

## Supporting Information

# Synthesis and structure of nitrogen bridged calix[5]- and -[10]-pyridines and their complexation with fullerenes

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**Preparation of 3.** To a solution of 2,6-bis(methylamino)pyridine **1** (1.37 g, 10 mmol), 2,6-dibromopyridine **2** (4.47 g, 20 mmol) in dry THF (100 mL) at room temperature was added rapidly KOBu<sup>t</sup> (3.36 g, 30 mmol). An exothermal reaction took place immediately and the mixture became a dark red solution. About 10 min later, the solution was heated to reflux. After 2 h, the reaction mixture was cooled down to room temperature and water (10 mL) was added. The precipitate was filtrated off and washed with ethyl acetate. The filtrate was concentrated under vacuum to remove THF. The residue was dissolved in water (30 mL) and extracted with ethyl acetate (3×20 mL). After dry over with anhydrous Mg<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and concentration under vacuum, the residue was chromatographed on a silica gel column to give compound **3** (3.91 g, 75%).

**Preparation of 5.** To a solution of 2,6-bis(methylamino)pyridine **1** (1.37 g, 10 mmol), 2,6-dibromopyridine **2** (2.25 g, 9.5 mmol) in dry THF (30 mL) at 30 °C was added drop-wise a solution of KOBu<sup>t</sup> (2.22 g, 20 mmol) in dry THF (10 mL). The resulting mixture was kept stirring at 50 °C for 1 h, and then the reaction was quenched by cooling to room temperature and by adding water (10 mL). The mixture was concentrated under vacuum to remove THF and the residue was dissolved in water

(20 mL) and extracted with ethyl acetate (3×20 mL). After dry over with anhydrous Mg<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and concentration under vacuum, the residue was chromatographed on a silica gel column using a mixture of ethyl acetate and petroleum ether (1:5) as an eluent to give compound **4** (1.032 g, 71%): mp 91-92 °C; IR (KBr) 3384, 3265, 1607, 1573 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 300 MHz) δ 7.39 (t, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.22 (t, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.12 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 6.87 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 6.43 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 6.07 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 4.50 (s, 1H), 3.53 (s, 3H), 2.88 (d, *J* = 5.1 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 75MHz) δ. 158.9, 157.8, 156.2, 139.5, 139.1, 138.2, 118.3, 111.4, 103.9, 100.4, 35.9, 29.1. C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>13</sub>N<sub>4</sub>Br requires C, 49.16; H, 4.47; N, 19.11. Found: C, 49.21; H, 4.58; N, 18.94. A mixture of **4** (4.5 g, 15 mmol) and CuSO<sub>4</sub>·5H<sub>2</sub>O (0.2, 0.8 mmol) in aqueous methylamine solution (25-30%, 40 mL) was heated at 150 °C in a sealed tube for 15 h. After colling to room temperature, the mixture was added into a saturated NaOH solution in water (20 mL) and product **5** precipitated. Filtration, wash with water, and dry under vacuum gave pure **5** (3.235 g, 87%): mp 108-110 °C; IR (KBr) 3298, 3177, 1602, 1571 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 300 MHz) δ 7.29 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 6.47 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 5.93 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 4.36 (br., s, 2H), 3.51 (s, 3H), 2.89 (d, *J* = 5.1 Hz, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 75MHz) δ. 158.8, 157.1, 138.3, 103.1, 97.6, 35.5, 29.2; MS (ESI) *m/z* 244 (M+H<sup>+</sup>). C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>17</sub>N<sub>5</sub> requires C, 64.17; H, 7.04; N, 28.78. Found: C, 64.17; H 7.04; N 28.53.

**Synthesis of azacalix[5]pyridine 6 and azacalix[10]pyridine 7.** Under argon protection, a mixture of **3** (224 mg, 0.5 mmol), **5** (122 mg, 0.5 mmol), KOBu<sup>t</sup> (144 mg, 1.5 mmol), Pd<sub>2</sub>(dba)<sub>3</sub> (92 mg, 0.1 mmol), dppp (82 mg, 0.2 mmol) in dry

1,4-dioxane (200 mL) was heated rapid to reflux. After refluxing for 4 h, the mixture was cooled to room temperature, and water (10 mL) was added. The solid in the mixture was filtrated off through Celite. The filtrate was concentrated to give a residue (5 mL) which was dissolved in water (50 mL) and extracted with dichloromethane (3×30 mL). The combined organic phase was washed with brine (50 mL). The aqueous phase was extracted again with dichloromethane (30 mL). Combined organic phase was dried over with anhydrous Mg<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. After the solvent was removed under vacuum, the residue was chromatographed on a silica gel column eluted with a mixture of ethyl acetate and petroleum ether (1:3), pure ethyl acetate and then a mixture of ethyl acetate, methanol and ammonium (2000:100:1) to give products **6** and **7** (Table 1). Azacalix[5]pyridine **6** (62 mg, 23%): mp 225-227 °C; IR (KBr) 1739 (w) 1587 (sh) 1566 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 300 MHz) δ 7.36 (t, 1H *J* = 8.0 Hz), 6.74 (d, 2H, *J* = 8.0 Hz), 3.53 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 75MHz) δ 156.2, 137.8, 106.7, 35.8; MS (MALDI-TOF) *m/z* 531(M+H<sup>+</sup>), 553 (M+Na<sup>+</sup>), 569 (M+K<sup>+</sup>). C<sub>30</sub>H<sub>30</sub>N<sub>10</sub> requires: C, 67.90; H, 5.70; N, 26.40. Found: C, 67.85; H, 5.72; N, 26.16. Azacalix[10]pyridine **7** (91 mg, 34.3%): mp 188-190 °C; IR (KBr) 1591, 1563 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 300MHz) δ 7.39 (t, 1H, *J* = 8.0 Hz), 6.78 (d, 2H, *J* = 8.0 Hz), 3.59 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 75MHz) δ 156.1, 137.8, 106.6, 35.8; MS (MALDI-TOF) *m/z* 1060 (M<sup>+</sup>). C<sub>60</sub>H<sub>60</sub>N<sub>20</sub> requires C, 67.90; H, 5.70; N, 26.40. Found: C, 67.93; H, 5.77; N, 26.22.

**Table S1** Macrocyclizative coupling reaction between **3** and **5**<sup>a</sup>

entry	catalyst	ligand	base	<b>6</b> (%) <sup>b</sup>	<b>7</b> (%) <sup>b</sup>
1	CuI	DMGC <sup>c</sup>	Cs <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub>	-	-
2	Cu <sub>2</sub> O	oxime <sup>d</sup>	Cs <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub>	-	-
3	Pd(OAc) <sub>2</sub>	dppp	NaOBu <sup>t</sup>	-	-
4	Pd <sub>2</sub> (dba) <sub>3</sub>	dppf	NaOBu <sup>t</sup>	7.9	16.2
5	Pd <sub>2</sub> (dba) <sub>3</sub>	dppb	NaOBu <sup>t</sup>	12.4	18.5
6	Pd <sub>2</sub> (dba) <sub>3</sub>	dppe	NaOBu <sup>t</sup>	16.2	23.8
7	Pd <sub>2</sub> (dba) <sub>3</sub>	dppp	NaOBu <sup>t</sup>	23.0	34.3
8 <sup>e</sup>	Pd <sub>2</sub> (dba) <sub>3</sub>	dppp	NaOBu <sup>t</sup>	25.7	18.9
9 <sup>e,f</sup>	Pd <sub>2</sub> (dba) <sub>3</sub>	dppp	NaOBu <sup>t</sup>	30.9	4.5
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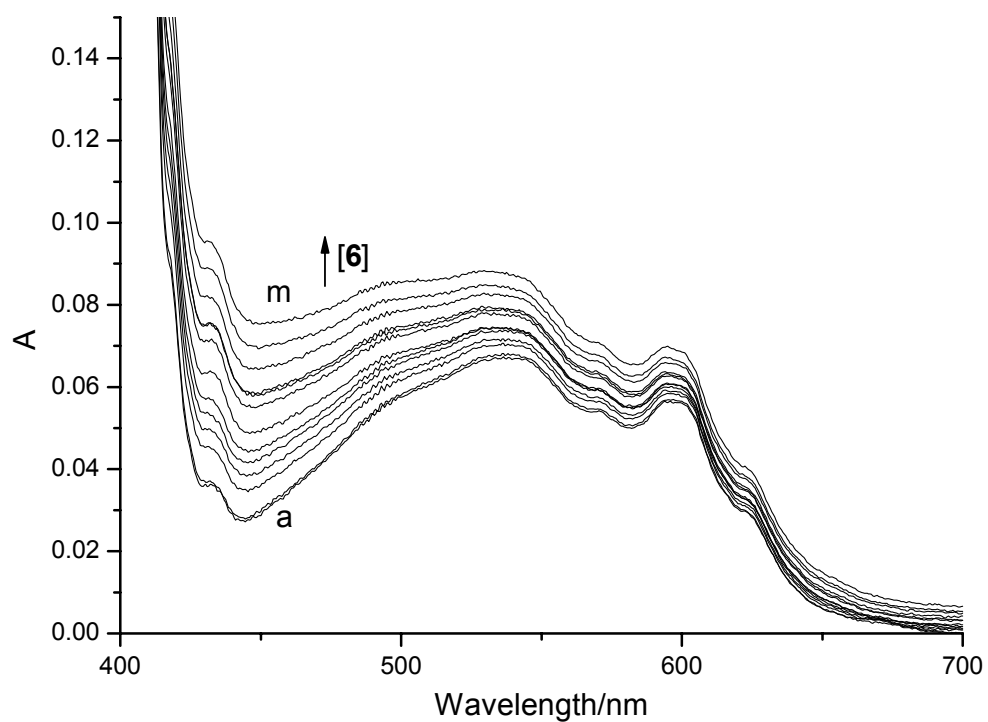
<sup>a</sup> A mixture of **3** (1 Mmol), **5** (1 Mmol), catalyst (20%), ligand (40%), base (3 mmol) was refluxed in 1,4-dioxane (mL) for 4 h. <sup>b</sup> Isolated yield. <sup>c</sup> *N,N*-dimethylglycine. <sup>d</sup> salicylaldoxime. <sup>e</sup> The concentration of the reactants was halved. <sup>f</sup> The reaction was carried out at 110 °C in *N,N*-dimethylacetamide. <sup>g</sup> The concentration of the reactants was increased by 4 folds.

**Table S2** Selected bond lengths [ $\text{\AA}$ ] and angles [ $^\circ$ ] of **6**:

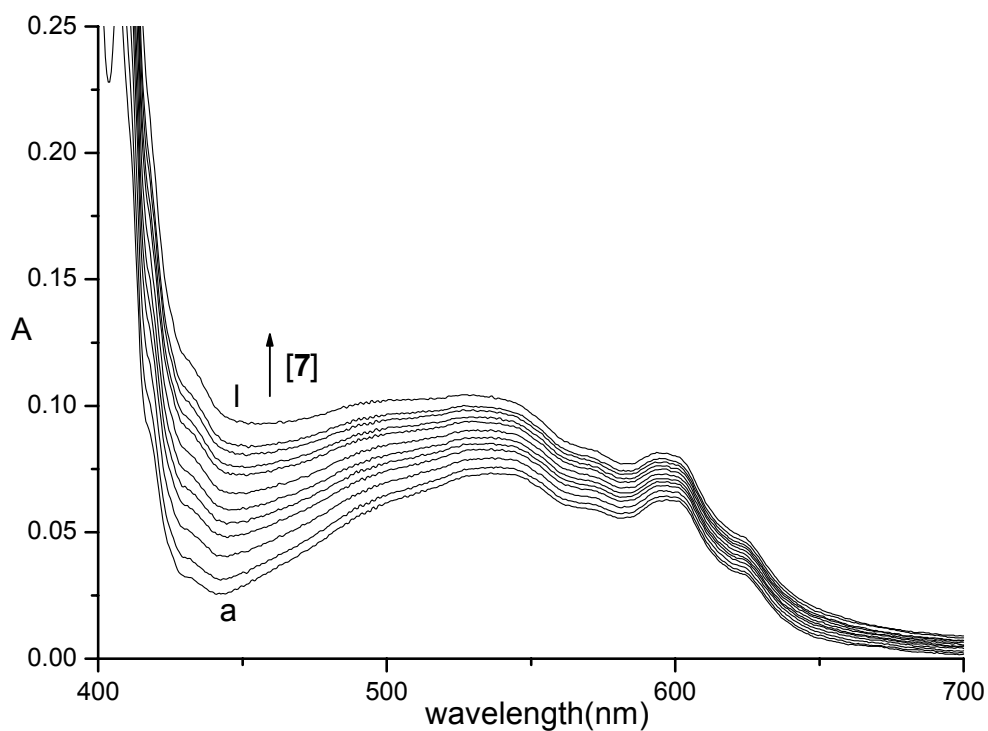
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N(2)–C(26)	1.478	N(4)–C(10)	1.400
N(4)–C(11)	1.434	N(4)–C(27)	1.470
N(6)–C(15)	1.423	N(6)–C(16)	1.403
N(6)–C(28)	1.482	N(8)–C(20)	1.399
N(8)–C(21)	1.424	N(8)–C(29)	1.464
N(10)–C(25)	1.404	N(10)–C(30)	1.471
N(10)–C(1)	1.414		
C(5)–N(2)–C(26)	118.1	C(5)–N(2)–C(6)	123.7
C(6)–N(2)–C(26)	116.9	C(10)–N(4)–C(11)	122.0
C(15)–N(6)–C(16)	123.6	C(20)–N(8)–C(21)	118.5
C(25)–N(10)–C(1)	122.4		

**Table S3** Selected bond lengths [Å] and angles [°] of **7**:

N(10)–C(29)	1.391	N(10)–C(30)	1.458
N(10)–C(1)	1.408	N(8)–C(25)	1.385
N(8)–C(23)	1.411	N(8)–C(24)	1.454
N(6)–C(19)	1.402	N(6)–C(17)	1.391
N(6)–C(18)	1.451	N(4)–C(13)	1.388
N(4)–C(11)	1.393	N(4)–C(12)	1.437
N(2)–C(7)	1.432	N(2)–C(5)	1.374
N(2)–C(6)	1.422		
C(29)–N(10)–C(30)	117.8	C(1)–N(10)–C(29)	124.2
C(30)–N(10)–C(1)	117.9	C(25)–N(8)–C(23)	123.5
C(19)–N(6)–C(17)	123.6	C(13)–N(4)–C(11)	122.9
C(7)–N(2)–C(5)	120.9		

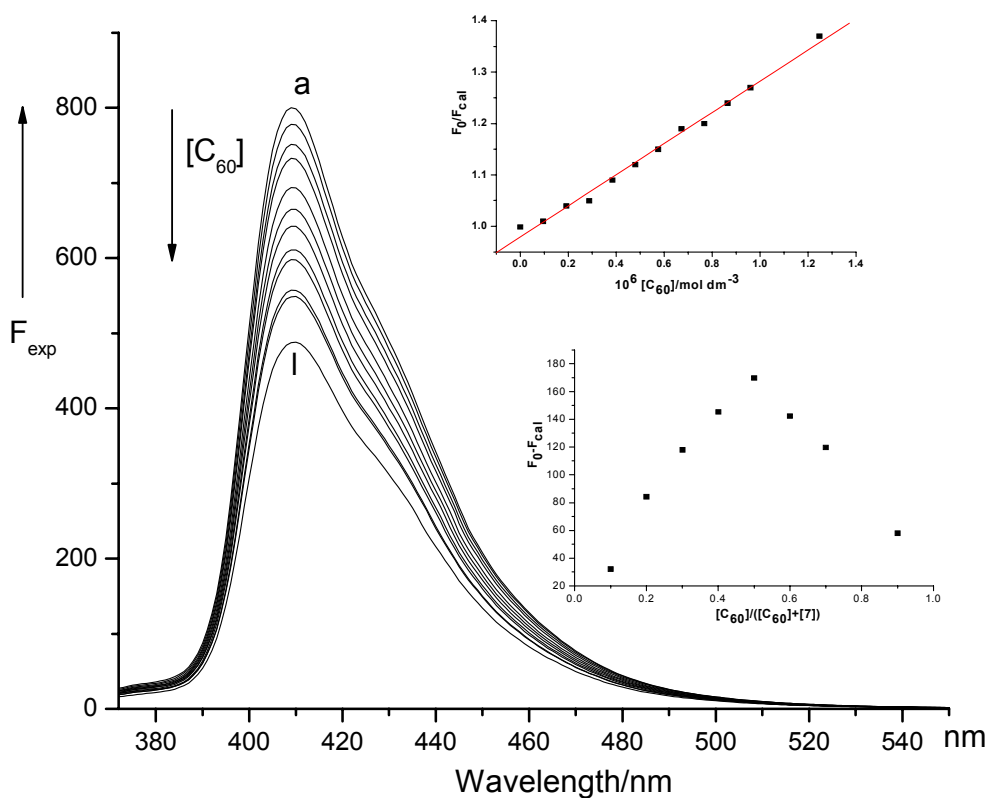


**Figure S1.** Absorption spectra of C<sub>60</sub> ( $7.992 \times 10^{-5}$  mol dm<sup>-3</sup>) in the presence of **6** in toluene at 25 °C. The concentrations of **6** for curves a-m (from bottom to top) are: 0, 0.080, 0.160, 0.240, 0.320, 0.400, 0.480, 0.560, 0.640, 0.720, 0.80, 0.960, 1.12 ( $\times 10^{-4}$  mol dm<sup>-3</sup>).

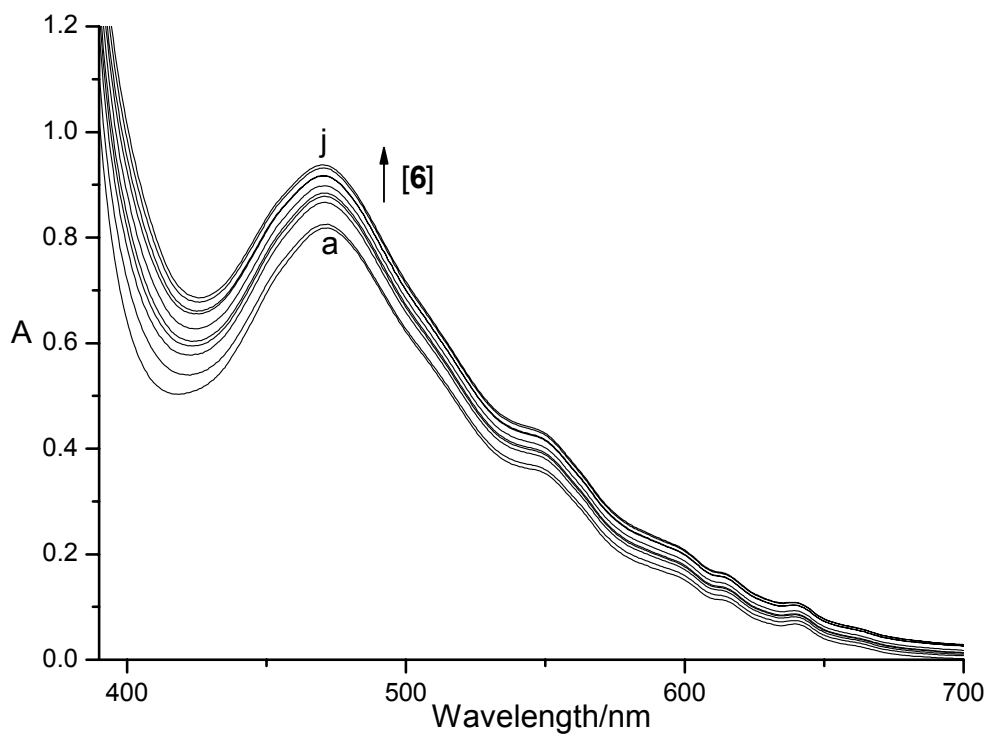


**Figure S2.** Absorption spectra of C<sub>60</sub> ( $7.99 \times 10^{-5} \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$ ) in the presence of **7** in toluene at 25 °C. The concentrations of **7** for curves a-1 (from bottom to top) are: 0, 0.080, 0.159, 0.240, 0.320, 0.400, 0.480, 0.560, 0.640, 0.720, 0.800, 1.04 ( $\times 10^{-4} \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$ ).

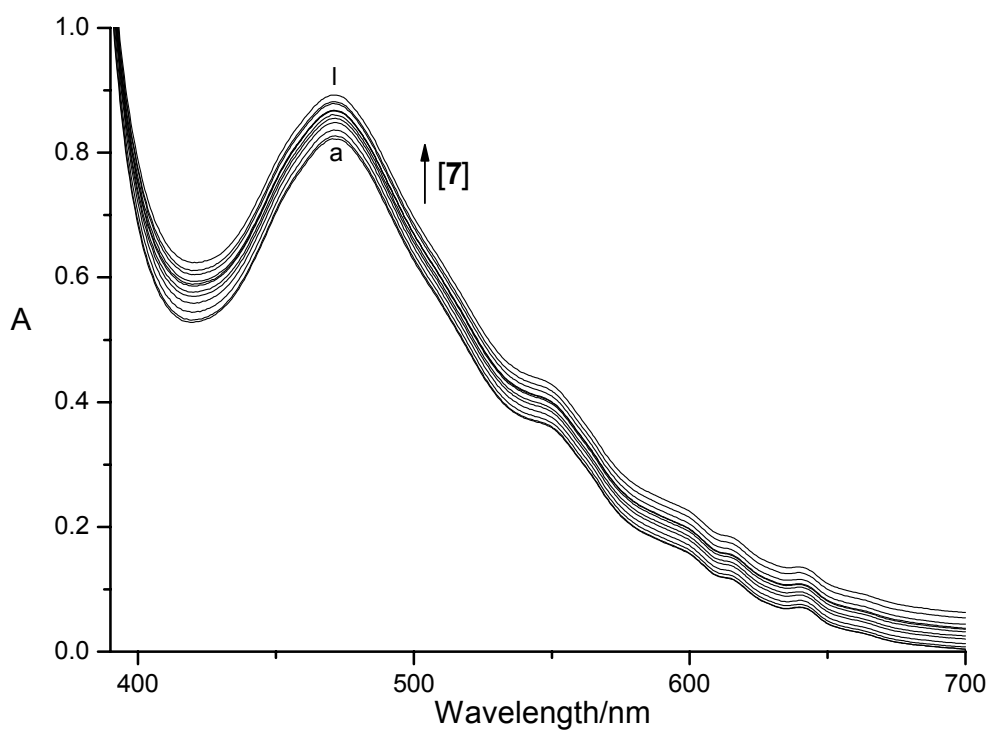




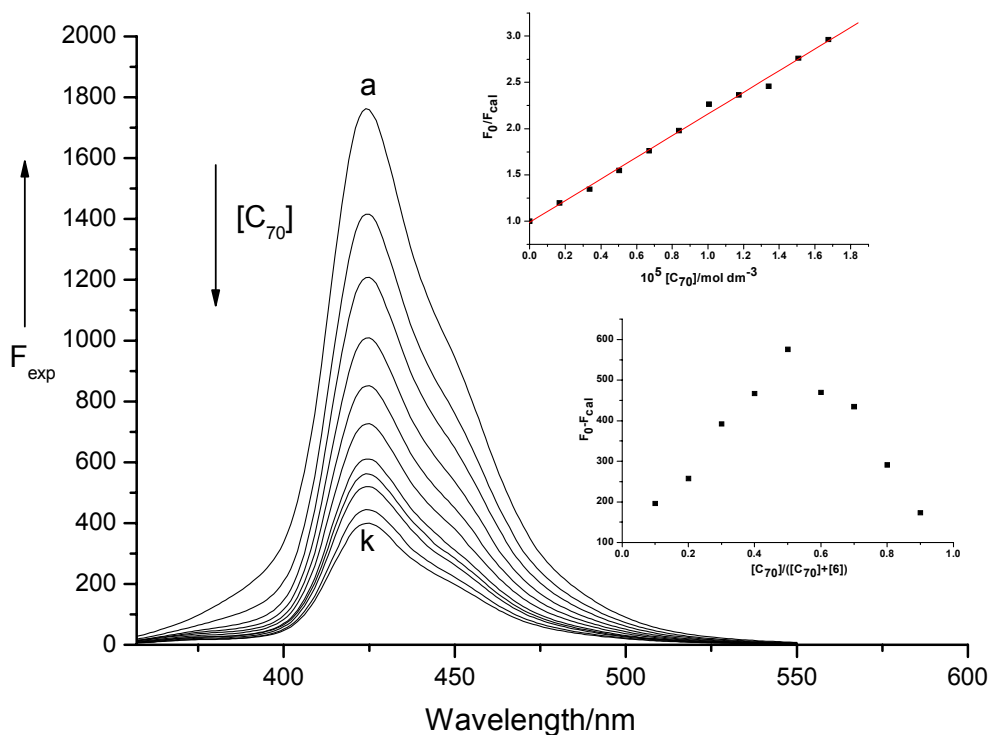
**Figure S3.** Emission spectra ( $\lambda_{\text{ex}}=352$  nm) of **7** ( $3.2 \times 10^{-6}$  mol  $\text{dm}^{-3}$ ) in the presence of  $\text{C}_{60}$  in toluene at 25°C. The concentrations of  $\text{C}_{60}$  for curves a-l (from top to bottom) are 0, 0.096, 0.192, 0.288, 0.384, 0.480, 0.576, 0.672, 0.768, 0.864, 0.960, 1.25 ( $\times 10^{-5}$  mol  $\text{dm}^{-3}$ ). Insets: The up insert is the variation of fluorescence intensity  $F_0/F_{\text{cal}}$  of **7** with increasing  $\text{C}_{60}$  concentration. The down inset is the Job plot for **7**- $\text{C}_{60}$  complex in toluene solution ( $[\text{7}] + [\text{C}_{60}] = 6.4 \times 10^{-6}$  mol  $\text{dm}^{-3}$ ).



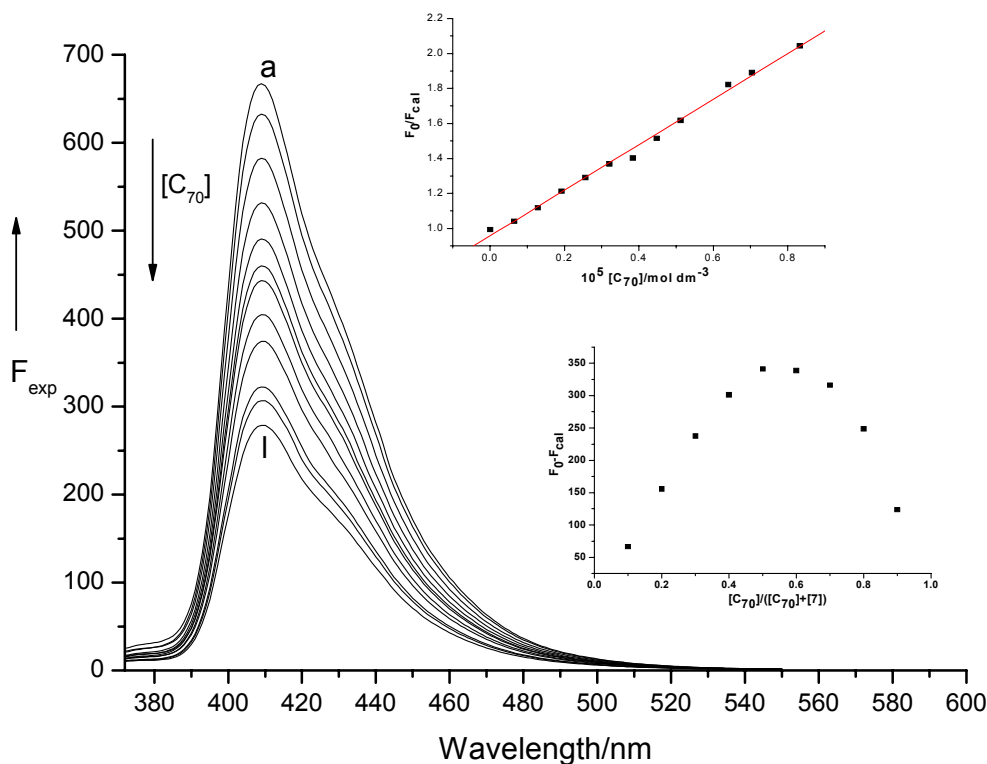
**Figure S4.** Absorption spectra of  $C_{70}$  ( $4.19 \times 10^{-5} \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$ ) in the presence of **6** in toluene at 25 °C. The concentrations of **6** for curves a-j (from bottom to top) are: 0, 0.240, 0.320, 0.400, 0.480, 0.560, 0.640, 0.720, 0.800, 0.880 ( $\times 10^{-4} \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$ ).



**Figure S5.** Absorption spectra of C<sub>70</sub> ( $4.0 \times 10^{-5}$  mol dm<sup>-3</sup>) in the presence of **7** in toluene at 25 °C. The concentrations of **7** for curves a-l (from bottom to top) are: 0, 0.196, 0.392, 0.588, 0.784, 0.981, 1.18, 1.37, 1.57, 1.76, 1.96, 2.16 ( $\times 10^{-5}$  mol dm<sup>-3</sup>).

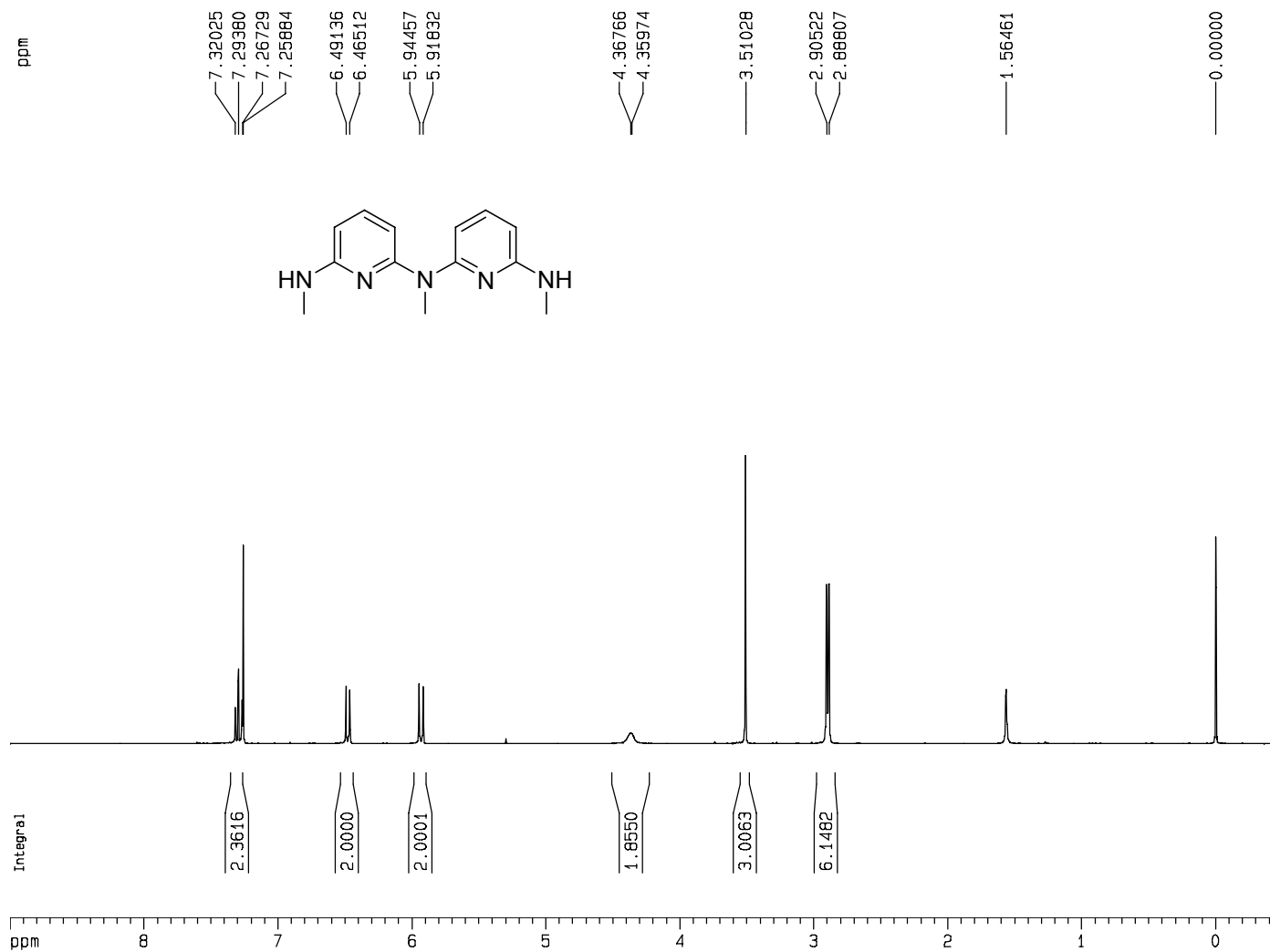


**Figure S6.** Emission spectra ( $\lambda_{\text{ex}}=336\text{ nm}$ ) of **6** ( $3.2\times 10^{-6}\text{ mol dm}^{-3}$ ) in the presence of  $C_{70}$  in toluene at  $25^\circ\text{C}$ . The concentrations of  $C_{70}$  for curves a-k (from top to bottom) are 0, 0.167, 0.335, 0.502, 0.670, 0.838, 1.01, 1.17, 1.34, 1.51, 1.68 ( $\times 10^{-5}\text{ mol dm}^{-3}$ ). Insets: The up inset is the variation of fluorescence intensity  $F_0/F_{\text{cal}}$  of **6** with increasing  $C_{70}$  concentration. The down inset is the Job plot for **6**- $C_{70}$  complex in toluene solution ( $[6]+[C_{70}]=6.4\times 10^{-6}\text{ mol dm}^{-3}$ ).



**Figure S7.** Emission spectra ( $\lambda_{\text{ex}} = 352\text{nm}$ ) of **7** ( $3.2 \times 10^{-6} \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$ ) in the presence of  $C_{70}$  in toluene at  $25^\circ\text{C}$ . The concentrations of  $C_{70}$  for curves a-l (from top to bottom) are 0, 0.064, 0.128, 0.192, 0.256, 0.320, 0.384, 0.448, 0.512, 0.640, 0.704, 0.832 ( $\times 10^{-5} \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$ ). Insets: The up inset is the variation of fluorescence intensity  $F_0/F_{\text{cal}}$  of **7** with increasing  $C_{70}$  concentration. The down inset is the Job plot for **7**- $C_{70}$  complex in toluene solution ( $[7] + [C_{70}] = 6.4 \times 10^{-6} \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$ ).

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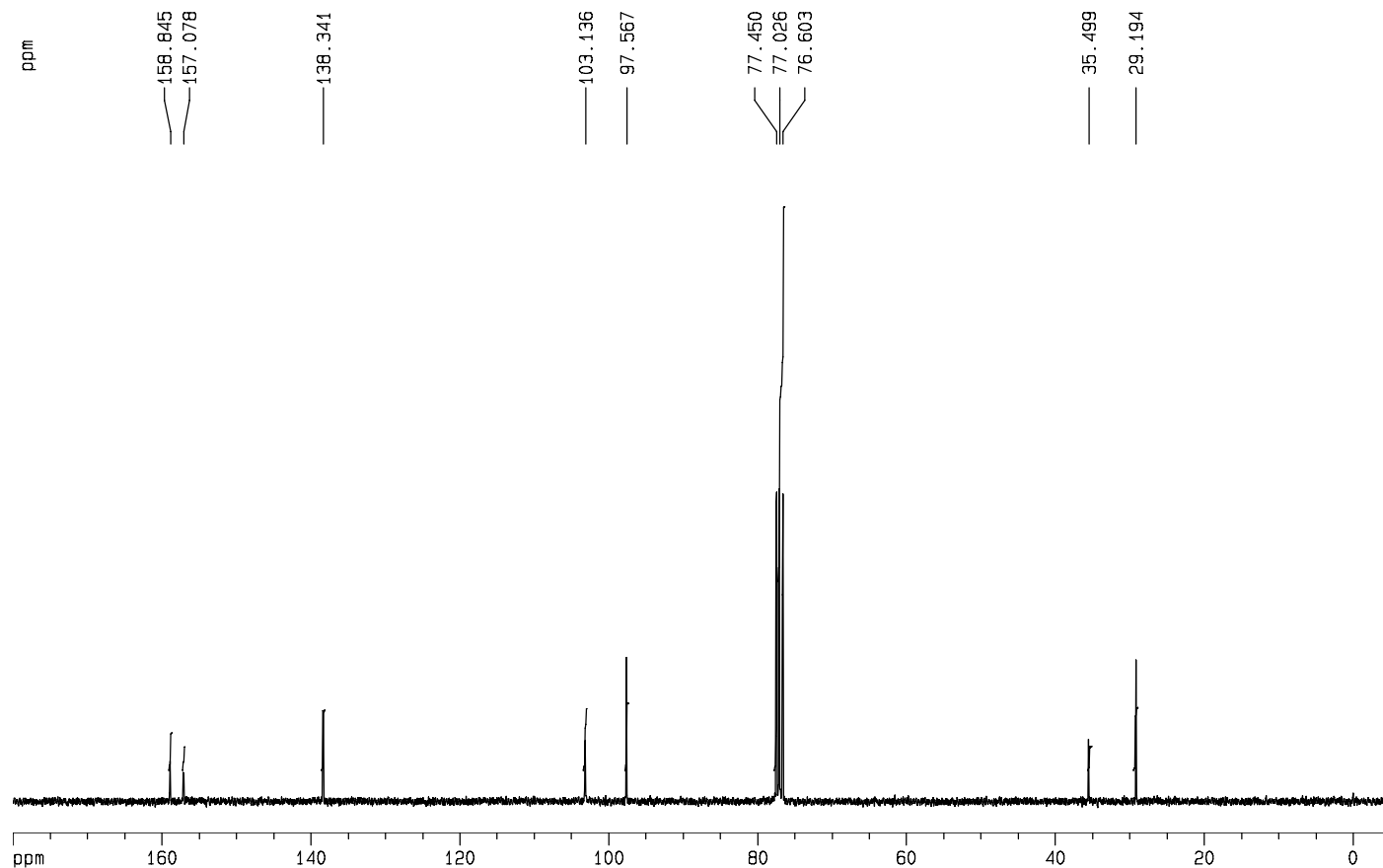
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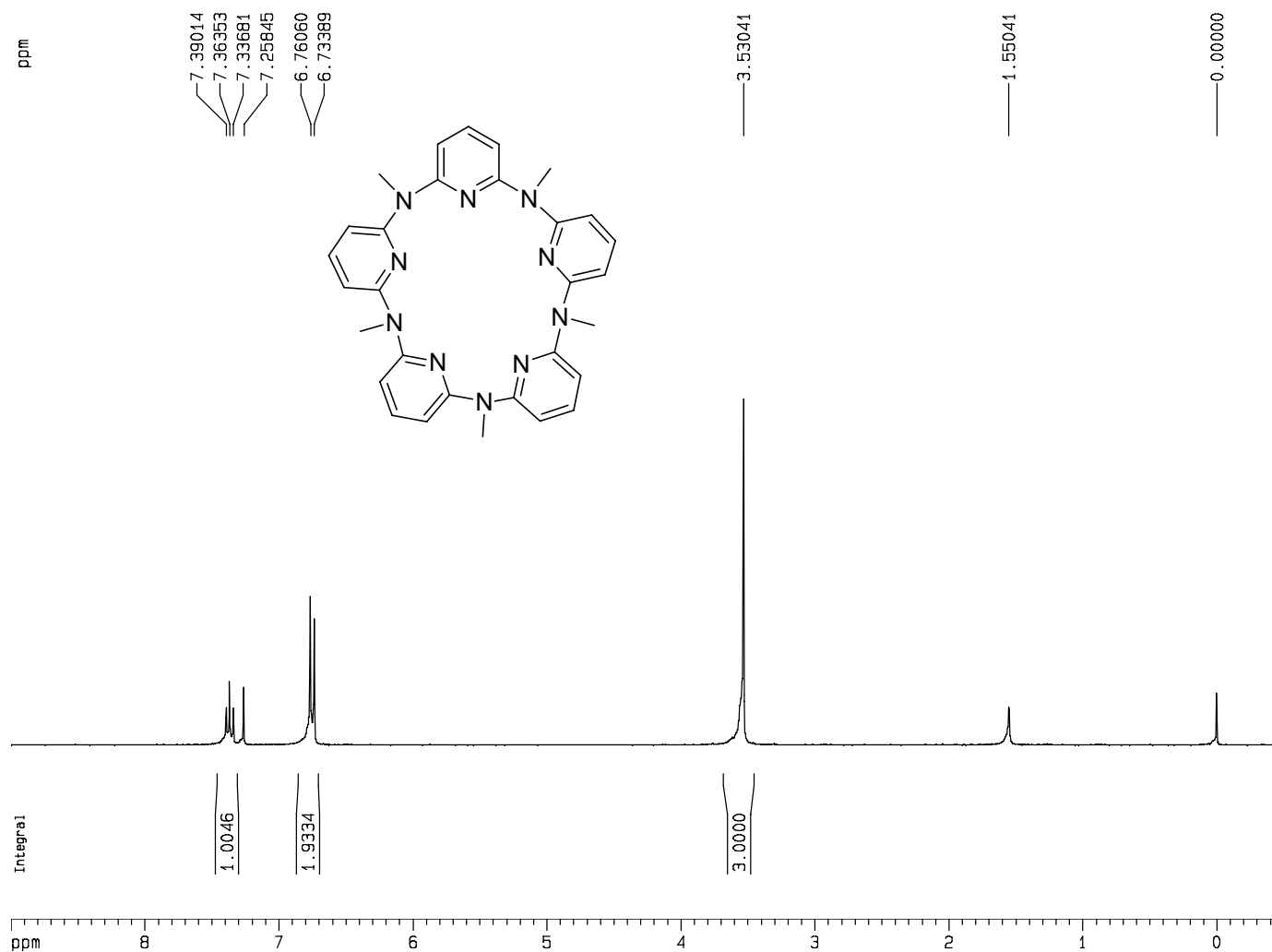
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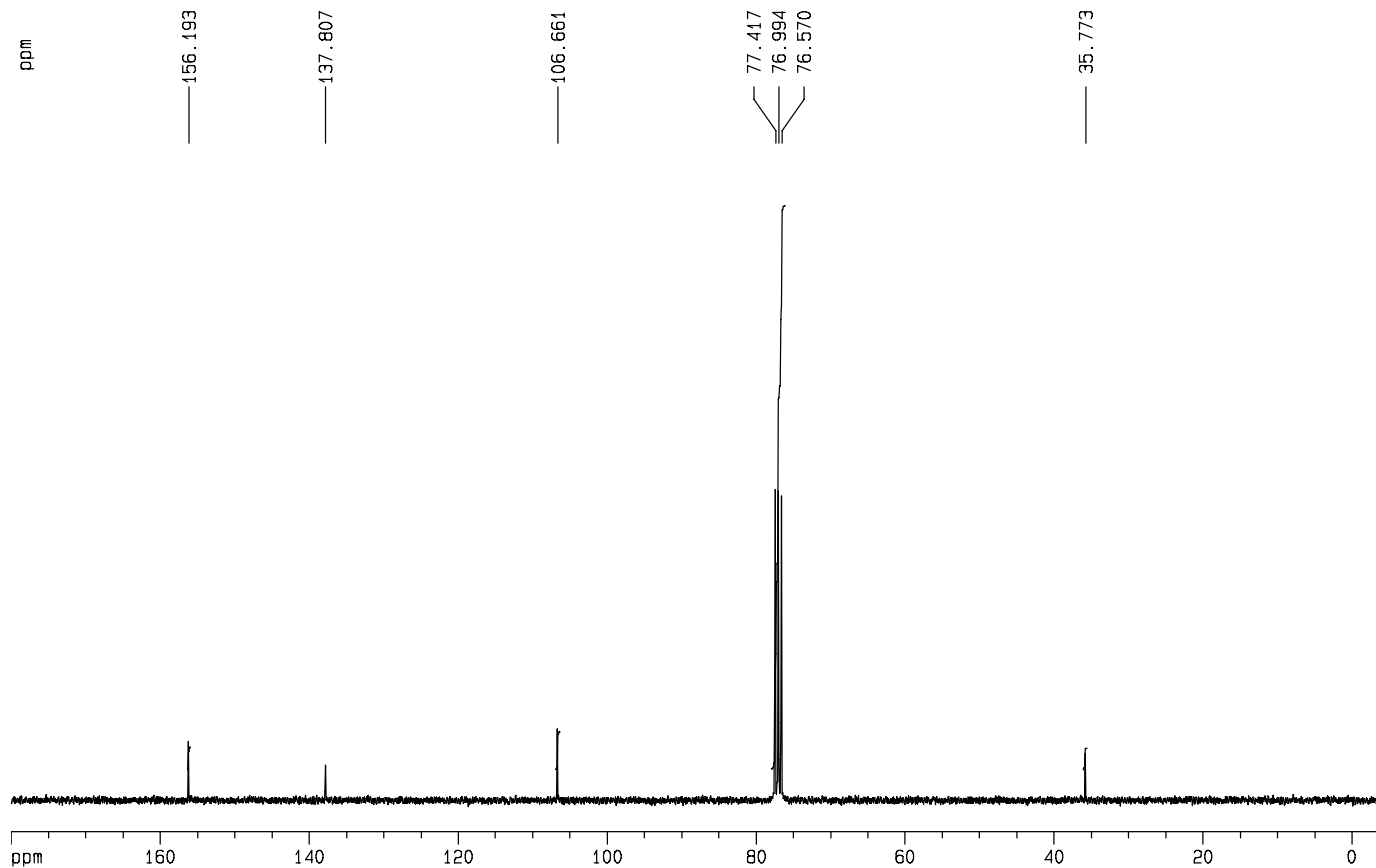
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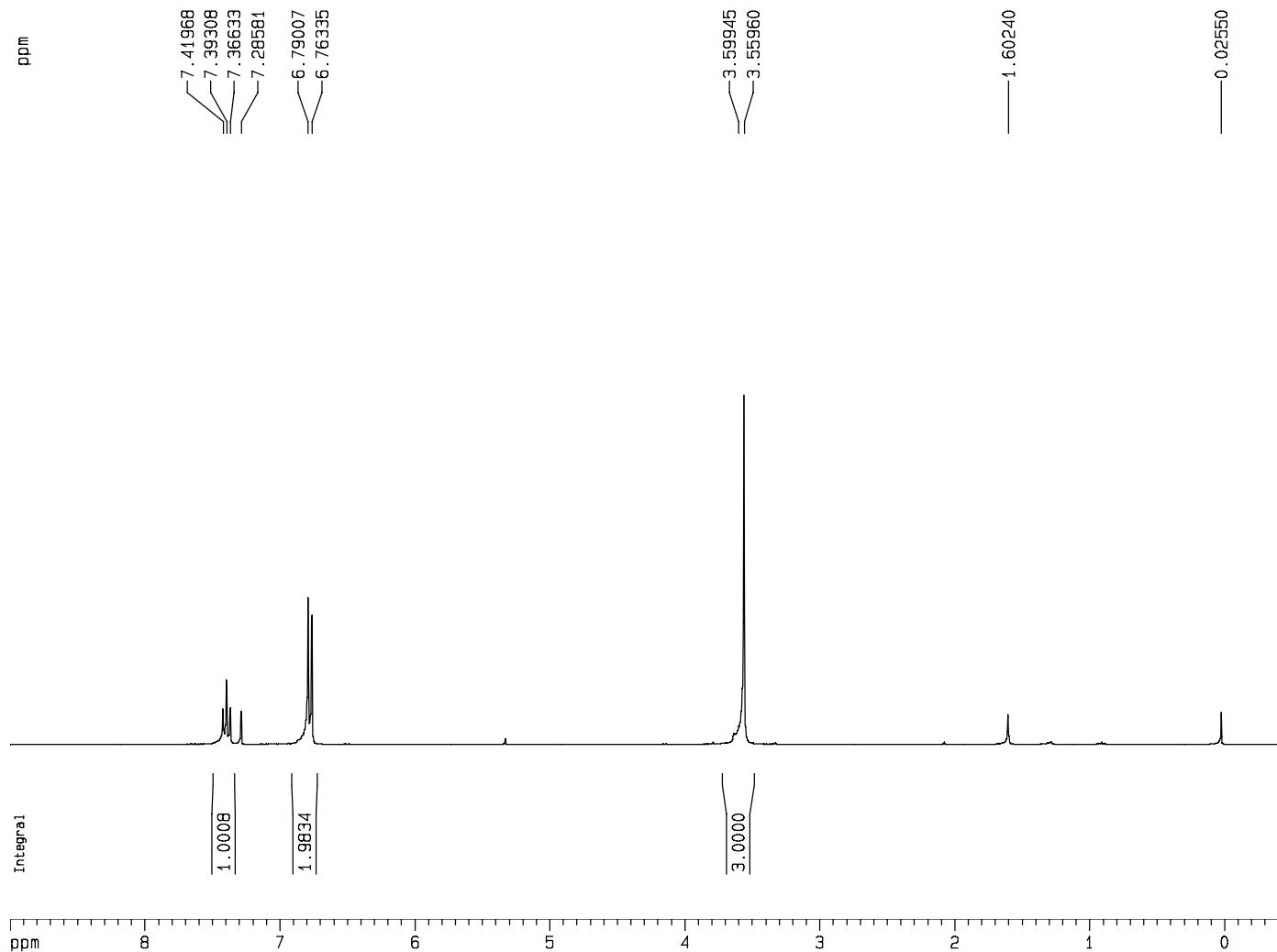
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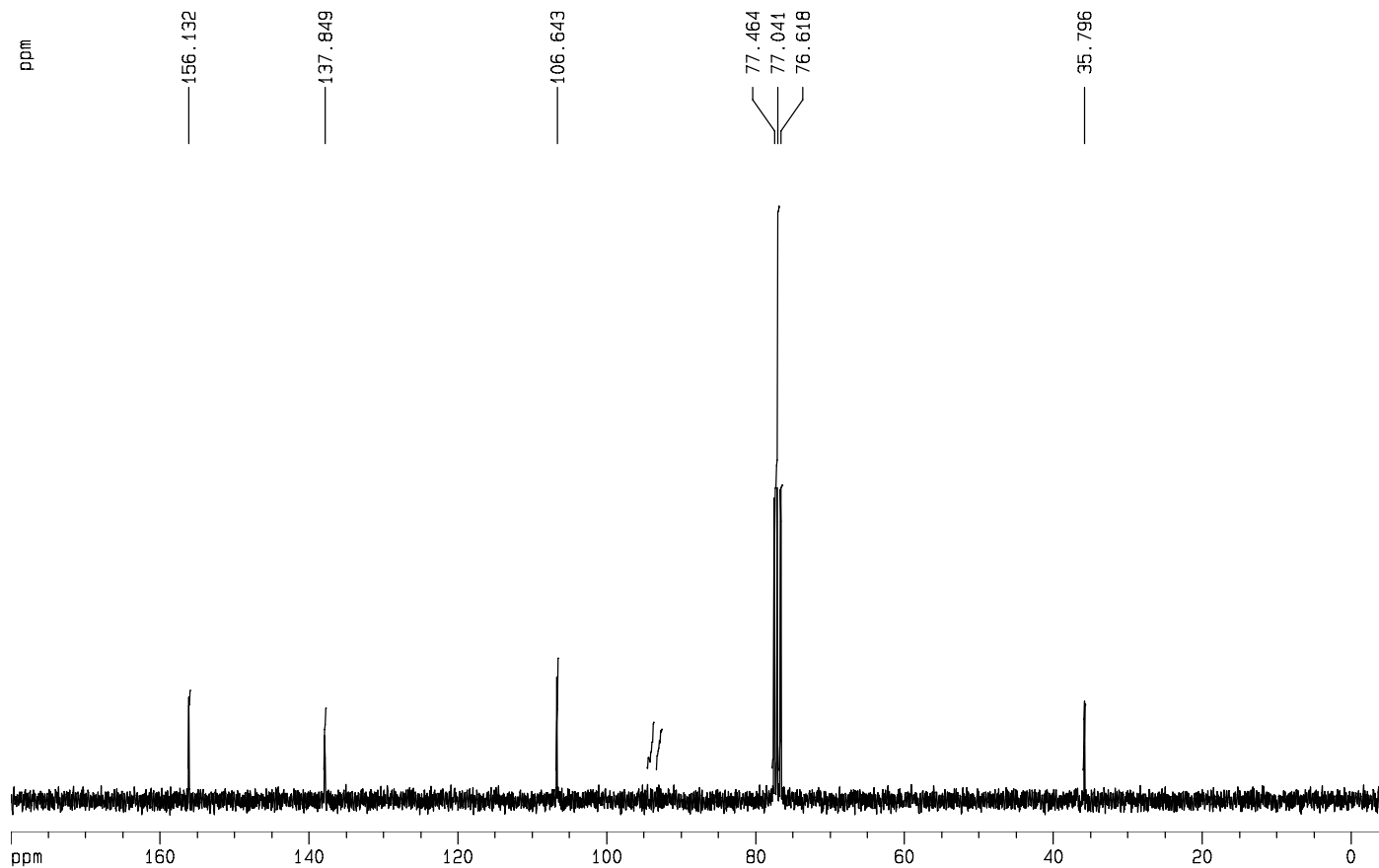
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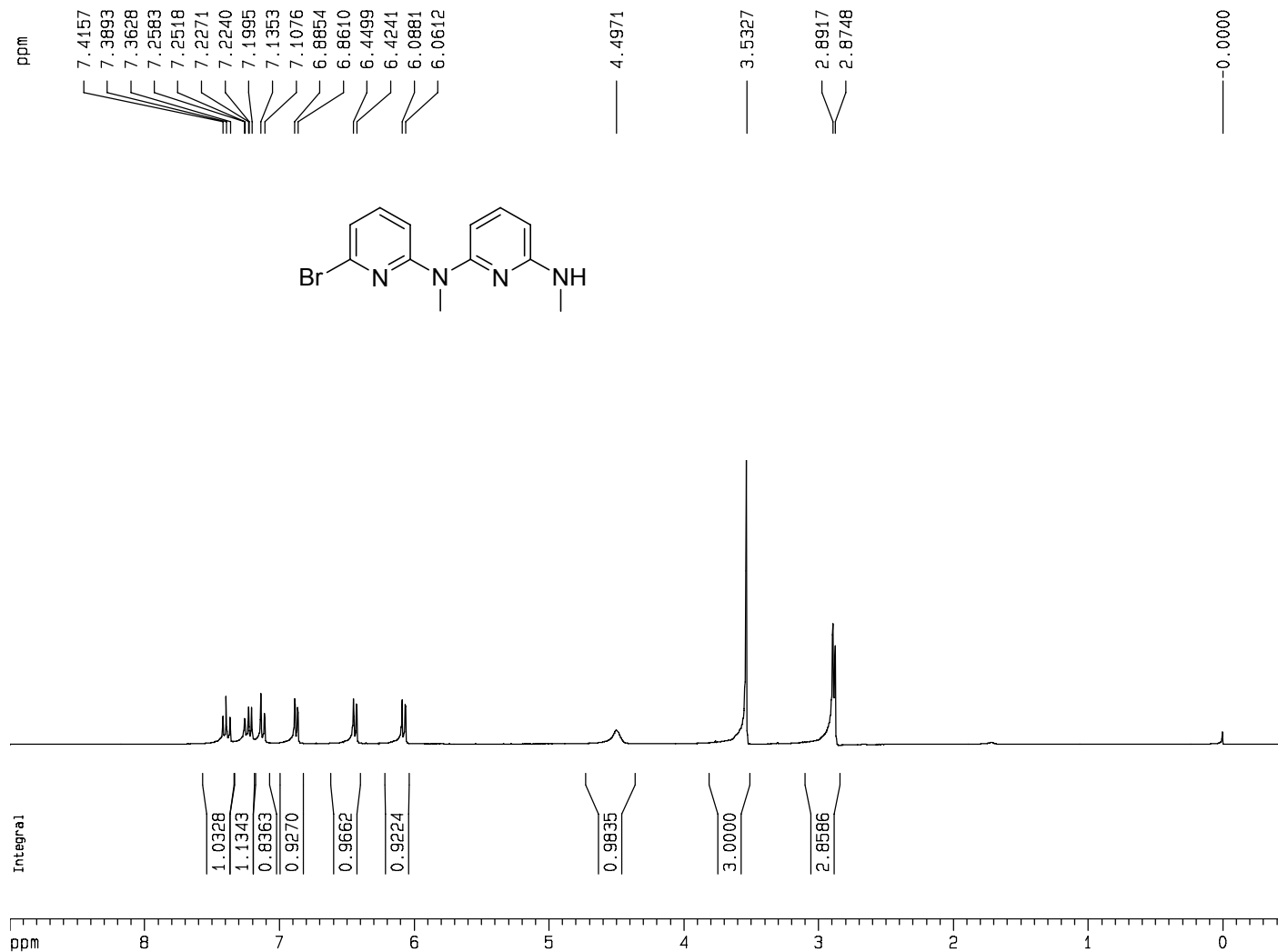
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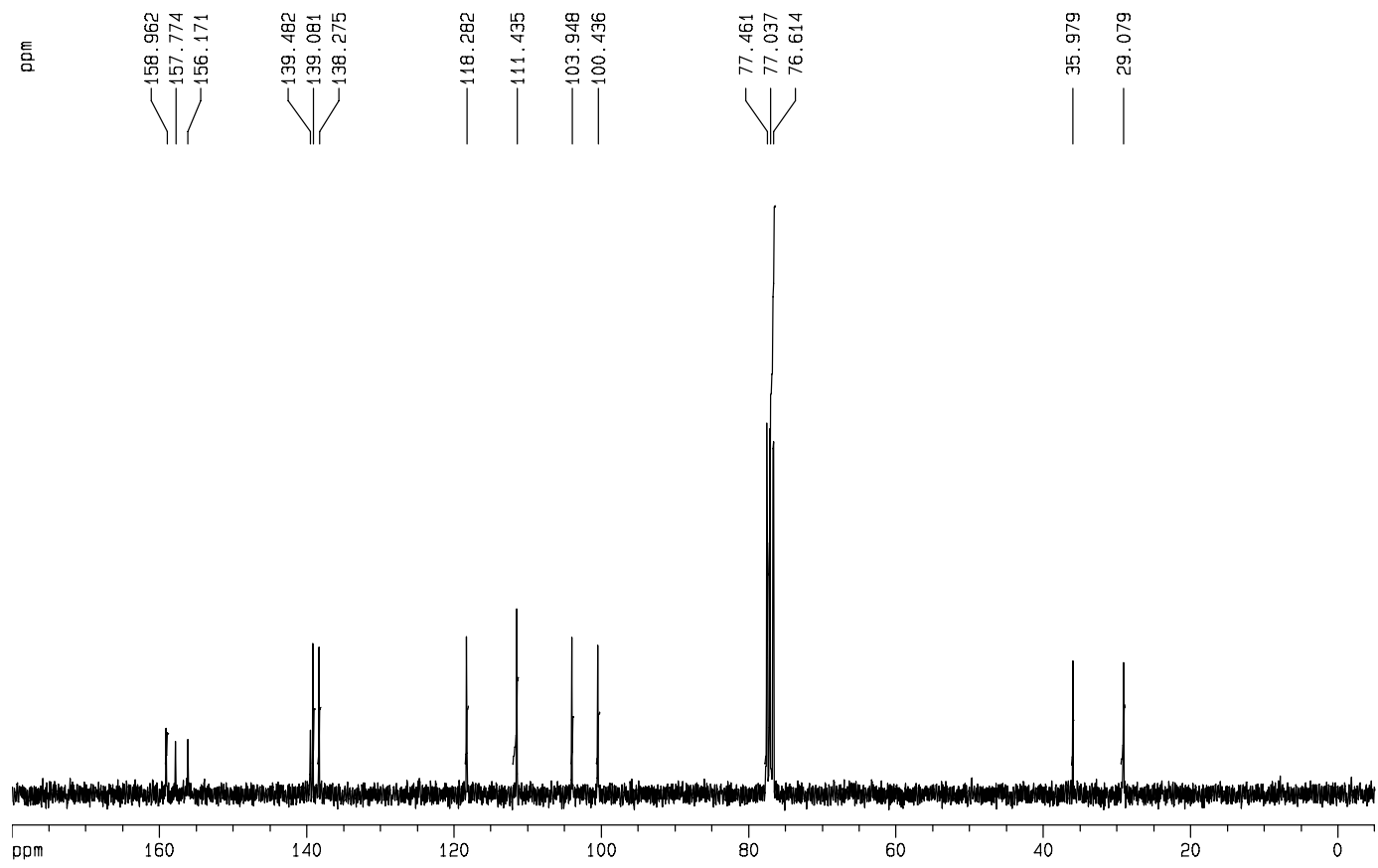
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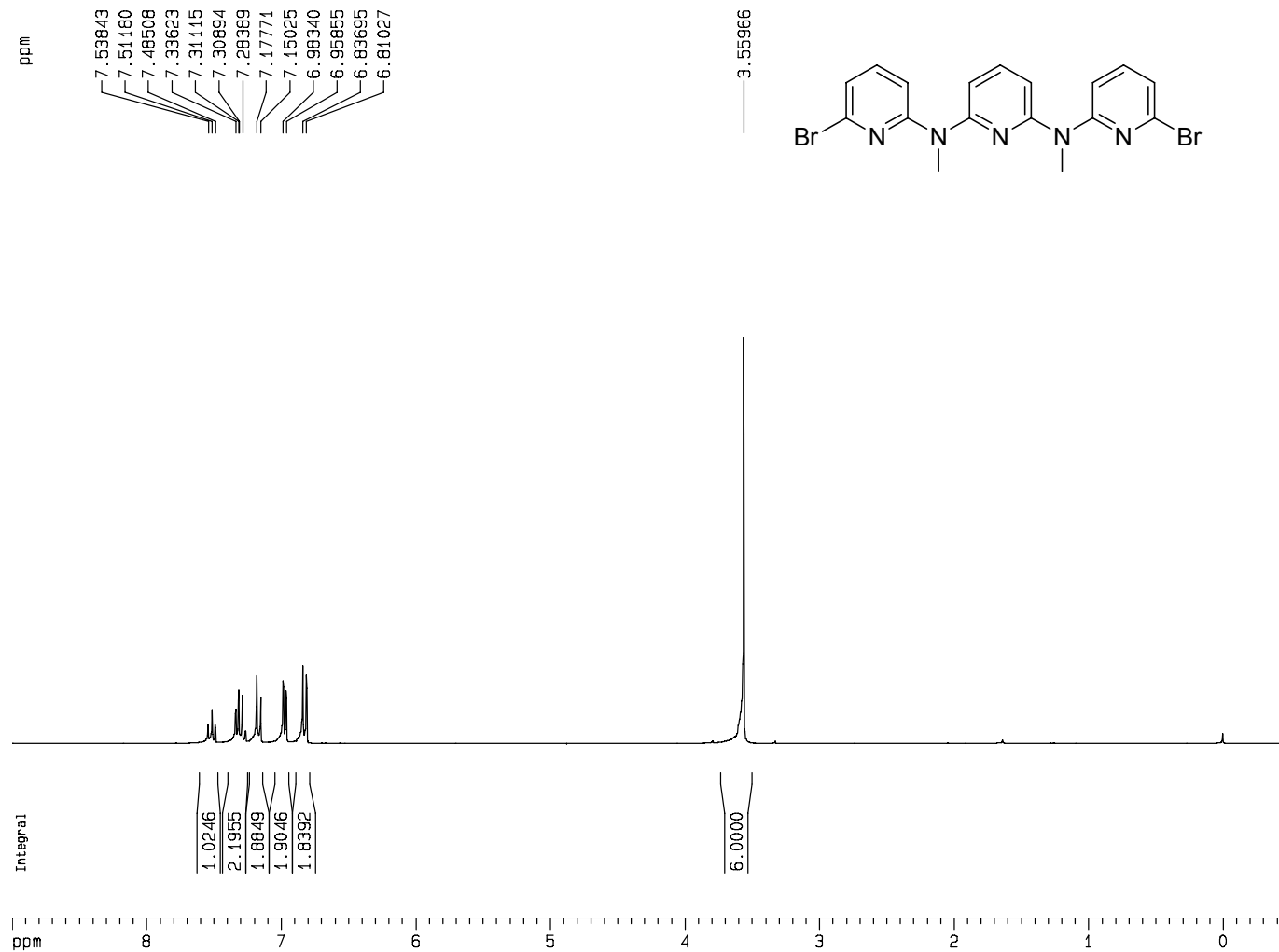
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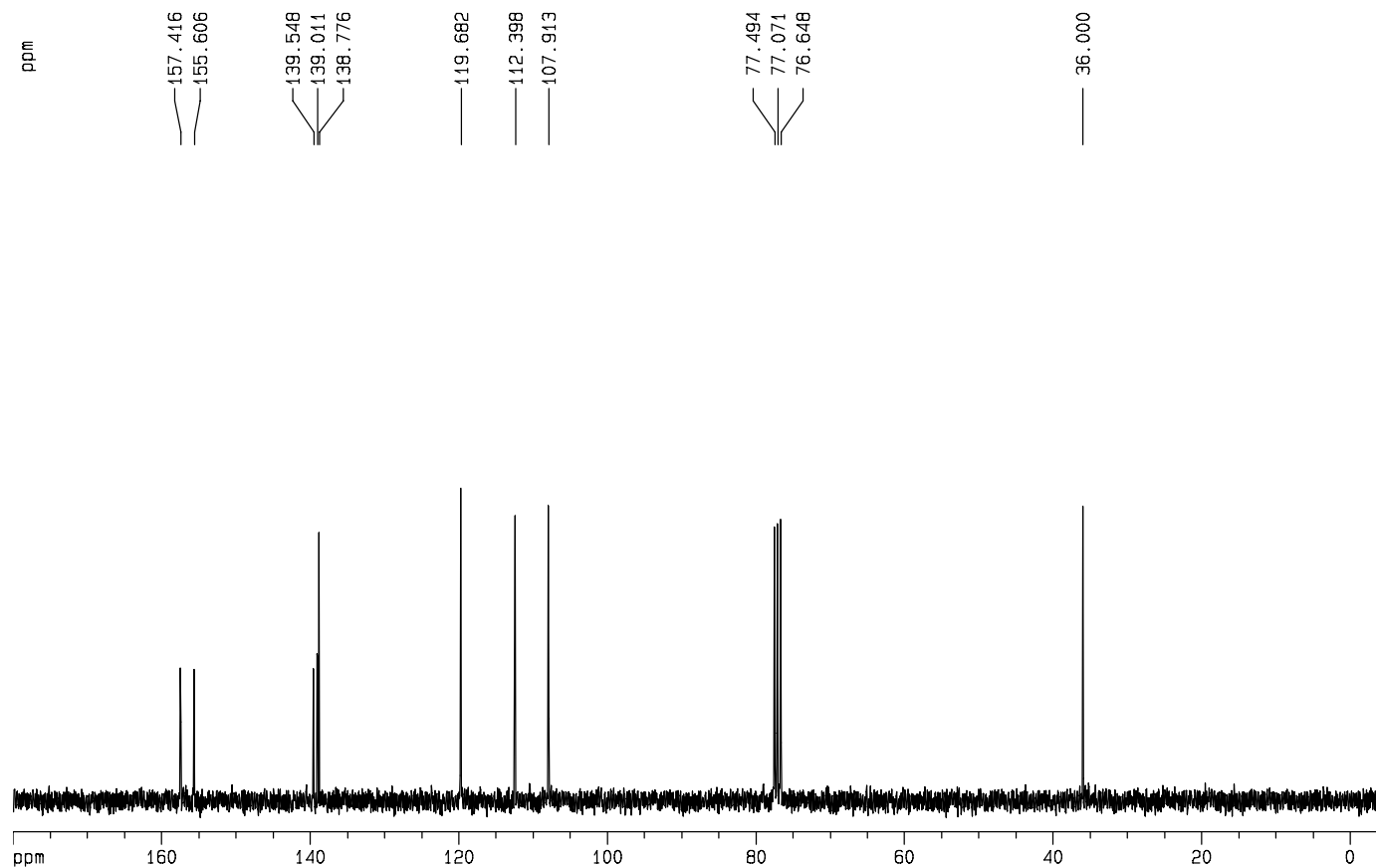
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