

Influence of linker groups on the solubility of triazine dendrimers

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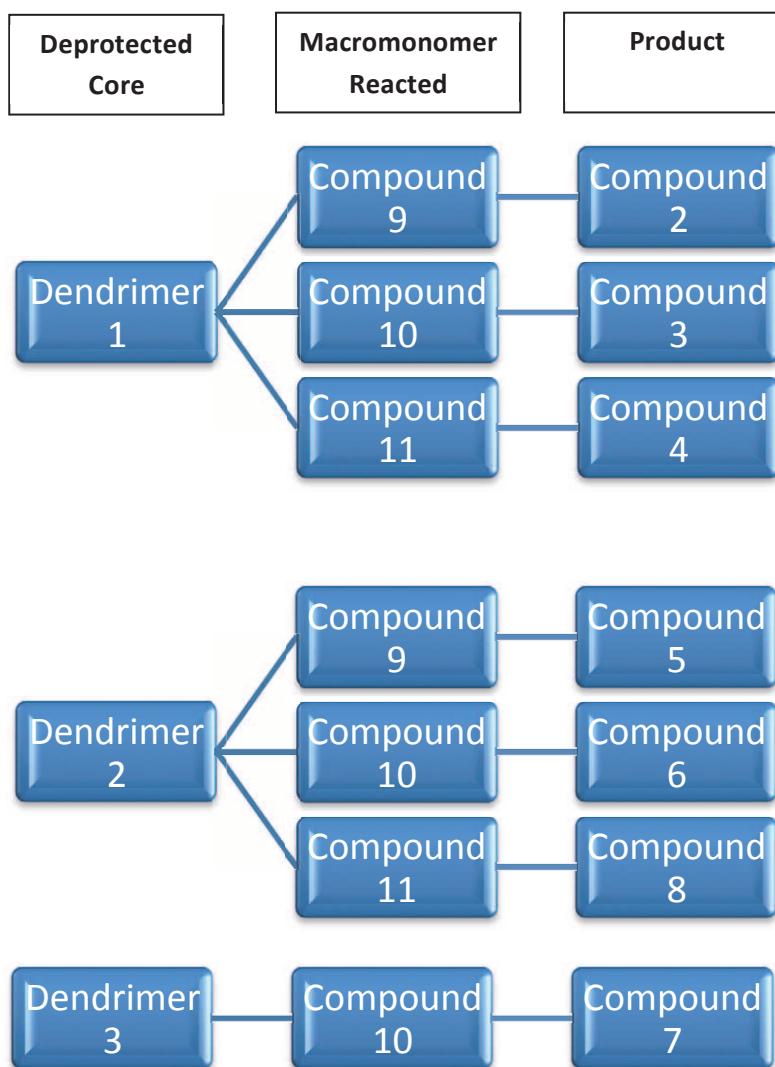
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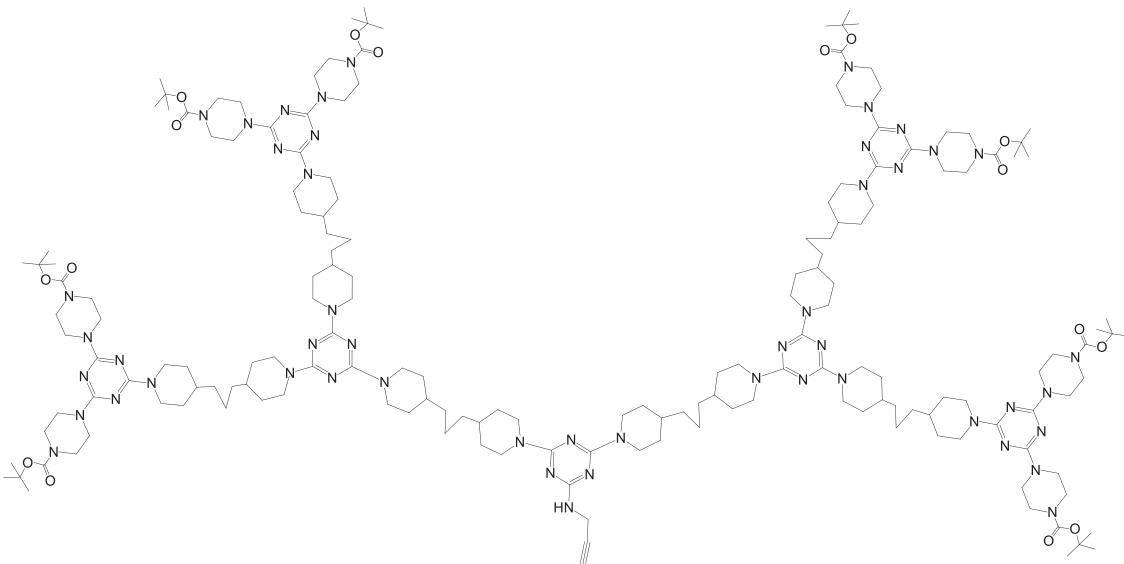
General Synthesis Procedure

The general procedure of synthesis consisted of reacting dendrimers with three different classes of macromonomers (compounds **9**, **10** and **11**) respectively, from 4 to 6 days in a capped pressure vessel at 75°C in order to generate the hybrid dendrimers. After work up and purification, the hybrid dendrimers were deprotected using a 1:1 solution of MeOH and concentrated HCl; followed by a neutralization with 5 M NaOH (*aq.*).

All reactions were monitored by TLC, mass spectroscopy and NMR when allowed by solubility.

Mass spectra were collected at TCU (ESI-TOF) and the Laboratory for Biological Mass Spectrometry at Texas A&M University (MALDI-TOF).





Compound 1-Boc

A solution of **15** (1.82g, 1.14mmol), DIPEA (0.47 mL, 2.7mmol), 4,6-dichloro-N-(prop-2-yn-1-yl)-1,3,5-triazin-2-amine (0.109g, 0.54mmol) in 6mL of THF were stirred and heated at 75°C for 2 days in a pressure relief reaction vial. The crude product was dissolved in dichloromethane and washed with brine, the organic layer was dried over MgSO₄, filtered and evaporated under vacuum. The solid was purified by silica gel chromatography (from hexanes to hexanes:EtOAc= 3:2) to provide a white solid: **1-Boc** (1.67g, 93%). ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃, δ): 4.72 (bs, 24H, equatorial CHN-triazine of dipiperidine), 4.18 (s, 2H, NHCH₂CCH), 3.73 (s, 32H, triazine-NCH₂CH₂NBoc), 3.44 (s, 32H, triazine-NCH₂CH₂NBoc), 2.71 (bs, 24H, equatorial CHCH₂N-triazine of dipiperidine), 2.18 (bt, 1H, NHCH₂CCH), 1.67 (s, 24H, axial CHN-triazine of dipiperidine), 1.48 (s, 72H, C(CH₃)₃), 1.33-0.85 (m, 72H, axial CHCH₂N-triazine of dipiperidine (24H), CH₂-trimethylene (12H), CH₂CH₂CH₂ (36H)). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃, δ): 165.6, 165.4, 165.1 (N₃C₃), 154.9 (CO), 79.9 (C(CH₃)₃), 43.6 (CHCH₂CH₂N), 43.6, (NCH₂CH₂N-triazine), 43.1 (NCH₂CH₂N-triazine), 36.9 (HC-trimethylene), 36.4 (CH₂CH₂CH₂), 32.3 (CH₂CH₂N), 28.5 (C(CH₃)₃), 23.7 (CH₂CH₂CH₂). MS (ESI-TOF) calcd for C₁₇₄H₂₈₄N₅₀O₁₆: 3332.24; found 3332.34 (M + H)⁺.

Figure S1. ^1H NMR Spectrum of **1-Boc**.

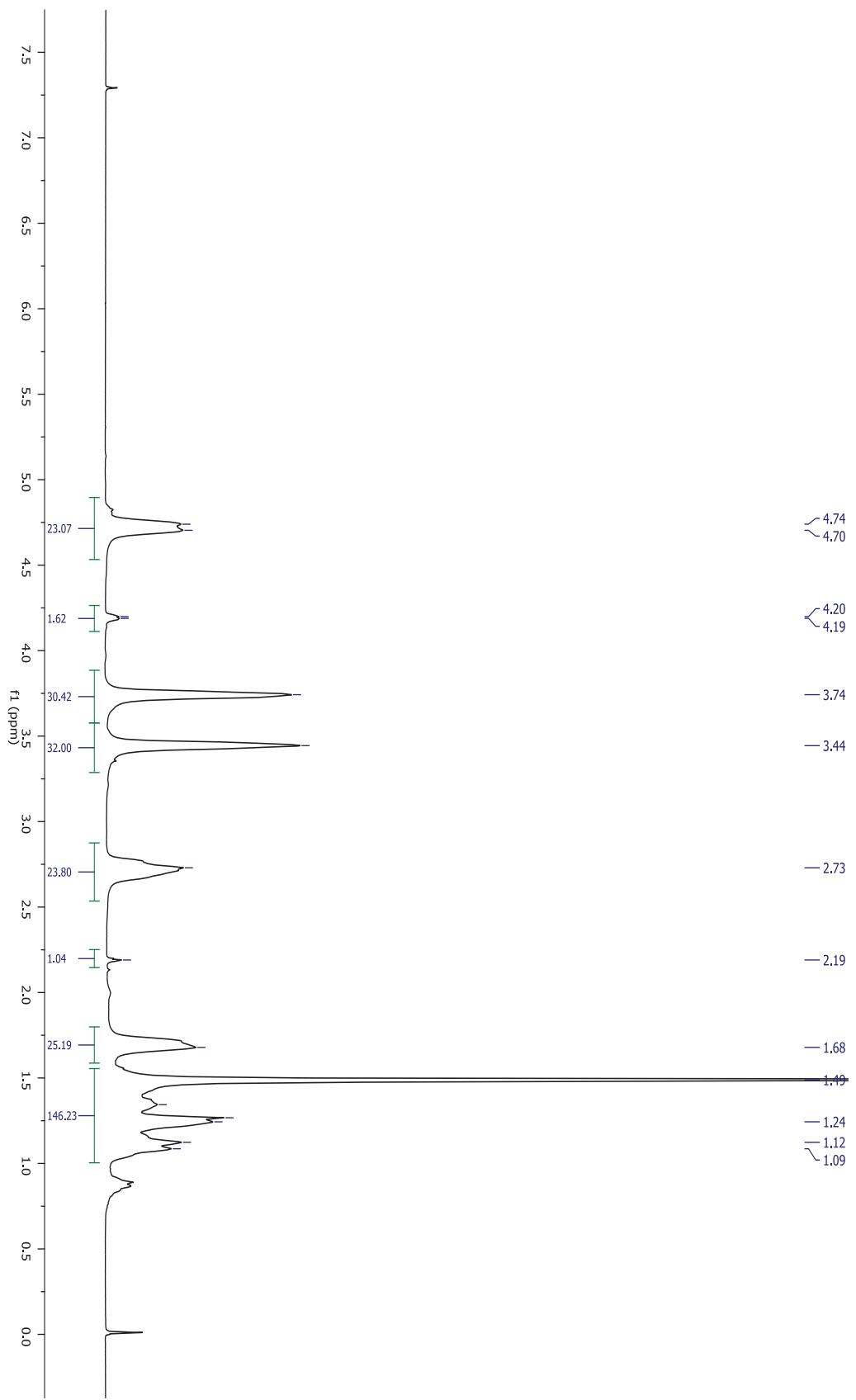


Figure S2. ^{13}C NMR Spectrum of **1-Boc**.

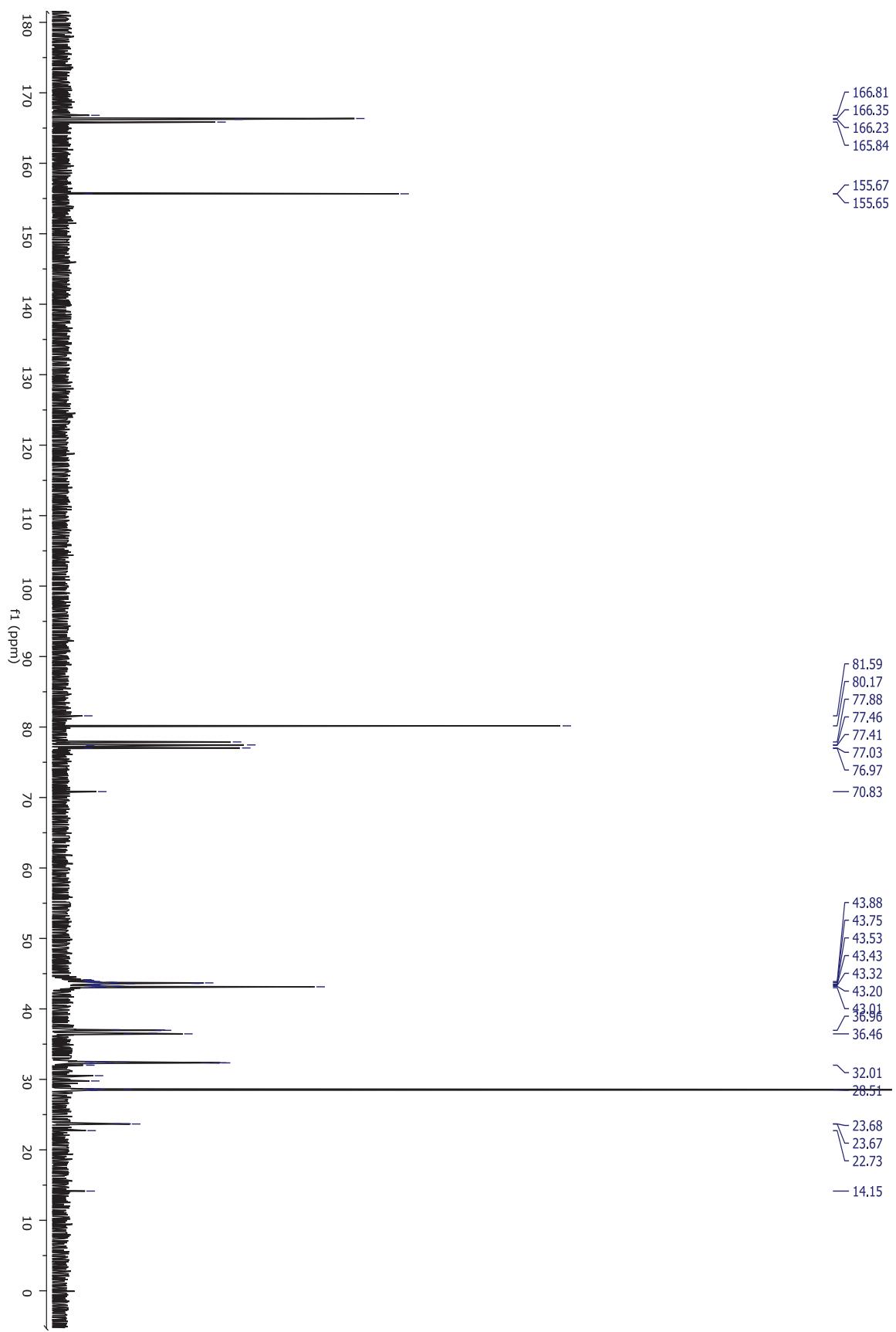
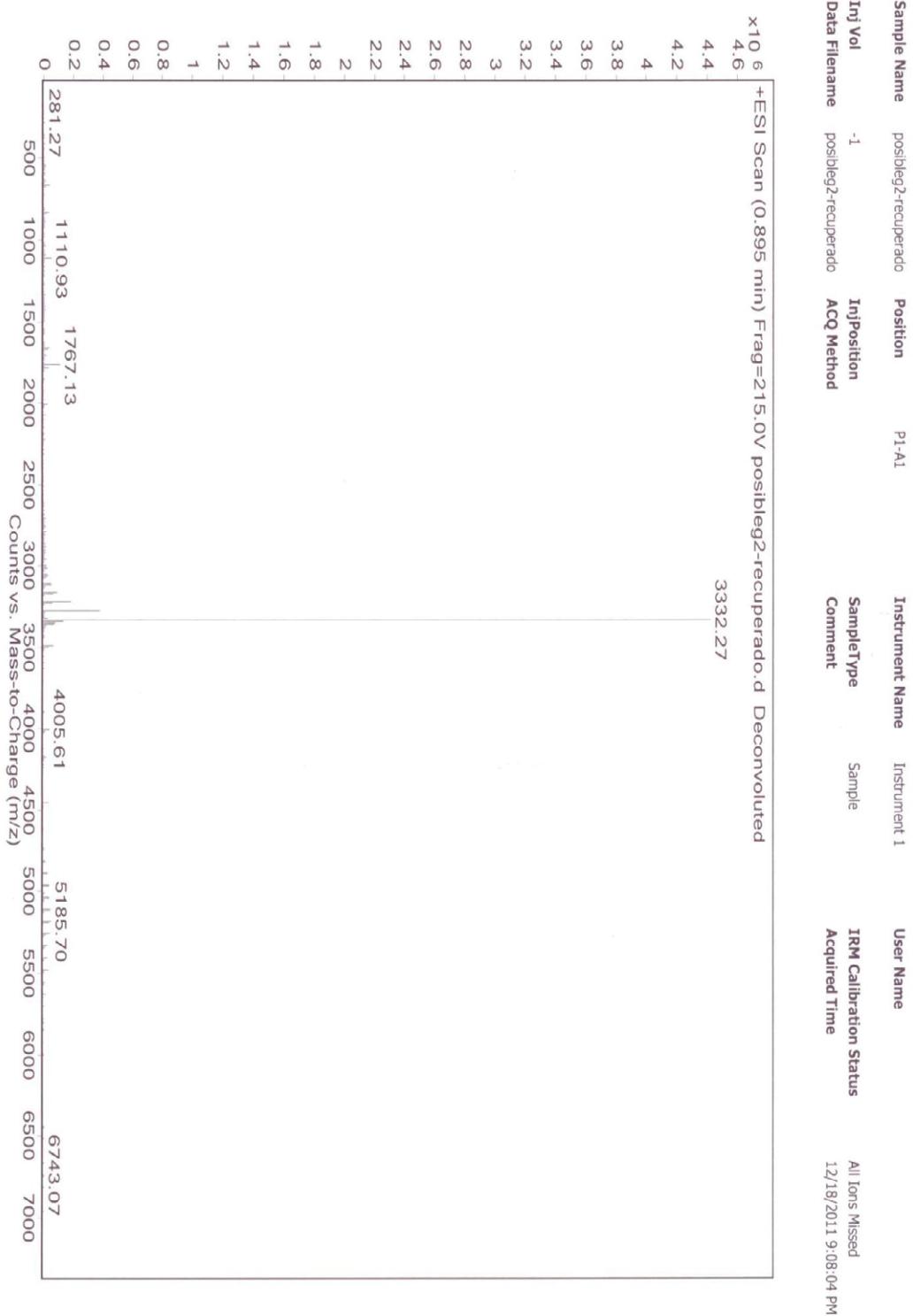
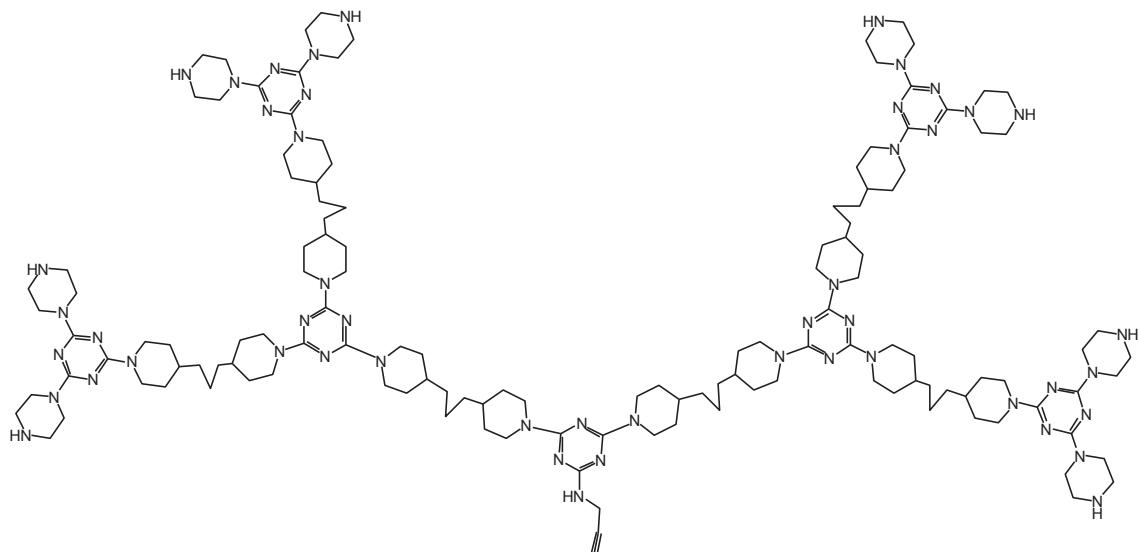


Figure S3. Mass Spectrum of **1-Boc** (ESI-TOF).





Dendrimer 1

A solution of compound **1-Boc** (0.417g, 0.125mmol) in concentrated HCl (3mL) and methanol (3mL) was stirred for 15 h at room temperature and then evaporated under vacuum. The residue was dissolved in dichloromethane, washed with 5 M NaOH (*aq.*), passed through a phase separator from Whatman, evaporated under vacuum to yield Dendrimer **1** (0.316g, quantitative). ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃, δ): 4.71 (d, *J* = 12Hz, 24H, equatorial CHN-triazine of dipiperidine), 4.19 (s, 2H, NHCH₂CCH), 3.75 (bs, 32H, triazine-NCH₂CH₂NH), 2.88 (bs, 32H, triazine-NCH₂CH₂NH), 2.71 (t, *J* = 12Hz, 24H, equatorial CHCH₂N-triazine of dipiperidine), 2.27 (bs, 8H, NH), 2.18 (s, 1H, NHCH₂CCH), 1.68 (d, *J* = 12Hz, 24H, axial CHN-triazine of dipiperidine), 1.43-1.08 (m, 72H, axial CHCH₂N-triazine of dipiperidine (24H), CH-trimethylene of dipiperidine (12H), CH₂CH₂CH₂ (36H)). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃, δ): 165.5, 165.4, 165.2 (N₃C₃), 46.1 (CHCH₂CH₂NH), 44.4 (NCH₂CH₂N-triazine), 43.5 (HNCH₂CH₂N-triazine), 36.9 (HC-trimethylene), 36.4 (CH₂CH₂CH₂), 32.3 (CH₂CH₂N), 23.7 (CH₂CH₂CH₂). MS (ESI-TOF) calcd for C₁₃₄H₂₂₀N₅₀: 2531.43; found 2530.87 (M + H)⁺.

Figure S4. ^1H NMR Spectrum of **1**

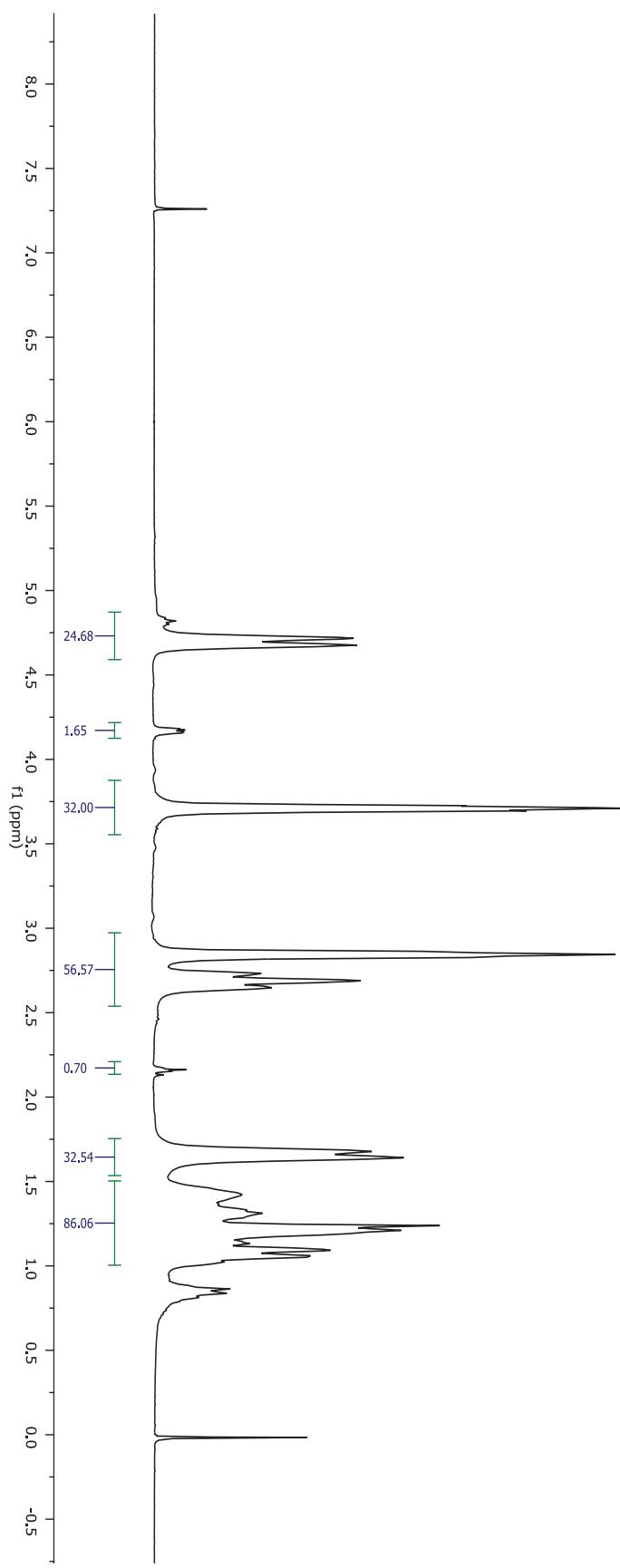


Figure S5. ^{13}C NMR Spectrum of Dendrimer **1**

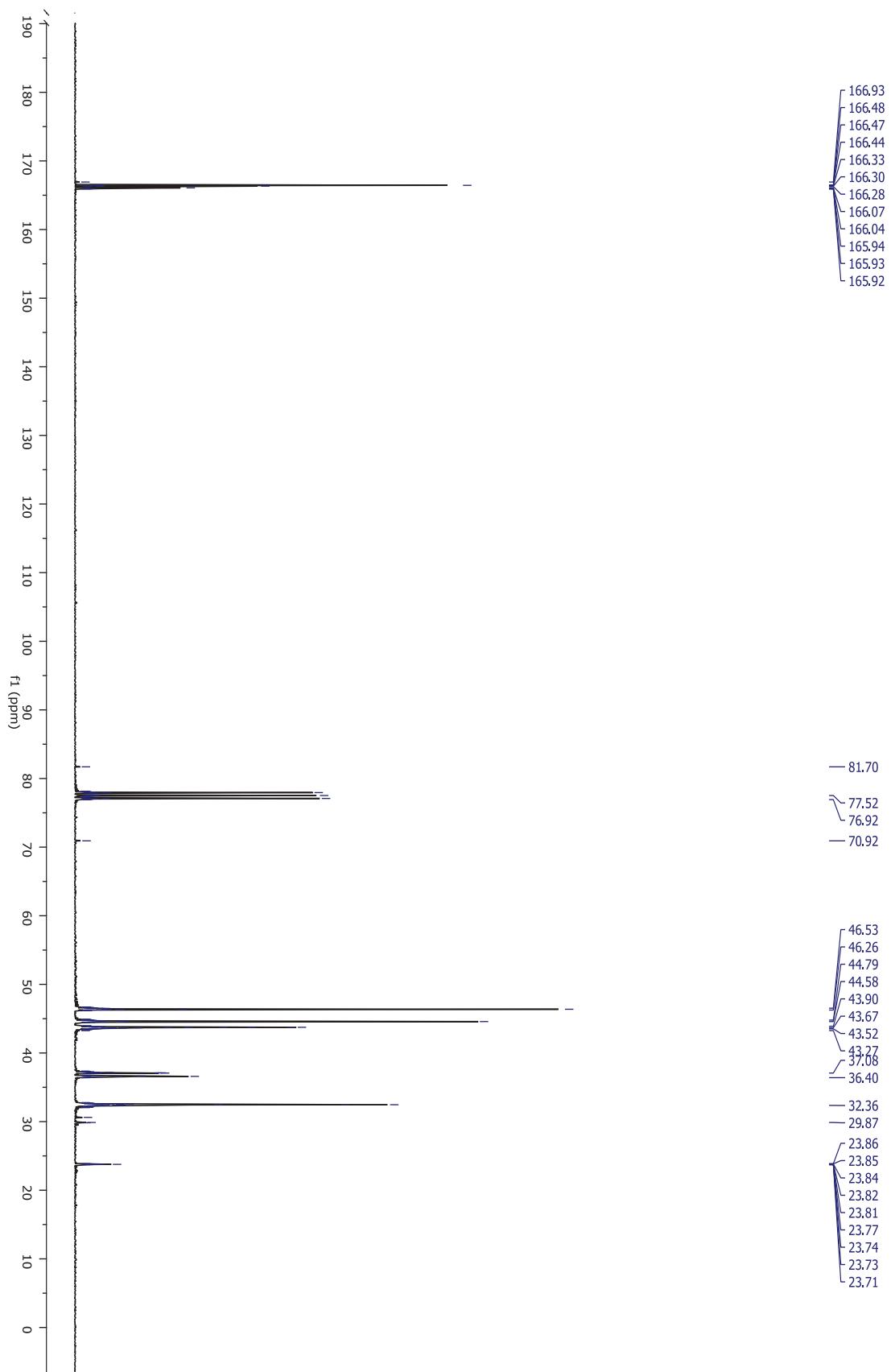
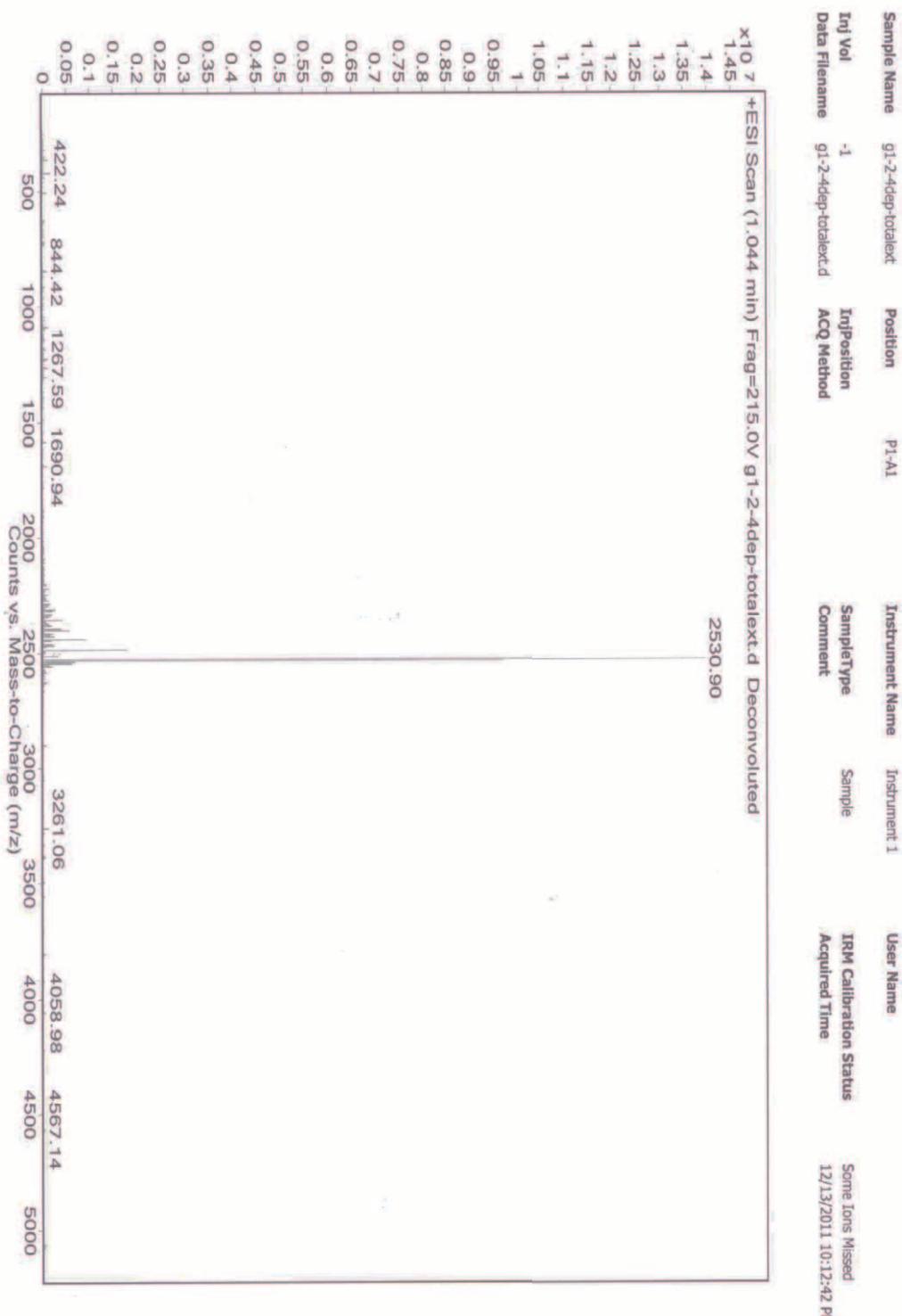
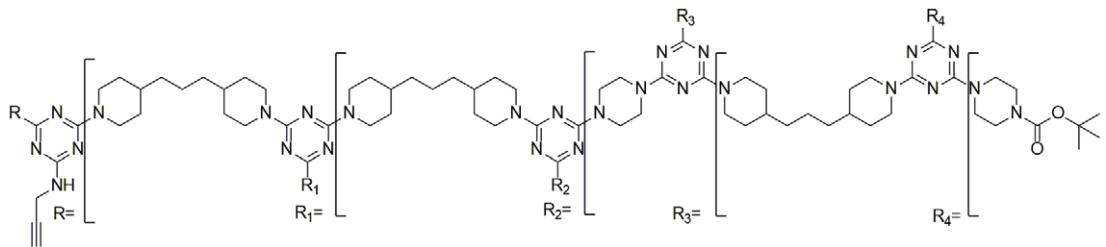


Figure S6. Mass Spectrum of **1**





Compound 2-Boc

A solution of **1** (0.160g, 0.063mmol), **9** (1.44g, 1.01 mmol), and DIPEA (0.19 mL, 1.1 mmol) in 0.6mL of THF was stirred and heated at 75°C for 6 days in a pressure relief reaction vial. The crude product was dissolved in dichloromethane and washed with brine. The organic layer was passed through a phase separator from Whatman, and evaporated under vacuum. The solid was purified by silica gel chromatography (from 100% dichloromethane to dichloromethane:methanol= 9:1). Compound **12** (0.576g, 67%) was recovered as a white solid. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃, δ): 4.73 (bs, 88H, equatorial CHN-triazine of dipiperidine), 4.18 (s, 2H, NHCH₂CCH), 3.74 (s, 192H, (128H) triazine-NCH₂CH₂NBoc, (64H) triazine-NCH₂CH₂-triazine), 3.44 (s, 128H, triazine-NCH₂CH₂NBoc), 2.72 (bs, 88H, equatorial CHCH₂N-triazine of dipiperidine), 2.18 (bt, 1H, NHCH₂CCH), 1.68 (s, 88H, axial CHN-triazine of dipiperidine), 1.48-1.08 (552H (288H) C(CH₃)₃, (88H) axial CHCH₂N-triazine of dipiperidine, (44H) CH-trimethylene, (132H) CH₂CH₂CH₂). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃, δ): 166.3, 165.92 (N₃C₃), 155.78 (CO), 80.24 (C(CH₃)₃), 44.19 (CHCH₂CH₂N), 44.19, (NCH₂CH₂N-triazine), 43.09 (NCH₂CH₂N-triazine), 36.67 (HC-trimethylene), 36.49 (CH₂CH₂CH₂), 32.38 (CH₂CH₂N), 28.59 (C(CH₃)₃), 23.8 (CH₂CH₂CH₂). MS (MALDI-TOF) calculated for C₇₀₂H₁₁₄₀N₂₁₈O₆₄: 13592.45; found 13592.45 (M + H)⁺.

Figure S7. ^1H NMR Spectrum of **2-Boc**

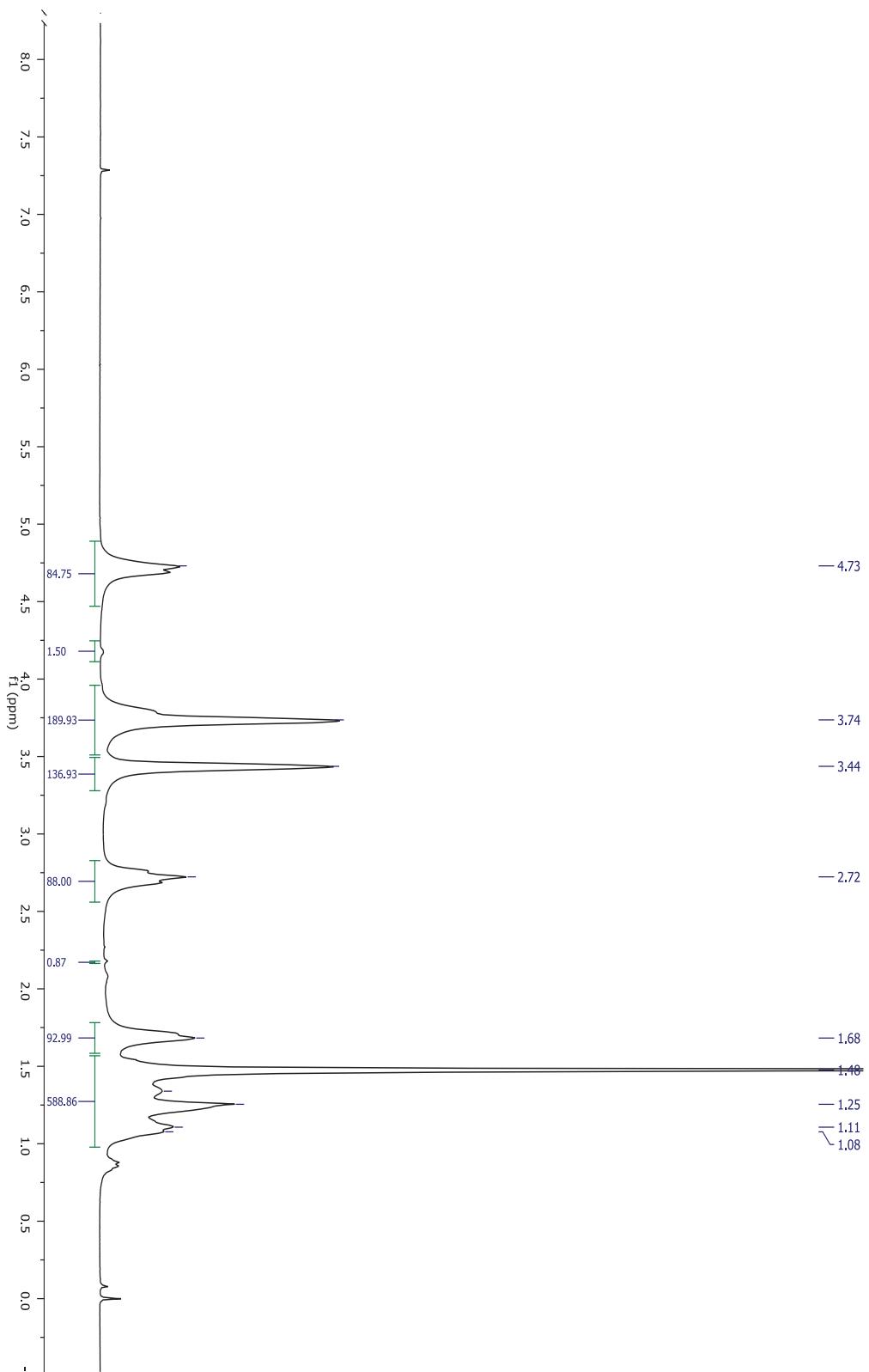


Figure S8. ^{13}C NMR Spectrum of **2-Boc**

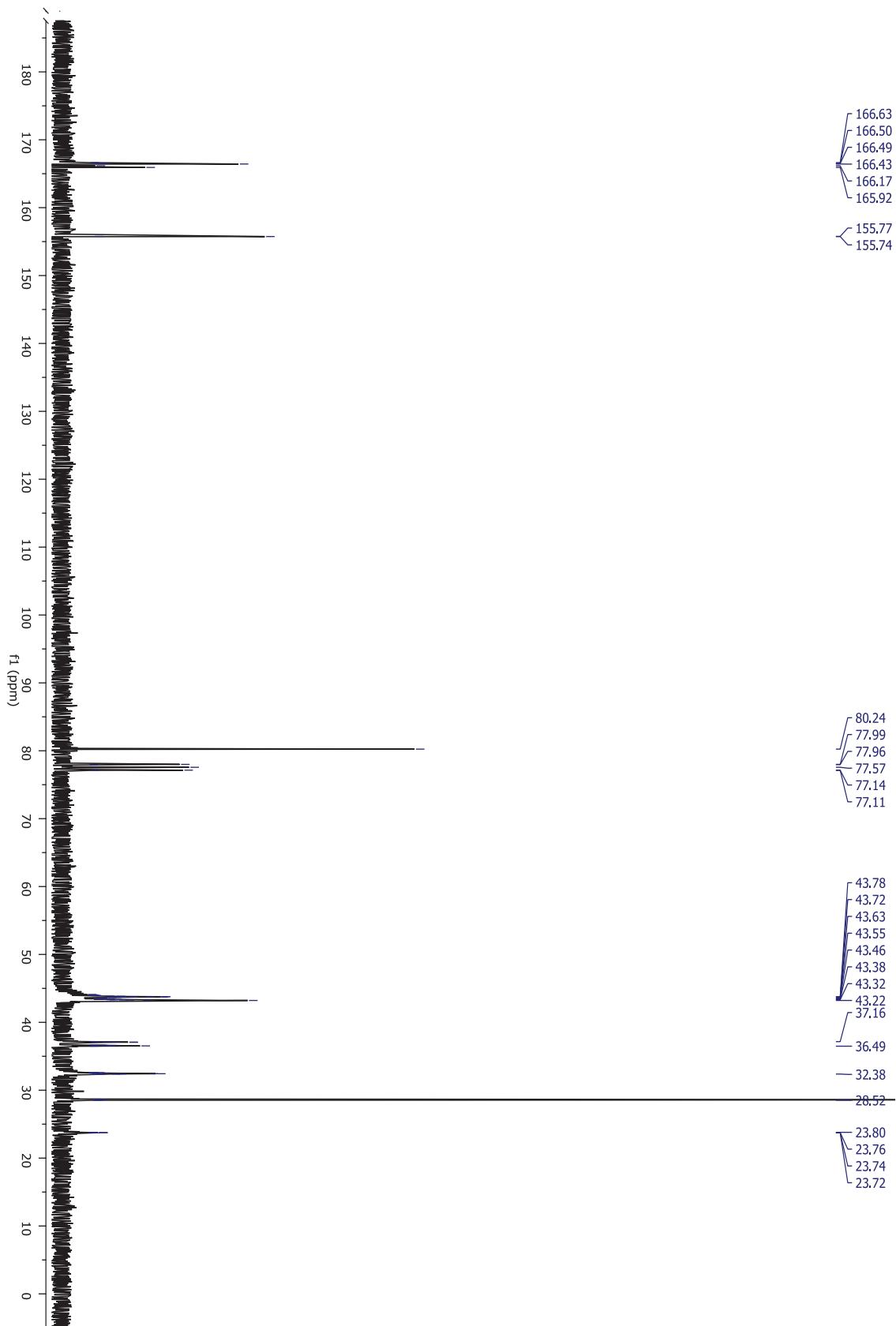
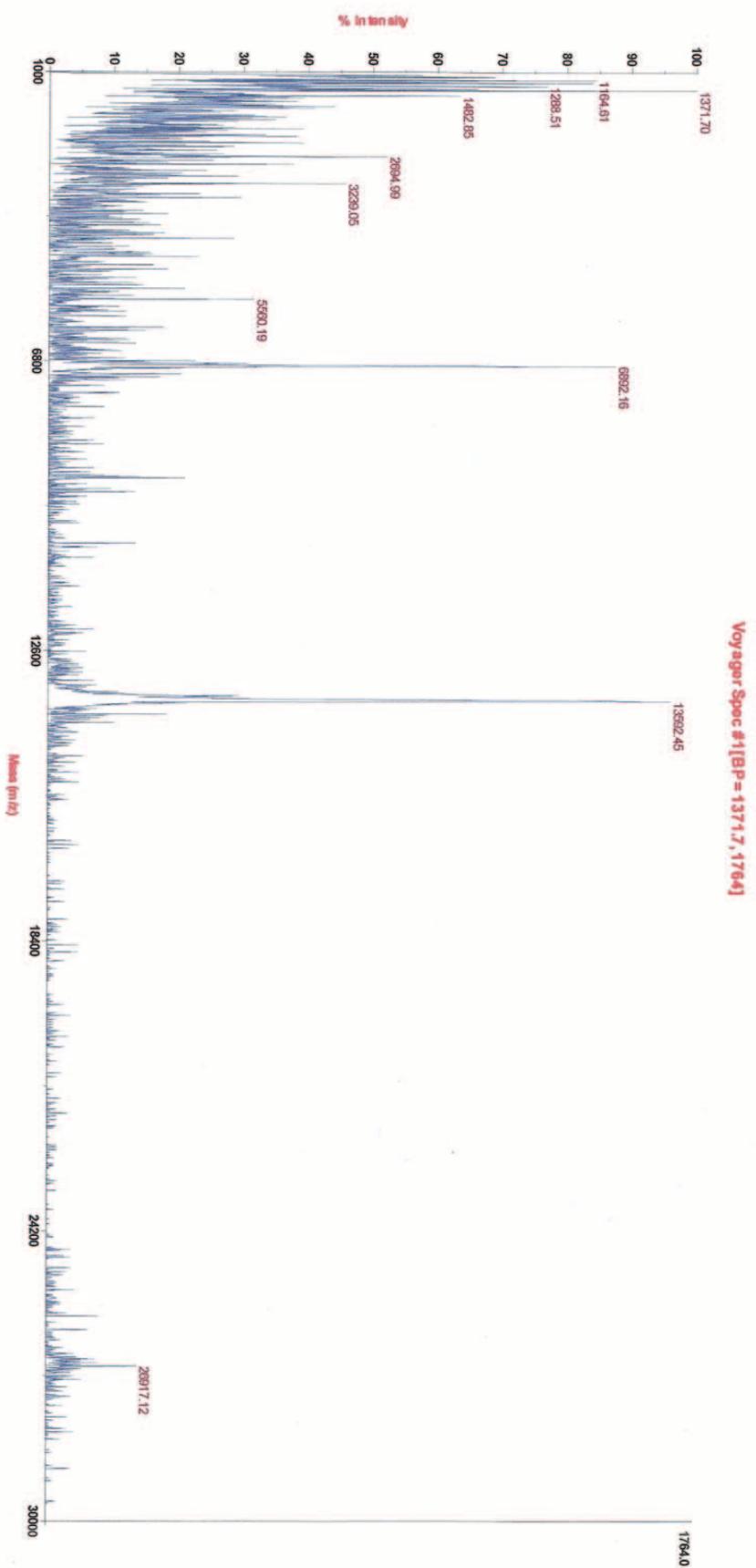
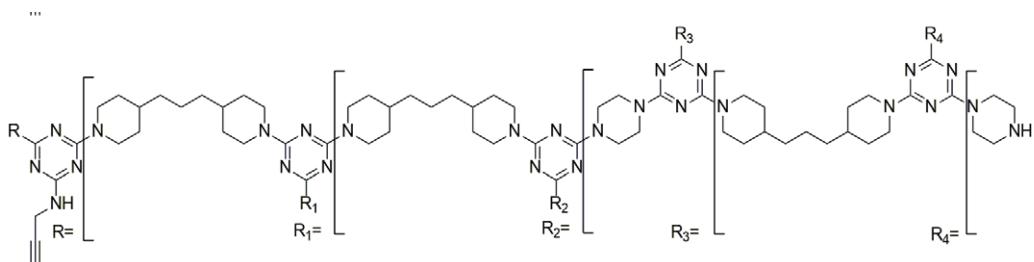


Figure S9. Mass Spectrum of **2-Boc** (MALDI-TOF)





Dendrimer 2

A solution of **2-Boc** (0.100g, 0.0073mmol) in concentrated HCl (2mL) and methanol (2mL) was stirred for 15 h at room temperature and then evaporated under vacuum. The residue was dissolved in dichloromethane, washed with 5 M NaOH (*aq.*), passed through a phase separator from Whatman, and evaporated under vacuum to yield **13** (0.076g, quantitative). ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃, δ): 4.72-4.55 (bs, 88H, equatorial CHN-triazine of dipiperidine), 4.17 (s, 2H, NHCH₂CCH), 3.75 (s, 192H, (128H) triazine-NCH₂CH₂NH, (64H) triazine-NCH₂CH₂-triazine), 2.85 (s, 128H, triazine-NCH₂CH₂NH), 2.79 (bs, 88H, equatorial CHCH₂N-triazine of dipiperidine), 2.3 (bt, 1H, NHCH₂CCH), 1.71 (s, 88H, axial CHN-triazine of dipiperidine), 1.44-1.13 (264H (288H) axial CHCH₂N-triazine of dipiperidine (88H), CH-trimethylene (44H), CH₂CH₂CH₂ (132H)). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃, δ): 165.53, 165.18 164.91 (N₃C₃), 45.30 (NCH₂CH₂NH), 43.76 (NCH₂CH₂N-triazine), 43.12 (NCH₂CH₂N-triazine), 36.75 (HC-trimethylene), 36.25 (CH₂CH₂CH₂), 32.18 (CHCH₂CH₂N), 28.59 (CH₂CH₂N-triazine-piperidine-NH), 23.8 (CH₂CH₂CH₂). MS (MALDI-TOF) calcd for C₅₄₂H₈₈₄N₂₁₈: 10447.59; found 10489.26 (M + H)⁺.

Figure S10. ^1H NMR Spectrum of 2

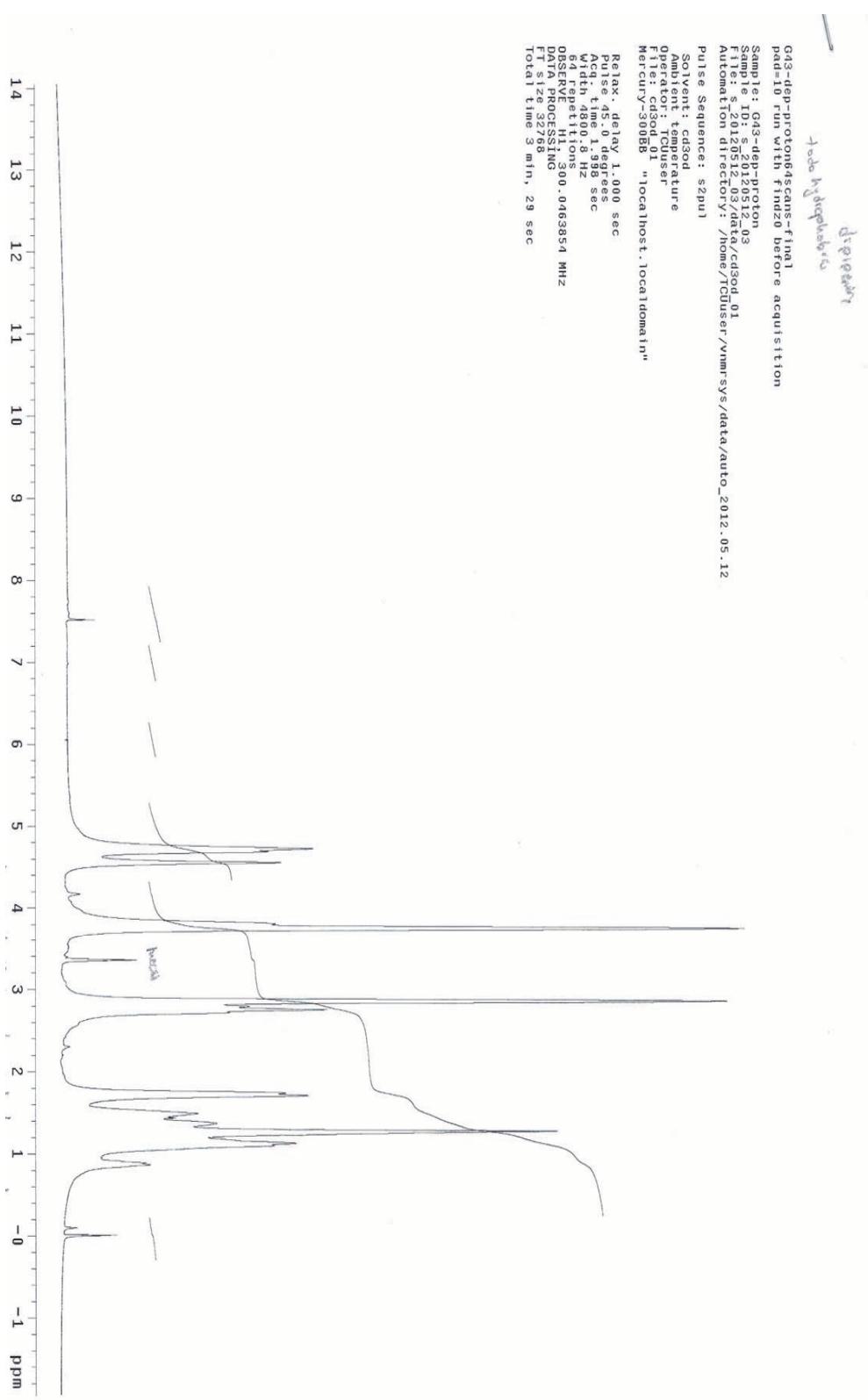


Figure S11. ^{13}C NMR Spectrum of 2

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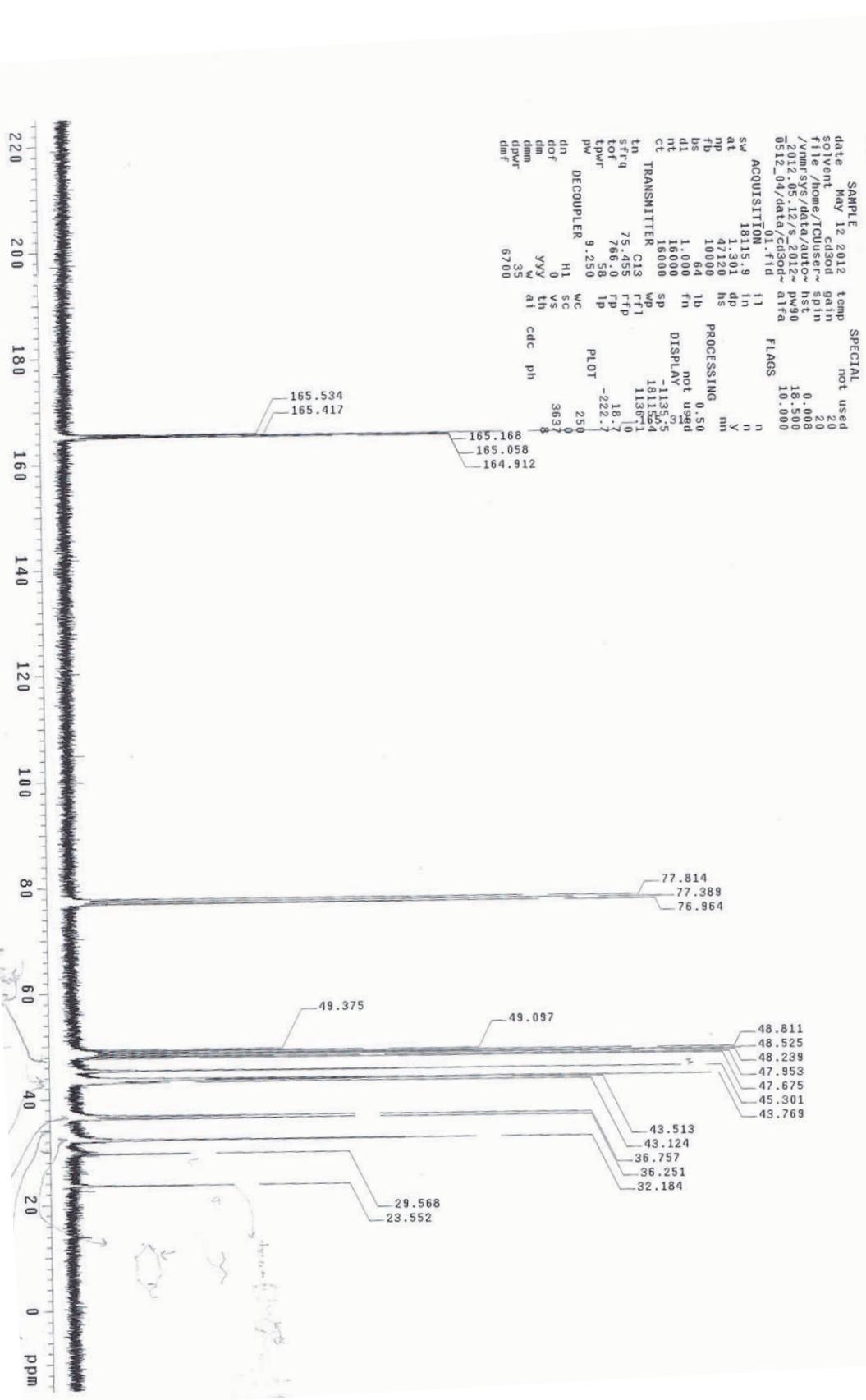
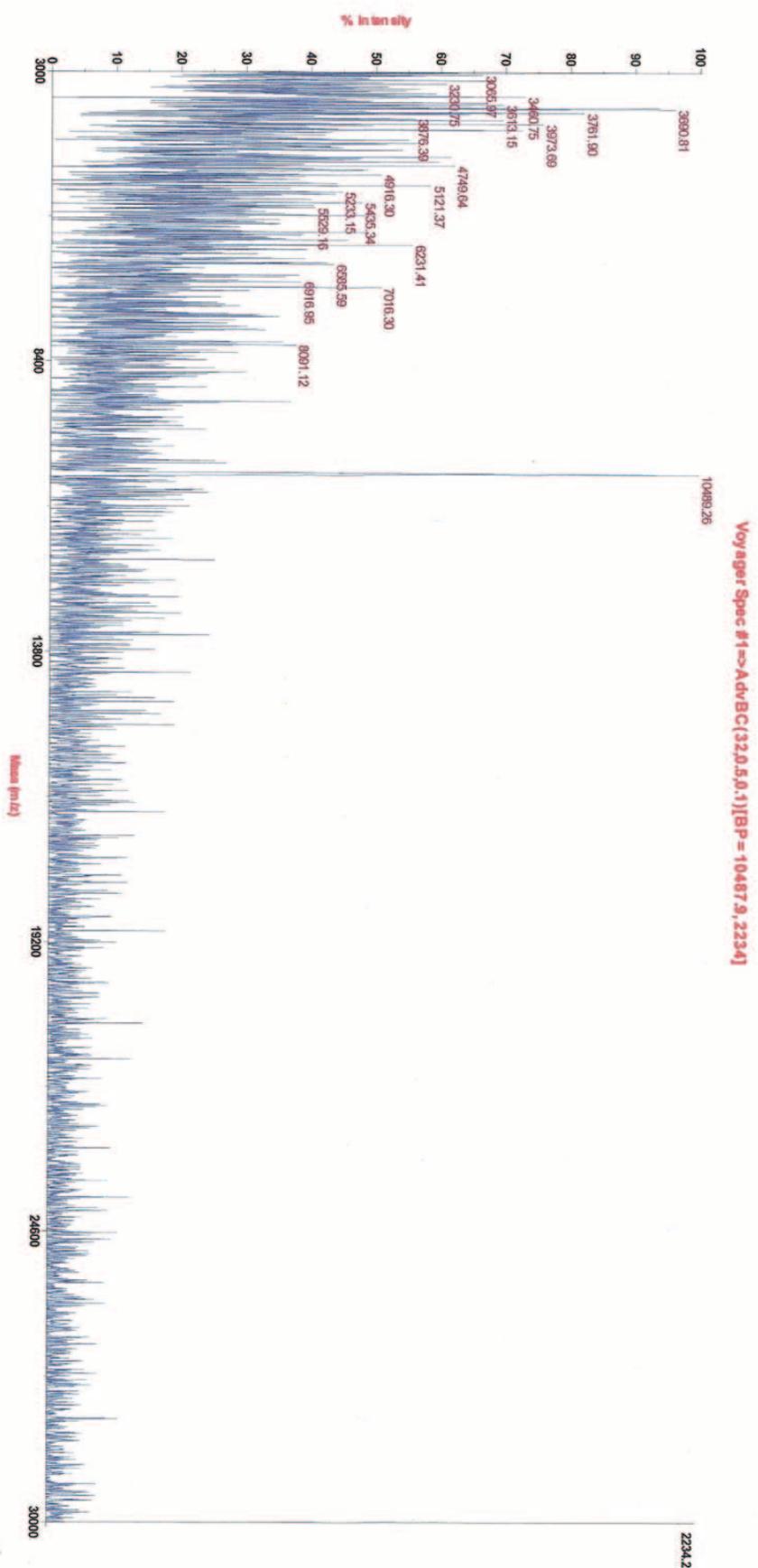
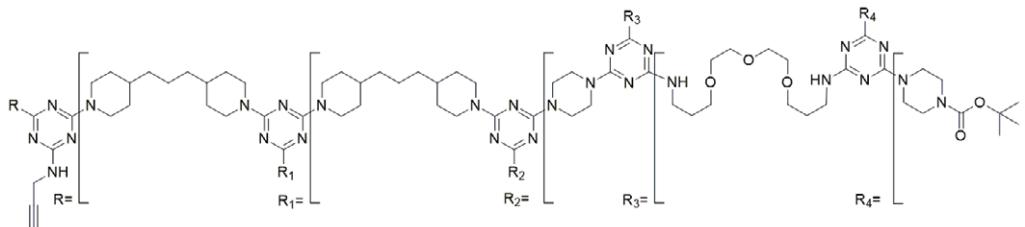


Figure S12. Mass Spectrum of **2** (MALDI-TOF)





Compound 3-Boc

A solution of compound **1** (0.146g, 0.058mmol), **10** (1.805g, 1.25mmol), and DIPEA (0.165mL, 0.95mmol) in 2.5mL of THF was stirred at 75°C for 4 days in a pressure relief reaction vial. The crude product was dissolved in dichloromethane and washed with brine. The organic layer was passed through a phase separator from Whatman, and evaporated under vacuum. The solid was purified by silica gel chromatography (from 100% dichloromethane to dichloromethane: methanol = 9:1). Compound **3-Boc** (0.643g, 81%) was recovered as a white solid. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃, δ): 4.72 (bs, 24H, equatorial CHN-triazine of dipiperidine), 4.18 (s, 2H, NHCH₂CCH), 3.72-3.4 (b, 576 H, (64H) triazine-NCH₂CH₂N-triazine, (192H) CH₂OCH₂CH₂OCH₂CH₂OCH₂, (128H) NCH₂CH₂NBoc, (64H) NHCH₂CH₂CH₂O, (128H) NCH₂CH₂NBoc), 2.7 (bs, 24H, equatorial CHCH₂N-triazine of dipiperidine), 2.18 (bt, 1H, NHCH₂CCH), 1.9-1.68 (b, 88H, (64H) OCH₂CH₂CH₂NH, (24) axial CHN-triazine of dipiperidine), 1.47 (s, 288H, C(CH₃)₃), 1.33-0.85 (m, 72H, axial CHCH₂N-triazine of dipiperidine (24H), CH-trimethylene (12H), CH₂CH₂CH₂ (36H)). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃, δ): 166.2, 165.45, 164.9 (C₃N₃), 154.76 (CO), 79.8 (C(CH₃)₃), 70.57 (OCH₂CH₂O), 69.27 (NHCH₂CH₂CH₂O), 44.0 (trimethylene-CHCH₂CH₂N), 43.6, (NCH₂CH₂N-triazine), 43.63 (BocNCH₂CH₂N-triazine), 42.5 (NCH₂CH₂N-triazine), 36.9 (HC-trimethylene), 36.32 (NHCH₂CH₂CH₂O), 36.3 (CH₂CH₂CH₂), 32.2 (CH₂CH₂N), 29.0 (NHCH₂CH₂CH₂O), 28.3 (C(CH₃)₃), 23.7 (CH₂CH₂CH₂). (MALDI-TOF) calcd for C₆₅₄H₁₁₀₈N₂₁₈O₁₁₂: 13808.77; found 13808.47 (M + H)⁺.

Figure S13. ^1H NMR Spectrum of **3-Boc**

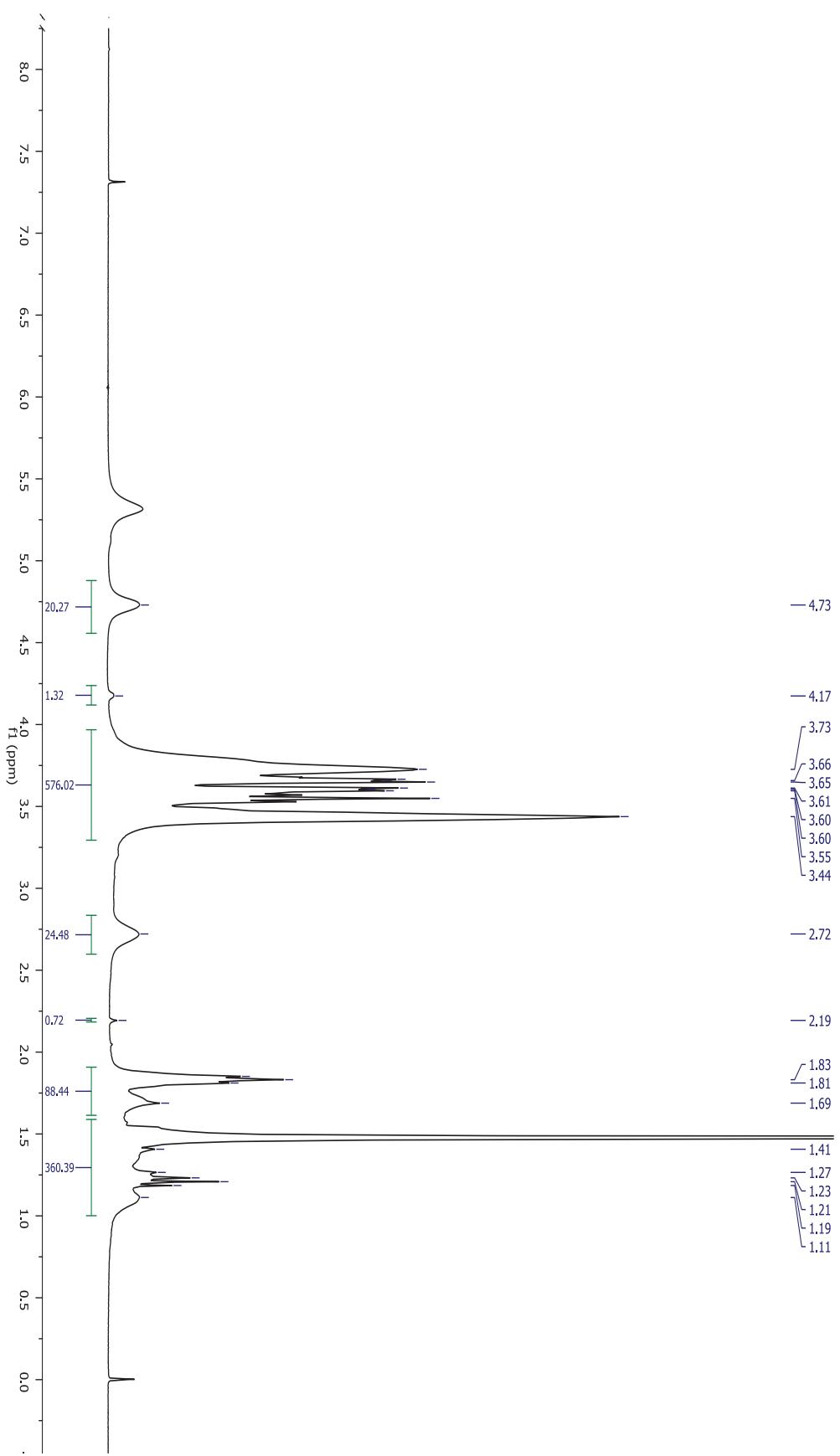


Figure S14. ^{13}C NMR Spectrum of **3-Boc**

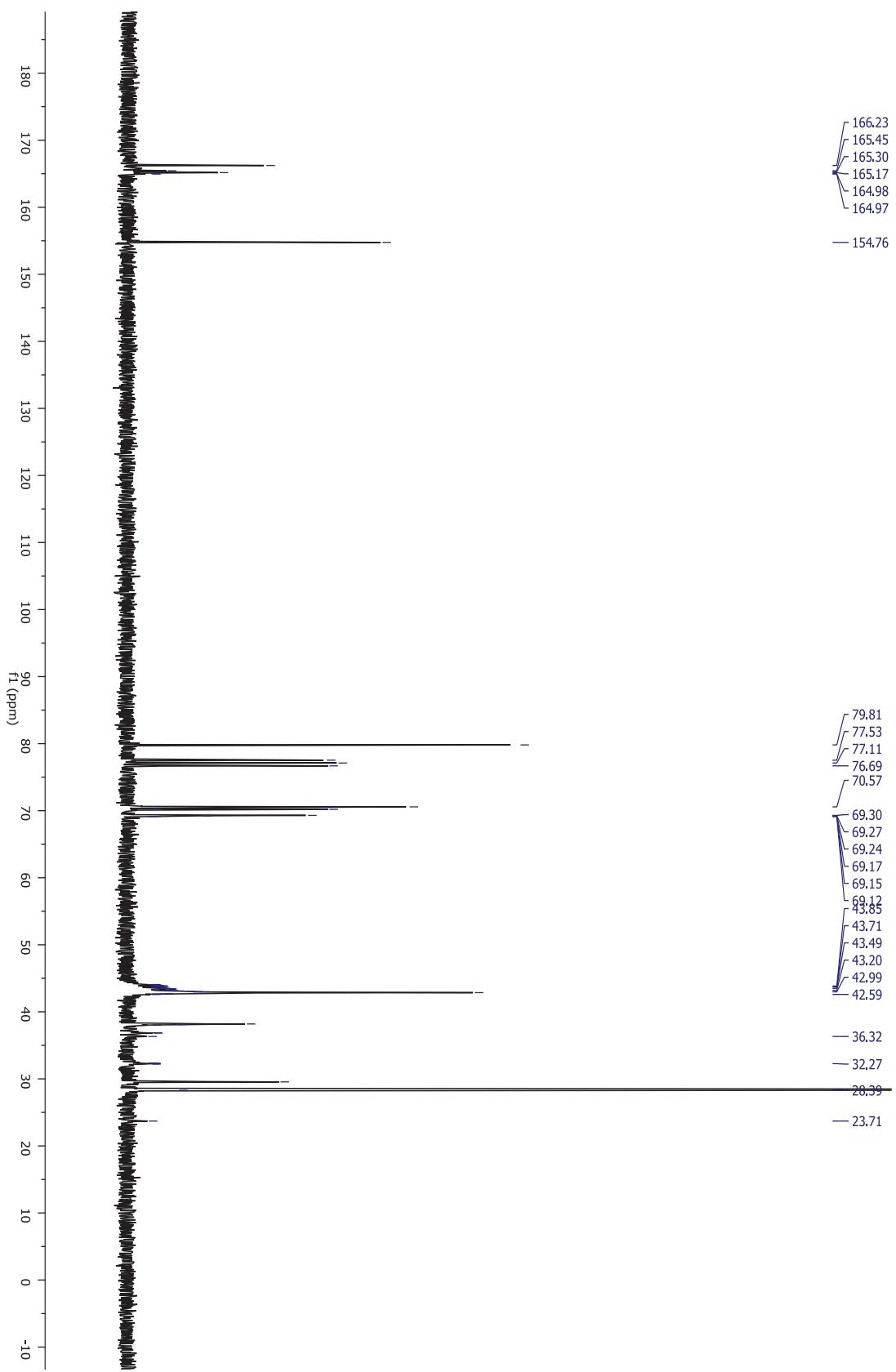
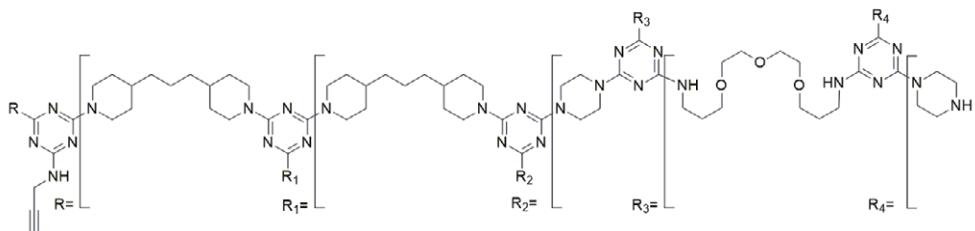


Figure S15. Mass Spectrum of **3-Boc** (MALDI-TOF)





Dendrimer 3

A solution of **3-Boc** (0.195g, 0.014mmol) in concentrated HCl (2mL) and methanol (2mL) was stirred for 15 h at room temperature and then evaporated under vacuum. The residue was dissolved in dichloromethane, washed with 5 M NaOH (*aq.*), passed through a phase separator from Whatman, and evaporated under vacuum to yield Dendrimer **3** (0.149g, quantitative). ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃, δ): 4.71 (bs, 24H, equatorial CHN-triazine of dipiperidine), 4.17 (s, 2H, NHCH₂CCH), 3.76-3.43 (b, 448 H, (64H) triazine-NCH₂CH₂N-triazine,(192H) CH₂OCH₂CH₂OCH₂CH₂OCH₂, (64H) NHCH₂CH₂CH₂O, (128H) triazine-NCH₂CH₂NH₂), 2.84 (bs, 128H NCH₂CH₂NH₂), 2.71 (t, *J* = 12Hz, 24H, equatorial CHCH₂N-triazine of dipiperidine), 2.18 (bt, 1H, NHCH₂CCH), 1.8-1.68 (b, 88H, (64H) OCH₂CH₂CH₂NH, (24) axial CHN-triazine of dipiperidine), 1.33-0.85 (m, 72H, axial CHCH₂N-triazine of dipiperidine (24H), CH-trimethylene (12H), CH₂CH₂CH₂ (36H)). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃, δ): 167.3, 166.15 (C₃N₃), 71.01 (OCH₂CH₂O), 69.74 (NHCH₂CH₂CH₂O), 46.31 (H₂NCH₂CH₂N-triazine), 43.6 (H₂NCH₂CH₂N-triazine), 38.36 (trimethylene-CHCH₂CH₂N), 38.25 (NCH₂CH₂N-triazine), 37.09 (HC-trimethylene), 36.37 (NHCH₂CH₂CH₂O), 36.57 (CH₂CH₂CH₂), 32.43 (CH₂CH₂N), 29.8 (NHCH₂CH₂CH₂O), 23.8 (CH₂CH₂CH₂). (ESI-TOF) calcd for C₄₉₄H₈₅₂N₂₁₈O₄₈: 10607.09; found 10604.87 (M + H)⁺.

Figure S16. ^1H NMR Spectrum of **3**

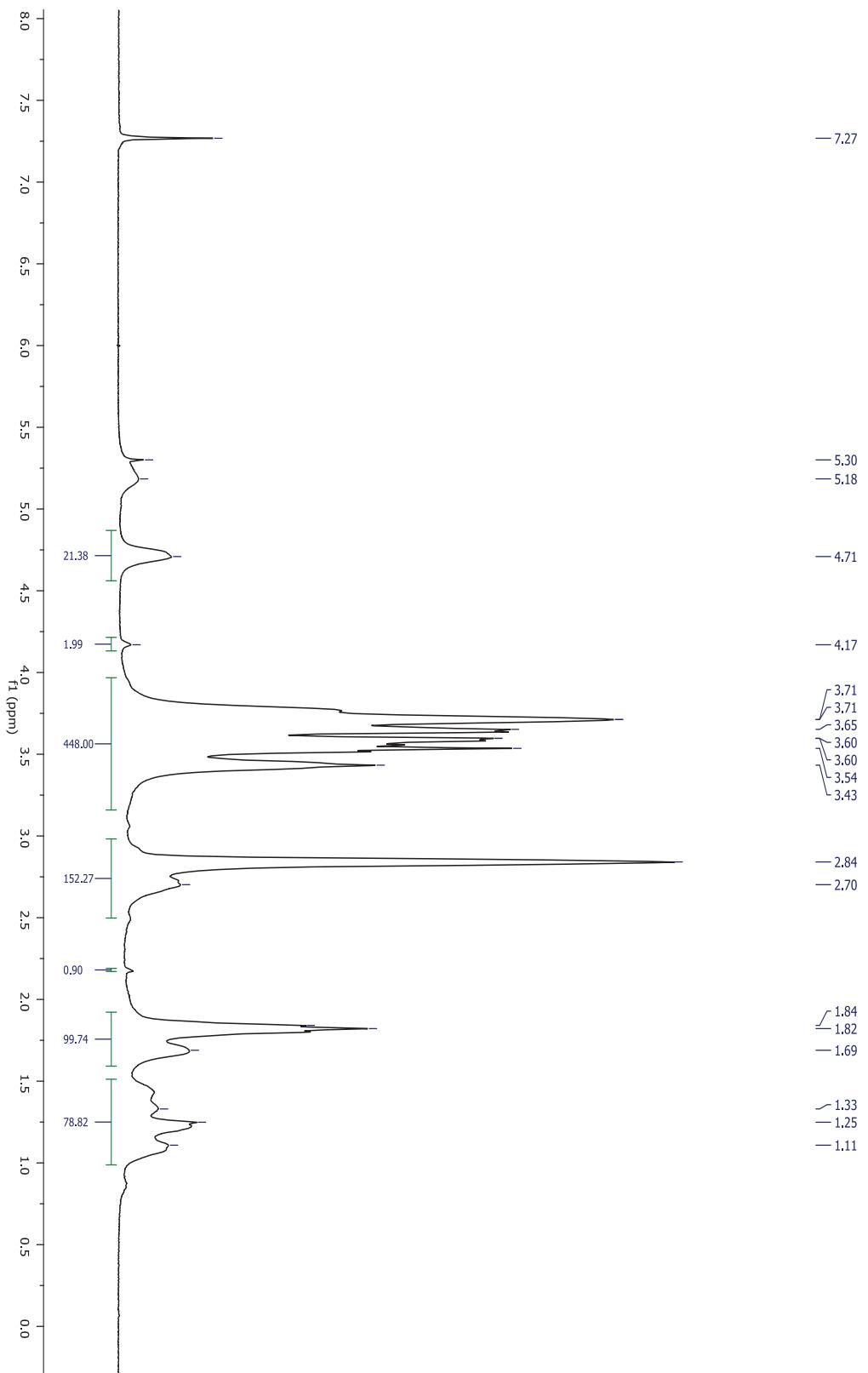


Figure S17. ^{13}C NMR Spectrum of **3**

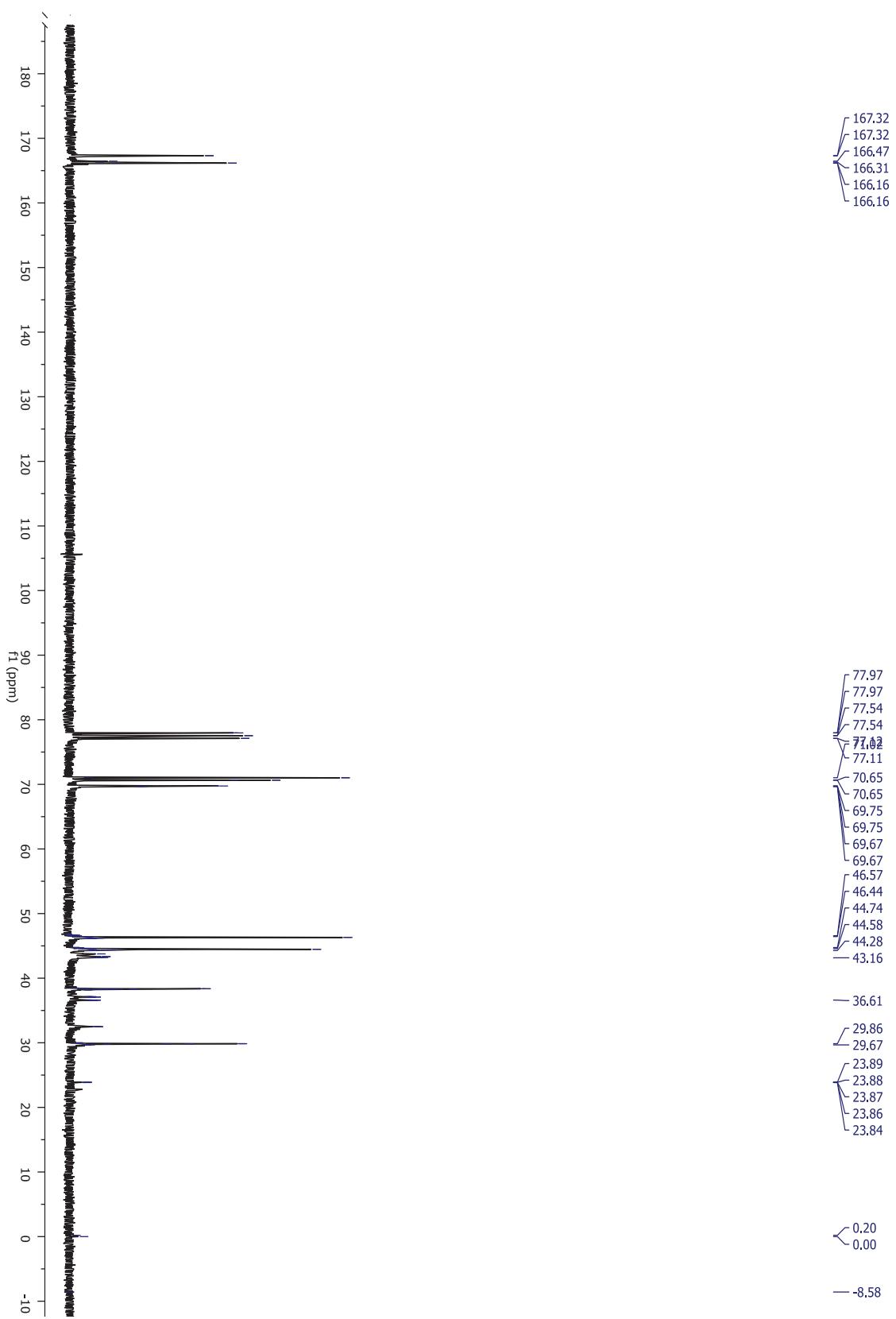
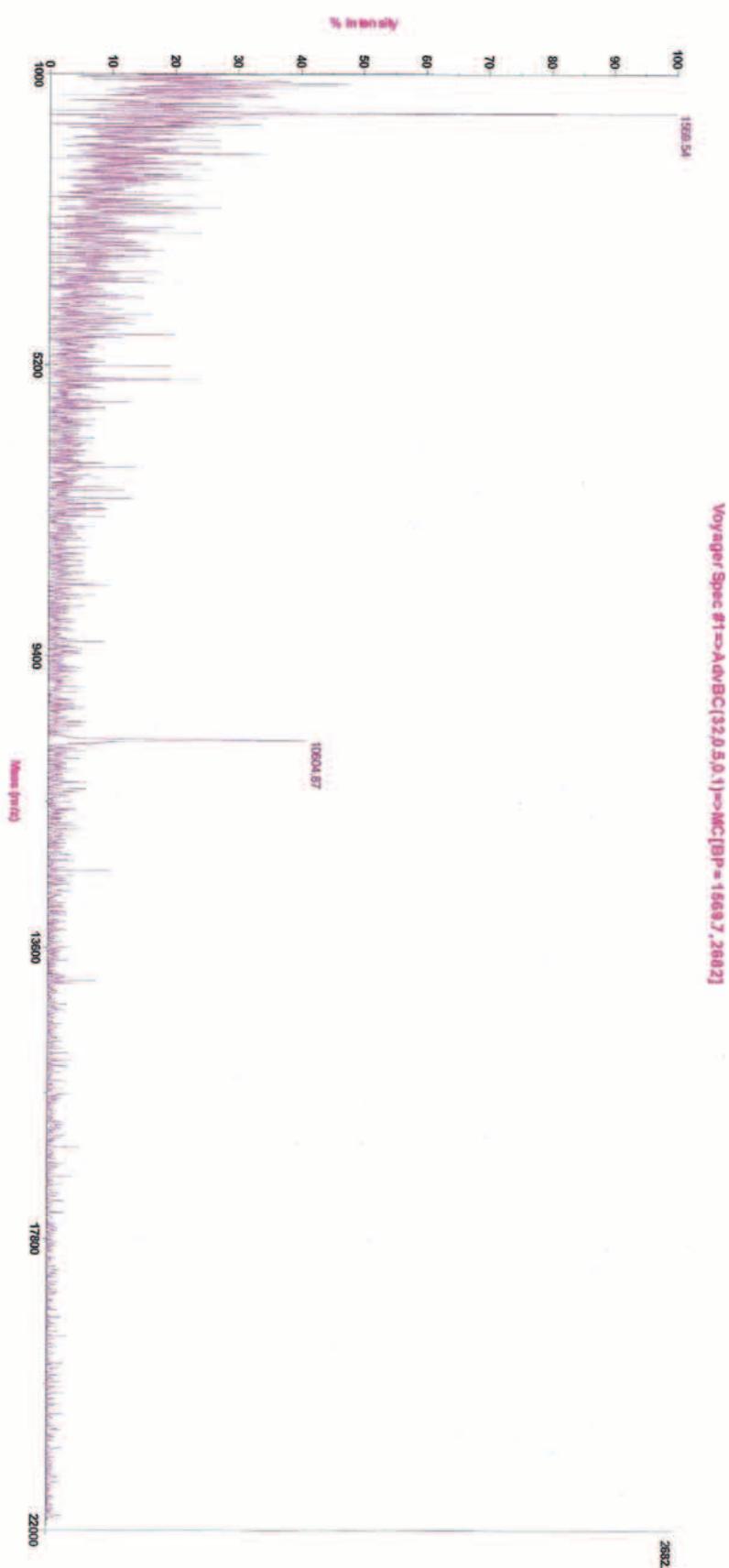
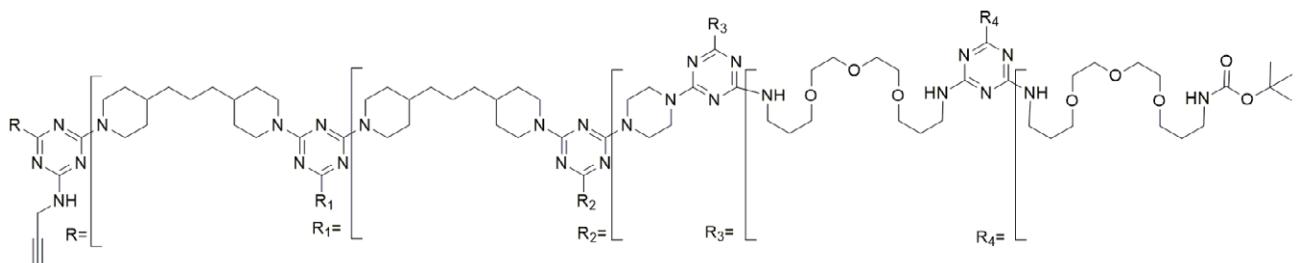


Figure S18. Mass Spectrum of **3** (MALDI-TOF)





Compound 4-Boc

A solution of compound dendrimer **1** (0.038g, 0.0150mmol), **11** (0.476g, 0.24mmol), and DIPEA (0.04mL, 0.24mmol) in 1.2mL of THF was stirred and heated at 75°C during 4 days in a pressure relief reaction vial. The crude product was dissolved in dichloromethane and washed with brine. The organic layer was passed through a phase separator from Whatman, and evaporated under vacuum. The solid was purified by precipitation EtOAc/ hexanes. Compound **4-Boc** (0.225g, 83%) was recovered as a white solid. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, δ): 4.72 (bs, 24H, equatorial CHN-triazine of dipiperidine), 4.18 (s, 2H, NHCH₂CCH), 3.64-3.43 (b, 768 H, (m, (608H), CH₂OCH₂CH₂OCH₂CH₂OCH₂, (96) C₃N₃-NHCH₂CH₂CH₂O) (64H) triazine-NCH₂CH₂N-triazine,), 3.21 (br m, 64H, BocNHCH₂), 2.71 (bs, 24H, equatorial CHCH₂N-triazine of dipiperidine), 2.18 (bt, 1H, NHCH₂CCH), 1.82-1.73 (b, 216H, (192H) OCH₂CH₂CH₂NH, (24) axial CHN-triazine of dipiperidine), 1.43 (s, 288H, C(CH₃)₃), 1.23-1.10 (m, 72H, axial CHCH₂N-triazine of dipiperidine (24H), CH-trimethylene (12H), CH₂CH₂CH₂ (36H)). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃, δ): 166.91, 166.3, 166.14, 165.96, 165.83 (C₃N₃), 156.8 (CO), 79.02 (C(CH₃)₃), 70.7 (OCH₂CH₂O), 70.4 (two lines, OCH₂CH₂O), 69.7 (CH₂CH₂CH₂O), 69.45 (CH₂CH₂CH₂O), 43.13 (trimethylene-CHCH₂CH₂N), 38.76, (NCH₂CH₂N-triazine), 38.11 (NCH₂CH₂N-triazine), 36.91 (HC-trimethylene), 36.39 (CH₂CH₂N), 36.3 not found (CH₂CH₂CH₂), 32.25 (NHCH₂CH₂CH₂O), 30.0 (NHCH₂CH₂CH₂O), 28.43 (C(CH₃)₃), 23.67 (CH₂CH₂CH₂). MS (ESI-TOF) calcd for C₈₄₆H₁₅₅₆N₂₁₈O₂₀₈: 18110.74; found 18111.48 (M + H)⁺.

Figure S19. ^1H NMR Spectrum of **4-Boc**

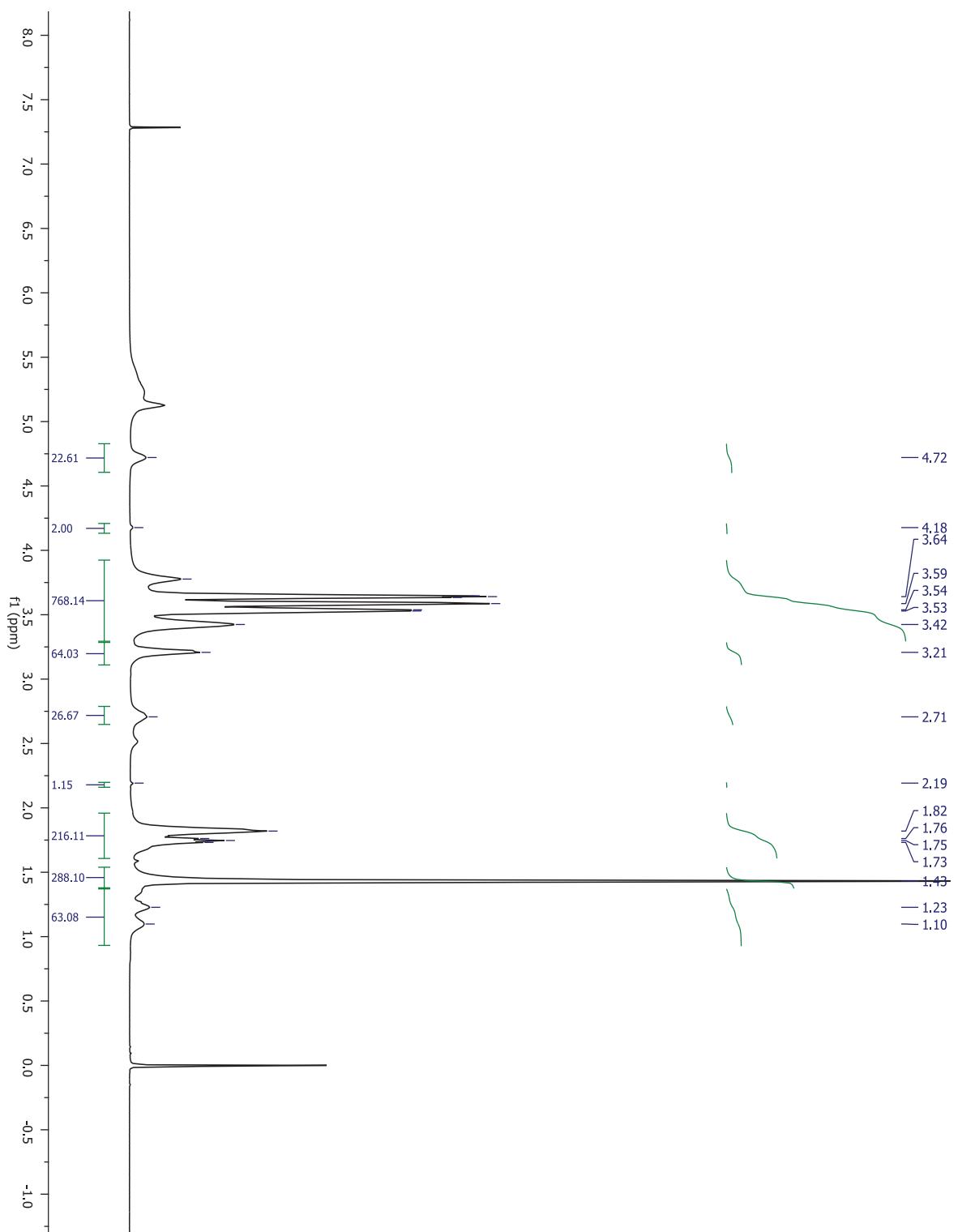


Figure S20. ^{13}C NMR Spectrum of **4-Boc**

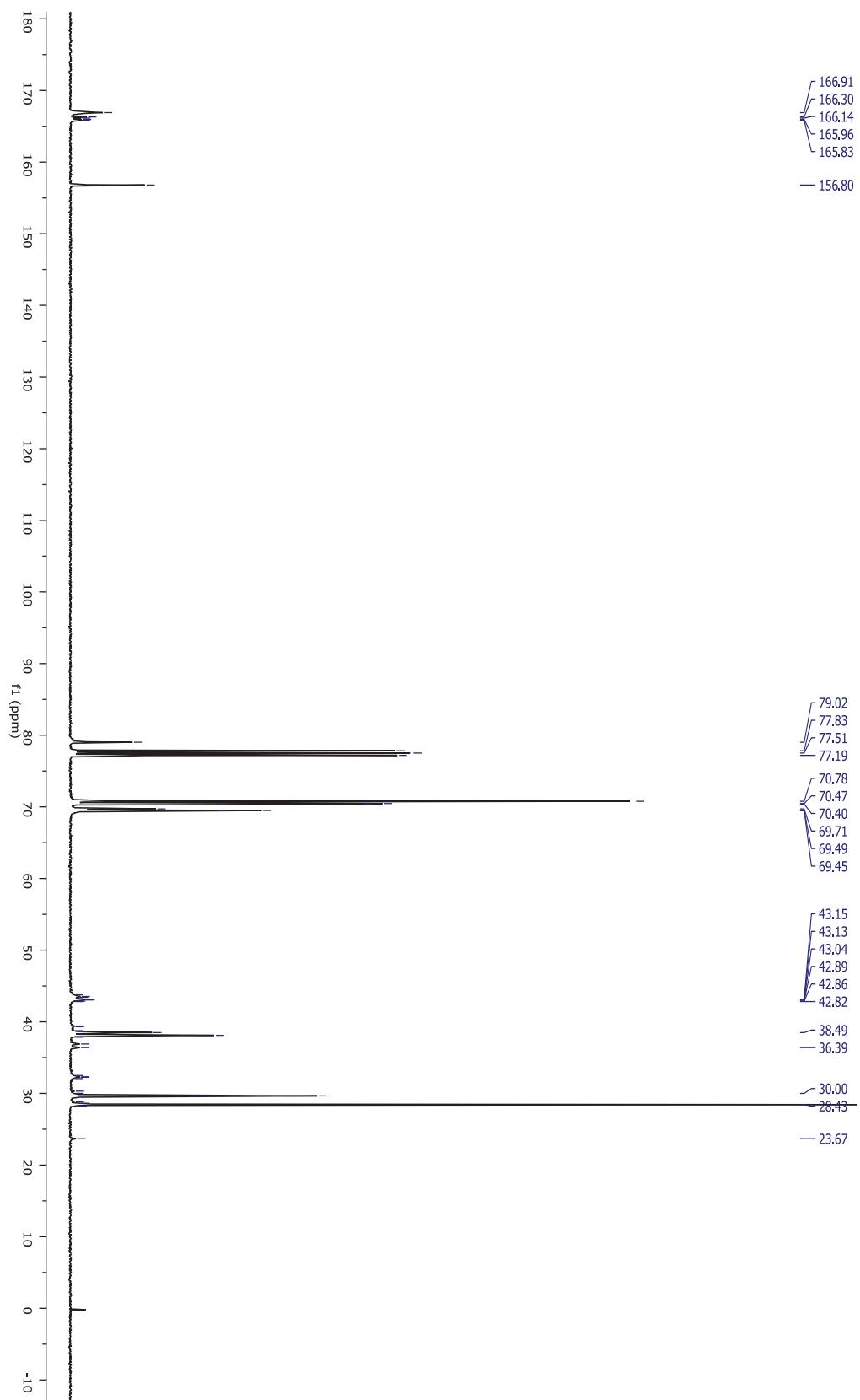
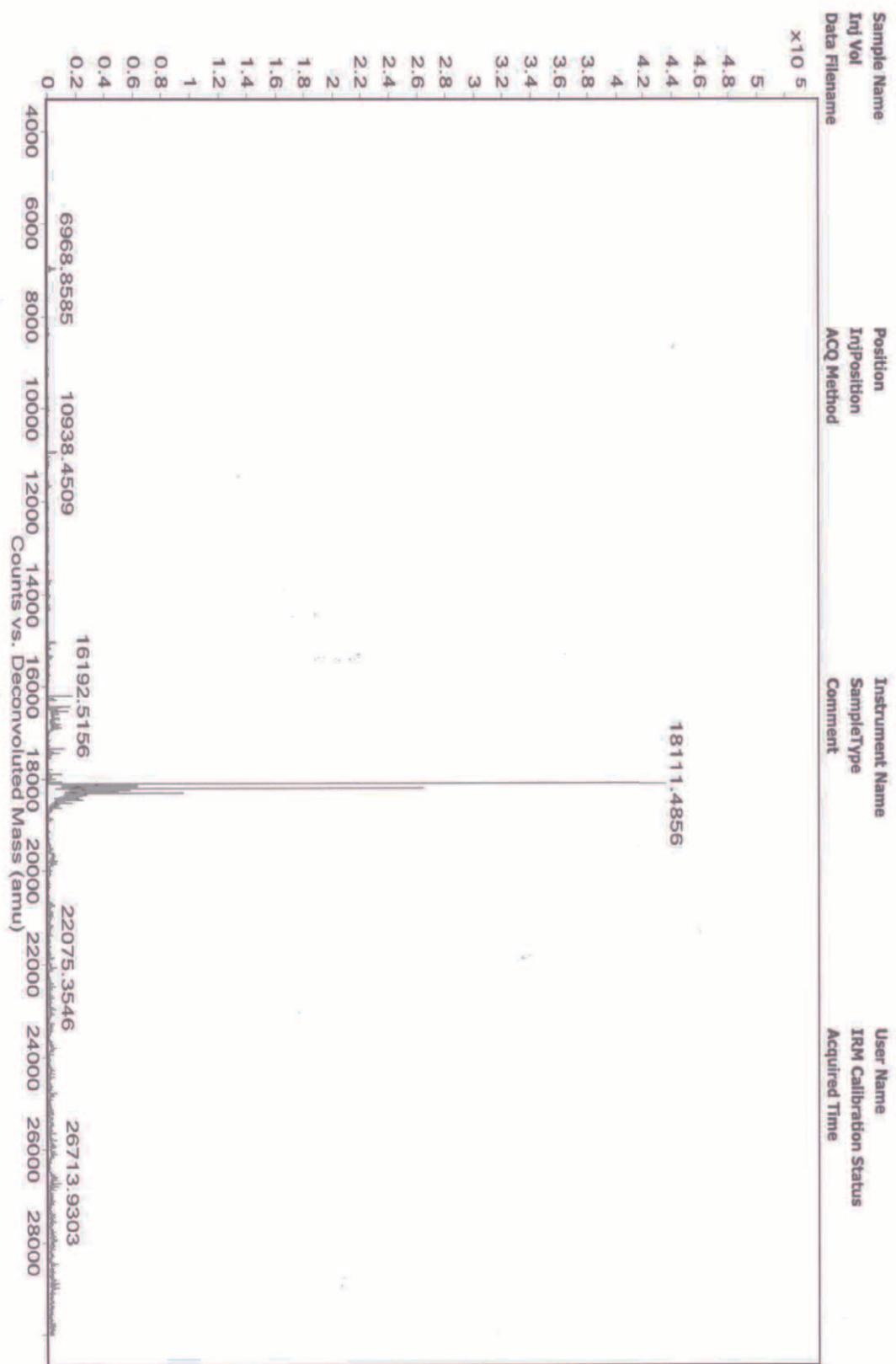
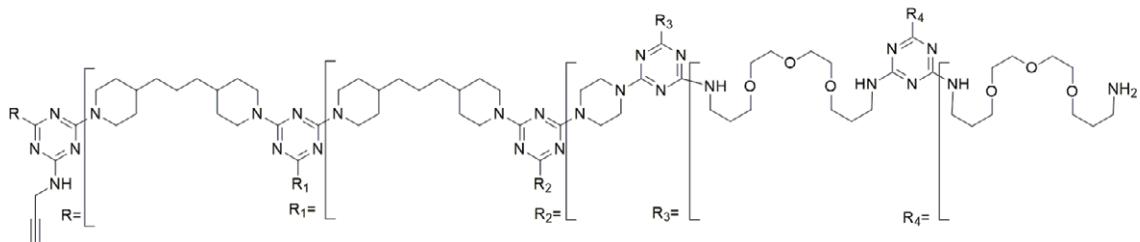


Figure S21. Mass Spectrum of **4-Boc** (ESI-TOF)





Dendrimer 4

A solution of compound **4-Boc** (0.226g, 0.012mmol) in concentrated HCl (2mL) and methanol (2mL) was stirred for 15 h at room temperature and then evaporated under vacuum. The residue was dissolved in dichloromethane, washed with 5 M NaOH (*aq.*), passed through a phase separator from Whatman, and evaporated under vacuum to yield dendrimer **4** as a white wax (0.186g, quantitative). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, δ): 4.72 (bs, 24H, equatorial CHN-triazine of dipiperidine), 4.18 (s, 2H, NHCH₂CCH), 3.77-3.41 (b, 768 H, (m, (608H), CH₂OCH₂CH₂OCH₂CH₂OCH₂, (96H) C₃N₃-NHCH₂CH₂CH₂O) (64H) triazine-NCH₂CH₂N-triazine), 2.77 (br m, 64H, BocNHCH₂), 2.71 not found (bs, 24H, equatorial CHCH₂N-triazine of dipiperidine), 2.18 (bt, 1H, NHCH₂CCH), 1.81-0.88 (b, 288H, (192H) OCH₂CH₂CH₂NH, (24) axial CHN-triazine of dipiperidine, CHCH₂N-triazine of dipiperidine (24H), CH-trimethylene (12H), CH₂CH₂CH₂ (36H)). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃, δ): 167.12, 166.50, 166.34, 166.16, 166.04 (C₃N₃), 71.02 (OCH₂CH₂O), 70.6 (two lines, OCH₂CH₂O), 69.8 (CH₂CH₂CH₂O), 69.67 (CH₂CH₂CH₂O), 44.01 (trimethylene-CHCH₂CH₂N), 39.26, (NCH₂CH₂N-triazine), 38.26 (NCH₂CH₂N-triazine), 37.08 (HC-trimethylene), 36.59 (CH₂CH₂N), 36.3 not found (CH₂CH₂CH₂), 33.6 (NH₂CH₂CH₂CH₂O), 32.50 (NHCH₂CH₂CH₂O), 29.86 (NHCH₂CH₂CH₂O), 23.84 (CH₂CH₂CH₂). MS (ESI-TOF) calcd for C₆₈₃H₁₃₀₀N₂₁₈O₁₄₄: 14898.11; found 14908.11 (M + H)⁺.

Figure S22. ^1H NMR Spectrum of **4**

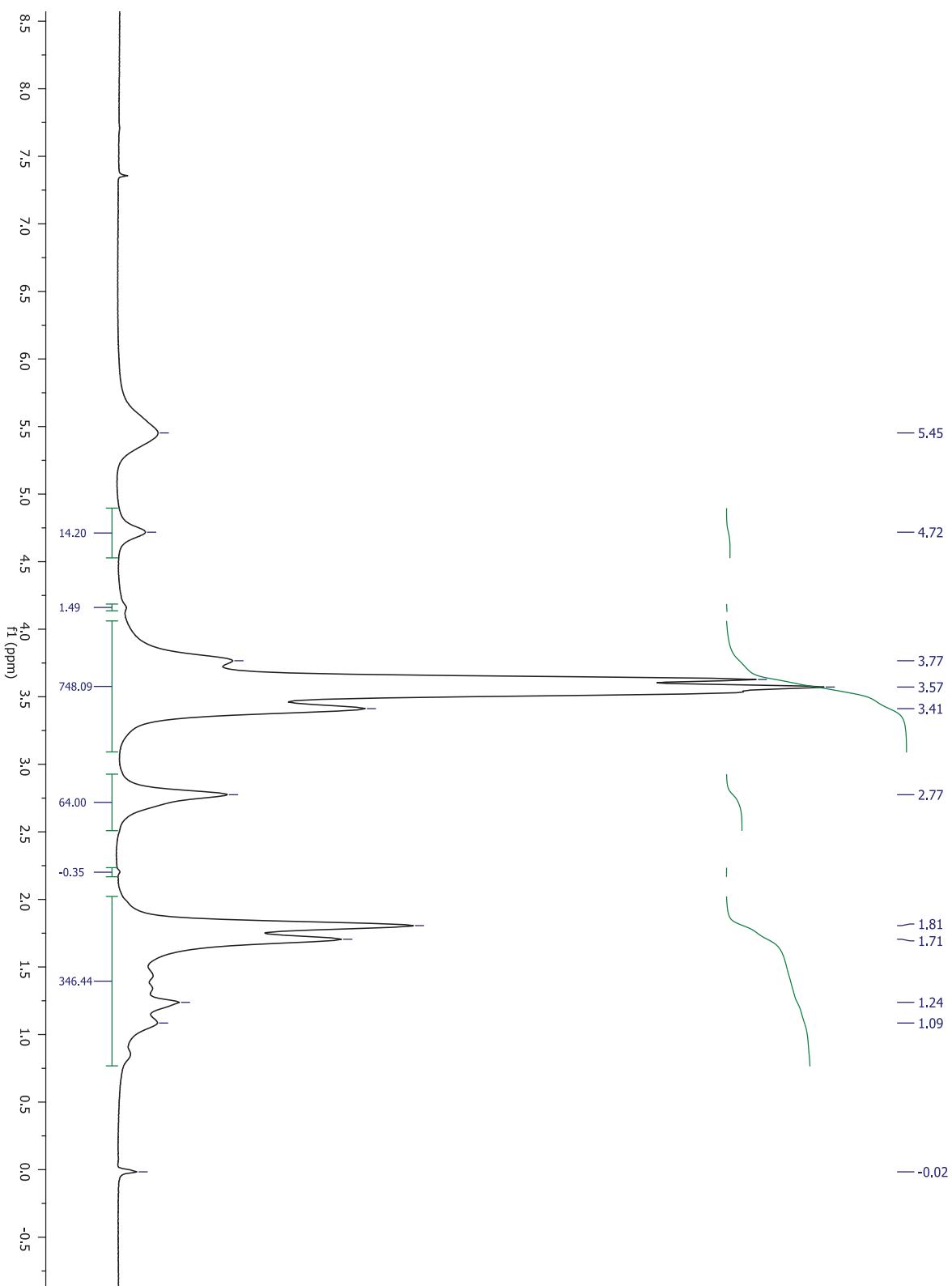


Figure S23. ^{13}C NMR Spectrum of **4**

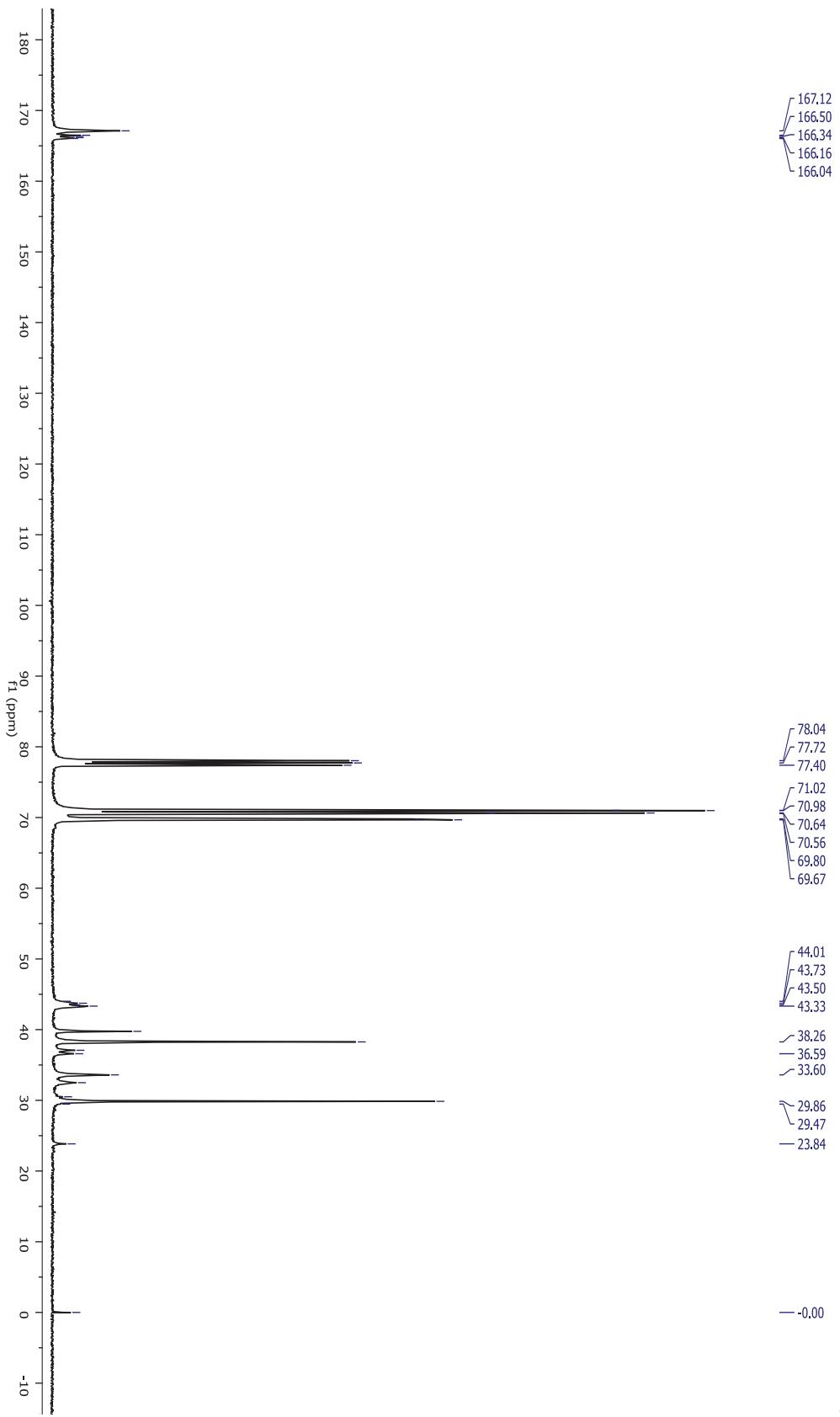
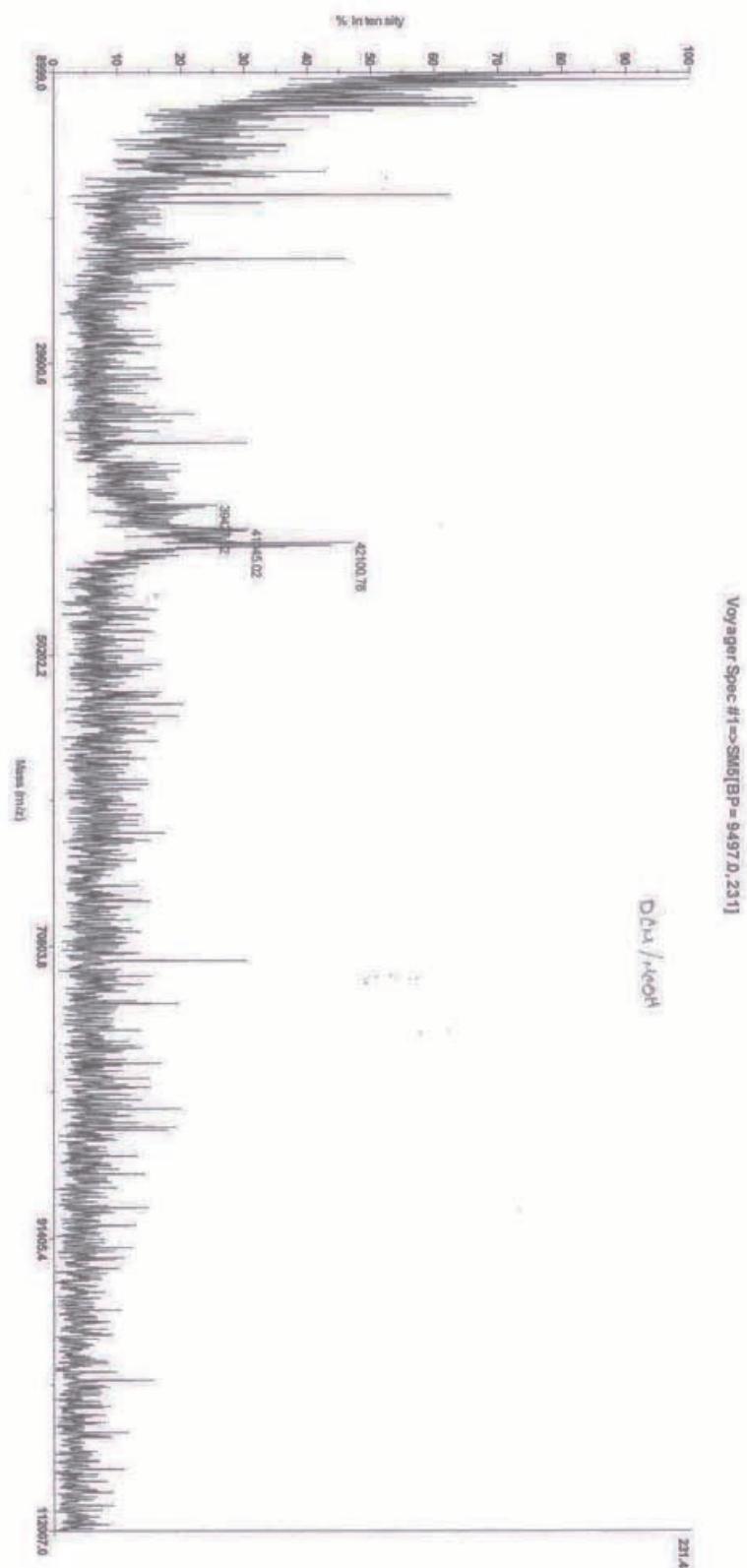
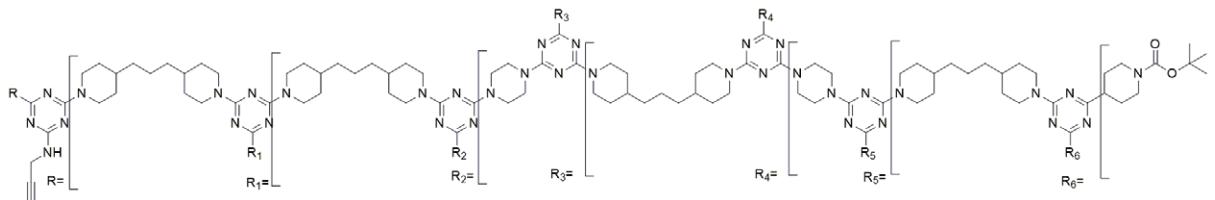


Figure S24. Mass Spectrum of **4** (MALDI-TOF)





Compound 5-Boc

A solution of compound dendrimer **2** (0.088g, 0.0084mmol), **9** (0.769g, 0.54mmol), DIPEA (0.094mL, 0.54mmol) in 0.5mL of THF and 0.2mL of MeOH was stirred and heated at 75°C during 6 days in a pressure relief reaction vial. The crude product was dissolved in dichloromethane and washed with brine, the organic layer was passed through a phase separator from Whatman, and evaporated under vacuum. The solid was purified by precipitation EtOAc/hexanes. Compound **5-Boc** (0.32g, 70%) was recovered as a white solid. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃, δ): 4.73 (bs, 344H, equatorial CHN-triazine of dipiperidine), 4.18 (s, 2H, NHCH₂CCH, not found), 3.80-3.74 (s, 704H, (512H) triazine-NCH₂CH₂NBoc, (192H) triazine-NCH₂CH₂-triazine), 3.45 (s, 512H, triazine-NCH₂CH₂NBoc), 2.74-2.71 (bs, 344H, equatorial CHCH₂N-triazine of dipiperidine), 2.18 (bt, 1H, NHCH₂CCH, not found), 1.72 (s, 344H, axial CHN-triazine of dipiperidine), 1.49-1.09 (2696H (1152H) C(CH₃)₃, (856H) axial CHCH₂N-triazine of dipiperidine, (172H) CH-trimethylene, (516H) CH₂CH₂CH₂). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃, δ): 166.5, 165.2, 165.0 (N₃C₃), 154.8 (CO), 79.8 (C(CH₃)₃), 43.5 (CHCH₂CH₂N), 43.5, (NCH₂CH₂N-triazine), 43.0 (NCH₂CH₂N-triazine), 36.8 (HC-trimethylene), 36.3 (CH₂CH₂CH₂), 32.2 (CH₂CH₂N), 28.4 (C(CH₃)₃), 23.6 (CH₂CH₂CH₂). MS (MALDI-TOF) calculated for C₂₈₁₄H₄₅₆₄N₈₉₀O₂₅₆: 54825.15; not found.

Figure S25. ^1H NMR Spectrum of **5-Boc**

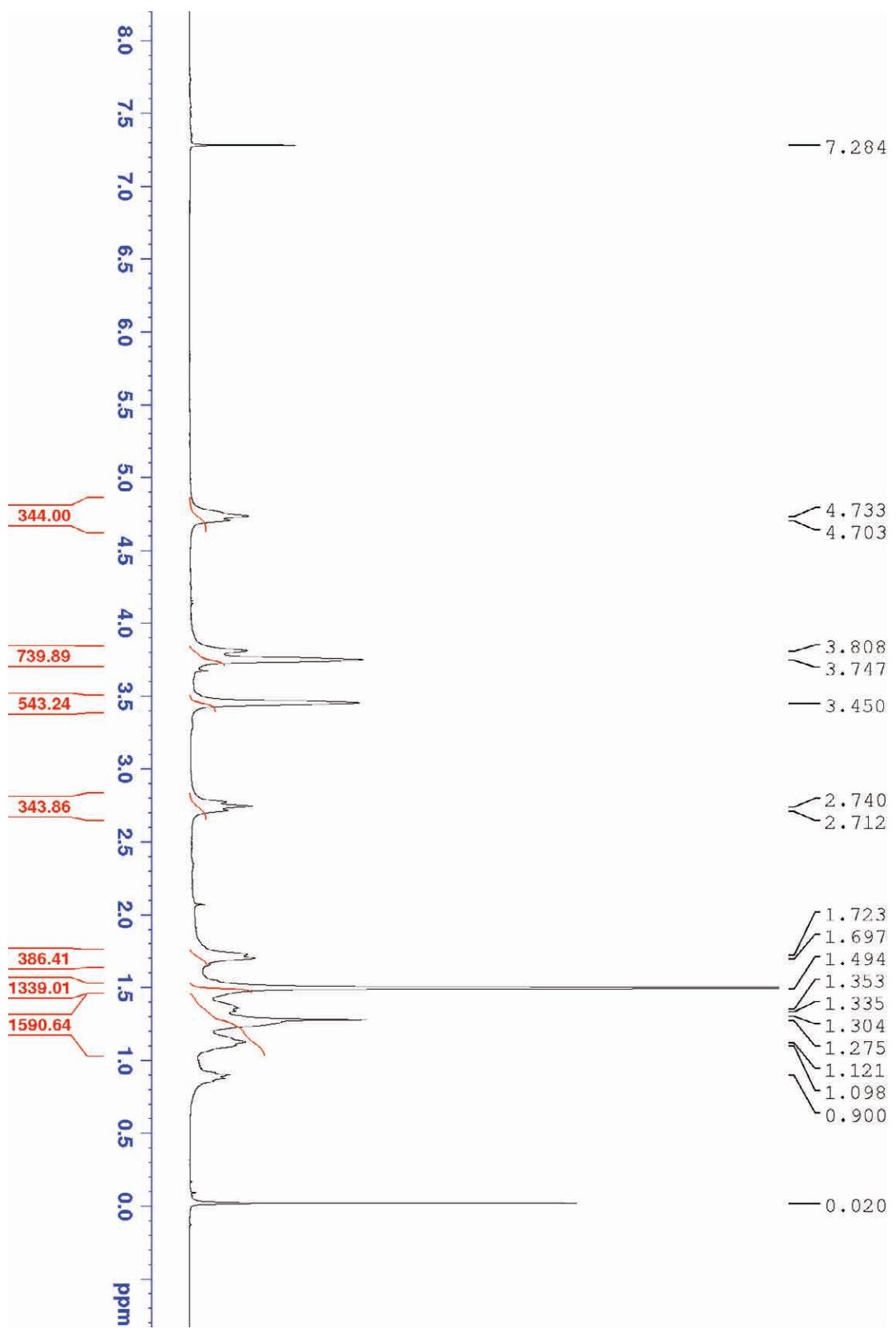
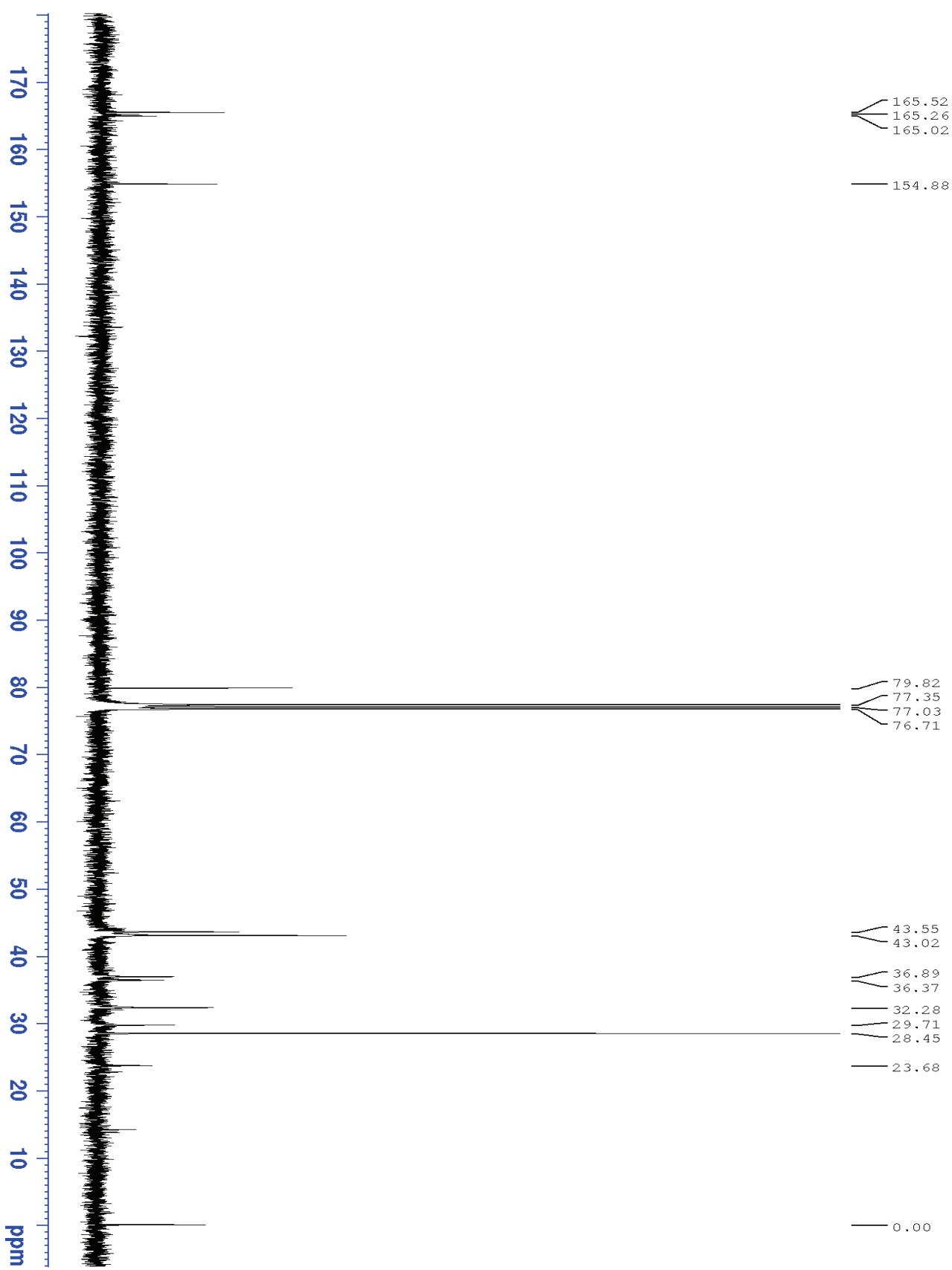
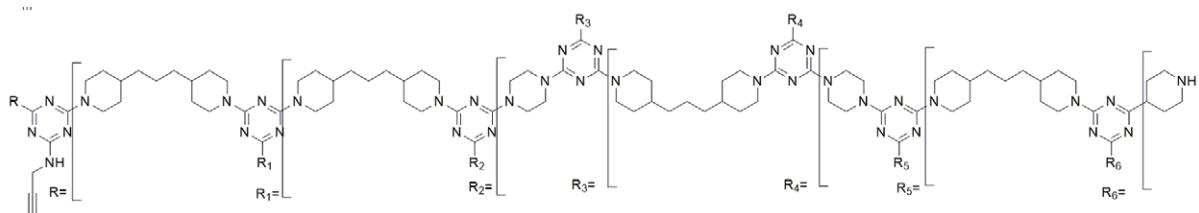


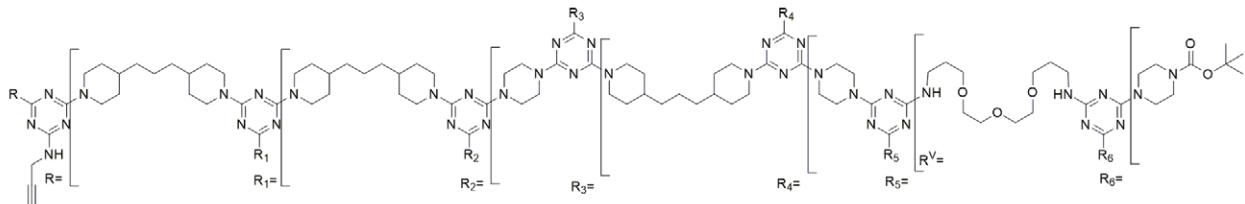
Figure S26. ^{13}C NMR Spectrum of **5-Boc**





Dendrimer 5

A solution of compound **5-Boc** (0.015g, 0.00027mmol) in concentrated HCl (0.5mL) and methanol (0.5mL) was stirred for 15 h at room temperature and then evaporated under vacuum. The residue was dissolved in dichloromethane, washed with 5 M NaOH (*aq.*), passed through a phase separator from Whatman, evaporated under vacuum to yield **5** (0.011g, quant.). After evaporation the white solid recovered could not be redissolved. No characterization data is available. The structure of the product is assumed.



Compound 6-Boc

A solution of compound dendrimer **2** (0.074g, 0.0070mmol), **10** (0.392g, 0.271mmol), and DIPEA (0.08mL, 0.46mmol) in 1.8mL of THF and 0.5mL of MeOH was stirred at 75°C for 4 days in a pressure relief reaction vial. The crude product was dissolved in dichloromethane and washed with brine. The organic layer was passed through a phase separator from Whatman, and evaporated under vacuum. The solid was purified by precipitation EtOAc/ hexanes. Compound **6-Boc** (0.37g, 95%) was recovered as a white solid. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, δ): 4.73 (bs, 88H, equatorial CHN-triazine of dipiperidine), 4.18 not found (s, 2H, NHCH₂CCH), 3.65-3.43 (b, 2368 H, (320H) triazine-NCH₂CH₂N-triazine, (768H) CH₂OCH₂CH₂OCH₂CH₂OCH₂, (512H) NCH₂CH₂NBoc, (256H) NHCH₂CH₂CH₂O, (512H) NCH₂CH₂NBoc), 2.73 (bs, 88H, equatorial CHCH₂N-triazine of dipiperidine), 2.18 not found (bt, 1H, NHCH₂CCH), 1.82-1.63 (b, 344H, (256H) OCH₂CH₂CH₂NH, (88) axial CHN-triazine of dipiperidine), 1.47 (s, 1152H, C(CH₃)₃), 1.33-0.85 (m, 264H, axial CHCH₂N-triazine of dipiperidine (88H), CH-trimethylene (44H), CH₂CH₂CH₂ (132H)). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃, δ): 167.61, 166.53 (C₃N₃), 156.05 (CO), 80.63 (C(CH₃)₃), 71.34 (OCH₂CH₂O), 70.01 (NHCH₂CH₂CH₂O), 44.51 (trimethylene-CHCH₂CH₂N), 43.65 (NCH₂CH₂N-triazine), 43.46 (BocNCH₂CH₂N-triazine), 38.77 (NCH₂CH₂N-triazine), 37.49 (HC-trimethylene), 36.98 (NHCH₂CH₂CH₂O), 32.86 (CH₂CH₂CH₂), 30.08 (CH₂CH₂N), 29.09 (NHCH₂CH₂CH₂O), 28.9 (C(CH₃)₃), 24.36 (CH₂CH₂CH₂). (MALDI-TOF) calcd for C₂₆₂₂H₄₄₃₆N₈₉₀O₄₄₈: 55563.17; found (due to the high voltage the BOC groups were cleaved during the analysis and the deprotected mass is observed) 42754.46 (M + H)⁺.

Figure S27. ^1H NMR Spectrum of **6-Boc**

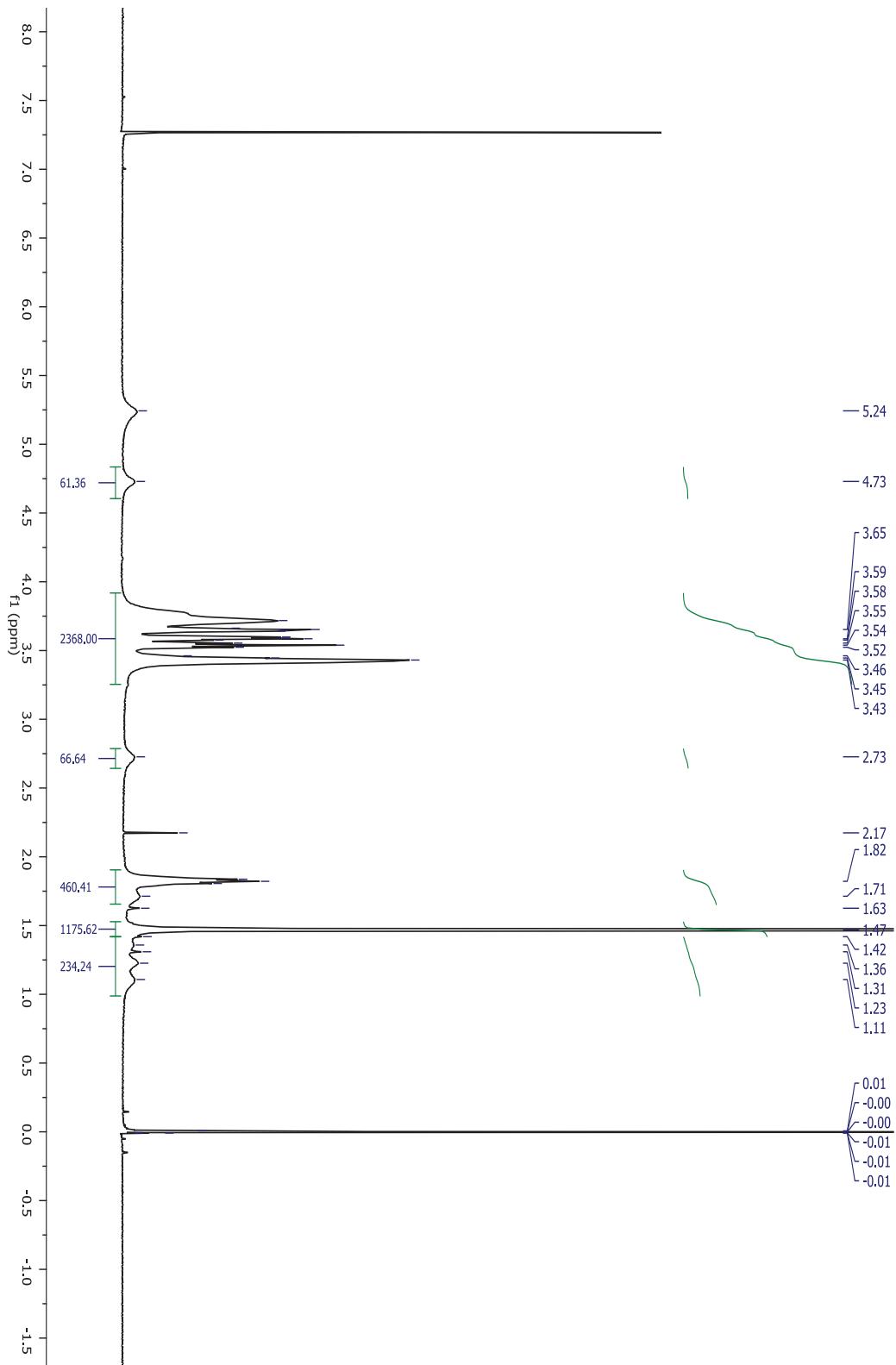


Figure S28. ^{13}C NMR Spectrum of **6-Boc**

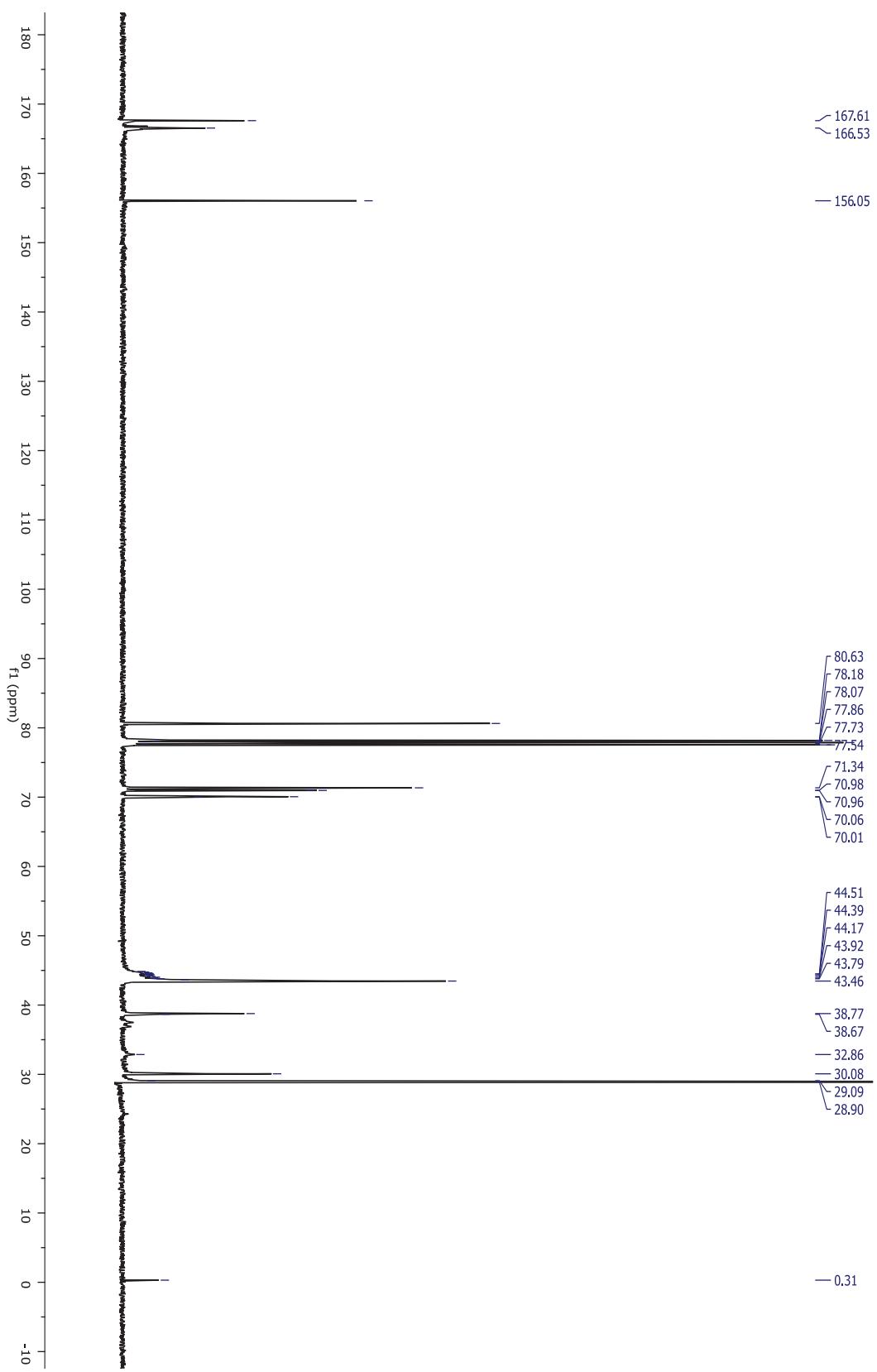
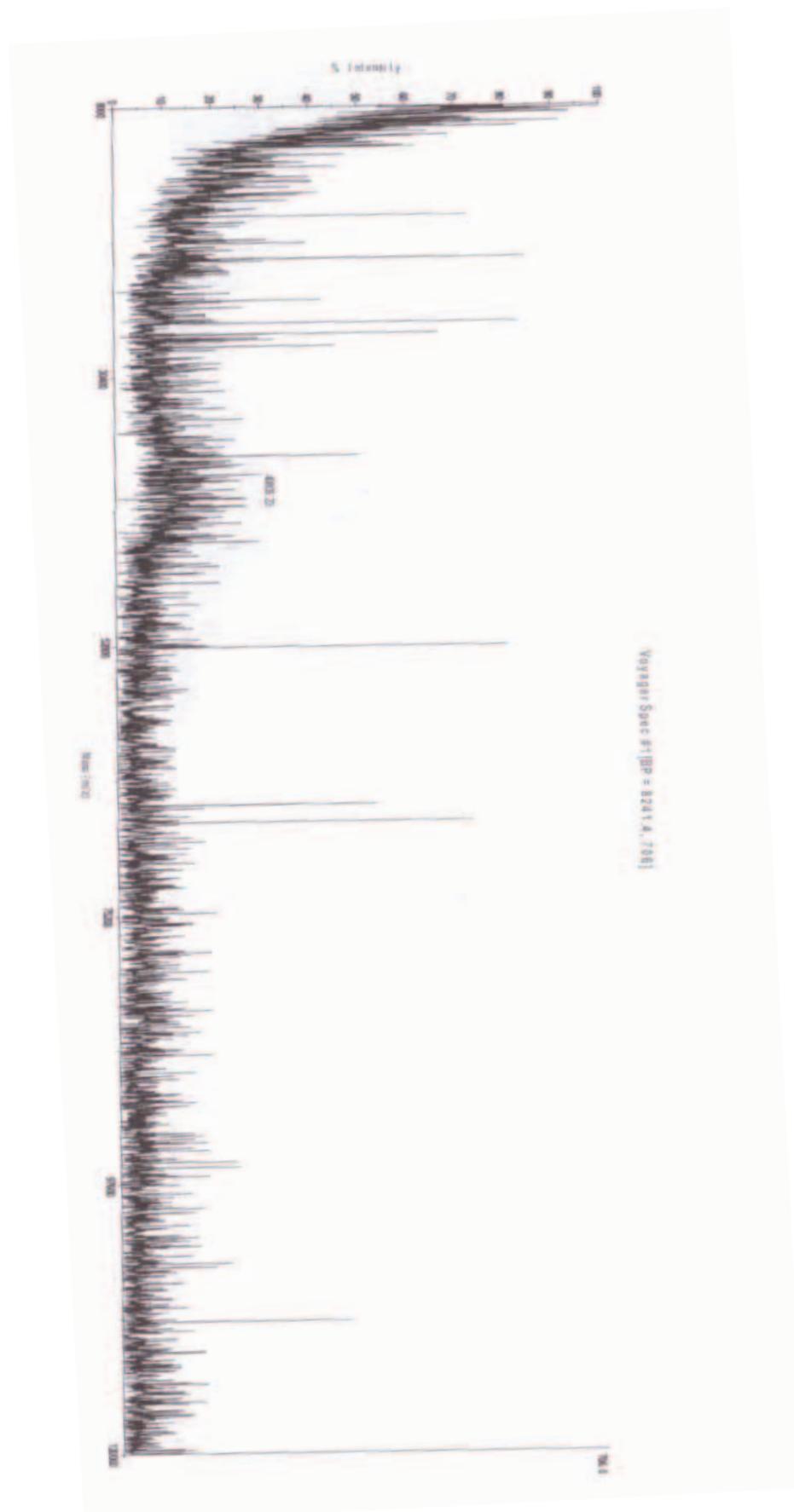
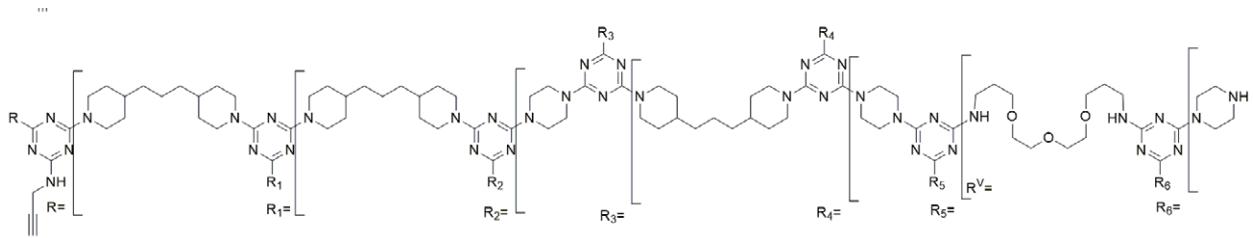


Figure S29. Mass Spectrum of **6-Boc** (MALDI-TOF). Loss of BOC is evident.

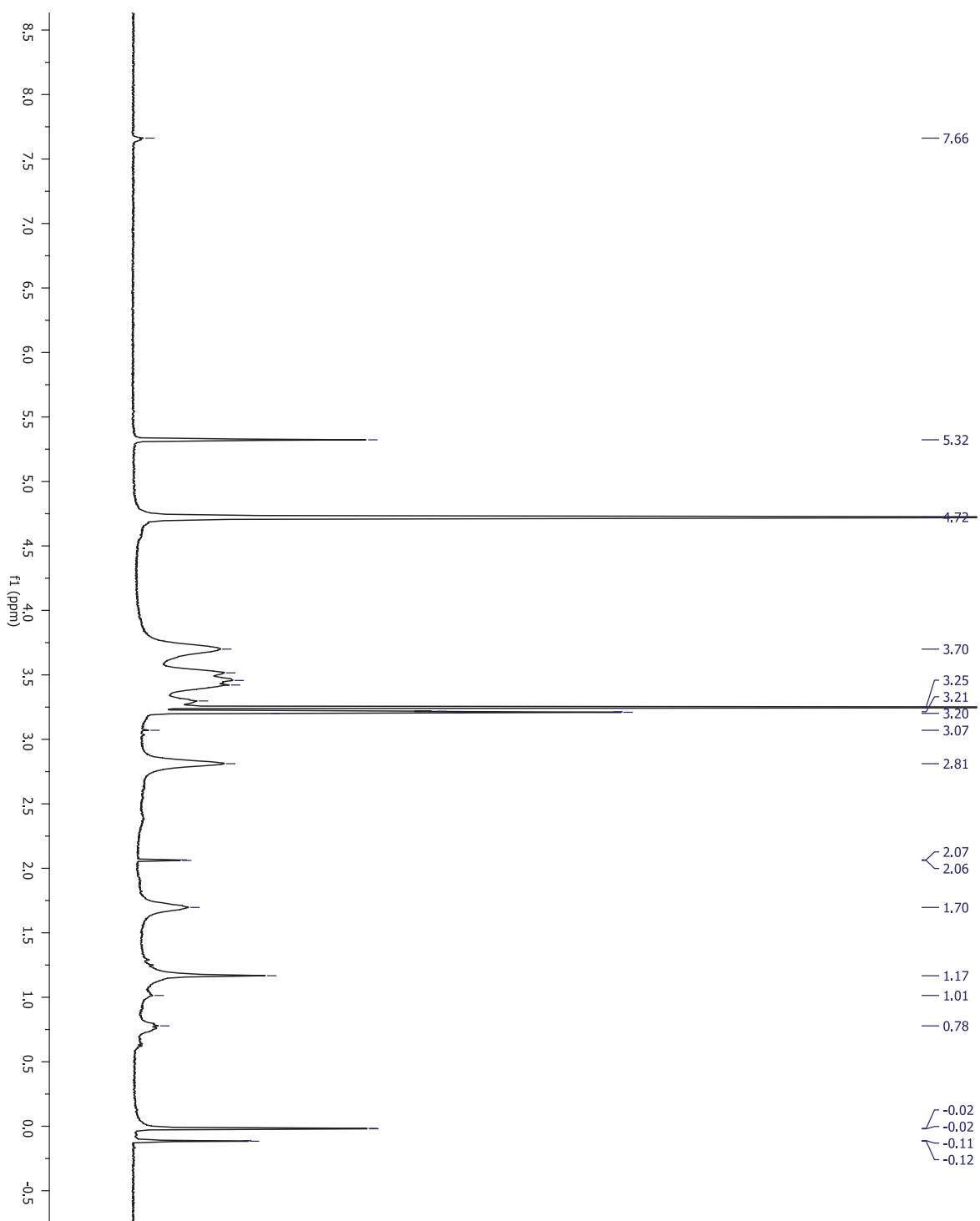


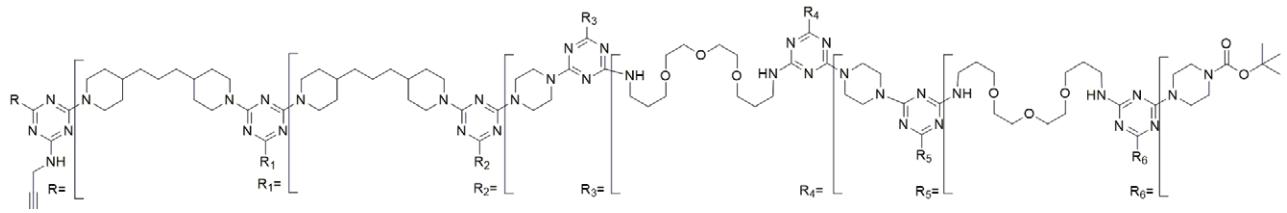


Dendrimer 6

A solution of compound **6-Boc** (0.147g, 0.0026mmol) in concentrated HCl (2mL) and methanol (2mL) was stirred for 15 h at room temperature and then evaporated under vacuum. The residue was dissolved in dichloromethane, washed with 5 M NaOH (*aq.*), passed through a phase separator from Whatman, and evaporated under vacuum to yield dendrimer **6** (0.113g, quant.).
¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, δ): 4.73 (bs, 88H, equatorial CHN-triazine of dipiperidine), 4.18 not found (s, 2H, NHCH₂CCH), 3.7-3.20 (b, 2368 H, (320H) triazine-NCH₂CH₂N-triazine, (768H) CH₂OCH₂CH₂OCH₂CH₂OCH₂, (512H) NCH₂CH₂NH₂, (256H) NHCH₂CH₂CH₂O, (512H) NCH₂CH₂NH₂), 2.81 (bs, 88H, equatorial CHCH₂N-triazine of dipiperidine), 2.18 not found (bt, 1H, NHCH₂CCH), 1.70 (b, 344H, (256H) OCH₂CH₂CH₂NH, (88) axial CHN-triazine of dipiperidine), 1.17-0.78 (m, 264H, axial CHCH₂N-triazine of dipiperidine (88H), CH-trimethylene (44H), CH₂CH₂CH₂ (132H)). MALDI-TOF calcd for C₁₉₈₄H₃₄₁₄N₈₉₀O₁₉₂: 42754.54; not found

Figure S30. ^1H NMR Spectrum of **6**





Compound 7-Boc

A solution of compound dendrimer **3** (0.056g, 0.0053mmol), **10** (0.488g, 0.34 mmol), and DIPEA (0.057mL, 0.34 mmol) in 1.5 mL of THF and 0.2mL MeOH was stirred at 75°C during 4 days in a pressure relief reaction vial. The crude product was dissolved in dichloromethane and washed with brine. The organic layer was passed through a phase separator from Whatman, and evaporated under vacuum. The solid was purified by multiple precipitations of EtOAc against hexanes. Compound **7-Boc** (0.156g, 53%) was recovered as a white solid. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃, δ): 3.72-3.4 (b, 2624H, (320H) triazine-NCH₂CH₂N-triazine, (960H) CH₂OCH₂CH₂OCH₂CH₂OCH₂, (512H) NCH₂CH₂NBoc, (64H) NHCH₂CH₂CH₂O, (512H) NCH₂CH₂NBoc), 1.84-1.82 (b, 320H OCH₂CH₂CH₂NH), 1.47 (s, 1152H, C(CH₃)₃). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃, δ): 166.268, 165.198 (C₃N₃), 154.77 (CO), 79.8 (C(CH₃)₃), 70.58 (OCH₂CH₂O), 70.2 (OCH₂CH₂O), 69.29 (NHCH₂CH₂CH₂O), 43.8 (NCH₂CH₂N-triazine), 43.87 (BocNCH₂CH₂N-triazine), 42.87 (NCH₂CH₂N-triazine), 38.19 (NHCH₂CH₂CH₂O), 29.5 (NHCH₂CH₂CH₂O), 28.4 (C(CH₃)₃) MS (MALDI-TOF) calcd for C₂₅₇₄H₄₄₀₄N₈₉₀O₄₉₆: 55722.67; found 562004.38 (M + H)⁺.

Figure S31. ^1H NMR Spectrum of 7-Boc

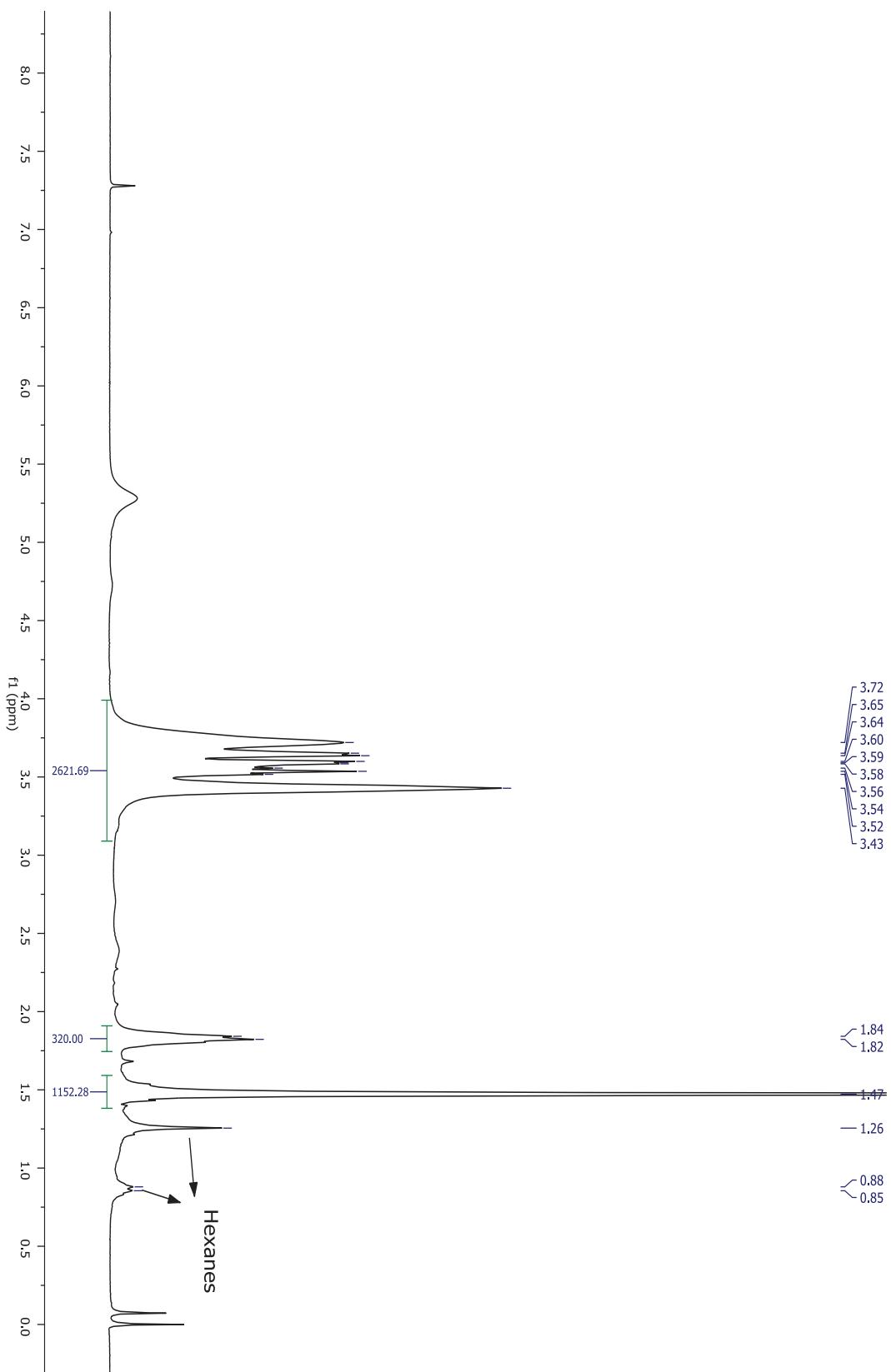


Figure S32. ^{13}C NMR Spectrum of **7-Boc**

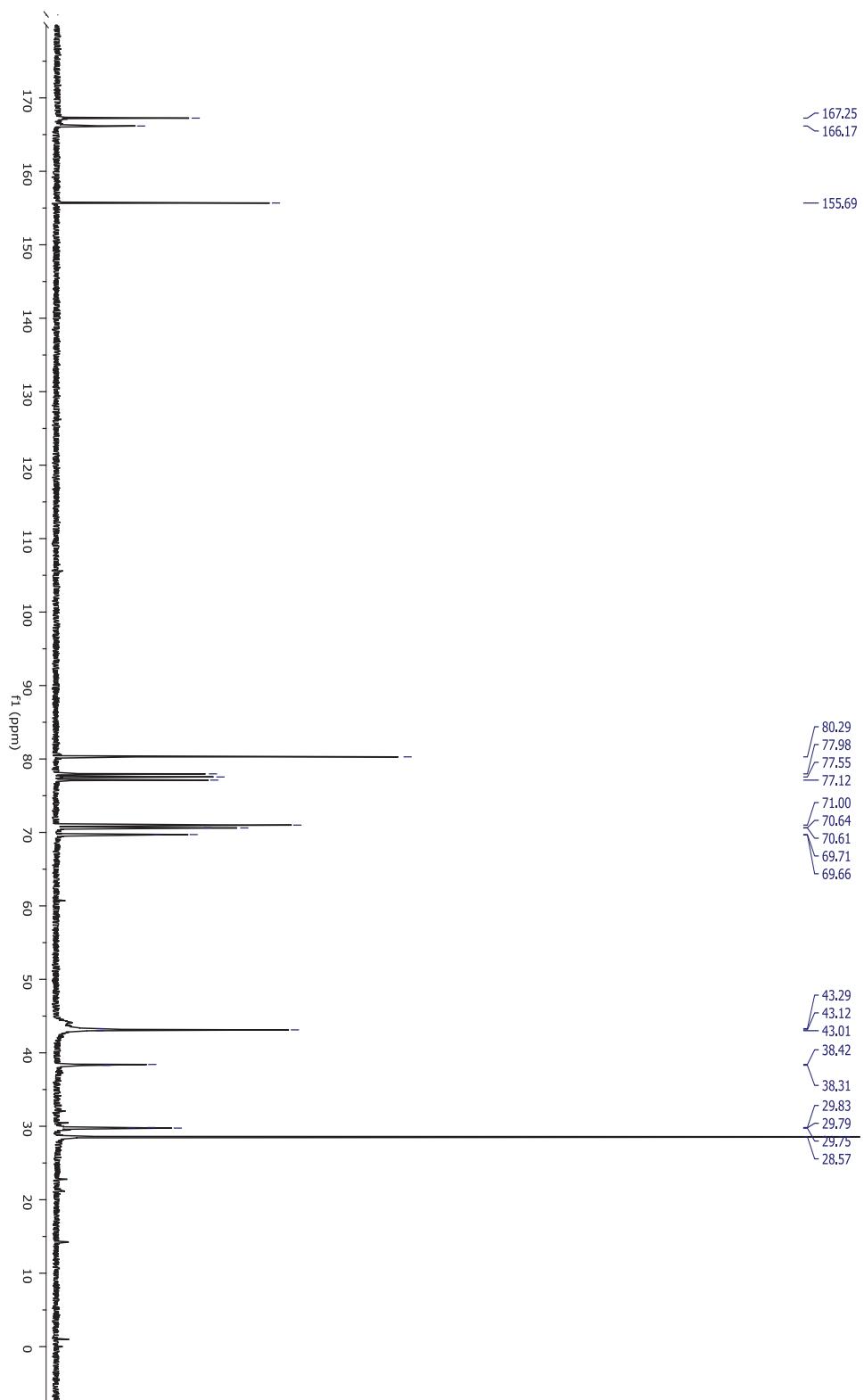
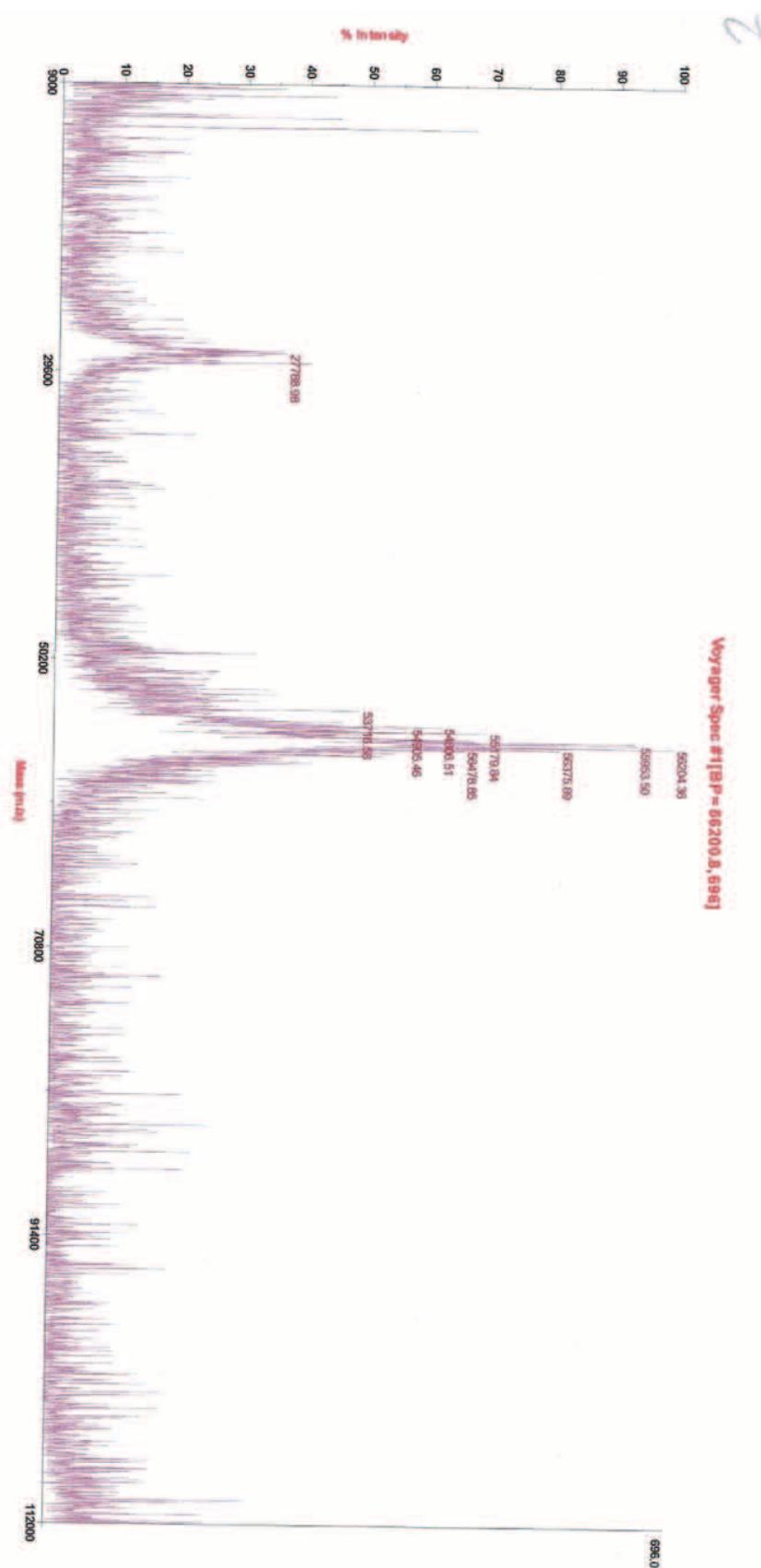
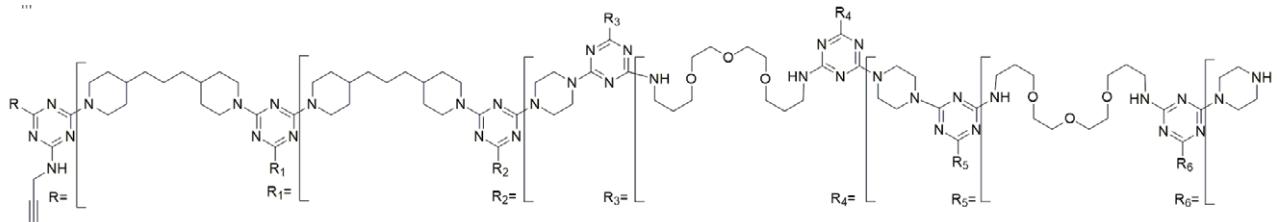


Figure S33. Mass Spectrum of **7-Boc** (MALDI-TOF)





Dendrimer 7

A solution of compound **7-Boc** (0.200g, 0.0036mmol) in concentrated HCl (5mL) and methanol (5mL) was stirred for 15 h at room temperature and then evaporated under vacuum. The residue was dissolved in dichloromethane, washed with 5 M NaOH (*aq.*), passed through a phase separator from Whaltman, and evaporated under vacuum to yield **7** (0.15g, quantitative). ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3 , δ): 3.72-3.43 (b, 2112H, (320H) triazine-NCH₂CH₂N-triazine, (960H) CH₂OCH₂CH₂OCH₂CH₂OCH₂, (512H) NCH₂CH₂NH, (64H) NHCH₂CH₂CH₂O), 2.85 (b, 512H NCH₂CH₂NH), 1.82 (b, 320H OCH₂CH₂NH). ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3 , δ): 166.31, 165.1 (C_3N_3), 70.01 (OCH₂CH₂O), 69.64 (OCH₂CH₂O), 68.67 (NHCH₂CH₂CH₂O), 43.64 (NCH₂CH₂N-triazine), 42.23 (HNCH₂CH₂N-triazine), 42.18 (NCH₂CH₂N-triazine), 37.28 (NHCH₂CH₂CH₂O), 29.0 (NHCH₂CH₂CH₂O). MS (MALDI-TOF) calcd for C₁₉₃₆H₃₃₈₀N₈₉₀O₂₄₀: 42915.96; found 43499.86 (M + H)⁺.

Figure S34. ^1H NMR Spectrum of 7

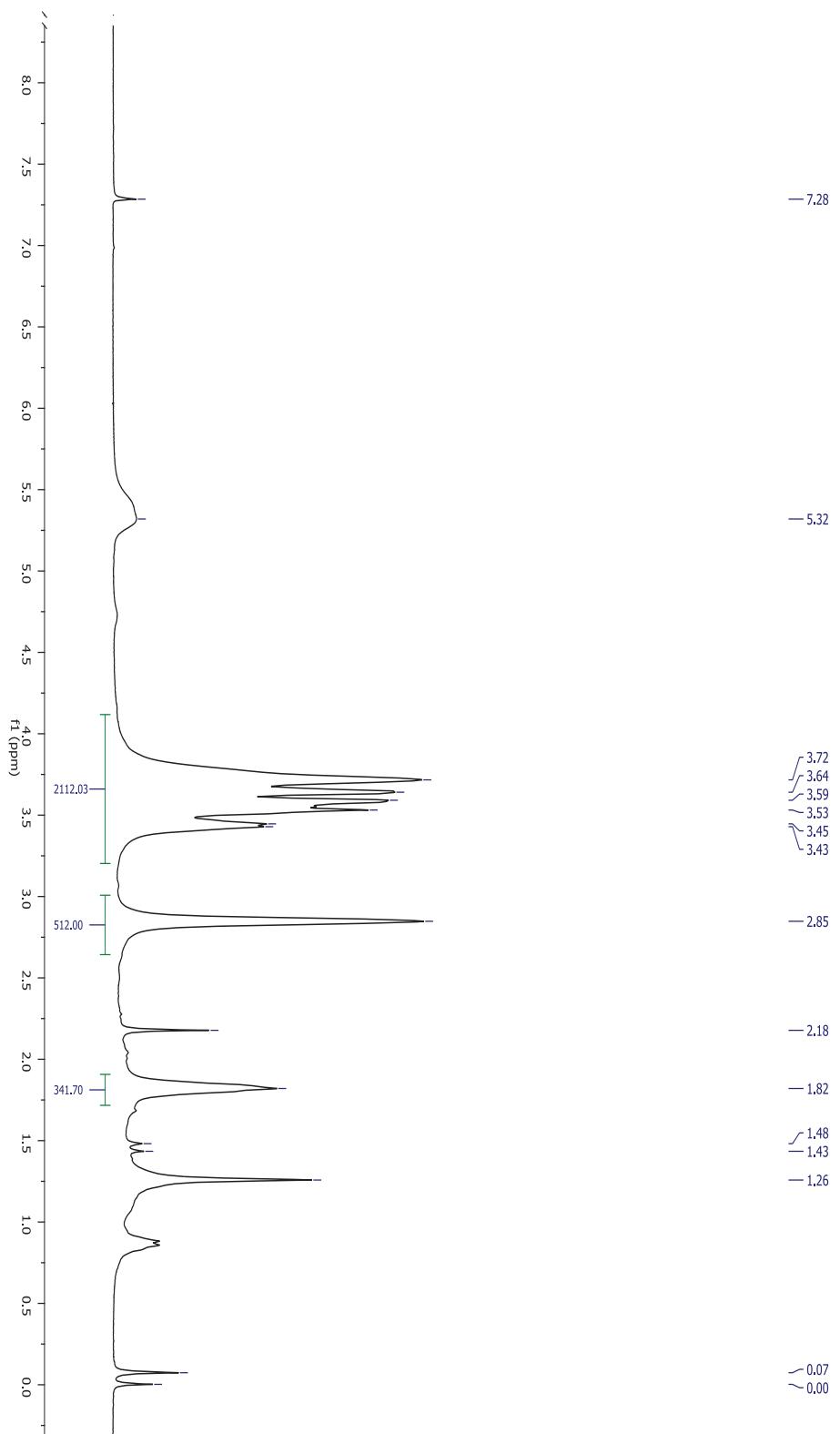


Figure S35. ^{13}C NMR Spectrum of 7

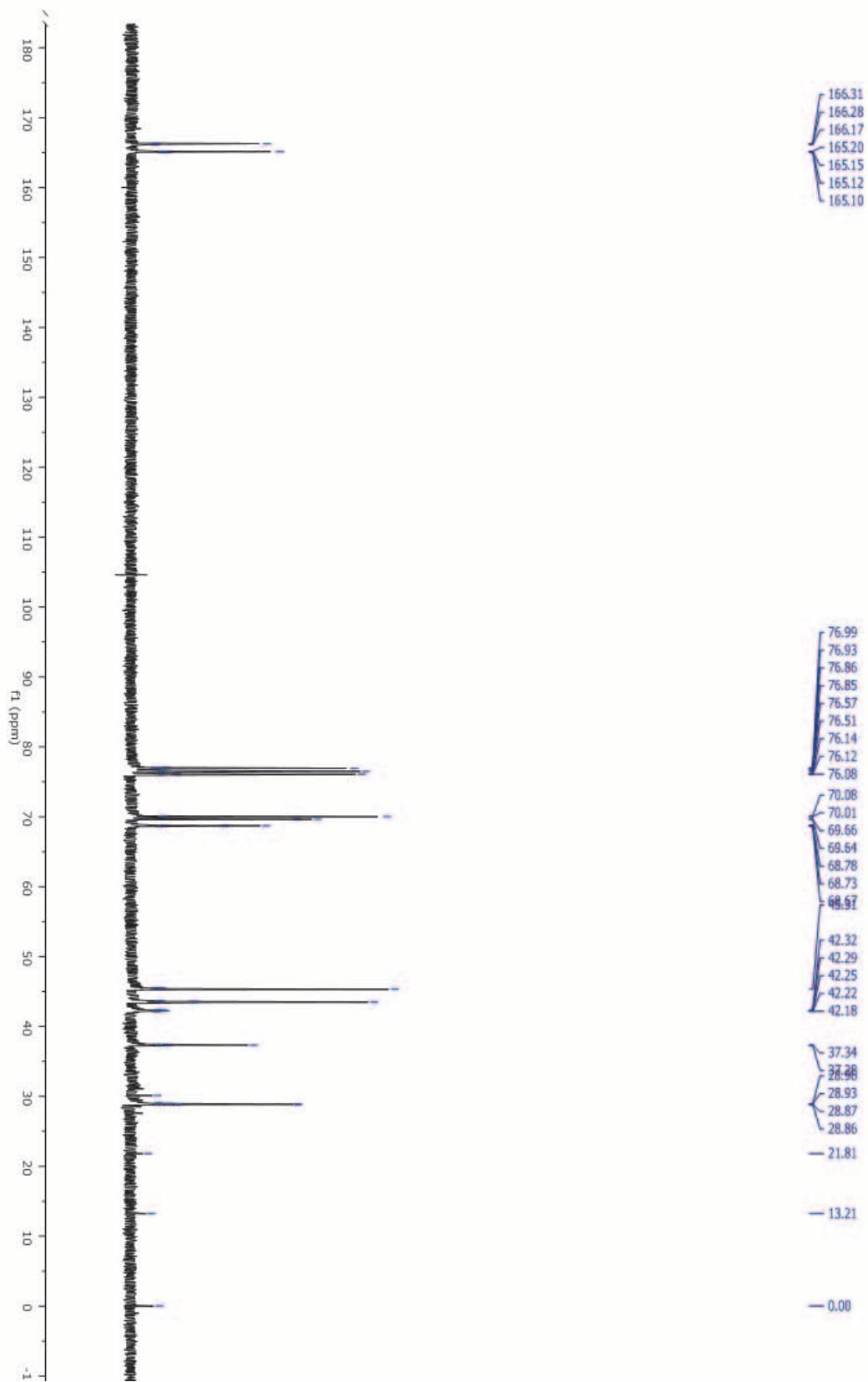
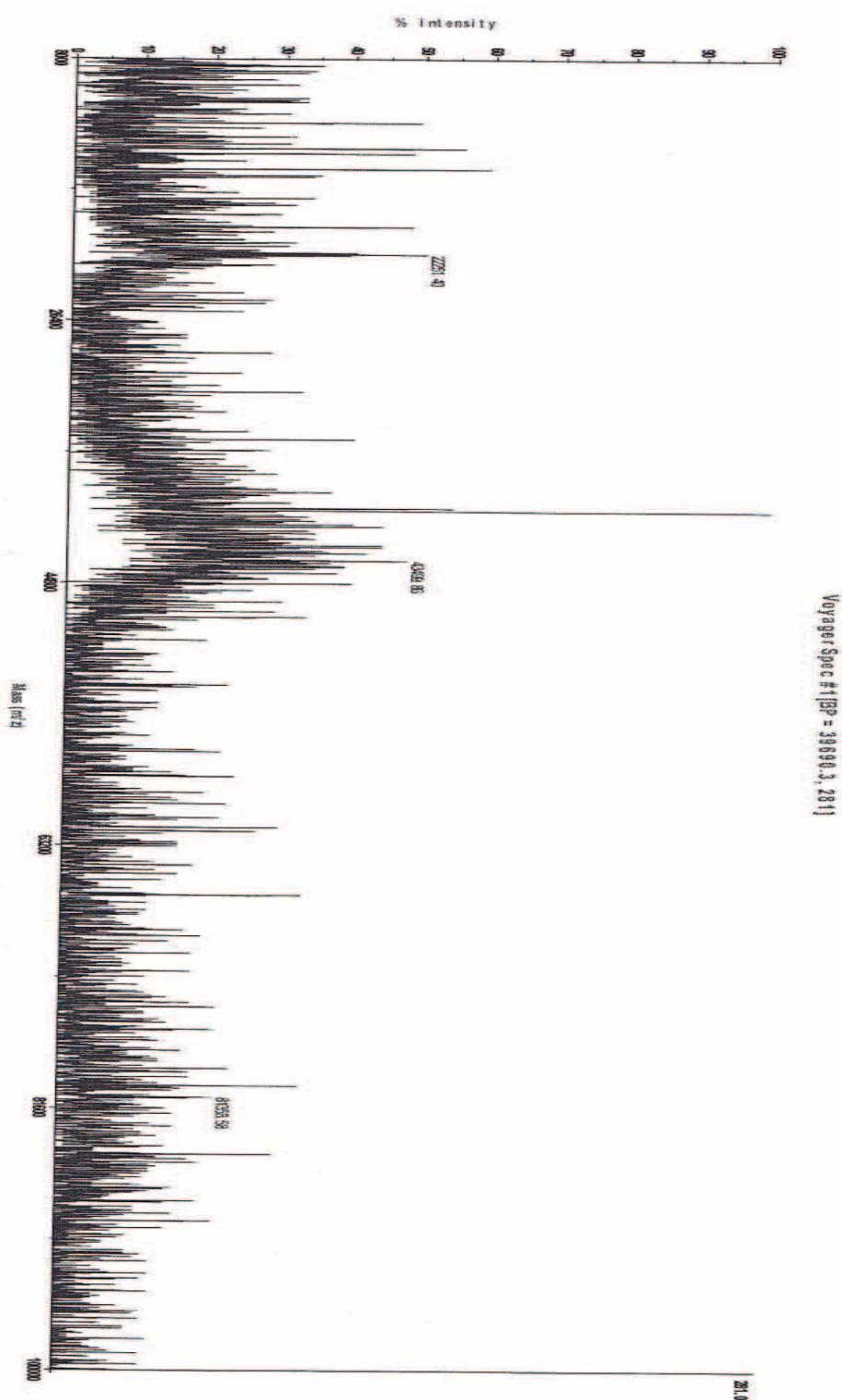
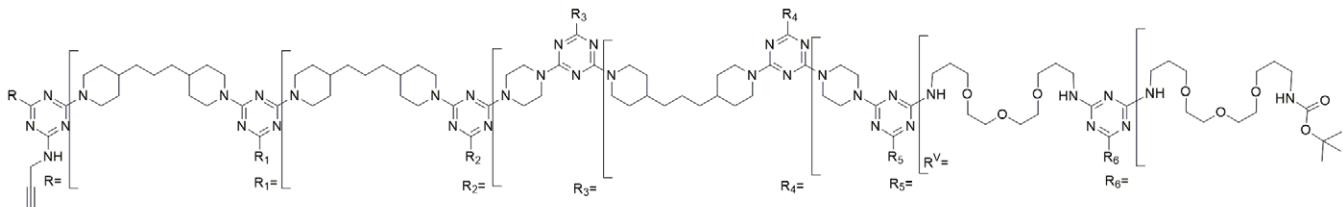


Figure S36. Mass Spectrum of **7** (MALDI-TOF)





Compound 8-Boc

A solution of dendrimer **2** (0.073g, 0.0070mmol), **11** (0.888 g, 0.448mmol), and DIPEA (0.08mL, 0.448mmol) in 1 mL of THF, 0.8mL of MeOH and 0.2mL of water, was stirred at 75°C for 6 days in a pressure relief reaction vial. The crude product was dissolved in dichloromethane and washed with brine. The organic layer was passed through a phase separator from Whatman, and evaporated under vacuum. The solid was purified by precipitation DCM/diethyl ether. Compound **8-Boc** (0.408g, 80%) was recovered as a white wax. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, δ): 3.5-3.0 (b, 3200 H, (2304H) CH₂OCH₂CH₂OCH₂CH₂OCH₂, (640H) NHCH₂CH₂CH₂O, (256H) NCH₂CH₂NBoc), 3.01 (br m, 256H, BocNHCH₂), 1.63-1.26 (b, 768H OCH₂CH₂CH₂NH, 1.23 (s, 1152H, C(CH₃)₃). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃, δ): 166.3, 165.26 (C₃N₃), 156.04 (CO), 78.79 (C(CH₃)₃), 70.57 (two lines, OCH₂CH₂O), 69.25 (CH₂CH₂CH₂O), 43.0 (trimethylene-CHCH₂CH₂N), 38.5 (CH₂CH₂CH₂O), 38.07 (CH₂CH₂CH₂O), 29.62 (NHCH₂CH₂CH₂O), 28.47 (C(CH₃)₃). (ESI-TOF) calcd for C₃₃₉₀H₆₂₂₈N₈₉₀O₈₃₂: 72727.24; not found.

Figure S37. ^1H NMR Spectrum of **8-Boc**

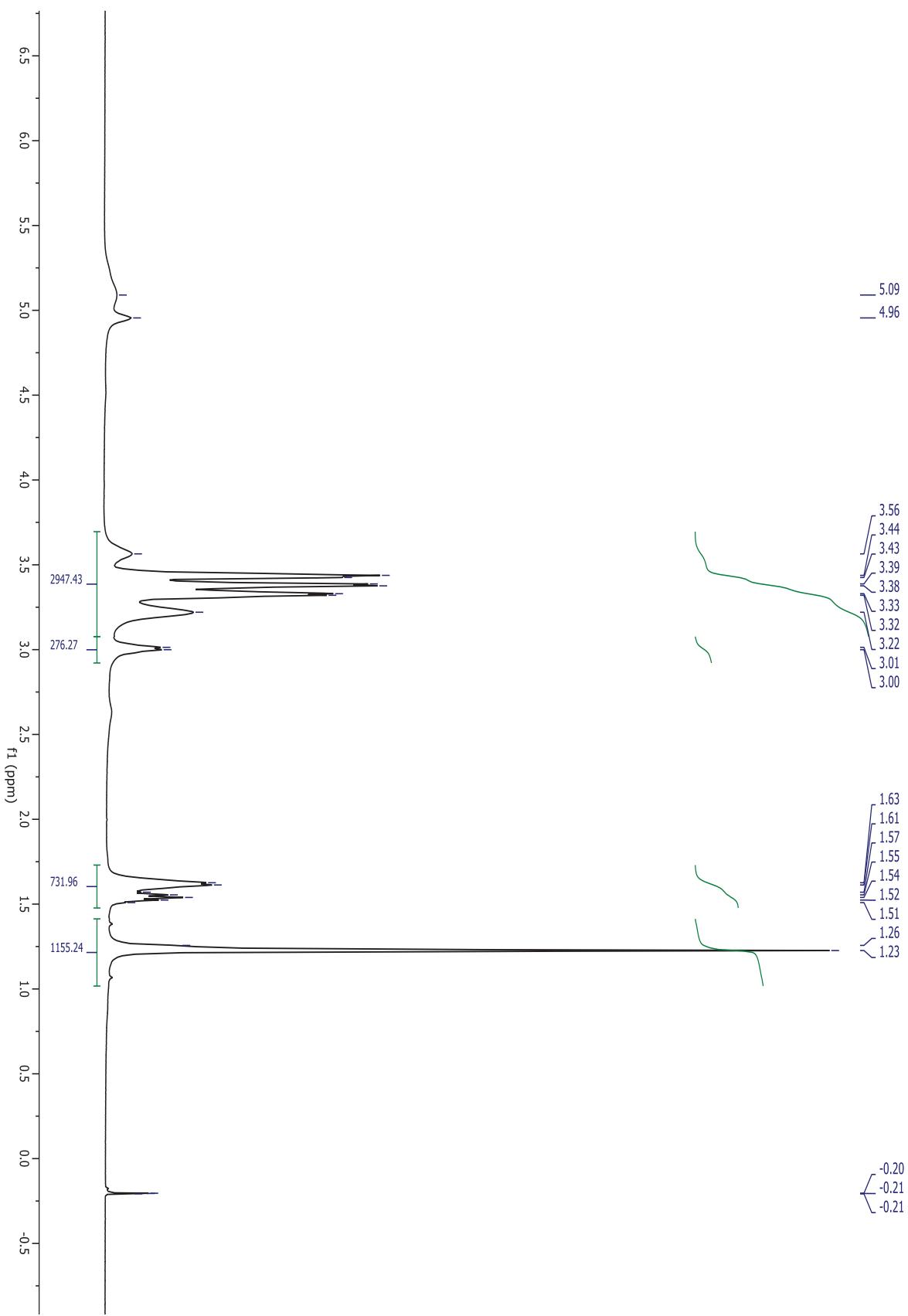
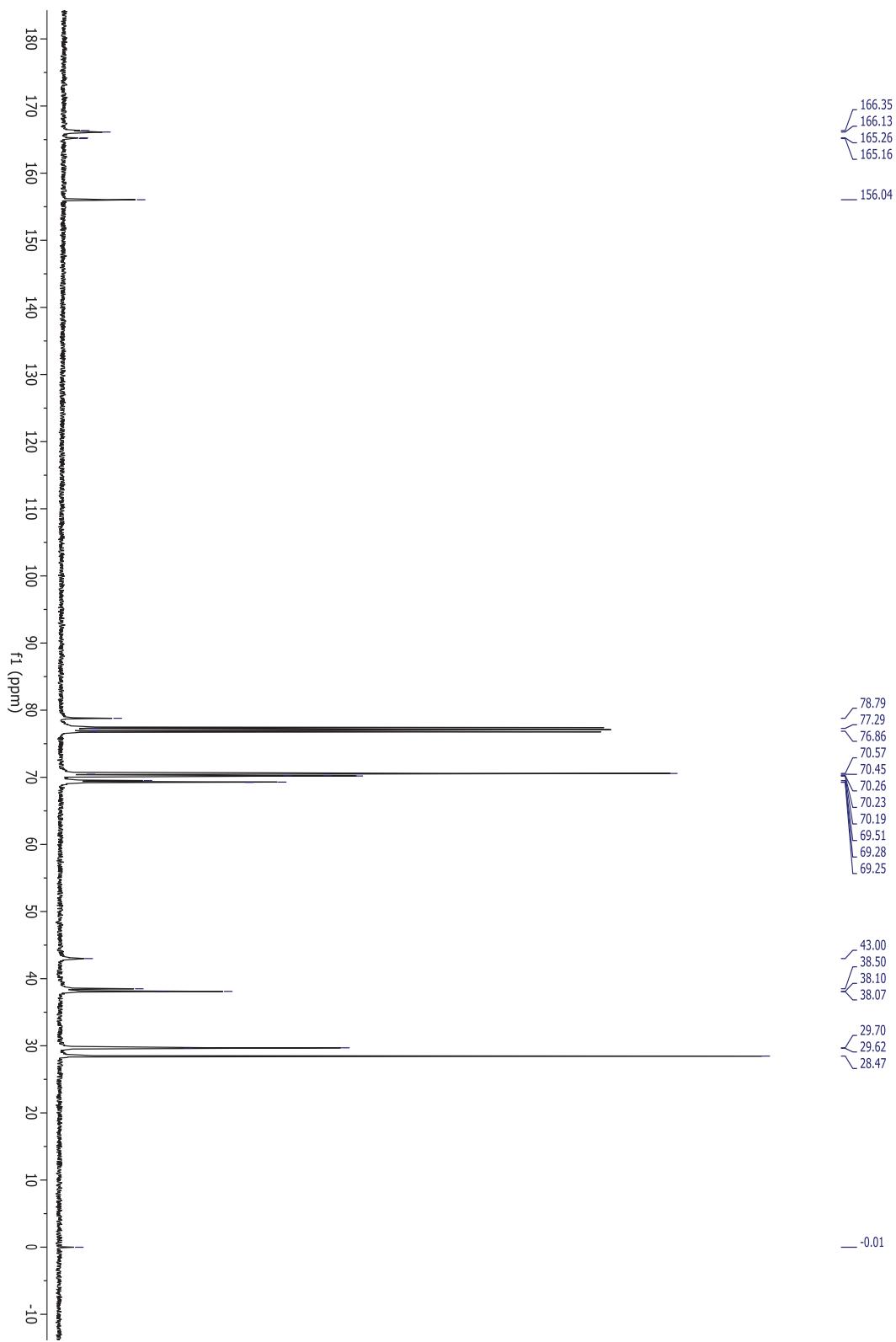
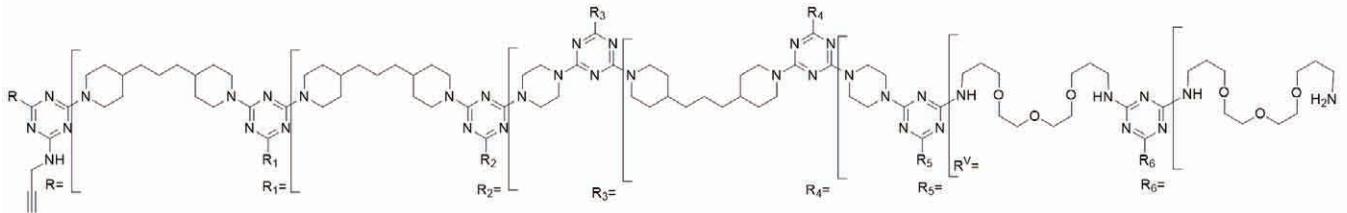


Figure S38. ^{13}C NMR Spectrum of **8-Boc**





Dendrimer 8

A solution of compound **8-Boc** (0.400g, 5.49 umol) in concentrated HCl (2mL) and methanol (2mL) was stirred for 15 h at room temperature and then evaporated under vacuum. The residue was dissolved in dichloromethane, washed with 5 M NaOH (*aq.*), passed through a phase separator from Whatman, evaporated under vacuum to yield **8** as a white wax (0.314g, 95%). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3 , δ): 3.76-3.42 (b, 3200 H, (2304H) $\text{CH}_2\text{OCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{OCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{OCH}_2$, (640H) $\text{NHCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{O}$, (256H) $\text{NCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{NBoc}$), 2.79-2.77 (br m, 256H, BocNHCH_2), 1.85-1.70 (b, 768H $\text{OCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{NH}$). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3 , δ): 166.16, 165.27 (C_3N_3), 70.63 (two lines, $\text{OCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{O}$), 69.42 ($\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{O}$), 43.0 (trimethylene- $\text{CHCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{N}$), 39.57 ($\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{O}$) 38.09 ($\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{O}$), 33.40 ($\text{OCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{NH}_2$), 29.72 ($\text{NHCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{O}$). (ESI-TOF) calcd for $\text{C}_{2750}\text{H}_{5204}\text{N}_{890}\text{O}_{576}$: 59920.53; not found.

Figure S39. ^1H NMR Spectrum of **8**

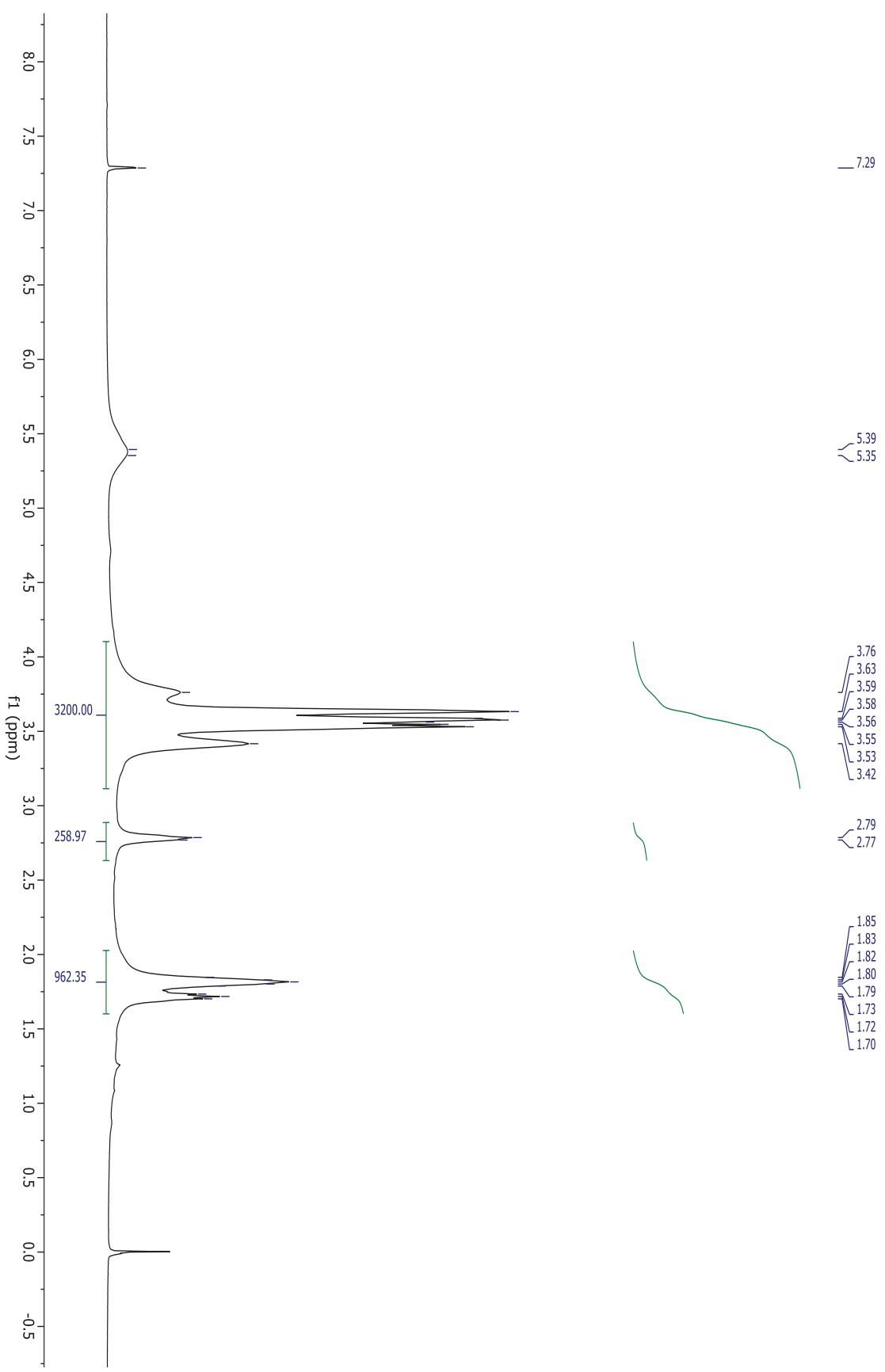
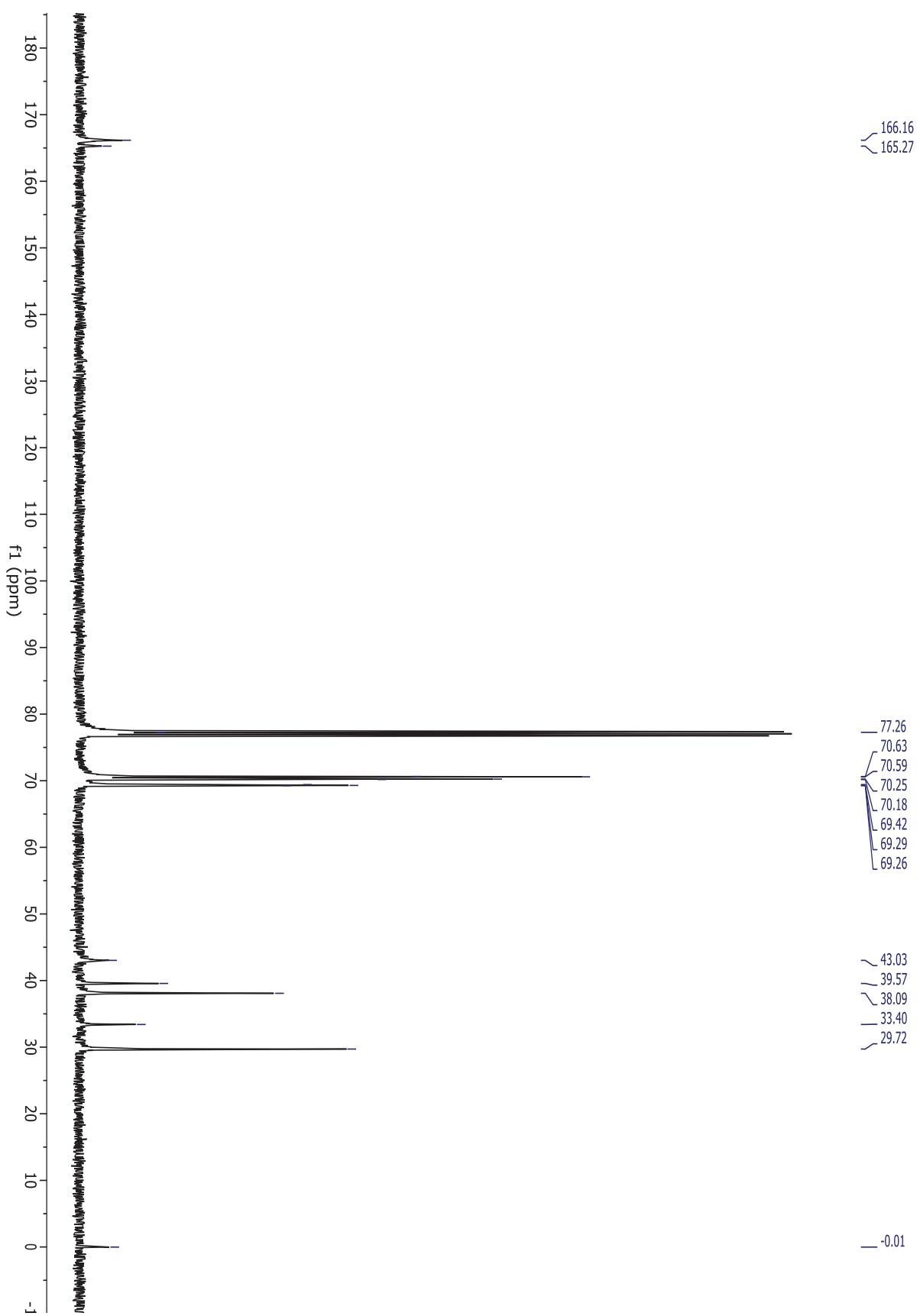
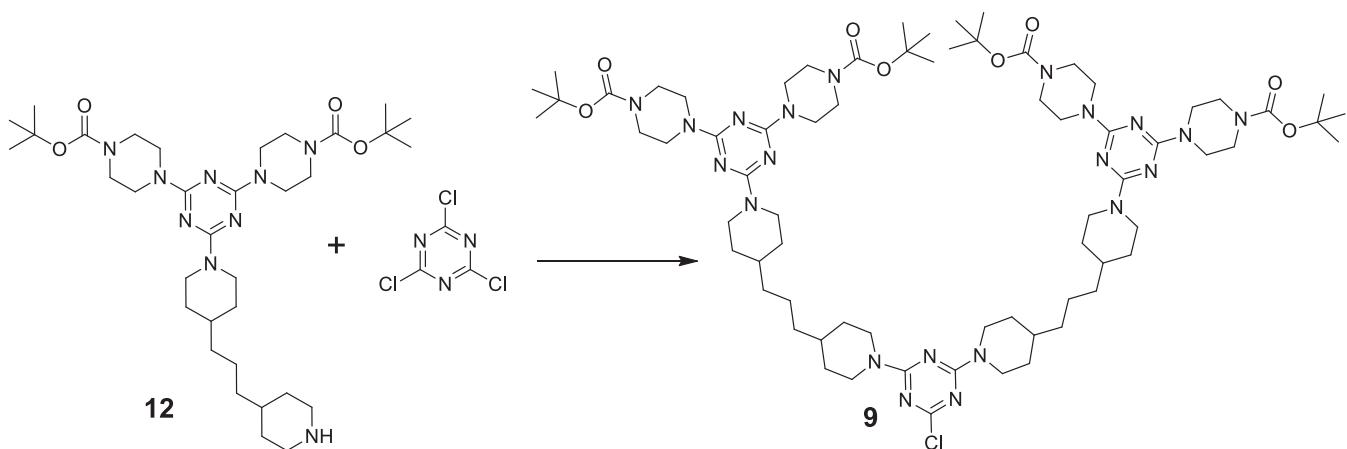


Figure S40. ^{13}C NMR Spectrum of **8**





Compound 9

Cyanuric chloride (0.476g, 2.58mmol) was added to a solution of **12** (3.5g, 5.32mmol) and DIPEA (3.7mL, 21.2mmol) in dichloromethane (25mL). After stirring 12 h, the solution was washed with brine, dried over MgSO_4 , filtered, and evaporated under vacuum. The crude was purified by silica gel chromatography (from hexanes: EtOAc =5:1 to hexanes: EtOAc = 2:1) to obtain **9** (3.4g, 92%) as a white solid. Melting point: 123-125 °C. ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3 , δ): 4.71 (d, $J = 12\text{Hz}$, 8H, equatorial CHN-triazine of dipiperidine (4H), equatorial CHN- $\text{C}_3\text{N}_3\text{Cl}$ of dipiperidine (4H)), 3.74 (s, 16H, triazine-N $\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{NBoc}$), 3.44 (s, 16H, triazine-N $\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{NBoc}$), 2.83 – 2.69 (m, 8H, equatorial CHCH₂N-triazine of dipiperidine (4H), equatorial CHCH₂N- $\text{C}_3\text{N}_3\text{Cl}$ of dipiperidine (4H)), 1.98-1.55 (m, 8H, axial CHN-triazine of dipiperidine (4H), axial CHN- $\text{C}_3\text{N}_3\text{Cl}$ of dipiperidine (4H)), 1.46 (s, 36H, C(CH₃)₃), 1.36 – 1.08 (m, 24H, axial CHCH₂N-triazine of dipiperidine (4H), axial CHCH₂N- $\text{C}_3\text{N}_3\text{Cl}$ of dipiperidine (4H), CH-trimethylene (4H), $\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2$ (12H)). ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3 , δ): 165.6, 165.1, 164.2 (N_3C_3), 155.0 (CO), 79.8 (C(CH₃)₃), 44.0 (CHCH₂CH₂N), 43.6, (N $\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{N}$ -triazine), 43.1 (N $\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{N}$ -triazine), 36.9, 36.7 ($\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2$), 36.4, 36.2 (HC-trimethylene), 32.3 (CH₂CH₂N), 28.5 (C(CH₃)₃), 23.7 (CH₂CH₂CH₂). MS (ESI-TOF) calcd for $\text{C}_{71}\text{H}_{116}\text{ClN}_{21}\text{O}_8$: 1425.90; found 1426.88 ($\text{M} + \text{H}$)⁺.

Compound 12 has been reported: Patra, S.; Kozura, B.; Huang, A. Y.-T.; Enciso, A. E.; Sun, X.; Hsieh, J.-T.; Kao, C.-L.; Chen, H.-T.; Simanek, E. E. Org. Lett., **2013**, 15, 3808.

Figure S41. ^1H NMR Spectrum of **9**

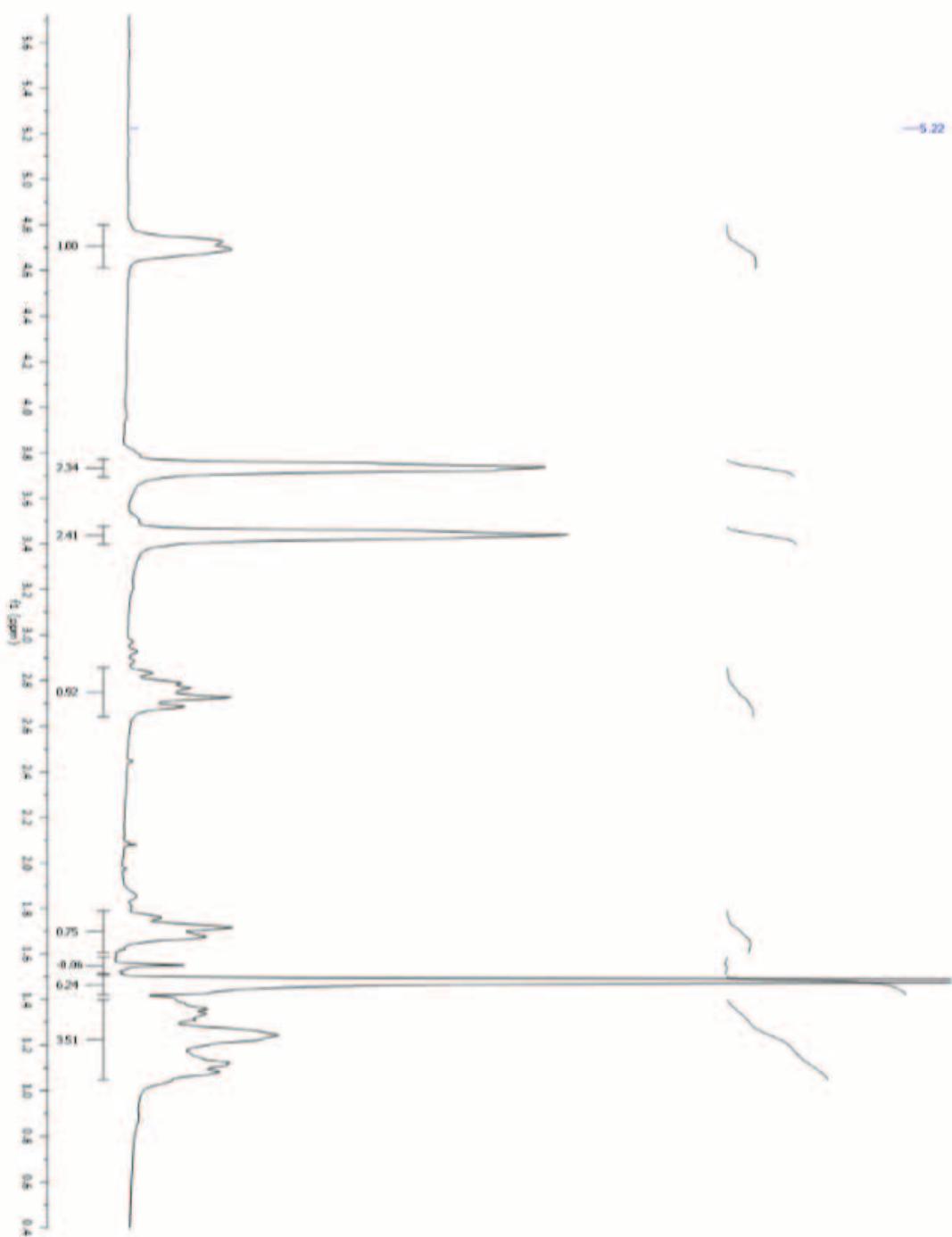


Figure S42. ^{13}C NMR Spectrum of **9**

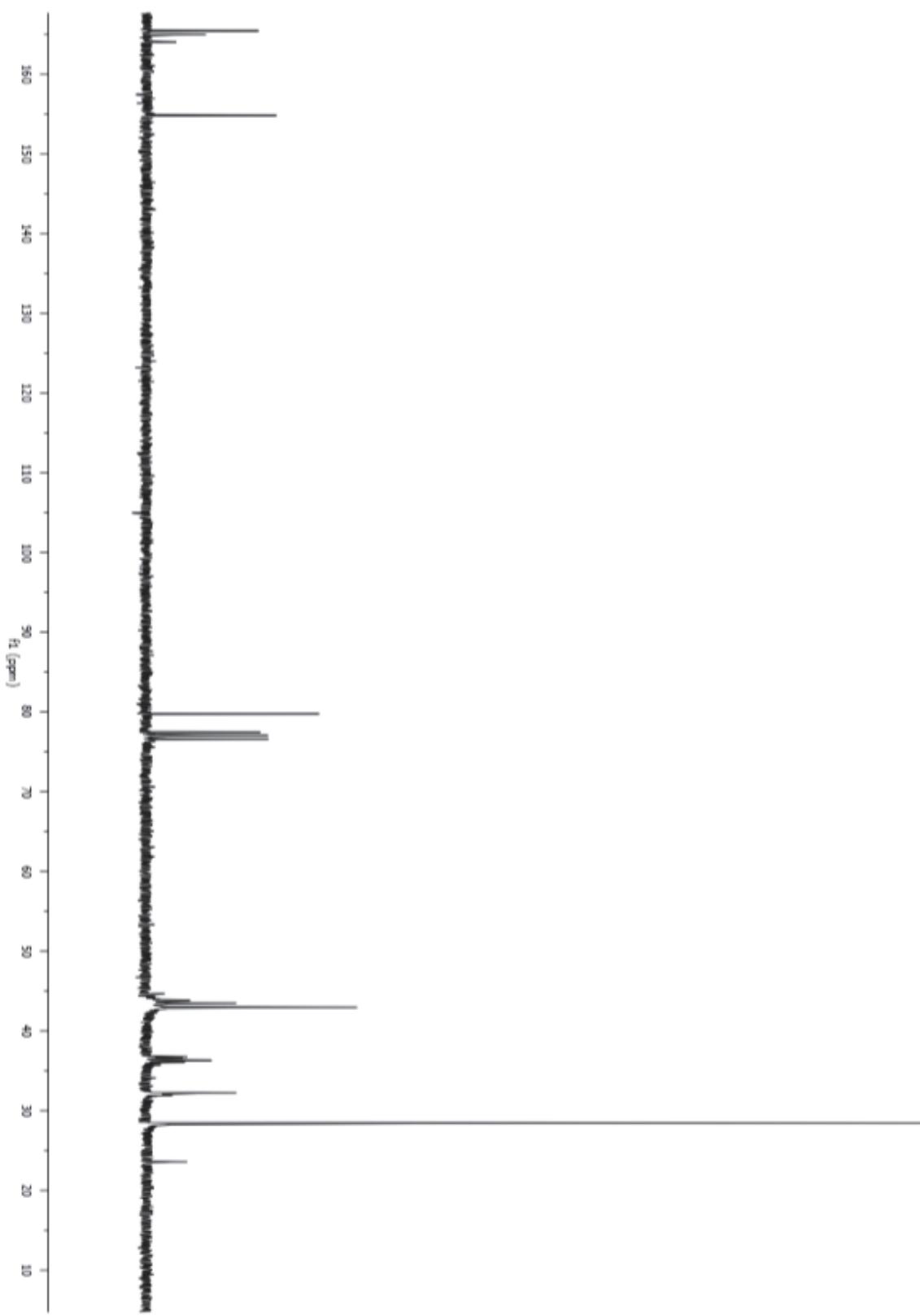
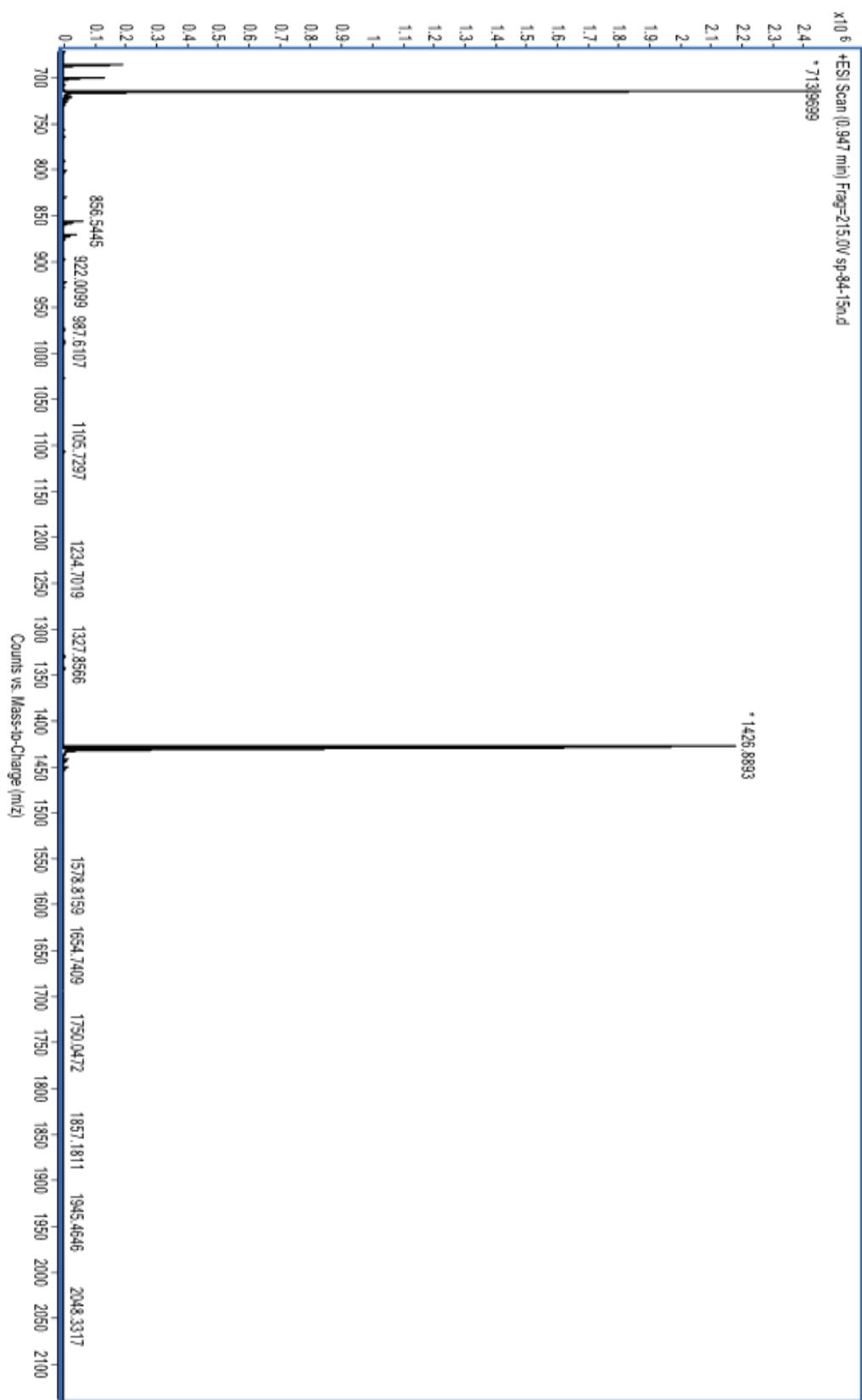
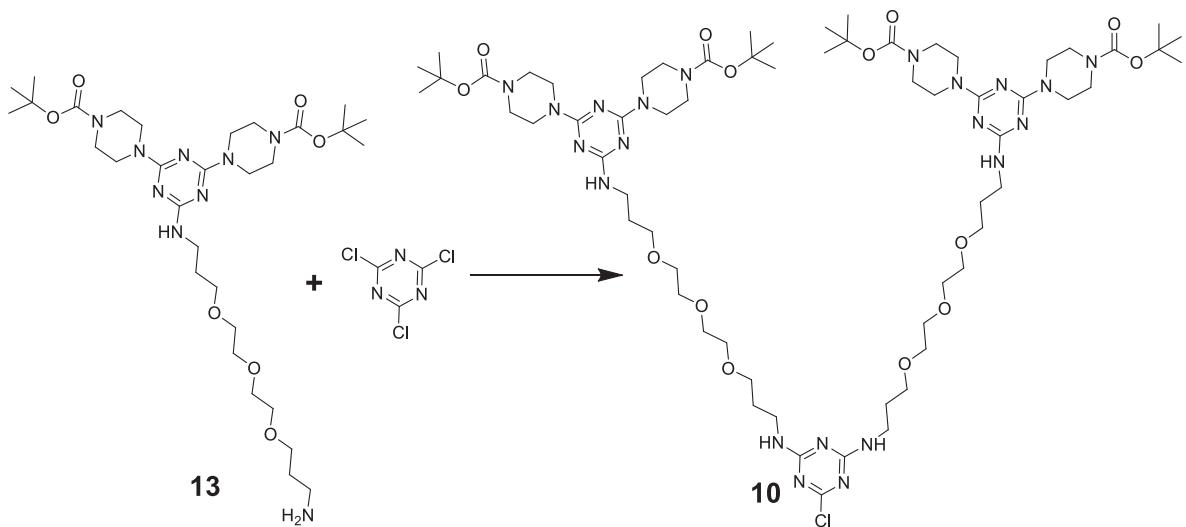


Figure S43. Mass Spectrum of **9** (ESI-TOF)





Compound 10

A solution of compound **13** (5.51g, 8.25mmol), and DIPEA (2.87mL, 4.12mmol) in THF (42mL) was cooled down to 0°C. Later, cyanuric chloride (0.76g, 4.12mmol) was added slowly to the solution and the reaction was left to reach room temperature and reacted for 24hrs. The reaction crude was evaporated under vacuum, washed with brine, and passed through a phase separator filter from Whatman. After that, it was evaporated under vacuum. The crude solid was purified by silica gel chromatography (from hexanes: EtOAc= 2:3 to 100% EtOAc). Compound **10** (4.87g, 81%) was obtained as a white solid. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 3.70 (br, 16H, NCH₂CH₂NBoc), 3.63-3.53 (m, 24H, CH₂OCH₂CH₂OCH₂CH₂OCH₂), 3.40 (br, 24H, NHCH₂CH₂CH₂O, NCH₂CH₂NBoc), 1.81 (m, 8H, OCH₂CH₂CH₂NH), 1.45 (s, 36H, C(CH₃)₃); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 166.4 (**C**₃N₃), 165.9 (**C**₃N₃), 165.4 (**C**₃N₃), 154.9 (**CO**), 80.0 (**C**(CH₃)₃), 70.7 (OCH₂CH₂O), 70.4 (OCH₂CH₂O), 69.5 (NHCH₂CH₂CH₂O), 43.1 (piperazine), 39.1 (NHCH₂CH₂CH₂O), 38.4 (NHCH₂CH₂CH₂O), 29.7 (NCH₂CH₂CH₂O), 29.0 (NHCH₂CH₂CH₂O), 28.5 (C(CH₃)₃); MS (MALDI-TOF) calcd for C₆₅H₁₁₂ClN₂₁O₁₄ 1445.83, found 1446.80 (M + H)⁺.

Compound **13** has been reported: Lim, J.; Mintzer, M. A.; Perez, L. M.; Simanek, E. E. Org. Lett., **2010**, 12, 1148.

Figure S44. ^1H NMR Spectrum of **10**

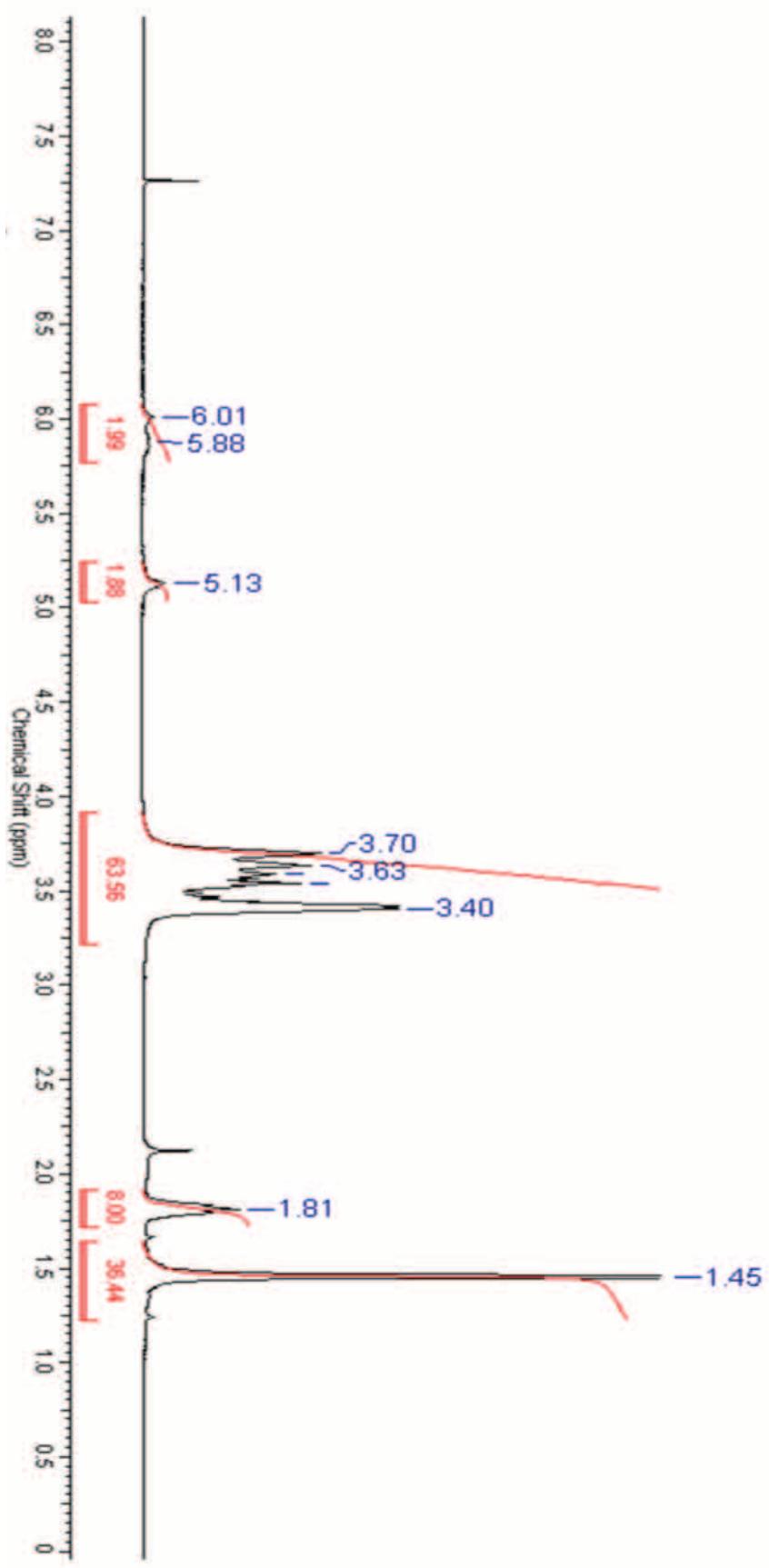


Figure S45. ^{13}C NMR Spectrum of **10**

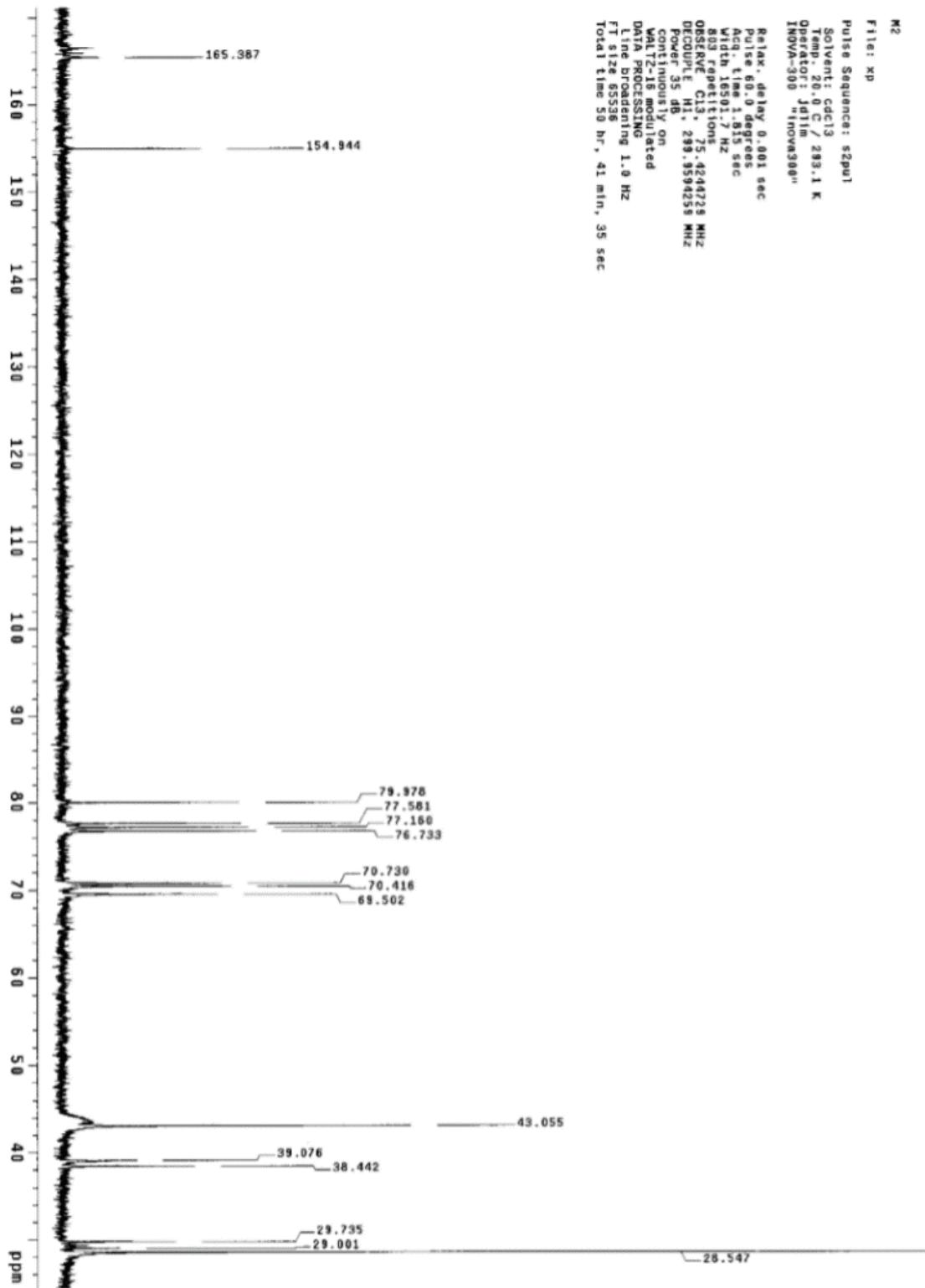
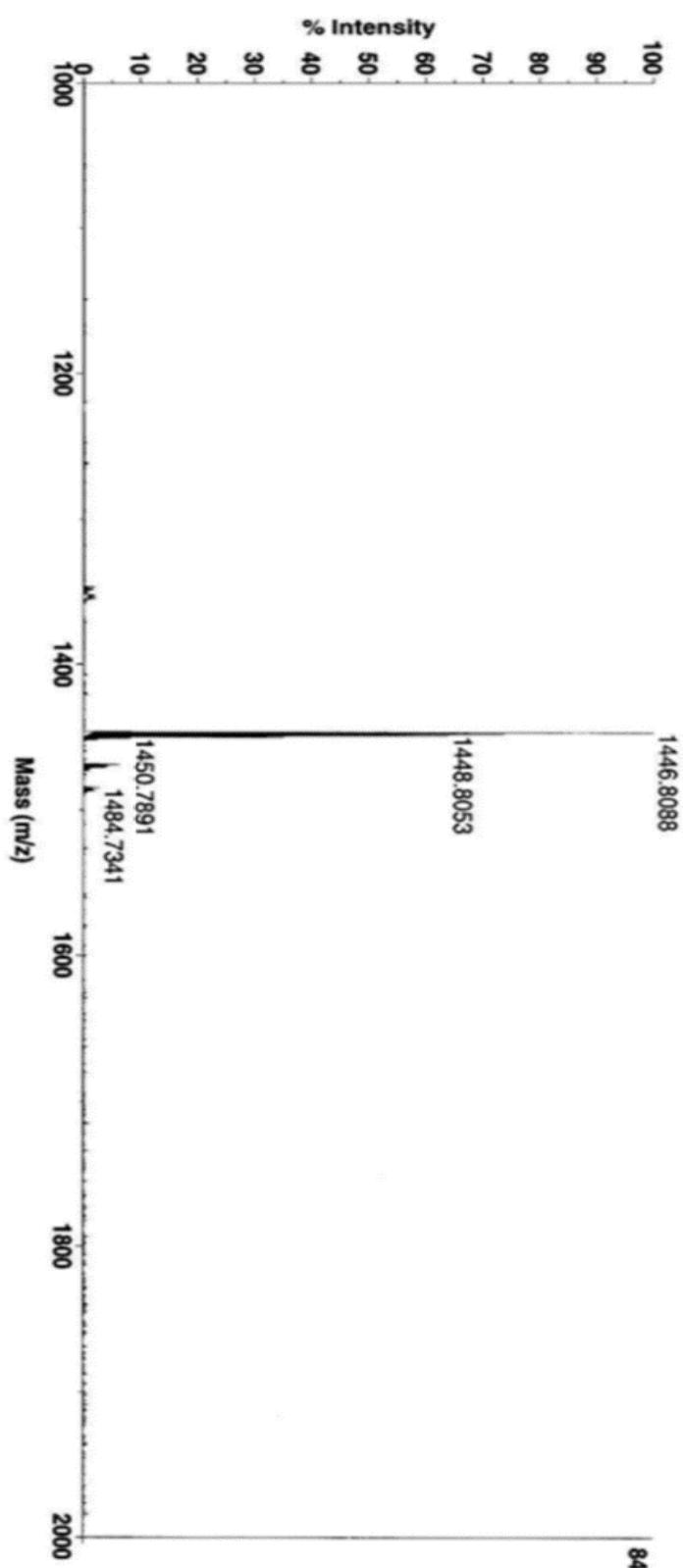
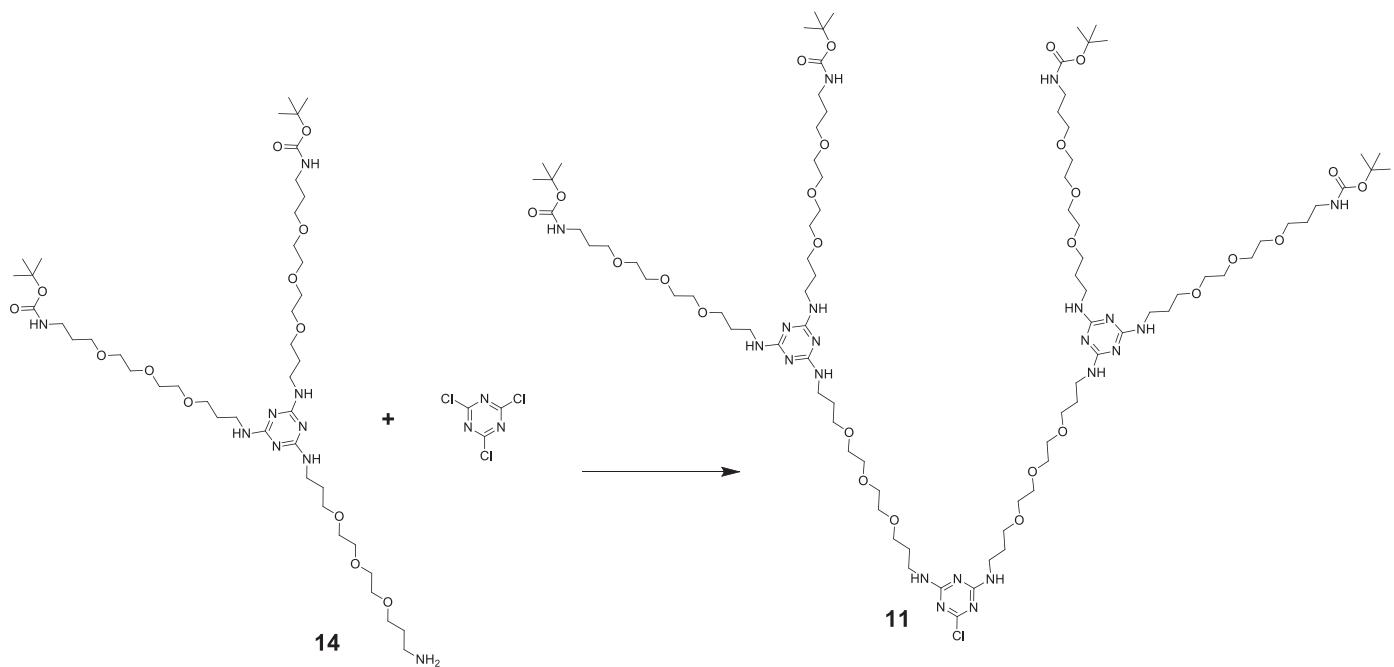


Figure S46. Mass Spectrum of **10** (ESI-TOF)





Compound 11. Compound **14** (4.08 g, 4.36 mmol) was added to a solution of cyanuric chloride (0.366 g, 1.98 mmol) in THF (20 mL). Afterwards, DIPEA (3.2 mL, 9.32 mmol) was added dropwise, and the solution was stirred for 2 minutes in order to allow reagents to mix. Then, the solution was irradiated in the microwave while stirring for 10 minutes at 60°C using dynamic mode. The solvent system (in column volumes) used was the following: 1 CV (100% DCM to 95:5= DCM: MeOH), 15CV (95:5= DCM: MeOH), 10CV (90:10= DCM: MeOH), 20CV (85:15= DCM: MeOH) to give **11** (3.85g, 98%) as a clear oil. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 3.65-3.43 (m, 88H, CH₂OCH₂CH₂OCH₂CH₂OCH₂, C₃N₃-NHCH₂CH₂CH₂O), 3.21 (br m, 8H, BocNHCH₂), 1.83-1.70 (m, 24H, OCH₂CH₂CH₂), 1.44 (s, 36H, C(CH₃)₃); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 165.9 (C₃N₃), 165.6 (C₃N₃), 156.1 (CO), 78.8 (C(CH₃)₃), 70.5 (OCH₂CH₂O), 70.2 (two lines, OCH₂CH₂O), 69.5 (CH₂CH₂CH₂O), 69.3 (CH₂CH₂CH₂O), 38.4 (CH₂CH₂CH₂O), 38.1 (CH₂CH₂CH₂O), 29.6 (NHCH₂CH₂CH₂O), 28.4 (C(CH₃)₃); MS (ESI-TOF) calcd for C₈₉H₁₆₈ClN₂₁O₂₆ 1982.2158, found 1984.4671 (M + H)⁺.

Compound **14** has been reported: *Rapid, Semi-automated Convergent Synthesis of Low Generation Triazine Dendrimers using Microwave Assisted Reactions*. Enciso, A.E.; Abid, Z.M.; Simanek, E.E. *Polymer Chem.* **2014**, 5, 4635-40.

Figure S47. ^1H NMR Spectrum of **11**

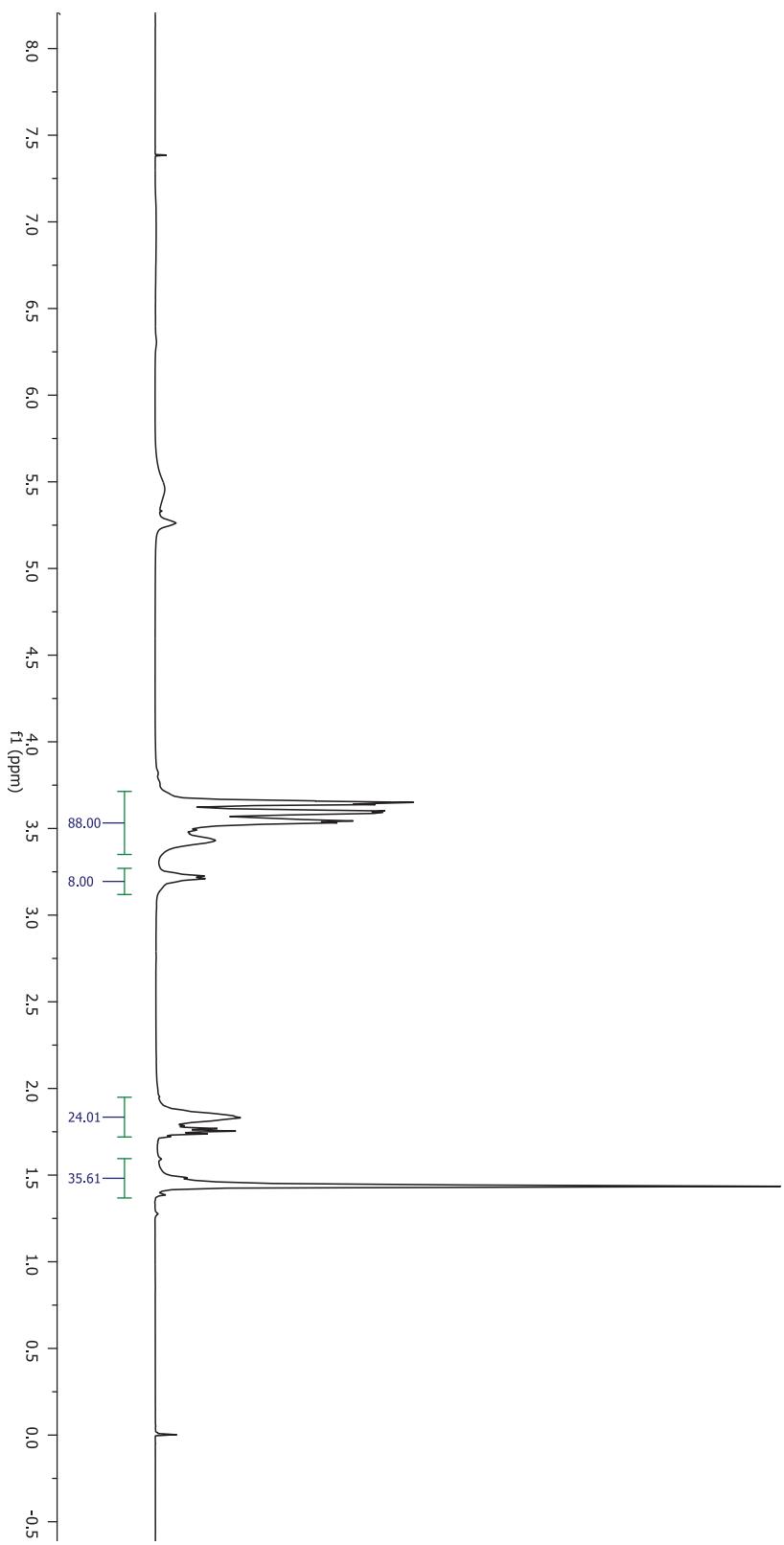


Figure S48. ^{13}C NMR Spectrum of **11**

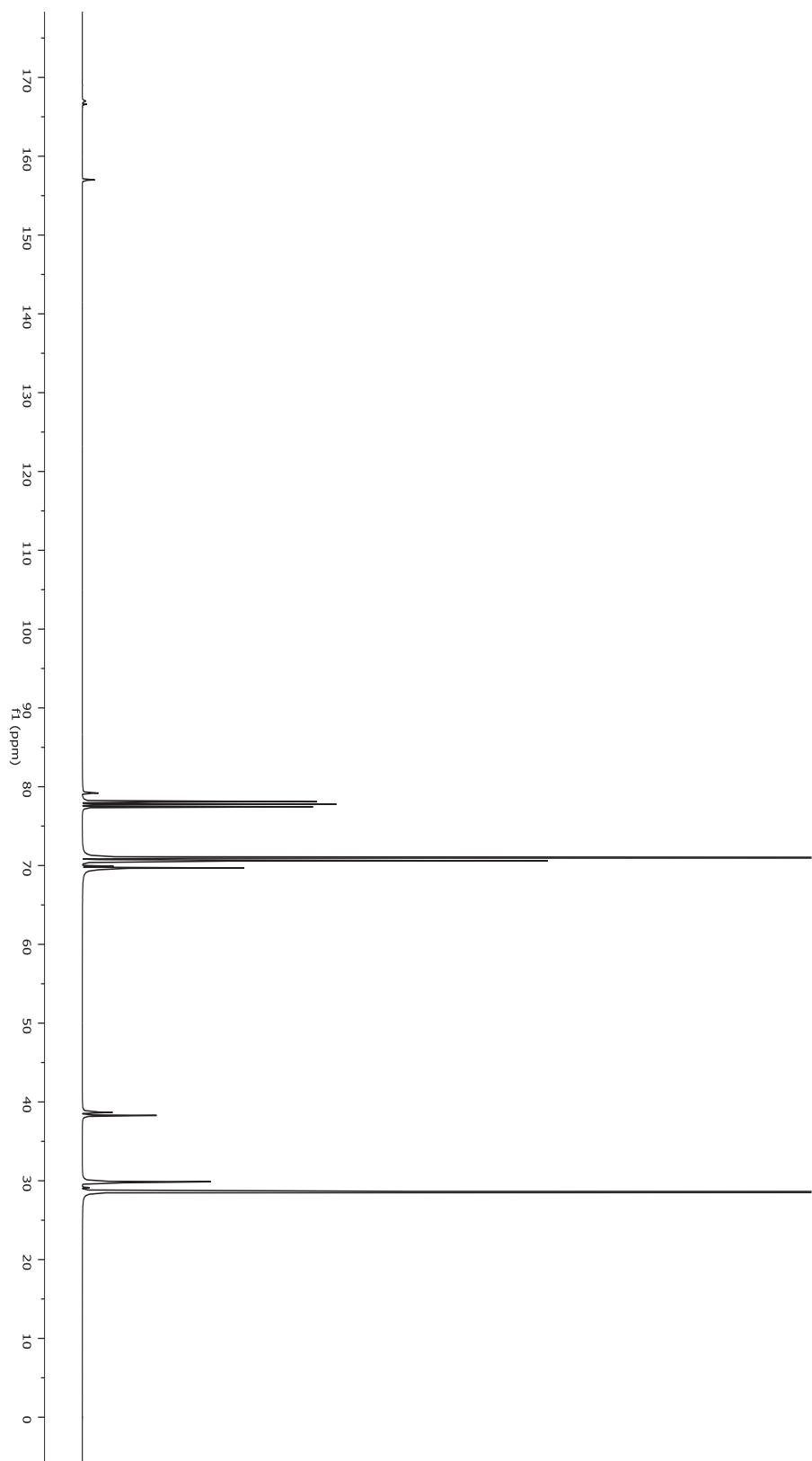
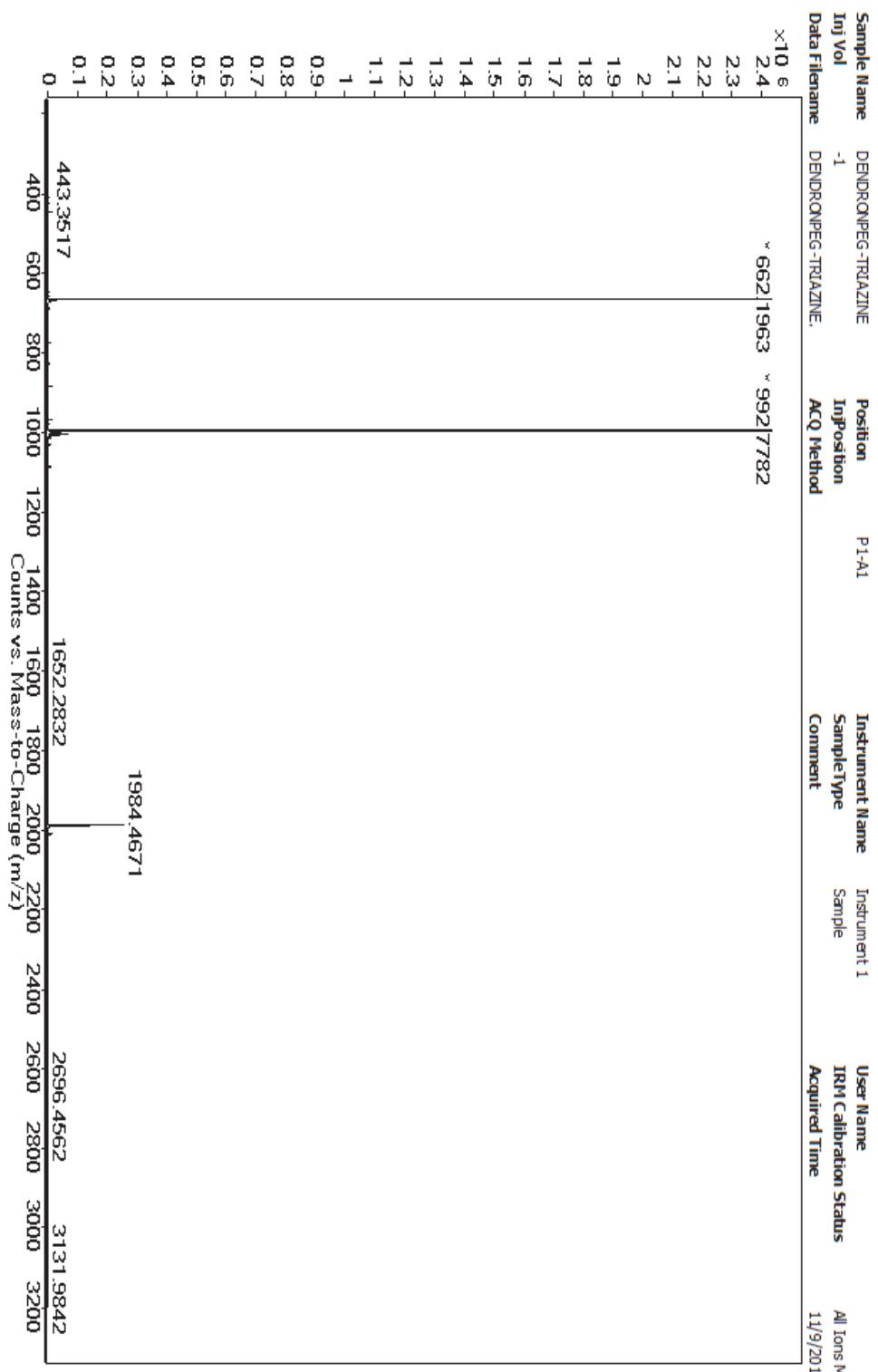
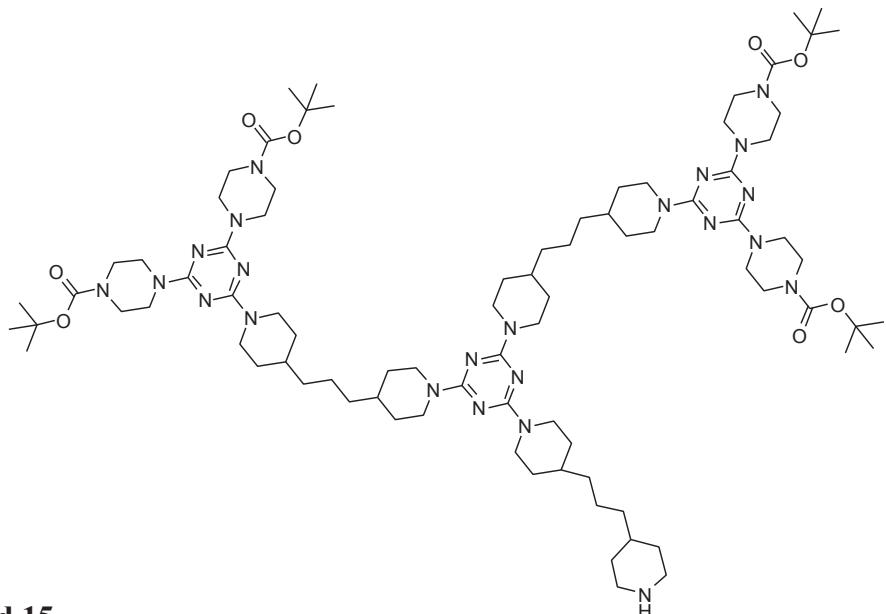


Figure S49. Mass Spectrum of **11** (ESI-TOF)





Compound 15

Compound **9** (4g, 2.8mmol) was added to a solution of trimethylene dipiperidine (4.72g, 22.4mmol) in dichloromethane at room temperature and stirred overnight. The solution was washed with brine, dried over MgSO_4 , filtered and evaporated under vacuum. The crude product was purified by silica gel chromatography (from hexanes: EtOAc = 4:1 to hexanes: EtOAc = 1:1 and later flushed with DCM 8:1 w/ 1% NH_4OH) to yield **4**(3.35g, 75%) as a white solid. Melting point: 129-130 °C. ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3 , δ): 4.72 (d, $J = 12\text{Hz}$, 12H, equatorial CHN-triazine of dipiperidine (10H), equatorial-CHNH (2H)), 3.74 (s, 16H, triazine-N $\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{NBoc}$), 3.44 (s, 16H, triazine-N $\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{NBoc}$), 2.77–2.58 (m, 13H, equatorial CHCH_2N -triazine of dipiperidine (10H), equatorial CHCH_2NH (2H), NH (1H)), 1.67 (bs, 12H, axial CHN-triazine of dipiperidine (10H), axial CHNH (2H)), 1.33 (s, 36H, C(CH_3)₃), 1.32–1.09 (m, 36H, axial CHCH₂N-triazine of dipiperidine (10H), axial CHCH₂NH (2H), CH-trimethylene (6H), $\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2$ (18H)). ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3 , δ): 165.6, 165.5, 165.1 (N_3C_3), 155.1 (CO), 80.0 (C(CH_3)₃), 47.1 (CH₂NH), 43.71 (CHCH₂CH₂N), 43.71, (N $\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{N}$ -triazine), 43.2 (N $\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{N}$ -triazine), 37.6 (HCCH₂CH₂NH), 37.1 (HC-trimethylene), 36.5, 36.4 (CH₂CH₂CH₂), 33.9 (CH₂CH₂NH), 32.4 (CH₂CH₂N), 28.5 (C(CH_3)₃), 23.7 (CH₂CH₂CH₂). MS (ESI-TOF) calcd for $\text{C}_{84}\text{H}_{141}\text{N}_{23}\text{O}_8$: 1601.16; found 1602.13 ($\text{M} + \text{H}$)⁺.

Compound 9 has been reported: Patra, S.; Kozura, B.; Huang, A. Y.-T.; Enciso, A. E.; Sun, X.; Hsieh, J.-T.; Kao, C.-L.; Chen, H.-T.; Simanek, E. E. Org. Lett., **2013**, 15, 3808.

Figure S50. ^1H NMR Spectrum of **15**

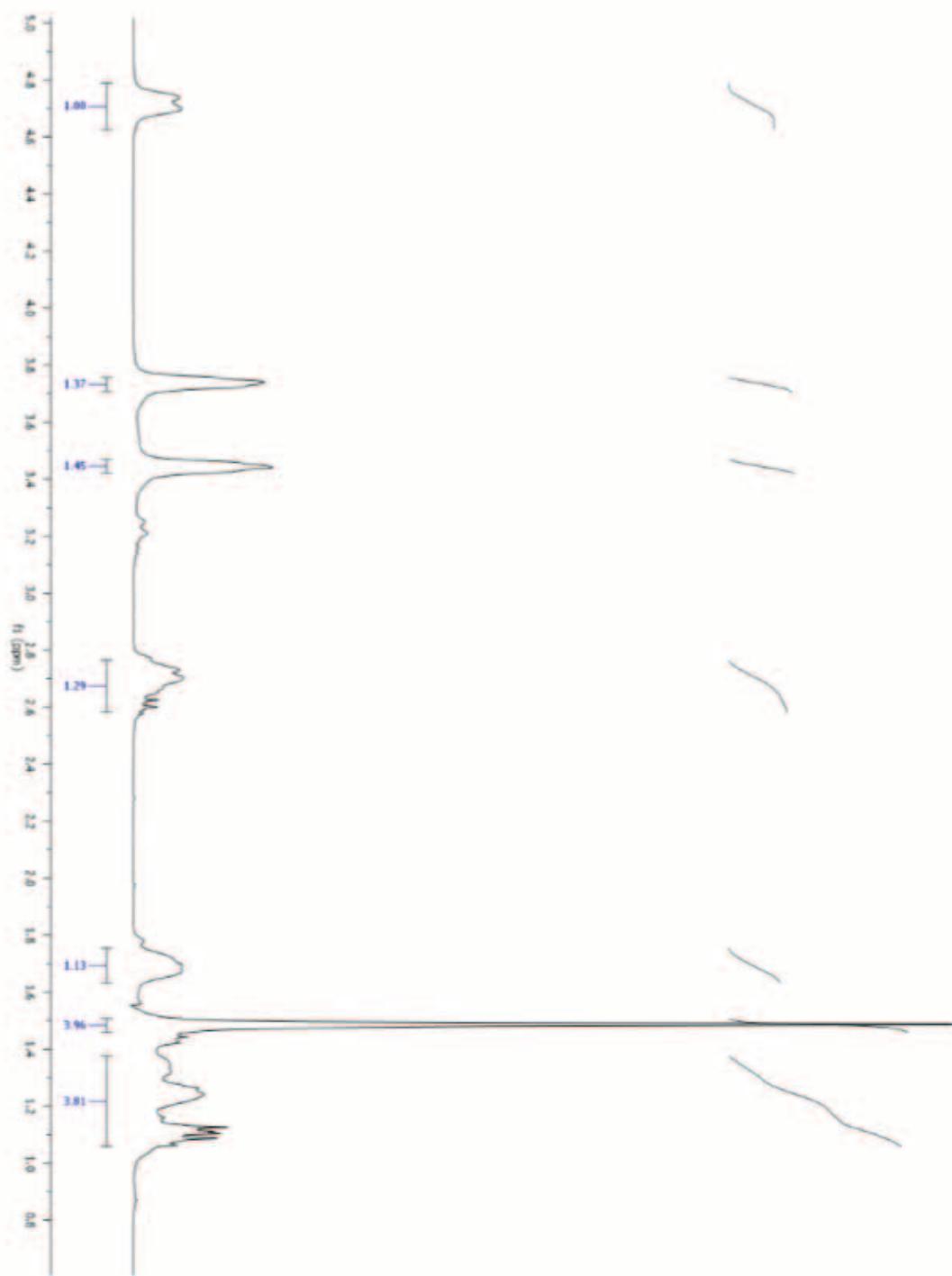


Figure S51. ^{13}C NMR Spectrum of **15**

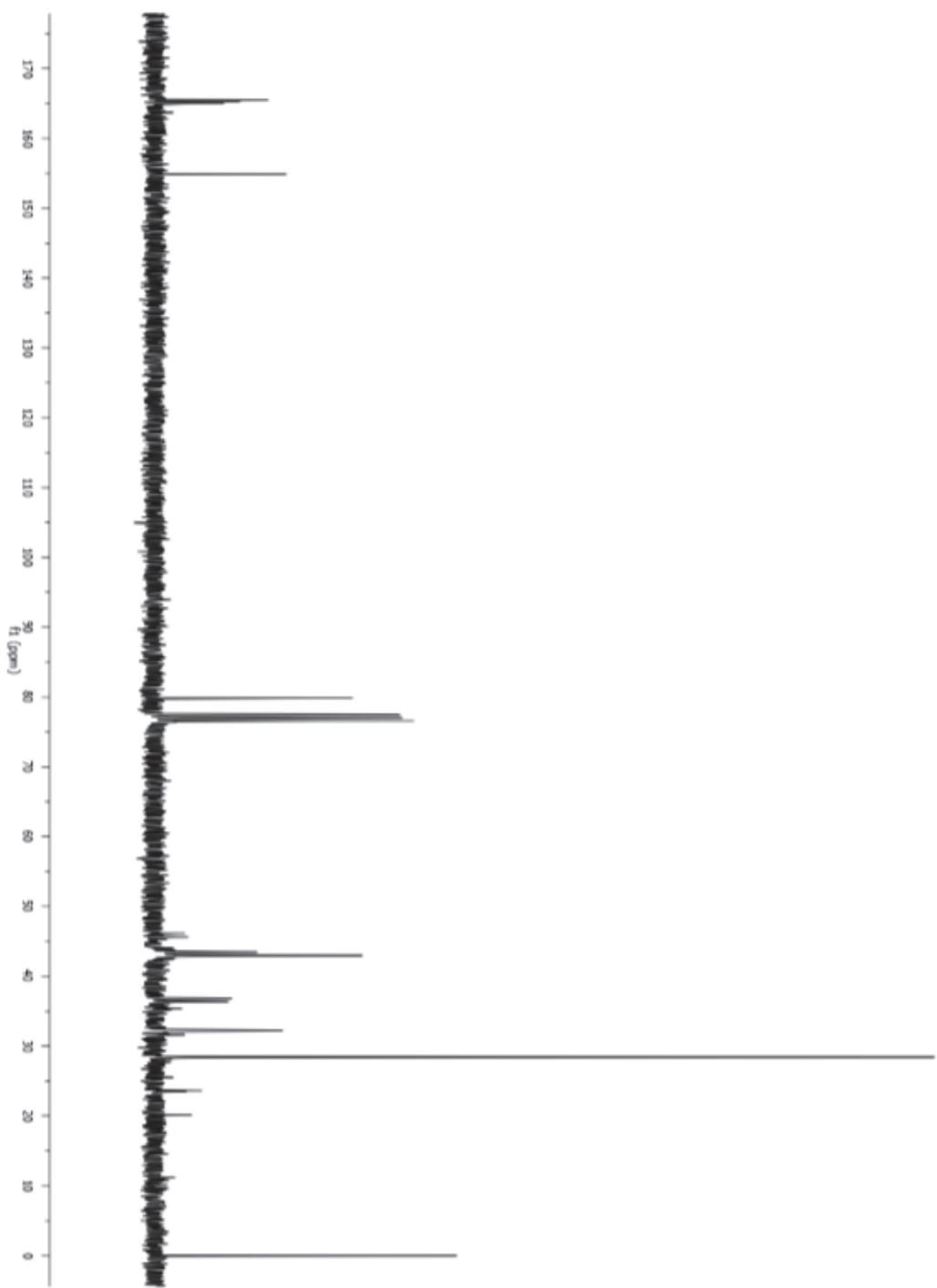
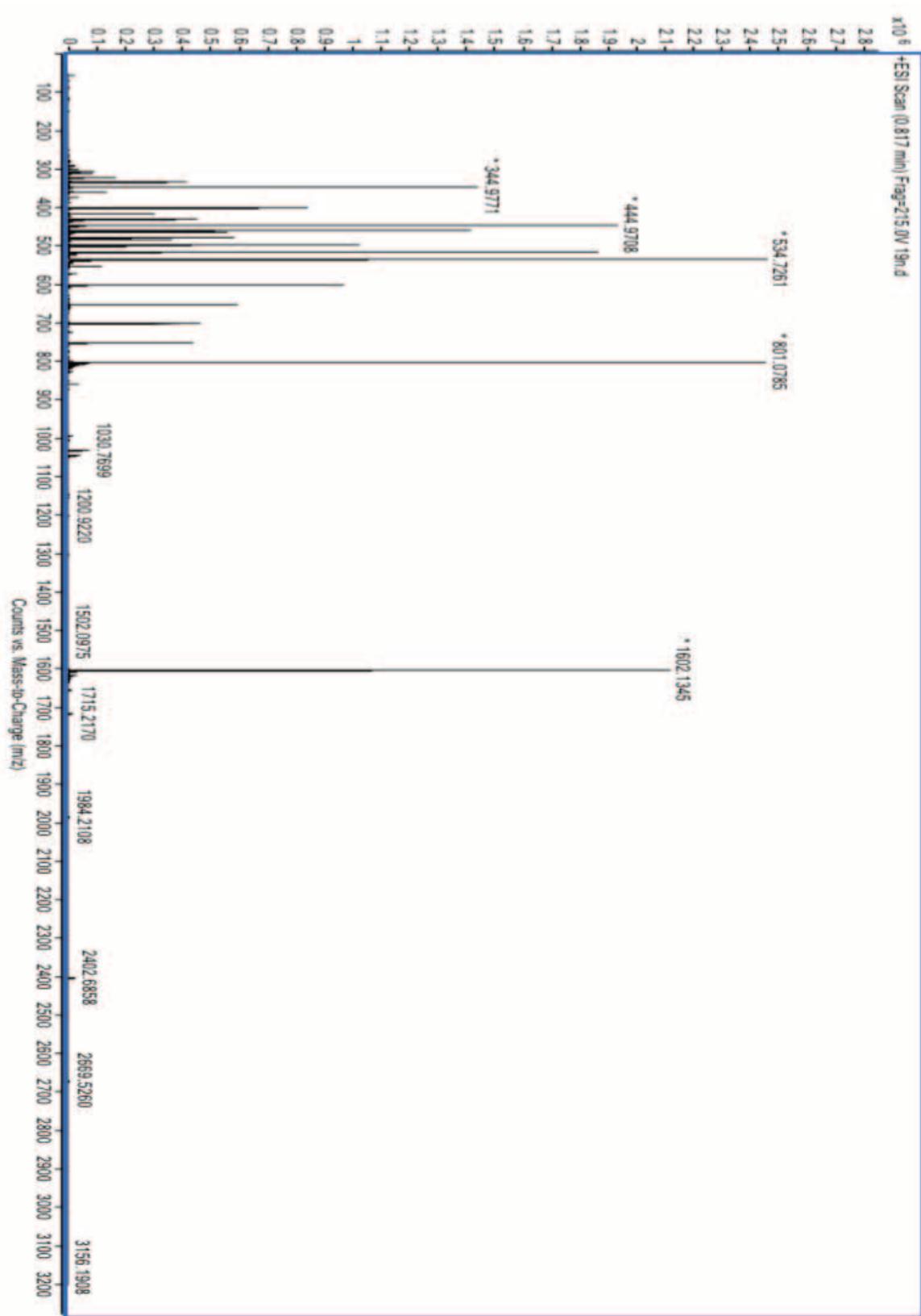


Figure S52. Mass Spectrum of **15** (ESI-TOF). Multiply-charged adducts are visible.

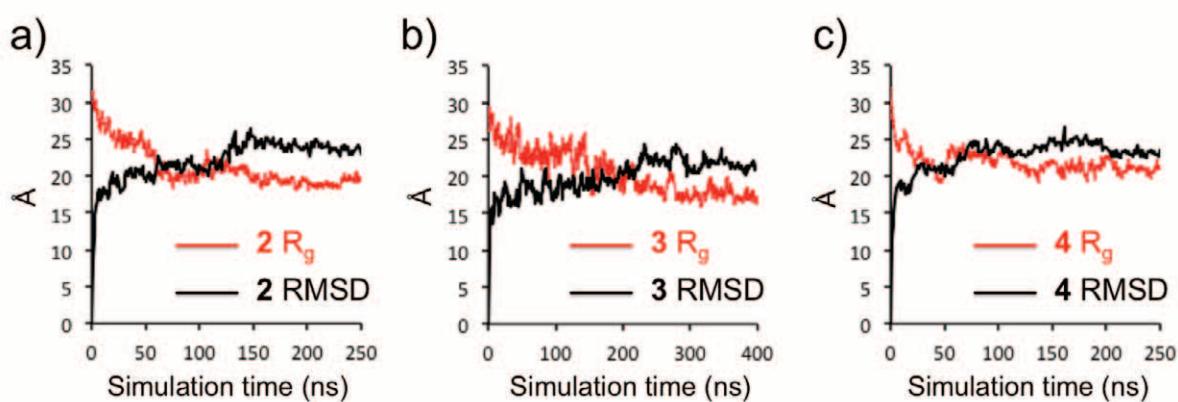


Data from Computational Simulations

Table T1. Main features of the molecular systems simulated in this study

Molecular system	Simulation temperature (K)	MW (Da)	Dendrimer charge ^[a] (e)	Box volume (Å ³)	Number of Cl ⁻ and Na ⁺ ions in the system ^[b]	Number of water molecules in the system	Total number of atoms in the system	Simulation time for each MD run (ns)
2	300	10487	+32	834397	72	26881	82495	250
3	300	10646	+32	610229	52	19553	60443	400
4	300	14940	+32	1308294	114	42214	129222	250

[a] All surface amino groups were considered as +1 e charged in the systems - the overall charge present on each dendrimer is +32 e. [b] Number of Cl⁻ and Na⁺ ions in the system to guarantee overall neutrality and to reproduce the experimental ionic strength of 150 mM [NaCl] in solution.



Plot P1. Root mean square deviation (RMSD) and radius of gyration (R_g) data obtained from the MD simulations of **2** (a), **3** (b) and **4** (c) and expressed as a function of simulation time.