

Isonitrile ruthenium and iron PNP complexes: Synthesis, characterization and catalytic assessment for base-free dehydrogenative coupling of alcohols.

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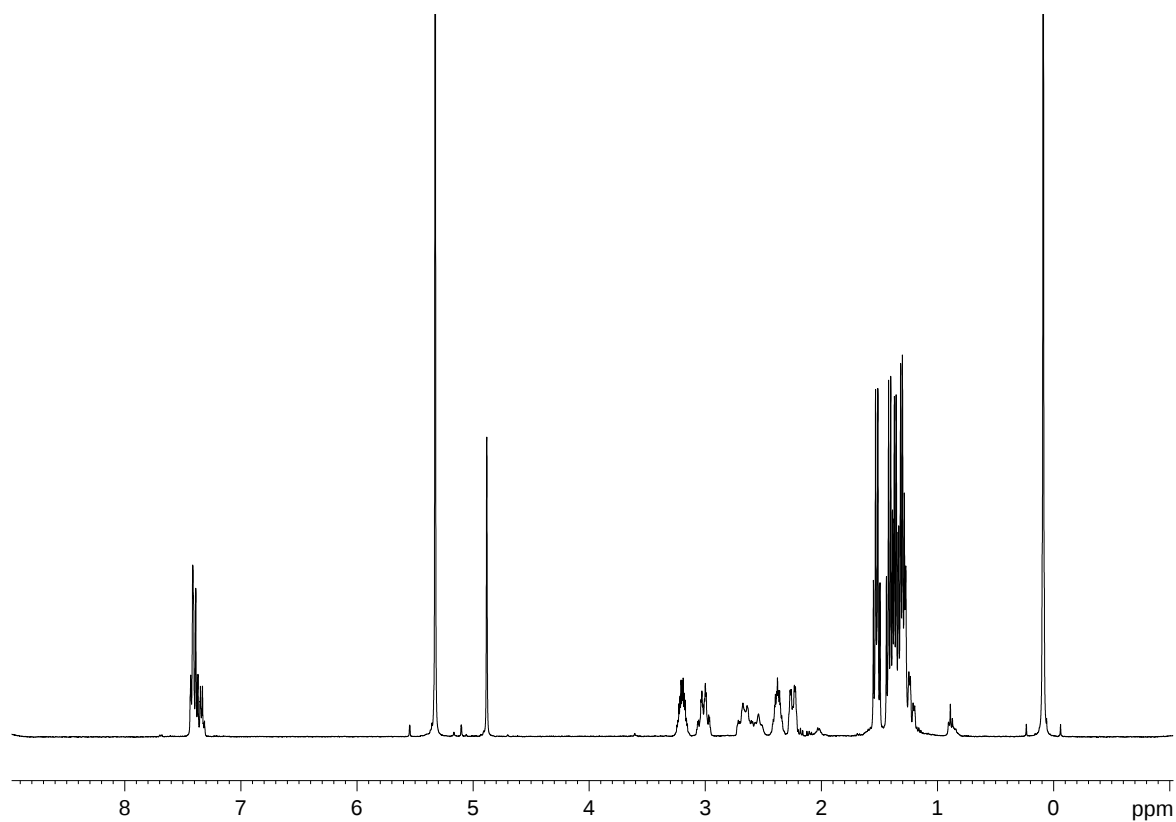
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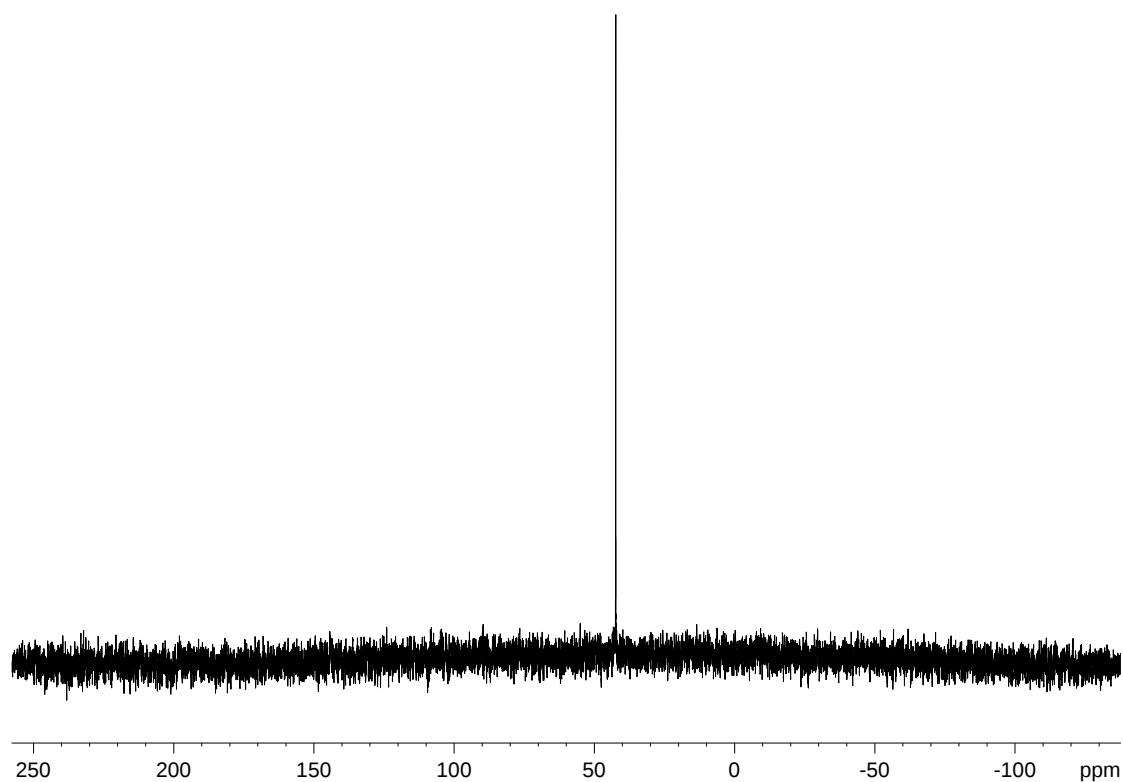
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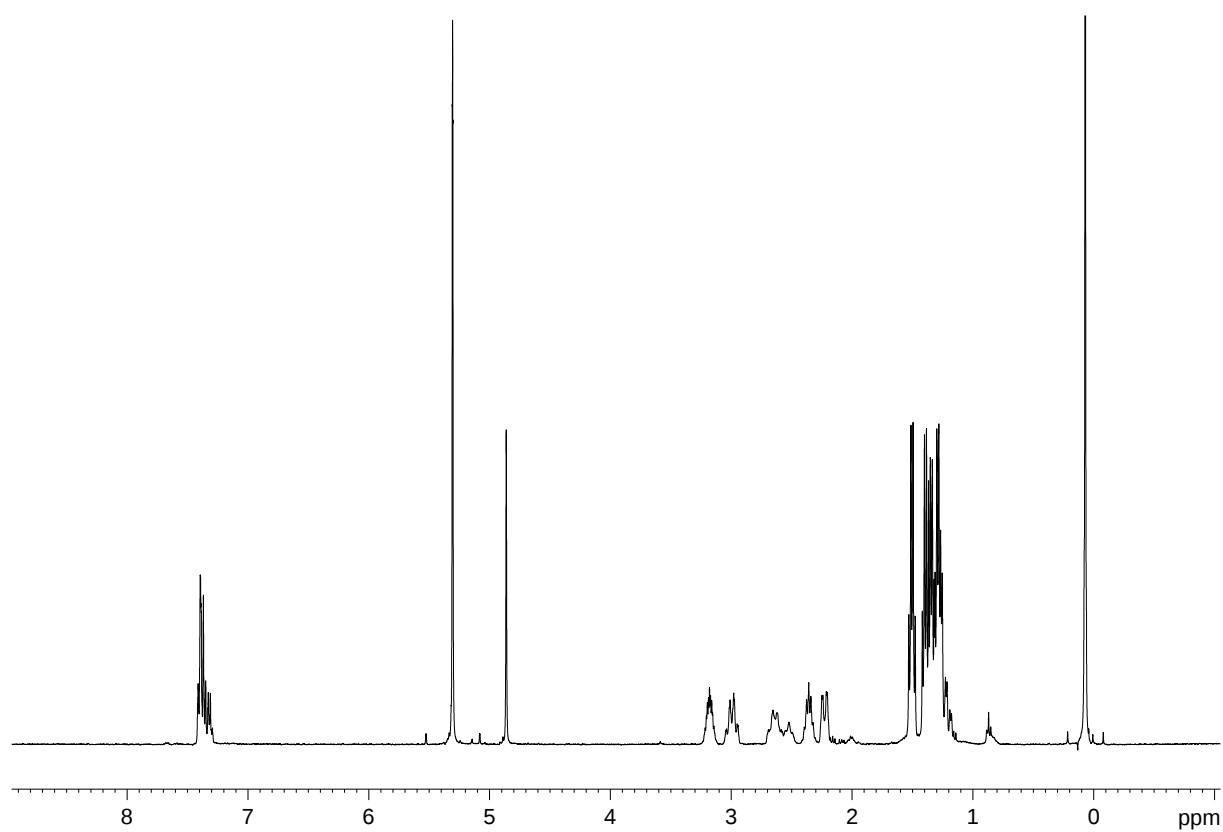
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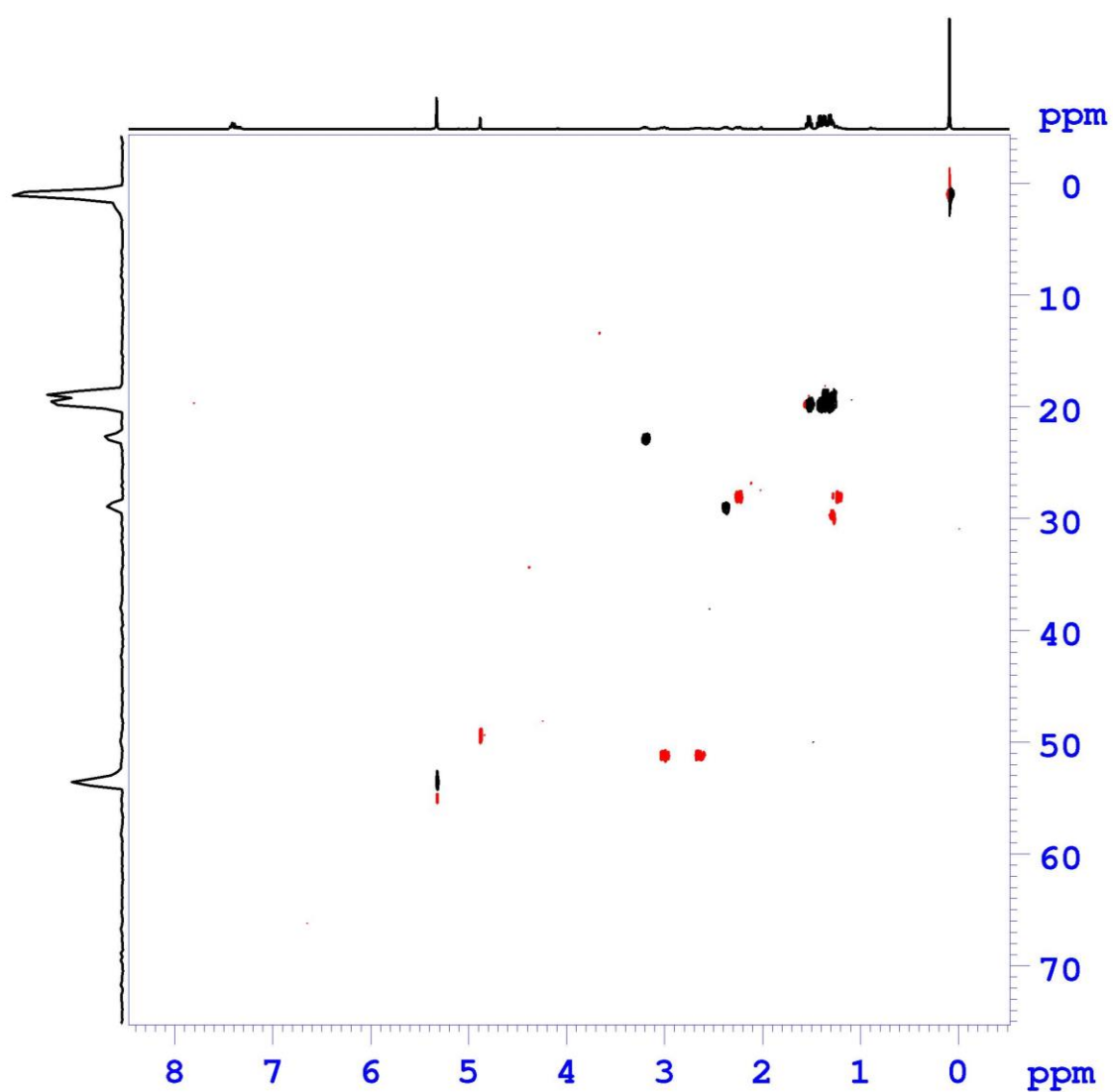
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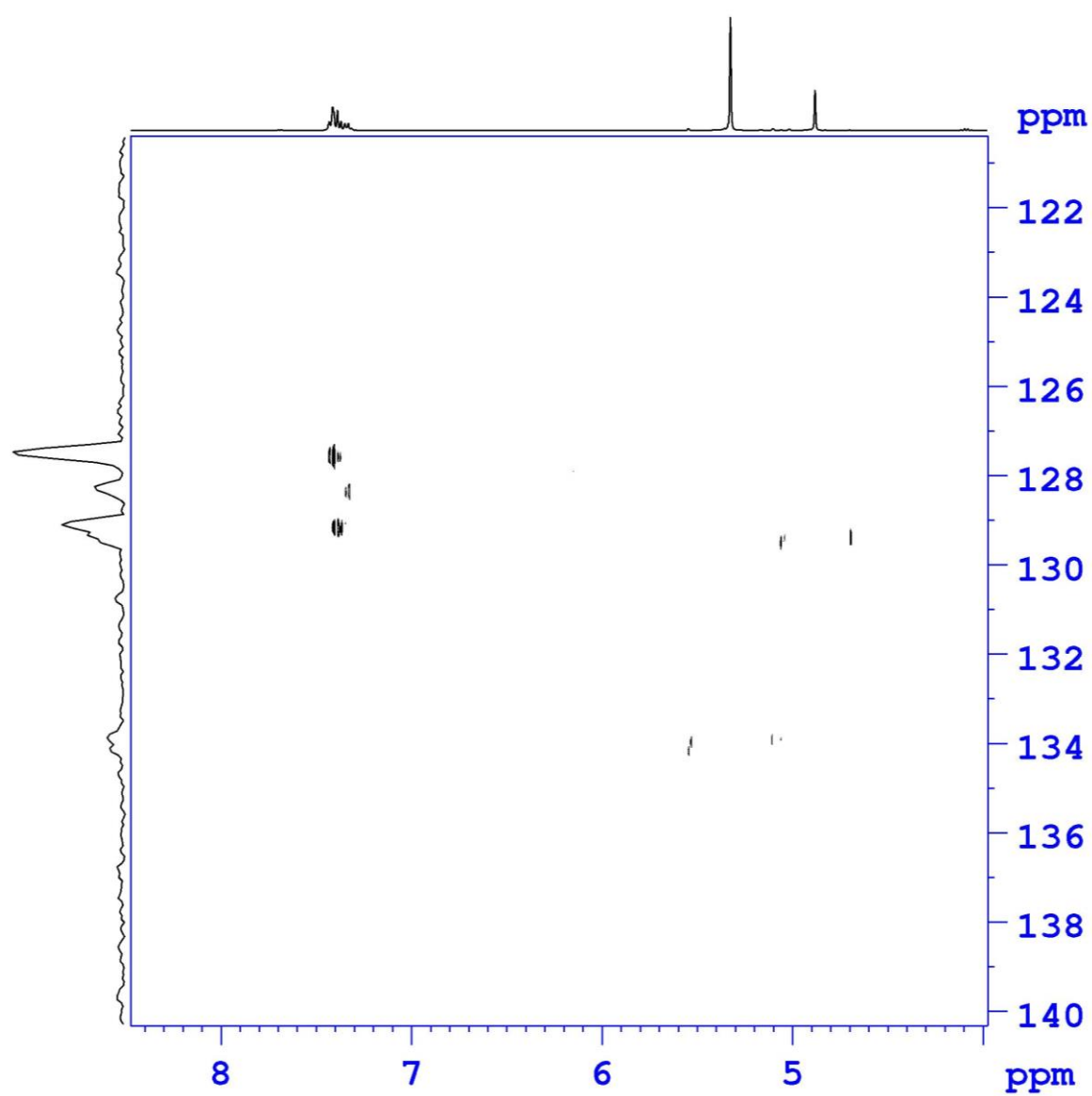


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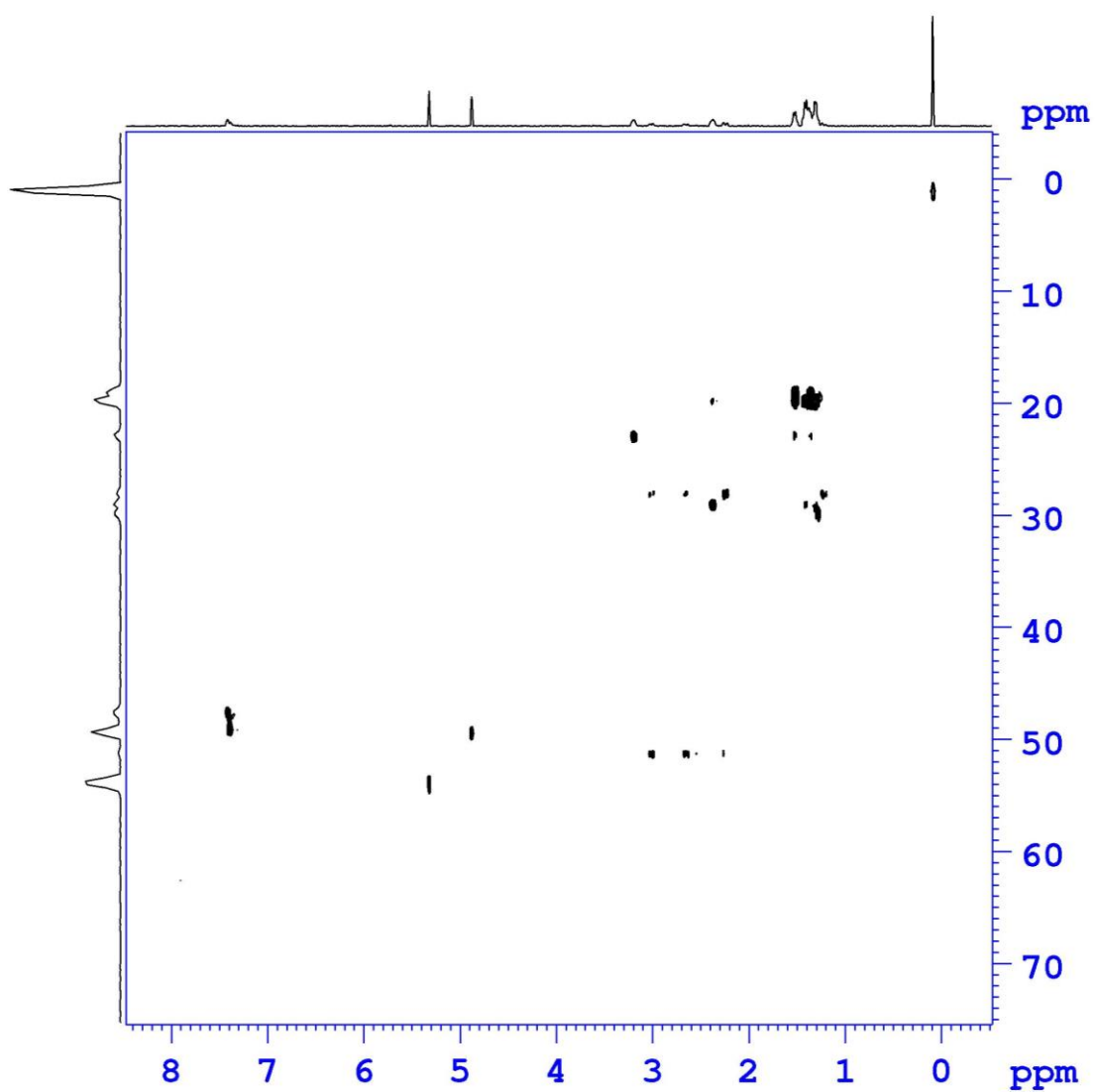


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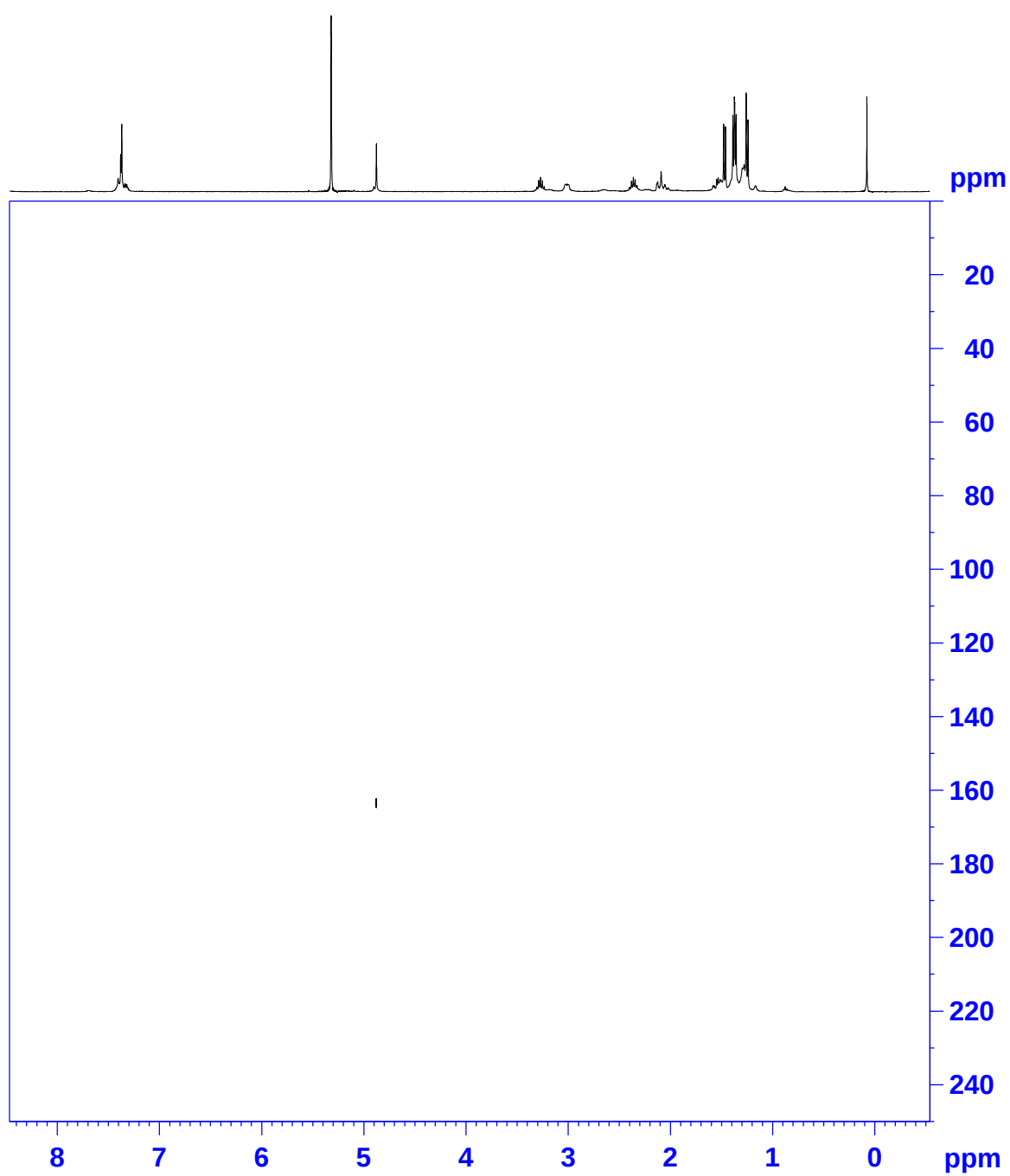




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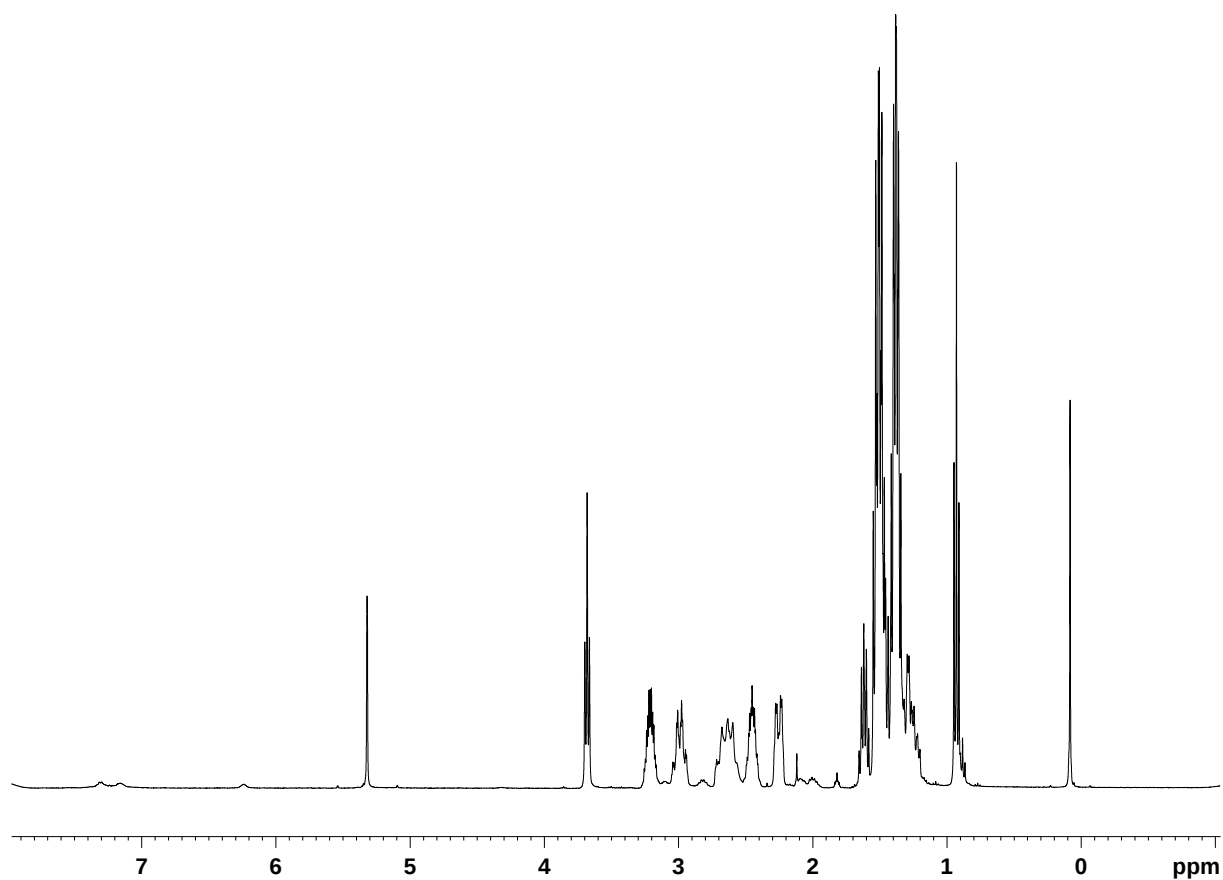


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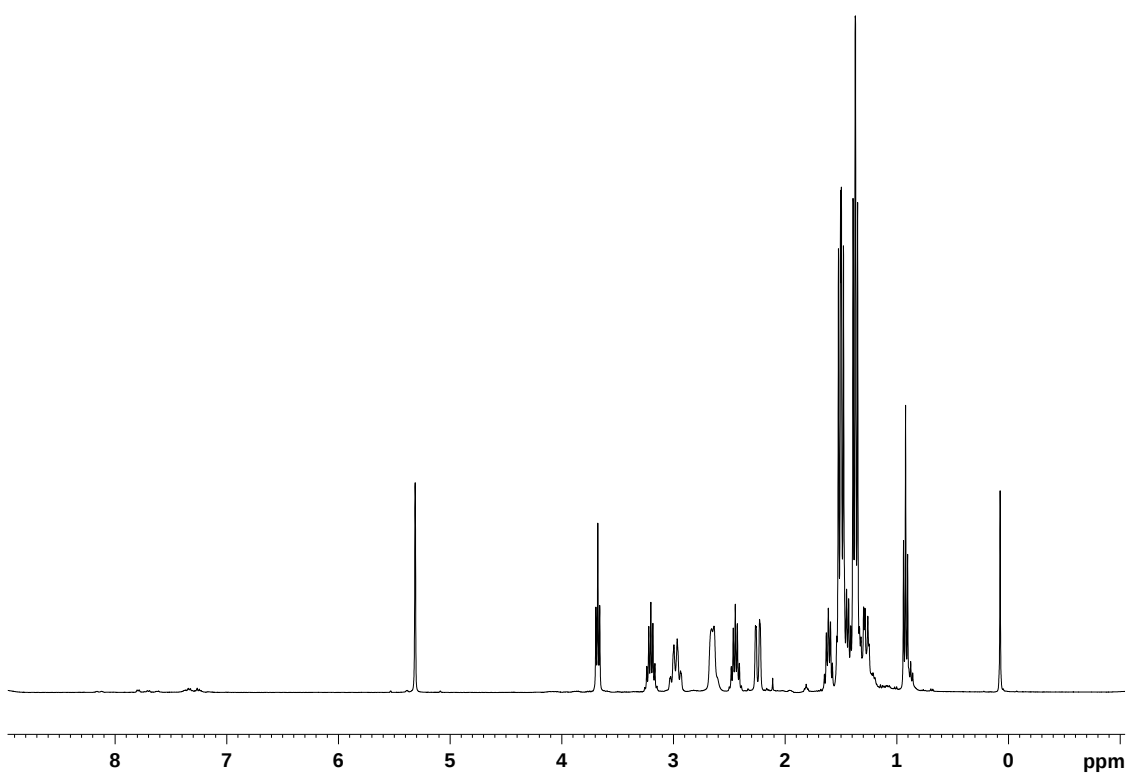


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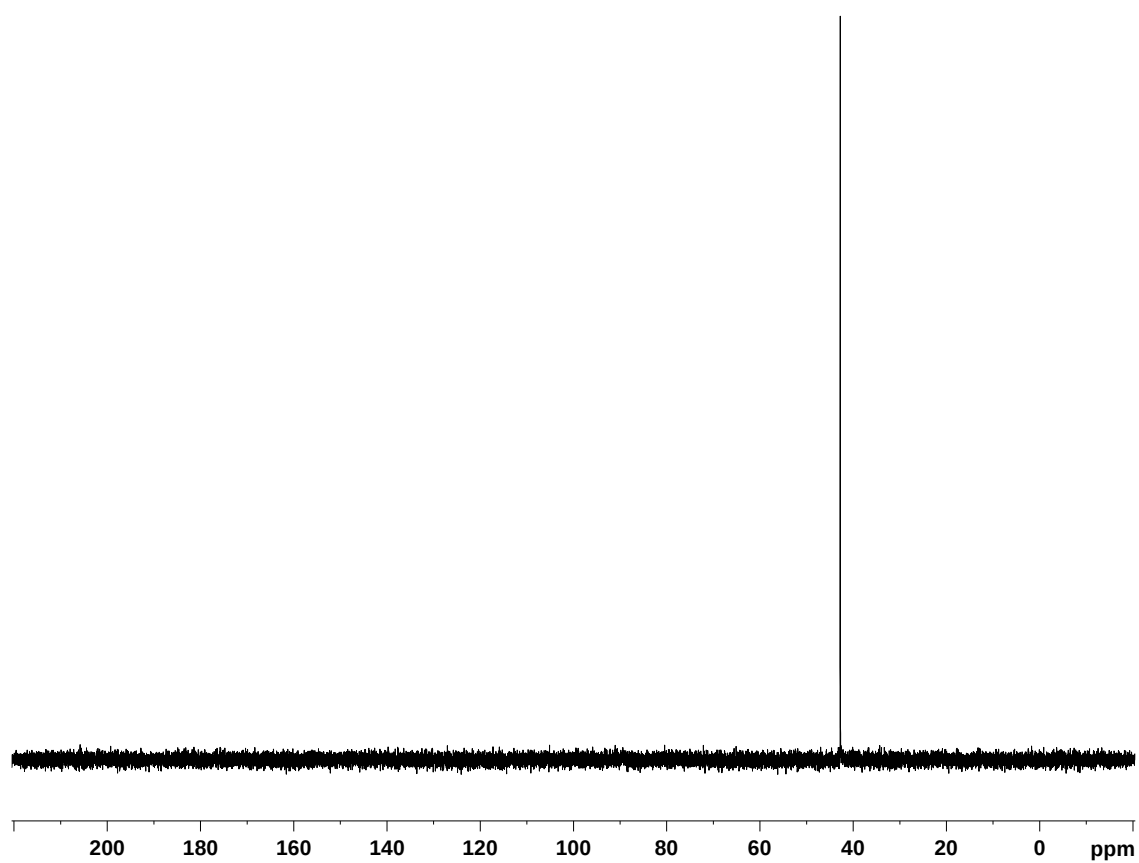
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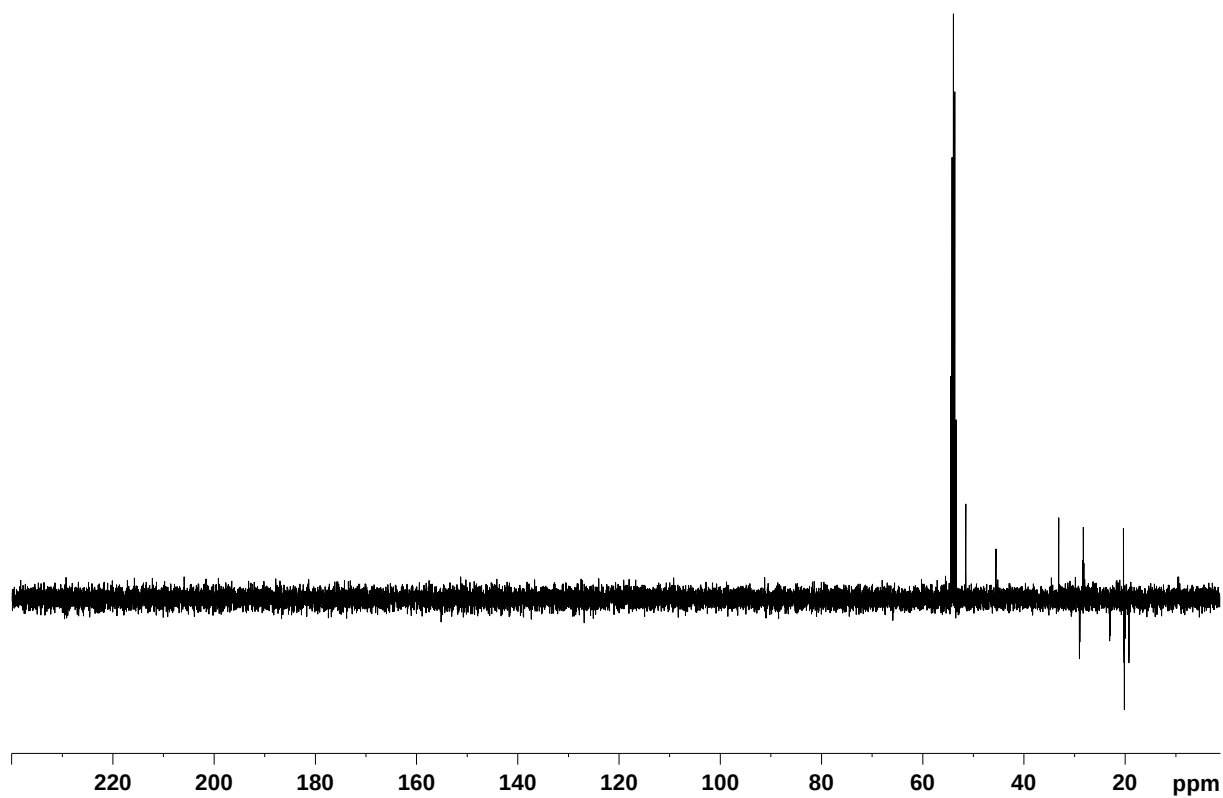
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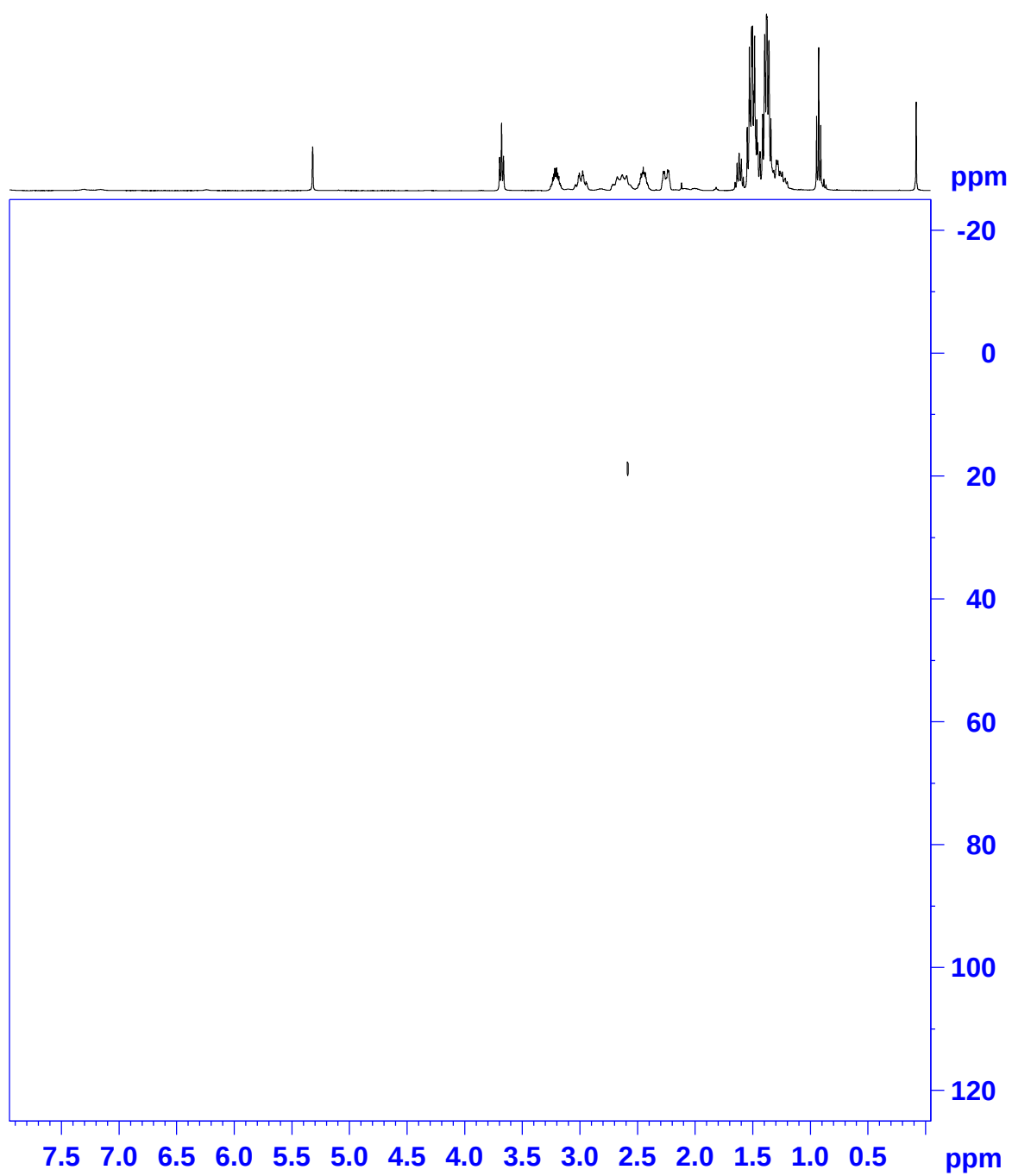
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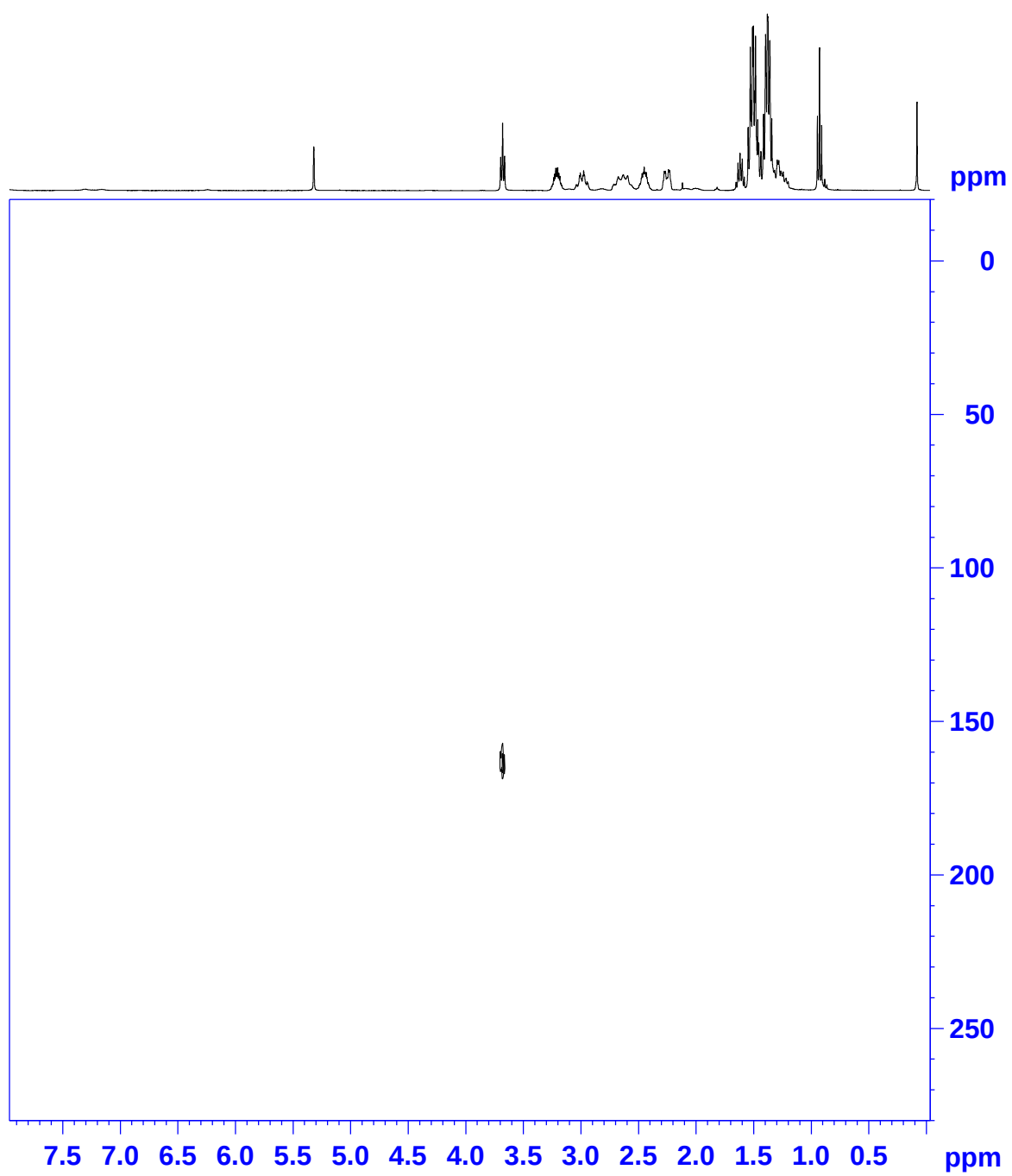
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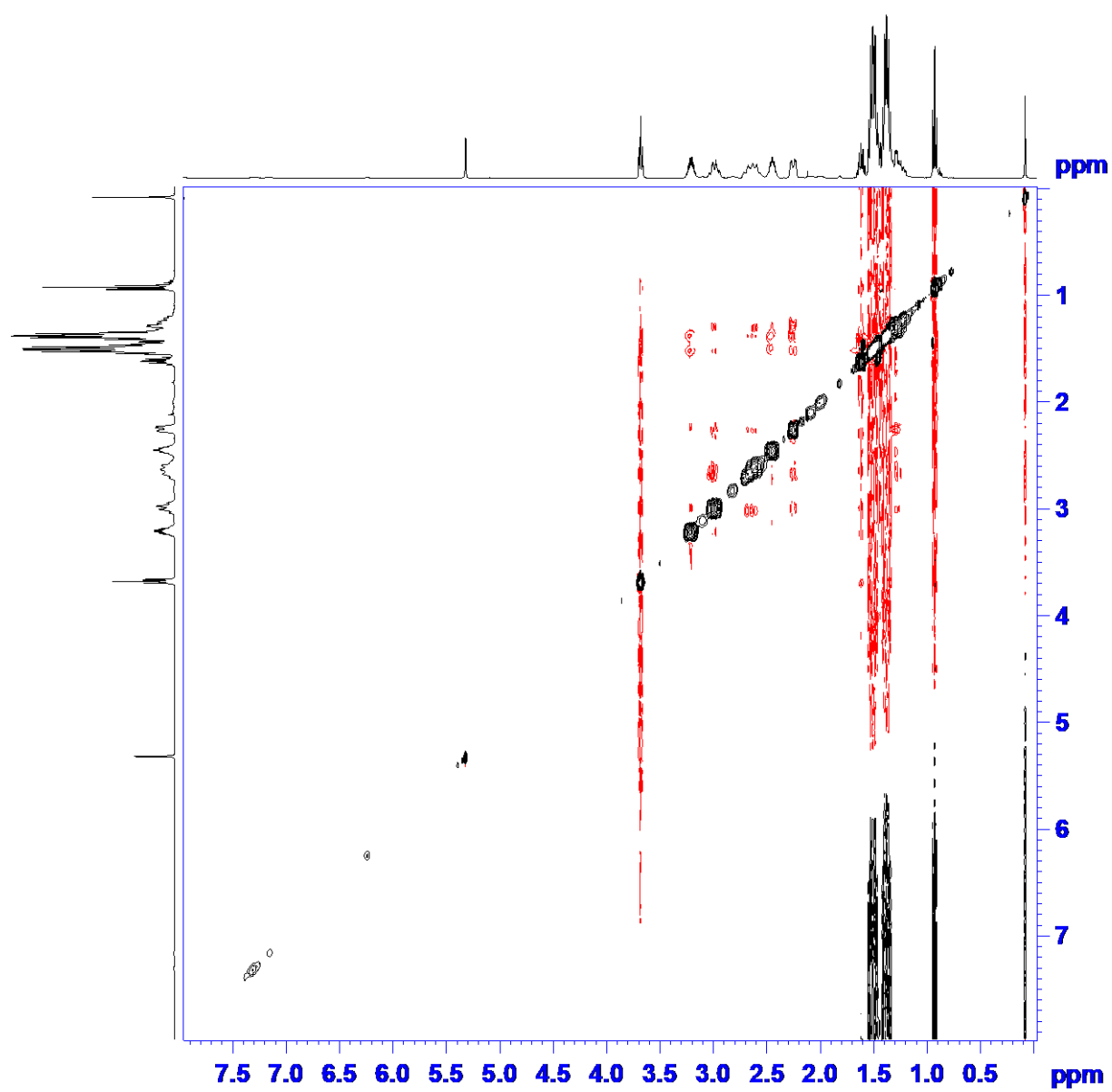
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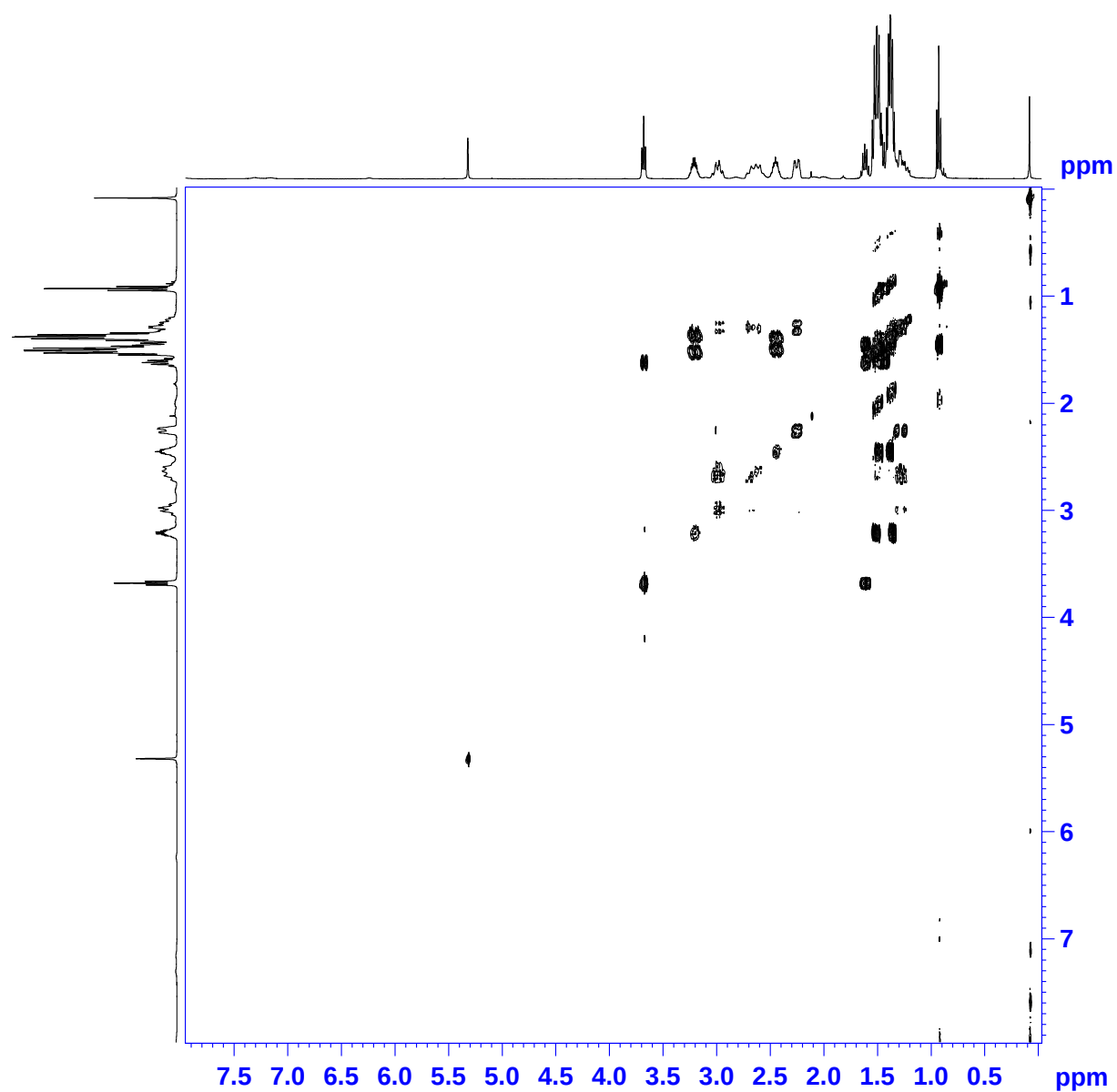
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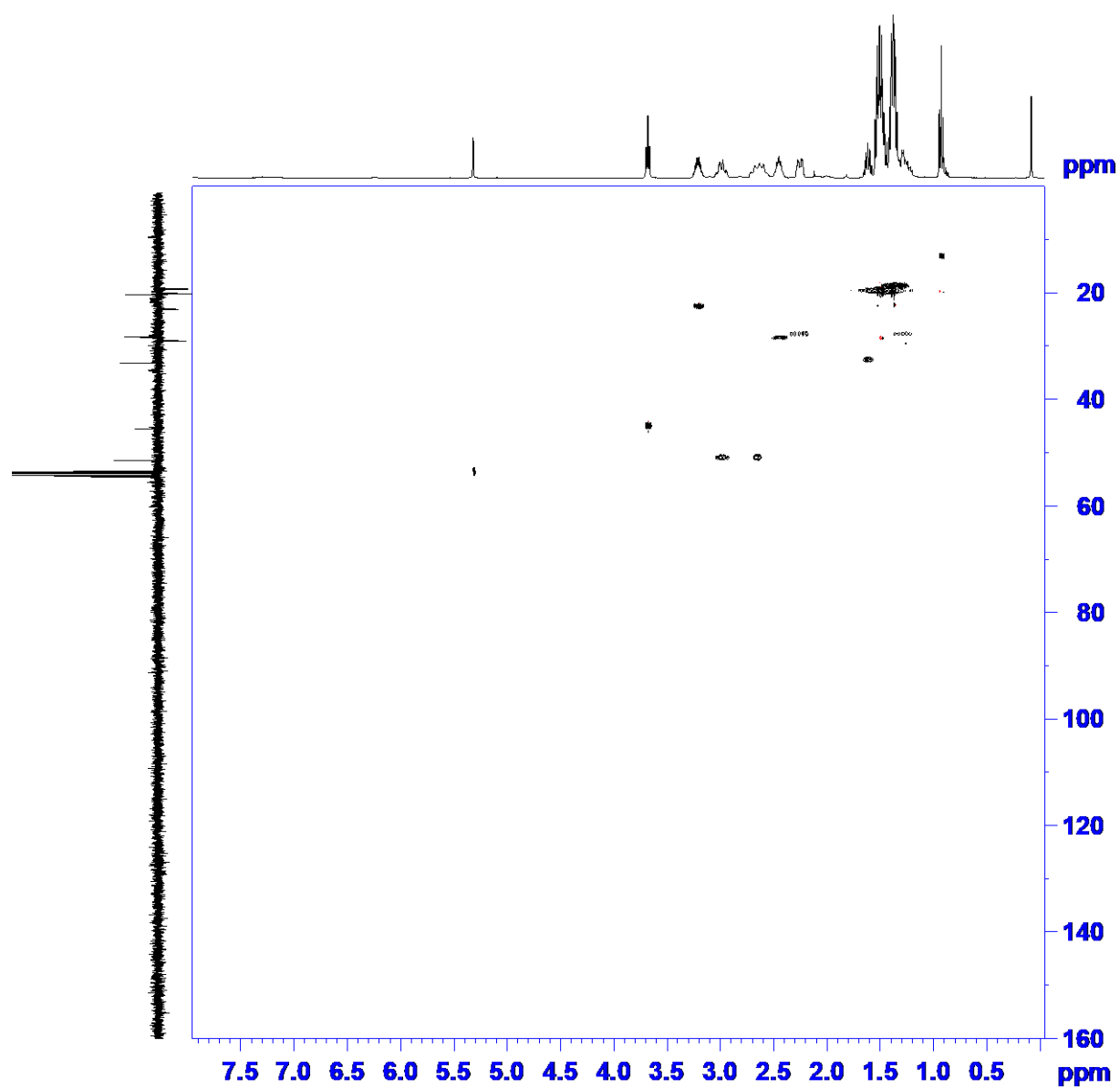
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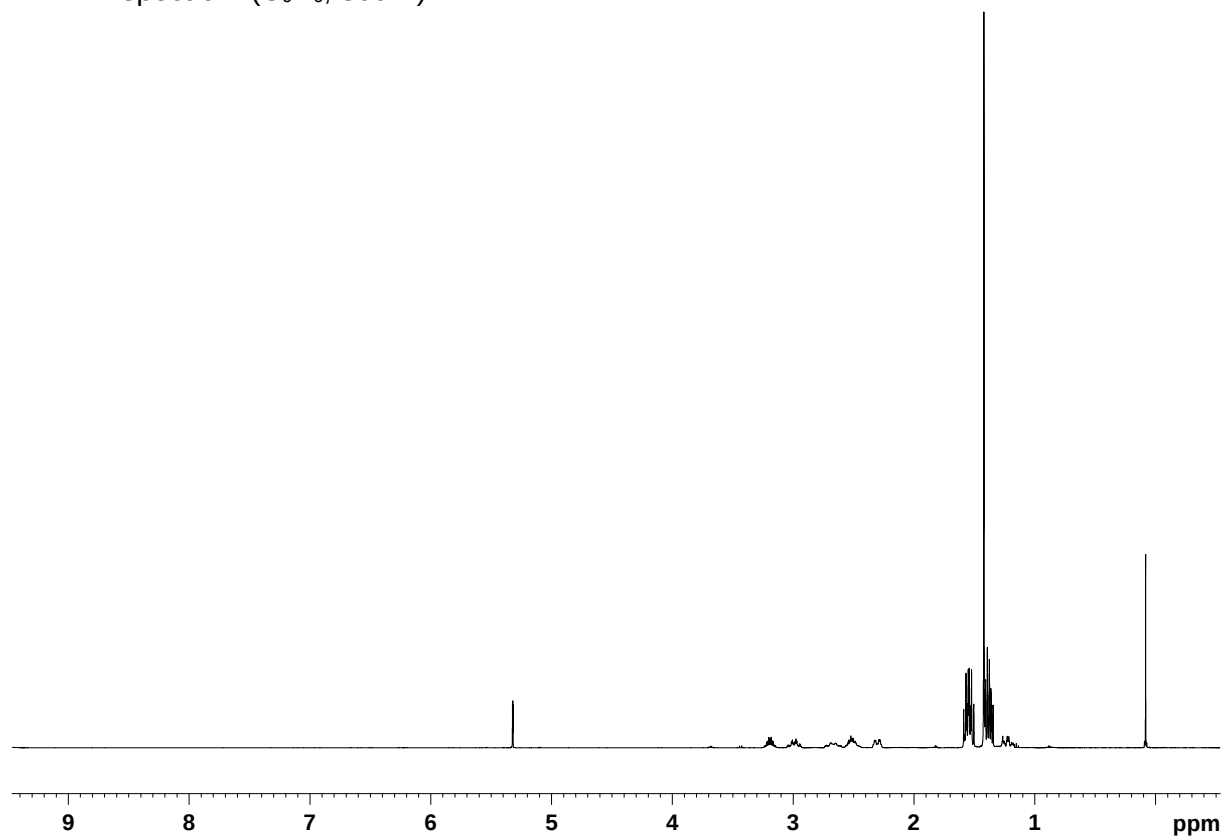


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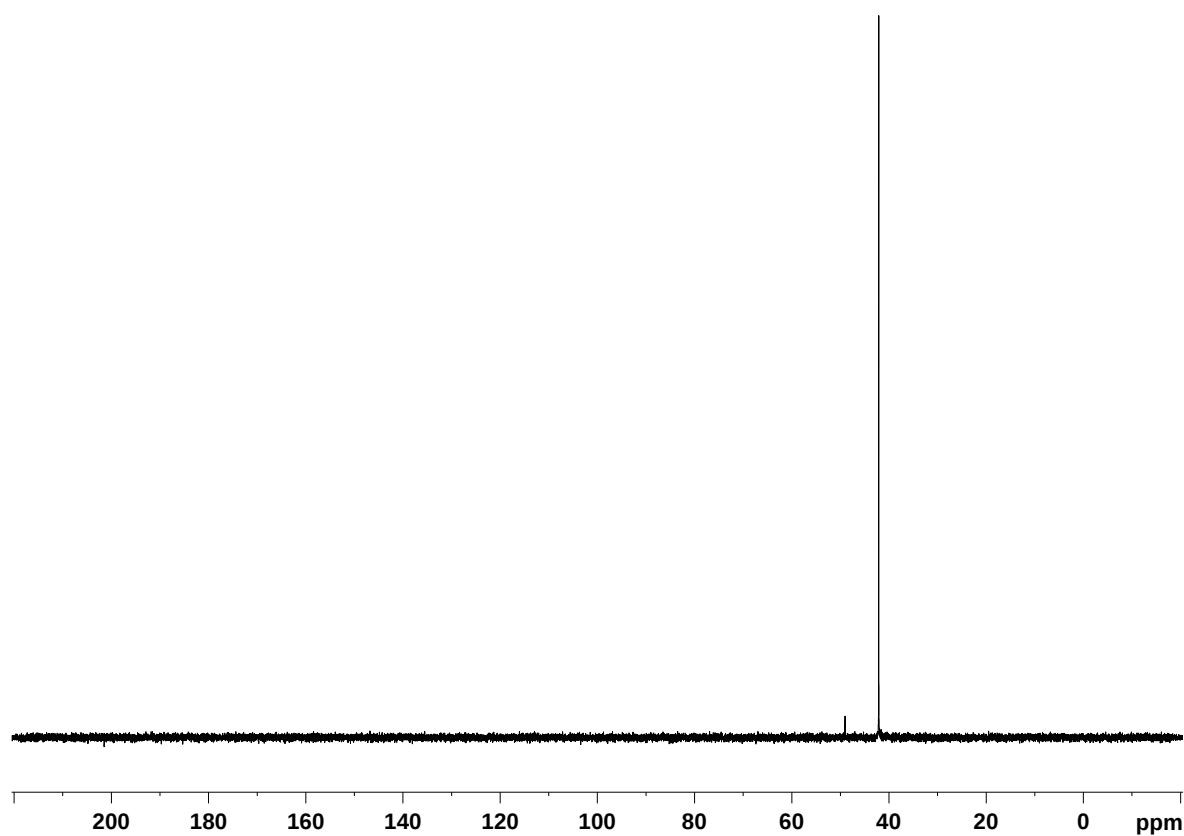


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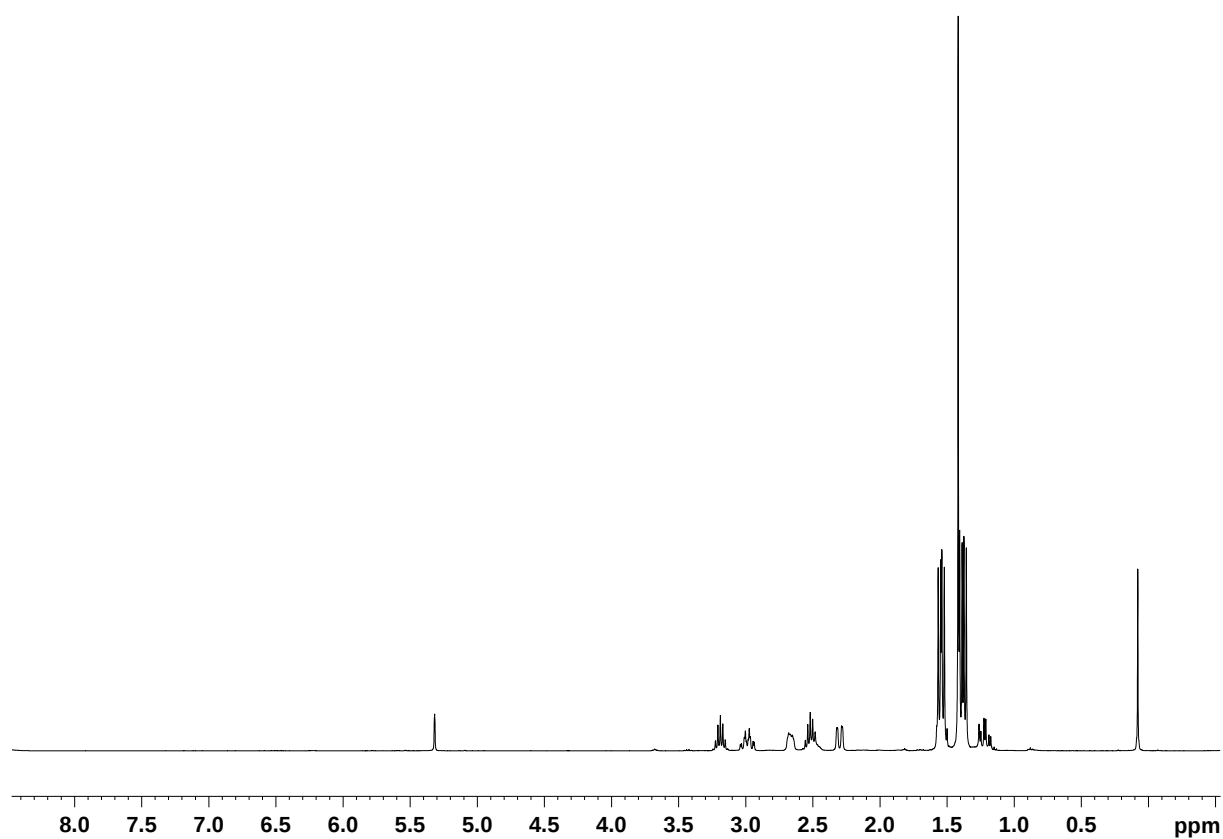
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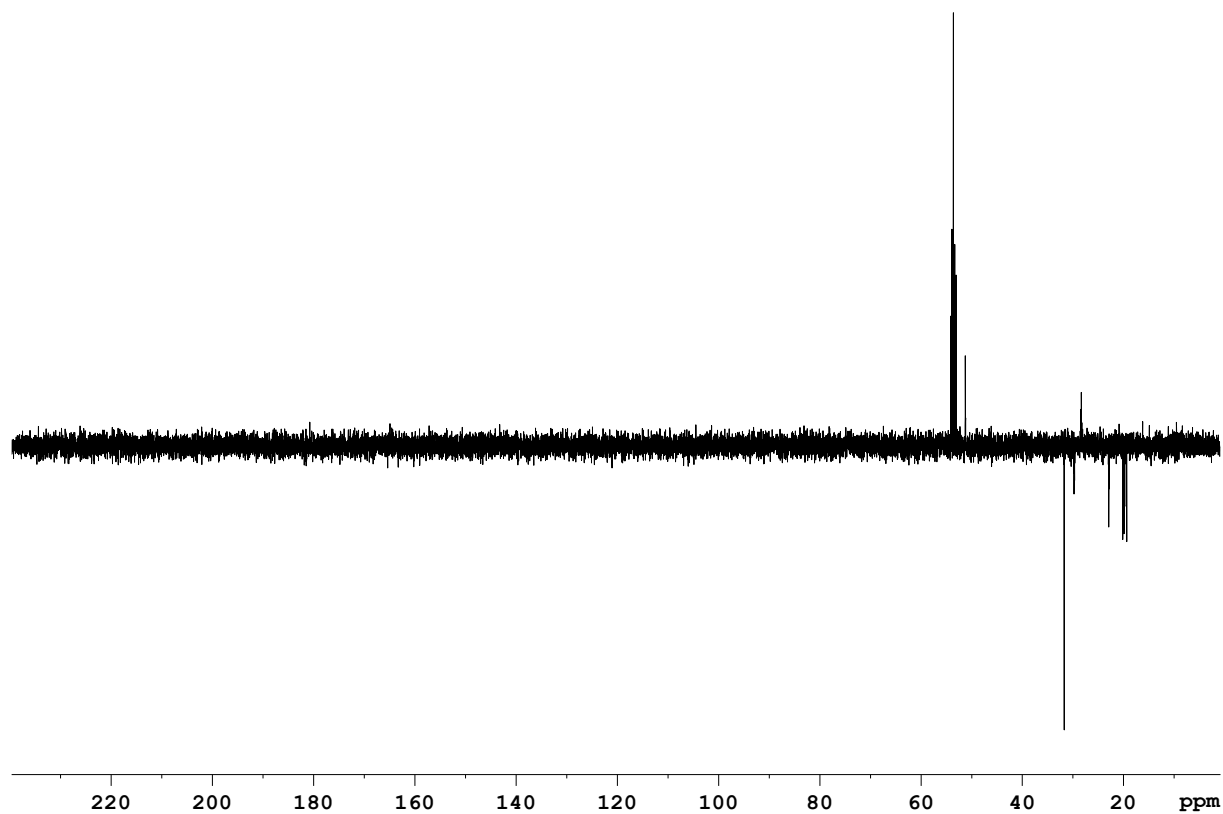
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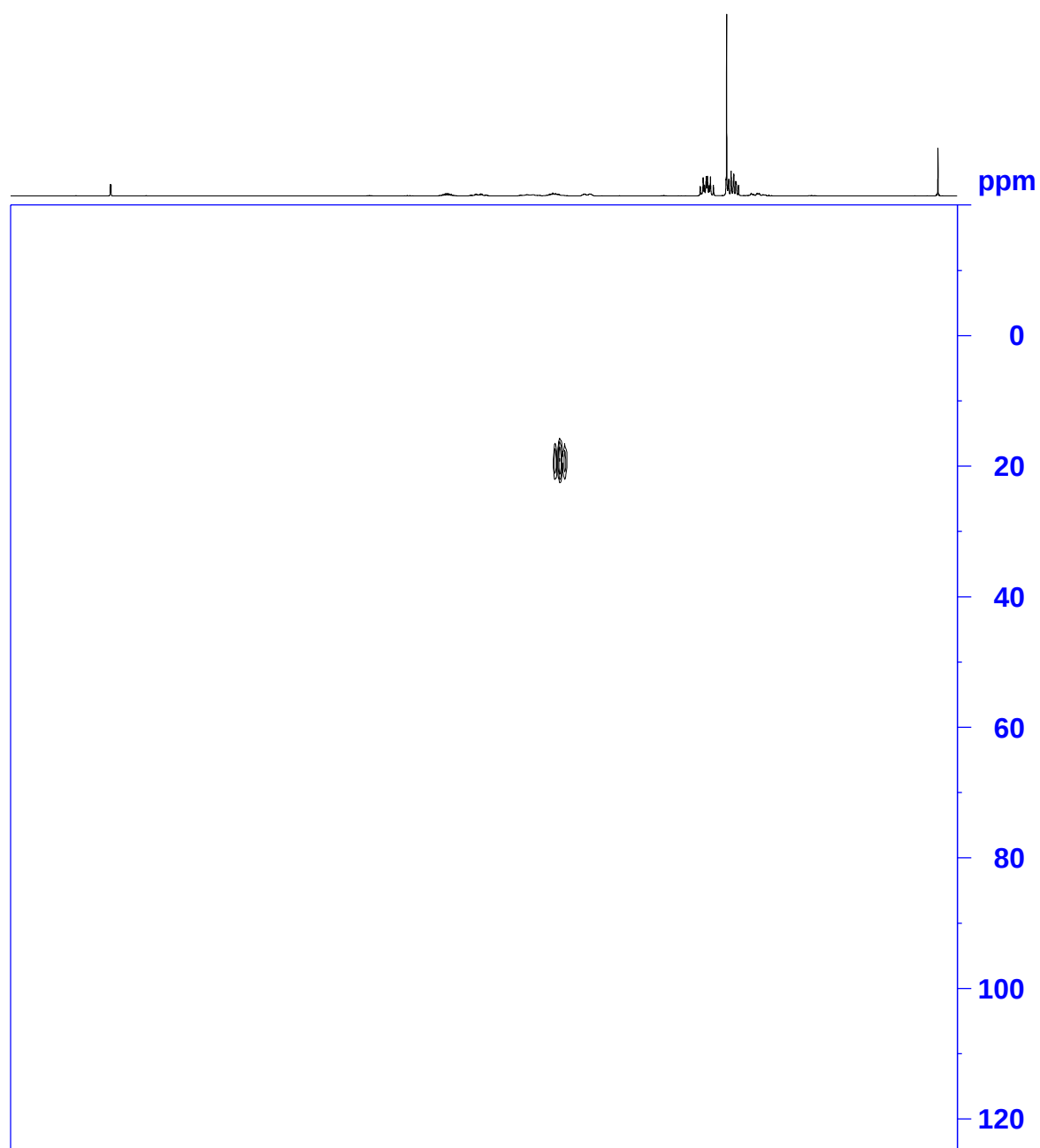
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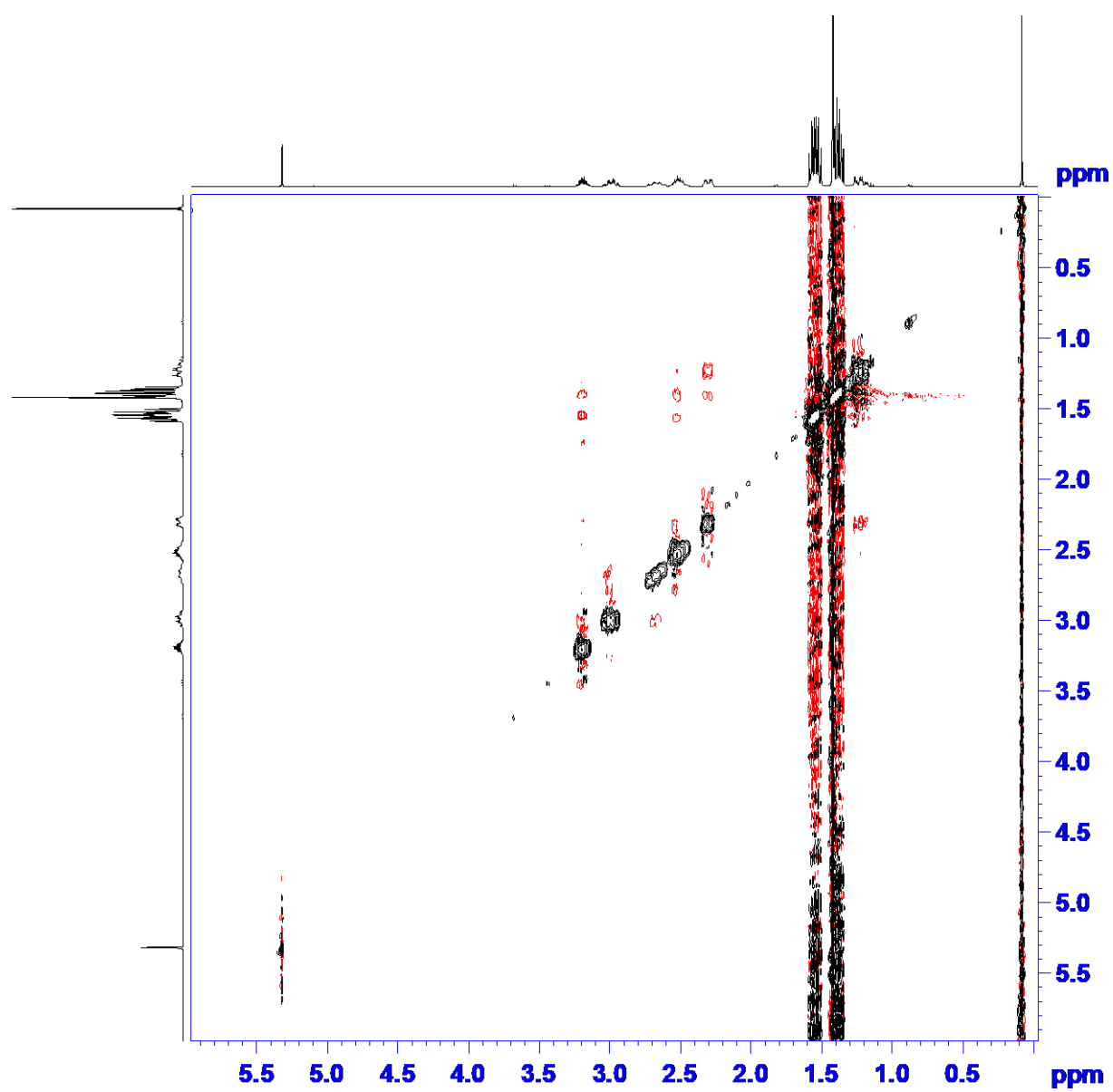
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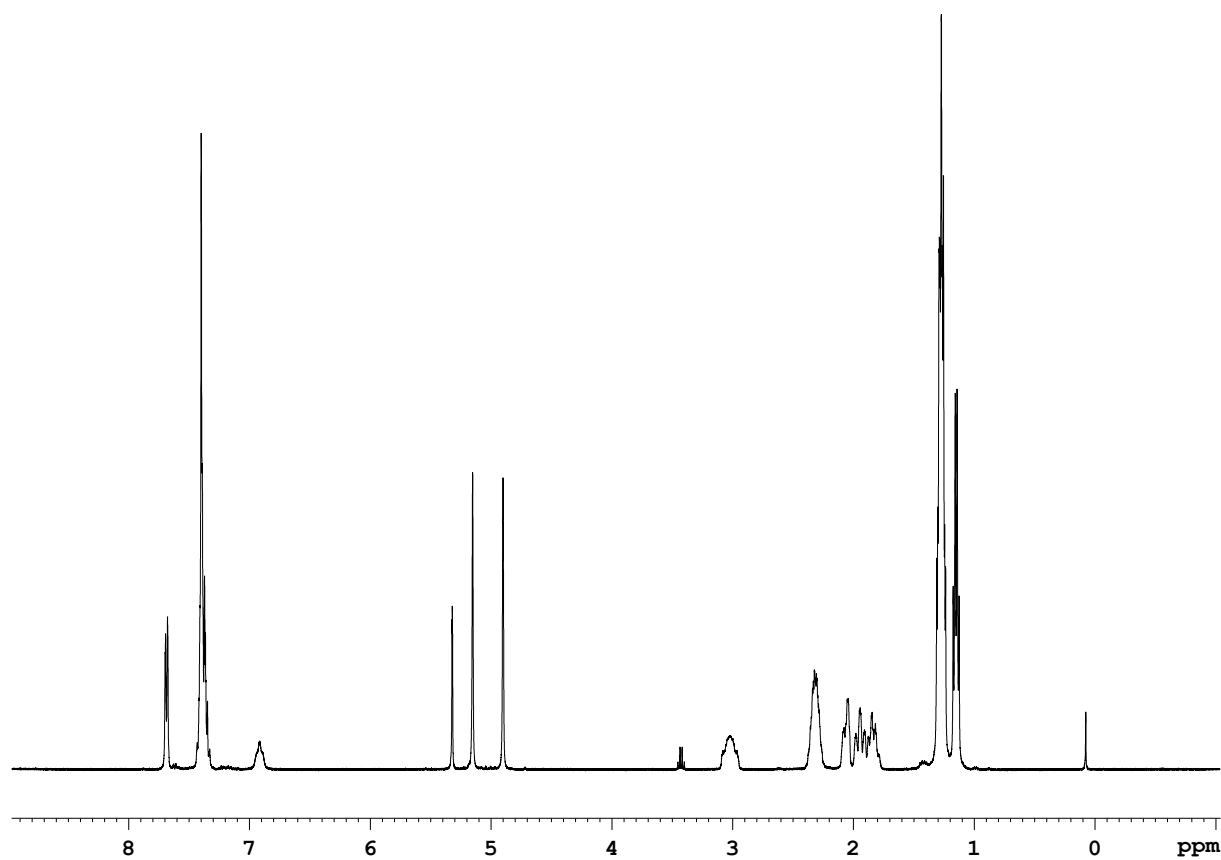


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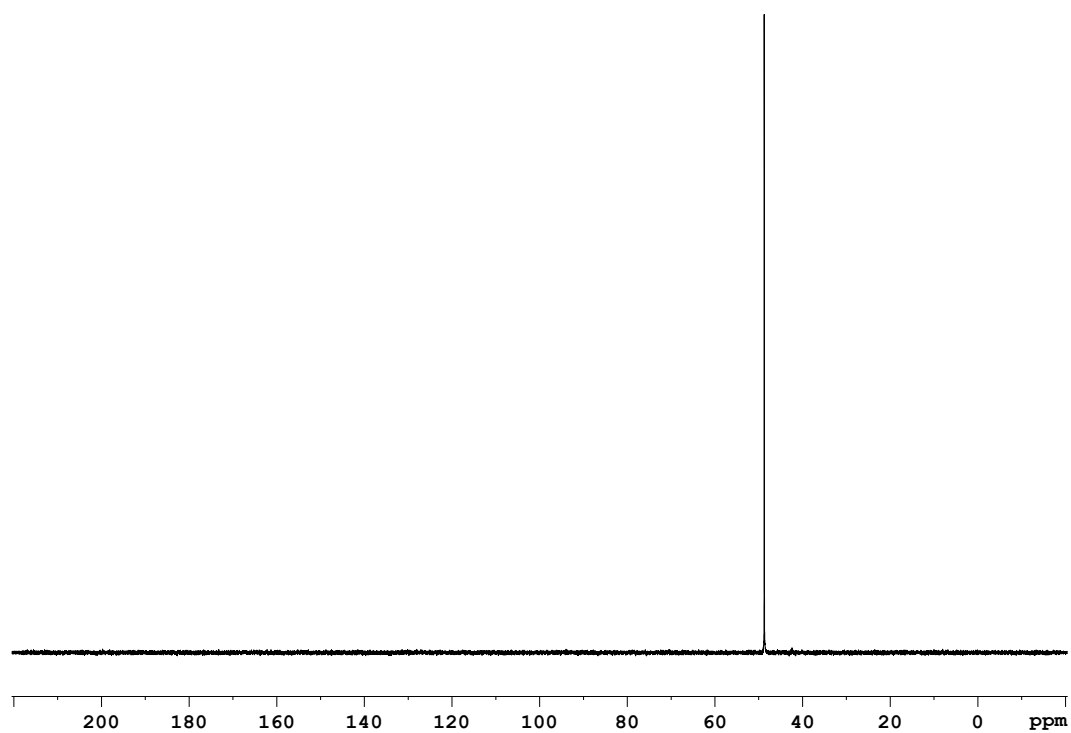


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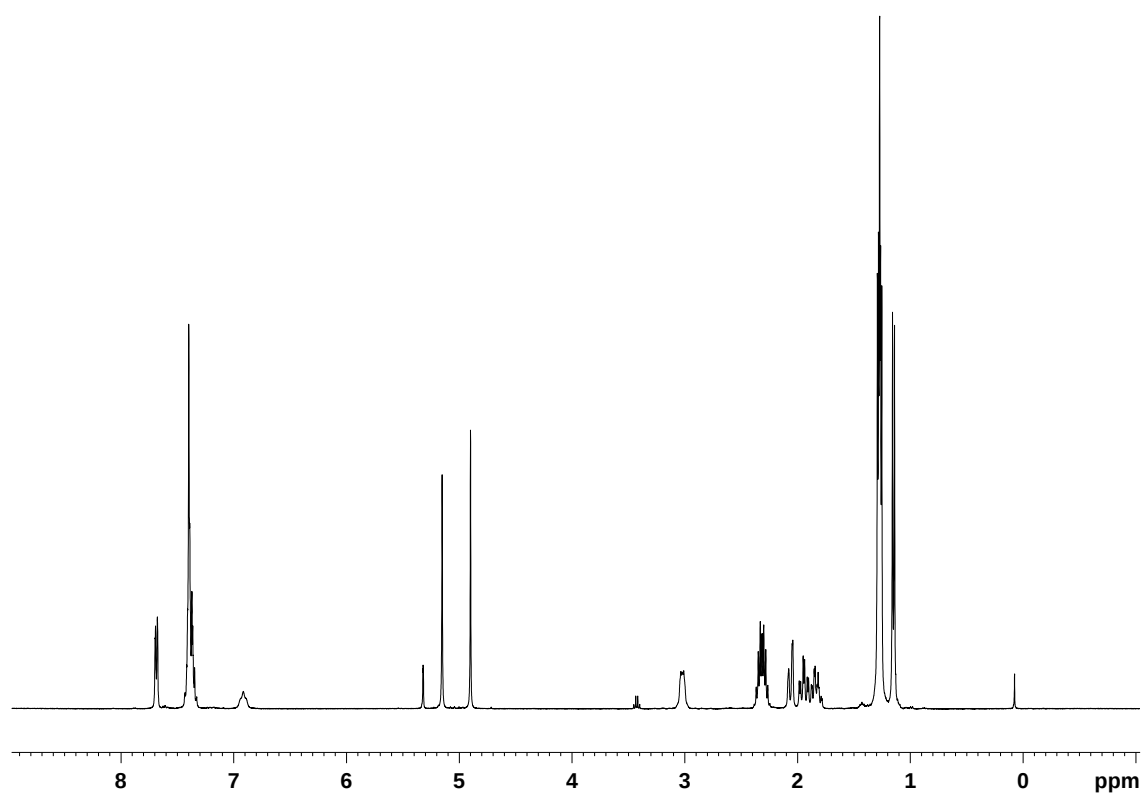
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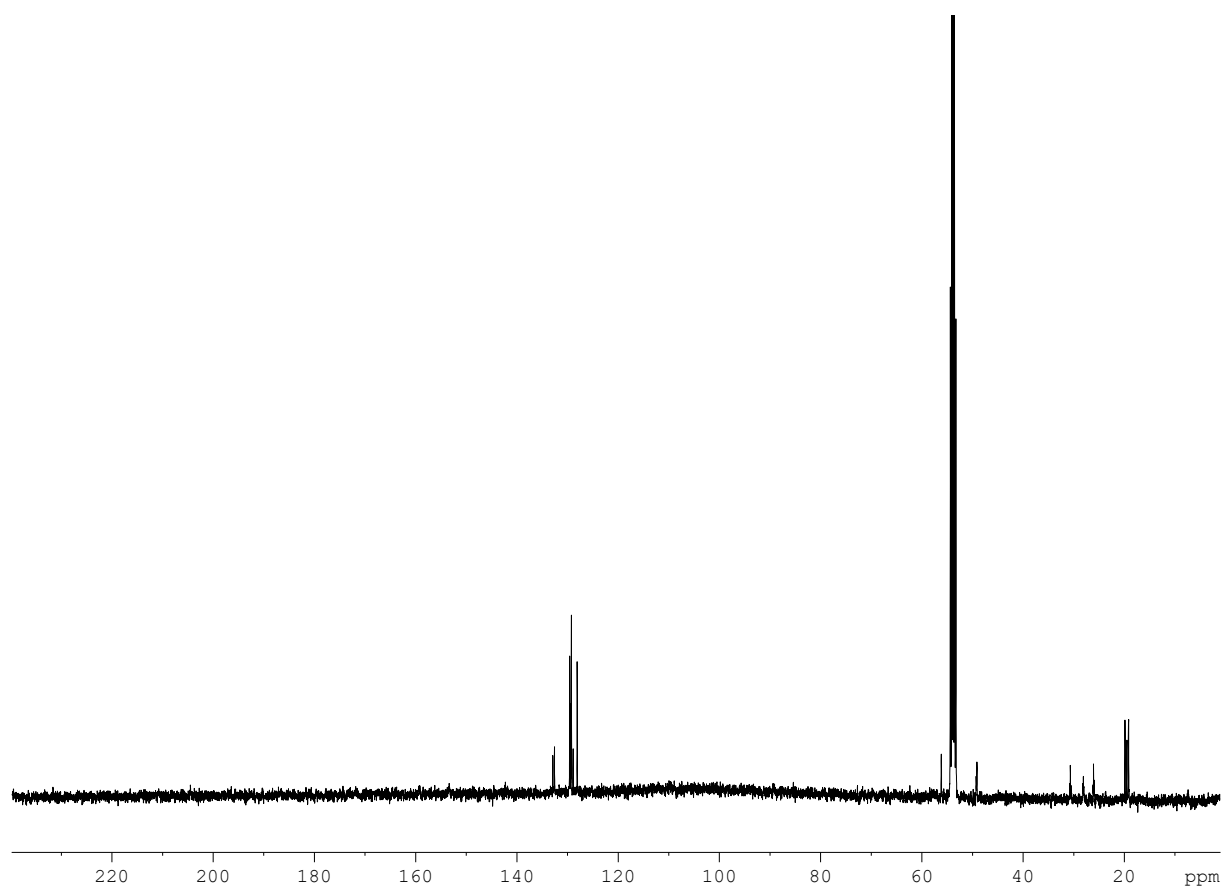
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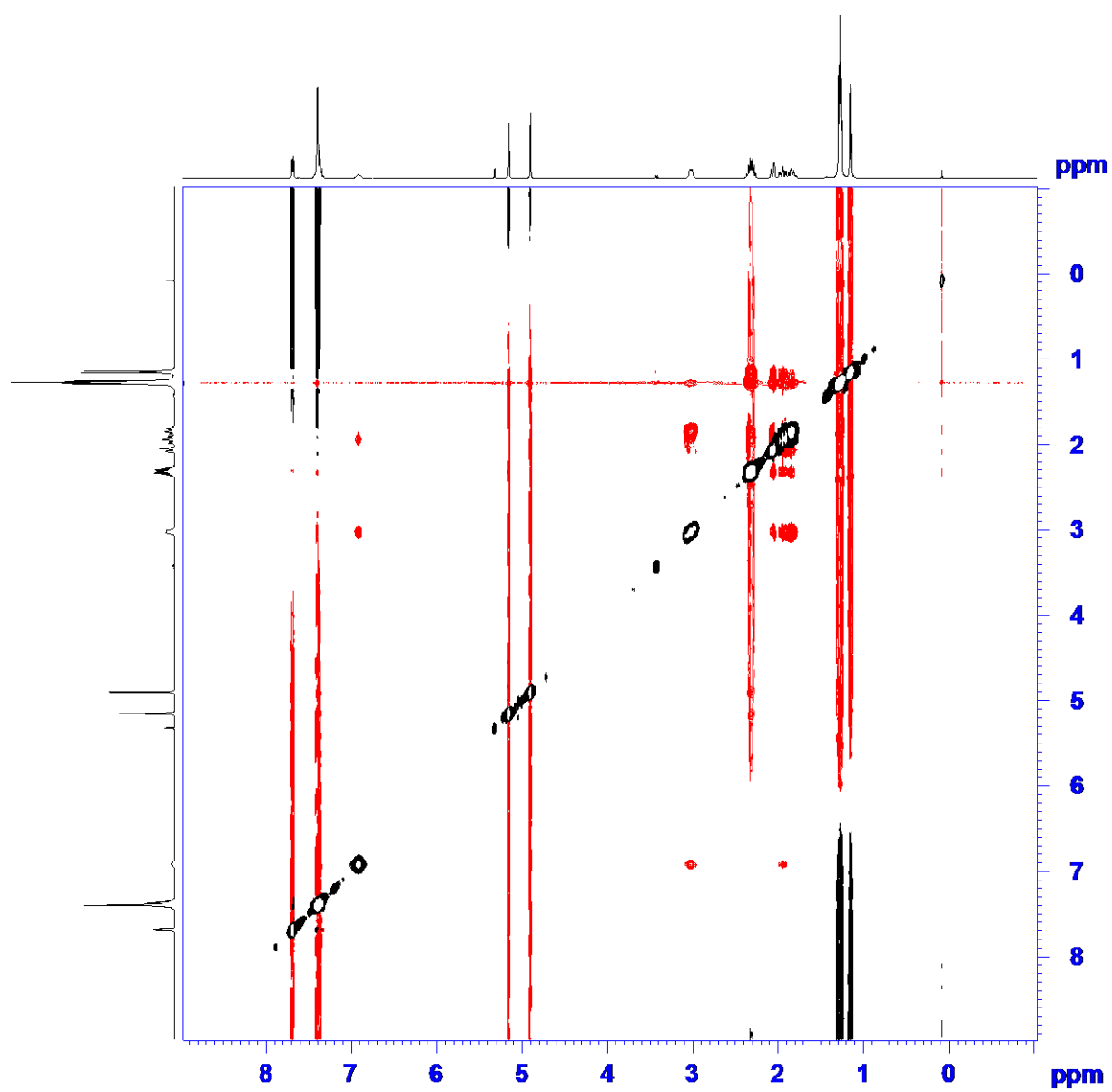
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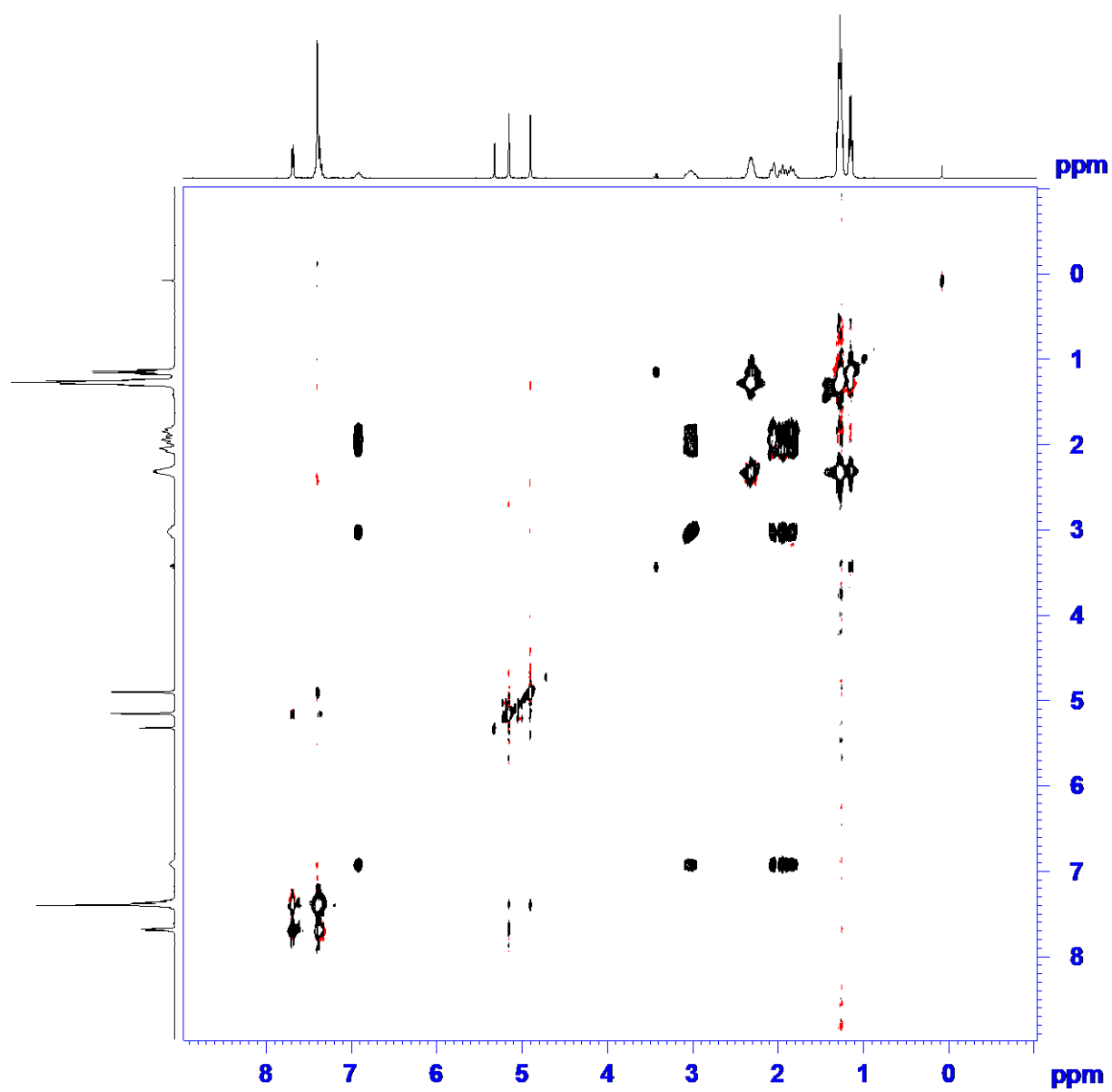
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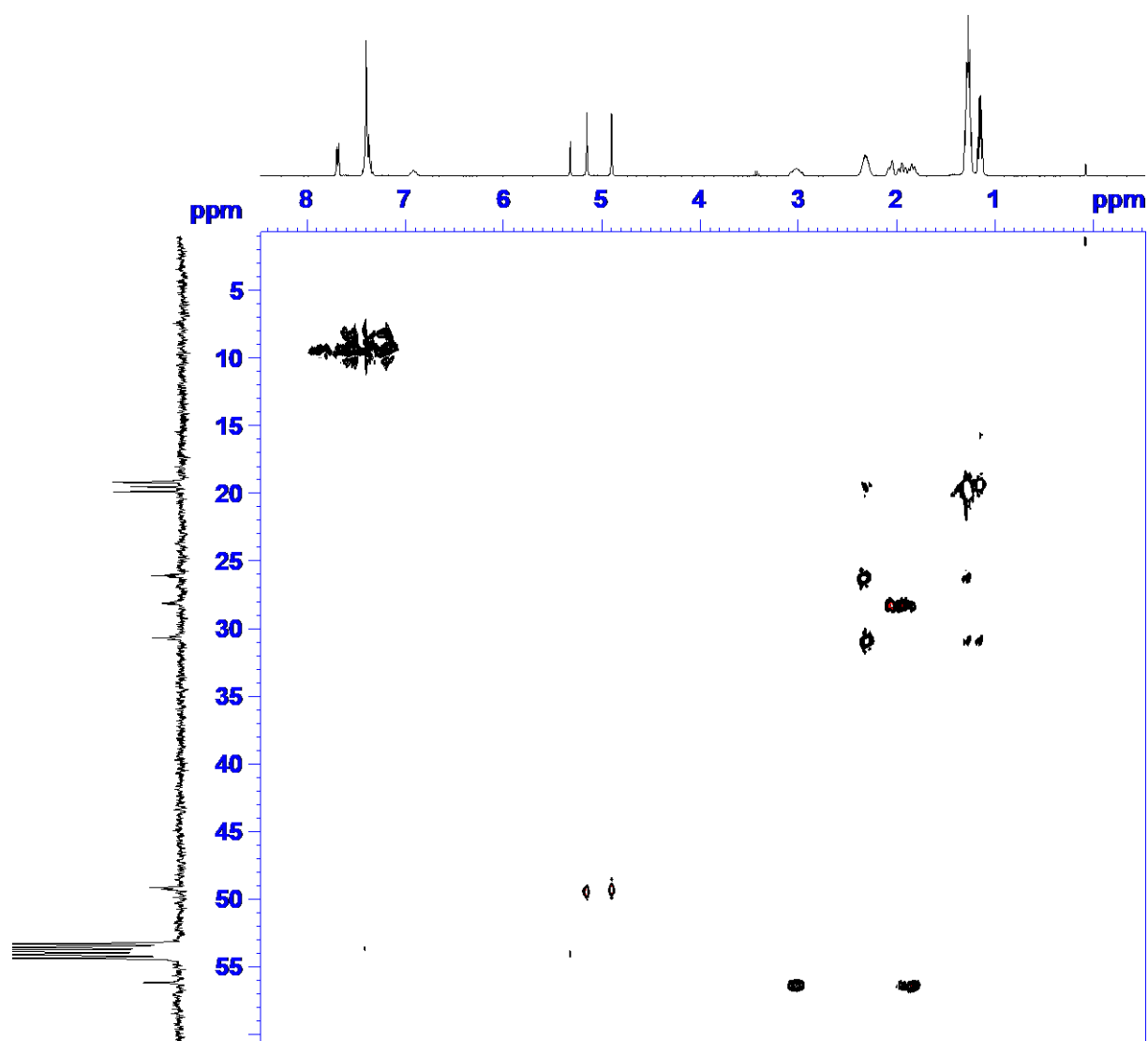
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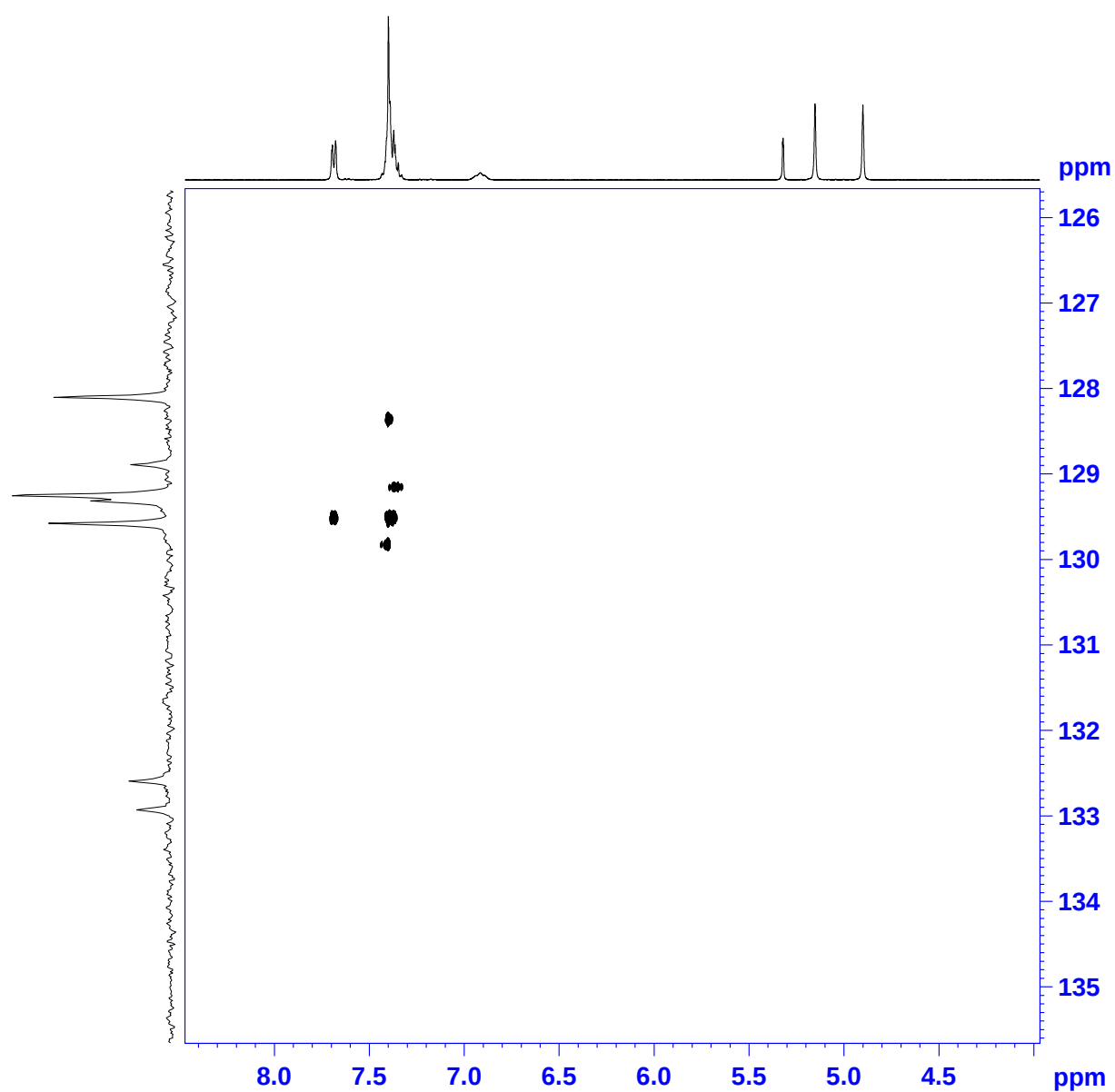
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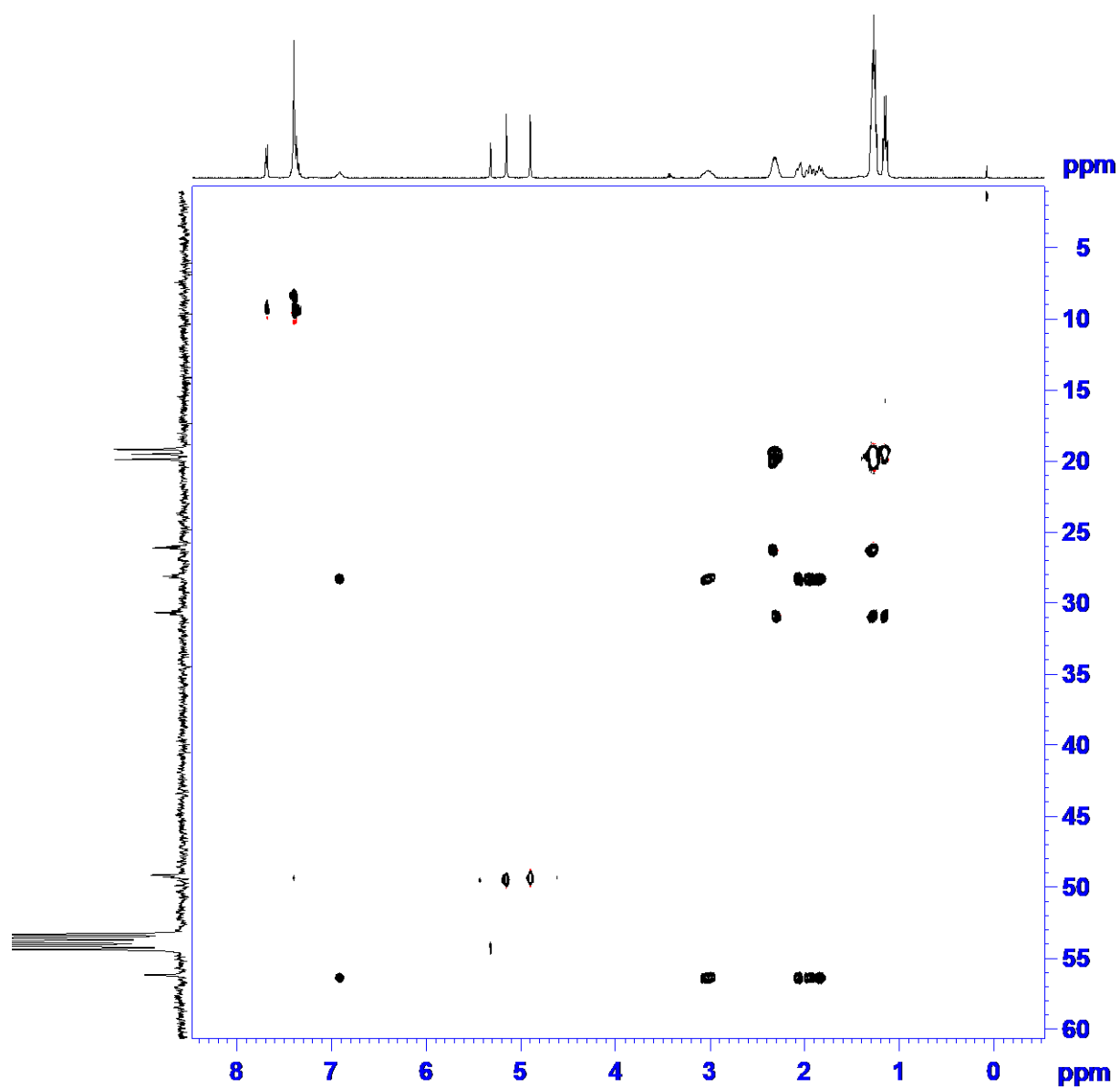
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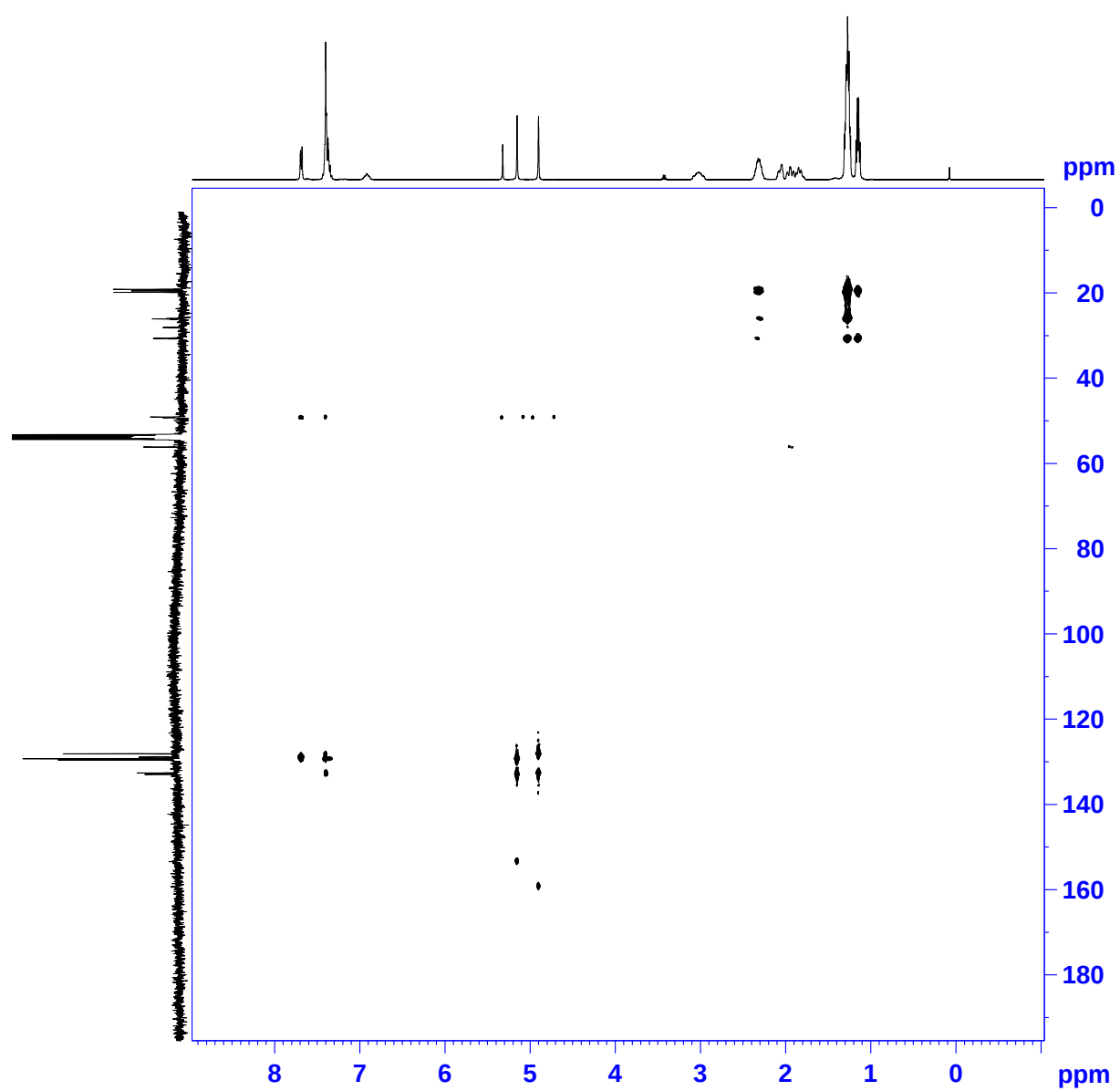
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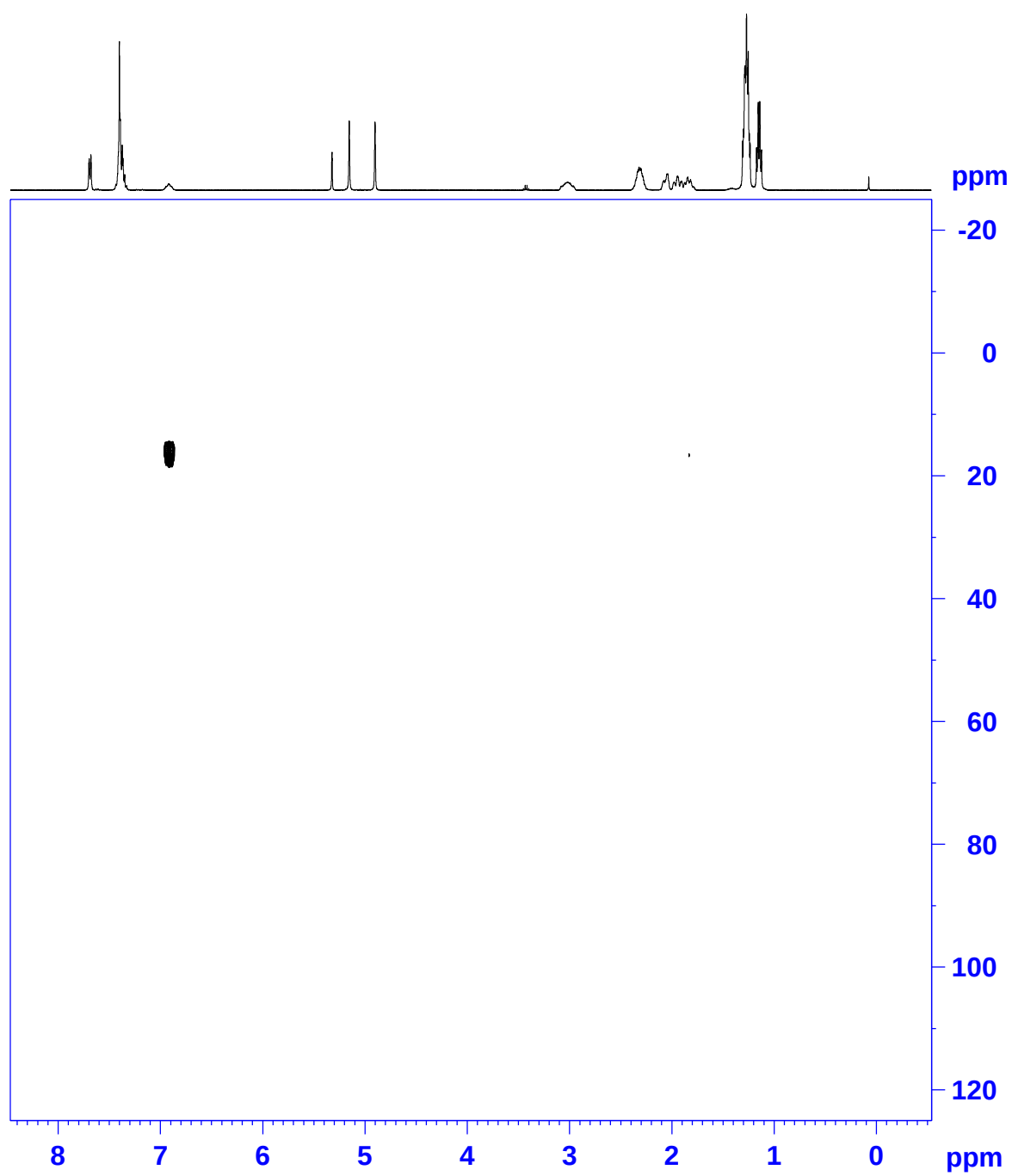
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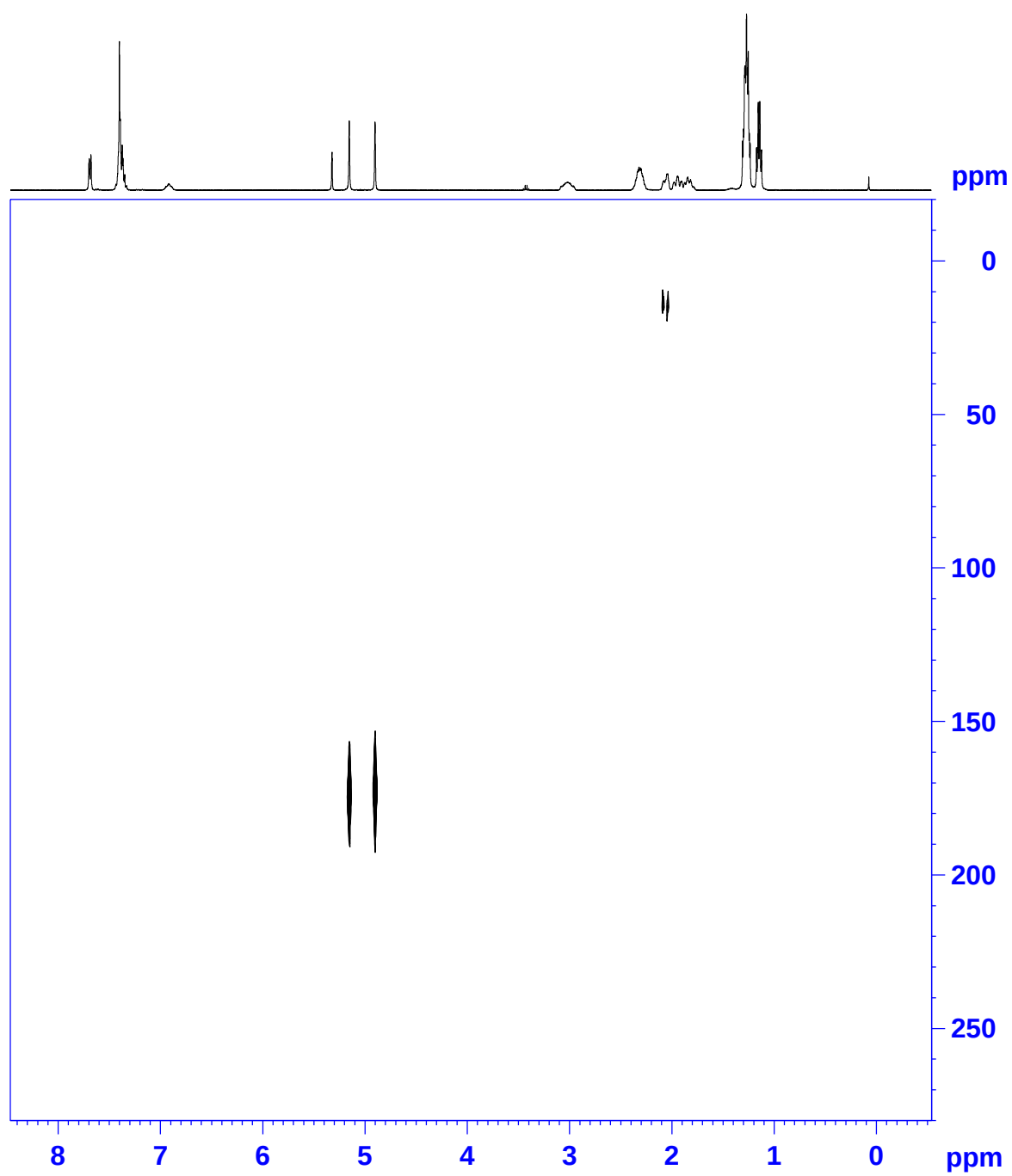
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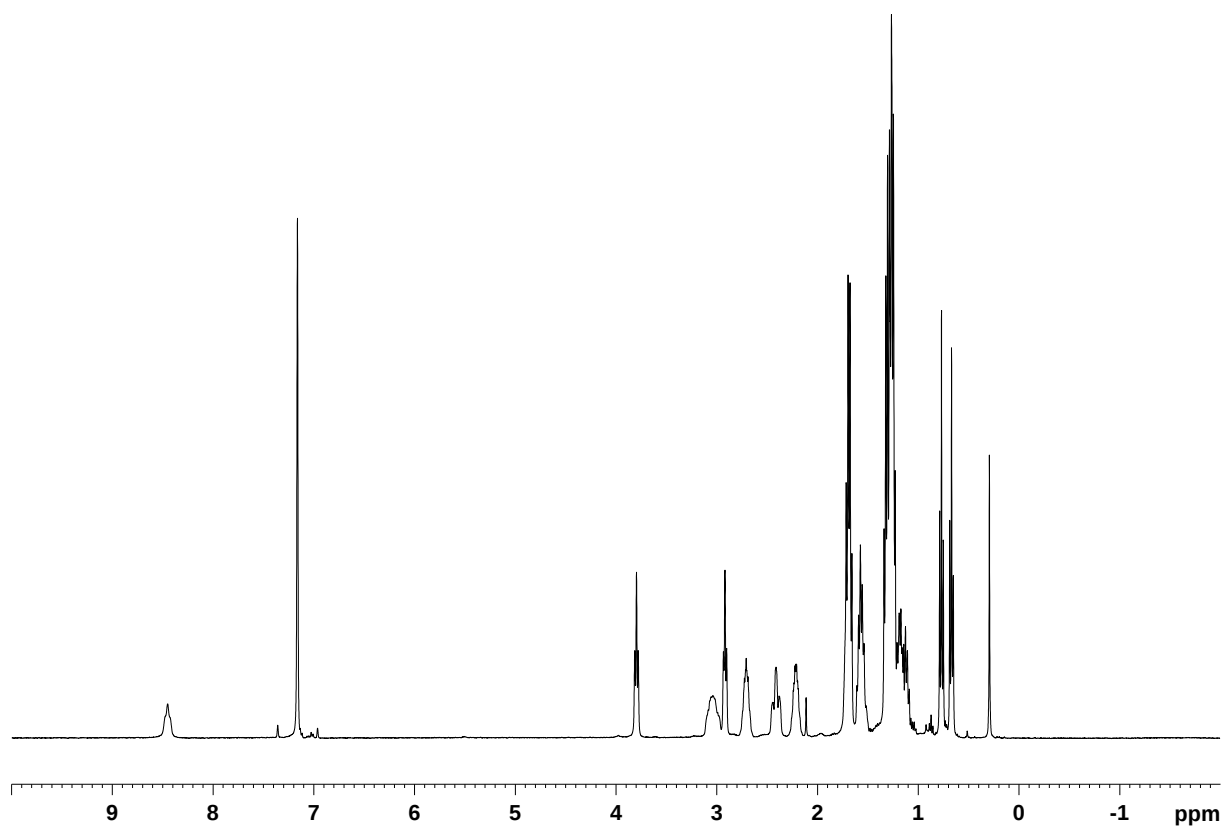


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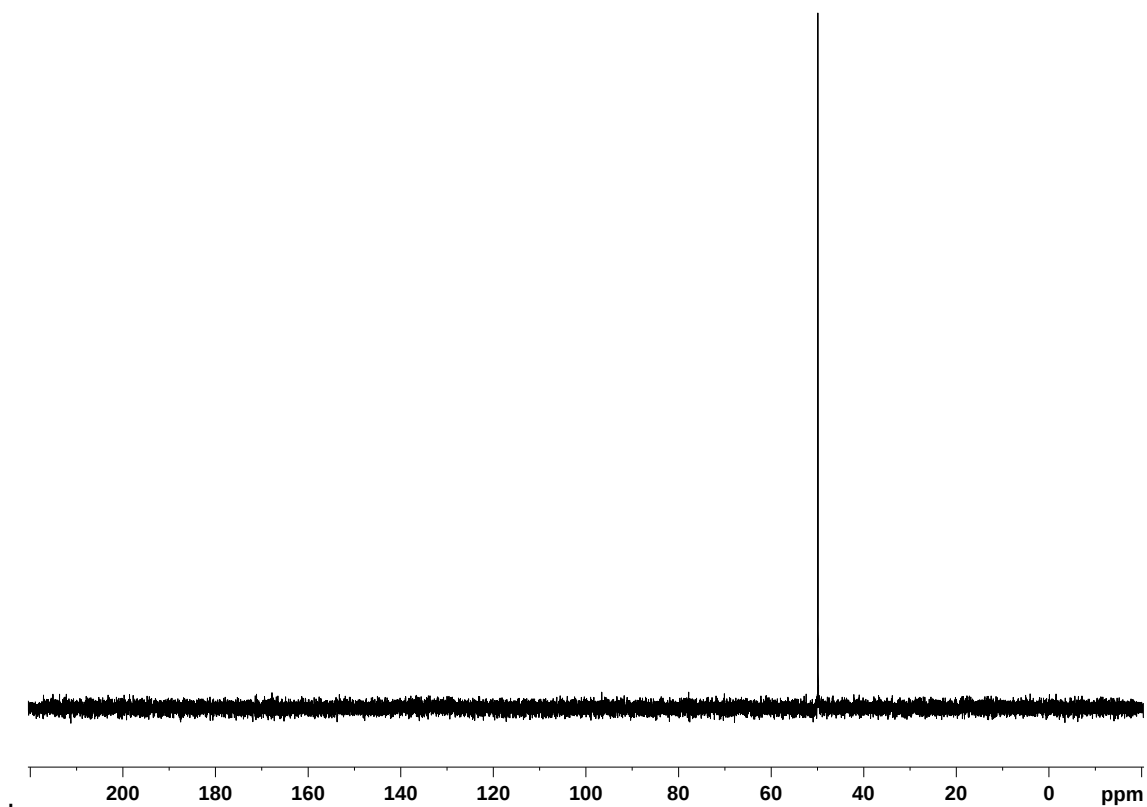


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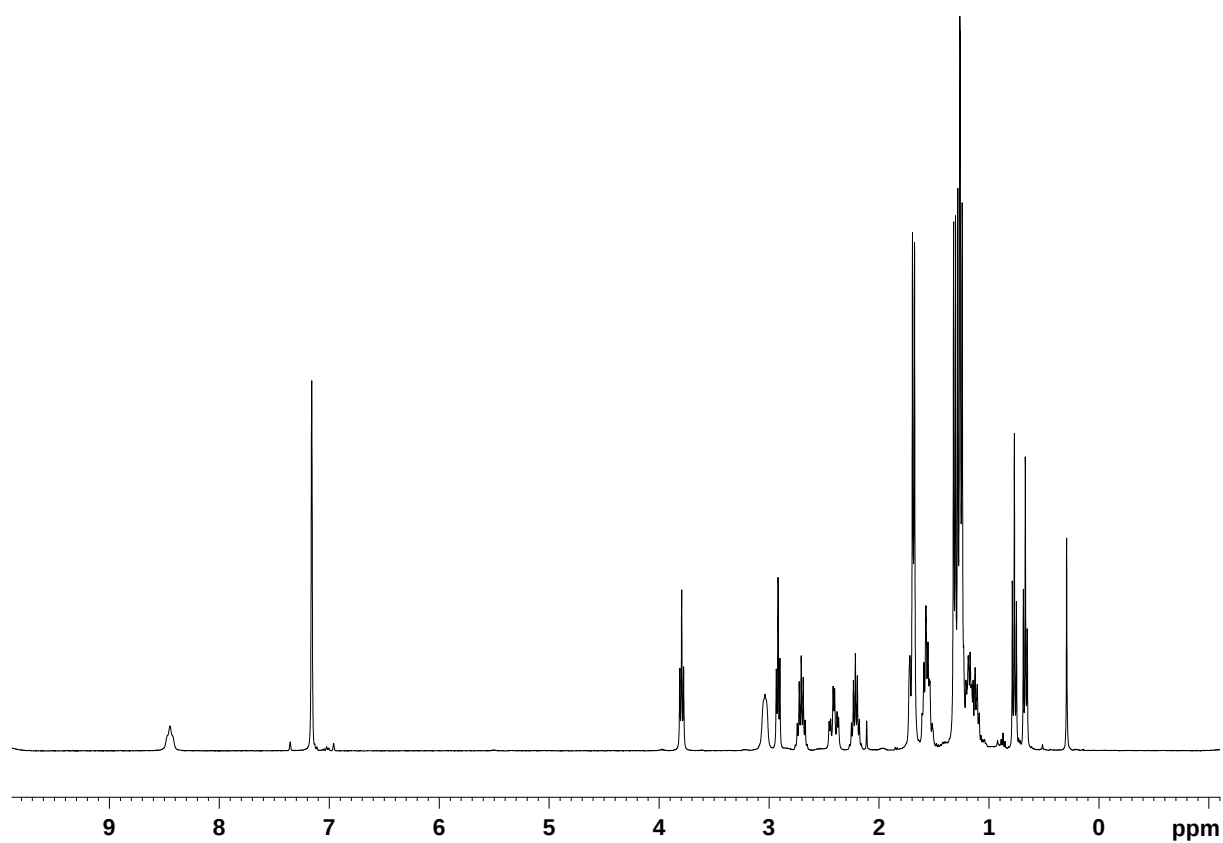
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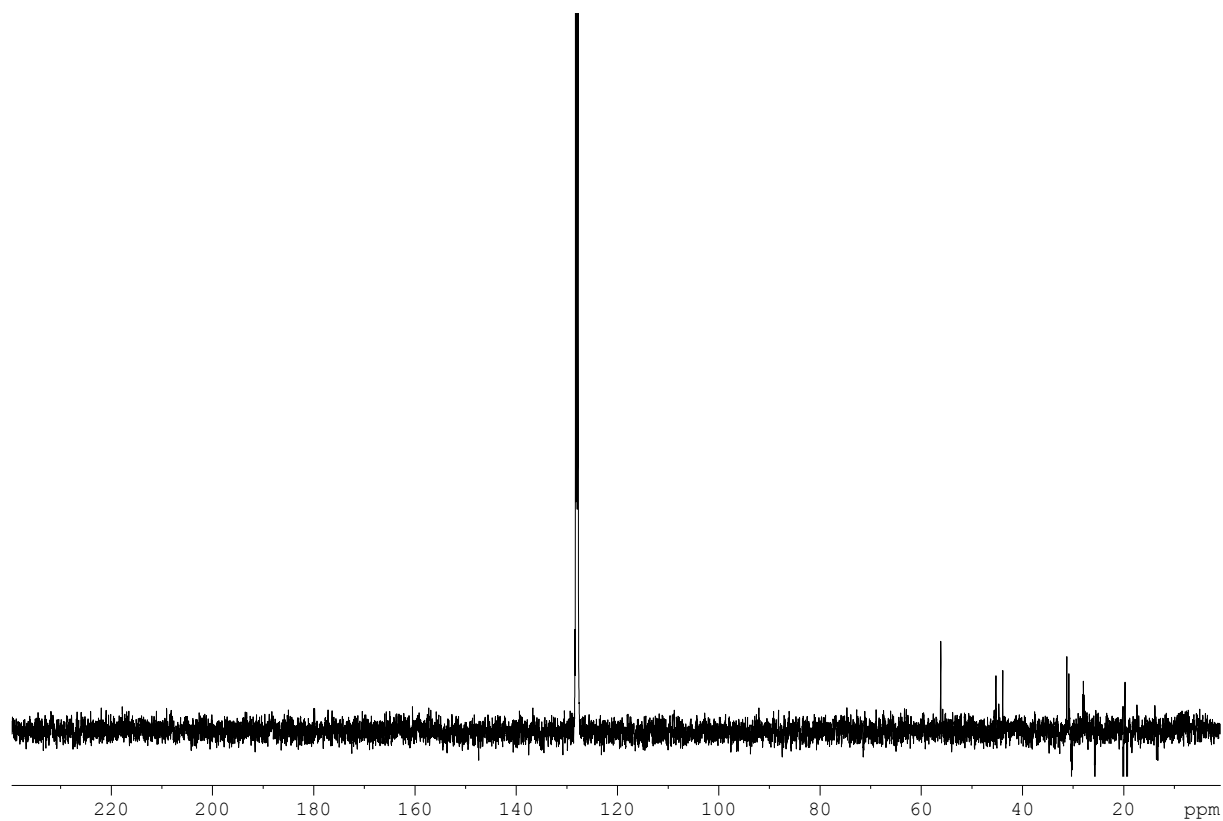
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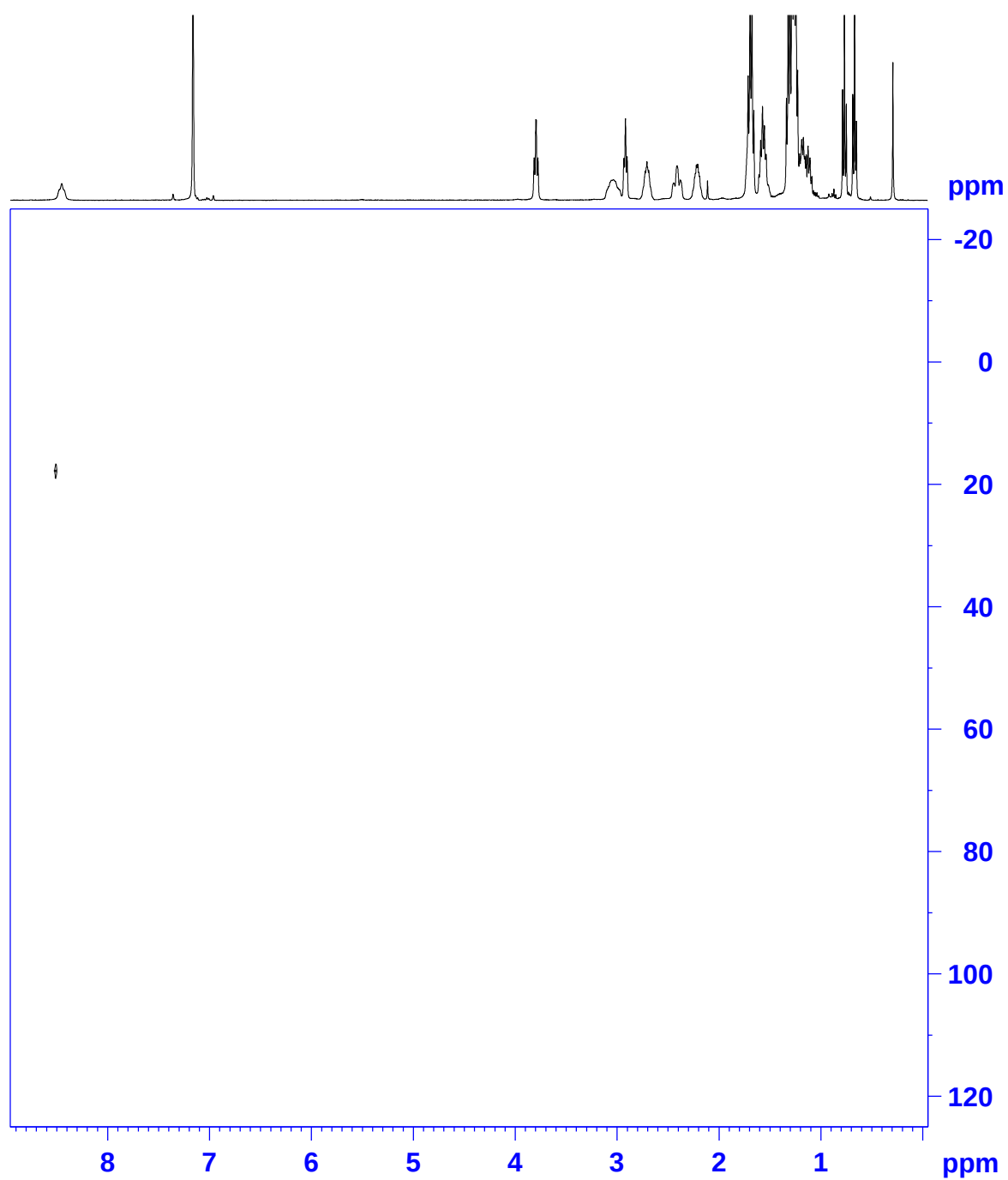
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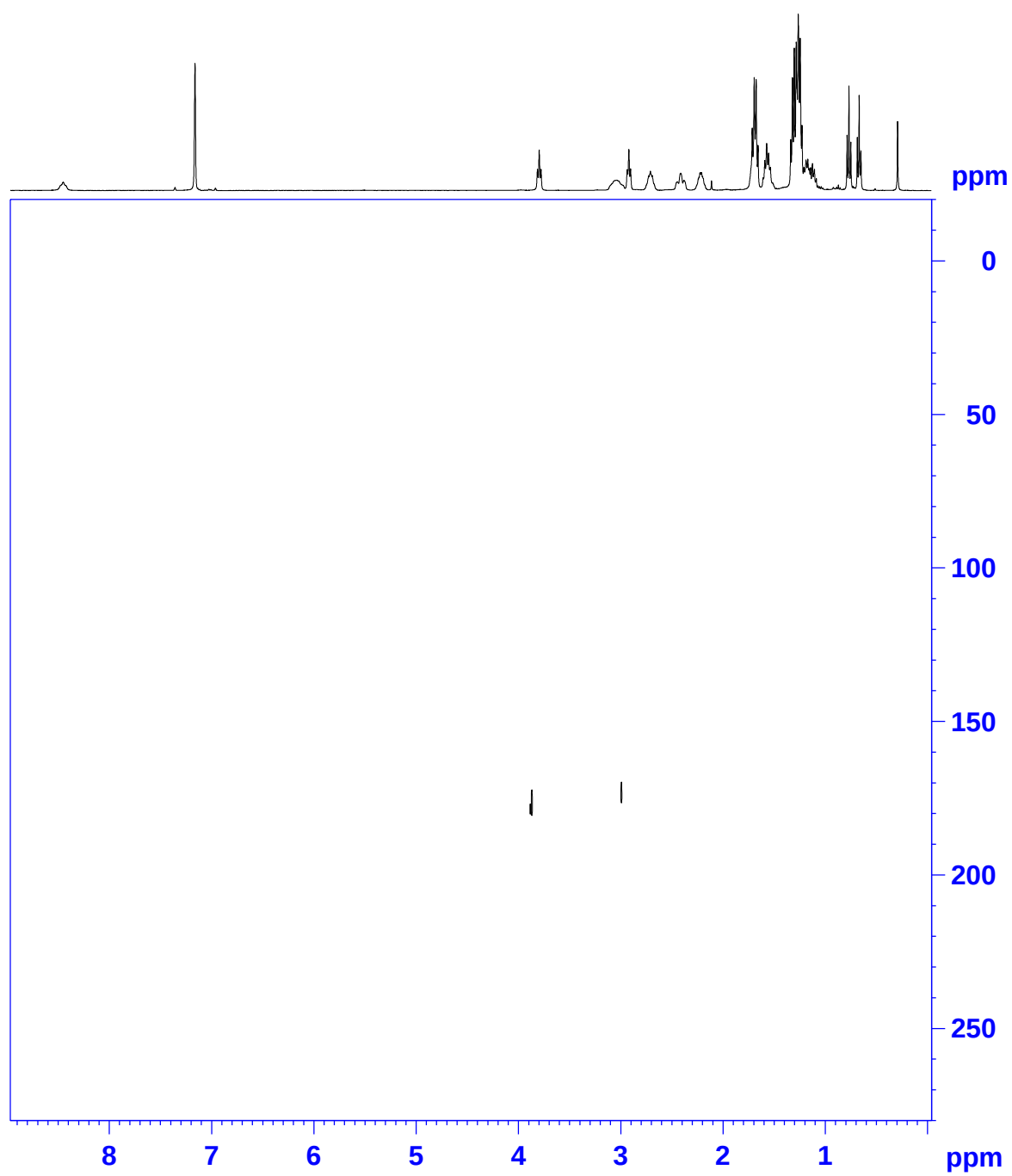
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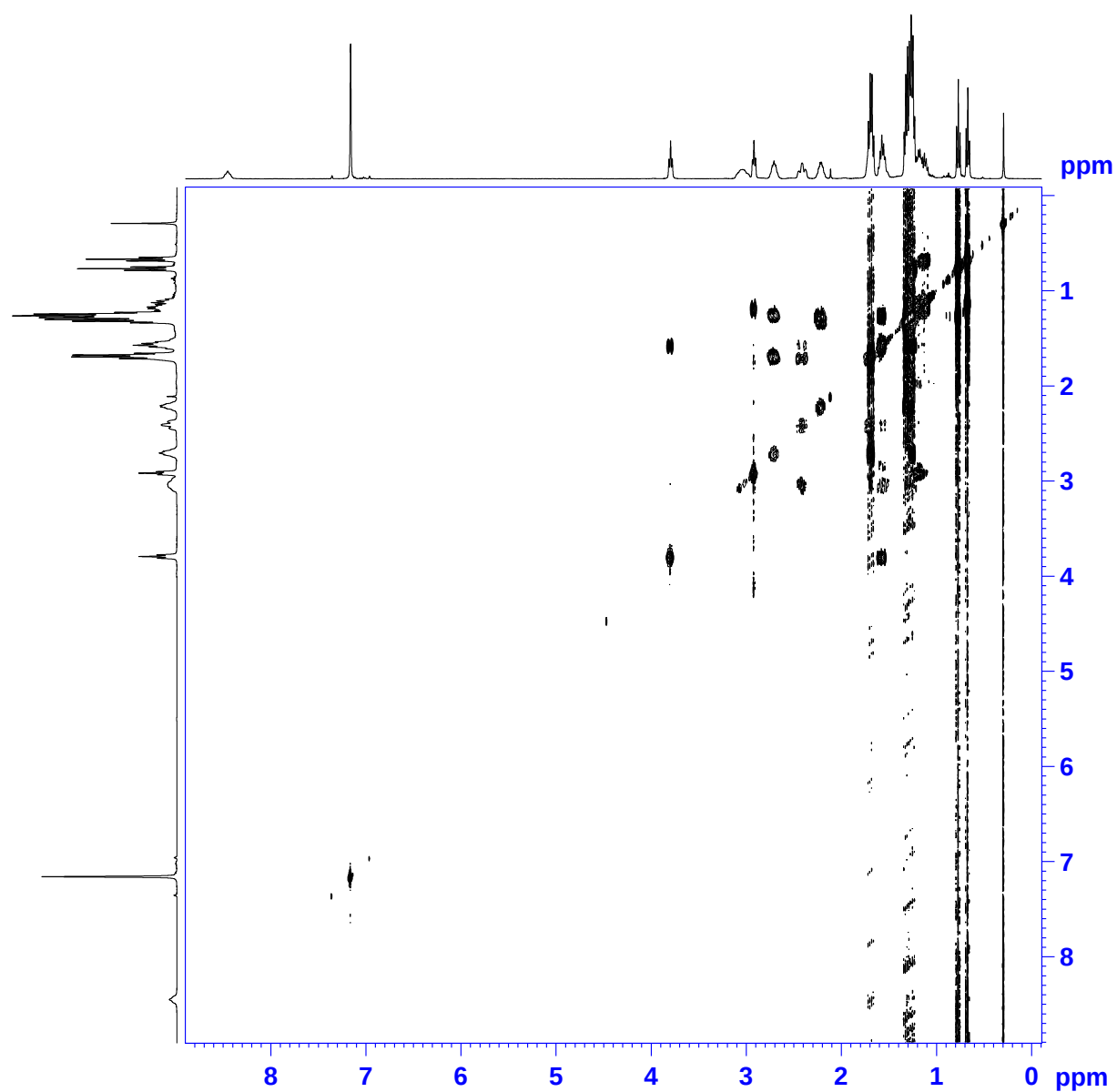
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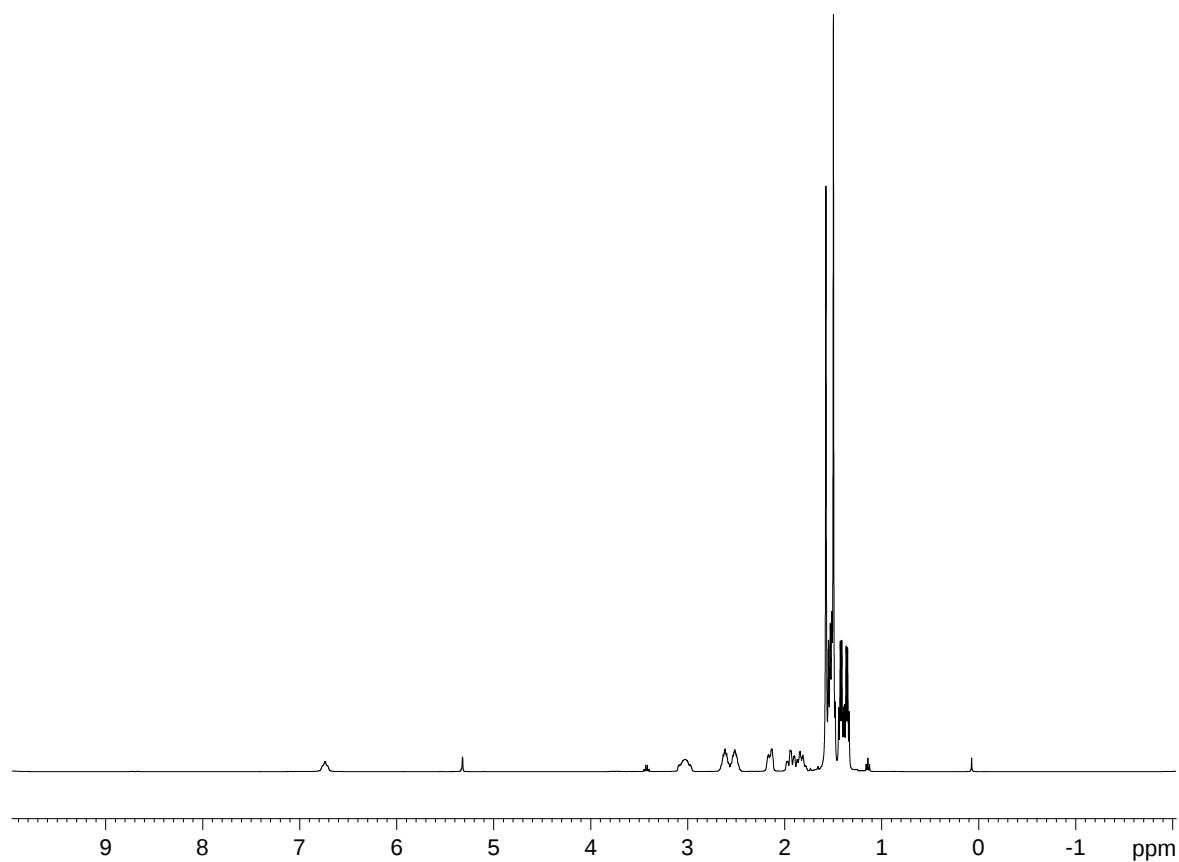


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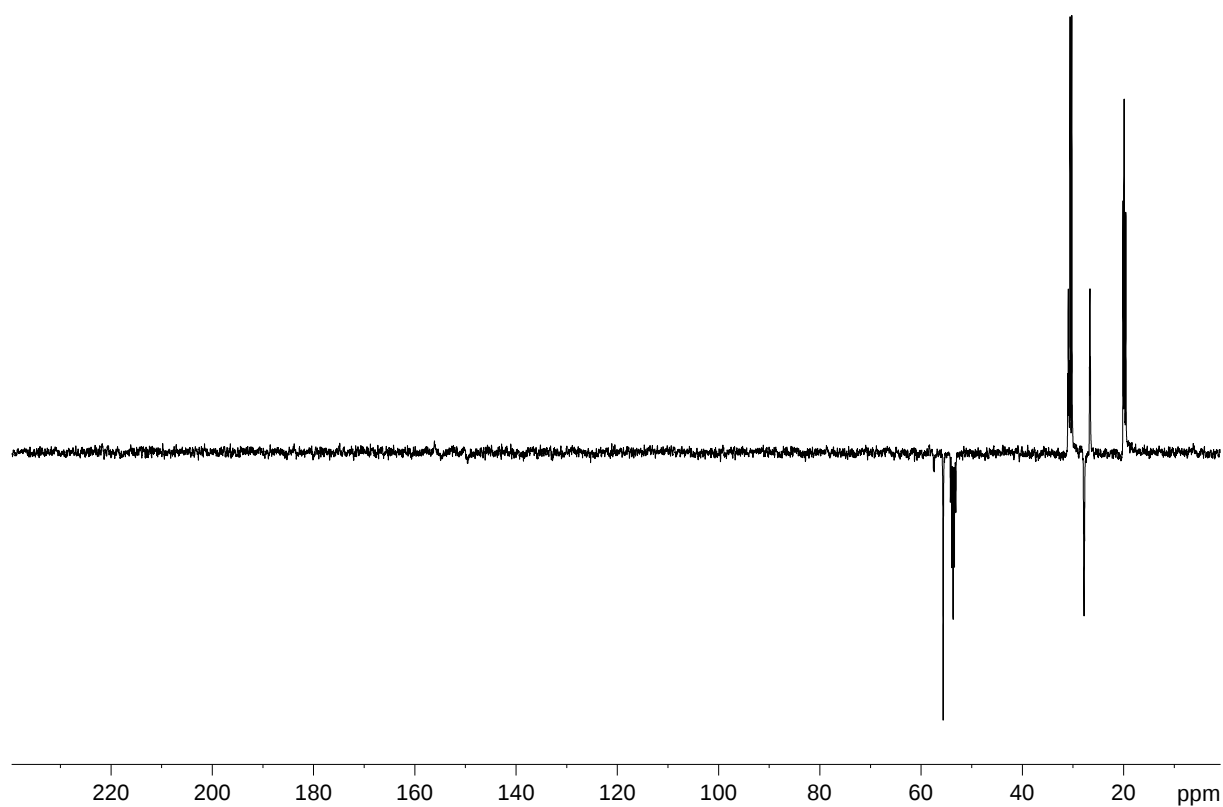


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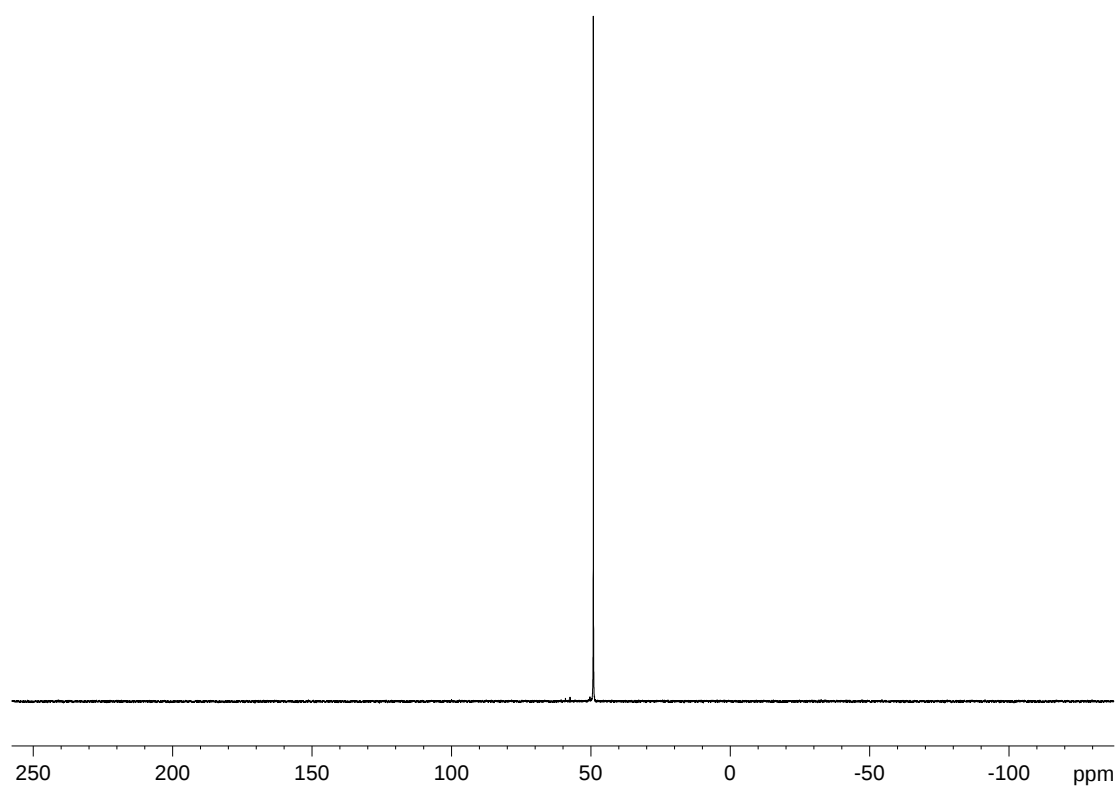
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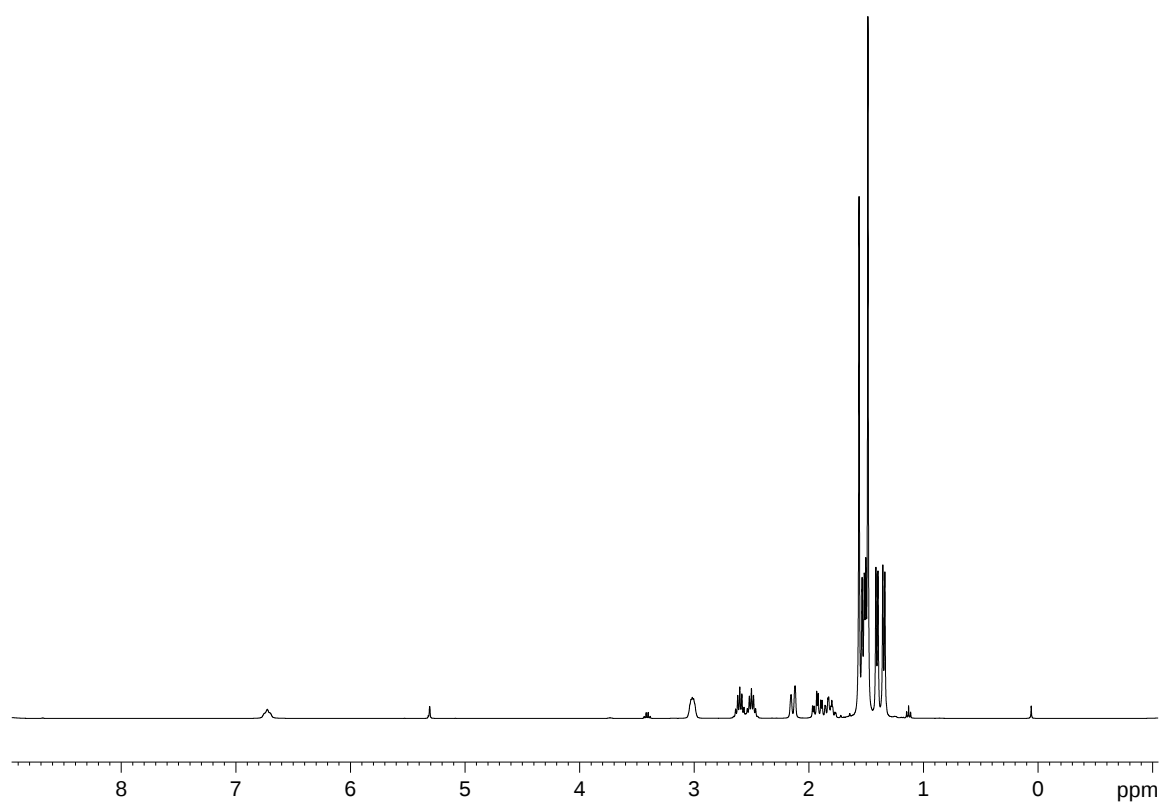
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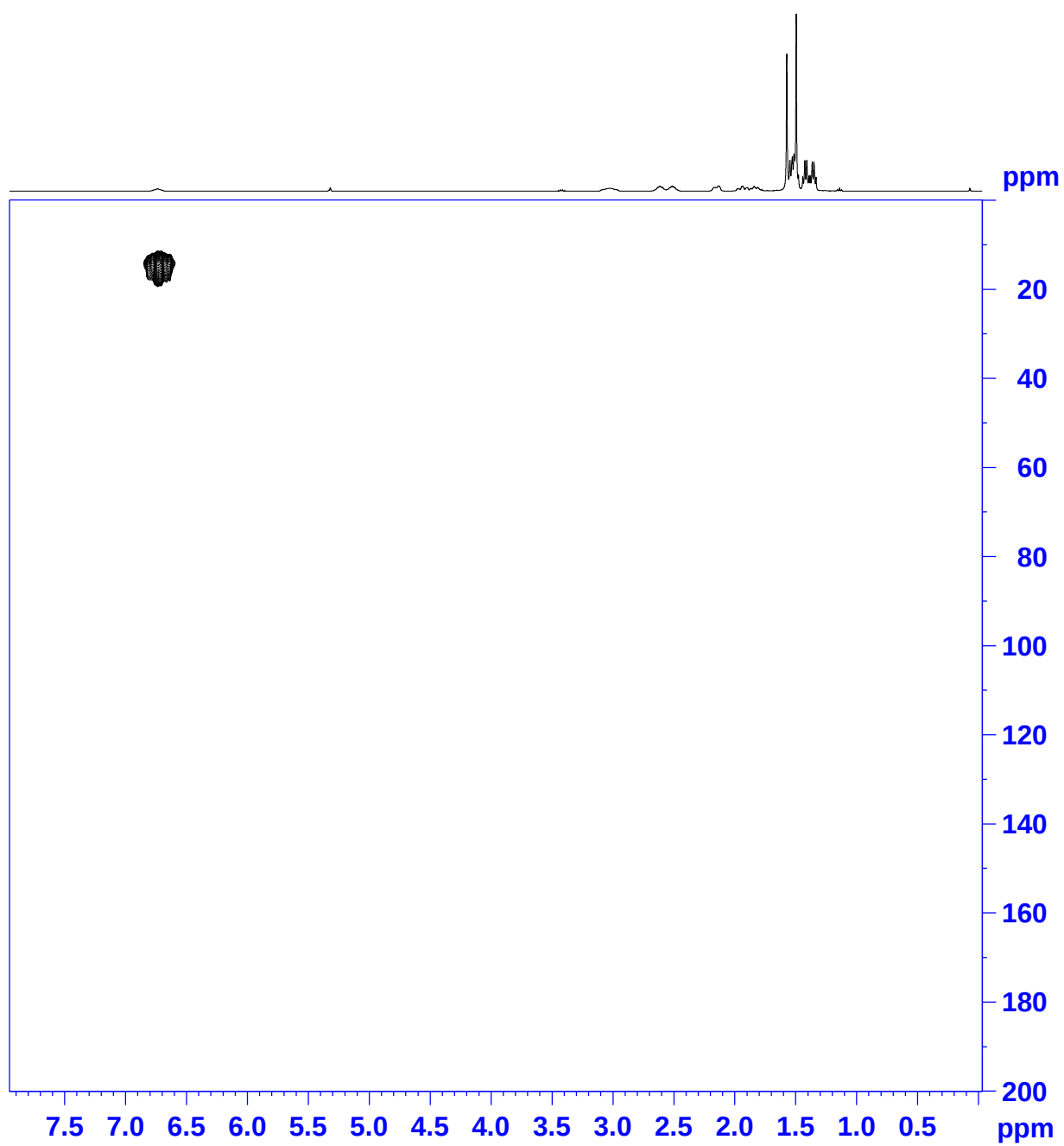
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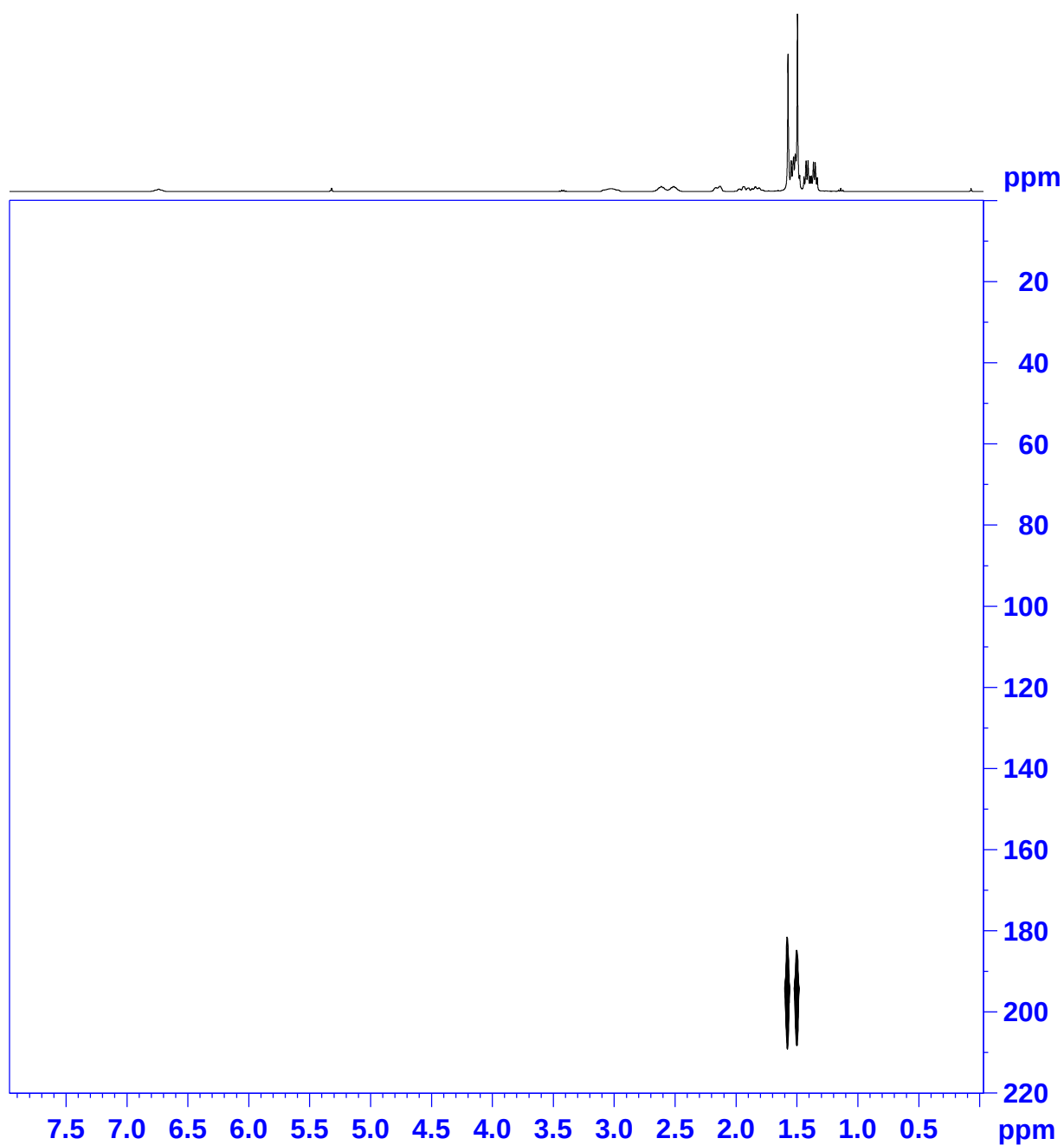
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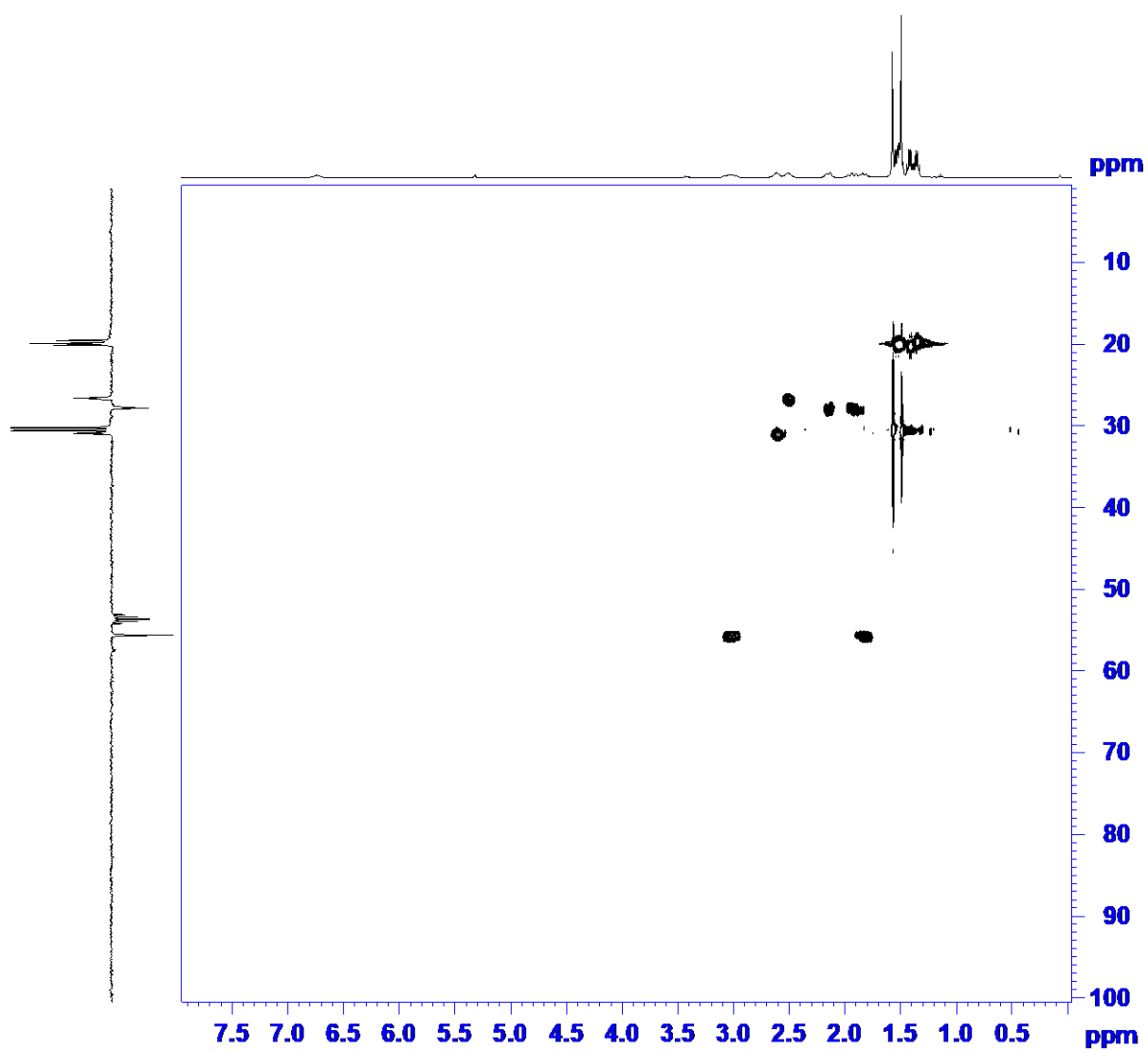
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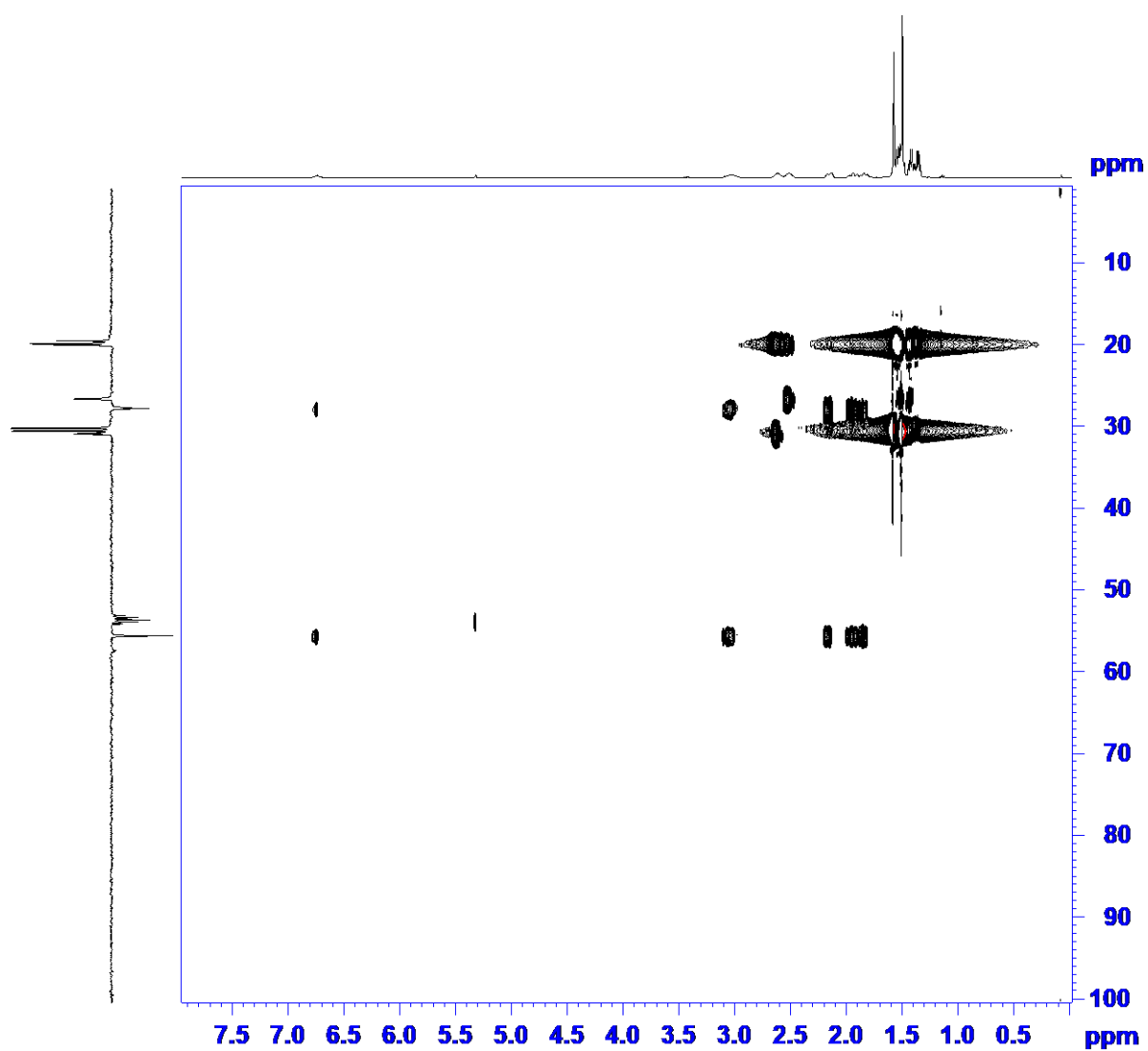
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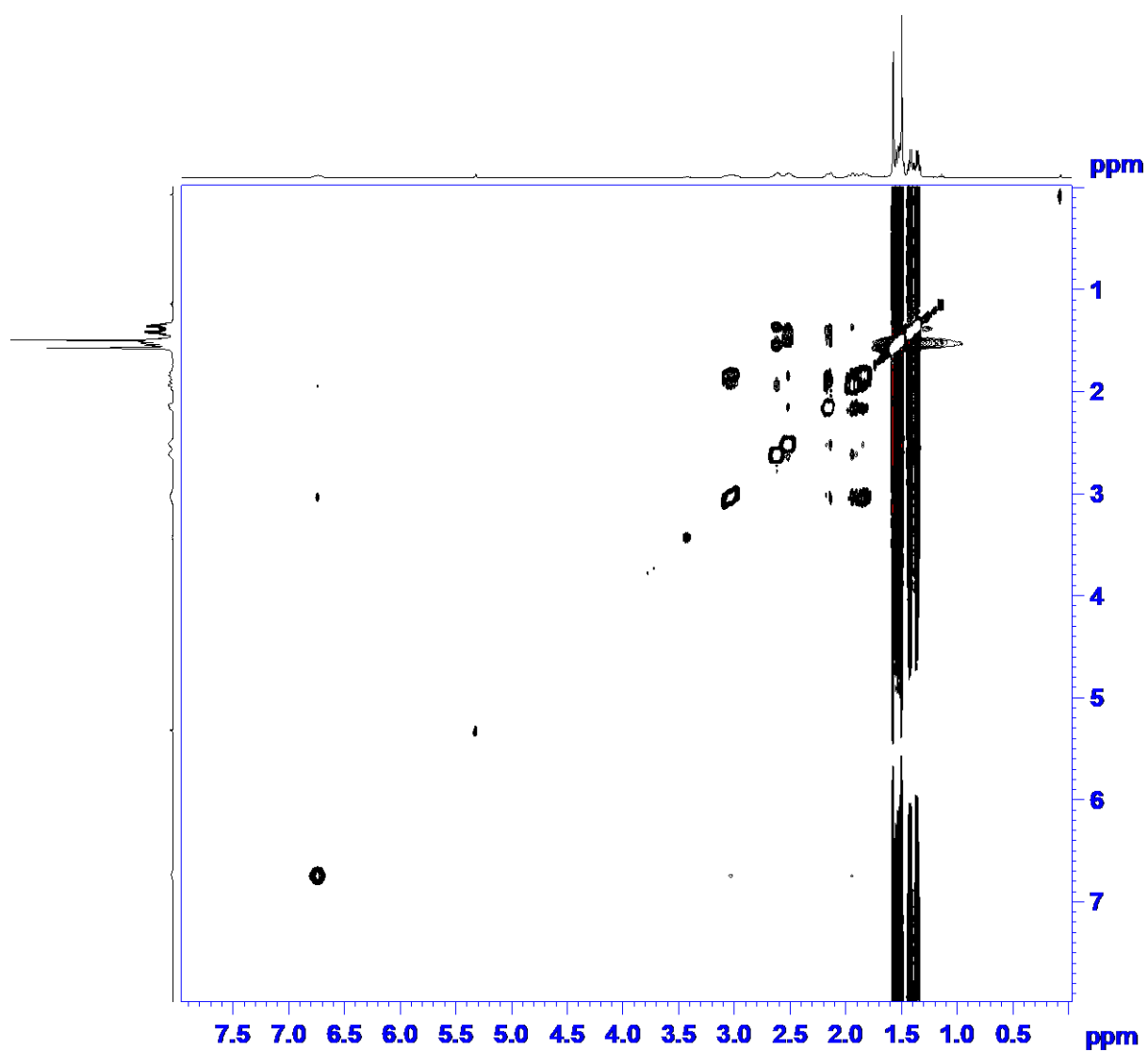
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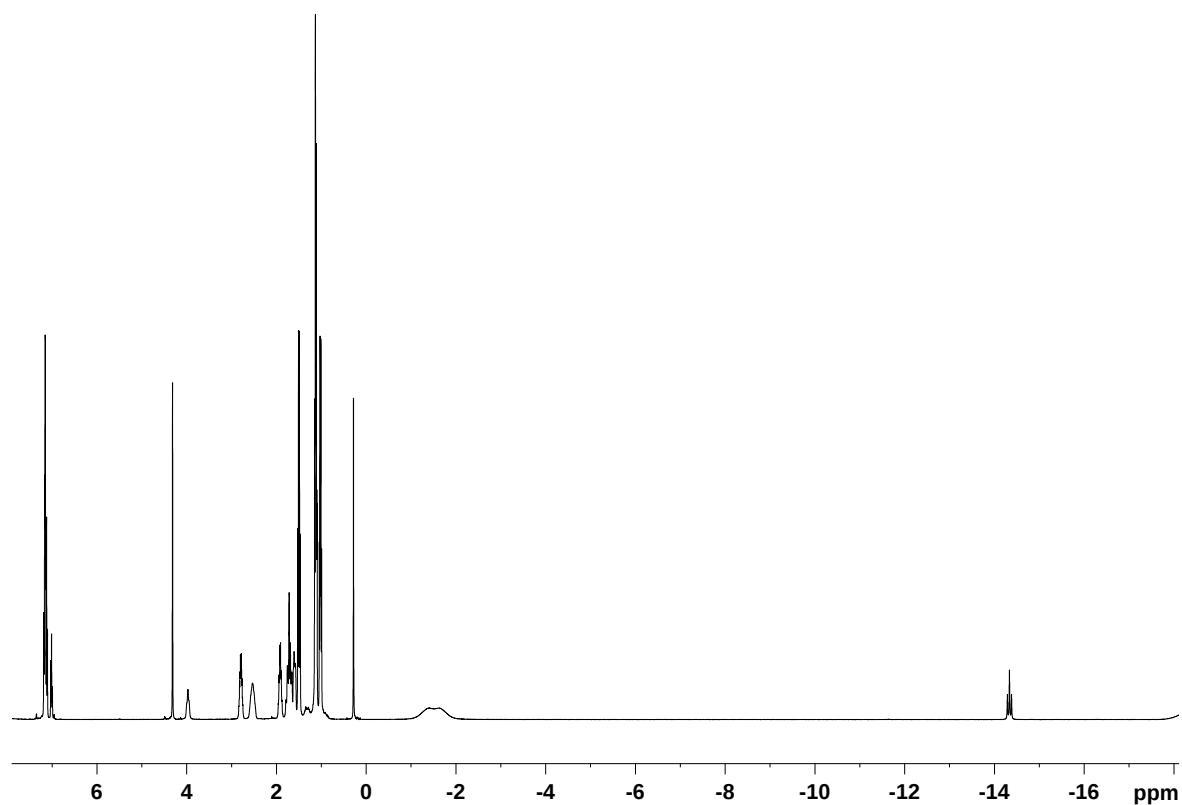


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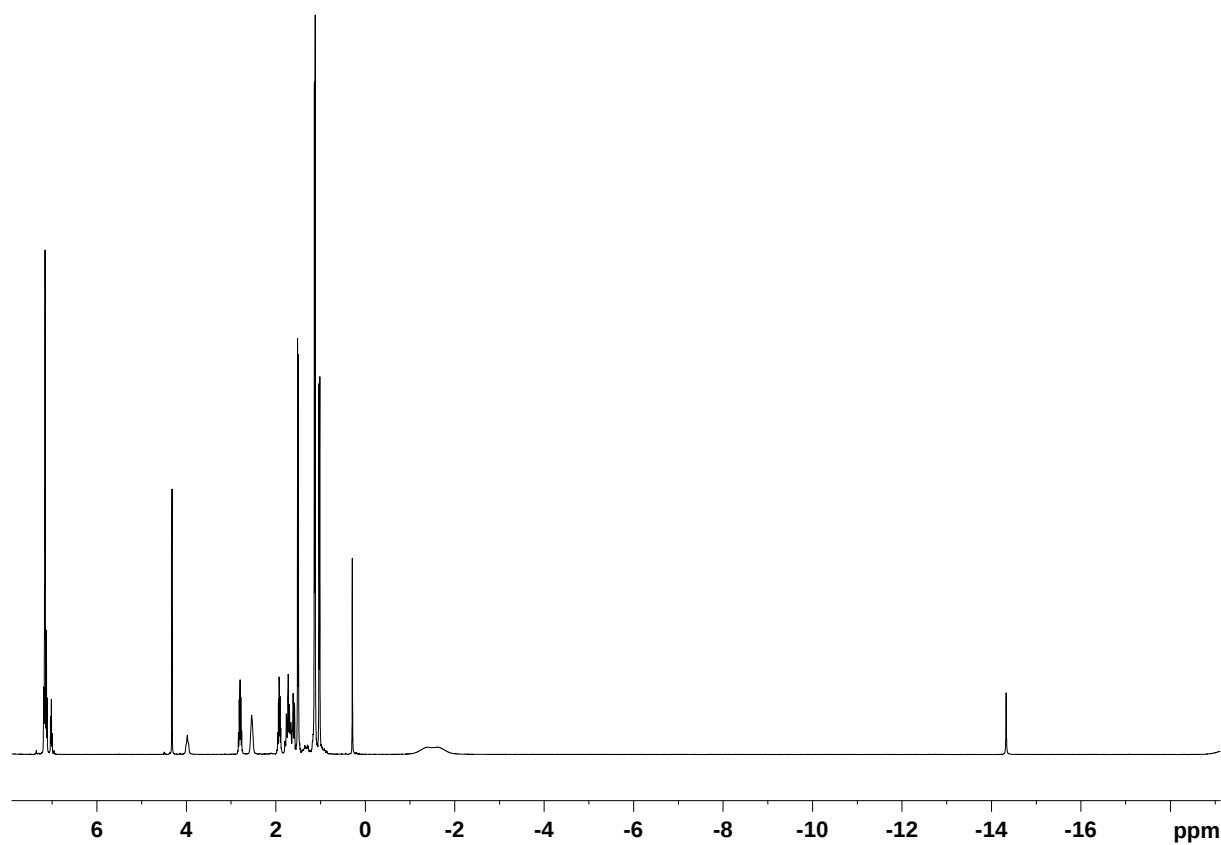


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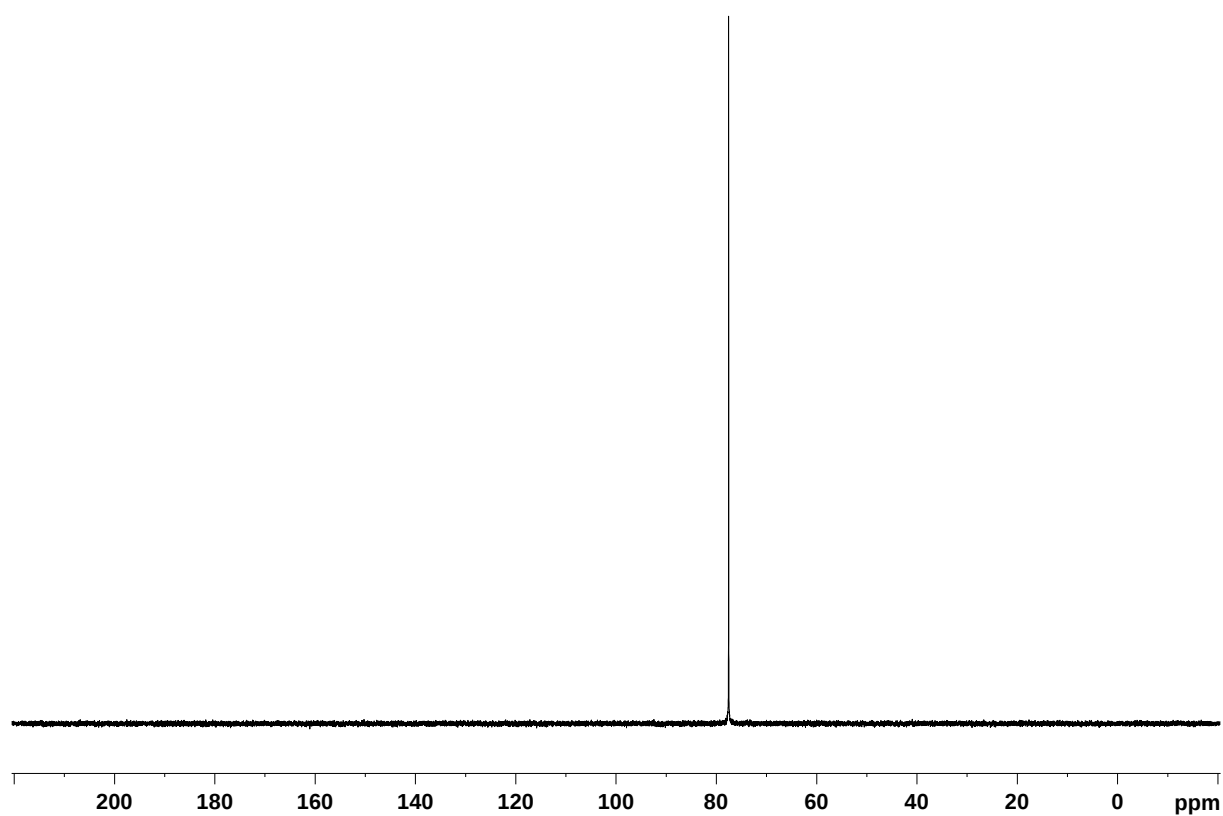
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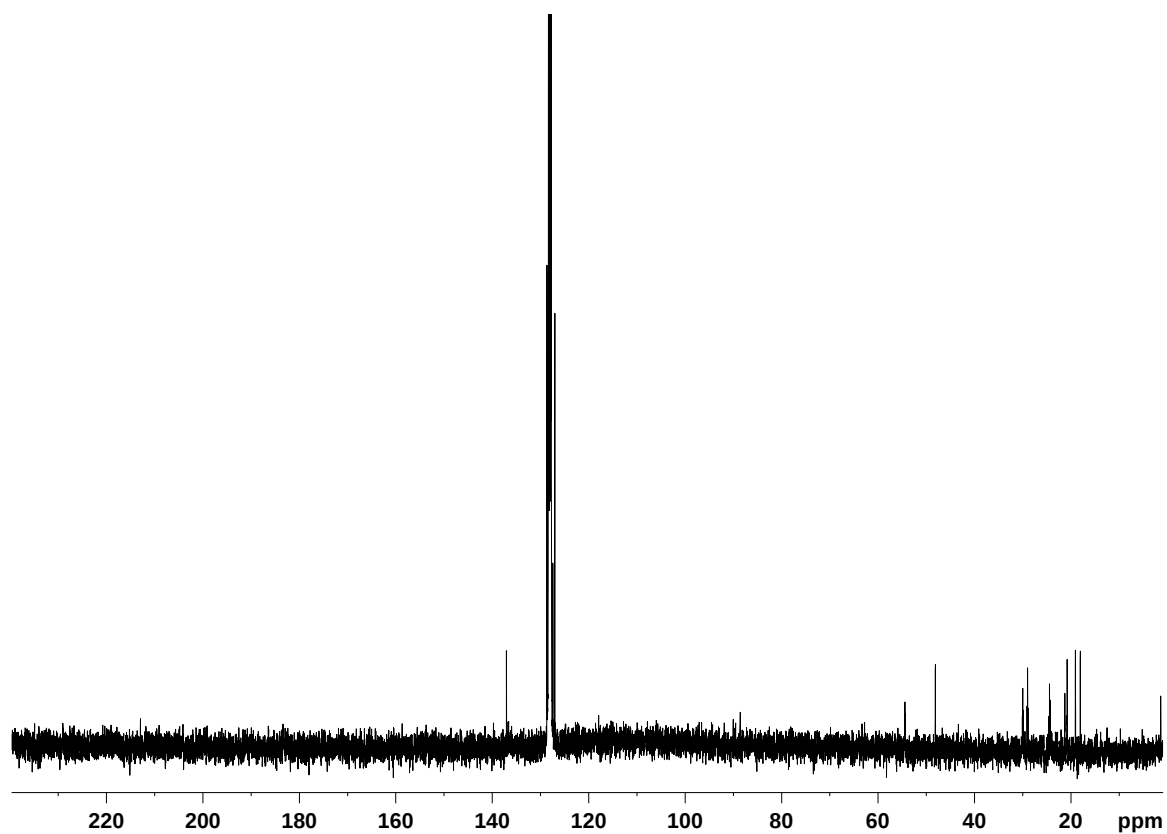
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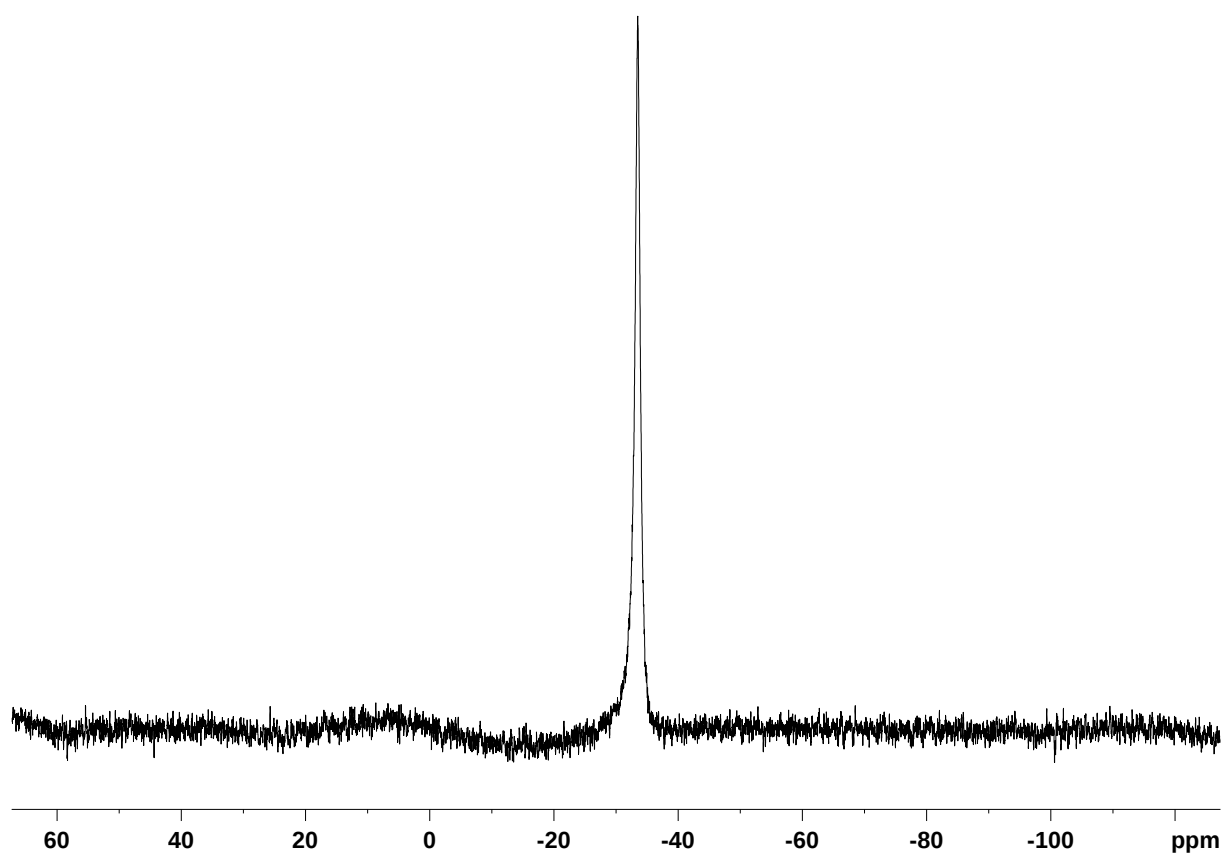
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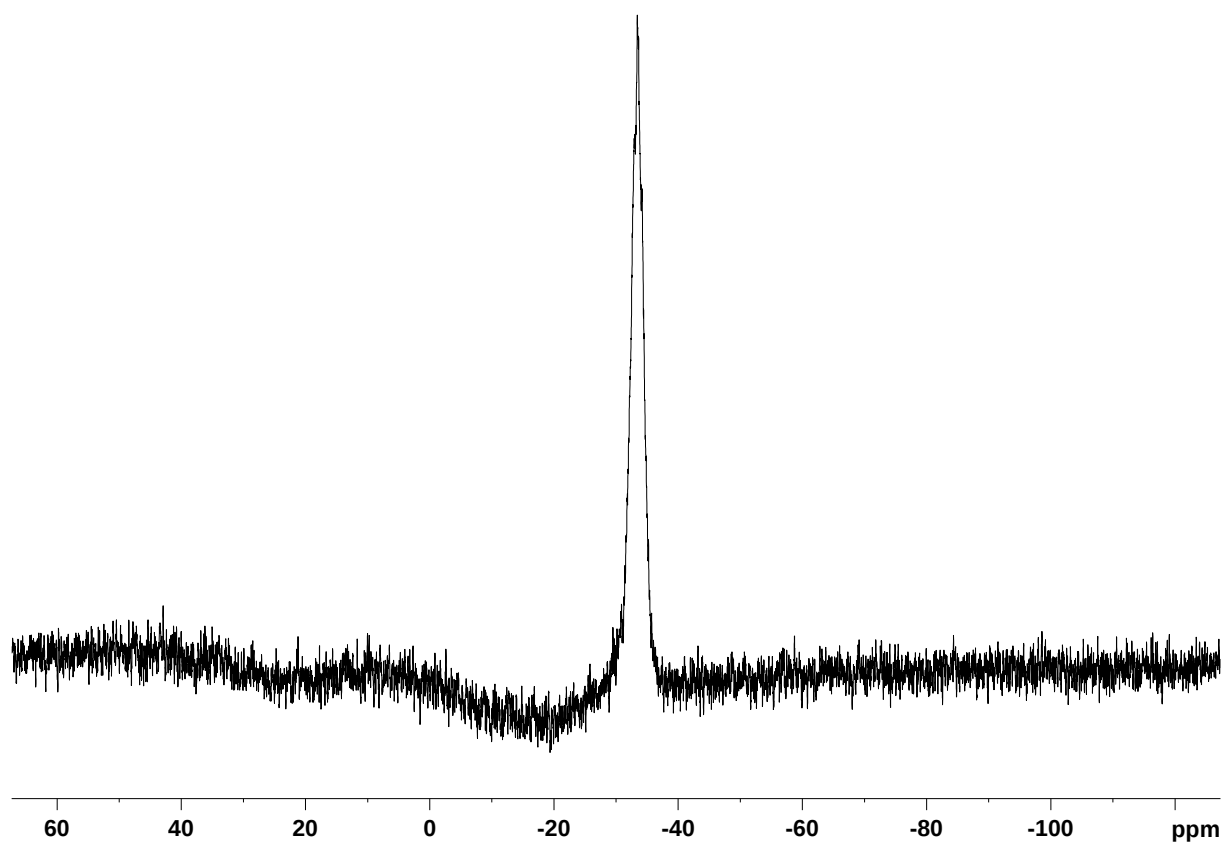
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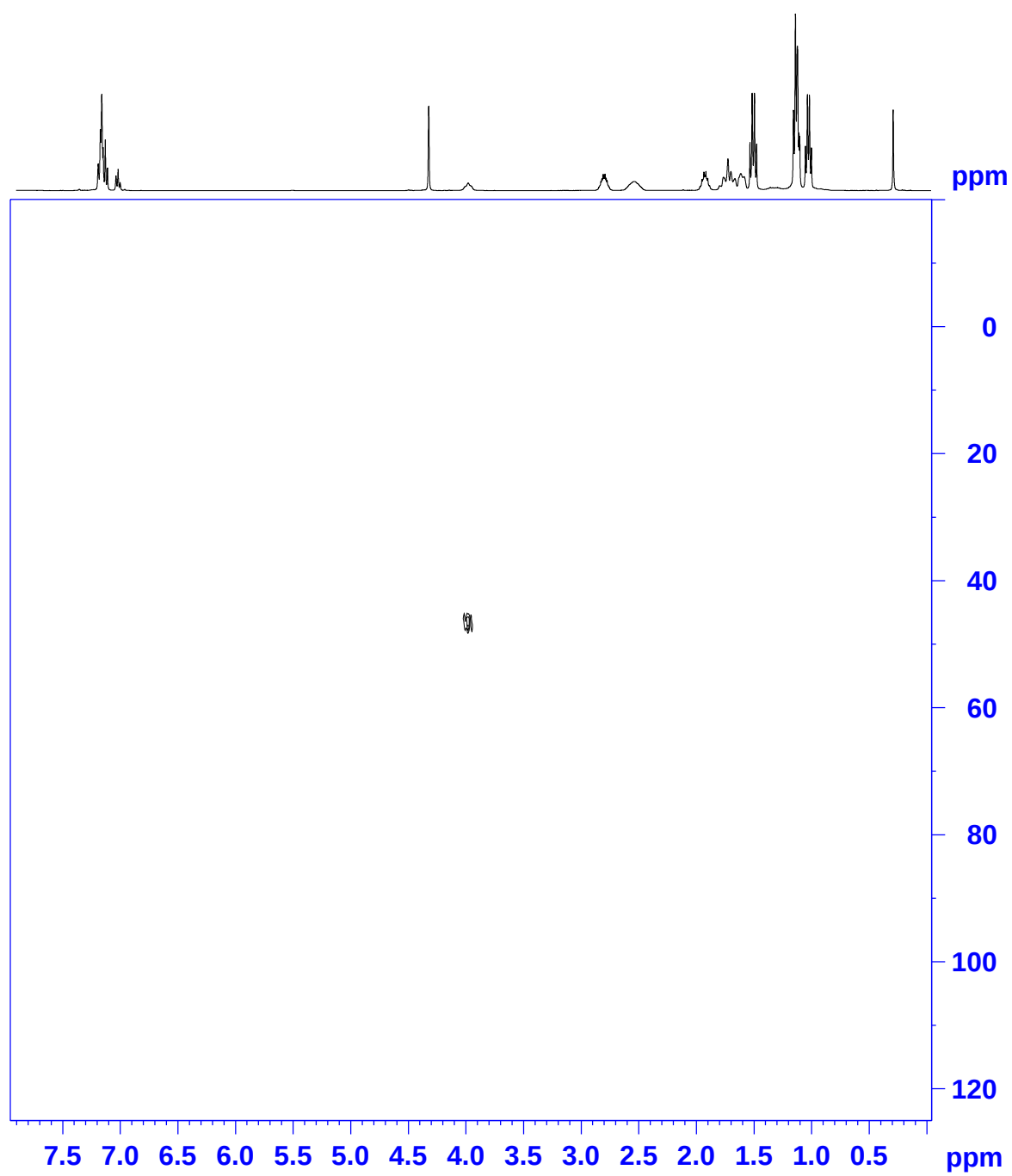
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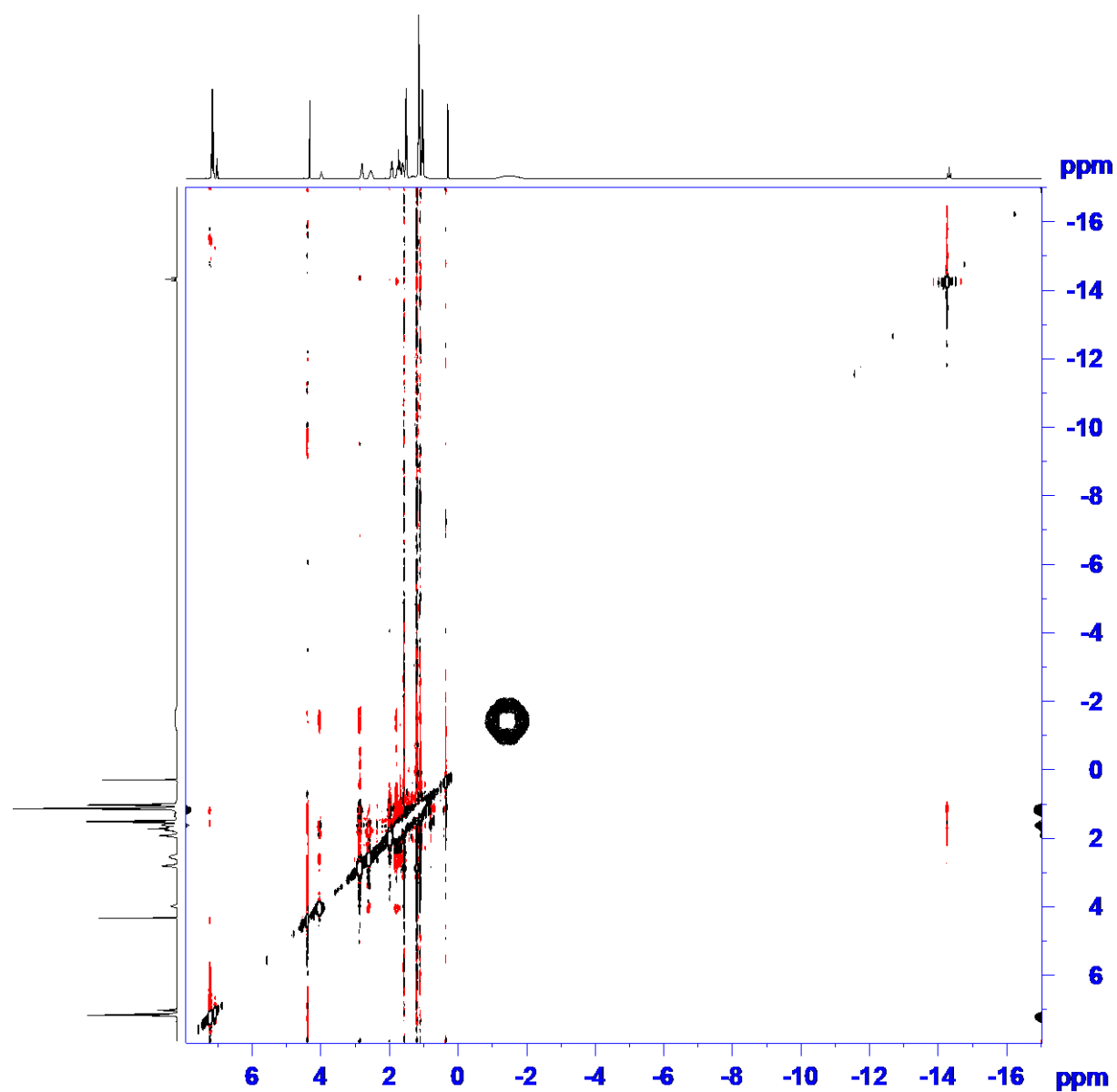
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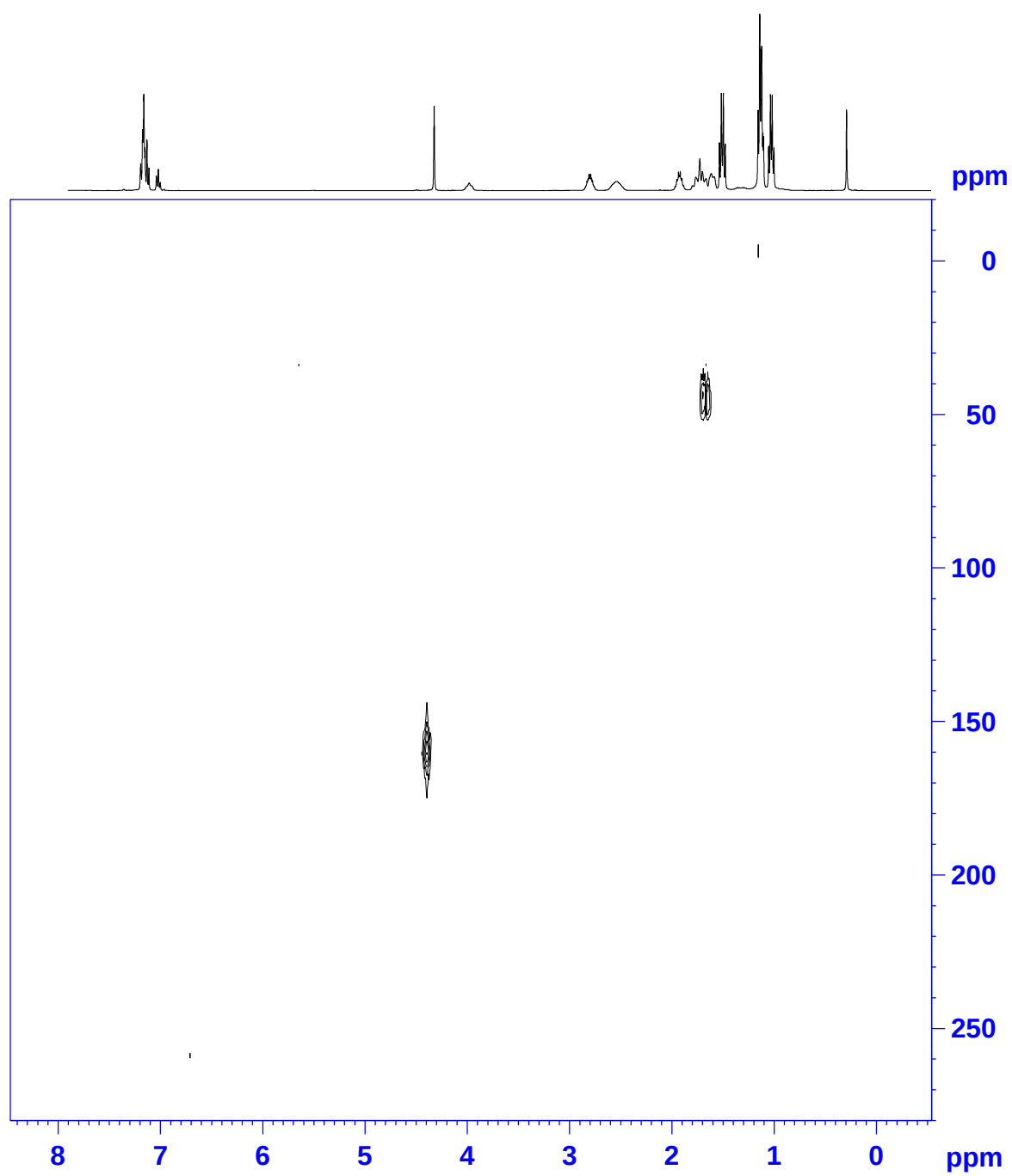
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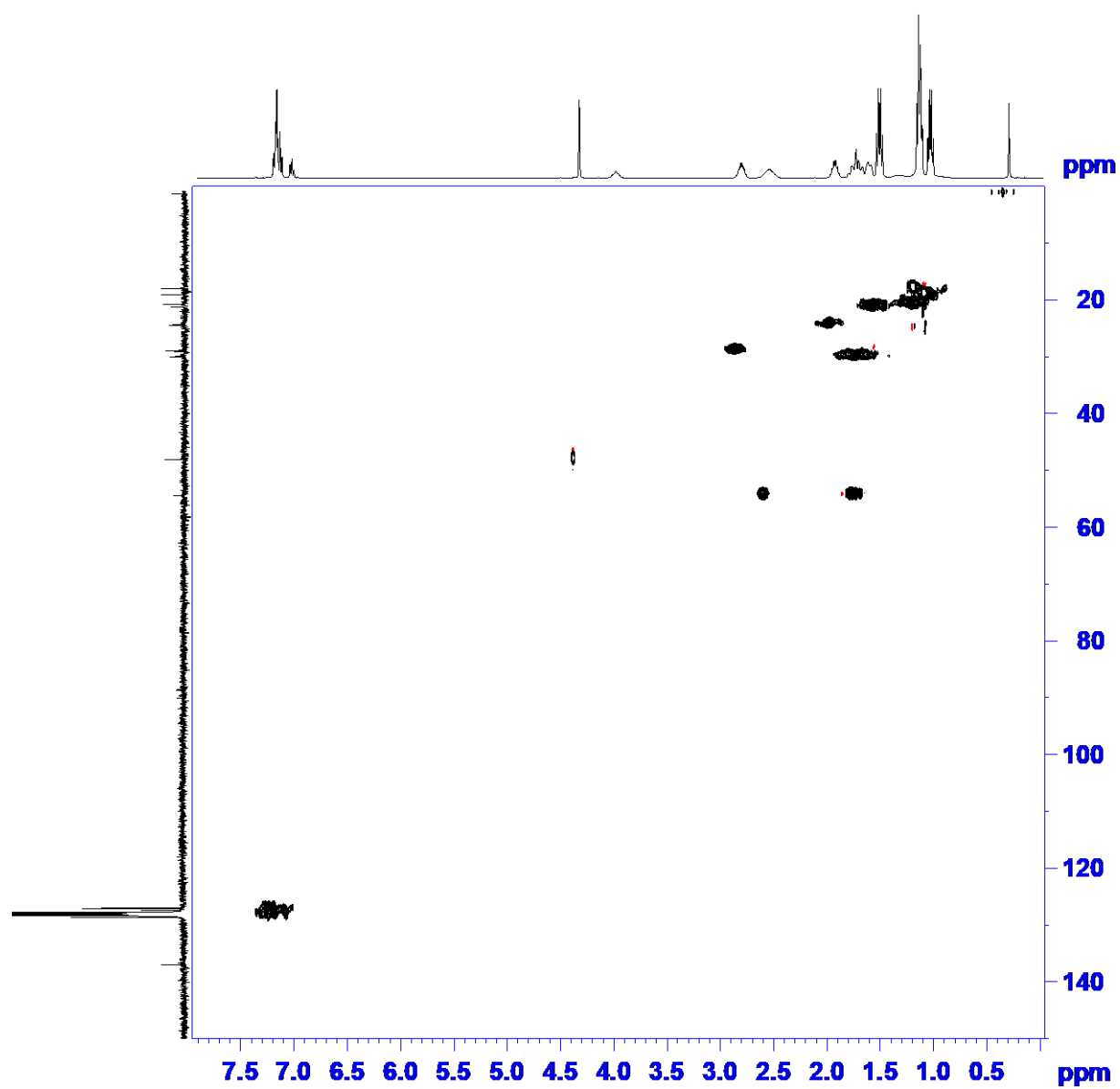
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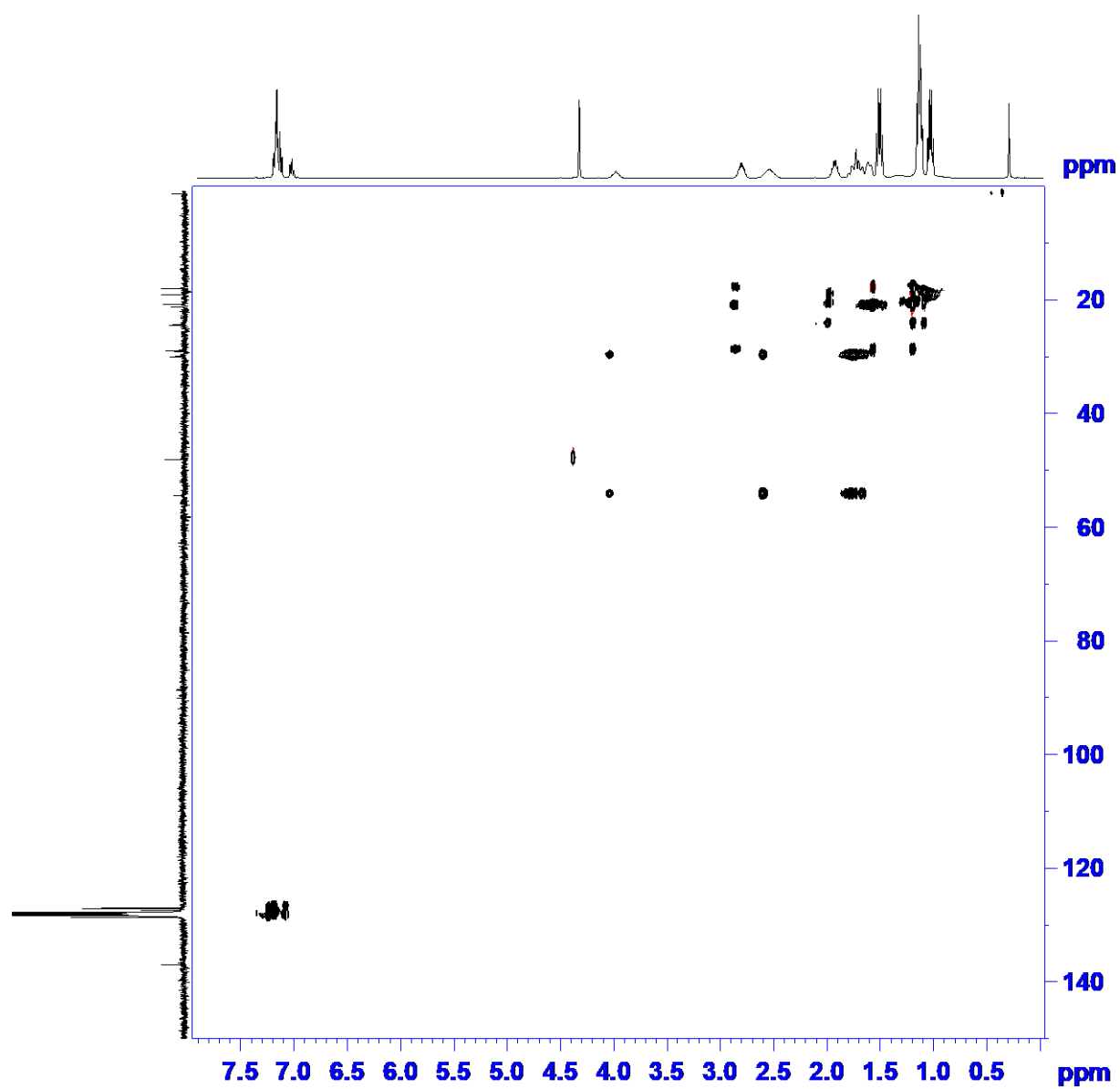
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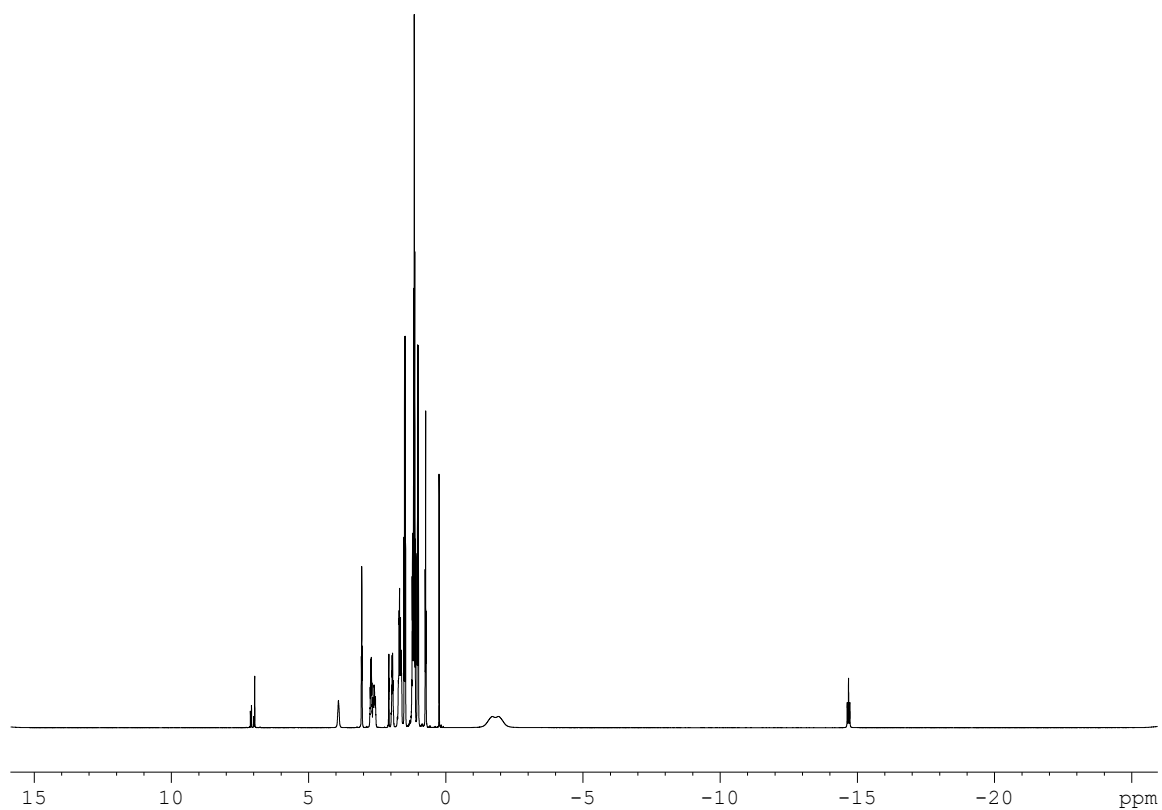


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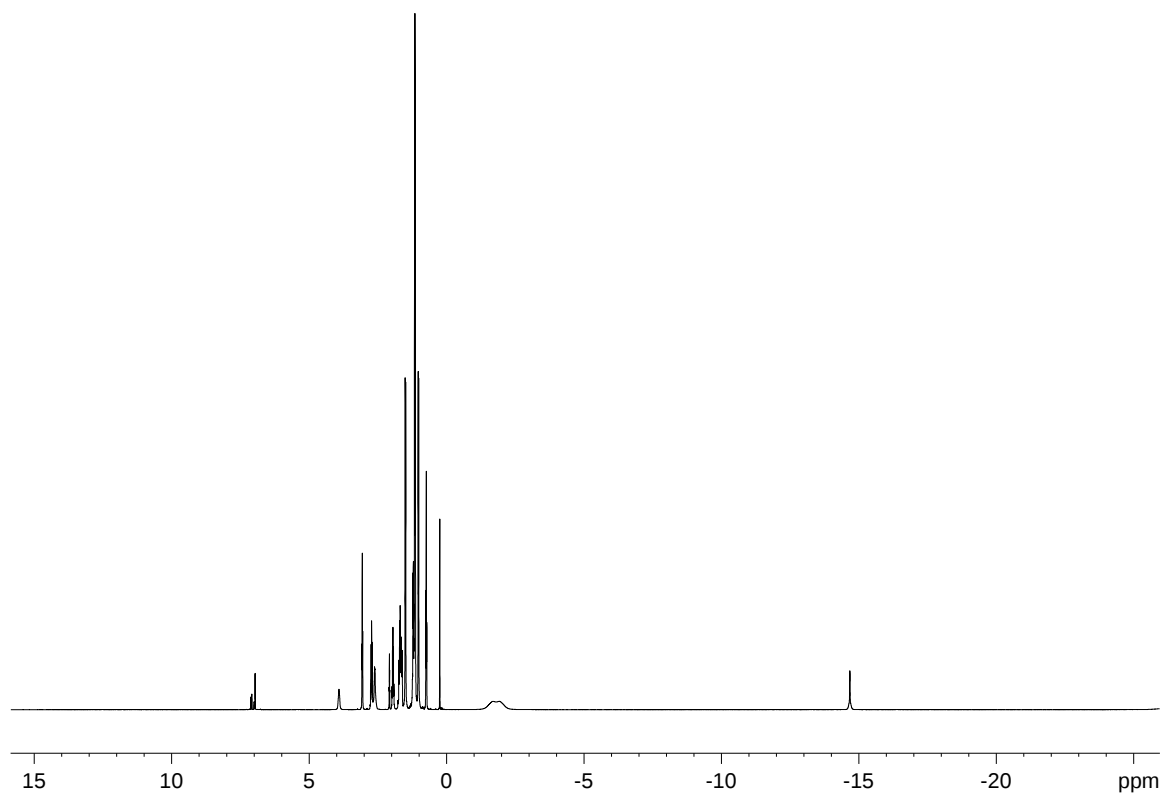


SVIII. NMR spectra of $[\text{Ru}(\text{H})(\text{BH}_4)(\text{CN-}n\text{Bu})_2\{\text{NH}(\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{P}(i\text{Pr})_2)_2\}]$ (3b)

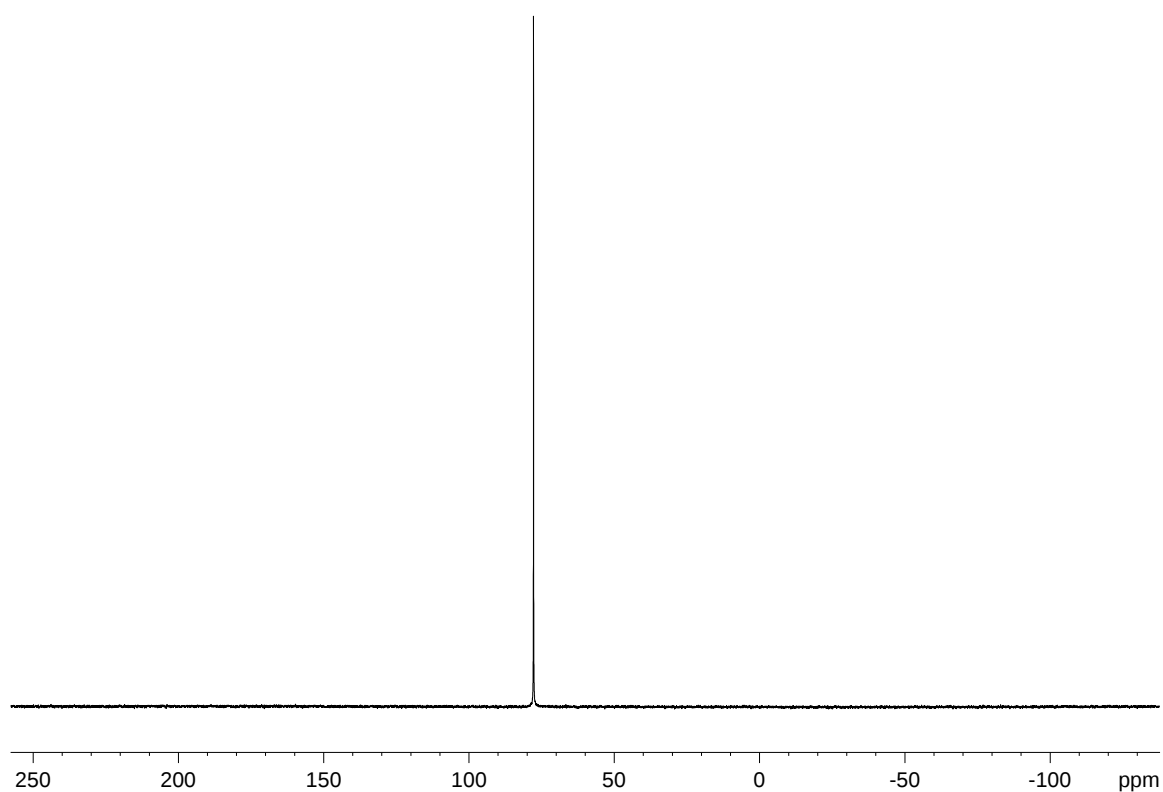
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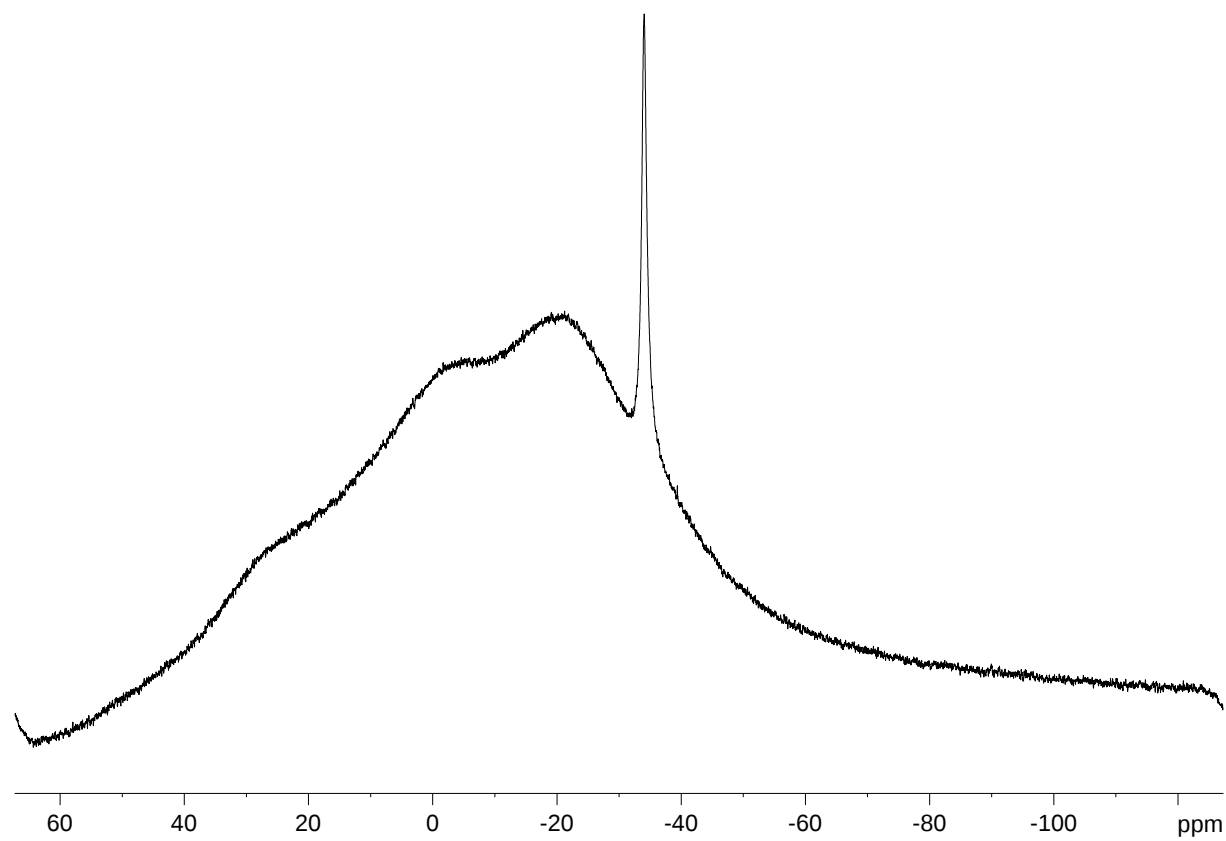
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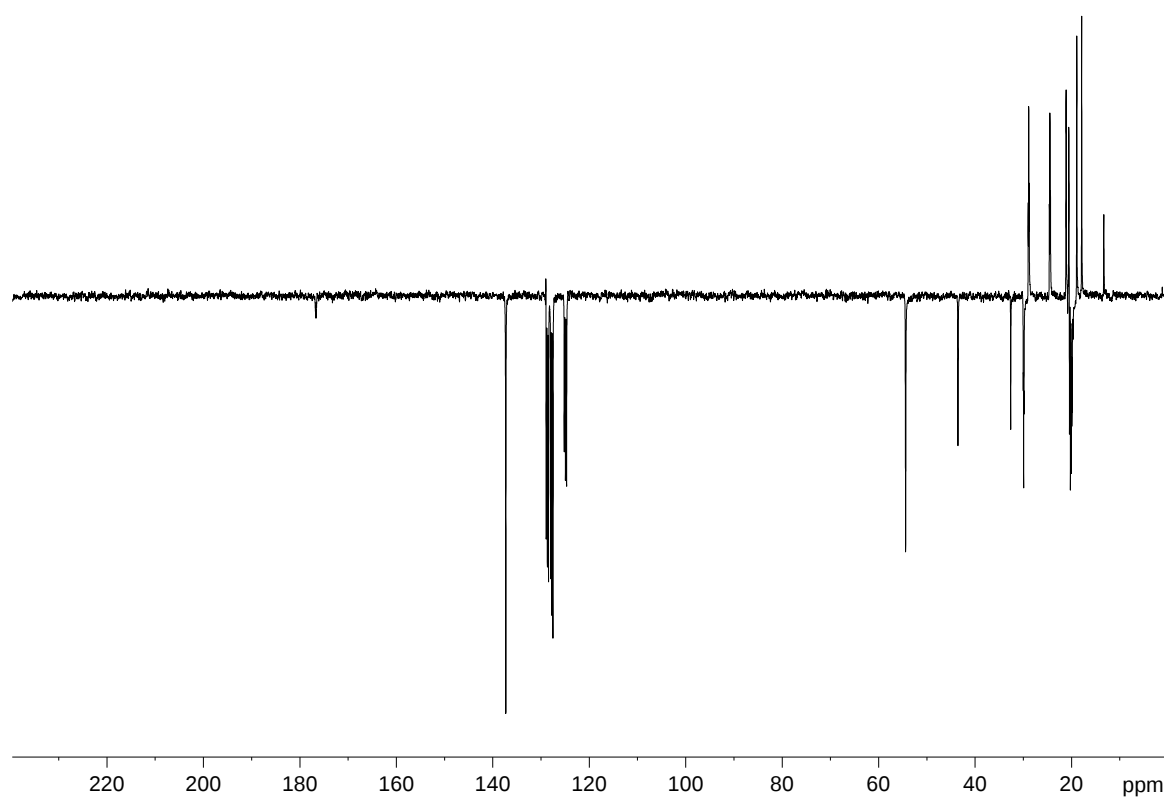
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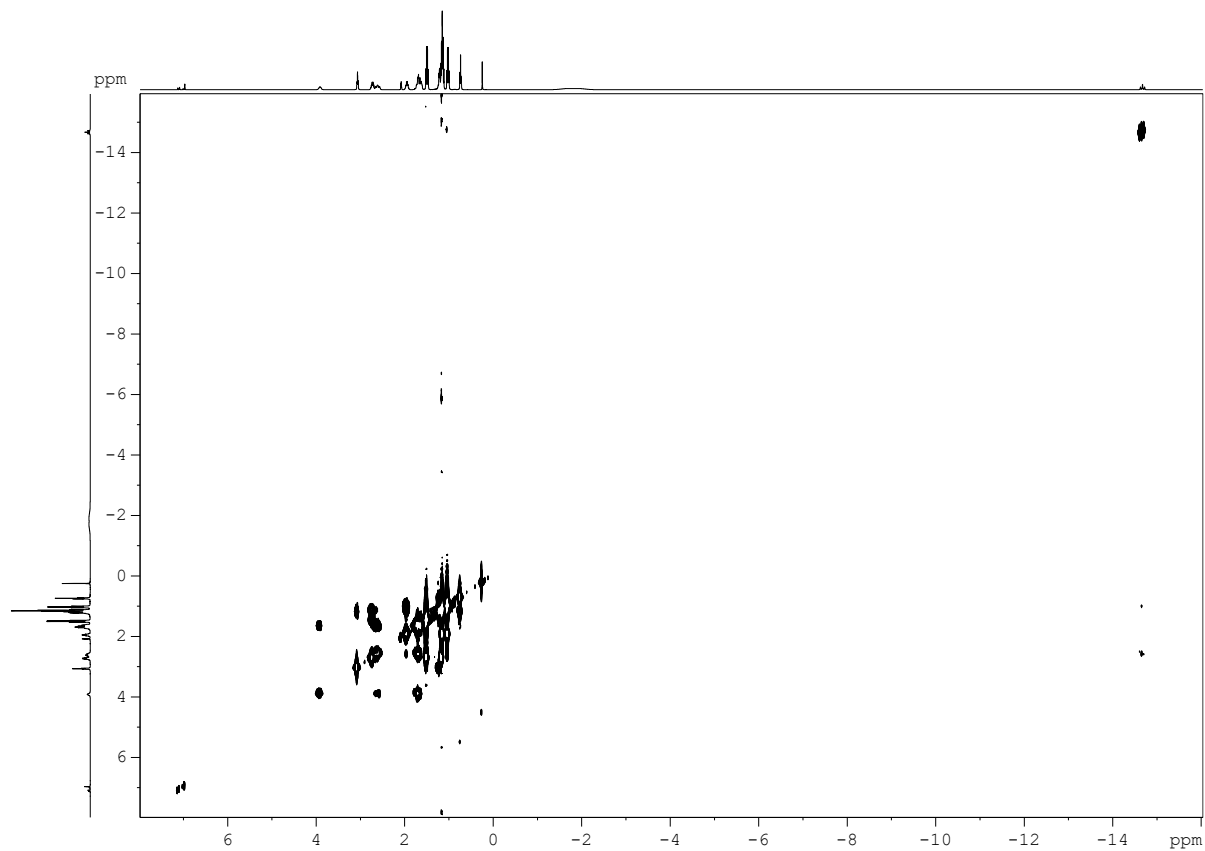
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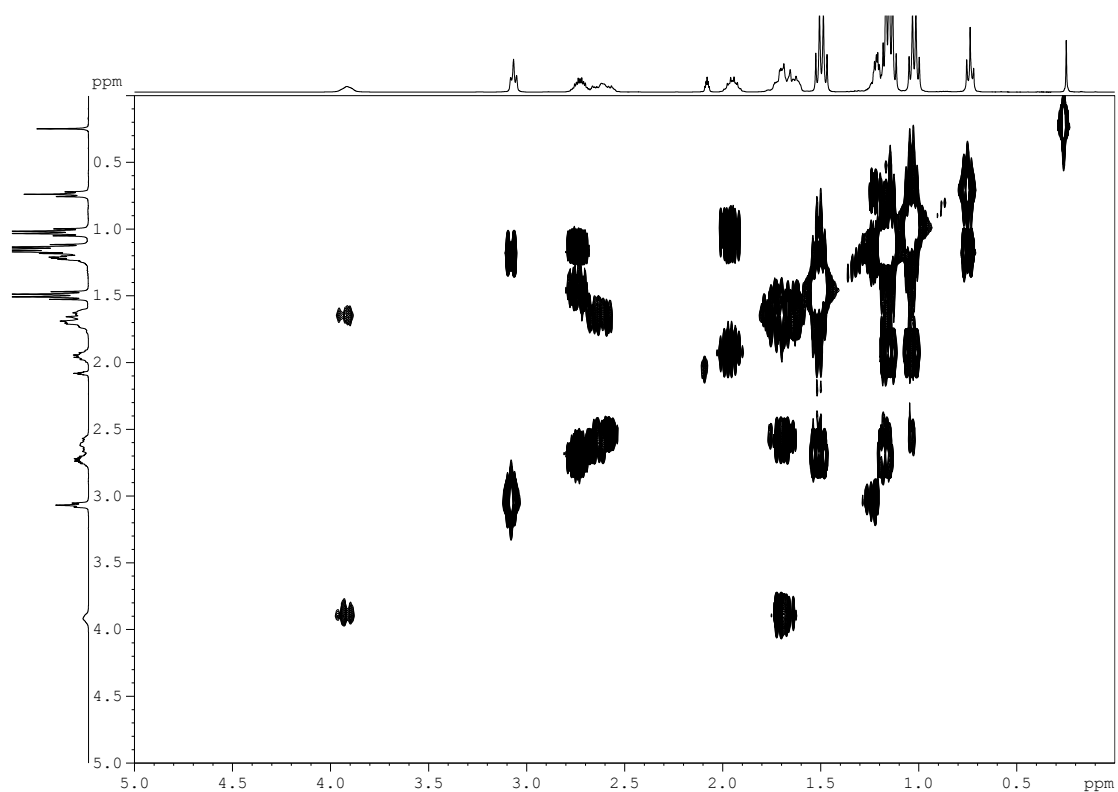
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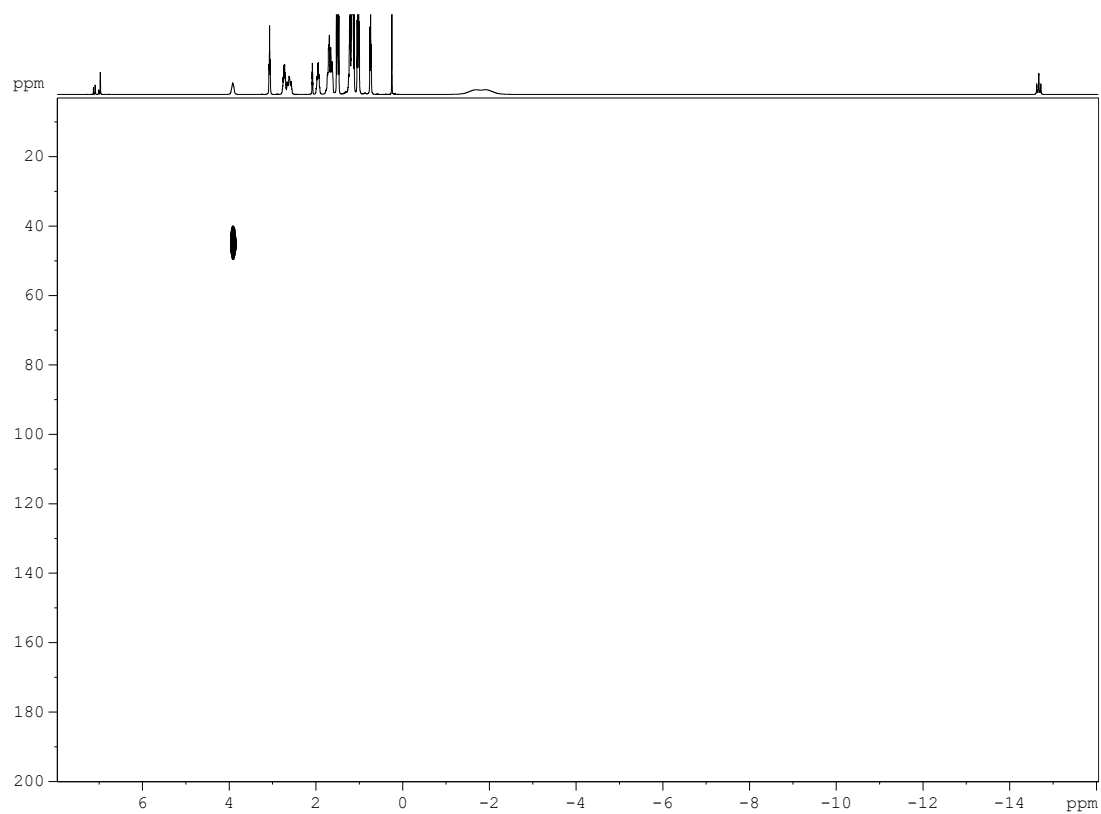
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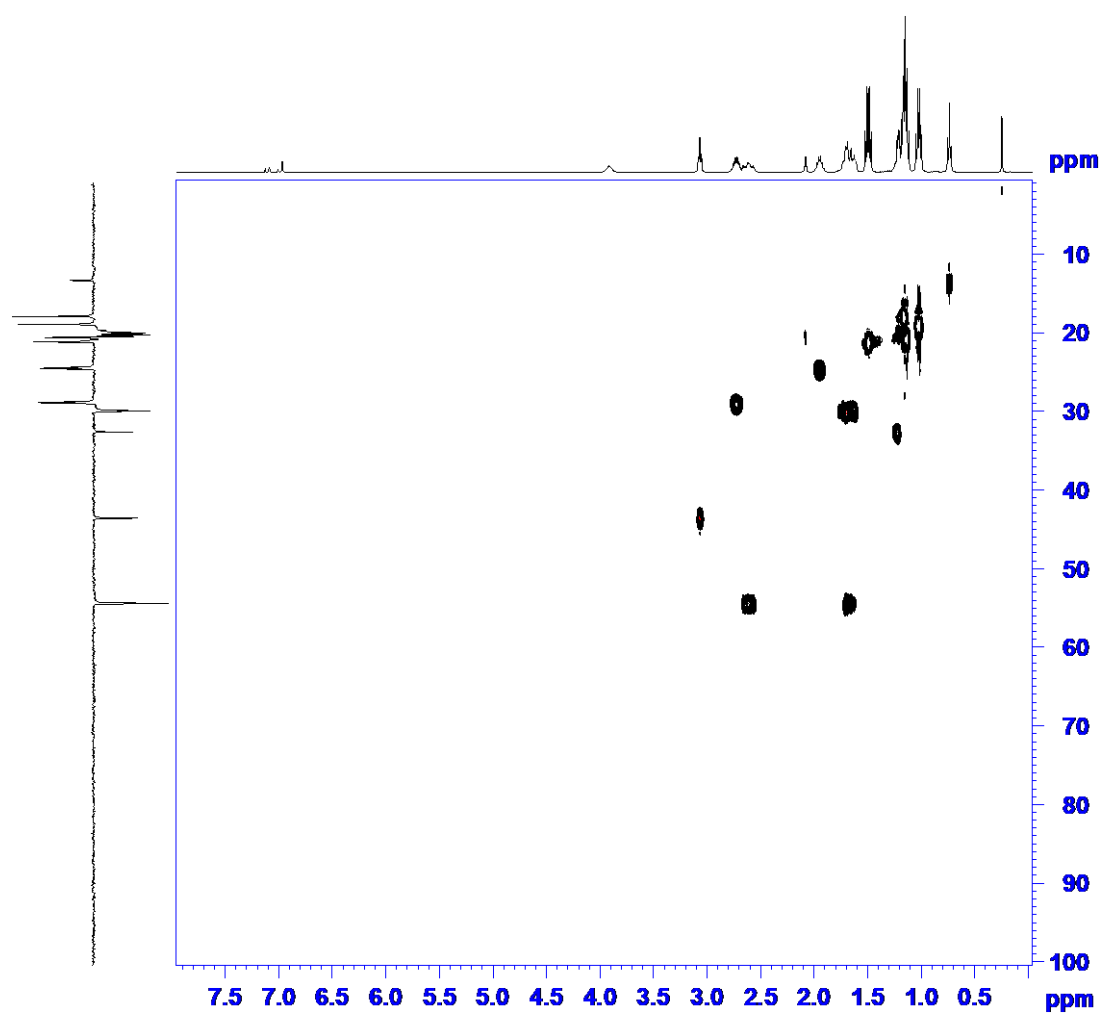
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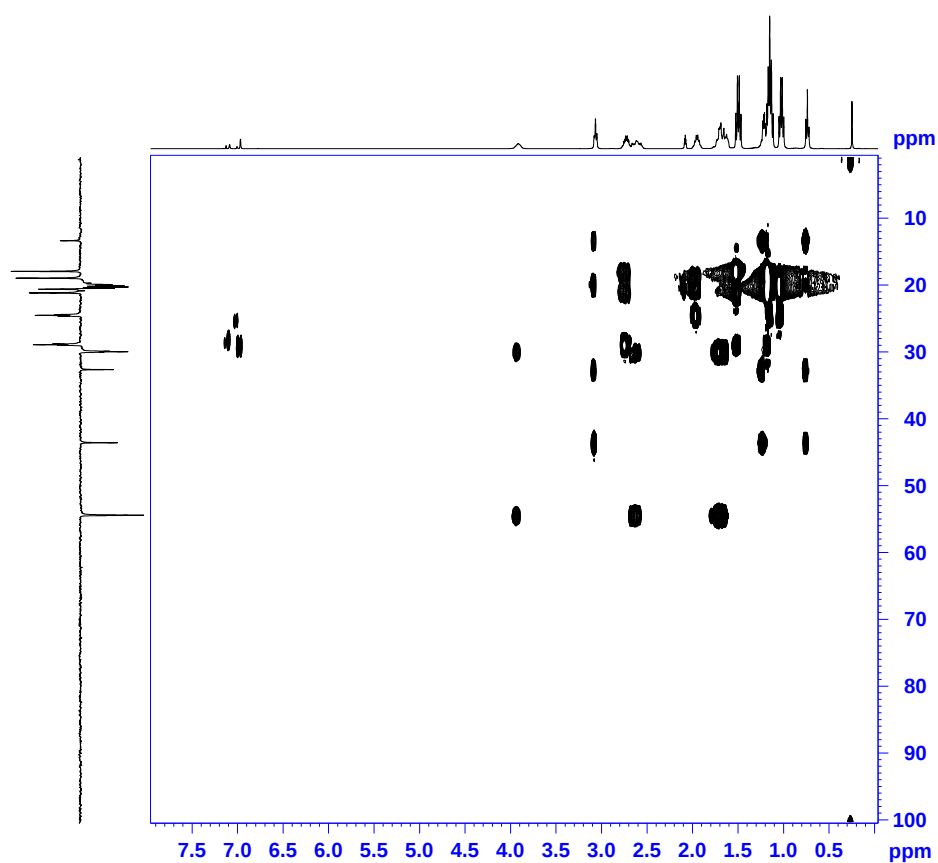
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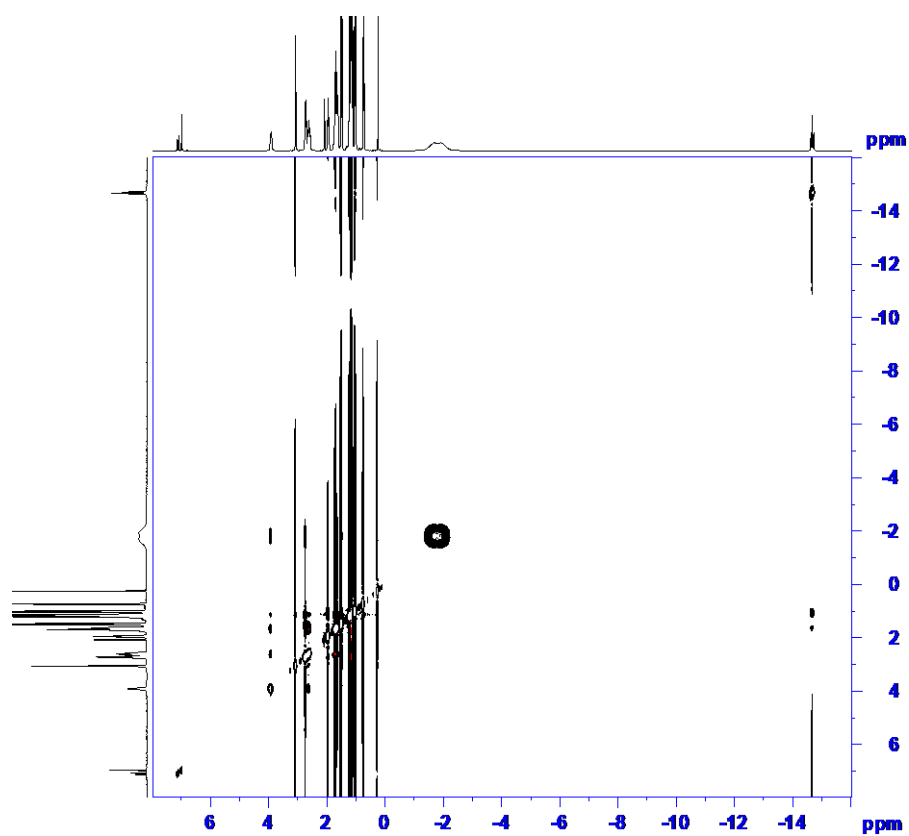
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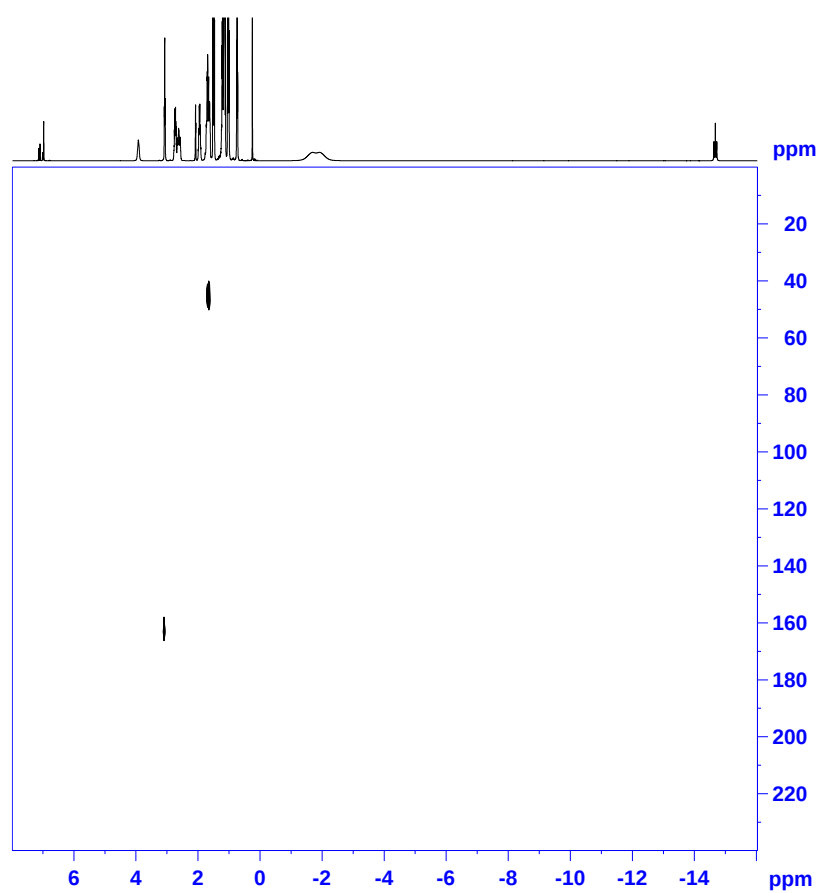
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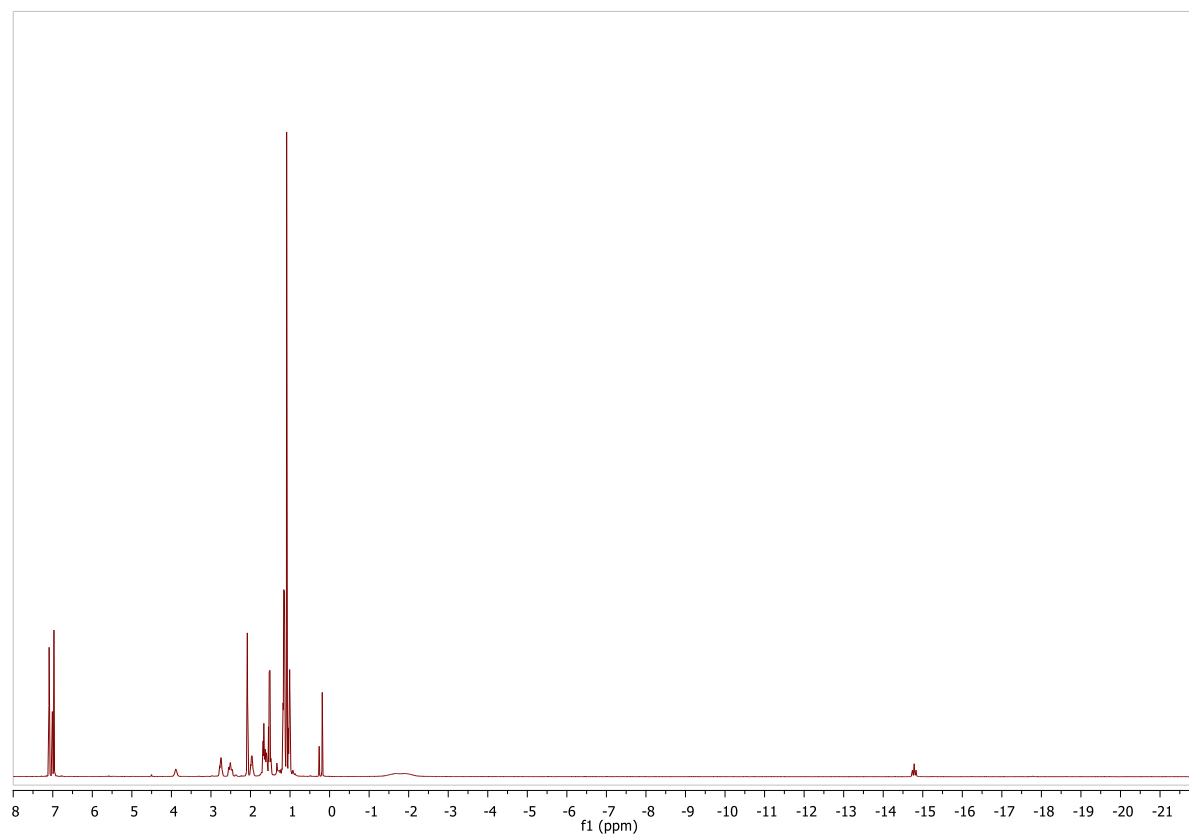


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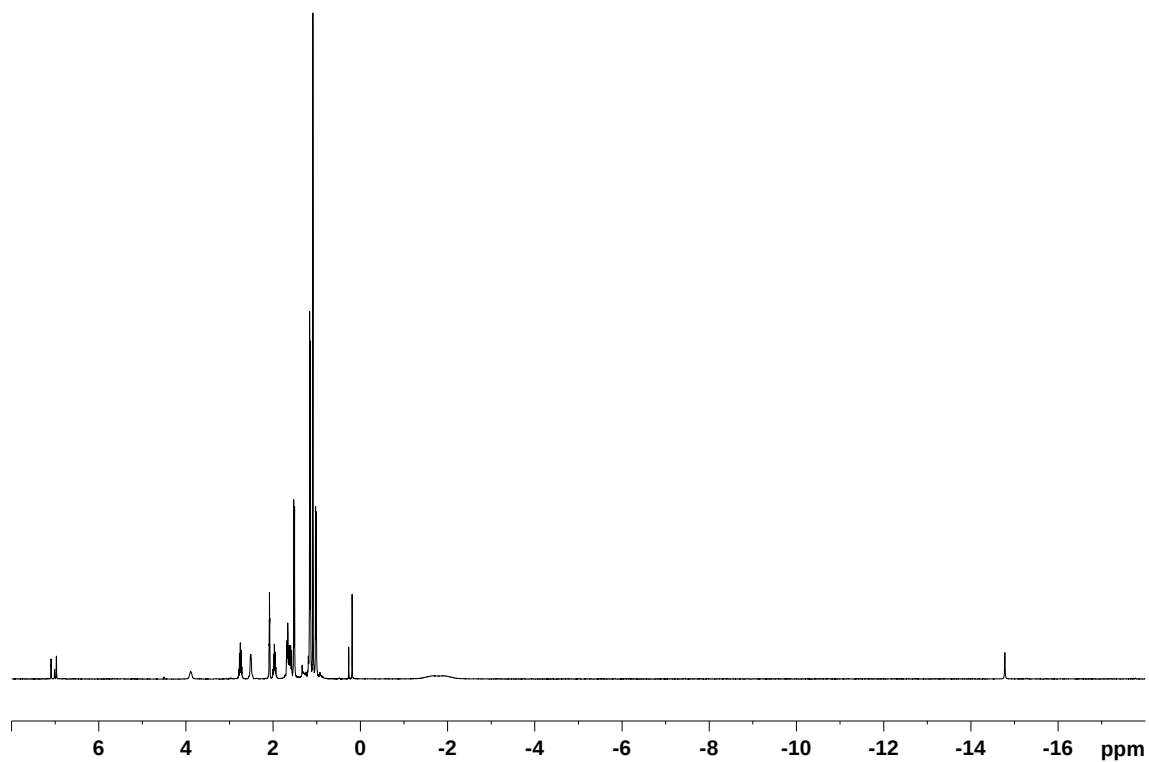


SIX. NMR spectra and X-ray structure of $[\text{Ru}(\text{H})(\text{BH}_4)(\text{CN-}t\text{Bu})\{\text{NH}(\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{P}(i\text{Pr})_2)_2\}]$ (3c)

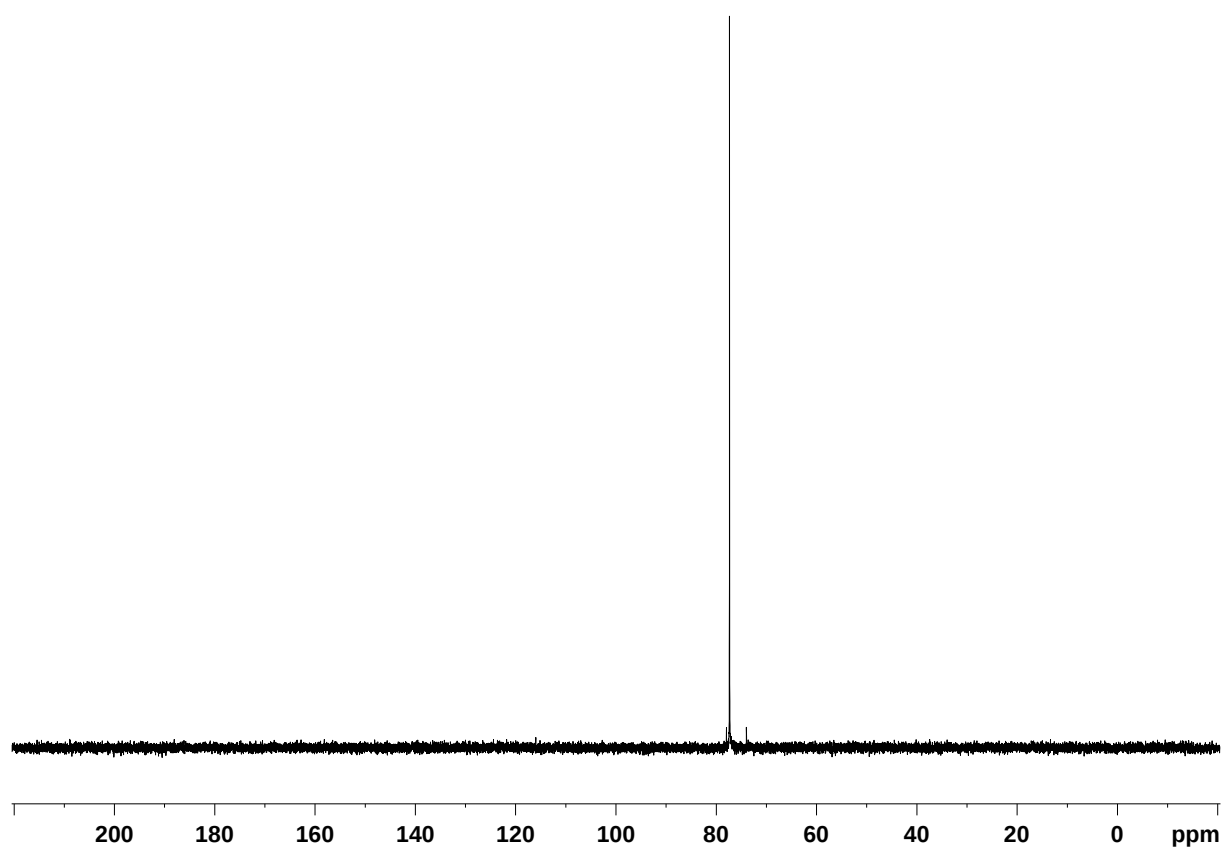
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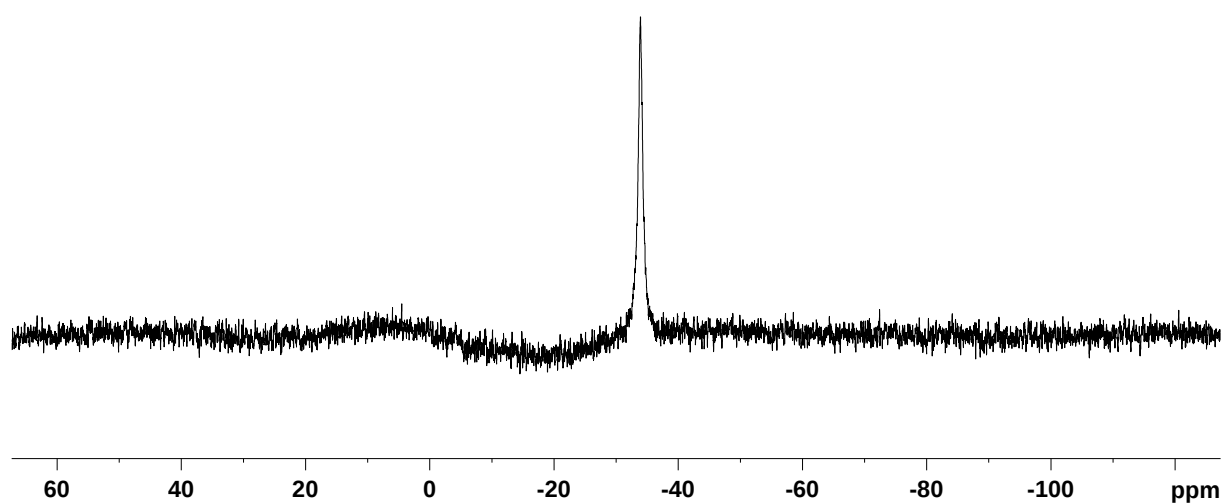
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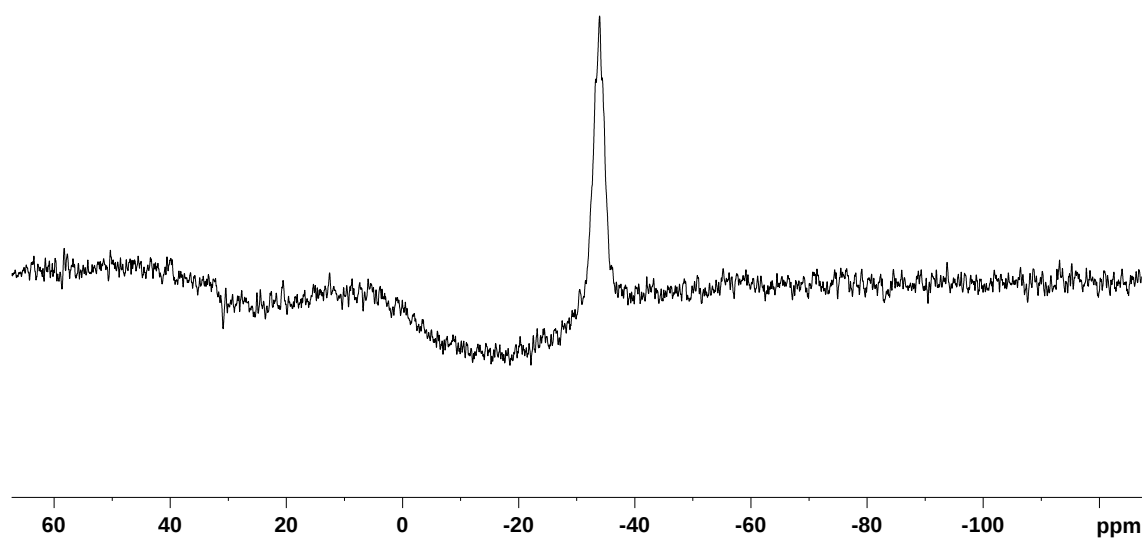
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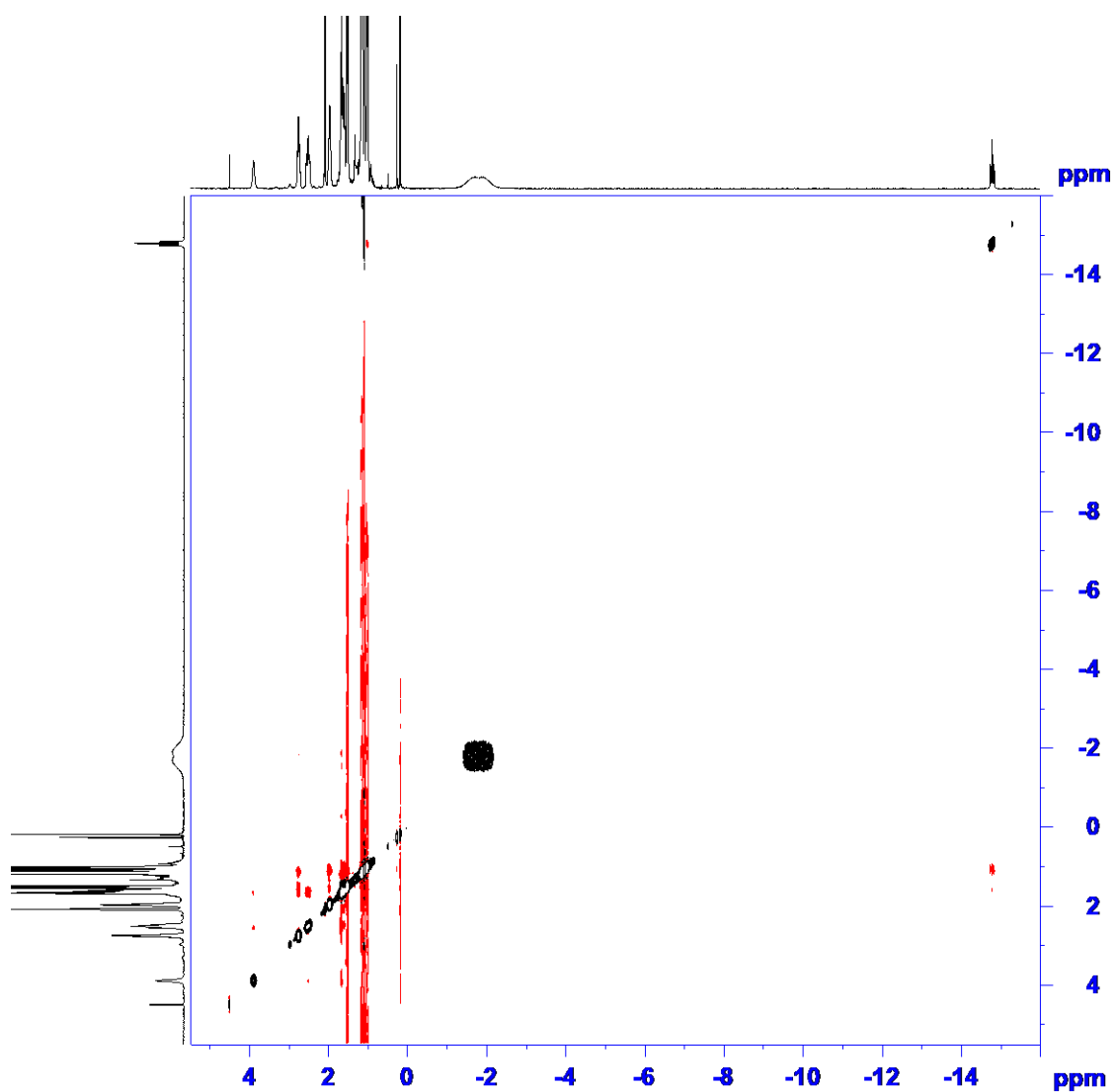
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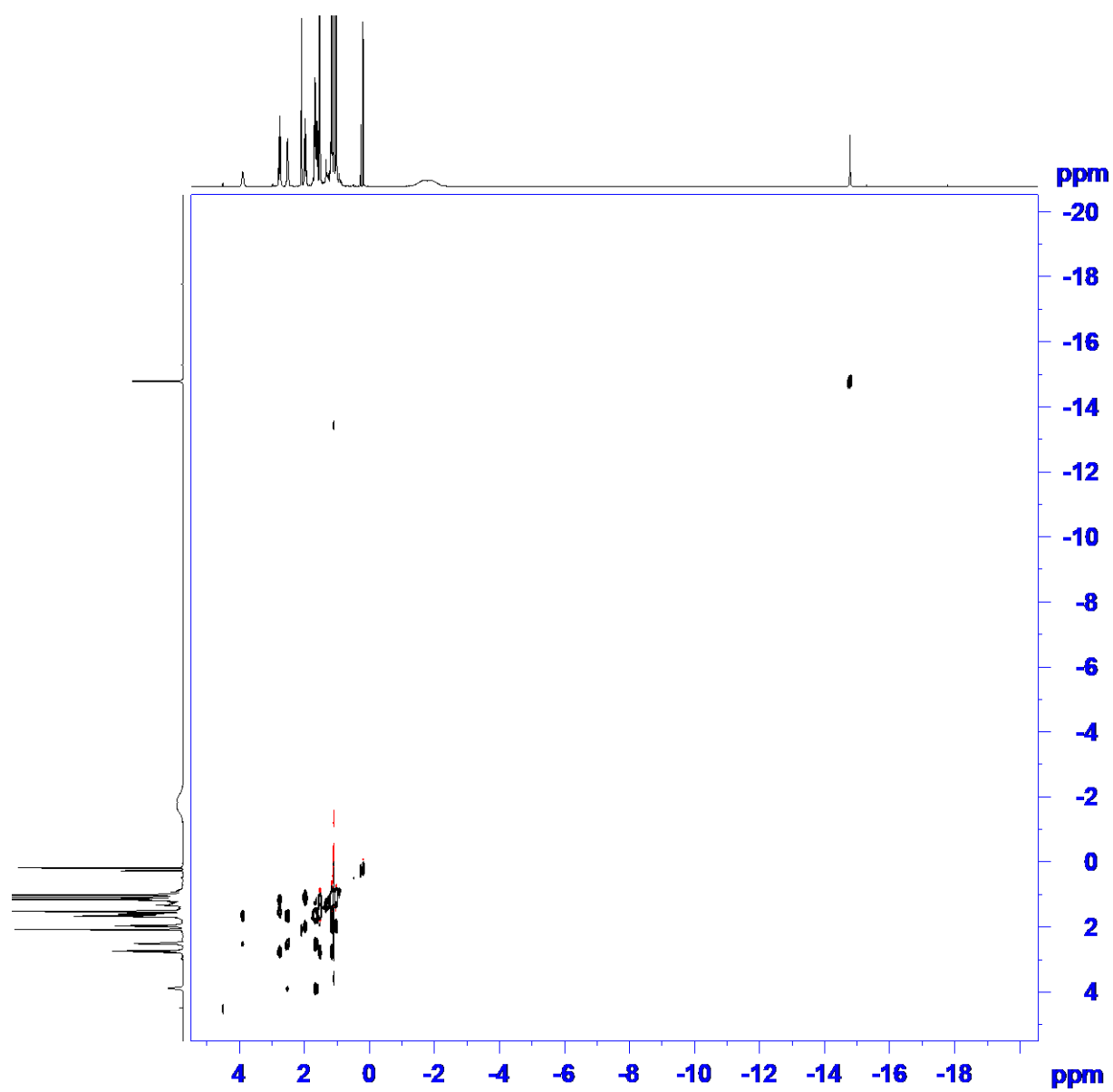
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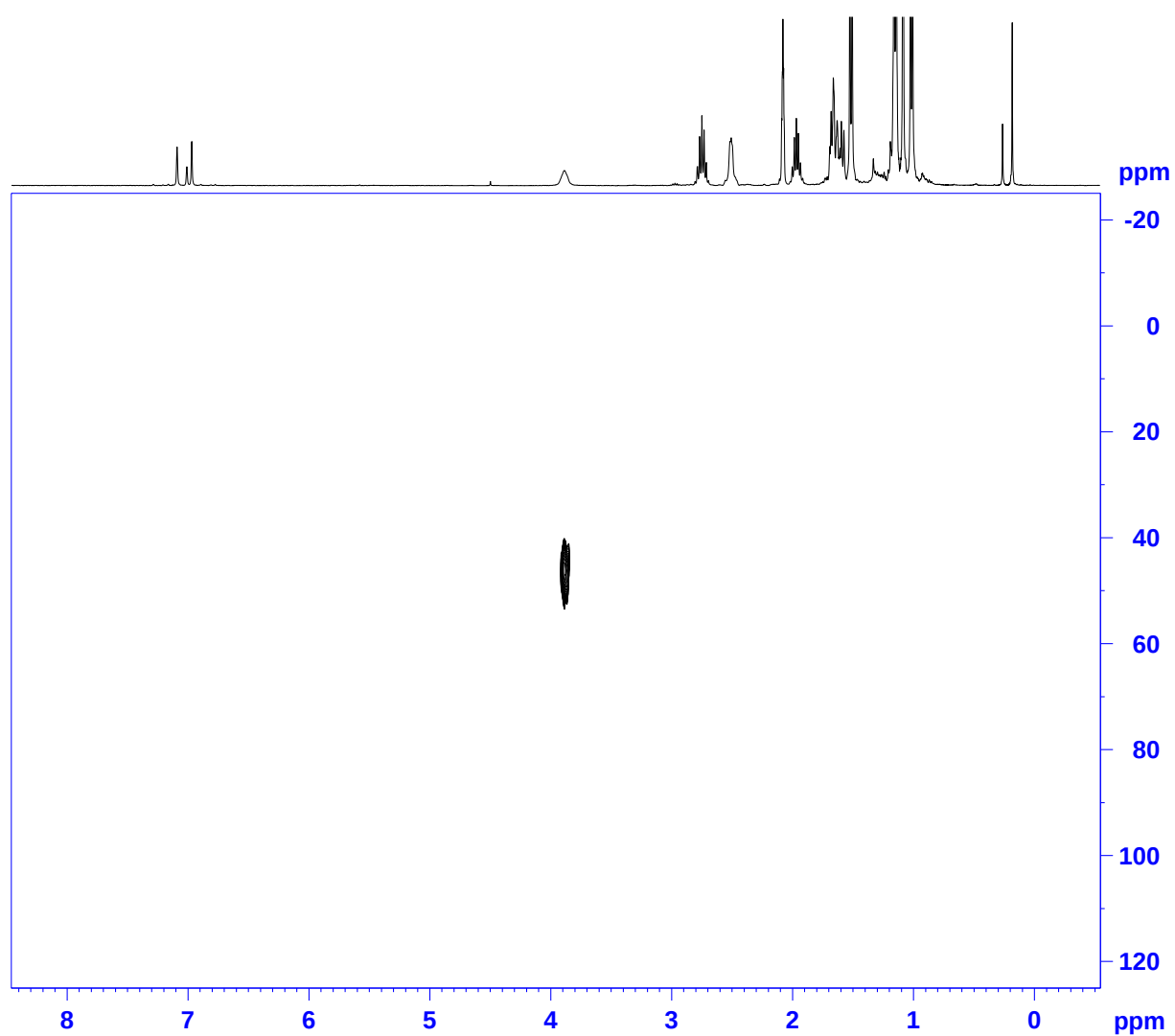
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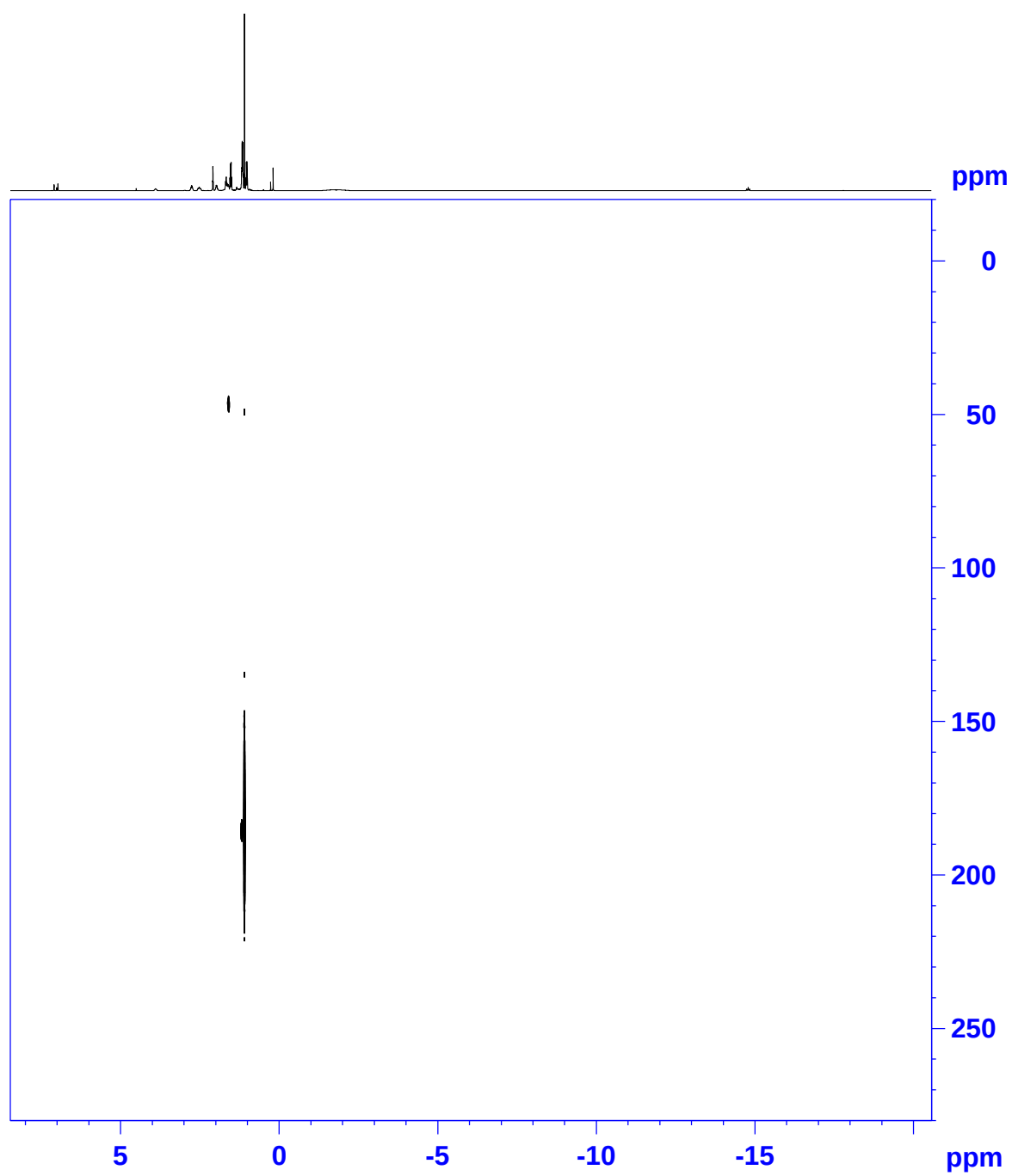
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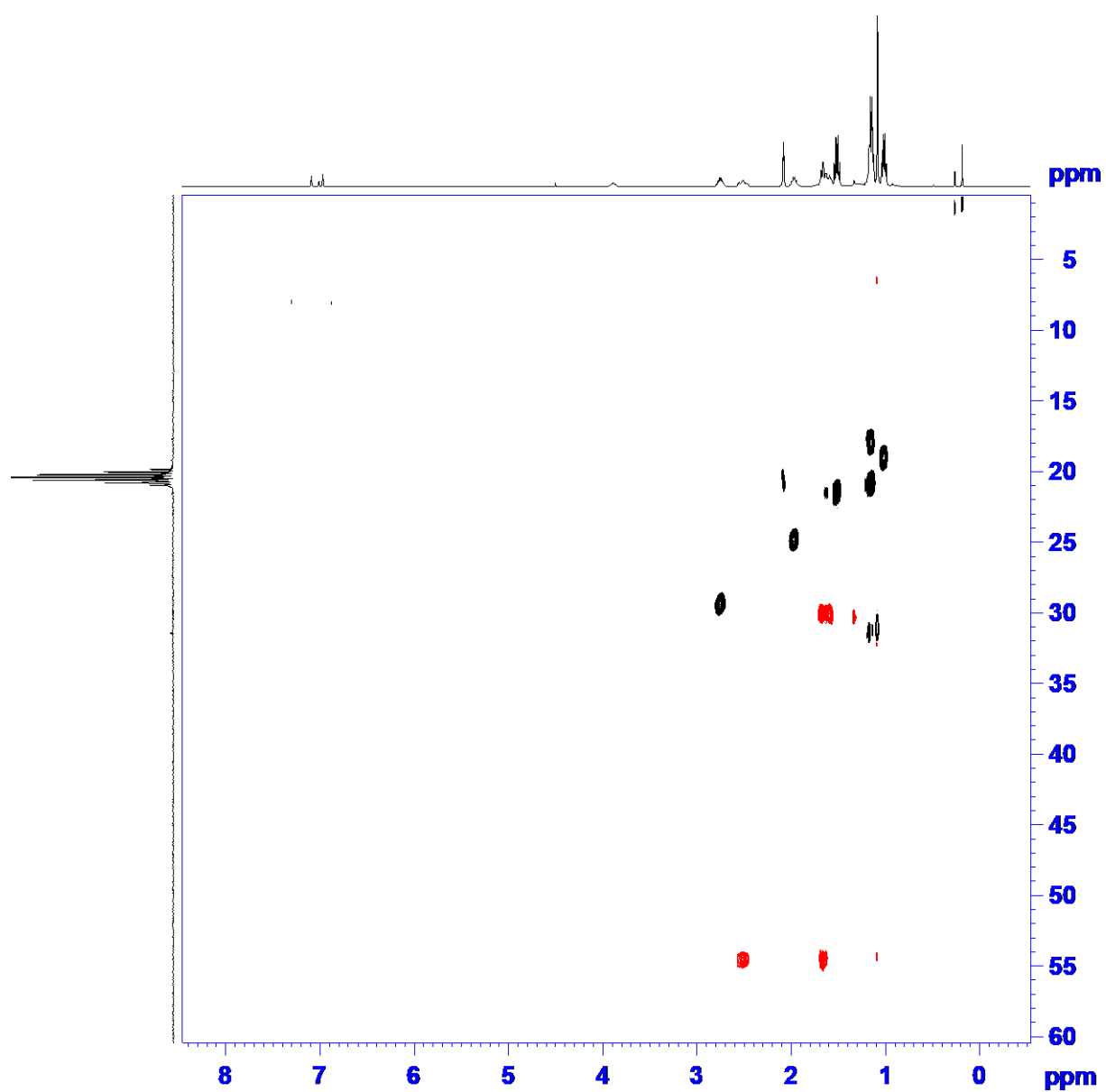
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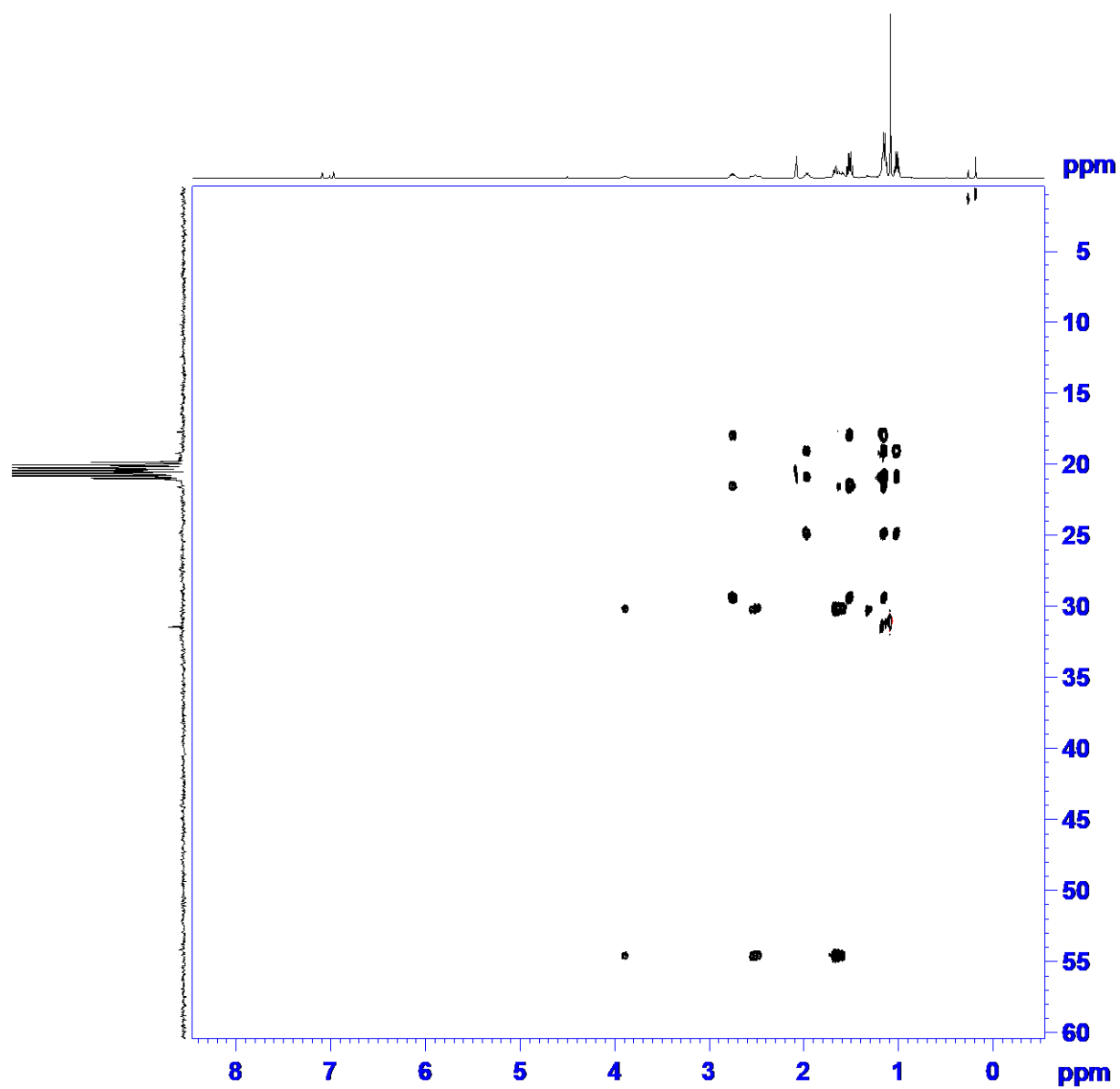
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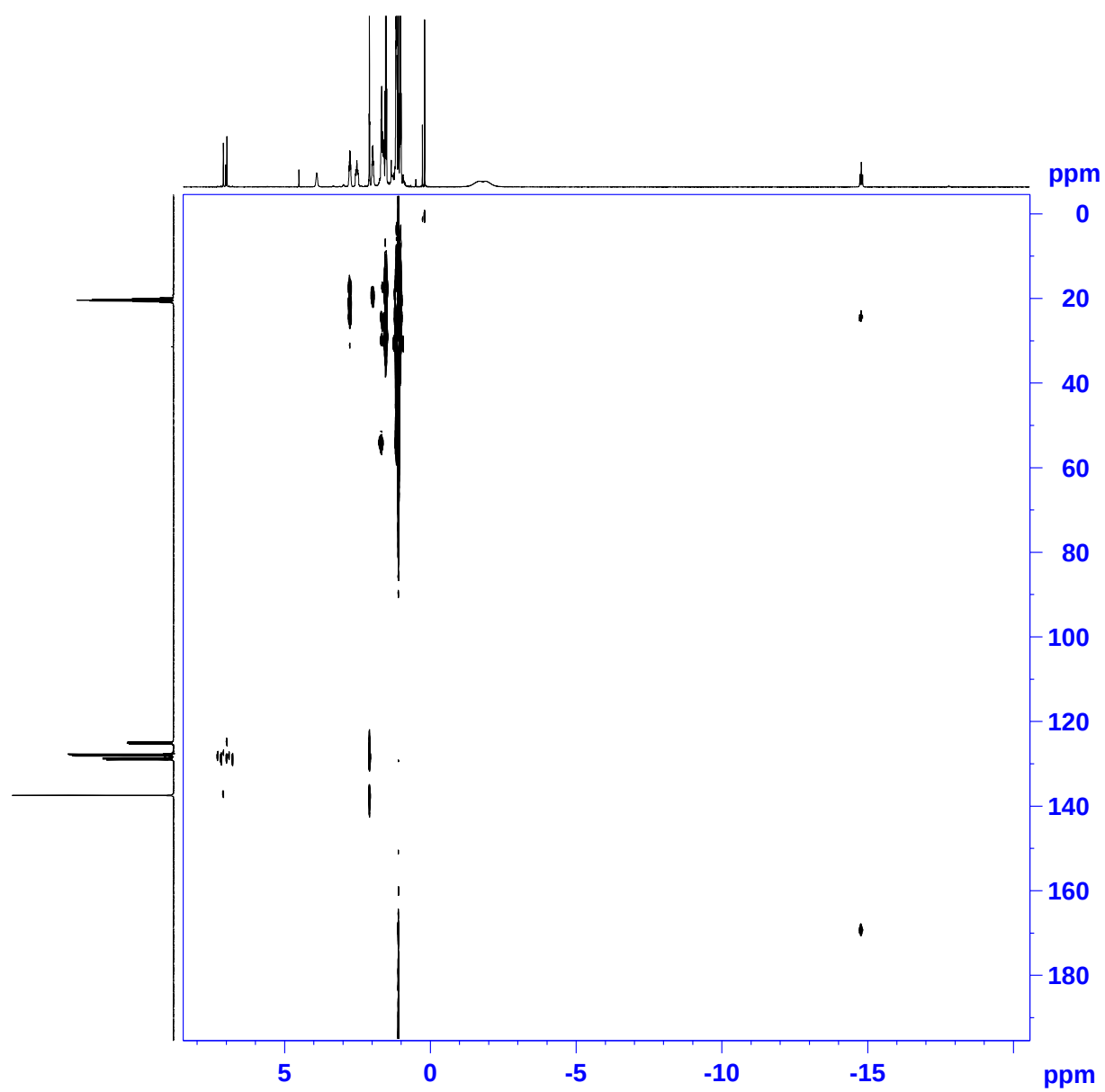
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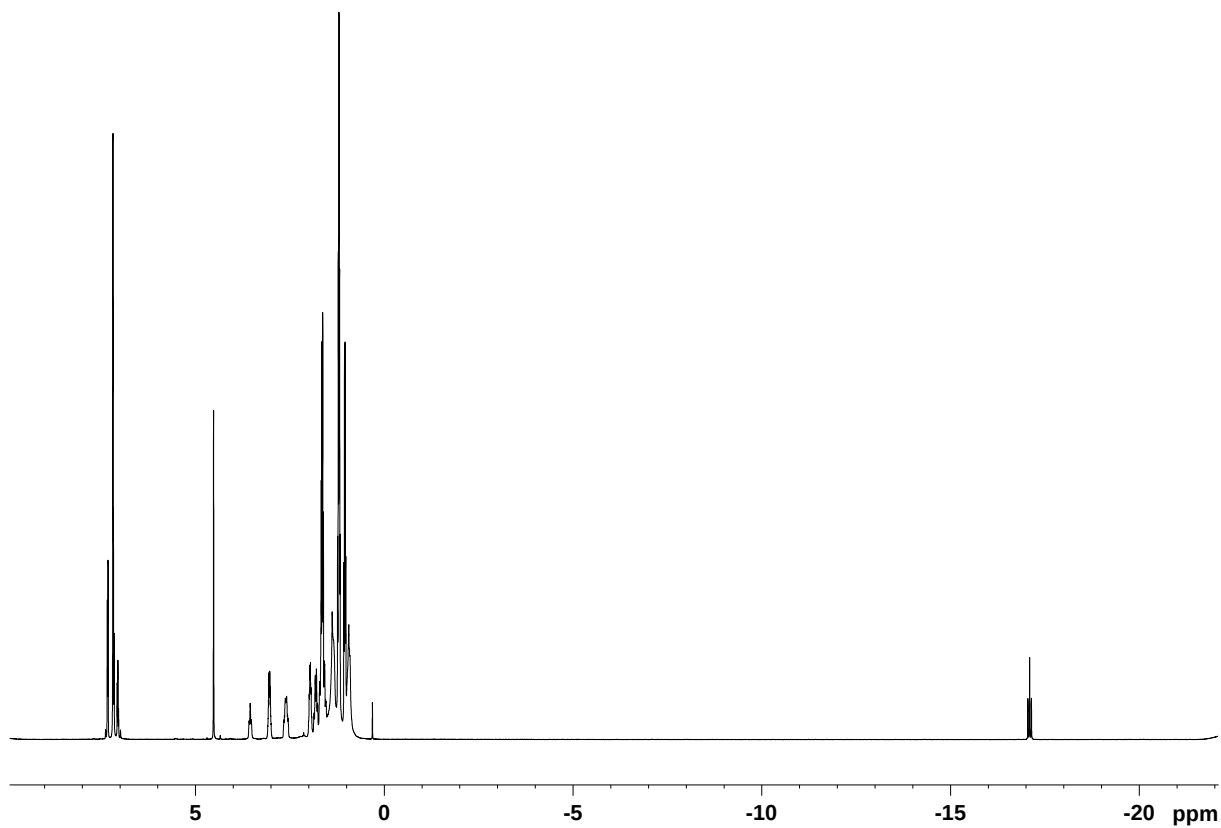


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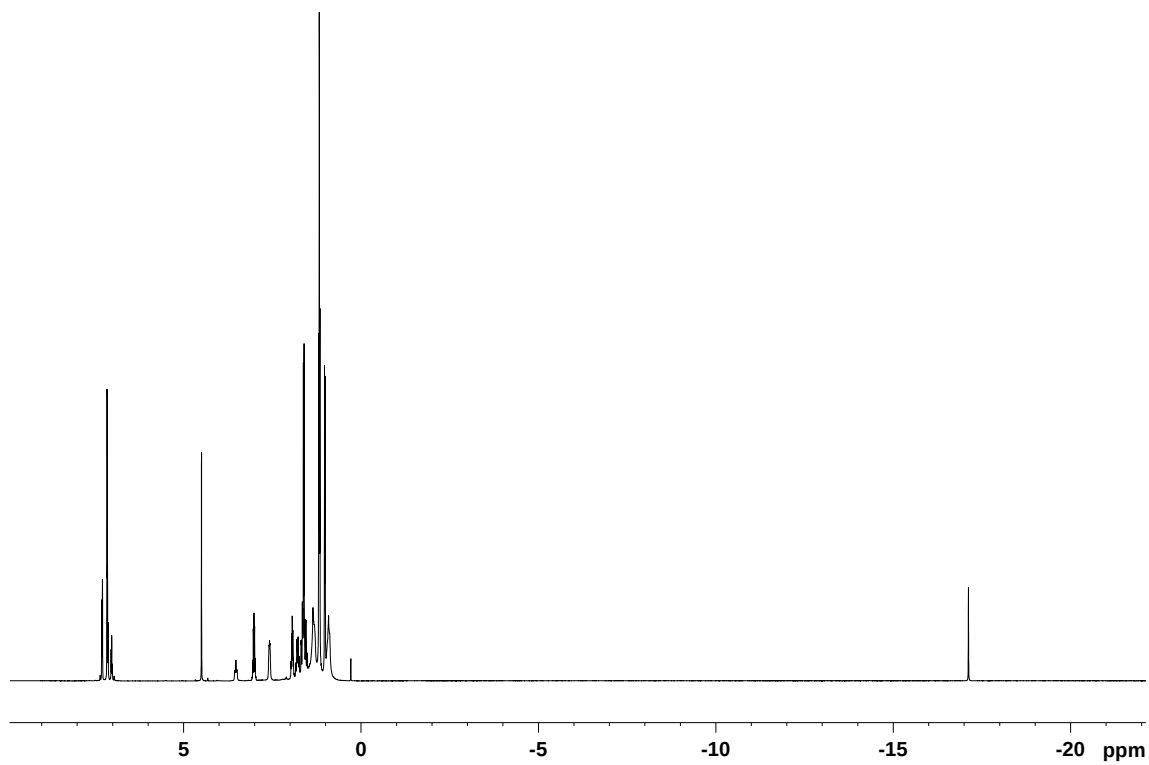


SX. NMR spectra and X-ray structure of $[\text{Ru}(\text{H})(\text{Cl})(\text{CN}-\text{CH}_2\text{Ph})\{\text{NH}(\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{P}(\text{iPr})_2)_2\}]$ (4a)

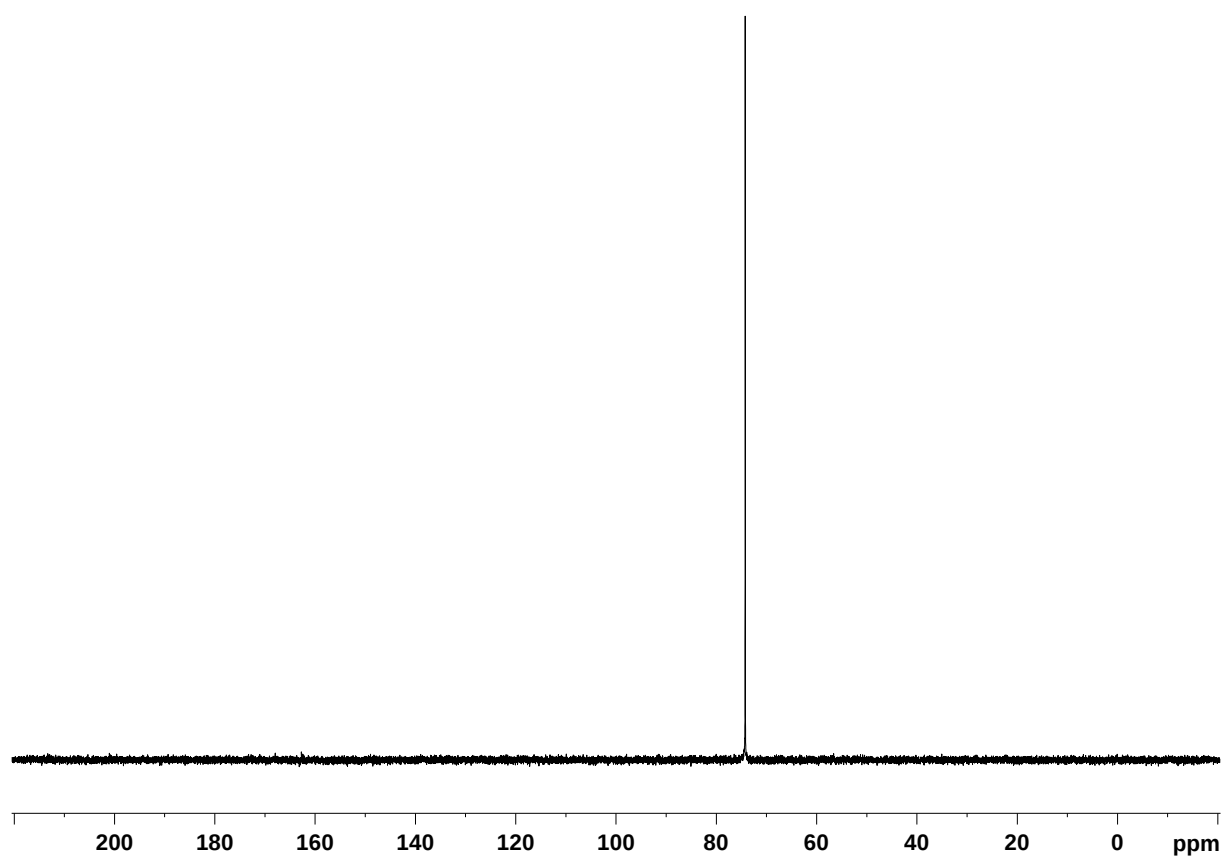
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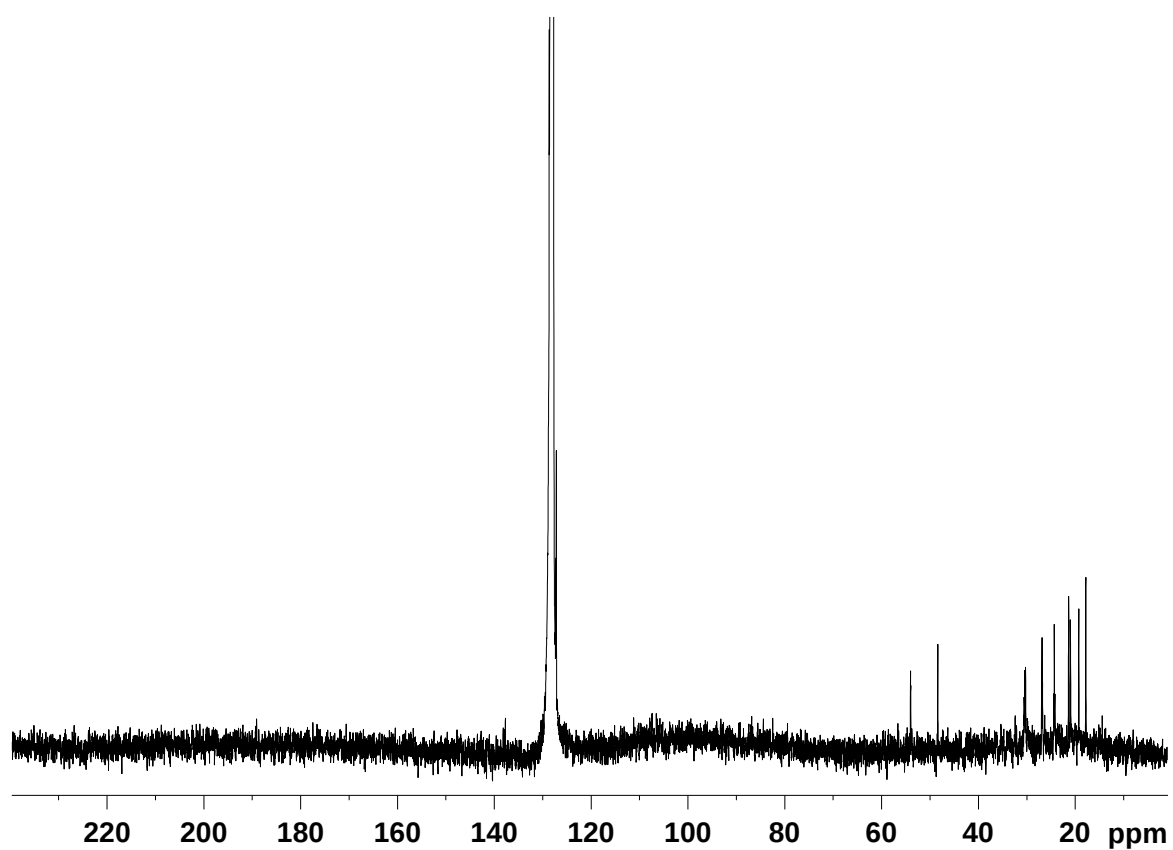
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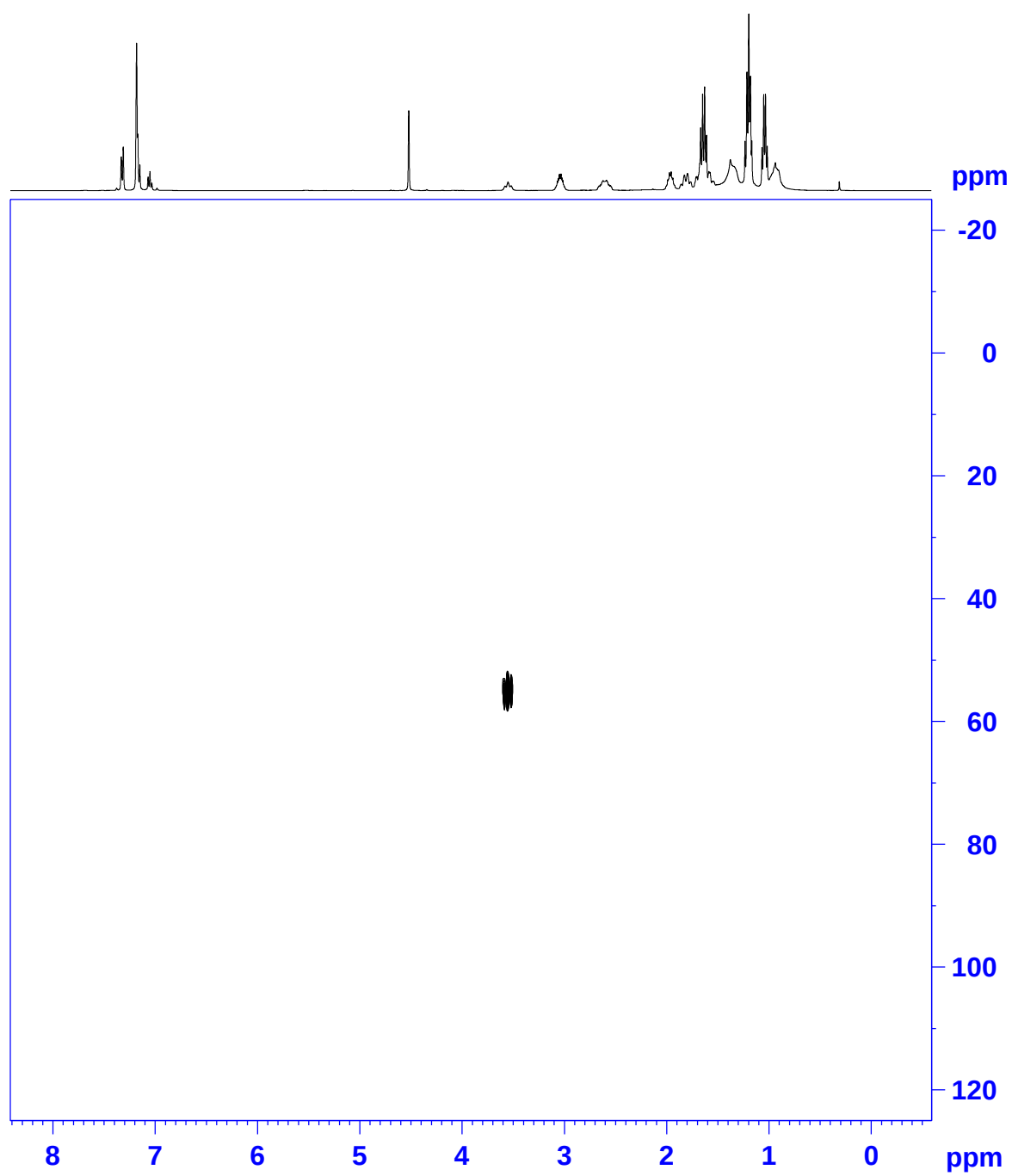
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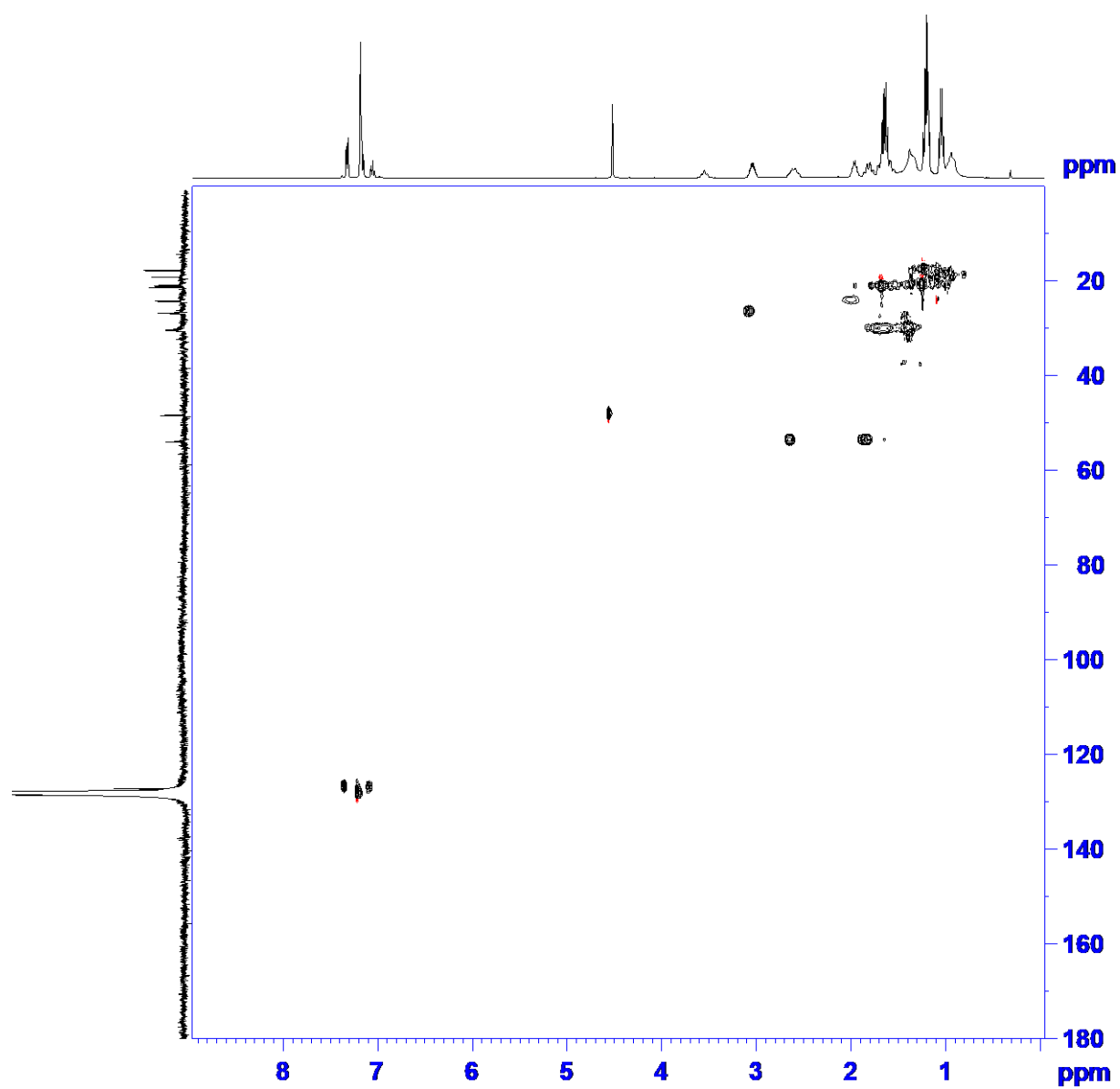
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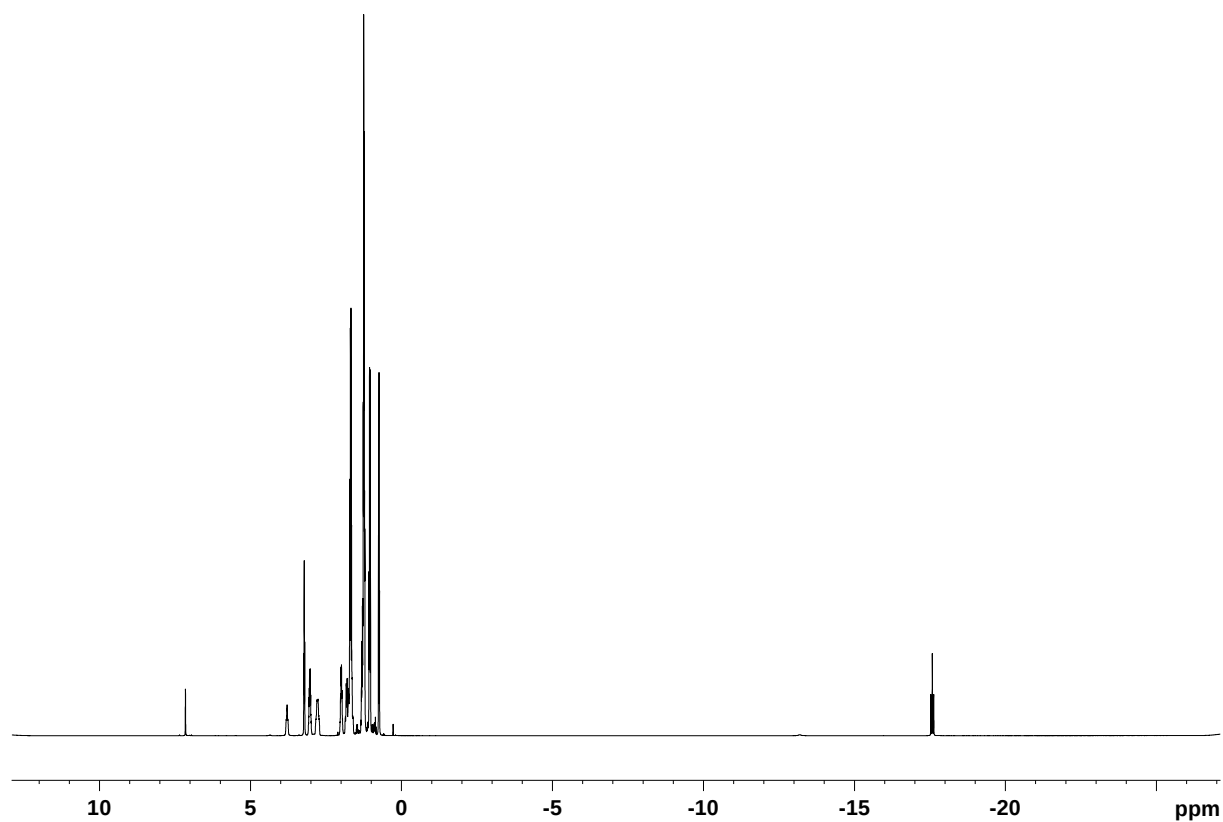


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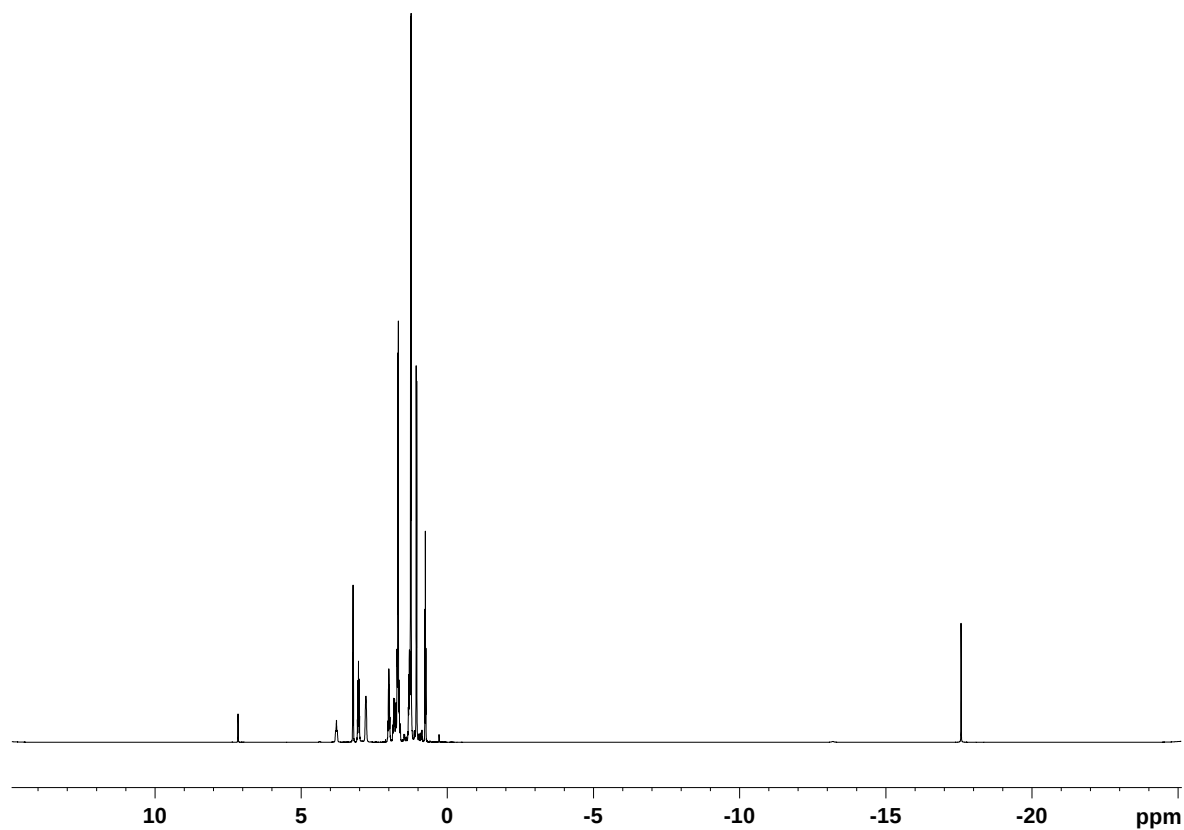


SXI. NMR spectra of $[\text{Ru}(\text{H})(\text{Cl})(\text{CN}-n\text{Bu})\{\text{NH}(\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{P}(\text{iPr})_2)_2\}]$ (4b)

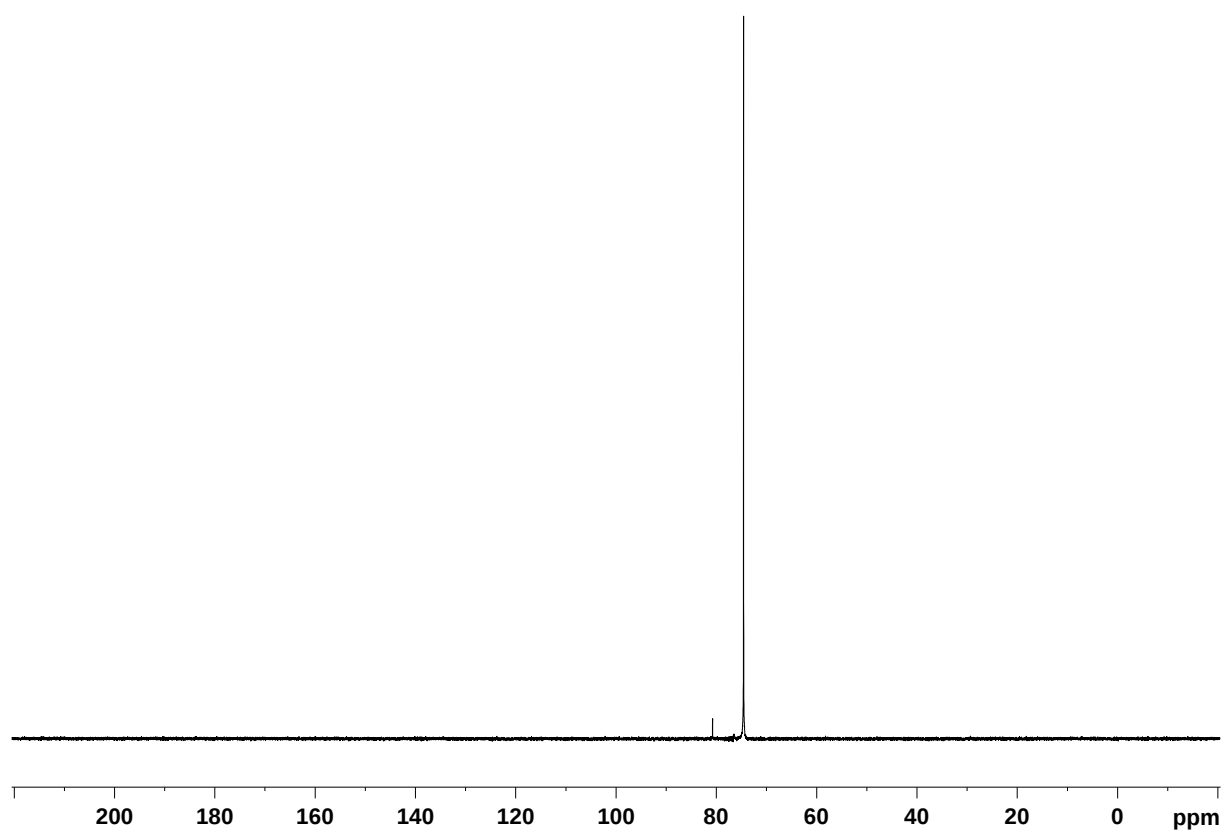
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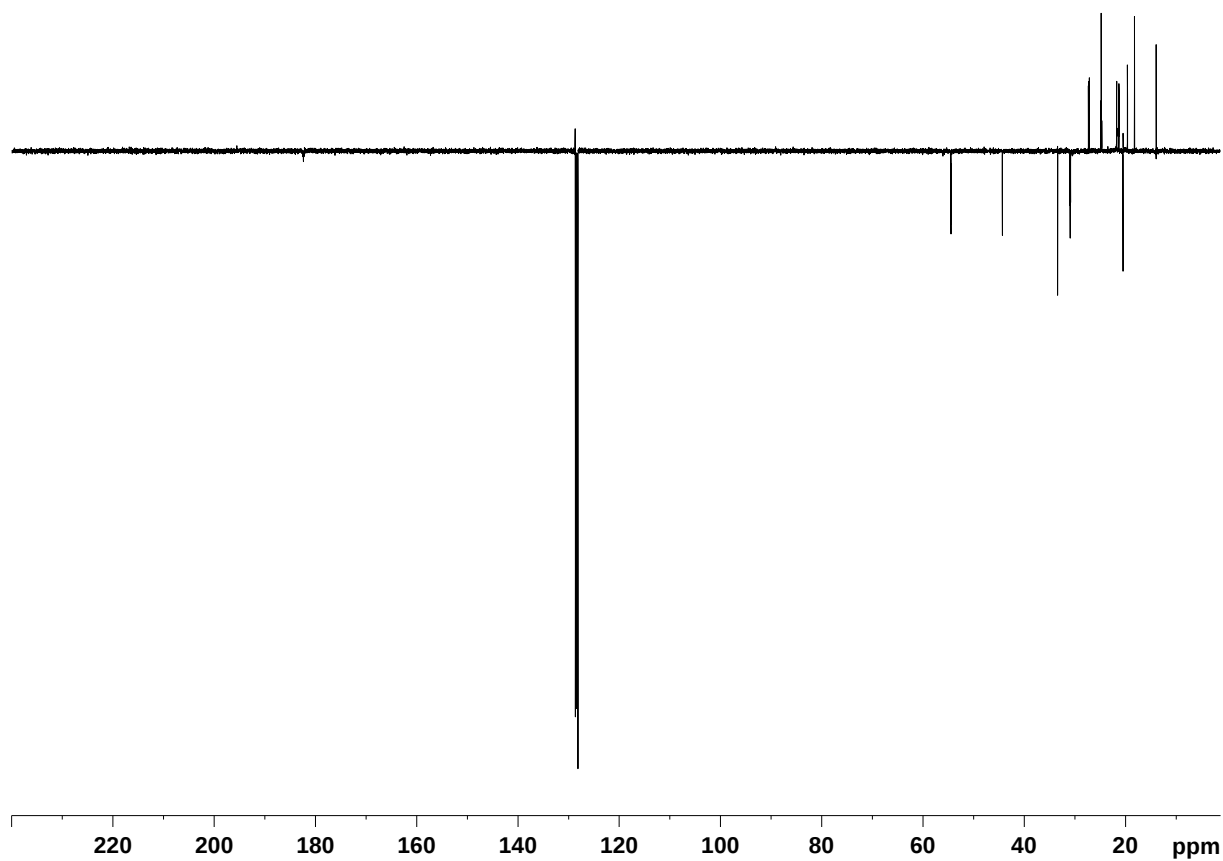
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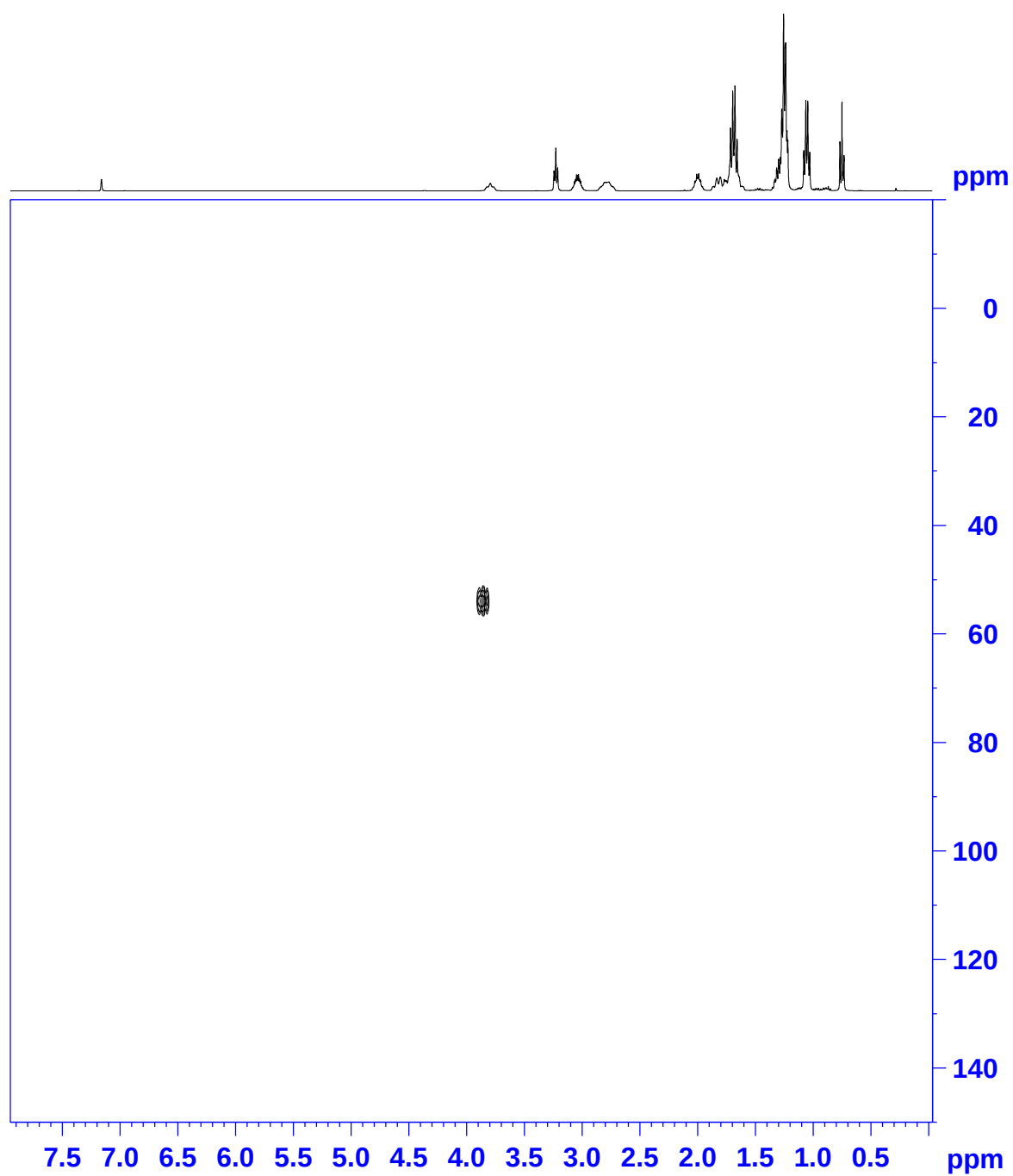
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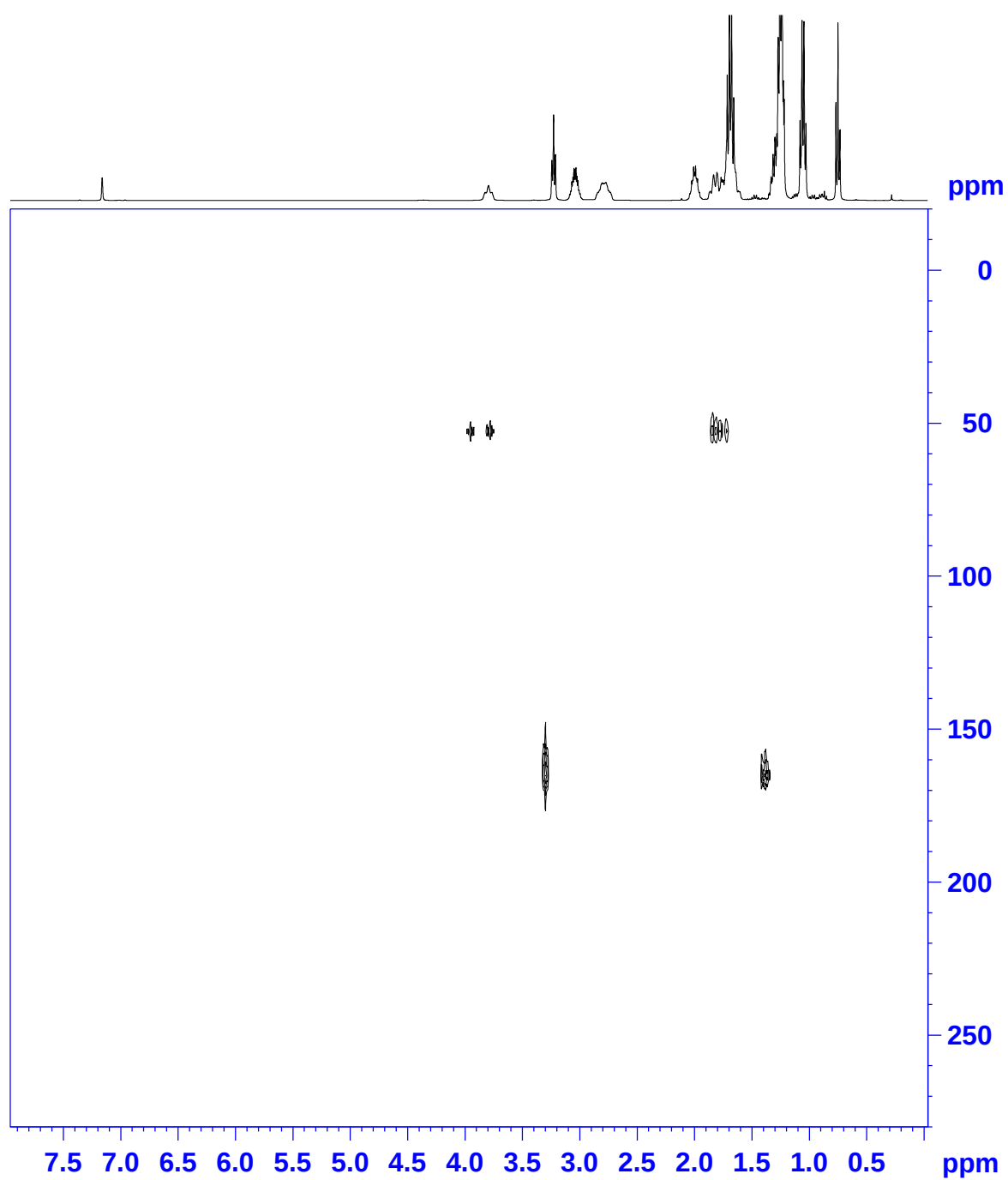
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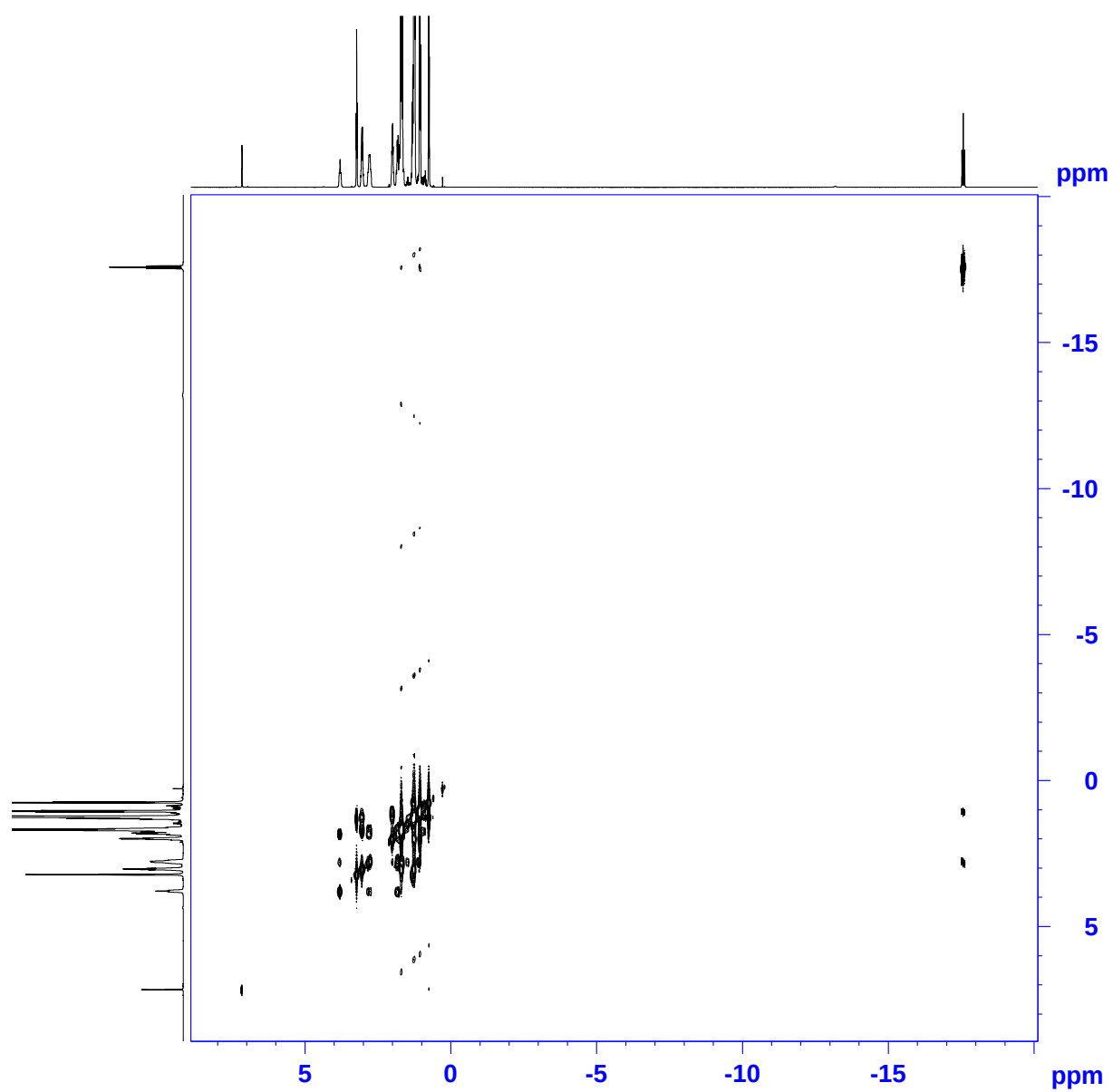
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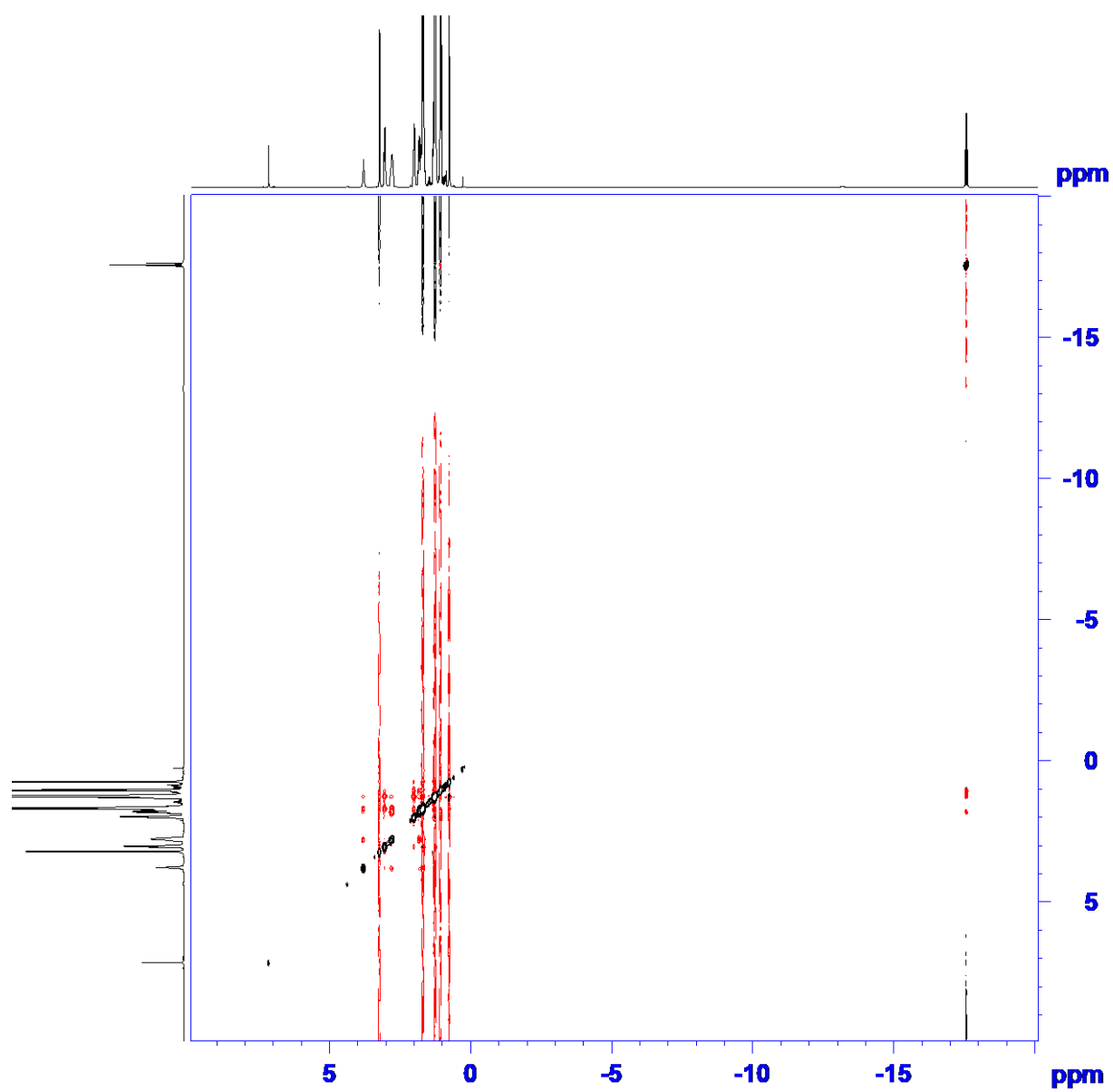
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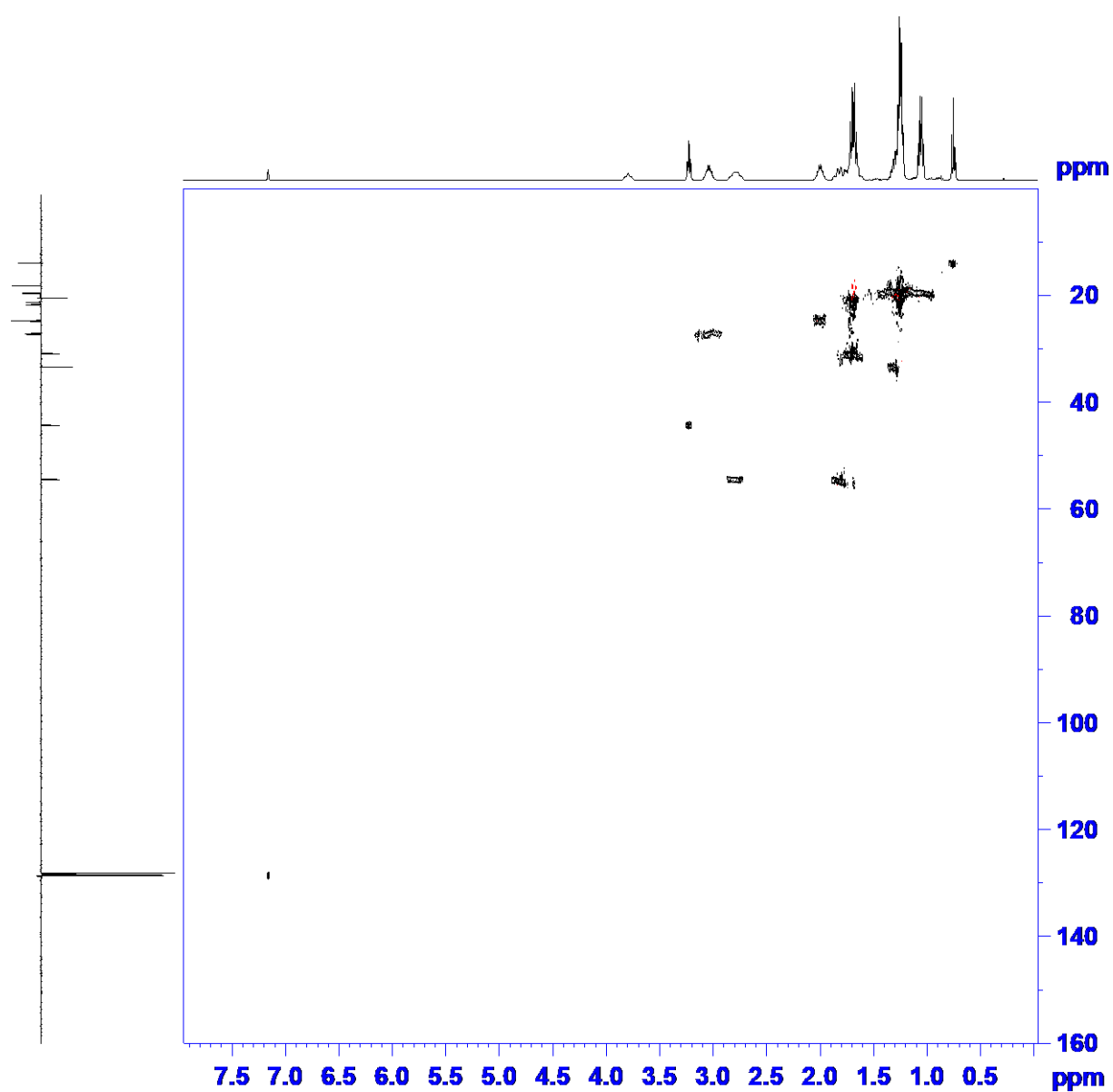
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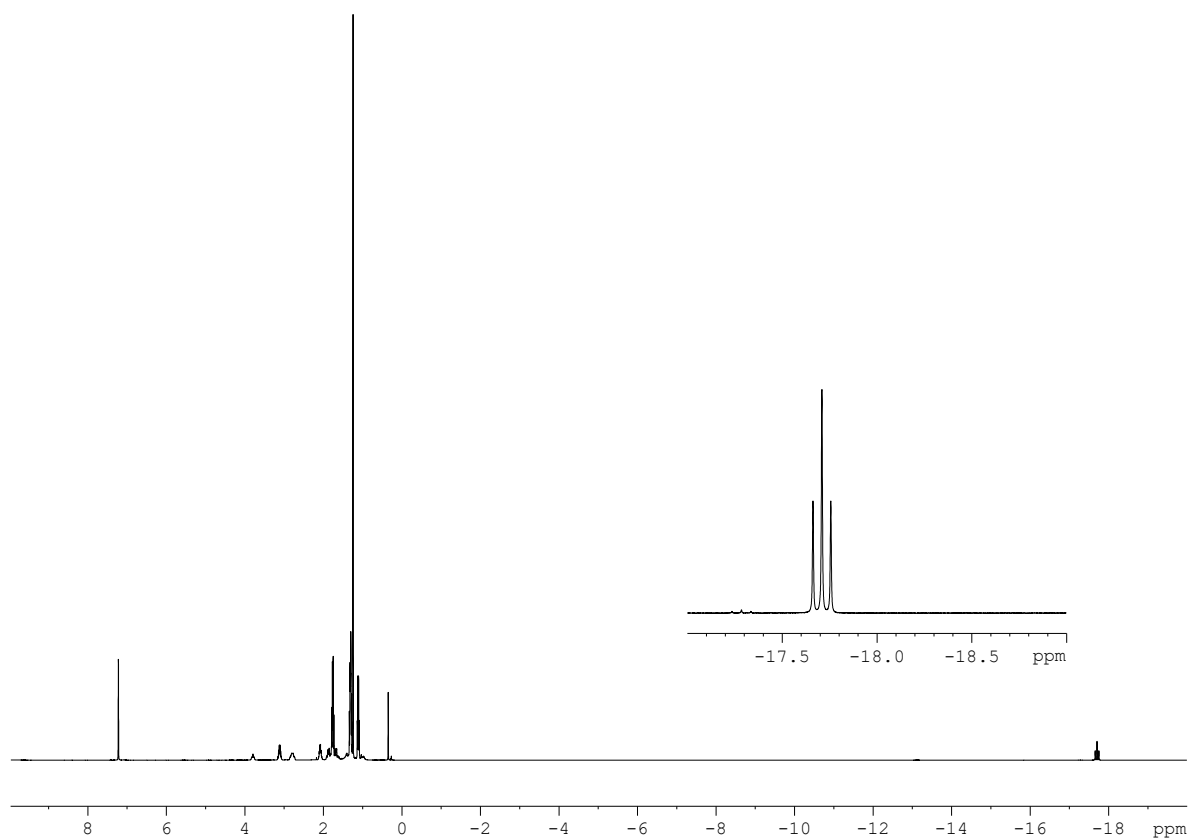


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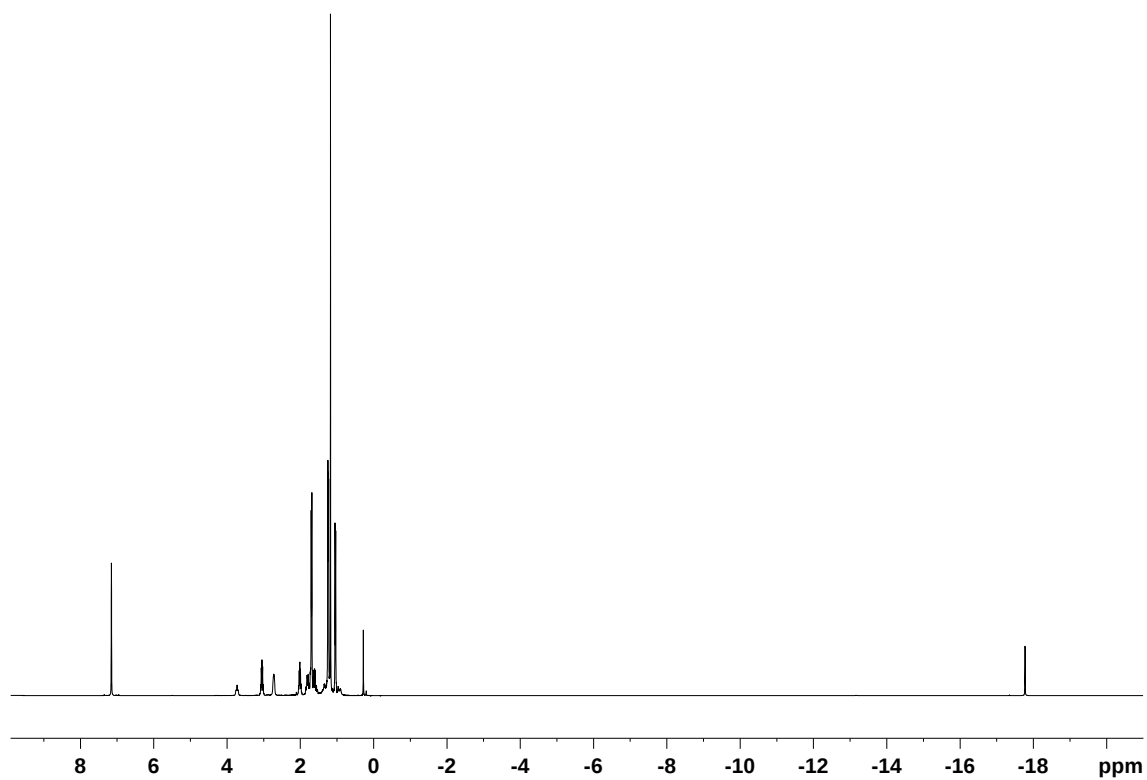


SXII. NMR spectra of $[\text{Ru}(\text{H})(\text{Cl})(\text{CN}-t\text{Bu})\{\text{NH}(\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{P}(i\text{Pr})_2)_2\}]$ (4c)

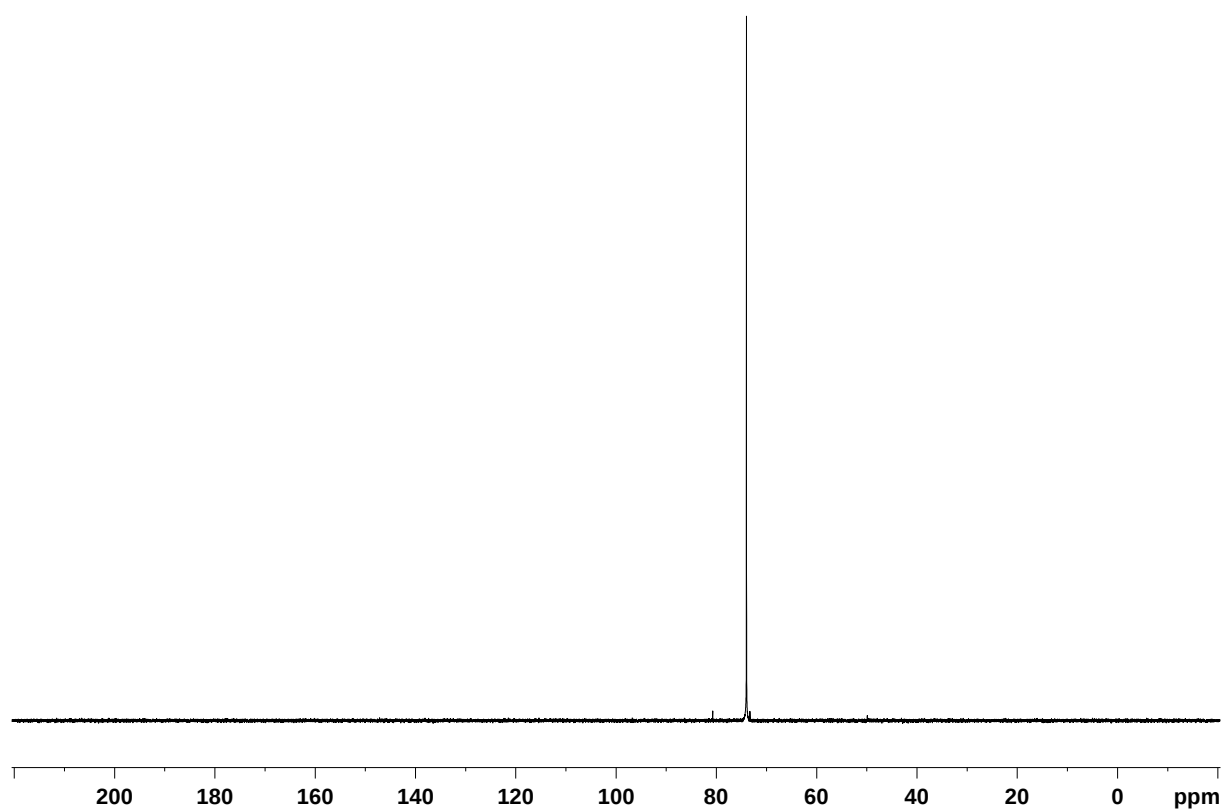
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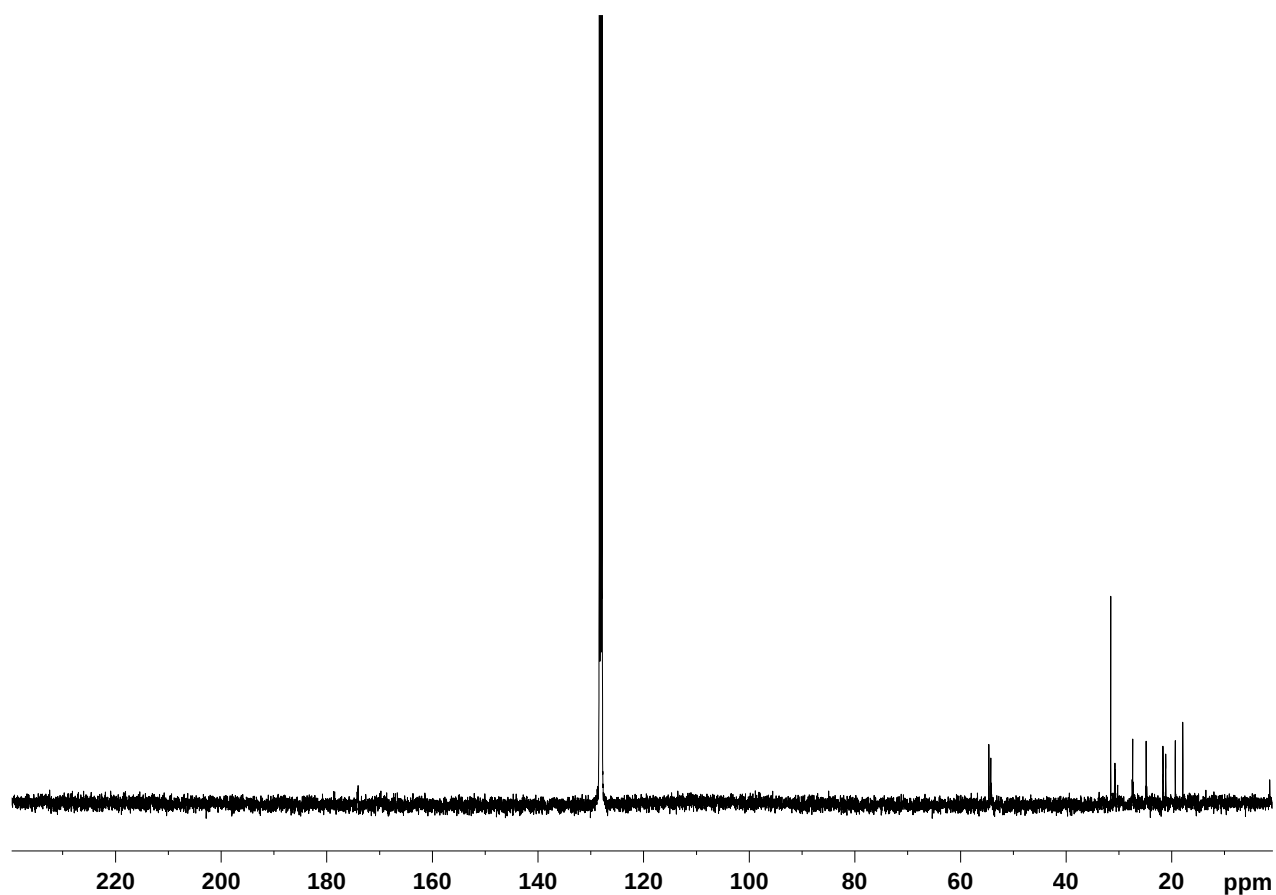
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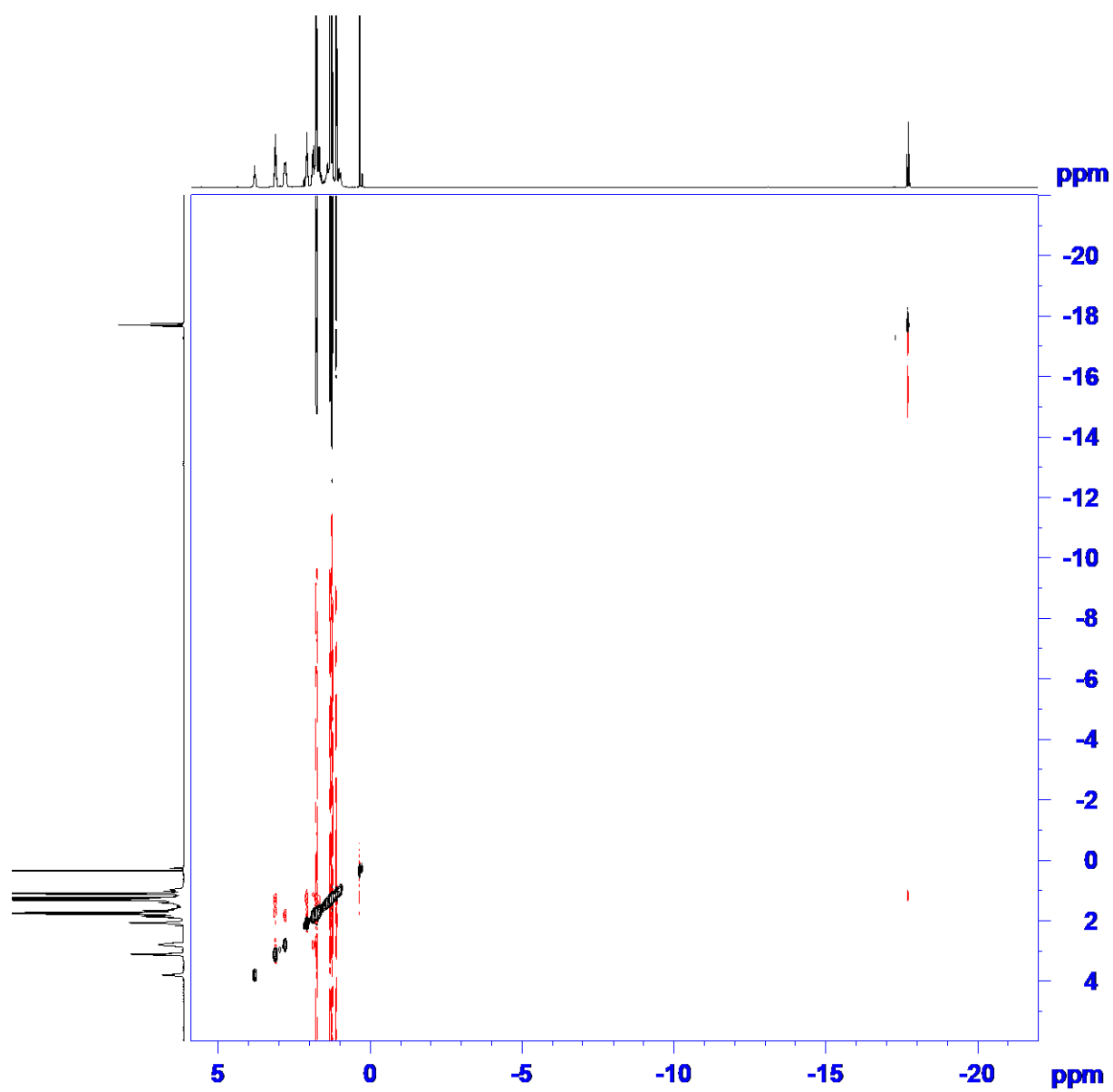
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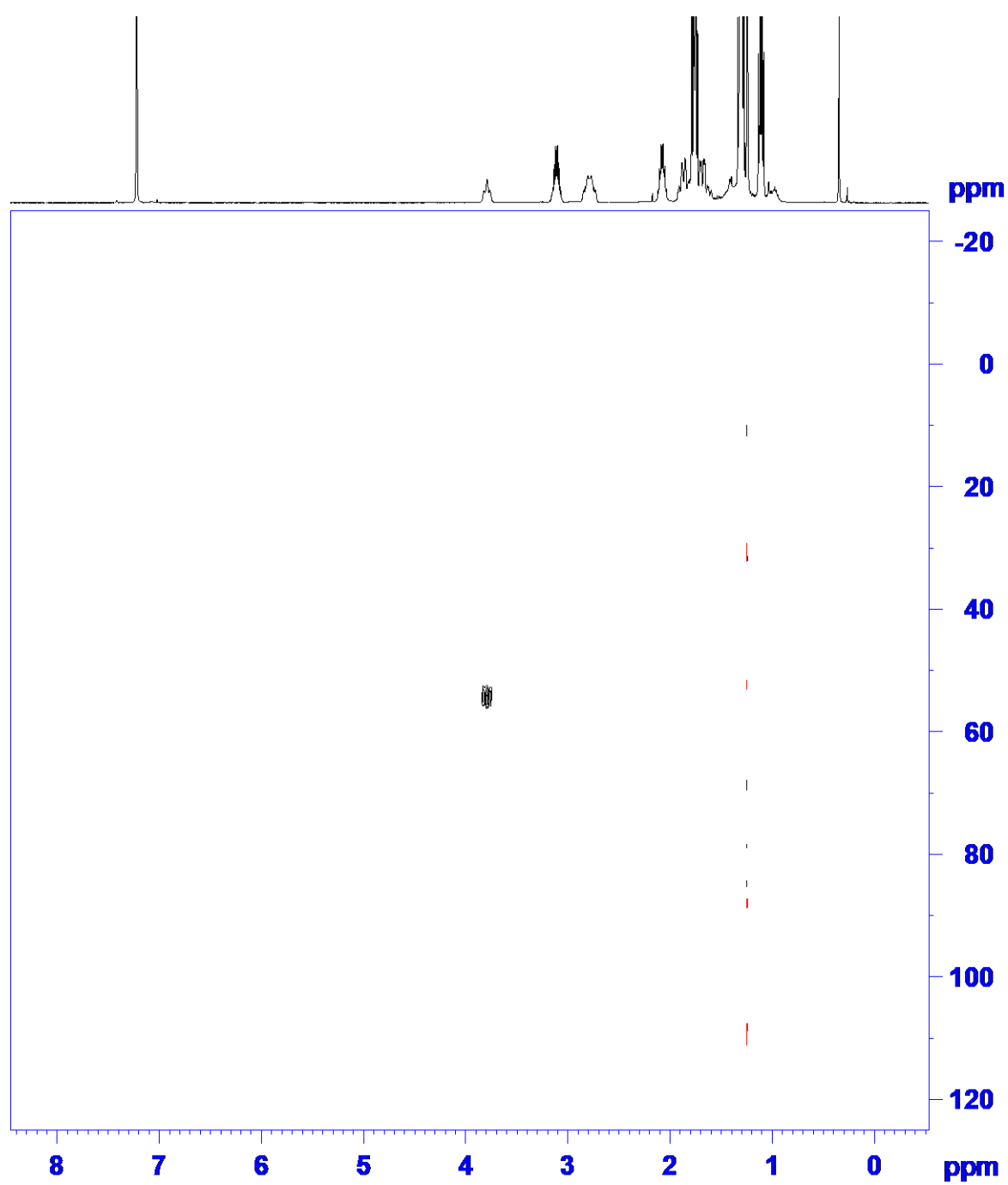
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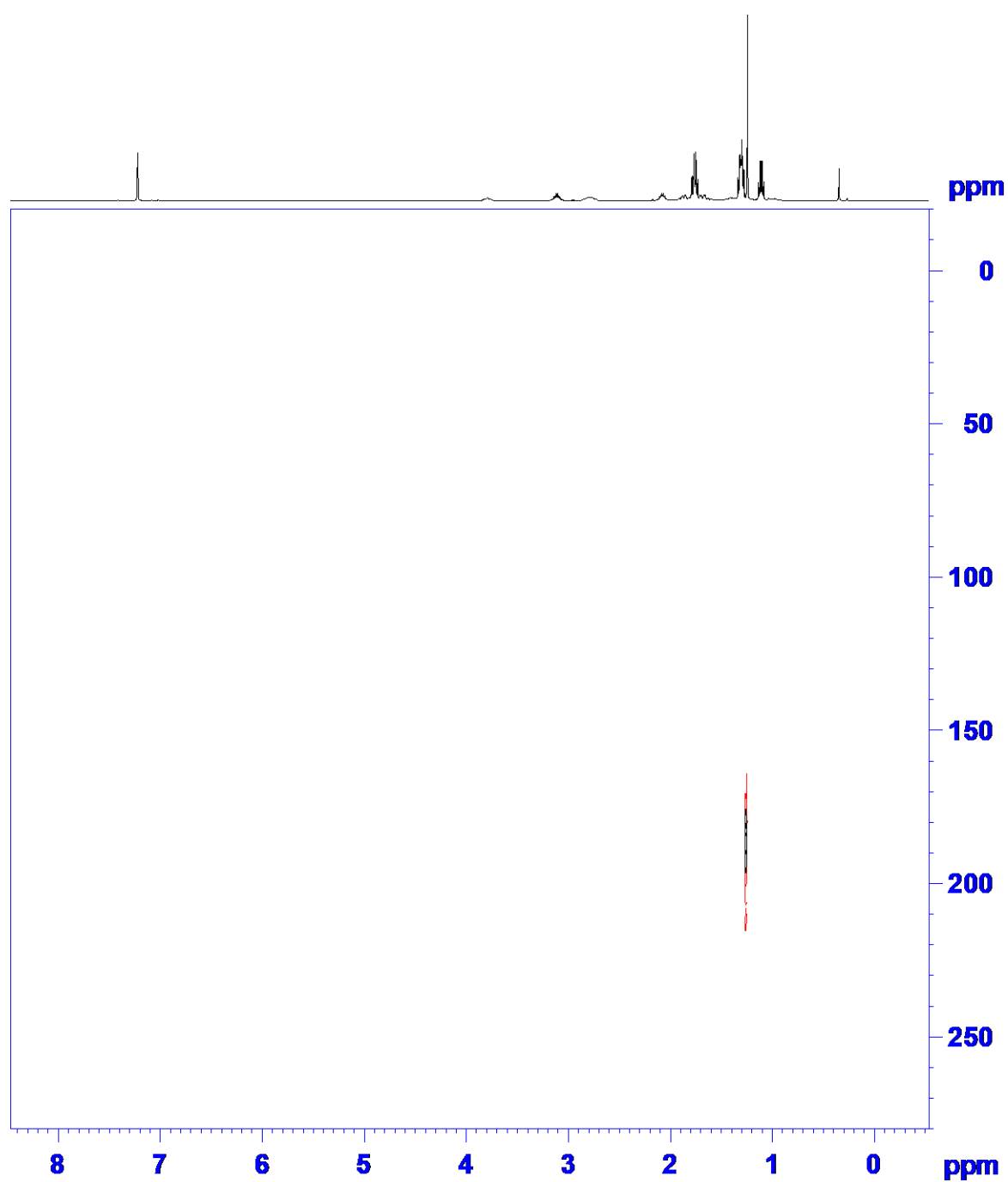
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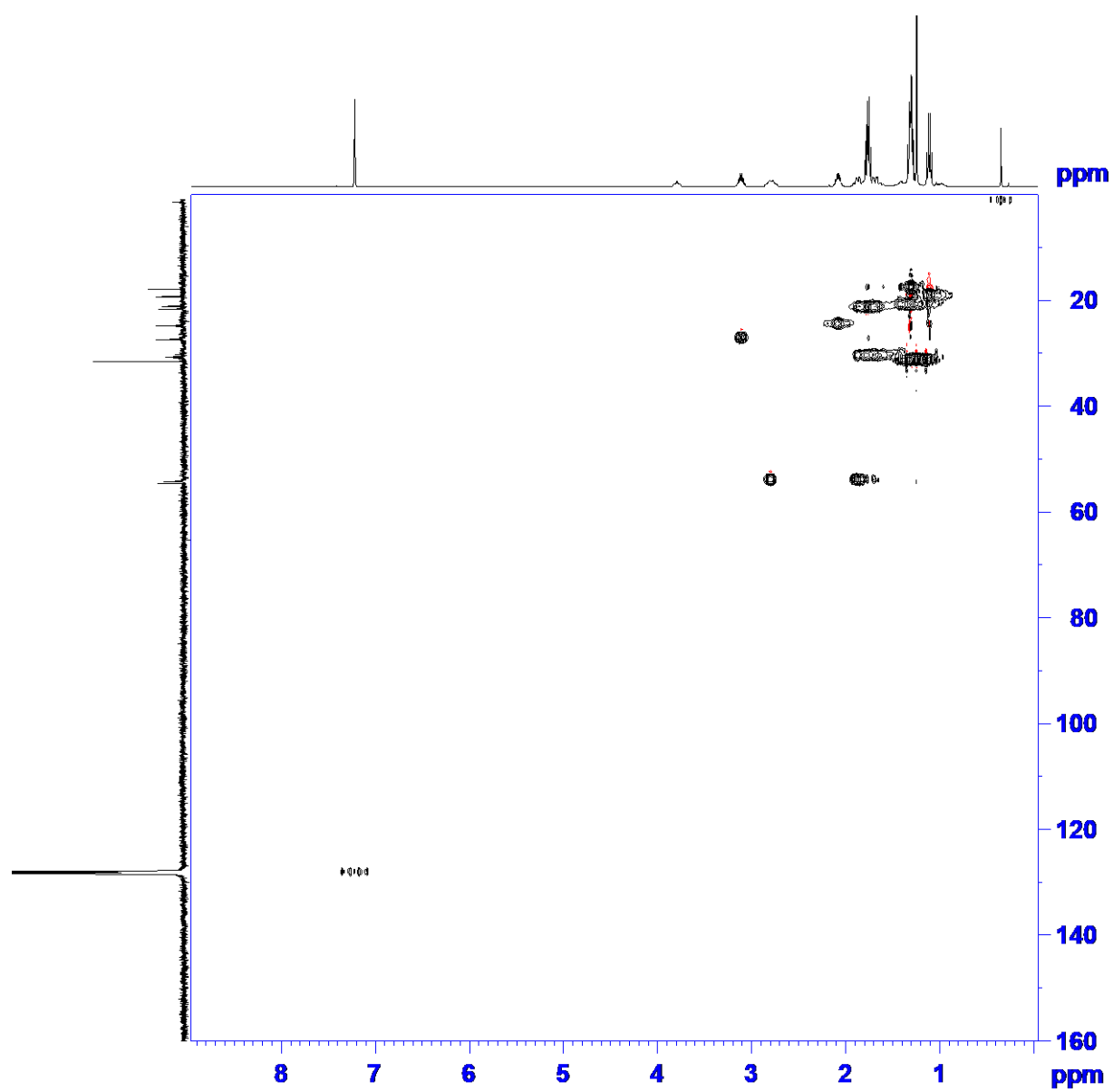
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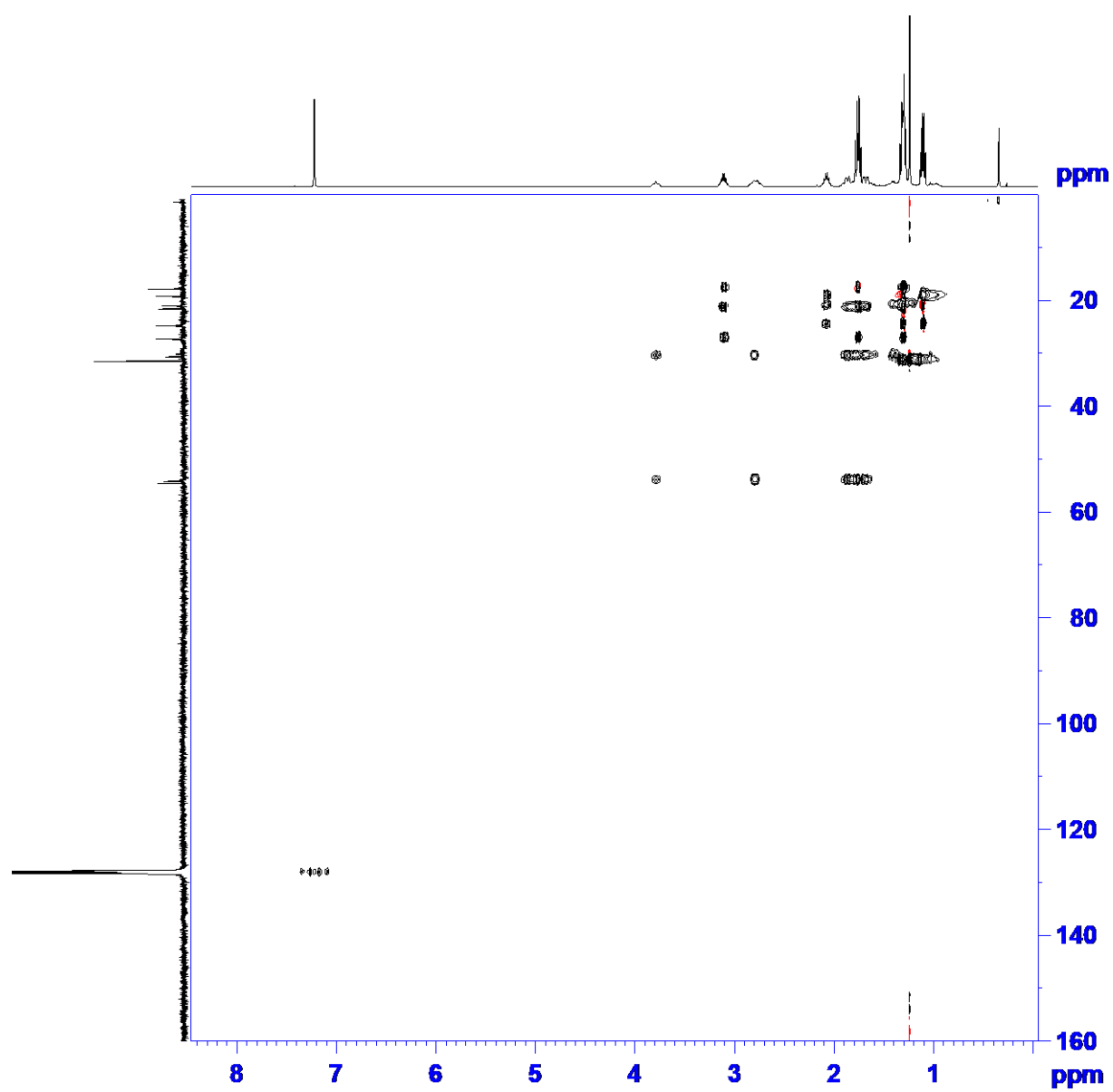
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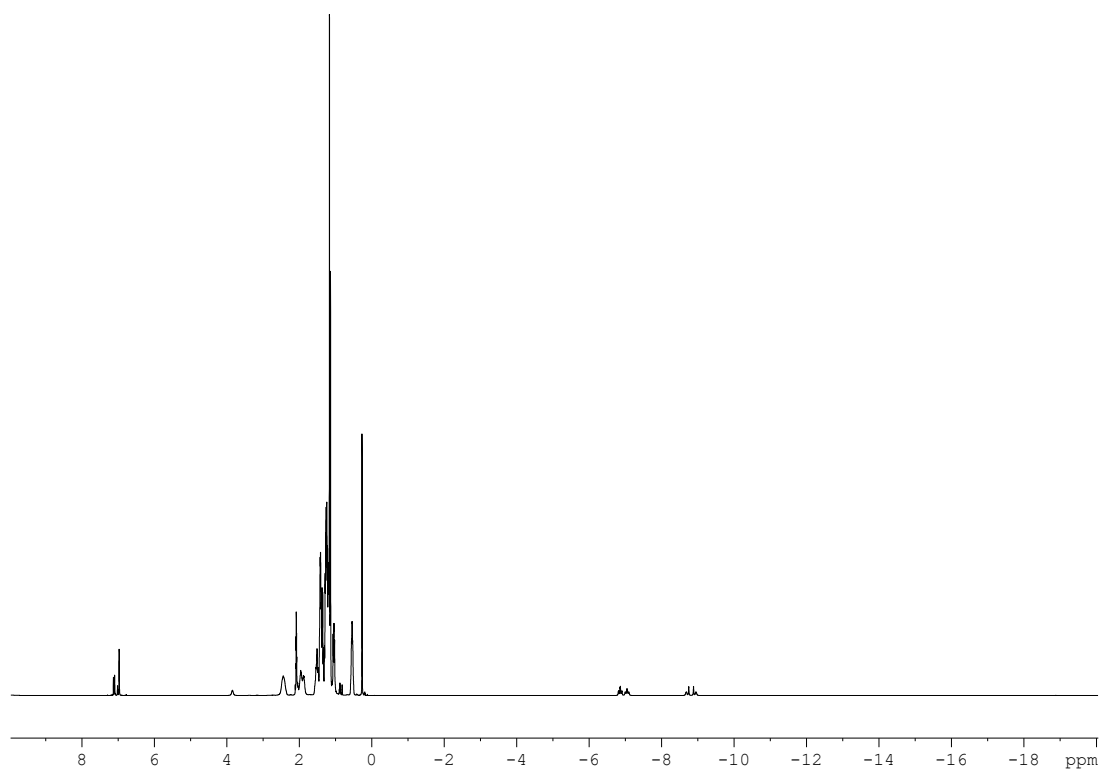


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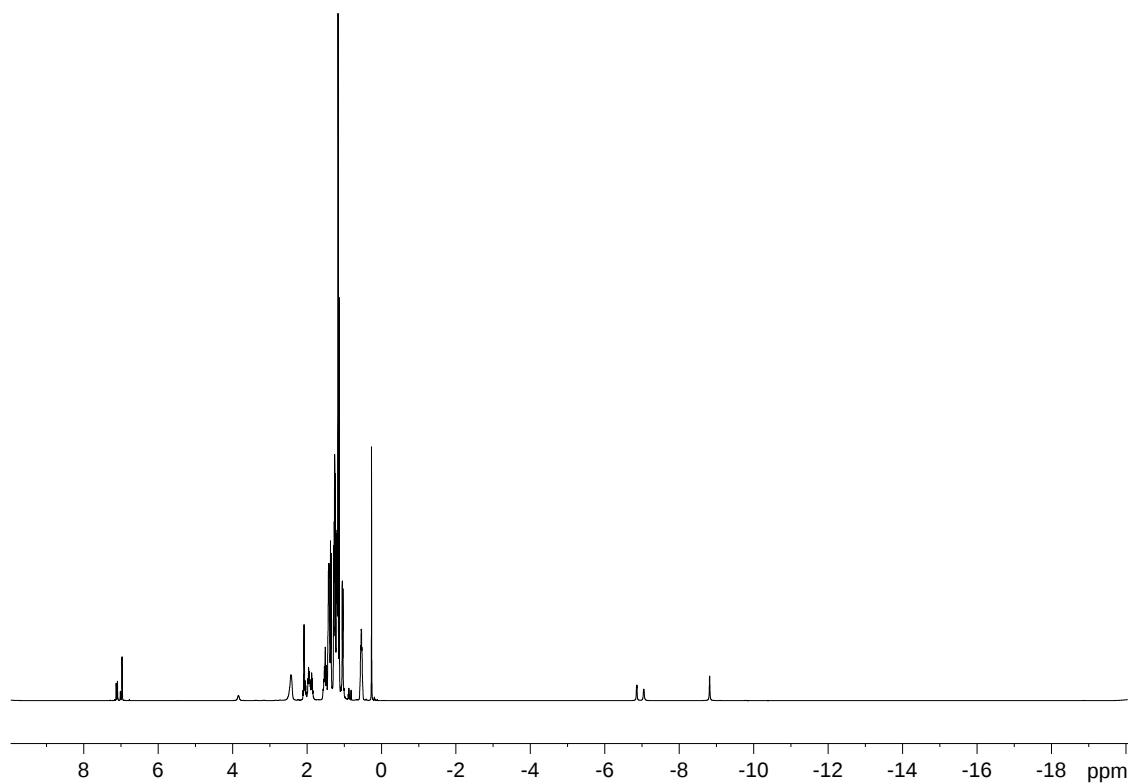


SXIII. NMR spectra of $[\text{Ru}(\text{H})_2(\text{CN}-t\text{Bu})\{\text{NH}(\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{P}(i\text{Pr})_2)_2\}]$ (5c)

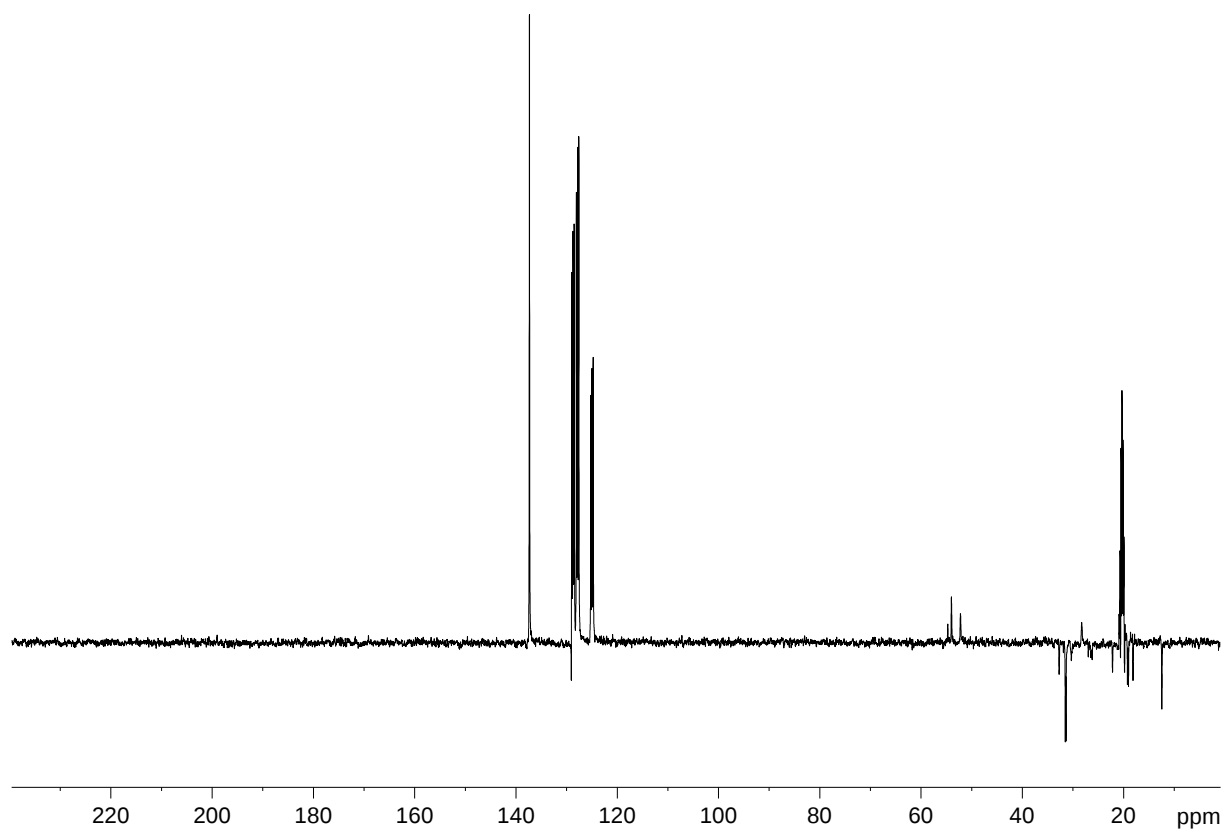
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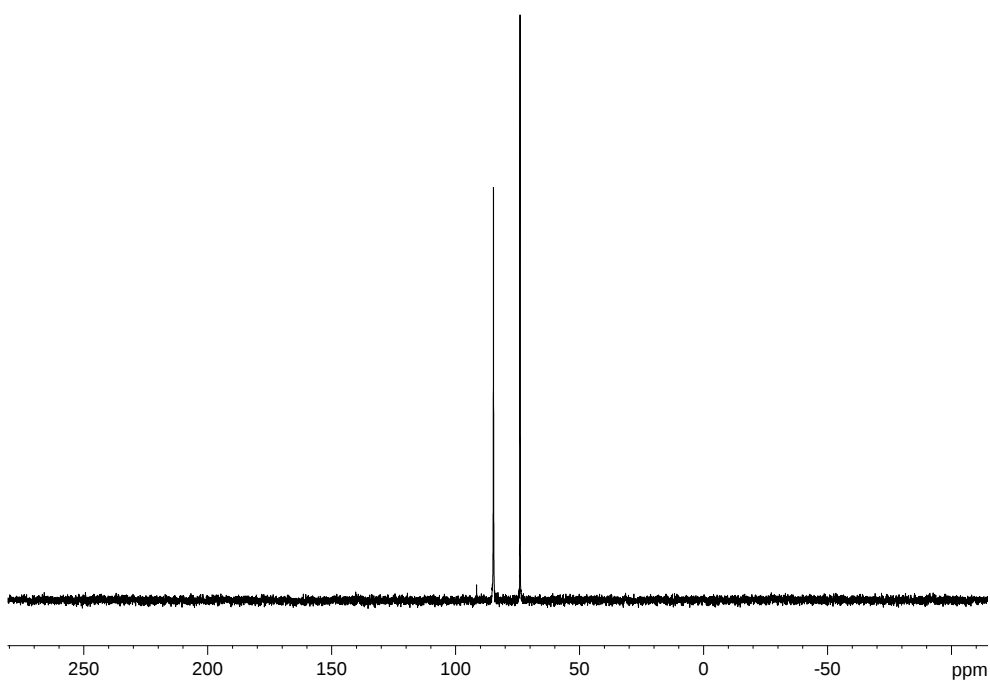
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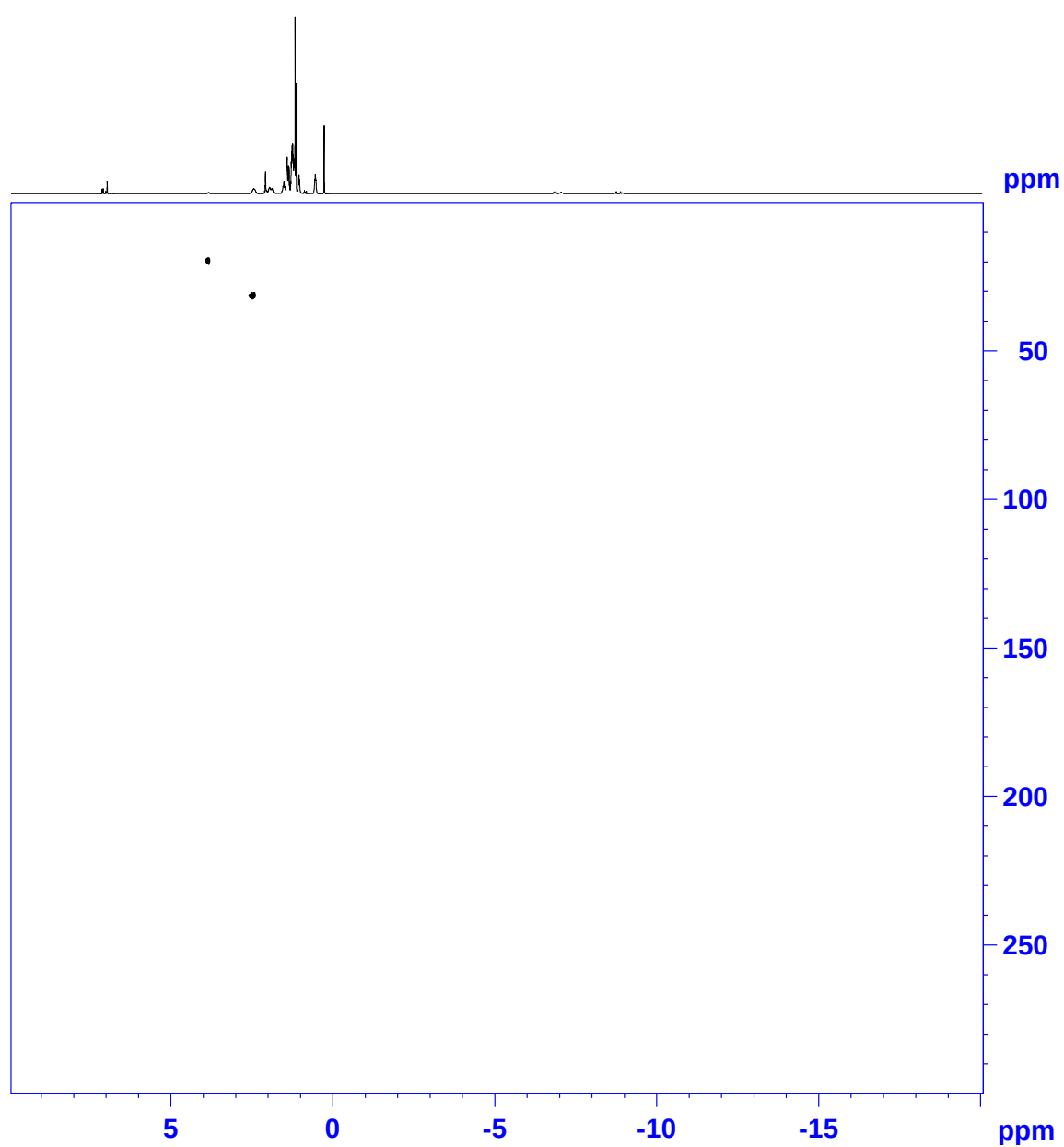
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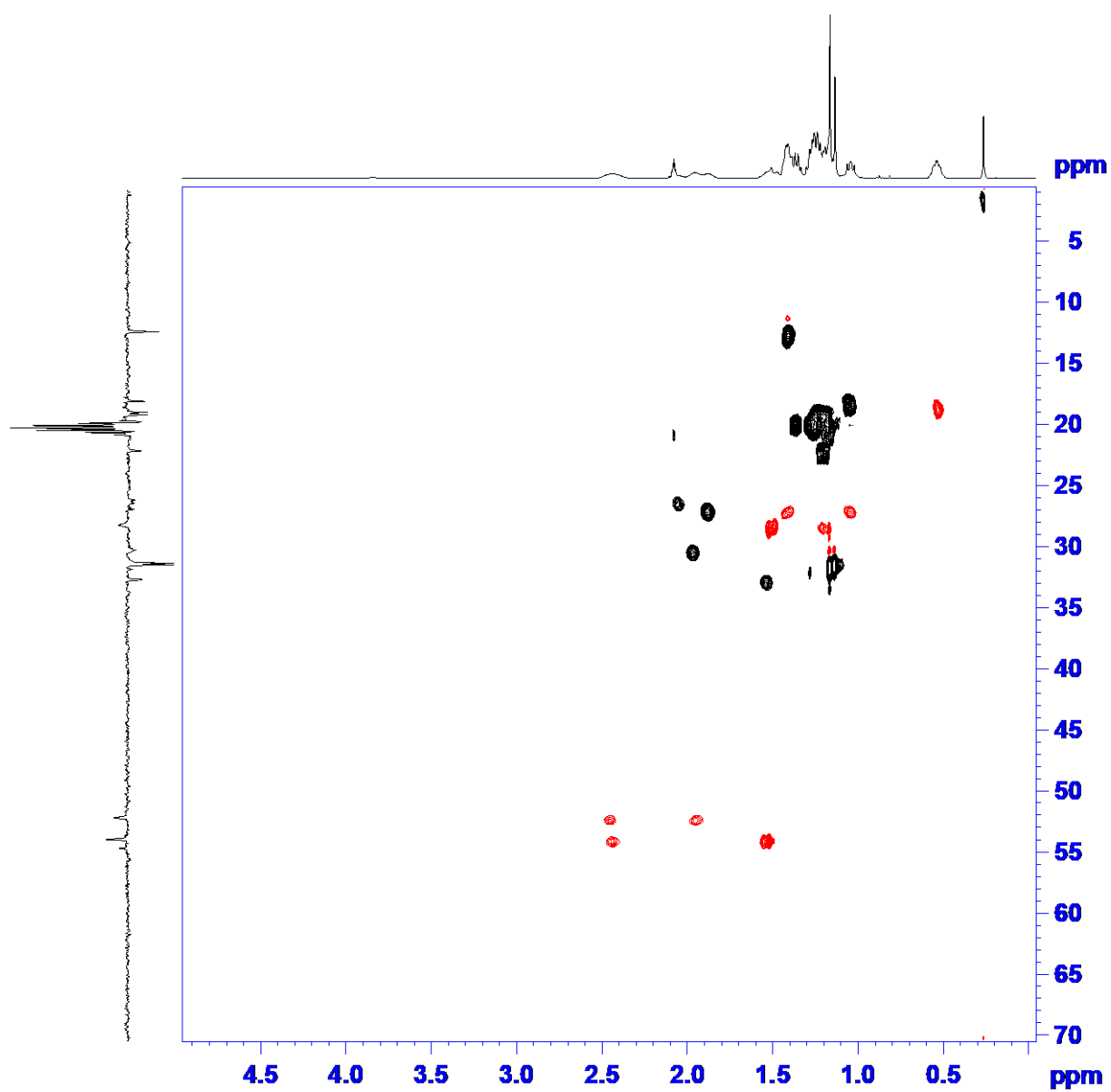
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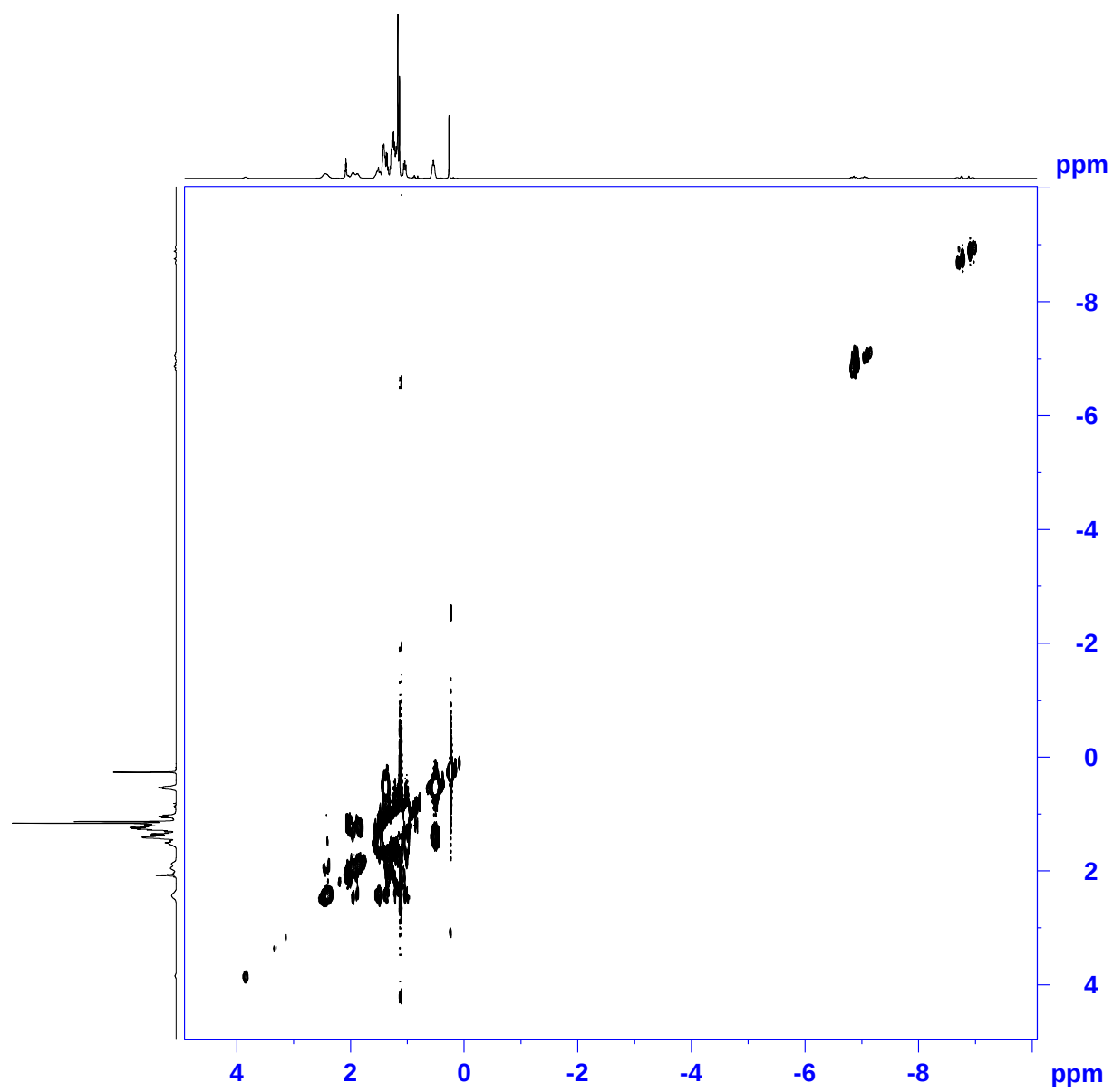
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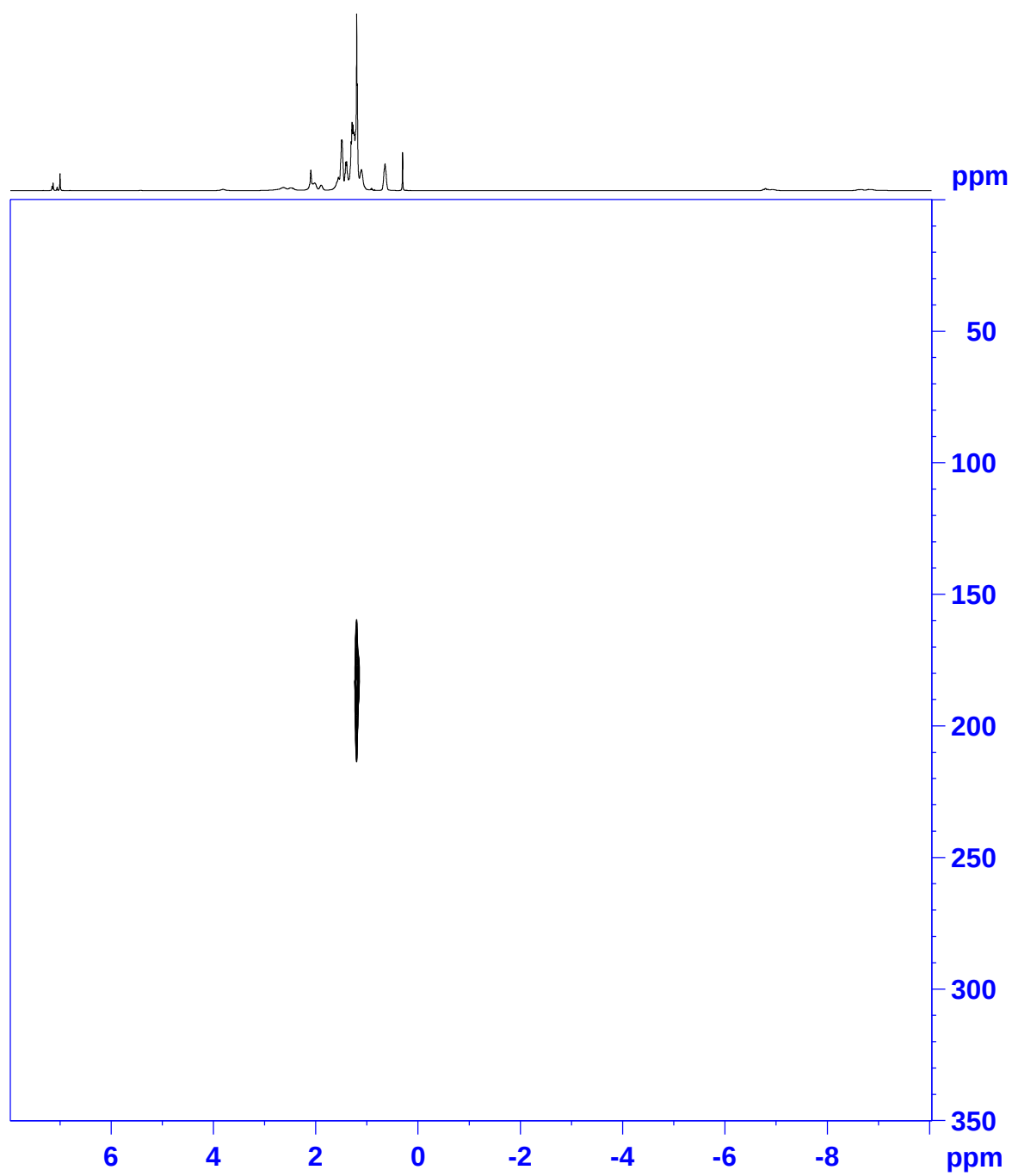
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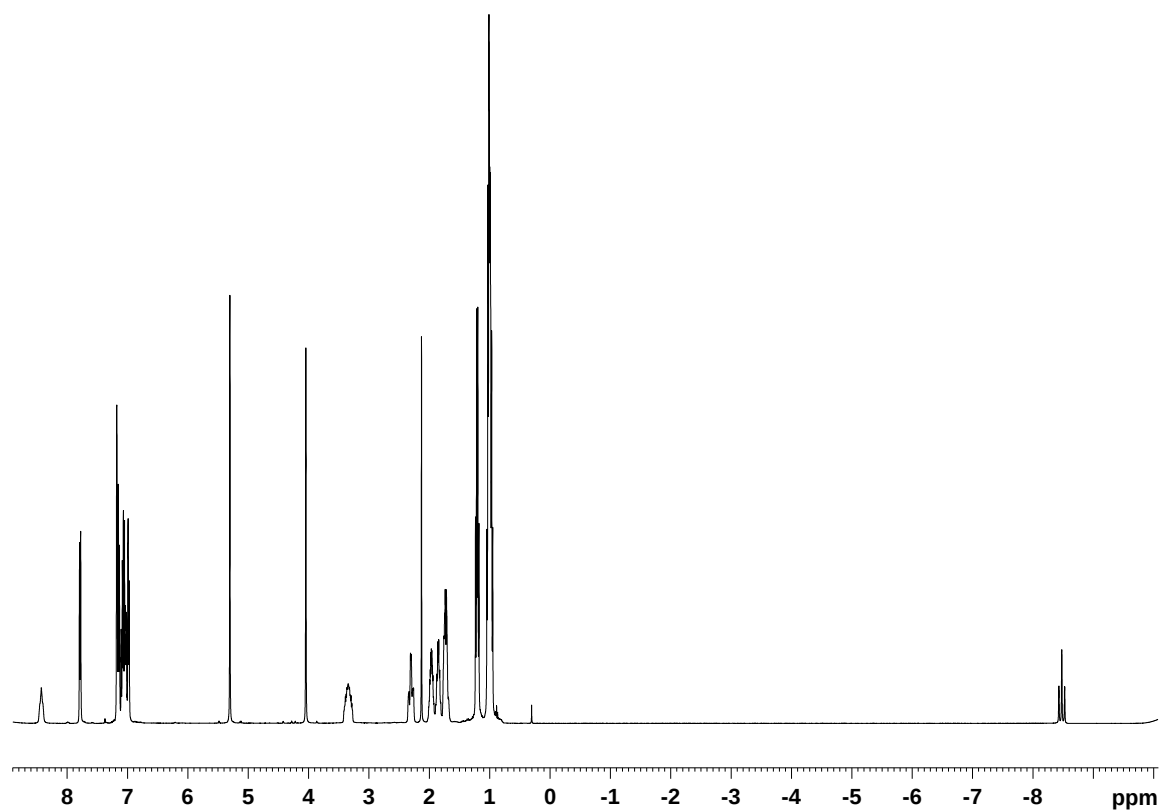


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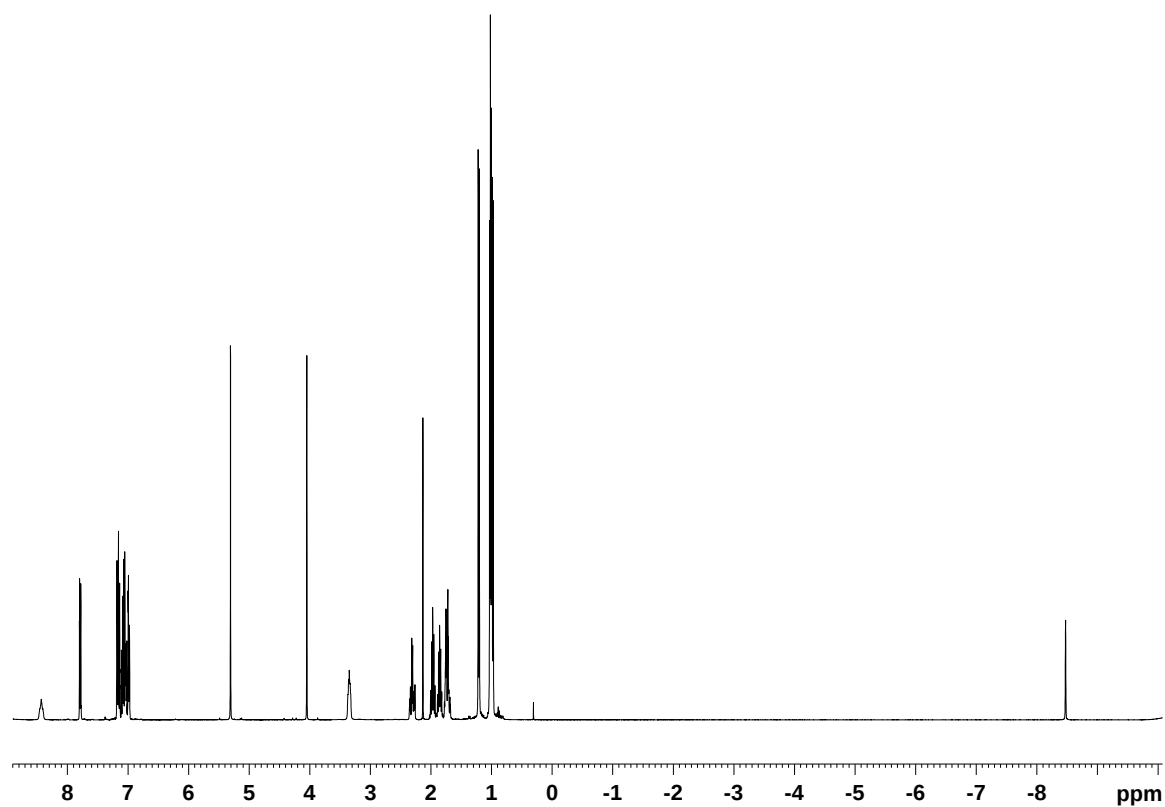


SXIV. NMR spectra of $[\text{Ru}(\text{H})(\text{CN}-\text{CH}_2\text{Ph})_2(\text{NH}(\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{P}(\text{iPr})_2)_2)](\text{Cl})$ (7)

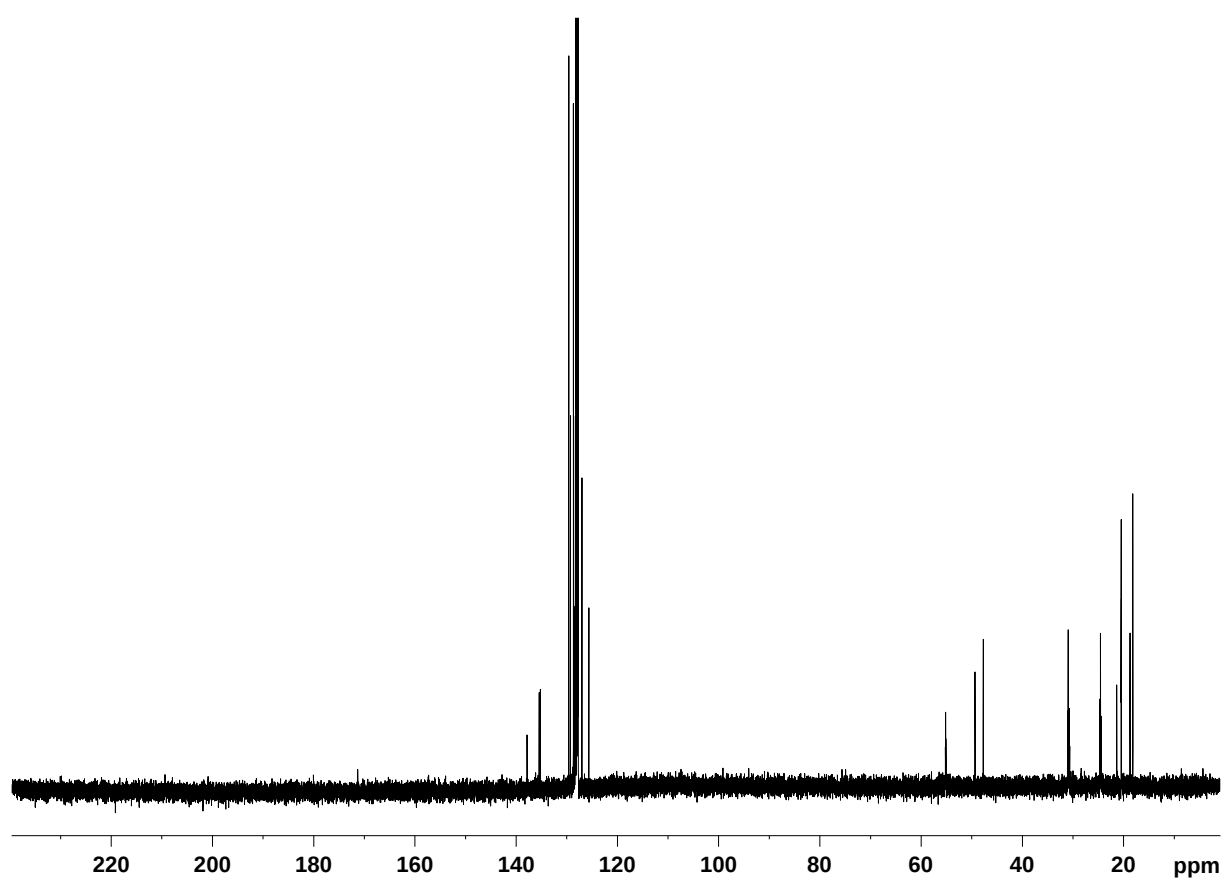
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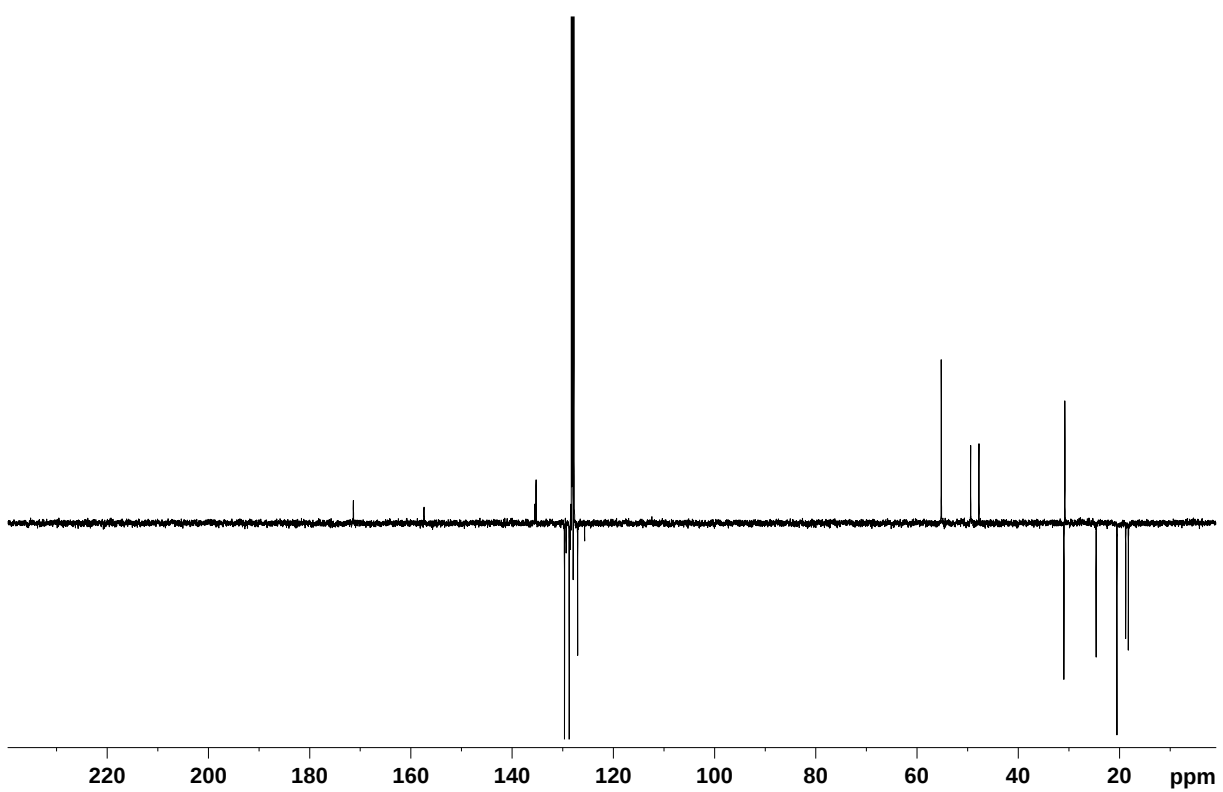
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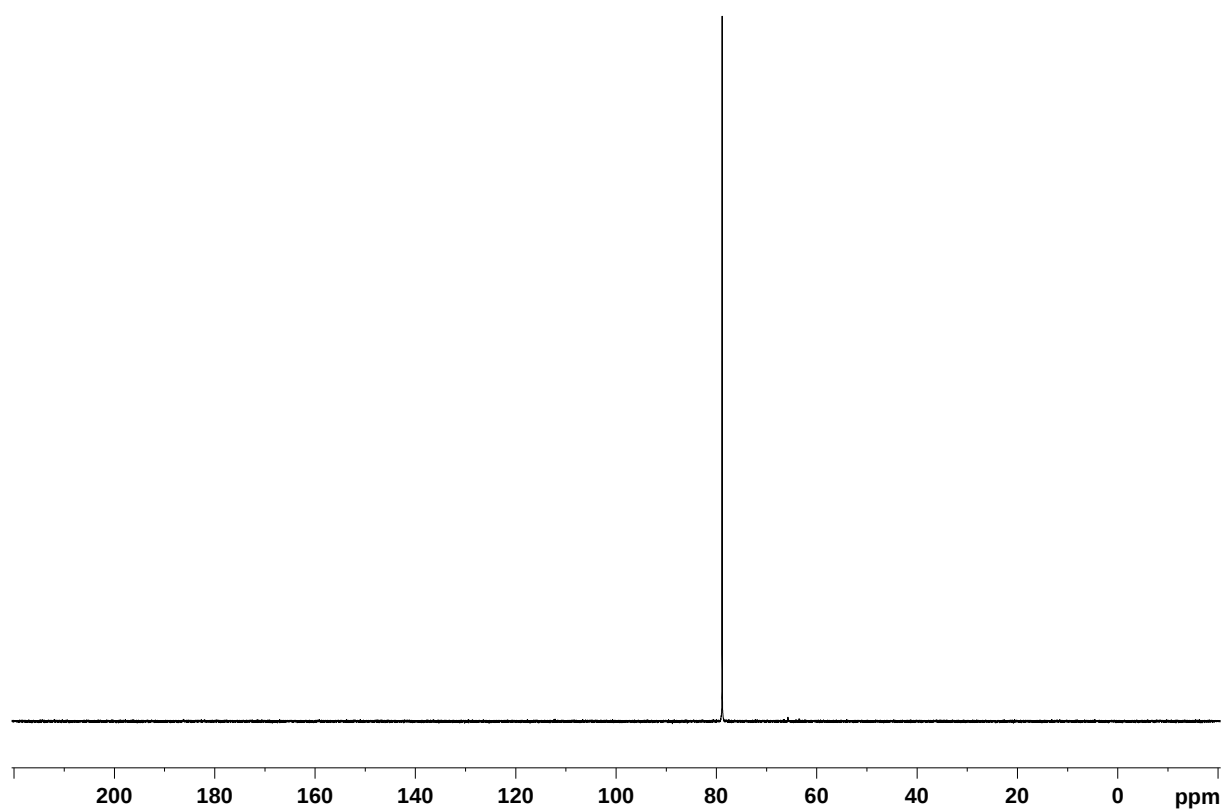
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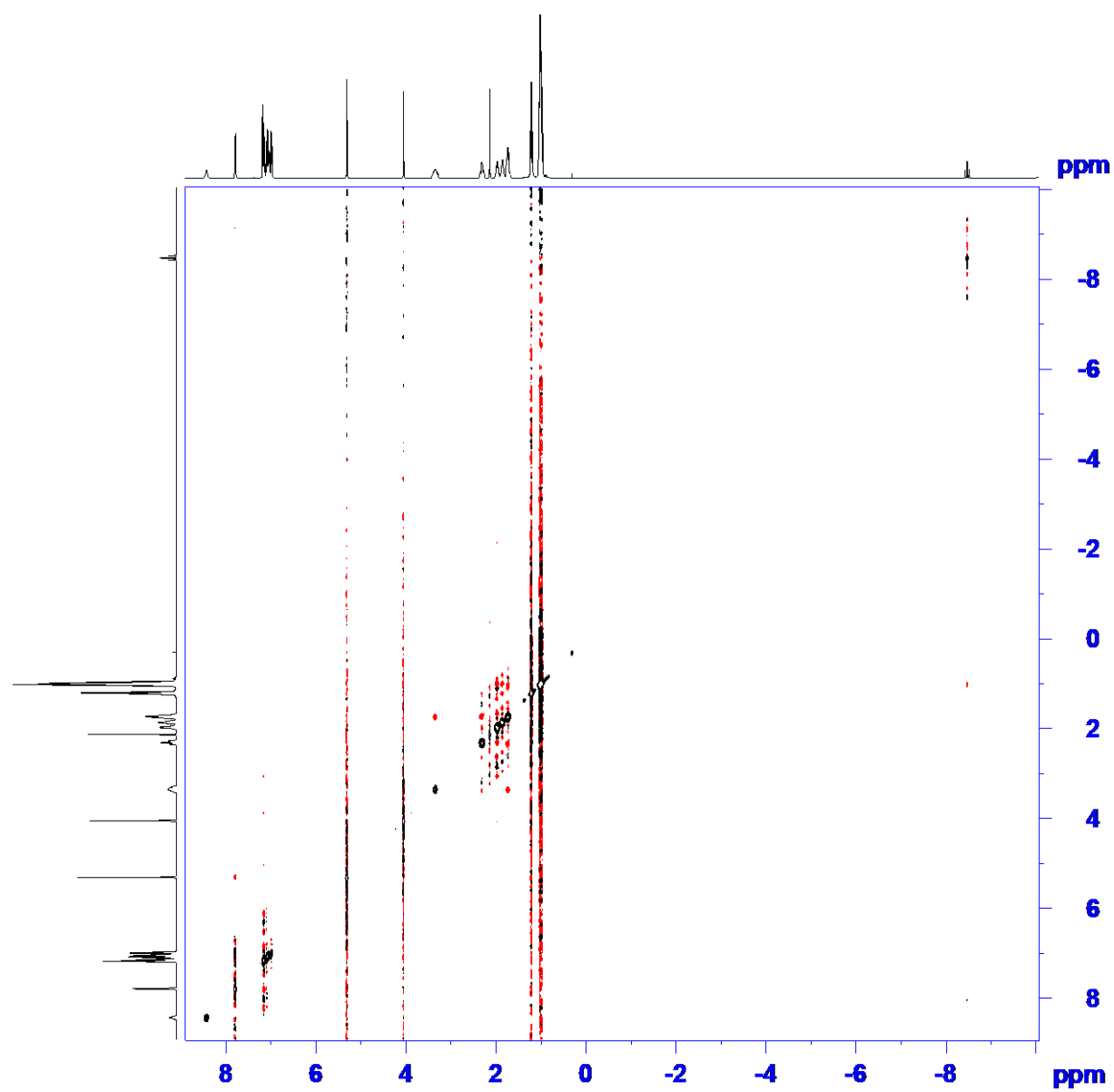
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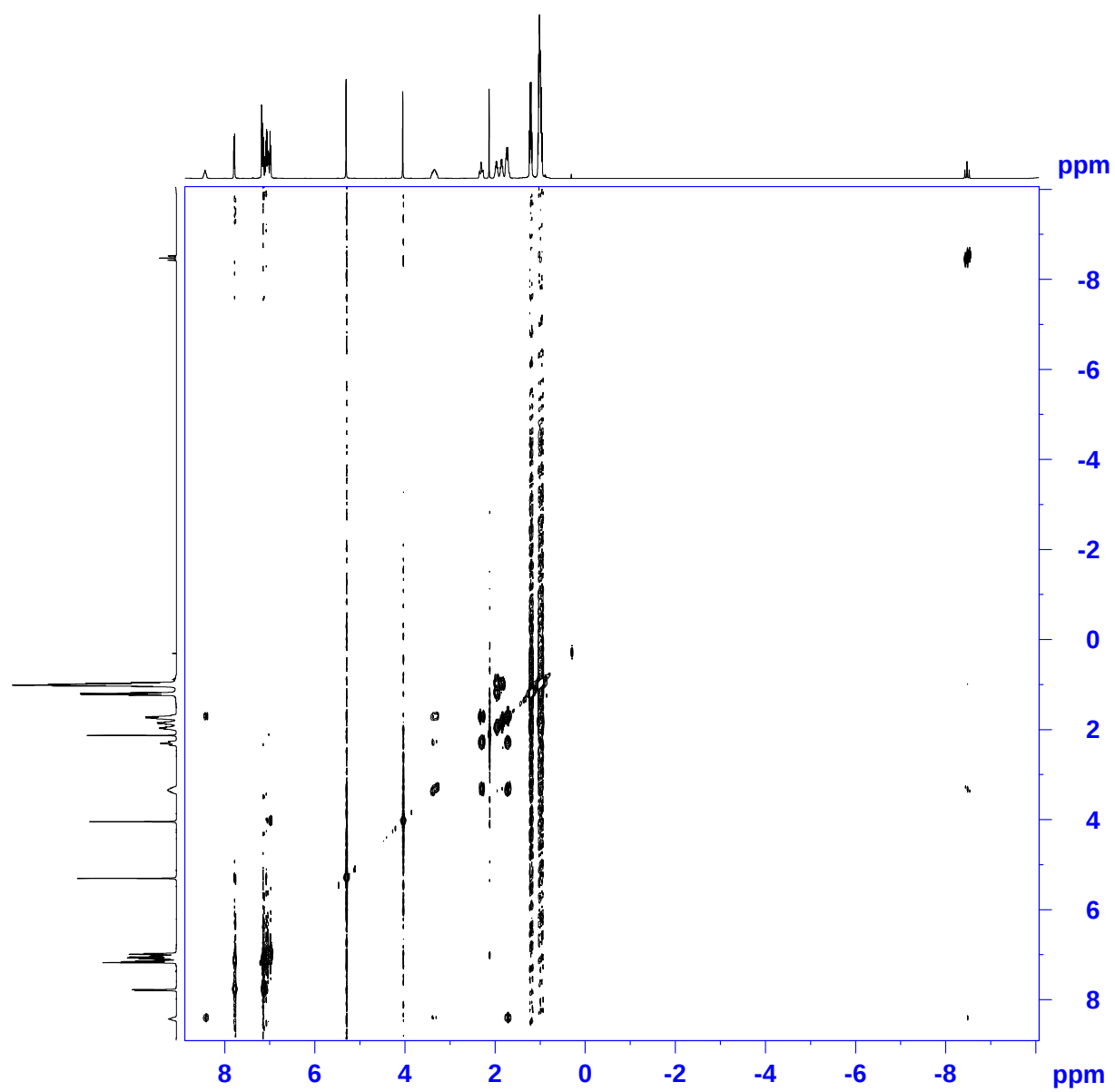
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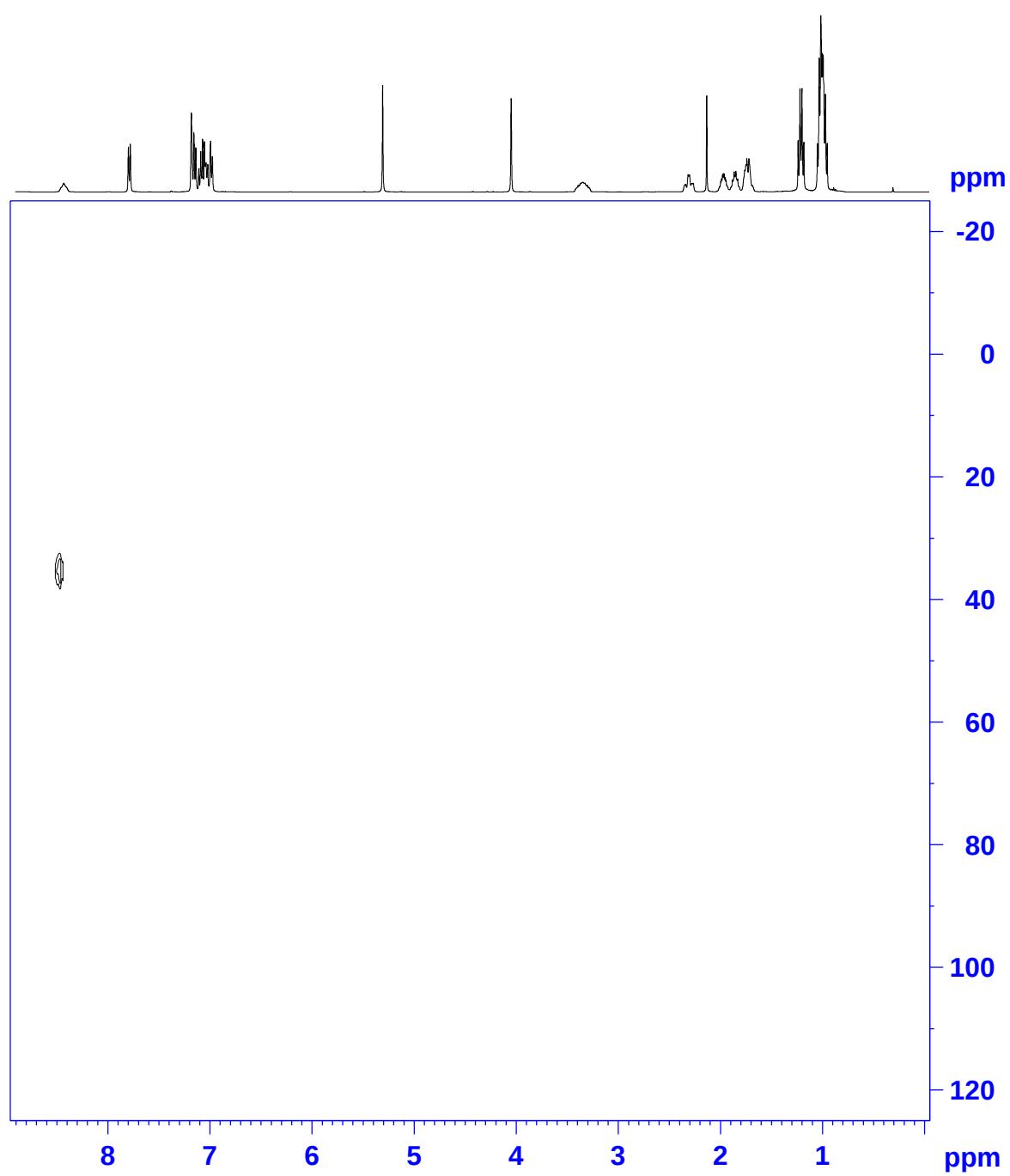
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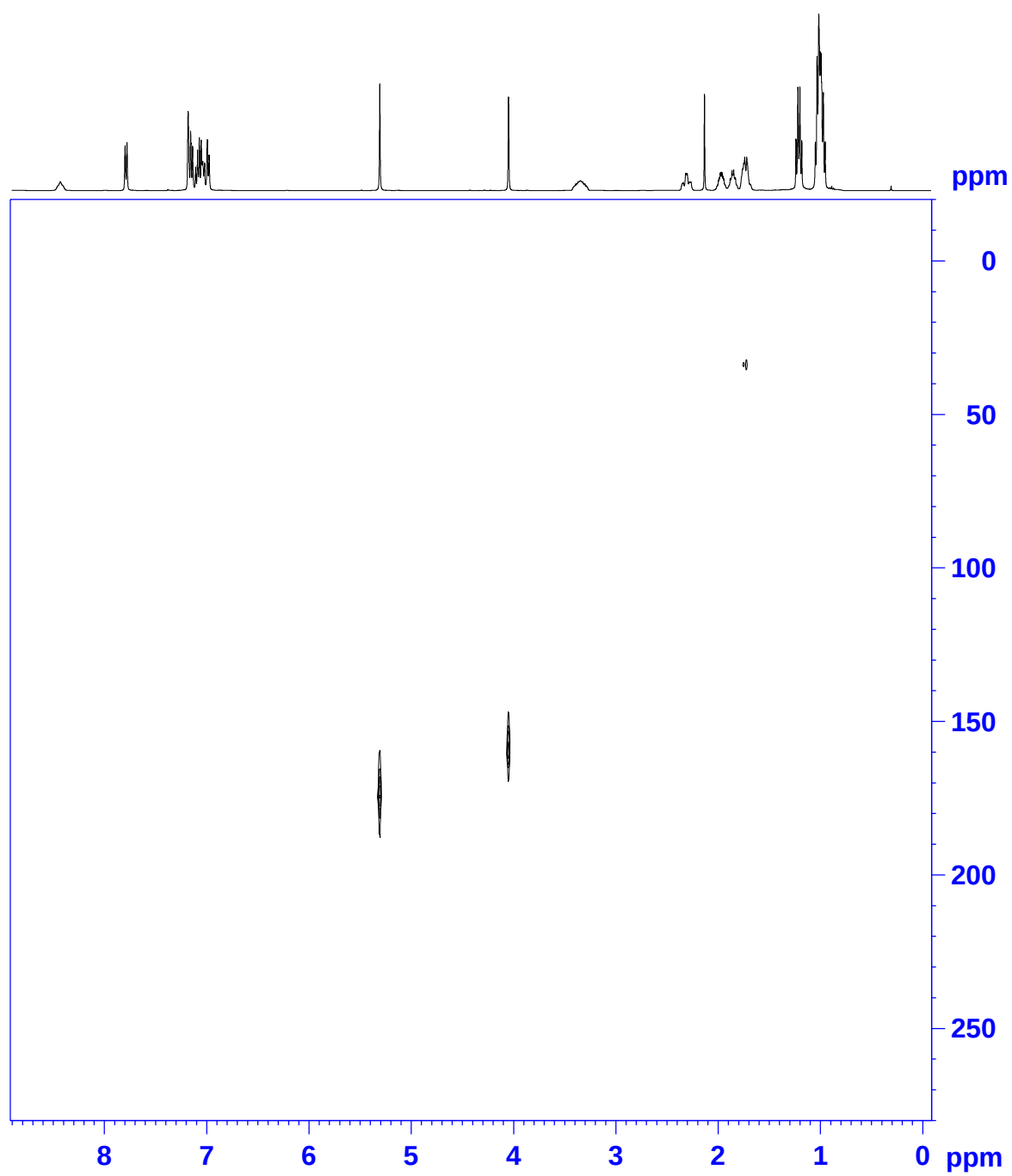
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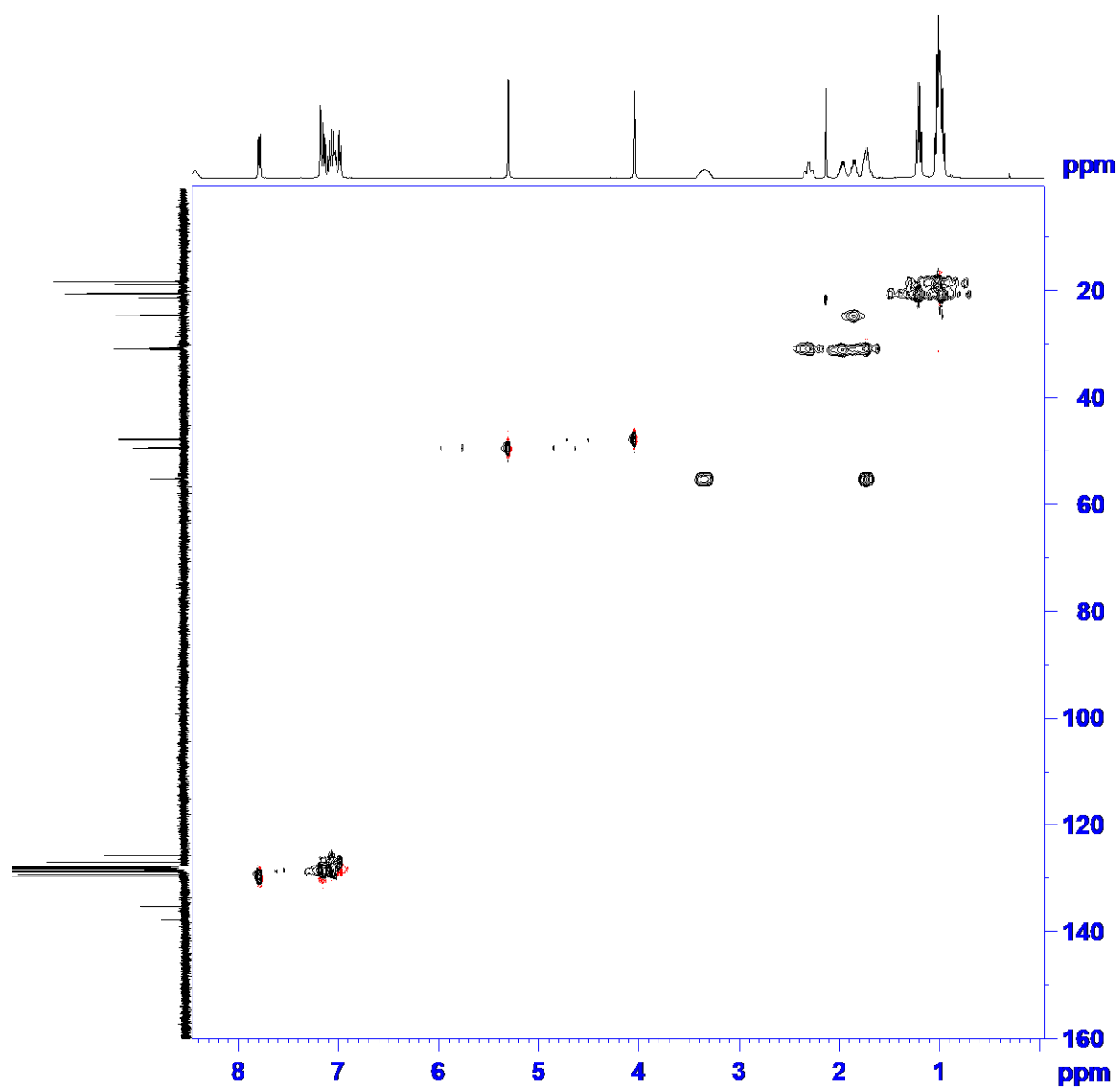
^1H - ^{15}N 2D HSQC NMR spectrum (C_6D_6 , 300 K).



2D ^1H - ^{15}N HMBC NMR (C_6D_6 , 300 K).

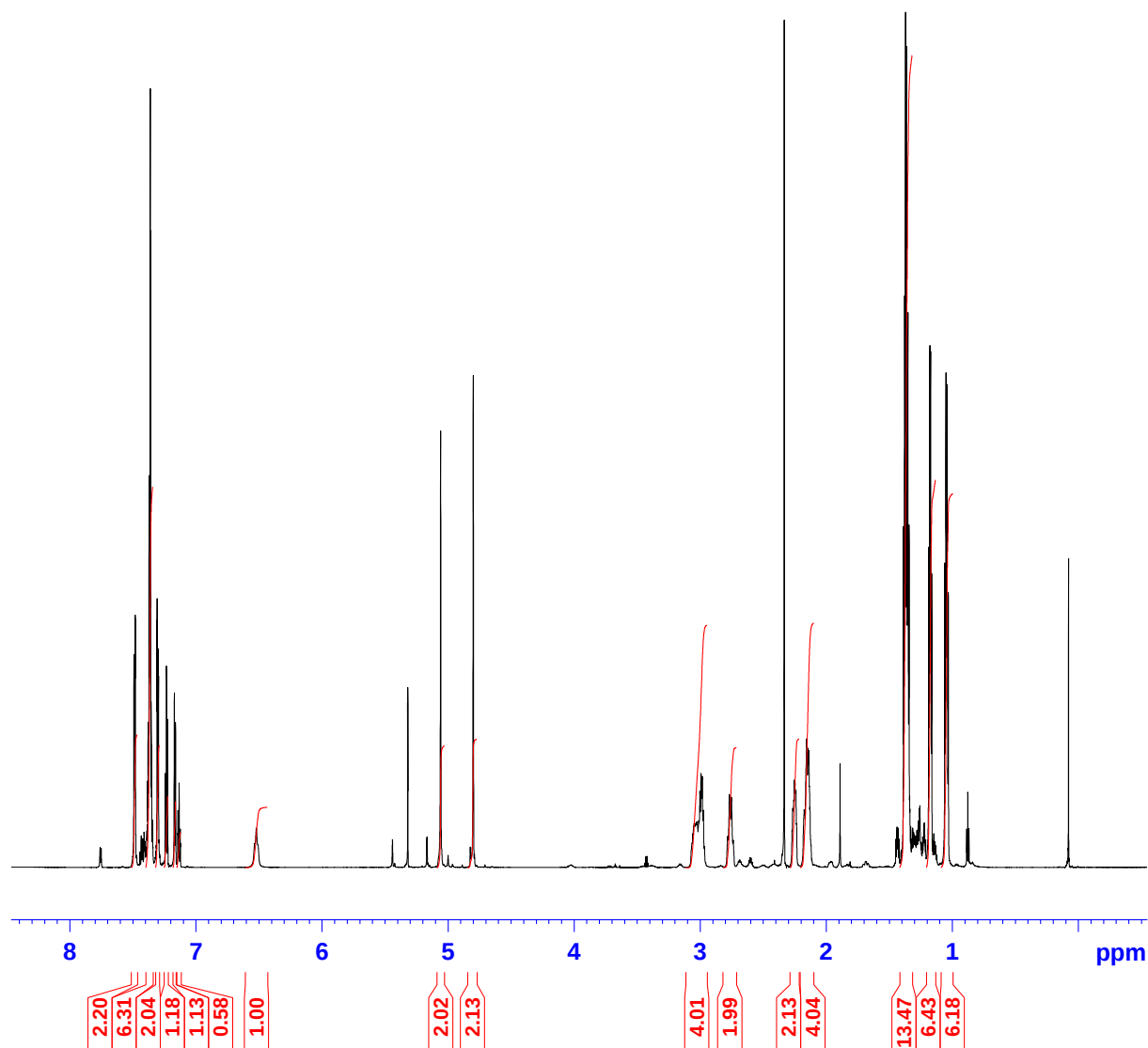


2D ^1H - ^{13}C HSQC NMR (C_6D_6 , 300 K).

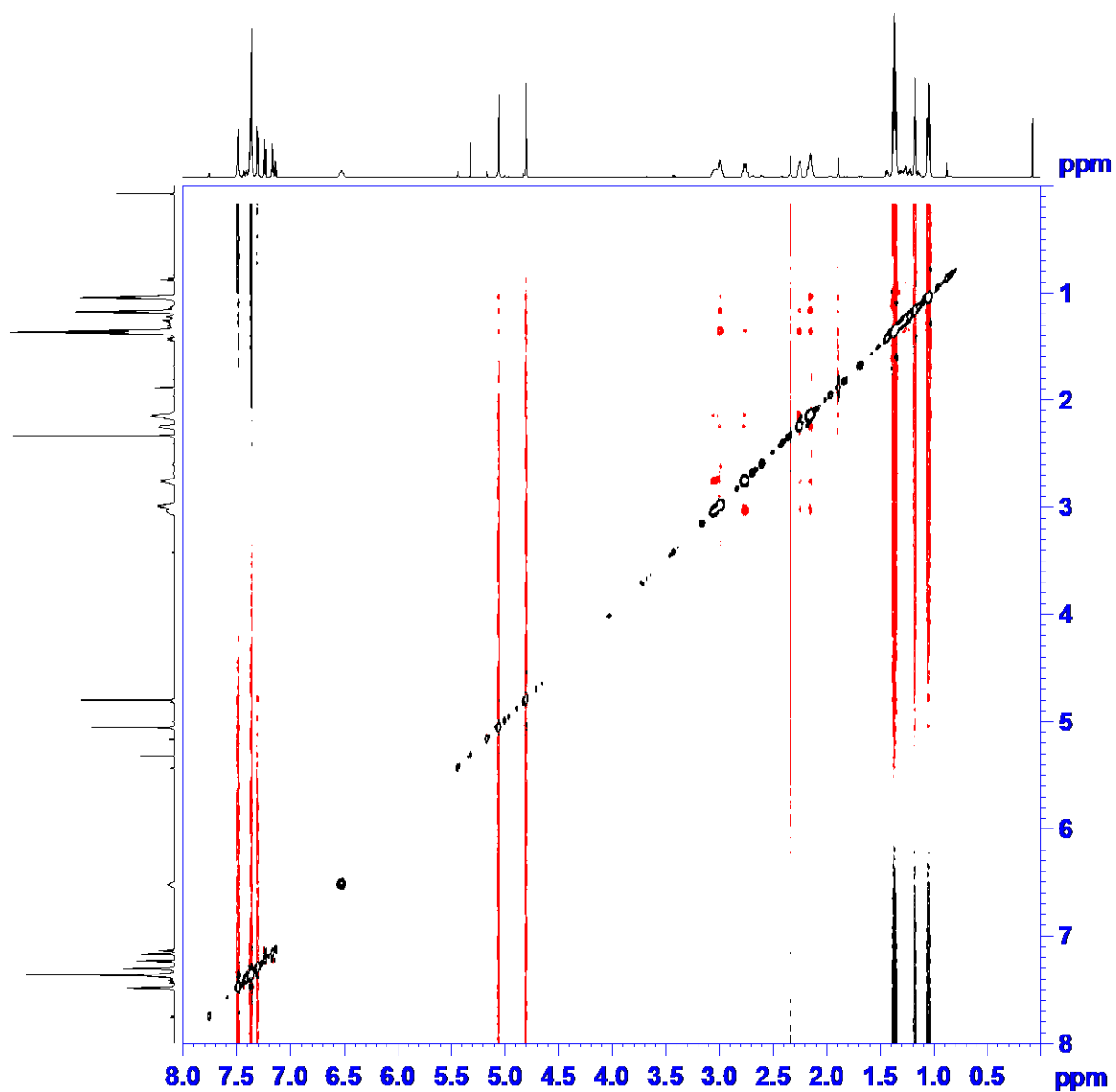


SXV. NMR spectra of $[\text{Fe}(\text{Br})(\text{CN}-\text{CH}_2\text{Ph})_2(\text{NH}(\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{P}(\text{iPr})_2)_2)](\text{Br})$ (8)

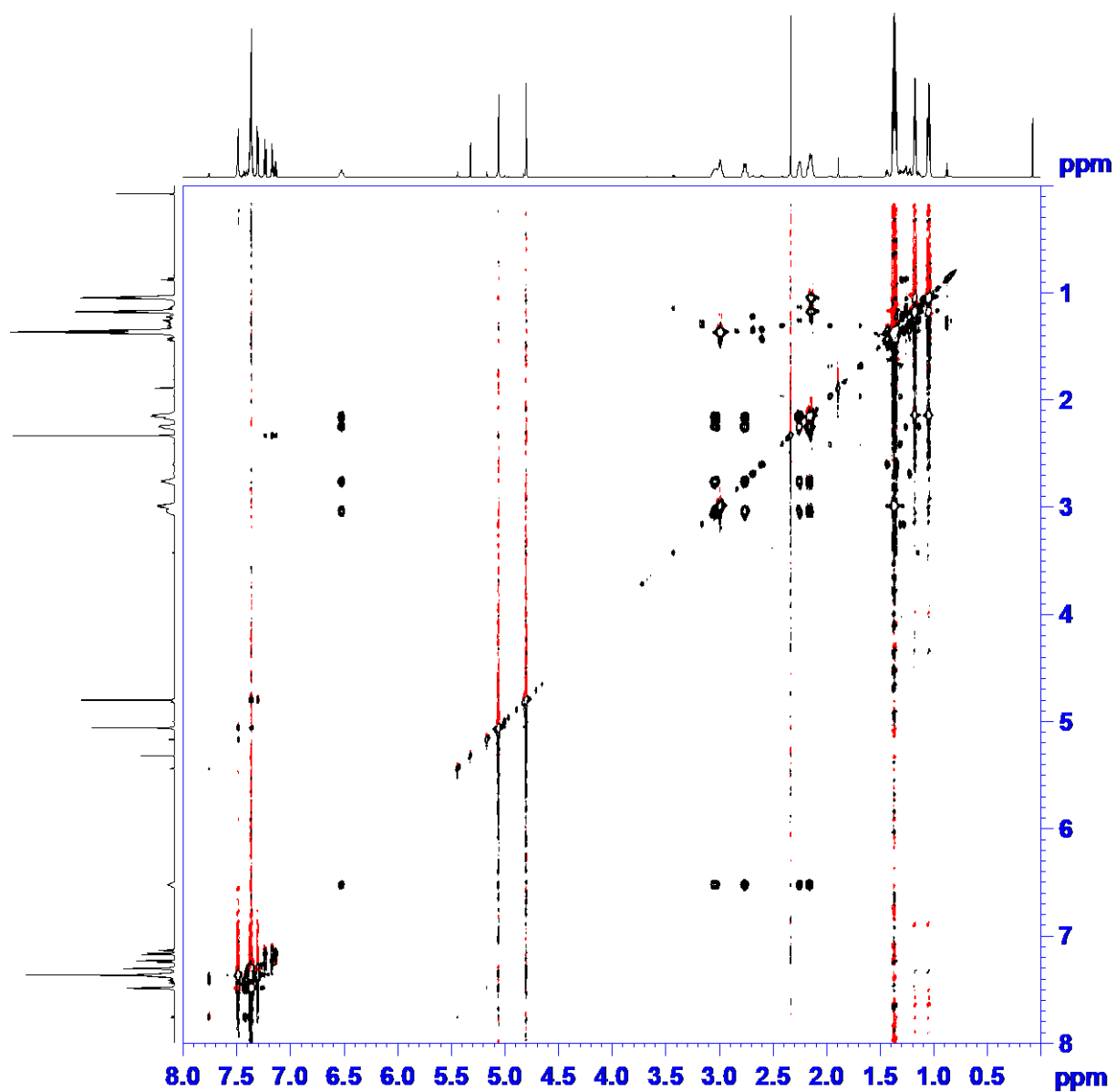
^1H NMR spectrum (CD_2Cl_2 , 300 K, 800 MHz).



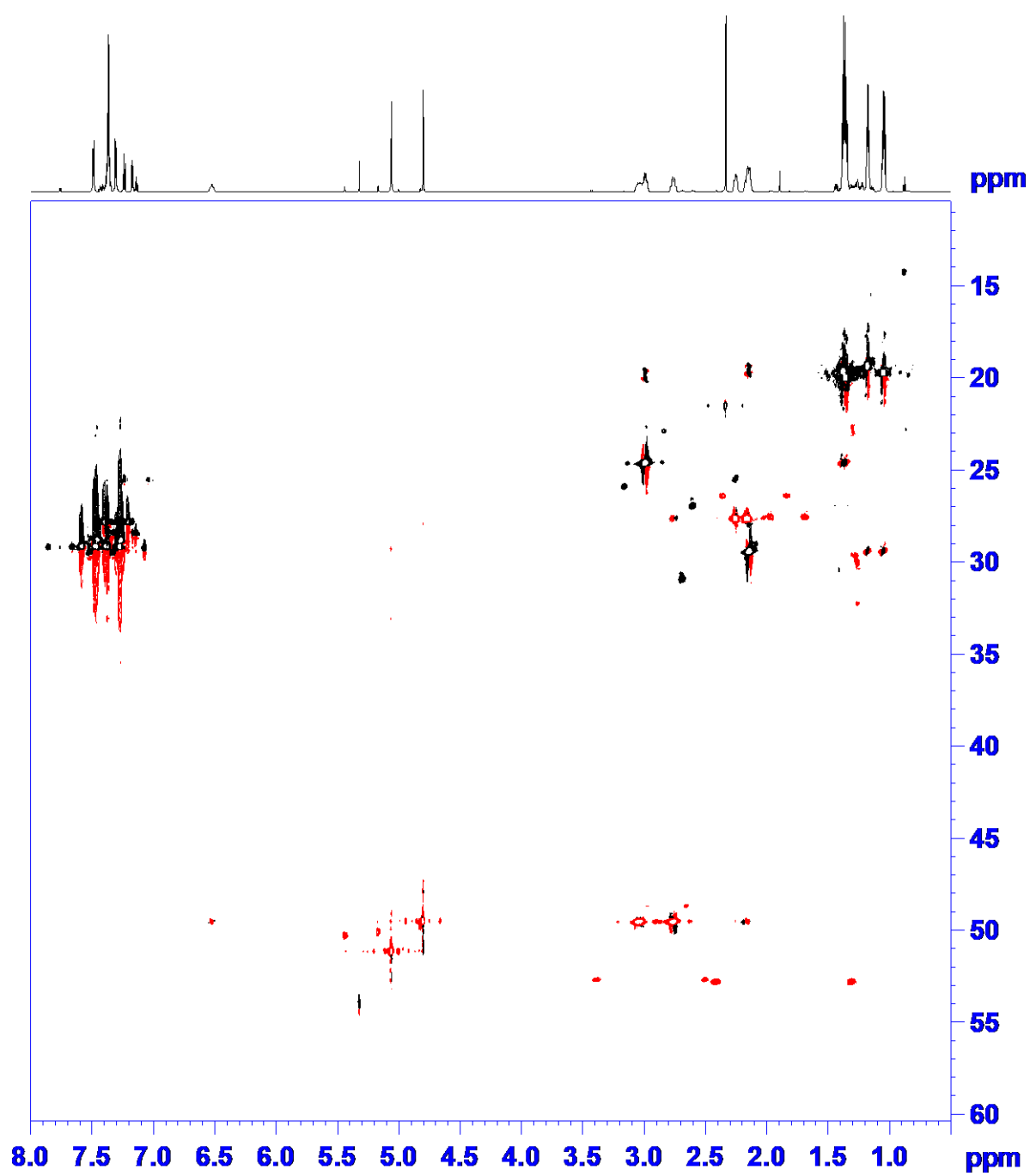
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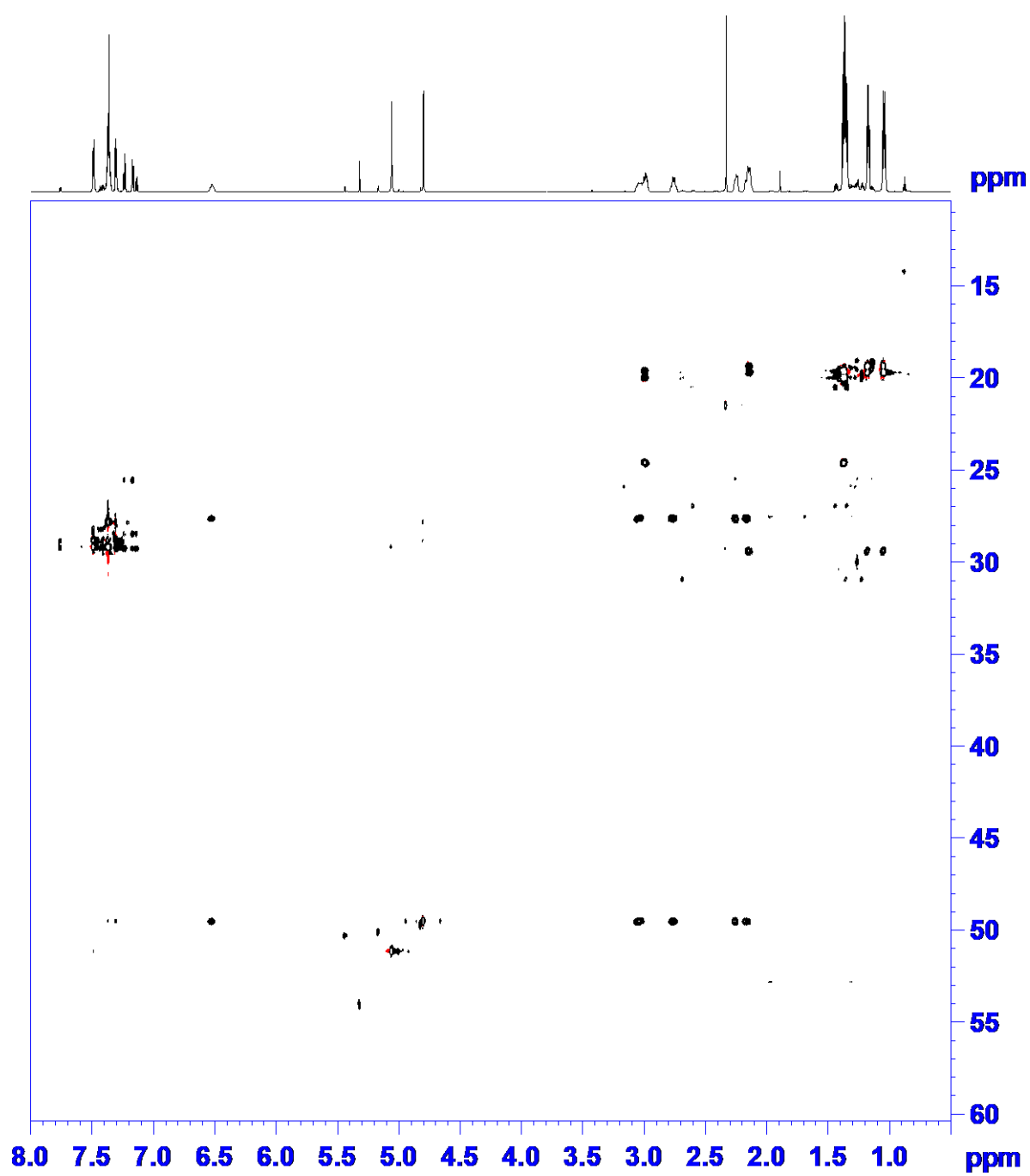
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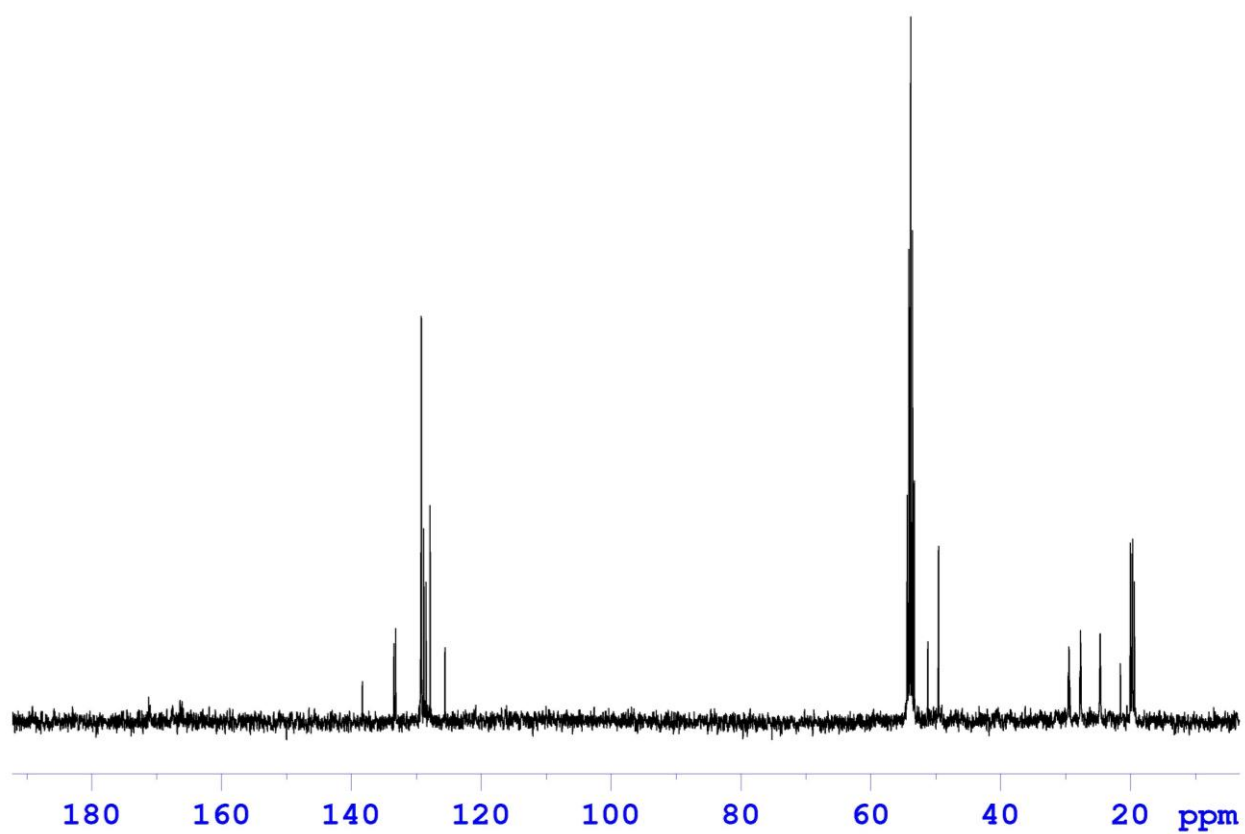
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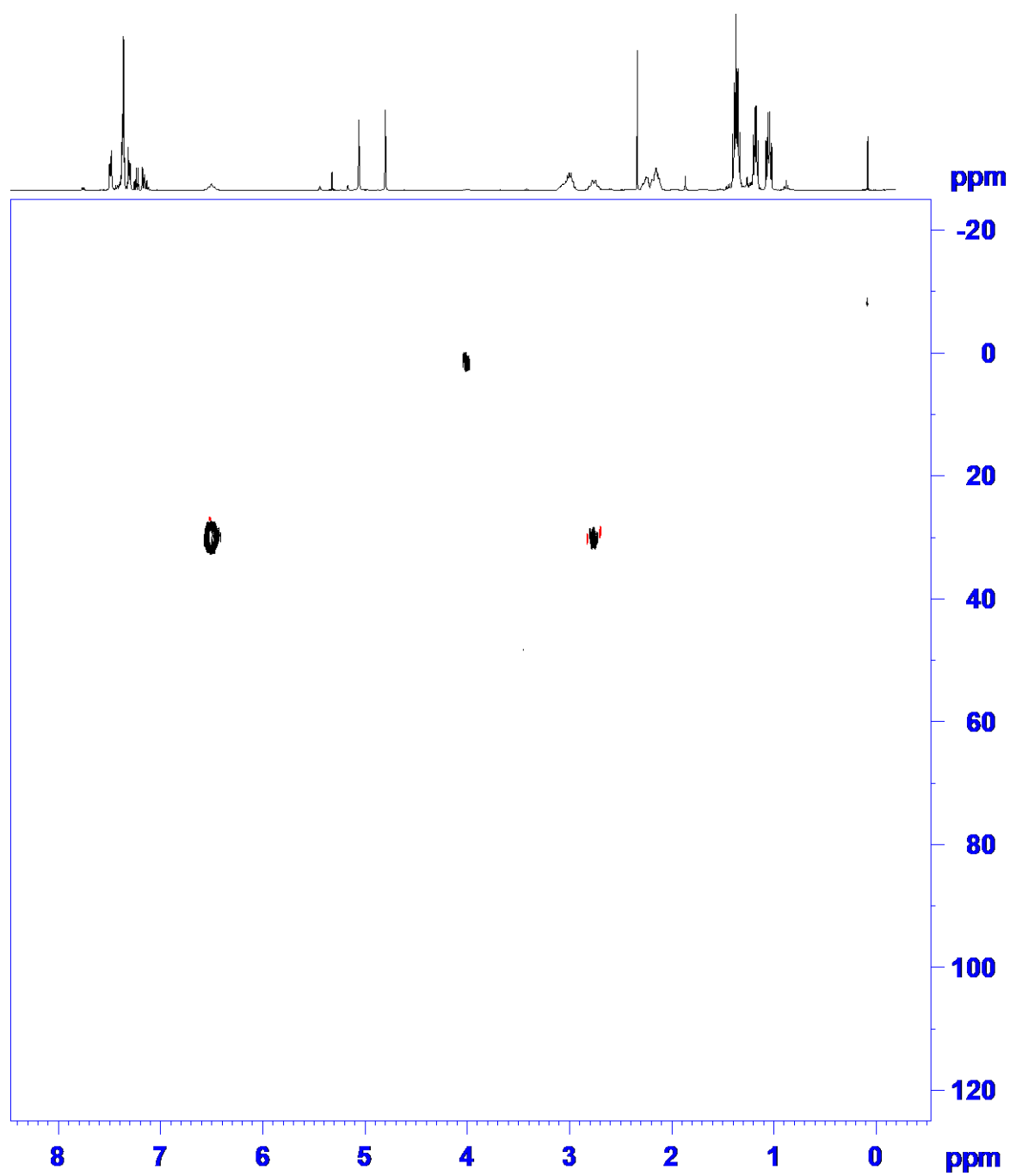
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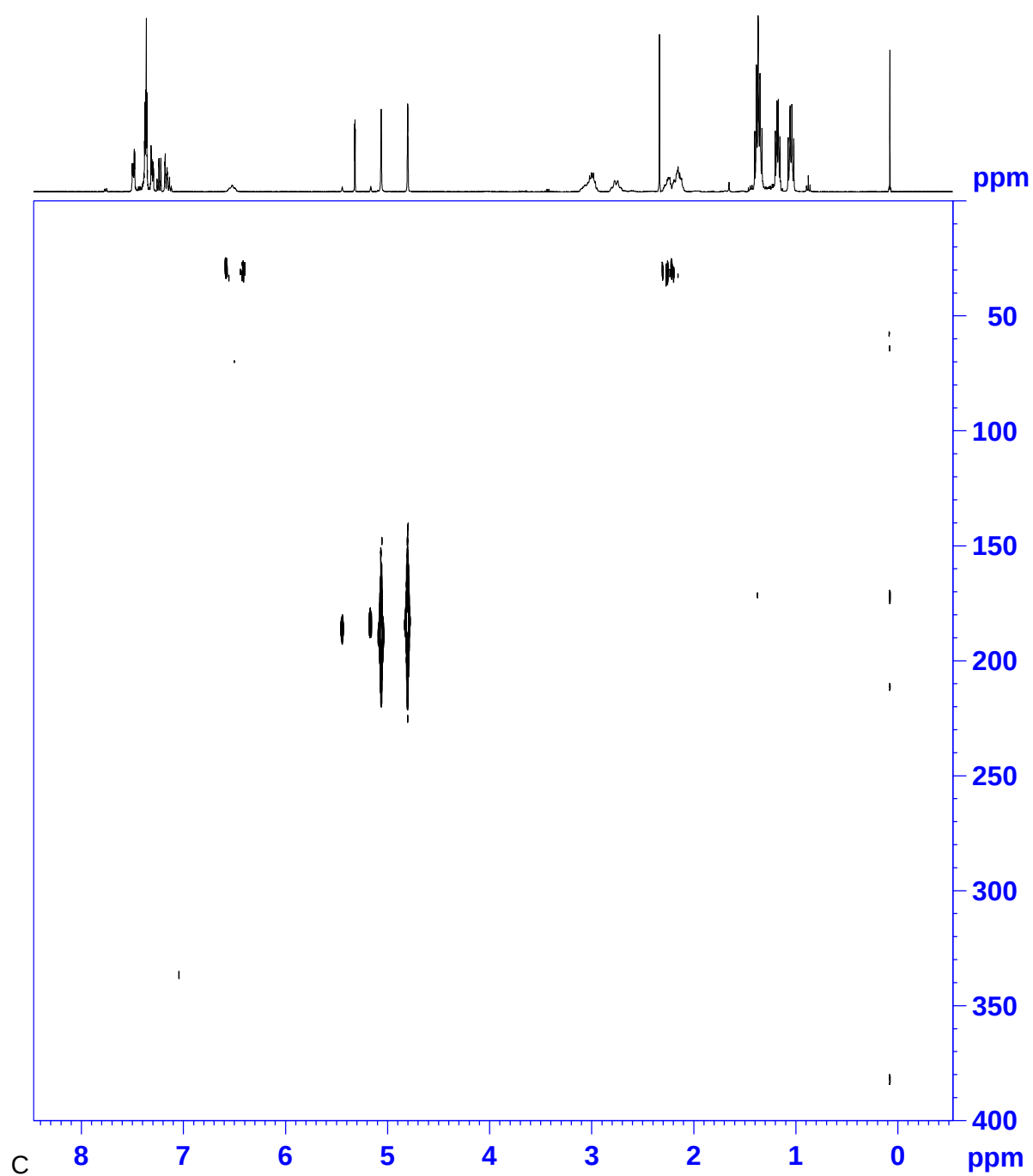
$^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}/^{31}\text{P}\}$ UDEFT NMR spectrum (CD_2Cl_2 , 300 K)



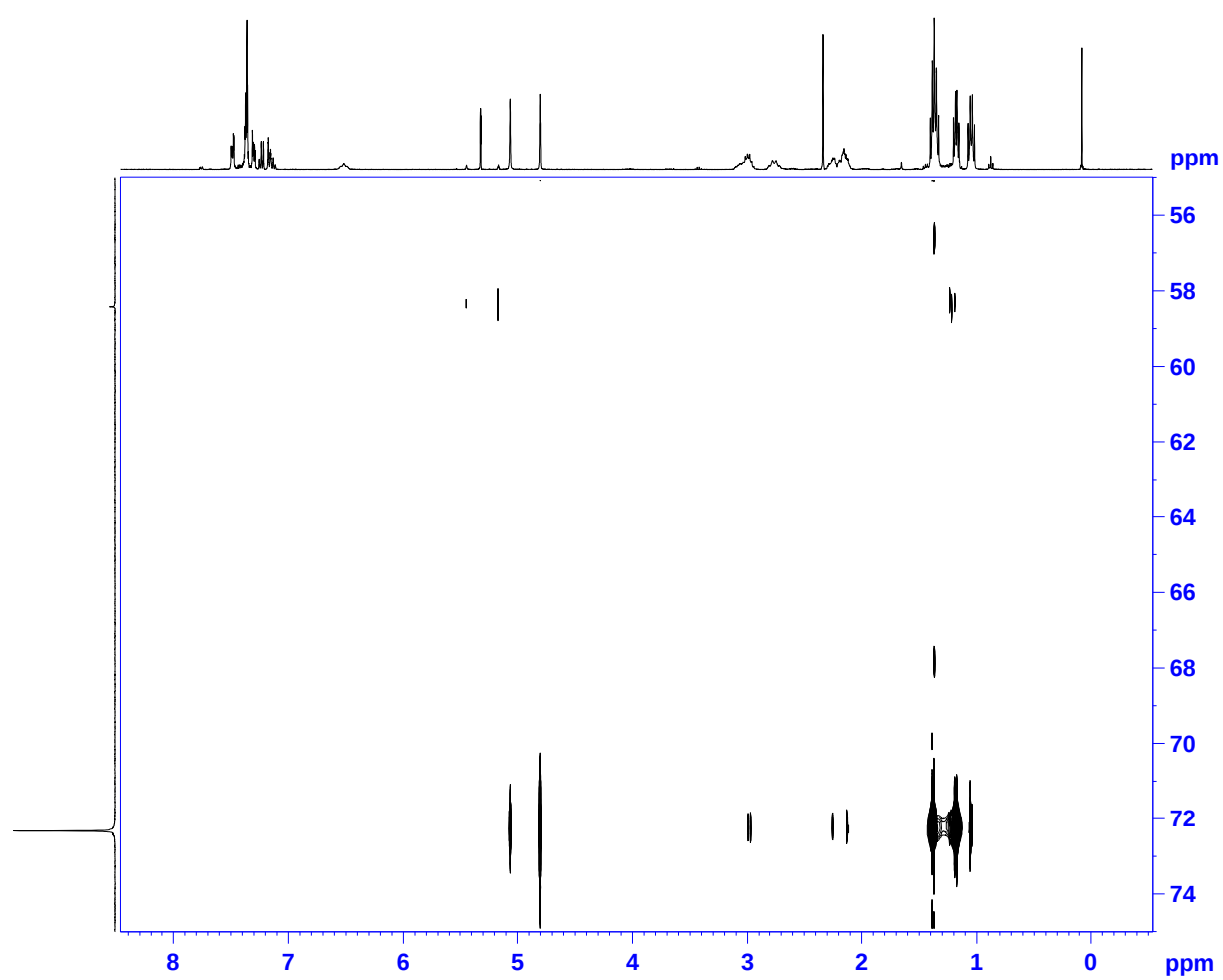
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^{15}N - ^1H 2D HMBC NMR spectrum (CD_2Cl_2 , 300 K).

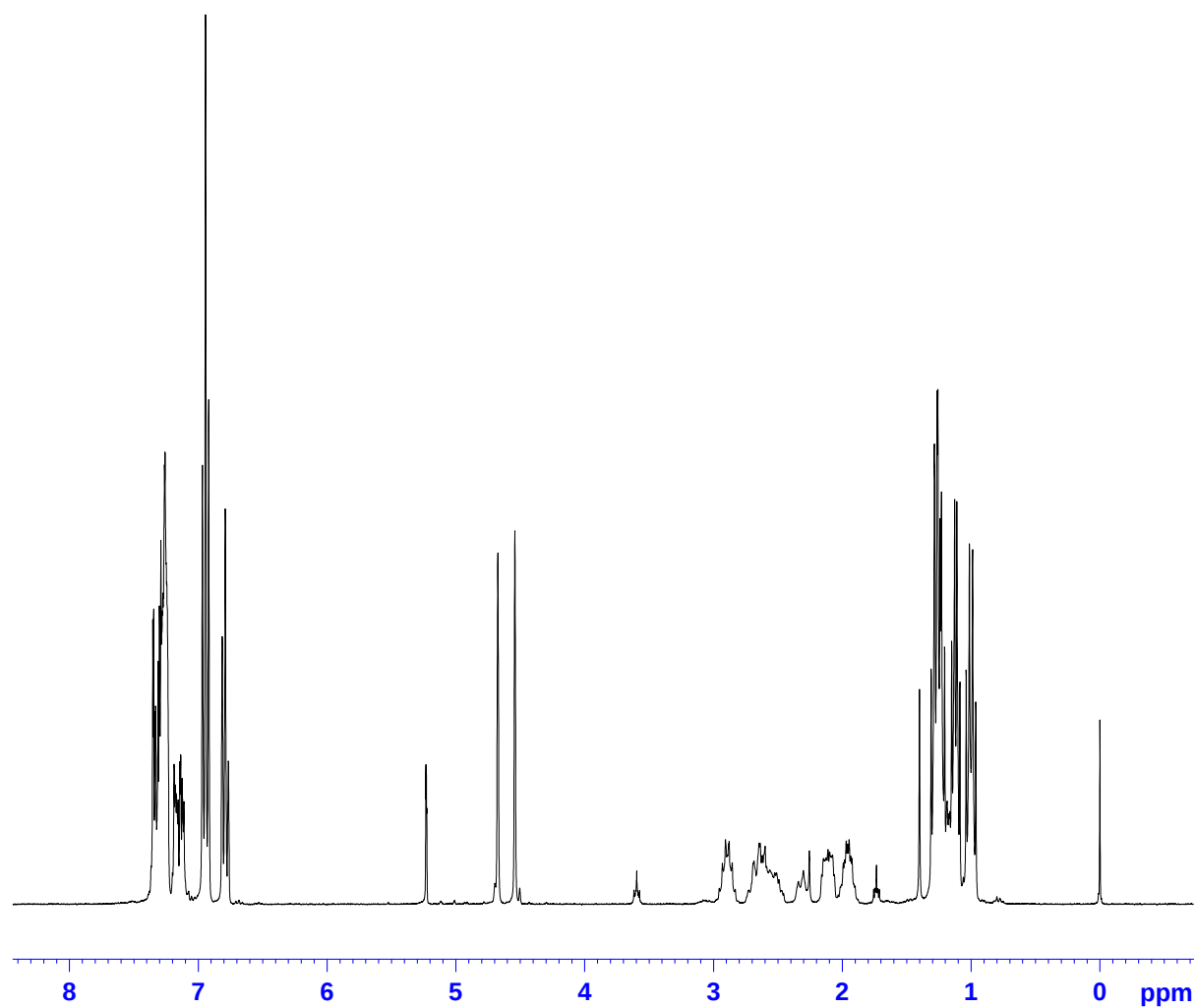


^{31}P - ^1H 2D HSQC NMR spectrum (CD_2Cl_2 , 300 K).

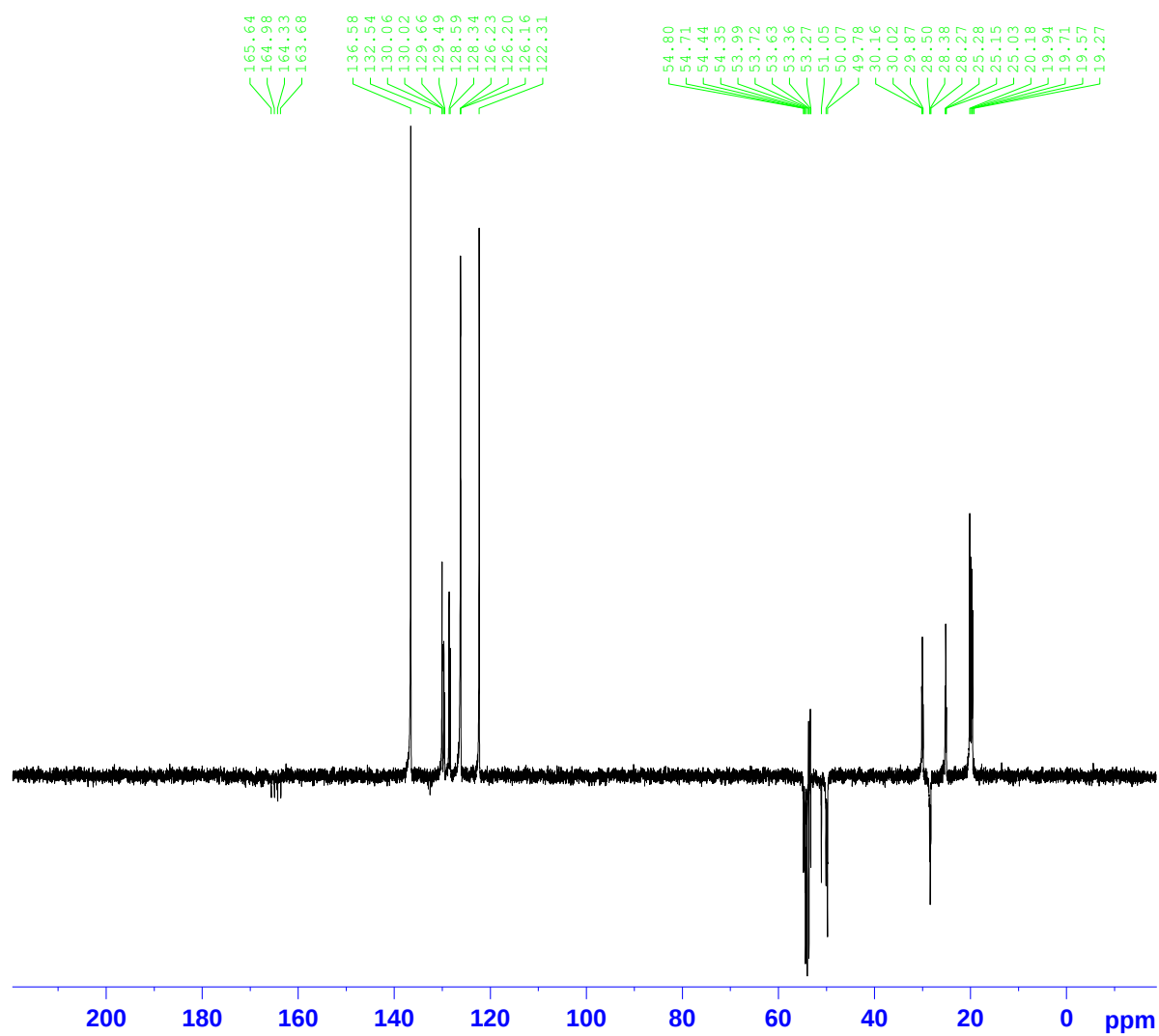


SXVI. NMR spectra of $[\text{Fe}(\text{Br})(\text{CN}-\text{CH}_2\text{Ph})_2(\text{NH}(\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{P}(\text{iPr})_2)_2)]\text{BPh}_4$ (9)

^1H NMR spectrum (300.13 MHz, CD_2Cl_2 , 300 K).

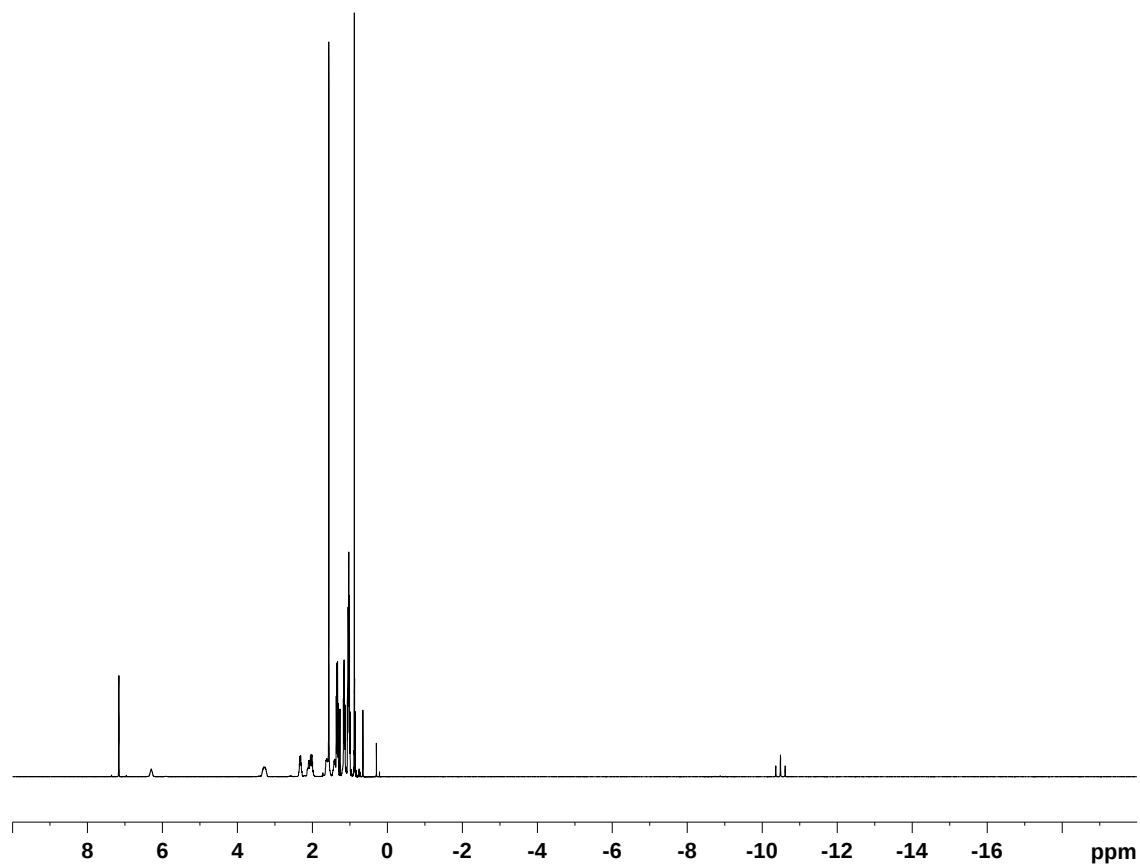


$^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR spectrum (75.468 MHz, CD_2Cl_2 , 300 K).

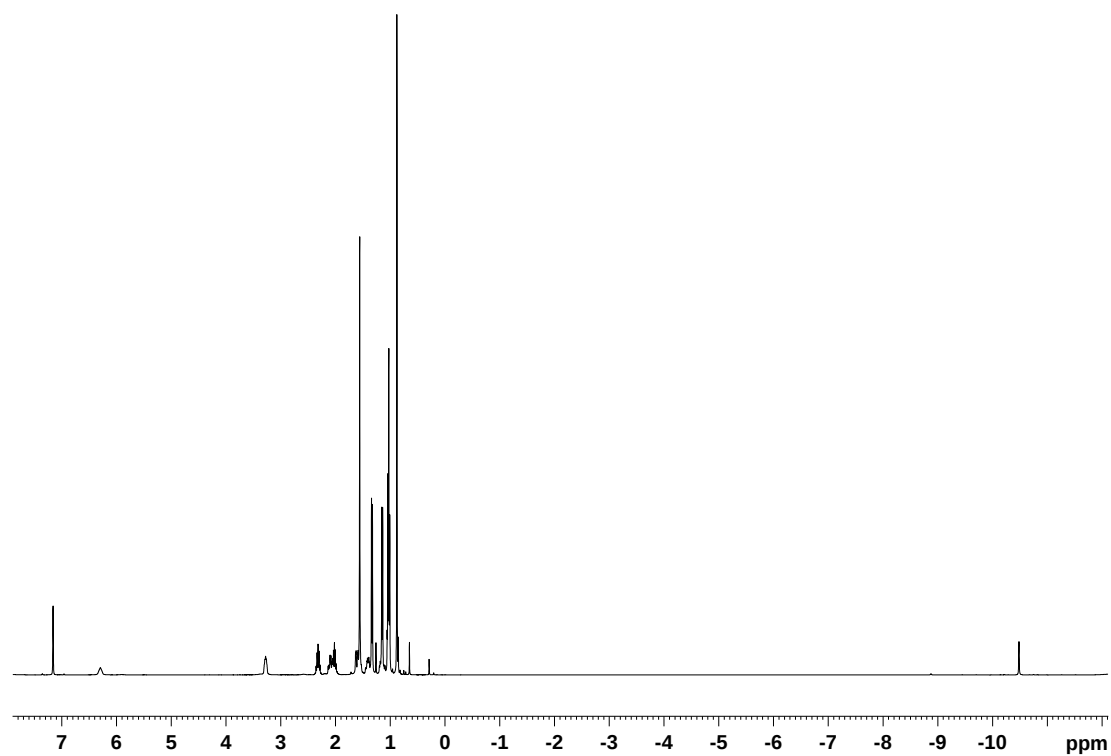


SXVII. NMR spectra of $[\text{Fe}(\text{H})(\text{CN}-t\text{Bu})_2(\text{NH}(\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{P}(i\text{Pr})_2)_2)](\text{BH}_4)$ (10)

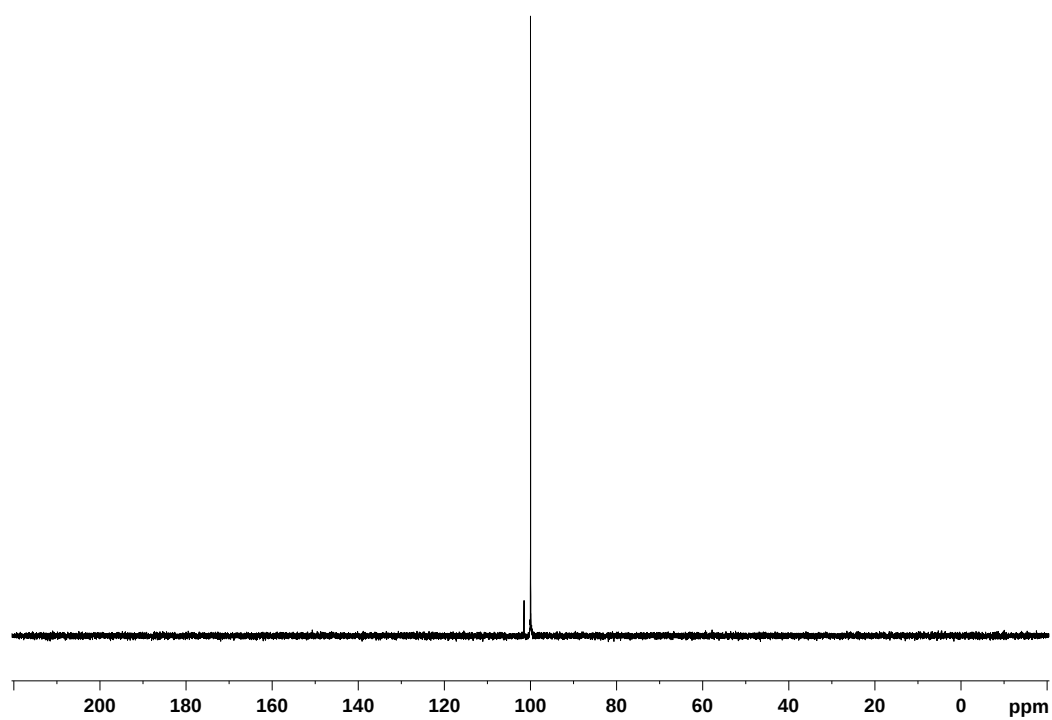
^1H NMR spectrum (C_6D_6 , 400 MHz, 300 K).



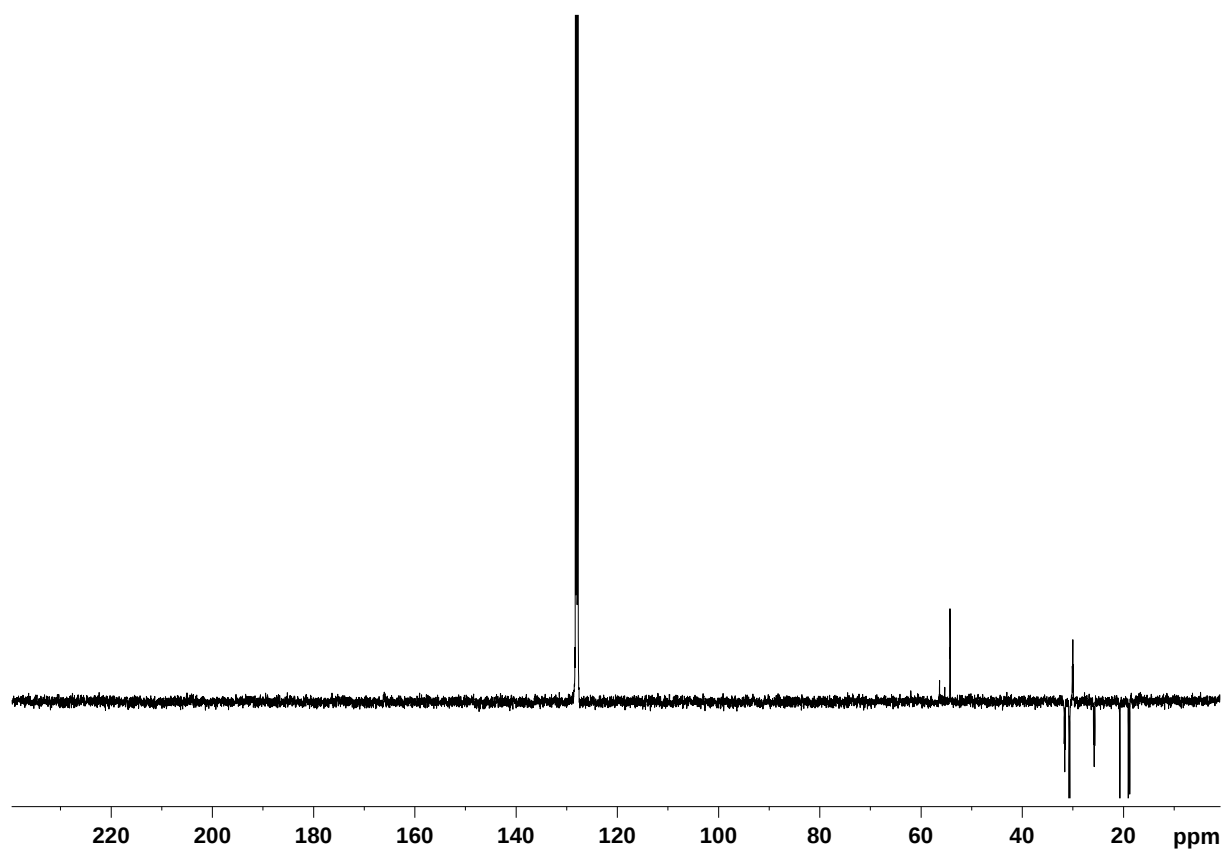
$^1\text{H}\{^{31}\text{P}\}$ NMR spectrum (C_6D_6 , 400 MHz, 300 K).



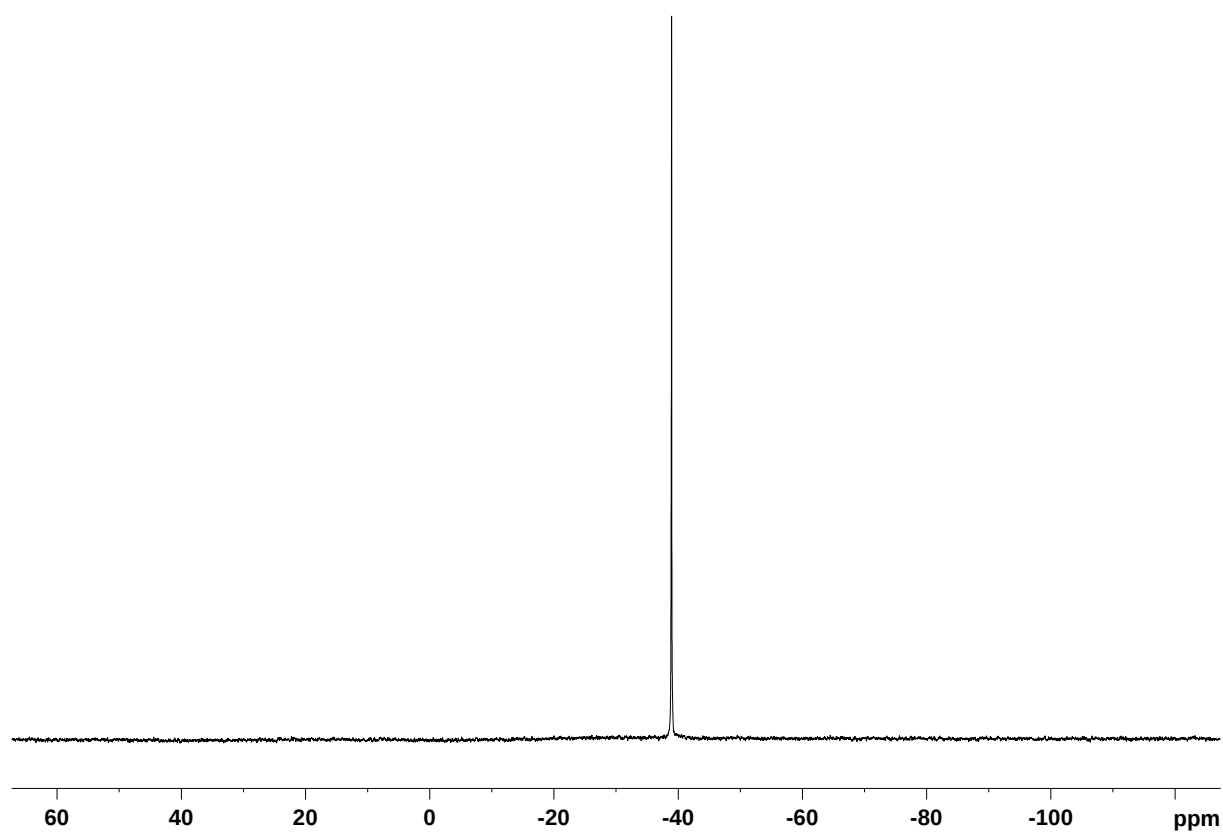
$^{31}\text{P}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR spectrum (C_6D_6 , 298 K)



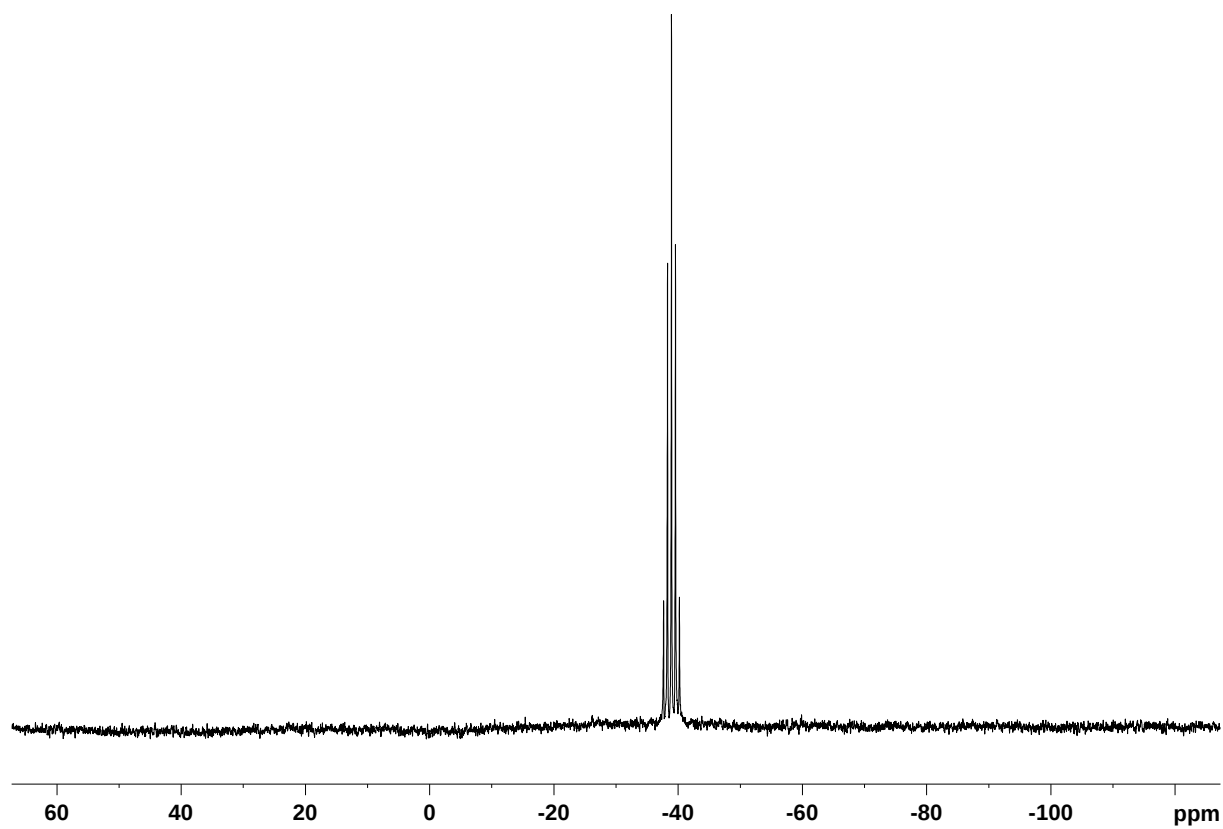
$^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ JMOD NMR spectrum (C_6D_6 , 298 K).



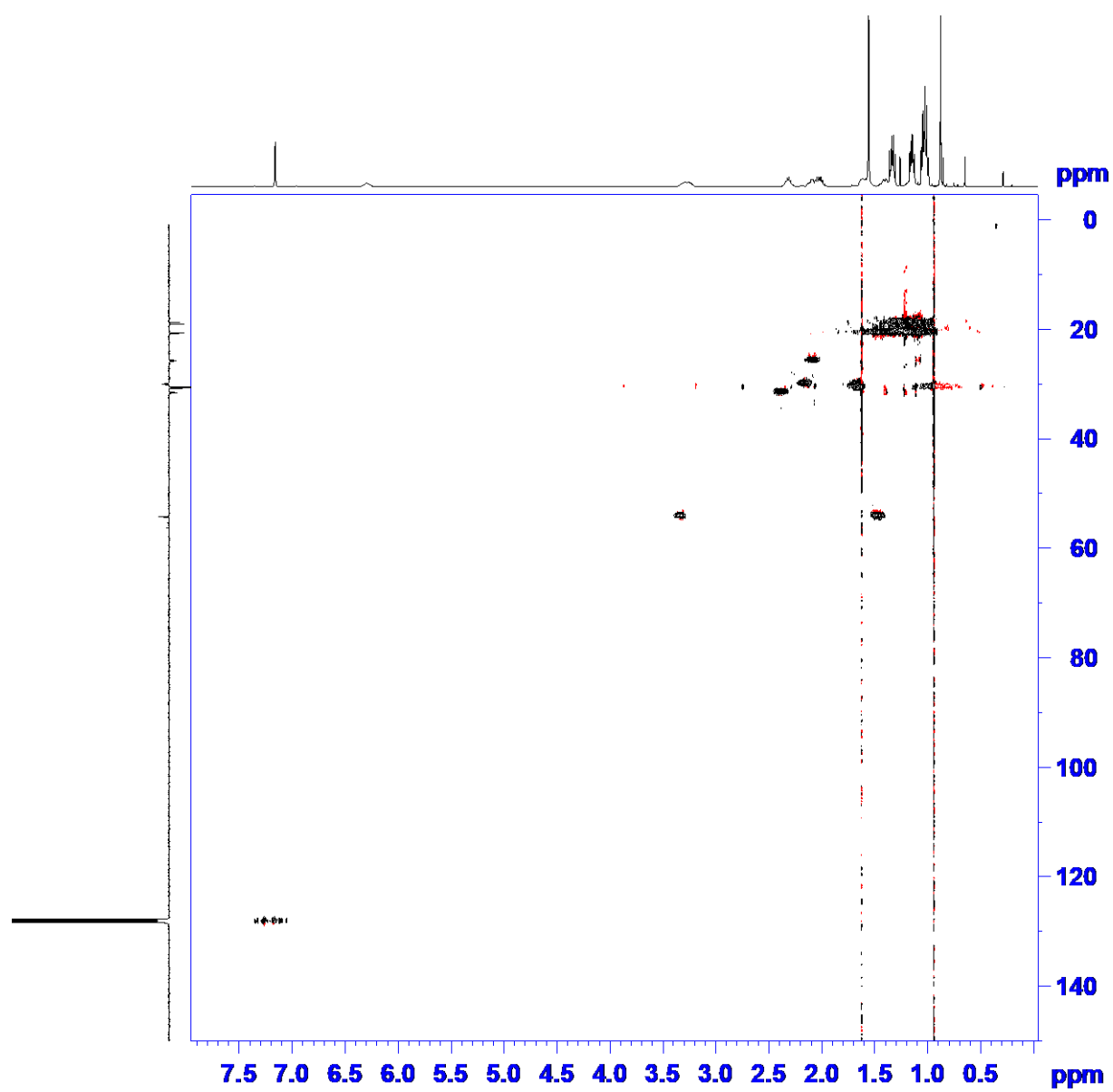
$^{11}\text{B}\{^1\text{H}\}$ -NMR spectrum (C_6D_6 , 298 K)



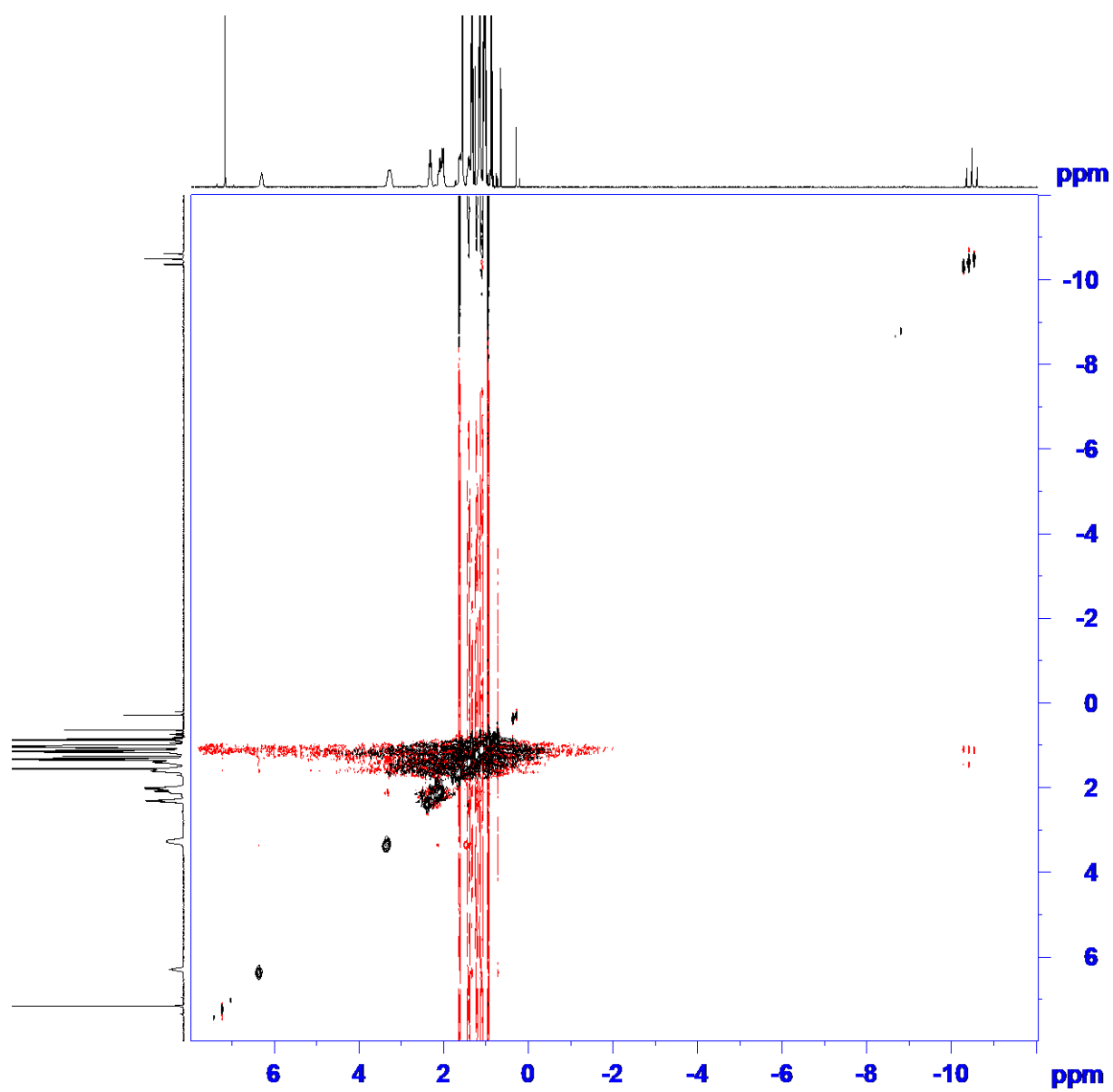
^{11}B NMR spectrum (C_6D_6 , 298 K)



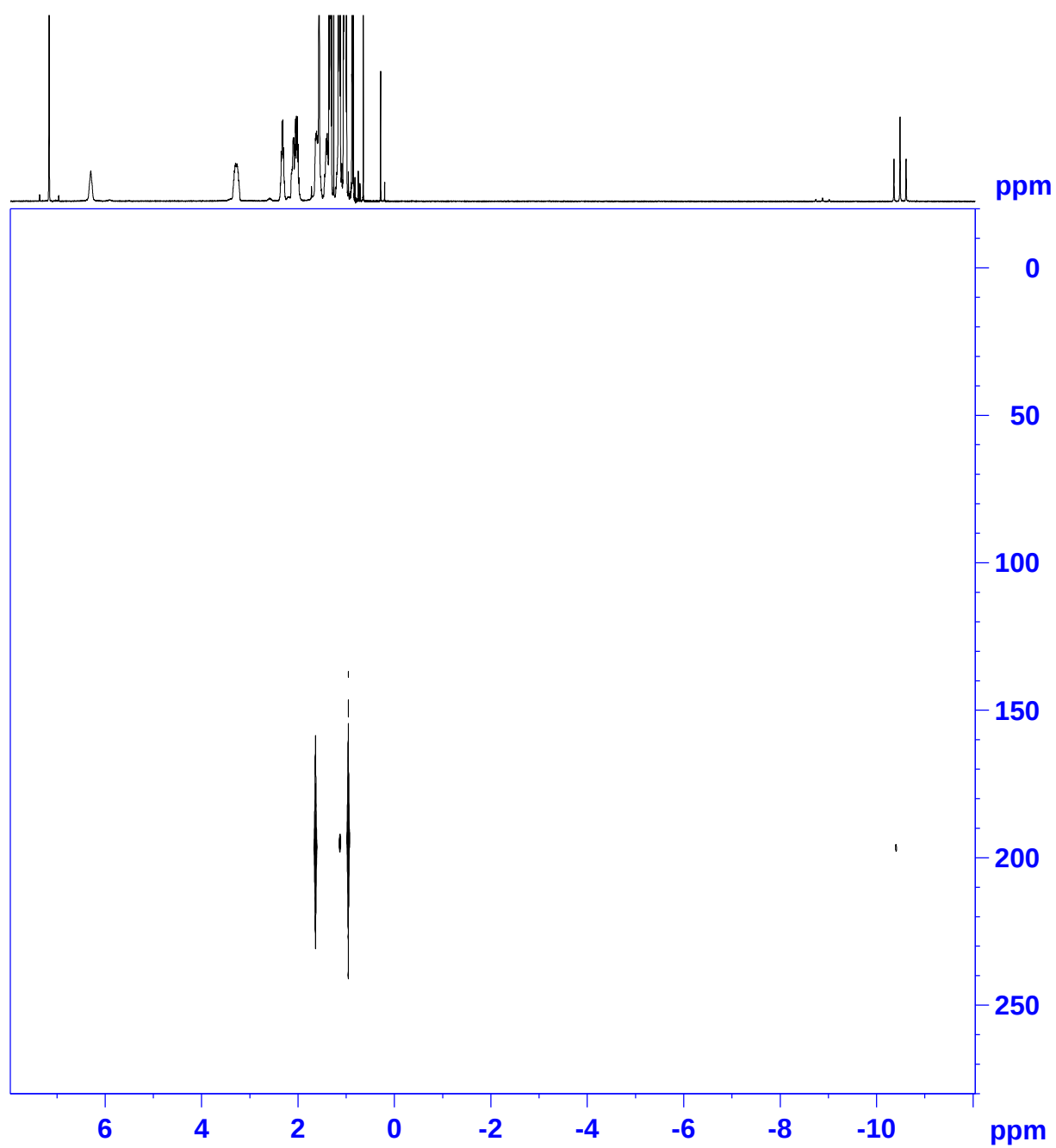
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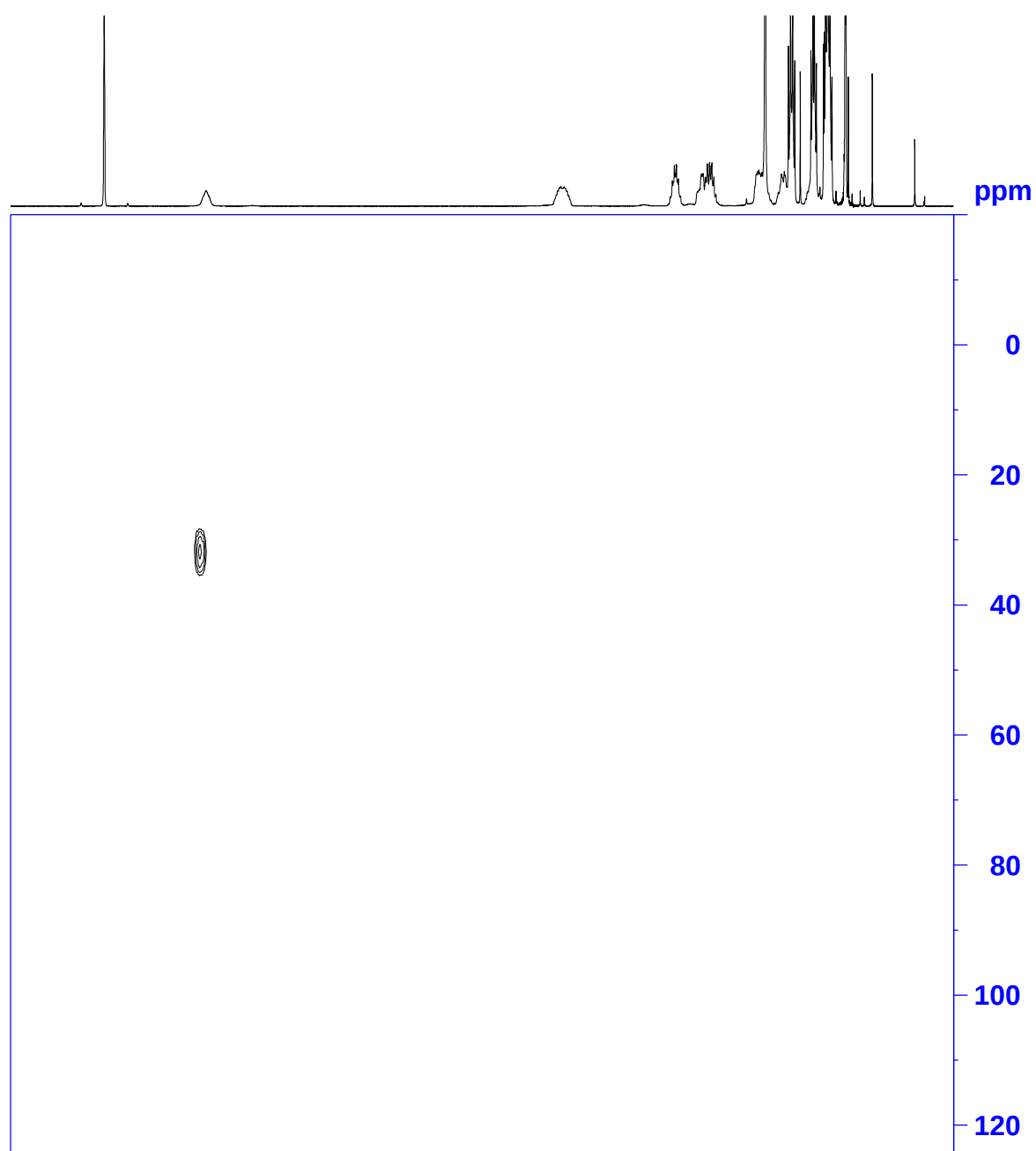
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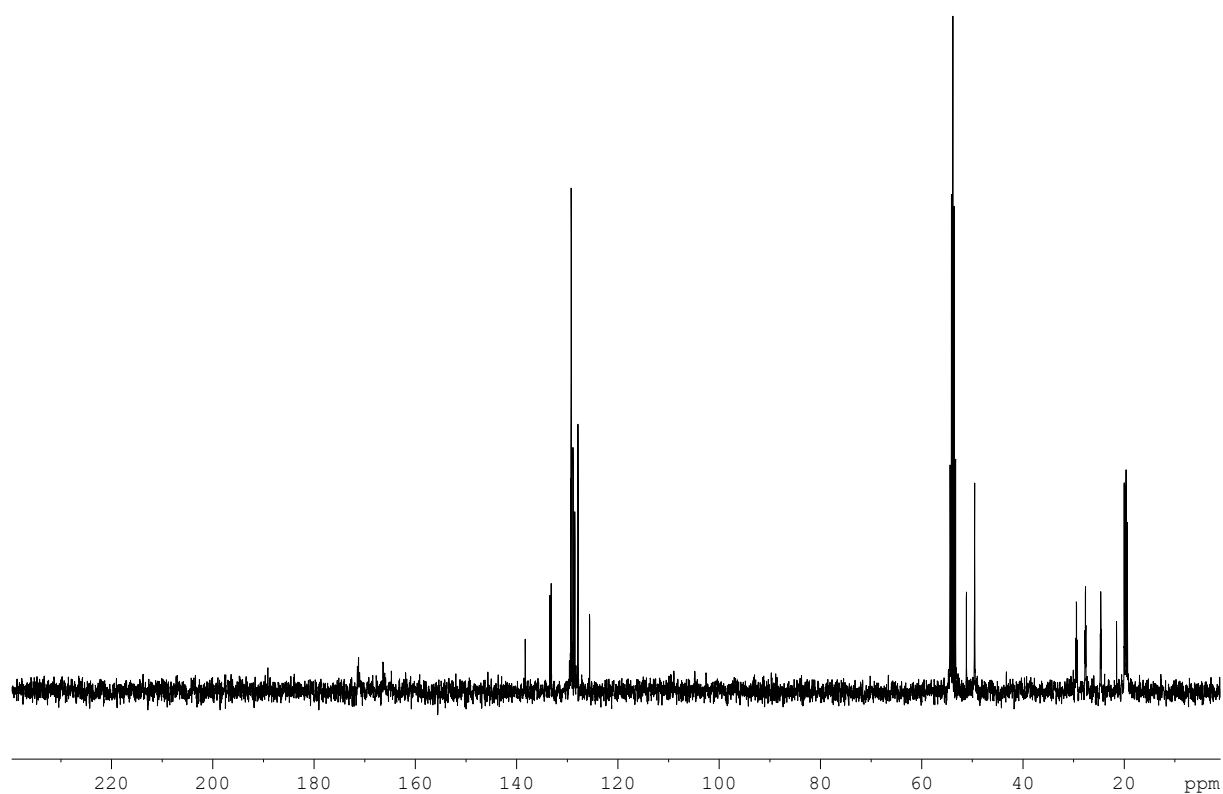
^1H - ^{15}N 2D HMBC NMR spectrum (C_6D_6 , 298 K).



^1H - ^{15}N 2D HSQC NMR spectrum (C_6D_6 , 298 K).



$^{13}\text{C}\{^{31}\text{P}-^1\text{H}\}$ NMR spectrum (CD_2Cl_2 , 298 K).



SXVIII. Connectivity scheme for $[\text{Ru}(\text{Cl})_2(\text{CN}-\text{CH}_2\text{Ph})(\text{NH}(\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{P}(\text{iPr})_2)_2)]$ (1a)

