

Supporting Information for

# **Cyclic Alkyl(amino)iminates (CAAls) as Strong $2\sigma,4\pi$ - Electron Donor Ligands for the Stabilisation of Boranes and Diboranes(4): A Synthetic and Computational Study**

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## **Methods and materials**

All manipulations were performed either under an atmosphere of dry argon (Argon 5.0) or *in vacuo* using standard Schlenk line or glovebox techniques. The solvents used were dried over suitable drying agents, distilled under an argon atmosphere, and stored under argon over activated molecular sieves (4 Å). Deuterated solvents were dried over molecular sieves (4 Å or 3 Å) and degassed by three freeze-pump-thaw cycles prior to use. NMR spectra were acquired either on a Bruker Avance 400 ( $^{11}\text{B}$ :128.5 MHz) or a Bruker Avance 500 ( $^1\text{H}$ : 500.1 MHz,  $^{11}\text{B}$ : 160.5 MHz,  $^{13}\text{C}$ : 125.8 MHz) spectrometer. Chemical shifts ( $\delta$ ) are listed in ppm, and internally referenced to the carbon nuclei ( $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ ) or residual protons ( $^1\text{H}$ ) of the solvent. Heteronuclei NMR spectra are referenced to external standards ( $^{11}\text{B}$ :  $\text{BF}_3\cdot\text{OEt}_2$ ). Resonances are given as singlet (s), doublet (d), triplet (t), septet (sept) or multiplet (m). The signals were assigned using standard 2D NMR experiments. High-resolution mass spectrometry (HRMS) data were determined from a Thermo Scientific Exactive Plus spectrometer. FT-IR spectra (solid-state) were recorded on a Bruker FT-IR spectrometer ALPHA II inside a glovebox.

Solvents and reagents were purchased from Sigma-Aldrich, ABCR or Alfa Aesar. (CAAC)NSiMe<sub>3</sub> (**1**, CAAC = 1-(2,6-diisopropylphenyl)-3,3,5,5-tetramethylpyrrolidin-2-ylidene),<sup>1</sup> CIB(NMe<sub>2</sub>)<sub>2</sub>,<sup>2</sup> BrB(NMe<sub>2</sub>)<sub>2</sub>,<sup>2</sup> DurBCl<sub>2</sub> (Dur = 2,3,5,6-tetramethylphenyl),<sup>3</sup> MesBBr<sub>2</sub> (Mes = 2,4,6-trimethylphenyl),<sup>4</sup> PhBBr<sub>2</sub>,<sup>5</sup> BCl<sub>3</sub>(SMe<sub>2</sub>),<sup>6</sup> BBr<sub>3</sub>(SMe<sub>2</sub>),<sup>6</sup> B<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>(NMe<sub>2</sub>)<sub>2</sub>,<sup>7</sup> B<sub>2</sub>Br<sub>2</sub>(NMe<sub>2</sub>)<sub>2</sub>,<sup>7</sup> B<sub>2</sub>Mes<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>,<sup>8,9</sup> were synthesized using known literature procedures.

## Synthetic Procedures

### Synthesis of 2<sup>Cl</sup>-NMe<sub>2</sub>

To a solution of **1** (500 mg, 1.34 mmol) in benzene (7 mL) ClB(NMe<sub>2</sub>)<sub>2</sub> (271 mg, 2.01 mmol) was added dropwise. After stirring at room temperature overnight, all volatiles were removed *in vacuo*. Extraction with hexane (7 × 5 mL), removal of the solvent and drying *in vacuo* afforded 2<sup>Cl</sup>-NMe<sub>2</sub> (418 mg, 80%). Colourless crystals suitable for X-ray diffraction analysis were obtained by slow evaporation of a saturated hexane solution at room temperature. <sup>1</sup>H{<sup>11</sup>B} NMR (500.1 MHz, C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>, 297 K): δ = 7.21 (t, 1H, <sup>3</sup>J = 7.8, 8.4 Hz, *p*-CH<sup>Dip</sup>), 7.16-7.09 (m, 2H, *m*-CH<sup>Dip</sup>), 3.12 (sept, 2H, <sup>3</sup>J = 6.7 Hz, CH(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub><sup>Dip</sup>), 2.79 (br s, 3H, N(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>), 2.50 (br s, 3H, N(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>), 1.72 (s, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub><sup>CAAC</sup>), 1.34 (d, 6H, <sup>3</sup>J = 6.6 Hz, CH(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub><sup>Dip</sup>), 1.30 (s, 6H, CH<sub>3</sub><sup>CAAC</sup>), 1.25 (d, 6H, <sup>3</sup>J = 6.9 Hz, CH(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub><sup>Dip</sup>), 1.00 (s, 6H, CH<sub>3</sub><sup>CAAC</sup>) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (125.8 MHz, C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>, 297 K): δ = 163.6 (C=N<sup>CAAC</sup>), 149.2 (*o*-C<sub>q</sub><sup>Dip</sup>), 132.2 (*i*-C<sub>q</sub><sup>Dip</sup>), 128.2 (*p*-CH<sup>Dip</sup>), 123.9 (*m*-CH<sup>Dip</sup>), 60.8 (C<sub>q</sub><sup>CAAC</sup>), 51.6 (CH<sub>2</sub><sup>CAAC</sup>), 42.1 (C<sub>q</sub><sup>CAAC</sup>), 29.4 (CH<sub>3</sub><sup>CAAC</sup>), 28.8 (CH(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub><sup>Dip</sup>), 28.2 (CH<sub>3</sub><sup>CAAC</sup>), 27.1 (CH(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub><sup>Dip</sup>), 23.1 (CH(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub><sup>Dip</sup>) ppm. <sup>11</sup>B NMR (160.5 MHz, C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>, 297 K): δ = 26.7 (s) ppm. Elemental analysis for [C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>37</sub>BClN<sub>3</sub>] (*M<sub>w</sub>* = 389.82 g mol<sup>-1</sup>): calcd. C 67.79, H 9.57, N 10.78%; found C 67.37, H 9.66, N 10.52%. HRMS LIFDI for [C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>37</sub>BClN<sub>3</sub>] (*m/z*): calcd. 389.2764, found 389.2757.

### Synthesis of 2<sup>Br</sup>-NMe<sub>2</sub>

**1** (300 mg, 810 μmol) was dissolved in benzene (4 mL) and BrB(NMe<sub>2</sub>)<sub>2</sub> (217 mg, 1.22 mmol) was added dropwise at room temperature. The reaction mixture was stirred overnight. After removing all volatiles *in vacuo*, the product was extracted with hexane (7 × 5 mL) and dried *in vacuo* to yield 2<sup>Br</sup>-NMe<sub>2</sub> (310 mg, 89%). Single crystals suitable for X-ray diffraction analysis were obtained by slow evaporation of a saturated hexane solution at room temperature. <sup>1</sup>H{<sup>11</sup>B} NMR (500.1 MHz, C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>, 297 K): δ = 7.20 (t, 1H, <sup>3</sup>J = 7.6 Hz, *p*-CH<sup>Dip</sup>), 7.15-7.10 (m, 2H, *m*-CH<sup>Dip</sup>), 3.18 (sept, 2H, <sup>3</sup>J = 6.6 Hz, CH(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub><sup>Dip</sup>), 2.27 (s, 6H, N(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>), 1.70 (s, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub><sup>CAAC</sup>), 1.34 (d, 6H, <sup>3</sup>J = 6.7 Hz, CH(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub><sup>Dip</sup>), 1.32 (s, 6H, CH<sub>3</sub><sup>CAAC</sup>), 1.25 (d, 6H, <sup>3</sup>J = 6.7 Hz, CH(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub><sup>Dip</sup>), 0.98 (s, 6H, CH<sub>3</sub><sup>CAAC</sup>) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (125.8 MHz, C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>, 297 K): δ = 163.8 (C=N<sup>CAAC</sup>), 149.6 (*o*-C<sub>q</sub><sup>Dip</sup>), 132.3 (*i*-C<sub>q</sub><sup>Dip</sup>), 128.6 (*p*-CH<sup>Dip</sup>), 124.3 (*m*-CH<sup>Dip</sup>), 61.4 (C<sub>q</sub><sup>CAAC</sup>), 51.9 (CH<sub>2</sub><sup>CAAC</sup>), 42.6 (C<sub>q</sub><sup>CAAC</sup>), 40.5-39.3 (N(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>), 29.7 (CH<sub>3</sub><sup>CAAC</sup>), 29.1 (CH(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub><sup>Dip</sup>), 28.4 (CH<sub>3</sub><sup>CAAC</sup>), 27.8 (CH(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub><sup>Dip</sup>), 23.5 (CH(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub><sup>Dip</sup>) ppm. <sup>11</sup>B NMR (160.5 MHz, C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>, 297 K): δ = 24. (s) ppm. Elemental analysis for [C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>37</sub>BBrN<sub>3</sub>] (*M<sub>w</sub>* = 434.27 g

mol<sup>-1</sup>): calcd. C 60.85, H 8.59, N 9.68%, found C 60.72, H 8.76, N 9.35%. HRMS LIFDI for [C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>37</sub>BBrN<sub>3</sub>] (m/z): calcd. 434.2337, found 434.2254.

### Synthesis of 2<sup>Cl</sup>-Cl

2<sup>Cl</sup>-NMe<sub>2</sub> (30.0 mg, 77.0 μmol) and BCl<sub>3</sub>(SMe<sub>2</sub>) were combined in toluene (0.6 mL). After 1 d at room temperature, the reaction mixture was filtered and dried *in vacuo*. Single crystals of 2<sup>Cl</sup>-Cl (15 mg, 51%) suitable for X-ray diffraction analysis were obtained by slow evaporation of a saturated toluene solution at room temperature. <sup>1</sup>H{<sup>11</sup>B} NMR (500.1 MHz, C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>, 297 K): δ = 7.14 (t, 1H, <sup>3</sup>J = 7.7 Hz, *p*-CH<sup>Dip</sup>, overlaps with the peak of the solvent), 7.06-7.03 (m, 2H, *m*-CH<sup>Dip</sup>), 2.93 (sept, 2H, <sup>3</sup>J = 6.8 Hz, CH(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub><sup>Dip</sup>), 1.58 (s, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub><sup>CAAC</sup>), 1.33 (d, 6H, <sup>3</sup>J = 6.7 Hz, CH(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub><sup>Dip</sup>), 1.20-1.14 (m, 12H, CH<sub>3</sub><sup>CAAC</sup> + CH(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub><sup>Dip</sup>), 0.89 (s, 6H, CH<sub>3</sub><sup>CAAC</sup>) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (125.8 MHz, C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>, 297 K): δ = 163.2 (C=N<sup>CAAC</sup>), 148.8 (*o*-C<sub>q</sub><sup>Dip</sup>), 130.6 (*i*-C<sub>q</sub><sup>Dip</sup>), 129.5 (*p*-CH<sub>Aryl</sub><sup>Dip</sup>), 124.6 (*m*-CH<sub>Aryl</sub><sup>Dip</sup>), 63.9 (C<sub>q</sub><sup>CAAC</sup>), 50.4 (CH<sub>2</sub><sup>CAAC</sup>), 43.7 (C<sub>q</sub><sup>CAAC</sup>), 29.4 (CH(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub><sup>Dip</sup>), 29.2 (CH<sub>3</sub><sup>CAAC</sup>), 28.3 (CH<sub>3</sub><sup>CAAC</sup>), 26.8 (CH(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub><sup>Dip</sup>), 23.2 (CH(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub><sup>Dip</sup>) ppm. <sup>11</sup>B NMR (160.5 MHz, C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>, 297 K): δ = 24.8 (s) ppm. Elemental analysis for [C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>31</sub>BCl<sub>2</sub>N<sub>2</sub>] (M<sub>w</sub> = 381.19 g mol<sup>-1</sup>): calcd. C 63.02, H 8.20, N 7.35%; found C 62.09, H 8.63, N 6.78%. HRMS LIFDI for [C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>31</sub>BCl<sub>2</sub>N<sub>2</sub>] (m/z): calcd. 381.2030, found 381.2027.

### Synthesis of 2<sup>Cl</sup>-Dur

1 (20.0 mg, 50.0 μmol) and DurBCl<sub>2</sub> (11.5 mg, 50.0 μmol) were combined in benzene (0.6 mL). After 1 d at room temperature, all volatiles were removed *in vacuo*, the residue was redissolved in pentane and dried again *in vacuo* for 50 min. Single crystals of 2<sup>Cl</sup>-Dur (16.0 mg, 62%) suitable for X-ray diffraction analysis were obtained by vapour diffusion of pentane in a saturated benzene solution. <sup>1</sup>H{<sup>11</sup>B} NMR (500.1 MHz, C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>, 297 K): δ = 7.18 (t, 1H, <sup>3</sup>J = 7.6 Hz, *p*-CH<sup>Dip</sup>, overlaps with the peak of the solvent), 7.12-7.07 (m, 2H, *m*-CH<sup>Dip</sup>), 6.83 (s, 1H, CH<sup>Dur</sup>), 3.00 (br, 2H, CH(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub><sup>Dip</sup>), 2.27-1.93 (m, 12H, CH<sub>3</sub><sup>Dur</sup>), 1.70 (s, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub><sup>CAAC</sup>), 1.38 (s, 6H, CH<sub>3</sub><sup>CAAC</sup>), 1.29-1.01 (m, 12H, CH(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub><sup>Dip</sup>), 0.98 (s, 6H, CH<sub>3</sub><sup>CAAC</sup>) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (125.8 MHz, C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>, 297 K): δ = 161.3 (C=N<sup>CAAC</sup>), 148.8 (*o*-C<sub>q</sub><sup>Dip</sup>), 134.1 (C<sub>q</sub><sup>Dur</sup>), 132.8 (*i*-C<sub>q</sub><sup>Dur</sup>), 132.3 (*i*-C<sub>q</sub><sup>Dip</sup>), 131.0 (CH<sub>Aryl</sub><sup>Dur</sup>), 129.1 (*p*-CH<sub>Aryl</sub><sup>Dip</sup>), 124.9 (*m*-CH<sub>Aryl</sub><sup>Dip</sup>), 63.3 (C<sub>q</sub><sup>CAAC</sup>), 51.2 (CH<sub>2</sub><sup>CAAC</sup>), 43.0 (C<sub>q</sub><sup>CAAC</sup>), 29.4 (CH<sub>3</sub><sup>CAAC</sup>), 29.1 (CH(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub><sup>Dip</sup>), 28.9 (CH<sub>3</sub><sup>CAAC</sup>), 24.2 (CH(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub><sup>Dip</sup>), 19.9 (CH<sub>3</sub><sup>Dur</sup>) ppm. <sup>11</sup>B NMR (160.5 MHz, C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>, 297 K): δ = 30.4 (s) ppm. Elemental analysis for [C<sub>30</sub>H<sub>44</sub>BClN<sub>2</sub>] (M<sub>w</sub> = 478.96 g mol<sup>-1</sup>): calcd. C 75.23, H 9.26,

N 5.85%, found C 75.14, H 9.25, N 5.75%. HRMS LIFDI for [C<sub>30</sub>H<sub>44</sub>BCIN<sub>2</sub>] (m/z): calcd. 478.3281, found 478.3276

### Synthesis of 2<sup>Br</sup>-Mes

To a solution of **1** (225 mg, 604 μmol) in 4 mL benzene MesBBr<sub>2</sub> (175 mg, 604 μmol) dissolved in 2 mL benzene was added dropwise. After heating at 60 °C for 1 d all volatiles were removed *in vacuo*, the residue was extracted with benzene (2 × 10 mL) and dried *in vacuo*. Colourless single crystals of **2<sup>Br</sup>-Mes** (231 mg, 75%) suitable for X-ray diffraction analysis were obtained by slow evaporation of a saturated benzene solution at room temperature. <sup>1</sup>H{<sup>11</sup>B} NMR (500.1 MHz, C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>, 297 K): δ = 7.19-7.16 (m, 1H, *p*-CH<sup>Dip</sup>, overlaps with the peak of the solvent), 7.14-7.05 (m, 2H, *m*-CH<sup>Dip</sup>), 6.70 (s, 2H, CH<sub>Aryl</sub><sup>Mes</sup>), 2.98 (br, 2H, CH(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub><sup>Dip</sup>), 2.54-1.99 (m, 9 H, CH<sub>3</sub><sup>Mes</sup>), 1.67 (s, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub><sup>CAAC</sup>), 1.50-1.27 (m, 9 H, CH(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub><sup>Dip</sup> + CH<sub>3</sub><sup>CAAC</sup>), 1.32-1.01 (m, 9 H, CH(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub><sup>Dip</sup> + CH<sub>3</sub><sup>CAAC</sup>), 0.96 (br s, 6H, CH<sub>3</sub><sup>CAAC</sup>) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (125.8 MHz, C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>, 297 K): δ = 162.0 (C=N<sup>CAAC</sup>), 149.1 (*o*-C<sub>q</sub><sup>Dip</sup>), 138.0 (*i*-C<sub>q</sub><sup>Mes</sup>), 136.7 (C<sub>q</sub><sup>Mes</sup>), 132.1 (*i*-C<sub>q</sub><sup>Dip</sup>), 129.2 (*p*-CH<sup>Dip</sup>), 127.5 (CH<sup>Mes</sup>), 125.0 (*m*-CH<sup>Dip</sup>), 63.7 (C<sub>q</sub><sup>CAAC</sup>), 51.5 (CH<sub>2</sub><sup>CAAC</sup>), 43.0 (C<sub>q</sub><sup>CAAC</sup>), 29.1 (CH(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub><sup>Dip</sup> + CH<sub>3</sub><sup>CAAC</sup>), 28.6 (CH<sub>3</sub><sup>CAAC</sup>), 24.1 (CH(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub><sup>Dip</sup>), 21.4 (CH<sub>3</sub><sup>Mes</sup>) ppm. <sup>11</sup>B NMR (160.5 MHz, C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>, 297 K): δ = 26.2 (br s) ppm. Elemental analysis for [C<sub>29</sub>H<sub>42</sub>BBrN<sub>2</sub>] (M<sub>w</sub> = 509.38 g mol<sup>-1</sup>): calcd. C 68.38, H 8.31, N 5.50%; found C 68.31, H 8.14, N 5.18%. HRMS LIFDI for [C<sub>29</sub>H<sub>42</sub>BBrN<sub>2</sub>] (m/z): calcd. 509.2697; found 509.2695.

### Synthesis of 2<sup>Br</sup>-Ph

**1** (100 mg, 270 μmol) and PhBBr<sub>2</sub> (66.5 mg, 270 μmol) were combined in benzene (2 mL) and was stirred at room temperature overnight. All volatiles were removed *in vacuo*. Colourless single crystals of **2<sup>Br</sup>-Ph** (101 mg, 81%) were obtained by vapour diffusion of pentane in a saturated benzene solution. <sup>1</sup>H{<sup>11</sup>B} NMR (500.1 MHz, C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>, 297 K): δ = 8.12-8.05 (m, 2H, CH<sup>Ph</sup>), 7.27-7.17 (m, 3H, CH<sup>Ph</sup>, overlaps with the peak of the solvent), 7.10 (dd, 1H, <sup>3</sup>J = 7.8 Hz, *p*-CH<sup>Dip</sup>), 7.03-6.99 (m, 2H, *m*-CH<sup>Dip</sup>), 3.11 (sept, 2H, CH(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub><sup>Dip</sup>), 1.68 (s, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub><sup>CAAC</sup>), 1.31 (d, 6H, <sup>3</sup>J = 6.5 Hz, CH(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub><sup>Dip</sup>), 1.26 (s, 6H, CH<sub>3</sub><sup>CAAC</sup>), 1.22 (d, 6H, <sup>3</sup>J = 7.0 Hz, CH(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub><sup>Dip</sup>), 0.96 (s, 6H, CH<sub>3</sub><sup>CAAC</sup>) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (125.8 MHz, C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>, 297 K): δ = 162.2 (C=N<sup>CAAC</sup>), 149.1 (*o*-C<sub>q</sub><sup>Dip</sup>), 136.3 (*o*-CH<sub>Aryl</sub><sup>Ph</sup>), 131.0 (*i*-C<sub>q</sub><sup>Dip</sup>), 130.6 (*p*-CH<sup>Ph</sup>), 129.2 (*p*-CH<sup>Dip</sup>), 127.5 (*m*-CH<sup>Ph</sup>), 124.6 (*m*-CH<sup>Dip</sup>), 63.5 (C<sub>q</sub><sup>CAAC</sup>), 50.8 (CH<sub>2</sub><sup>CAAC</sup>), 44.0 (C<sub>q</sub><sup>CAAC</sup>), 29.5 (CH<sub>3</sub><sup>CAAC</sup>), 29.3 (CH(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub><sup>Dip</sup>), 28.6 (CH<sub>3</sub><sup>CAAC</sup>), 27.8 (CH(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub><sup>Dip</sup>), 23.6 (CH(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub><sup>Dip</sup>) ppm. <sup>11</sup>B NMR (160.5 MHz, C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>, 297 K): δ = 29.8 (s) ppm. Elemental analysis for

[C<sub>26</sub>H<sub>36</sub>BBrN<sub>2</sub>] ( $M_w = 467.30 \text{ g mol}^{-1}$ ): calcd. C 66.89, H 7.77, N 5.99%; found C 66.72, H 8.03, N 5.93%. HRMS LIFDI for [C<sub>26</sub>H<sub>36</sub>BBrN<sub>2</sub>] (m/z): calcd. 467.2228, found 467.2224.

### Synthesis of 3-NMe<sub>2</sub>

**1** (143 mg, 390  $\mu\text{mol}$ ) and **2**<sup>Cl</sup>-NMe<sub>2</sub> (150 mg, 390  $\mu\text{mol}$ ) were combined in benzene (4 mL) and the reaction mixture was heated to 80 °C for 2 d. After removal of all volatiles *in vacuo*, the product was recrystallised from benzene (1.5 mL) leading to the formation of a large crop of colourless crystals, which were washed with benzene (3  $\times$  0.5 mL) and dried *in vacuo* affording **3**-NMe<sub>2</sub> (164 mg, 65%). Single crystals suitable for X-ray diffraction analysis were obtained by slow evaporation of a saturated benzene solution at room temperature. <sup>1</sup>H{<sup>11</sup>B} NMR (500.1 MHz, C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>, 297 K):  $\delta = 7.23$  (t, 2H, <sup>3</sup>J = 7.3 Hz, *p*-CH<sup>Dip</sup>), 7.20-7.17 (m, 4H, *m*-CH<sup>Dip</sup>, overlaps with the solvent peak), 3.27 (sept, 4H, <sup>3</sup>J = 6.8 Hz, CH(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub><sup>Dip</sup>), 2.73 (s, 6H, N(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>), 1.72 (s, 4H, CH<sub>2</sub><sup>CAAC</sup>), 1.36 (d, 12H, <sup>3</sup>J = 6.7 Hz, CH(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub><sup>Dip</sup>), 1.30 (d, 12H, <sup>3</sup>J = 6.7 Hz, CH(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub><sup>Dip</sup>), 1.19 (br s, 12H, CH<sub>3</sub><sup>CAAC</sup>), 1.04 (s, 12H, CH<sub>3</sub><sup>CAAC</sup>) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (125.8 MHz, C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>, 297 K):  $\delta = 160.9$  (C=N<sup>CAAC</sup>), 150.2 (*o*-C<sub>q</sub><sup>Dip</sup>), 134.6 (*i*-C<sub>q</sub><sup>Dip</sup>), 127.8 (*p*-CH<sup>Dip</sup>, detected by HSQC, overlaps with the solvent peak), 124.1 (*m*-CH<sup>Dip</sup>), 59.7 (C<sub>q</sub><sup>CAAC</sup>), 53.6 (CH<sub>2</sub><sup>CAAC</sup>), 41.8 (C<sub>q</sub><sup>CAAC</sup>), 40.0 (N(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>), 30.2 (CH<sub>3</sub><sup>CAAC</sup>), 29.0 (CH(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub><sup>Dip</sup>), 28.3 (CH(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub><sup>Dip</sup>), 24.0 (CH<sub>3</sub><sup>CAAC</sup>) ppm. Note: the <sup>13</sup>C resonance for one CH<sub>3</sub><sup>CAAC</sup> could not be detected, presumably due to broadening. <sup>11</sup>B NMR (160.5 MHz, C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>, 297 K):  $\delta = 27.3$  (s) ppm. Elemental analysis for [C<sub>42</sub>H<sub>68</sub>BN<sub>5</sub>] ( $M_w = 653.85 \text{ g mol}^{-1}$ ): calcd. C 77.15, H 10.48, N 10.71%, found C 76.89, H 10.70, N 10.42% HRMS LIFDI for [C<sub>42</sub>H<sub>68</sub>BN<sub>5</sub>] (m/z): calcd. 653.5562, found 653.5554.

### Synthesis of 3-Ph

A solution of PhBBr<sub>2</sub> (59.0 mg, 240  $\mu\text{mol}$ ) in 1 mL benzene was treated with **1** (177 mg, 480  $\mu\text{mol}$ ) dissolved in 1 mL benzene. After stirring for 1 d at room temperature, the reaction mixture turned orange. All volatiles were removed *in vacuo*. Colourless single crystals of **3-Ph** (105 mg, 64%) were obtained by slow evaporation of a saturated benzene solution at room temperature. <sup>1</sup>H{<sup>11</sup>B} NMR (500.1 MHz, C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>, 297 K):  $\delta = 7.92$  (d, 2H, <sup>3</sup>J = 7.2 Hz, *o*-CH<sup>Ph</sup>), 7.25 (t, 2H, <sup>3</sup>J = 7.4 Hz, *m*-CH<sup>Ph</sup>), 7.28 (t, 1H, <sup>3</sup>J = 7.4 Hz, *p*-CH<sub>Aryl</sub><sup>Ph</sup>), 7.22 (t, 2H, <sup>3</sup>J = 7.6 Hz, *p*-CH<sup>Dip</sup>), 7.19-7.14 (m, 4H, *m*-CH<sup>Dip</sup>, overlaps with the solvent peak), 3.37 (br s, 4H, CH(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub><sup>Dip</sup>), 1.72 (s, 4H, CH<sub>2</sub><sup>CAAC</sup>), 1.46-1.35 (m, 12H, CH(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub><sup>Dip</sup>), 1.33 (d, 12H, <sup>3</sup>J = 6.7 Hz), 1.12-1.01 (m, 24H, CH<sub>3</sub><sup>CAAC</sup>) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (125.8 MHz, C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>, 297 K):  $\delta = 159.7$  (C=N<sup>CAAC</sup>), 150.3 (*o*-C<sub>q</sub><sup>Dip</sup>), 141.7 (C<sub>q</sub><sup>Ph</sup>), 135.9 (*o*-CH<sup>Ph</sup>), 134.3 (*i*-C<sub>q</sub><sup>Dip</sup>), 128.7 (*p*-CH<sup>Ph</sup>),

128.1 (*p*-CH<sup>Dip</sup>), 126.6 (*m*-CH<sup>Ph</sup>), 124.4 (*m*-CH<sup>Dip</sup>), 60.4 (C<sub>q</sub><sup>CAAC</sup>), 52.9 (CH<sub>2</sub><sup>CAAC</sup>), 43.0 (C<sub>q</sub><sup>CAAC</sup>), 30.1 (CH<sub>3</sub><sup>CAAC</sup>), 29.1 (CH(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub><sup>Dip</sup>), 28.3 (CH(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub><sup>Dip</sup>), 24.0 (CH(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub><sup>Dip</sup>) ppm. <sup>11</sup>B NMR (160.5 MHz, C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>, 297 K):  $\delta$  = 29.7 (br s) ppm. Elemental analysis for [C<sub>46</sub>H<sub>67</sub>BN<sub>4</sub>] (*M<sub>w</sub>* = 686.88 g mol<sup>-1</sup>): calcd. C 80.44, H 9.83, N 8.16%; found C 81.12, H 9.79, N 7.72%. HRMS LIFDI for [C<sub>46</sub>H<sub>67</sub>BN<sub>4</sub>] (*m/z*): calcd. 686.5453; found 686.5445.

### Synthesis of 3-Cl

**1** (200 mg, 537  $\mu$ mol) and BCl<sub>3</sub>·SMe<sub>2</sub> (48.0 mg, 268  $\mu$ mol) were combined in benzene (4 mL) and the reaction mixture was heated at 60 °C for 2 d. After filtration, all volatiles were removed *in vacuo*. The product was collected by recrystallisation from hexane (2 mL), yielding **3-Cl** (105 mg, 61%) as a colourless solid. Colourless crystals of **3-Cl** suitable for X-ray diffraction analysis were obtained by slow evaporation of a saturated toluene solution at room temperature. <sup>1</sup>H{<sup>11</sup>B} NMR (500.1 MHz, C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>, 297 K):  $\delta$  = 7.21 (t, 2H, <sup>3</sup>*J* = 6.5 Hz, *p*-CH<sup>Dip</sup>), 7.16-7.13 (m, 4H, *m*-CH<sup>Dip</sup>), 3.17 (sept, 4H, <sup>3</sup>*J* = 6.7 Hz, CH(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub><sup>Dip</sup>), 1.67 (s, 4H, CH<sub>2</sub><sup>CAAC</sup>), 1.43 (d, 12H, <sup>3</sup>*J* = 6.8 Hz, CH(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub><sup>Dip</sup>), 1.27 (d, 12H, <sup>3</sup>*J* = 6.8 Hz, CH(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub><sup>Dip</sup>), 1.20 (br s, 12H, CH<sub>3</sub><sup>CAAC</sup>), 0.99 (s, 12H, CH<sub>3</sub><sup>CAAC</sup>) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (125.8 MHz, C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>, 297 K):  $\delta$  = 162.1 (C=N<sup>CAAC</sup>), 149.7 (*o*-C<sub>q</sub><sup>Dip</sup>), 133.3 (*i*-C<sub>q</sub><sup>Dip</sup>), 128.0 (*p*-CH<sup>Dip</sup>), 124.1 (*m*-CH<sup>Dip</sup>), 61.0 (C<sub>q</sub><sup>CAAC</sup>), 52.5 (CH<sub>2</sub><sup>CAAC</sup>), 43.3 (C<sub>q</sub><sup>CAAC</sup>), 29.6 (CH<sub>3</sub><sup>CAAC</sup>), 29.2 (CH(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub><sup>Dip</sup>), 29.1 (CH<sub>3</sub><sup>CAAC</sup>), 27.2 (CH(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub><sup>Dip</sup>), 23.5 (CH(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub><sup>Dip</sup>) ppm. <sup>11</sup>B NMR (160.5 MHz, C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>, 297 K):  $\delta$  = 23.9 (s) ppm. Elemental analysis for [C<sub>40</sub>H<sub>62</sub>BClN<sub>4</sub>] (*M<sub>w</sub>* = 645.22 g mol<sup>-1</sup>): calcd. C 76.38, H 9.48, N 7.75%, found C 75.37, H 9.69, N 7.82%. HRMS LIFDI for [C<sub>40</sub>H<sub>62</sub>BClN<sub>4</sub>] (*m/z*): calcd. 644.4751, found 644.4743.

### Synthesis of 3-Br

**1** (1.00 g, 2.68 mmol) was dissolved in benzene (3 mL) and BBr<sub>3</sub>(SMe<sub>2</sub>) (420 mg, 1.34 mmol) in benzene (3 mL) was added, and the reaction mixture was heated to 60 °C overnight, whereupon the colour changed from colourless to pink. All volatiles were removed *in vacuo*, and the reaction mixture was filtrated and extracted with benzene (4  $\times$  5 mL) and dried again *in vacuo* to afford **3-Br** as a colourless solid (800 mg, 86%). Colourless crystals were obtained by slow evaporation of a saturated benzene solution at room temperature. <sup>1</sup>H{<sup>11</sup>B} NMR (500.1 MHz, C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>, 297 K):  $\delta$  = 7.23-7.18 (m, 2H, *p*-CH<sup>Dip</sup>), 7.16-7.13 (m, 4H, *m*-CH<sup>Dip</sup>, overlaps with the solvent peak), 3.14 (sept, 4H, <sup>3</sup>*J* = 6.8 Hz, CH(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub><sup>Dip</sup>), 1.65 (s, 4H, CH<sub>2</sub><sup>CAAC</sup>), 1.44 (d, 12H, <sup>3</sup>*J* = 6.8 Hz, CH(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub><sup>Dip</sup>), 1.26 (d, 12H, <sup>3</sup>*J* = 6.8 Hz, CH(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub><sup>Dip</sup>), 1.22 (br s, 12H, CH<sub>3</sub><sup>CAAC</sup>), 0.98 (s, 12H, CH<sub>3</sub><sup>CAAC</sup>) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (125.8 MHz, C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>, 297 K):  $\delta$  = 162.1

(C=N<sup>CAAC</sup>), 149.6 (*o*-C<sub>q</sub><sup>Dip</sup>), 133.1 (*i*-C<sub>q</sub><sup>Dip</sup>), 128.5 (*p*-CH<sup>Dip</sup>), 124.2 (*m*-CH<sup>Dip</sup>), 61.3 (C<sub>q</sub><sup>CAAC</sup>), 52.4 (CH<sub>2</sub><sup>CAAC</sup>), 43.4 (C<sub>q</sub><sup>CAAC</sup>), 29.6 (CH<sub>3</sub><sup>CAAC</sup>), 29.2 (CH(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub><sup>Dip</sup>), 29.0 (CH<sub>3</sub><sup>CAAC</sup>), 27.9 (CH(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub><sup>Dip</sup>), 23.5 (CH(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub><sup>Dip</sup>) ppm. <sup>11</sup>B NMR (160.5 MHz, C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>, 297 K):  $\delta$  = 21.0 (s) ppm. Elemental analysis for [C<sub>40</sub>H<sub>62</sub>BBrN<sub>4</sub>] (*M<sub>w</sub>* = 689.68 g mol<sup>-1</sup>): calcd. C 69.66, H 9.06, N 8.12%, found C 69.40, H 9.27, N 8.05%. HRMS LIFDI for [C<sub>40</sub>H<sub>62</sub>BBrN<sub>4</sub>] (*m/z*): calcd. 689.4324, found 689.4310.

### Synthesis of 3-N<sub>3</sub>

**3-Br** (200 mg, 290  $\mu$ mol) was dissolved in dichloromethane (3.5 mL) and TMSN<sub>3</sub> (50.0 mg, 435  $\mu$ mol) was added. After 1 d at room temperature, all volatiles were removed *in vacuo*. Colourless crystals of **3-N<sub>3</sub>** (153 mg, 81%) suitable for X-ray diffraction analysis were obtained by slow evaporation of a saturated benzene solution at room temperature. <sup>1</sup>H{<sup>11</sup>B} NMR (500.1 MHz, C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>, 297 K):  $\delta$  = 7.20 (t, 2H, <sup>3</sup>*J* = 6.4 Hz, *p*-CH<sup>Dip</sup>), 7.16-7.13 (m, 4H, *m*-CH<sup>Dip</sup>), 3.18 (sept, 4H, <sup>3</sup>*J* = 6.8 Hz, CH(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub><sup>Dip</sup>), 1.66 (s, 4H, CH<sub>2</sub><sup>CAAC</sup>), 1.40 (d, 12H, <sup>3</sup>*J* = 6.6 Hz, CH(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub><sup>Dip</sup>), 1.27 (d, 12H, <sup>3</sup>*J* = 6.8 Hz, CH(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub><sup>Dip</sup>), 1.14 (s, 12H, CH<sub>3</sub><sup>CAAC</sup>), 0.99 (s, 12H, CH<sub>3</sub><sup>CAAC</sup>) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (125.8 MHz, C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>, 297 K):  $\delta$  = 163.1 (C=N<sup>CAAC</sup>), 149.8 (*o*-C<sub>q</sub><sup>Dip</sup>), 133.5 (*i*-C<sub>q</sub><sup>Dip</sup>), 128.3 (*p*-CH<sup>Dip</sup>), 124.1 (*m*-CH<sup>Dip</sup>), 60.7 (C<sub>q</sub><sup>CAAC</sup>), 52.4 (CH<sub>2</sub><sup>CAAC</sup>), 42.3 (C<sub>q</sub><sup>CAAC</sup>), 29.6 (CH<sub>3</sub><sup>CAAC</sup>), 29.2 (CH(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub><sup>Dip</sup>), 29.0 (CH<sub>3</sub><sup>CAAC</sup>), 27.6 (CH(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub><sup>Dip</sup>), 23.5 (CH(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub><sup>Dip</sup>) ppm. <sup>11</sup>B NMR (160.5 MHz, C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>, 297 K):  $\delta$  = 24.3 ppm. FT-IR (solid-state):  $\tilde{\nu}$  = 2139, 2109, 2036, 2027 (N=N=N), 1670, 1614, 1591, 1577 (N=C<sub>CAAI</sub>) cm<sup>-1</sup>. Elemental analysis for [C<sub>40</sub>H<sub>62</sub>BN<sub>7</sub>] (*M<sub>w</sub>* = 651.80 g/mol): calcd. C 73.71, H 9.59, N 15.04%, found C 73.69, H 9.81, N 15.04%. HRMS LIFDI for [C<sub>40</sub>H<sub>62</sub>BN<sub>7</sub>] (*m/z*): calcd. 651.5154, found 651.5140.

### Synthesis of 3-NCS

To a solution of **3-Br** (20.0 mg, 30.0  $\mu$ mol) dissolved in benzene (0.6 mL) TMSNCS (4.00 mg, 30.0  $\mu$ mol) was added. After 1 d at room temperature, all volatiles were removed *in vacuo*. Single crystals suitable for X-ray diffraction analysis were obtained by slow evaporation of a saturated benzene solution, yielding **3-NCS** (18 mg, 93%). <sup>1</sup>H{<sup>11</sup>B} NMR (500.1 MHz, C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>, 297 K):  $\delta$  = 7.18 (t, 2H, <sup>3</sup>*J* = 6.7 Hz, *p*-CH<sup>Dip</sup>, overlaps with the solvent peak), 7.13-7.10 (m, 4H, *m*-CH<sup>Dip</sup>), 3.09 (sept, 4H, <sup>3</sup>*J* = 6.8 Hz, CH(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub><sup>Dip</sup>), 1.61 (s, 4H, CH<sub>2</sub><sup>CAAC</sup>), 1.39 (d, 12H, <sup>3</sup>*J* = 6.7 Hz, CH(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub><sup>Dip</sup>), 1.24 (d, 12H, <sup>3</sup>*J* = 6.8 Hz, CH(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub><sup>Dip</sup>), 1.07 (s, 12H, CH<sub>3</sub><sup>CAAC</sup>), 0.95 (s, 12H, CH<sub>3</sub><sup>CAAC</sup>) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (125.8 MHz, C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>, 297 K):  $\delta$  = 163.7 (C=N<sup>CAAC</sup>), 149.5 (*o*-C<sub>q</sub><sup>Dip</sup>), 133.1 (*i*-C<sub>q</sub><sup>Dip</sup>), 128.5 (*p*-CH<sup>Dip</sup>), 124.1 (*m*-CH<sup>Dip</sup>), 61.2 (C<sub>q</sub><sup>CAAC</sup>),



52.1 ( $\text{CH}_2^{\text{CAAC}}$ ), 42.8 ( $\text{C}_q^{\text{CAAC}}$ ), 29.5 ( $\text{CH}_3^{\text{CAAC}}$ ), 29.2 ( $\text{CH}(\text{CH}_3)_2^{\text{Dip}}$ ), 28.8 ( $\text{CH}_3^{\text{CAAC}}$ ), 27.0 ( $\text{CH}(\text{CH}_3)_2^{\text{Dip}}$ ), 23.3 ( $\text{CH}(\text{CH}_3)_2^{\text{Dip}}$ ) ppm.  $^{11}\text{B}$  NMR (160.5 MHz,  $\text{C}_6\text{D}_6$ , 297 K):  $\delta = 17.5$  (s) ppm. FT-IR (solid-state):  $\tilde{\nu} = 2105$  (br,  $\text{N}=\text{C}_{\text{NCS}}$ ), 1744, 1688 ( $\text{N}=\text{C}_{\text{CAAI}}$ )  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . Elemental analysis for  $[\text{C}_{41}\text{H}_{62}\text{BN}_5\text{S}]$  ( $M_w = 667.85 \text{ g mol}^{-1}$ ): calcd. C 73.74, H 9.36, N 10.49, S 4.80%; found C 72.28, H 9.27, N 10.10, S 4.35%. HRMS LIFDI for  $[\text{C}_{41}\text{H}_{62}\text{BN}_5\text{S}]$  (m/z): calcd. 667.4813, found 667.4802.

### Synthesis of 4

To a solution of **1** (159 mg, 430  $\mu\text{mol}$ ) dissolved in benzene (1.5 mL)  $\text{B}_2\text{Cl}_2(\text{NMe}_2)_2$  (100 mg, 550  $\mu\text{mol}$ ) dissolved in benzene (1 mL) was added dropwise and stirred at room temperature overnight. All volatiles were removed *in vacuo* and the product was washed with hexane ( $4 \times 4 \text{ mL}$ ). The product was dried again *in vacuo*, yielding **4** (146 mg, 77%) as a colourless solid. Single crystals suitable for X-ray diffraction analysis were obtained by slow evaporation of a saturated hexane solution at room temperature.  $^1\text{H}\{^{11}\text{B}\}$  NMR (500.1 MHz,  $\text{C}_6\text{D}_6$ , 297 K):  $\delta = 7.18$  (t, 1H,  $^3J = 6.6 \text{ Hz}$ ,  $p\text{-CH}^{\text{Dip}}$ ), 7.12 (m, 2H,  $m\text{-CH}^{\text{Dip}}$ ), 3.22 (sept, 2H,  $^3J = 6.6 \text{ Hz}$ ,  $\text{CH}(\text{CH}_3)_2^{\text{Dip}}$ ), 2.75 (s, 3H,  $\text{N}(\text{CH}_3)_2$ ), 2.66 (s, 3H,  $\text{N}(\text{CH}_3)_2$ ), 2.59 (s, 3H,  $\text{N}(\text{CH}_3)_2$ ), 2.35 (s, 3H,  $\text{N}(\text{CH}_3)_2$ ), 1.78 (s, 2H,  $\text{CH}_2^{\text{CAAC}}$ ), 1.38 (br s, 6H,  $\text{CH}_3^{\text{CAAC}}$ ), 1.27 (d, 6H,  $^3J = 6.9 \text{ Hz}$ ,  $\text{CH}(\text{CH}_3)_2^{\text{Dip}}$ ), 1.18 (br s, 6H,  $\text{CH}(\text{CH}_3)_2^{\text{Dip}}$ ), 1.06 (s, 6H,  $\text{CH}_3^{\text{CAAC}}$ ) ppm.  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR (125.8 MHz,  $\text{C}_6\text{D}_6$ , 297 K):  $\delta = 157.3$  ( $\text{C}=\text{N}^{\text{CAAC}}$ ), 150.2 ( $o\text{-C}_q^{\text{Dip}}$ ), 134.1 ( $i\text{-C}_q^{\text{Dip}}$ ), 128.1 ( $p\text{-CH}^{\text{Dip}}$ ), 123.8 ( $m\text{-CH}^{\text{Dip}}$ ), 59.8 ( $\text{C}_q^{\text{CAAC}}$ ), 52.3 ( $\text{CH}_2^{\text{CAAC}}$ ), 41.8 ( $\text{N}(\text{CH}_3)_2$ ), 41.2 ( $\text{N}(\text{CH}_3)_2$ ), 40.7 ( $\text{C}_q^{\text{CAAC}}$ ), 37.9 ( $\text{N}(\text{CH}_3)_2$ ), 37.4 ( $\text{N}(\text{CH}_3)_2$ ), 29.0 ( $\text{CH}(\text{CH}_3)_2^{\text{Dip}}$ ), 29.0 ( $\text{CH}_3^{\text{CAAC}}$ ), 26.3 ( $\text{CH}(\text{CH}_3)_2^{\text{Dip}}$ ), 23.5 ( $\text{CH}_3^{\text{CAAC}}$ ) ppm.  $^{11}\text{B}$  NMR (160.5 MHz,  $\text{C}_6\text{D}_6$ , 297 K):  $\delta = 40.8$ , 30.0 ppm. Elemental analysis for  $[\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{43}\text{B}_2\text{ClN}_4]$  ( $M_w = 444.71 \text{ g mol}^{-1}$ ): calcd. C 64.82, H 9.75, N 12.60%, found C 64.74, H 9.92, N 12.47%. HRMS LIFDI for  $[\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{37}\text{BBrN}_3]$  (m/z): calcd. 444.3355, found 444.3357.

### Synthesis of 5-NMe<sub>2</sub>

**1** (100 mg, 270  $\mu\text{mol}$ ) and  $\text{B}_2\text{Br}_2(\text{NMe}_2)_2$  (36 mg, 130  $\mu\text{mol}$ ) were combined in benzene (2.5 mL) and stirred at room temperature for 3 days. All volatiles were removed *in vacuo* and **5-NMe<sub>2</sub>** was recrystallised from benzene (2 mL) leading to the formation colourless single crystals (58 mg, 61%), which were suitable for X-ray diffraction analysis.  $^1\text{H}\{^{11}\text{B}\}$  NMR (500.1 MHz,  $\text{C}_6\text{D}_6$ , 297 K):  $\delta = 7.19\text{-}7.12$  (m, 6H,  $p\text{-CH}^{\text{Dip}} + m\text{-CH}^{\text{Dip}}$ ), 3.28 (sept, 4H,  $^3J = 6.8 \text{ Hz}$ ,  $\text{CH}(\text{CH}_3)_2^{\text{Dip}}$ ), 2.47 (s, 6H,  $\text{N}(\text{CH}_3)_2$ ), 2.16 (s, 6H,  $\text{N}(\text{CH}_3)_2$ ), 1.88 (br s, 4H,  $\text{CH}_2^{\text{CAAC}}$ ), 1.30-1.28 (m, 36H,  $\text{CH}(\text{CH}_3)_2^{\text{Dip}} + \text{CH}_3^{\text{CAAC}}$ ), 1.20-1.01 (m, 12H,  $\text{CH}_3^{\text{CAAC}}$ ) ppm.  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR (125.8

MHz, C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>, 297 K):  $\delta$  = 153.4 (C=N<sup>CAAC</sup>), 150.6 (*o*-C<sub>q</sub><sup>Dip</sup>), 149.8 (*o*-C<sub>q</sub><sup>Dip</sup>), 135.0 (*i*-C<sub>q</sub><sup>Dip</sup>), 127.9 (*p*-CH<sup>Dip</sup>), 124.1 (*m*-CH<sup>Dip</sup>), 59.0 (C<sub>q</sub><sup>CAAC</sup>), 52.8 (CH<sub>2</sub><sup>CAAC</sup>), 40.5 (N(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>), 39.8 (C<sub>q</sub><sup>CAAC</sup>), 38.4 (N(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>), 31.8 (CH<sub>3</sub><sup>CAAC</sup>), 31.1 (CH<sub>3</sub><sup>CAAC</sup>), 29.1 (CH(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub><sup>Dip</sup>), 28.3 (CH<sub>3</sub><sup>CAAC</sup>), 26.3 (CH(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub><sup>Dip</sup>), 24.8 (CH(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub><sup>Dip</sup>), 23.3 (CH(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub><sup>Dip</sup>) ppm. <sup>11</sup>B NMR (160.5 MHz, C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>, 297 K):  $\delta$  = 30.8 (br s) ppm. Elemental analysis for [C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>43</sub>B<sub>2</sub>ClN<sub>4</sub>] (*M<sub>w</sub>* = 708.74 g mol<sup>-1</sup>): calcd. C 74.57, H 10.52, N 11.86%, found C 74.91, H 10.78, N 11.92%. HRMS LIFDI for [C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>43</sub>B<sub>2</sub>ClN<sub>4</sub>] (*m/z*): calcd. 708.6144, found 708.6156.

### Synthesis of 5-Mes

**1** (20 mg, 54  $\mu$ mol) and B<sub>2</sub>Mes<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (9.0 mg, 27  $\mu$ mol) were dissolved in benzene and the reaction mixture was heated to 80 °C for 3 days. All volatiles were removed *in vacuo* and small amount of yellow single crystals of **5-Mes** suitable for X-ray diffraction analysis could be obtained by slow evaporation of a saturated benzene solution (5.0 mg, 21%). <sup>1</sup>H{<sup>11</sup>B} NMR (500.1 MHz, C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>, 297 K):  $\delta$  = 7.08 (t, 2H, <sup>3</sup>*J* = 7.8 Hz, *p*-CH<sup>Dip</sup>), 6.98-6.94 (m, 2H, *m*-CH<sup>Dip</sup>), 6.94-6.89 (m, 2H, *m*-CH<sup>Dip</sup>), 6.78 (s, 2H, *m*-CH<sup>Mes</sup>), 6.53 (s, 2H, *m*-CH<sup>Mes</sup>), 3.34 (sept, 2H, <sup>3</sup>*J* = 6.9 Hz, CH(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub><sup>Dip</sup>), 2.76 (sept, 2H, <sup>3</sup>*J* = 6.9 Hz, CH(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub><sup>Dip</sup>), 2.70 (s, 6H, CH<sub>3</sub><sup>Mes</sup>), 2.26 (s, 6H, CH<sub>3</sub><sup>Mes</sup>), 1.88 (d, 2H, <sup>2</sup>*J* = 12.7 Hz, CH<sub>2</sub><sup>CAAC</sup>), 1.76 (d, 2H, <sup>2</sup>*J* = 12.6 Hz, CH<sub>2</sub><sup>CAAC</sup>), 1.72 (s, 6H, CH<sub>3</sub><sup>CAAC</sup>), 1.46 (s, 6H, CH<sub>3</sub><sup>CAAC</sup>), 1.44 (s, 6H, CH<sub>3</sub><sup>CAAC</sup>), 1.27 (s, 6H, CH<sub>3</sub><sup>Mes</sup>), 1.17 (d, 6H, <sup>3</sup>*J* = 6.7 Hz, CH(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub><sup>Dip</sup>), 0.93 (d, 6H, <sup>3</sup>*J* = 6.9 Hz, CH(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub><sup>Dip</sup>), 0.75 (s, 6H, CH<sub>3</sub><sup>CAAC</sup>), 0.72 (d, 6H, <sup>3</sup>*J* = 6.7 Hz, CH(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub><sup>Dip</sup>), 0.38 (d, 6H, <sup>3</sup>*J* = 6.9 Hz, CH(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub><sup>Dip</sup>) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (125.8 MHz, C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>, 297 K):  $\delta$  = 152.8 (C=N<sup>CAAC</sup>), 150.7 2 (*o*-C<sub>q</sub><sup>Dip</sup>), 149.2 2 (*o*-C<sub>q</sub><sup>Dip</sup>), 144.4 (C<sub>q</sub><sup>Mes</sup>), 139.0 (C<sub>q</sub><sup>Mes</sup>), 136.8 (C<sub>q</sub><sup>Mes</sup>), 136.3 (*i*-C<sub>q</sub><sup>Dip</sup>), 133.6 (*i*-C<sub>q</sub><sup>Mes</sup>), 127.2 (CH<sup>Mes</sup>) 125.3 (*p*-CH<sup>Dip</sup>), 124.8 (*m*-CH<sup>Dip</sup>), 124.4 (*m*-CH<sup>Dip</sup>), 60.8 (C<sub>q</sub><sup>CAAC</sup>), 53.0 (CH<sub>2</sub><sup>CAAC</sup>), 42.1 (C<sub>q</sub><sup>CAAC</sup>), 32.5 (CH<sub>3</sub><sup>CAAC</sup>), 30.5 (CH<sub>3</sub><sup>CAAC</sup>), 29.1 (CH<sub>3</sub><sup>CAAC</sup>), 29.0 (CH(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub><sup>Dip</sup>), 28.6 (CH(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub><sup>Dip</sup>), 26.9 (CH<sub>3</sub><sup>CAAC</sup>), 26.5 (CH(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub><sup>Dip</sup>), 25.4 (CH(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub><sup>Dip</sup>), 24.8 (CH<sub>3</sub><sup>Mes</sup>), 24.5 (CH(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub><sup>Dip</sup>), 23.6 (CH(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub><sup>Dip</sup>), 21.6 (CH<sub>3</sub><sup>Mes</sup>) ppm. <sup>11</sup>B NMR (160.5 MHz, C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>, 297 K):  $\delta$  = 35.8 ppm. Elemental analysis for [C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>22</sub>B<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>] (*M<sub>w</sub>* = 858.96 g mol<sup>-1</sup>): calcd. C 81.10, H 9.86, N 6.52%, found C 79.34, H 9.86, N 6.32%. HRMS LIFDI for [C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>22</sub>B<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>] (*m/z*): calcd. 857.6798, found 857.6783.

## NMR spectra of isolated compounds

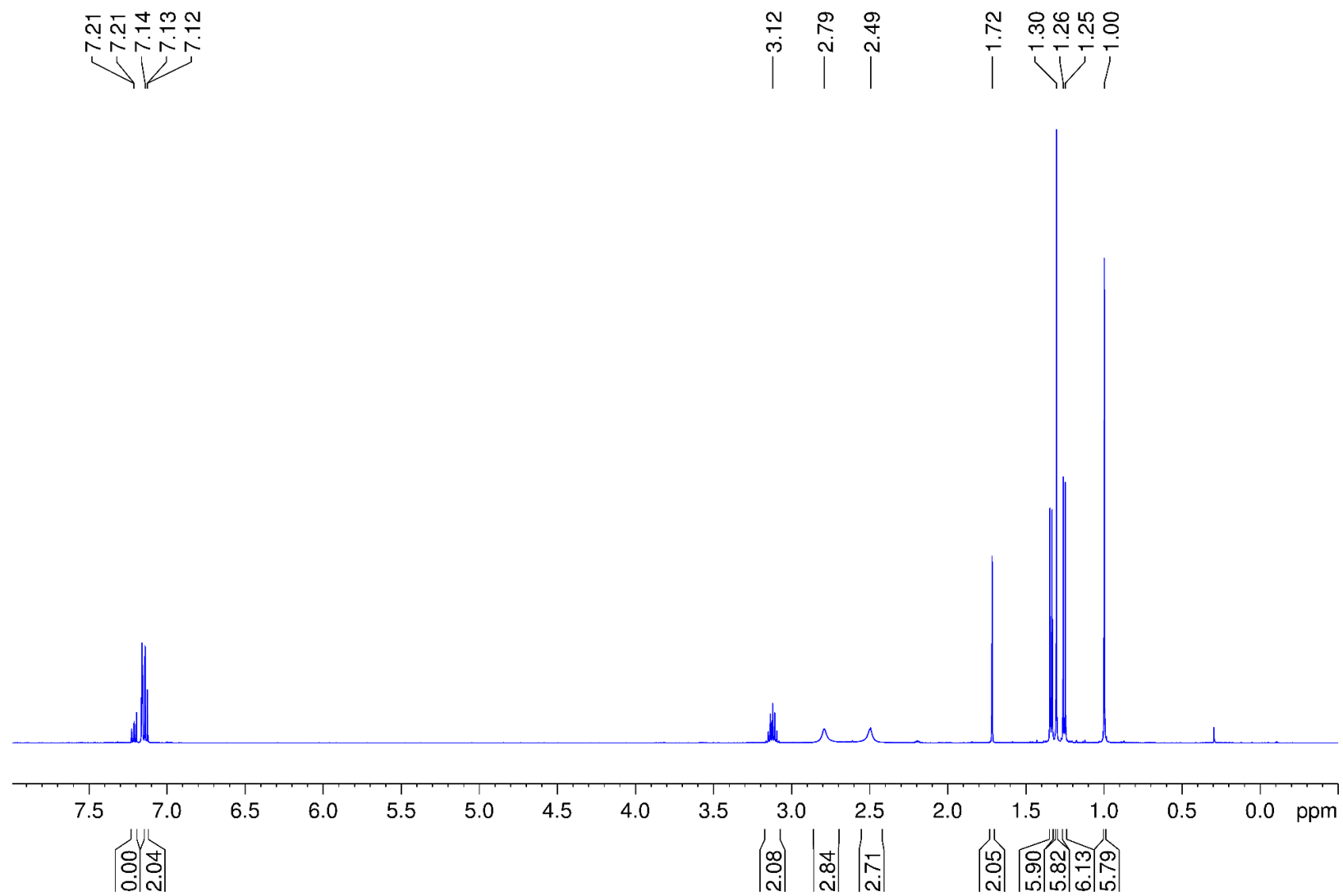
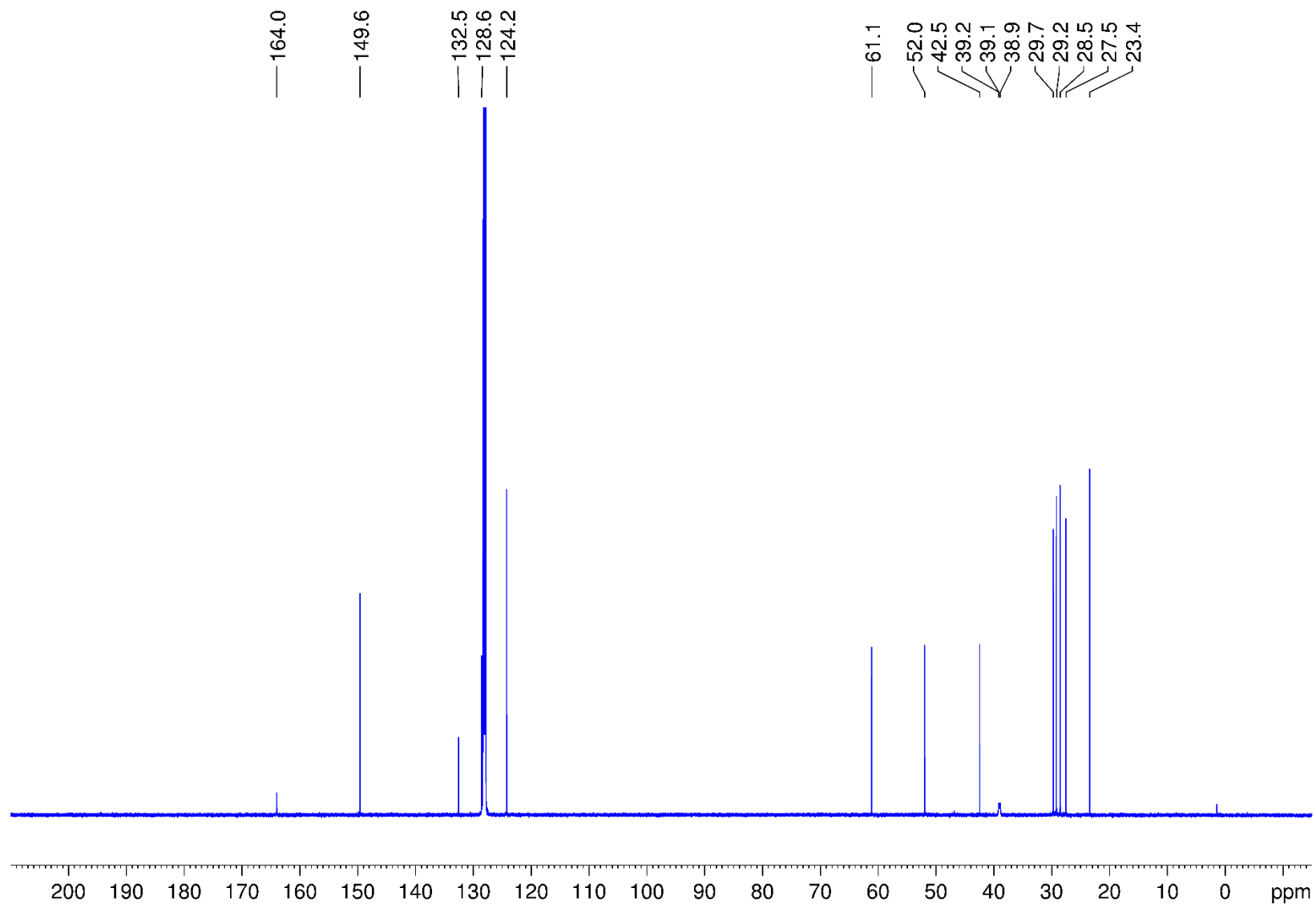
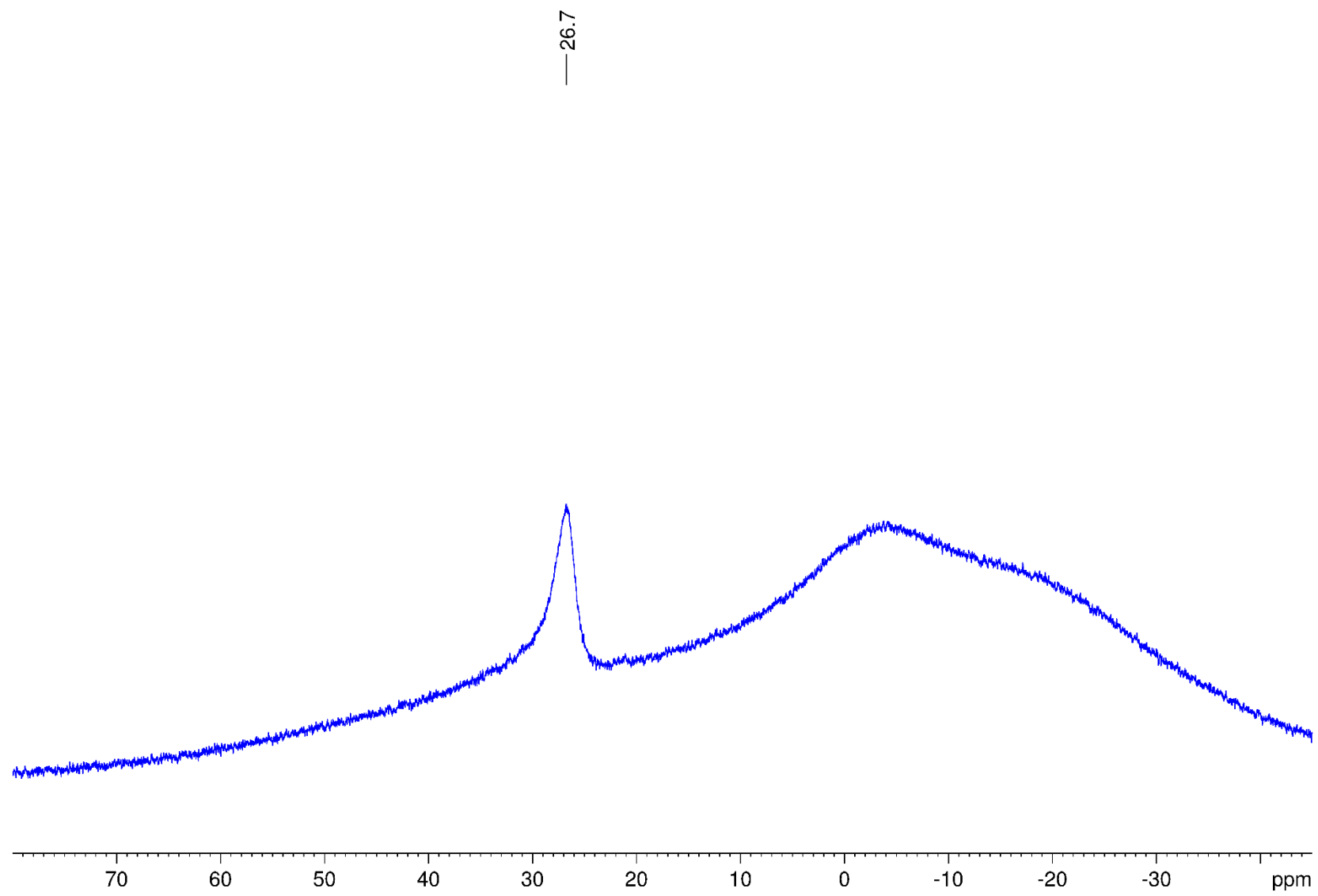


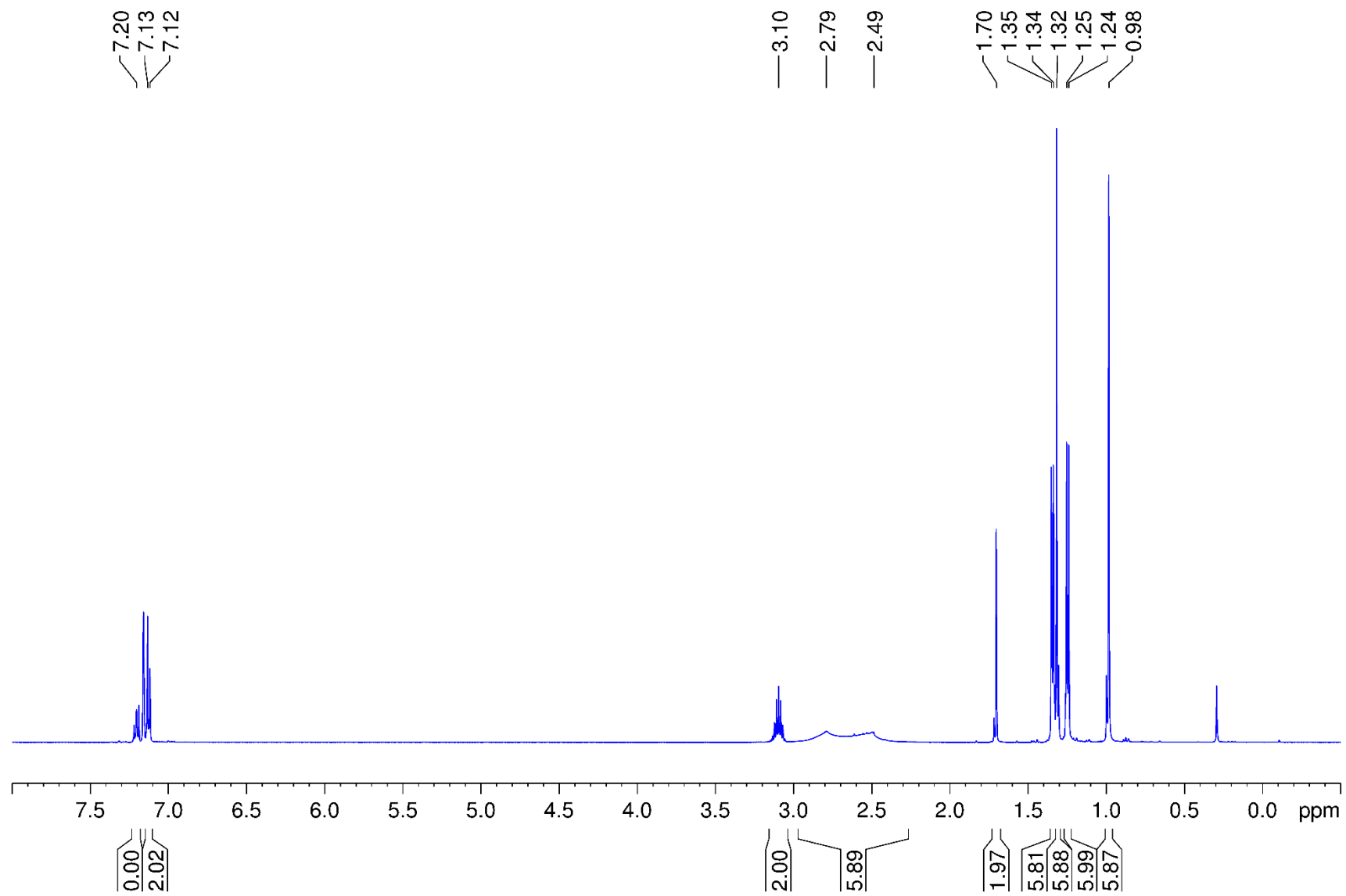
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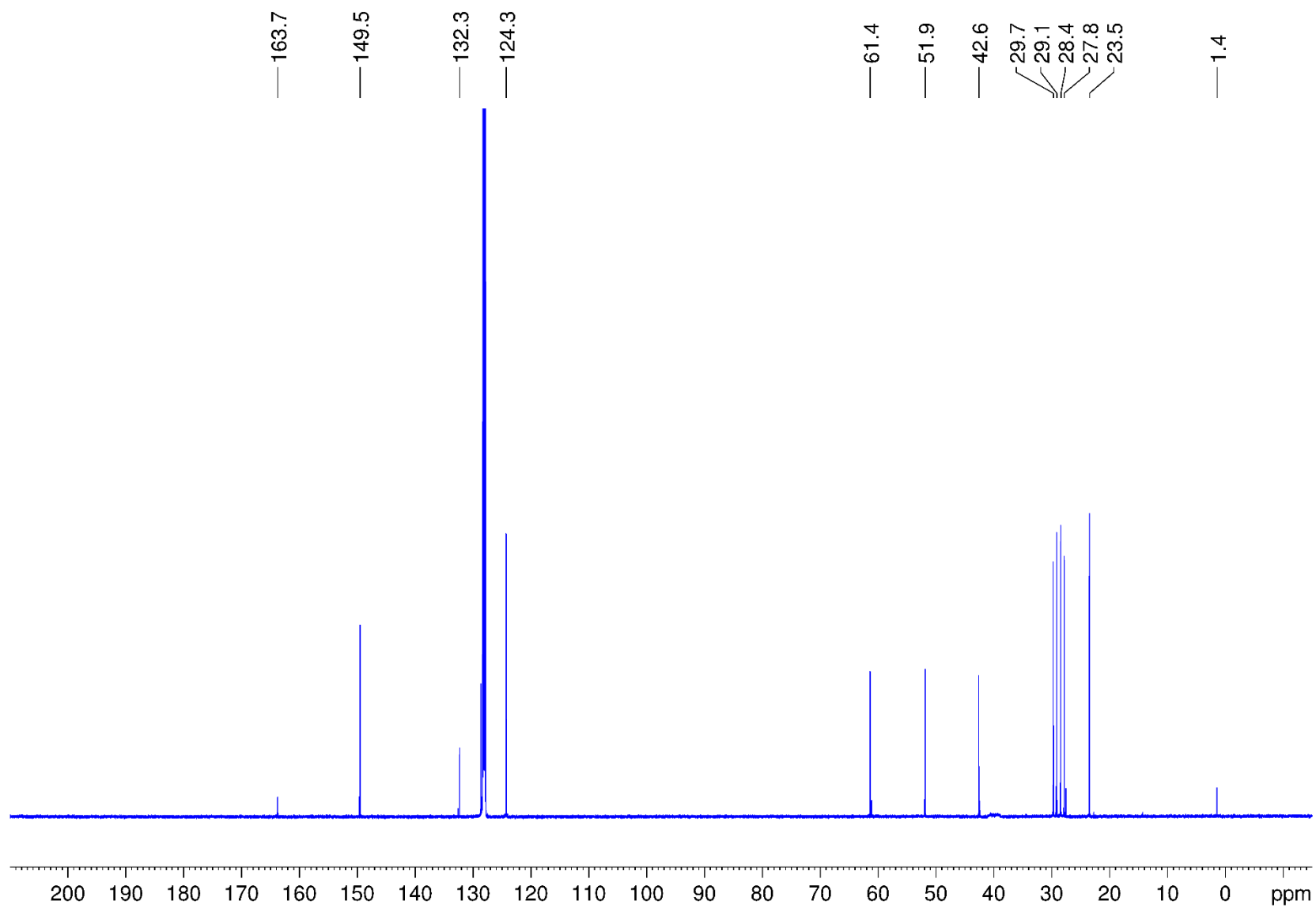
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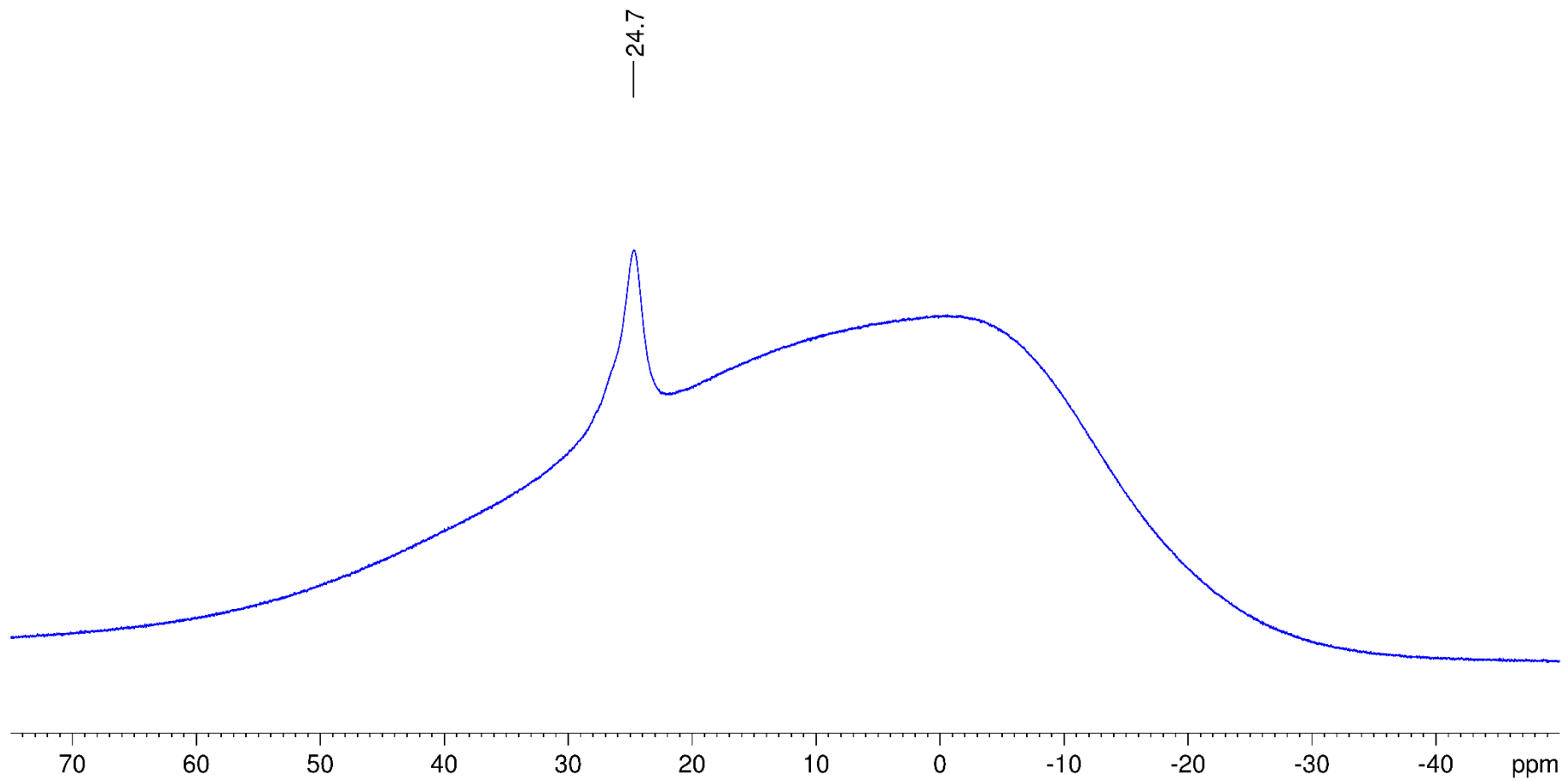
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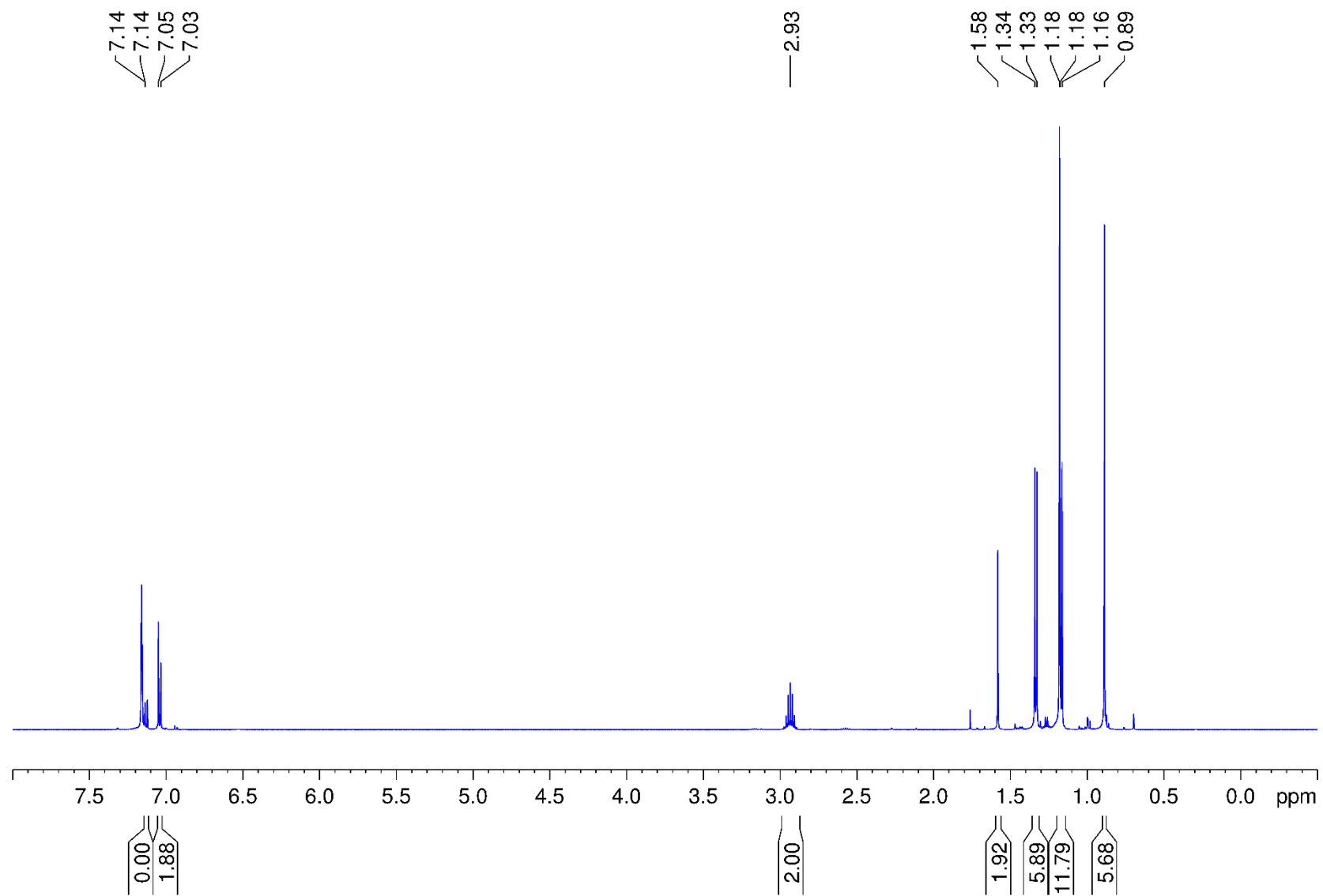


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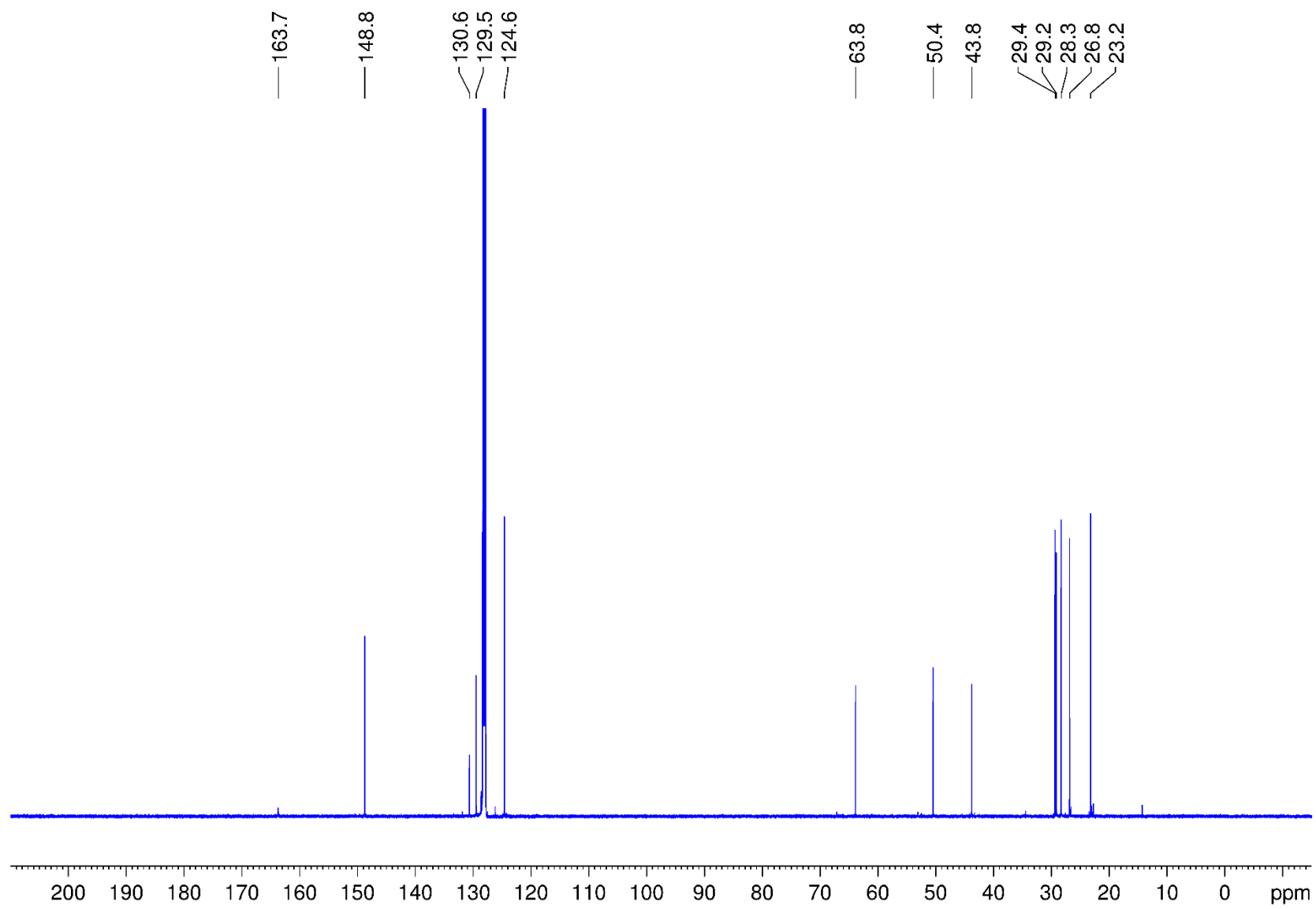


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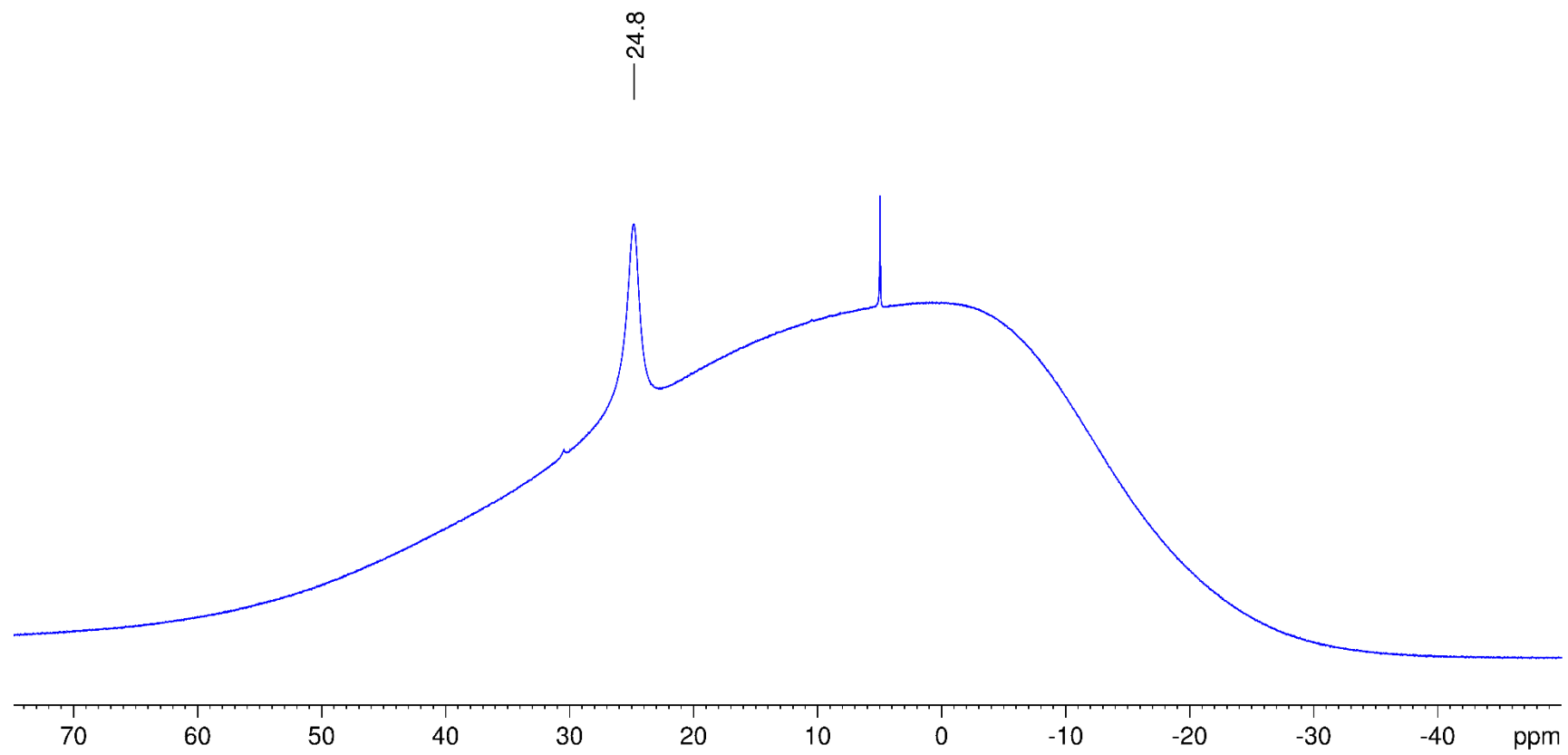




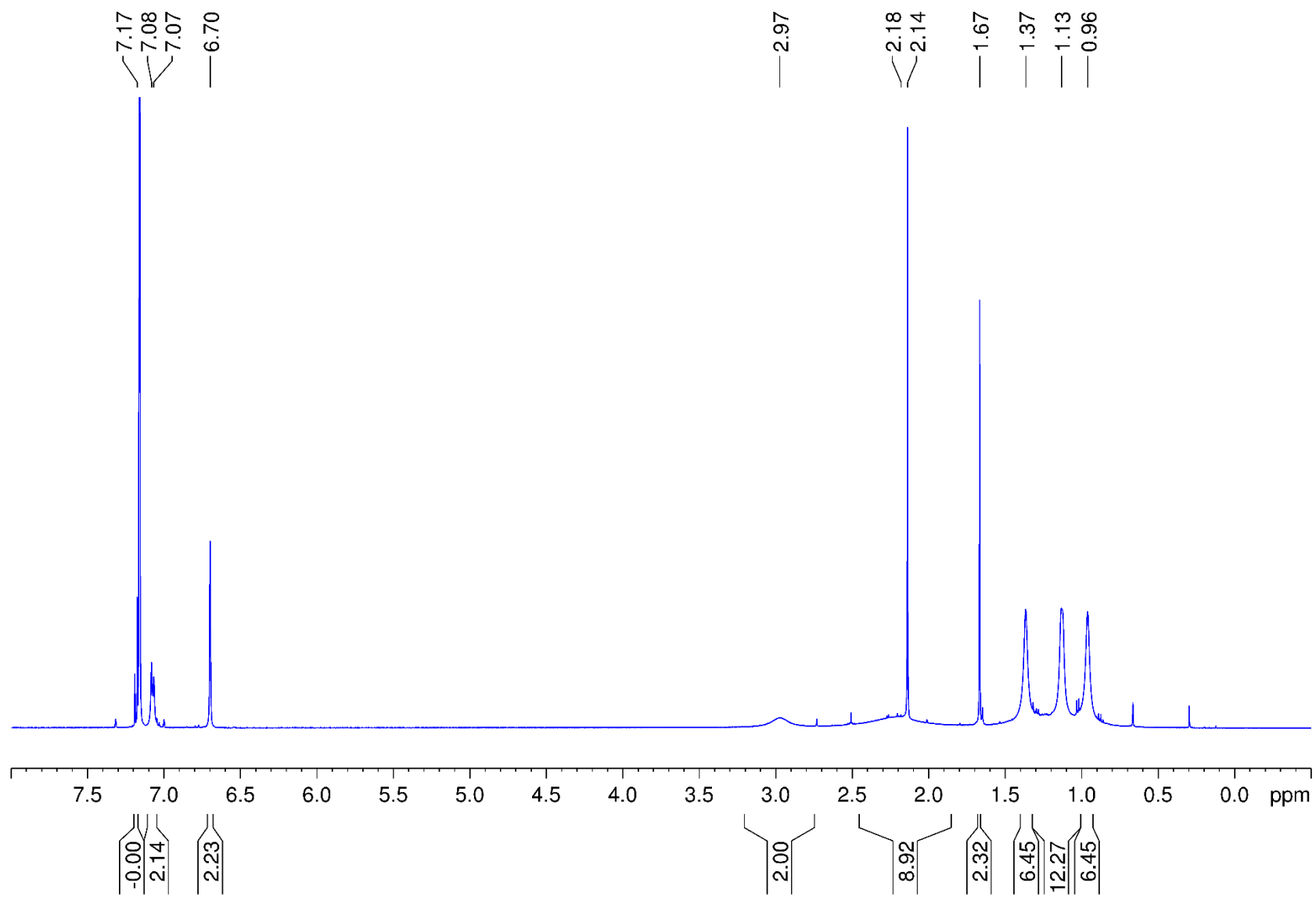
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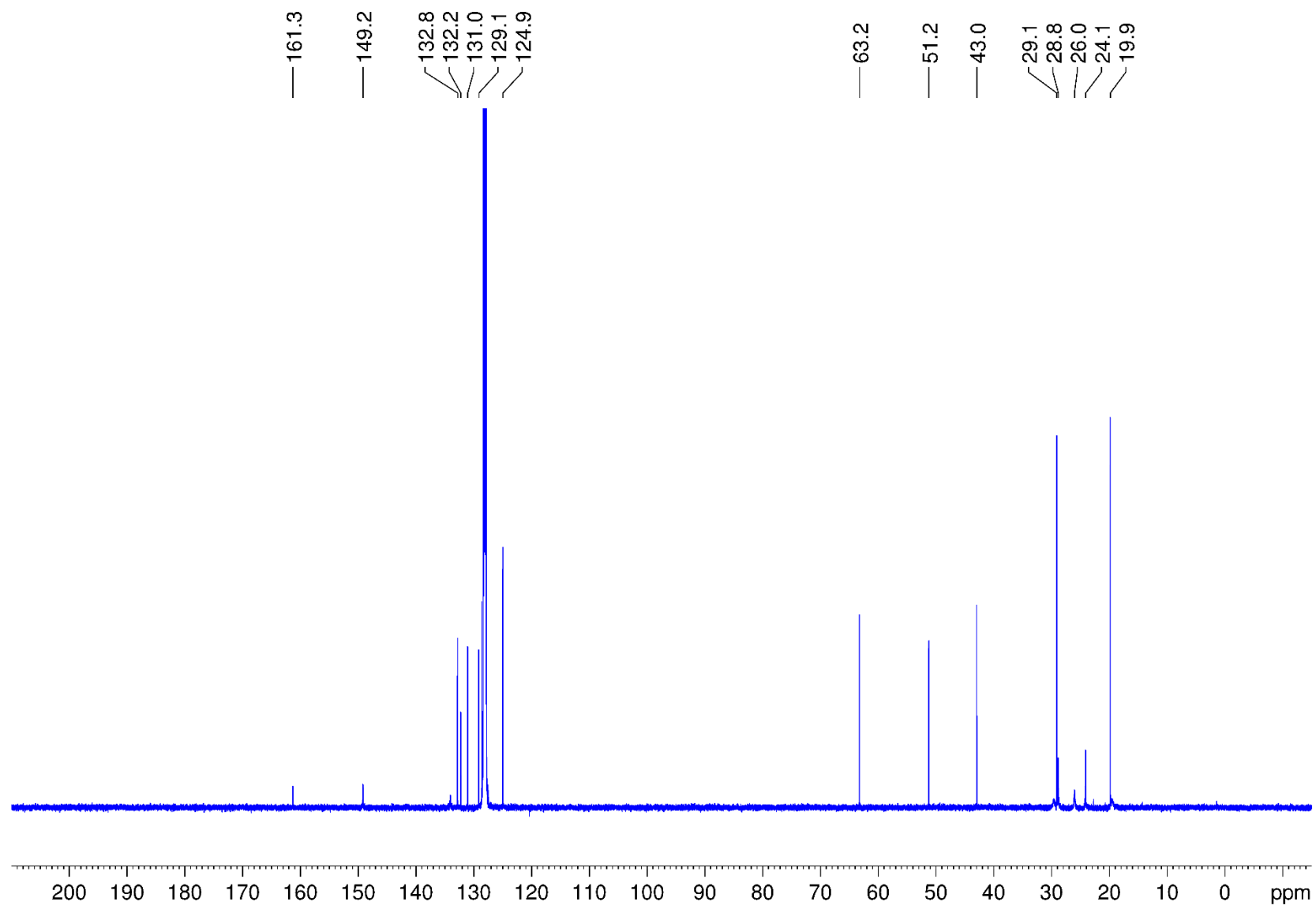
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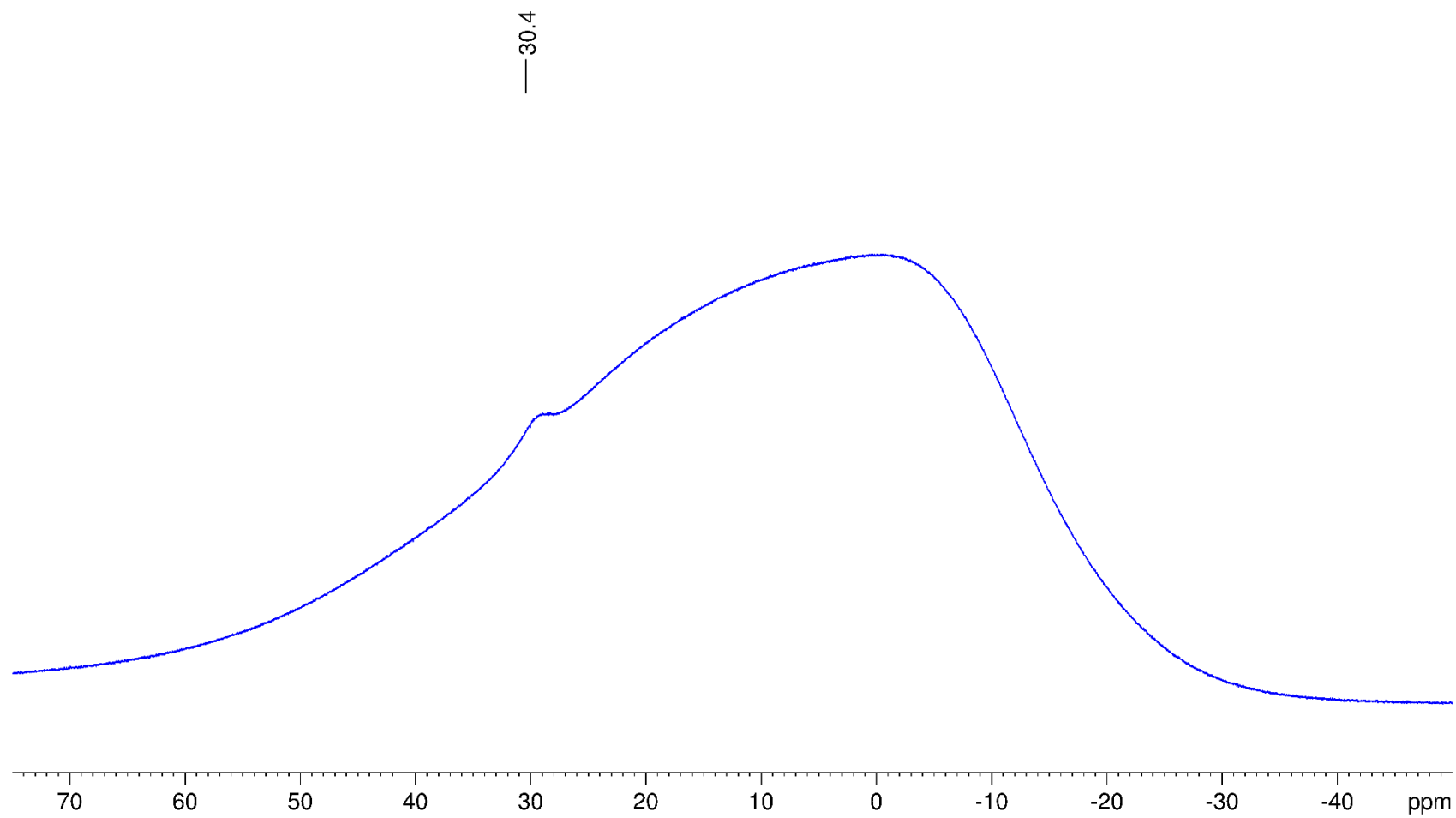
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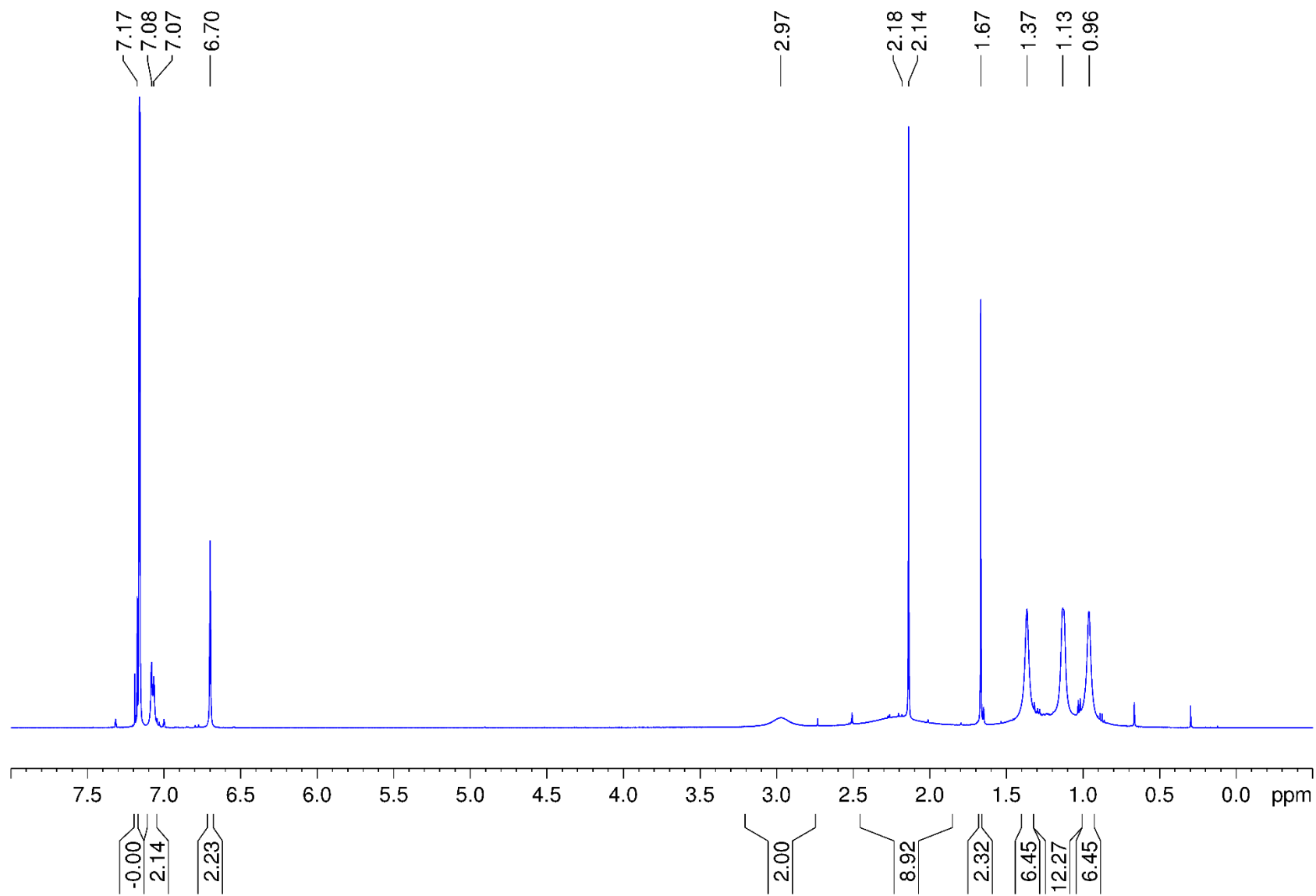
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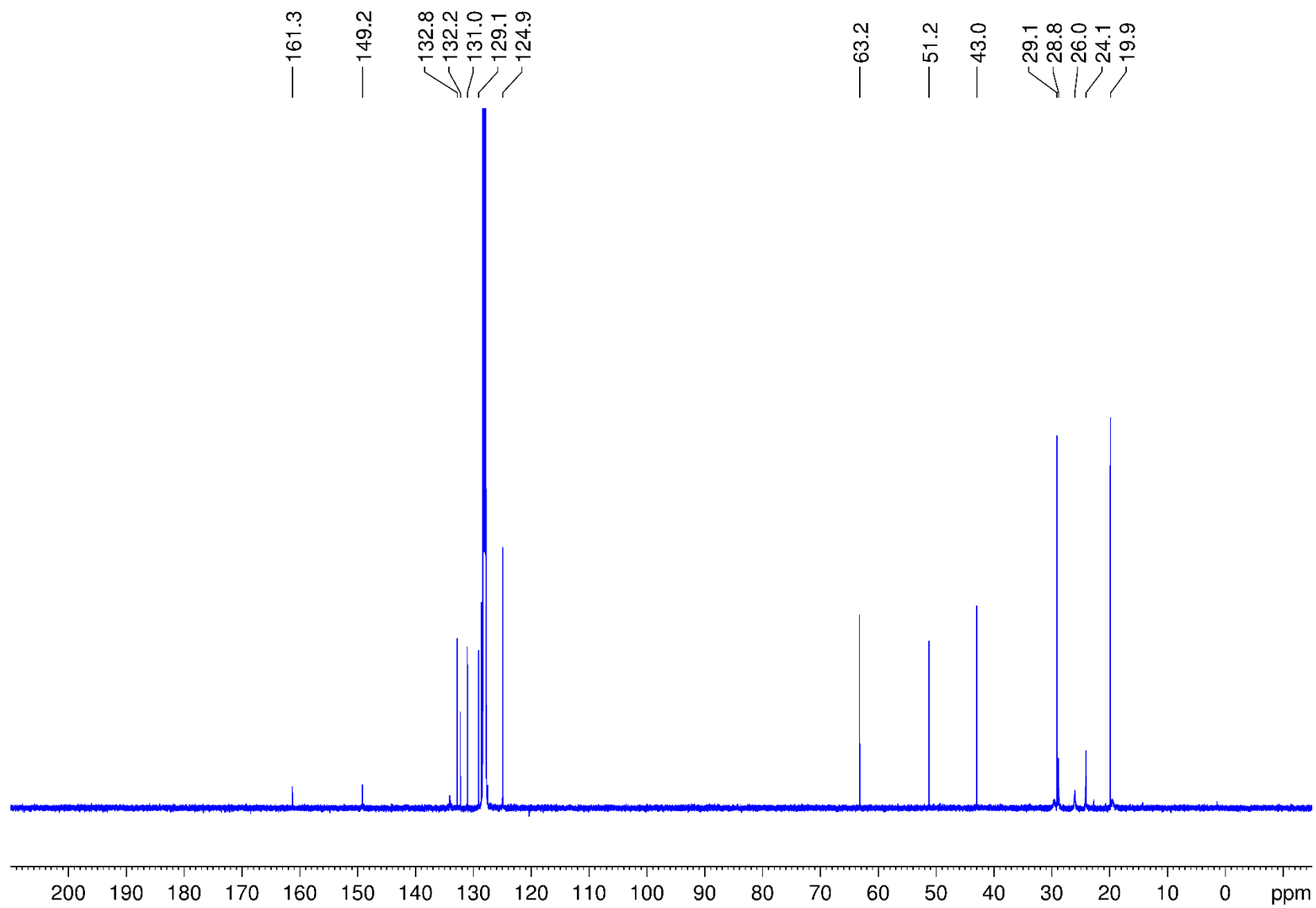
**Figure S11.**  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR spectrum of  $2^{\text{Cl}}\text{-Dur}$  in  $\text{C}_6\text{D}_6$ .



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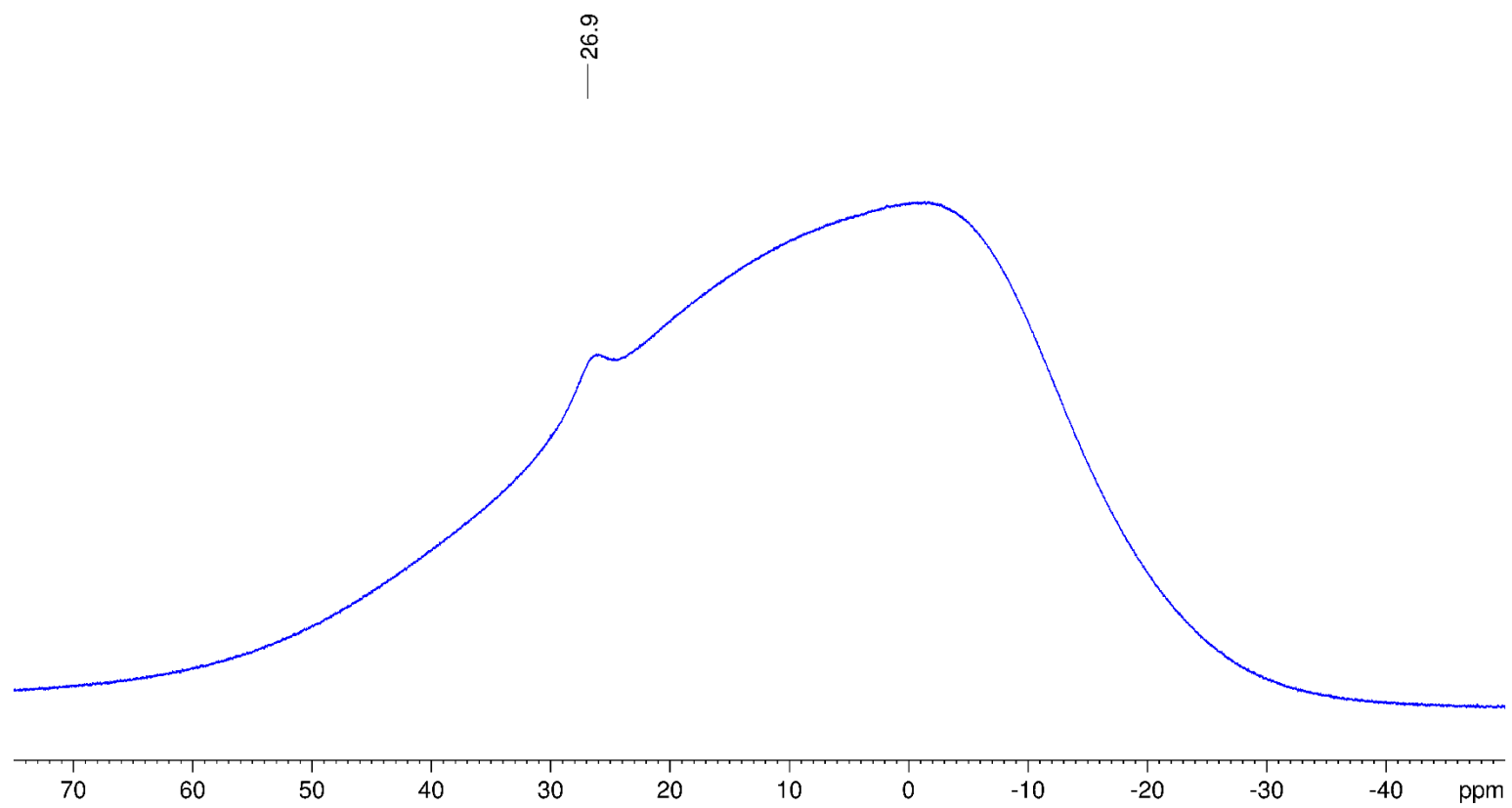


**Figure S13.**  $^1\text{H}\{^{11}\text{B}\}$  NMR spectrum of  $2^{\text{Br}}\text{-Mes}$  in  $\text{C}_6\text{D}_6$ .

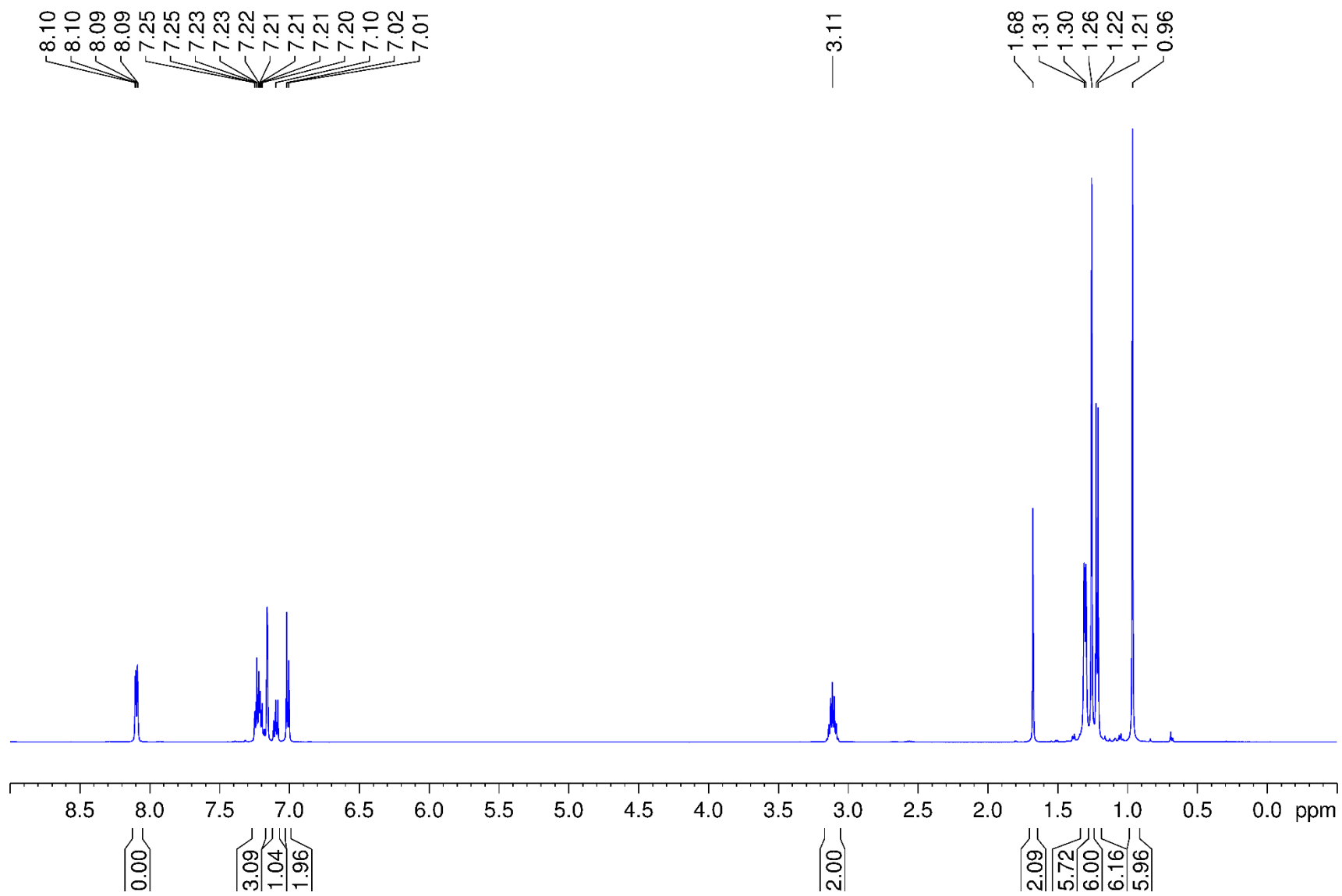


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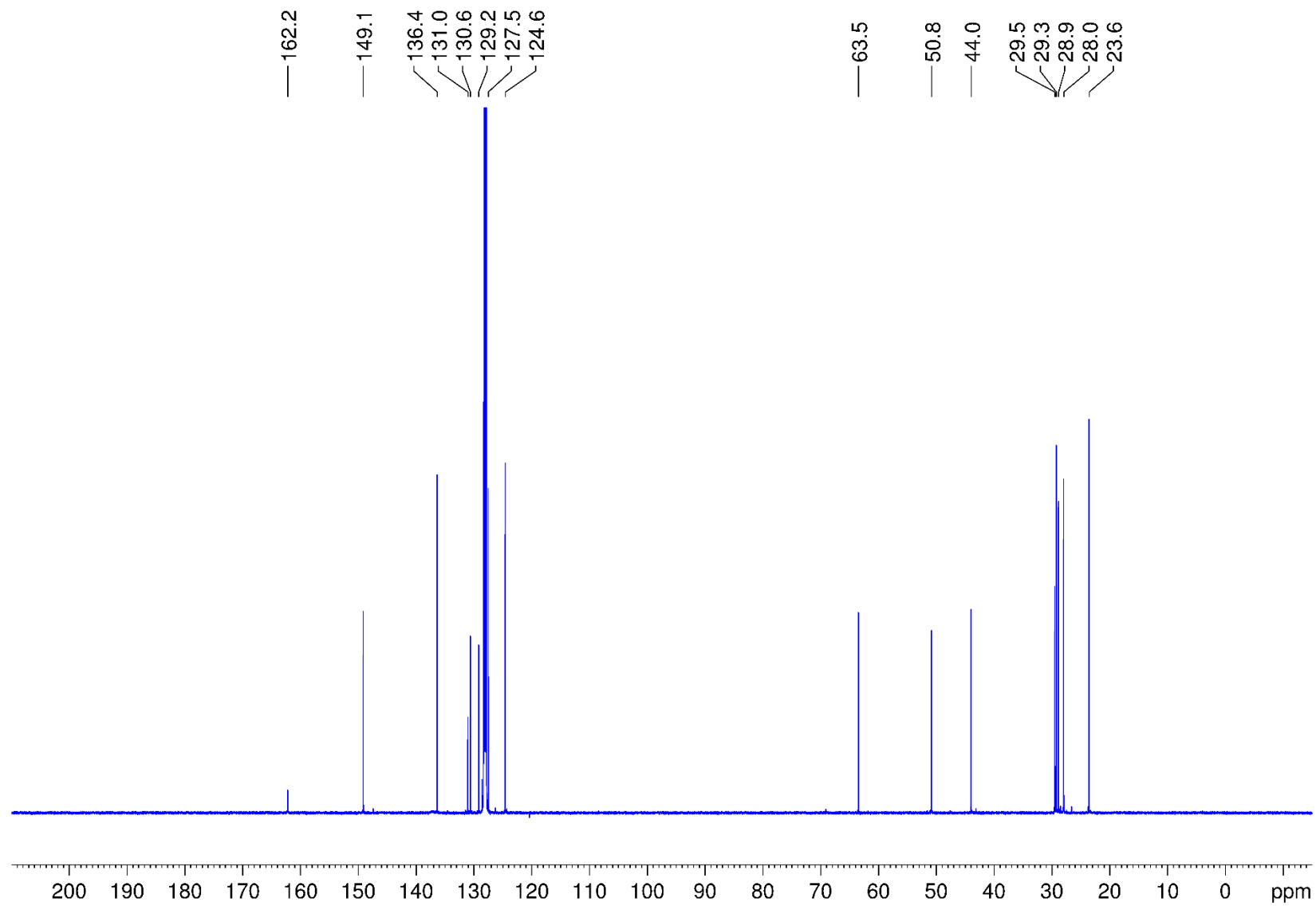




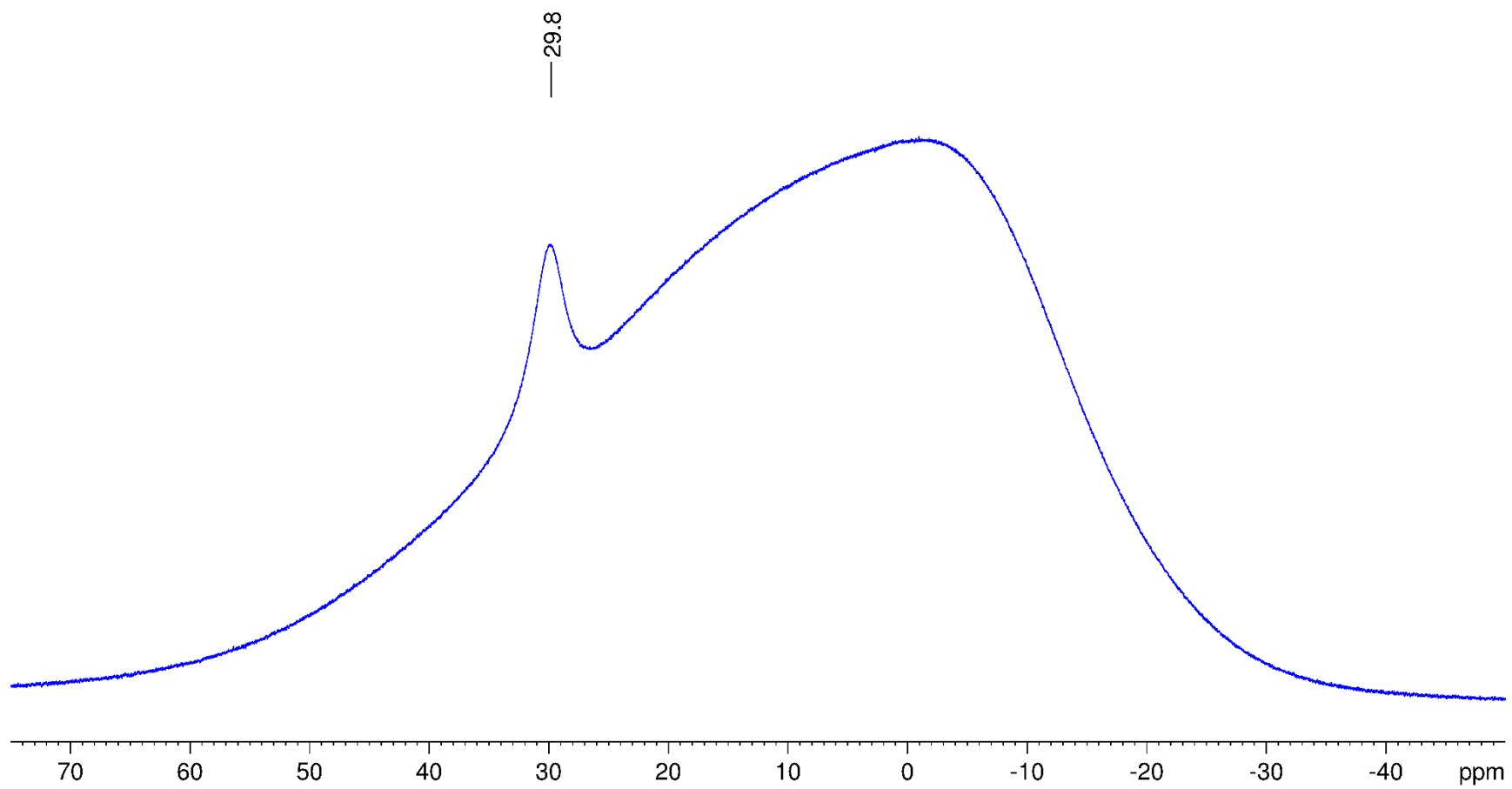
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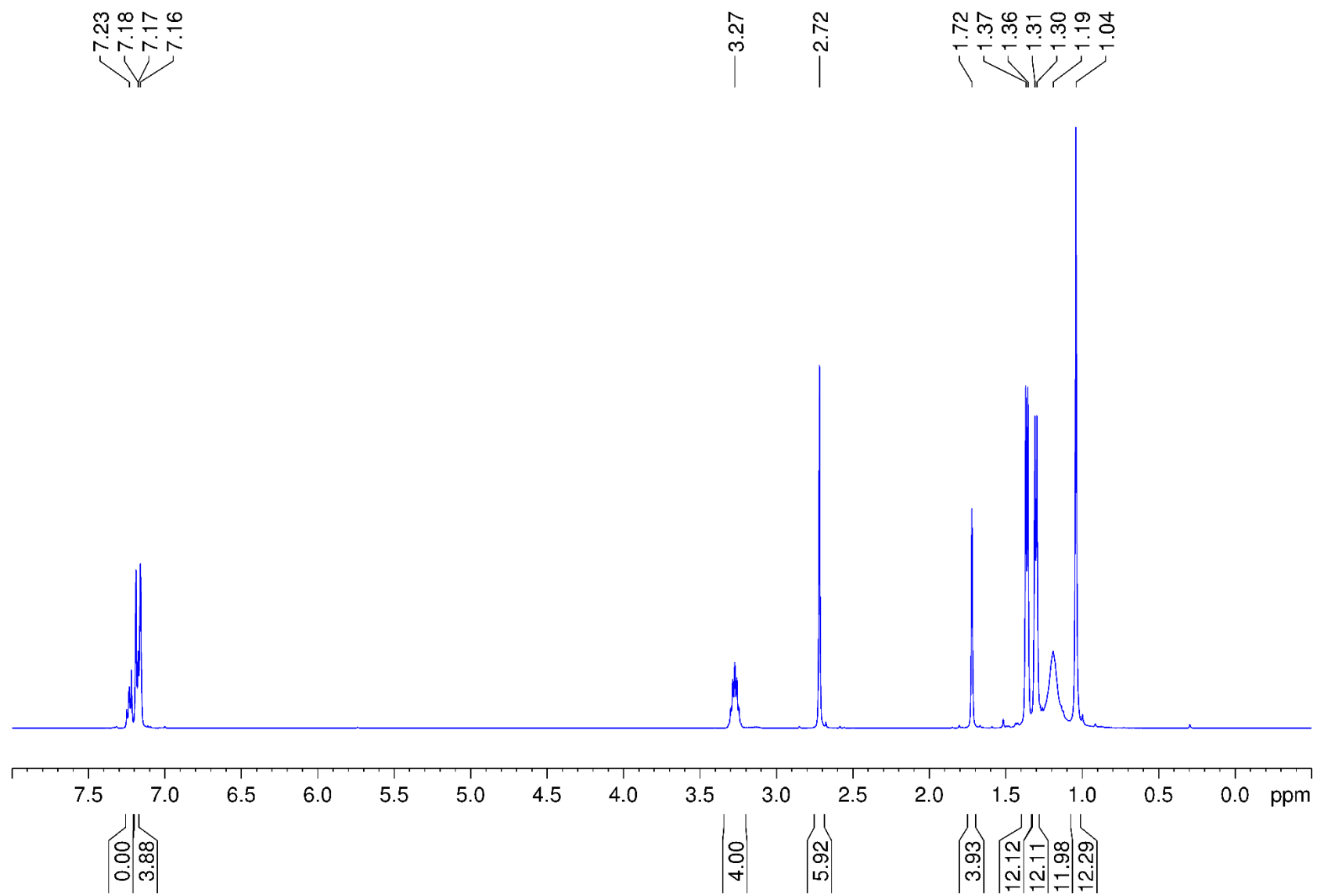
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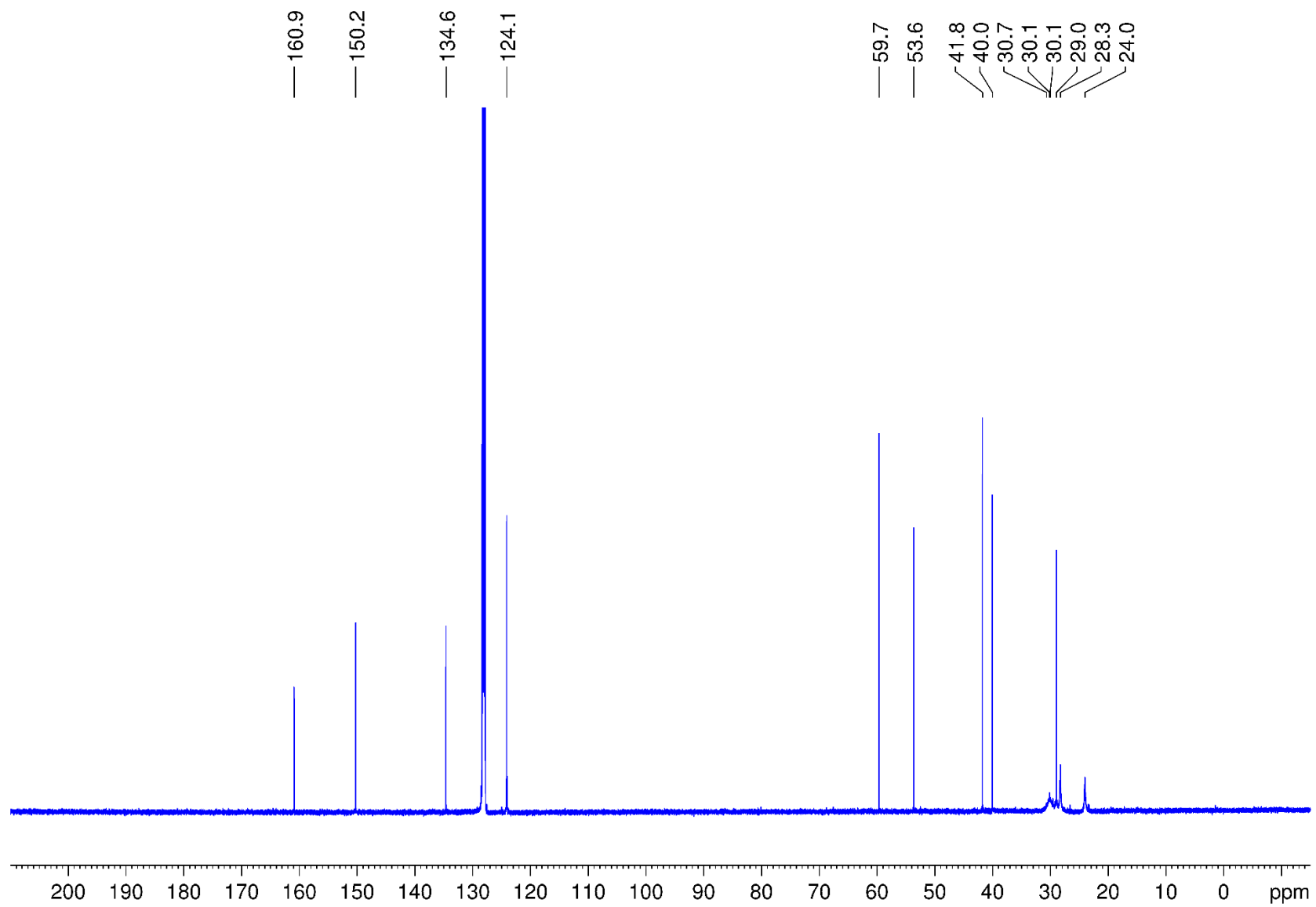
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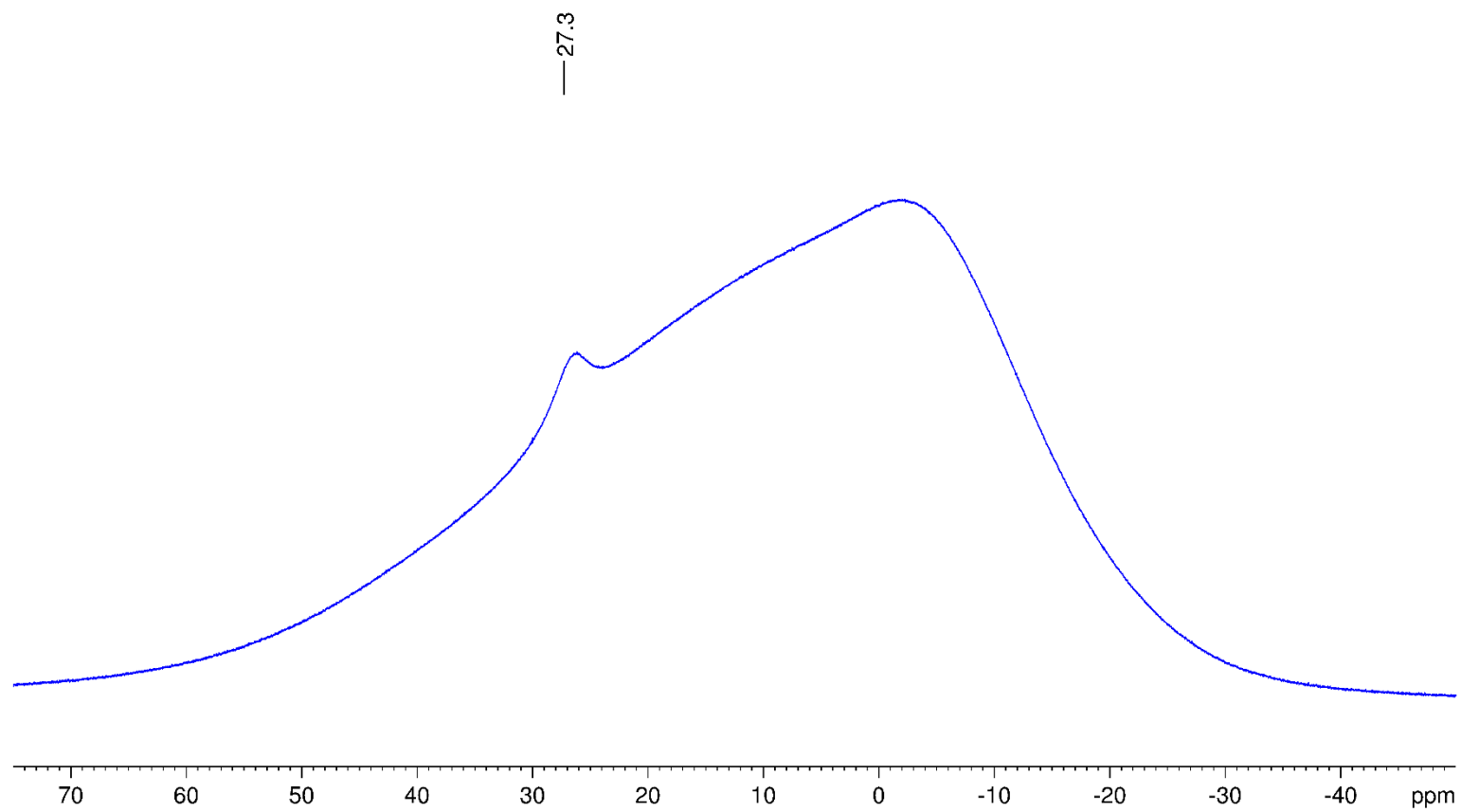
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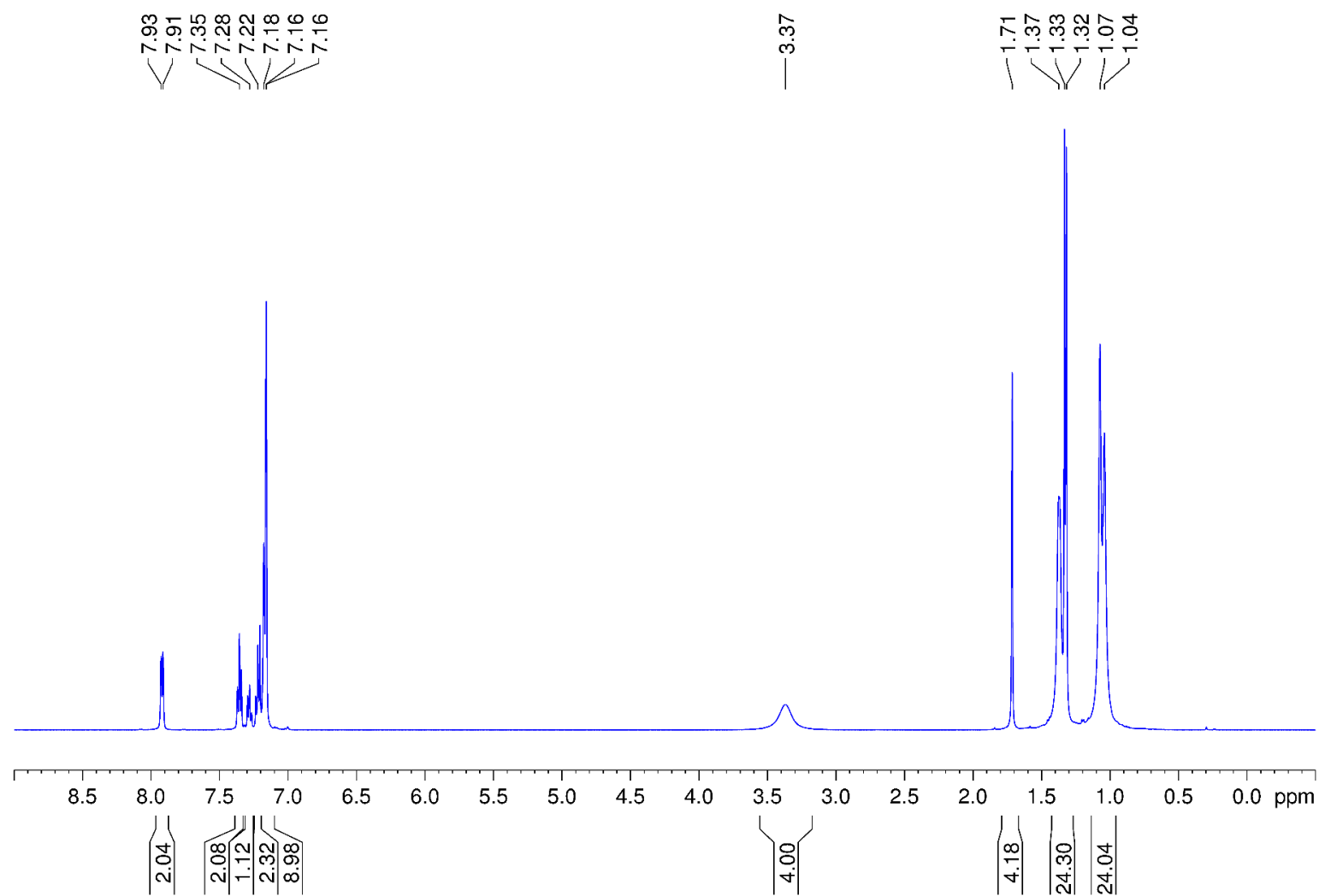
**Figure S19.**  $^1\text{H}\{^{11}\text{B}\}$  NMR spectrum of 3-NMe<sub>2</sub> in C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>.



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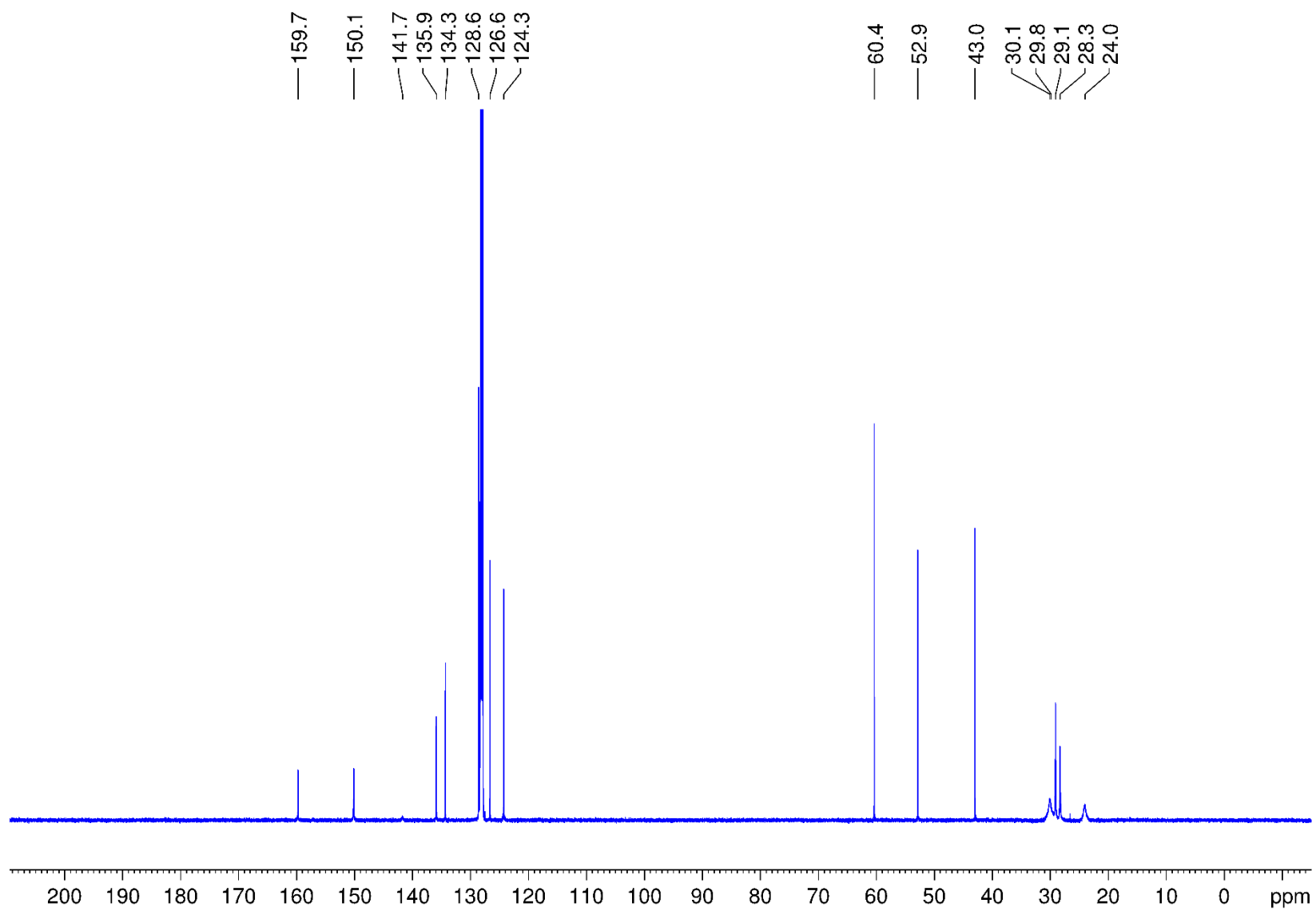


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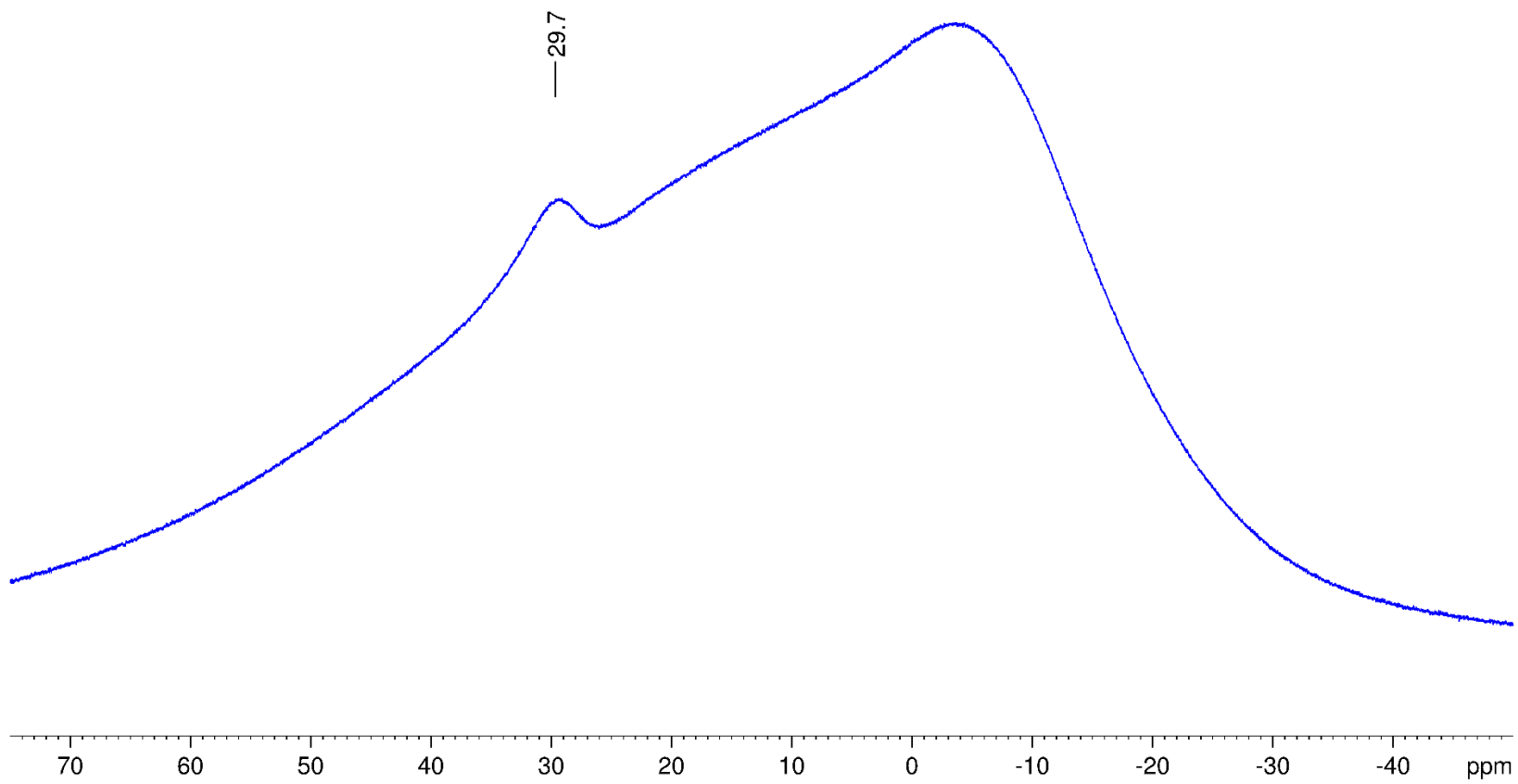


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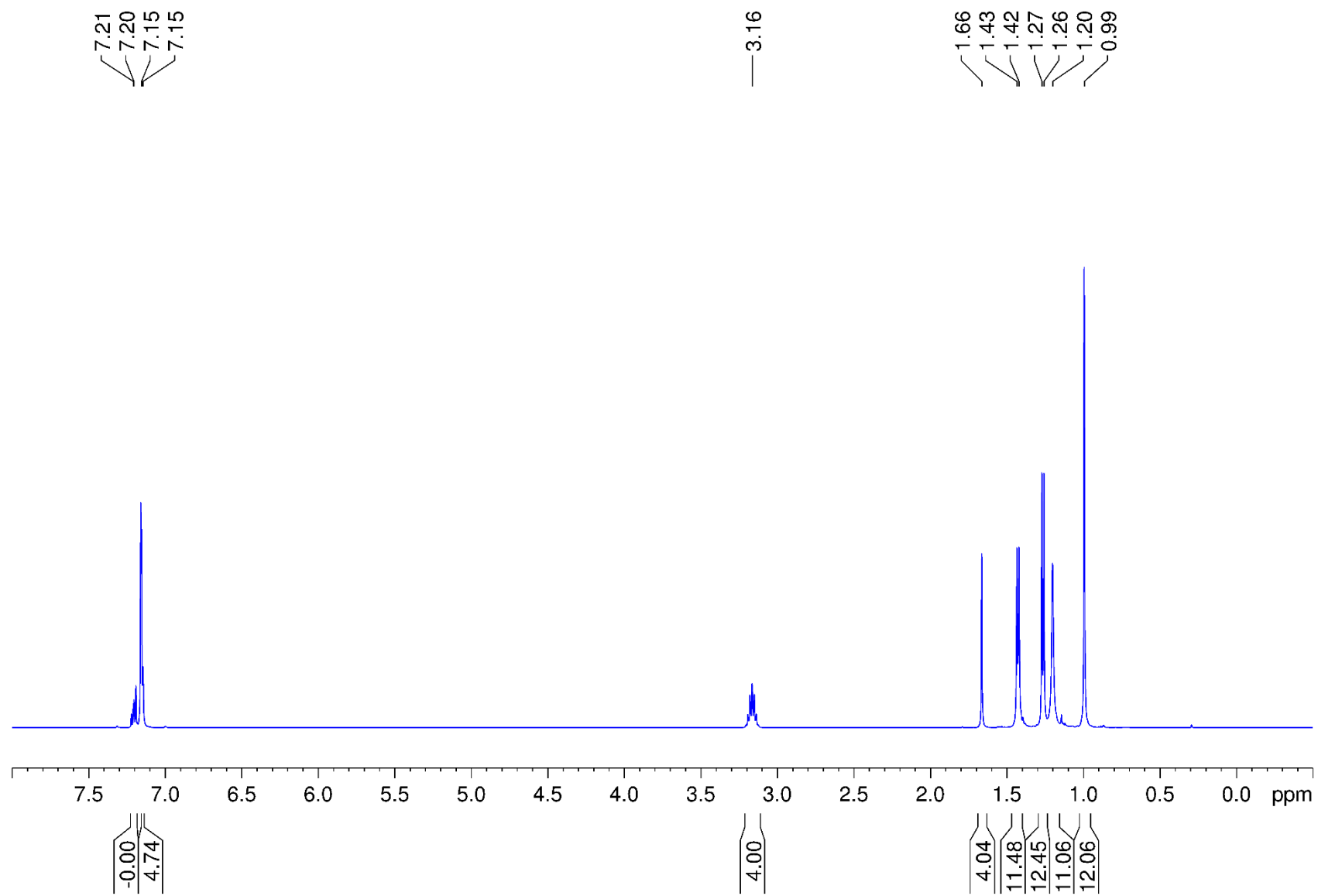




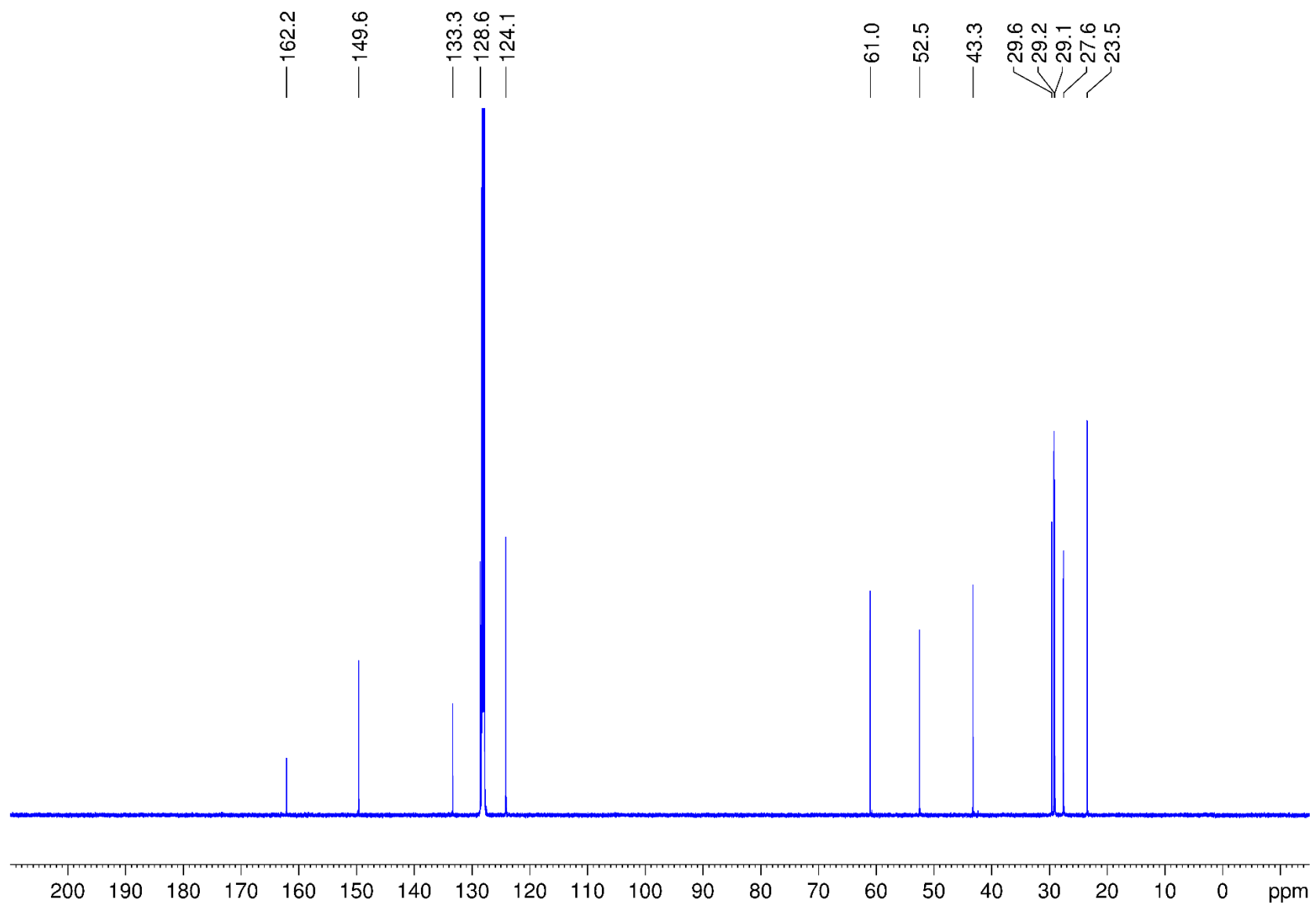
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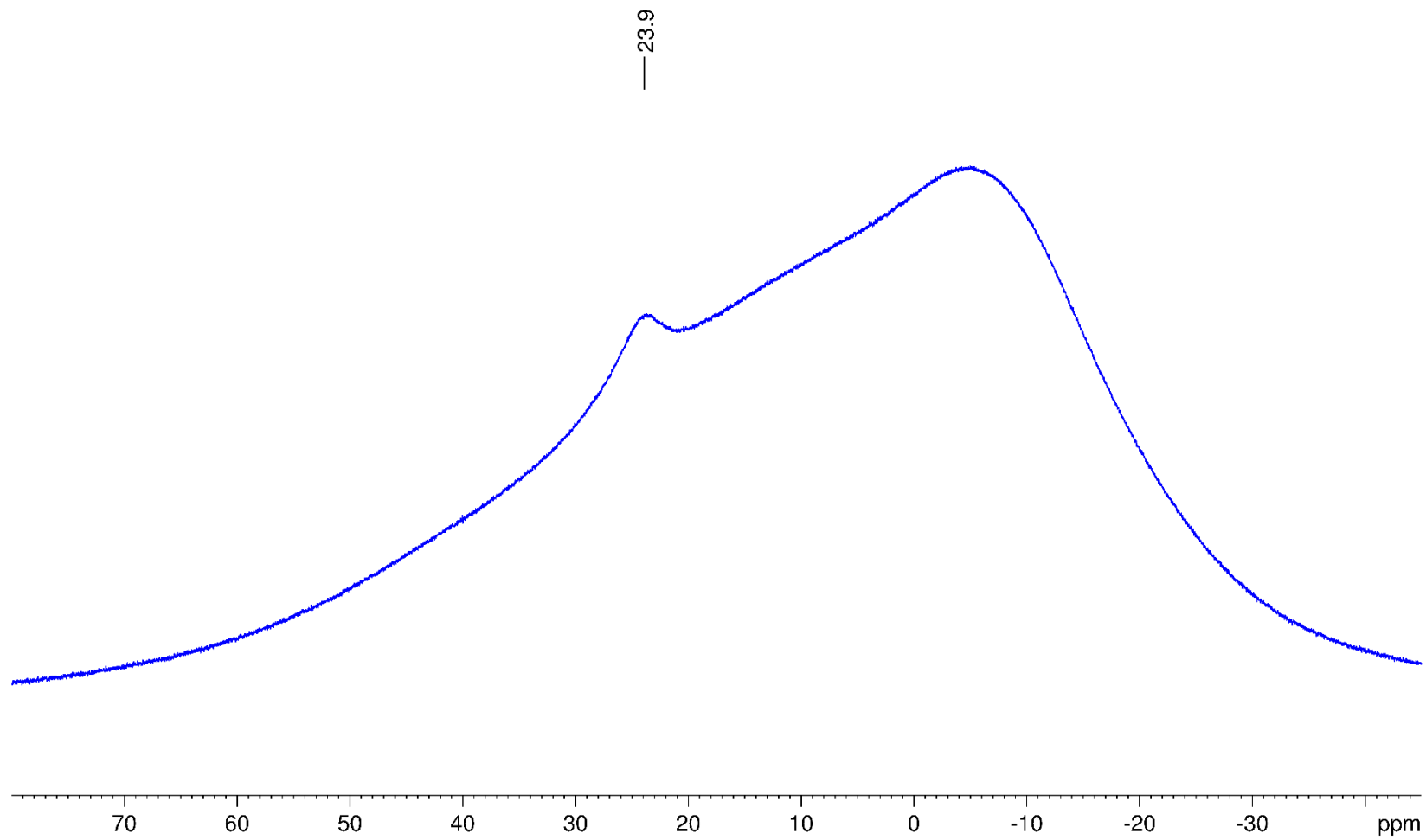
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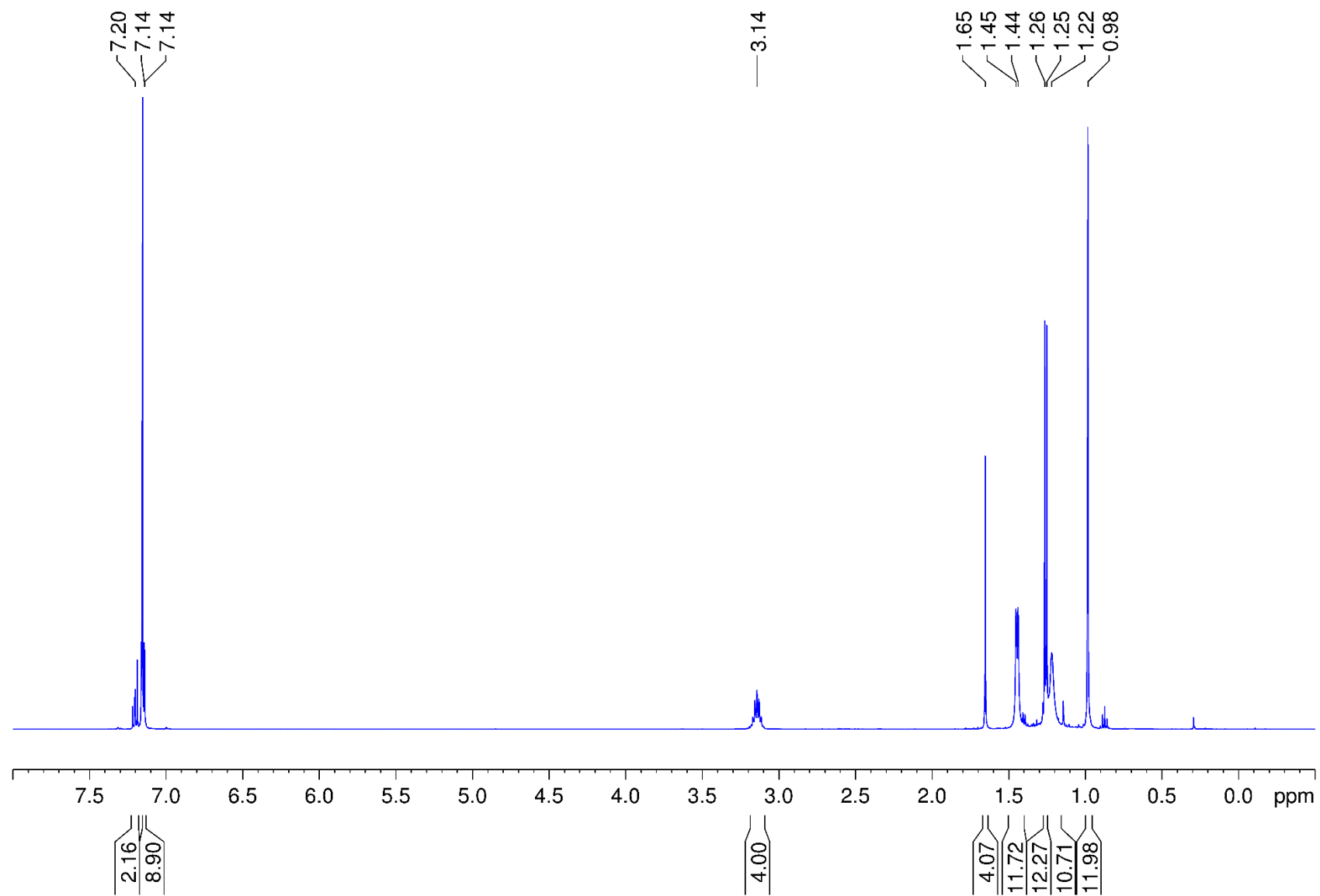
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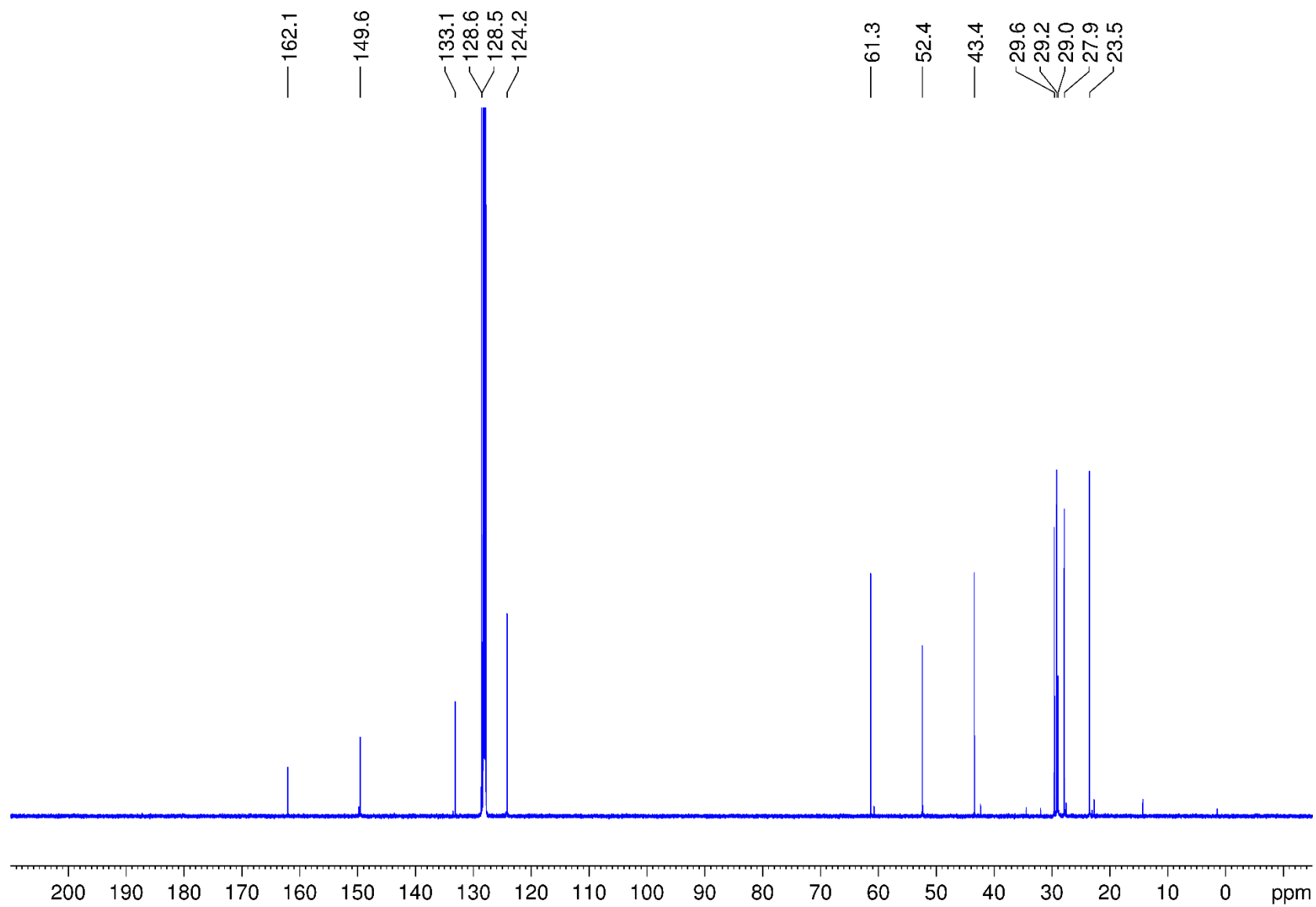
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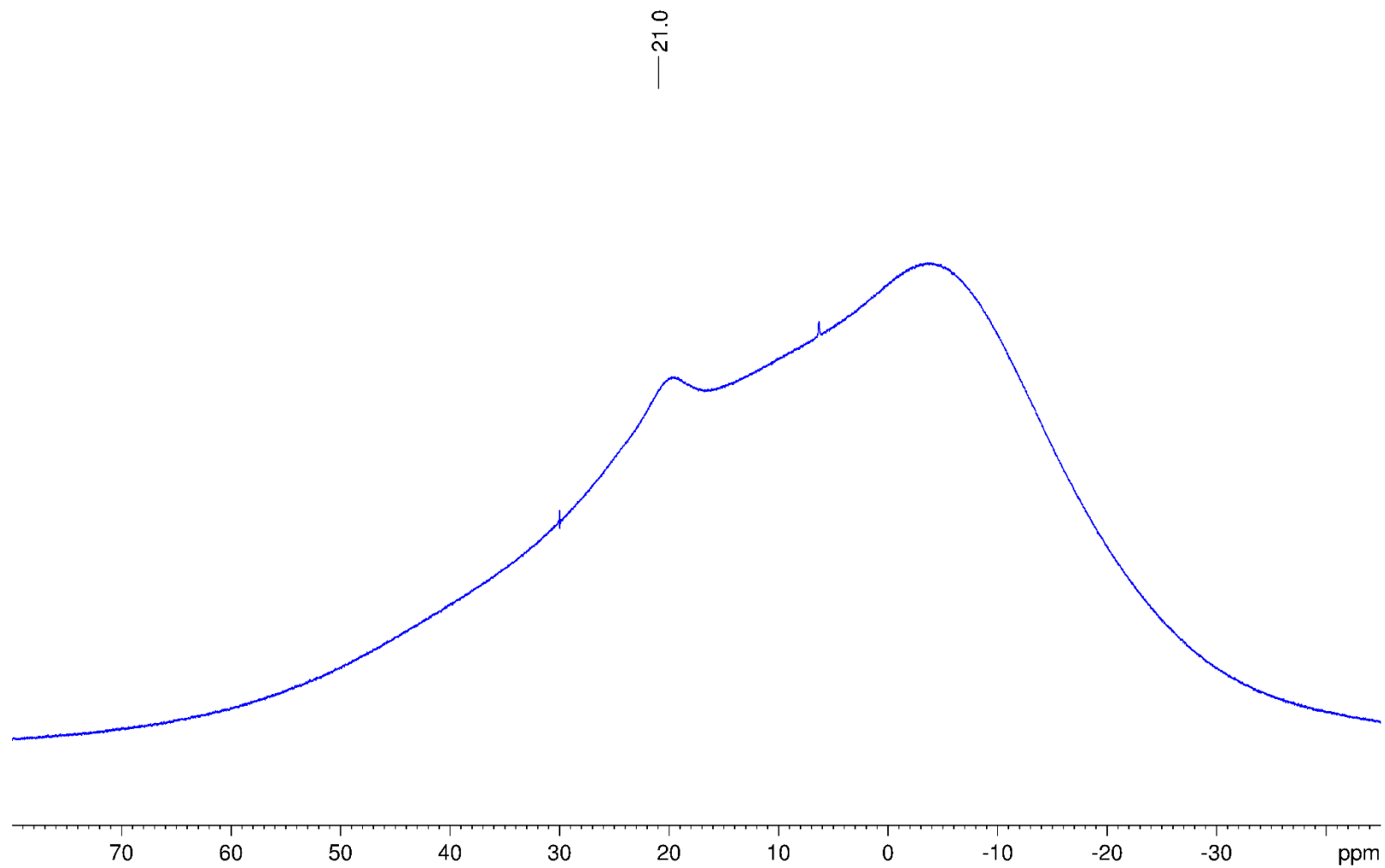
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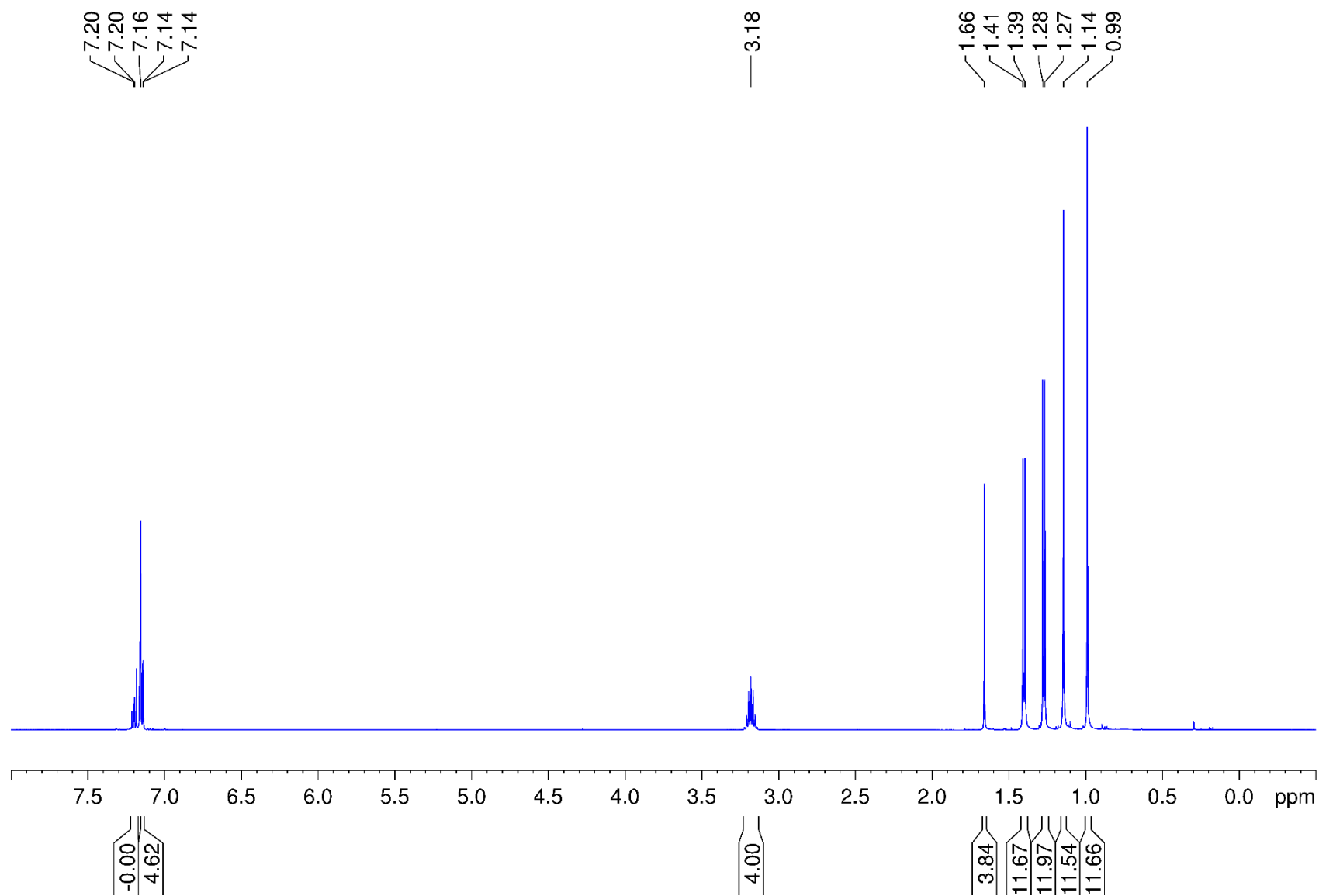


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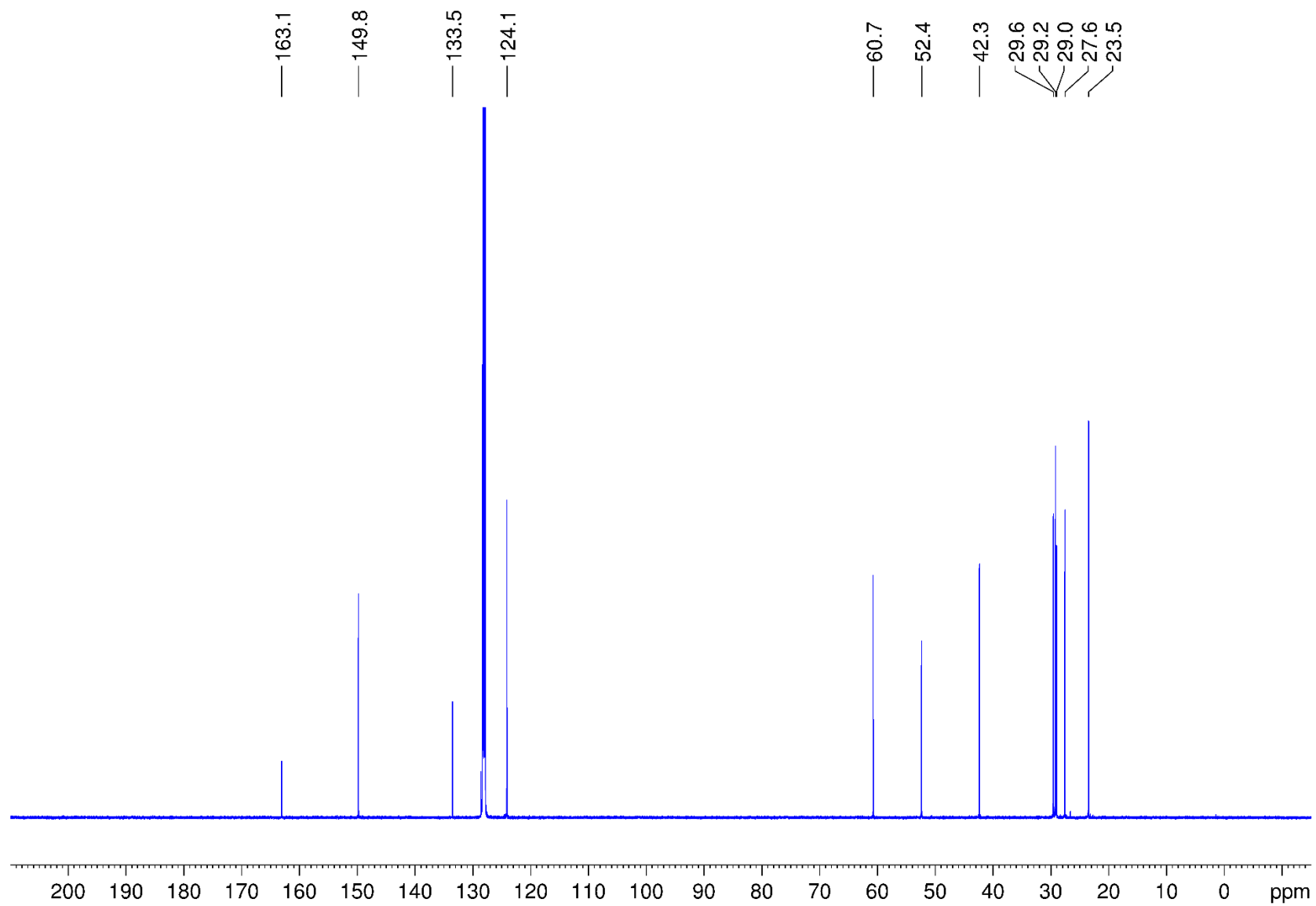


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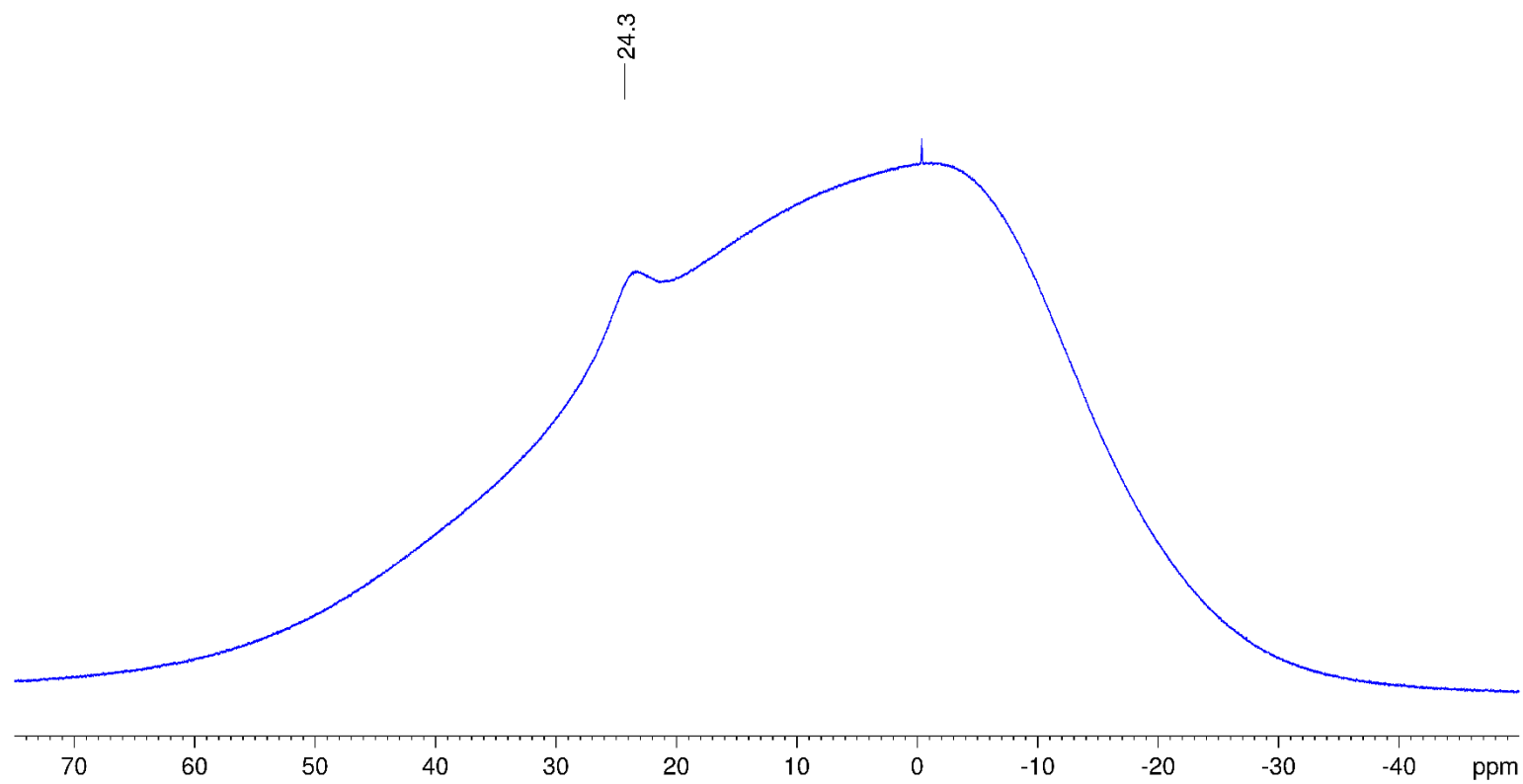




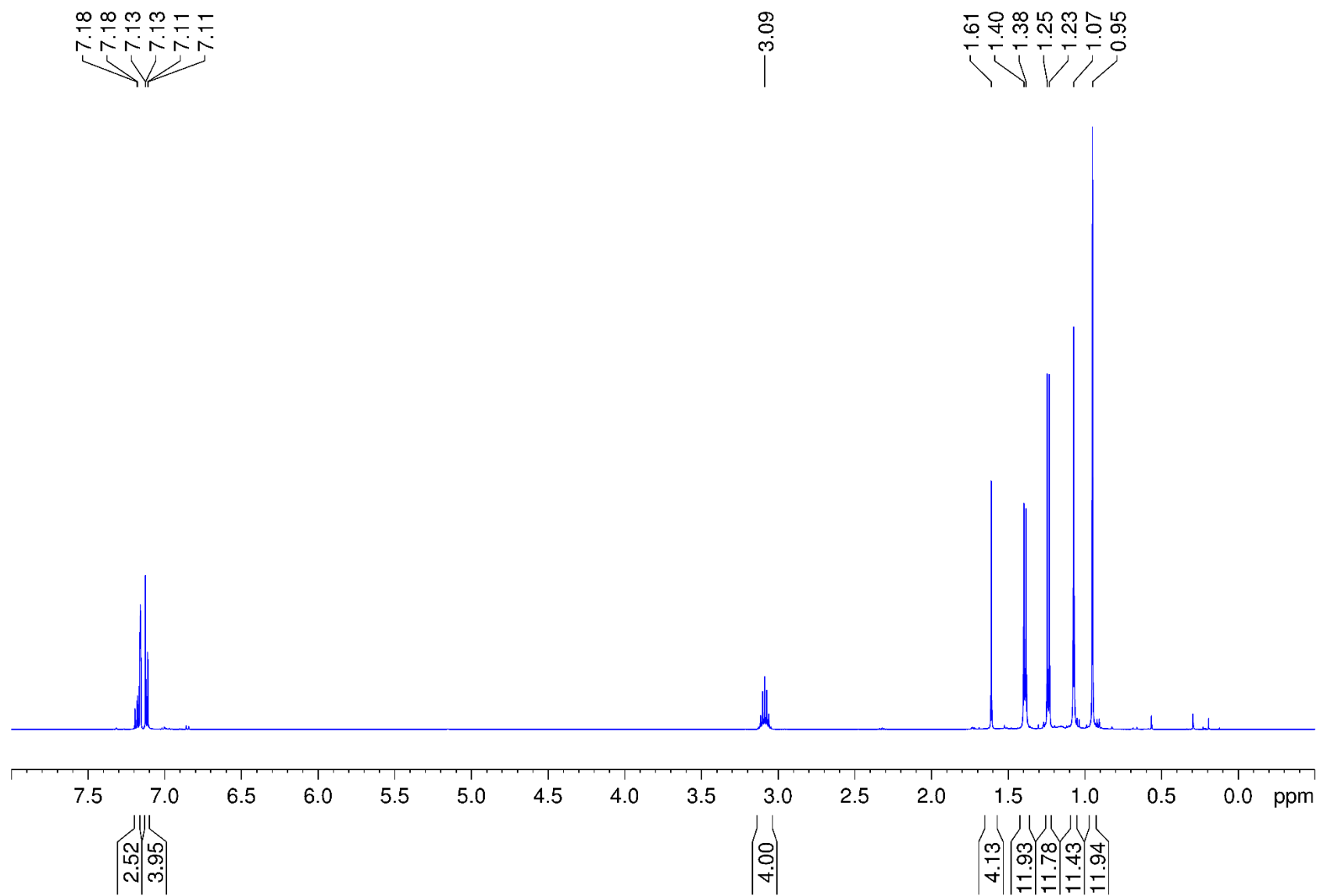
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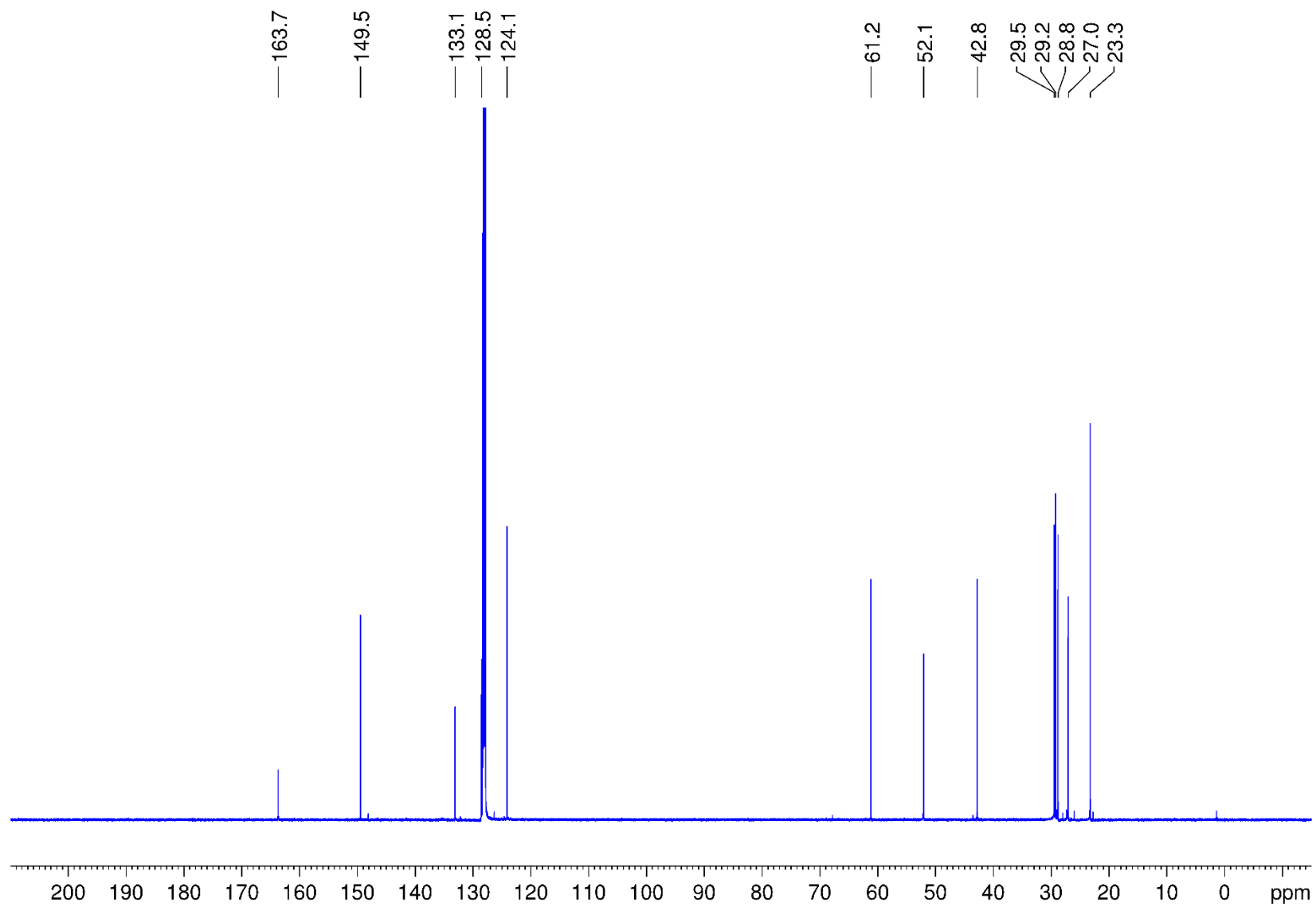
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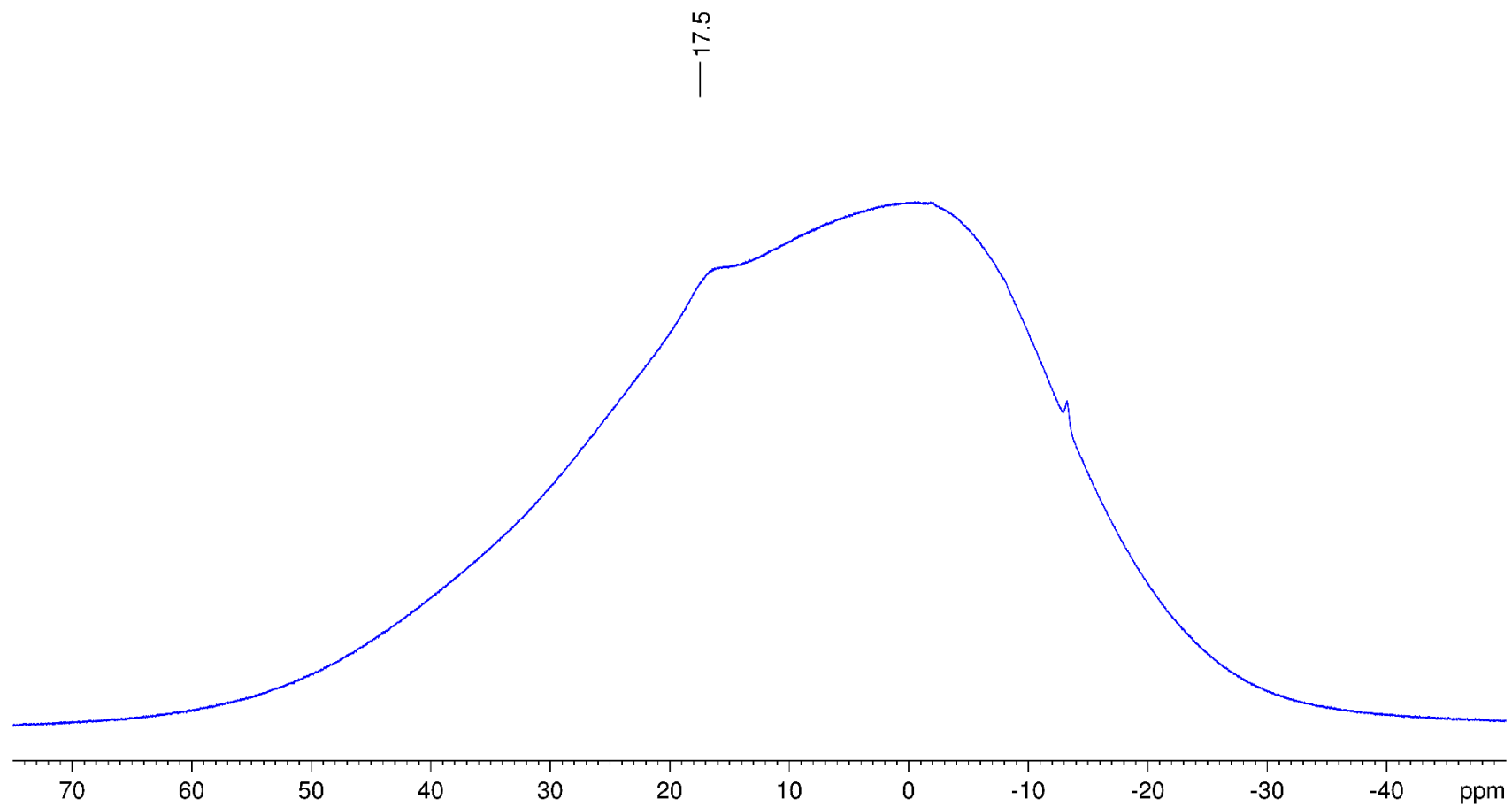
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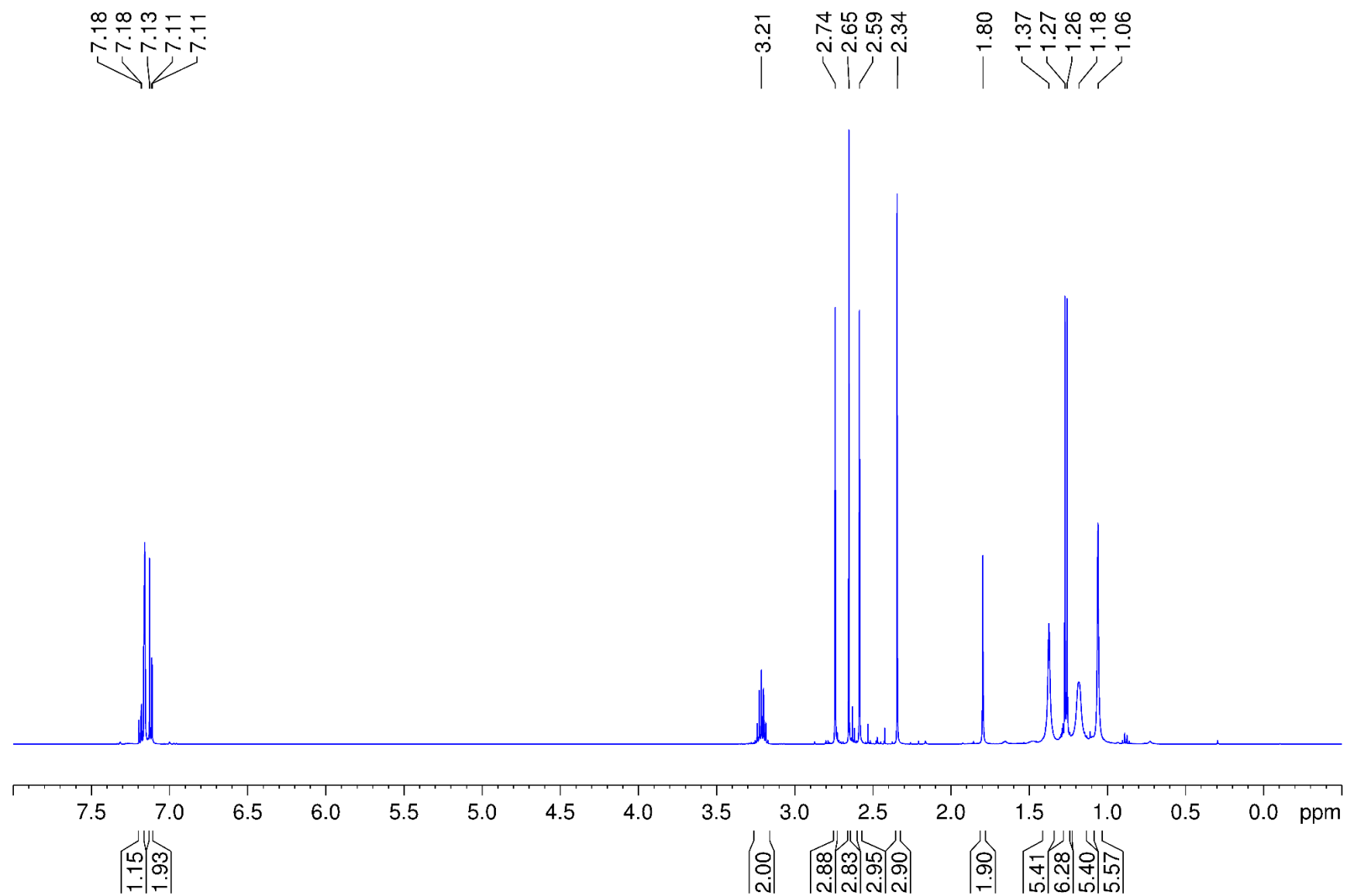
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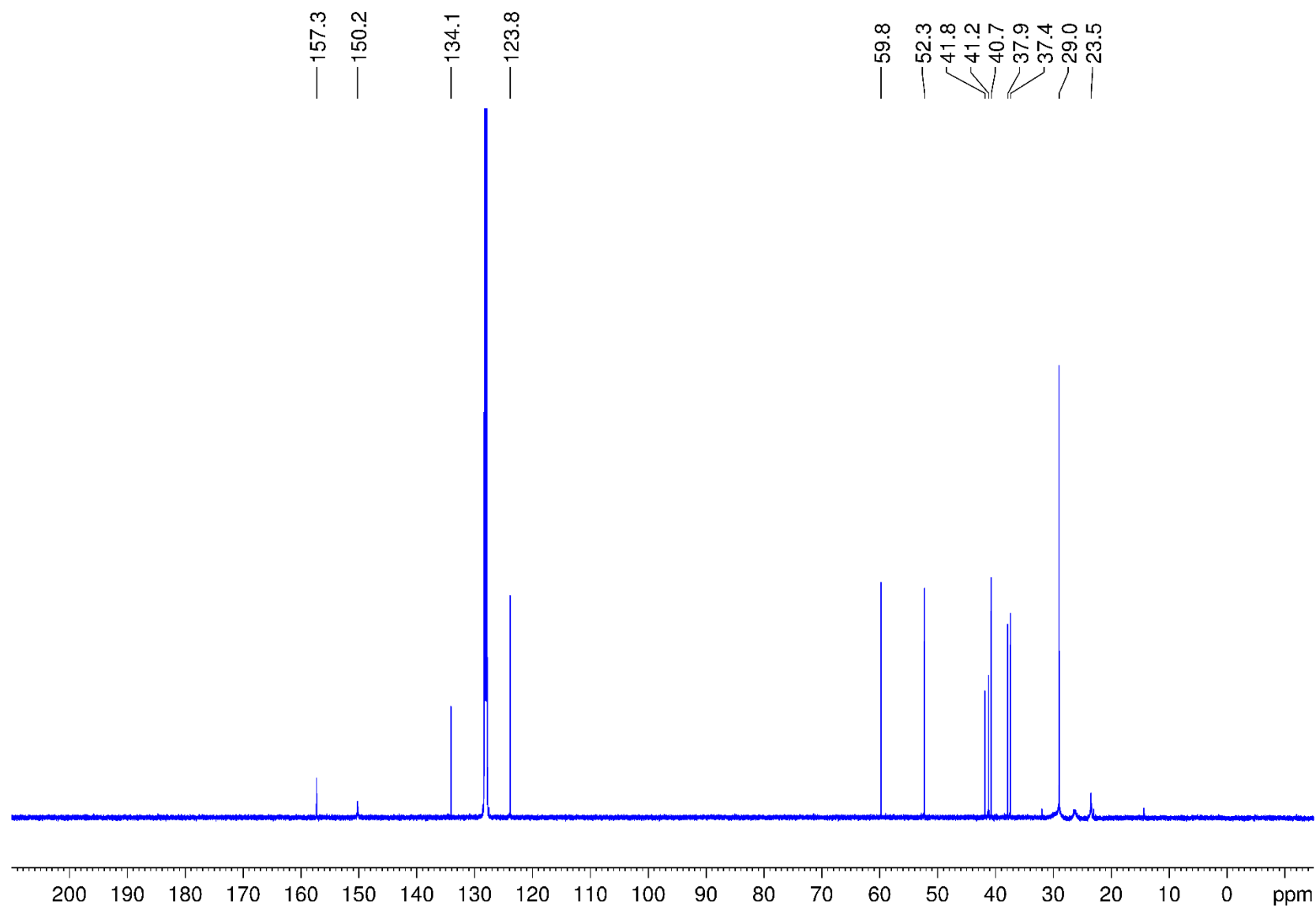
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**Figure S36.**  $^{11}\text{B}$  NMR spectrum of 3-NCS in  $\text{C}_6\text{D}_6$ .

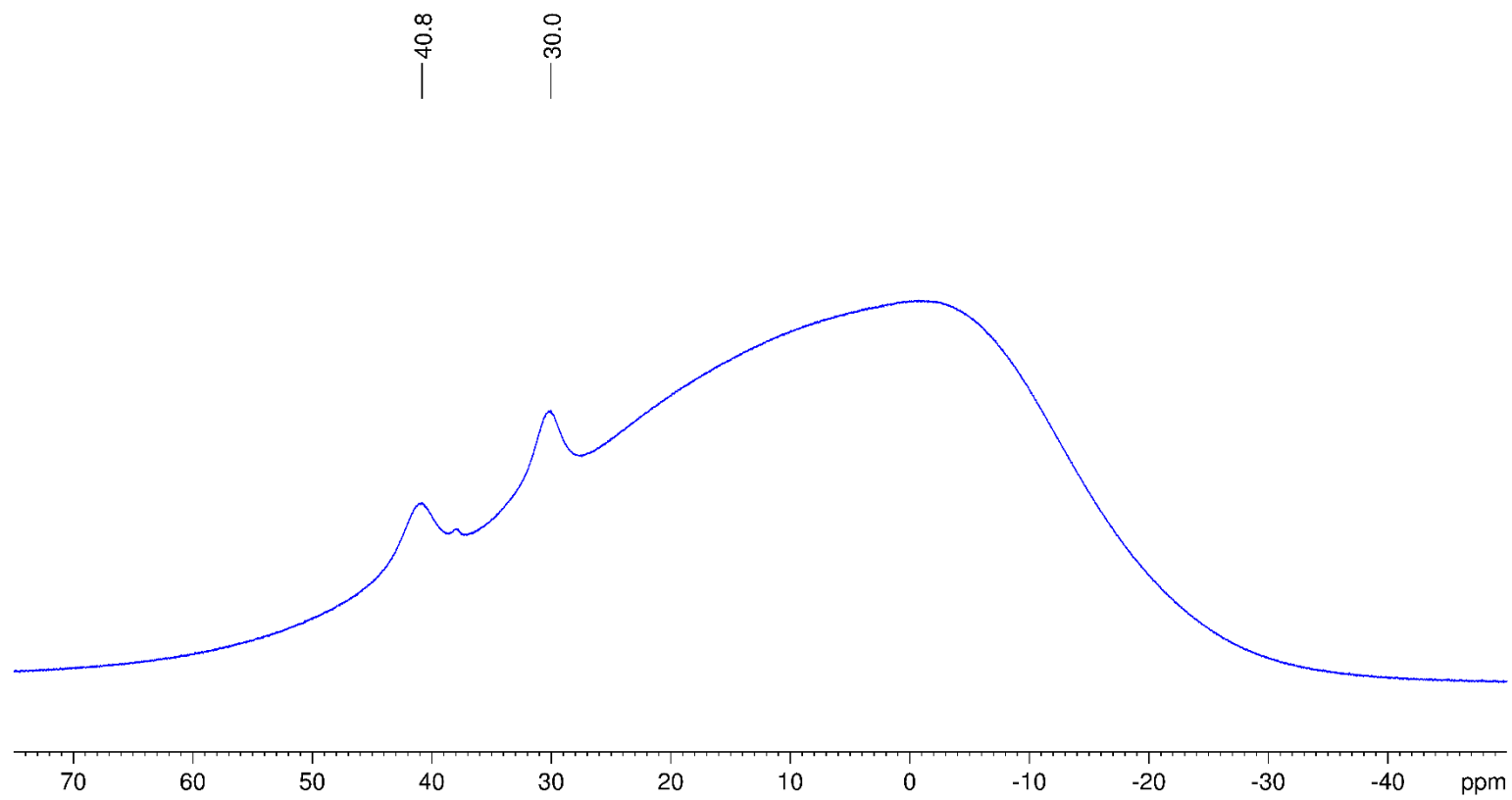


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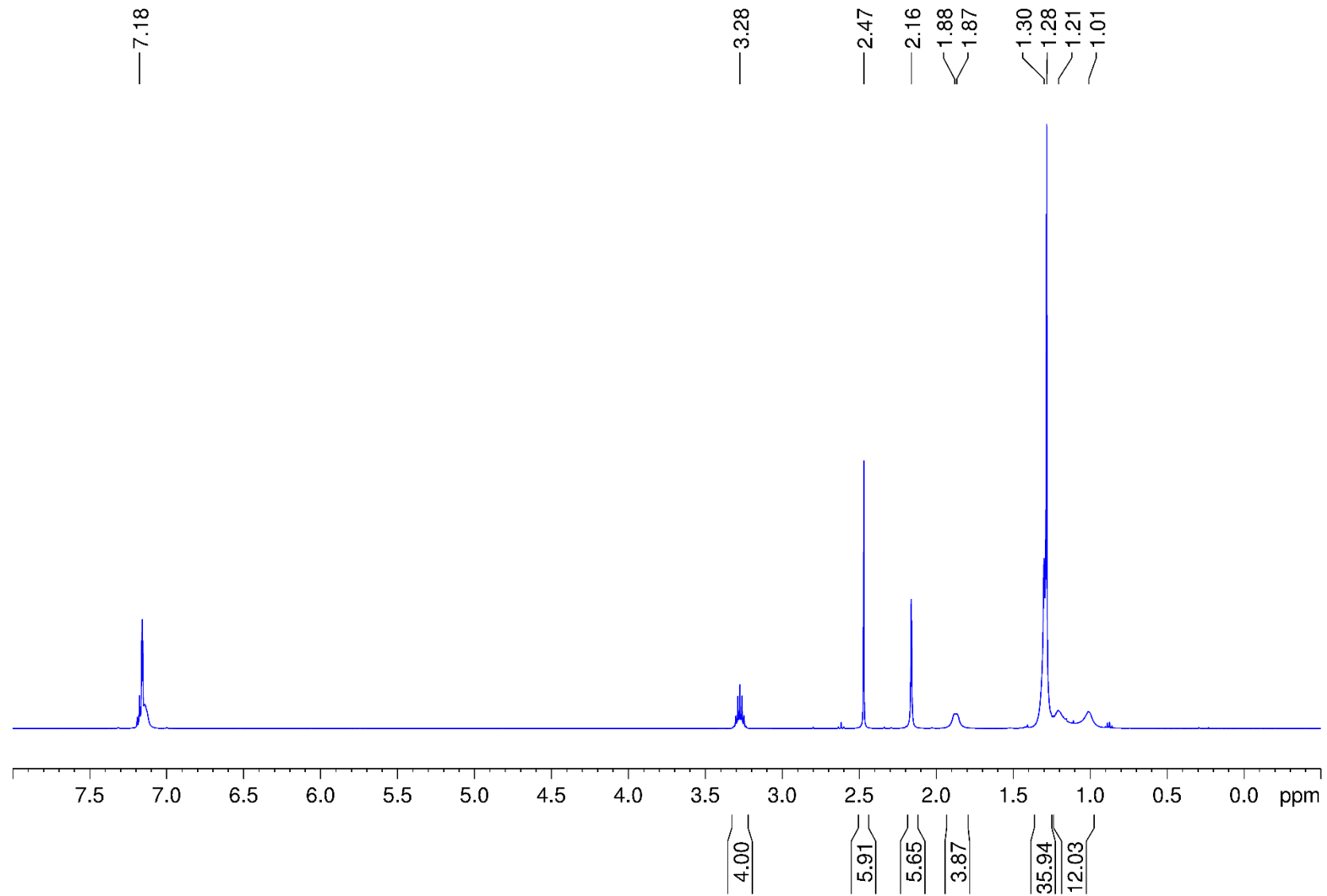


**Figure S38.**  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR spectrum of **4** in  $\text{C}_6\text{D}_6$ .

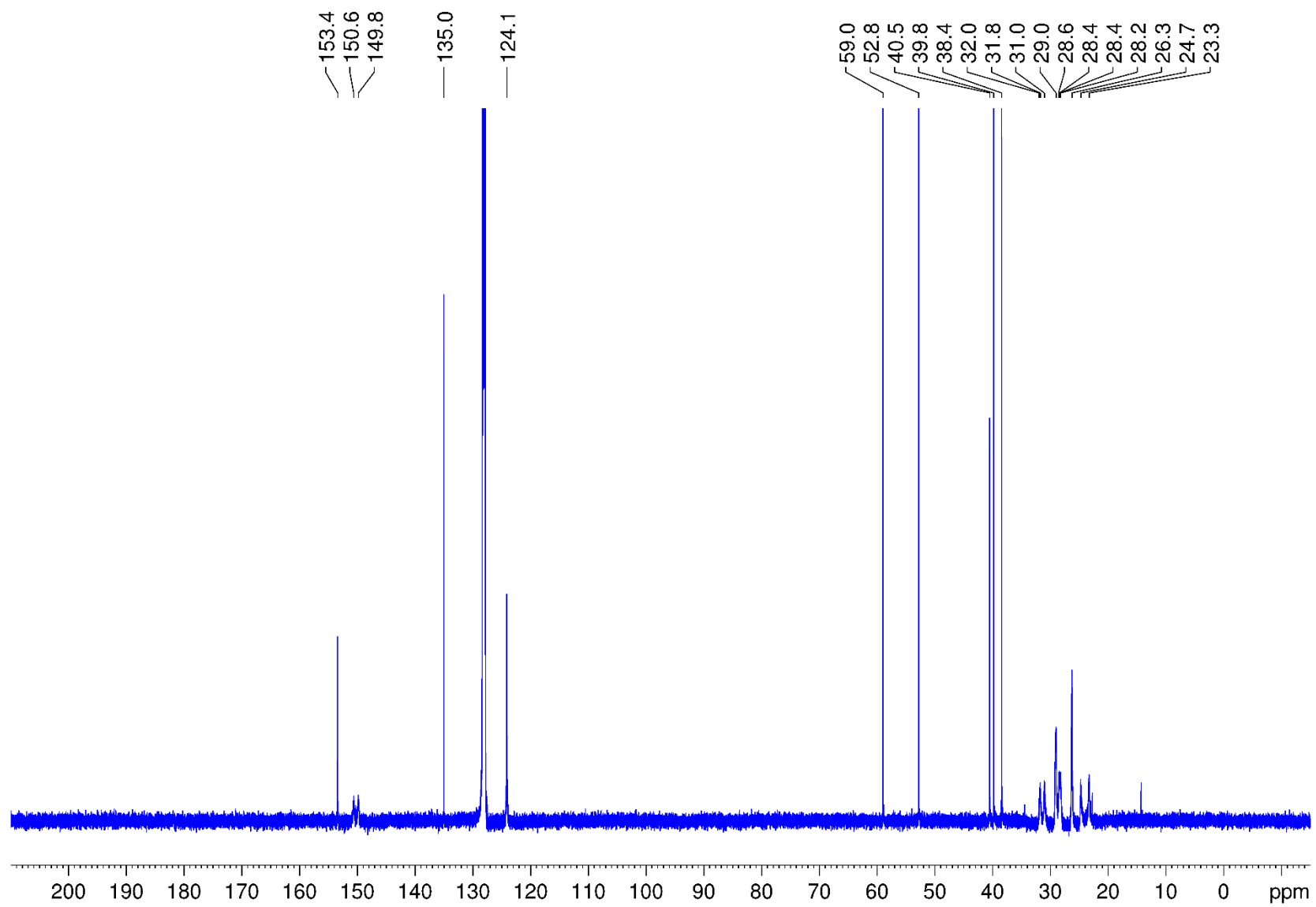




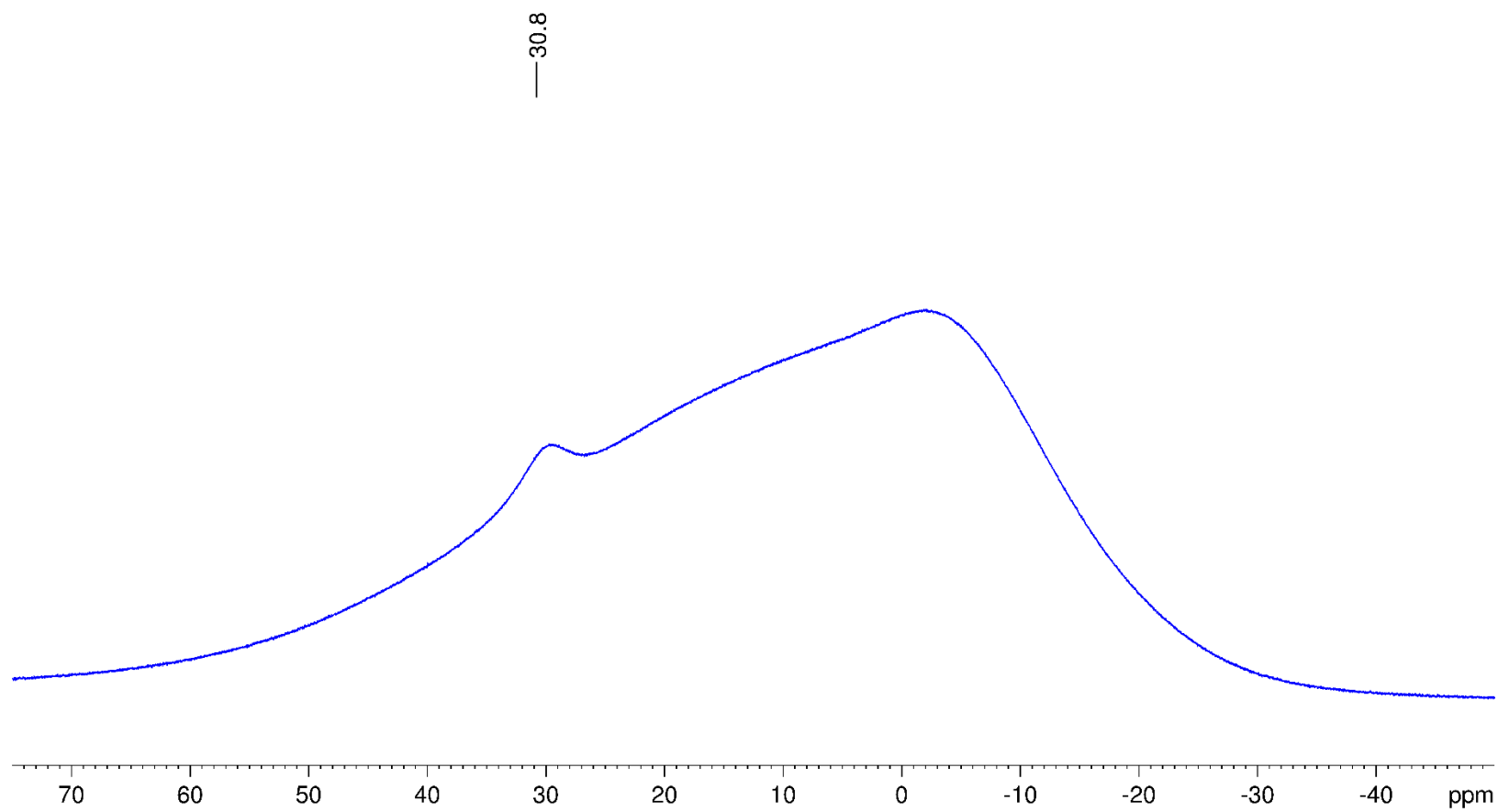
**Figure S39.**  $^{11}\text{B}$  NMR spectrum of **4** in  $\text{C}_6\text{D}_6$ .



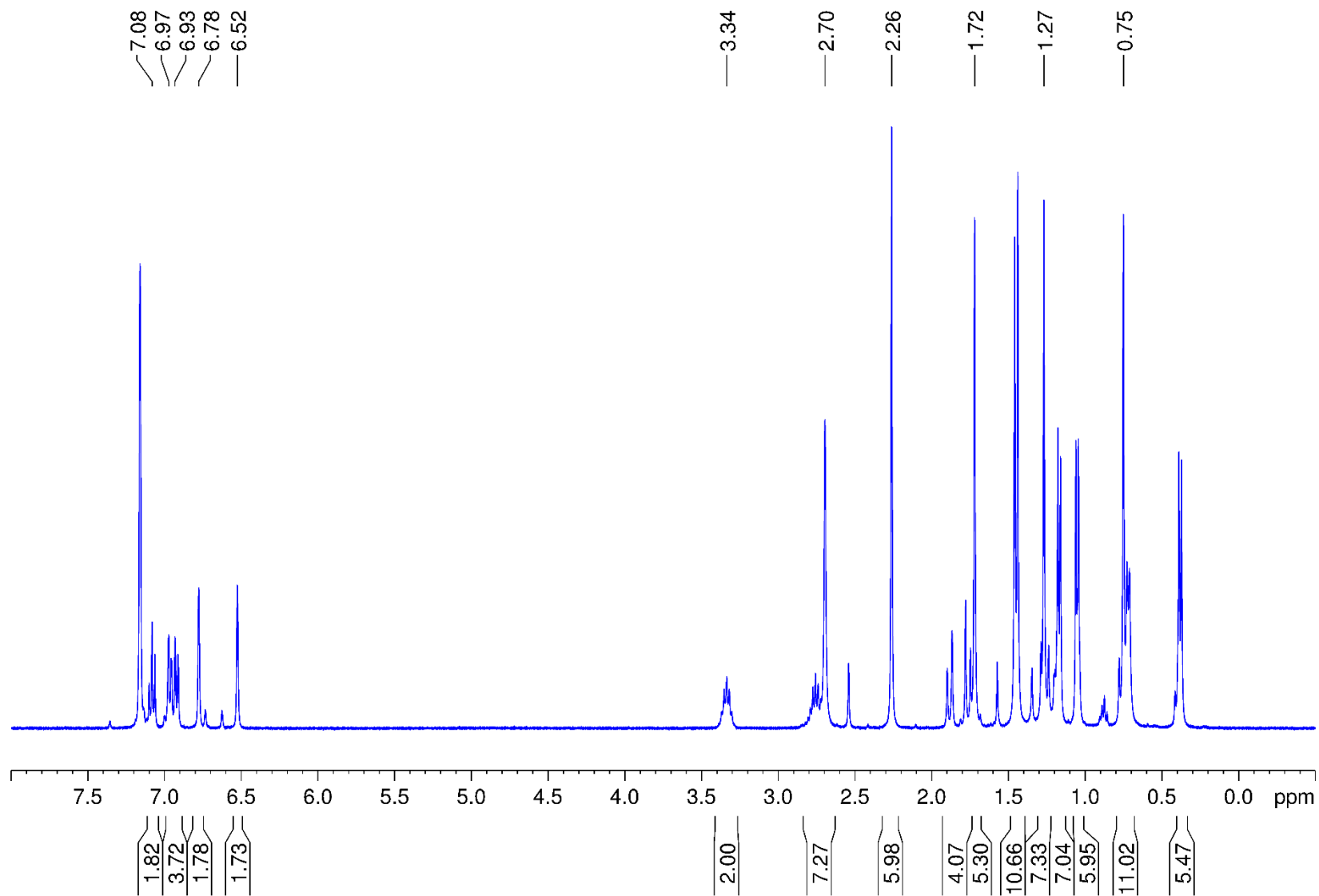
**Figure S40.**  $^1\text{H}\{^{11}\text{B}\}$  NMR spectrum of 5-NMe<sub>2</sub> in C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>.



**Figure S41.**  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR spectrum of 5-NMe<sub>2</sub> in C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>.



**Figure S42.**  $^{11}\text{B}$  NMR spectrum of 5-NMe<sub>2</sub> in C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>.



**Figure S43.**  $^1\text{H}\{^{11}\text{B}\}$  NMR spectrum of **5-Mes** in  $\text{C}_6\text{D}_6$ .

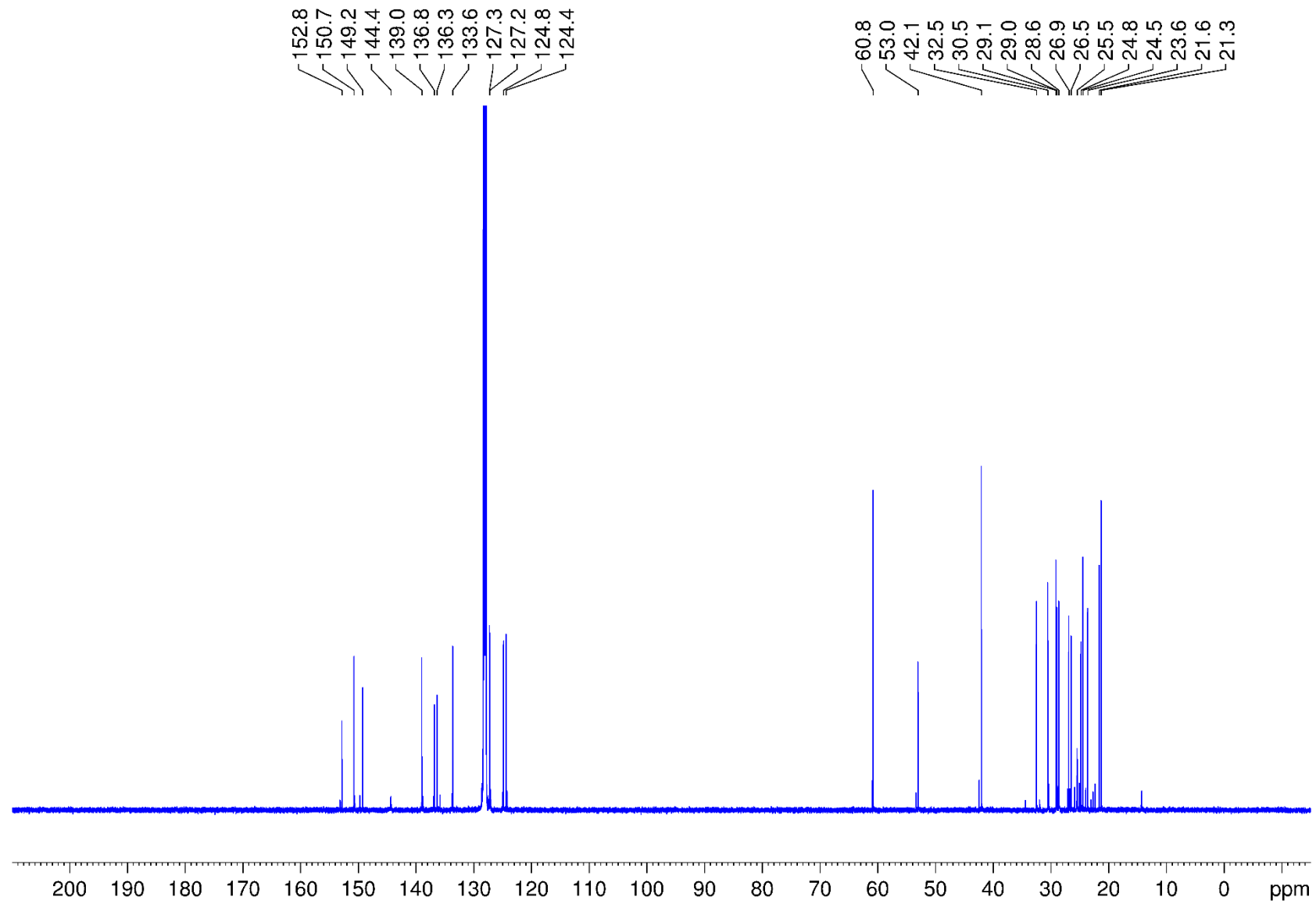
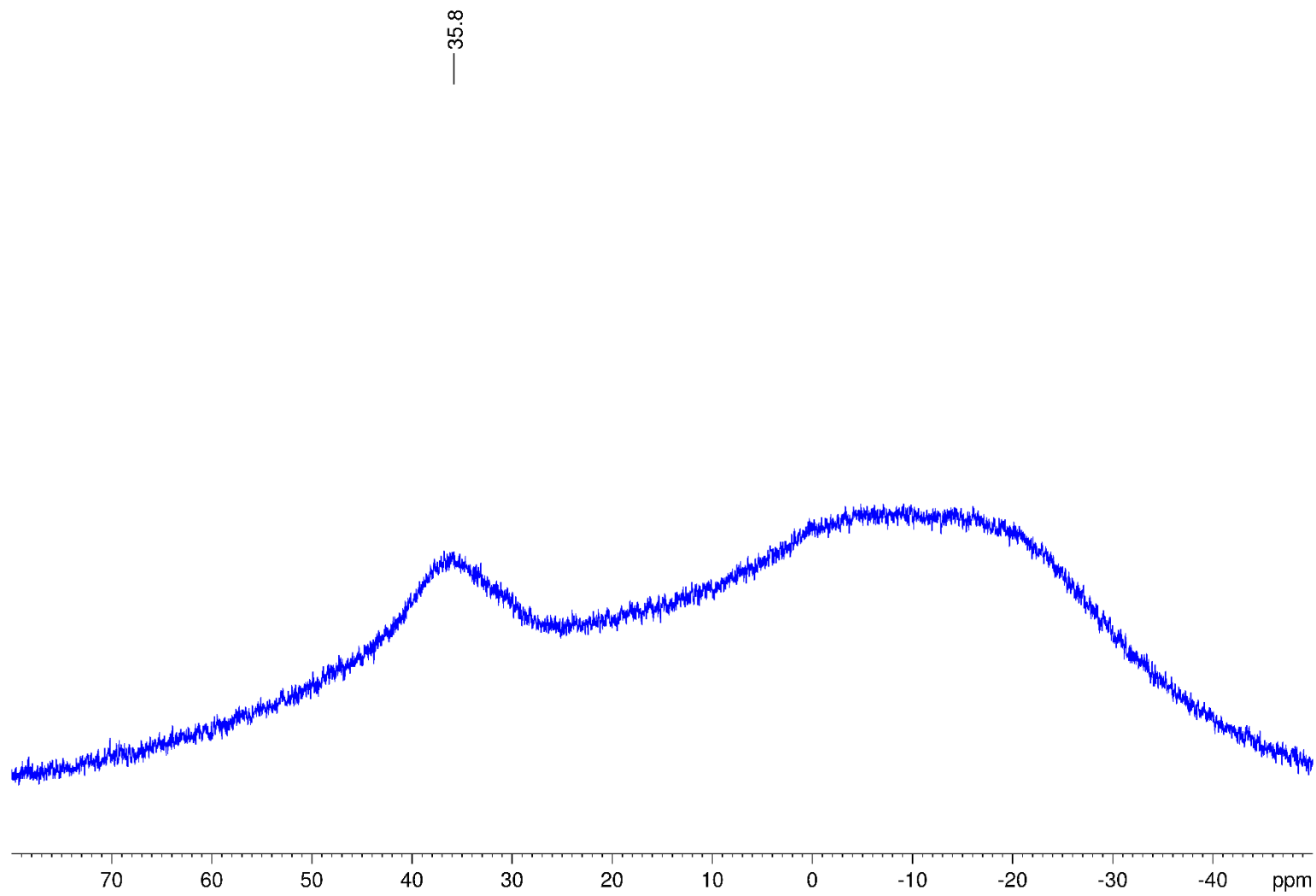
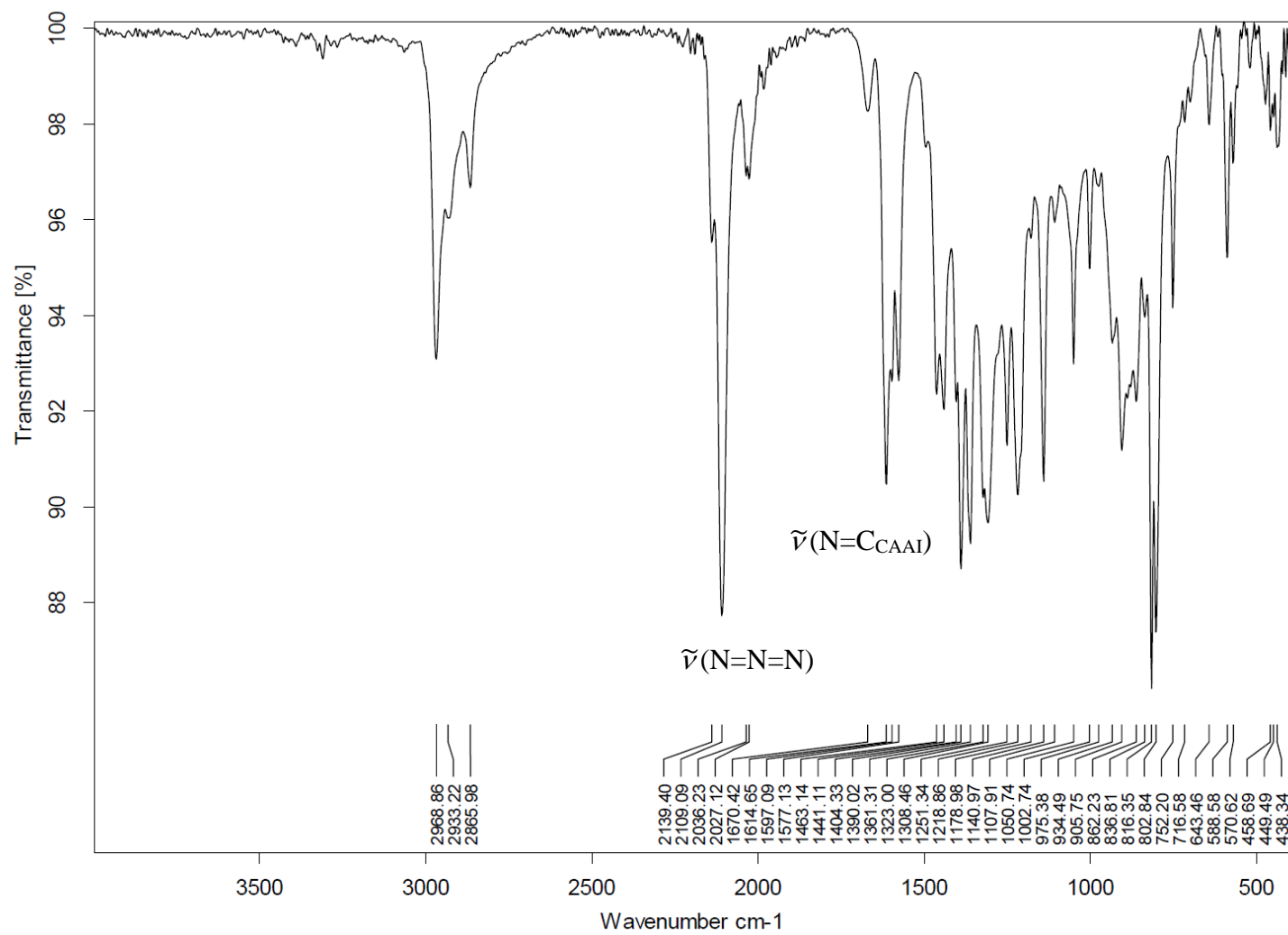


Figure S44.  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR spectrum of 5-Mes in  $\text{C}_6\text{D}_6$ .



**Figure S45.**  $^{11}\text{B}$  NMR spectrum of **5-Mes** in  $\text{C}_6\text{D}_6$ .

## IR spectra



**Figure S46.** Solid-state IR spectrum of 3-N<sub>3</sub>.



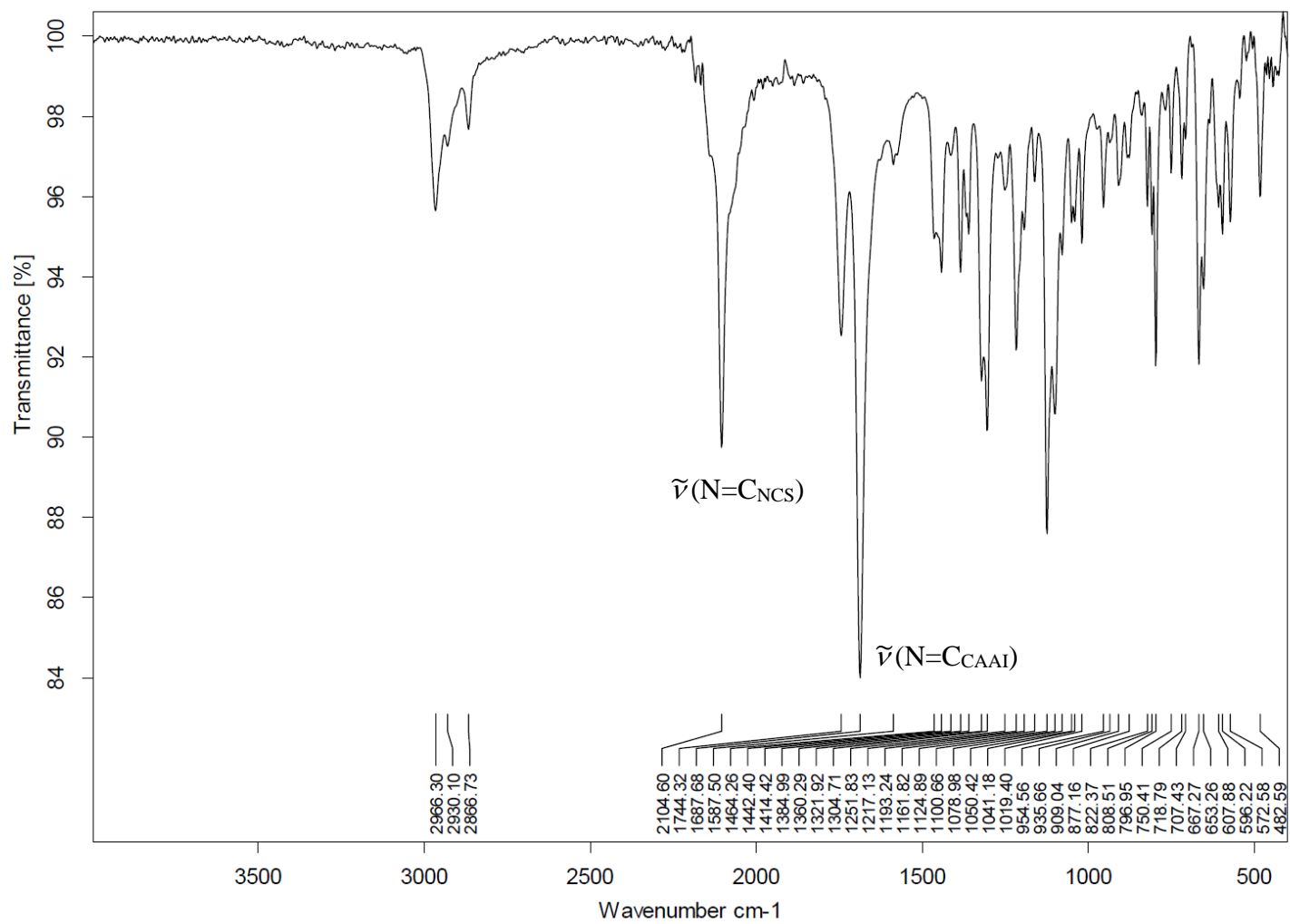


Figure S47. Solid-state IR spectrum of 3-NCS.

## X-ray crystallographic data

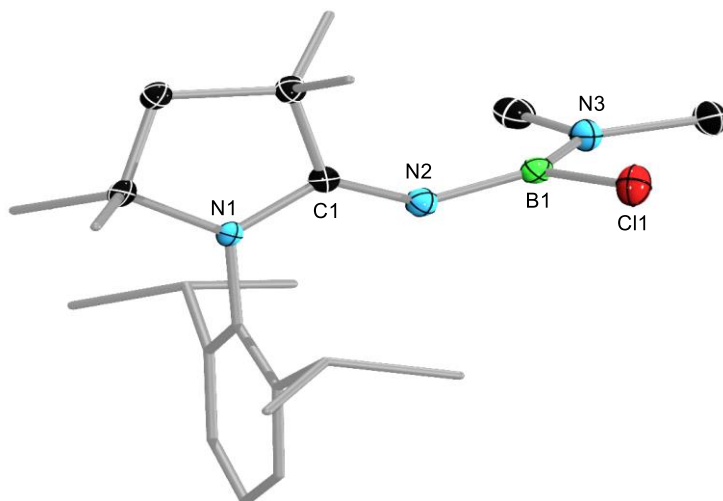
The crystal data of **2<sup>Br</sup>-NMe<sub>2</sub>**, **2<sup>Br</sup>-Mes**, **2<sup>Br</sup>-Ph**, **3-Br**, **3-N<sub>3</sub>** and **5-NMe<sub>2</sub>** were collected on a RIGAKU XTALAB SYNERGY-S diffractometer with a HPA area detector and multi-layer mirror monochromated Cu<sub>Kα</sub> radiation. The crystal data of **2<sup>Cl</sup>-NMe<sub>2</sub>** and **2<sup>Cl</sup>-Cl** were collected on a Bruker X8-APEX II diffractometer with a CCD area detector and multi-layer mirror monochromated Mo<sub>Kα</sub> radiation. The crystal data of **2<sup>Cl</sup>-Dur**, **3-NMe<sub>2</sub>**, **3-Ph**, **4** and **5-Mes** were collected on a Bruker D8 Quest diffractometer with a CMOS area detector and multi-layer mirror monochromated Mo<sub>Kα</sub> radiation. The structure was solved using intrinsic phasing method,<sup>7</sup> refined with the SHELXL program, and expanded using Fourier techniques.<sup>11</sup> All non-hydrogen atoms were refined anisotropically.

Crystallographic data have been deposited with the Cambridge Crystallographic Data Center as supplementary publication no. CCDC-2237053-2237066. These data can be obtained free of charge from The Cambridge Crystallographic Data Centre via [www.ccdc.cam.ac.uk/data\\_request/cif](http://www.ccdc.cam.ac.uk/data_request/cif).

**Table S1.** CCDC numbers of structurally characterised compounds.

	CCDC		CCDC
<b>2<sup>Cl</sup>-NMe<sub>2</sub></b>	2237055	<b>3-Ph</b>	2237056
<b>2<sup>Br</sup>-NMe<sub>2</sub></b>	2237066	<b>3-Br</b>	2237065
<b>2<sup>Cl</sup>-Cl</b>	2237054	<b>3-N<sub>3</sub></b>	2237058
<b>2<sup>Cl</sup>-Dur</b>	2237061	<b>3-NCS</b>	2237063
<b>2<sup>Br</sup>-Mes</b>	2237053	<b>4</b>	2237057
<b>2<sup>Br</sup>-Ph</b>	2237064	<b>5-NMe<sub>2</sub></b>	2237059
<b>3-NMe<sub>2</sub></b>	2237062	<b>5-Mes</b>	2237060

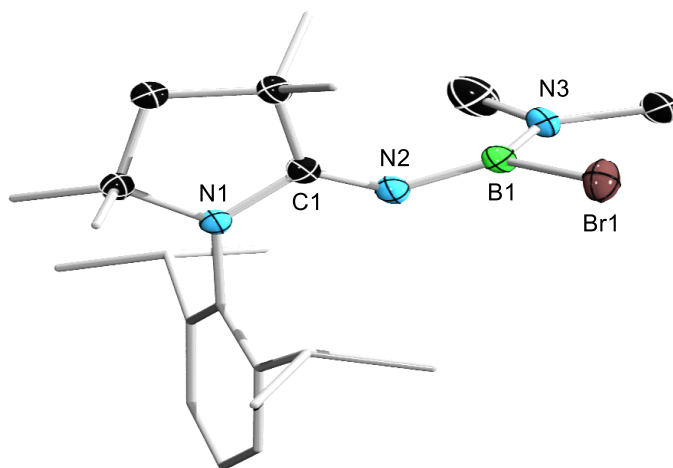
**Crystal data for 2<sup>Cl</sup>-NMe<sub>2</sub>:** C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>37</sub>BClN<sub>3</sub>,  $M_r = 389.80$ , colourless block, 0.36×0.321×0.21 mm<sup>3</sup>, monoclinic space group  $P2_1/c$ ,  $a = 17.943(10)$  Å,  $b = 9.057(4)$  Å,  $c = 14.529(8)$  Å,  $\beta = 105.28(3)^\circ$ ,  $V = 2278(2)$  Å<sup>3</sup>,  $Z = 4$ ,  $\rho_{\text{calcd}} = 1.137$  g·cm<sup>-3</sup>,  $\mu = 0.179$  mm<sup>-1</sup>,  $F(000) = 848$ ,  $T = 100(2)$  K,  $R_I = 0.0587$ ,  $wR_2 = 0.1038$ , 4476 independent reflections [ $2\theta \leq 52.04^\circ$ ] and 254 parameters.



**Figure S48.** Solid-state structures of 2<sup>Cl</sup>-NMe<sub>2</sub>. Atomic displacement ellipsoids shown at 50%. Ellipsoids of ligand periphery and hydrogen atoms omitted for clarity.

**Refinement details for 2<sup>Br</sup>-NMe<sub>2</sub>:** The BBrNMe<sub>2</sub> fragment (B1 > C6) was modelled as twofold flip-disordered in a 85:15 ratio. 1,2- and 1,3-distances were restrained to similarity with SAME, ADPs with SIMU 0.002.

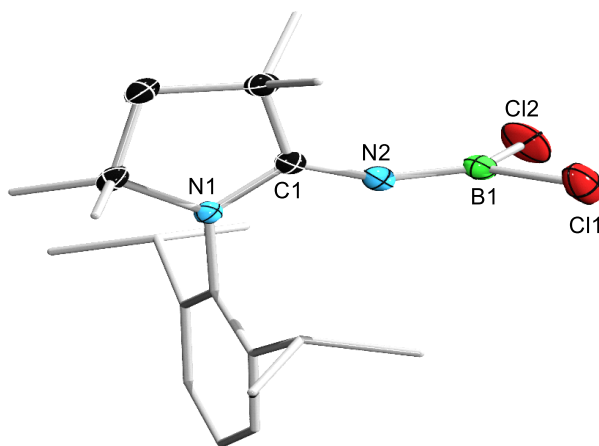
**Crystal data for 2<sup>Br</sup>-NMe<sub>2</sub>:** C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>37</sub>BBrN<sub>3</sub>, *M<sub>r</sub>* = 434.26, colourless plate, 0.410×0.110×0.070 mm<sup>3</sup>, monoclinic space group *P*2<sub>1</sub>/*c*, *a* = 18.0177(2) Å, *b* = 9.08810(10) Å, *c* = 14.5514(2) Å, β = 104.9120(10)°, *V* = 2302.50(5) Å<sup>3</sup>, *Z* = 4, ρ<sub>calcd</sub> = 1.253 g·cm<sup>-3</sup>, μ = 2.495 mm<sup>-1</sup>, *F*(000) = 920, *T* = 100(2) K, *R*<sub>1</sub> = 0.0475, *wR*<sub>2</sub> = 0.1250, 4836 independent reflections [2θ ≤ 154.638°] and 302 parameters.



**Figure S49.** Solid-state structures of 2<sup>Br</sup>-NMe<sub>2</sub>. Atomic displacement ellipsoids shown at 50%. Ellipsoids of ligand periphery and hydrogen atoms omitted for clarity.

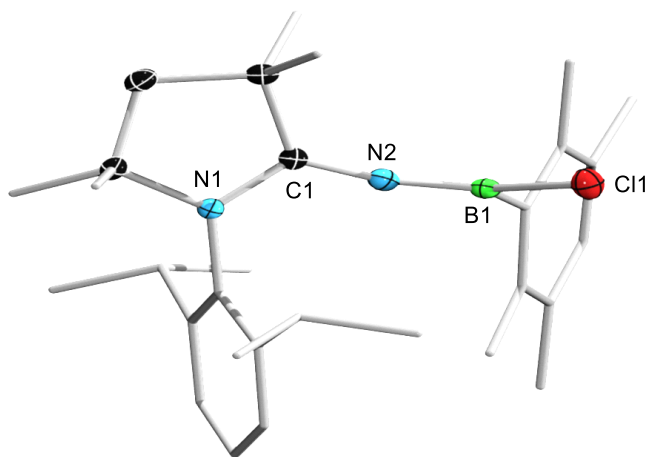
**Refinement details for 2<sup>Cl</sup>-Cl:** The BCl<sub>2</sub> unit was modelled as twofold rotationally disordered in a 94:6 ratio. ADPs within the disorder were restrained with SIMU 0.005.

**Crystal data for 2<sup>Cl</sup>-Cl:** C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>31</sub>BCl<sub>2</sub>N<sub>2</sub>,  $M_r = 381.18$ , colourless block, 0.488×0.298×0.270 mm<sup>3</sup>, monoclinic space group  $P2_1/n$ ,  $a = 14.270(6)$  Å,  $b = 10.149(4)$  Å,  $c = 14.806(6)$  Å,  $\beta = 97.11(2)^\circ$ ,  $V = 2127.9(15)$  Å<sup>3</sup>,  $Z = 4$ ,  $\rho_{\text{calcd}} = 1.190$  g·cm<sup>-3</sup>,  $\mu = 0.310$  mm<sup>-1</sup>,  $F(000) = 816$ ,  $T = 100(2)$  K,  $R_1 = 0.0436$ ,  $wR_2 = 0.1004$ , 4202 independent reflections [ $2\theta \leq 52.038^\circ$ ] and 253 parameters.



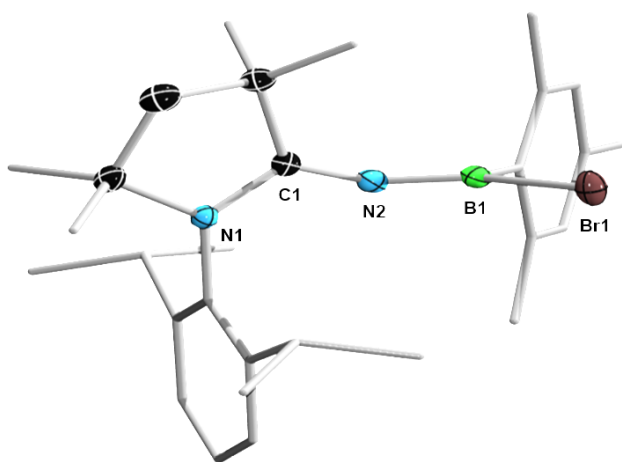
**Figure S50.** Solid-state structures of 2<sup>Cl</sup>-Cl. Atomic displacement ellipsoids shown at 50%. Ellipsoids of ligand periphery and hydrogen atoms omitted for clarity.

**Crystal data for 2<sup>Cl</sup>-Dur:** C<sub>30</sub>H<sub>44</sub>BClN<sub>2</sub>,  $M_r = 478.93$ , colourless block, 0.405×0.275×0.199 mm<sup>3</sup>, monoclinic space group  $P2_1/n$ ,  $a = 10.300(2)$  Å,  $b = 16.861(3)$  Å,  $c = 16.843(5)$  Å,  $\beta = 103.065(16)^\circ$ ,  $V = 2849.4(12)$  Å<sup>3</sup>,  $Z = 4$ ,  $\rho_{\text{calcd}} = 1.116$  g·cm<sup>-3</sup>,  $\mu = 0.154$  mm<sup>-1</sup>,  $F(000) = 1040$ ,  $T = 100(2)$  K,  $R_I = 0.0534$ ,  $wR_2 = 0.1182$ , 6076 independent reflections [ $2\theta \leq 53.766^\circ$ ] and 319 parameters.



**Figure S51.** Solid-state structures of 2<sup>Cl</sup>-Dur. Atomic displacement ellipsoids shown at 50%. Ellipsoids of ligand periphery and hydrogen atoms omitted for clarity.

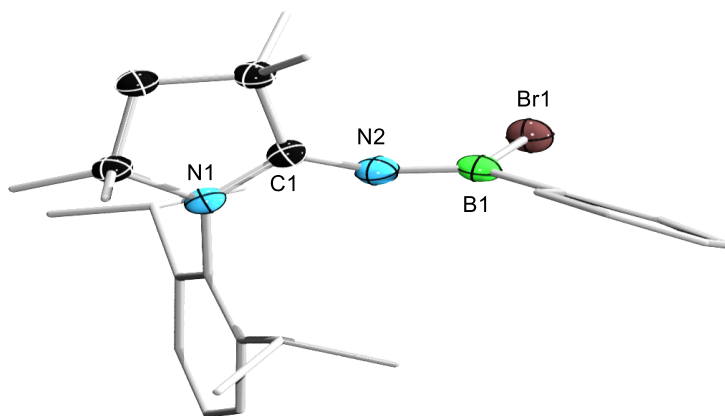
**Crystal data for 2<sup>Br</sup>-Mes:** C<sub>29</sub>H<sub>42</sub>BBrN<sub>2</sub>, *M*<sub>r</sub> = 509.36, colourless block, 0.289×0.230×0.063 mm<sup>3</sup>, monoclinic space group *P*1<sub>2</sub>1/*n*1, *a* = 10.0184(3) Å, *b* = 16.7493(4) Å, *c* = 17.4941(5) Å, β = 106.480(3)°, *V* = 2814.92(15) Å<sup>3</sup>, *Z* = 4, ρ<sub>calcd</sub> = 1.202 g·cm<sup>-3</sup>, μ = 1.479 mm<sup>-1</sup>, *F*(000) = 1080, *T* = 99.98(12) K, *R*<sub>1</sub> = 0.0549, *wR*<sub>2</sub> = 0.0811, 7292 independent reflections [2θ ≤ 62.2058°] and 309 parameters.



**Figure S52.** Solid-state structures of 2<sup>Br</sup>-Mes. Atomic displacement ellipsoids shown at 50%. Ellipsoids of ligand periphery and hydrogen atoms omitted for clarity.

**Refinement details for 2<sup>Br</sup>-Ph:** Refined as a 2-component twin. Component 2 rotated by  $-179.9271^\circ$  around  $[0.00\ 0.00\ 1.00]$  (reciprocal) or  $[-0.16\ -0.06\ 0.98]$  (direct) The BASF parameter was refined to 30.6%. Some reflections were removed from refinement as outliers, these likely belong to a third twin component, which could not be modelled adequately.

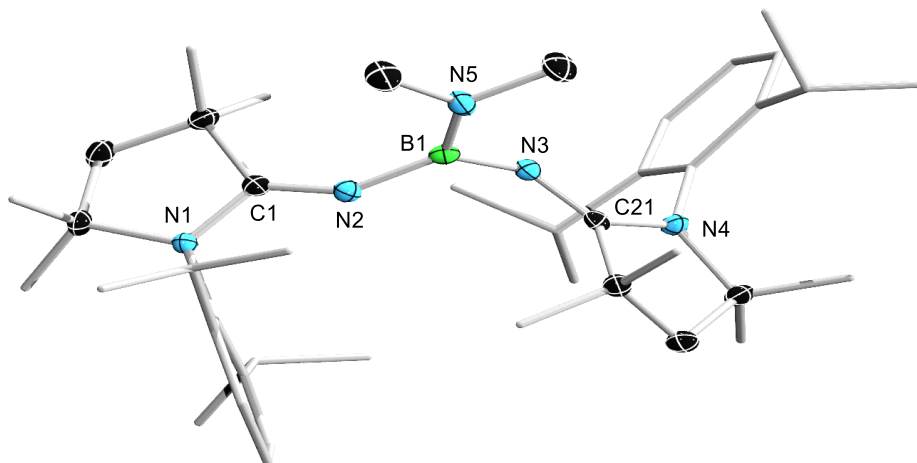
**Crystal data for 2<sup>Br</sup>-Ph:**  $C_{26}H_{36}BBrN_2$ ,  $M_r = 467.29$ , colourless plate,  $0.149 \times 0.038 \times 0.006\text{ mm}^3$ , triclinic space group  $P\bar{1}$ ,  $a = 9.3778(3)\text{ \AA}$ ,  $b = 13.0392(3)\text{ \AA}$ ,  $c = 20.8478(6)\text{ \AA}$ ,  $\alpha = 86.673(2)^\circ$ ,  $\beta = 85.097(2)^\circ$ ,  $\gamma = 75.815(2)^\circ$ ,  $V = 2460.66(12)\text{ \AA}^3$ ,  $Z = 4$ ,  $\rho_{\text{calcd}} = 1.261\text{ g}\cdot\text{cm}^{-3}$ ,  $\mu = 2.365\text{ mm}^{-1}$ ,  $F(000) = 984$ ,  $T = 100(2)\text{ K}$ ,  $R_I = 0.0884$ ,  $wR_2 = 0.2428$ , 14301 independent reflections [ $2\theta \leq 140.15^\circ$ ] and 558 parameters.



**Figure S53.** Solid-state structures of 2<sup>Br</sup>-Ph. Atomic displacement ellipsoids shown at 50%. Ellipsoids of ligand periphery and hydrogen atoms omitted for clarity.



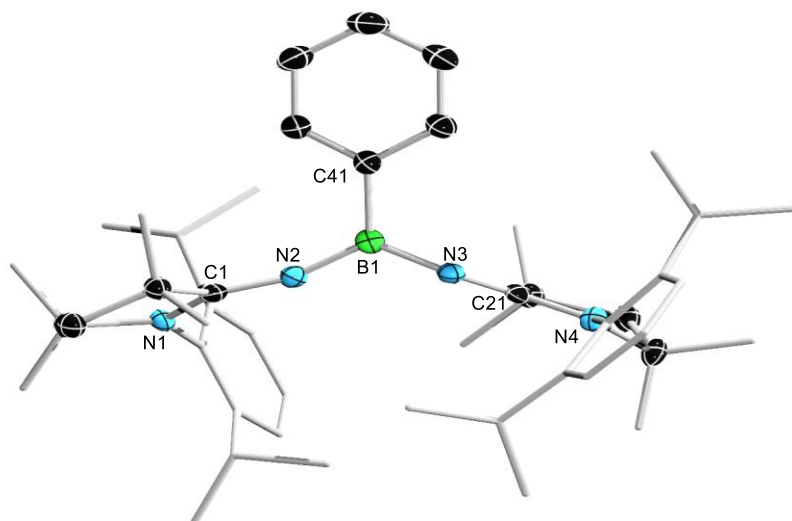
**Crystal data for 3-NMe<sub>2</sub>:** C<sub>42</sub>H<sub>68</sub>BN<sub>5</sub>,  $M_r = 653.82$ , colourless block, 0.604×0.285×0.212 mm<sup>3</sup>, triclinic space group  $P\bar{1}$ ,  $a = 9.654(3)$  Å,  $b = 14.571(4)$  Å,  $c = 16.429(10)$  Å,  $\alpha = 65.392(11)^\circ$ ,  $\beta = 79.27(2)^\circ$ ,  $\gamma = 70.736(12)^\circ$ ,  $V = 1980.4(15)$  Å<sup>3</sup>,  $Z = 2$ ,  $\rho_{\text{calcd}} = 1.096$  g·cm<sup>-3</sup>,  $\mu = 0.064$  mm<sup>-1</sup>,  $F(000) = 720$ ,  $T = 100$  K,  $R_I = 0.0609$ ,  $wR^2 = 0.1018$ , 7781 independent reflections [ $2\theta \leq 52.044^\circ$ ] and 451 parameters.



**Figure S54.** Solid-state structures of **3-NMe<sub>2</sub>**. Atomic displacement ellipsoids shown at 50%. Ellipsoids of ligand periphery and hydrogen atoms omitted for clarity.

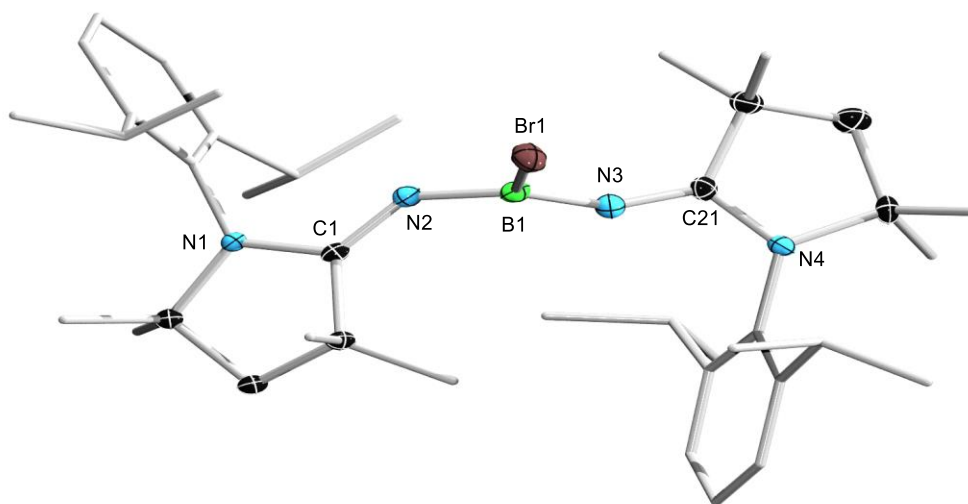
**Refinement details for 3-Ph:** The asymmetric unit contains half a toluene molecules positioned on an inversion centre and modelled as twofold rotational disorder in an 11:39 ratio with PARTs -1 and -2. The phenyl rings within this disorder were idealized with AFIX 66. 1,2- and 1,3-distances were restrained to similarity with SAME 0.005 and ADPs with SIMU 0.01 and ISOR 0.005.

**Crystal data for 3-Ph:**  $C_{49.50}H_{71}BN_4$ ,  $M_r = 732.91$ , colourless block,  $0.492 \times 0.456 \times 0.343$  mm<sup>3</sup>, triclinic space group  $P\bar{1}$ ,  $a = 9.261(15)$  Å,  $b = 11.923(19)$  Å,  $c = 20.48(3)$  Å,  $\alpha = 91.46(3)^\circ$ ,  $\beta = 91.08(5)^\circ$ ,  $\gamma = 96.36(3)^\circ$ ,  $V = 2246(6)$  Å<sup>3</sup>,  $Z = 2$ ,  $\rho_{calcd} = 1.084$  g·cm<sup>-3</sup>,  $\mu = 0.062$  mm<sup>-1</sup>,  $F(000) = 802$ ,  $T = 100(2)$  K,  $R_1 = 0.0978$ ,  $wR_2 = 0.1490$ , 8867 independent reflections [ $2\theta \leq 52.044^\circ$ ] and 581 parameters.



**Figure S55.** Solid-state structures of **3-Ph**. Atomic displacement ellipsoids shown at 50%. Ellipsoids of ligand periphery and hydrogen atoms omitted for clarity.

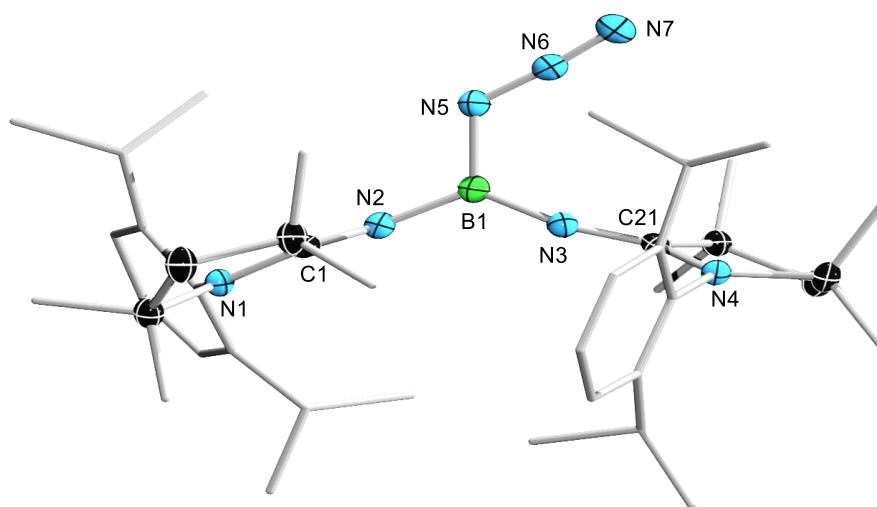
**Crystal data for 3-Br:**  $C_{40}H_{62}BBrN_4$ ,  $M_r = 689.65$ , colourless block,  $0.289 \times 0.169 \times 0.164 \text{ mm}^3$ , monoclinic space group  $P2_1$ ,  $a = 9.55970(10) \text{ \AA}$ ,  $b = 9.60350(10) \text{ \AA}$ ,  $c = 21.56940(10) \text{ \AA}$ ,  $\beta = 94.2800(10)^\circ$ ,  $V = 1974.69(3) \text{ \AA}^3$ ,  $Z = 2$ ,  $\rho_{\text{calcd}} = 1.160 \text{ g}\cdot\text{cm}^{-3}$ ,  $\mu = 1.638 \text{ mm}^{-1}$ ,  $F(000) = 740$ ,  $T = 100.00(10) \text{ K}$ ,  $R_I = 0.0229$ ,  $wR_2 = 0.0614$ , Flack parameter =  $-0.019(6)$ , 7493 independent reflections [ $2\theta \leq 140.136^\circ$ ] and 431 parameters.



**Figure S56.** Solid-state structures of **3-Br**. Atomic displacement ellipsoids shown at 50%. Ellipsoids of ligand periphery and hydrogen atoms omitted for clarity.

**Refinement details for 3-N<sub>3</sub>:** The ADPs of the azide nitrogen atoms N5 > N7 were restrained with SIMU 0.001 to avoid a Hirshfeld test alert.

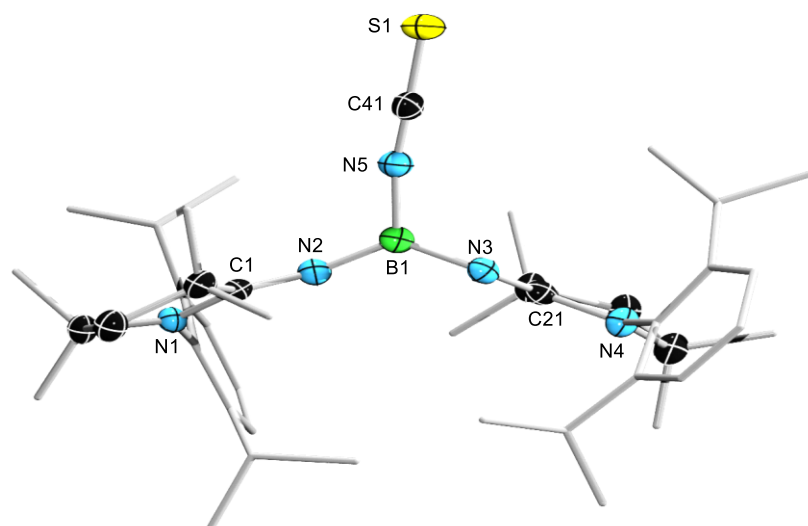
**Crystal data for 3-N<sub>3</sub>:** C<sub>40</sub>H<sub>62</sub>BN<sub>7</sub>,  $M_r = 651.77$ , colourless block, 0.271×0.194×0.115 mm<sup>3</sup>, monoclinic space group  $P2_1/c$ ,  $a = 9.52340(10)$  Å,  $b = 12.29820(10)$  Å,  $c = 33.6499(2)$  Å,  $\beta = 96.8590(10)^\circ$ ,  $V = 3912.89(6)$  Å<sup>3</sup>,  $Z = 4$ ,  $\rho_{\text{calcd}} = 1.106$  g·cm<sup>-3</sup>,  $\mu = 0.500$  mm<sup>-1</sup>,  $F(000) = 1424$ ,  $T = 99.99(10)$  K,  $R_1 = 0.0395$ ,  $wR_2 = 0.0963$ , 8054 independent reflections [ $2\theta \leq 150.644^\circ$ ] and 449 parameters.



**Figure S57.** Solid-state structures of 3-N<sub>3</sub>. Atomic displacement ellipsoids shown at 50%. Ellipsoids of ligand periphery and hydrogen atoms omitted for clarity.

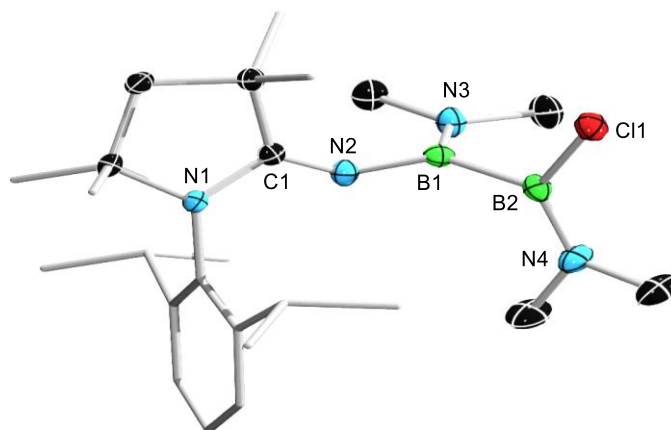
**Refinement details for 3-NCS:** The CAAC backbone was modelled with a twofold flip-disorder in C3 > C9 in a 57:43 ratio. 1,2- and 1,3-distances within the disorder were restrained with SAME, ADPs with SIMU 0.002.

**Crystal data for 3-NCS:** C<sub>41</sub>H<sub>62</sub>BN<sub>5</sub>S, *M*<sub>r</sub> = 667.82, colourless plate, 0.383×0.181×0.047 mm<sup>3</sup>, monoclinic space group *P*2<sub>1</sub>/*c*, *a* = 9.53740(10) Å, *b* = 19.8419(2) Å, *c* = 21.4198(2) Å, β = 97.1630(10)°, *V* = 4021.85(7) Å<sup>3</sup>, *Z* = 4, ρ<sub>calcd</sub> = 1.103 g·cm<sup>-3</sup>, μ = 0.955 mm<sup>-1</sup>, *F*(000) = 1456, *T* = 100.00(10) K, *R*<sub>1</sub> = 0.0472, *wR*<sub>2</sub> = 0.1059, 7646 independent reflections [2θ ≤ 140.144°] and 517 parameters.



**Figure S58.** Solid-state structures of **3-NCS**. Atomic displacement ellipsoids shown at 50%. Ellipsoids of ligand periphery and hydrogen atoms omitted for clarity.

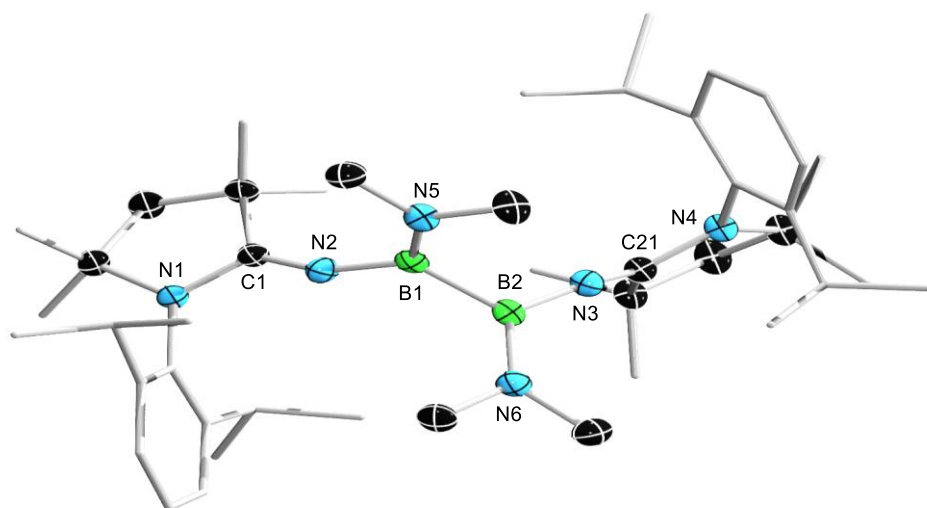
**Crystal data for 4:**  $C_{48}H_{86}B_4Cl_2N_8$ ,  $M_r = 889.38$ , colourless plate,  $0.317 \times 0.252 \times 0.100 \text{ mm}^3$ , triclinic space group  $P \bar{1}$ ,  $a = 10.834(3) \text{ \AA}$ ,  $b = 16.640(5) \text{ \AA}$ ,  $c = 16.947(6) \text{ \AA}$ ,  $\alpha = 65.006(8)^\circ$ ,  $\beta = 89.810(8)^\circ$ ,  $\gamma = 78.779(12)^\circ$ ,  $V = 2705.3(16) \text{ \AA}^3$ ,  $Z = 2$ ,  $\rho_{\text{calcd}} = 1.092 \text{ g}\cdot\text{cm}^{-3}$ ,  $\mu = 0.159 \text{ mm}^{-1}$ ,  $F(000) = 968$ ,  $T = 100(2) \text{ K}$ ,  $R_I = 0.0536$ ,  $wR^2 = 0.0923$ , 10646 independent reflections [ $2\theta \leq 52.04^\circ$ ] and 583 parameters.



**Figure S59.** Solid-state structures of **4**. Atomic displacement ellipsoids shown at 50%. Ellipsoids of ligand periphery and hydrogen atoms omitted for clarity.

**Refinement details for 5-NMe<sub>2</sub>:** The CAAC backbone was modelled as twofold flip-disordered in C4 > C9 in a87:13 ratio. ADPs within the disorder were restrained with SIMU 0.005. One reflection affected by the beamstop was omitted (11 3 10).

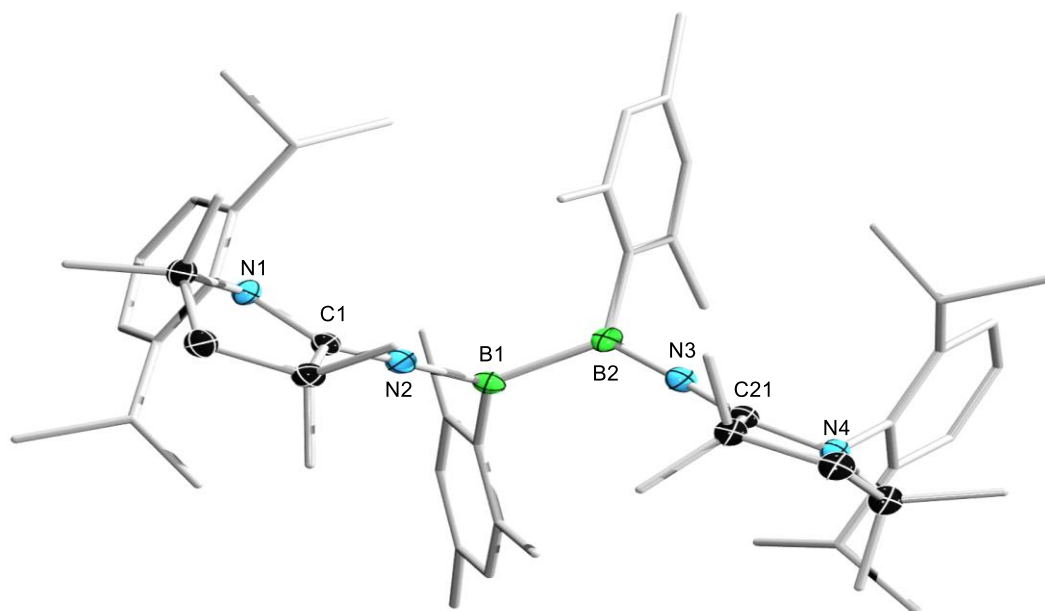
**Crystal data for 5-NMe<sub>2</sub>:** C<sub>44</sub>H<sub>74</sub>B<sub>2</sub>N<sub>6</sub>,  $M_r = 708.71$ , colourless block, 0.360×0.230×0.190 mm<sup>3</sup>, monoclinic space group *C2/c*,  $a = 10.63470(10)$  Å,  $b = 16.5638(3)$  Å,  $c = 25.4585(3)$  Å,  $\beta = 100.6440(10)^\circ$ ,  $V = 4407.38(10)$  Å<sup>3</sup>,  $Z = 4$ ,  $r_{\text{calcd}} = 1.068$  g·cm<sup>-3</sup>,  $\mu = 0.465$  mm<sup>-1</sup>,  $F(000) = 1560$ ,  $T = 100(2)$  K,  $R_1 = 0.0592$ ,  $wR_2 = 0.1509$ , 4554 independent reflections [ $2\theta \leq 154.926^\circ$ ] and 304 parameters.



**Figure S60.** Solid-state structures of 5-NMe<sub>2</sub>. Atomic displacement ellipsoids shown at 50%. Ellipsoids of ligand periphery and hydrogen atoms omitted for clarity.

**Refinement details for 5-Mes:** The benzene molecule was modelled as twofold rotationally disordered in a 7:3 ratio. The rings within this disorder were idealized with AFIX 6 and ADPs restrained with SIMU 0.005.

**Crystal data for 5-Mes:**  $C_{64}H_{90}B_2N_4$ ,  $M_r = 937.01$ , colourless block,  $0.327 \times 0.262 \times 0.253 \text{ mm}^3$ , triclinic space group  $P \bar{1}$ ,  $a = 10.897(2) \text{ \AA}$ ,  $b = 13.450(3) \text{ \AA}$ ,  $c = 20.469(4) \text{ \AA}$ ,  $\alpha = 88.759(12)^\circ$ ,  $\beta = 74.992(10)^\circ$ ,  $\gamma = 82.039(7)^\circ$ ,  $V = 2869.4(10) \text{ \AA}^3$ ,  $Z = 2$ ,  $\rho_{\text{calcd}} = 1.085 \text{ g}\cdot\text{cm}^{-3}$ ,  $\mu = 0.062 \text{ mm}^{-1}$ ,  $F(000) = 1024$ ,  $T = 100(2) \text{ K}$ ,  $R_1 = 0.0483$ ,  $wR_2 = 0.1067$ , 11289 independent reflections [ $2\theta \leq 52.044^\circ$ ] and 684 parameters.



**Figure S61.** Solid-state structures of **5-Mes**. Atomic displacement ellipsoids shown at 50%. Ellipsoids of ligand periphery and hydrogen atoms omitted for clarity.



## Computational details

Density functional theory (DFT) calculations were carried out using the program Turbomole V7.2<sup>12</sup> implemented in the user interface TmoleX2022.<sup>13</sup> Geometry optimisations were carried out at the B3LYP<sup>14</sup>-D3(BJ)<sup>15</sup>/Def2-SVP<sup>16</sup> level of theory and minima were confirmed by the absence of negative frequencies. Wiberg bond indices (WBIs)<sup>17</sup> and partial charges, obtained by natural population analysis (NPA),<sup>18</sup> were calculated using TmoleX2022. Molecular orbital plots were generated within the TmoleX2022 orbital viewer.

NMR shielding calculations were performed on the structures of **2**<sup>Cl</sup>-**Y** (Y = Cl, NMe<sub>2</sub>, Dur) and **3**-**Y** (Y = Cl, NMe<sub>2</sub>, Dur) optimised at the B3LYP-D3(BJ)/Def2-SVP level of theory (see structural data in Table S2), using BF<sub>3</sub>(OEt<sub>2</sub>) ( $\delta_{11\text{B}} = 0$  ppm) as a reference and various levels of theory (functionals: B3LYP,  $\omega$ B97X-D,<sup>19</sup> LC<sup>20</sup>-TPSS,<sup>21</sup> basis sets: Def2-SVP, pcSseg-1/2;<sup>22</sup> solvent model: PCM(benzene)).<sup>23</sup> These calculations were carried out using Gaussian 16.<sup>24</sup> The results are summarised in Table S3 and show that the calculated <sup>11</sup>B NMR shifts and their relative order are highly dependent upon the level of theory used. The experimentally observed chemical shift order of Y = Dur > NMe<sub>2</sub> > Cl could only be reproduced for the **3**-**Y** series when using the pcsseg-1 basis set (highlighted in green in Table S3), albeit with a large upfield-shift of ca. 4 ppm for **3**-NMe<sub>2</sub> compared to the experimental value.

**Table S2.** Comparison of selected experimental and calculated (B3LYP-D3(BJ)/Def2-SVP) structural parameters for **2**<sup>Cl</sup>-**Y** (Y = Cl, NMe<sub>2</sub>, Dur) and **3**-**Y** (Y = NMe<sub>2</sub>, Dur).

	C=N		B-N <sub>CAAI</sub>		C-N-B	
	exp.	calcd.	exp.	calcd.	exp.	calcd.
<b>2</b> <sup>Cl</sup> -Dur	1.270(2)	1.262	1.344(2)	1.357	168.51(15)	169.87
<b>2</b> <sup>Cl</sup> -NMe <sub>2</sub>	1.271(2)	1.271	1.406(3)	1.403	139.30(15)	138.33
<b>2</b> <sup>Cl</sup> -Cl	1.276(2)	1.268	1.332(2)	1.356	155.78(15)	154.06
<b>3</b> -Ph	1.275(3)		1.444(3)		132.57(19)	
	1.266(3)		1.402(3)		154.0(2)	
<b>3</b> -NMe <sub>2</sub>	1.2636(18)	1.259	1.427(2)	1.421	146.81(13)	150.85
	1.2694(19)	1.270	1.455(2)	1.446	131.18(12)	132.63

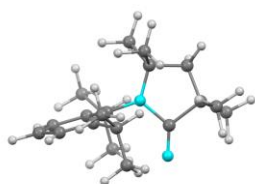
**Table S3.** Experimental and calculated  $^{11}\text{B}$  NMR shifts (ppm) of  $2^{\text{Cl}}\text{-Y}$  ( $\text{Y} = \text{Cl}, \text{NMe}_2, \text{Dur}$ ) and  $3\text{-Y}$  ( $\text{Y} = \text{Cl}, \text{NMe}_2, \text{Dur}$ ) optimised at the B3LYP-D3(BJ)-Def2-SVP level of theory. Highlighted in green are the results which reflect the experimental order of the NMR shifts.

	$2^{\text{Cl}}\text{-Dur}$	$2^{\text{Cl}}\text{-NMe}_2$	$2^{\text{Cl}}\text{-Cl}$	$3\text{-Ph}$	$3\text{-NMe}_2$	$3\text{-Cl}$
exp.	30.4	26.7	24.8	29.7	27.3	23.9
B3LYP/Def2-SVP	30.99	26.24	28.67	27.86	23.14	24.40
$\omega\text{B97X-D/Def2-SVP}$	30.25	26.21	28.28	30.95	23.66	25.08
$\omega\text{B97X-D/Def2-SVP/PCM}(\text{benzene})$	29.81	26.20	27.78	31.04	23.85	24.95
$\omega\text{B97X-D/pcSseg-1}$	28.70	26.12	27.05	29.27	23.49	23.28
$\omega\text{B97X-D/pcSseg-1/PCM}(\text{benzene})$	28.24	26.11	26.50	29.39	23.71	23.16
$\omega\text{B97X-D/pcSseg-2}$	29.73	26.42	28.27	29.78	23.15	23.78
$\omega\text{B97X-D/pcSseg-2/PCM}(\text{benzene})$	29.24	26.37	27.68	29.86	23.34	23.60
LC-TPSS/pcSseg-1	30.59	28.16	28.94	32.30	25.76	25.51
LC-TPSS/ pcSseg-1/PCM(benzene)	30.11	28.19	28.40	32.42	25.99	25.42

## Cartesian coordinates

**Table S4.** Cartesian coordinates (Å) of compounds optimized at the B3LYP-D3(BJ)/Def2-SVP level of theory, with SCF energies and lowest calculated IR frequencies.

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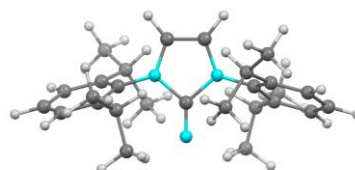
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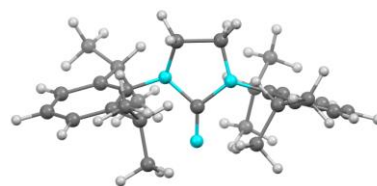
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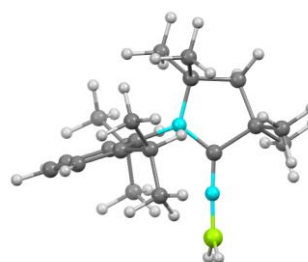
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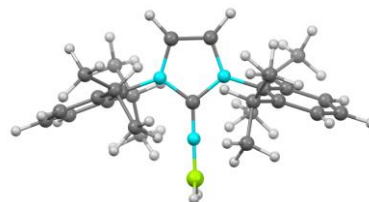
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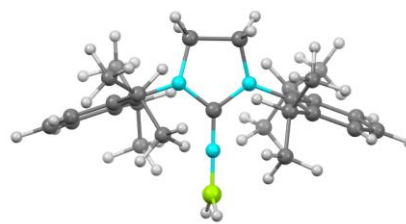


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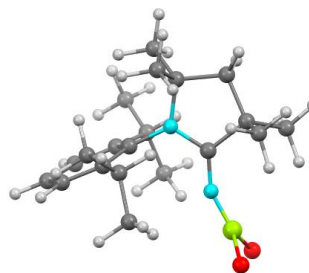
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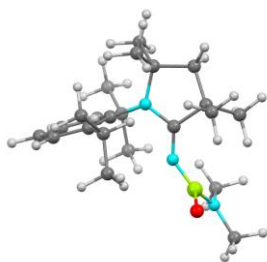
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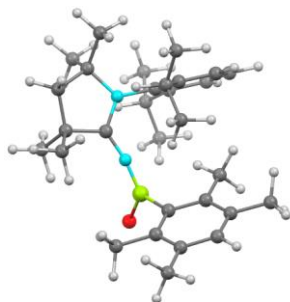
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**2<sup>Cl</sup>-Dur**



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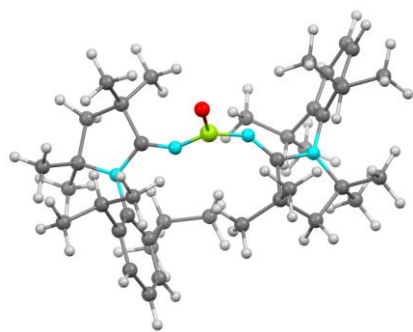
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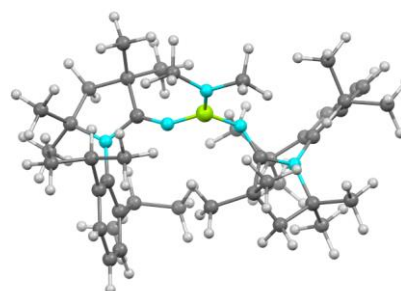
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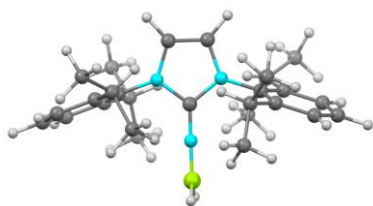
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