

Supplementary Information for

Bis-cyclometallated Ir(III) complexes containing 2-(1*H*-pyrazol-3-yl)pyridine ligands; influence of substituents and cyclometallating ligands on response to changes in pH.

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NMR labelling for iridium complexes

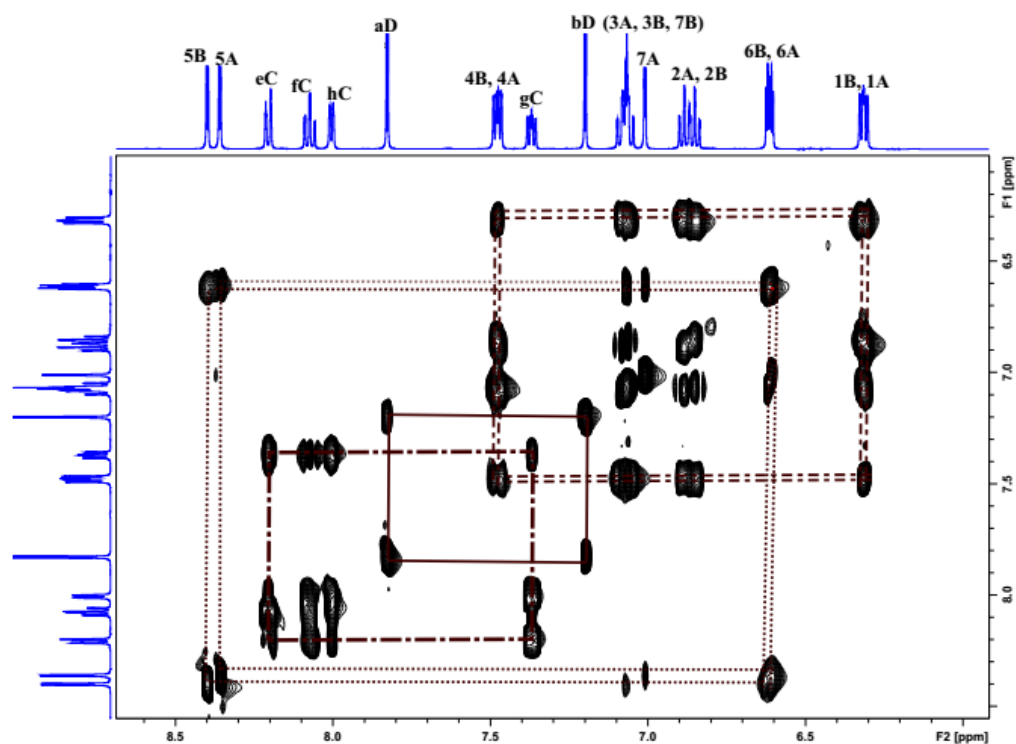
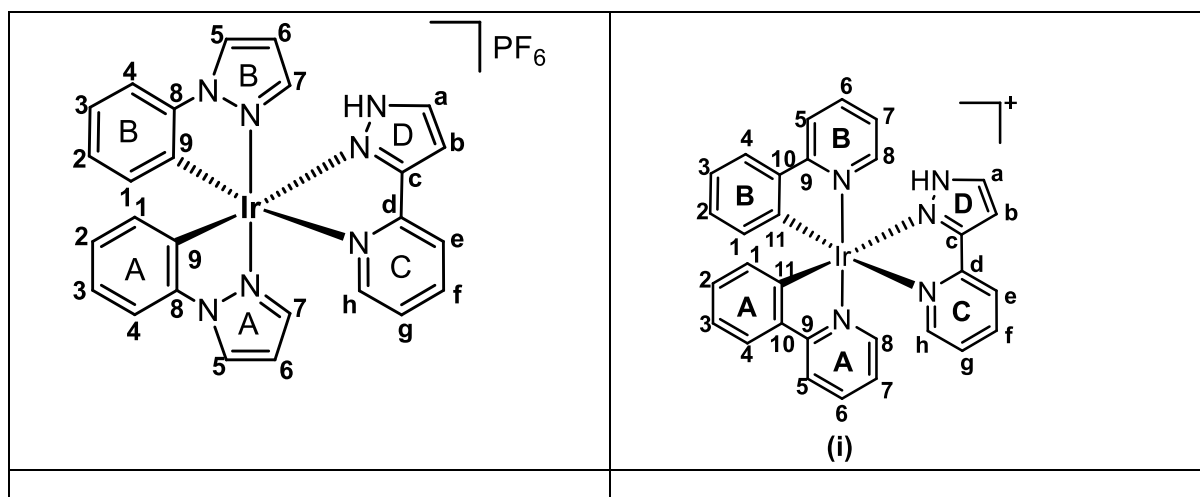


Fig. S1: Region of the TOCSY spectrum of **2aHL₁** showing identification of two cyclometallated phenyls A, B (-----), two pyrazoles A, B (······), one pyridine C (- - - -) and the other pyrazole D (——) ring, (500 MHz, 298 K in CD₃CN).

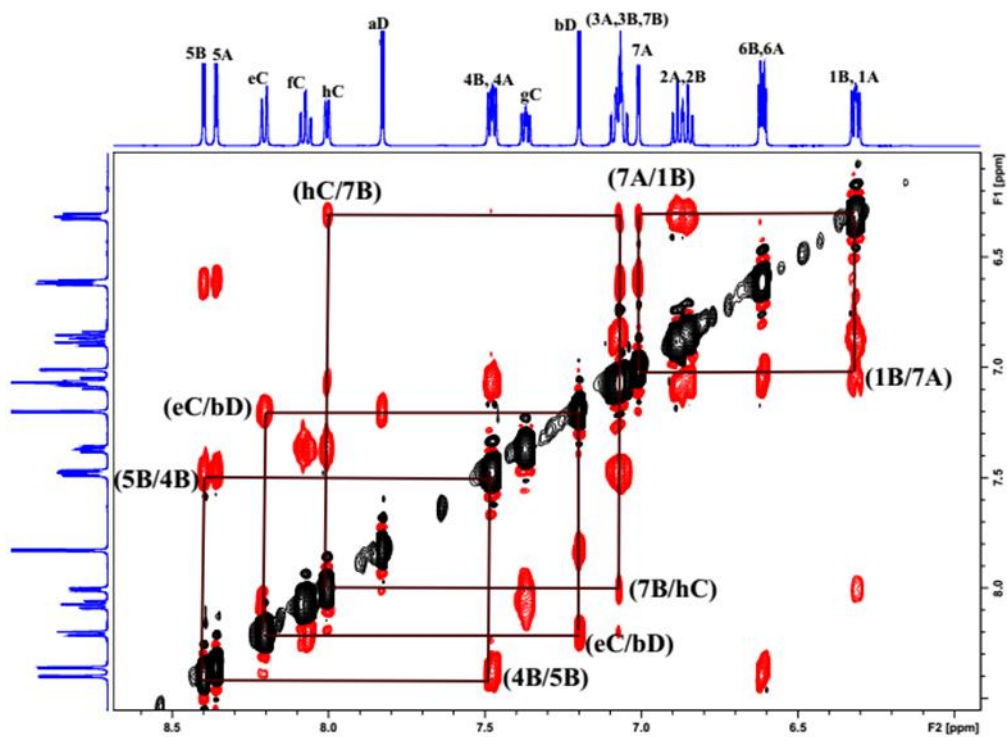


Fig. S2: NOESY spectrum of **2aHL₁** showing some key NOEs (500 MHz, 298 K in CD₃CN).

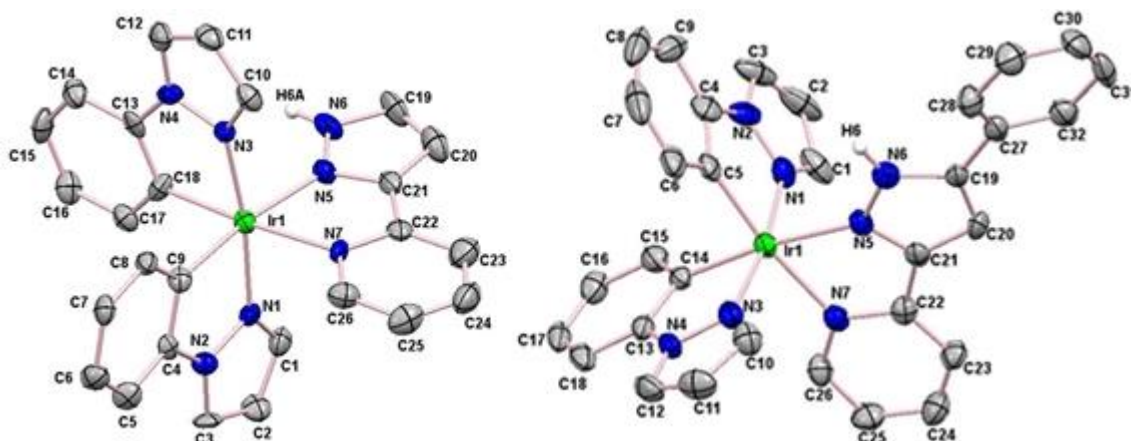


Fig S3 X-ray crystal structure of the cations of **2aHL₁** and **2aHL₃** showing 50% ellipsoids, the hydrogens (except NH) have been omitted for clarity.

Table S1: Selected bond lengths (Å) and angles (°) for **2aHL₁**, **2aHL₂**, **2aHL₃** and **3aL₂**.

(Å)	2aHL₁	2aHL₂	2aHL₃	3aL₂
Ir(1)—N(1)	2.036(7)	2.033(10)	2.014(5) ^a	2.025(6)
Ir(1)—N(3)	2.031(6)	2.033(9)	2.005(6) ^b	2.015(7)
Ir(1)—N(5)	2.116(7)	2.175(8)	2.121(5)	2.122(6)
Ir(1)—N(7)	2.148(6)	2.160(8)	2.148(5)	2.148(6)
Ir(1)—C(9)	2.024(8)	1.989(10)	2.015(6) ^c	2.022(7)
Ir(1)—C(18)	2.039(8)	2.005(10)	2.008(7) ^d	1.992(8)
(°)				
N(1)—Ir(1)—C(9)	80.2(3)	79.8(4)	80.1(2) ^e	80.9(3)
N(3)—Ir(1)—C(18)	80.3(3)	79.6(4)	80.3(3) ^f	80.0(3)
N(5)—Ir(1)—N(7)	75.1(3)	75.7(3)	75.7(2)	76.8(2)

Note the labelling for **2aHL₃** is different the bond lengths shown are those that correspond to the ones in the other structures the actual labels are ^a labelled Ir(1)—N(3), ^b labelled Ir(1)—N(1), ^c labelled Ir(1)—C(14), ^d labelled Ir(1)—C(5), ^e labelled N(3)—Ir(1)—C(14), and ^f labelled N(1)—Ir(1)—C(5)

Fig. S4 X-Ray crystal structures for the cations of **2cHL**₁₋₂ showing 50% ellipsoids. All hydrogen atoms (except NH) have been omitted for clarity.

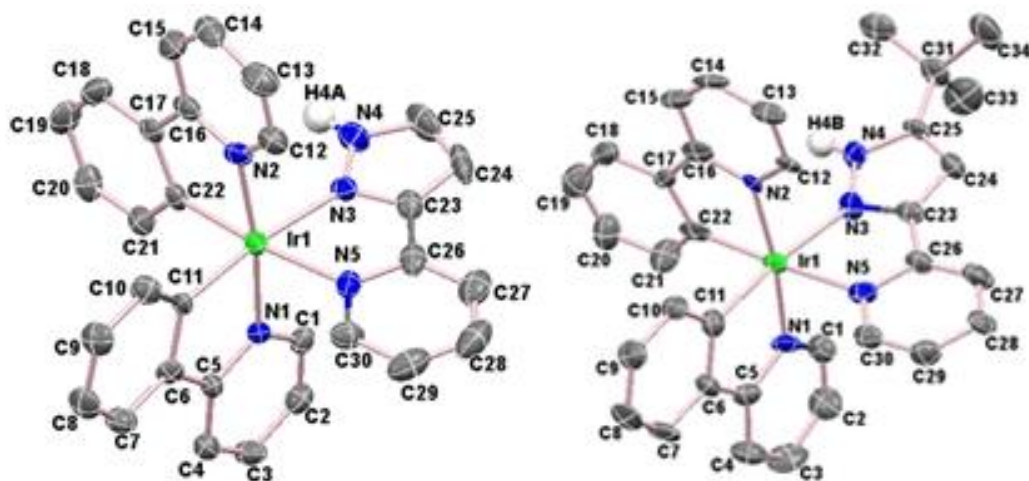


Table S2: Selected bond lengths (Å) and angles (°) for **2cHL**₁, **2cHL**₂^a, **2cHL**₃ and **3cL**₃.

(Å)	2cHL ₁	2cHL ₂ ^a	2cHL ₃	3cL ₃
Ir(1)—N(1)	2.052(5)	2.031(10)	2.056(4)	2.022(7)
Ir(1)—N(2)	2.036(5)	2.050(10)	2.062(4)	2.033(7)
Ir(1)—N(3)	2.119(5)	2.150(9)	2.149(4)	2.088(7)
Ir(1)—N(5)	2.159(6)	2.173(10)	2.170(4)	2.147(8)
Ir(1)—C(11)	2.009(6)	2.026(12)	2.014(5)	2.021(10)
Ir(1)—C(22)	2.006(7)	2.002(13)	2.010(5)	1.999(9)
(°)				
N(1)—Ir(1)—C(11)	80.2(2)	80.5(4)	81.0(2)	81.5(4)
N(2)—Ir(1)—C(22)	80.5(3)	80.7(4)	81.2(2)	81.6(4)
N(3)—Ir(1)—N(5)	75.1(2)	75.7(4)	74.8(2)	75.6(3)

^a Average of two independent molecules in the unit cell

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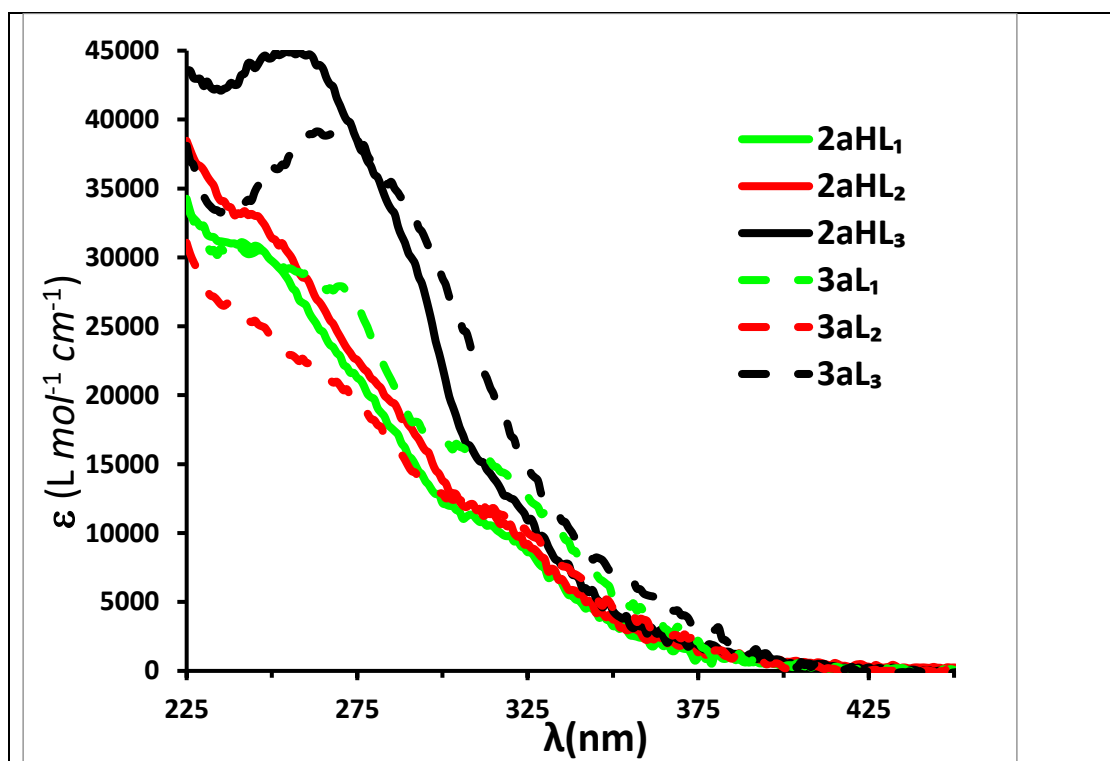


Fig. S5: Absorption spectra of cationic and neutral complexes **2aHL**₁₋₃ (—) and **3aL**₁₋₃ (---), respectively, in MeCN at 0.02 mM at room temperature.

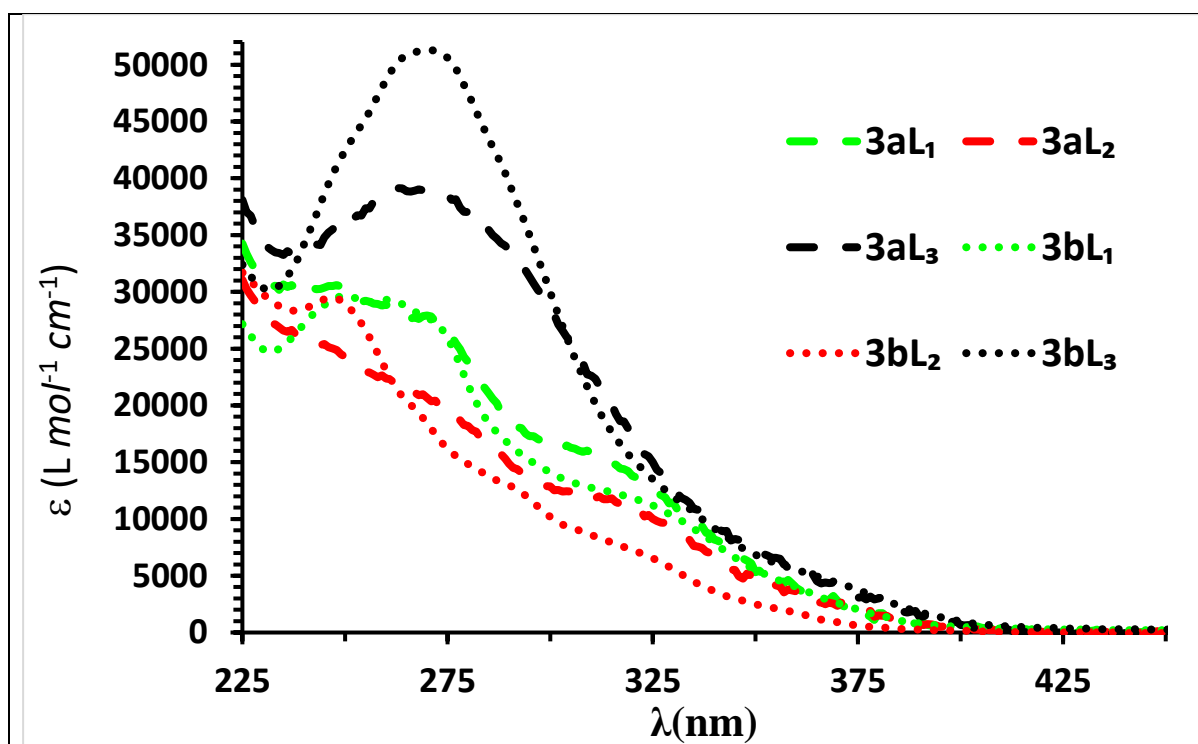


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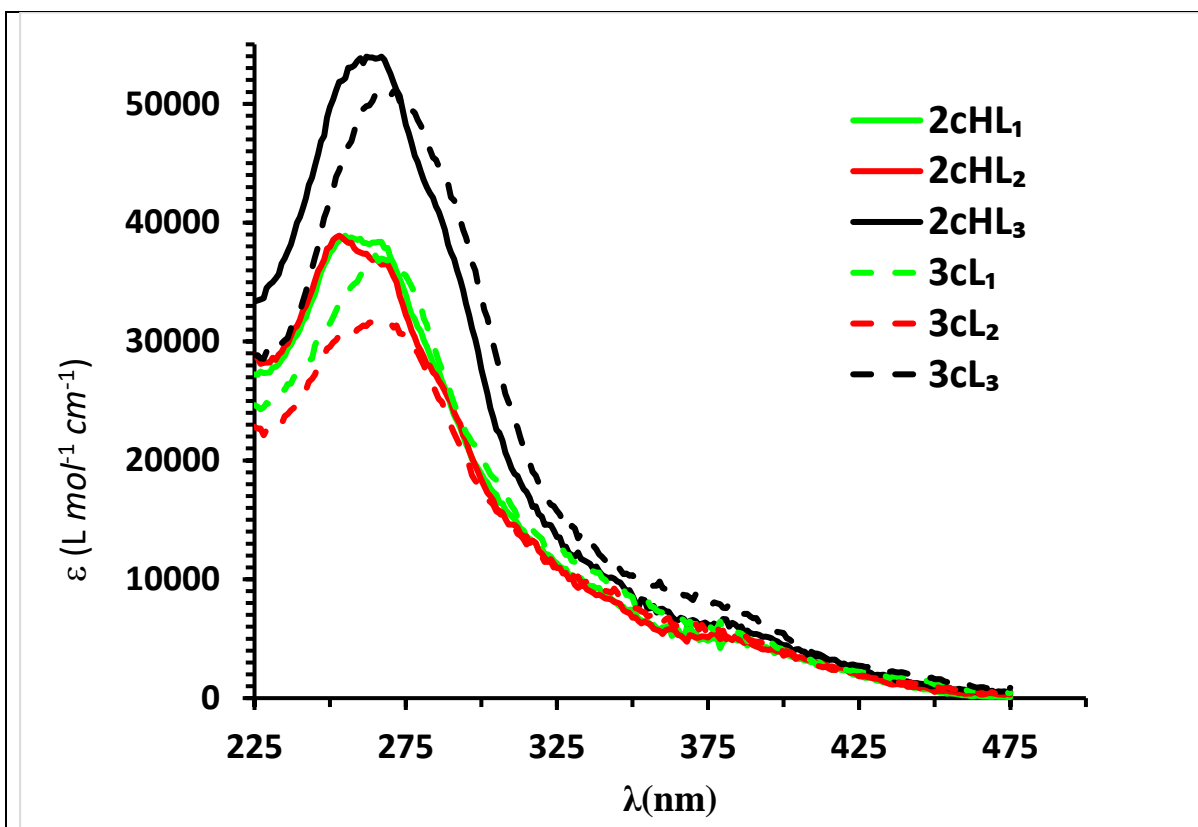


Fig. S7: Absorption spectra of cationic and neutral complexes 2cHL_{1-3} (—) and 3cL_{1-3} (---), respectively, in MeCN at 0.02 mM at room temperature.

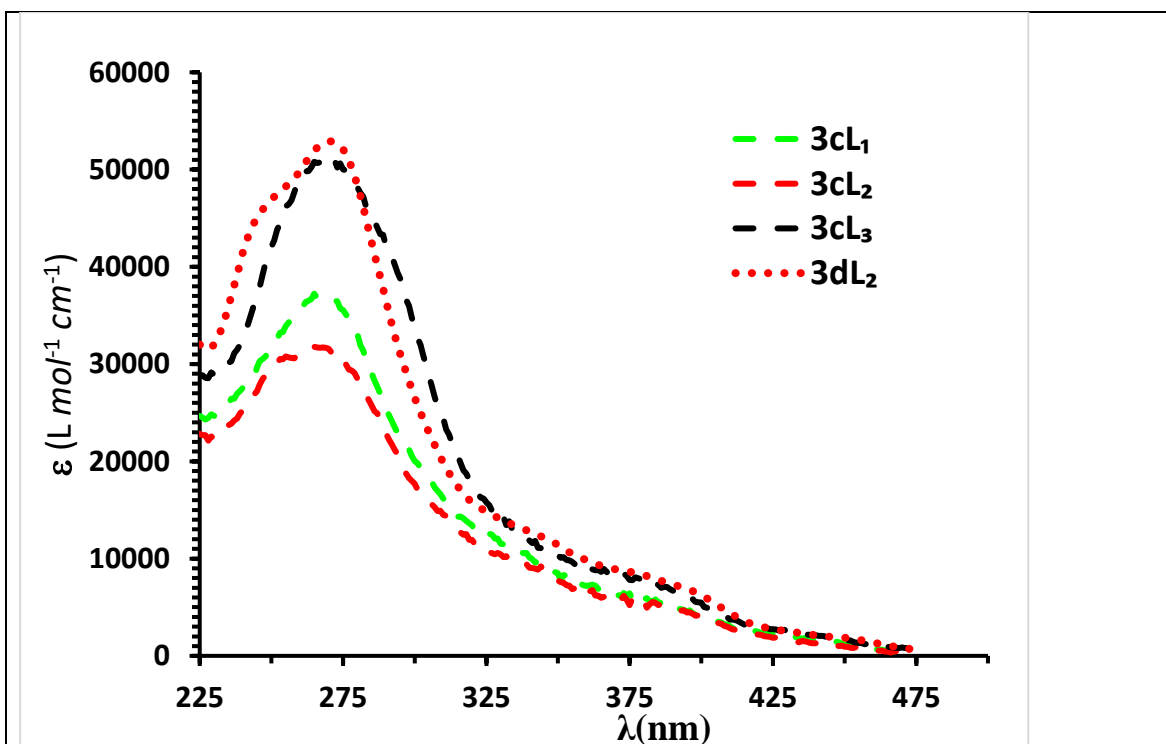


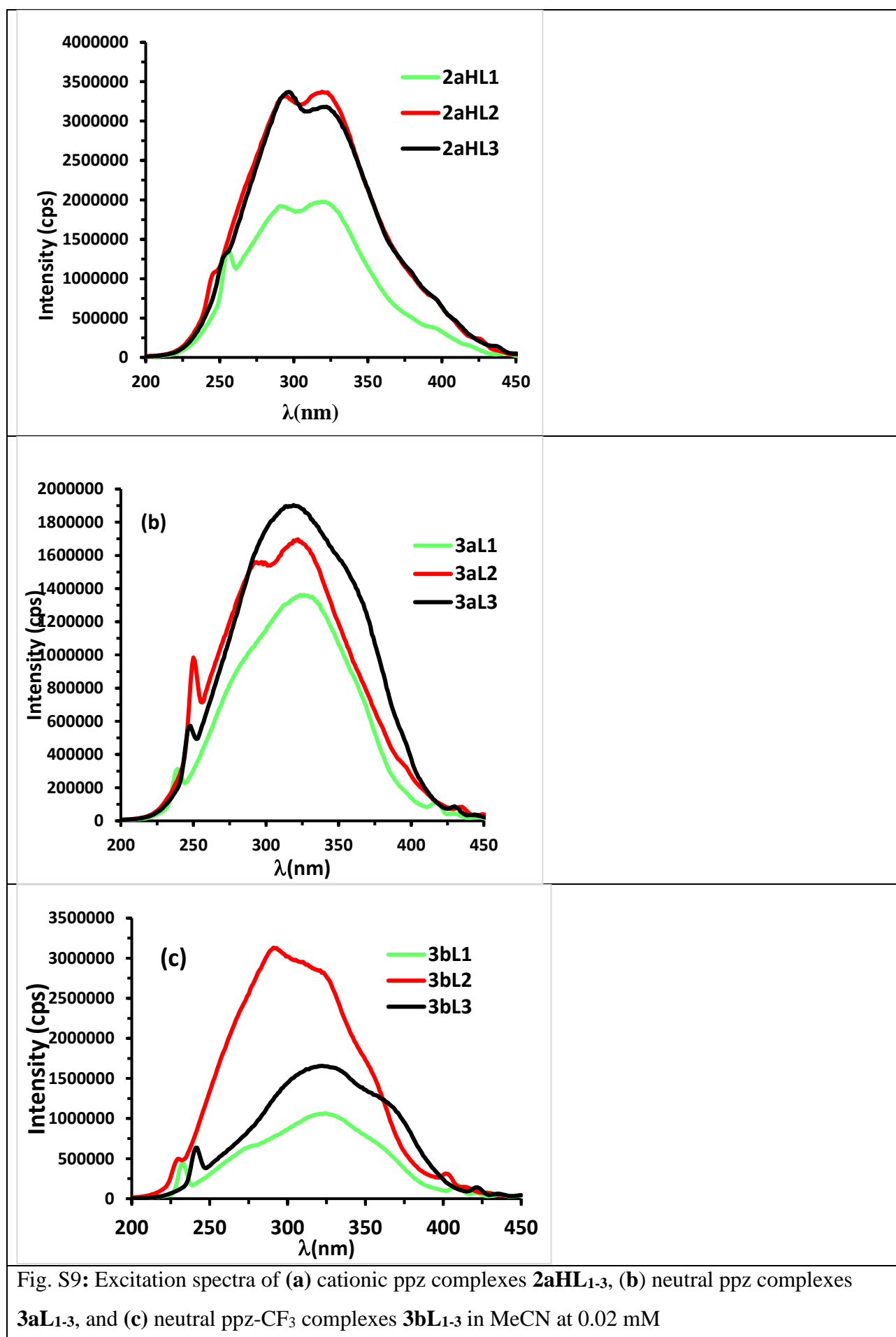
Fig. S8: Absorption spectra of neutral 3cL_{1-3} (---) and 3dL_2 (...) respectively, in MeCN at 0.02 mM at room temperature

Table S3 Electronic absorption spectral data [λ_{abs} (nm), ϵ_{max} ($\text{L mol}^{-1} \text{cm}^{-1}$)] of complexes **2aHL**₁₋₃, **3aL**₁₋₃, **3bL**₁₋₃, **2cHL**₁₋₃, **3cL**₁₋₃ and **3dL**₂.

	L ₁	L ₂	L ₃
2a	241(31100), 324(8900)	242(33400), 321(10000)	254(44900) 320(12500)
3a	270 sh(27900), 324(13100)	270 sh(27900), 321(10800)	268(39100) 320(17100)
3b	250(29700), 324(11400)	249(29300), 328(6000)	270(51300), 367(4700)
2c	255(38900), 340 sh (8870)	253(38900), 341 sh (8370)	267(54000), 368 sh (6240)
3c	267(37000), 340sh(10100)	265(31800), 341sh (9030)	271(51100), 368 sh (8650)
3d		273(52700), 399 sh (6400)	

Table S4 Emission data (λ_{max} nm) of complexes **2a/cHL**₁₋₃, and **3a/dL**₁₋₃.

	L ₁	L ₂	L ₃
2a	502	495	508
3a	475	493	496
3b	445 sh, 467	433sh, 458	483
2c	505	484sh, 510	497, 520sh
3c	499, 517sh	506	497, 518sh
3d		502, 533sh	



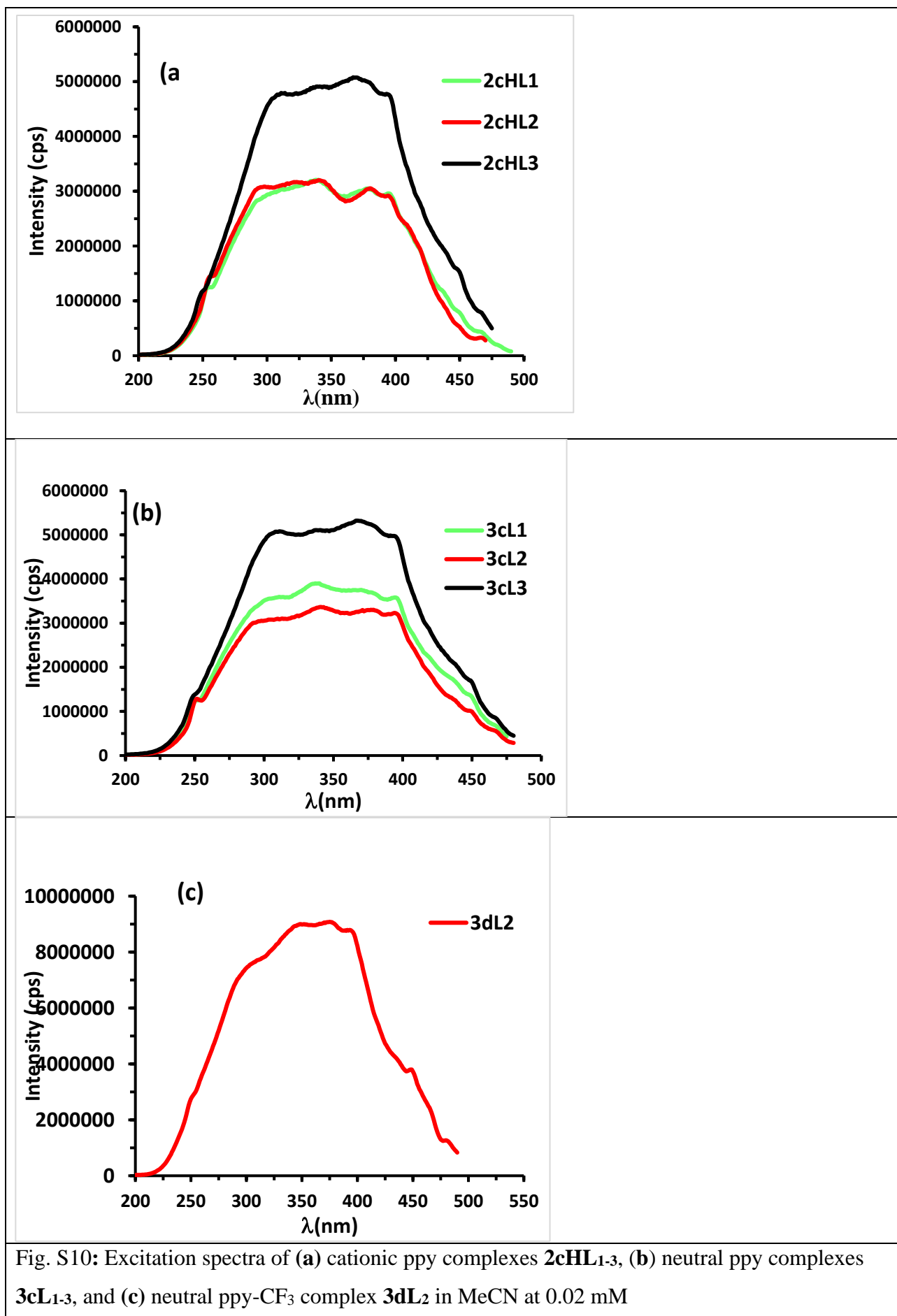


Fig. S10: Excitation spectra of (a) cationic ppy complexes **2cHL**₁₋₃, (b) neutral ppy complexes **3cL**₁₋₃, and (c) neutral ppy-CF₃ complex **3dL**₂ in MeCN at 0.02 mM

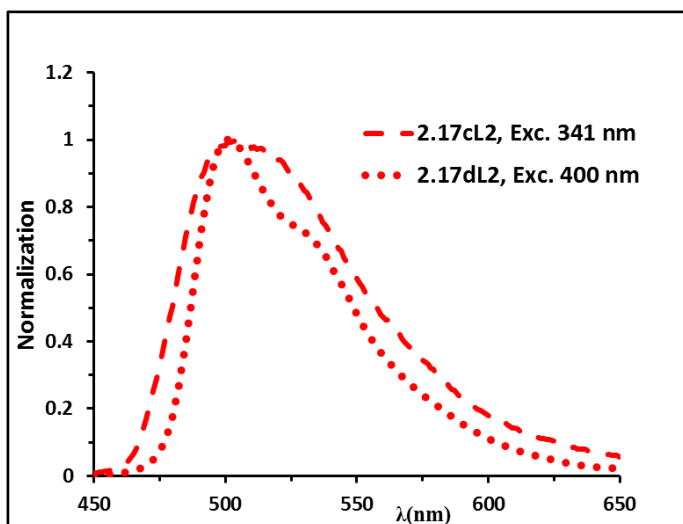


Fig. S11 Normalised emission spectra of neutral complexes **3cL₂** (---) and **3dL₂** (....), respectively, in MeCN at 0.02 mM at room temperature in air.

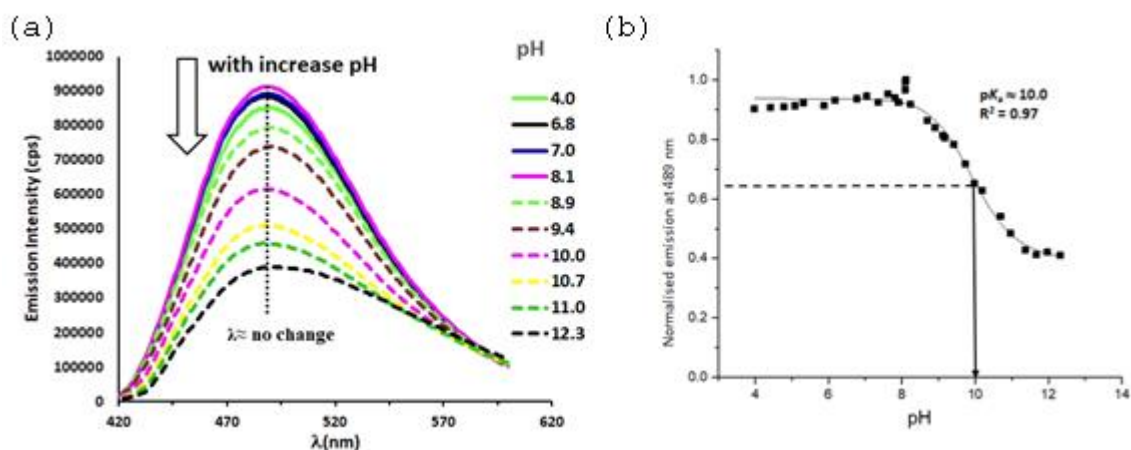


Fig S12 (a) Selected emission spectra of complexes **3aL₂** (0.02mM) at various pH values in MeCN/H₂O (1:9), in air with excitation at 324 nm; (b) Plot of normalised emission intensity of **3aL₂** against pH

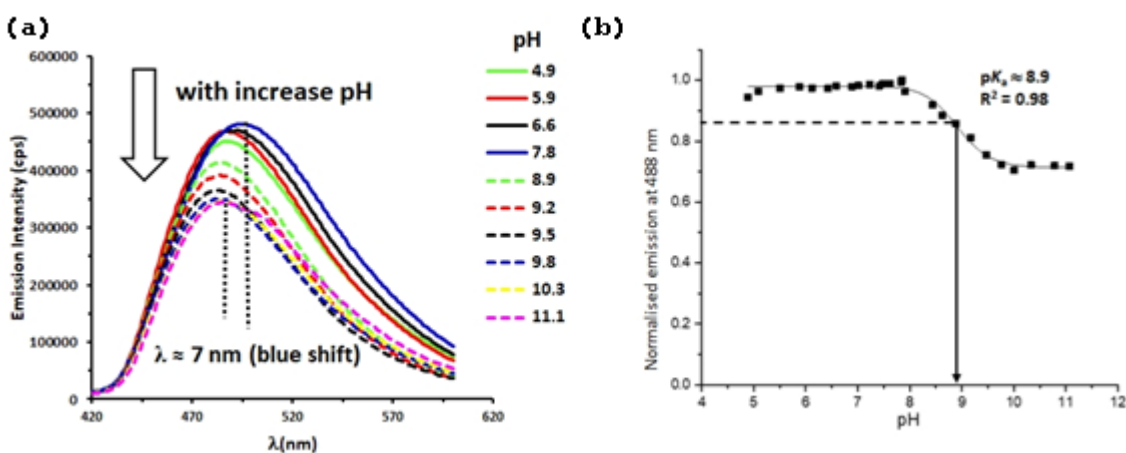


Fig S13 (a) Selected emission spectra of complexes **3aL₃** (0.02mM) at various pH values in MeCN/H₂O (1:9), in air with excitation at 324 nm; (b) Plot of normalised emission intensity of **3aL₃** against pH

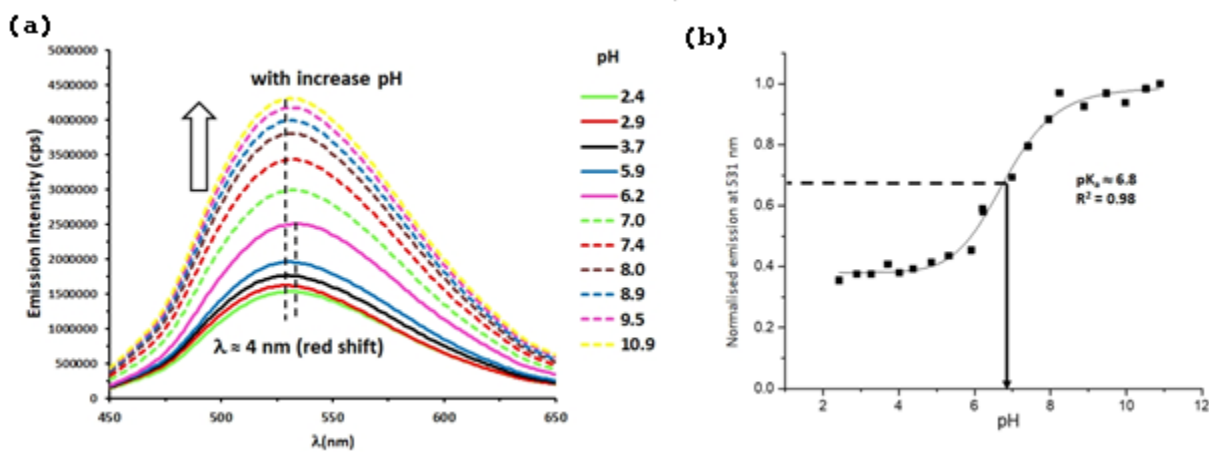


Fig S12 (a) Selected emission spectra of complexes **3bL₁** (0.02mM) at various pH values in MeCN/H₂O (1:9), in air with excitation at 324 nm; (b) Plot of normalised emission intensity of **3bL₁** against pH

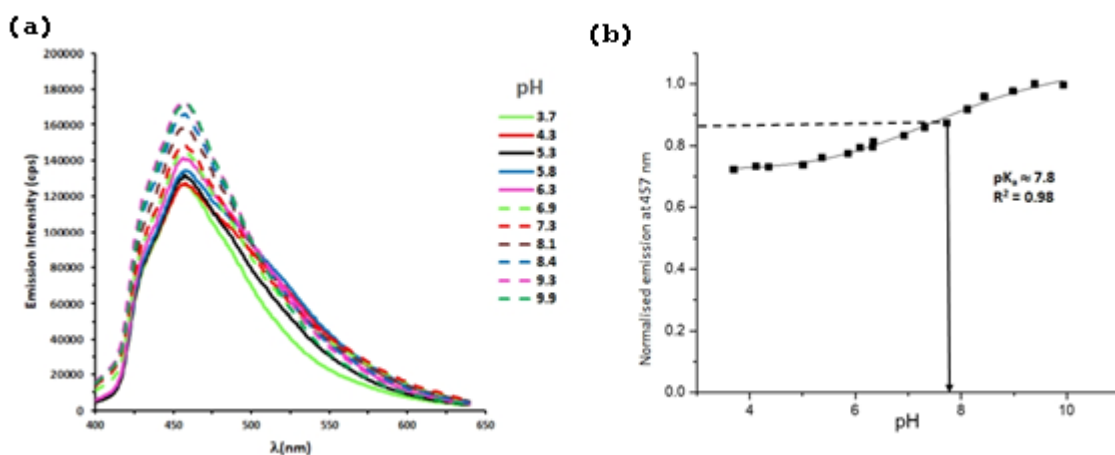


Fig S15 (a) Selected emission spectra of complexes **3bL₂** (0.02mM) at various pH values in MeCN/H₂O (1:9), in air with excitation at 324 nm. (b) Plot of normalised emission intensity of **3bL₂** against pH

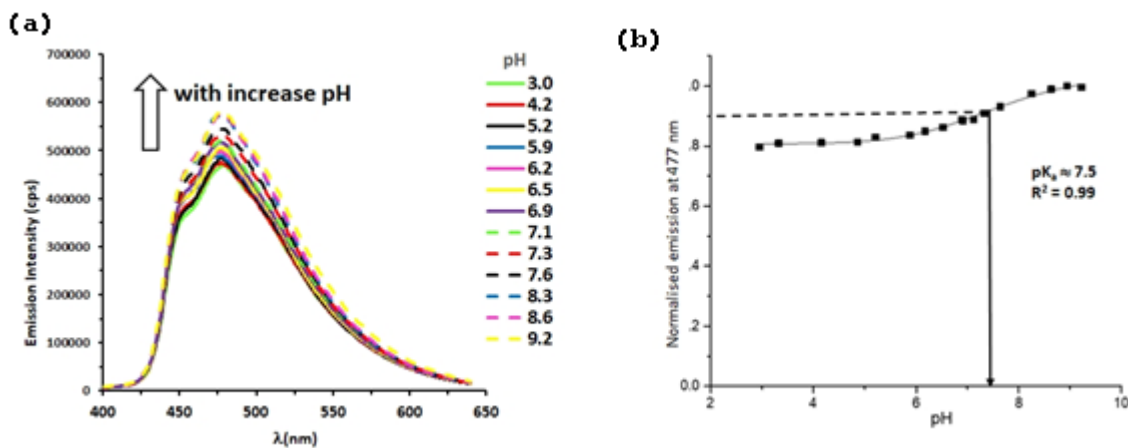


Fig S16 (a) Selected emission spectra of complexes **3bL₃** (0.02mM) at various pH values in MeCN/H₂O (1:9), in air with excitation at 324 nm. (b) Plot of normalised emission intensity of **3bL₃** against pH.

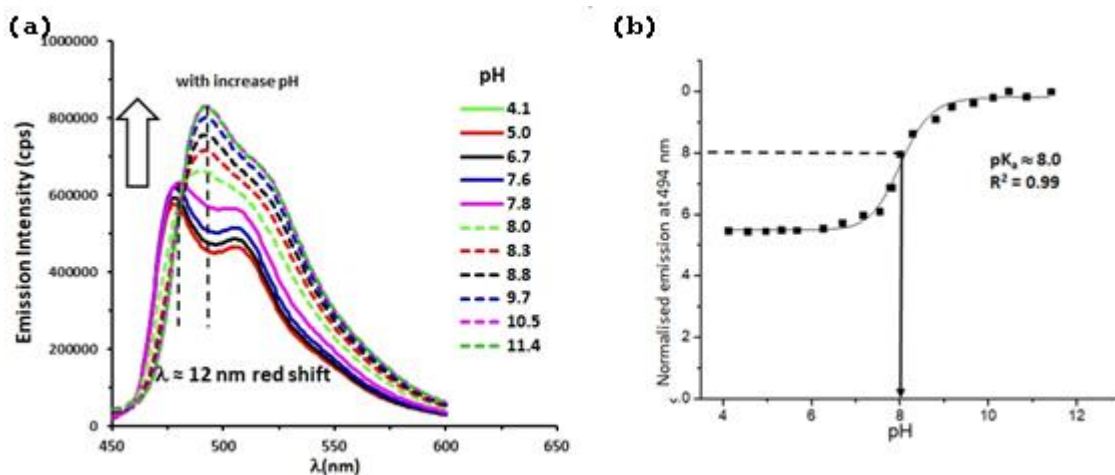


Fig S17 (a) Selected emission spectra of complexes **3cL2** (0.02mM) at various pH values in MeCN/H₂O (1:9), in air with excitation at 324 nm. (b) Plot of normalised emission intensity of **3cL2** against pH

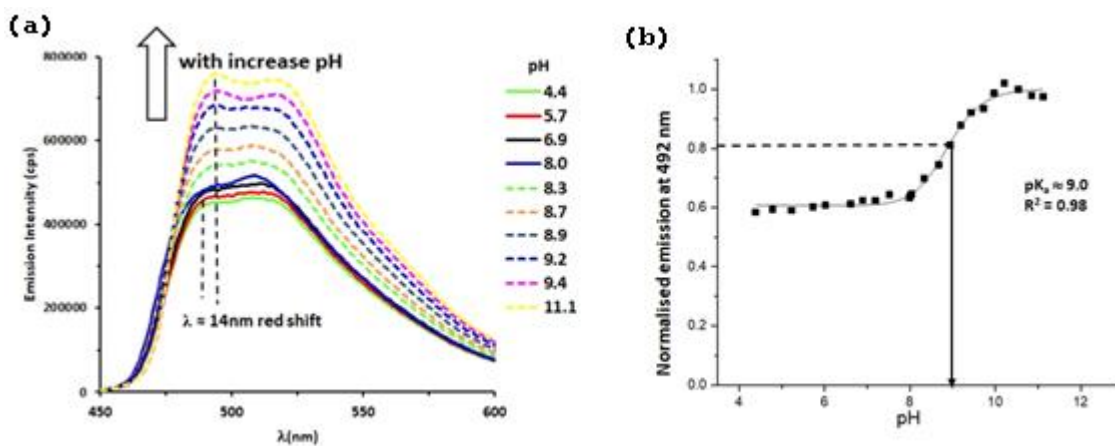


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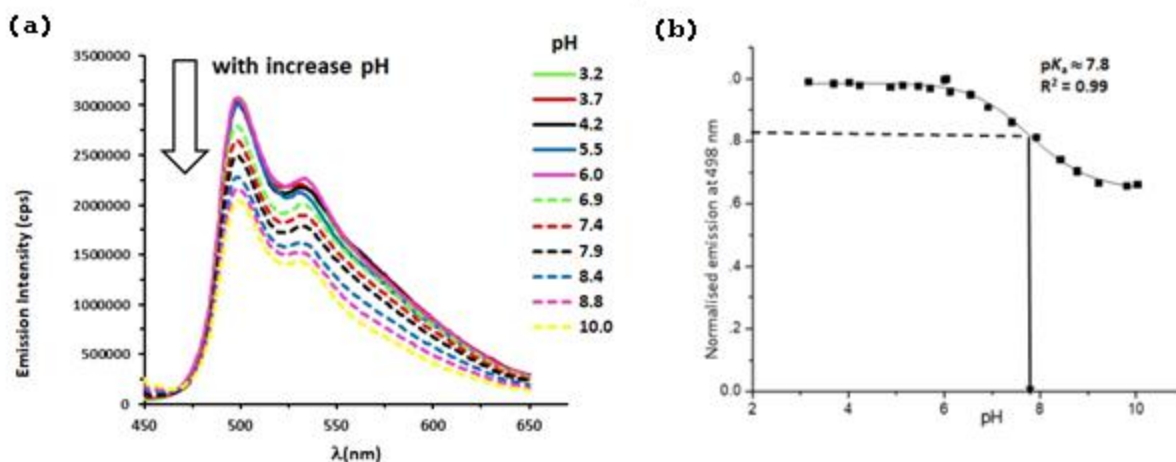
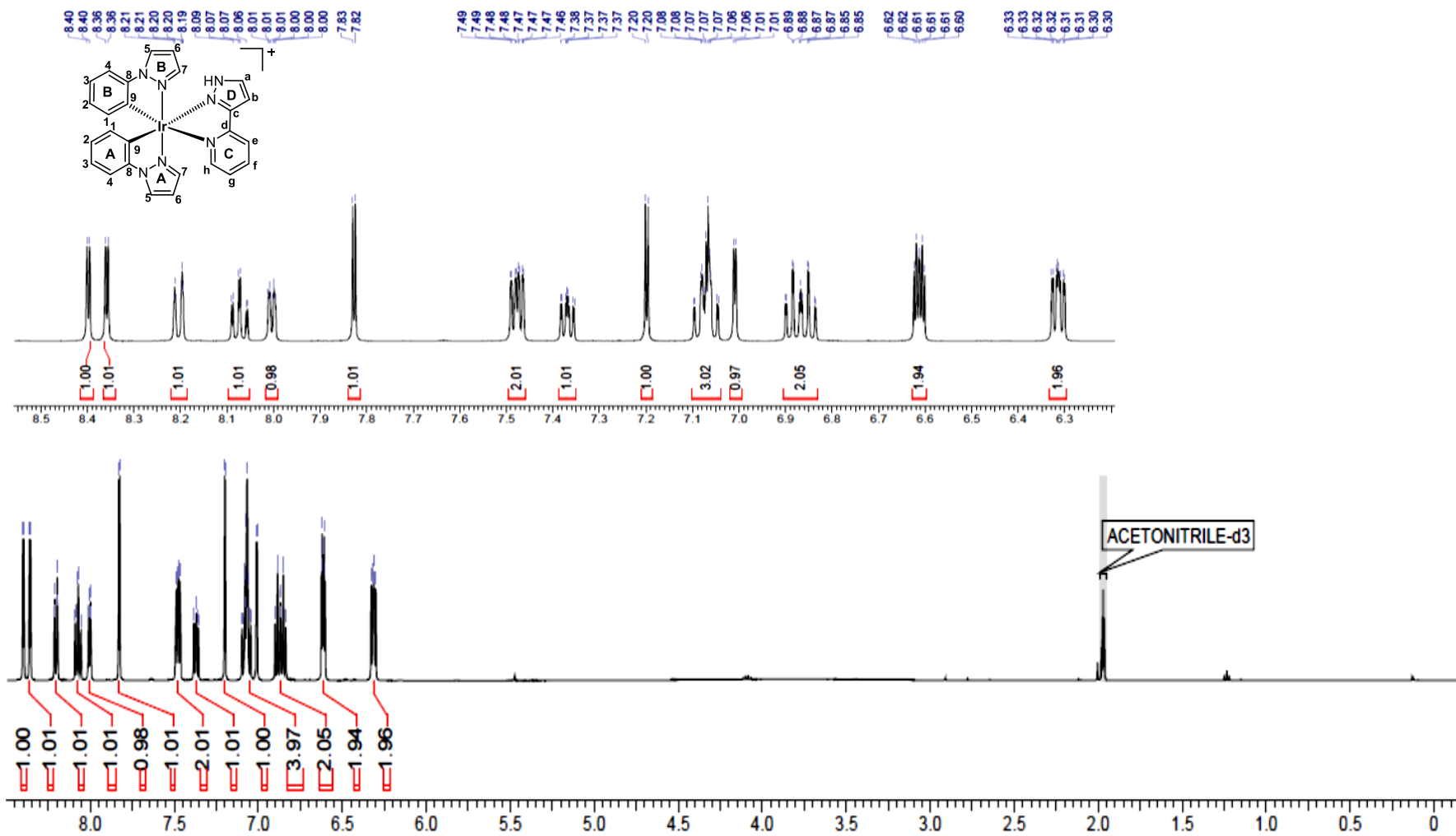
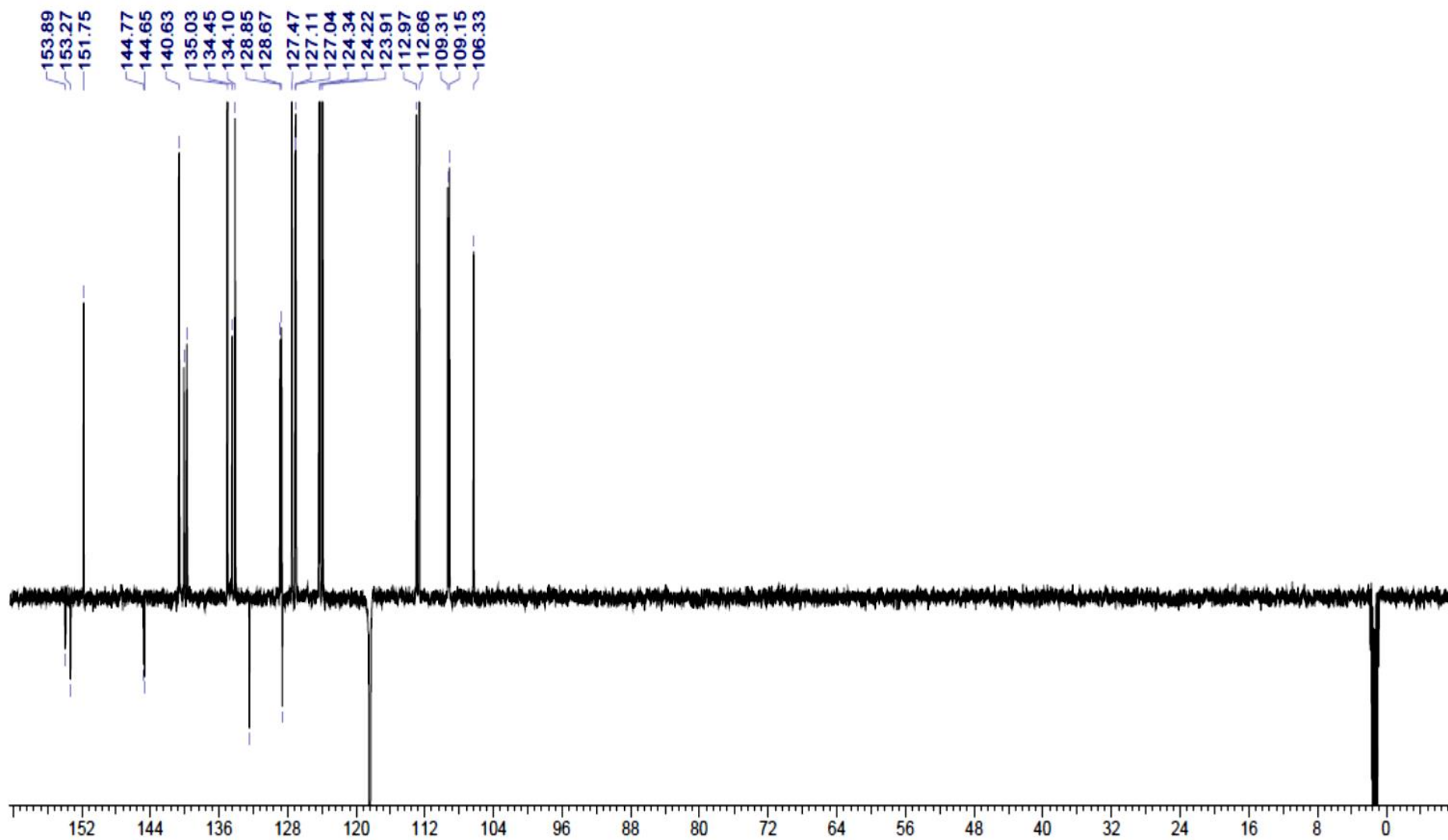


Fig S19 (a) Selected emission spectra of complexes **3dL2** (0.02mM) at various pH values in MeCN/H₂O (1:9), in air with excitation at 324 nm. (b) Plot of normalised emission intensity of **3dL2** against pH.

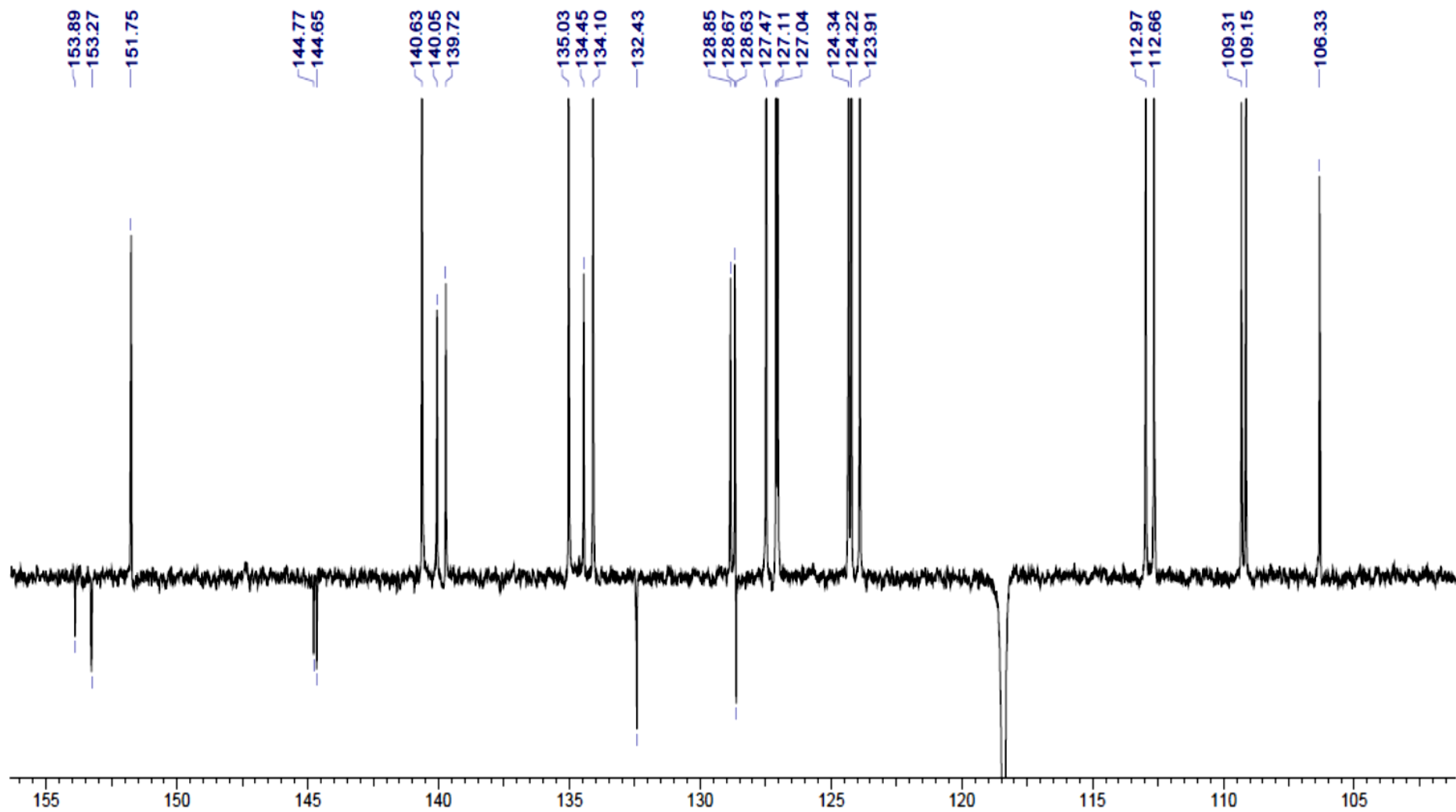
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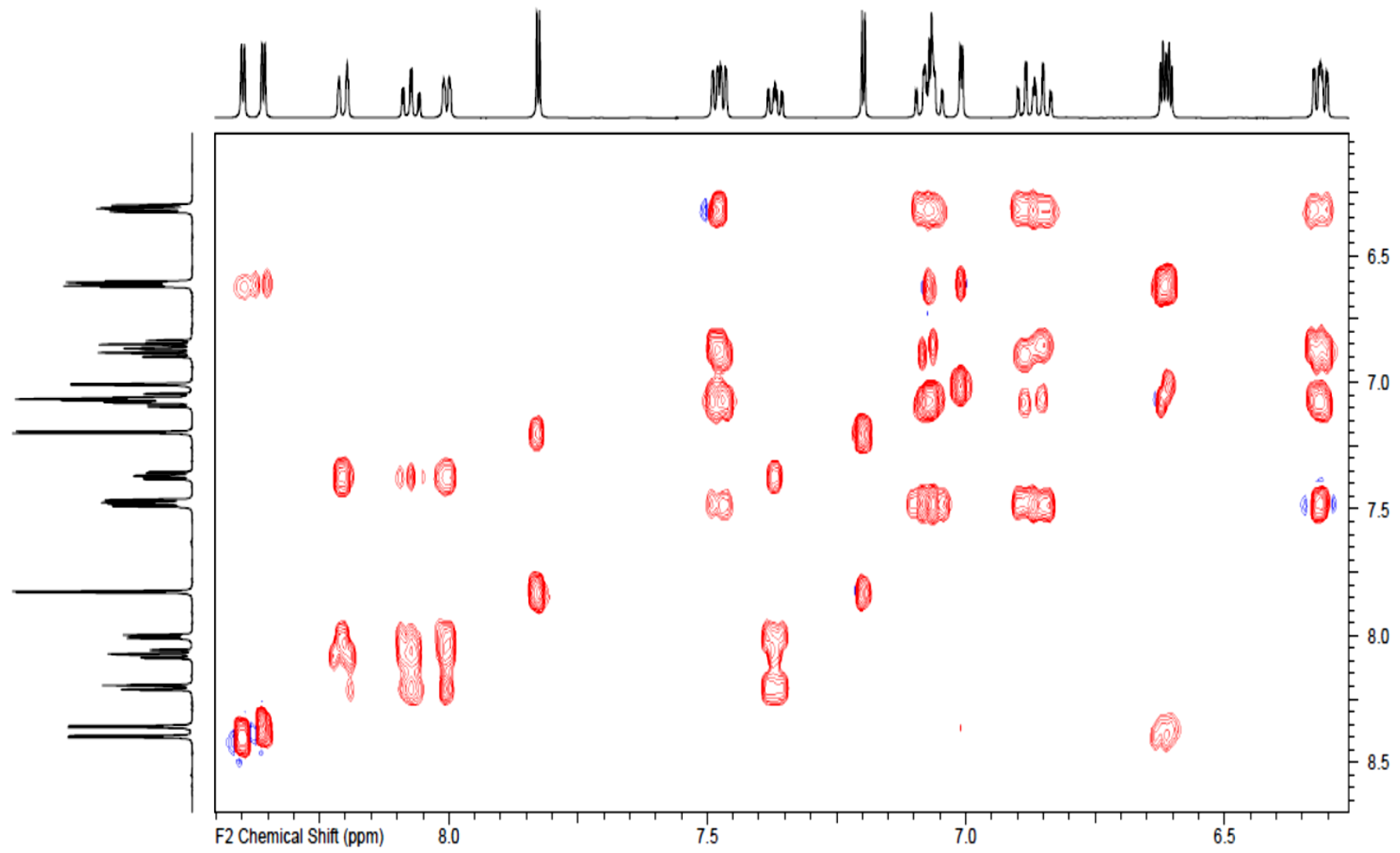
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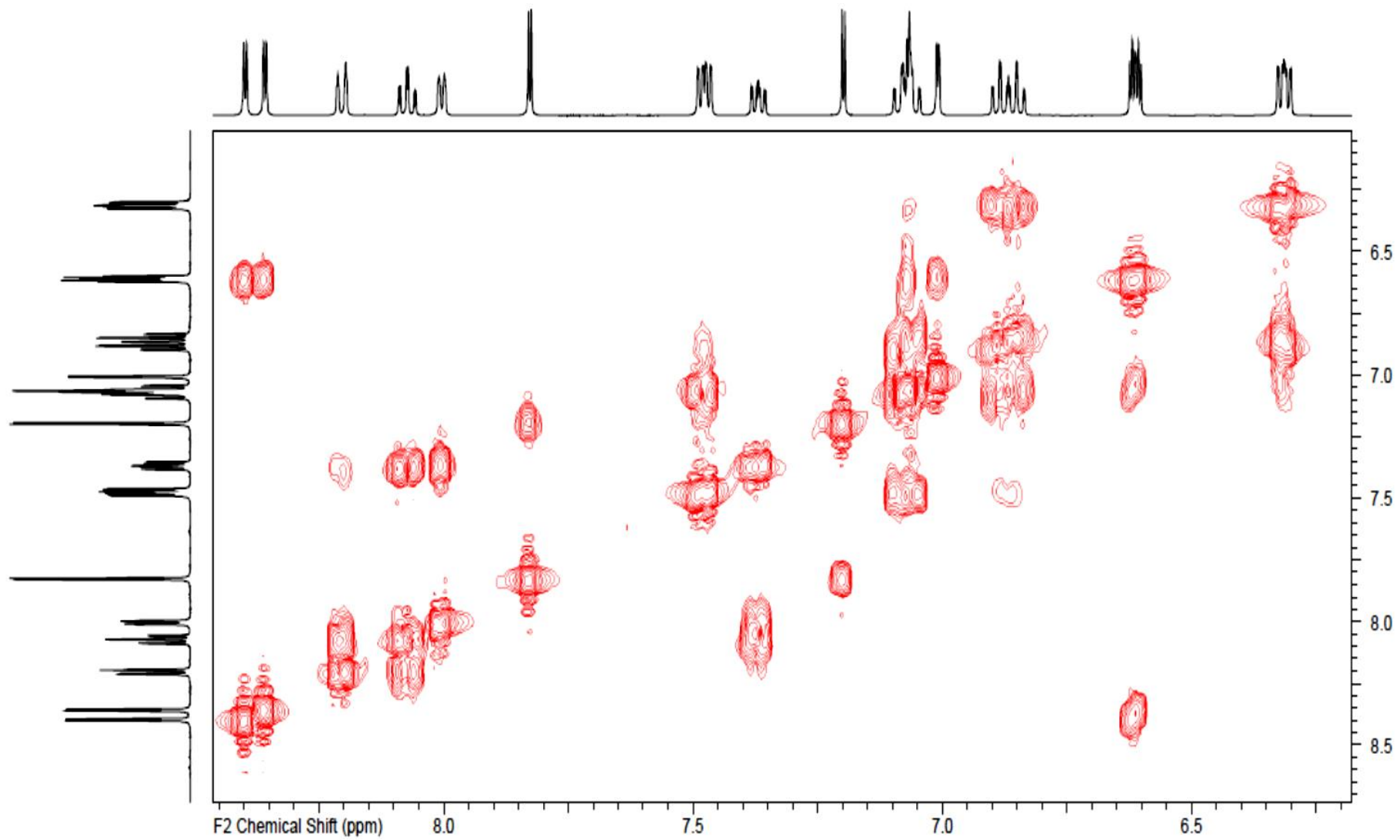
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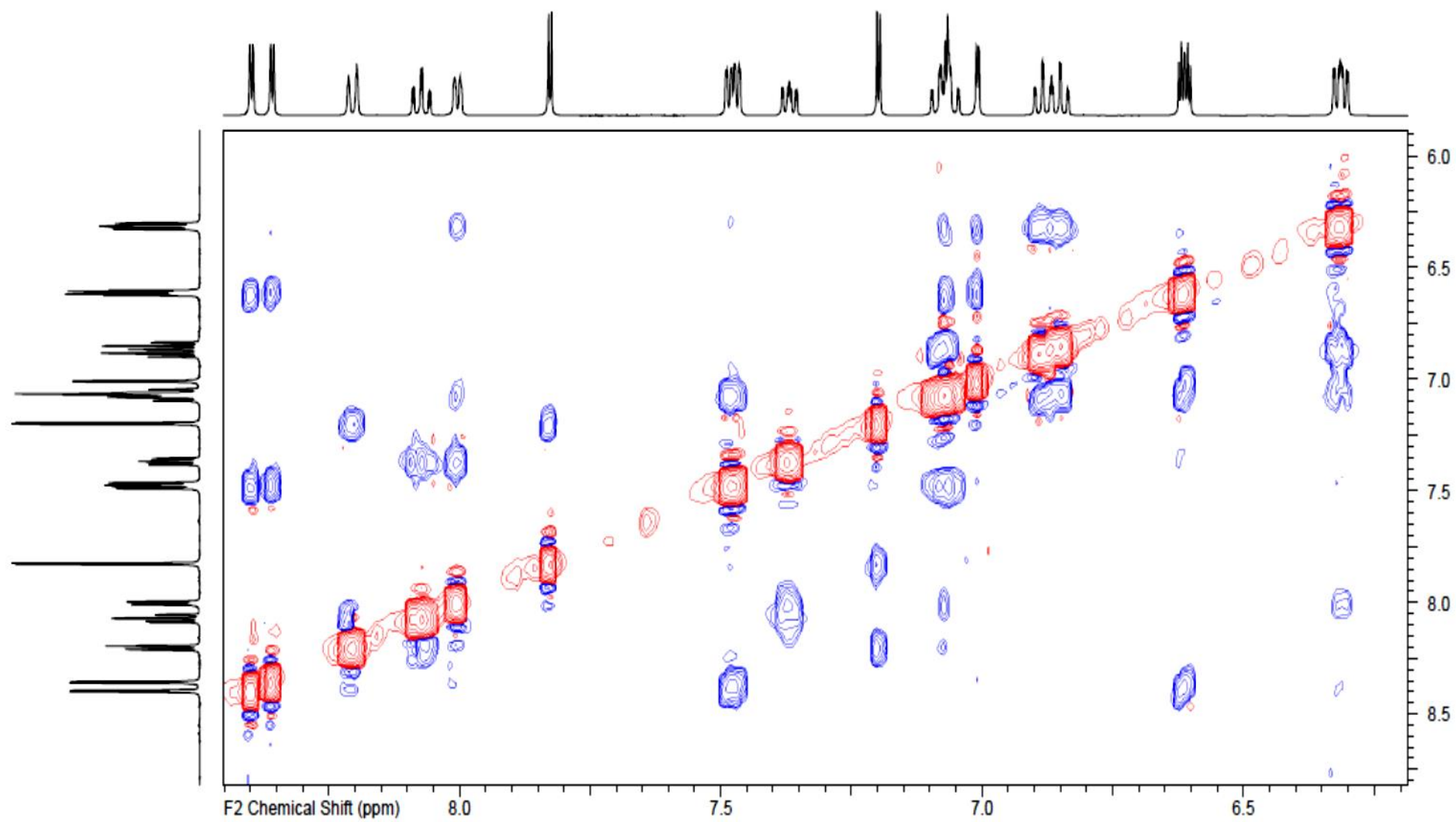
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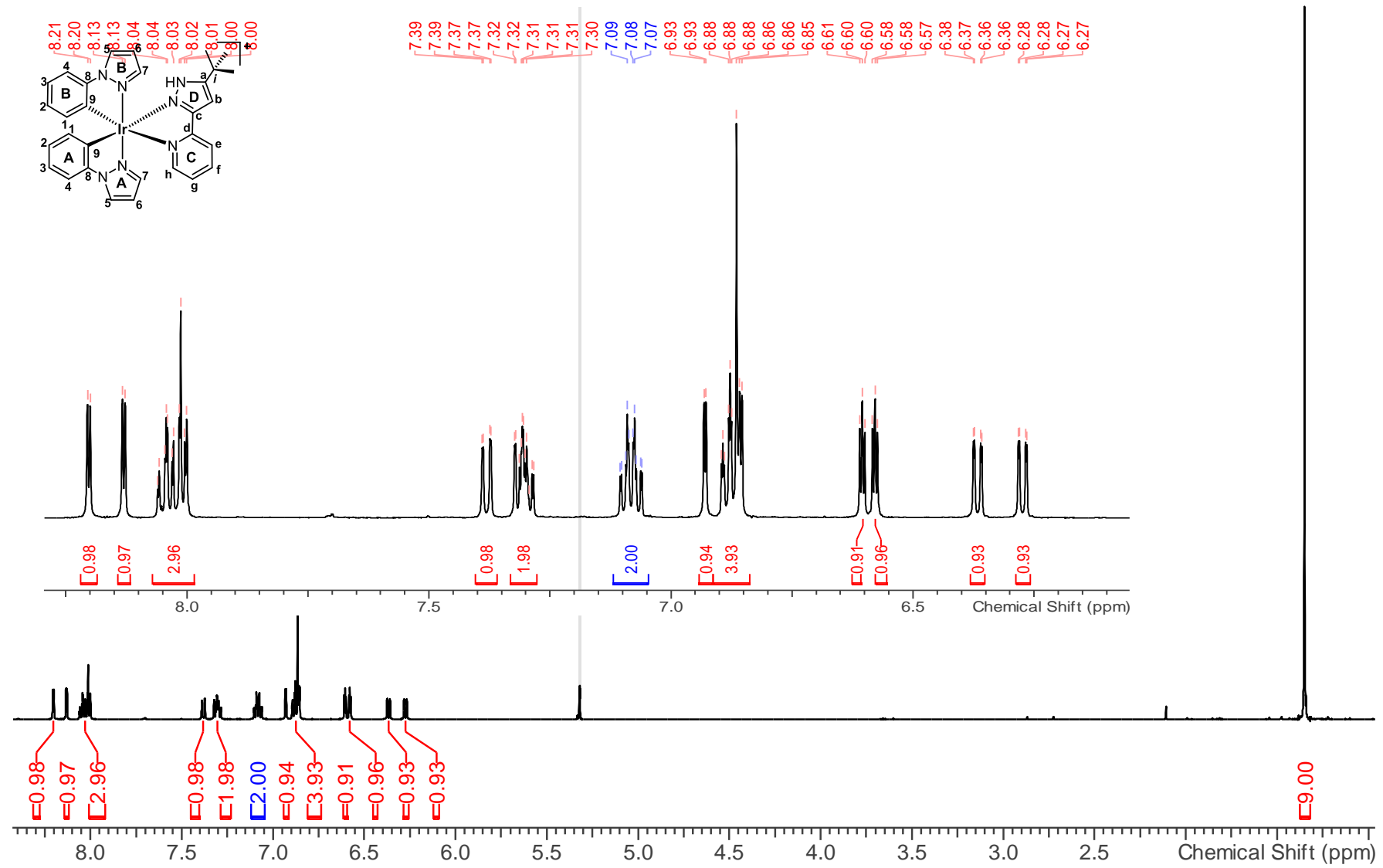
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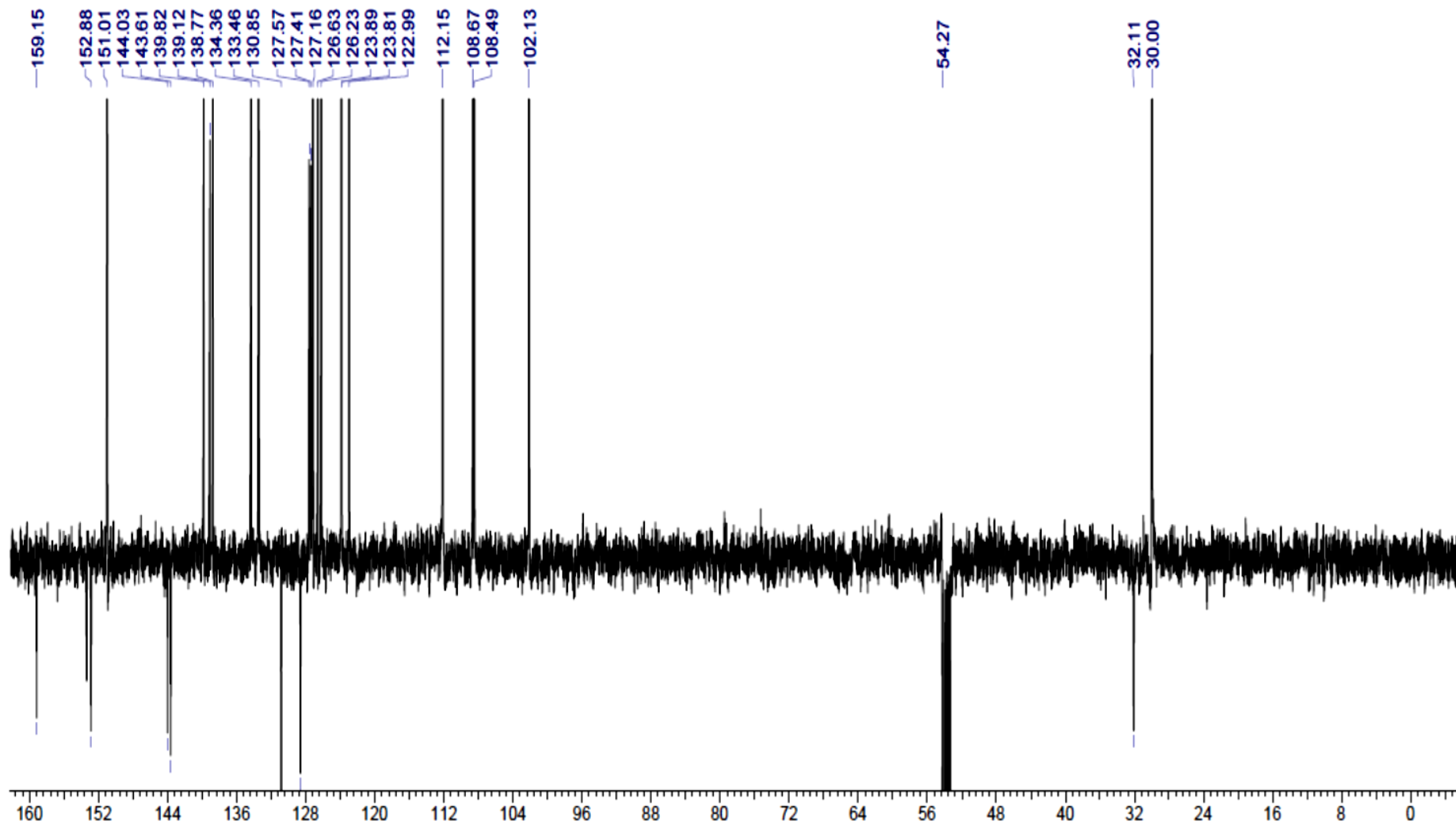
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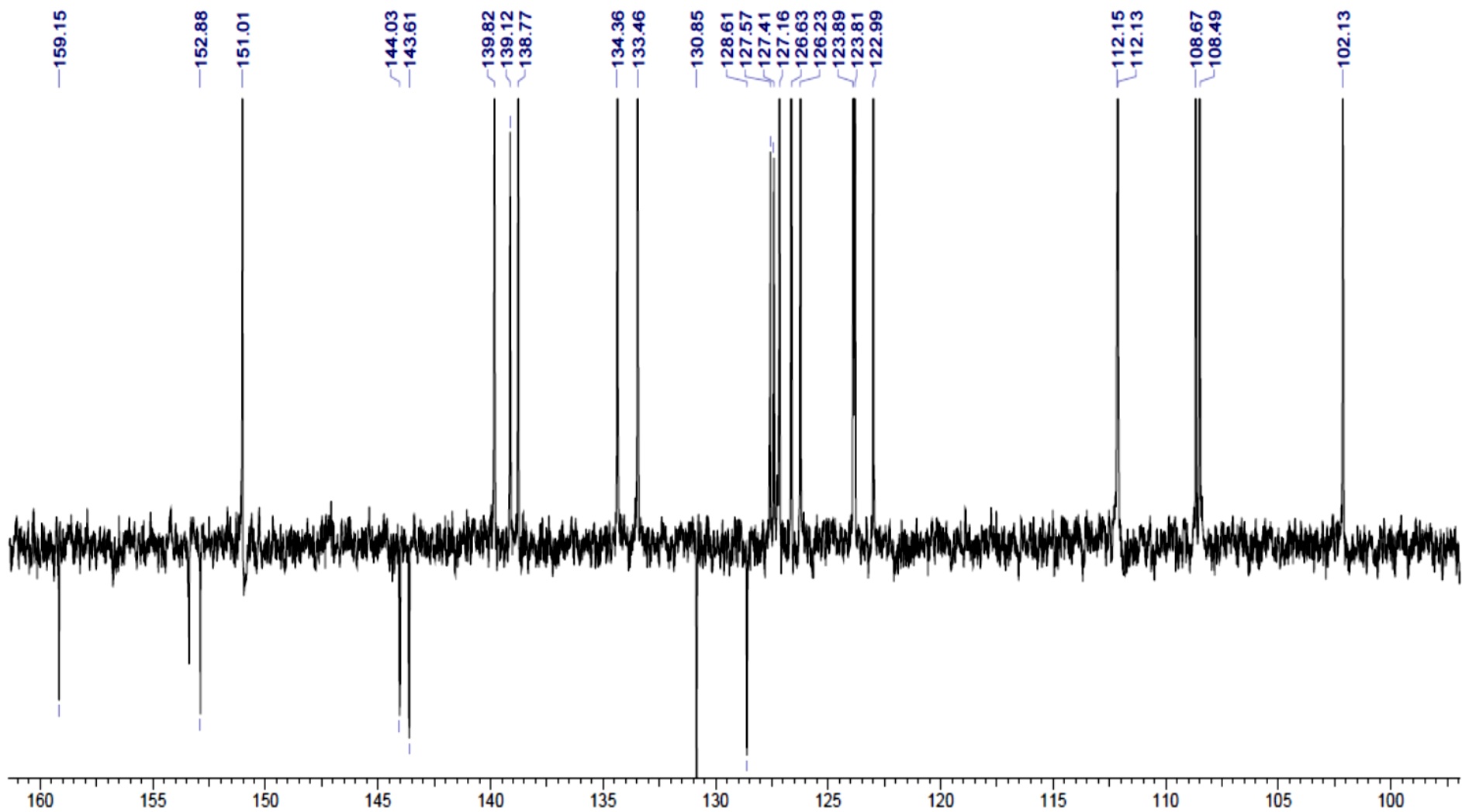
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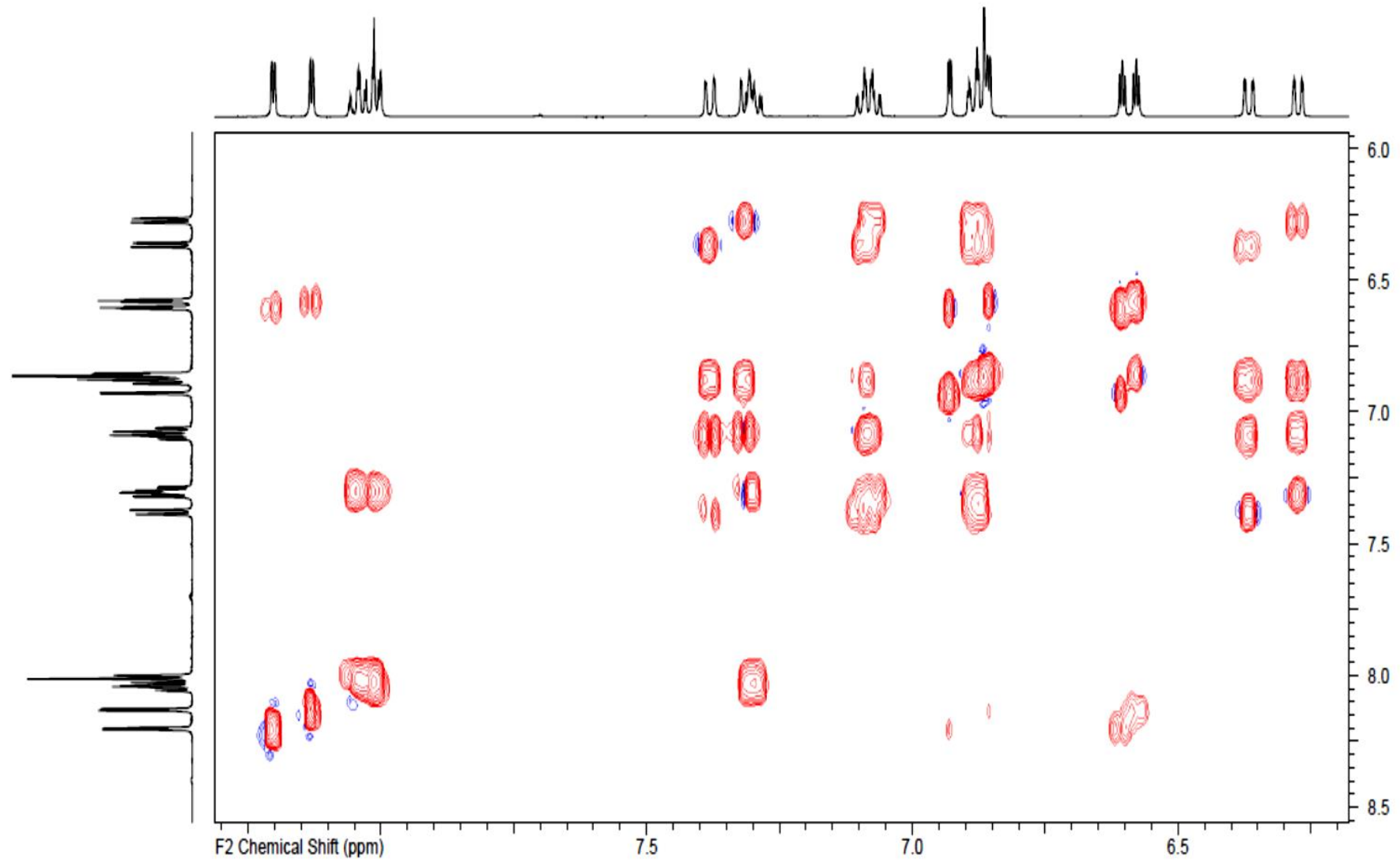
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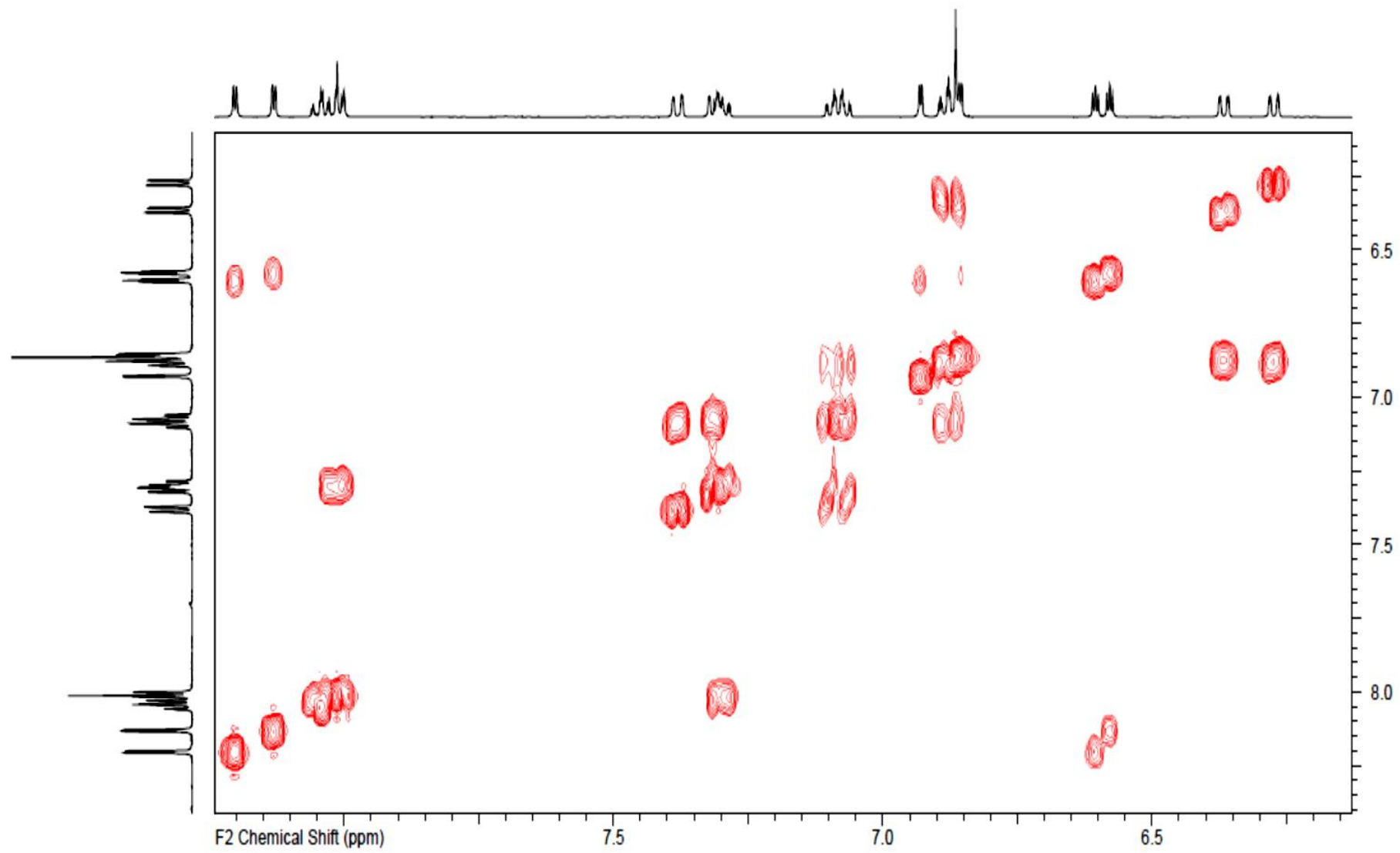
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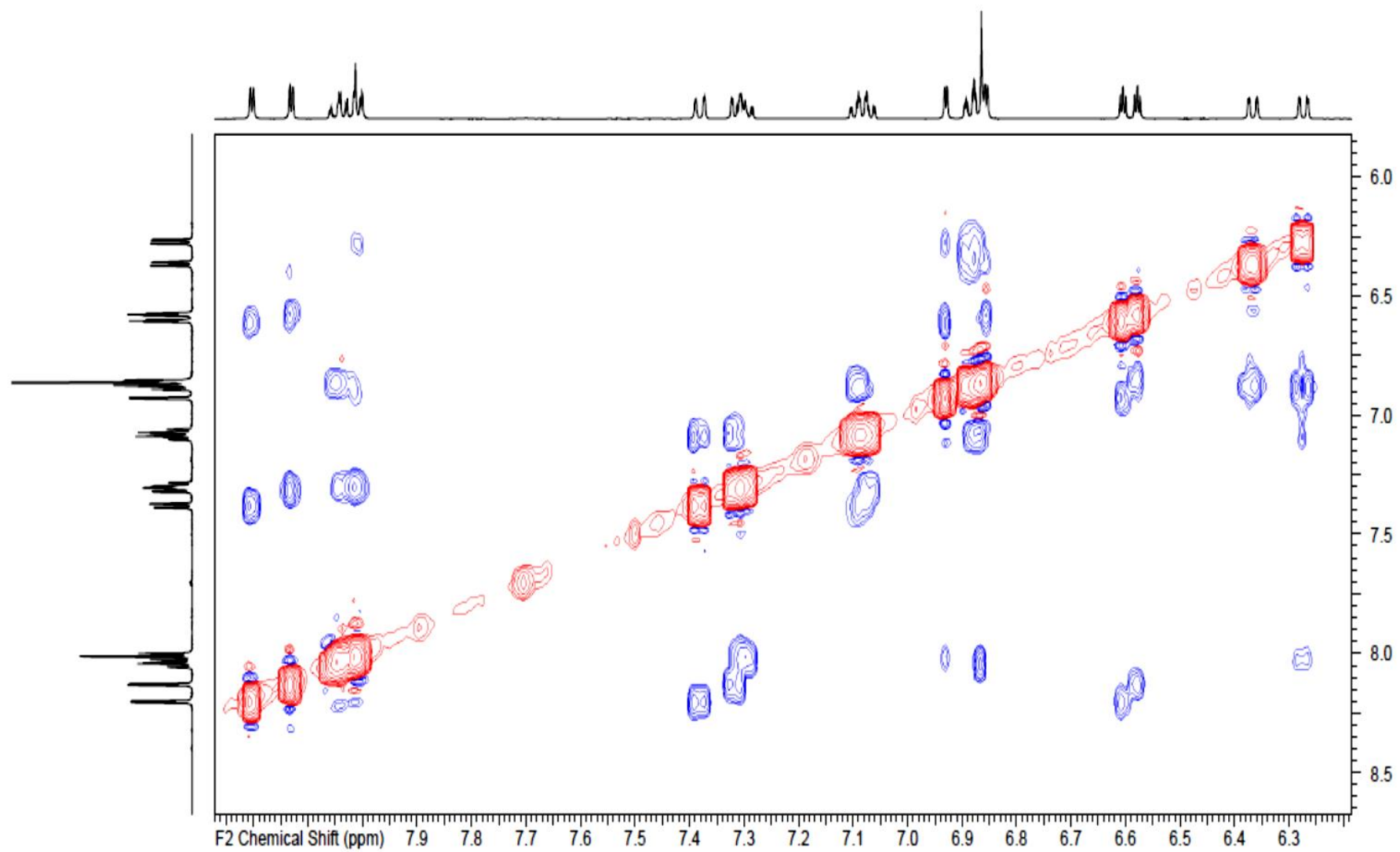
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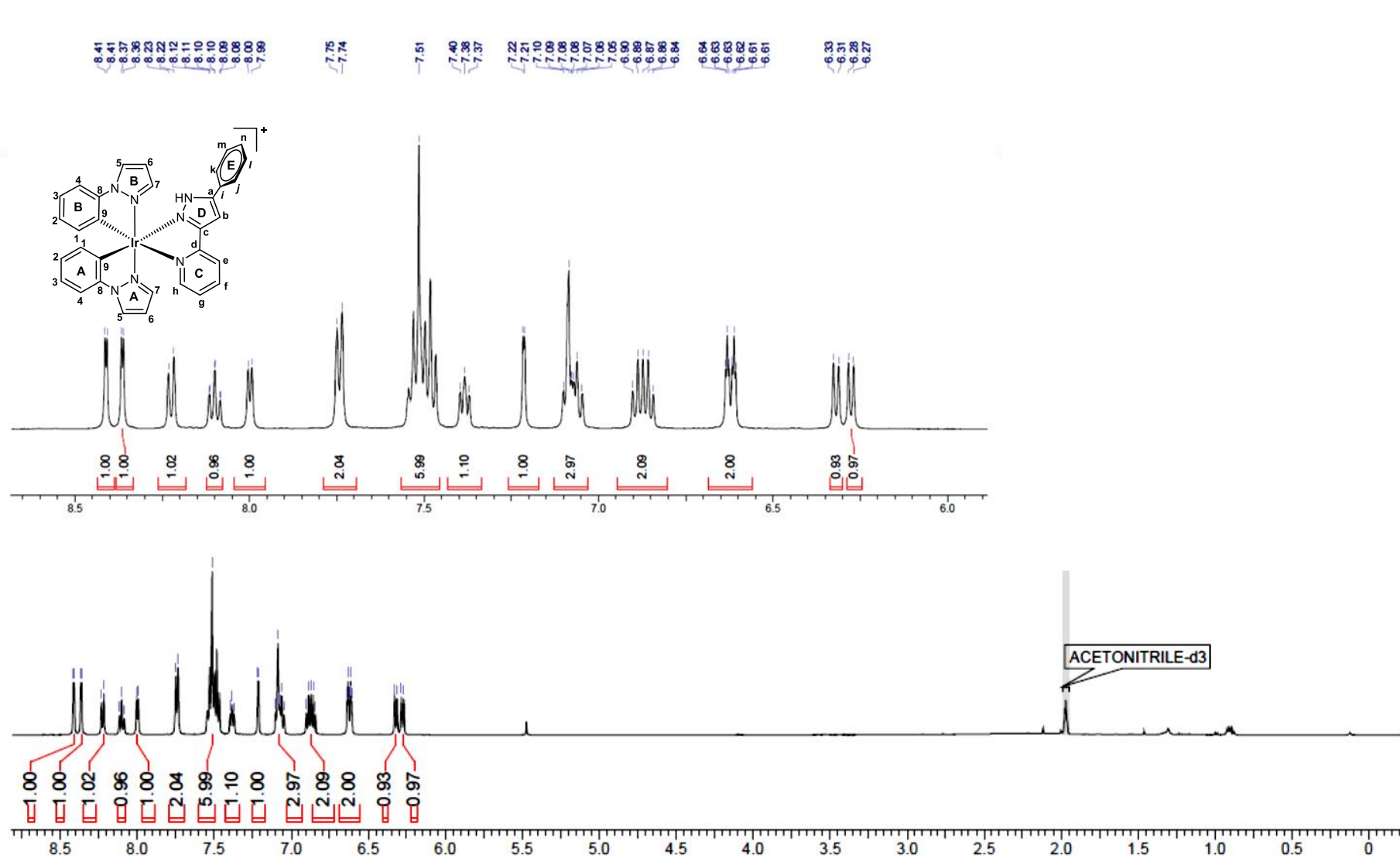
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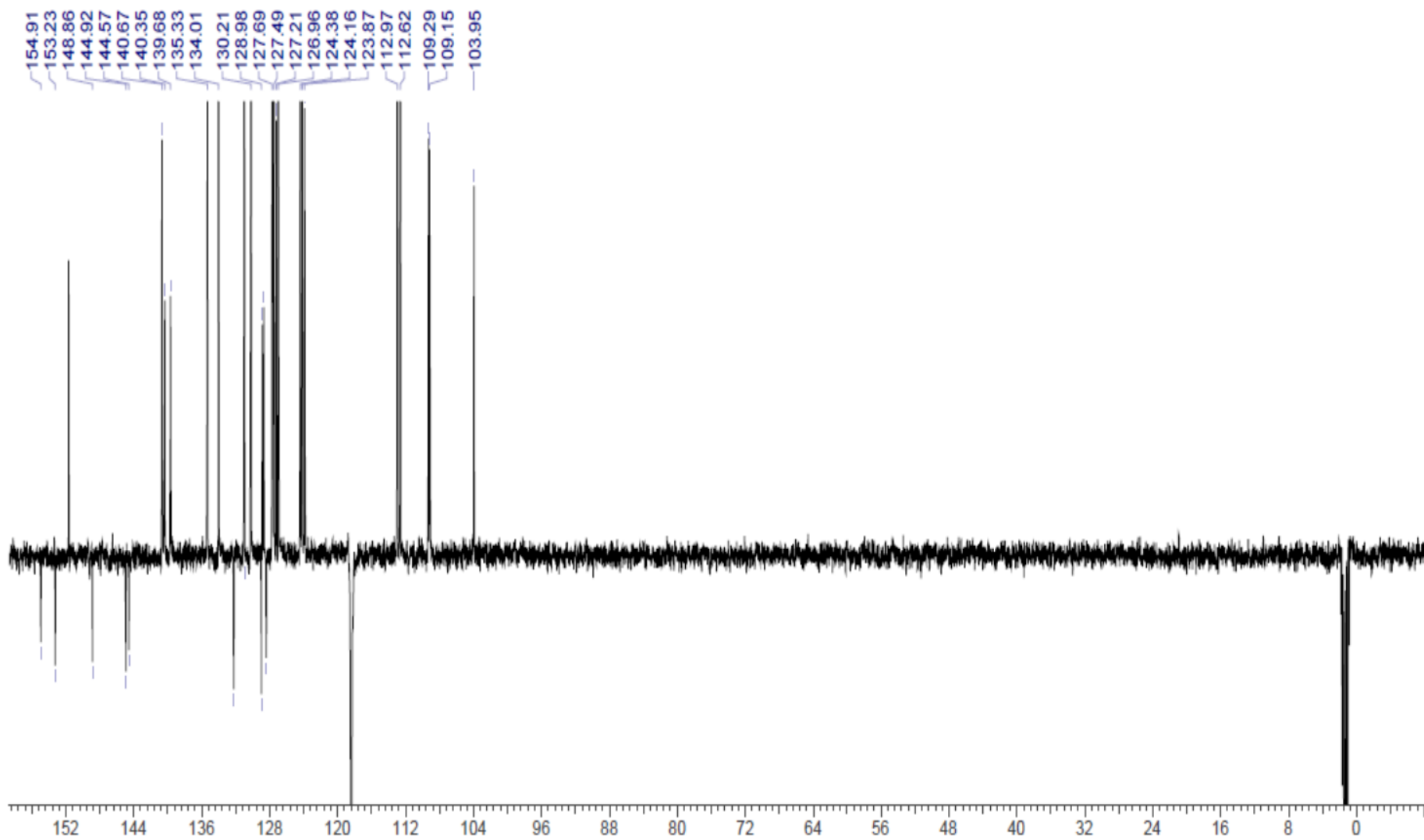
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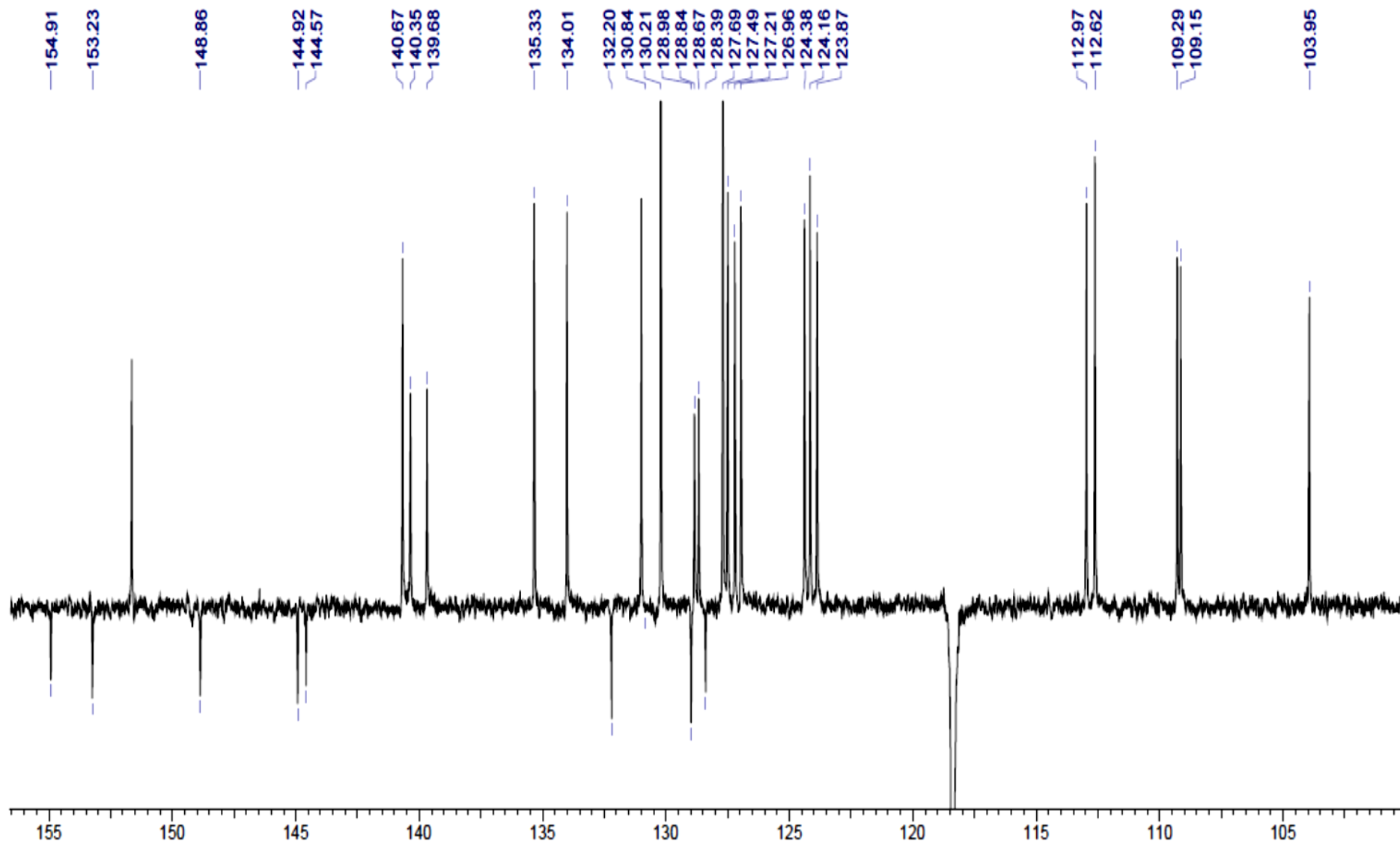
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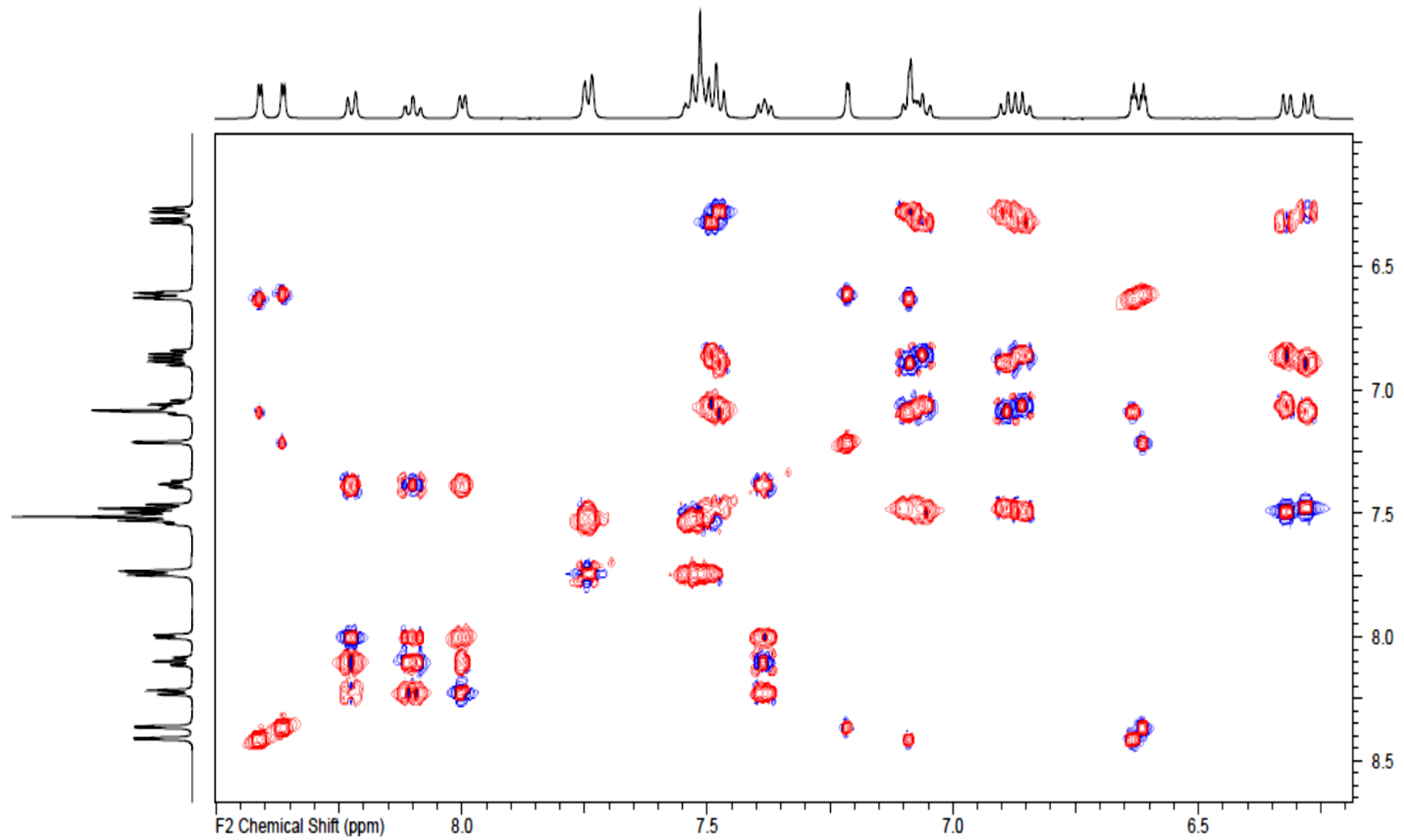
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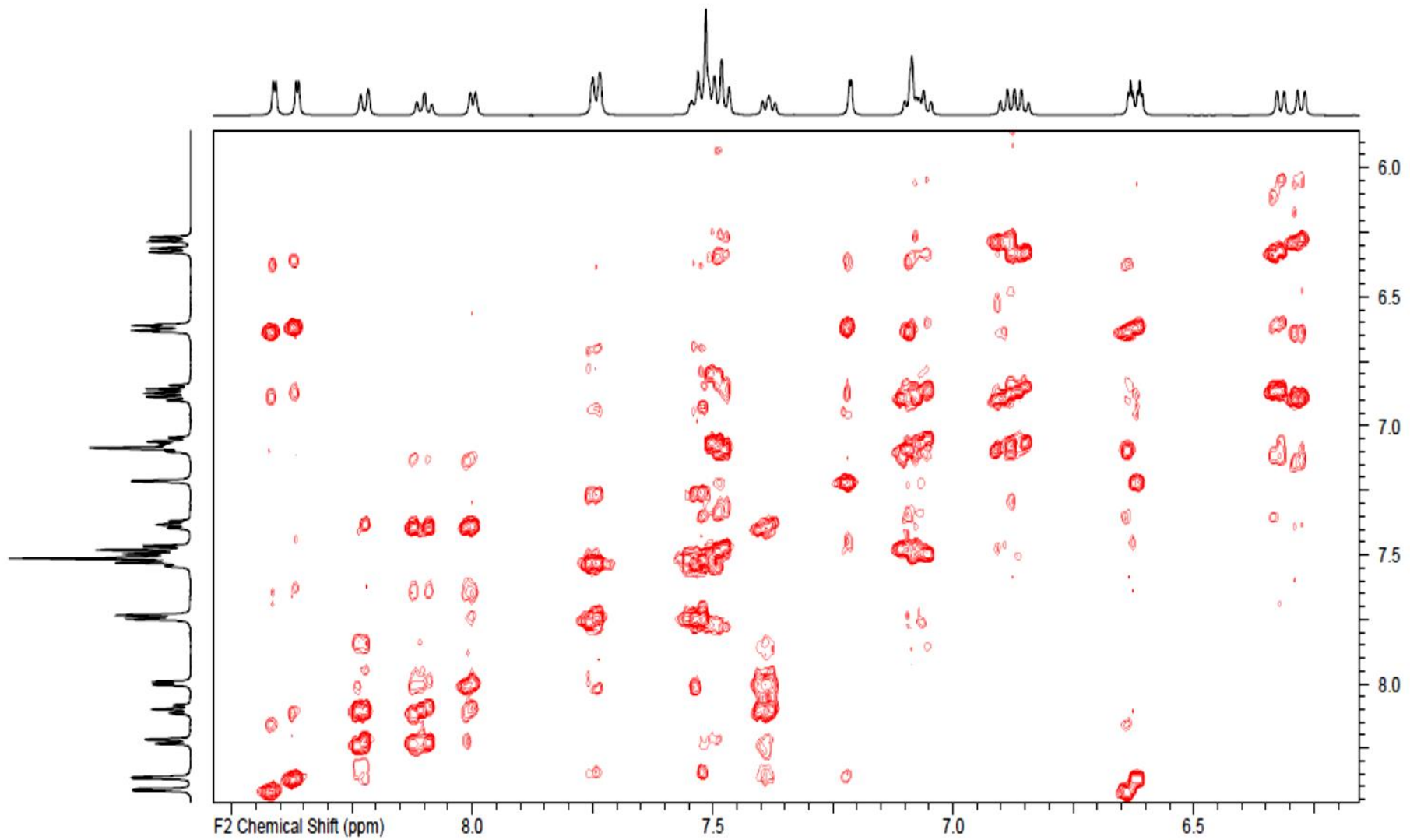
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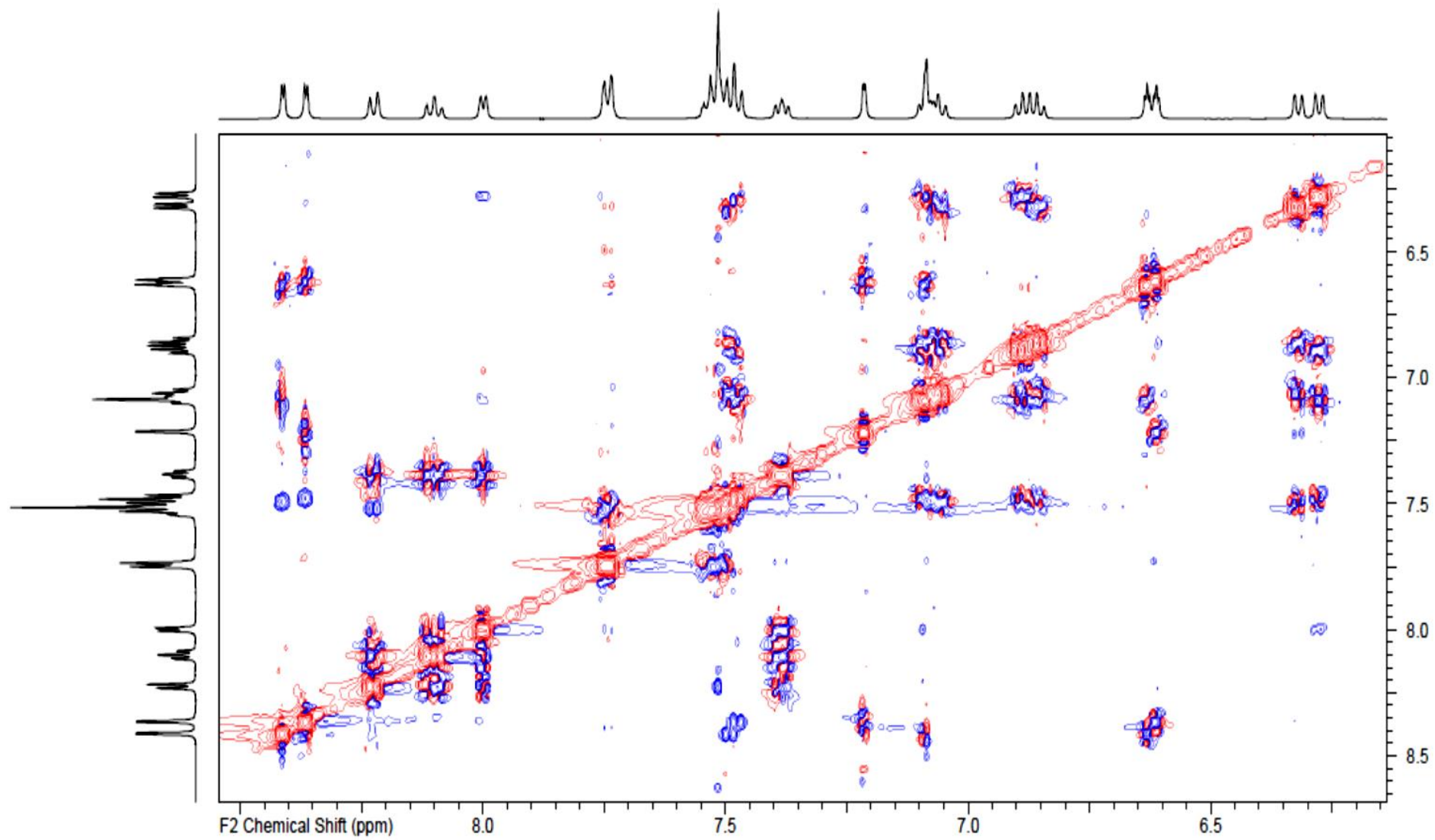
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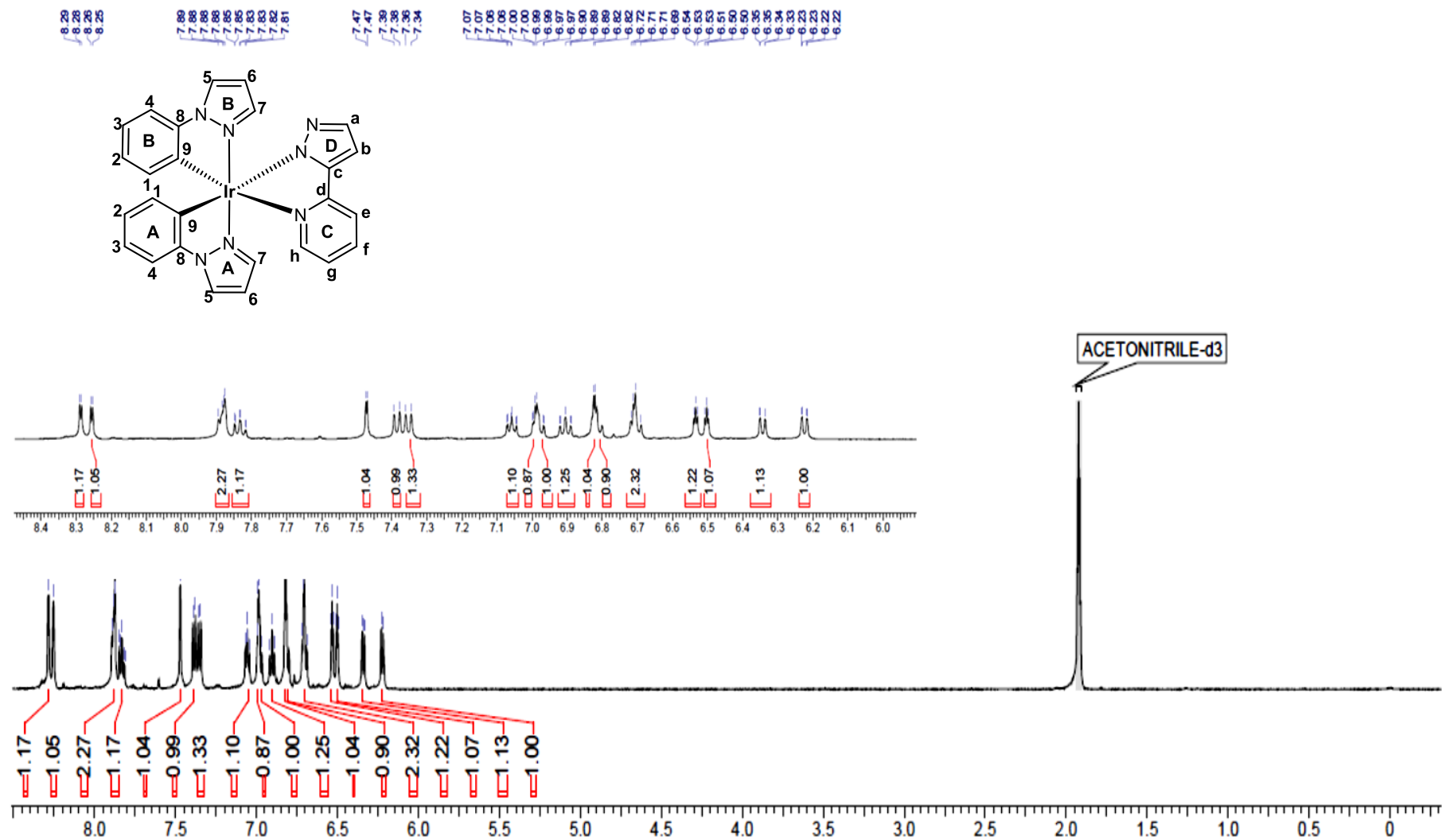
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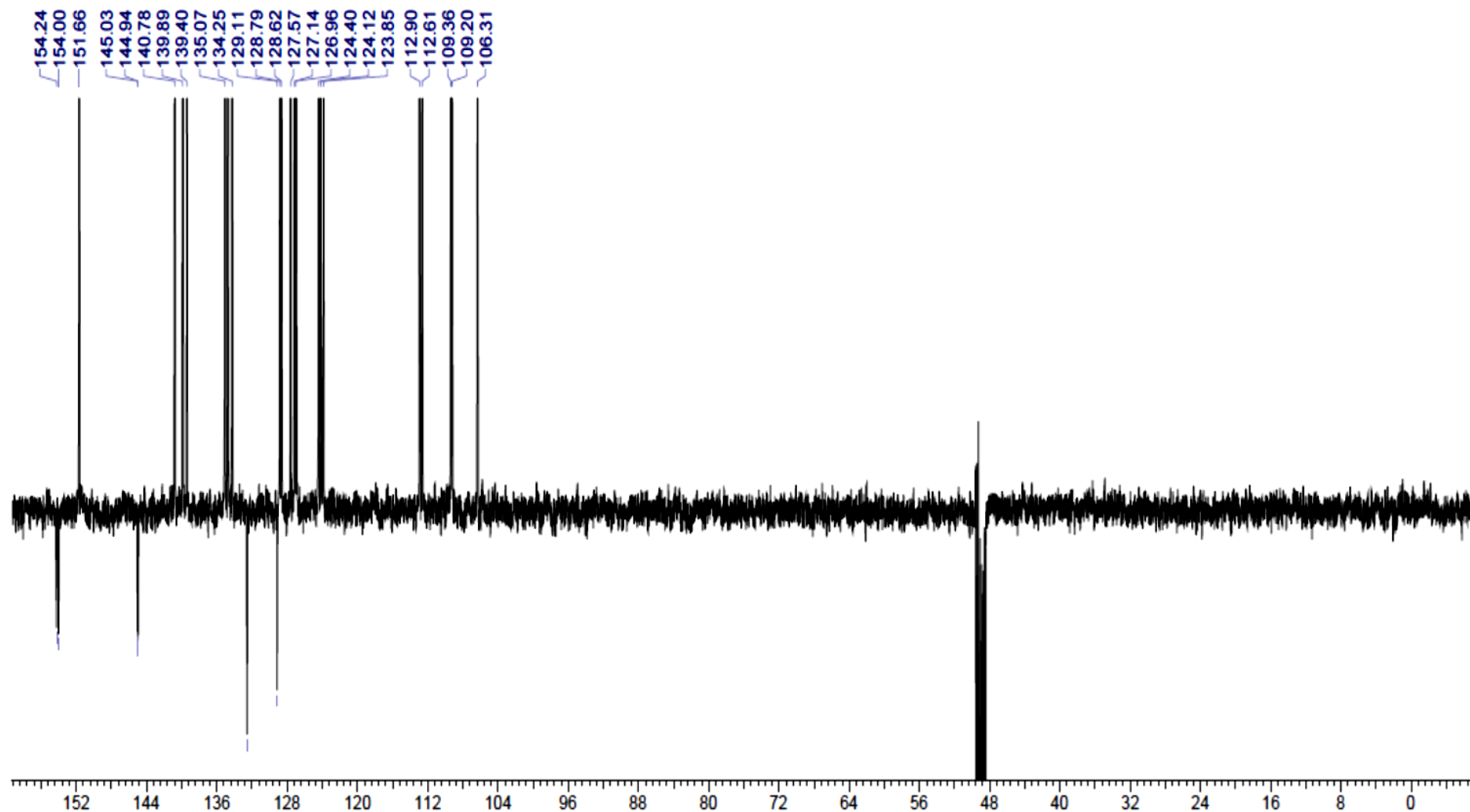
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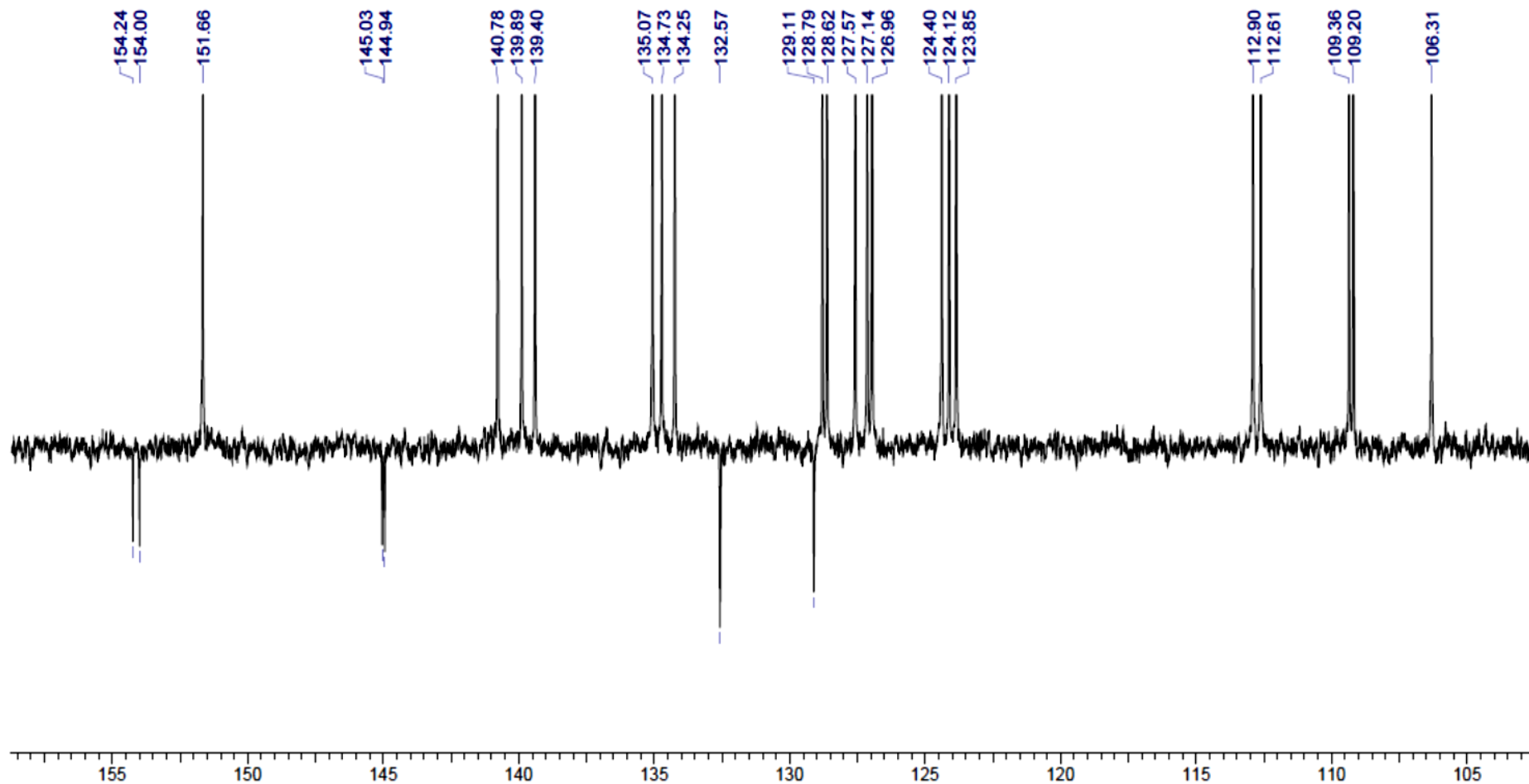
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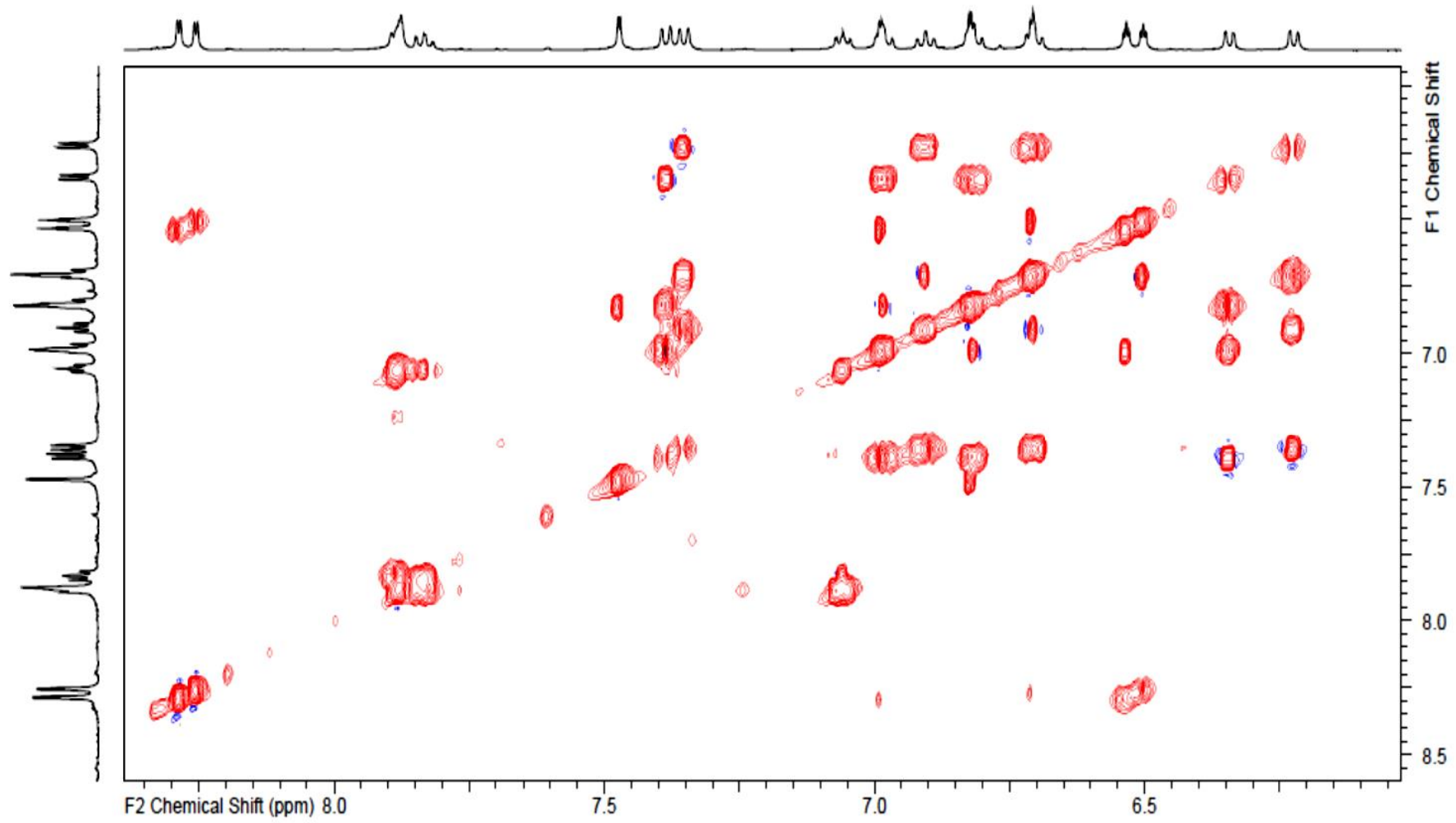
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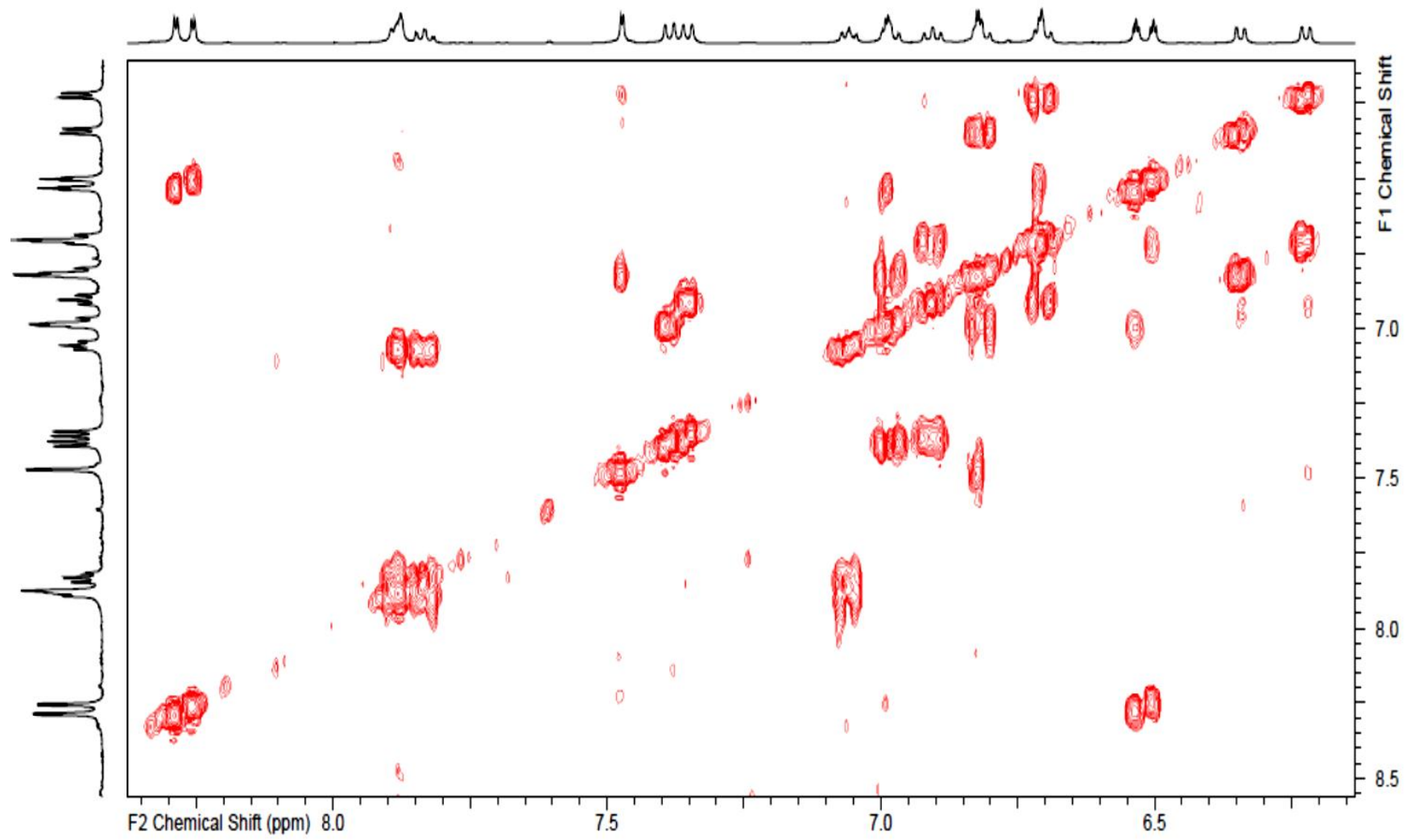
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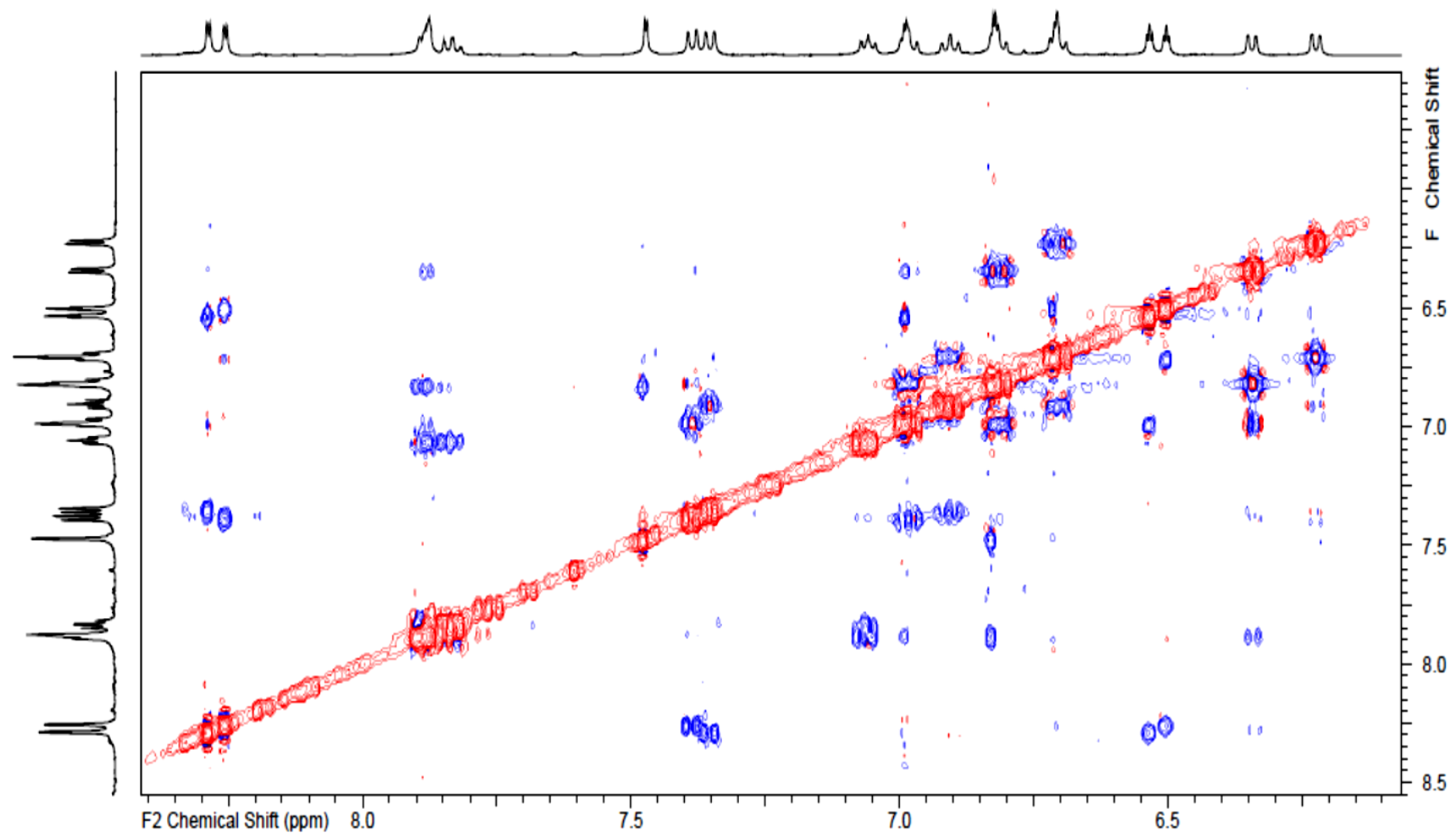
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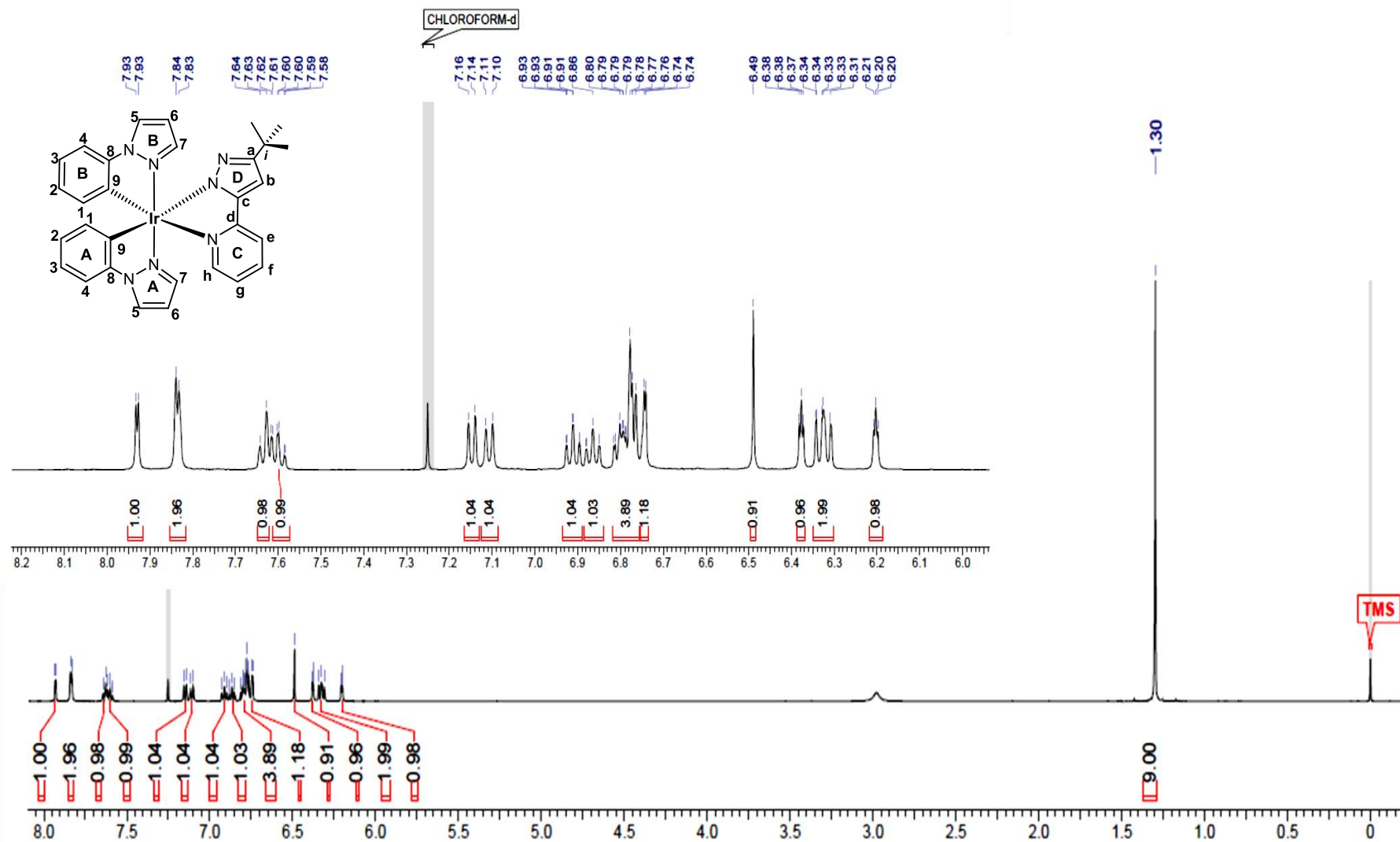
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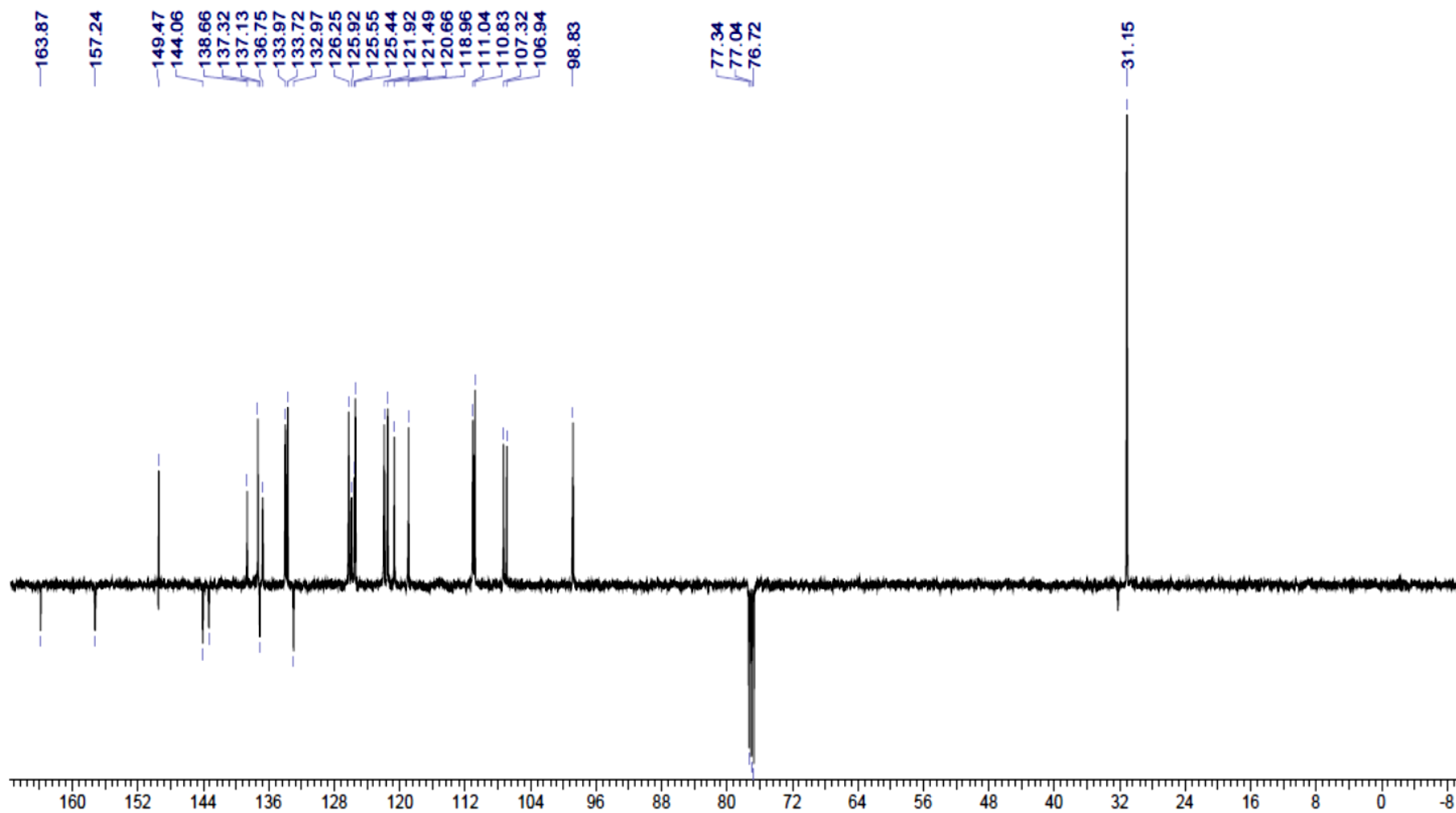
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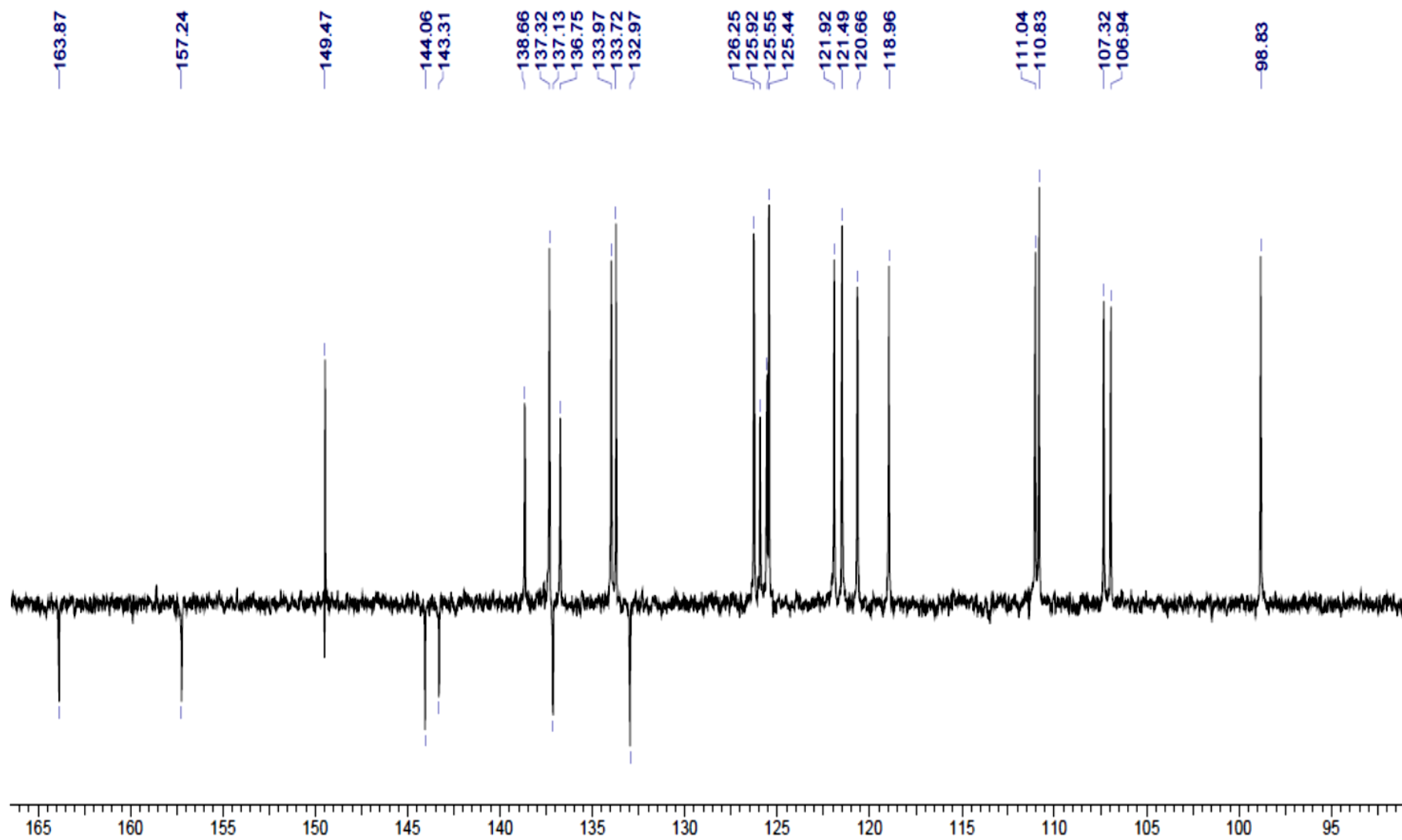
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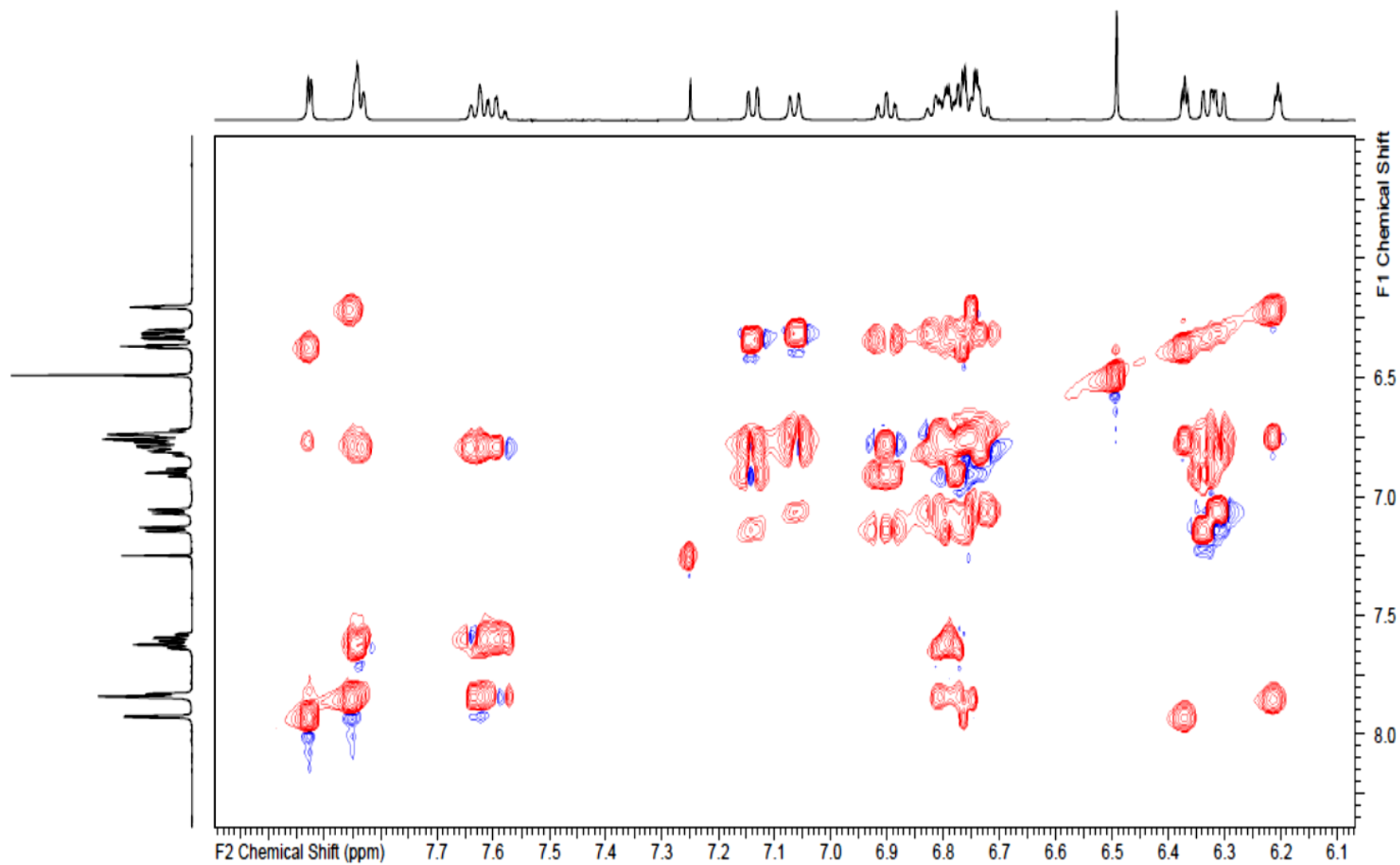
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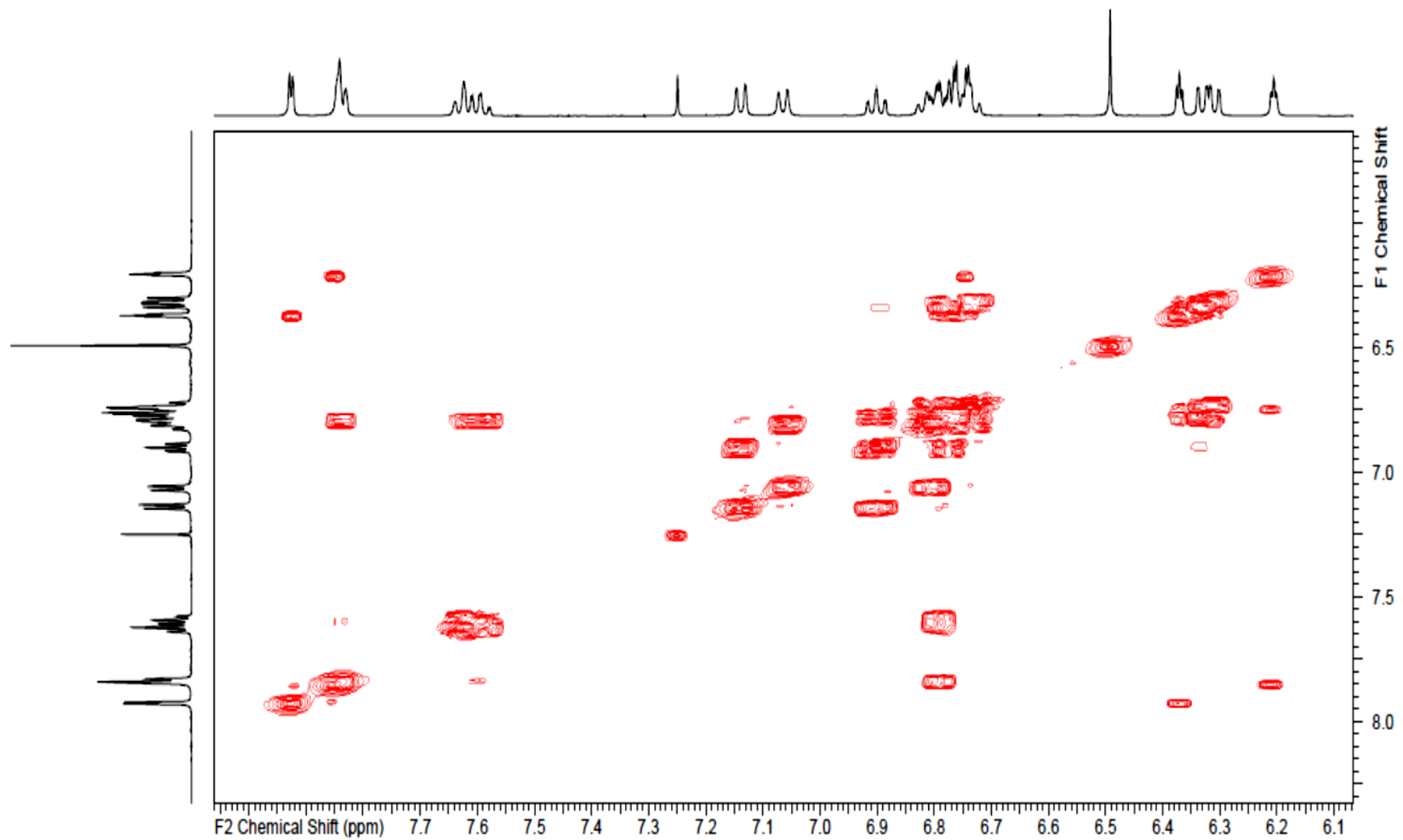
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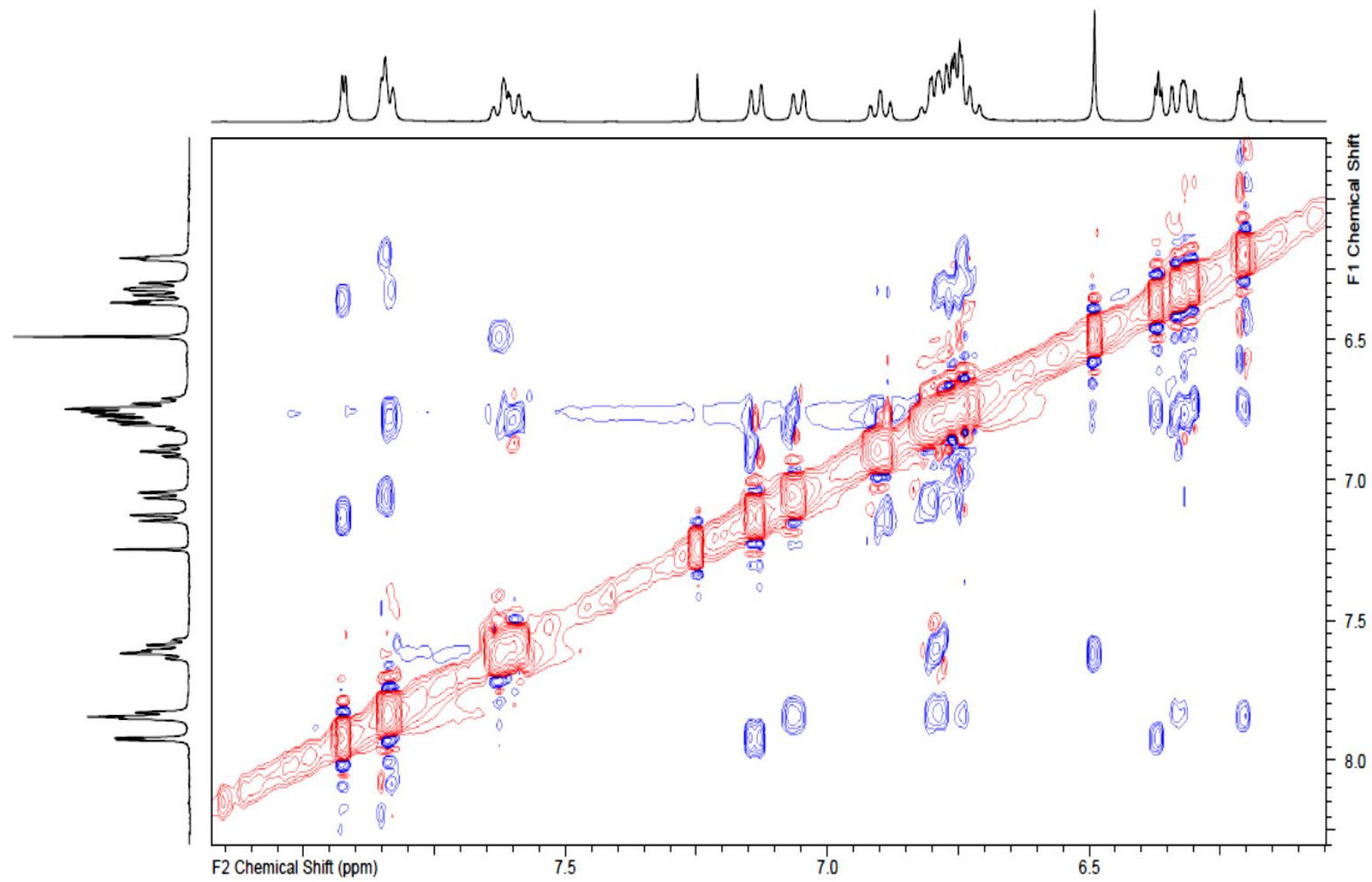
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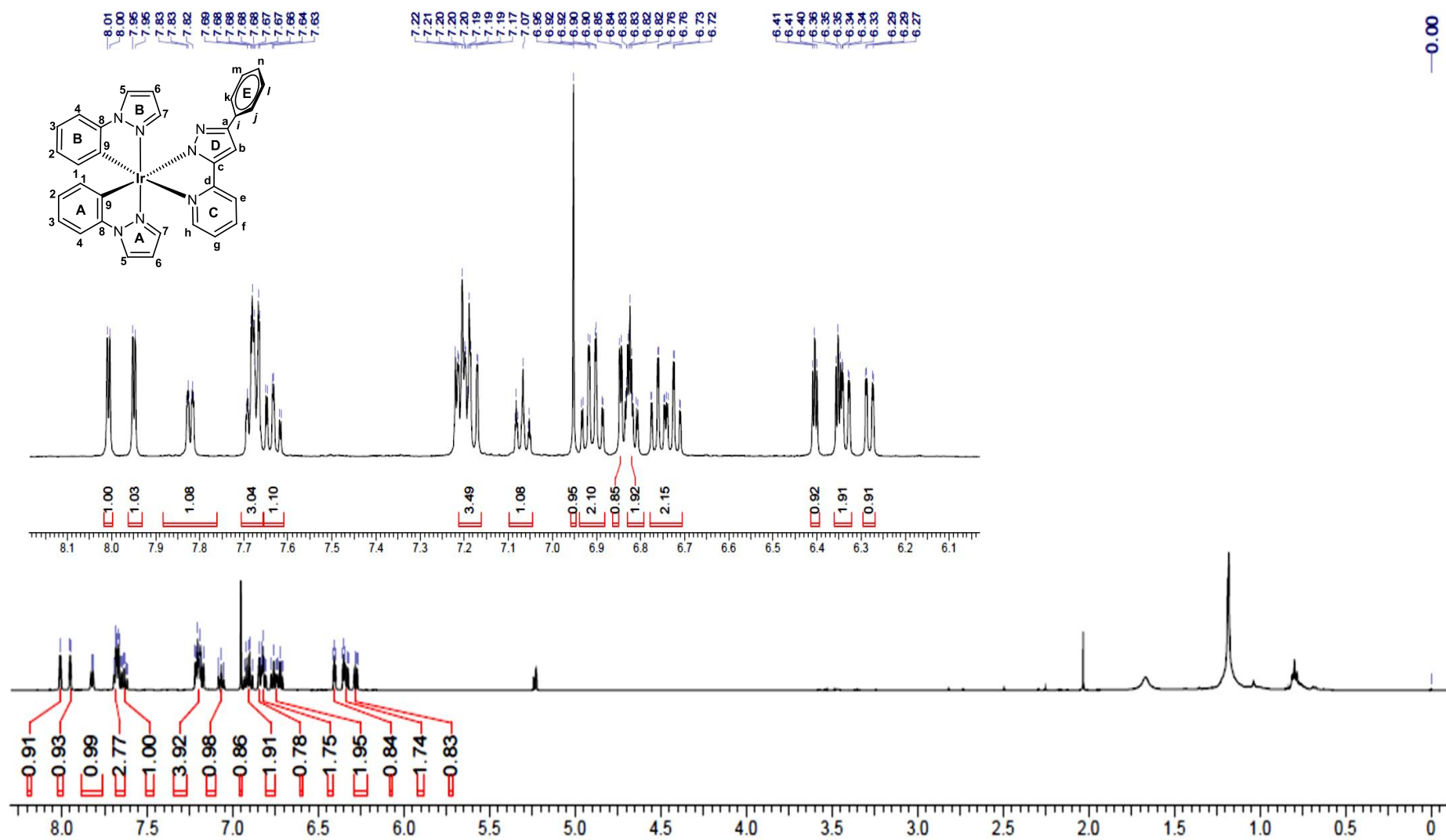
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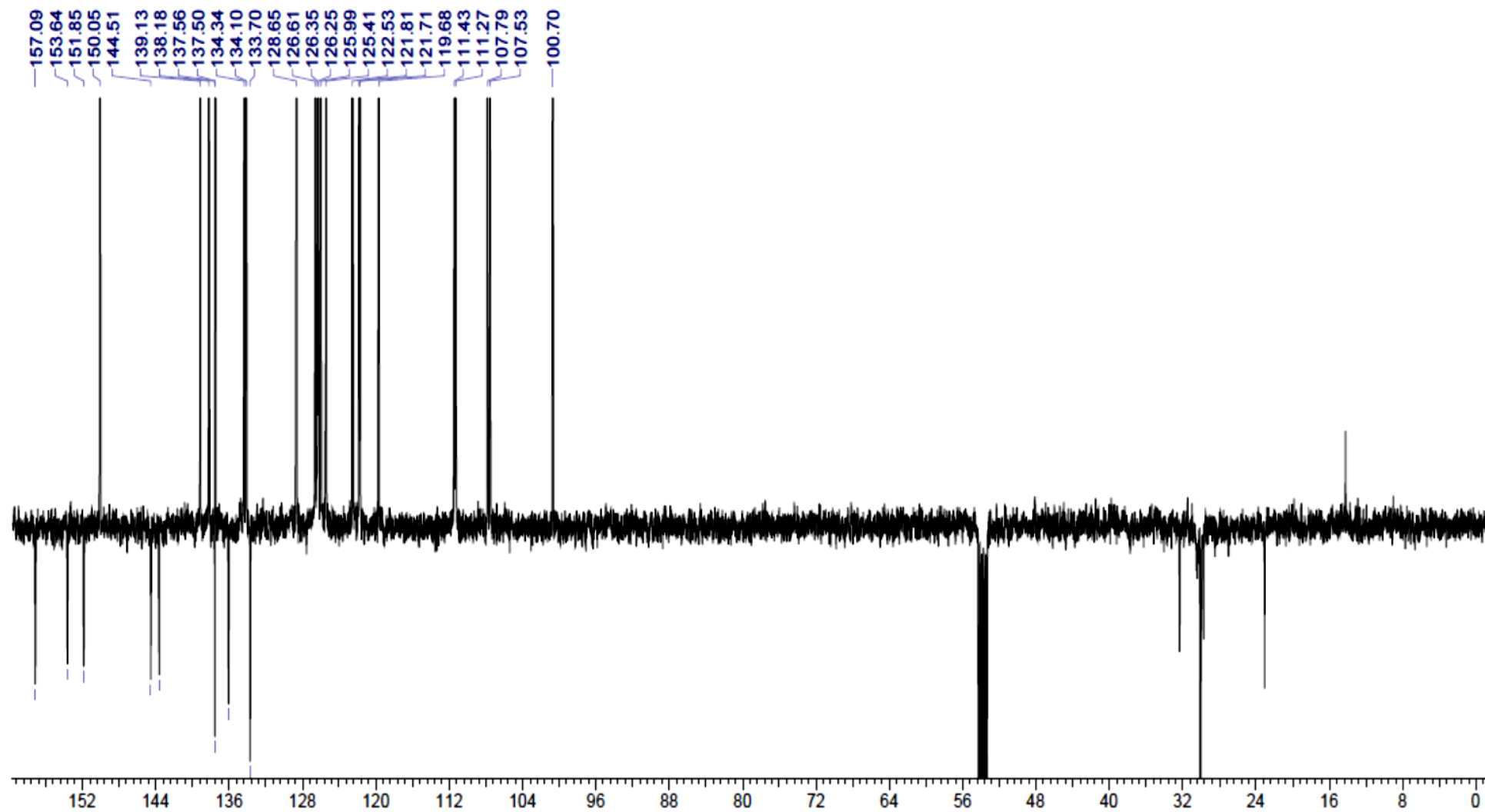


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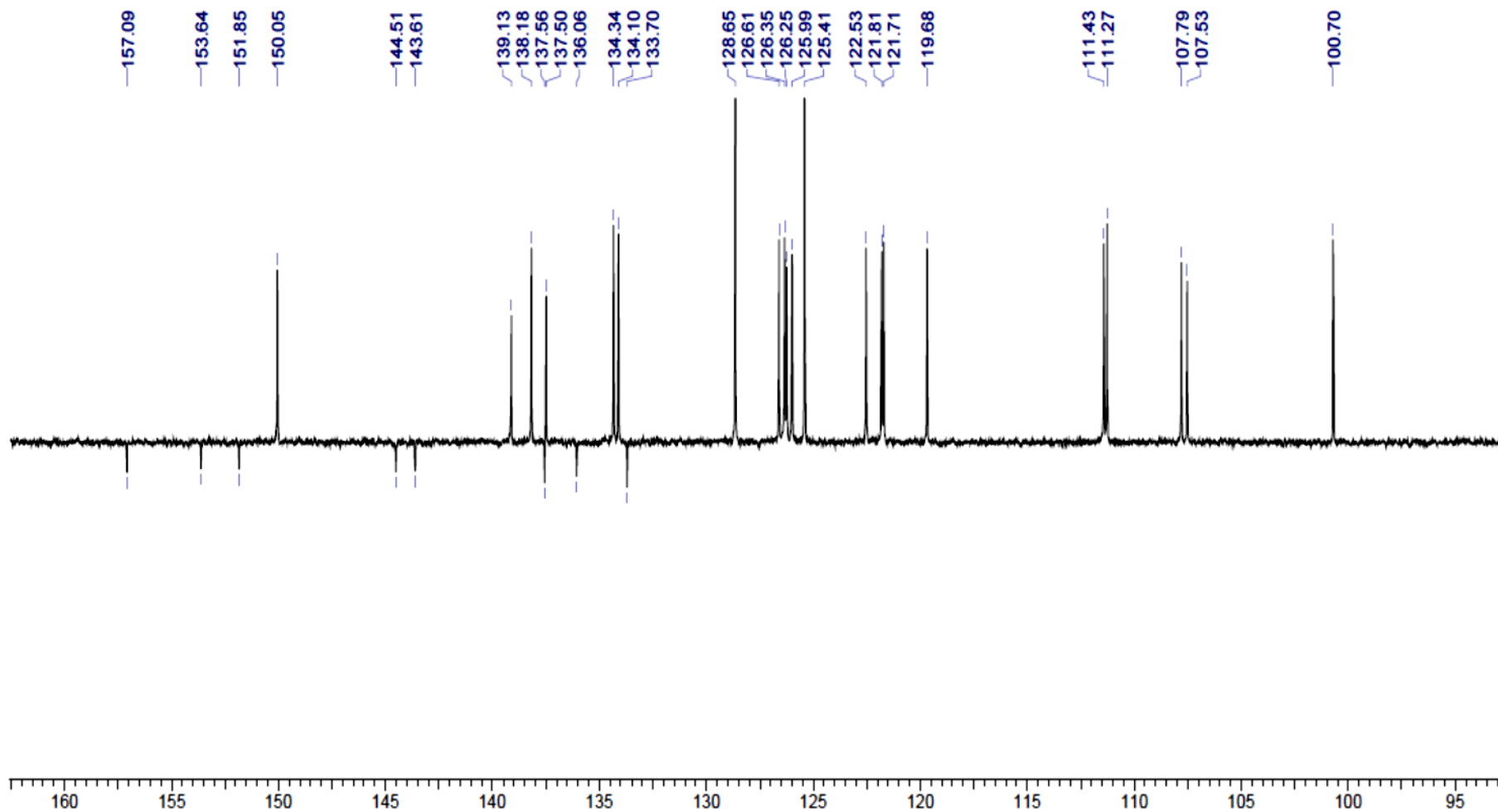


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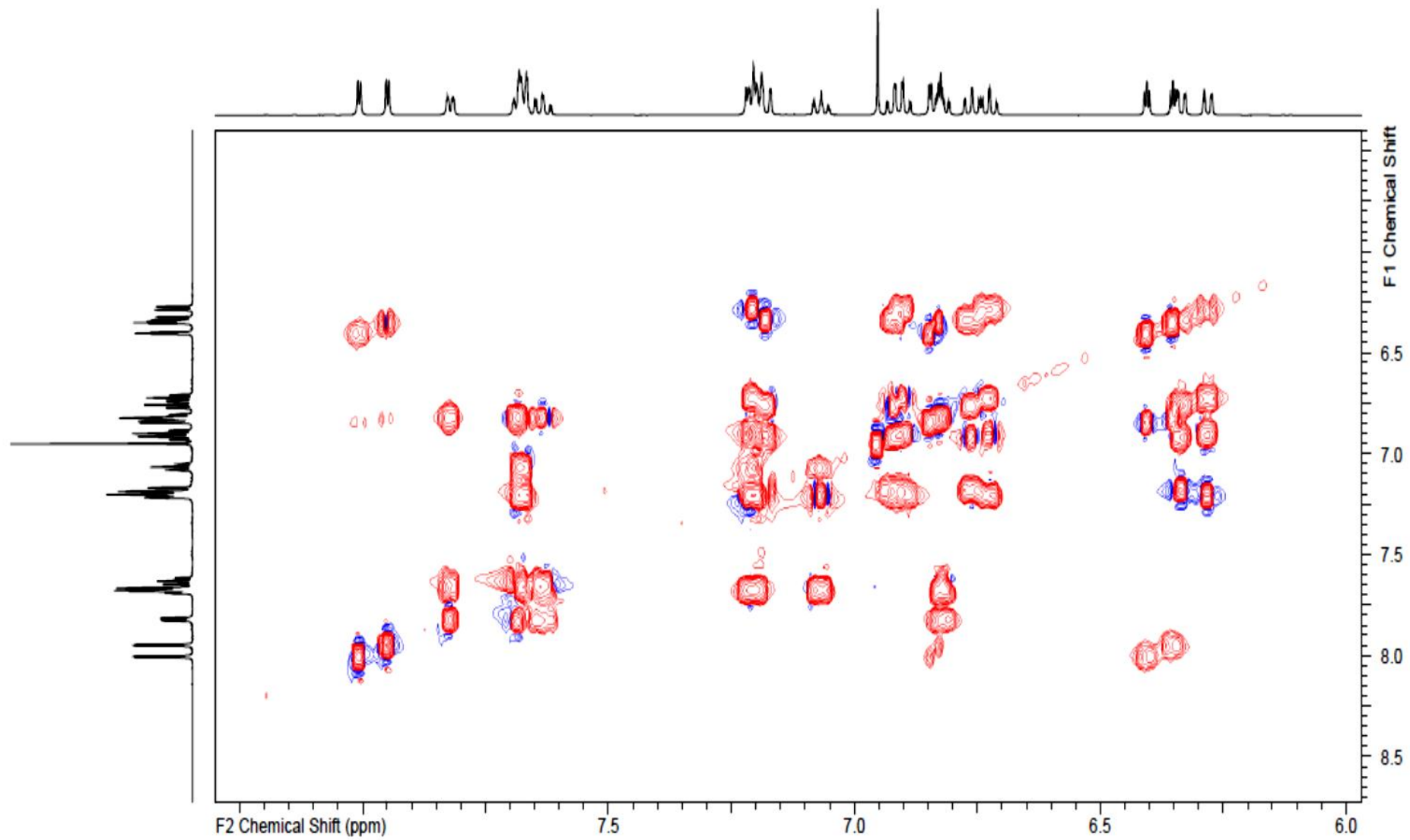
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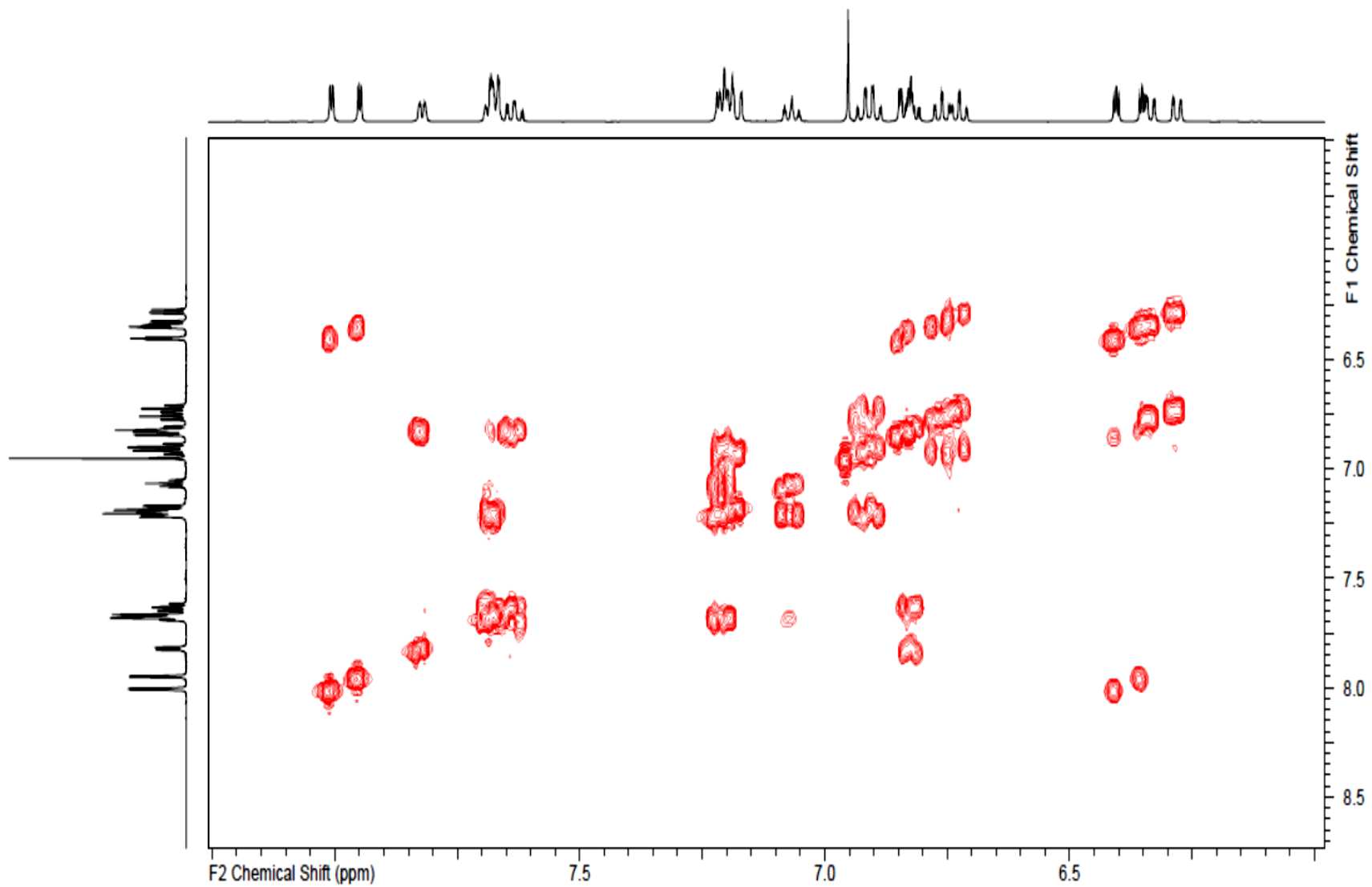
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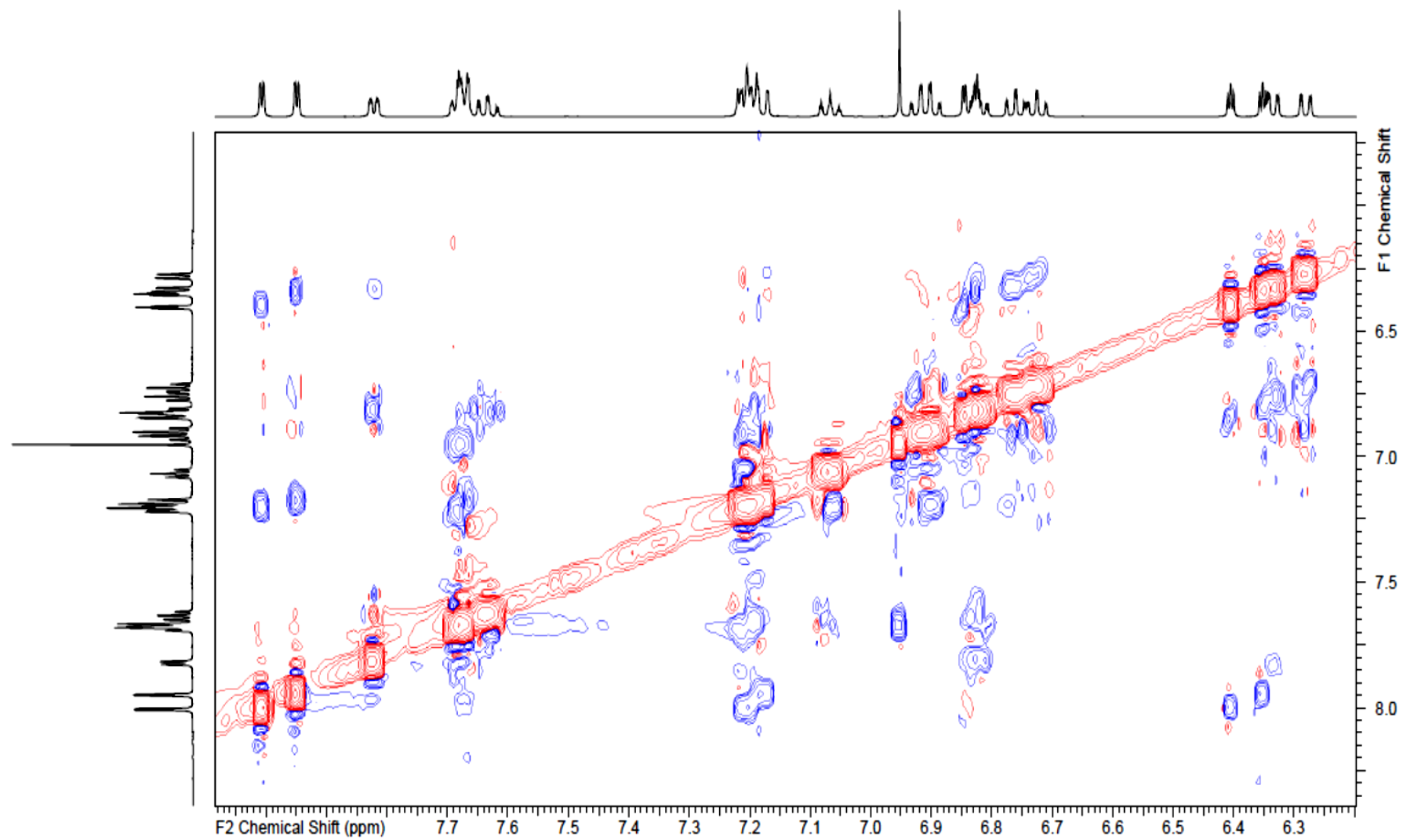
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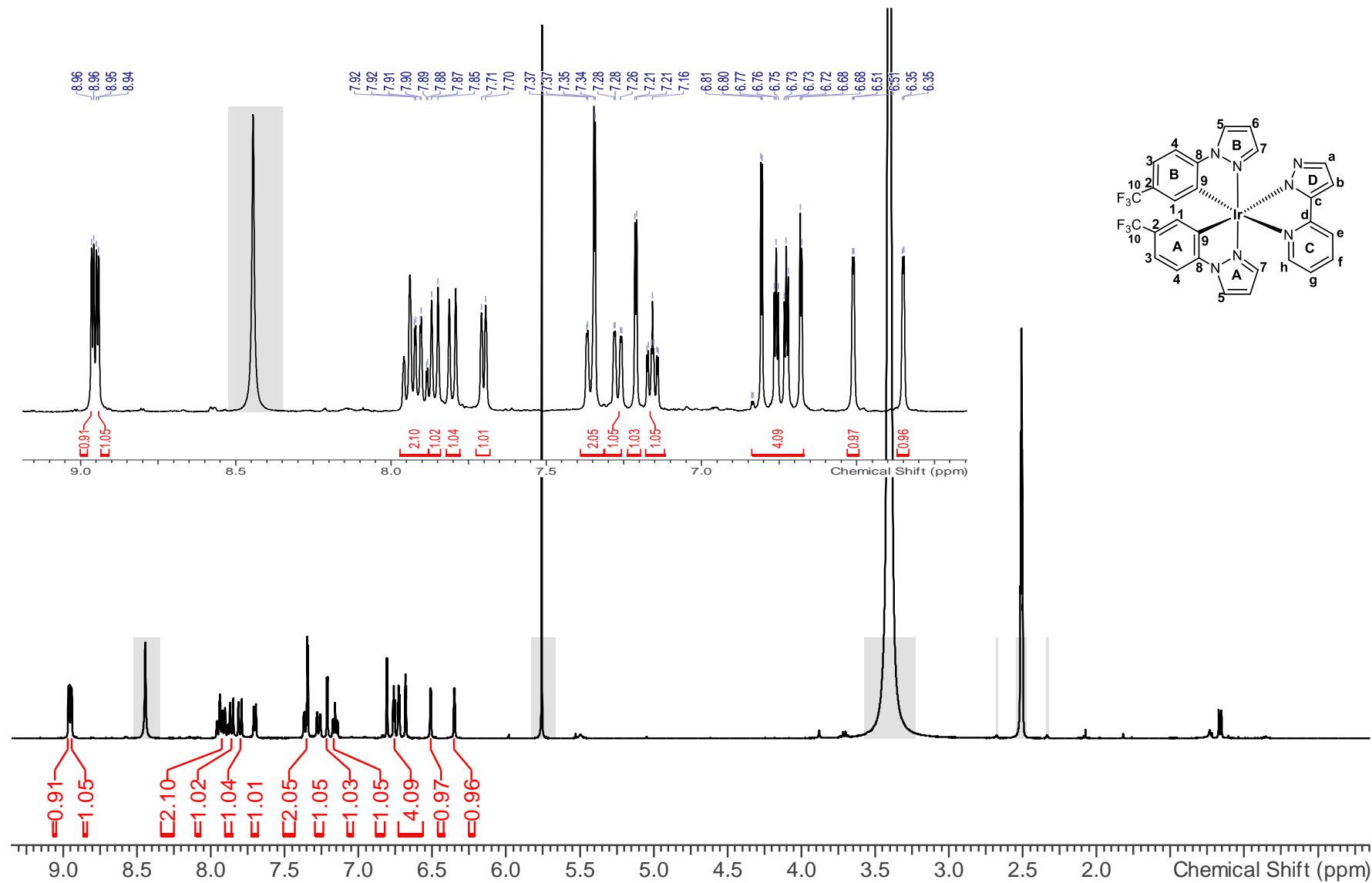
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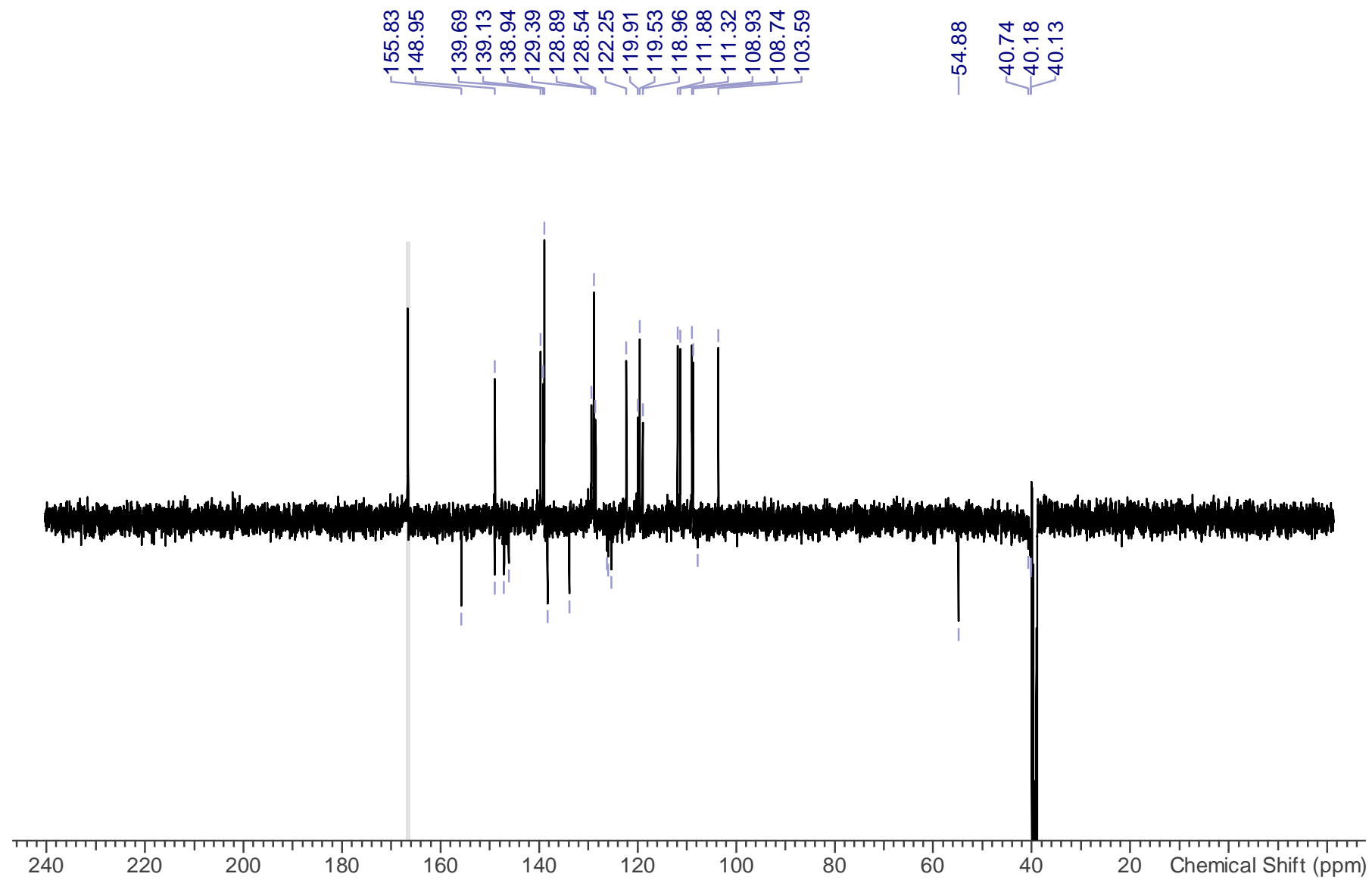


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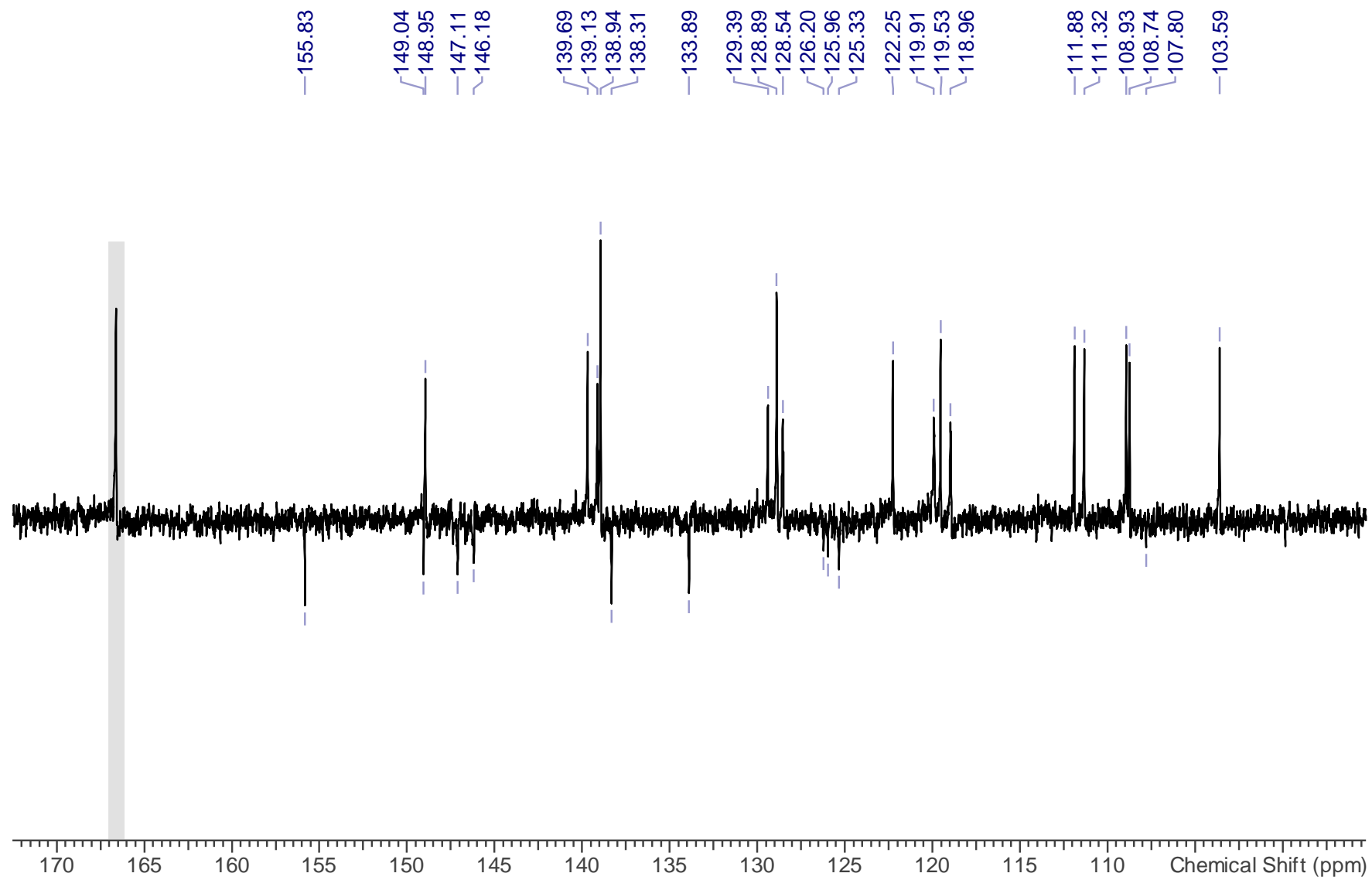
HC(O)NH₂ at 8.4 ppm is an impurity

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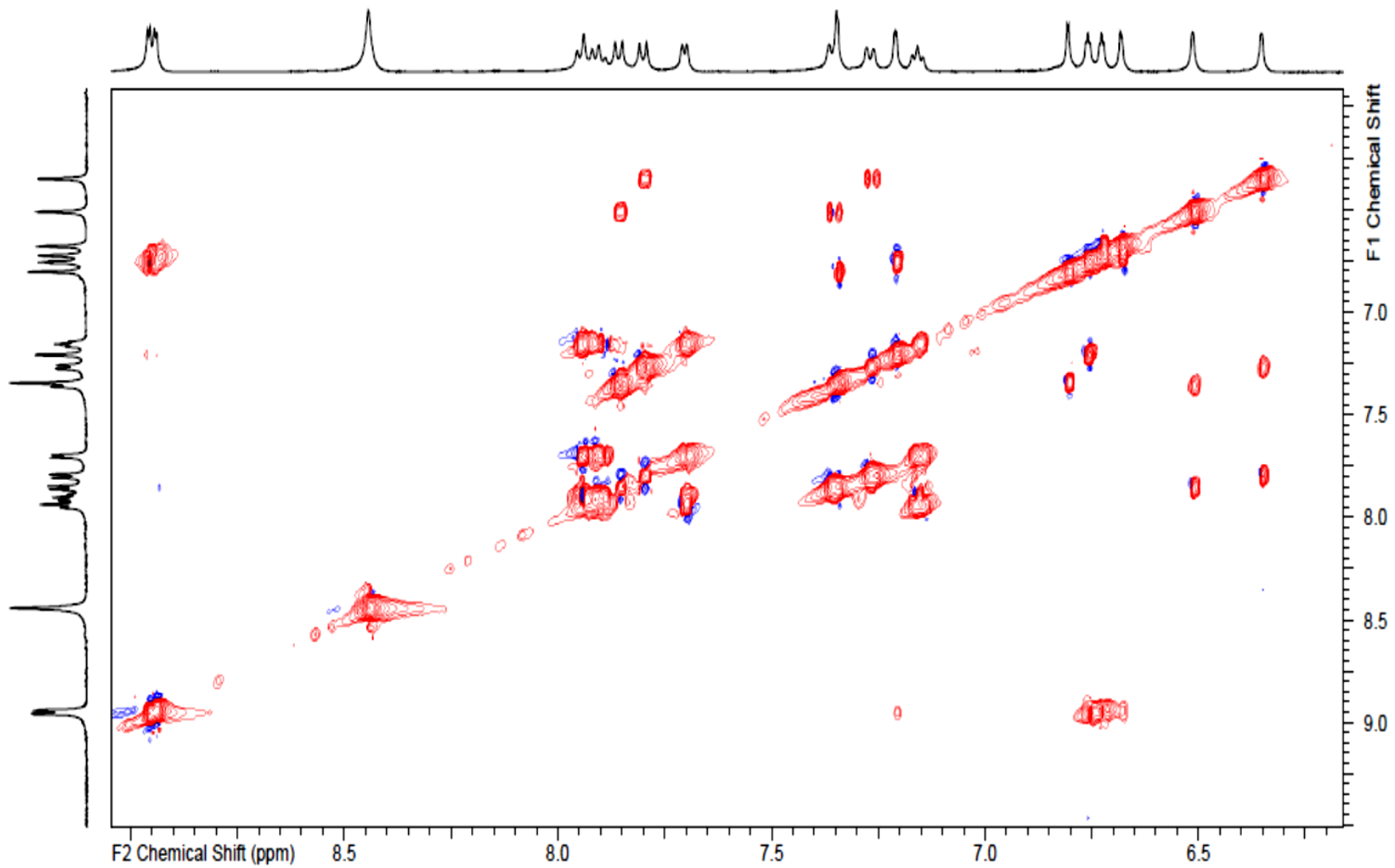


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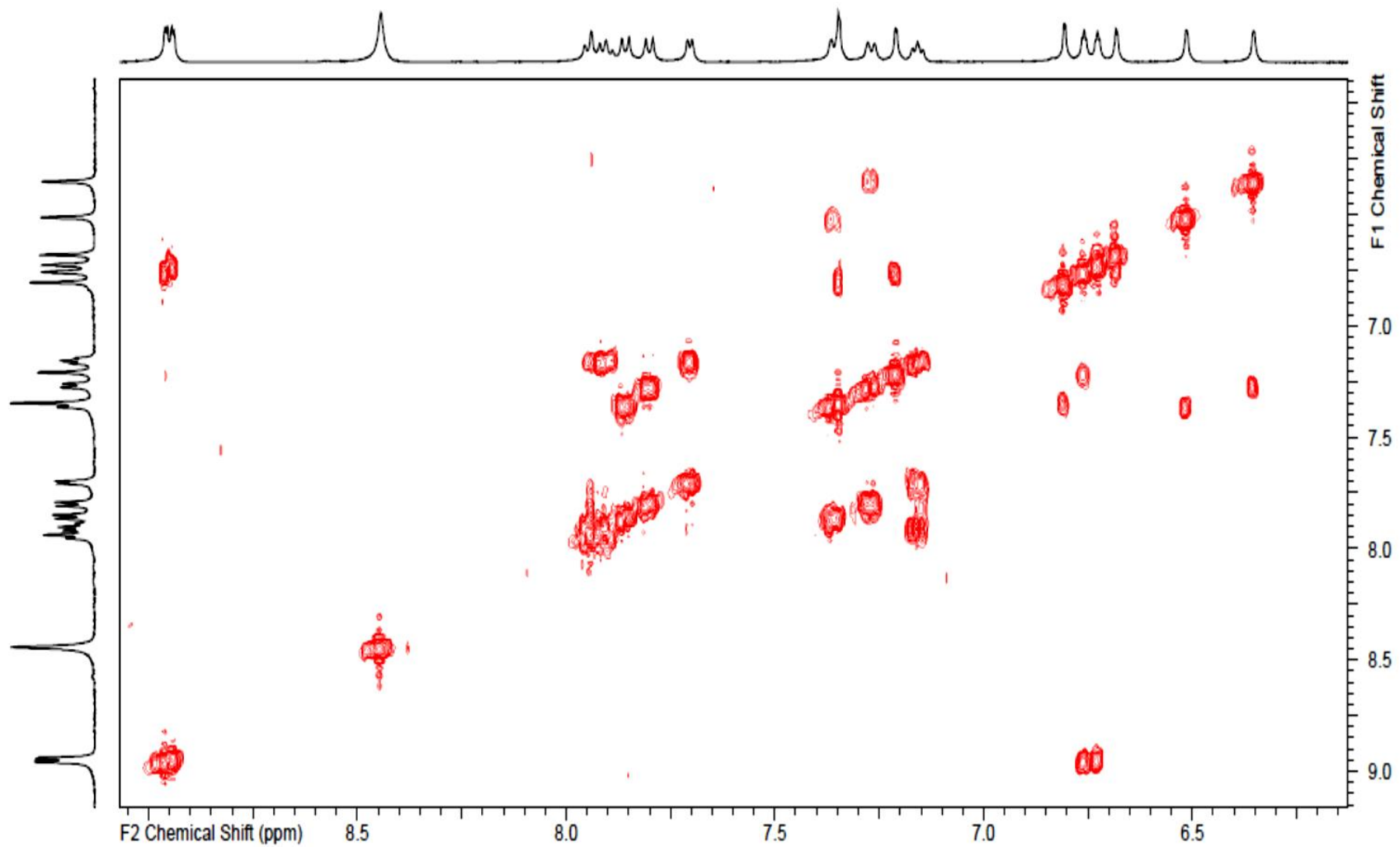
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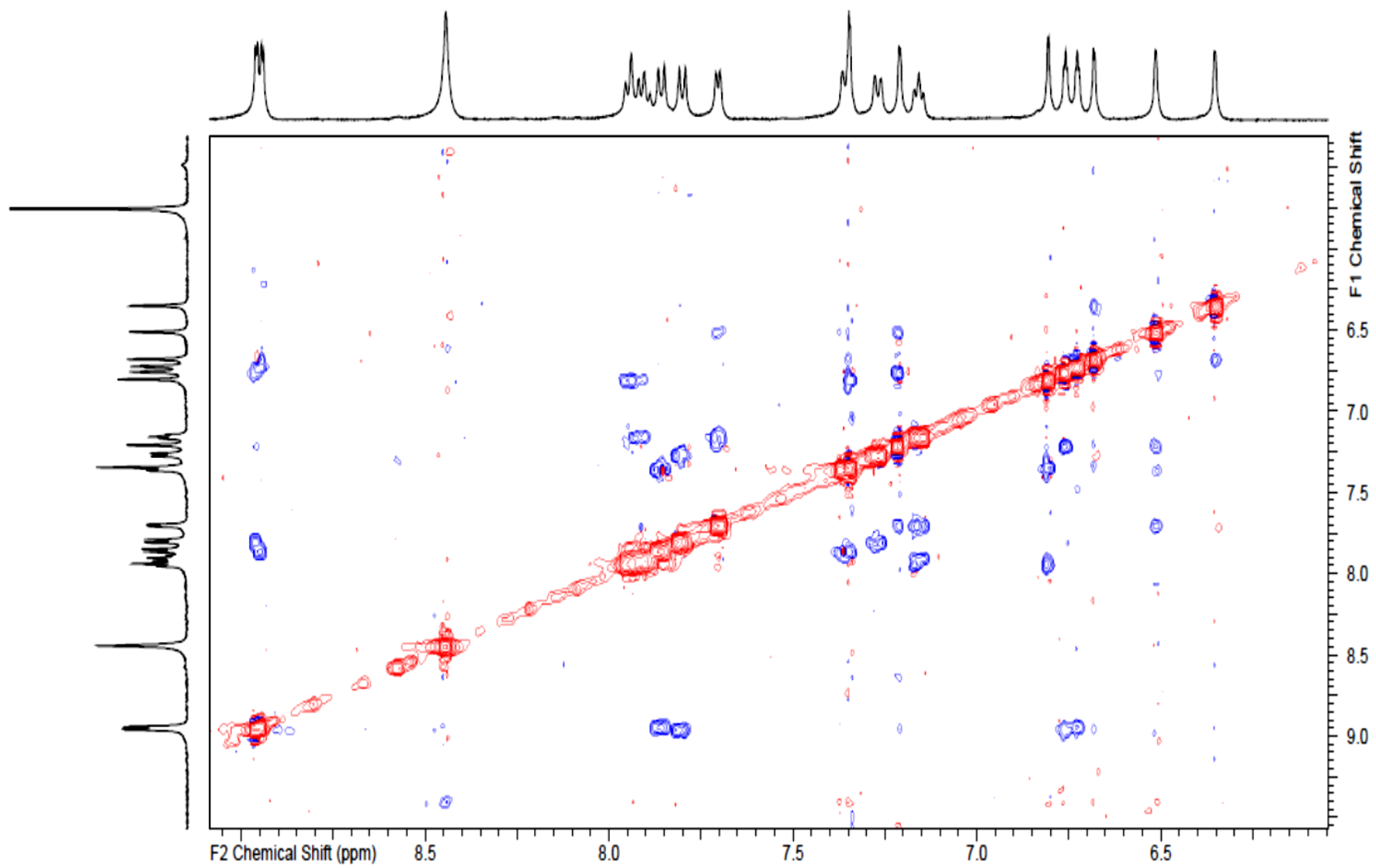
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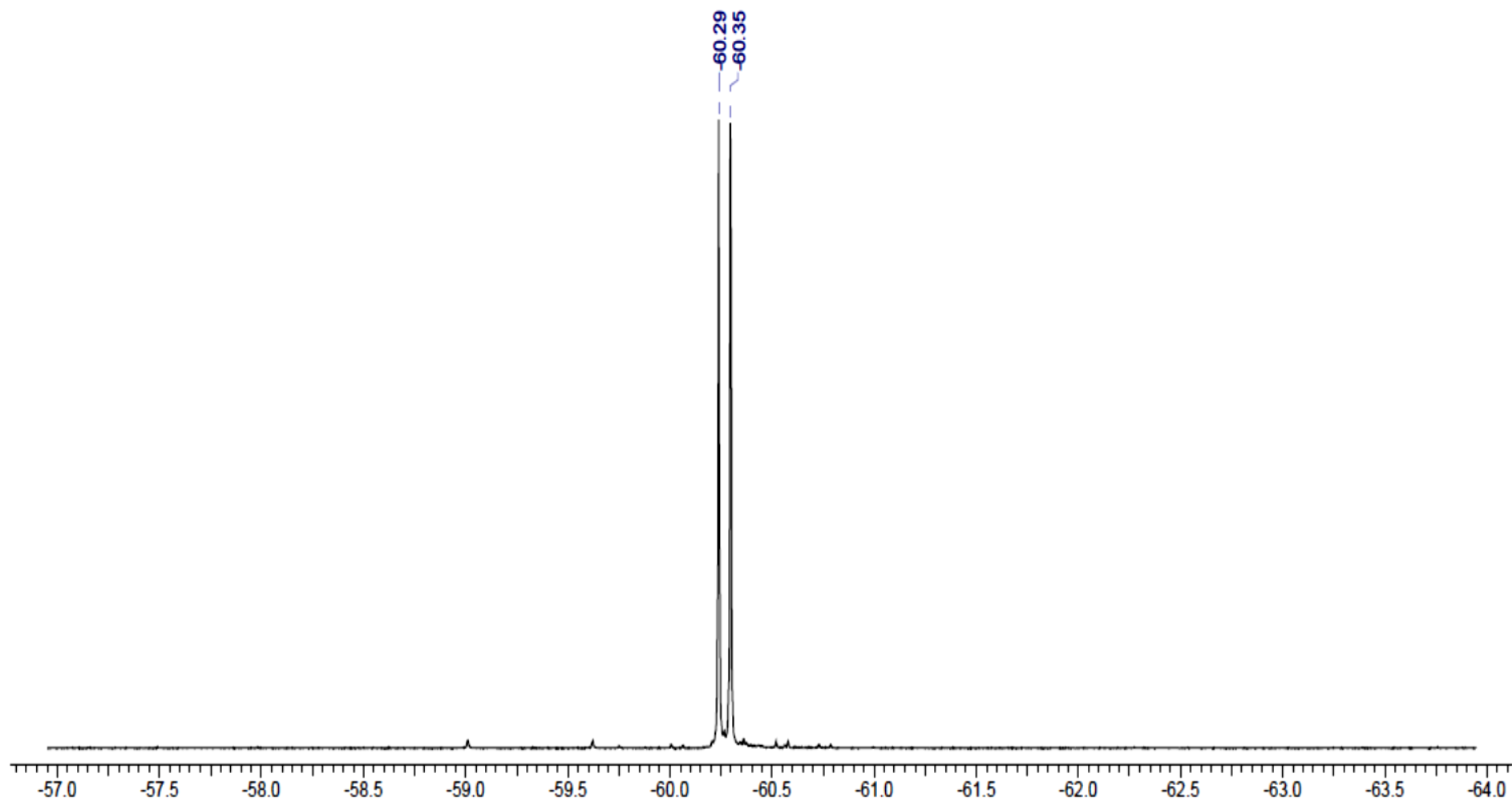
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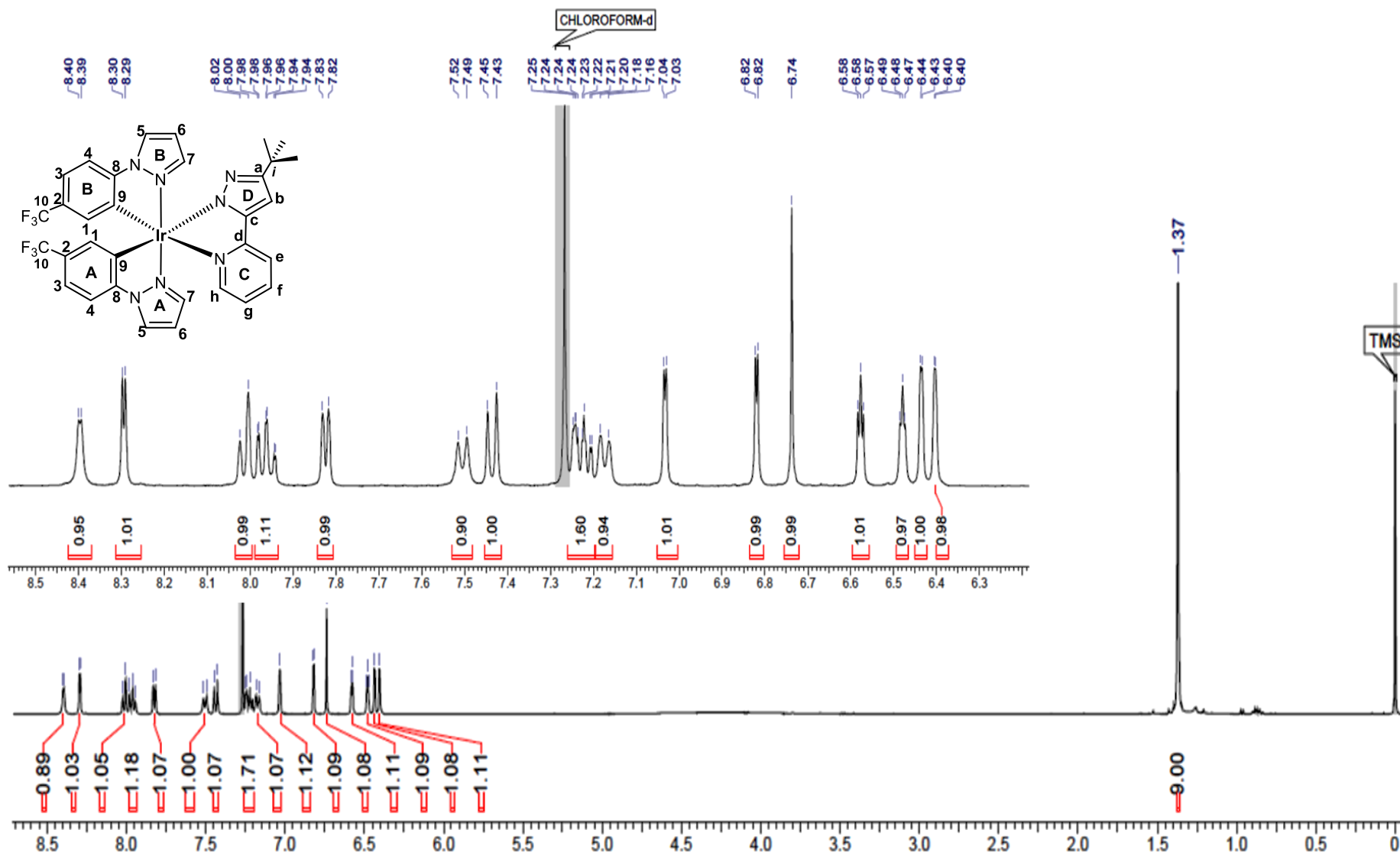
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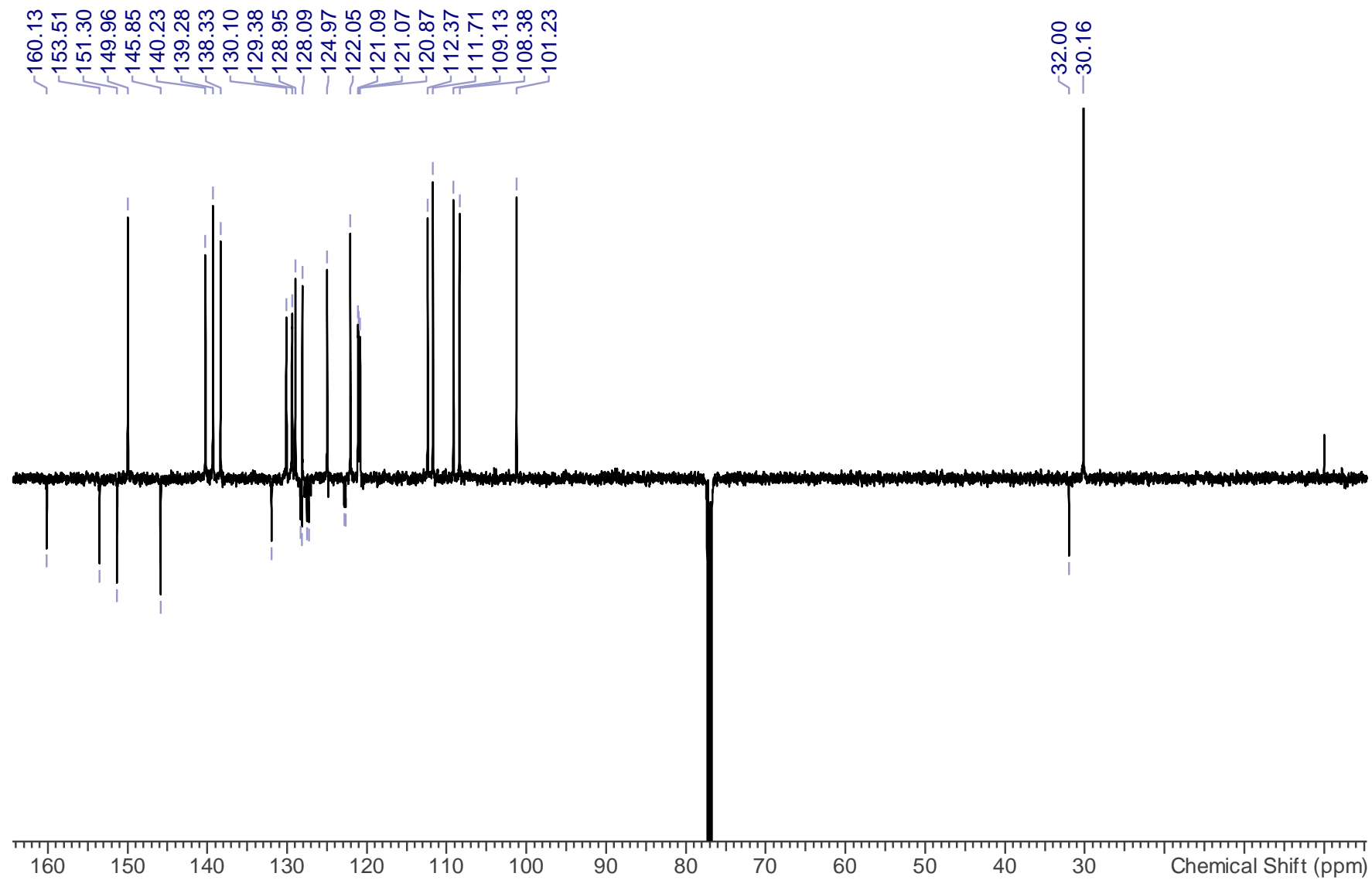
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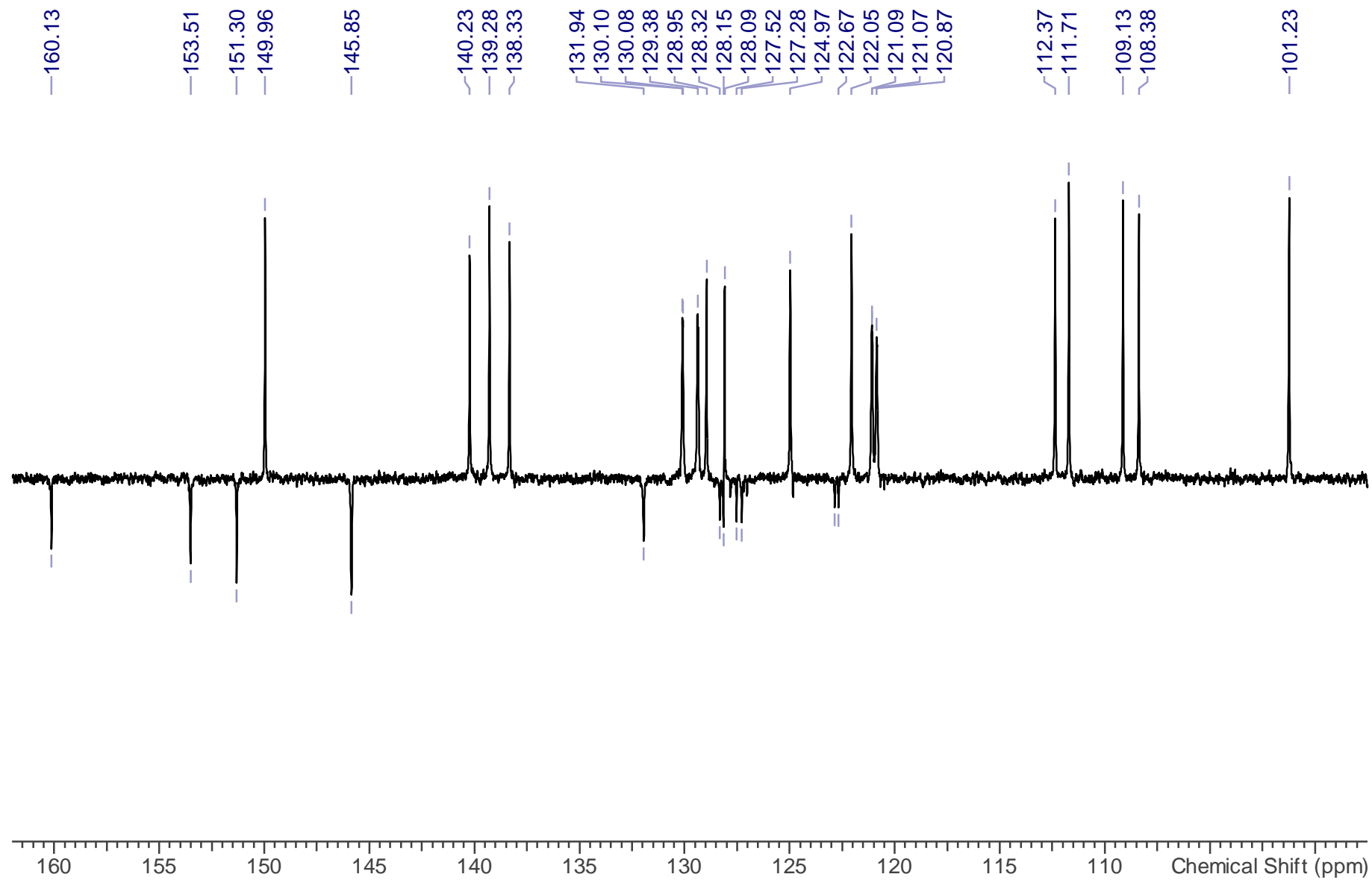
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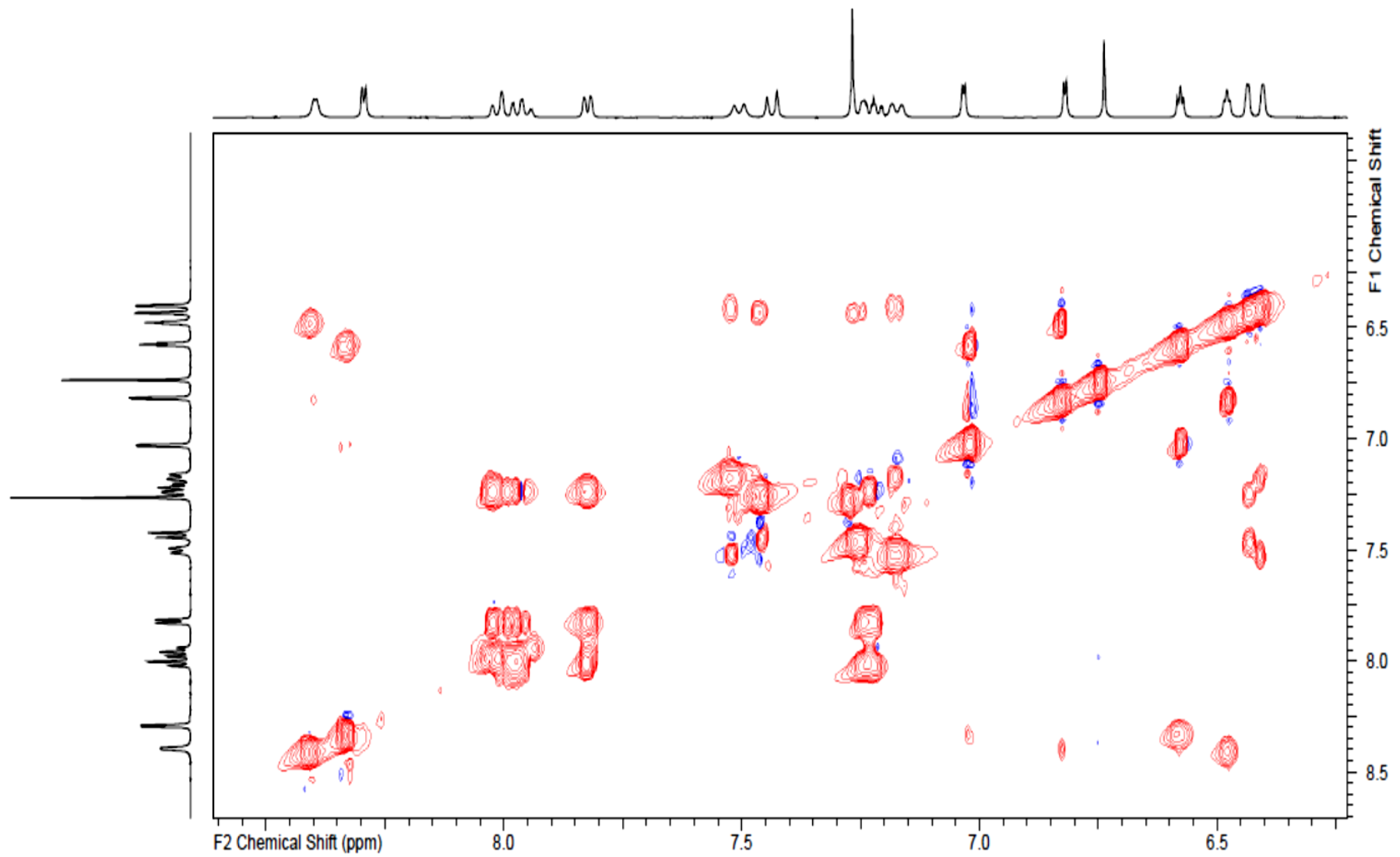
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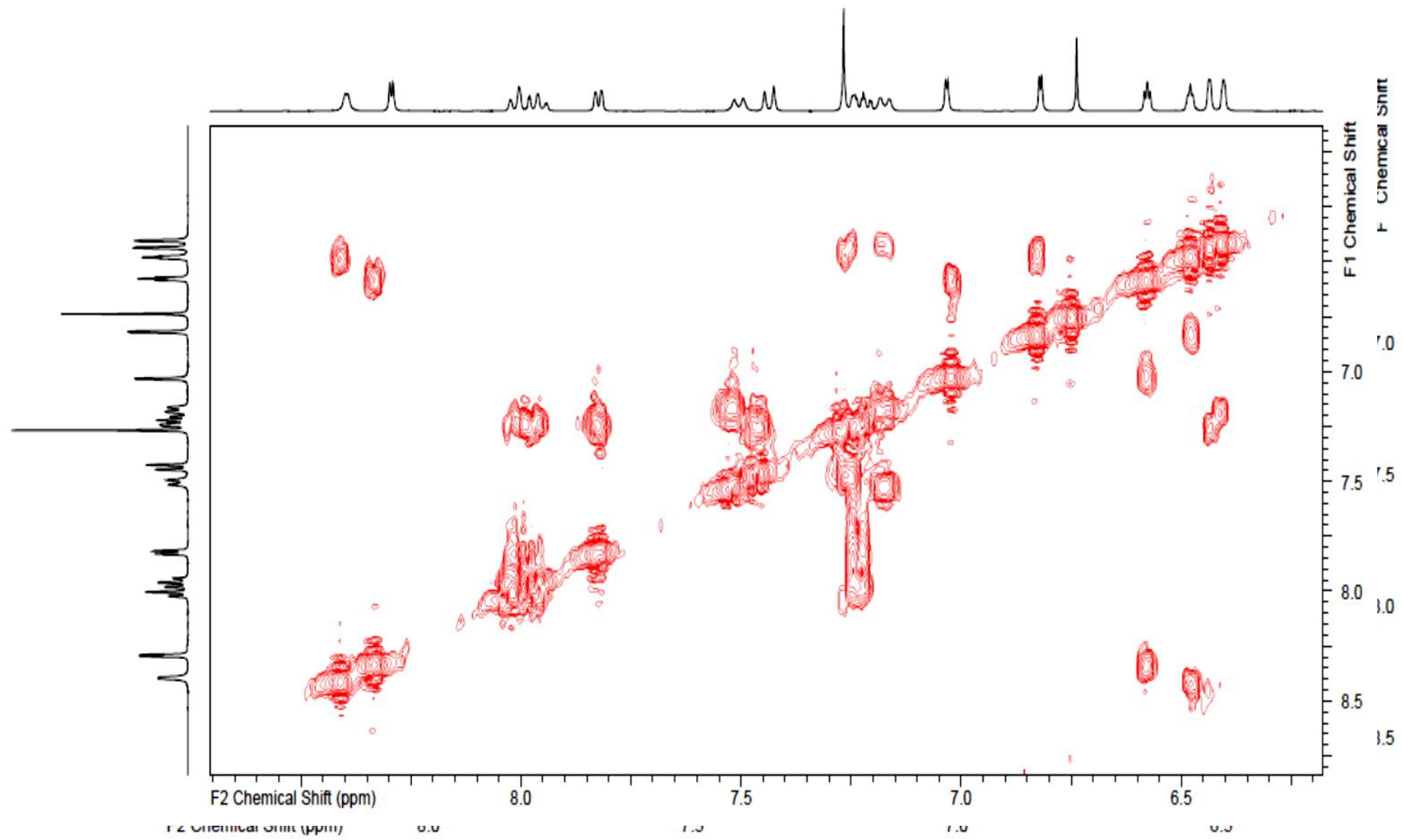
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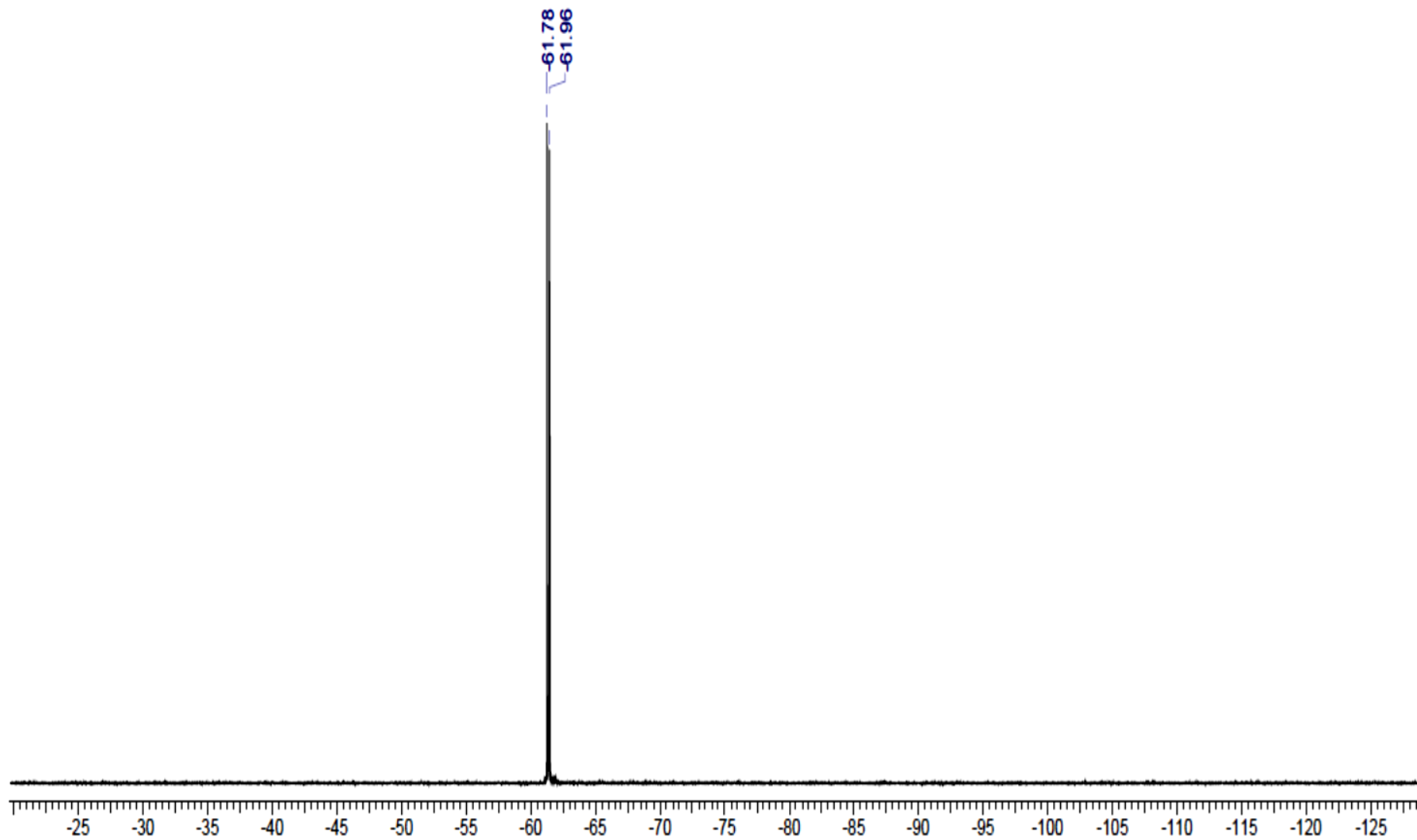
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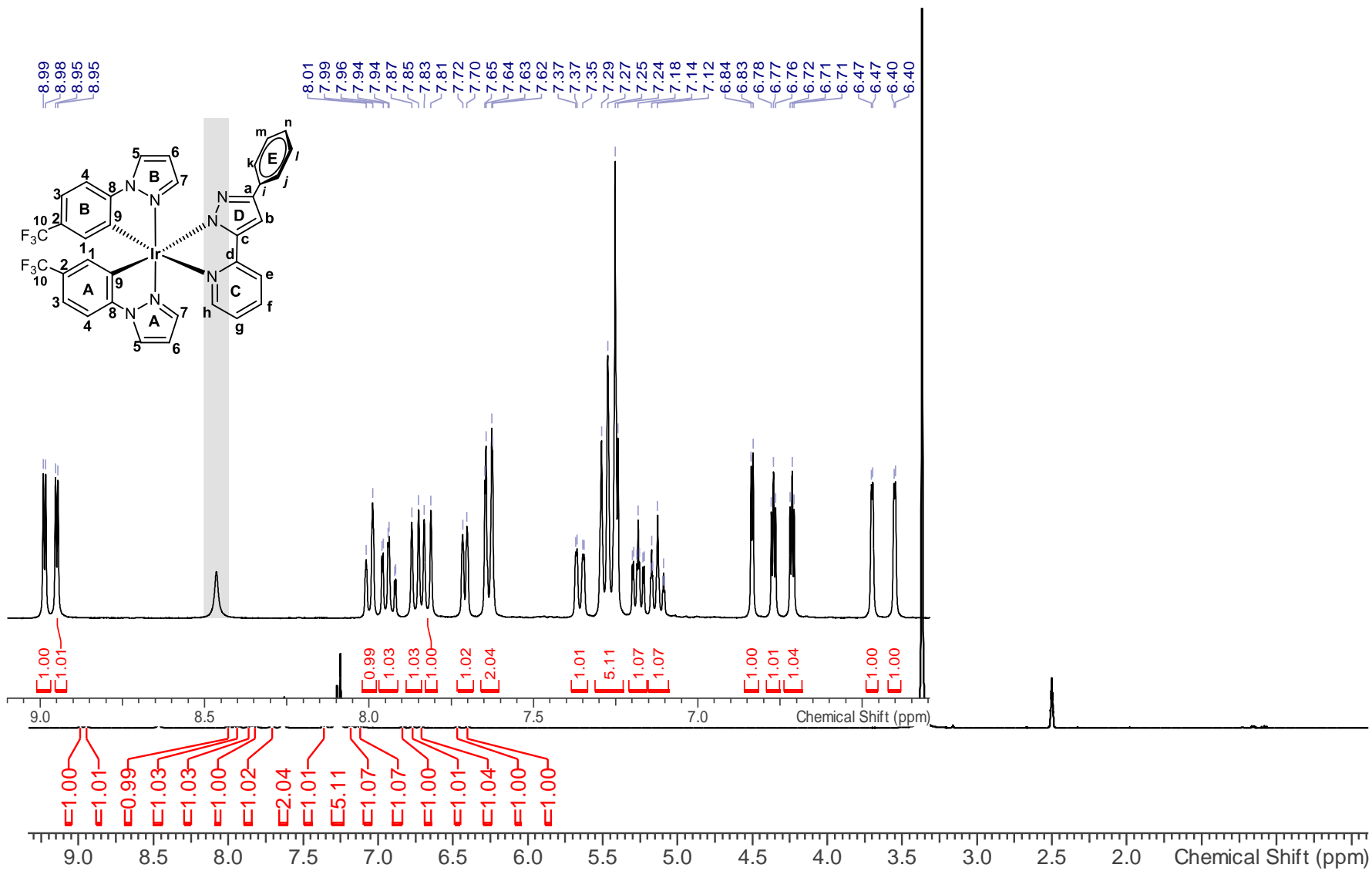
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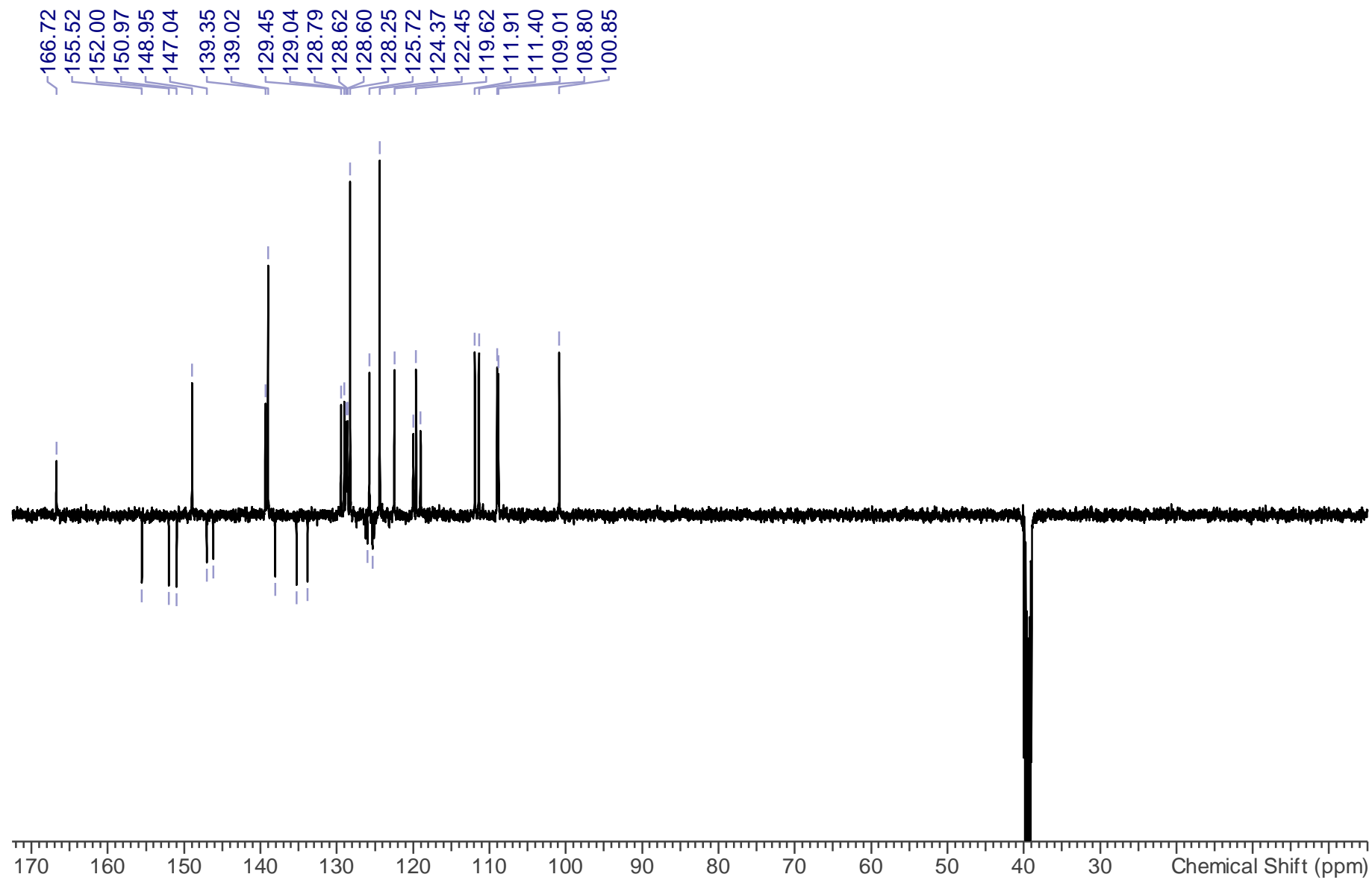


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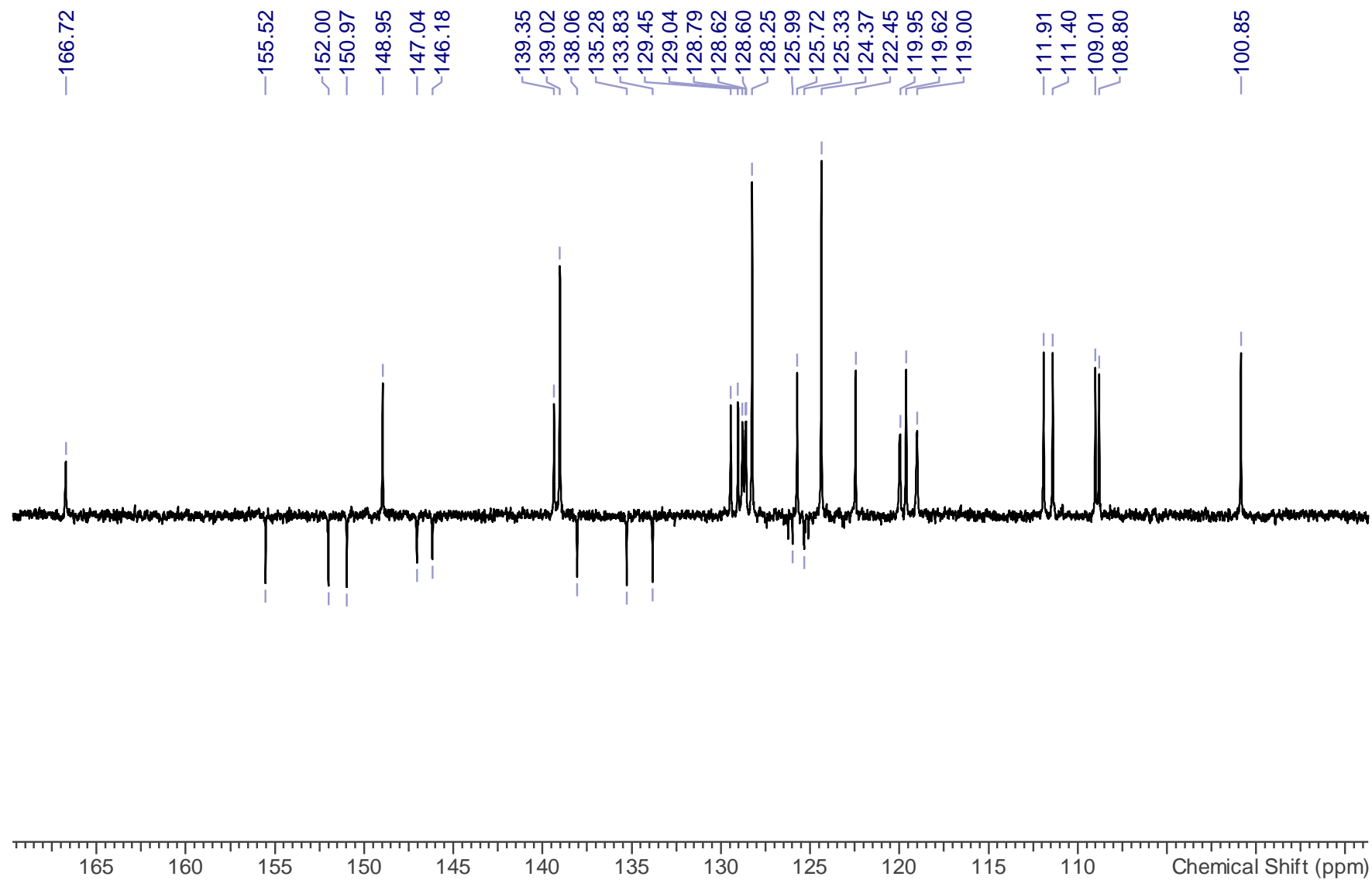


Peak at 8.45 is HC(O)NH₂ impurity in the solvent

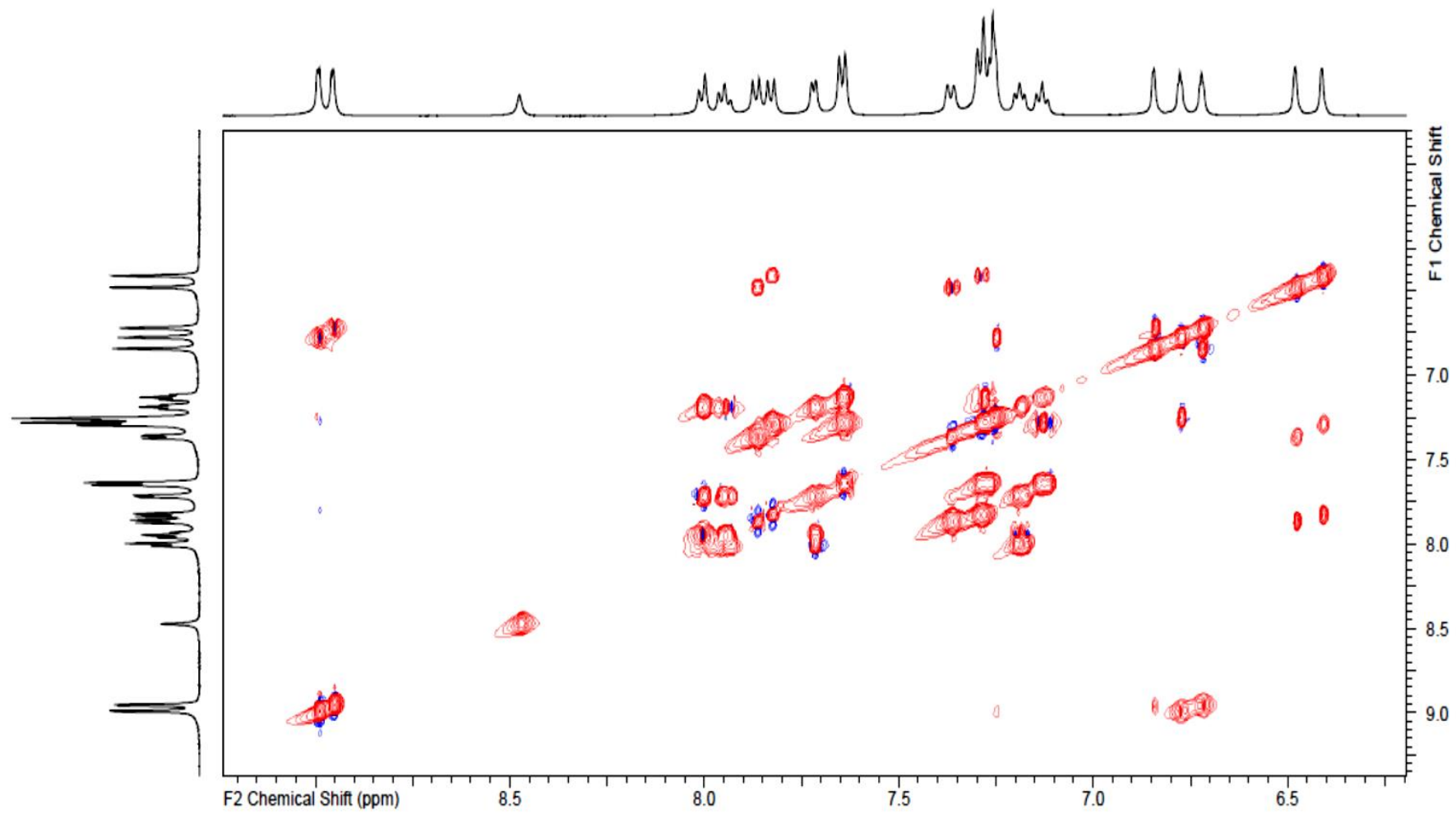
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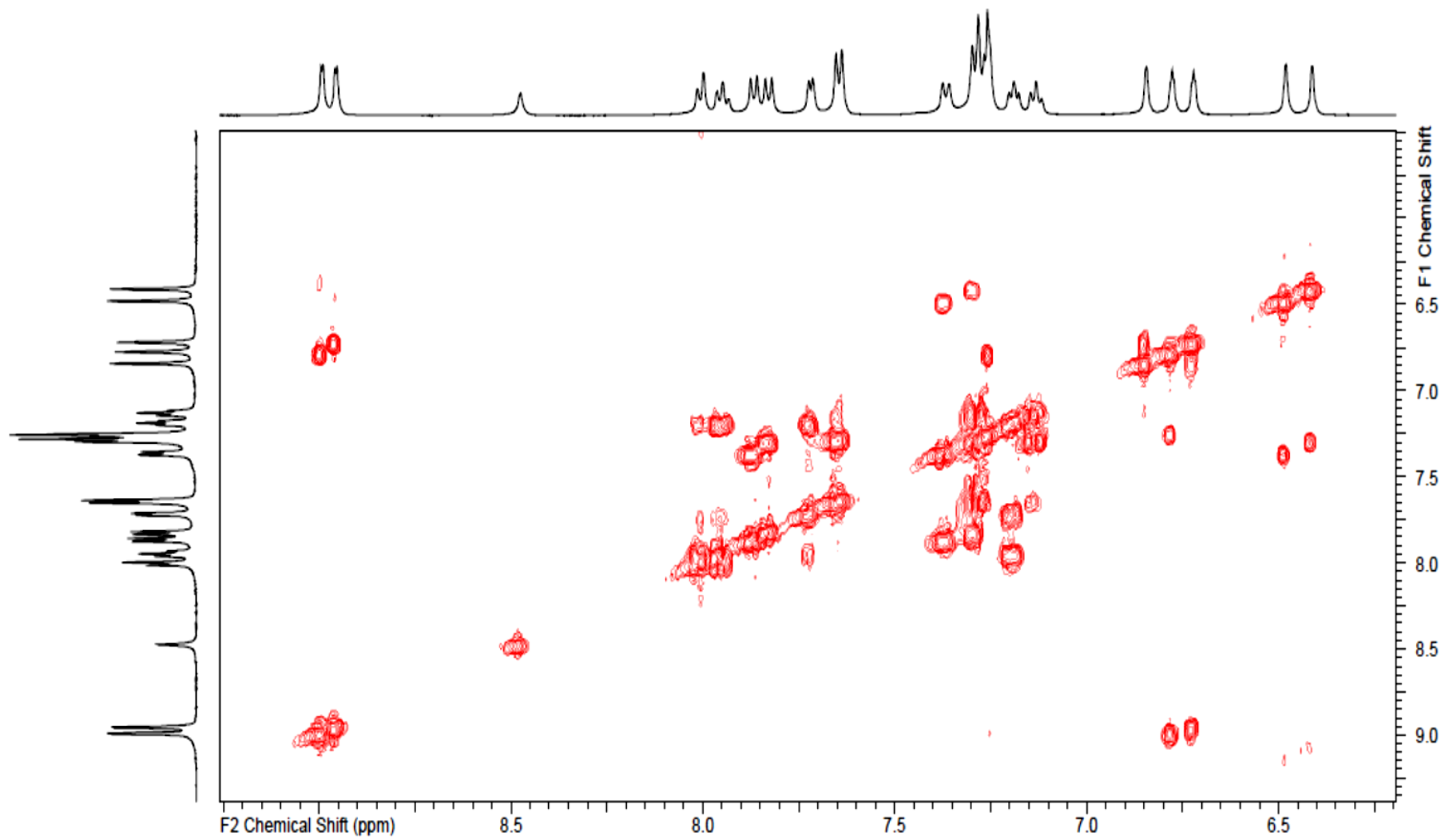
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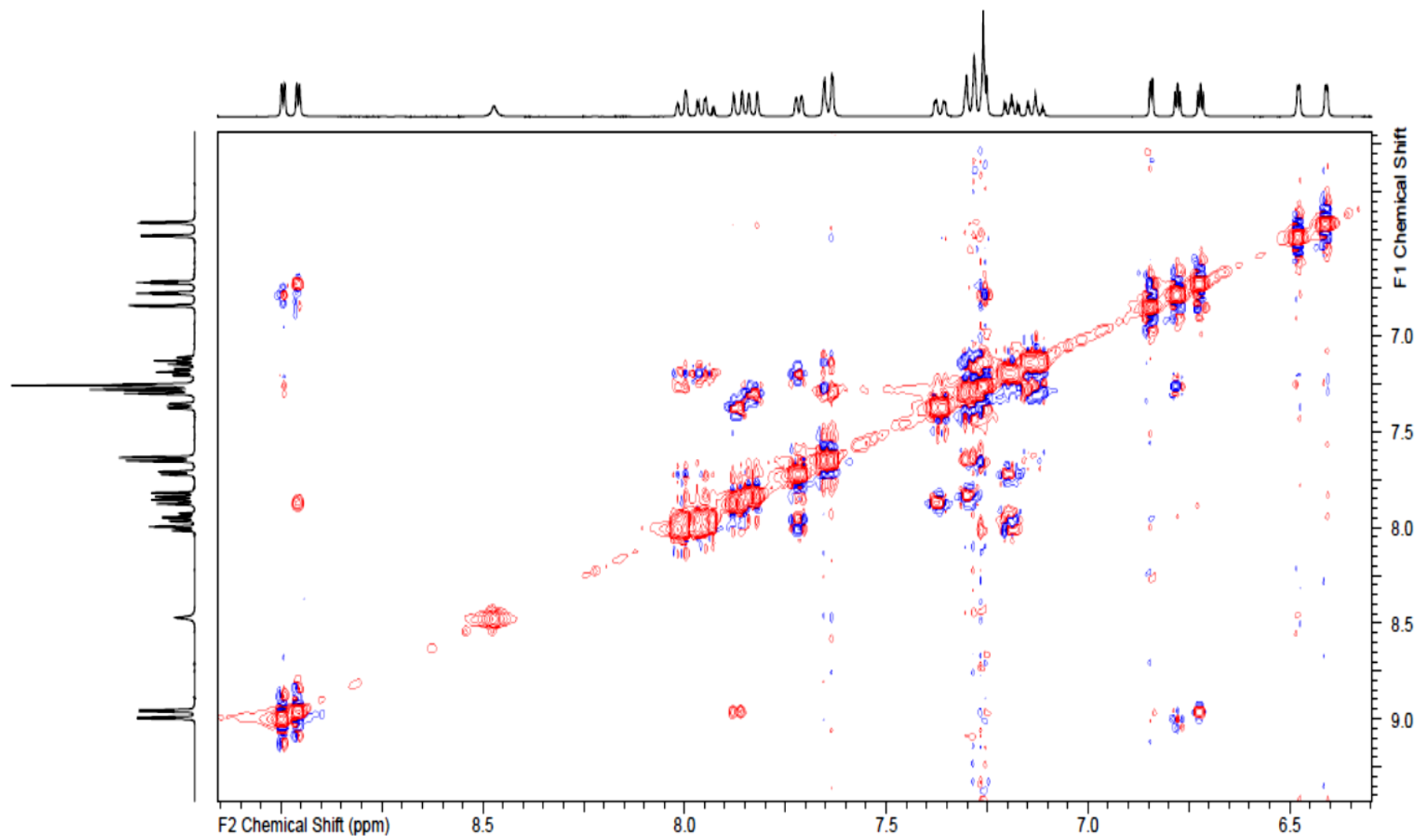
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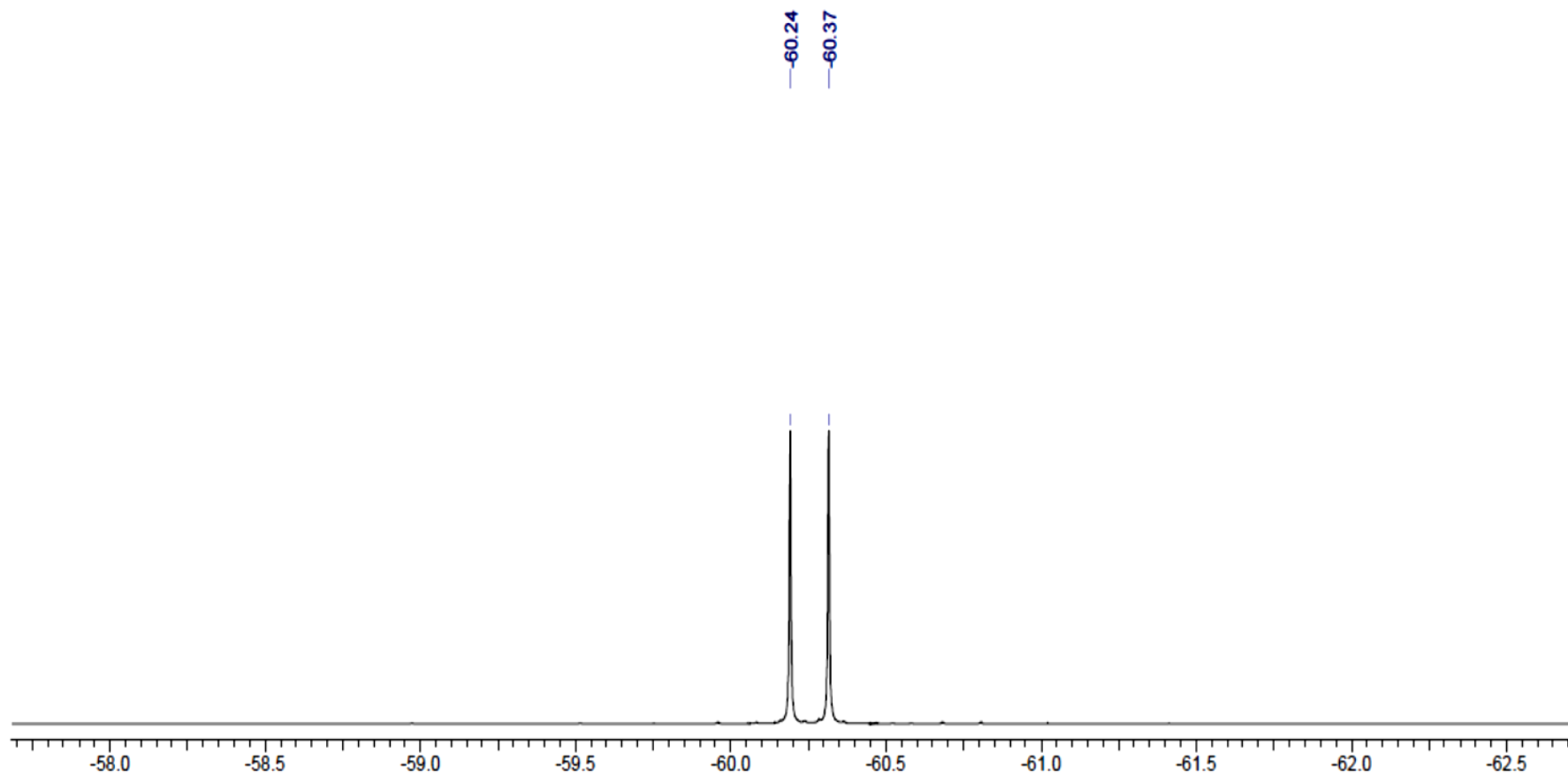
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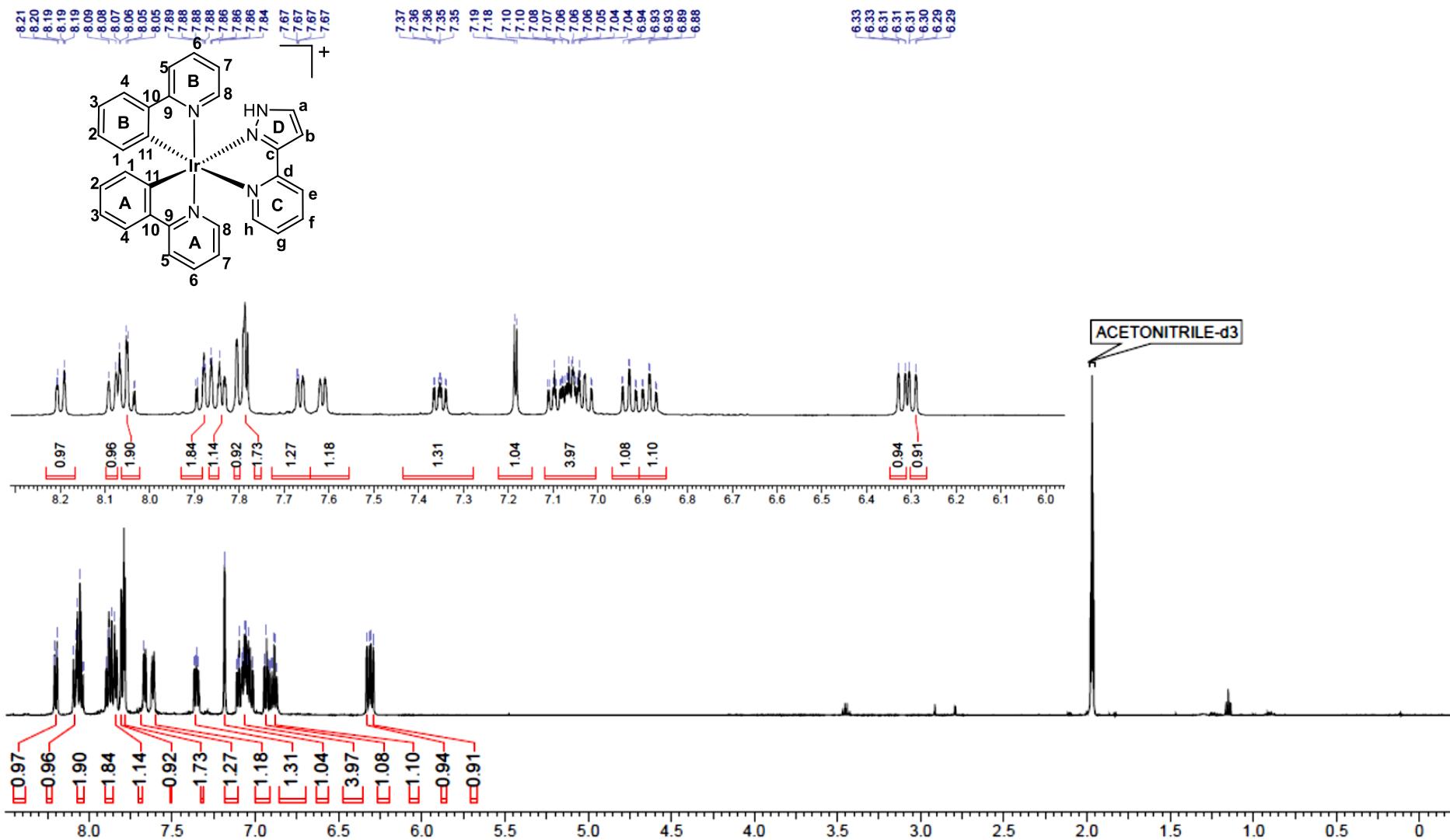
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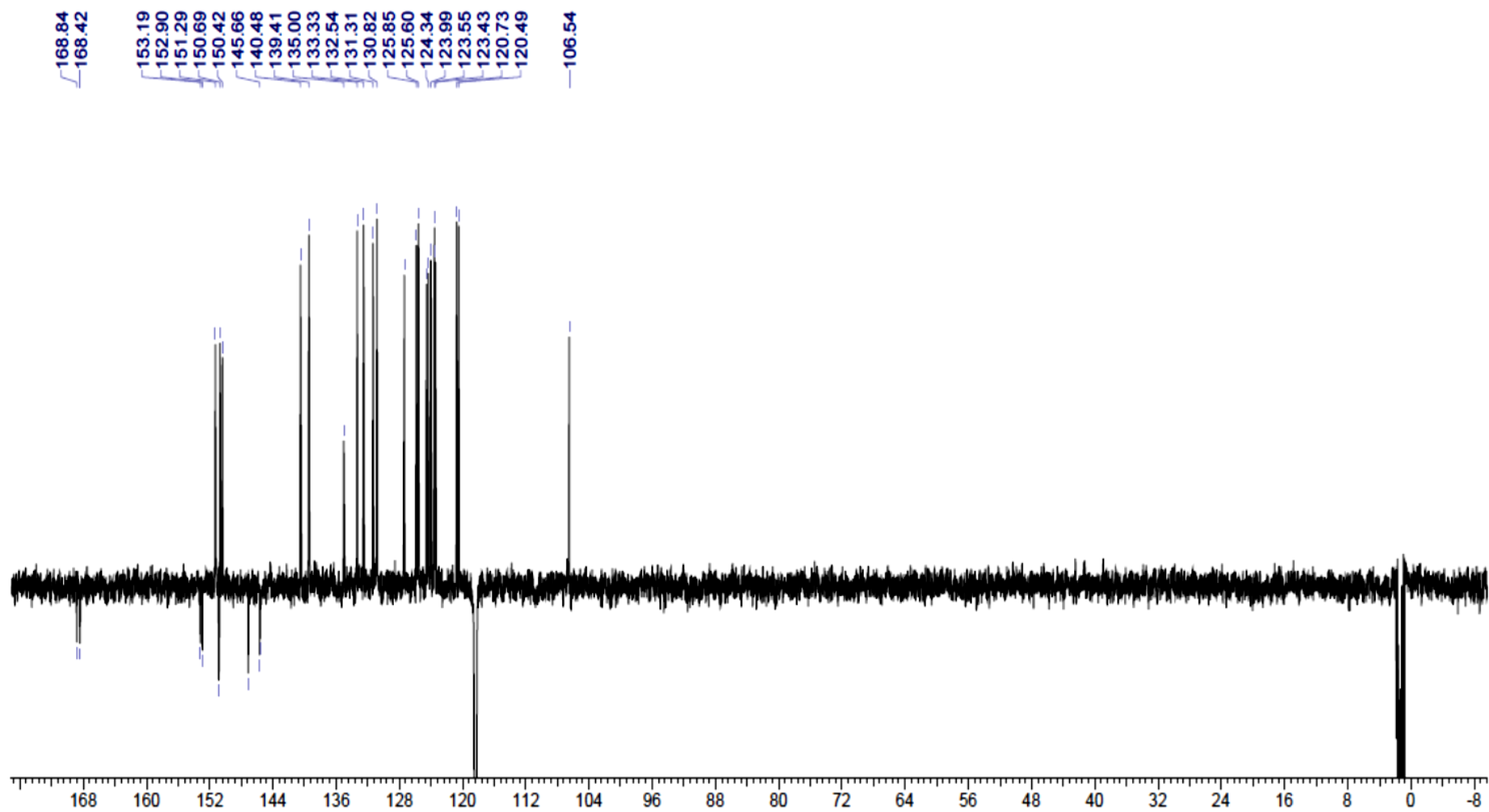
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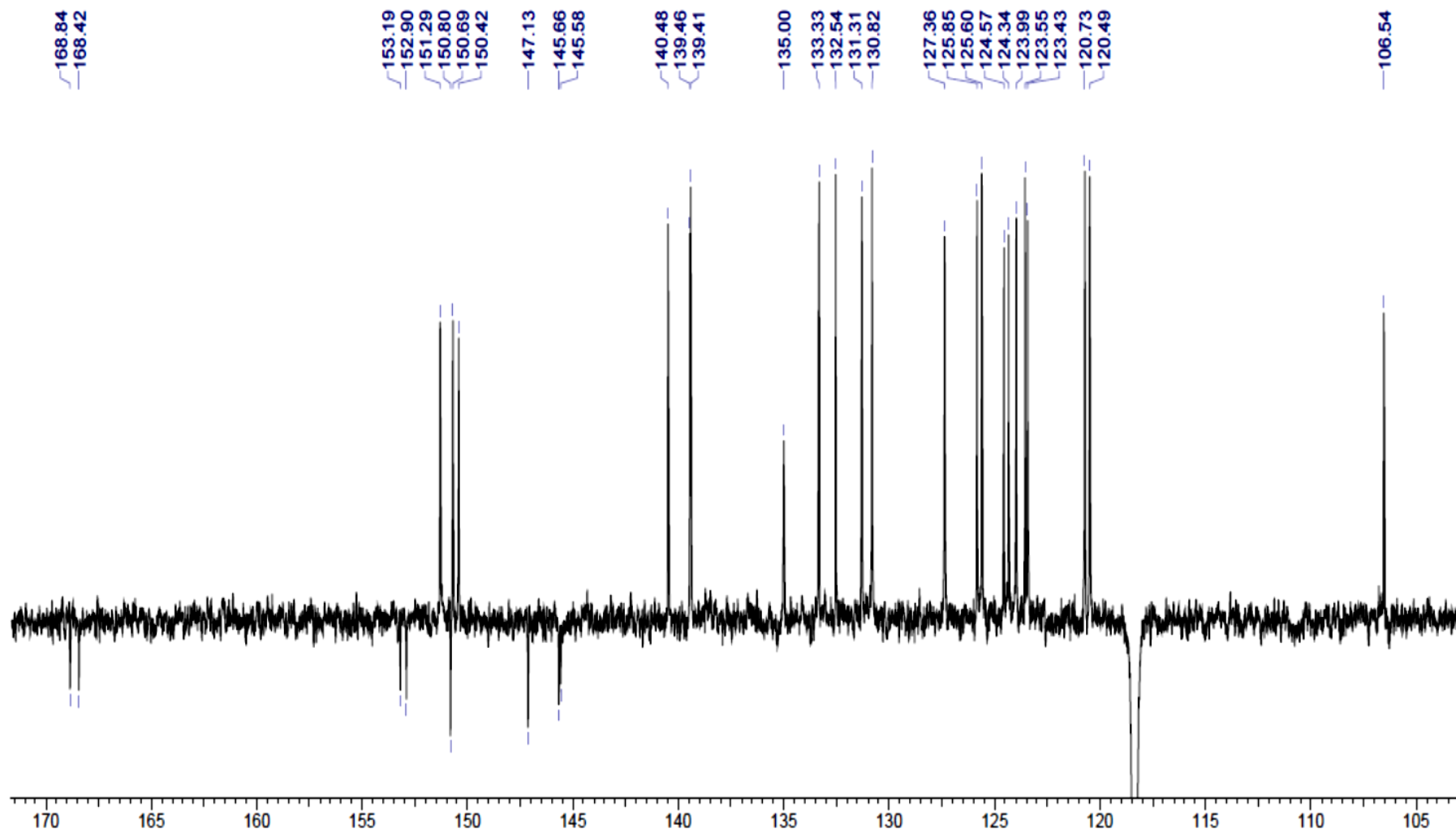
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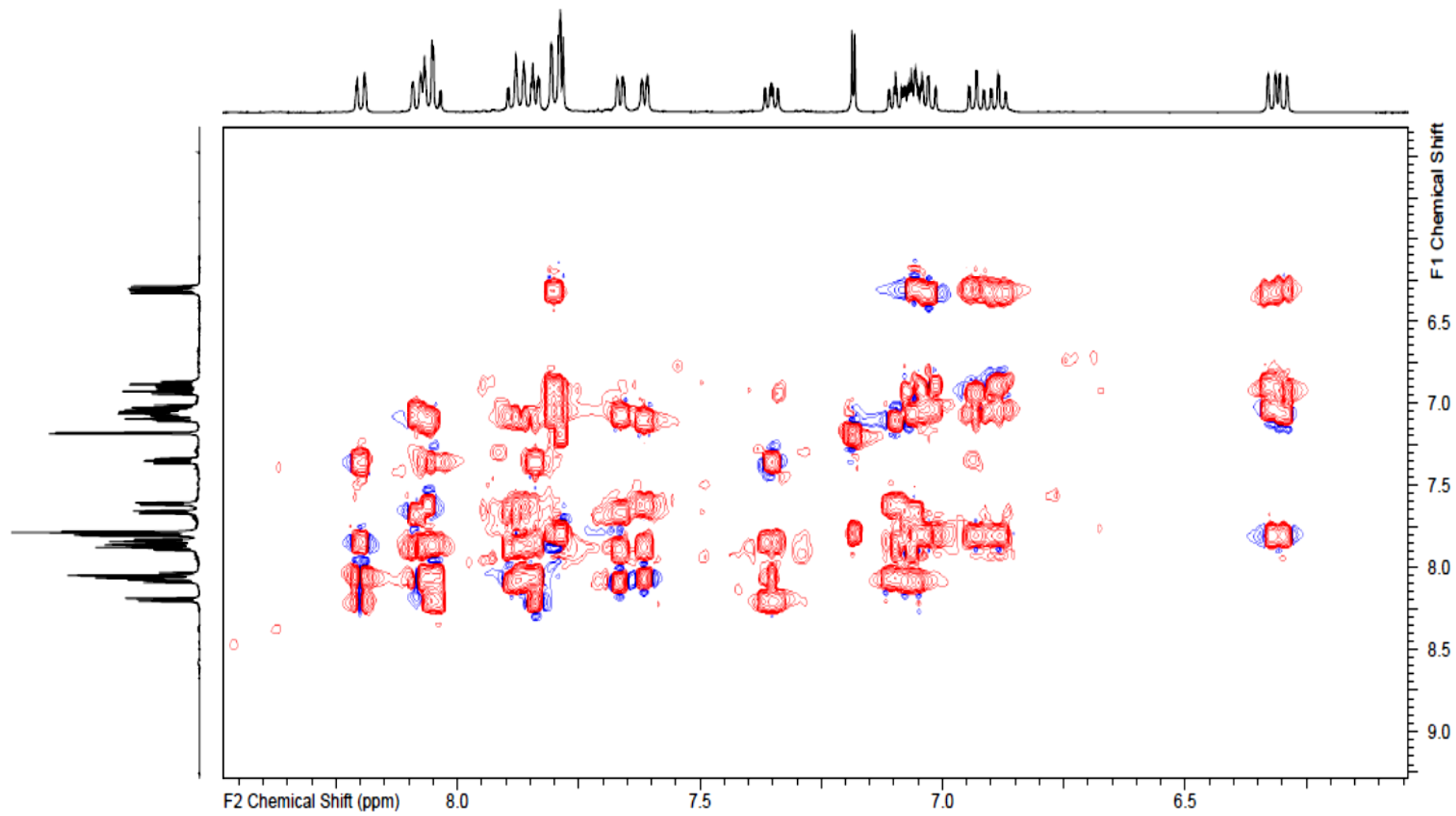
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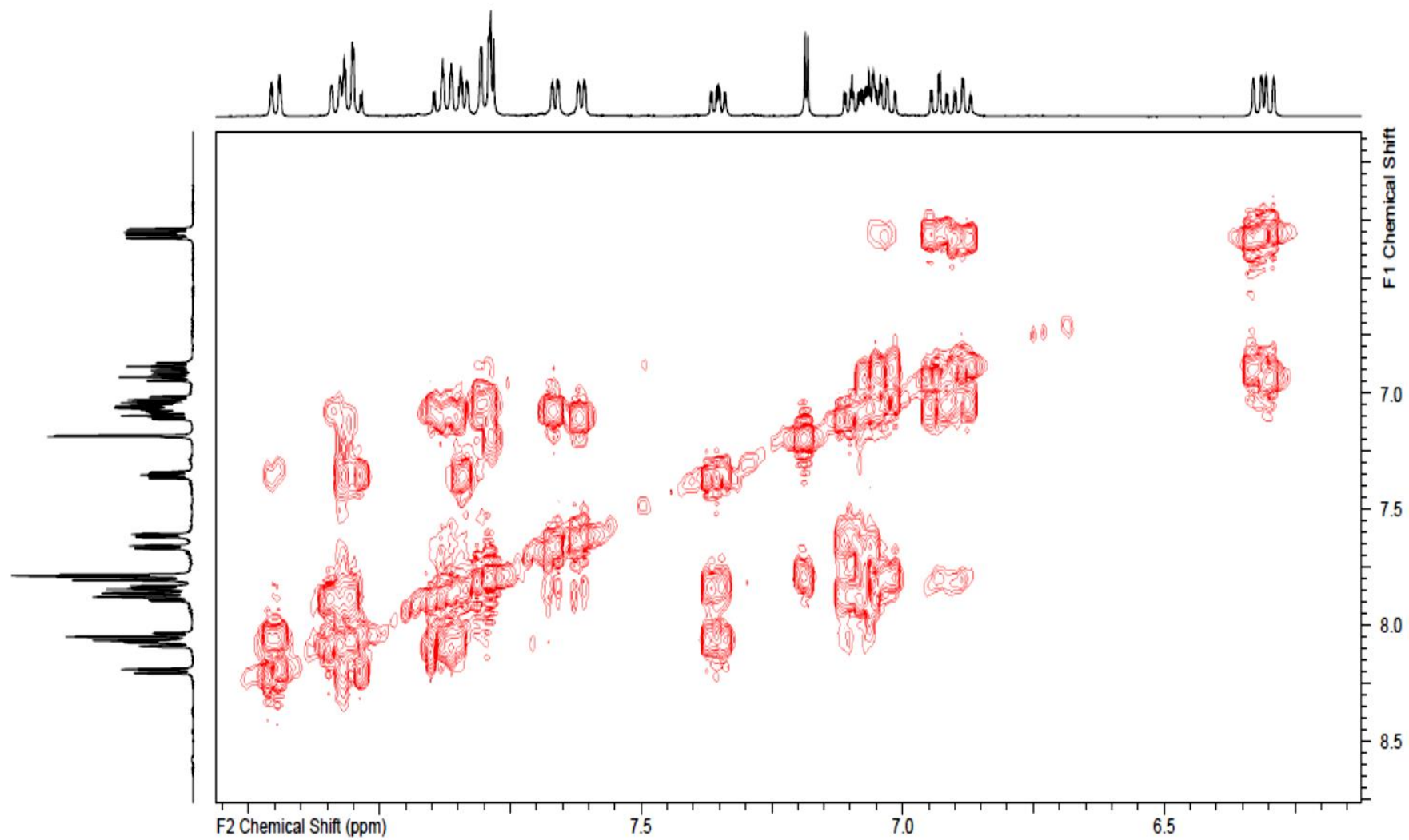
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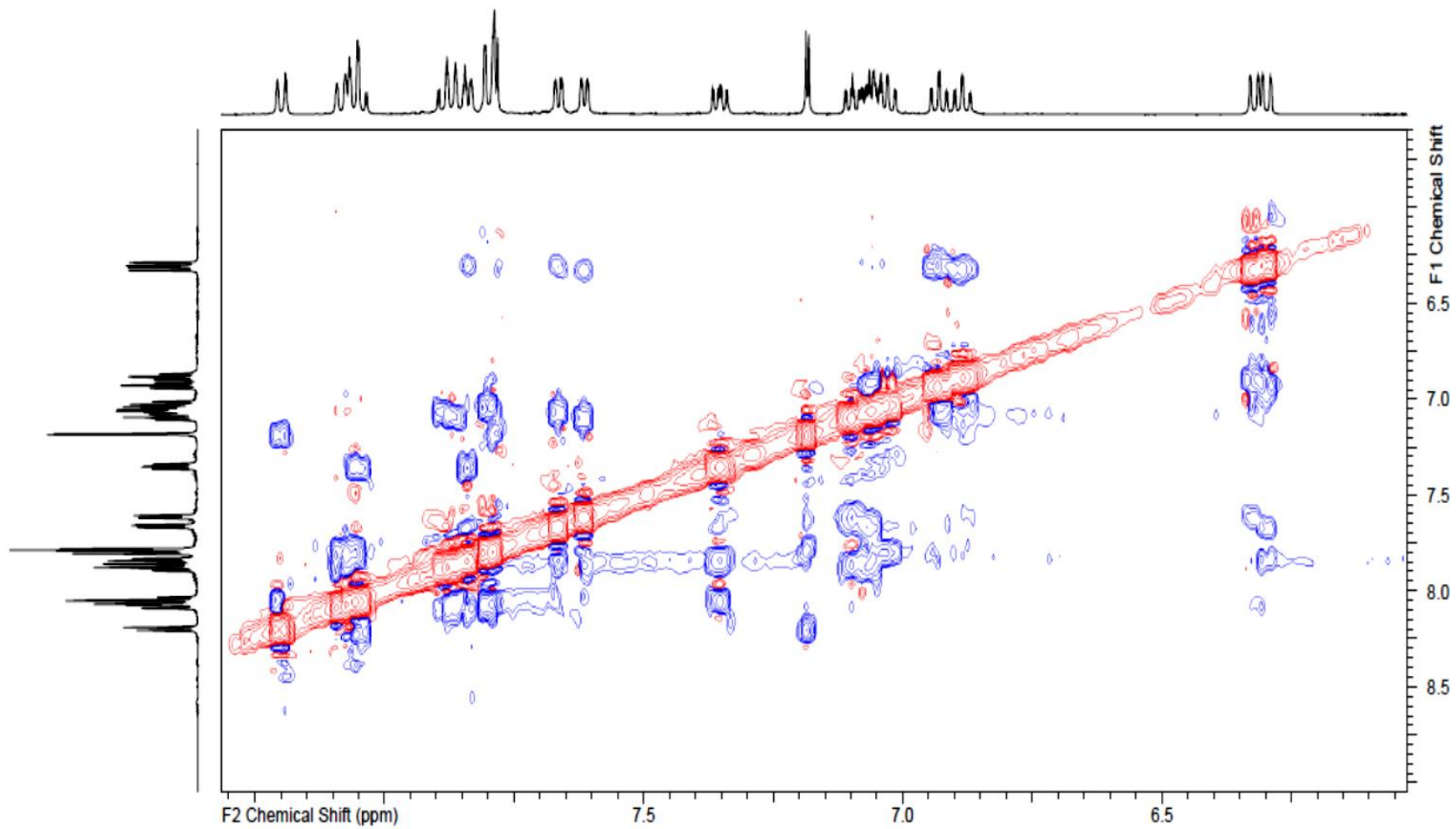
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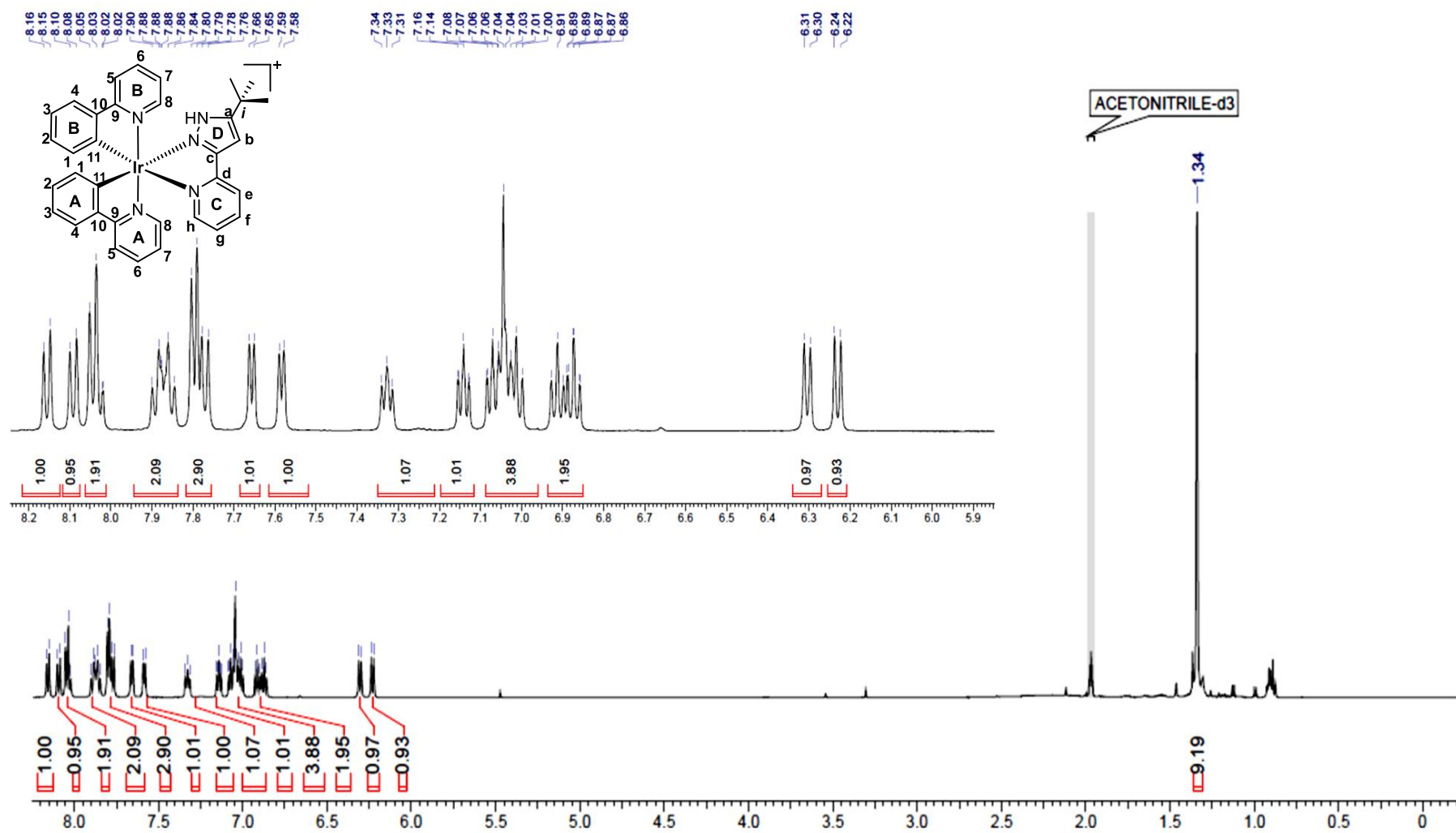
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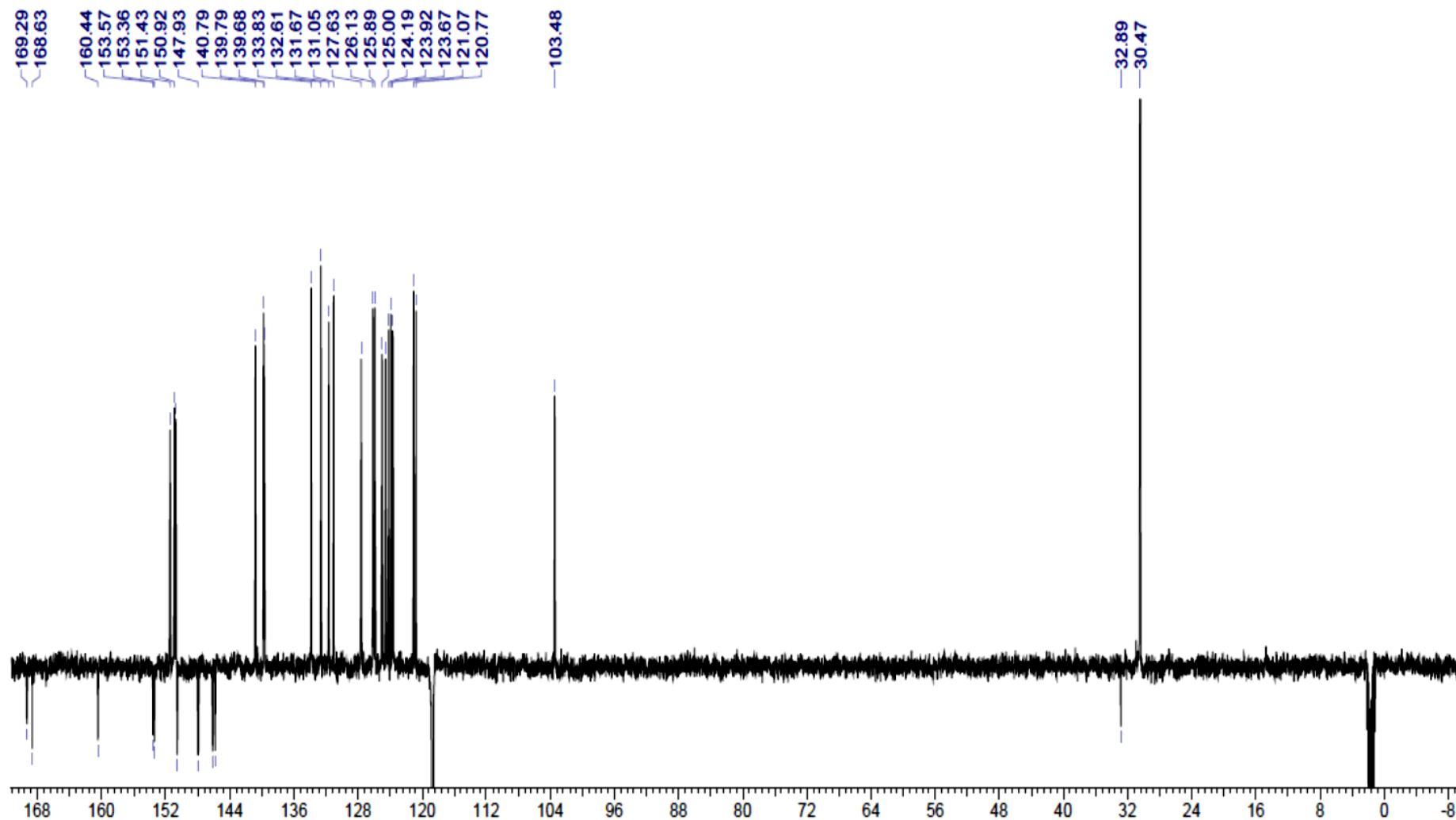
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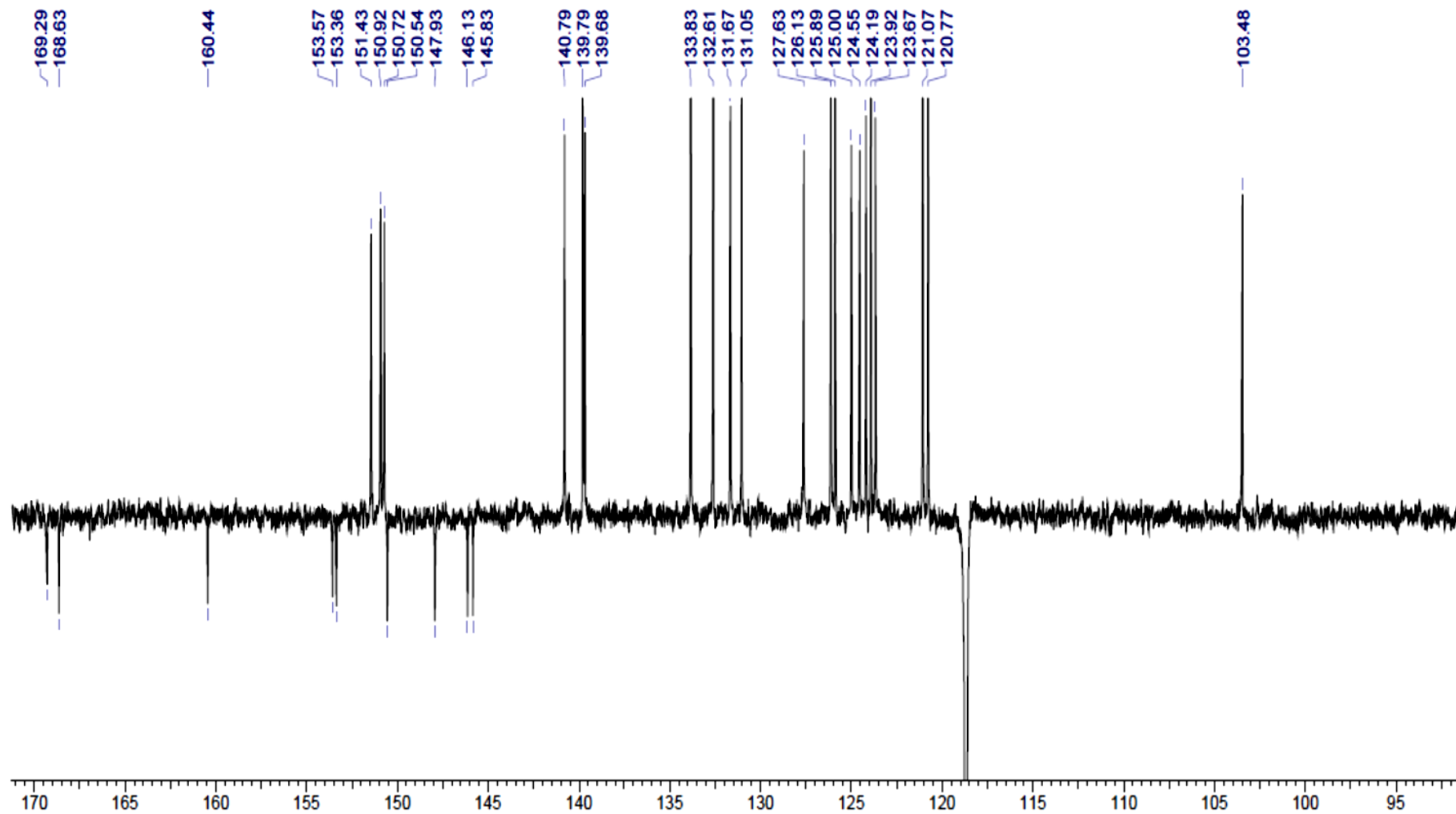
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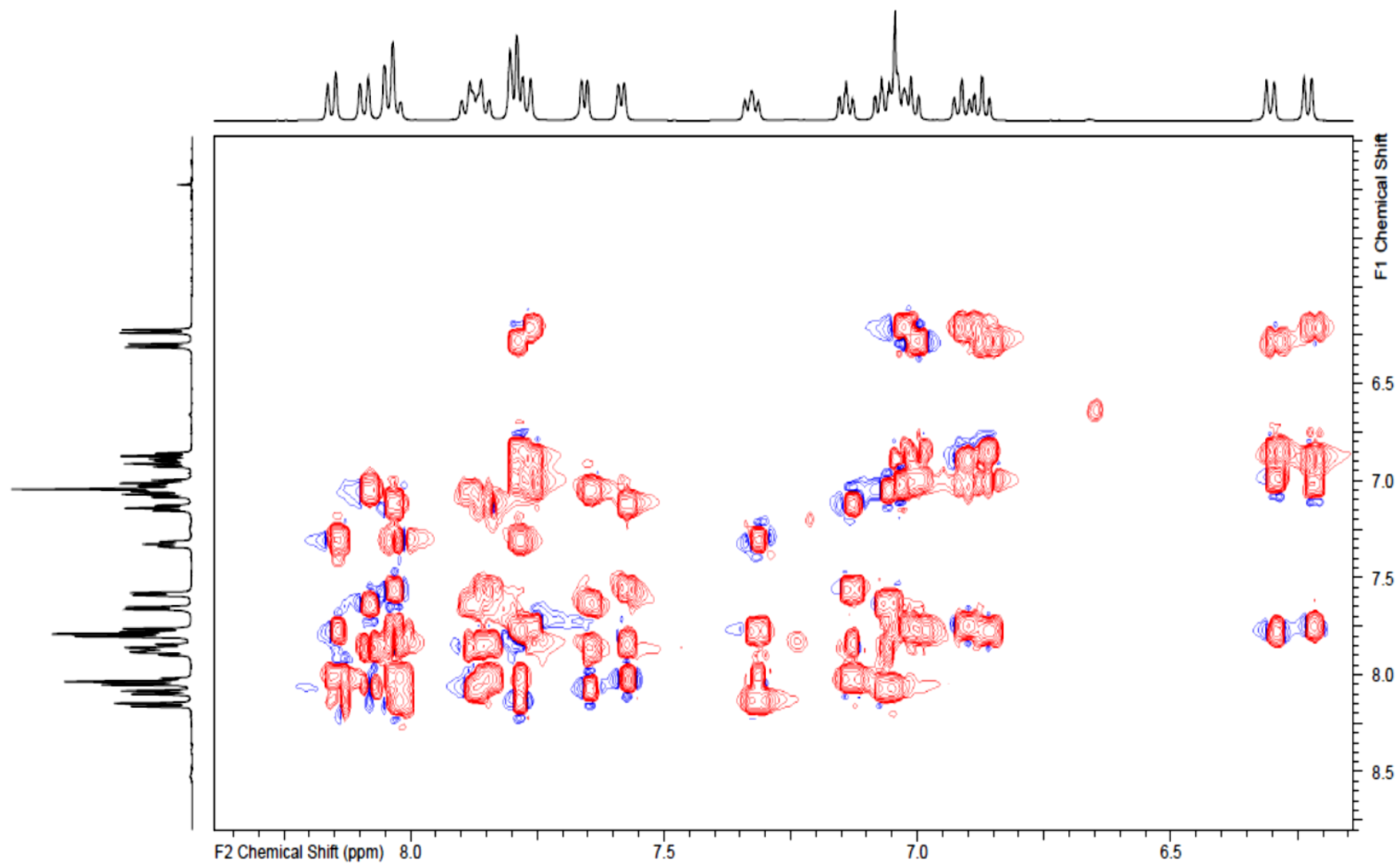
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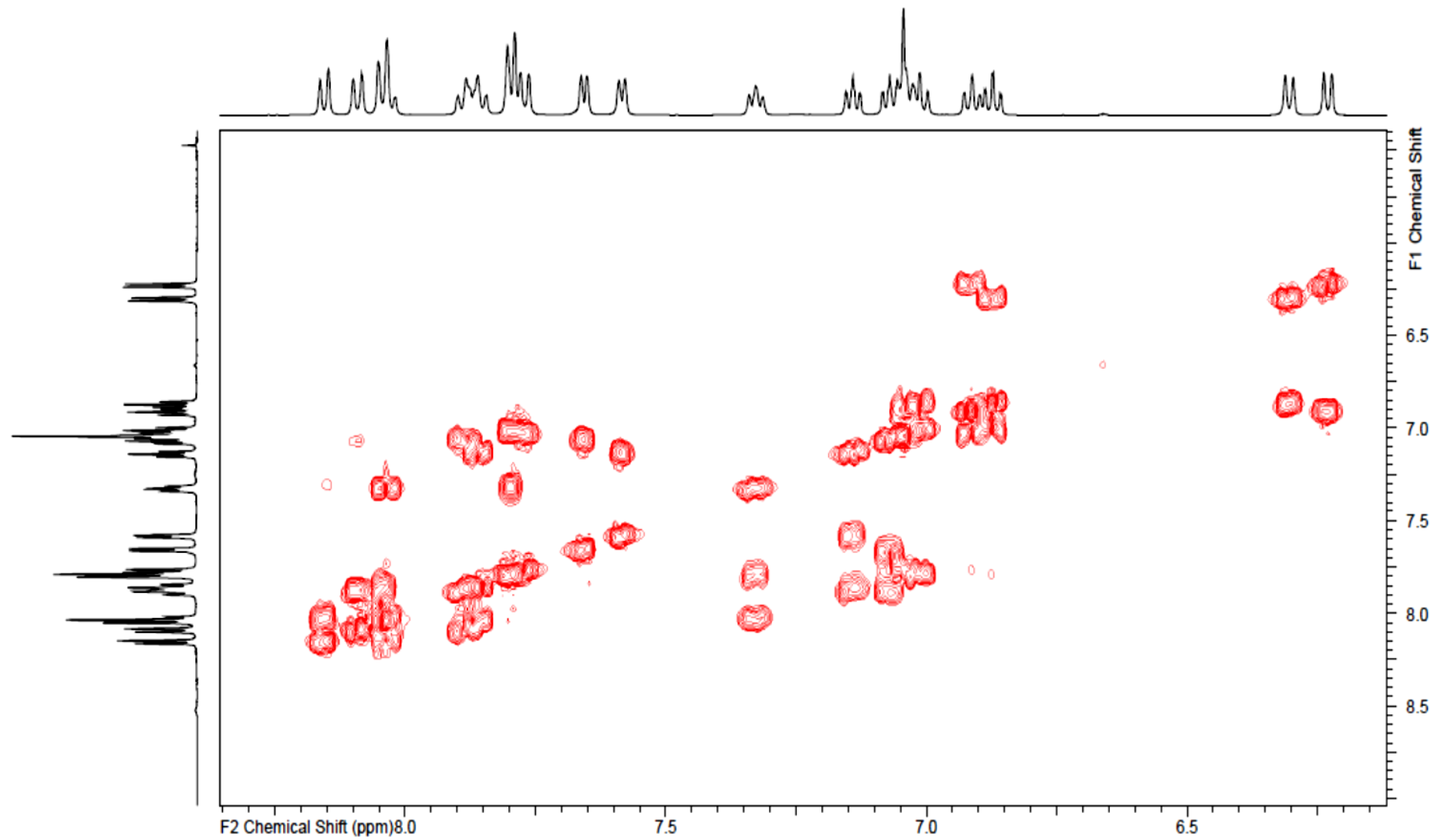
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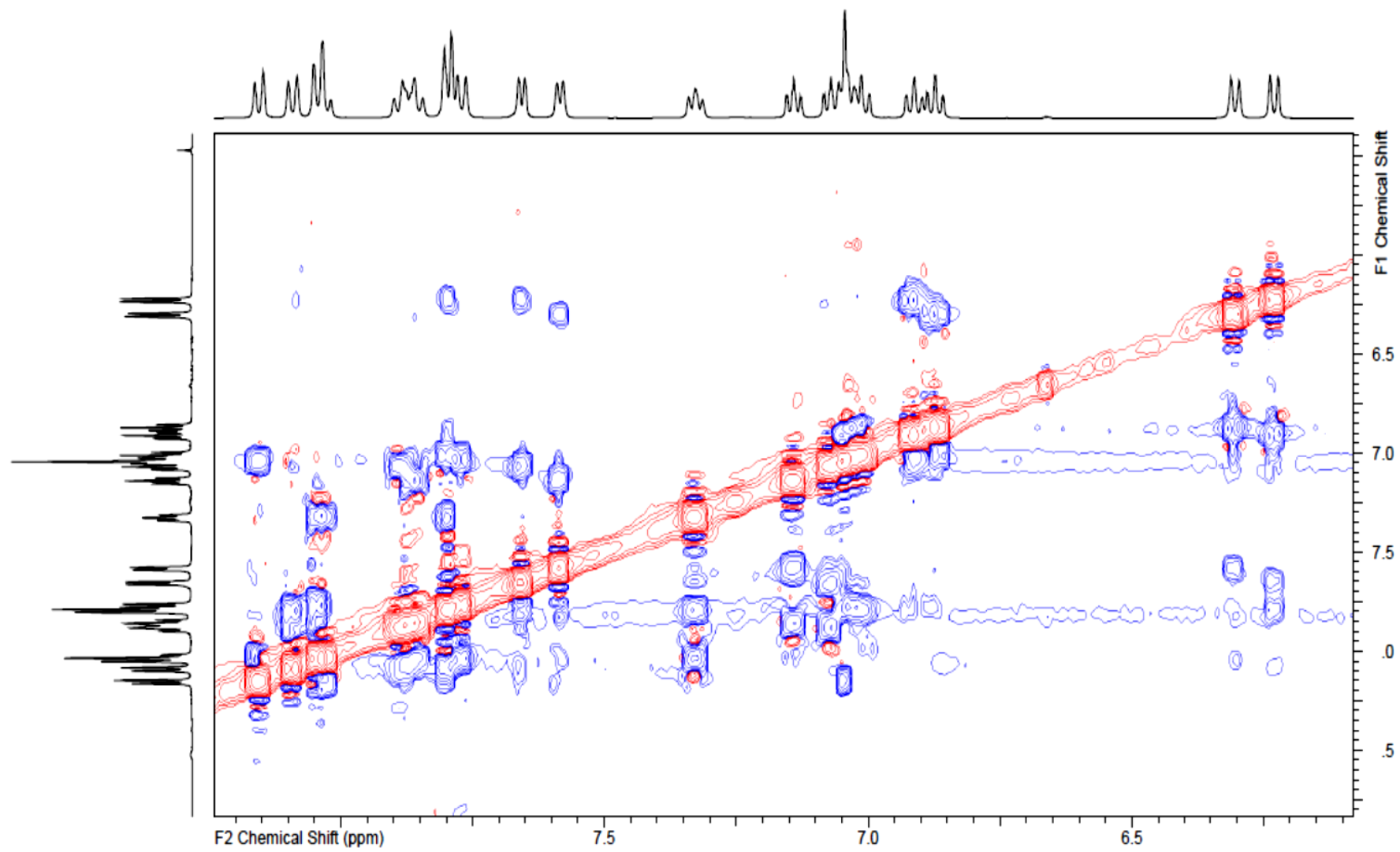
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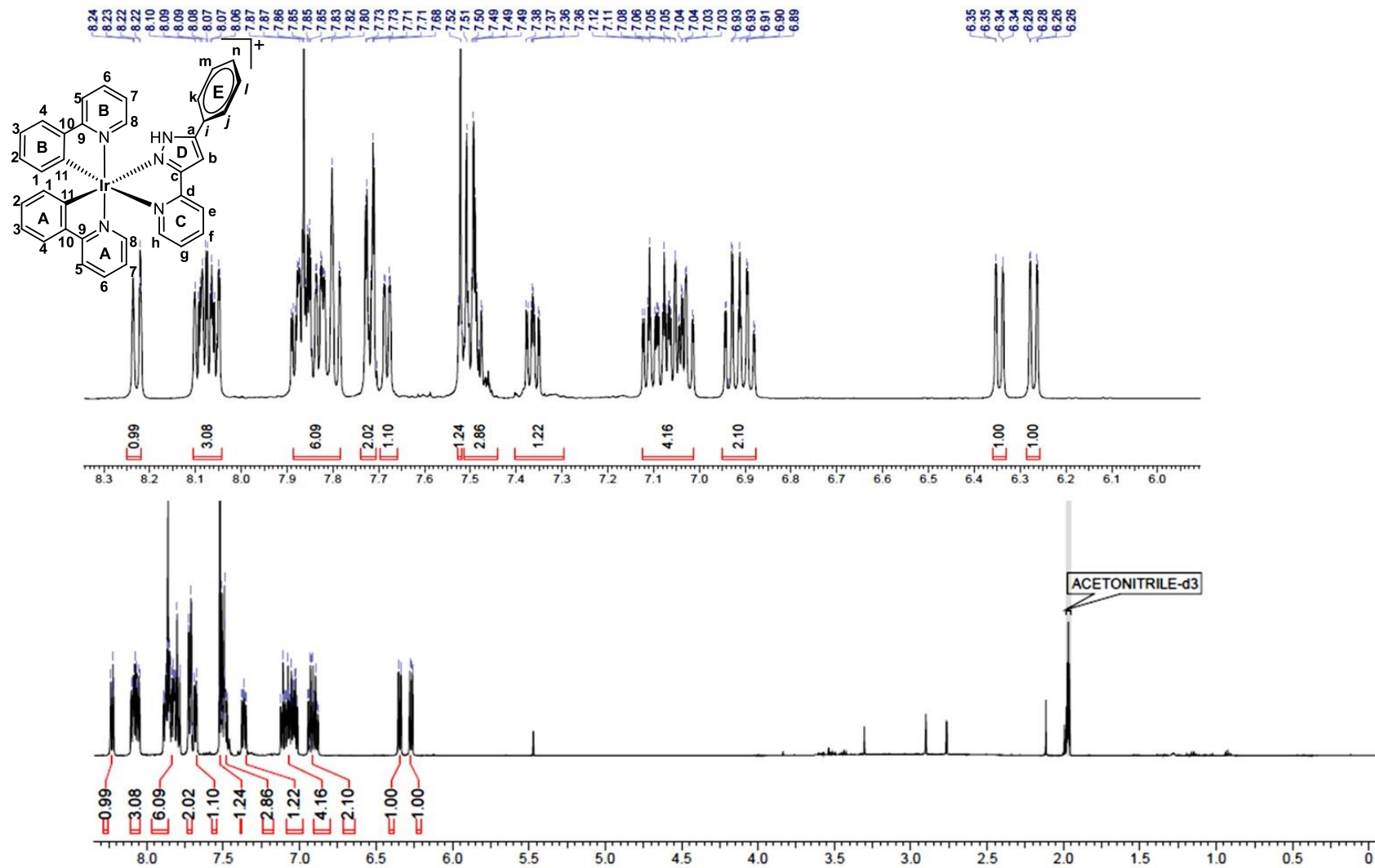
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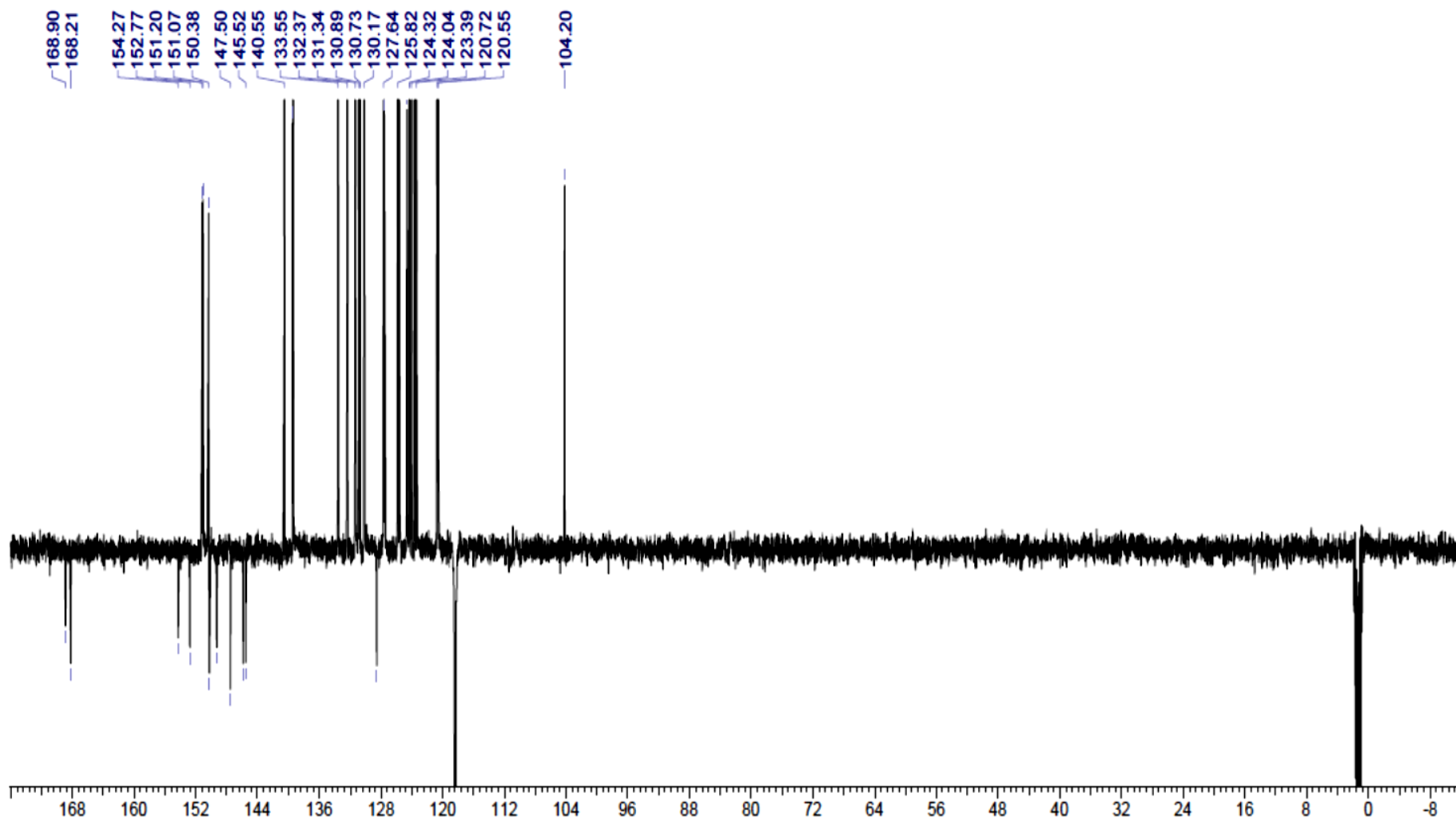
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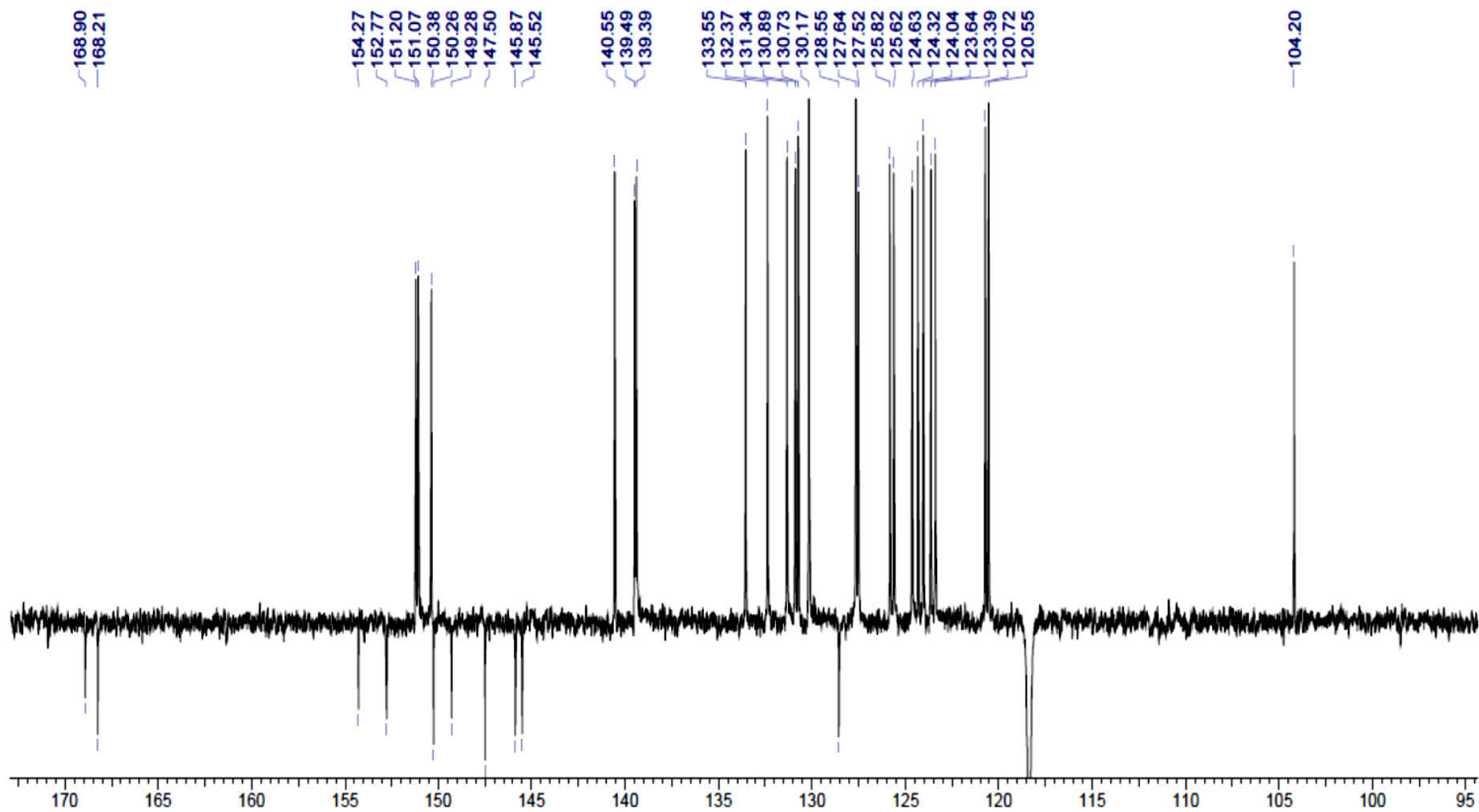
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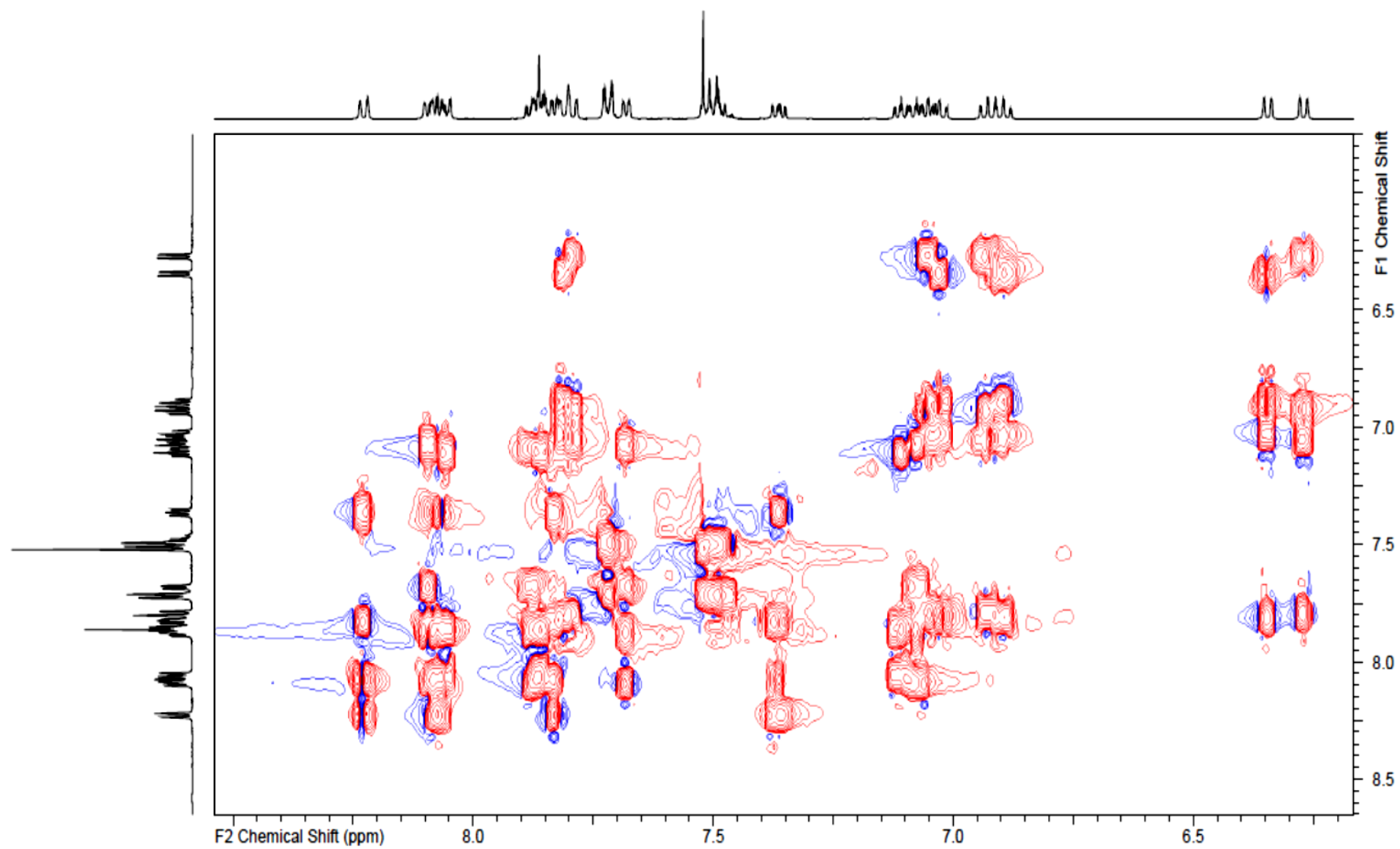
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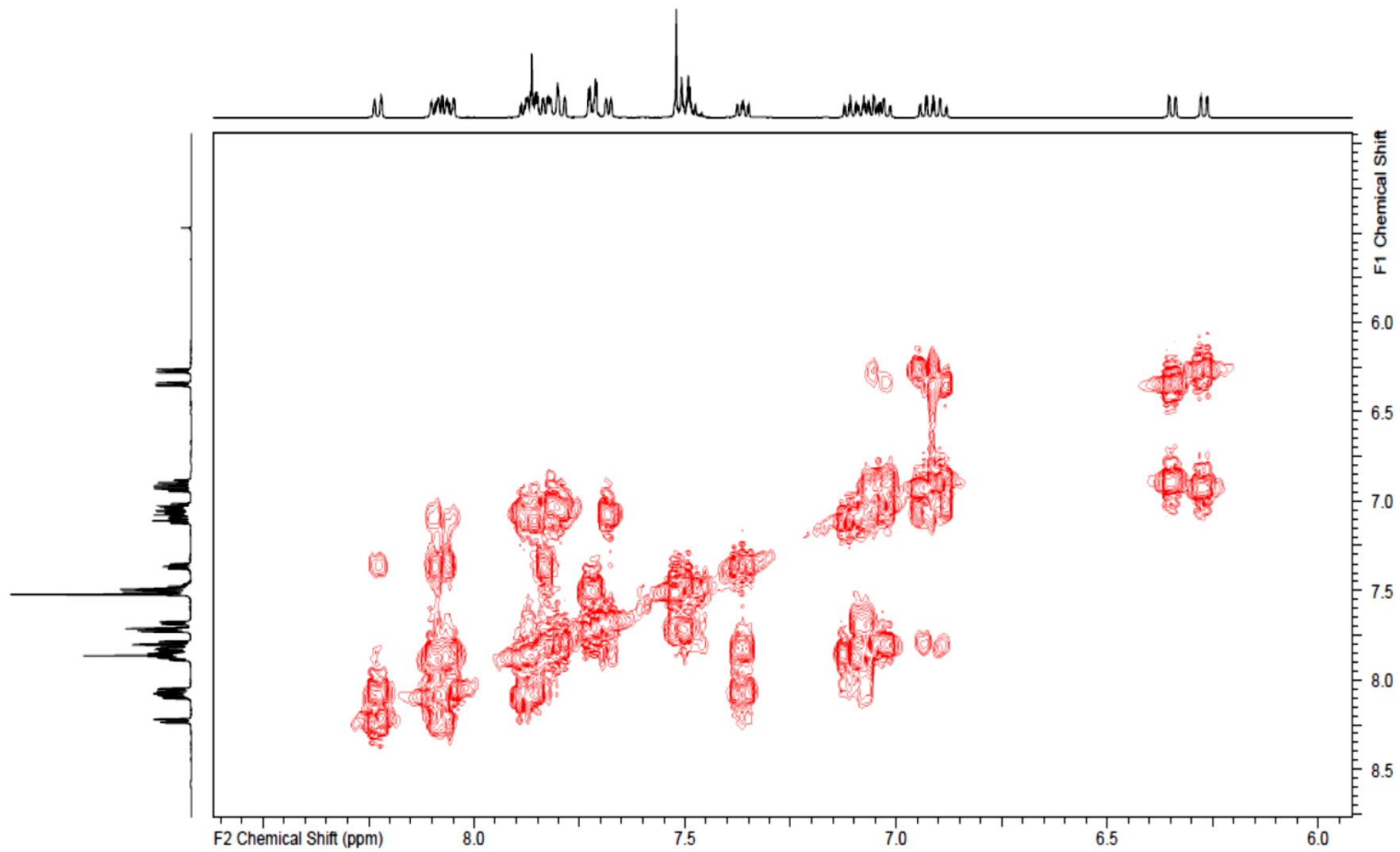
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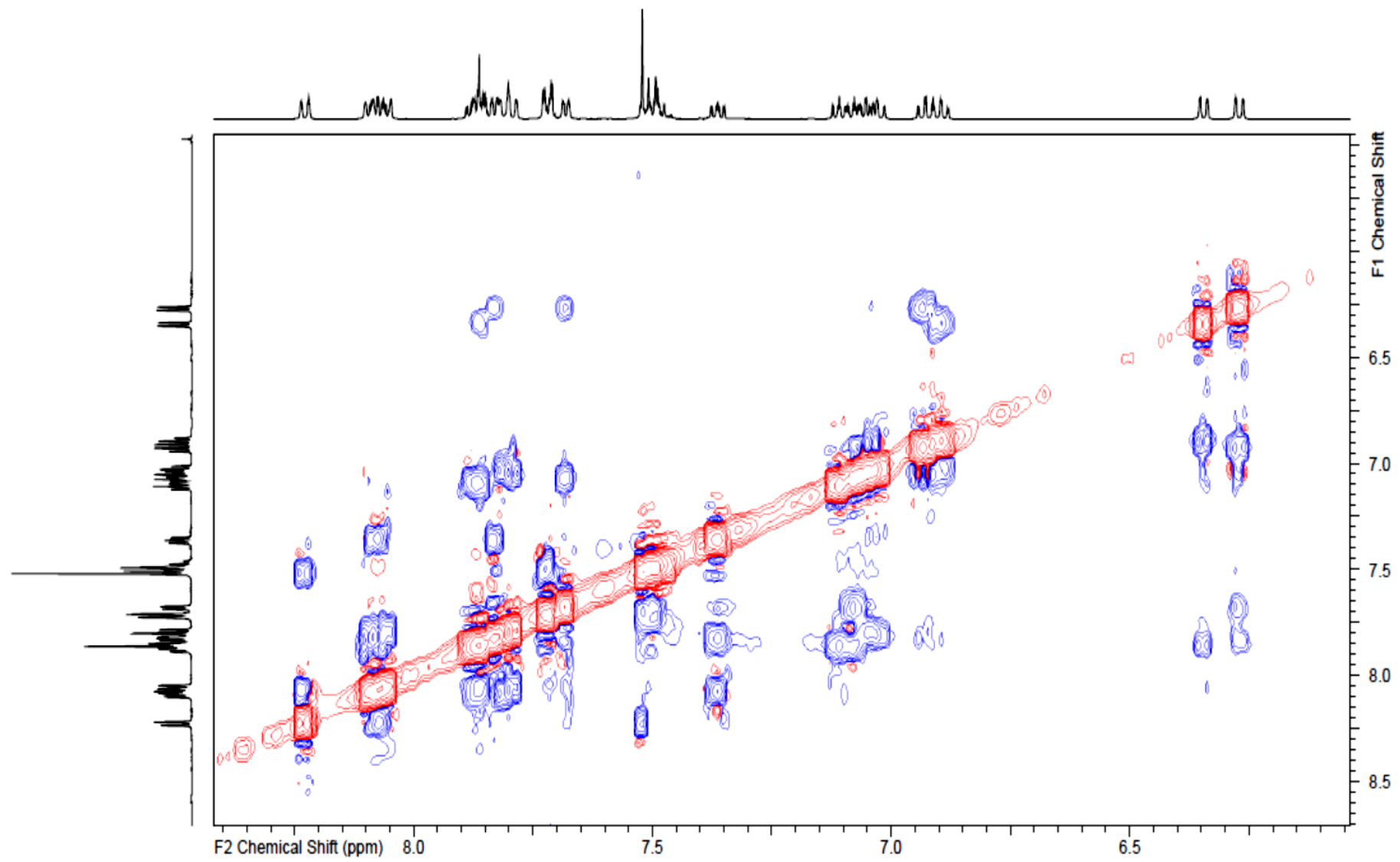
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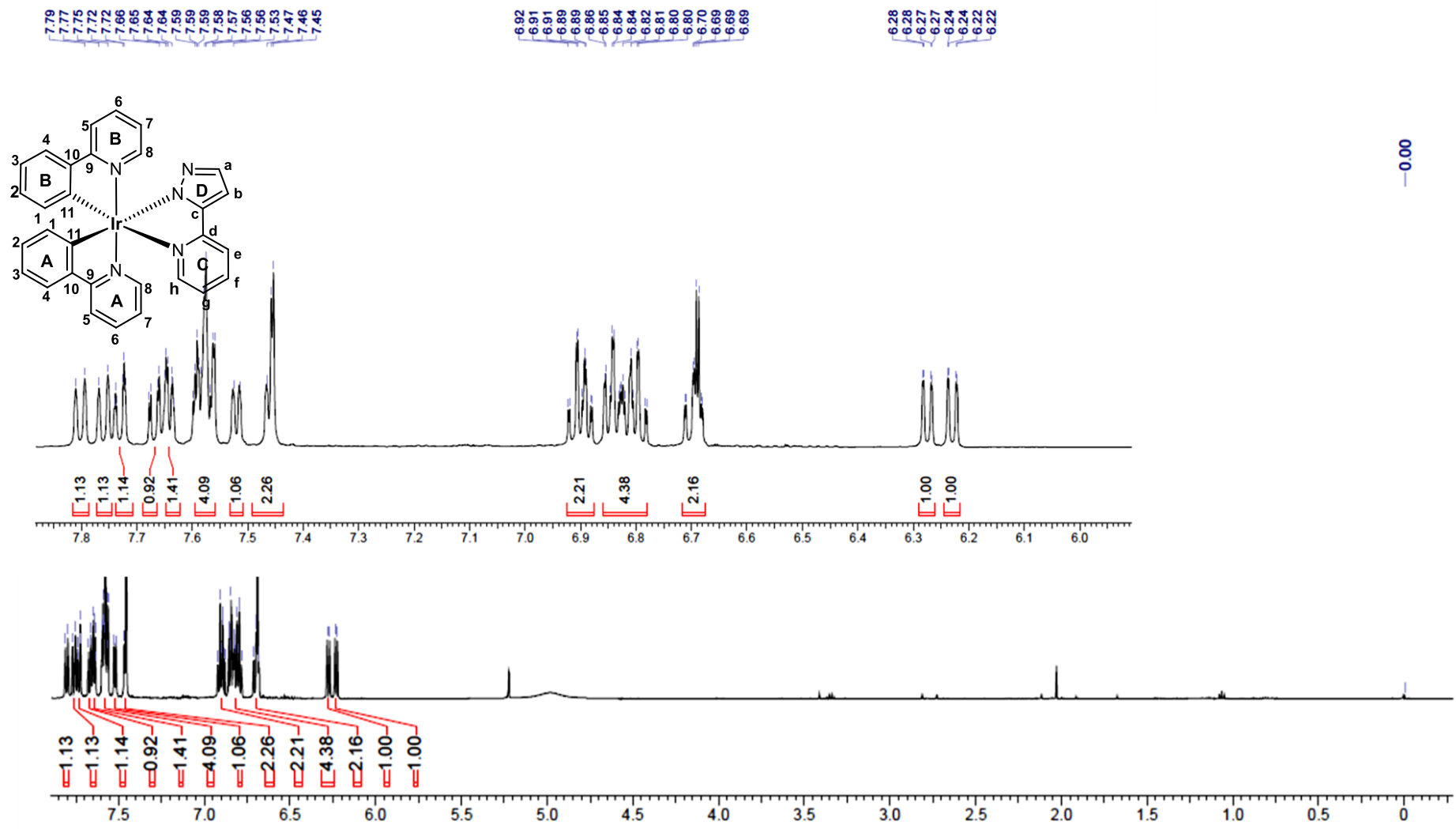
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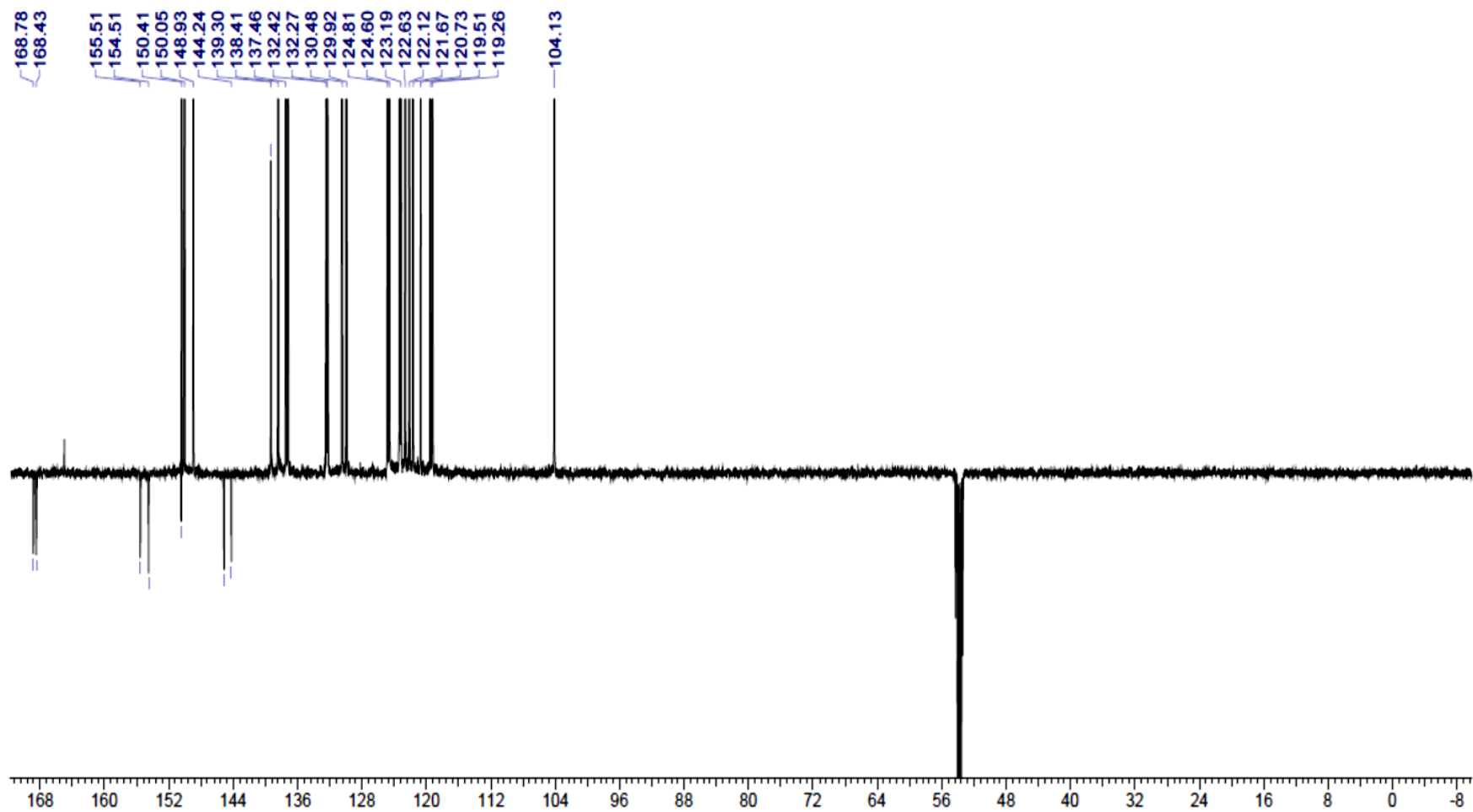
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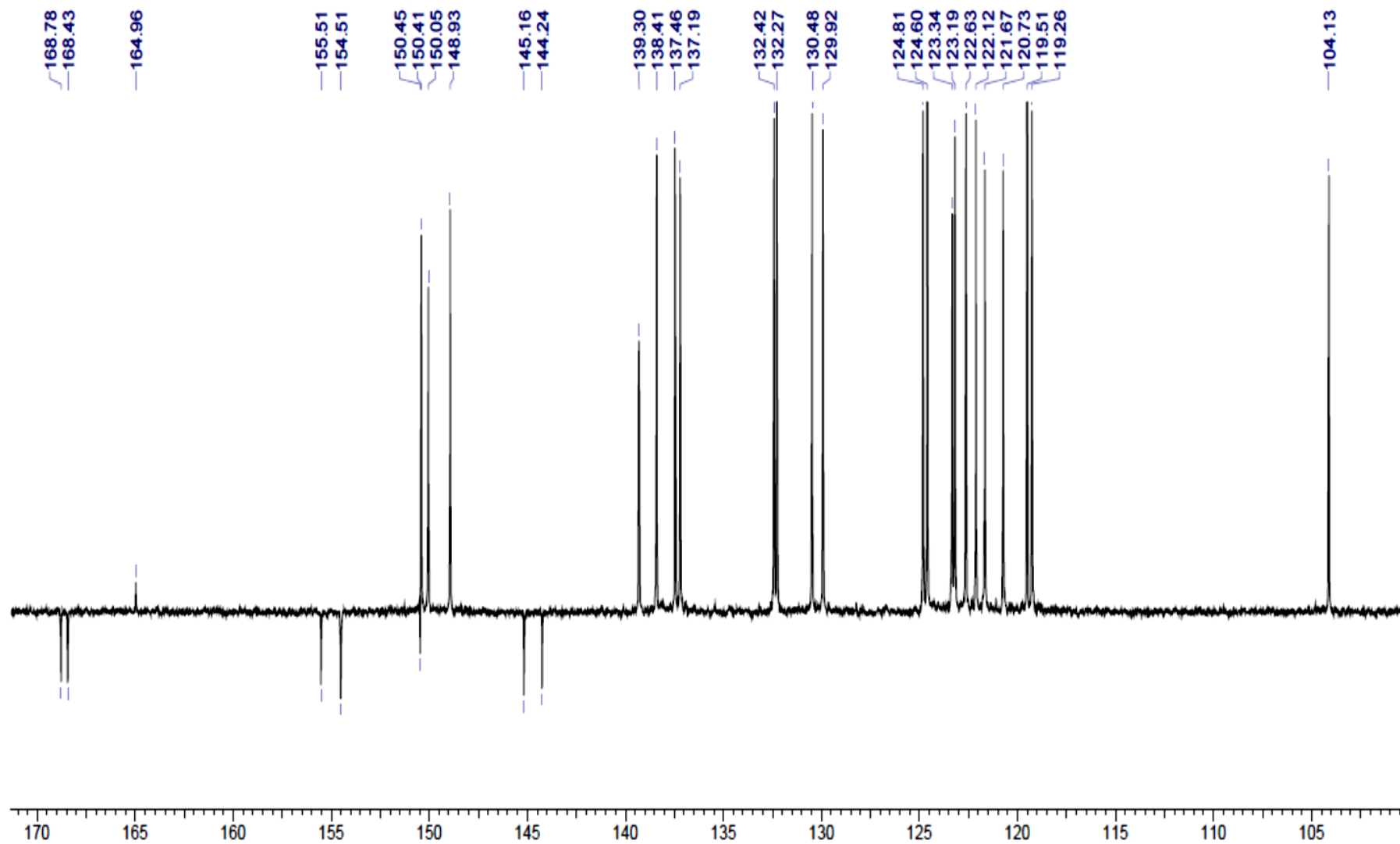
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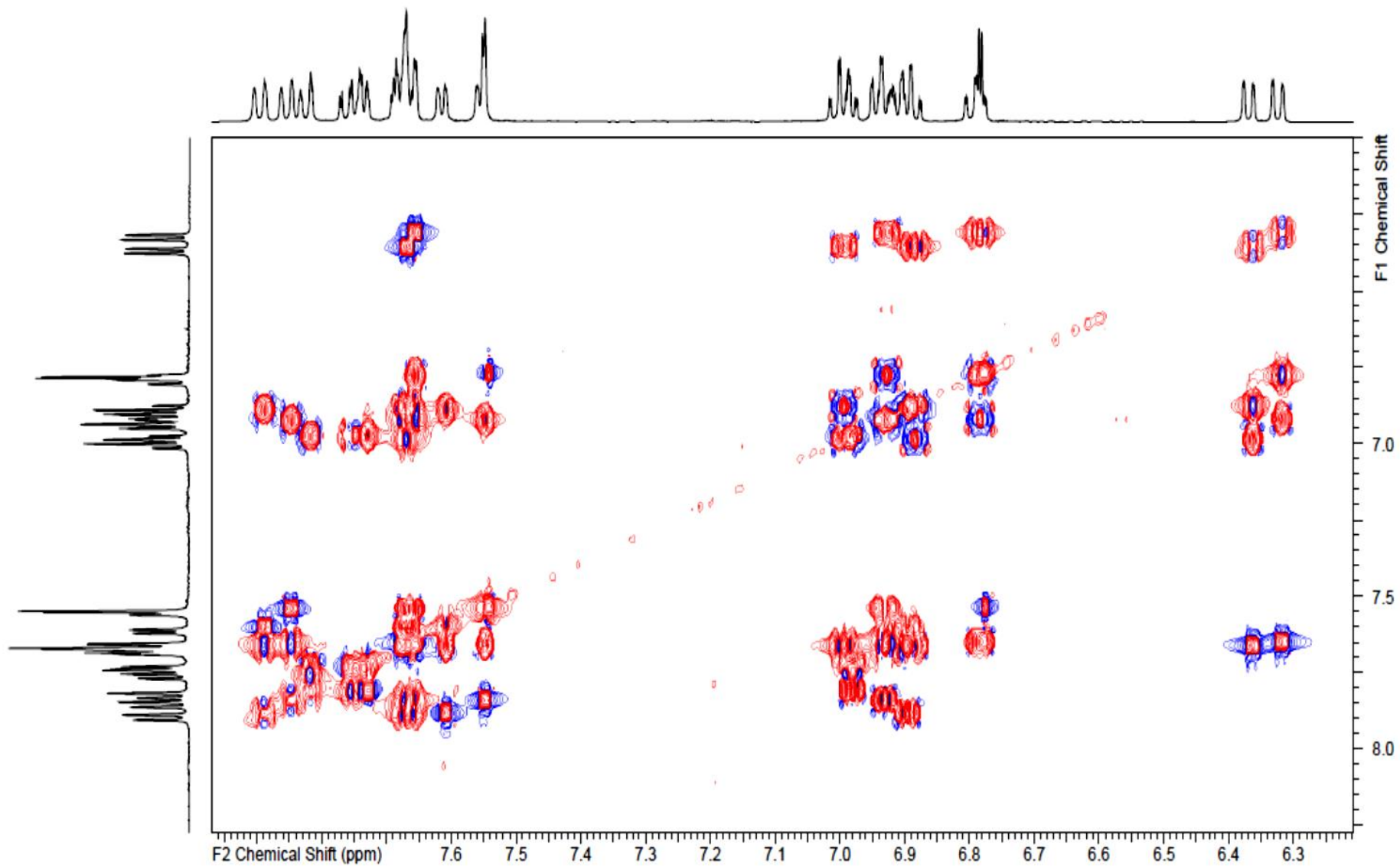
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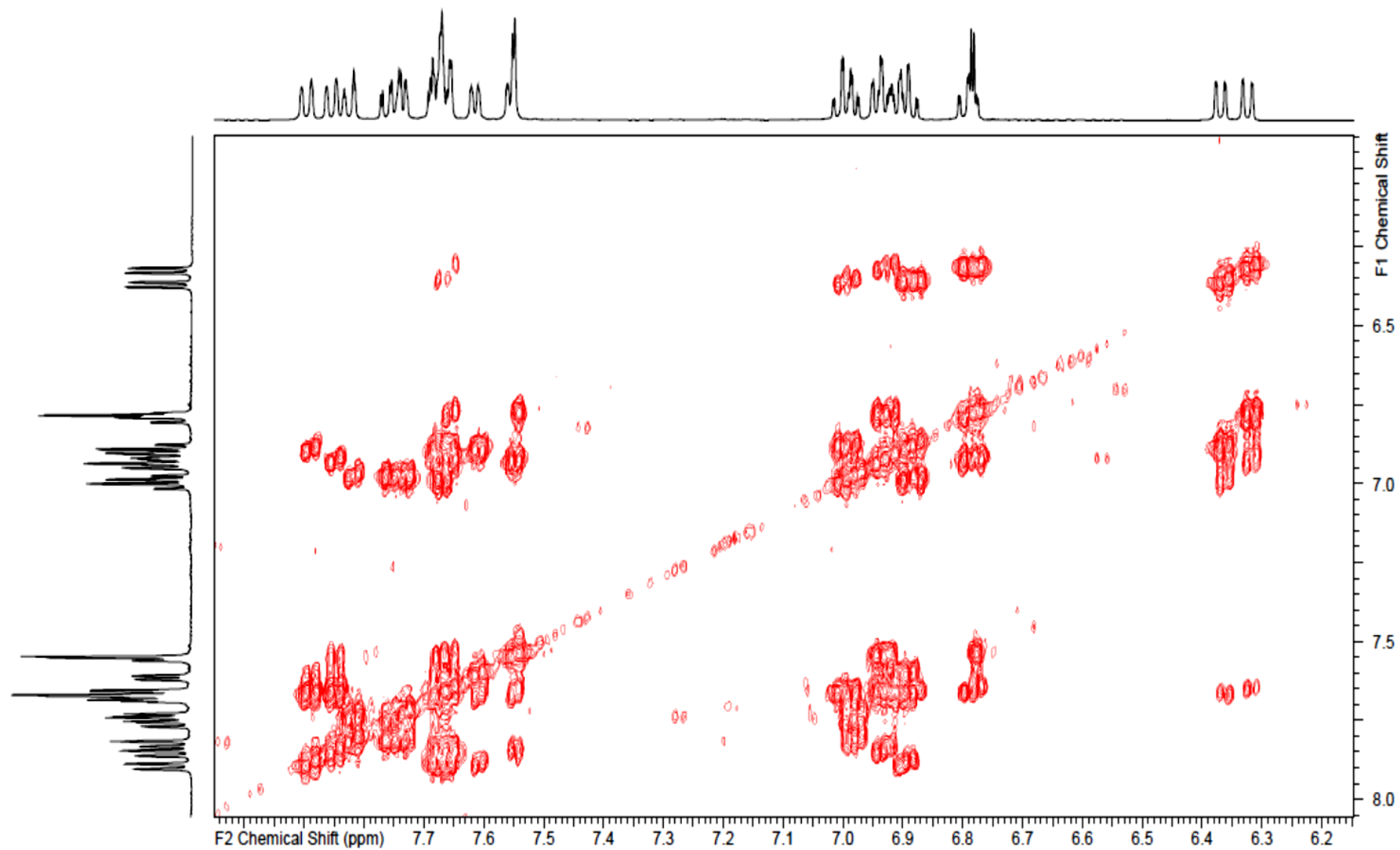
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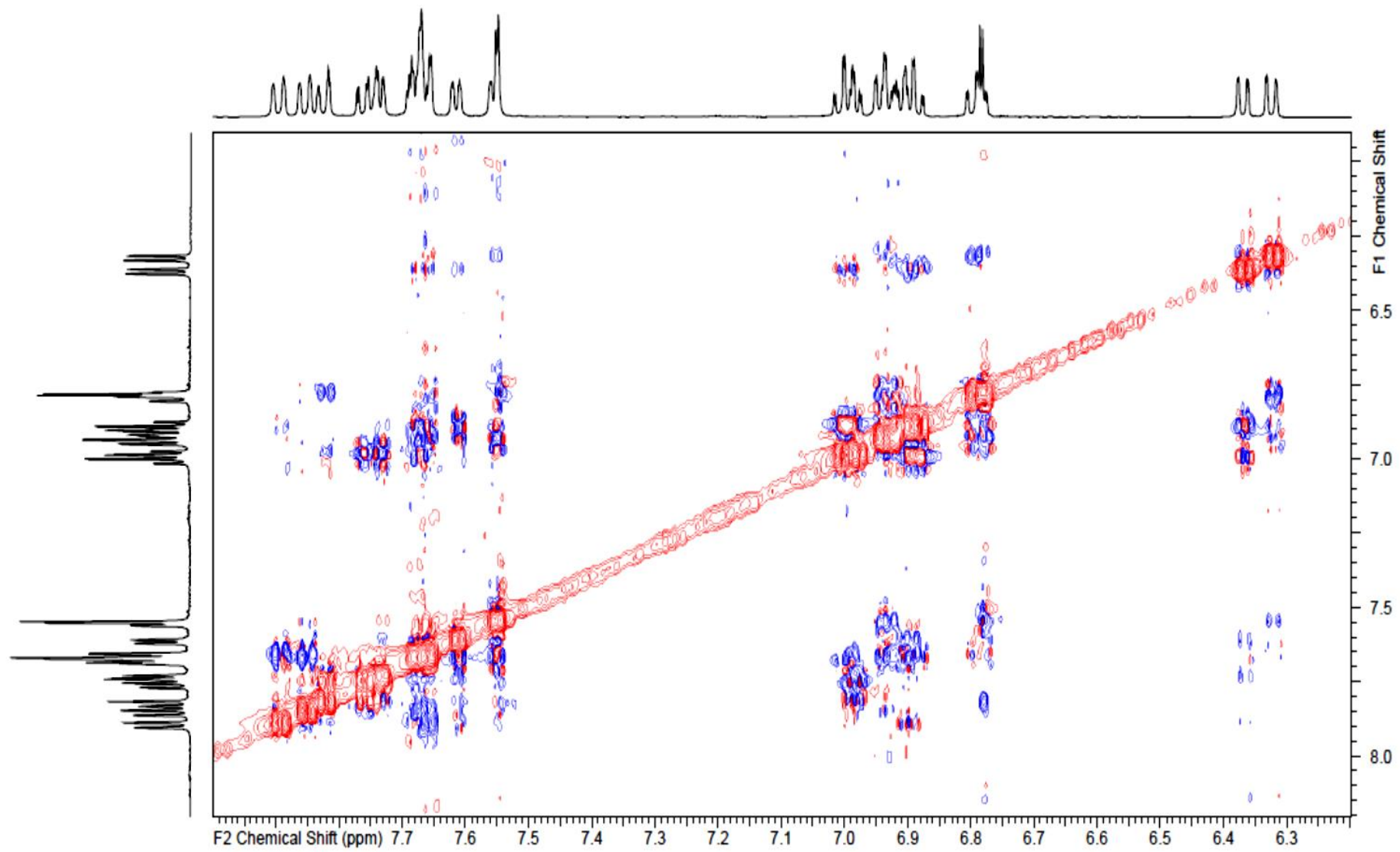
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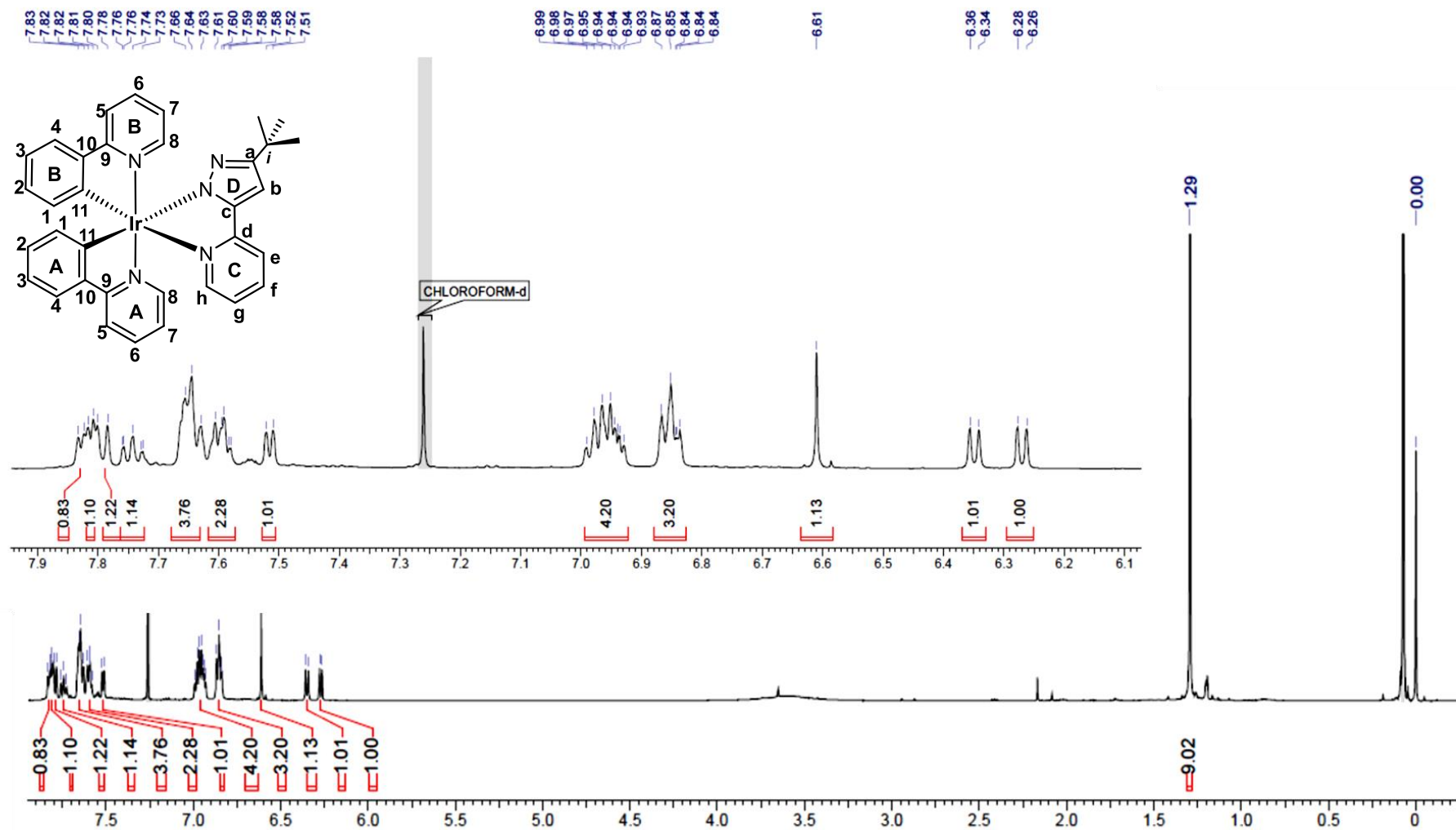
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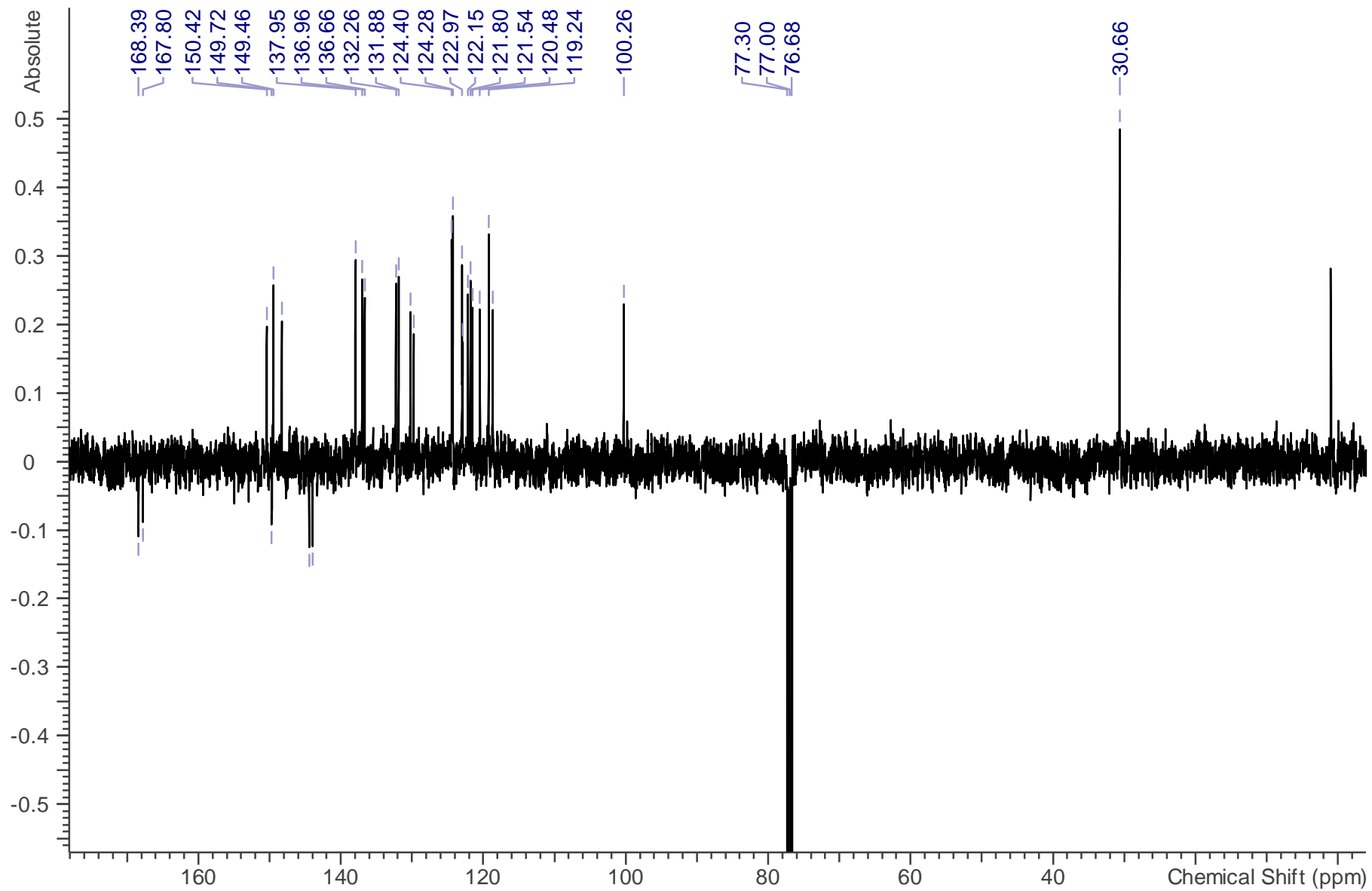
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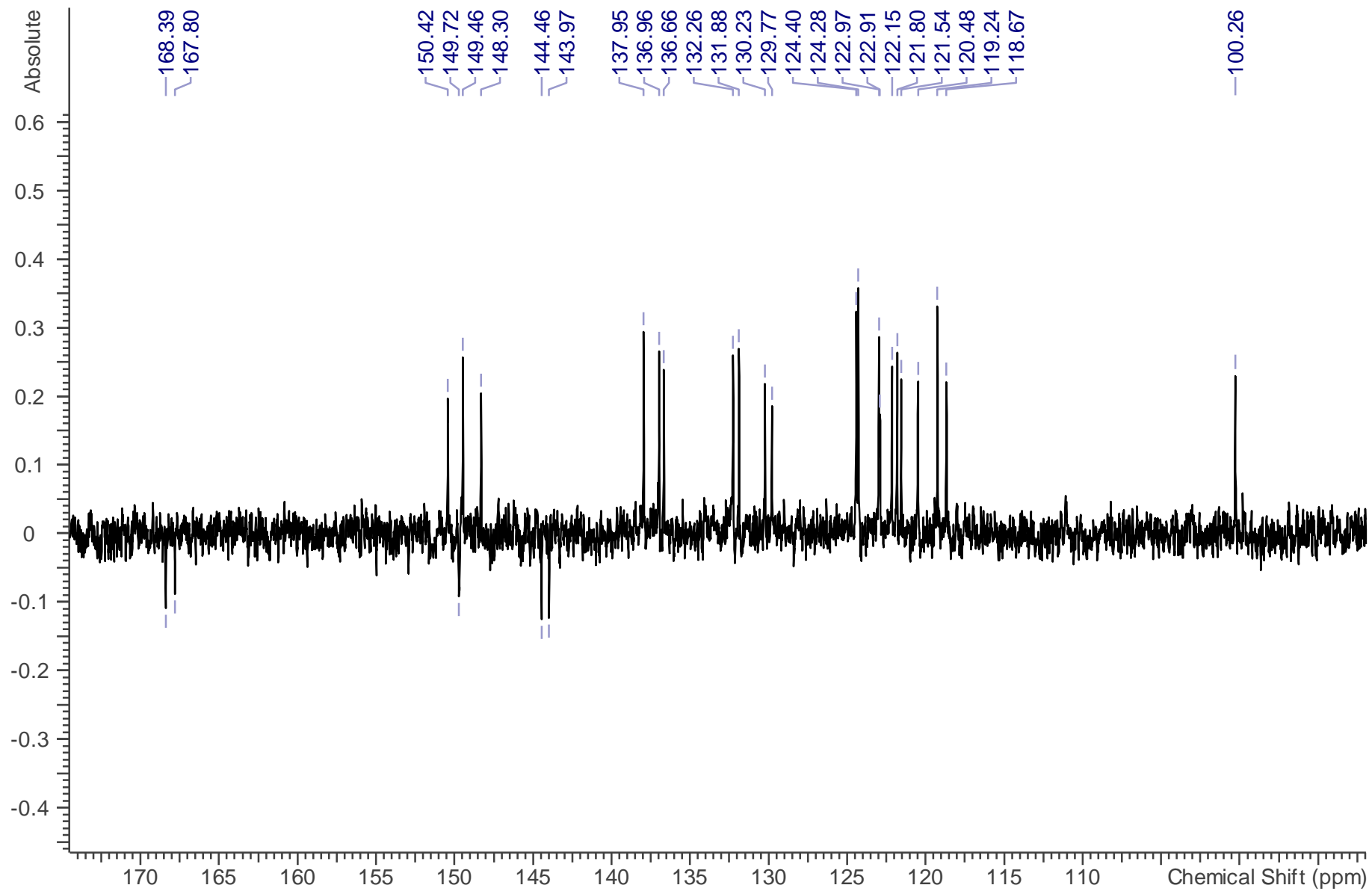
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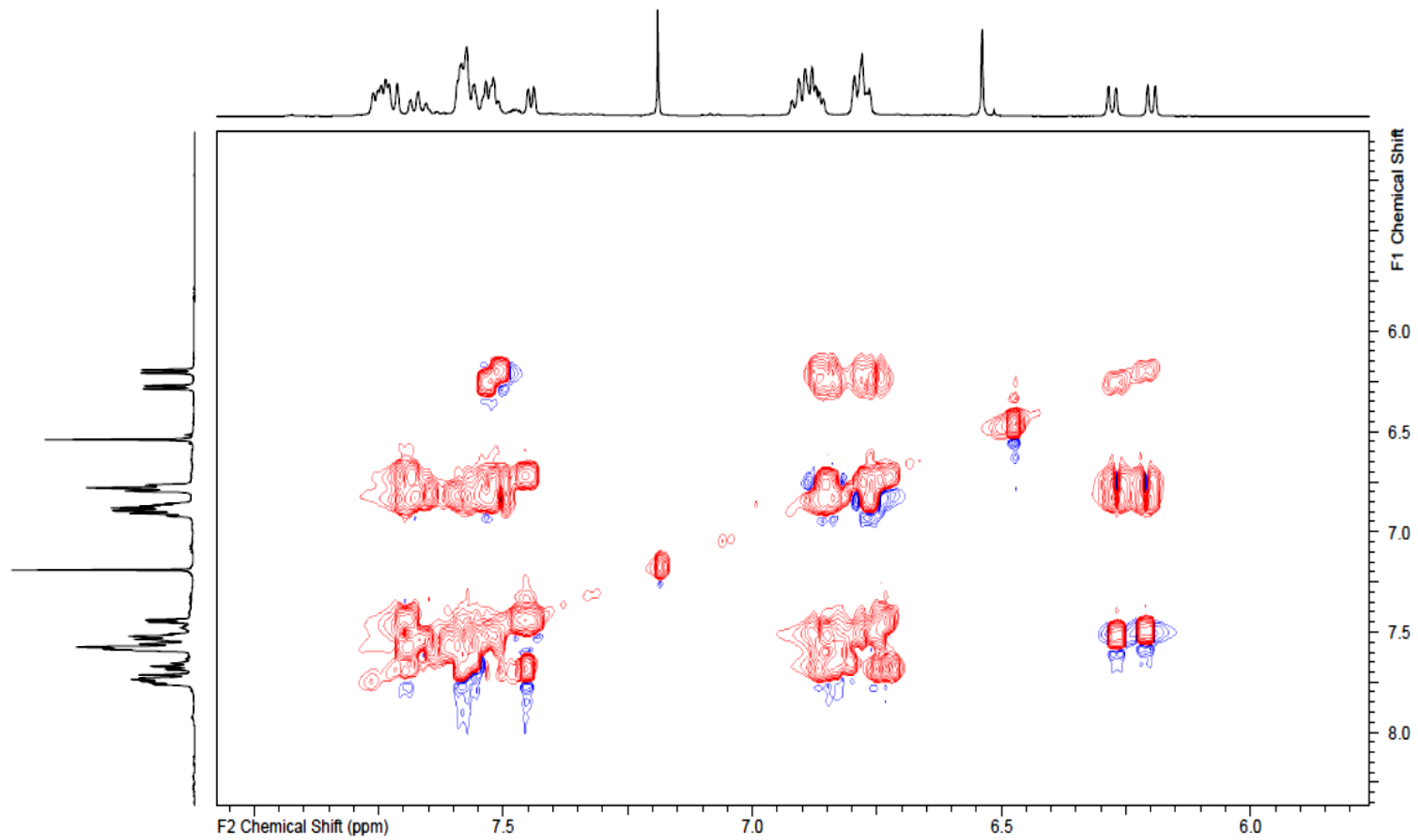
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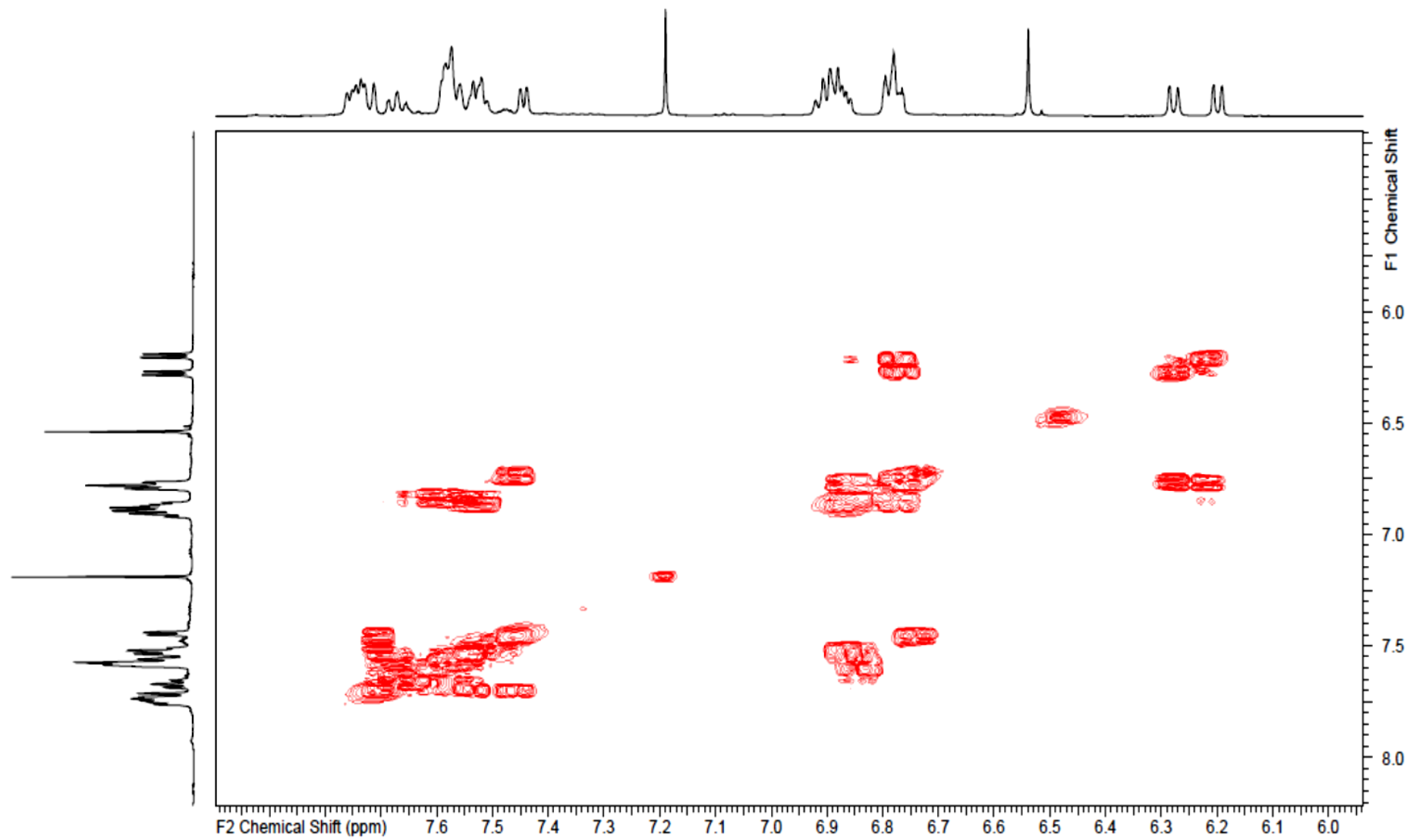
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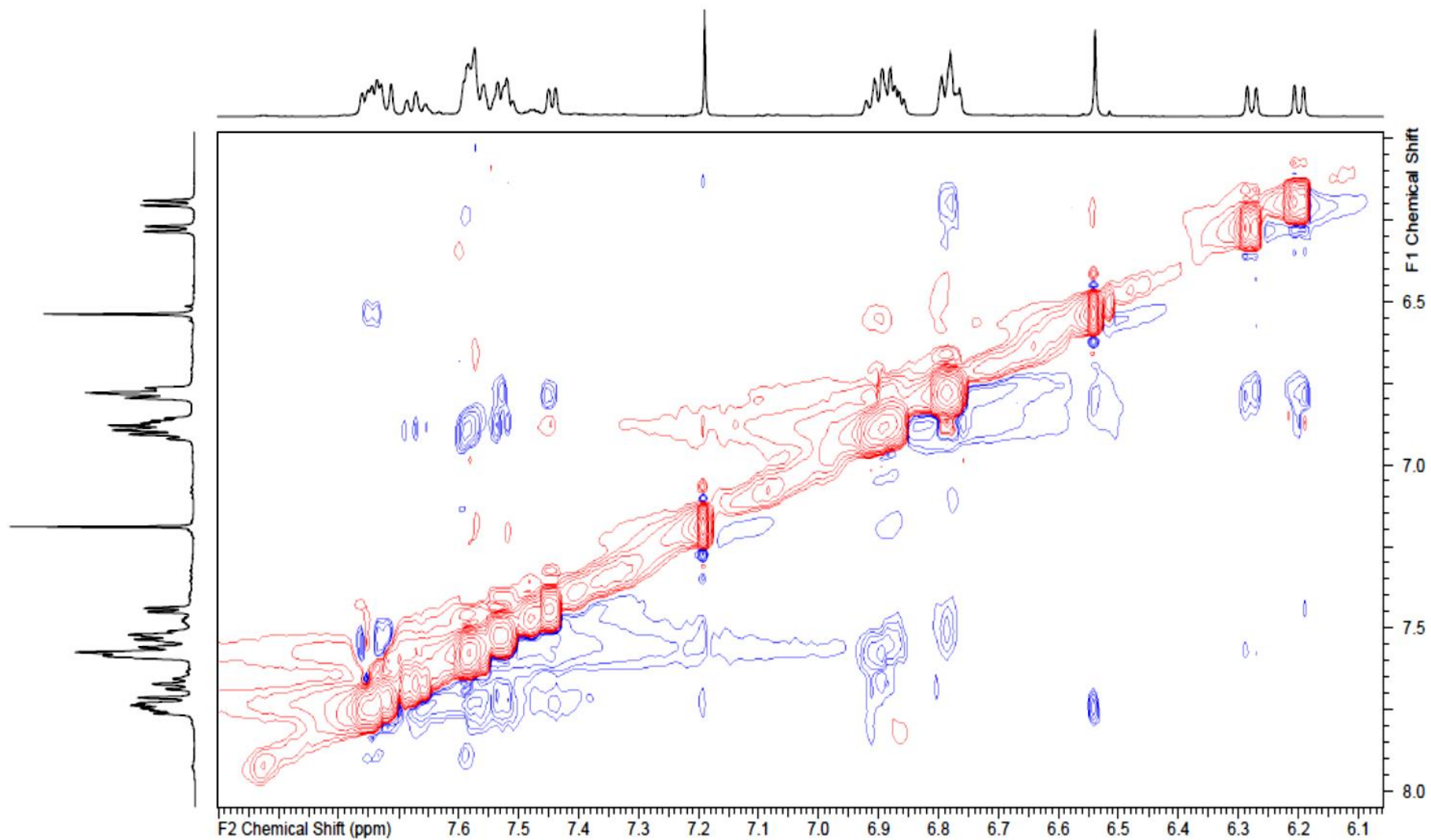
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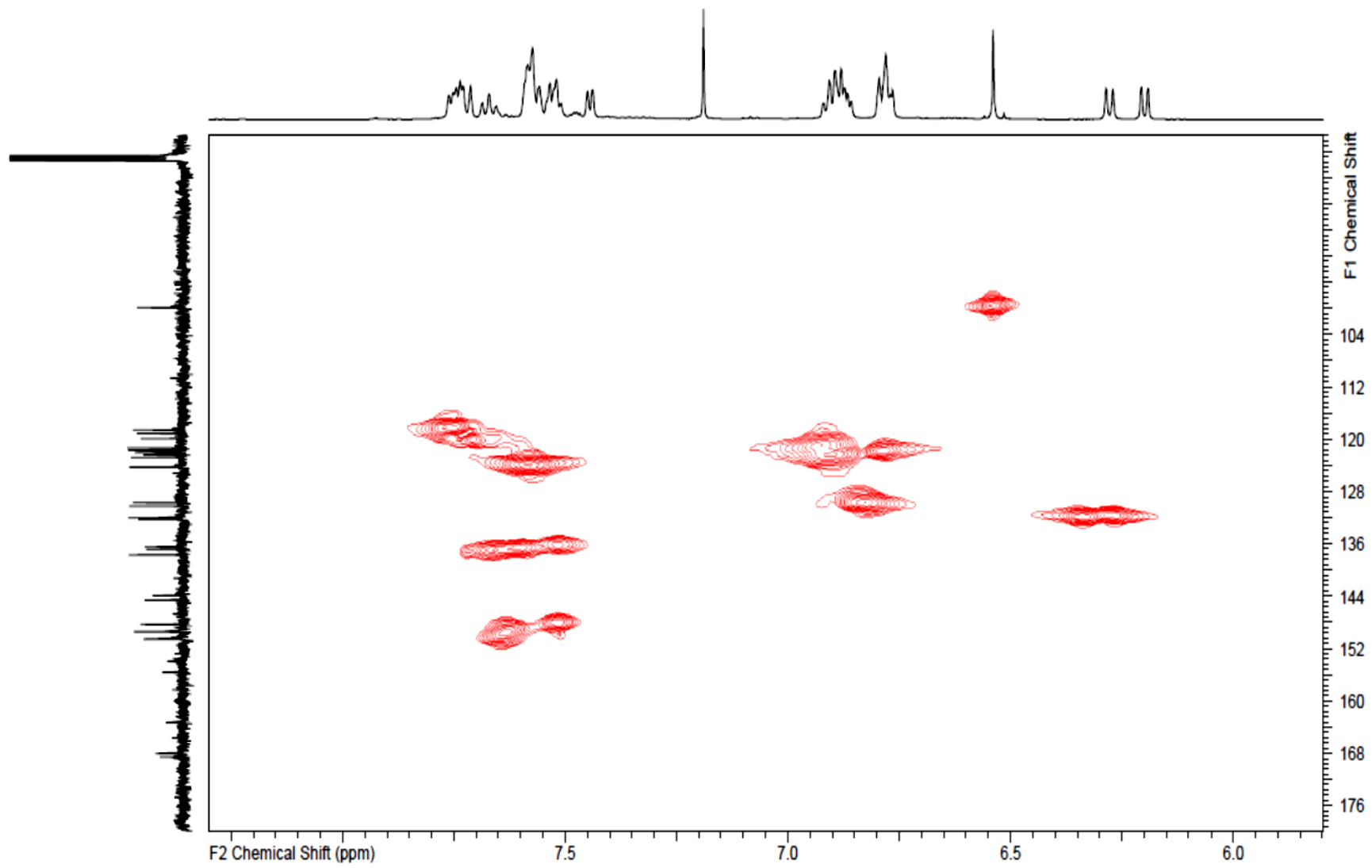
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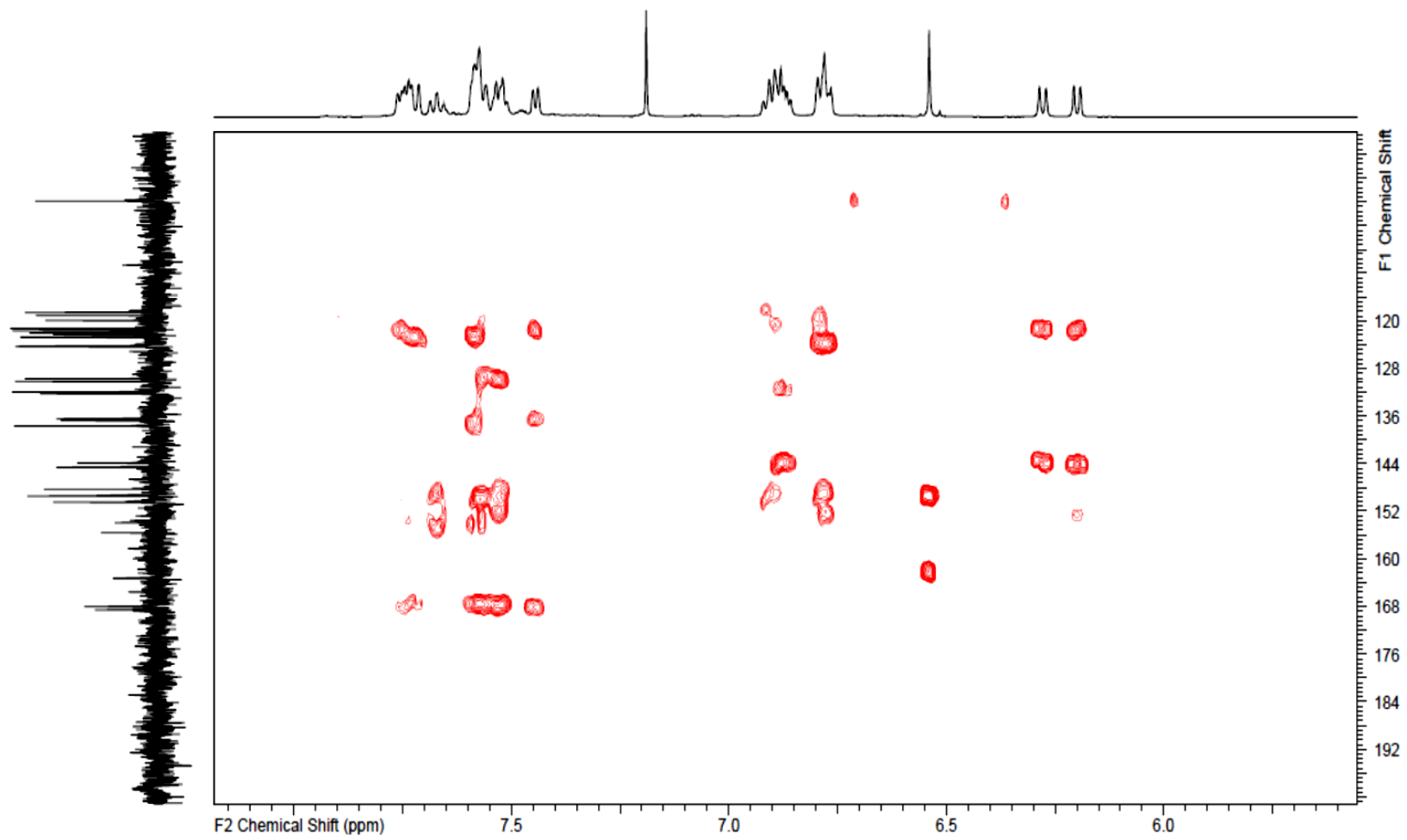
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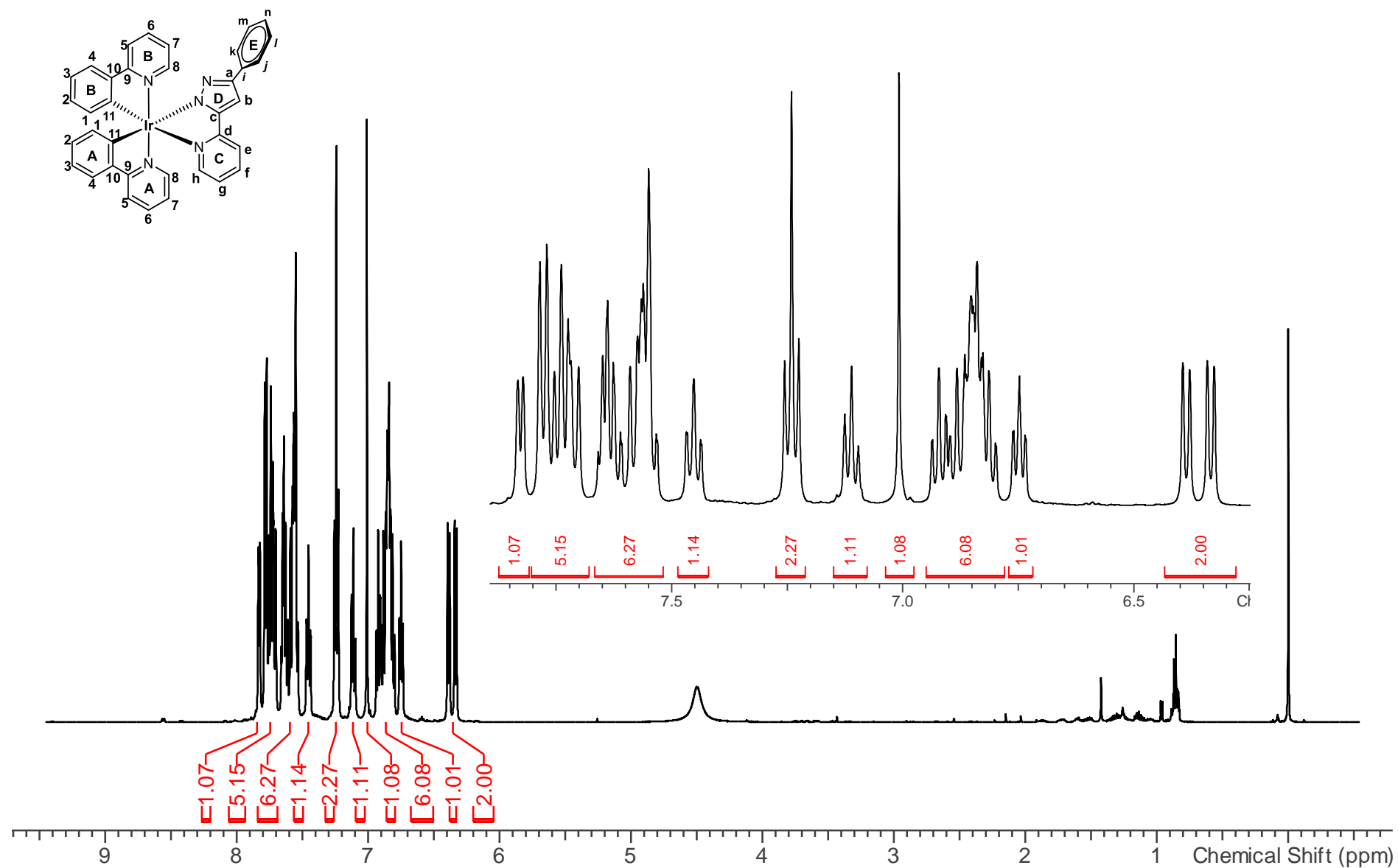
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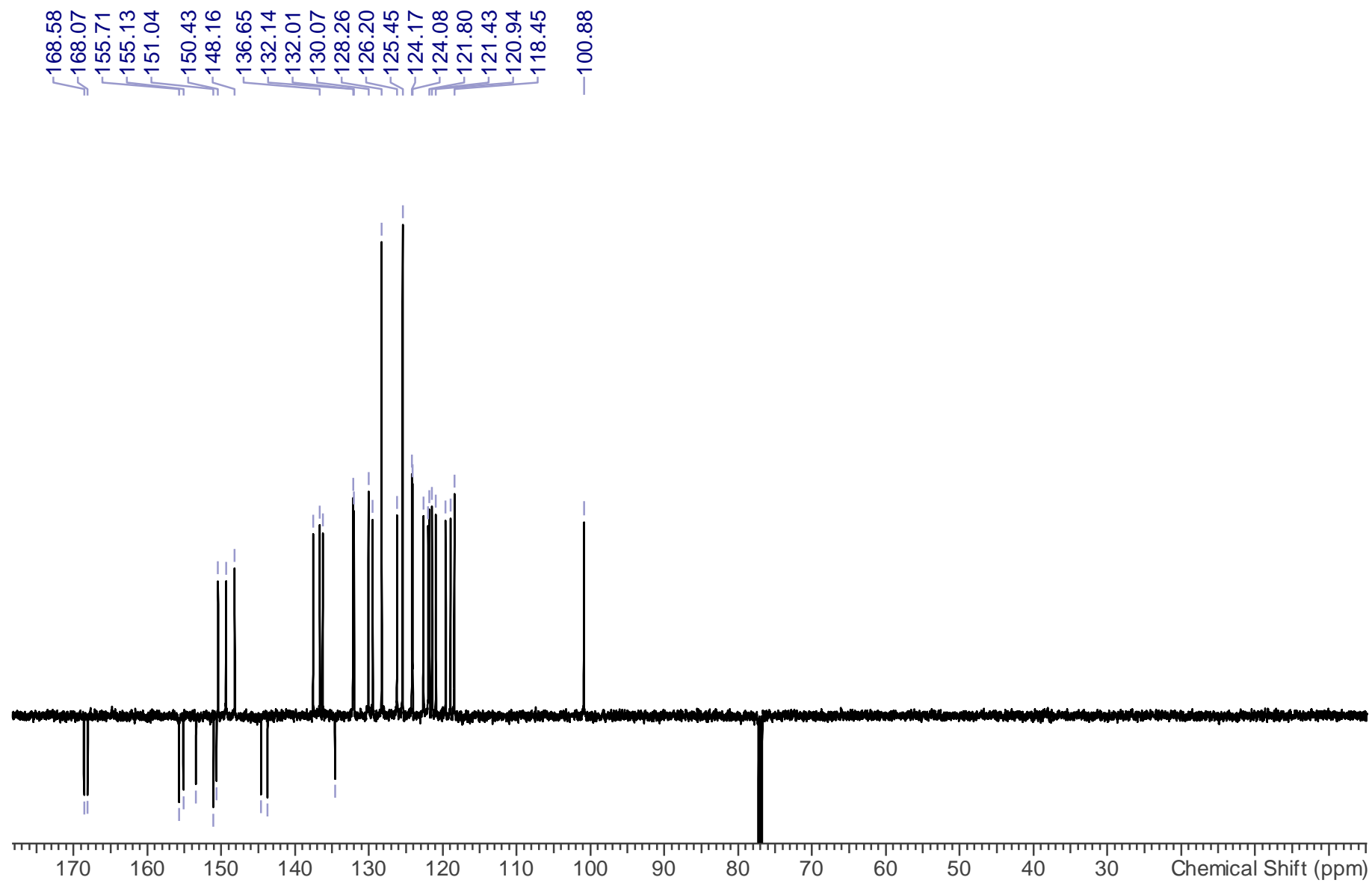
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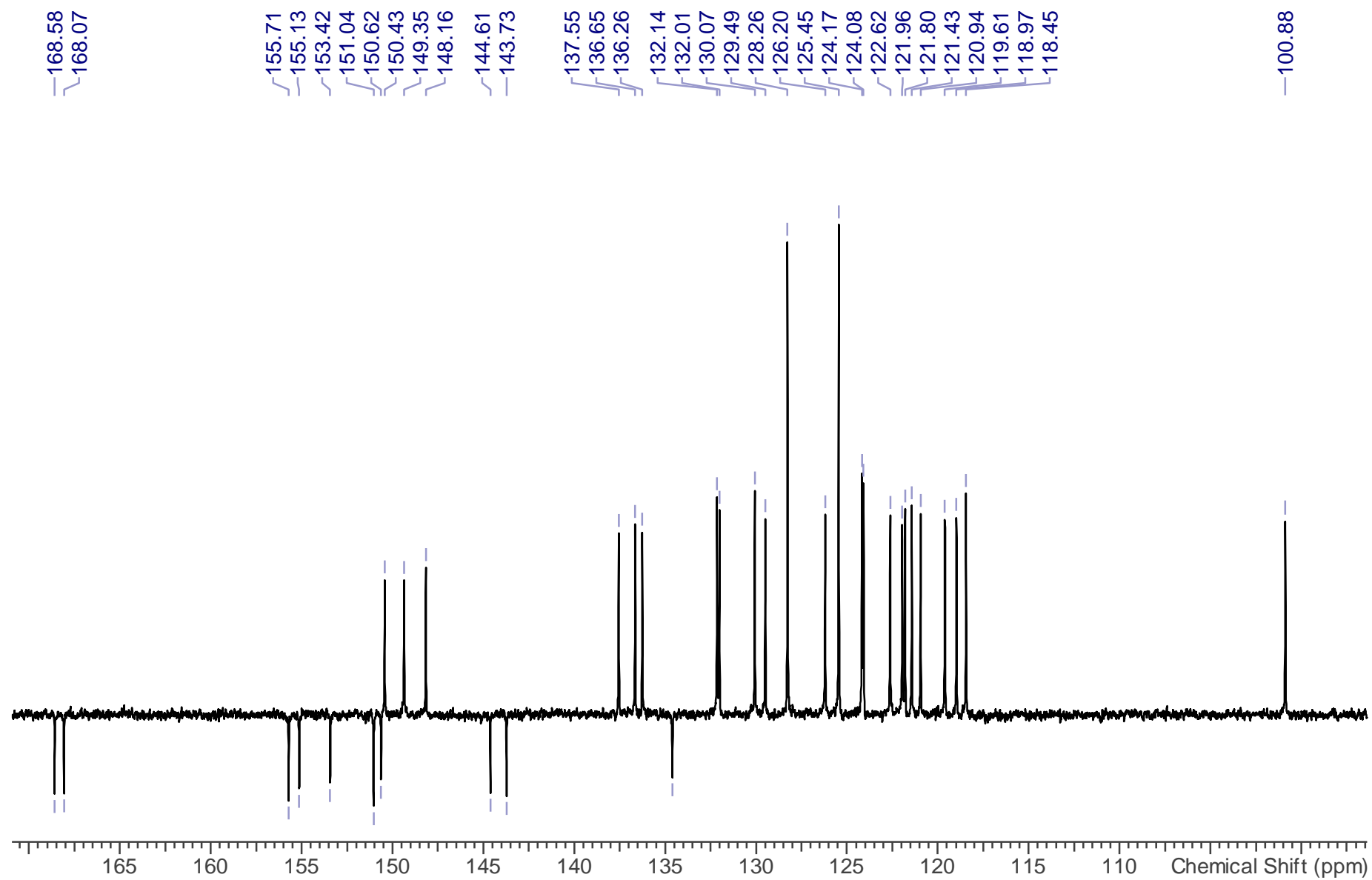
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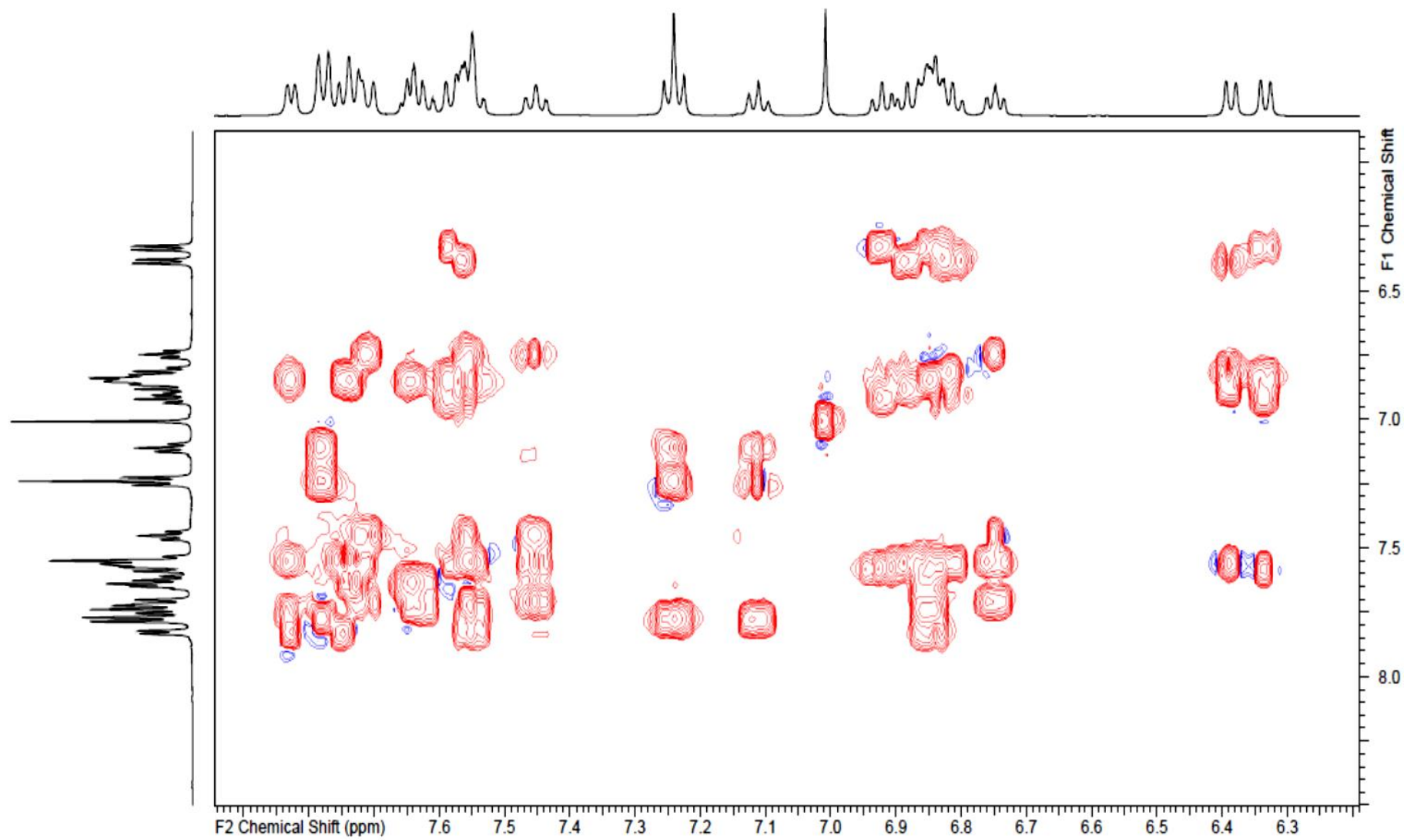
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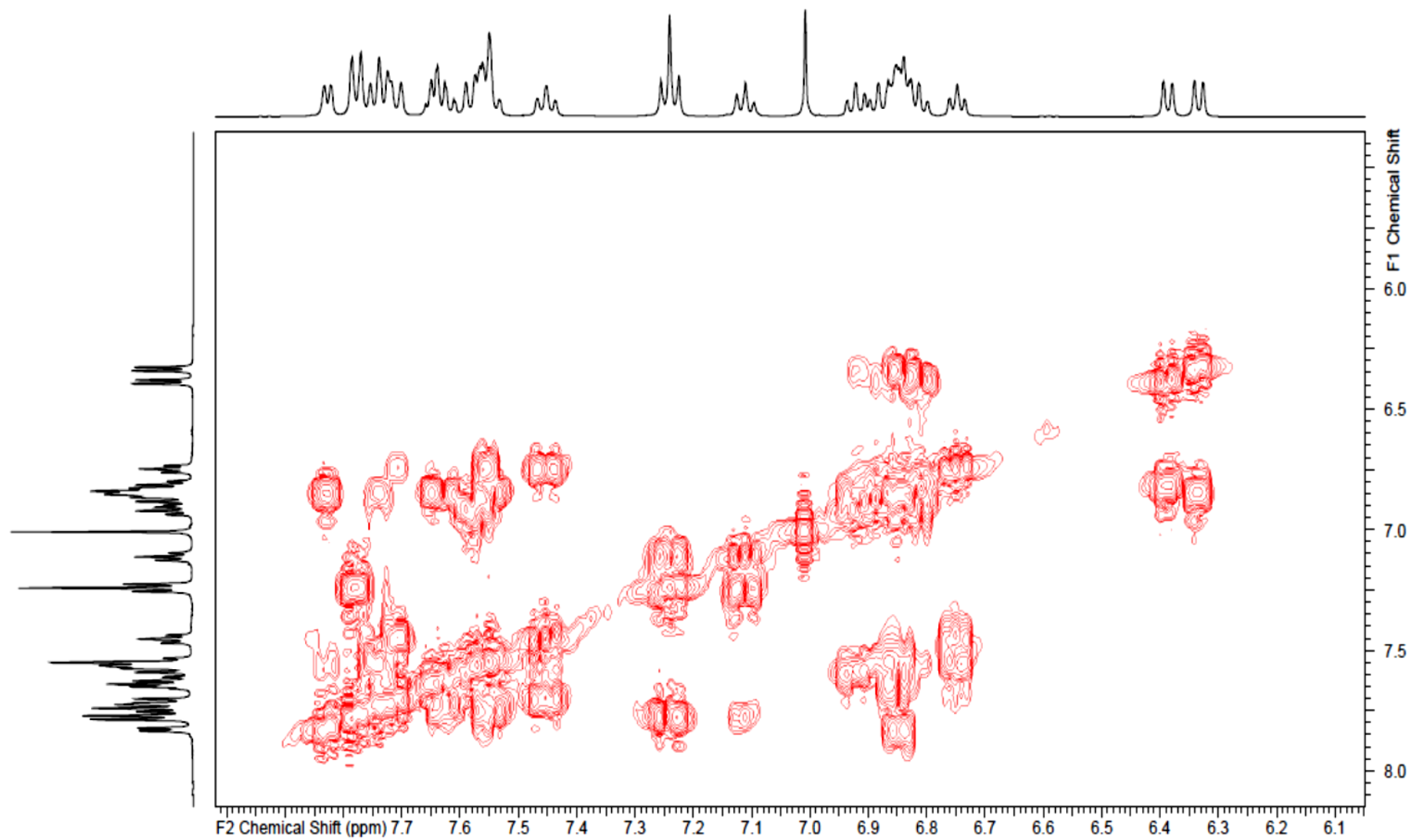
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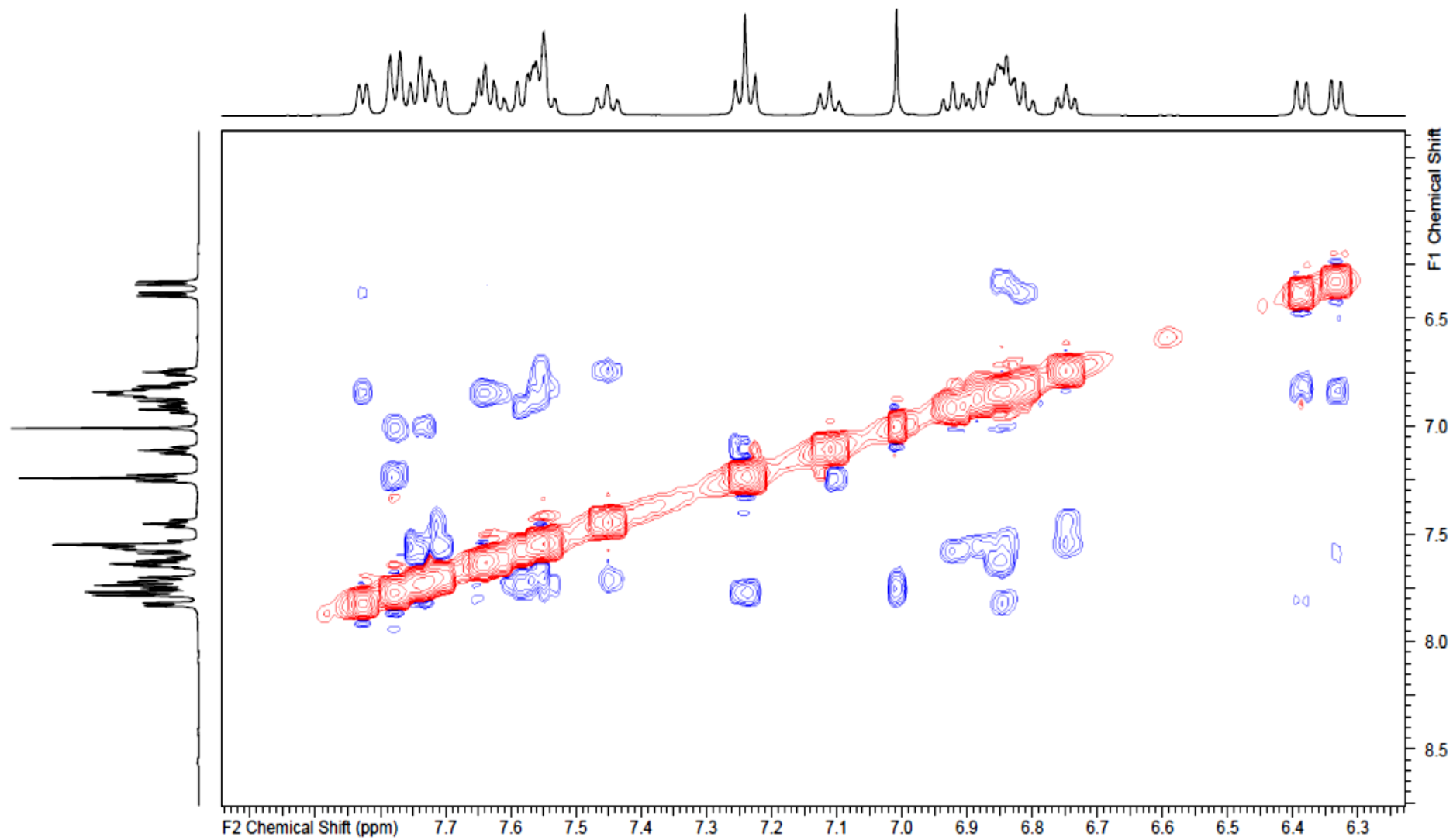
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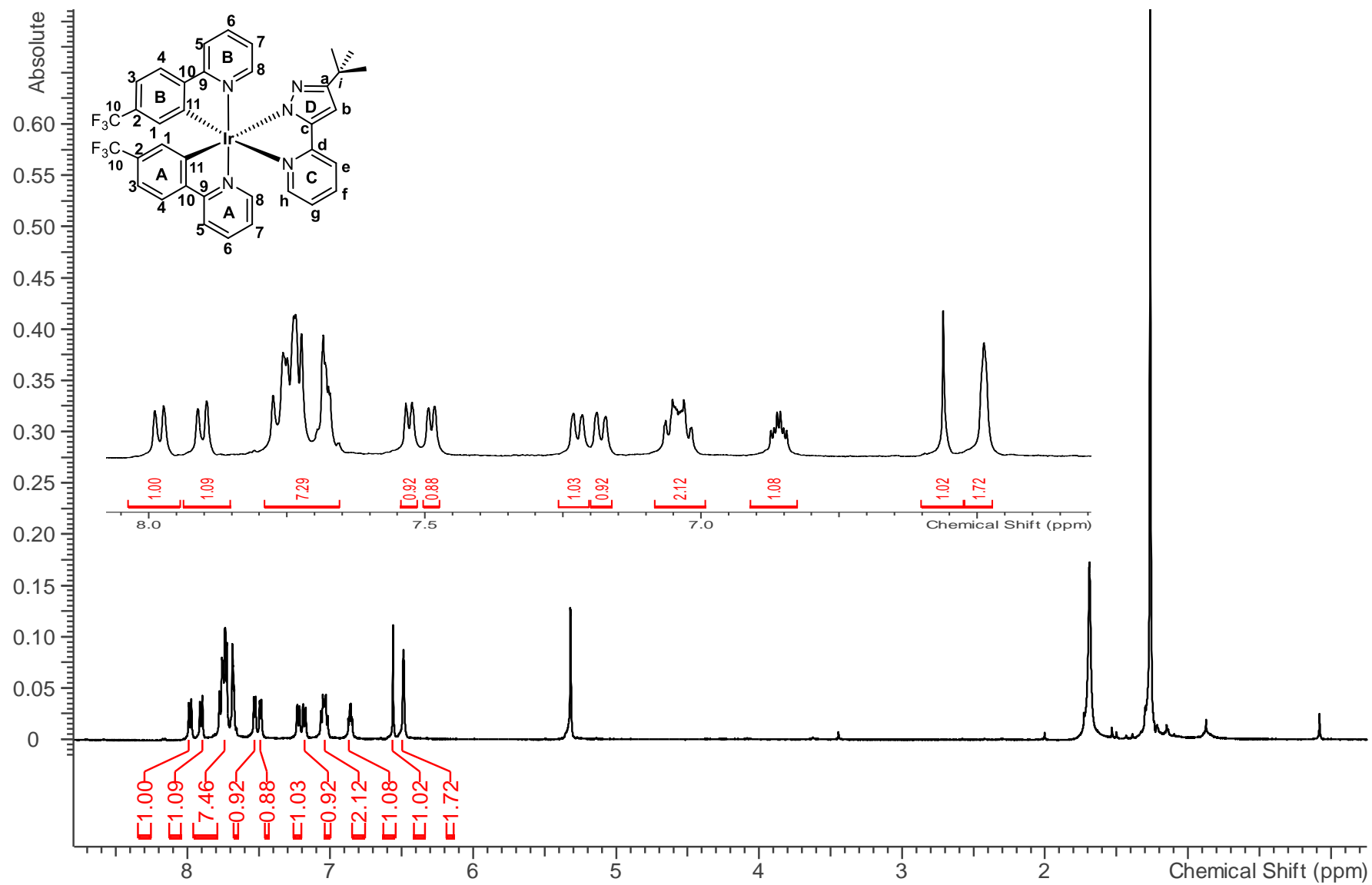
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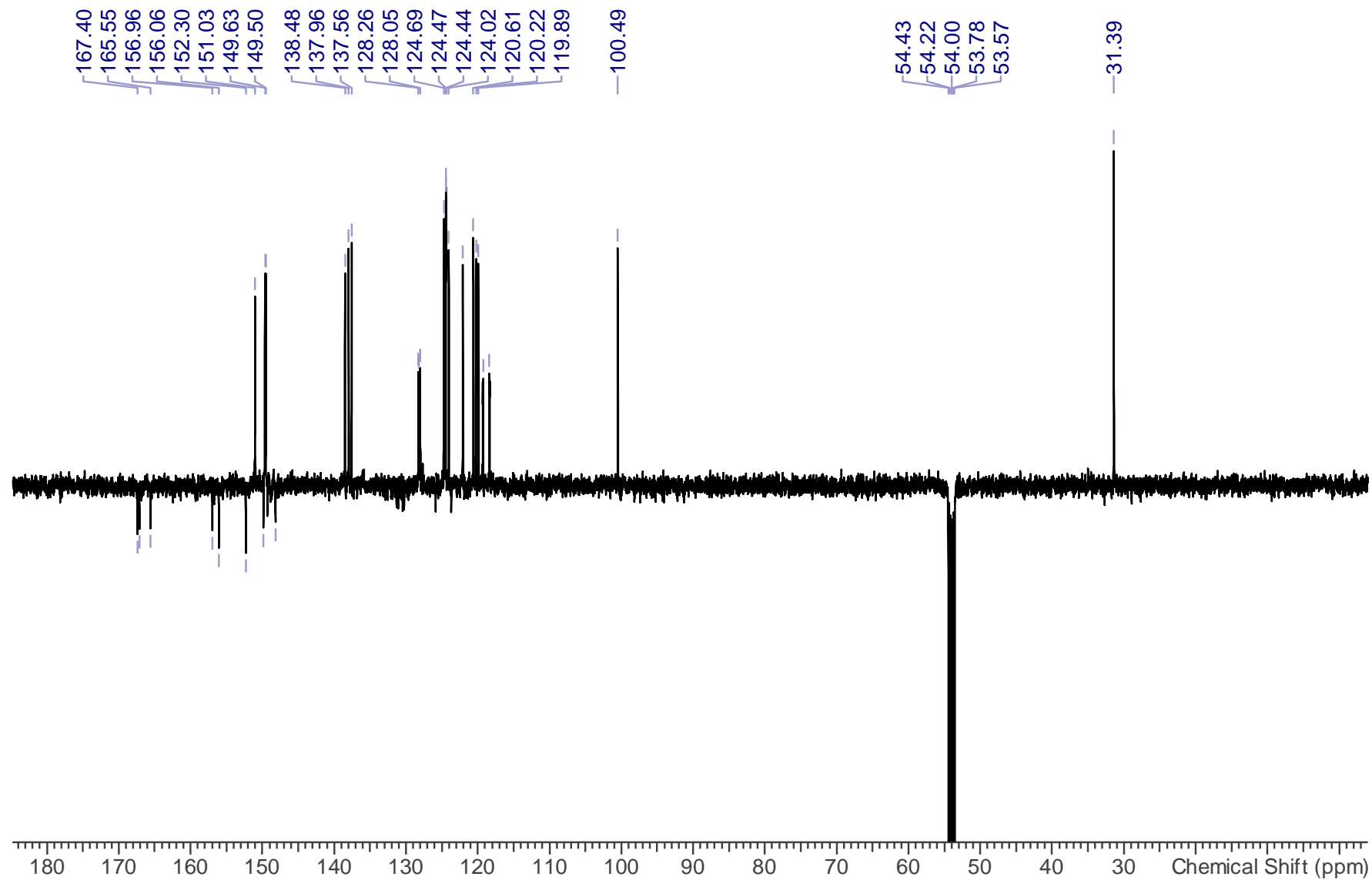
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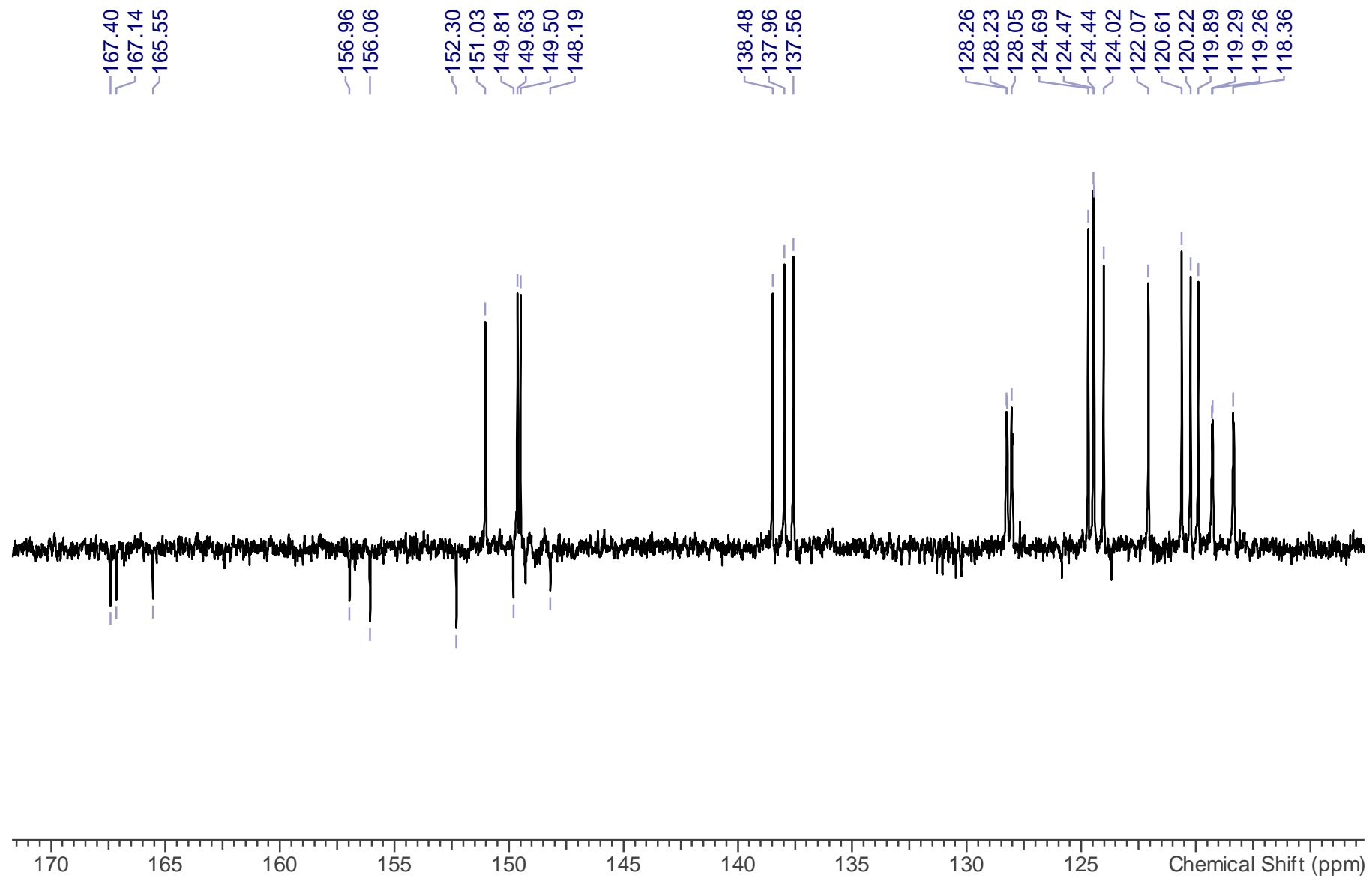
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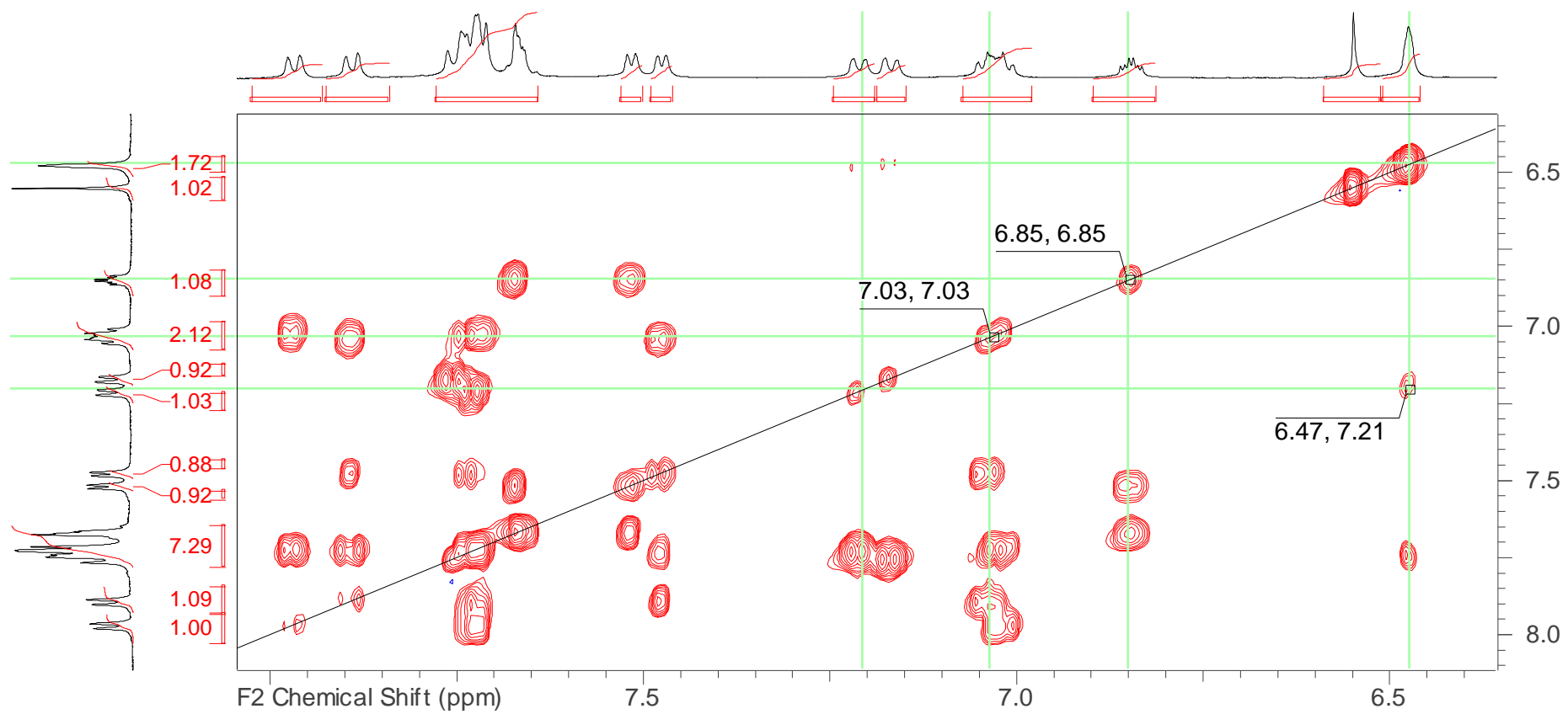
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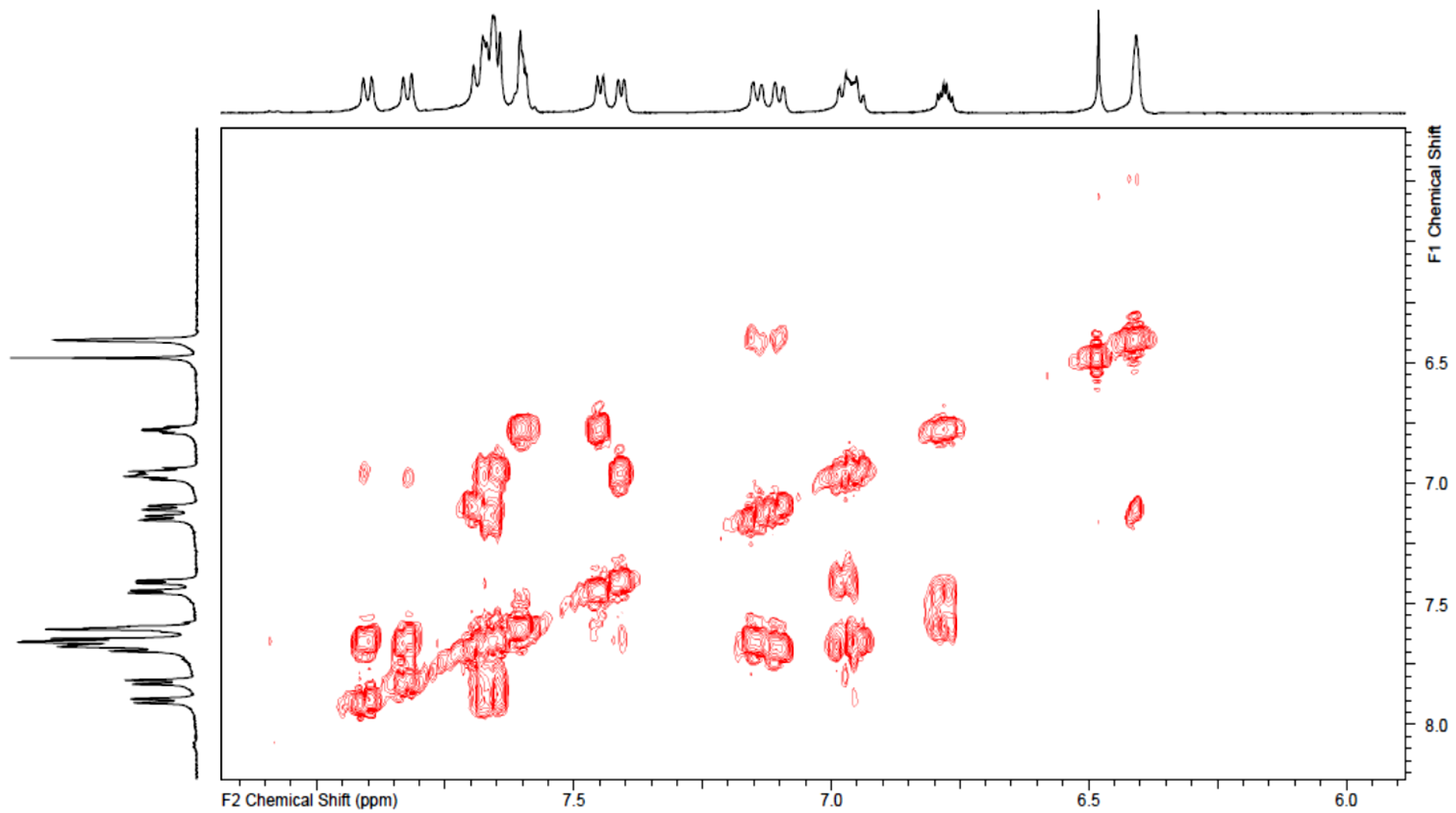
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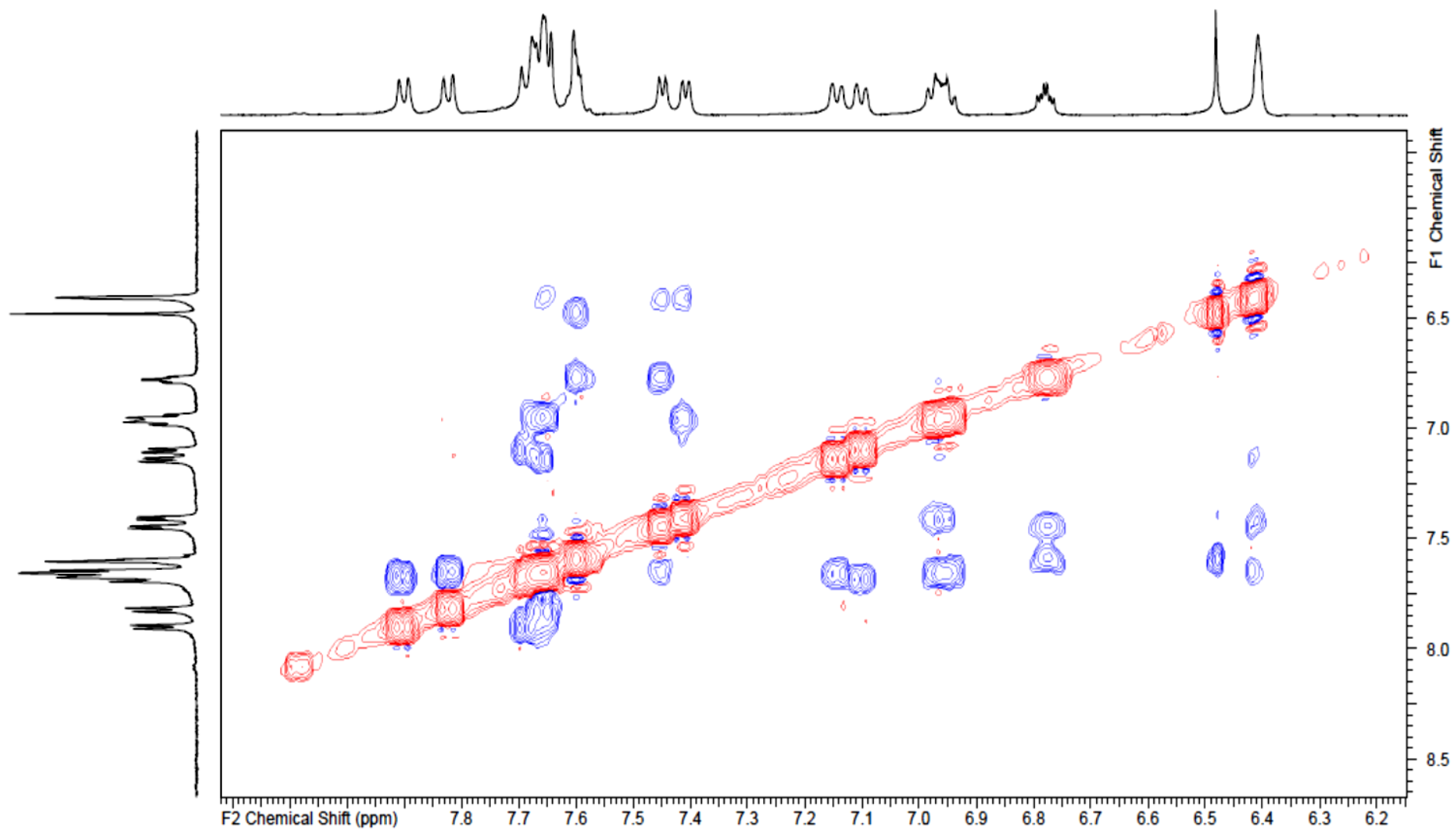
Section of the TOCSY spectrum of 3dL2



Section of the COSY spectrum of **3dL₂**



Section of the NOESY spectrum of **3dL2**



¹⁹F NMR spectrum of 3

