

Supporting Information

Substantial Photovoltaic Response and Morphology Tuning in Benzo[1,2-*b*:6,5-*b'*]dithiophene (bBDT) Molecular Donors

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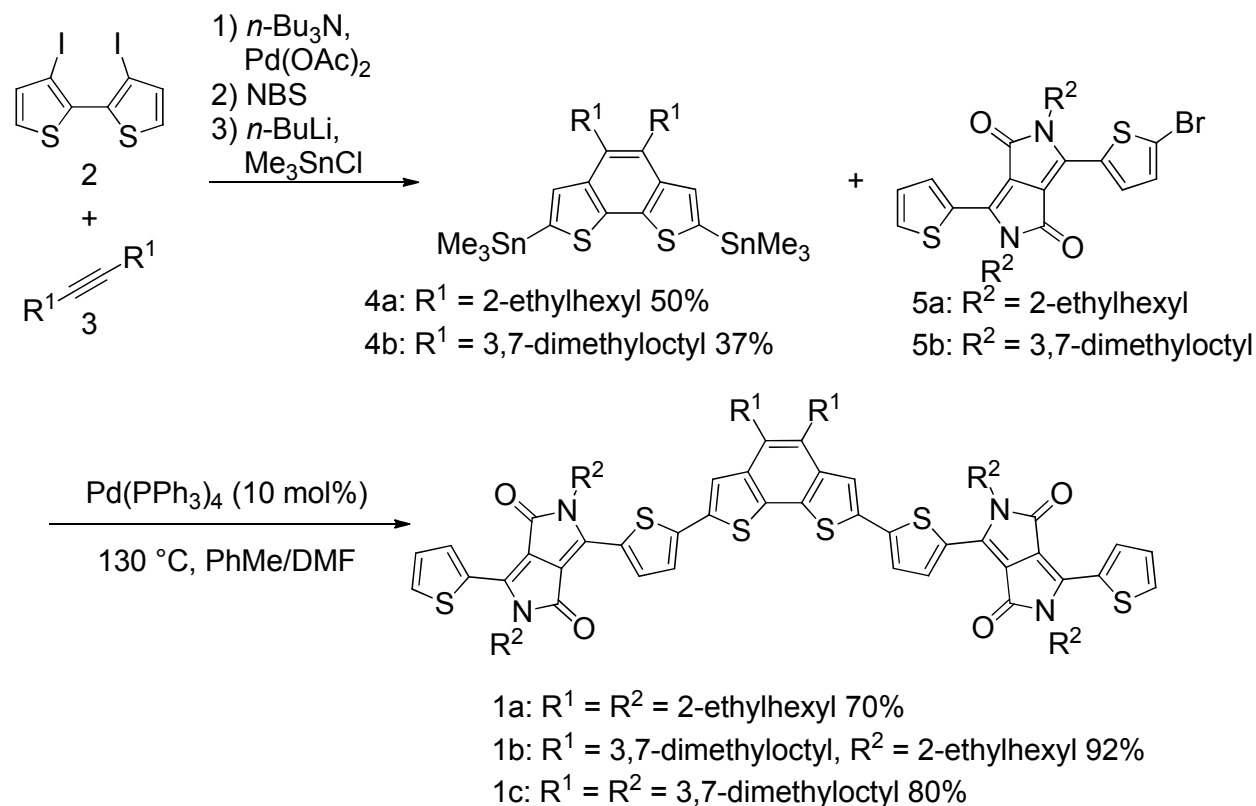
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Materials and Methods

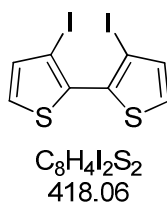
All reagents were commercially available and were used without further purification unless otherwise stated. THF and Et₂O were distilled from Na/benzophenone. Toluene was passed through activated alumina columns prior to use. Dimethylformamide (DMF) (anhydrous, 99.8%) was purchased from Sigma Aldrich. PC₇₁BM was purchased from American Dye Source, Inc. (ADS71BFA; purity >99%). The reagents 3,3'-dibromo-2,2'-bithiophene,¹ 5,10-diethyltetradec-7-yne (**3a**),² 2,6,13,17-tetramethyloctadec-9-yne (**3b**),³ and 3,6-di(thiophen-2-yl)pyrrolo[3,4-c]pyrrole-1,4(2*H*,5*H*)-dione⁴ were synthesized according to the literature. Unless otherwise stated, all reactions were carried out under inert atmosphere using standard Schlenk techniques. Thin-layer chromatography (TLC) was conducted with precoated glass-backed plates (silica gel 60 F254) and visualized by exposure to UV light (254 nm) or stained with KMnO₄ or Hanessian's Stain (CAM). Flash chromatography was performed with silica gel (43-60 μm). The eluent used is reported in parentheses. ¹H NMR spectra were recorded at 500 MHz and 400 MHz. ¹³C NMR spectra were recorded at 126 MHz or 101 MHz. Chemical shifts are reported in ppm relative to solvent signal. Multiplicity is indicated as follows: s (singlet); d (doublet); t (triplet); q (quartet); m (multiplet); dd (doublet of doublets). Elemental analyses (EA) of starting materials and small molecule donors were performed by Midwest Microlab (Indianapolis, IN).

Synthesis and Characterization

Scheme S1. Synthetic route to bBDTTDPP2 derivatives **1a-c**.



3,3'-diiodo-2,2'-bithiophene (**2**)



In a flame-dried round bottom flask 3,3'-dibromo-2,2'-bithiophene (5.39 g, 16.6 mmol) was dissolved in anhydrous Et_2O (170 ml) under a N_2 -atmosphere and $n\text{-BuLi}$ (2.5M in hexanes, 14.6 ml, 36.6 mmol, 2.2 equiv.) was added dropwise at -78°C . The reaction mixture was stirred for 1 h. A solution of I_2 (9.29 g, 36.6 mmol, 2.2 equiv.) in Et_2O (35 ml) was added dropwise, the mixture was warmed to r.t. and was stirred for another hour. The reaction was quenched by addition of saturated $\text{Na}_2\text{S}_2\text{O}_3$ (100 ml) and the layers were separated. The aqueous layer was extracted with Et_2O (2×100 ml). The combined organic layer was washed with brine, dried over

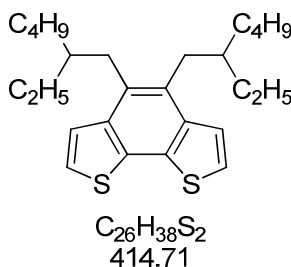
Na₂SO₄ and the solvent was evaporated. The residue was recrystallized from hexanes/toluene 2:1. The diiodide **2** was isolated as an off-white crystalline solid (4.67 g, 11.2 mmol, 67%).

*R*_f = 0.80 (Hex) [UV] [CAM]. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ [ppm] = 7.41 (d, *J* = 5.3 Hz, 2H), 7.17 (d, *J* = 5.3 Hz, 2H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): δ [ppm] = 135.8, 135.1, 129.5, 85.3.

The analytical data are in good accordance with those previously reported.³

General procedure A for the Palladium catalyzed carbocyclization of 2 and 3⁵

4,5-bis(2-ethylhexyl)benzo[1,2-*b*:6,5-*b'*]dithiophene



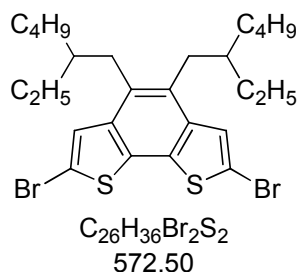
In a flame-dried round bottom flask **2** (100 mg, 239 μmol), **3a** (120 mg, 479 μmol, 2 equiv.) and NBU₃ (114 μl, 88.9 mg, 479 μmol, 2 equiv.) were dissolved in anhydrous DMF (1.2 ml) and the solution was sparged with N₂. Pd(OAc)₂ (5.4 mg, 23.9 μmol, 10 mol%) was added and the reaction mixture was stirred at 130 °C for 4 h. The mixture was cooled to r.t., diluted with CH₂Cl₂ (15 ml) and poured into H₂O (30 ml). The layers were separated and the aqueous layer was extracted with CH₂Cl₂ (2×20 ml). The combined organic layer was dried over Na₂SO₄ and the solvent was removed. The residue was purified by flash chromatography on silica (hexanes). The title compound was isolated as a yellow resin (72.0 mg, 174 μmol, 73%).

*R*_f = 0.82 (Hex) [UV] [KMnO₄]. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ [ppm] = 7.47 (d, *J* = 5.4 Hz, 2H), 7.36 (d, *J* = 5.4 Hz, 2H), 3.05 – 2.94 (m, 4H), 1.72 – 1.62 (m, 2H), 1.44 – 1.21 (m, 16H), 0.90 – 0.85 (m, 12H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): δ [ppm] = 138.1, 131.9, 131.4, 124.4, 123.2, 41.6, 35.1, 32.9, 29.3, 29.2, 26.0, 23.3, 14.3, 11.48, 11.45.

The analytical data are in good accordance with those previously reported.²

*General procedure B for the bromination of benzo[1,2-*b*:6,5-*b'*]dithiophene derivatives*

2,7-dibromo-4,5-bis(2-ethylhexyl)benzo[1,2-*b*:6,5-*b'*]dithiophene



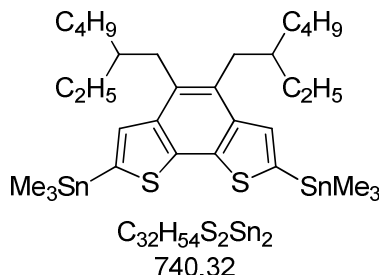
The above described benzo[1,2-*b*:6,5-*b'*]dithiophene (1.34 g, 3.22 mmol) was dissolved in $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2/\text{AcOH}$ 1:1 (20 ml) and *N*-bromosuccinimide (1.37 g, 7.73 mmol, 2.4 equiv.) was added at 0 °C. The mixture was warmed to r.t. and stirred for 1 h. The solution was diluted with CH_2Cl_2 (20 ml) and neutralized with saturated, aqueous NaHCO_3 solution. The layers were separated and the aqueous layer was extracted with CH_2Cl_2 (2×30 ml). The combined organic layer was dried over Na_2SO_4 and the solvent was evaporated. The residue was purified by flash chromatography on silica (hexanes). The title compound was isolated as a yellow resin (1.48 g, 2.52 mmol, 78%).

R_f = 0.89 (Hex) [UV] [KMnO_4]. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ [ppm] = 7.39 (s, 2H), 2.98 – 2.78 (m, 4H), 1.64 – 1.56 (m, 2H), 1.37 – 1.17 (m, 16H), 0.90 – 0.86 (m, 12H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3): δ [ppm] = 137.8, 131.7, 131.5, 127.0, 112.4, 41.5, 35.0, 32.69, 32.66, 29.1, 29.06, 25.91, 25.88, 23.3, 14.3, 11.45, 11.41.

The analytical data are in good accordance with those previously reported.²

General procedure C for the stannylation of 2,7-dibromo-benzo[1,2-b:6,5-b']dithiophene derivatives

(4,5-bis(2-ethylhexyl)benzo[1,2-*b*:6,5-*b'*]dithiophene-2,7-diyl)bis(trimethylstannane) (**4a**)

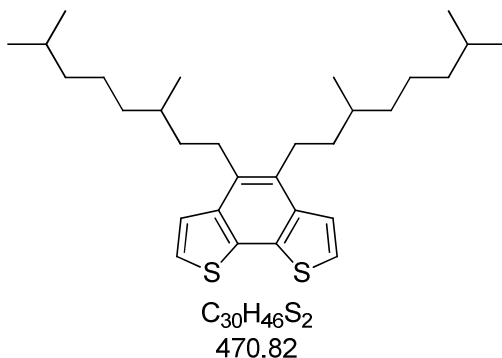


In a flame-dried round bottom flask the above described dibromide (100 mg, 170 μmol) was dissolved in anhydrous THF (7 ml) under N_2 -atmosphere and *n*-BuLi (2.5M in hexanes, 150 μl , 375 μmol , 2.2 equiv.) was added dropwise at -78°C . The resulting yellow suspension was stirred for 2 h at -78°C . Me_3SnCl (1M in hexanes, 544 μl , 544 μmol , 3.2 equiv.) was added at -78°C and the reaction mixture was allowed to warm to r.t. over night. The reaction was quenched by addition of H_2O (20 ml). Hexanes (15 ml) was added and the layers were separated. The aqueous layer was extracted with hexanes (2 $\times$ 15 ml). The combined organic layer was washed with brine and dried over MgSO_4 . The solvent was evaporated and the residue dried under high vacuum. Distannane **4a** was isolated as a yellow resin (112 mg, 151 μmol , 89%) and was used without further purification.

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ [ppm] = 7.52 (s, 1H), 3.08 – 2.96 (m, 4H), 1.72 – 1.63 (m, 2H), 1.44 – 1.22 (m, 16H), 0.92 – 0.87 (m, 12H), 0.45 (s, 18H). **^{13}C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl_3): δ [ppm] = 138.9, 138.8, 136.5, 135.8, 132.3, 131.1, 41.7, 35.04, 35.02, 33.01, 32.96, 29.43, 29.39, 26.02, 25.98, 23.4, 14.3, 11.6, 11.5, -8.1.

The analytical data are in good accordance with those previously reported.²

4,5-bis(3,7-dimethyloctyl)benzo[1,2-*b*:6,5-*b'*]dithiophene

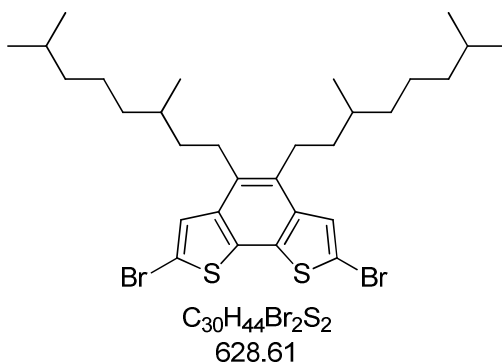


The title compound was synthesized according to general procedure A and was isolated as a yellow resin (61%).

R_f = 0.57 (Hex) [UV] [KMnO₄]. 1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ [ppm] = 7.46 (d, J = 5.4 Hz, 2H), 7.38 (d, J = 5.4 Hz, 2H), 3.09 – 2.92 (m, 4H), 1.70 – 1.16 (m, 20H), 1.06 (d, J = 6.4 Hz, 6H), 0.89 (d, J = 6.6 Hz, 12H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): δ [ppm] = 137.4, 131.7, 131.3, 123.6, 123.4, 39.4, 38.8, 37.2, 37.1, 33.7, 33.7, 28.0, 28.0, 24.9, 22.8, 22.7, 19.8.

The analytical data are in good accordance with those previously reported.³

2,7-dibromo-4,5-bis(3,7-dimethyloctyl)benzo[1,2-*b*:6,5-*b'*]dithiophene

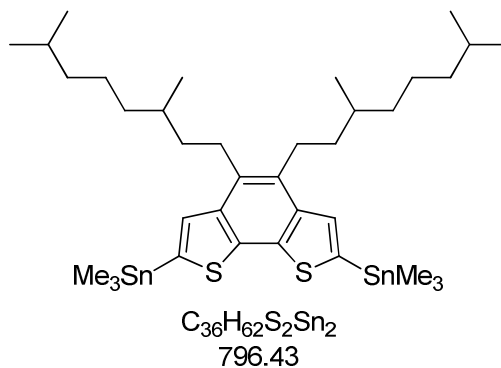


The title compound was synthesized according to general procedure B and was isolated as an off-white solid (73%).

R_f = 0.78 (Hex) [UV] [KMnO₄]. 1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ [ppm] = 7.38 (s, 2H), 2.96 – 2.79 (m, 4H), 1.65 – 1.50 (m, 6H), 1.48 – 1.14 (m, 14H), 1.04 (d, J = 6.4 Hz, 6H), 0.89 (d, J = 6.6 Hz, 12H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): δ [ppm] = 137.4, 131.7, 131.5, 126.3, 112.8, 39.5, 38.8, 37.21, 37.19, 33.78, 33.77, 28.2, 28.1, 25.0, 22.9, 22.8, 19.9.

The analytical data are in good accordance with those previously reported.³

(4,5-bis(3,7-dimethyloctyl)benzo[1,2-*b*:6,5-*b'*]dithiophene-2,7-diyl)bis(trimethylstannane) (**4b**)



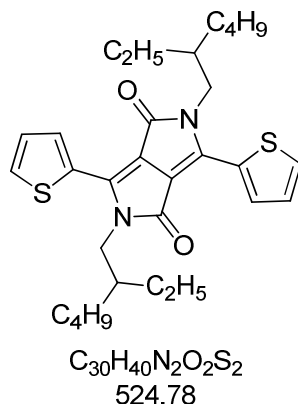
The title compound was synthesized according to general procedure C and was isolated as a dark-yellow resin (73%).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ [ppm] = 7.48 (s, 2H), 3.11 – 2.92 (m, 4H), 1.75 – 1.15 (m, 20H), 1.07 (d, J = 6.4 Hz, 6H), 0.89 (d, J = 6.6 Hz, 12H), 0.45 (s, 18H). **¹³C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl₃): δ [ppm] = 138.4, 137.2, 135.8, 131.3, 131.0, 39.5, 38.8, 37.29, 37.27, 33.82, 33.81, 28.2, 25.1, 22.9, 22.8, 20.0, -8.1.

The analytical data are in good accordance with those previously reported.³

General procedure D for the alkylation of 3,6-di(thiophen-2-yl)pyrrolo[3,4-c]pyrrole-1,4(2H,5H)-dione

2,5-bis(2-ethylhexyl)-3,6-di(thiophen-2-yl)pyrrolo[3,4-c]pyrrole-1,4(2H,5H)-dione



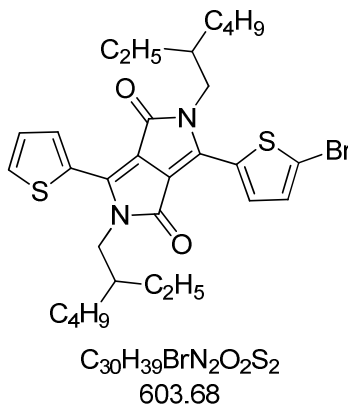
A flame-dried round bottom flask was charged with 3,6-di(thiophen-2-yl)pyrrolo[3,4-c]pyrrole-1,4(2H,5H)-dione (6.00 g, 16.7 mmol), K_2CO_3 (6.83 g, 53.3 mmol, 3.2 equiv.) and anhydrous DMF (120 ml) and the mixture was stirred at 120 °C for 1 h. 2-Ethylhexyl bromide (8.9 ml, 9.65 g, 50.0 mmol, 3 equiv.) was added dropwise and the resulting mixture was stirred for 18 h at 120 °C. The reaction was cooled to r.t. and H_2O (500 ml) was added before stirring for 1 h. The solution was filtered and the residue was washed with H_2O (200 ml) and MeOH (200 ml) and subsequently purified by column chromatography (hex/ CH_2Cl_2 80:20 $\rightarrow$ 60:40). The title compound was isolated as a dark purple solid (2.30 g, 4.39 mmol, 26%).

R_f = 0.47 (hexanes/ CHCl_3 1:4) [UV]. $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ [ppm] = 8.89 (dd, J = 3.9, 1.1 Hz, 2H), 7.62 (dd, J = 5.0, 1.1 Hz, 2H), 7.27 (dd, J = 5.0, 3.9 Hz, 2H), 4.05 (dd, J = 14.1, 7.1 Hz, 2H), 4.00 (dd, J = 13.9, 6.6 Hz, 2H), 1.91 – 1.81 (m, 2H), 1.41 – 1.19 (m, 16H), 0.89 – 0.83 (m, 12H). $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (101 MHz, CDCl_3): δ [ppm] = 161.9, 140.6, 135.4, 130.6, 130.0, 128.6, 108.1, 46.0, 39.2, 30.4, 30.4, 28.5, 23.7, 23.2, 14.2, 10.6.

The analytical data are in good accordance with those previously reported.⁶

*General procedure E for the mono-bromination of **TDPP** derivatives*

3-(5-bromothiophen-2-yl)-2,5-bis(2-ethylhexyl)-6-(thiophen-2-yl)pyrrolo[3,4-*c*]pyrrole-1,4(2*H*,5*H*)-dione (**5a**)

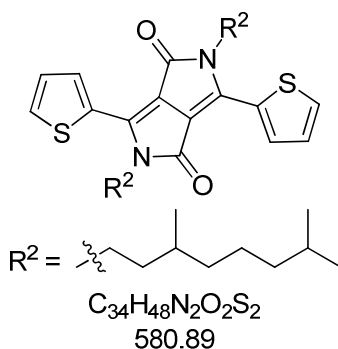


The above described **TDPP** derivative (525 mg, 1.00 mmol) was dissolved in CHCl_3 (30 ml) and *N*-bromosuccinimide (178 mg, 1.00 mmol, 1 equiv.) dissolved in CHCl_3 (15 ml) was added dropwise in the course of 8 h at 0 °C. The reaction mixture was allowed to warm to r.t. over night. The solvent was evaporated and the residue was purified by column chromatography (hex/EtOAc 98:2 $\rightarrow$ 90:10). **TDPP-Br (5a)** was isolated as a dark purple solid (311 mg, 516 μmol , 52%).

$R_f = 0.63$ (hexanes/ CHCl_3 1:4) [UV]. $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ [ppm] = 8.90 (dd, $J = 3.9$, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 8.63 (d, $J = 4.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.64 (dd, $J = 5.0$, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.27 (dd, $J = 5.0$, 3.9 Hz, 1H), 7.22 (d, $J = 4.2$ Hz, 1H), 4.07 – 3.98 (m, 2H), 3.98 – 3.89 (m, 2H), 1.89 – 1.81 (m, 2H), 1.40 – 1.21 (m, 16H), 0.91 – 0.83 (m, 12H). $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (101 MHz, CDCl_3): δ [ppm] = 161.8, 161.6, 141.0, 139.1, 135.7, 135.2, 131.5, 131.4, 131.0, 129.9, 128.6, 118.8, 108.3, 107.9, 46.11, 46.07, 39.3, 39.2, 30.3, 28.5, 23.73, 23.69, 23.20, 23.18, 14.2, 10.6.

The analytical data are in good accordance with those previously reported.⁷

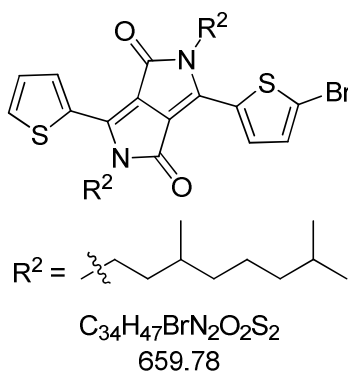
2,5-bis(3,7-dimethyloctyl)-3,6-di(thiophen-2-yl)pyrrolo[3,4-*c*]pyrrole-1,4(2*H*,5*H*)-dione



The title compound was synthesized according to general procedure D and was isolated as a dark purple solid (36%).

R_f = 0.50 (hexanes/ $CHCl_3$ 1:4) [UV]. 1H NMR (500 MHz, $CDCl_3$): δ [ppm] = 8.91 (dd, J = 3.9, 1.0 Hz, 2H), 7.64 (dd, J = 5.0, 1.0 Hz, 2H), 7.28 (dd, J = 4.9, 4.0 Hz, 2H), 4.17 – 4.04 (m, 4H), 1.80 – 1.71 (m, 2H), 1.63 – 1.55 (m, 4H), 1.52 – 1.47 (m, 2H), 1.37 – 1.12 (m, 12H), 1.00 (d, J = 6.3 Hz, 6H), 0.85 (d, J = 6.6 Hz, 12H). ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, $CDCl_3$): δ [ppm] = 161.5, 140.2, 135.4, 130.8, 129.8, 128.8, 107.9, 41.0, 39.3, 37.3, 36.9, 31.4, 28.1, 24.8, 22.9, 22.8, 19.7. Anal. calcd. for $C_{34}H_{48}N_2O_2S_2$: C 70.30, H 8.33, N 4.82; found: C 70.50, H 8.10, N 4.97.

3-(5-bromothiophen-2-yl)-2,5-bis(3,7-dimethyloctyl)-6-(thiophen-2-yl)pyrrolo[3,4-*c*]pyrrole-1,4(2*H*,5*H*)-dione (**5b**)



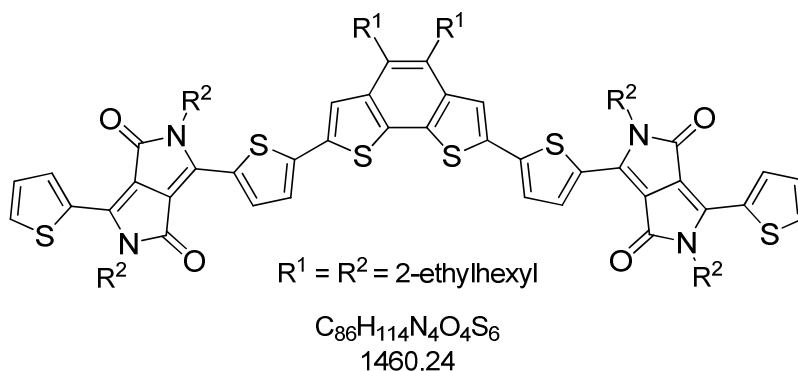
5b was synthesized according to general procedure E and was isolated as a dark purple solid (53%).

R_f = 0.69 (hexanes/ $CHCl_3$ 1:4) [UV]. 1H NMR (500 MHz, $CDCl_3$): δ [ppm] = 8.92 (dd, J = 3.9, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 8.65 (d, J = 4.2 Hz, 1H), 7.65 (dd, J = 5.0, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 7.28 (dd, J = 5.0, 4.0 Hz,

1H), 7.23 (d, $J = 4.2$ Hz, 1H), 4.16 – 3.95 (m, 4H), 1.78 – 1.69 (m, 2H), 1.62 – 1.46 (m, 6H), 1.37 – 1.11 (m, 12H), 1.01 (d, $J = 2.8$ Hz, 3H), 0.99 (d, $J = 2.7$ Hz, 3H), 0.86 (d, $J = 3.1$ Hz, 6H), 0.85 (d, $J = 3.1$ Hz, 6H). ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl_3): δ [ppm] = 161.4, 161.2, 140.6, 138.7, 135.6, 135.2, 131.7, 131.3, 131.1, 129.8, 128.8, 118.9, 108.12, 107.8, 41.0, 41.0, 39.3, 39.3, 37.2, 37.2, 36.9, 36.9, 31.4, 31.3, 28.1, 24.8, 24.8, 22.9, 22.8, 22.7, 19.7, 19.6. Anal. calcd. for $\text{C}_{34}\text{H}_{47}\text{BrN}_2\text{O}_2\text{S}_2$: C 61.89, H 7.18, N 4.25; found: C 62.27, H 7.24, N 4.18.

General procedure F for Stille coupling of **4** and **5**

EH-bBDTTDPP₂ (**1a**)

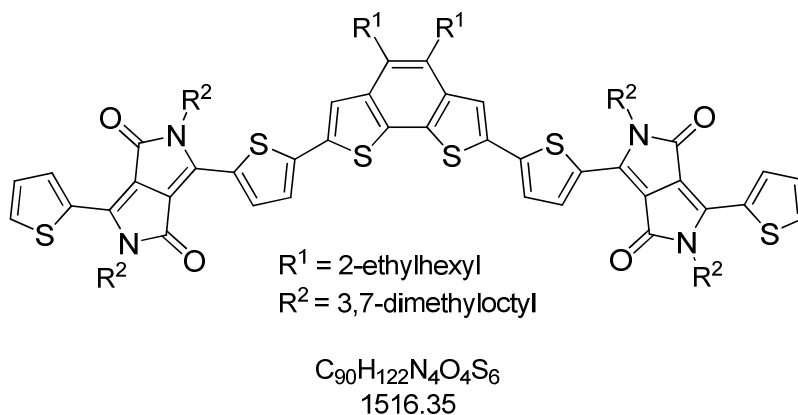


A flame-dried pressure flask was charged with distannane **5a** (50.4 mg, 68.1 μmol), **4a** (126 mg, 208 μmol , 2.5 eq.) and $\text{Pd}(\text{PPh}_3)_4$ (7.8 mg, 6.8 μmol , 10 mol%) under N_2 -atmosphere. A mixture of toluene and DMF (5:1, 10 ml) sparged with N_2 for 30 min, was added. The flask was sealed and the solution was stirred at 130 $^\circ\text{C}$ for 24 h. The reaction mixture was cooled to r.t. and poured into MeOH (150 ml). The mixture was stirred for 20 min and filtered off. The residue was purified by column chromatography (hexanes/ CHCl_3 20:80 $\rightarrow$ 0:100). After purification the product was precipitated into MeOH (100 ml), filtered off and dried under vacuum. **1a** was isolated as a blue solid (69.7 mg, 47.3 μmol , 70%).

$R_f = 0.59$ (hexanes/EtOAc 4:1) [UV]. ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3): δ [ppm] = 9.01 (d, $J = 4.0$ Hz, 2H), 8.91 (d, $J = 3.4$ Hz, 2H), 7.65 (s, 2H), 7.64 (d, $J = 4.8$ Hz, 2H), 7.44 (d, $J = 4.1$ Hz, 2H), 7.28 (dd, $J = 4.8, 4.1$ Hz, 2H), 4.13 – 4.01 (m, 8H), 3.04 – 2.95 (m, 4H), 2.00 – 1.94 (m, 2H), 1.92 – 1.85 (m, 2H), 1.71 – 1.64 (m, 2H), 1.45 – 1.21 (m, 48H), 0.96 – 0.93 (m, 12H), 0.91 – 0.85 (m, 24H). ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl_3): δ [ppm] = 161.9, 161.8, 142.7, 140.3, 139.8, 139.4, 137.1, 135.5, 133.9, 133.0, 131.0, 130.8, 130.0, 129.1, 128.6, 126.0, 122.0, 108.6, 108.3, 46.1, 41.8, 39.4, 39.2, 35.0, 32.9, 30.4, 30.3, 29.9, 29.3, 29.2, 28.6, 28.5, 26.1, 26.0, 23.8, 23.7,

23.32, 23.28, 23.2, 14.3, 14.3, 14.2, 11.6, 11.5, 10.7, 10.6. Anal. calcd. for $C_{86}H_{114}N_4O_4S_6$: C 70.74, H 7.87, N 3.84; found: C 70.74, H 7.89, N 3.73.

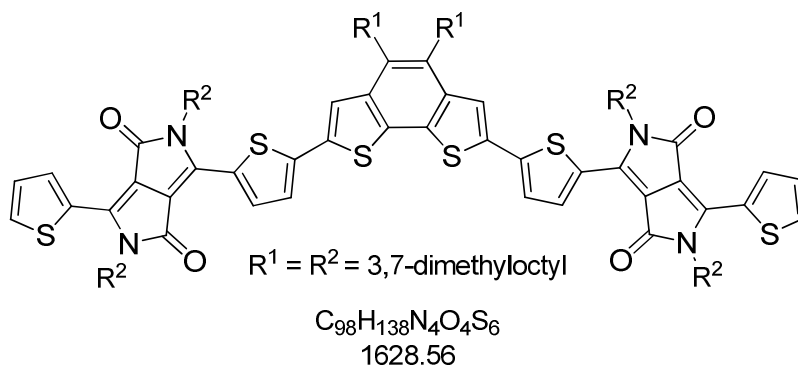
EH-DMO-bBDTTDPP₂ (1b)



1b was synthesized according to general procedure E and was isolated as a blue solid (92%).

$R_f = 0.63$ ($CHCl_3$) [UV]. 1H NMR (500 MHz, $CDCl_3$): δ [ppm] = 8.98 (d, $J = 4.1$ Hz, 2H), 8.91 (dd, $J = 4.8, 1.1$ Hz, 2H), 7.63 (dd, $J = 5.0, 0.9$ Hz, 2H), 7.61 (s, 2H), 7.45 (d, $J = 4.1$ Hz, 2H), 7.28 (dd, $J = 6.1, 5.0$ Hz, 2H), 4.13 – 4.00 (m, 8H), 3.09 – 2.90 (m, 4H), 2.01 – 1.83 (m, 4H), 1.73 – 1.62 (m, 4H), 1.46 – 1.17 (m, 48H), 1.10 (d, $J = 6.3$ Hz, 6H), 0.95 (t, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 6H), 0.91 – 0.85 (m, 30H). ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, $CDCl_3$): δ [ppm] = 161.9, 161.8, 142.6, 140.4, 139.7, 138.9, 136.9, 135.6, 134.3, 133.0, 130.9, 130.8, 130.0, 129.1, 128.6, 126.0, 121.1, 108.6, 108.3, 46.1, 39.5, 39.4, 39.2, 39.0, 37.3, 33.8, 30.4, 30.34, 30.32, 29.9, 28.6, 28.5, 28.2, 25.1, 23.8, 23.7, 23.3, 23.2, 22.9, 22.8, 19.9, 14.3, 14.2, 10.7, 10.6. Anal. calcd. for $C_{90}H_{122}N_4O_4S_6$: C 71.29, H 8.11, N 3.69; found: C 71.32, H 8.04, N 3.72.

DMO-bBDTTDPP₂ (1c)



1b was synthesized according to general procedure E and was isolated as a blue solid (80%).

$R_f = 0.69$ ($CHCl_3$) [UV]. 1H NMR (500 MHz, $CDCl_3$): δ [ppm] = 8.98 (d, $J = 4.1$ Hz, 2H), 8.93 (dd, $J = 3.9, 1.1$ Hz, 2H), 7.63 (dd, $J = 5.0, 1.1$ Hz, 2H), 7.59 (s, 2H), 7.42 (d, $J = 4.1$ Hz, 2H), 7.28 (dd, $J = 6.1, 5.0$ Hz, 2H), 4.21 – 4.05 (m, 8H), 3.09 – 2.90 (m, 4H), 1.85 – 1.51 (m, 16H), 1.41 – 1.14 (m, 44H), 1.10 (d, $J = 6.3$ Hz, 6H), 1.08 (d, $J = 6.3$ Hz, 6H), 1.02 (d, $J = 6.3$ Hz, 6H), 0.90 – 0.84 (m, 36H). ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, $CDCl_3$): δ [ppm] = 161.4, 161.3, 142.7, 139.9, 139.3, 138.9, 136.8, 135.5, 134.3, 132.9, 130.9, 130.8, 129.9, 129.0, 128.8, 126.1, 121.0, 108.4, 108.1, 41.1, 39.5, 39.4, 39.3, 39.0, 37.4, 37.3, 37.0, 36.9, 33.8, 31.5, 31.4, 31.1, 29.9, 28.2, 28.1, 25.1, 24.9, 24.8, 22.90, 22.87, 22.81, 22.78, 19.9, 19.7, 19.6. Anal. calcd. for $C_{98}H_{138}N_4O_4S_6$: C 72.28, H 8.54, N 3.44; found: C 72.05, H 8.34, N 3.46.

Density Functional Theory (DFT) Calculations

DFT calculations were performed at the B3LYP/6-31G** level using QCHEM4.0.⁸ All relative donor-acceptor conformations were optimized and identified as local minima by frequency calculations. The lowest energy conformer is shown here.

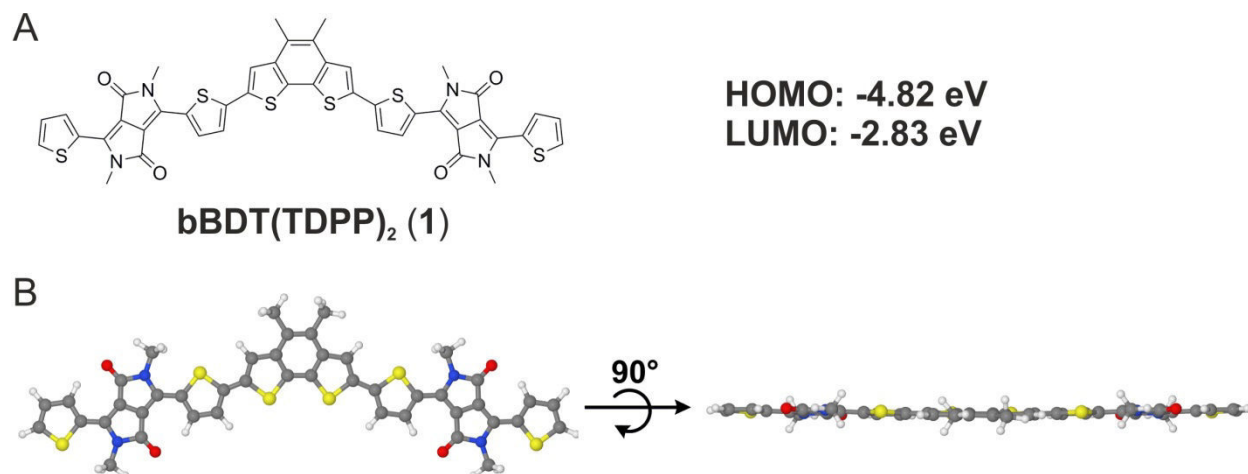


Figure S1. (A) Chemical structure, FMO energies and (B) optimized geometry for **bBDTTDPP₂ (1)** calculated at DFT//B3LYP/6-31G** level. Alkyl chains are replaced by methyl groups to simplify calculations.

Differential Scanning Calorimetry (DSC)

The differential scanning calorimetry were collected on an Indium-calibrated Mettler-Toledo DSC822e equipped with a TSO801RO autosampler. The samples (weight range 1.5 - 3.0 mg) were placed in lidded 30 microliters Al pans and thermally cycled twice under nitrogen with a heating rate of 10°C/min and a slower cooling rate of 5°C/min to minimize overcooling effects. The reported cycles correspond to the second cycle and are all endo up.

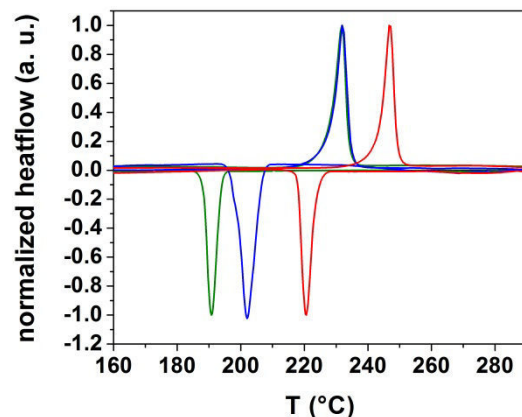


Figure S2. DSC traces for **1a** (green), **1b** (blue) and **1c** (red).

Table S1. Summary of melting (T_m) and freezing (T_f) temperatures of **1a-c**.

Molecule	T_m	T_f
1a	227	194
1b	228	207
1c	247	224

UV-Vis spectrometry

UV-Vis spectra were recorded on a Varian Cary 50 Scan UV-Vis spectrophotometer. The solution absorption spectra of the small molecules were recorded on 10^{-6} M chloroform solutions, and the small molecule film optical absorption spectra were recorded from films cast from 7 mg/mL chloroform solutions.

Table S2. Summary of the optical properties of **1a-c** in CHCl_3 solution and spun-cast films.

Molecule	ϵ ($\text{M}^{-1} \text{cm}^{-1}$) ^a	λ_{max} (nm) ^b	λ_{onset} (nm) ^b	E_g^{opt} (eV) ^b
1a	8.41×10^4	607	724	1.72
1b	8.05×10^4	611	725	1.71
1c	9.02×10^4	615	732	1.70

^aderived from solution UV-VIS. ^bthin-film properties.

Cyclic Voltammetry (CV)

The electrochemical properties of the small molecule donor materials were investigated in CH₂Cl₂ solution (0.3 mg/ml) under N₂ at a scan rate of 100 mV/s using 0.1 M tetrakis(*n*-butyl)ammonium hexafluorophosphate [(*n*-Bu)₄N⁺PF₆⁻] as the supporting electrolyte, Pt as the working, glassy carbon as the counter electrode, and an Ag wire was used as the pseudoreference electrode. A ferrocene/ferrocenium (Fc/Fc⁺) redox couple was used as the internal standard and was assigned an absolute energy level of -4.88 eV vs. vacuum.⁹ The HOMO levels of **1a-c** were determined by eq 1, where E_{ox}^{onset} is the onset of oxidation potential vs. Fc/Fc⁺. The LUMO levels of **1a-c** were determined by eq 2, where E_g^{opt} is the optical band gap. The electron affinities (EA) of **1a-c** were determined by eq 3, where E_{red}^{onset} is the onset of reduction potential vs. Fc/Fc⁺.

$$E_{HOMO} = e(E_{ox}^{onset} + 4.88 \text{ eV}) \quad (1)$$

$$E_{LUMO} = E_{HOMO} + E_g^{opt} \quad (2)$$

$$EA = e(E_{red}^{onset} + 4.88 \text{ eV}) \quad (3)$$

Table S3. Summary of the FMO energies of **1a-c** determined by cyclic voltammetry in CH₂Cl₂ solution.

Molecule	E_{HOMO} (eV)	E_{LUMO} (eV)	EA (eV)
1a	-5.20	-3.48	-3.40
1b	-5.19	-3.48	-3.56
1c	-5.21	-3.51	-3.44

TFT and SCLC mobility measurements

Bottom-gate/top-contact (BGTC) organic thin-film transistors (OTFTs) were fabricated by spin-coating (1000 rpm for 30 sec) a small molecule solution in CF under ambient conditions on OTS (octadecyltrichlorosilane)-treated, p-doped Si/SiO₂ substrates (300 nm SiO₂; capacitance: ~11 nFcm⁻²; Montco Silicon Technologies Inc.). Prior to OTS deposition, the wafers were solvent-cleaned by immersion in ethanol with sonication, and were then dried in a filtered stream of N₂, followed by 5 min plasma cleaning. Alkylsilation of the Si/SiO₂ surface was carried out by

submerging the silicon wafers in a 0.5 M solution of OTS in hexanes at 55-60% relative humidity. OTFT devices were completed by vapor deposition of Au source/drain electrodes through a shadow mask (channel length: 100 μm ; channel width: 5000 μm). OFET characterization was performed under vacuum or ambient conditions in a probe station with a Keithley 6430 subfemtoamp meter (drain) and a Keithley 2400 (gate) source meter, operated by a locally written Labview program.

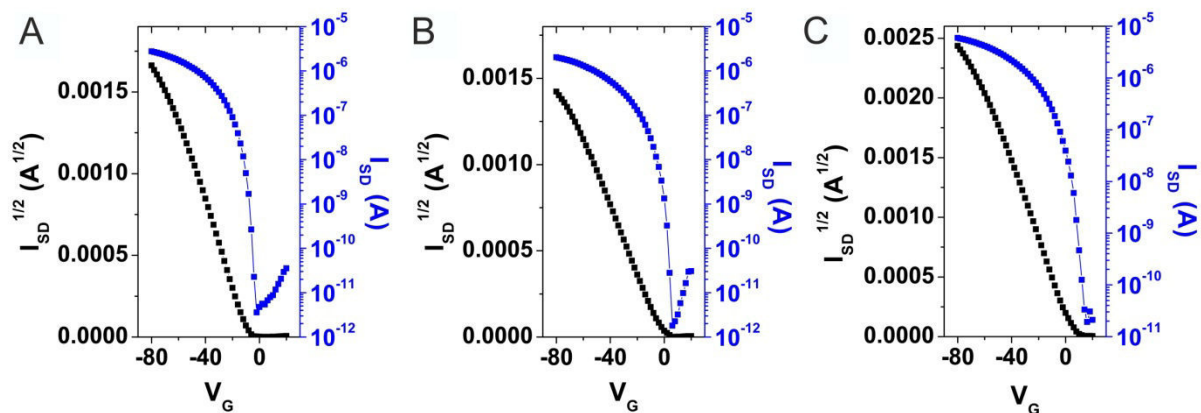


Figure S4. OFET measurements of (A) **1a**, (B) **1b** and (C) **1c**.

Table S4. Summary of TFT performance metrics.

Molecule	μ_h (cm^2/Vs)	V_T (V)	$I_{on}:I_{off}$
1a	6.39×10^{-3}	-8.4	10^5
1b	3.71×10^{-3}	-2.1	10^6
1c	1.16×10^{-2}	+4.9	10^5

For SCLC mobility measurements, hole-only diodes were fabricated on ITO coated glass with a PEDOT:PSS bottom contact and a MoO_3/Au top contact. The top contact was the injecting electrode. The semiconducting layer was either neat polymer or polymer blend (as used in the optimal solar cell devices). Device areas (A) were $200 \times 200 \mu\text{m}^2$.

In these diodes, the current density (J) as a function of applied electric field (E) in the space charge limited regime is given by eq. 3, where by fitting the J - E curve it is possible to extract the the zero-field mobility, μ_0 , and the field dependence coefficient, γ , where ϵ_s and L are the semiconductor permittivity (taken as $3\epsilon_0$) and thickness, respectively.¹⁰

$$J = \frac{9}{8} \frac{\epsilon_s}{L} E^2 \mu_0 \exp(\gamma \sqrt{E}) \quad (3)$$

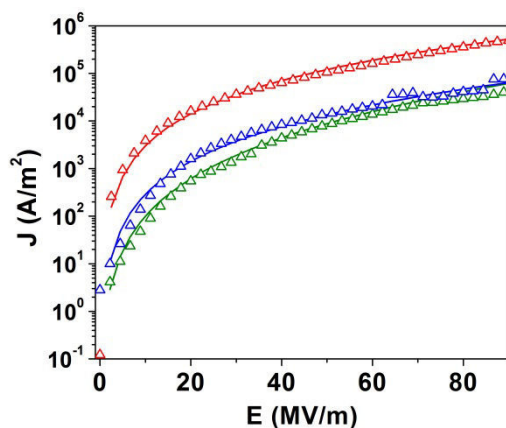


Figure S5. SCLC measurements of **1a** (green), **1b** (blue) and **1c** (red) as neat films.

Table S5. Summary of SCLC mobilities of **1a-c**.

Entry	Sample	Solvent	μ_h (cm ² /Vs)
1	1a	CHCl ₃	$(1.1 \pm 0.1) \times 10^{-5}$
2	1a :PC ₇₁ BM 1:1.5	CHCl ₃	$(1.2 \pm 0.1) \times 10^{-5}$
3	1a :PC ₇₁ BM 1:1.5	CHCl ₃ :DIO (99%:1%)	$(3.6 \pm 0.1) \times 10^{-5}$
4	1b	CHCl ₃	$(5.2 \pm 0.1) \times 10^{-5}$
5	1b :PC ₇₁ BM 1:1	CHCl ₃	$(3.4 \pm 0.1) \times 10^{-5}$
6	1b :PC ₇₁ BM 1:1	CHCl ₃ :DIO (99%:1%)	$(4.1 \pm 0.1) \times 10^{-5}$
7	1c	CHCl ₃	$(5.5 \pm 0.1) \times 10^{-4}$
8	1c :PC ₇₁ BM 1:1	CHCl ₃	$(2.3 \pm 0.1) \times 10^{-4}$
9	1c :PC ₇₁ BM 1:1	CHCl ₃ :DIO (99%:1%)	$(3.2 \pm 0.1) \times 10^{-4}$

Atomic Force and Transmission Electron Microscopy (AFM, TEM)

AFM measurements were performed using a Dimension Icon Scanning Probe Microscope (Veeco) in tapping mode. For TEM measurements a JEOL JEM-2100F instrument was used, with samples transferred from films made under identical conditions as actual devices. Slightly defocus mode is used to increase the contrast between small molecule donors and PC₇₁BM.

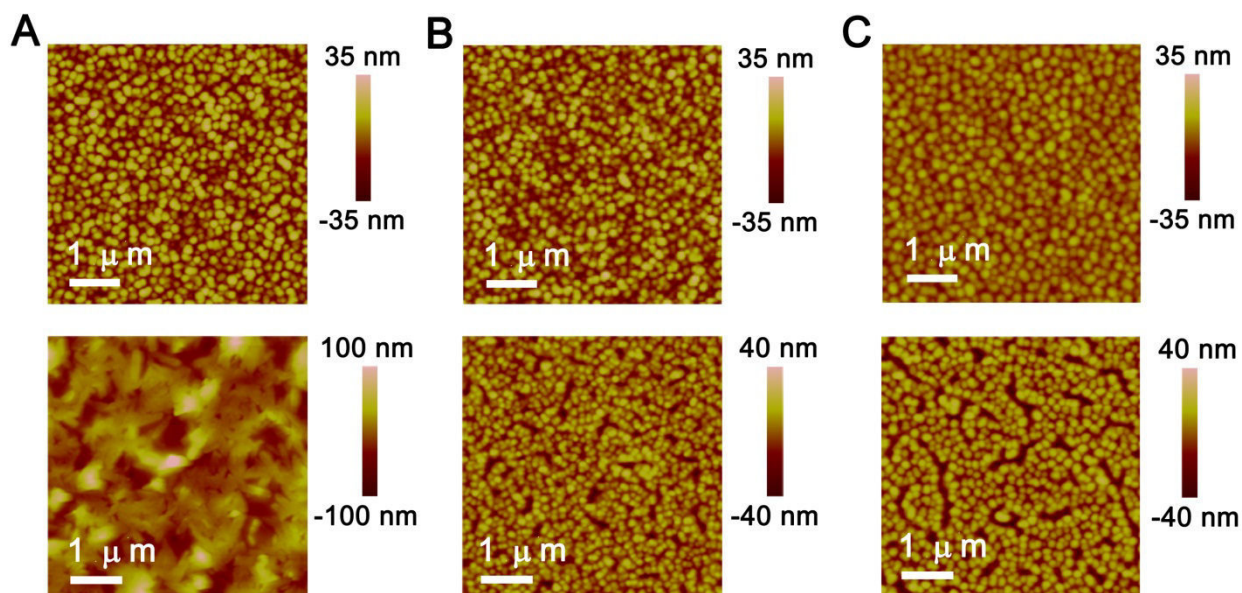


Figure S6. AFM images of (A) **1a**:PC₇₀BM 1:1.5 (B) **1b**:PC₇₁BM 1:1 and (C) **1c**:PC₇₁BM 1:1 blend films spun-cast from CHCl₃ (top) and CHCl₃/DIO (99:1) (bottom).

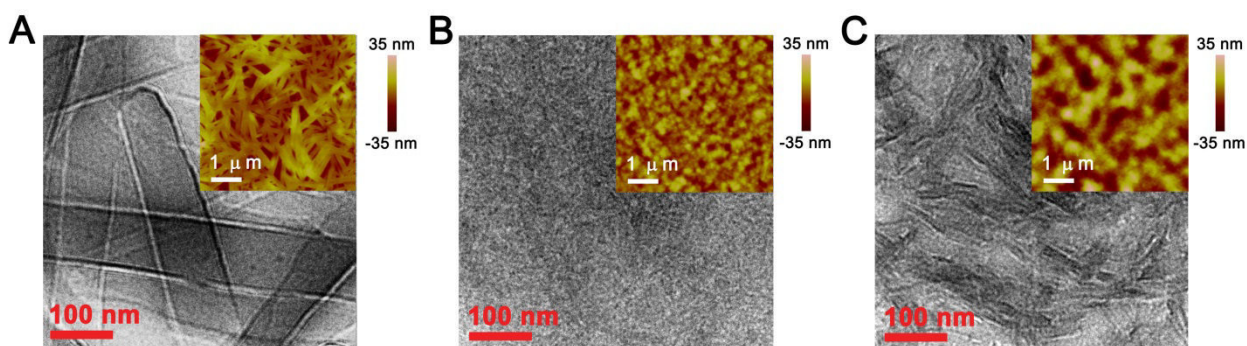


Figure S7. TEM and AFM (insert) images of (A) **1a**:PC₇₀BM 1:1.5 (B) **1b**:PC₇₁BM 1:1 and (C) **1c**:PC₇₁BM 1:1 blend films spun-cast from CHCl₃/DIO (97:3).

Grazing Incidence Wide-Angle X-Ray Scattering (GIWAXS) Data

Grazing incidence x-ray scattering measurements were performed at Beamline 8-ID-E⁴ of the Advanced Photon Source at Argonne National Laboratory as described by Jiang et al.¹¹ An x-ray wavelength of $\lambda = 1.6868 \text{ \AA}$ was used, and data were collected on a Pilatus 1M pixel array detector at a sample-detector distance of 204 mm. Spectra were collected at an incidence angle of 0.2° ; exposure times were varied from 4 to 11 seconds to maximize the signal and the x-ray beam was attenuated between a factor of 0 and 2. All spectra were normalized with respect to exposure time and attenuation.

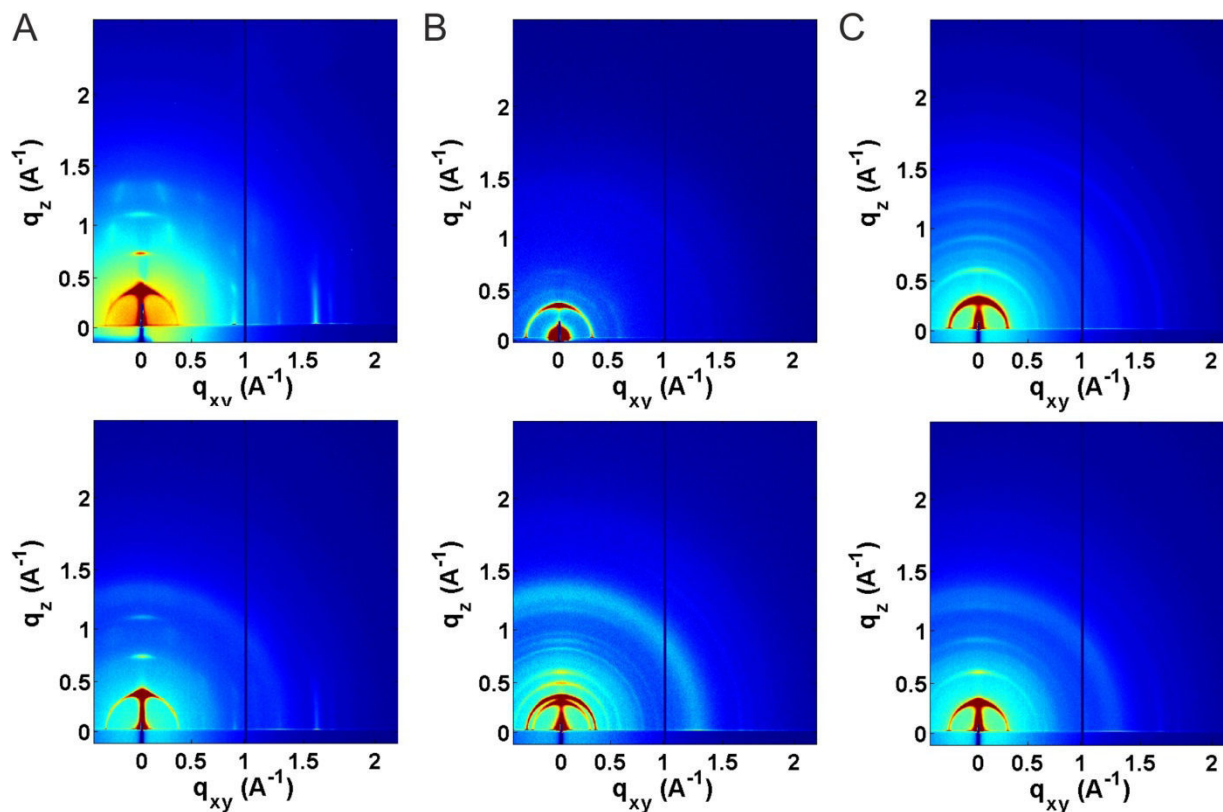


Figure S8. GIWAXS data of pristine films (top) of (A) **1a**, (B) **1b** and (C) **1c** fabricated from CHCl_3/DIO (99:1) and blend films (bottom) of (A) **1a**:PC₇₁BM (1:1.5), (B) **1b**:PC₇₁BM (1:1) and (C) **1c**:PC₇₁BM (1:1) fabricated from CHCl_3 .

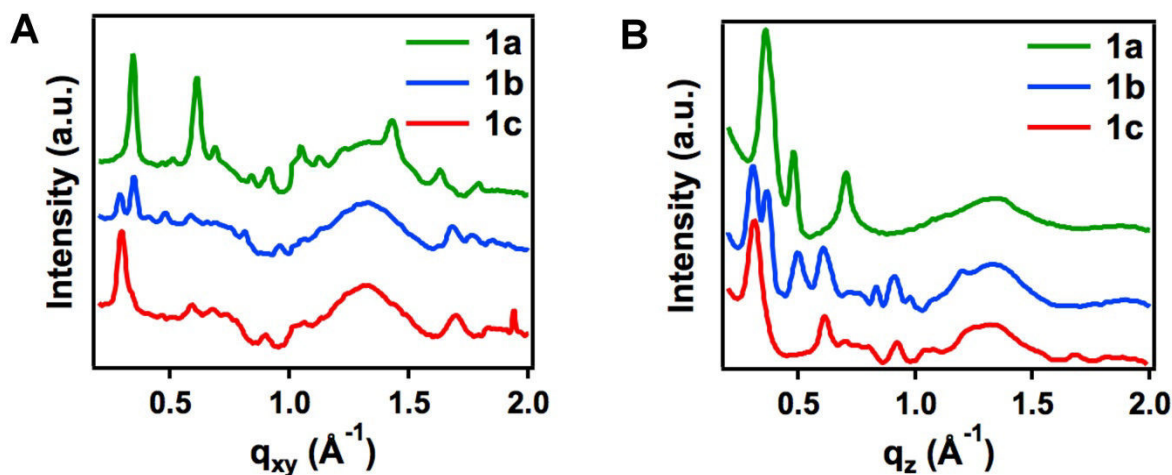


Figure S9. In-plane (A) and out-of-plane (B) line-cuts of GIWAXS spectra of blend films of **1a**:PC₇₁BM (1:1.5) (green), **1b**:PC₇₁BM (1:1) (blue) and **1c**:PC₇₁BM (1:1) (red) fabricated from CHCl_3/DIO (99:1).

Table S6. *d*-spacing resulting from line-cuts in Figure S9.

		<i>d</i> -spacing (Å)	
	Molecule	lamellar	π - π
in-plane	1a	18.3	3.85
	1b	18.1, 21.7	3.73
	1c	21.3	3.71
out-of-plane	1a	17.4	n/a
	1b	17.2, 20.4	n/a
	1c	20.1	3.74

Solar Cell Fabrication and Characterization

Pre-patterned ITO-coated glass (Thin Film Devices, Inc.) with a sheet resistance of $\sim 10\Omega/\square$ is used as the substrate. It is cleaned by sequential sonication in hexane, DI water, methanol, isopropanol, and acetone. After UV/ozone treatment (Jelight Co.) for 20 min, ~ 20 nm ZnO electron transport/hole blocking layer is prepared by spin-coating at 5000 rpm a precursor solution prepared from 0.5 M zinc acetate dehydrate in 0.5 M monoethanolamine and 2-methoxyethanol under air. After cleaning the electrical contacts, the ZnO substrates are immediately baked in air at 170 °C for 10 min, then rinsed with DI water, isopropanol, and acetone, and then dried in a glovebox. Active layer solutions are prepared from 10-15 mg/mL solutions of **1a**, **1b** and **1c** molecules in (chloroform) CF/DIO in various ratios. For optimum device performance, active layers of **1a**, **1b**, and **1c** are spun cast at 4000, 6000, and 3000 rpm, respectively. Thin 7.5 nm layers of MoO_x and 120 nm of Ag are then thermally evaporated through a shadow mask at $\sim 10^{-6}$ Torr. For the fabrication of conventional solar cells, PEDOT:PSS (Clevios P VP Al 4083) was spun-cast at 5000 rpm for 30 sec and annealed at 150 °C. Active layers are prepared under the same conditions as the inverted solar cells. LiF(1.0 nm)/Al(100 nm) were then thermally evaporated through a shadow mask at $\sim 10^{-6}$ Torr. For device characterization, *J-V* characteristics are measured under AM1.5G light (100 mW/cm²) using the Xe arc lamp of a Spectra-Nova Class A solar simulator. The light intensity is calibrated using an NREL-certified monocrystalline Si diode coupled to a KG3 filter to bring spectral mismatch to unity. A Keithley 2400 source meter is used for electrical characterization. The area of all devices is 6 mm², and a 6 mm² aperture is placed on top of cells during all measurements.

EQEs are characterized using an Oriel model QE-PV-SI instrument equipped with a NIST-certified Si diode. Monochromatic light is generated from an Oriel 300W lamp source.

Table S7. Summary of PV metrics of optimized devices.^a

Molecule	V_{oc} (V)	J_{sc} (mA/cm ²)	FF (%)	PCE (%) ^b
1a	0.782	4.57	38.9	1.39 (1.27)
1b	0.766	11.4	63.2	5.53 (5.46)
1c	0.756	8.47	61.8	3.96 (3.88)

^aAll devices use inverted device architecture: ITO/ZnO/**1**:PC₇₁BM/MoO_x/Ag (**1a**:PC₇₀BM 1:1.5, **1b**:PC₇₁BM 1:1 and **1c**:PC₇₁BM 1:1). Active layers are spun cast from CHCl₃/DIO (99:1) solution. ^bData represent best performance device and average values of at least 16 devices are shown in parantheses.

Table S8. Optimization of the solvent composition for active layer deposition.^a

Entry	Molecule	Solvent	V_{oc} (V)	J_{sc} (mA/cm ²)	FF (%)	PCE (%) ^b
1	1a	CHCl ₃	0.819	3.41	39.0	1.09 (1.03)
2	1a	CHCl ₃ :DIO (97%:3%)	0.754	4.01	39.1	1.18 (1.14)
3	1b	CHCl ₃	0.808	3.62	50.6	1.48 (1.47)
4	1b	CHCl ₃ :DIO (97%:3%)	0.742	9.91	60.2	4.43 (4.40)
5	1b	C ₆ H ₅ Cl:DIO (99%:1%)	0.763	9.88	61.8	4.66 (4.62)
6	1b	C ₆ H ₄ Cl ₂ :DIO (99%:1%)	0.708	6.69	51.5	2.44 (2.38)
7	1c	CHCl ₃	0.764	3.02	57.4	1.32 (1.28)
8	1c	CHCl ₃ :DIO (97%:3%)	0.753	6.46	60.4	2.94 (2.87)

^aAll devices use inverted device architecture: ITO/ZnO/**1**:PC₇₁BM /MoO_x/Ag (**1a**:PC₇₀BM 1:1.5, **1b**:PC₇₁BM 1:1 and **1c**:PC₇₁BM 1:1). ^bData represent best performance device and average values of at least 8 devices are shown in parantheses.

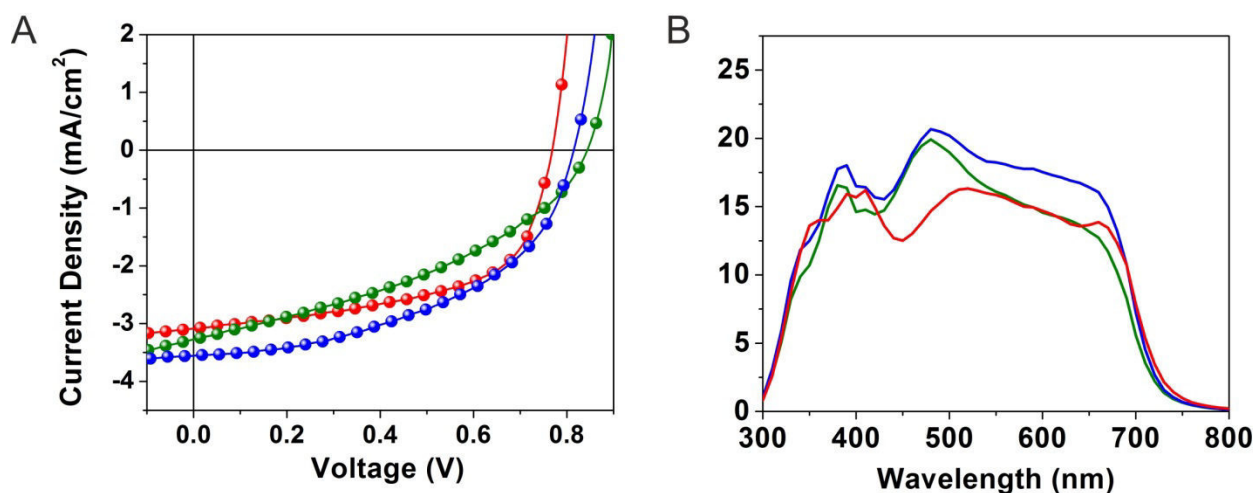


Figure S10. *J-V* plots for **1a**:PC₇₁BM (1:1.5) (green), **1b**:PC₇₁BM (1:1) (blue) and **1c**:PC₇₁BM (1:1)-based (red) inverted OPVs fabricated from CHCl₃ without DIO. (B) EQE plots for **1a-c**-based solar cells.

Table S9. PV metrics of conventional architectures.^a

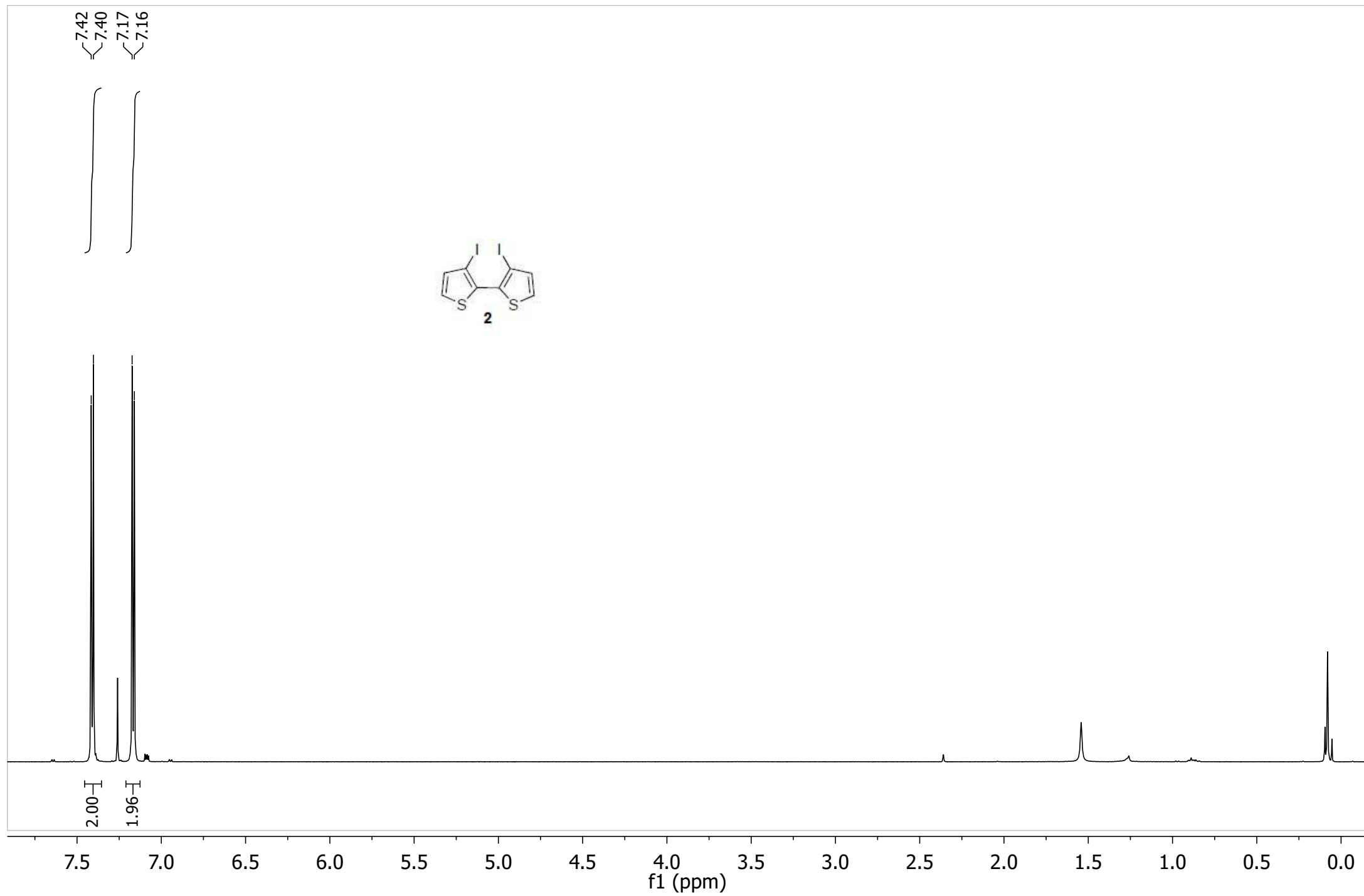
Molecule	V_{oc} (V)	J_{sc} (mA/cm ²)	FF (%)	PCE (%) ^b
2	0.787	4.28	37.8	1.27 (1.24)
3	0.769	10.9	61.9	5.18 (5.07)
7	0.754	7.93	61.1	3.65 (3.58)

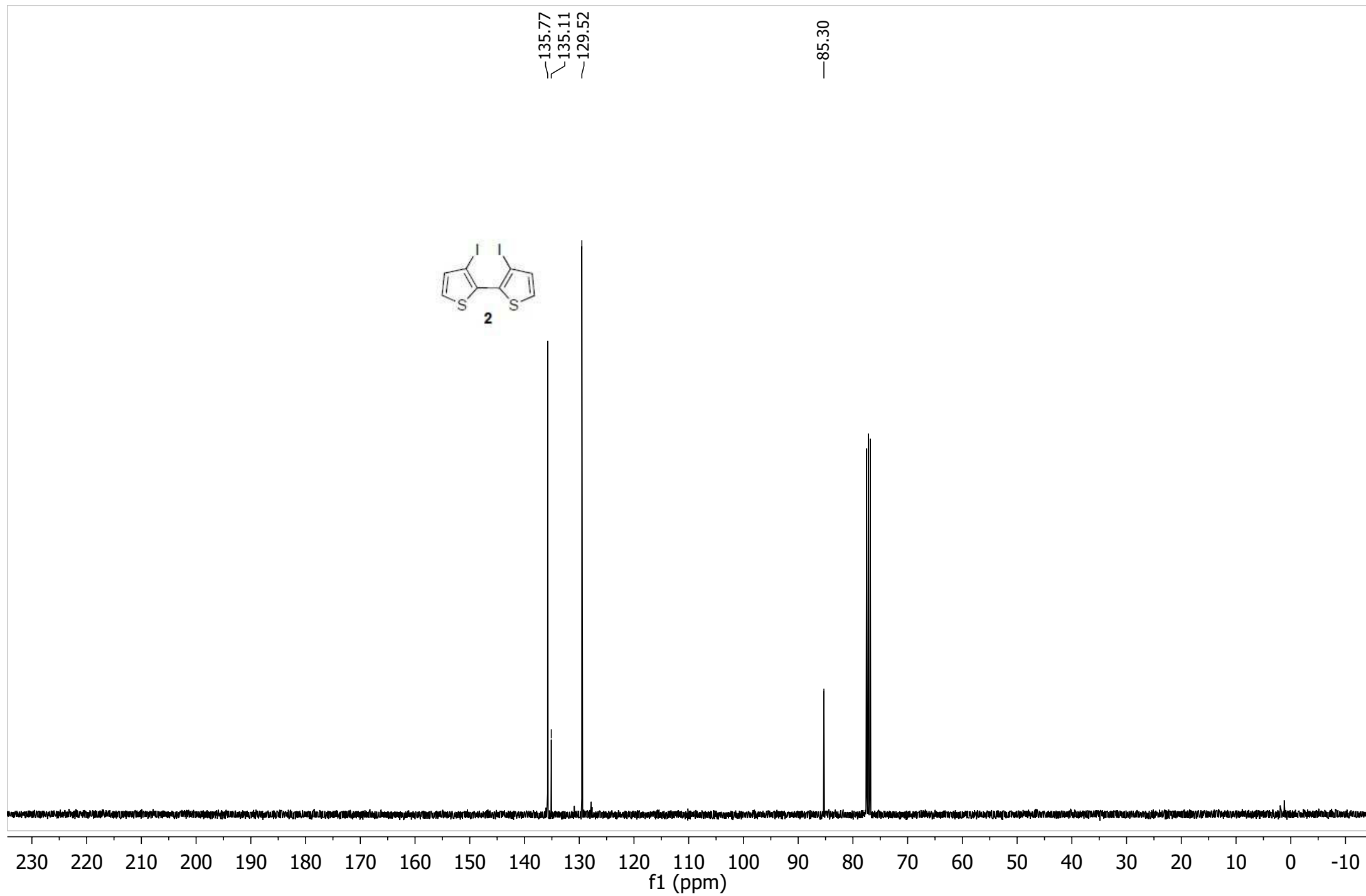
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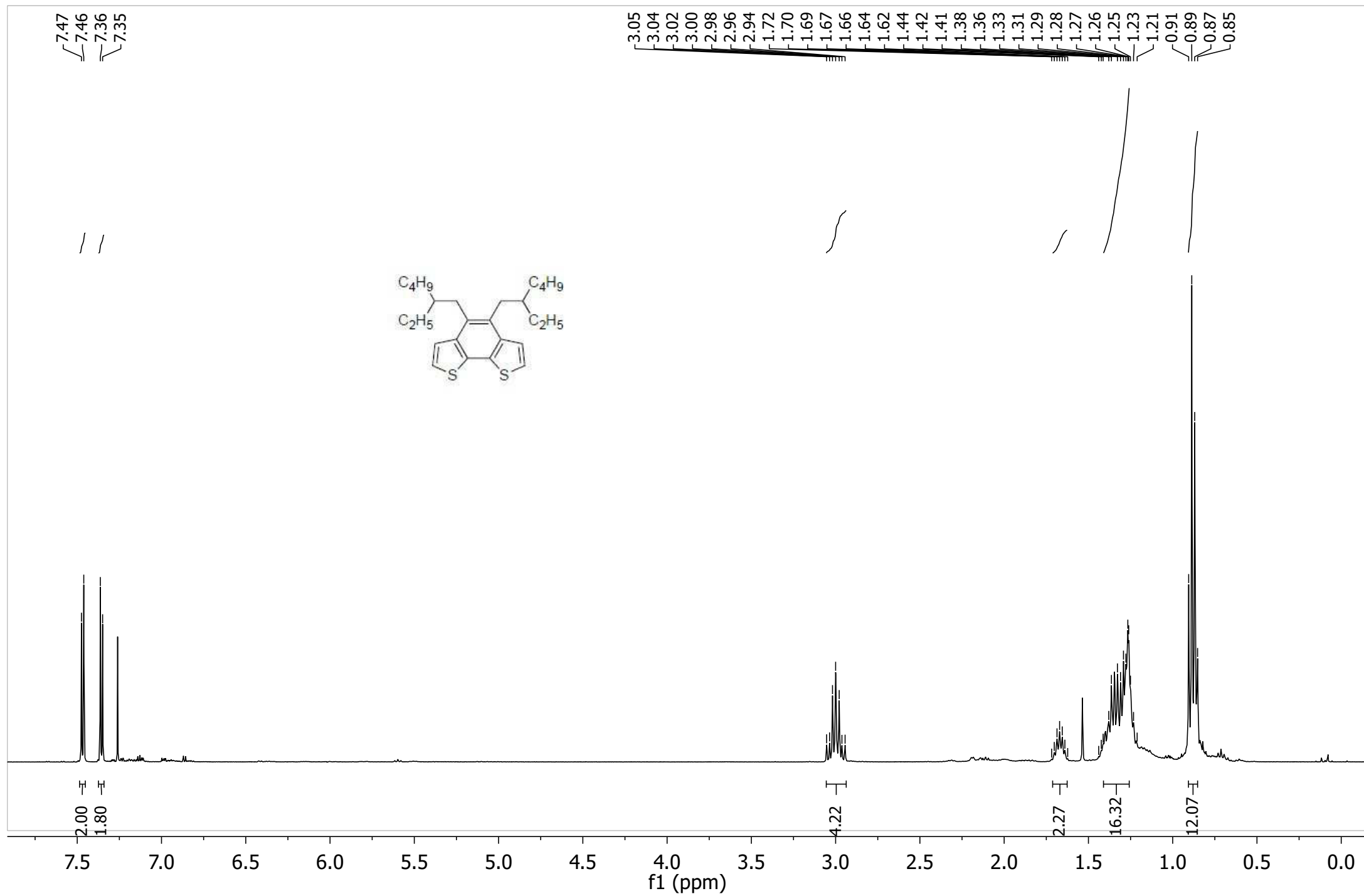
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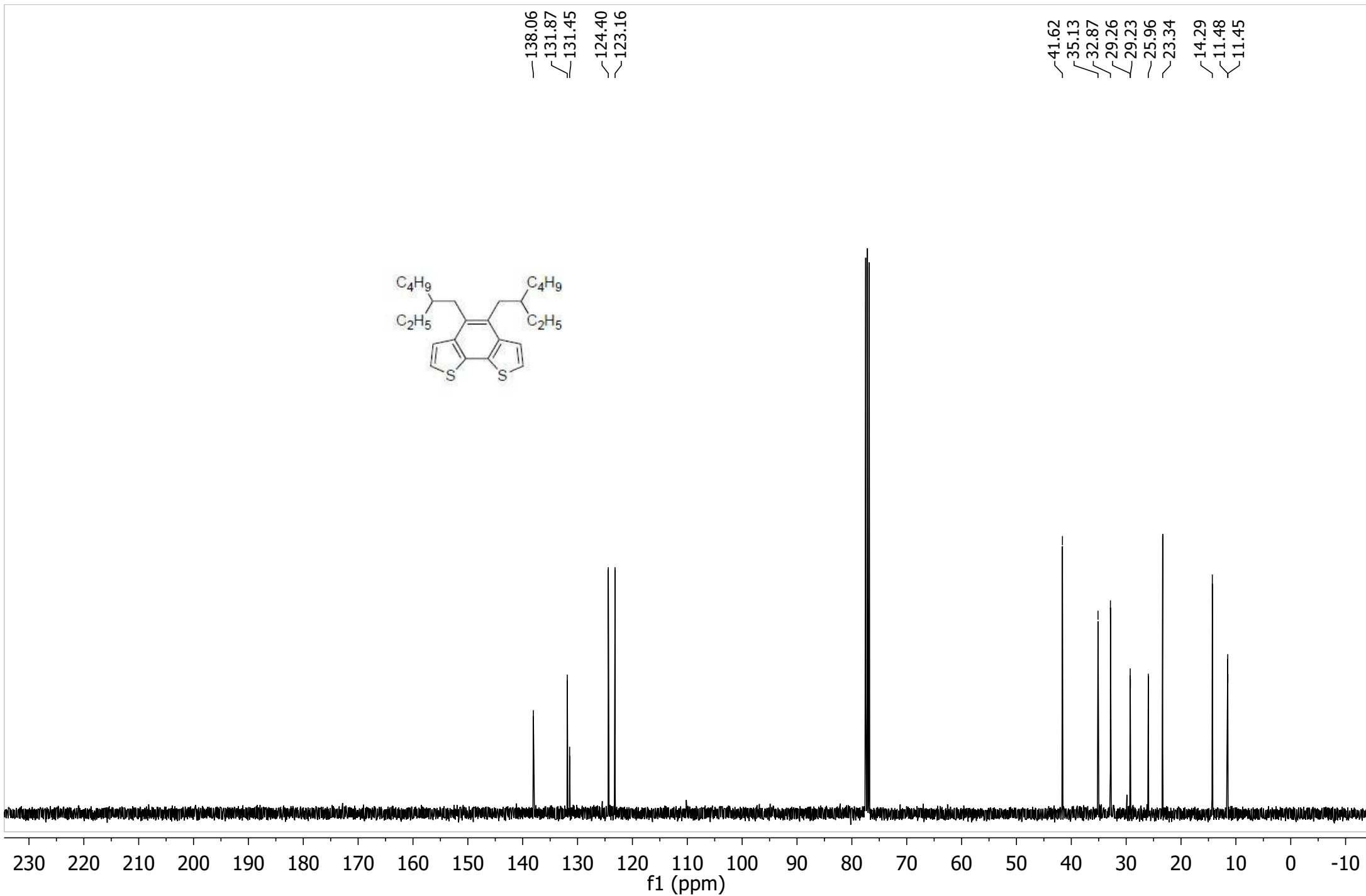
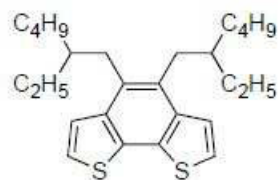
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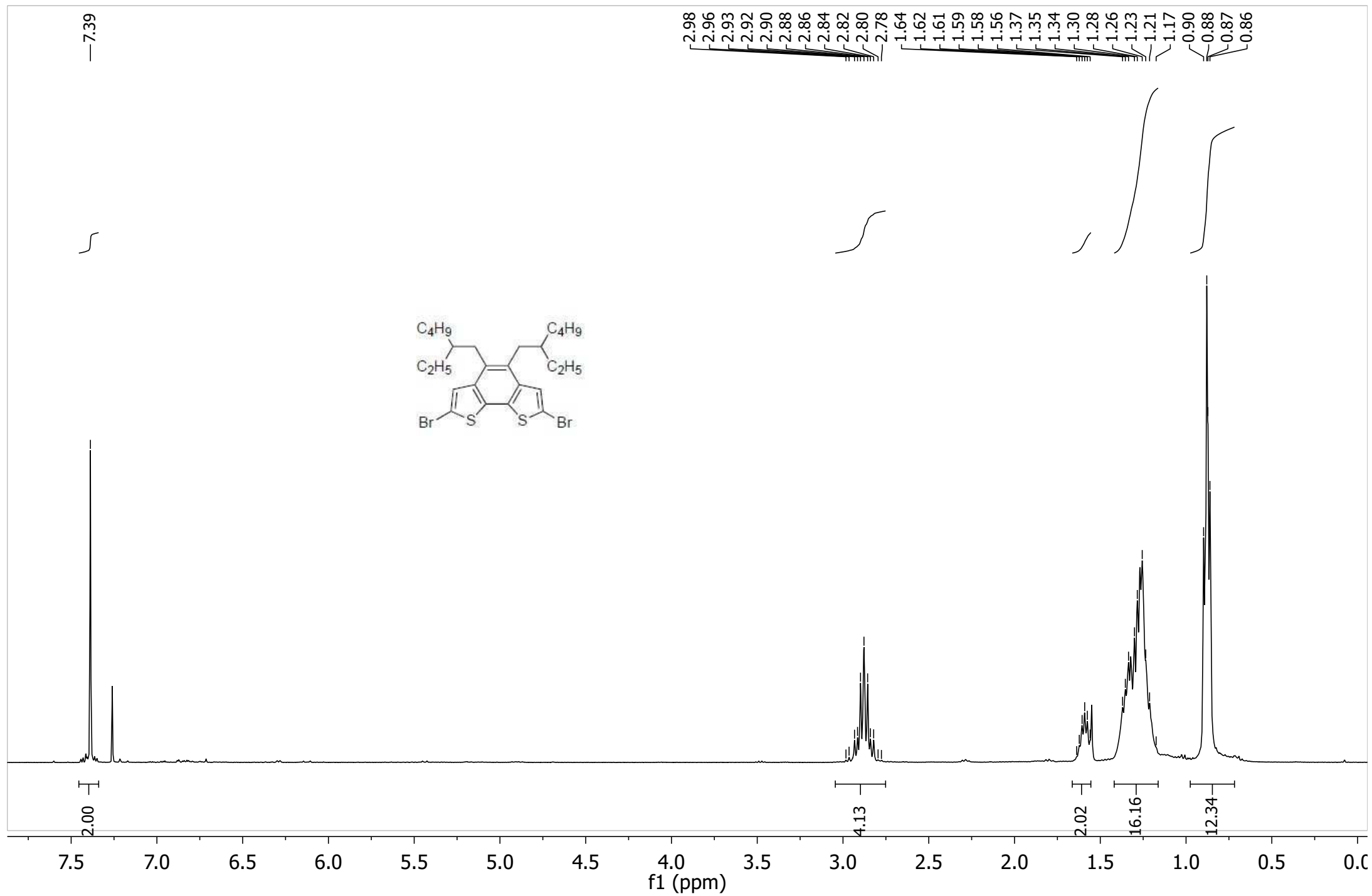
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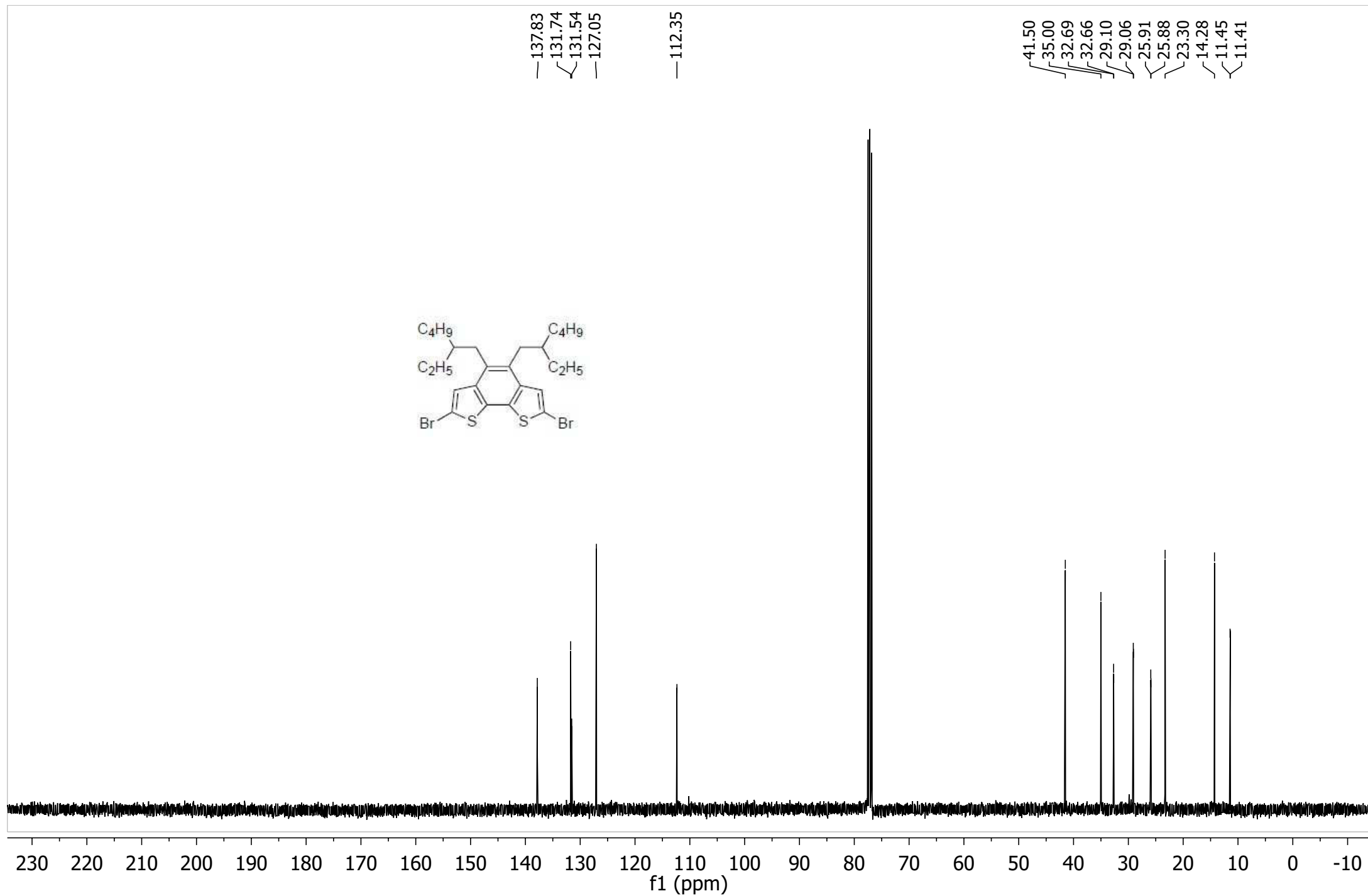




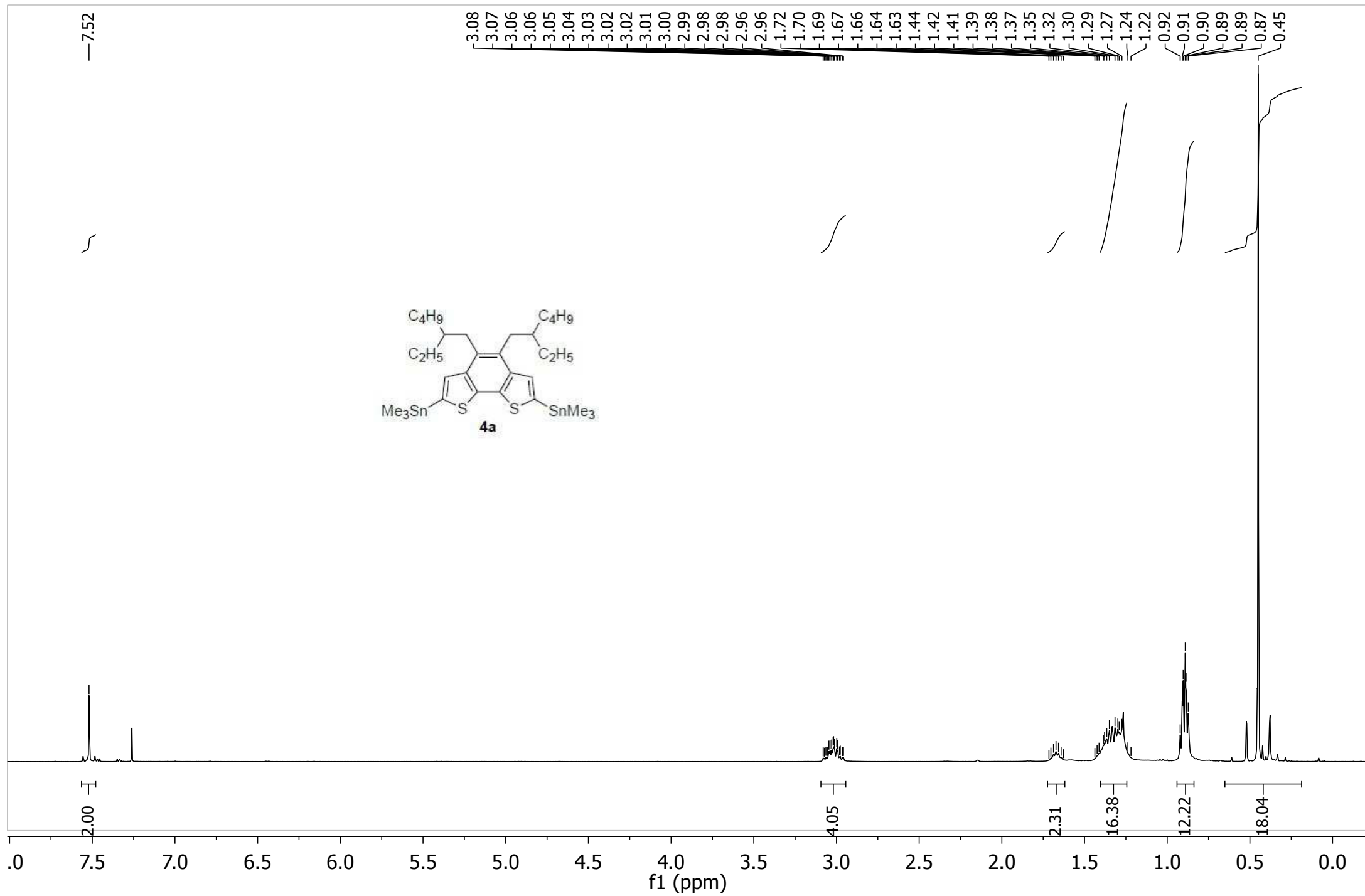


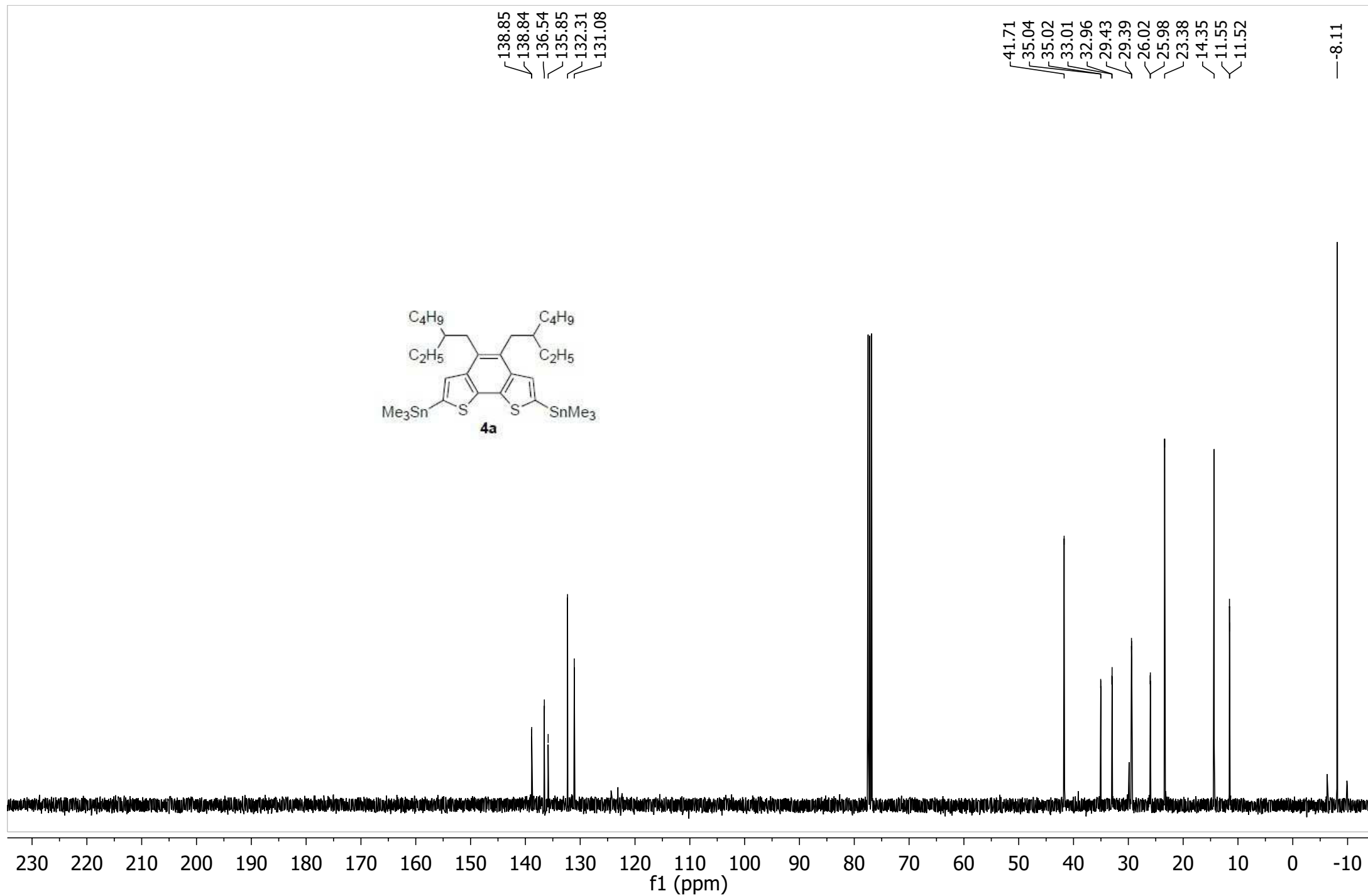


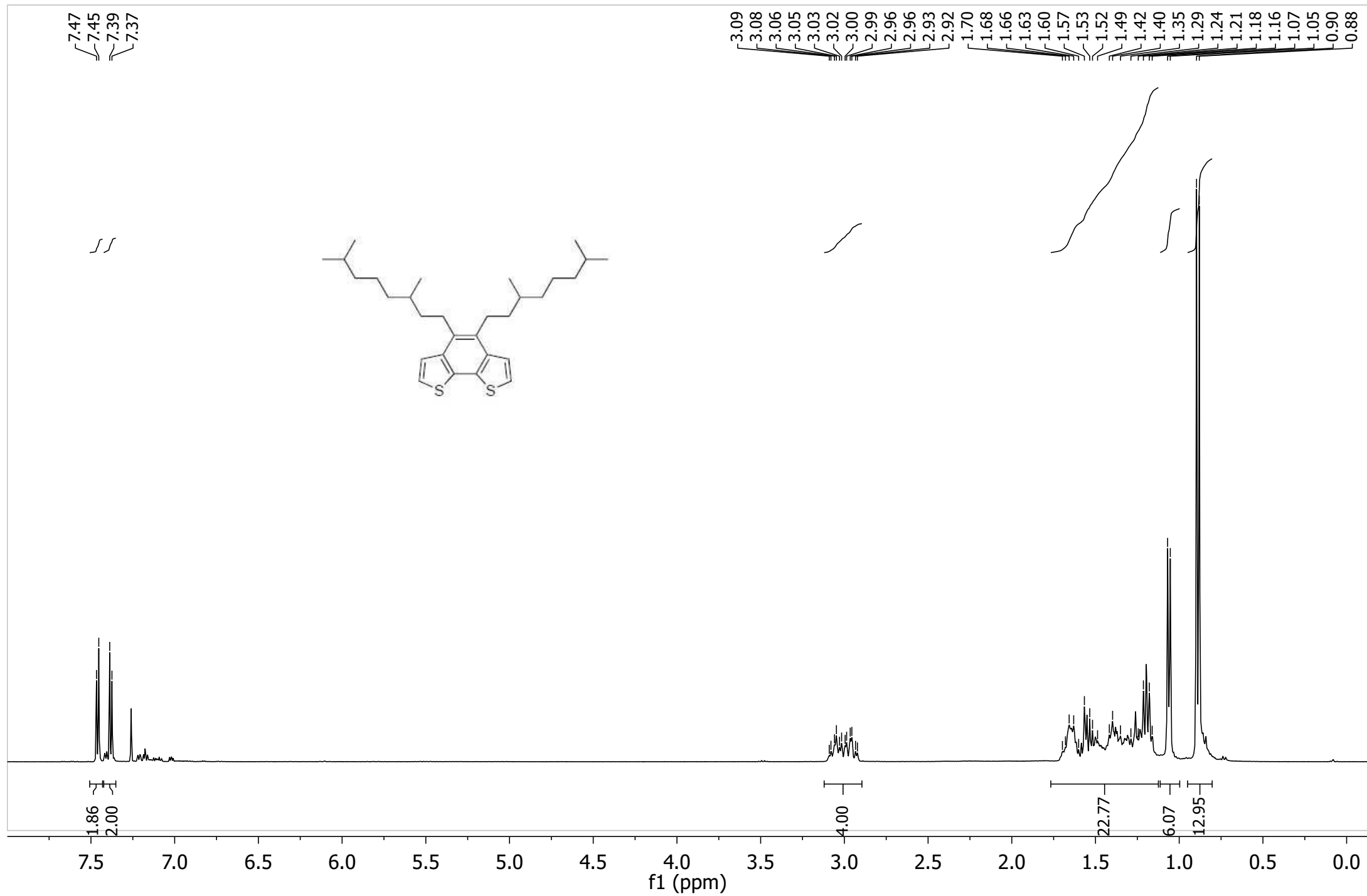




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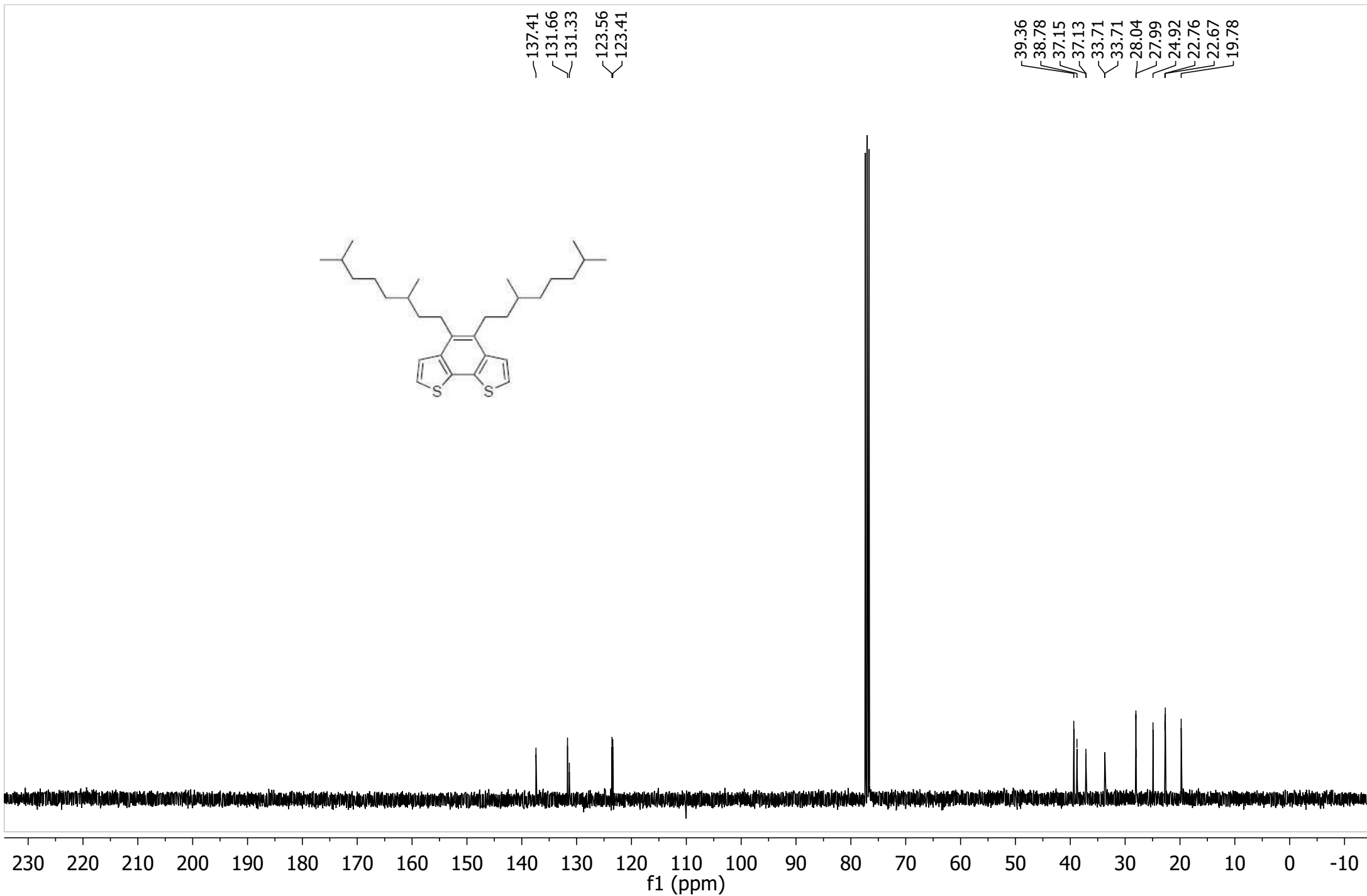
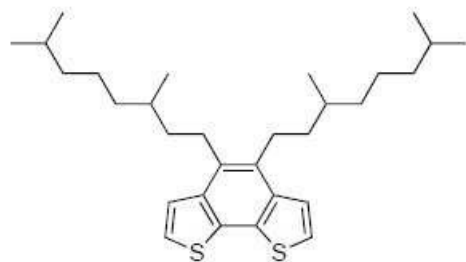


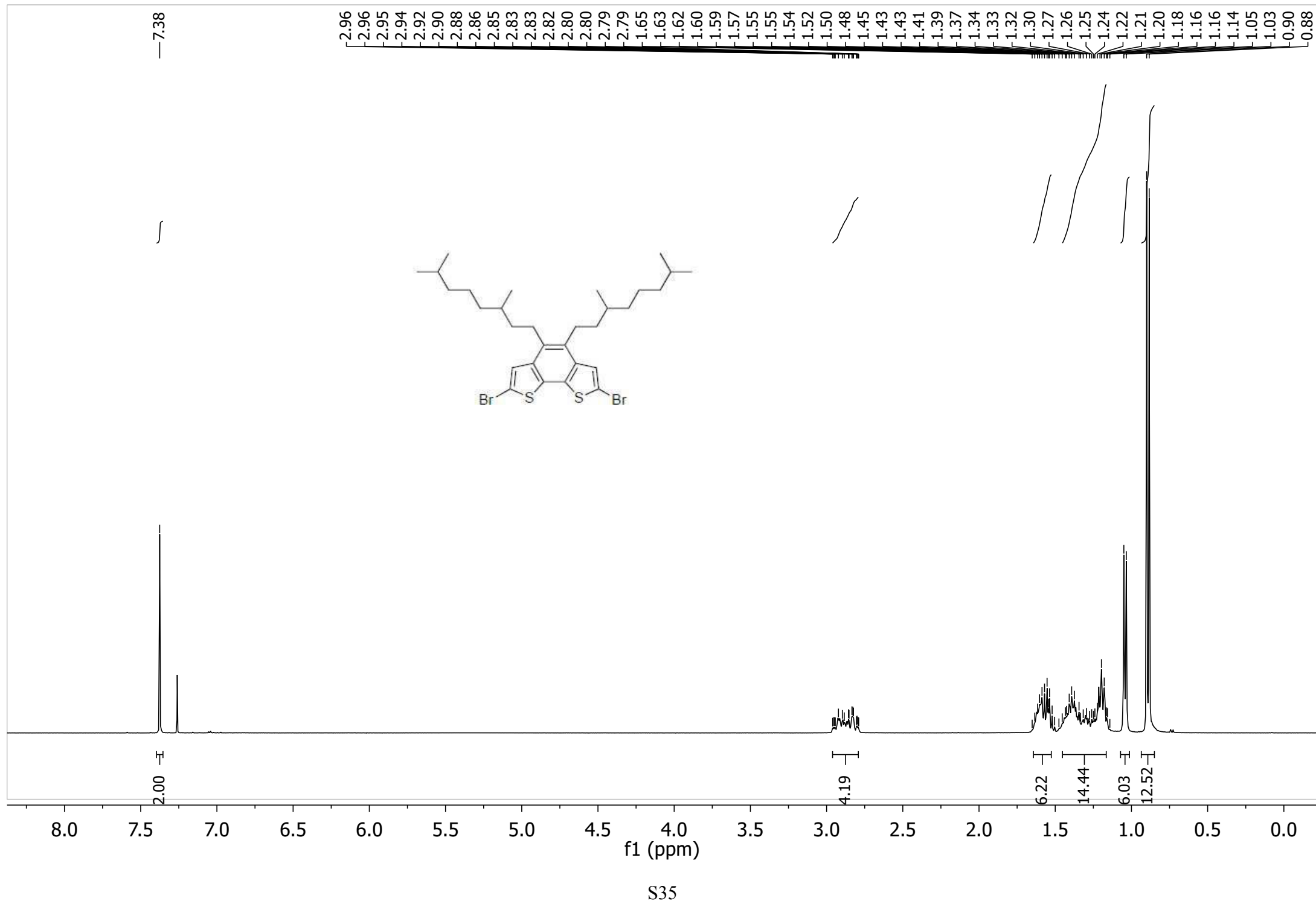


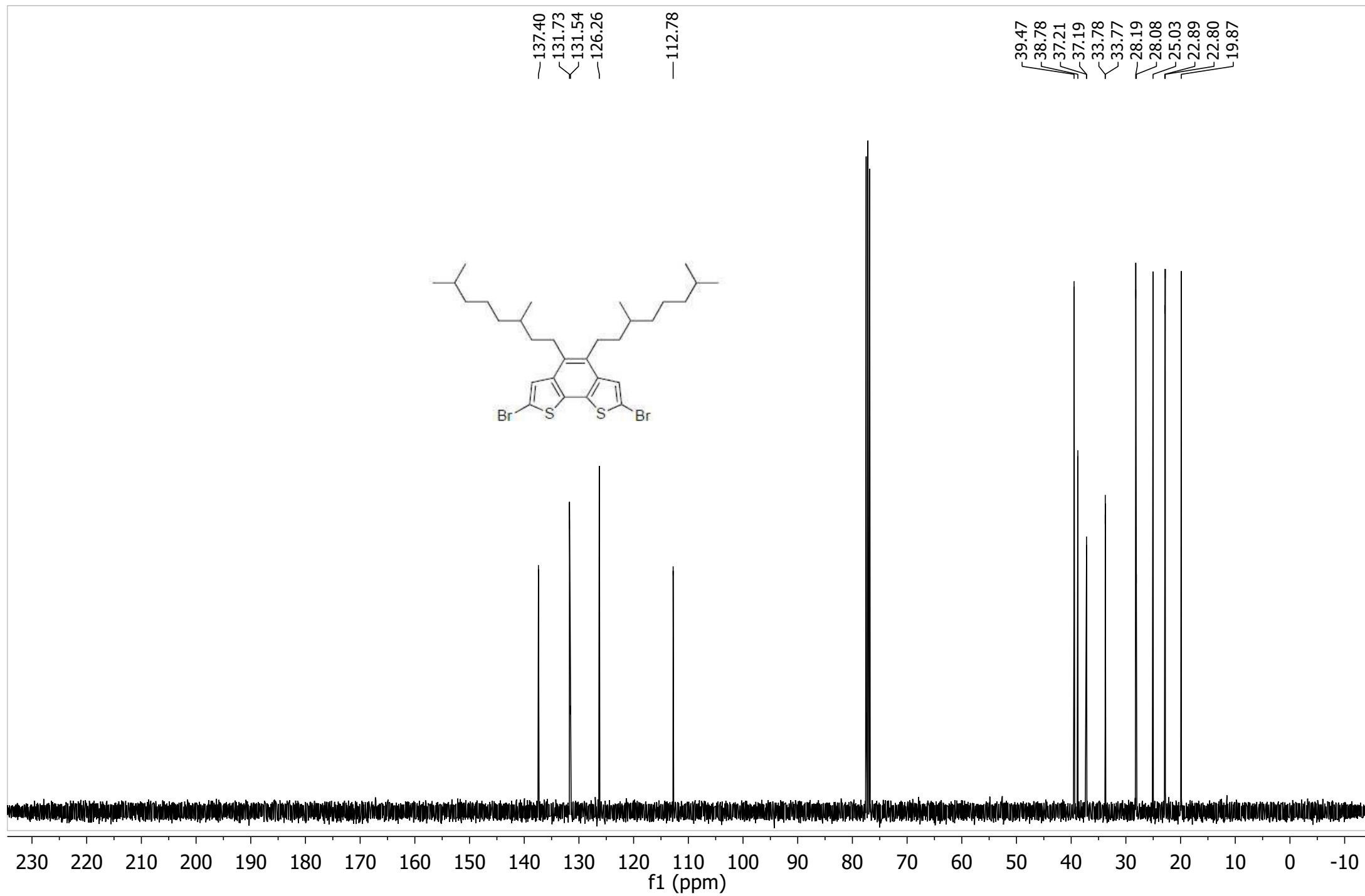


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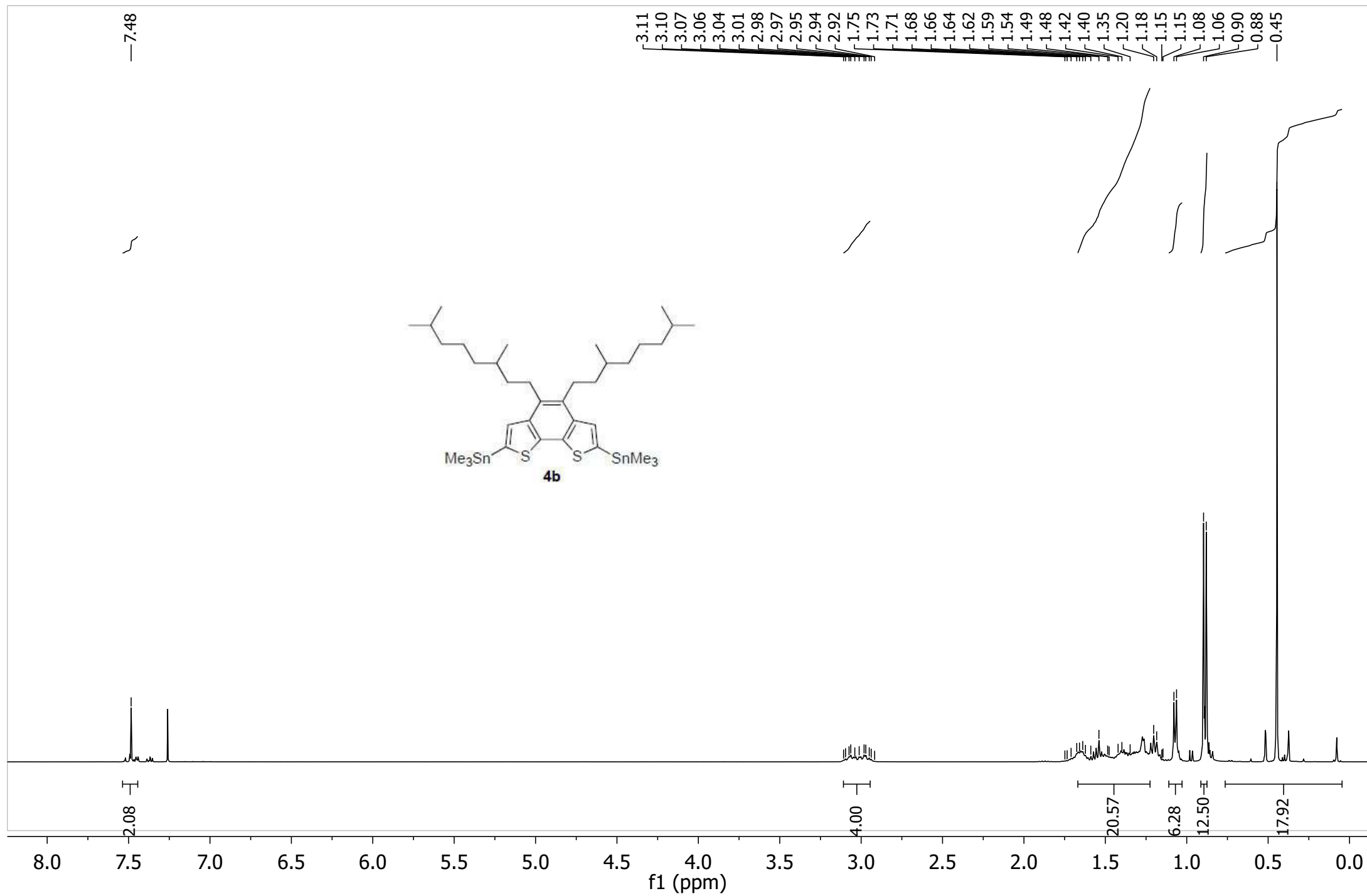
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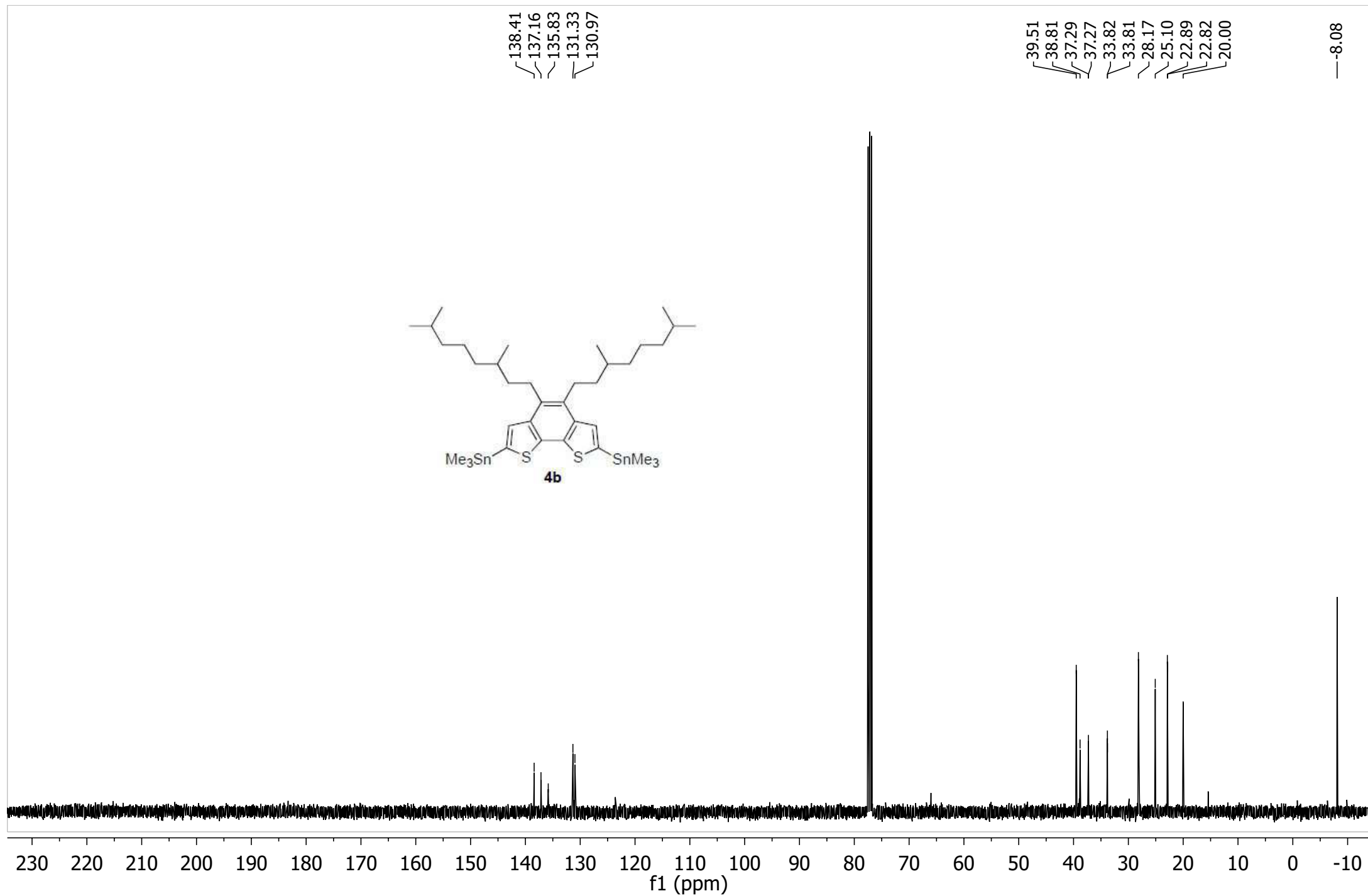


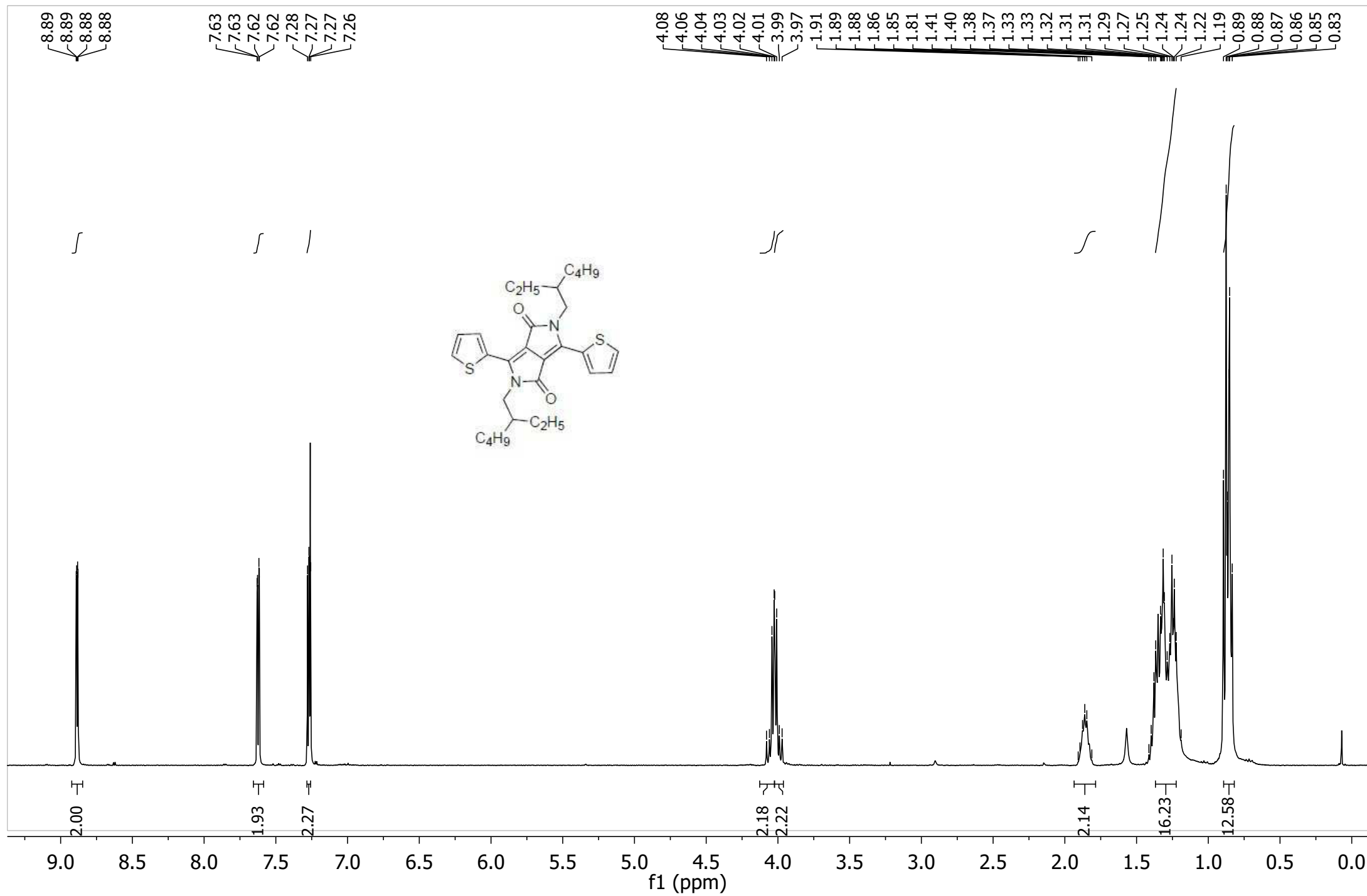


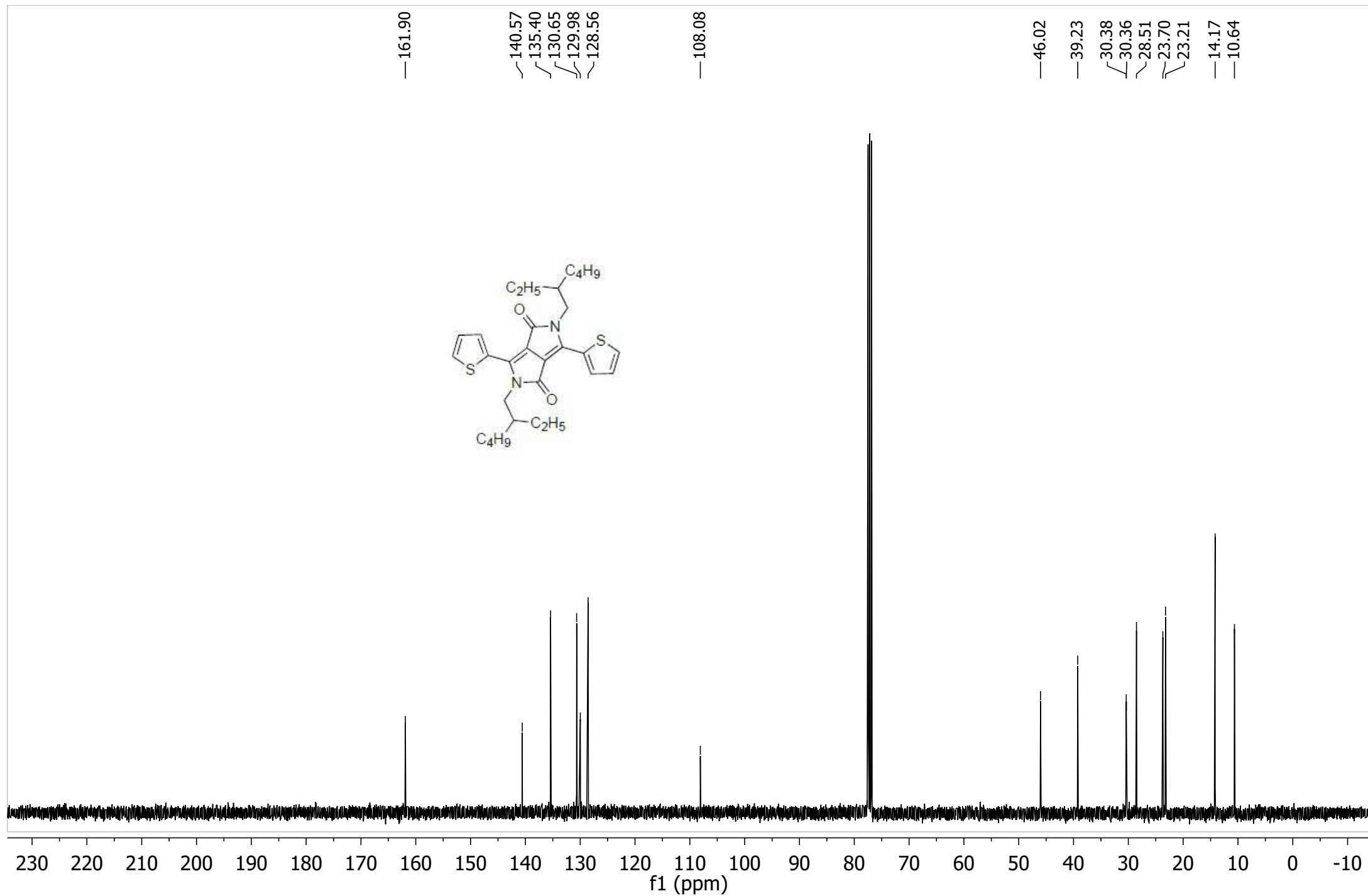


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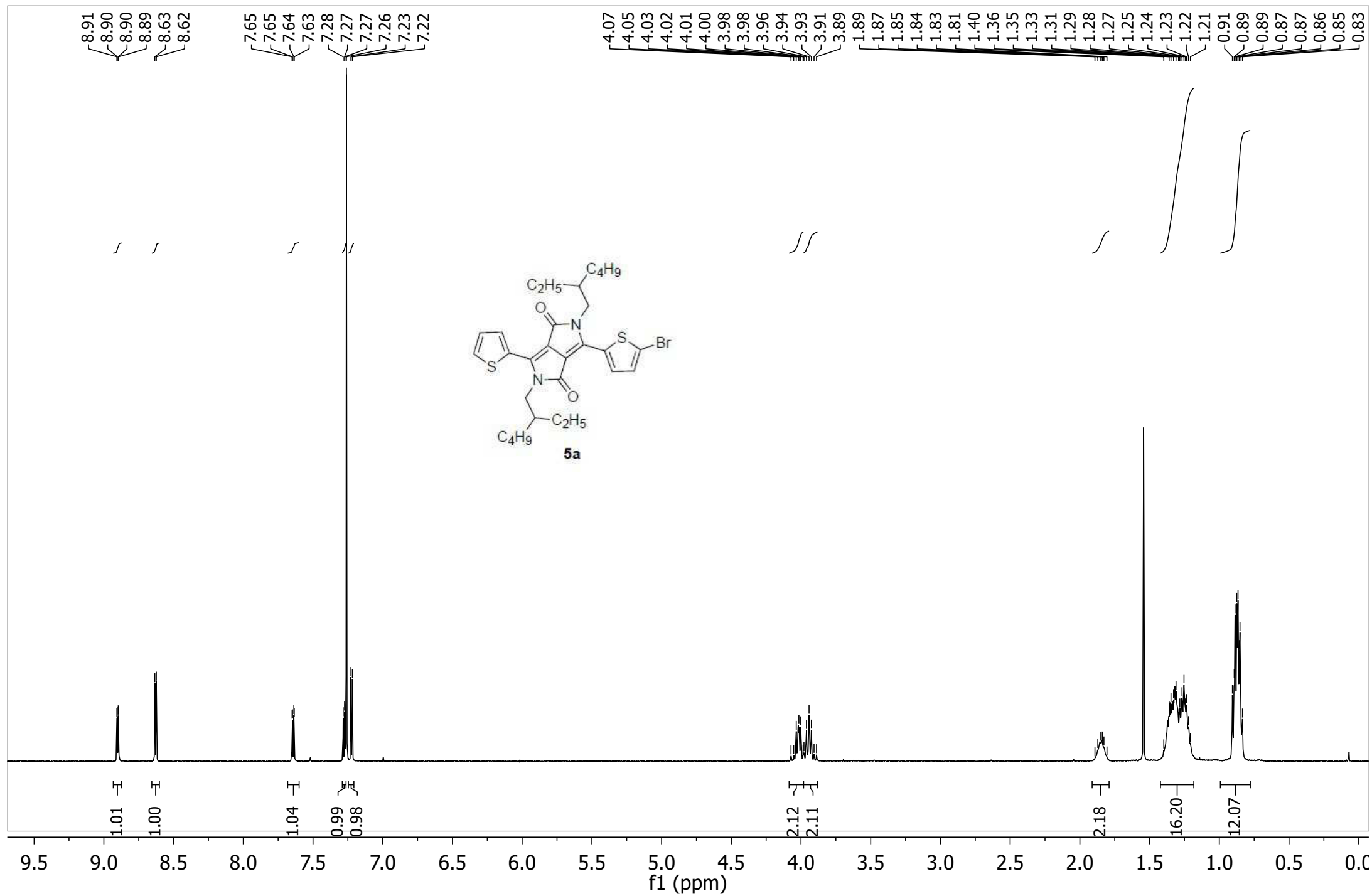


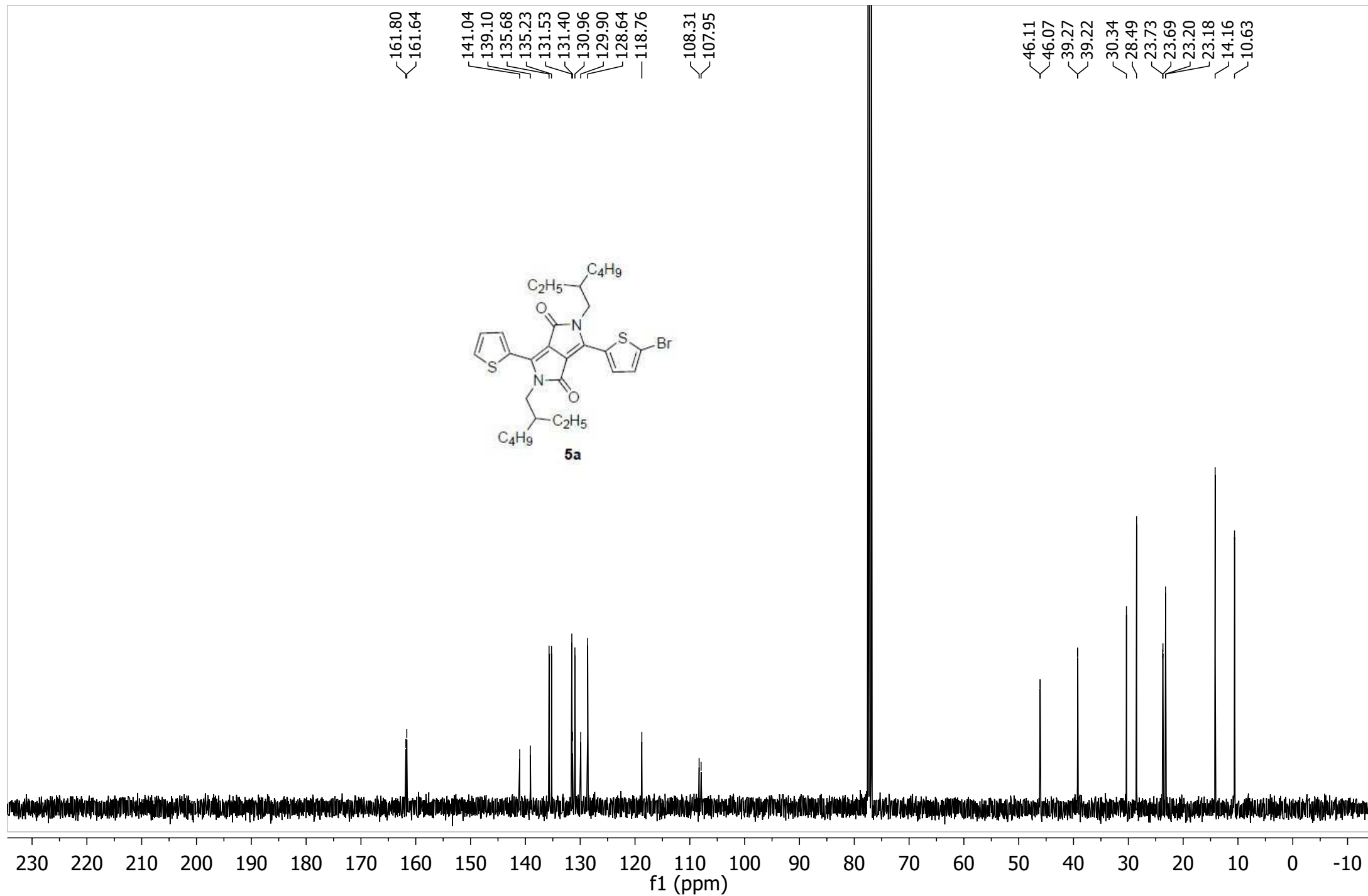


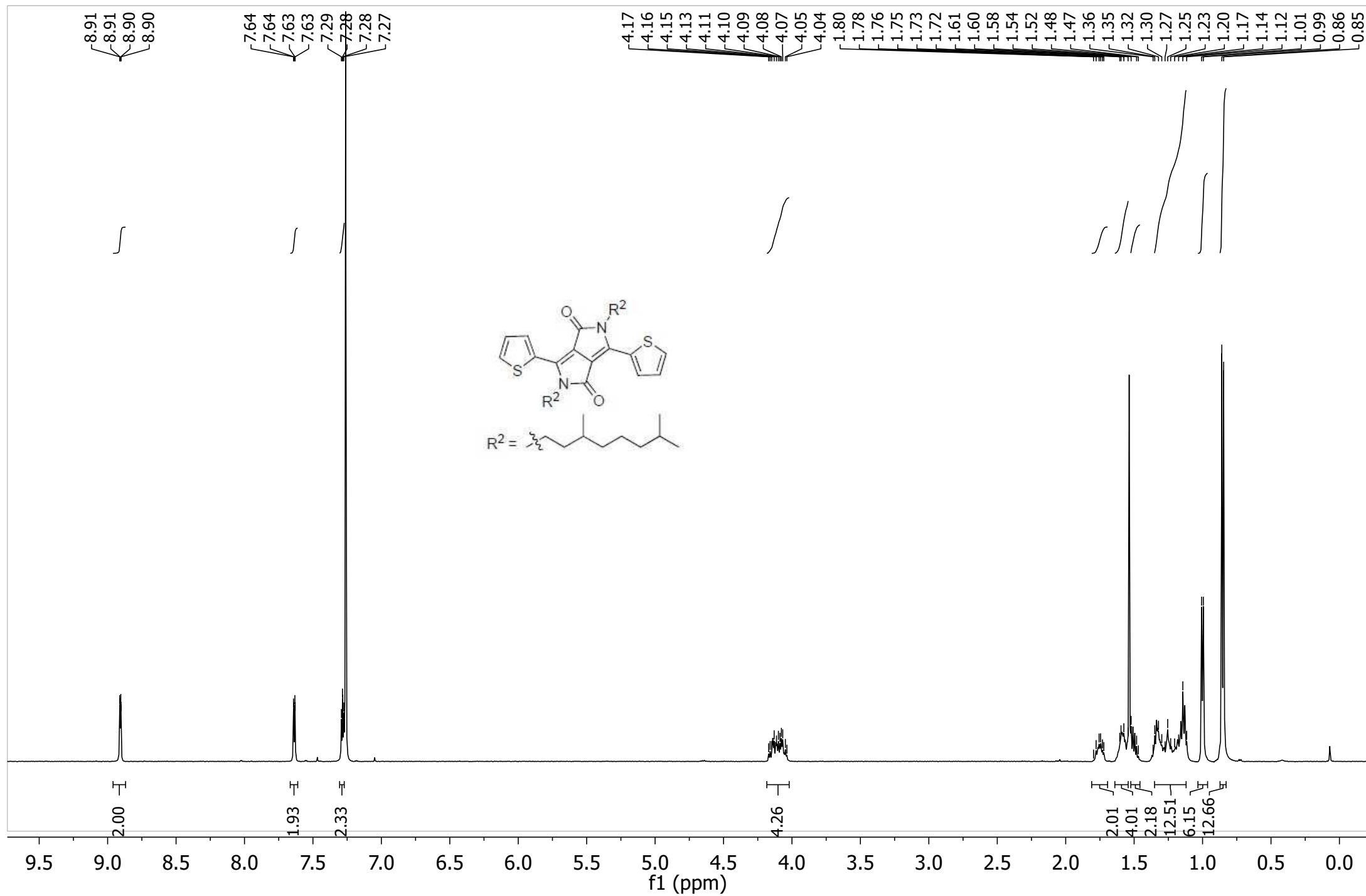


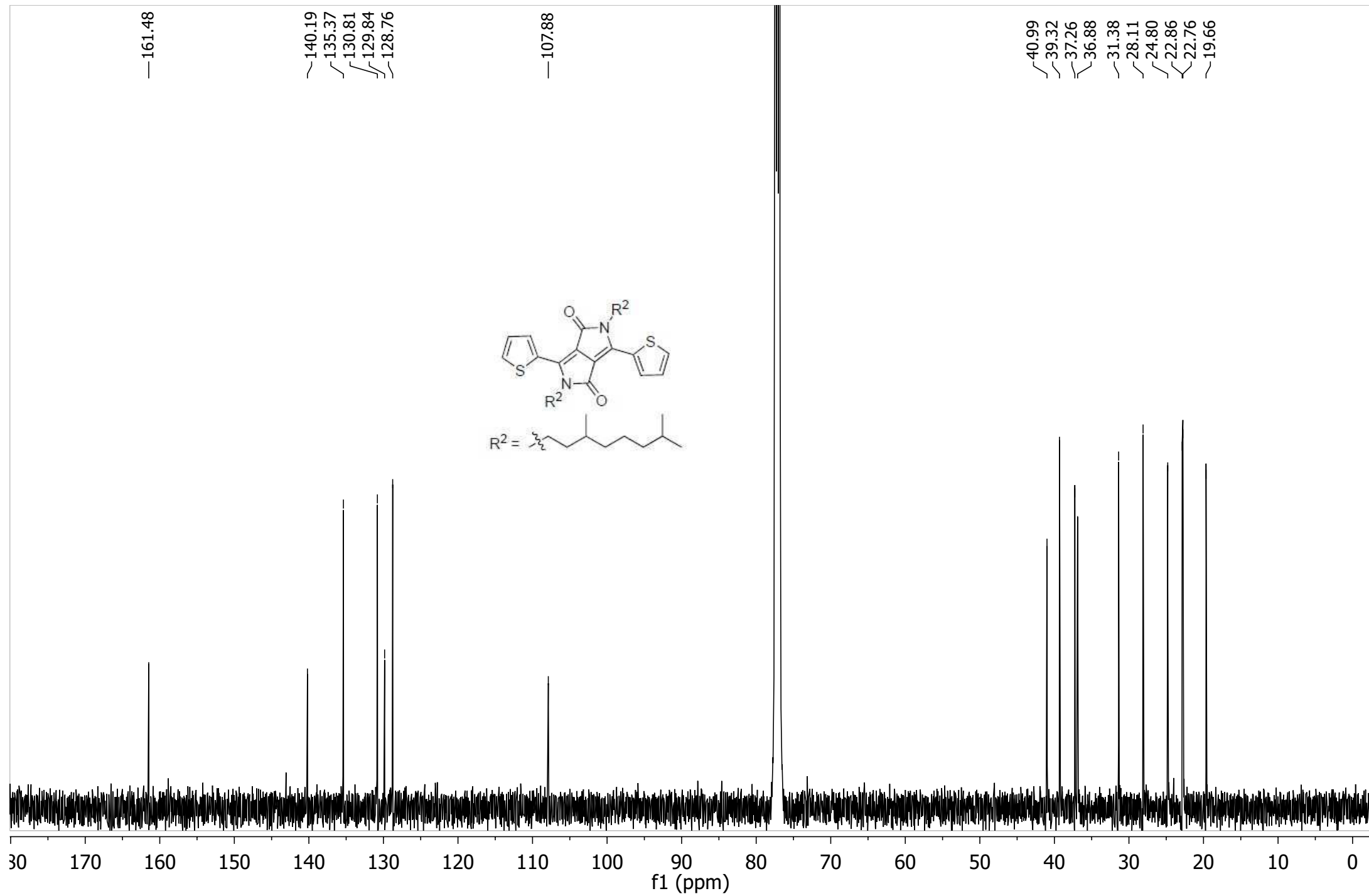


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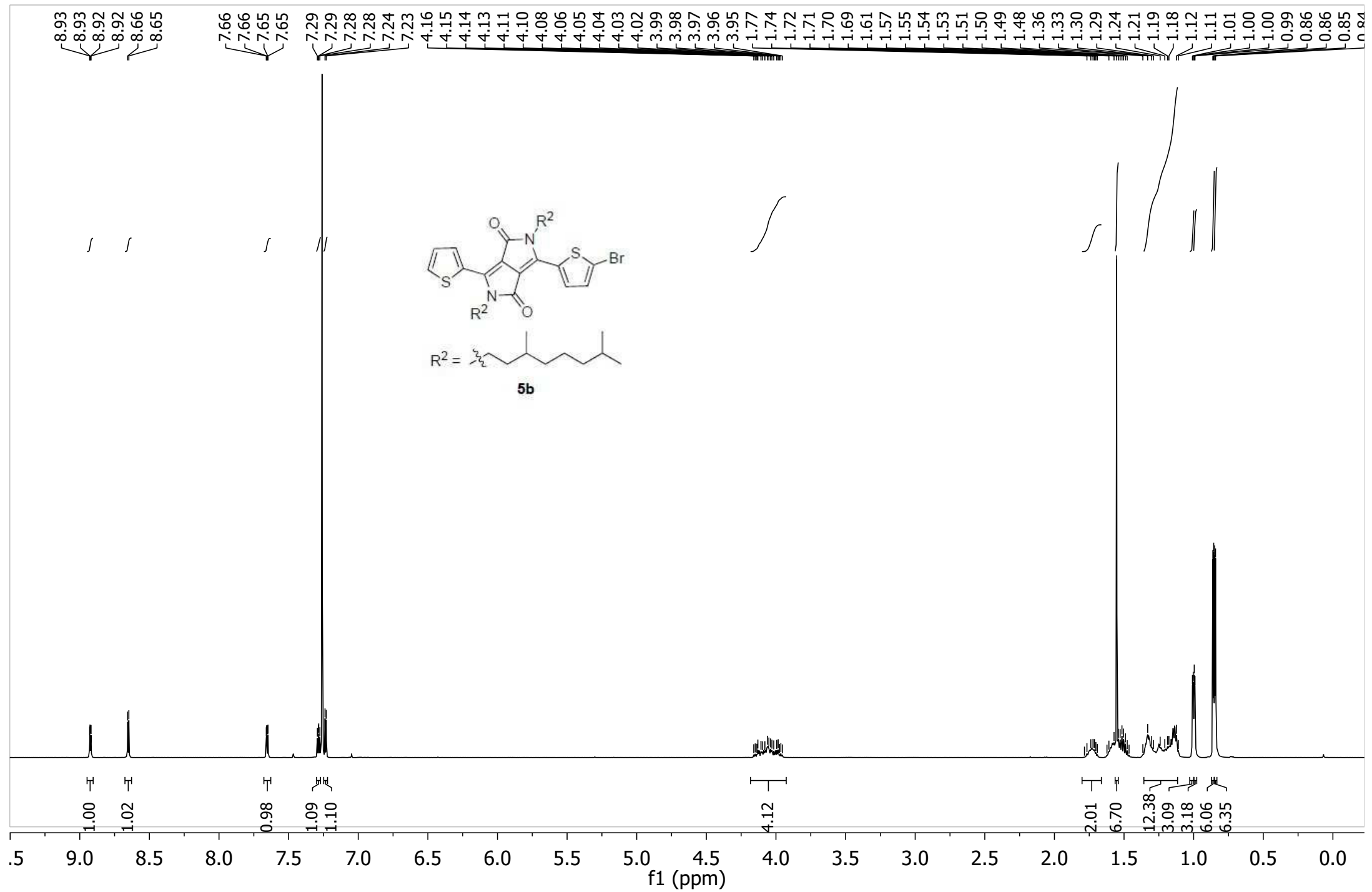


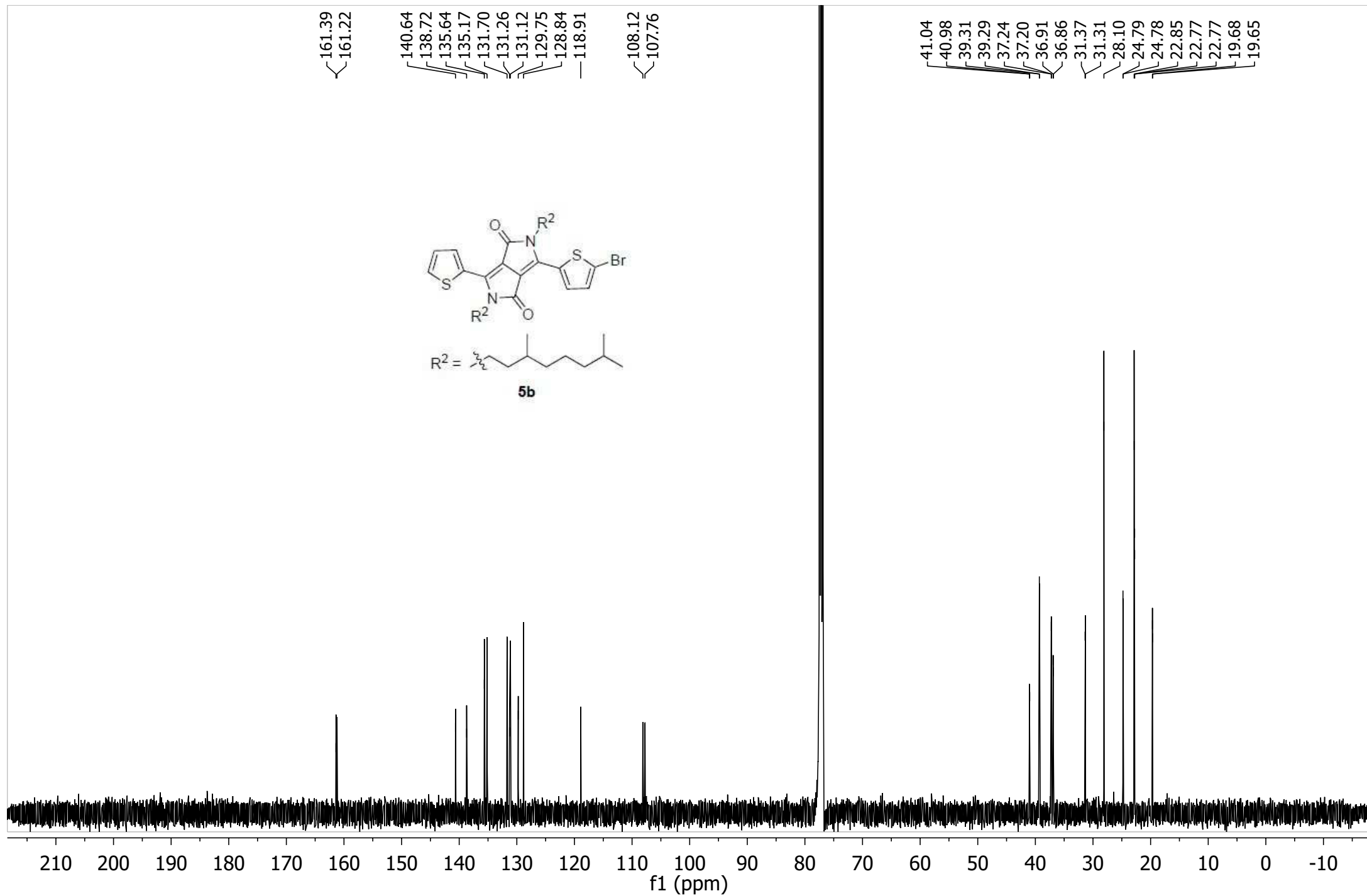


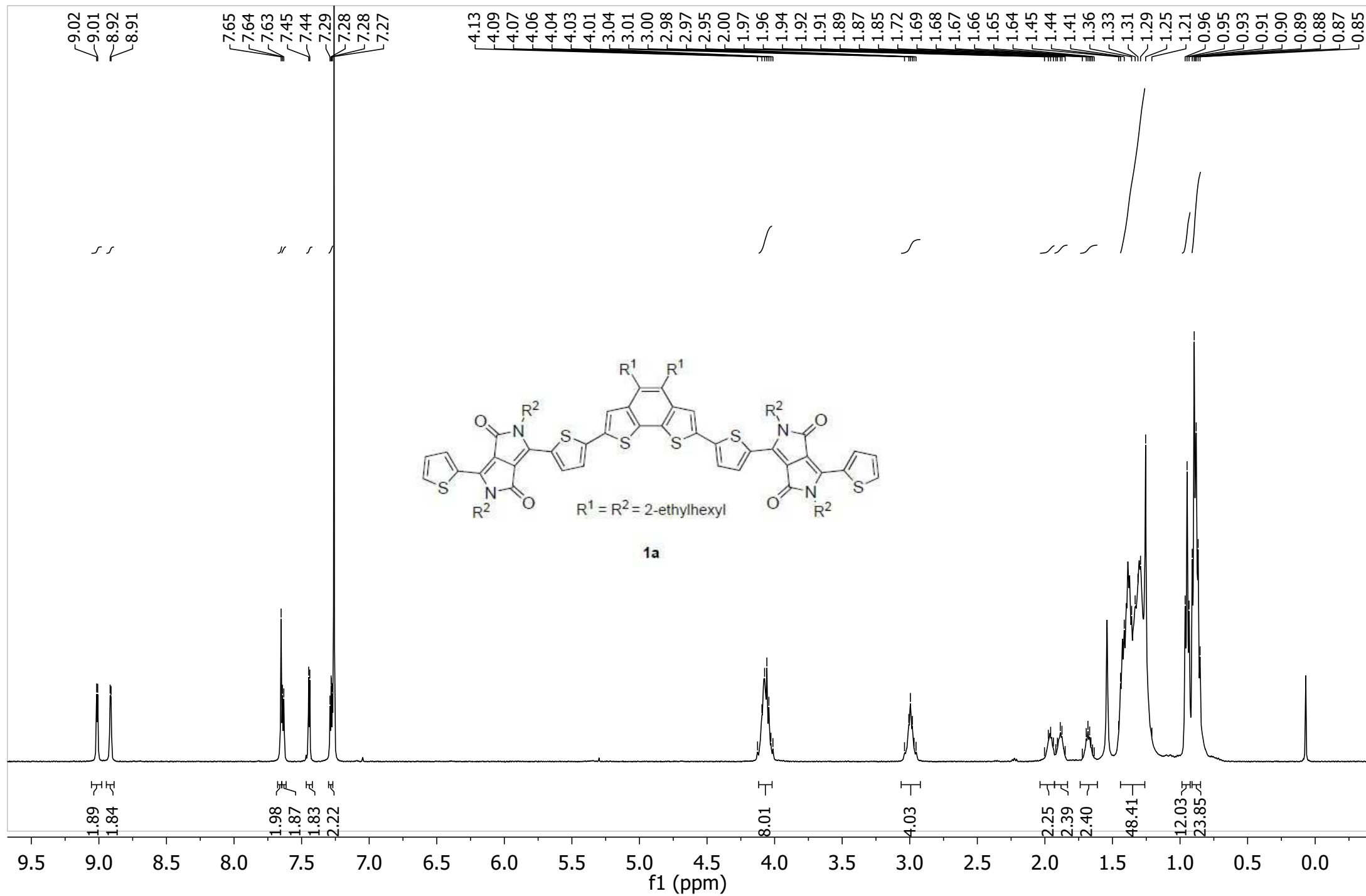




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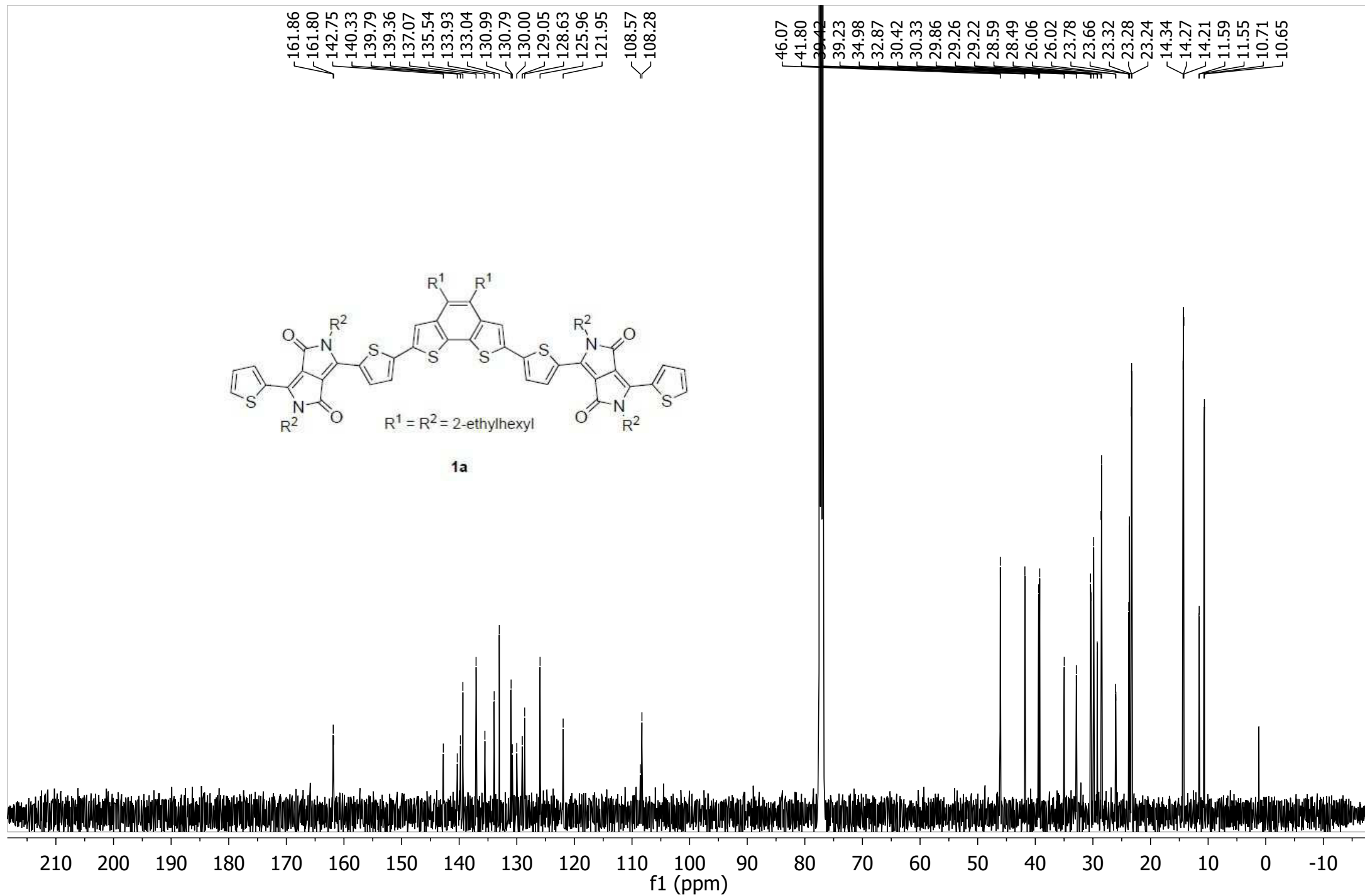




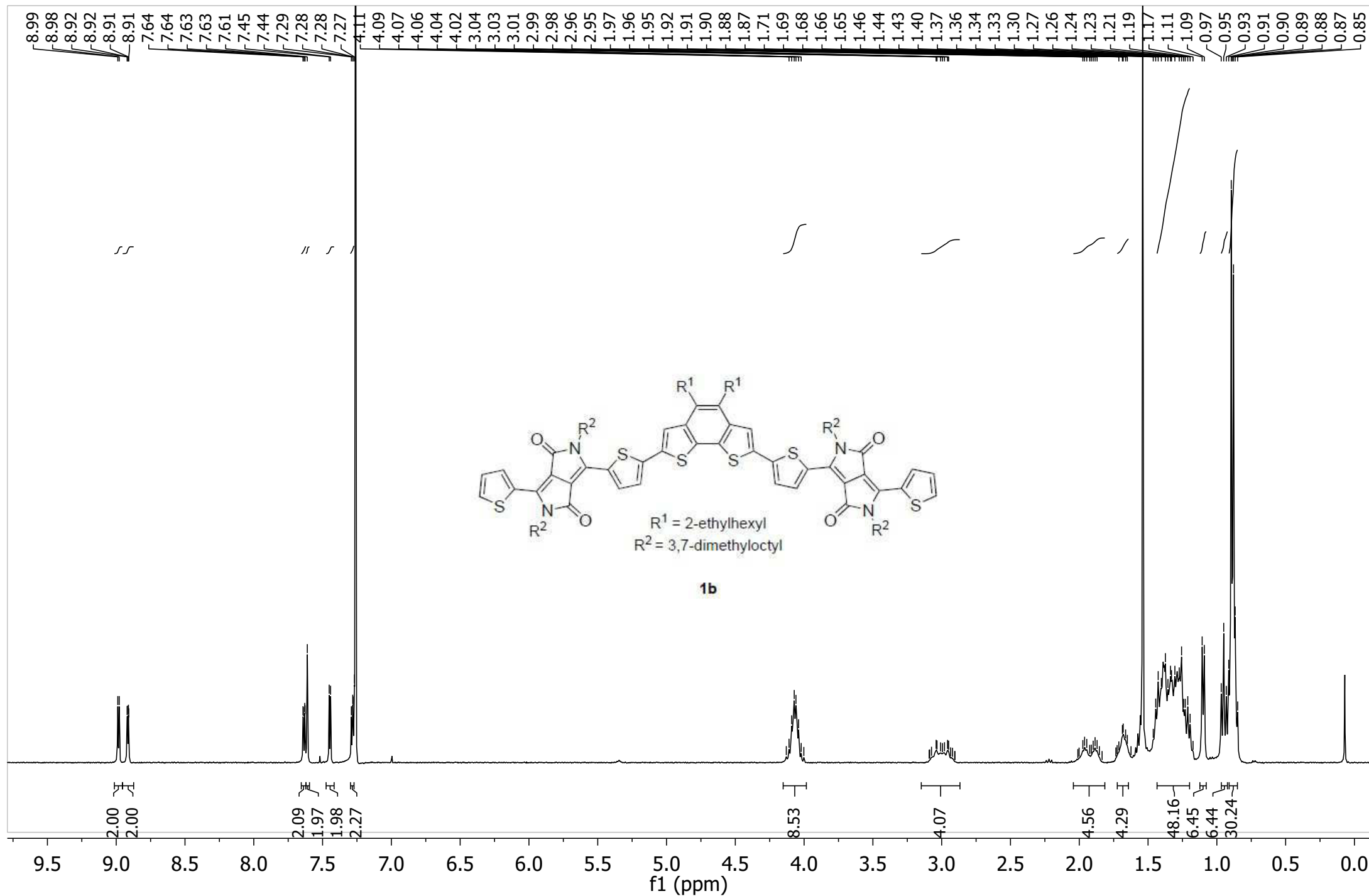


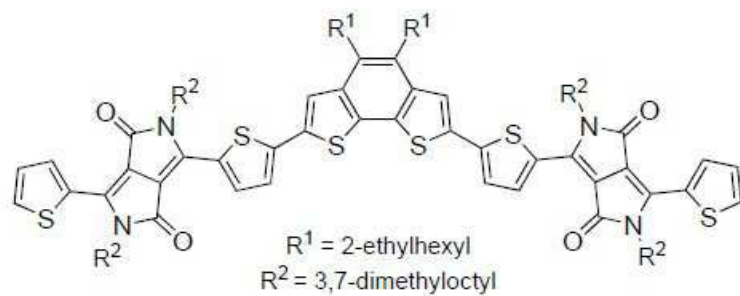
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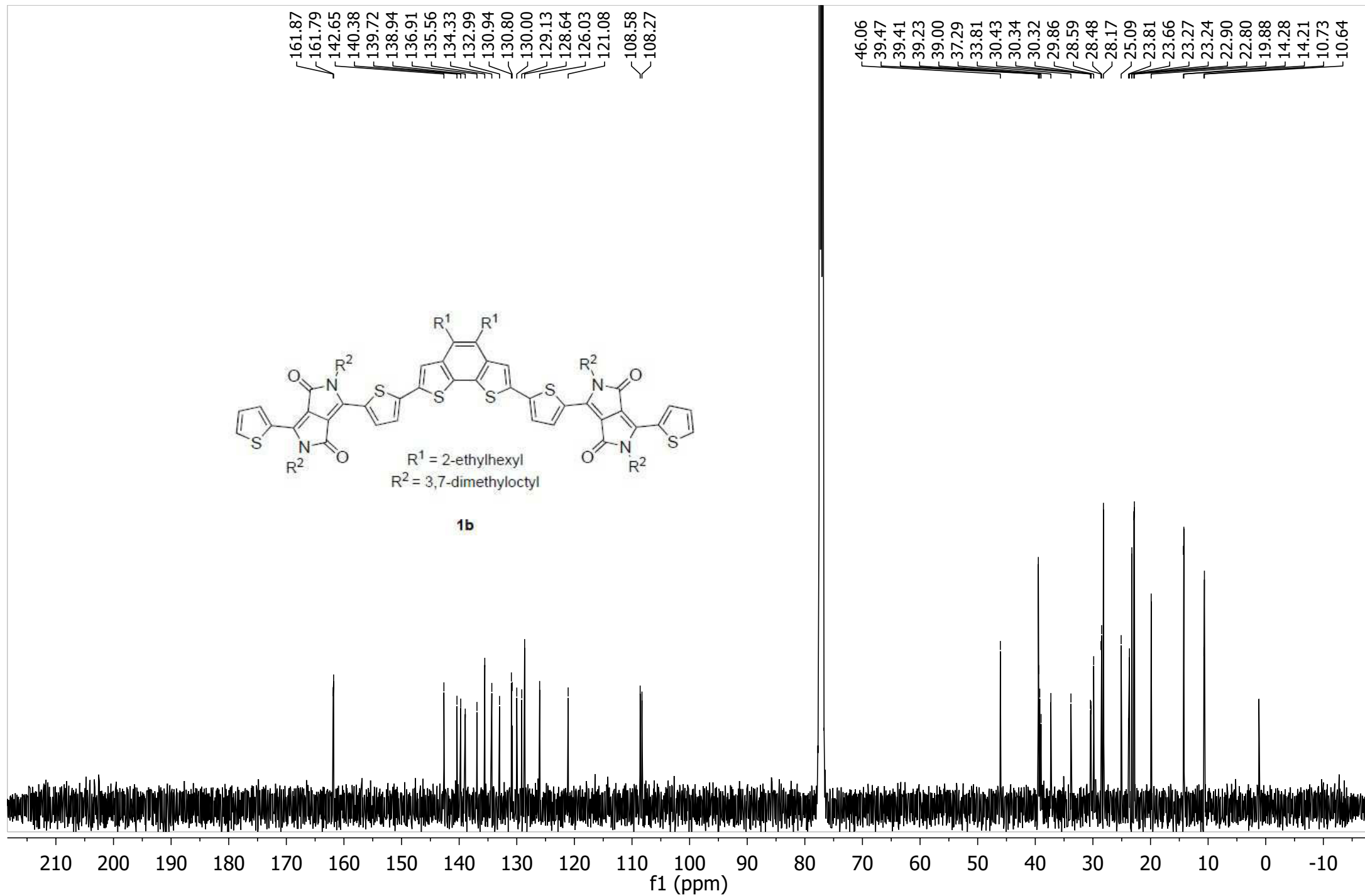


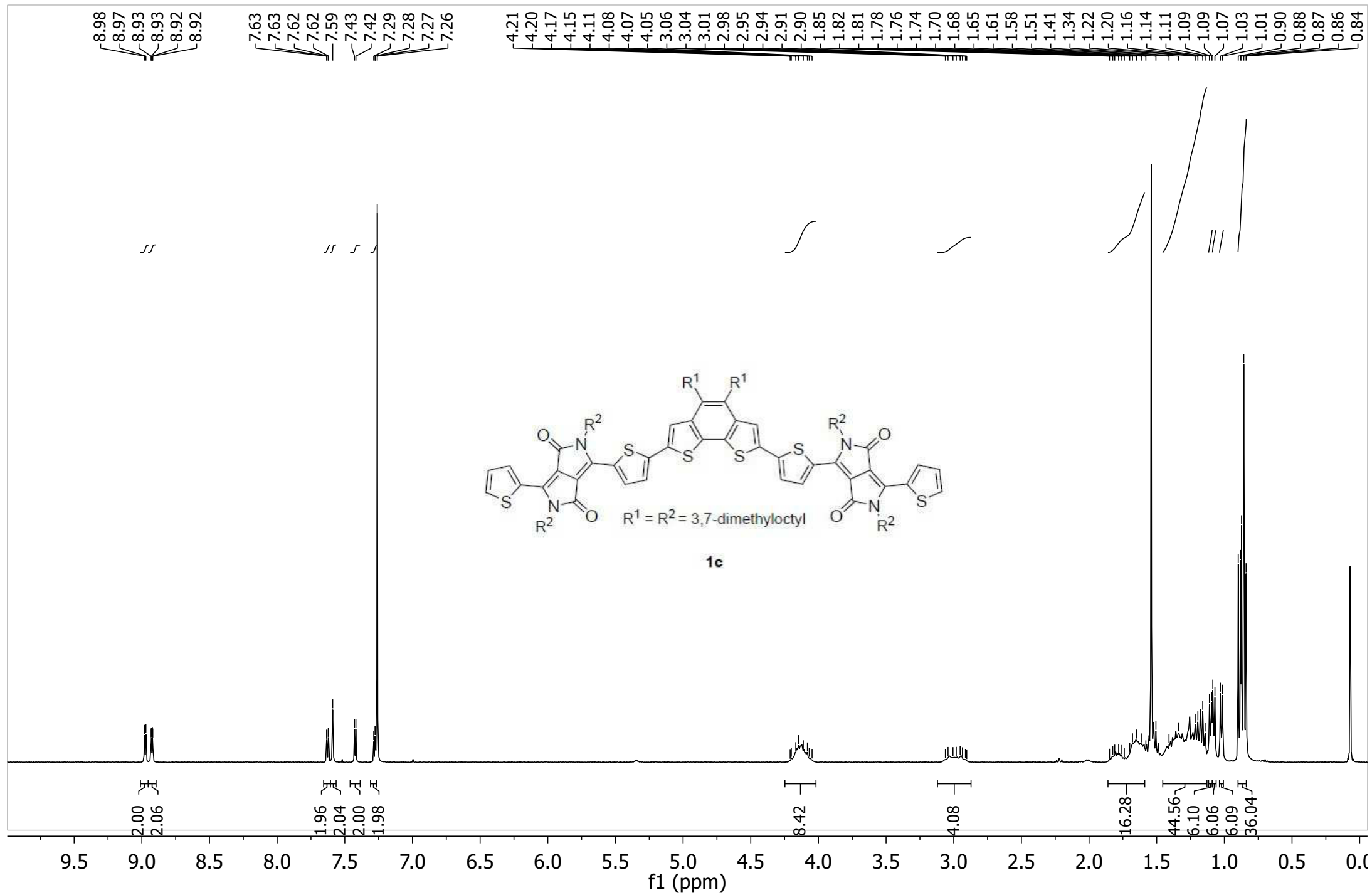
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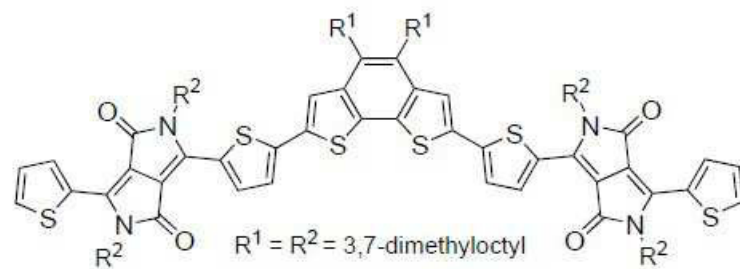




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