

## Supplementary Information

### Parallel-stranded DNA: Enhancing duplex stability by the ‘G-clamp’ and a pyrrolo-dC derivative

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**Table S1.**  $^1\text{H}$ - $^{13}\text{C}$ -coupling constants of compounds **6**, **13** and **15**.<sup>a,b</sup>

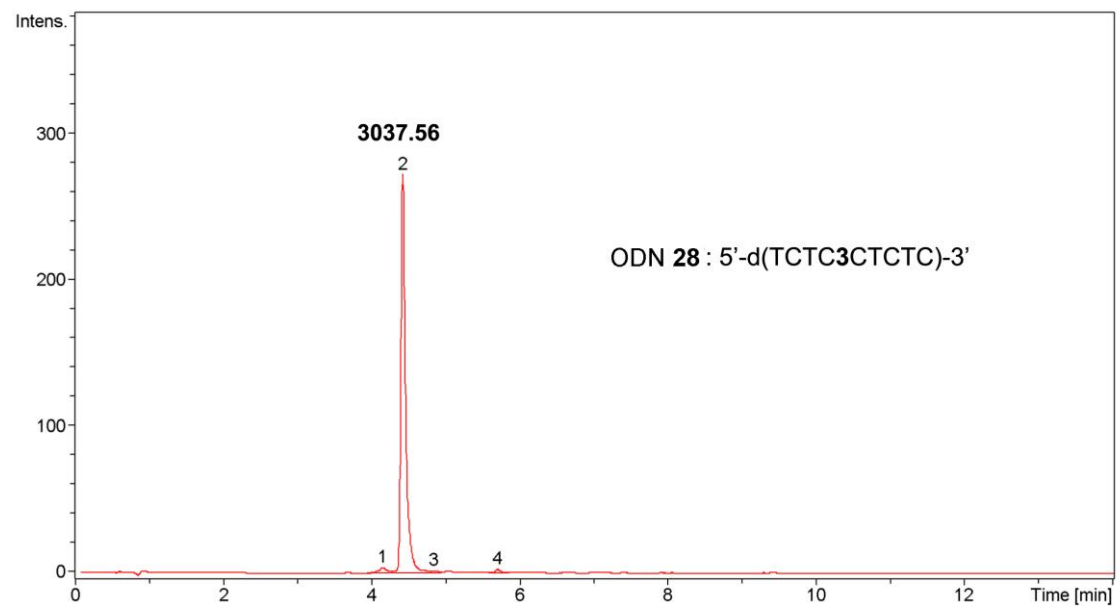
$^1\text{H}$ - $^{13}\text{C}$ coupling constants	$J$ [Hz]		
	<b>6</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>15</b>
$^1J(\text{C4}, \text{H-C4})$	187.4	-	182.6
$^2J(\text{C4a}, \text{H-C4})$	3.6	-	-
$^3J(\text{C7a}, \text{H-C4})$	7.1	-	7.5
$^1J(\text{C5}, \text{H-C5})$	185.4	-	178.8
$^2J(\text{C4a}, \text{H-C5})$	3.6	-	-
$^3J(\text{C7a}, \text{H-C5})$	7.1	-	7.5
$^2J(\text{C6}, \text{H-C5})$	5.0	-	9.8
$^1J(\text{C1}', \text{H-C1}')$	173.5	-	174.6
$^1J(\text{C3}', \text{H-C3}')$	147.3	-	148.1
$^1J(\text{C4}', \text{H-C4}')$	146.3	-	146.3
$^1J(\text{C5}', \text{H-C5}')$	139.4	-	141.3
$^1J(\text{C1}'', \text{H-C1}'')$	-	142.1	142.1
$^1J(\text{C2}'', \text{H-C2}'')$	-	129.8	130.1
$^1J(\text{C3}'', \text{H-C3}'')$	-	139.1	139.3

<sup>a</sup> Measured in  $\text{DMSO-}d_6$  at 298 K. <sup>b</sup> Systematic numbering.

**Table S2.** Molecular masses of oligonucleotides determined by mass spectrometry.

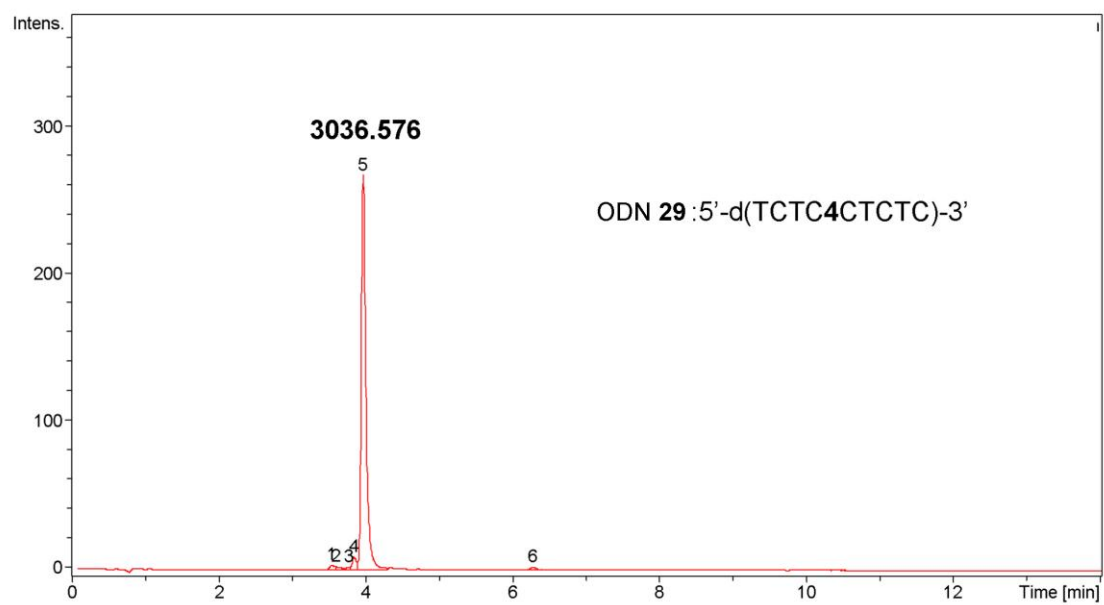
	Sequence	Mol. Wt. (calc.)	Mol. Wt. (found)
ODN-28	5'-d(TCTC3CTCTC)-3'	3038	3038 <sup>a</sup>
ODN-29	5'-d(TCTC4CTCTC)-3'	3037	3037 <sup>a</sup>
ODN-33	5'-d(TT1 TTT TTT TAT TAA AAT TTA T1A A)-3'	7665	7664 <sup>b</sup>
ODN-34	5'-d(AA3 AAA AAA ATA ATT TTA AAT A3T T)-3'	7945	7948 <sup>c</sup>
ODN-35	5'-d(AA4 AAA AAA ATA ATT TTA AAT A4T T)-3'	7944	7944 <sup>c</sup>

<sup>a</sup> Measured by LC-ESI-TOF mass spectrometry. <sup>b</sup> Measured by MALDI-TOF mass spectrometry in the linear negative mode. <sup>c</sup> Measured by MALDI-TOF mass spectrometry in the linear positive mode.



#	RT [min]	Area Frac. %	Max. MW
1	4.2	2.3	3070.532
2	4.4	96.0	3037.561
3	4.8	0.7	3037.525
4	5.7	1.0	4729.804

**Figure S1.** LC-ESI-MS chromatogram of ODN-28.

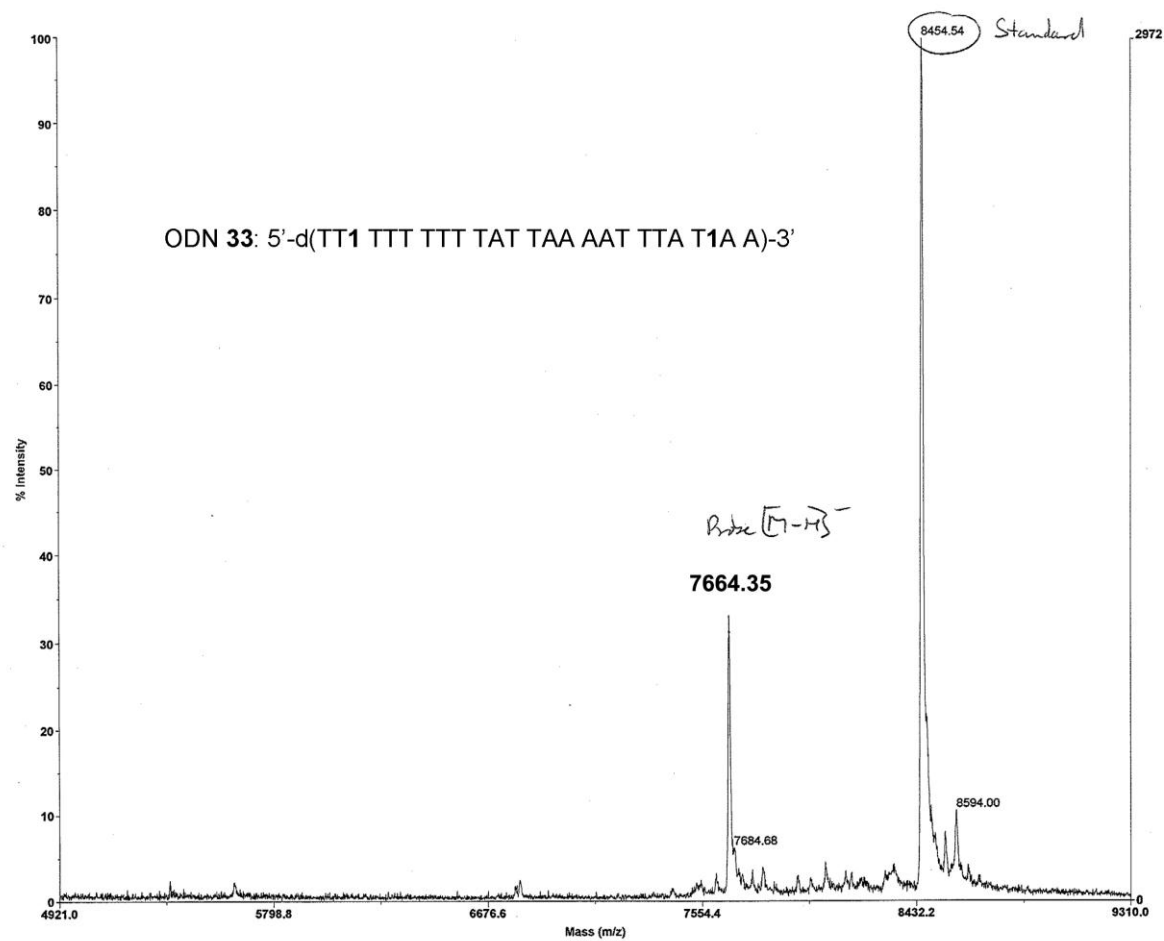


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1	3.5	1.2	2732.490
2	3.6	0.9	2747.488
3	3.8	0.6	
4	3.8	2.8	3036.556
5	4.0	93.7	3036.576
6	6.3	0.8	

**Figure S2.** LC-ESI-MS chromatogram of ODN-29.

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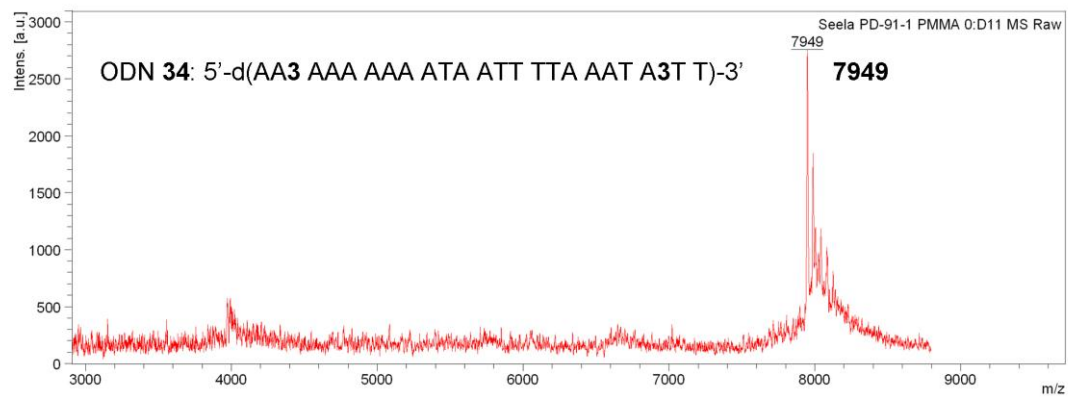
**Figure S3.** Maldi-TOF mass spectrum of ODN-33.

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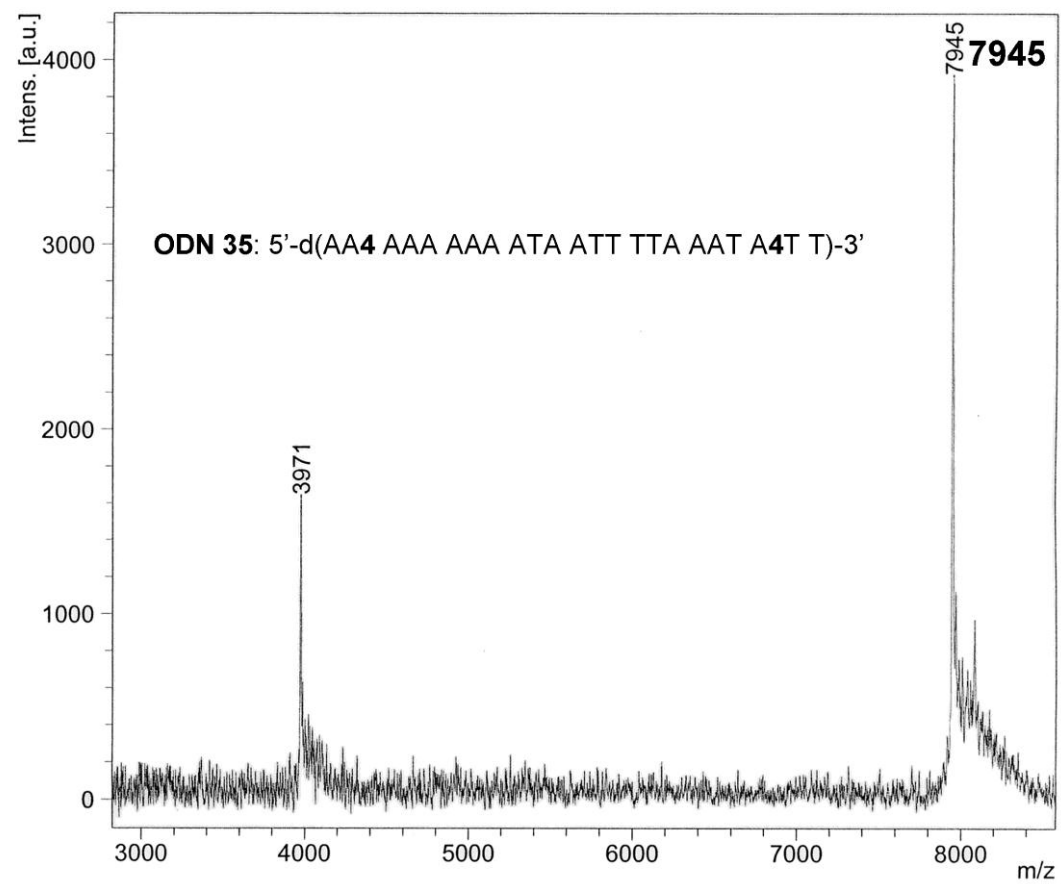
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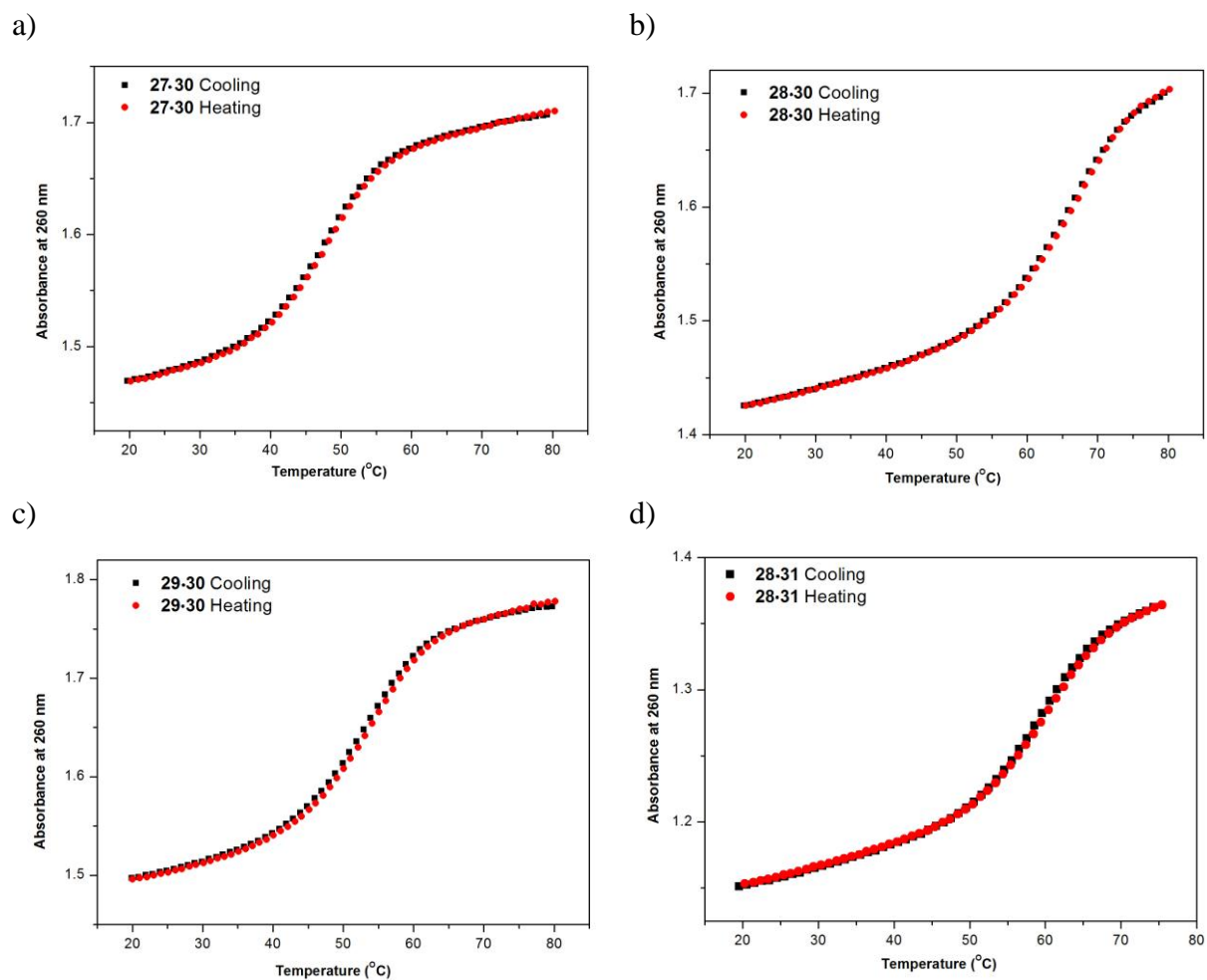


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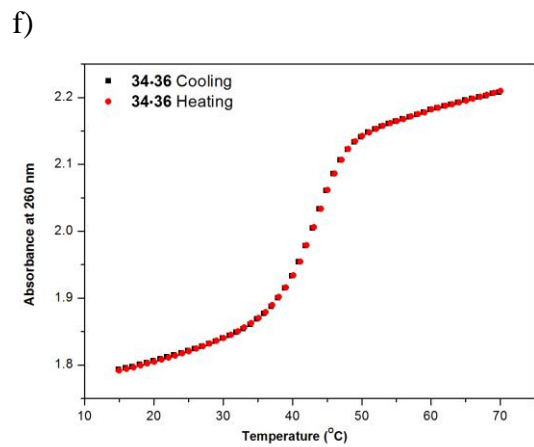
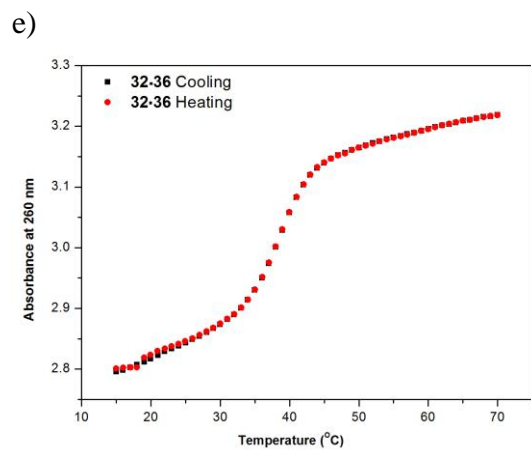
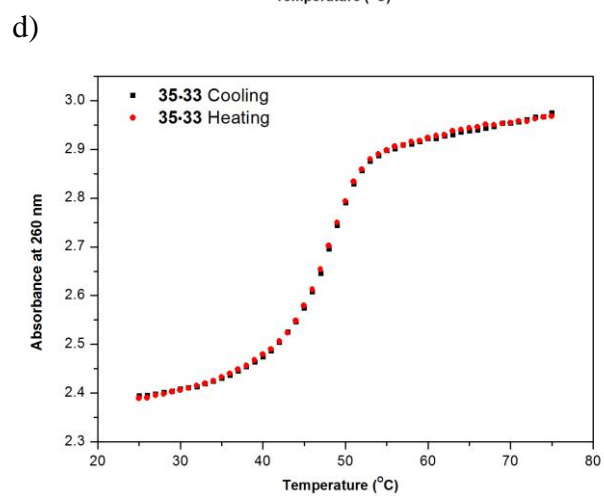
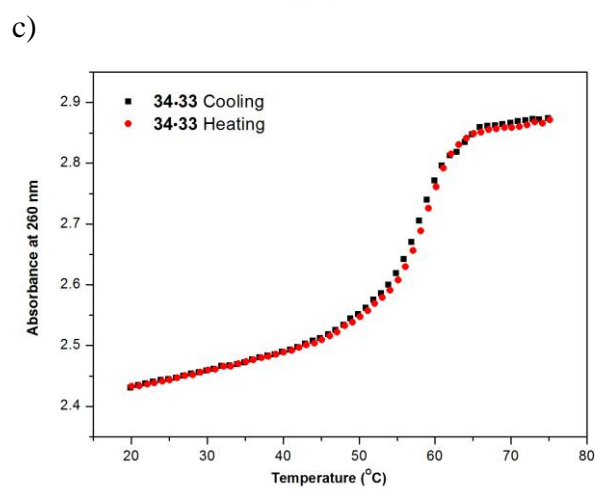
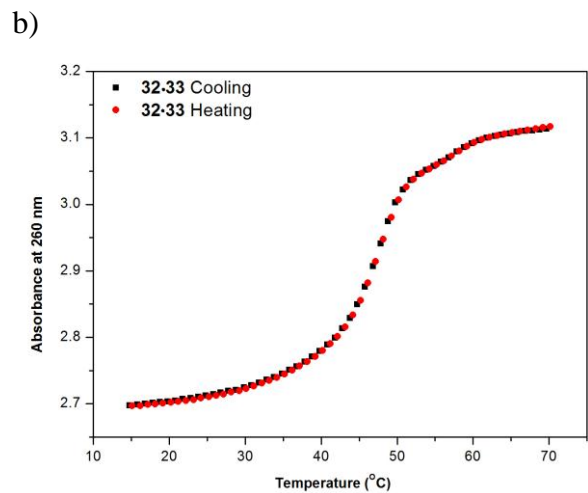
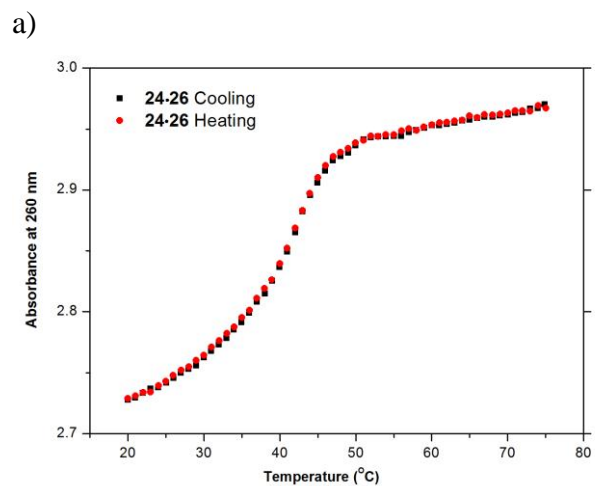


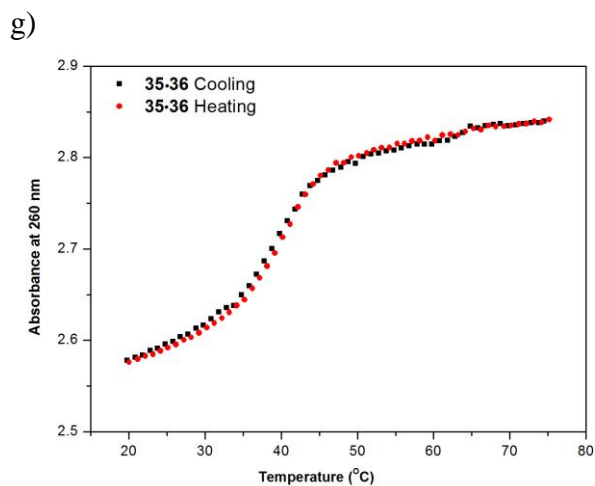


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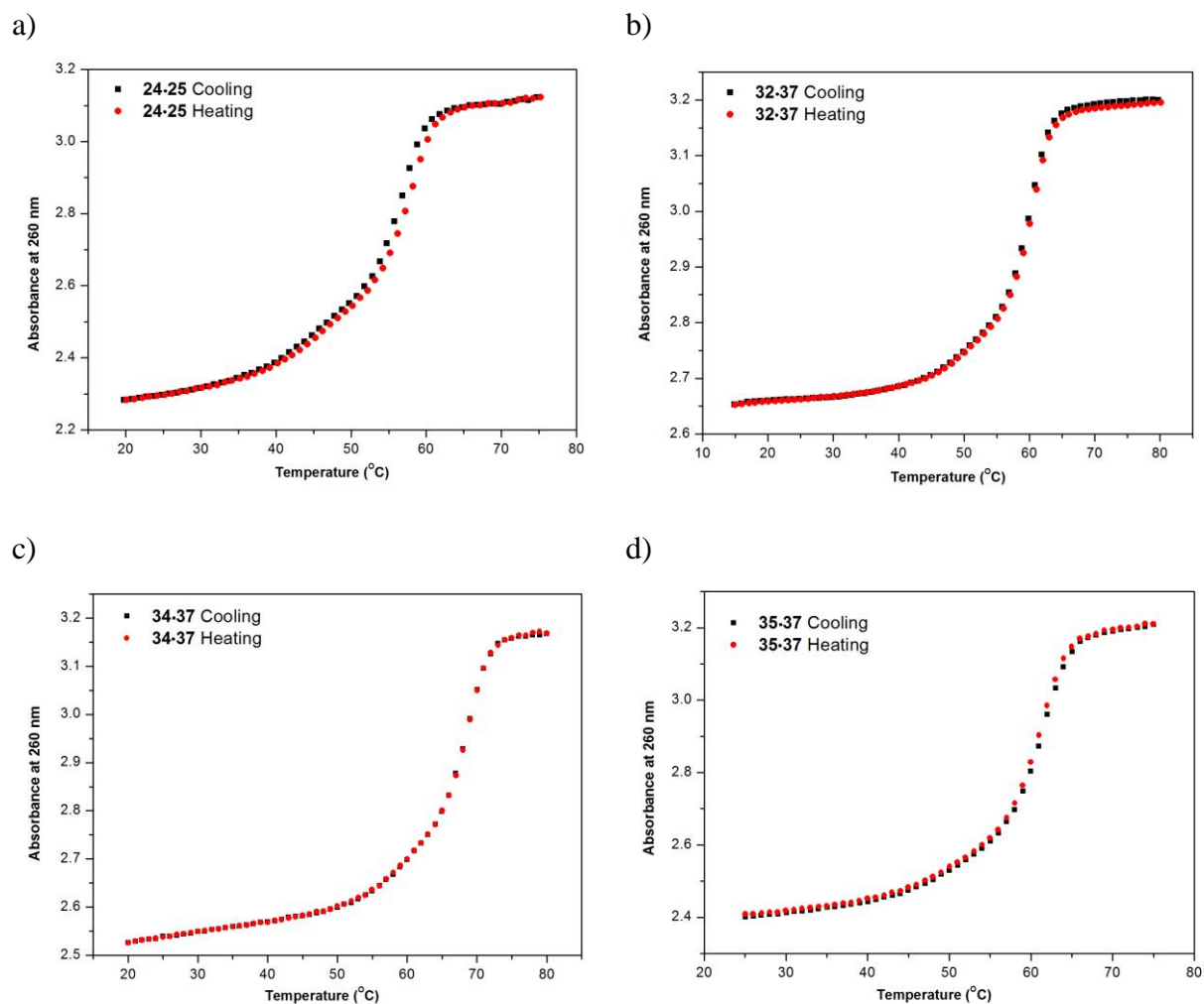


**Figure S6.** Melting curves of parallel stranded duplexes obtained from cooling (black square) and heating (red circle) experiments monitored at 260 nm and measured in 0.1 M NaCl, 10 mM MgCl<sub>2</sub>, 10 mM Na-cacodylate (pH 7.0) with 5 μM + 5 μM single-strand concentration. (a) Duplex **27•30**; (b) duplex **28•30**; (c) duplex **29•30** and (d) duplex **28•31**.

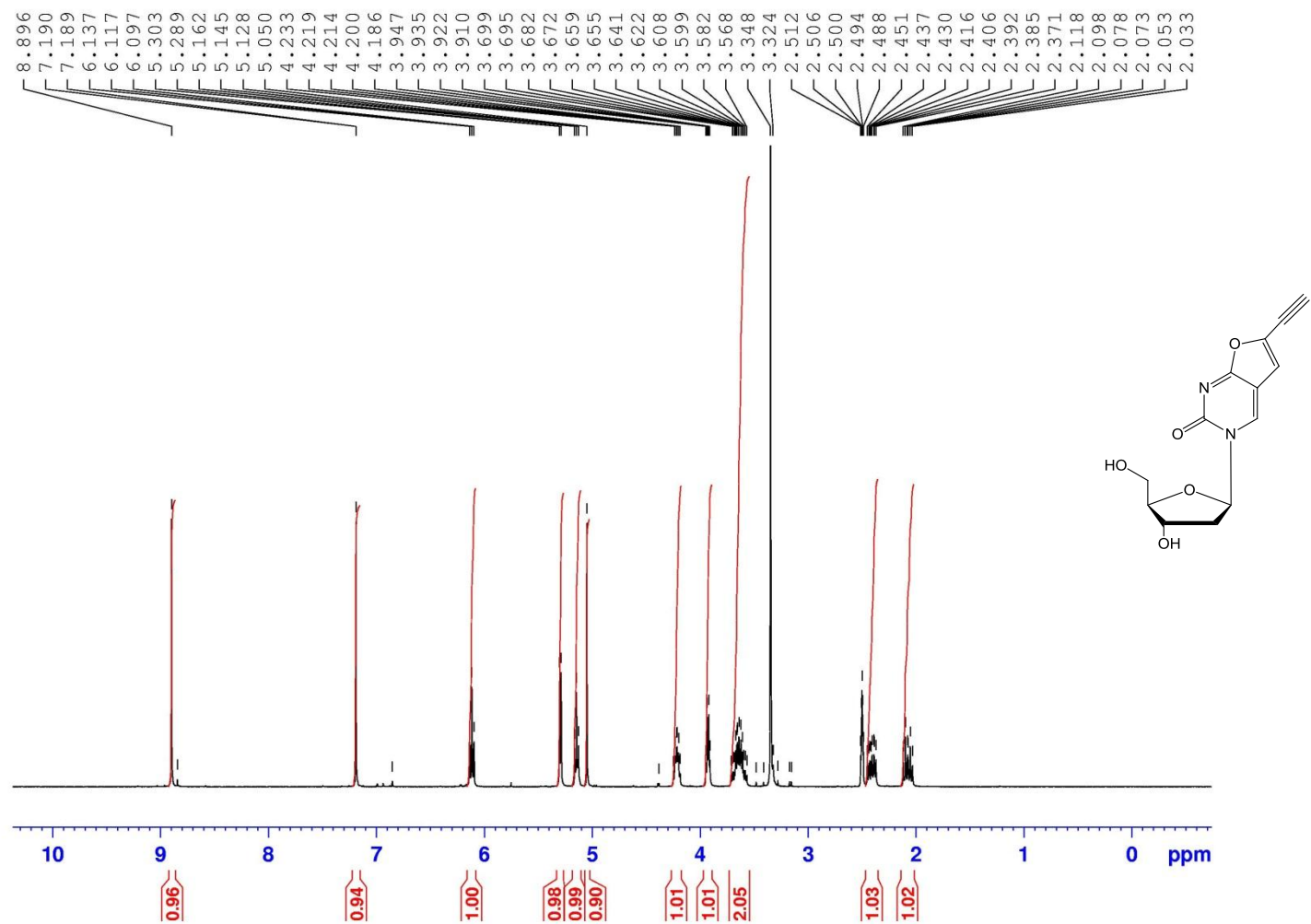




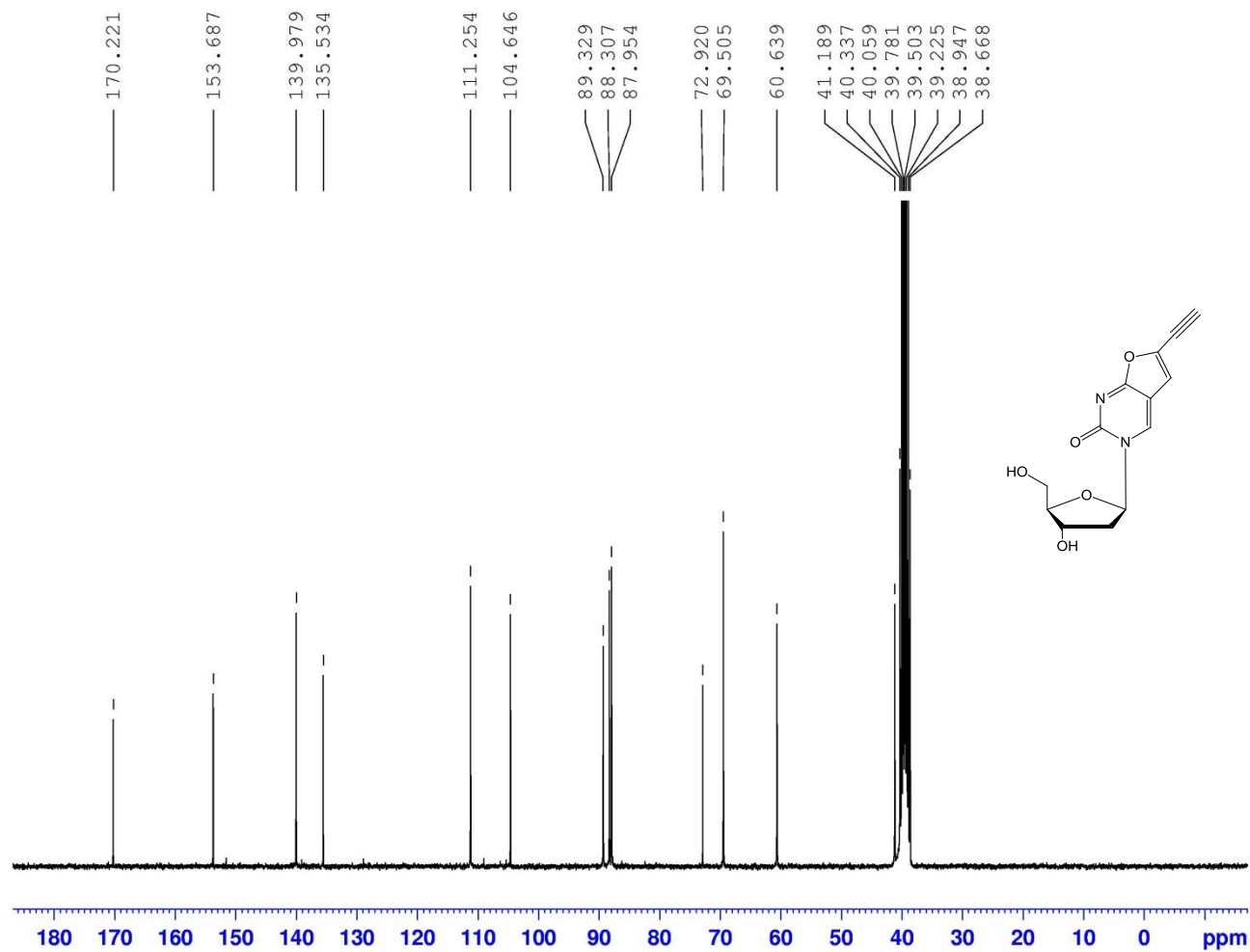
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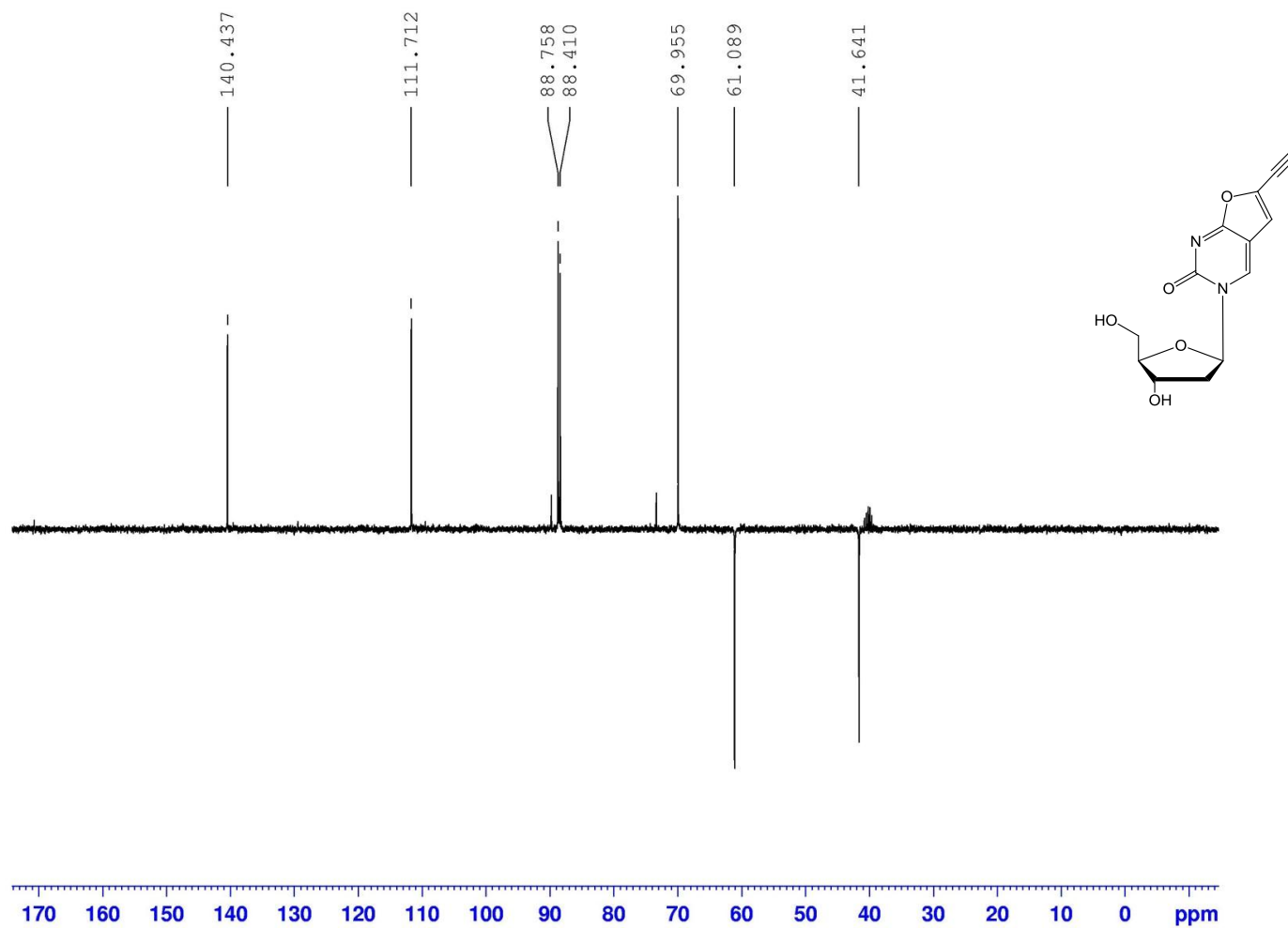
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**Figure S9.** <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectrum of 3-(2-deoxy-β-D-erythro-pentofuranosyl)-6-ethynyl-furo[2,3-d]pyrimidin-2(3H)-one (**6**).

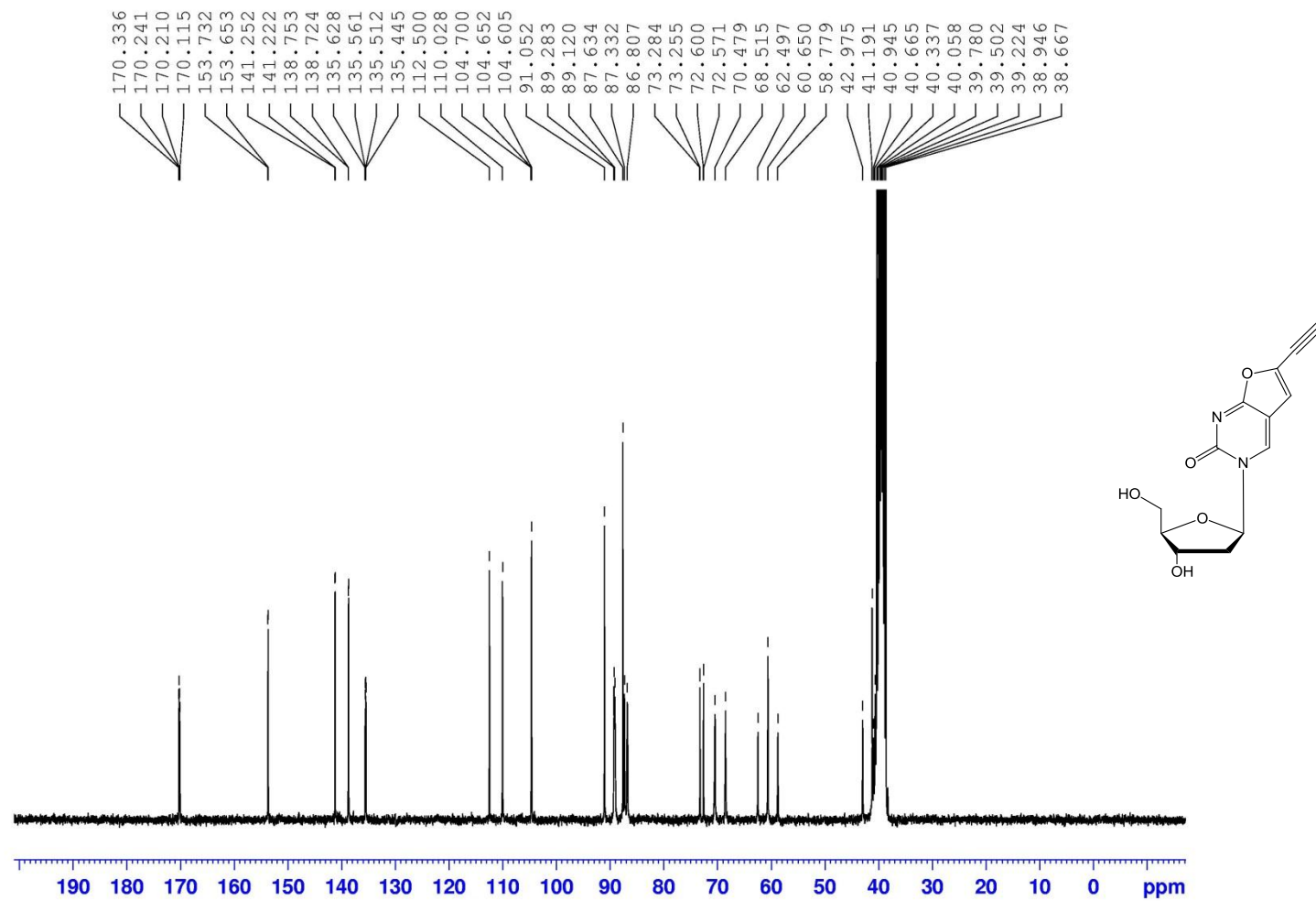


**Figure S10.** <sup>13</sup>C-NMR spectrum of 3-(2-deoxy-β-D-erythro-pentofuranosyl)-6-ethynyl-furo[2,3-d]pyrimidin-2(3H)-one (**6**).

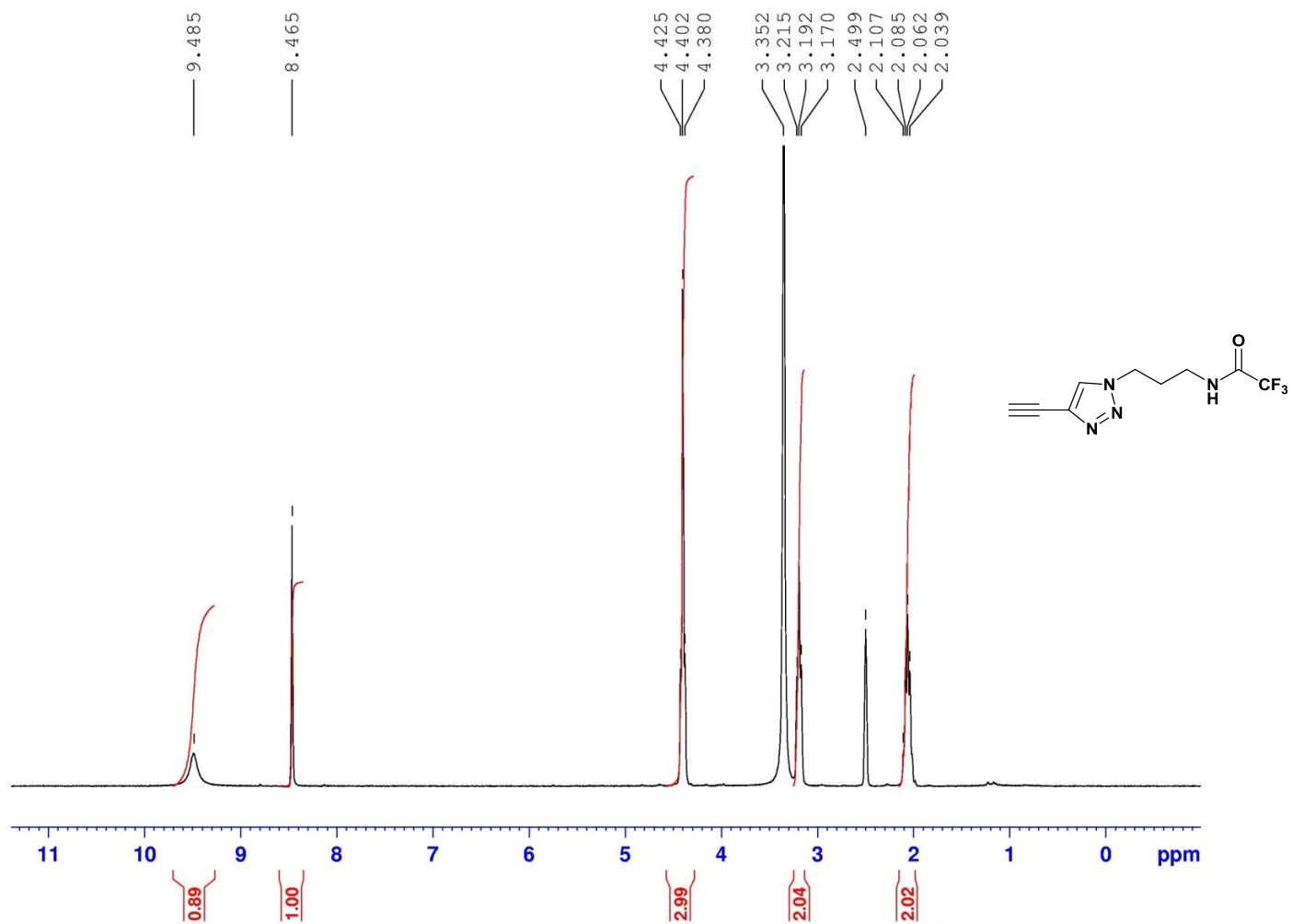


**Figure S11.** DEPT-135 spectrum of 3-(2-deoxy-β-D-erythro-pentofuranosyl)-6-ethynyl-furo[2,3-d]pyrimidin-2(3H)-one (**6**).

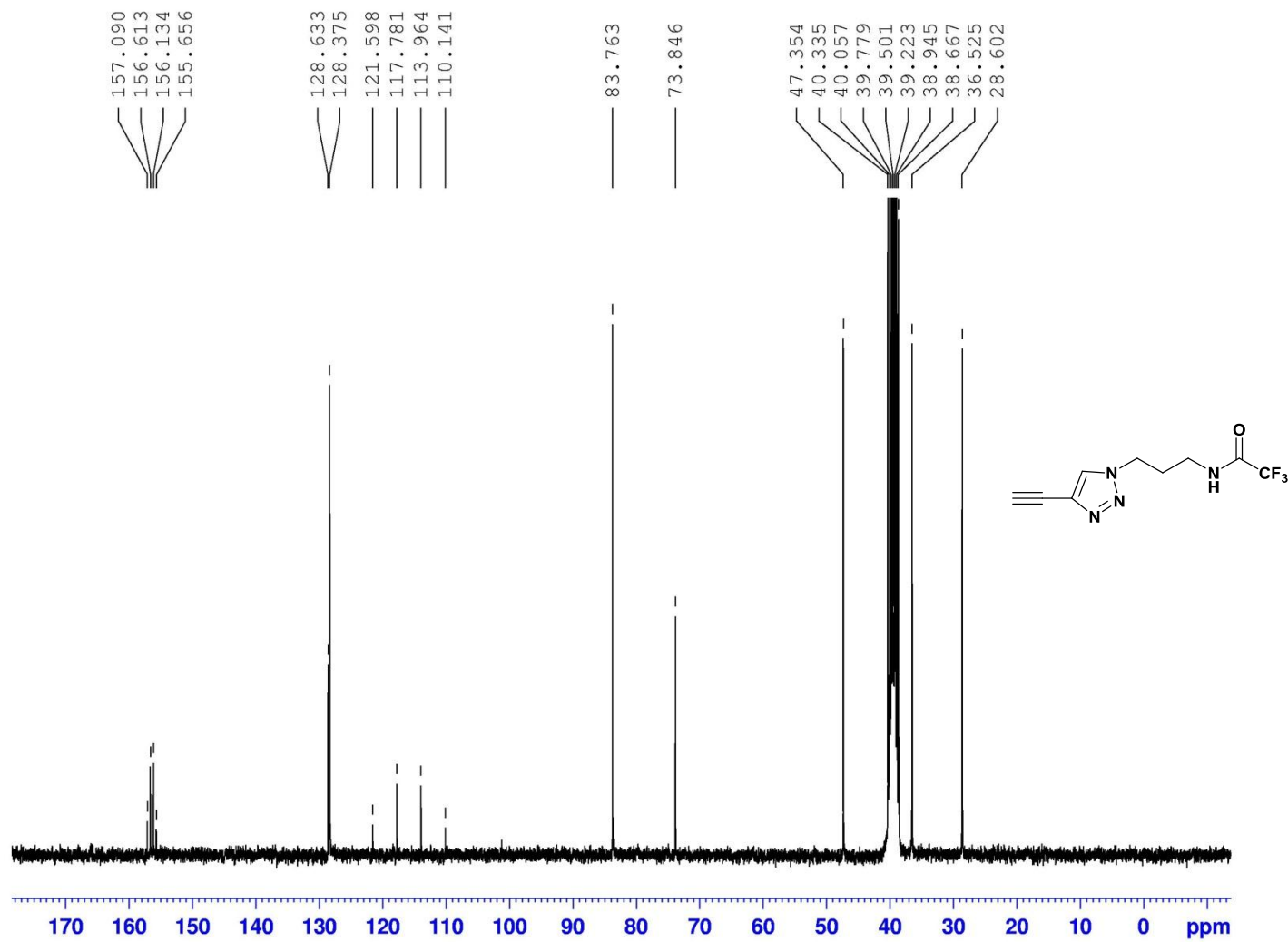




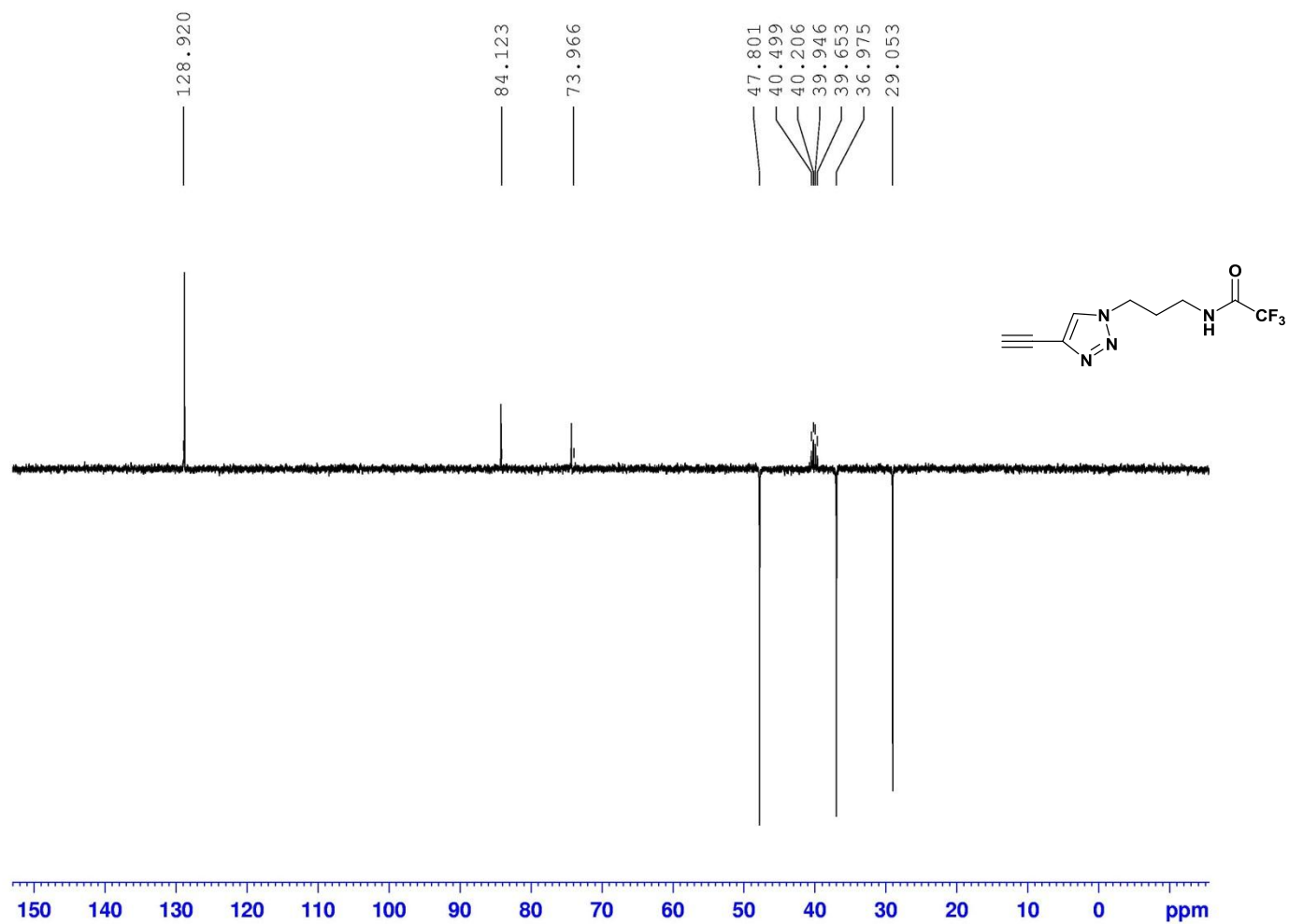
**Figure S12.**  $^1\text{H}$ - $^{13}\text{C}$ -gated decoupled spectrum of 3-(2-deoxy- $\beta$ -D-erythro-pentofuranosyl)-6-ethynyl-furo[2,3-*d*]pyrimidin-2(3*H*)-one (**6**).



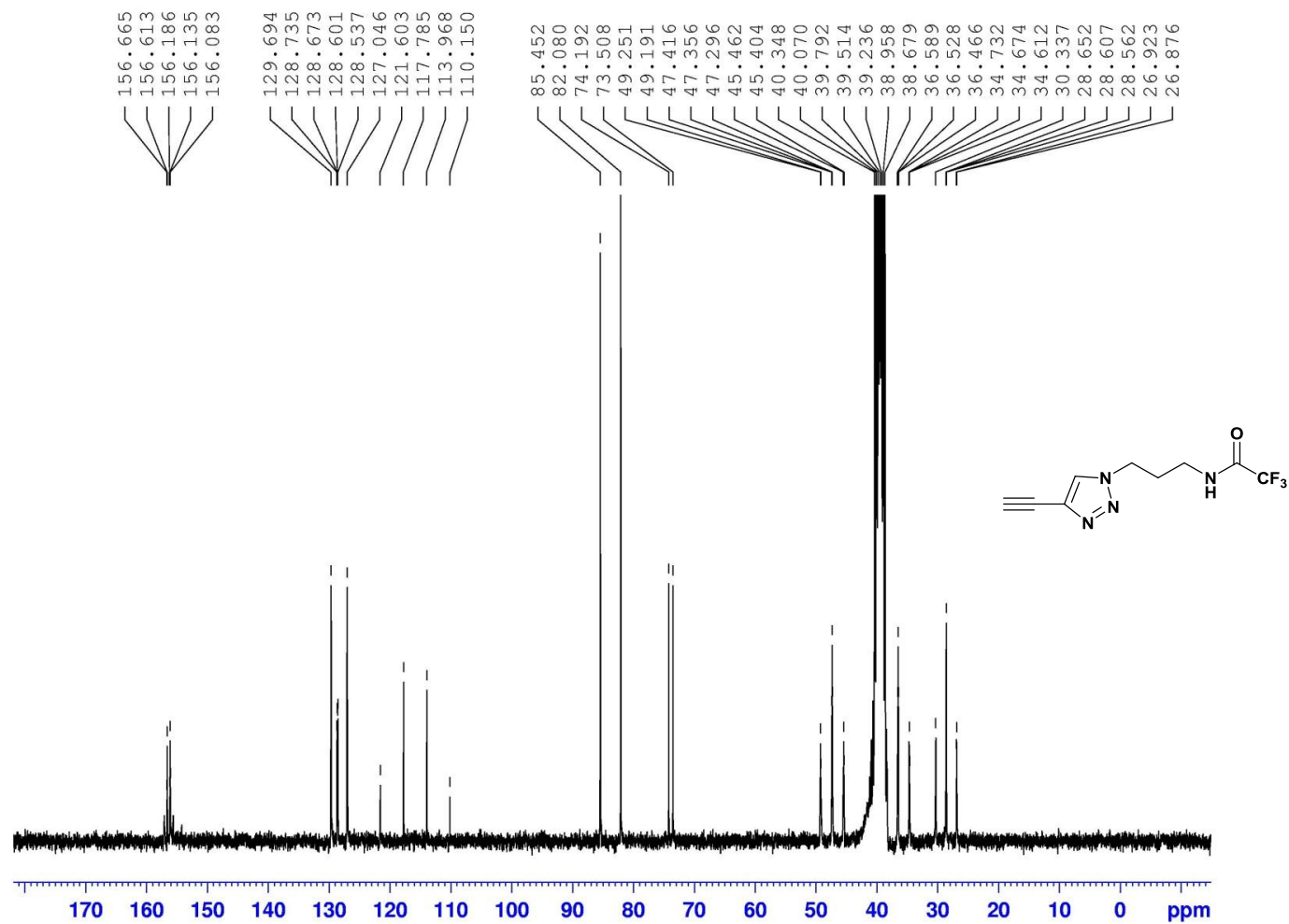
**Figure S13.** <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectrum of *N*-(3-(4-ethynyl-1*H*-1,2,3-triazol-1-yl)propyl)-2,2,2-trifluoroacetamide (**13**).



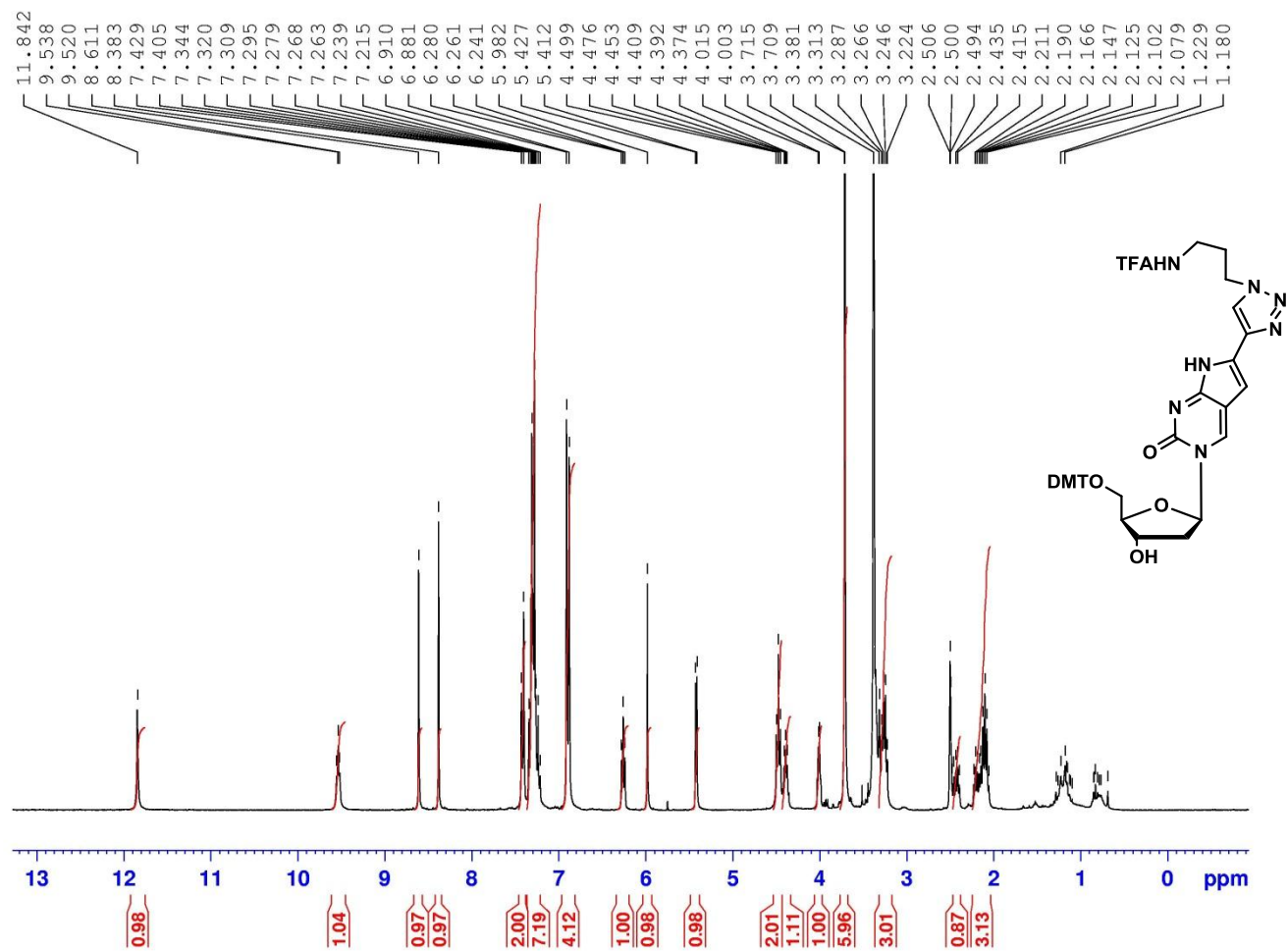
**Figure S14.**  $^{13}\text{C}$ -NMR spectrum of *N*-(3-(4-ethynyl-1*H*-1,2,3-triazol-1-yl)propyl)-2,2,2-trifluoroacetamide (13).



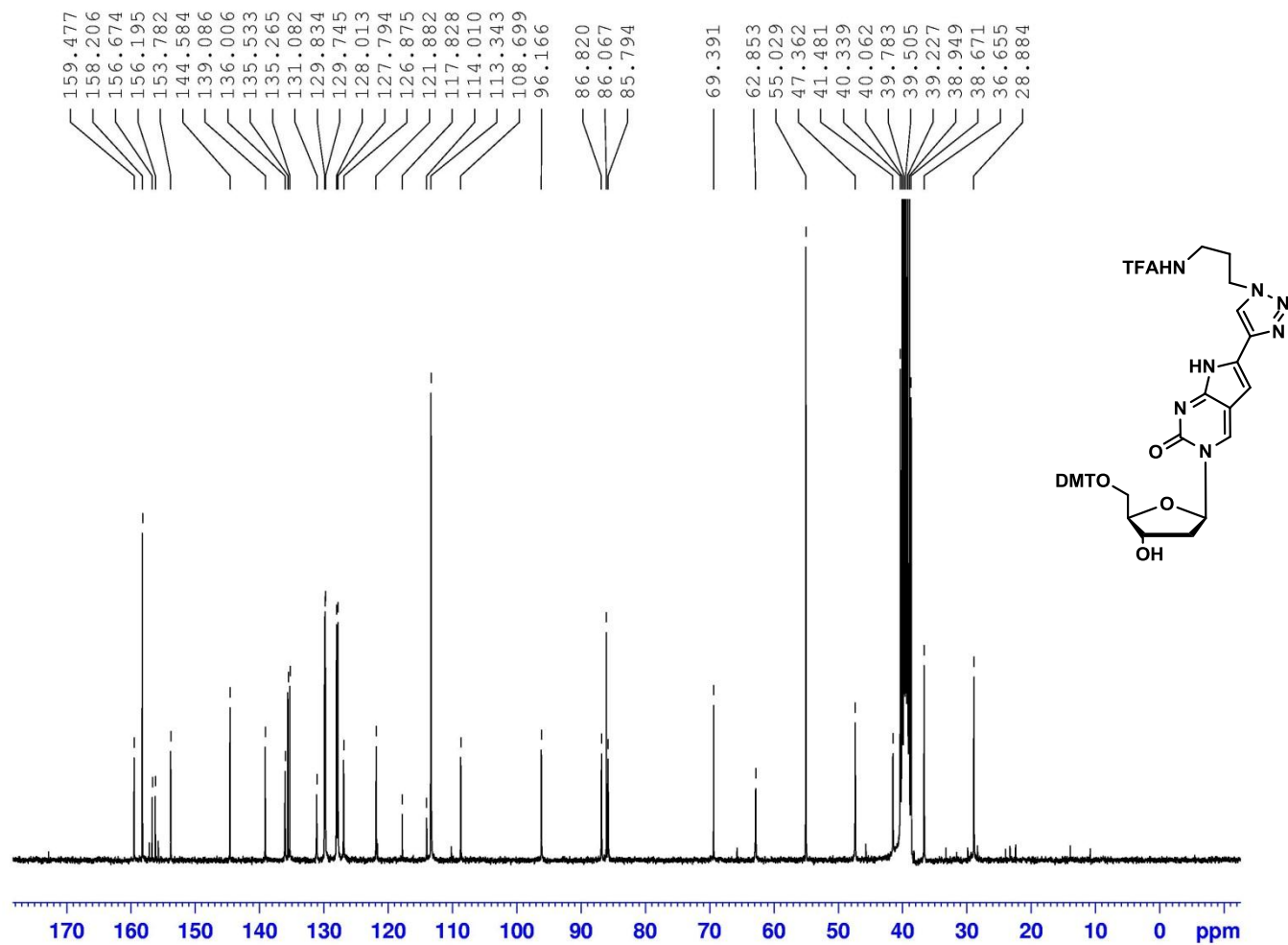
**Figure S15.** DEPT-135 spectrum of *N*-(3-(4-ethynyl-1*H*-1,2,3-triazol-1-yl)propyl)-2,2,2-trifluoroacetamide (**13**).



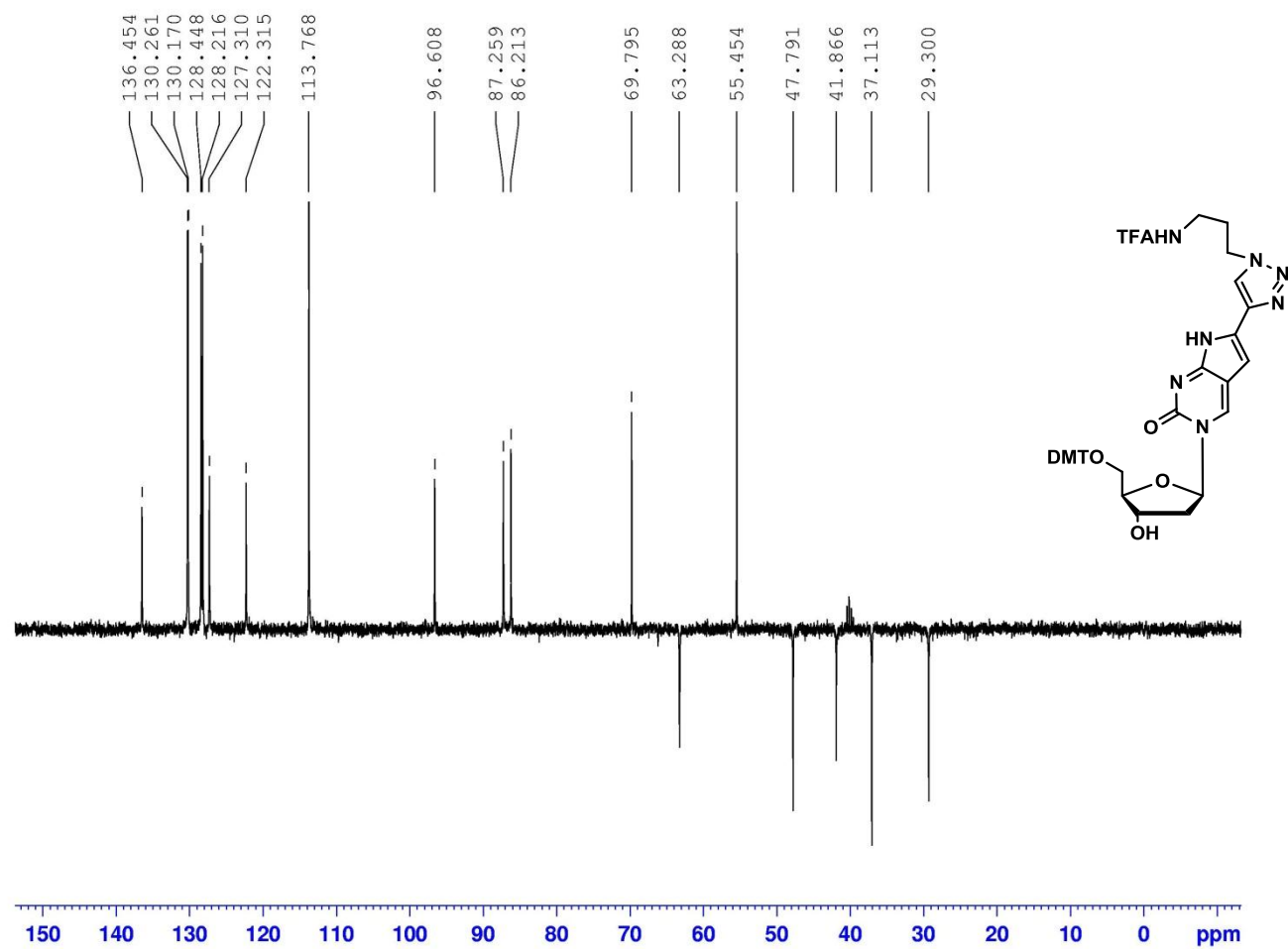
**Figure S16.**  $^1\text{H}$ - $^{13}\text{C}$ -gated decoupled spectrum of *N*-(3-(4-ethynyl-1*H*-1,2,3-triazol-1-yl)propyl)-2,2,2-trifluoroacetamide (**13**).



**Figure S17.** <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectrum of trifluoroacetamide protected pyrrolo-dC analogue with DMT (**15**).

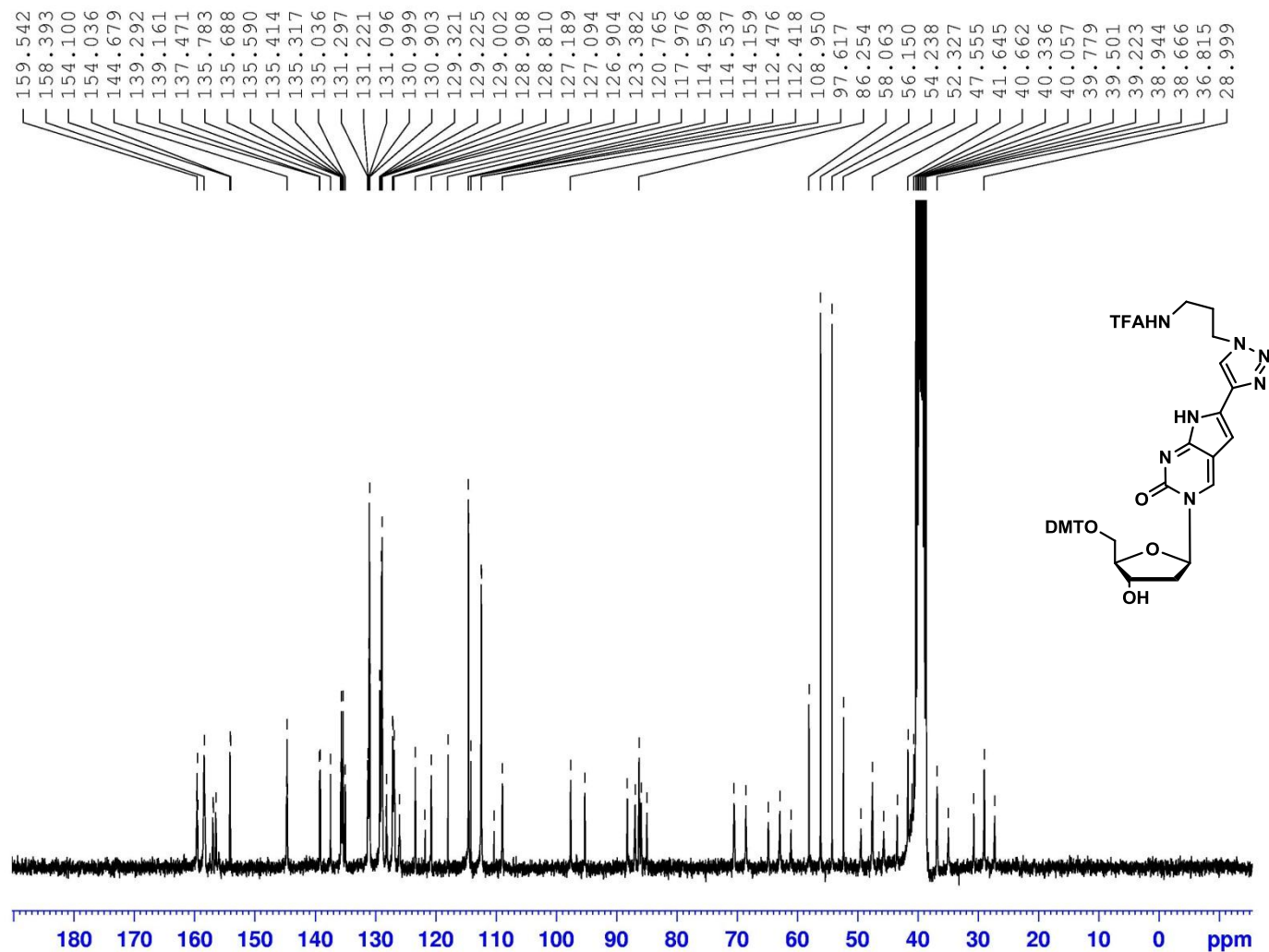


**Figure S18.**  $^{13}\text{C}$ -NMR spectrum of trifluoroacetamide protected pyrrolo-dC analogue with DMT (**15**).



**Figure S19.** DEPT-135 spectrum of trifluoroacetamide protected pyrrolo-dC analogue with DMT (**15**).





**Figure S20.**  $^1\text{H}$ - $^{13}\text{C}$ -gated decoupled spectrum of trifluoroacetamide protected pyrrolo-dC analogue with DMT (**15**).

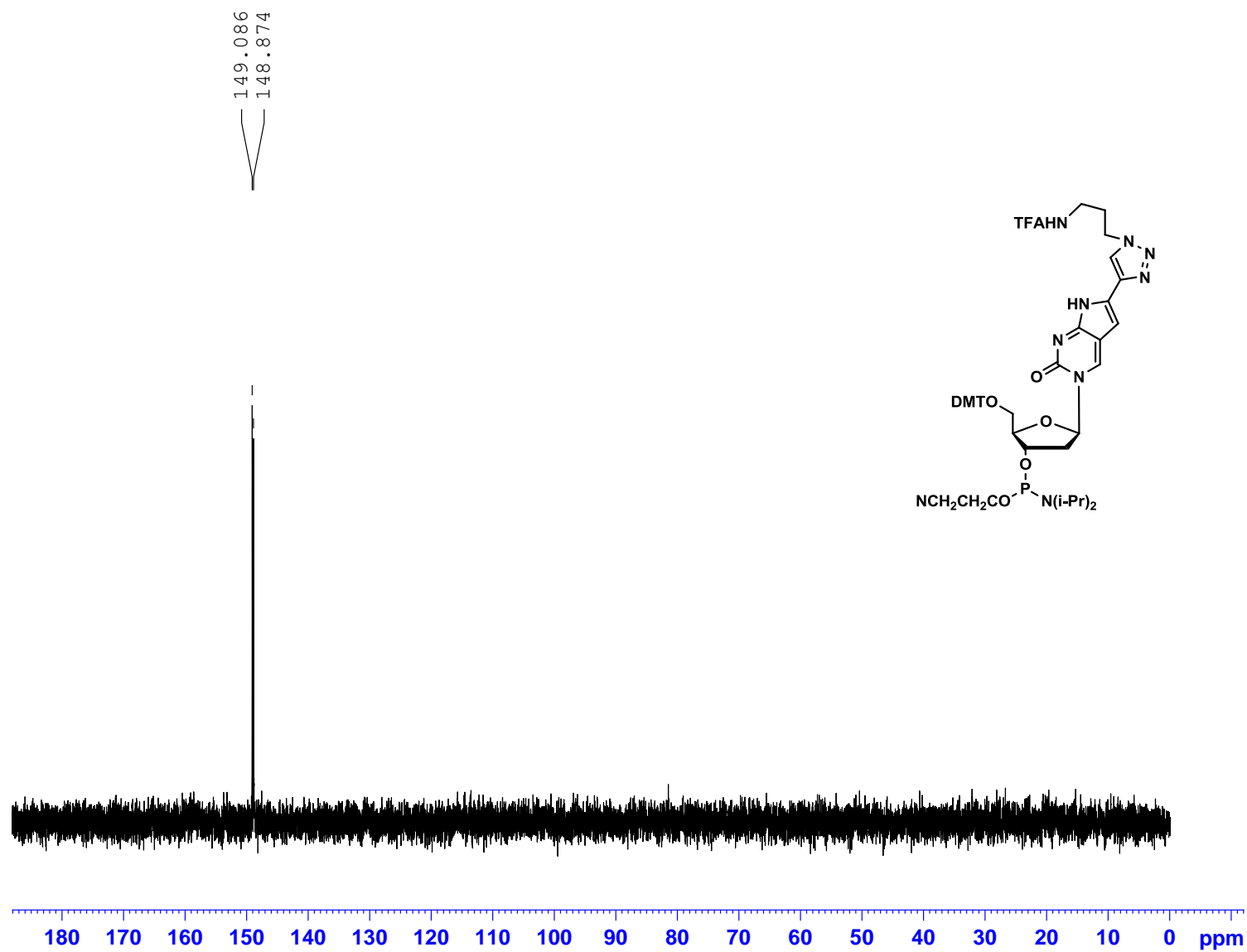


Figure S21.  $^{31}\text{P}$ -NMR spectrum of phosphoramidite 5.

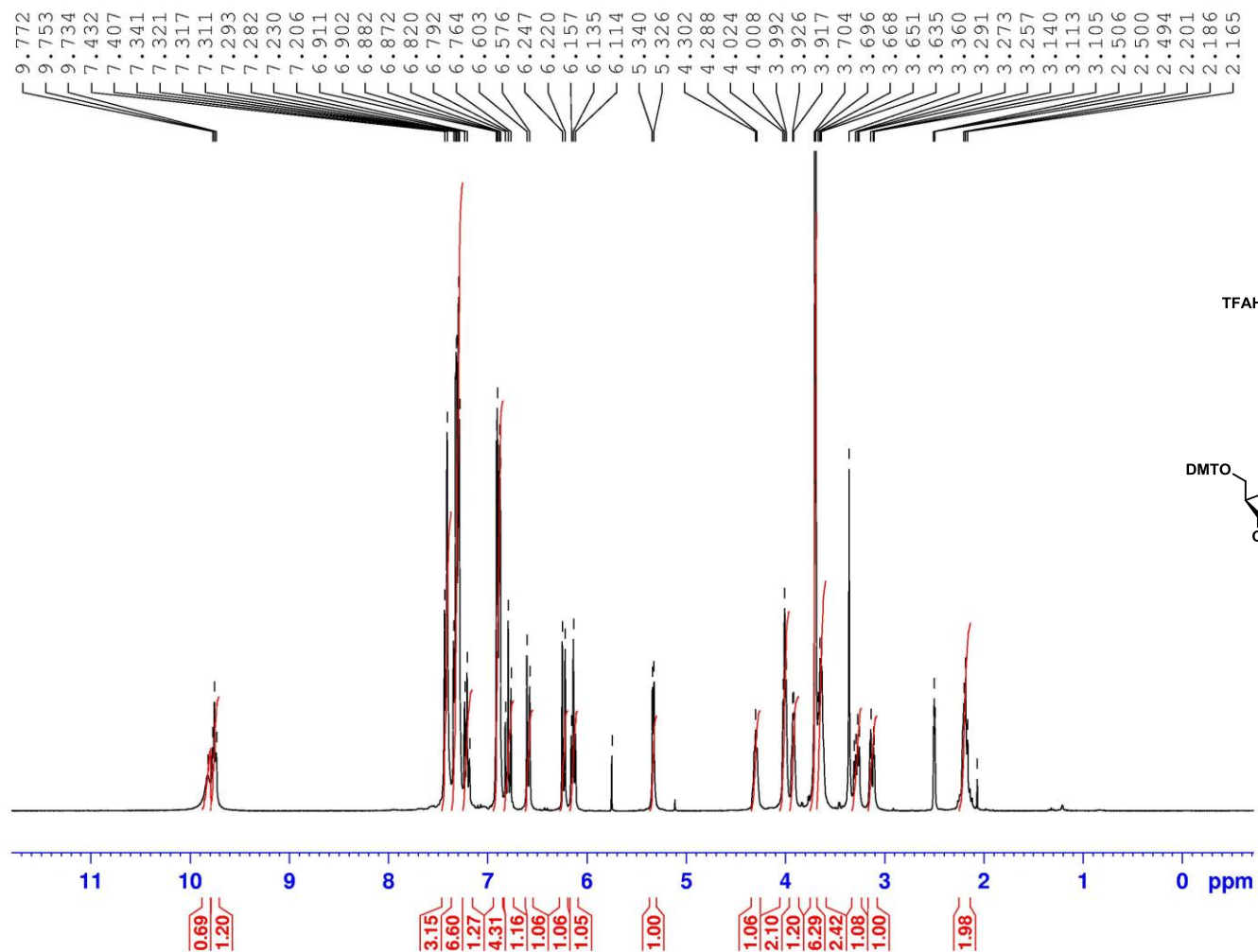


Figure S22. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectrum of the DMT-protected G-clamp.

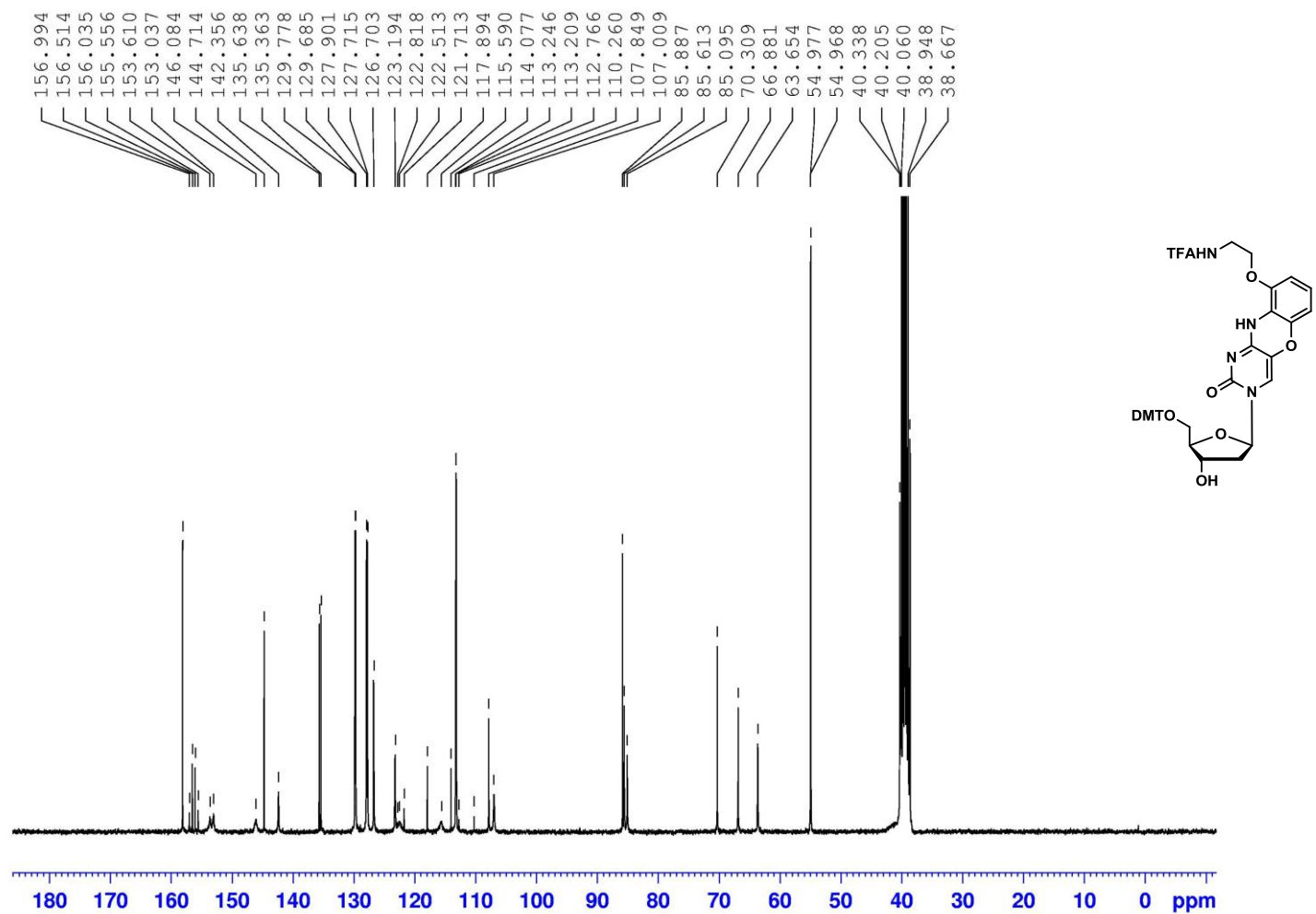


Figure S23.  $^{13}\text{C}$ -NMR spectrum of the DMT-protected G-clamp.

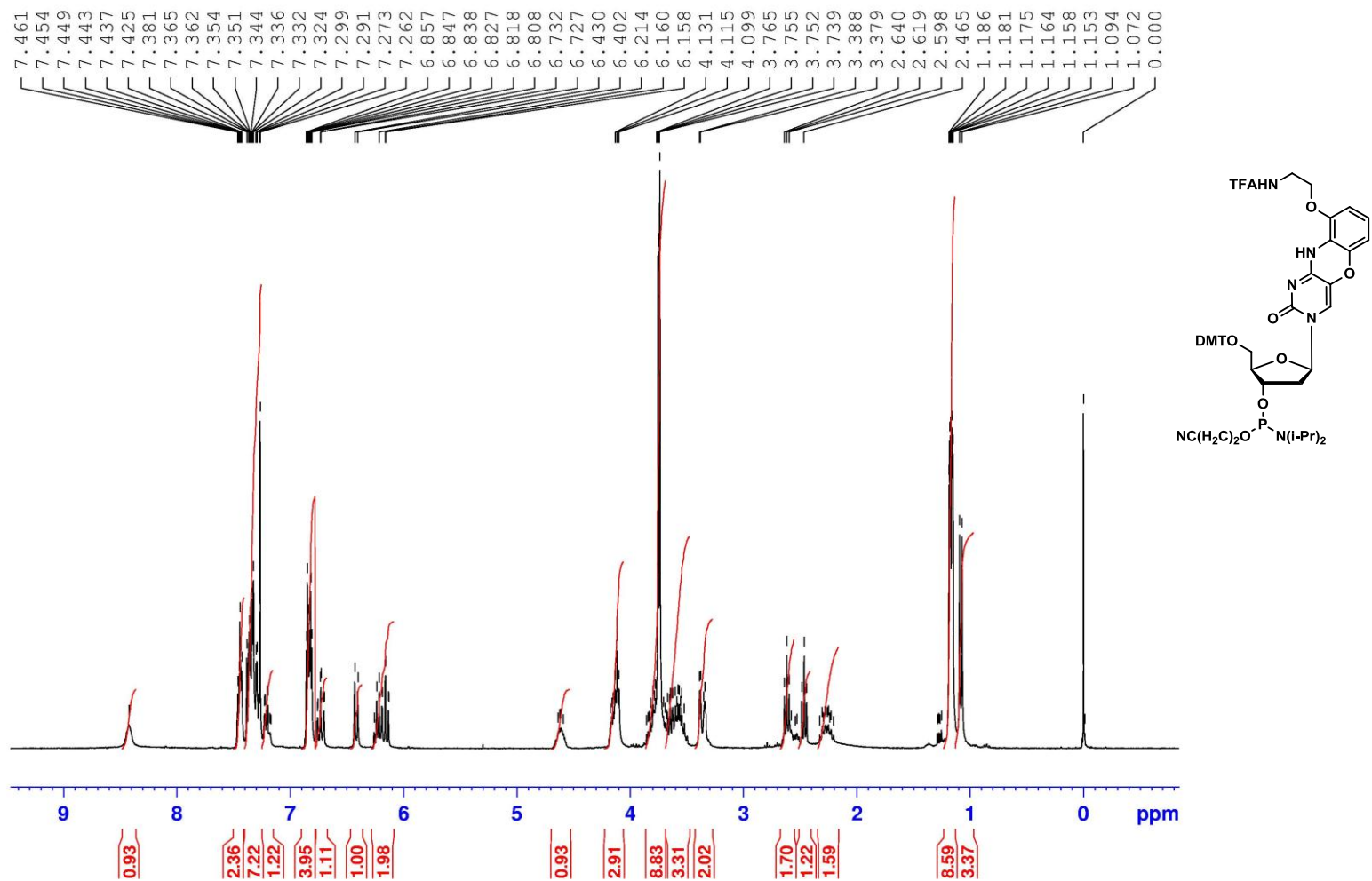


Figure S24. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectrum of phosphoramidite 16.

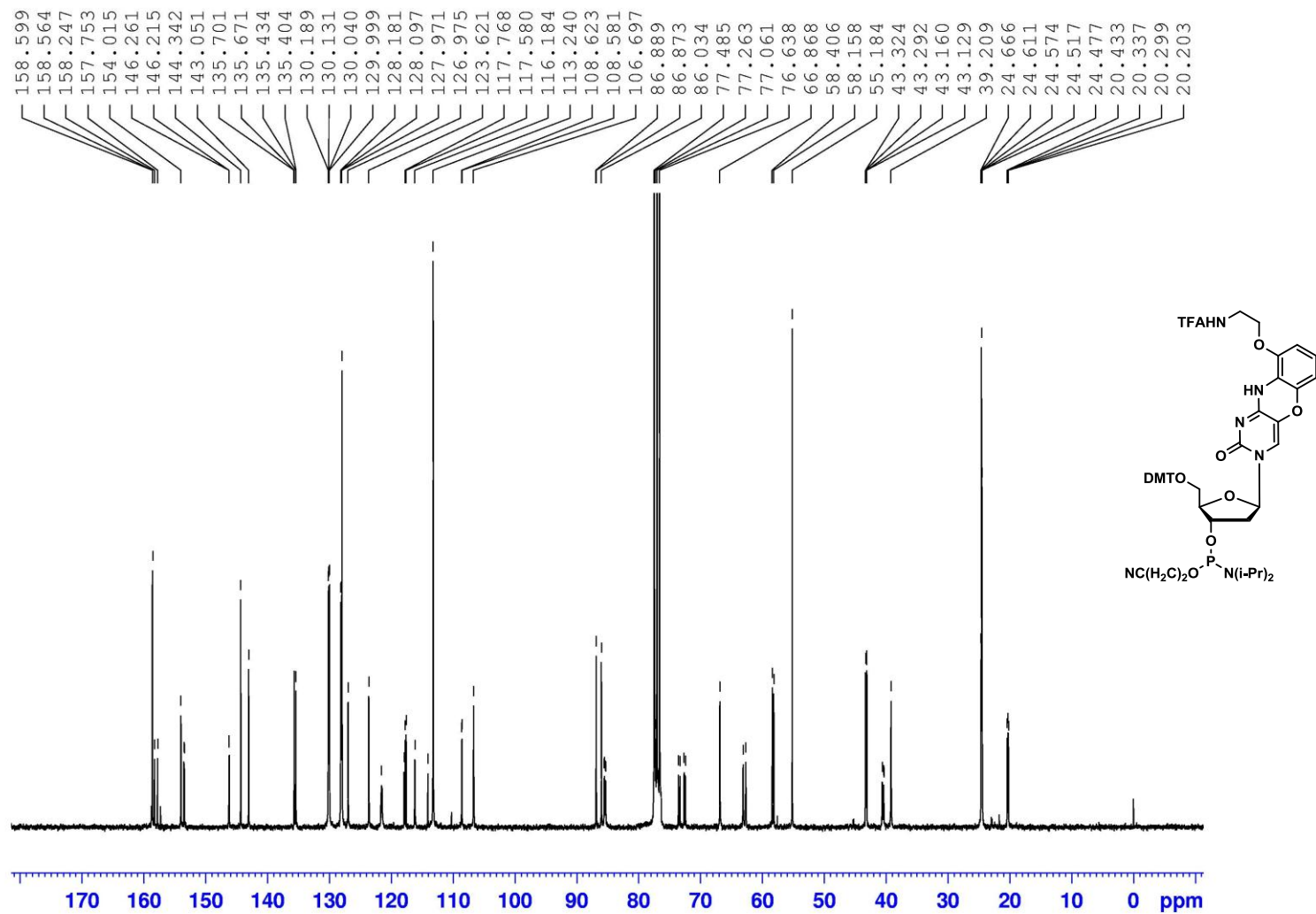
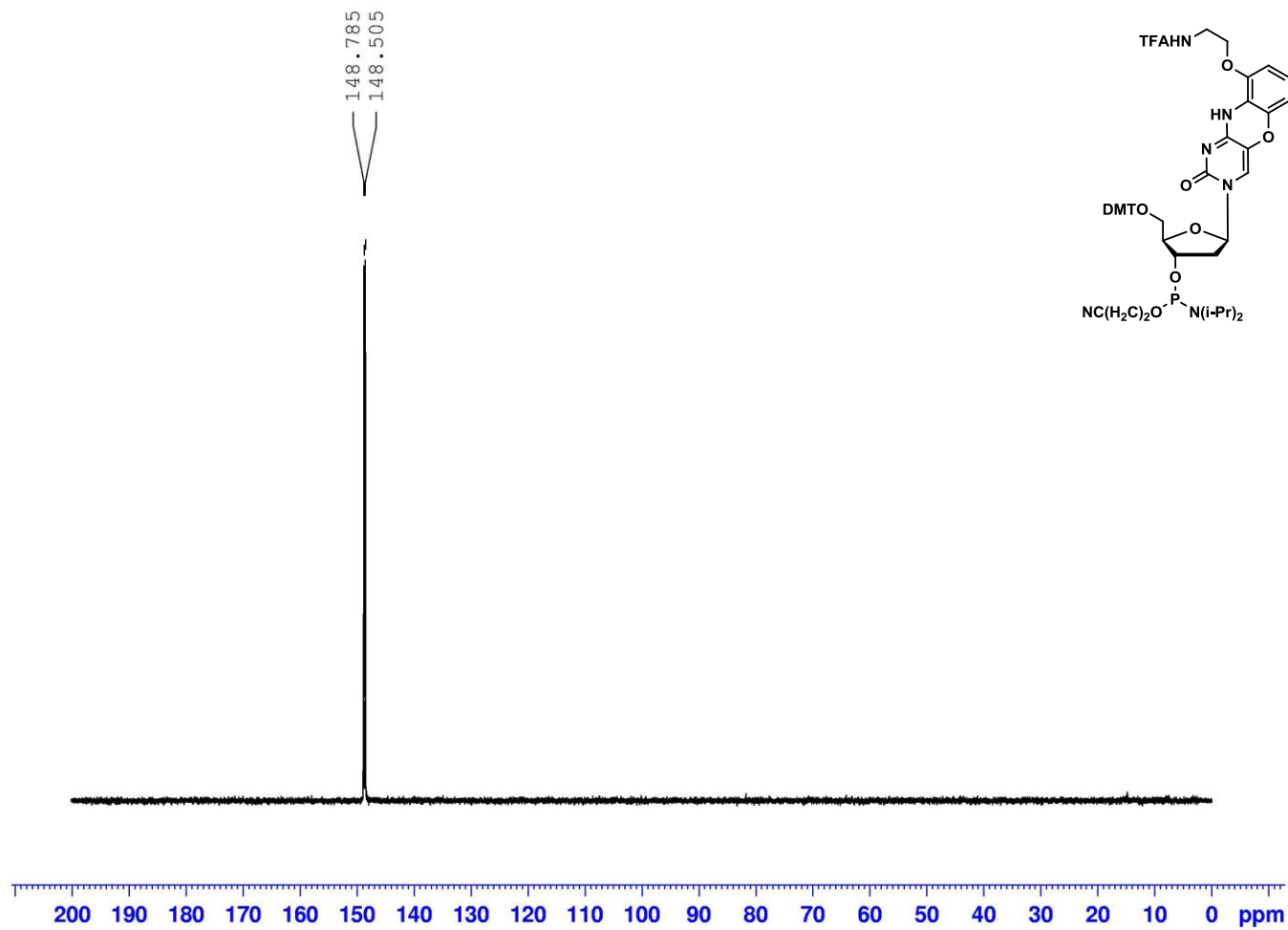


Figure S25. <sup>13</sup>C-NMR spectrum of phosphoramidite **16**.



**Figure S26.**  $^{31}\text{P}$ -NMR spectrum of phosphoramidite **16**.