

# Synthesis and electronic communication in diphenothiazine dumbbells bridged by heterocycles

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### a) General considerations

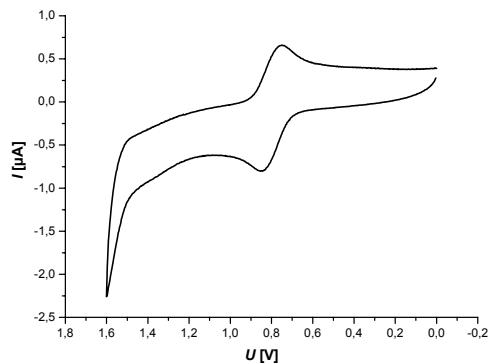
Reagents, catalysts and ligands were purchased reagent grade and used without further purification. The used solvents were dried and distilled according to standard procedures. 2,5-Dibromofurane (**6**) and 9,9'-dihexyl-2,7-dibromofluorene (**2**) were prepared according to literature. Column chromatography: silica gel 60, mesh 70-230. TLC: silica gel plates. <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra: CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, (locked to Me<sub>4</sub>Si). The assignments of quaternary C, CH, CH<sub>2</sub> and CH<sub>3</sub> have been made by using DEPT spectra. Elemental analyses were carried out in the Microanalytical Laboratories, Institut für Pharmazeutische Chemie, Heinrich-Heine University, Düsseldorf, Germany.

Fluorescence measurements (Perkin-Elmer LS-55) were performed in dry and degassed CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> at room temperature. To avoid re-absorption and re-emission effects the concentrations were strictly kept below 1  $\mu$ M. The solutions were irradiated at approximately 10 nm less in energy than the longest wave length absorption maximum.

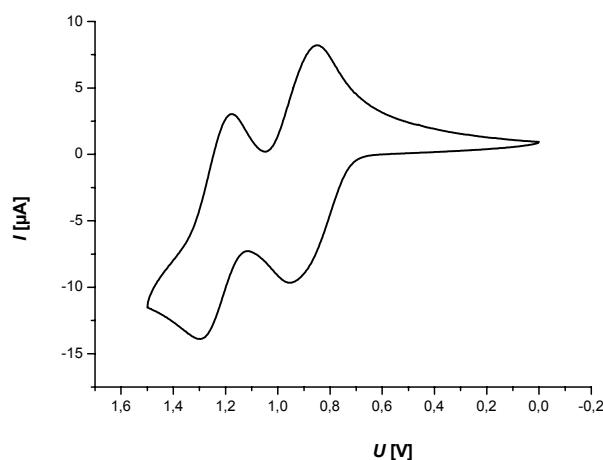
Electrochemistry: Cyclic voltammetry experiments (EG & G potentiostatic instrumentation) were performed under argon in dry and degassed CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> at room temperature and at scan rates of 100, 250, 500, and 1000 mVs<sup>-1</sup>. The electrolyte was Bu<sub>4</sub>NPF<sub>6</sub> (0.025 M). The working electrode was a 1 mm platinum disk, the counter-electrode was a platinum wire, and the reference electrode was a Ag/AgCl electrode. The potentials were corrected to the internal standard of Fc/Fc<sup>+</sup> in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> ( $E_0^{0/+1} = 450$  mV).<sup>25</sup>

**b) Cyclovoltammograms of 8-13**

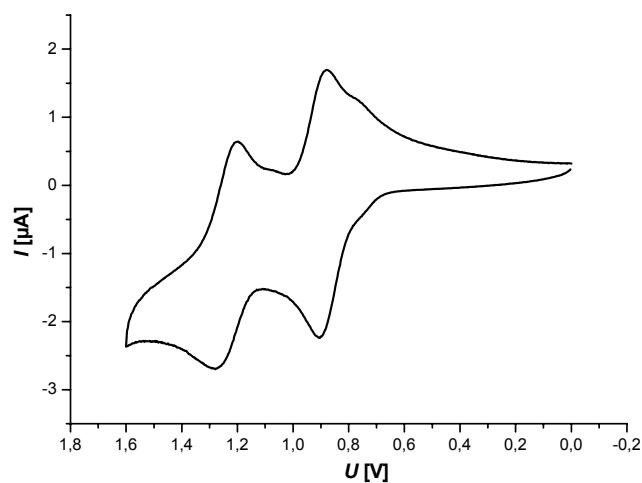
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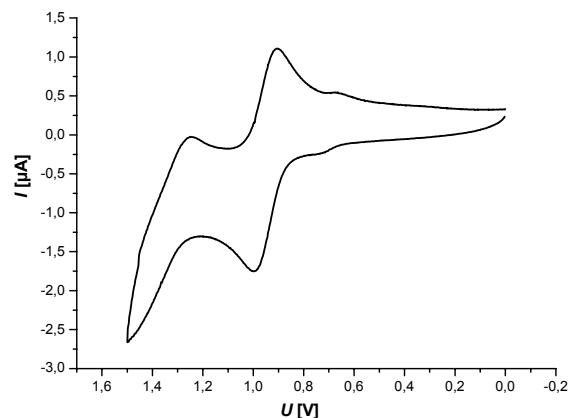
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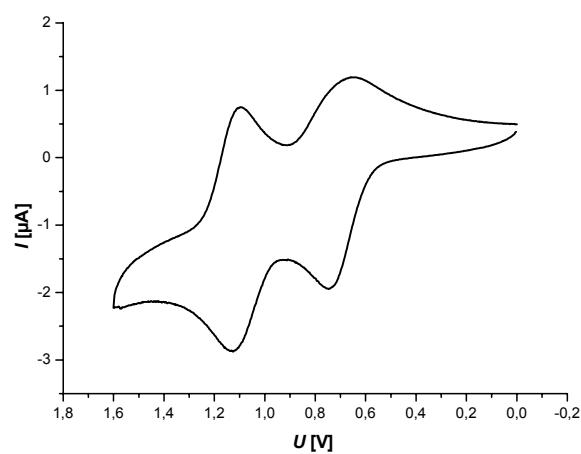
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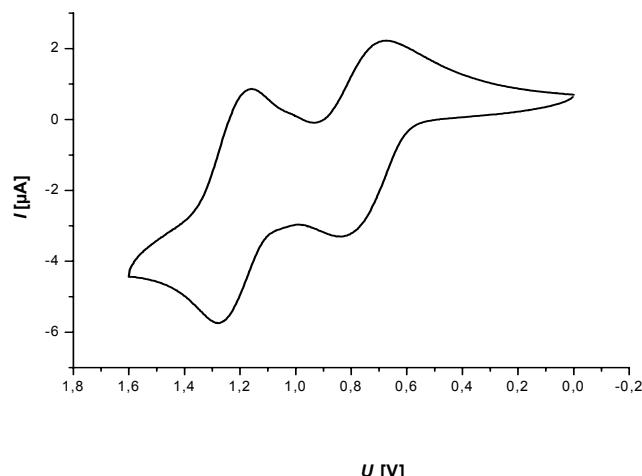
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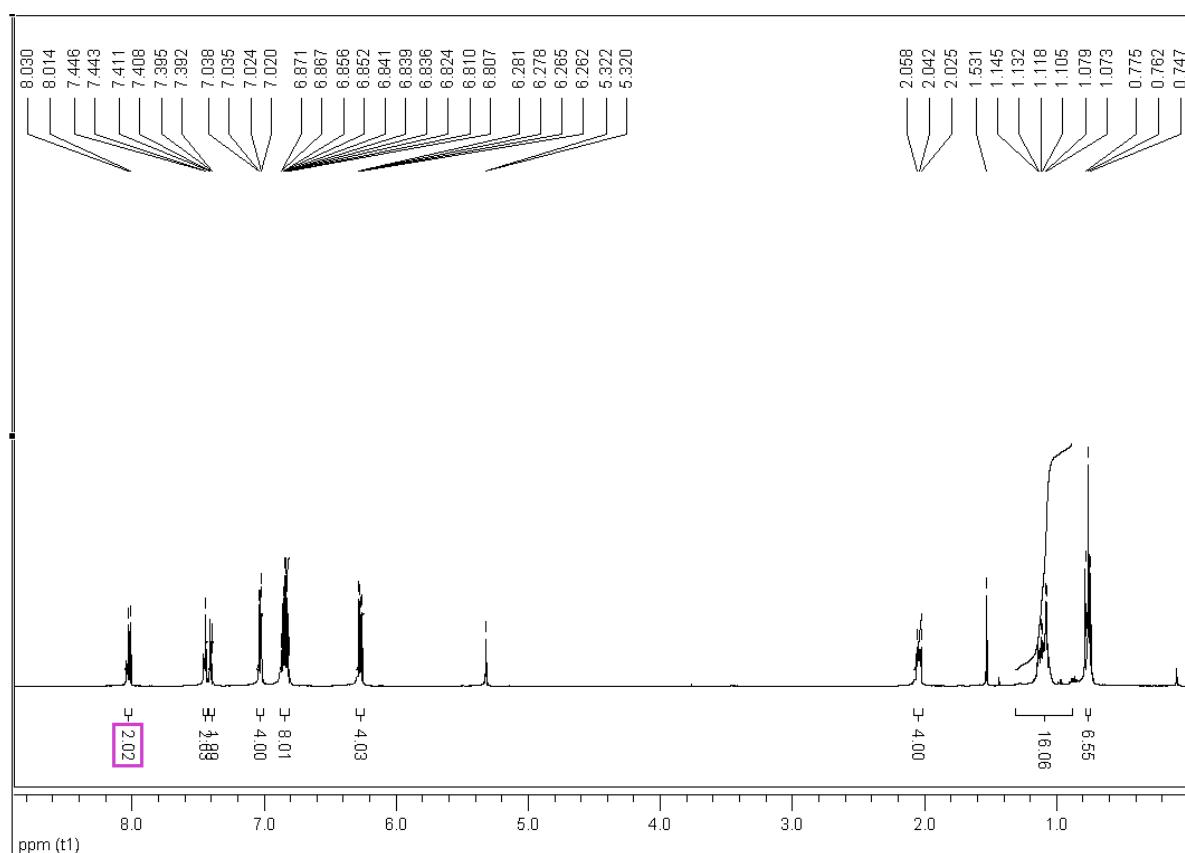


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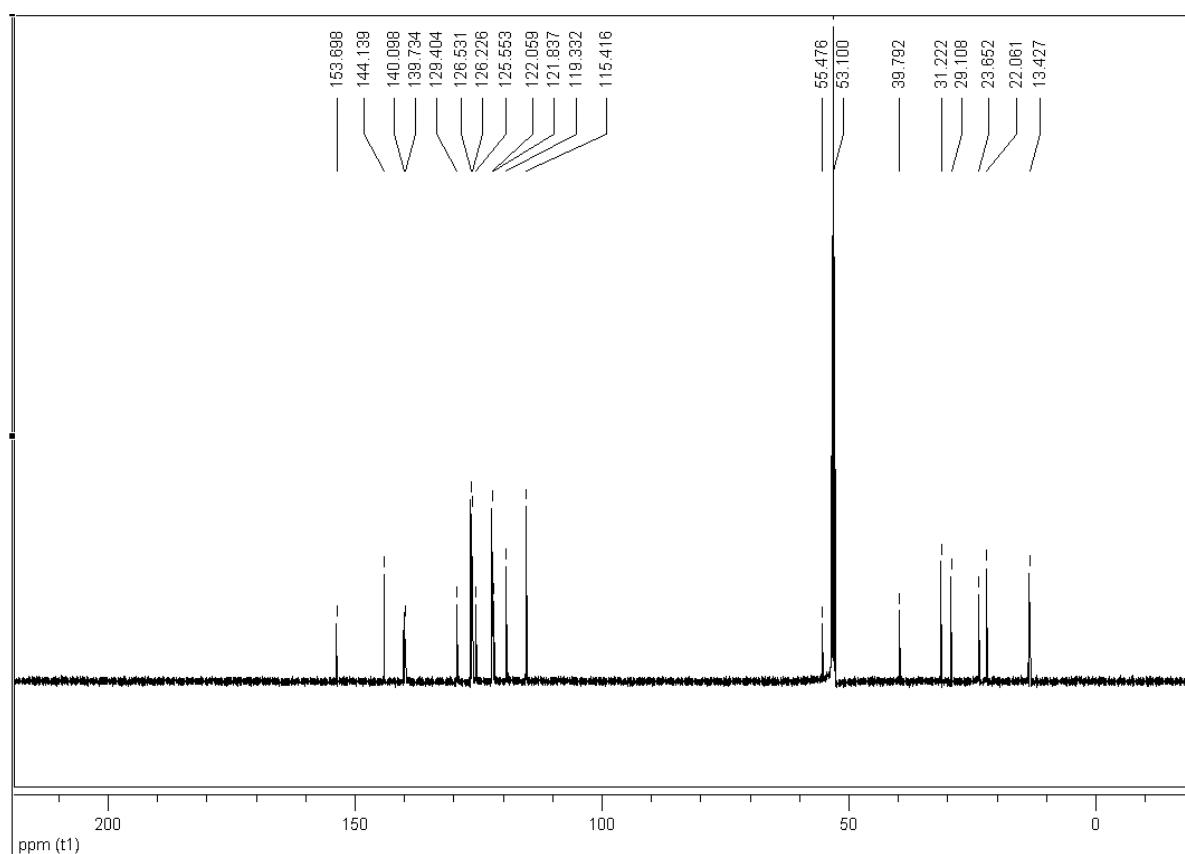


c)  $^1\text{H}$  and  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectra of 8-13

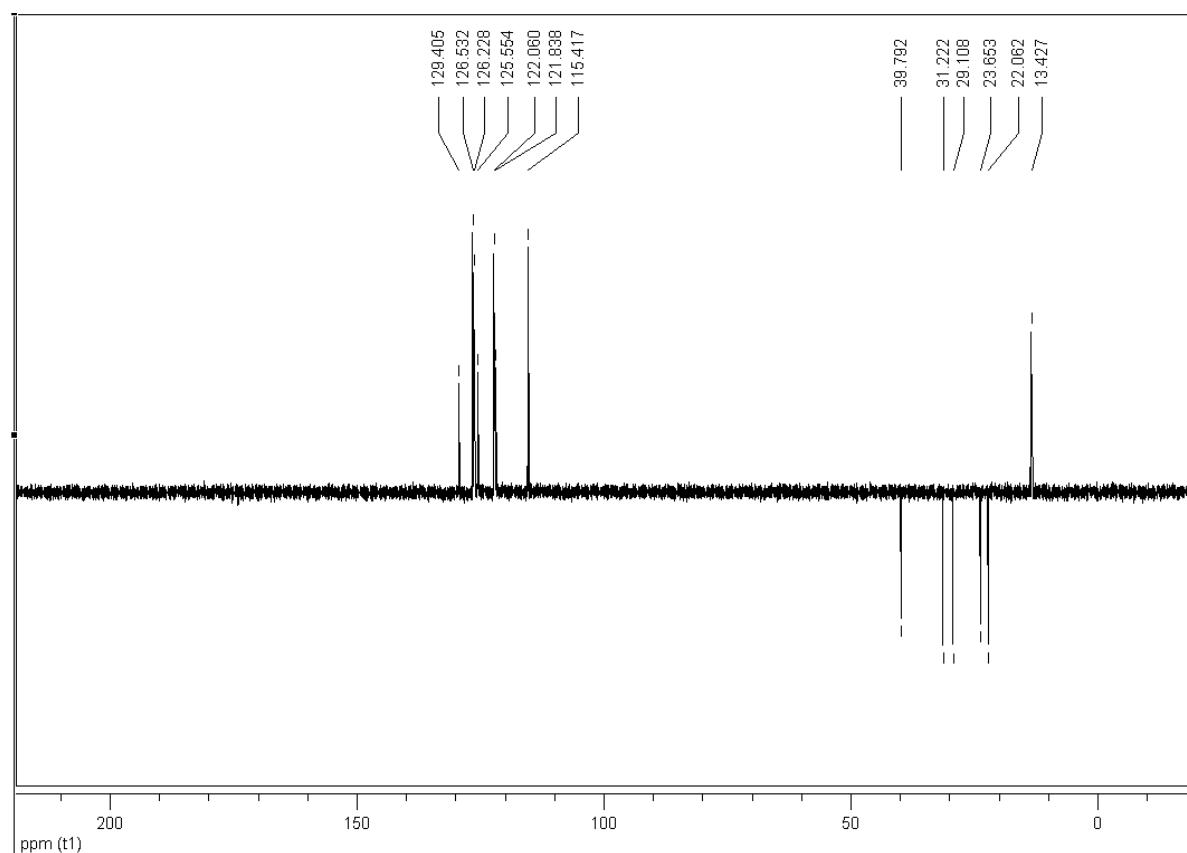
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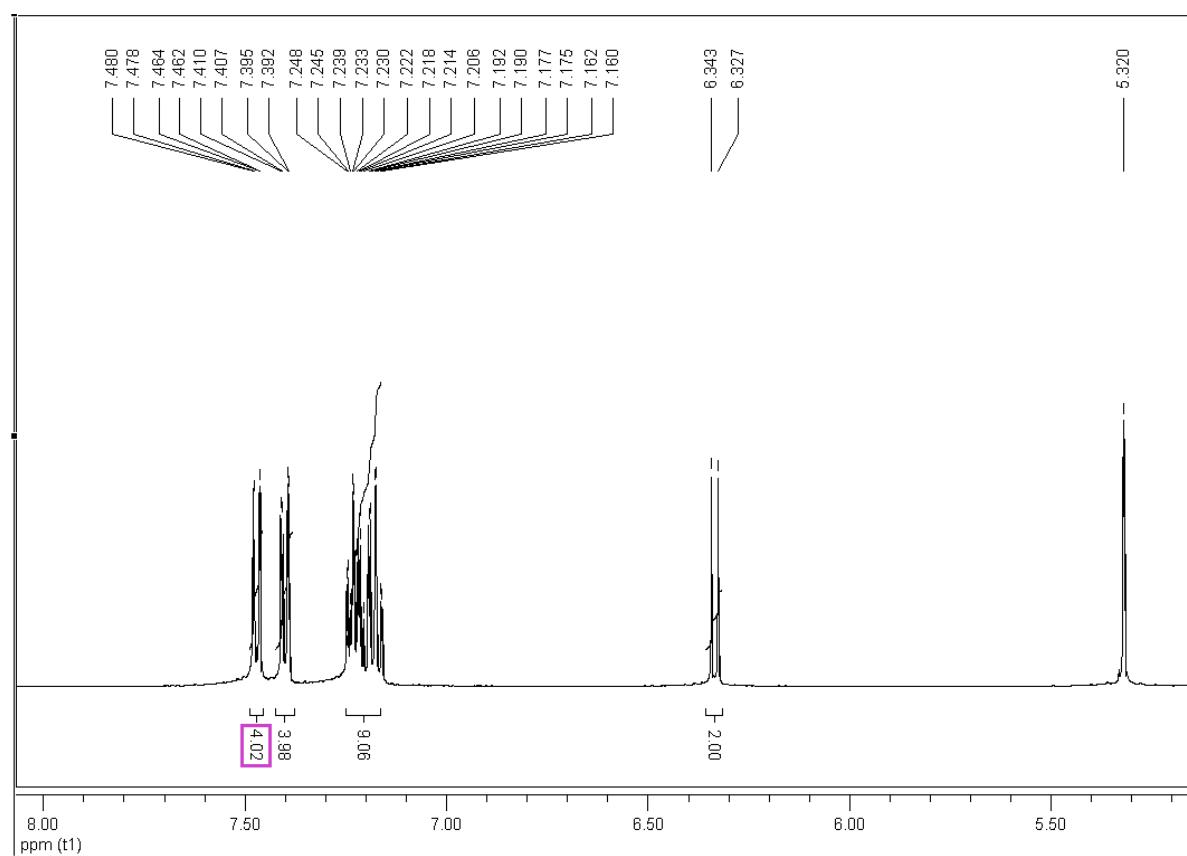
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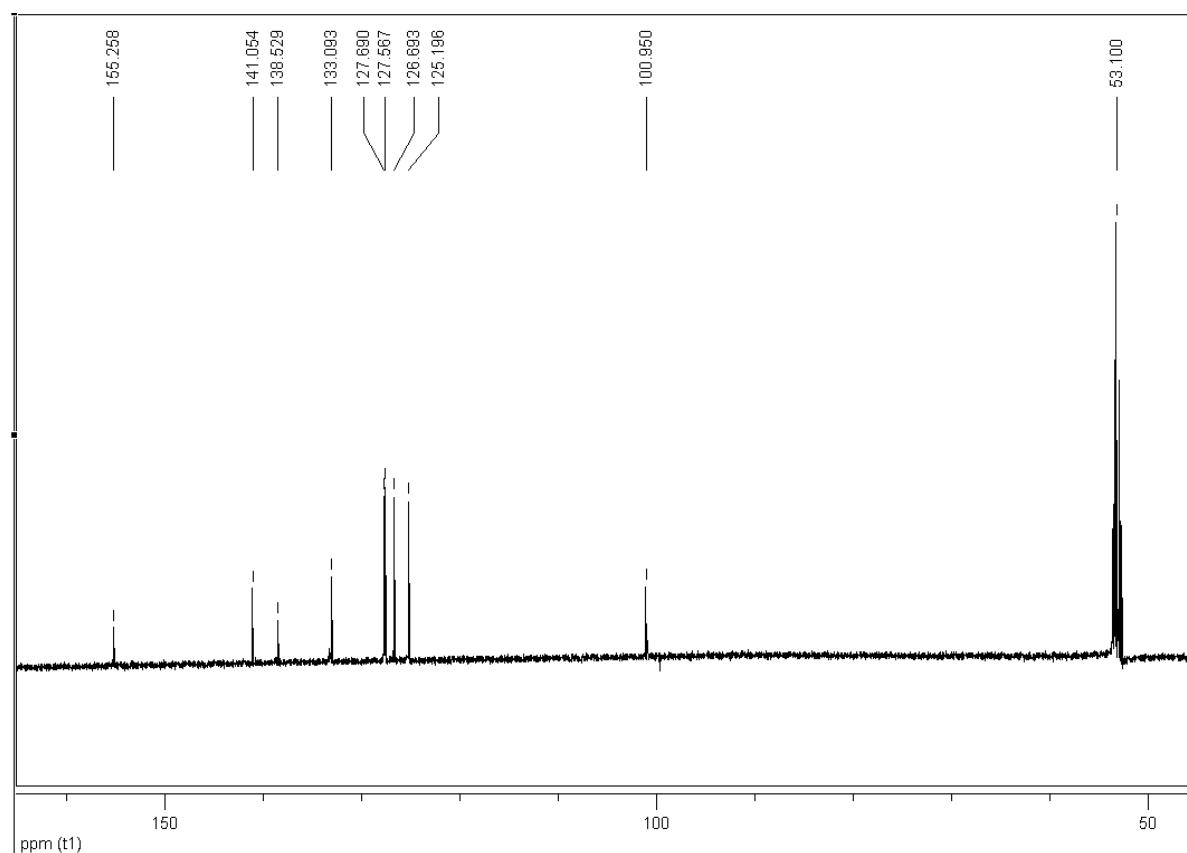
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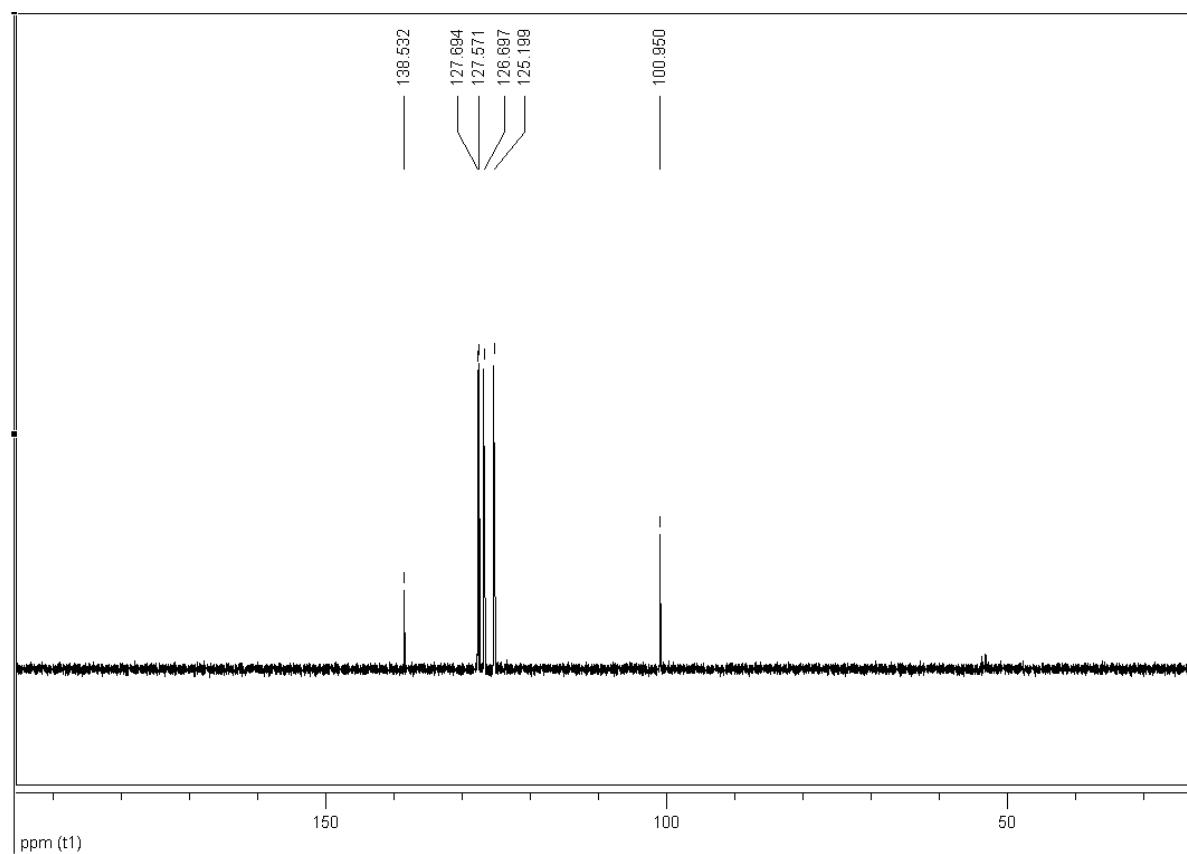
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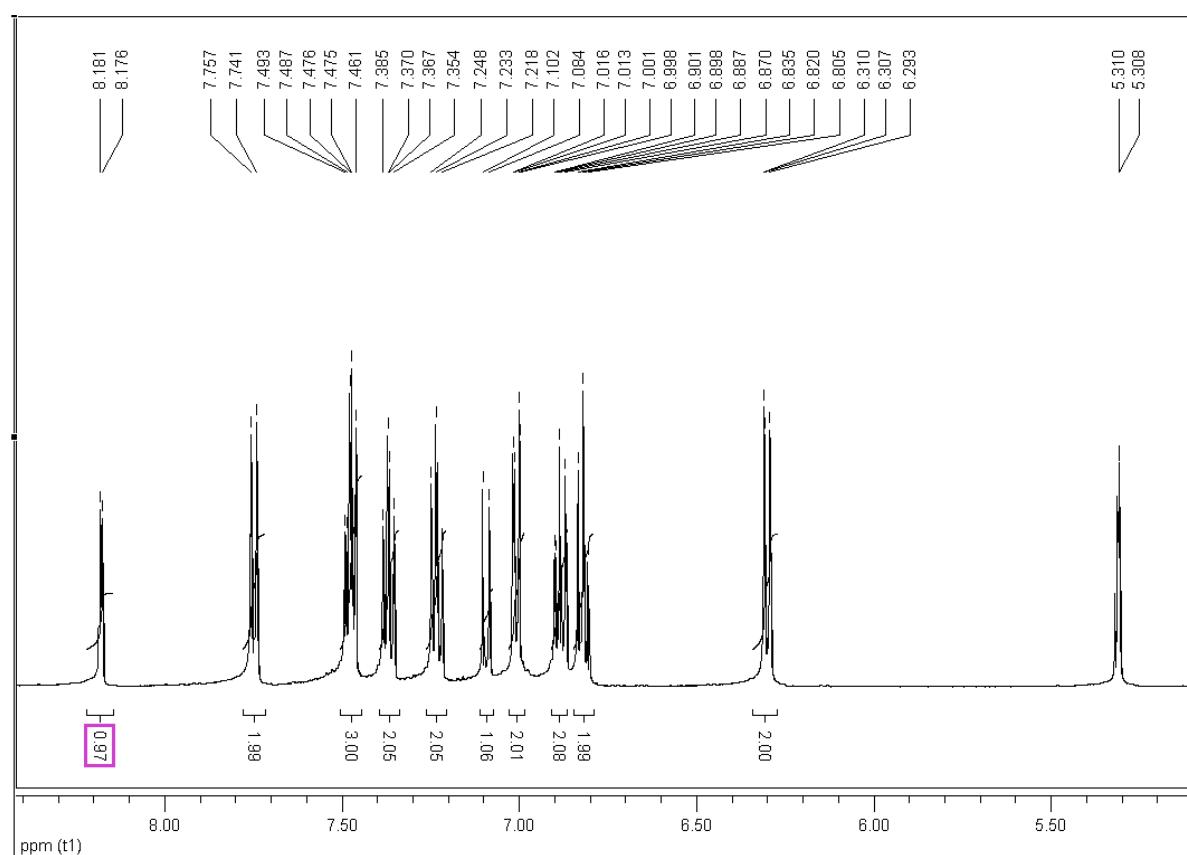
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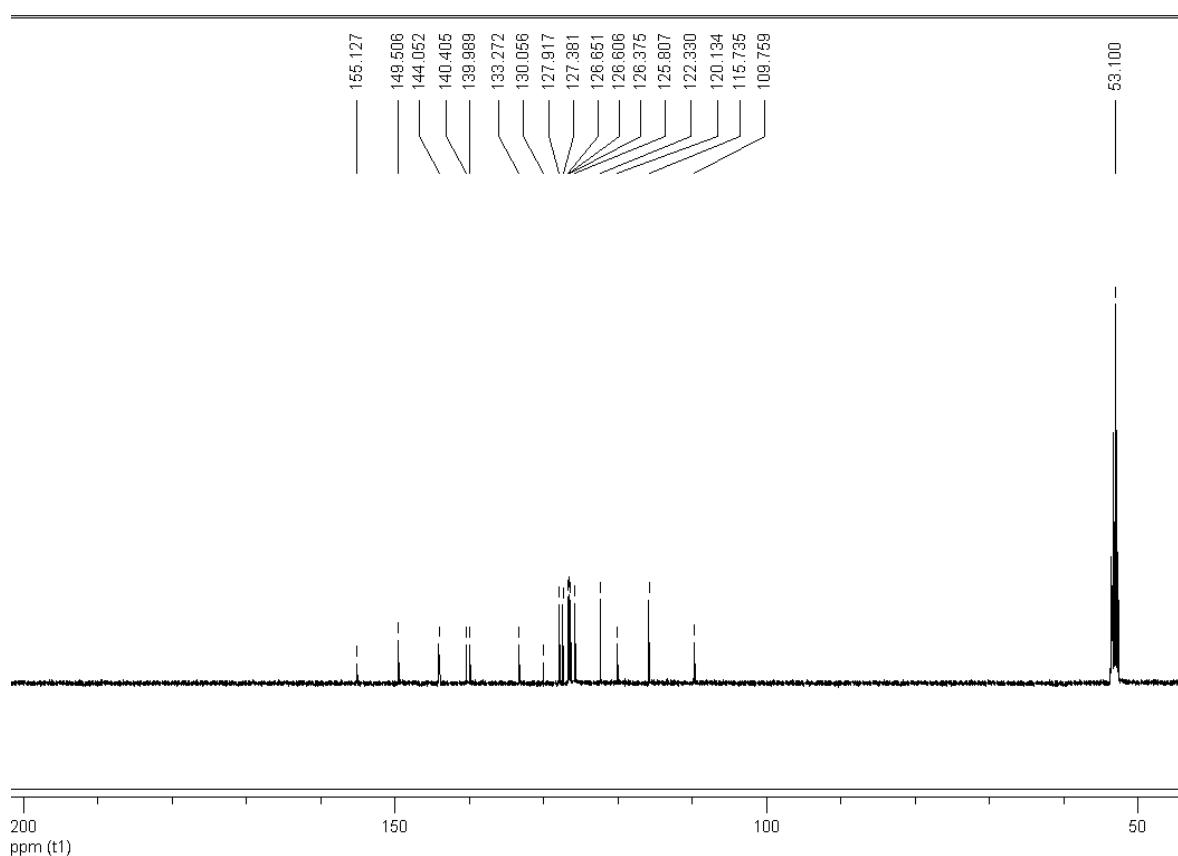
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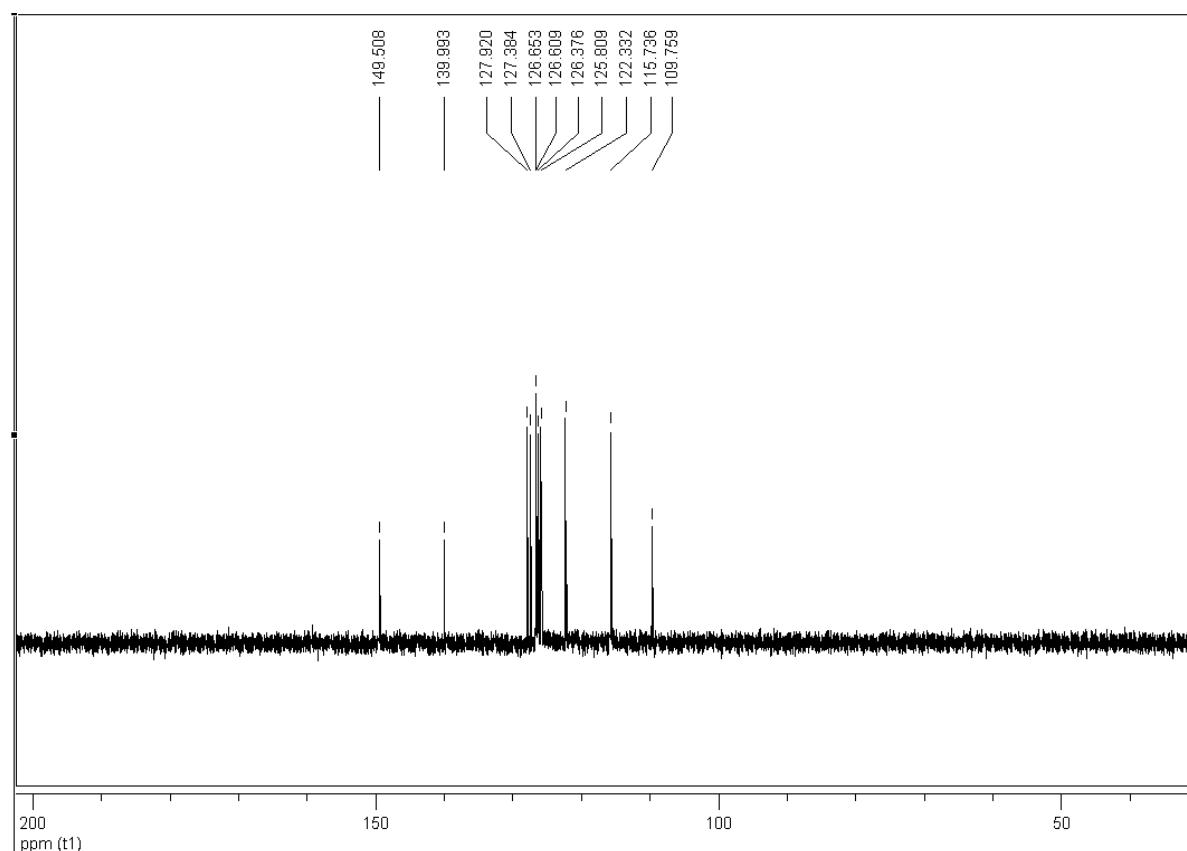
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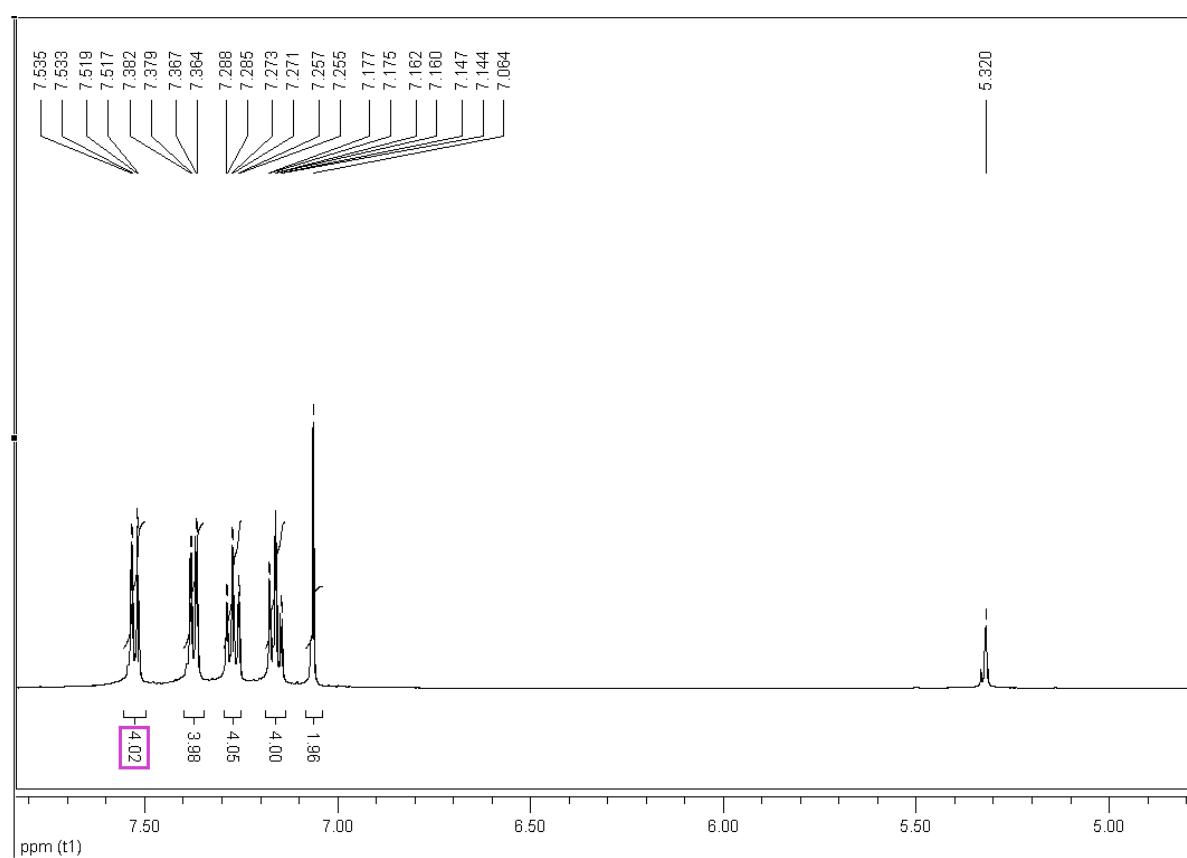
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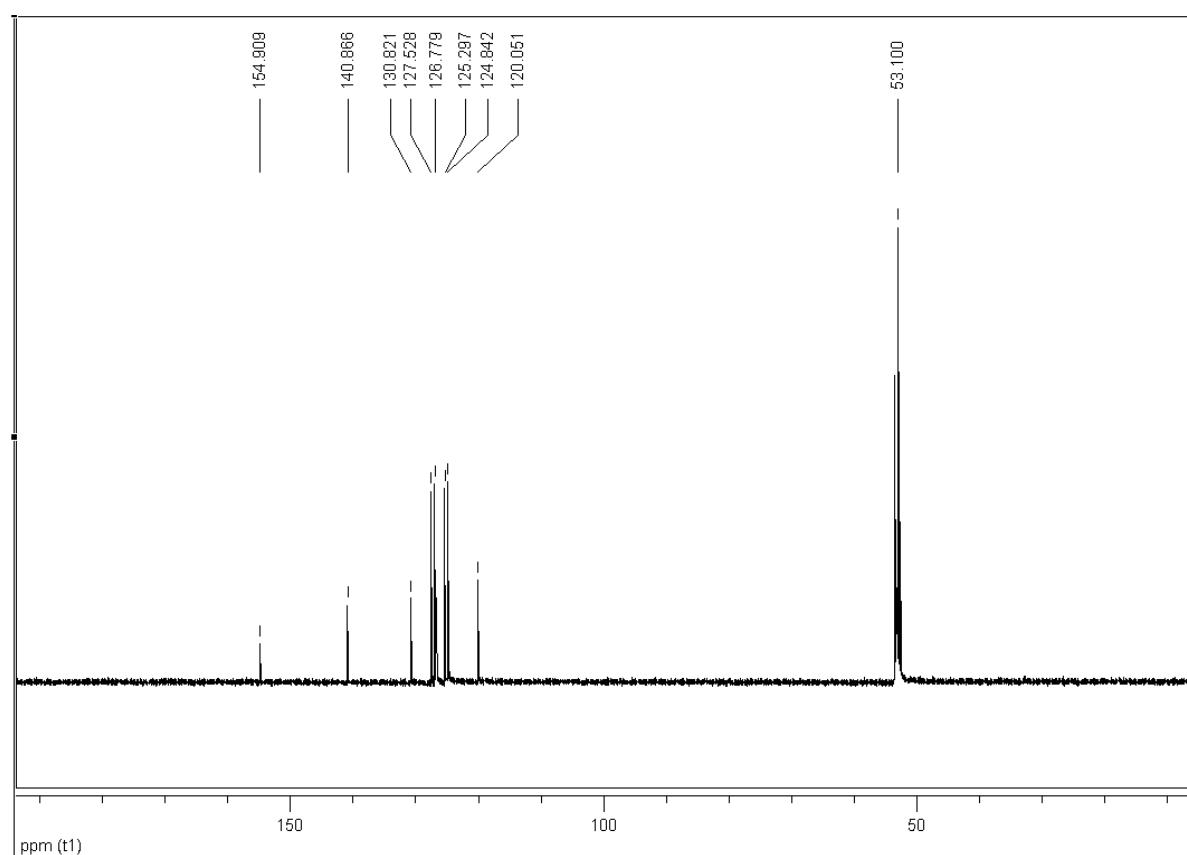
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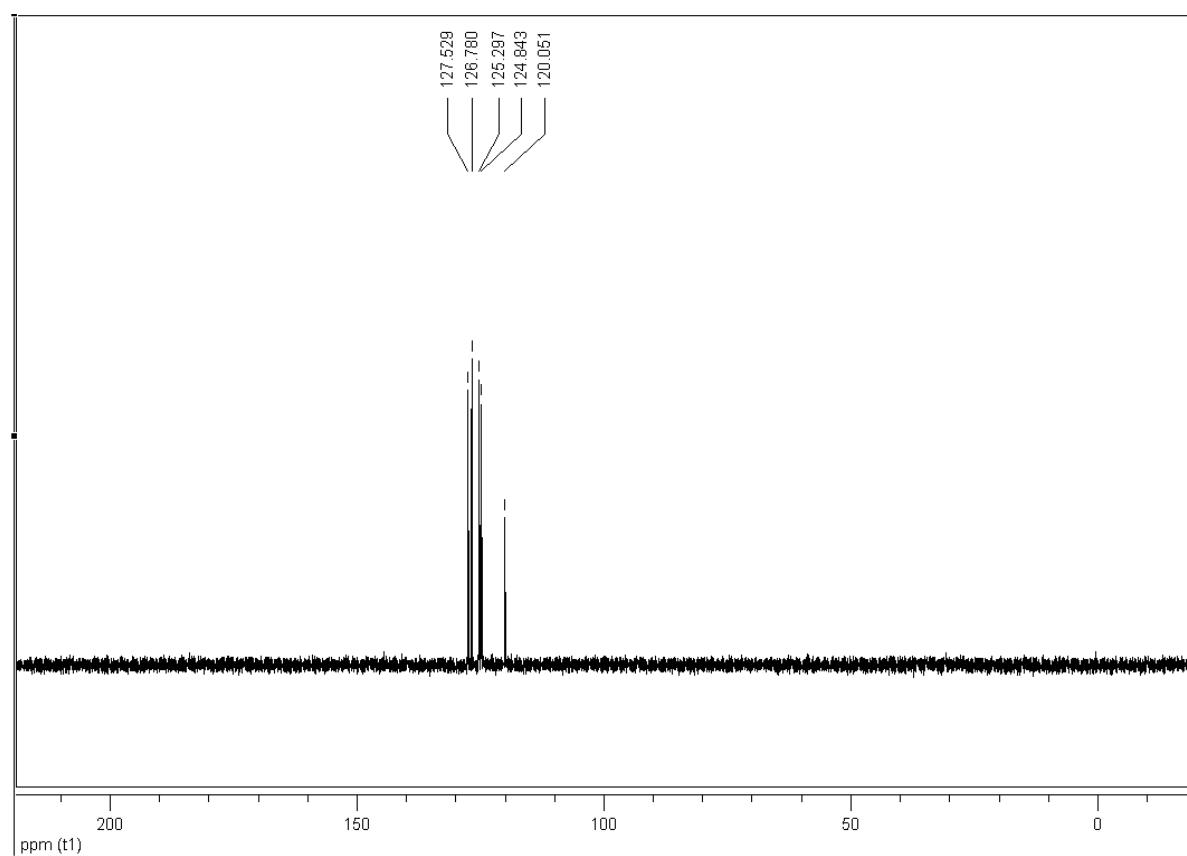
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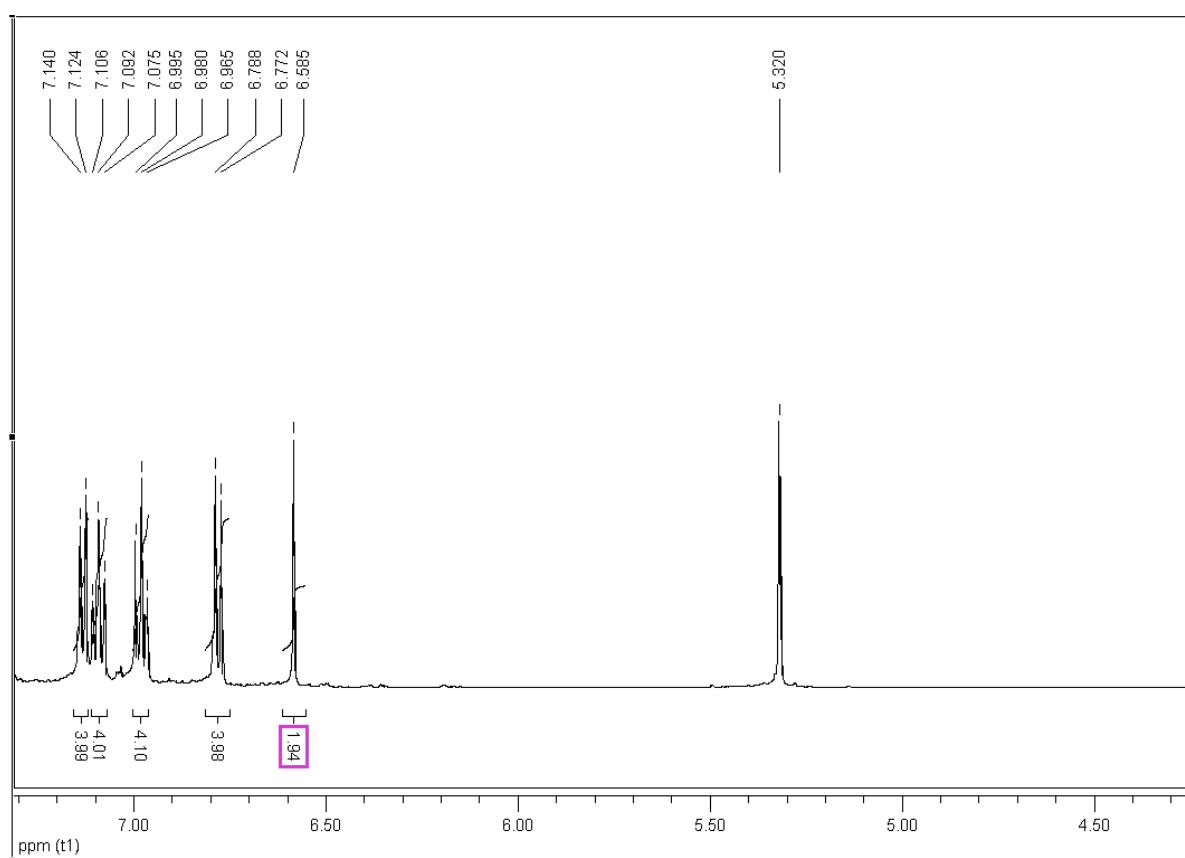
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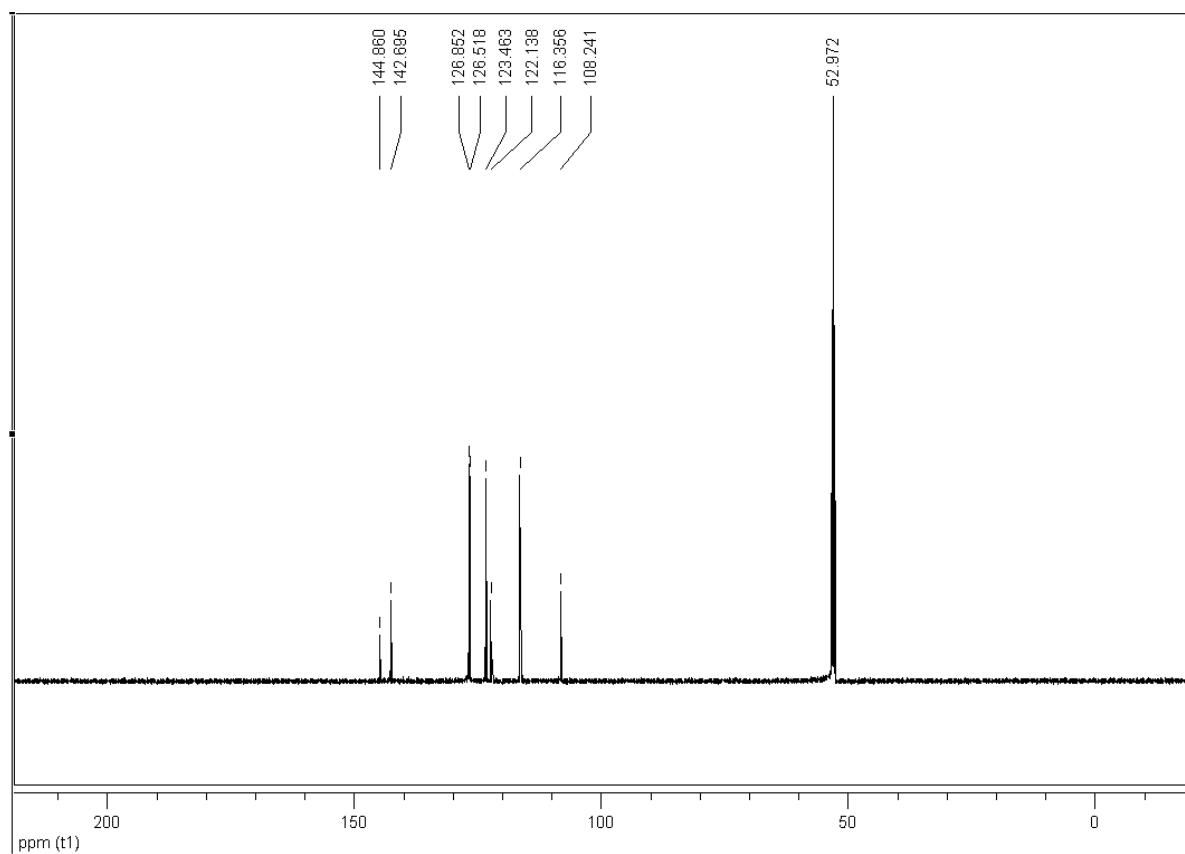
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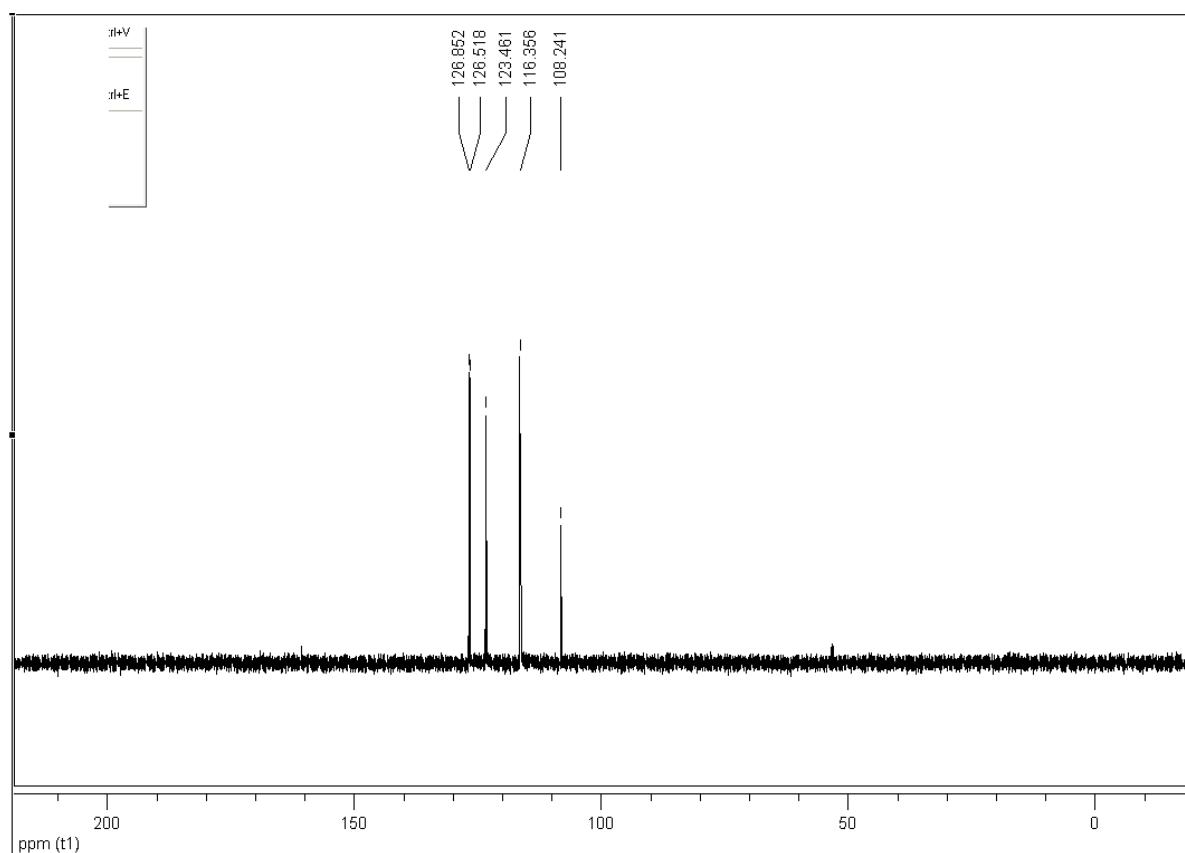
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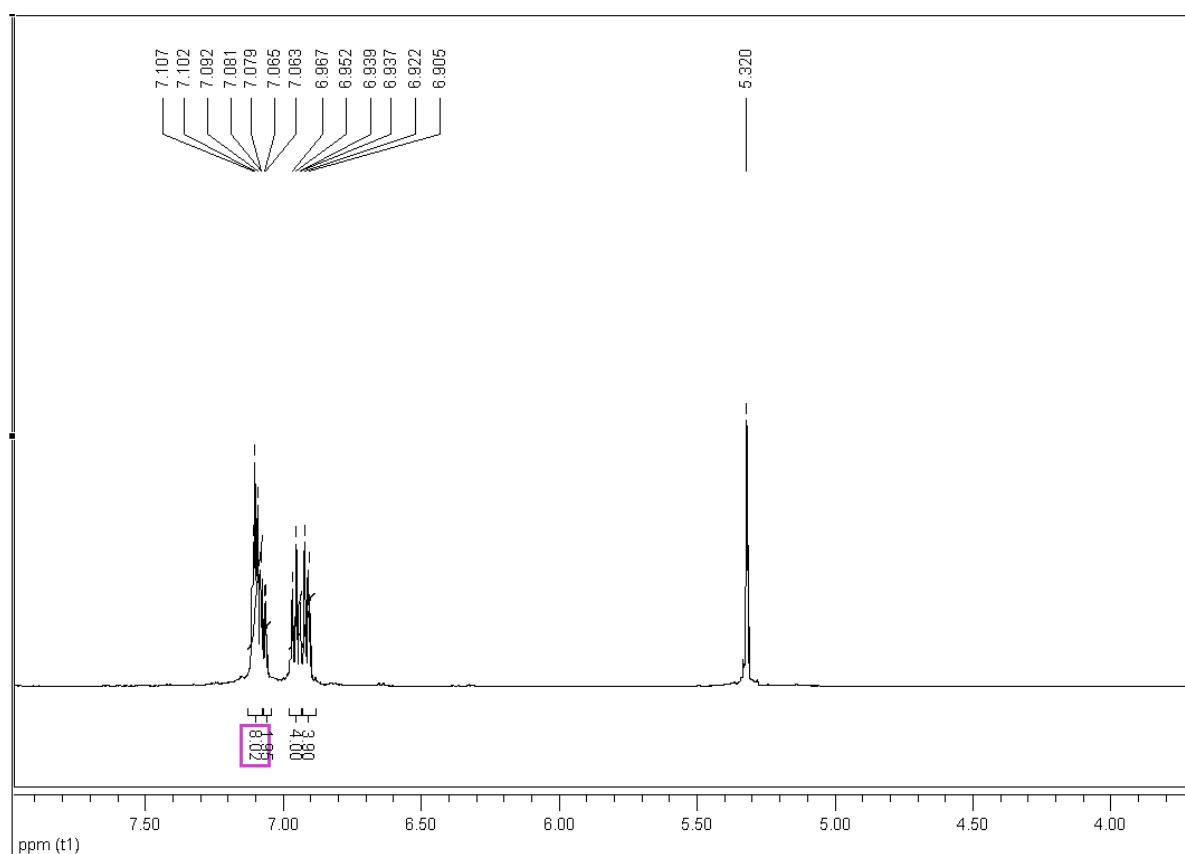
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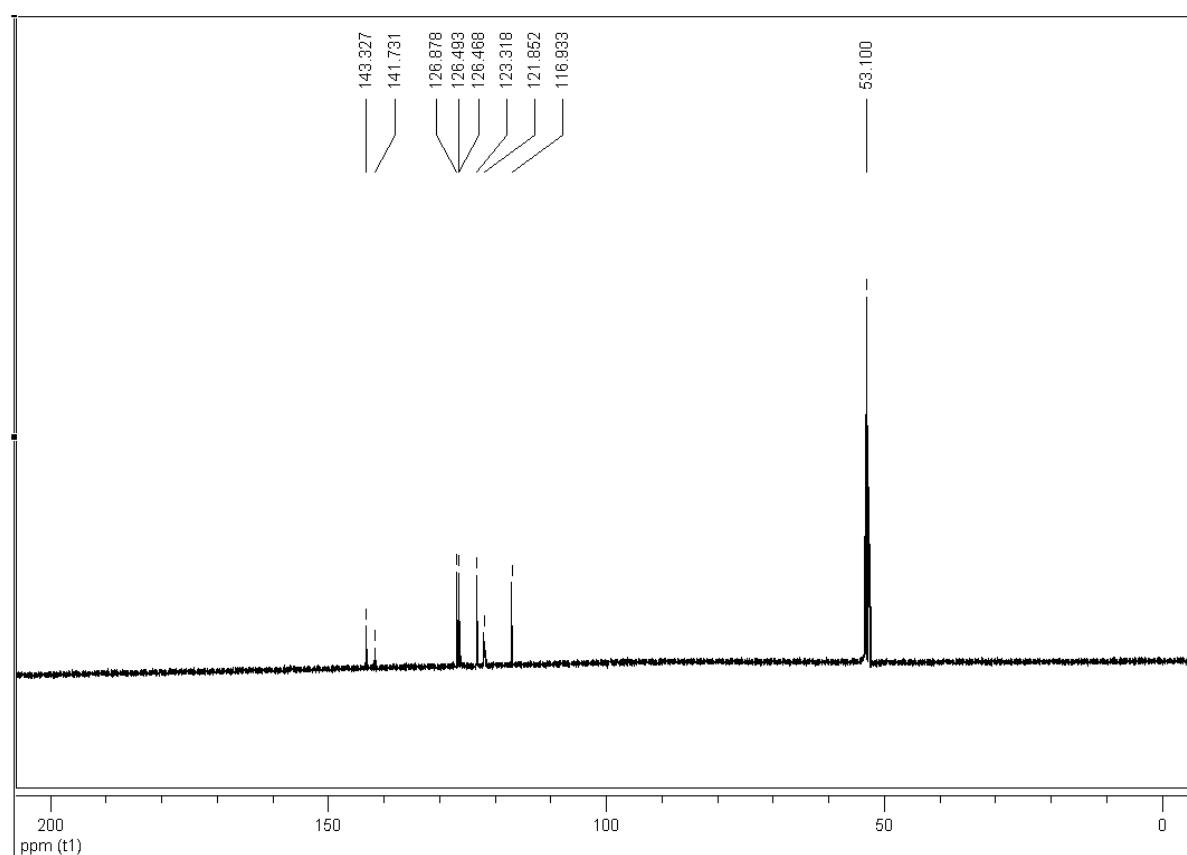
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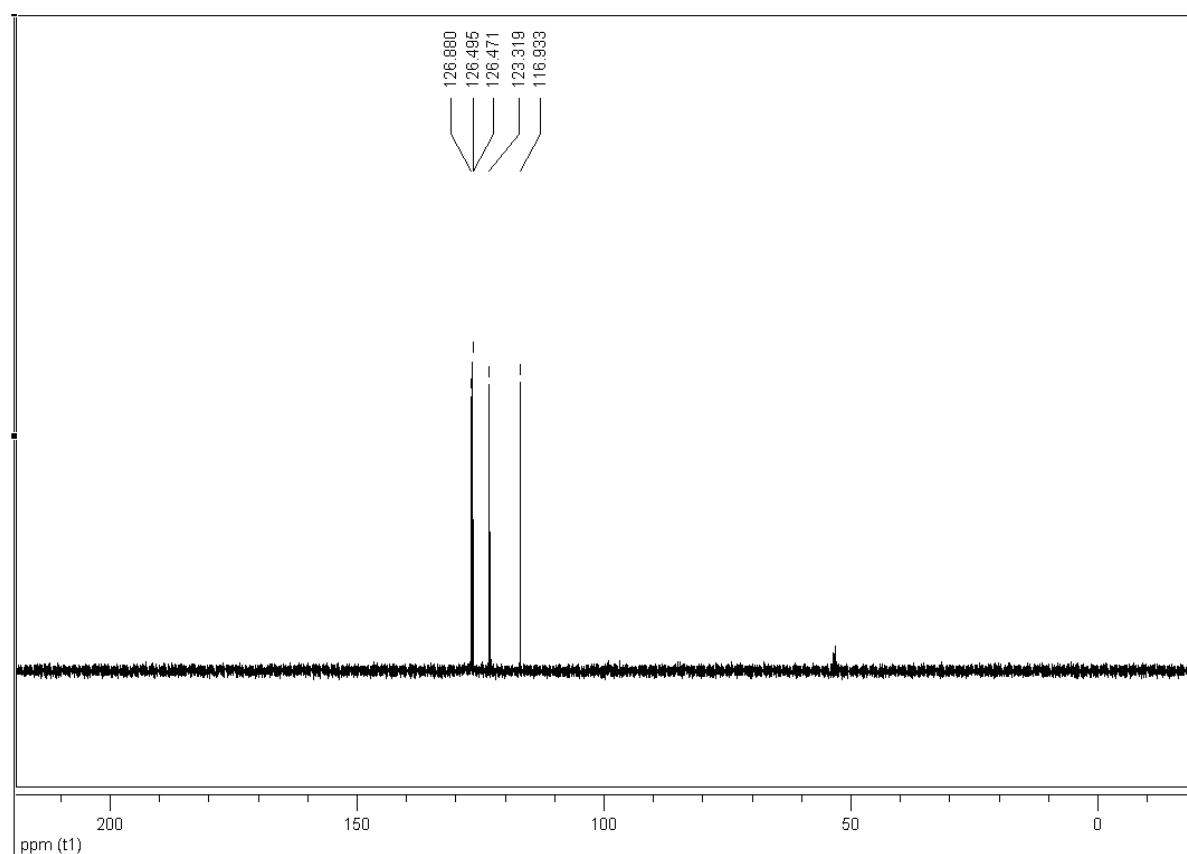
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$^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectra of **13** recorded in  $\text{CD}_2\text{Cl}_2$  (298K, 125 MHz)



DEPT NMR spectra of **13** recorded in  $\text{CD}_2\text{Cl}_2$  (298K, 125 MHz)



d) Molecular modelling coordinates of **11** and **13**

Molecular modelling coordinates (B3LYP/6-31+G(d,p)) of **11**

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			X	Y	Z
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Energy (HF) = - 2093.2382134 Hartrees

Molecular modelling coordinates (B3LYP/6-31+G(d,p)) of **13**

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e) UV/Vis-NIR spectra of **9** and **9-H<sup>+</sup>**

