

**Reductive Haloclosilazane Polymerization**

**Supporting Information**

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## 1. Supplemental Figures and Tables

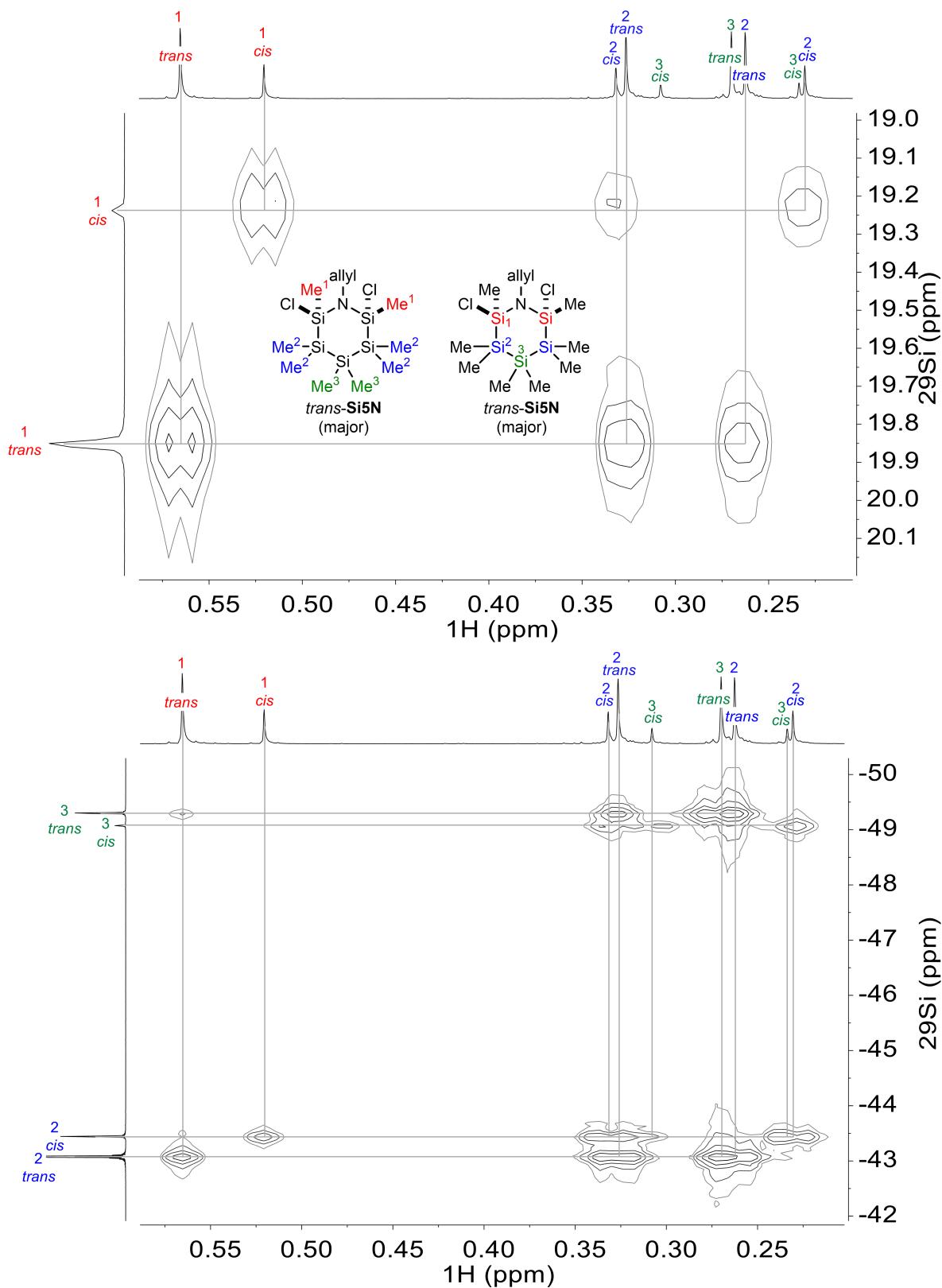


Figure S1. Cropped  $^1\text{H}$ - $^{29}\text{Si}$  HMBC spectra of **Si5N** (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ).

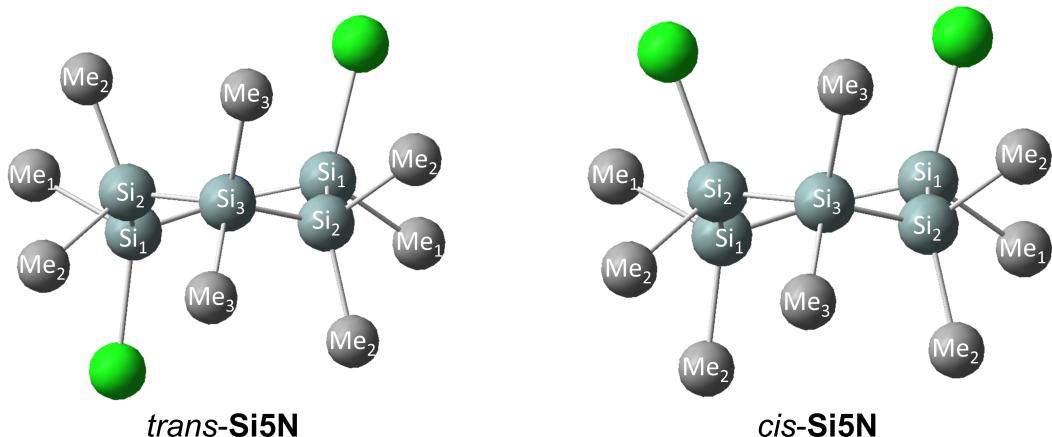


Figure S2. Twist-boat configurations for *trans*- and *cis*-**Si5N** looking through Si<sub>3</sub>-N axis drawn in GaussView to help visualize the C<sub>2</sub> axis in *trans*-**Si5N**. Hydrogens and allyl group omitted for clarity. Teal = Si, grey = C, green = Cl.

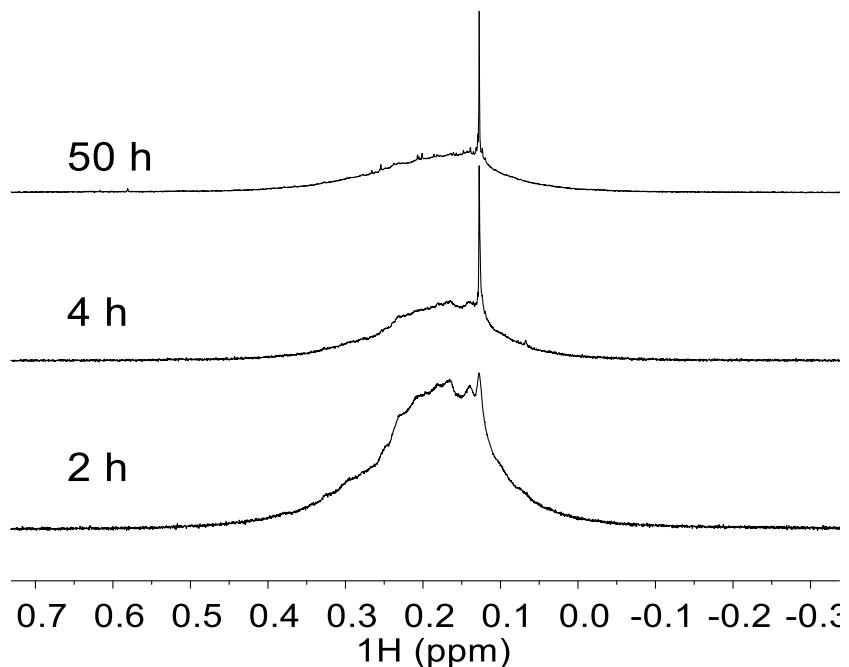


Figure S3. Stacked <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz) of poly(**Si5N**) from Table 2 entries 2 (2 h), 3 (4 h), and 4 (50 h).

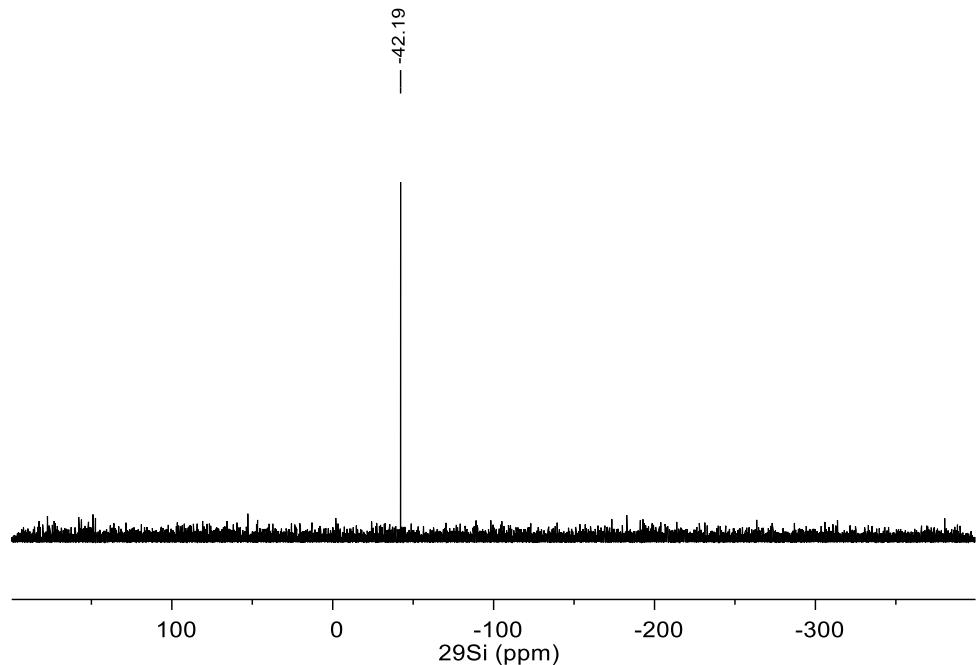


Figure S4.  $^{29}\text{Si}\{\text{H}\}$  DEPT NMR spectrum of poly(**Si5N**) from Table 2, entry 5.

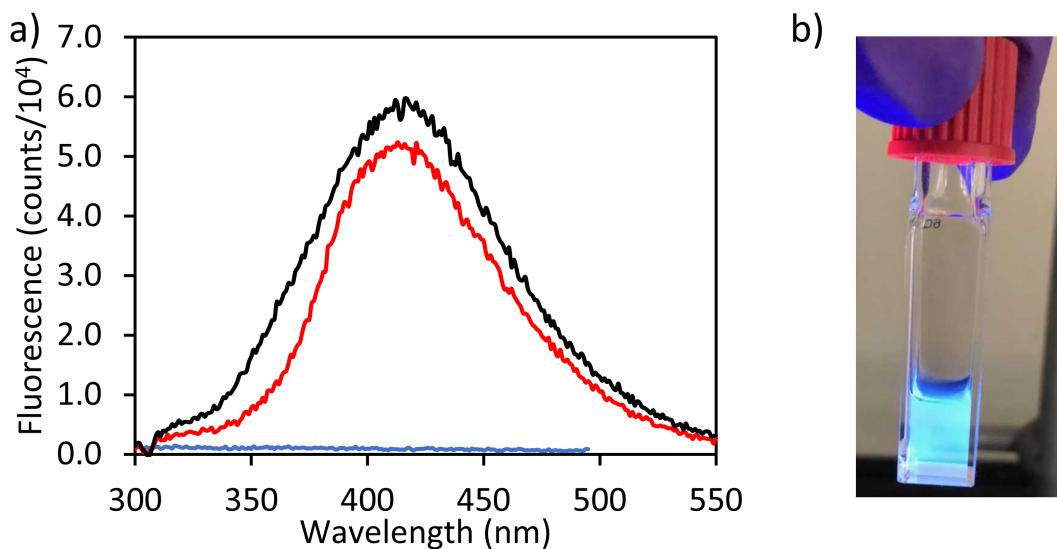


Figure S5. a) Emission spectra of **Si5N** (blue), **P1** (red), and **P2** (black) in THF. **Si5N** excitation wavelength = 250 nm. **P1** and **P2** excitation wavelength = 280 nm.  $[\text{Si5N}] = 1.25 \times 10^{-5}$  M, [polymer] = 0.0124 g/L. b) **P2** blue emission in THF; concentration of pictured sample = 0.1 g/L in THF.

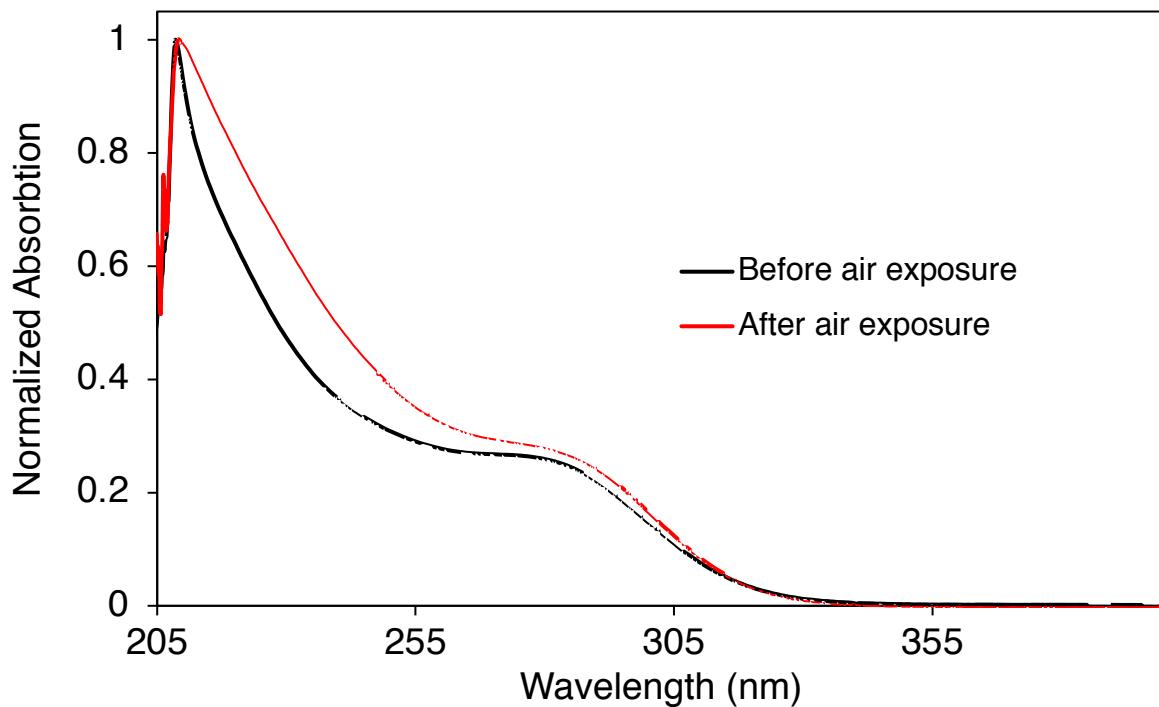


Figure S6. UV-Vis absorption spectrum of **P2** before and after exposure to air for one day. Concentrations were 0.0124 g/L in THF for each sample.

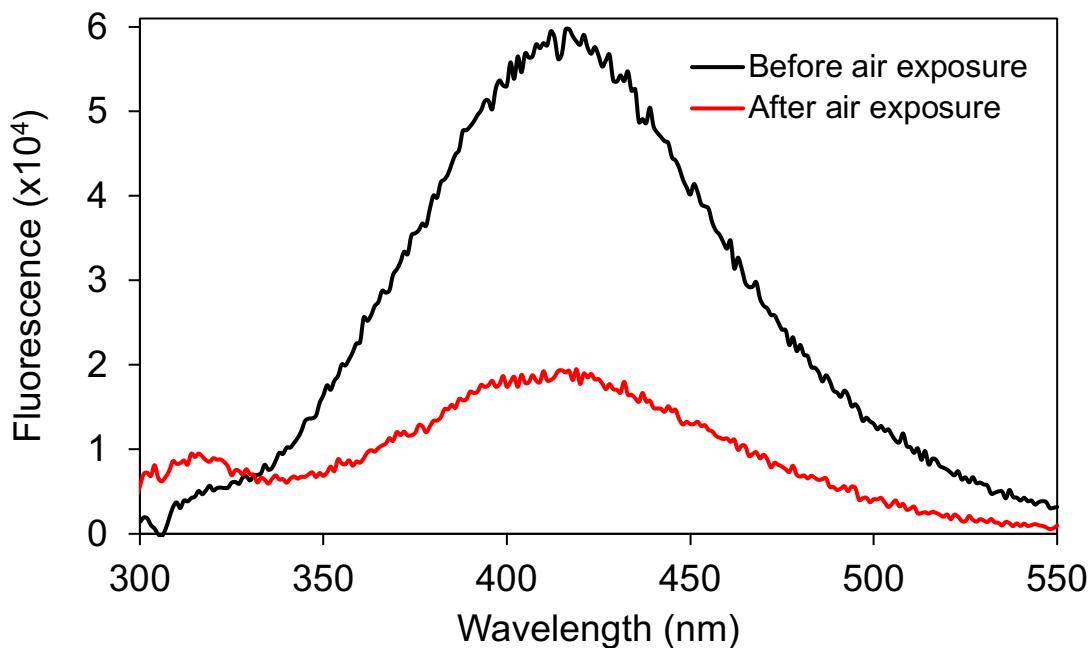


Figure S7. Emission spectra of **P2** before (black) and after (red) exposing to air for one day. Excitation wavelength = 280 nm. Concentrations were 0.0124 g/L in THF for each sample.

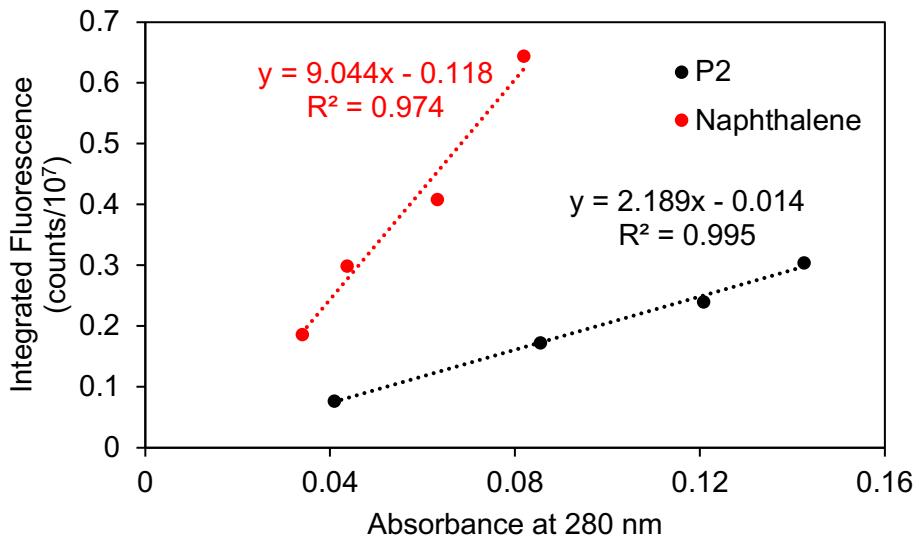


Figure S8. Linear fits to determine the fluorescence quantum yield for **P2** in THF relative to a naphthalene standard in cyclohexane.

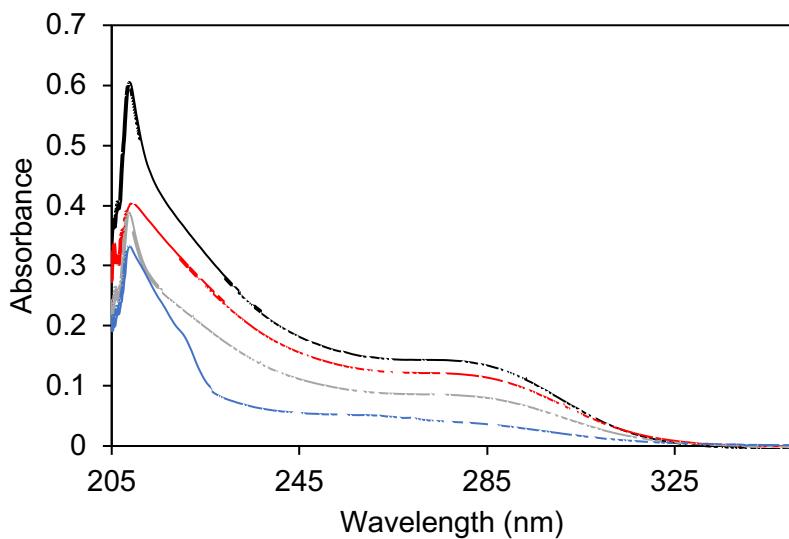


Figure S9. Absorption spectra of **P2** in THF (black =  $6.20 \times 10^{-3}$  g/L, red =  $7.43 \times 10^{-3}$  g/L, grey =  $4.96 \times 10^{-3}$  g/L, blue =  $1.24 \times 10^{-3}$  g/L) used to obtain the linear fit in Figure S7.

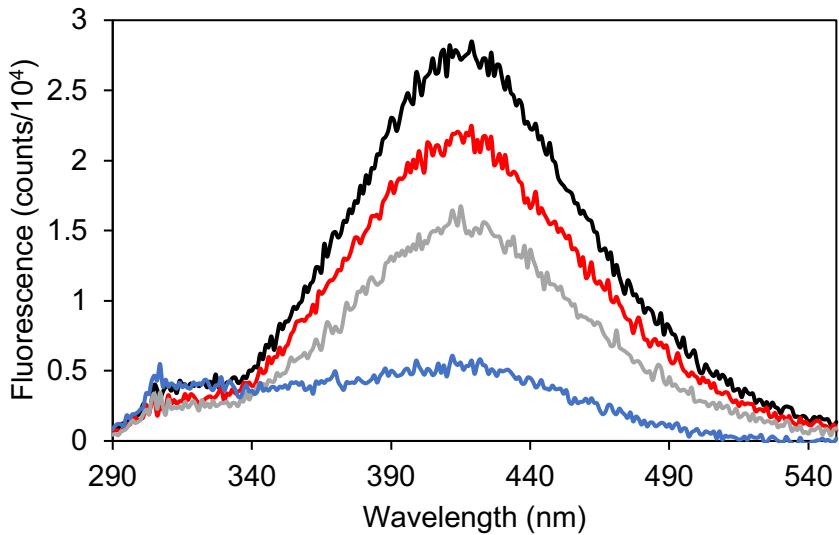


Figure S10. Emission spectra of **P2** in THF excited at 280 nm (black =  $6.20 \times 10^{-3}$  g/L, red =  $7.43 \times 10^{-3}$  g/L, grey =  $4.96 \times 10^{-3}$  g/L, blue =  $1.24 \times 10^{-3}$  g/L) used to obtain the linear fit in Figure S7.

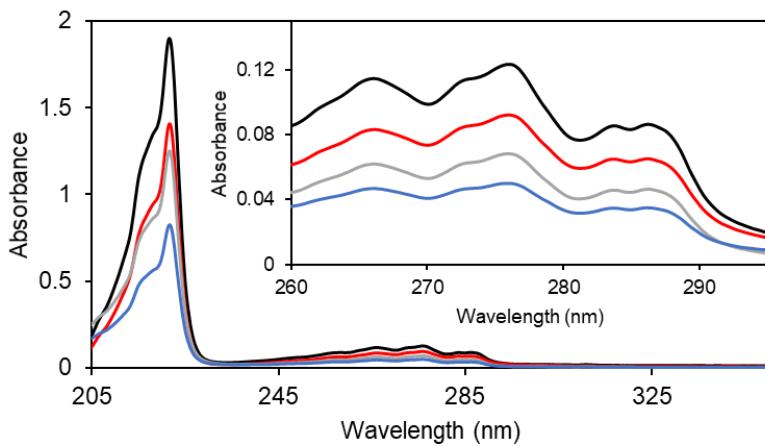


Figure S11. Absorption spectra of naphthalene in cyclohexane (black =  $1.72 \times 10^{-5}$  M, red =  $1.17 \times 10^{-5}$  M, grey =  $1.01 \times 10^{-5}$  M, blue =  $6.24 \times 10^{-6}$  M) used to obtain the linear fit in Figure S7.

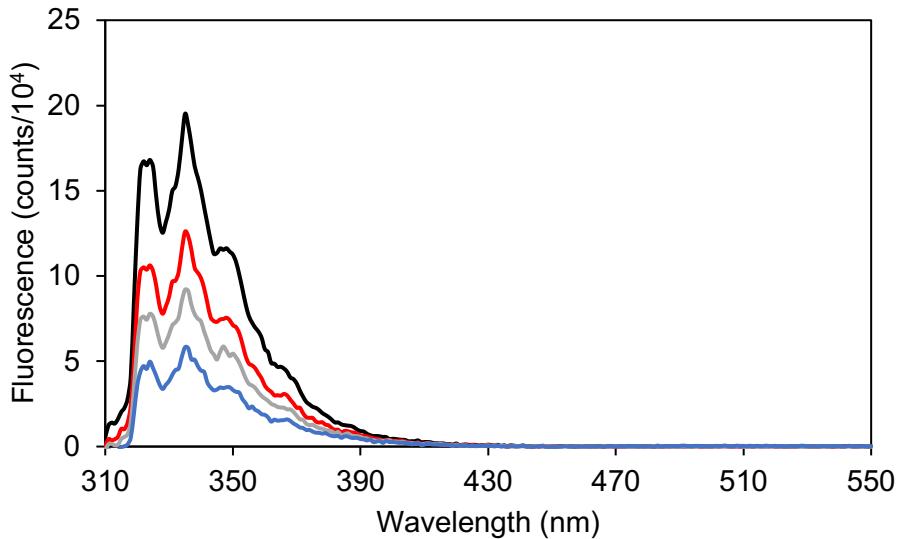


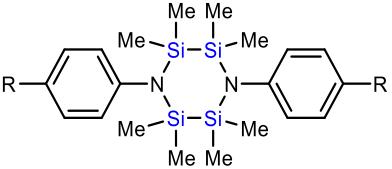
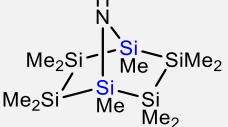
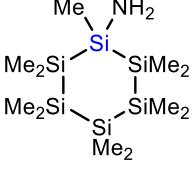
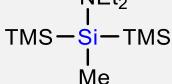
Figure S12. Emission spectra of naphthalene excited at 280 nm in cyclohexane (black =  $1.72 \times 10^{-5}$  M, red =  $1.17 \times 10^{-5}$  M, grey =  $1.01 \times 10^{-5}$  M, blue  $6.24 \times 10^{-6}$  M) used to obtain the linear fit in Figure S7.

Table S1. Symmetry elements of *cis*- and *trans*-**Si5N** in boat and twist-boat conformations.

Compound	Boat symmetry elements <sup>a</sup>	Twist-boat symmetry elements <sup>a</sup>
<b>trans-Si5N</b>	None	$C_2$
<b>cis-Si5N</b>	$\sigma$	none

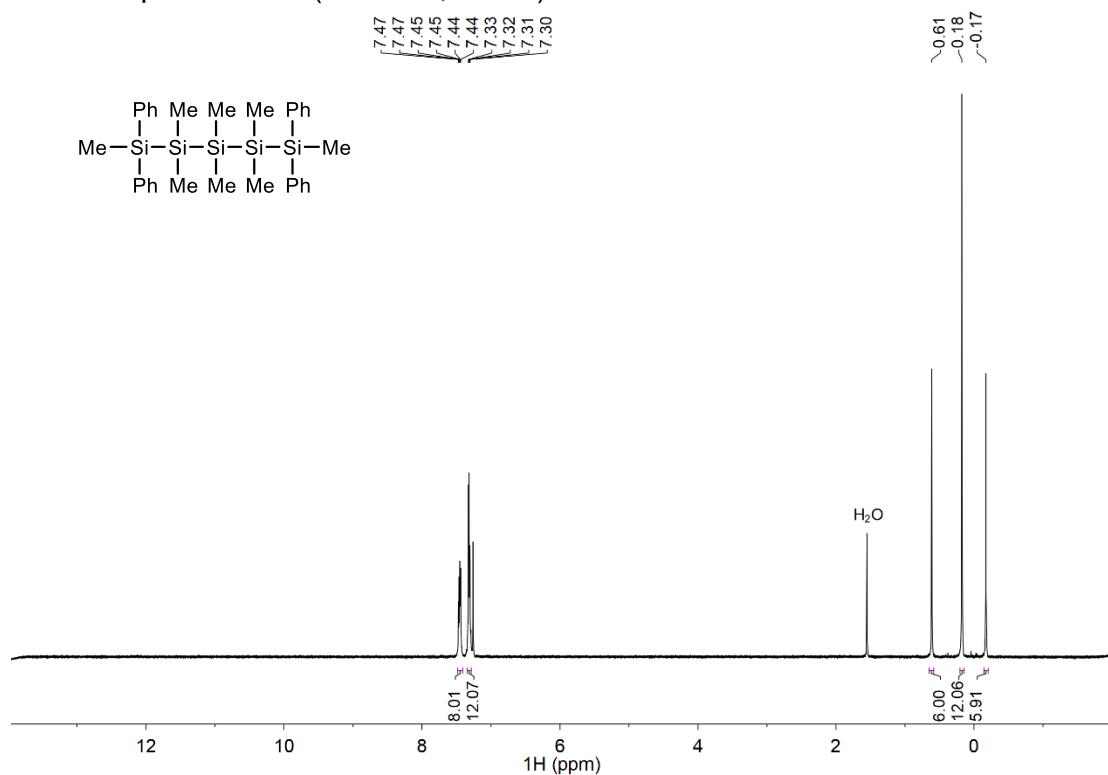
<sup>a</sup> Identity not included.

Table S2.  $^{29}\text{Si}$  NMR *Si*-N resonances of relevant compounds from the literature. Selected *Si* resonance is highlighted in blue.

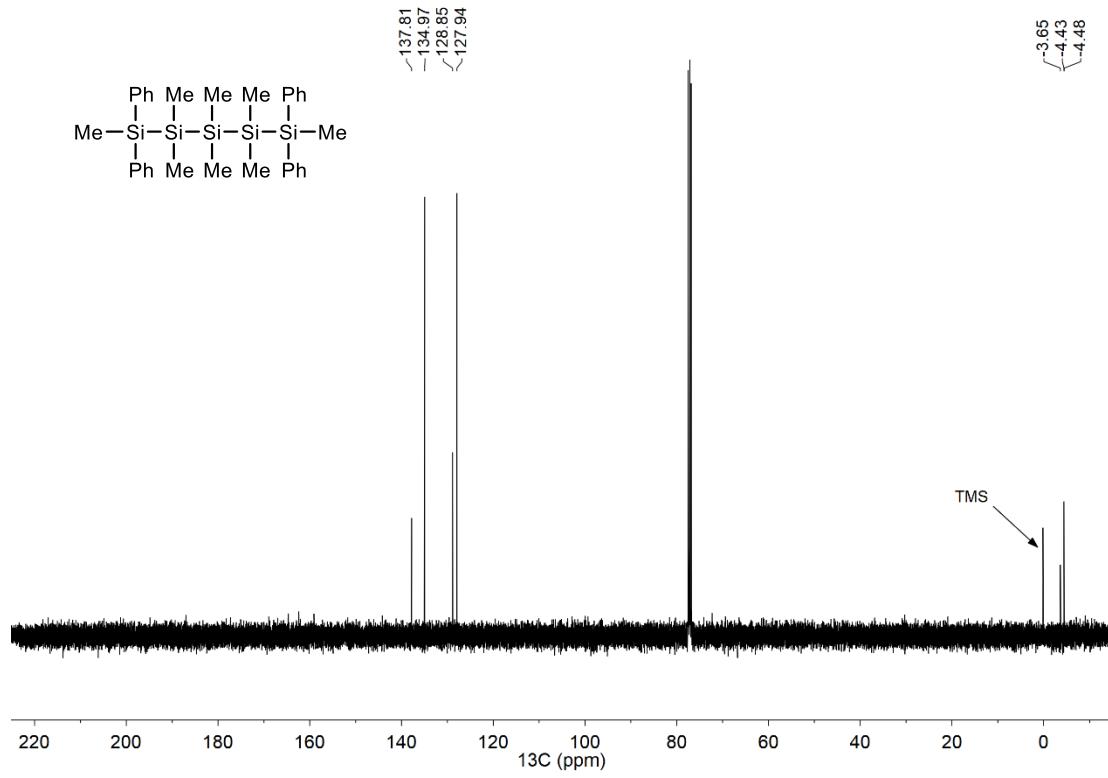
Compound	<i>Si</i> -N resonance (ppm)	Solvent <sup>ref</sup>
	-5.0 to -6.8	$\text{CDCl}_3$ <sup>1</sup>
	-9.5	$\text{C}_6\text{D}_6$ <sup>2</sup>
	-15.3	$\text{C}_6\text{D}_6$ <sup>2</sup>
	-13.4	$\text{CDCl}_3$ <sup>3</sup>

## 2. NMR Spectra

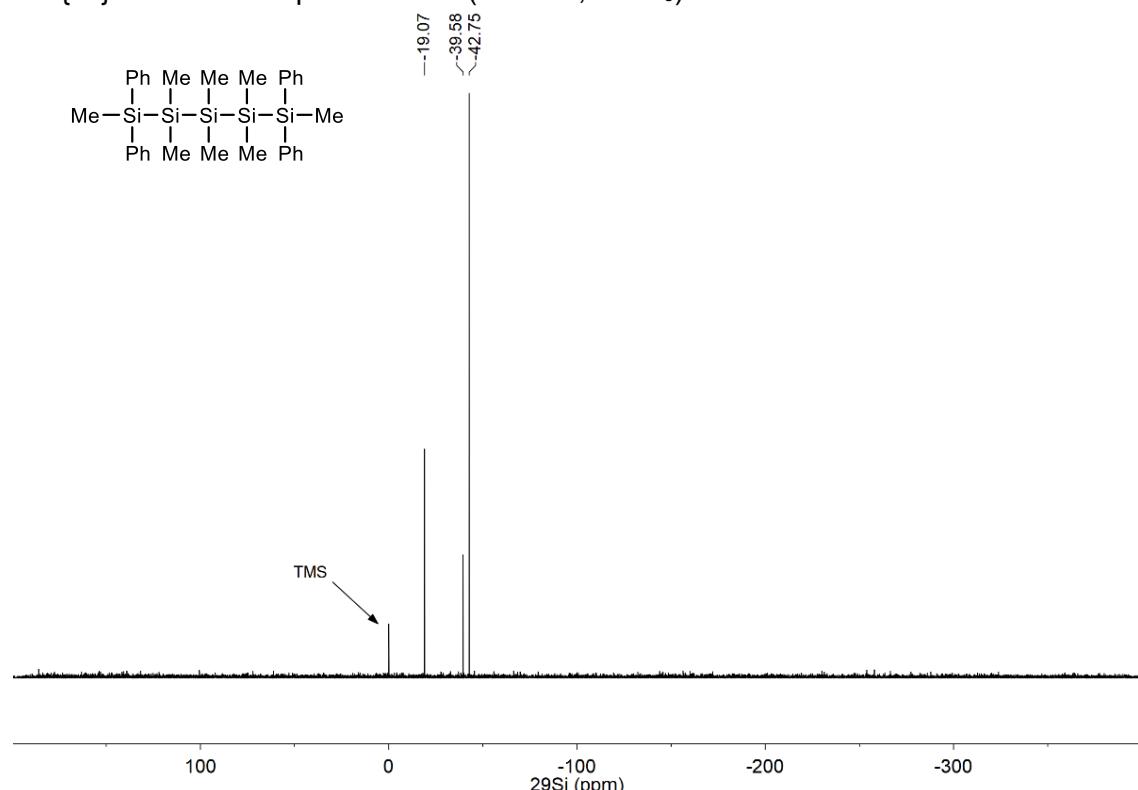
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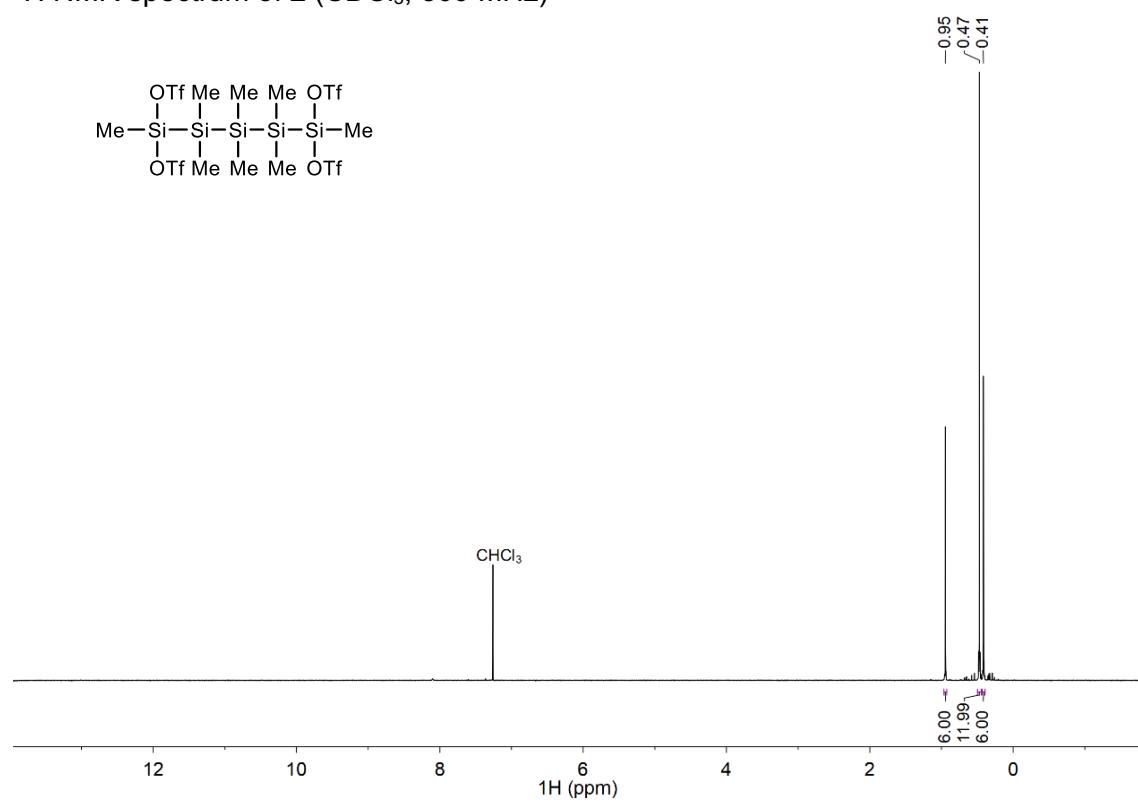
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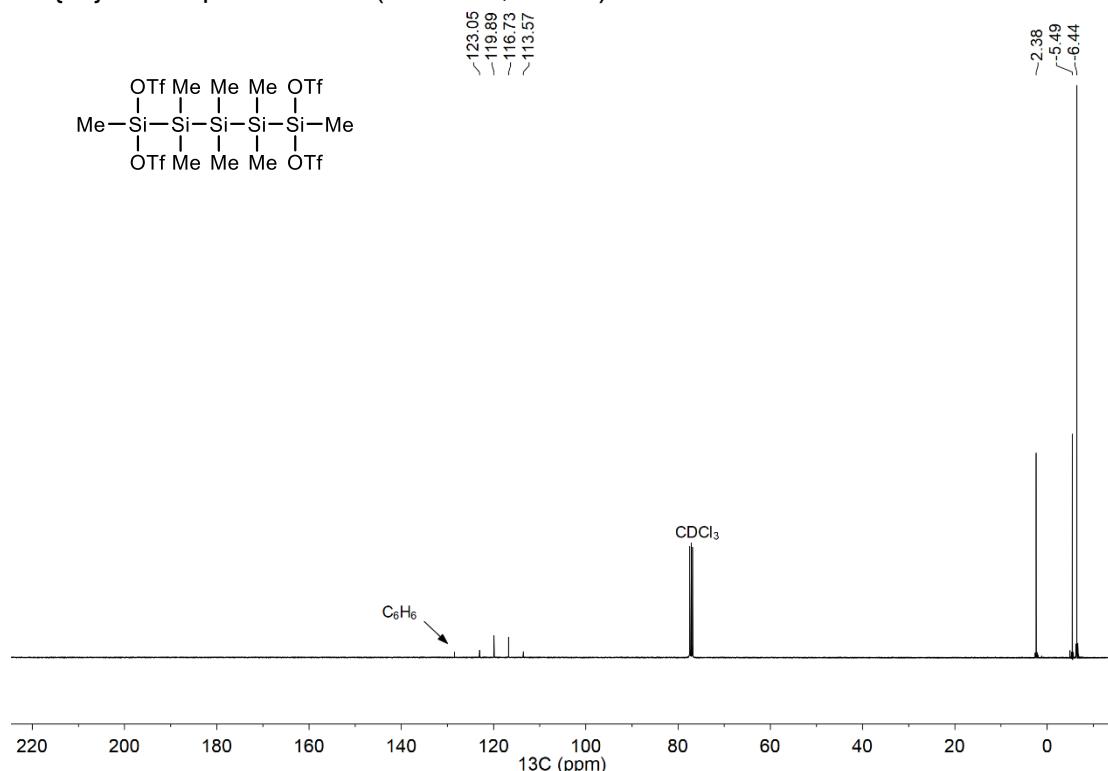
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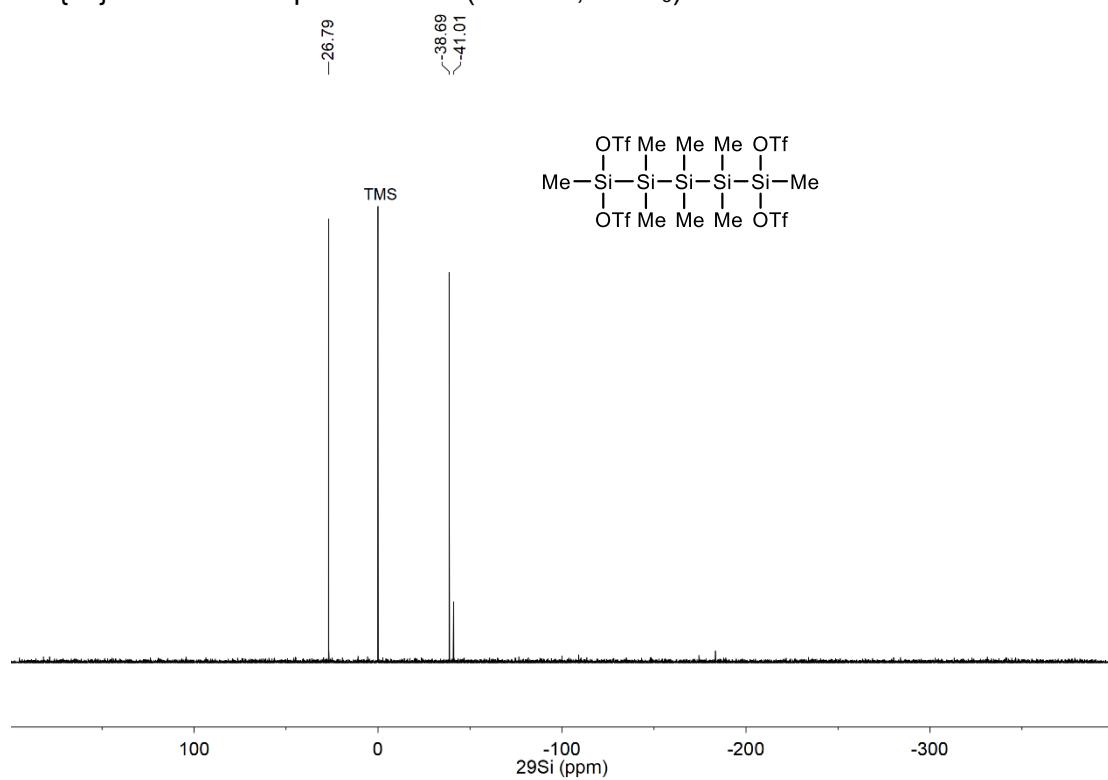
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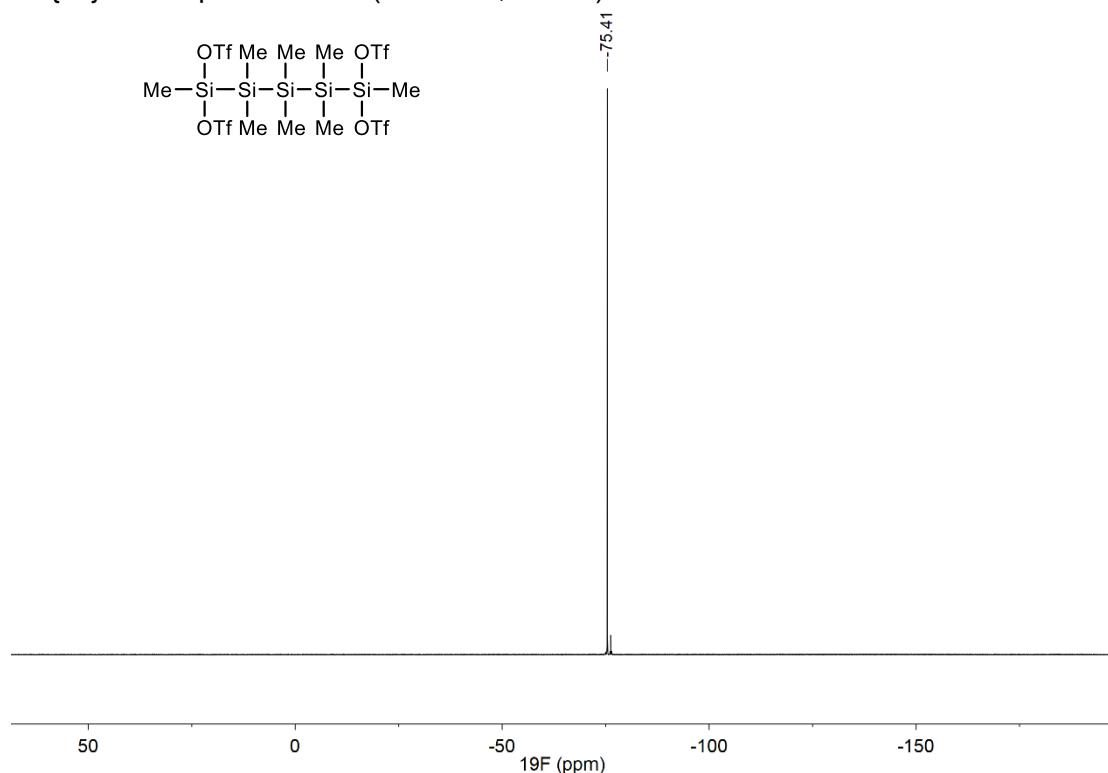
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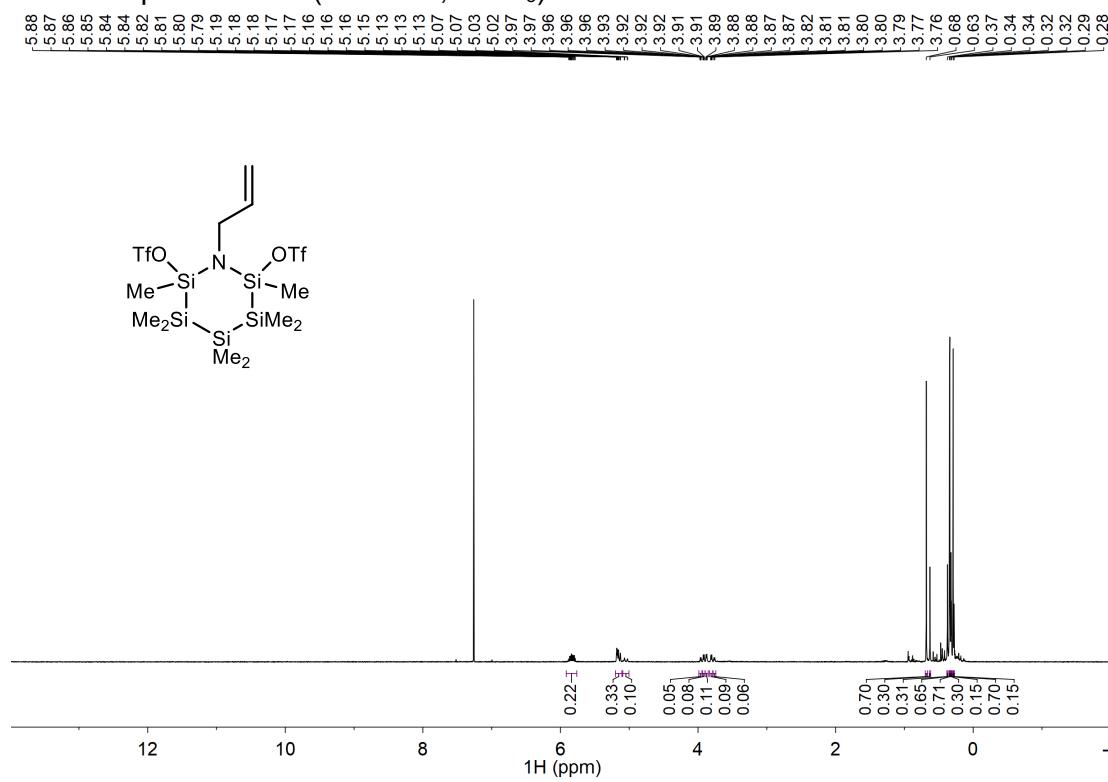
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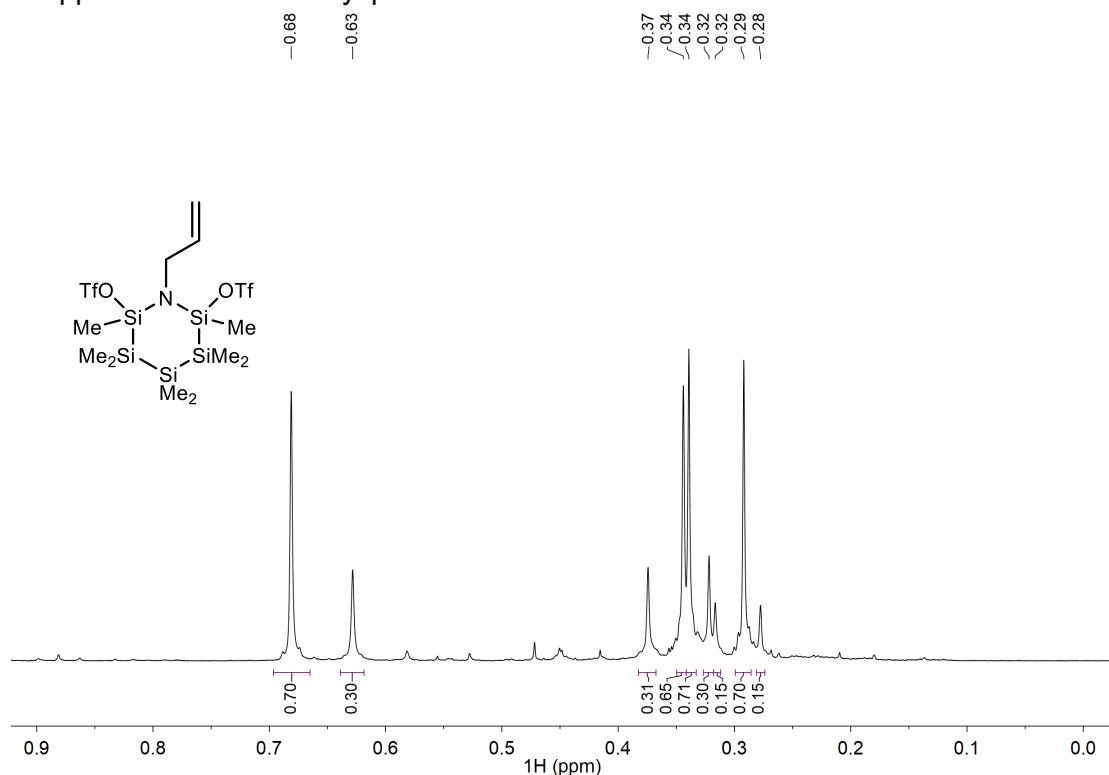
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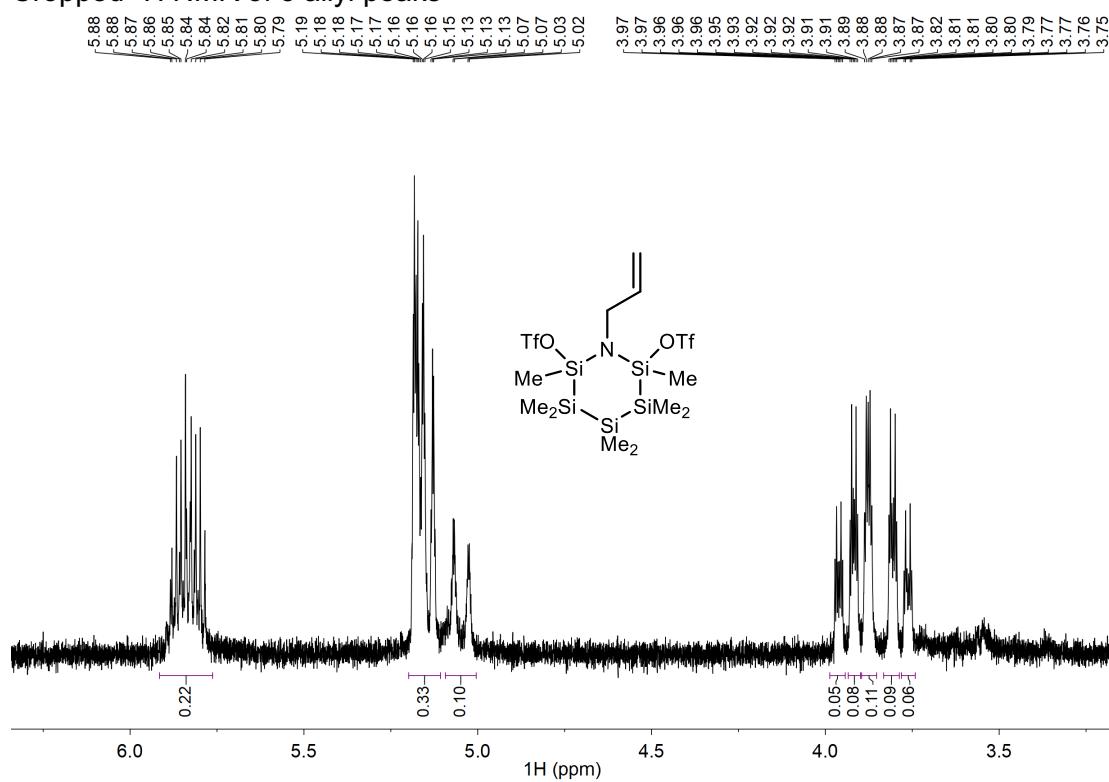
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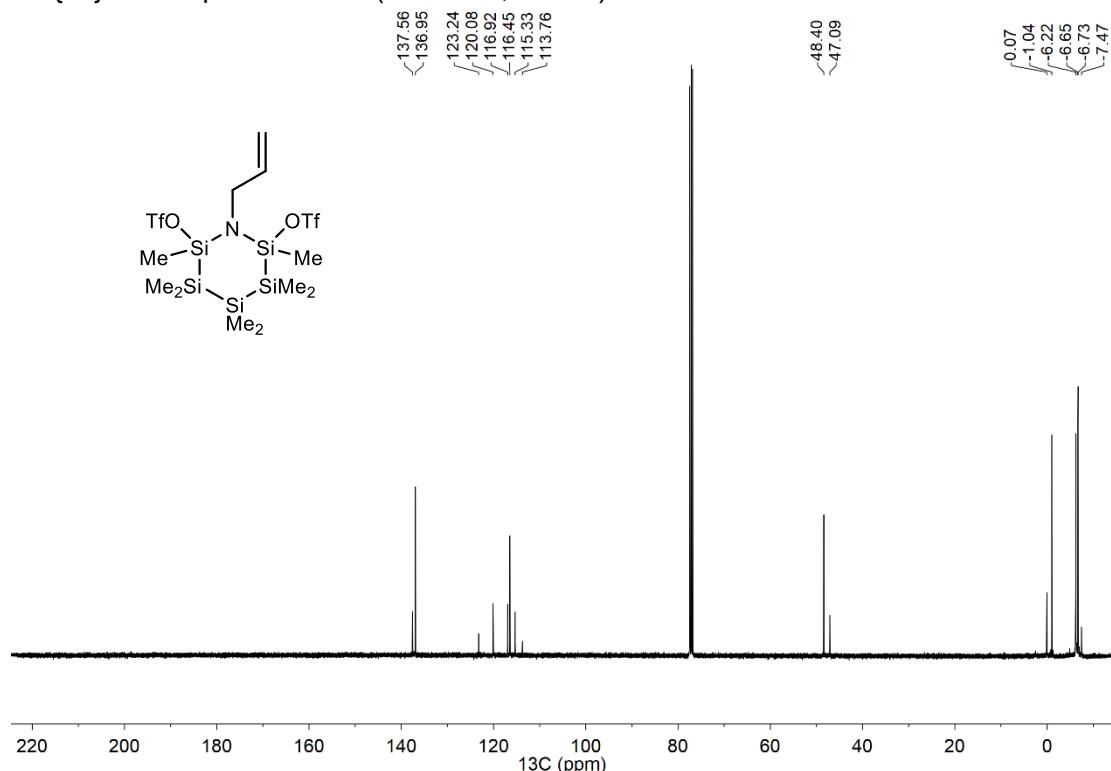
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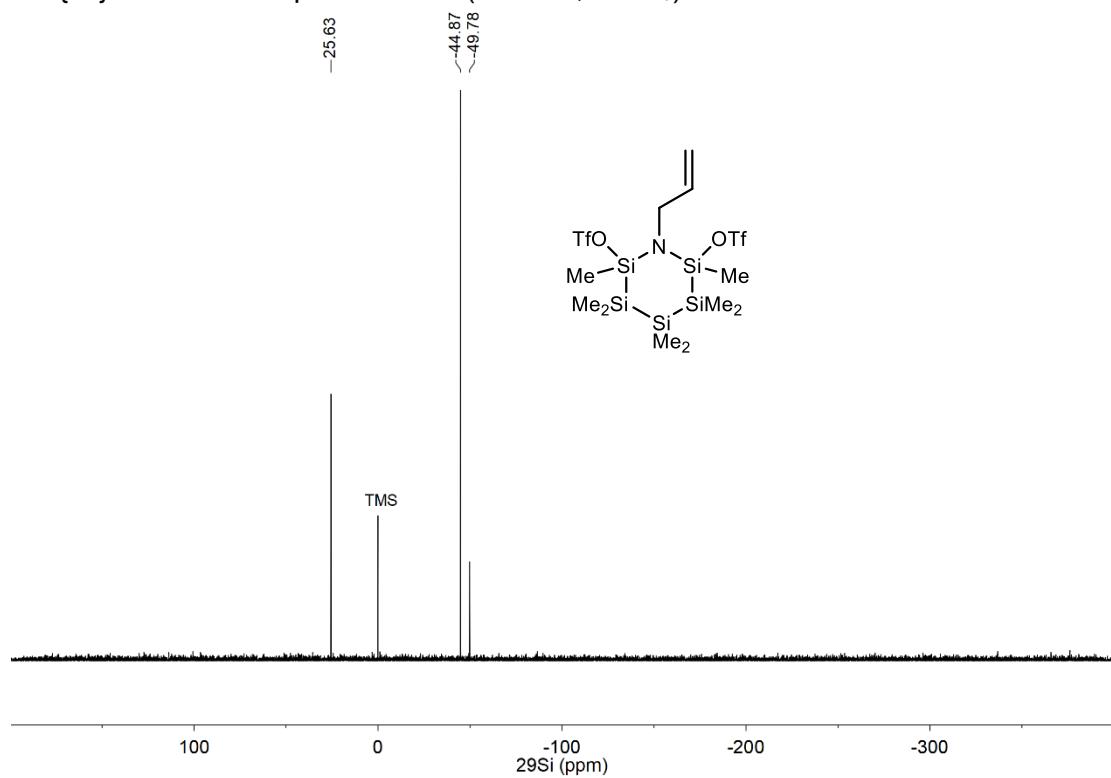
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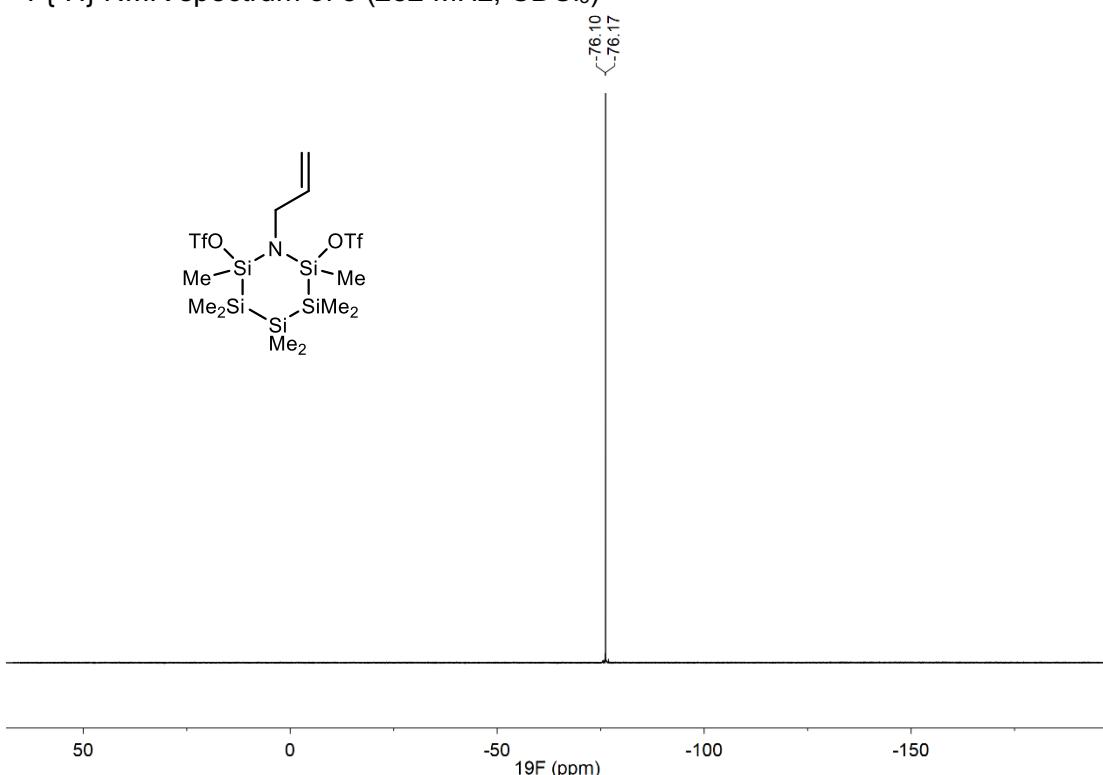
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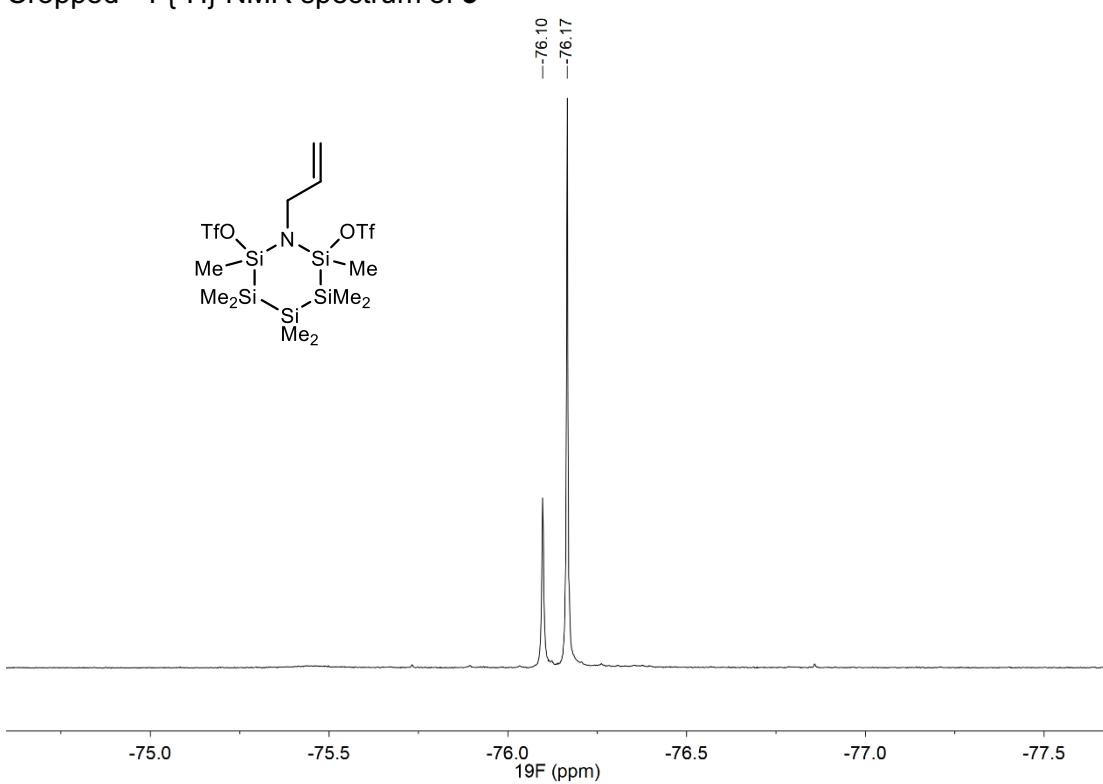
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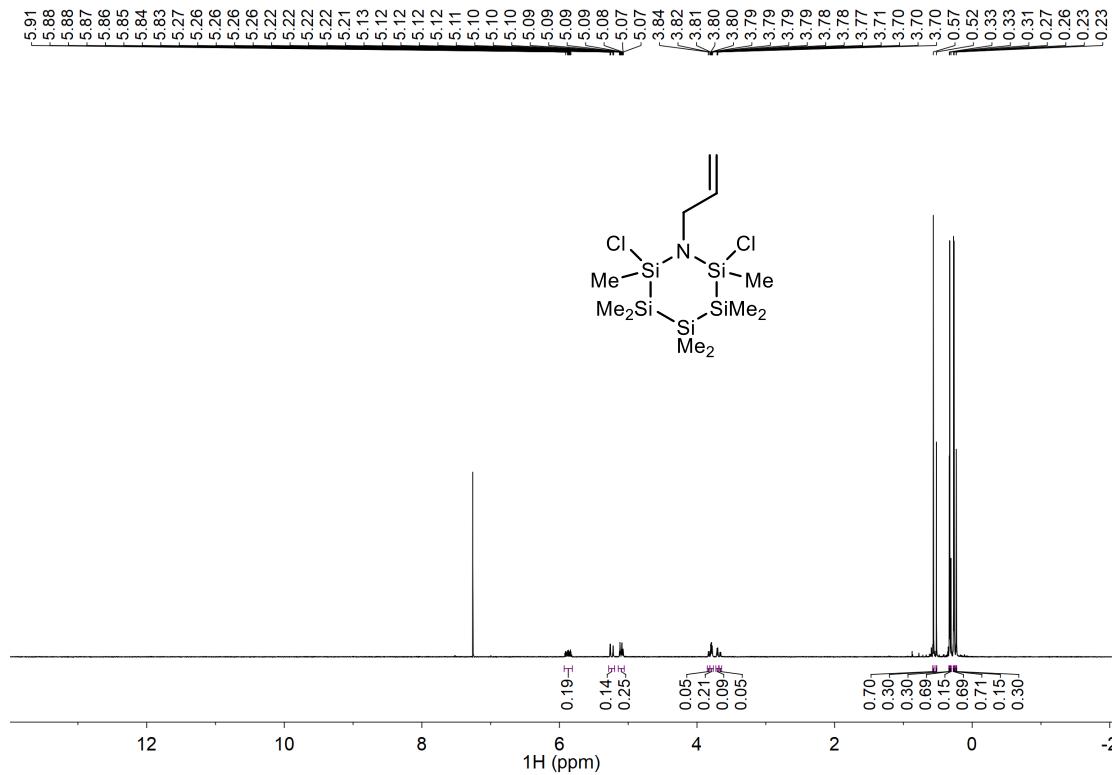
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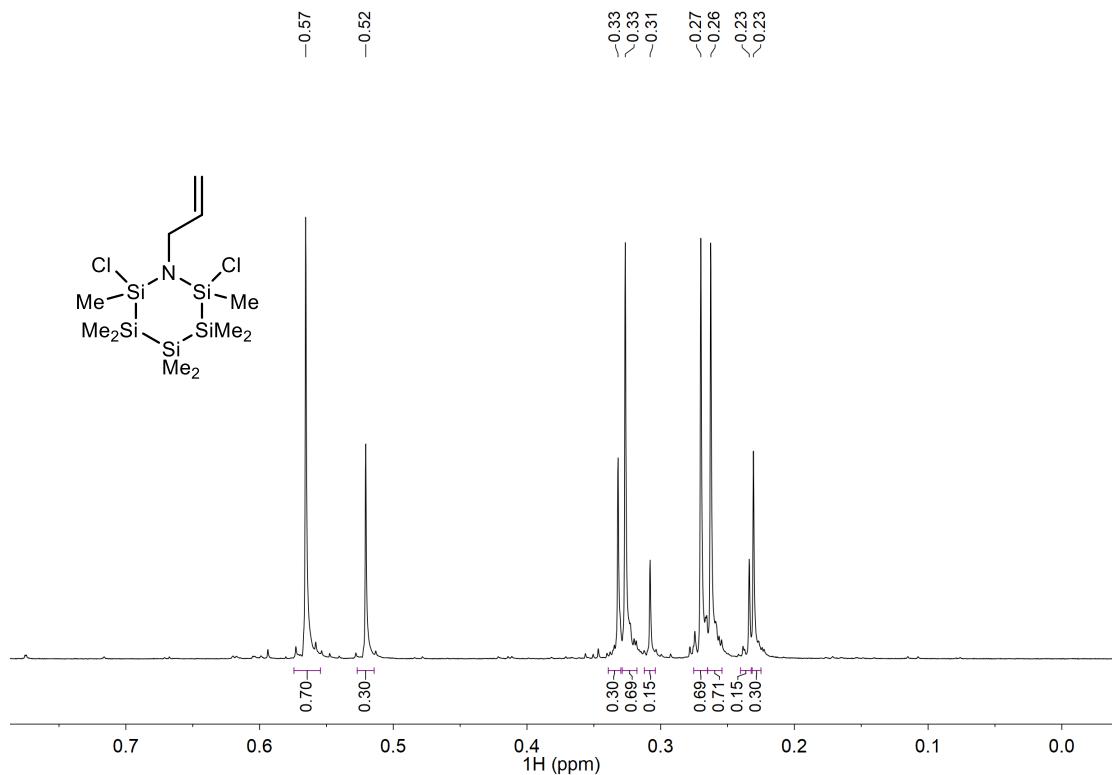
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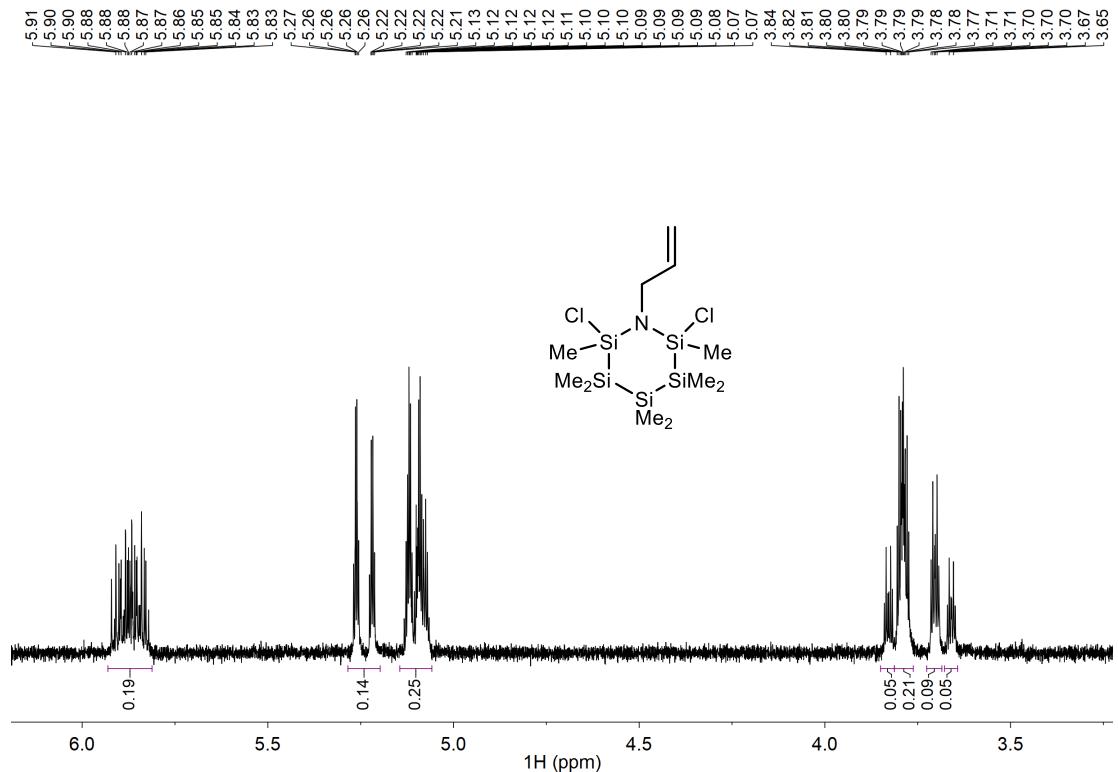
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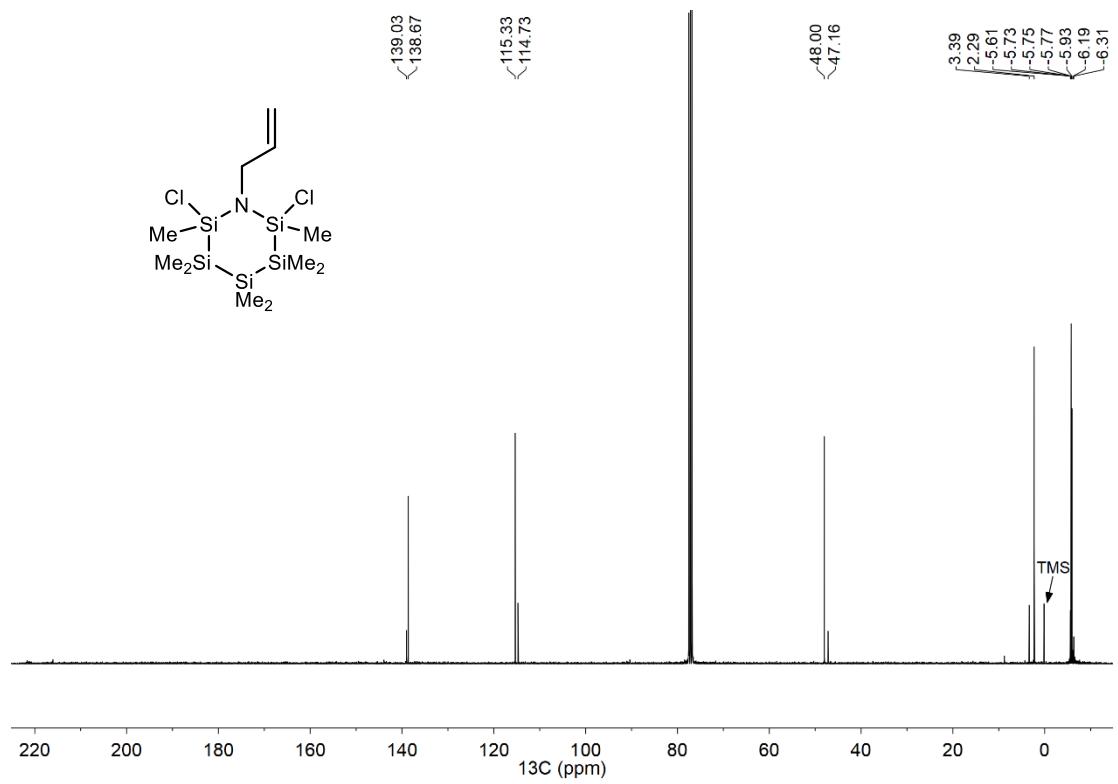
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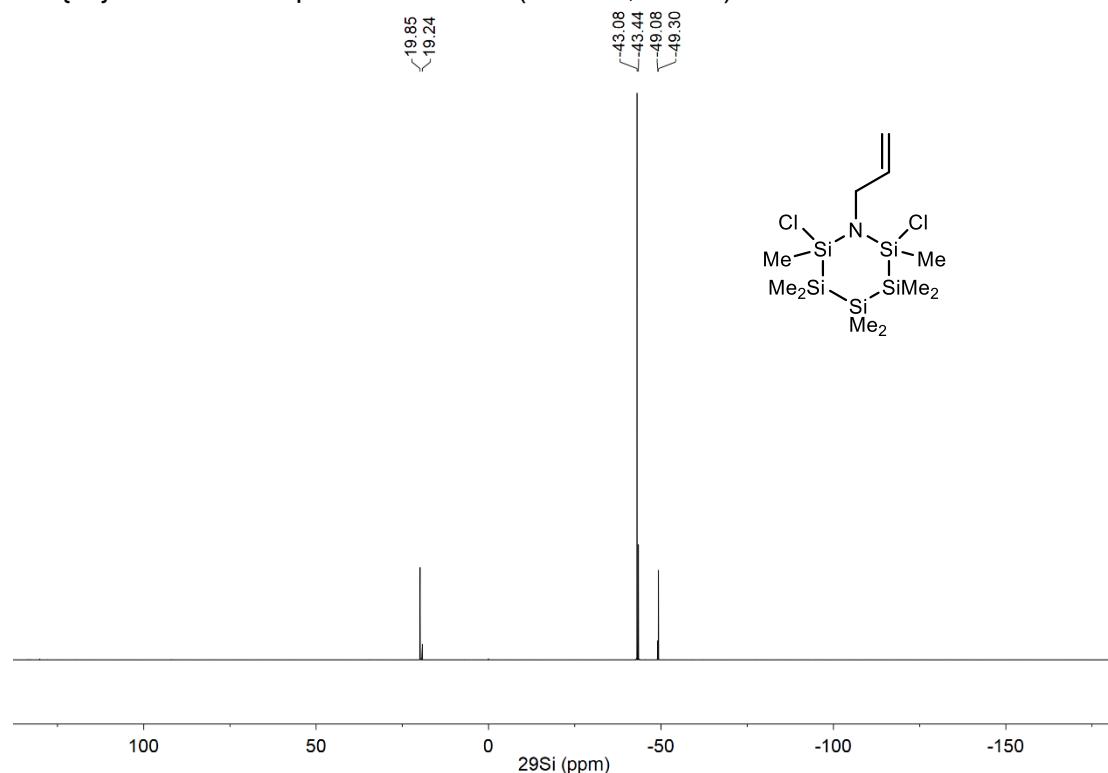
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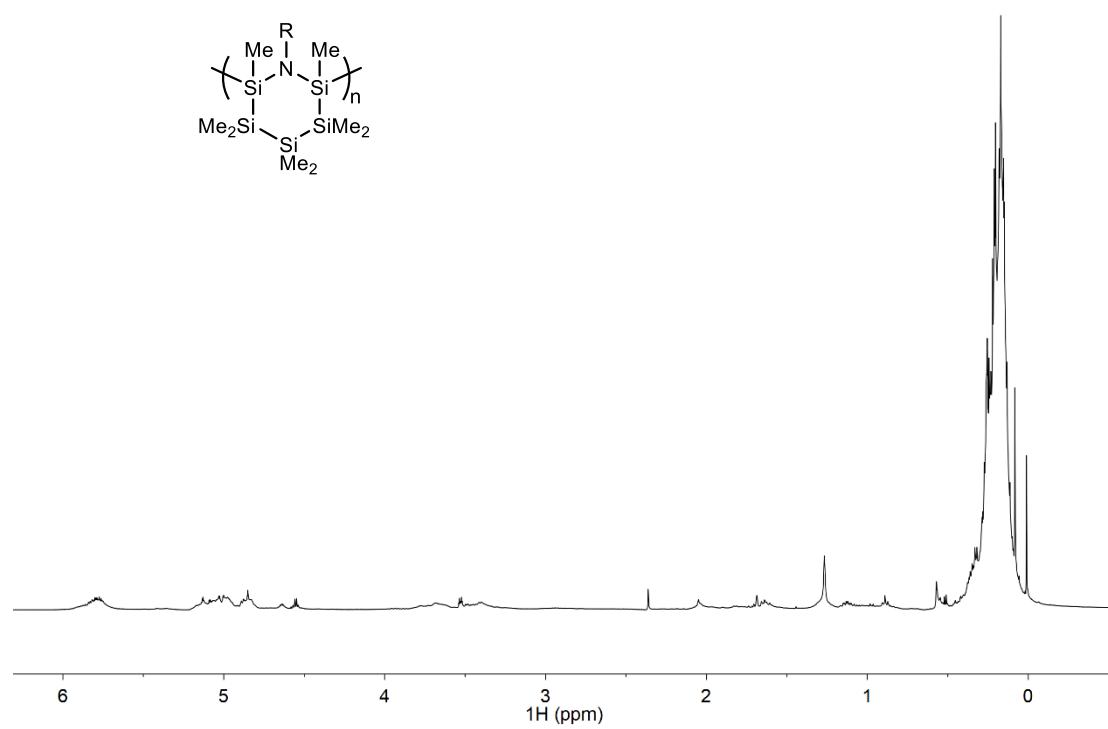
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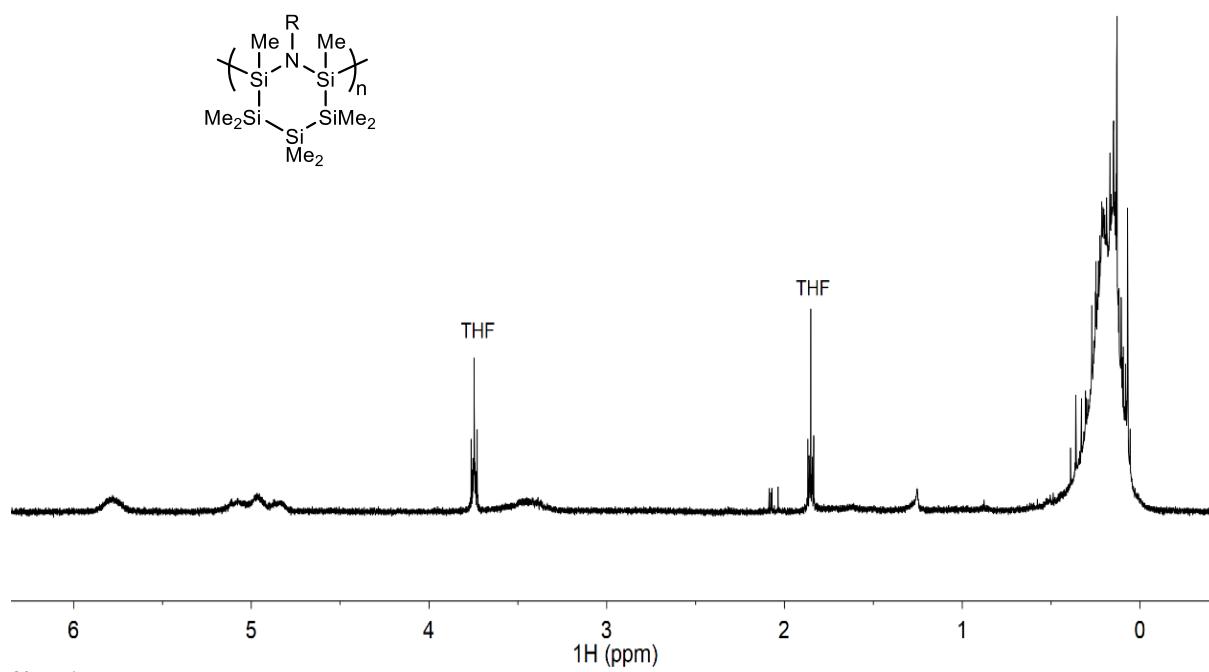
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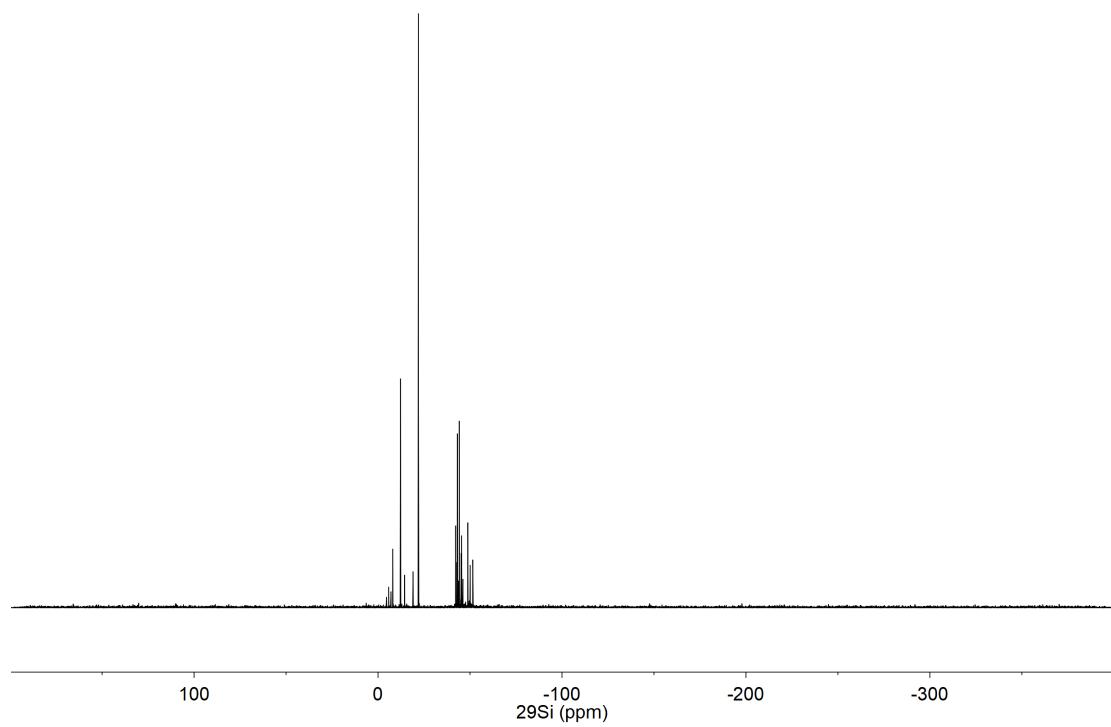
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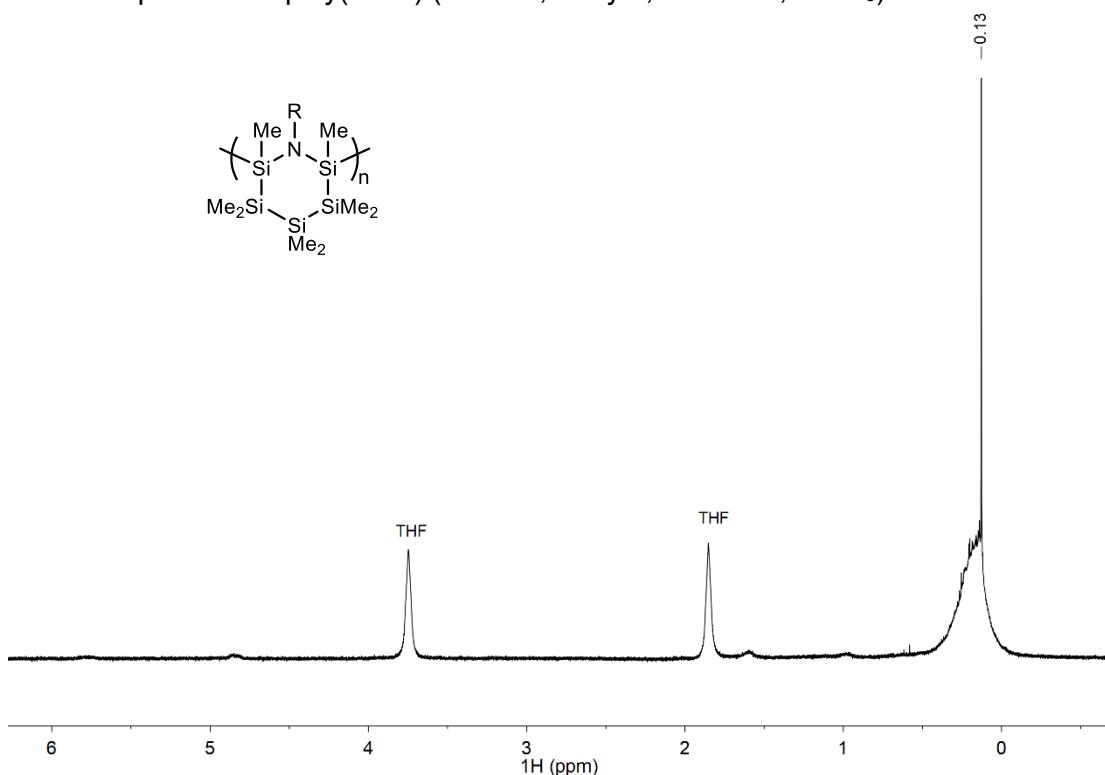
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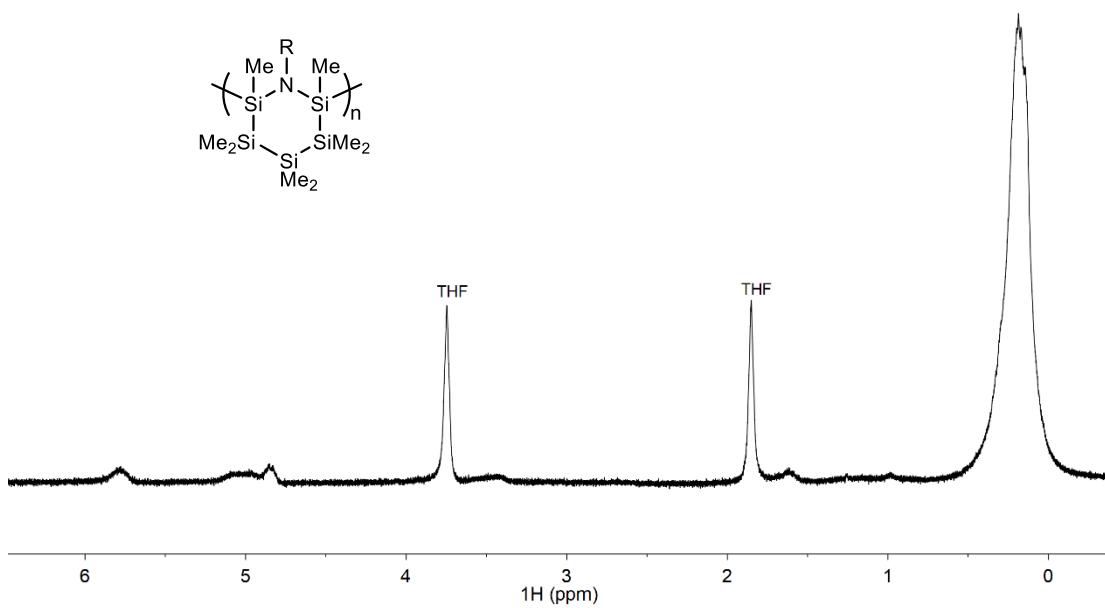
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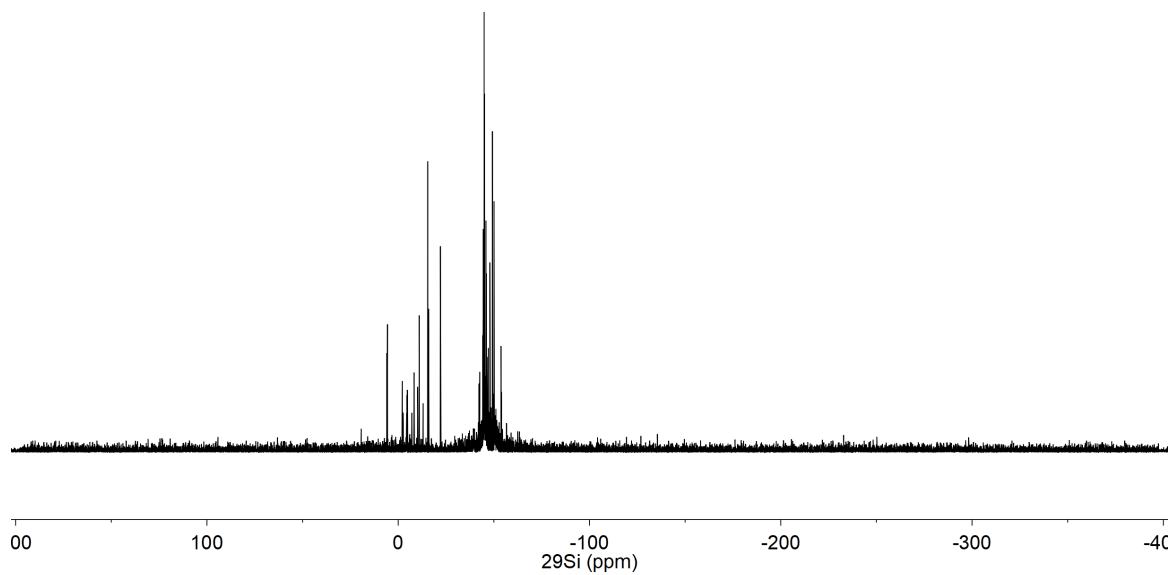
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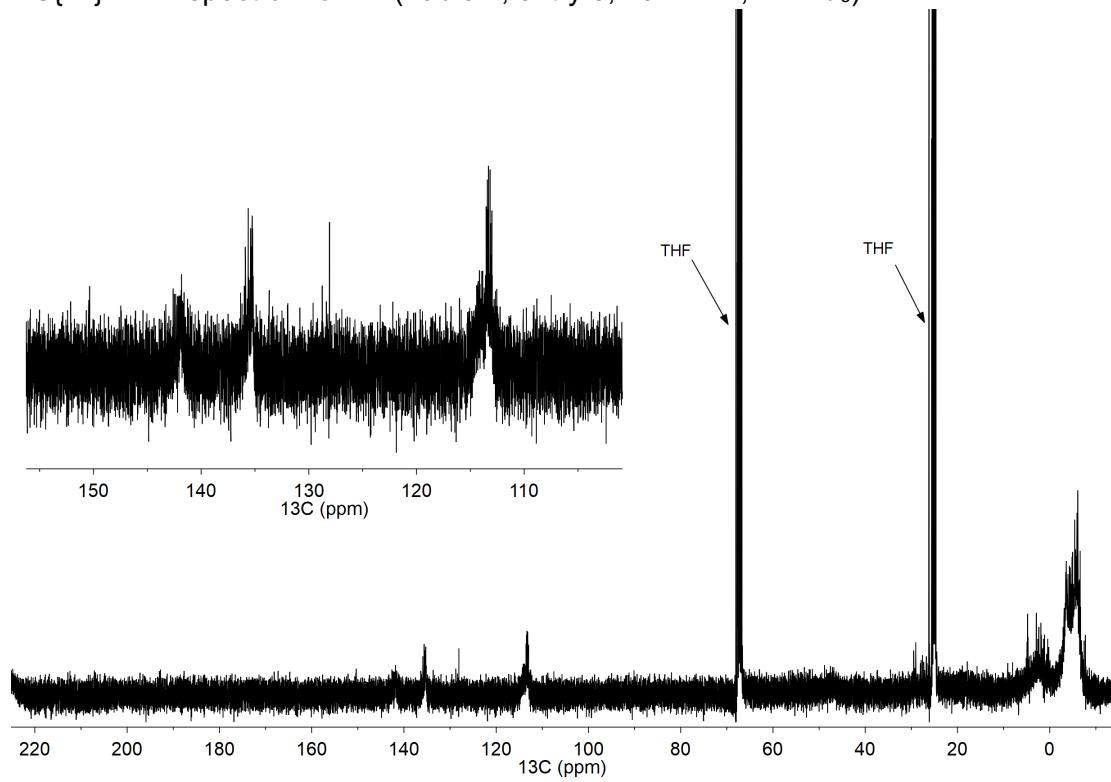
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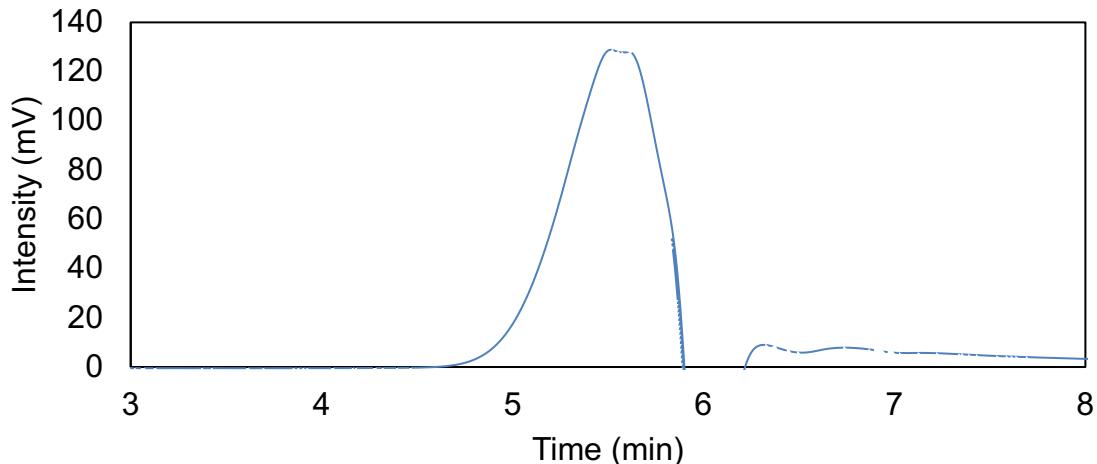


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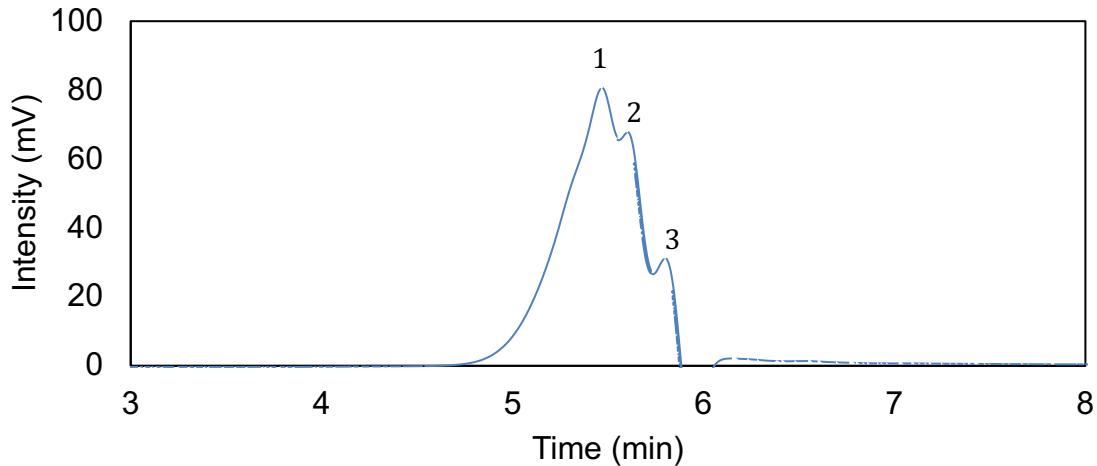
### 3. GPC Spectra

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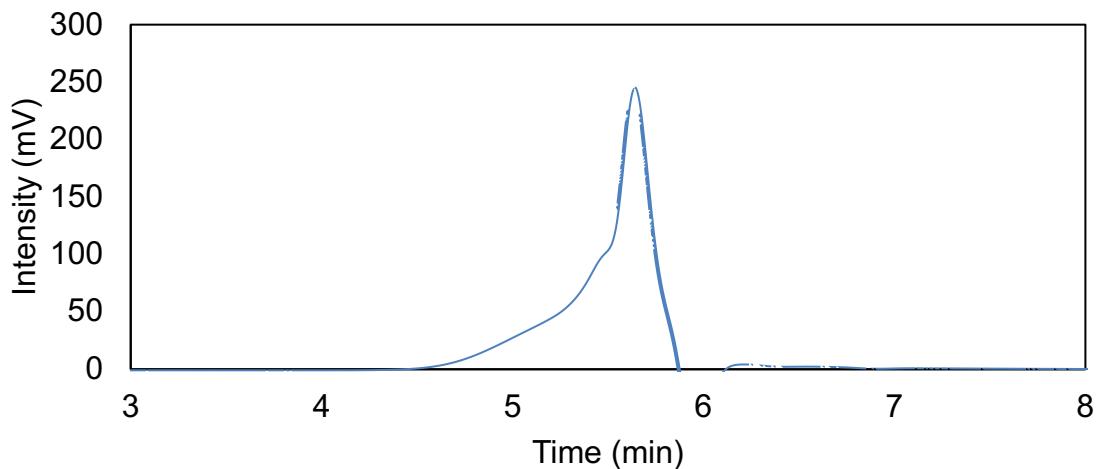
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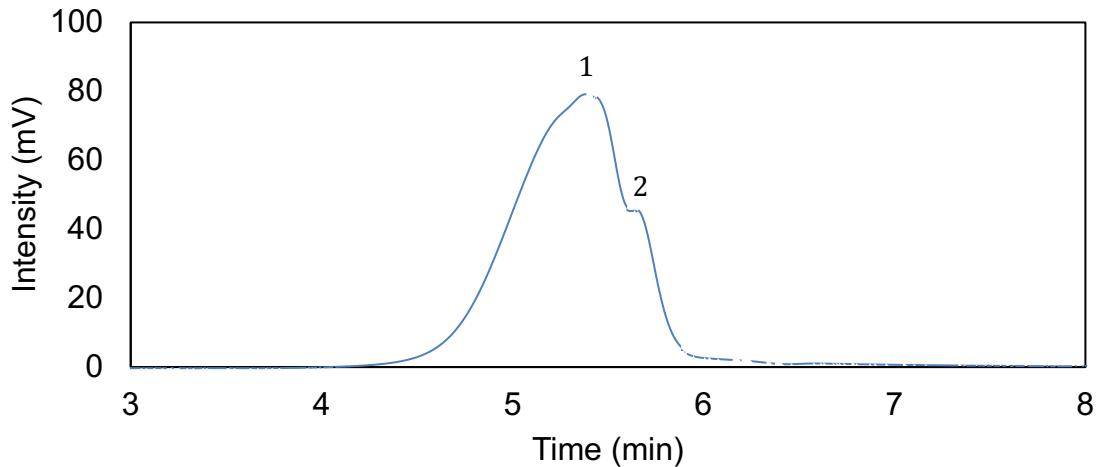
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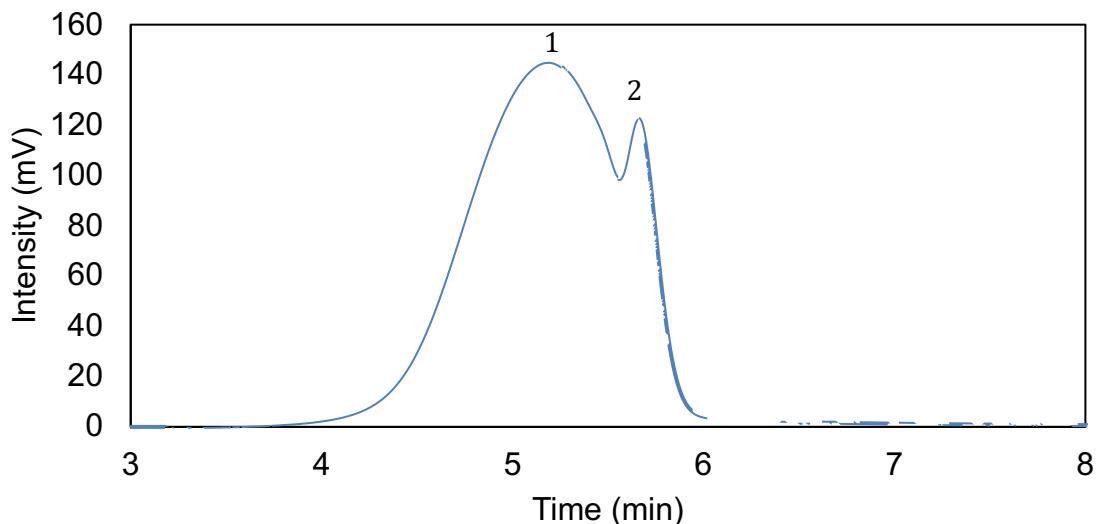
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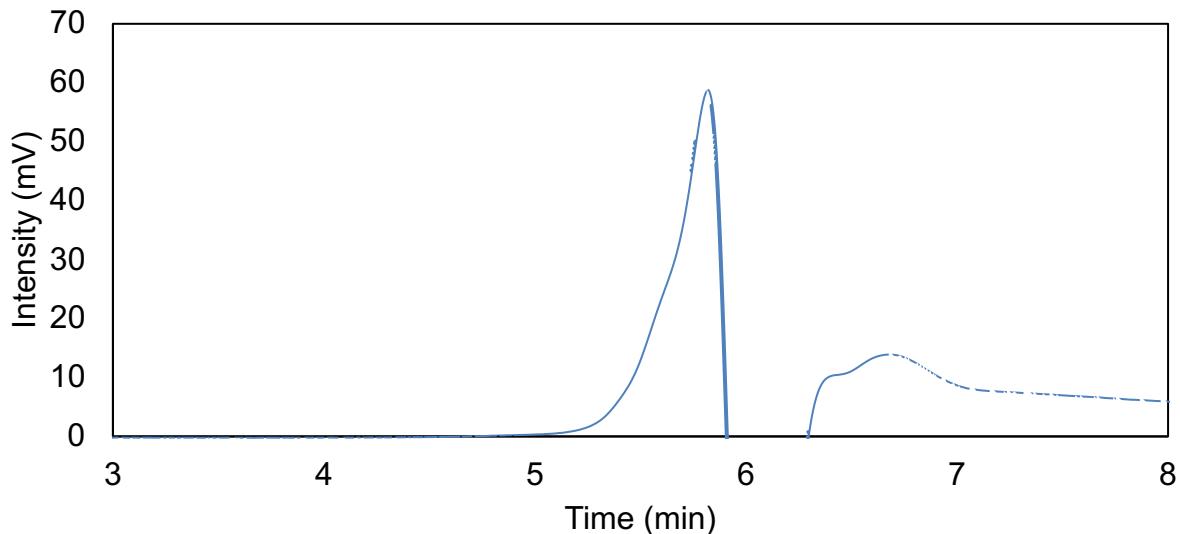
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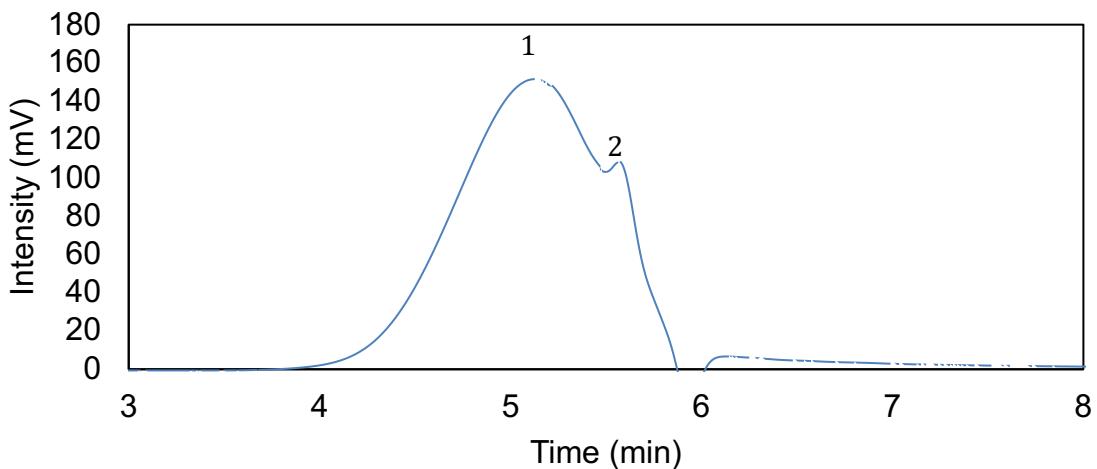
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Table 1, Entry 6 (**Si5N**)



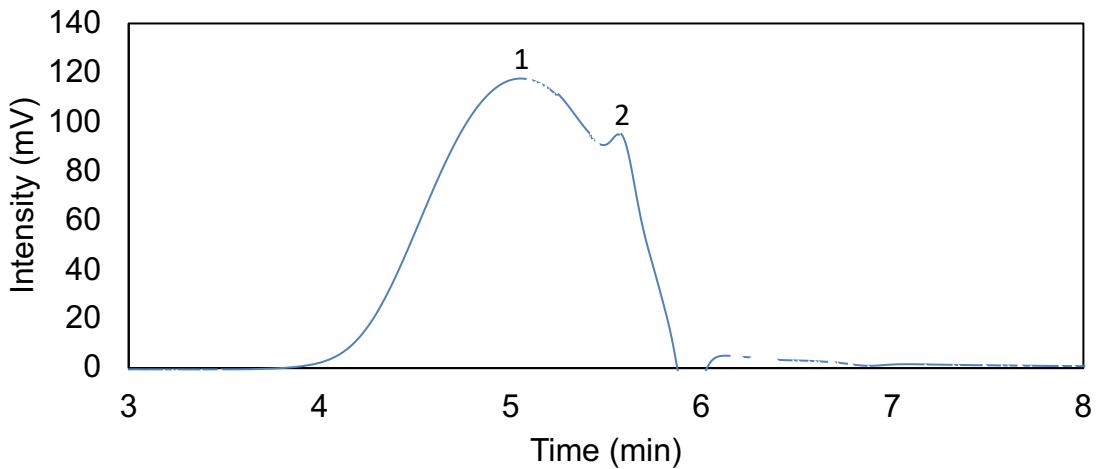
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Table 2, Entry 1



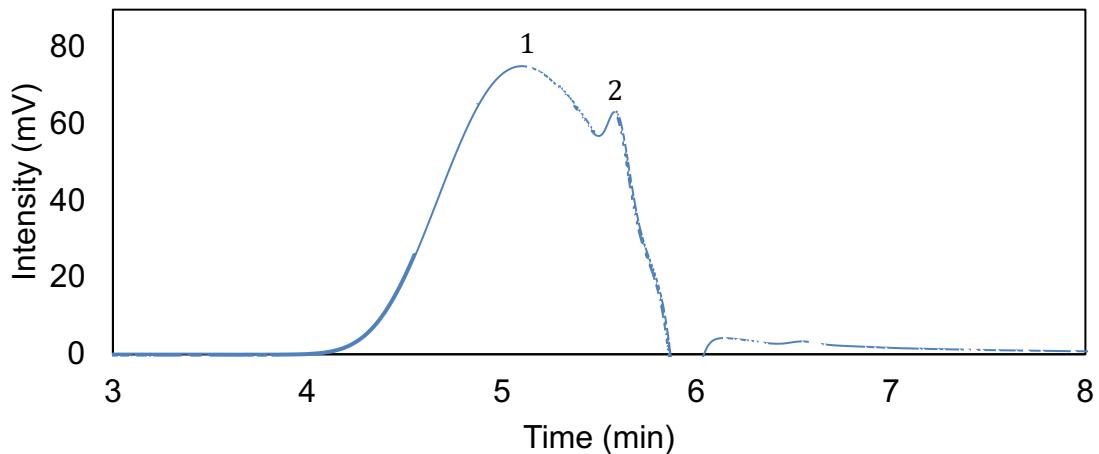
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Table 2, Entry 2



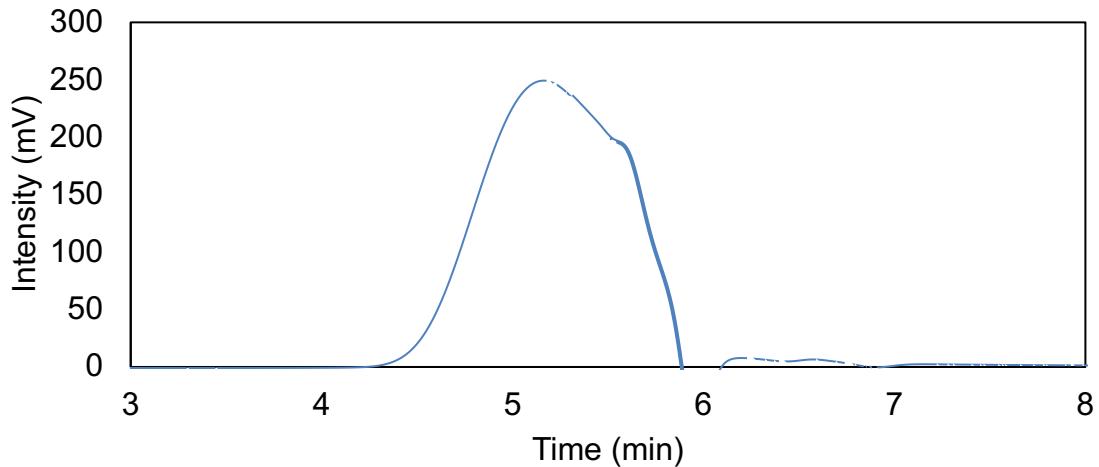
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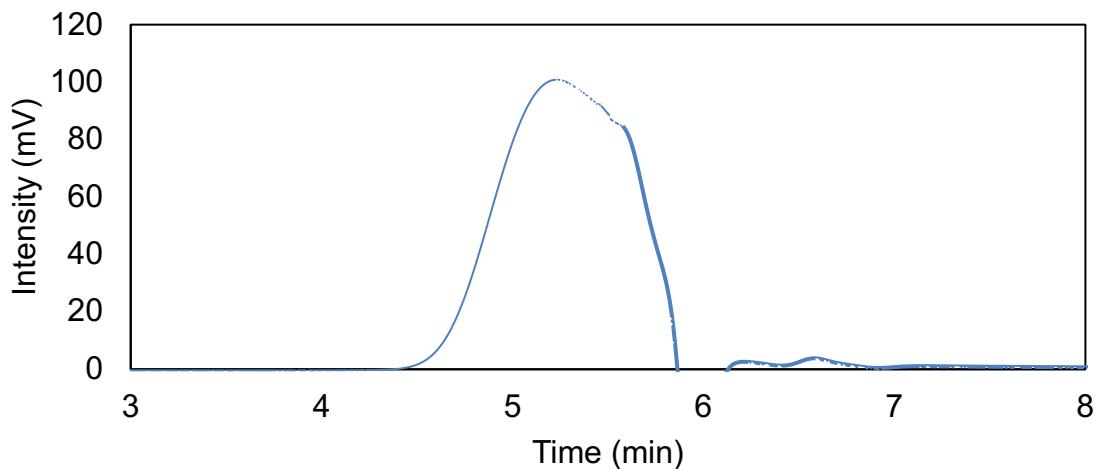
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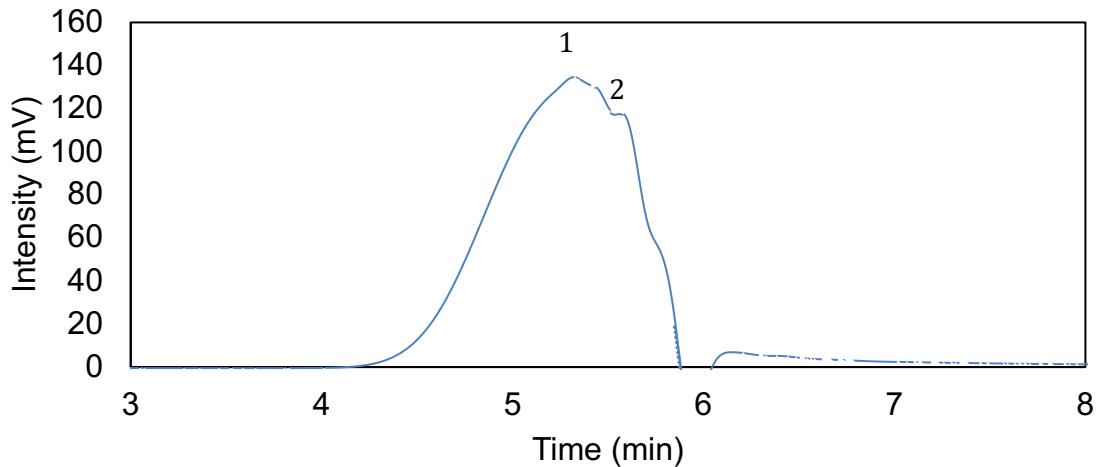
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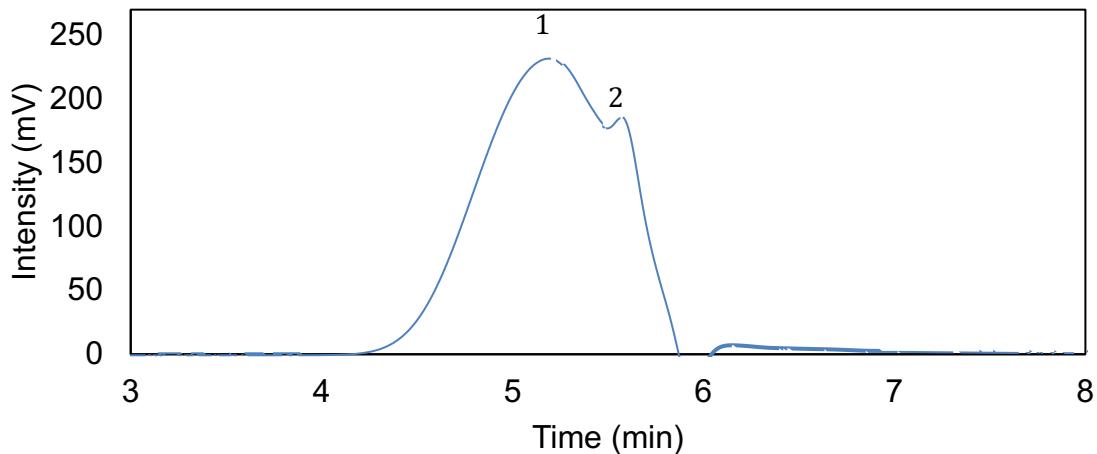
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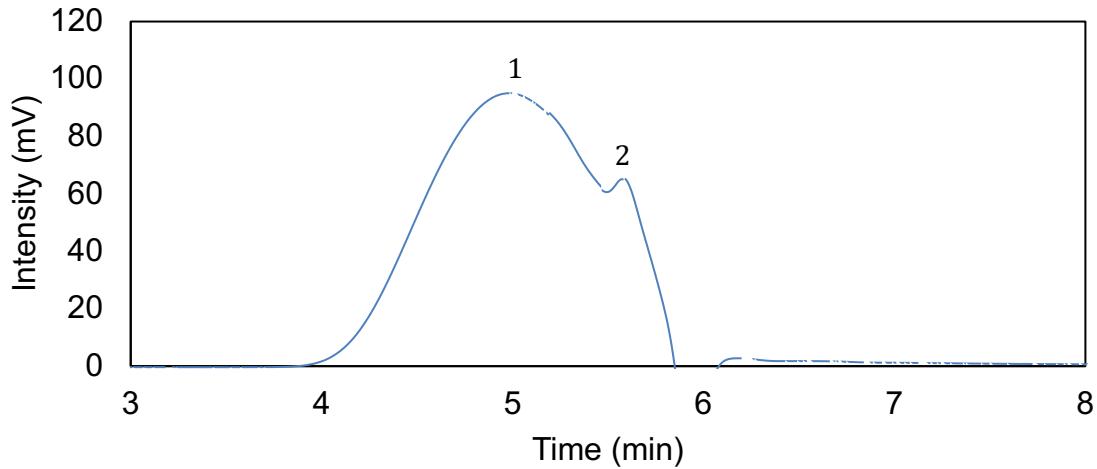
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Table 2, Entry 7



Peak No.	$M_n$	$M_w$	$\bar{D}$
1	2360	4210	1.79
2	587	626	1.07
ALL	1470	3500	2.38

Table 2, Entry 8



Peak No.	$M_n$	$M_w$	$\bar{D}$
1	3210	8000	2.49
2	579	618	1.07
ALL	1930	6920	3.59

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