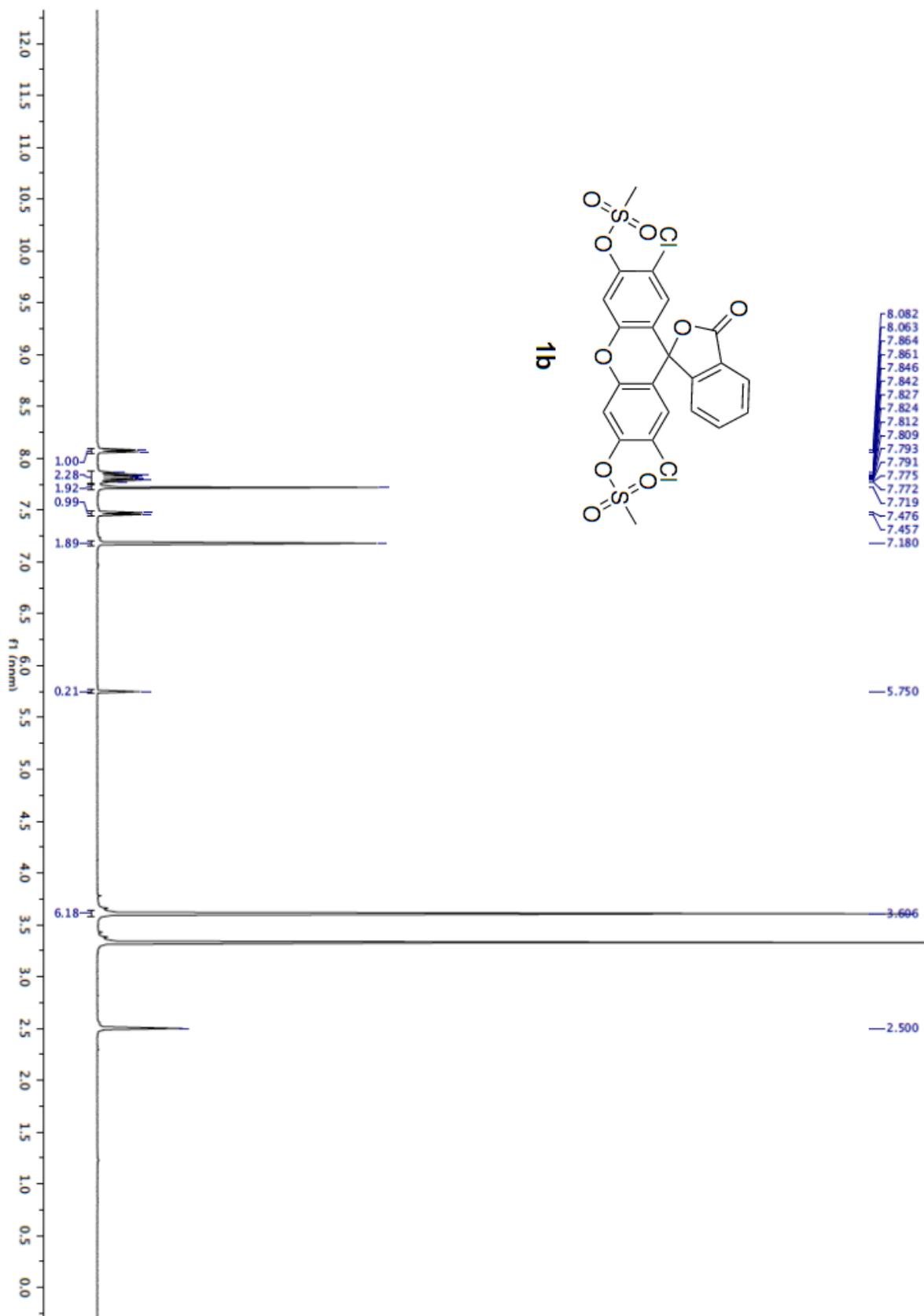
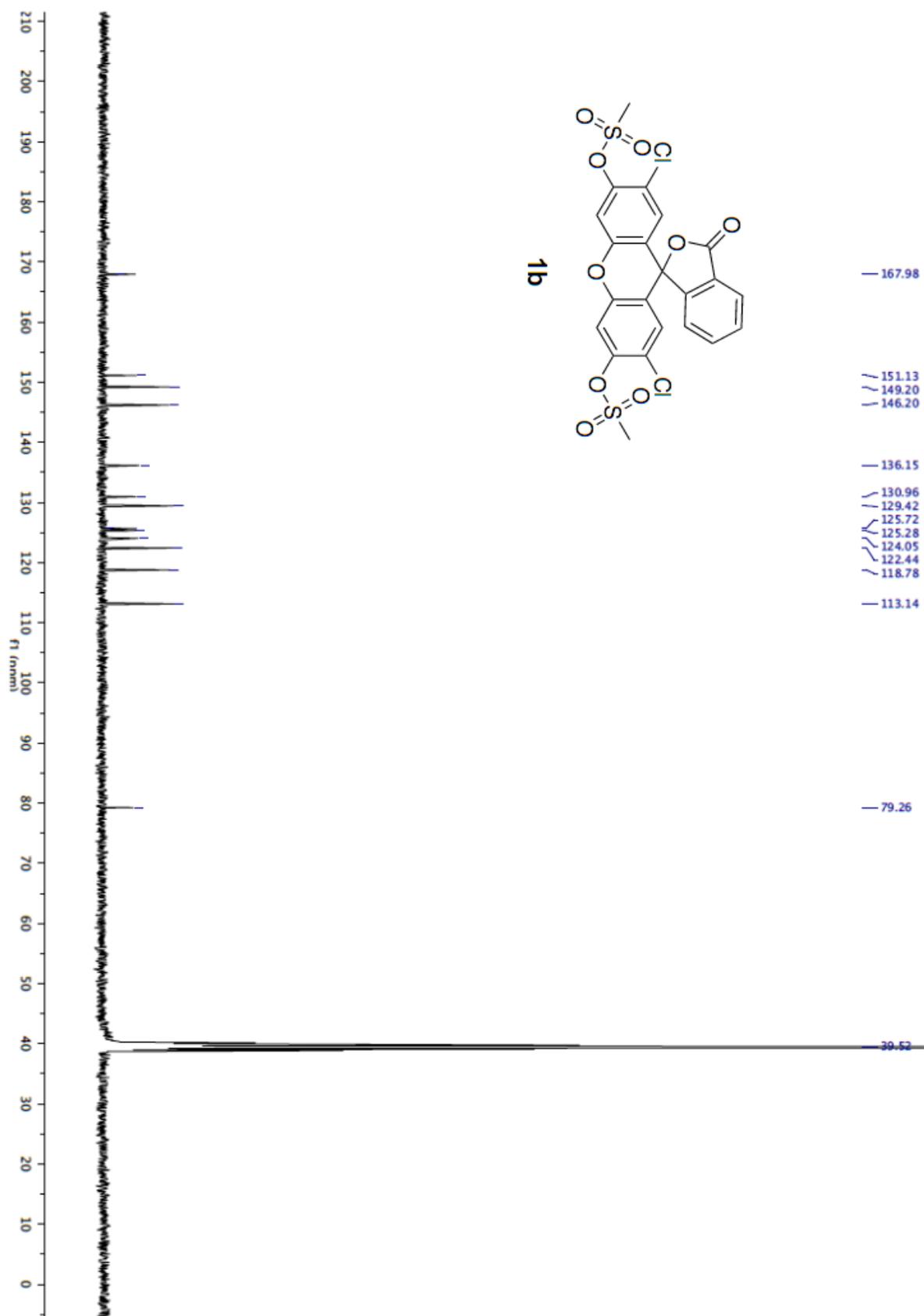


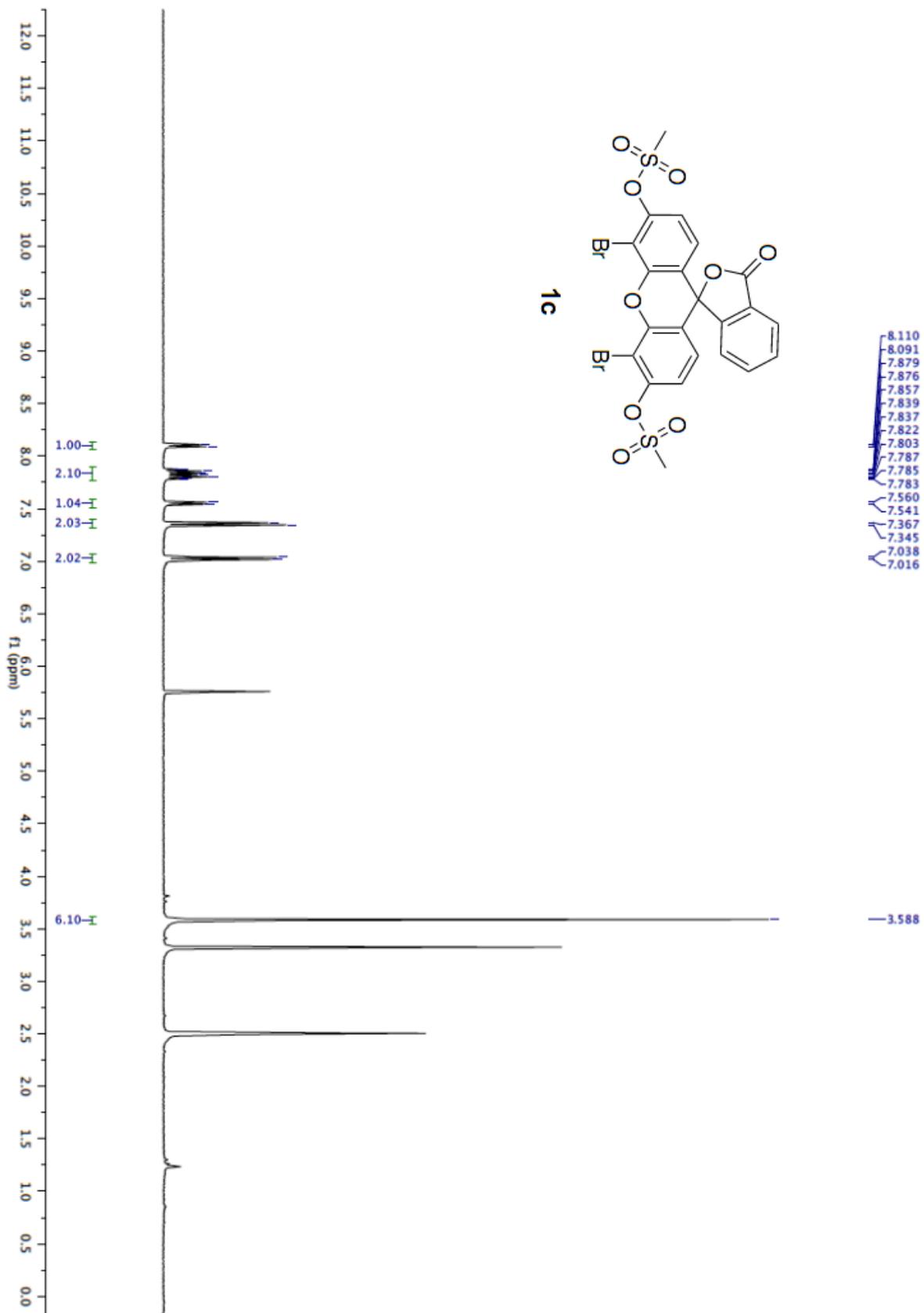
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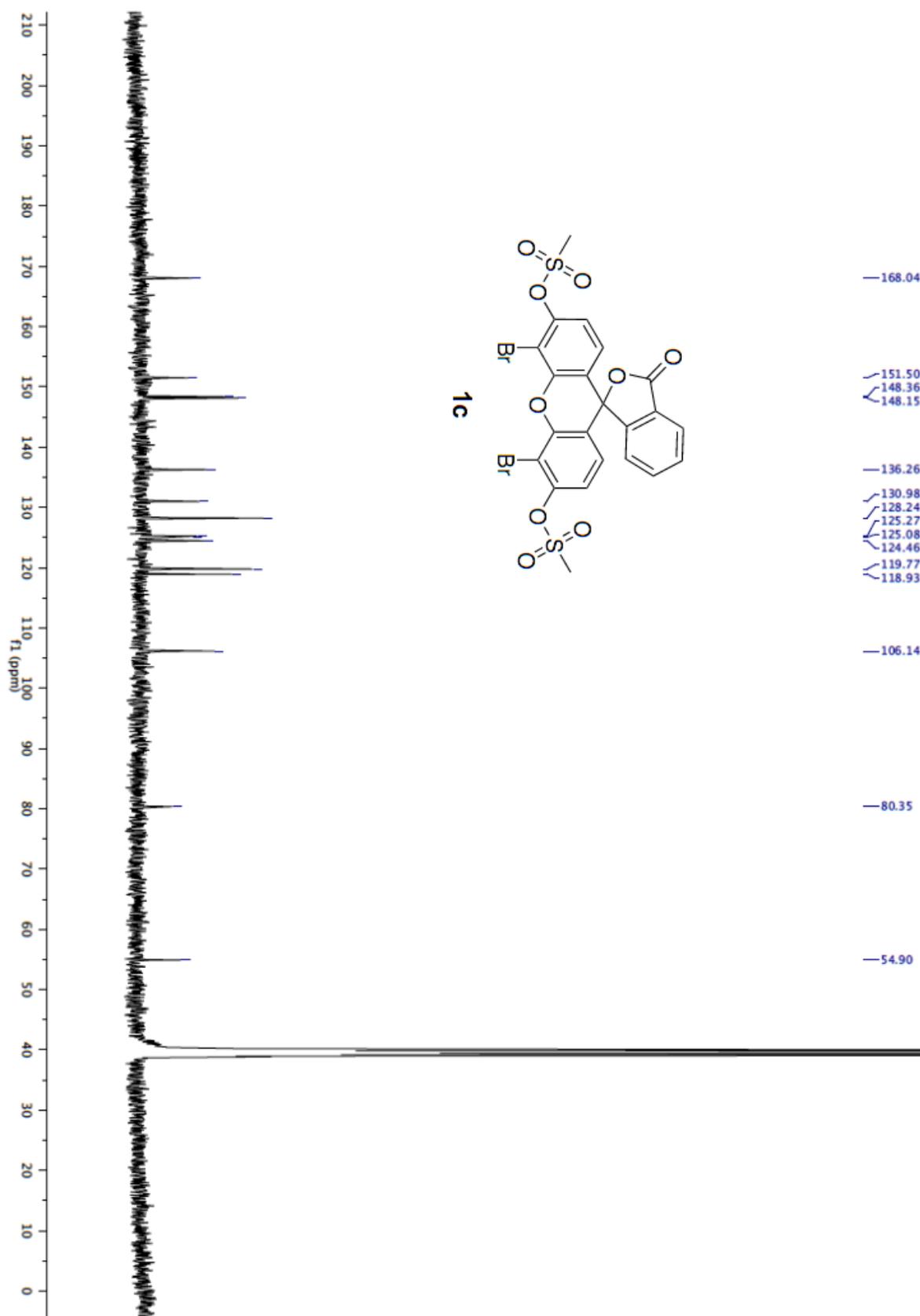
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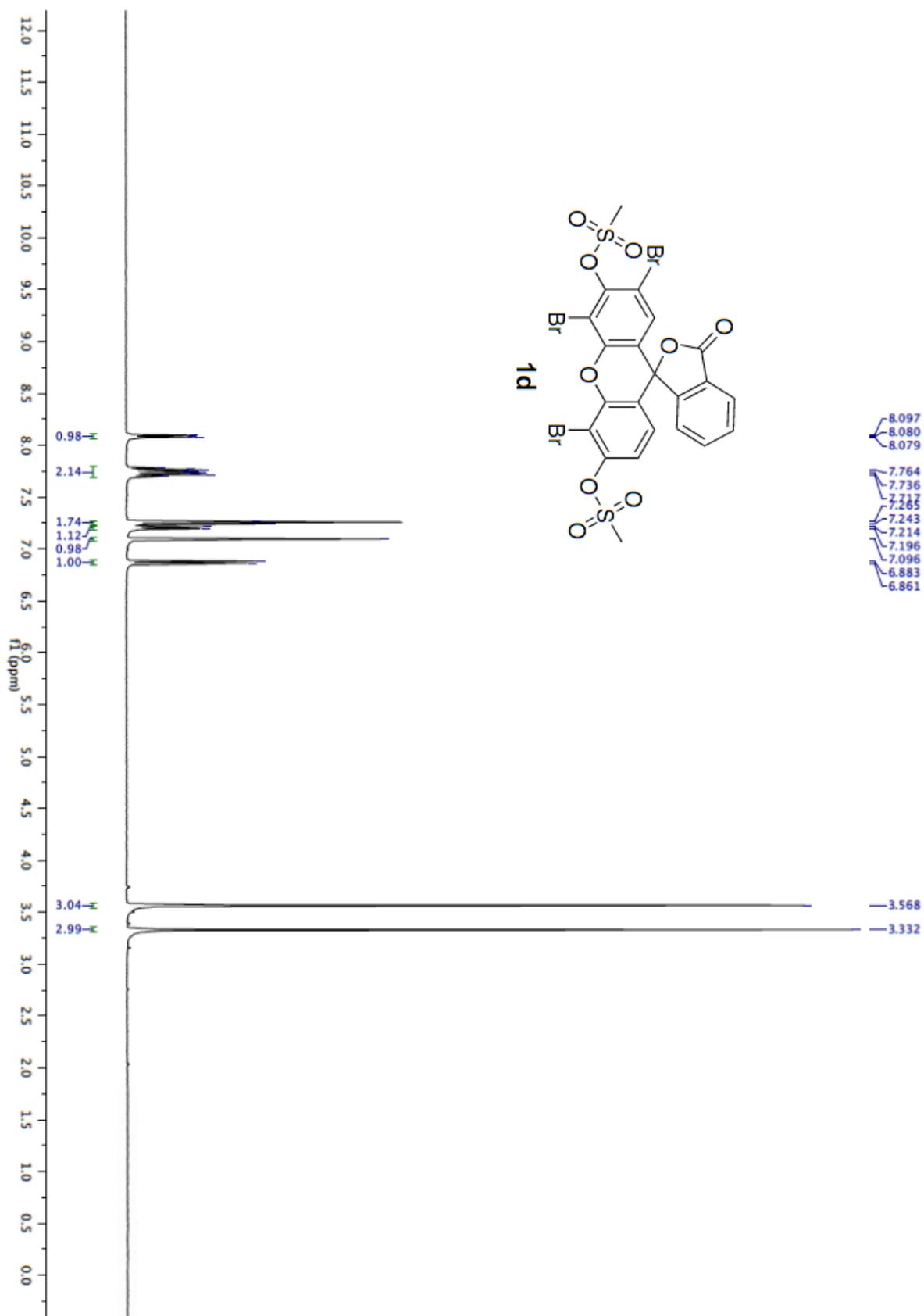
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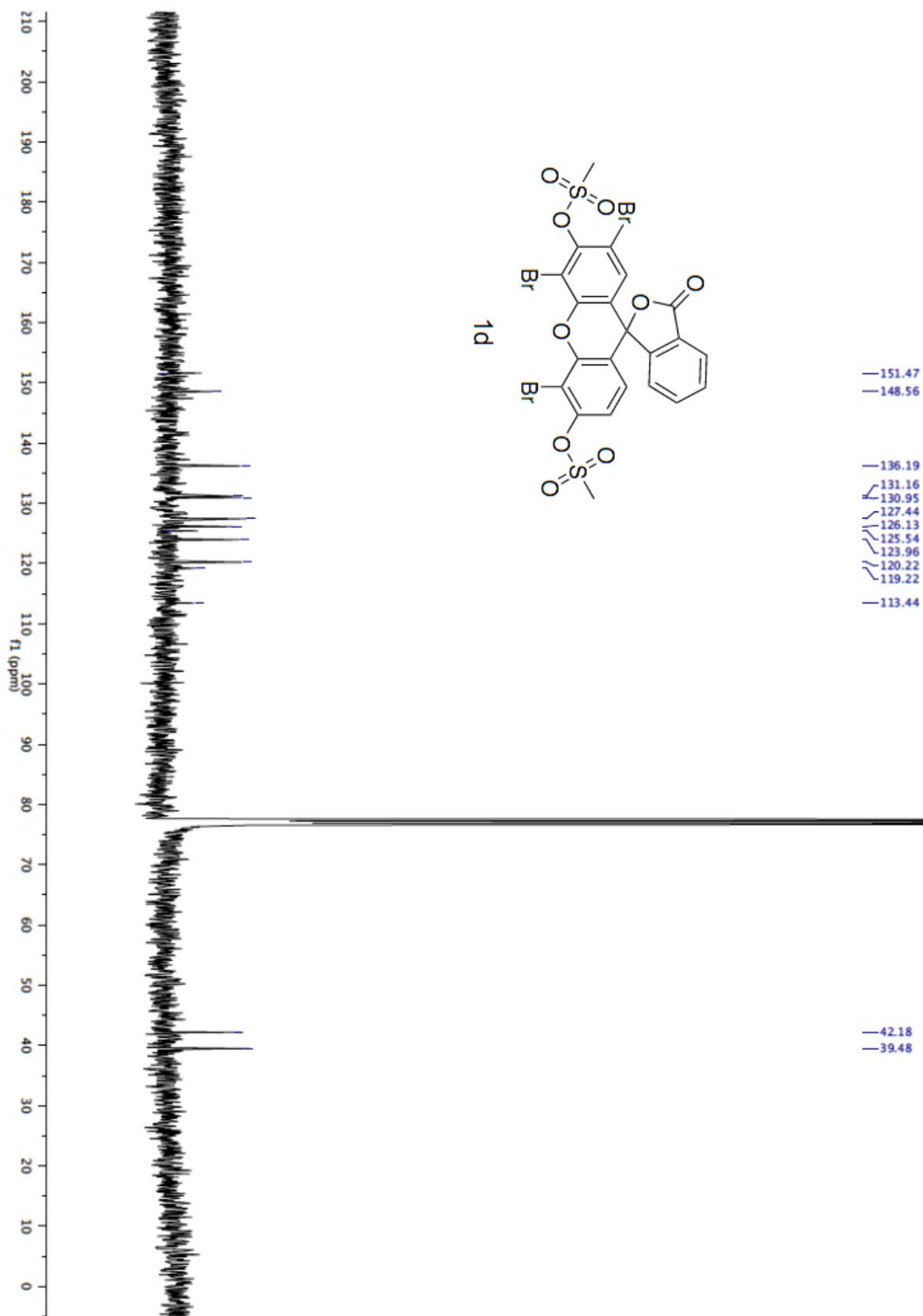
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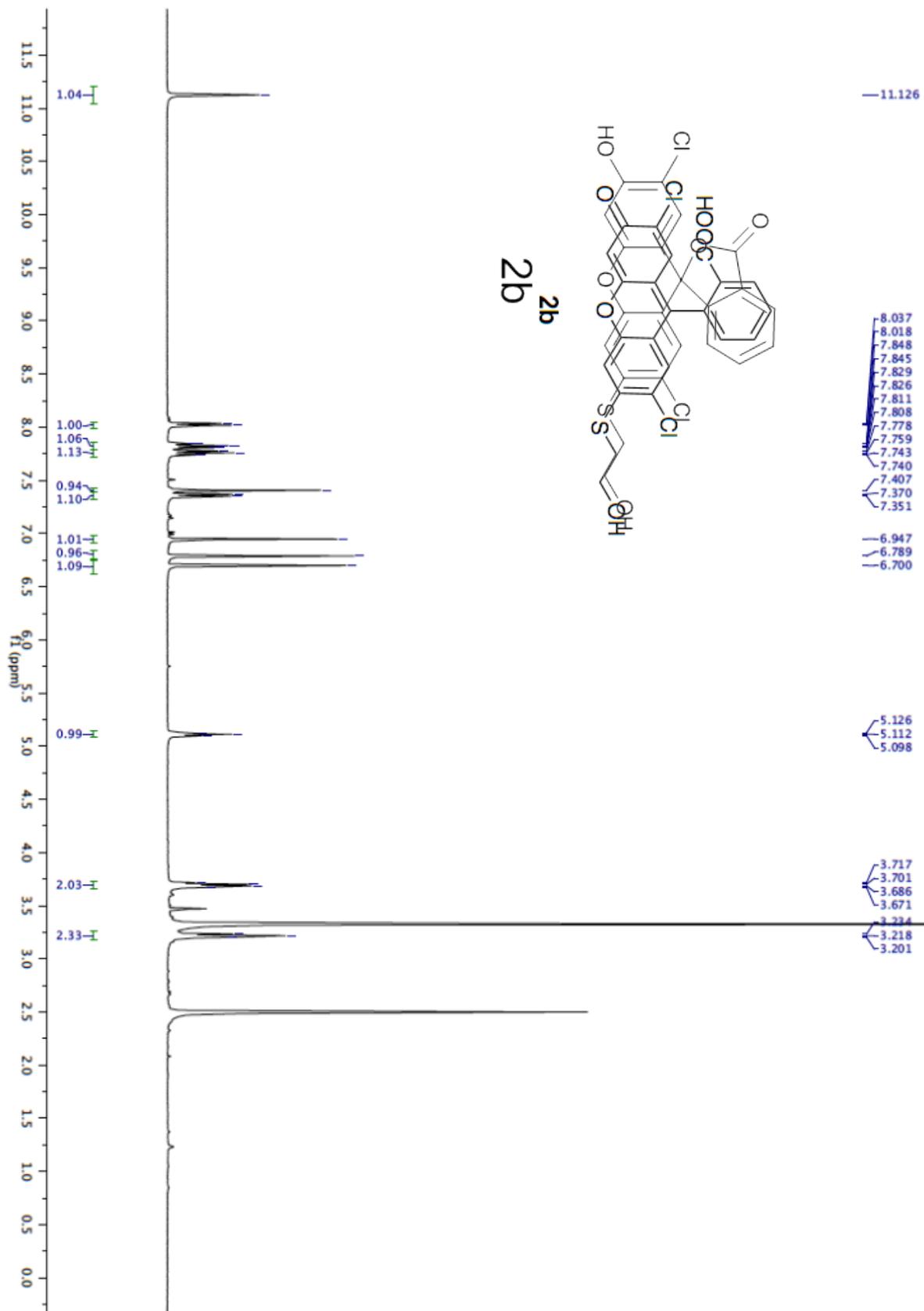
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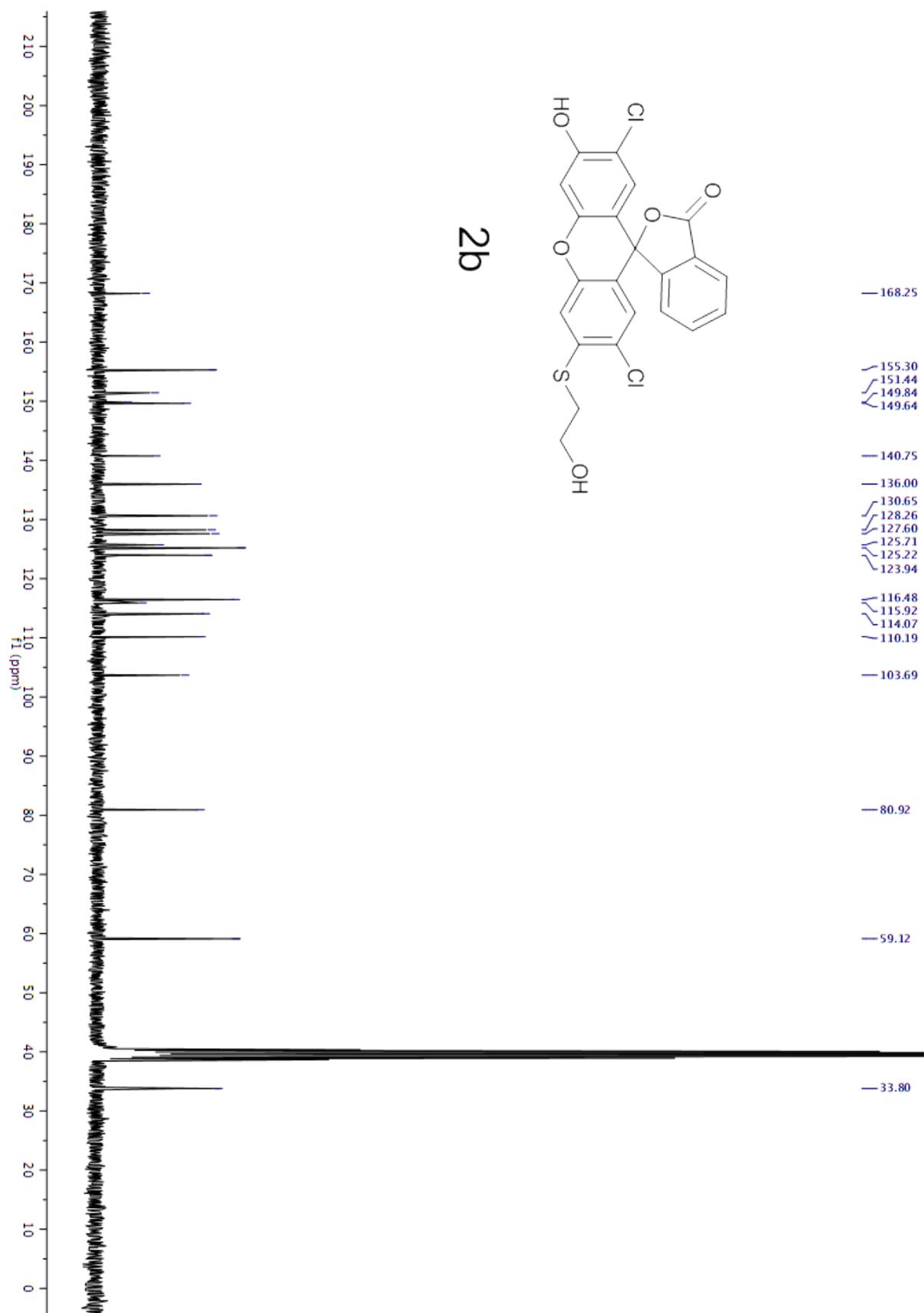
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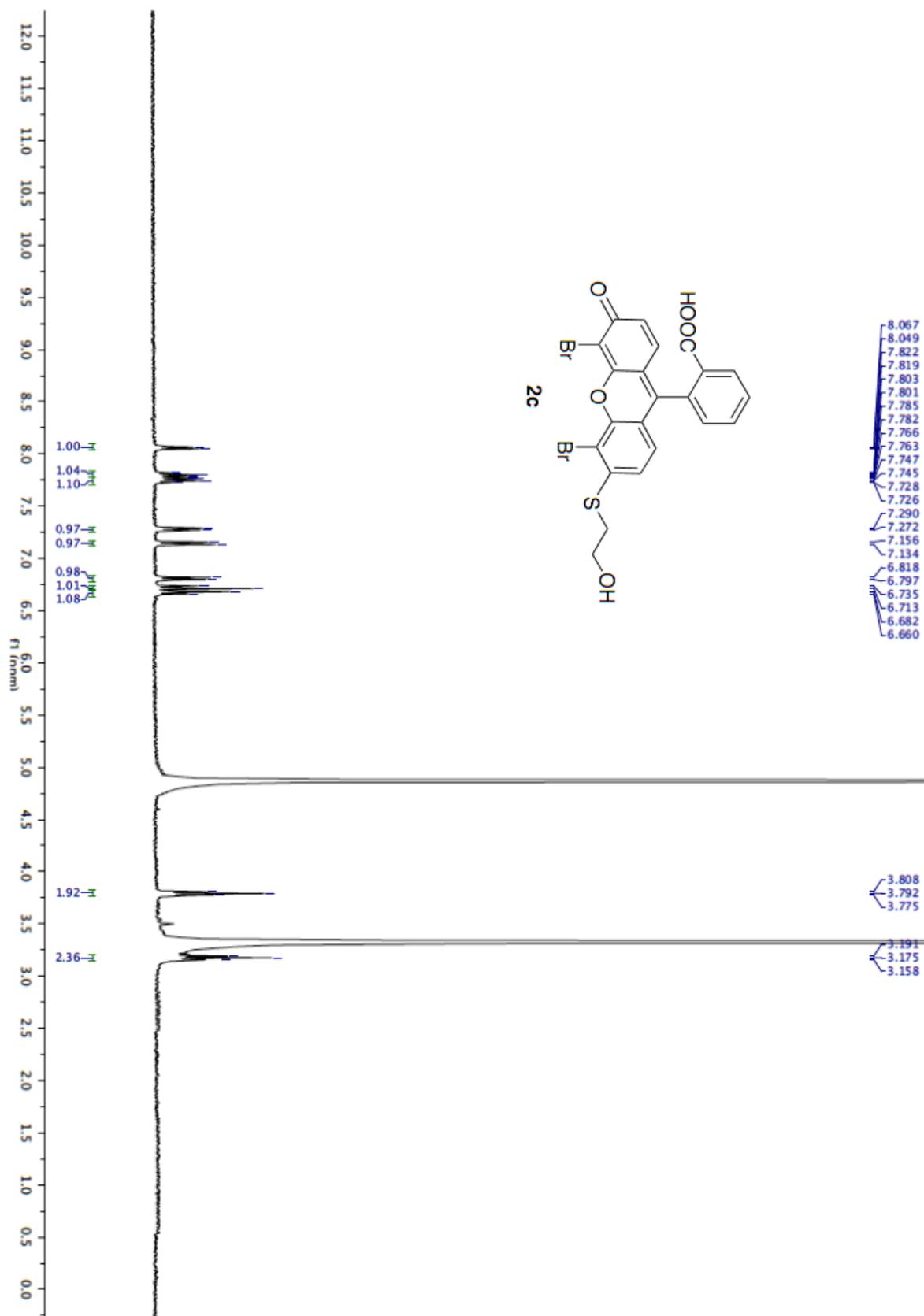
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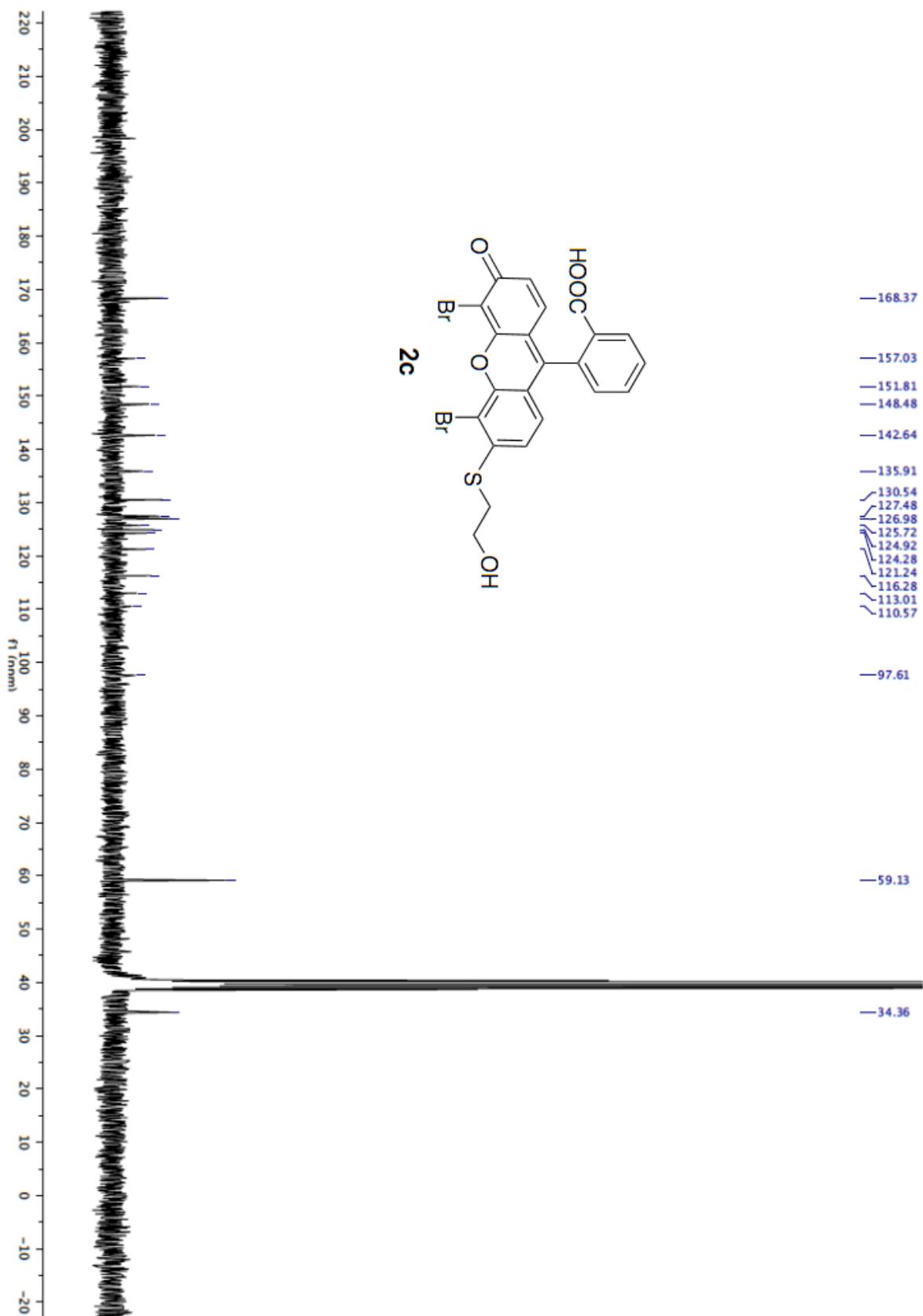
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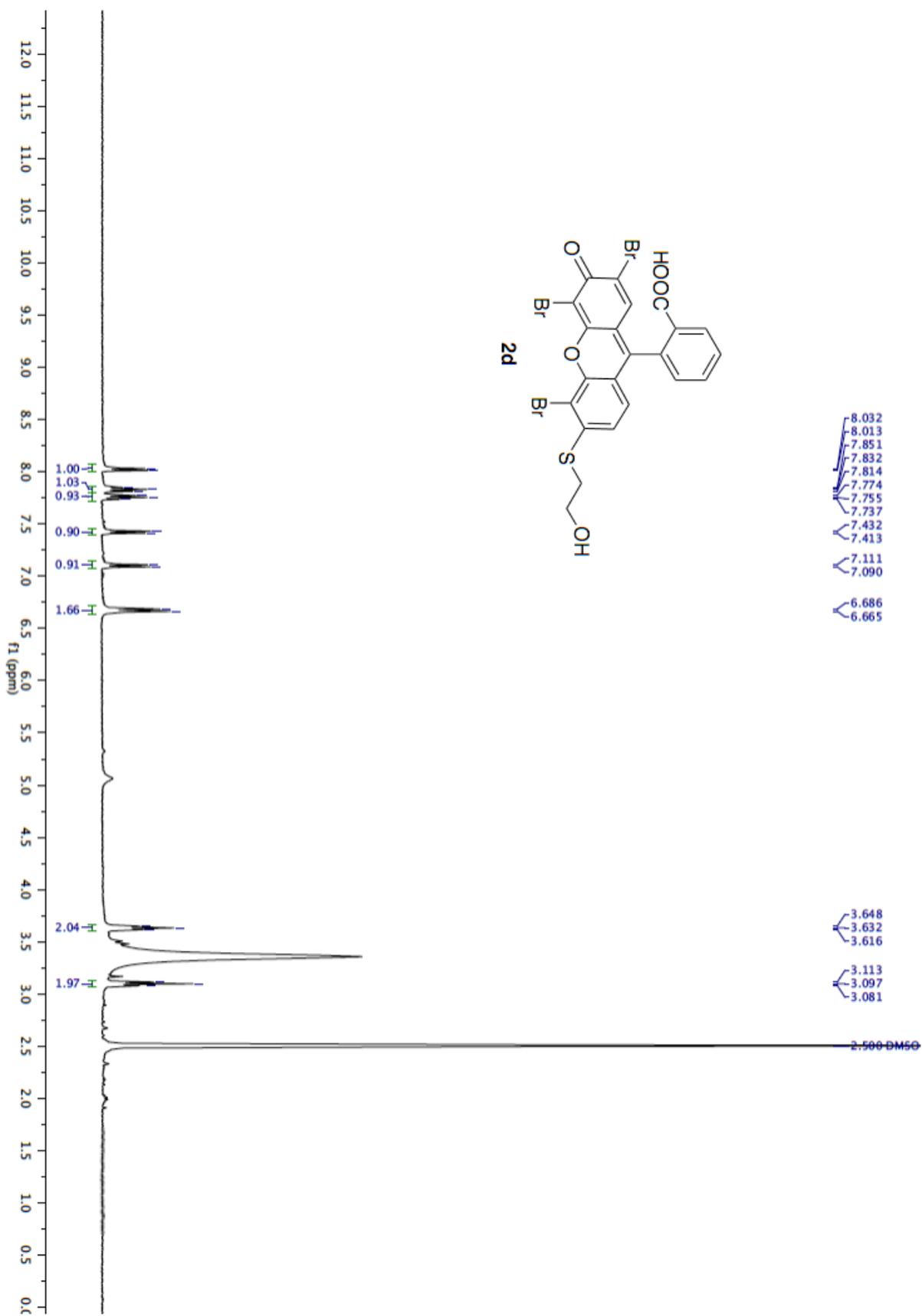
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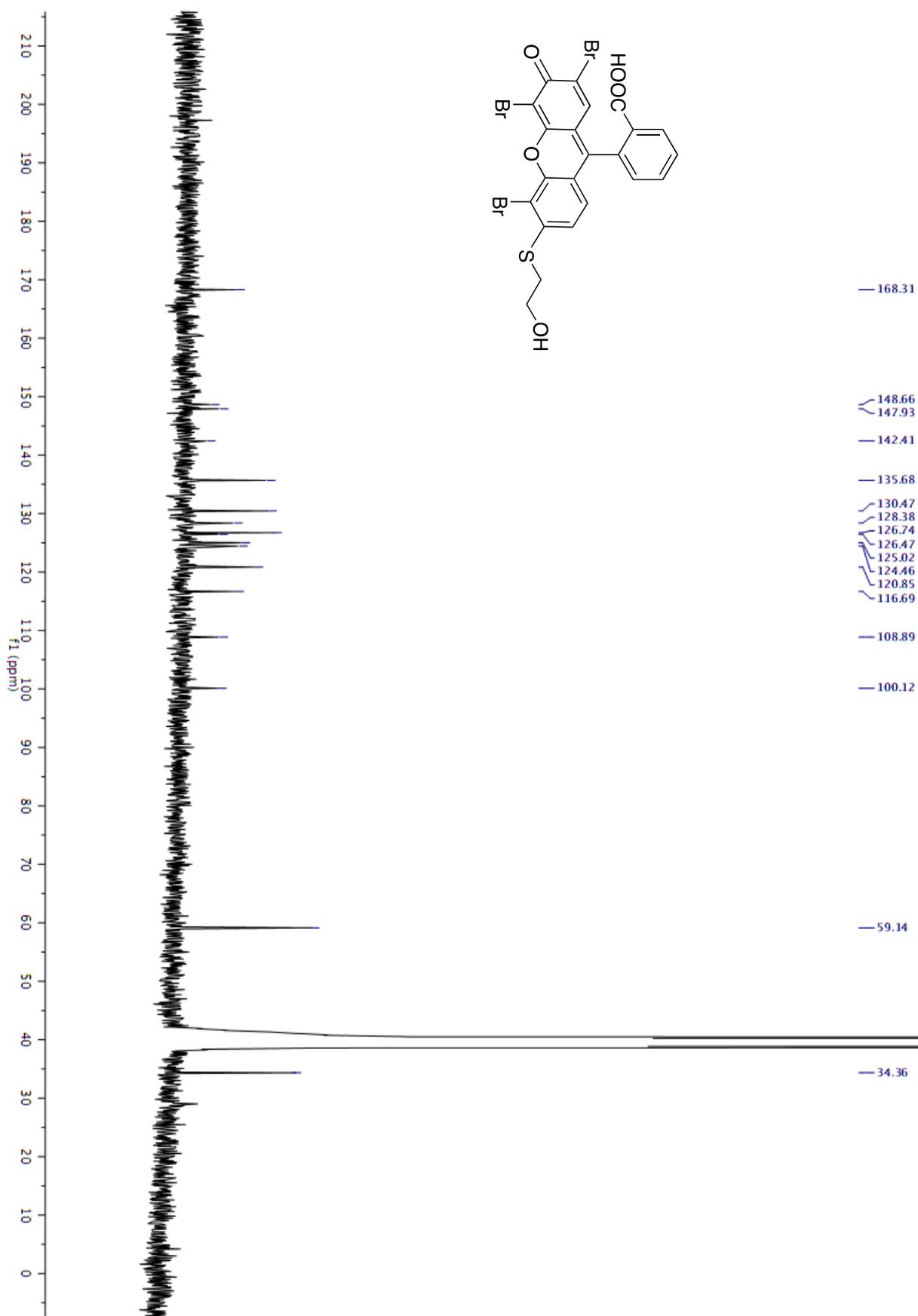
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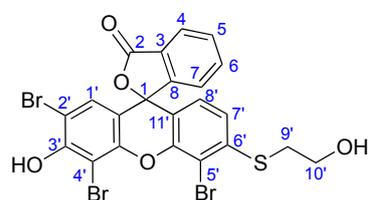
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^{13}C -spectrum of **2d** in $\text{DMSO-}d_6$



To distinguish whether the substitution reaction took place on the 3' or 6'-position of the xanthene moiety in **2d** (MK-74-2), two-dimensional carbon-proton shift correlation *via* long-range C-H coupling was applied. In particular, the heteronuclear multiple bond correlation (HMBC) was employed (Figure S1), which identifies $^2J_{CH}$ and $^3J_{CH}$ couplings while $^1J_{CH}$ coupling is usually suppressed. In HMBC, a ^1H NMR is displayed in the f2 dimension and a ^{13}C NMR in the f1 dimension. It was observed that three protons on the xanthene moiety, corresponding to two doublets and one singlet in CD_3OD , were displayed as two doublets in DMSO. In the HMBC spectrum, grey lines show correlations from proton H-7' to carbons C-11' and C-5' (3-bond couplings). Green lines show correlations from two protons H-1' and H-8' to carbons C-3' and C-6' (all are 3-bond couplings).



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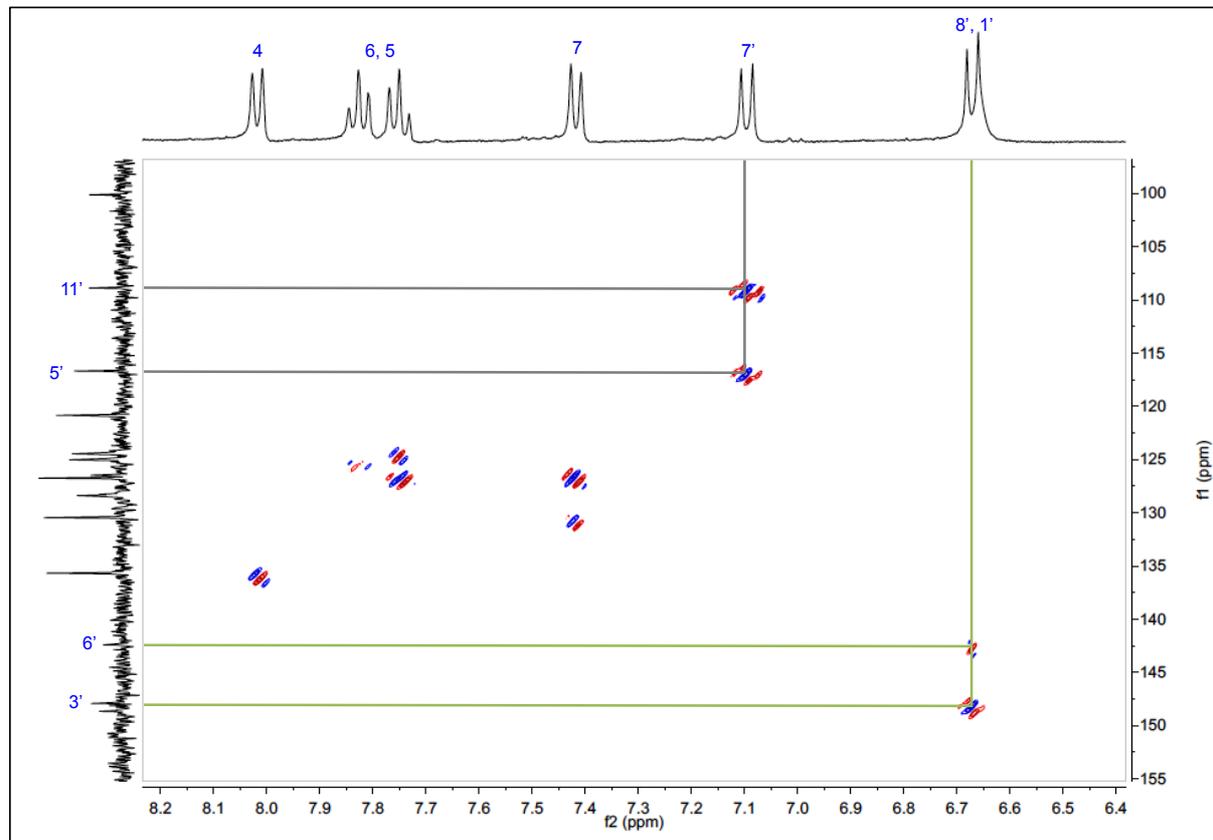
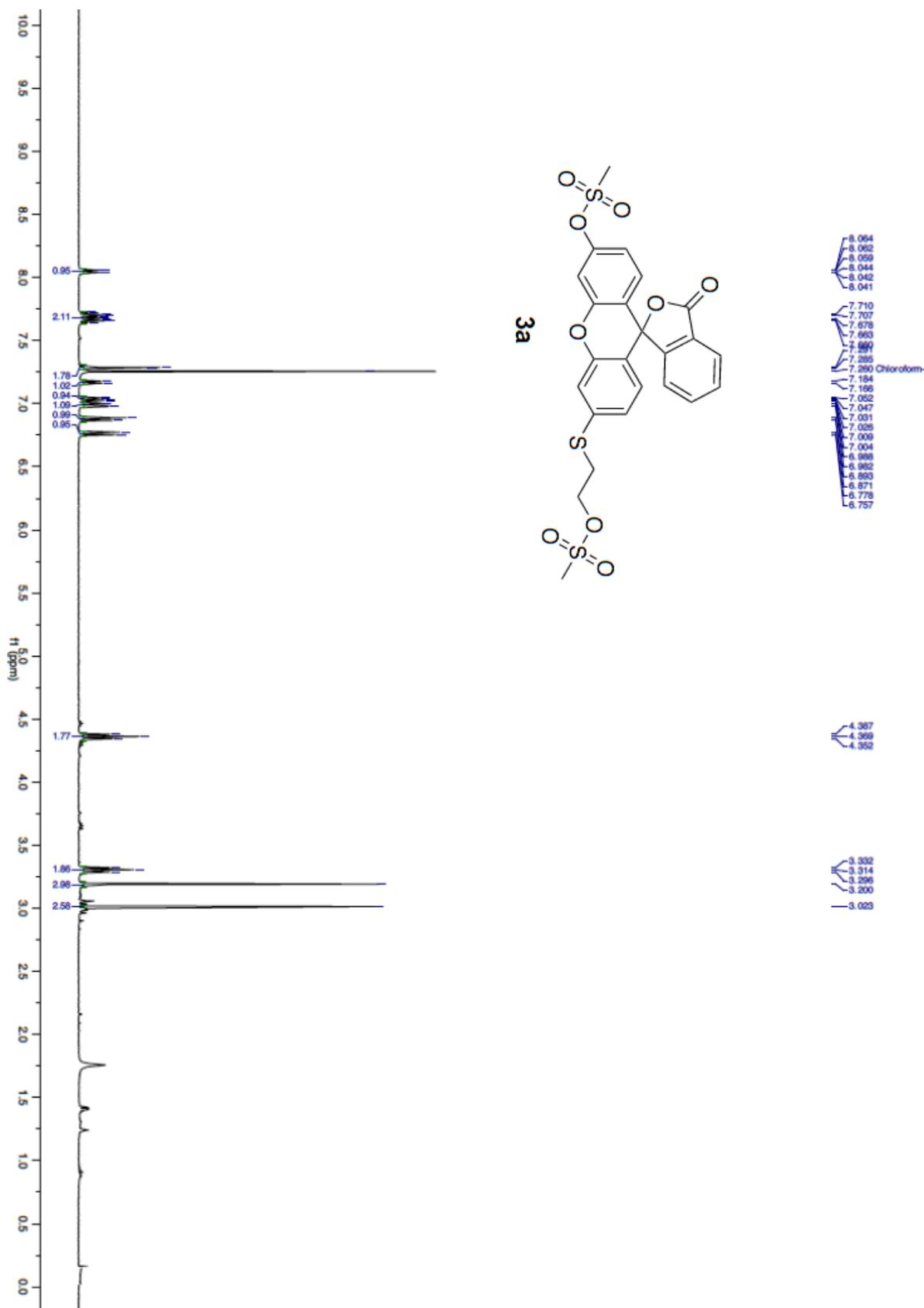
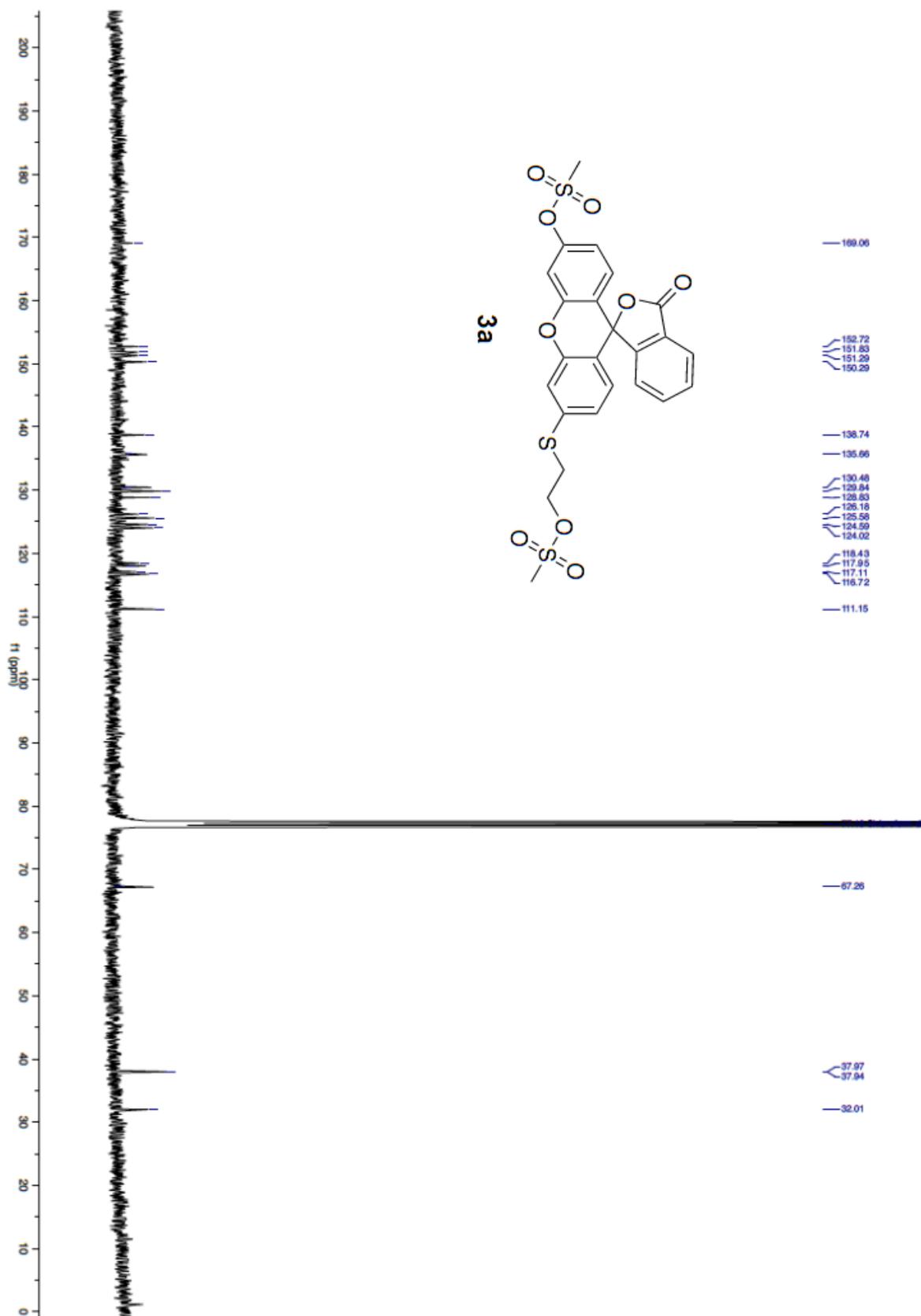


Figure S1. HMBC experiment of **2d**.

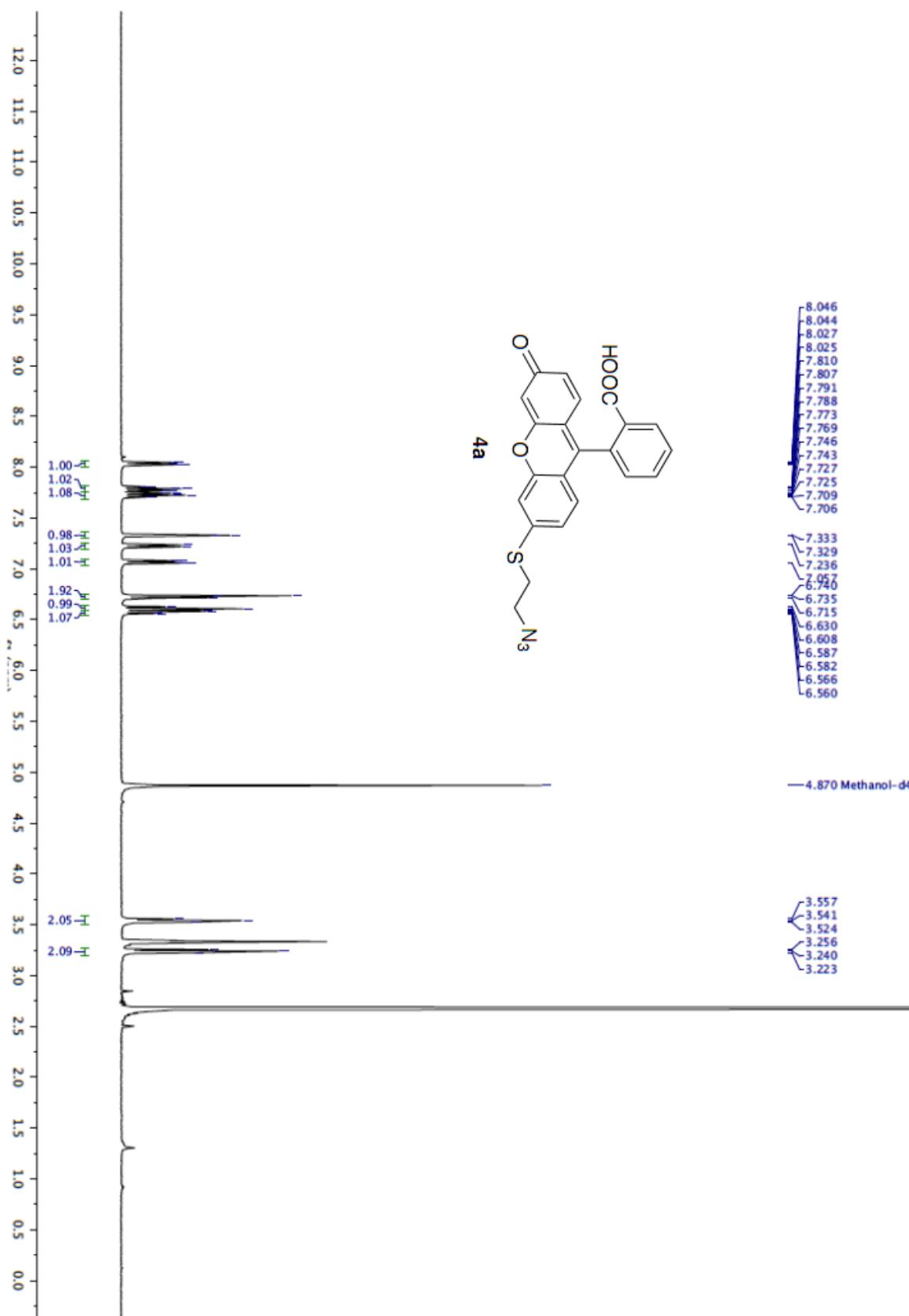
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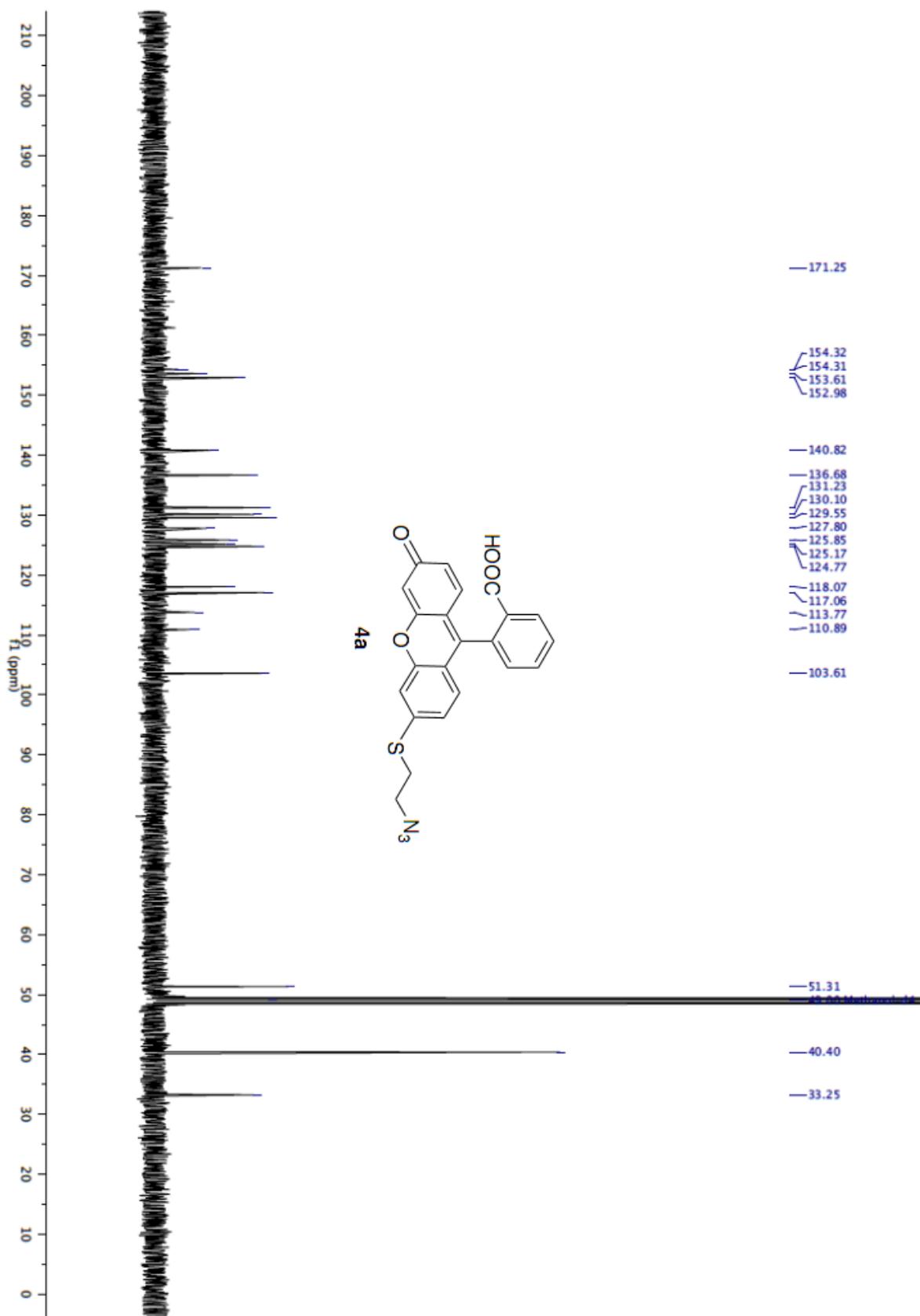
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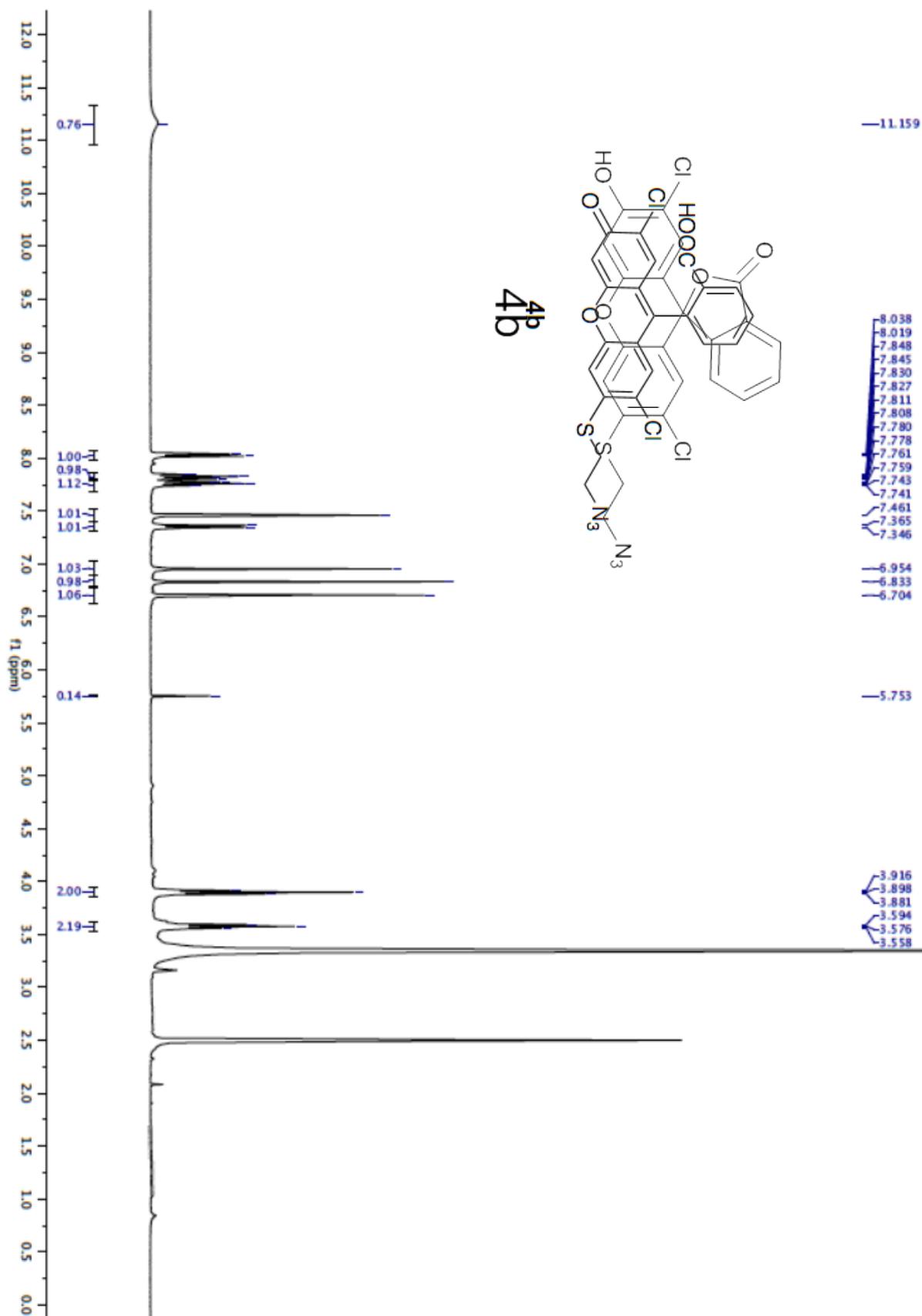
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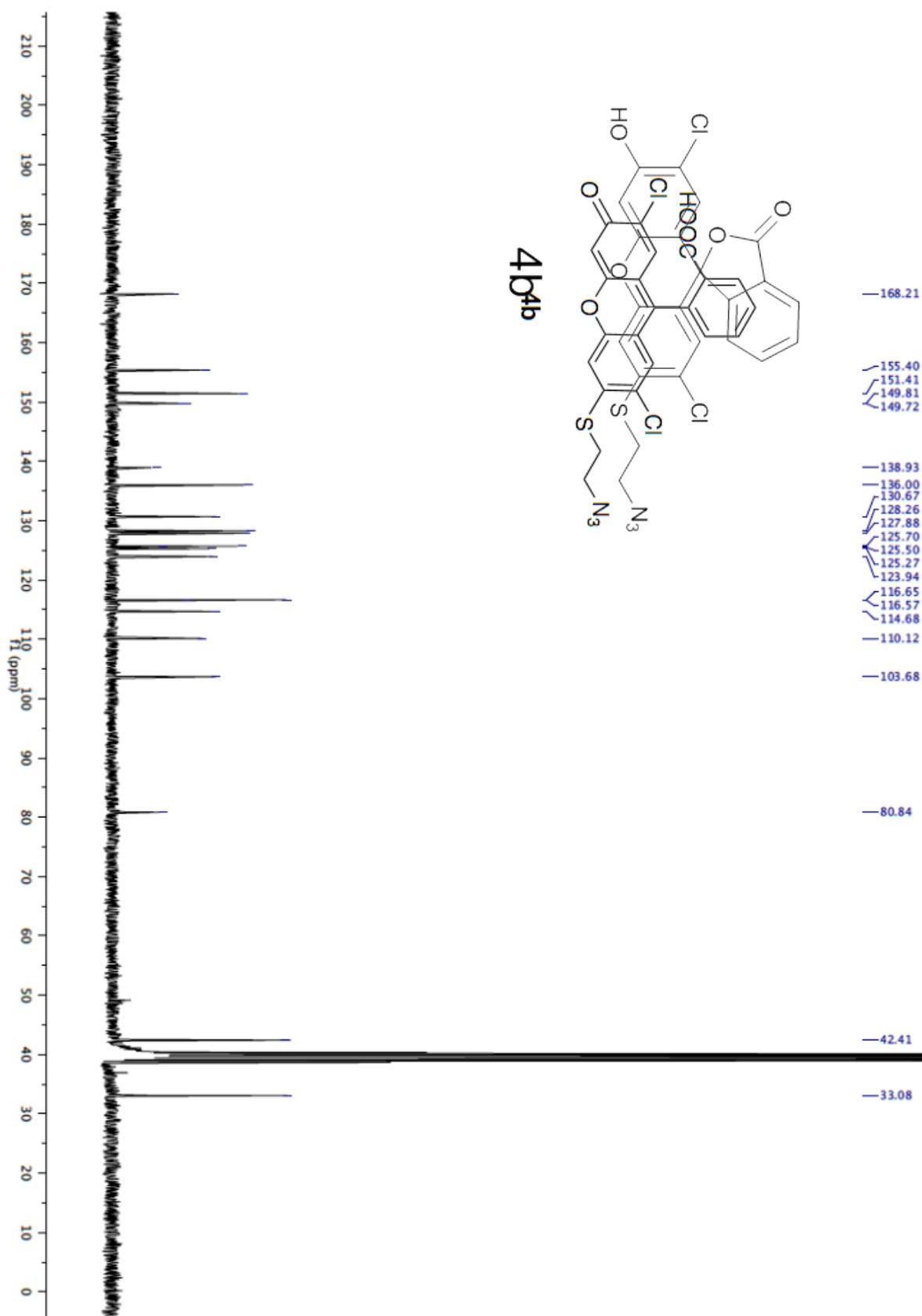
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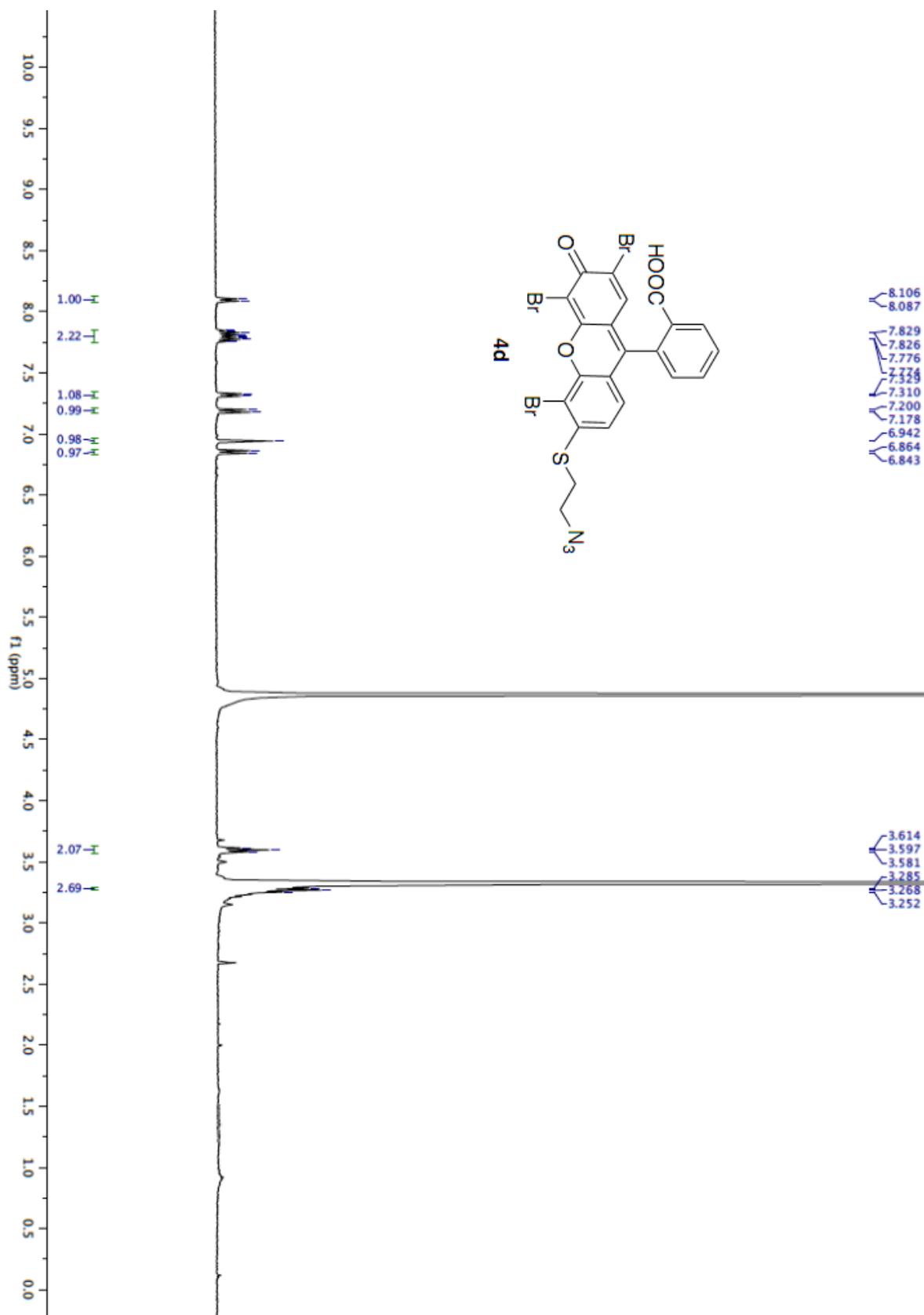
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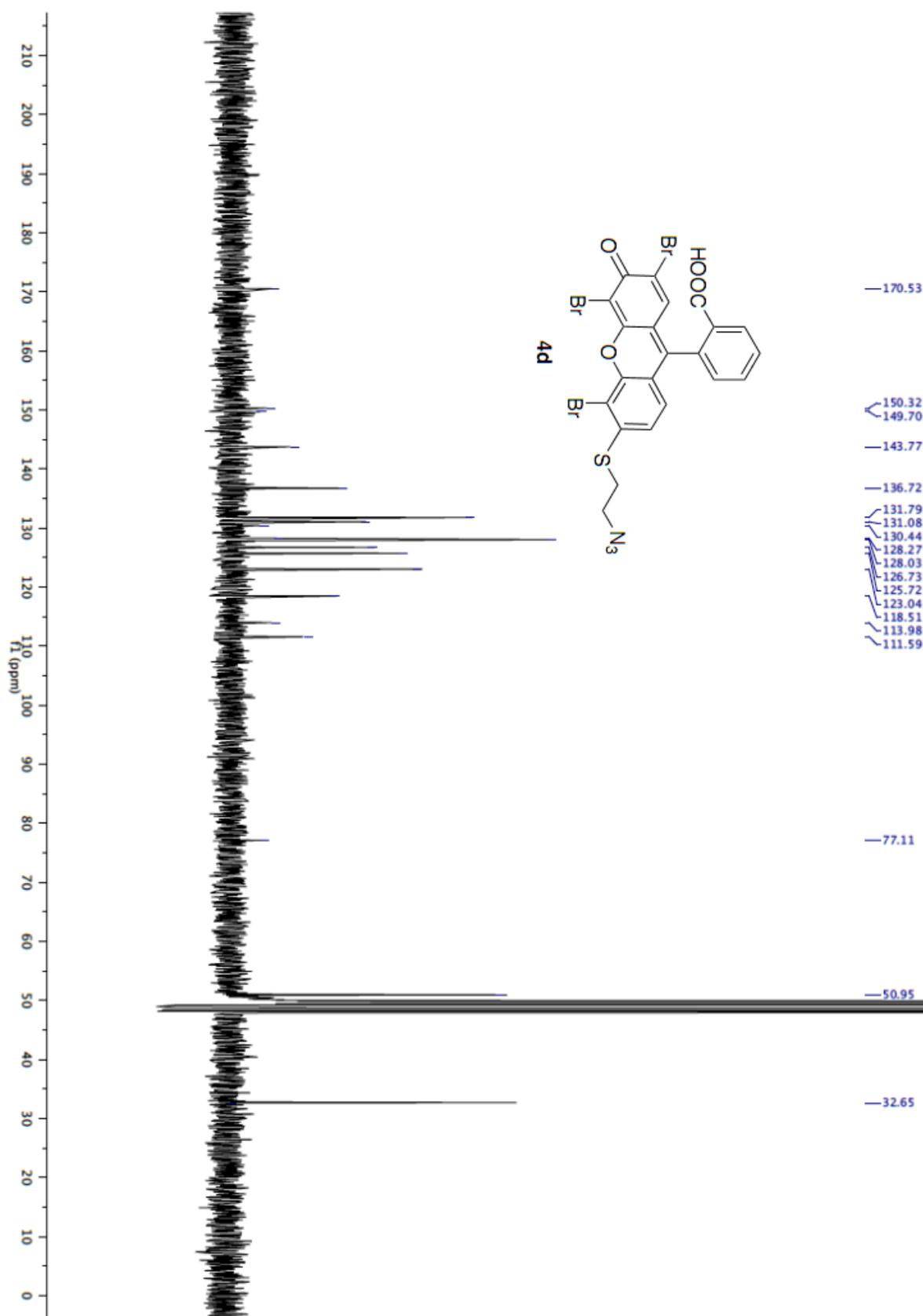
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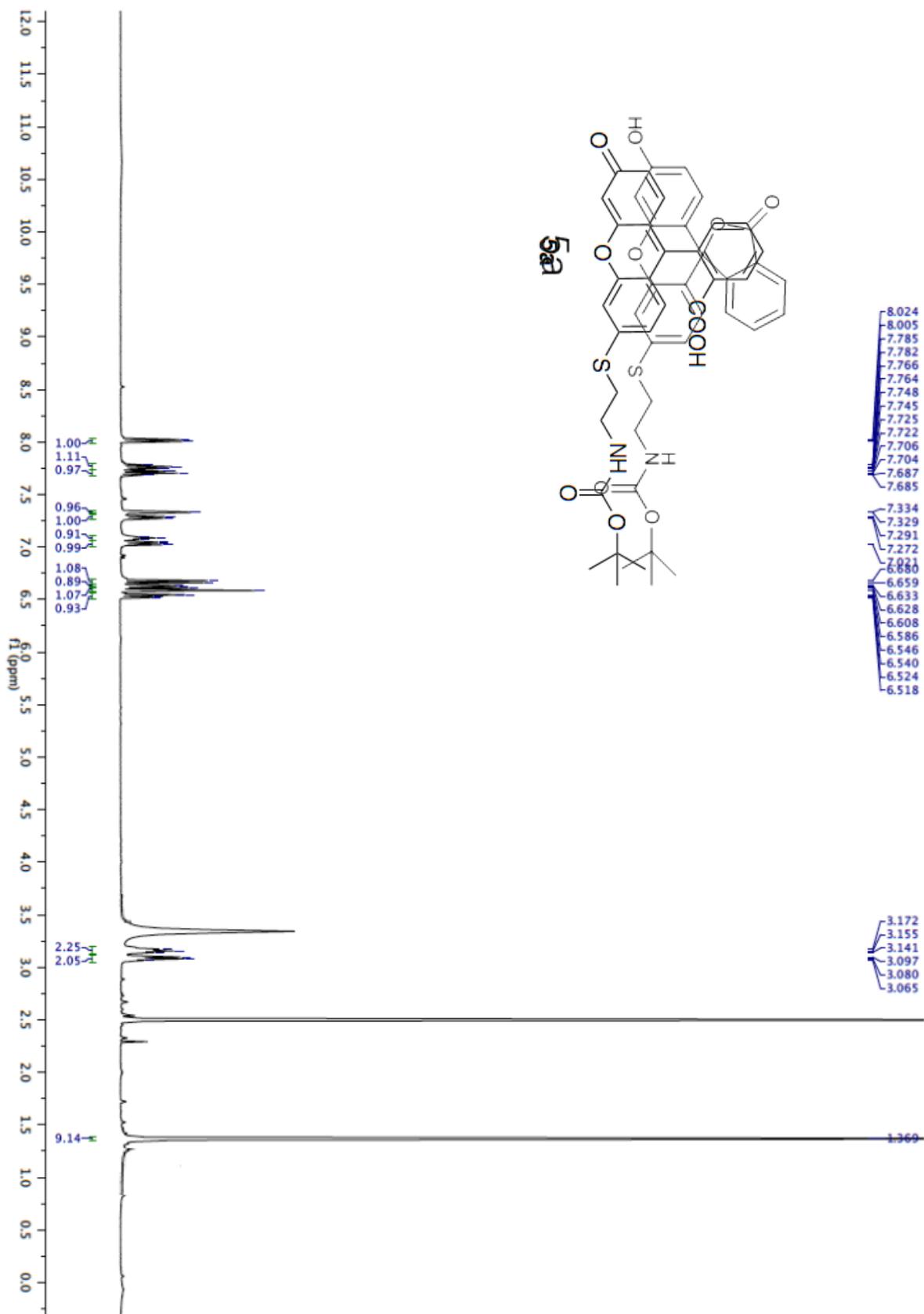
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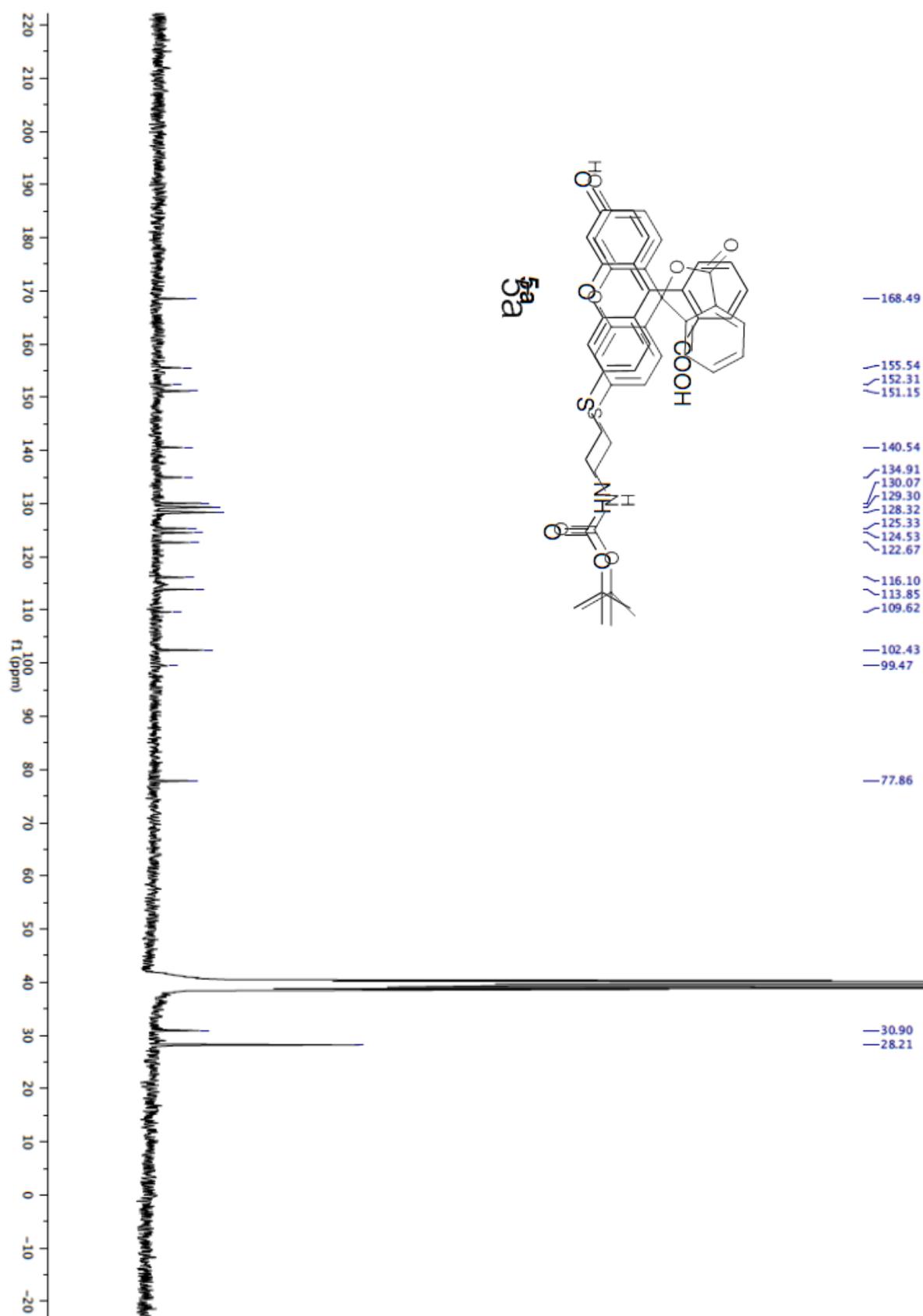
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^1H -spectrum of **5a** in $\text{DMSO-}d_6$



^{13}C -spectrum of **5a** in $\text{DMSO-}d_6$



^{13}C -spectrum of **6a** in $\text{DMSO-}d_6$

