

Electronic Supplementary Information

**Disila-analogues of the synthetic retinoids EC23 and TTNN:
synthesis, structure and biological evaluation**

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Table S1 Crystallographic data and experimental parameters for the crystal structure analyses of **5a**, **5b** and **8b**.

| Compound | 5a | 5b | 8b |
|--|---|---|---|
| Empirical formula | C ₂₂ H ₂₂ O ₂ | C ₂₀ H ₂₂ O ₂ Si ₂ | C ₂₂ H ₂₄ O ₂ Si ₂ |
| Formula mass [g mol ⁻¹] | 318.40 | 350.56 | 376.59 |
| Collection <i>T</i> [K] | 173(2) | 173(2) | 173(2) |
| $\lambda(\text{MoK}\alpha)$ [Å] | 0.71073 | 0.71073 | 0.71073 |
| Crystal system | triclinic | orthorhombic | orthorhombic |
| Space group (No.) | <i>P</i> 1 (1) | <i>Pbca</i> (61) | <i>Pbca</i> (61) |
| <i>a</i> [Å] | 6.6502(19) | 9.7328(10) | 10.3734(6) |
| <i>b</i> [Å] | 8.0811(19) | 11.2756(8) | 11.1736(7) |
| <i>c</i> [Å] | 18.466(5) | 35.715(4) | 36.103(2) |
| α [°] | 80.28(3) | 90 | 90 |
| β [°] | 84.36(3) | 90 | 90 |
| γ [°] | 66.24(3) | 90 | 90 |
| <i>V</i> [Å ³] | 894.7(4) | 3919.5(6) | 4184.6(4) |
| <i>Z</i> | 2 | 8 | 8 |
| <i>D</i> _{calcd} [g cm ⁻³] | 1.182 | 1.188 | 1.196 |
| μ [mm ⁻¹] | 0.074 | 0.190 | 0.182 |
| <i>F</i> (000) | 340 | 1488 | 1600 |
| Crystal dimensions [mm] | 0.50 × 0.20 × 0.02 | 0.5 × 0.4 × 0.1 | 0.4 × 0.3 × 0.2 |
| 2 θ range [°] | 5.56–58.34 | 4.76–53.84 | 4.52–53.72 |
| Index ranges | –9 ≤ <i>h</i> ≤ 9, –10 ≤ <i>k</i> ≤ 10, –25 ≤ <i>l</i> ≤ 25 | –12 ≤ <i>h</i> ≤ 12, –13 ≤ <i>k</i> ≤ 12, –45 ≤ <i>l</i> ≤ 26 | –13 ≤ <i>h</i> ≤ 13, –14 ≤ <i>k</i> ≤ 14, –45 ≤ <i>l</i> ≤ 45 |
| No. of collected reflections | 12799 | 19094 | 30629 |
| No. of independent reflections | 4485 | 3971 | 4474 |
| <i>R</i> _{int} | 0.0927 | 0.0456 | 0.0654 |
| No. of reflections used | 4485 | 3971 | 4474 |
| No. of parameters | 232 | 224 | 240 |
| No. of restraints | 12 | 0 | 0 |
| <i>S</i> ^a | 0.900 | 1.014 | 1.030 |
| Weight parameters <i>a/b</i> ^b | 0.1005/0.0000 | 0.0665/0.2200 | 0.0540/2.6001 |
| <i>R</i> ₁ ^c [<i>I</i> > 2 σ (<i>I</i>)] | 0.0579 | 0.0402 | 0.0469 |
| <i>wR</i> ₂ ^d (all data) | 0.1664 | 0.1109 | 0.1229 |
| Max./min. residual electron density [e Å ⁻³] | +0.368/–0.261 | +0.232/–0.284 | +0.271/–0.301 |

^a $S = \{\sum[w(F_o^2 - F_c^2)^2]/(n - p)\}^{0.5}$; *n* = no. of reflections; *p* = no. of parameters. ^b $w^{-1} = \sigma^2(F_o^2) + (aP)^2 + bP$, with $P = [\max(F_o^2, 0) + 2F_c^2]/3$. ^c $R_1 = \sum||F_o| - |F_c||/\sum|F_o|$. ^d $wR_2 = \{\sum[w(F_o^2 - F_c^2)^2]/\sum[w(F_o^2)^2]\}^{0.5}$.

Table S2 Crystallographic data and experimental parameters for the crystal structure analyses of **15**, **17** and **28**.

| Compound | 15 | 17 | 28 |
|--|--|---|---|
| Empirical formula | C ₂₃ H ₂₄ O ₂ | C ₂₀ H ₂₂ O ₃ Si ₂ | C ₁₄ H ₂₆ Si ₃ |
| Formula mass [g mol ⁻¹] | 332.42 | 366.56 | 278.62 |
| Collection <i>T</i> [K] | 100(2) | 100(2) | 173(2) |
| $\lambda(\text{MoK}\alpha)$ [Å] | 0.71073 | 0.71073 | 0.71073 |
| Crystal system | monoclinic | monoclinic | monoclinic |
| Space group (No.) | <i>P</i> 2 ₁ / <i>c</i> (14) | <i>C</i> 2 (5) | <i>P</i> 2 ₁ / <i>c</i> (14) |
| <i>a</i> [Å] | 20.5765(9) | 60.024(5) | 14.635(4) |
| <i>b</i> [Å] | 11.1441(5) | 11.4478(8) | 10.5599(16) |
| <i>c</i> [Å] | 8.1245(4) | 8.7407(6) | 11.643(3) |
| β [°] | 98.9270(10) | 95.534(4) | 94.50(3) |
| <i>V</i> [Å ³] | 1840.43(15) | 5978.1(7) | 1793.9(7) |
| <i>Z</i> | 4 | 12 | 4 |
| <i>D</i> _{calcd} [g cm ⁻³] | 1.200 | 1.222 | 1.032 |
| μ [mm ⁻¹] | 0.075 | 0.193 | 0.247 |
| <i>F</i> (000) | 712 | 2328 | 608 |
| Crystal dimensions [mm] | 0.30 × 0.22 × 0.10 | 0.47 × 0.20 × 0.03 | 0.50 × 0.30 × 0.15 |
| 2 θ range [°] | 2.00–66.28 | 2.72–52.74 | 4.76–54.96 |
| Index ranges | –31 ≤ <i>h</i> ≤ 31, –17 ≤ <i>k</i> ≤ 16, –9 ≤ <i>l</i> ≤ 12 | –72 ≤ <i>h</i> ≤ 74, –14 ≤ <i>k</i> ≤ 14, –10 ≤ <i>l</i> ≤ 10 | –19 ≤ <i>h</i> ≤ 19, –12 ≤ <i>k</i> ≤ 12, –15 ≤ <i>l</i> ≤ 15 |
| No. of collected reflections | 38468 | 39207 | 21879 |
| No. of independent reflections | 6772 | 12031 | 3958 |
| <i>R</i> _{int} | 0.0313 | 0.0454 | 0.0949 |
| No. of reflections used | 6772 | 12031 | 3958 |
| No. of parameters | 231 | 692 | 161 |
| No. of restraints | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| <i>S</i> ^a | 1.072 | 1.020 | 0.913 |
| Weight parameters <i>a</i> / <i>b</i> ^b | 0.0565/0.5356 | 0.0909/2.7879 | 0.0588/0.0000 |
| <i>R</i> ₁ ^c [<i>I</i> > 2 σ (<i>I</i>)] | 0.0422 | 0.0549 | 0.0425 |
| <i>wR</i> ₂ ^d (all data) | 0.1216 | 0.1458 | 0.1084 |
| Absolute structure parameter | | 0.00(15) | |
| Max./min. residual electron density [e Å ⁻³] | +0.558/–0.184 | +1.103/–0.295 | +0.357/–0.278 |

^a $S = \{\sum[w(F_o^2 - F_c^2)^2]/(n - p)\}^{0.5}$; *n* = no. of reflections; *p* = no. of parameters. ^b $w^{-1} = \sigma^2(F_o^2) + (aP)^2 + bP$, with $P = [\max(F_o^2, 0) + 2F_c^2]/3$. ^c $R_1 = \sum||F_o| - |F_c||/\sum|F_o|$. ^d $wR_2 = \{\sum[w(F_o^2 - F_c^2)^2]/\sum[w(F_o^2)^2]\}^{0.5}$.

Table S3 Crystallographic data and experimental parameters for the crystal structure analyses of **29**, **33** and **34**.

| Compound | 29 | 33 | 34 |
|--|---|---|---|
| Empirical formula | C ₁₃ H ₂₄ OSi ₃ | C ₁₃ H ₂₀ O ₂ Si ₂ | C ₁₂ H ₁₈ O ₂ Si ₂ |
| Formula mass [g mol ⁻¹] | 280.59 | 264.47 | 250.44 |
| Collection <i>T</i> [K] | 173(2) | 173(2) | 173(2) |
| $\lambda(\text{MoK}\alpha)$ [Å] | 0.71073 | 0.71073 | 0.71073 |
| Crystal system | monoclinic | monoclinic | monoclinic |
| Space group (No.) | <i>P</i> 2 ₁ (4) | <i>P</i> 2 ₁ / <i>c</i> (14) | <i>C</i> 2/ <i>c</i> (15) |
| <i>a</i> [Å] | 6.2270(8) | 12.8871(17) | 17.973(4) |
| <i>b</i> [Å] | 10.0764(18) | 8.8099(11) | 5.5806(8) |
| <i>c</i> [Å] | 14.0512(19) | 14.4156(14) | 27.605(6) |
| β [°] | 91.347(16) | 116.374(12) | 90.75(3) |
| <i>V</i> [Å ³] | 881.4(2) | 1466.3(3) | 2768.5(9) |
| <i>Z</i> | 2 | 4 | 8 |
| <i>D</i> _{calcd} [g cm ⁻³] | 1.057 | 1.198 | 1.202 |
| μ [mm ⁻¹] | 0.256 | 0.231 | 0.241 |
| <i>F</i> (000) | 304 | 568 | 1072 |
| Crystal dimensions [mm] | 0.5 × 0.2 × 0.2 | 0.4 × 0.4 × 0.2 | 0.50 × 0.40 × 0.15 |
| 2 θ range [°] | 5.80–59.04 | 5.60–58.50 | 7.64–58.32 |
| Index ranges | –8 ≤ <i>h</i> ≤ 8, –13 ≤ <i>k</i> ≤ 13, –19 ≤ <i>l</i> ≤ 19 | –17 ≤ <i>h</i> ≤ 17, –11 ≤ <i>k</i> ≤ 12, –19 ≤ <i>l</i> ≤ 19 | –24 ≤ <i>h</i> ≤ 24, –7 ≤ <i>k</i> ≤ 7, –37 ≤ <i>l</i> ≤ 37 |
| No. of collected reflections | 11609 | 18328 | 19009 |
| No. of independent reflections | 4562 | 3938 | 3545 |
| <i>R</i> _{int} | 0.0605 | 0.0410 | 0.0368 |
| No. of reflections used | 4562 | 3938 | 3545 |
| No. of parameters | 193 | 180 | 150 |
| No. of restraints | 51 | 0 | 0 |
| <i>S</i> ^a | 1.053 | 1.060 | 1.104 |
| Weight parameters <i>a</i> / <i>b</i> ^b | 0.0778/0.0000 | 0.0769/0.3474 | 0.0619/1.4934 |
| <i>R</i> ₁ ^c [<i>I</i> > 2 σ (<i>I</i>)] | 0.0433 | 0.0446 | 0.0370 |
| <i>wR</i> ₂ ^d (all data) | 0.1232 | 0.1252 | 0.1080 |
| Absolute structure parameter | 0.01(13) | | |
| Max./min. residual electron density [e Å ⁻³] | +0.365/–0.381 | +0.382/–0.403 | +0.364/–0.242 |

^a $S = \{\sum[w(F_o^2 - F_c^2)^2]/(n - p)\}^{0.5}$; *n* = no. of reflections; *p* = no. of parameters. ^b $w^{-1} = \sigma^2(F_o^2) + (aP)^2 + bP$, with $P = [\max(F_o^2, 0) + 2F_c^2]/3$. ^c $R_1 = \sum||F_o| - |F_c||/\sum|F_o|$. ^d $wR_2 = \{\sum[w(F_o^2 - F_c^2)^2]/\sum[w(F_o^2)^2]\}^{0.5}$.

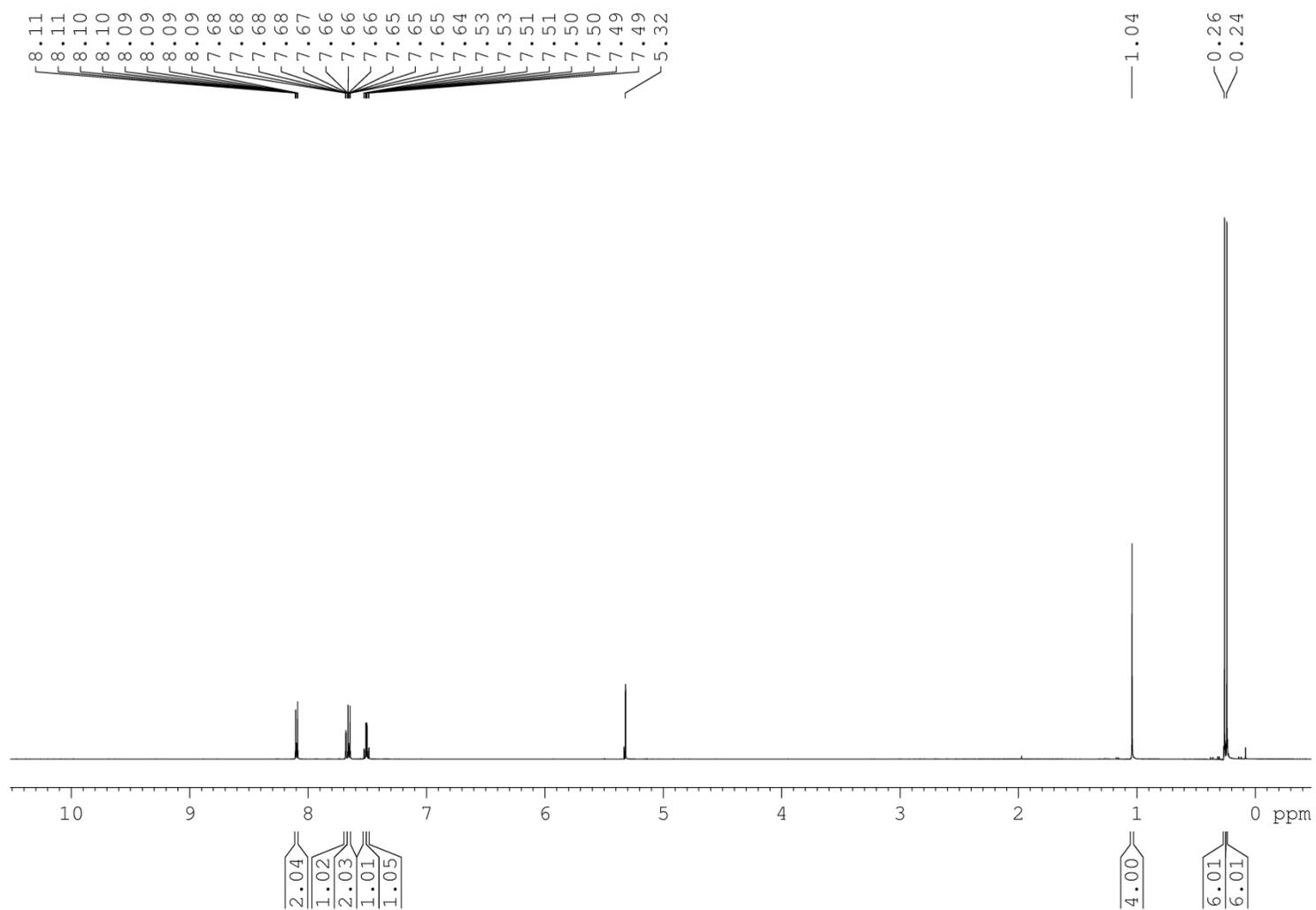


Figure S1 ^1H NMR spectrum of compound **4b**.

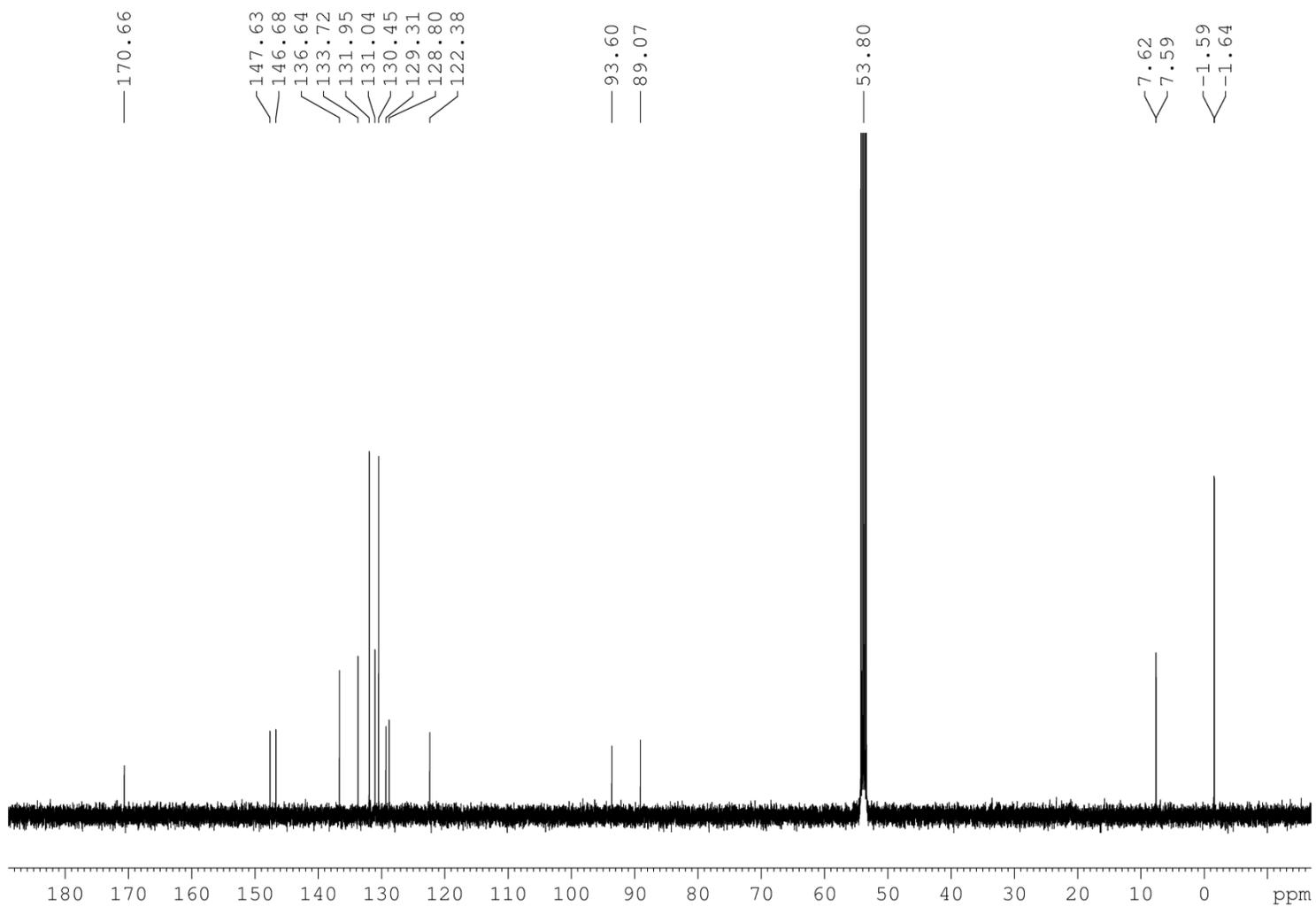


Figure S2 ^{13}C NMR spectrum of compound **4b**.

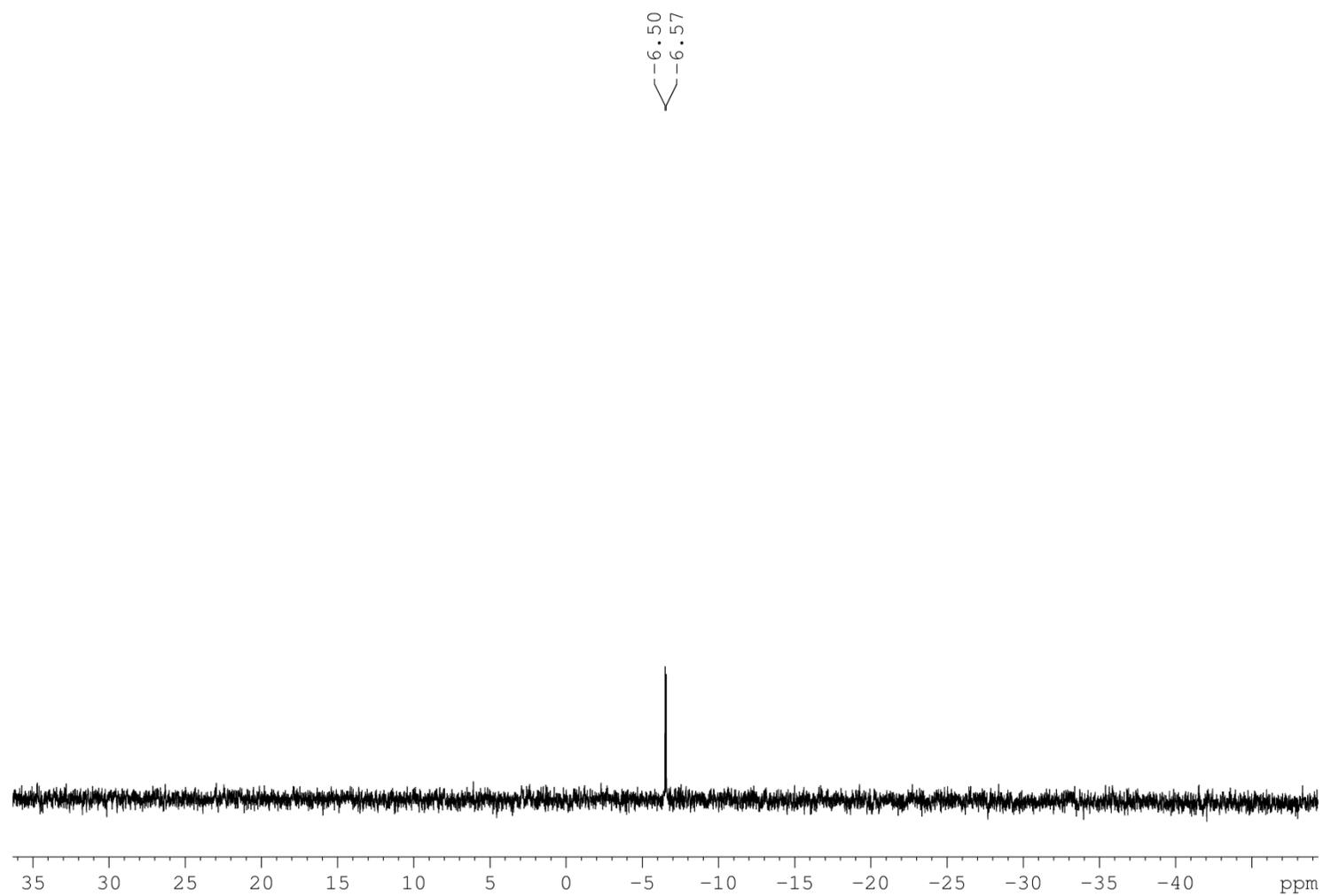


Figure S3 ^{29}Si NMR spectrum of compound **4b**.

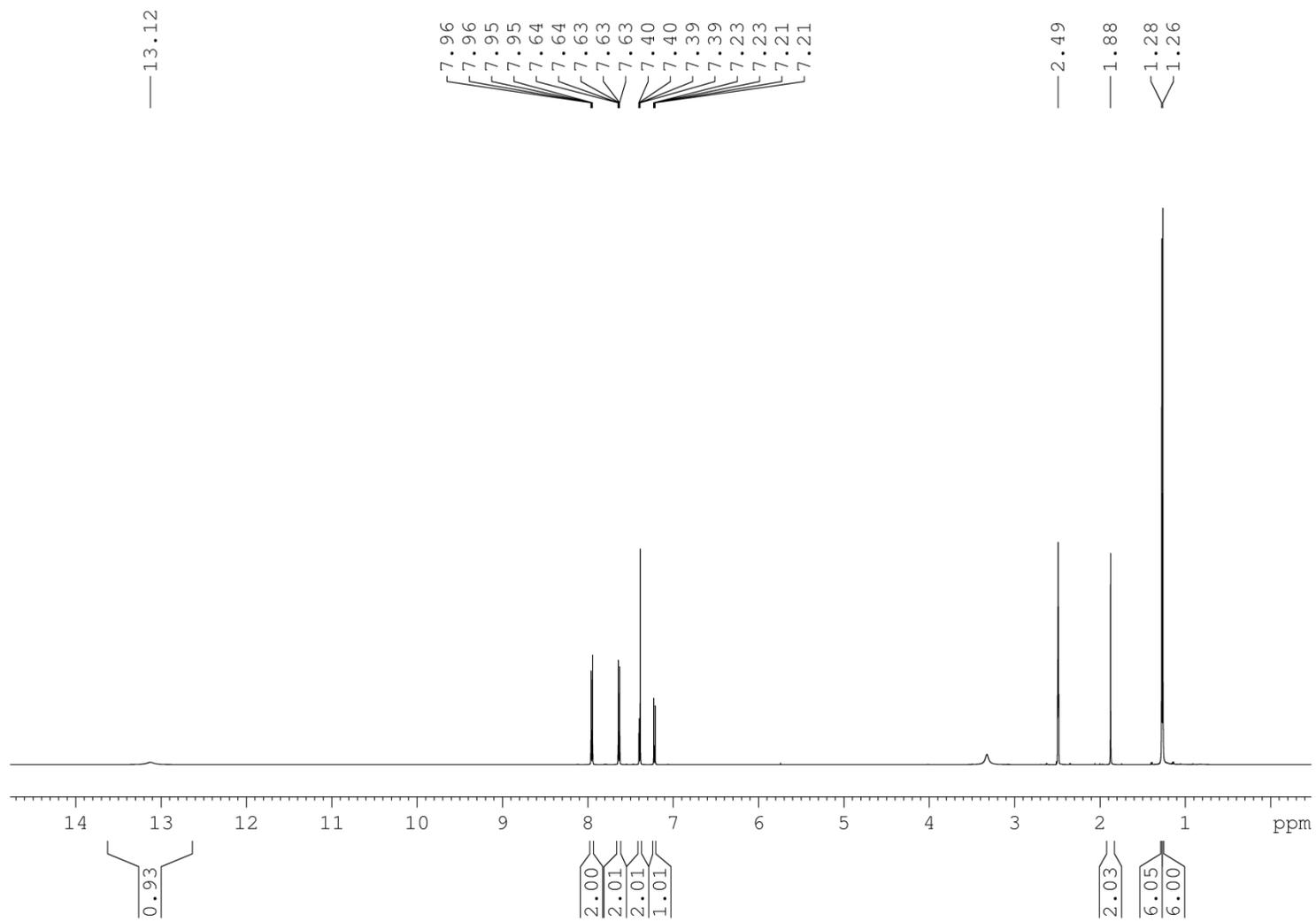


Figure S4 ^1H NMR spectrum of compound **5a**.

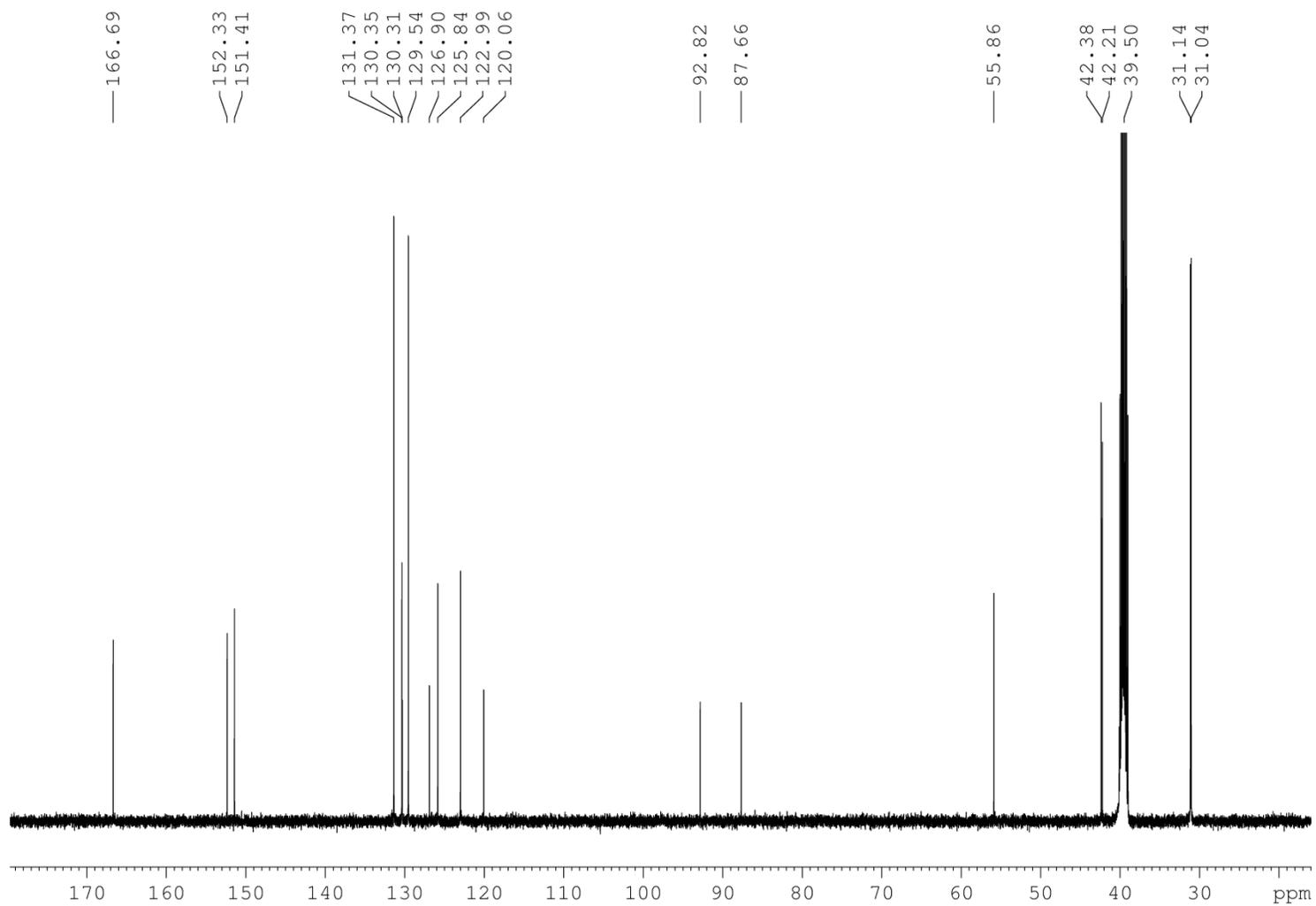


Figure S5 ^{13}C NMR spectrum of compound **5a**.

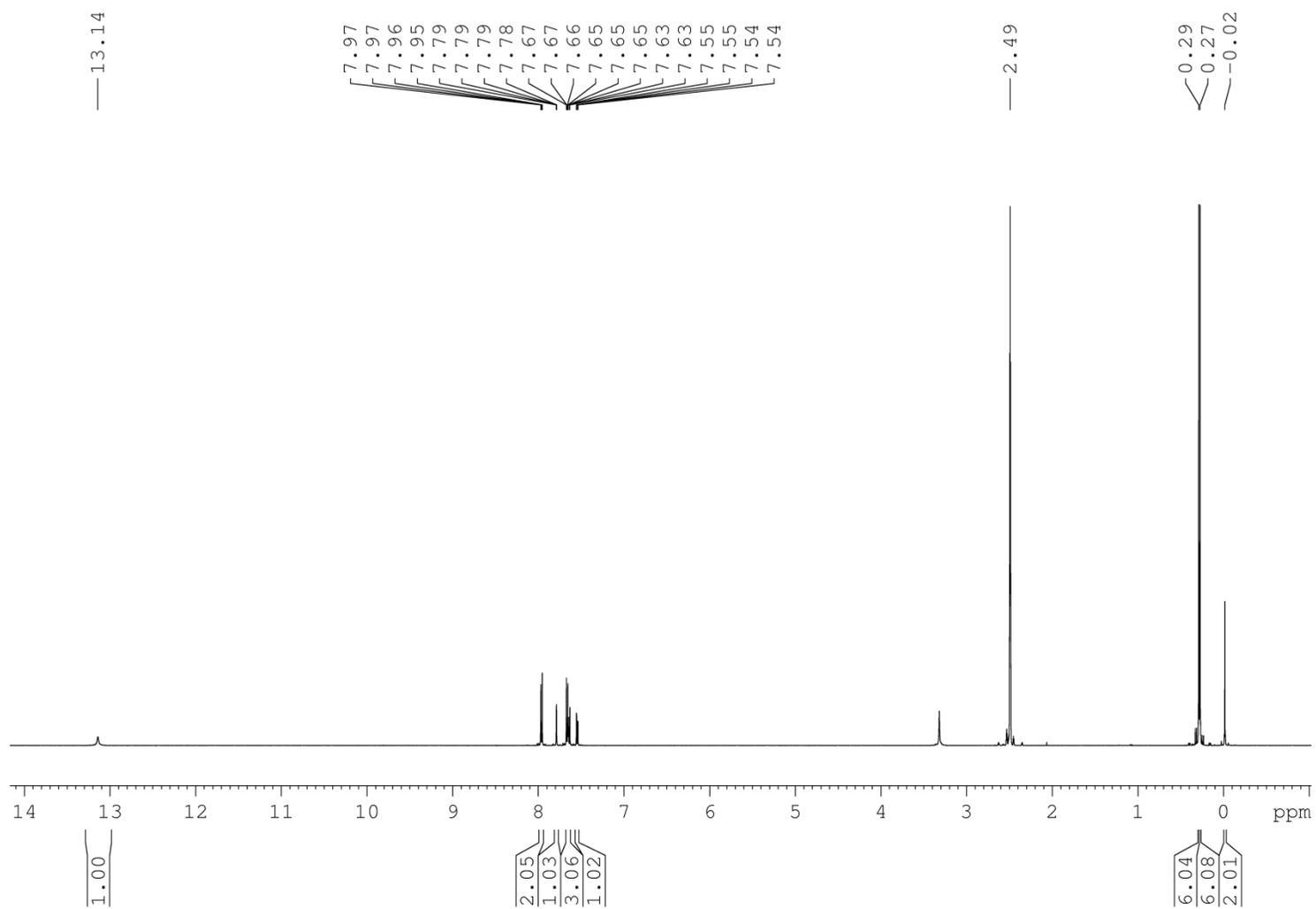


Figure S6 ^1H NMR spectrum of compound **5b**.

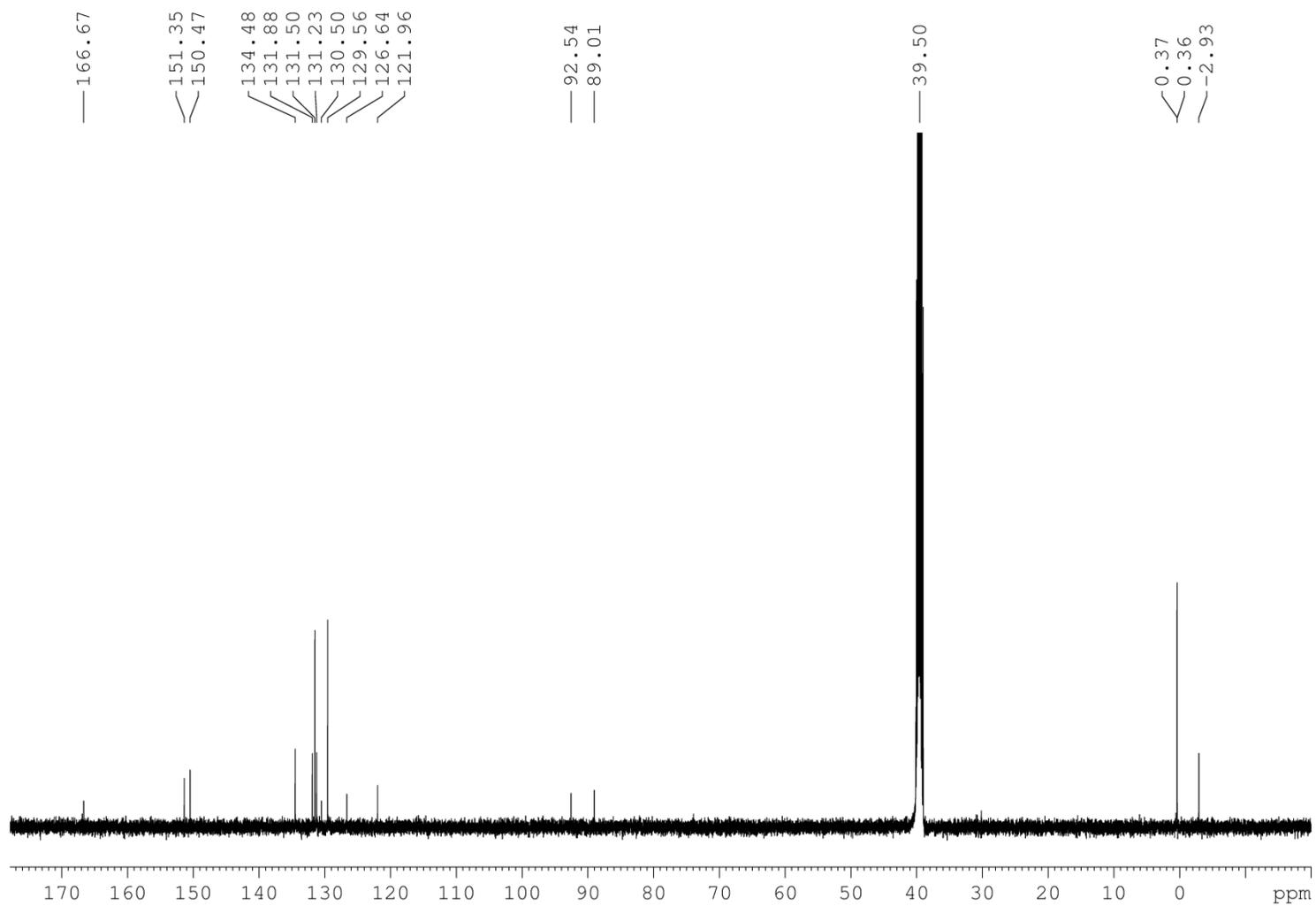


Figure S7 ^{13}C NMR spectrum of compound **5b**.

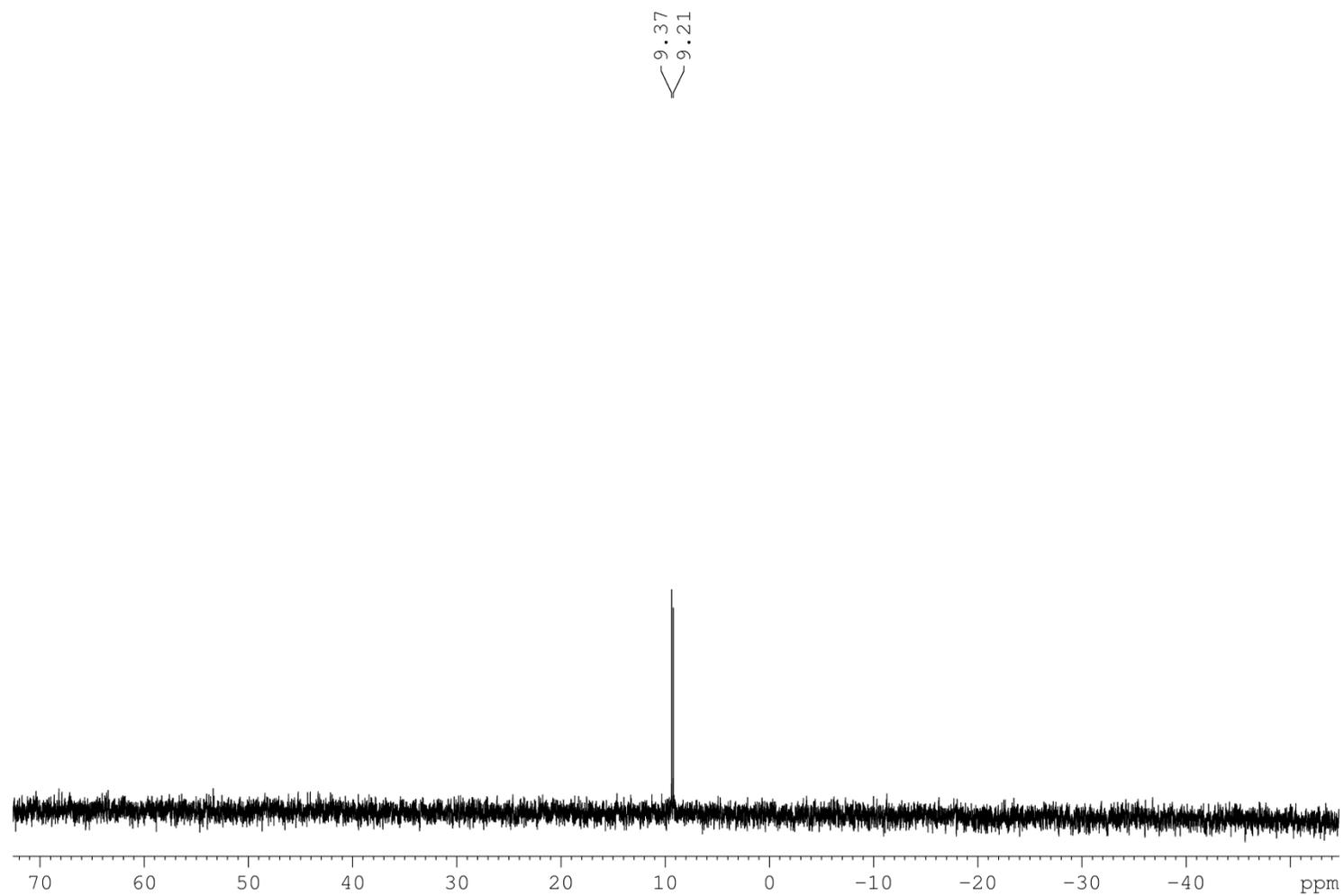


Figure S8 ^{29}Si NMR spectrum of compound **5b**.

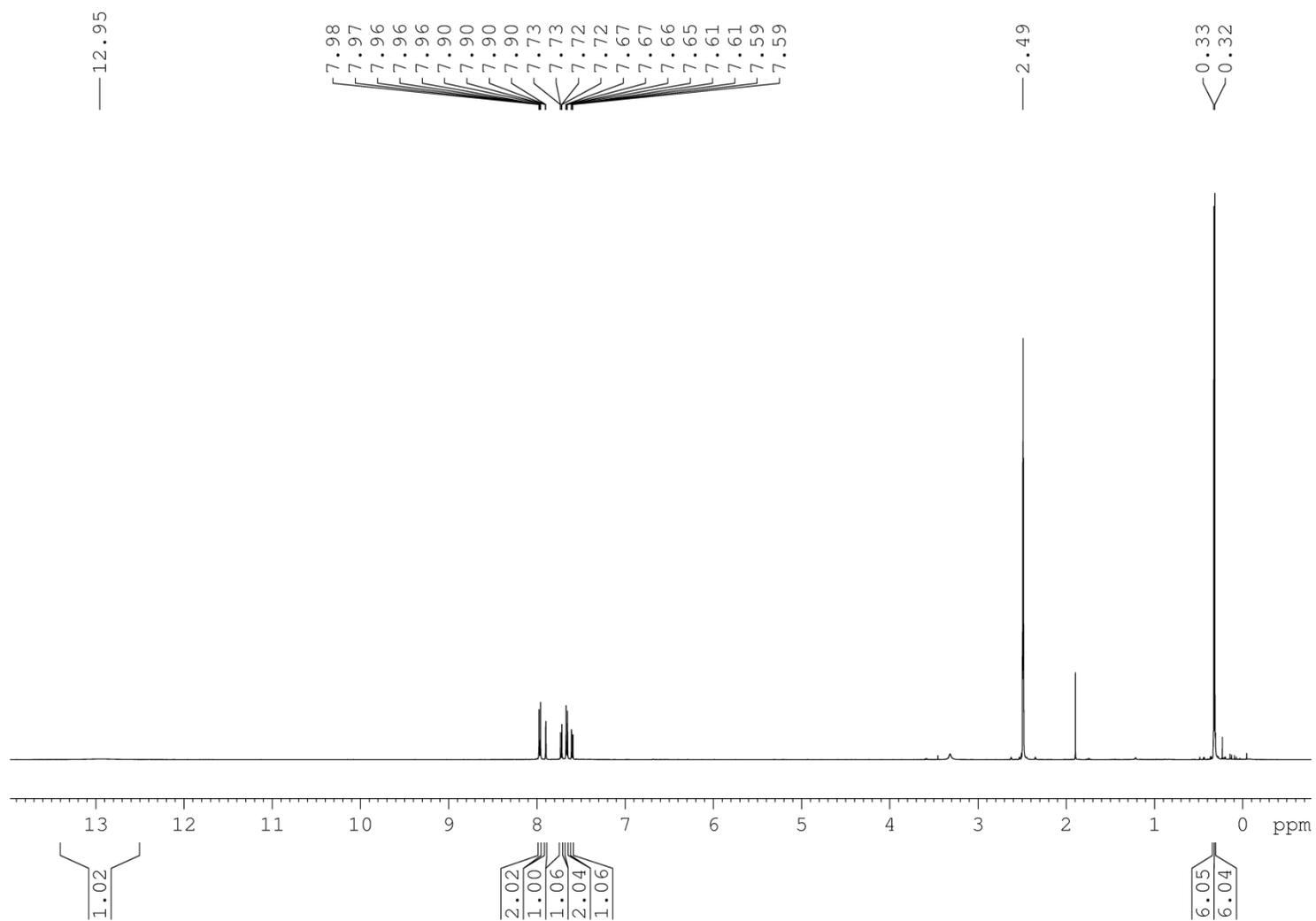


Figure S9 ^1H NMR spectrum of compound **6**.

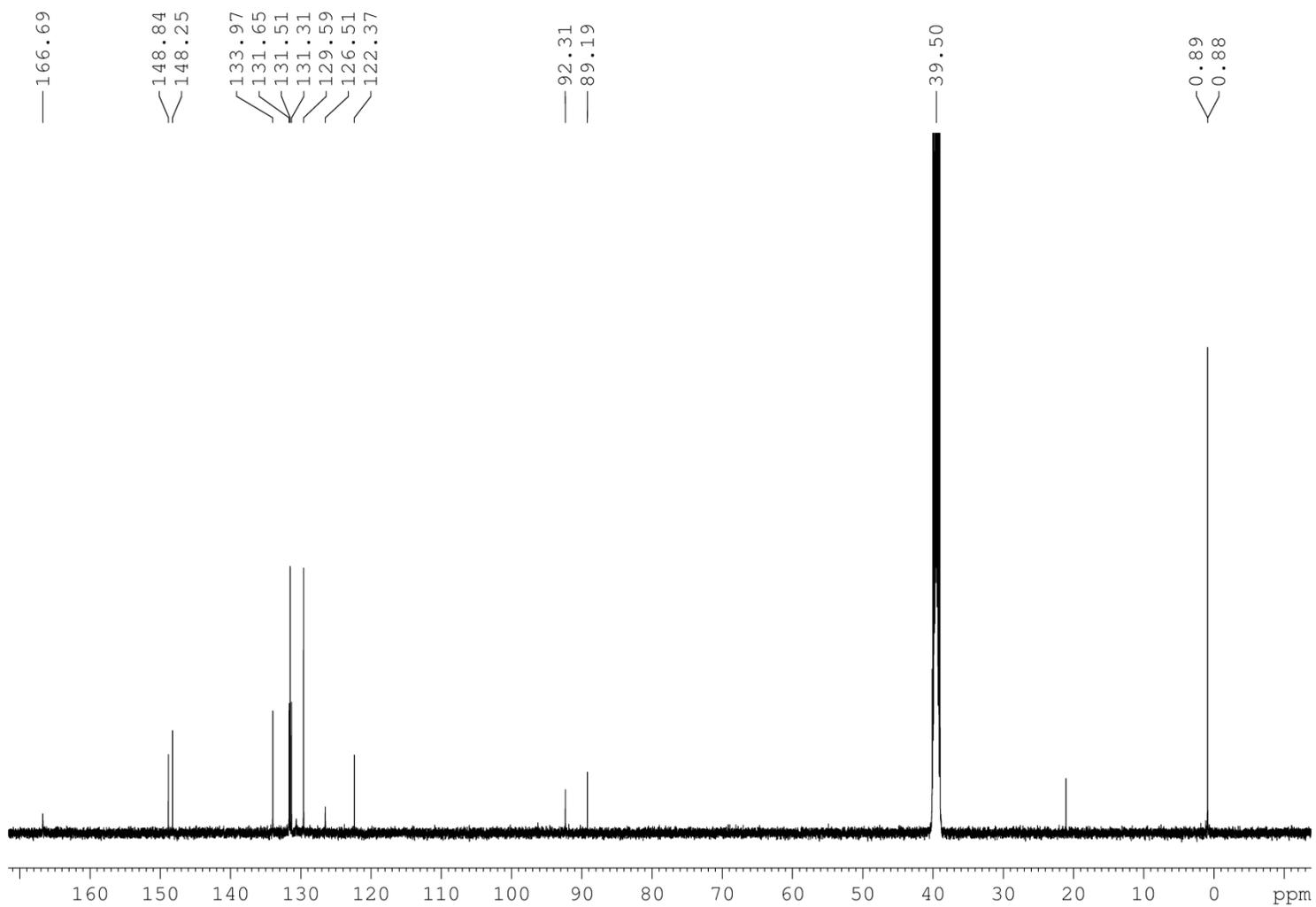


Figure S10 ^{13}C NMR spectrum of compound **6**.

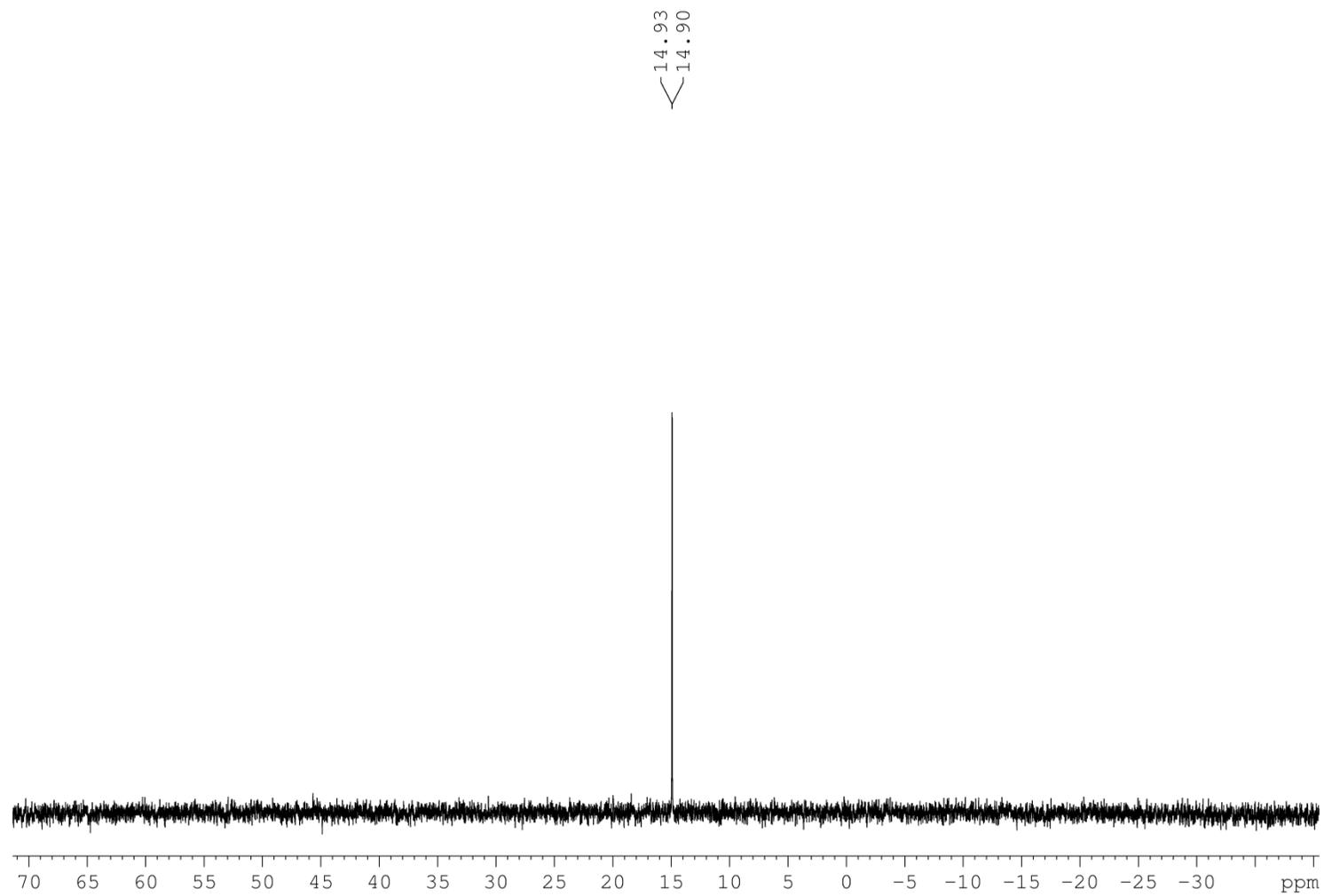


Figure S11 ^{29}Si NMR spectrum of compound **6**.

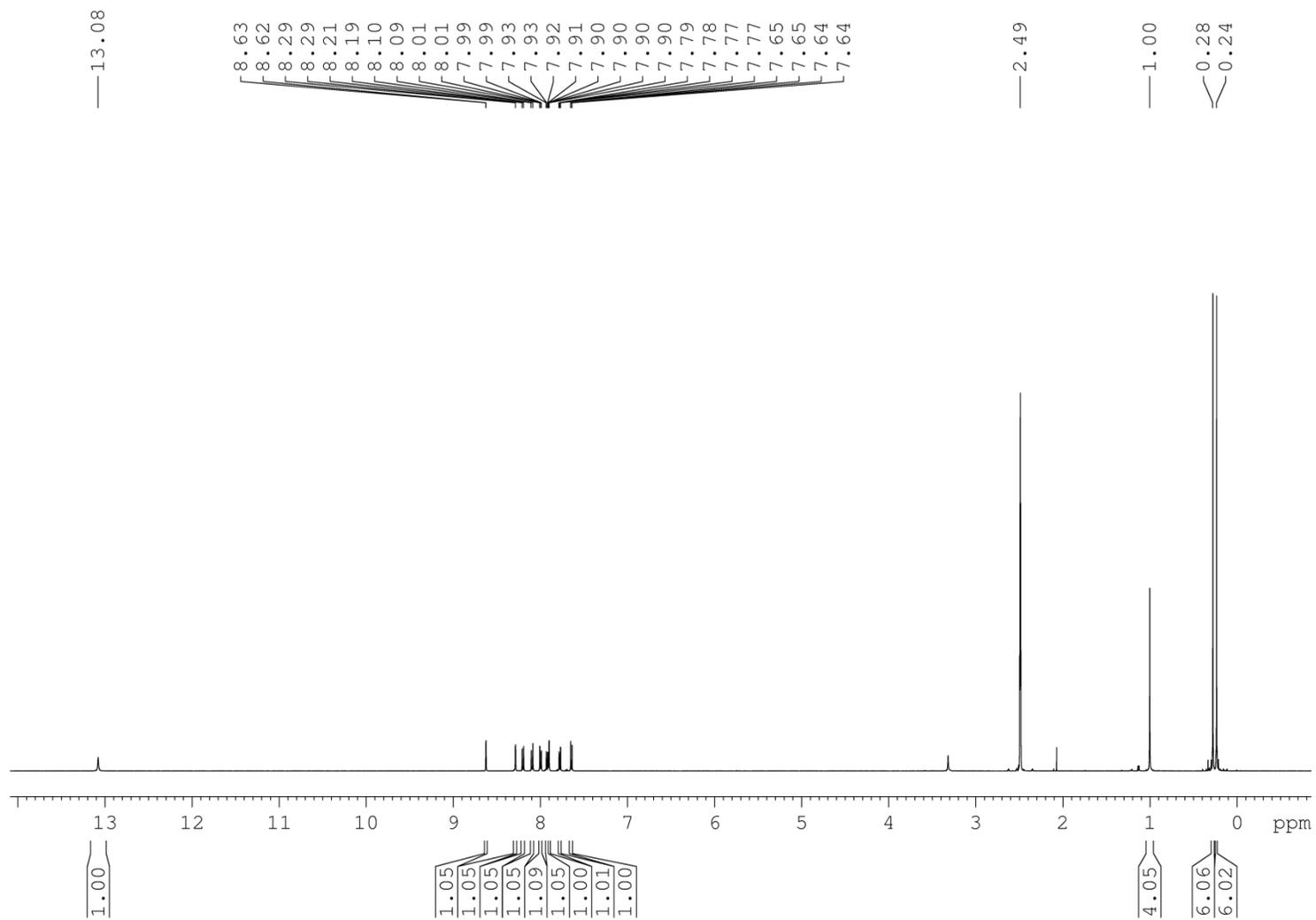


Figure S12 ^1H NMR spectrum of compound **7b**.

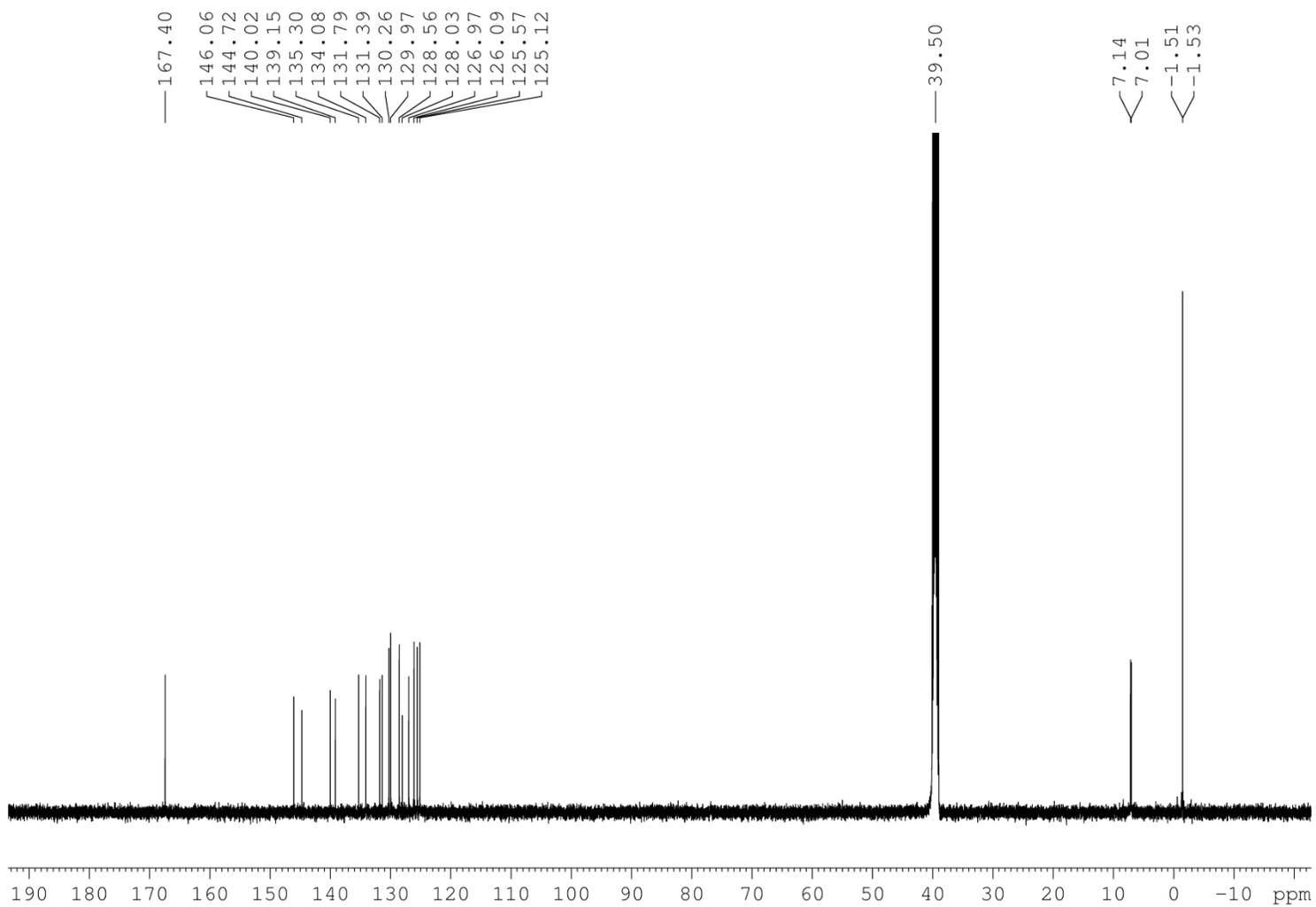


Figure S13 ^{13}C NMR spectrum of compound **7b**.

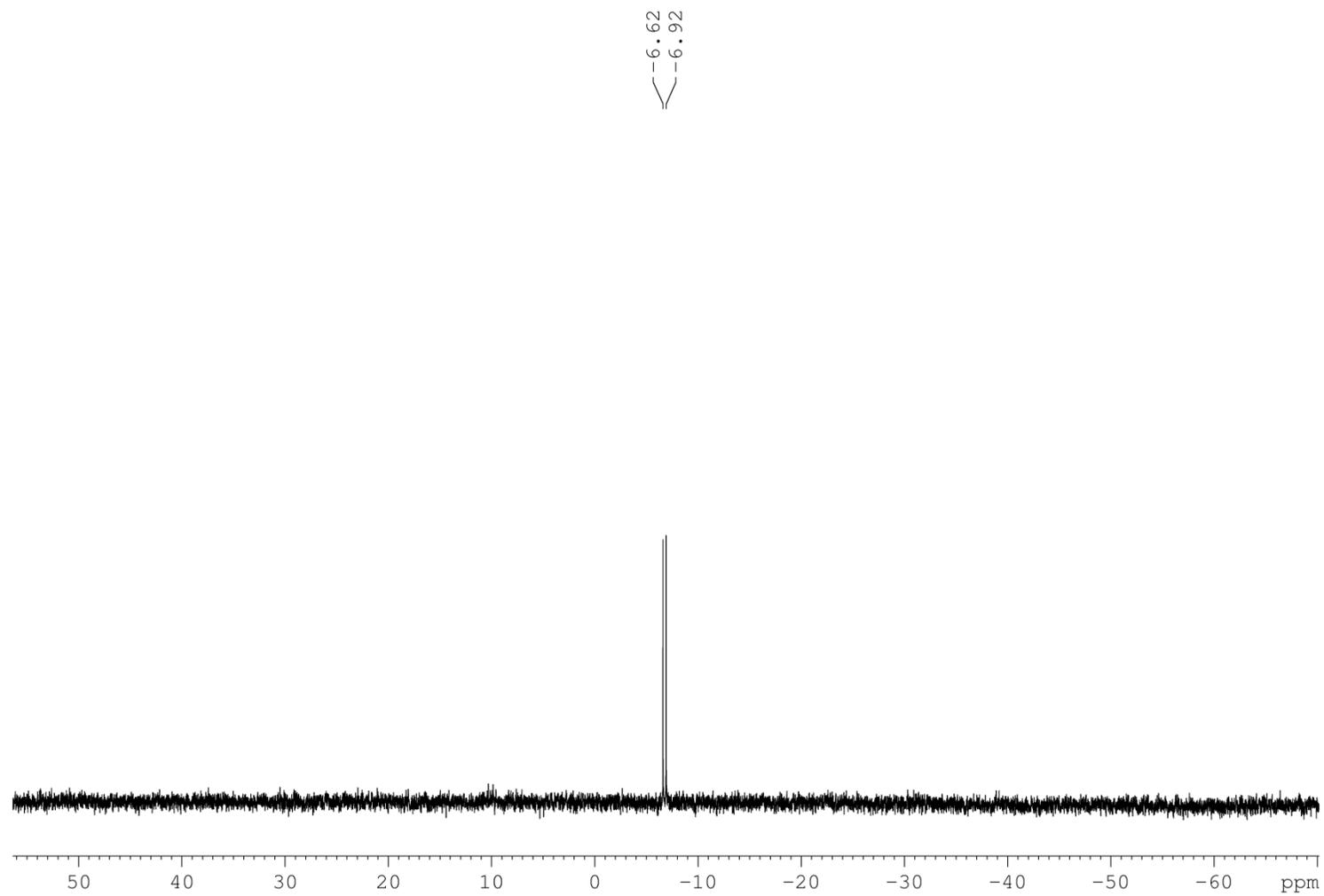


Figure S14 ^{29}Si NMR spectrum of compound **7b**.

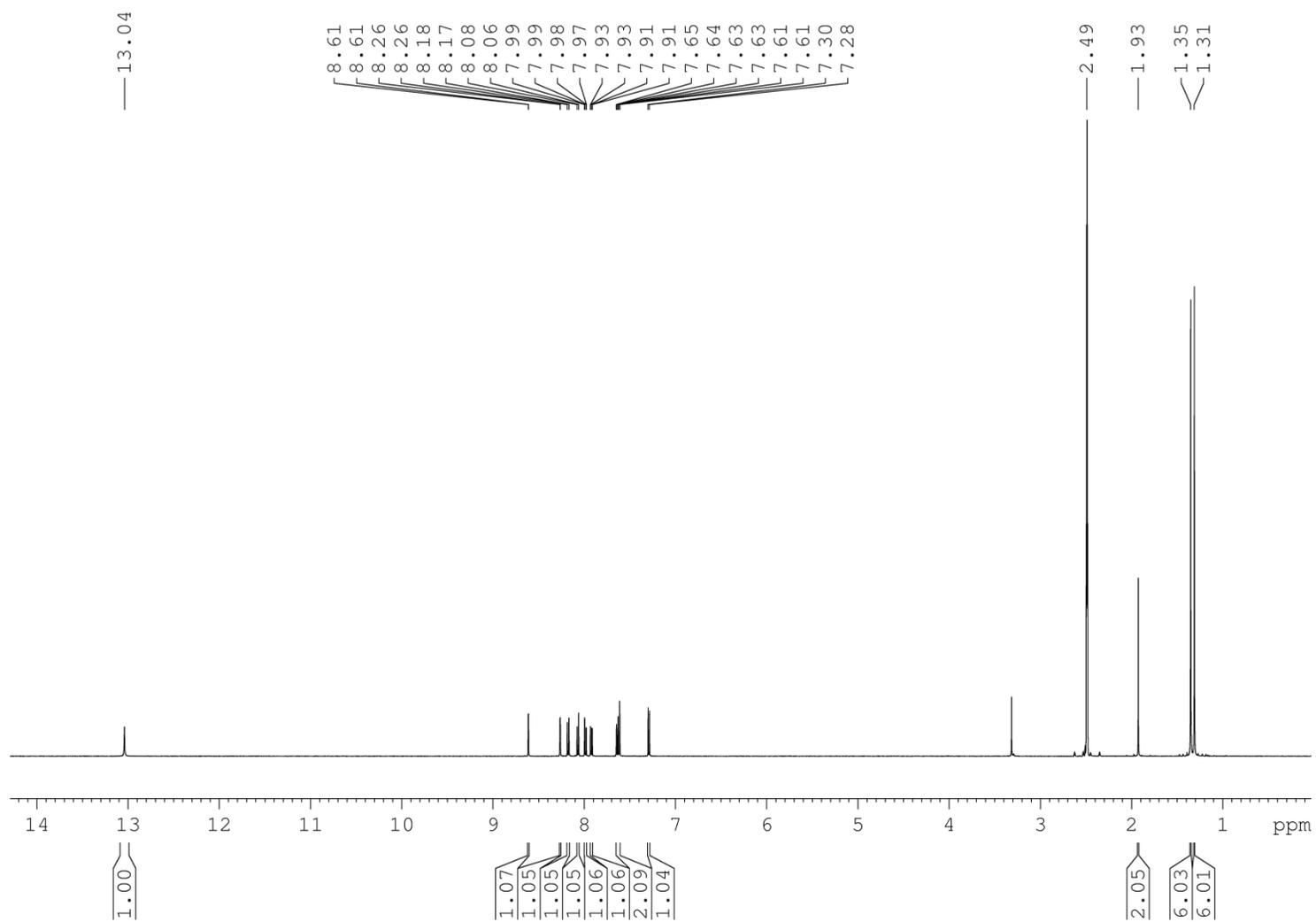


Figure S15 ^1H NMR spectrum of compound **8a**.

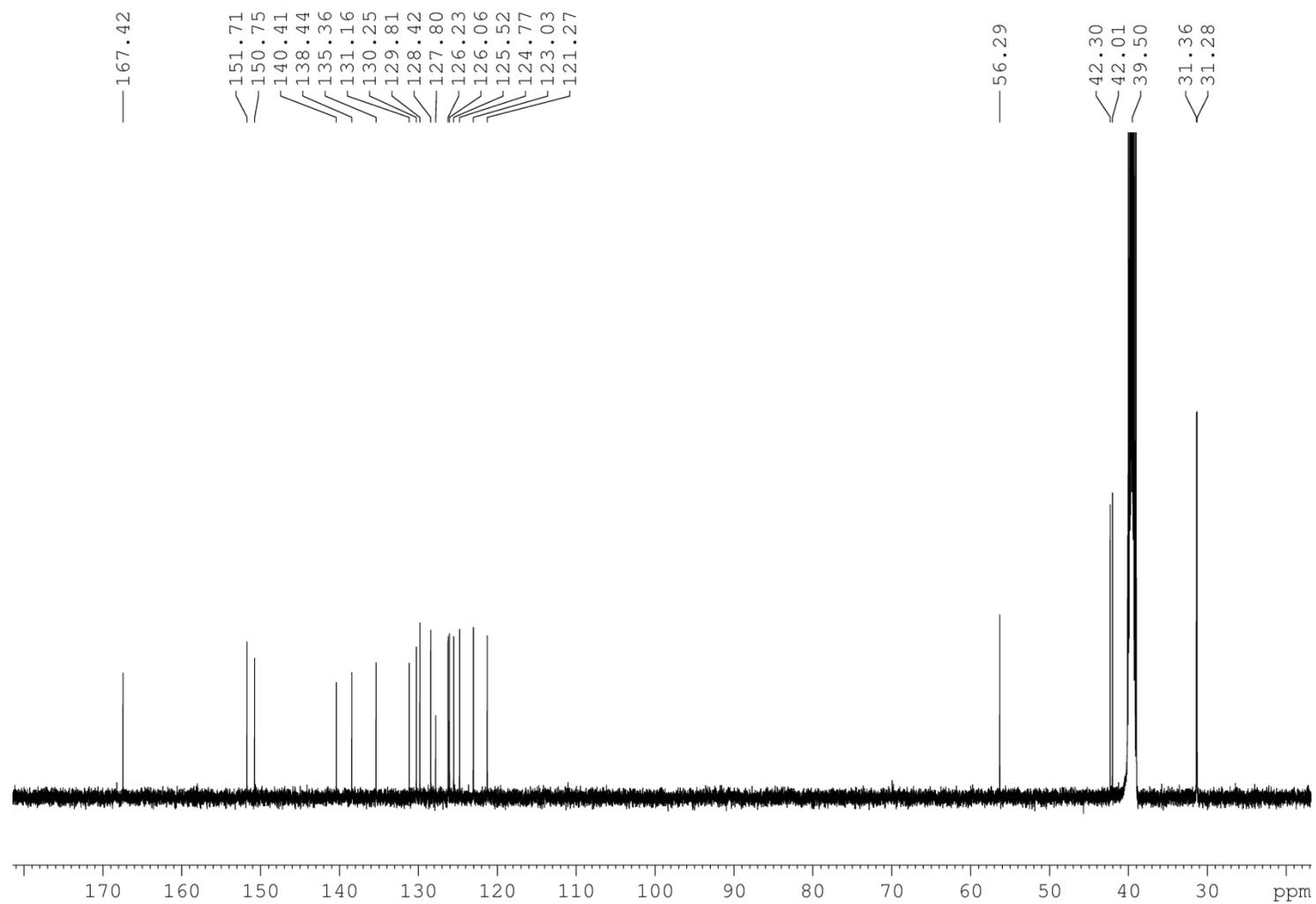


Figure S16 ^{13}C NMR spectrum of compound **8a**.

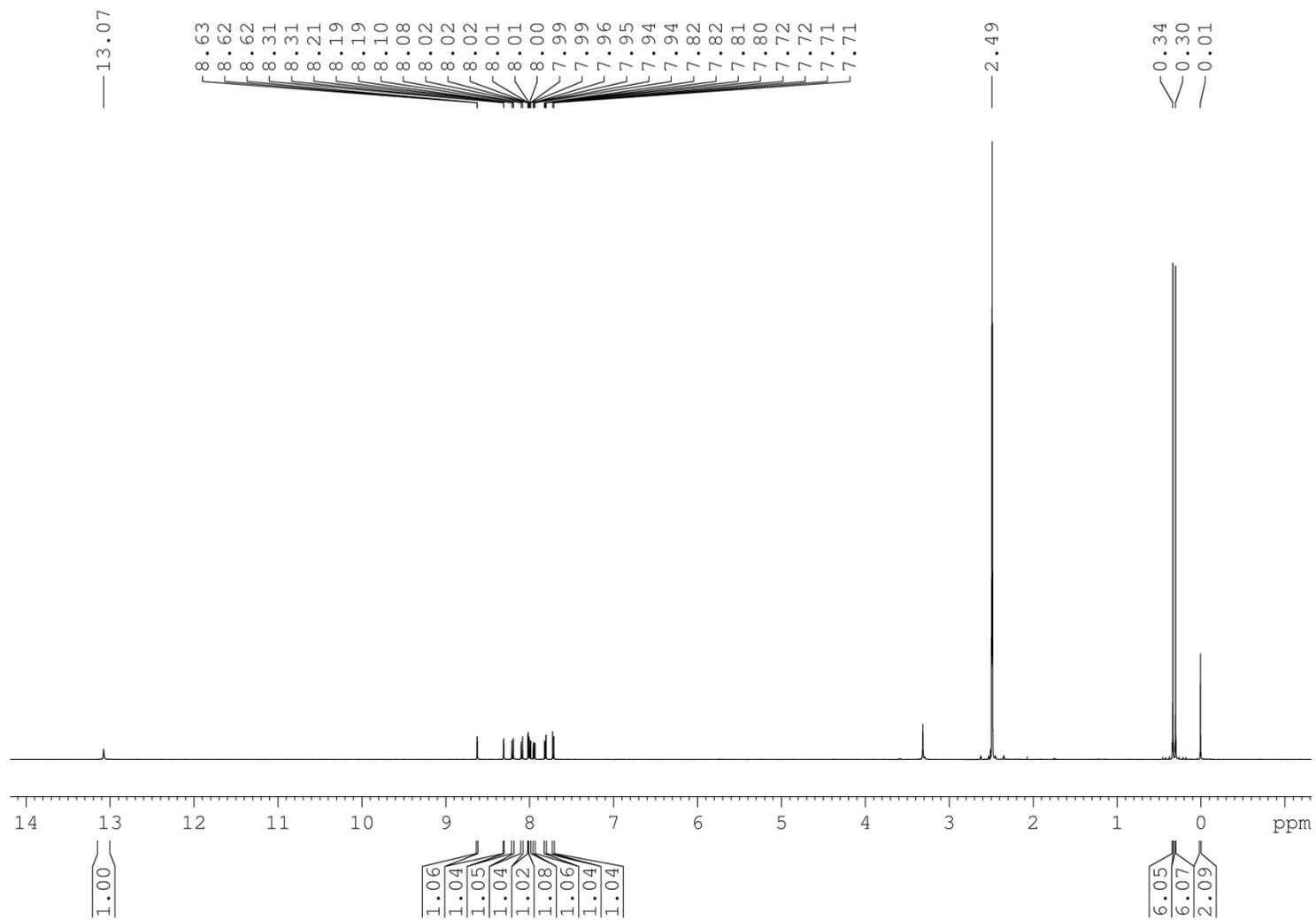


Figure S17 ¹H NMR spectrum of compound **8b**.

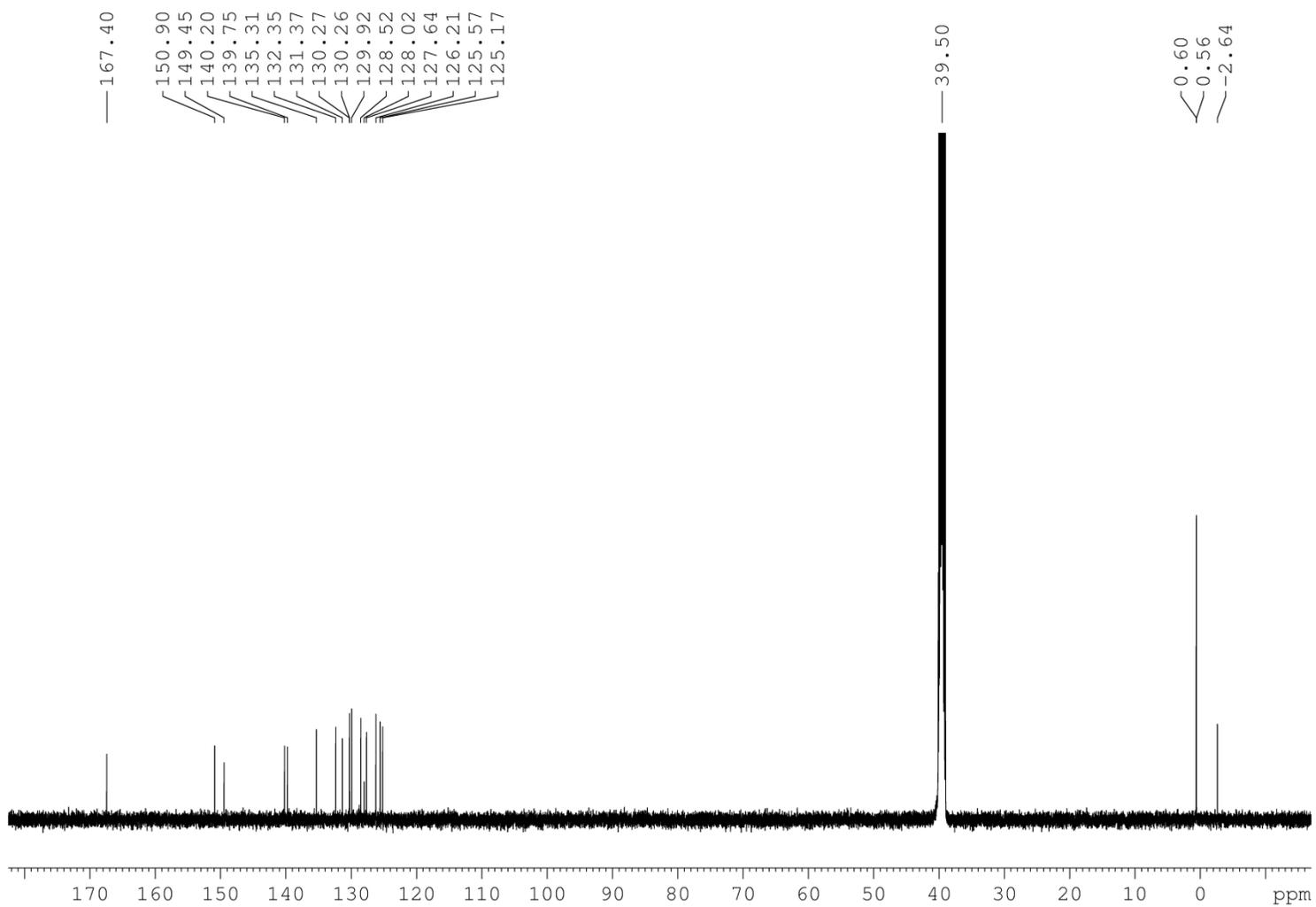


Figure S18 ^{13}C NMR spectrum of compound **8b**.

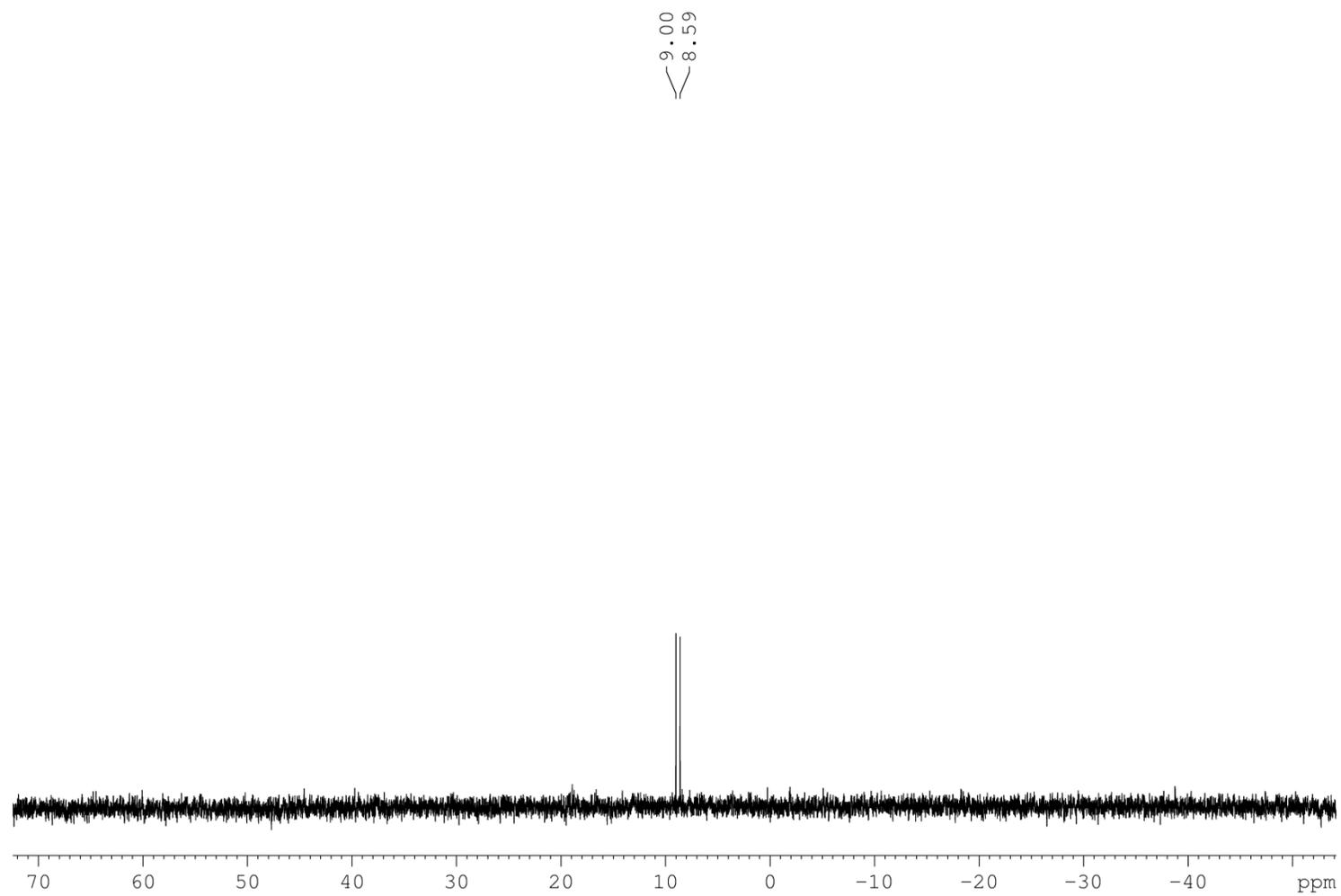


Figure S19 ^{29}Si NMR spectrum of compound **8b**.

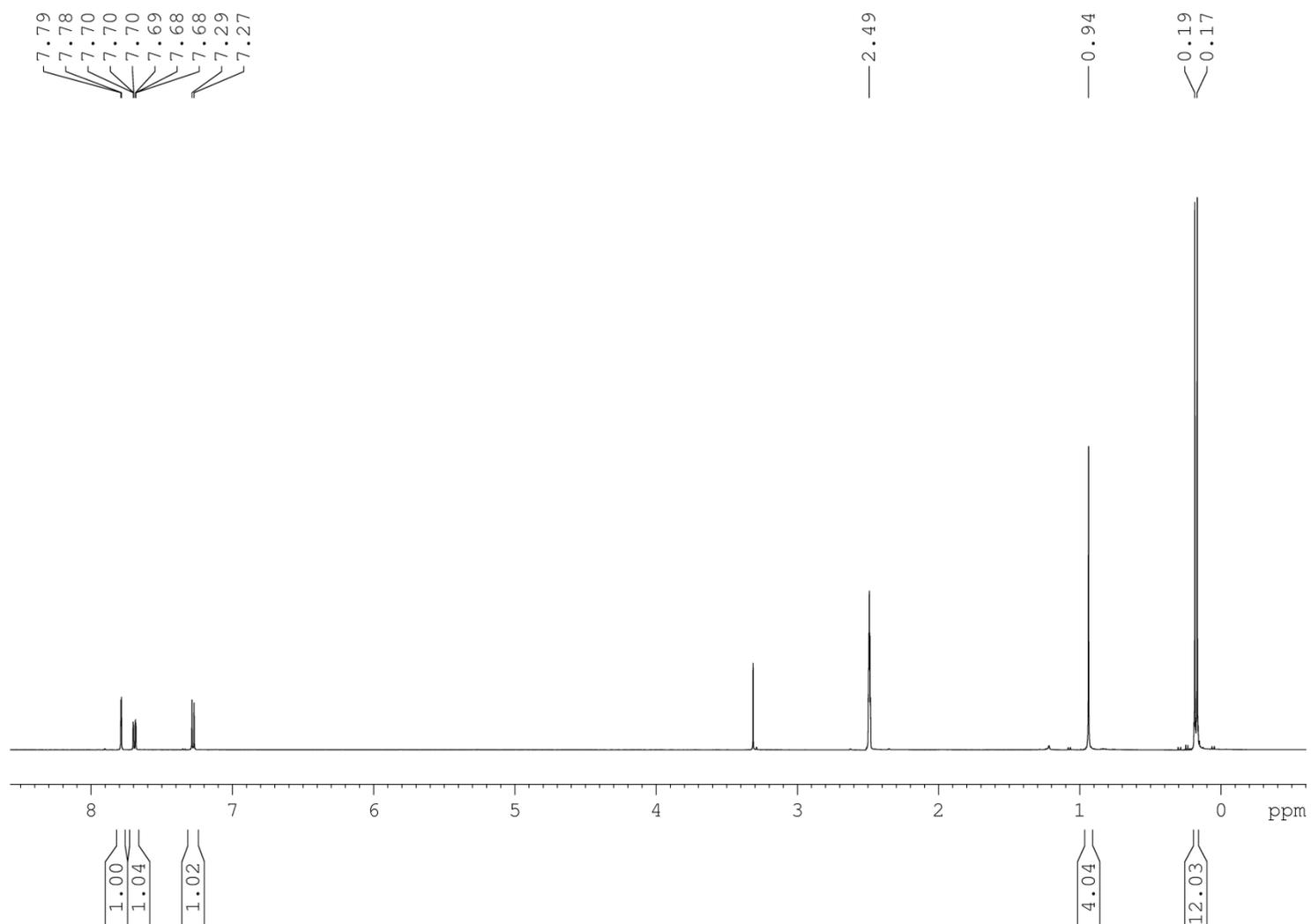


Figure S20 ^1H NMR spectrum of compound **9**.

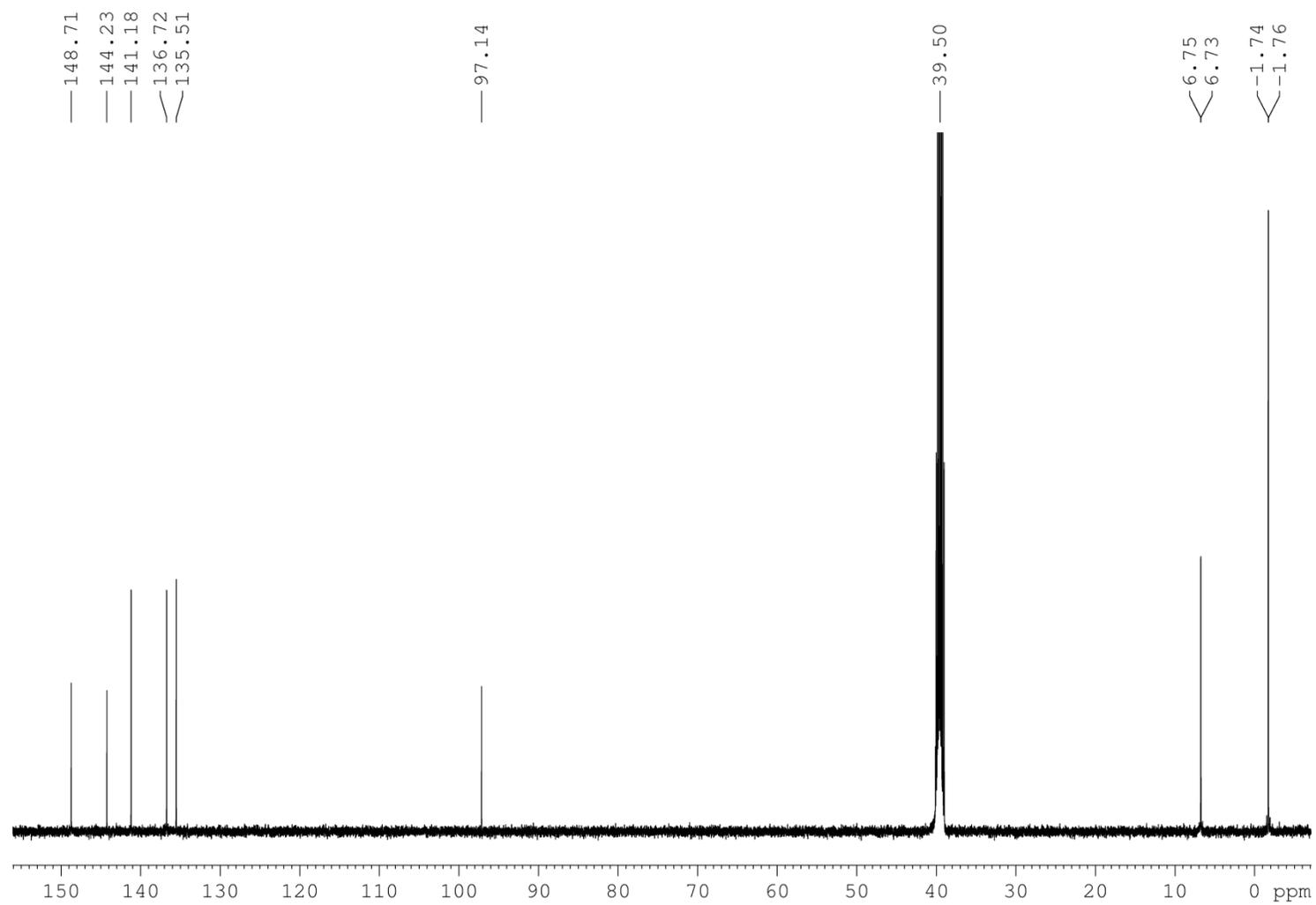


Figure S21 ^{13}C NMR spectrum of compound **9**.

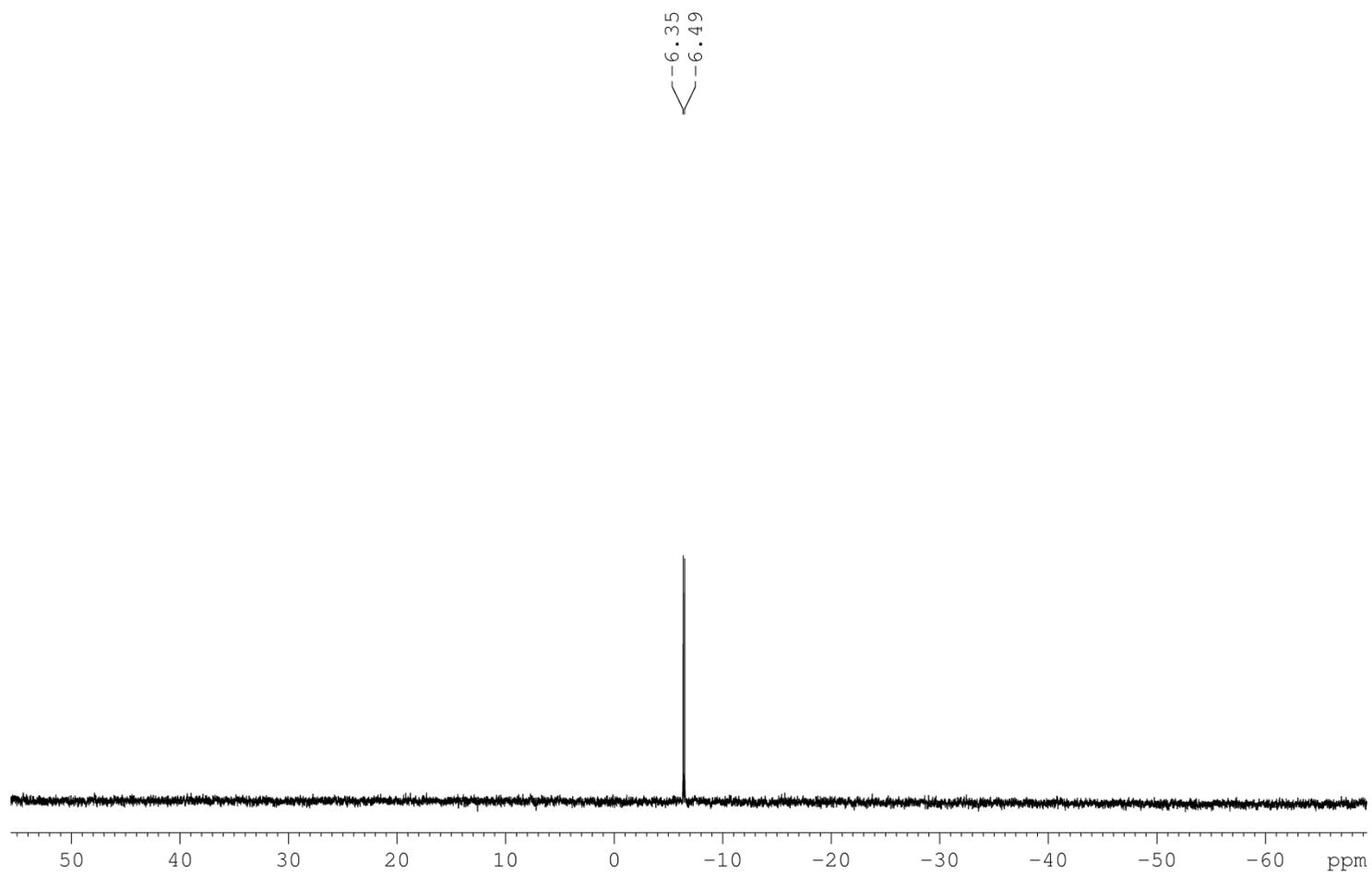


Figure S22 ^{29}Si NMR spectrum of compound **9**.

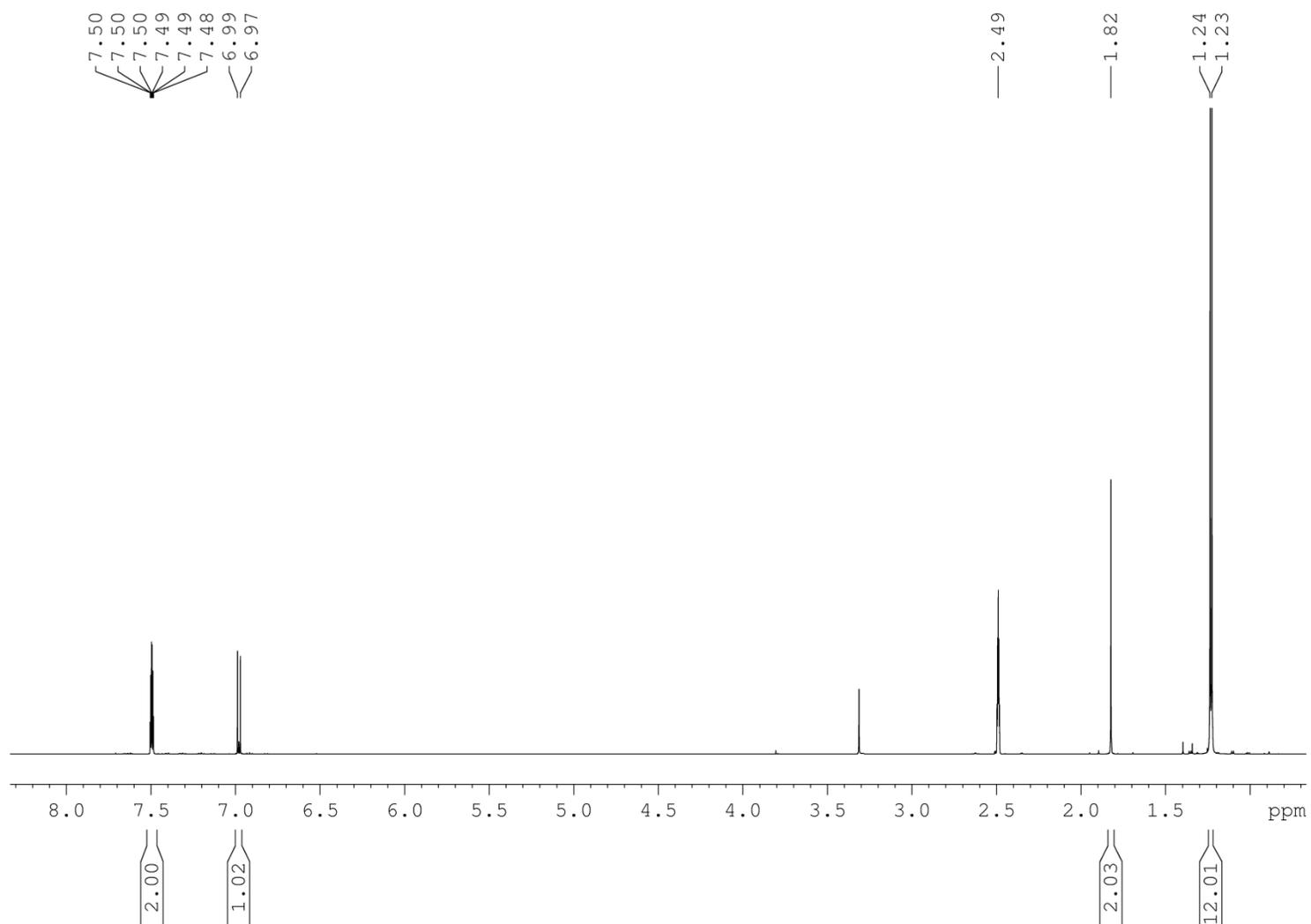


Figure S23 ^1H NMR spectrum of compound **10**.

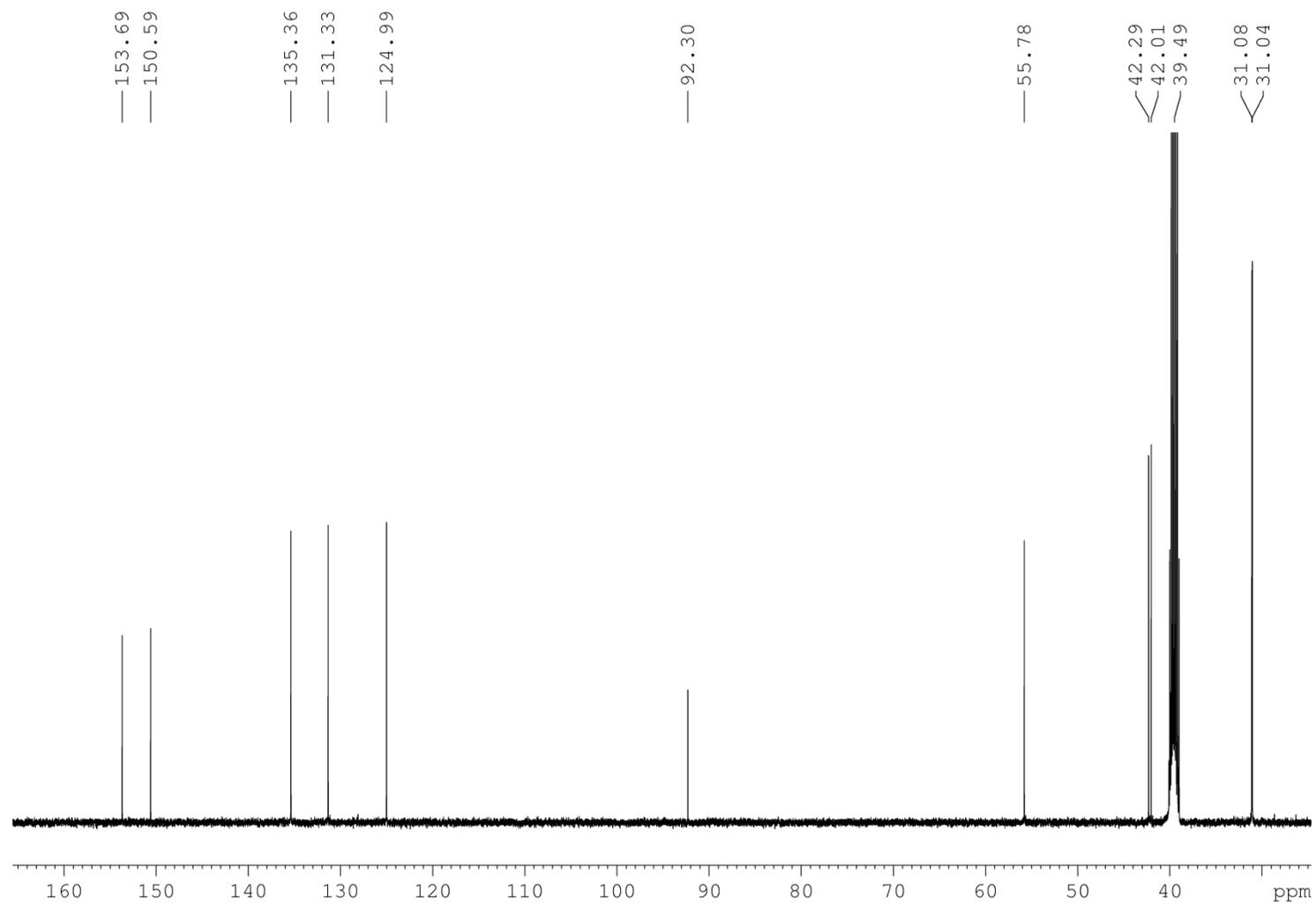


Figure S24 ^{13}C NMR spectrum of compound **10**.

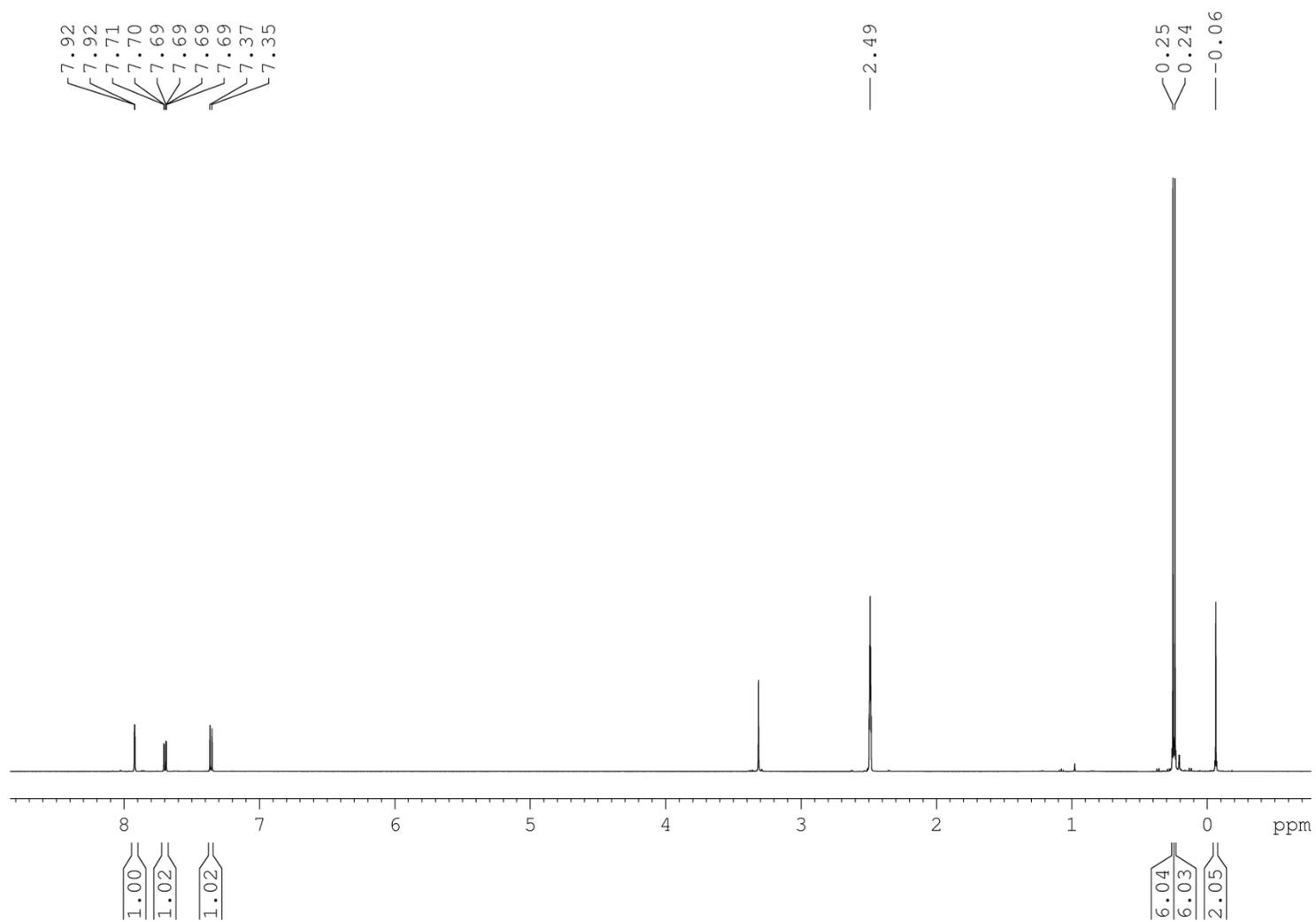


Figure S25 ^1H NMR spectrum of compound **11**.

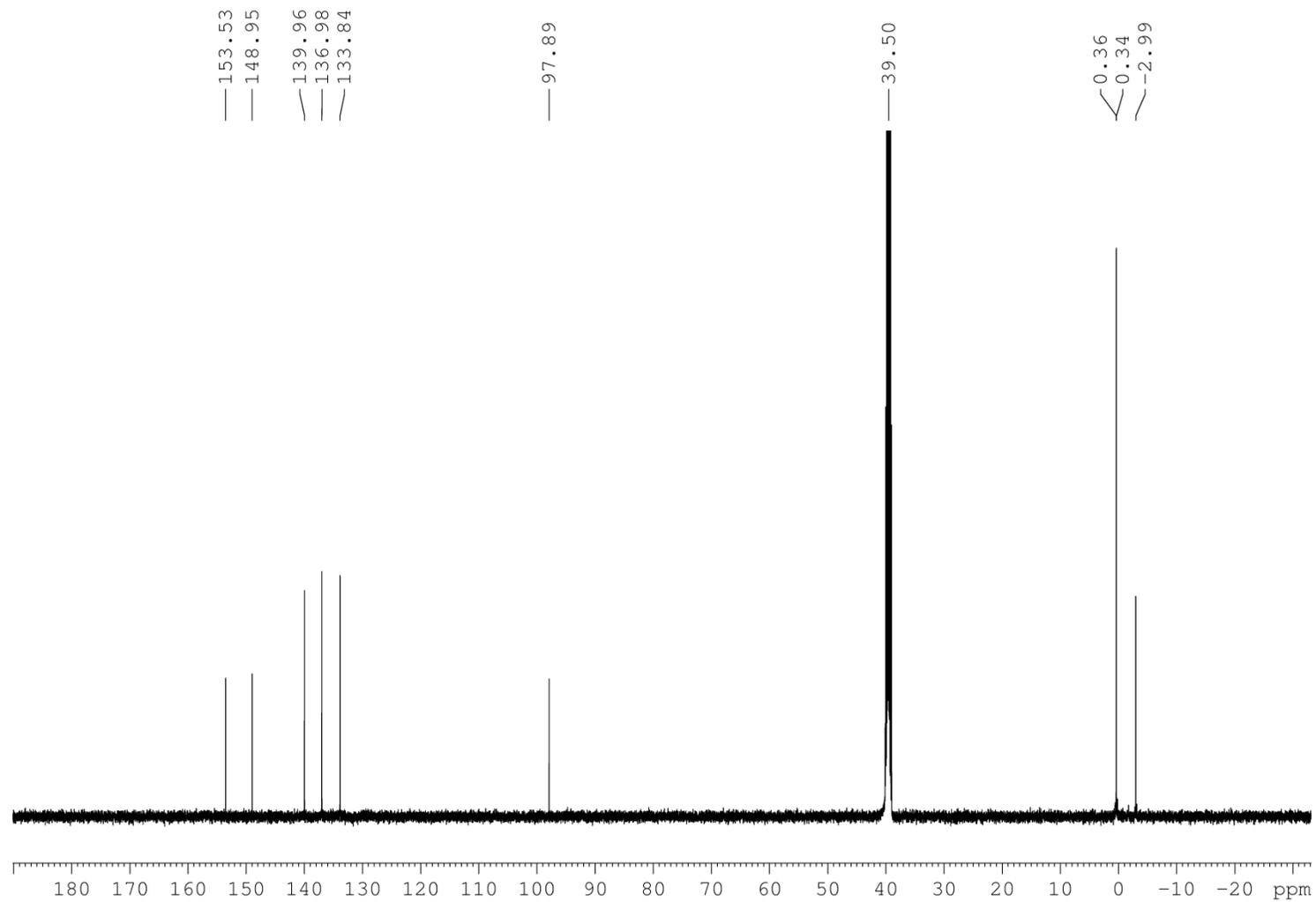


Figure S26 ^{13}C NMR spectrum of compound **11**.

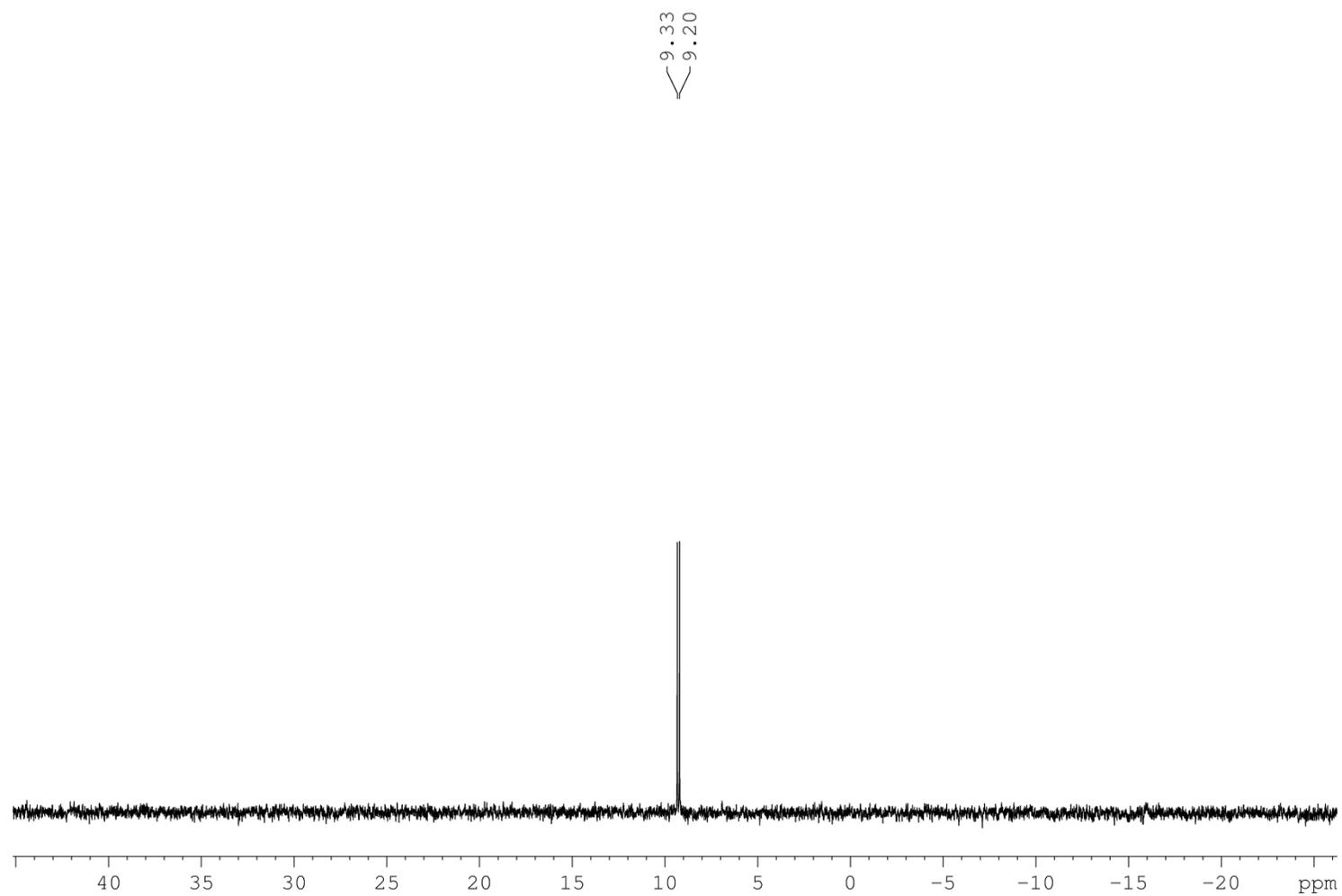


Figure S27 ^{29}Si NMR spectrum of compound **11**.

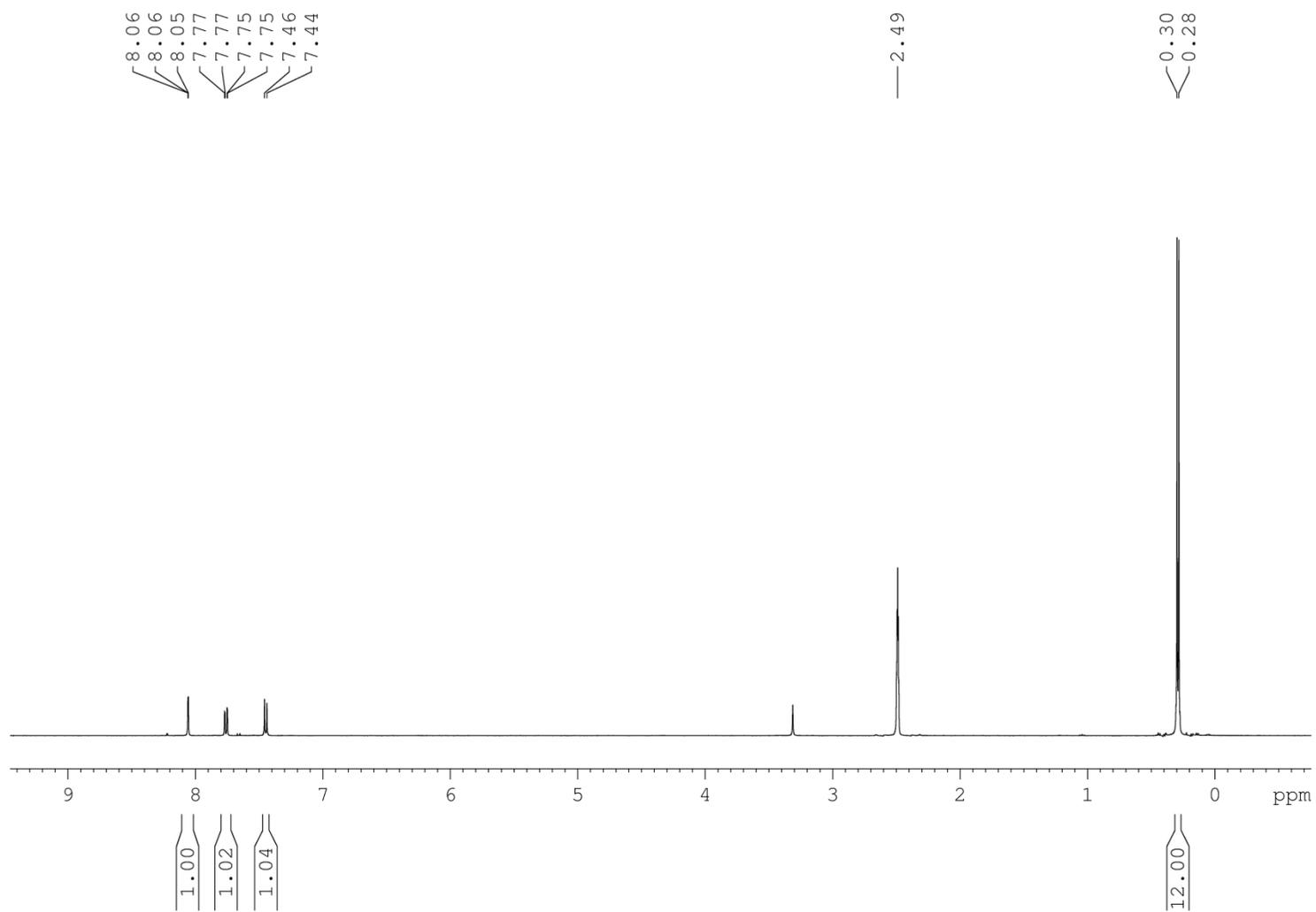


Figure S28 ^1H NMR spectrum of compound **12**.

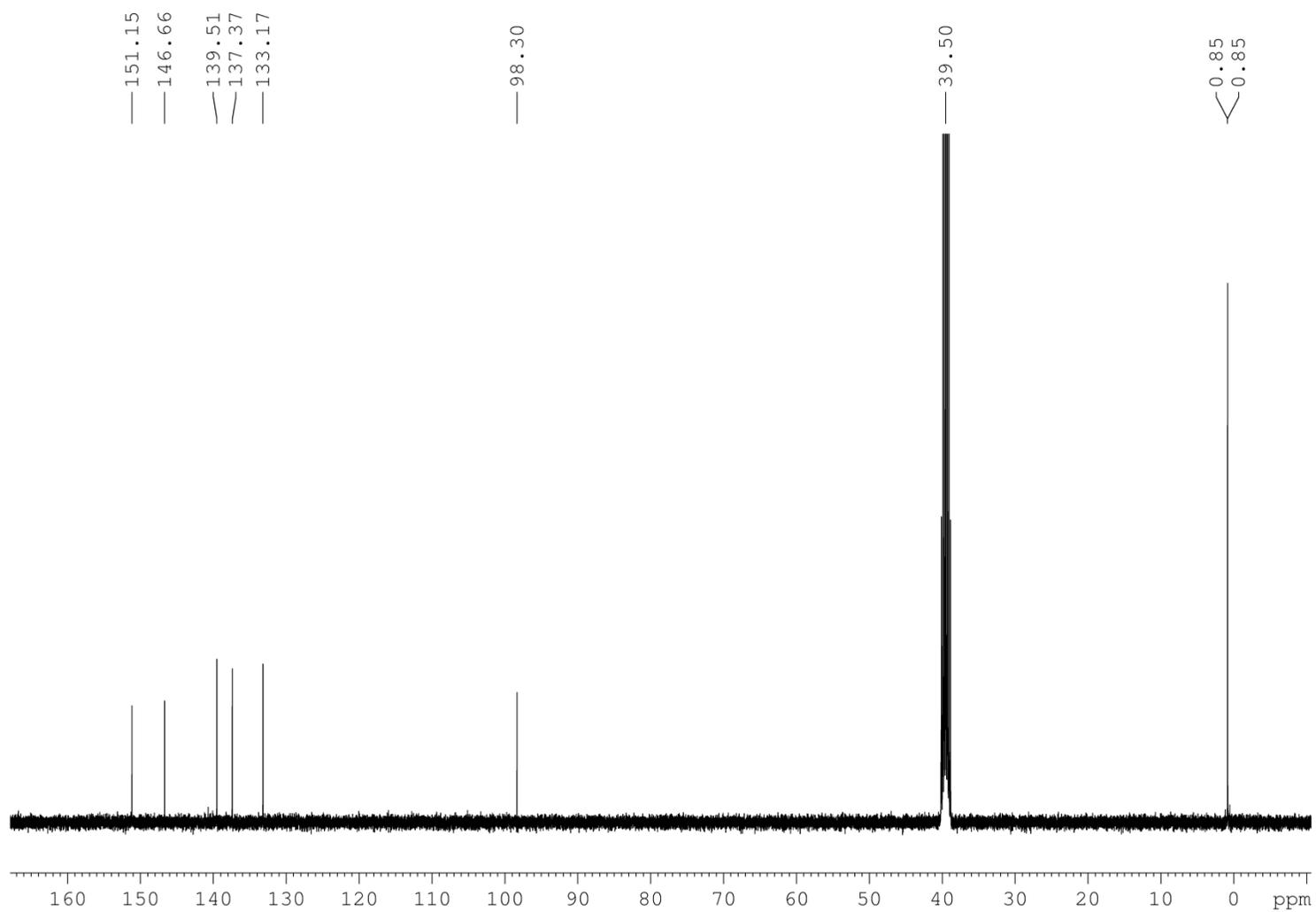


Figure S29 ^{13}C NMR spectrum of compound **12**.

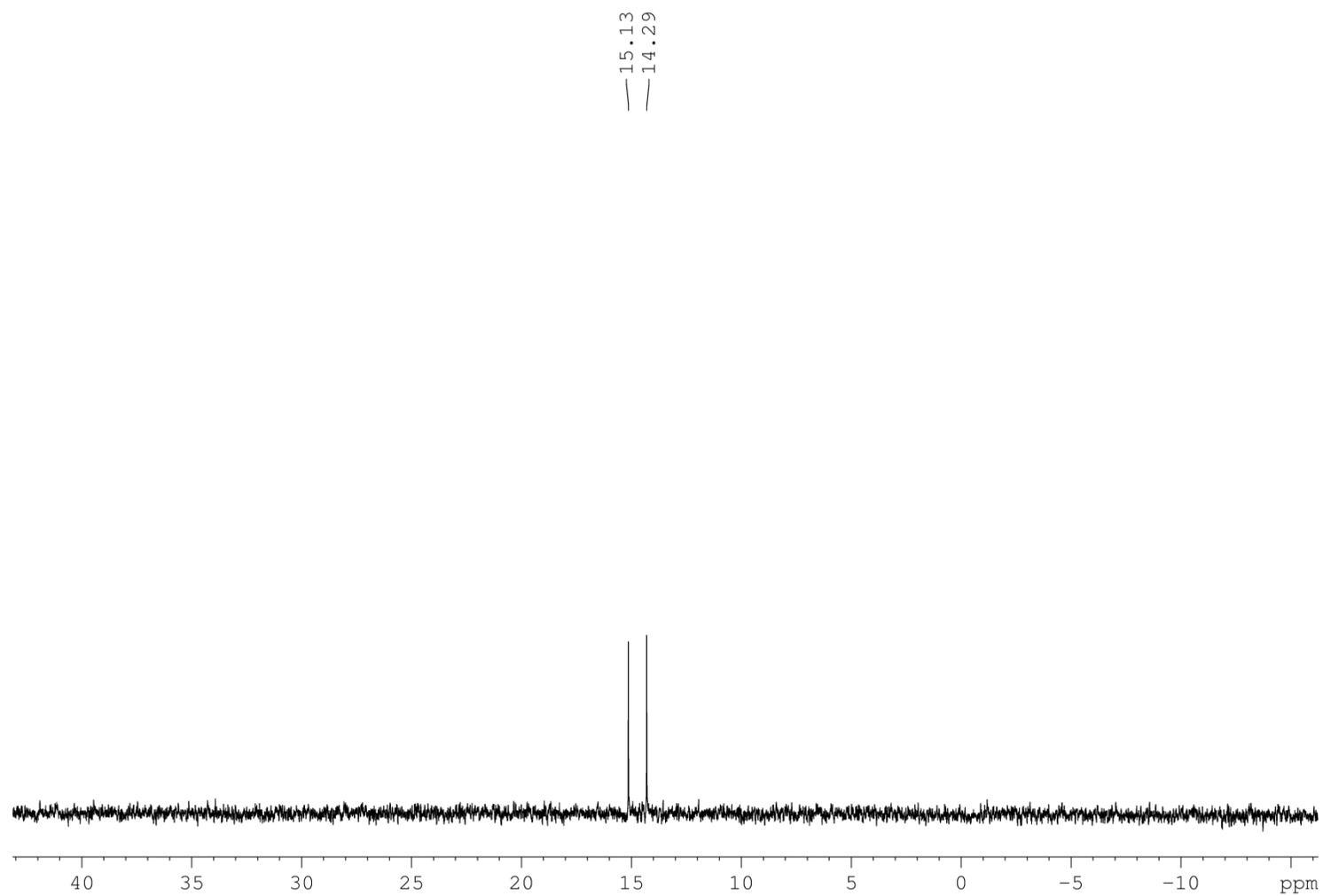


Figure S30 ^{29}Si NMR spectrum of compound **12**.

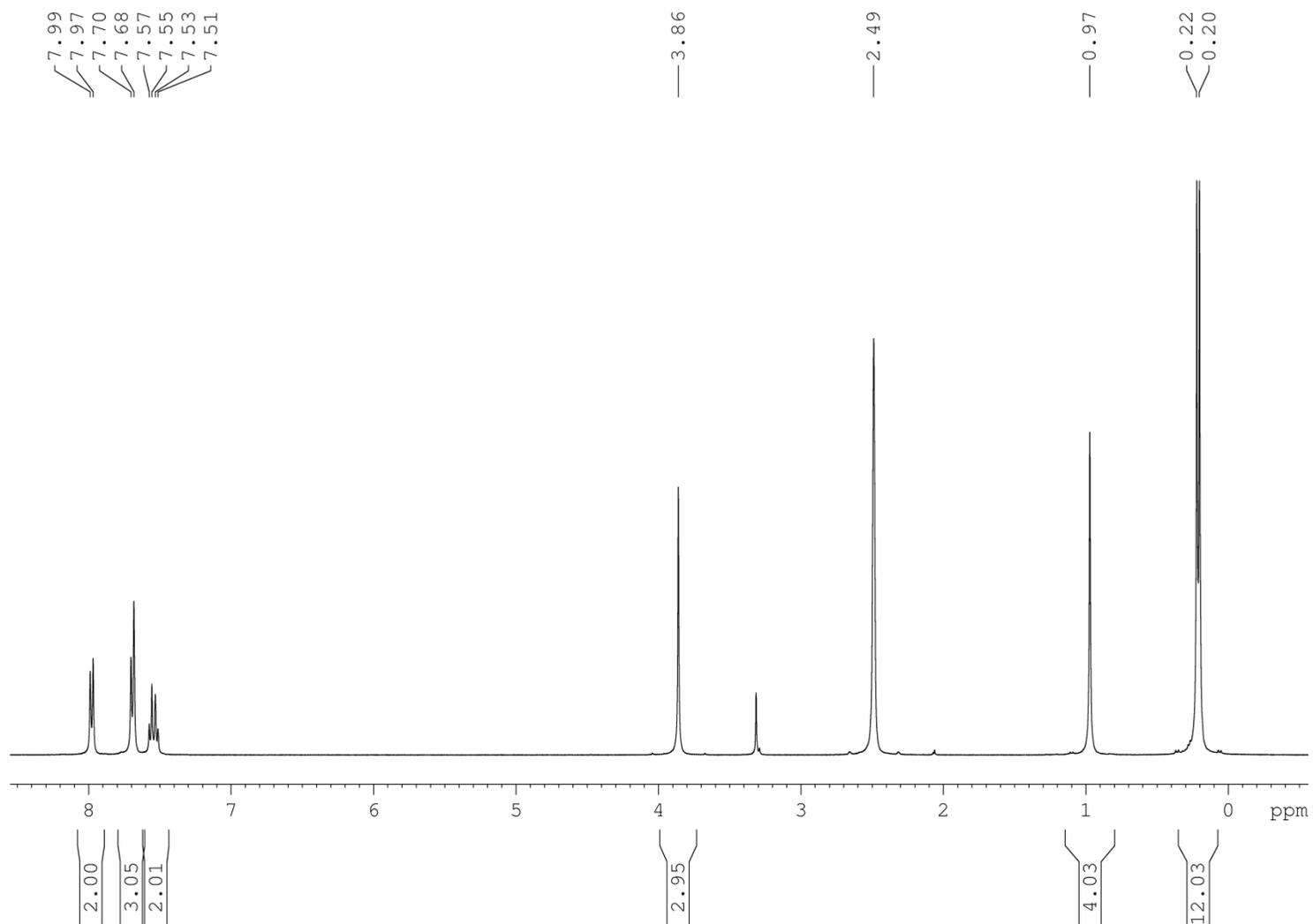


Figure S31 ^1H NMR spectrum of compound **14**.

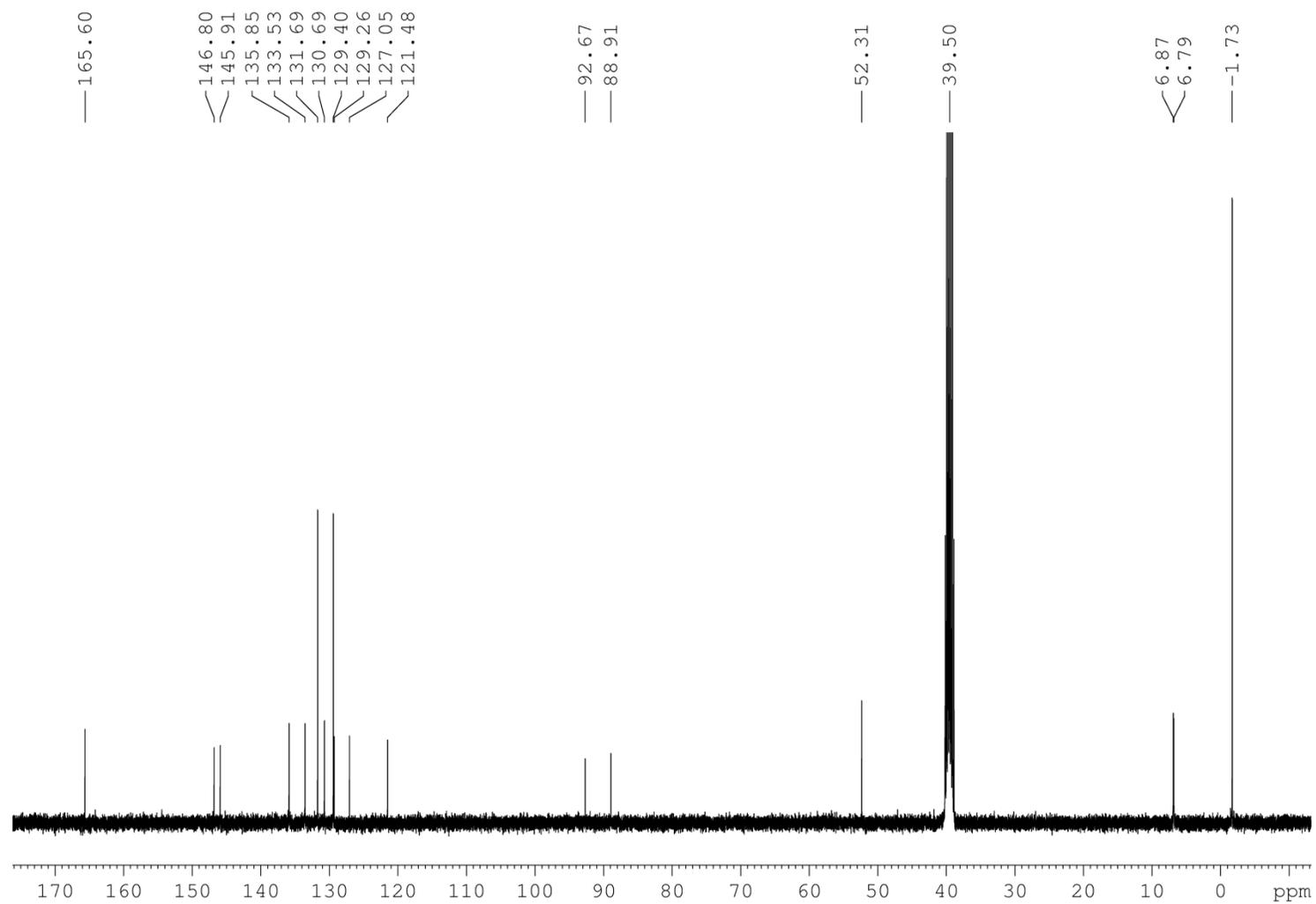


Figure S32 ^{13}C NMR spectrum of compound **14**.

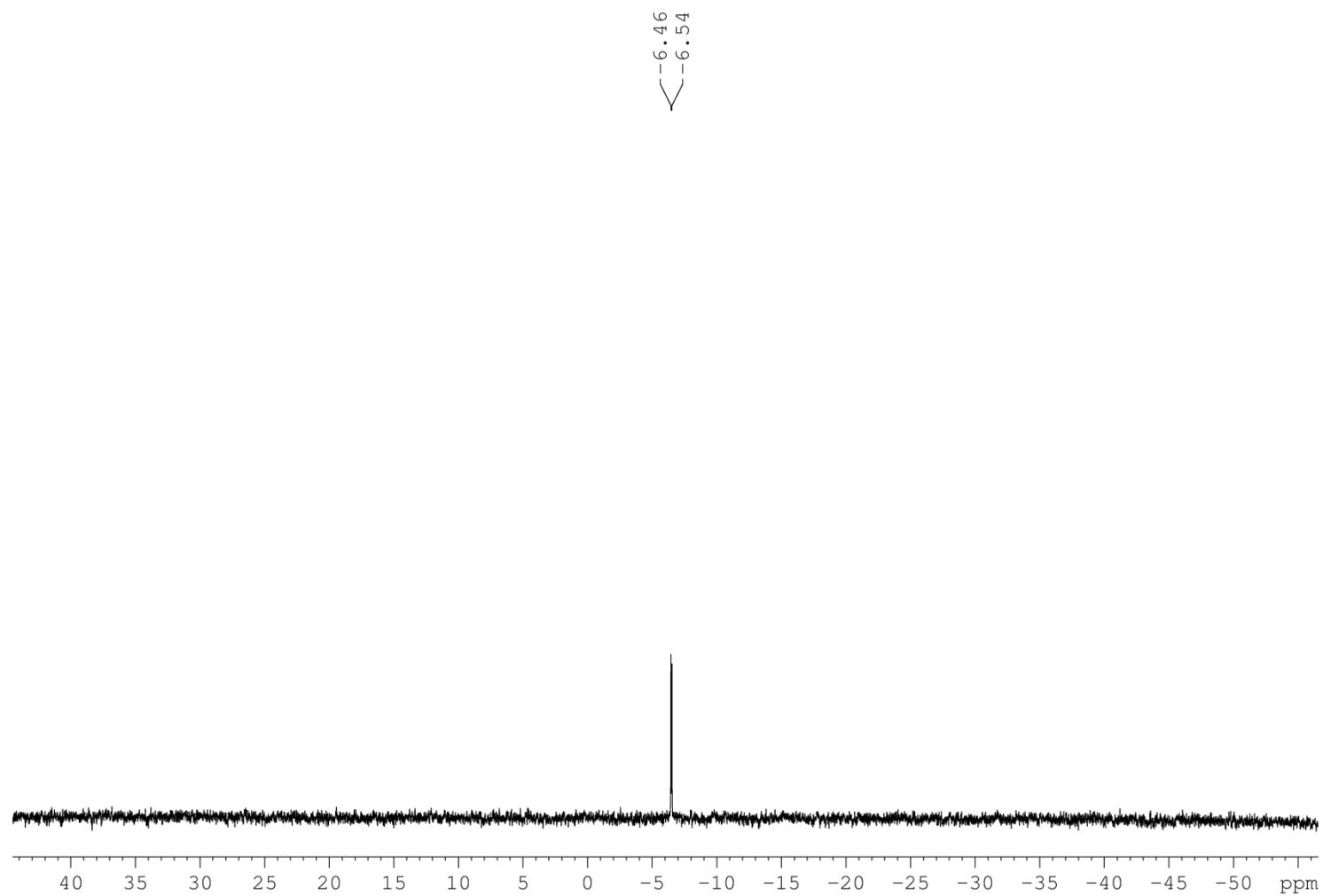


Figure S33 ^{29}Si NMR spectrum of compound **14**.

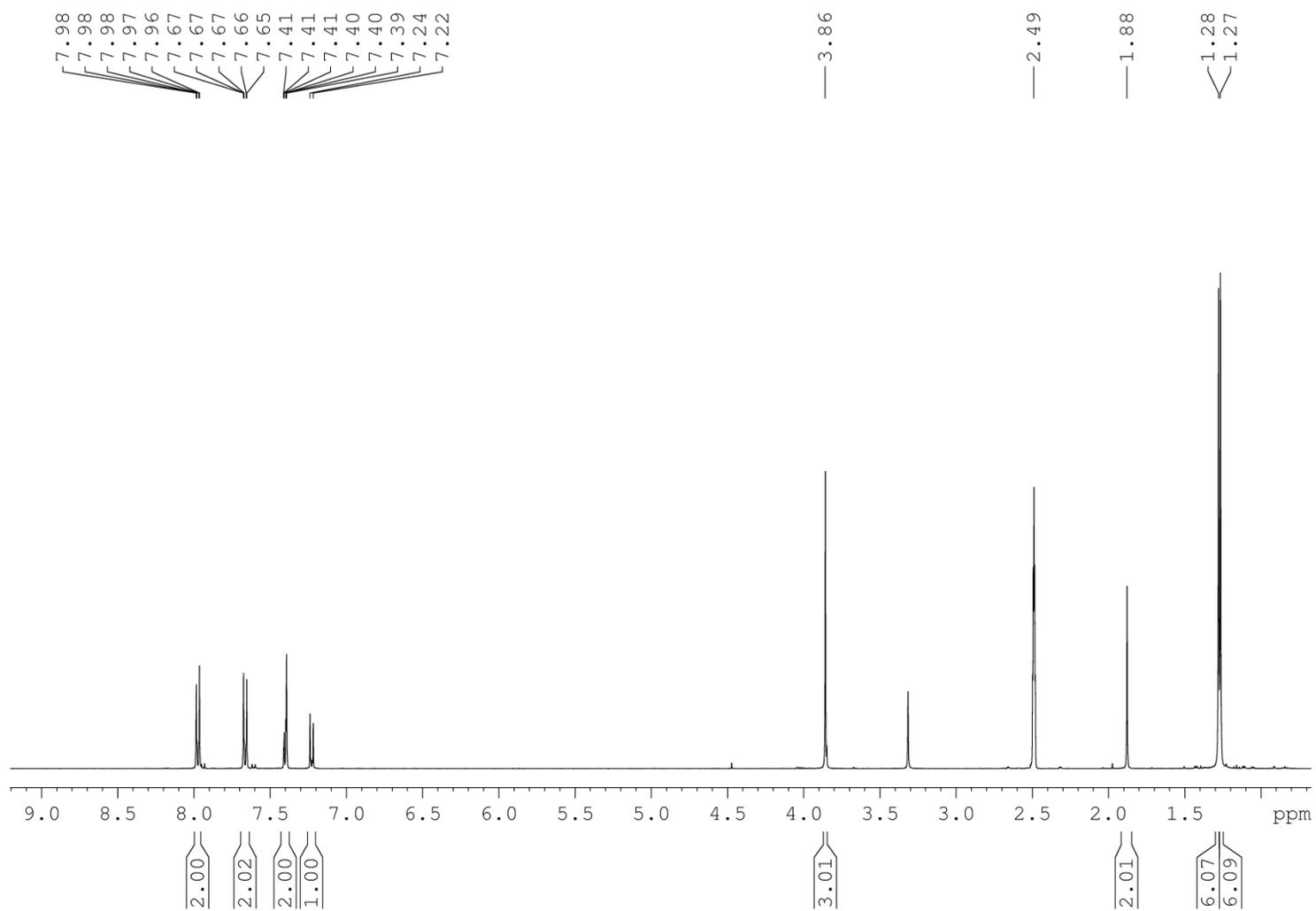


Figure S34 ^1H NMR spectrum of compound **15**.

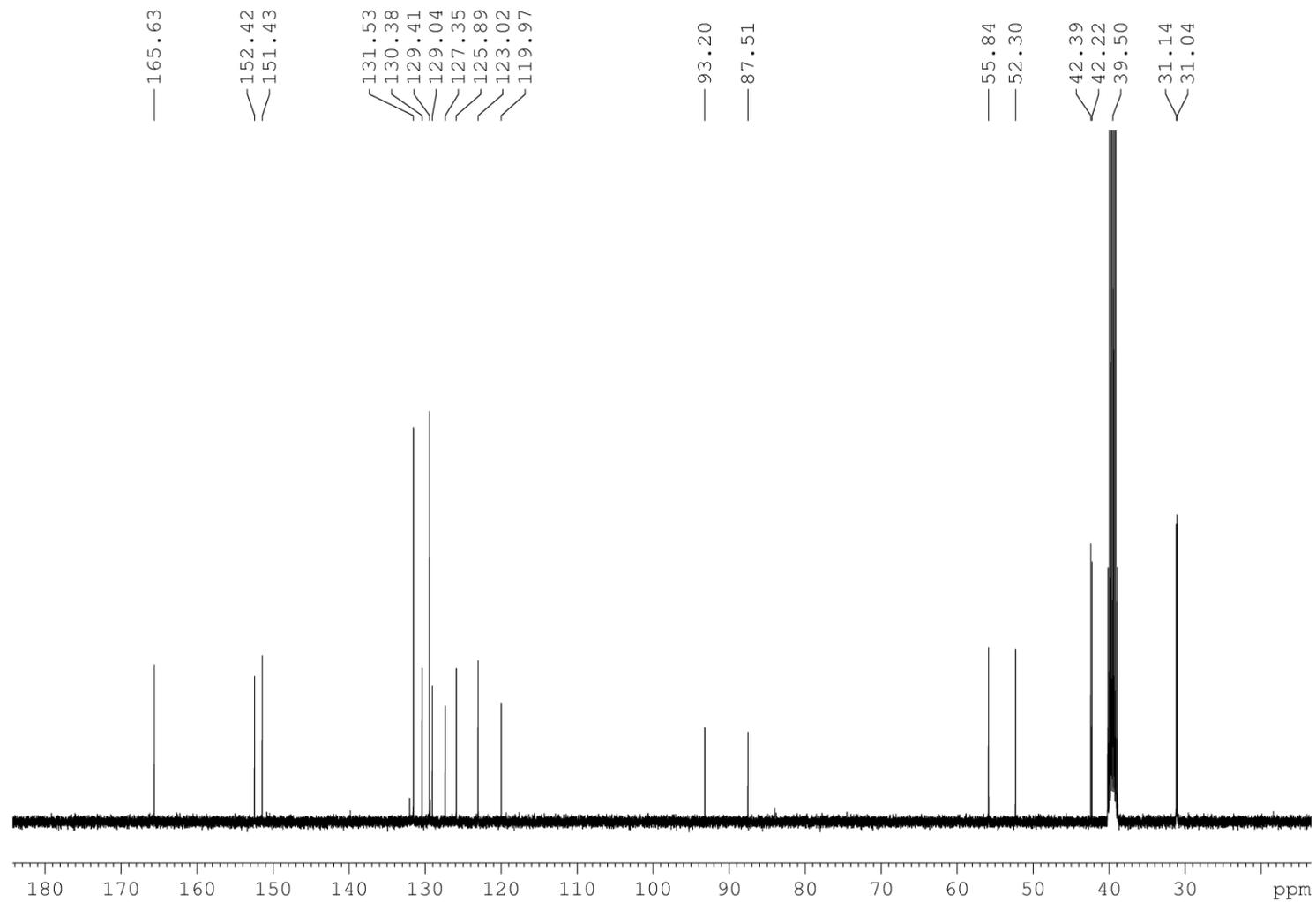


Figure S35 ^{13}C NMR spectrum of compound **15**.

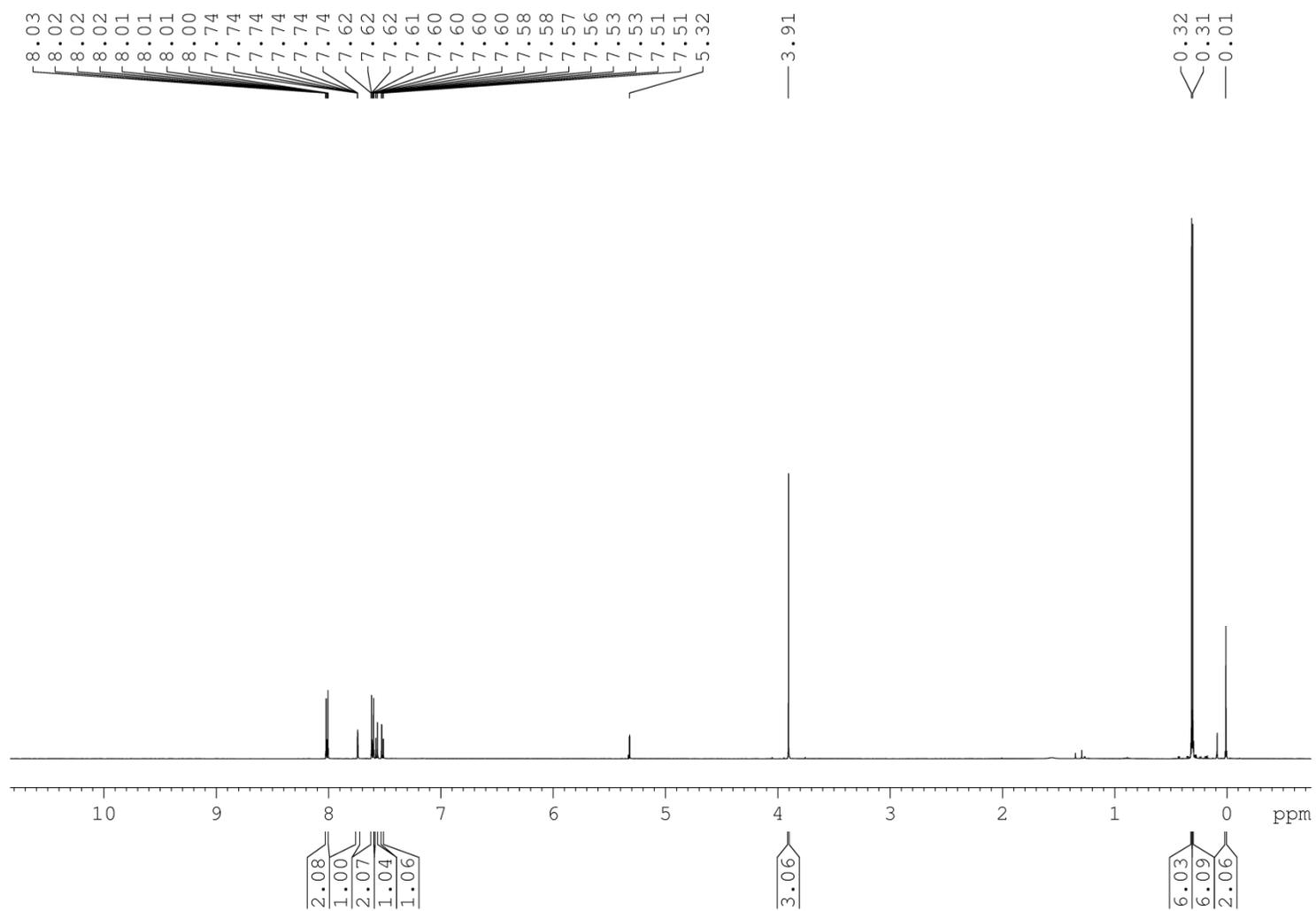


Figure S36 ^1H NMR spectrum of compound **16**.

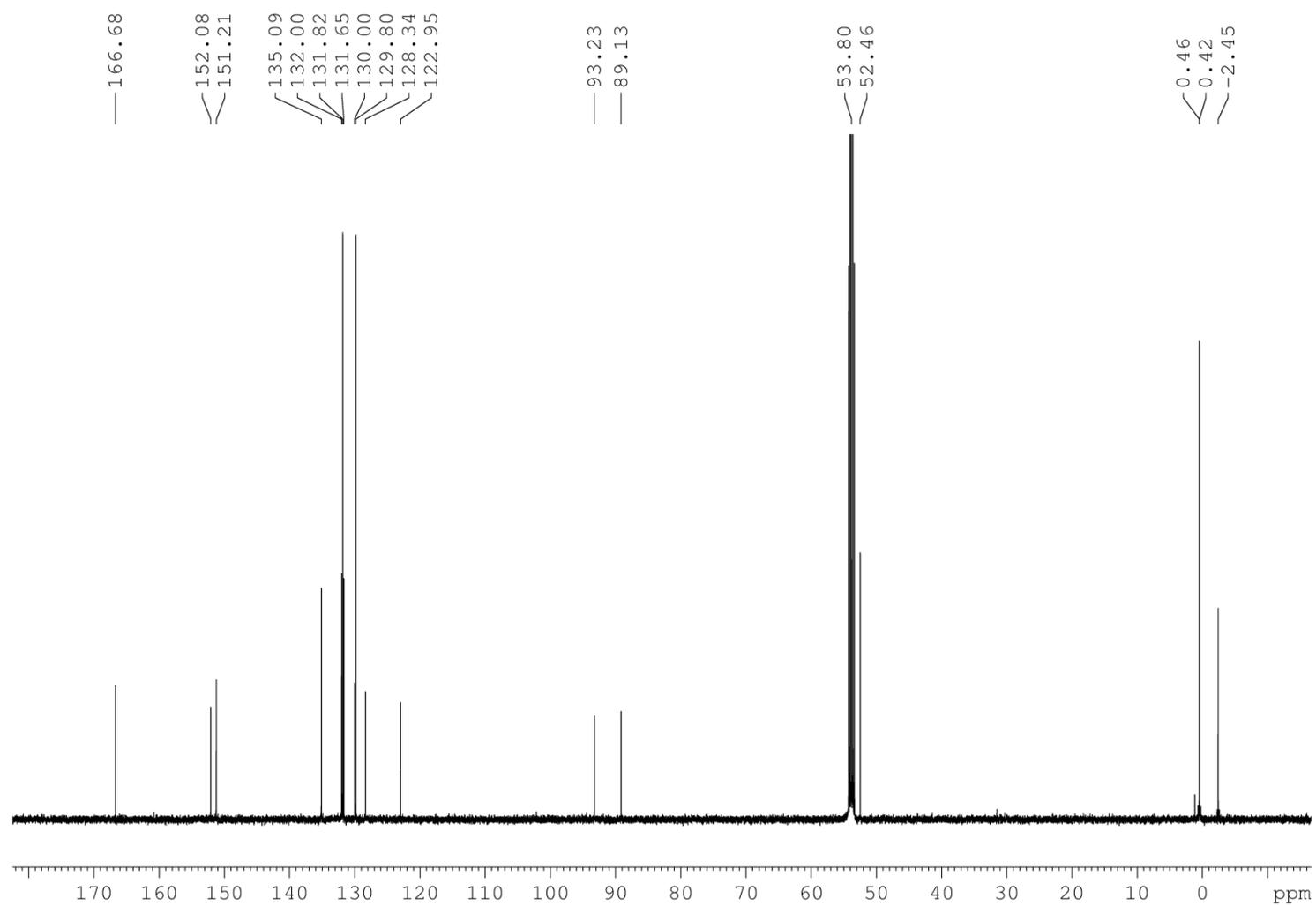


Figure S37 ¹³C NMR spectrum of compound **16**.

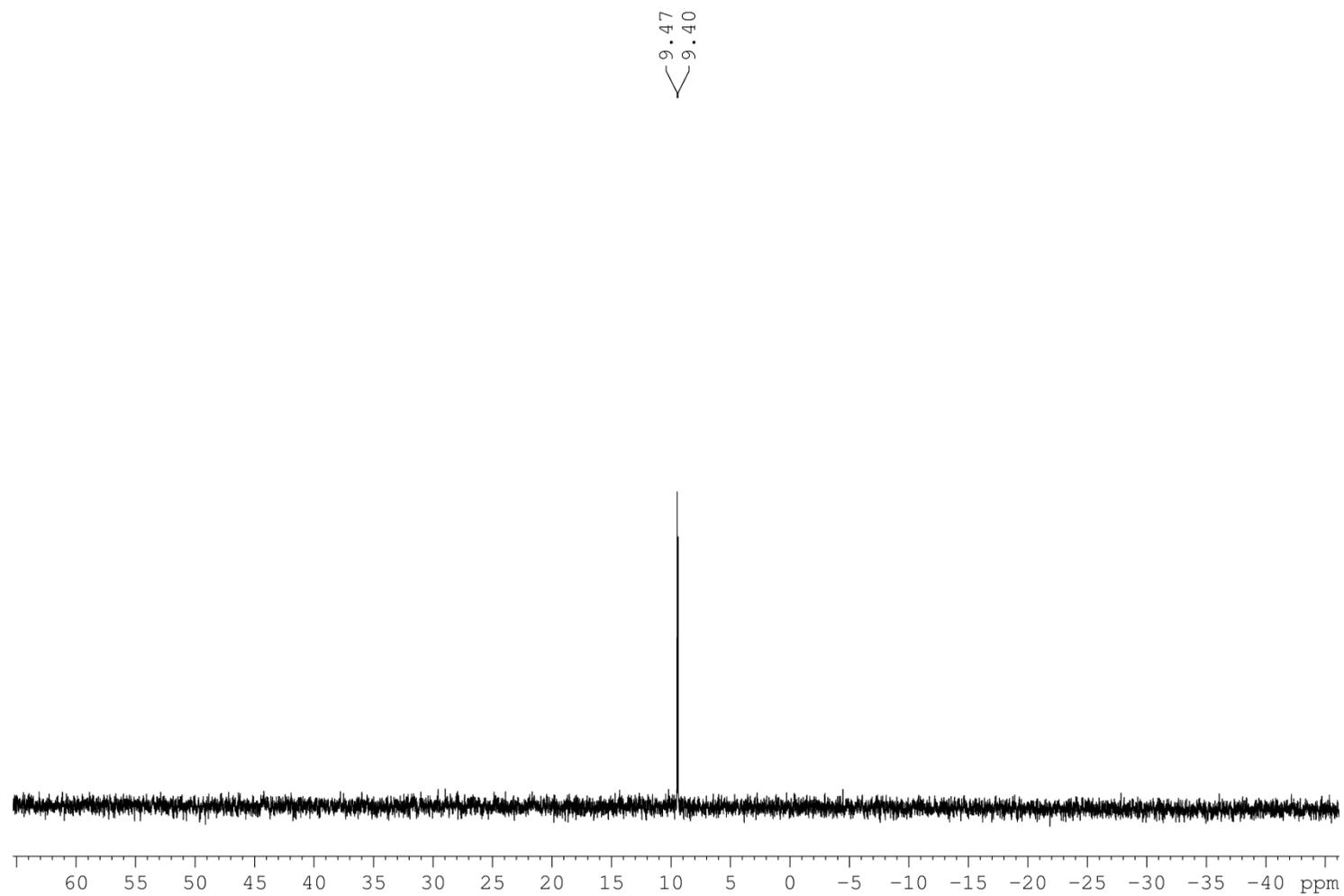


Figure S38 ^{29}Si NMR spectrum of compound **16**.

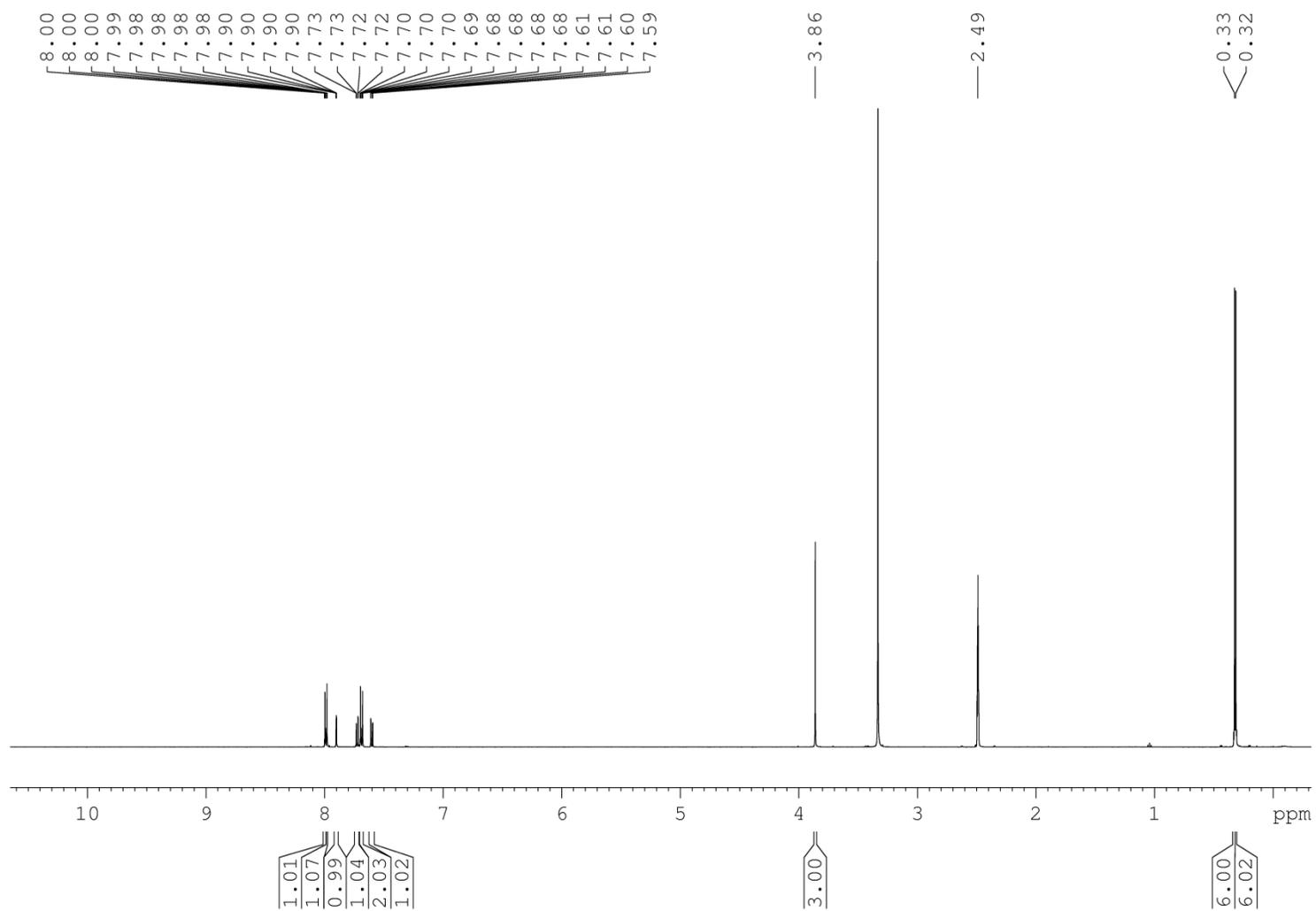


Figure S39 ^1H NMR spectrum of compound **17**.

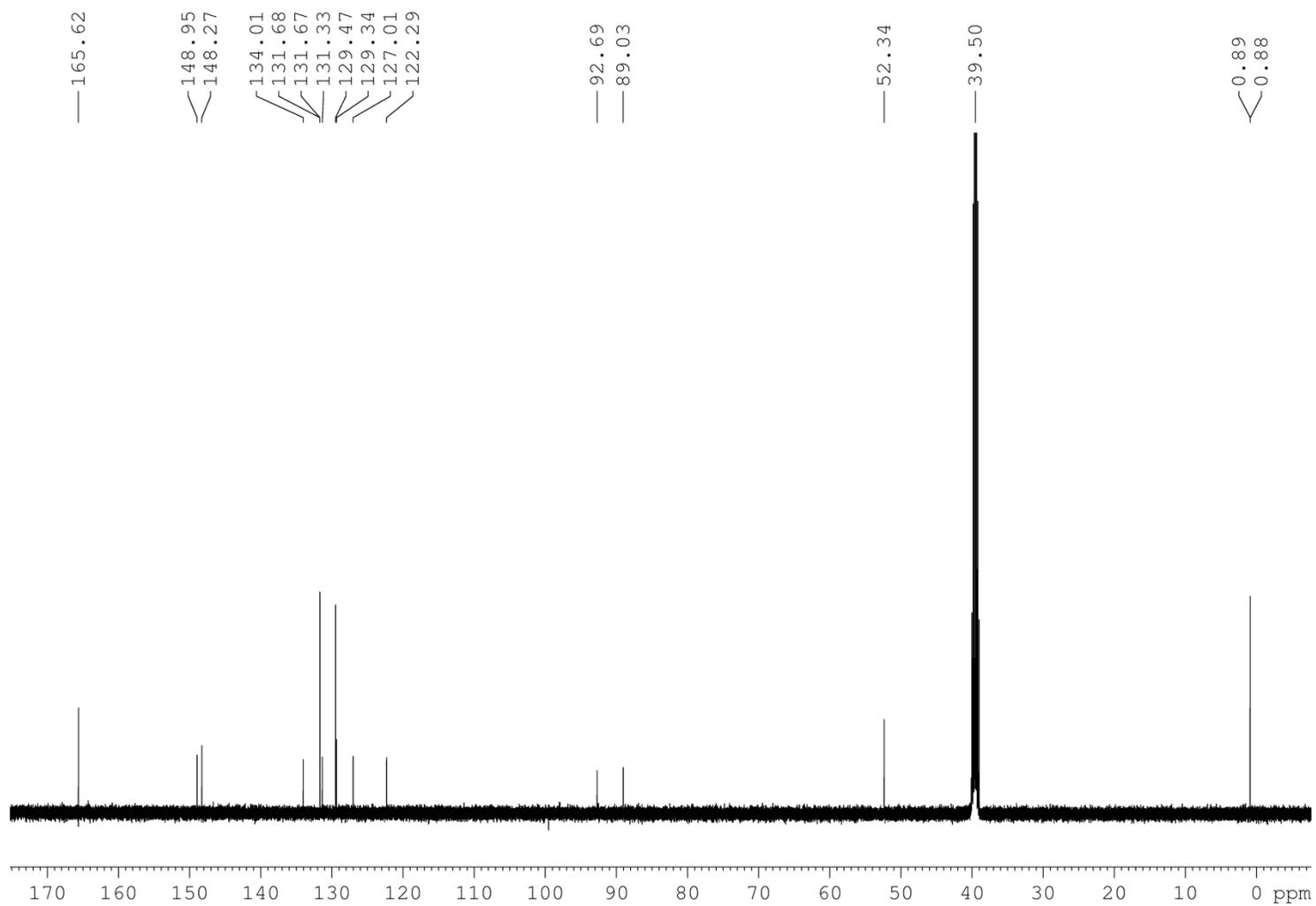


Figure S40 ^{13}C NMR spectrum of compound 17.

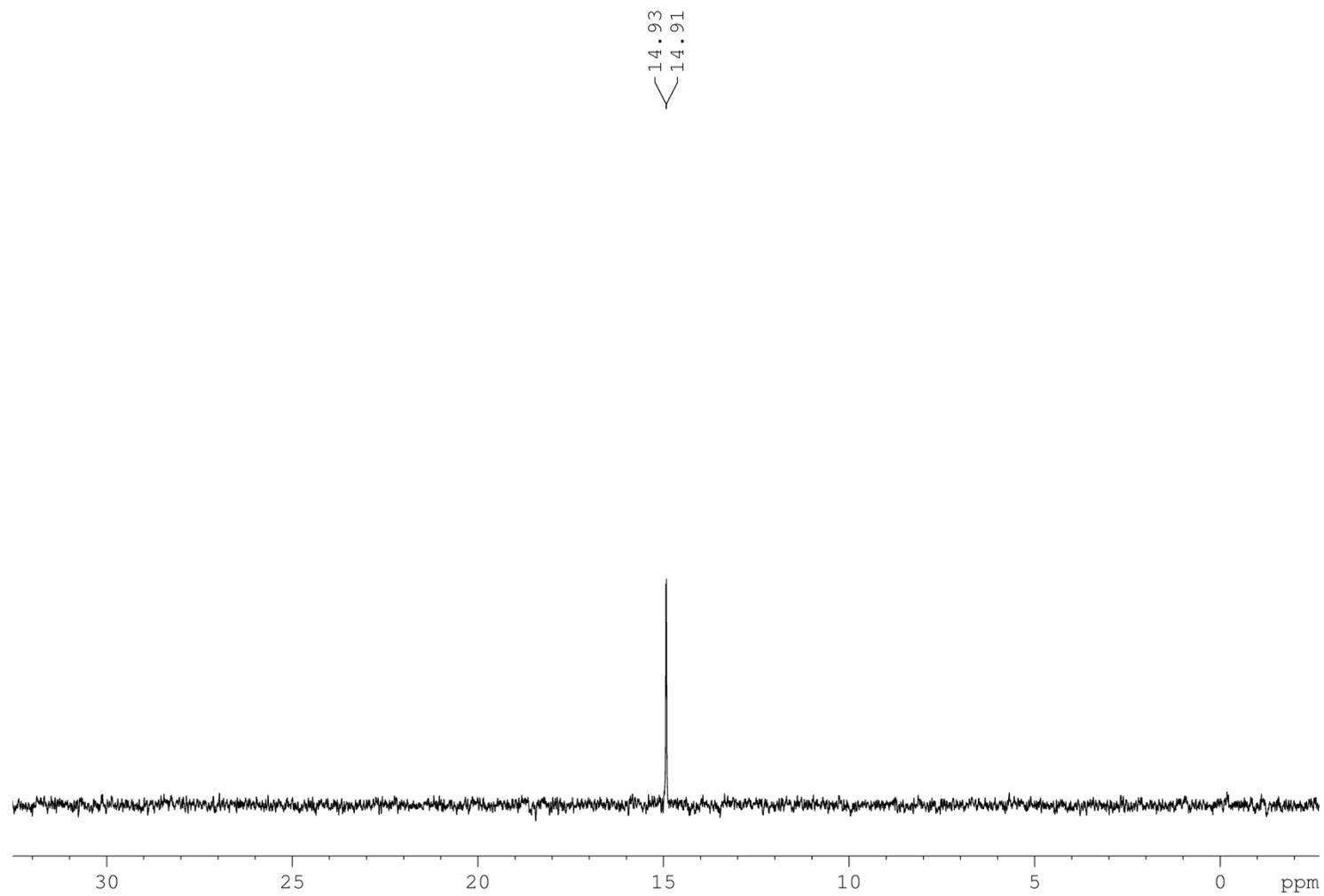


Figure S41 ^{29}Si NMR spectrum of compound **17**.

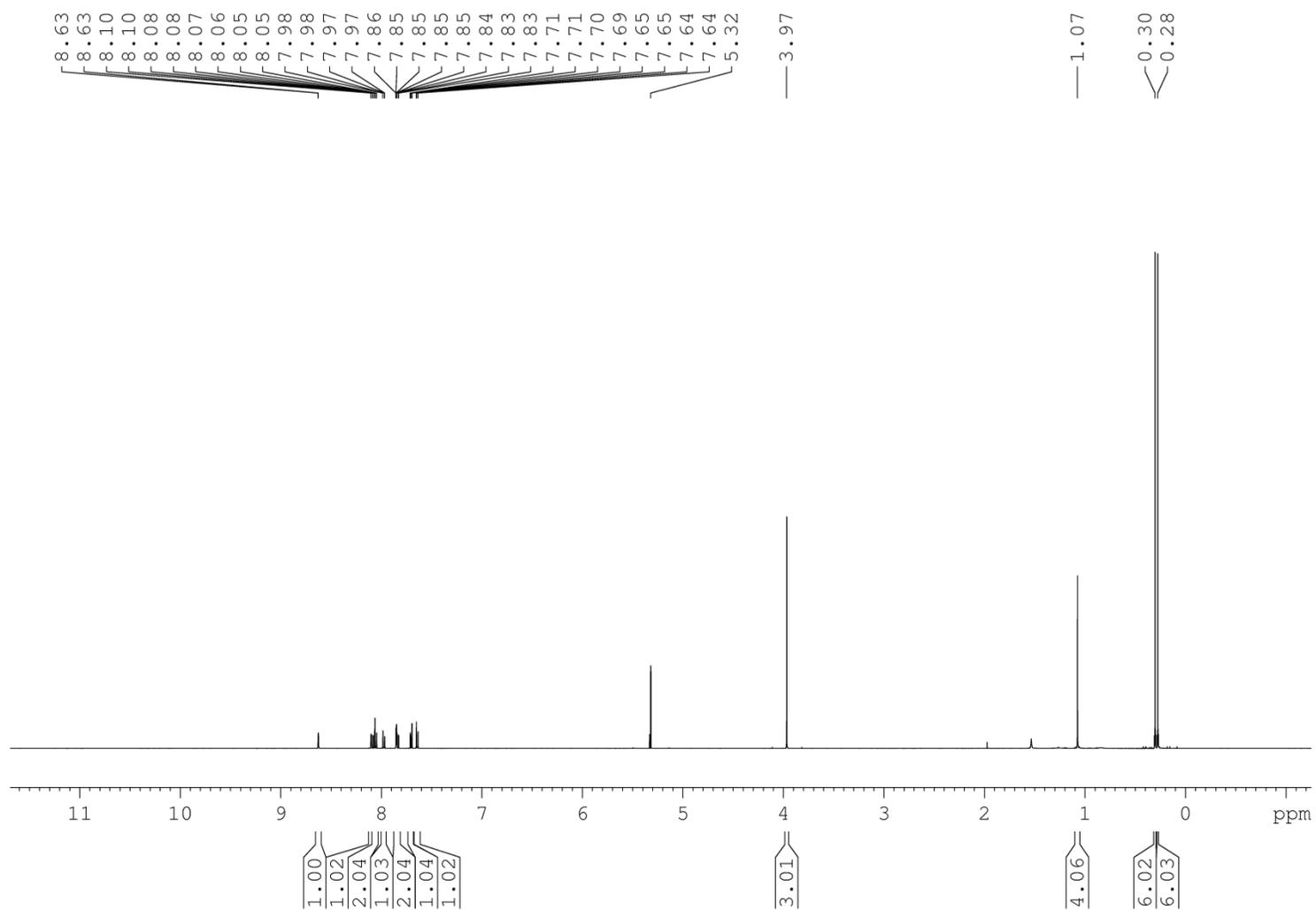


Figure S42 ^1H NMR spectrum of compound **20**.

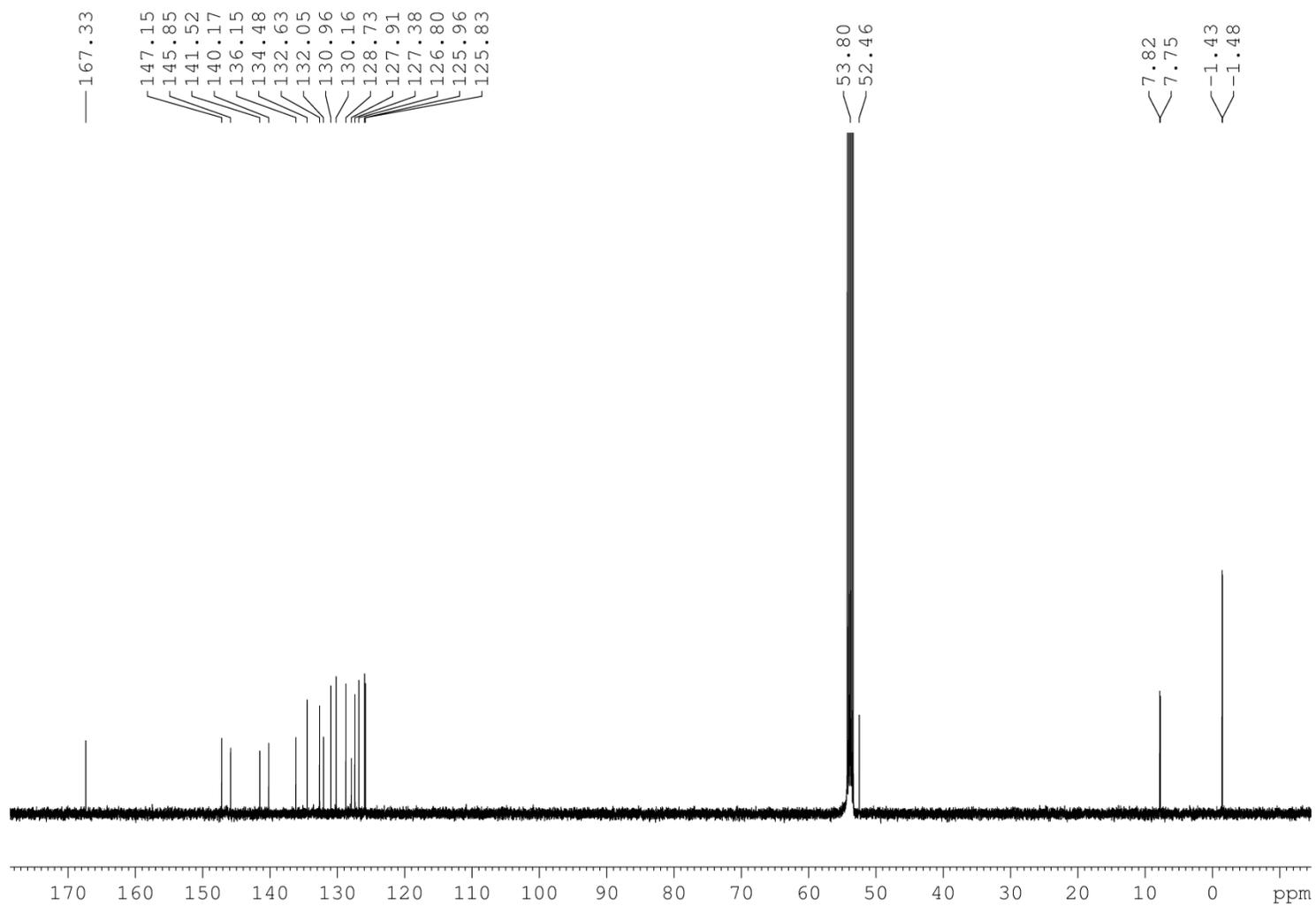


Figure S43 ^{13}C NMR spectrum of compound 20.

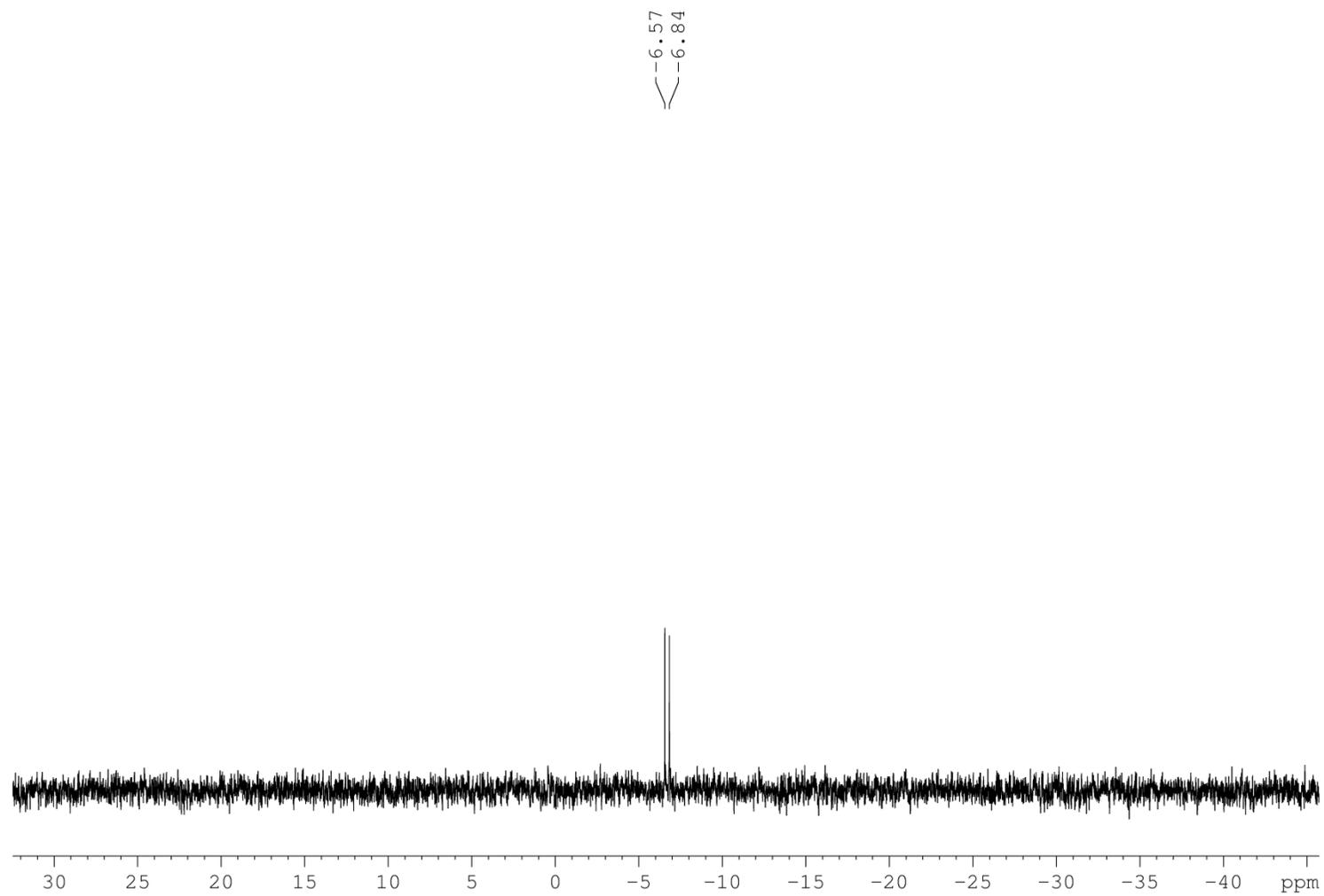


Figure S44 ^{29}Si NMR spectrum of compound **20**.

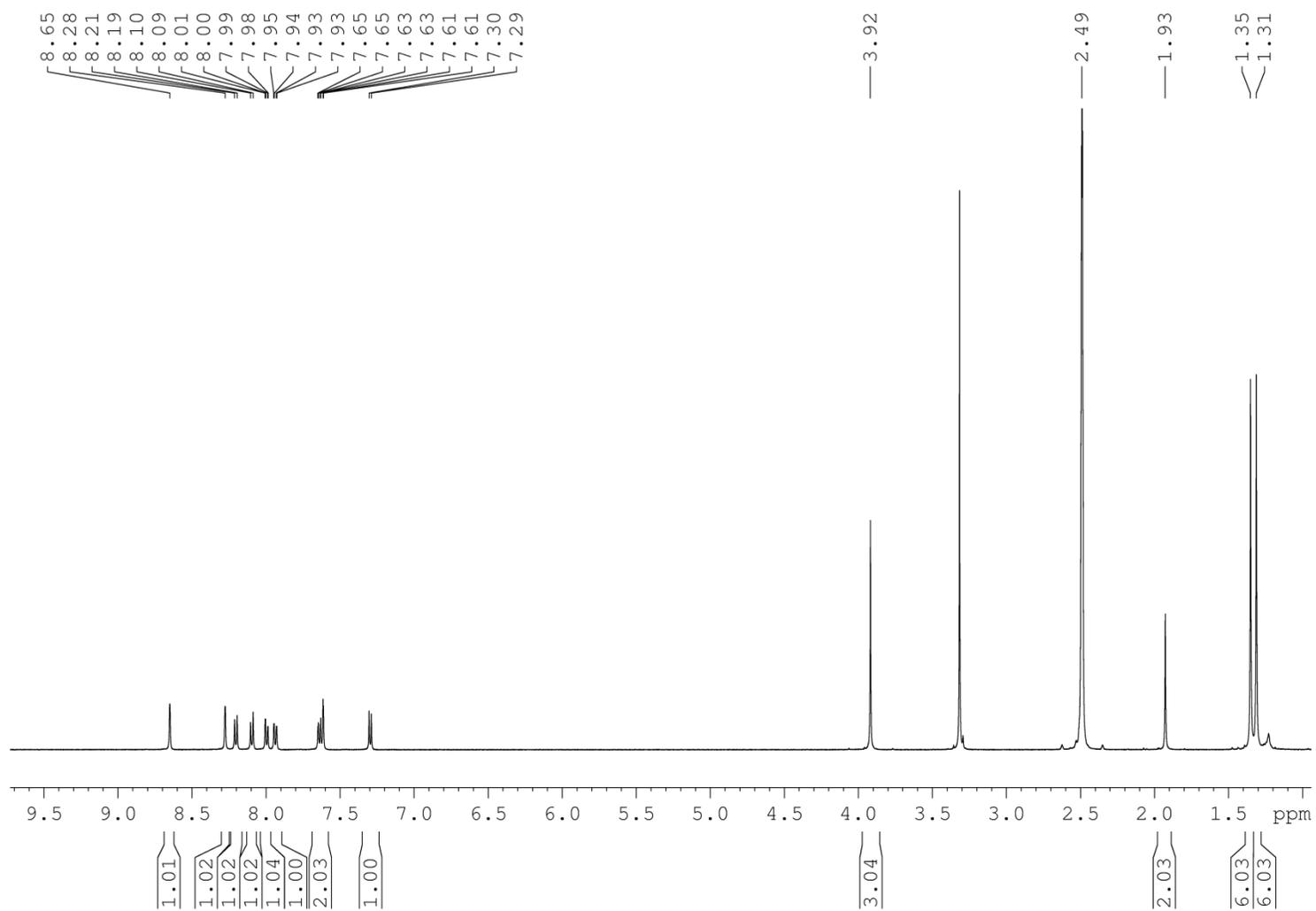


Figure S45 ^1H NMR spectrum of compound **21**.

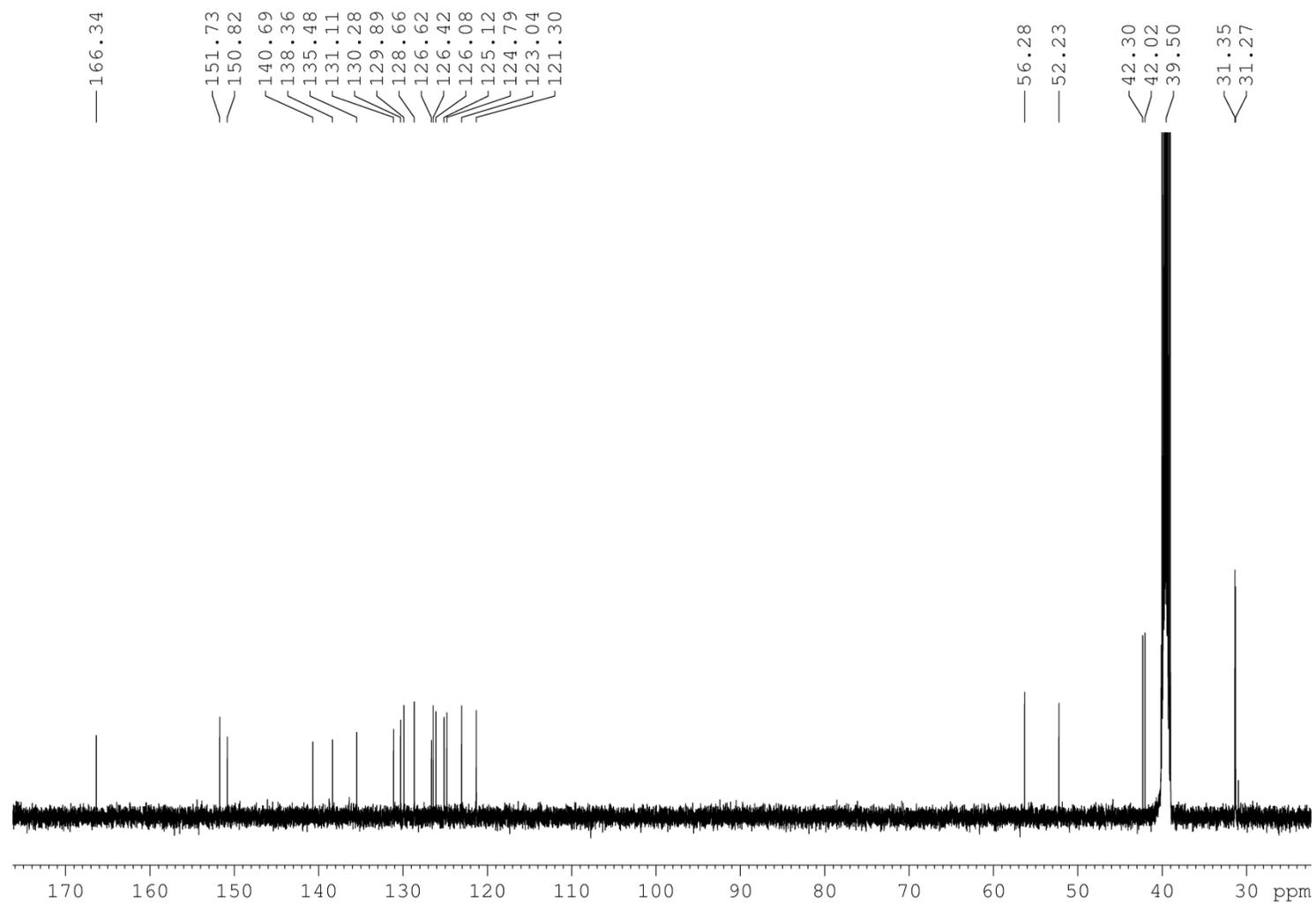


Figure S46 ^{13}C NMR spectrum of compound **21**.

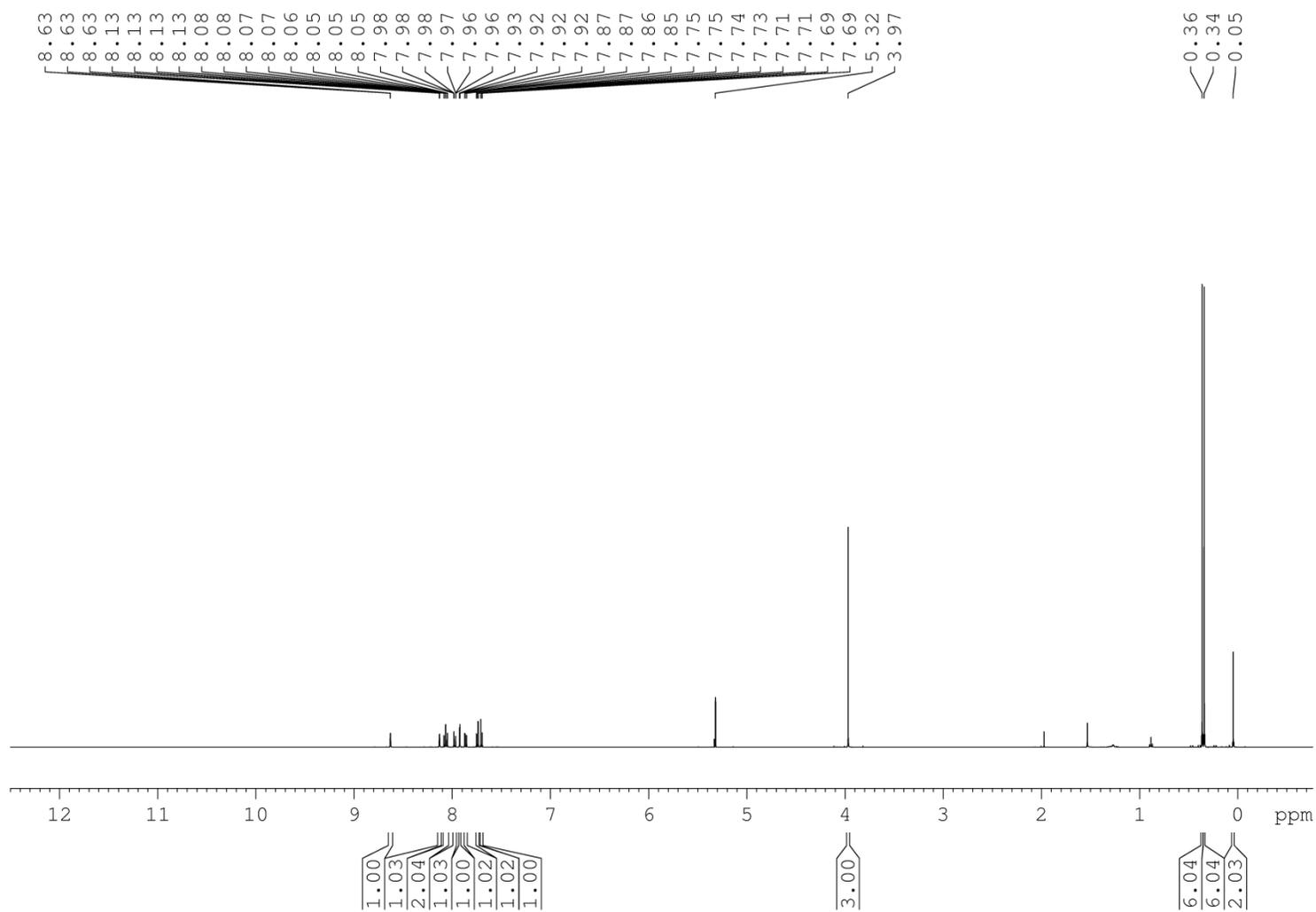


Figure S47 ^1H NMR spectrum of compound **22**.

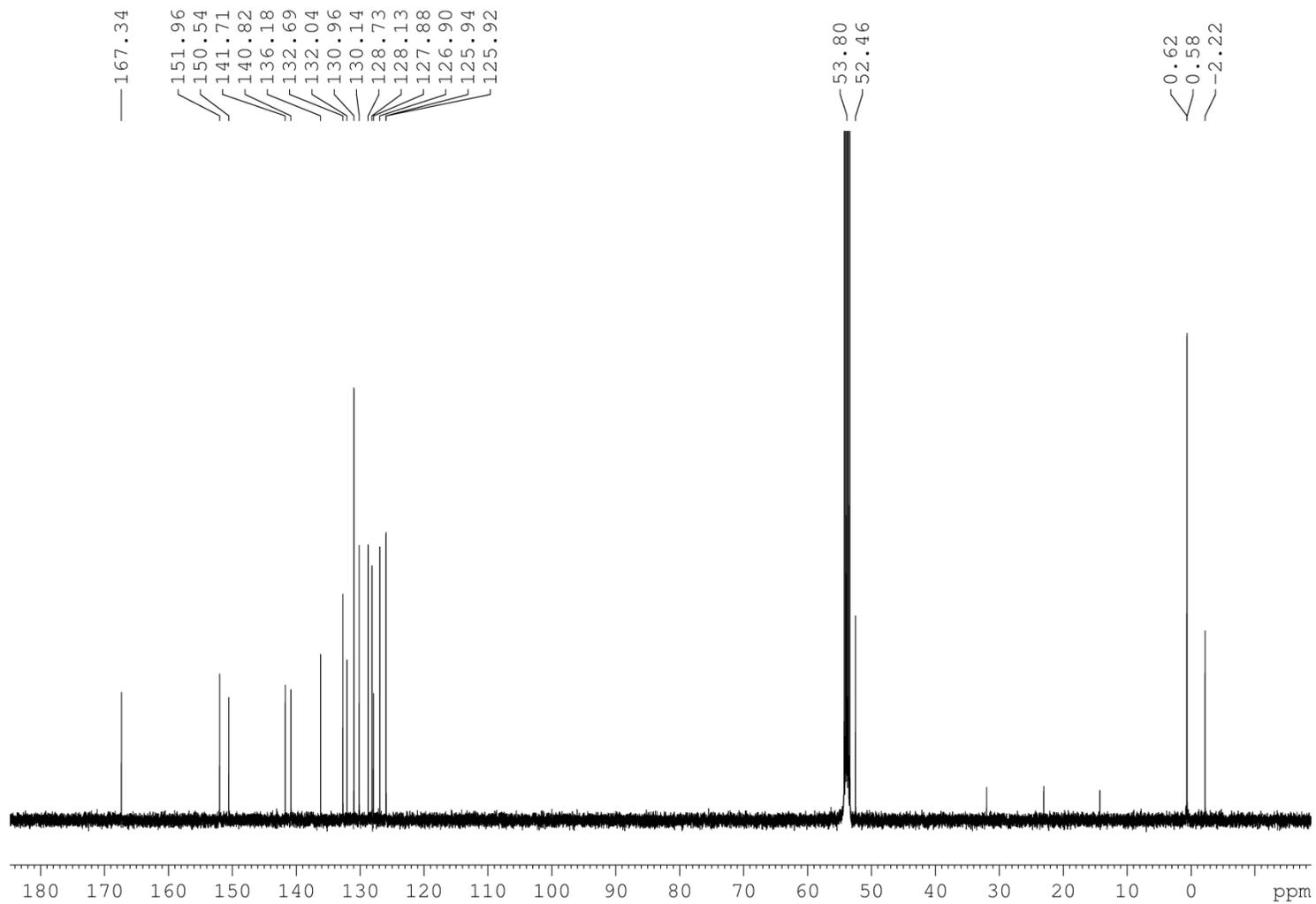


Figure S48 ^{13}C NMR spectrum of compound 22.

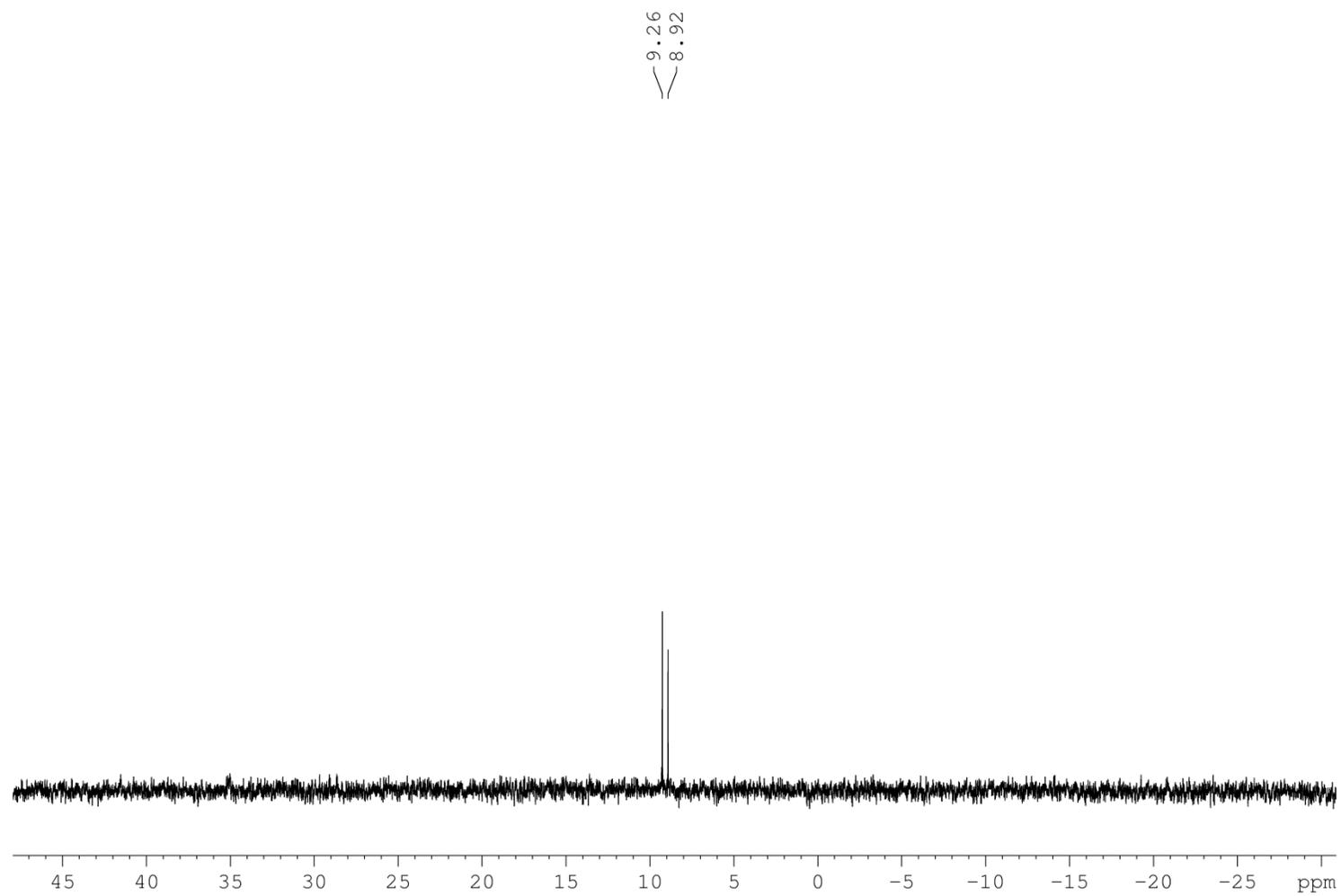


Figure S49 ^{29}Si NMR spectrum of compound **22**.

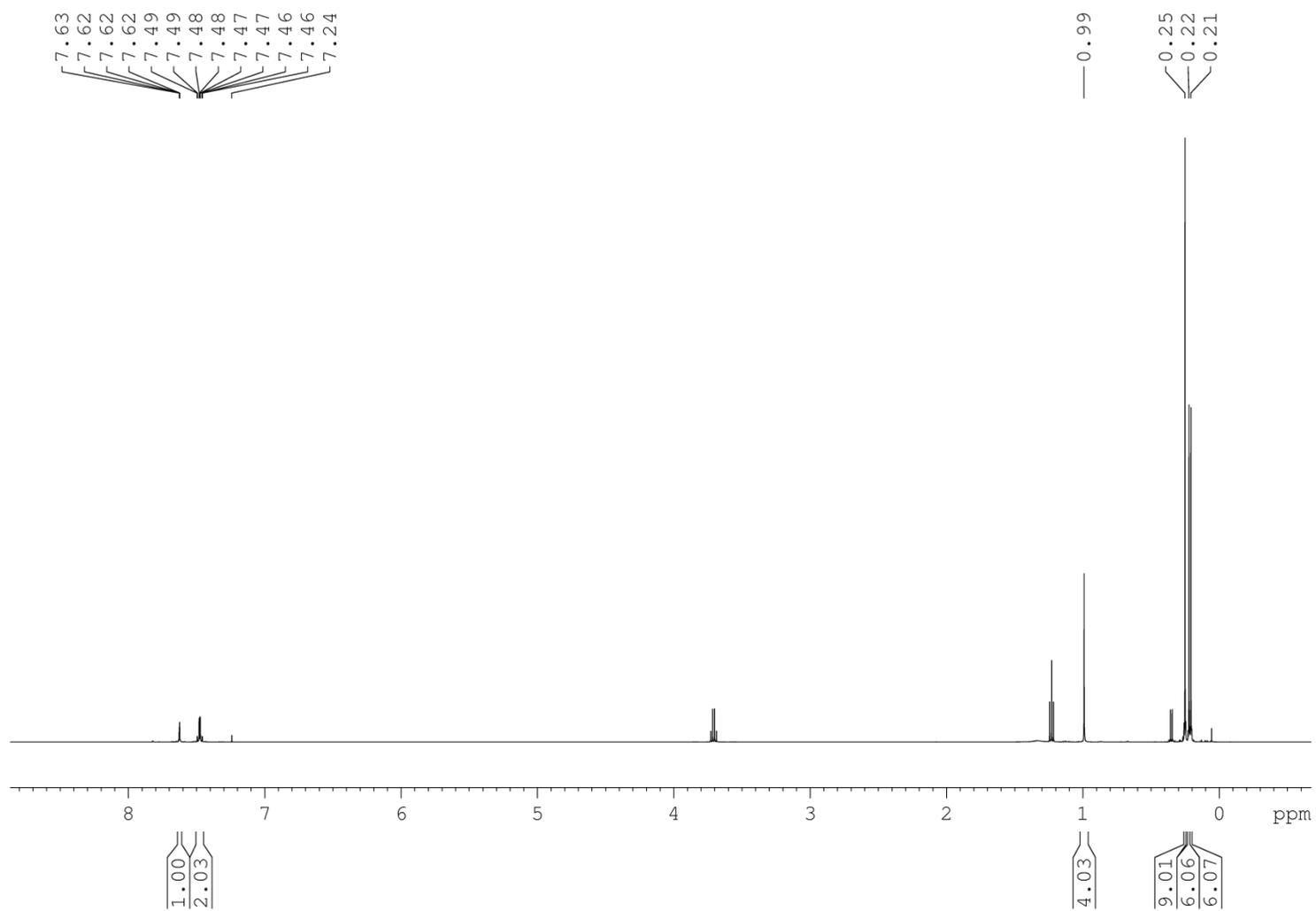


Figure S50 ^1H NMR spectrum of compound **27**.

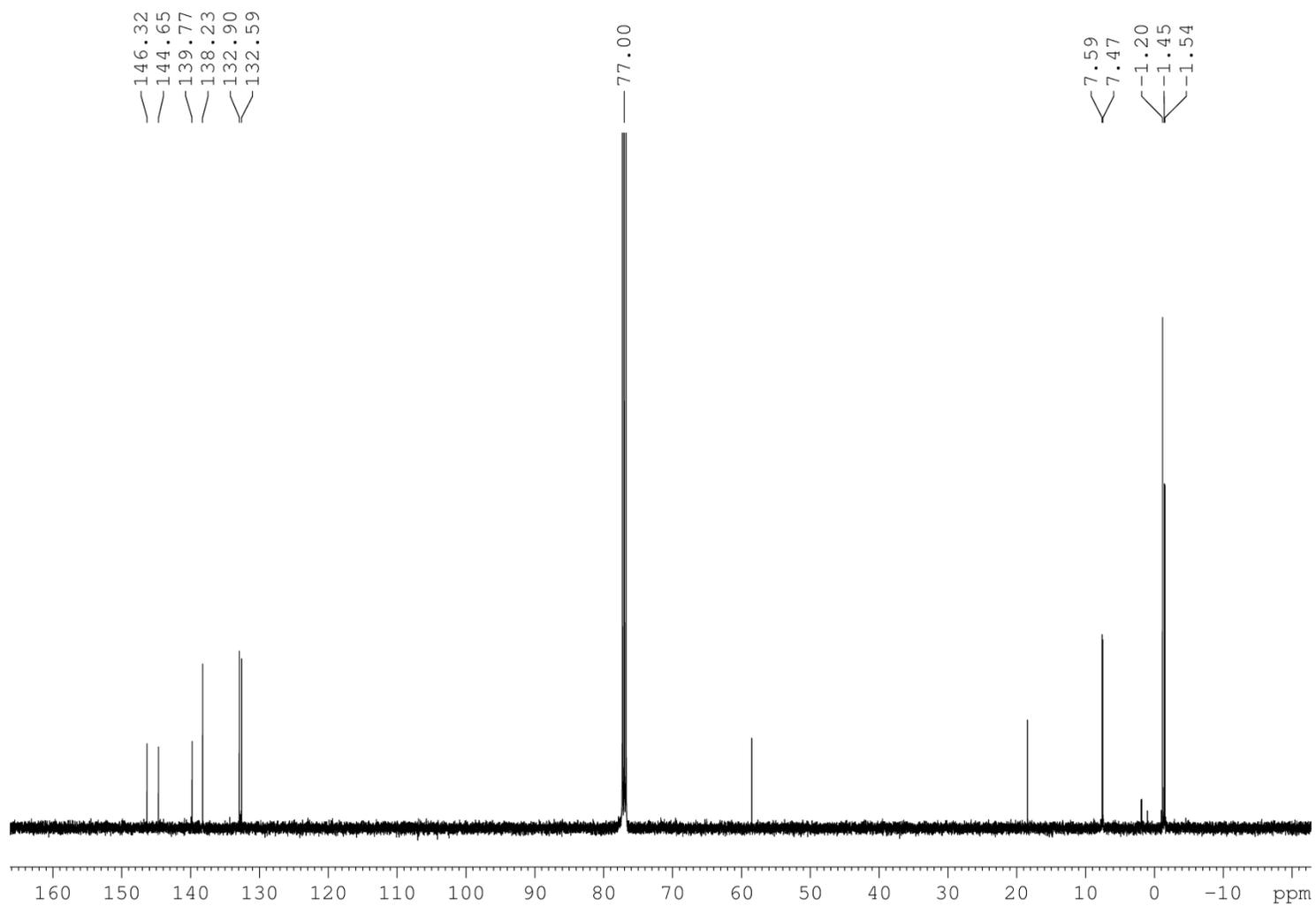


Figure S51 ^{13}C NMR spectrum of compound 27.

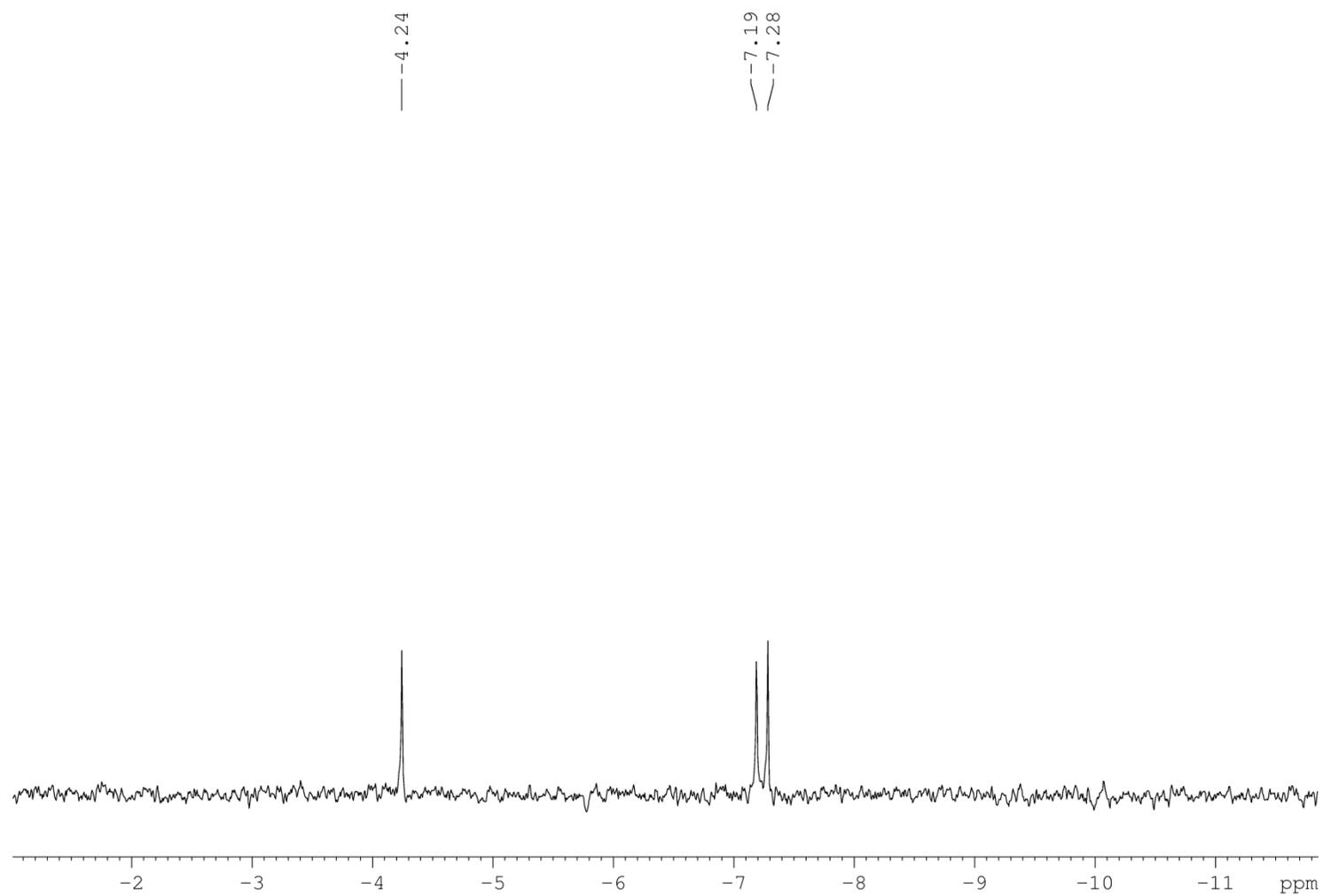


Figure S52 ^{29}Si NMR spectrum of compound **27**.

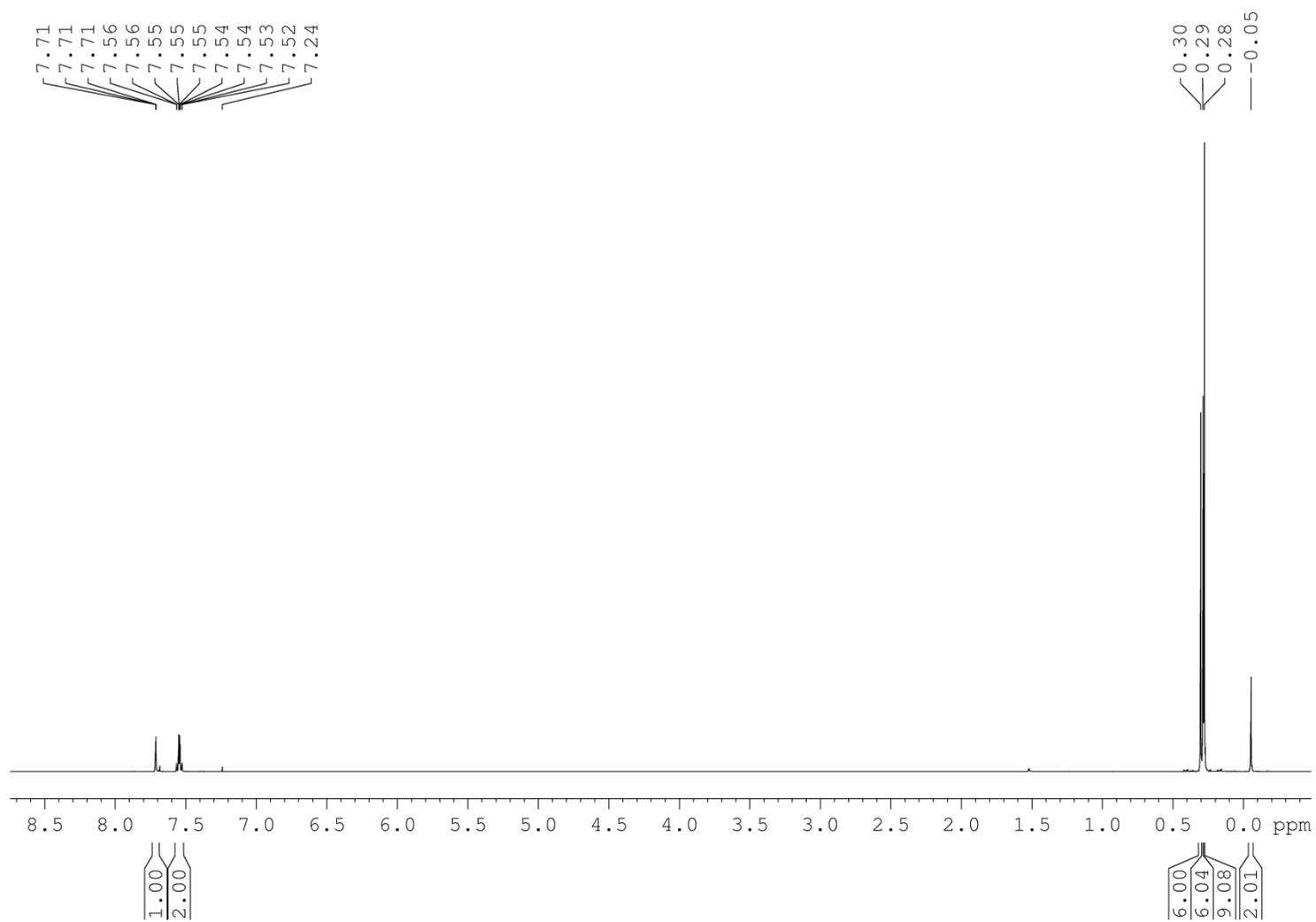


Figure S53 ^1H NMR spectrum of compound **28**.

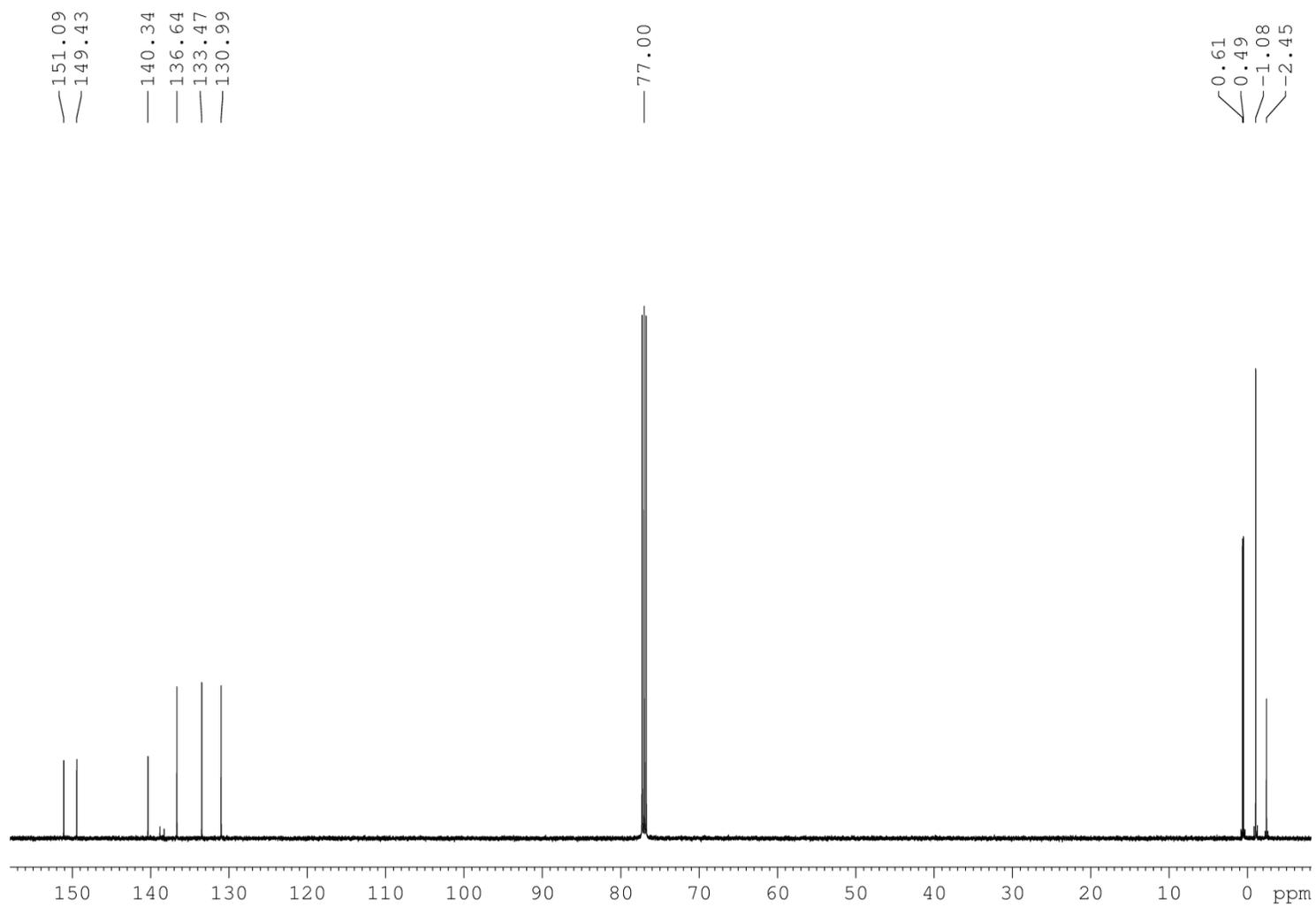


Figure S54 ^{13}C NMR spectrum of compound **28**.

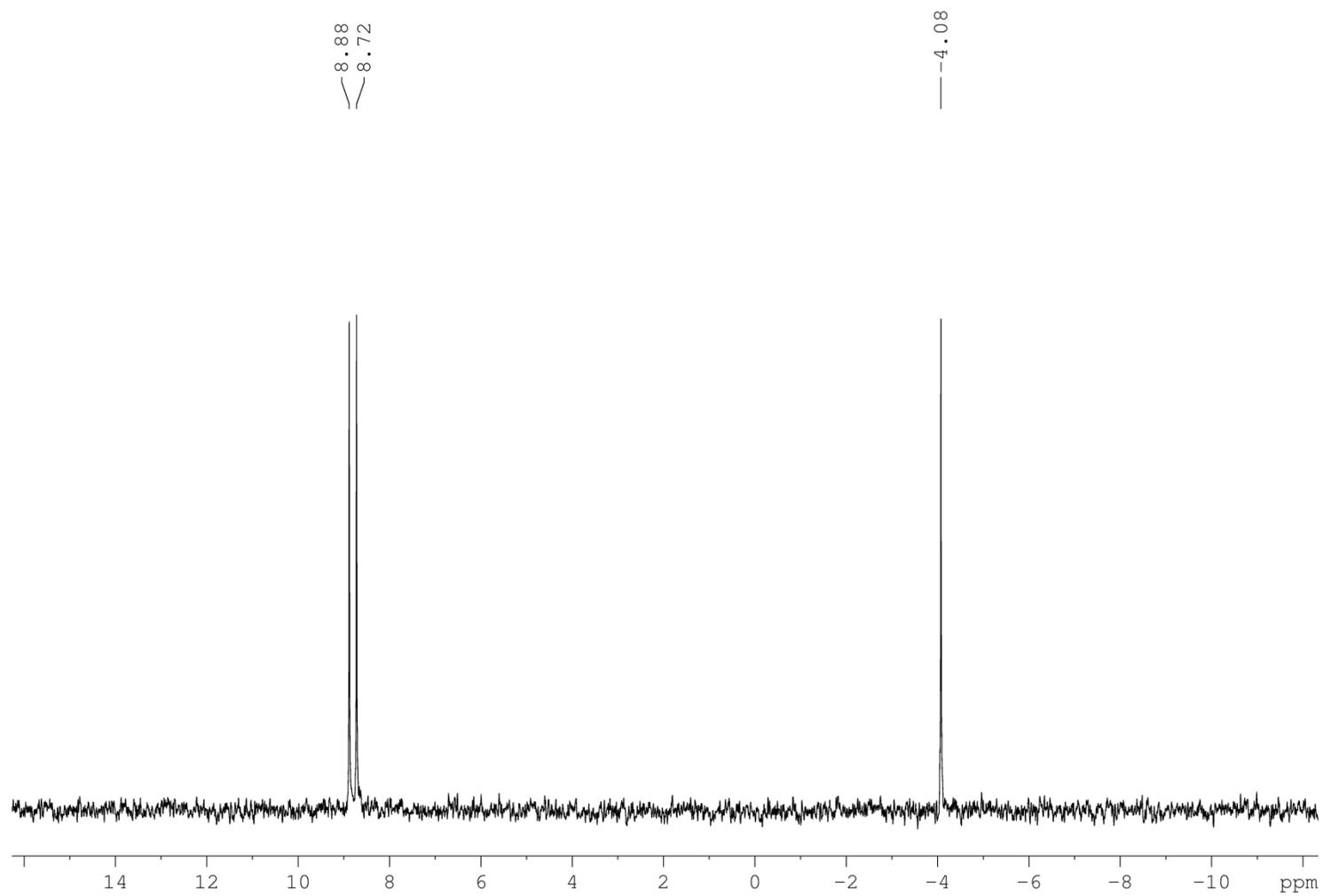


Figure S55 ^{29}Si NMR spectrum of compound **28**.

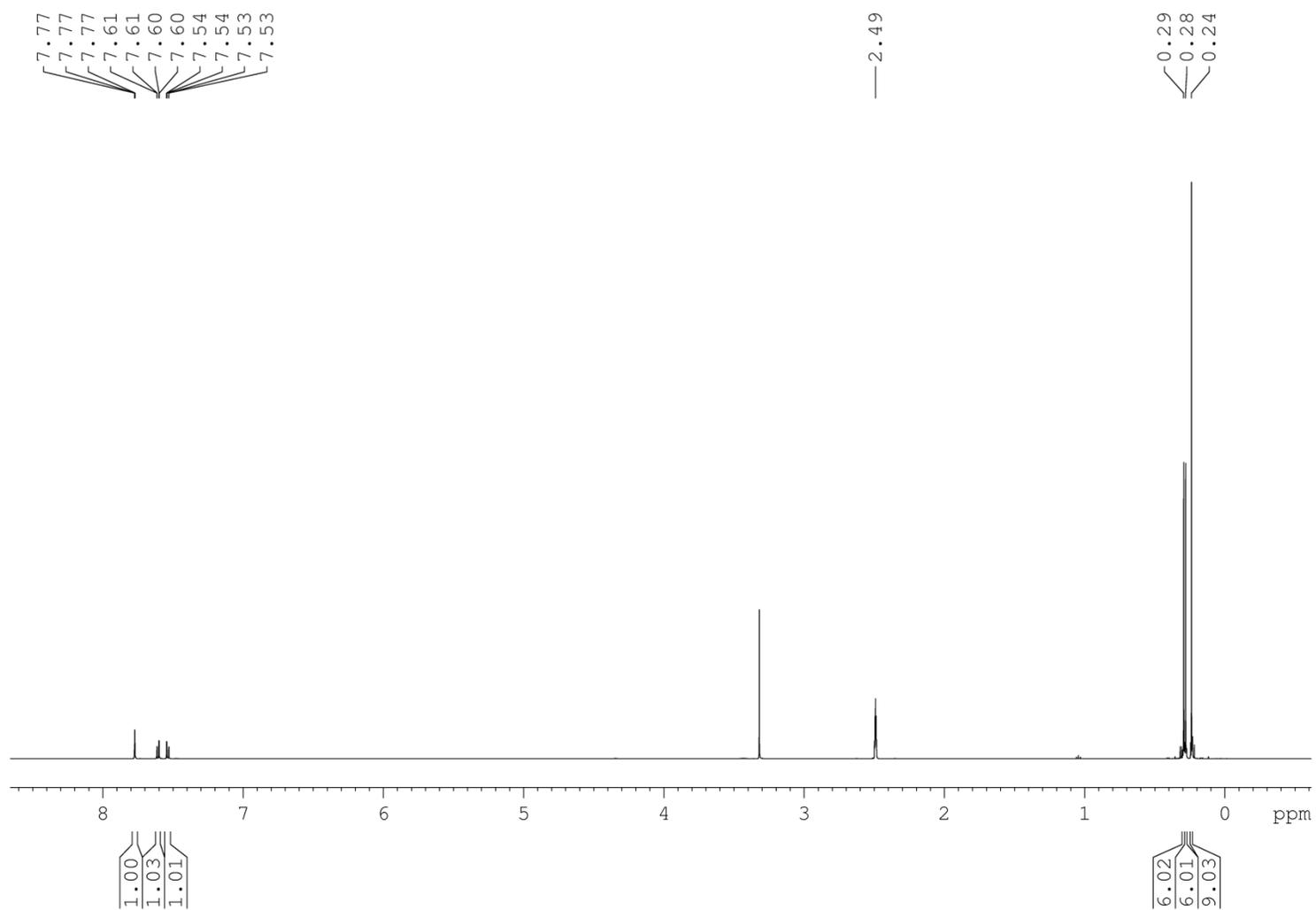


Figure S56 ^1H NMR spectrum of compound **29**.

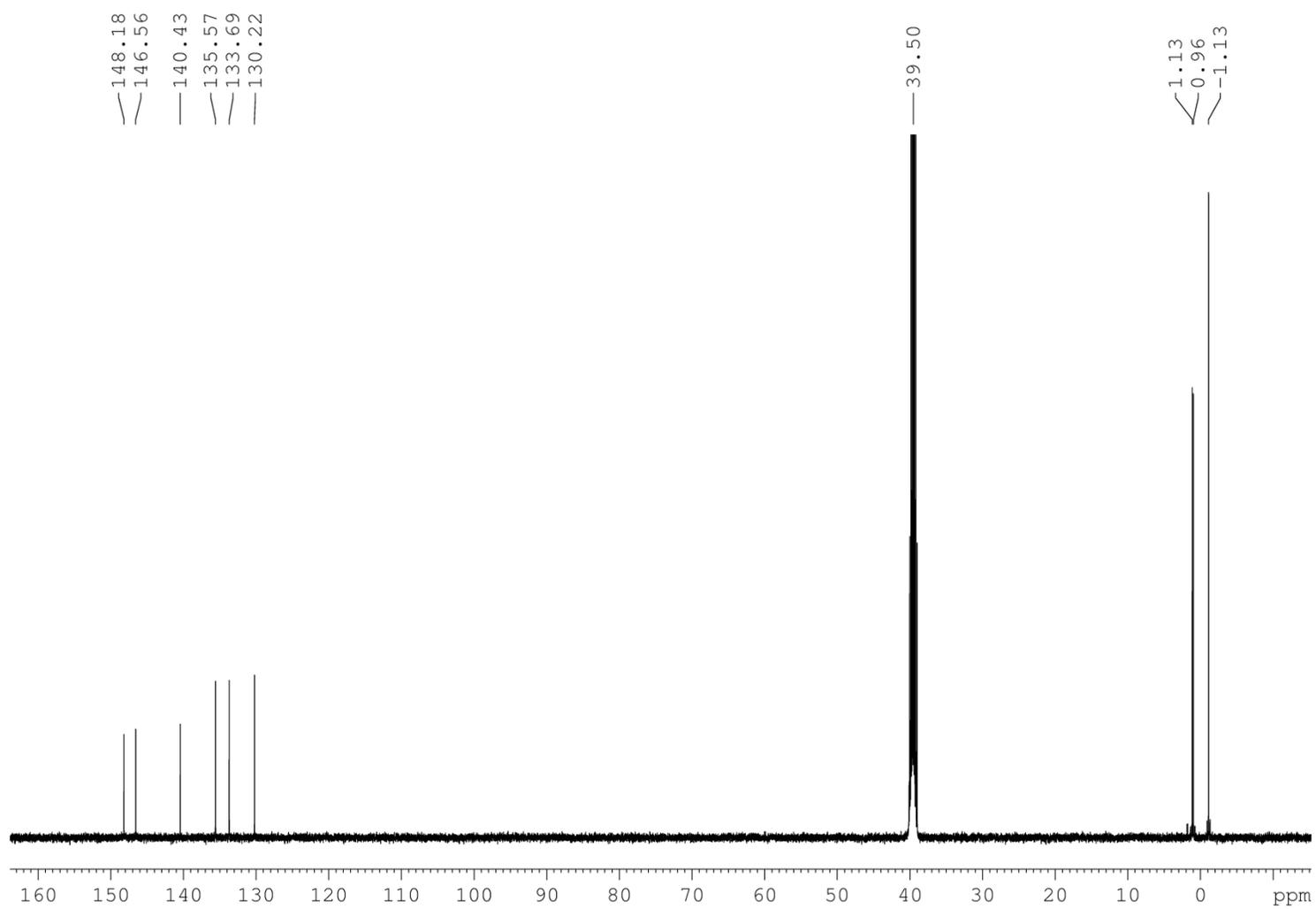


Figure S57 ^{13}C NMR spectrum of compound 29.

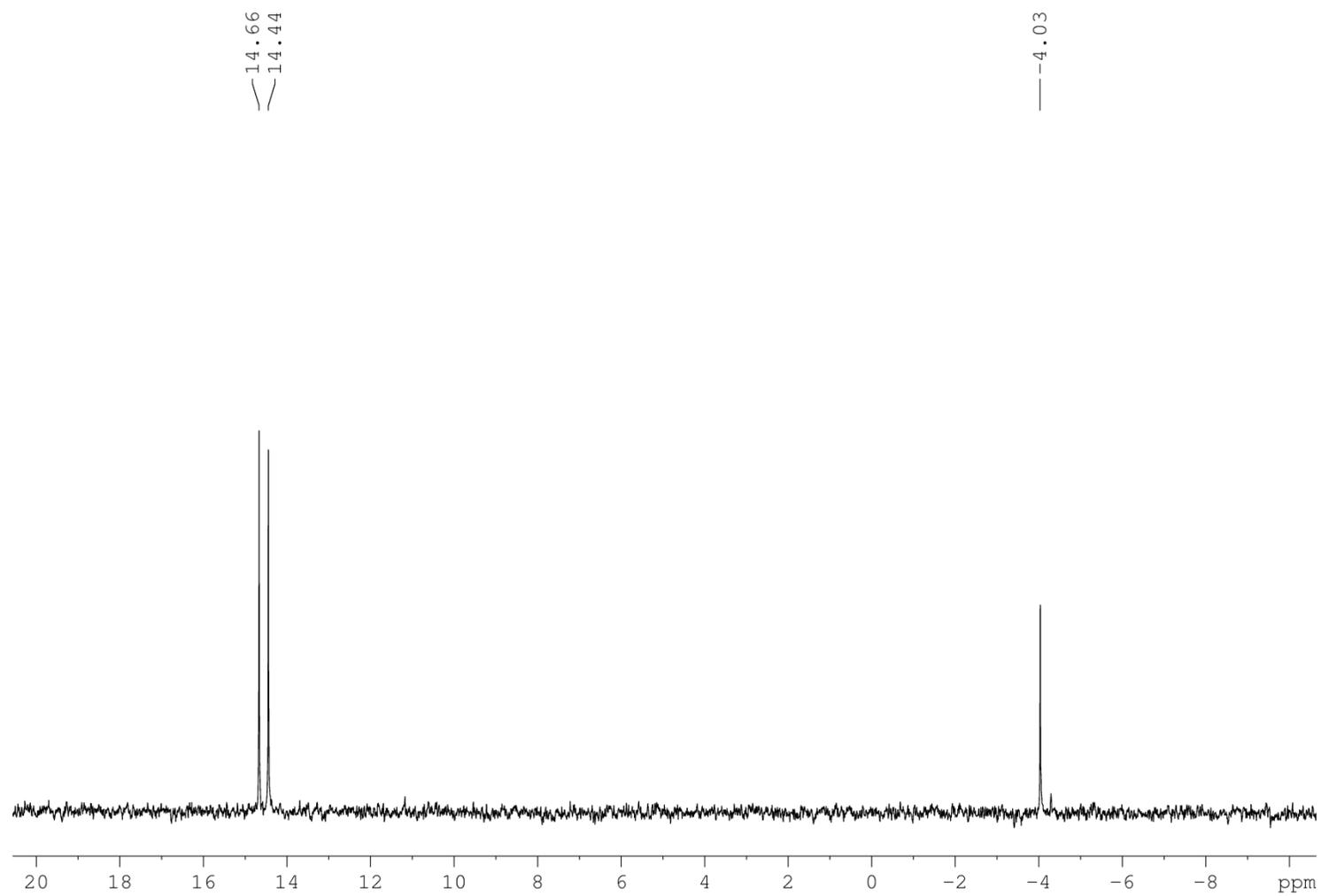


Figure S58 ^{29}Si NMR spectrum of compound **29**.

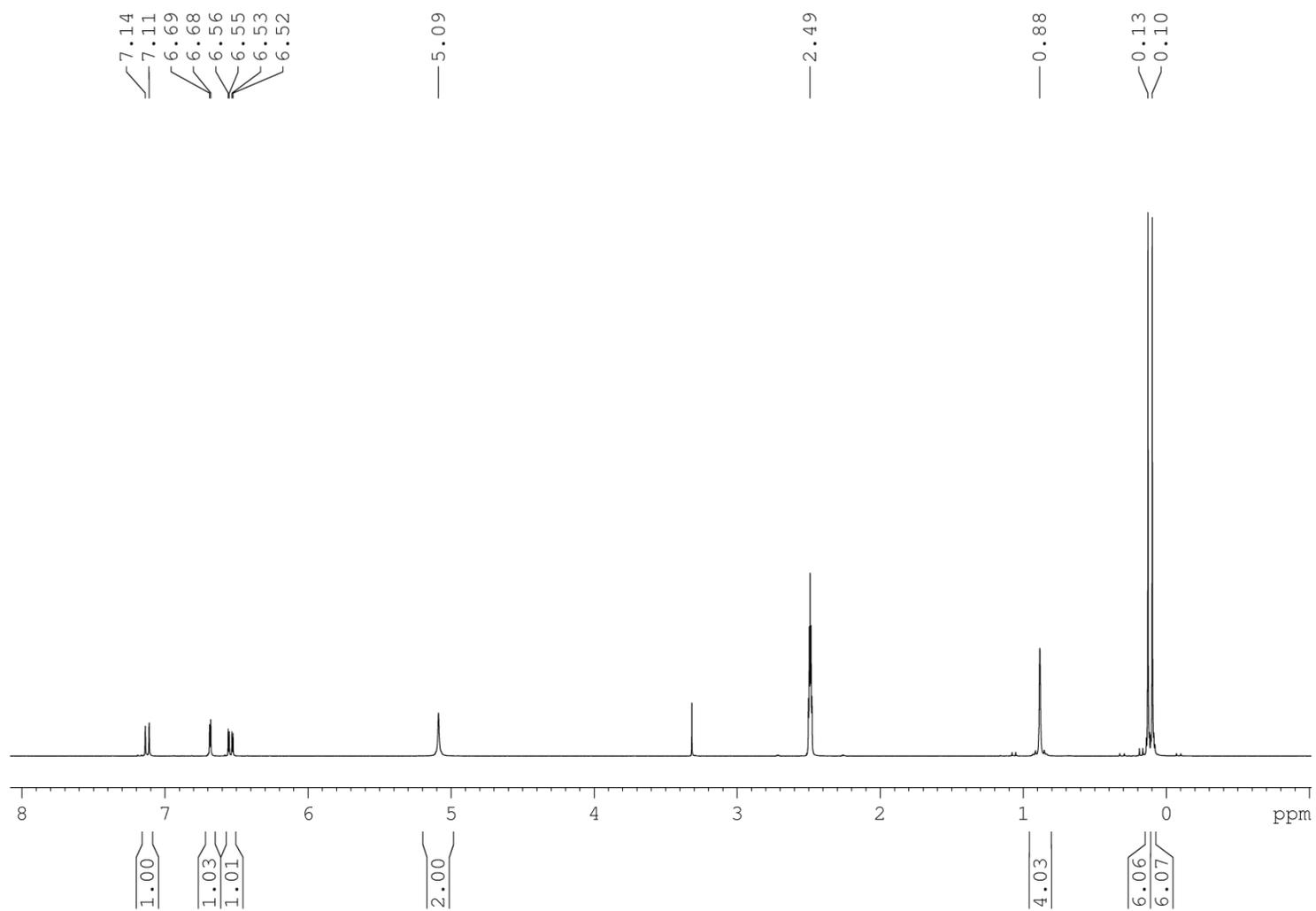


Figure S59 ^1H NMR spectrum of compound **30**.

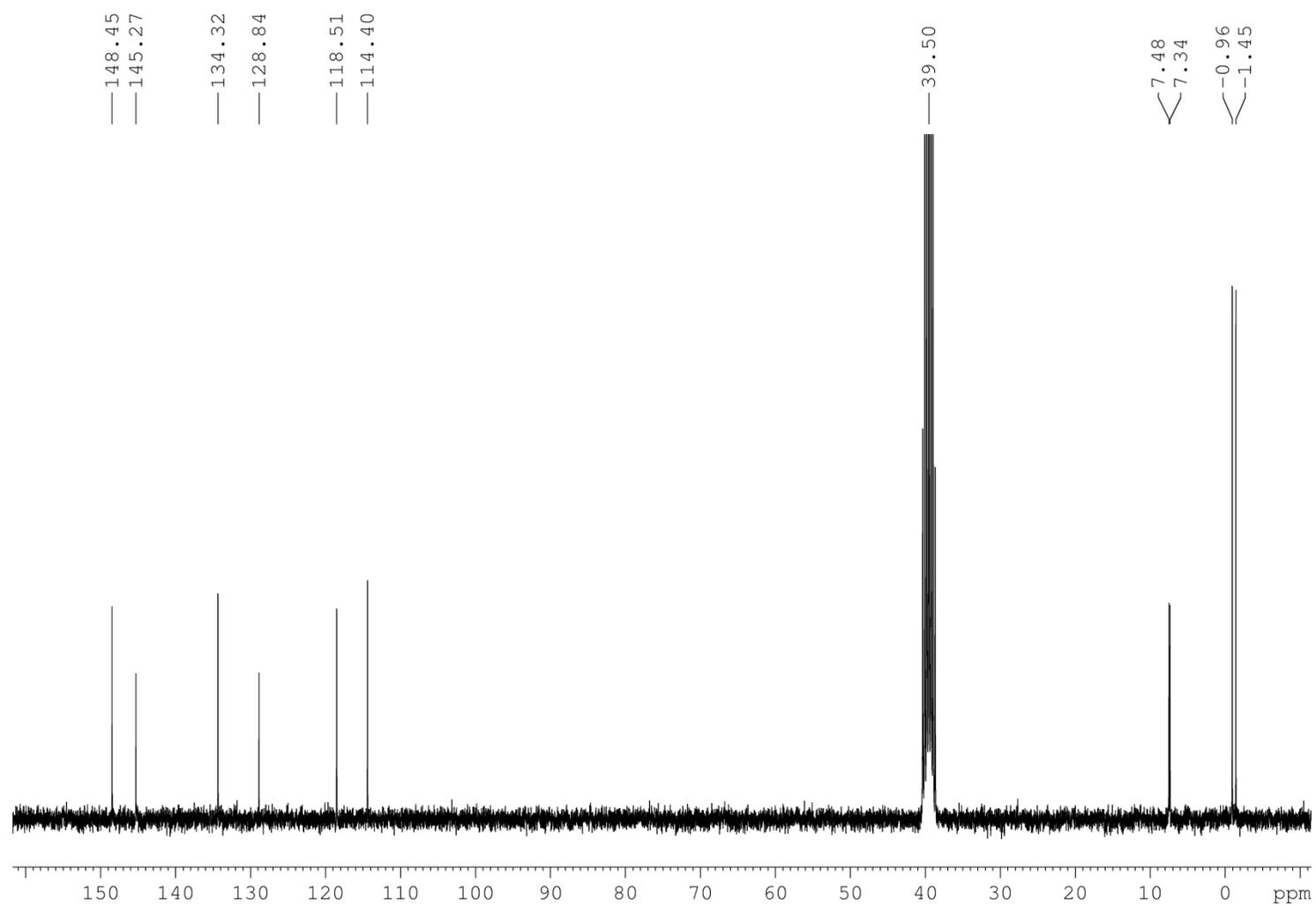


Figure S60 ^{13}C NMR spectrum of compound **30**.

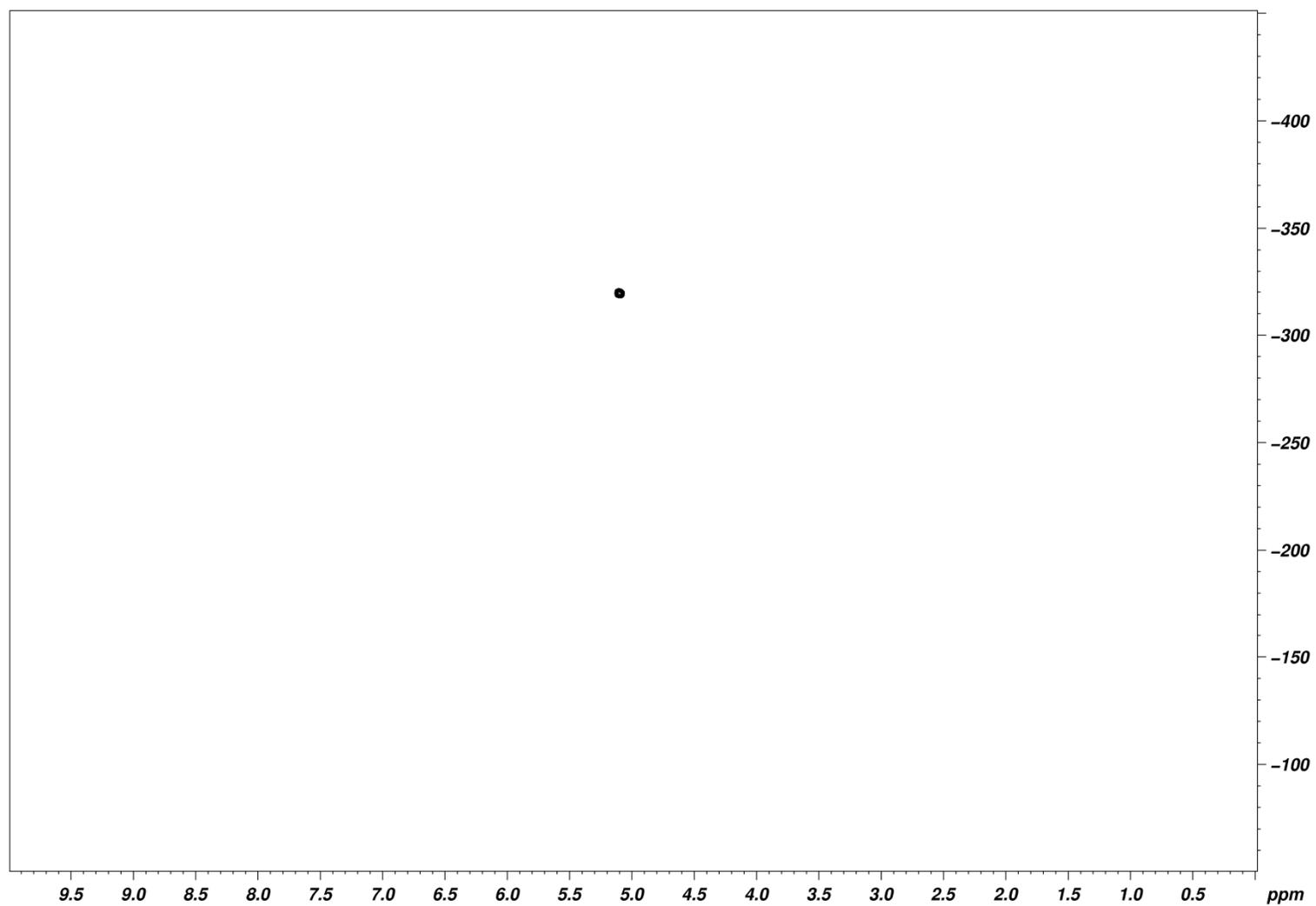


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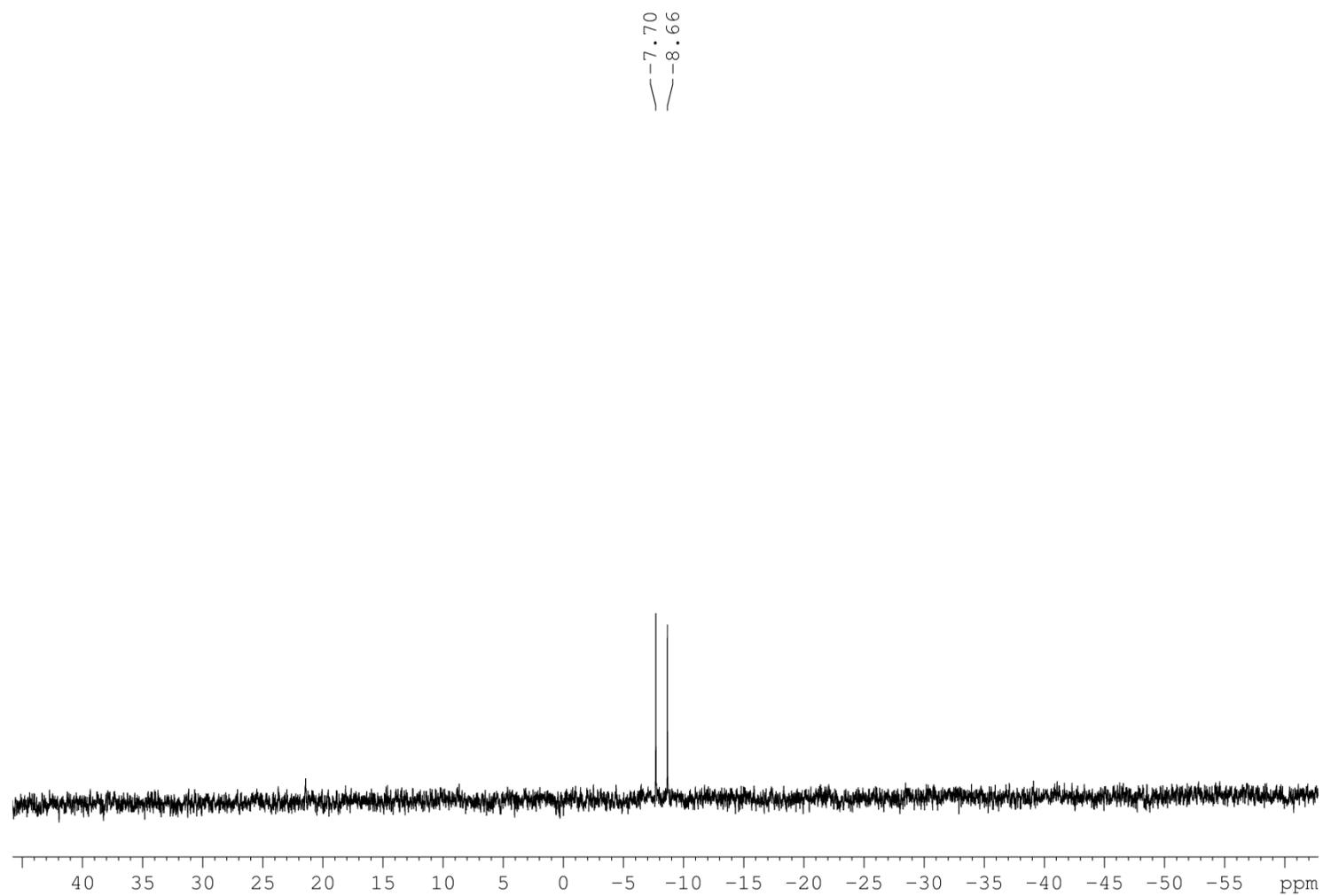


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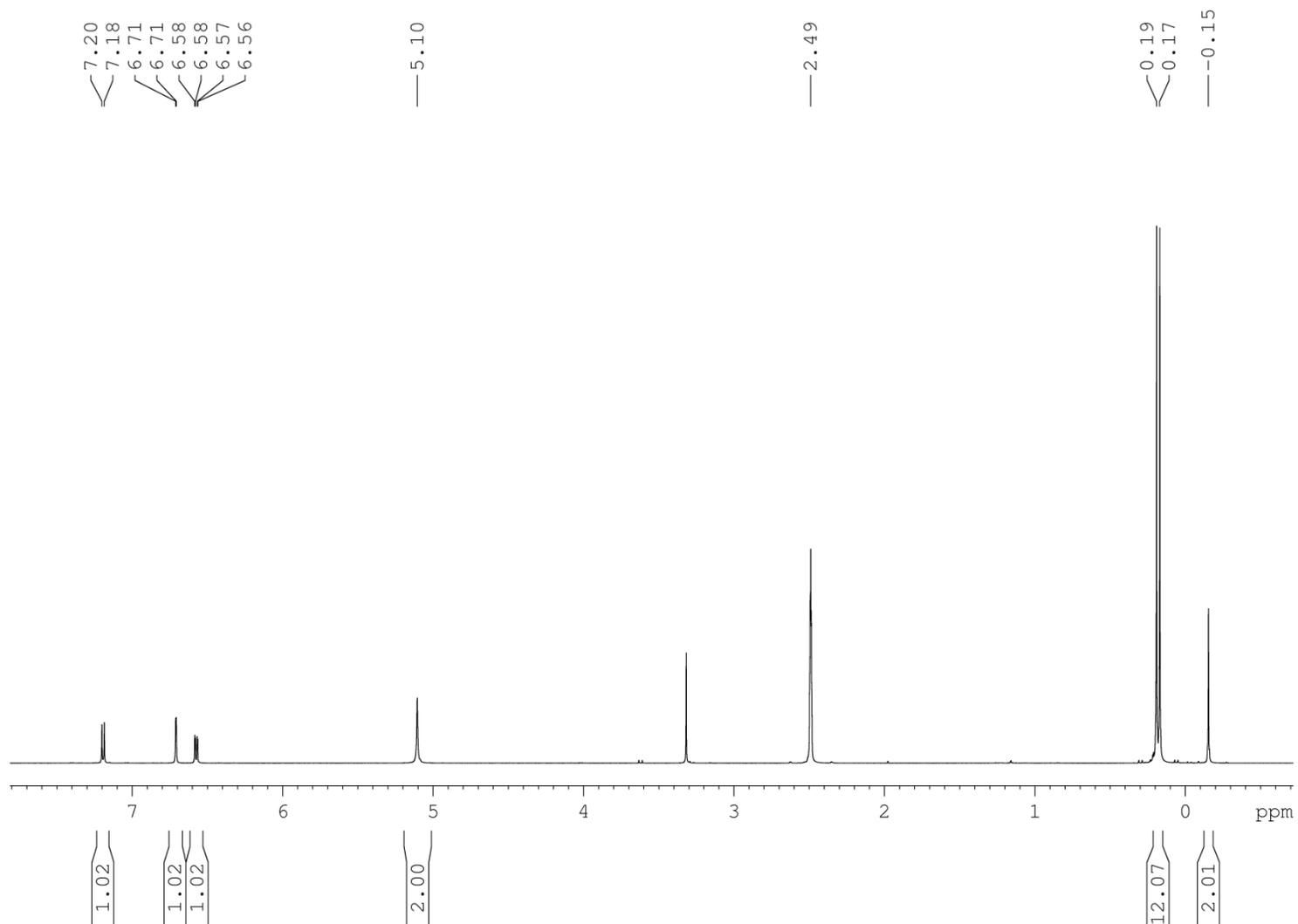


Figure S63 ^1H NMR spectrum of compound **31**.

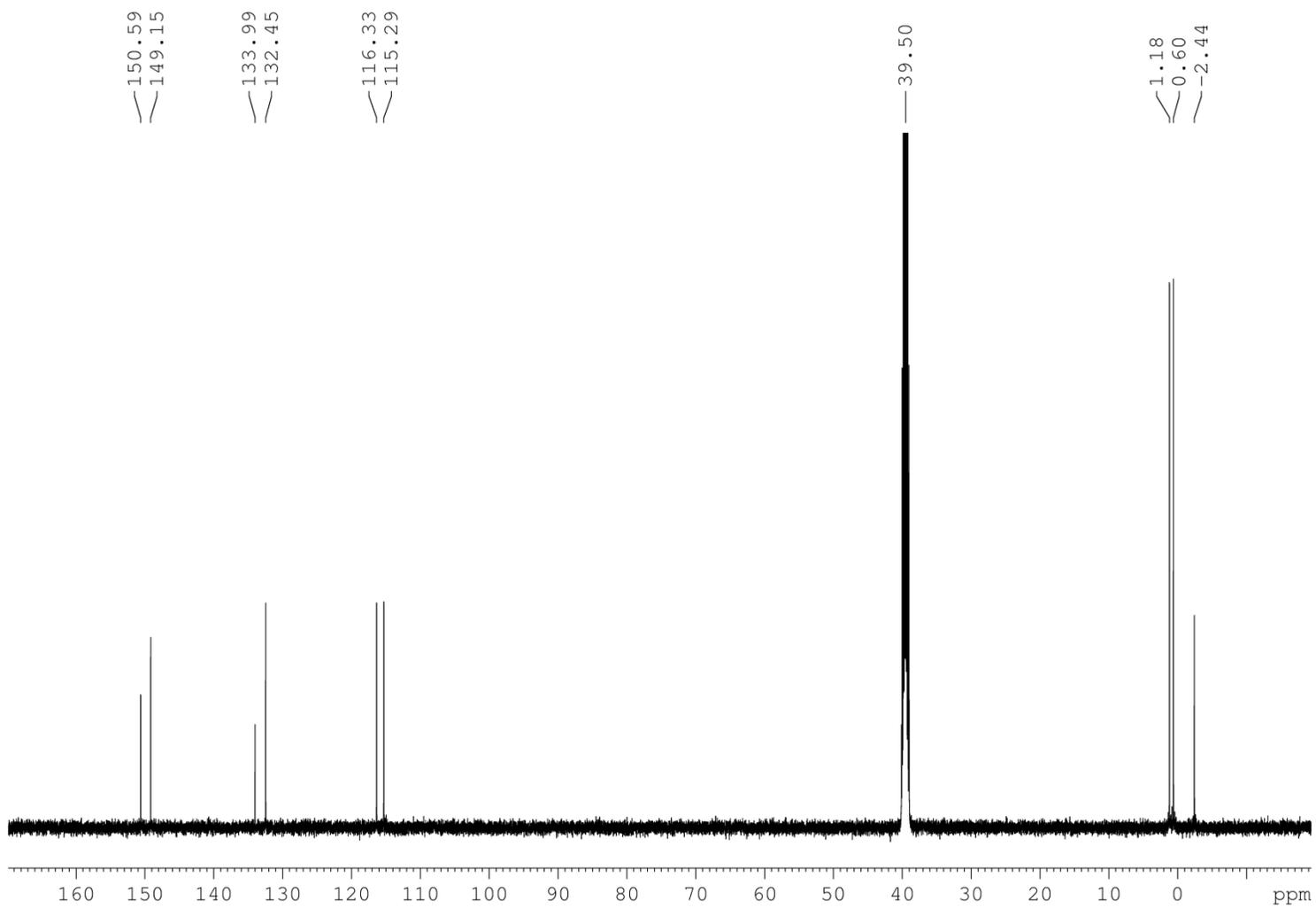


Figure S64 ^{13}C NMR spectrum of compound **31**.

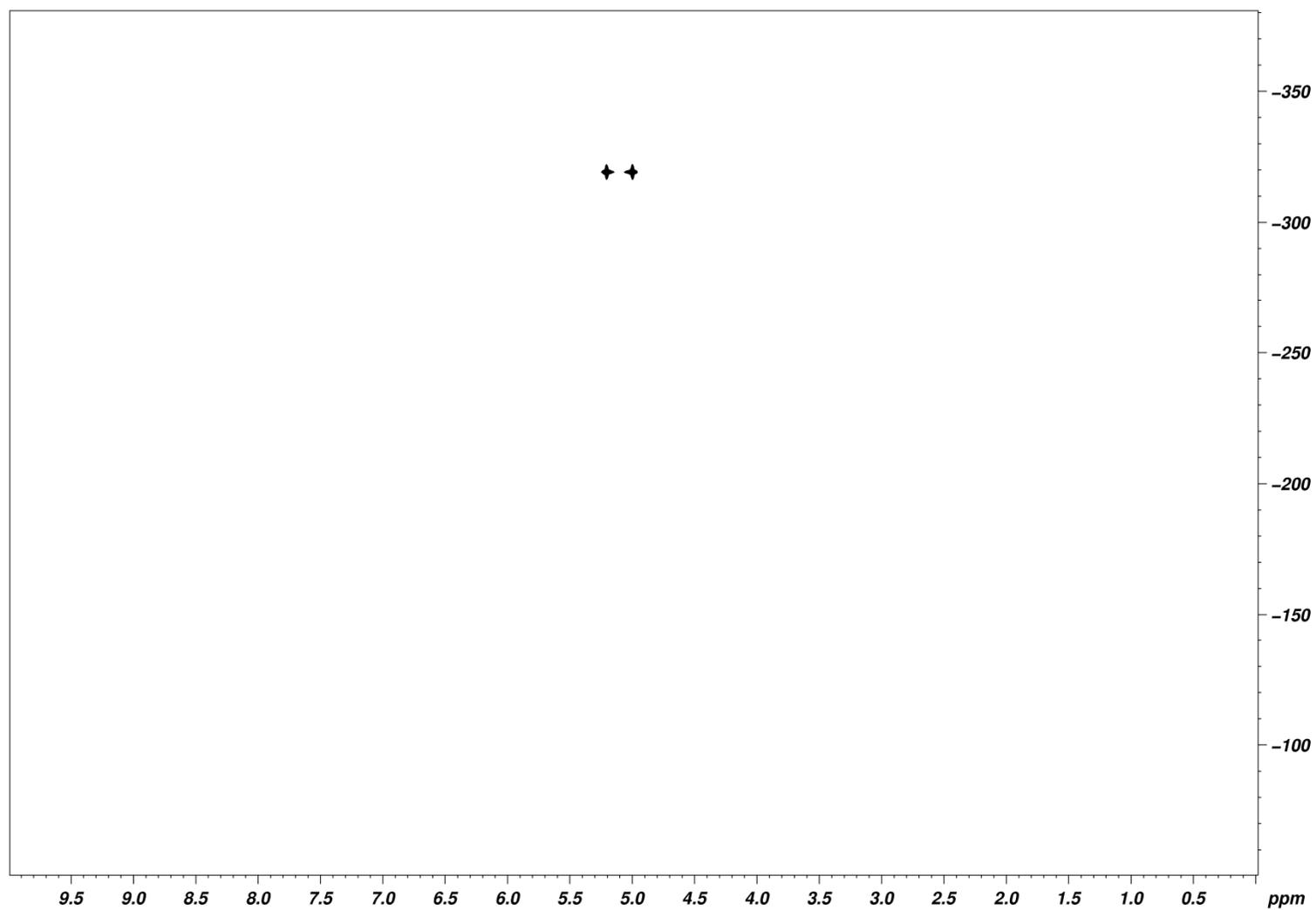


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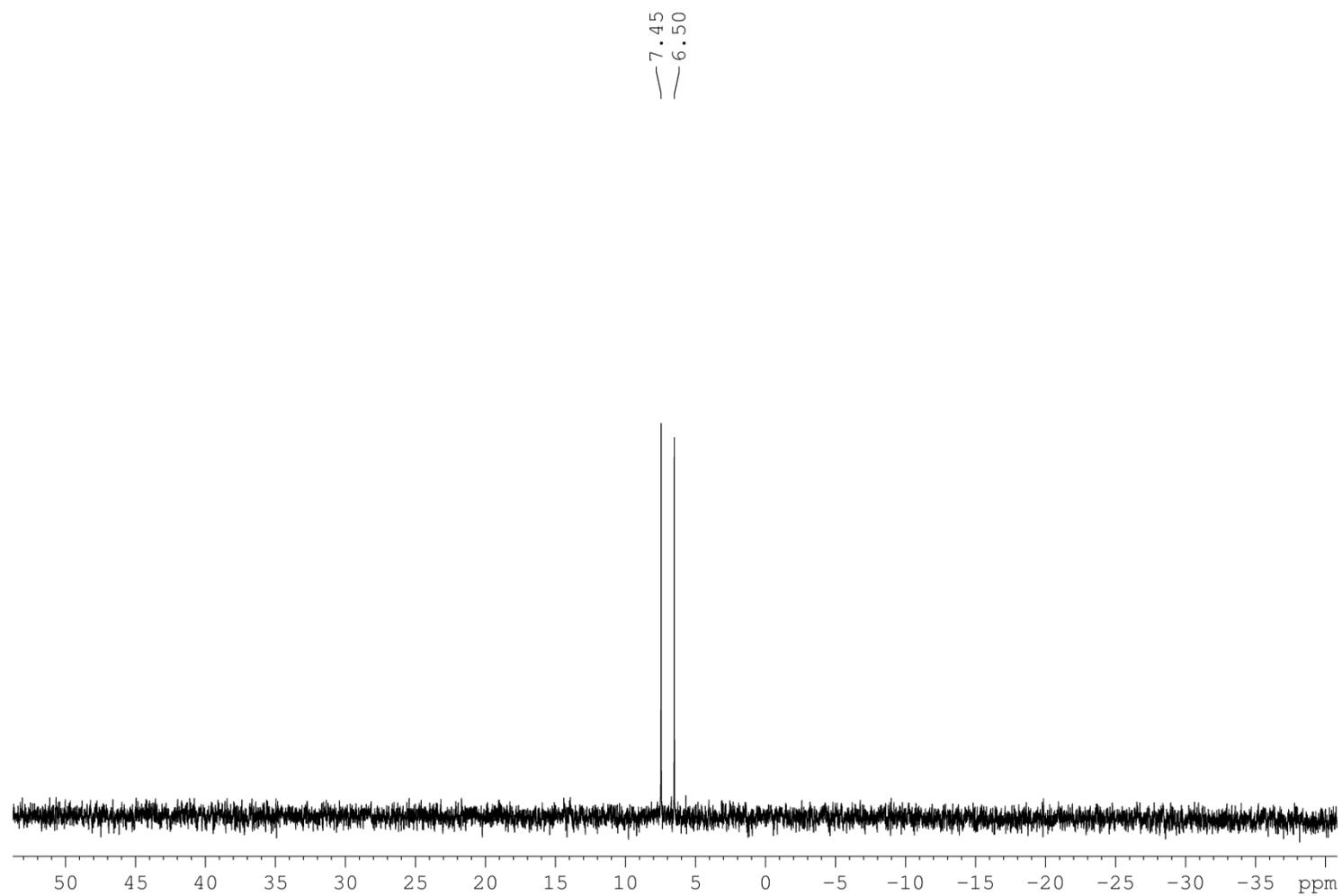


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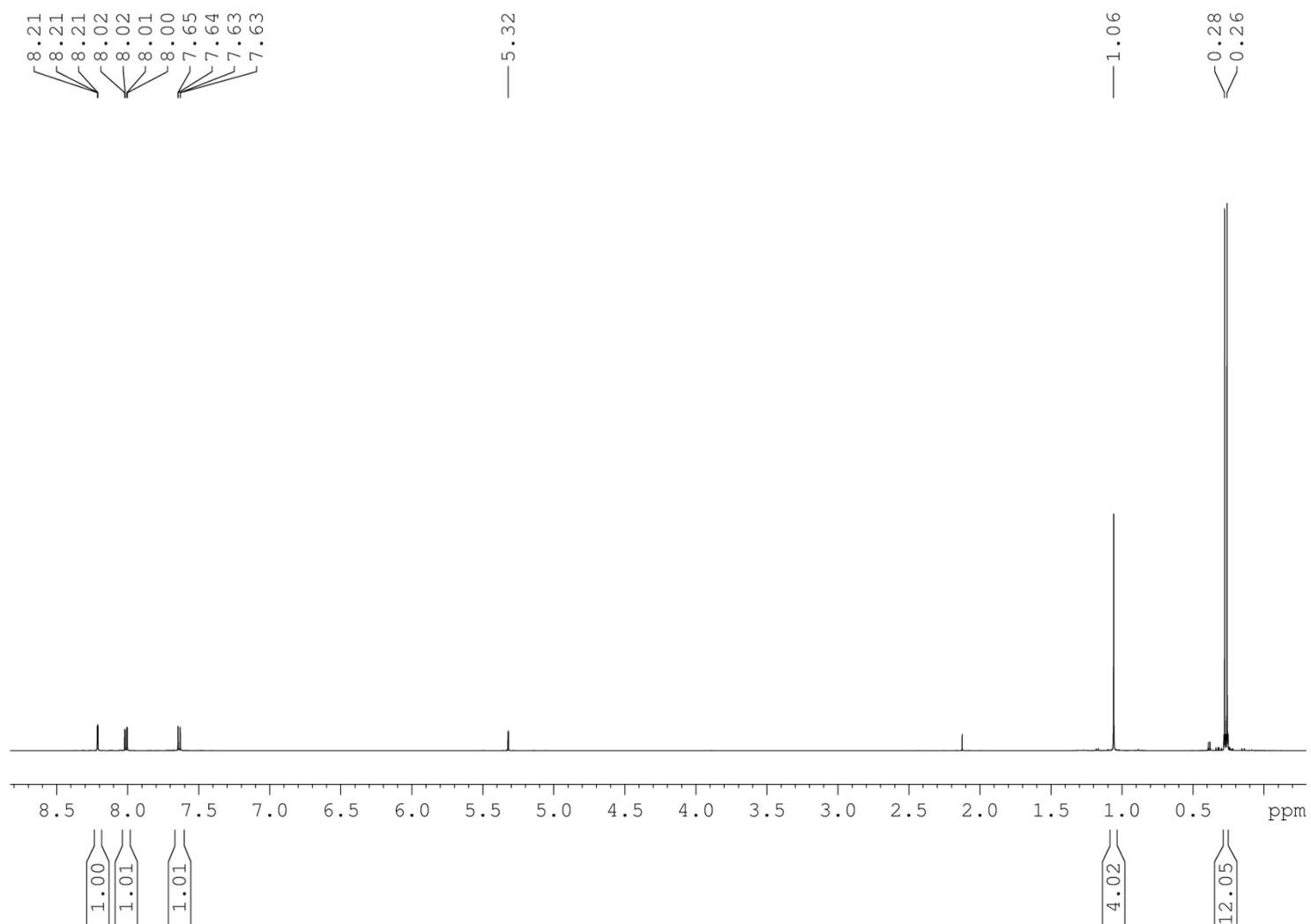


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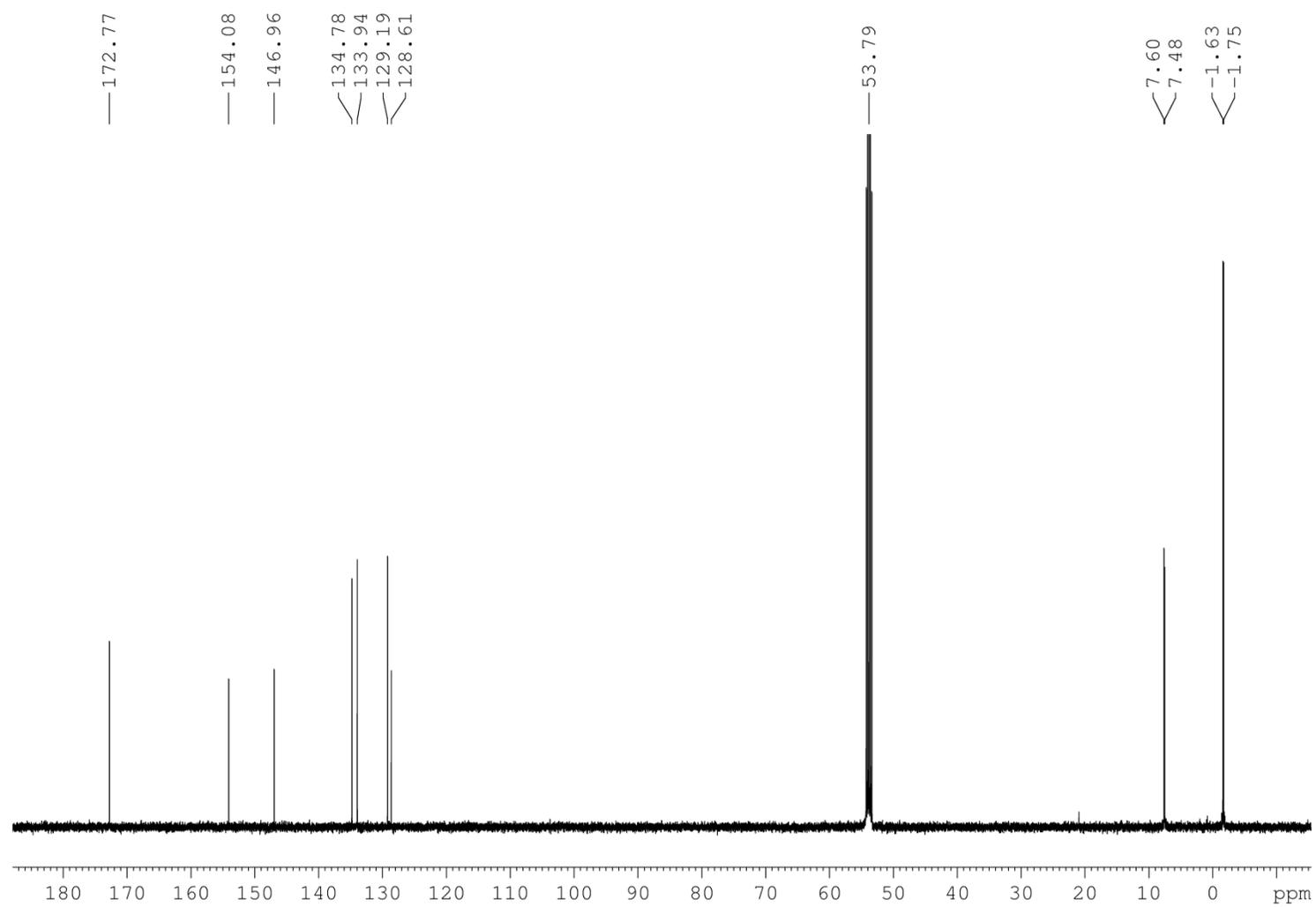


Figure S68 ¹³C NMR spectrum of compound 33.

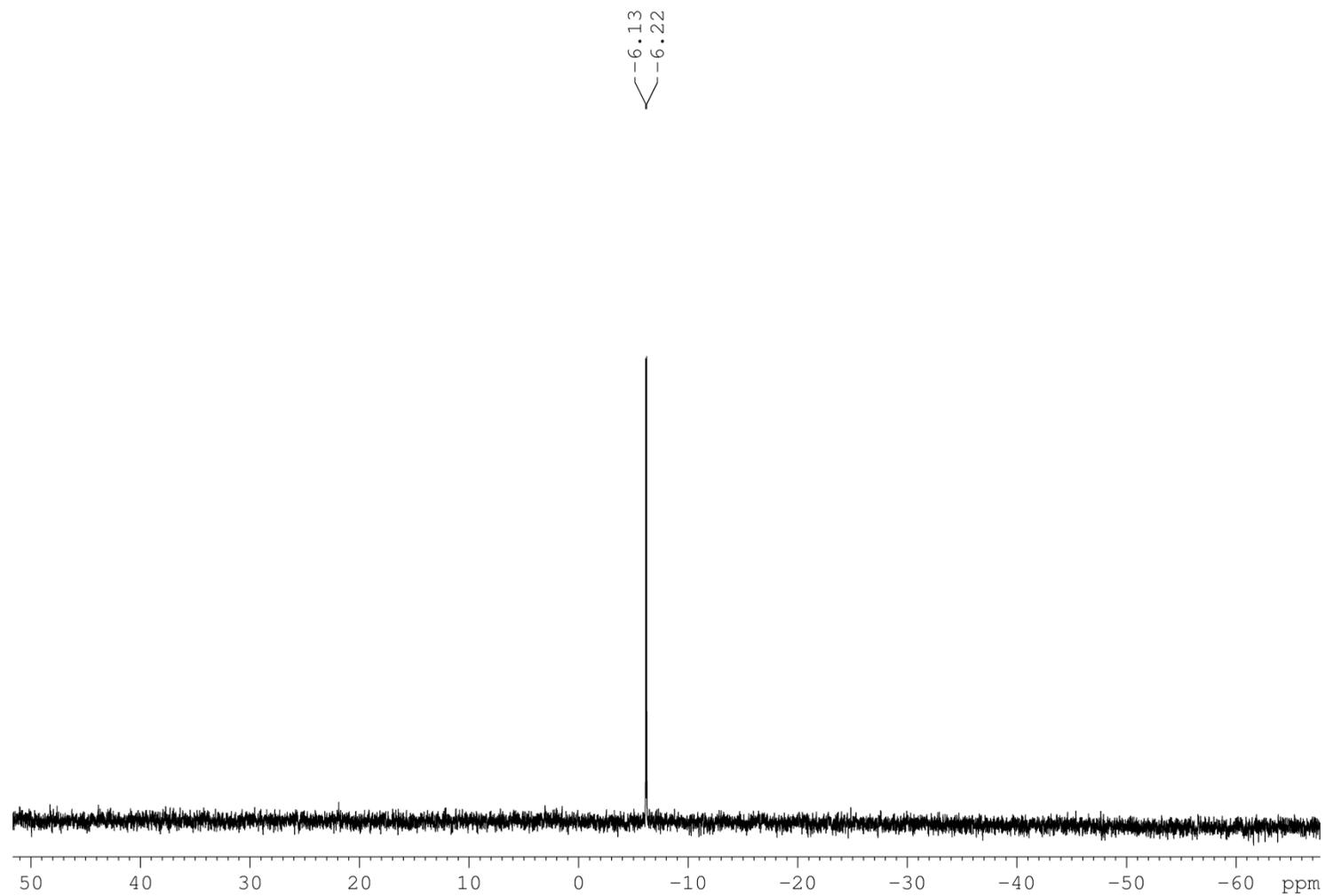


Figure S69 ^{29}Si NMR spectrum of compound **33**.

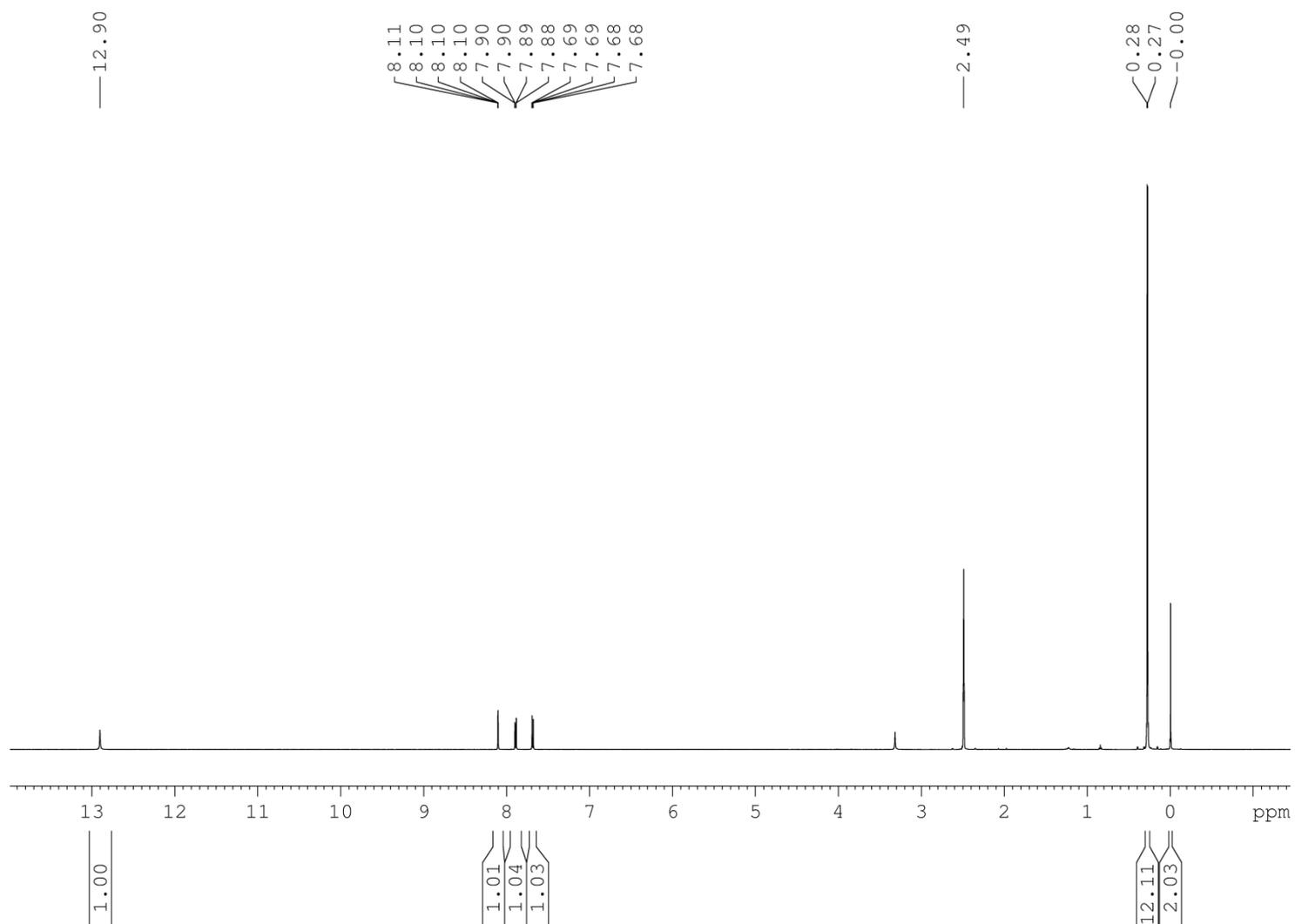


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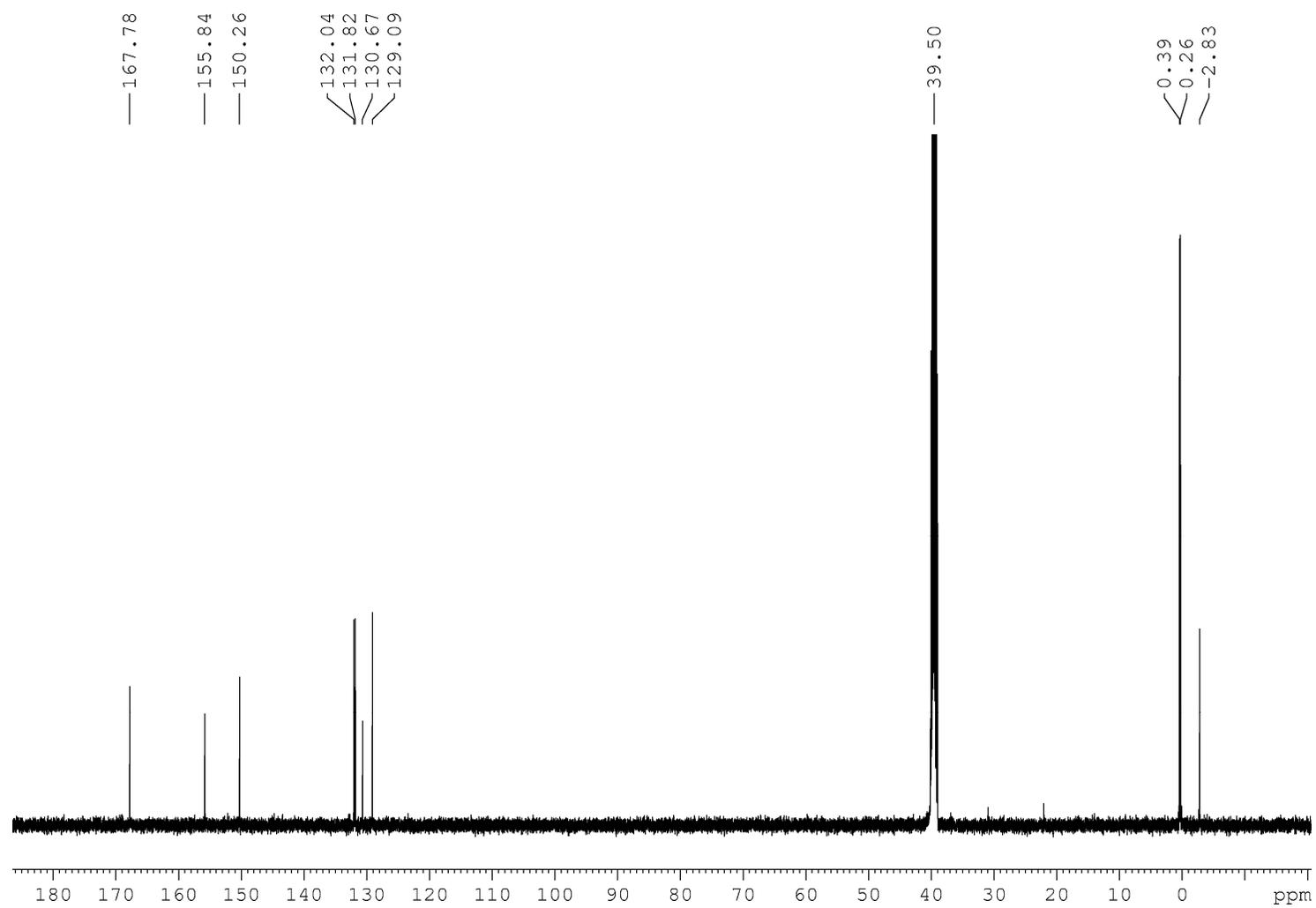


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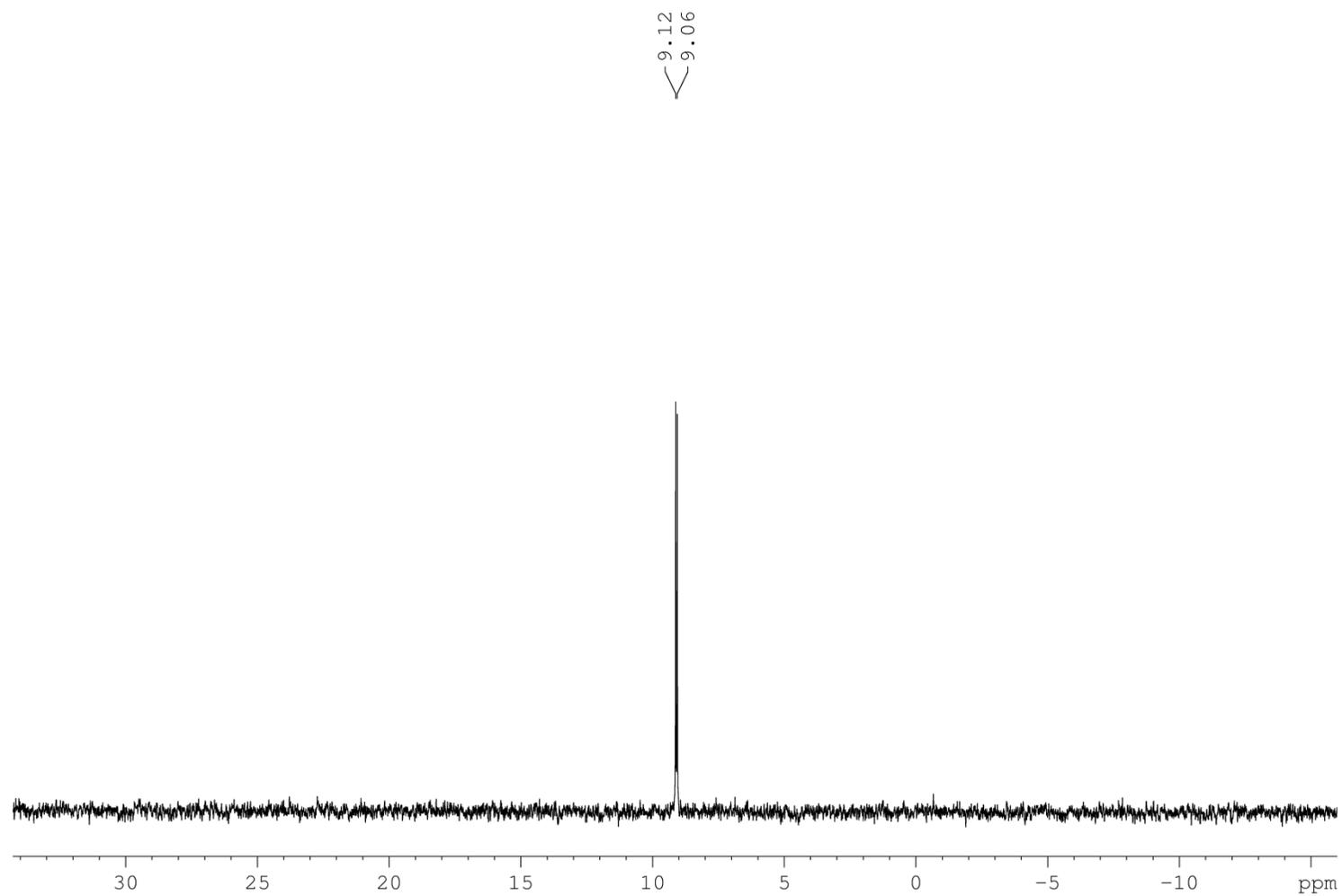


Figure S72 ^{29}Si NMR spectrum of compound **34**.