

## Supplementary information

Coordination features of bis(*N*-Heterocyclic carbenes) and bis(oxazolines) with 1,3-alkylidene-2,4,6-trimethylbenzene spacers. Synthesis of the ligands and Silver and Palladium complexes.

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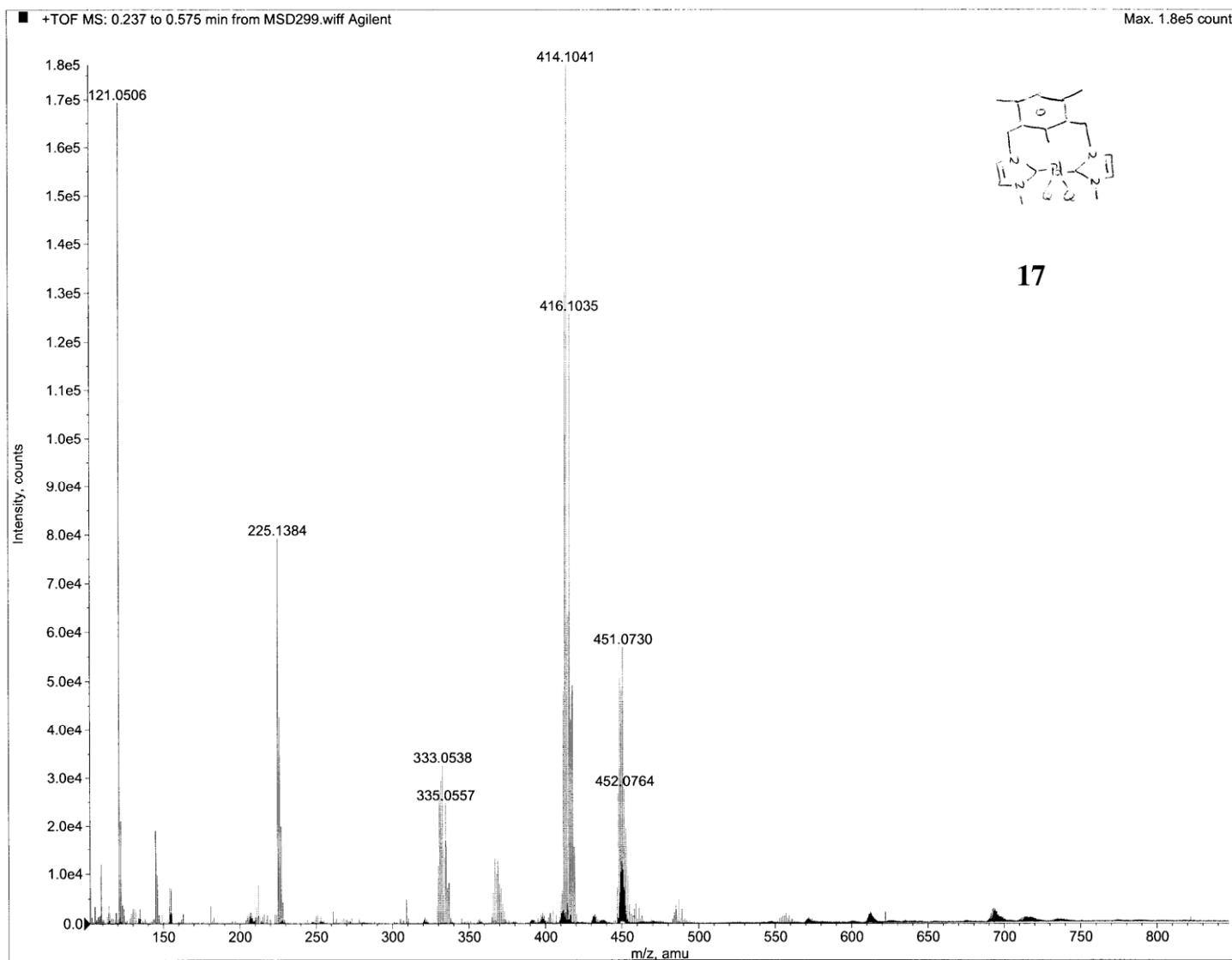


Fig S1. Mass spectrum of **17**

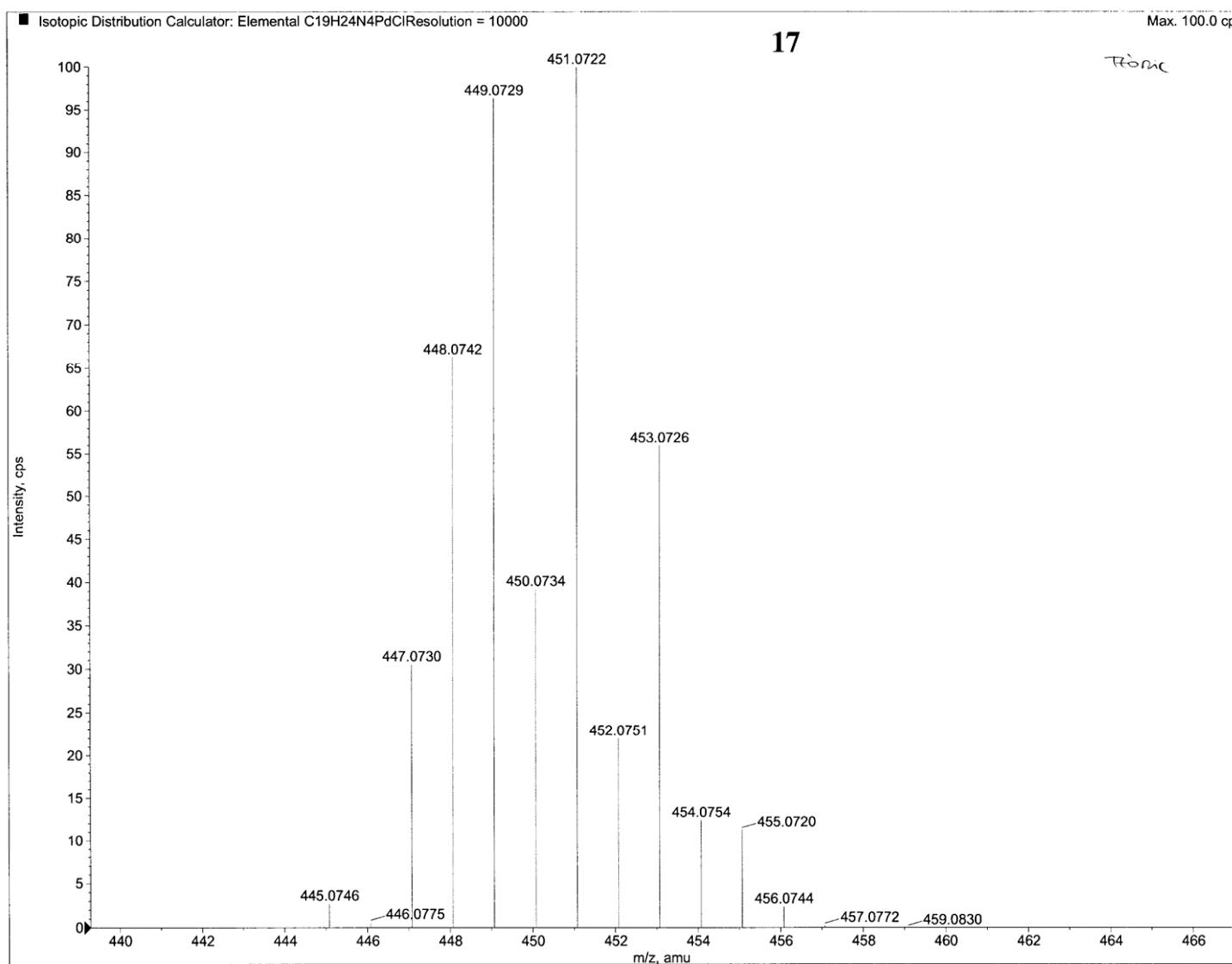


Fig S2. Mass spectrum of **17**, pattern of [PdClBiscarbene]<sup>+</sup>

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C13 / s2pul / Mercury-400\_qui  
cdc13/Temp: 25C /N reg: M40007-100107180321  
Usuari: qj2 / Mostra: cim196  
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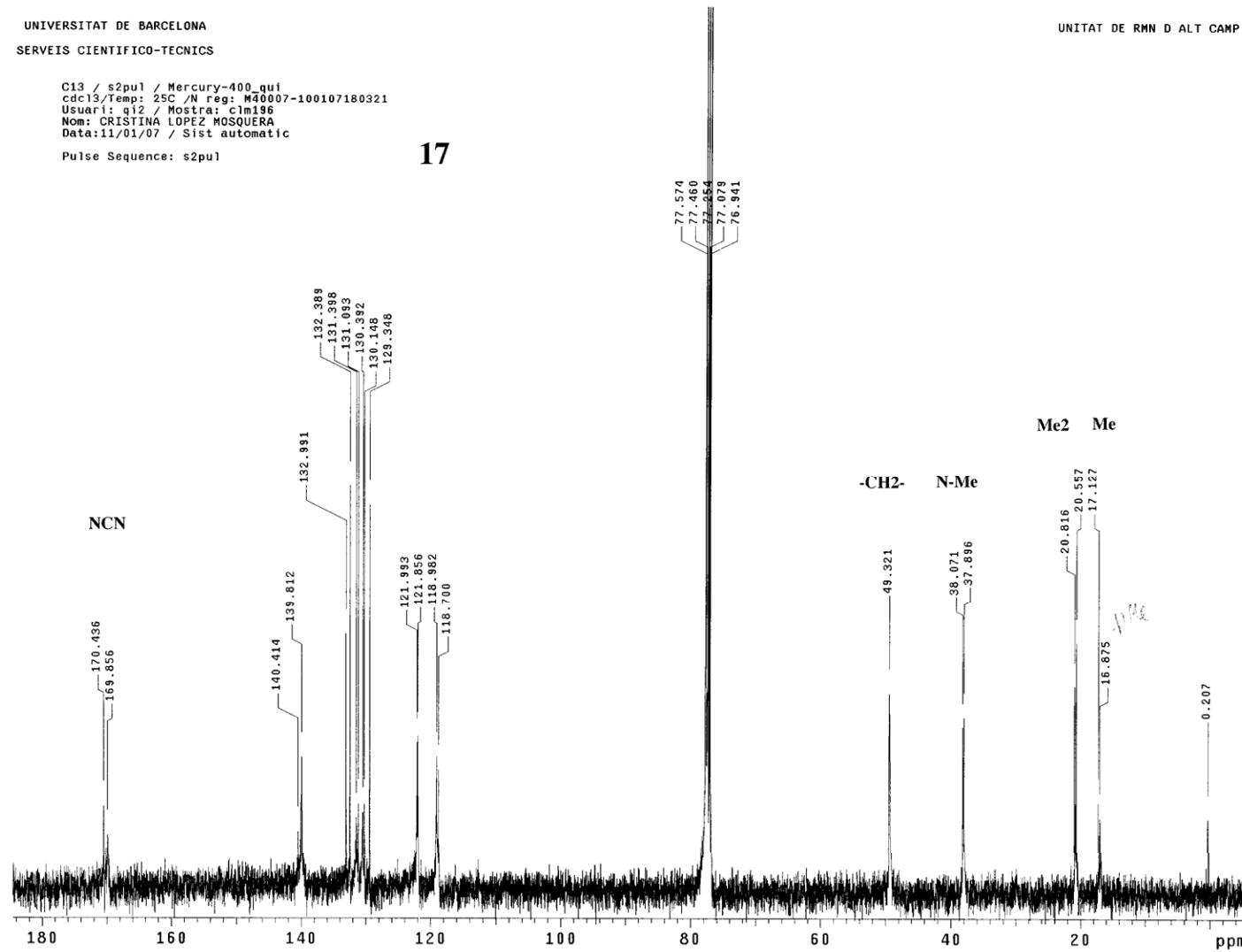


Fig S3.  $^{13}\text{C}\{\text{H}\}$  spectrum of **17** in  $\text{CDCl}_3$

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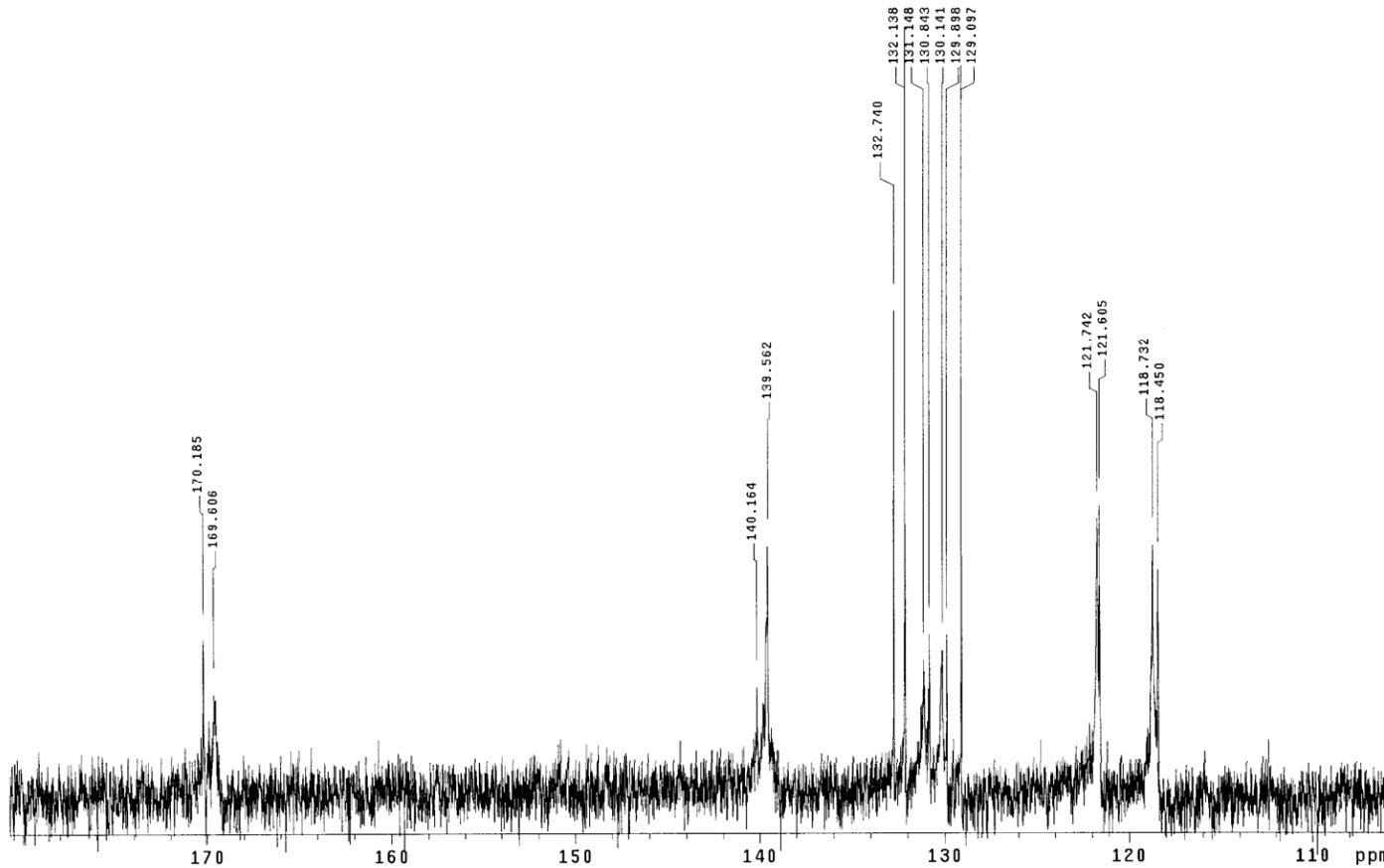


Fig S4. Expansion of  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  spectrum of **17** in  $\text{CDCl}_3$

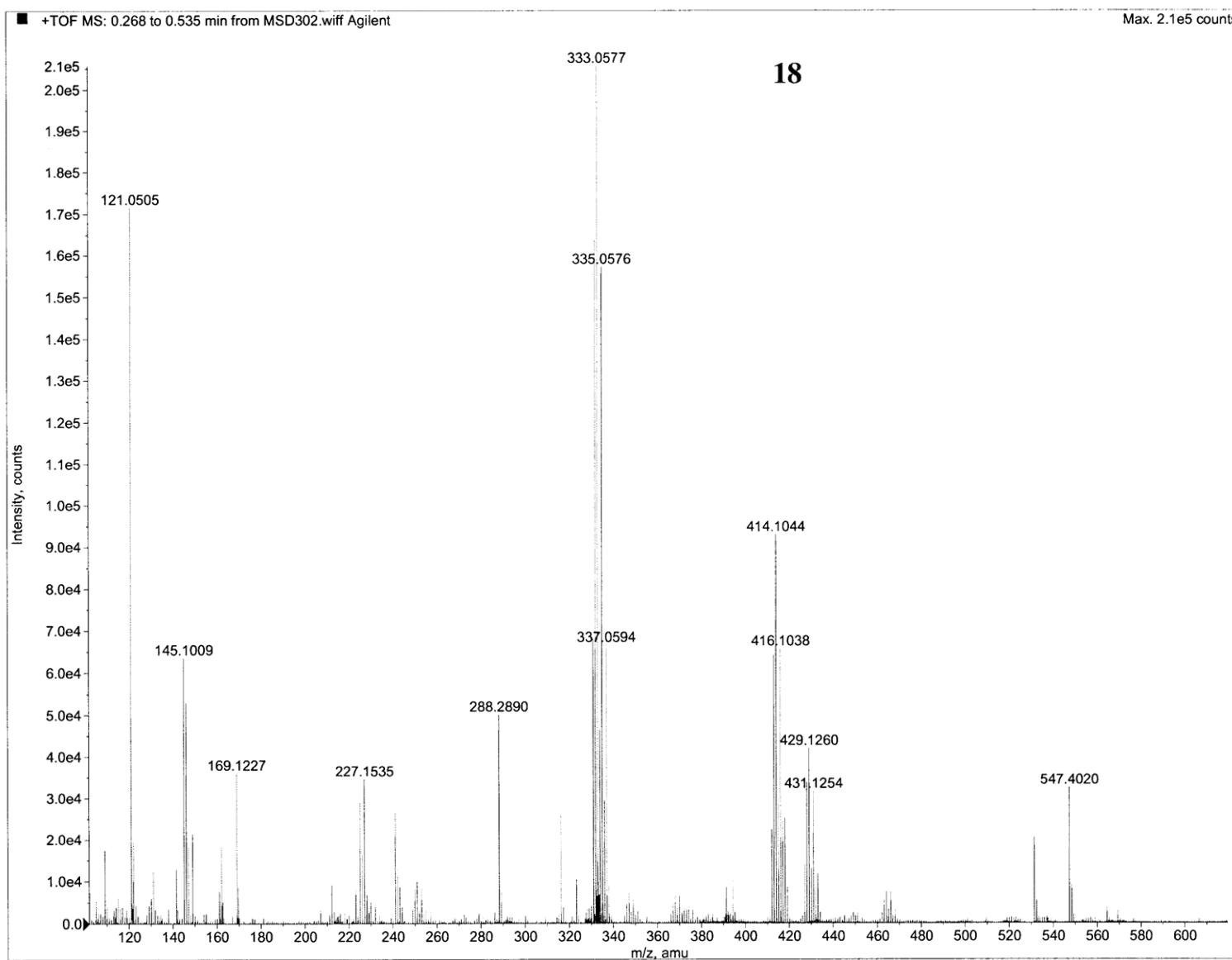


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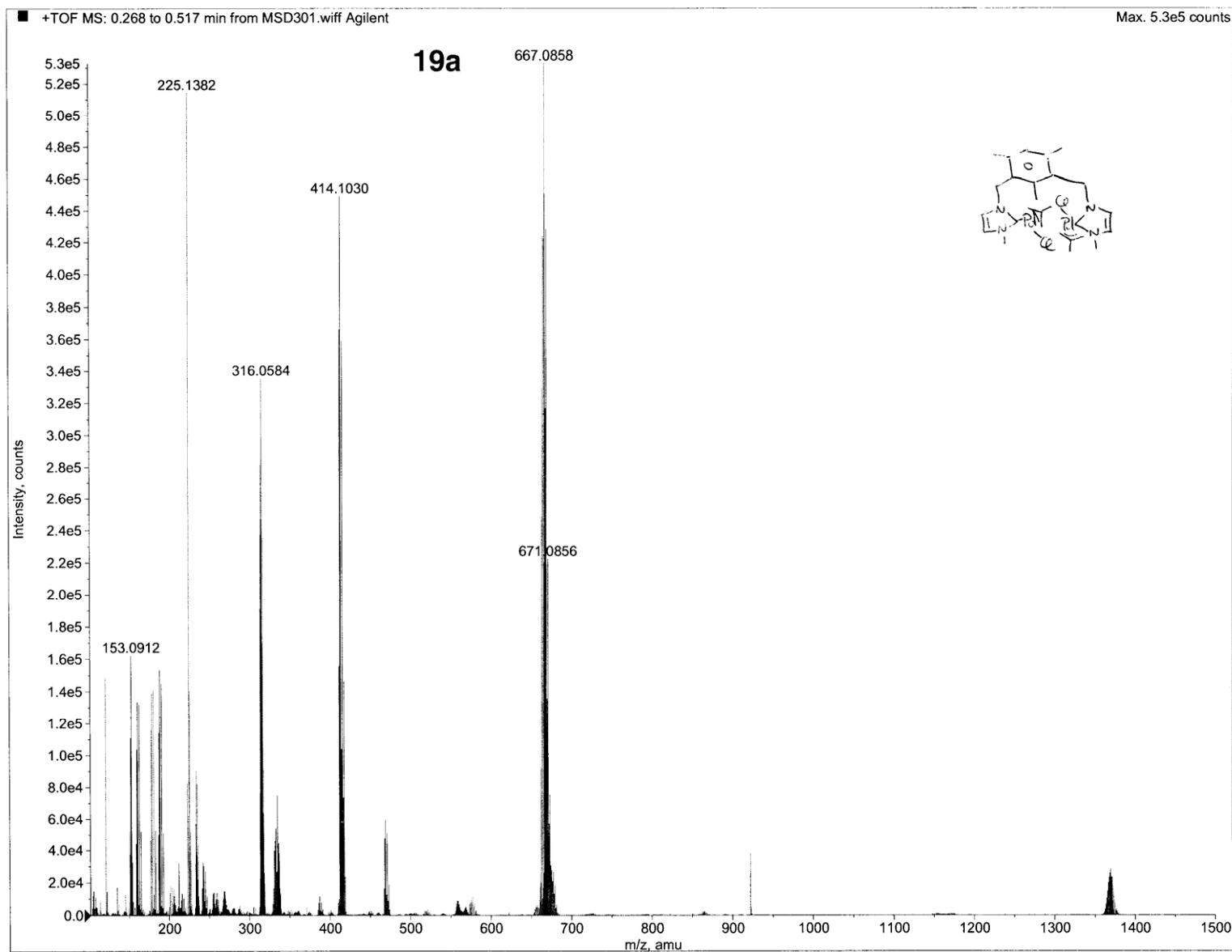


Fig S6. Mass spectrum of 19a

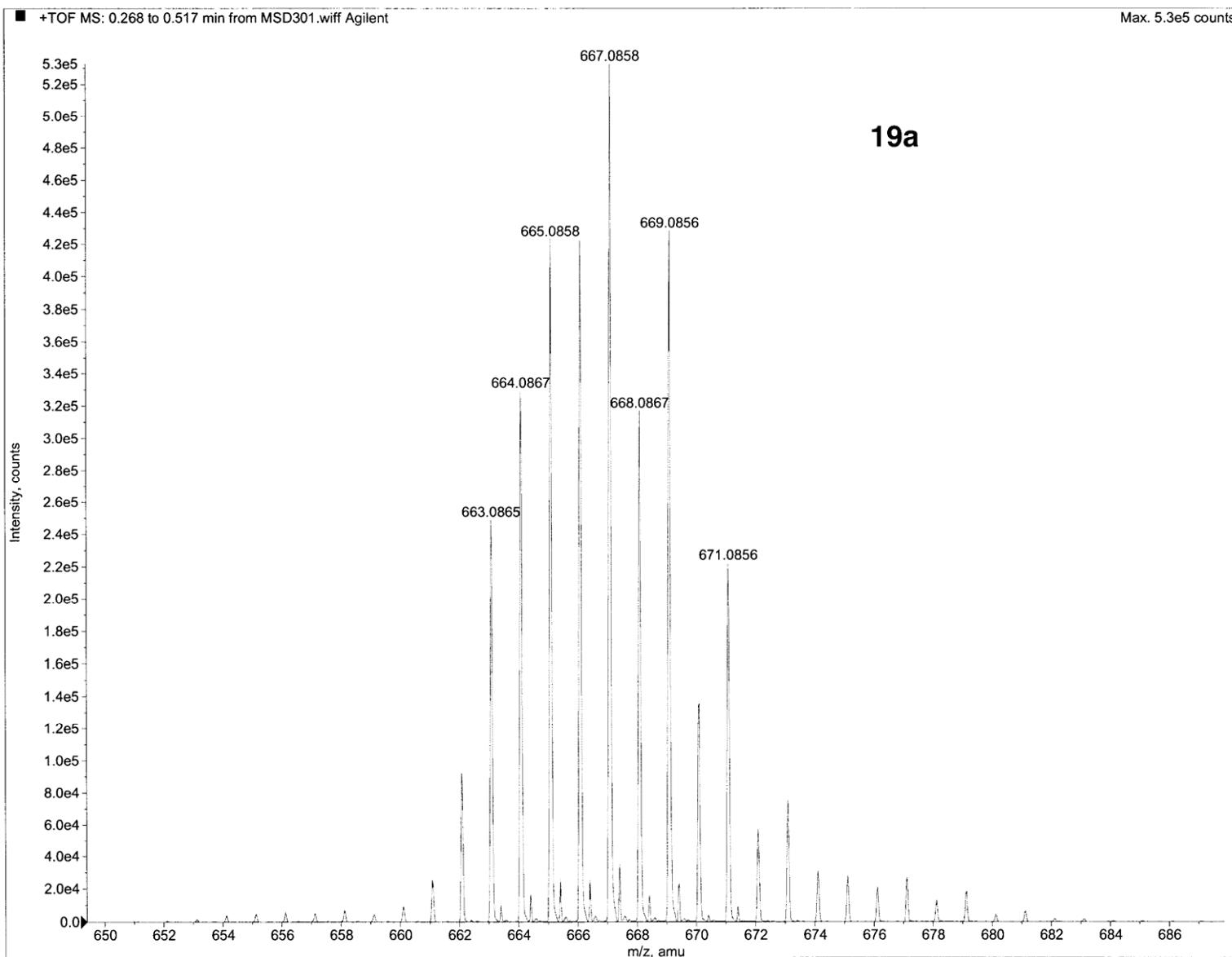


Fig S7. Mass spectrum of **19a**. Detail of  $[M-\text{Cl}]^+$

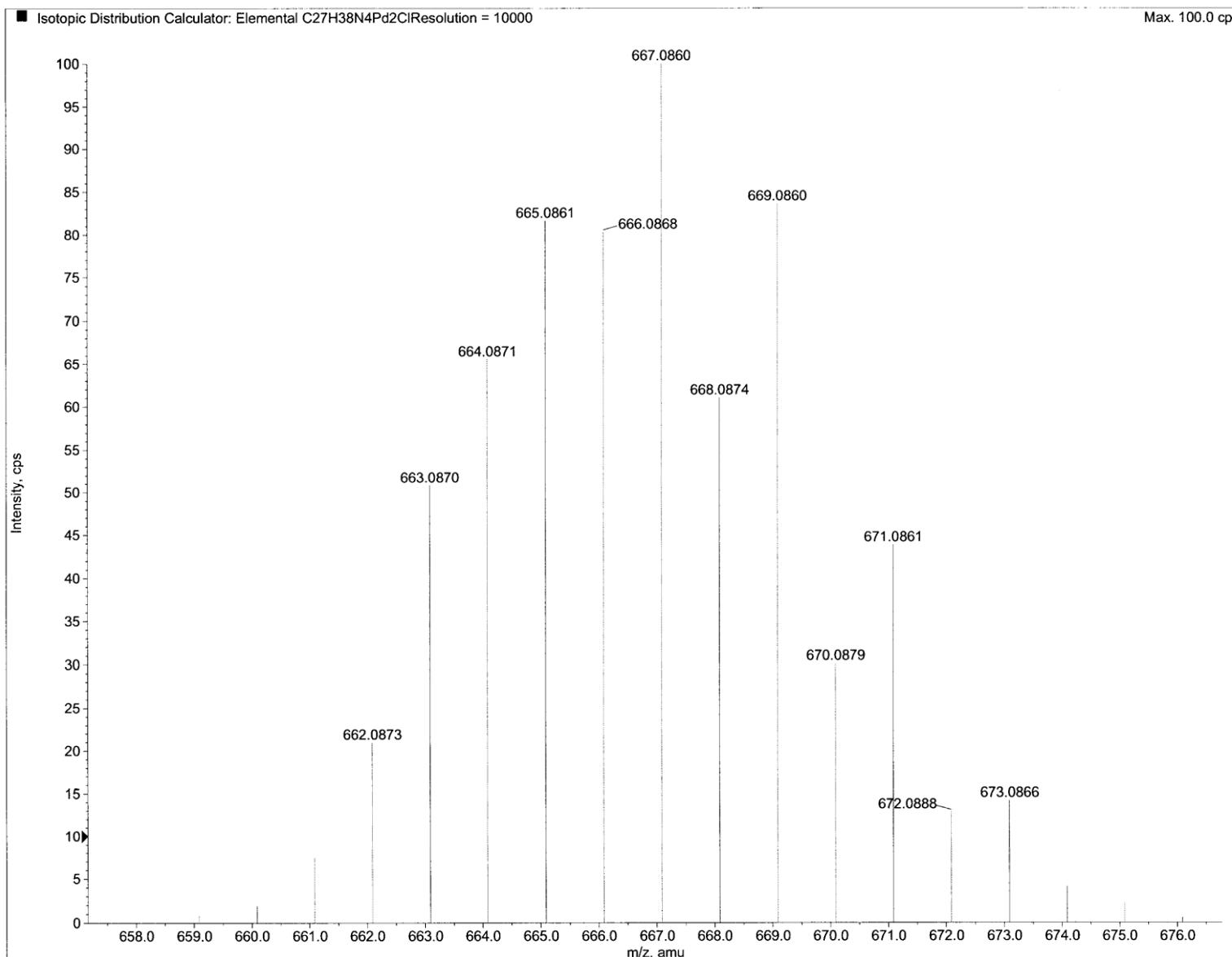


Fig S8. Mass spectrum of **19a**. Calculated [M-Cl]<sup>+</sup>

C<sub>27</sub>H<sub>38</sub>N<sub>4</sub>Pd<sub>2</sub>Cl

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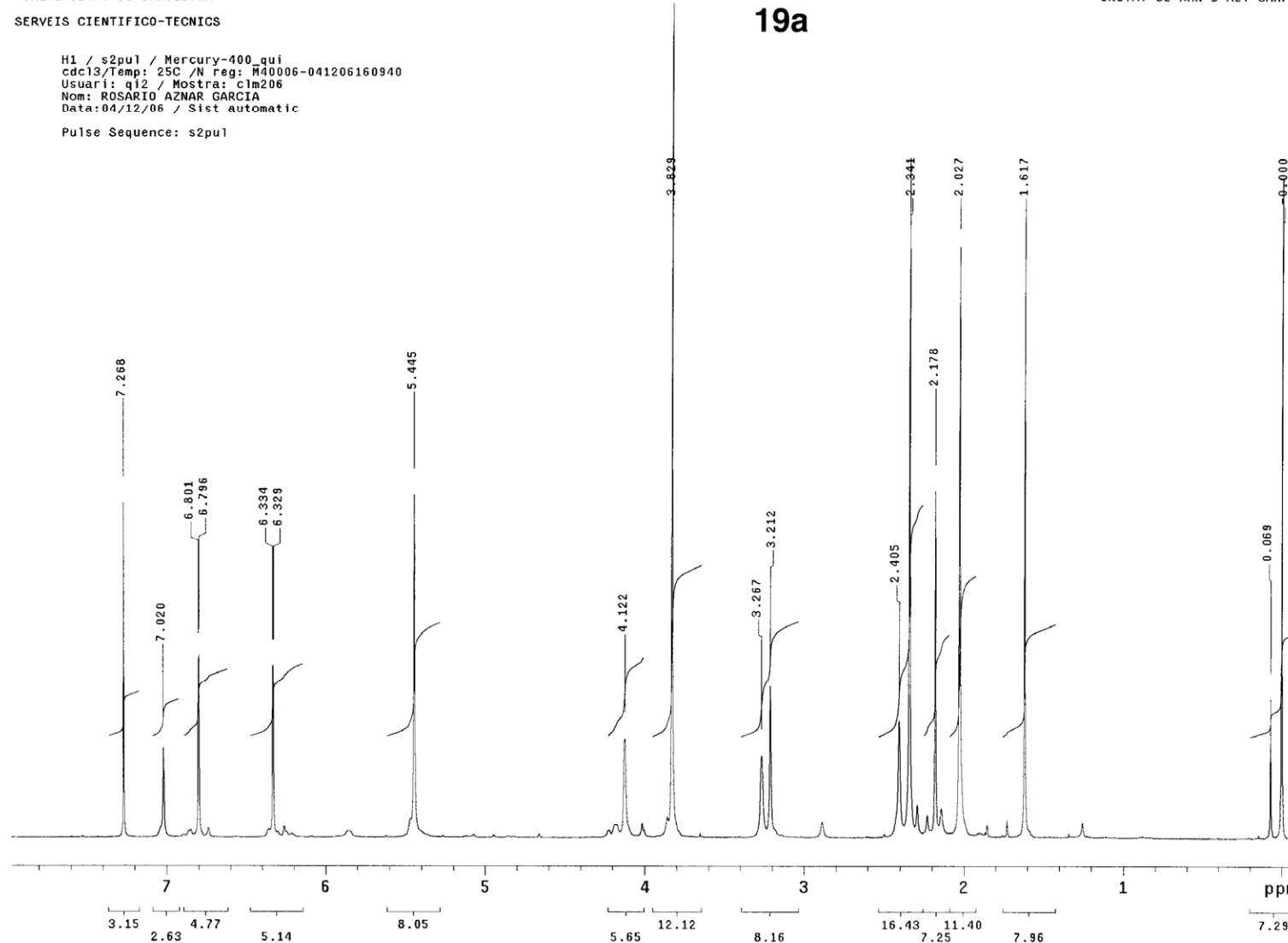


Fig S9. Proton NMR spectrum of **19a** in  $\text{CDCl}_3$  (400 MHz)

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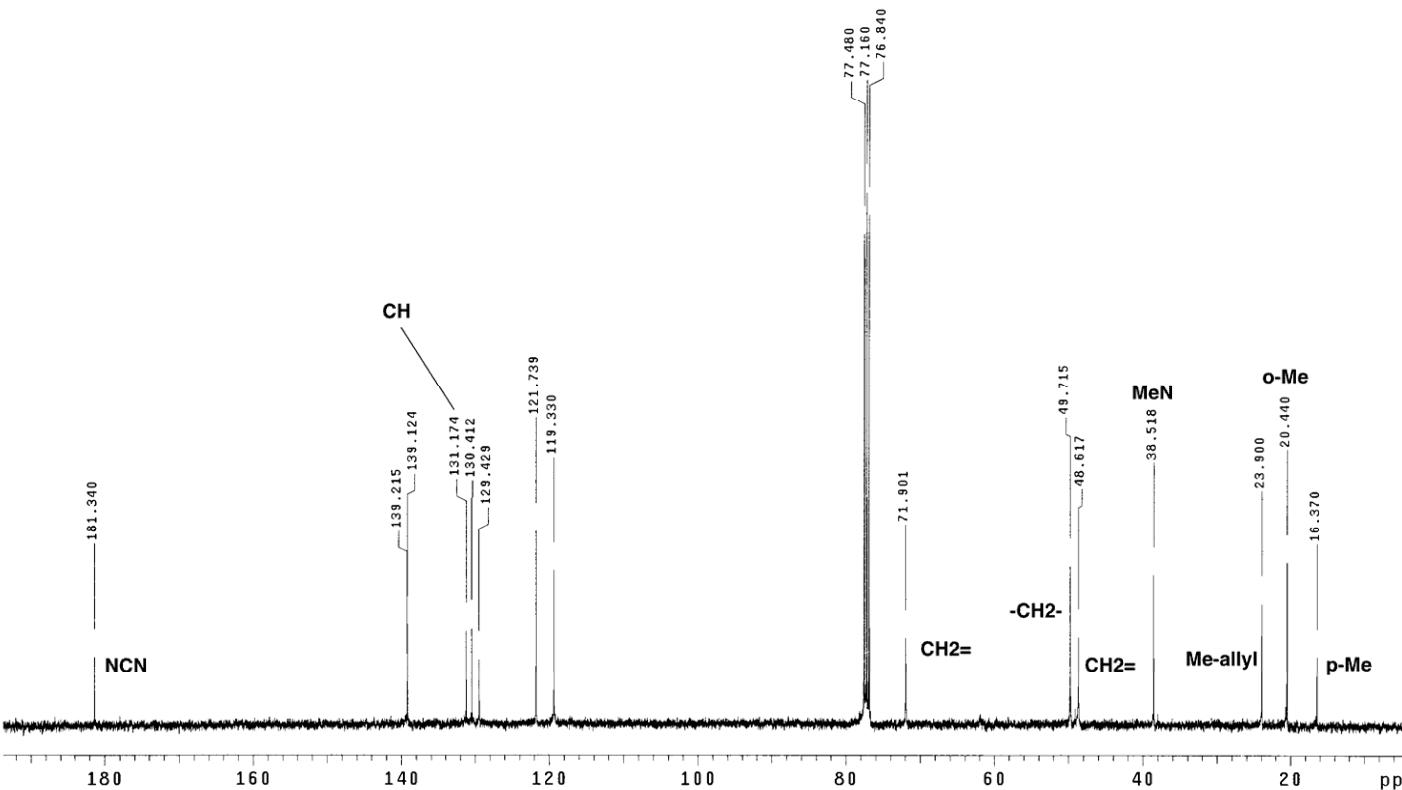


Fig S10.  $^{13}\text{C}\{\text{H}\}$  spectrum of **19a** in  $\text{CDCl}_3$

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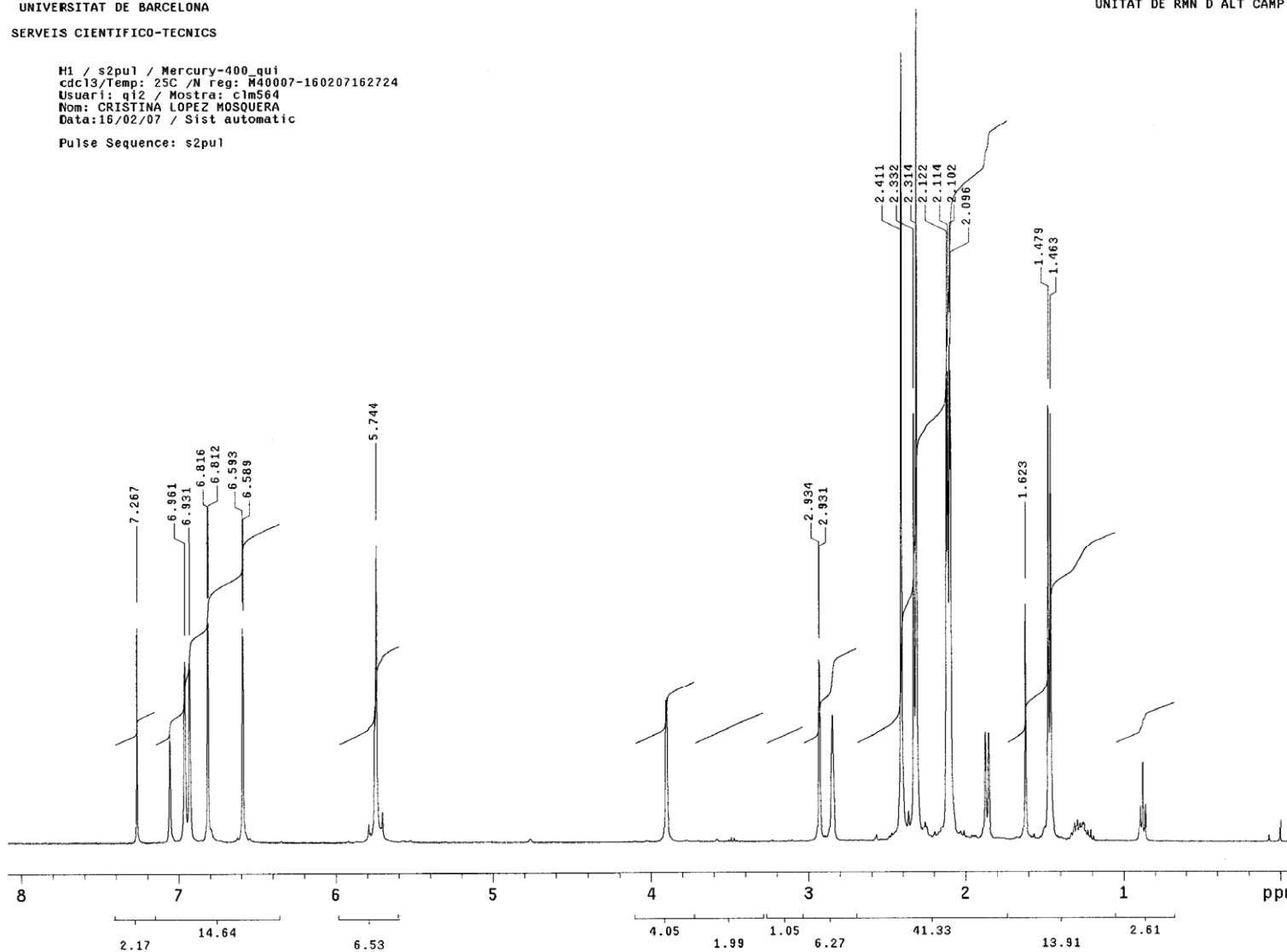


Fig S11. Proton NMR spectrum of **19b** in  $\text{CDCl}_3$  (400 MHz)

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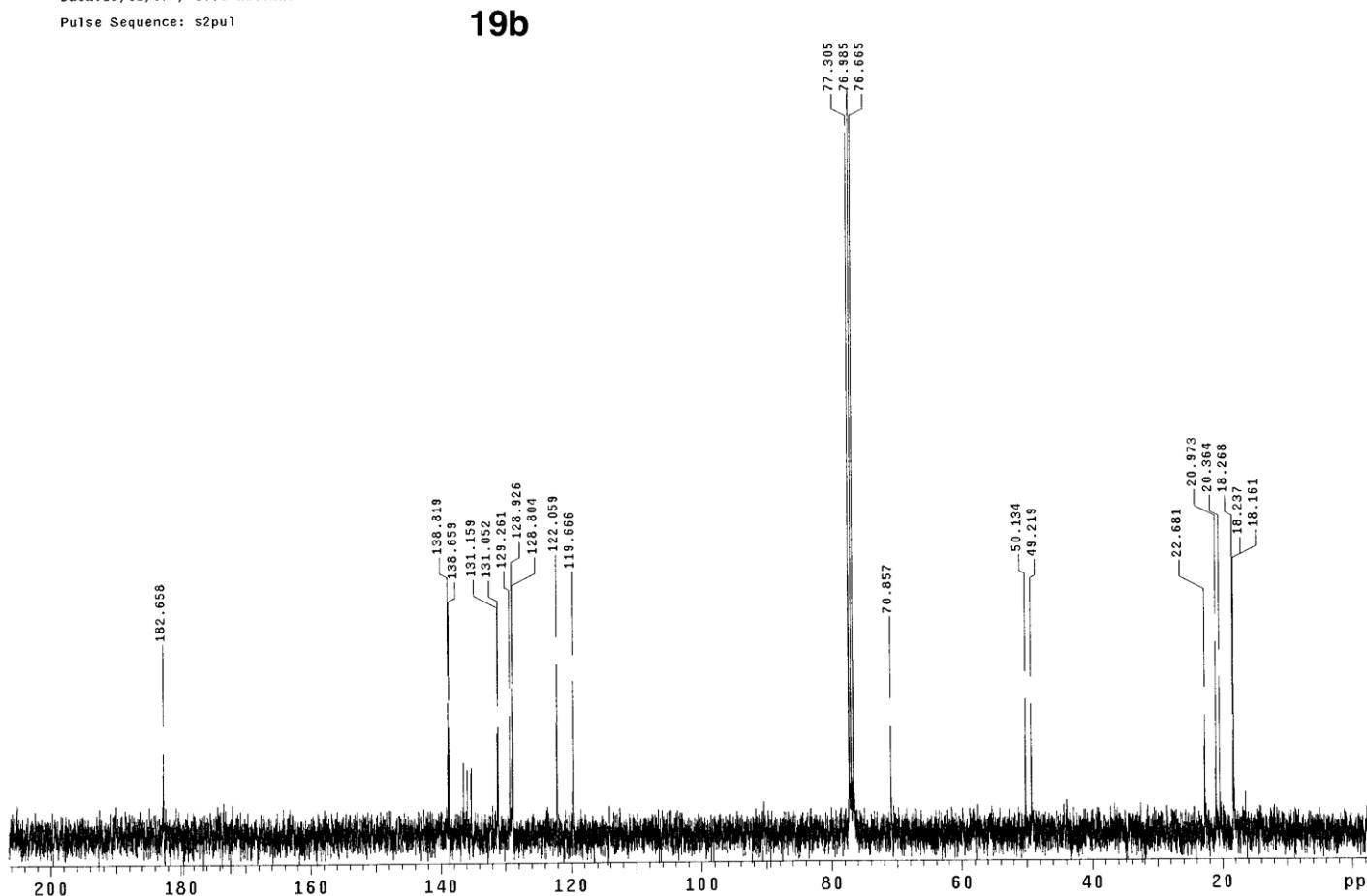


Fig S12.  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  spectra of **19b** in  $\text{CDCl}_3$

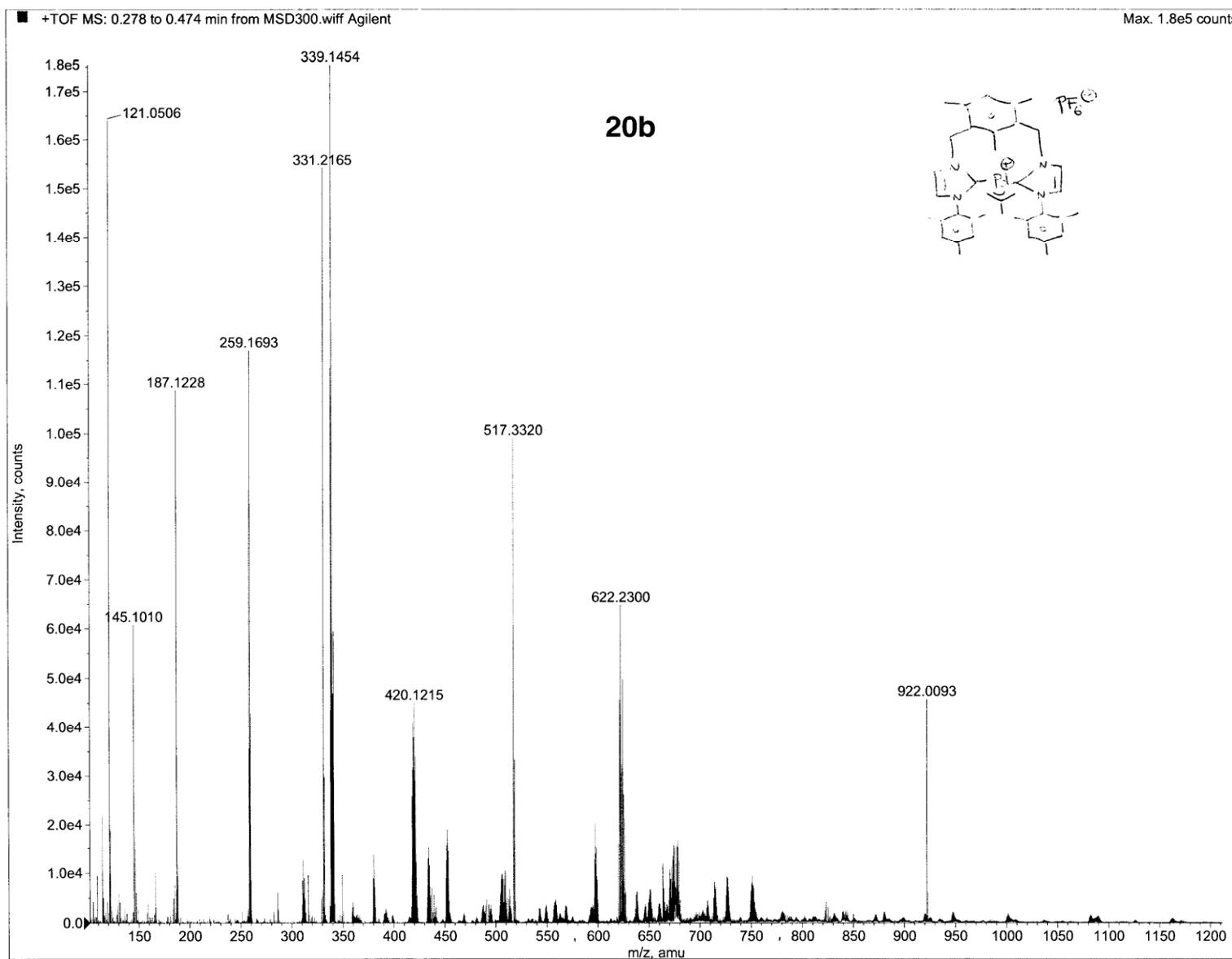


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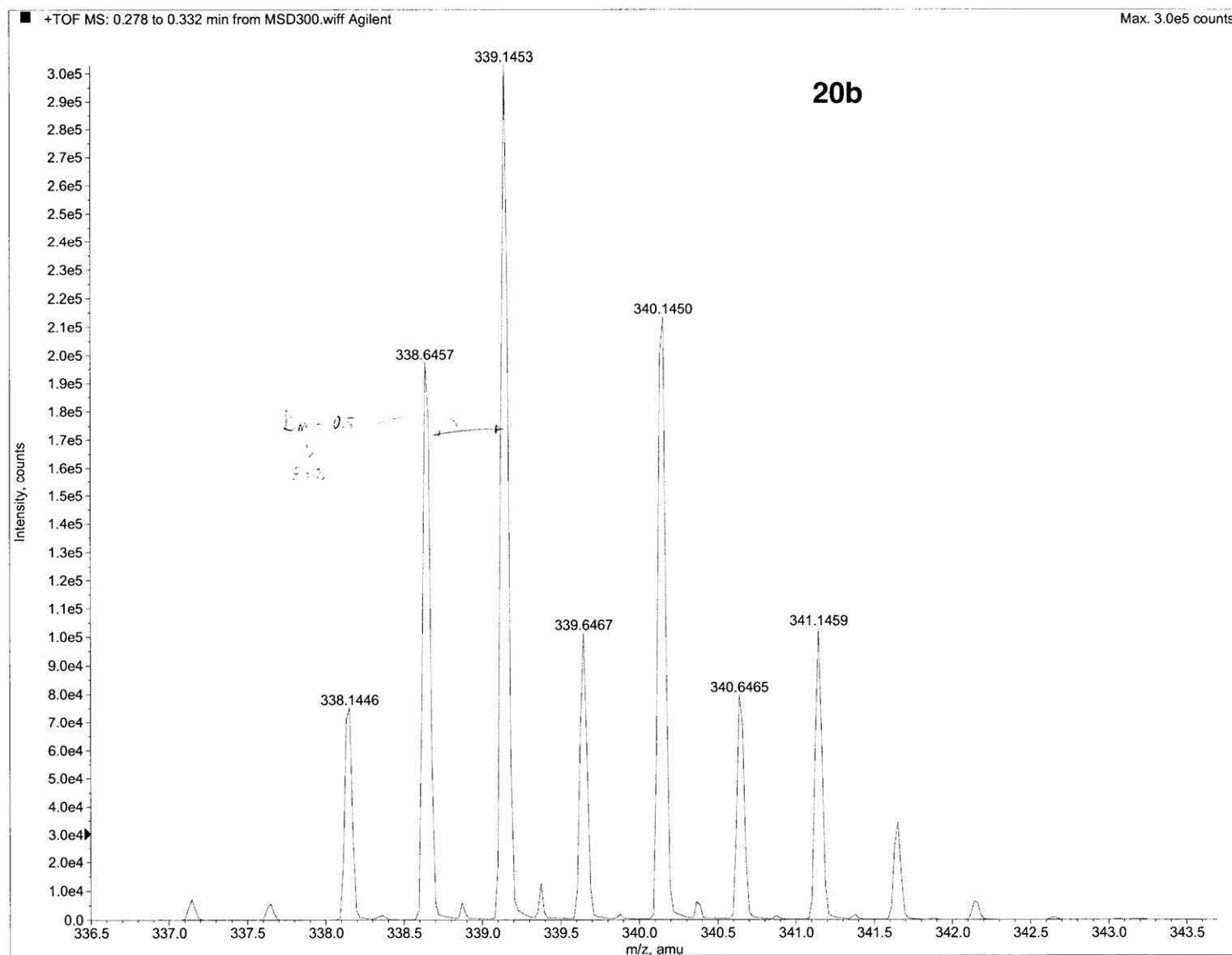


Fig S14. Mass spectrum of **20b**. Detail of  $[M+H]^{2+}$

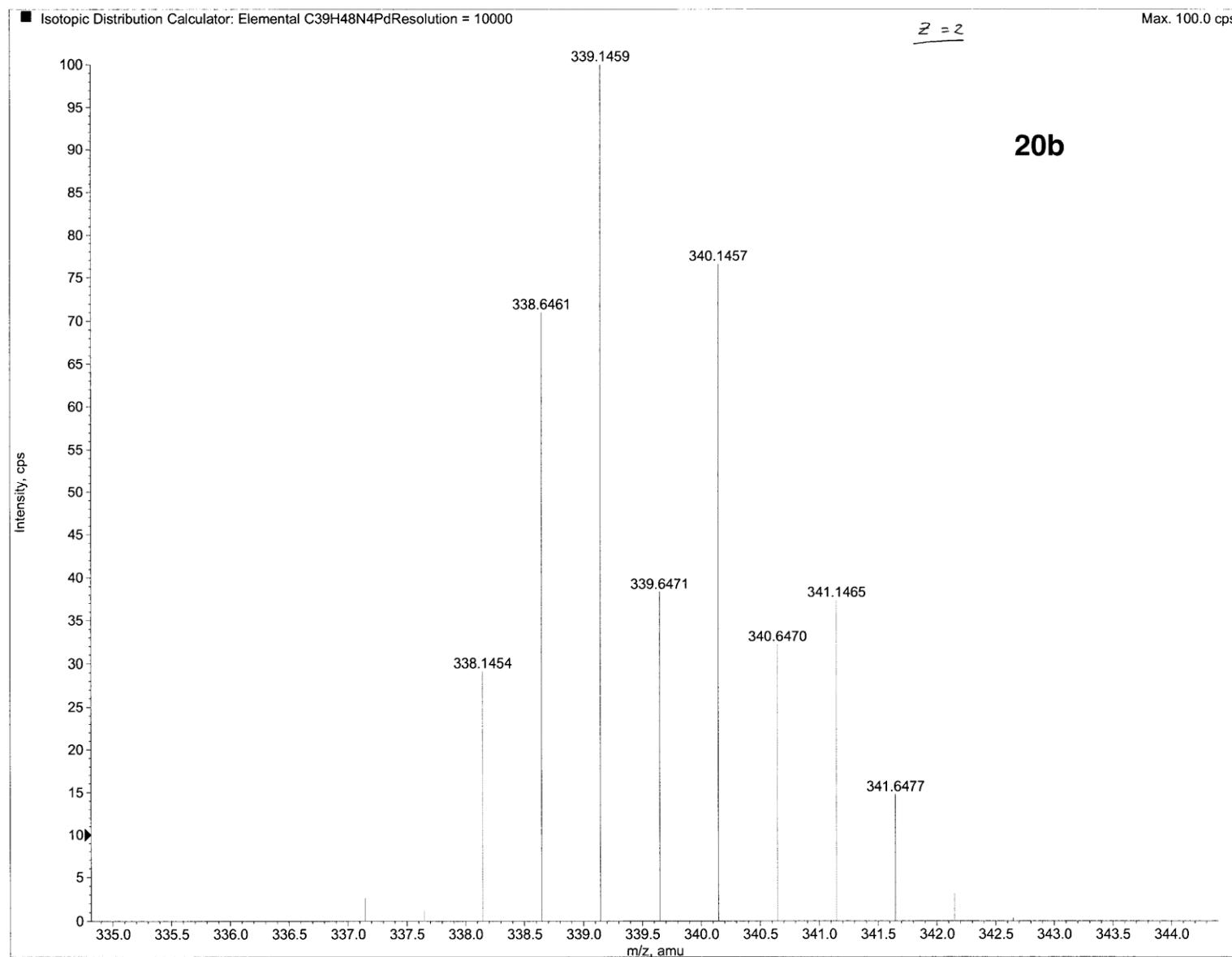


Fig S15. Mass spectrum of **20b**. Pattern of  $[M+H]^{2+}$

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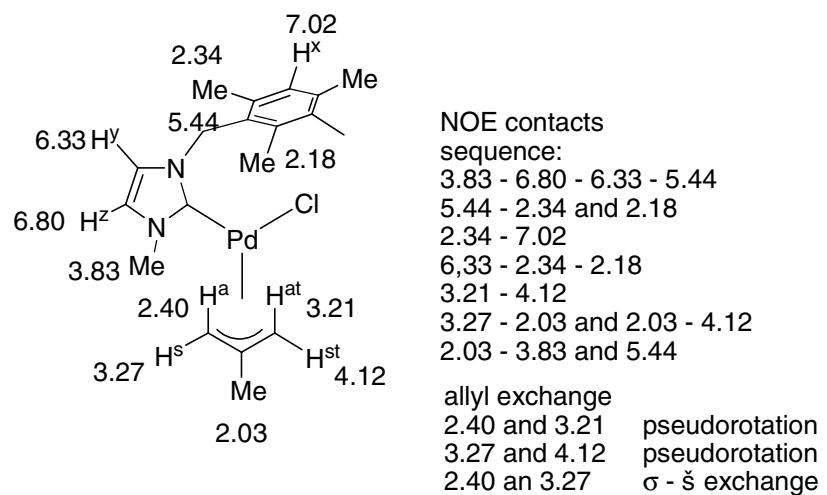


Fig S16. Full assignation of the Proton spectrum of **19a**