

## Supporting Information

# A Tongs-like Fluorescence Sensor for Metal Ions: Perfect Conformational Switch of Hinge Sugar by a Pyrene Stacking

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### General experimental procedures.

All solvents and reagents used were reagent grade and, in cases where further purification was required, standard procedures (Perrin, D.D.; Armarego, W.L.; Perrin, D.R. Purification of Laboratory Compounds. 2nd ed. Pergamon Press, London. 1980.) were followed. Solution transfers where anhydrous conditions were required were done under dry argon using syringes. Thin-layer chromatograms (TLC) were performed on precoated silica gel Merck 60-F254 plates (Art 5715) and visualized by quenching of fluorescence and/or by charring after spraying with 1 % CeSO<sub>4</sub>-1.5 % (NH<sub>4</sub>)<sub>6</sub>Mo<sub>7</sub>O<sub>24</sub>·4H<sub>2</sub>O-10 % H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. Column chromatography was performed on Merck Kieselgel 60 (Art 7734), Wako gel C-300, or Kanto Silica gel 60N (spherical, neutral) with the solvent systems specified

Optical rotations were determined with a Horiba SEPA-200 or JASCO DIP-4 polarimeter using 1 dm or 0.1 dm length cell. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (1D, COSY, HMQC, and HMBC) spectra were recorded at 400 MHz (Varian Unity-400) or 270 MHz (JEOL EX-270). Internal tetramethylsilane (δ 0 ppm) was used as a standard in CDCl<sub>3</sub> or solvents peaks were used as standards (δ 2.05 ppm in acetone-d<sub>6</sub>, δ 2.50 ppm in DMSO-d<sub>6</sub> or δ 2.75 in DMF-d<sub>7</sub>). Chemical shifts are expressed in ppm referenced to the solvent, as an internal standard. The multiplicity of signals is abbreviated as follows: s = singlet, d = doublet, dd = doublet of doublets, t = triplet, dt = doublet of triplets, ddd = doublet of doublets of doublets, br = broad signal, m = multiplet. <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra were recorded at 67.8 MHz (JEOL JNM-EX-270) or 100.6 MHz (Varian Unity-400) and solvents peaks were used as standards (δ 77.0 ppm in CDCl<sub>3</sub>, δ 29.8 ppm in acetone-d<sub>6</sub> or δ 29.76 in DMF-d<sub>7</sub>). High resolution mass spectra (HRMS) were recorded on Mariner Biospectrometry Workstation ESI-TOF MS. Fourier transform infrared spectrum was obtained with Shimadzu FTIR-8400S, in which a 10 mM solution in CCl<sub>4</sub> was measured in a cell with 0.5 mm length.

### General fluorescence experiments.

Fluorescence spectra were recorded at 35°C on Shimadzu RF-5300PC fluorophotometer with excitation at 355 nm for **2** (1 μM) and 347 nm for **1** (1 μM), sampling intervals of 2 nm for **2** and 1 nm for **1**, excitation band widths of 3 nm for **2** and 1.5 nm for **1**, and an emission band width of 5.0 nm for both compounds. A cell with 10 mm width and 3 mm depth was used.

1) Titration: To a thermostated (35°C) solution of **1** (1 μM, 1 mL) were dropped appropriate amounts of the solution of a metal ion and **1** (1 μM), and fluorescence spectrum was recorded each at specified amounts of the metal ion. The titration results with ZnCl<sub>2</sub> and CdCl<sub>2</sub>·4H<sub>2</sub>O are shown in Figure 1 of the main text. The results with Mg(ClO<sub>4</sub>)<sub>2</sub> and MnCl<sub>2</sub>·4H<sub>2</sub>O were shown in Figure S34-35.

2) Time course: To a thermostated (35°C) solution of **1** (2 μM) in DMSO (500 μL) was added the solution of K<sub>2</sub>[PtCl<sub>4</sub>] (2 μM) in DMSO (500 μL), and fluorescence spectrum was recorded at appropriate time intervals. The result is shown in Figure 1 of the main text.

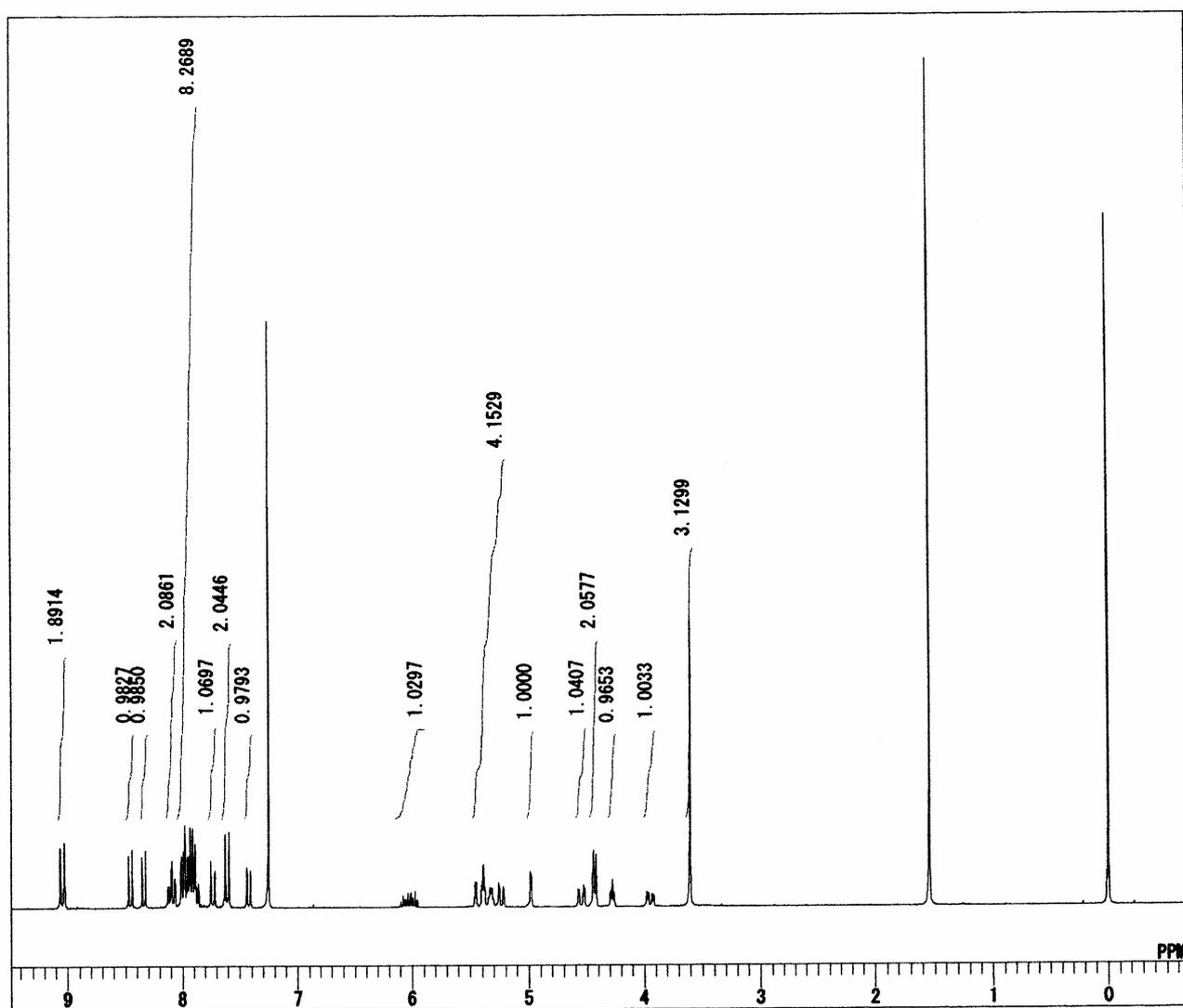


Figure S1.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR of **5**.

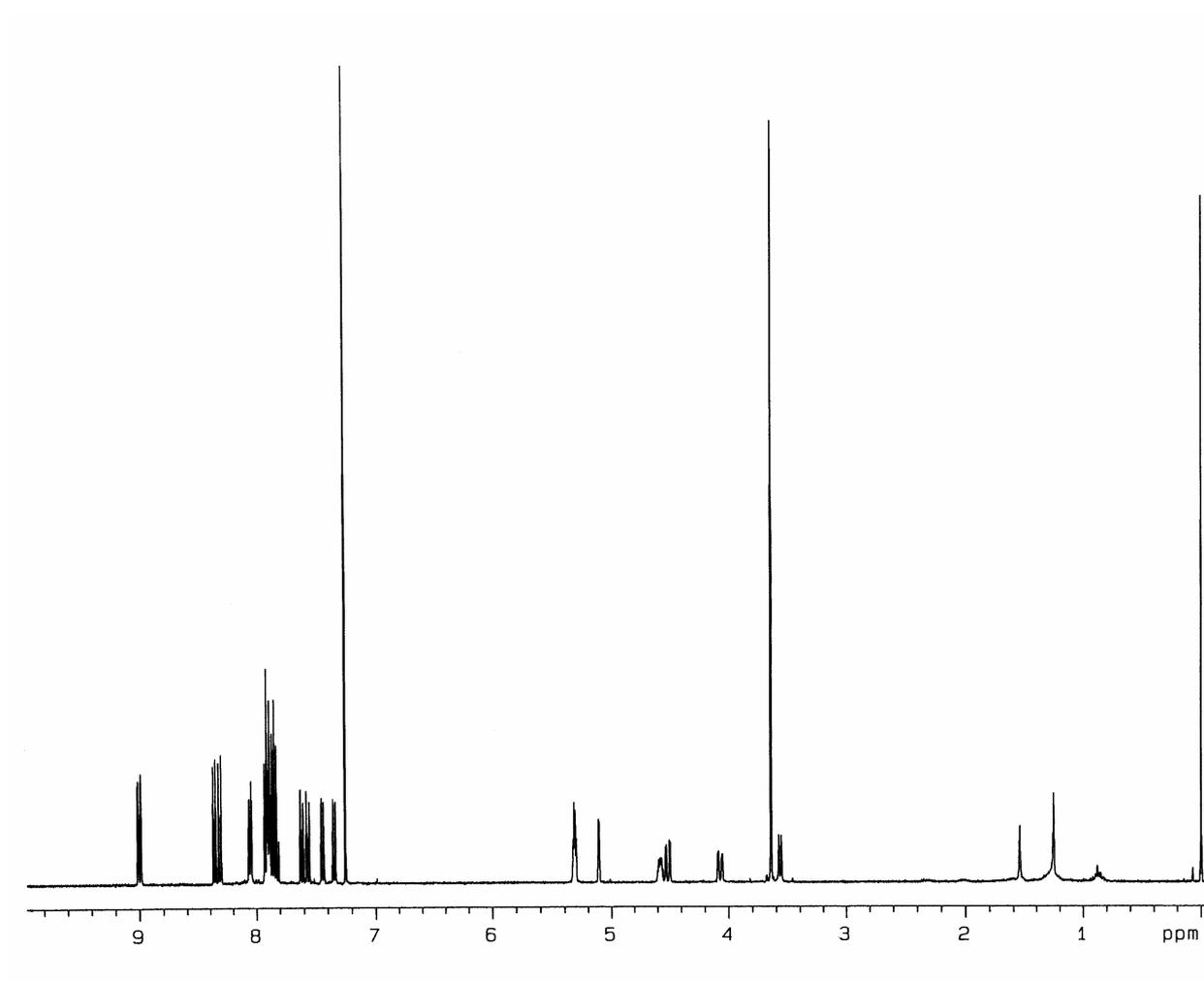


Figure S3.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR of **2** in  $\text{CDCl}_3$ .

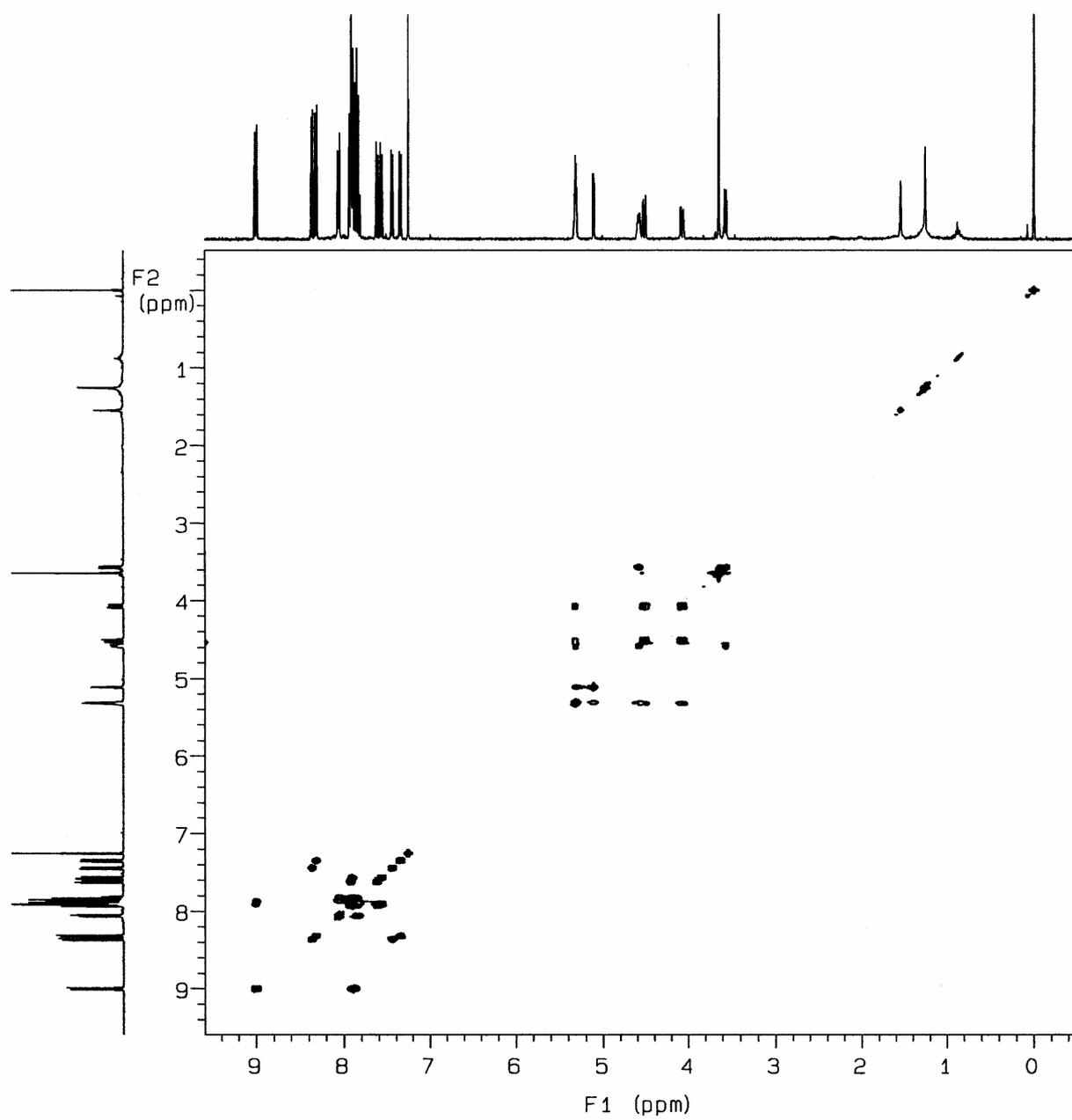


Figure S4. COSY spectrum of **2** in CDCl<sub>3</sub>.

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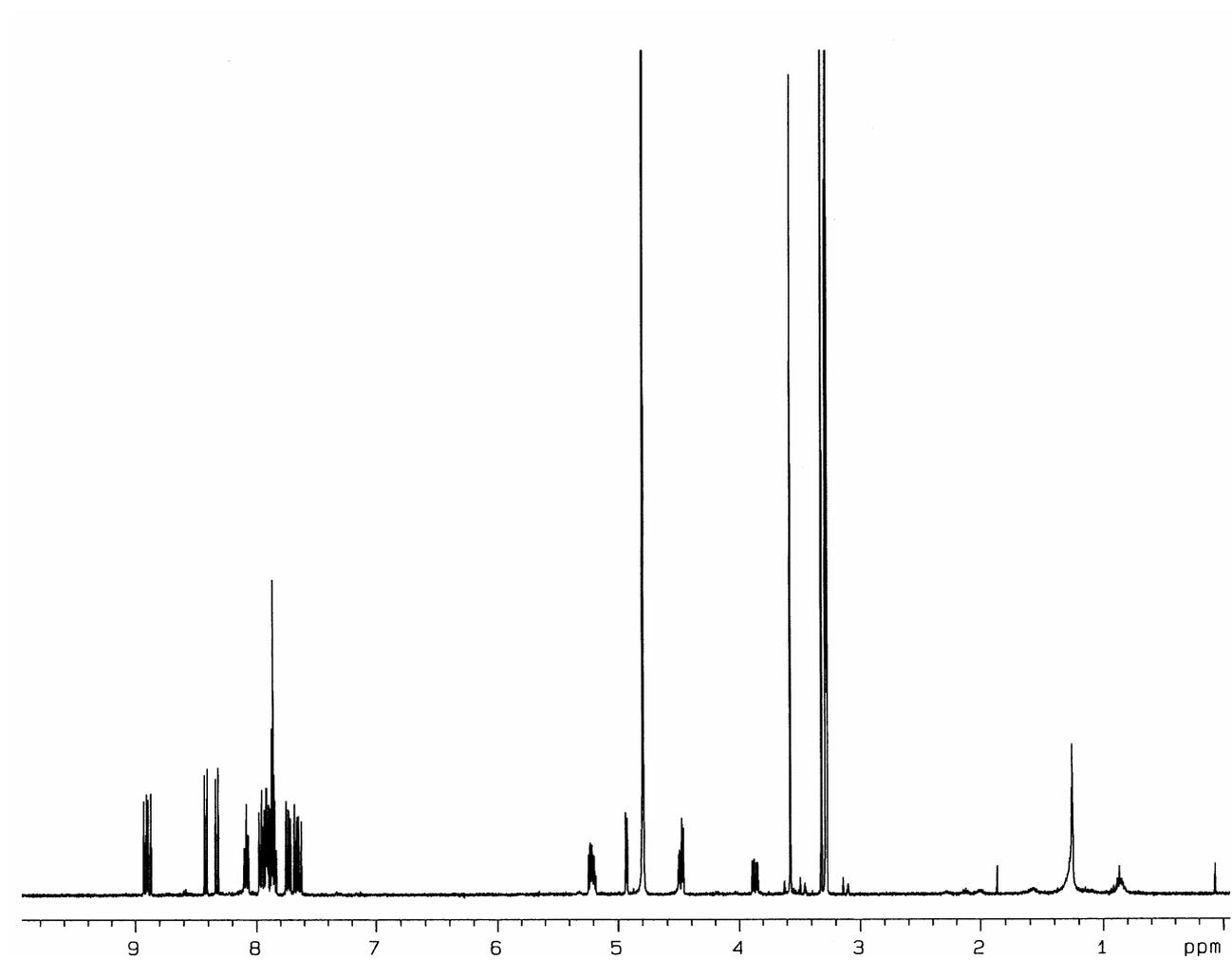


Figure S5.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR of **2** in  $\text{CD}_3\text{OD}$ .

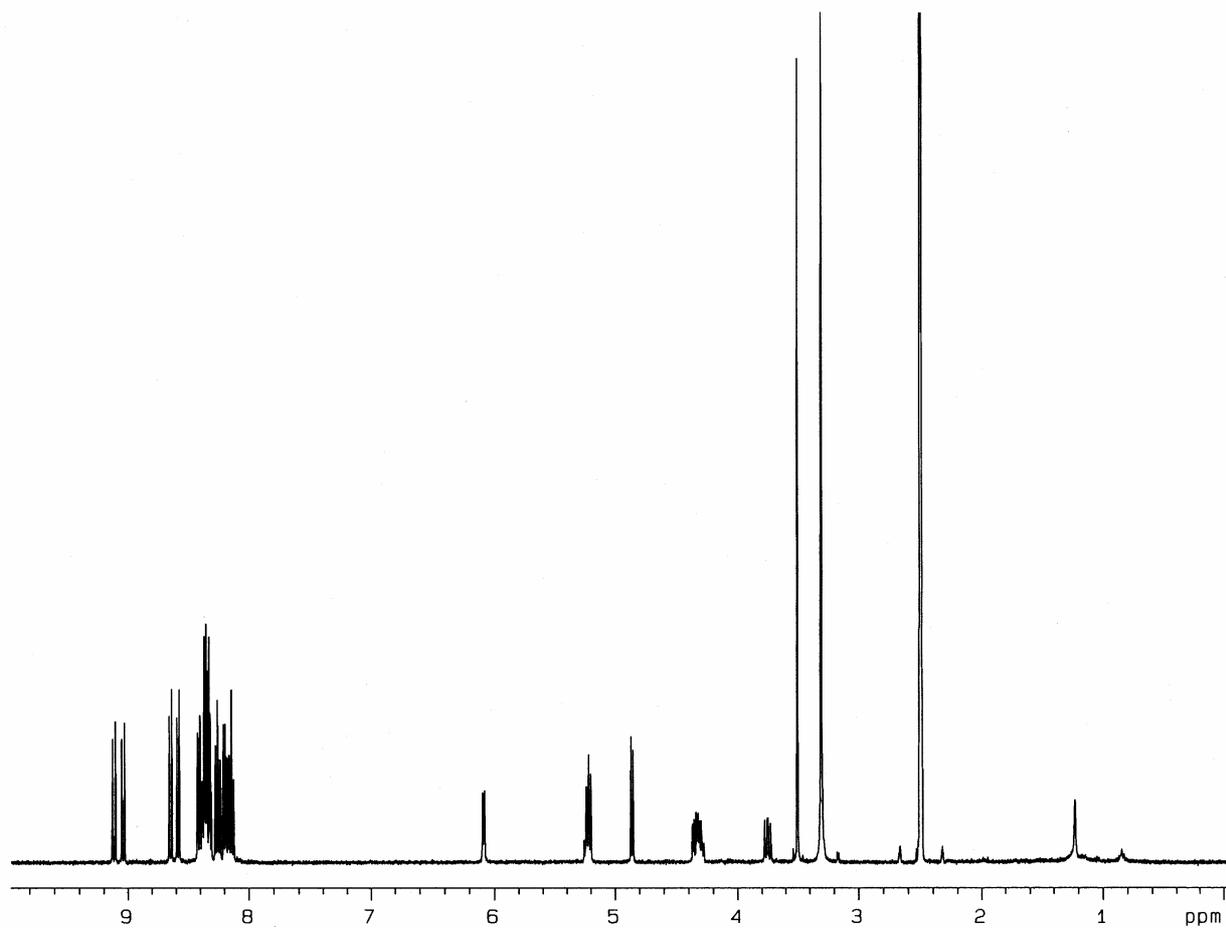


Figure S6.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR of **2** in DMSO.

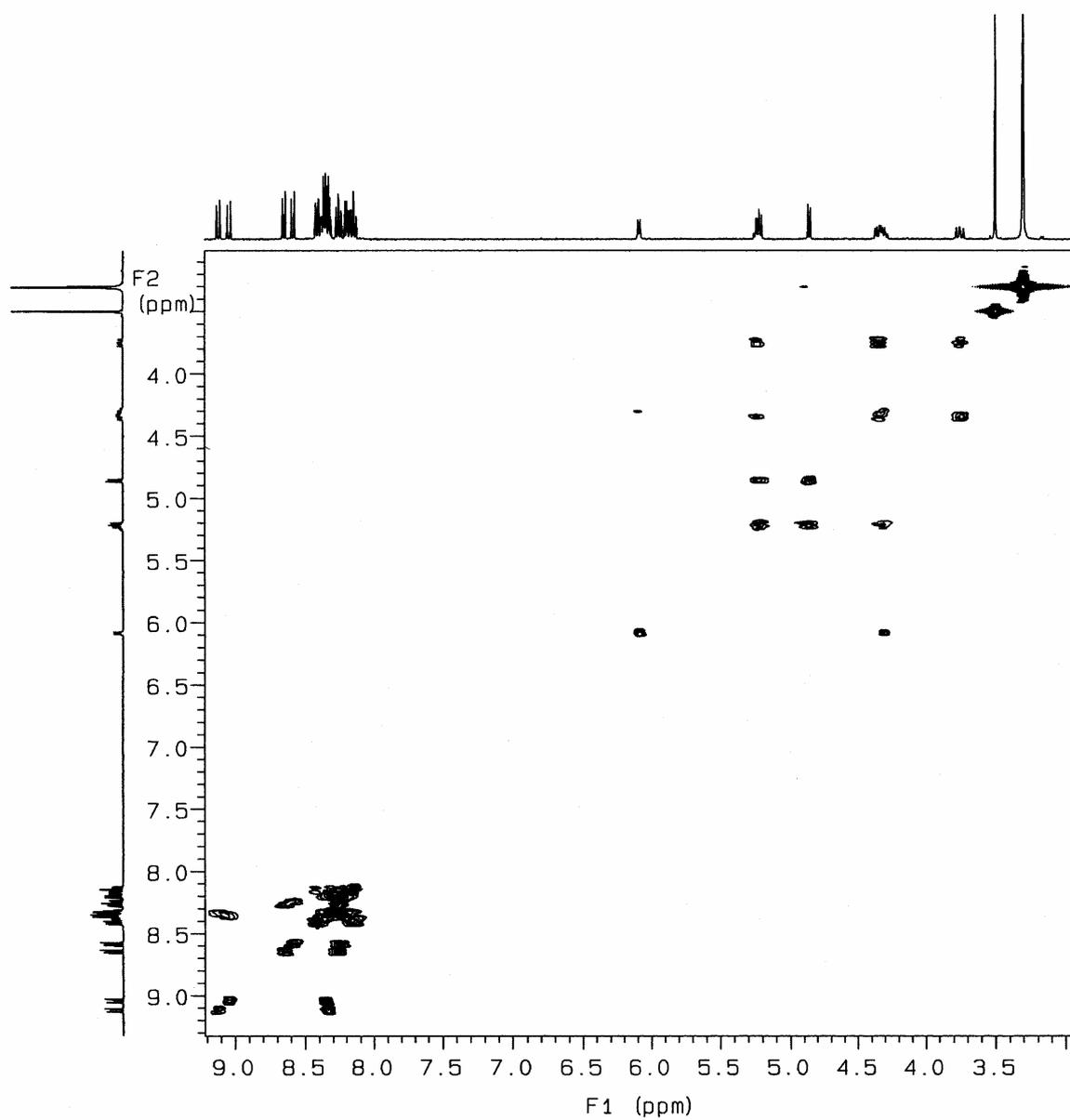


Figure S7. COSY spectrum of **2** in DMSO.

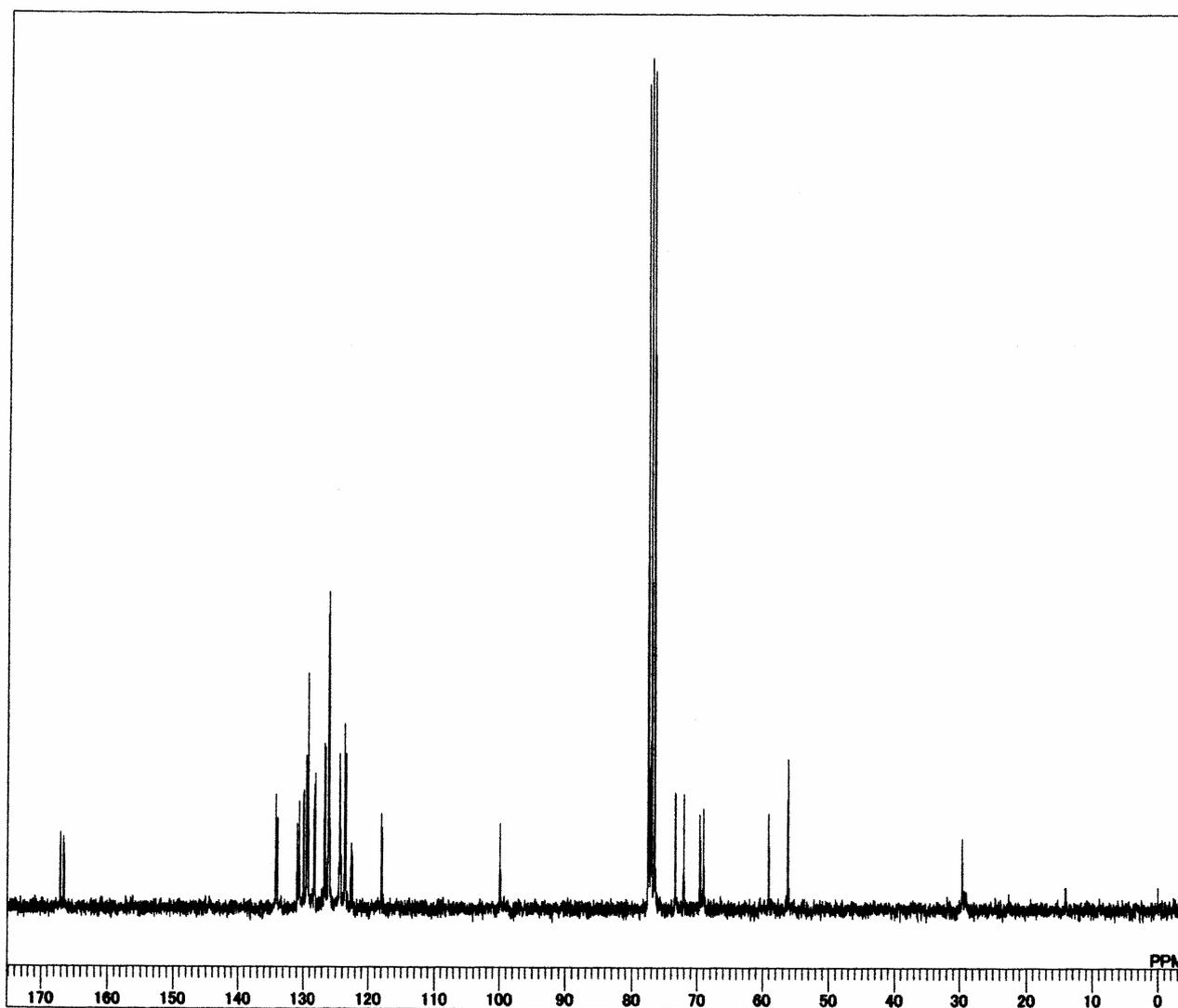


Figure S2.  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR of **5**.

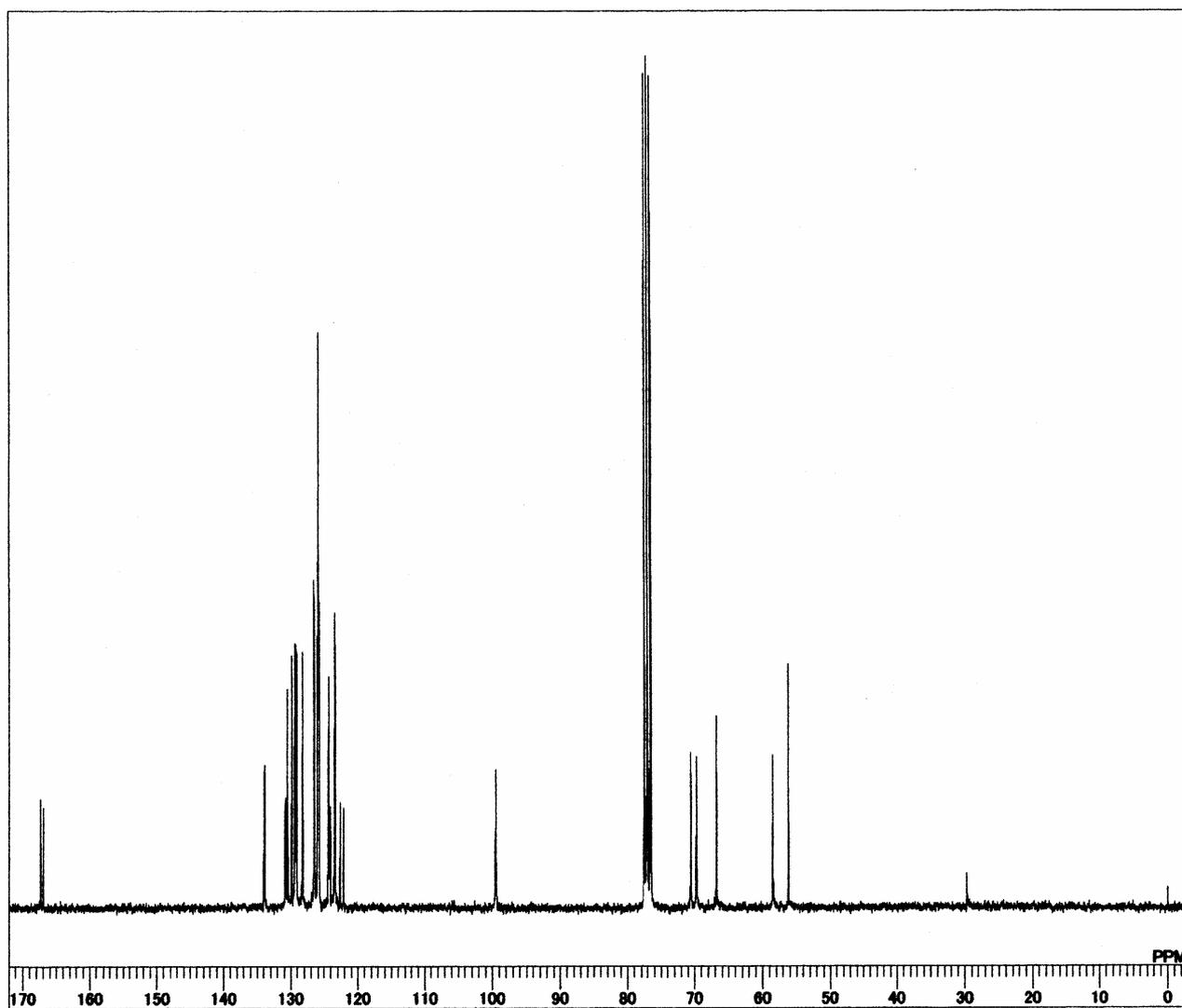


Figure S8.  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR of **2**.

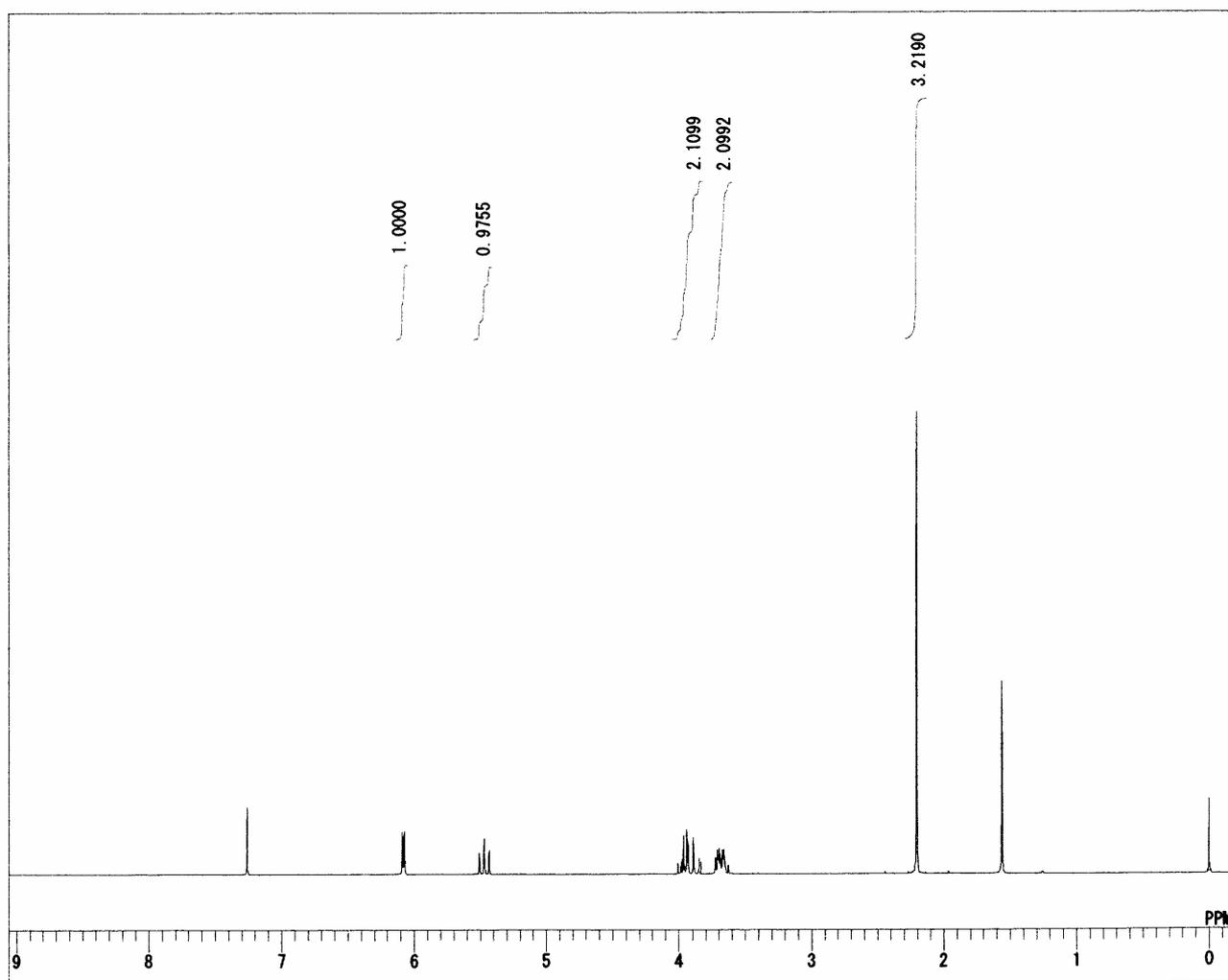


Figure S9.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR of **7** in  $\text{CDCl}_3$ .

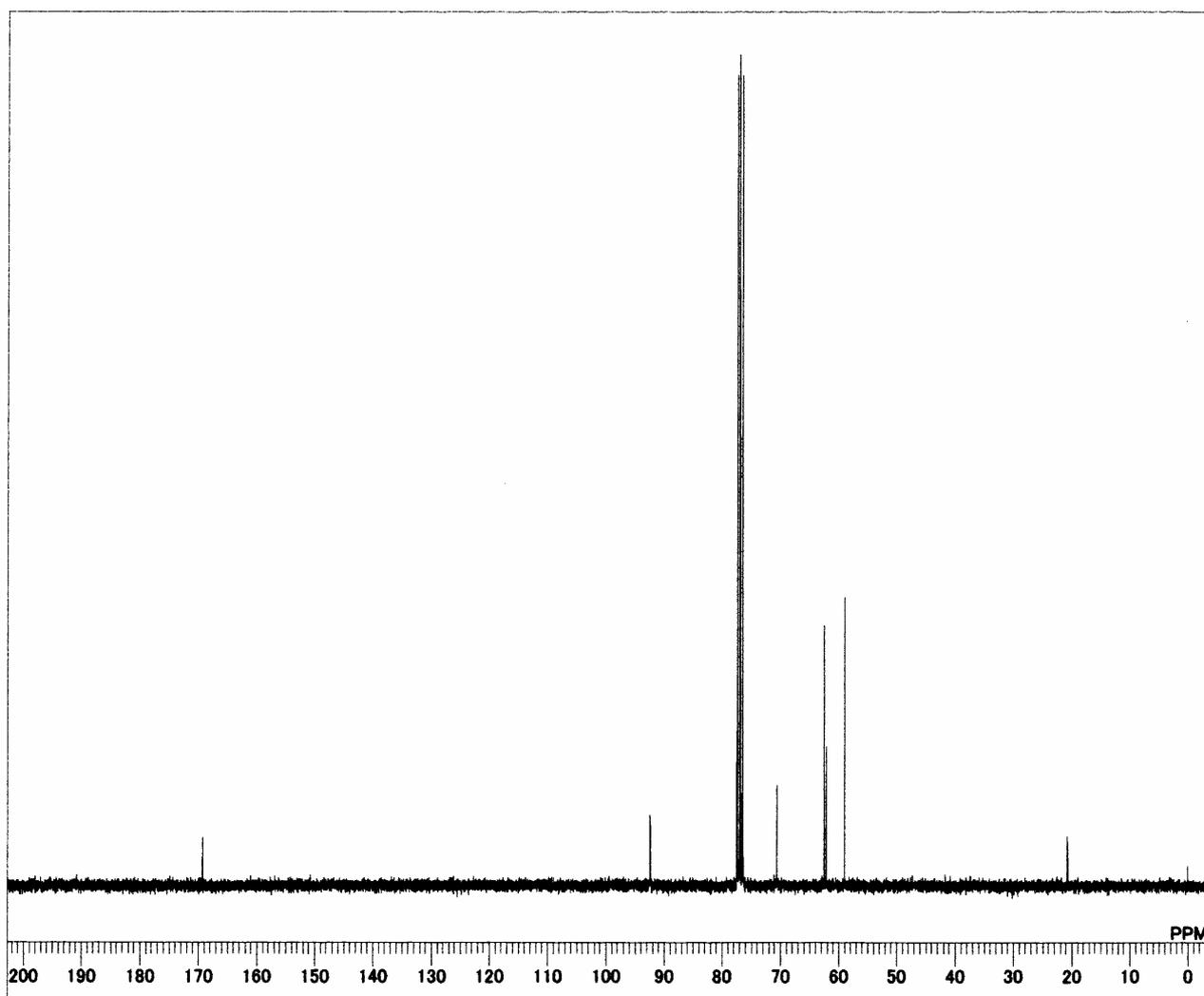


Figure S10.  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR of **7** in  $\text{CDCl}_3$ .

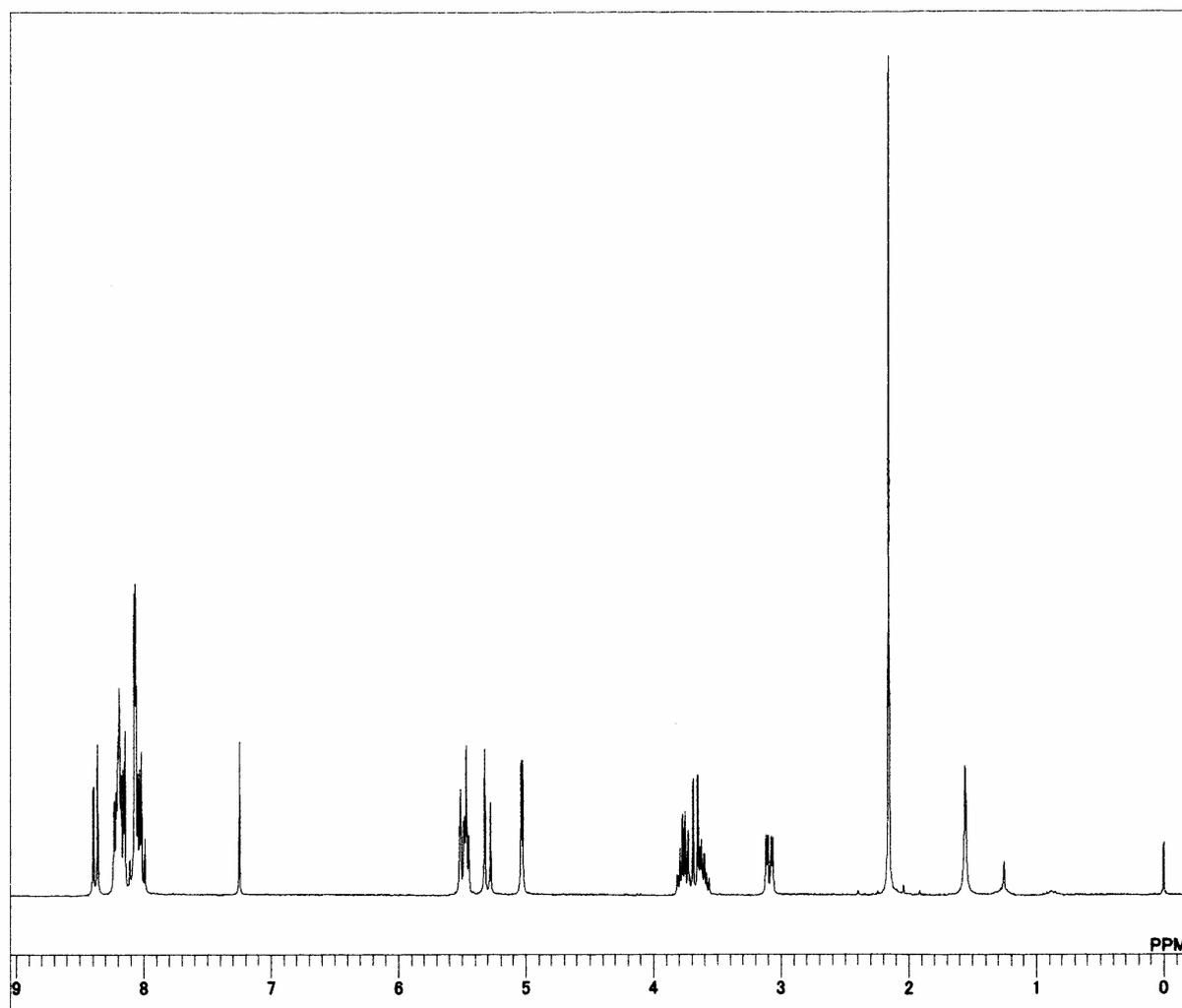


Figure S11. <sup>1</sup>H NMR of **8a** in CDCl<sub>3</sub>.

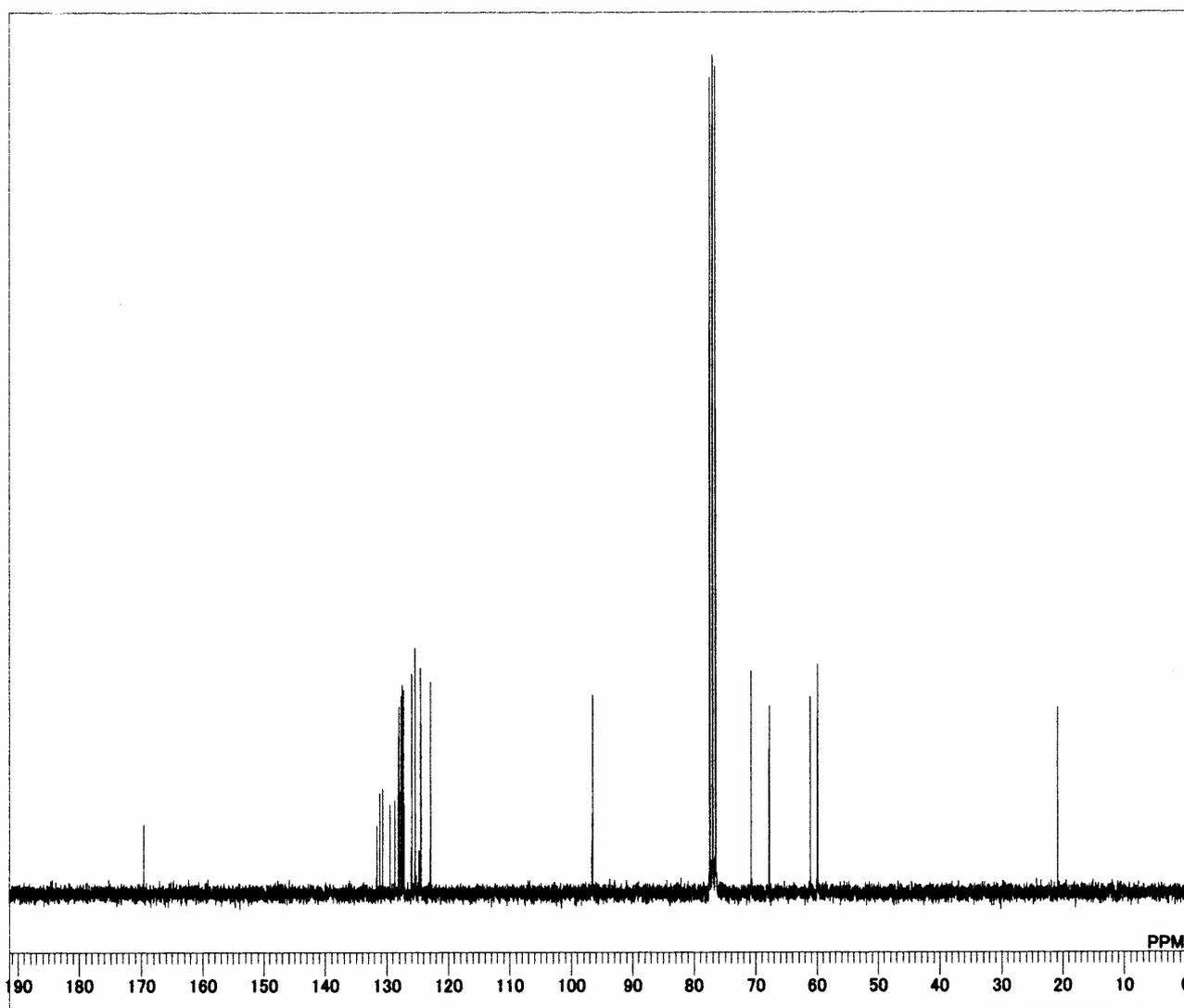


Figure S12.  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR of **8 $\alpha$**  in  $\text{CDCl}_3$ .

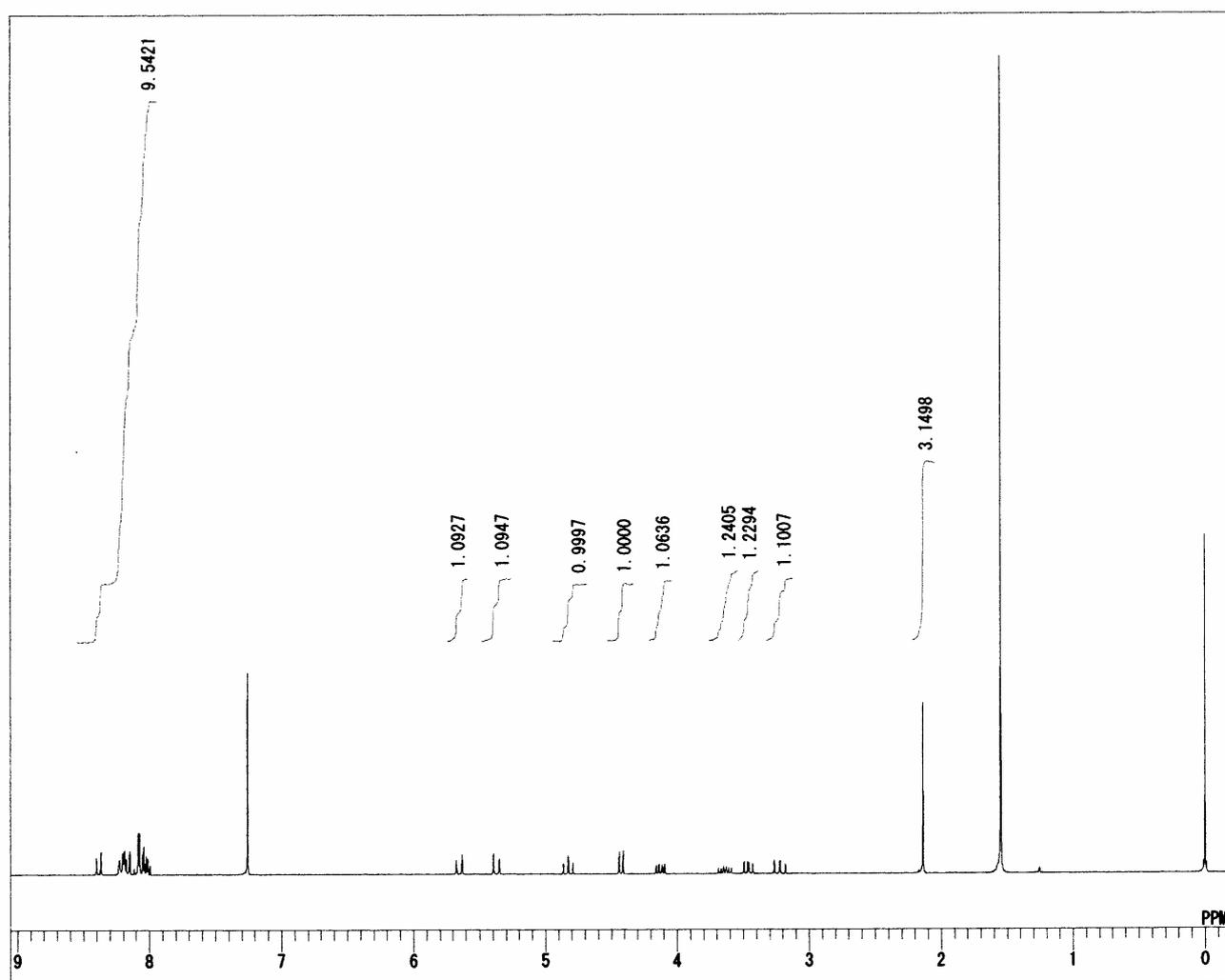


Figure S13. <sup>1</sup>H NMR of **8β** in CDCl<sub>3</sub>.

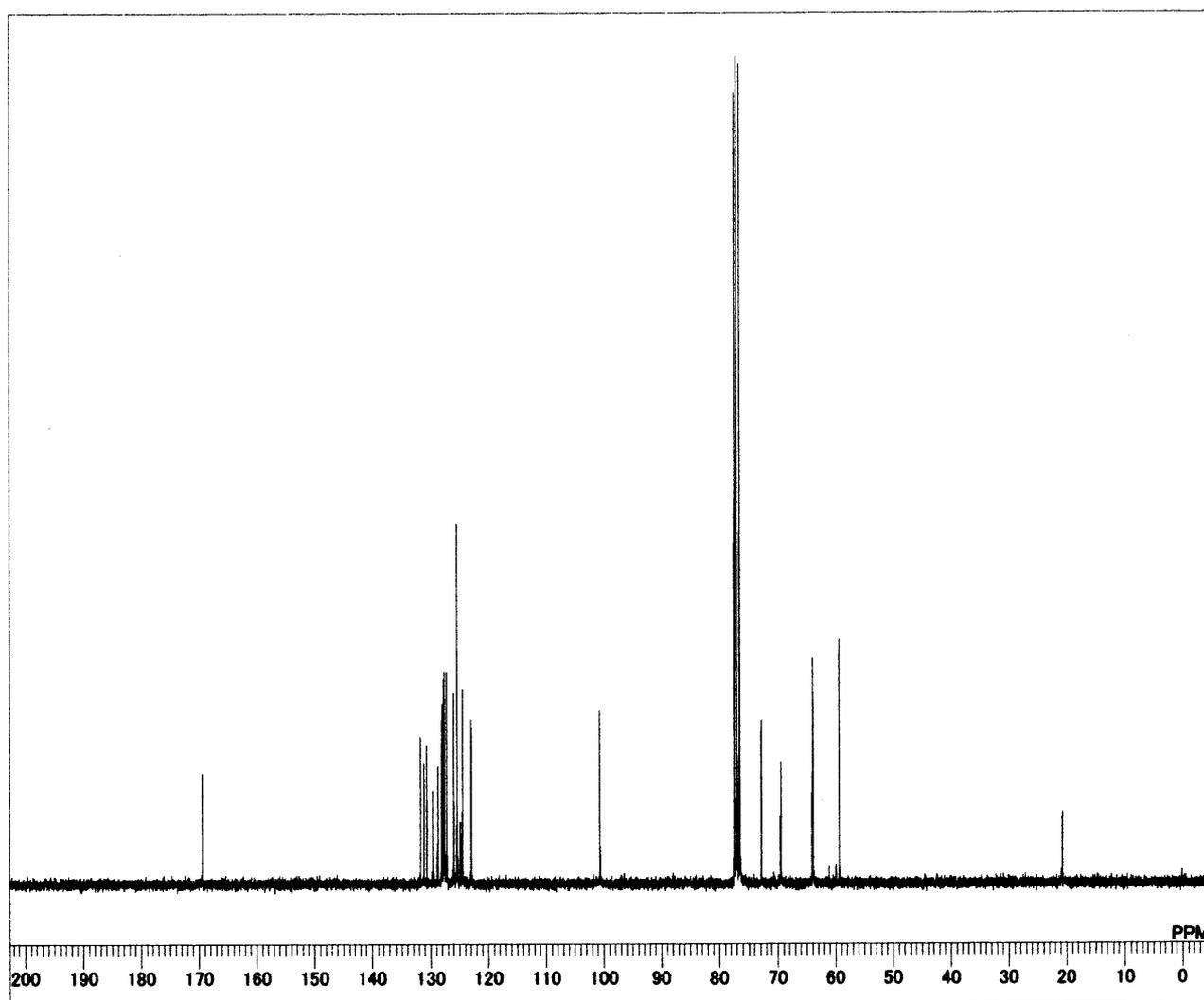


Figure S14.  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR of  $8\beta$  in  $\text{CDCl}_3$ .

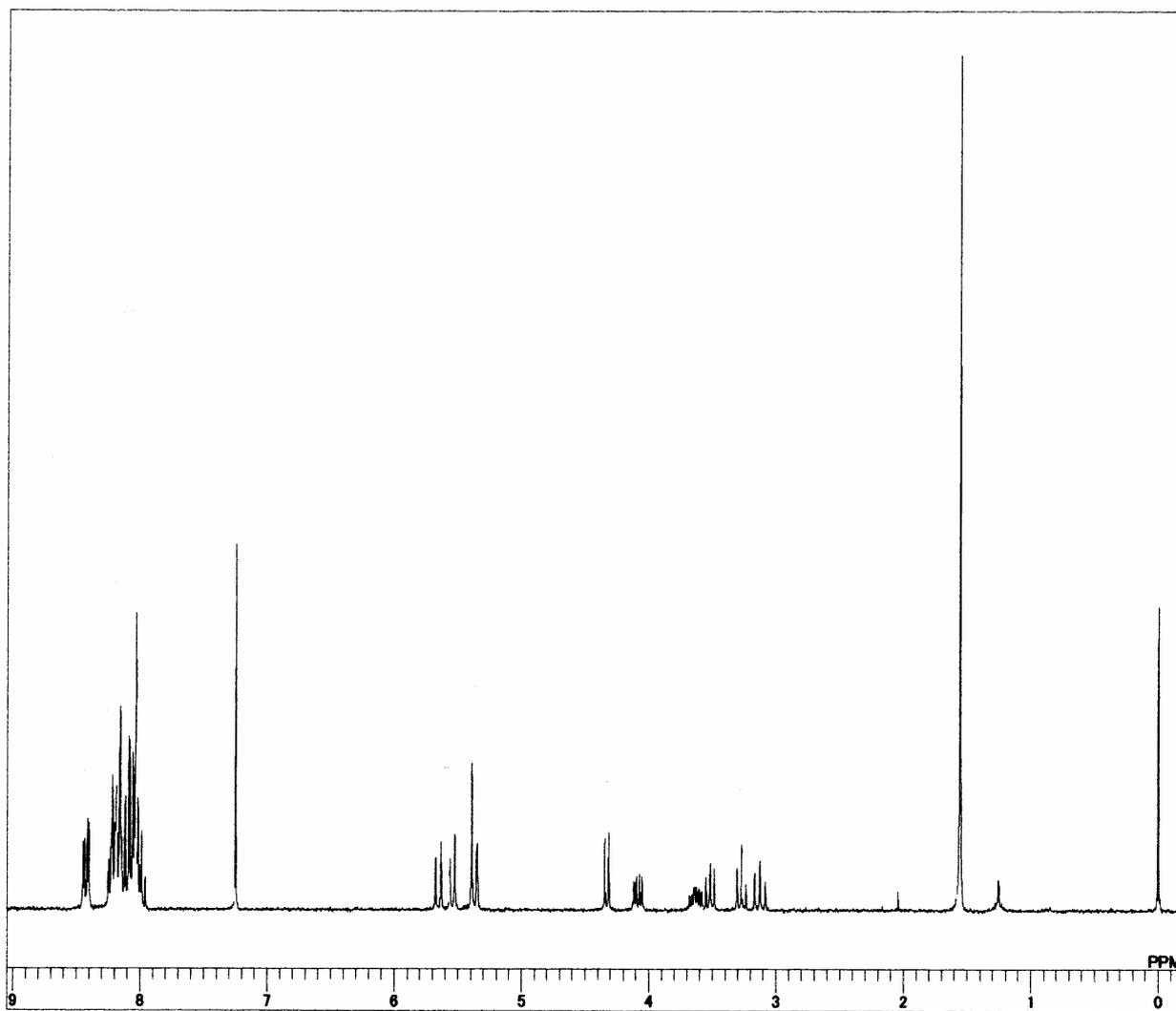


Figure S15.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR of **9** in  $\text{CDCl}_3$ .

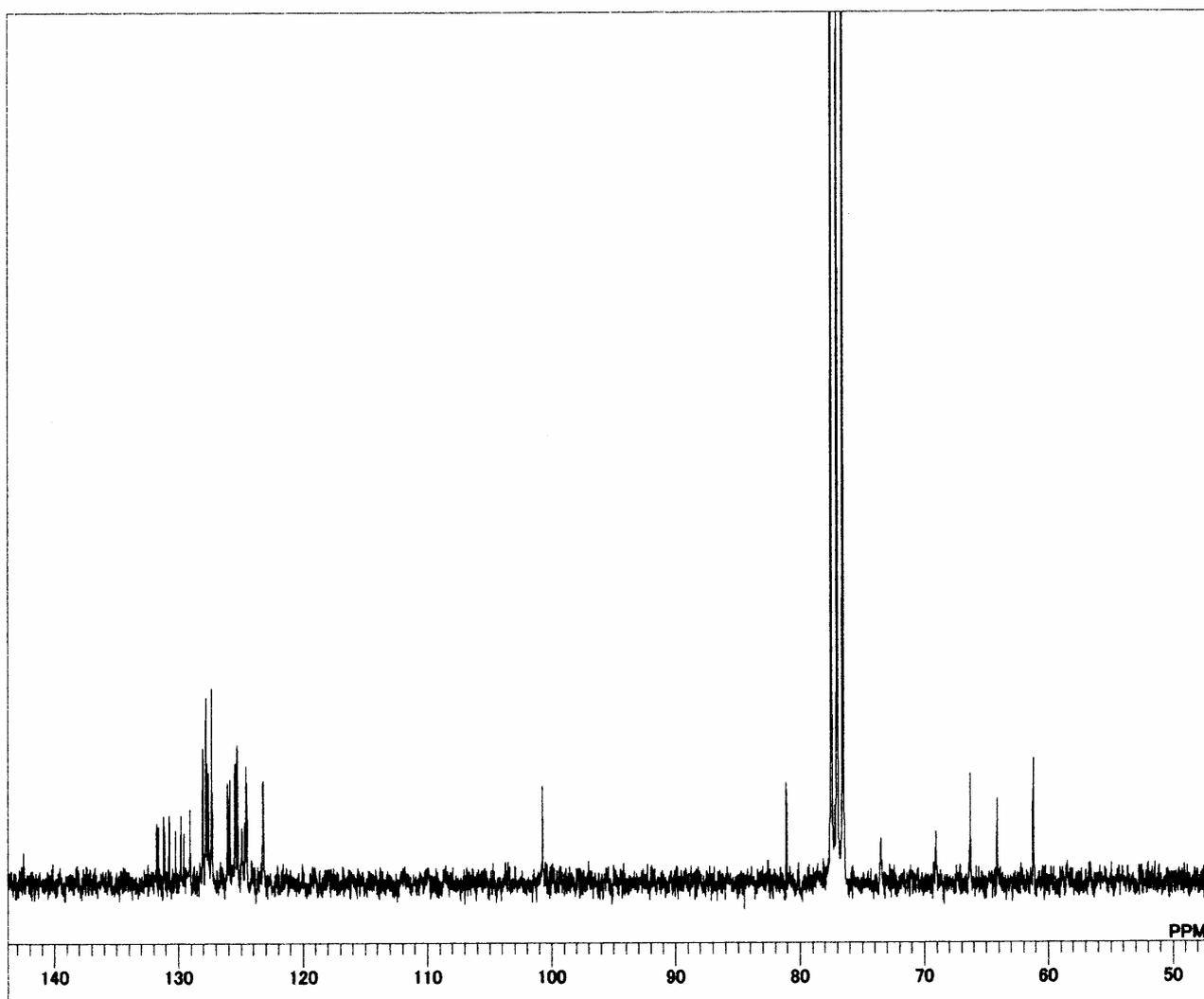


Figure S16.  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR of **9** in  $\text{CDCl}_3$ .

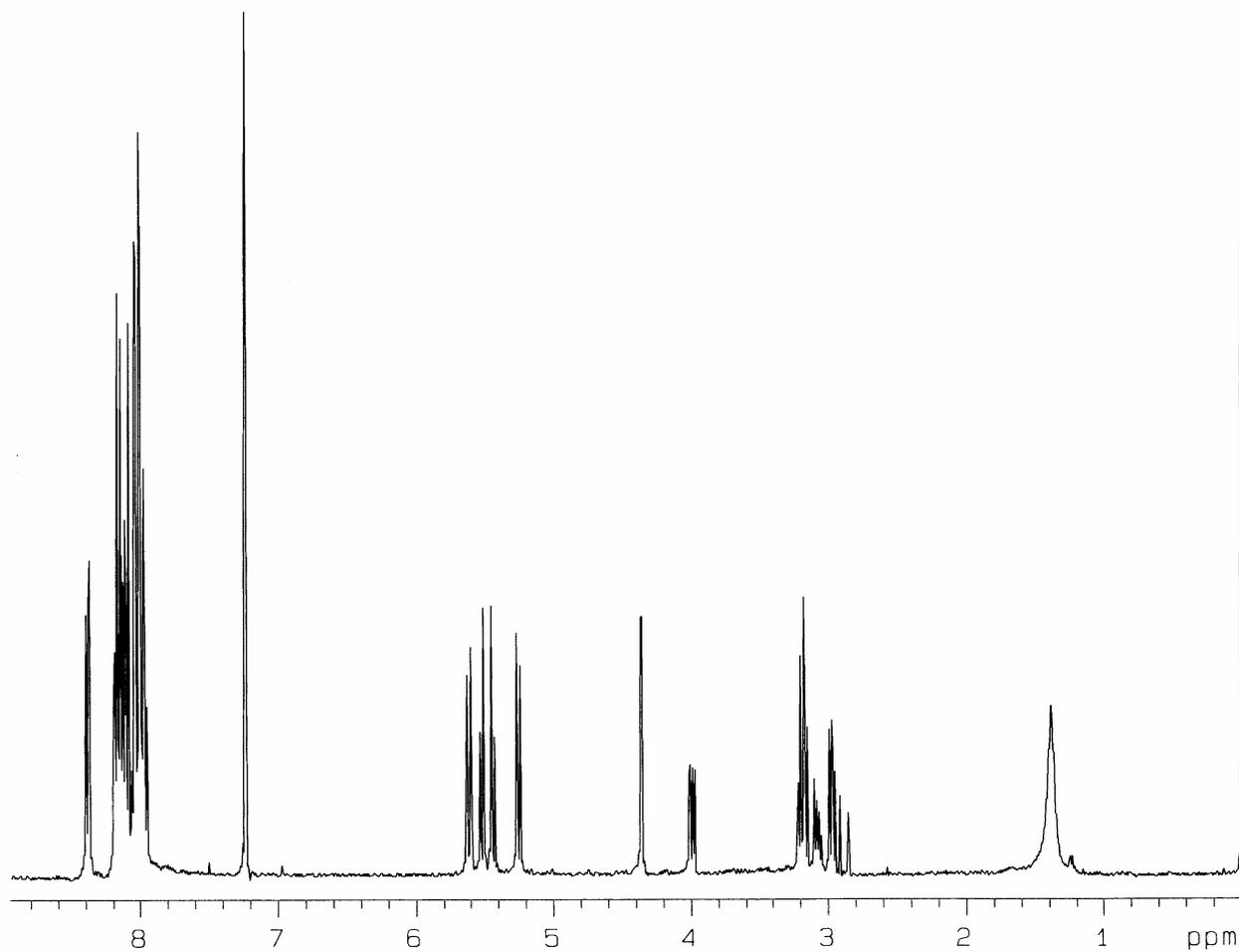


Figure S17.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR of **1** in  $\text{CDCl}_3$ .

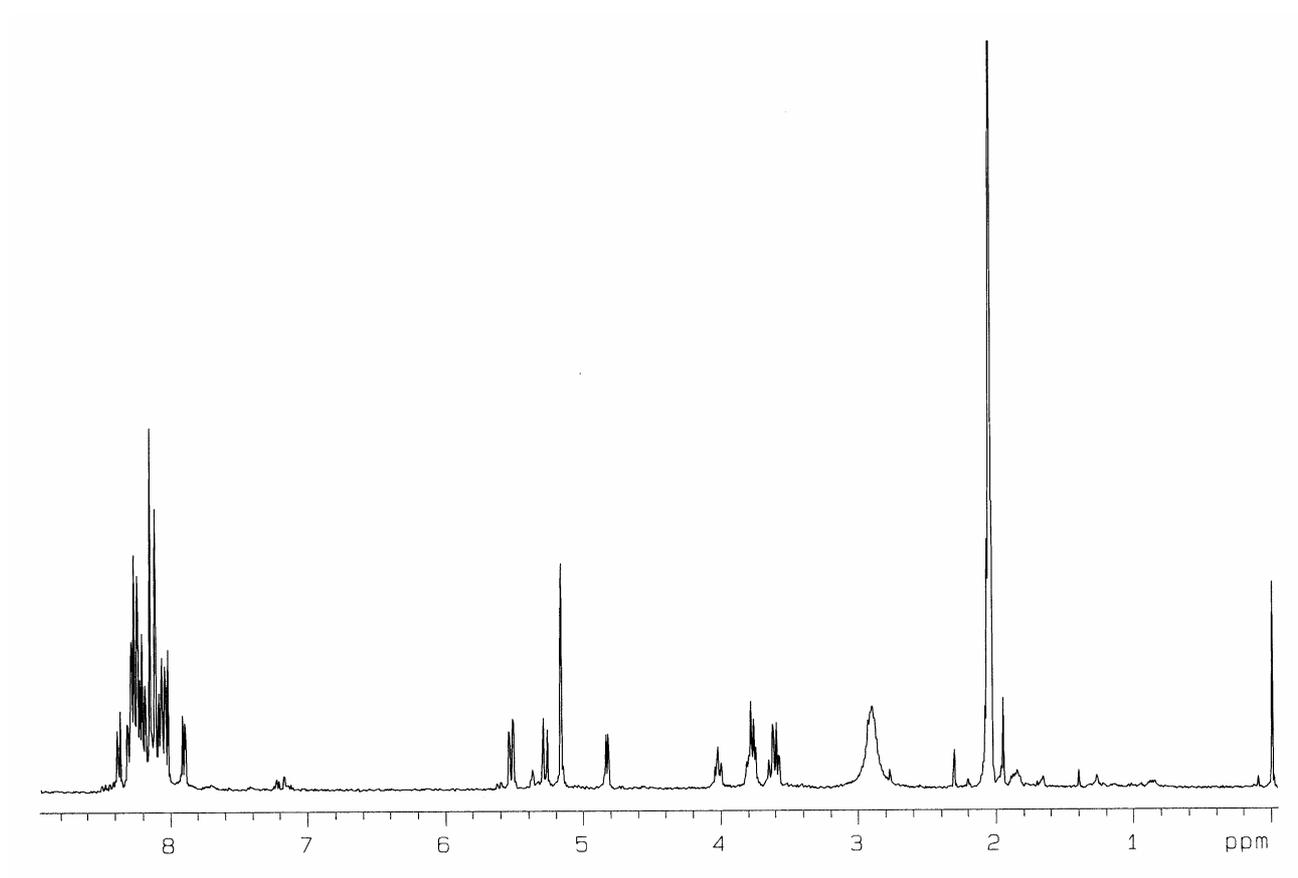


Figure S18.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR of **1** in acetone- $d_6$ .

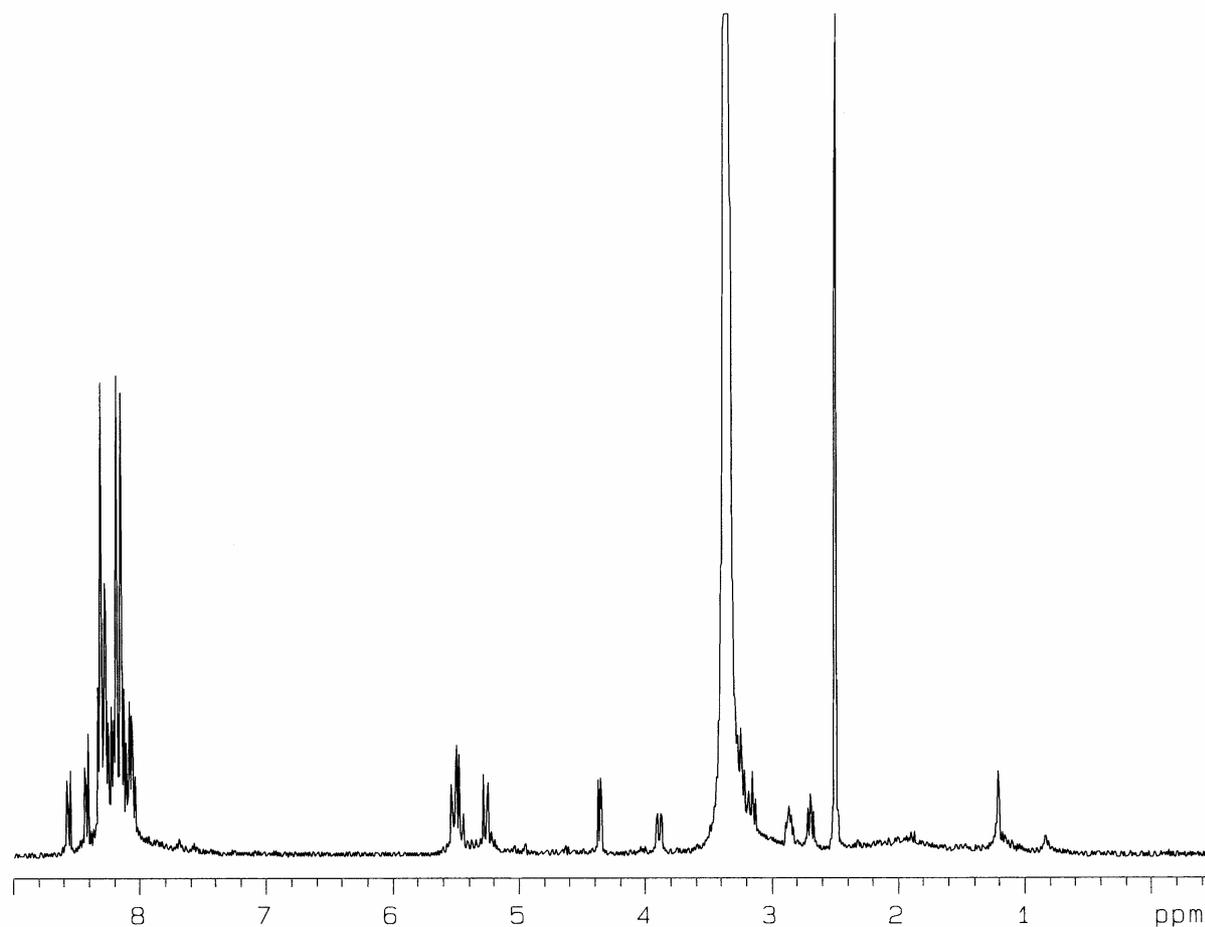


Figure S19.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR of **1** in  $\text{DMSO-d}_6$ .

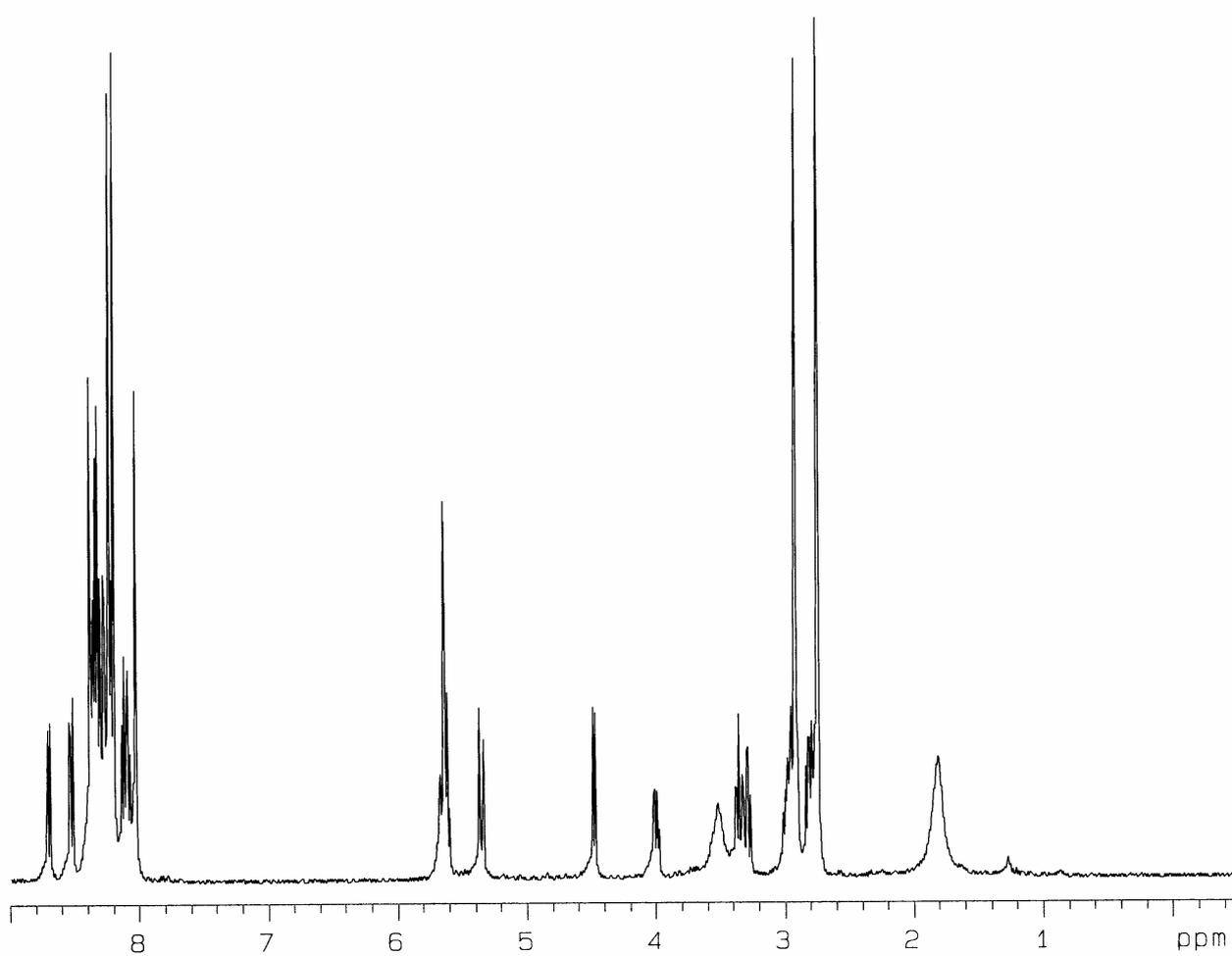


Figure S20.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR of **1** in  $\text{DMF-d}_7$ .

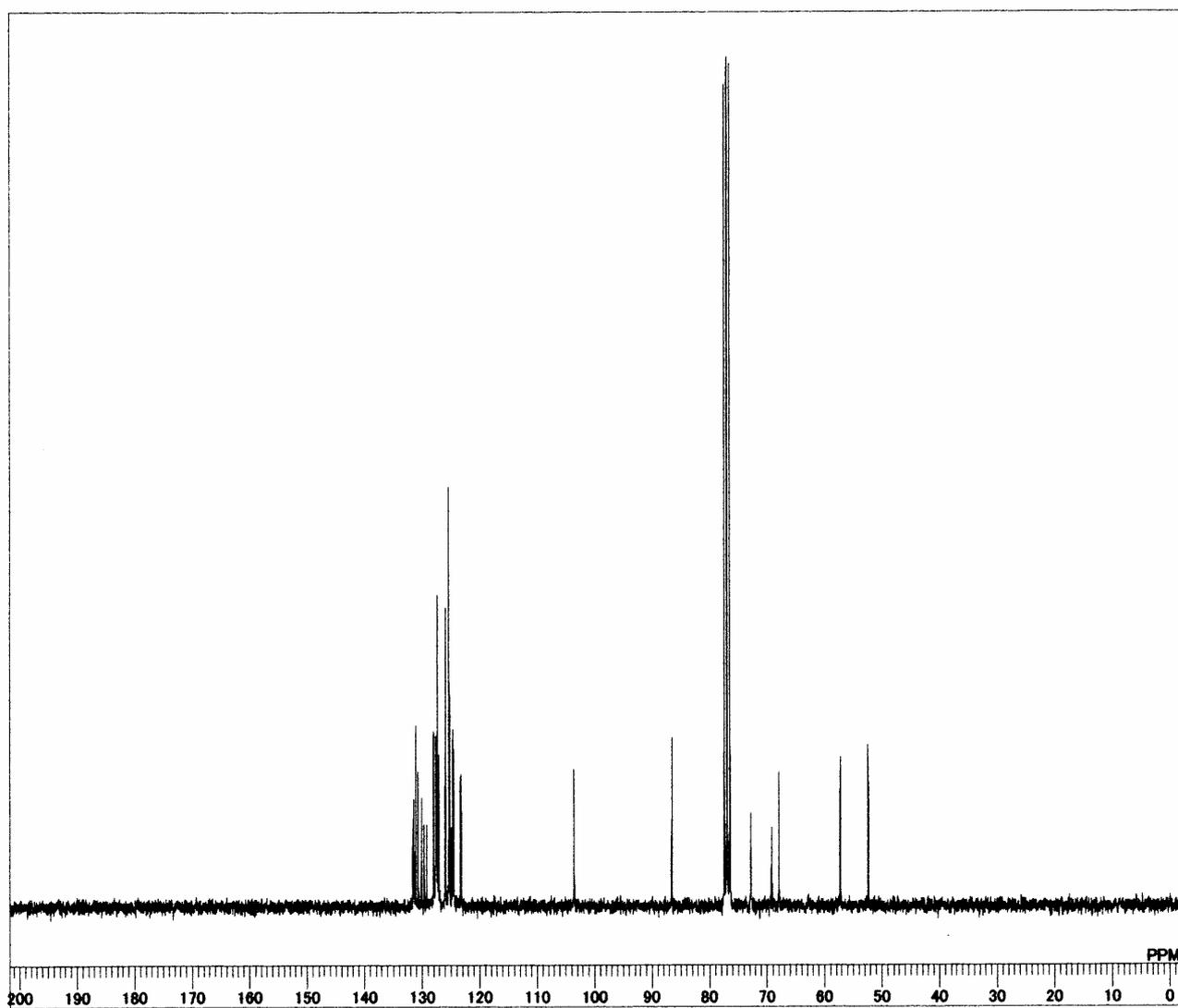


Figure S21.  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR of **1** in  $\text{CDCl}_3$ .

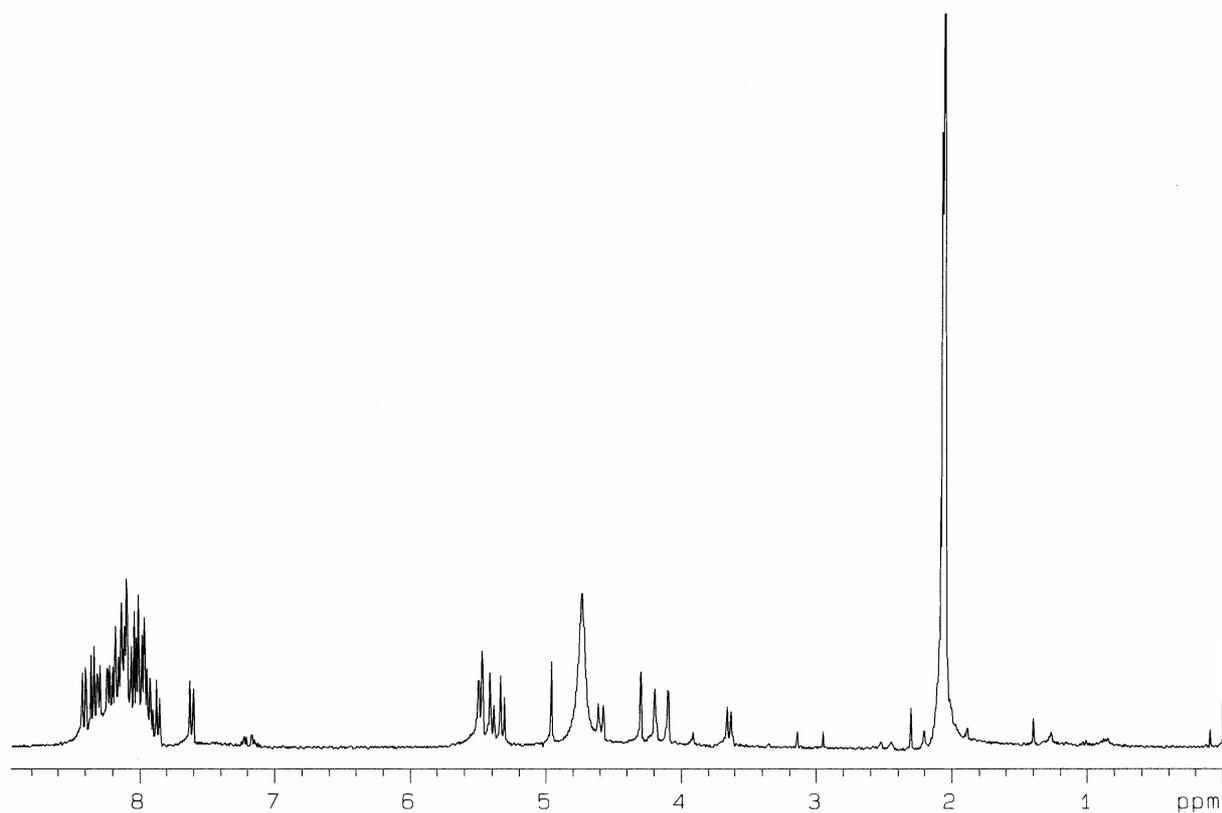


Figure S22. <sup>1</sup>H NMR of **1** with ZnCl<sub>2</sub> in acetone-d<sub>6</sub>.

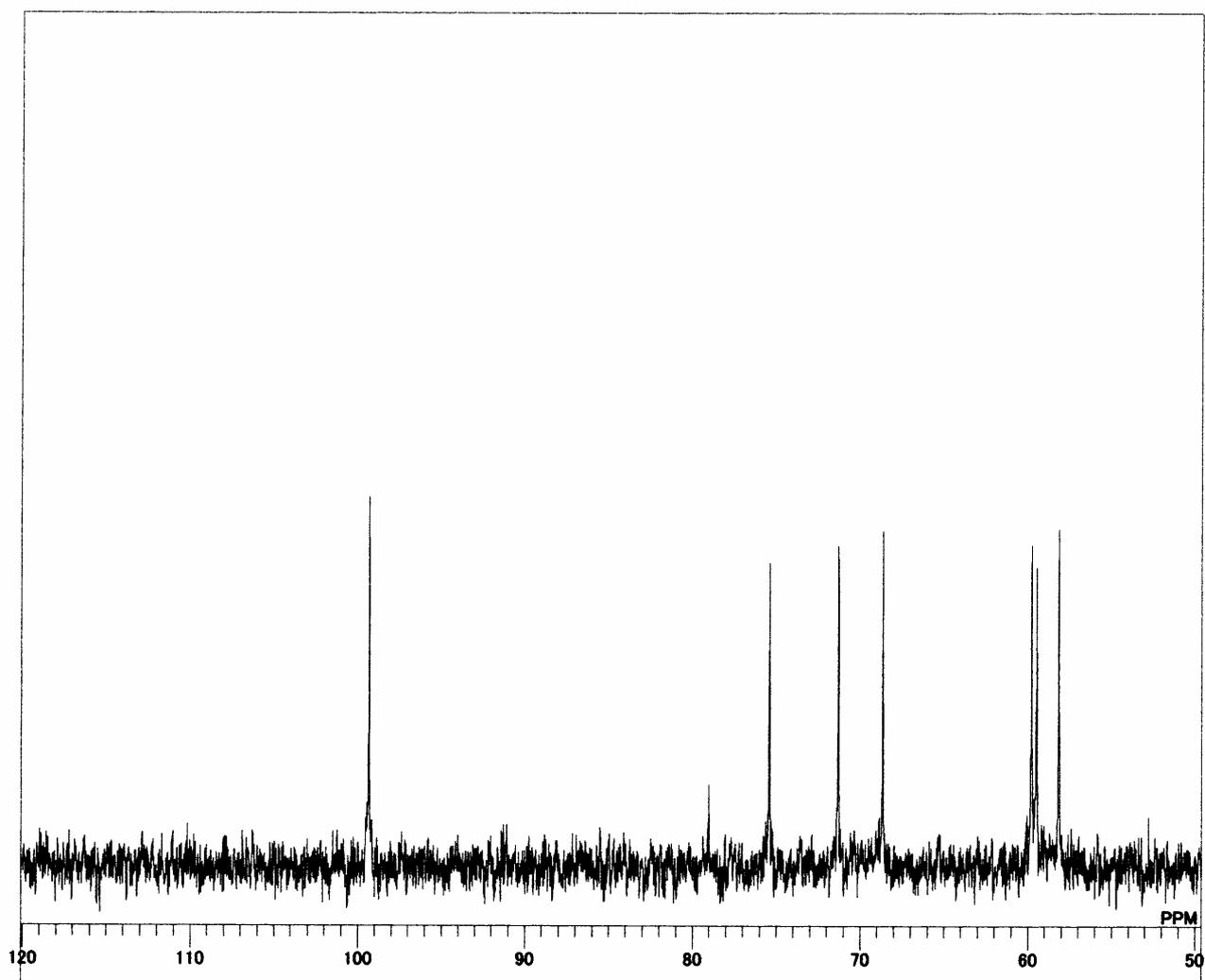


Figure S23.  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR of **1** with  $\text{ZnCl}_2$  in acetone- $\text{d}_6$ .

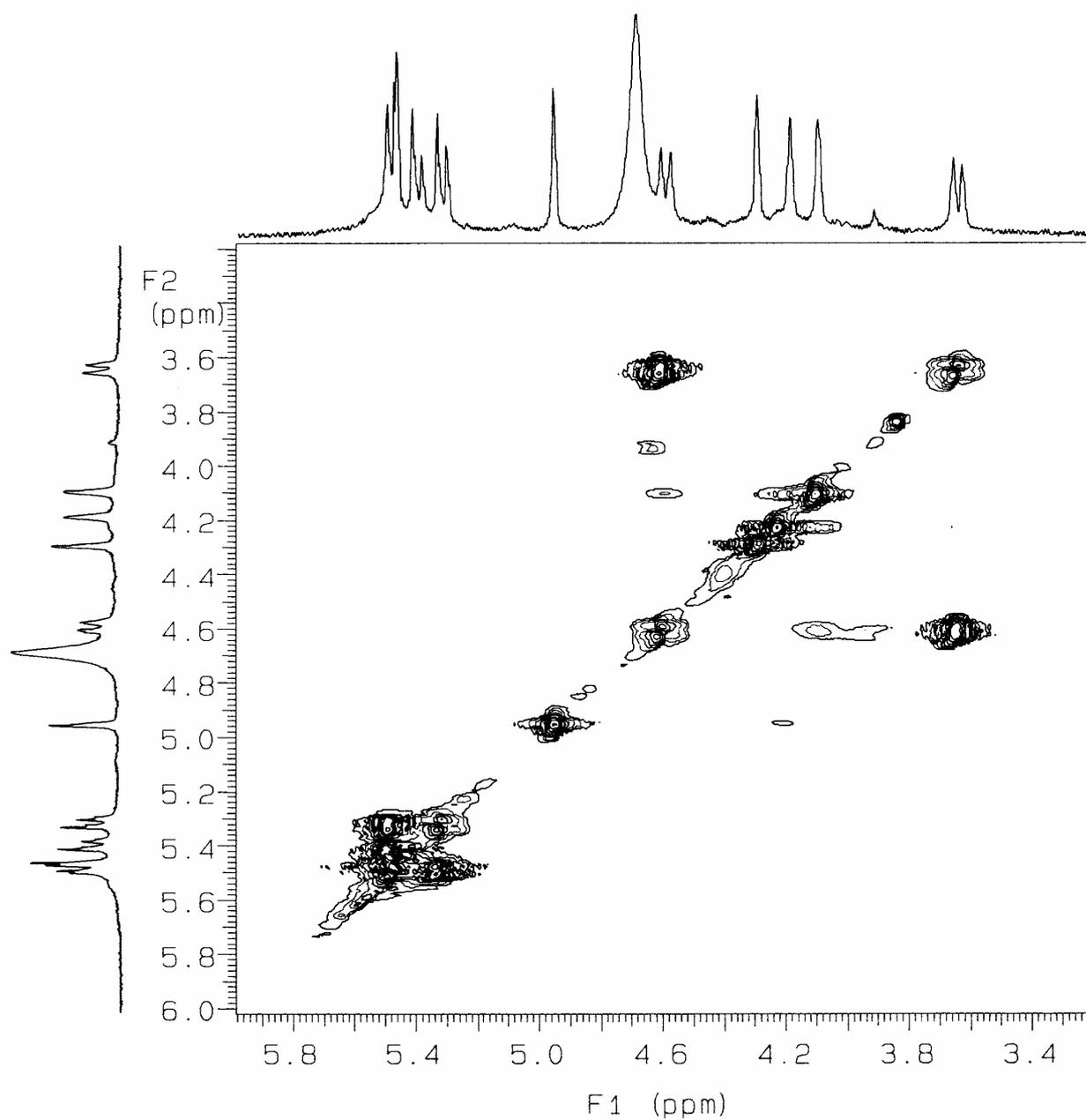


Figure S24. COSY spectrum of **1** with ZnCl<sub>2</sub> in acetone-d<sub>6</sub>.

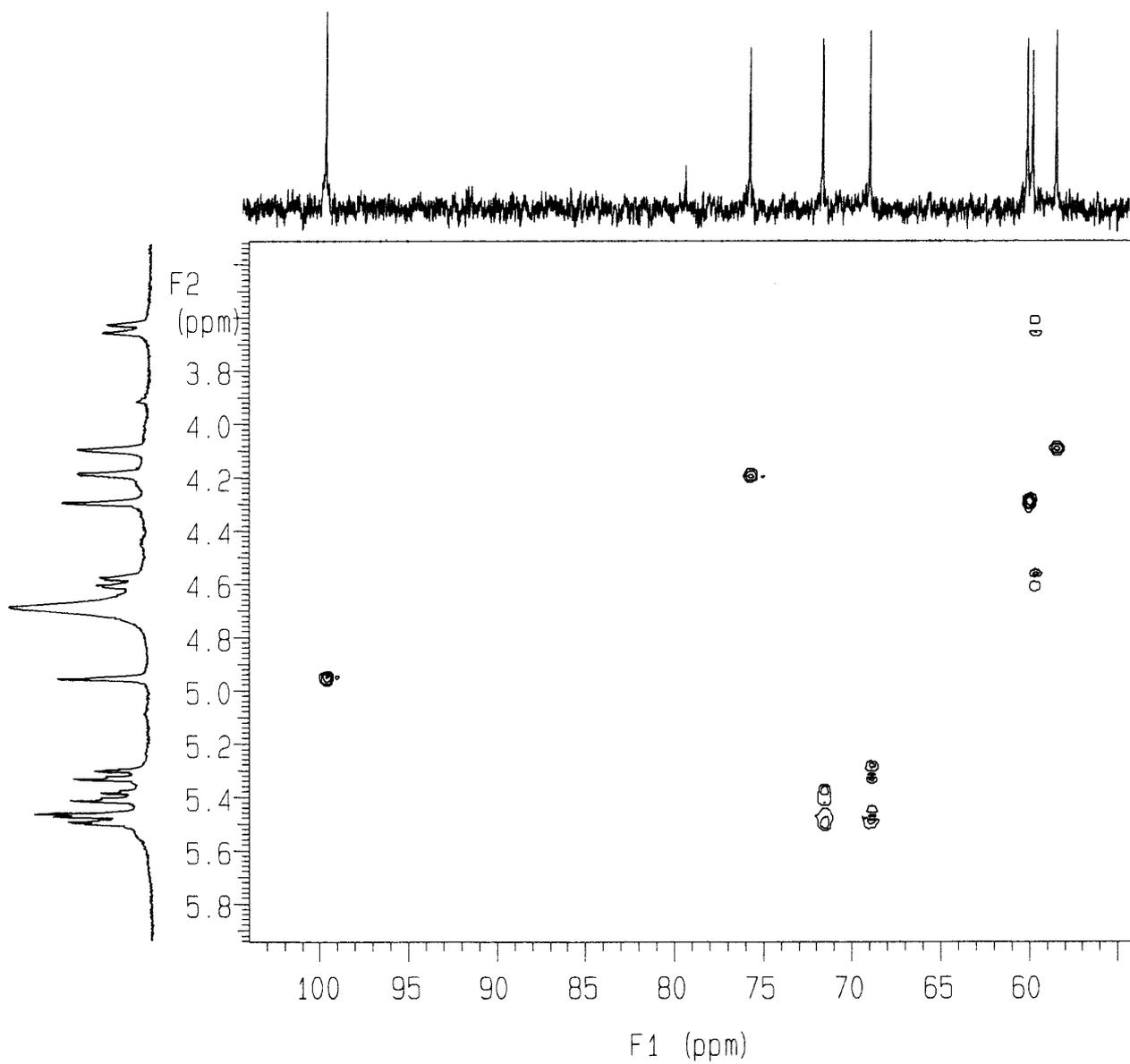


Figure S25. HMQC spectrum of **1** with  $\text{ZnCl}_2$  in acetone- $\text{d}_6$ .

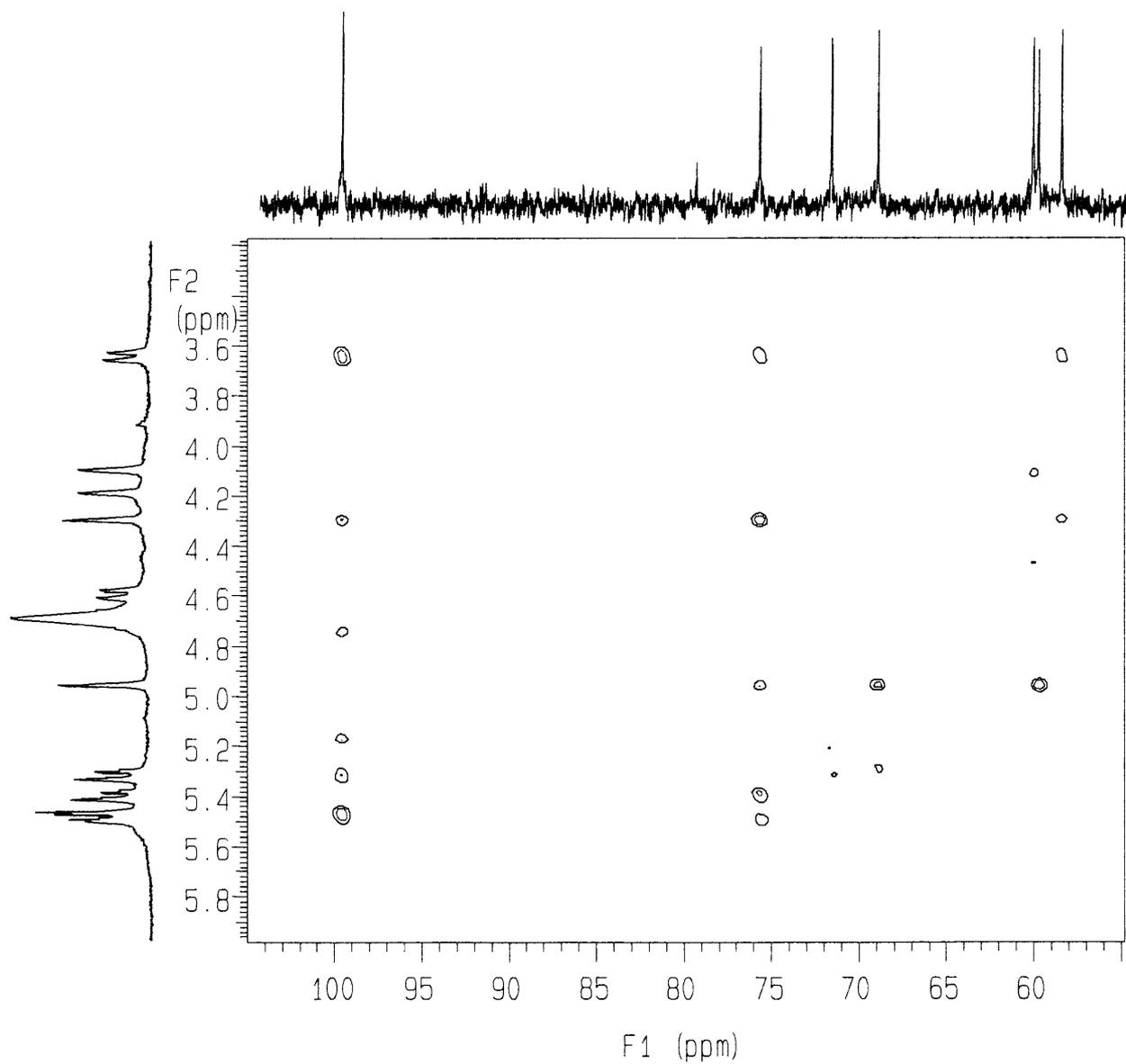


Figure S26. HMBC spectrum of **1** with  $\text{ZnCl}_2$  in acetone- $\text{d}_6$ .

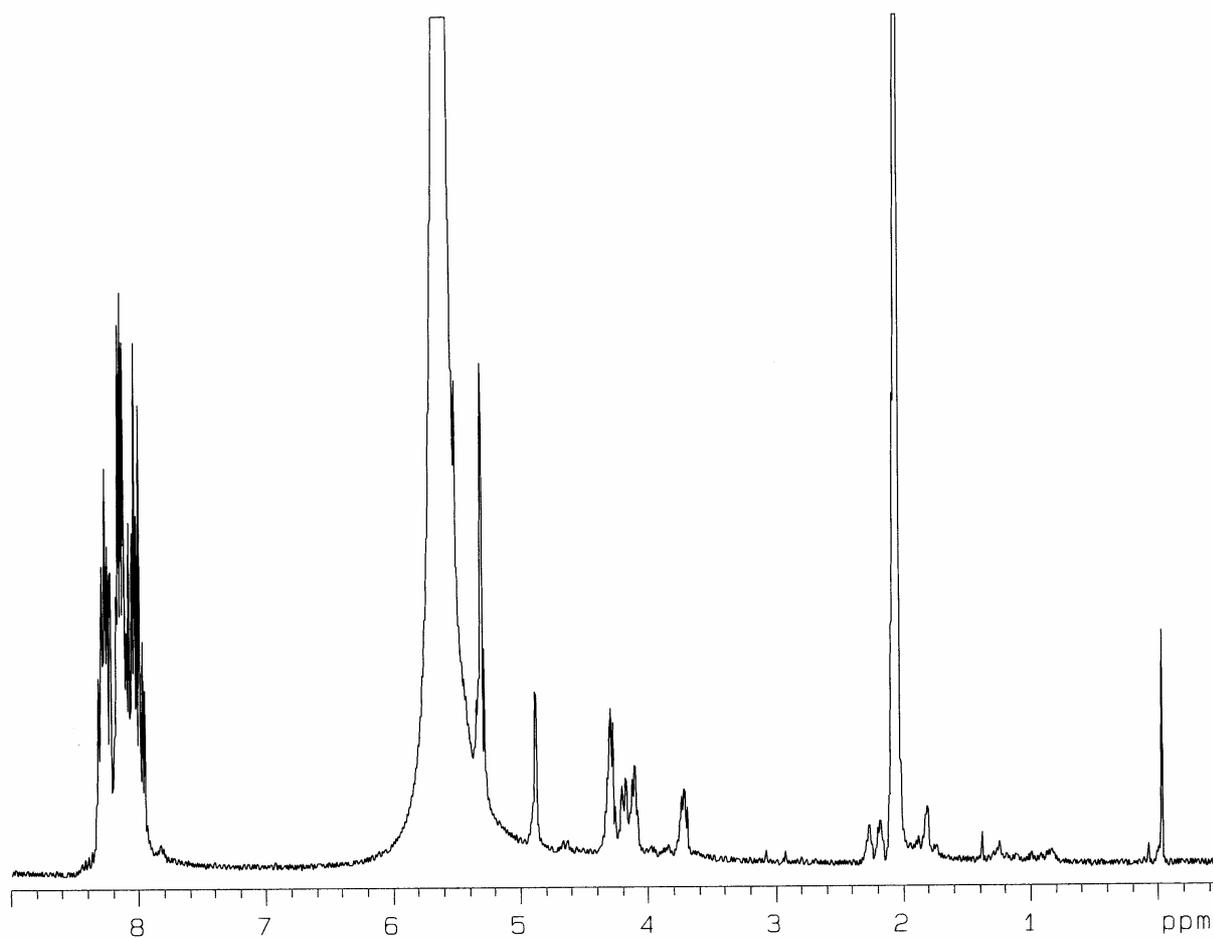


Figure S27. <sup>1</sup>H NMR of **1** with Mg(ClO<sub>4</sub>)<sub>2</sub> in acetone-d<sub>6</sub>.

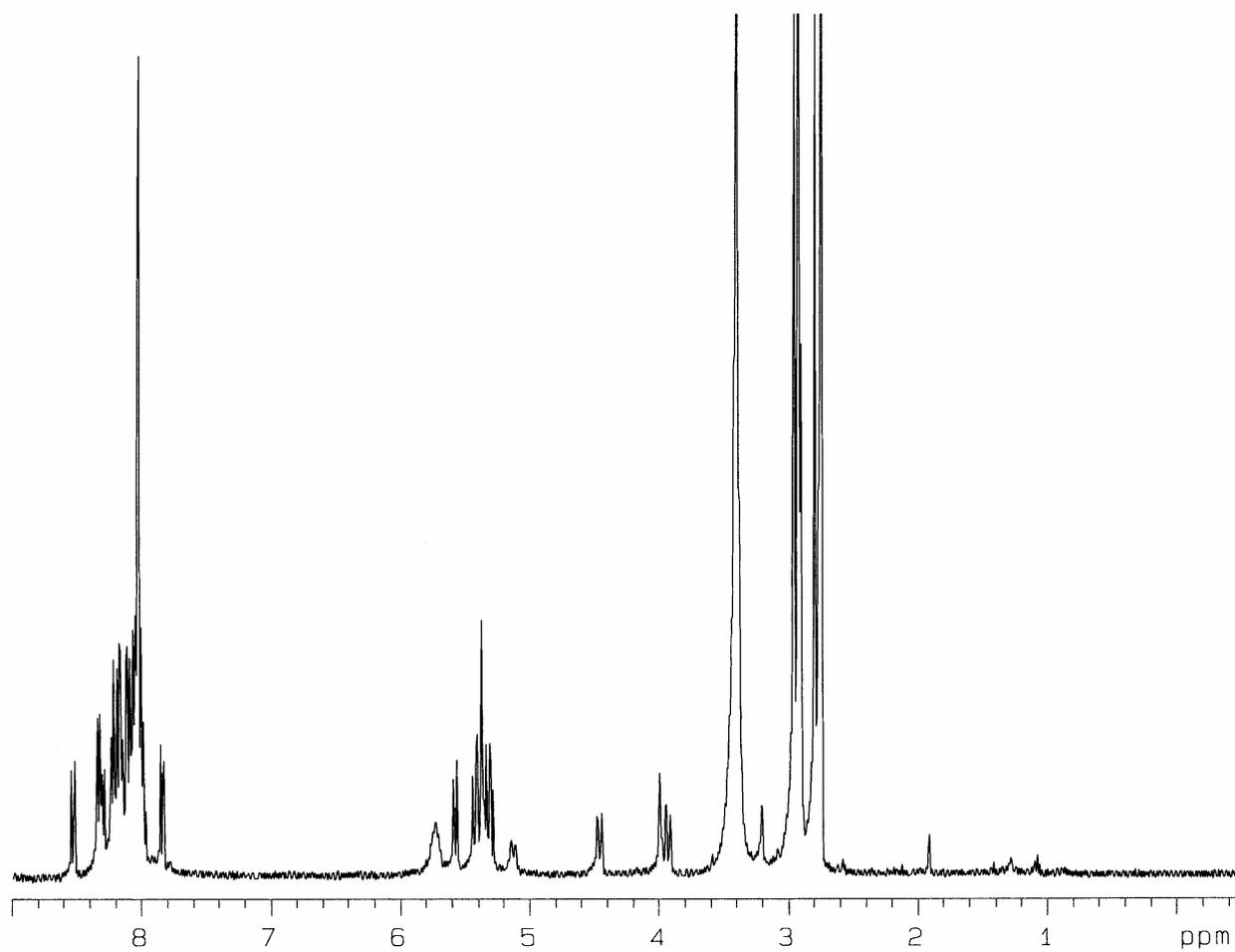


Figure S28.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR of **1-Pt** in  $\text{DMF-d}_7$ .

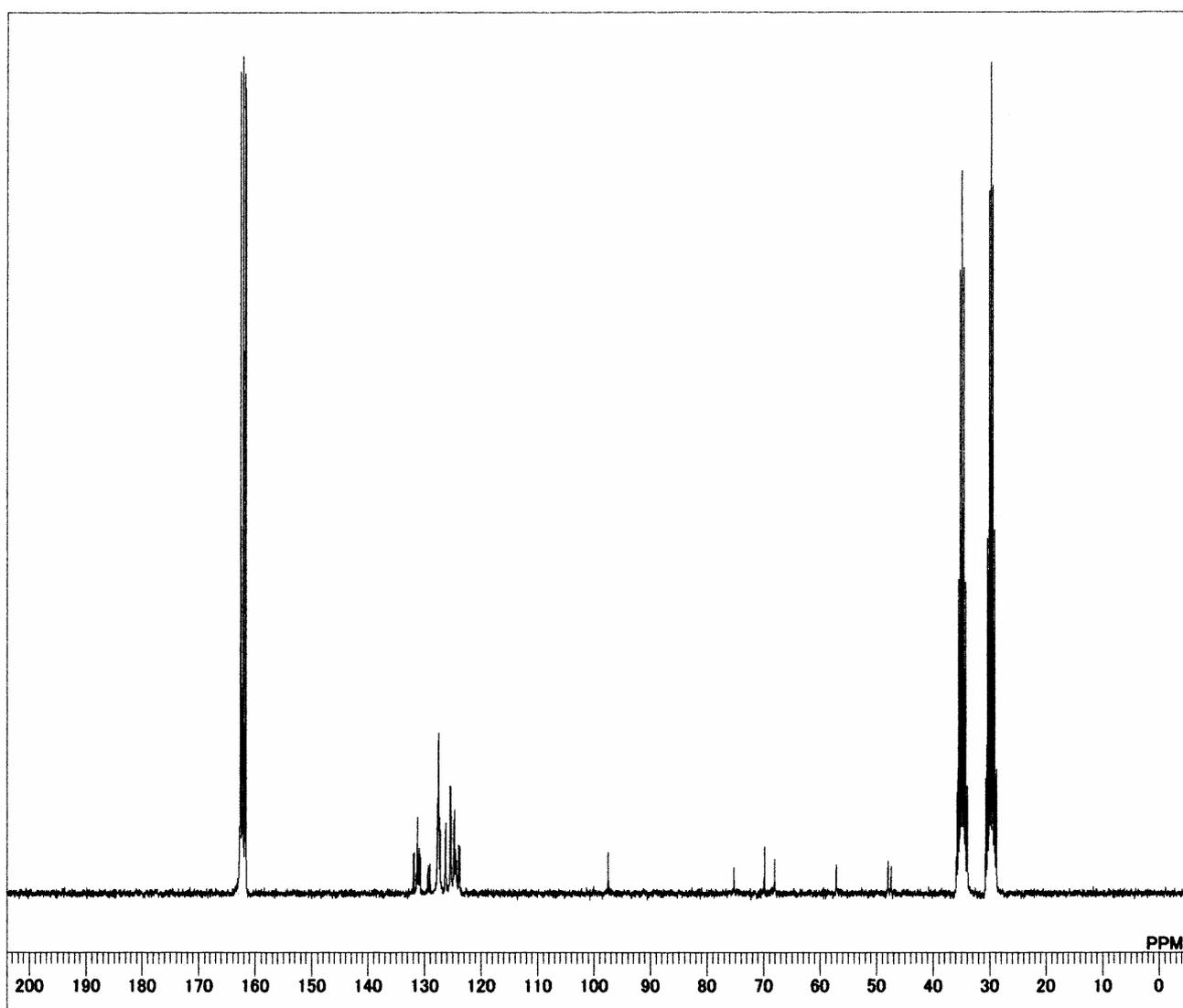


Figure S29.  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR of **1-Pt** in  $\text{DMF-d}_7$ .

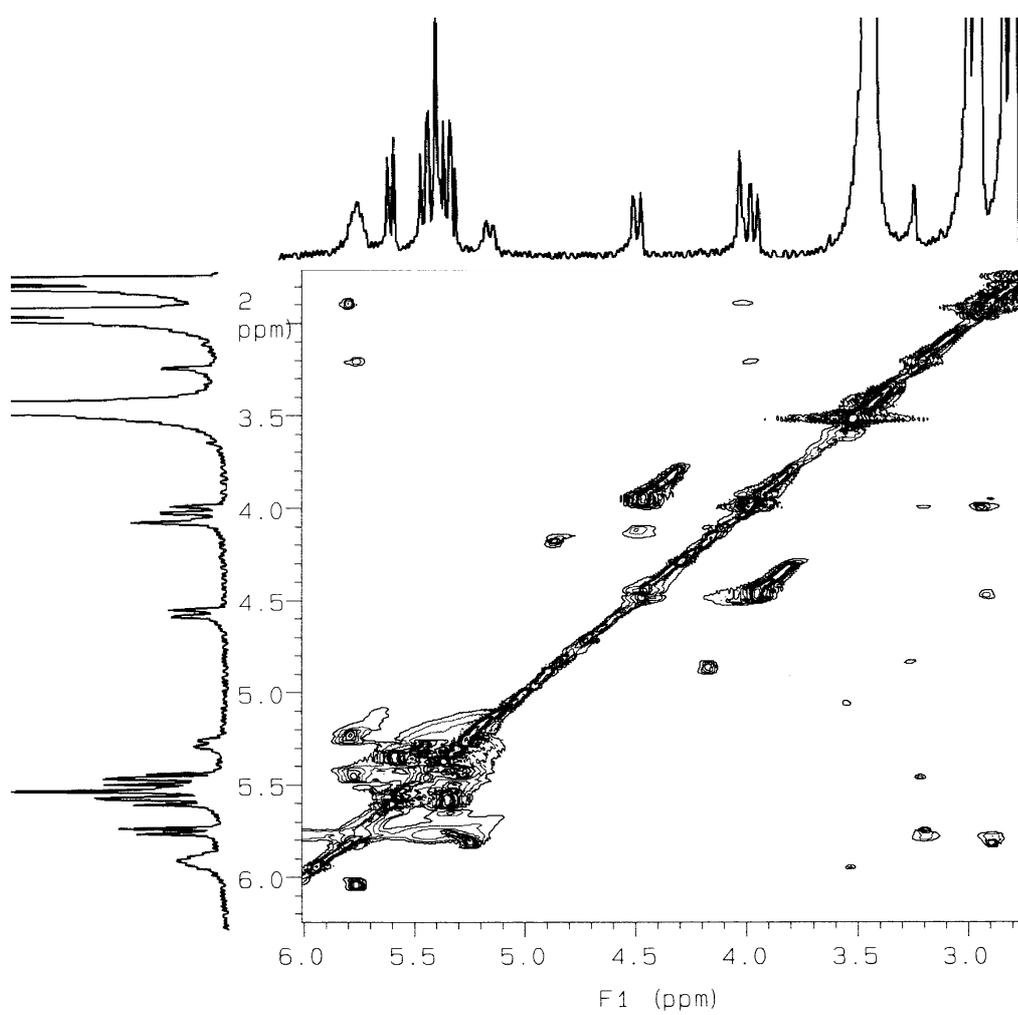


Figure S30. COSY spectrum of **1-Pt** in DMF-d<sub>7</sub>.

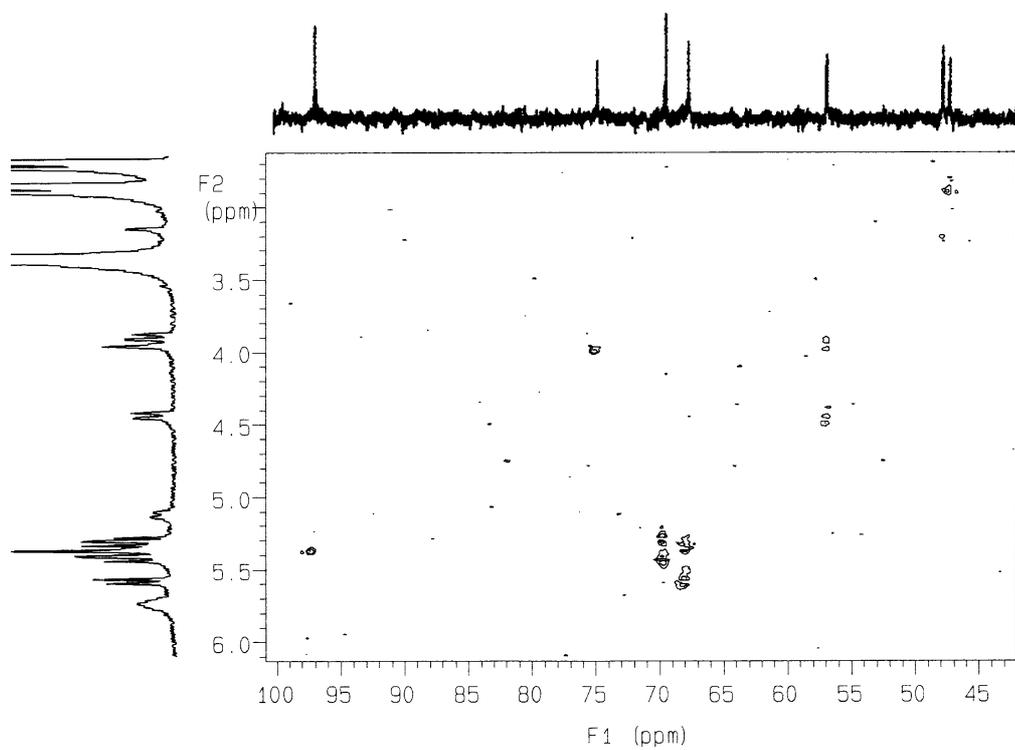


Figure S31. HMQC spectrum of **1-Pt** in DMF-d<sub>7</sub>.

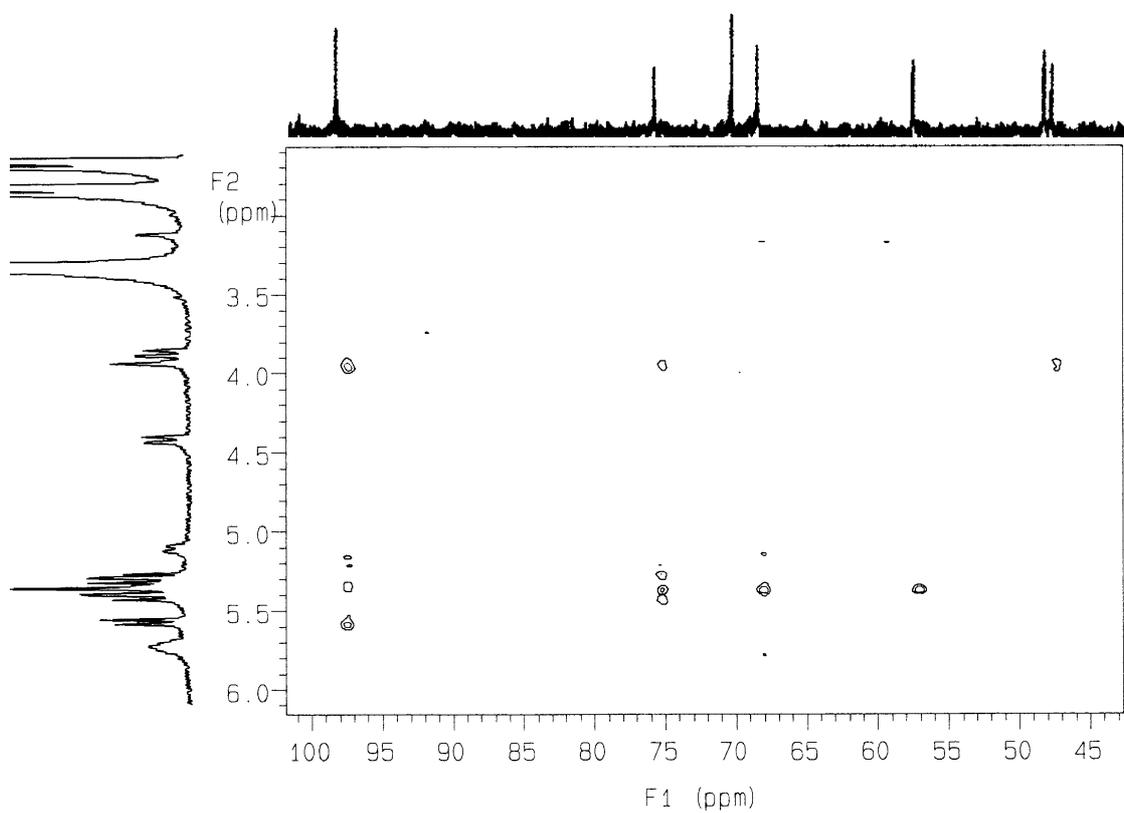


Figure S32. HMBC spectrum of **1-Pt** in DMF-d<sub>7</sub>.