

Supporting information for

Pentacyclic Triterpenoids from *Ziziphus jujuba* Lamk. Fruits as Dual Inhibitors of PTP1B and α -Glucosidase: *In Vitro* and *In Silico* Evaluation

Linh Tran^{a,b,d}, Thanh-Tung Phan^{c,d}, Le Viet Ha Tran^e, Minh Canh Nguyen^{a,d}, Nguyen Tri Quang^f, Phuc Tran Huu Le^g, Quang-Minh Mai^{a,b,d}, Khac-Minh Thai^{a,b,d}, Huynh Nguyen Khanh Tran^{a,b,d,*,#}

^a Faculty of Pharmacy, University of Health Sciences, Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam.

Email: thnkhanh@uhsvnu.edu.vn; Tel: +84939775593

^b Research Center for Discovery and Development of Healthcare Products Vietnam National University Ho Chi Minh City, Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam

^c Faculty of Chemistry, University of Science, Ho Chi Minh City 70000, Vietnam

^d Vietnam National University, Ho Chi Minh City 70000, Vietnam

^e Faculty of Traditional Medicine, University of Medicine and Pharmacy at Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam

^f College of Natural Sciences, Can Tho University, 3/2 Street, Can Tho 900000, Vietnam

^g FPT University, Greenwich Vietnam, Hochiminh Campus, Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam

*Corresponding author

E-mail: thnkhanh@uhsvnu.edu.vn / hmktran2404@gmail.com

Abstract

Ziziphus jujuba Lamk. (Táo Ta) are widely used in order of in traditional Asian medicine as superfruits. An ethanol extract of *Z. jujuba* fruit exhibited remarkable inhibition against PTP1B and was isolated via bioassay-guided fractionation, resulting in the identification of fifteen active triterpenoids (**1–15**), including betulinic acid (**1**), corosolic acid (**2**), oleanolic acid (**3**), alphitolic acid (**4**), maslinic acid (**5**), 3-*O*-*cis*-*p*-coumaroyl alphitolic acid (**6**), 3-*O*-*trans*-*p*-coumaroyl alphitolic acid (**7**), 2-*O*-*trans*-*p*-coumaroyl alphitolic acid (**8**), 2-*O*-*cis*-*p*-coumaroyl alphitolic acid (**9**), ceanothic acid (**10**), zizyberanolic acid (**11**), *trans*-*p*-coumaroyl betulinic acid (**12**), betulonic acid (**13**), ursolic acid (**14**), and oleanonic acid (**15**). These chemical structures were identified using nuclear magnetic resonance spectroscopy (NMR) and compared to those reported in other papers. Among the compounds tested for their effect against PTP1B and α -glucosidase, compounds **1–3** displayed the most potent inhibitory activity, with ranging from IC₅₀ values from 6.75 to 17.02 μ M. Besides, Compounds **4**, **10**, and **13** exhibited weak PTP1B inhibitory activity (IC₅₀ = 53.42 to 90.90 μ M), whereas **5–15** showed no inhibitory effect in all tested concentrations. Additionally, molecular docking and molecular dynamics simulations were performed to evaluate the binding affinity of compounds **1–3** toward PTP1B and α -glucosidase, two key enzymes involved in glucose homeostasis. These interactions may contribute to the modulation of insulin signaling pathways and postprandial glucose levels, thereby improving glycemic control in diabetes. Moreover, *in silico* ADME and toxicity prediction further suggested that **1–3** possess favorable pharmacokinetic properties and lower predicted toxicity. These findings provide a rational basis for using *Ziziphus* sourced from Vietnam to develop potential PTP1B and α -glucosidase dual inhibitors, warranting further investigations, and are considered the first report on the chemical and bioactive investigation of this species.

Keywords: *Ziziphus jujuba* Lamk., pentacyclic triterpenoids, PTP1B inhibition, α -glucosidase, molecular docking, molecular dynamics, ADME/toxicity prediction

List of Figures

Figure S1. ^1H NMR spectrum of compound **1** (500 MHz, pyridine- d_5)

Figure S2. ^{13}C NMR spectrum of compound **1** (500 MHz, pyridine- d_5)

Figure S3. ^1H NMR spectrum of compound **2** (500 MHz, pyridine- d_5)

Figure S4. ^{13}C NMR spectrum of compound **2** (500 MHz, pyridine- d_5)

Figure S5. ^1H NMR spectrum of compound **3** (500 MHz, chloroform- d)

Figure S6. ^{13}C NMR spectrum of compound **3** (500 MHz, chloroform- d)

Figure S7. ^1H NMR spectrum of compound **4** (500 MHz, pyridine- d_5)

Figure S8. ^{13}C NMR spectrum of compound **4** (500 MHz, pyridine- d_5)

Figure S9. ^1H NMR spectrum of compound **5** (400 MHz, methanol- d_4)

Figure S10. ^{13}C NMR spectrum of compound **5** (400 MHz, methanol- d_4)

Figure S11. ^1H NMR spectrum of compound **6** (400 MHz, chloroform- d)

Figure S12. ^{13}C NMR spectrum of compound **6** (100 MHz, chloroform- d)

Figure S13. ^1H NMR spectrum of compound **7** (400 MHz, methanol- d_4)

Figure S14. ^{13}C NMR spectrum of compound **7** (100 MHz, methanol- d_4)

Figure S15: ^1H NMR spectrum of compound **8** (400 MHz, pyridine- d_5)

Figure S16. ^{13}C NMR spectrum of compound **8** (100 MHz, pyridine- d_5)

Figure S17. ^1H NMR spectrum of compound **9** (400 MHz, chloroform- d)

Figure S18. ^{13}C NMR spectrum of compound **9** (100 MHz, chloroform- d)

Figure S19. ^1H NMR spectrum of compound **10** (400 MHz, chloroform- d + methanol- d_4 10:1)

Figure S20. ^{13}C NMR spectrum of compound **10** (400 MHz, chloroform- d + methanol- d_4 10:1)

Figure S21. ^1H NMR spectrum of compound **11** (400 MHz, pyridine- d_5)

Figure S22. ^{13}C NMR spectrum of compound **11** (100 MHz, pyridine- d_5)

Figure S23. ^1H NMR spectrum of compound **12** (500 MHz, chloroform- d)

Figure S24. ^1H NMR spectrum of compound **13** (400 MHz, chloroform-*d*)

Figure S25. ^{13}C NMR spectrum of compound **13** (100 MHz, chloroform-*d*)

Figure S26. ^1H NMR spectrum of compound **14** (500 MHz, pyridine-*d*₅)

Figure S27. ^{13}C NMR spectrum of compound **14** (500 MHz, pyridine-*d*₅)

Figure S28. ^1H NMR spectrum of compound **15** (400 MHz, chloroform-*d*)

Figure S29. ^{13}C NMR spectrum of compound **15** (100 MHz, chloroform-*d*)

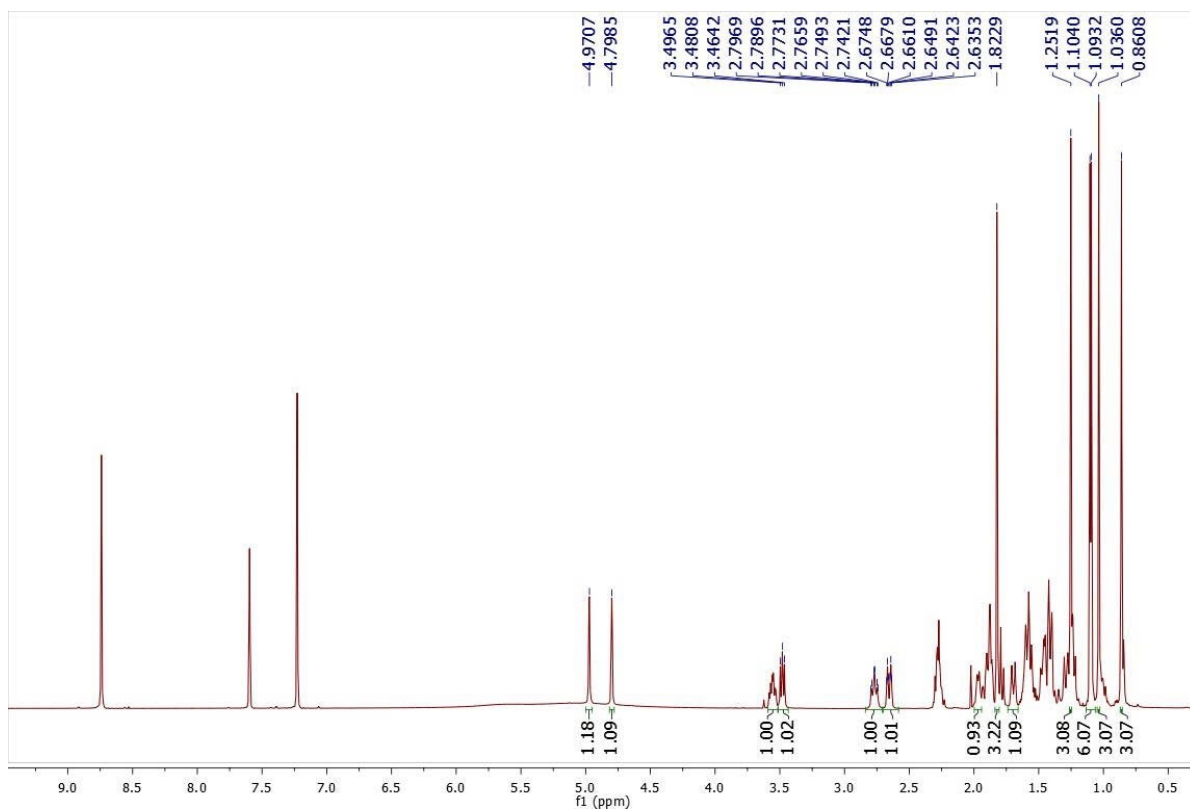


Figure S1. ^1H NMR spectrum of compound **1** (500 MHz, pyridine- d_5)

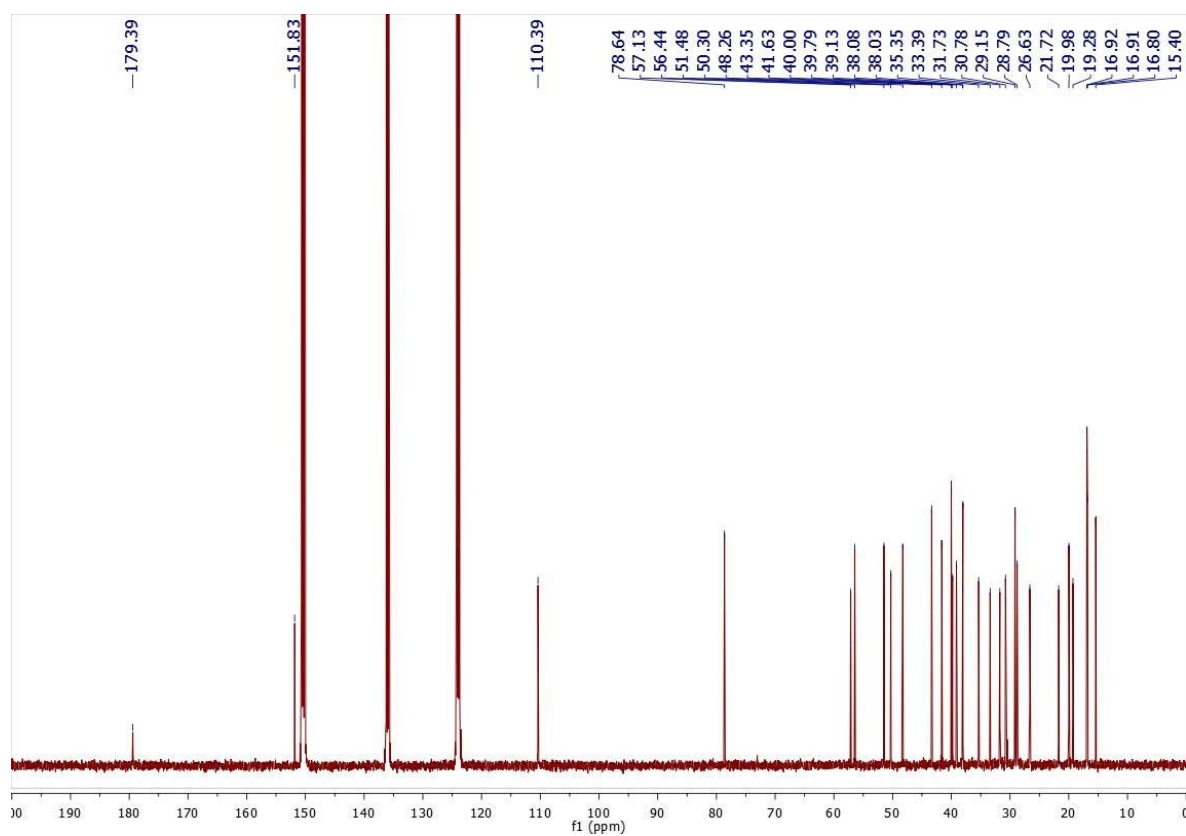


Figure S2. ^{13}C NMR spectrum of compound **1** (500 MHz, pyridine- d_5)

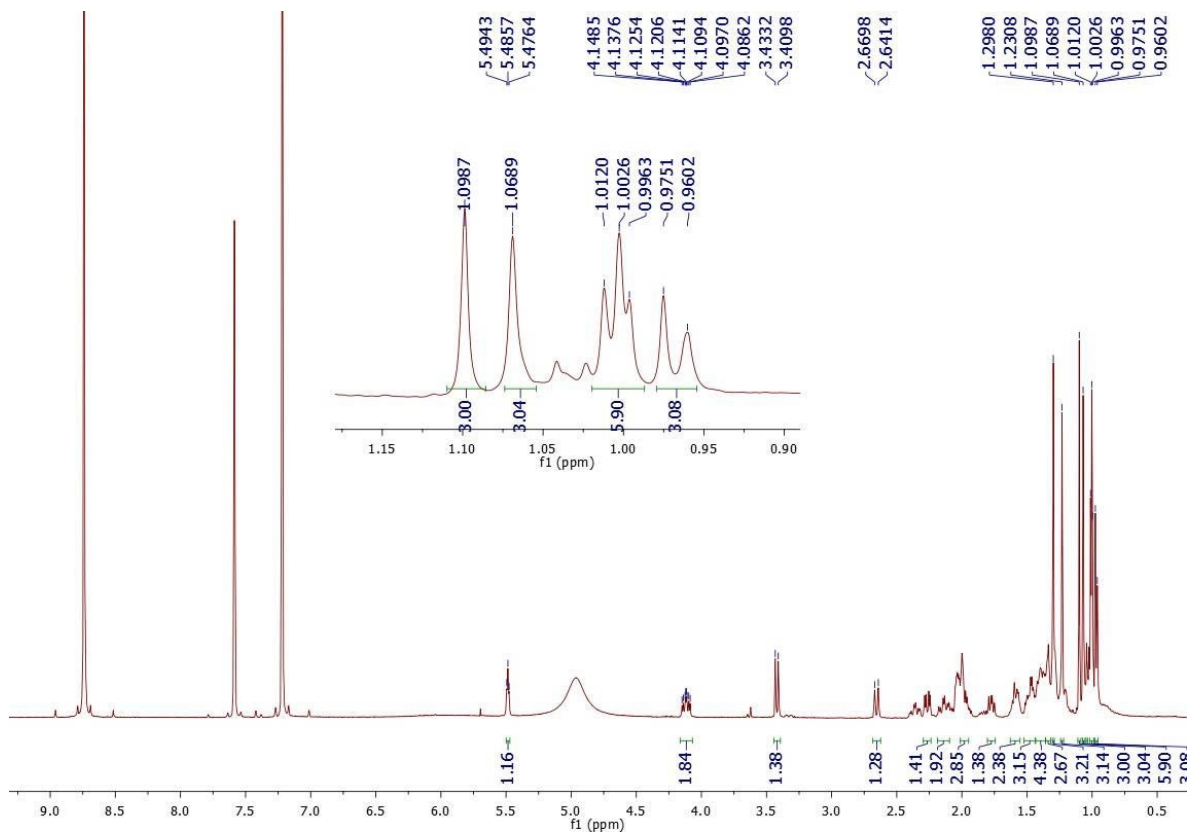


Figure S3: ¹H NMR spectrum of compound **2** (500 MHz, pyridine-*d*₅)

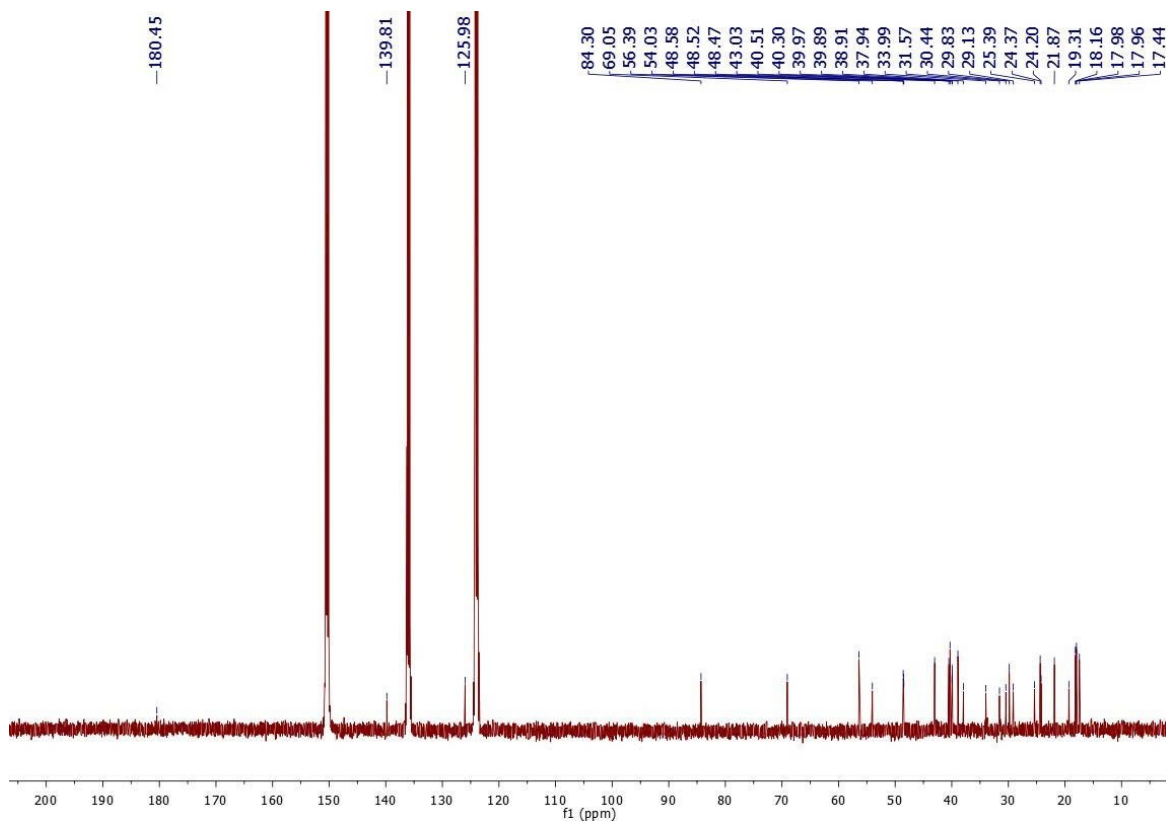


Figure S4. ¹³C NMR spectrum of compound **2** (500 MHz, pyridine-*d*₅)

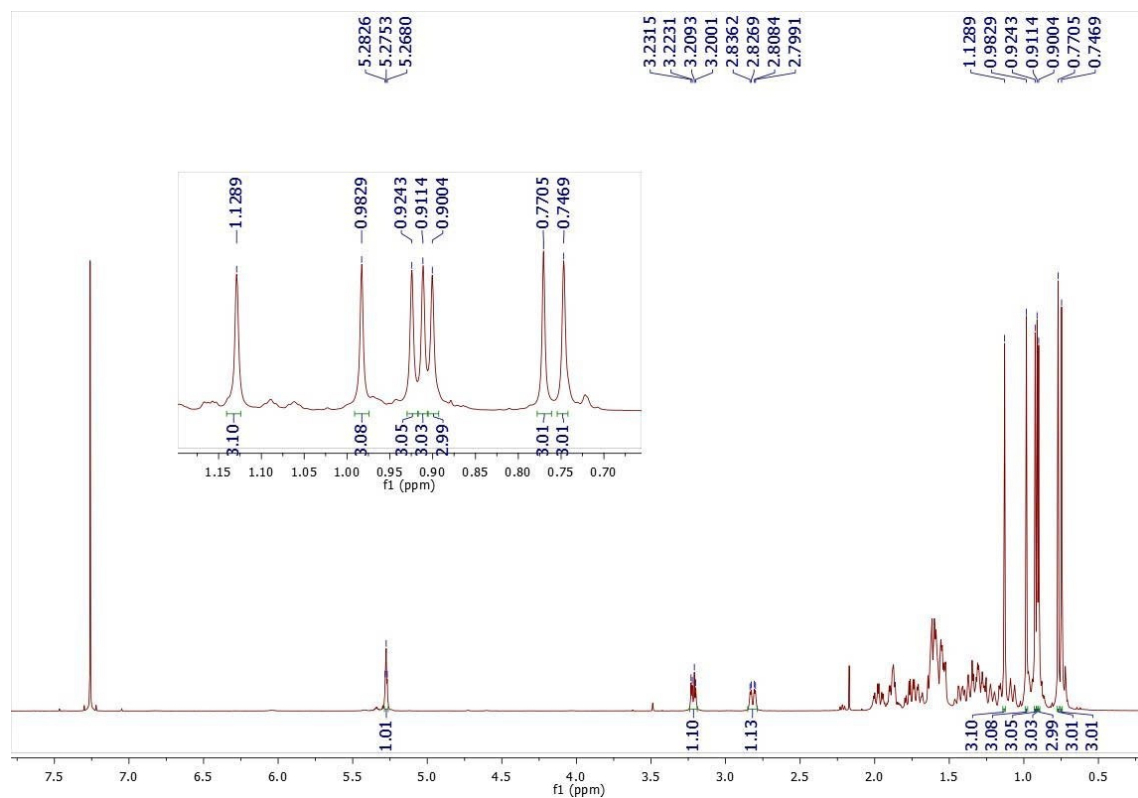


Figure S5: ^1H NMR spectrum of compound **3** (500 MHz, chloroform-*d*)

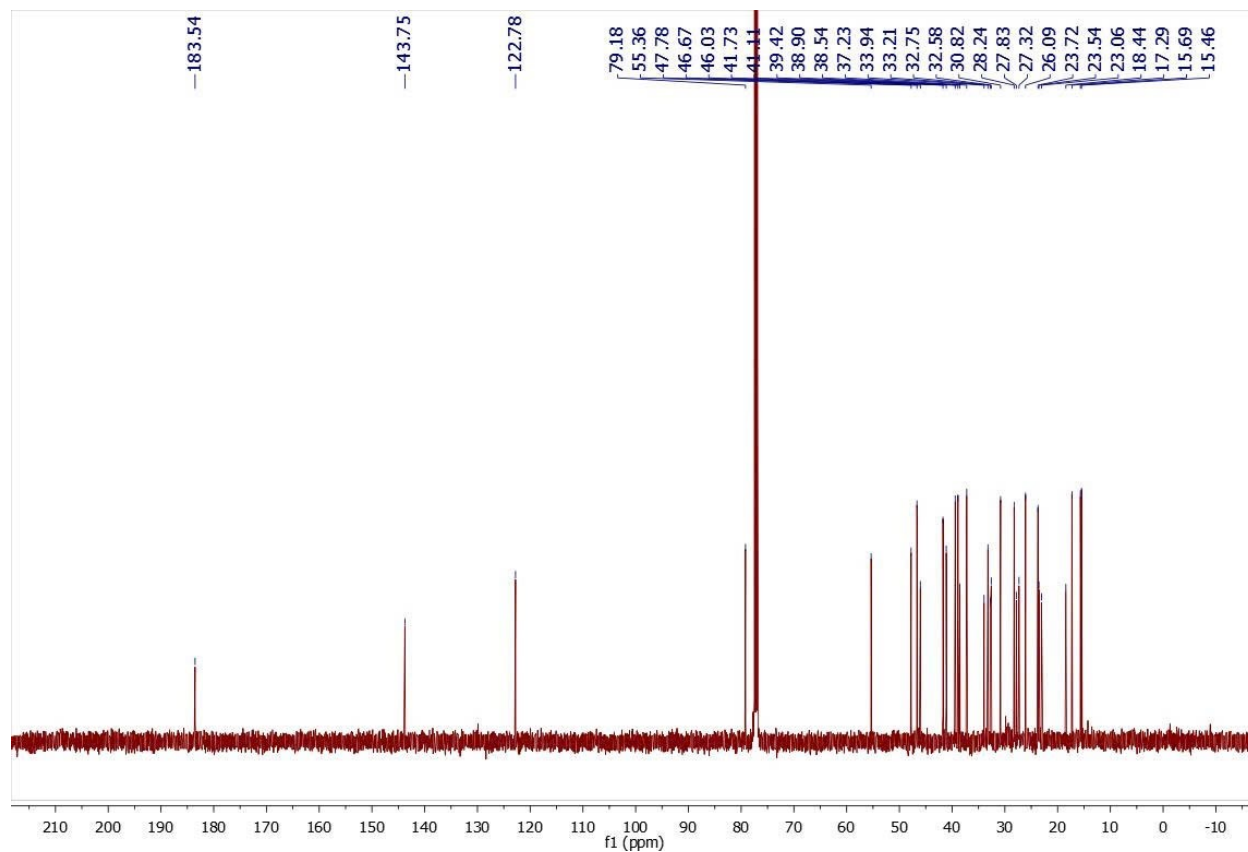


Figure S6. ^{13}C NMR spectrum of compound **3** (500 MHz, chloroform-*d*)

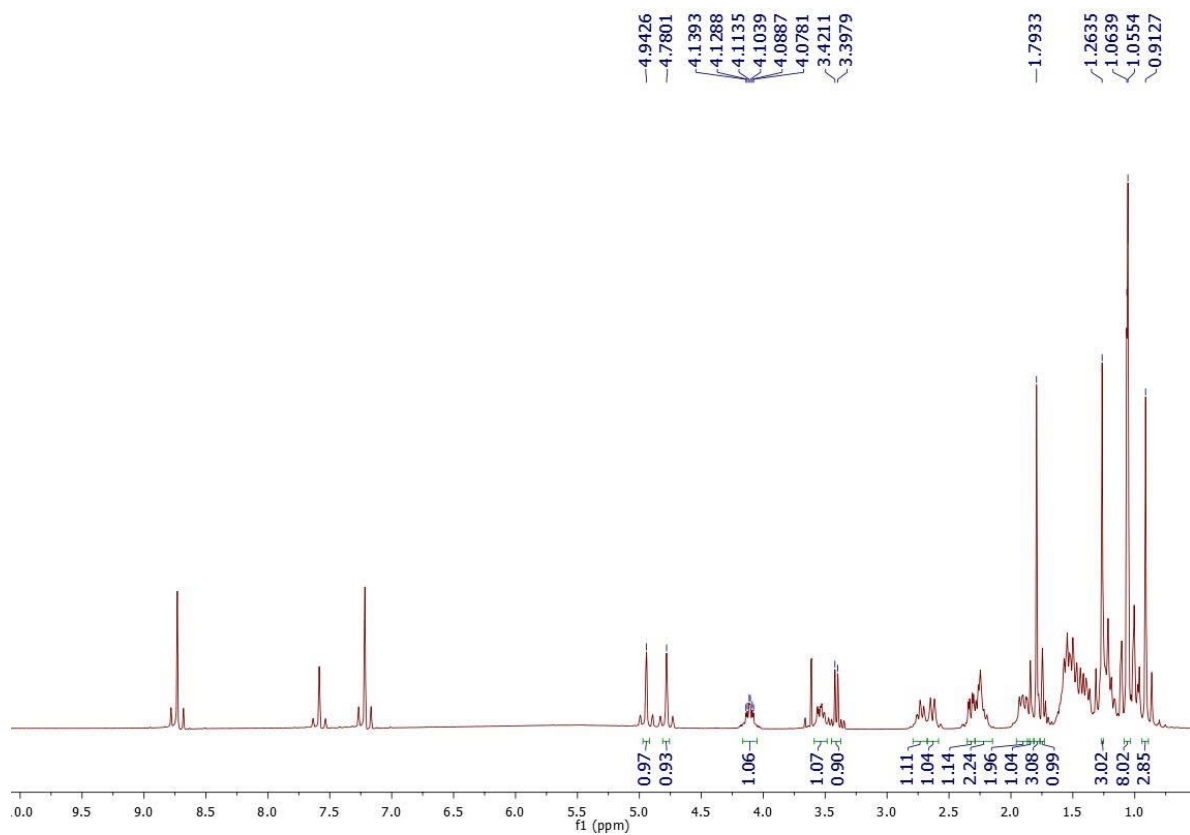


Figure S7: ^1H NMR spectrum of compound **4** (500 MHz, pyridine- d_5)

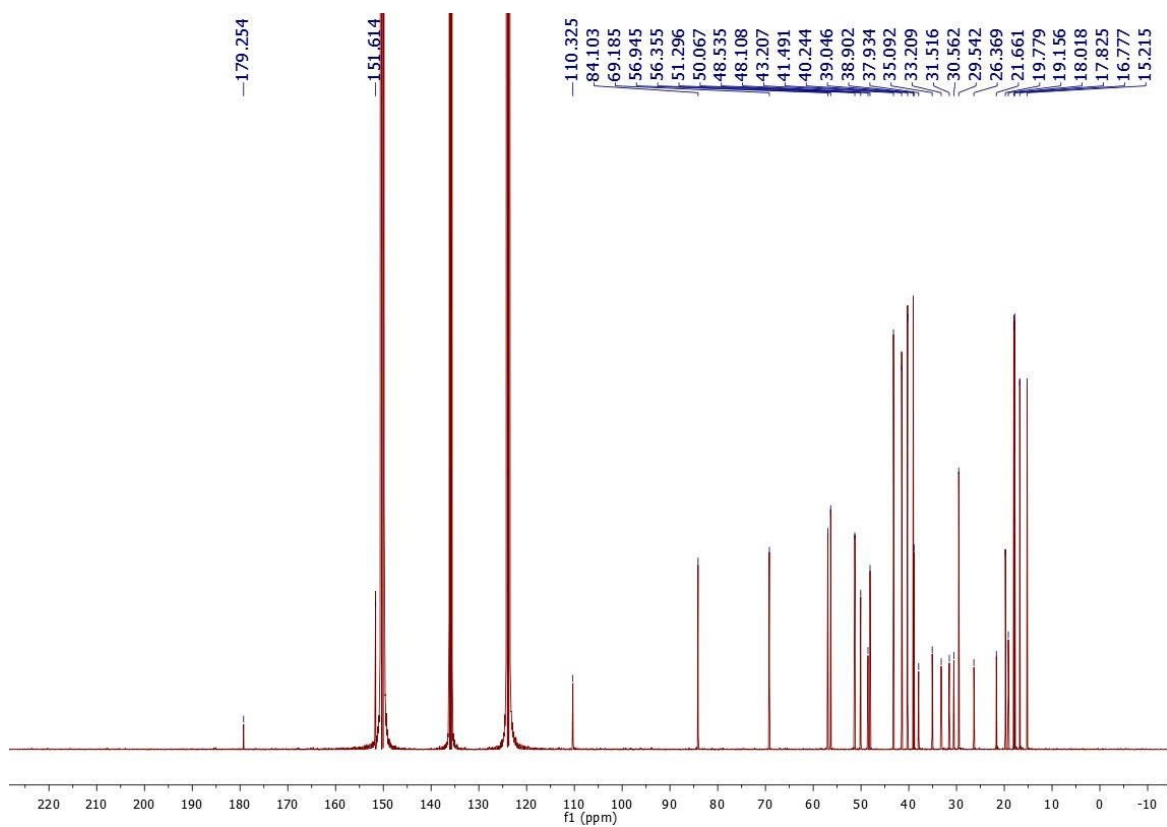


Figure S8. ^{13}C NMR spectrum of compound **4** (500 MHz, pyridine- d_5)

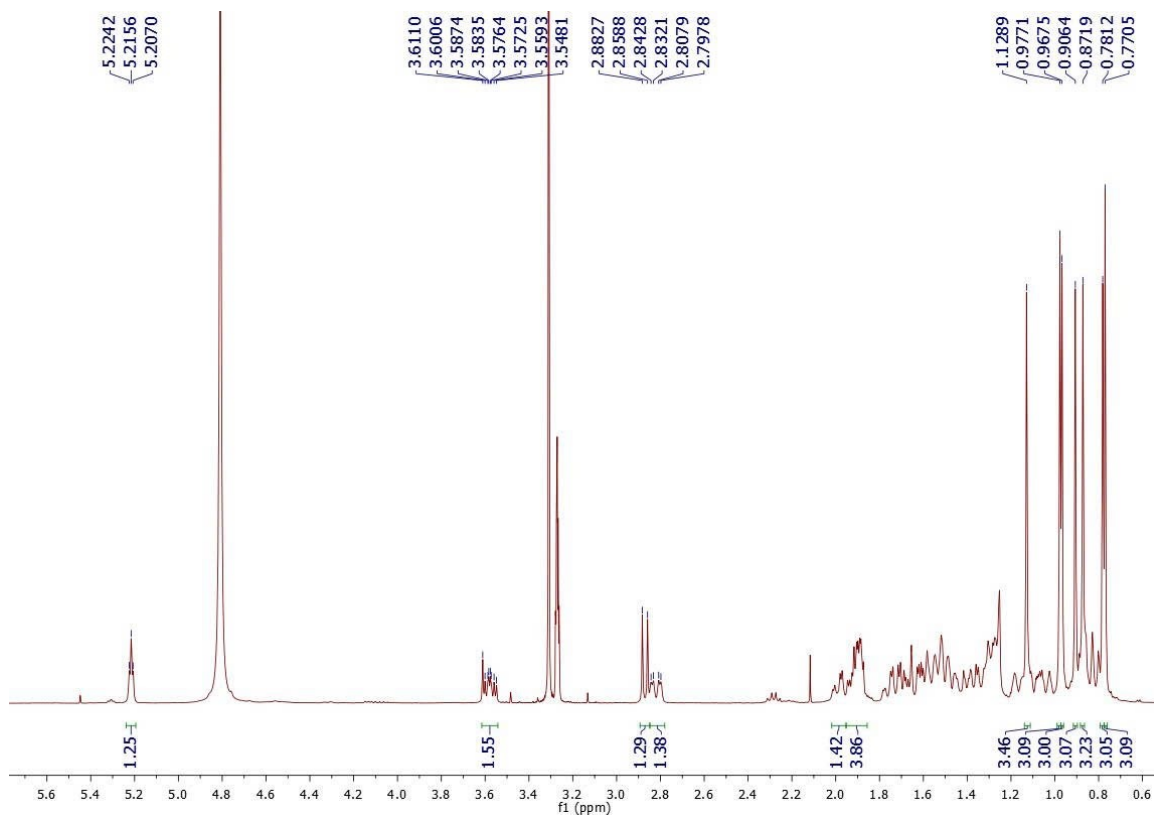


Figure S9: ^1H NMR spectrum of compound **5** (400 MHz, methanol- d_4)

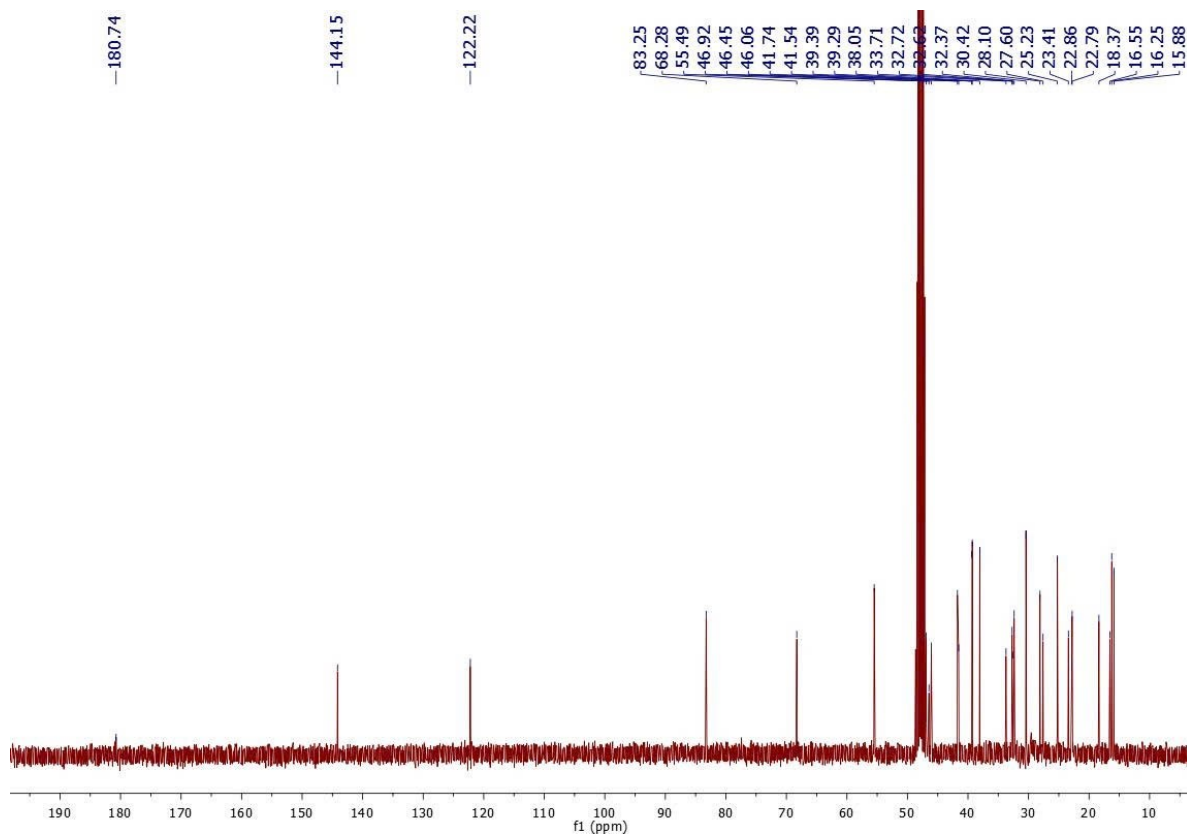


Figure S10. ^{13}C NMR spectrum of compound **5** (400 MHz, methanol- d_4)

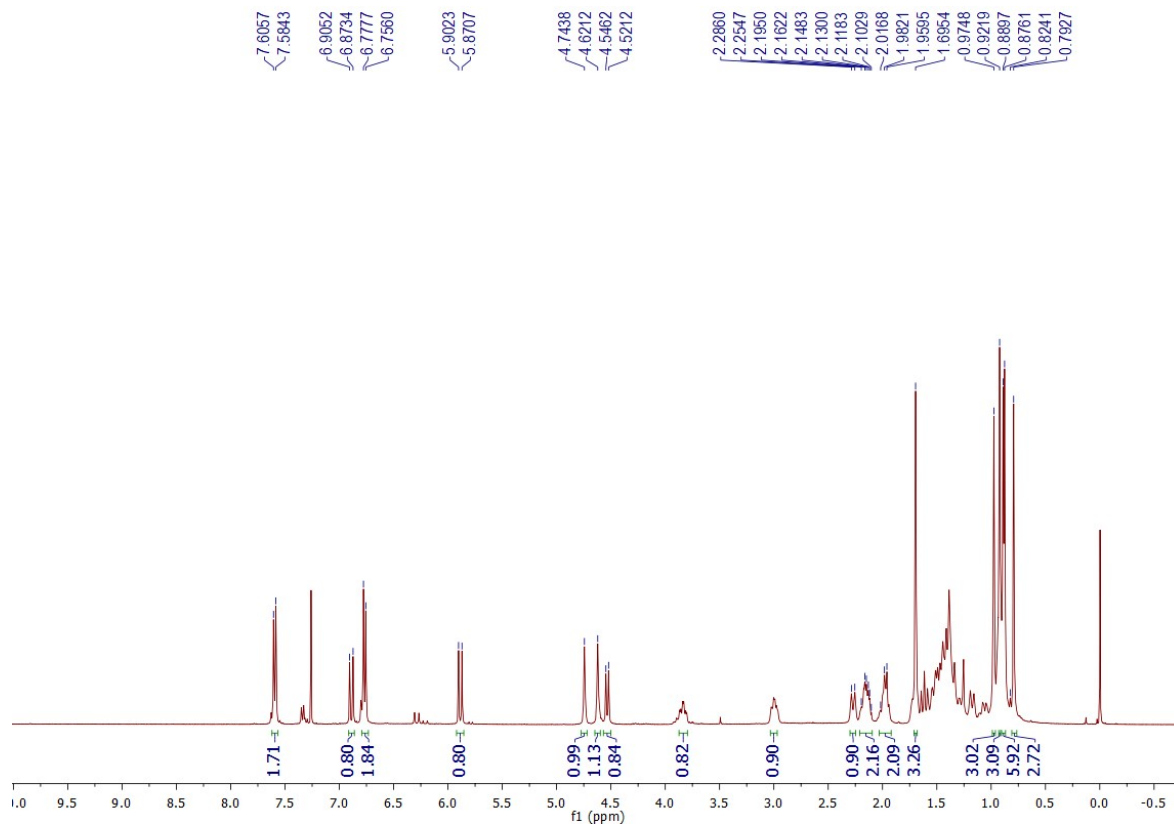


Figure S11: ^1H NMR spectrum of compound **6** (400 MHz, chloroform-*d*)

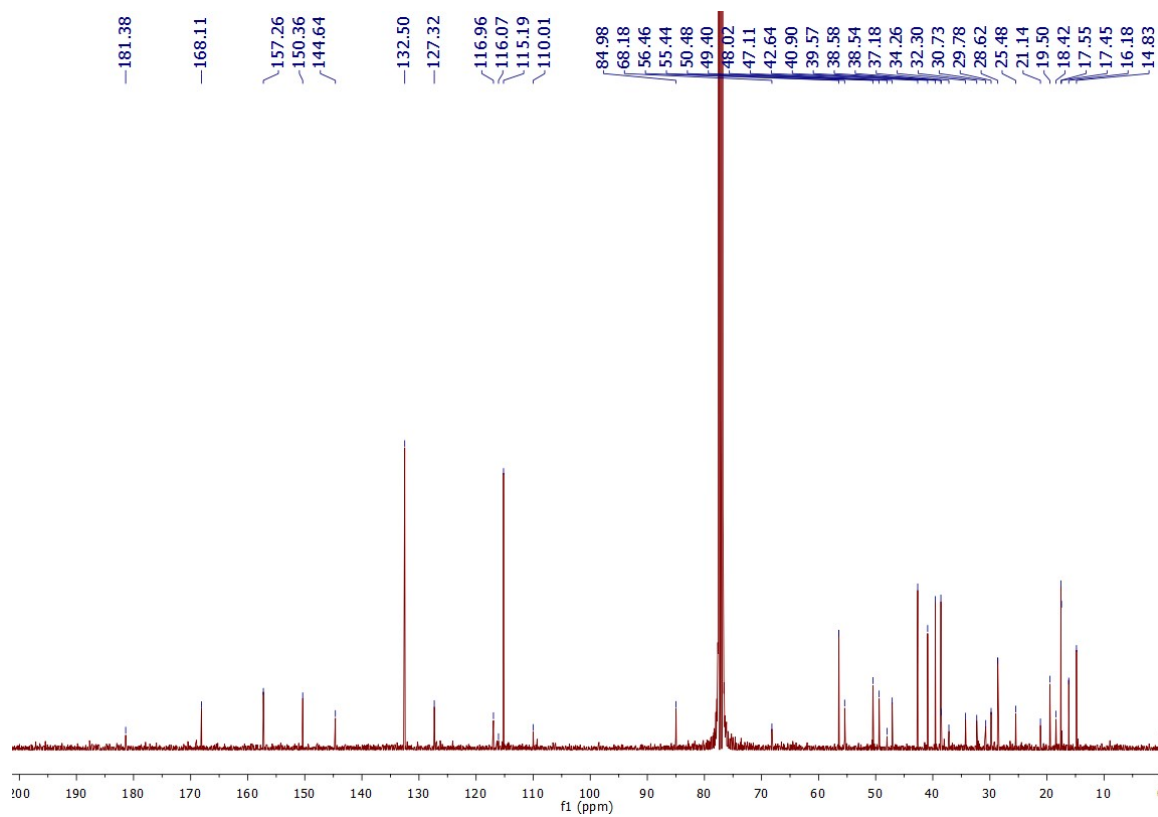


Figure S12. ^{13}C NMR spectrum of compound **6** (100 MHz, chloroform-*d*)

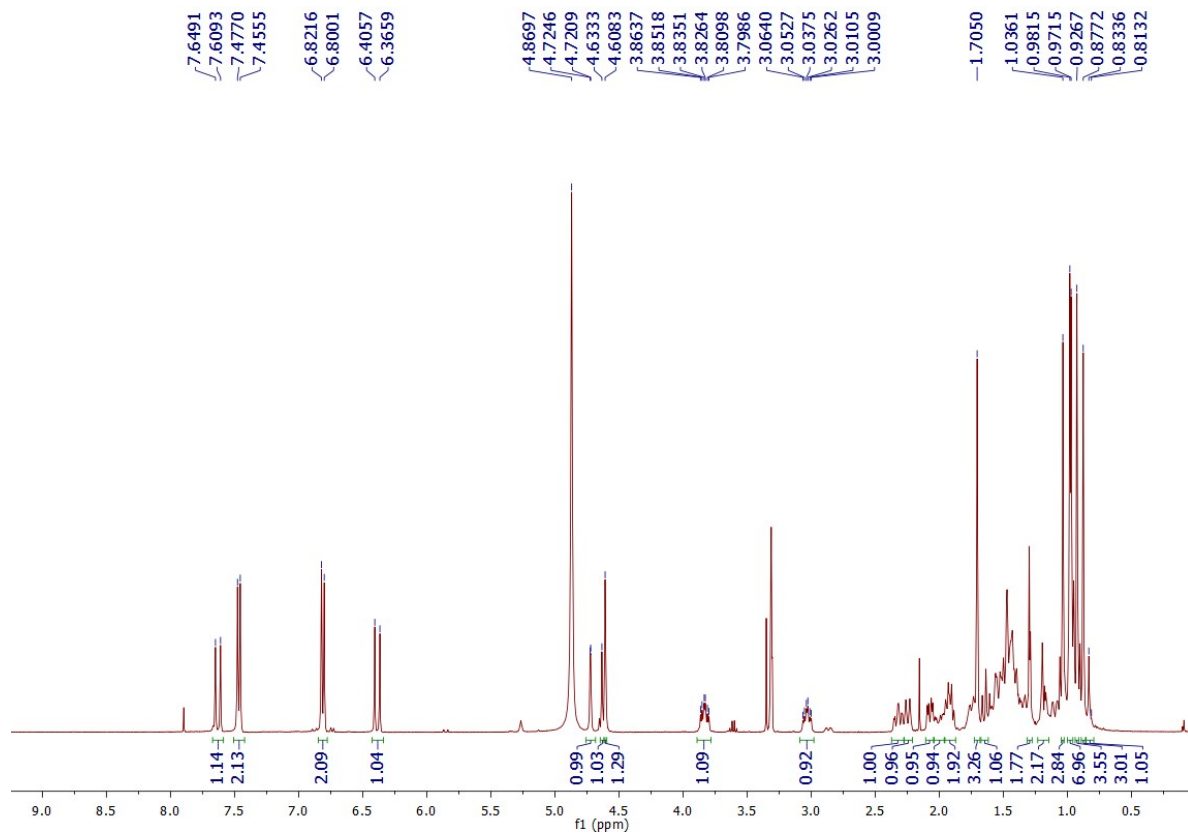


Figure S13: ^1H NMR spectrum of compound **7** (400 MHz, methanol- d_4)

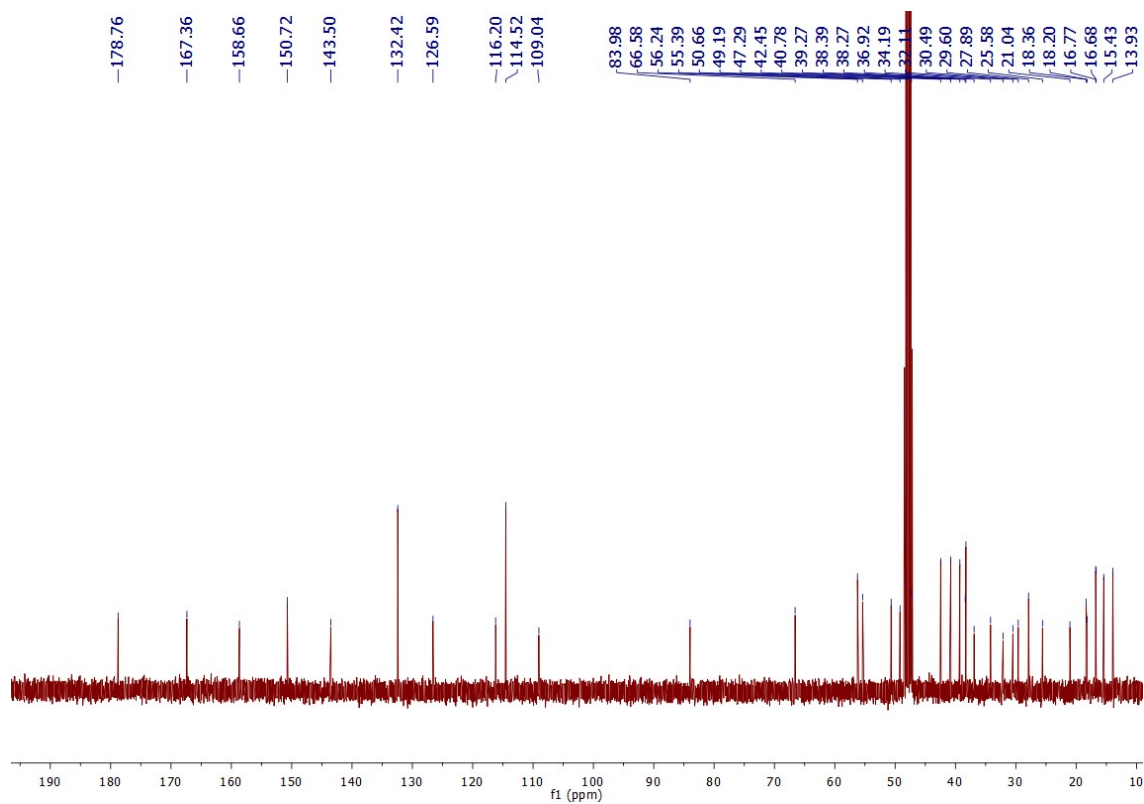


Figure S14. ^{13}C NMR spectrum of compound **7** (100 MHz, methanol- d_4)

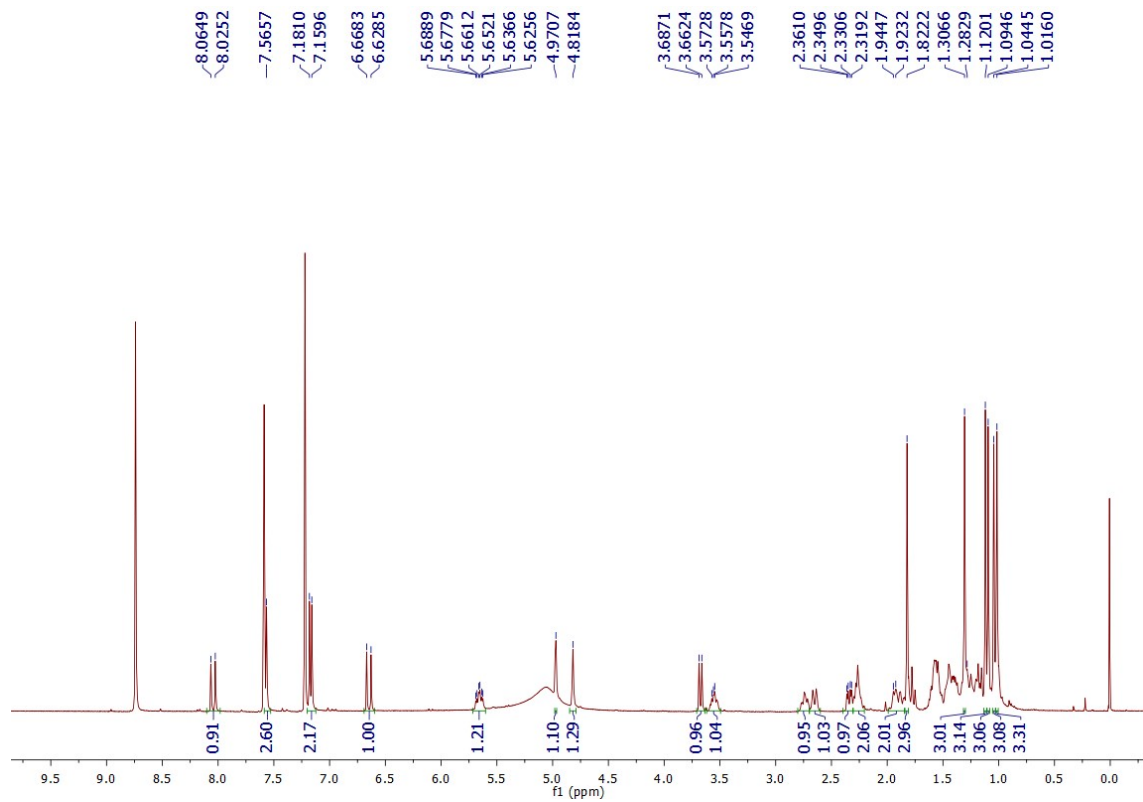


Figure S15: ^1H NMR spectrum of compound **8** (400 MHz, pyridine- d_5)

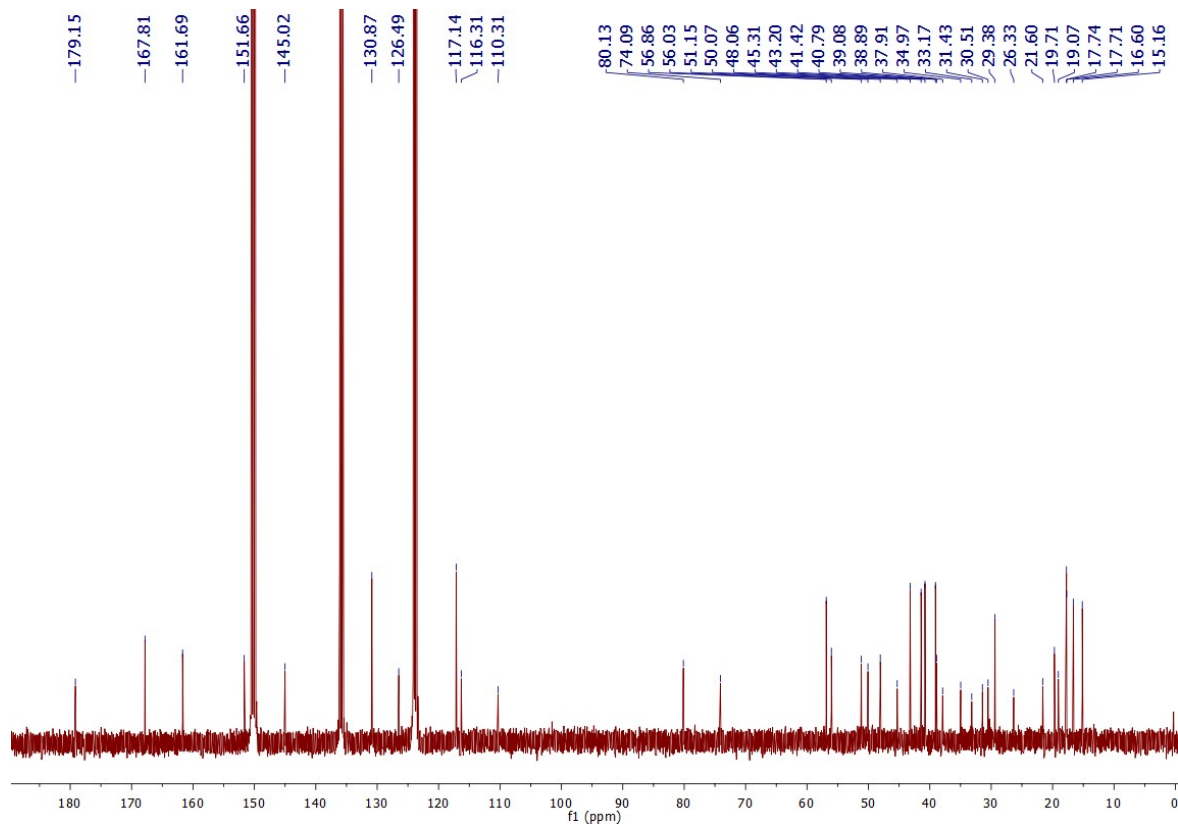


Figure S16. ^{13}C NMR spectrum of compound **8** (100 MHz, pyridine- d_5)

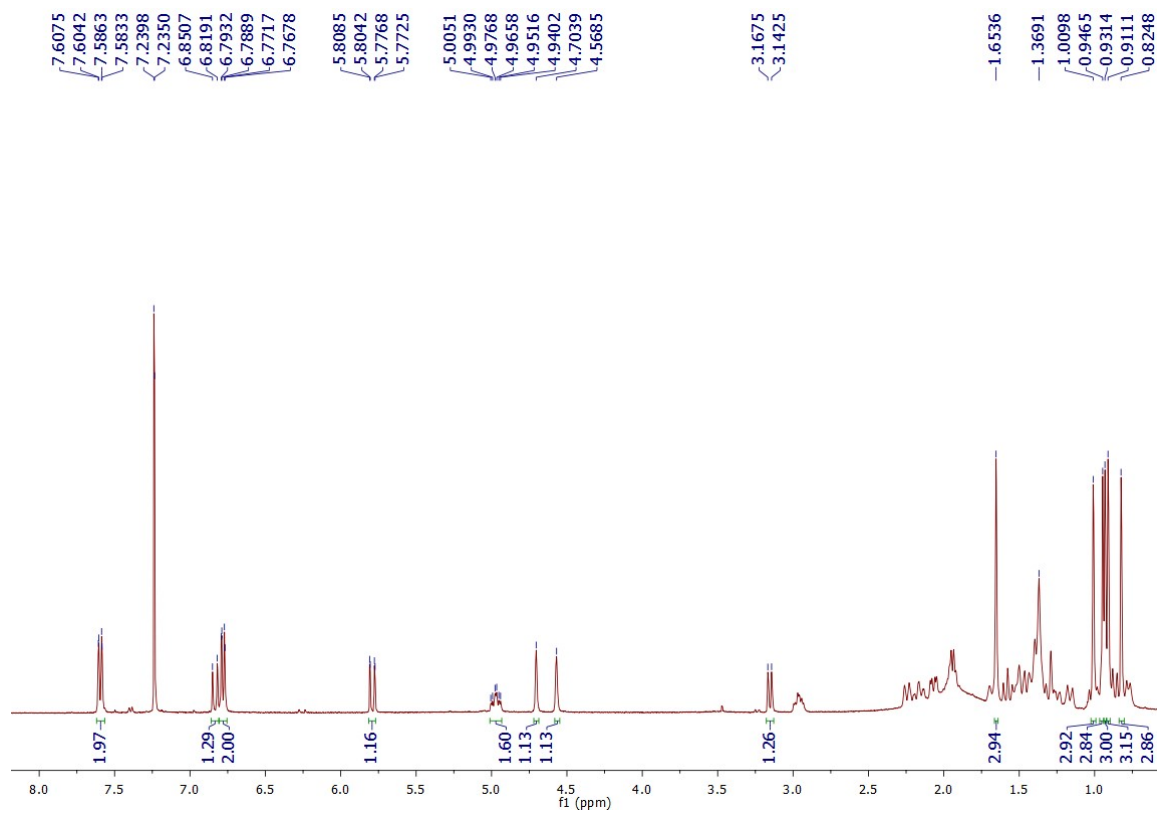


Figure S17: ^1H NMR spectrum of compound **9** (400 MHz, chloroform-*d*)

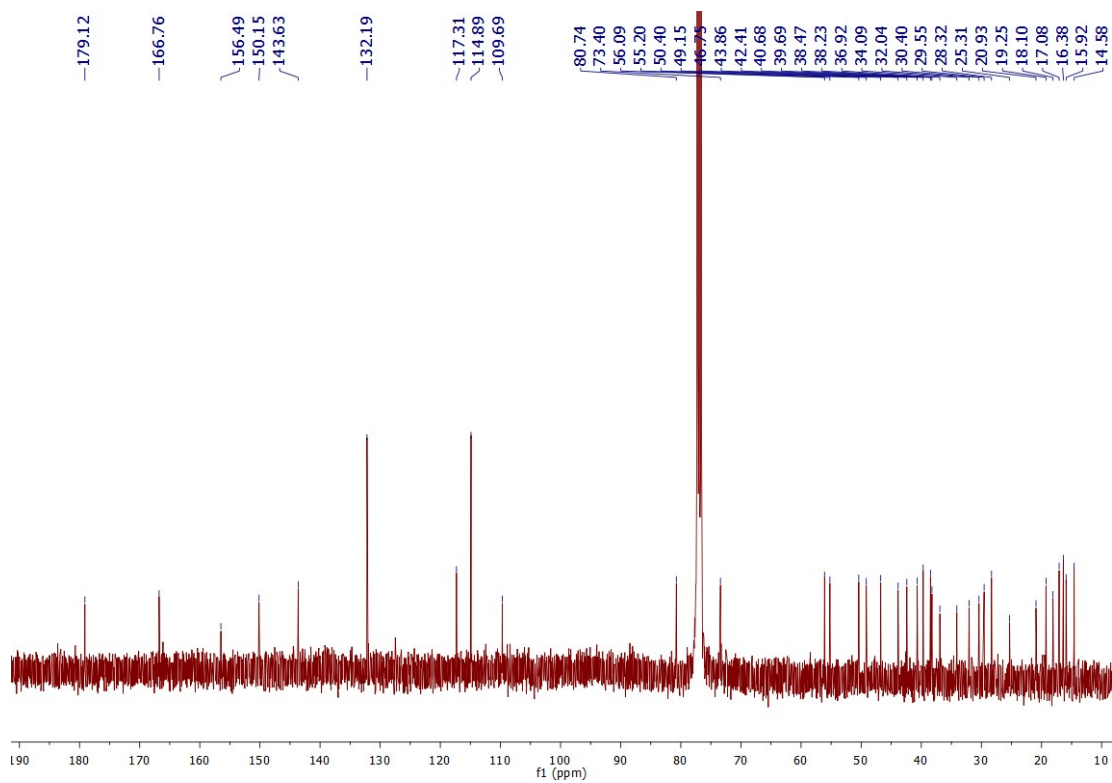


Figure S18: ^{13}C NMR spectrum of compound **9** (100 MHz, chloroform-*d*)

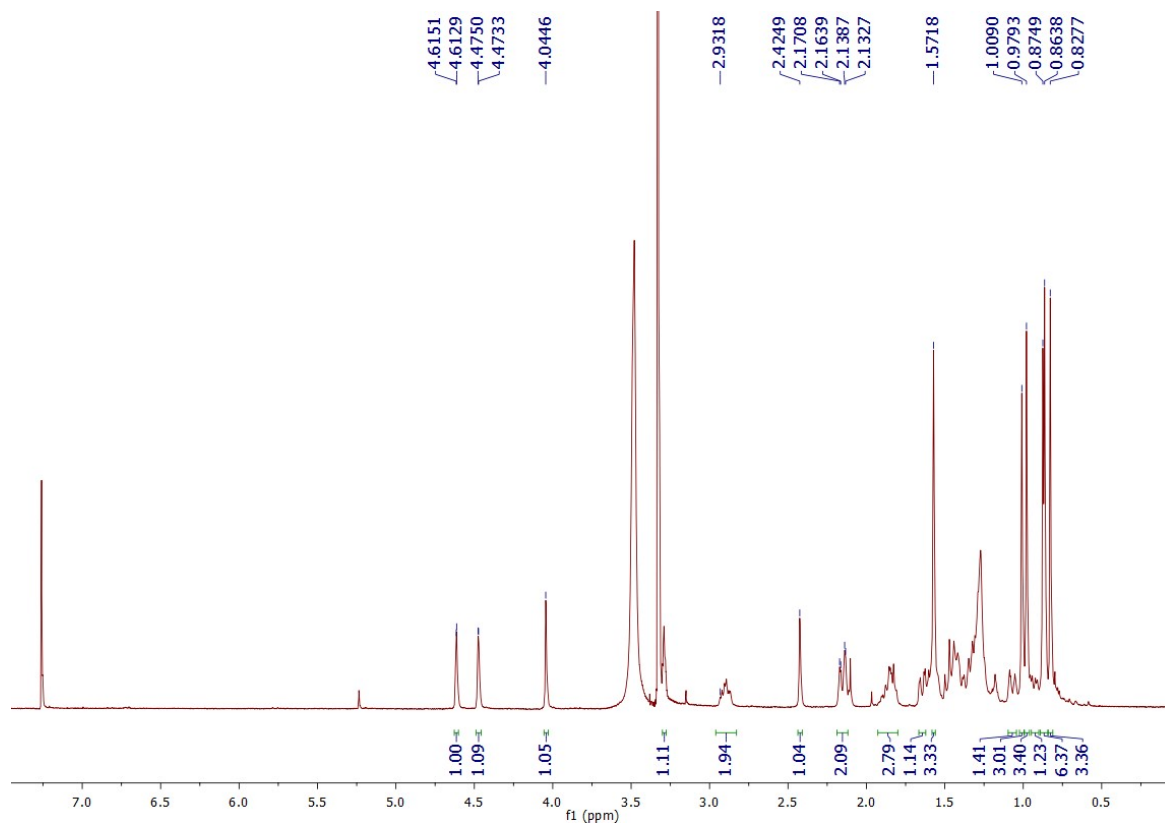


Figure S19: ^1H NMR spectrum of compound **10** (400 MHz, chloroform- d_3 + methanol- d_4 10:1)

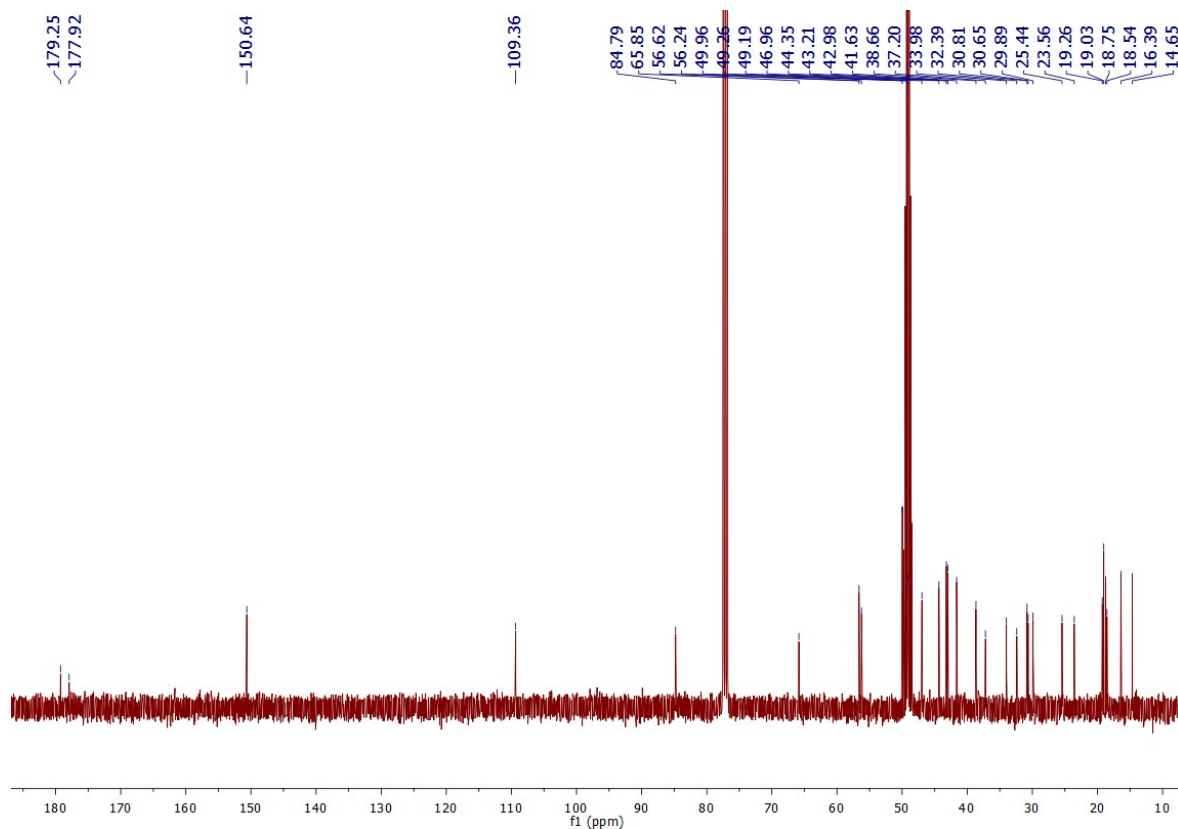


Figure S20. ^{13}C NMR spectrum of compound **10** (400 MHz, chloroform- d_3 + methanol- d_4 10:1)

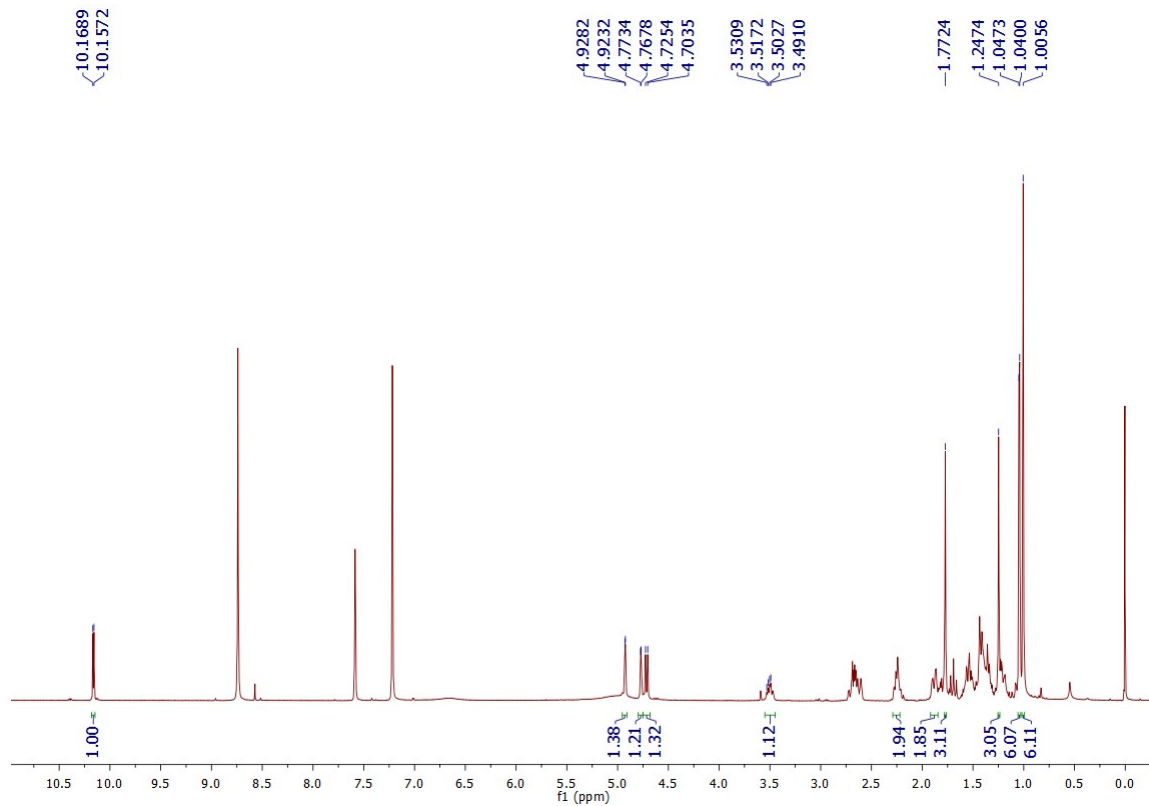


Figure S21: ^1H NMR spectrum of compound **11** (400 MHz, pyridine- d_5)

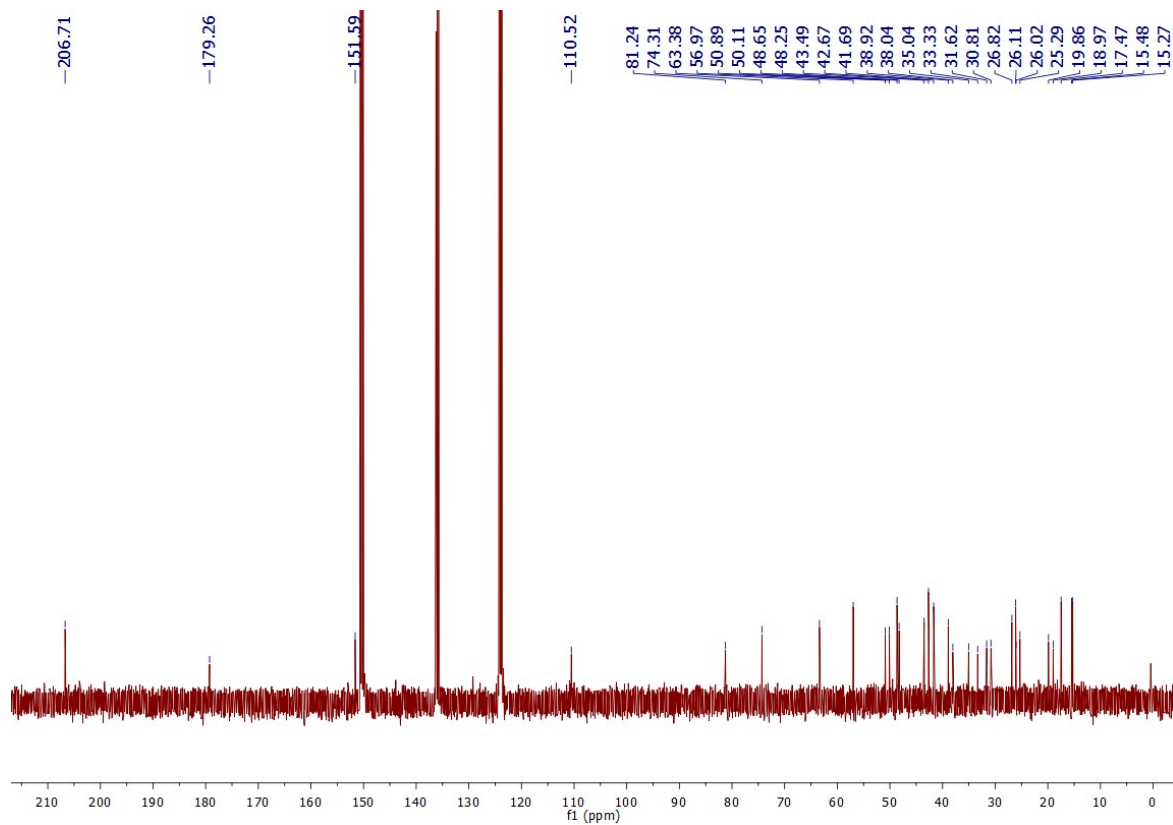


Figure S22. ^{13}C NMR spectrum of compound **11** (100 MHz, pyridine- d_5)

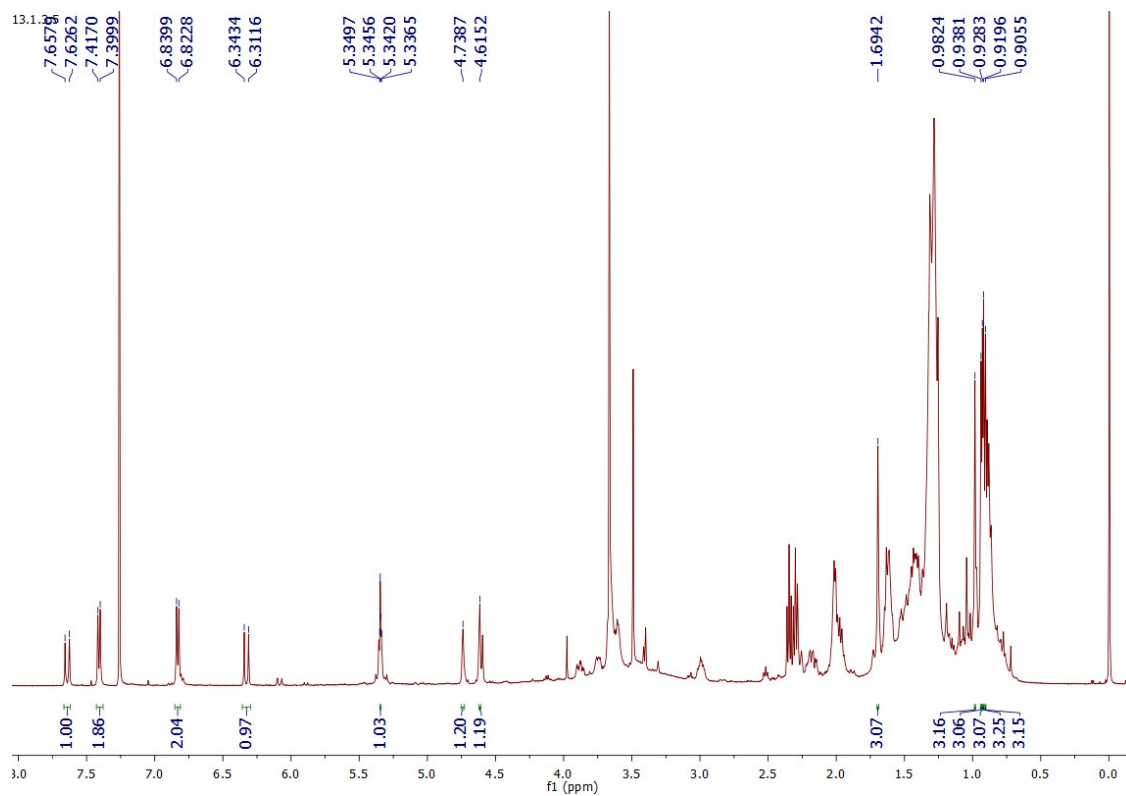


Figure S23: ^1H NMR spectrum of compound **12** (500 MHz, chloroform-*d*)

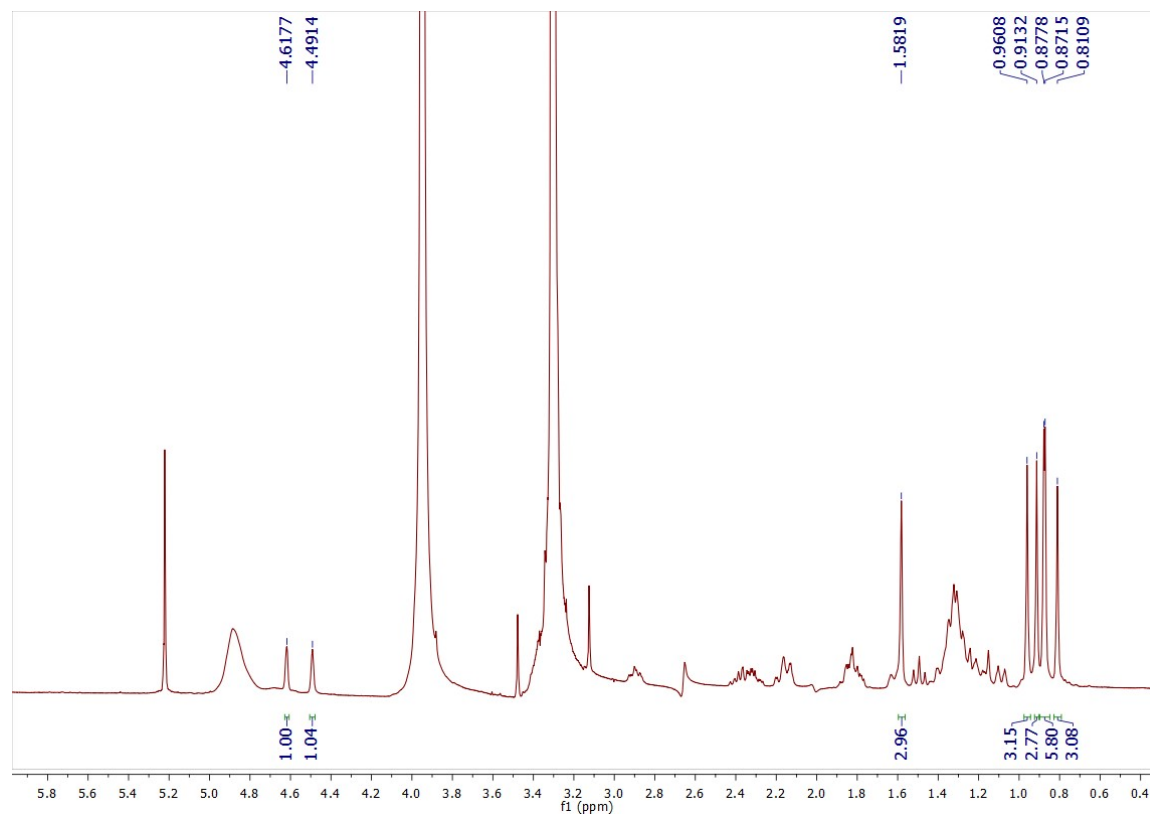


Figure S24: ^1H NMR spectrum of compound **13** (400 MHz, chloroform-*d*)

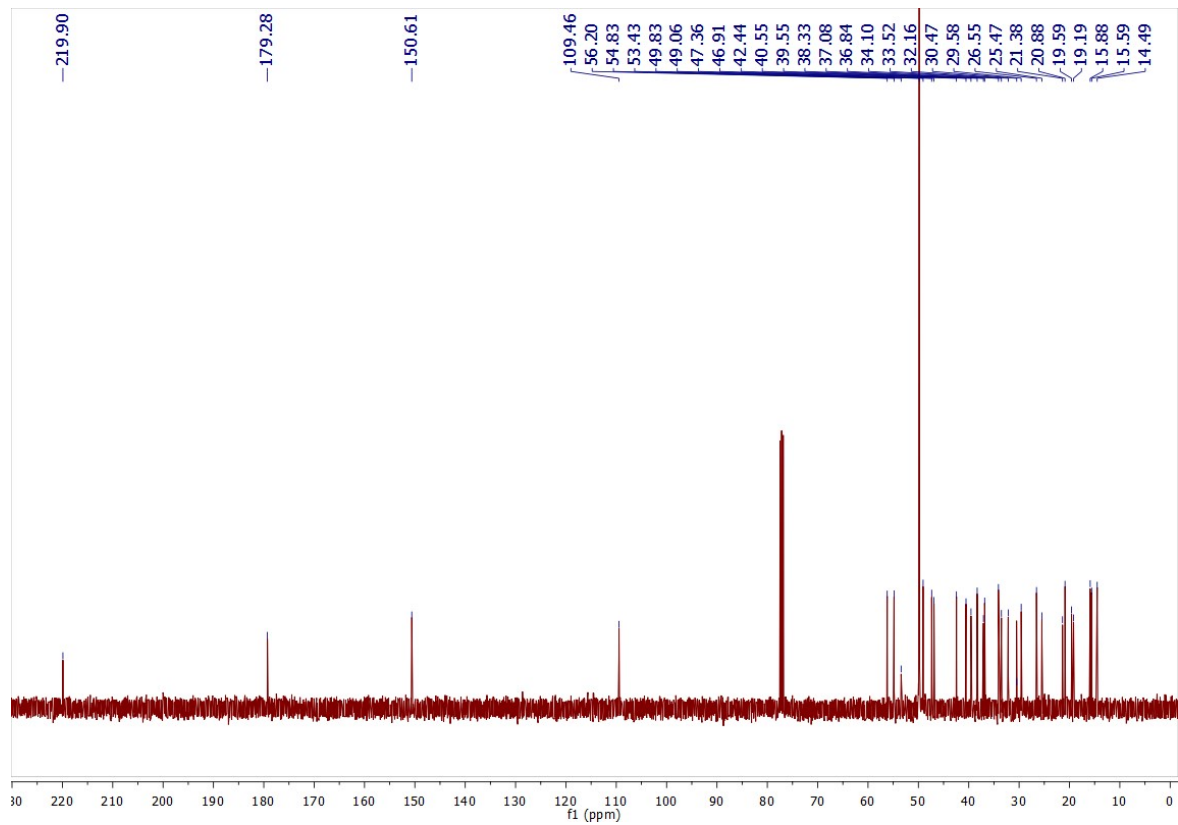


Figure S25. ^{13}C NMR spectrum of compound **13** (100 MHz, chloroform- d)

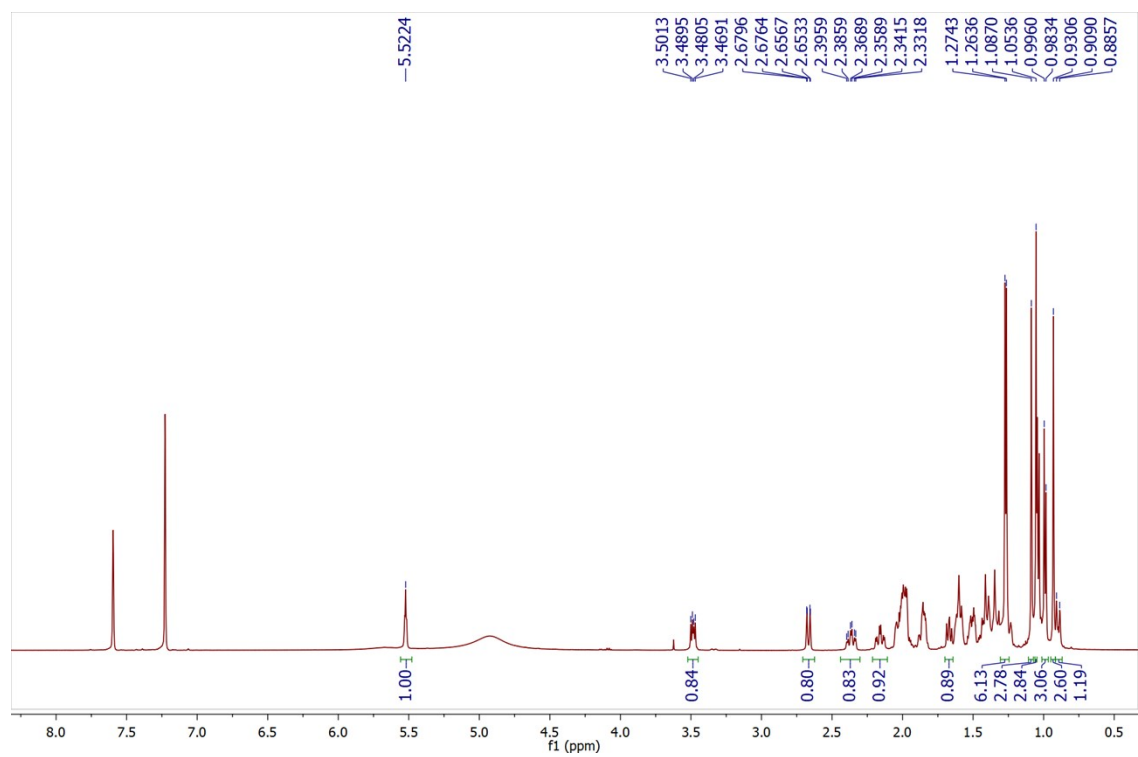


Figure S26: ^1H NMR spectrum of compound **14** (500 MHz, pyridine- d_5)

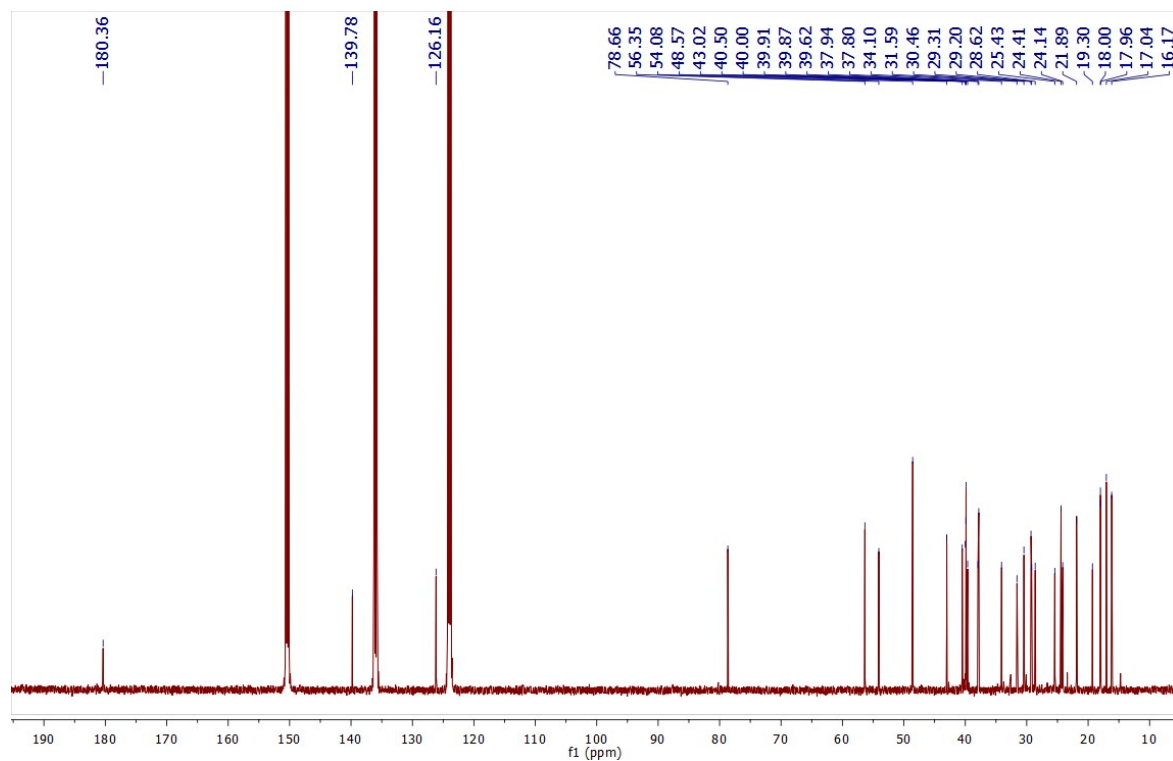


Figure S27. ^{13}C NMR spectrum of compound **14** (500 MHz, pyridine- d_5)

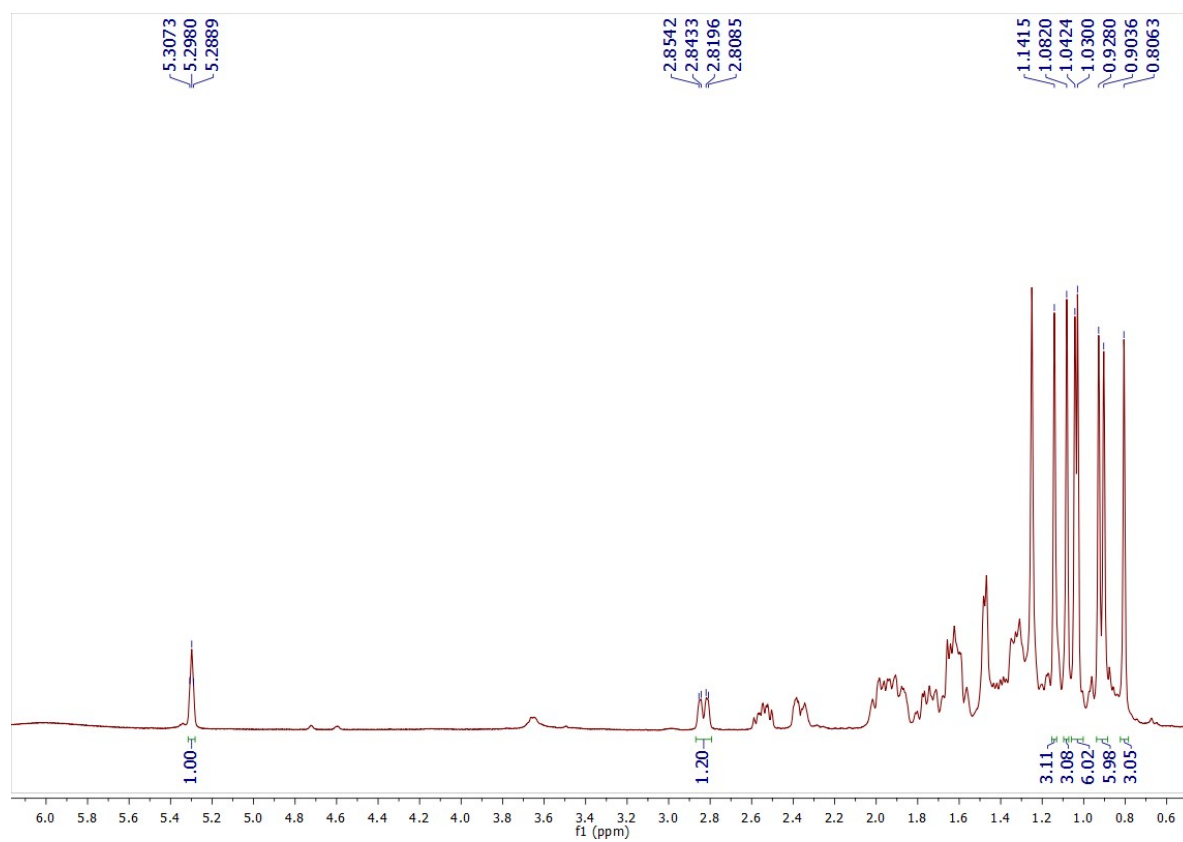


Figure S28: ^1H NMR spectrum of compound **15** (400 MHz, chloroform- d)

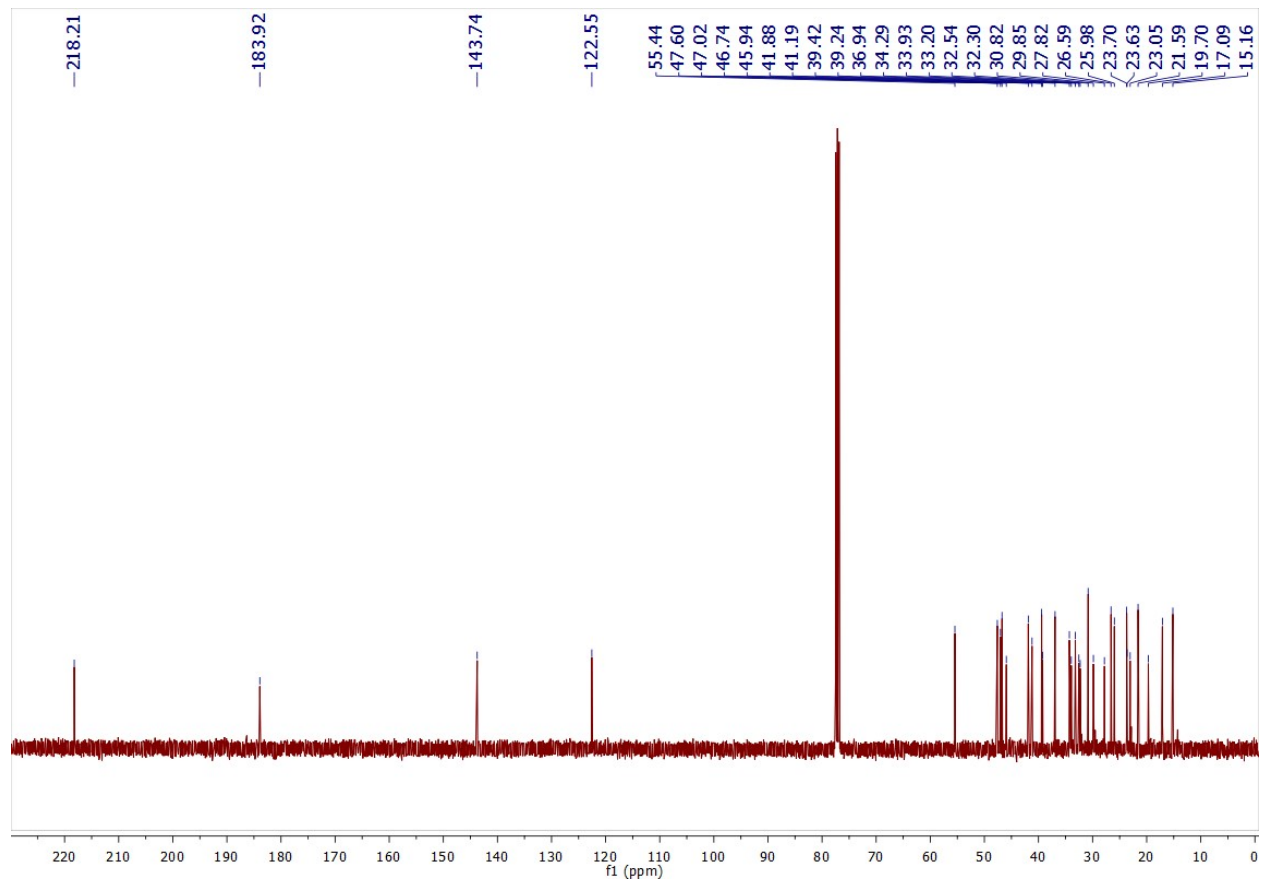


Figure S29. ^{13}C NMR spectrum of compound **15** (100 MHz, chloroform-*d*)