

Supplementary data

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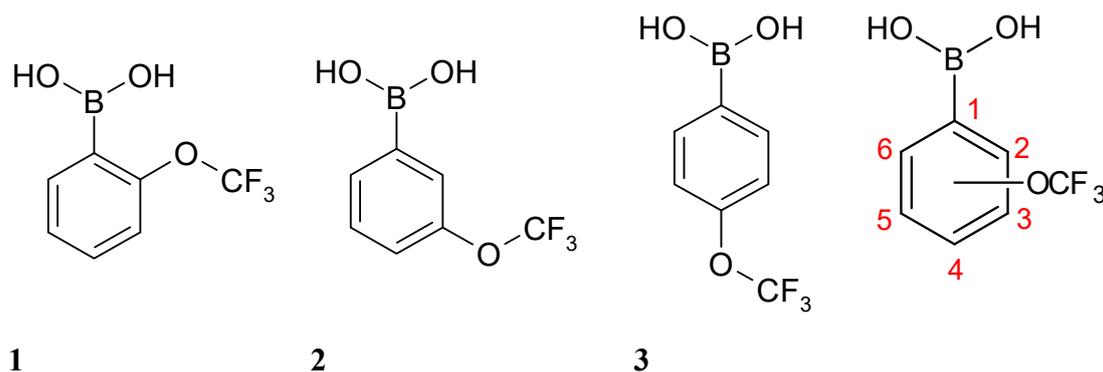


Figure 1. Structure of investigated compounds (1–3) and atom numbering scheme.

## 1. Spectrophotometric titration

### 1.1. Compound 1

Concentration of compound 1:  $c=8.29 \cdot 10^{-4}$  M

Concentration of NaOH:  $c=0.0409$  M

Ionic strength: 0.1 M KCl

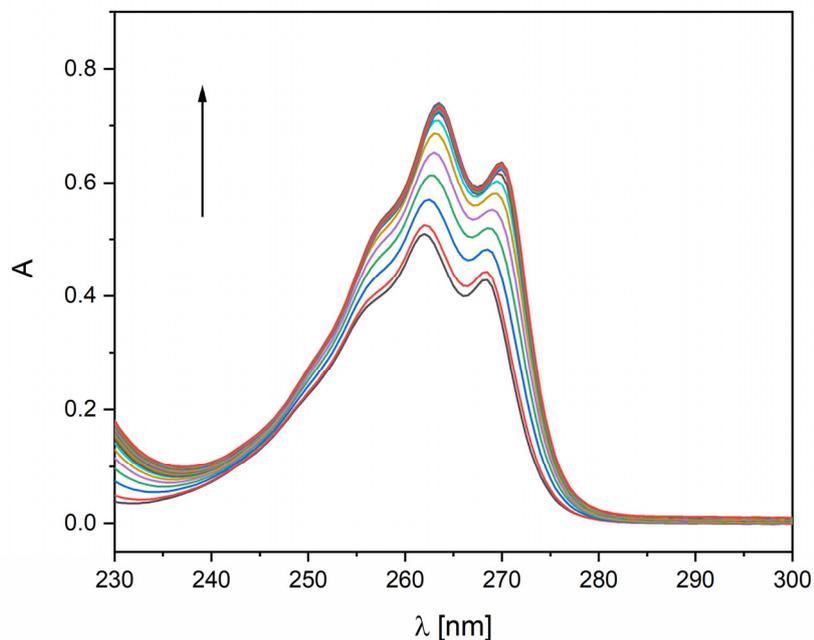


Figure S1. Spectrophotometric titration in pH range 6-12 in water (a correction to the dilution was taken into account). Arrows indicate changes in the absorbance with respect to the increase of pH.

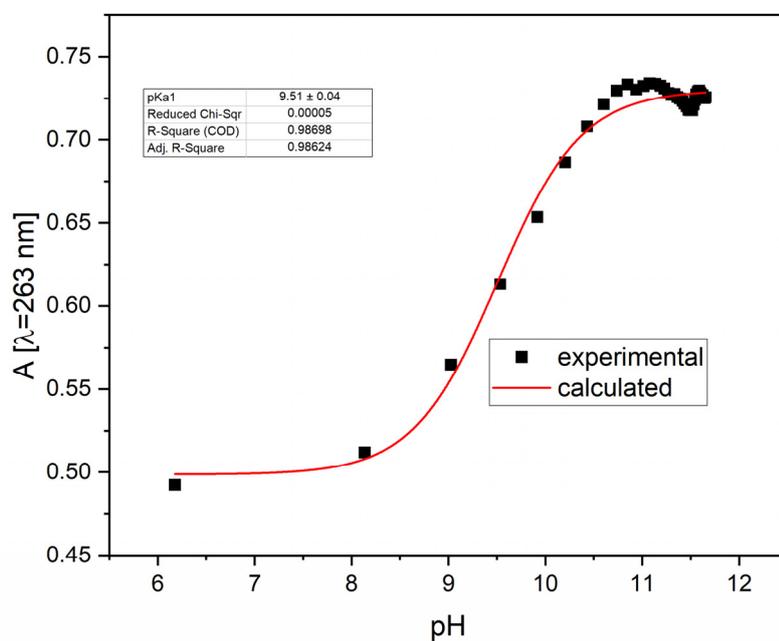


Figure S2. Analysis of spectroscopic data: absorbance change at 263 nm versus pH.

## 1.2. Compound 2

Concentration of compound 2:  $c=2.00 \cdot 10^{-3}$  M

Concentration of NaOH:  $c=0.0409$  M

Ionic strength: 0.1 M KCl

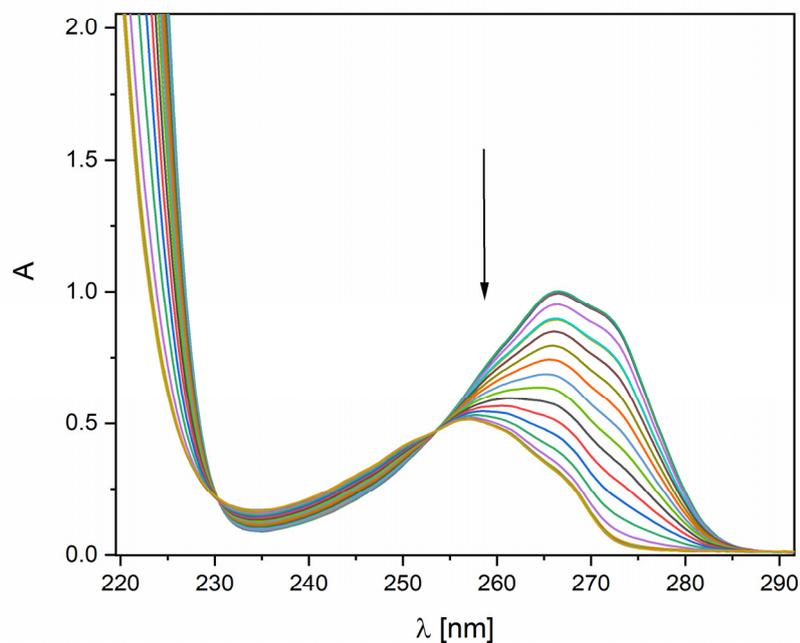


Figure S3. Spectrophotometric titration in pH range 6-11 in water (a correction to the dilution was taken into account). Arrows indicate changes in the absorbance with respect to the increase of pH.

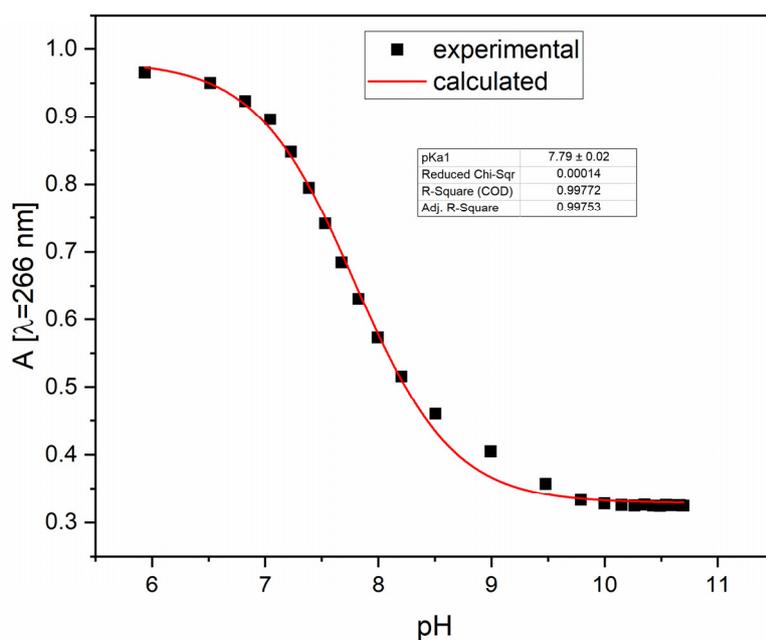


Figure S4. Analysis of spectroscopic data: absorbance change at 266 nm versus pH.

### 1.3. Compound 3

Concentration of compound 3:  $c=1.22 \cdot 10^{-3}$  M

Concentration of NaOH:  $c=0.0409$  M

Ionic strength: 0.1 M KCl

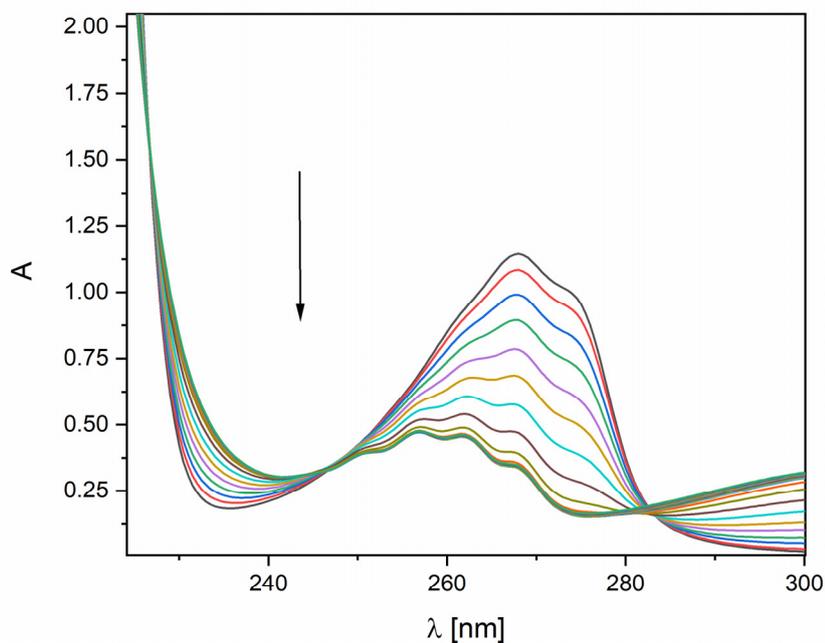


Figure S5. Spectrophotometric titration 3 in pH range 6-12 in water (a correction to the dilution was taken into account). Arrows indicate changes in the absorbance with respect to the increase of pH.

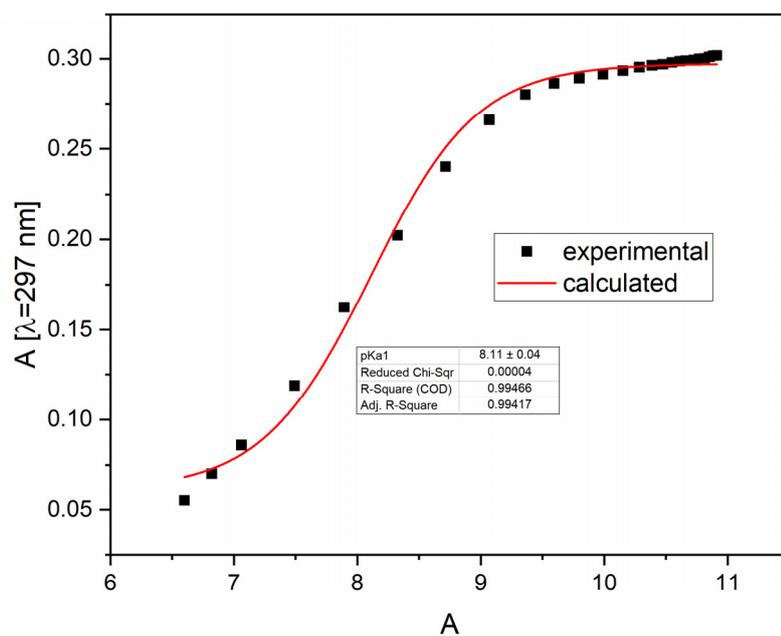


Figure S6. Analysis of spectroscopic data: absorbance change at 297 nm versus pH.

## 2. Potentiometric titration

### 2.1. Compound 1

Concentration of compound 1:  $c=2.15 \cdot 10^{-3}$  M

Concentration of NaOH:  $c=0.0409$  M

Ionic strength: 0.1 M KCl

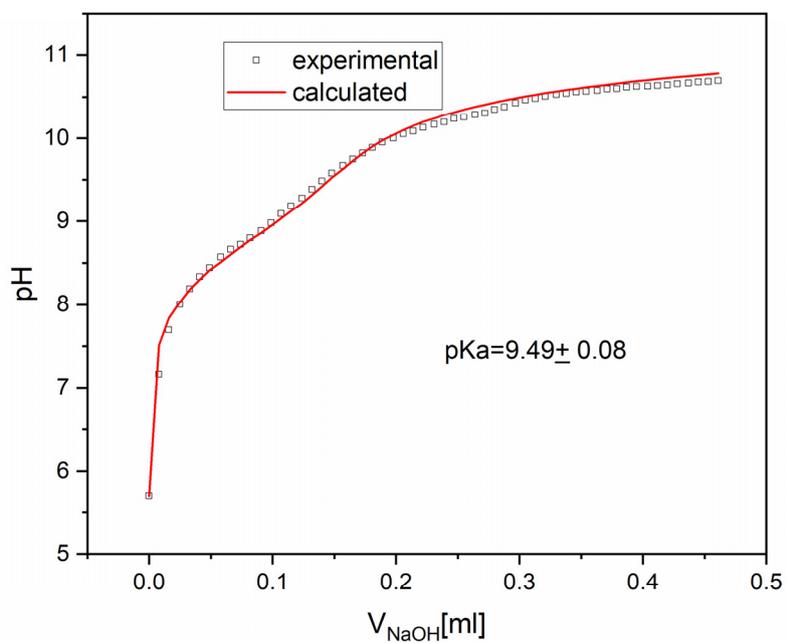


Figure S7. Potentiometric titration 1 with fitting of calculated data.

## 2.2. Compound 2

Concentration of compound **1**:  $c=2.00 \cdot 10^{-3}$  M

Concentration of NaOH:  $c=0.0409$  M

Ionic strength: 0.1 M KCl

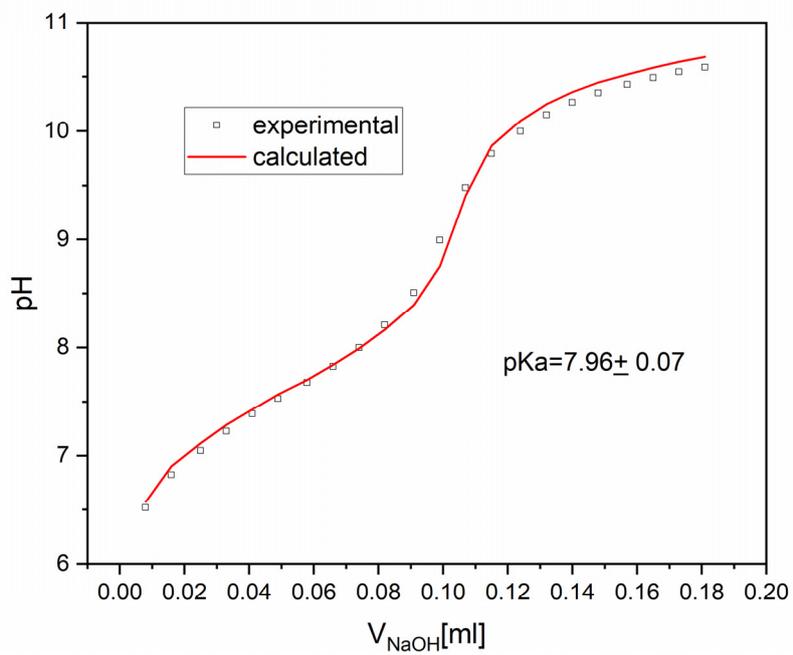


Figure S8. Potentiometric titration **2** with fitting of calculated data.

### 2.3. Compound 3

Concentration of compound **3**:  $c=1.22 \cdot 10^{-3}$  M

Concentration of NaOH:  $c=0.0409$  M

Ionic strength: 0.1 M KCl

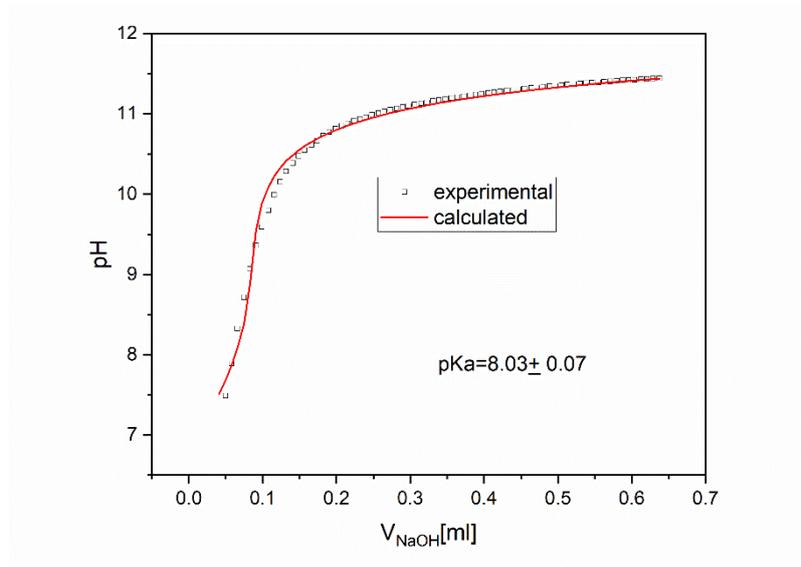


Figure S9. Potentiometric titration **3** with fitting of calculated data

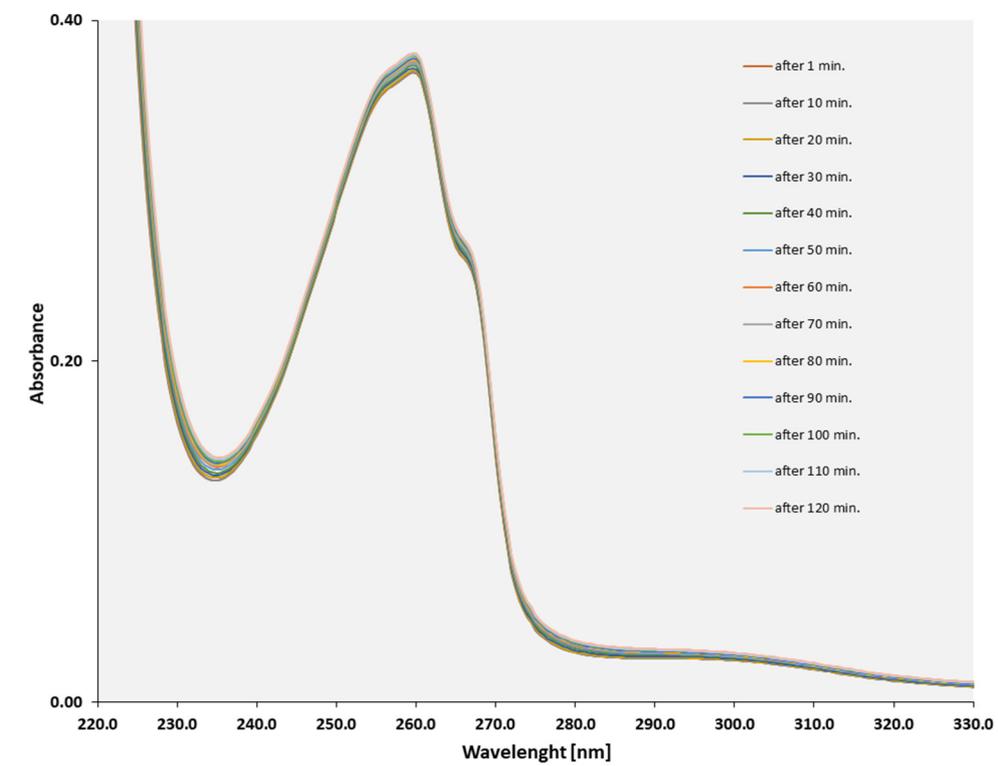


Figure S10. UV-Vis spectra of **1** solution in 0.025 M NaOH measured for 2 h after dissolution of the compound at room temperature.

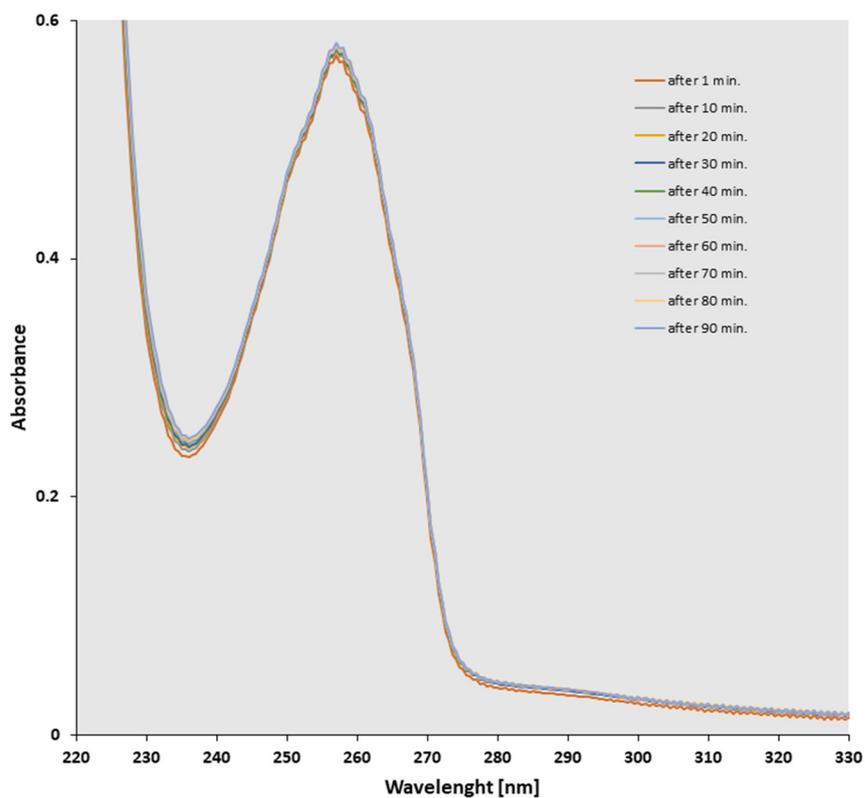


Figure S11. UV-Vis spectra of **2** solution in 0.025 M NaOH measured for 1.5 h after dissolution of the compound at room temperature.

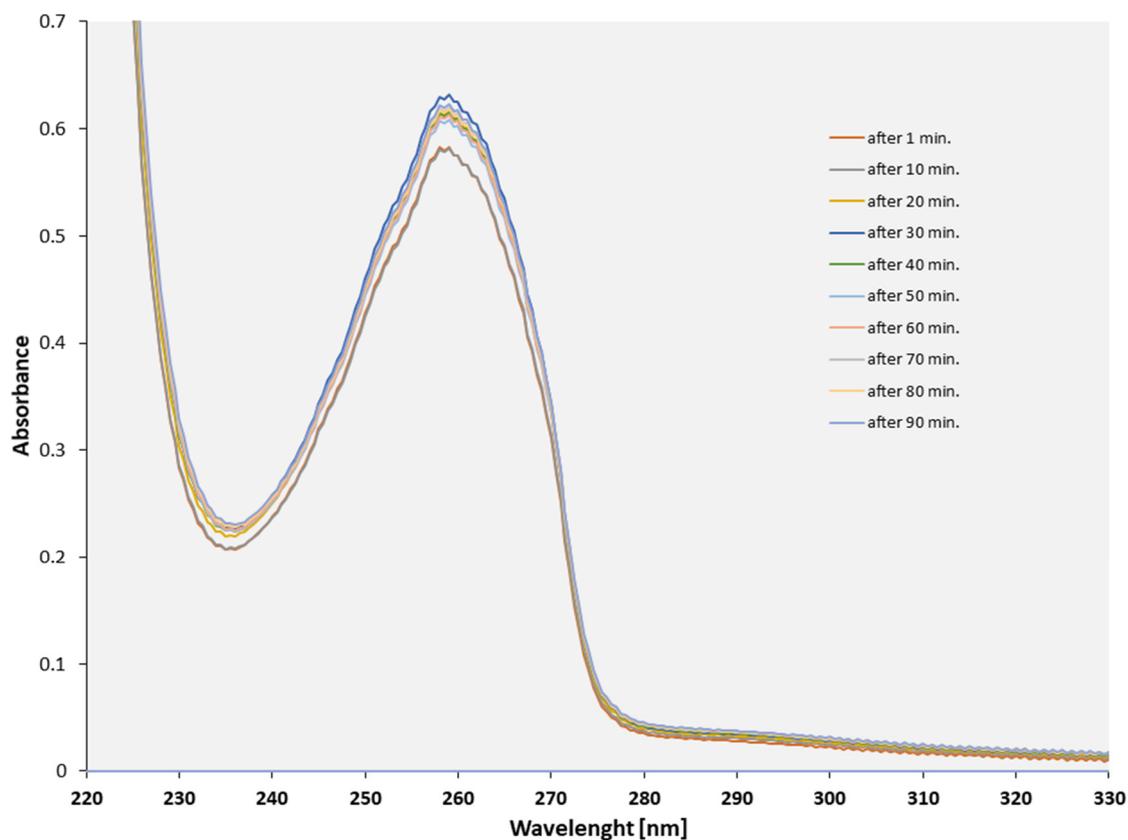


Figure S12. UV-Vis spectra of **3** solution in 0.025 M NaOH measured for 1.5 h after dissolution of the compound at room temperature.

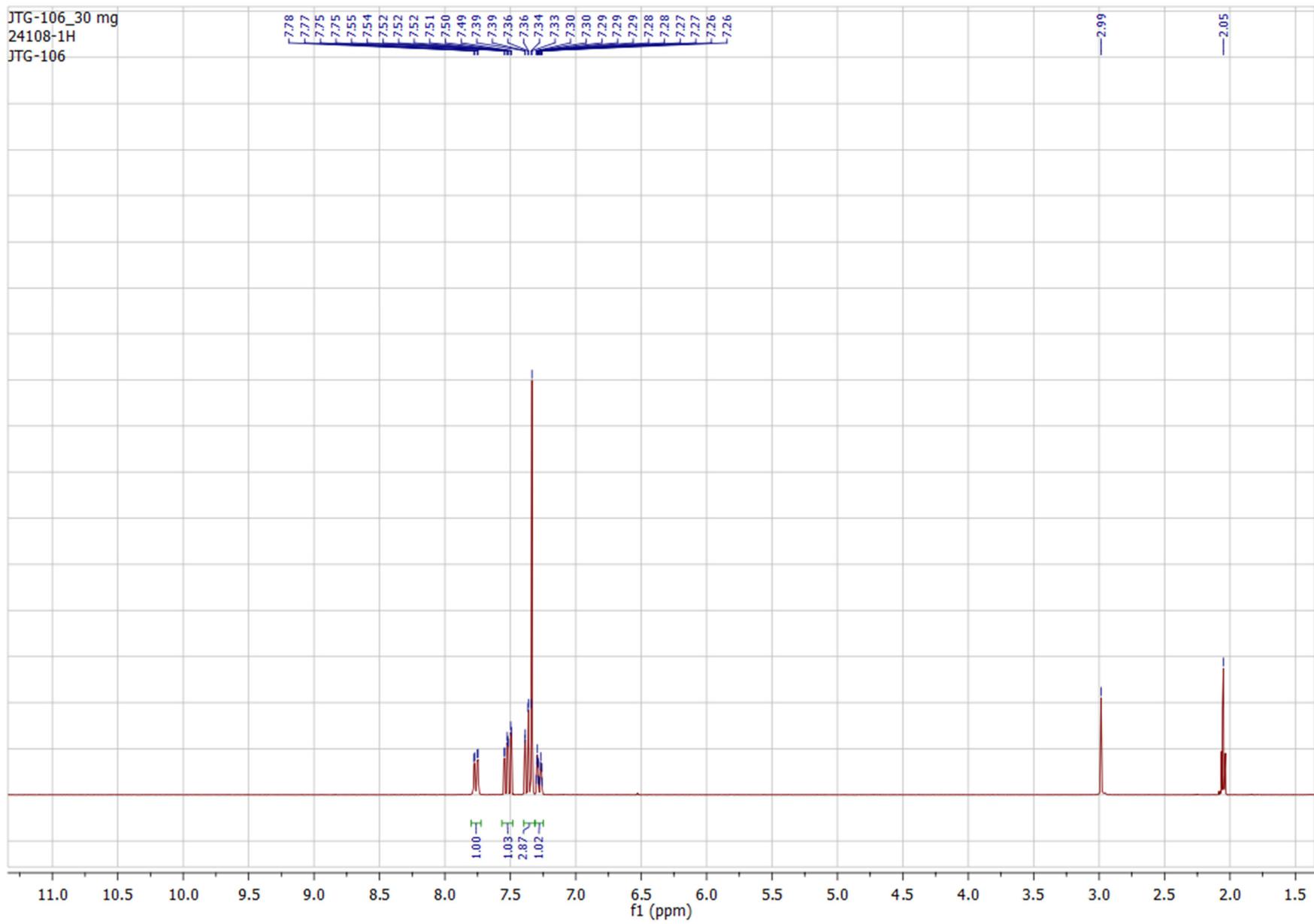


Figure S13. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectrum of **1** in (CD<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>CO (full).

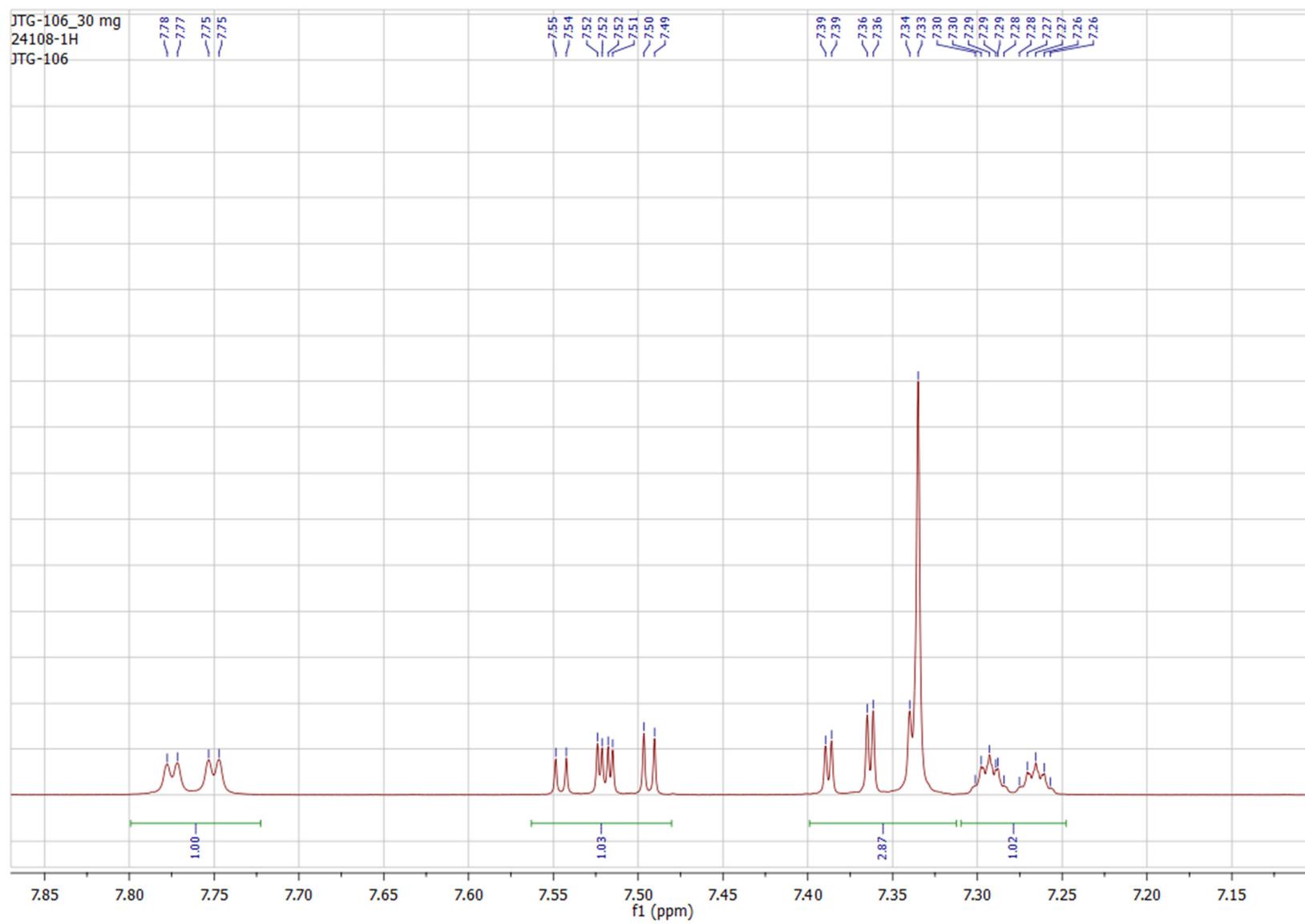


Figure S14.  $^1\text{H}$ -NMR spectrum of **1** in  $(\text{CD}_3)_2\text{CO}$  (expansion).

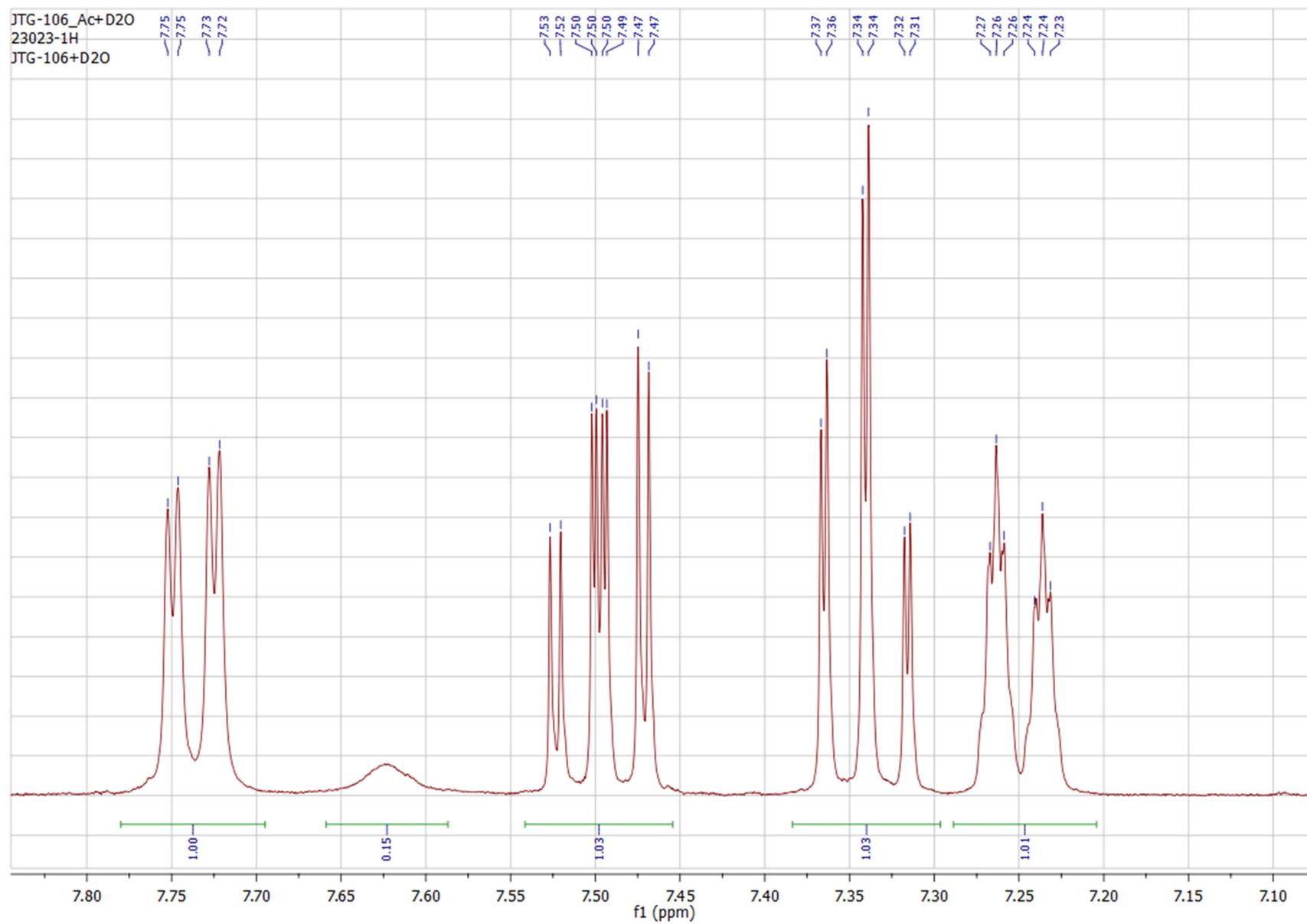


Figure S15.  $^1\text{H}$ -NMR spectrum of **1** in  $(\text{CD}_3)_2\text{CO} + \text{D}_2\text{O}$  (expansion).

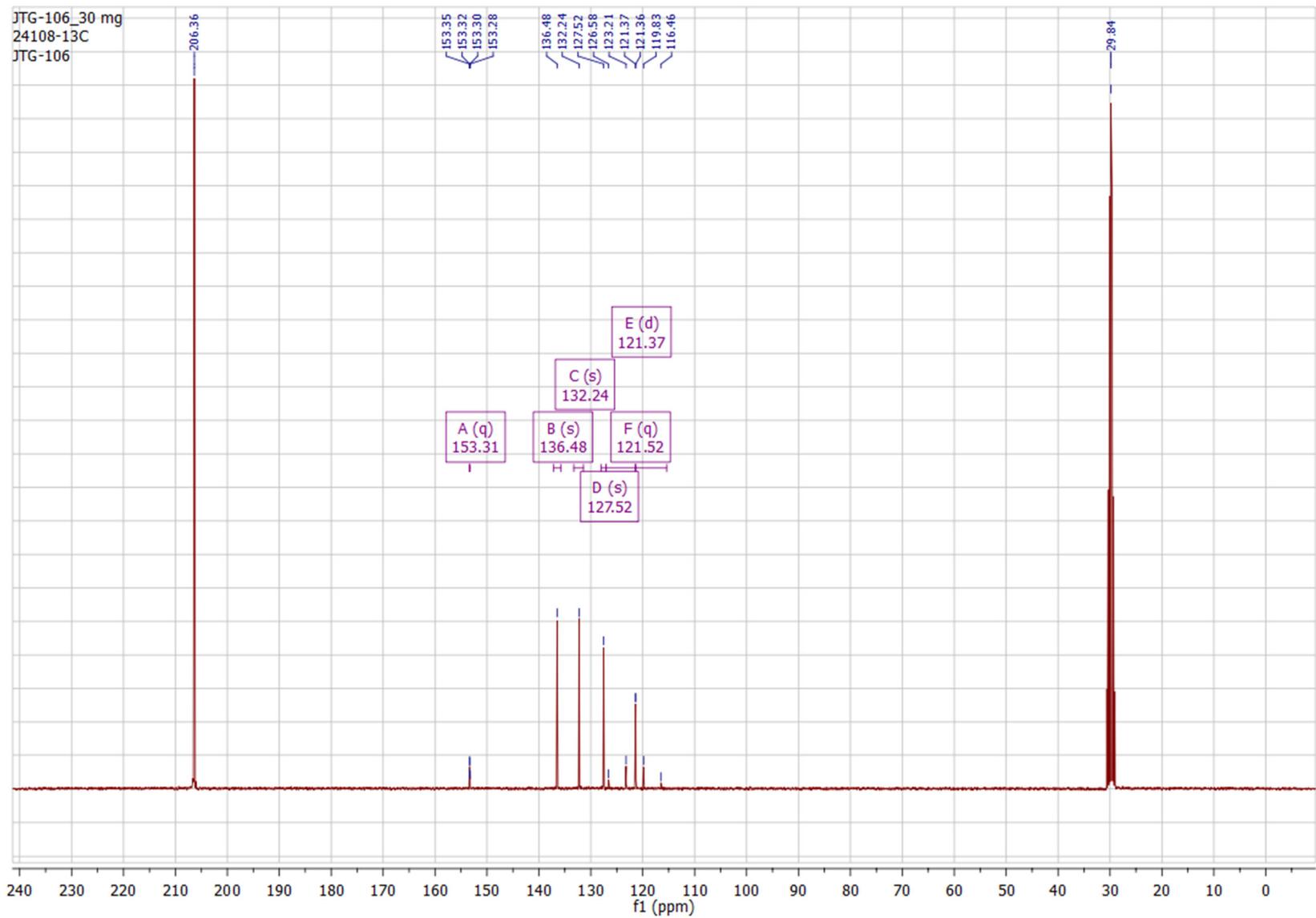


Figure S16.  $^{13}\text{C}$ -NMR spectrum of **1** in  $(\text{CD}_3)_2\text{CO}$  (full).

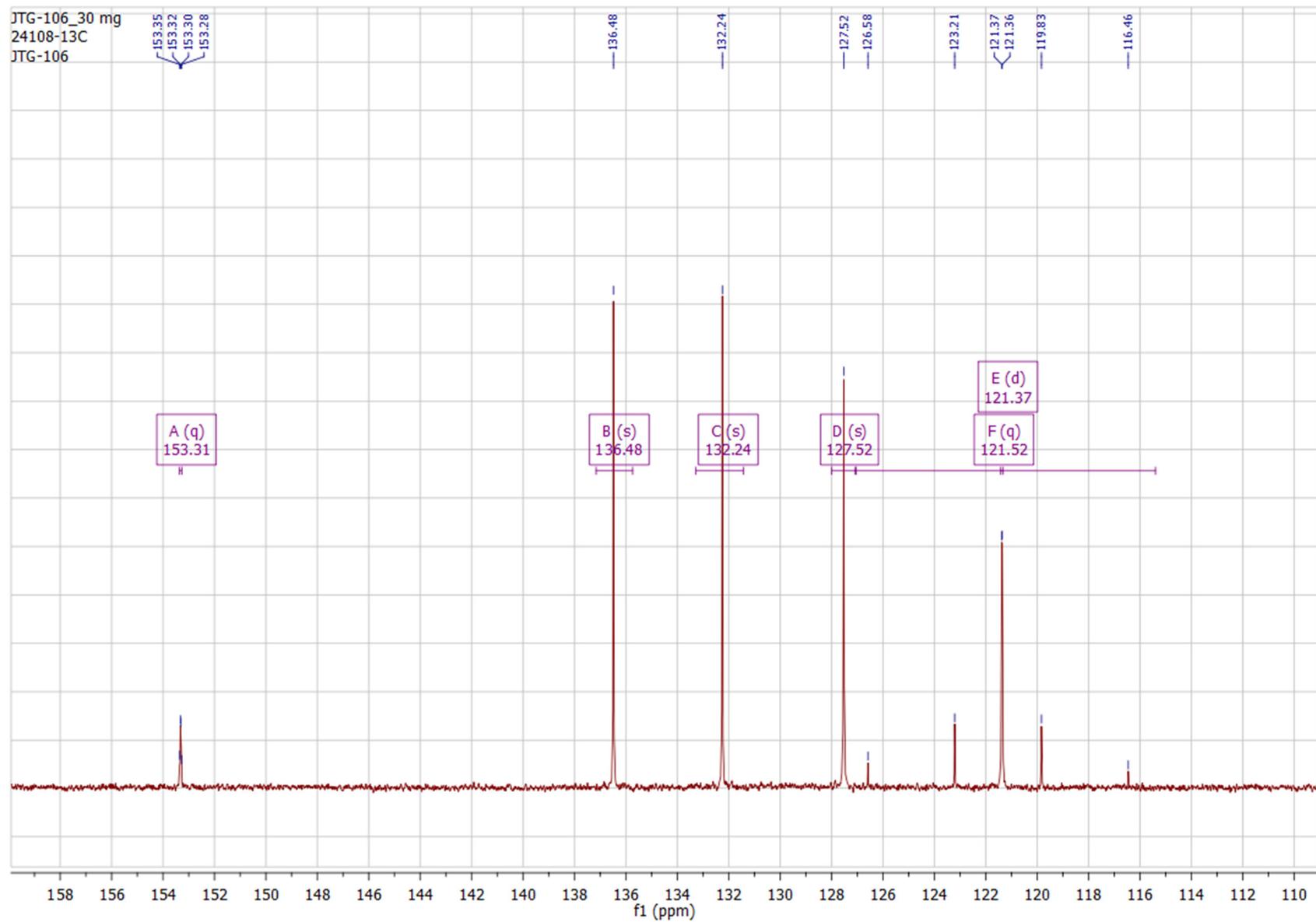


Figure S17.  $^{13}\text{C}$ -NMR spectrum of **1** in  $(\text{CD}_3)_2\text{CO}$  (expansion).

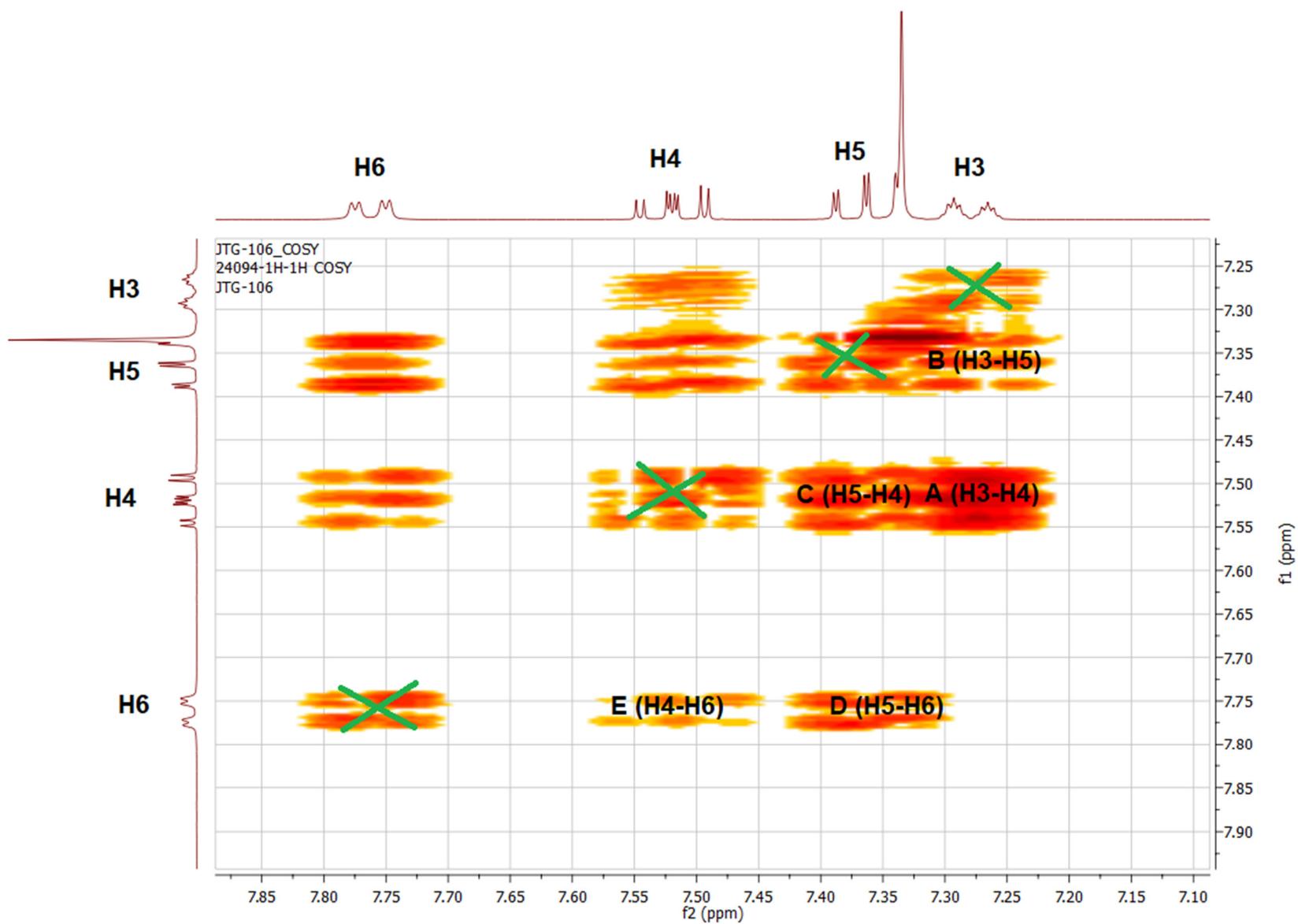


Figure S18.  $^1\text{H}$ ,  $^1\text{H}$ -COSY spectrum of **1** in  $(\text{CD}_3)_2\text{CO}$ .

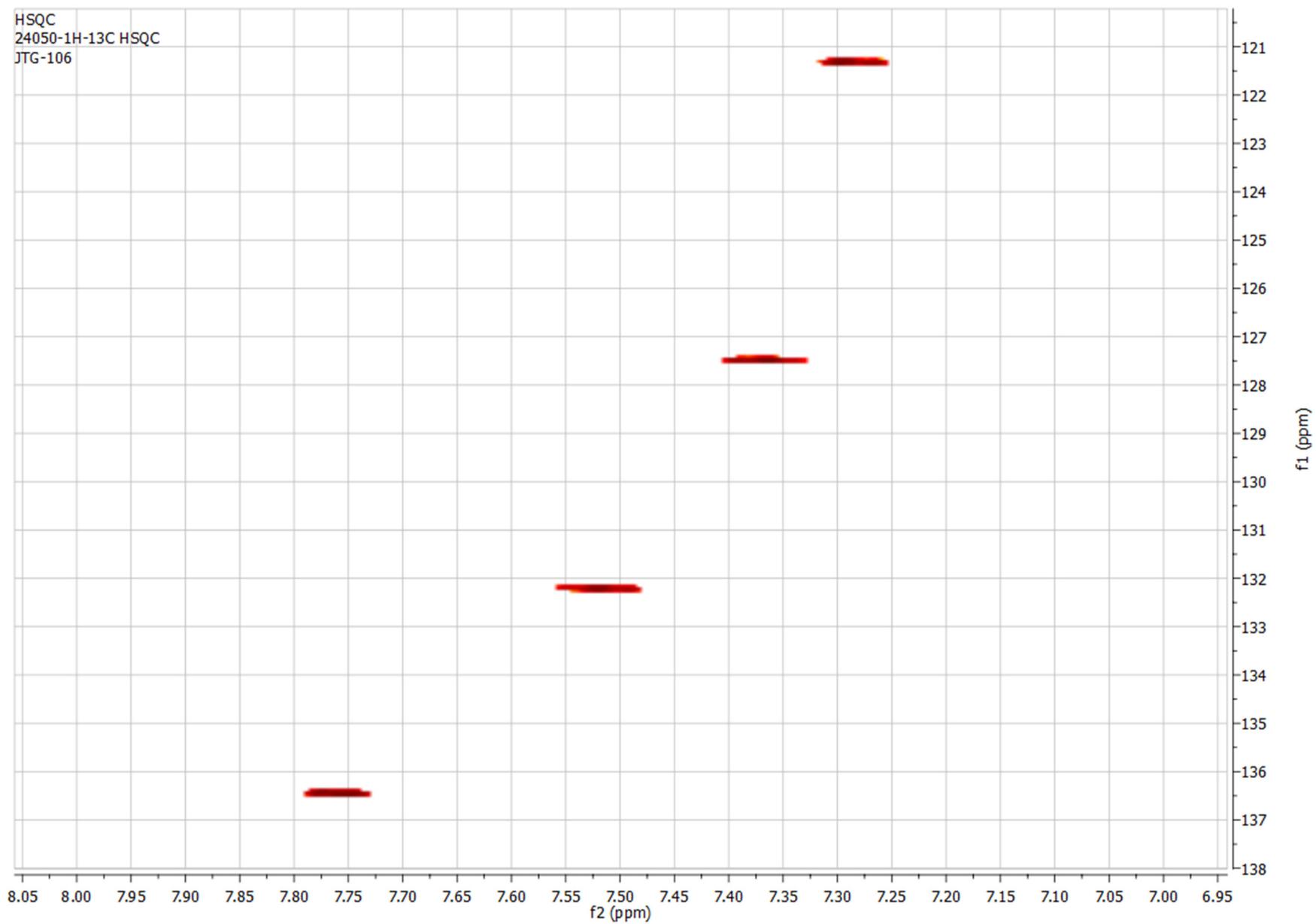


Figure S19. HSQC spectrum of **1** in  $(\text{CD}_3)_2\text{CO}$ .

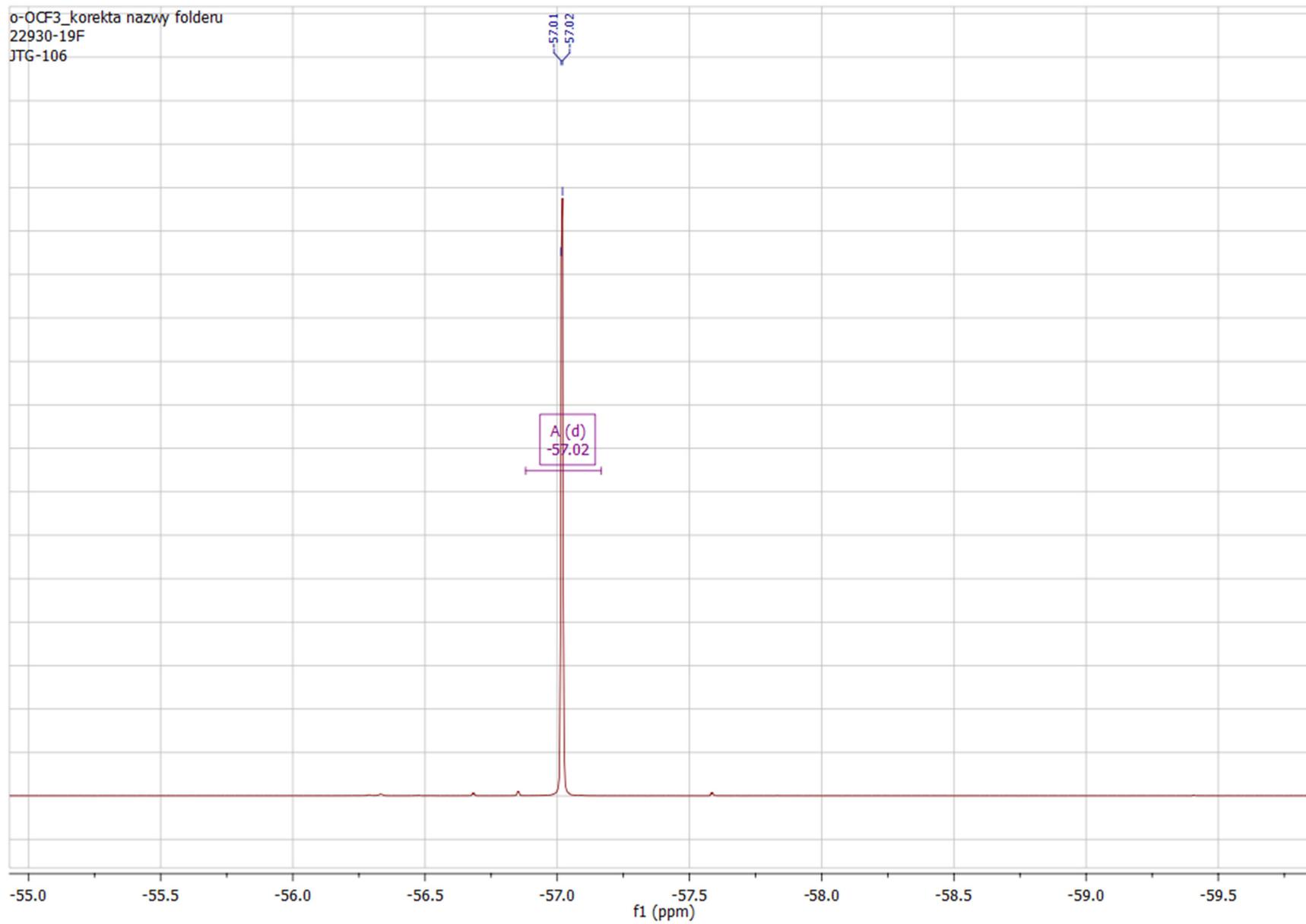


Figure S20.  $^{19}\text{F}$ NMR spectrum of **1** in  $(\text{CD}_3)_2\text{CO}$ .

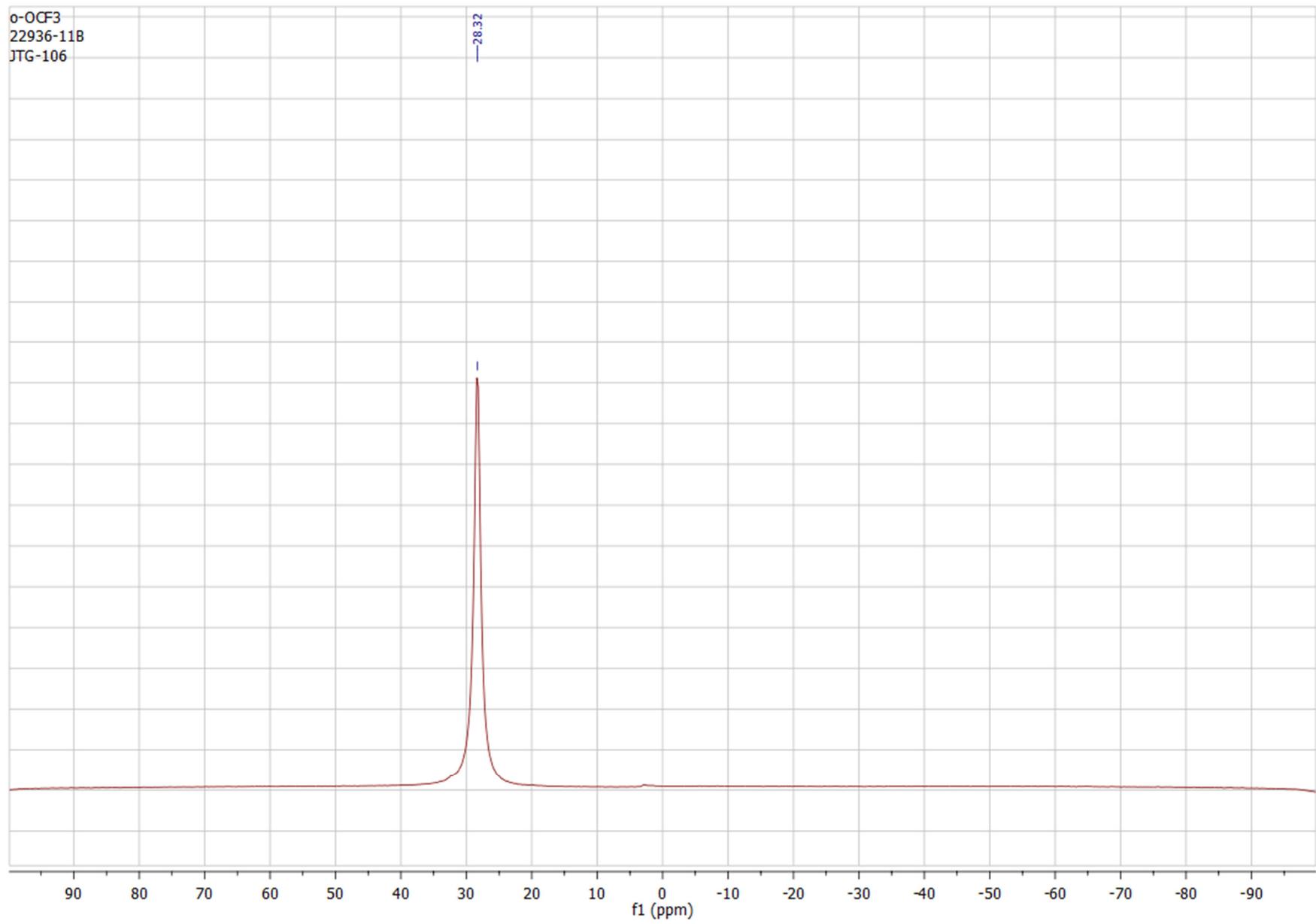


Figure S21.  $^{11}\text{B}$ -NMR spectrum of **1** in  $(\text{CD}_3)_2\text{CO}$ .

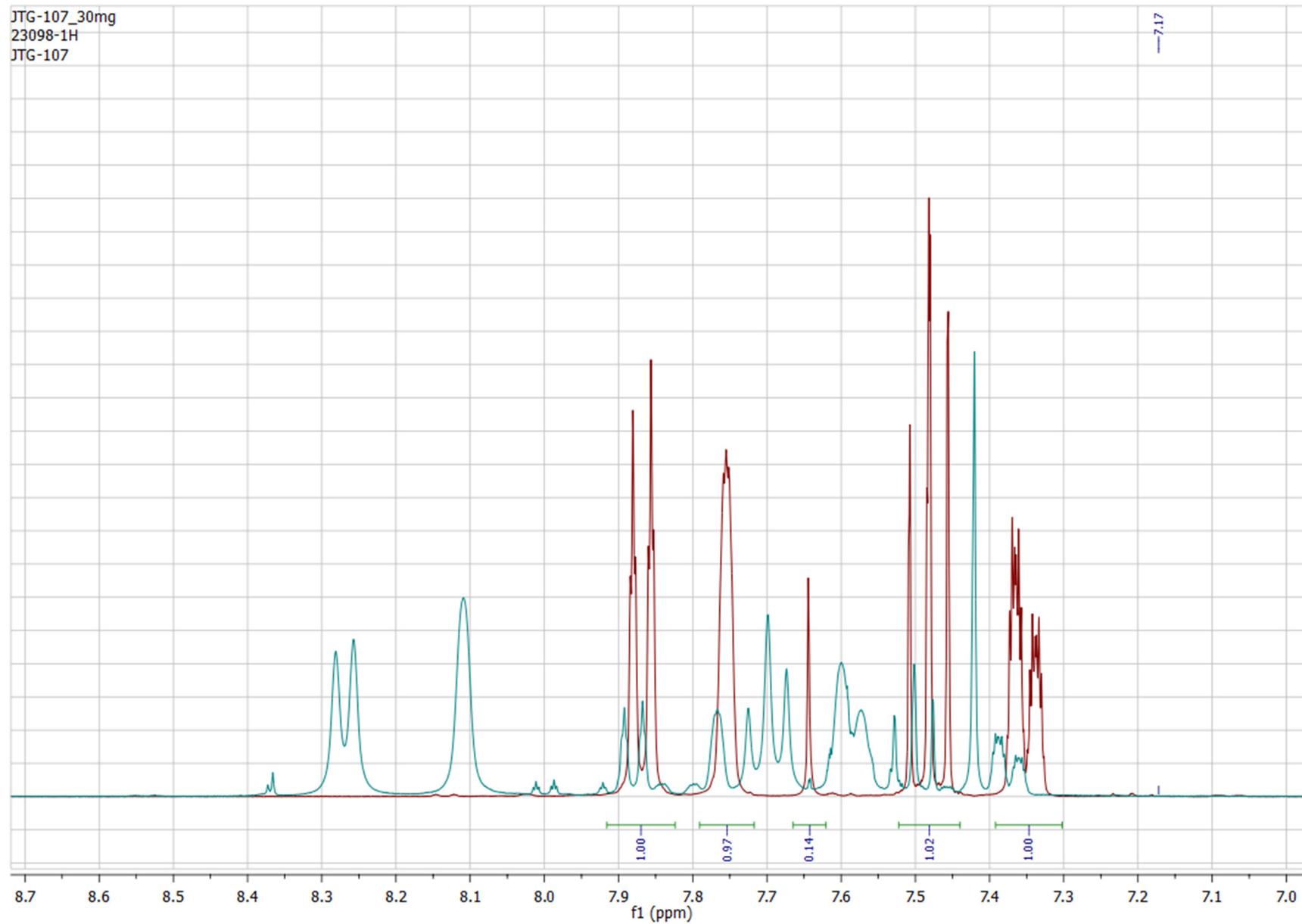


Figure S22.  $^1\text{H}$ -NMR spectra of on-shelf sample **2** in  $(\text{CD}_3)_2\text{CO}$  (blue) and in  $(\text{CD}_3)_2\text{CO}$  + a drop of  $\text{D}_2\text{O}$  (red).

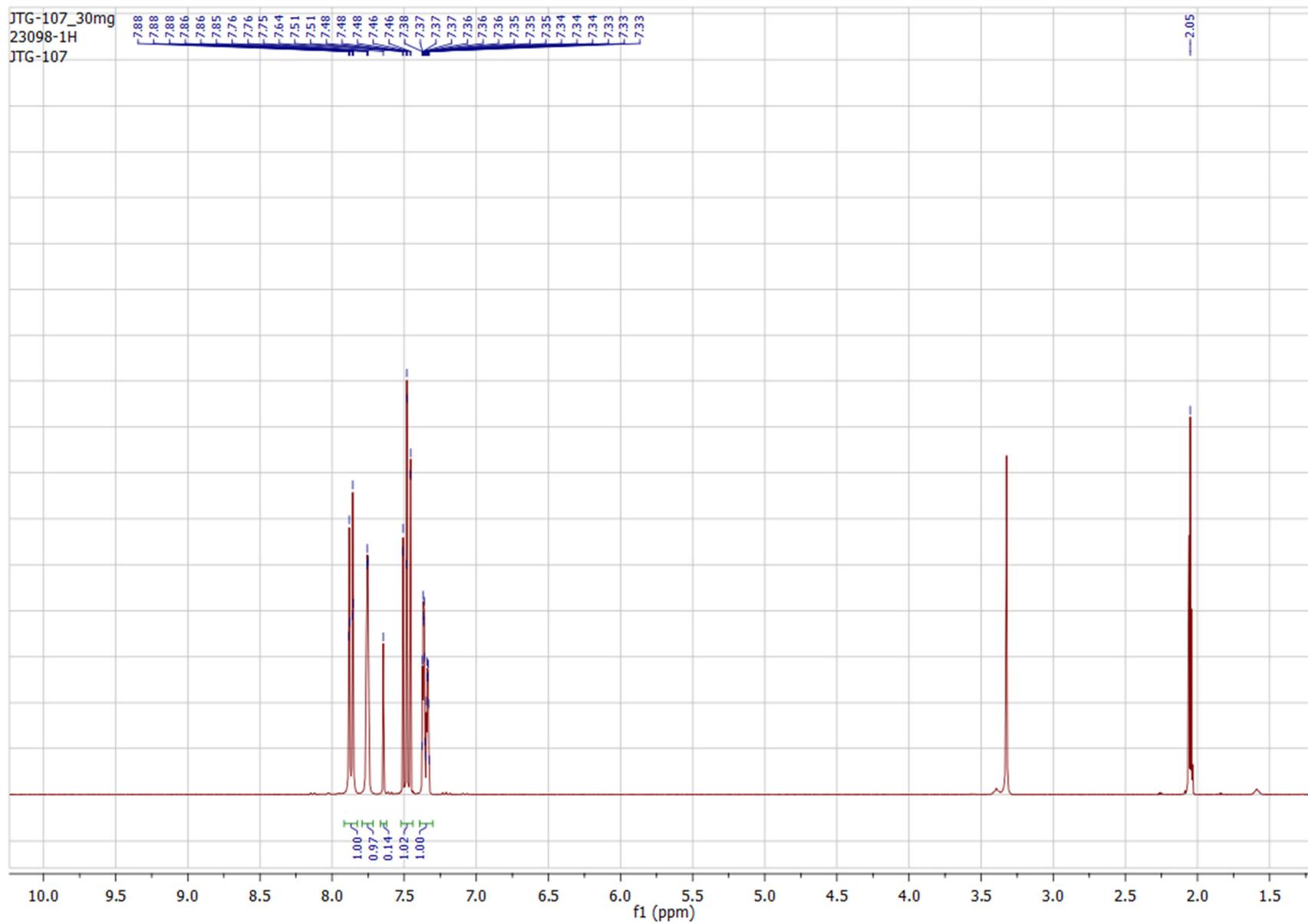


Figure S23.  $^1\text{H}$ -NMR spectra of **2** in  $(\text{CD}_3)_2\text{CO}$  + a drop of  $\text{D}_2\text{O}$  (full spectrum).

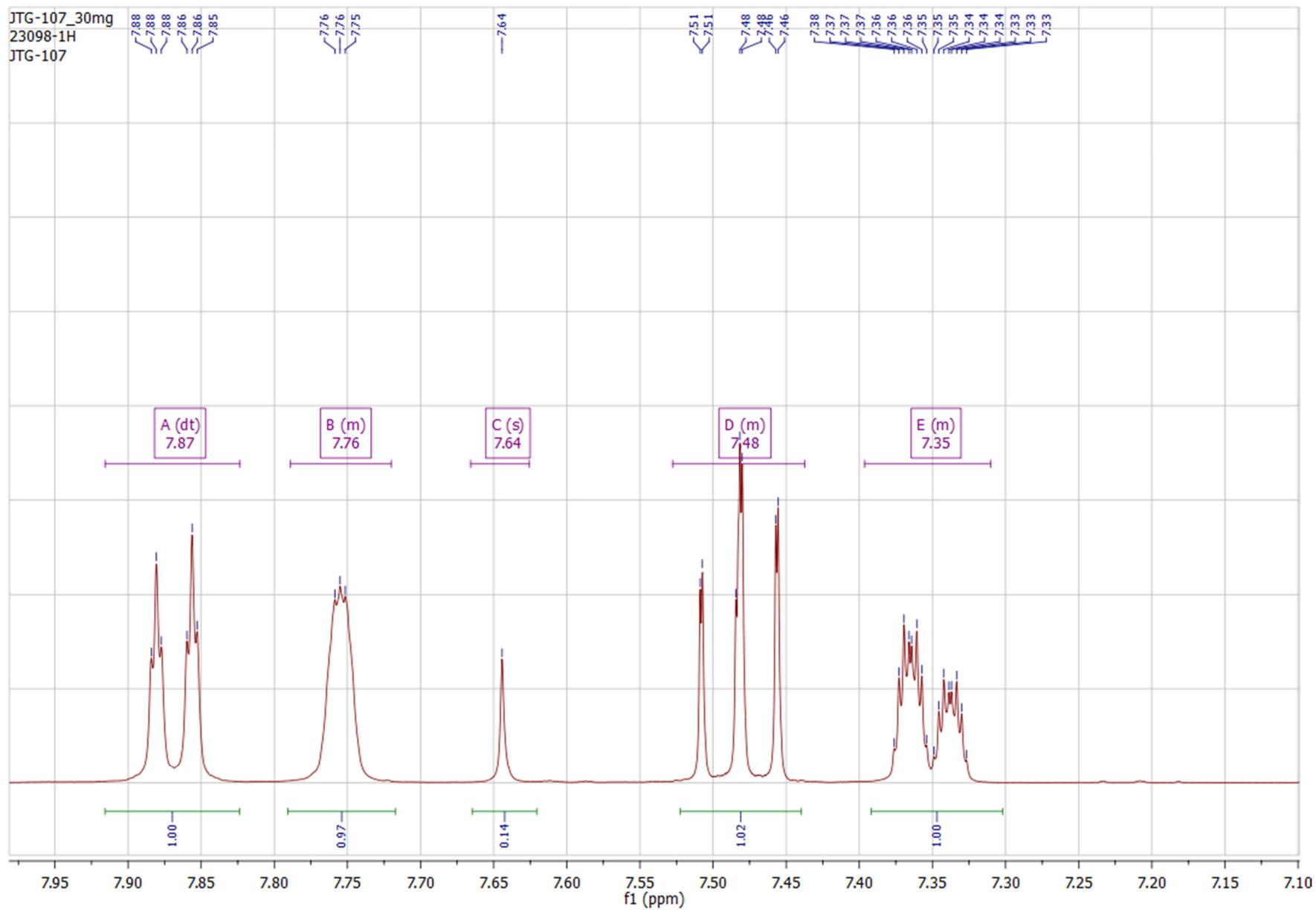


Figure S24.  $^1\text{H}$ -NMR spectrum of **2** in  $(\text{CD}_3)_2\text{CO}$  + a drop of  $\text{D}_2\text{O}$  (expansion).

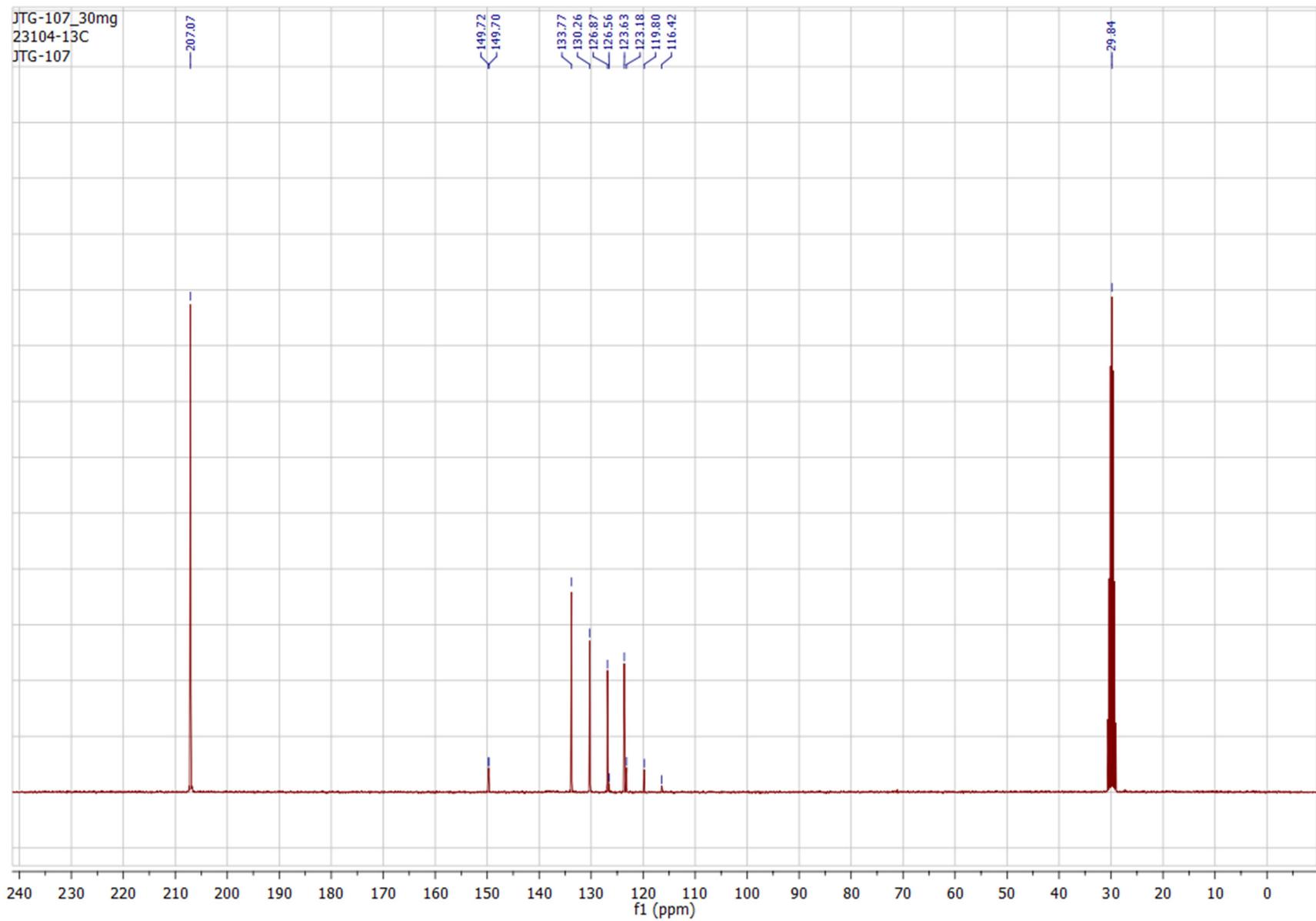


Figure S25.  $^{13}\text{C}$ -NMR spectrum of **2** in  $(\text{CD}_3)_2\text{CO}$  + a drop of  $\text{D}_2\text{O}$  (full).

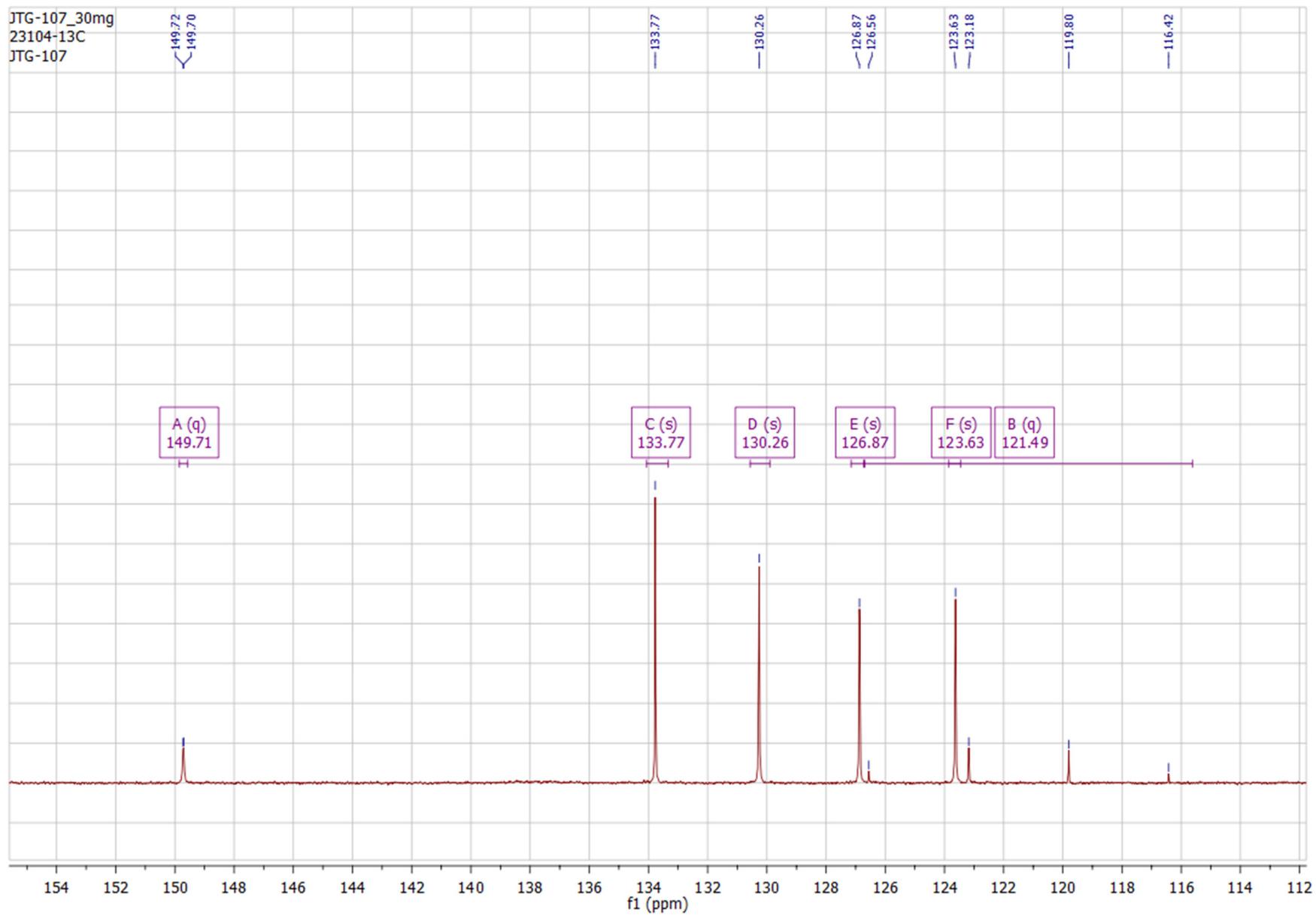


Figure S26.  $^{13}\text{C}$ -NMR spectrum of **2** in  $(\text{CD}_3)_2\text{CO}$  + a drop of  $\text{D}_2\text{O}$  (expansion).

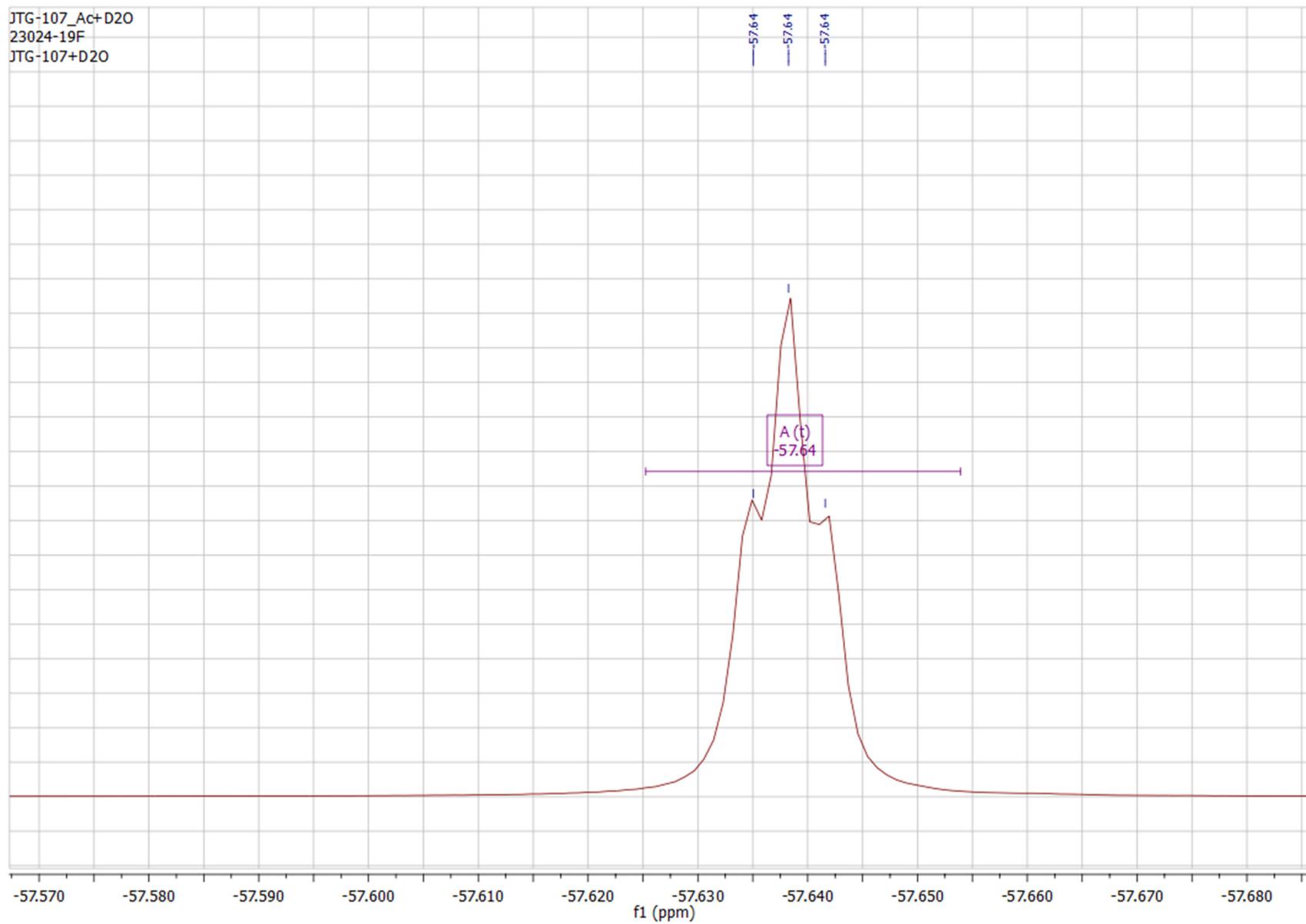


Figure S27.  $^{19}\text{F}$ -NMR spectrum of **2** in  $(\text{CD}_3)_2\text{CO}$  + a drop of  $\text{D}_2\text{O}$  (expansion).

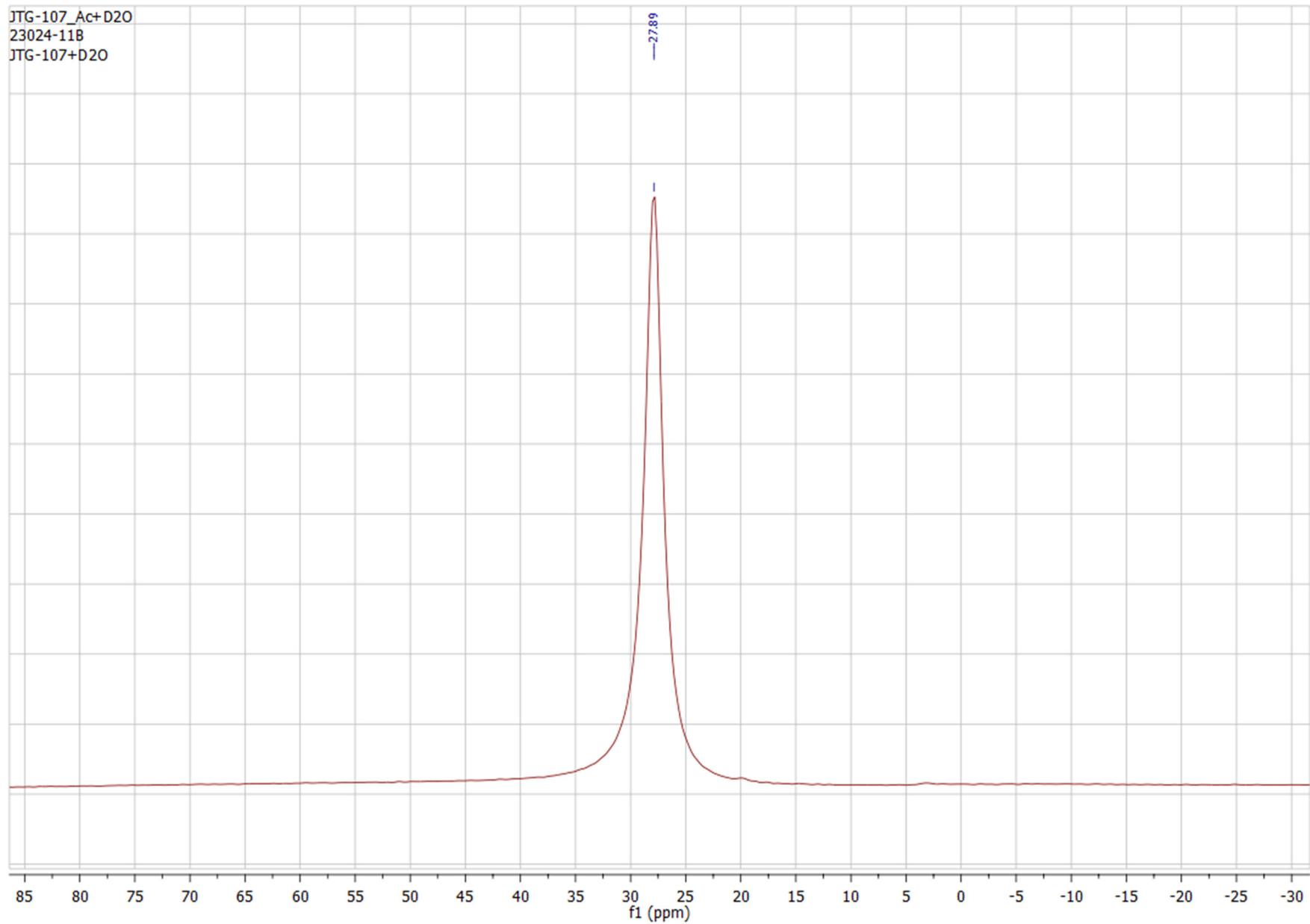


Figure S28.  $^{19}\text{F}$ -NMR spectrum of **2** in  $(\text{CD}_3)_2\text{CO}$  + a drop of  $\text{D}_2\text{O}$  (expansion).

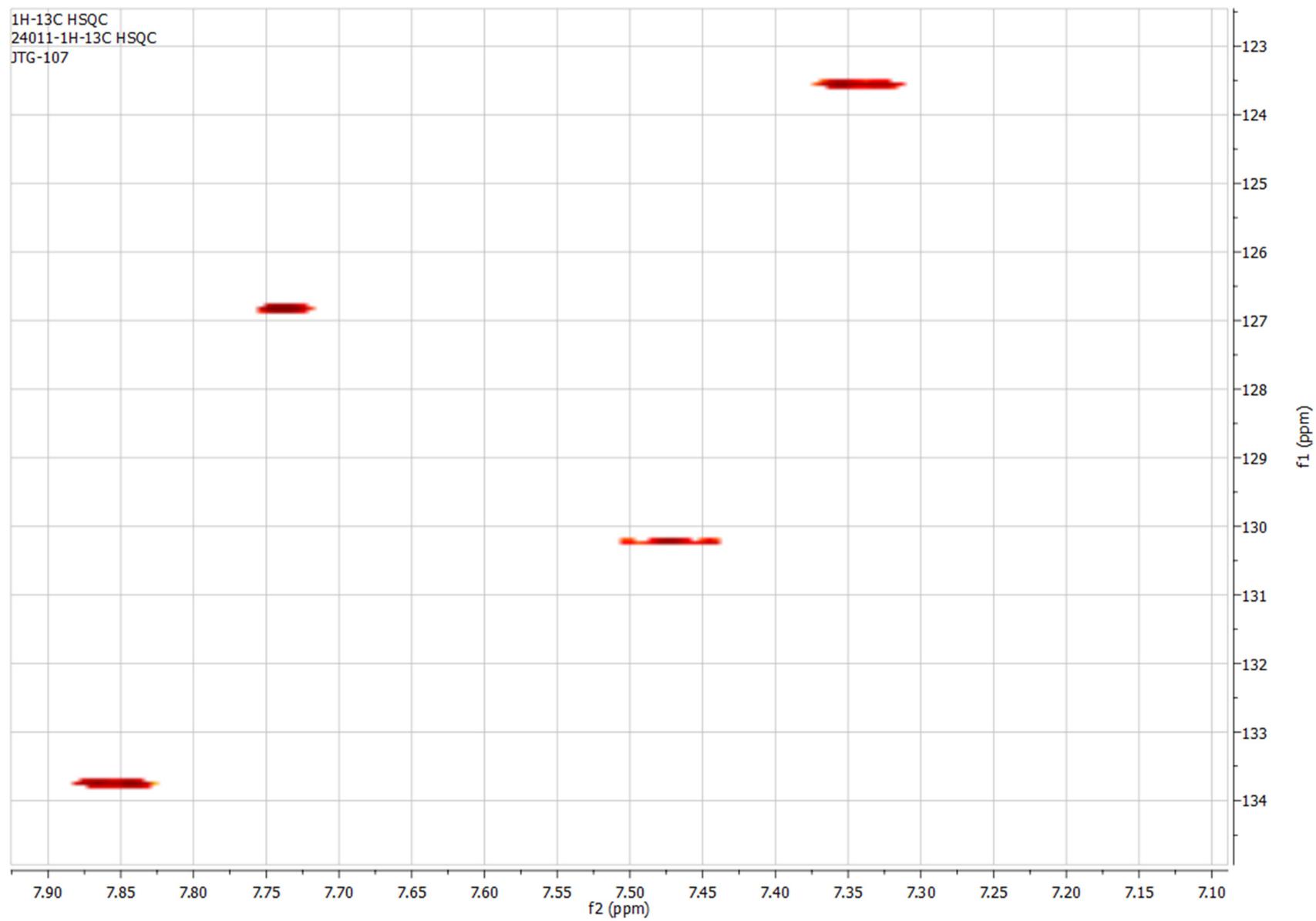


Figure S29. HSQC spectrum of **2** in  $(\text{CD}_3)_2\text{CO}$  + a drop of  $\text{D}_2\text{O}$ .

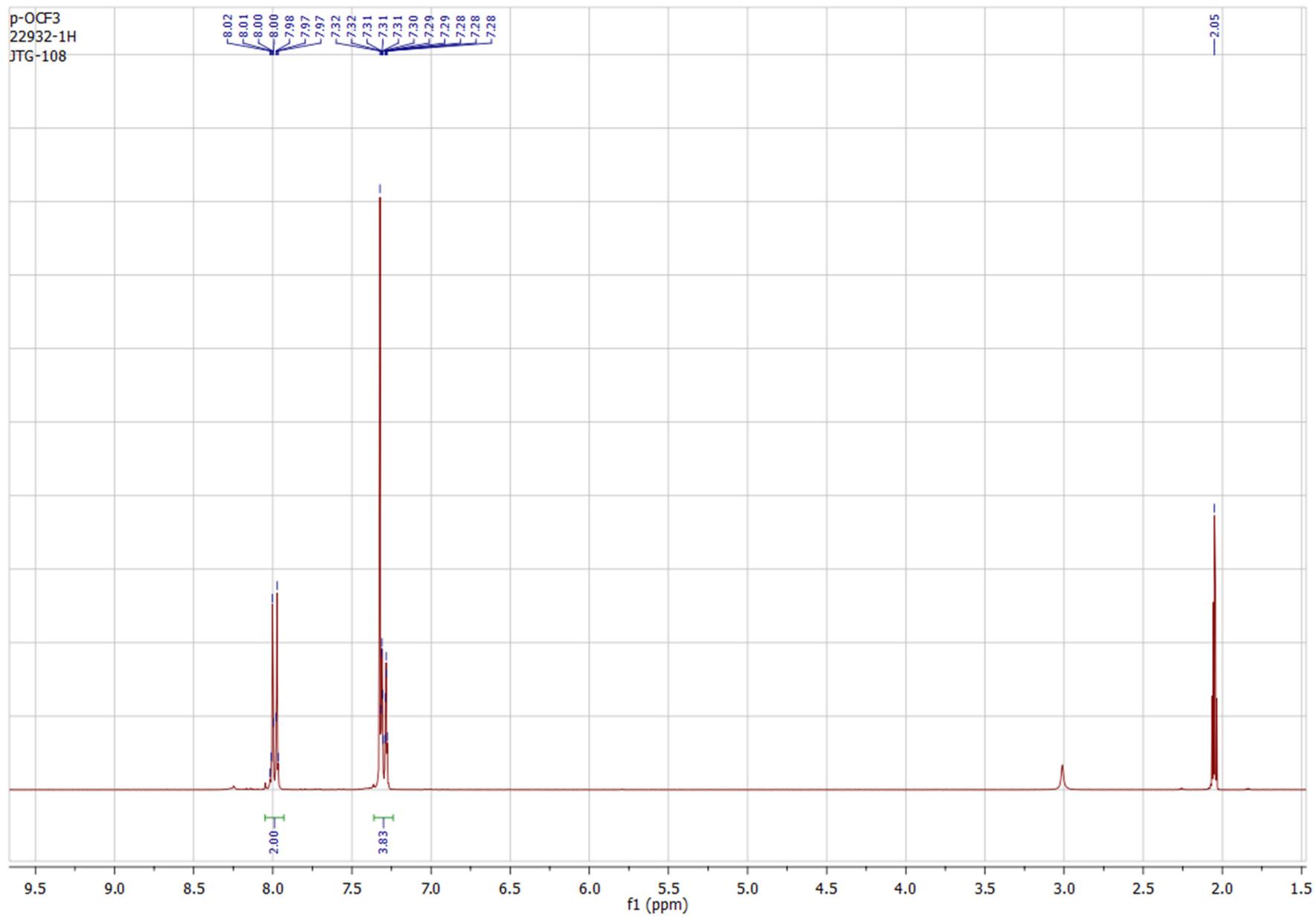


Figure S30.  $^1\text{H}$ -NMR spectrum of **3** in  $(\text{CD}_3)_2\text{CO}$  (full).

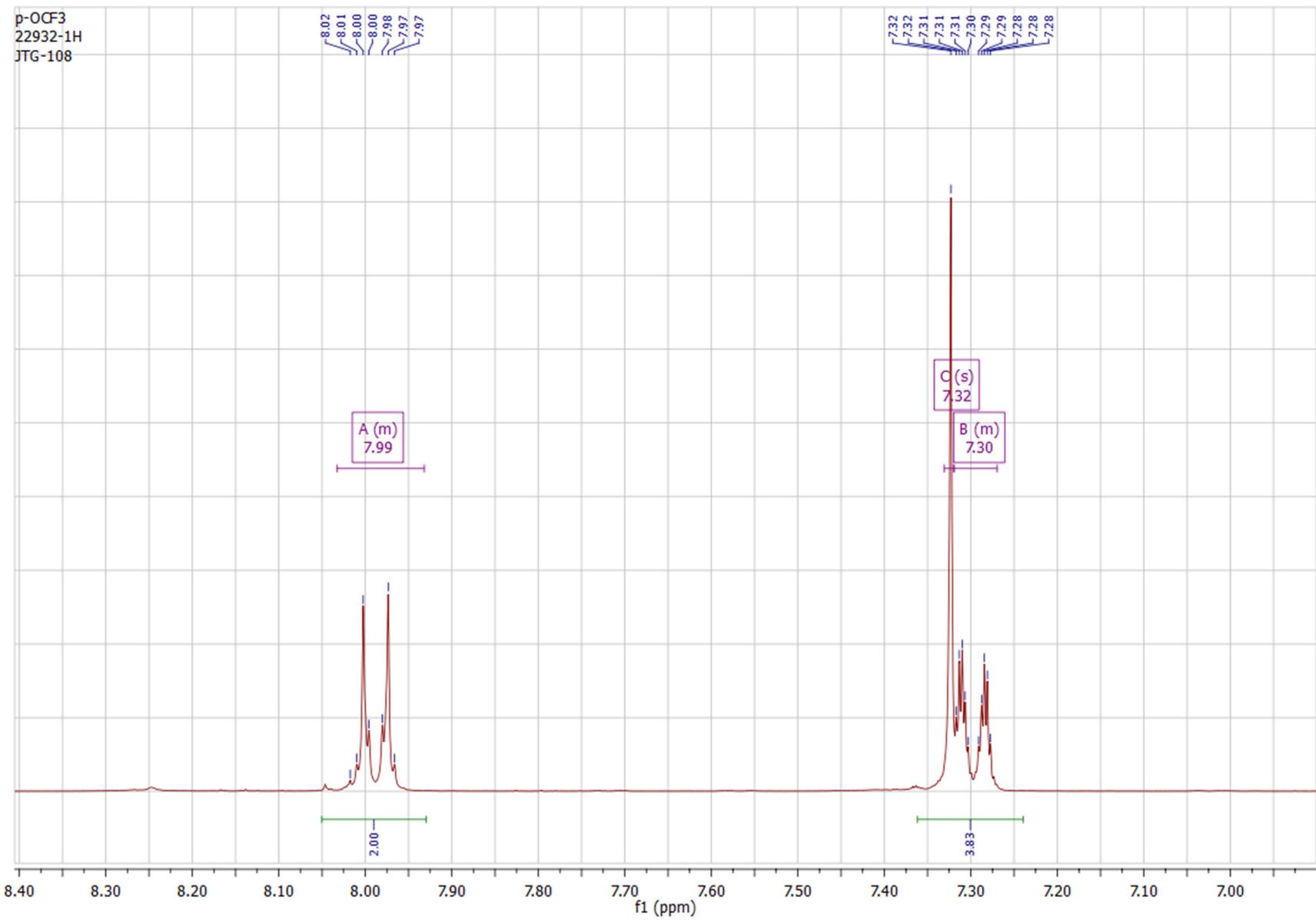


Figure S31.  $^1\text{H}$ -NMR spectrum of **3** in  $(\text{CD}_3)_2\text{CO}$  (expansion).

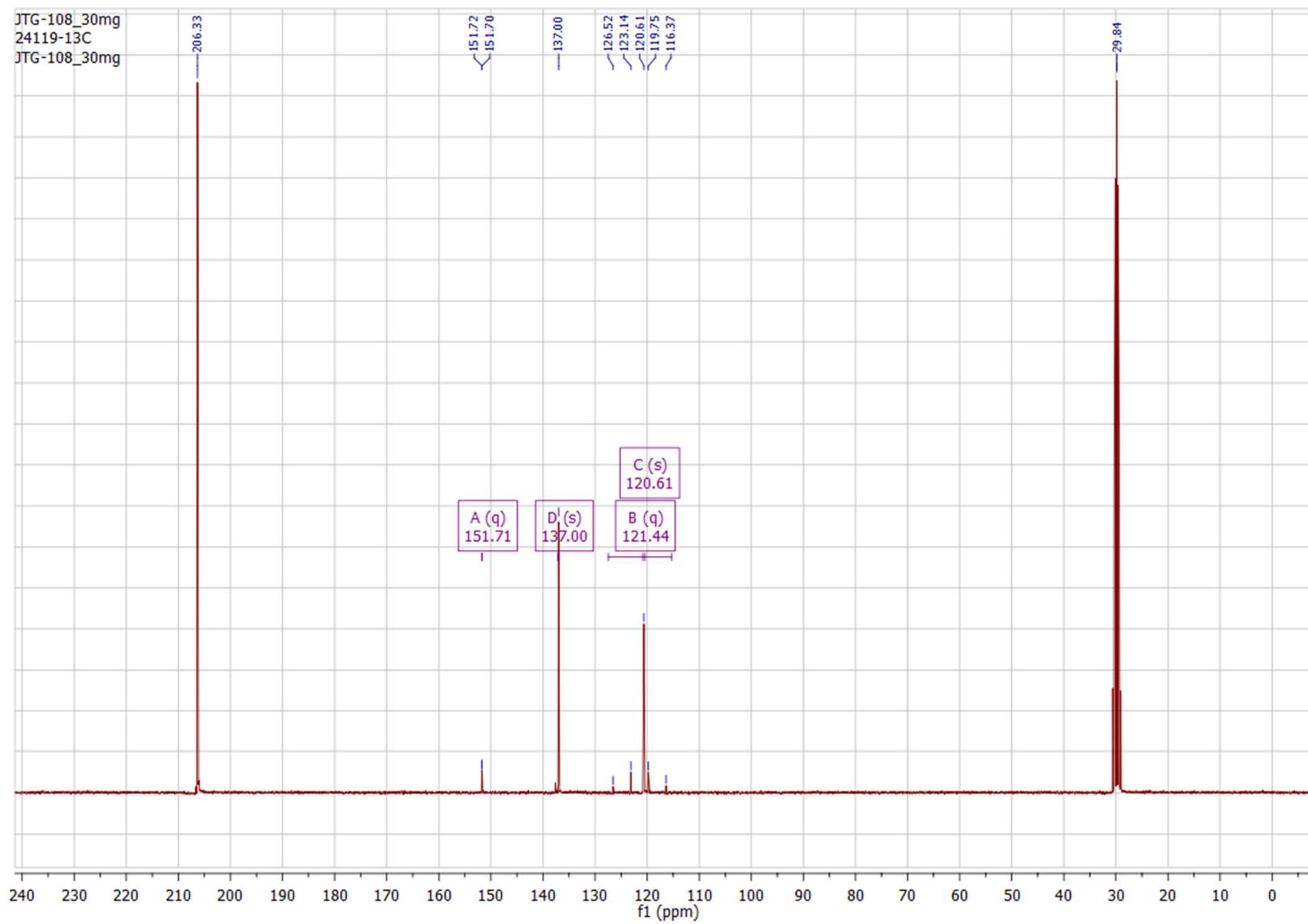


Figure S32.  $^{13}\text{C}$ -NMR spectrum of **3** in  $(\text{CD}_3)_2\text{CO}$  (full).

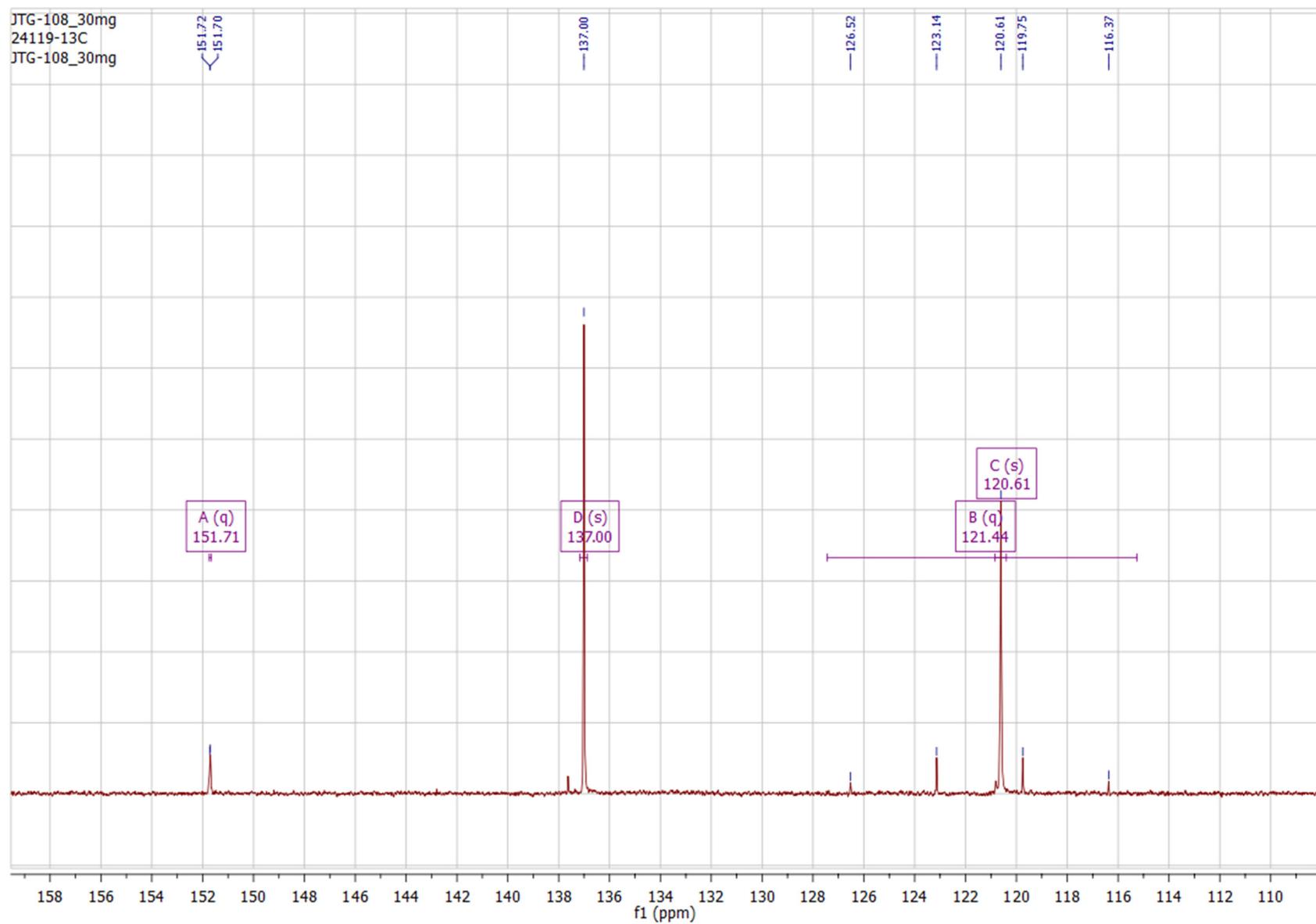


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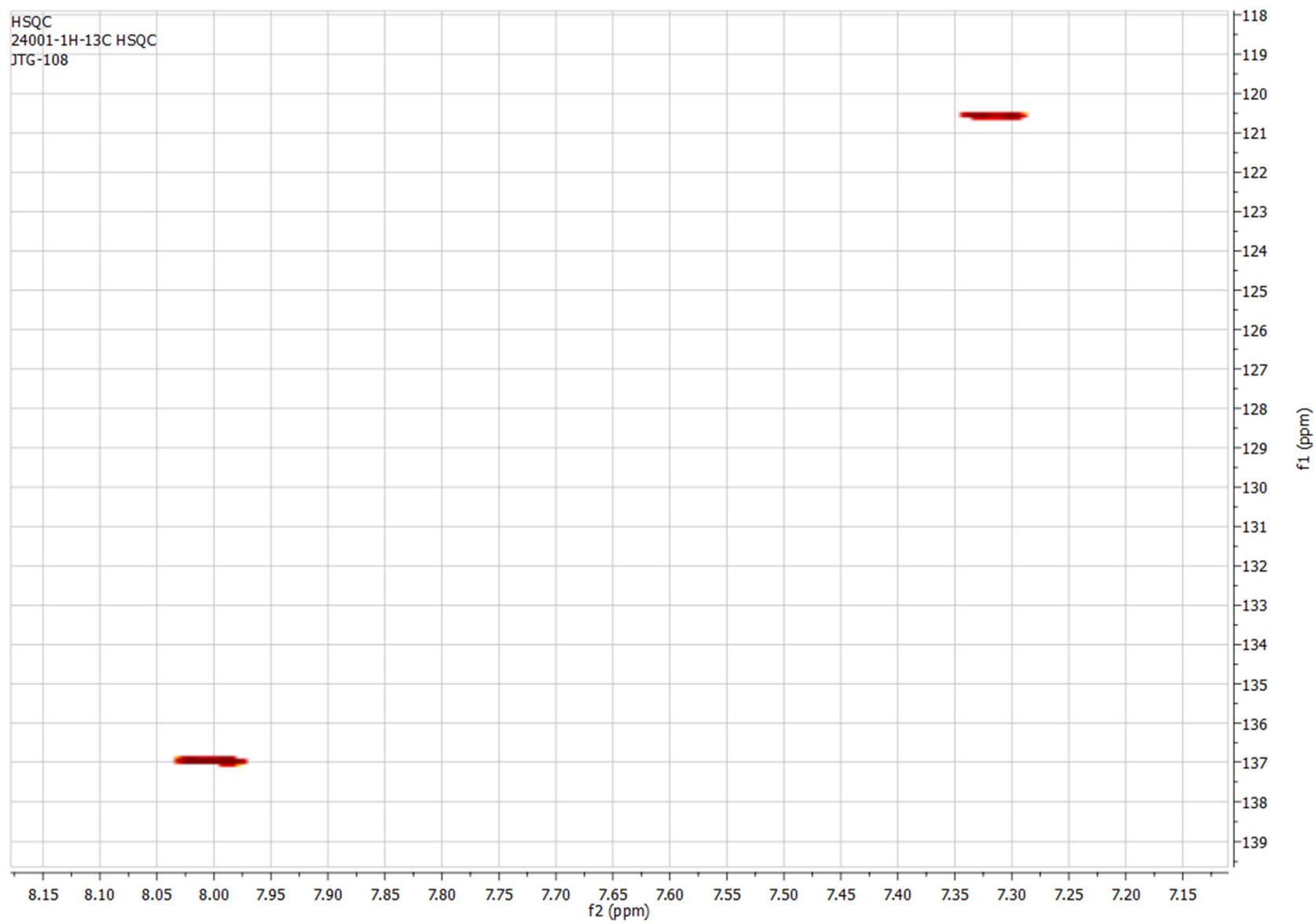


Figure S34. HSQC spectrum of **3** in  $(\text{CD}_3)_2\text{CO}$ .

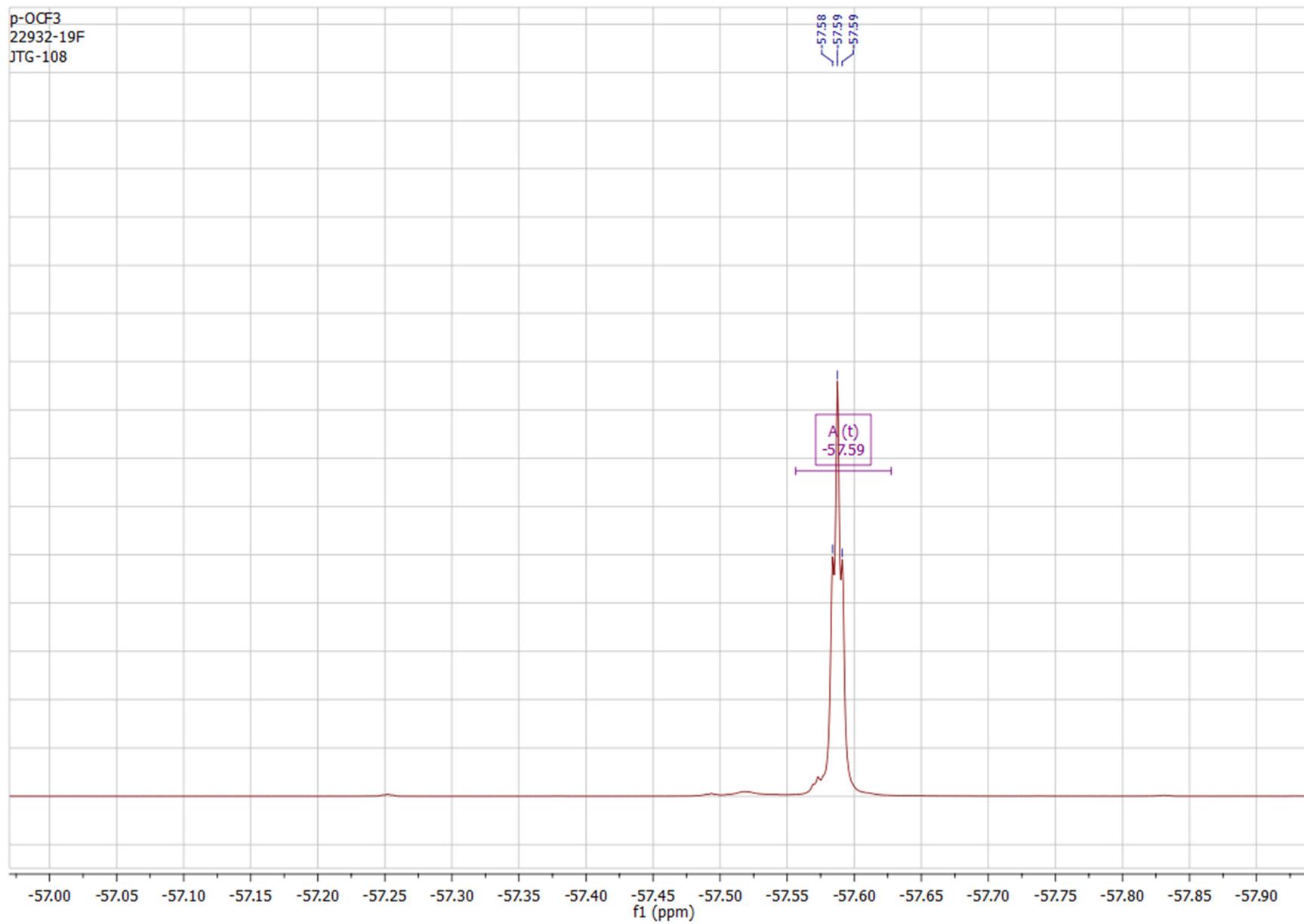


Figure S35.  $^{19}\text{F}$ -NMR spectrum of **3** in  $(\text{CD}_3)_2\text{CO}$ .

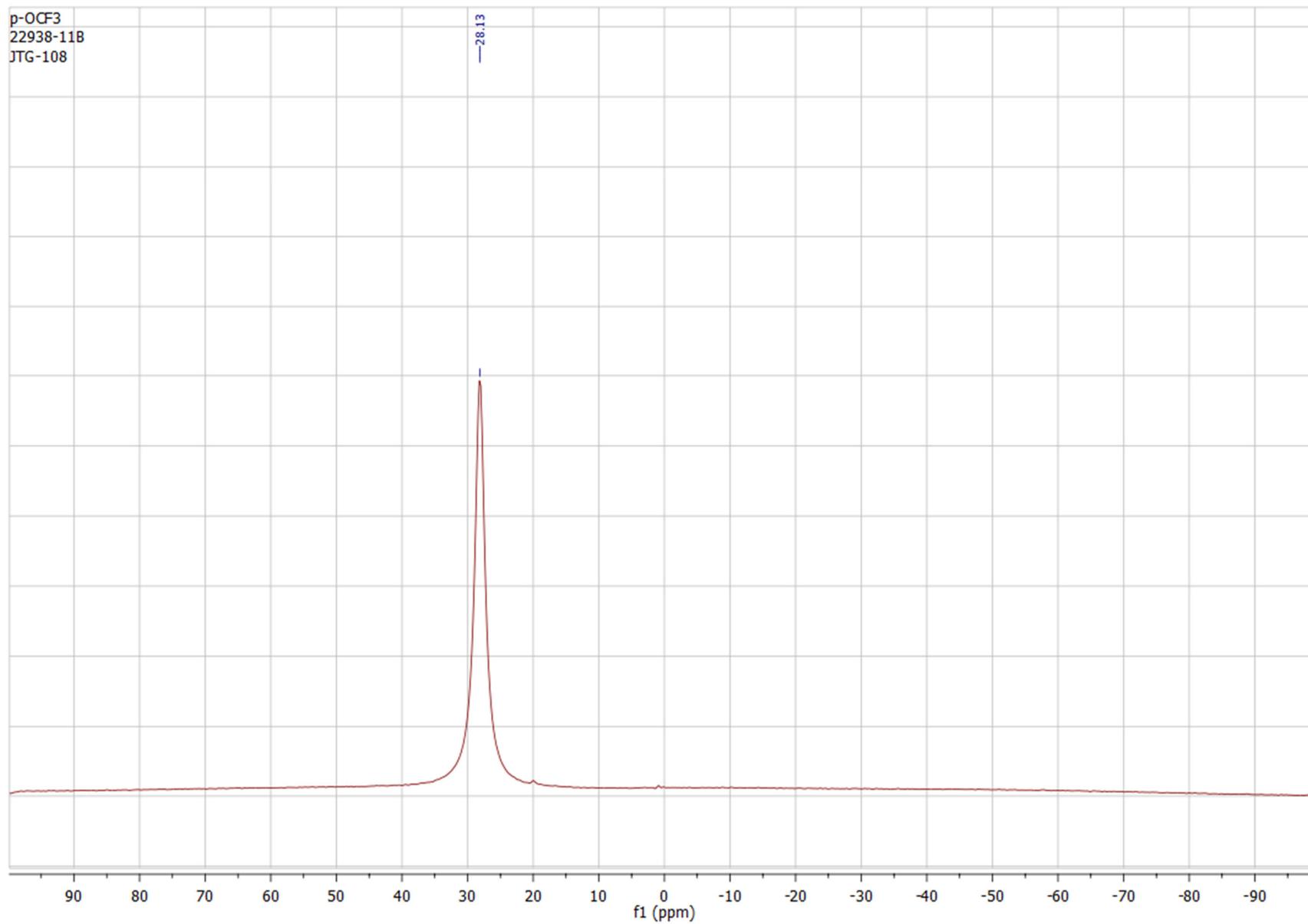


Figure S36.  $^{11}\text{B}$ -NMR spectrum of **3** in  $(\text{CD}_3)_2\text{CO}$ .

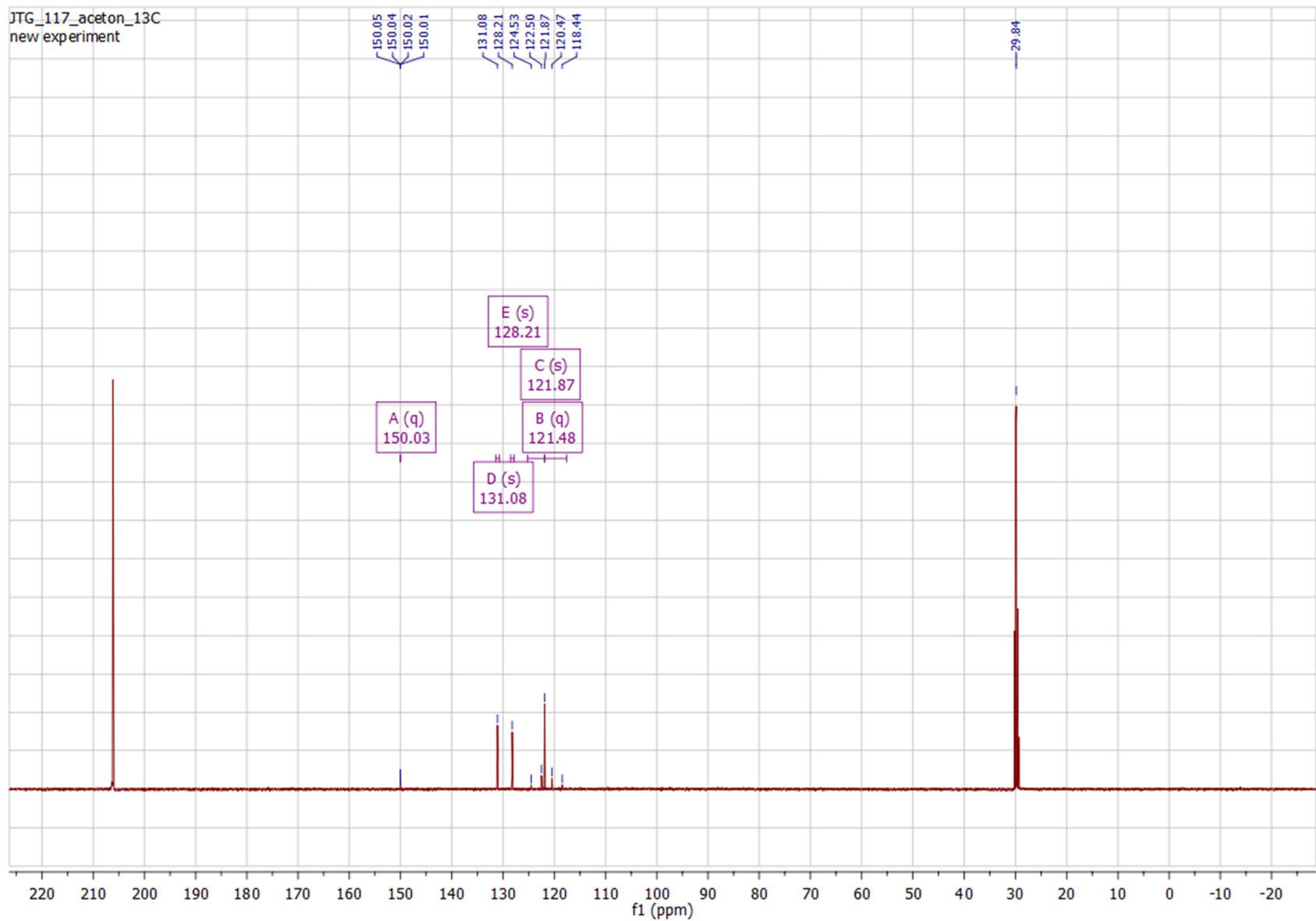


Figure S37.  $^{13}\text{C}$ -NMR spectrum of  $\alpha\alpha\alpha$ -trifluoroanisole in  $(\text{CD}_3)_2\text{CO}$ .