

## Supporting Information

### Periodic acid-Promoted Methylenation of Imidazoheteroarenes: A Green Approach Using Ethylene Glycol as C1 Source

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## I. EXPERIMENTAL PROCEDURES

Unless otherwise stated, all reagents and solvents were obtained from commercial sources and used without any further purification.

### I.I Thin layer chromatography

Reaction monitoring and retention factor (*R<sub>f</sub>*) determination were performed on pre-coated thin layer chromatography (TLC) sheets (ALUGRAM<sup>®</sup> Xtra SIL G/UV<sub>254</sub>, MACHEREY-NAGEL, 0.20 mm thickness of layer) which were visualized either by quenching of ultraviolet or fluorescence light ( $\lambda_{\text{max}}$  = 254 and 366 nm, respectively) or by staining with iodine vapor and sprayed with vanillin–sulfuric acid solution, followed by heating the plate with a heat gun.<sup>[1]</sup>

### I.II Column chromatography

Column chromatography was performed on silica gel (Silica gel 60, MACHEREY-NAGEL, 130 – 270 mesh particle size).

### I.III Melting points

The melting points (MP) of the synthesized compounds were determined on a digital melting point instrument model MQAPF-301 (Microchemistry), using a heating rate of 2–3 °C min<sup>-1</sup>. Data is expressed in degrees Celsius (°C).

### I.IV Nuclear magnetic resonance spectroscopy

All proton nuclear magnetic resonance spectra (<sup>1</sup>H NMR) and carbon-13 nuclear magnetic resonance spectra (<sup>13</sup>C NMR) were obtained at 400 MHz or 100 MHz on a Bruker AVANCE DRX spectrometer. Spectra were recorded in CDCl<sub>3</sub>. Chemical shifts ( $\delta$ ) were reported in part per million (ppm) in relation to tetramethylsilane (TMS, used as an internal standard for <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra), and CDCl<sub>3</sub> (used as an internal standard for <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra). For <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra data are reported as follows: chemical shift ( $\delta$ ), multiplicity and coupling constant (*J*). Multiplicity of peaks are described as singlets (*s*), doublets (*d*), doublet of doublets (*dd*), doublet of doublets of doublets (*ddd*), triplets (*t*), doublet of triplets (*dt*), and multiplets (*m*).

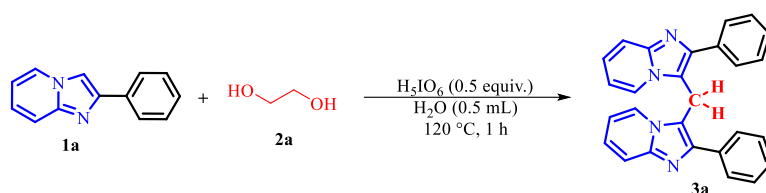
### I.V High Resolution Mass Spectrometry

HRMS analyzes were performed on a microTOF-QII mass spectrometer (Bruker), located at the Center for Structural Molecular Biology (CEBIME – UFSC). The spectrometer was operated in positive (+) and negative (-) ion modes, using Atmospheric Pressure Photoionization (APPI) or Electrospray Ionization (ESI) as the ionization mode. Data were processed in Bruker Data Analysis software version 4.0 and reported as *m/z*.

## II. SUBSTRATES

The starting materials, imidazo[1,2-*a*]pyridines<sup>[2-8]</sup> and imidazo[2,1-*b*]thiazoles<sup>[9-10]</sup> were prepared according to the literature reports.

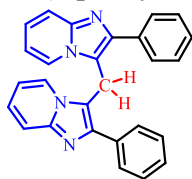
### III. GENERAL PROCEDURE FOR THE PREPARATION OF COMPOUND 3/4:



2-Phenylimidazo[1,2-*a*]pyridine **1a** or its derivatives (0.3 mmol), ethylene glycol (**2a**) (0.15 mmol), and water (0.5 mL) were added to a 20 mL Schlenk tube equipped with a magnetic stir bar. Periodic acid (0.15 mmol) was then added, and the tube was sealed. The reaction mixture was stirred for 1 hour at 120 °C in an oil bath. After the reaction time had elapsed, the system was allowed to cool to room temperature. The reaction mixture was transferred to a separation funnel, and saturated sodium bicarbonate (NaHCO<sub>3</sub>) solution (10 mL) was added. The mixture was subsequently extracted with ethyl acetate (10 mL × 3). The organic phase was dried with anhydrous magnesium sulfate (MgSO<sub>4</sub>), filtered, and concentrated under vacuum using a rotary evaporator. The crude product was purified by silica gel column chromatography with a suitable ethyl acetate/hexane mixture to provide the desired product.

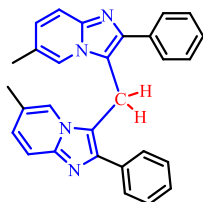
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#### Bis(2-phenylimidazo[1,2-*a*]pyridin-3-yl)methane (**3a**)



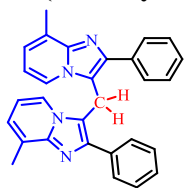
White solid, 57.1 mg, 95%; TLC (*R<sub>f</sub>*): 0.23 (Ethyl Acetate, 100%); MP: 215-219 °C (216-218 °C)<sup>14</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ (ppm): 7.80 – 7.76 (*m*, 4H), 7.54 – 7.48 (*m*, 6H), 7.45 – 7.40 (*m*, 2H), 7.33 (*dt*, *J* = 6.9, *J* = 1.1 Hz, 2H), 7.04 (*ddd*, *J* = 9.1, *J* = 6.8, *J* = 1.2 Hz, 2H), 6.46 (*td*, *J* = 6.8, *J* = 1.2 Hz, 2H), 4.98 (*s*, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ (ppm): 145.0, 144.2, 134.4, 129.0, 128.9, 128.3, 124.4, 123.8, 117.5, 114.4, 112.3, 19.8.

#### Bis(6-methyl-2-phenylimidazo[1,2-*a*]pyridin-3-yl)methane (**3b**)



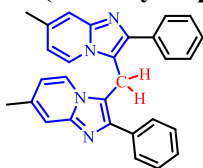
White solid, 62.6 mg, 94%; TLC (*R<sub>f</sub>*): 0.36 (Hexane/Ethyl Acetate, 50:50); MP: 272-277 °C (273-275 °C)<sup>14</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ (ppm): 7.84 (*d*, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 4H), 7.59 – 7.54 (*m*, 4H), 7.48 – 7.43 (*m*, 2H), 7.37 (*d*, *J* = 9.1 Hz, 2H), 7.02 (*s*, 2H), 6.83 (*dt*, *J* = 9.1, *J* = 1.6 Hz, 2H), 4.92 (*s*, 2H), 1.87 (*s*, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ (ppm): 143.9, 143.5, 134.9, 129.0, 128.1, 127.4, 122.0, 121.6, 116.4, 114.4, 19.0, 17.9.

### Bis(8-methyl-2-phenylimidazo[1,2-*a*]pyridin-3-yl)methane (3c)



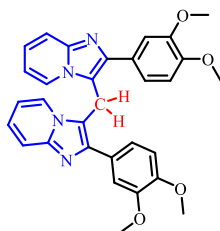
White solid, 107 mg, 76%; TLC (*R<sub>f</sub>*): 0.26 (Hexane/Ethyl Acetate, 50:50); MP: 184-190 °C (178-179°C)<sup>11</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.76 – 7.73 (*m*, 4H), 7.49 – 7.42 (*m*, 4H), 7.39 – 7.34 (*m*, 2H), 7.20 (*d*, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 6.78 – 6.73 (*m*, 2H), 6.36 – 6.30 (*m*, 2H), 4.83 (*s*, 2H), 2.52 (*s*, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 145.1, 143.4, 134.4, 128.9, 128.5, 127.8, 127.1, 122.9, 121.4, 114.7, 112.1, 19.8, 16.9.

### Bis(7-methyl-2-phenylimidazo[1,2-*a*]pyridin-3-yl)methane (3d)



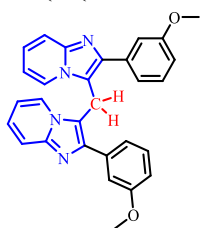
White solid, 60.6 mg, 97%; TLC (*R<sub>f</sub>*): 0.32 (Hexane/Ethyl Acetate, 50:50); MP: 216-218 °C (215-217 °C)<sup>14</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ (ppm): 7.83 – 7.74 (*m*, 4H), 7.55 – 7.49 (*m*, 4H), 7.46 – 7.40 (*m*, 2H), 7.25 (*s*, 2H), 7.18 (*d*, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 6.27 (*dd*, *J* = 7.1, *J* = 1.6 Hz, 2H), 4.93 (*s*, 2H), 2.25 (*s*, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ (ppm): 145.5, 143.7, 135.4, 134.6, 129.0, 128.9, 128.2, 123.1, 115.8, 115.0, 114.0, 21.2, 19.8.

### Bis(2-(3,4-dimethoxyphenyl)imidazo[1,2-*a*]pyridin-3-yl)methane (3e)



White solid, 65.6 mg, 84%; TLC (*R<sub>f</sub>*): 0.05 (Hexane/Ethyl acetate, 50:50); MP: 150-155 °C (192-193 °C)<sup>12</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (200 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ (ppm): 7.55 (*d*, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 7.43 – 7.36 (*m*, 4H), 7.28 (*dd*, *J* = 8.1, *J* = 1.7 Hz, 2H), 7.12 – 7.02 (*m*, 2H), 6.99 (*d*, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 6.49 (*t*, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 2H), 4.98 (*s*, 2H), 3.98 (*s*, 6H), 3.96 (*s*, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (50 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ (ppm): 149.5, 149.3, 144.8, 143.9, 127.0, 124.5, 123.9, 121.3, 117.2, 114.1, 112.4, 112.2, 111.2, 56.2, 56.1, 19.8; HRMS (ESI<sup>+</sup>) *m/z*: [M+H]<sup>+</sup> calc. for C<sub>31</sub>H<sub>29</sub>N<sub>4</sub>O<sub>4</sub>, 521.2183; found: 521.2195.

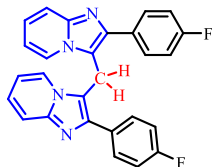
### Bis(2-(3-methoxyphenyl)imidazo[1,2-*a*]pyridin-3-yl)methane (3f)



Beige solid, 60.1 mg, 87%; TLC (*R<sub>f</sub>*): 0.16 (Hexane/Ethyl Acetate, 50:50); MP: 120-134 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (200 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ (ppm): 7.56 – 7.46 (*m*, 2H), 7.44 – 7.27 (*m*, 8H), 7.14 – 6.88 (*m*, 4H),

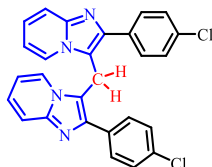
6.60 – 6.31 (*m*, 2H), 4.97 (*s*, 2H), 3.86 (*s*, 6H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (50 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  (ppm): 160.0, 144.9, 144.0, 135.7, 129.8, 124.4, 123.9, 121.4, 117.4, 114.5, 114.3, 114.2, 112.3, 55.4, 19.7; HRMS (ESI+)  $m/z$ :  $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$  calc. for  $\text{C}_{29}\text{H}_{25}\text{N}_4\text{O}_2$ , 461.1972; found: 461.1979.

### Bis(2-(4-fluorophenyl)imidazo[1,2-*a*]pyridin-3-yl)methane (3g)



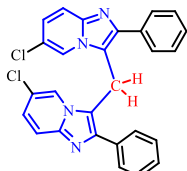
White solid, 60.4 mg, 92%; TLC (*R<sub>f</sub>*): 0.23 (Hexane/Ethyl Acetate, 50:50); MP: 189-192 °C (190-192 °C)<sup>14</sup>;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ : 7.72 – 7.63 (*m*, 4H), 7.53 (*dt*,  $J = 9.1, 1.0$  Hz, 2H), 7.37 (*dt*,  $J = 6.9, 1.0$  Hz, 2H), 7.18 – 7.11 (*m*, 4H), 7.09 (*ddd*,  $J = 9.0, 6.8, 1.2$  Hz, 2H), 6.54 (*td*,  $J = 6.8, 1.2$  Hz, 2H), 4.87 (*s*, 2H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ : 162.7 (*d*,  $J_{\text{F-C}} = 248.1$  Hz), 144.9, 143.3, 130.5 (*d*,  $J_{\text{F-C}} = 8.2$  Hz), 130.3 (*d*,  $J_{\text{F-C}} = 3.3$  Hz), 124.5, 123.5, 117.5, 115.7 (*d*,  $J_{\text{F-C}} = 21.6$  Hz), 113.9, 112.5, 19.9.

### Bis(2-(4-chlorophenyl)imidazo[1,2-*a*]pyridin-3-yl)methane (3h)



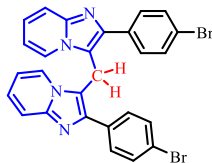
White solid, 57.8 mg, 82%; TLC (*R<sub>f</sub>*): 0.34 (Hexane/Ethyl Acetate, 50:50); MP: 250-255 °C (250-252 °C)<sup>11</sup>;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (200 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  (ppm): 7.63 (*d*,  $^3J = 8.4$  Hz, 4H), 7.53 (*d*,  $^3J = 9.1$  Hz, 2H), 7.46 – 7.32 (*m*, 6H), 7.09 (*ddd*,  $J = 9.0, J = 6.8, J = 0.9$  Hz, 2H), 6.55 (*td*,  $J = 6.8, J = 1.1$  Hz, 2H), 4.88 (*s*, 2H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (50 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  (ppm): 145.1, 143.2, 134.3, 132.7, 130.0, 129.0, 124.7, 123.5, 117.7, 114.1, 112.7, 20.1.

### Bis(6-chloro-2-phenylimidazo[1,2-*a*]pyridin-3-yl)methane (3i)



White solid, 37.3 mg, 53%; TLC (*R<sub>f</sub>*): 0.64 (Hexane/Ethyl Acetate, 50:50); MP: 225-230 °C (234-236 °C)<sup>11</sup>;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  (ppm): 7.77 – 7.72 (*m*, 4H), 7.59 – 7.54 (*m*, 4H), 7.51 – 7.47 (*m*, 2H), 7.45 – 7.42 (*m*, 2H), 7.34 – 7.23 (*m*, 2H), 7.01 (*dd*,  $^3J = 9.5, ^4J = 1.9$  Hz, 2H), 4.90 (*s*, 2H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  (ppm): 145.4, 143.5, 133.7, 129.3, 129.1, 128.8, 126.0, 122.0, 120.7, 117.8, 114.8, 19.2.

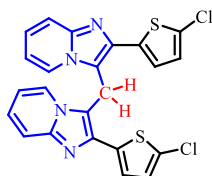
### Bis(2-(4-bromophenyl)imidazo[1,2-*a*]pyridin-3-yl)methane (3j)



White solid, 63.6 mg, 76%; TLC (*R<sub>f</sub>*): 0.64 (Hexane/Ethyl Acetate, 50:50); MP: 255-260 °C (254-255 °C)<sup>11</sup>;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  (ppm): 7.56 (*s*, 8H), 7.54 (*d*,  $J = 9.1$  Hz, 2H), 7.36 (*d*,  $J$

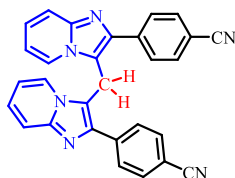
= 6.9 Hz, 2H), 7.10 (*ddd*,  $J = 8.8, J = 6.8, J = 0.9$  Hz, 2H), 6.56 (*td*,  $J = 6.8, J = 0.8$  Hz, 2H), 4.87 (*s*, 2H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  (ppm): 145.1, 143.2, 133.1, 131.9, 130.2, 124.7, 123.5, 122.6, 117.7, 114.1, 112.8, 20.1.

### Bis(2-(5-chlorothiophen-2-yl)imidazo[1,2-*a*]pyridin-3-yl)methane (3k)



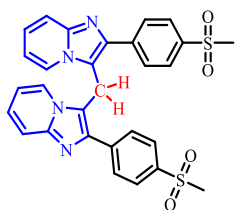
Pale brown solid, 53 mg, 73%; TLC (*R<sub>f</sub>*): 0.60 (Hexane/Ethyl Acetate, 50:50); MP: 247-250 °C (253-254 °C)<sup>13</sup>;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  (ppm): 7.53 (*d*,  $J = 9.0$  Hz, 2H), 7.50 (*s*, 2H), 7.28 (*d*,  $J = 3.9$  Hz, 2H), 7.13 – 7.08 (*m*, 2H), 6.99 (*d*,  $J = 3.9$  Hz, 2H), 6.58 (*t*,  $J = 6.8$  Hz, 2H), 5.01 (*s*, 2H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  (ppm): 145.4, 137.8, 135.8, 131.3, 127.2, 125.3, 125.0, 123.7, 117.6, 113.4, 113.3, 20.4; HRMS (ESI+)  $m/z$ :  $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$  calc. for  $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{15}\text{Cl}_2\text{N}_4\text{S}_2$ , 481.0110; found: 481.0115.

### 4,4'-(Methylenebis(imidazo[1,2-*a*]pyridine-3,2-diyl))dibenzonitrile (3l)



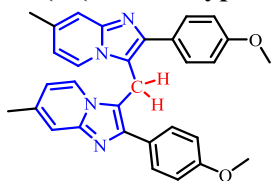
White solid, 57.8 mg, 86%; TLC (*R<sub>f</sub>*): 0.31 (Hexane/Ethyl Acetate, 50:50); MP: 294-296 °C (295-297 °C)<sup>14</sup>;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (200 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  (ppm): 7.63 (*d*,  $J = 8.5$  Hz, 4H), 7.53 (*d*,  $J = 9.1$  Hz, 2H), 7.44 – 7.33 (*m*, 6H), 7.09 (*ddd*,  $J = 8.9, J = 6.8, J = 1.0$  Hz, 2H), 6.55 (*td*,  $J = 6.8, J = 0.9$  Hz, 2H), 4.87 (*s*, 2H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (50 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  (ppm): 145.1, 143.2, 134.3, 132.7, 130.0, 129.0, 124.7, 123.5, 117.7, 114.1, 112.7, 20.1.

### Bis(2-(4-(methylsulfonyl)phenyl)imidazo[1,2-*a*]pyridin-3-yl)methane (3m)



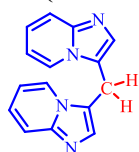
Pale red-brown solid, 56.3 mg, 67%; TLC (*R<sub>f</sub>*): 0.083 (Hexane/Ethyl Acetate, 50:50); MP: 273-275 °C (274-275 °C)<sup>11</sup>;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  (ppm): 7.93 (*d*,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 4H), 7.79 (*d*,  $J = 8.6$  Hz, 4H), 7.57 (*d*,  $J = 9.1$  Hz, 2H), 7.50 (*d*,  $J = 6.9$  Hz, 2H), 7.20 (*d*,  $J = 6.8$  Hz, 2H), 6.71 (*td*,  $J = 6.8, 1.2$  Hz, 2H), 4.93 (*s*, 2H), 3.09 (*s*, 6H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  (ppm): 145.0, 142.3, 139.6, 139.2, 129.0, 127.3, 125.1, 123.0, 117.8, 114.4, 113.1, 44.4, 29.5.

### Bis(2-(4-methoxyphenyl)-7-methylimidazo[1,2-a]pyridin-3-yl)methane (3n)



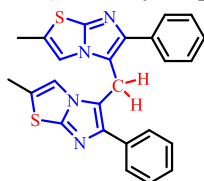
White solid, 63.3 mg, 87%; TLC (*R<sub>f</sub>*): 0.60 (Hexane/Ethyl Acetate, 50:50); MP: 203-205 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ (ppm): 7.74 – 7.70 (*m*, 4H), 7.23 (*s*, 2H), 7.19 (*d*, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 7.06 – 7.02 (*m*, 4H), 6.26 (*dd*, *J* = 7.1, *J* = 1.5 Hz, 2H), 4.87 (*s*, 2H), 3.86 (*s*, 6H), 2.24 (*s*, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ (ppm): 159.5, 145.2, 143.4, 135.0, 130.0, 127.0, 123.0, 115.5, 114.6, 114.2, 113.4, 55.3, 21.1, 19.7; HRMS (ESI+) *m/z*: [M+H]<sup>+</sup> calc. for C<sub>31</sub>H<sub>29</sub>N<sub>4</sub>O<sub>2</sub>, 489.2285; found: 489.2291.

### Bis(imidazo[1,2-a]pyridin-3-yl)methane (3o)



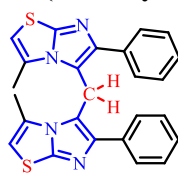
White solid, 36 mg, 36%; TLC (*R<sub>f</sub>*): 0.30 (Hexane/Ethyl Acetate, 50:50); MP: 235-239 °C (219-221 °C)<sup>11</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ (ppm): δ 7.93 (*d*, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 2H), 7.64 (*d*, *J* = 9.2 Hz, 2H), 7.49 (*s*, 2H), 7.24 – 7.15 (*m*, 2H), 6.80 (*t*, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 2H), 4.52 (*s*, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ (ppm): 146.3, 132.7, 124.2, 123.3, 118.2, 112.7, 20.2.

### Bis(2-methyl-6-phenylimidazo[2,1-b]thiazol-5-yl)methane (4a)



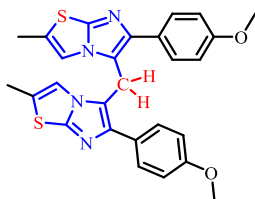
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### Bis(3-methyl-6-phenylimidazo[2,1-b]thiazol-5-yl)methane (4b)



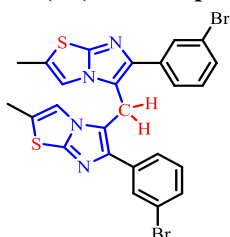
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#### Bis(6-(4-methoxyphenyl)-2-methylimidazo[2,1-b]thiazol-5-yl)methane (4c)



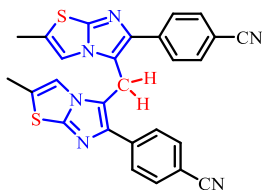
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#### Bis(6-(3-bromophenyl)-2-methylimidazo[2,1-b]thiazol-5-yl)methane (4d)



White solid, 52 mg, 58%; TLC (*R<sub>f</sub>*): 0.61 (Hexane/Ethyl acetate, 50:50); MP: 180-185 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ (ppm): 7.88 (t, *J* = 1.7 Hz, 2H), 7.58 (ddd, *J* = 7.7, *J* = 1.5, *J* = 1.1 Hz, 2H), 7.50 (ddd, *J* = 8.0, *J* = 2.0, *J* = 1.0 Hz, 2H), 7.33 (t, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 6.23 – 6.22 (m, 2H), 4.65 (s, 2H), 2.21 – 2.21 (m, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ (ppm): 149.1, 141.9, 136.6, 131.0, 130.6, 130.3, 127.4, 126.3, 123.1, 117.3, 113.7, 21.2, 14.2; HRMS (ESI+) *m/z*: [M+H]<sup>+</sup> calc. C<sub>25</sub>H<sub>19</sub>Br<sub>2</sub>N<sub>4</sub>S<sub>2</sub>, 598.9392; found: 598.9398.

#### 4,4'-(5,5'-methylenebis(2-methylimidazo[2,1-b]thiazole-6,5-diyl))dibenzonitrile (4e)

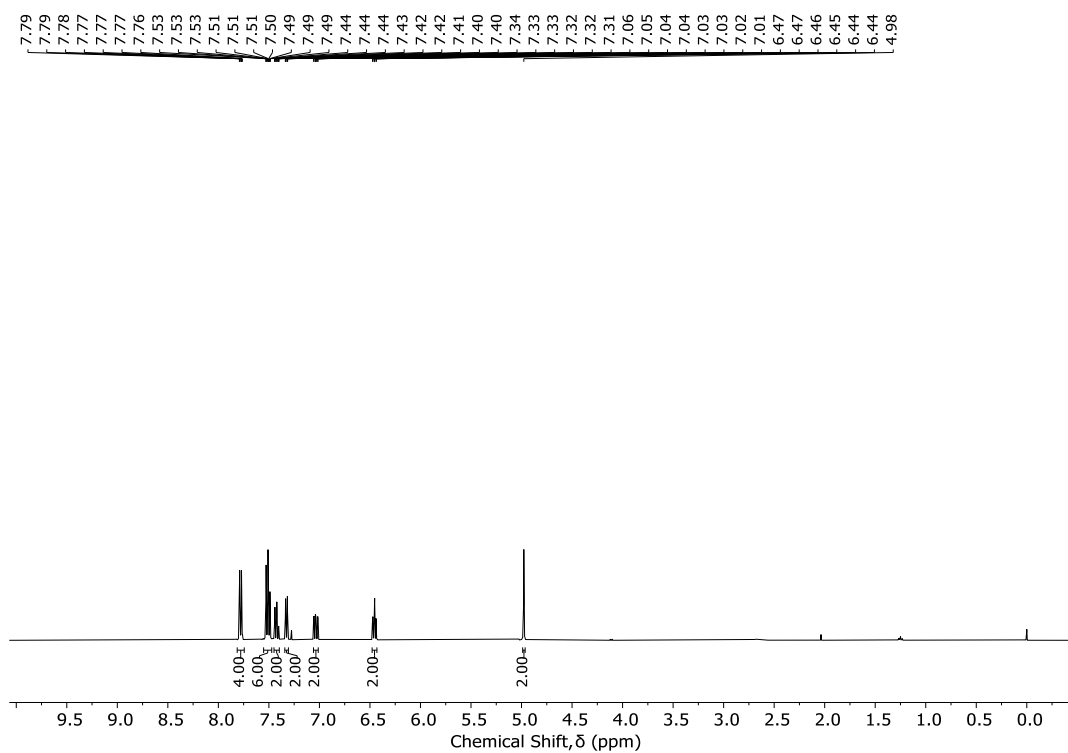


White solid, 46.4 mg, 63%; TLC (*R<sub>f</sub>*): 0.36 (Hexane/Ethyl acetate, 50:50); MP: 200-206 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ (ppm): 7.81 (m, 4H), 7.74 (m, 4H), 6.33 (d, *J* = 1.5 Hz, 2H), 4.74 (s, 2H), 2.26 – 2.26 (m, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ (ppm): 149.7, 141.8, 138.9, 132.7, 128.5, 128.1, 118.9, 117.6, 113.3, 111.1, 22.1, 14.3; HRMS (ESI+) *m/z*: [M+H]<sup>+</sup> calc. for C<sub>27</sub>H<sub>19</sub>N<sub>6</sub>S<sub>2</sub>, 492.1141 found: 492.1140.

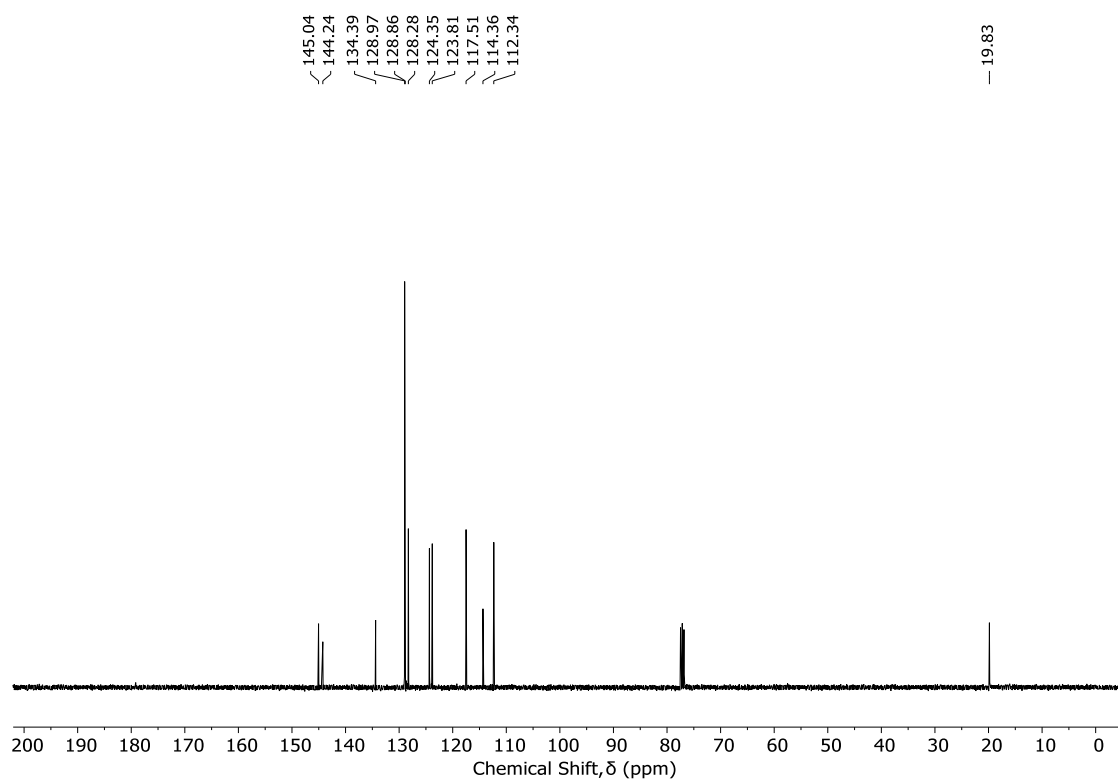
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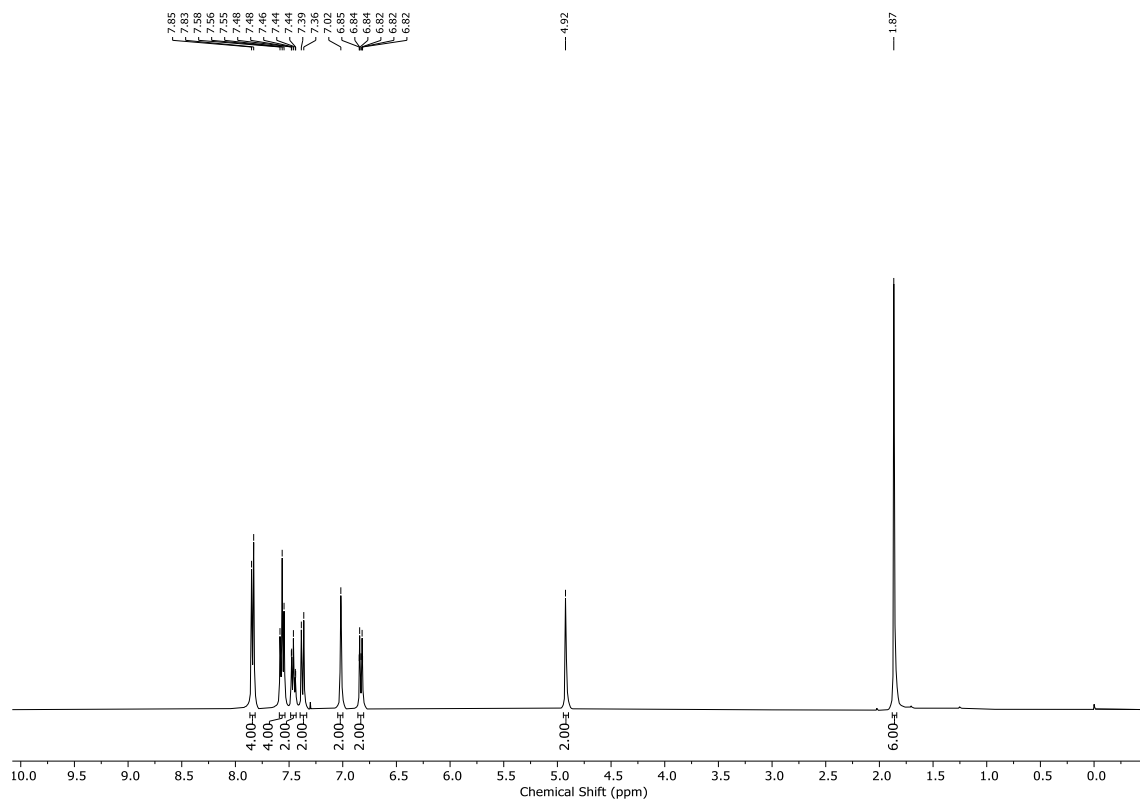
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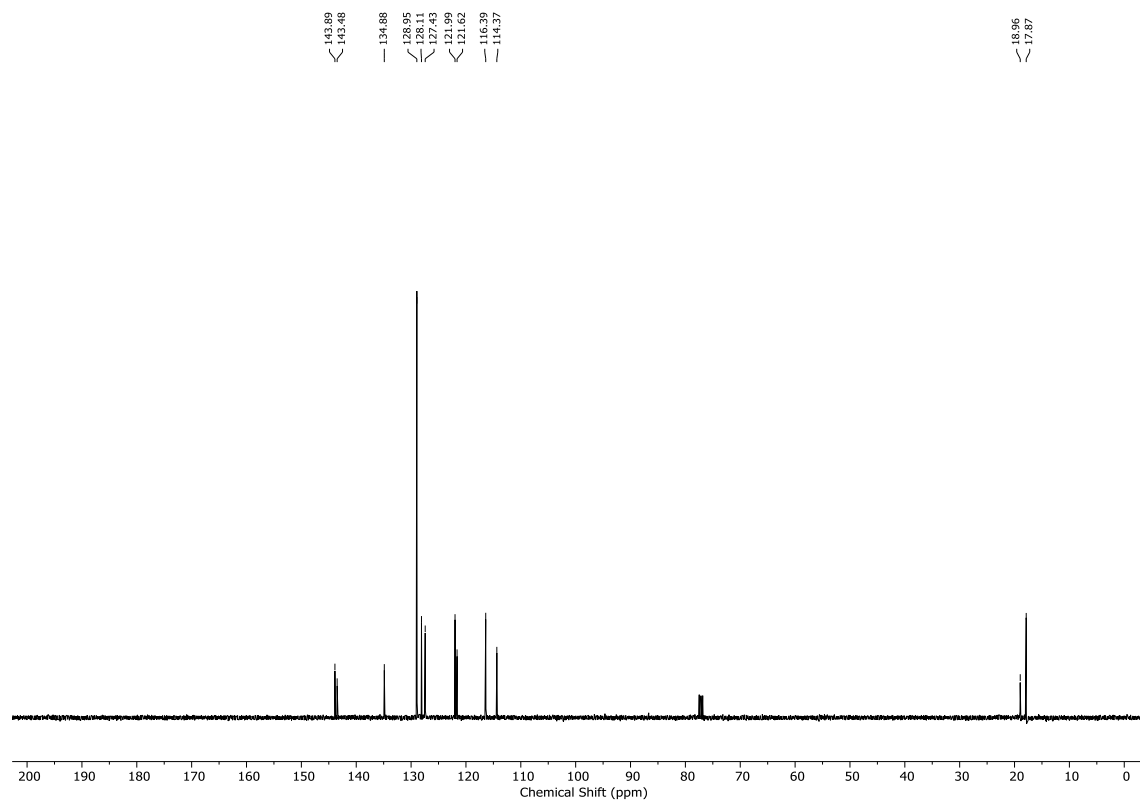
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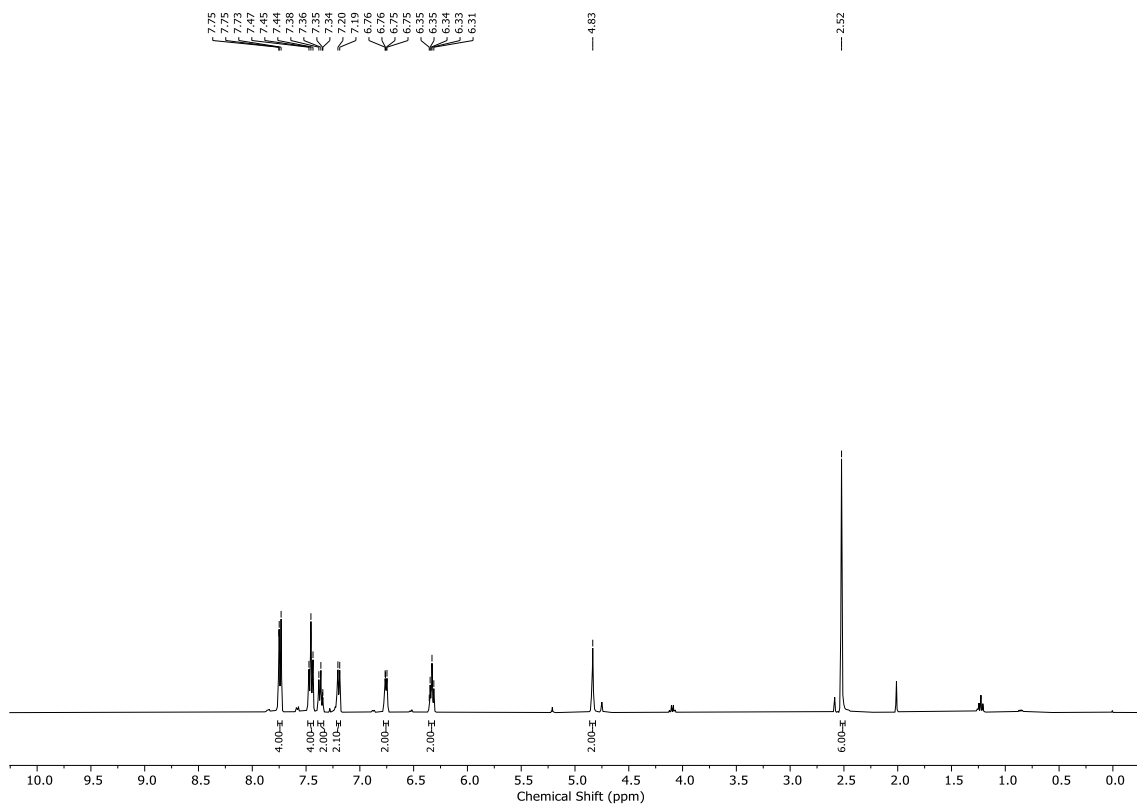
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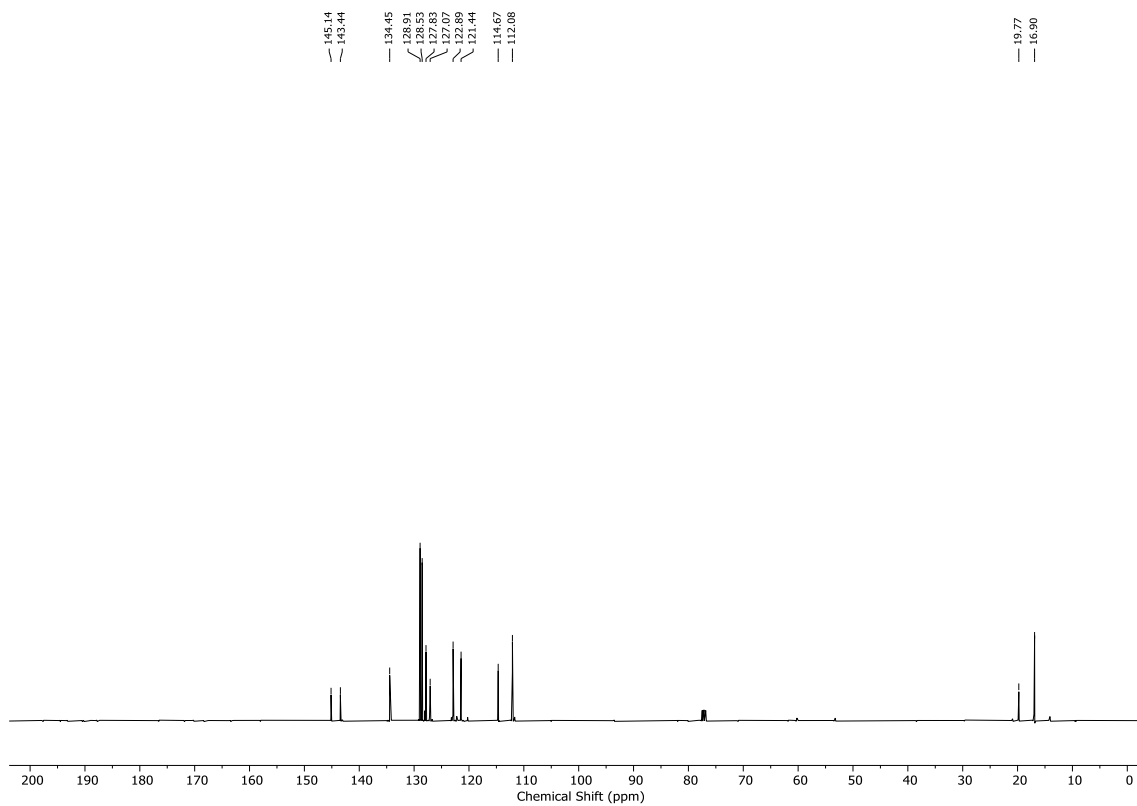
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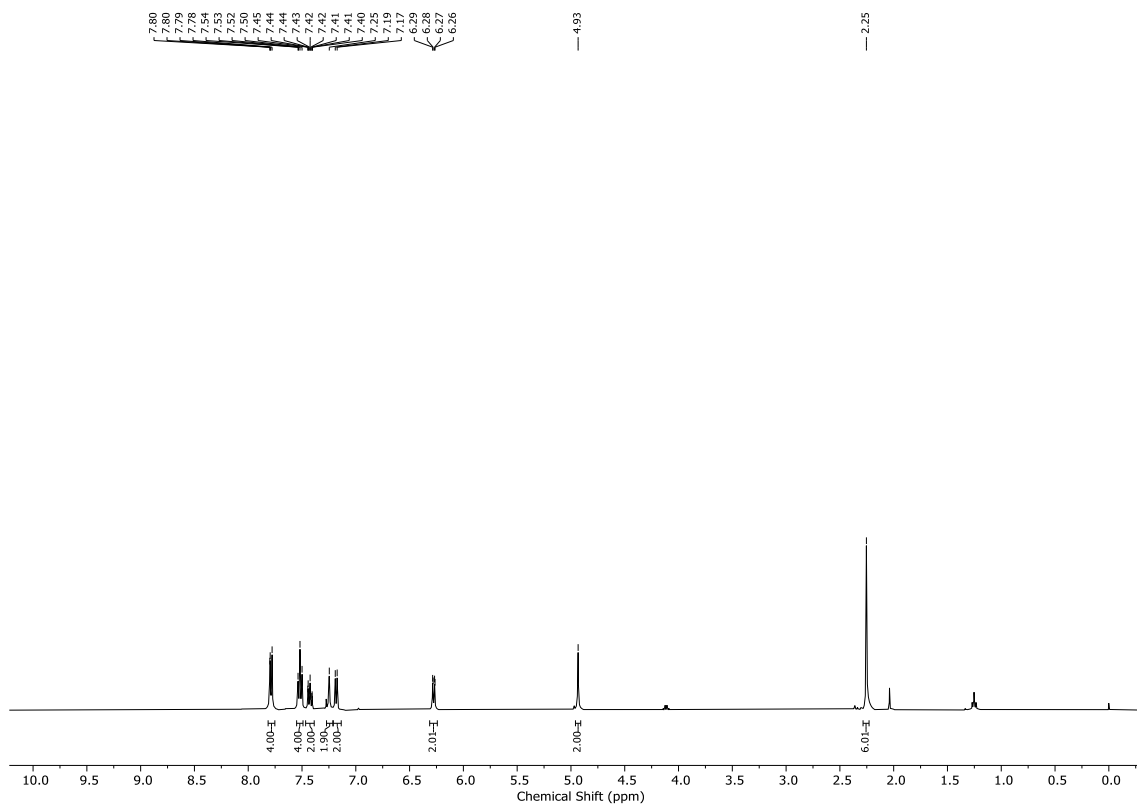
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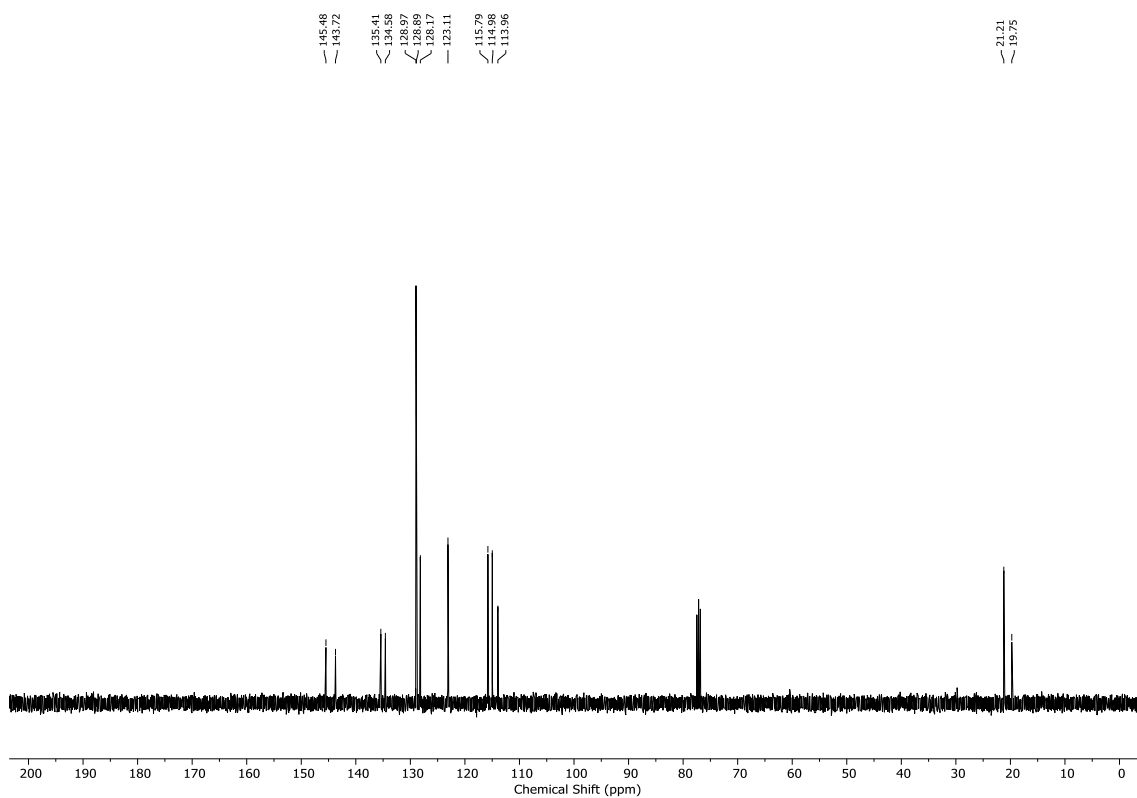
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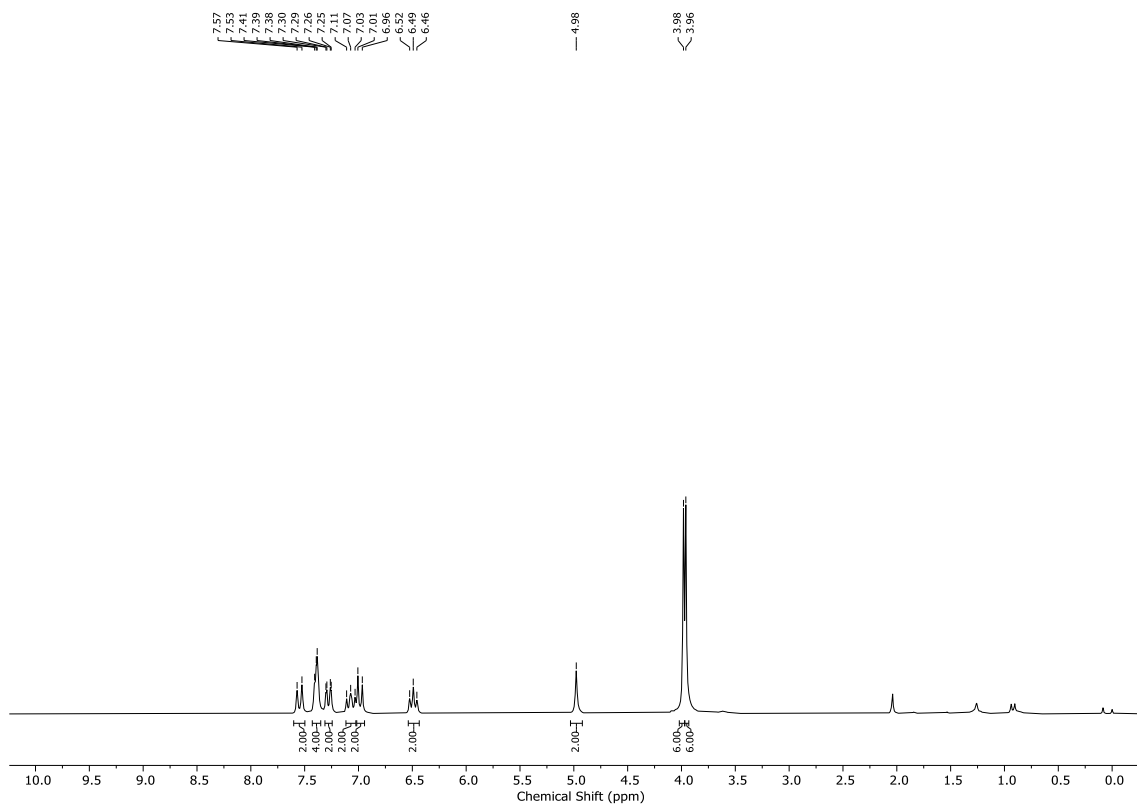
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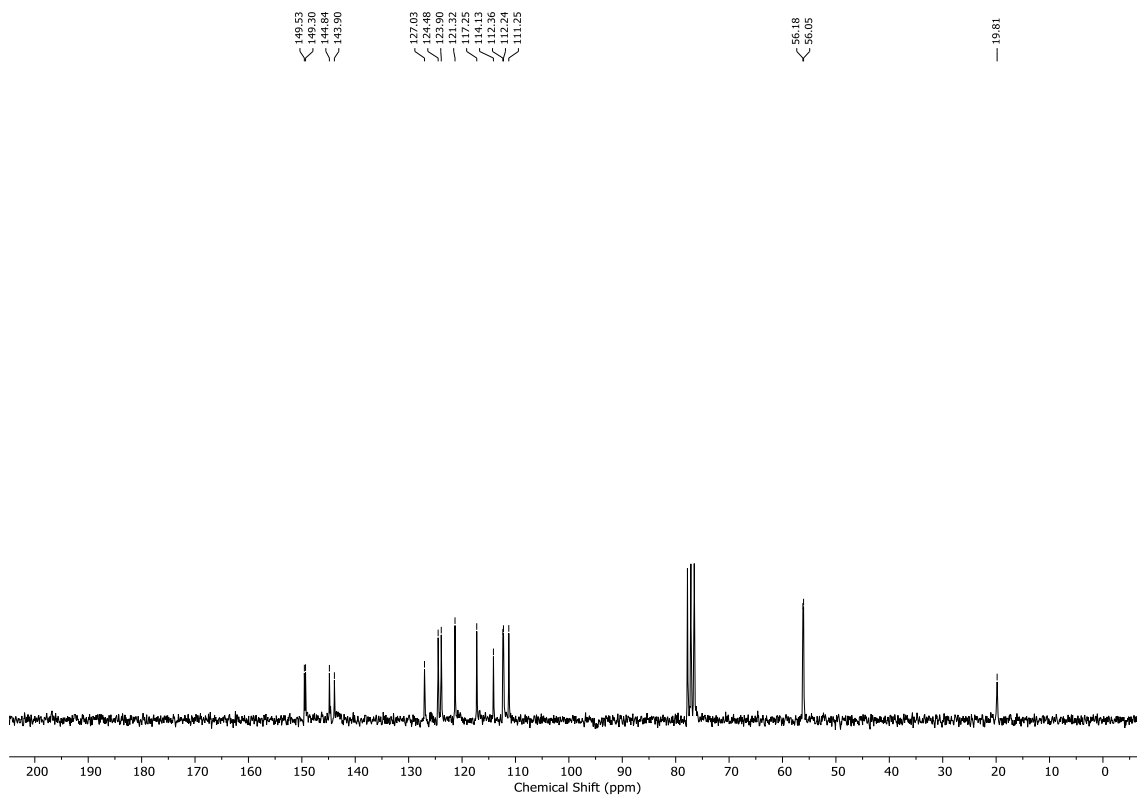
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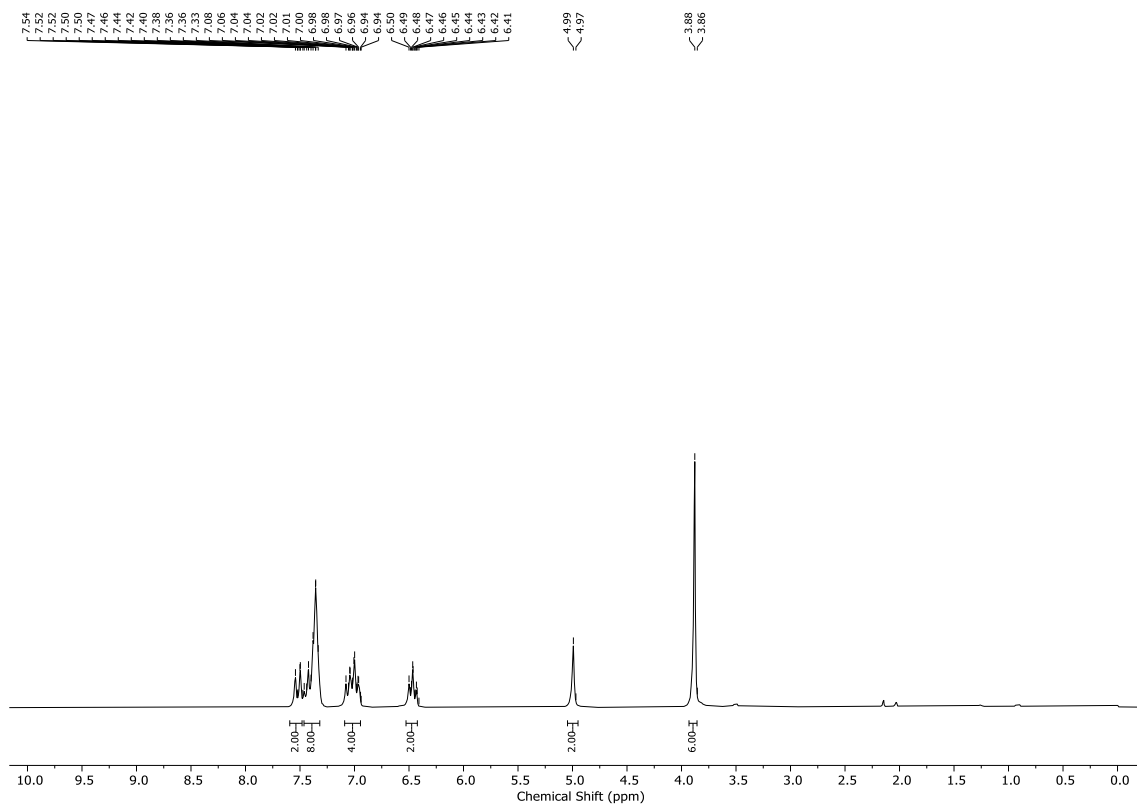
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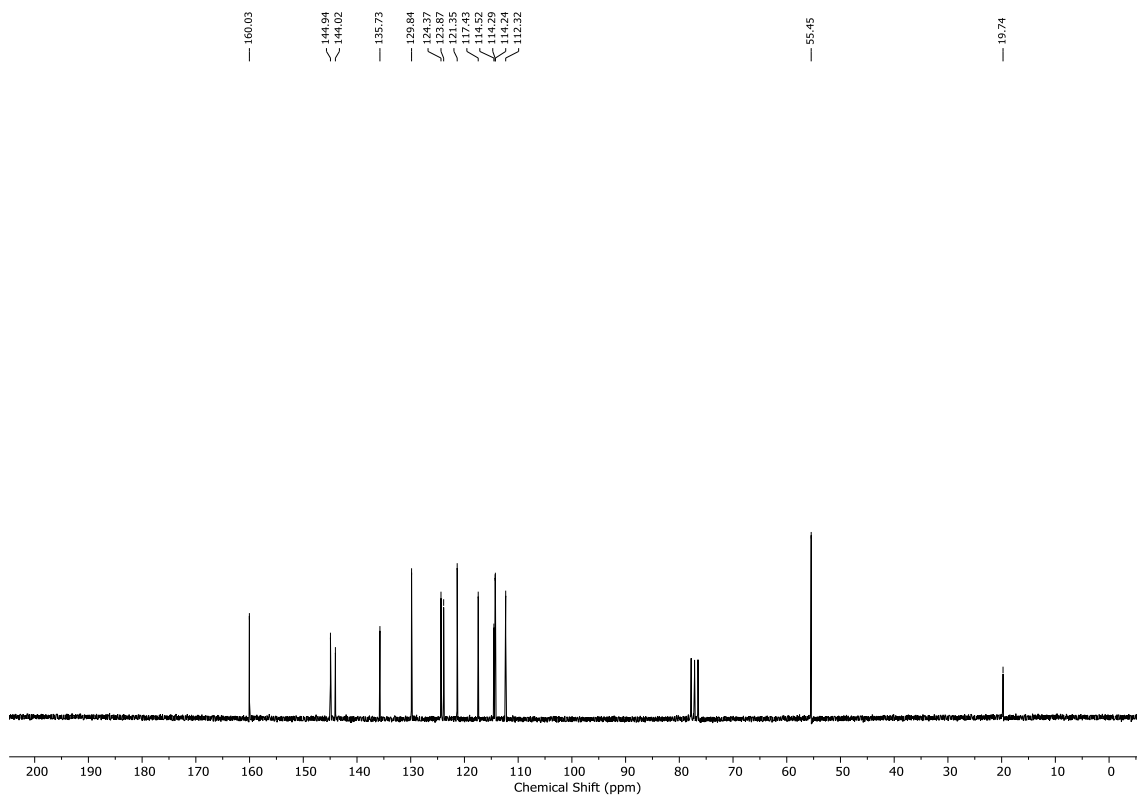
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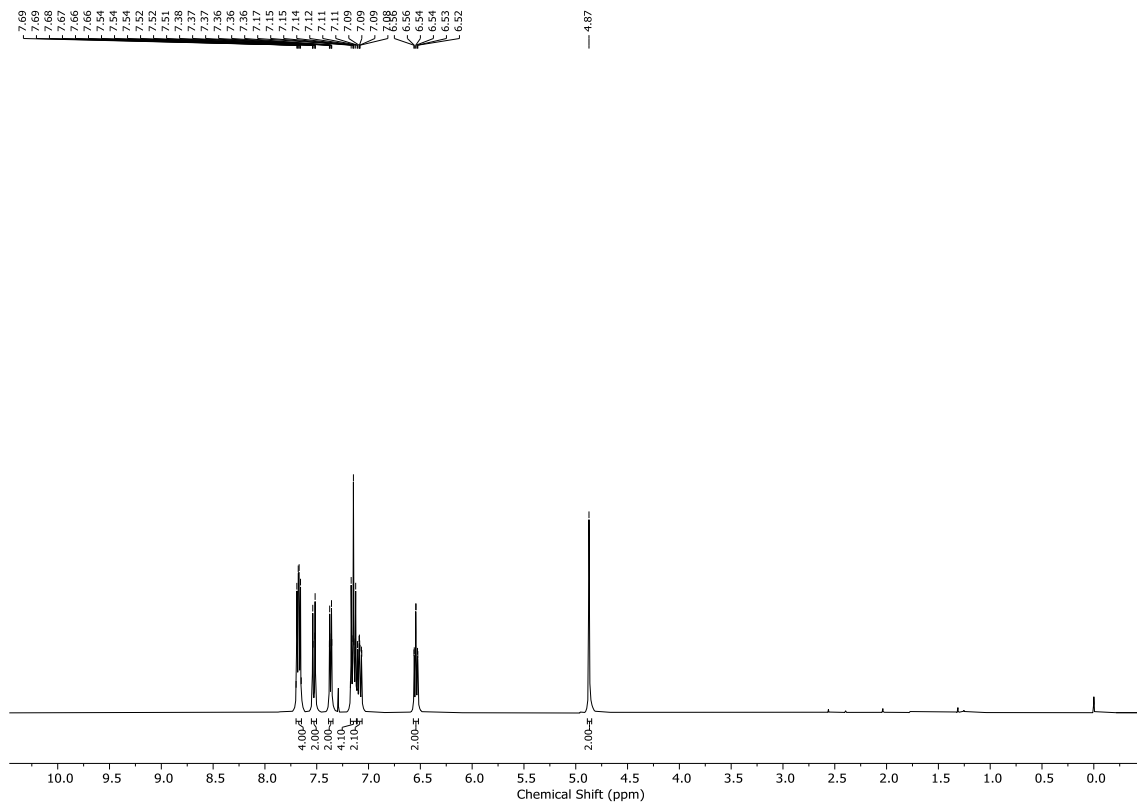
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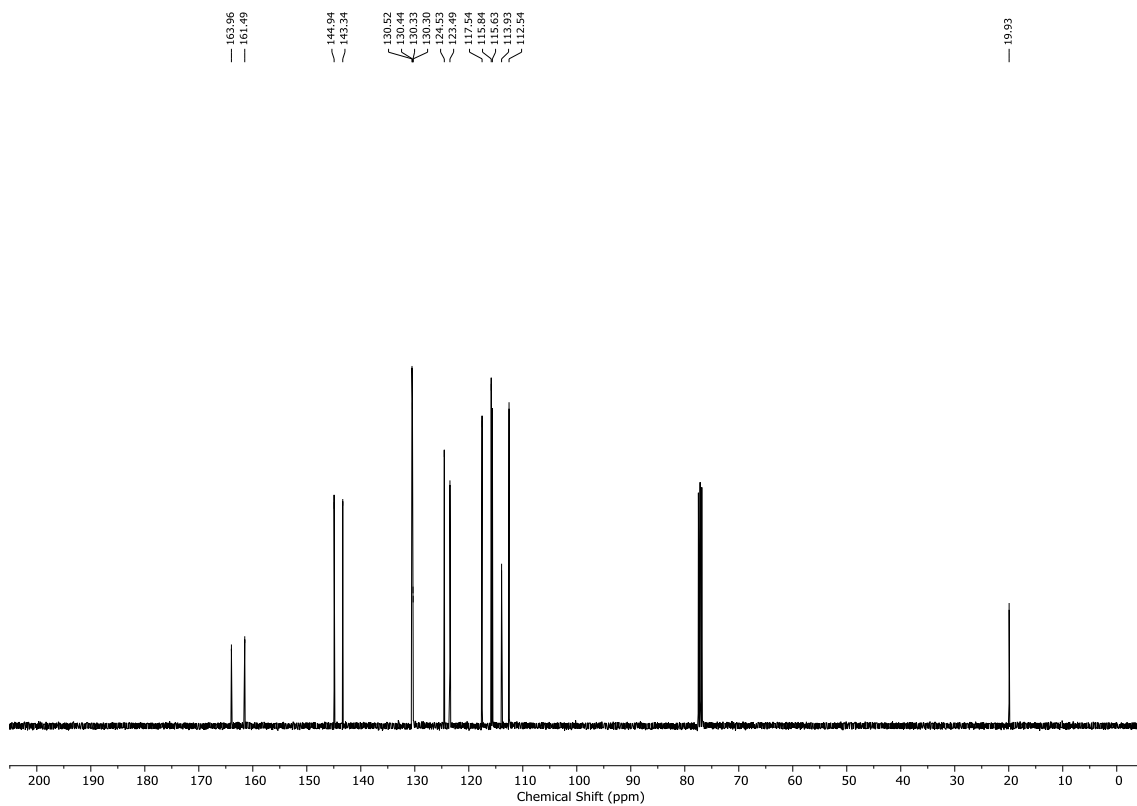
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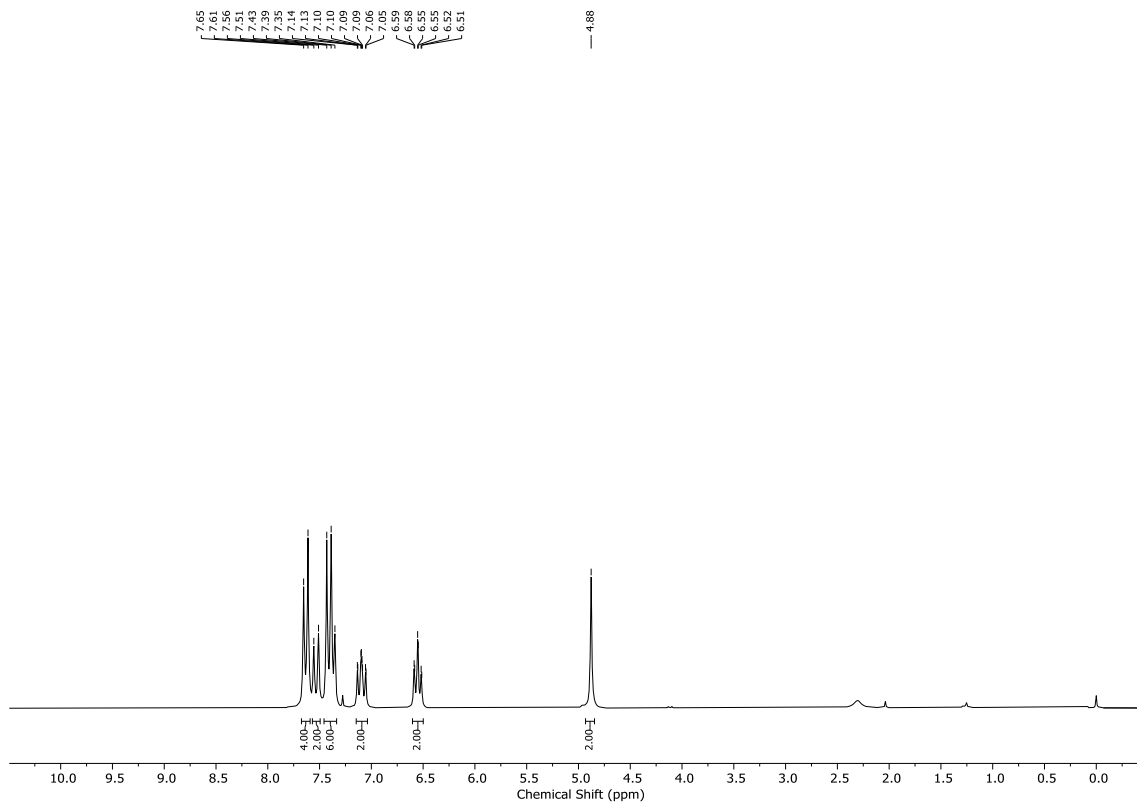
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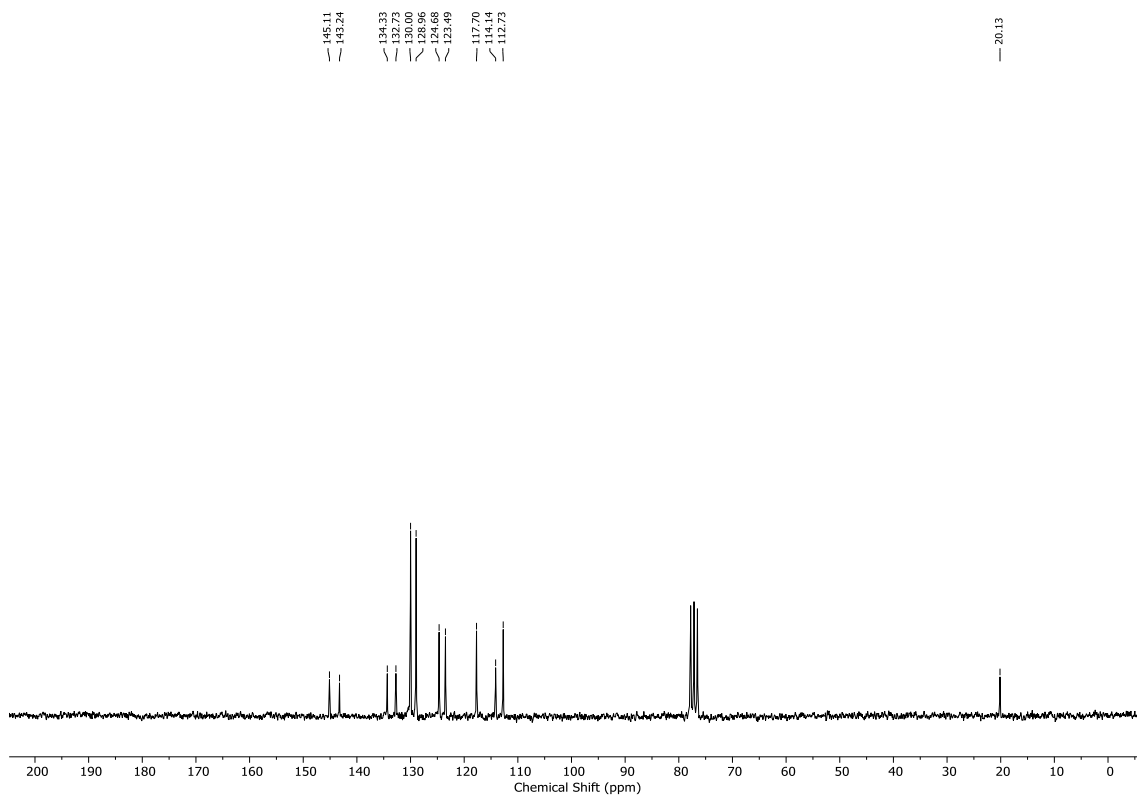
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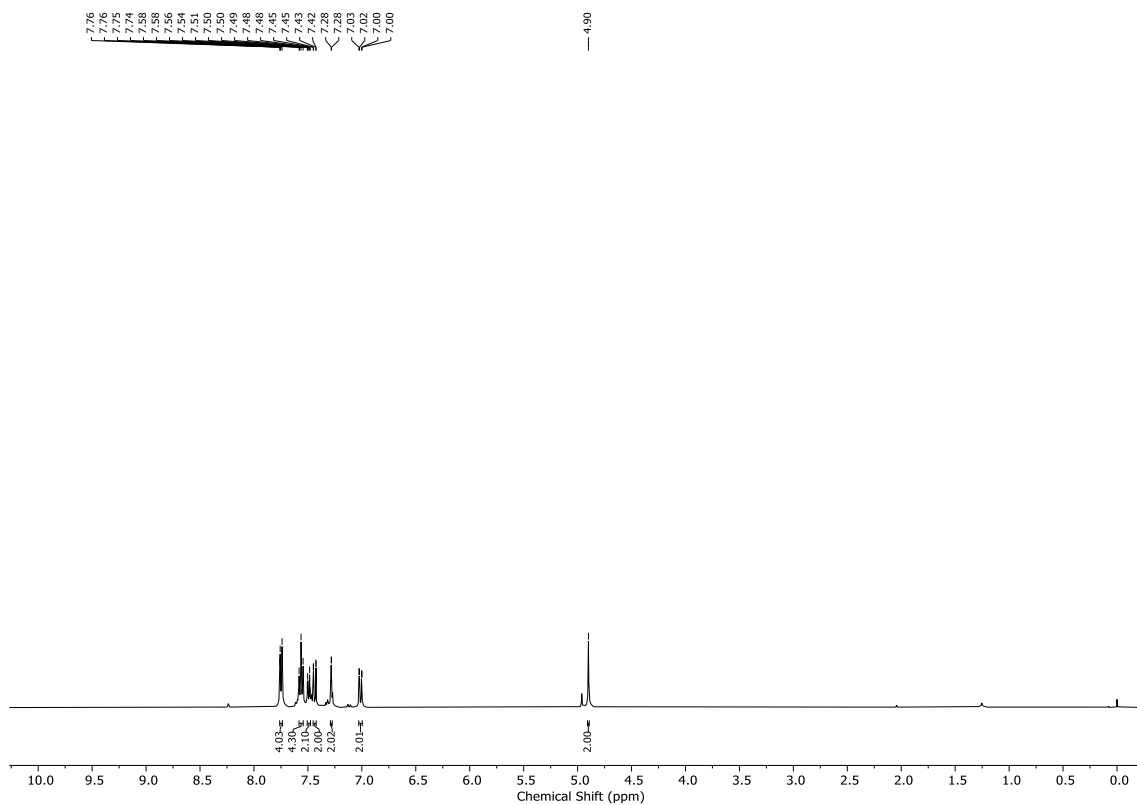
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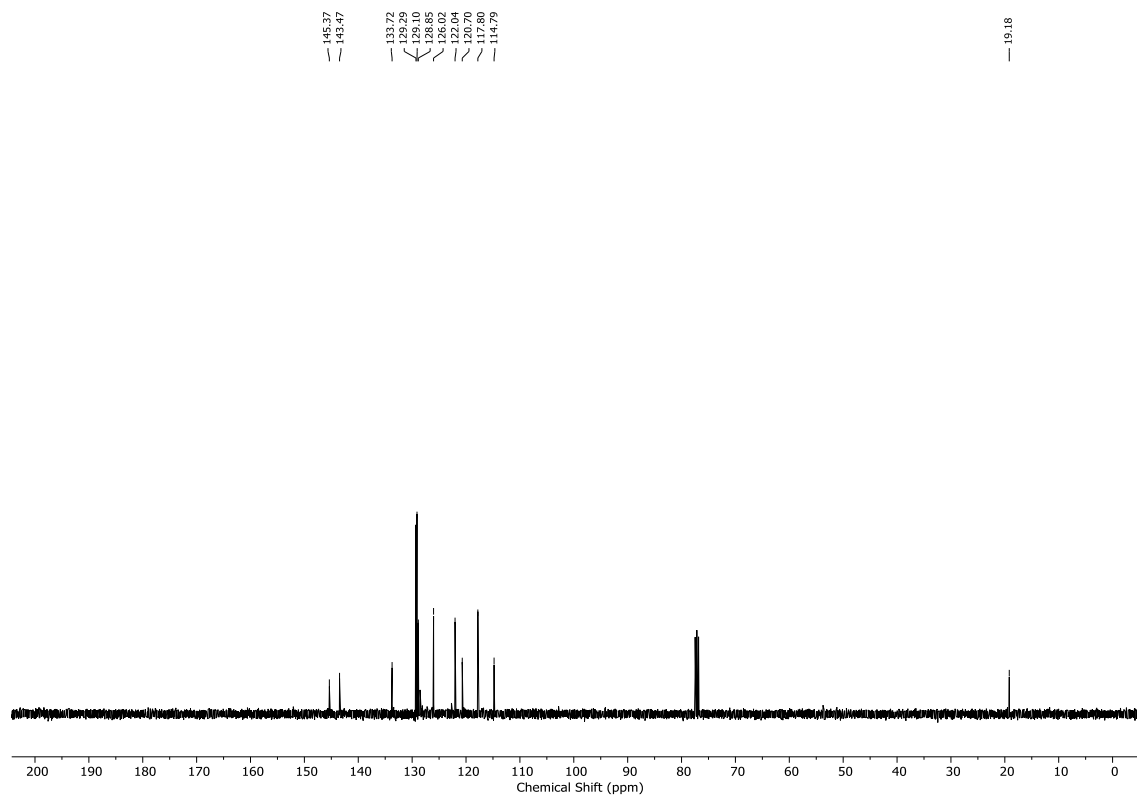
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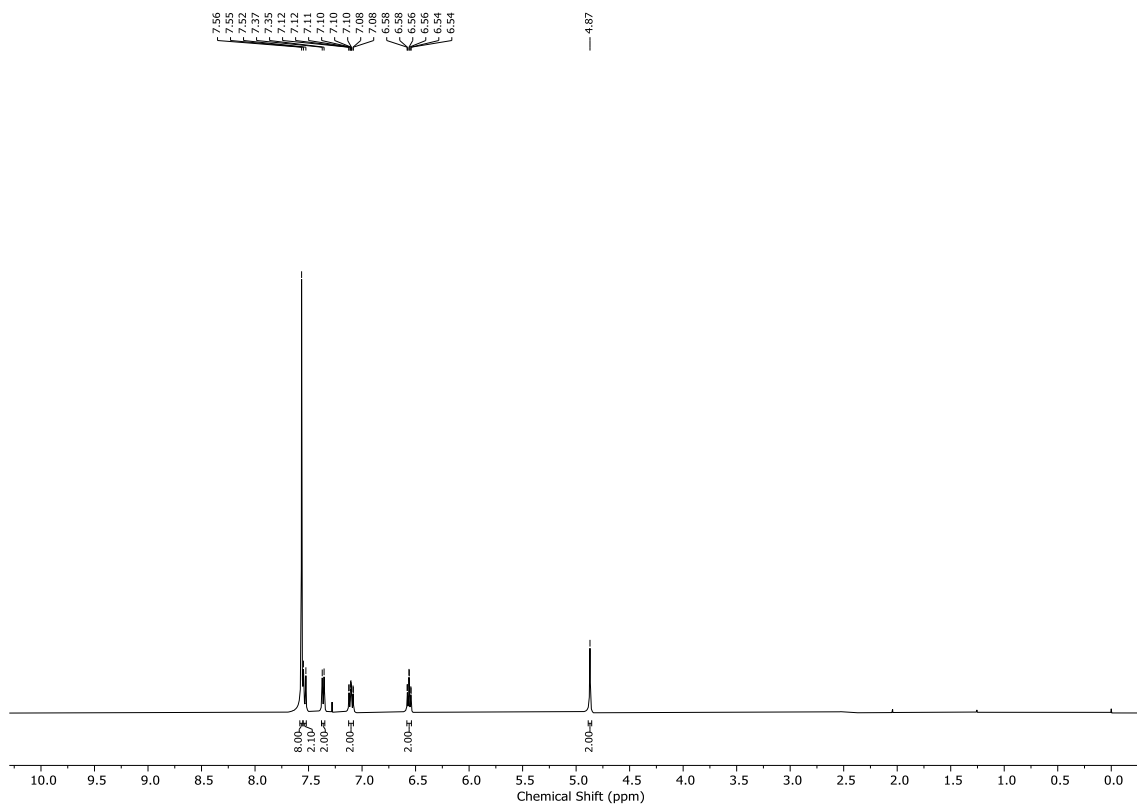
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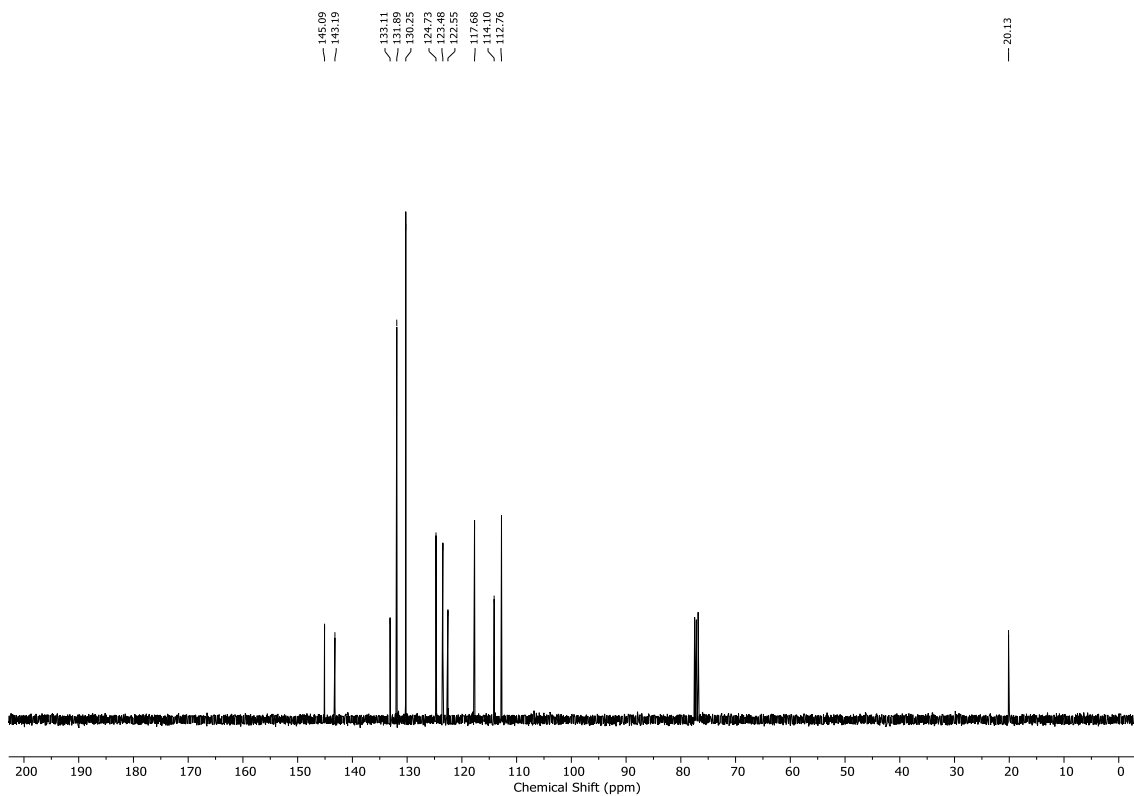
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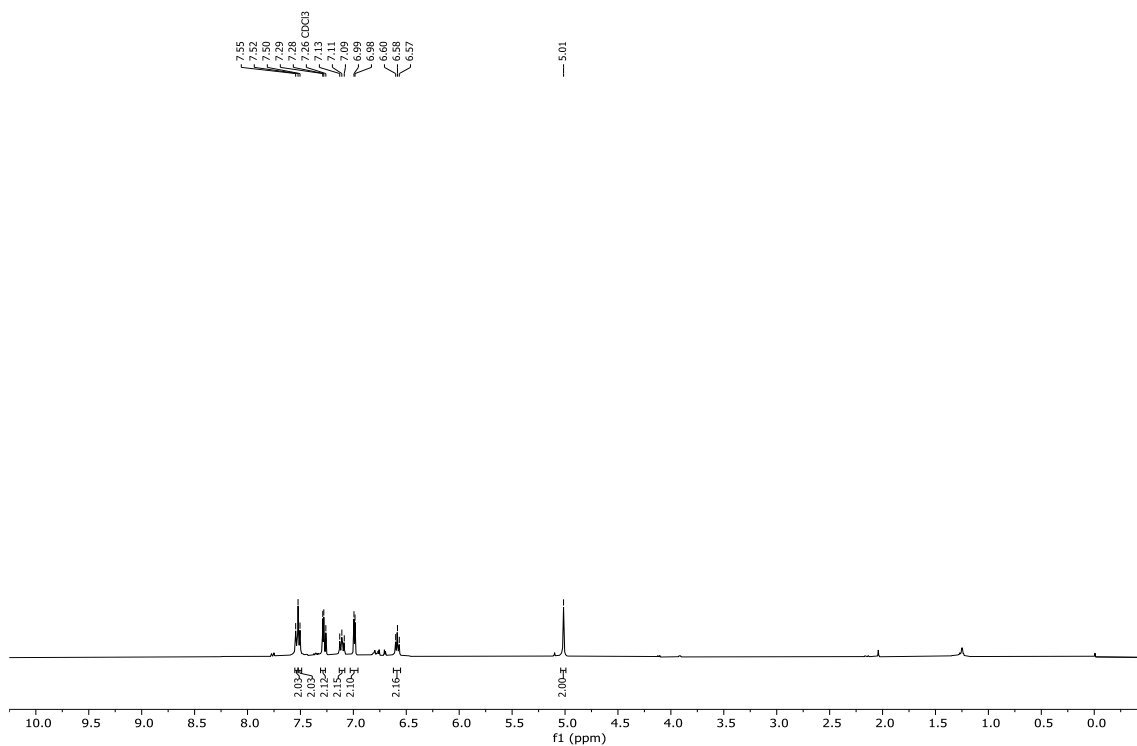
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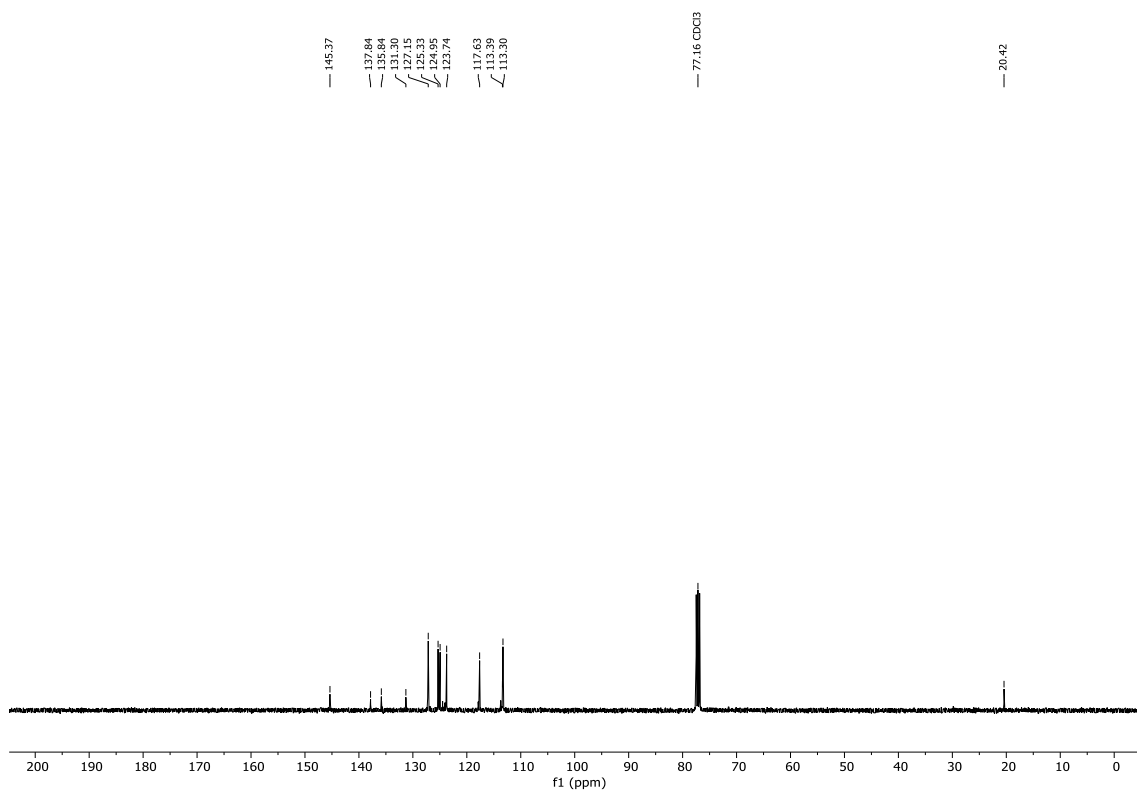
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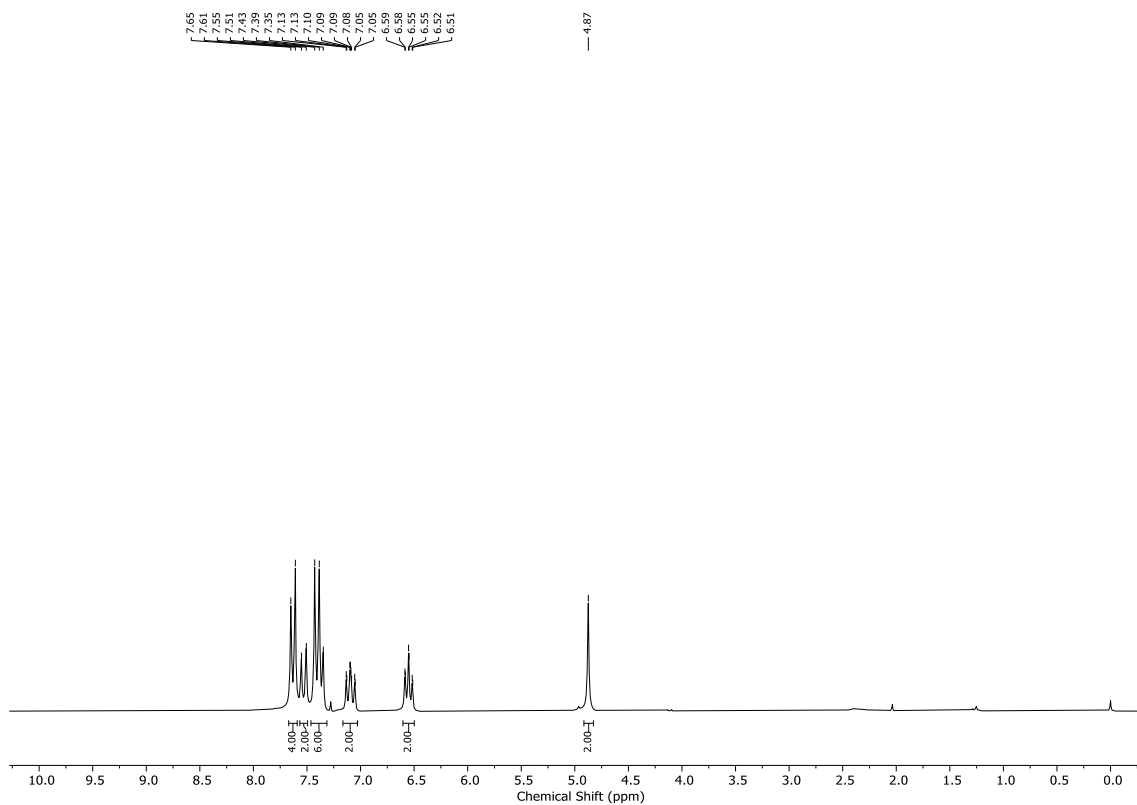
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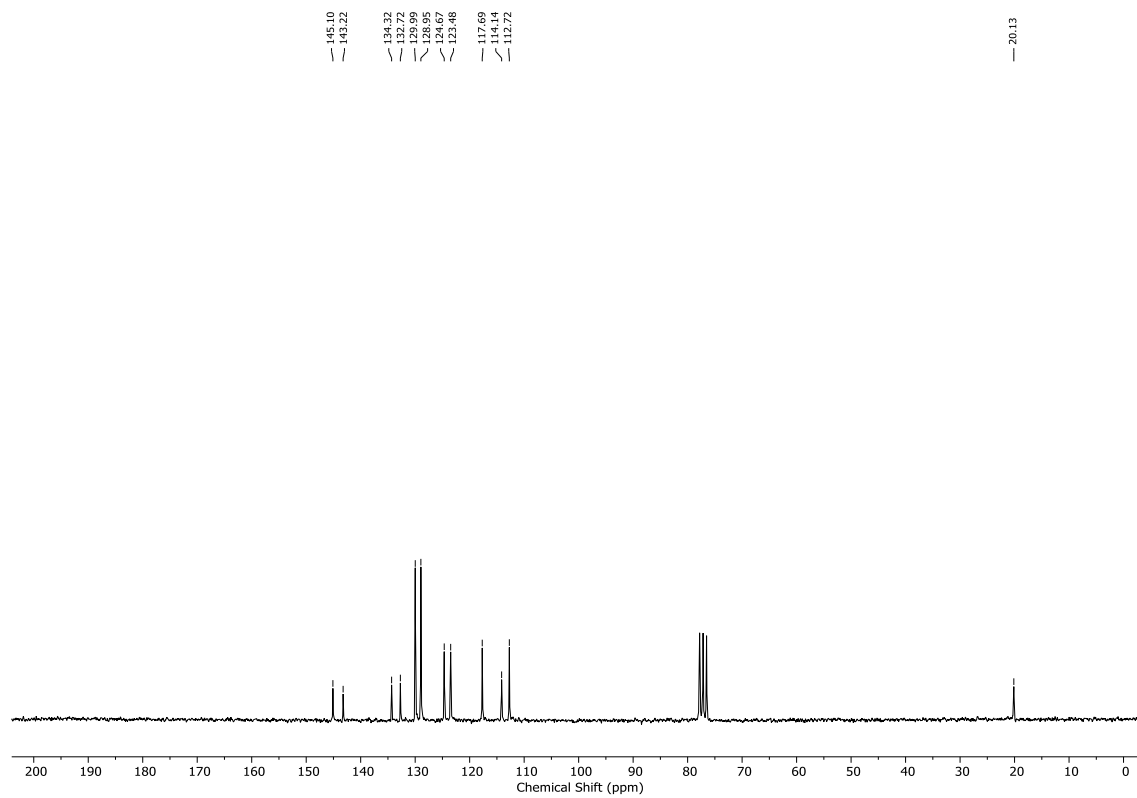
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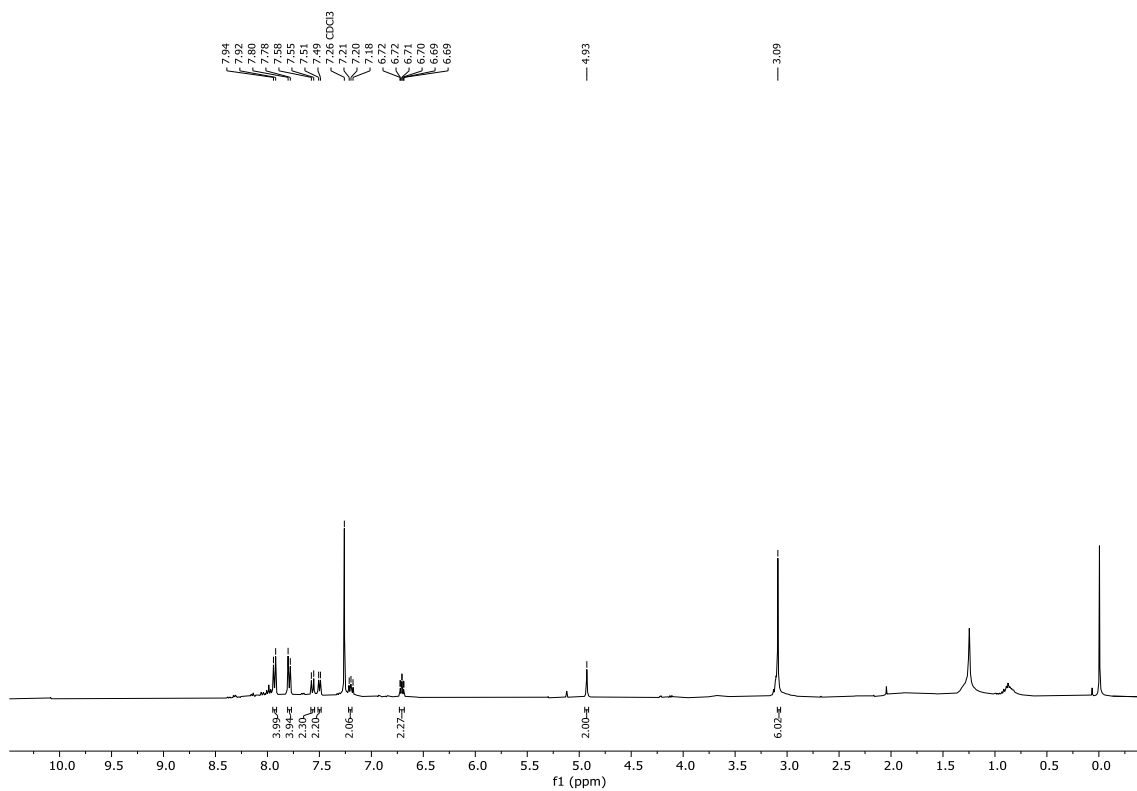
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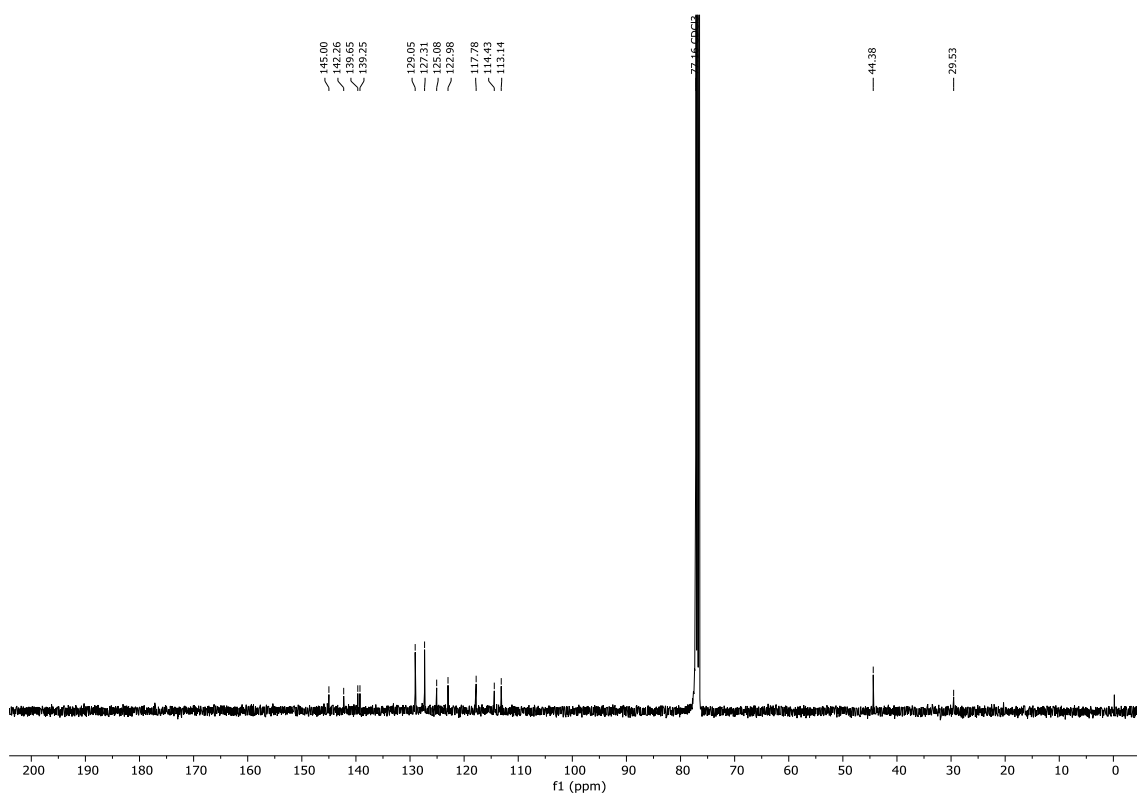
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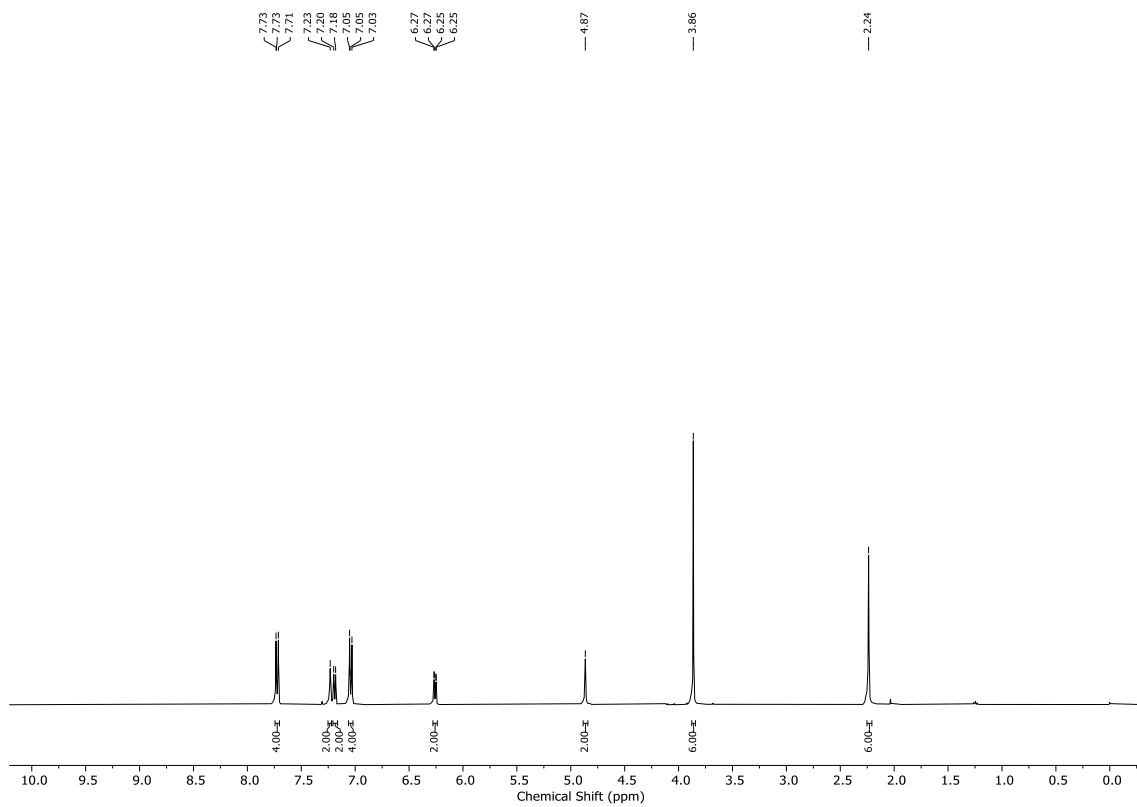
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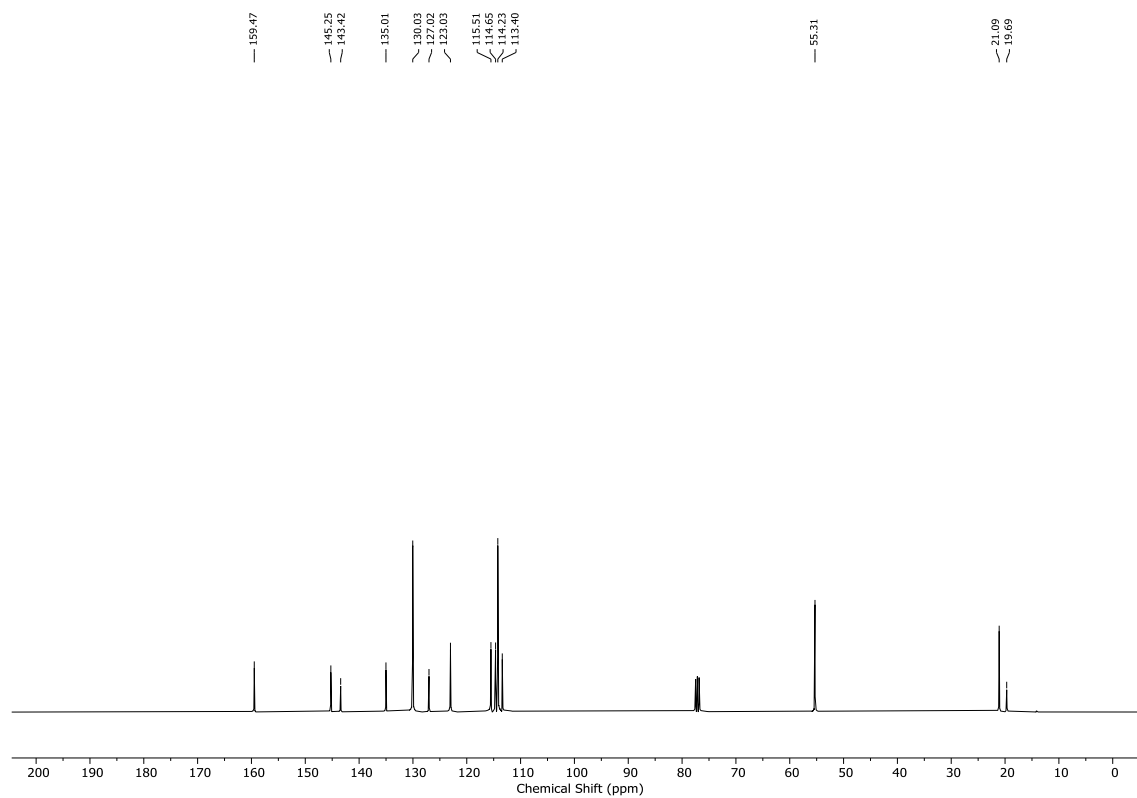
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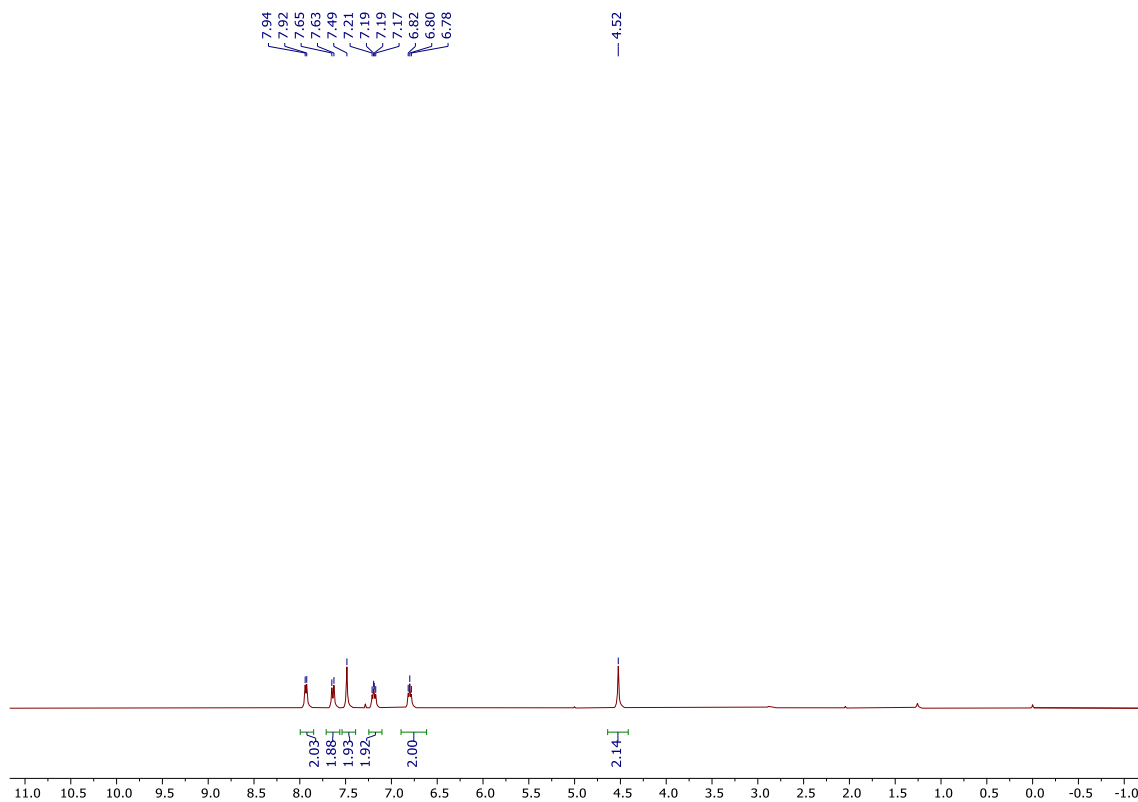
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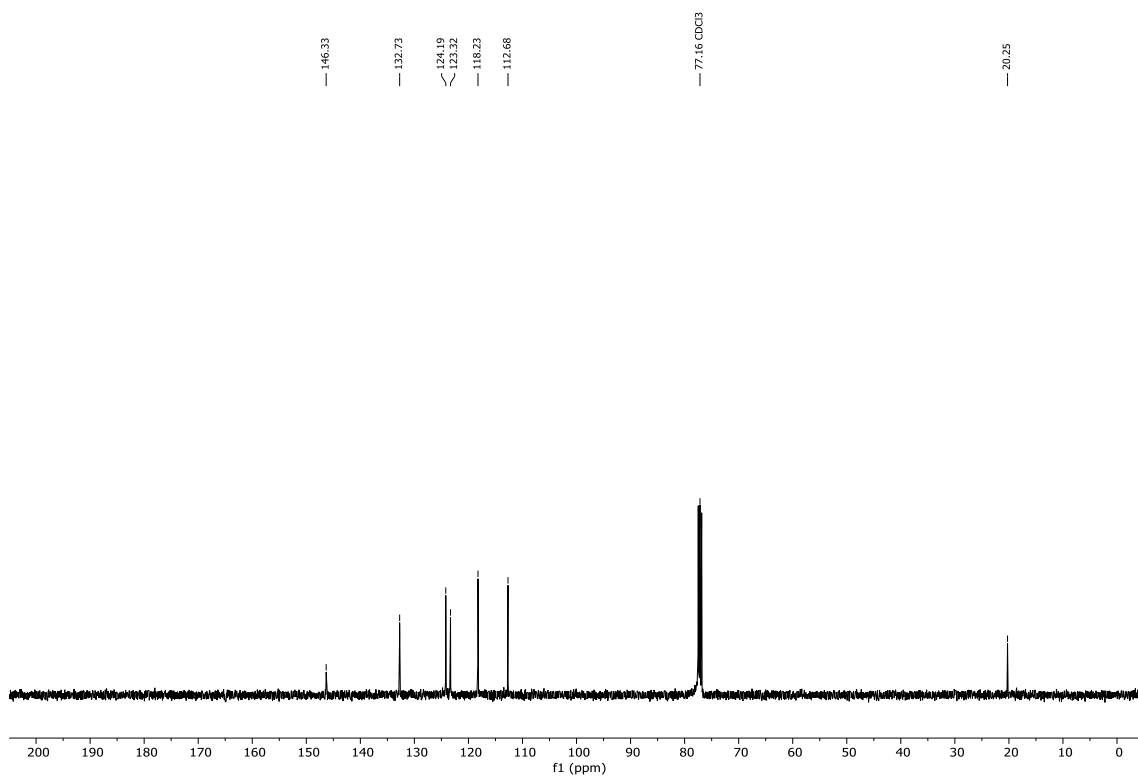
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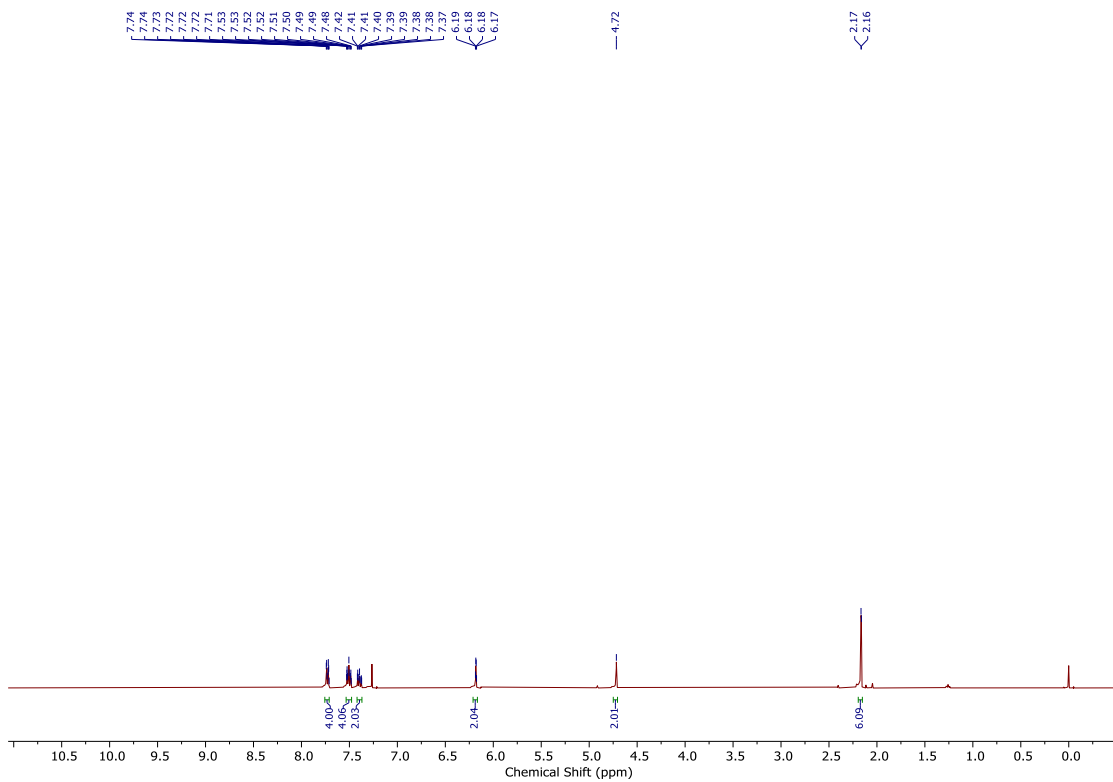
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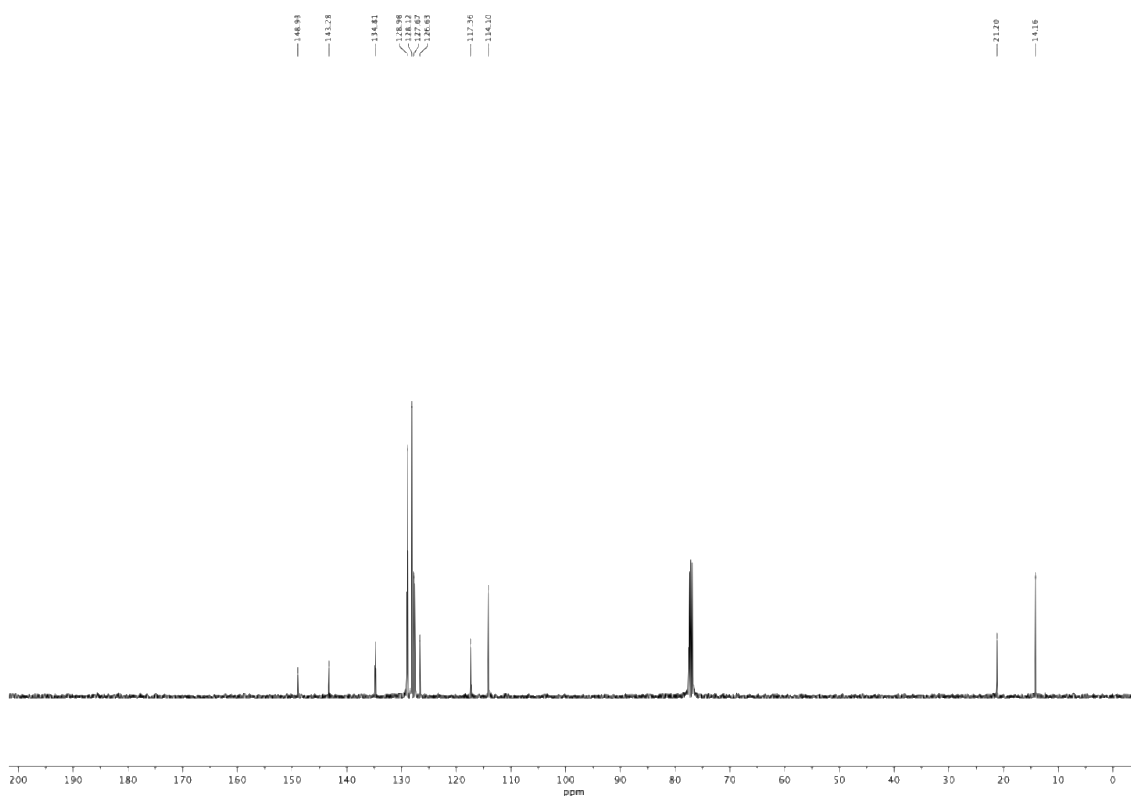
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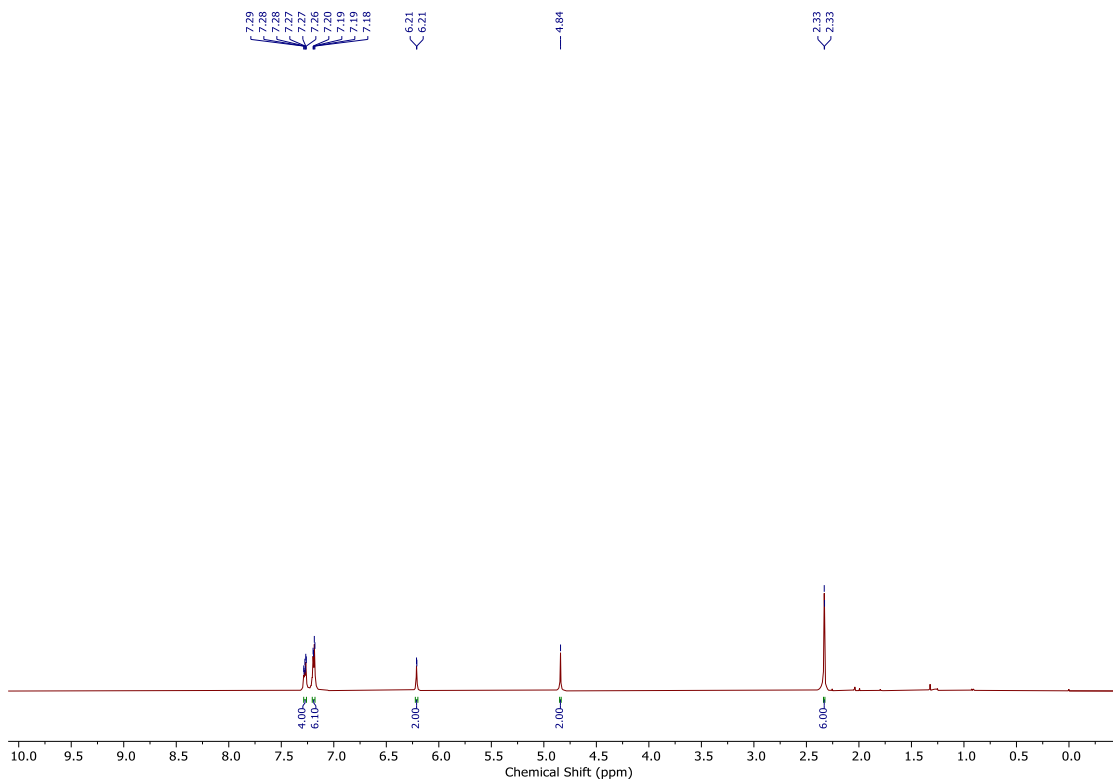
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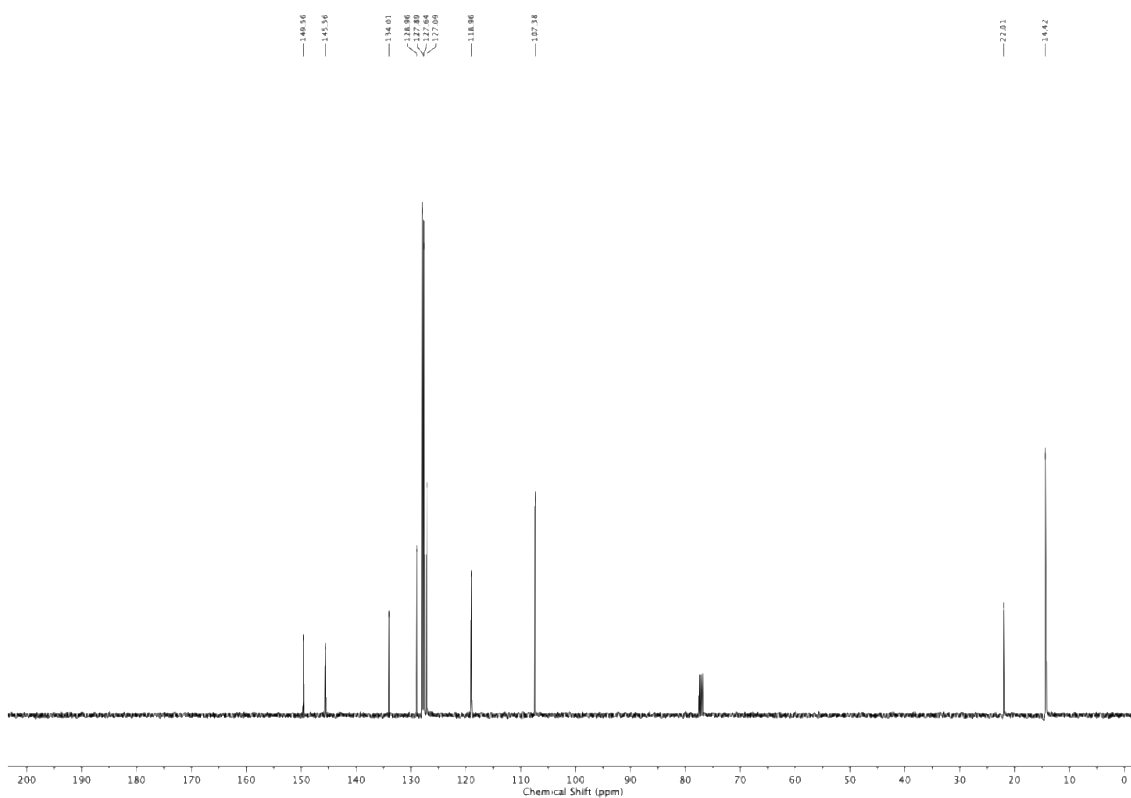
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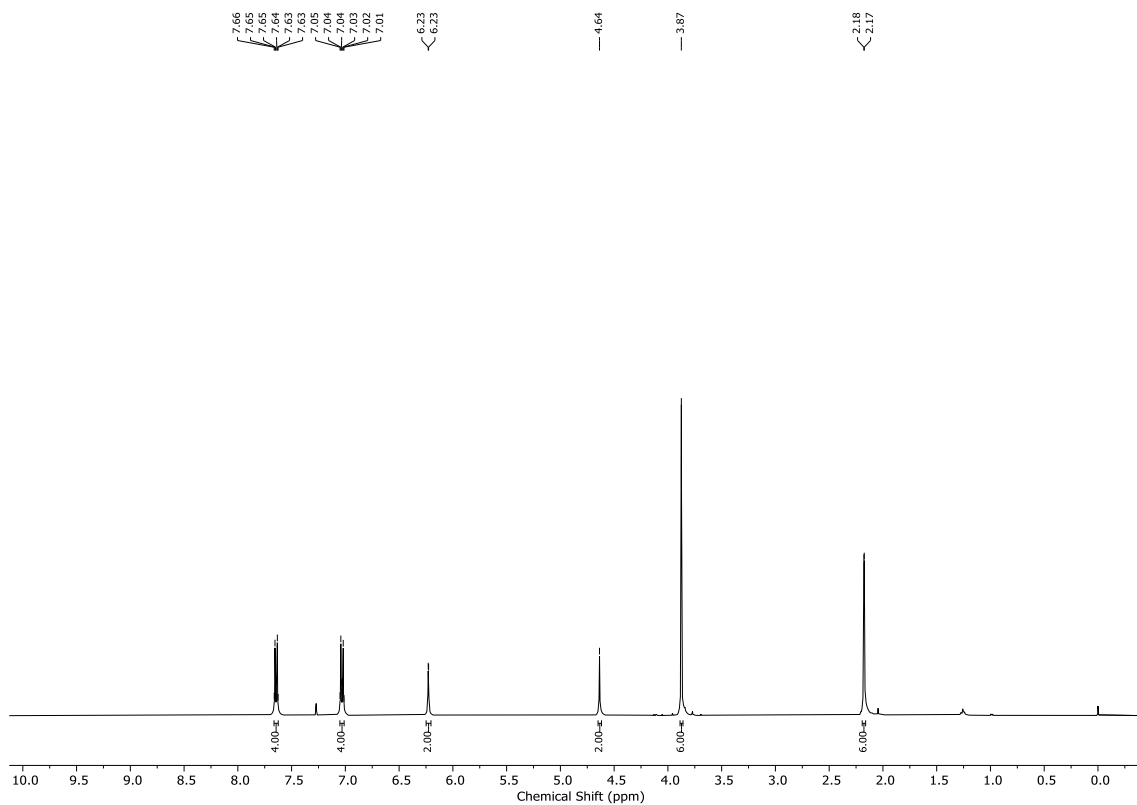
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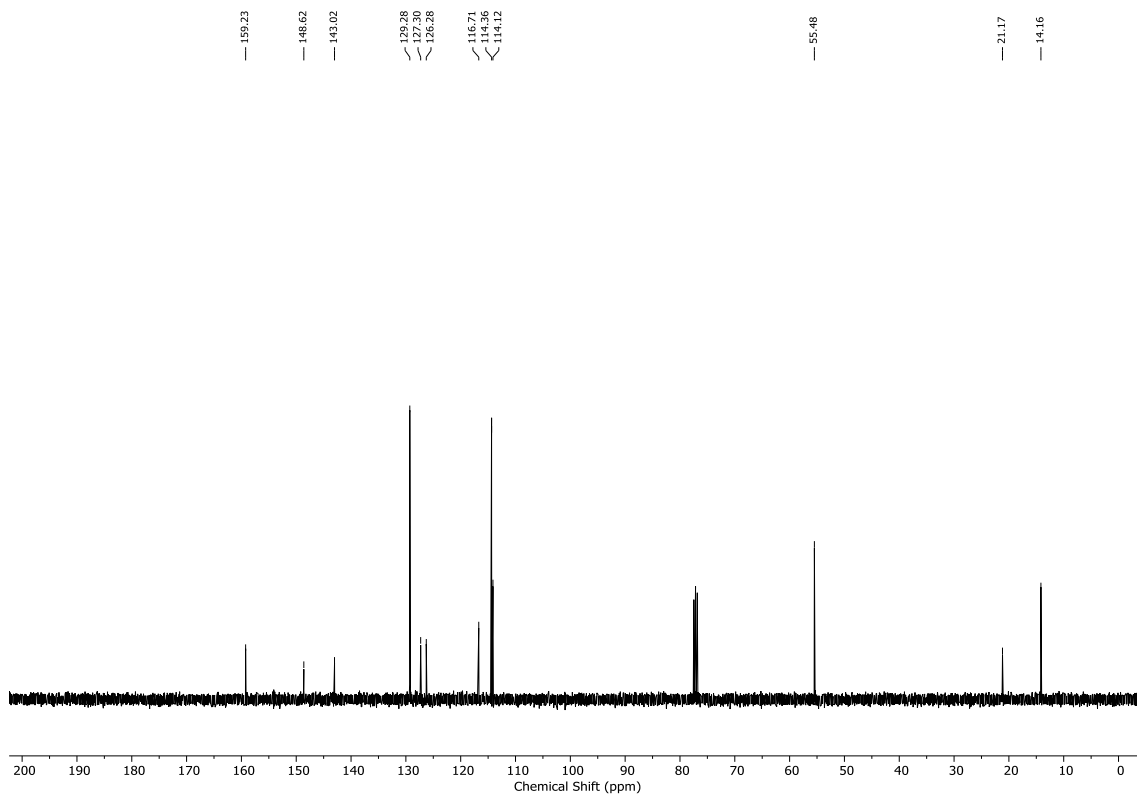
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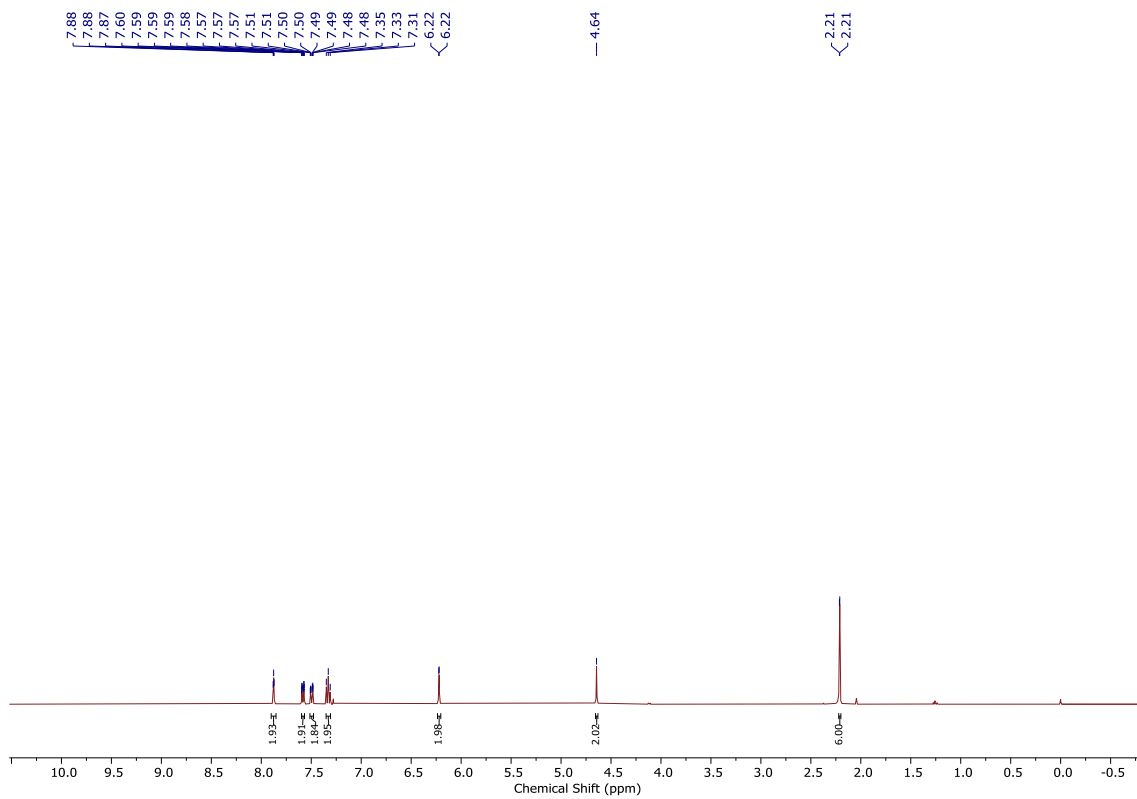
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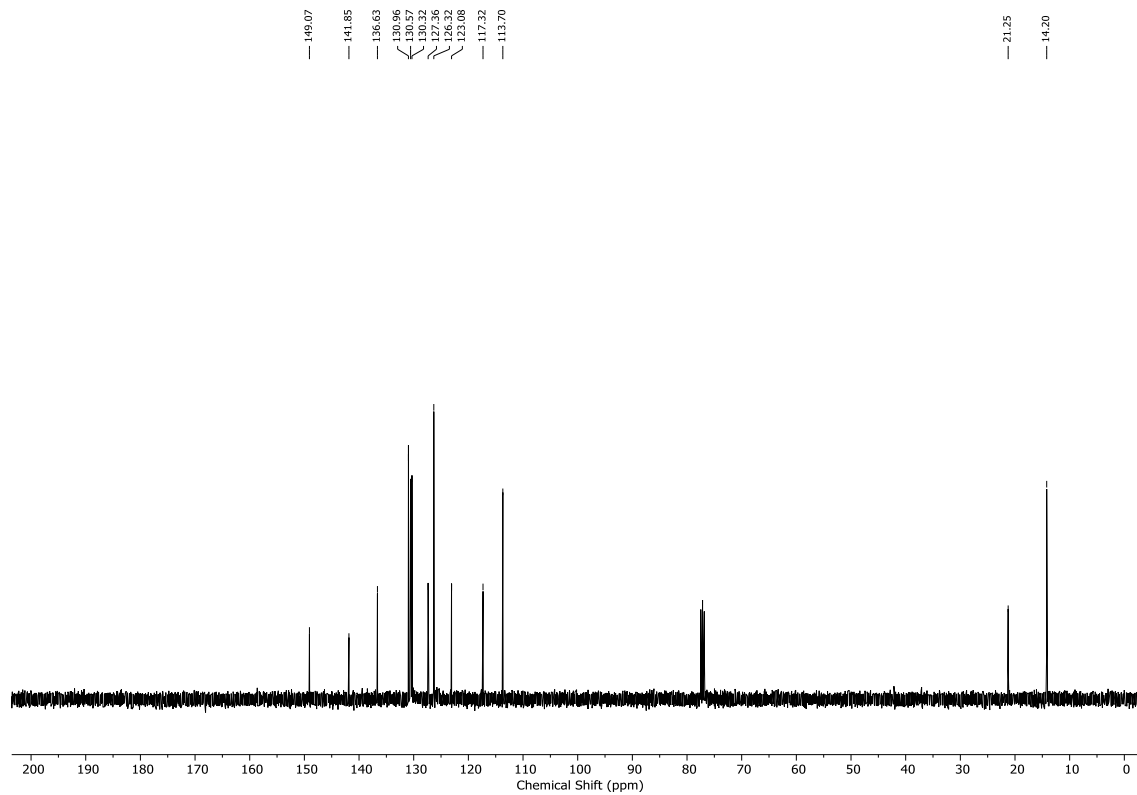
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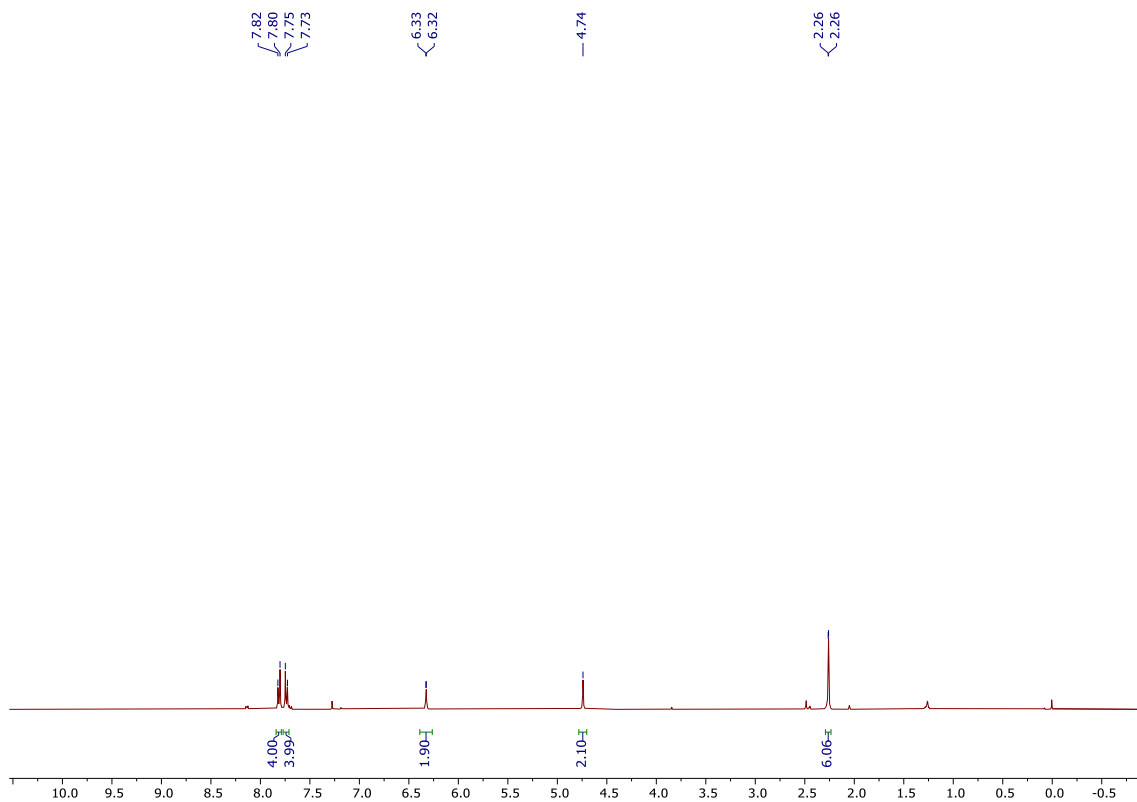
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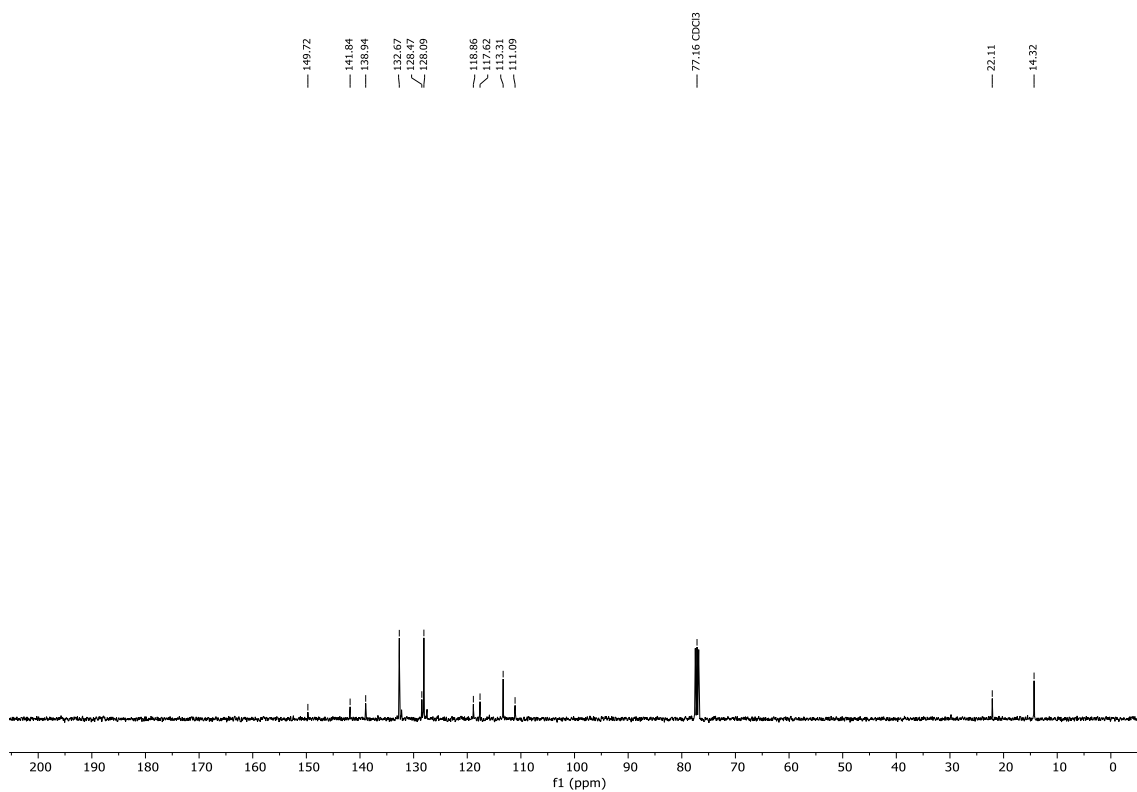
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