

## Supporting Information

### 8-Aza-7-deazaguanine Nucleosides and Oligonucleotides with Octadiynyl Side Chains: Synthesis, Functionalization by the Azide-Alkyne ‘Click’ Reaction and Nucleobase Specific Fluorescence Quenching of Coumarin Dye Conjugates

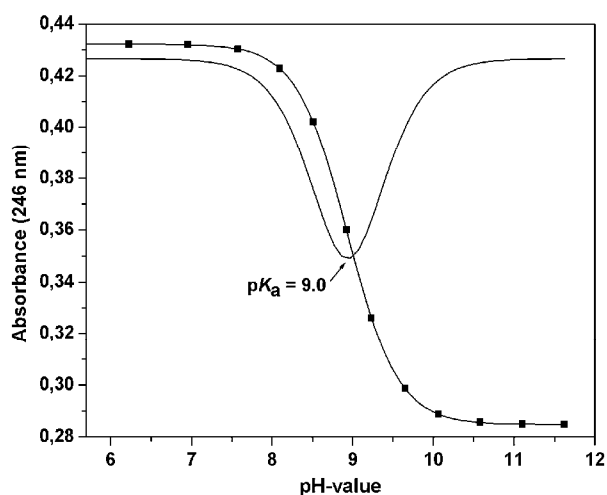
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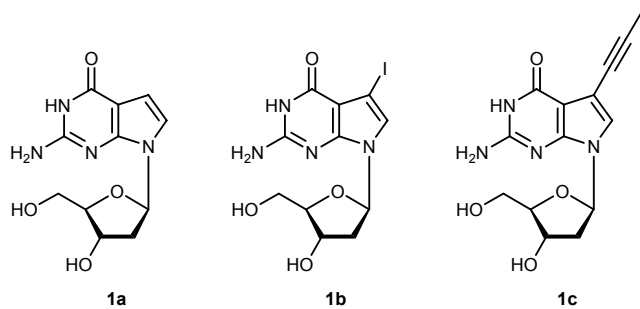
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**Figure S1** UV spectrum of nucleoside **2d** as a function of pH values measured in phosphate buffer (7.8 g of  $\text{NaH}_2\text{PO}_4 \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}$  in 500 ml  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ ) from pH = 2.0-12.5 at 246 nm.

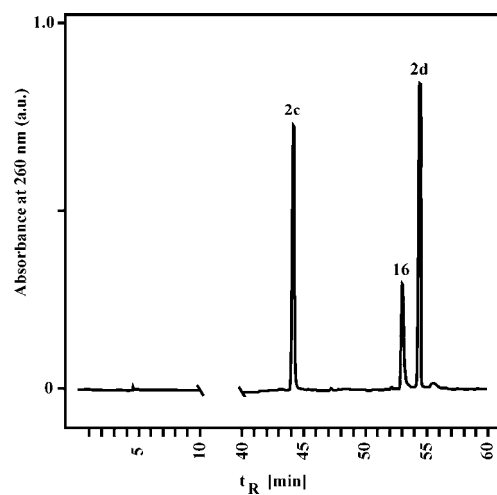
**Table S1**  $\text{p}K_{\text{a}}$ -values of nucleosides. <sup>a</sup>

Compd.	Wavelength <sup>b</sup> [nm]	$\text{p}K_{\text{a}}$ <sup>c</sup>	Ref
$\text{c}^7\text{G}_d$ ( <b>1a</b> )	295	10.2	25
$\text{I}^7\text{c}^7\text{G}_d$ ( <b>1b</b> )	-	10.3	25
Prop $\text{c}^7\text{G}_d$ ( <b>1c</b> )	300	10.2	25
Octa $\text{c}^7\text{G}_d$ ( <b>1</b> )	302	10.4	14
$\text{c}^7\text{z}^8\text{G}_d$ ( <b>2a</b> )	248	9.3	26
$\text{I}^7\text{c}^7\text{z}^8\text{G}_d$ ( <b>2b</b> )	240	8.9	
Prop $\text{c}^7\text{z}^8\text{G}_d$ ( <b>2c</b> )	245	8.9	
Octa $\text{c}^7\text{z}^8\text{G}_d$ ( <b>2d</b> )	246	9.0	



<sup>a</sup> Measured in phosphate buffer (0.1 M  $\text{NaH}_2\text{PO}_4$ ) from pH 2 to pH 12.5.

<sup>b</sup> Wavelength of measurements as indicated. <sup>c</sup> Deprotonation.



**Figure S2** HPLC profile of an artificial mixture of the nucleosides **2c**, **2d** and **16** on a RP-18 (250 x 4 mm) column. Gradient: 0-25 min 100% B, 25-60 min 0-50% A in B with a flow rate of 0.7 ml/min. The following solvent systems were used: MeCN (A) and 0.1 M (Et<sub>3</sub>NH)OAc (pH 7.0) – MeCN, 95 : 5 (B).

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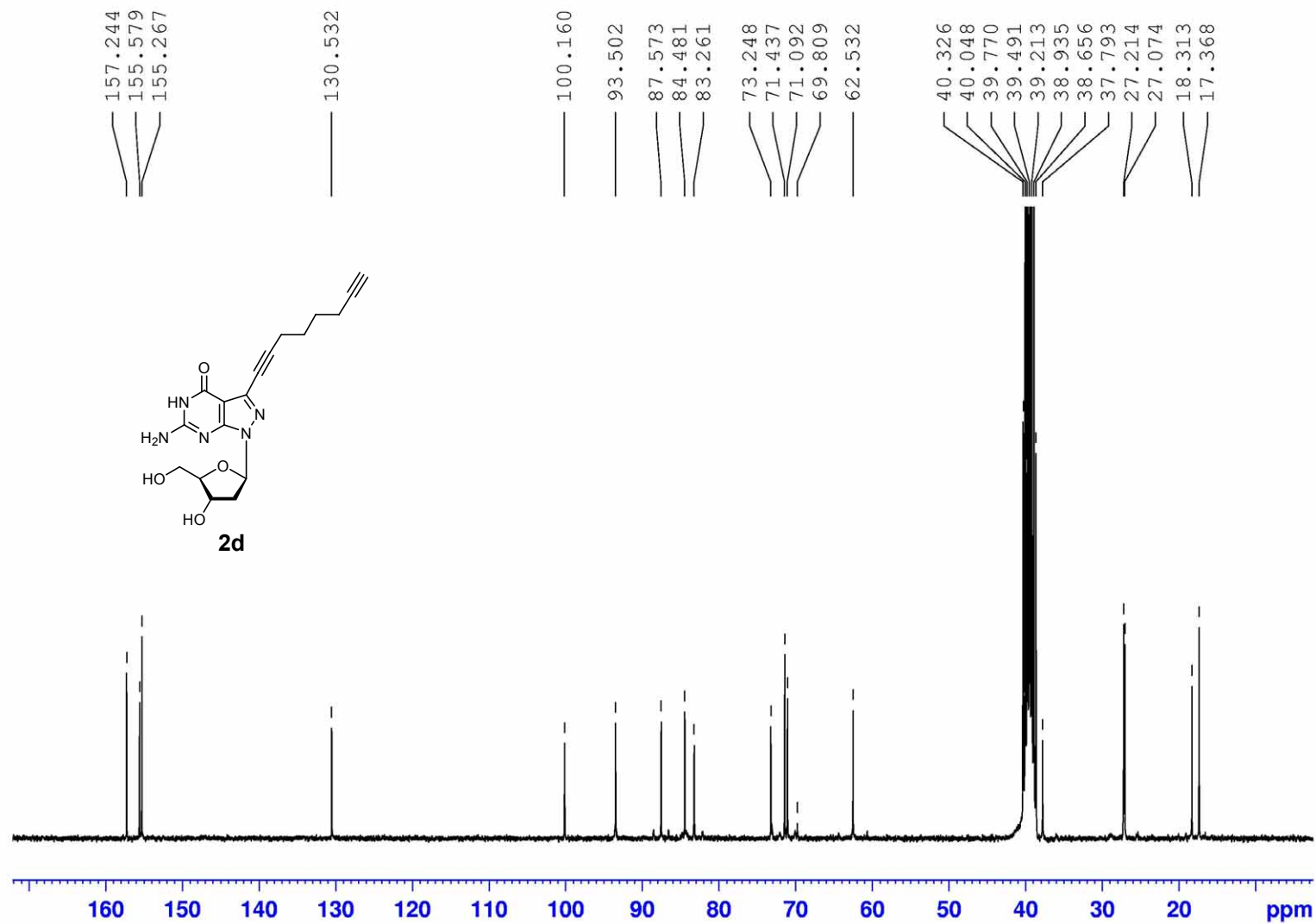


Figure S3.  $^{13}\text{C}$ -NMR spectrum of compound 2d.

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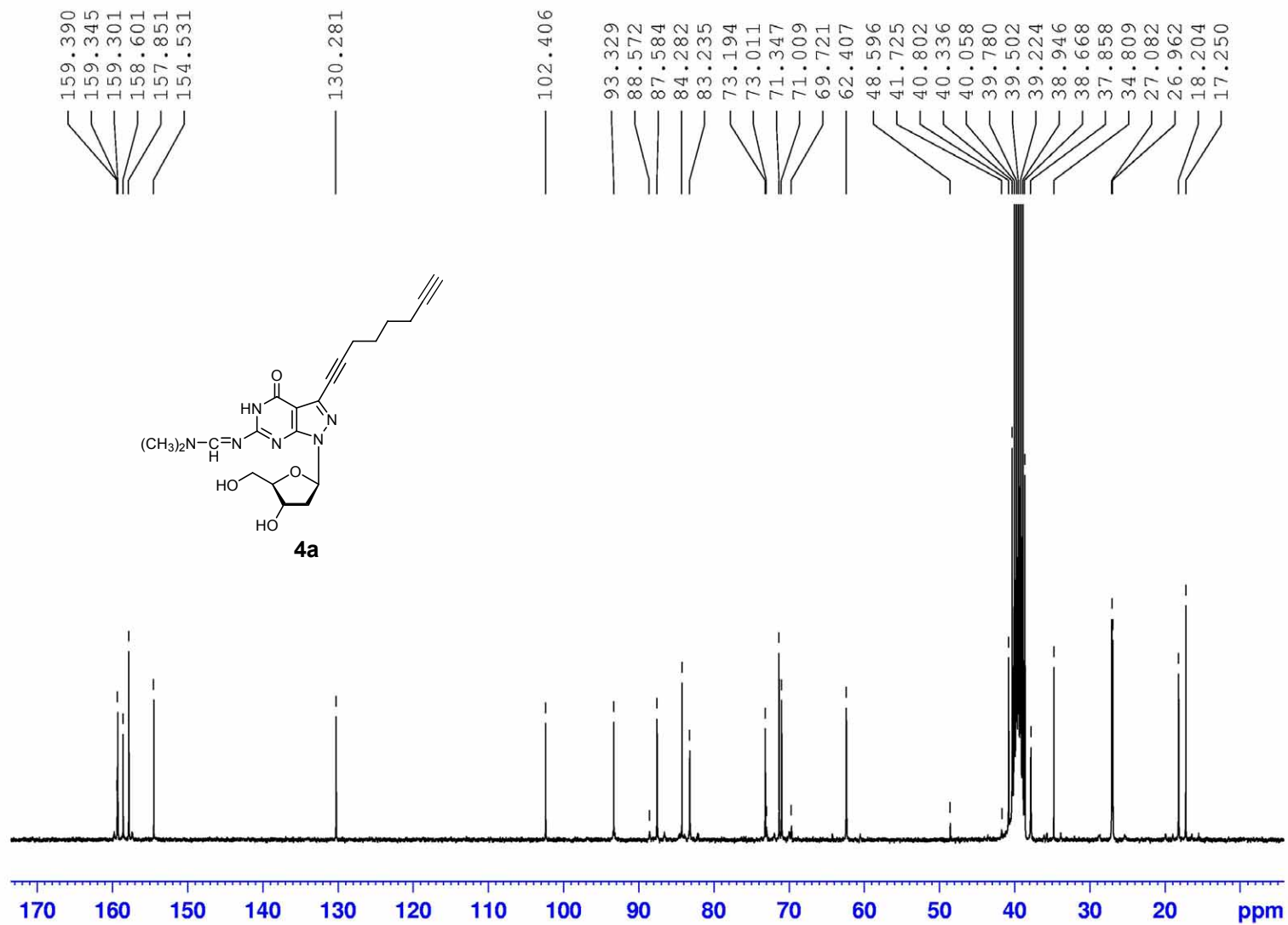


Figure S4. <sup>13</sup>C-NMR spectrum of compound 4a.

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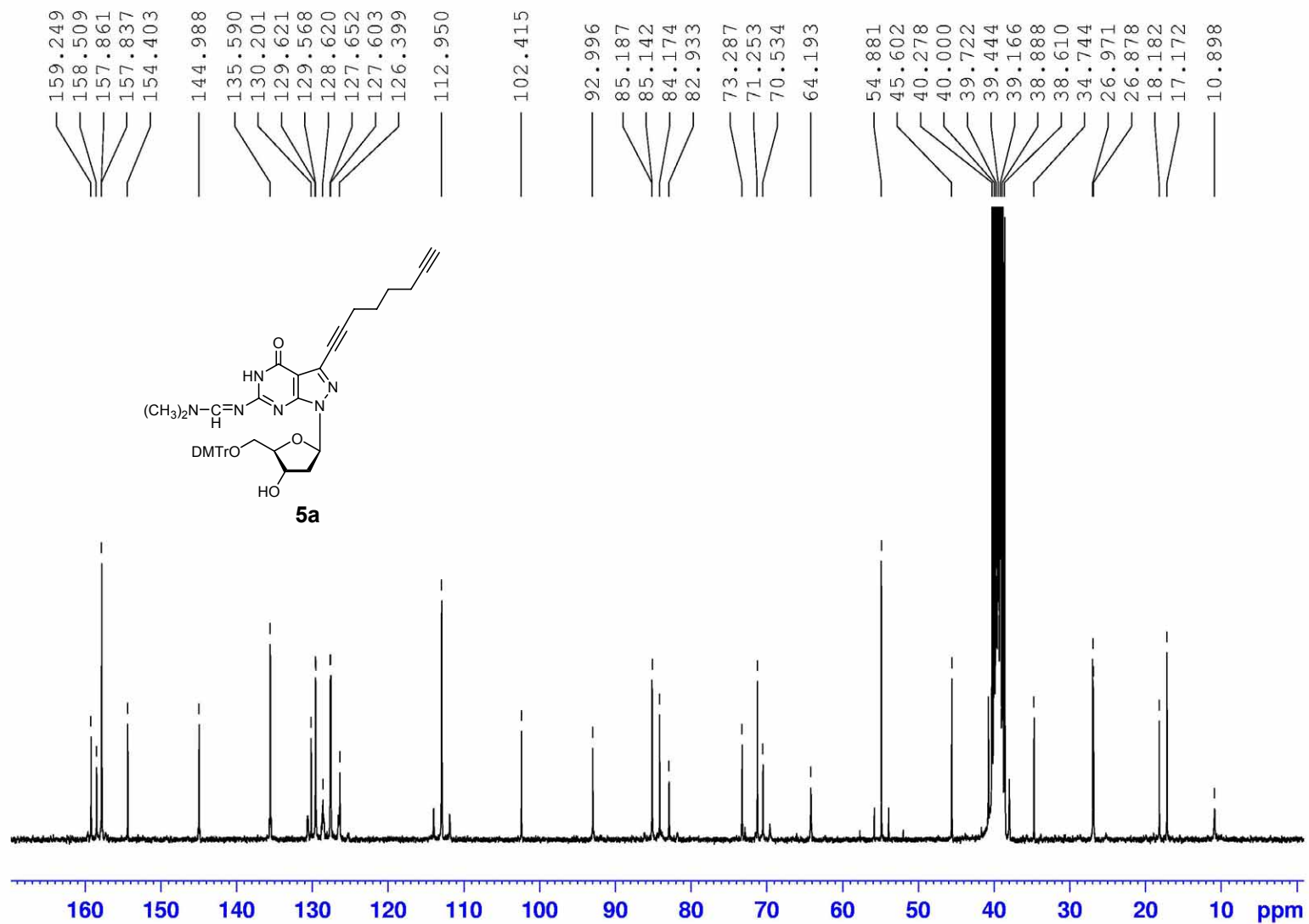


Figure S5. <sup>13</sup>C-NMR spectrum of compound 5a.

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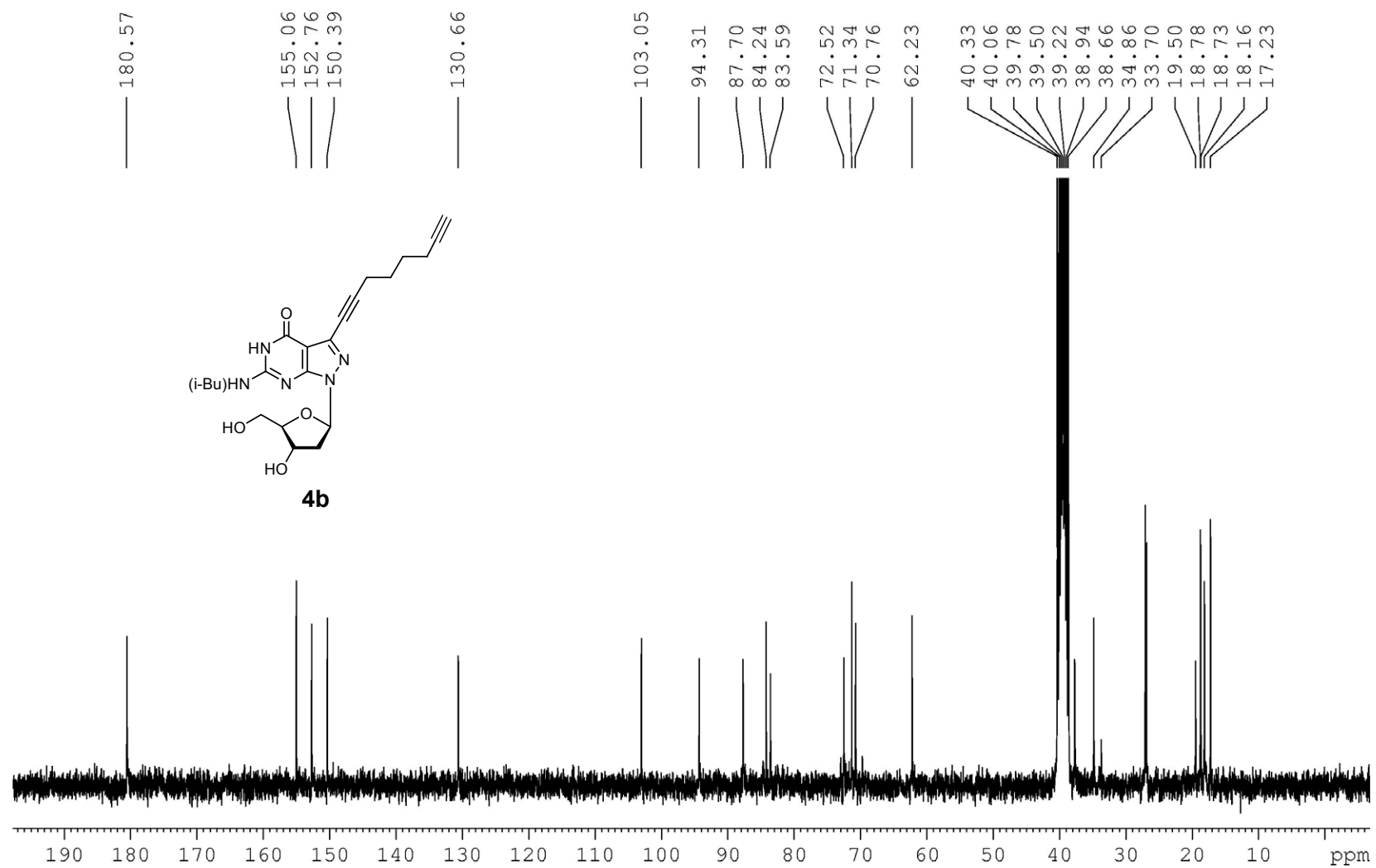


Figure S6.  $^{13}\text{C}$ -NMR spectrum of compound 4b.

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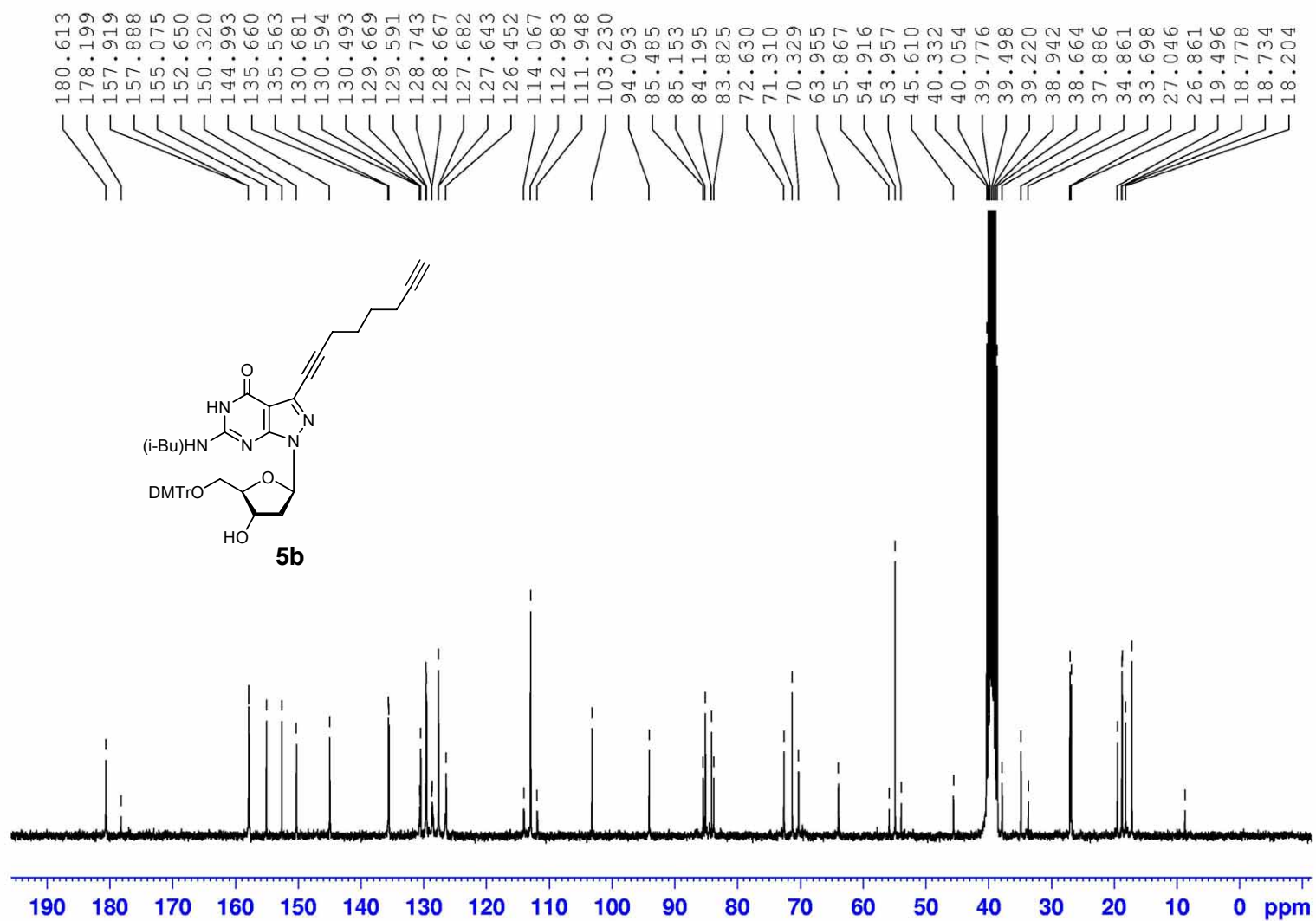


Figure S7. <sup>13</sup>C-NMR spectrum of compound 5b.



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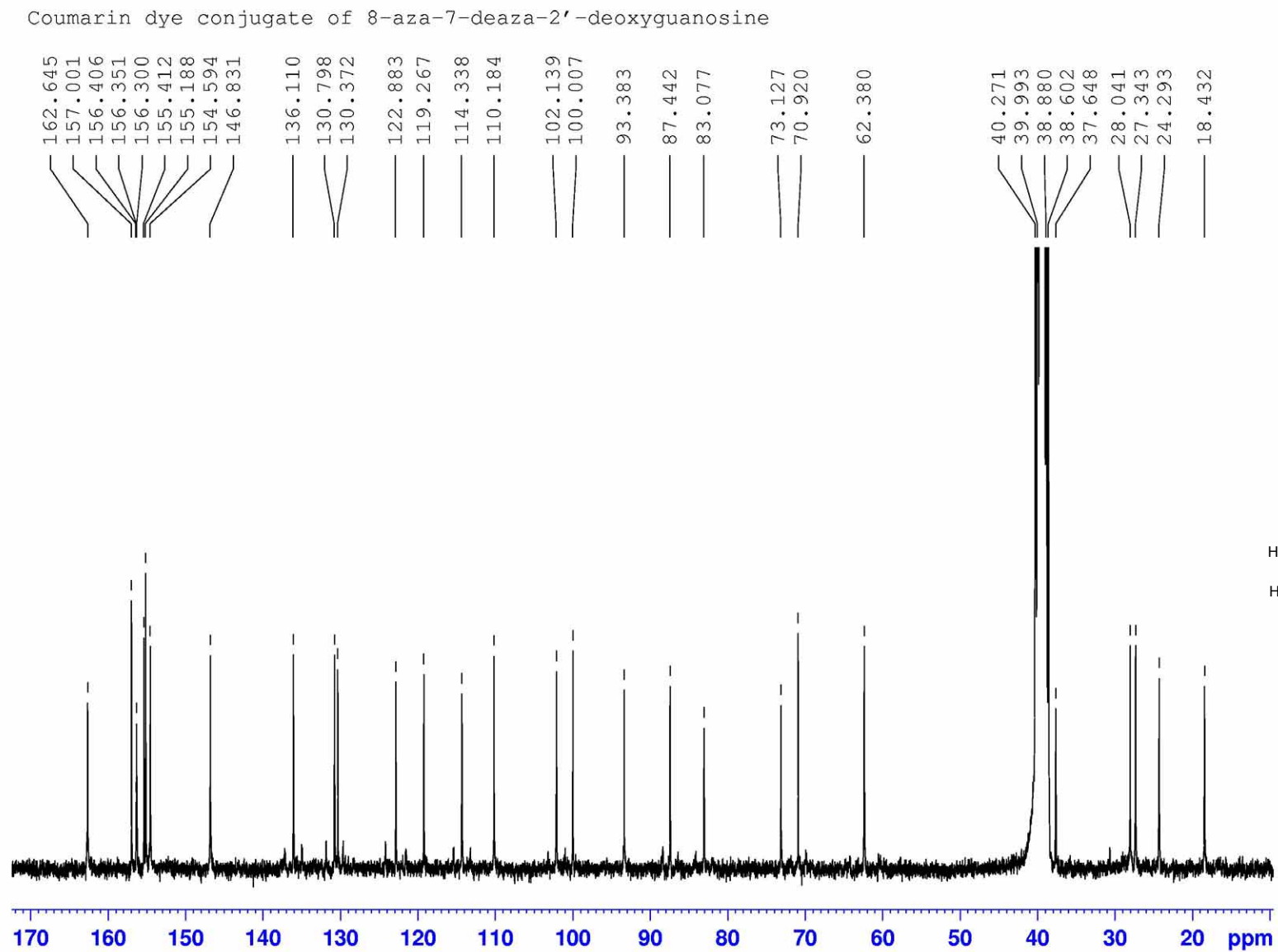


Figure S8.  $^{13}\text{C}$ -NMR spectrum of compound 16.

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7-Deaza-2'-deoxyguanosine coumarin dye conjugate

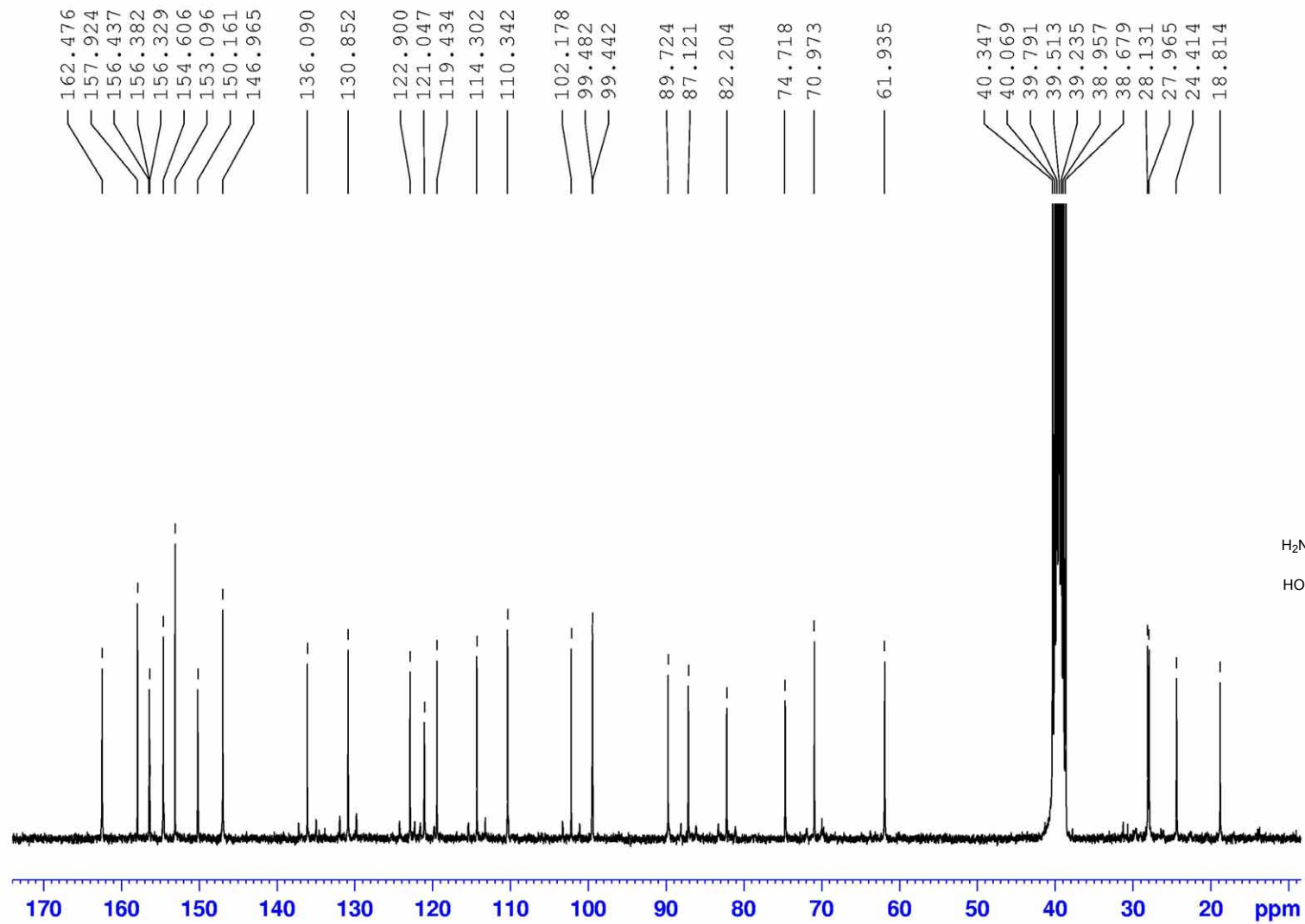


Figure S9. <sup>13</sup>C-NMR spectrum of compound 17.