

Electronic Supplementary Information

Damage of aromatic amino acids by the atmospheric free radical oxidant NO_3^\bullet in the presence of NO_2^\bullet , N_2O_4 , O_3 and O_2

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1 Experimental section

1.1 General Procedures

Protection of the commercially available (Sigma-Aldrich), enantiomeric pure amino acids were performed according to literature procedures [A. J. Smallridge, M. A. Trehwella, and Z. Wang, *Aust. J. Chem.*, 2002, **55**, 259; F. Giacomina, A. Meetsma, L. Panella, L. Lefort, A. H. M. de Vries, and J. G. de Vries, *Angew. Chem., Int. Ed.*, 2007, **46**, 1497; K. Junge, G. Oehme, A. Monsees, T. Riermeier, U. Dingerdissen, and M. Beller, *Tetrahedron Lett.* 2002, **43**, 4977].

^1H and ^{13}C spectra were taken on a Varian Unity Inova 500 spectrometer [499.688 MHz (^1H), 125.646 (^{13}C)] in deuterated chloroform (CDCl_3). If possible the assignment of the chemical shifts was confirmed by utilising 2D NMR techniques.

GC/MS (EI, 70 eV) analysis was run on an Agilent 7890A GC / 5975C MSD, column from SUPELCO 30 m, 0.32 mm ID, 0.25 μm film thickness fused silica capillary column. The temperature program used was $70_5 \rightarrow 250_{17}$ heating rate $5^\circ\text{C}/\text{min}$ (40 mins in total).

HR-MS was conducted by ionising the samples via ESI into a Thermo-Finnigan LTQ FT-ICR hybrid mass spectrometer or an Agilent 6520 LC/Q-TOF mass spectrometer with an electrospray ionizing source coupled to an Agilent 1100 LC system.

The crude products were purified by reverse-phase HPLC (Phenomenex C18, 150×21.2 mm, 5 micron, preparative column, 8 ml/min) using an Agilent 1100 LC system by running a gradient from 0.1 % TFA in water to 0.1 % TFA in acetonitrile within 2-3 hours. Purity was assessed by analytical RP HPLC on an Agilent Zorbax C18 5 μm 150×4.3 mm column.

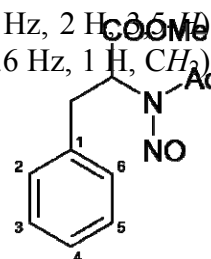
1.2 Reaction of amino acids with NO_3^\bullet

1.2.1 Reaction of phenylalanine 1a with $\text{NO}_2^\bullet/\text{N}_2\text{O}_4$

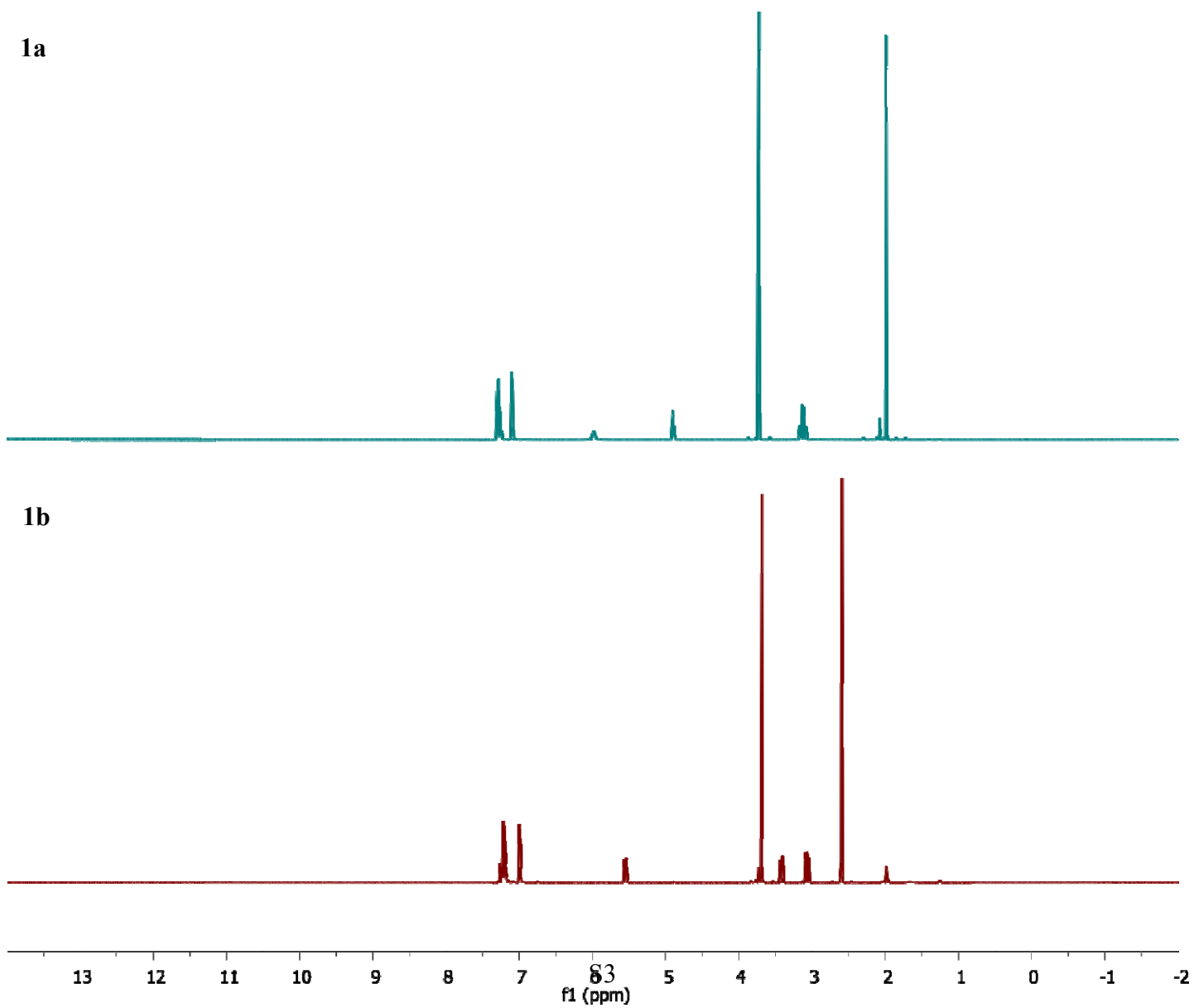
1b; 2-(*N*-Nitrosoacetamido)-3-phenyl-propionic acid methyl ester (*N*-nitroso-*N*-Ac-*O*-Me-phenyl alanine)

^1H -NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 7.20 (m, 3 H, 2,4,6-*H*), 6.99 (dd, J = 7.1, 1.2 Hz, 2 H, 3,5-*H*), 5.55 (dd, J = 10.6, 5.6 Hz, 1 H, *CH*), 3.69 (s, 3 H, COOCH_3), 3.42 (dd, J = 14.3, 5.6 Hz, 1 H, *CH}_2*), 3.07 (dd, J = 14.3, 10.6 Hz, 1 H, *CH}_2*), 2.60 ppm (s, 3 H, $\text{N}(\text{NO})\text{COCH}_3$).

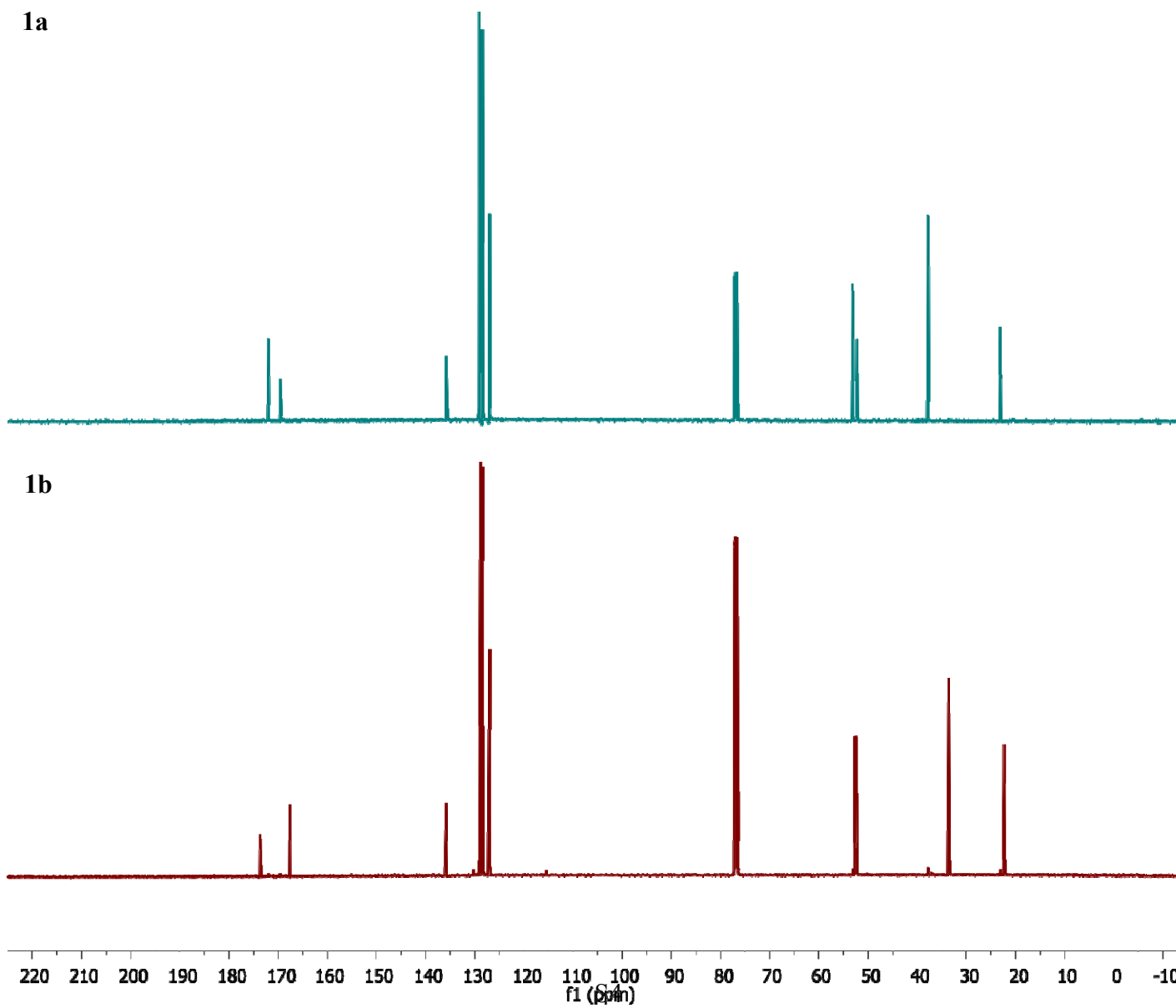
^{13}C -NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 173.9 (C_q , NHCOCH_3), 167.9 (C_q , COOCH_3), 136.1 (C_q , *C*-1), 129.0 (C_t , *C*-3,5), 128.7 (C_t , *C*-2,6), 127.2 (C_t , *C*-4), 52.9 (C_p , COOCH_3), 52.6 (C_t , *CH*), 33.8 (C_s , CH_2), 22.5 ppm (C_p , $\text{N}(\text{NO})\text{COCH}_3$).



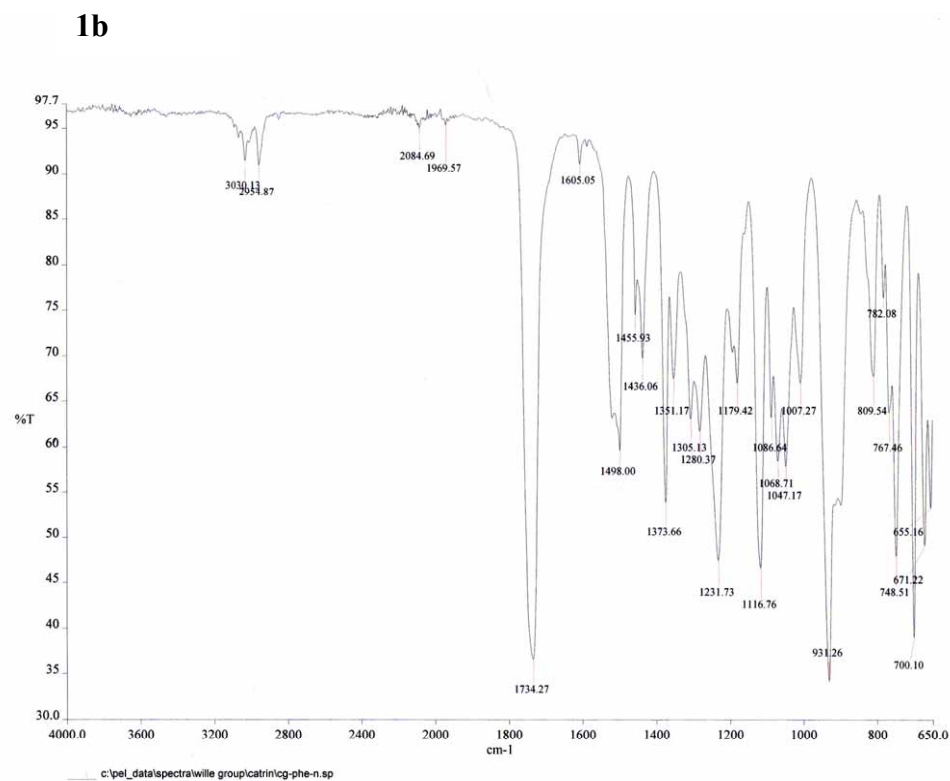
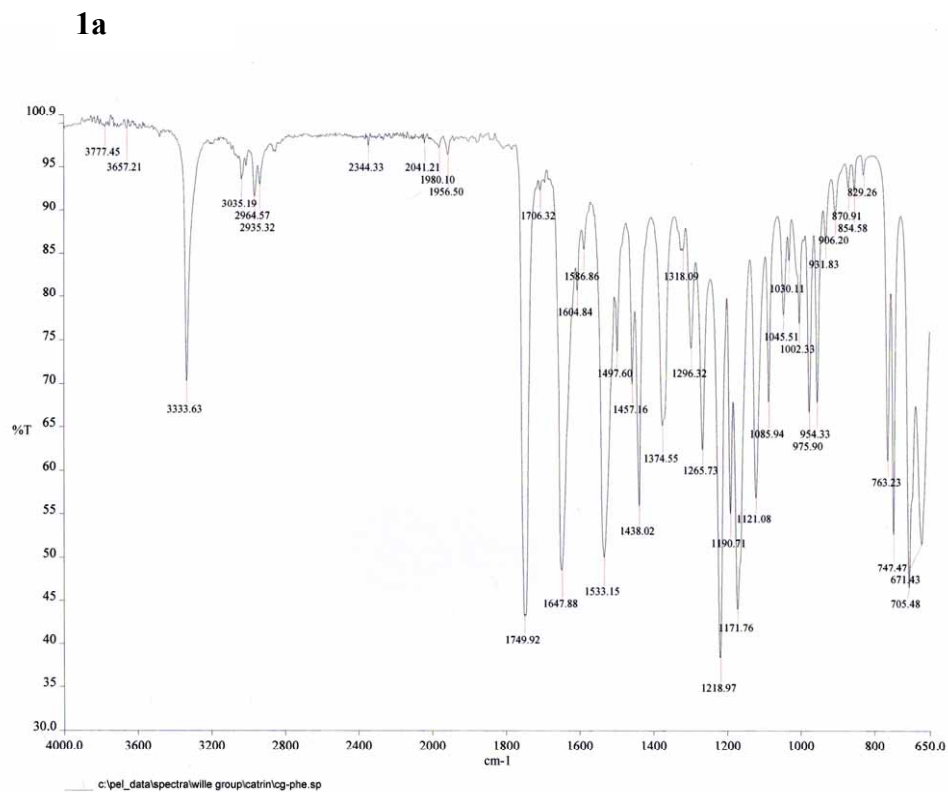
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^{13}C NMR



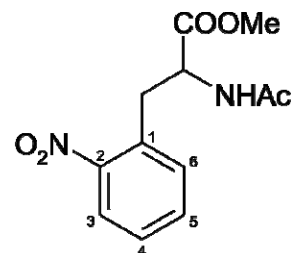
IR



1.2.2 Reaction of phenylalanine 1a with NO₃[•]

ortho-6a; 2-Acetylamino-3-(2-nitro-phenyl)-propionic acid methyl ester (*ortho*-nitro-*N*-Ac-*O*-Methyl alanine)

¹H-NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 7.92 (dd, J = 8.2, 1.3 Hz, 1 H, 3-*H*), 7.57 (td, J = 7.6, 1.3 Hz, 1 H, 5-*H*), 7.43 (ddd, J = 8.2, 7.6, 1.3 Hz, 1 H, 4-*H*), 7.39 (dd, J = 7.6, 1.3 Hz, 1 H, 6-*H*), 6.43 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 1 H, NH), 4.93 (td, J = 8.1, 5.9 Hz, 1 H, CH), 3.74 (s, 3 H, COOCH₃), 3.51 (dd, J = 13.8, 5.9 Hz, 1 H, CH₂), 3.33 (dd, J = 13.8, 8.2 Hz, 1 H, CH₂), 1.99 ppm (s, 3 H, NHCOCH₃).



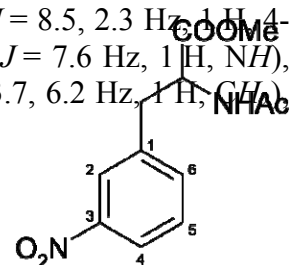
¹³C-NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 171.5 (C_q, COOCH₃), 171.4 (C_q, NHCOCH₃), 149.9 (C_q, C-2), 133.4 (C_t, C-5), 132.8 (C_t, C-6), 131.3 (C_q, C-1), 128.6 (C_t, C-4), 125.1 (C_t, C-3), 53.4 (C_t, CH), 53.0 (C_p, COOCH₃), 34.8 (C_s, CH₂), 22.9 ppm (C_p, NHCOCH₃).

MS (EI, 70 eV): m/z (%) = 266.0 [M⁺], 220.1 [M⁺ - NO₂], 207.1 [M⁺ - COOMe].

HR-MS: C₁₂H₁₄N₂O₅+H: calcd 267.0981, found 267.0981.
C₁₁¹³CH₁₄N₂O₅+H: calcd 268.1015, found 268.1010.

meta-6a; 2-Acetylamino-3-(3-nitro-phenyl)-propionic acid methyl ester (*meta*-nitro-*N*-Ac-*O*-Methyl alanine)

¹H-NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 8.78 (d, J = 2.3 Hz, 1 H, 3-*H*), 8.40 (dd, J = 8.5, 2.3 Hz, 1 H, 4-*H*), 7.68 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 1 H, 6-*H*), 7.26 (d, J = 2.3 Hz, 1 H, 5-*H*), 6.16 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1 H, NH), 4.93 (dd, J = 14.0, 7.6 Hz, 1 H, CH), 3.76 (s, 3 H, COOCH₃), 3.68 (d, J = 13.7, 6.2 Hz, 1 H, CH₂), 3.39 (dd, J = 13.7, 7.8 Hz, 1 H, CH₂), 1.95 ppm (s, 3 H, NHCOCH₃).

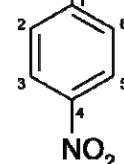


MS (EI, 70 eV): m/z (%) = 266.0 [M⁺], 207.1 [M⁺ - COOMe], 165.1 [M⁺ - COOMe - Ac].

para-6a; 2-Acetylamino-3-(4-nitro-phenyl)-propionic acid methyl ester (*para*-nitro-*N*-Ac-*O*-Methyl alanine)

¹H-NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 8.78 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2 H, 3,5-*H*), 7.28 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2 H, 2,6-*H*), 6.19 (d, J = 7.0 Hz, 1 H, NH), 4.93 (dt, J = 7.4, 5.9 Hz, 1 H, CH), 3.76 (s, 3 H, COOCH₃), 3.31 (dd, J = 13.8, 6.2 Hz, 1 H, CH₂), 3.20 (dd, J = 13.8, 5.6 Hz, 1 H, CH₂), 2.06 ppm (s, 3 H, NHCOCH₃).

¹³C-NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 171.4 (C_q, COOCH₃), 171.2 (C_q, NHCOCH₃), 147.4 (C_q, C-4), 143.6 (C_q, C-1), 130.3 (C_t, C-2,6), 123.9 (C_t, C-3,5), 53.3 (C_t, CH), 52.9 (C_p, COOCH₃), 37.8 (C_s, CH₂), 23.0 ppm (C_p, NHCOCH₃).

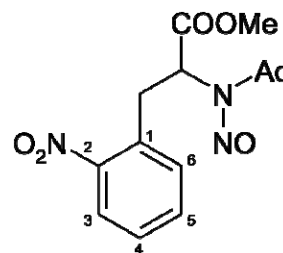


MS (EI, 70 eV): m/z (%) = 266.1 [M⁺], 207.0 [M⁺ - COOMe], 165.0 [M⁺ - COOMe - Ac].

HR-MS: C₁₂H₁₄N₂O₅+H: calcd 267.0981, found 267.0985.
C₁₁¹³CH₁₄N₂O₅+H: calcd 268.1015, found 268.1009.

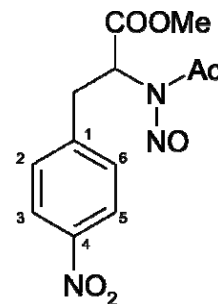
ortho-6b; 2-(*N*-Nitrosoacetamido)-3-(2-nitro-phenyl)-propionic acid methyl ester (2-nitro-*N*-nitroso-*N*-Ac-*O*-Me-phenyl alanine)

$^1\text{H-NMR}$ (500 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 8.01 (dd, J = 8.2, 1.4 Hz, 1 H, 3-*H*), 7.48 (td, J = 7.5, 1.4 Hz, 1 H, 5-*H*), 7.40 (ddd, J = 8.1, 7.5, 1.5 Hz, 1 H, 4-*H*), 7.04 (dd, J = 7.7, 1.2 Hz, 1 H, 6-*H*), 5.79 (dd, J = 10.4, 4.7 Hz, 1 H, *CH*), 3.94 (dd, J = 14.0, 4.7 Hz, 1 H, CH_2), 3.71 (s, 3 H, COOCH_3), 3.17 (dd, J = 14.1, 10.4 Hz, 1 H, CH_2), 2.65 ppm (s, 3 H, $\text{N}(\text{NO})\text{COCH}_3$).



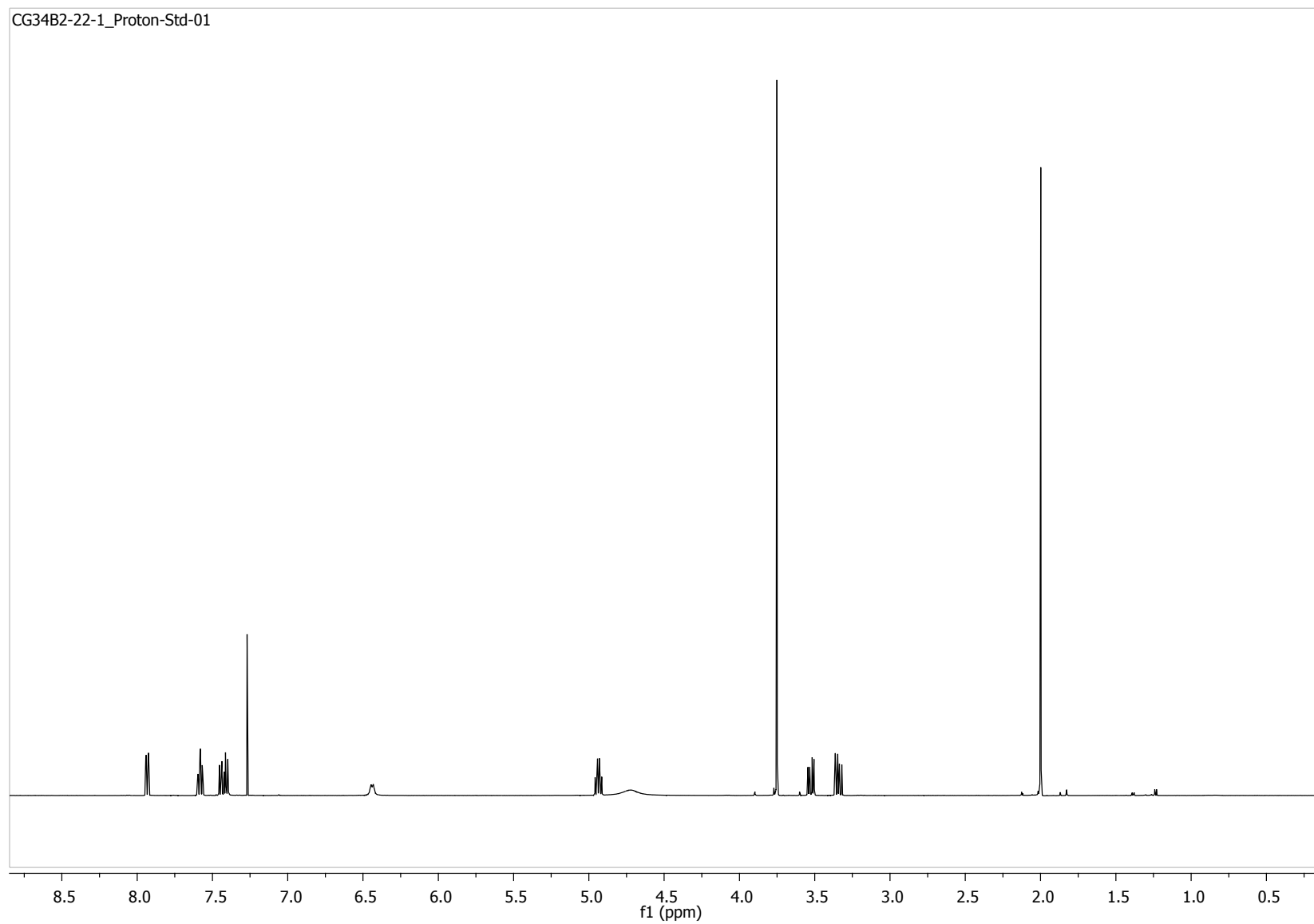
para-6b; 2-(*N*-Nitrosoacetamido)-3-(4-nitro-phenyl)-propionic acid methyl ester (4-nitro-*N*-nitroso-*N*-Ac-*O*-Me-phenyl alanine)

$^1\text{H-NMR}$ (500 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 8.11 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2 H, 3,5-*H*), 7.22 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2 H, 2,6-*H*), 5.56 (dd, J = 9.9, 6.0 Hz, 1 H, *CH*), 3.70 (s, 3 H, COOCH_3), 3.54 (dd, J = 14.3, 6.0 Hz, 2 H, CH_2), 3.14 (dd, J = 14.3, 9.8 Hz, 2 H, CH_2), 2.67 ppm (s, 3 H, $\text{N}(\text{NO})\text{COCH}_3$).



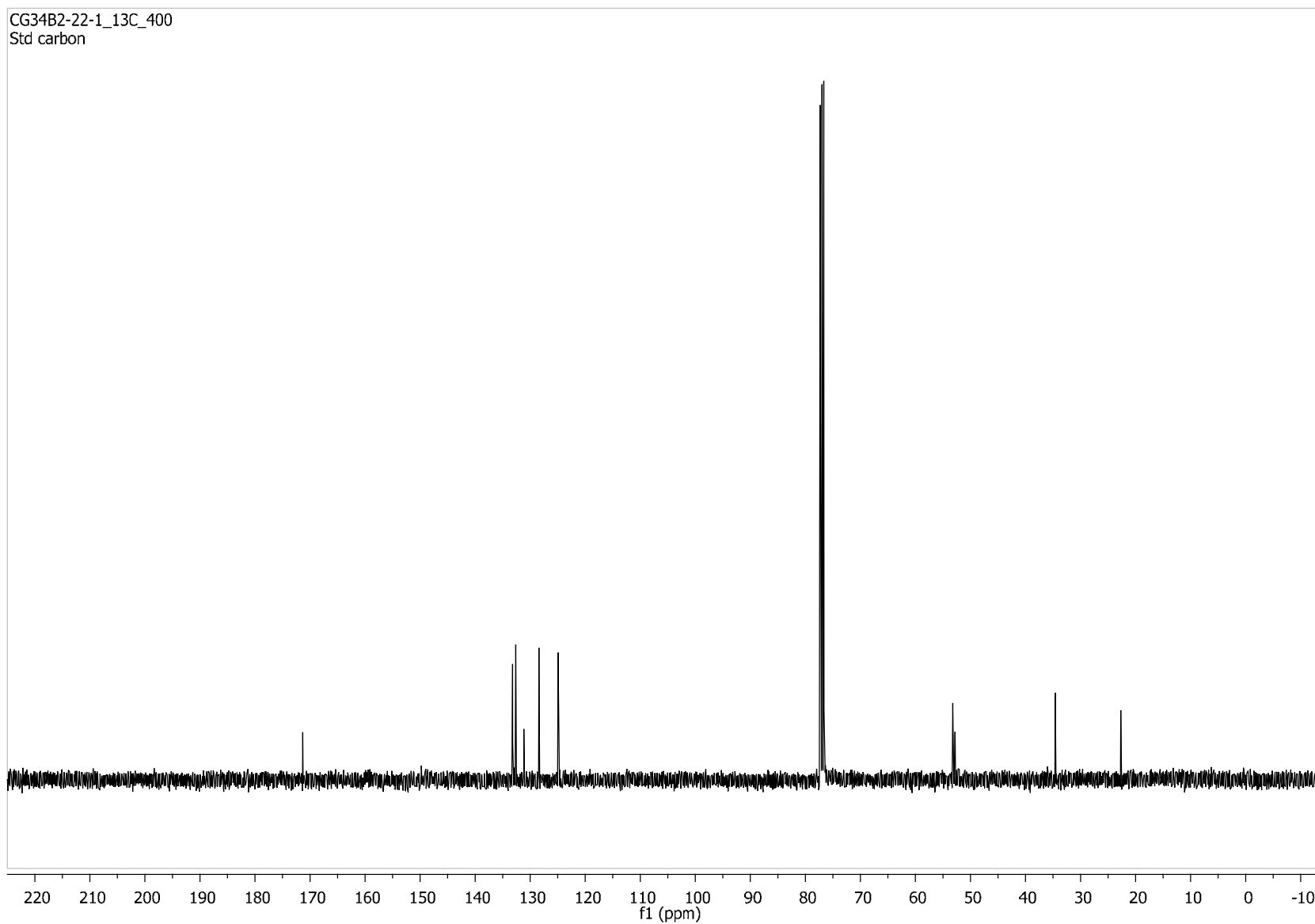
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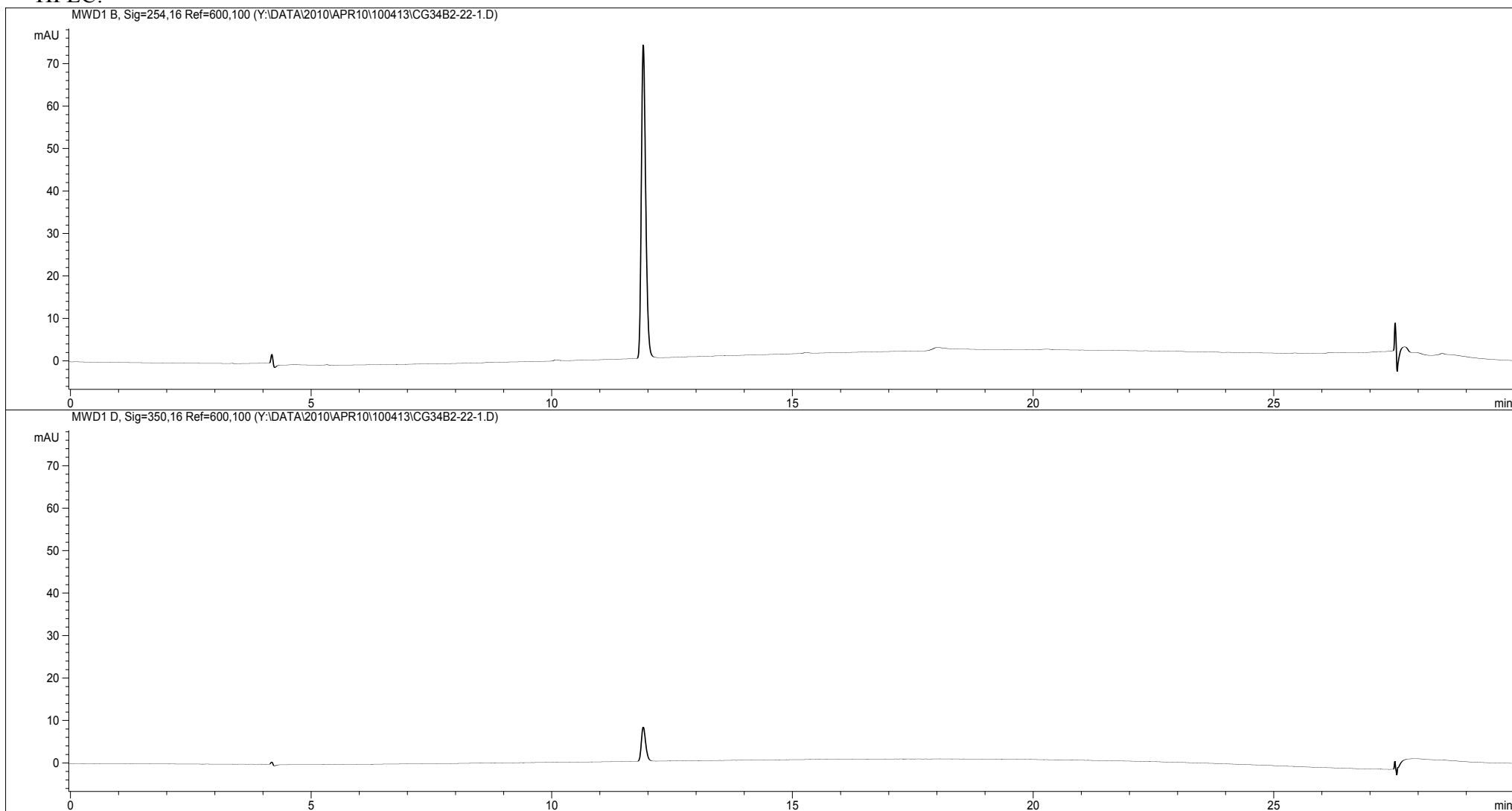
ortho-6a

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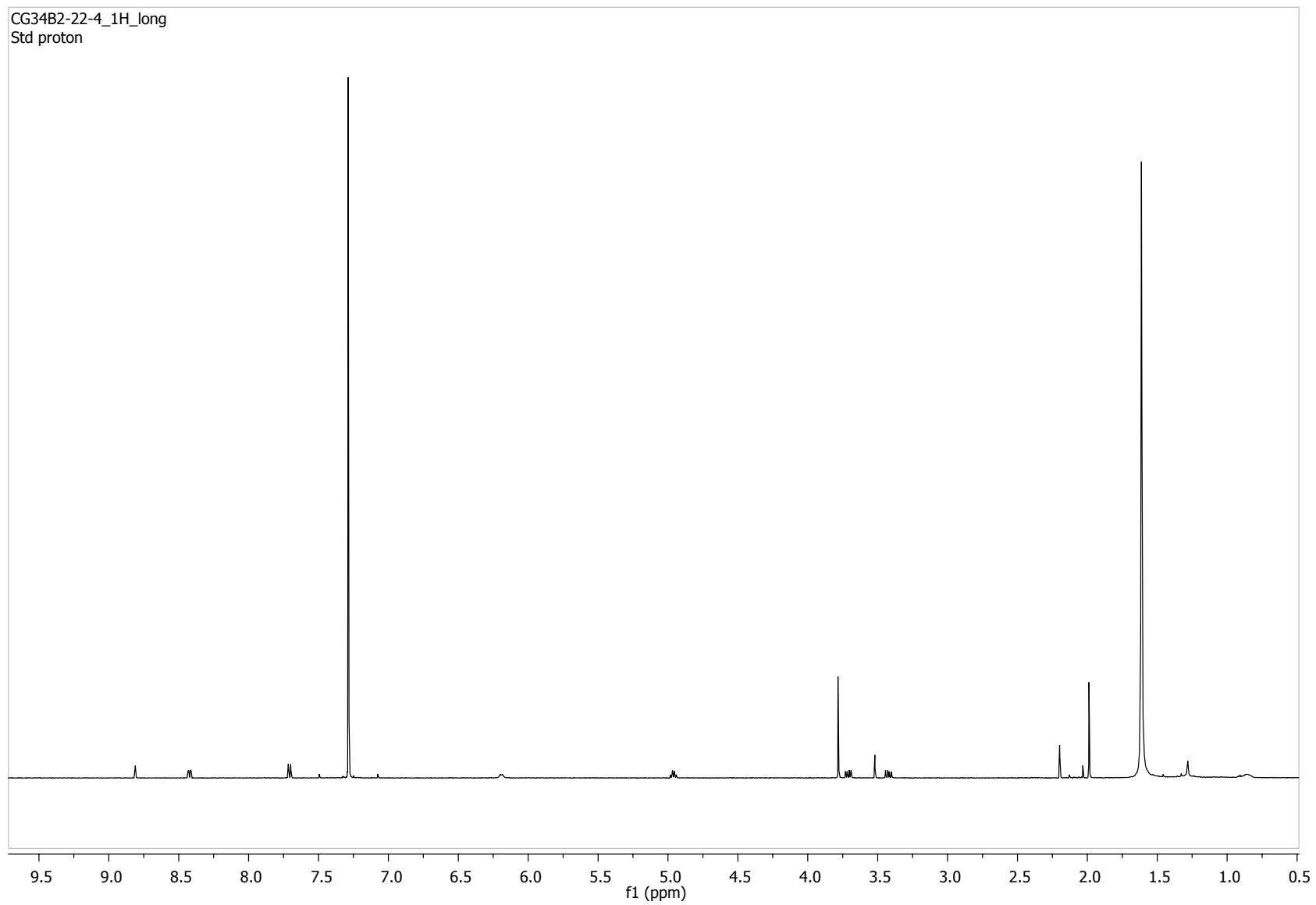
ortho-6a

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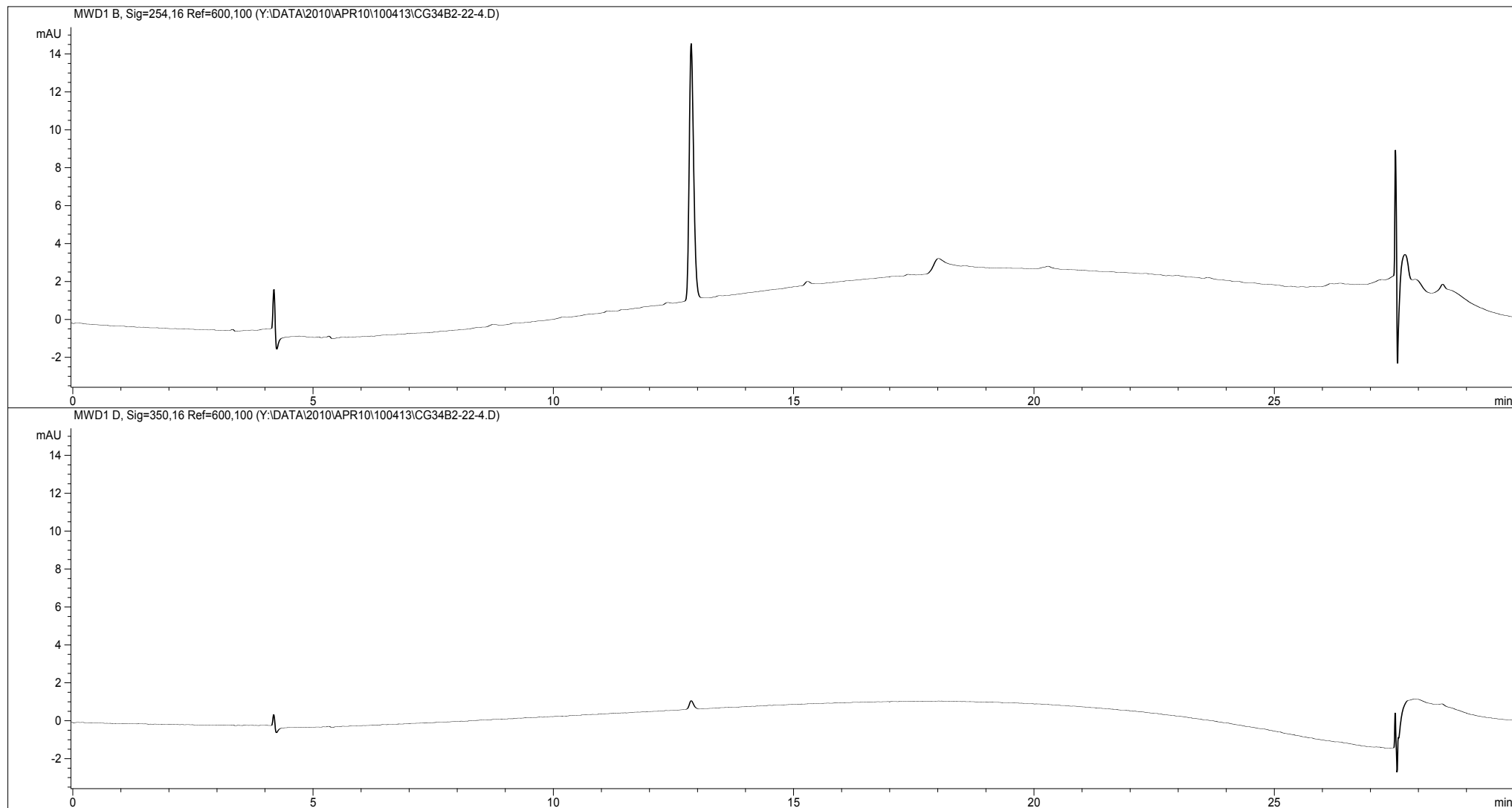
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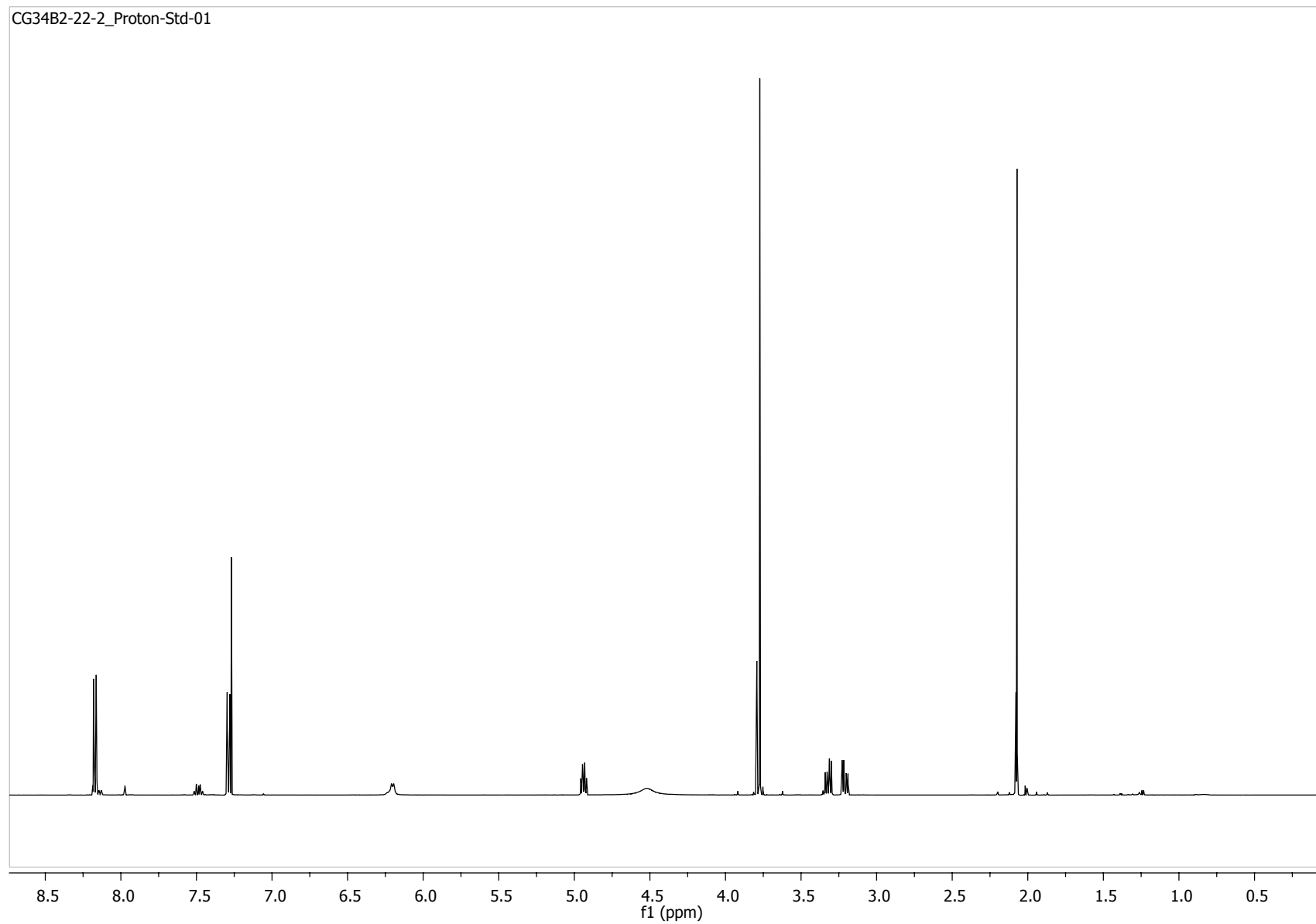
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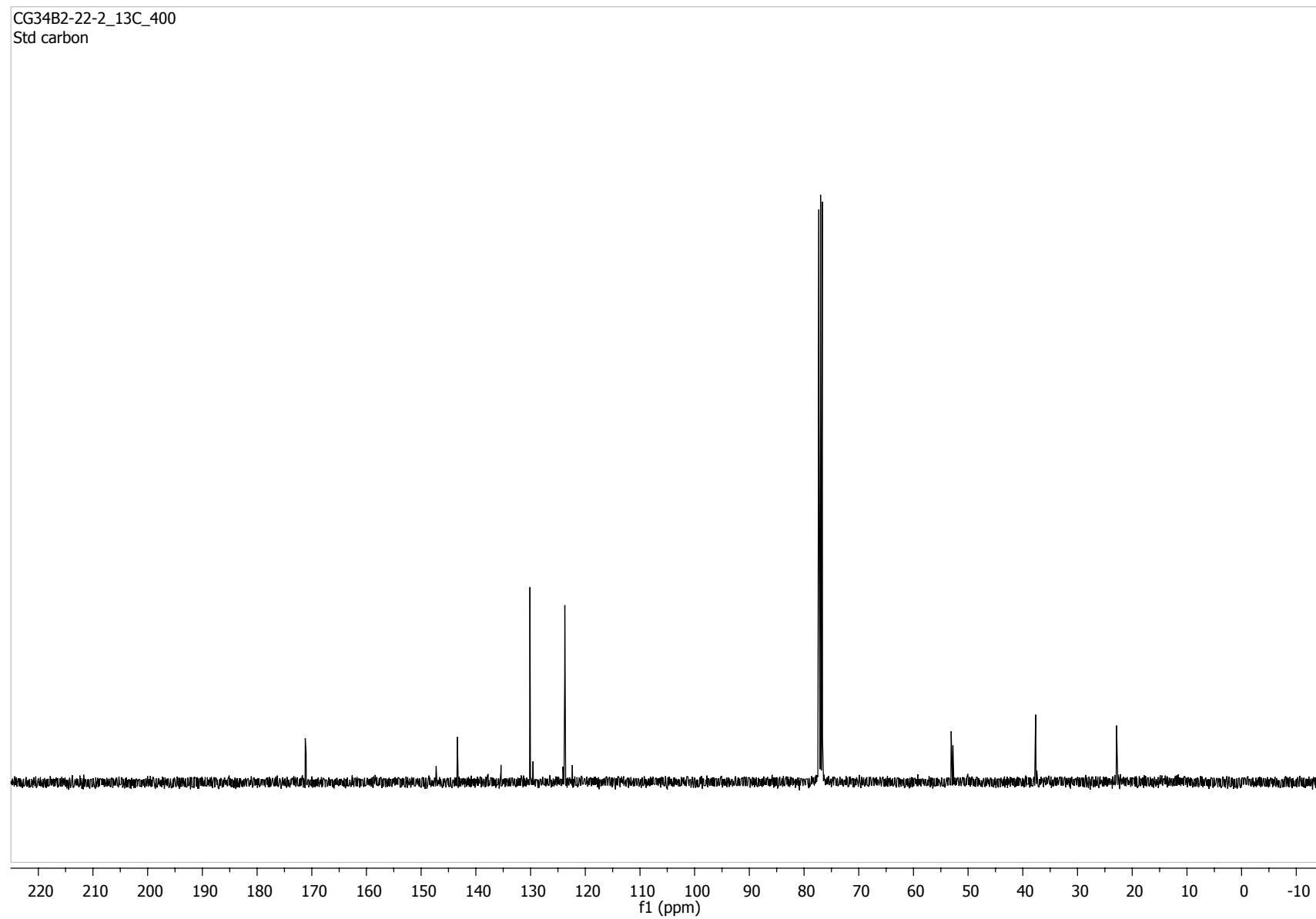
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para-6a
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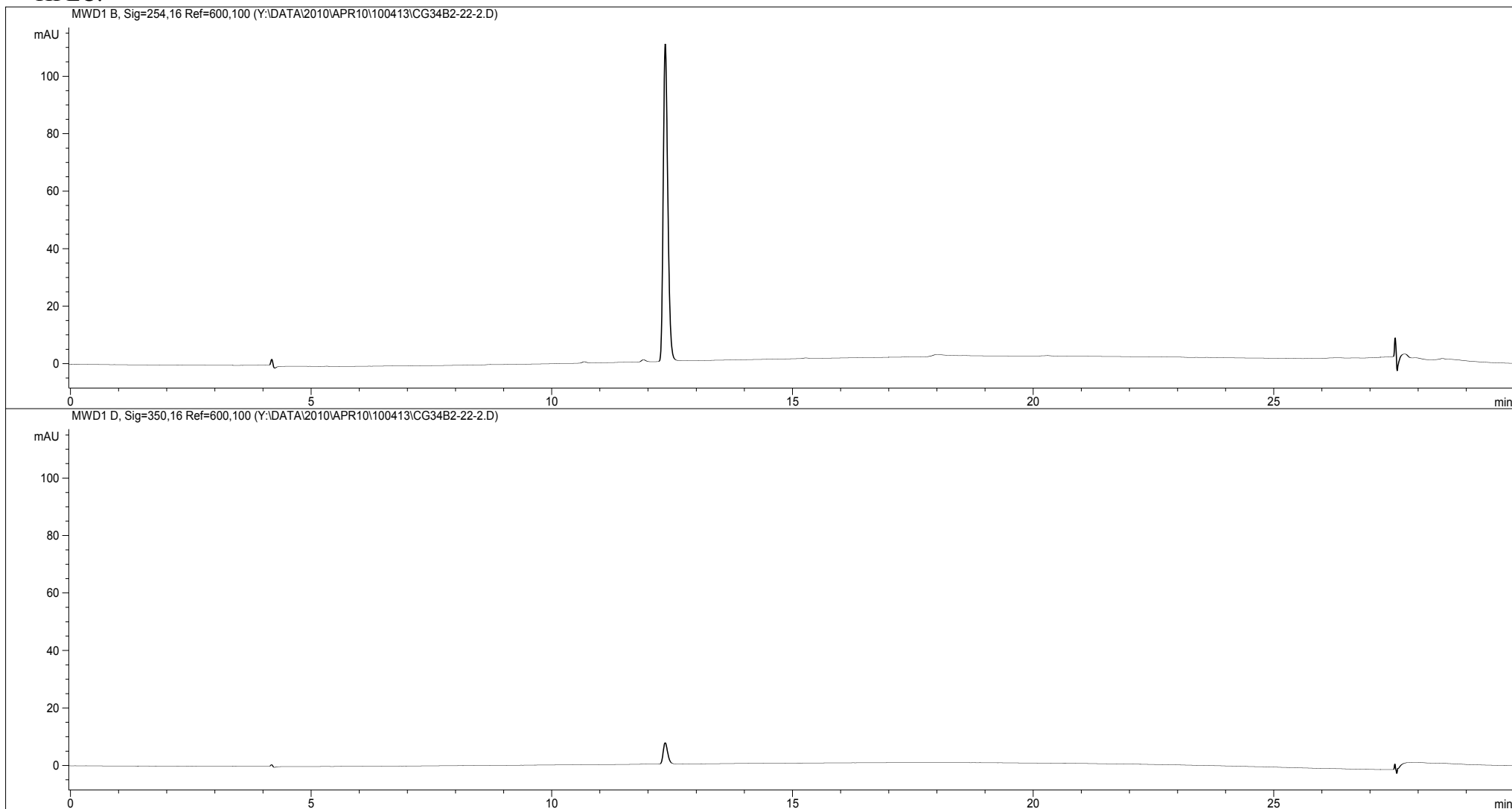
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para-6a
¹³C NMR:



para-6a

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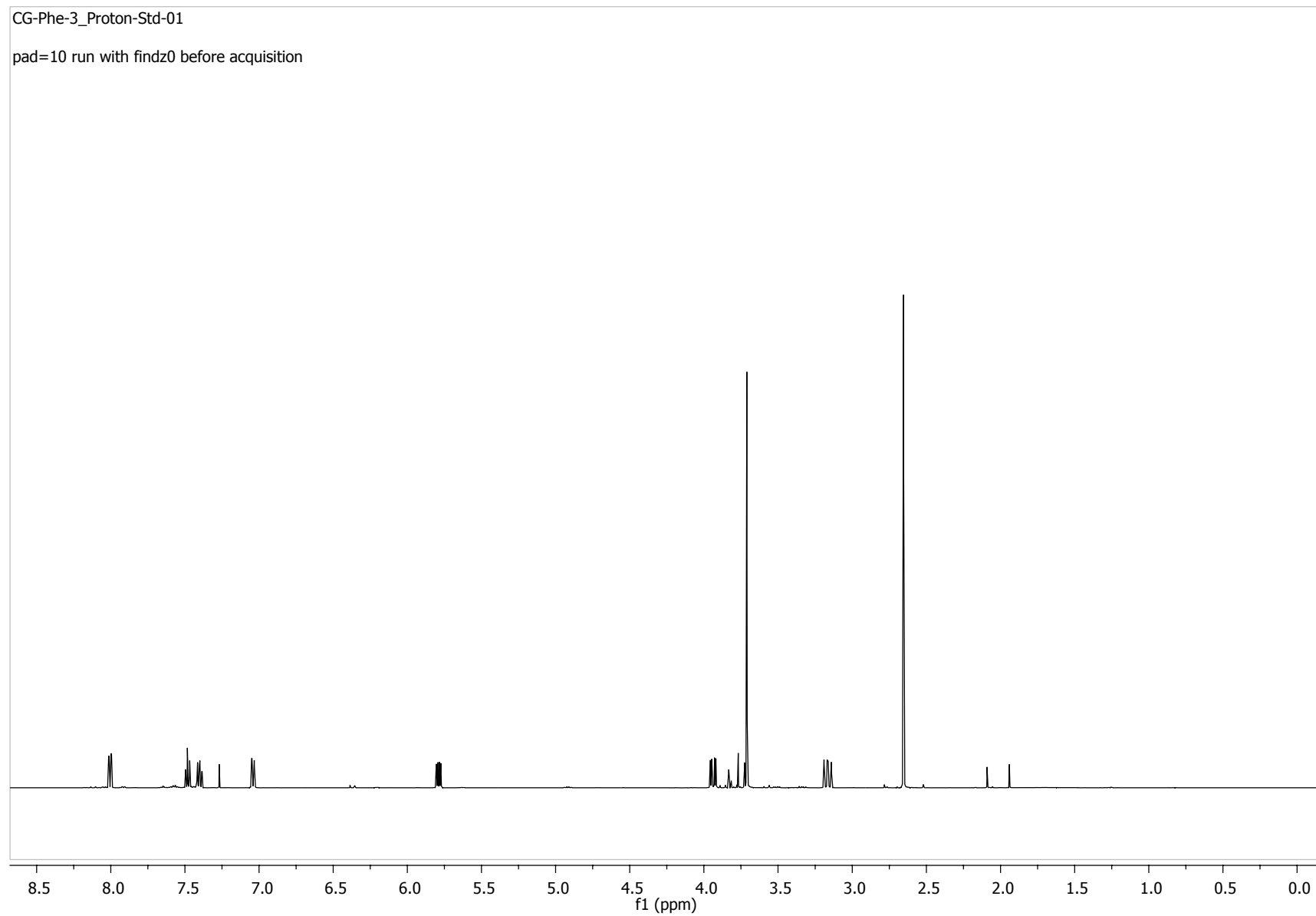


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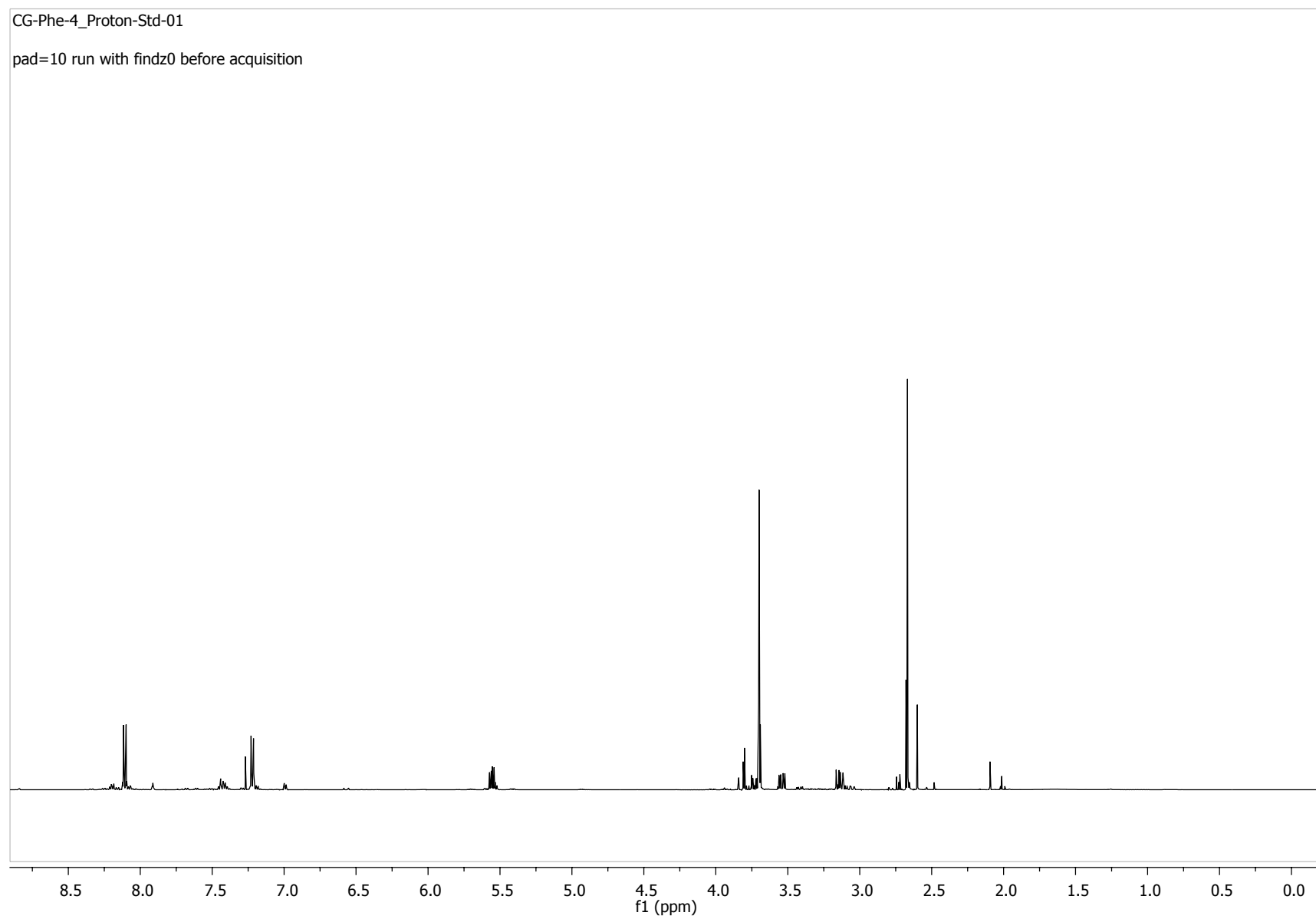


para-6b

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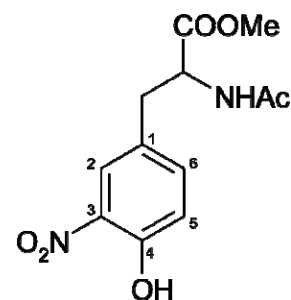
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1.2.3 Reaction of tyrosine 2a with NO₃[•]

4a; 2-Acetylamino-3-(4-hydroxy-3-nitro-phenyl)-propionic acid methyl ester (3-nitro-*N*-Ac-*O*-Me-tyrosine)

¹H-NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 10.45 (s, 1 H, OH), 7.83 (d, 1 H *J* = 1.9 Hz, 2-*H*), 7.34 (dd, *J* = 8.6, 2.2 Hz, 1 H, 6-*H*), 7.09 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 1 H, 5-*H*), 6.27 (s, 1H, NH), 4.86 (dd, *J* = 13.1, 5.8 Hz, 1 H, CH), 3.77 (s, 3 H, COOCH₃), 3.19 (dd, *J* = 14.1, 5.1 Hz, 1 H, CH₂), 3.06 (dd, *J* = 14.1, 5.7 Hz, 1 H, CH₂), 2.05 ppm (s, 3 H, NHCOCH₃).

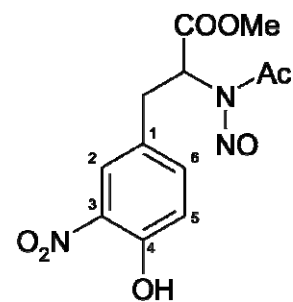


¹³C-NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 171.5 (C_q, NHCOCH₃), 171.1 (C_q, COOCH₃), 154.4 (C_q, C-4), 138.7 (C_t, C-6), 133.5 (C_q, C-3), 128.3 (C_q, C-1), 125.3 (C_t, C-2), 120.45 (C_t, C-5), 53.4 (C_t, CH), 53.0 (C_p, COOCH₃), 36.8 (C_s, CH₂), 23.0 ppm (C_p, NHCOCH₃).

HR-MS: C₁₂H₁₄N₂O₆+H: calcd 283.09246, found 283.09247.
C₁₁¹³CH₁₄N₂O₆+H: calcd 284.09582, found 284.09580.

4b; 2-(*N*-Nitrosoacetamido)-3-(4-hydroxy-3-nitro-phenyl)-propionic acid methyl ester (3-nitro-*N*-nitroso-*N*-Ac-*O*-Me-tyrosine)

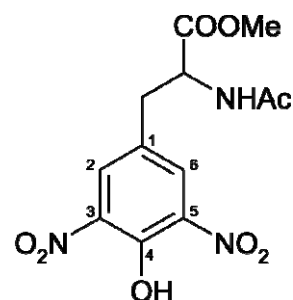
¹H-NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 10.46 (s, 1 H, OH), 7.77 (s, 1 H, 2-*H*), 7.29 (dd, *J* = 8.6, 1.9 Hz, 1 H, 6-*H*), 7.05 (dd, *J* = 8.6, 1.3 Hz, 1 H, 5-*H*), 5.47 (dd, *J* = 9.7, 5.8 Hz, 1 H, CH), 3.69 (s, 3 H, COOCH₃), 3.42 (dd, *J* = 14.6, 5.8 Hz, 3 H, CH₂), 3.00 (dd, *J* = 14.6, 9.8 Hz, 1 H, CH₂), 2.69 ppm (s, 3 H, N(NO)COCH₃).



¹³C-NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 173.9 (C_q, NHCOCH₃), 167.4 (C_q, COOCH₃), 154.3 (C_q, C-4), 138.3 (C_t, C-6), 133.4 (C_q, C-3), 128.6 (C_q, C-1), 125.1 (C_t, C-2), 120.5 (C_t, C-5), 53.1 (C_t, CH), 52.0 (C_p, COOCH₃), 32.9 (C_s, CH₂), 22.6 ppm (C_p, N(NO)COCH₃).

10a; 2-Acetylamino-3-(4-hydroxy-3,5-dinitro-phenyl)-propionic acid methyl ester (3,5-dinitro-*N*-Ac-*O*-Me-tyrosine)

¹H-NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 11.34 (s, 1 H, OH), 8.09 (s, 1 H, NH), 6.16 (d, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 1 H, 2,6-*H*), 4.87 (q, *J* = 5.8 Hz, 1 H, CH), 3.82 (s, 3 H, COOCH₃), 3.32 (dd, *J* = 14.2, 5.7 Hz, 1 H, CH₂), 3.11 (dd, *J* = 14.2, 5.7 Hz, 1 H, CH₂), 2.06 ppm (s, 3 H, NHCOCH₃).

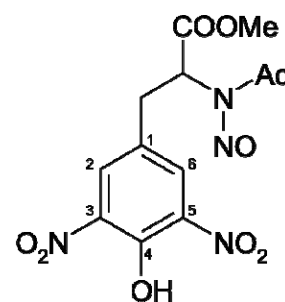


HR-MS: C₁₂H₁₃N₃O₈+H: calcd 328.0781, found 328.0779 (0.609 ppm).
C₁₁¹³CH₁₃N₃O₈+H: calcd 329.0814, found 329.0805 (2.734 ppm).

10b; 2-(*N*-Nitrosoacetamido)-3-(4-hydroxy-3,5-dinitro-phenyl)-propionic acid methyl ester (3,5-dinitro-*N*-nitroso-*N*-Ac-*O*-Me-tyrosine)

¹H-NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 11.32 (s, 1 H, OH), 8.07 (s, 2 H, 2,6-*H*), 5.43 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 6.5 Hz, 1 H, CH), 3.69 (s, 3 H, COOCH₃), 3.50 (dd, *J* = 14.7, 6.5 Hz, 1 H, CH₂), 2.98 (dd, *J* = 14.7, 8.4 Hz, 1 H, CH₂), 2.76 ppm (s, 3 H, NHCOCH₃).

¹³C-NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 137.9 (C_q, COOCH₃), 166.9 (C_q, NHCOCH₃), 148.5 (C_q, C-4), 137.5 (C_q, C-3,5), 131.9 (C_t, C-2,6), 128.3 (C_q, C-1), 53.3 (C_p, COOCH₃), 51.5 (C_s, CH), 33.0 (C_t, CH₂), 22.6 ppm (C_p, NHCOCH₃).

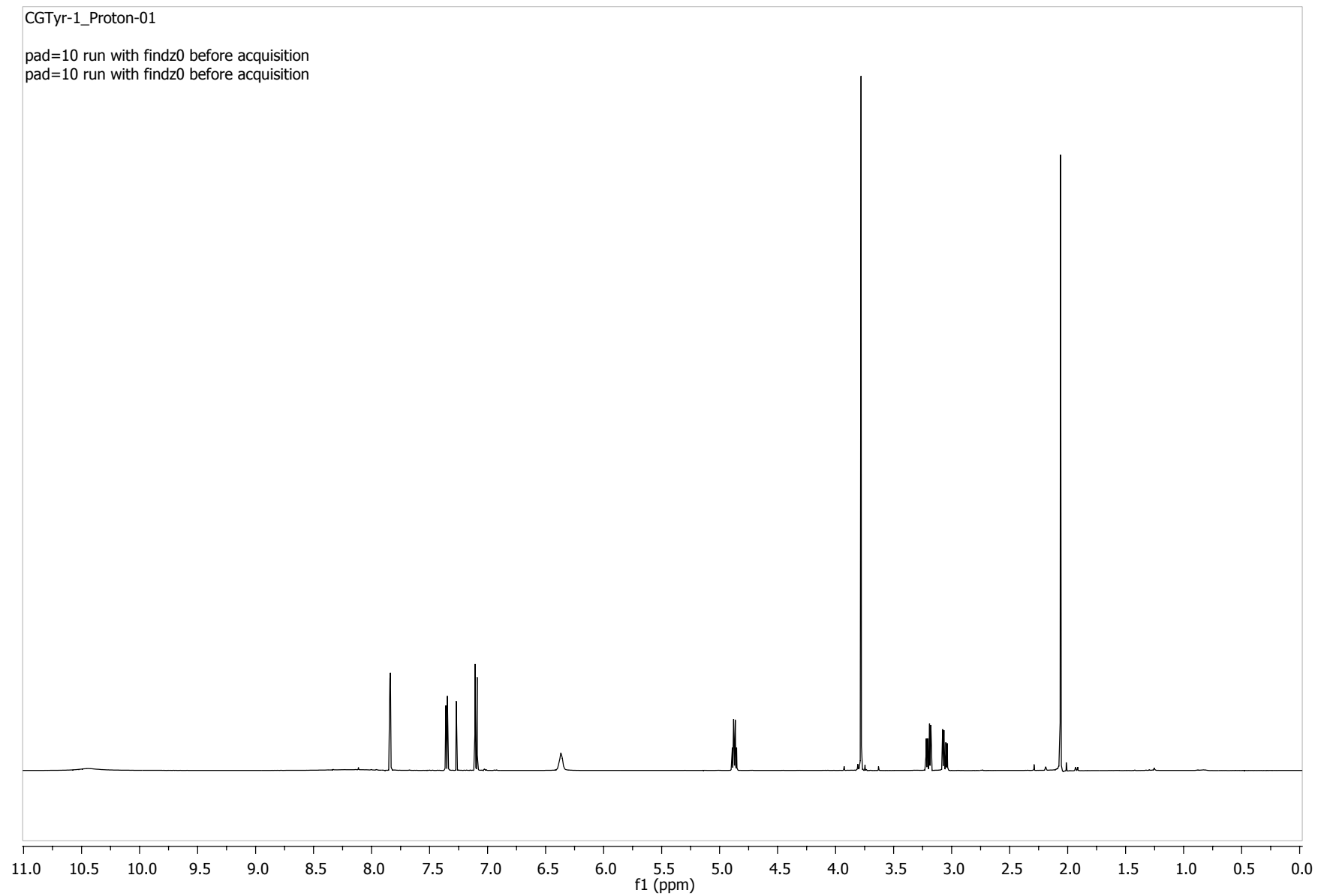


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 C₁₁¹³CH₁₂N₄O₉+H: calcd 358.0716, found 358.0724.

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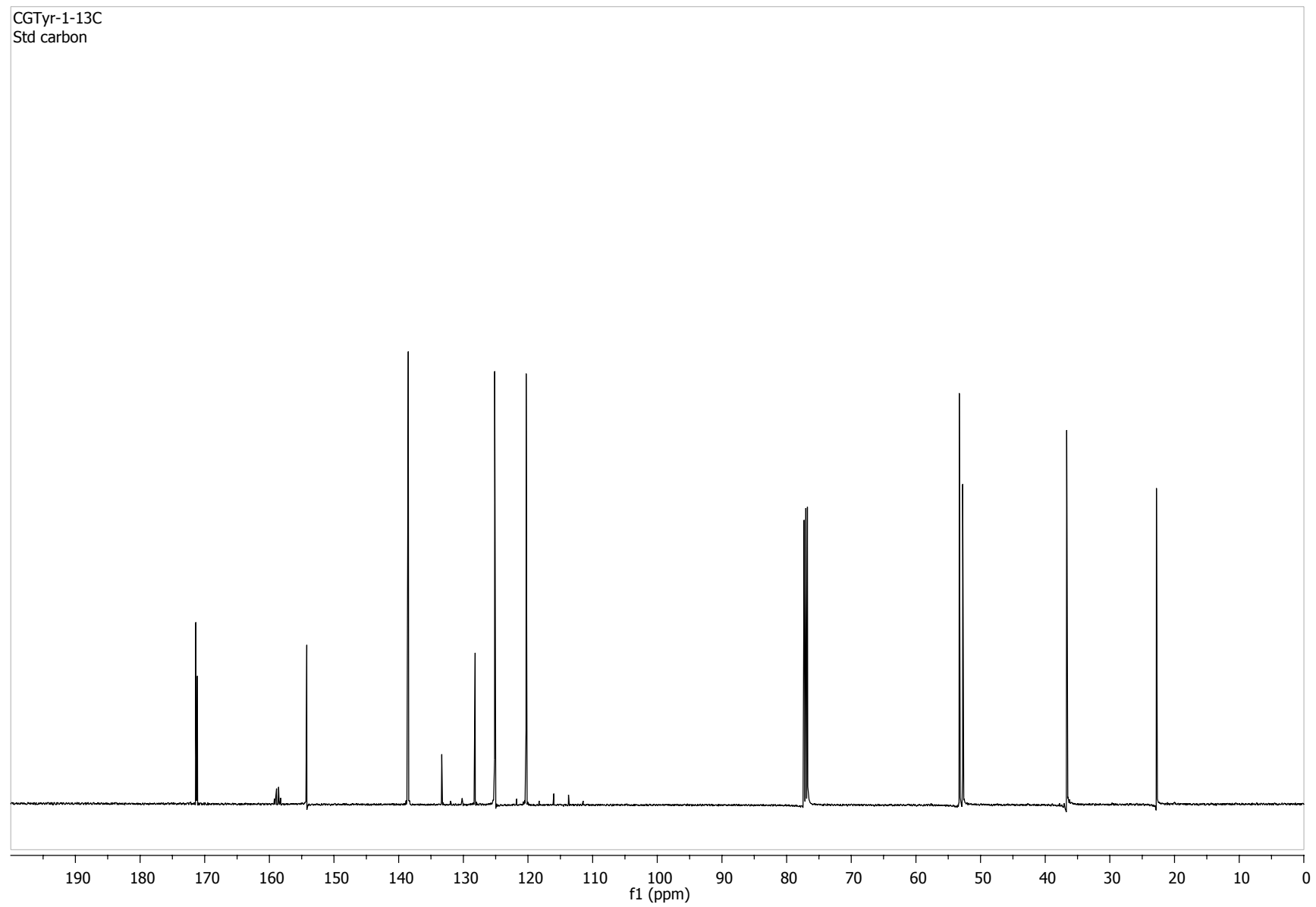
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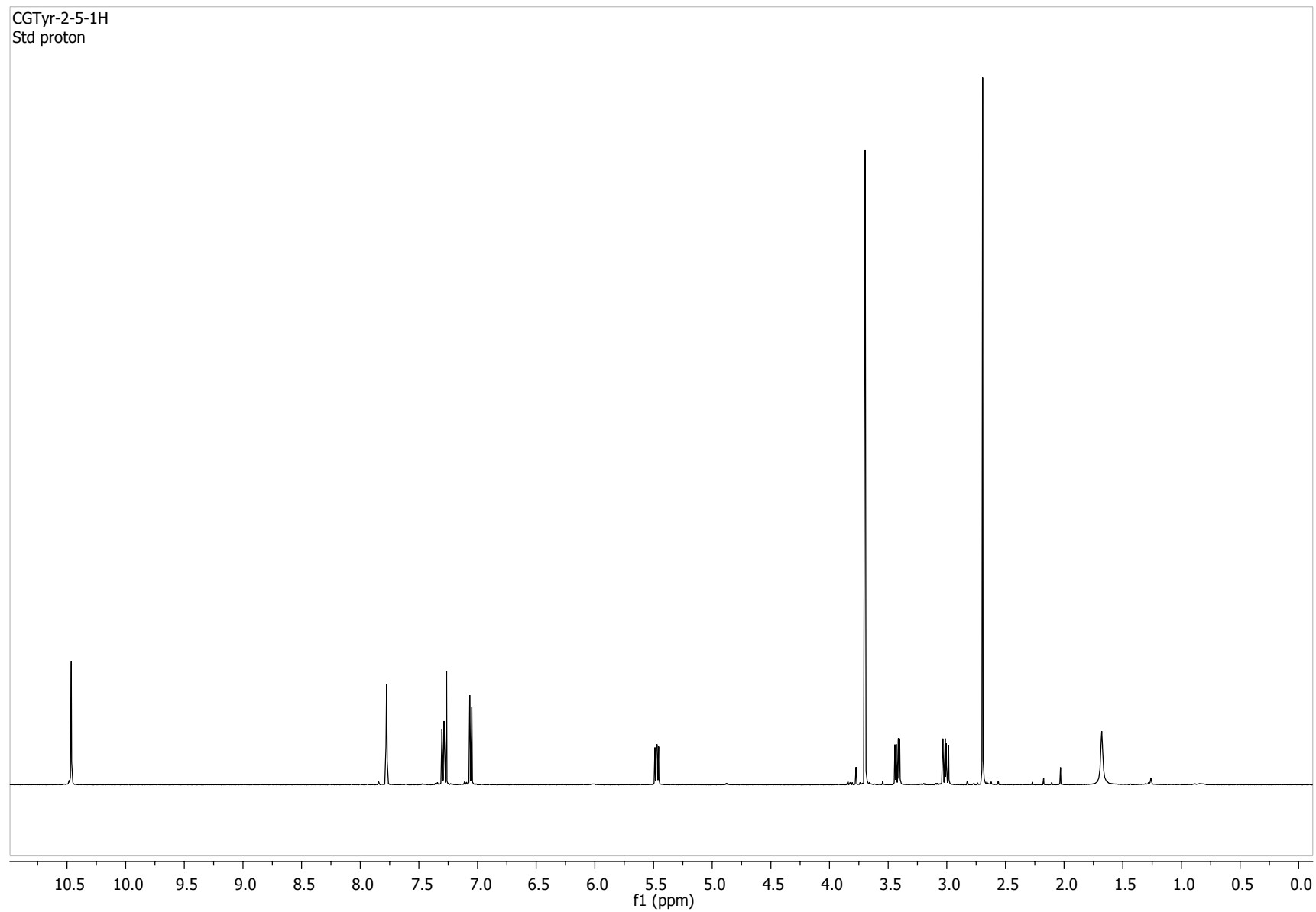


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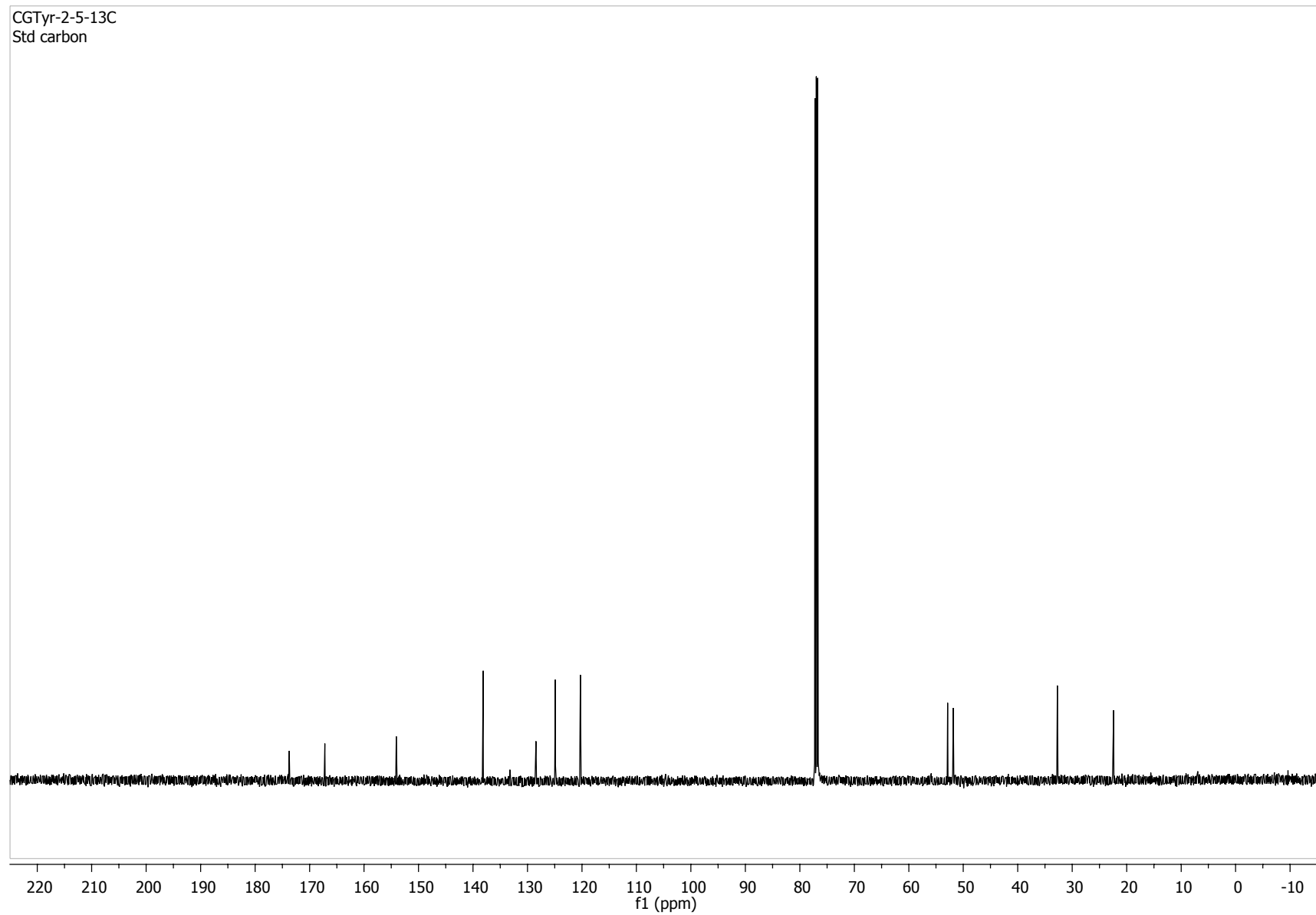
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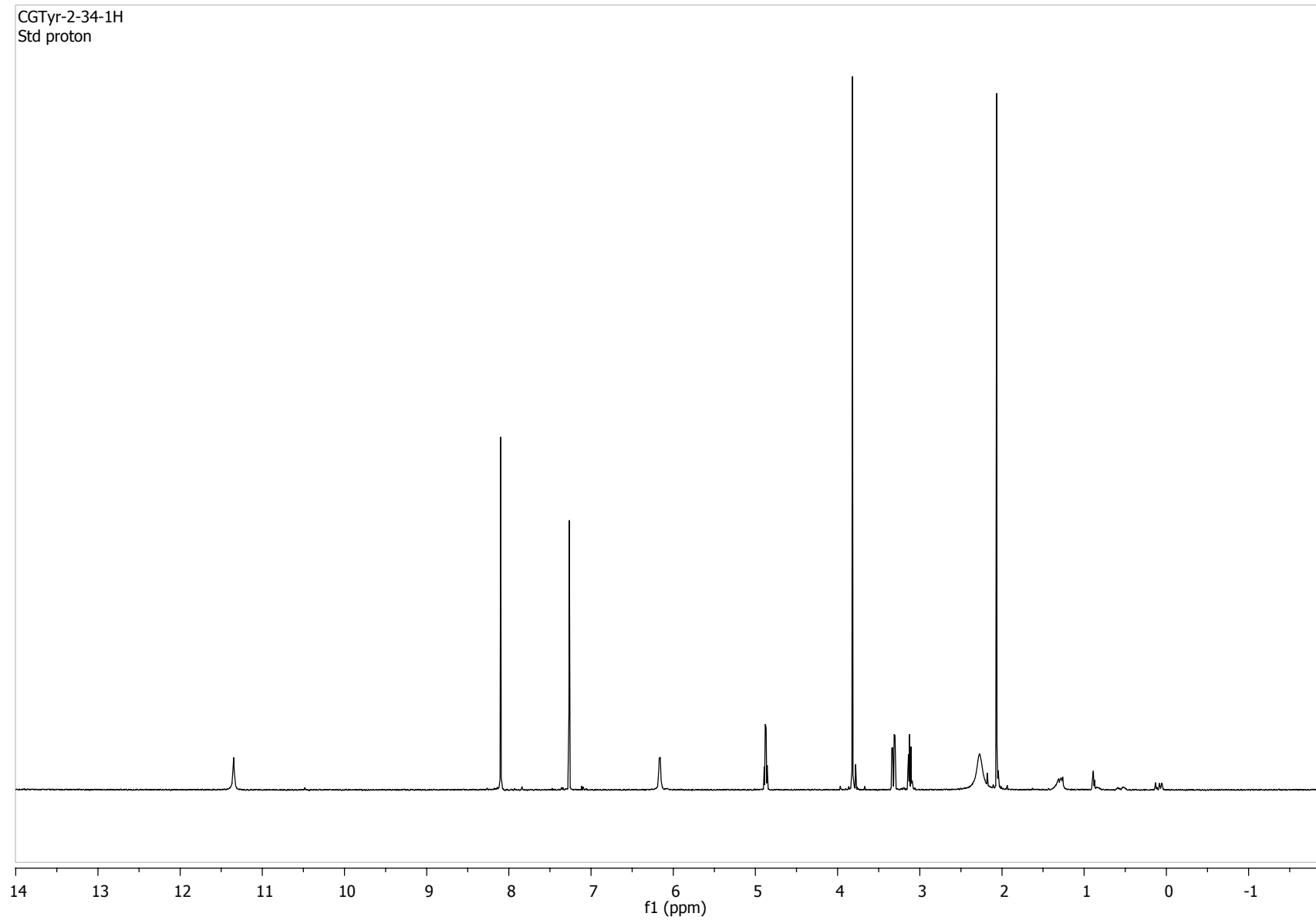
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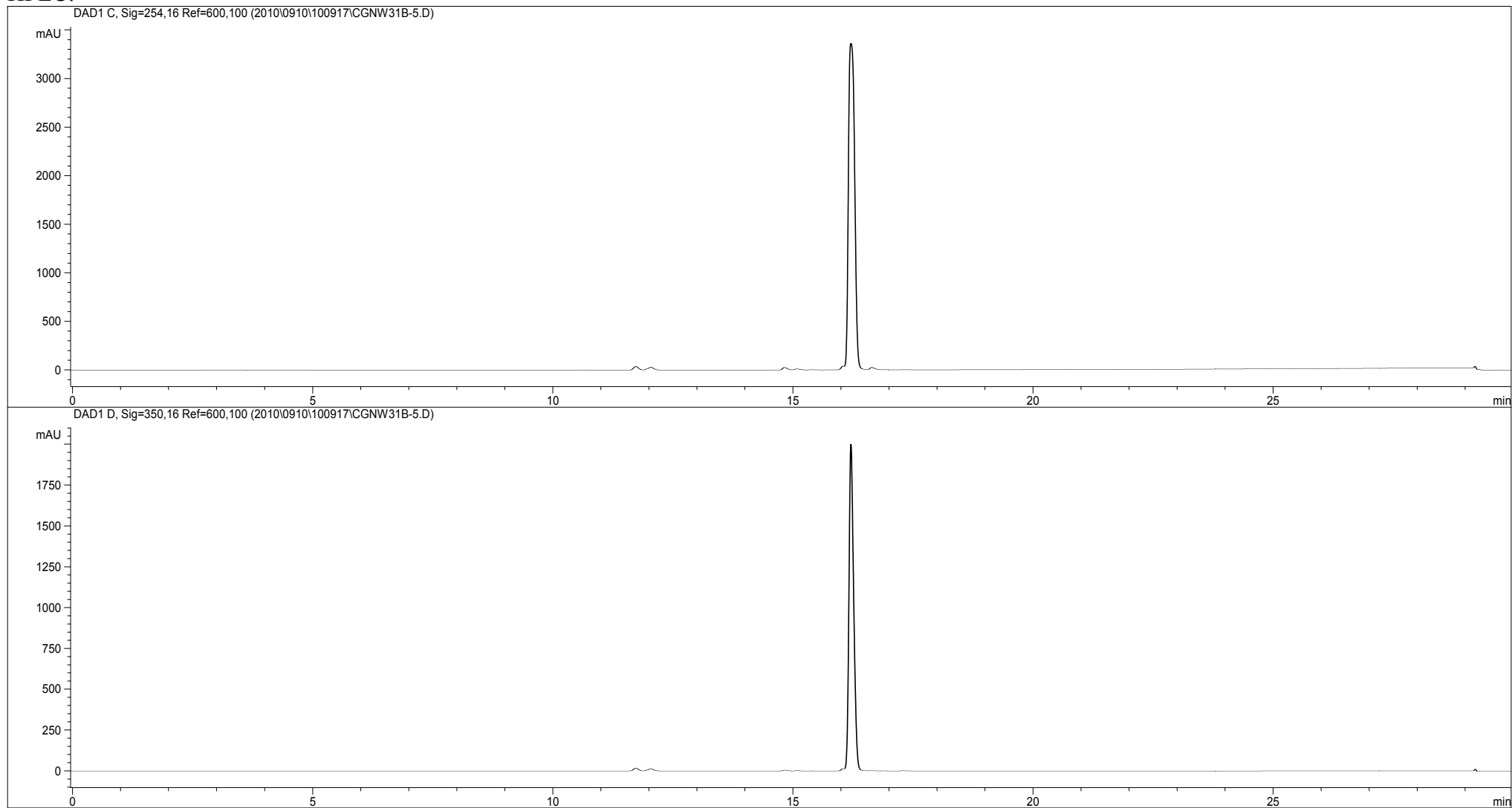
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^1H NMR:



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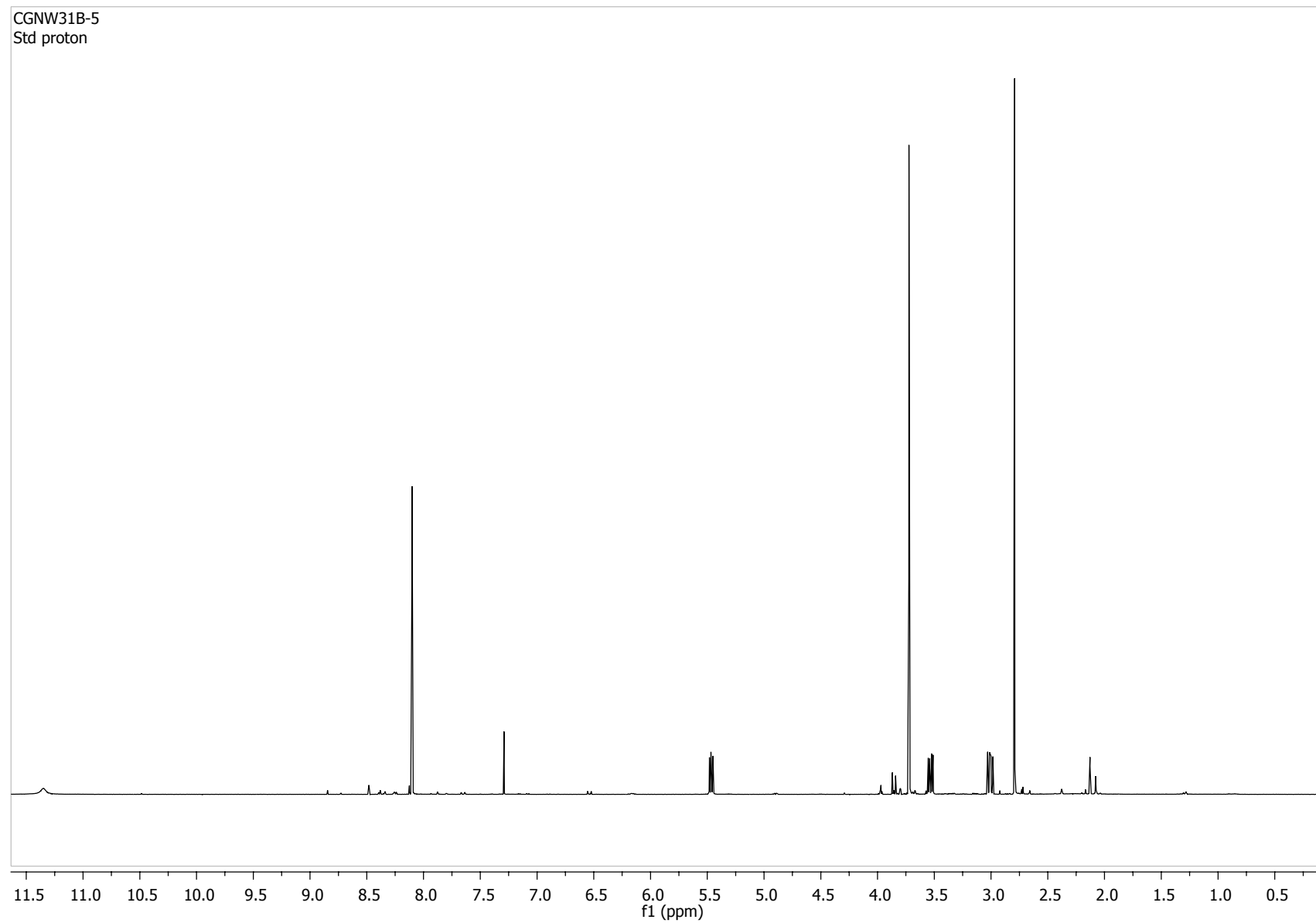
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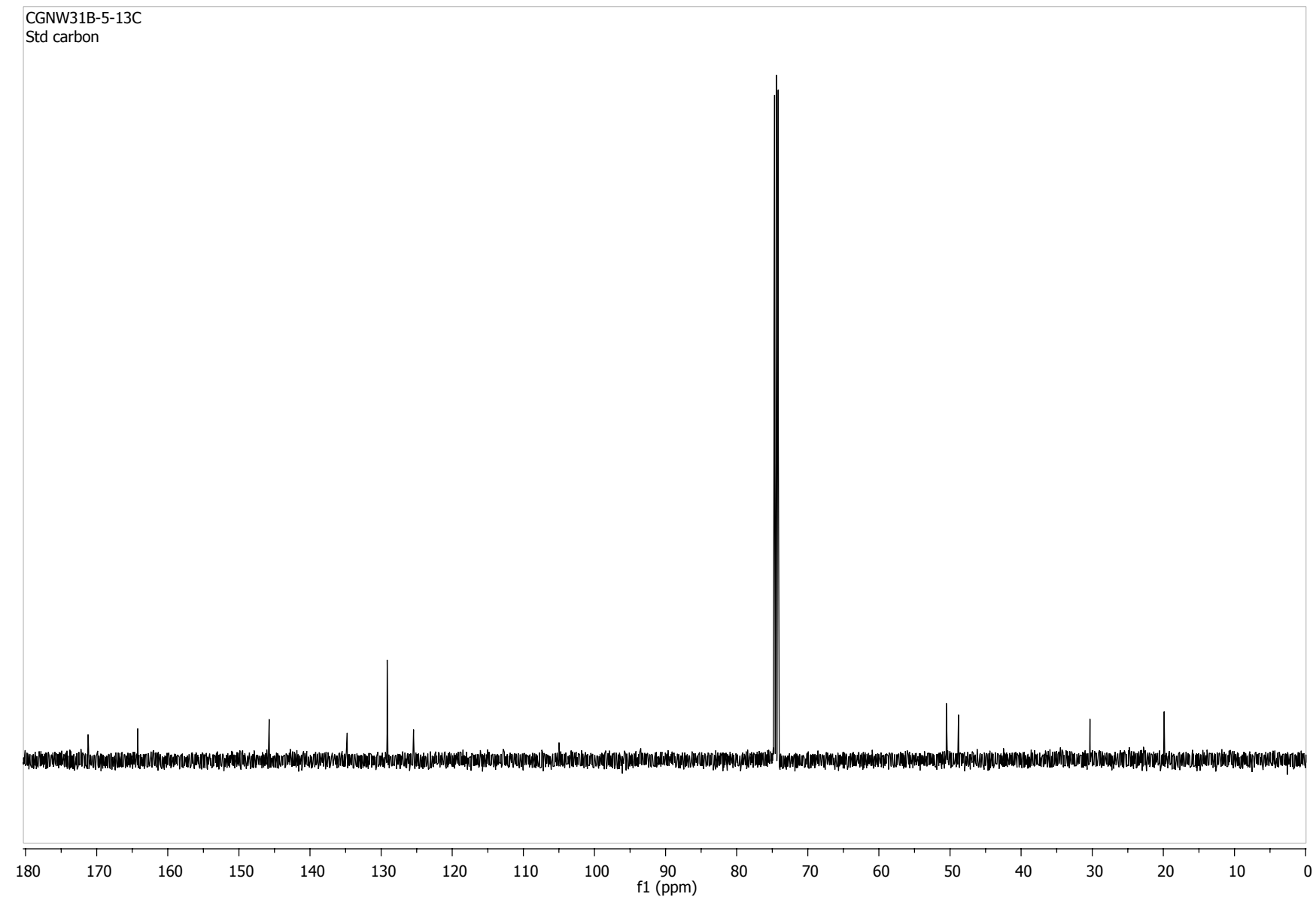
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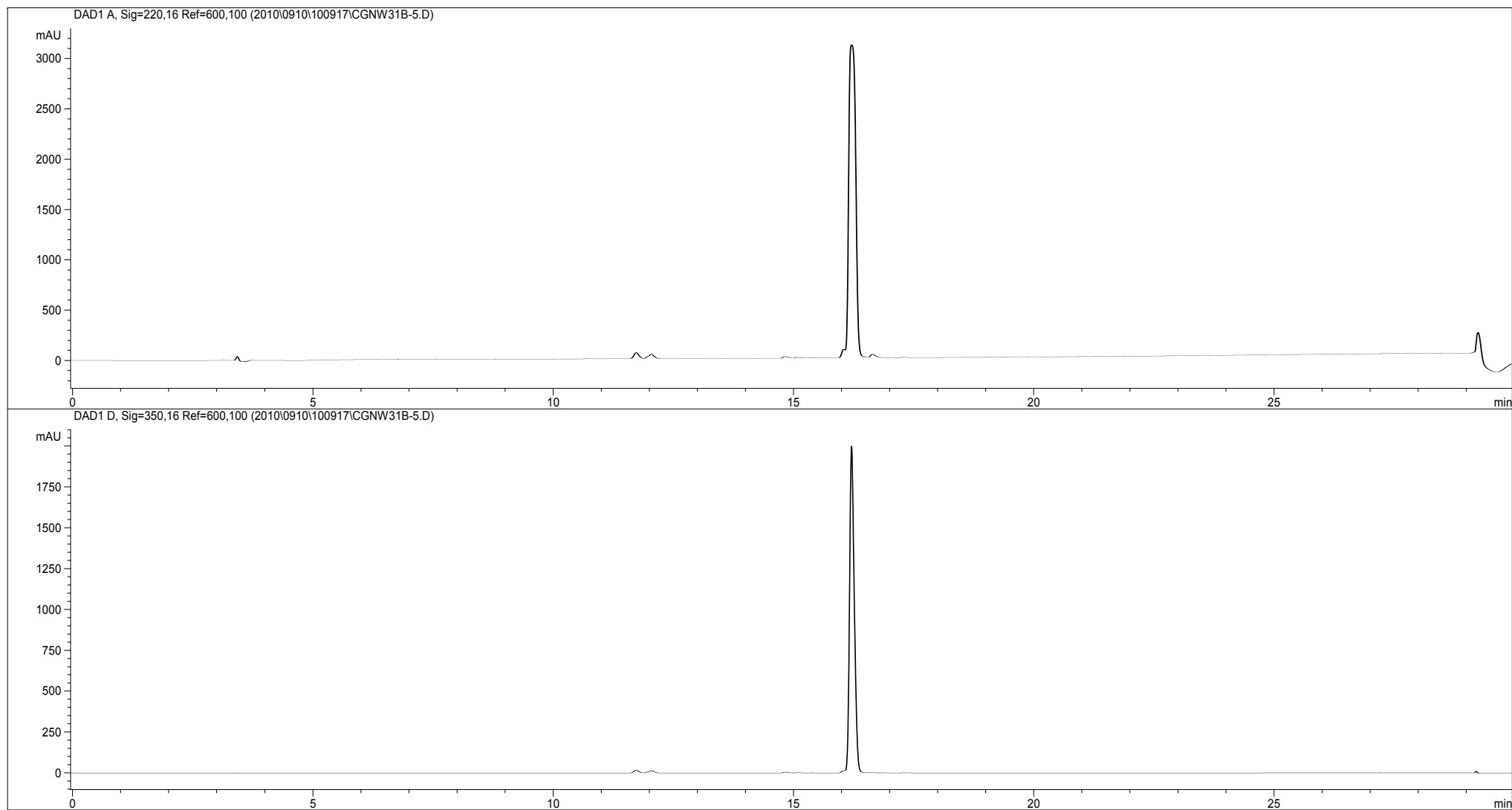
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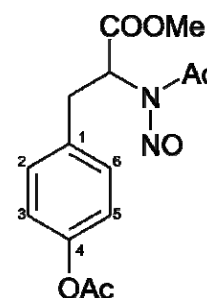
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1.2.4 Reaction of *O*-acetyltyrosine **3a** with NO_3^\bullet

3b; 3-(4-Acetoxy-phenyl)-2-(*N*-Nitrosoacetamido)-propionic acid methyl ester (*N*-nitroso-*N*-Ac-*O*-Me-tyrosine-*O*-Ac)

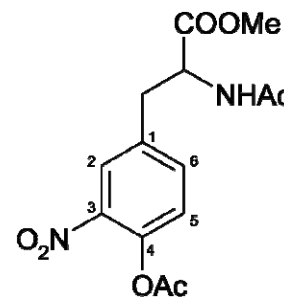
$^1\text{H-NMR}$ (500 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 7.02 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2 H, 2,6-*H*), 6.96 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2 H, 3,5-*H*), 5.54 (dd, J = 10.2, 5.9 Hz, 1 H, *CH*), 3.68 (s, 3 H, COOCH_3), 3.42 (dd, J = 14.4, 5.9 Hz, 1 H, CH_2), 3.05 (dd, J = 14.4, 10.2 Hz, 1 H, CH_2), 2.62 (s, 3 H, OCOCH_3), 2.26 ppm (s, 3 H, $\text{N}(\text{NO})\text{COCH}_3$).



$^{13}\text{C-NMR}$ (125 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 173.8 (C_q , OCOCH_3), 169.3 (C_q , NHCOCH_3), 167.7 (C_q , COOCH_3), 149.8 (C_q , *C*-4), 133.6 (C_q , *C*-1), 129.9 (C_t , *C*-2,6), 122.0 (C_t , *C*-3,5), 52.8 (C_t , *CH*), 52.3 (C_p , COOCH_3), 33.2 (C_s , CH_2), 22.3 (C_p , OCOCH_3), 21.1 ppm (C_p , $\text{N}(\text{NO})\text{COCH}_3$).

11a; 3-(4-Acetoxy-3-nitro-phenyl)-2-acetyl-amino-propionic acid methyl ester (3-nitro-*N*-Ac-*O*-Me-tyrosine-*O*-Ac)

$^1\text{H-NMR}$ (500 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 7.82 (d, J = 2.1 Hz, 1 H, 2-*H*), 7.42 (dd, J = 8.3, 2.2 Hz, 1 H, 6-*H*), 7.17 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 1 H, 5-*H*), 6.29 (d, J = 6.6 Hz, 1 H, *NH*), 4.90 (dt, J = 7.3, 5.8 Hz, 1 H, *CH*), 3.77 (s, 3 H, COOCH_3), 3.27 (dd, J = 14.1, 5.9 Hz, 1 H, CH_2), 3.16 (dd, J = 14.1, 5.6 Hz, 1 H, CH_2), 2.36 (s, 3 H, OCOCH_3), 2.06 ppm (s, 3 H, NHCOCH_3).

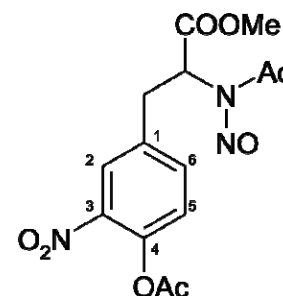


$^{13}\text{C-NMR}$ (125 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 171.2 (C_q , COOCH_3), 171.1 (C_q , NHCOCH_3), 168.7 (C_q , OCOCH_3), 143.2 (C_q , *C*-4), 141.4 (C_q , *C*-3), 135.6 (C_t , *C*-6), 135.2 (C_q , *C*-1), 126.4 (C_t , *C*-2), 125.5 (C_t , *C*-5), 53.2 (C_t , *CH*), 52.9 (C_p , COOCH_3), 36.9 (C_s , CH_2), 22.9 (C_p , NHCOCH_3), 20.9 ppm (C_p , OCOCH_3).

HR-MS: $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{16}\text{N}_2\text{O}_7+\text{H}$: calcd 325.10303, found 325.10297.
 $\text{C}_{13}^{13}\text{CH}_{16}\text{N}_2\text{O}_7+\text{H}$: calcd 326.10638, found 326.10641.

11b; 3-(4-Acetoxy-3-nitro-phenyl)-2-(*N*-Nitrosoacetamido)-propionic acid methyl ester (3-nitro-*N*-nitroso-*N*-Ac-*O*-Me-tyrosine-*O*-Ac)

$^1\text{H-NMR}$ (500 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 7.77 (d, J = 2.2 Hz, 1 H, 3-*H*), 7.37 (dd, J = 8.3, 2.2 Hz, 1 H, 5-*H*), 7.13 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 1 H, 6-*H*), 5.50 (dd, J = 9.2, 6.2 Hz, 1 H, *CH*), 3.69 (s, 3 H, COOCH_3), 3.51 (dd, J = 14.5, 6.2 Hz, 1 H, CH_2), 3.05 (dd, J = 14.5, 9.2 Hz, 1 H, CH_2), 2.70 (s, 3 H, OCOCH_3), 2.35 ppm (s, 3 H, NHCOCH_3).

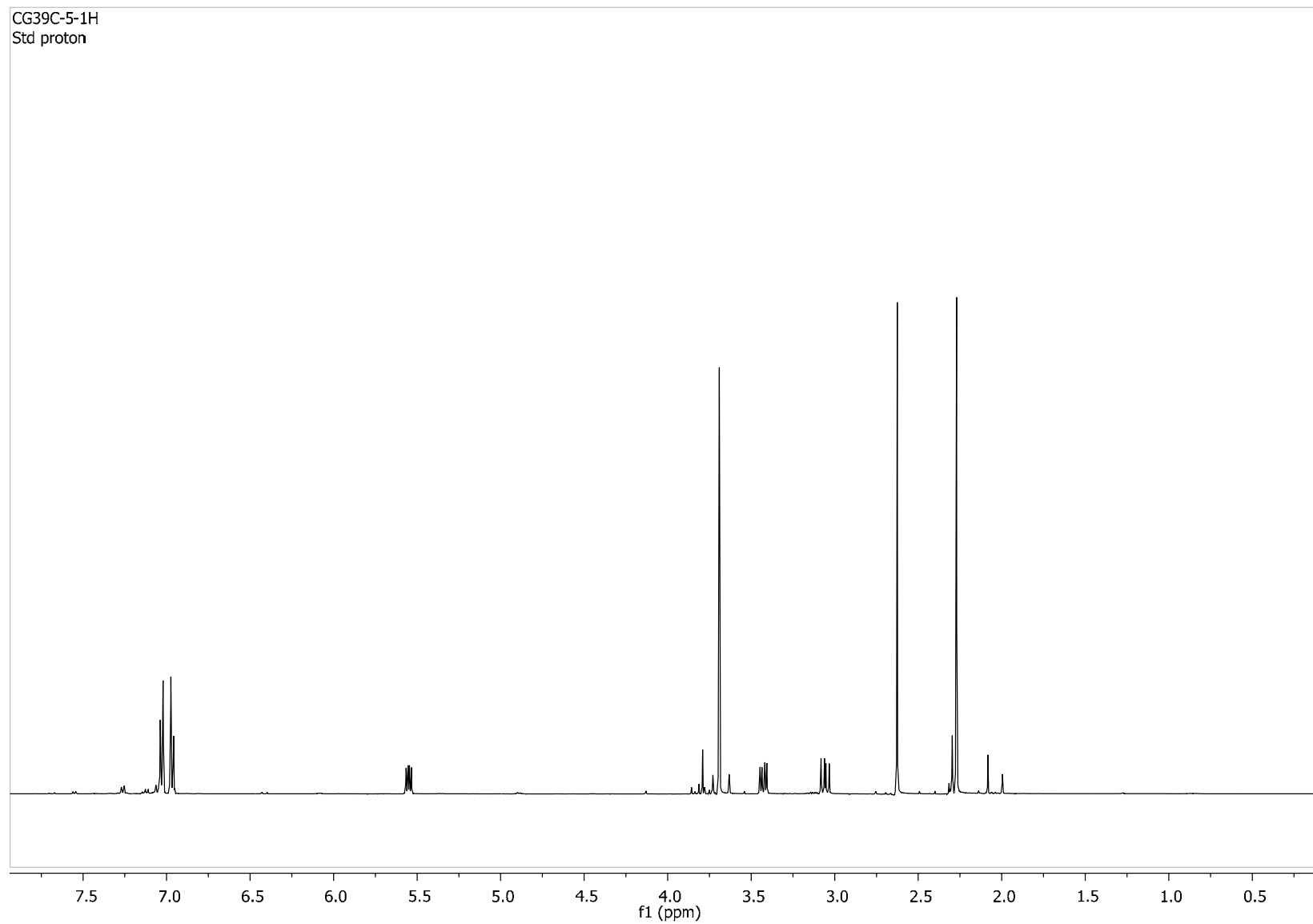


$^{13}\text{C-NMR}$ (125 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 173.9 (C_q , COOCH_3), 168.6 (C_q , NHCOCH_3), 167.3 (C_q , OCOCH_3), 143.2 (C_q , *C*-4), 141.5 (C_q , *C*-2), 135.6 (C_q , *C*-1), 135.3 (C_t , *C*-6), 126.2 (C_t , *C*-5), 125.6 (C_t , *C*-3), 53.1 (C_t , *CH*), 51.8 (C_p , COOCH_3), 33.3 (C_s , CH_2), 22.5 (C_p , NHCOCH_3), 20.9 ppm (C_p , OCOCH_3).

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^1H NMR:

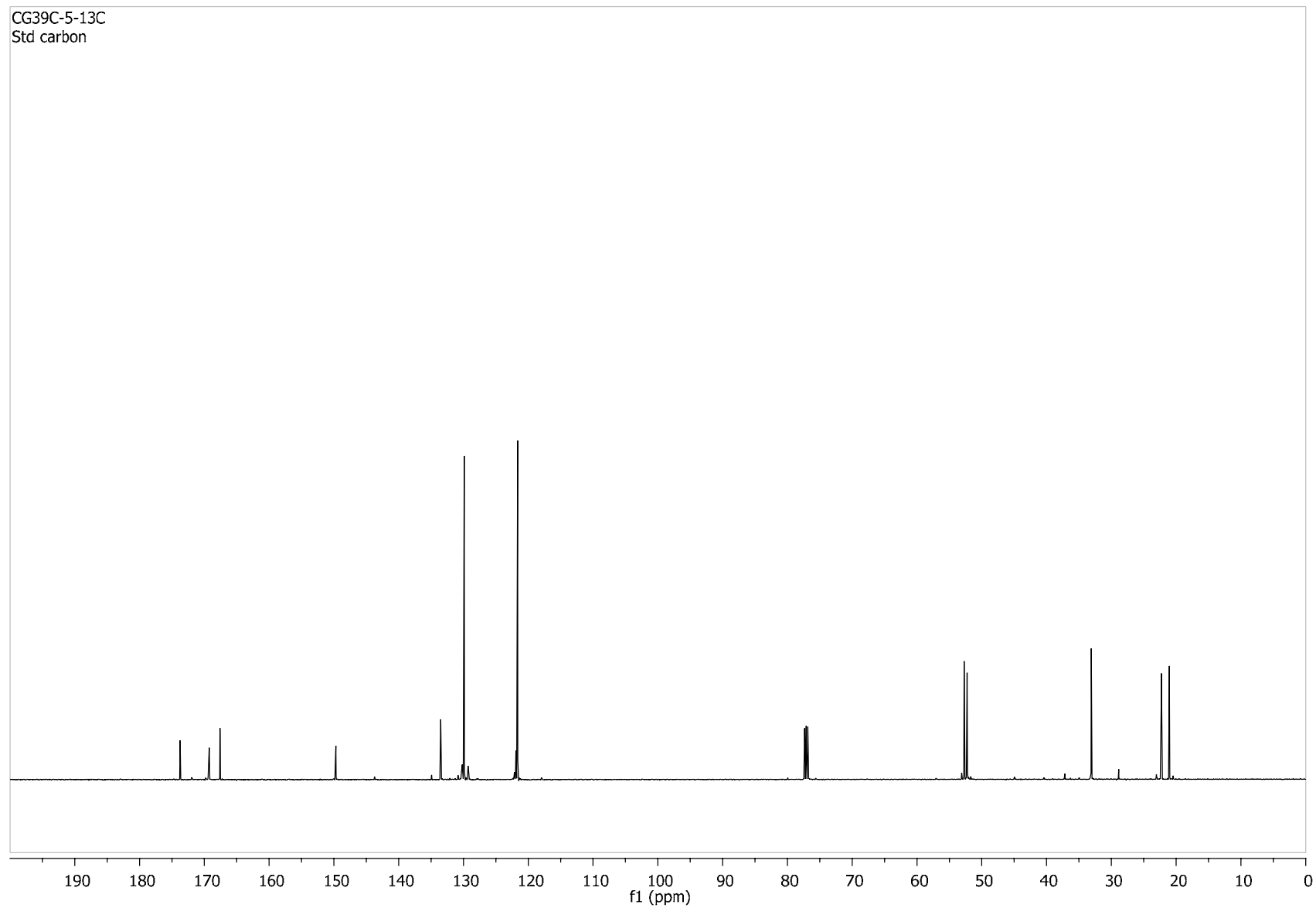
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Std proton



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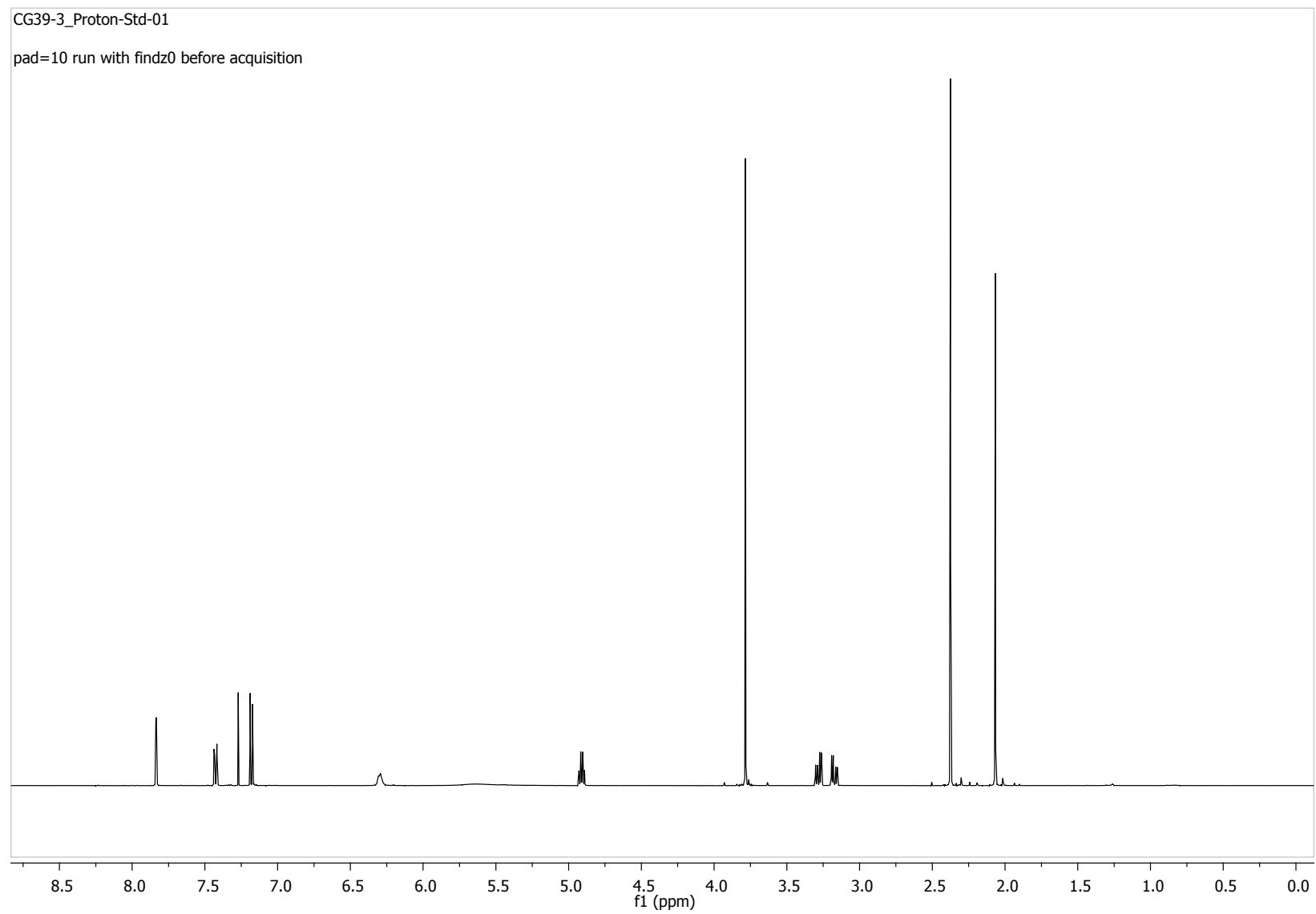
^{13}C NMR:

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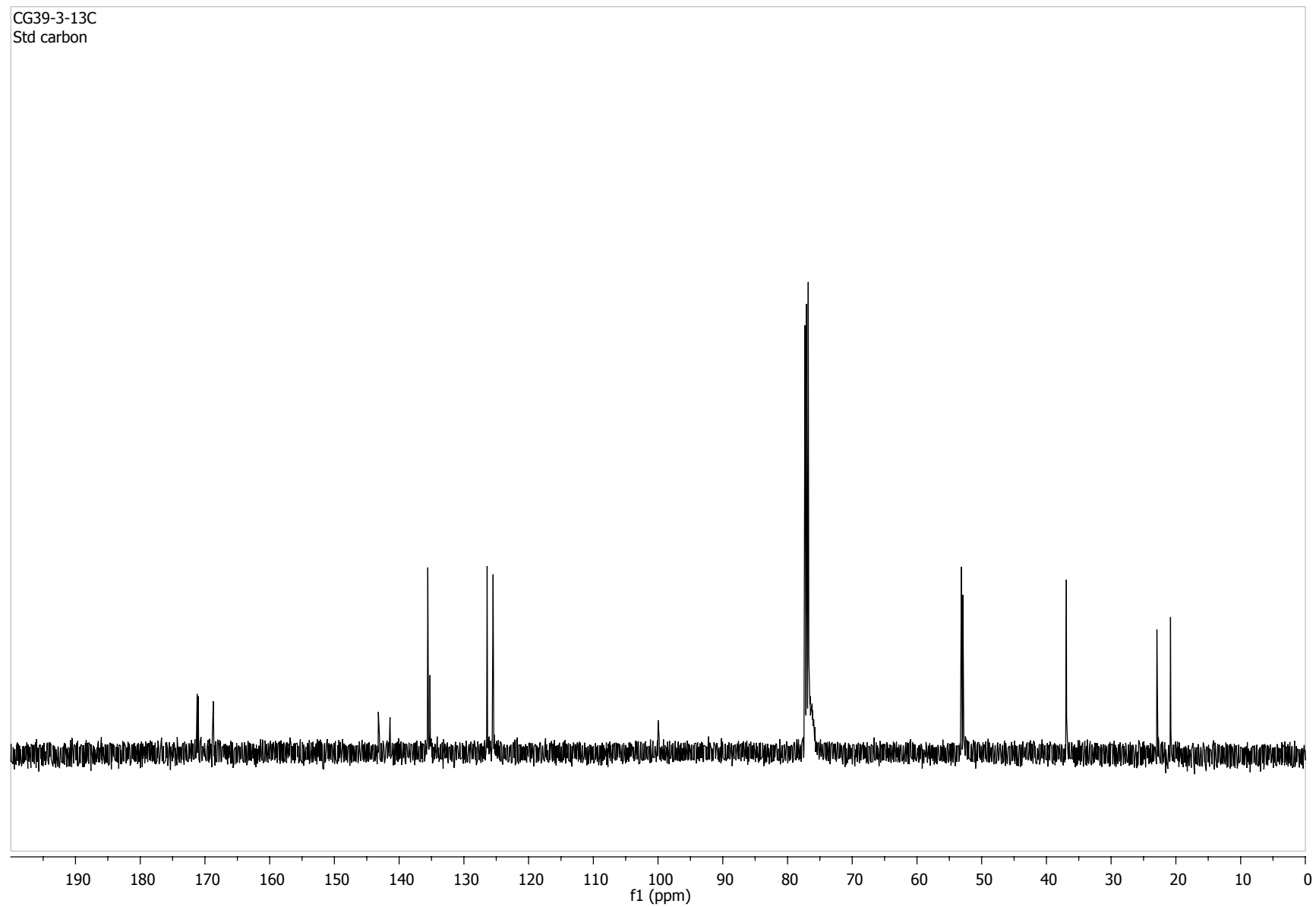


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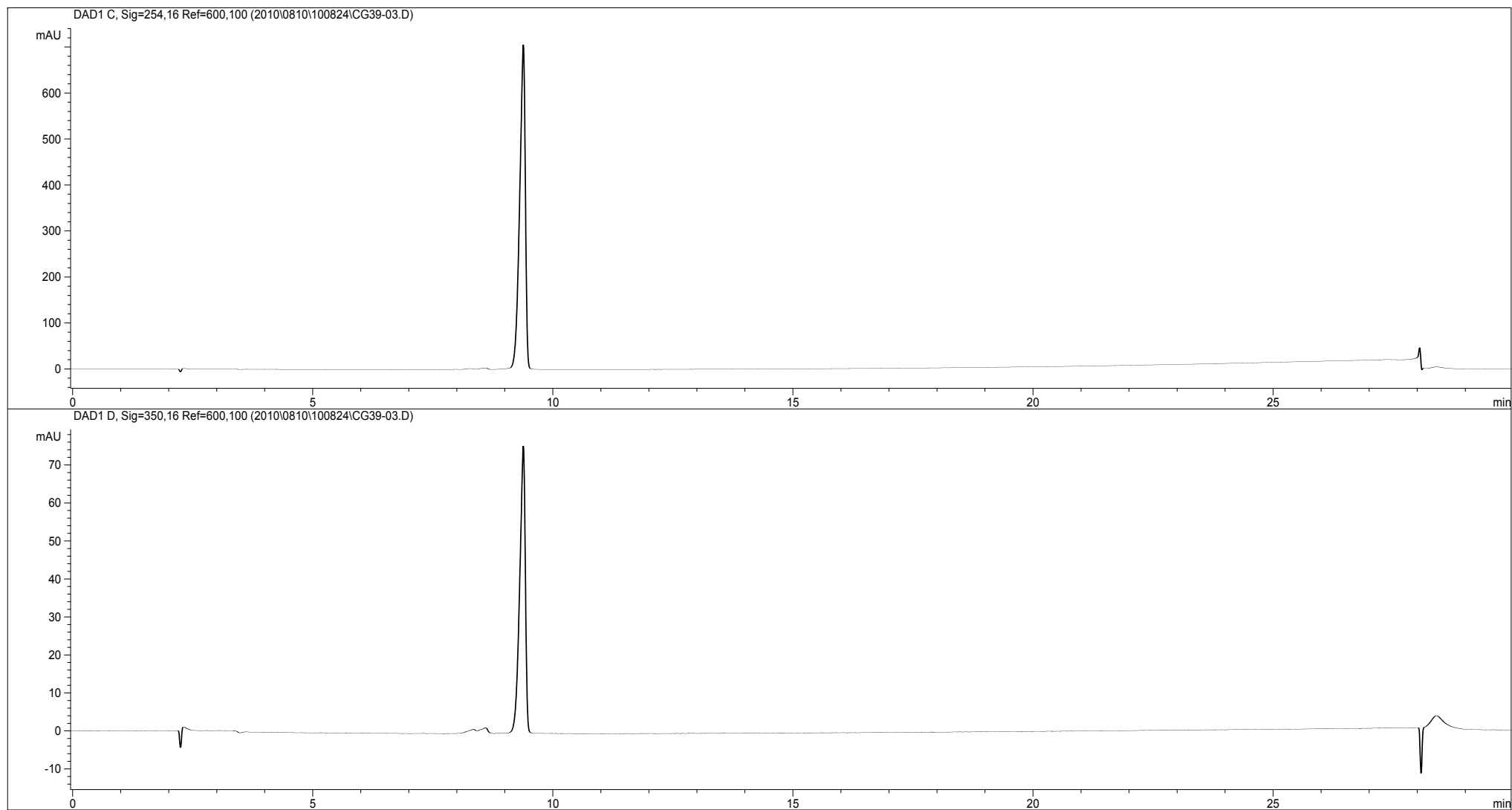


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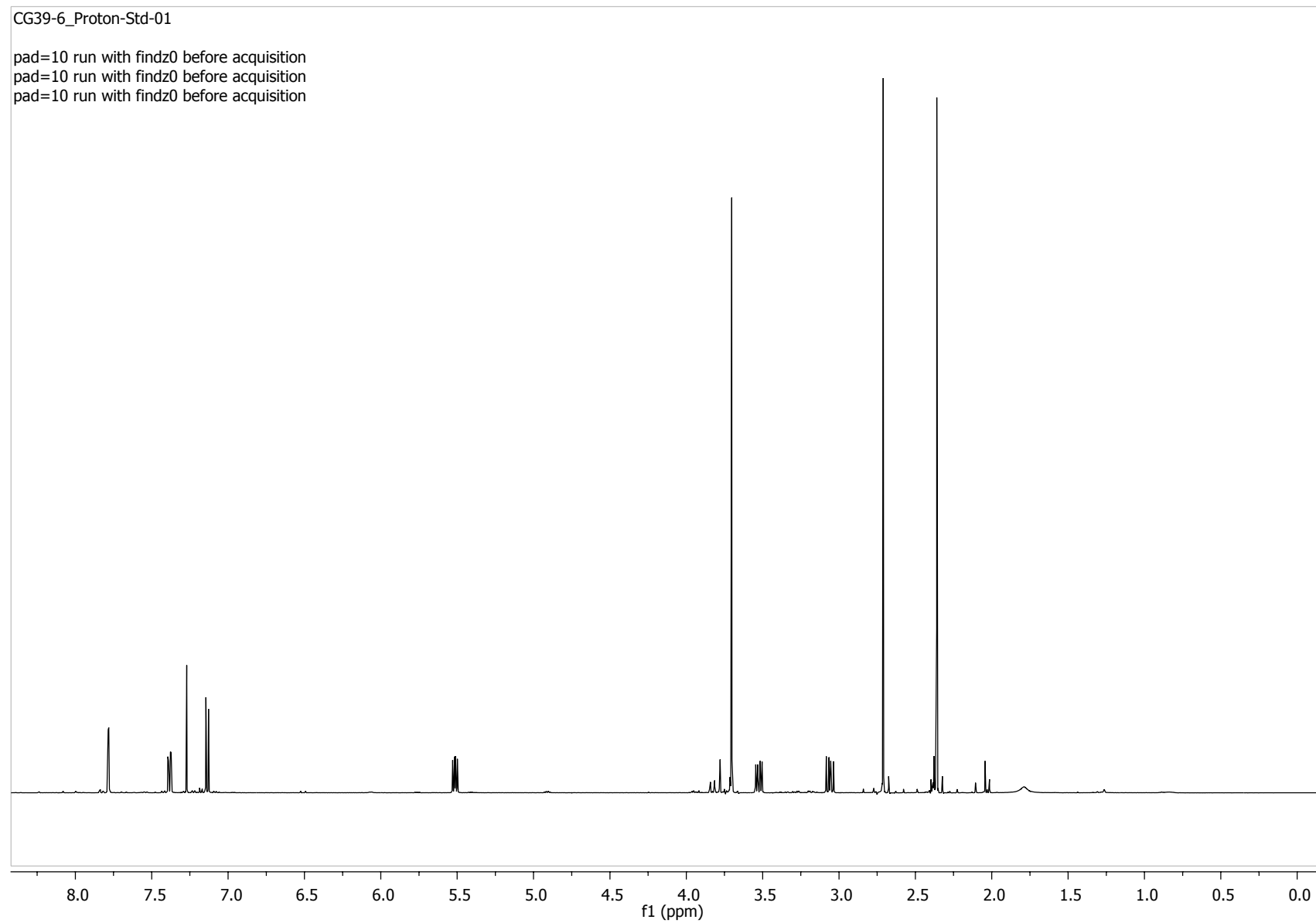
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HPLC:



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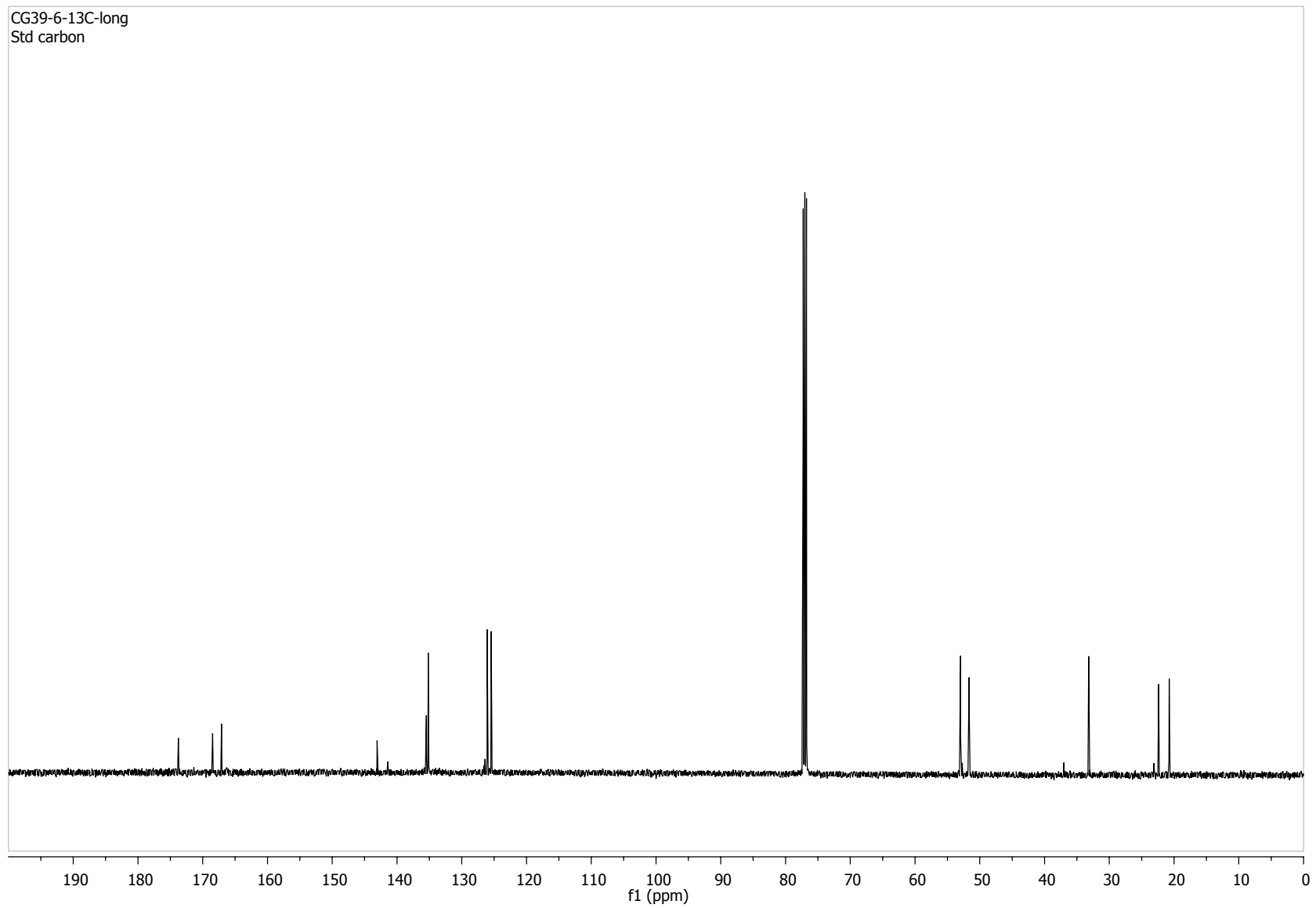
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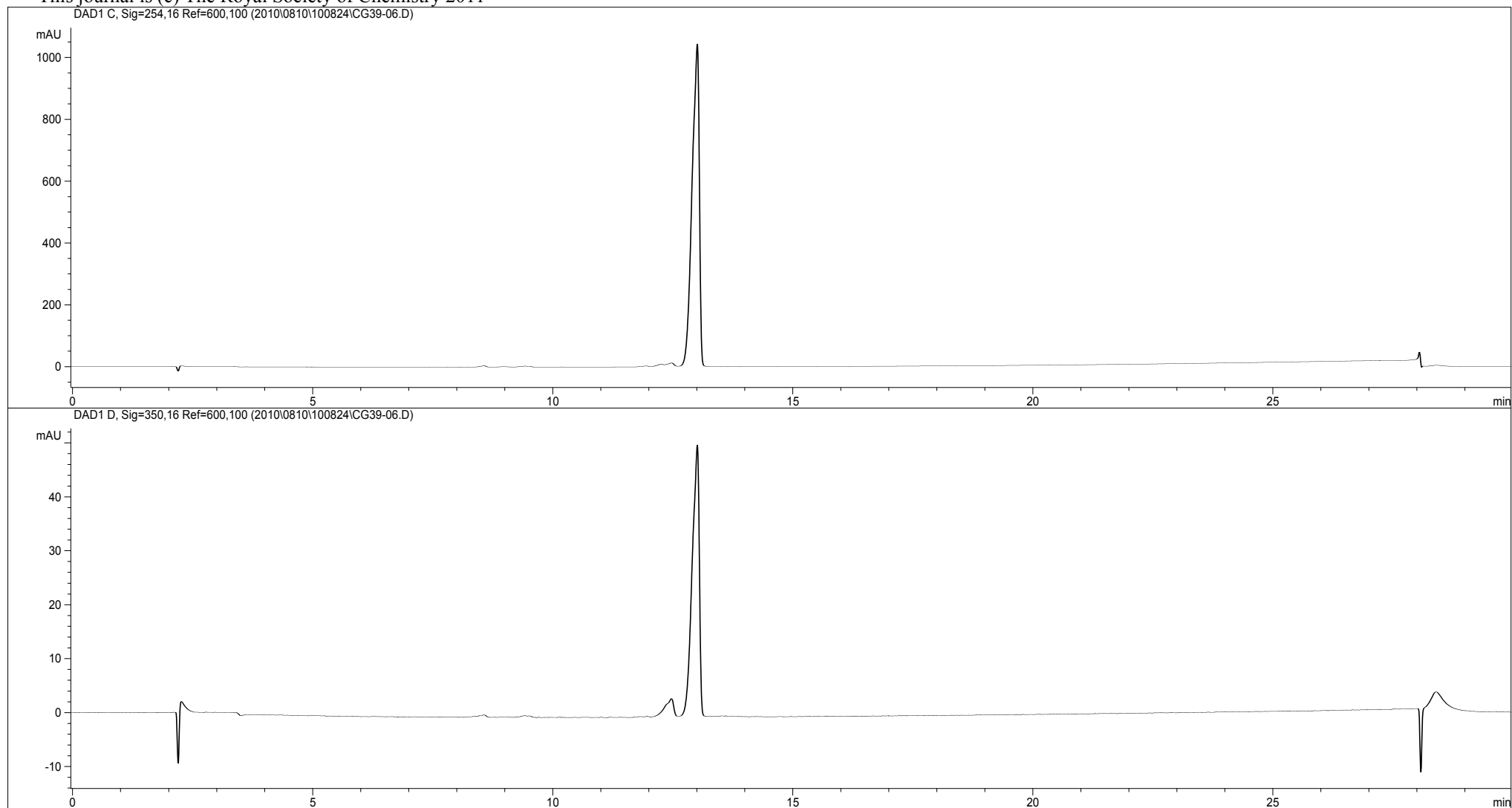
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11b

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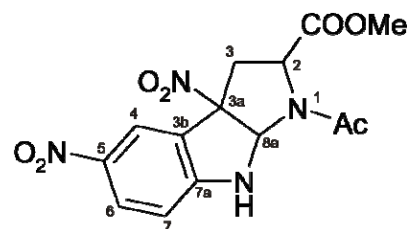
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HPLC:



1.2.5 Reaction of tryptophan 5 with NO₃[•]

12a; (2S,3aR,8aR)-1-Acetyl-3a,5-dinitro-1,2,3,3a,8,8a-hexahydro-pyrrolo[2,3-b]indole-2-carboxylic acid methyl ester

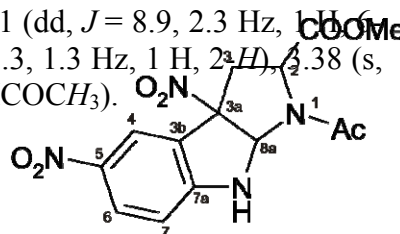
¹H-NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 8.22 (m, 2 H, 4,6-*H*), 6.68 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 1 H, 7-*H*), 6.51 (s, 1 H, 8a-*H*), 4.59 (dd, *J* = 9.1, 2.0 Hz, 1 H, 2-*H*), 2.96 (s, 3 H, COOCH₃), 3.66 (dd, *J* = 15.1, 2.1 Hz, 1 H, 3-*H*), 2.94 (dd, *J* = 15.1, 9.1 Hz, 1 H, 3-*H*), 2.06 ppm (s, 3 H, NHCOCH₃).



HR-MS: C₁₄H₁₄N₄O₇-H: calcd 349.07897, found 349.07852.
C₁₃¹³CH₁₄N₄O₇-H: calcd 350.08233, found 350.08194.

12b; (2S)-1-Acetyl-3a,5-dinitro-1,2,3,3a,8,8a-hexahydro-pyrrolo[2,3-b]indole-2-carboxylic acid methyl ester

¹H-NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 8.31 (d, *J* = 2.3 Hz, 1 H, 4-*H*), 8.21 (dd, *J* = 8.9, 2.3 Hz, 1 H, 6-*H*), 6.68 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 1 H, 7-*H*), 6.37 (s, 1 H, 8a-*H*), 4.75 (dd, *J* = 8.3, 1.3 Hz, 1 H, 2-*H*), 4.38 (s, 3 H, COOCH₃), 3.37 (qd, *J* = 13.3, 4.7 Hz, 3-*H*), 2.09 ppm (s, 3 H, NHCOCH₃).

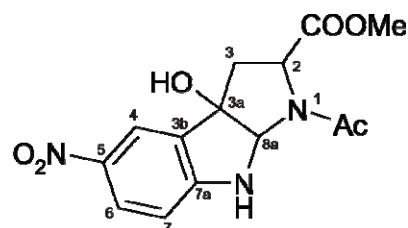


¹³C-NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 171.4 (C_q, NHCOCH₃), 169.4 (C_q, COOCH₃), 155.6 (C_q, C-7a), 140.3 (C_q, C-5), 130.1 (C_t, C-6), 122.8 (C_t, C-4), 121.2 (C_q, C-3b), 108.9 (C_t, C-7), 96.3 (C_q, C-3a), 79.7 (C_t, C-8a), 60.6 (C_t, C-2), 53.3 (C_p, C- COOCH₃), 39.8 (C_s, C-3), 21.6 ppm (C_p, C- NHCOCH₃).

HR-MS: C₁₄H₁₄N₄O₇+H: calcd 351.09353, found 351.09348.
C₁₃¹³CH₁₄N₄O₇+H: calcd 352.09688, found 352.09692.

13; (2S)-1-Acetyl-3a-hydroxy-5-nitro-1,2,3,3a,8,8a-hexahydro-pyrrolo[2,3-b]indole-2-carboxylic acid methyl ester

¹H-NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 8.15 (d, *J* = 2.2 Hz, 1 H, 4-*H*), 8.12 (dd, *J* = 8.8, 2.3 Hz, 1 H, 6-*H*), 6.61 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1 H, 7-*H*), 5.49 (s, 1 H, 8a-*H*), 4.60 (sd, *J* = 8.0, 1.5 Hz, 1 H, 2-*H*), 3.33 (s, 3 H, COOCH₃), 2.95 (m, 2 H, 3-*H*), 2.03 ppm (s, 3 H, NHCOCH₃).

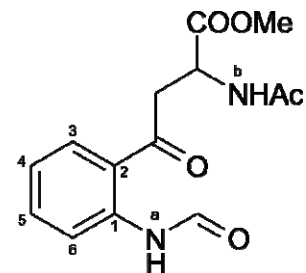


¹³C-NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 172.6 (C_q, COOCH₃), 170.1 (C_q, NHCOCH₃), 155.5 (C_q, C-7a), 139.9 (C_q, C-5), 128.9 (C_t, C-6), 128.5 (C_q, C-3b), 121.3 (C_t, C-4), 108.4 (C_t, C-7), 84.5 (C_q, C-3a), 81.9 (C_t, C-8a), 60.5 (C_t, C-2), 53.0 (C_p, COOCH₃), 40.6 (C_s, C-3), 21.4 ppm (C_p, NHCOCH₃).

HR-MS: C₁₄H₁₅N₃O₆+H: calcd 322.10336, found 322.10336.
C₁₃¹³CH₁₅N₃O₆+H: calcd 323.10672, found 323.10672.

14; *N*_a-Formyl-*N*_b-acetylkynurenine methyl ester (from the reaction of **5** with O₃)

¹H-NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 11.37 (s, 1 H, CHO), 8.76 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1 H, 3-*H*), 8.49 (s, 1 H, *N*_a*H*), 7.91 (dd, *J* = 8.1, 1.5 Hz, 1 H, 6-*H*), 7.60 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1 H, 5-*H*), 7.18 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1 H, 4-*H*), 6.51 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 1 H, *N*_b*H*), 4.96 (dt, *J* = 7.7, 4.0 Hz, 1 H, CH), 3.82-3.69 (m, 2 H, CH₂), 3.77 (s, 3 H, COOCH₃), 2.03 ppm (s, 3 H, NHCOCH₃).*

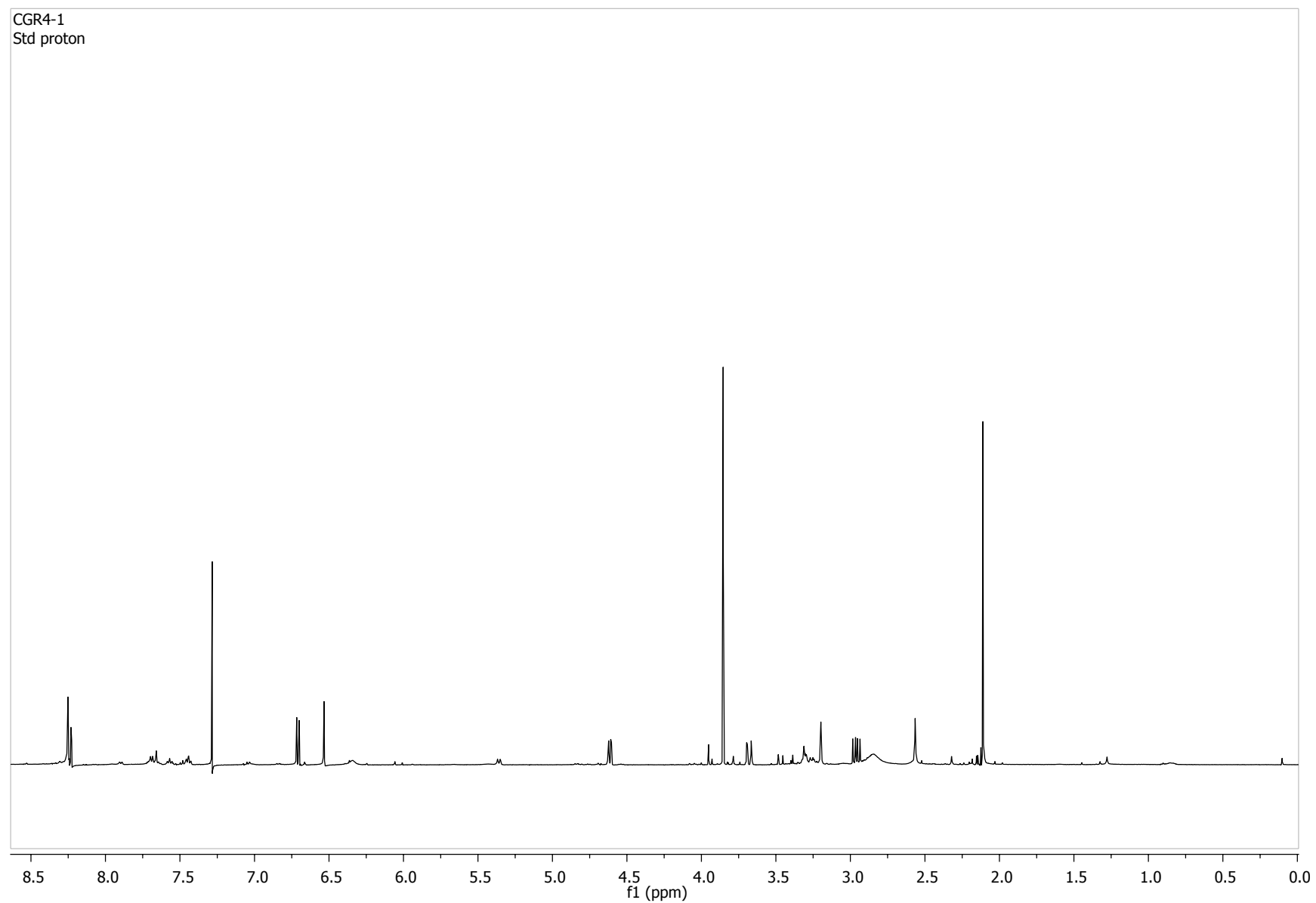


HR-MS: C₁₄H₁₆N₂O₅+H: calcd 293.1138, found 293.1142.
C₁₃¹³CH₁₆N₂O₅+H: calcd 294.1171, found 294.1168.

* Data in accordance with literature: X. Fang, F. Jin, H. Jin, and C. v. Sonntag, *J. Chem. Soc., Perkin Trans. 2*, 1998, 259.

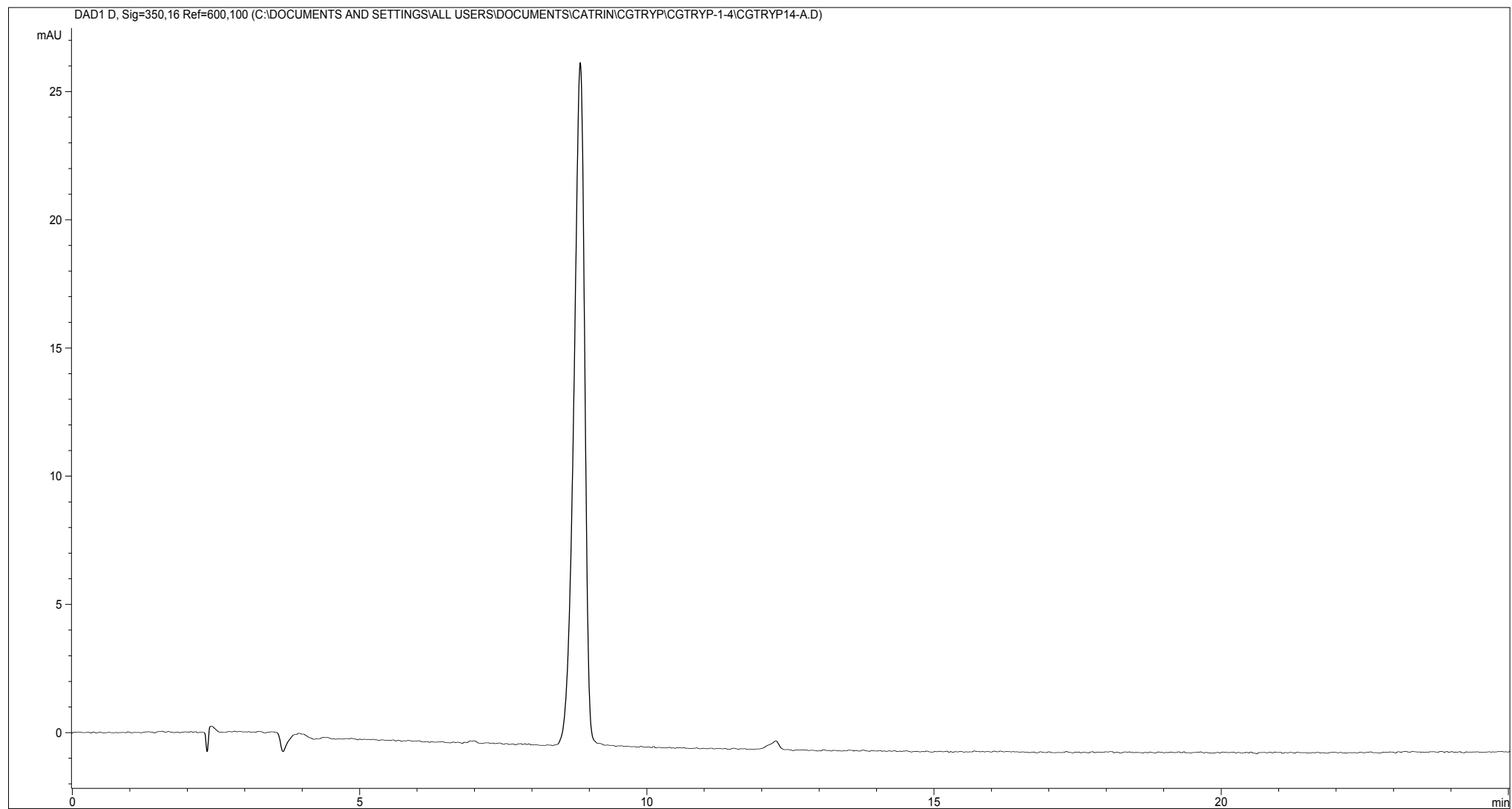
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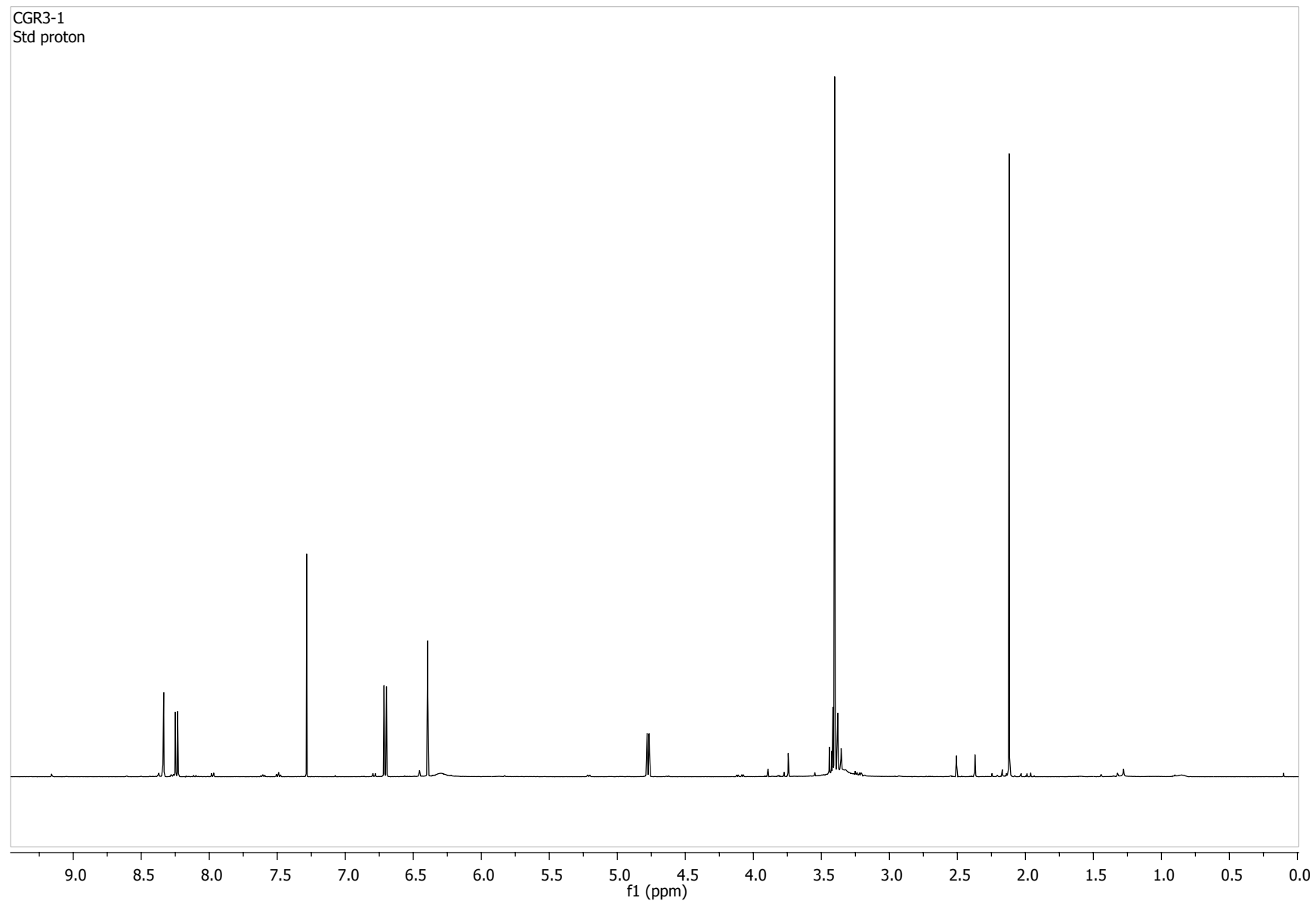
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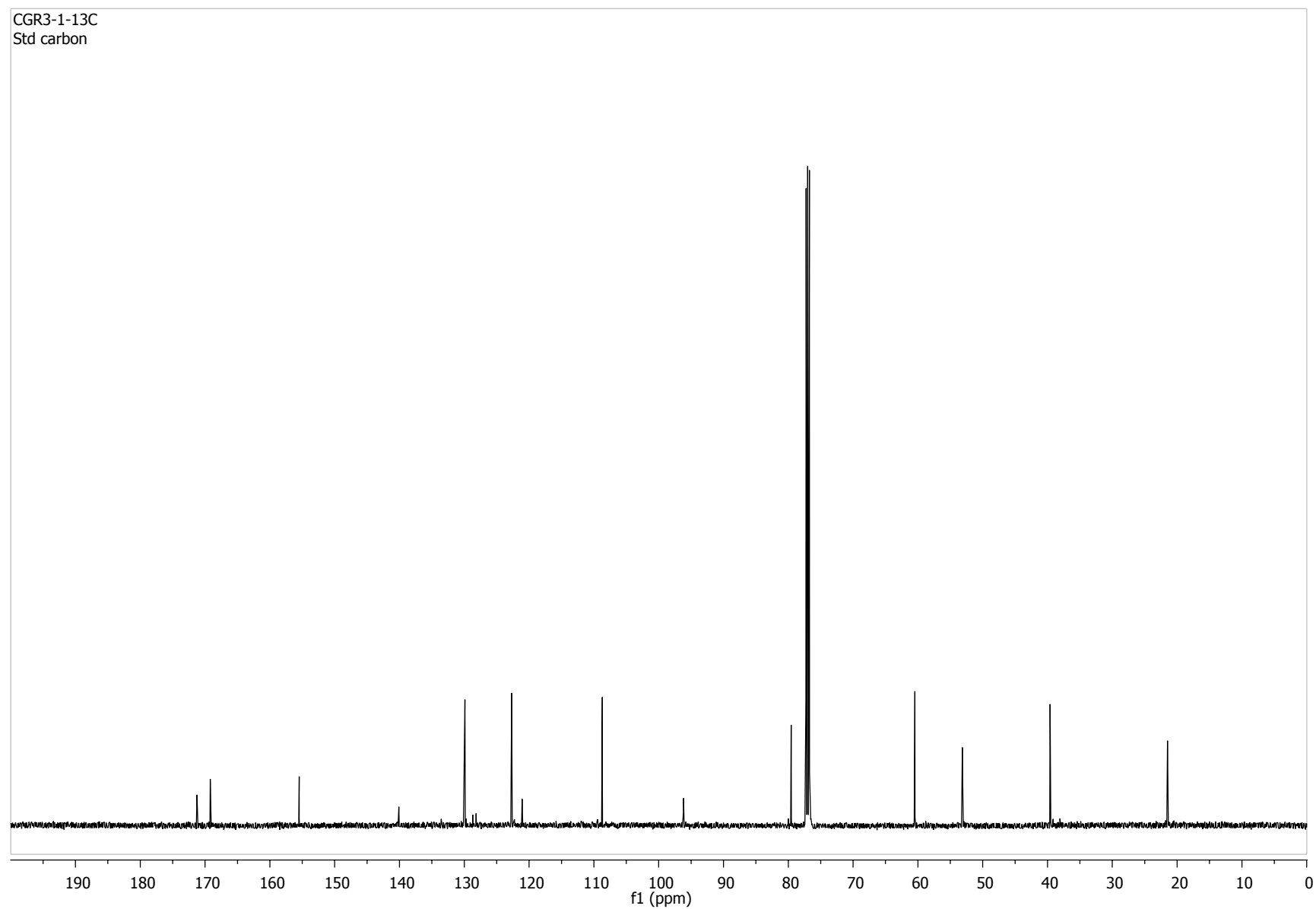
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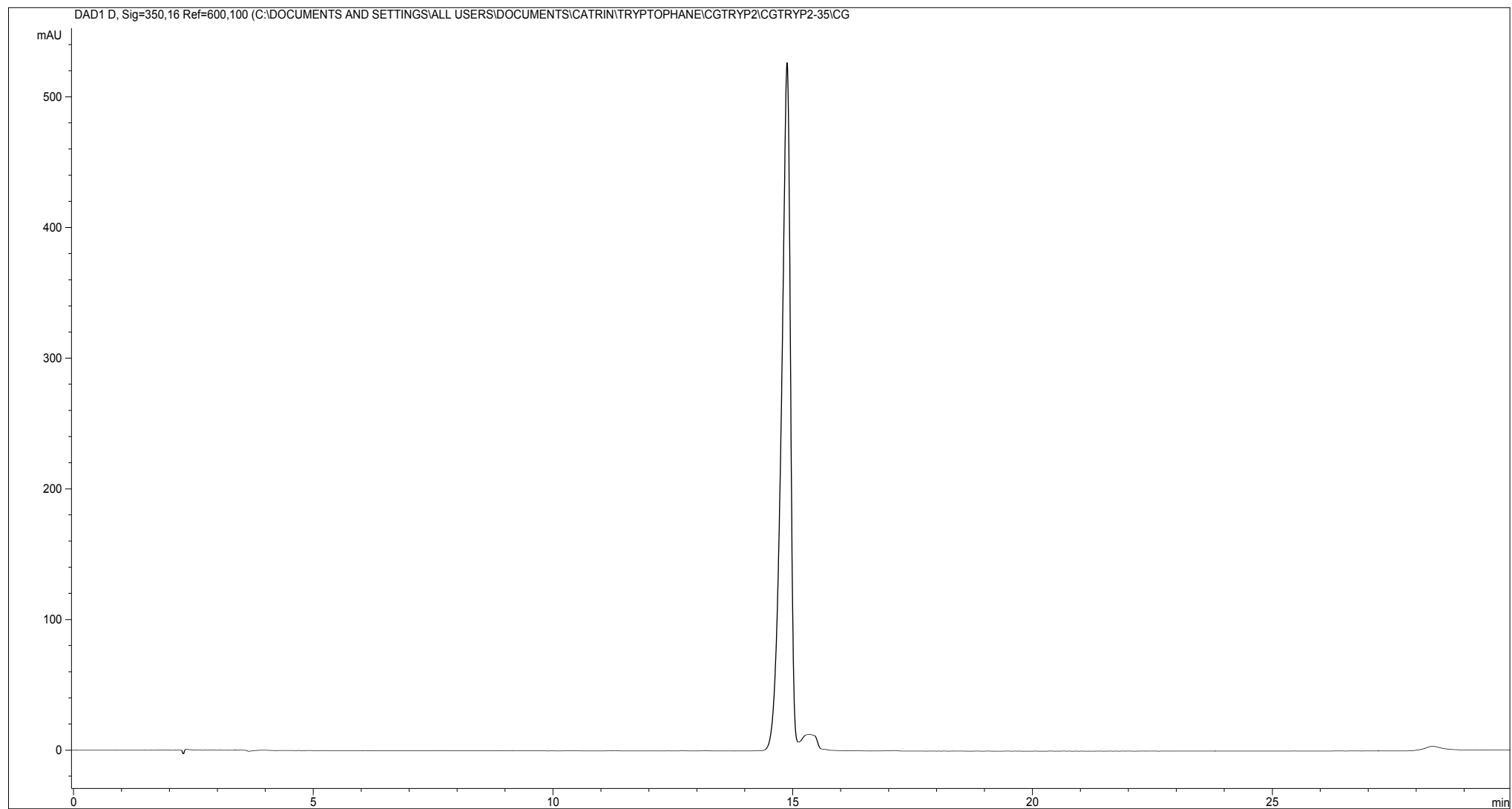
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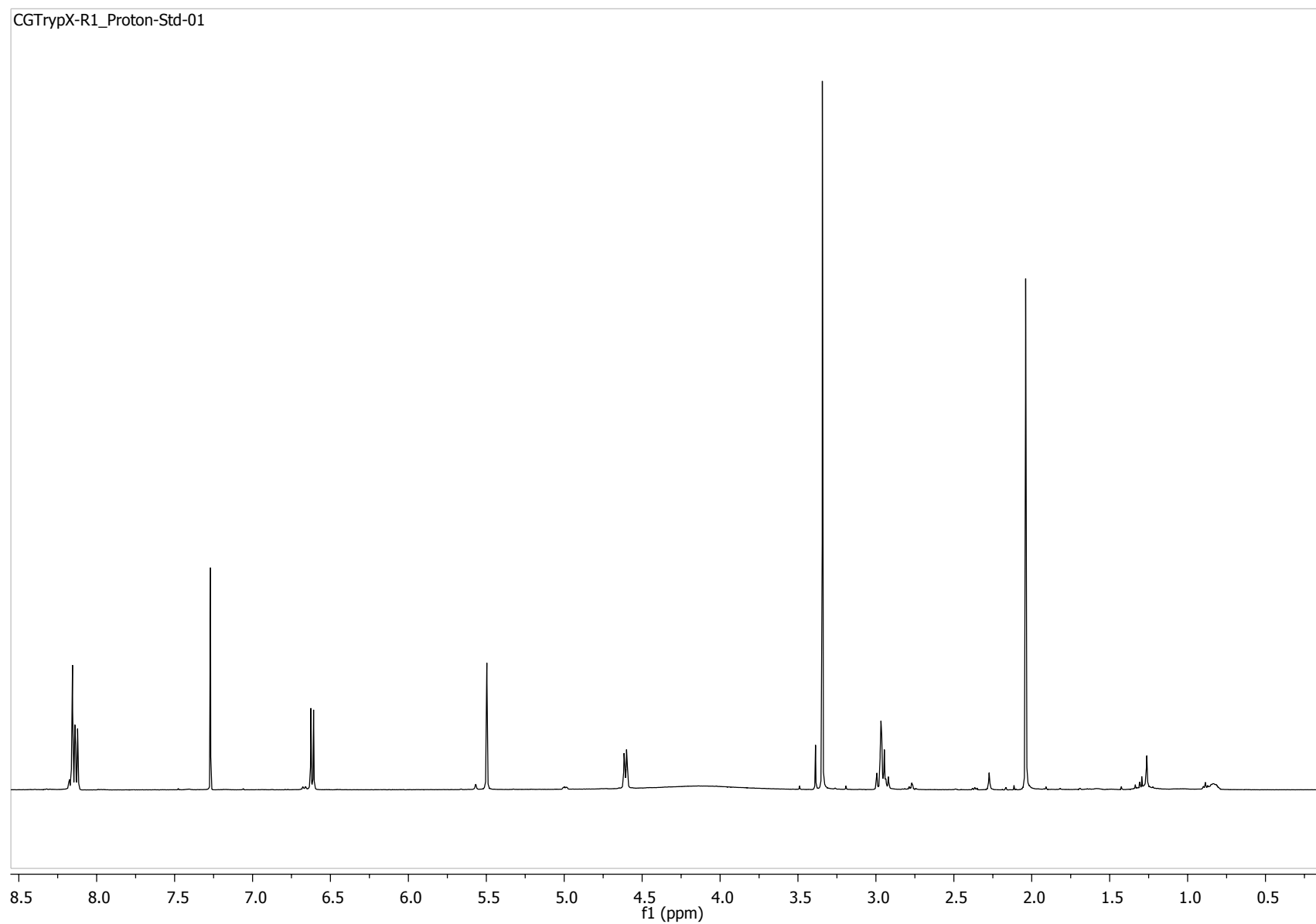
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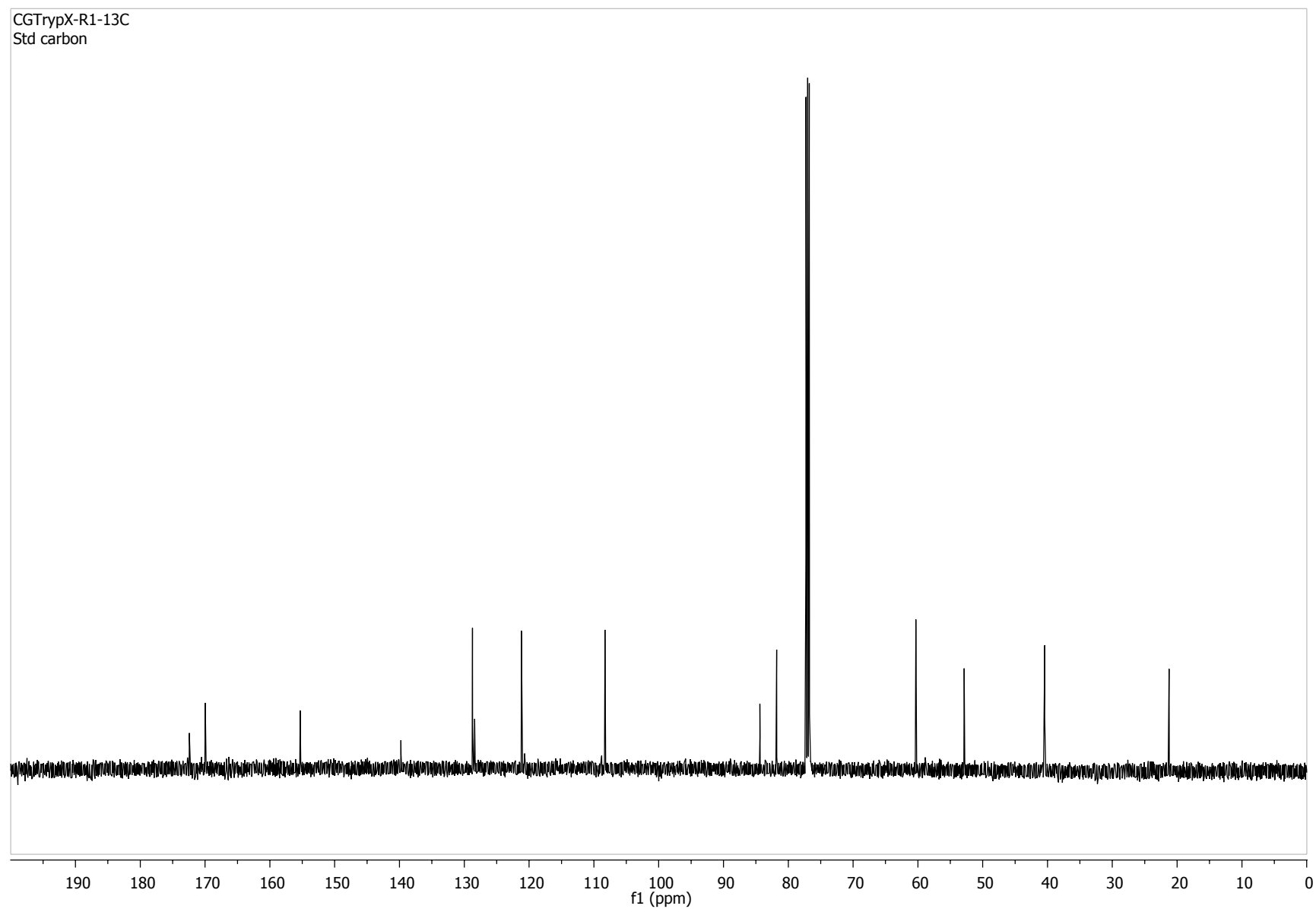
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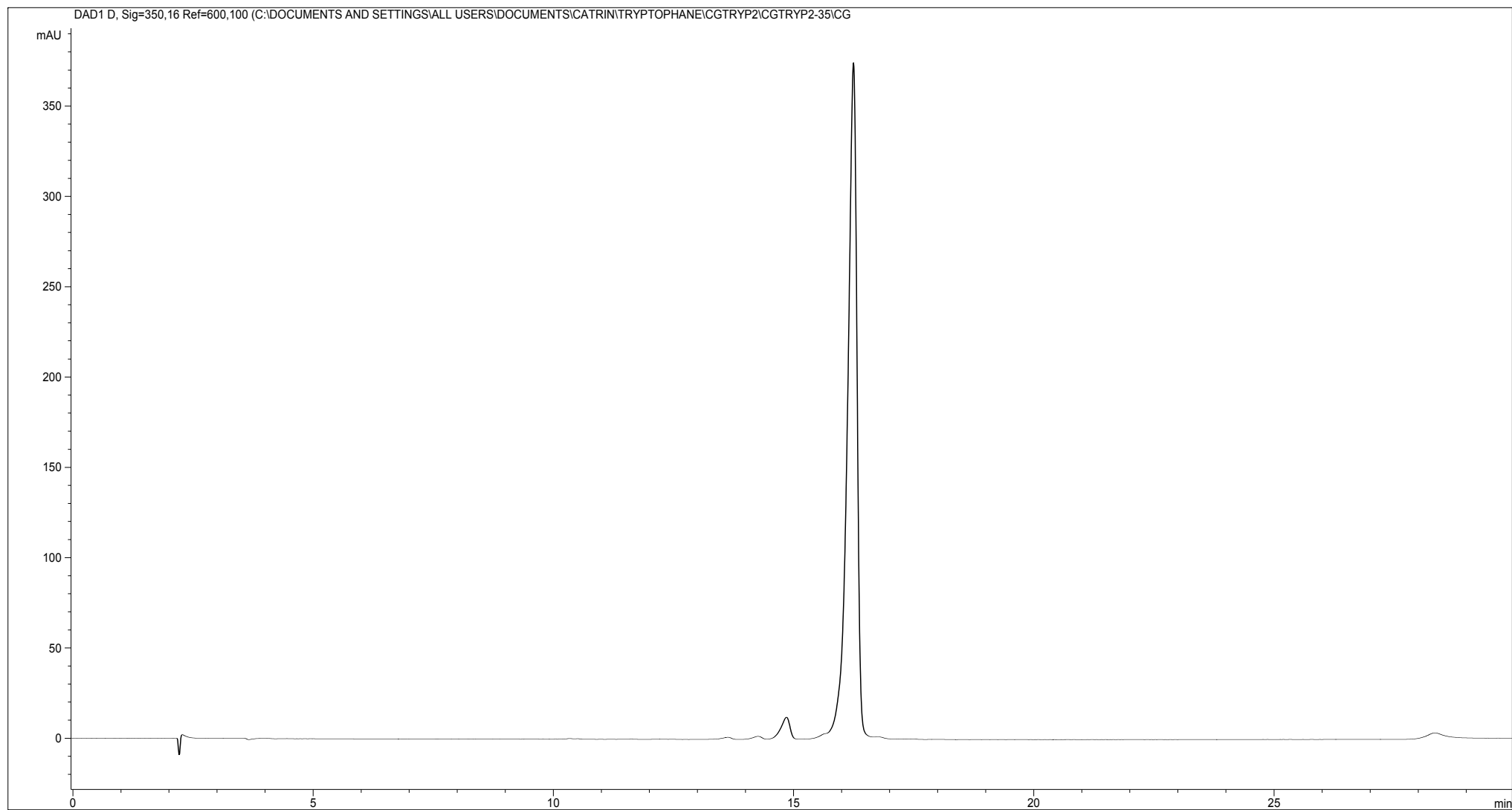
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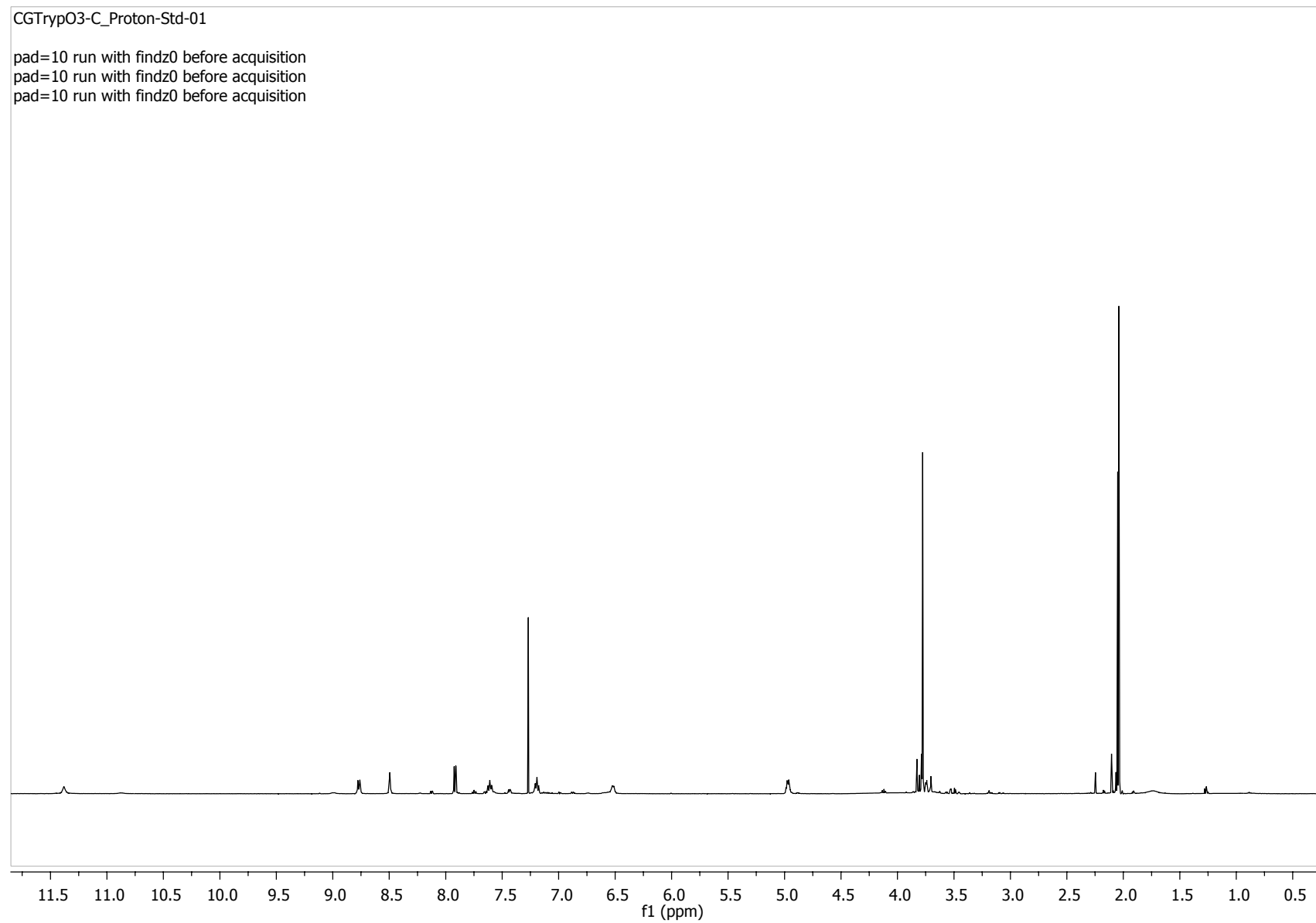
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¹³C NMR:





^1H NMR:



2 Crystallographic data

Intensity data were collected with an Oxford Diffraction Sapphire CCD diffractometer using Cu-K α radiation (graphite crystal monochromator $\lambda = 1.54184$), The temperature during the data collections was maintained at 130.0(1). Structure solution,¹ and refinement² were implemented within the WingX suite of programs.³

Crystal data for **12a**. C₁₄H₁₄N₄O₇, $M = 350.29$, $T = 130.0(2)$ K, $\lambda = 1.5418$ Å, Monoclinic, space group P2₁2₁2₁, $a = 6.3831(14)$, $b = 7.837(3)$ $c = 15.410(3)$, Å, $\beta = 90.91(3)^\circ$, $V 770.7(3)$ Å³, $Z = 2$, $D_c = 1.509$ Mg M⁻³ $\mu(\text{Cu-K}\alpha) 1.061$ mm⁻¹, $F(000) = 364$, crystal size 0.16 x 0.08 x 0.02 mm. 2249 reflections measured, 1784 independent reflections ($R_{\text{int}} = 0.11$) the final R was 0.0570 [$I > 2\sigma(I)$] and $wR(F^2)$ was 0.0838 (all data).

Table 1. Crystal data and structure refinement for **12a**.

Identification code	uta1	
Empirical formula	C14 H14 N4 O7	
Formula weight	350.29	
Temperature	130(2) K	
Wavelength	1.54184 \approx	
Crystal system	Monoclinic	
Space group	P 1 21 1	
Unit cell dimensions	$a = 6.3831(14) \approx$	$\alpha = 90^\circ$.
	$b = 7.837(3) \approx$	$\beta = 90.91(3)^\circ$.
	$c = 15.410(3) \approx$	$\gamma = 90^\circ$.
Volume	$770.7(3) \approx^3$	
Z	2	
Density (calculated)	1.509 Mg/m ³	
Absorption coefficient	1.061 mm ⁻¹	
F(000)	364	
Crystal size	0.1600 x 0.0800 x 0.0200 mm ³	
Theta range for data collection	5.74 to 64.99 $^\circ$.	
Index ranges	$-3 \leq h \leq 7$, $-9 \leq k \leq 8$, $-18 \leq l \leq 16$	
Reflections collected	2249	
Independent reflections	1784 [$R(\text{int}) = 0.1101$]	
Completeness to theta = 64.99 $^\circ$	97.6 %	
Absorption correction	Gaussian	
Max. and min. transmission	0.979 and 0.860	
Refinement method	Full-matrix least-squares on F^2	
Data / restraints / parameters	1784 / 1 / 227	
Goodness-of-fit on F^2	0.615	
Final R indices [$I > 2\sigma(I)$]	$R1 = 0.0570$, $wR2 = 0.0620$	
R indices (all data)	$R1 = 0.2038$, $wR2 = 0.0838$	
Absolute structure parameter	0.6(7)	
Largest diff. peak and hole	0.212 and -0.226 e. \approx^{-3}	

¹ G. M. Sheldrick, 'SHELXS-86; Crystallographic Computing 3', University of Göttingen, Germany, 1986.

² G. M. Sheldrick, 'SHELXL-97; A Program for the Refinement of Crystal Structures' University of Göttingen, Germany, 1997.

³ L. J. Farrugia, *J. Appl. Crystallogr.*, 1999, **32**, 837.

Table 2. Atomic coordinates ($\times 10^4$) and equivalent isotropic displacement parameters ($\approx 2 \times 10^3$) for **12a**. $U(\text{eq})$ is defined as one third of the trace of the orthogonalized U_{ij} tensor.

	x	y	z	U(eq)
O(3)	5418(10)	1796(10)	3188(4)	40(2)
O(2)	2660(11)	4336(9)	4249(5)	45(2)
O(1)	1387(11)	1711(10)	4557(5)	47(2)
O(4)	5721(11)	-150(9)	2194(5)	44(2)
O(7)	1775(12)	7080(8)	2274(5)	48(2)
O(6)	2461(10)	-1782(8)	-1465(4)	35(2)
N(2)	2754(13)	4320(10)	1160(6)	34(3)
N(1)	1230(15)	4352(10)	2606(6)	30(3)
N(3)	4887(15)	1076(11)	2499(7)	44(3)
N(4)	2454(13)	-1791(11)	-659(7)	34(3)
C(9)	507(15)	2925(14)	3155(6)	33(3)
C(11)	1587(16)	2900(16)	4059(6)	32(3)
C(1)	2626(15)	2948(15)	625(7)	26(3)
C(7)	2916(16)	1817(13)	2060(7)	36(3)
C(3)	2660(15)	-167(13)	697(7)	32(3)
C(4)	2460(16)	-127(14)	-183(7)	27(3)
C(10)	1010(16)	1320(11)	2624(7)	32(3)
C(6)	2518(15)	2886(15)	-272(7)	32(3)
C(13)	3555(14)	4386(17)	5126(7)	71(5)
C(2)	2772(16)	1410(13)	1116(7)	30(3)
C(14)	-1120(14)	6454(13)	3203(7)	48(3)
C(5)	2442(15)	1373(13)	-692(7)	31(3)
C(8)	3035(18)	3864(11)	2064(8)	29(3)
C(12)	730(20)	6064(14)	2678(9)	49(4)
O(5)	2356(11)	-3143(8)	-216(5)	37(2)

Table 3. Bond lengths [\approx] and angles [∞] for **12a**.

O(3)-N(3)	1.244(10)
O(2)-C(11)	1.347(12)
O(2)-C(13)	1.460(10)
O(1)-C(11)	1.215(12)
O(4)-N(3)	1.198(10)
O(7)-C(12)	1.215(14)
O(6)-N(4)	1.243(10)
N(2)-C(1)	1.356(13)
N(2)-C(8)	1.447(12)
N(1)-C(12)	1.383(12)
N(1)-C(8)	1.484(12)
N(1)-C(9)	1.481(12)
N(3)-C(7)	1.533(12)
N(4)-O(5)	1.262(10)
N(4)-C(4)	1.496(12)
C(9)-C(10)	1.538(12)
C(9)-C(11)	1.545(12)
C(1)-C(6)	1.383(14)
C(1)-C(2)	1.426(14)
C(7)-C(2)	1.491(14)
C(7)-C(10)	1.556(13)
C(7)-C(8)	1.606(11)
C(3)-C(4)	1.361(13)
C(3)-C(2)	1.395(13)
C(4)-C(5)	1.413(13)
C(6)-C(5)	1.352(13)
C(14)-C(12)	1.476(14)
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C(11)-O(2)-C(13)	114.4(9)
C(1)-N(2)-C(8)	113.3(8)
C(12)-N(1)-C(8)	118.4(10)
C(12)-N(1)-C(9)	127.8(11)
C(8)-N(1)-C(9)	112.3(8)
O(4)-N(3)-O(3)	125.6(10)
O(4)-N(3)-C(7)	119.8(10)
O(3)-N(3)-C(7)	114.6(9)
O(6)-N(4)-O(5)	123.1(9)
O(6)-N(4)-C(4)	119.0(10)
O(5)-N(4)-C(4)	117.8(9)
N(1)-C(9)-C(10)	104.1(8)
N(1)-C(9)-C(11)	112.8(9)
C(10)-C(9)-C(11)	112.1(9)
O(1)-C(11)-O(2)	124.1(9)
O(1)-C(11)-C(9)	122.0(11)
O(2)-C(11)-C(9)	113.8(10)
N(2)-C(1)-C(6)	129.5(11)
N(2)-C(1)-C(2)	110.2(8)
C(6)-C(1)-C(2)	120.1(12)
C(2)-C(7)-N(3)	112.8(9)
C(2)-C(7)-C(10)	117.1(9)
N(3)-C(7)-C(10)	107.6(9)

C(2)-C(7)-C(8)	102.7(9)
N(3)-C(7)-C(8)	109.7(9)
C(10)-C(7)-C(8)	106.6(10)
C(4)-C(3)-C(2)	116.3(11)
C(3)-C(4)-C(5)	124.9(10)
C(3)-C(4)-N(4)	117.9(10)
C(5)-C(4)-N(4)	116.9(9)
C(9)-C(10)-C(7)	105.3(8)
C(5)-C(6)-C(1)	120.7(12)
C(3)-C(2)-C(1)	120.1(10)
C(3)-C(2)-C(7)	130.0(10)
C(1)-C(2)-C(7)	109.8(9)
C(6)-C(5)-C(4)	117.7(10)
N(2)-C(8)-N(1)	113.1(9)
N(2)-C(8)-C(7)	103.8(9)
N(1)-C(8)-C(7)	102.8(9)
O(7)-C(12)-N(1)	117.8(12)
O(7)-C(12)-C(14)	126.5(11)
N(1)-C(12)-C(14)	115.6(13)

Symmetry transformations used to generate equivalent atoms:

Table 4. Anisotropic displacement parameters ($\approx 2 \times 10^3$) for **12a**. The anisotropic displacement factor exponent takes the form: $-2\pi^2 [h^2 a^* 2 U^{11} + \dots + 2 h k a^* b^* U^{12}]$

	U11	U22	U33	U23	U13	U12
O(3)	46(5)	33(5)	40(5)	9(5)	2(4)	1(4)
O(2)	44(5)	44(5)	45(5)	-3(4)	-15(5)	-18(4)
O(1)	66(6)	36(5)	39(5)	2(5)	3(4)	-8(4)
O(4)	46(5)	24(4)	62(6)	3(5)	0(4)	-4(4)
O(7)	76(6)	13(4)	55(6)	1(4)	9(5)	5(4)
O(6)	50(5)	22(4)	32(5)	-7(4)	2(4)	0(4)
N(2)	38(7)	23(5)	41(7)	2(5)	3(6)	-1(5)
N(1)	31(6)	31(5)	29(6)	-4(5)	-11(5)	0(5)
N(3)	50(8)	32(6)	51(8)	8(6)	12(6)	-5(5)
N(4)	9(6)	32(6)	61(8)	-17(6)	4(5)	-13(4)
C(9)	40(8)	29(6)	31(7)	2(7)	-1(6)	1(7)
C(11)	36(8)	40(7)	21(6)	-16(7)	5(6)	-4(7)
C(1)	19(7)	24(5)	36(7)	7(6)	-10(5)	3(6)
C(7)	23(7)	19(5)	64(9)	4(7)	-30(7)	2(5)
C(3)	42(8)	17(5)	37(7)	-4(6)	-9(6)	4(6)
C(4)	27(7)	19(5)	36(8)	-11(6)	-3(6)	7(5)
C(10)	42(8)	17(6)	38(8)	-3(6)	15(7)	-13(6)
C(6)	40(8)	26(6)	30(8)	-4(7)	-6(6)	0(6)
C(13)	87(11)	64(9)	61(11)	-2(9)	-32(9)	-30(9)
C(2)	25(8)	30(7)	36(8)	-11(6)	2(6)	5(6)
C(14)	59(8)	22(5)	63(8)	-8(6)	3(7)	4(6)
C(5)	32(7)	45(7)	17(6)	4(6)	-10(5)	3(6)
C(8)	28(8)	10(5)	49(8)	-10(5)	-1(7)	-7(5)
C(12)	51(10)	34(7)	60(10)	-13(7)	-19(8)	22(7)
O(5)	62(6)	15(4)	36(5)	1(4)	12(4)	-1(4)

Table 5. Hydrogen coordinates ($\times 10^4$) and isotropic displacement parameters ($\approx 2 \times 10^3$) for **12a**.

	x	y	z	U(eq)
H(2)	2675	5357	979	41
H(9)	-1013	3011	3225	40
H(3)	2718	-1189	1003	38
H(10A)	-179	998	2259	39
H(10B)	1362	372	3004	39
H(6)	2498	3896	-589	39
H(13A)	4288	5444	5211	106
H(13B)	4513	3452	5203	106
H(13C)	2453	4296	5540	106
H(14A)	-753	6376	3808	72
H(14B)	-2215	5652	3069	72
H(14C)	-1599	7589	3073	72
H(5)	2379	1321	-1294	38
H(8)	4368	4283	2305	35