

Systematic Modification of the Substitution Pattern of the 7-Hydroxy-5-oxopyrazolo[4,3-*b*]pyridine-6-carboxamide Scaffold Enabled the Discovery of New Ligands with High Affinity and Selectivity for the Cannabinoid Type 2 Receptor

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X-Ray crystallographic analysis of compound **51**

A single crystal of compound **51** was submitted to X-ray data collection on an Oxford-Diffraction Xcalibur Sapphire 3 diffractometer with a graphite monochromated Mo-K α radiation ($\lambda = 0.71073$ Å) at 293 K. The structure was solved by direct methods implemented in SHELXS-97 program [1]. The refinement was carried out by full-matrix anisotropic least-squares on F^2 for all reflections for non-H atoms by means of the SHELXL-97 program [2]. Crystallographic data have been deposited with the Cambridge Crystallographic Data Centre as supplementary publication no. 2265135. Copies of the data can be obtained, free of charge, on application to CCDC, 12 Union Road, Cambridge CB2 1EZ, UK; (fax: + 44 (0) 1223 336 033; or e- mail: deposit@ccdc.cam.ac.uk).

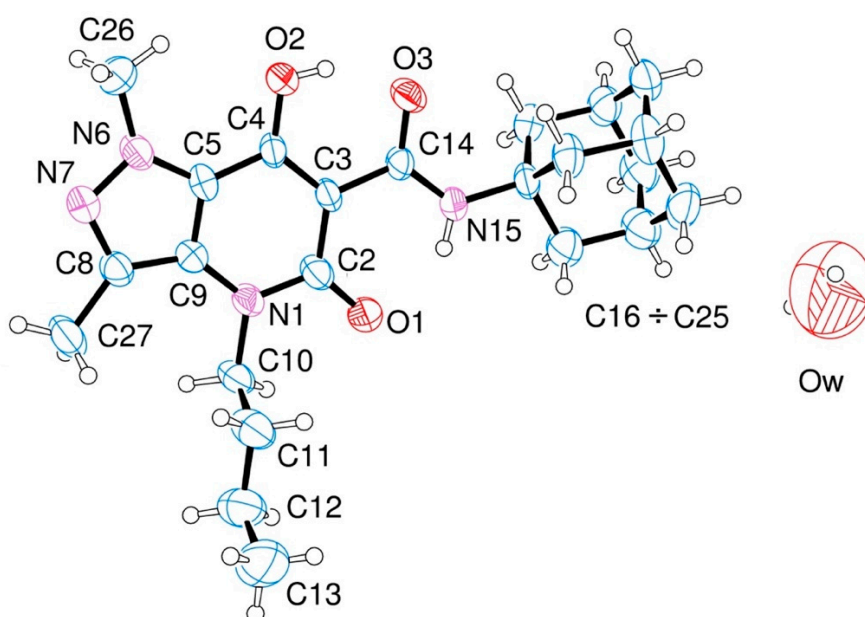
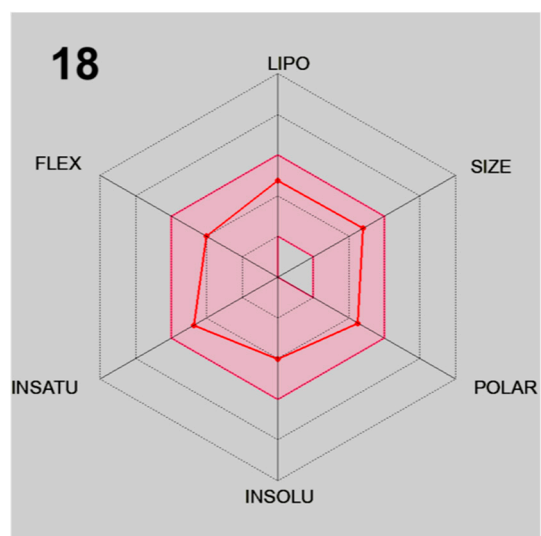
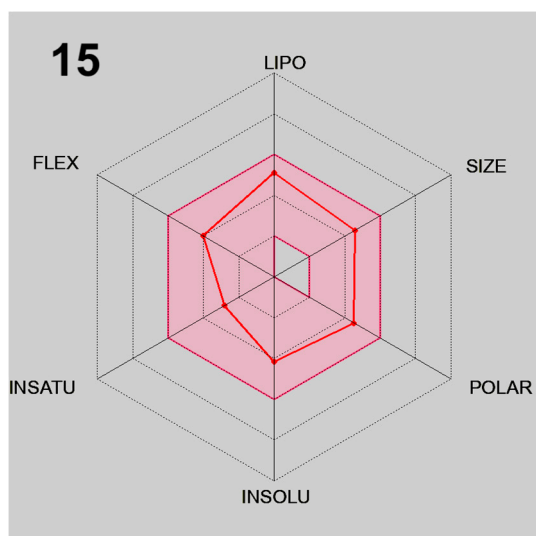


Figure S1. X-ray crystal structure of compound **51**. Ellipsoids enclose 50% probability

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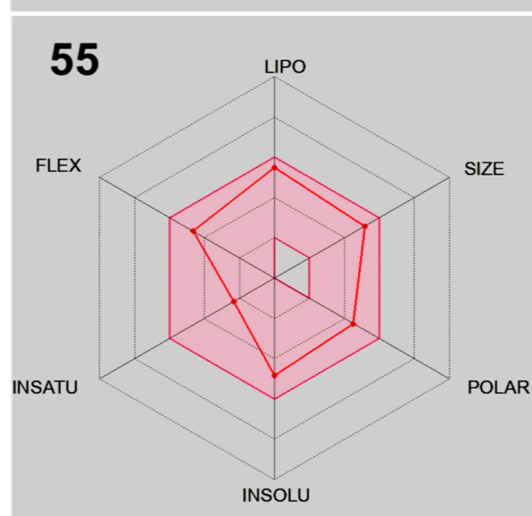
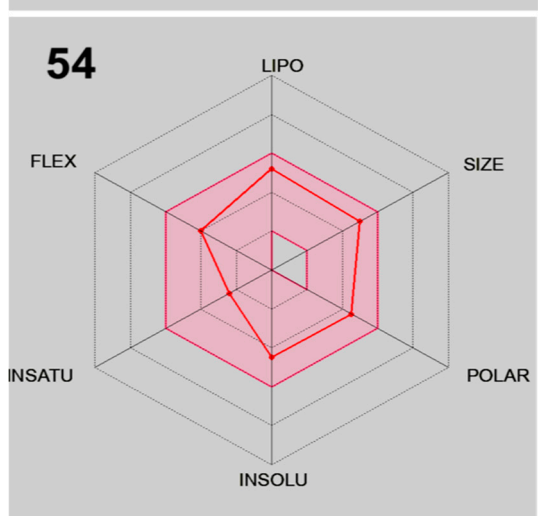
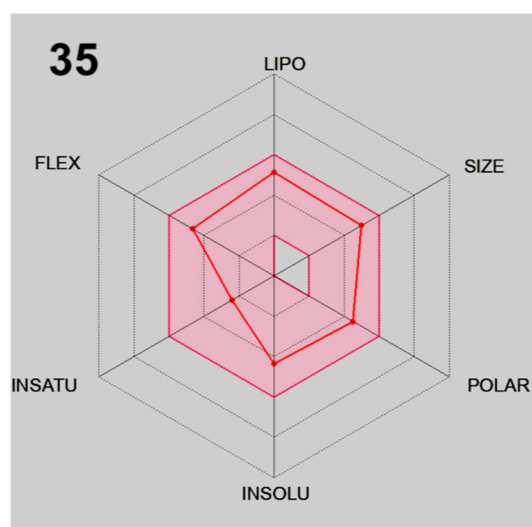
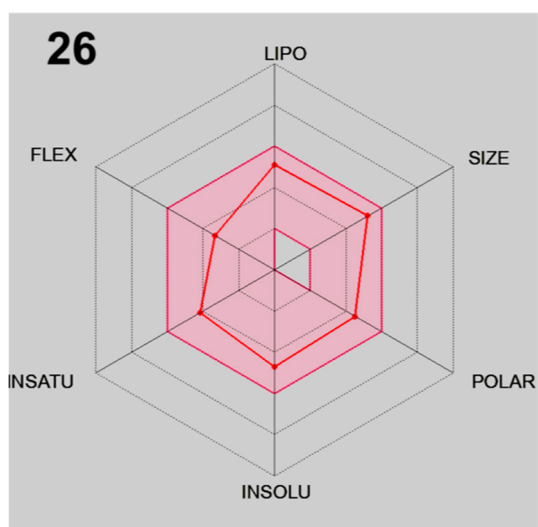


Figure S2. Bioavailability radar plot of selected compounds using the SwissADME software

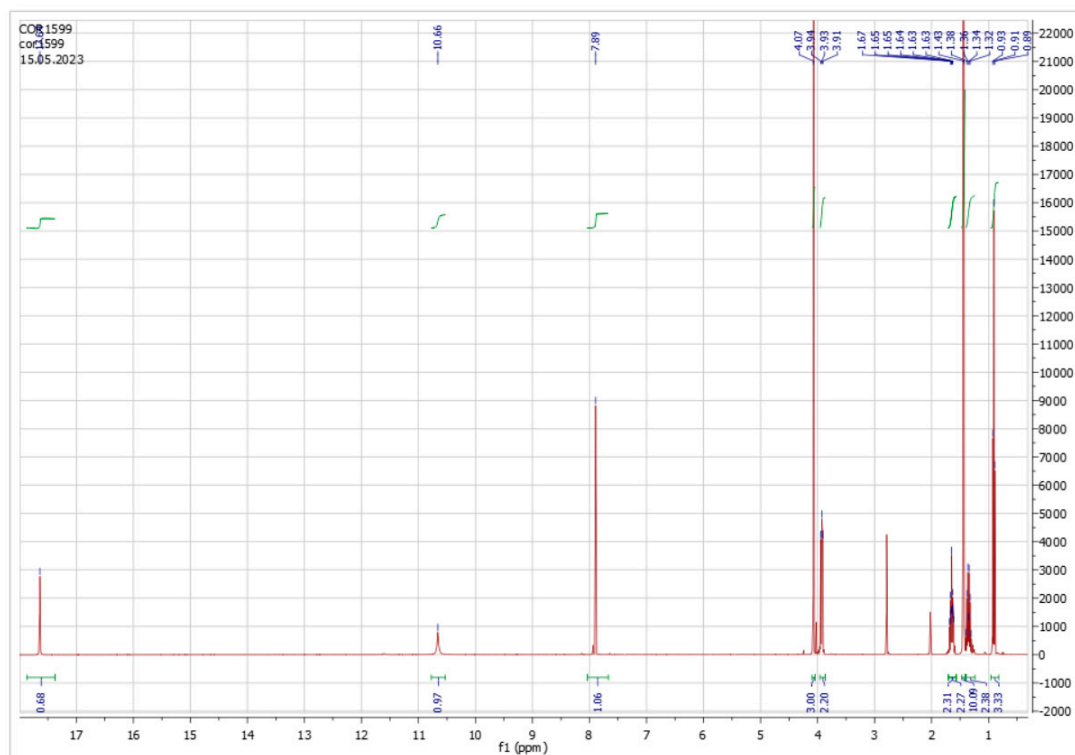


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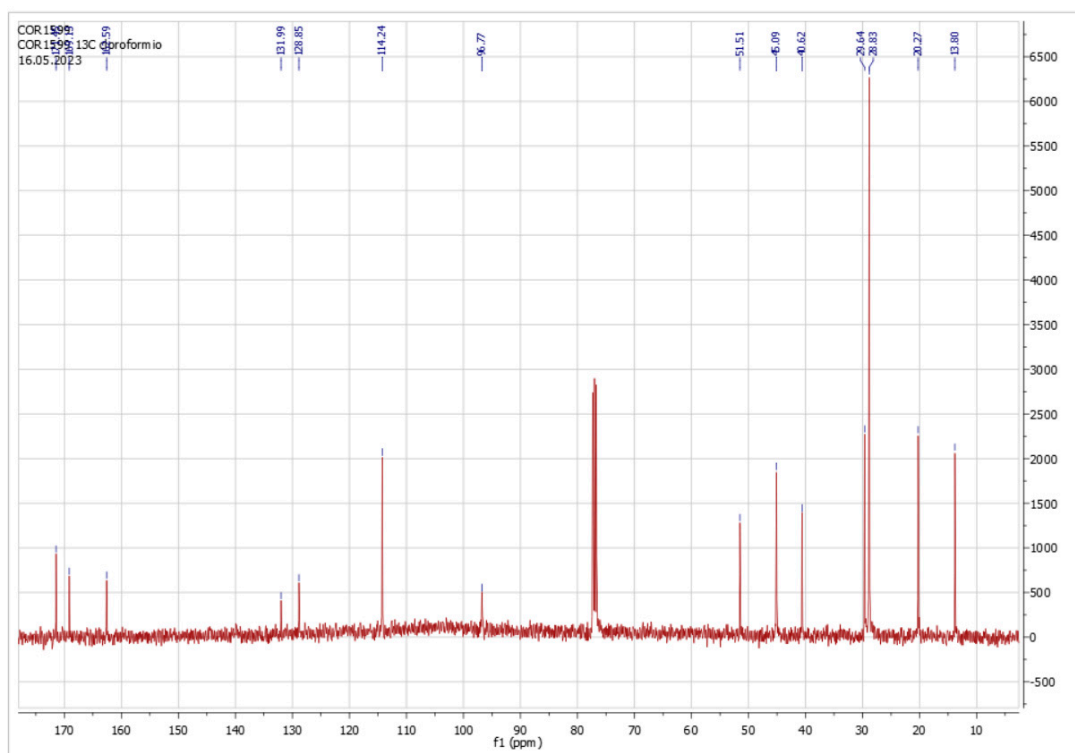


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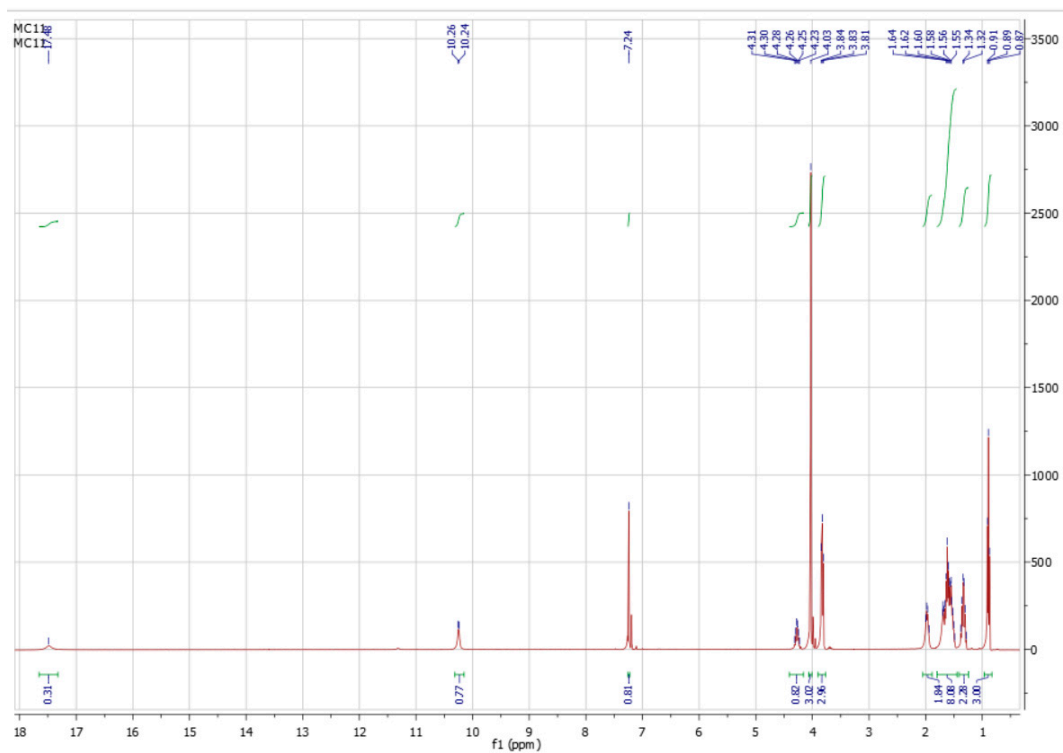


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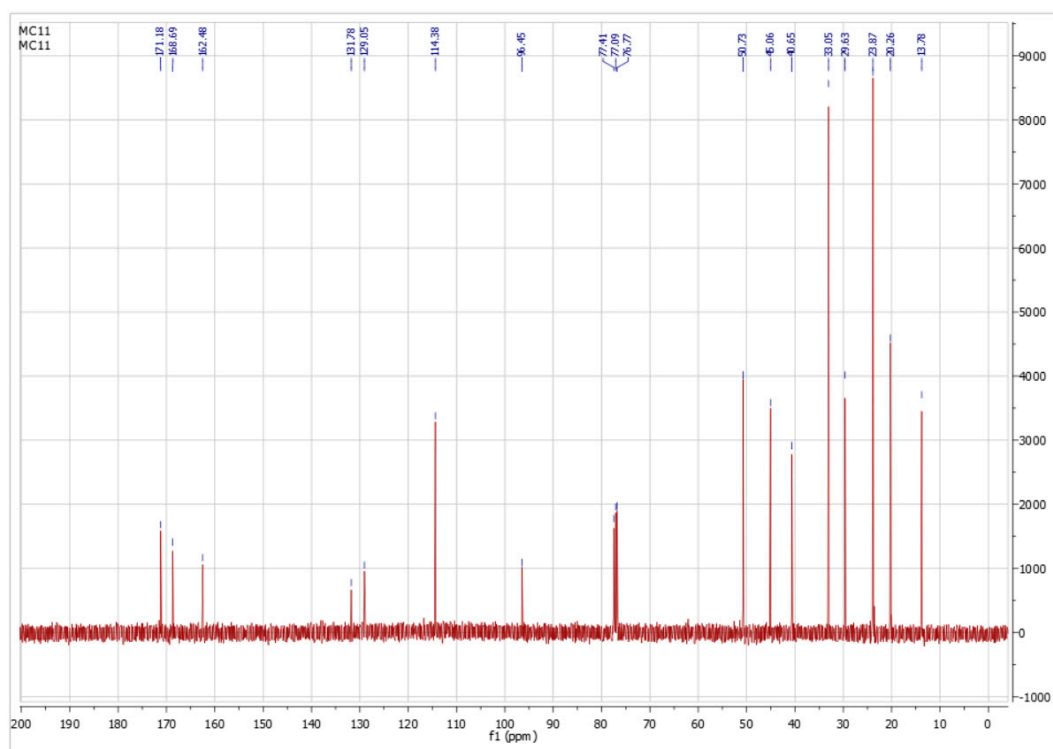


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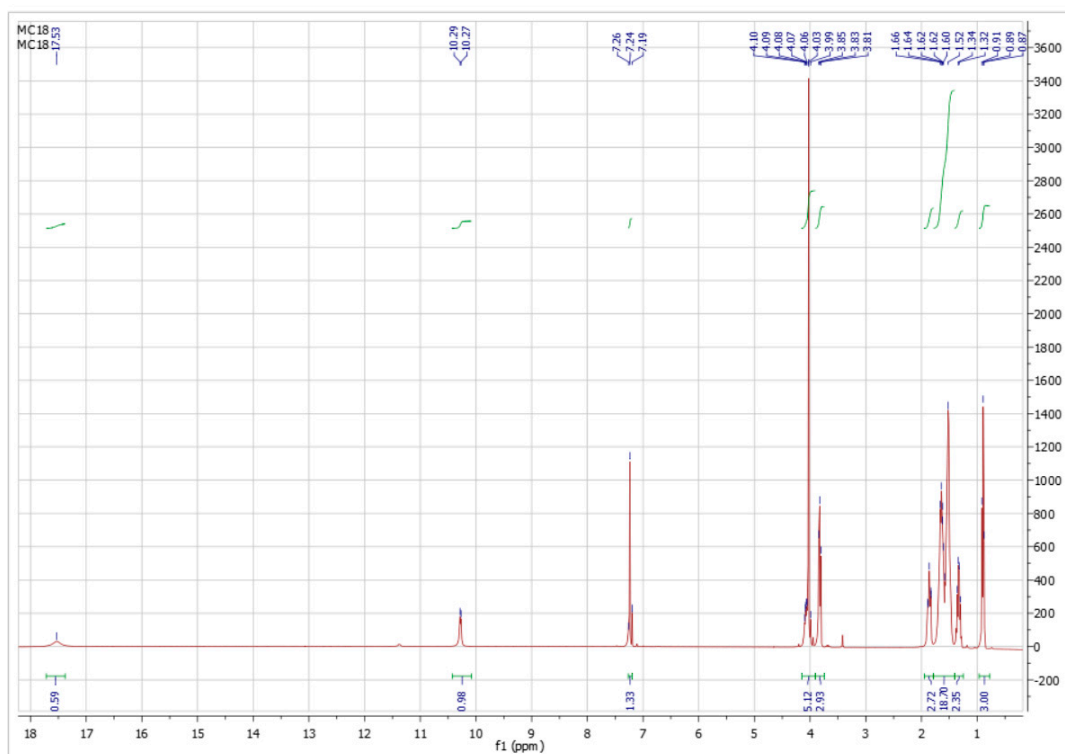


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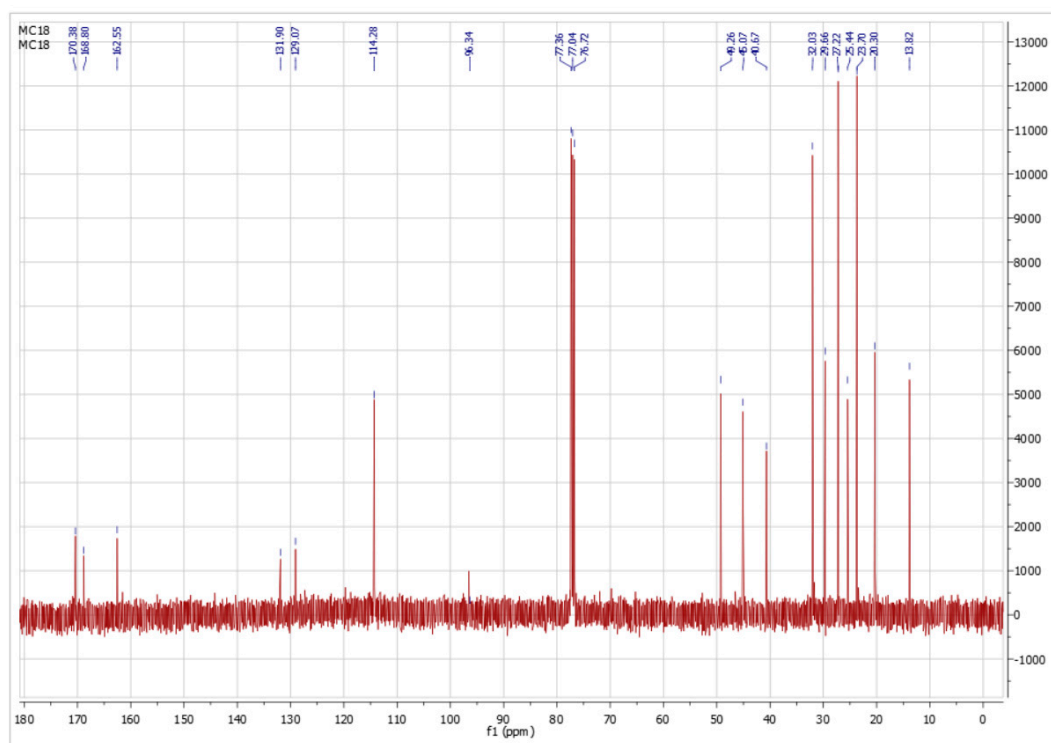


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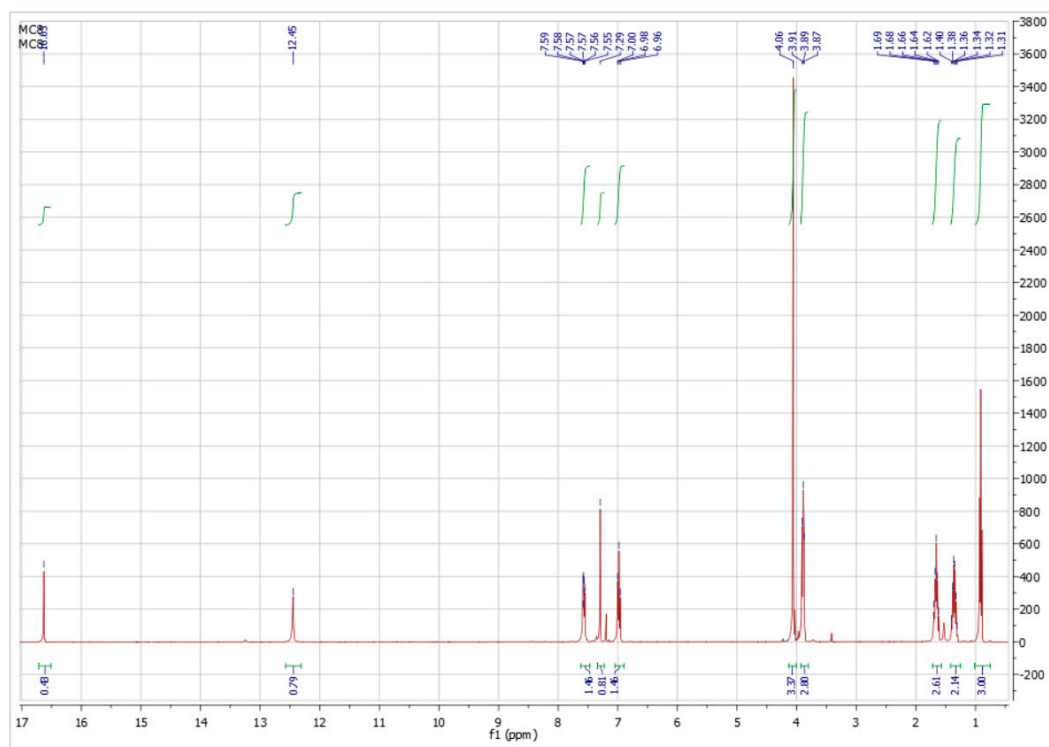


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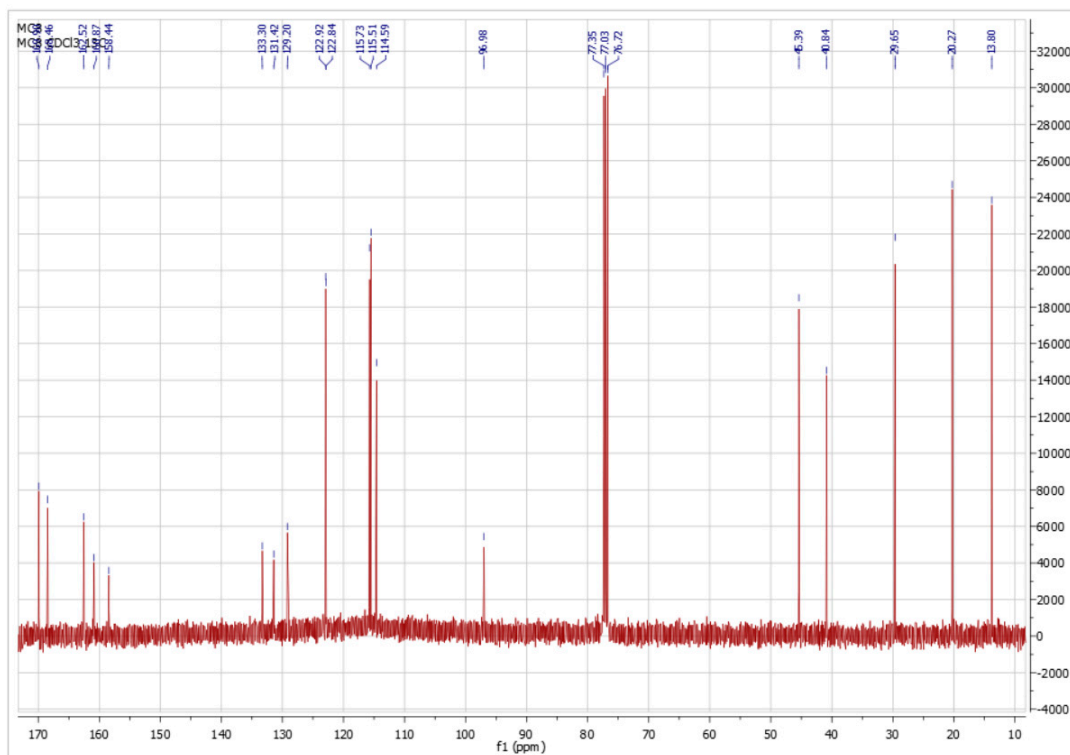


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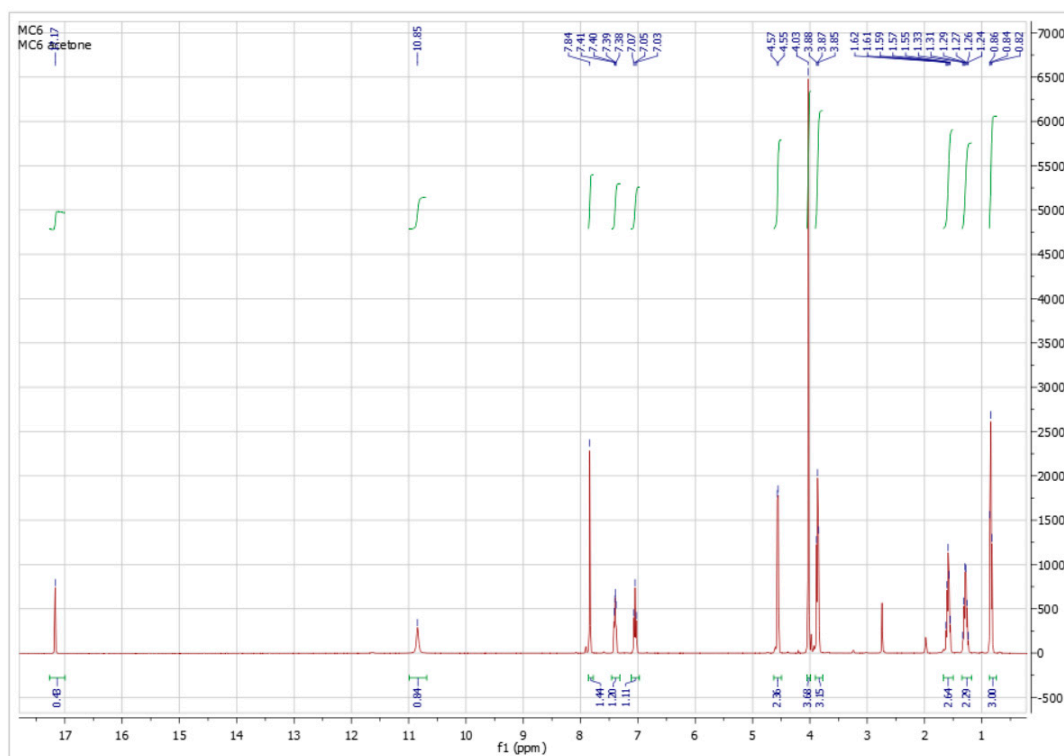


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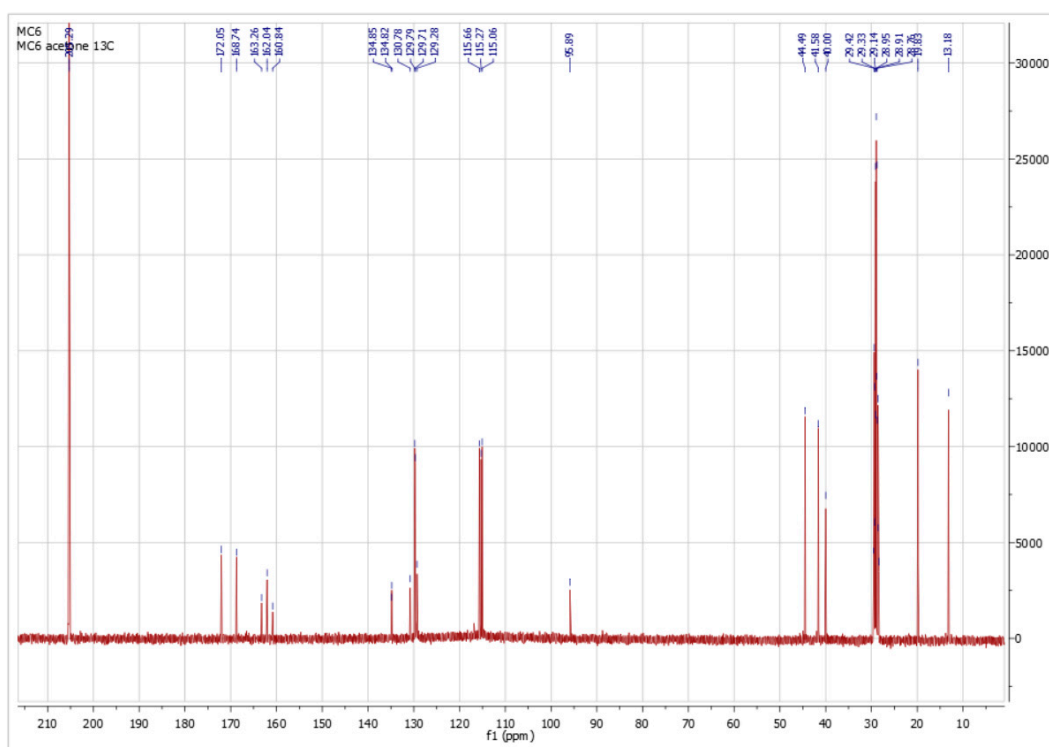


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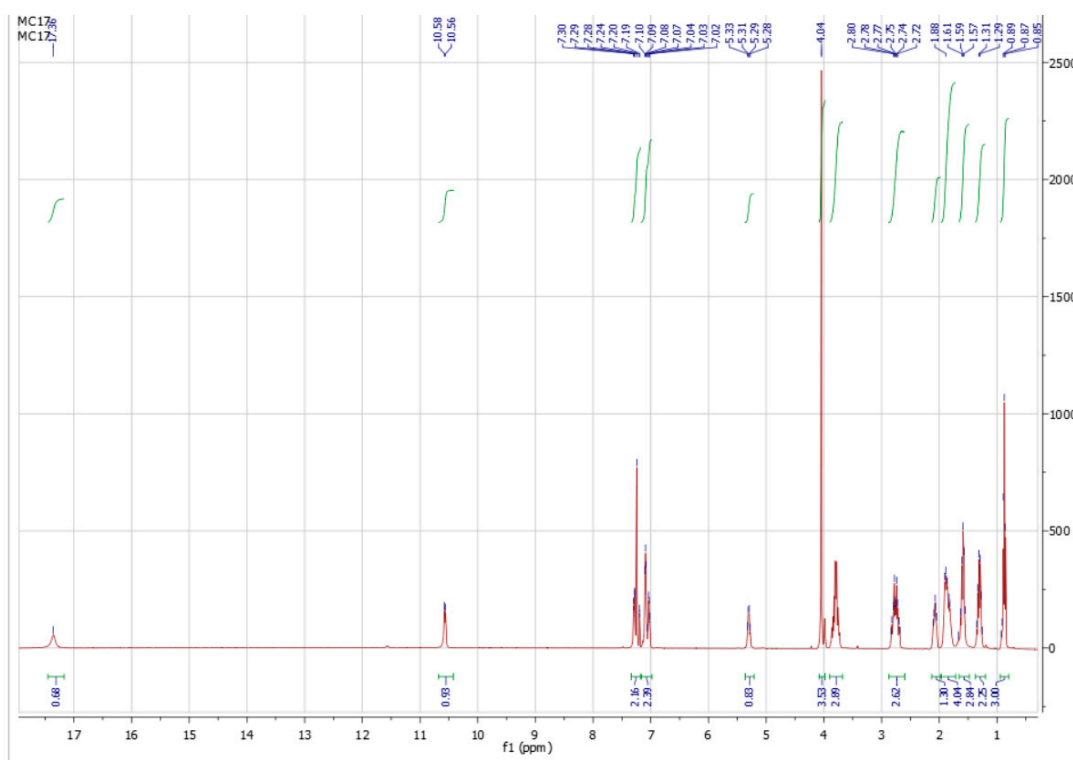


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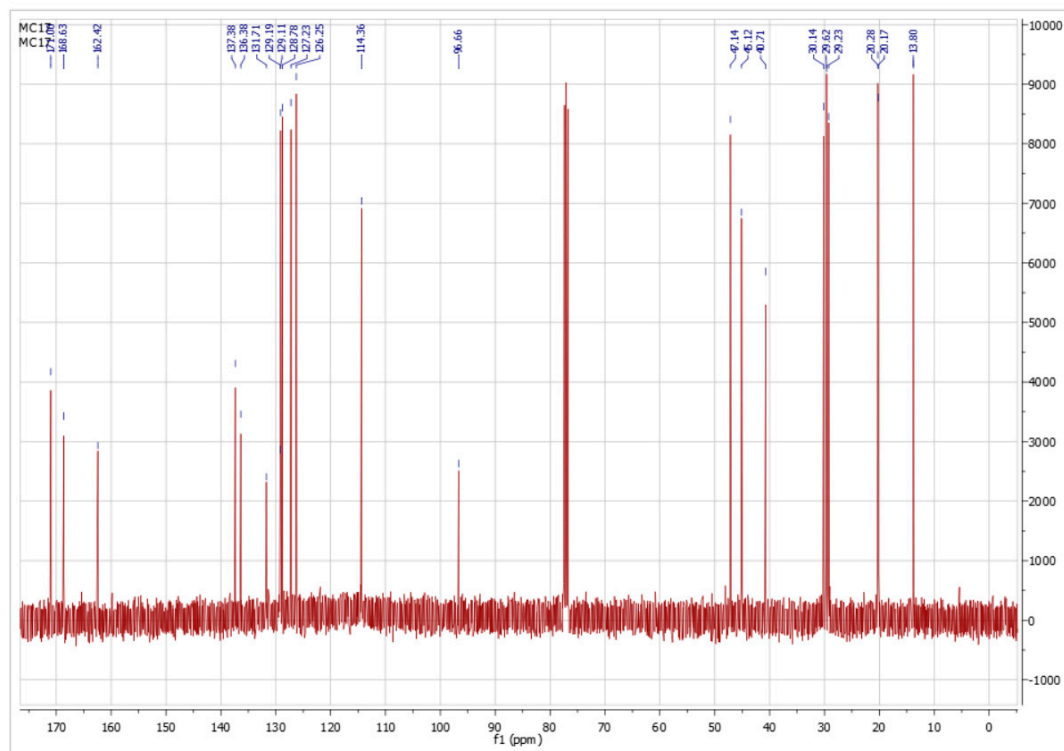


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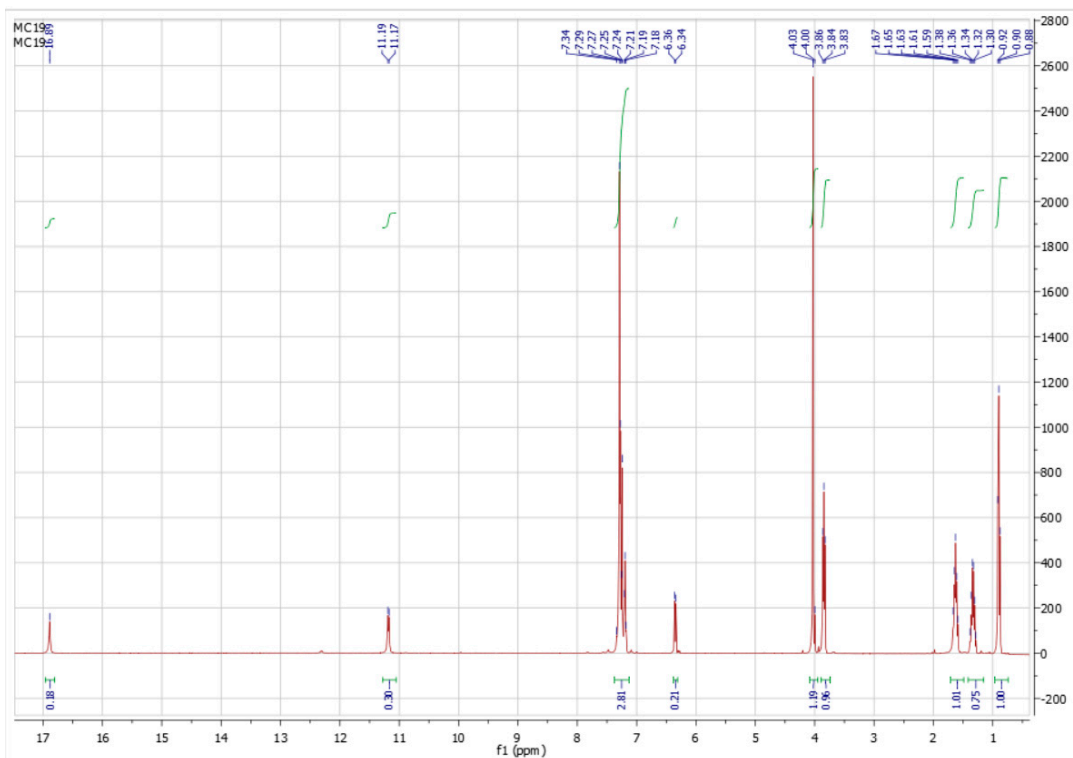


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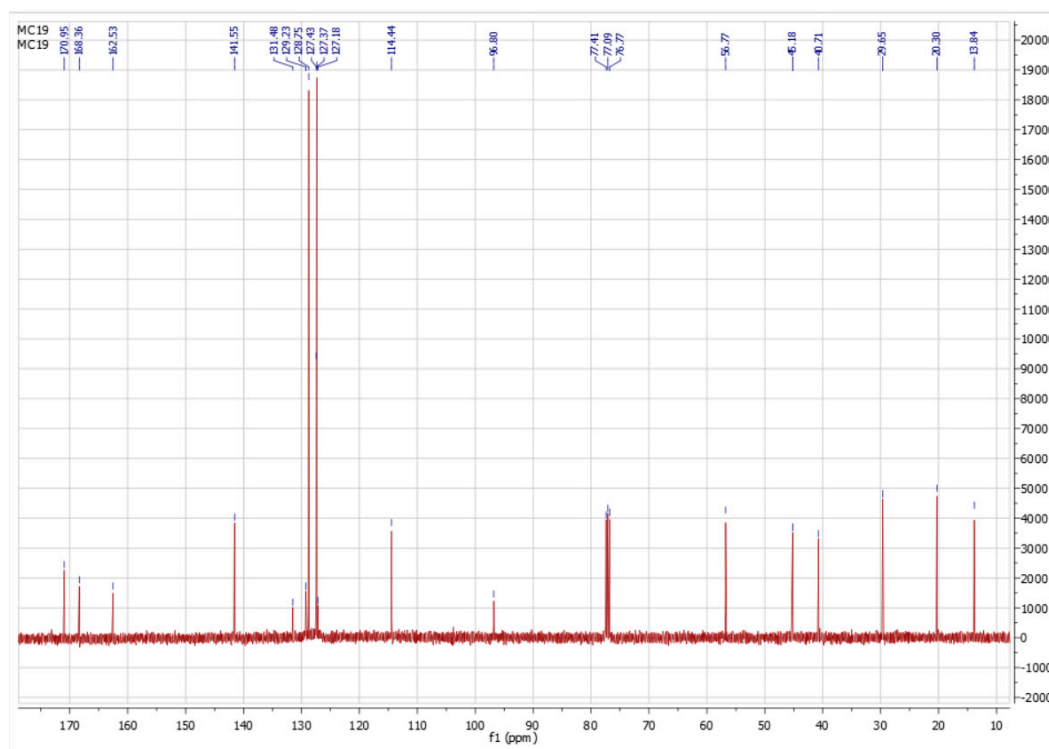


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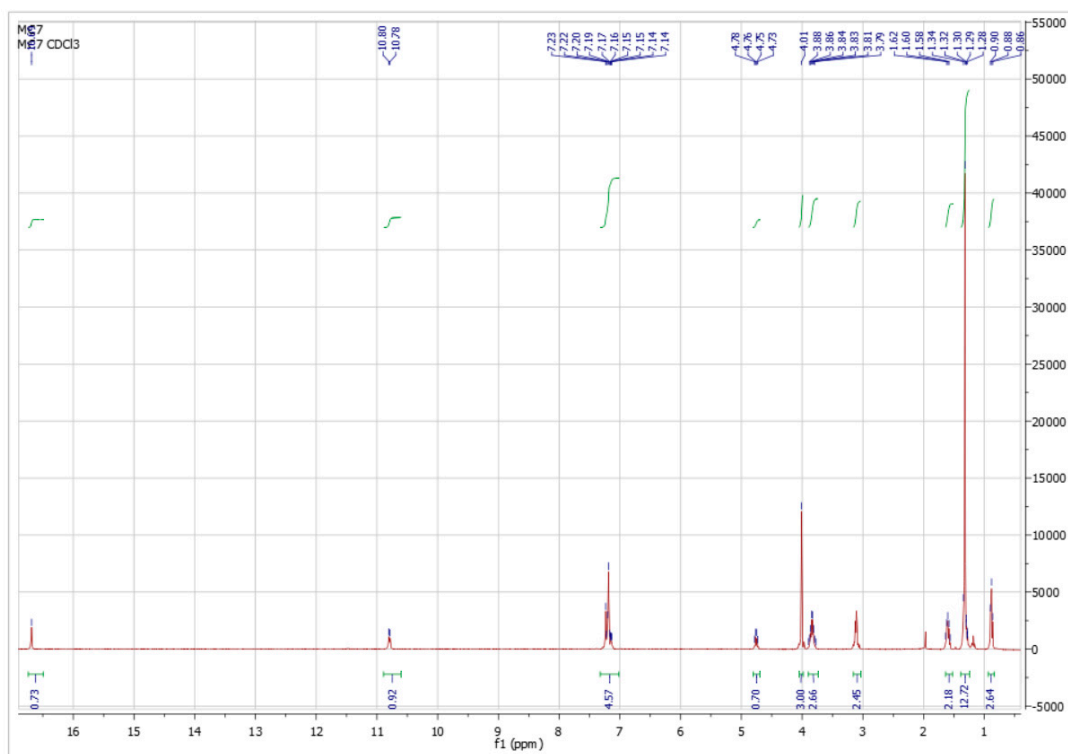


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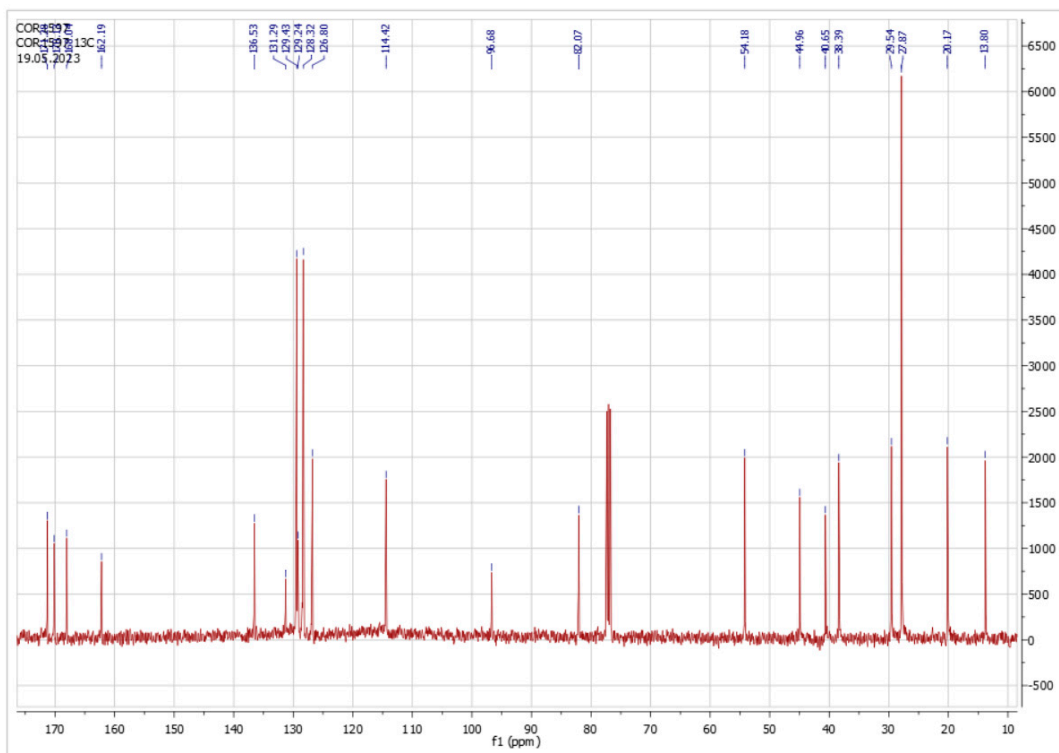


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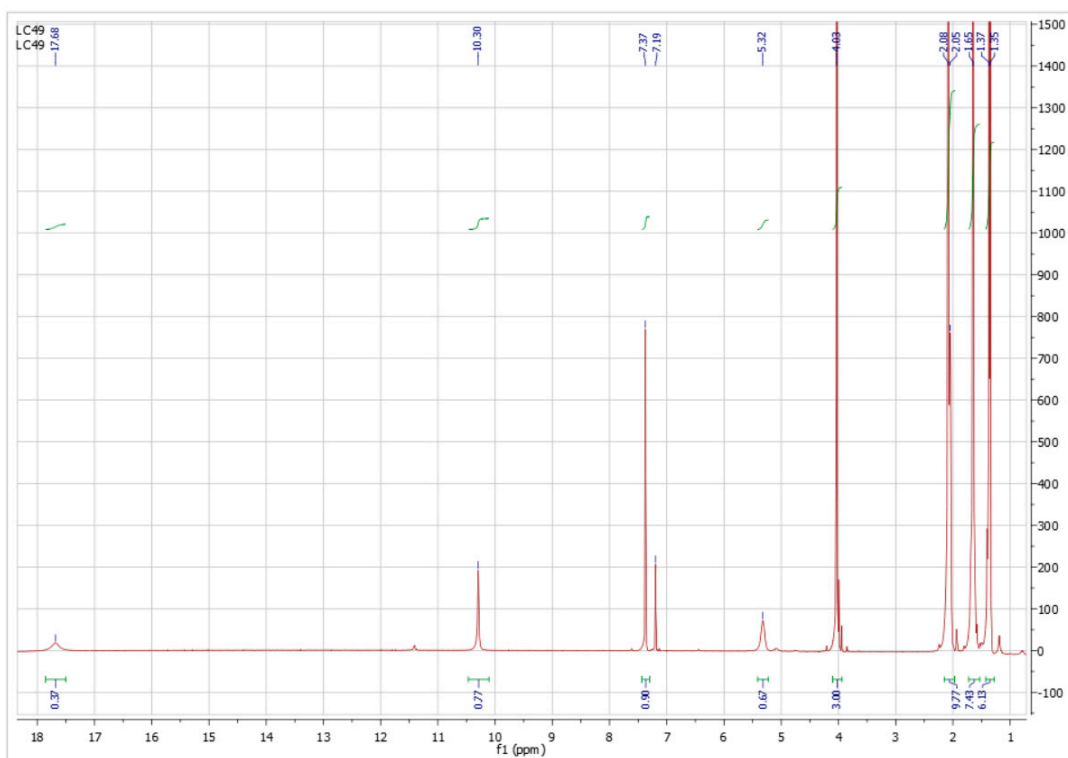


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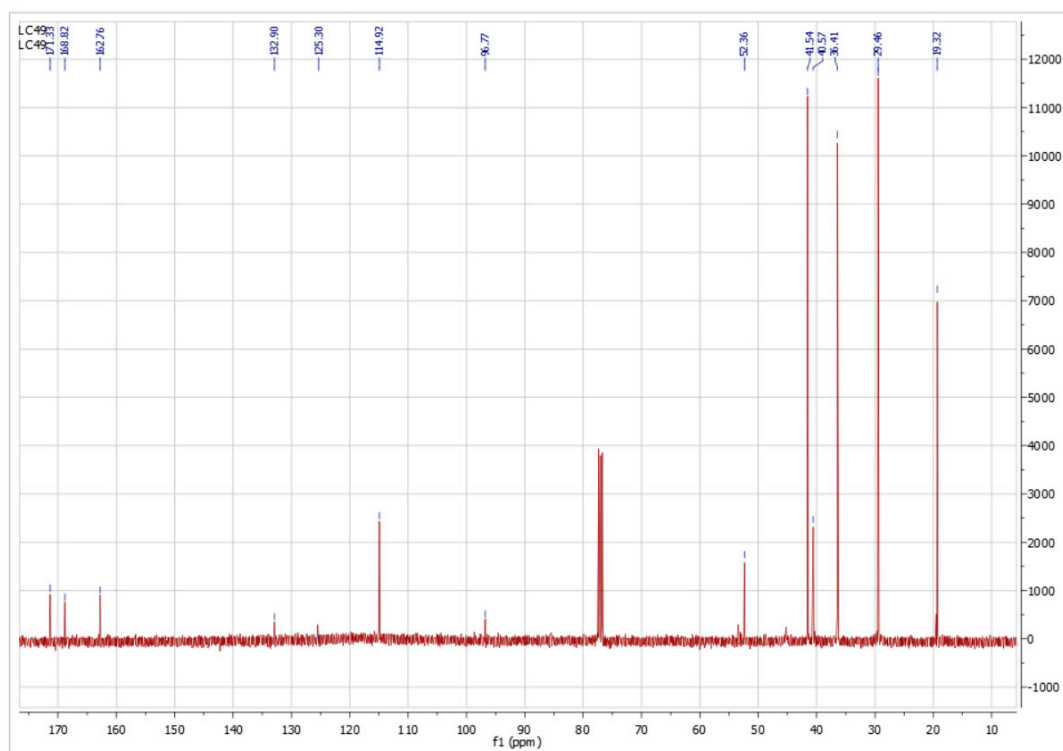


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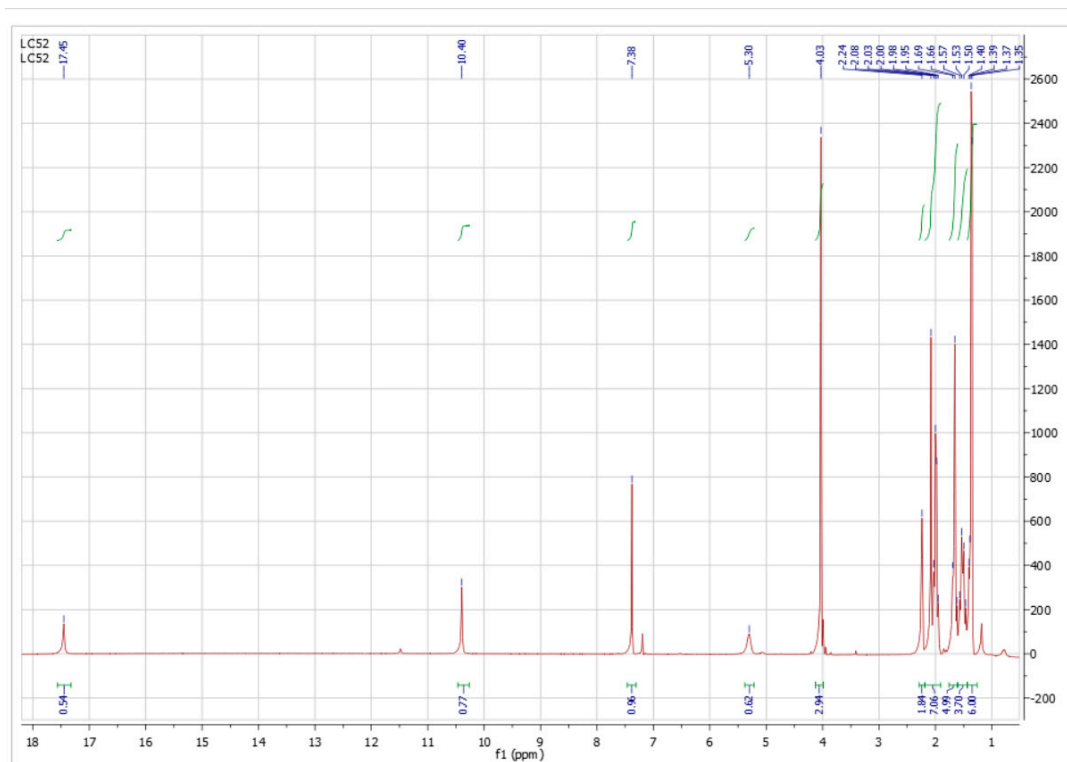


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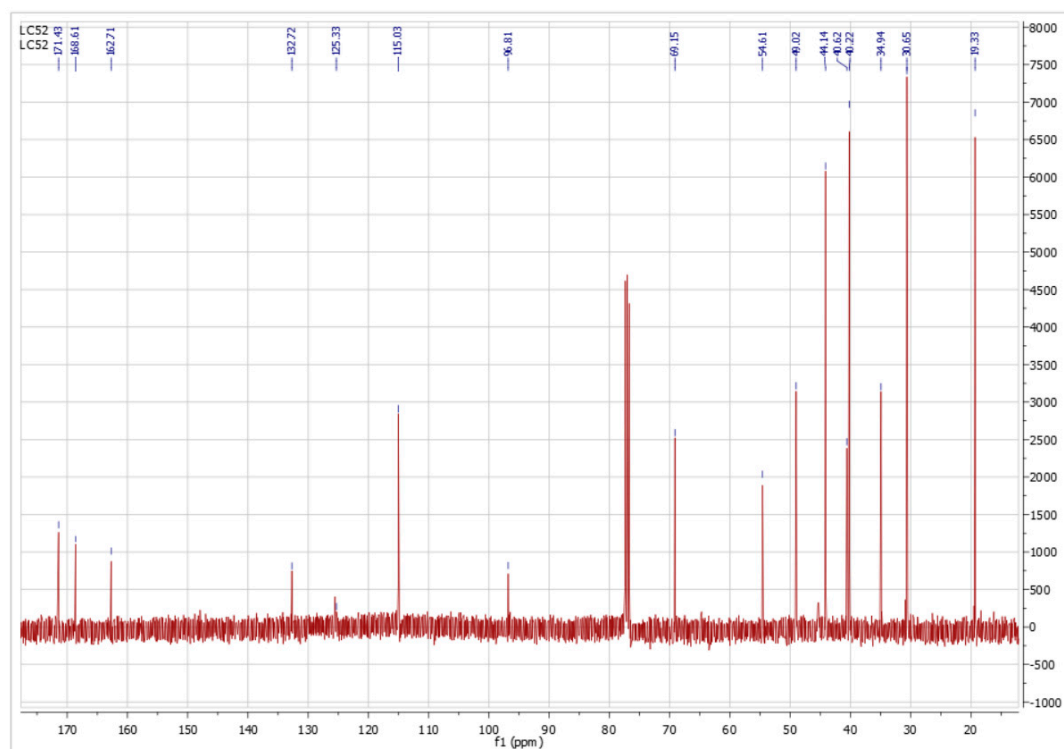


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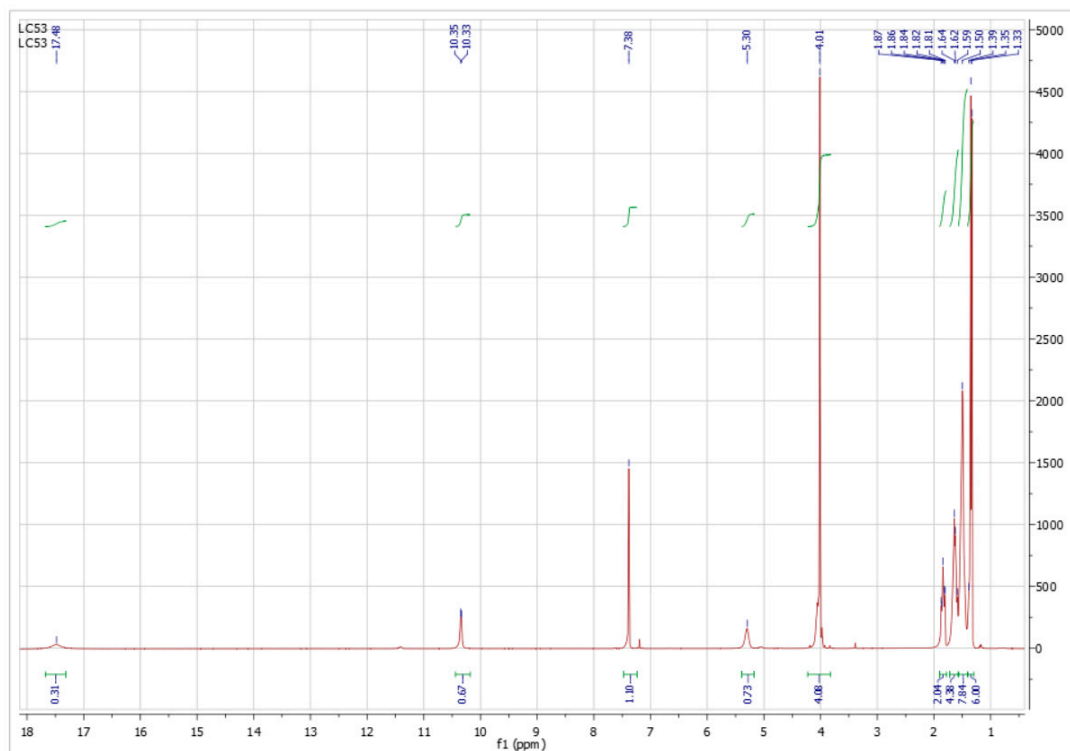


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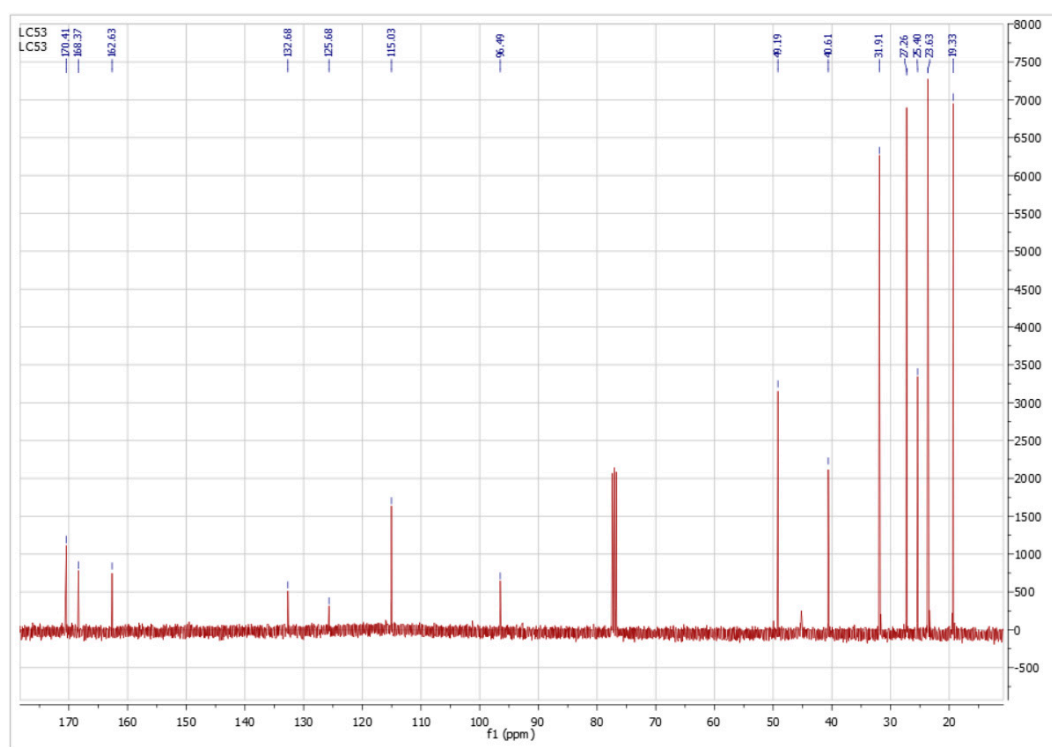


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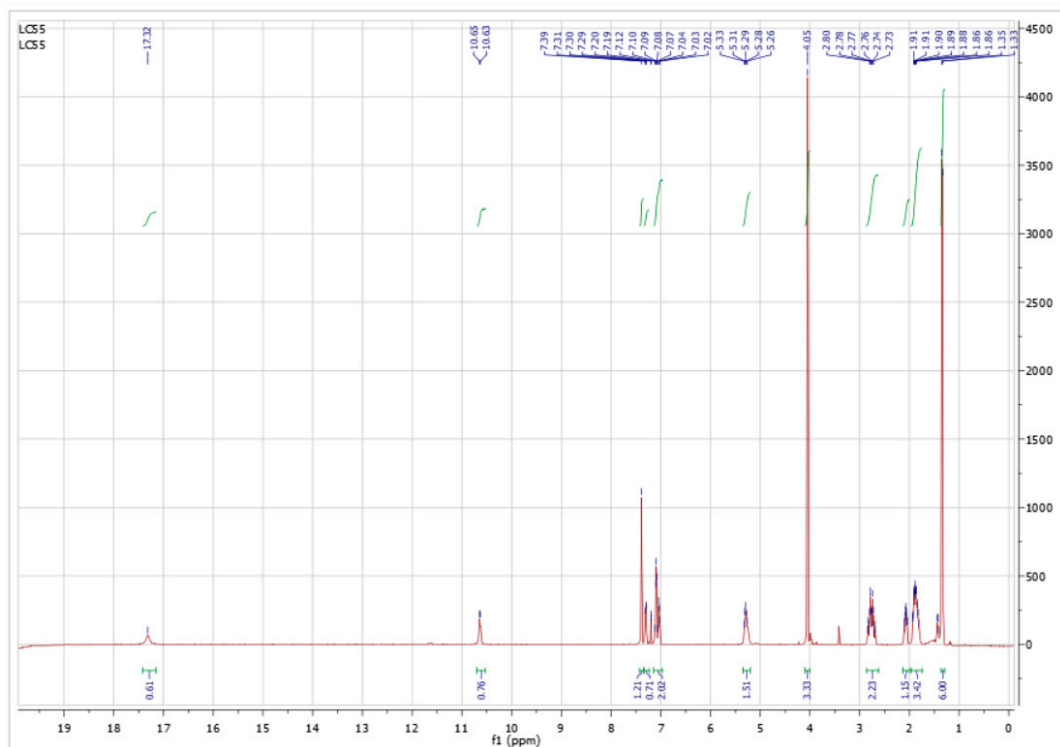


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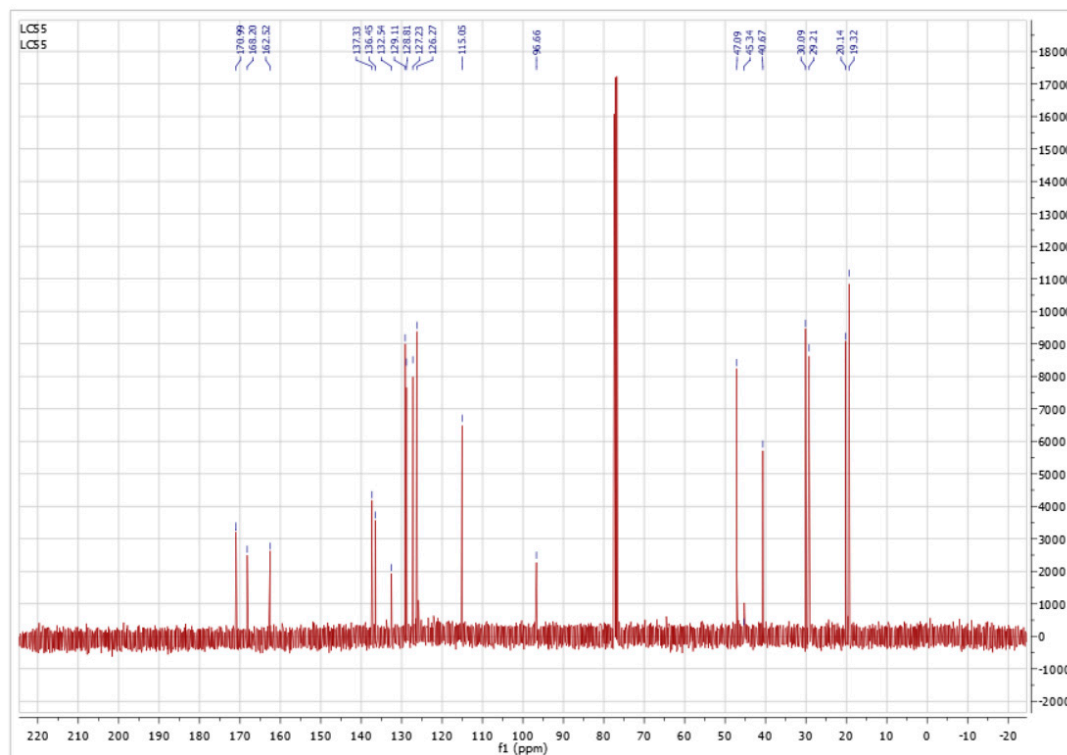


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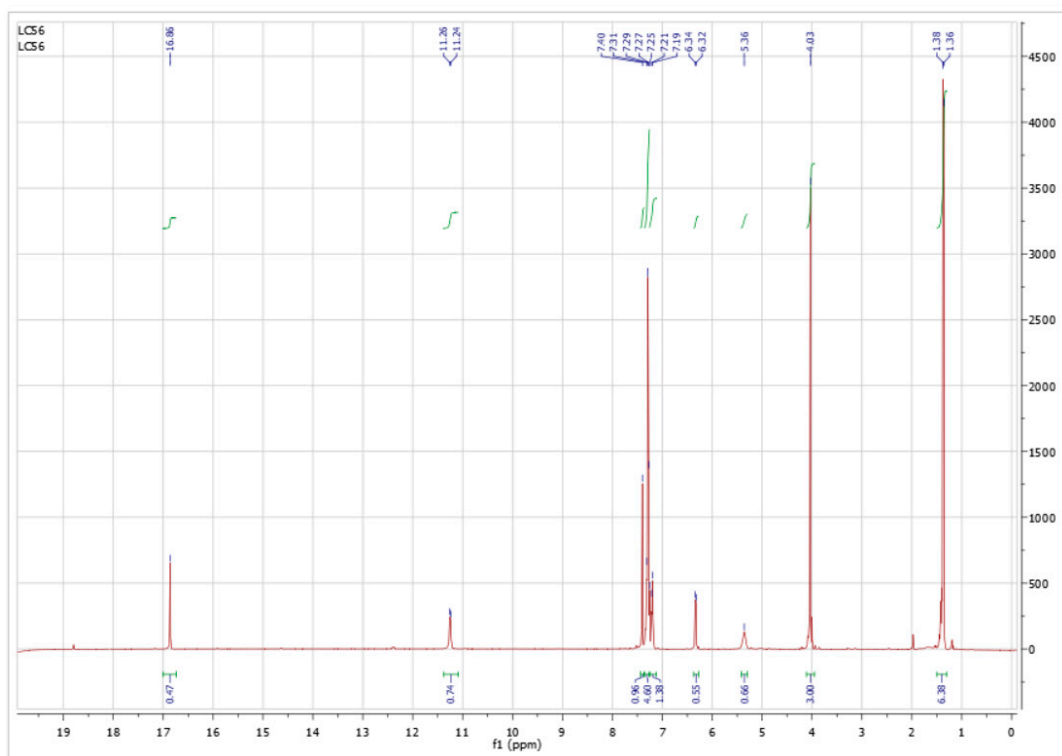


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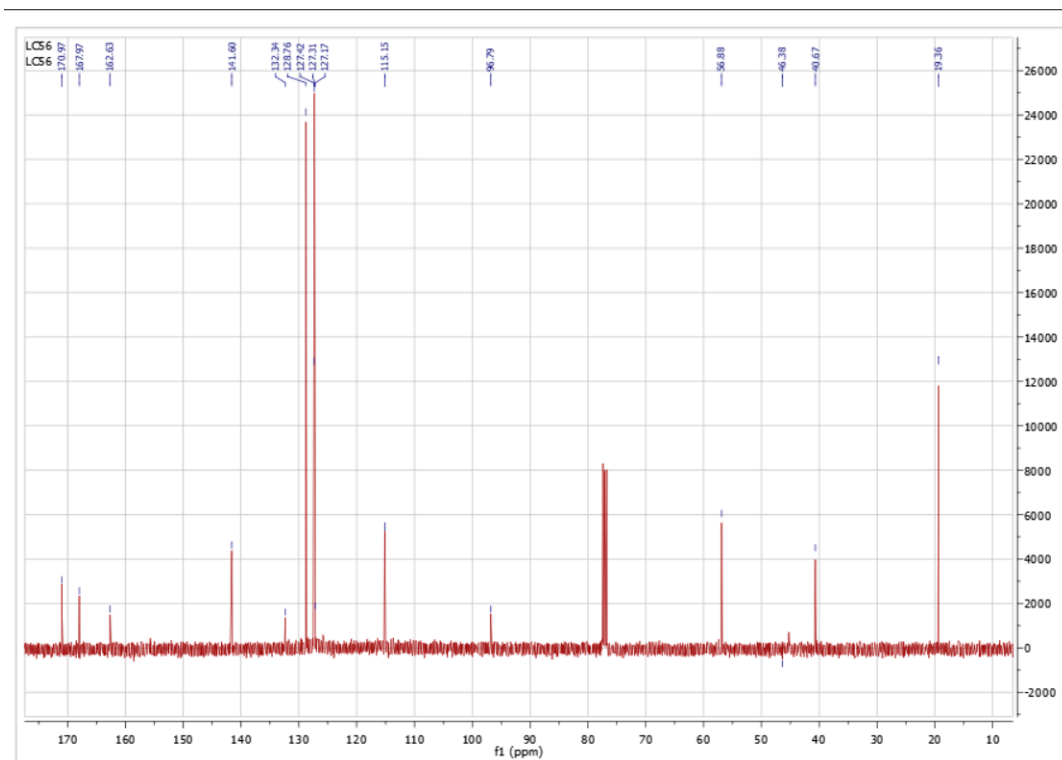


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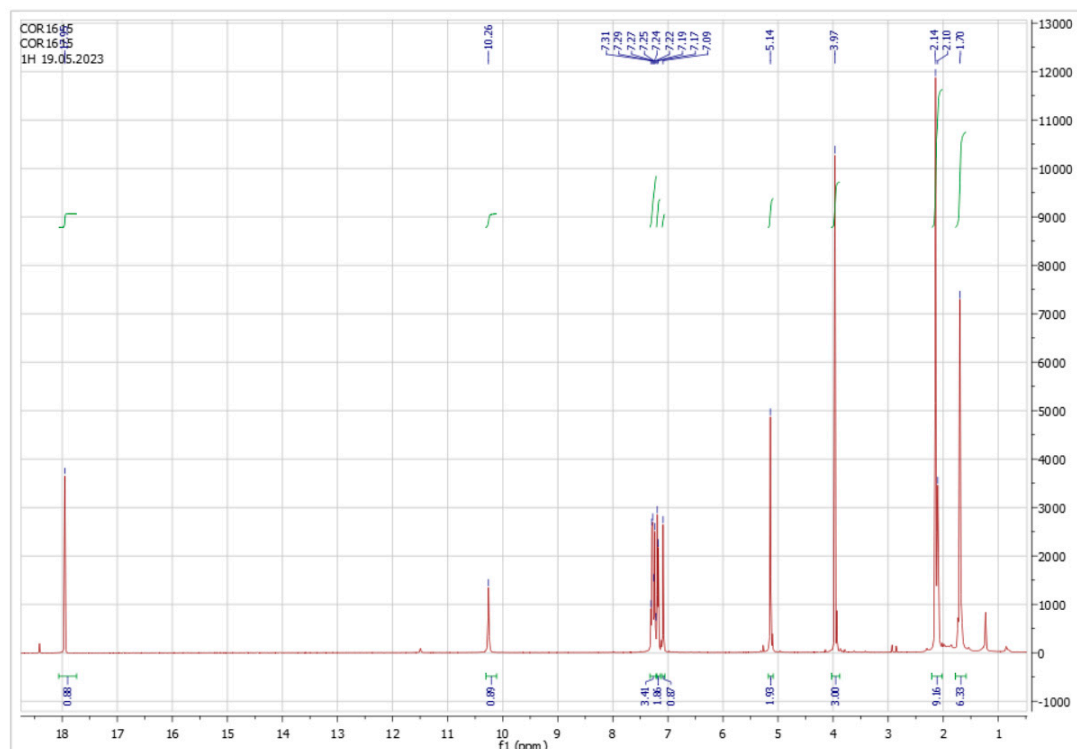


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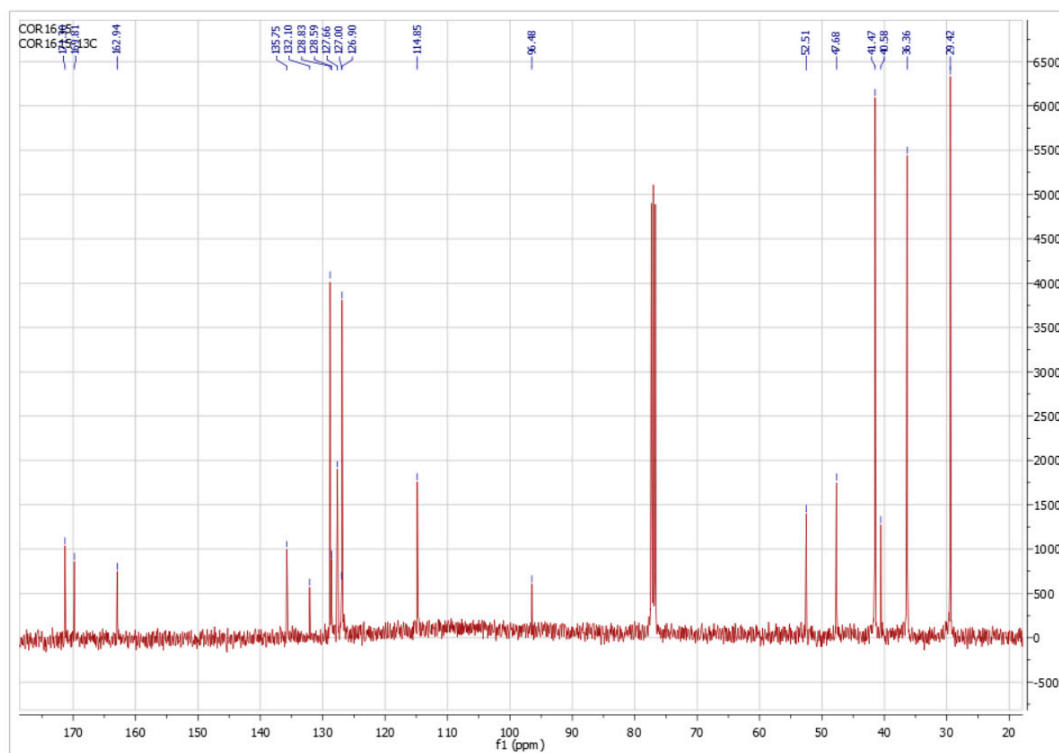


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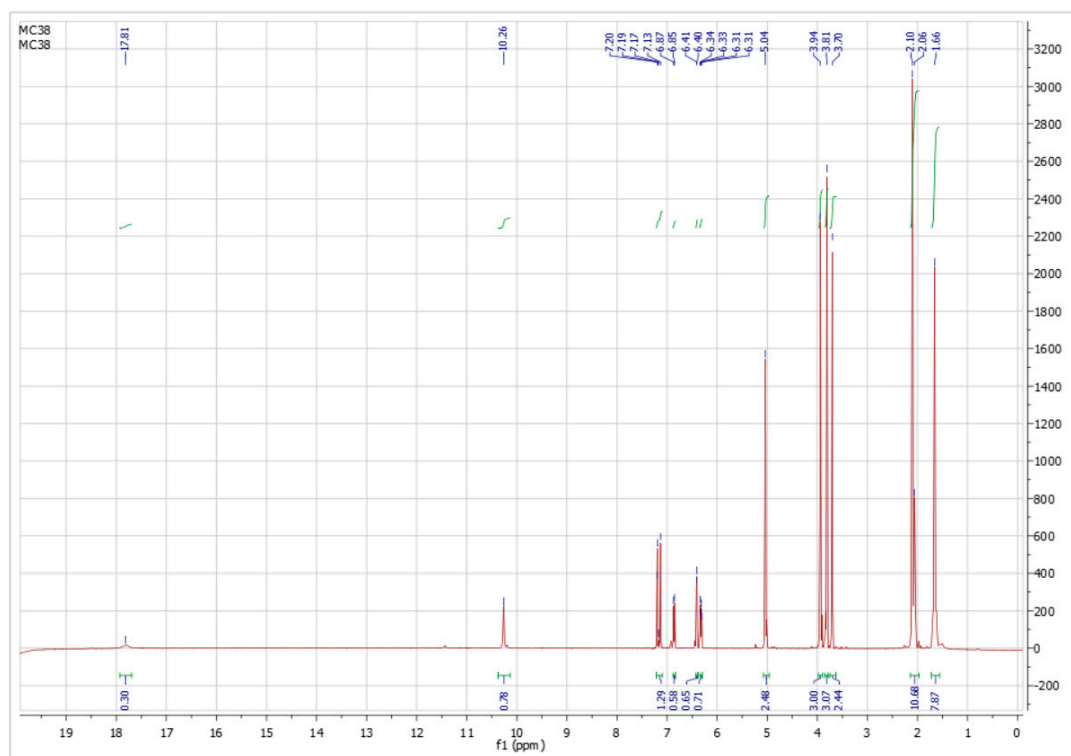


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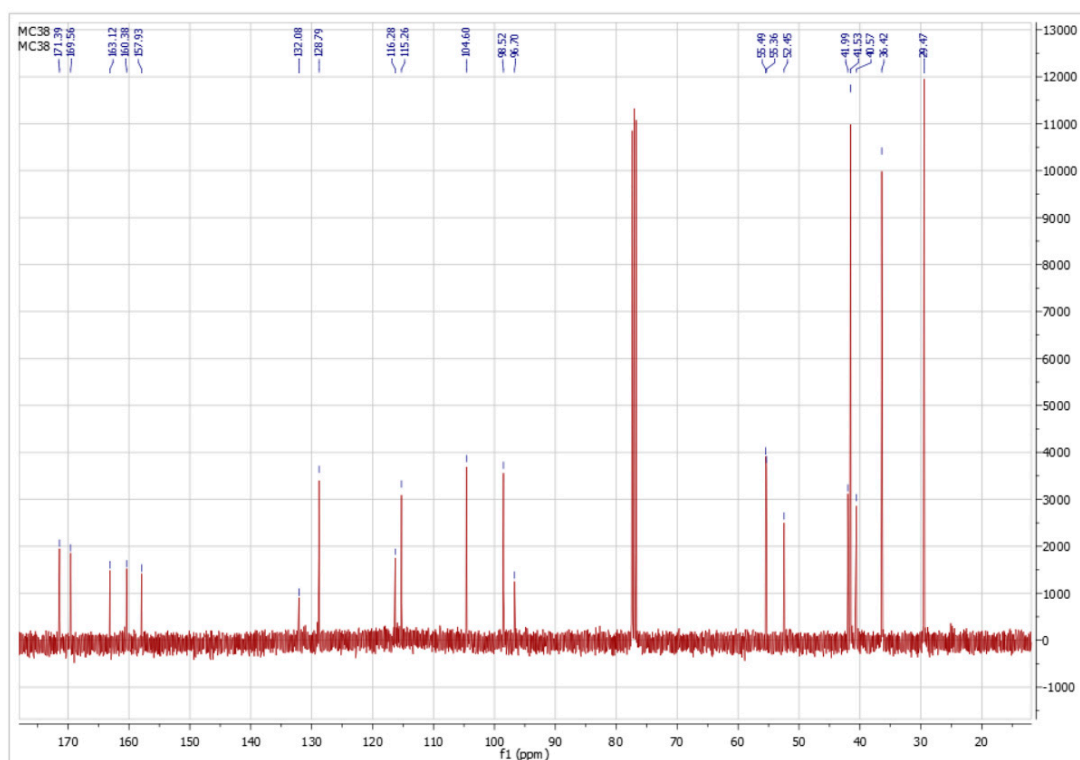


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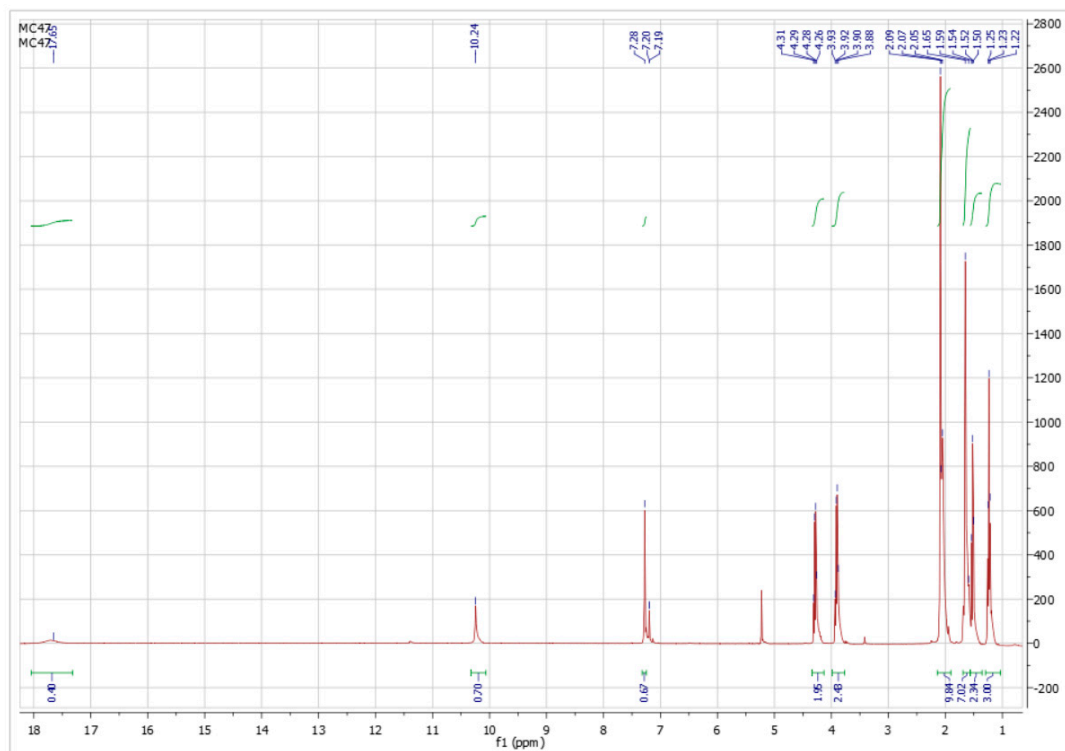


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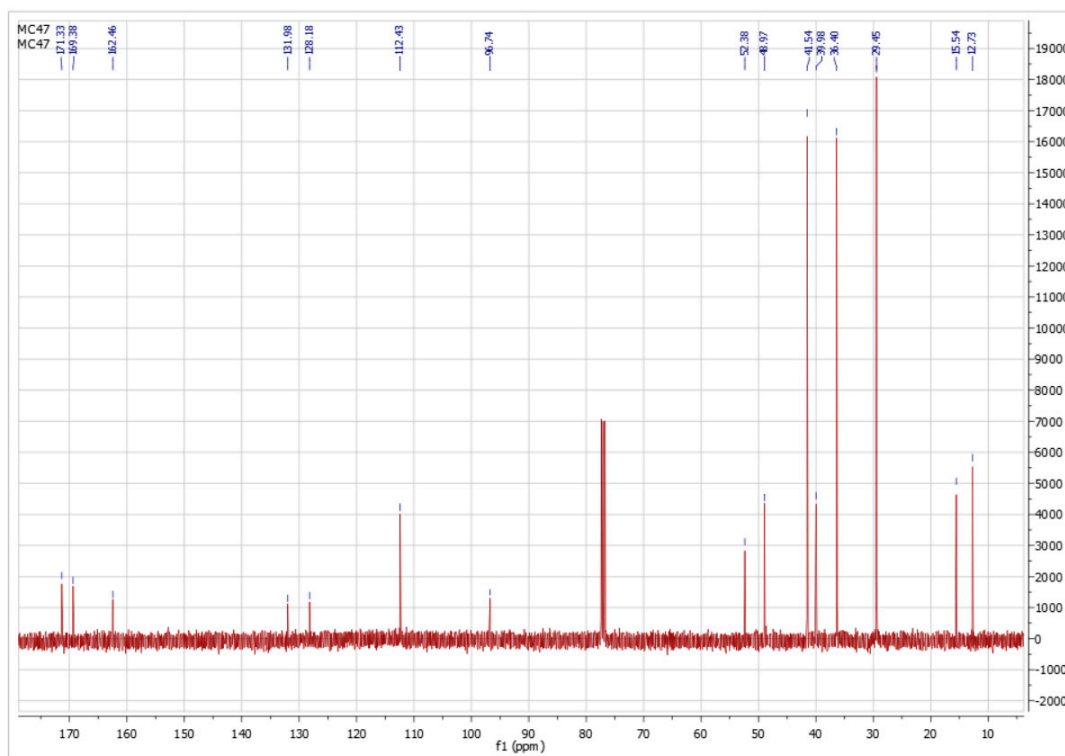


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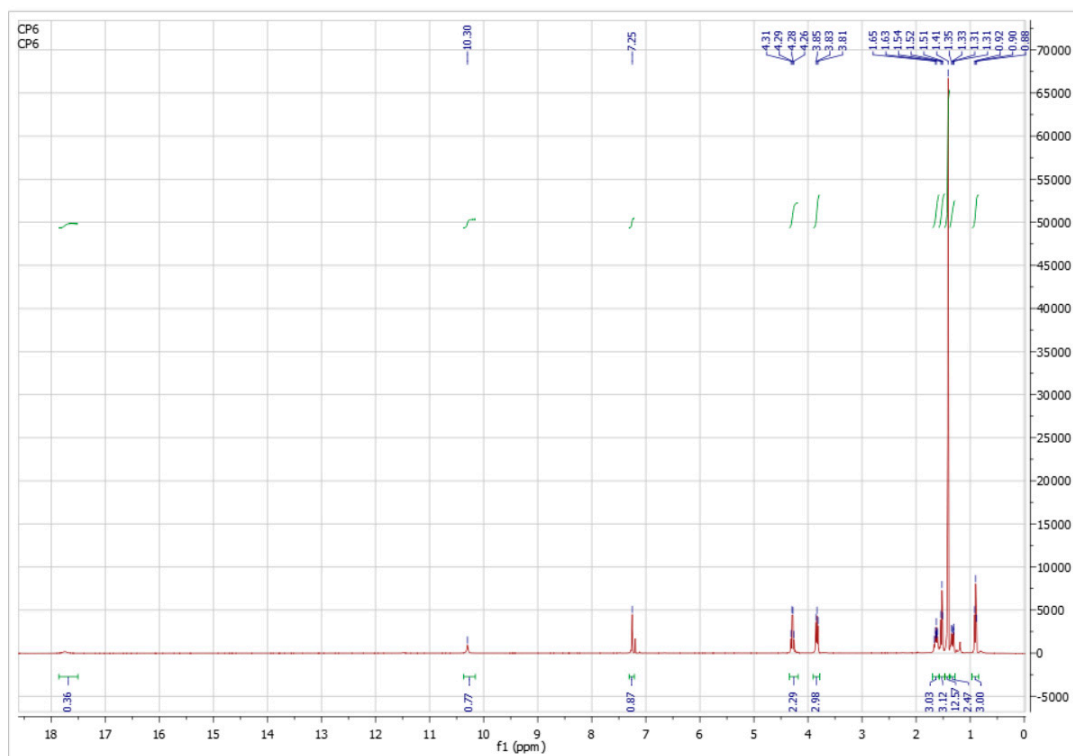


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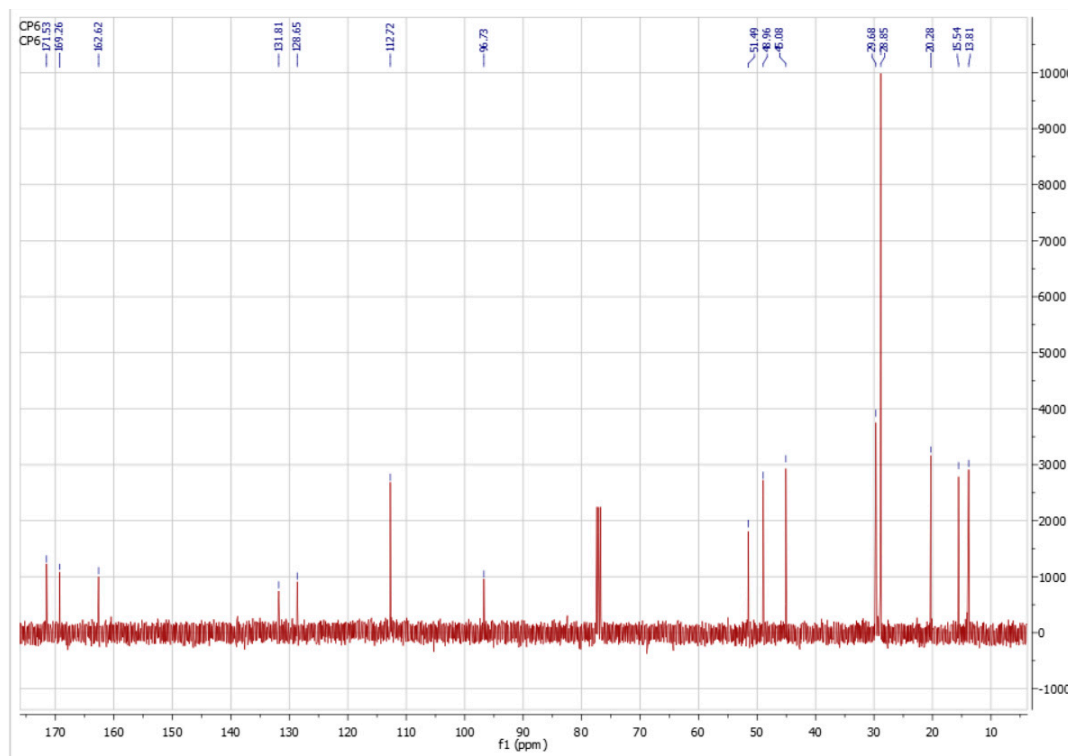


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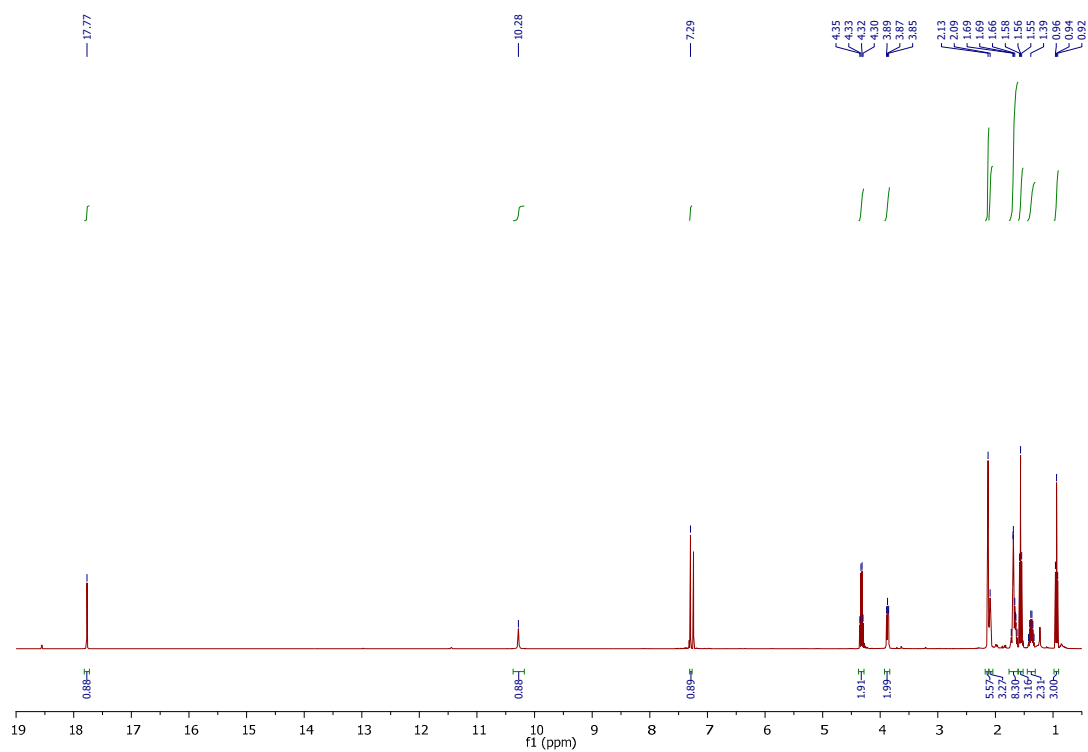


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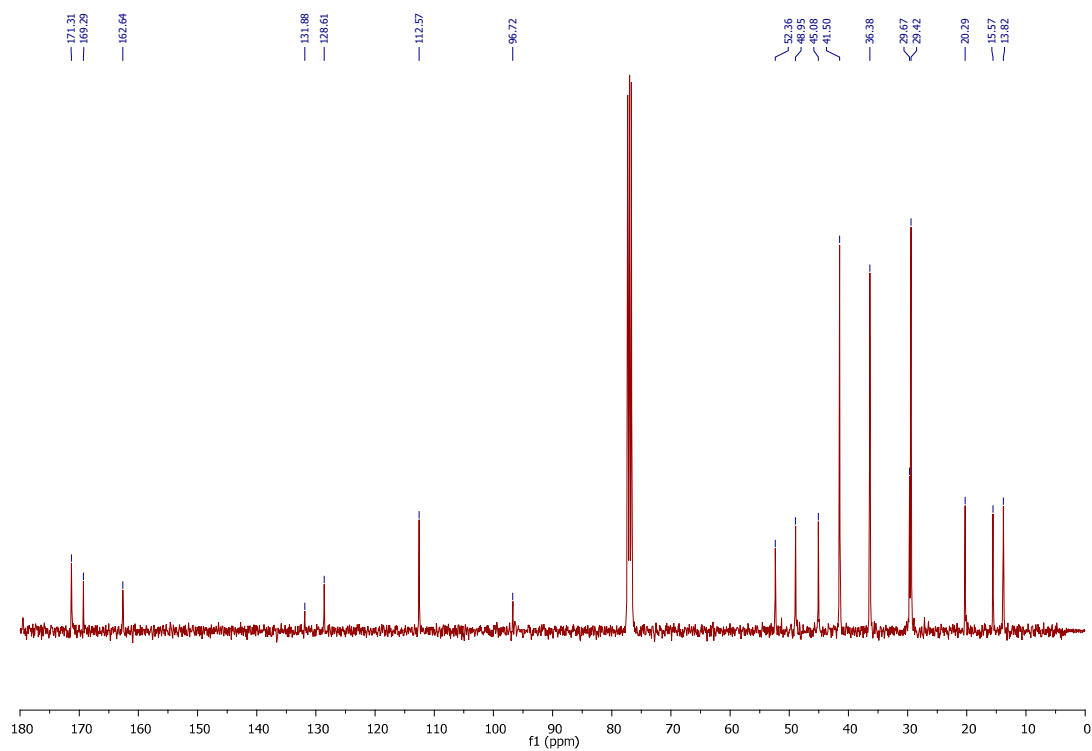


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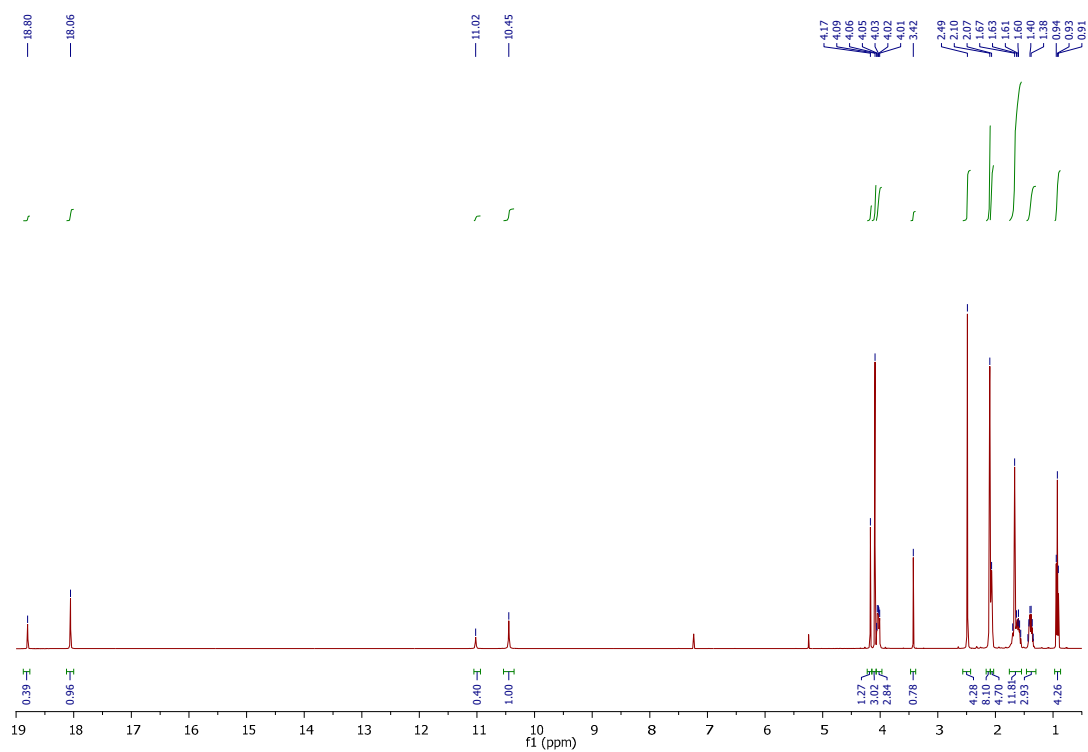


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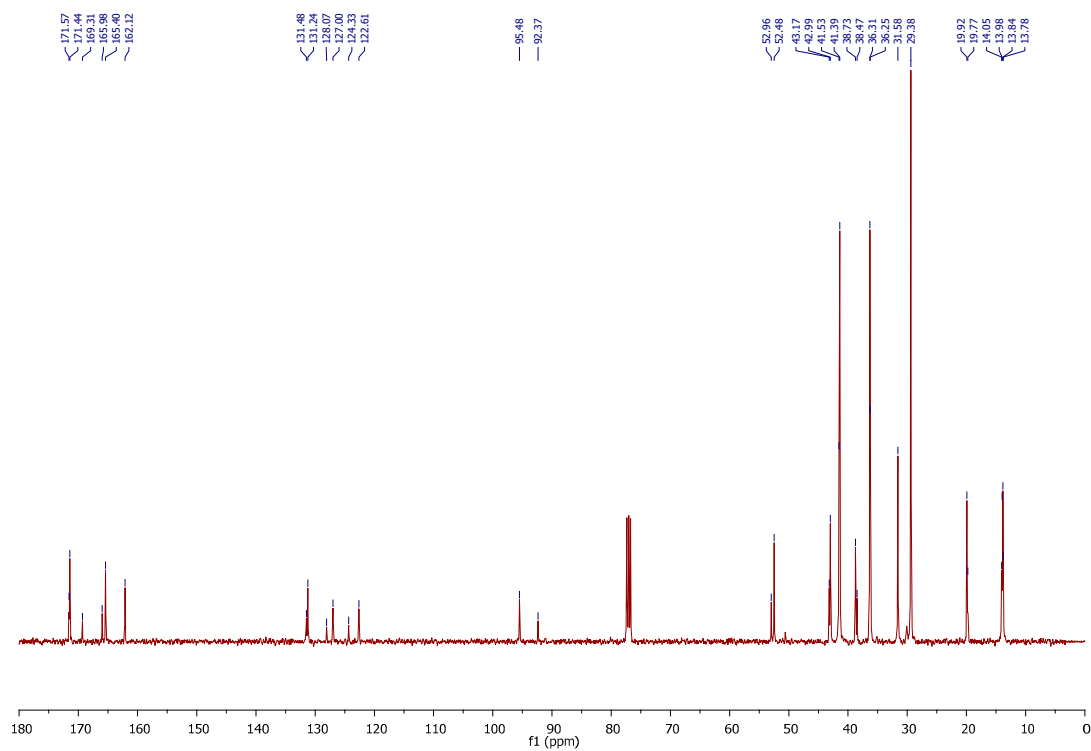


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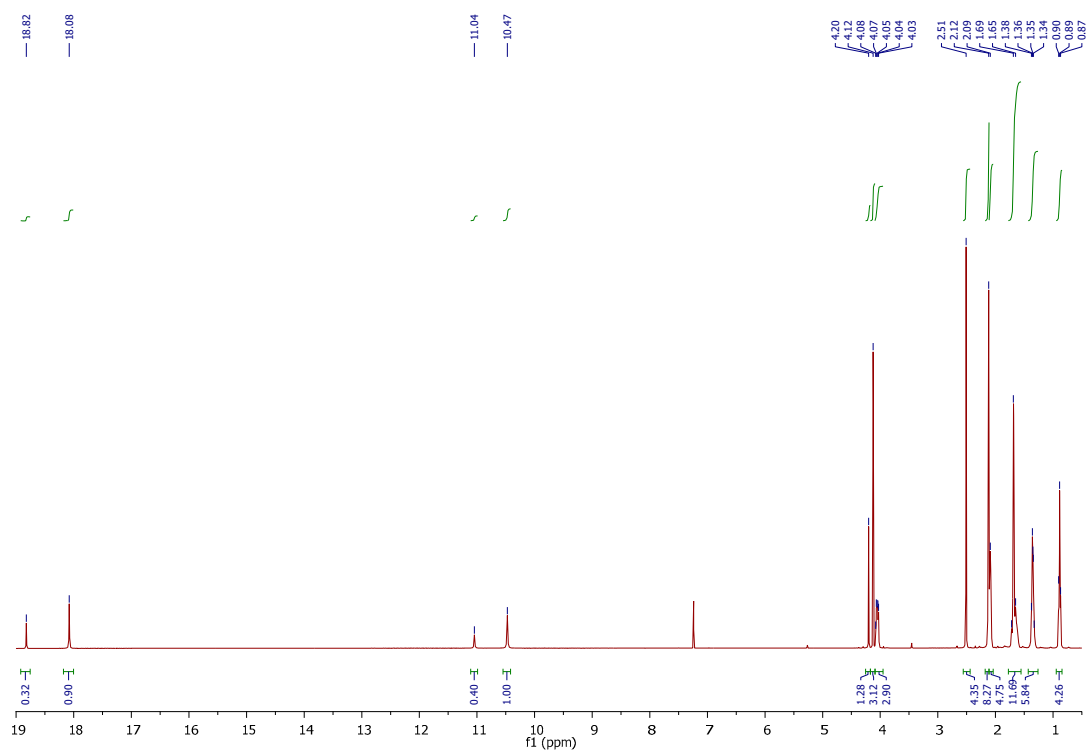


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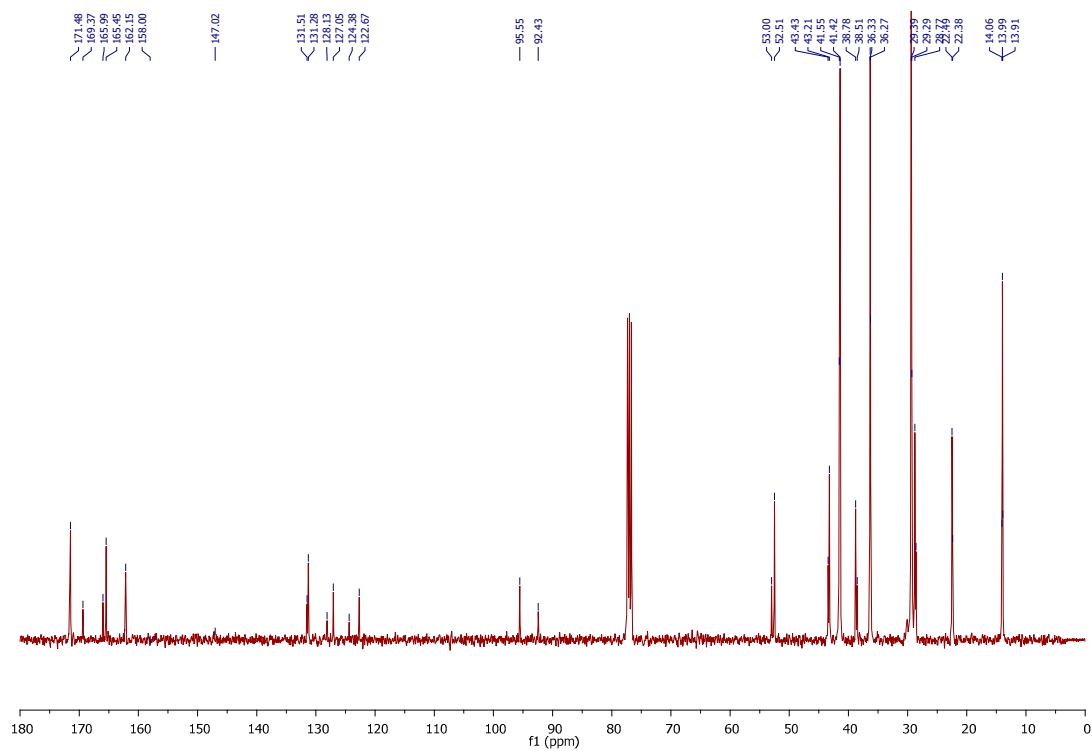


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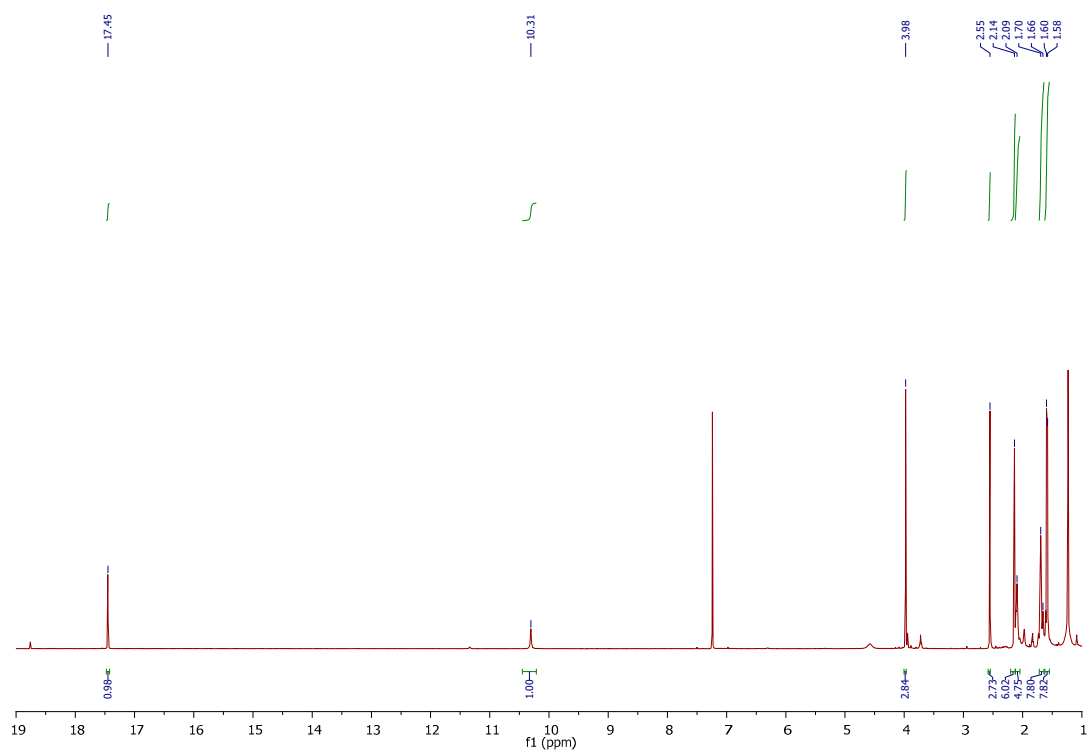


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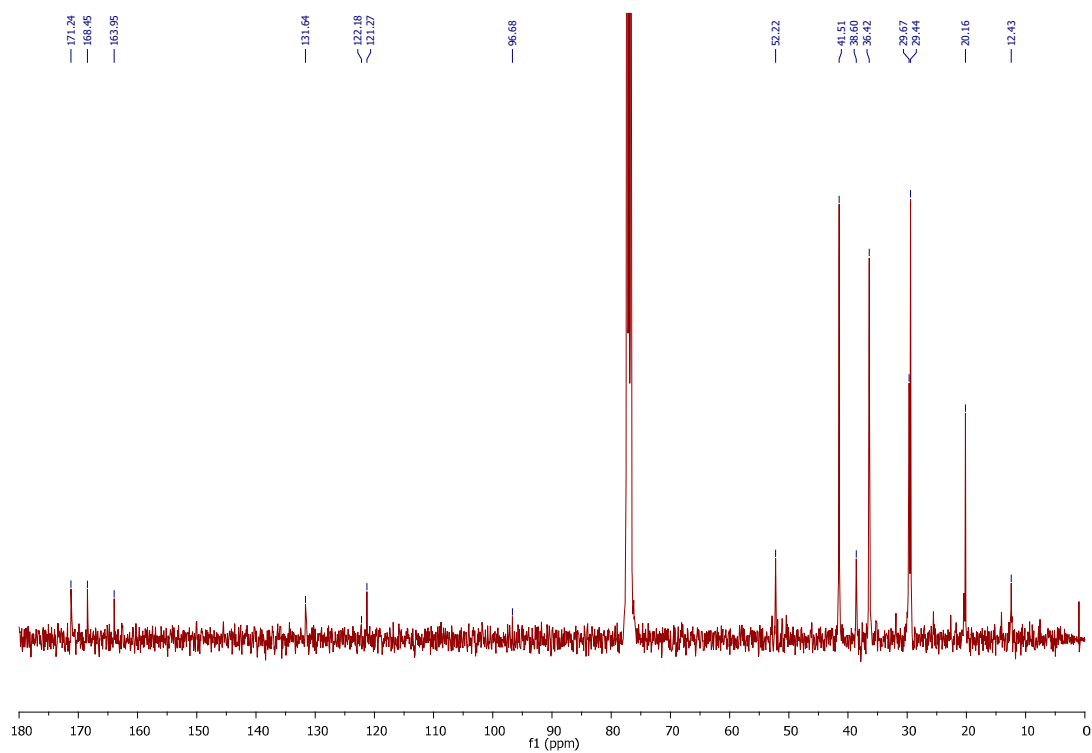


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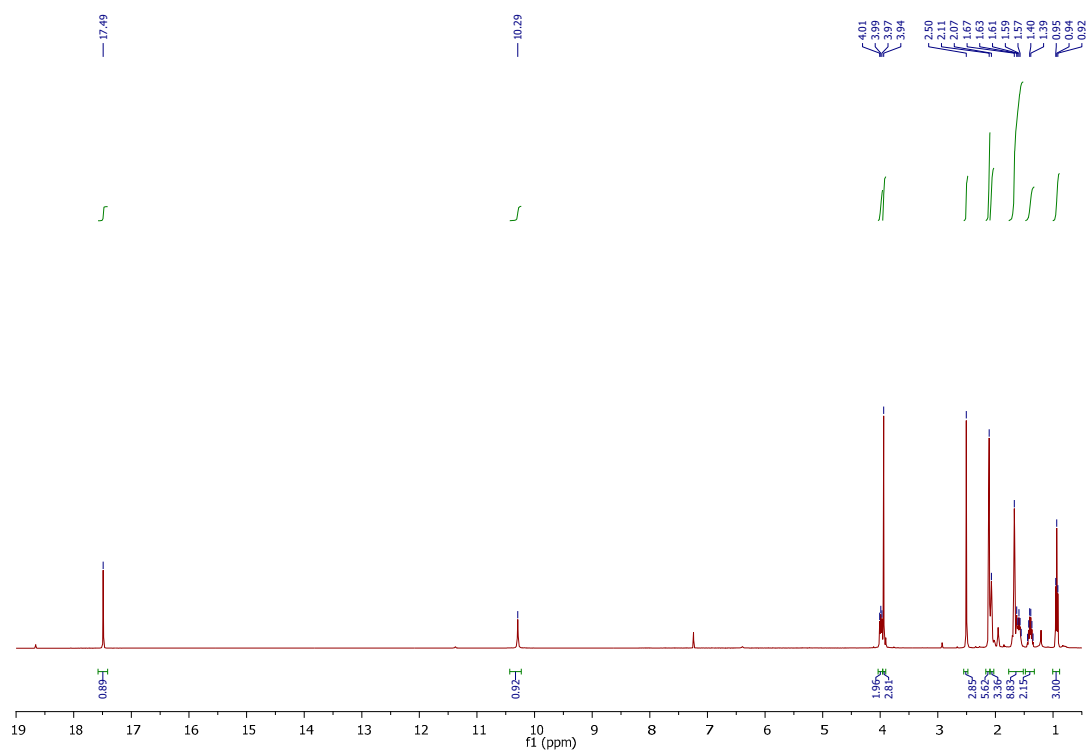


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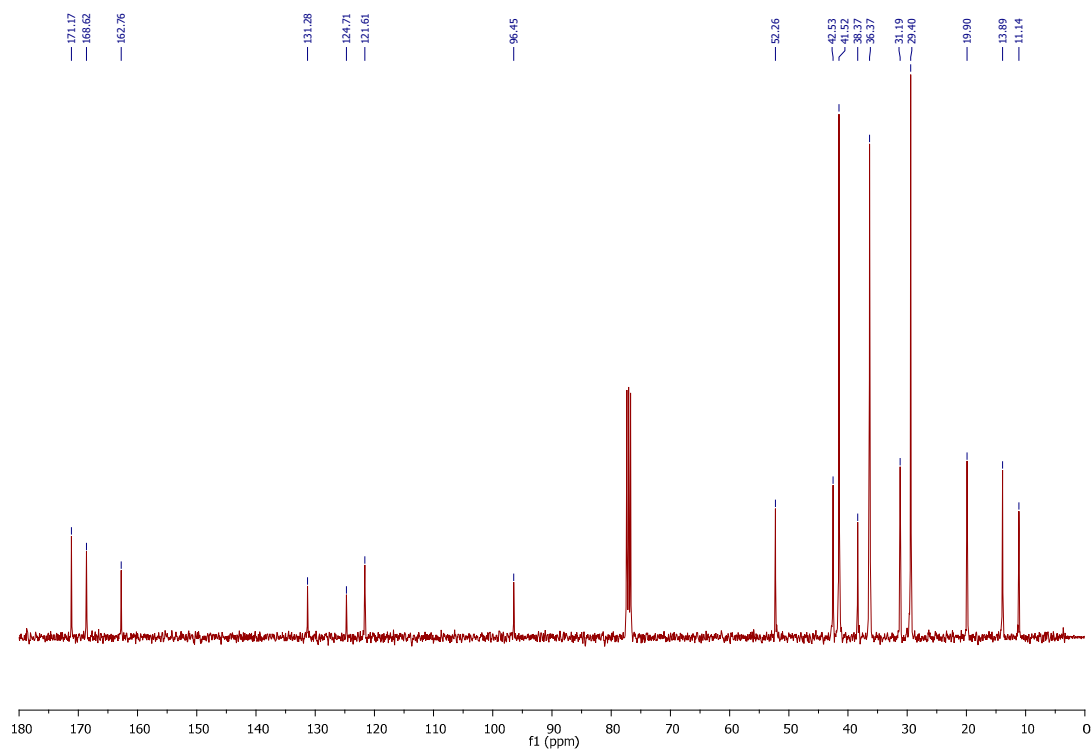


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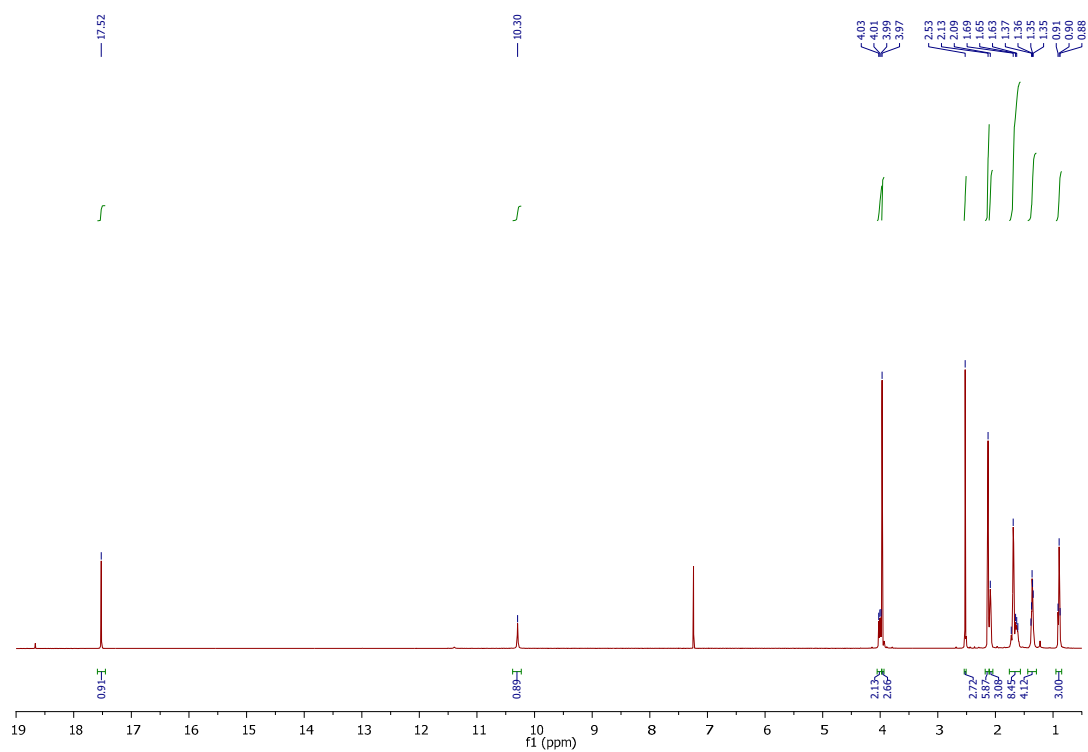


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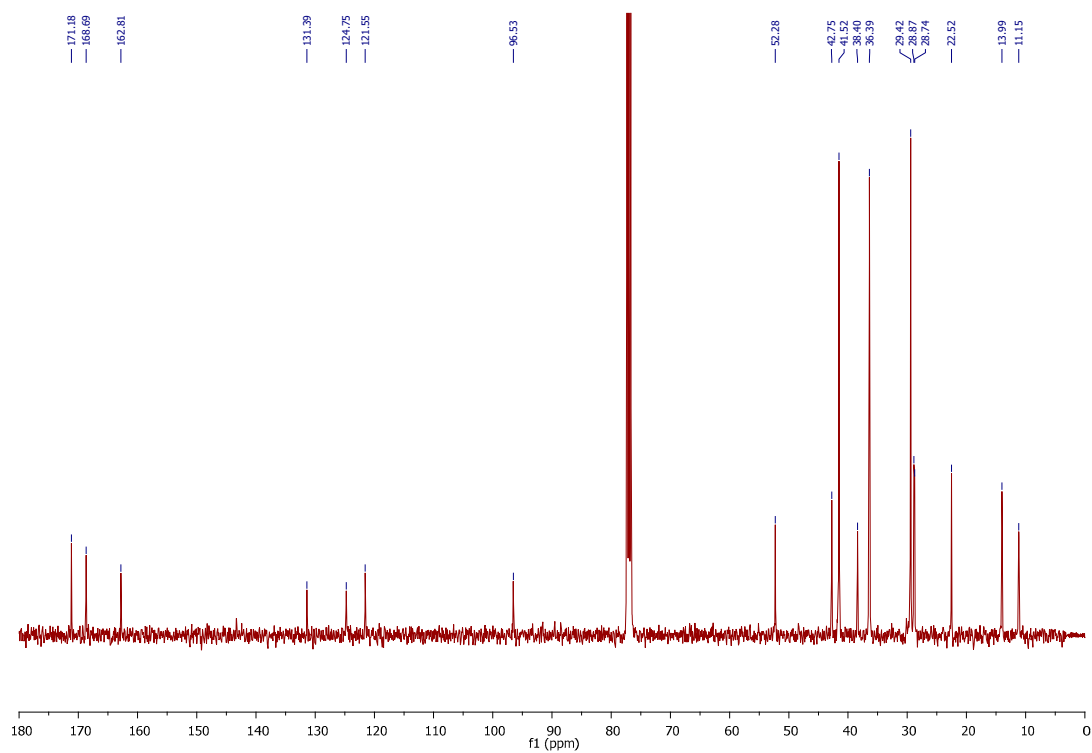


Figure S48. ¹³C NMR spectrum of compound **55**.

Table S1. Calculated physicochemical and druglike properties of selected compounds

Parameters ^a	Compounds					
	15	18	26	35	54	55
No. H-bond acceptor	4	4	4	4	4	4
No. H-bond donor	2	2	2	2	2	2
Consensus Log $P_{o/w}$	2.88	2.86	3.11	3.21	3.20	3.53
No. rotatable bond	6	6	5	7	6	7
TPSA ^b	89.15	89.15	89.15	89.15	89.15	89.15
Lipinski's rule violation	No	No	No	No	No	No
PAINS alerts	No	No	No	No	No	No
Bioavailability score	0.55	0.55	0.55	0.55	0.55	0.55
GI absorption	High	High	High	High	High	High
Lipophilic Ligand Efficiency (LLE) ^c	5.16	4.90	6.21	6.14	5.47	5.15

^aProperties calculated using the free web tool SwissADME [<http://www.swissadme.ch>].

^bTPSA, topological polar surface area. ^cLLE, lipophilic ligand efficiency = $pK_{iCB2} - CLogP$.