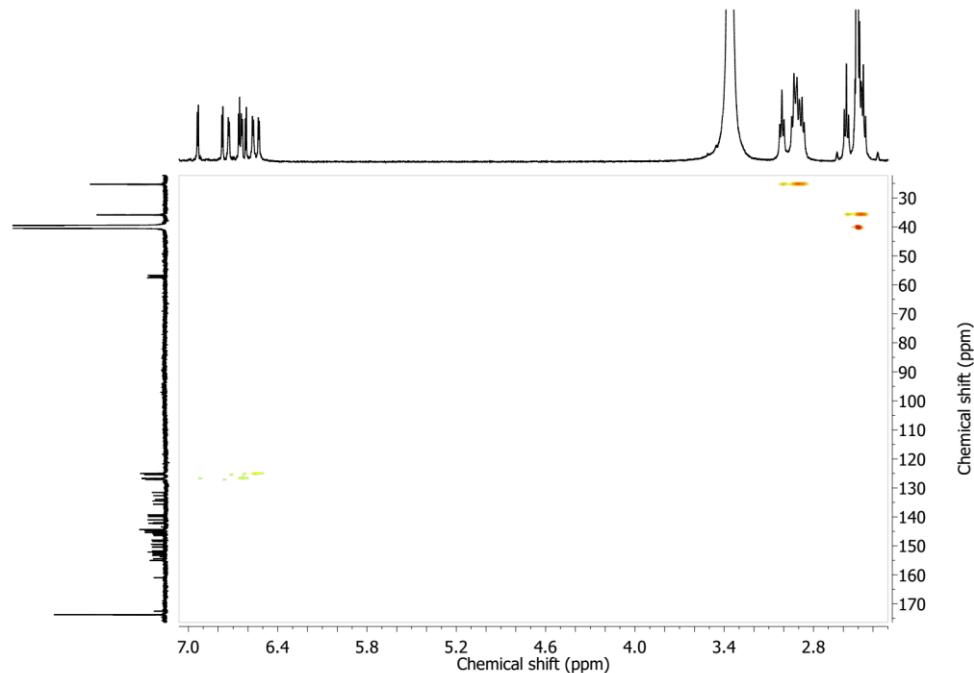


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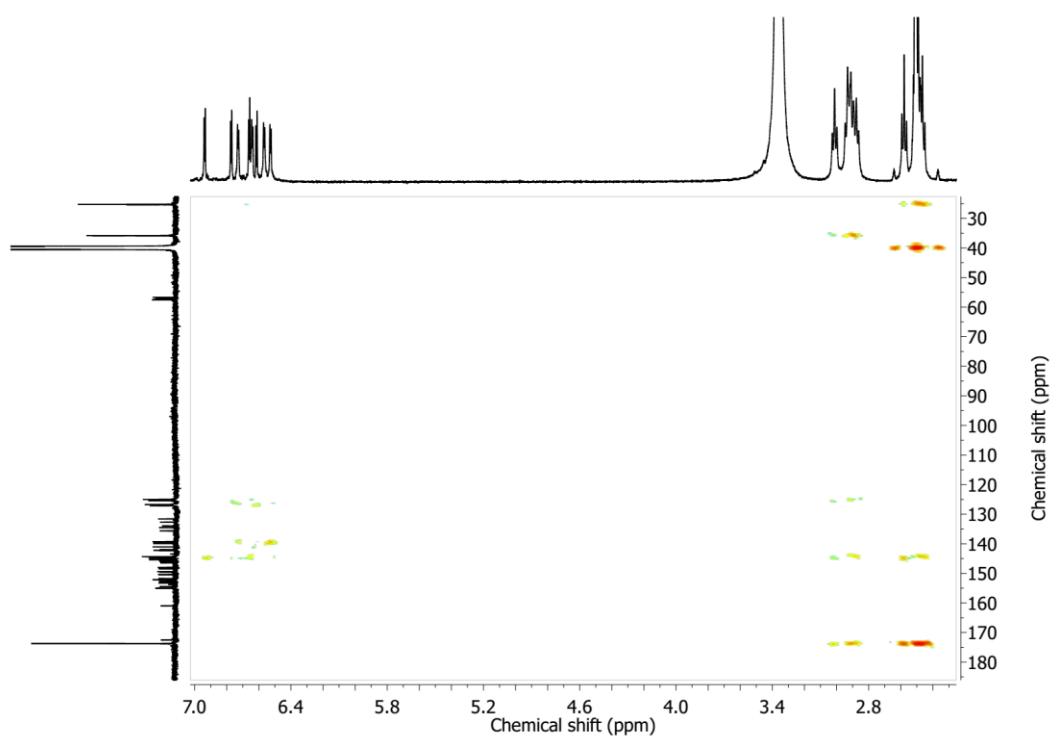


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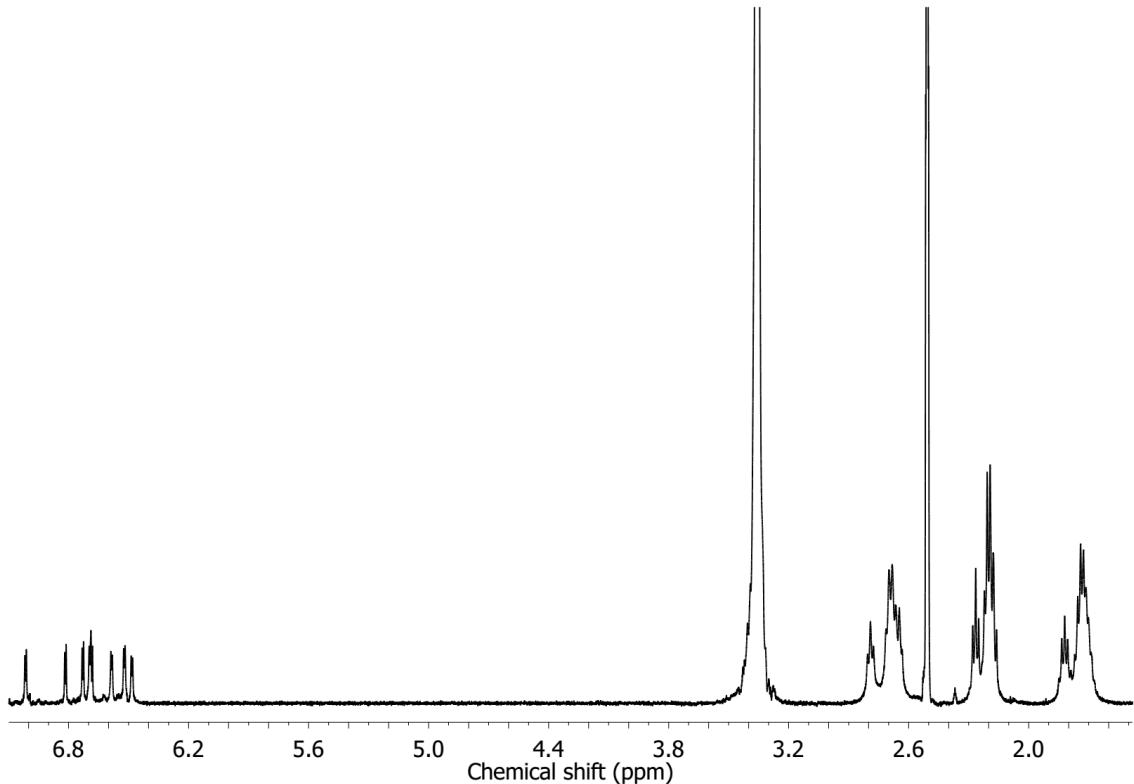


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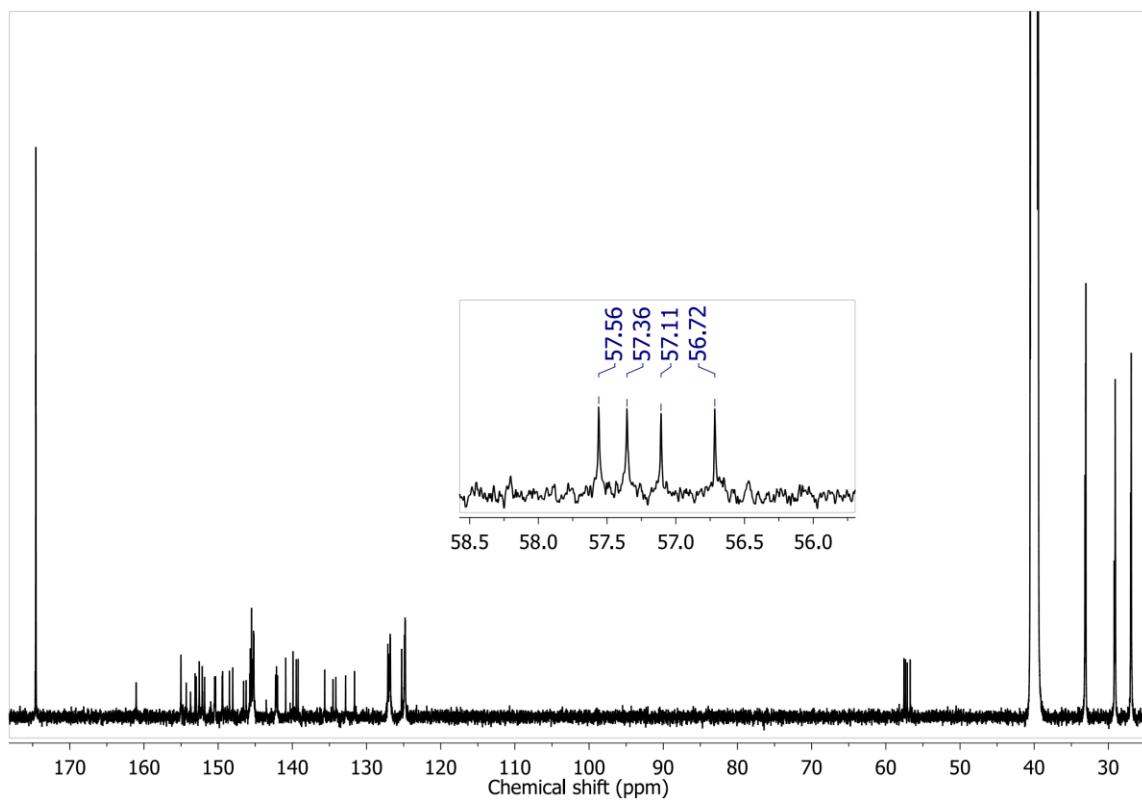


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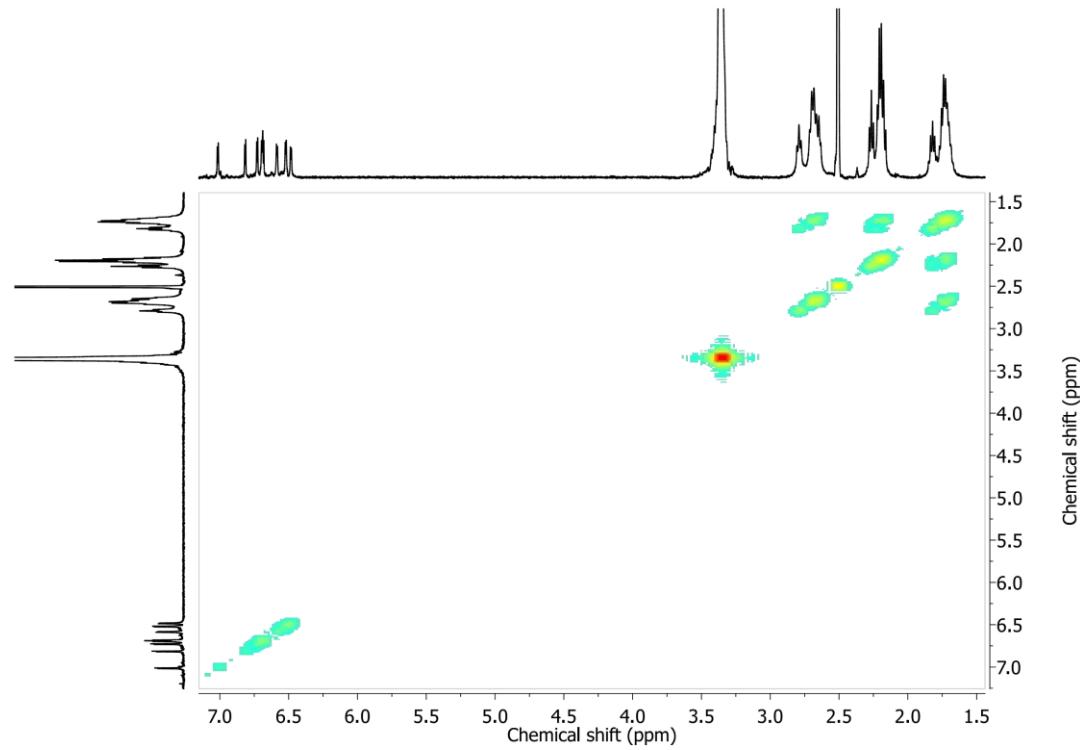


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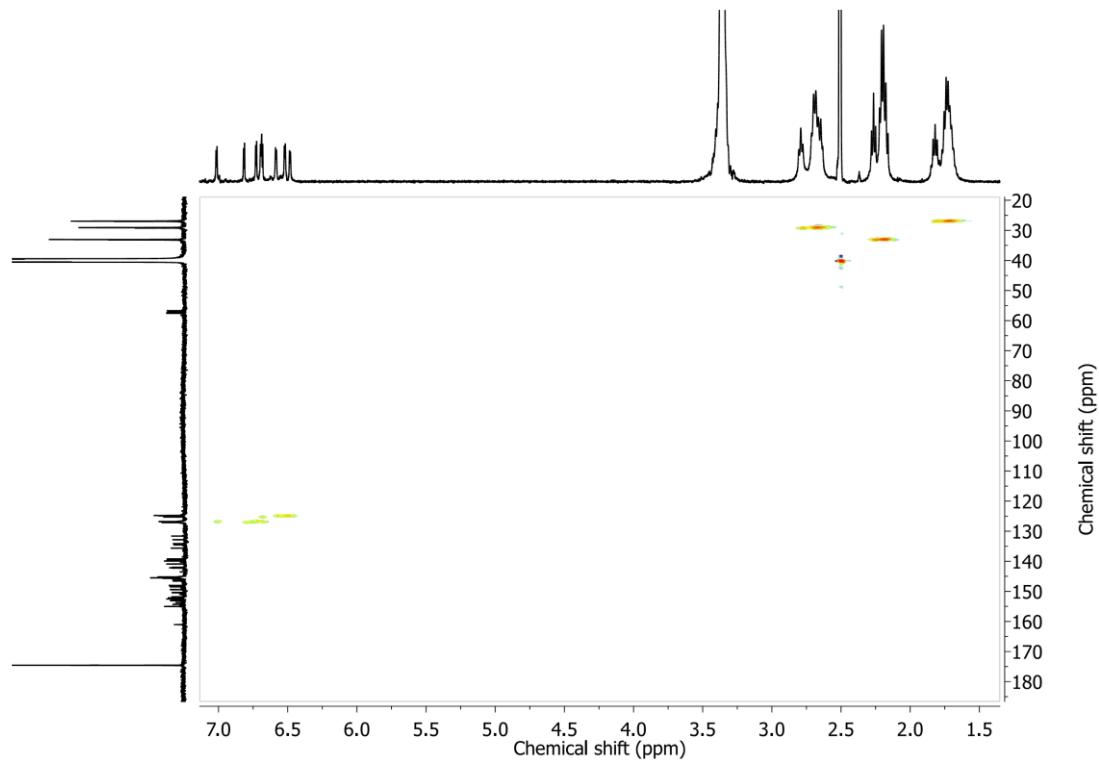


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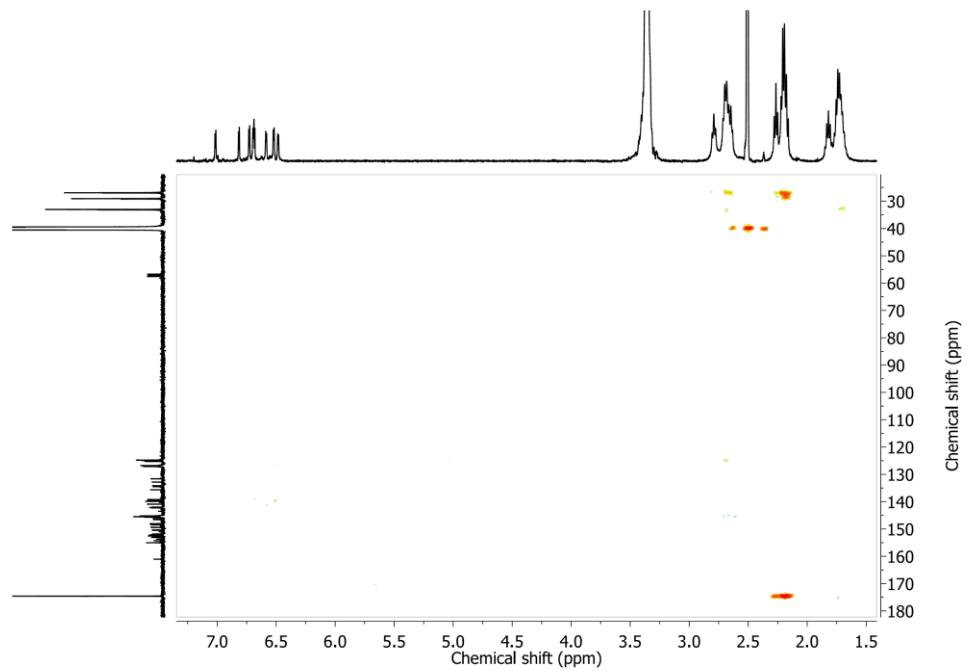


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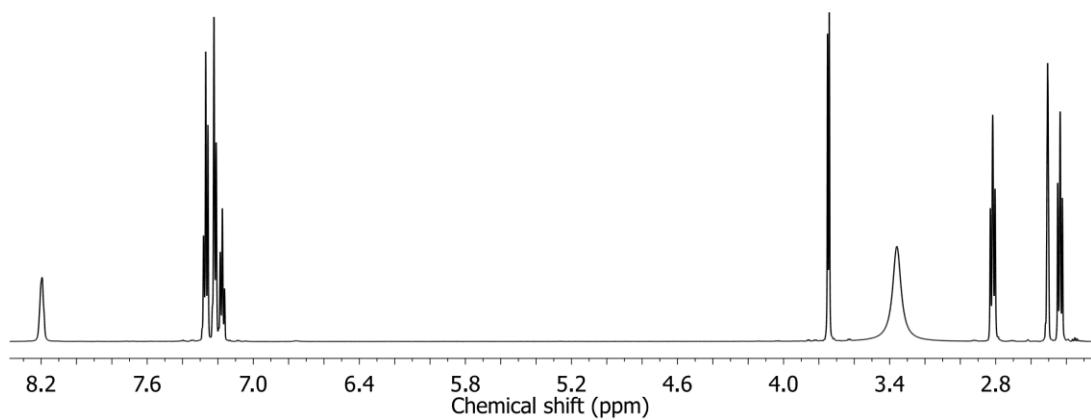


Fig. S58. ¹H NMR spectrum of compound **12a**

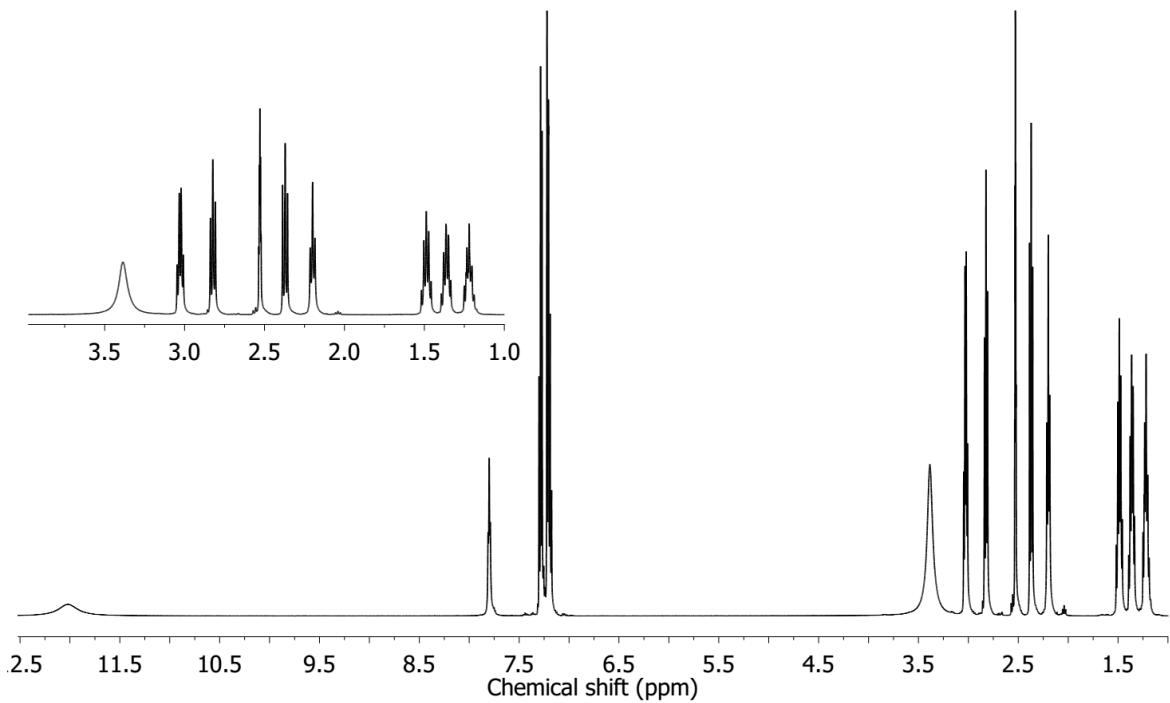


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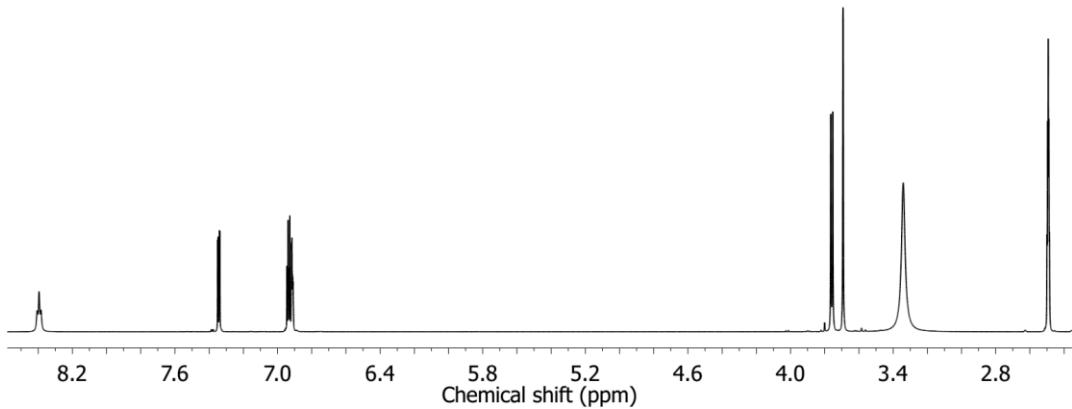


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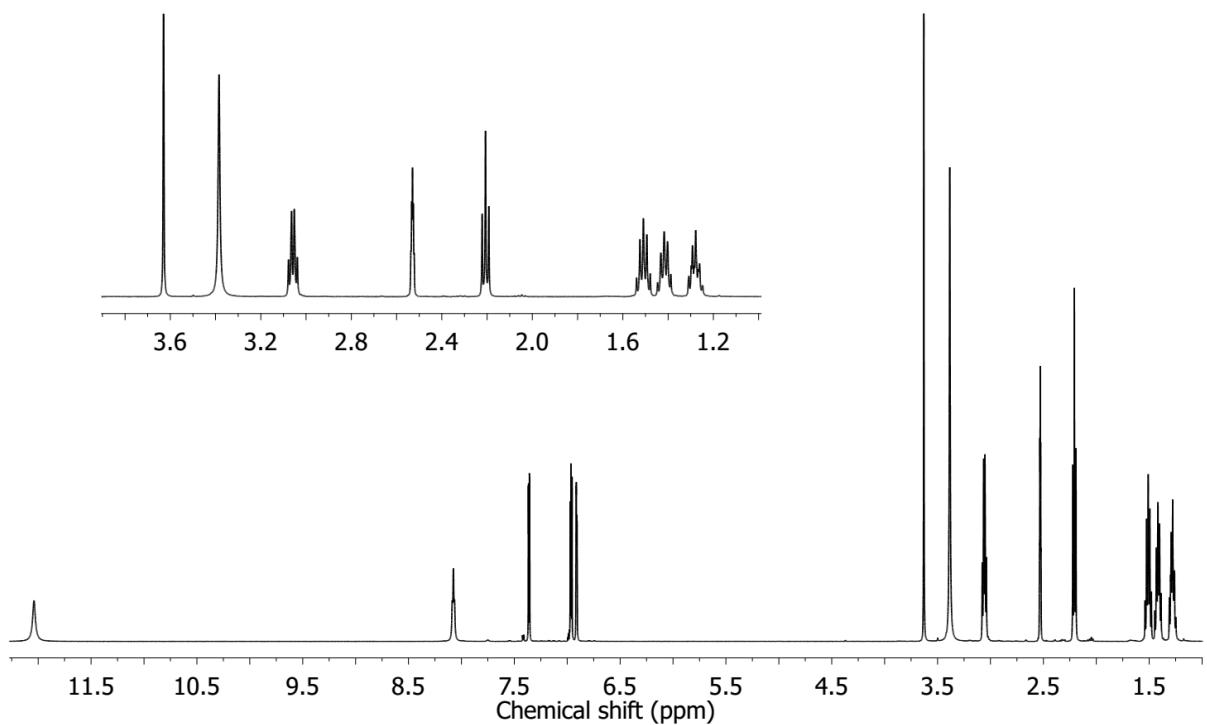


Fig. S61. ¹H NMR spectrum of compound **12d**

Biological assays

The antiviral assay in TZM-bl cells has been described in detail by Gordts *et al.* 2015 (S.C. Gordts, G. Ferir, T. D'Huys, M.I. Petrova, S. Lebeer, R. Snoeck, et al., The low cost compound lignosulfonic acid (LA) exhibits broad-spectrum anti-HIV and anti-HSV activity and has potential for microbicidal applications, *PLoS One*, **2015**, 10, 7, e0131219).

Briefly, 1.7×10^4 TZM-bl cells were pre-incubated with various concentrations of compounds in standard cell culture medium supplemented with diethylaminoethyl-dextran (15 µg/ml; Sigma-Aldrich) at 37 °C for 30 min. Then the cells were infected with HIV-1 NL4-3 or HIV-1 BaL virus or HIV-2 ROD stock. After two days of incubation at 37 °C, steady-lite plus substrate solution (PerkinElmer, Waltham, MA, USA) was added. The luminescent signal, which is proportional to the amount of viral replication, was measured using the SpectraMax L® microplate reader (Molecular Devices) and analyzed using Softmax Pro® software (Molecular Devices).

The anti-HIV assays in MT-4 cells were performed as follows. Compound-treated MT-4 cells (5×10^4 cells per sample in cell culture medium; 30 min incubation at 37 °C) were infected with HIV-1 NL4-3 or HIV-2 ROD virus stocks. After five days, virus-induced cytopathogenic effect was checked using optical microscopy and cell viability (i.e. measurement of viral replication) was evaluated using the MTS/PES-based CellTiter 96 Aqueous One Solution Cell Proliferation assay (Promega, Fitchburg, WI, USA). Absorbance was recorded using the VersaMax ELISA™ microplate reader (Molecular Devices) and analyzed with the Softmax Pro® software (Molecular Devices).