

## Supporting Information

# Effects of Substituents on Photophysical and CO-Photoreleasing Properties of 2,6-Substituted *meso*-Carboxy BODIPY Derivatives

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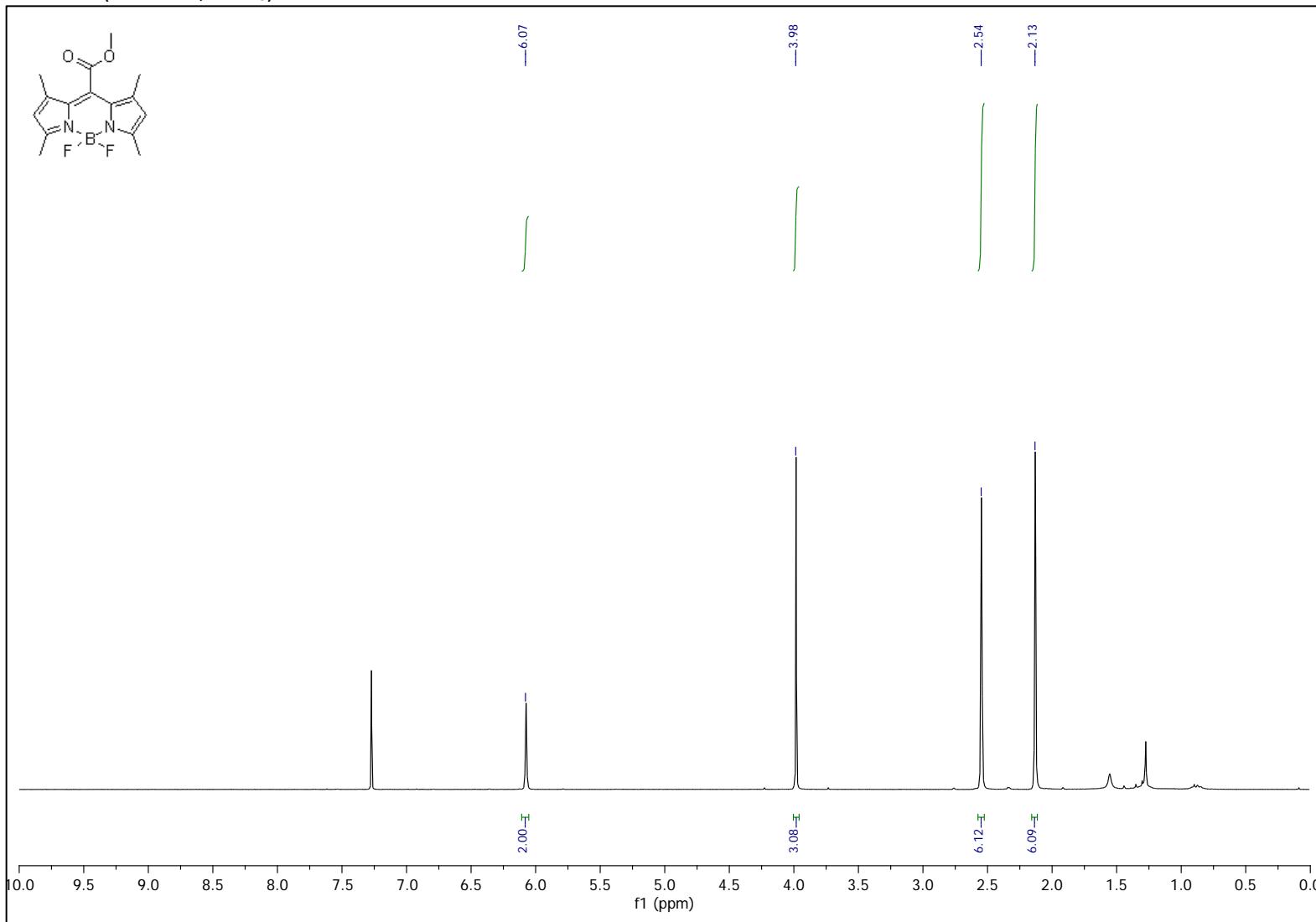
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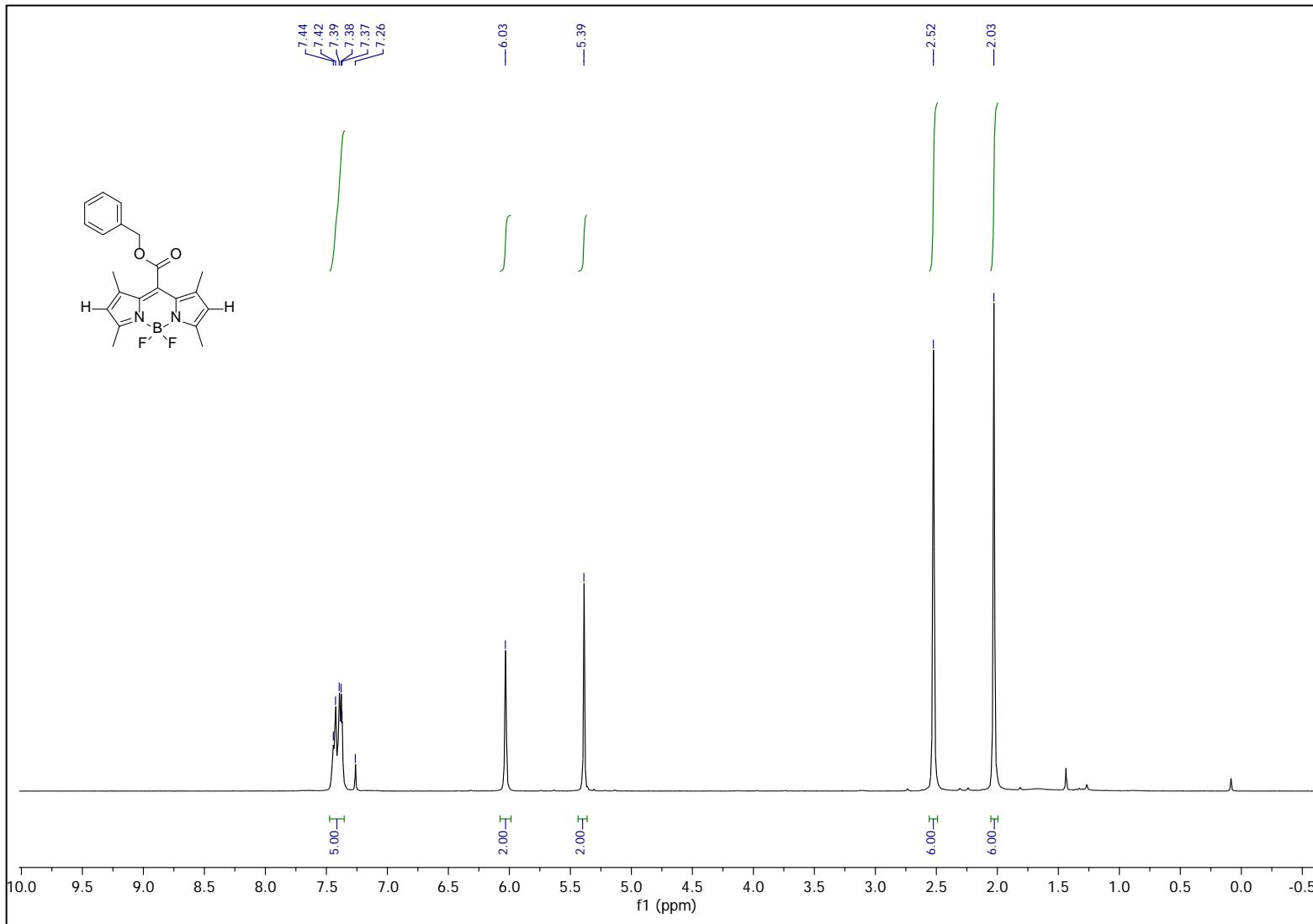
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## NMR Spectra

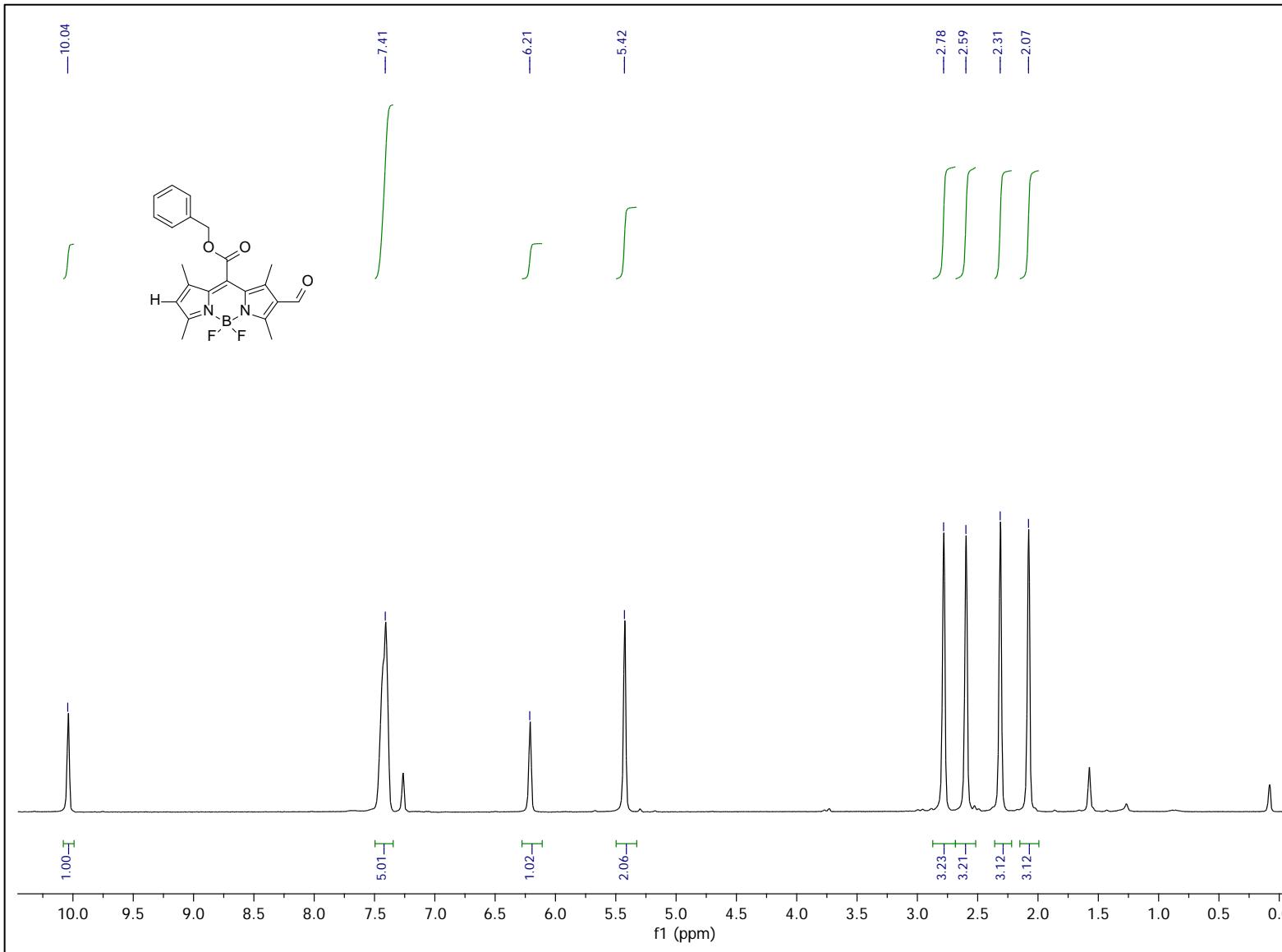
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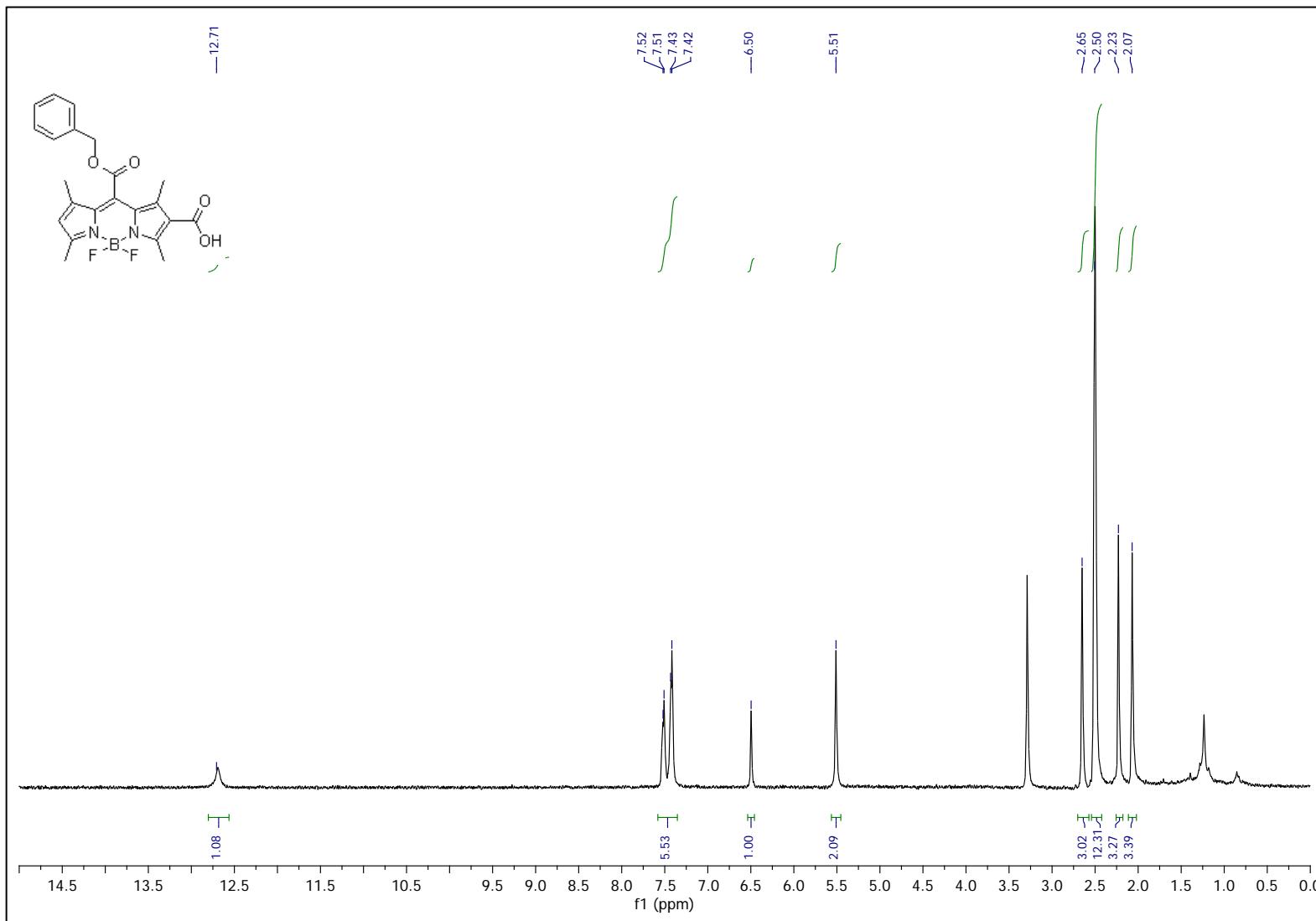
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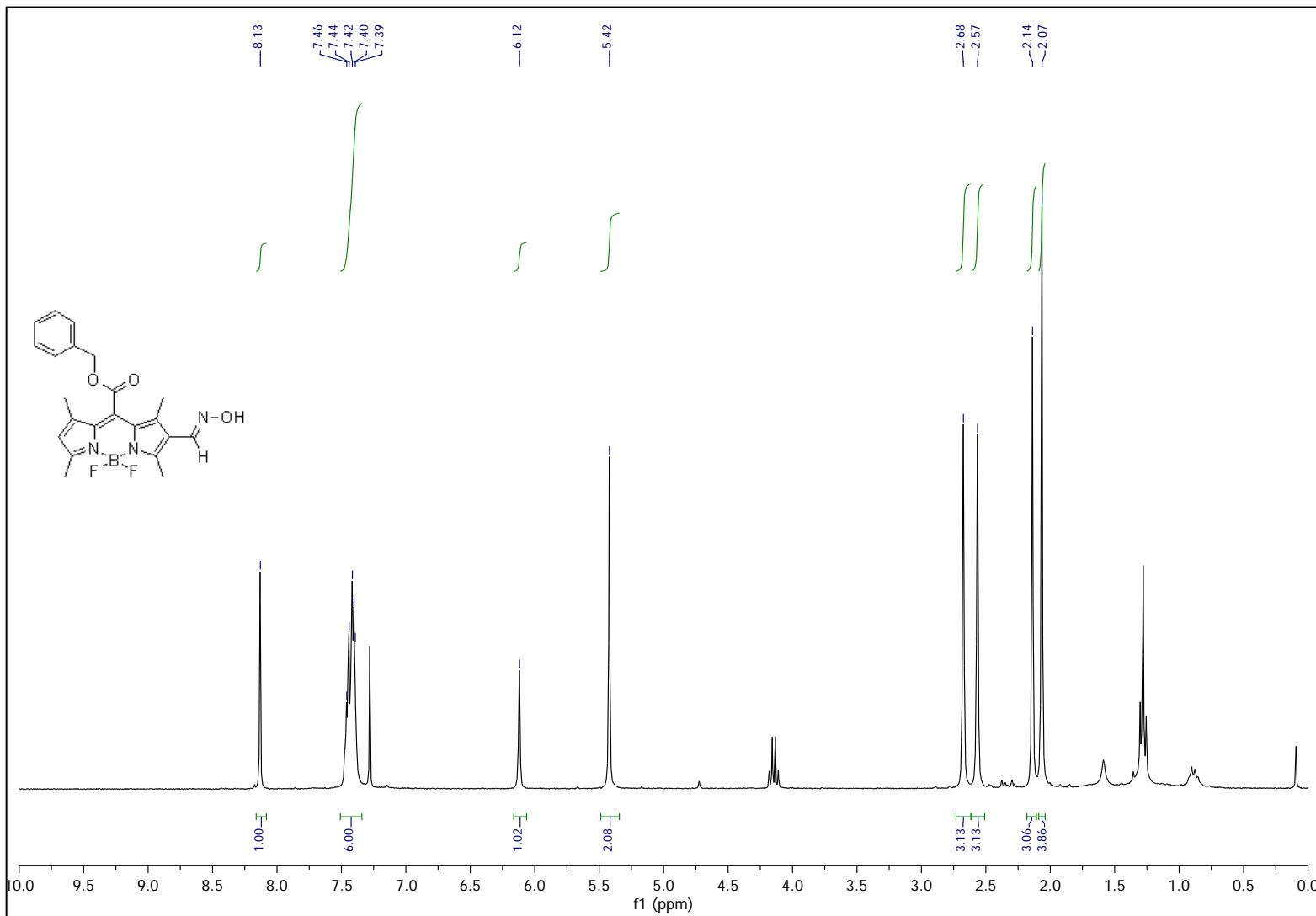
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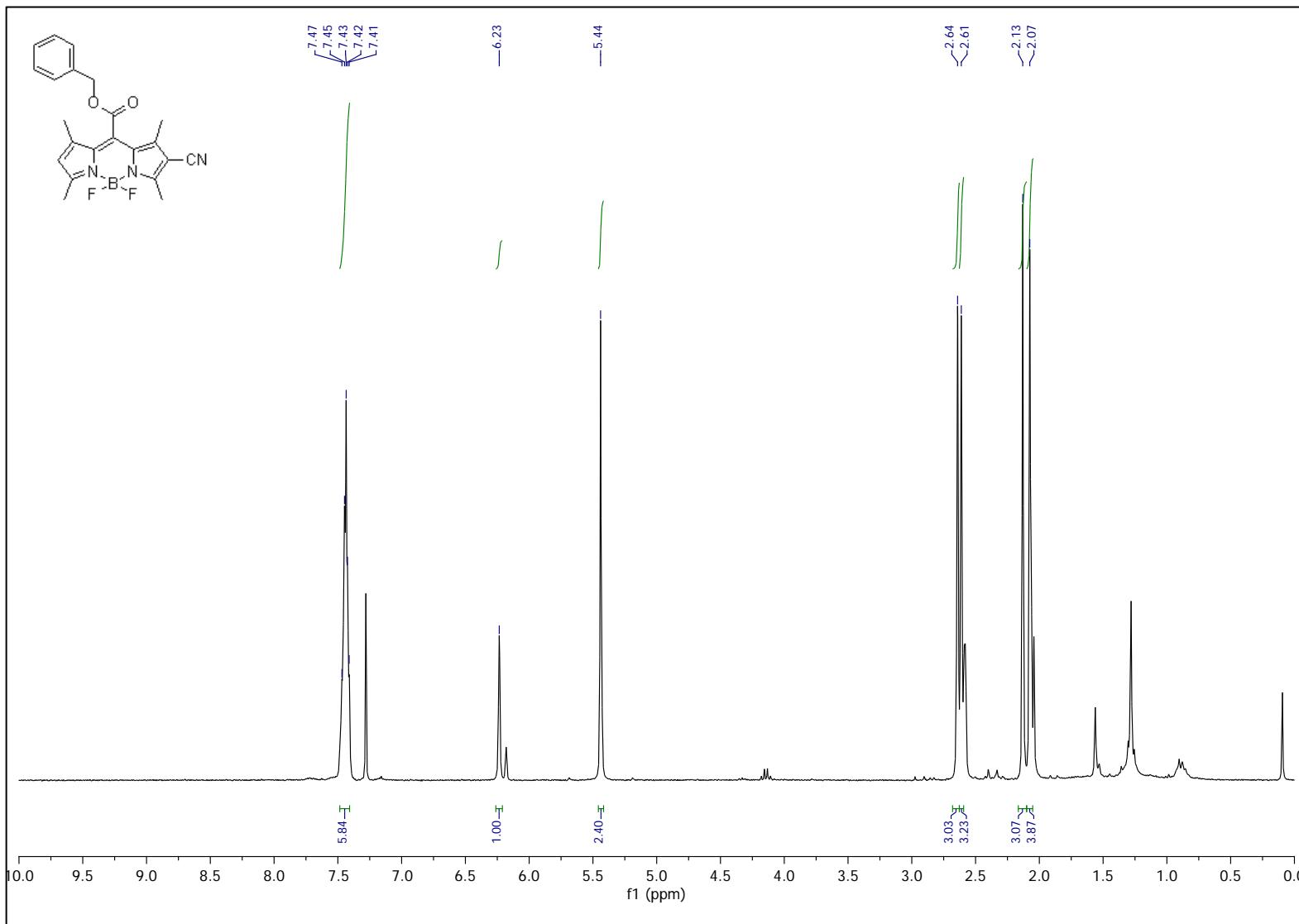
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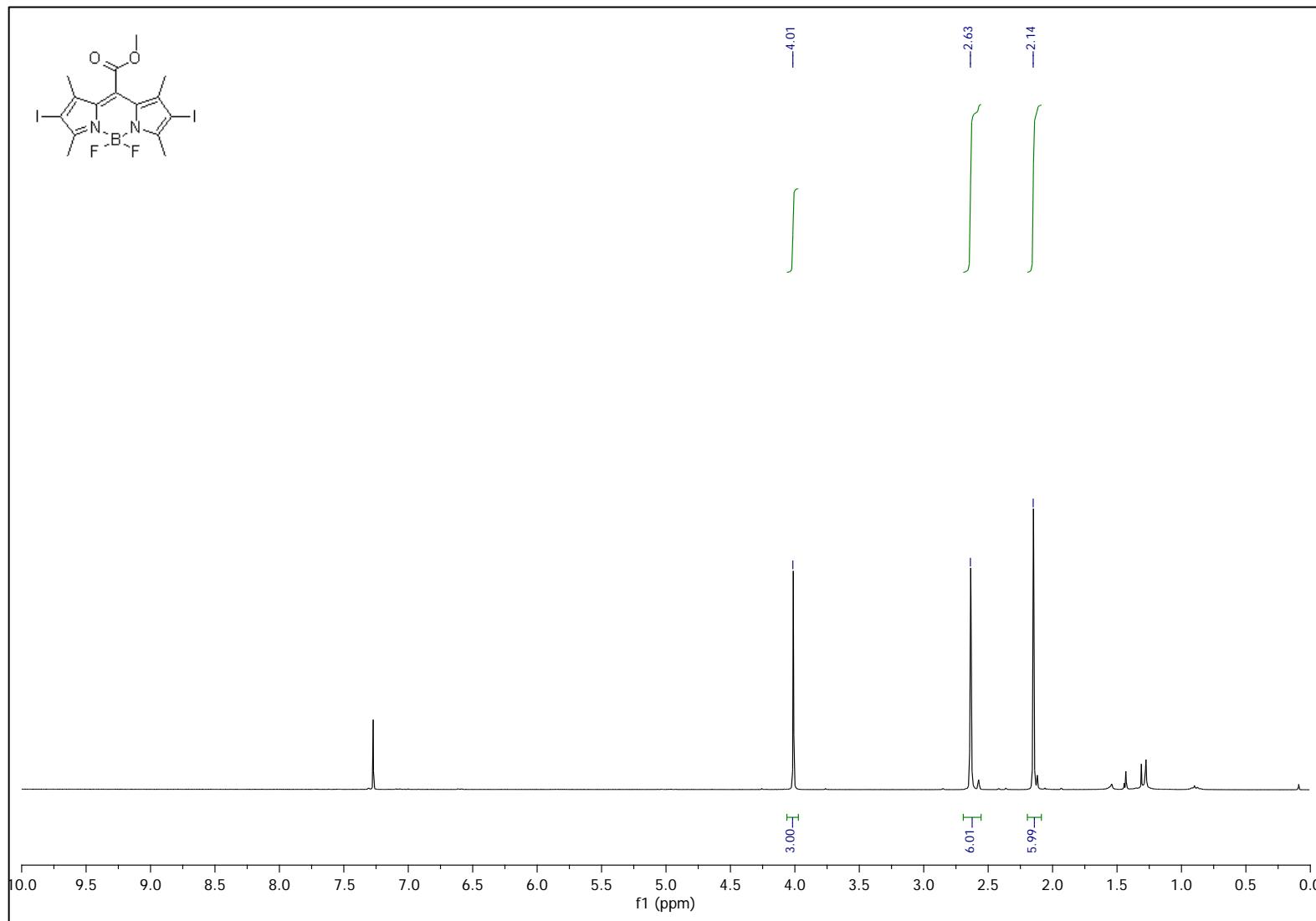
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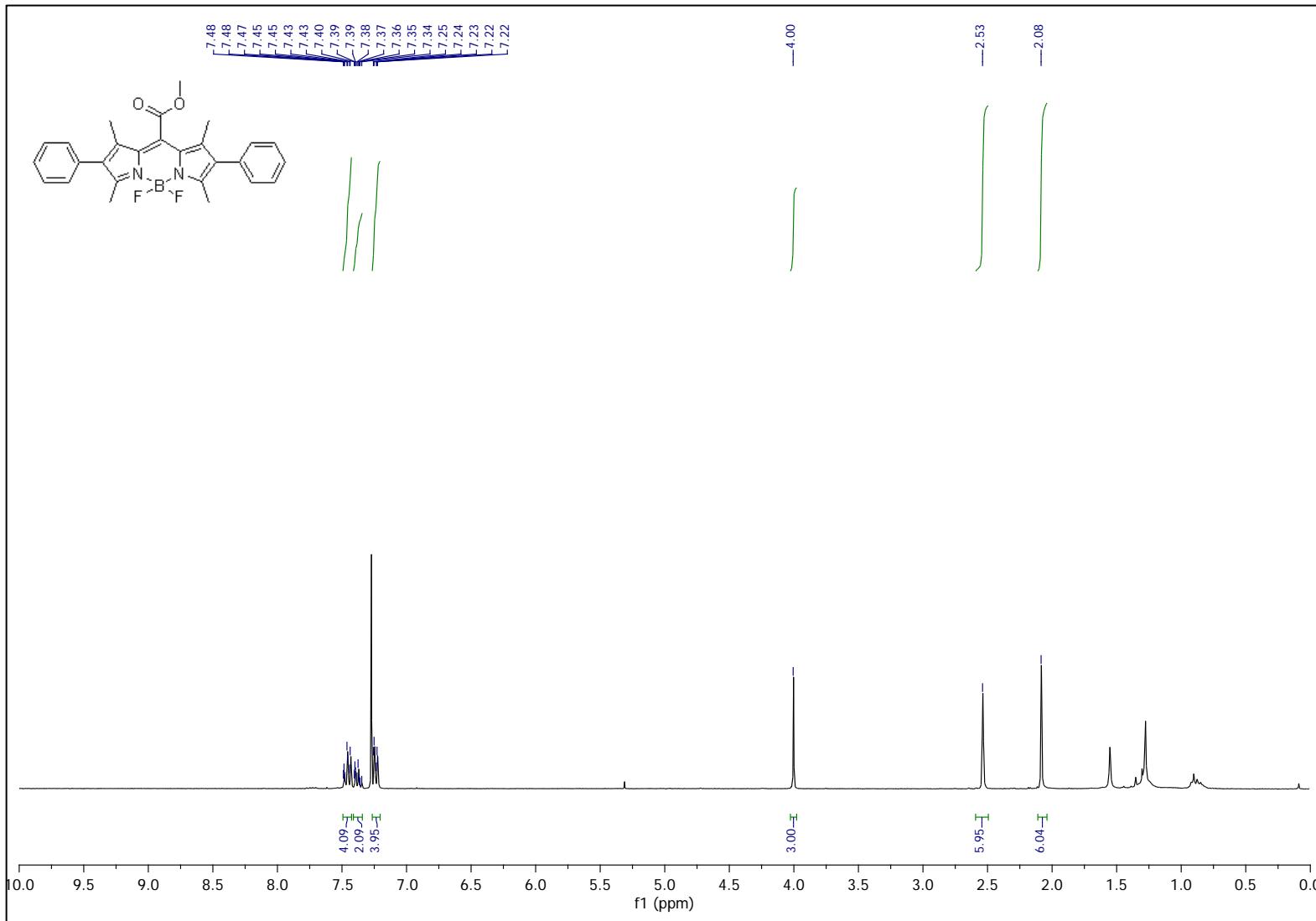
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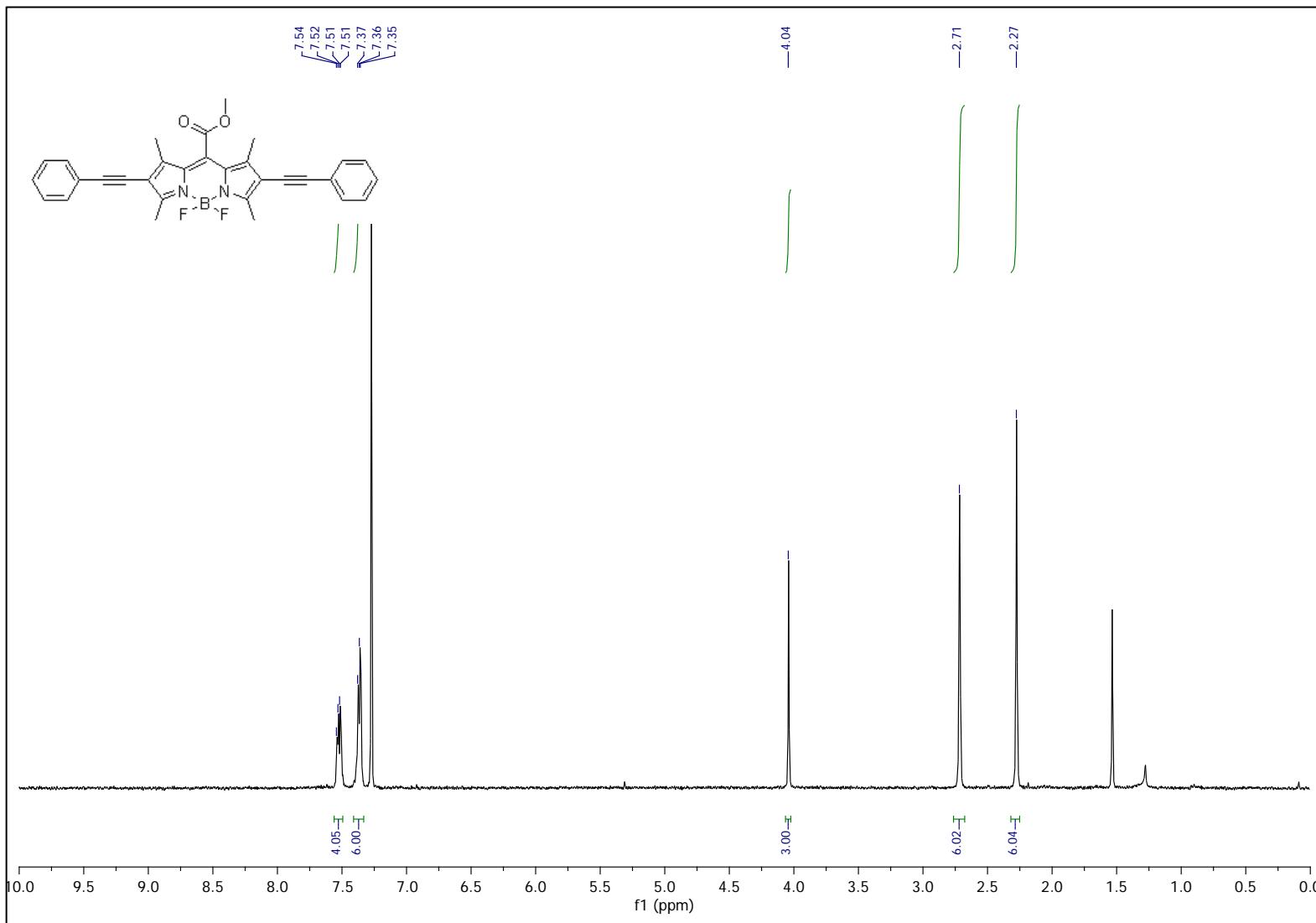
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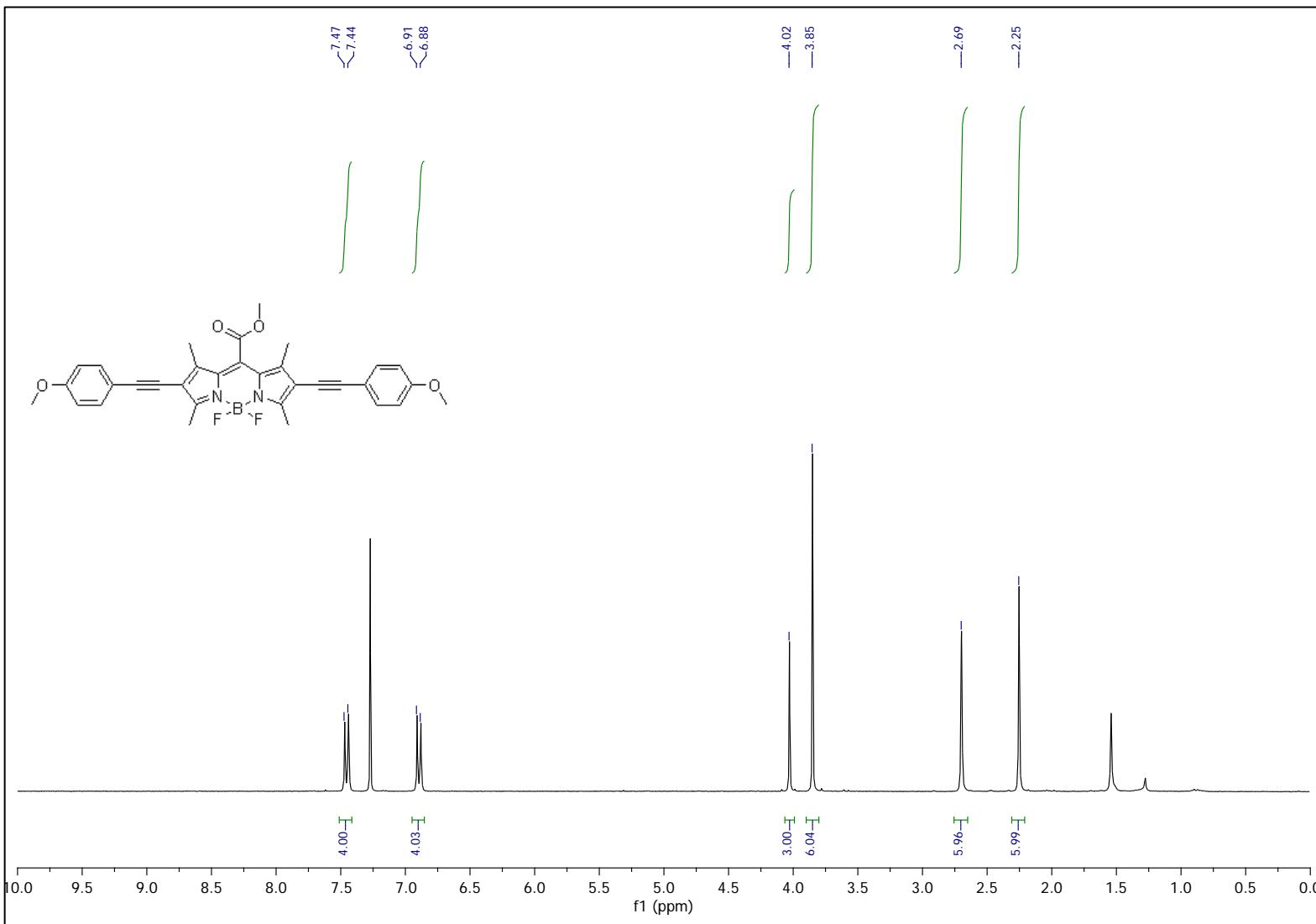
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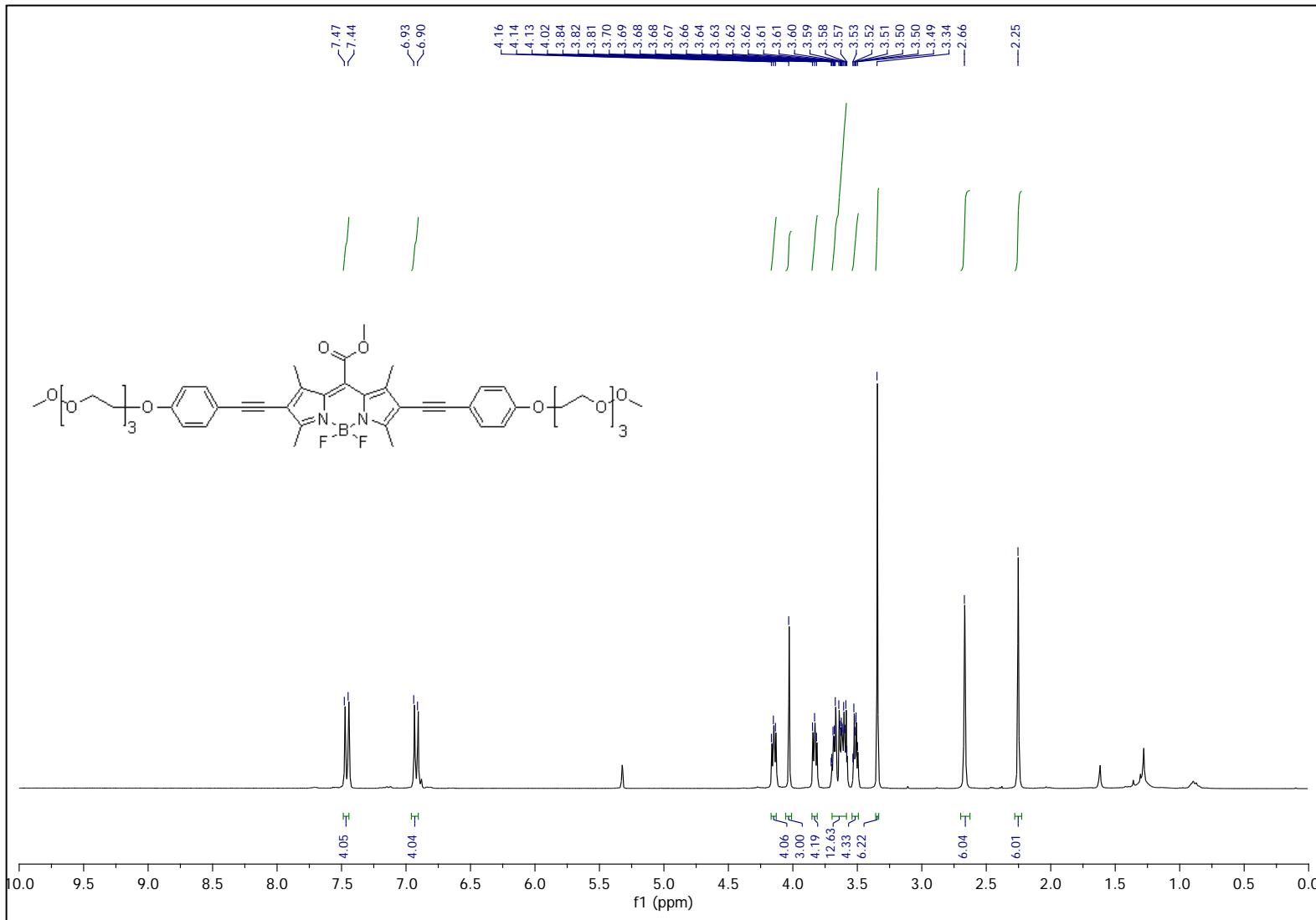
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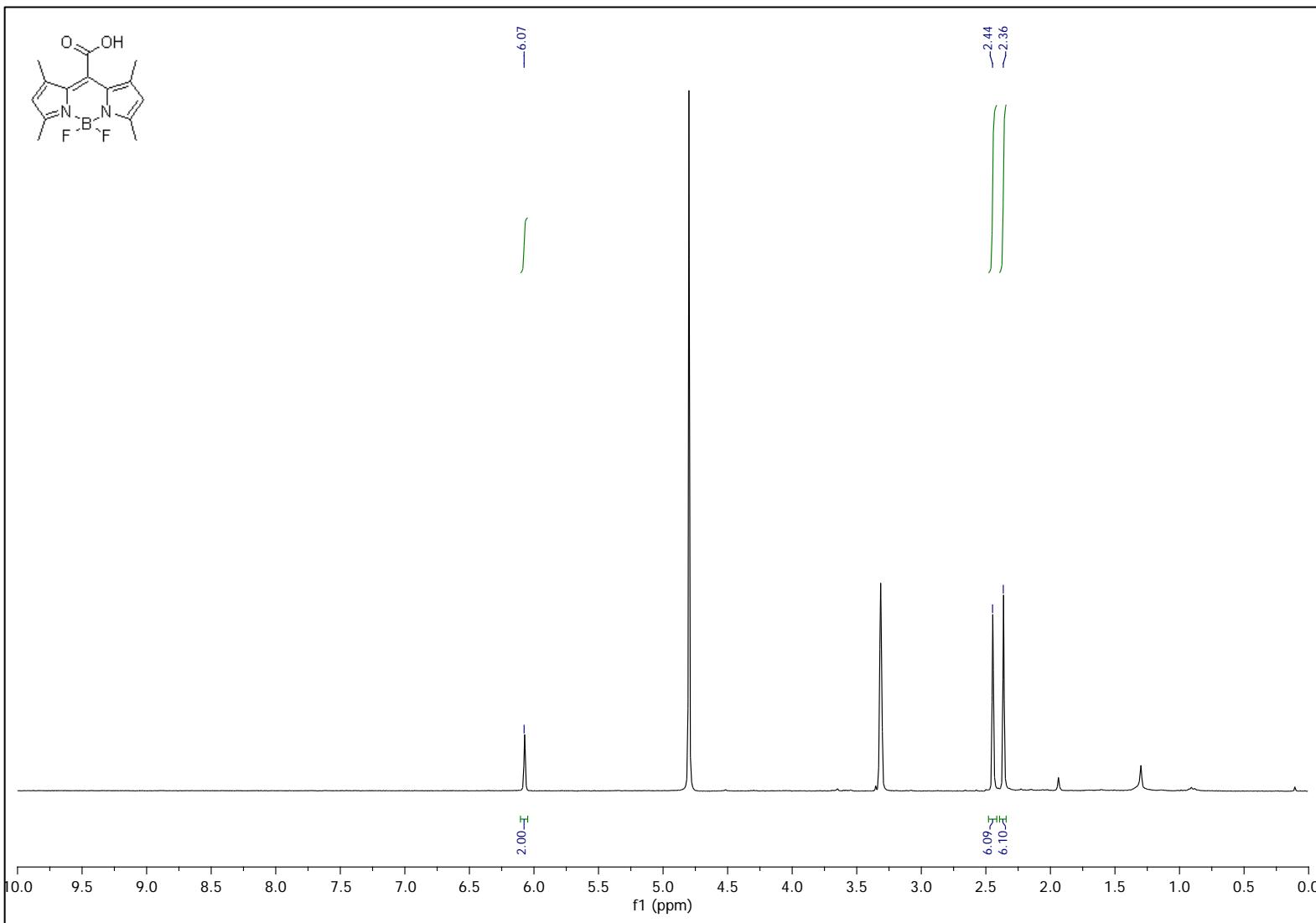
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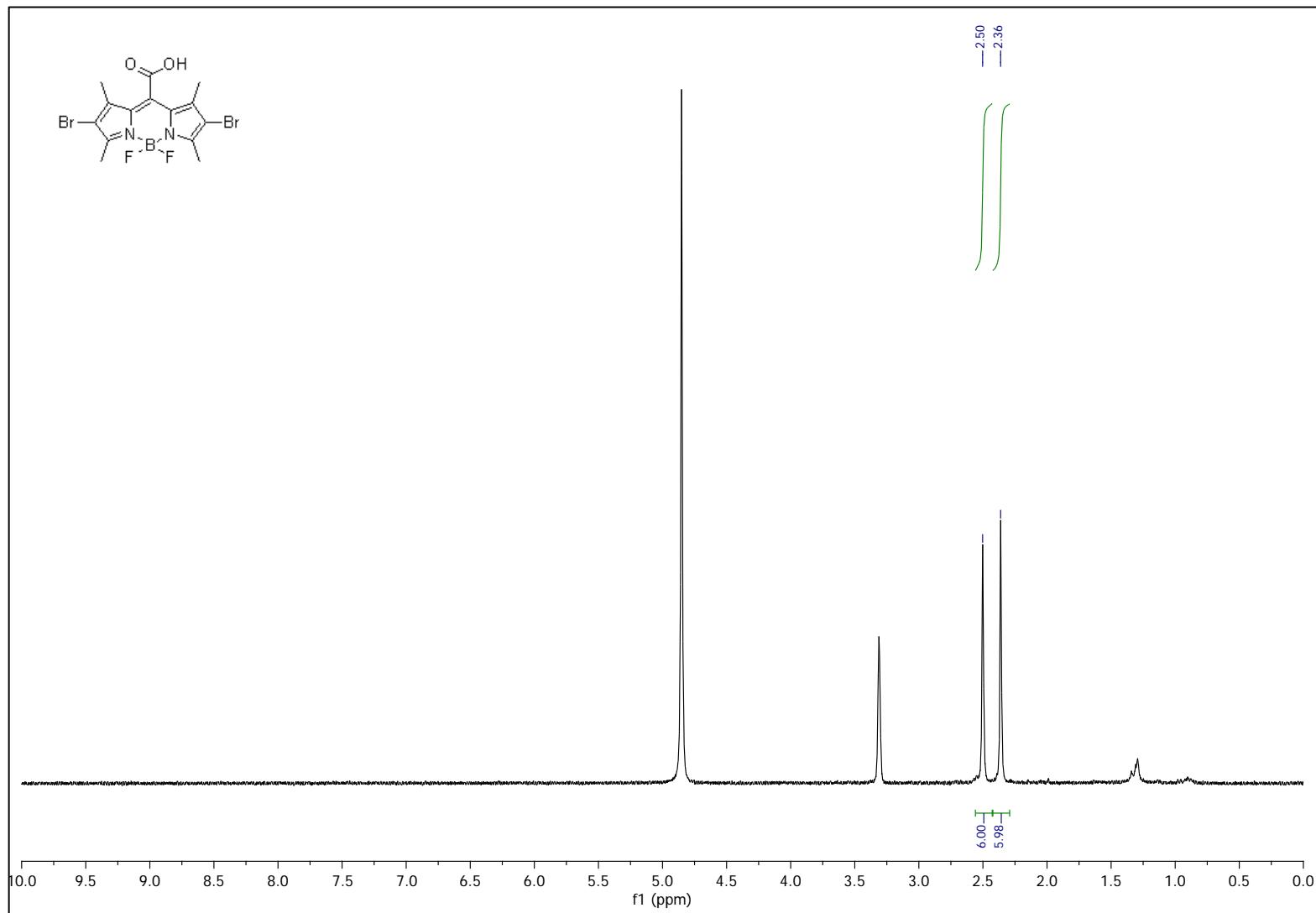
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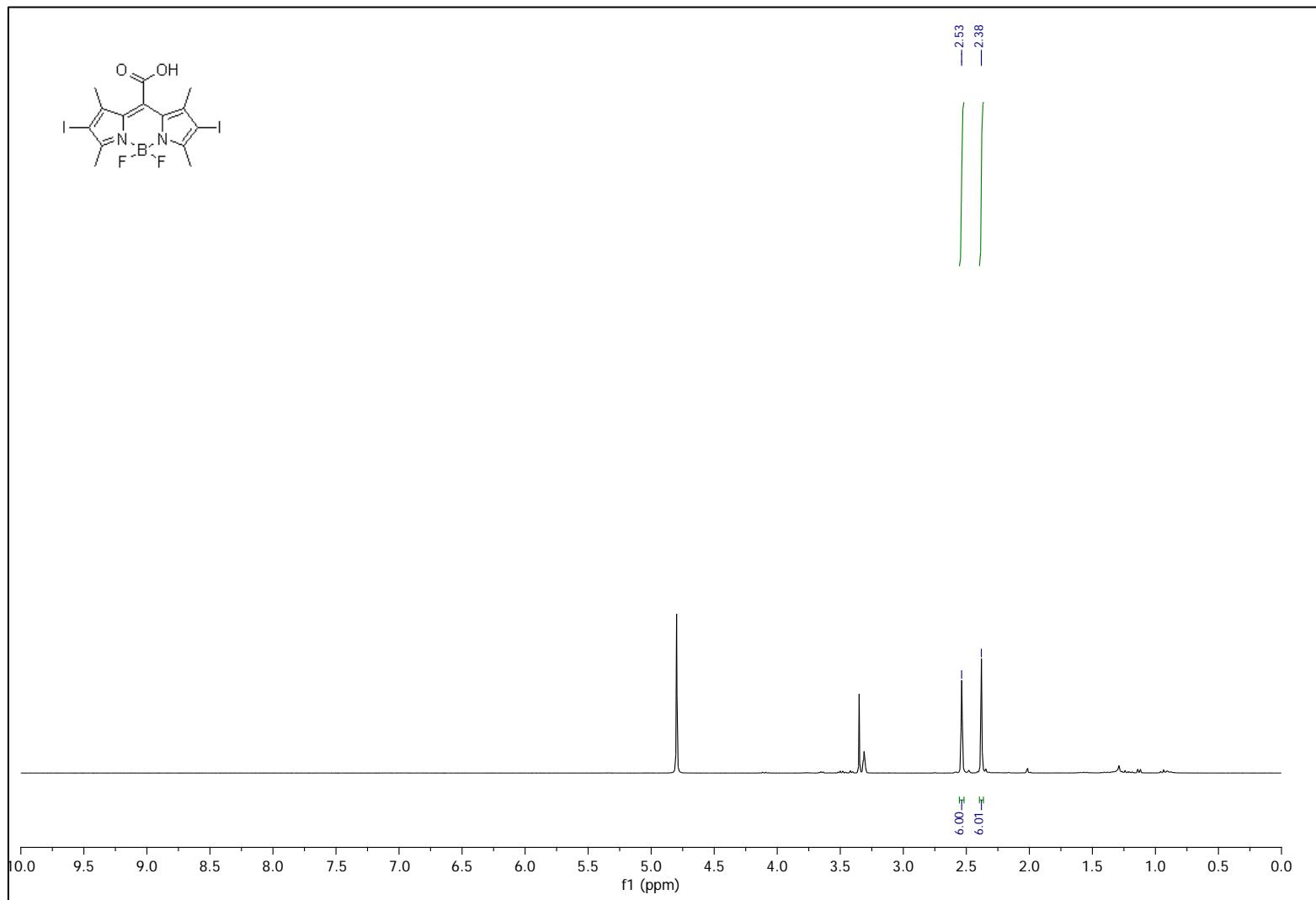
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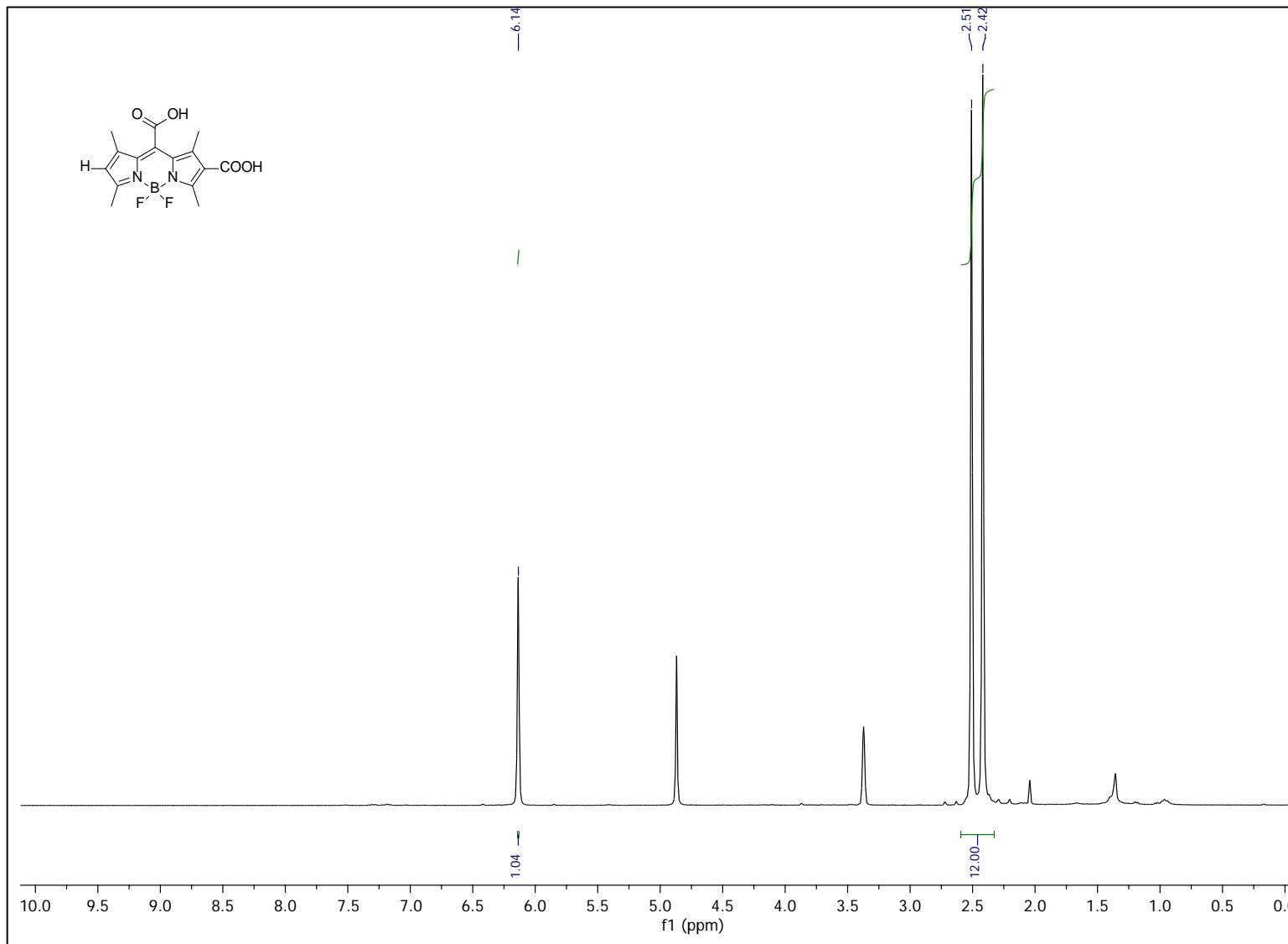
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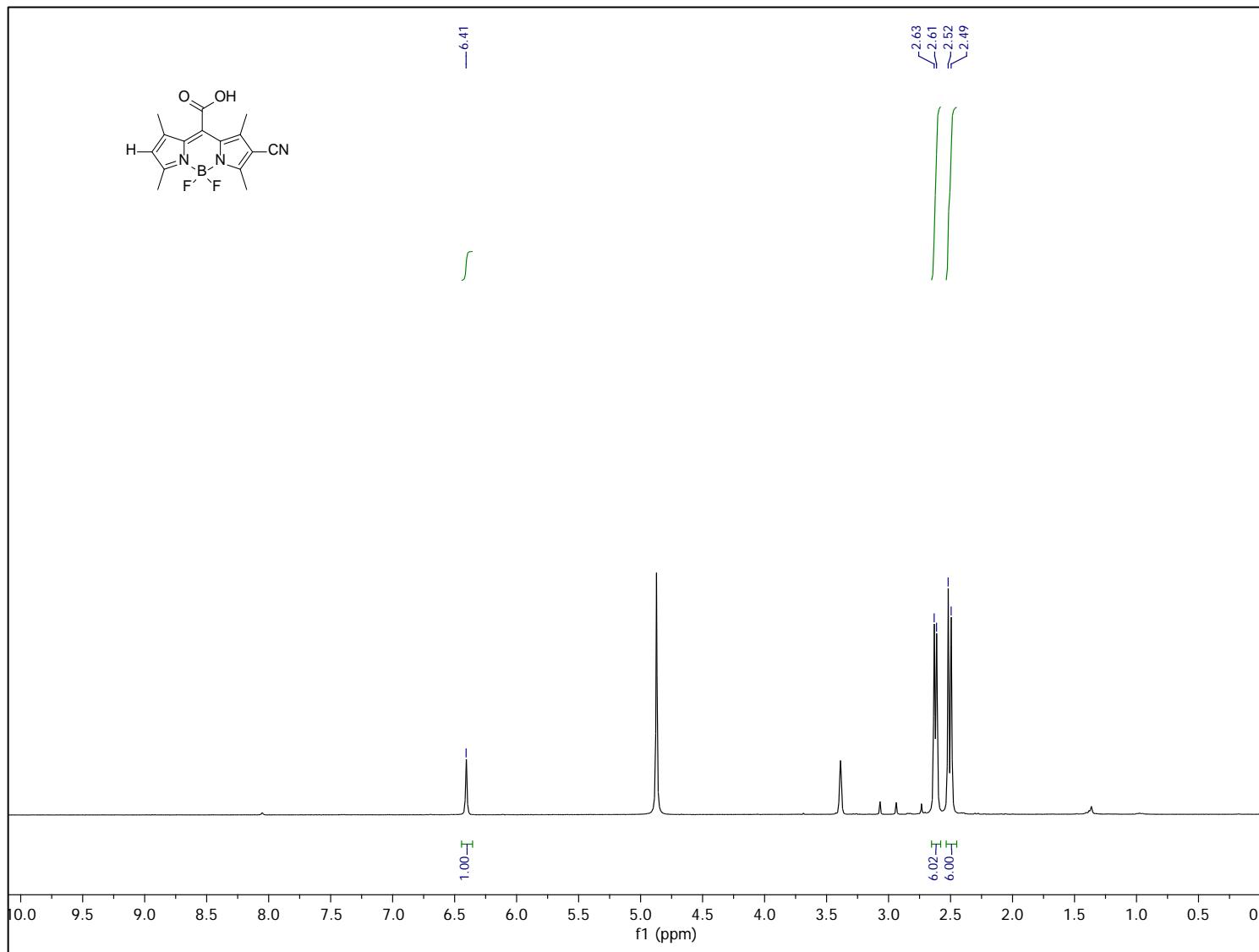
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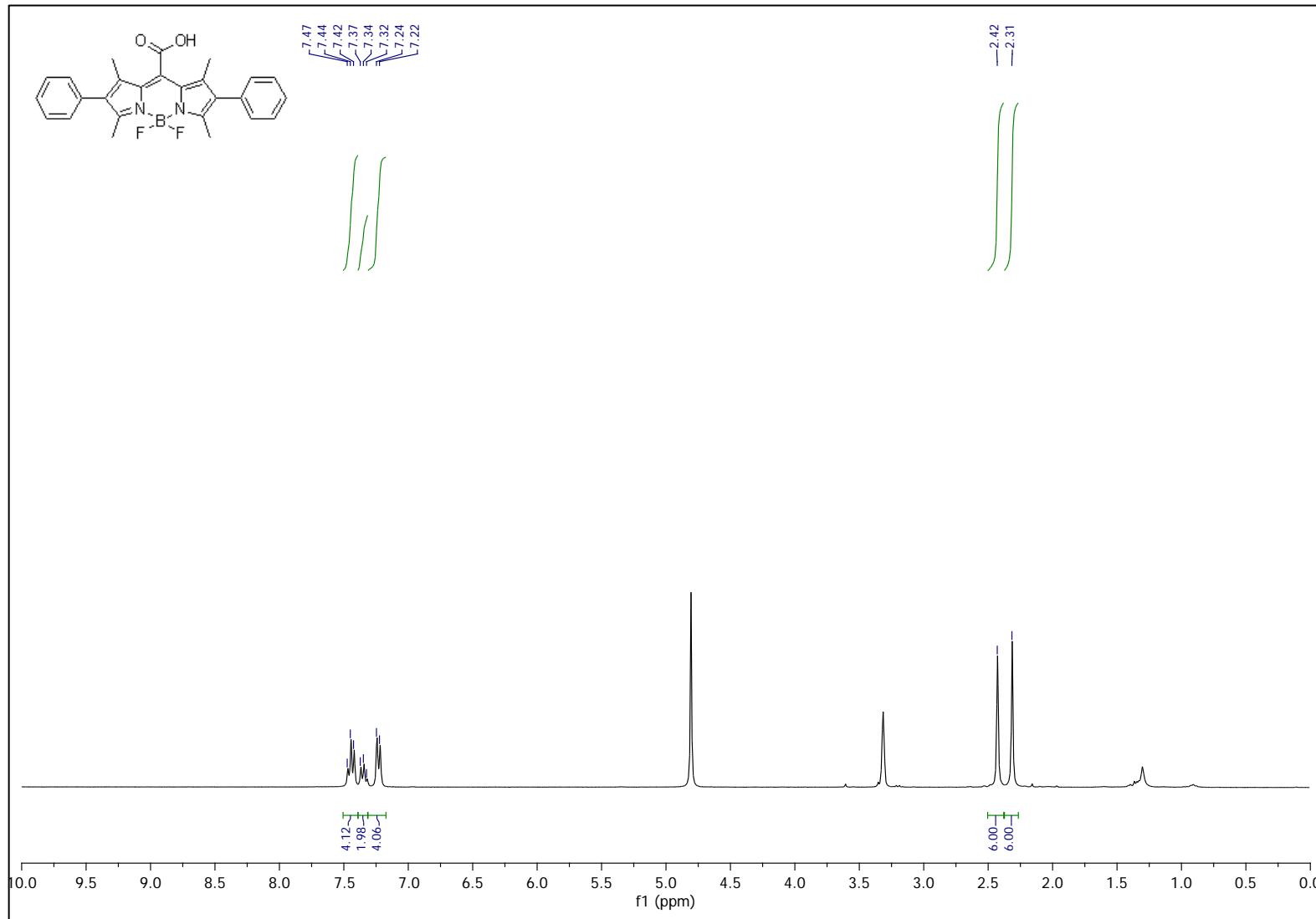
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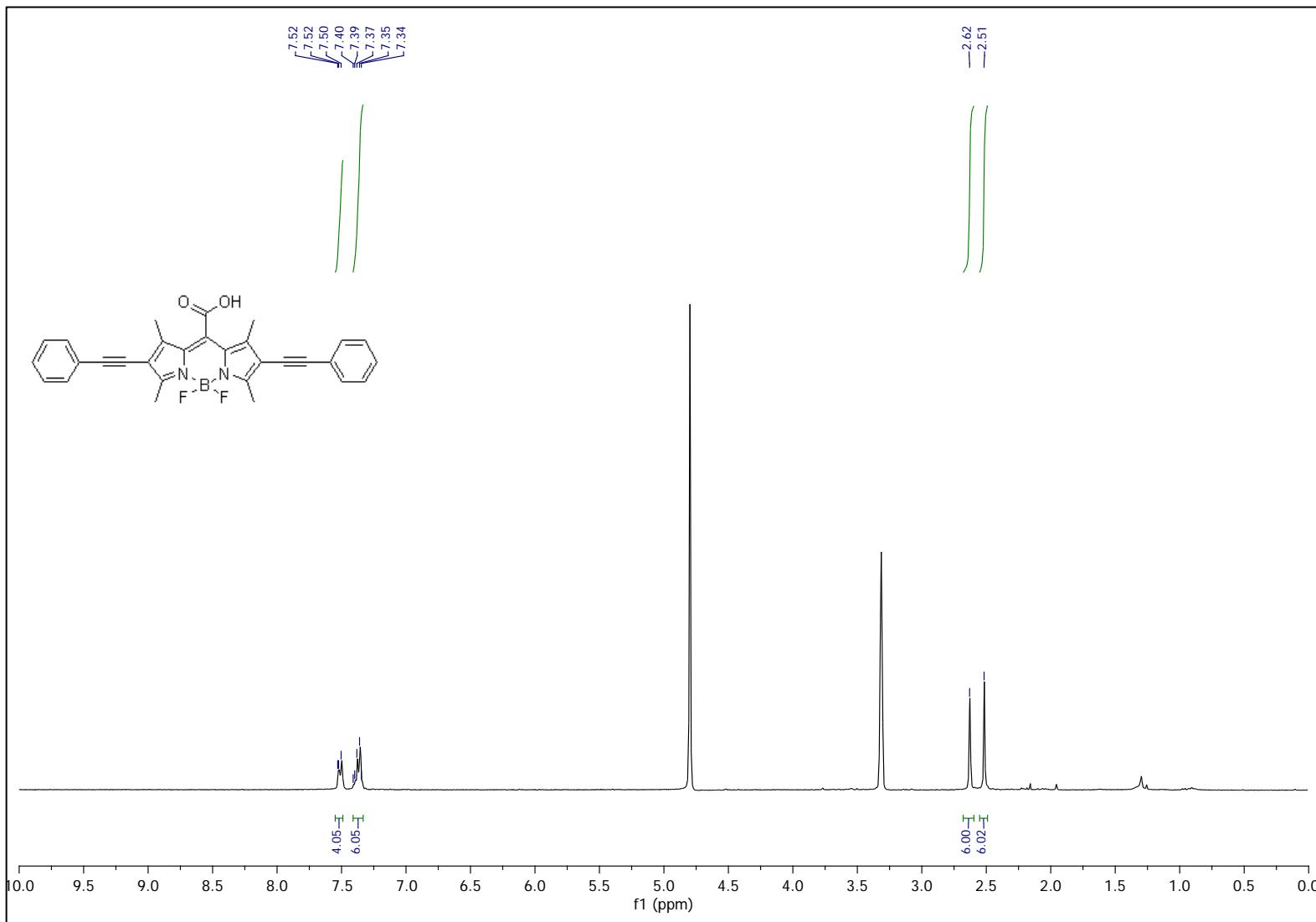
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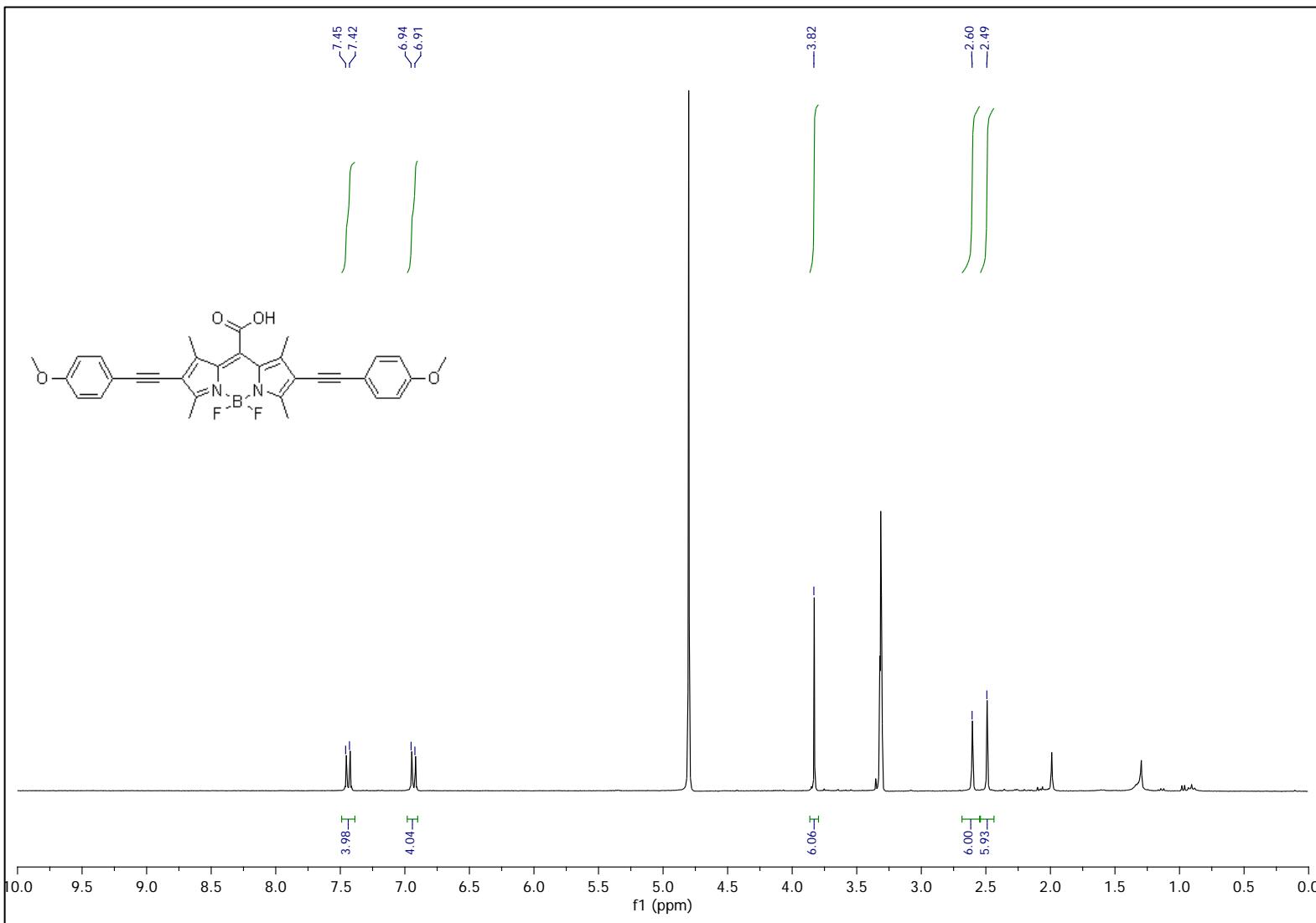
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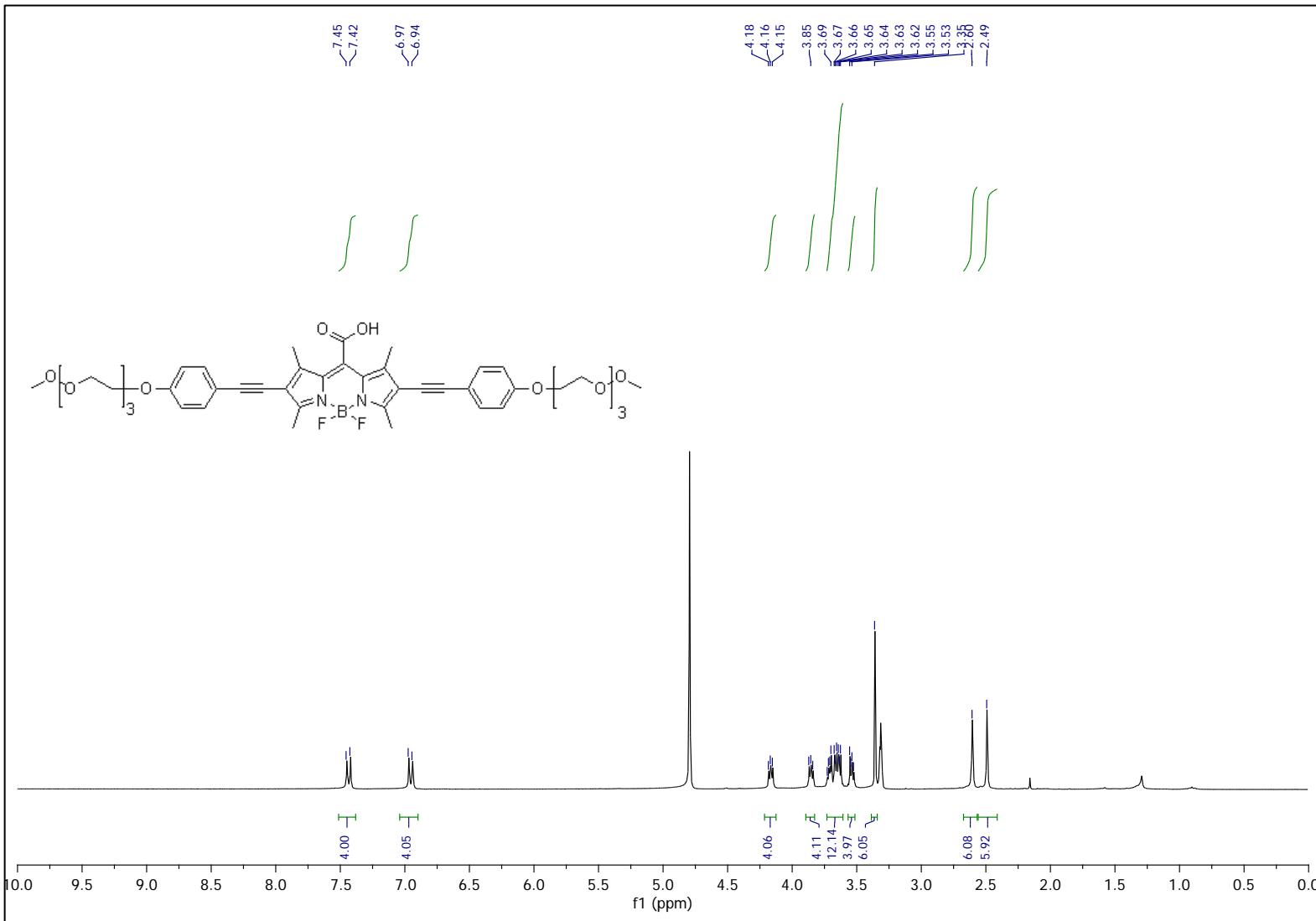
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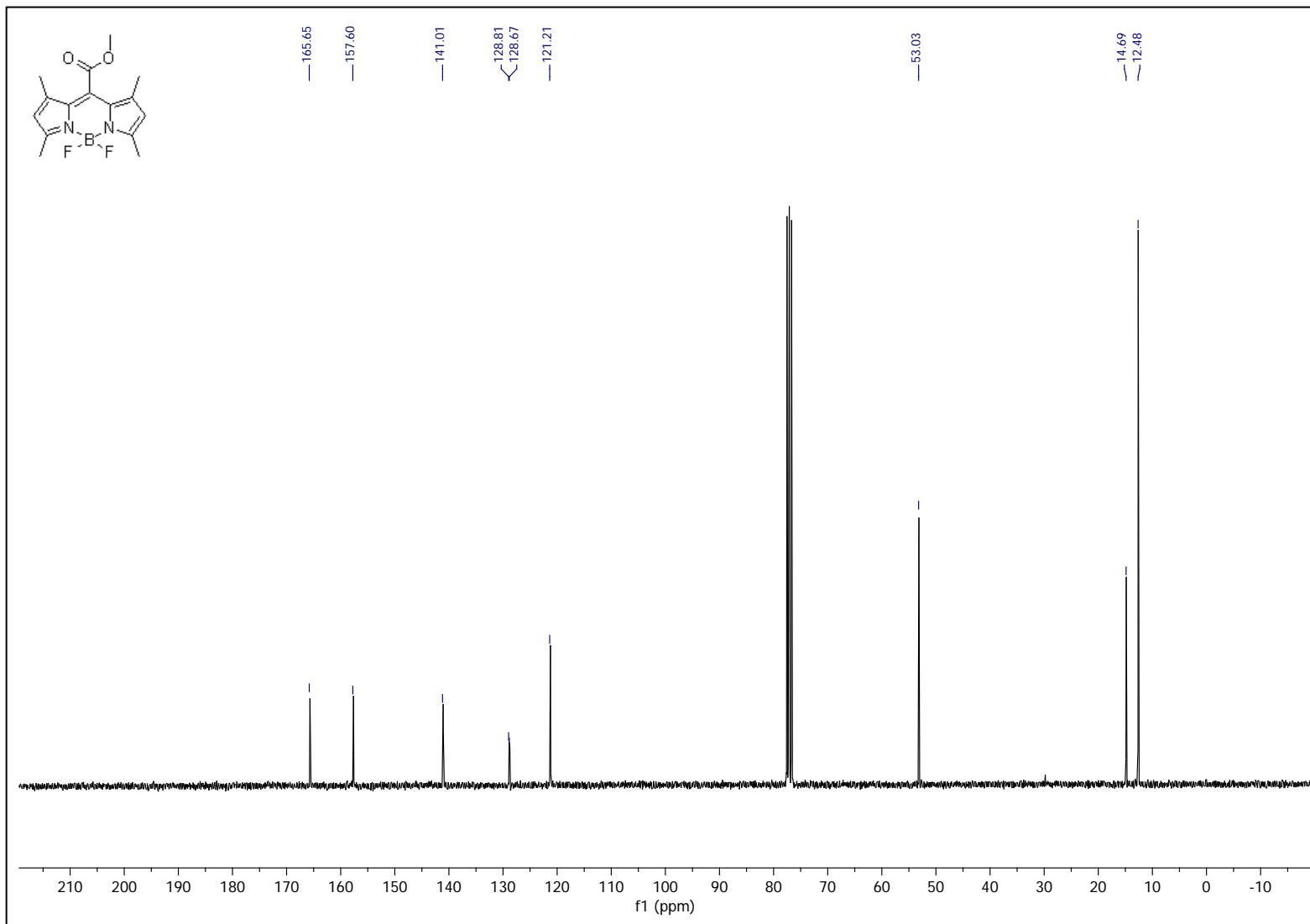
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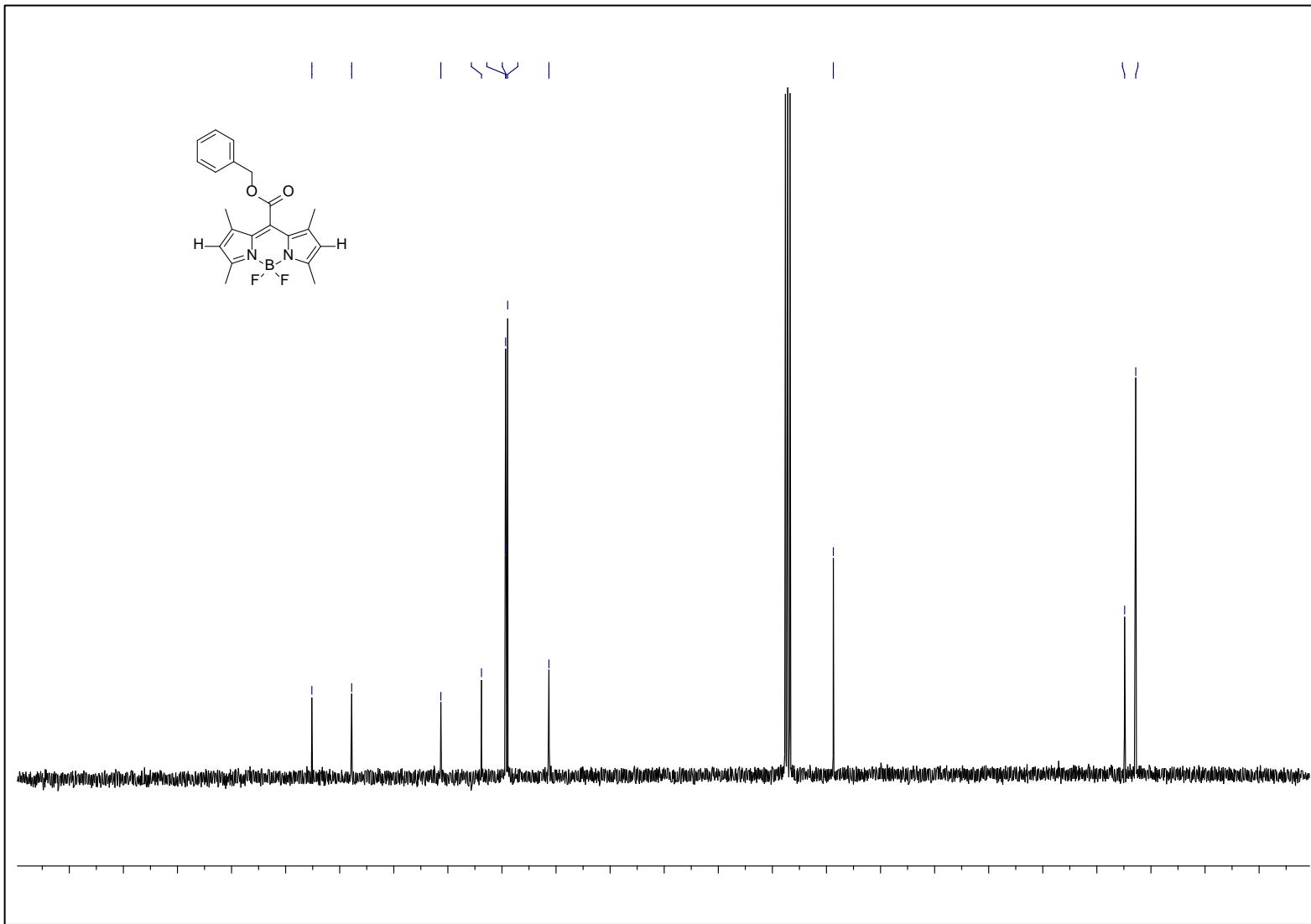
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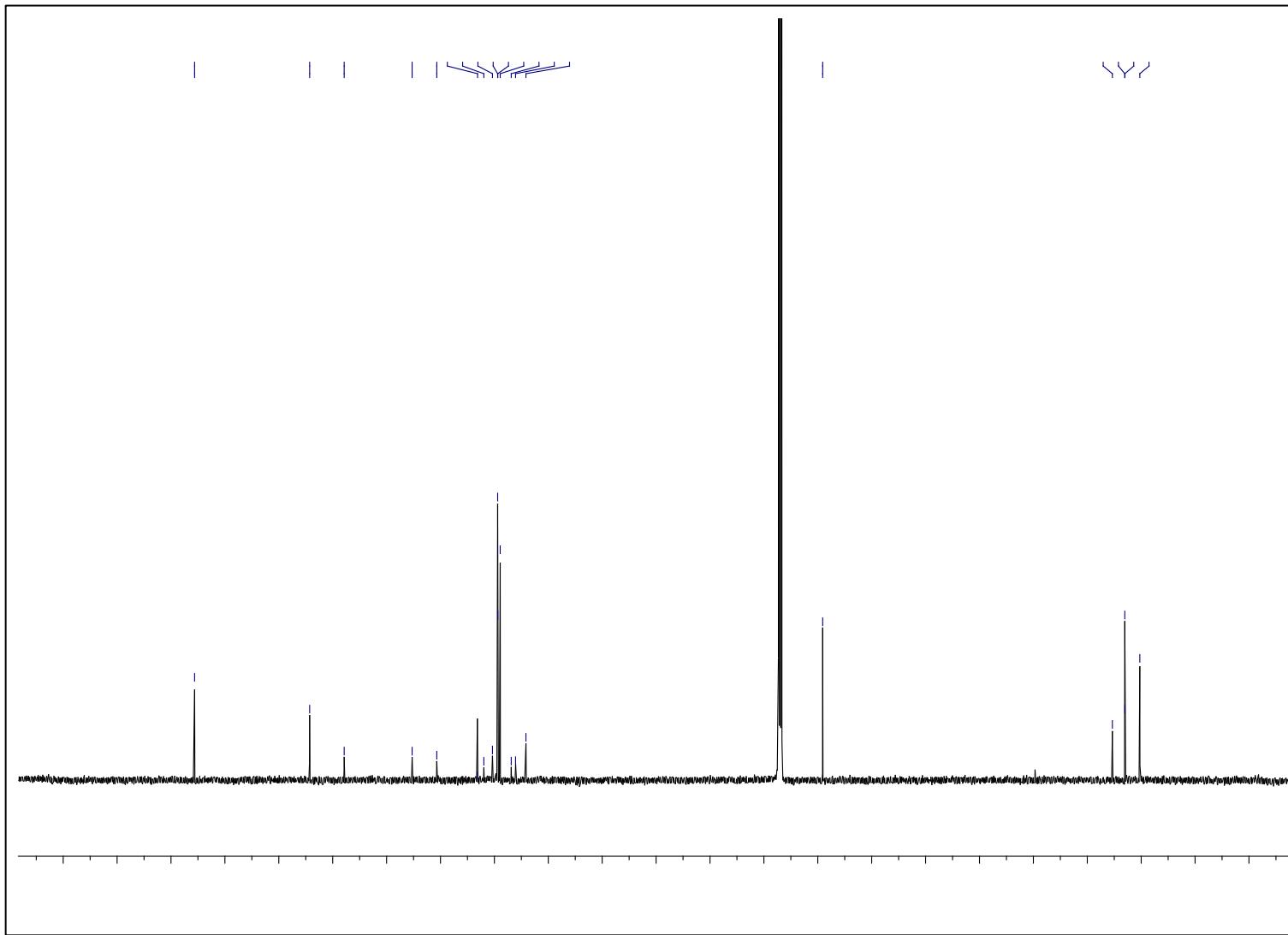
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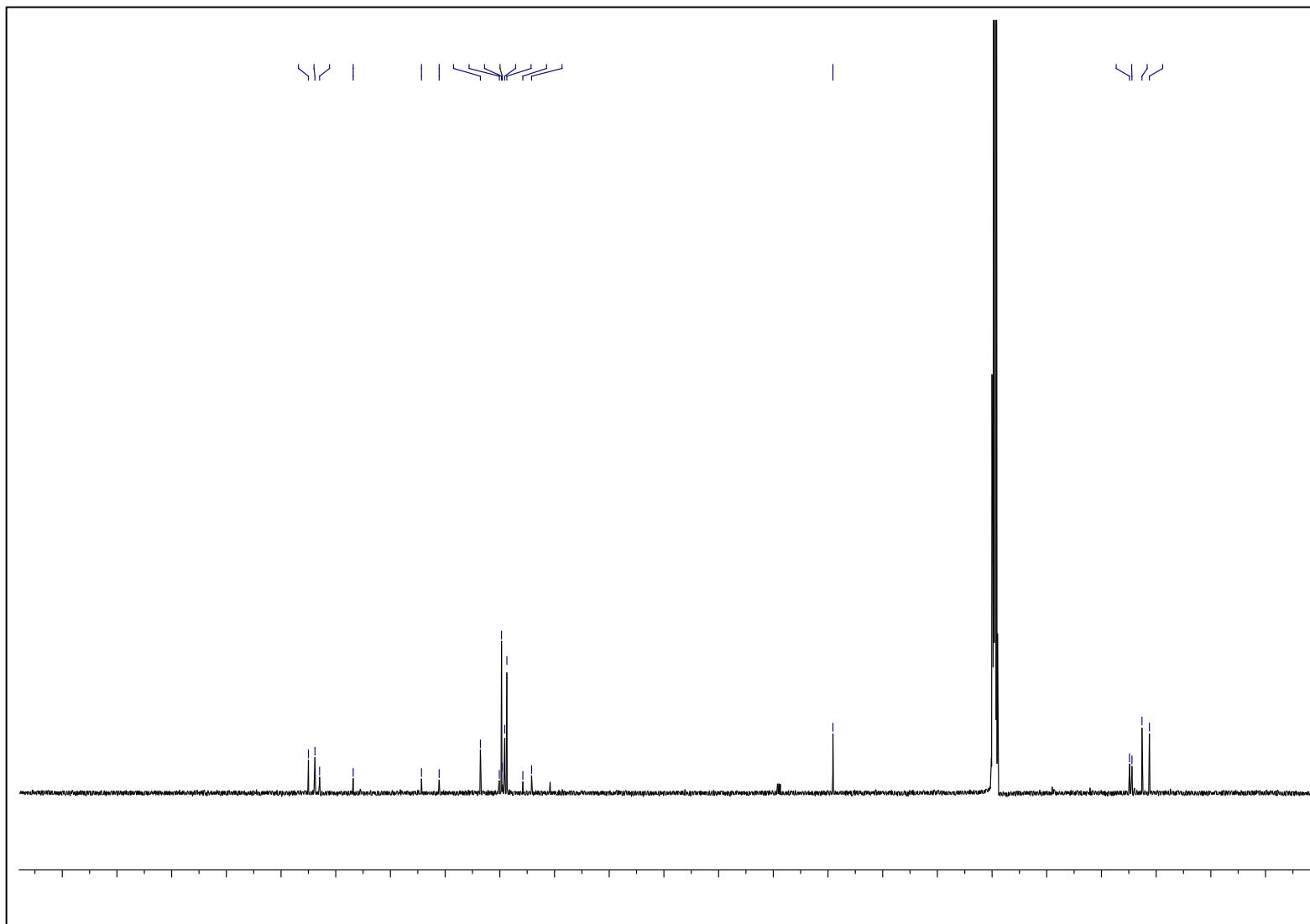
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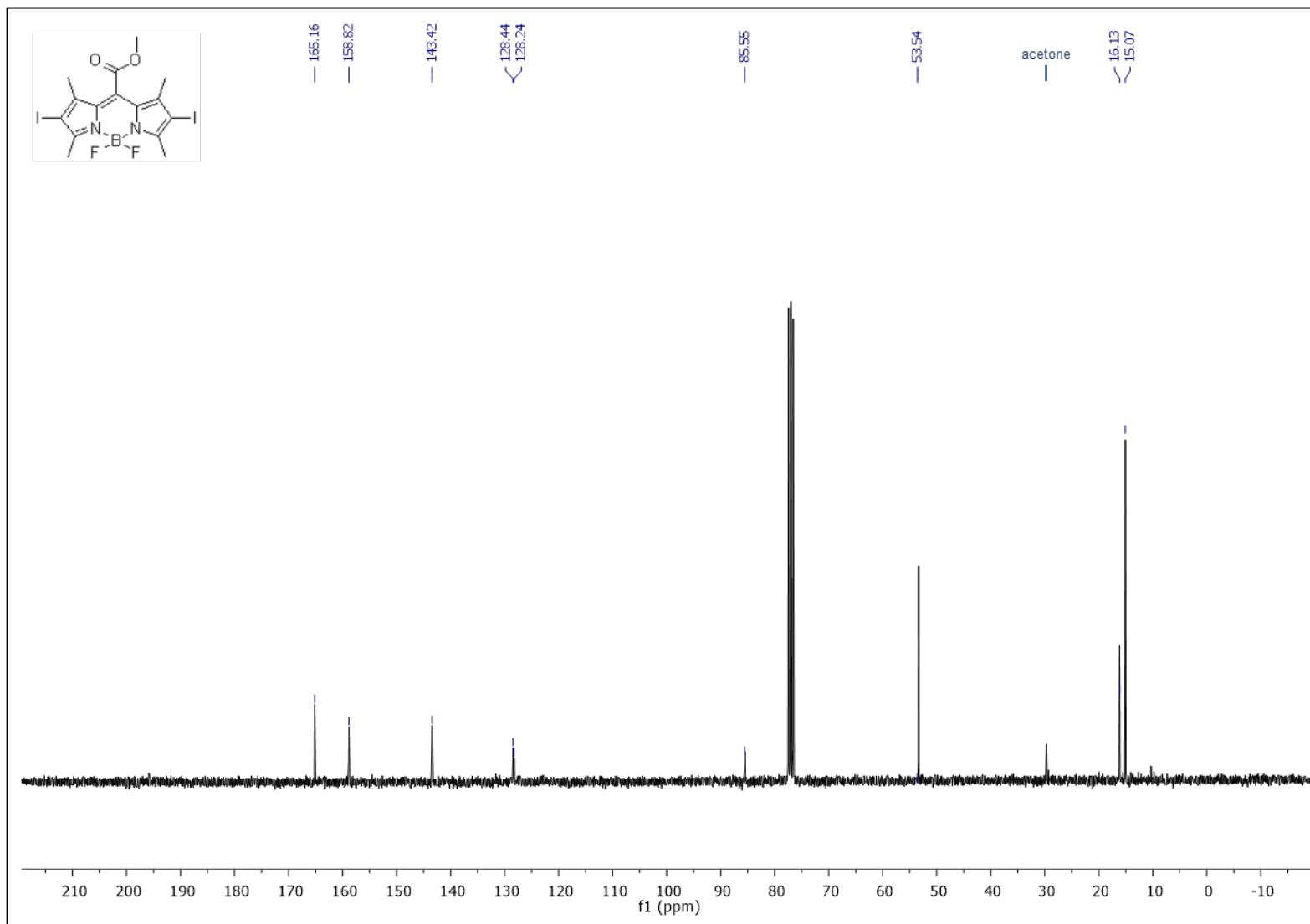
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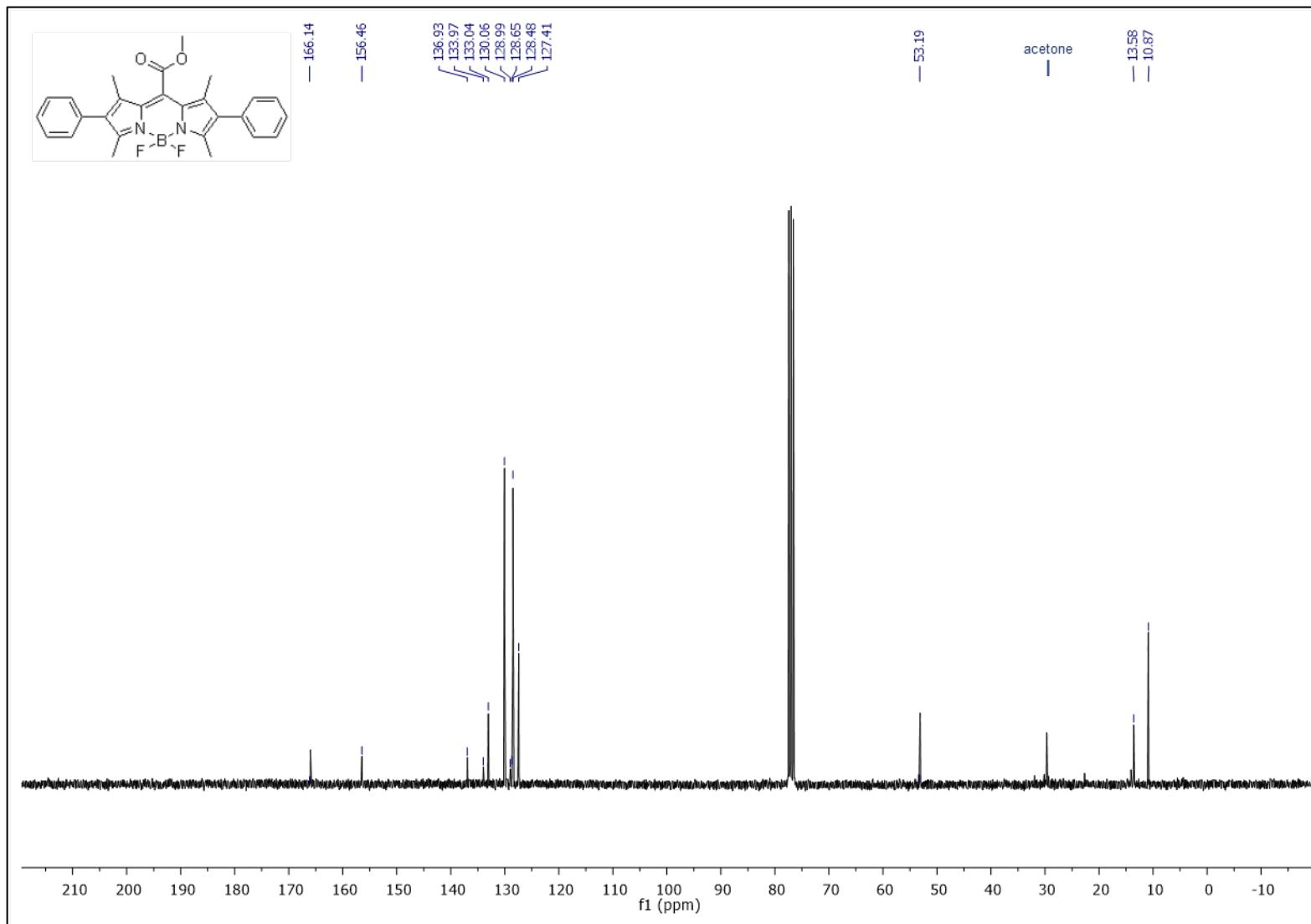
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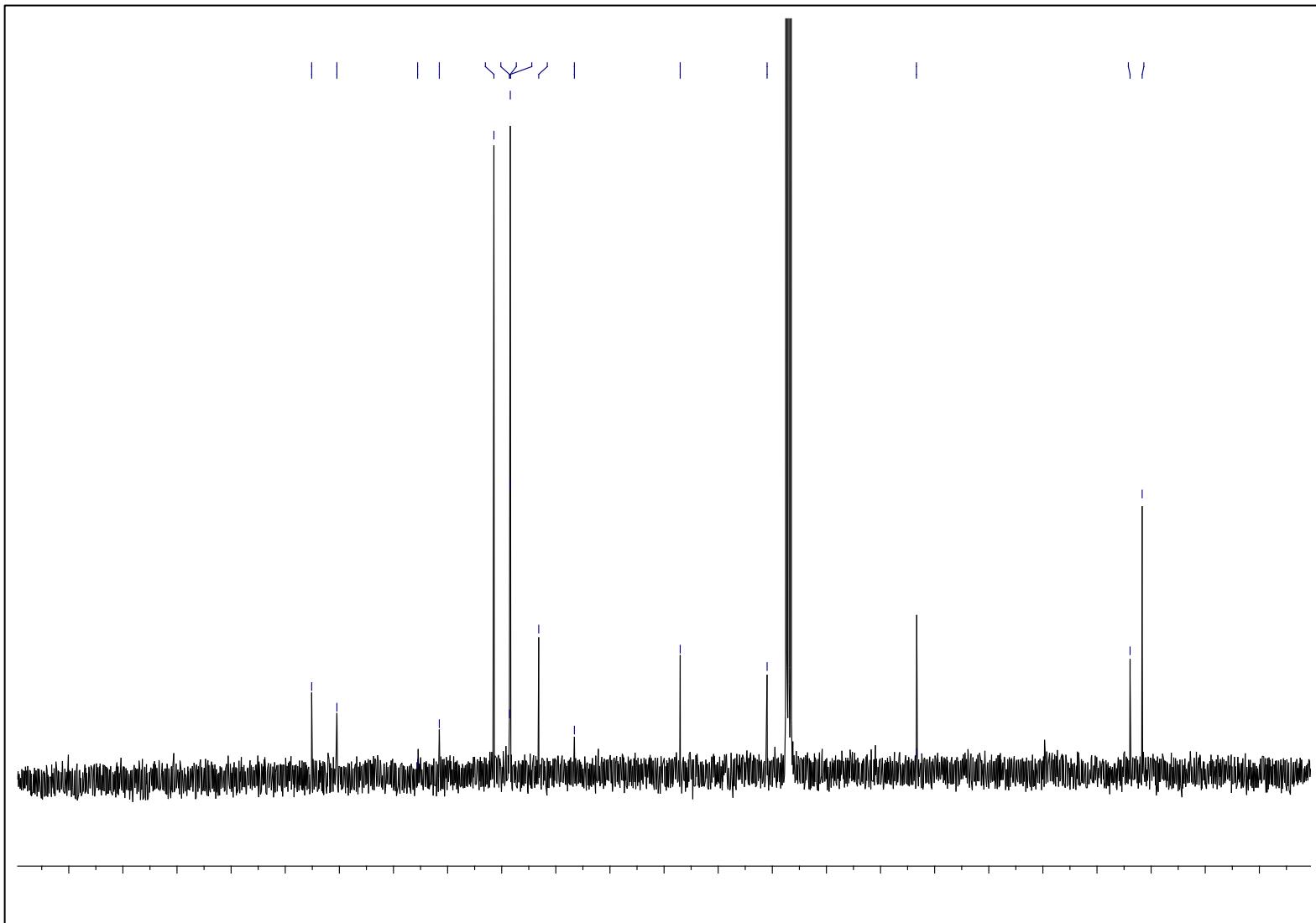
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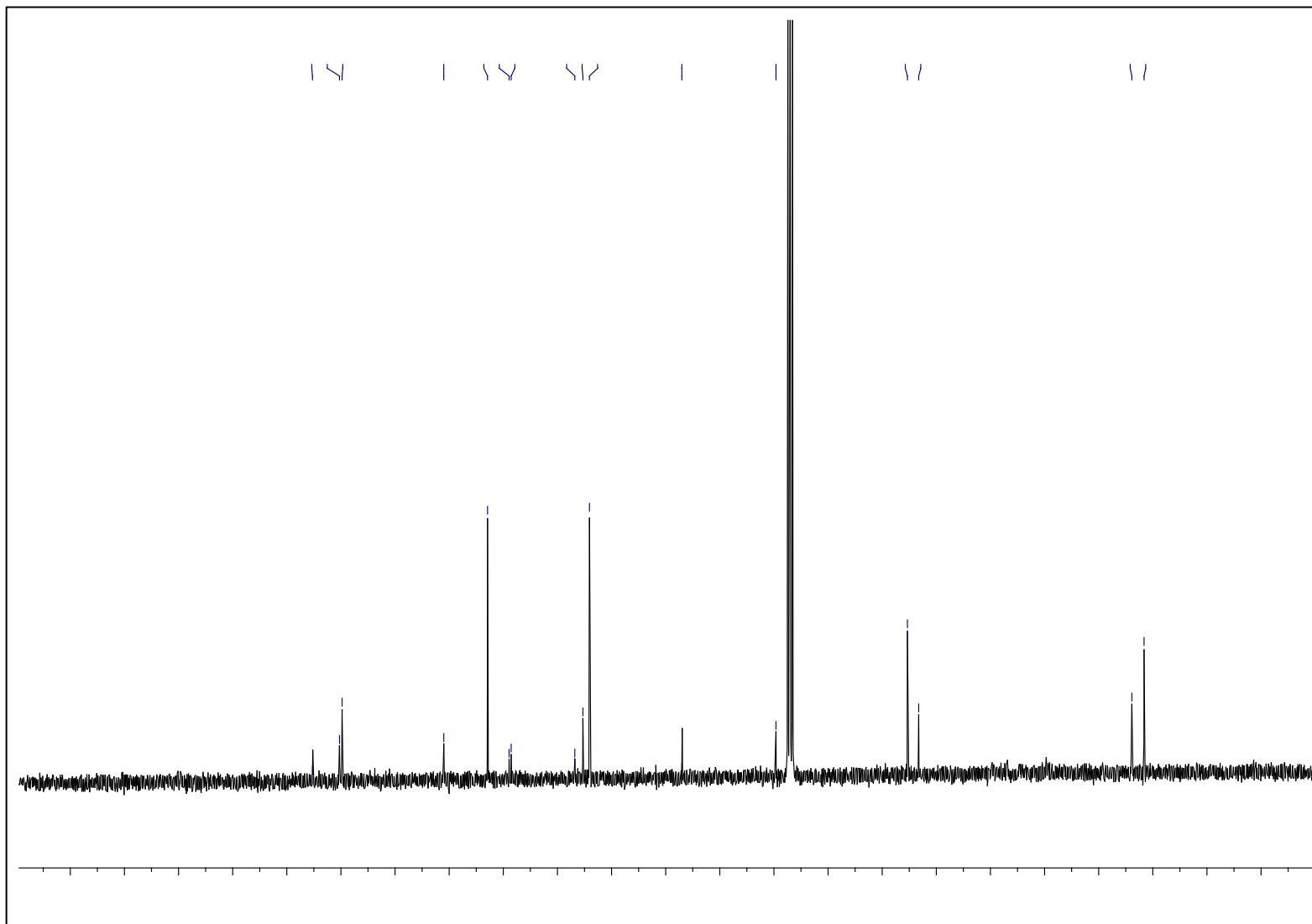
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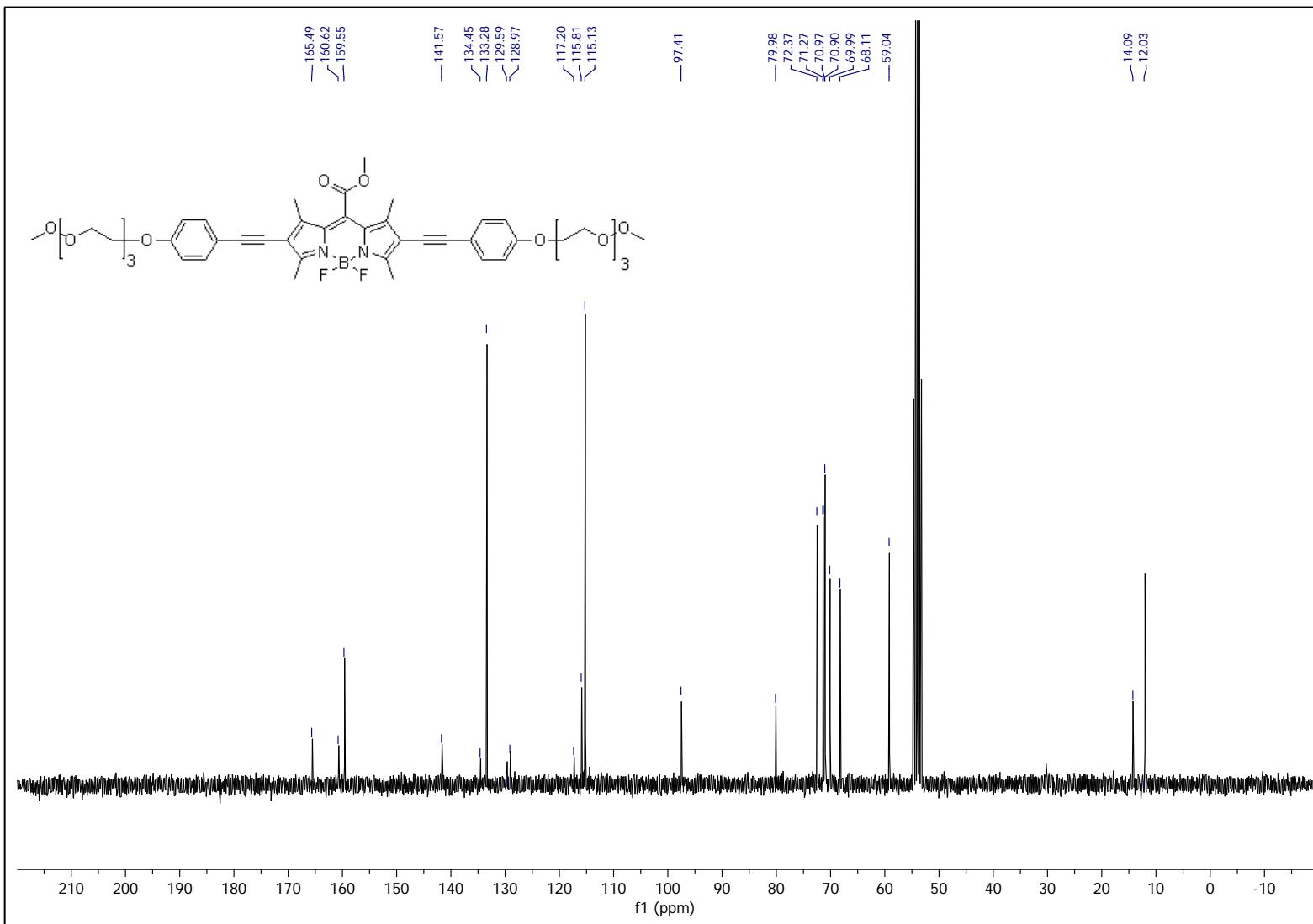
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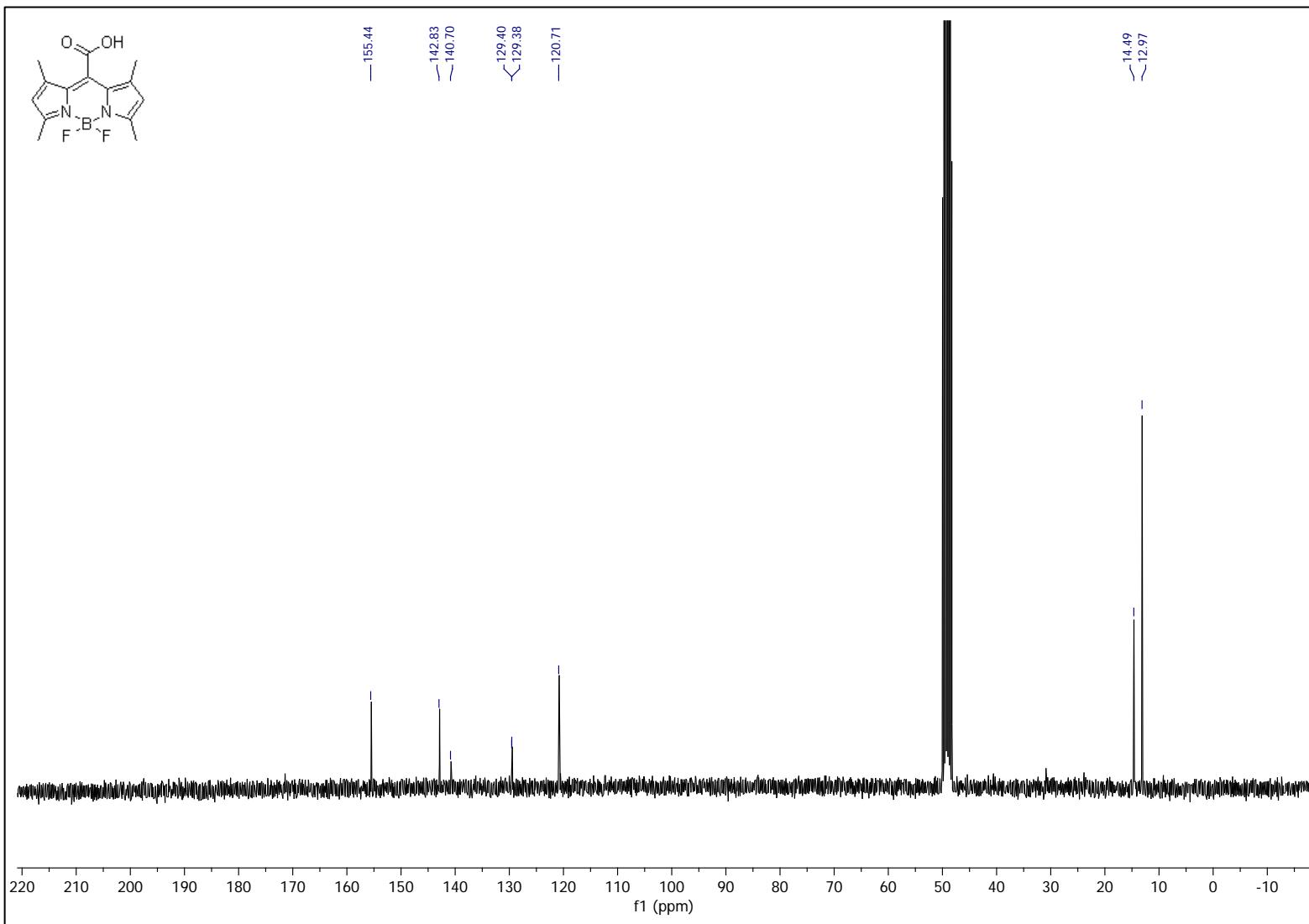
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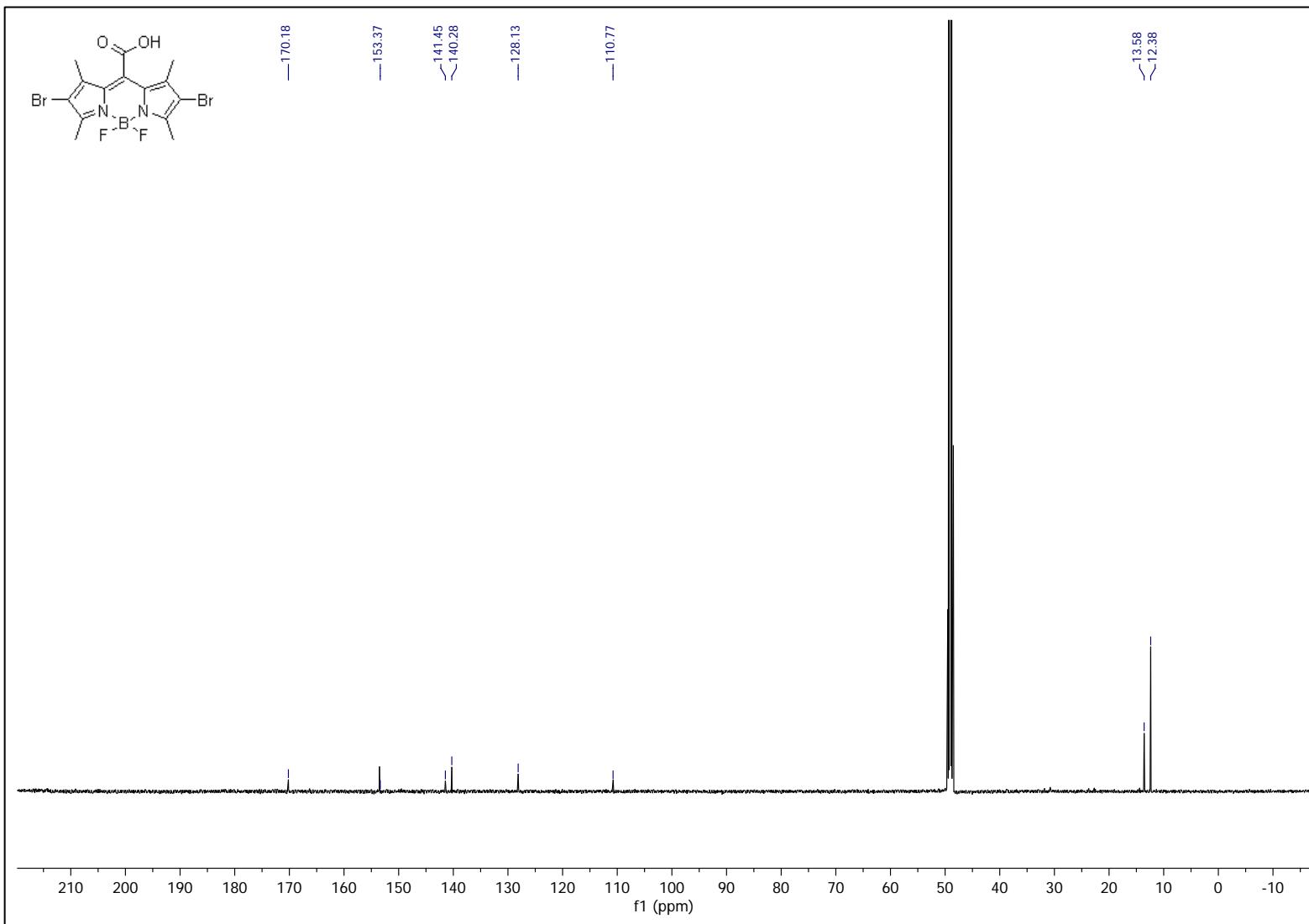
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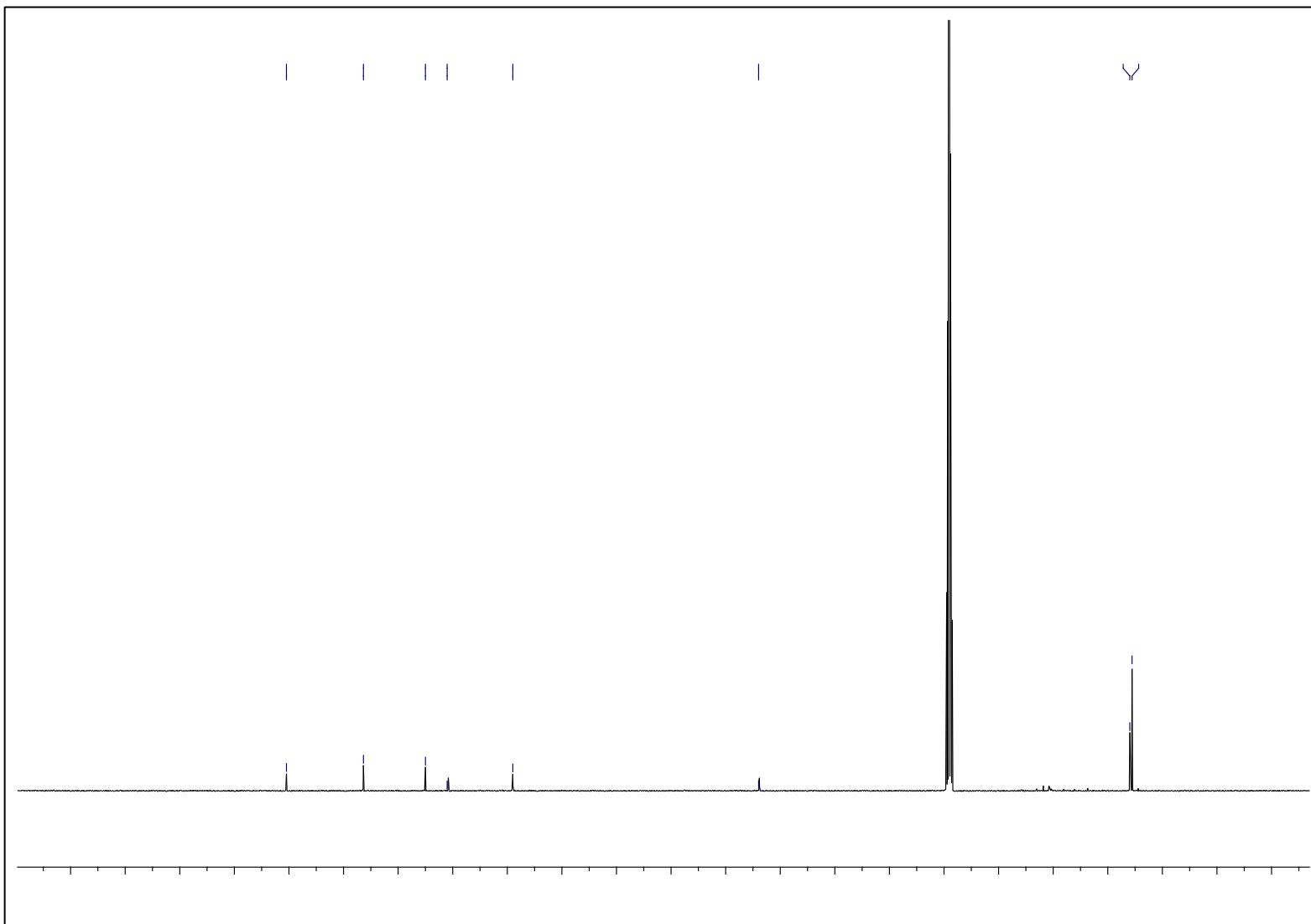
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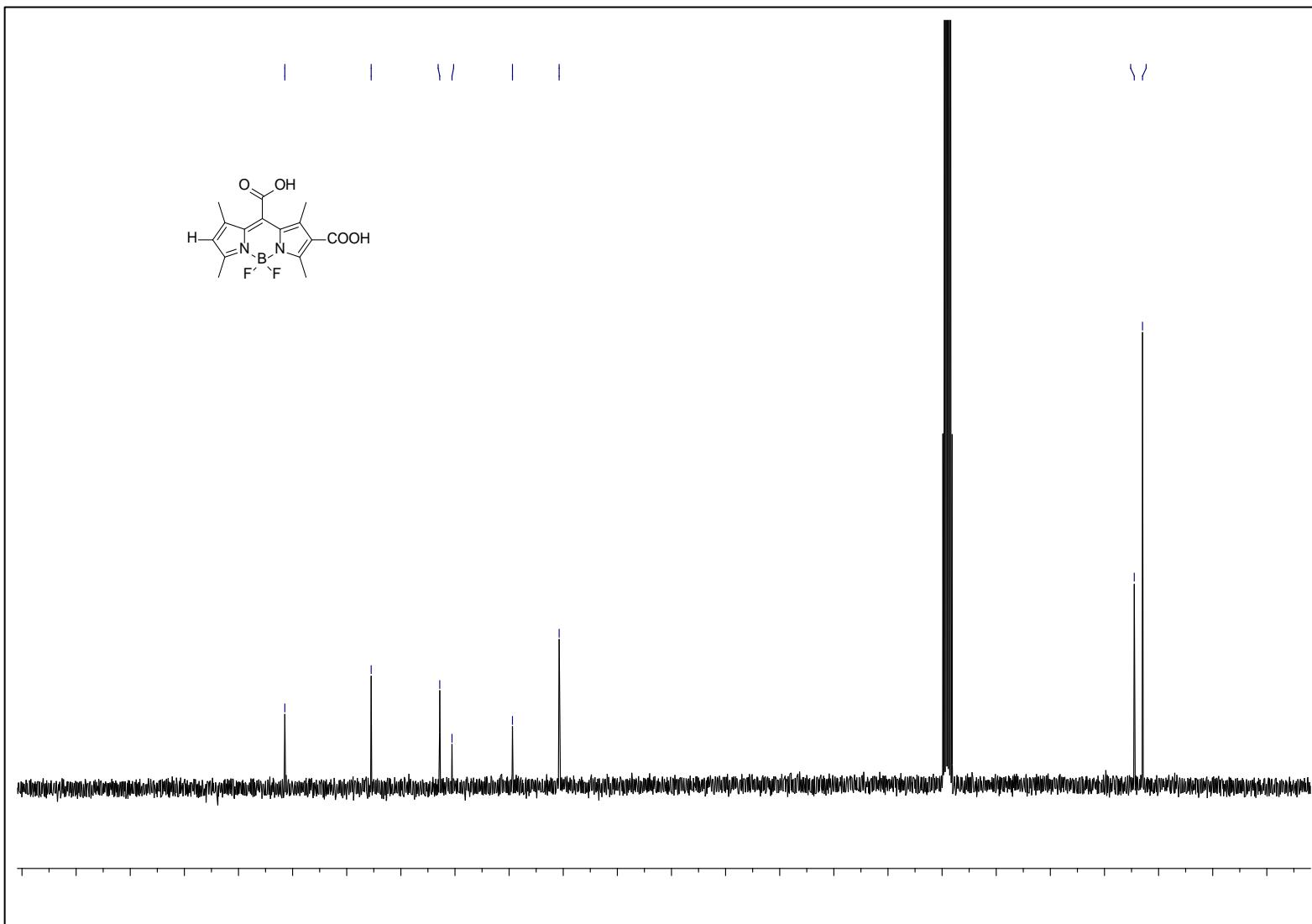
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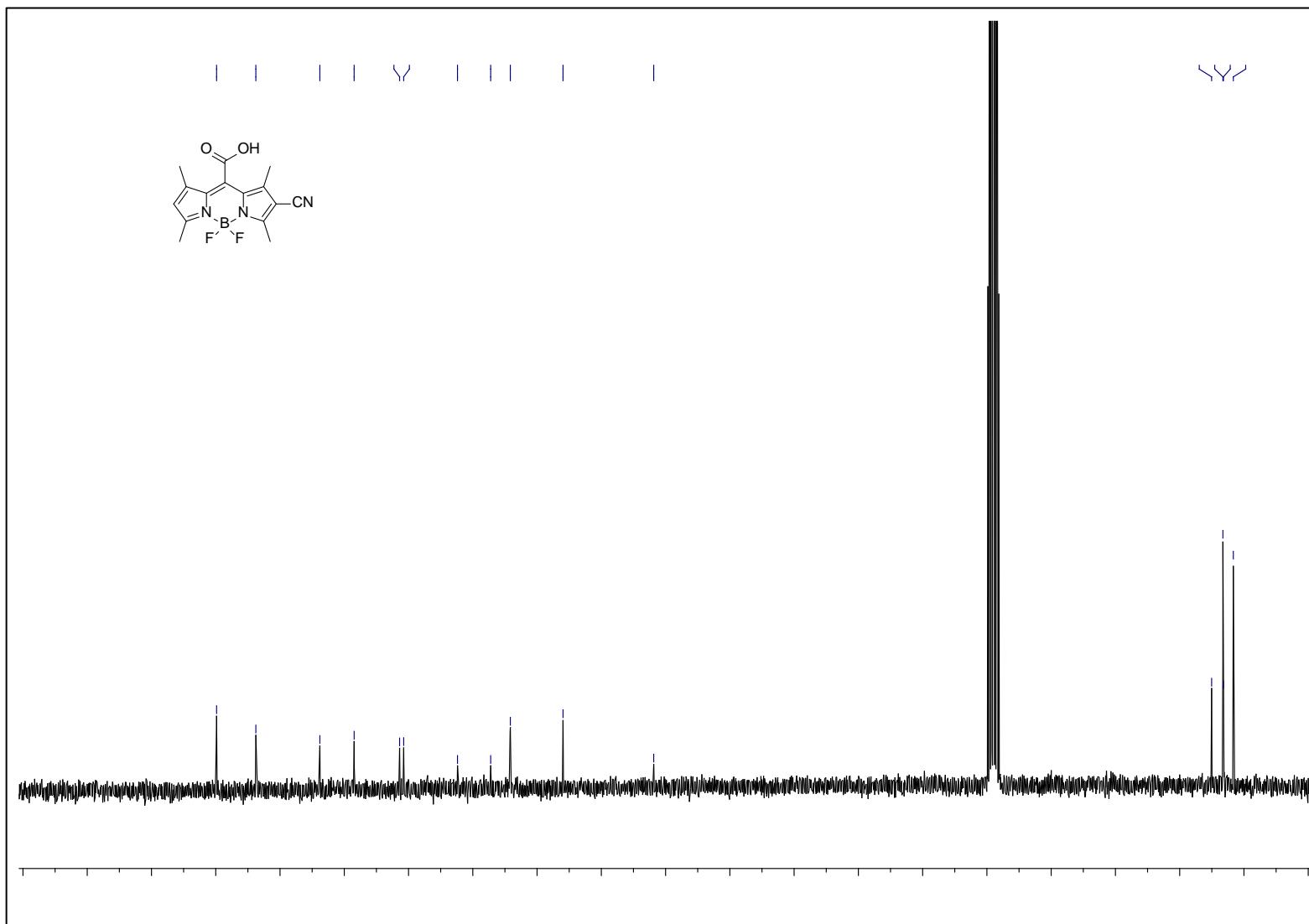
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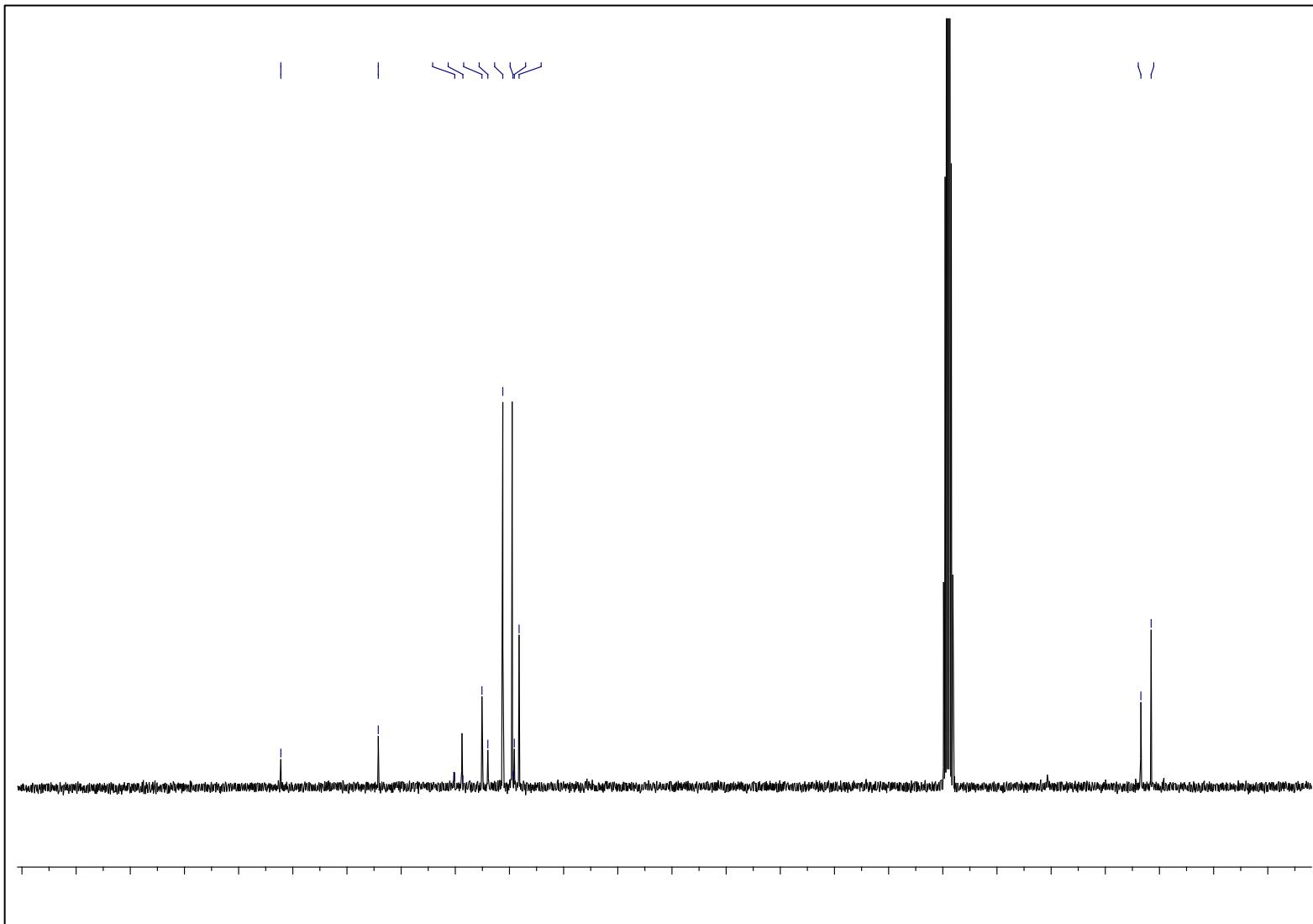
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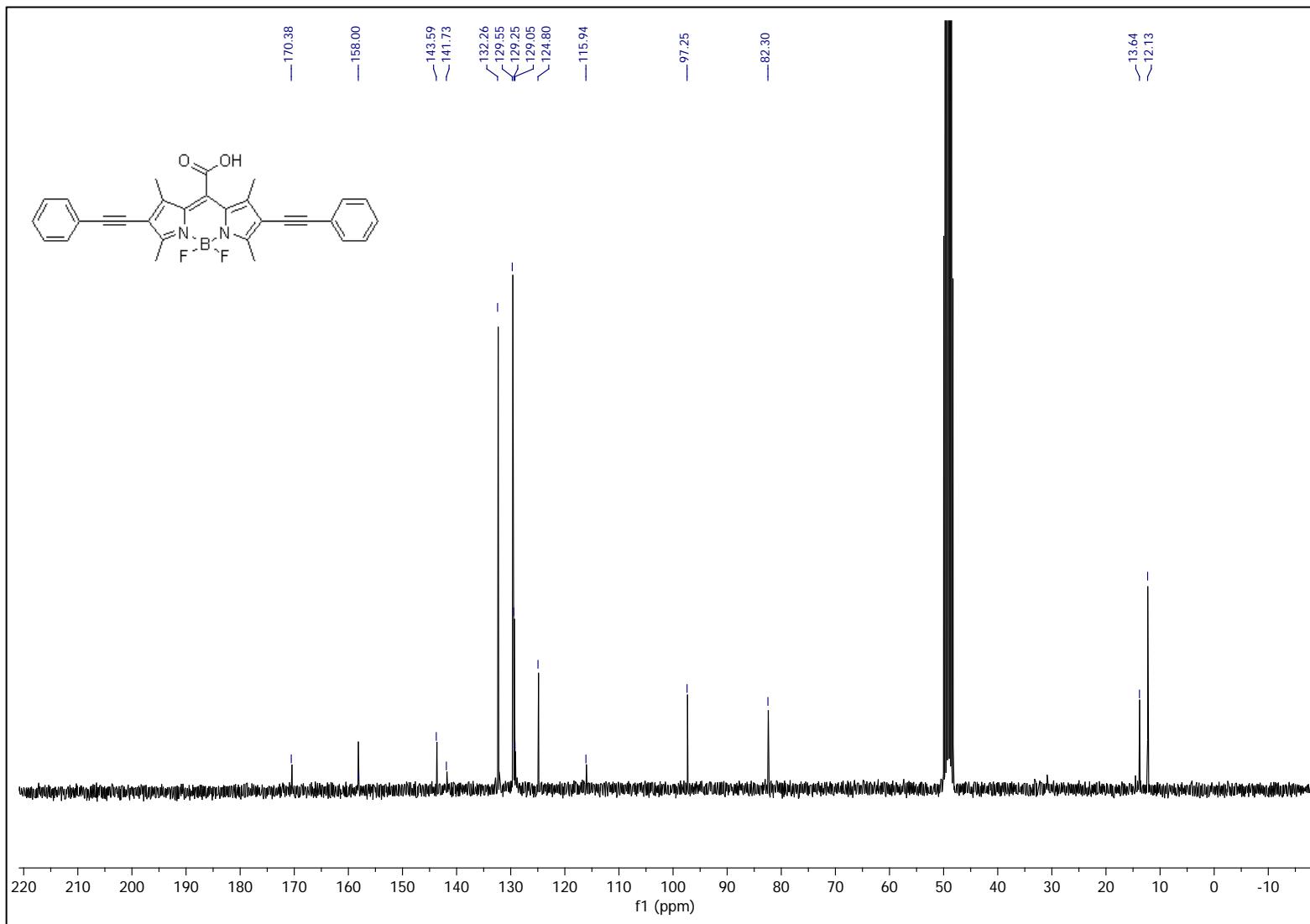
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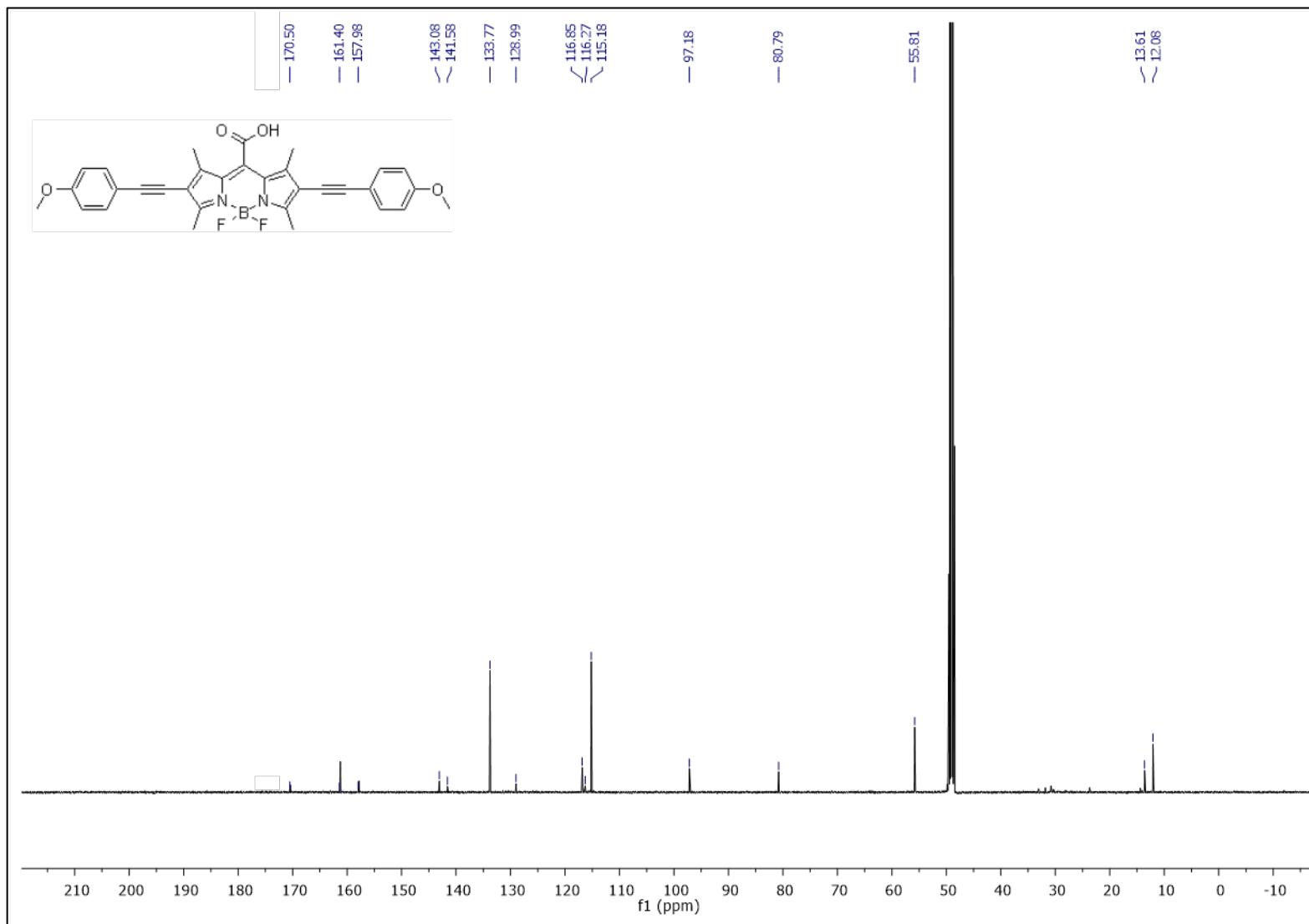
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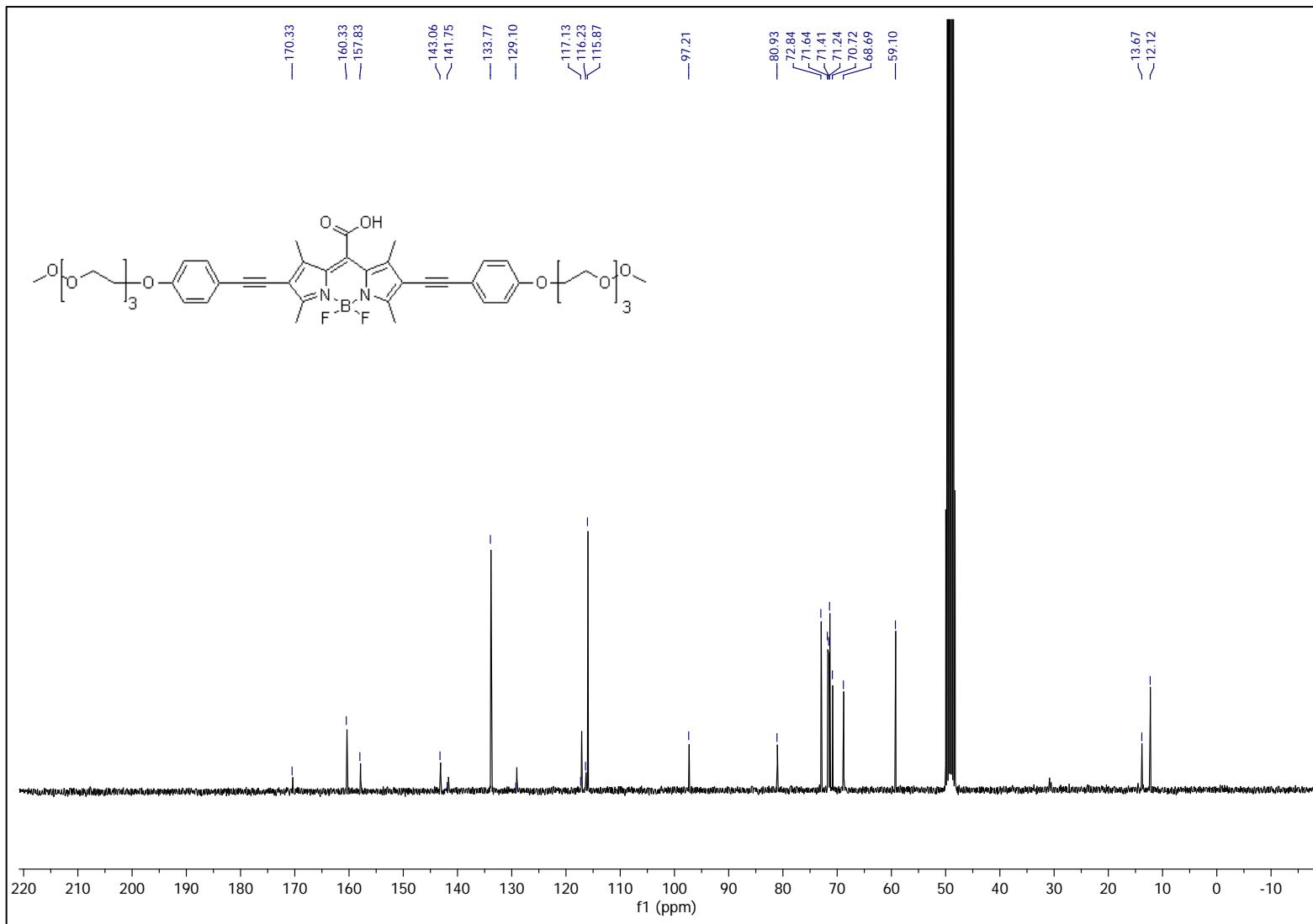
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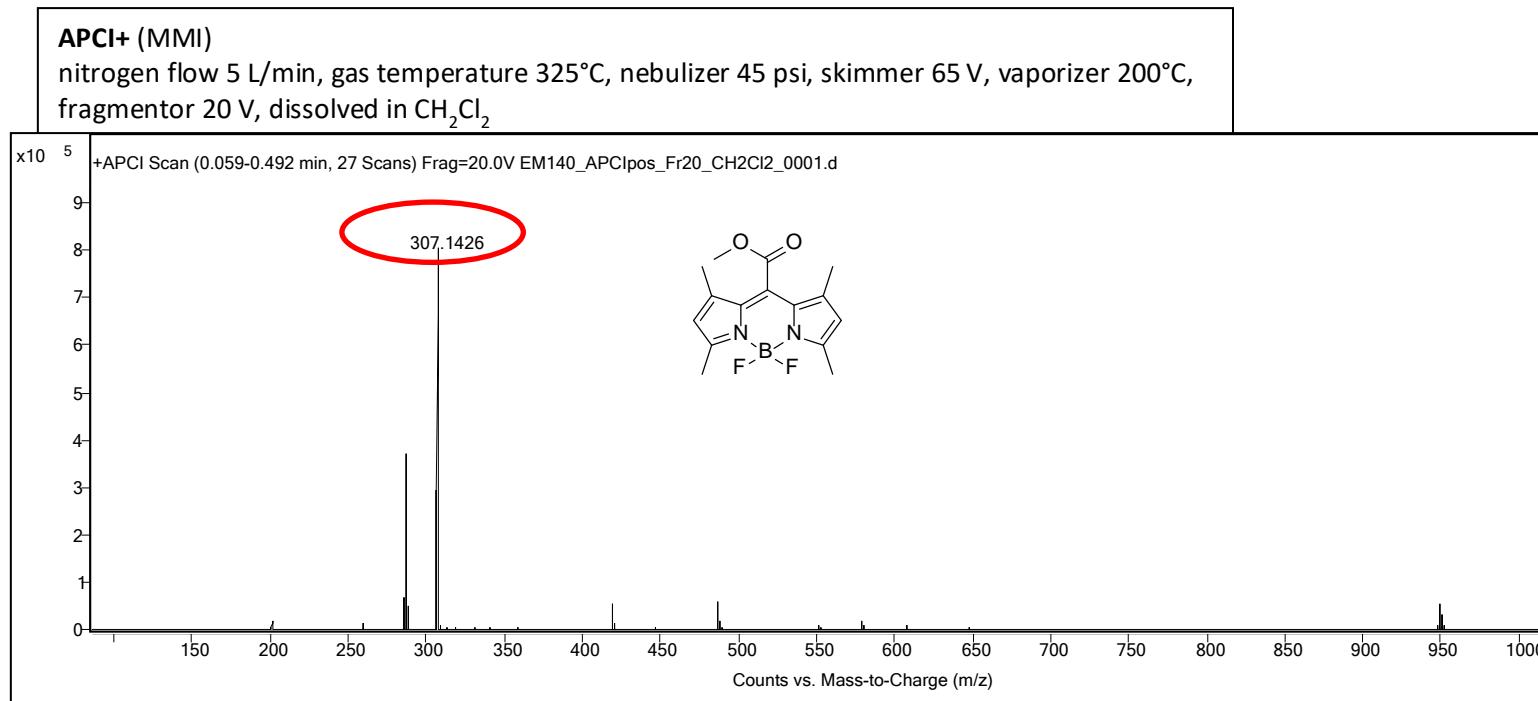


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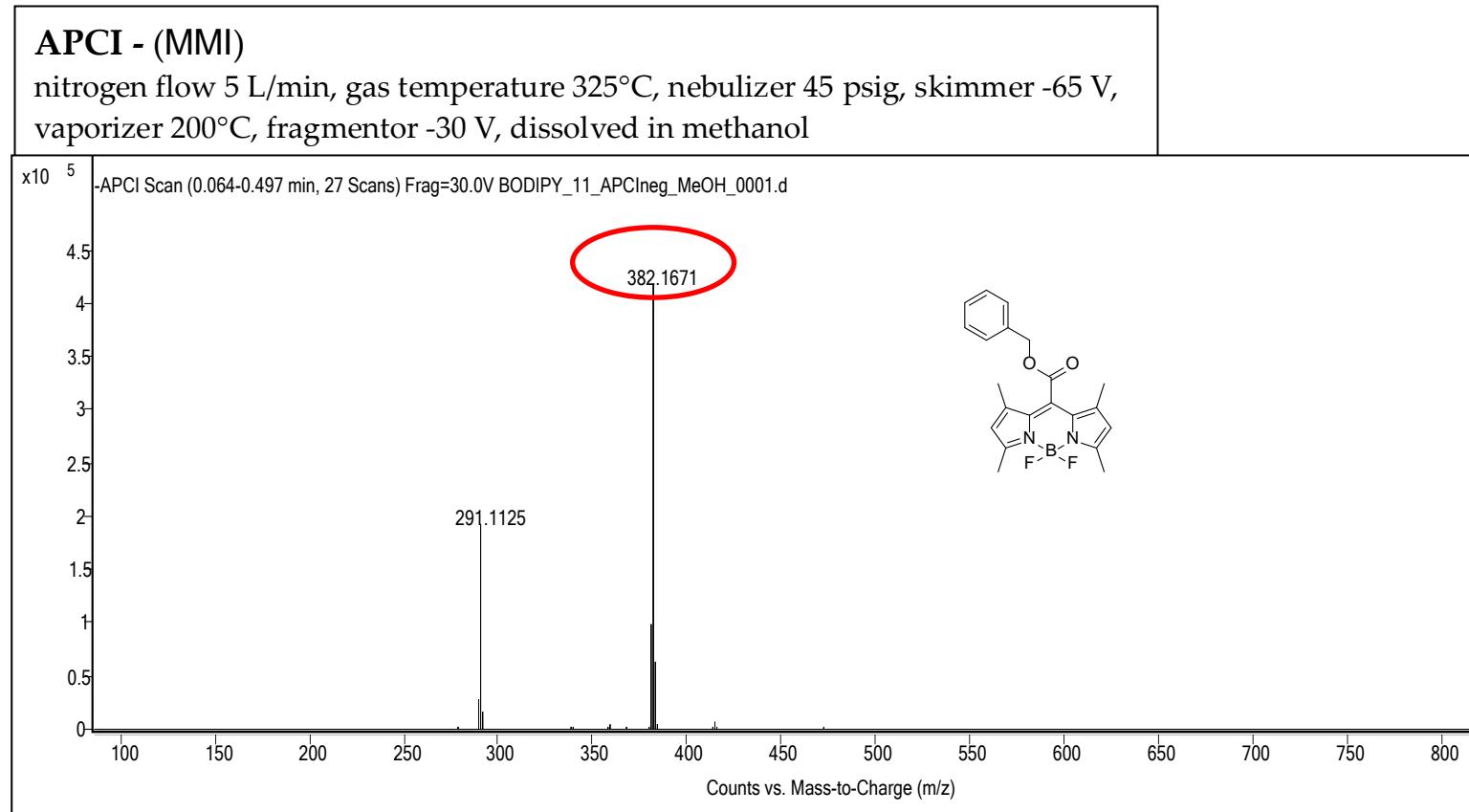


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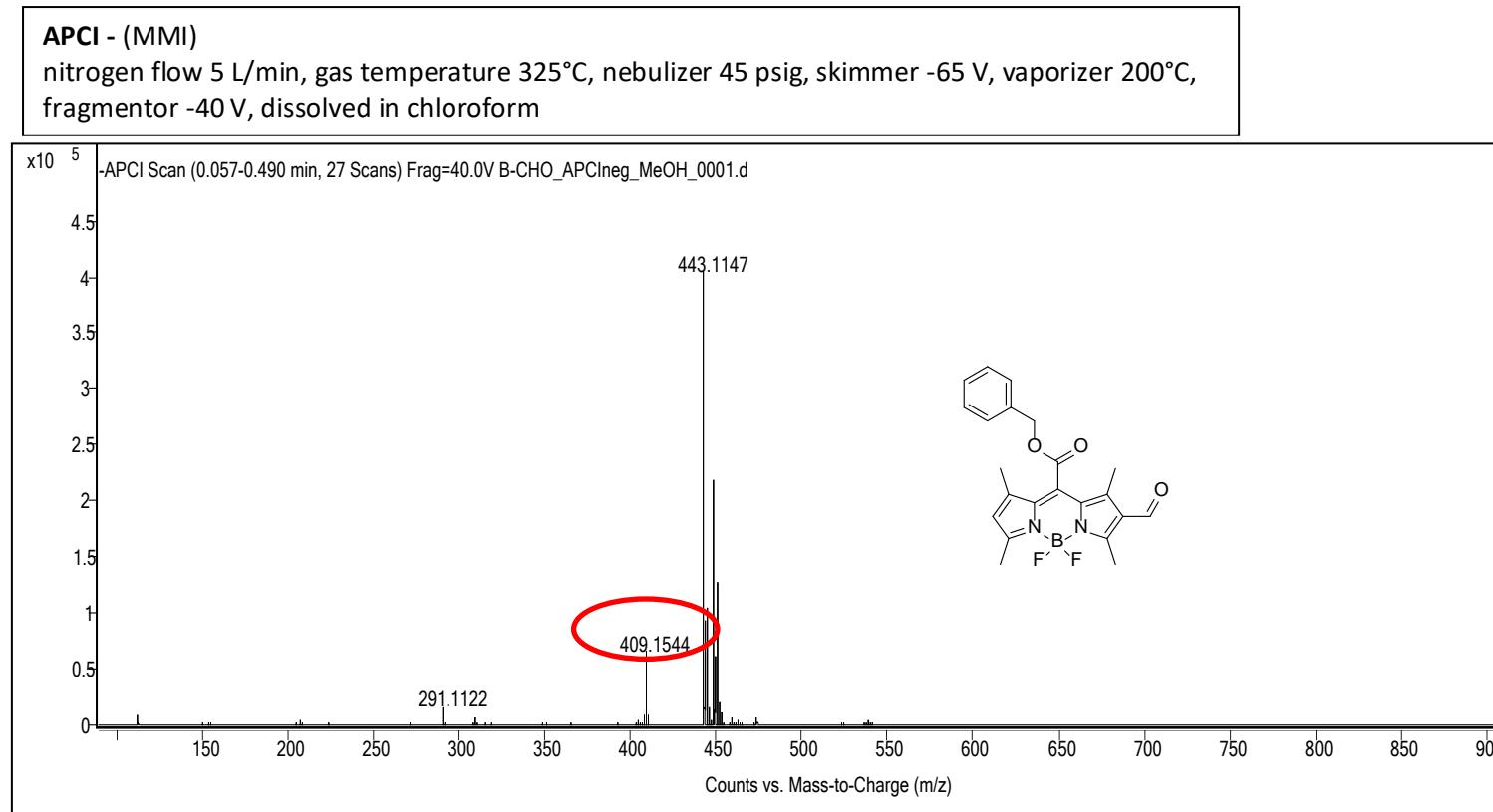
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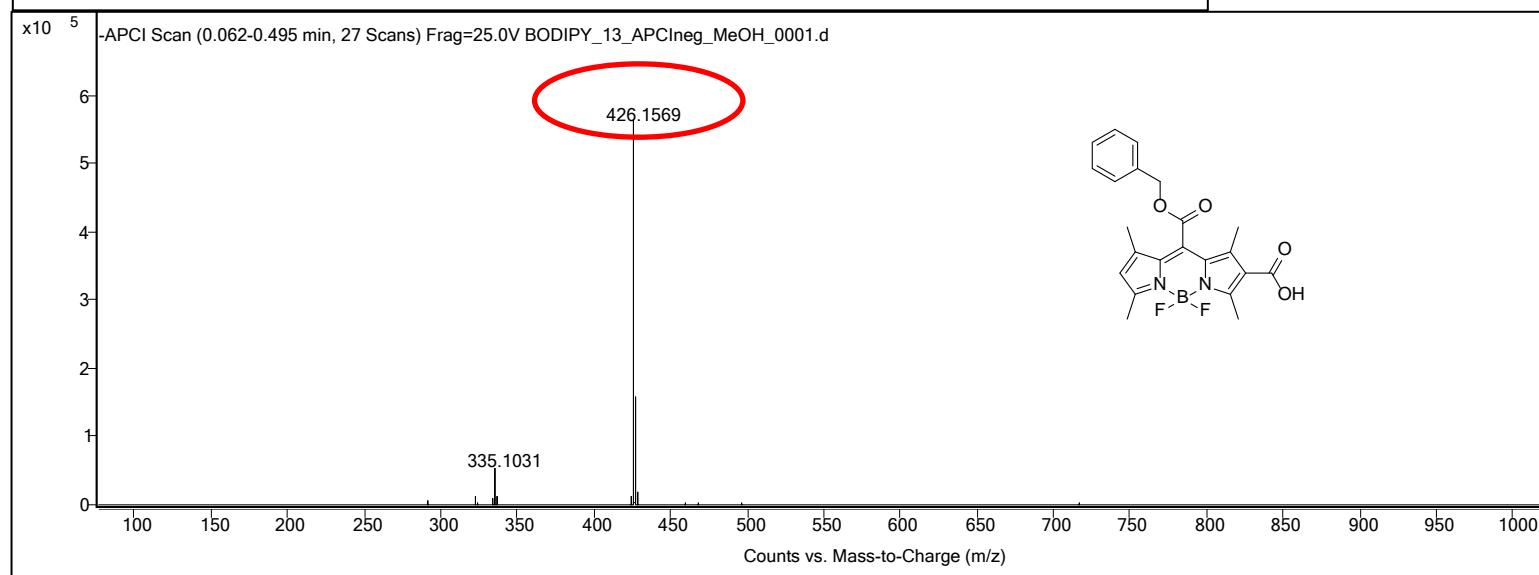
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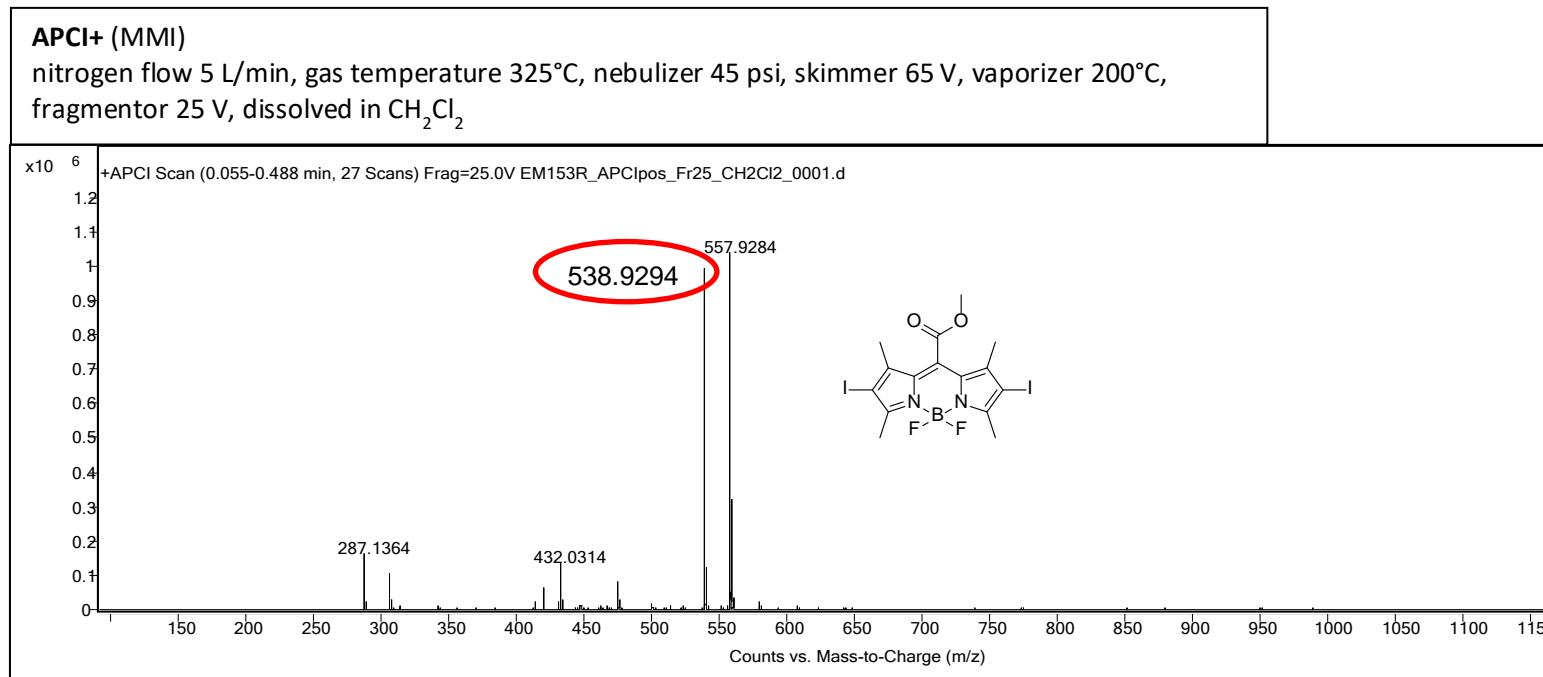
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**APCI - (MMI)**

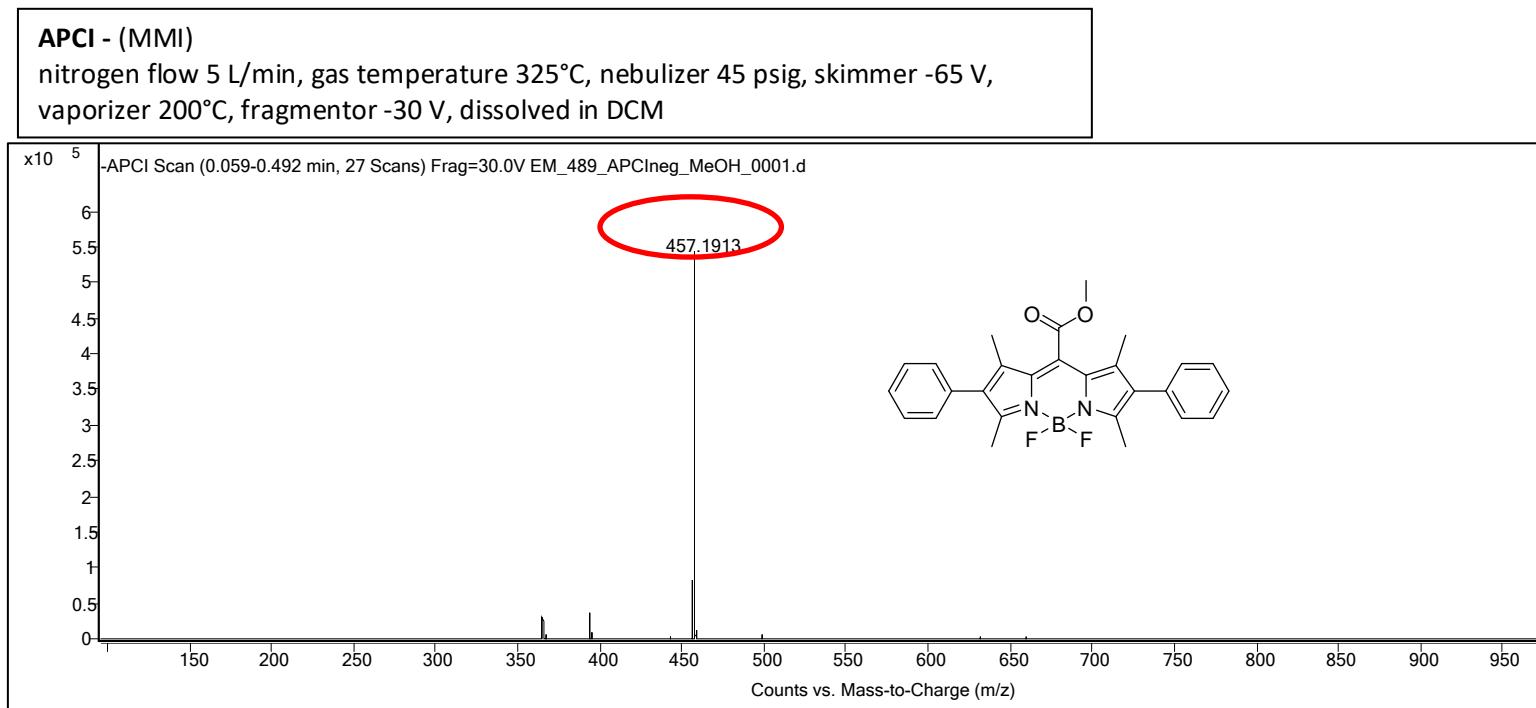
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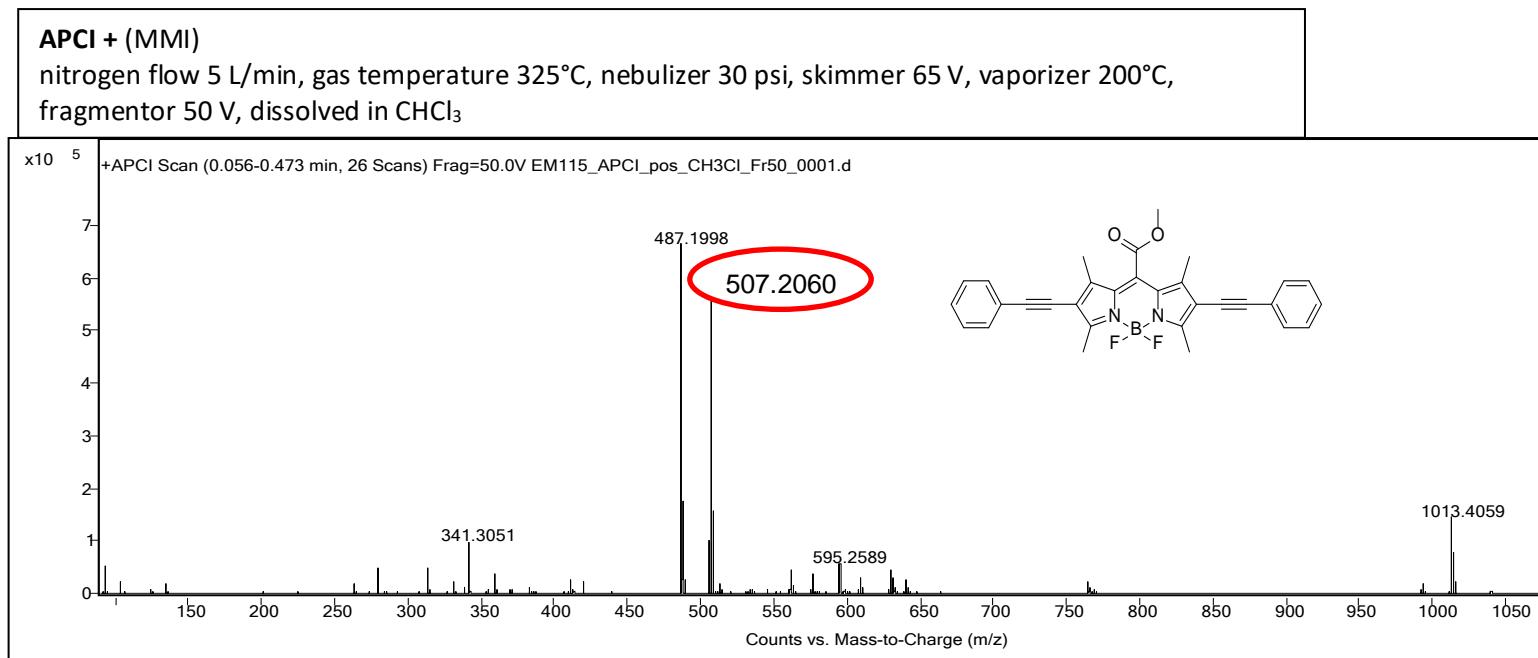
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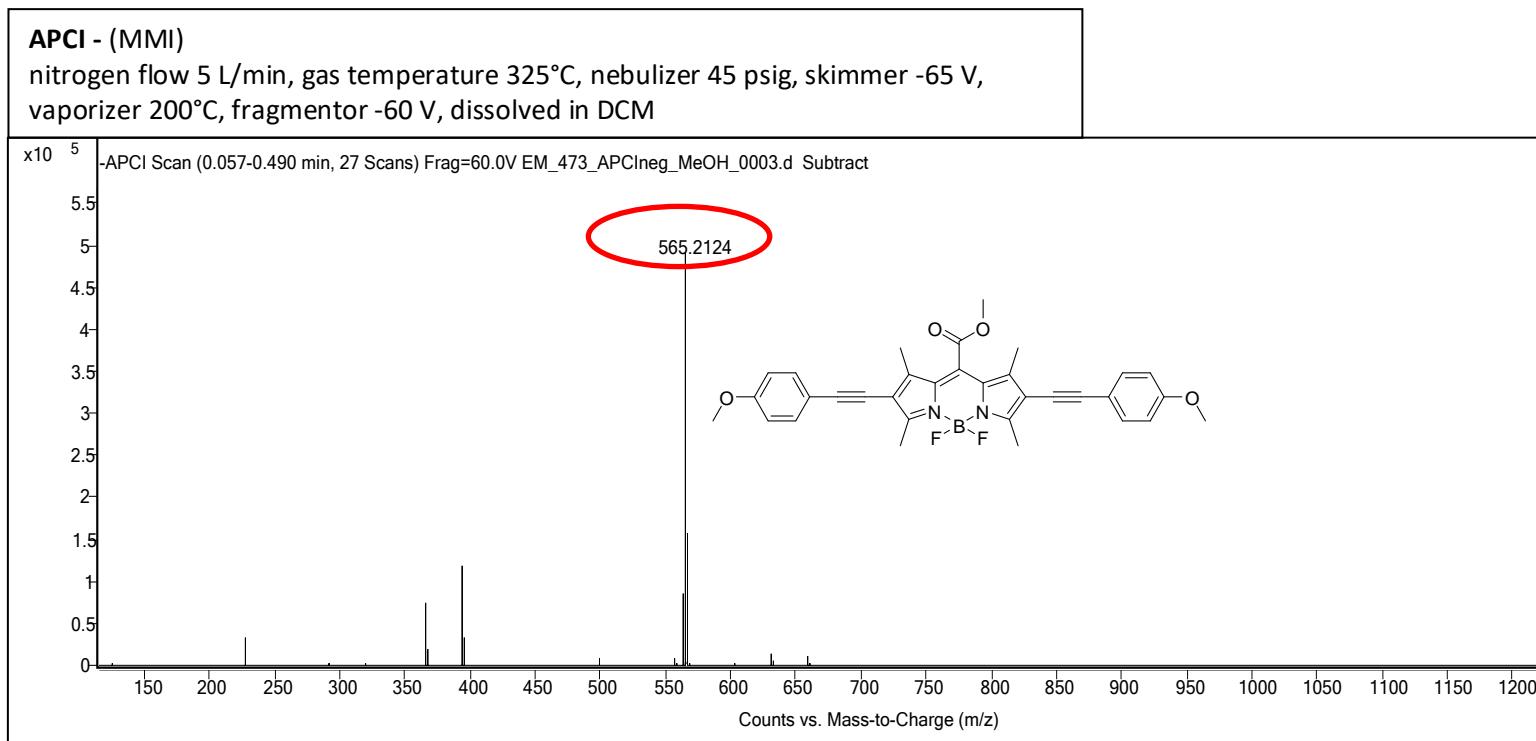
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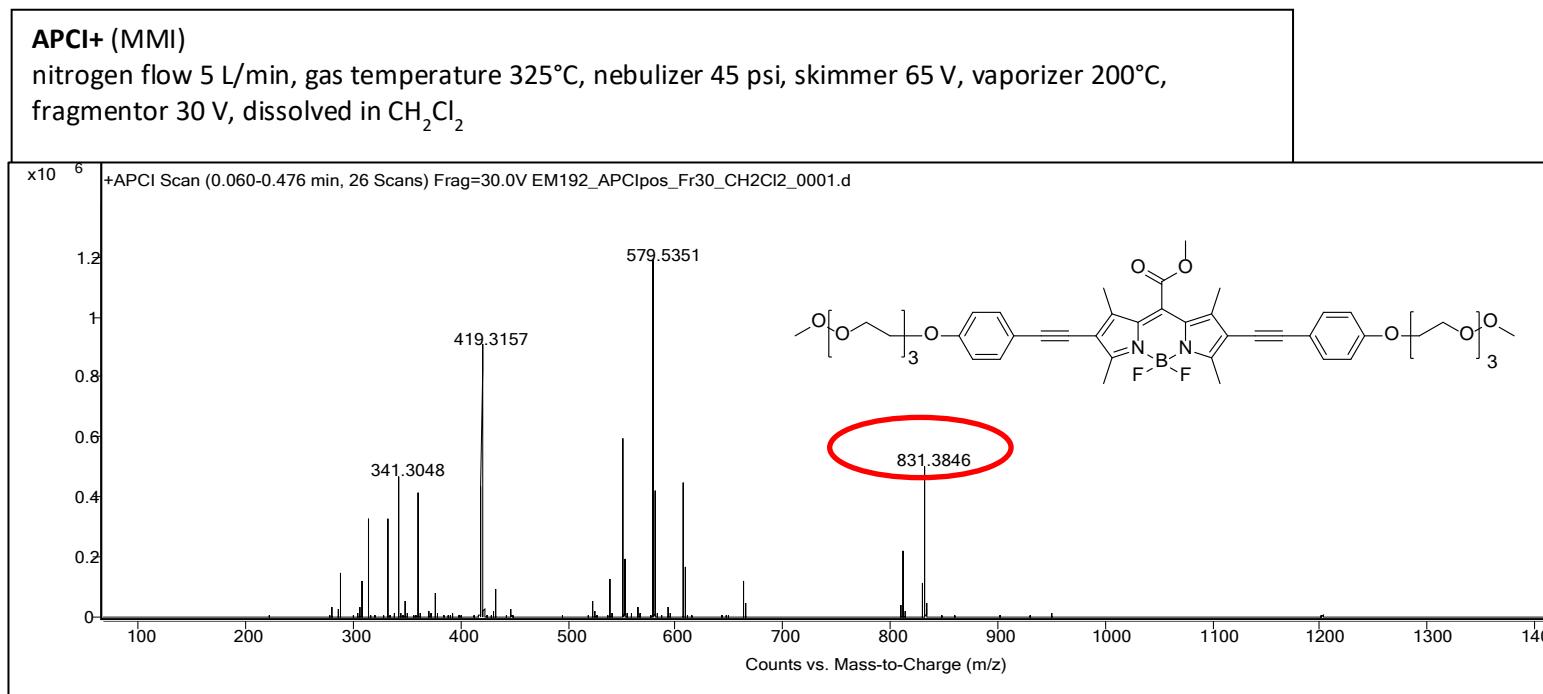
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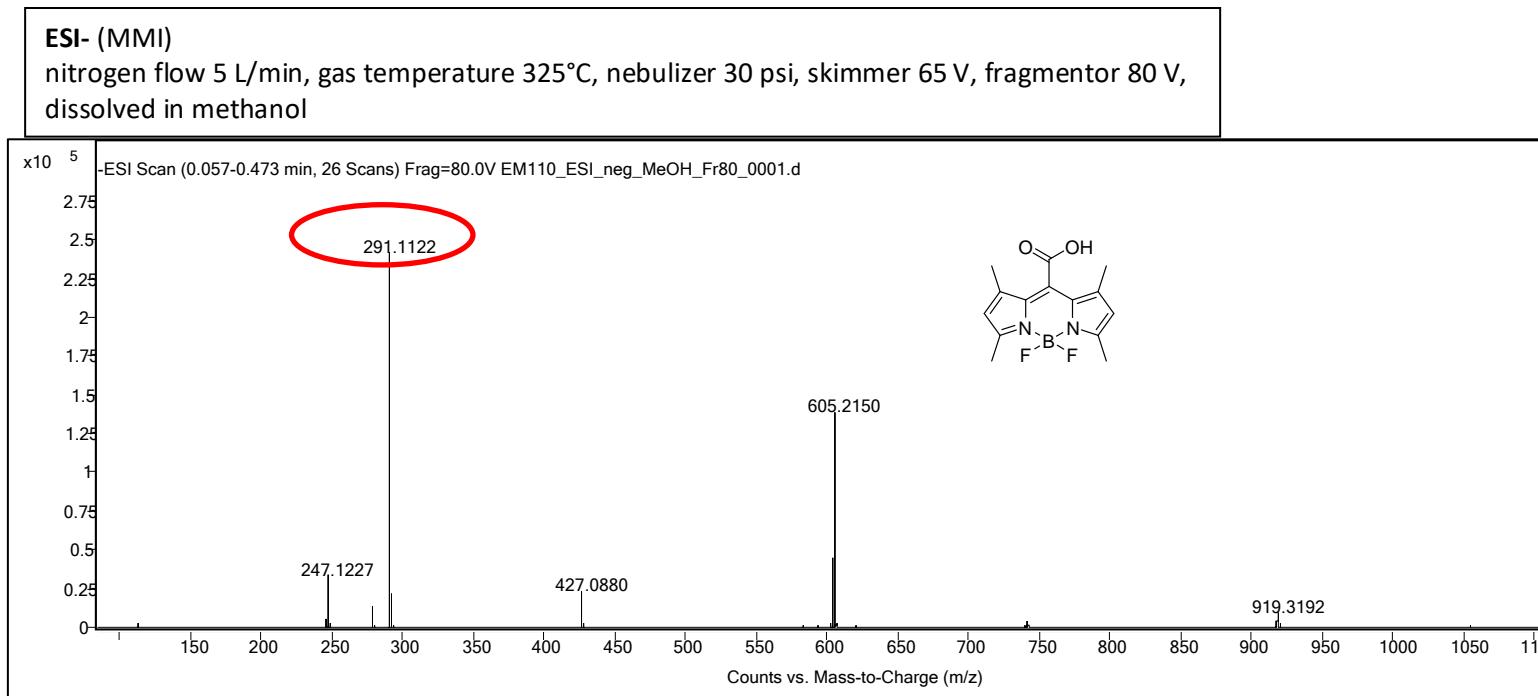
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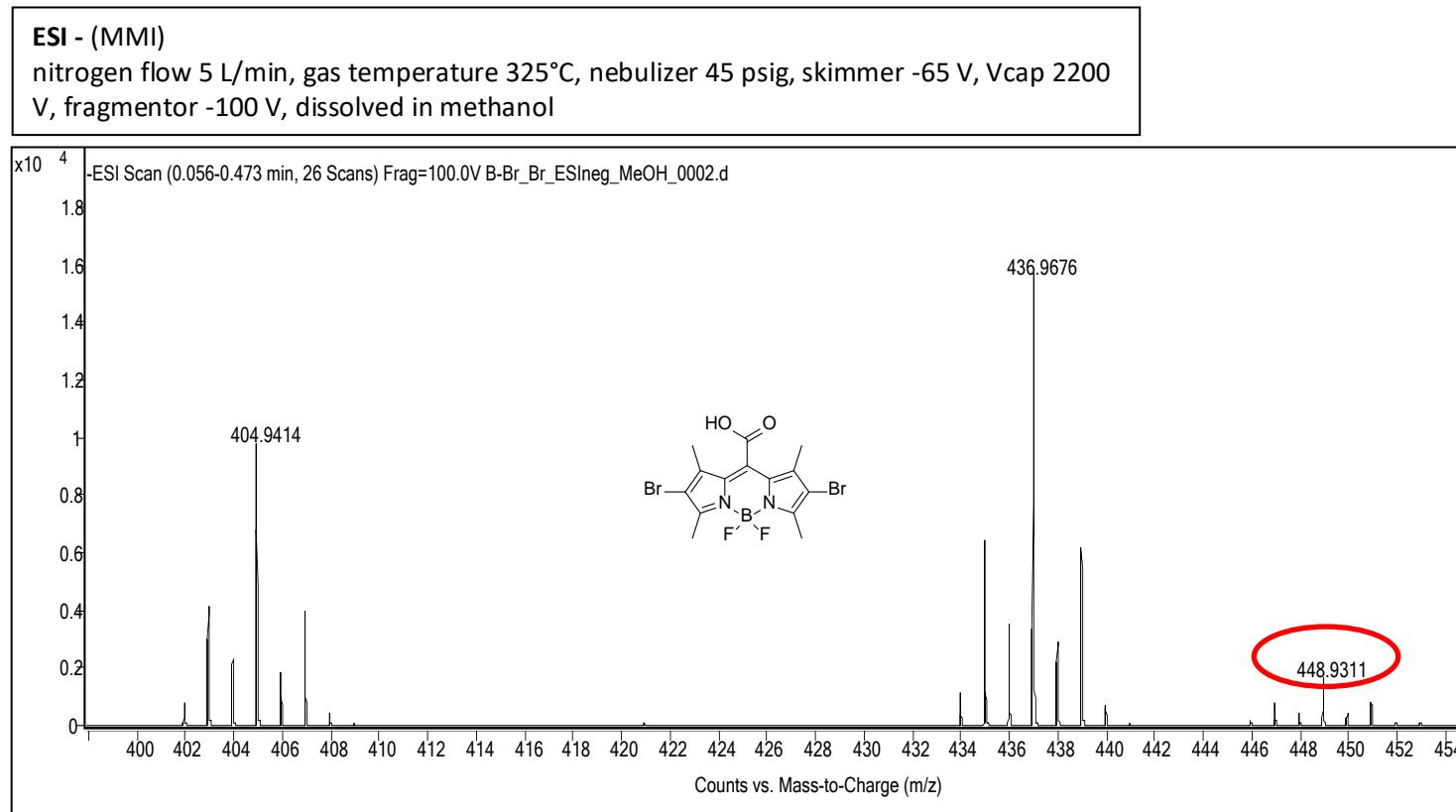
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**Figure S48:** HRMS (ESI-): 2



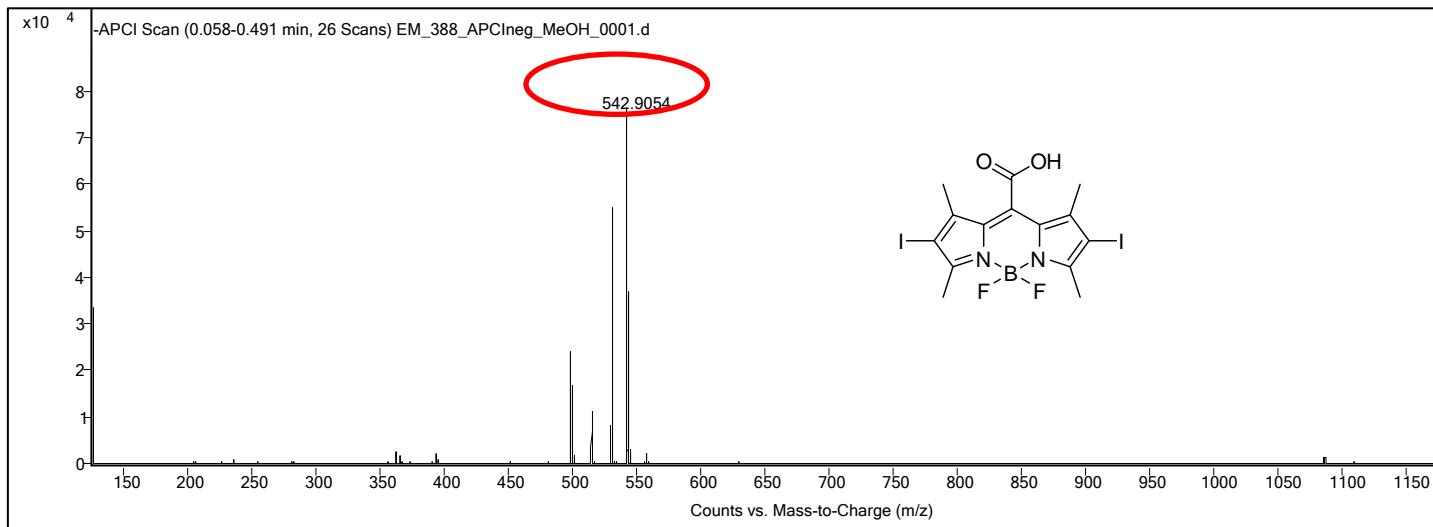
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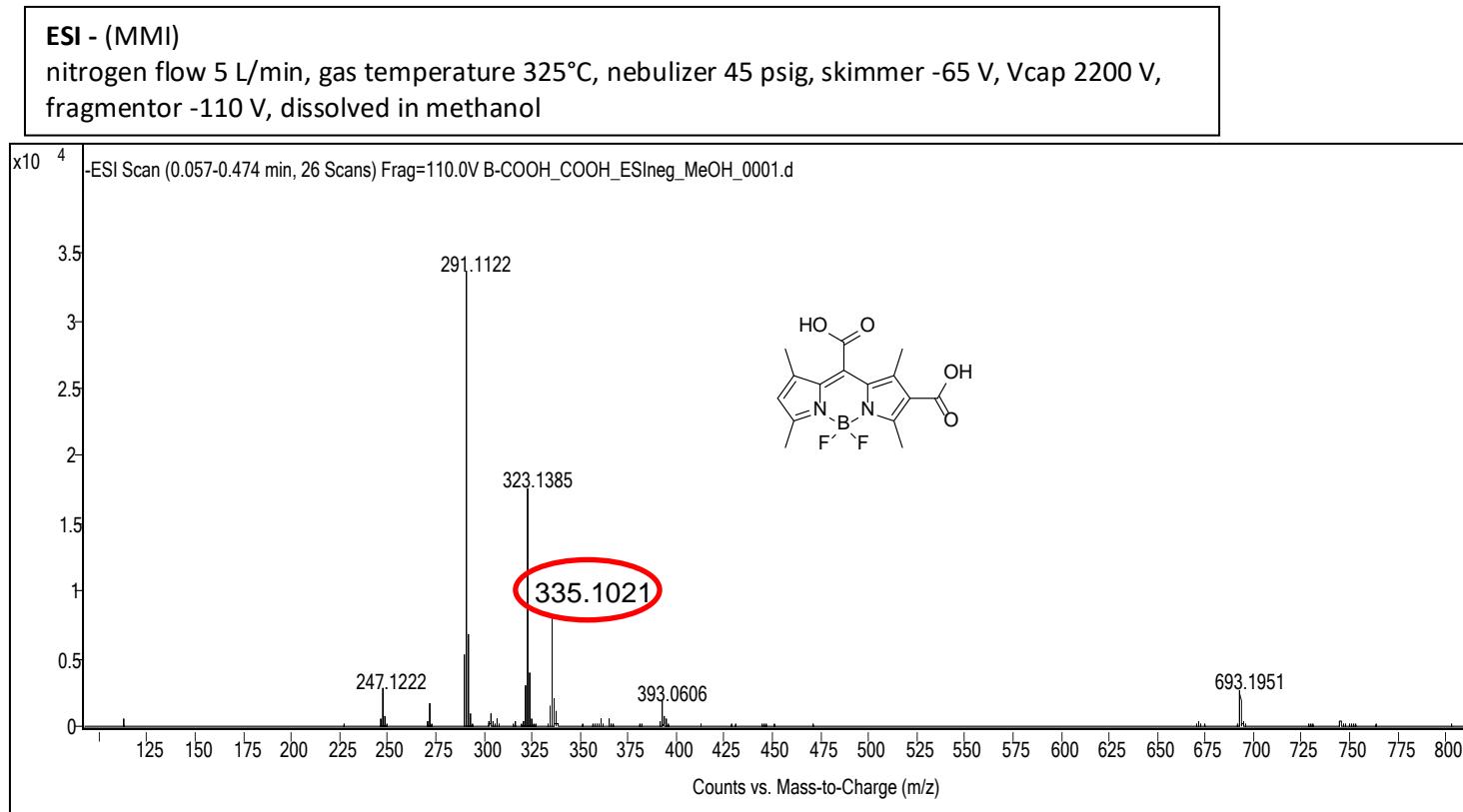
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**APCI - (MMI)**

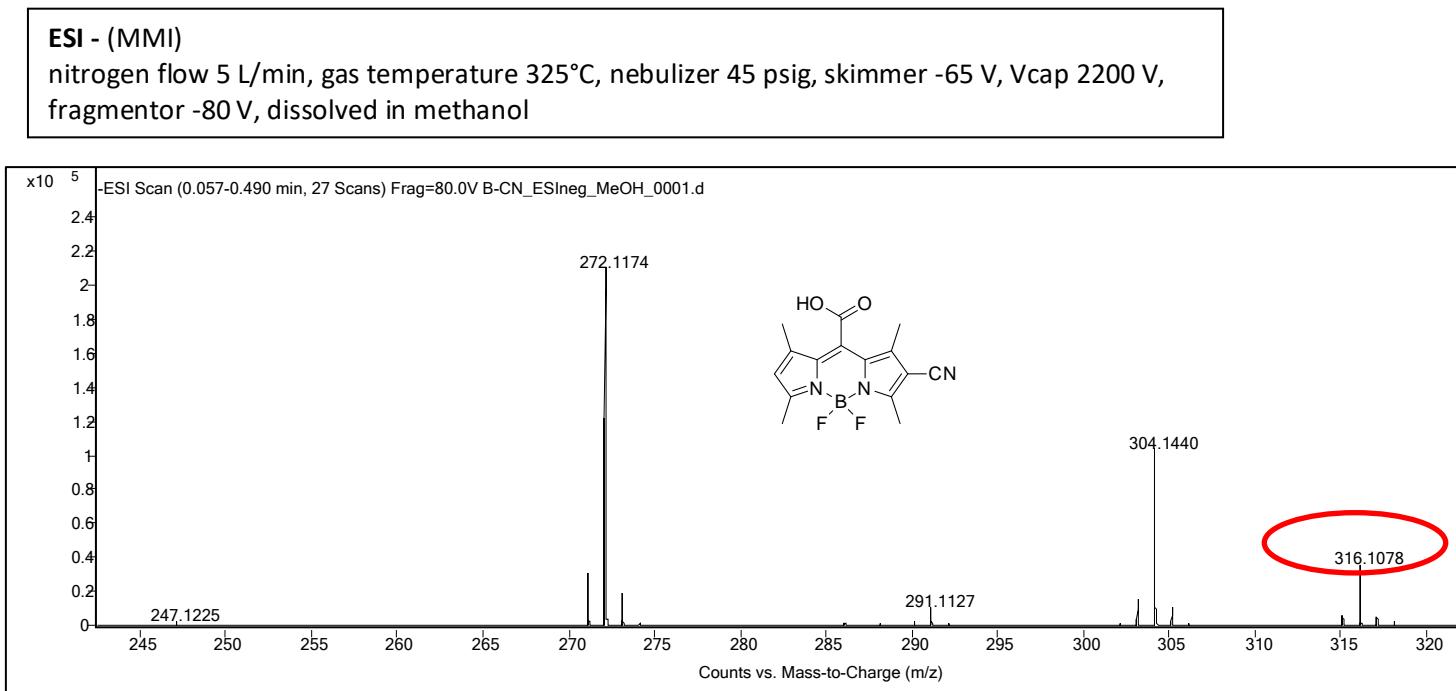
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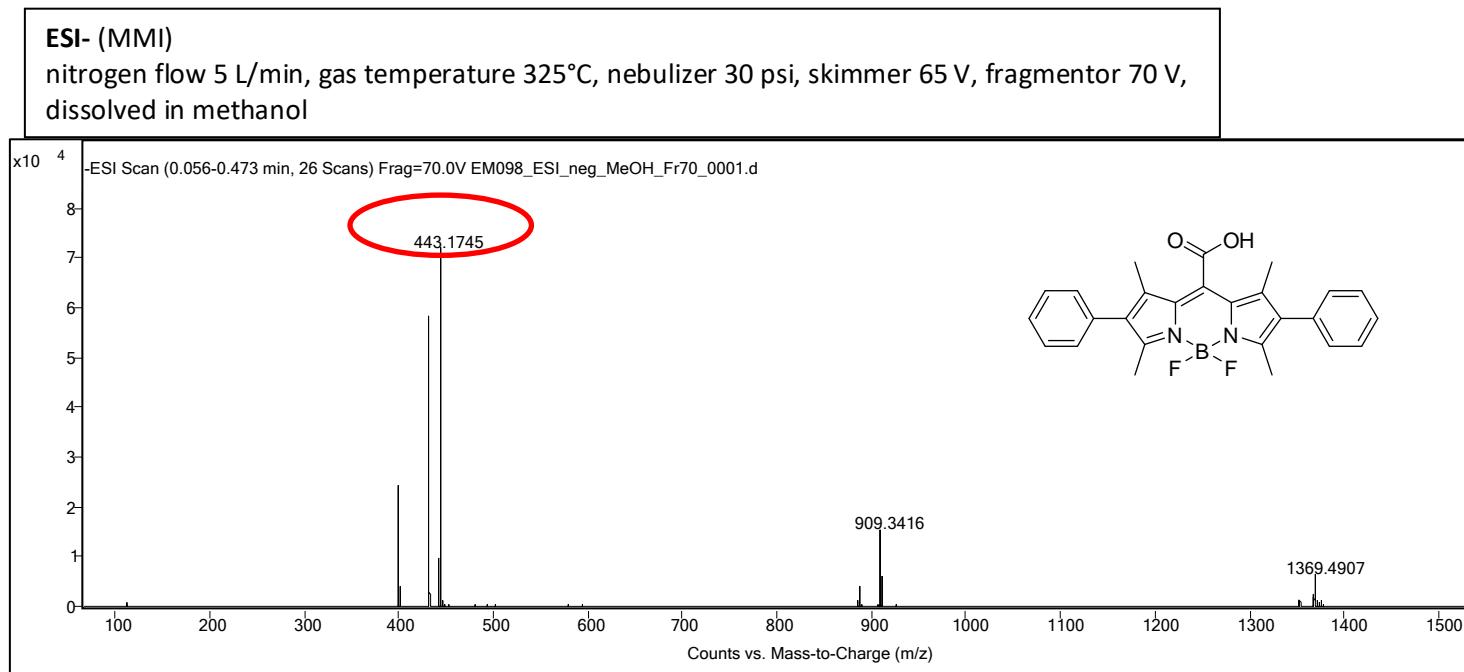
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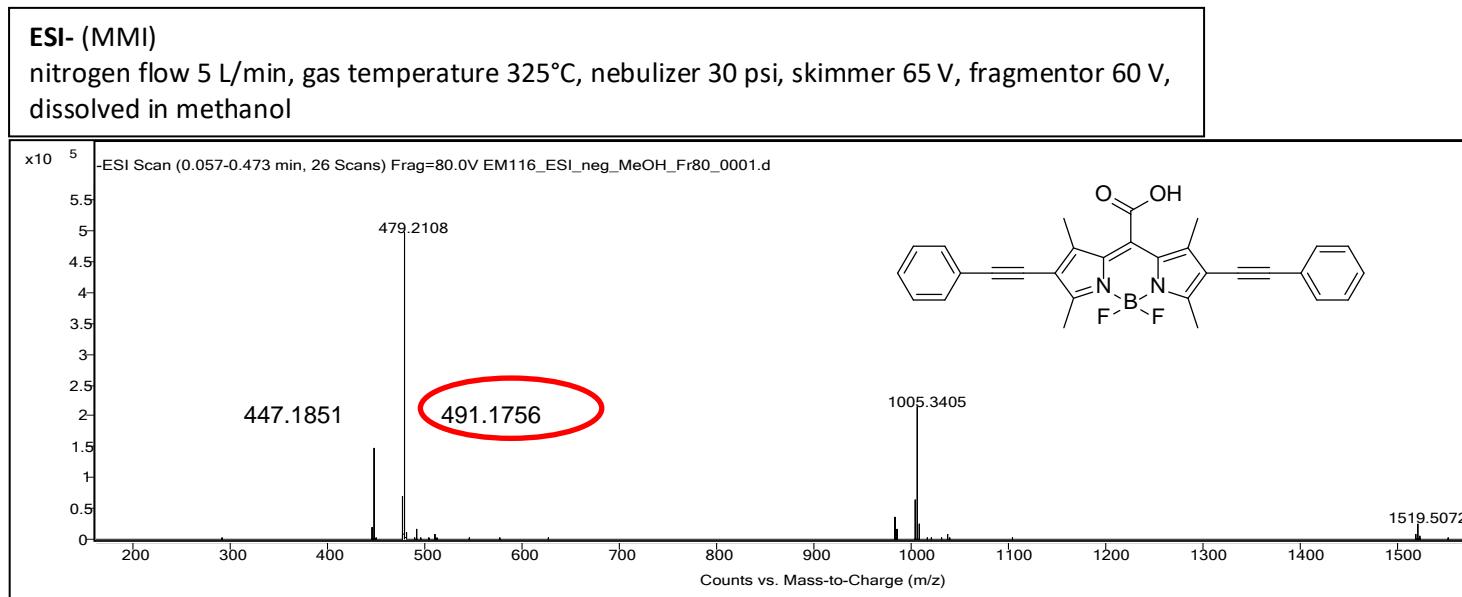
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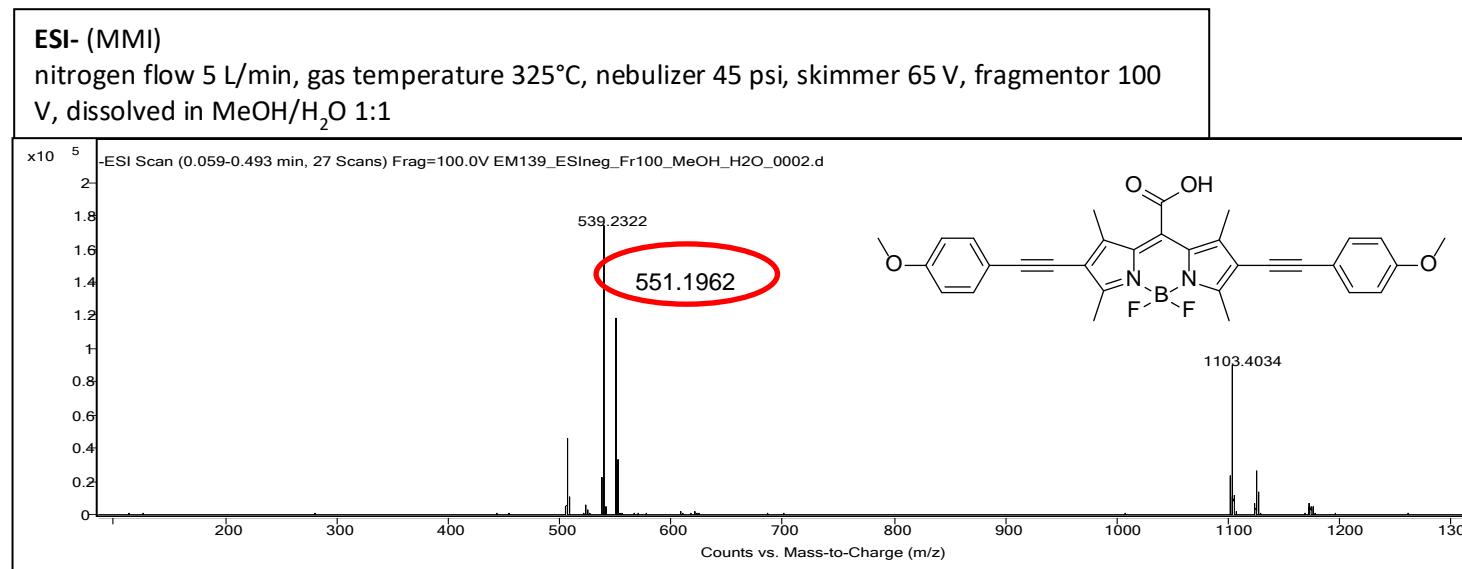
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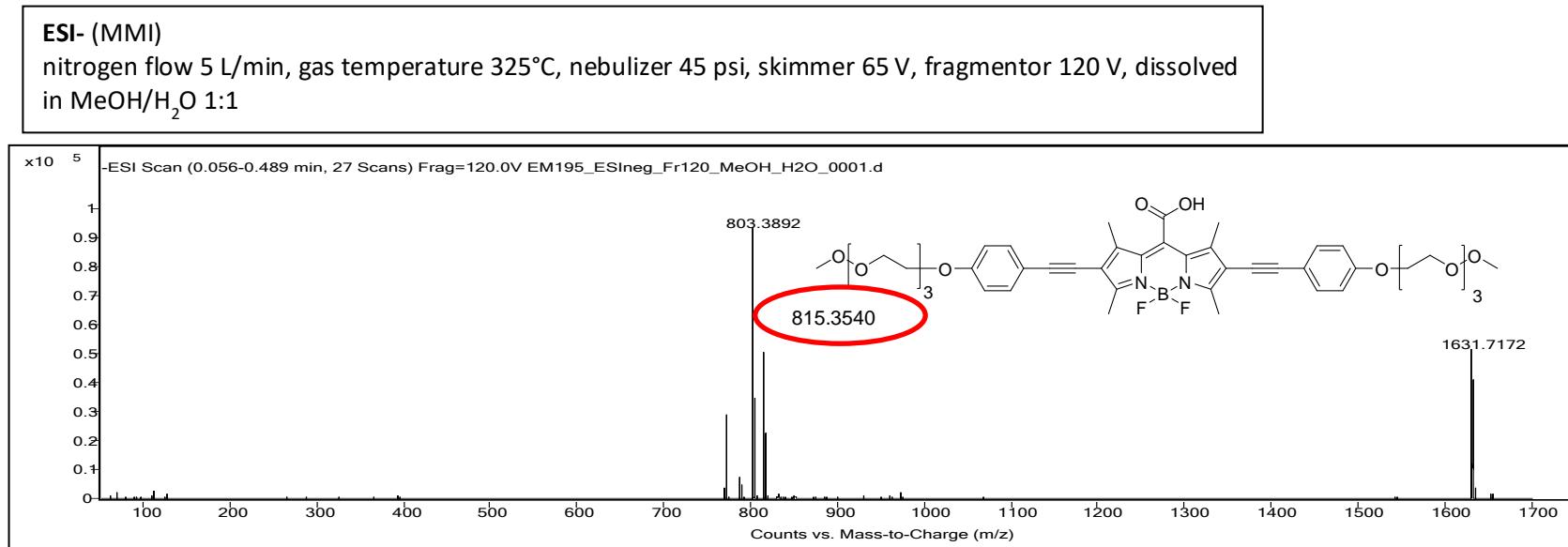
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**Figure S55:** HRMS (ESI-): 9

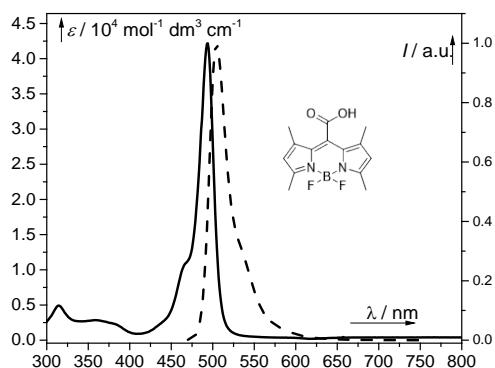


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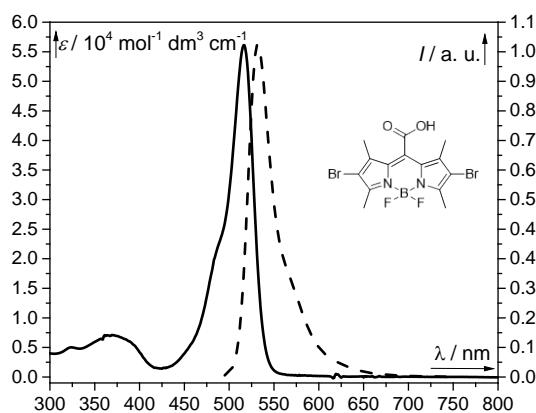


## Absorption and Emission Spectra

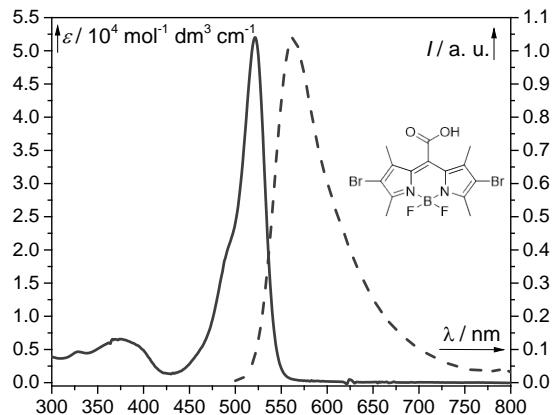
**Figure S57:** Normalized absorption (solid line) and normalized emission spectra (dashed line,  $\lambda_{\text{exc}} = 450 \text{ nm}$ ) of **2** ( $c \approx 10^{-6} \text{ M}$  in MeOH).



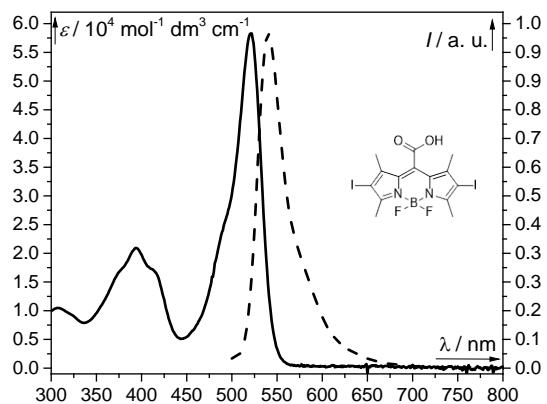
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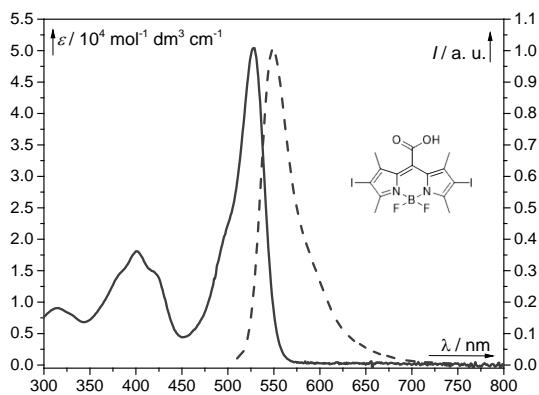
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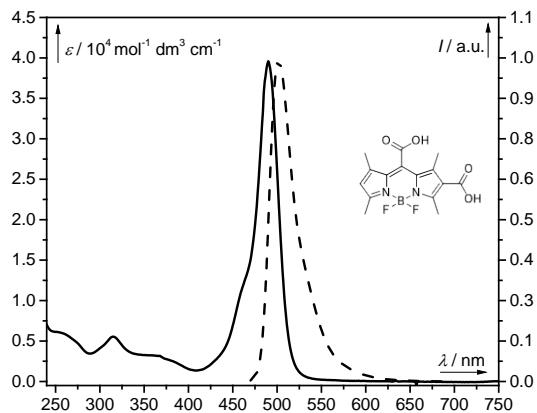
**Figure S60:** Normalized absorption (solid line) and normalized emission spectra (dashed line,  $\lambda_{\text{exc}} = 490 \text{ nm}$ ) of **4** ( $c \approx 10^{-6} \text{ M}$  in MeOH).



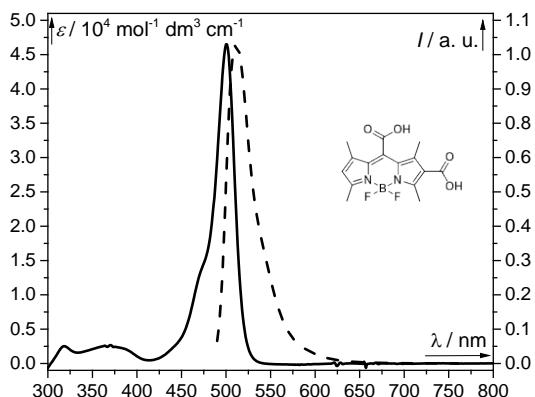
**Figure S61:** Normalized absorption (solid line) and normalized emission spectra (dashed line,  $\lambda_{\text{exc}} = 510 \text{ nm}$ ) of **4** ( $c \approx 10^{-6} \text{ M}$  in a PBS /DMSO mixture).



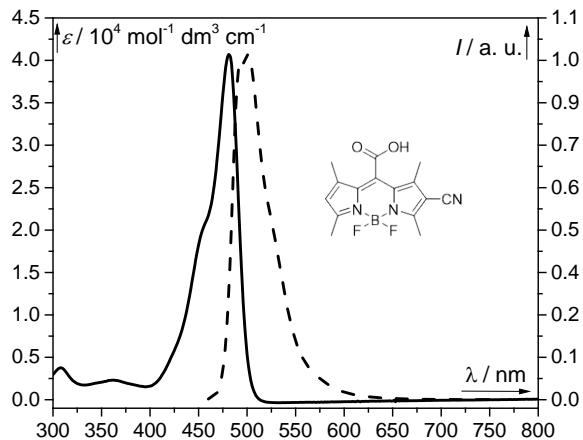
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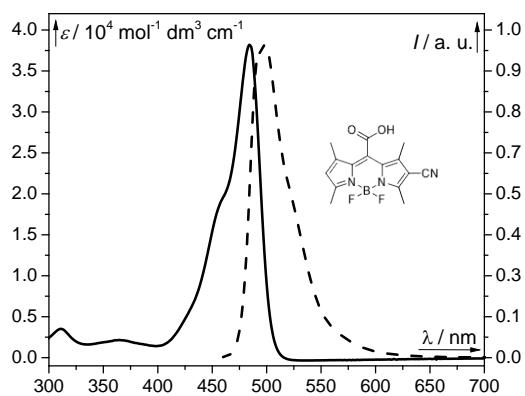
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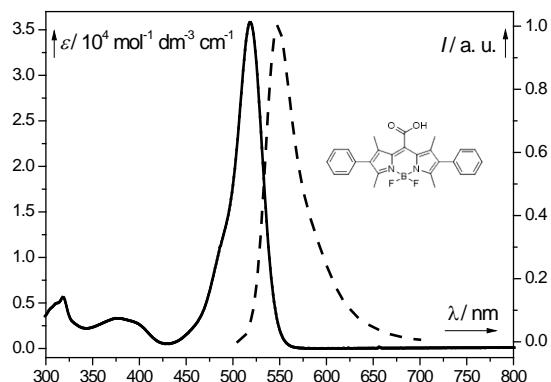
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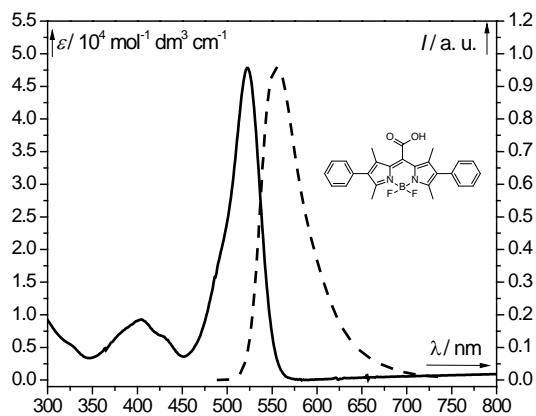
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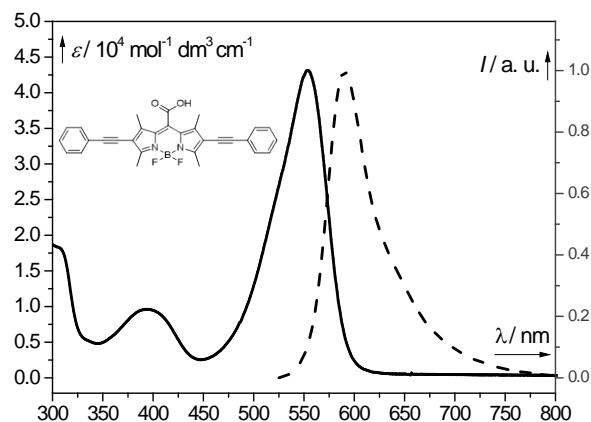
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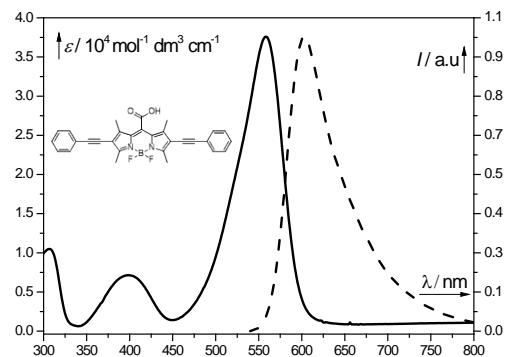
**Figure S67:** Normalized absorption (solid line) and normalized emission spectra (dashed line,  $\lambda_{\text{exc}} = 480 \text{ nm}$ ) of **7** ( $c \approx 10^{-6} \text{ M}$  in a PBS/DMSO mixture).



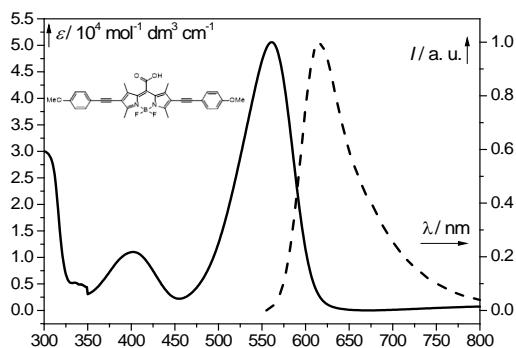
**Figure S68:** Normalized absorption (solid line) and normalized emission spectra (dashed line,  $\lambda_{\text{exc}} = 510 \text{ nm}$ ) of **8** ( $c \approx 10^{-6} \text{ M}$  in MeOH).



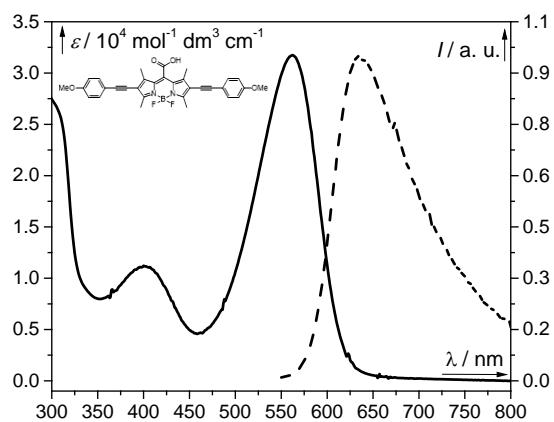
**Figure S69:** Normalized absorption (solid line) and normalized emission spectra (dashed line,  $\lambda_{\text{exc}} = 520 \text{ nm}$ ) of **8** ( $c \approx 10^{-6} \text{ M}$  in a PBS/DMSO mixture (80:20, v/v).



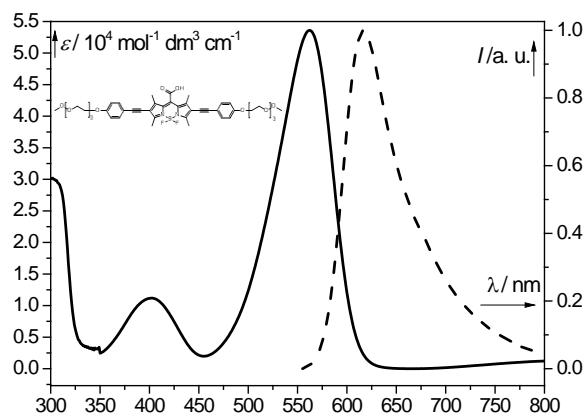
**Figure S70:** Normalized absorption (solid line) and normalized emission spectra (dashed line,  $\lambda_{\text{exc}} = 510 \text{ nm}$ ) of **9** ( $c \approx 10^{-6} \text{ M}$  in MeOH).



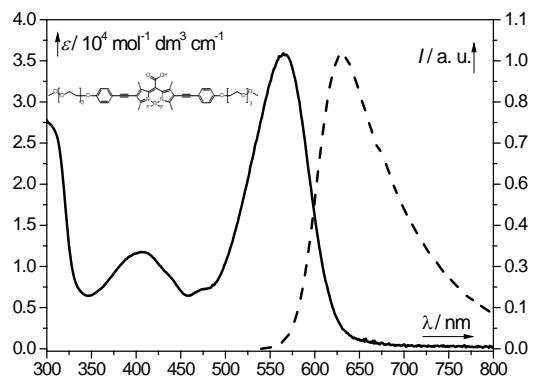
**Figure S71:** Normalized absorption (solid line) and normalized emission spectra (dashed line,  $\lambda_{\text{exc}} = 540 \text{ nm}$ ) of **9** ( $c \approx 10^{-6} \text{ M}$  in a PBS/DMSO mixture (80:20, v/v).



**Figure S72:** Normalized absorption (solid line) and normalized emission spectra (dashed line,  $\lambda_{\text{exc}} = 530 \text{ nm}$ ) of **10** ( $c \approx 10^{-6} \text{ M}$  in MeOH).

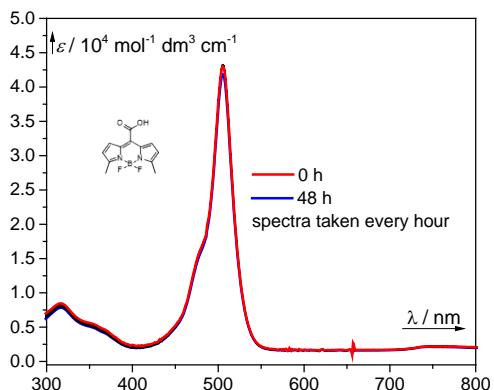


**Figure S73:** Normalized absorption (solid line) and normalized emission spectra (dashed line,  $\lambda_{\text{exc}} = 530 \text{ nm}$ ) of **10** ( $c \approx 10^{-6} \text{ M}$  in a PBS/DMSO mixture (80:20, v/v).

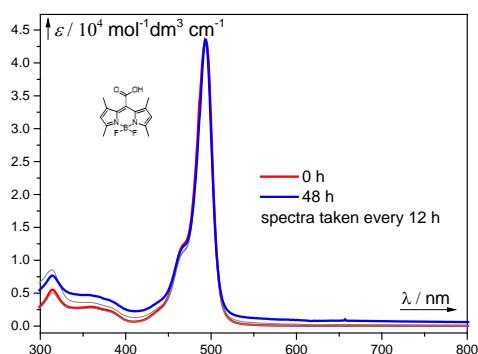


## Stability in the Dark

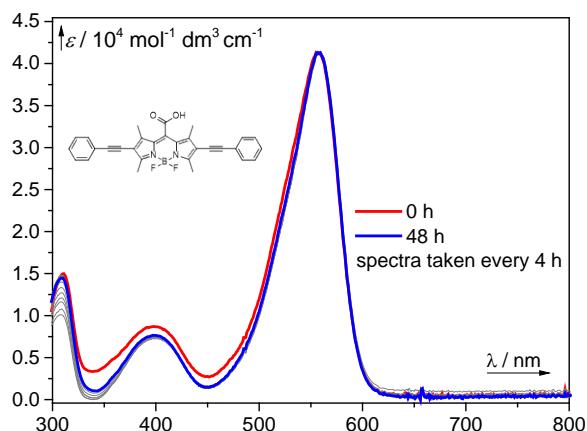
**Figure S74:** Stability of **22** in aerated phosphate buffer solution ( $\text{pH} = 7.4$ ) for 48 h in the dark (red line: the initial spectrum; blue line: the end spectrum).



**Figure S75:** Stability of **2** in aerated PBS/DMSO mixture (99:1) for 48 h in the dark (red line: the initial spectrum; blue line: the end spectrum).

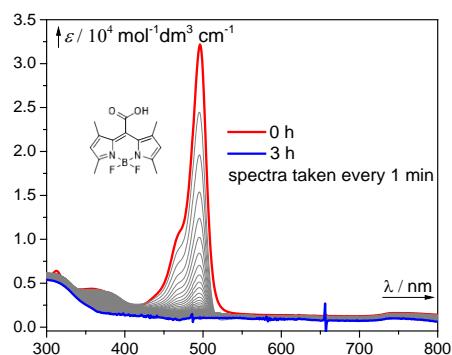


**Figure S76:** Stability of **8** in aerated PBS/DMSO mixture (90:10) for 48 h in the dark (red line: the initial spectrum; blue line: the end spectrum).

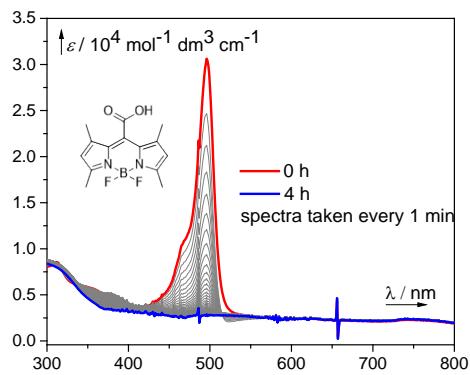


## Photochemical Experiments

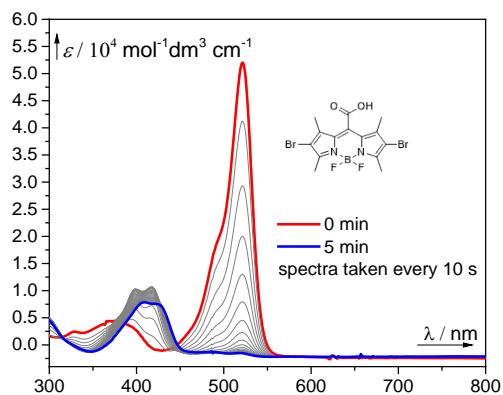
**Figure S77.** Irradiation of **2** in a non-degassed PBS/DMSO mixture (99:1, v/v) at  $\lambda_{\max} = 490$  nm for 3 h (red line: the initial spectrum; blue line: the end spectrum).



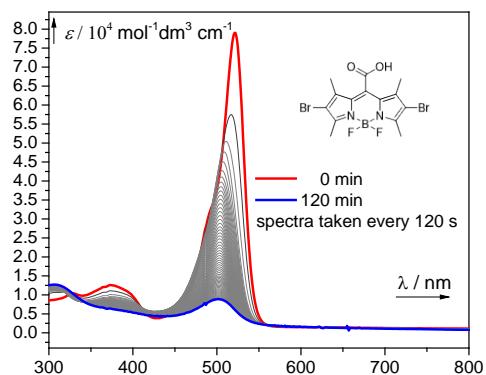
**Figure S78.** Irradiation of **2** in a degassed PBS/DMSO mixture (99:1, v/v) at  $\lambda_{\max} = 490$  nm for 4 h (red line: the initial spectrum; blue line: the end spectrum).



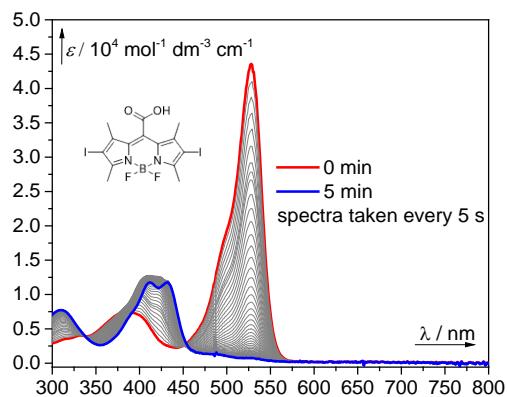
**Figure S79.** Irradiation of **3** in a non-degassed PBS/DMSO mixture (90:10, v/v) at  $\lambda_{\max} = 525$  nm for 5 minutes (red line: the initial spectrum; blue line: the end spectrum).



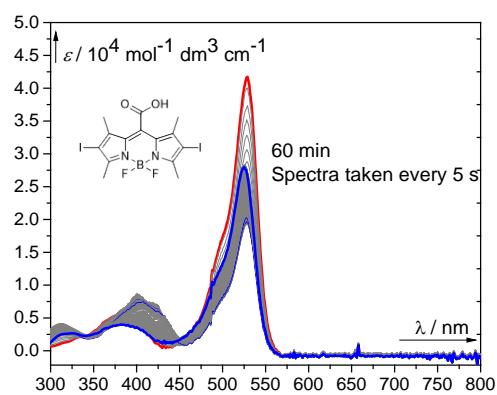
**Figure S80.** Irradiation of **3** in a degassed PBS/DMSO mixture (90:10, v/v) at  $\lambda_{\max} = 525$  nm for 2 h (red line: the initial spectrum; blue line: the end spectrum).



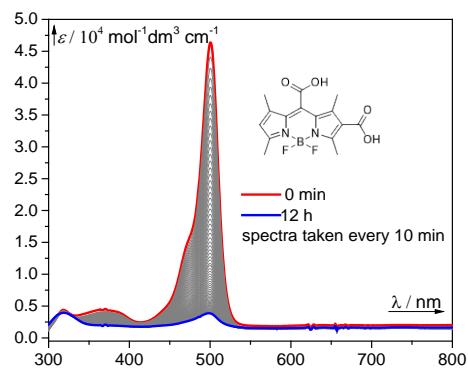
**Figure S81.** Irradiation of **4** in a non-degassed PBS/DMSO mixture (90:10, v/v) at  $\lambda_{\max} = 525$  nm for 5 min (red line: the initial spectrum; blue line: the end spectrum).



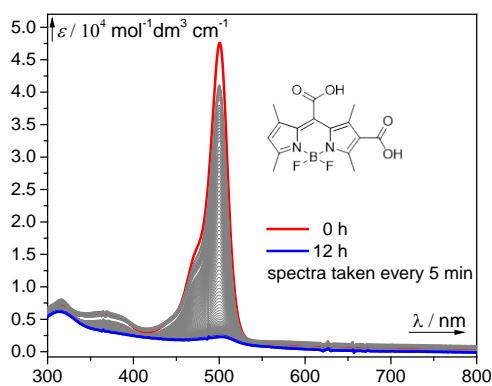
**Figure S82.** Irradiation of **4** in a degassed PBS/DMSO mixture (90:10, v/v) at  $\lambda_{\max} = 525$  nm for 1 h (red line: the initial spectrum; blue line: the end spectrum).



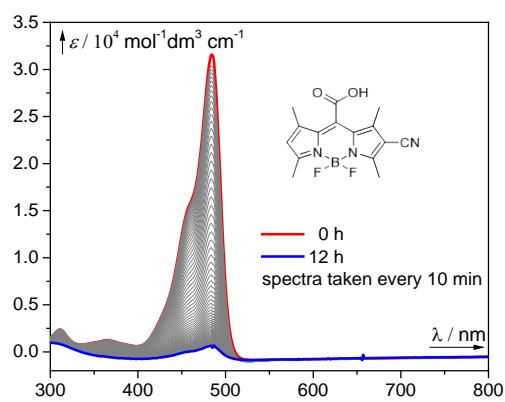
**Figure S83.** Irradiation of **5** in a non-degassed PBS/DMSO mixture (90:10, v/v) at  $\lambda_{\max} = 490$  nm for 12 h (red line: the initial spectrum; blue line: the end spectrum).



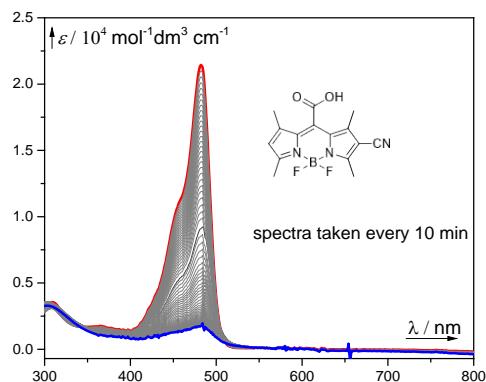
**Figure S84.** Irradiation of **5** in a degassed PBS/DMSO mixture (90:10, v/v) at  $\lambda_{\max} = 490$  nm for 12 h (red line: the initial spectrum; blue line: the end spectrum).



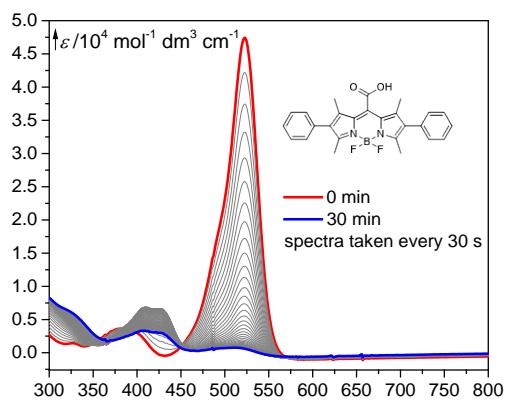
**Figure S85.** Irradiation of **6** in a non-degassed PBS/DMSO mixture (90:10, v/v) at  $\lambda_{\max} = 490$  nm for 12 h (red line: the initial spectrum; blue line: the end spectrum).



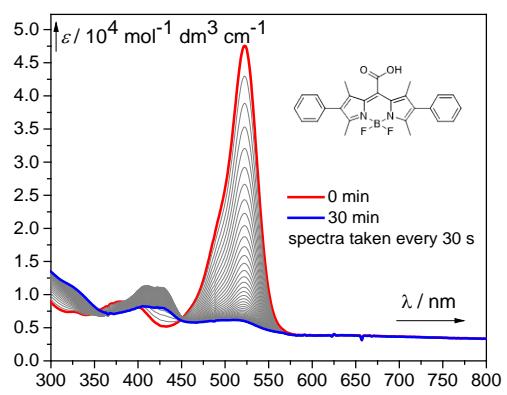
**Figure S86.** Irradiation of **6** in a degassed PBS/DMSO mixture (90:10, v/v) at  $\lambda_{\max} = 490$  nm for 12 h (red line: the initial spectrum; blue line: the end spectrum).



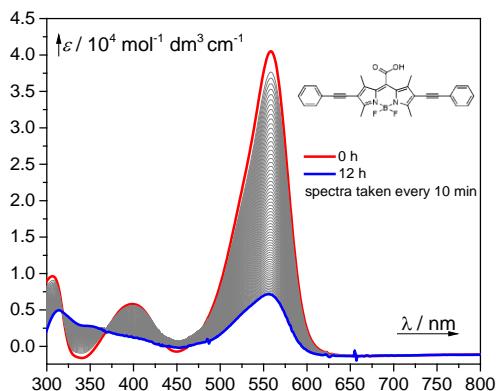
**Figure S87.** Irradiation of **7** in a non-degassed PBS/DMSO mixture (90:10, v/v) at  $\lambda_{\max} = 525$  nm for 30 min (red line: the initial spectrum; blue line: the end spectrum).



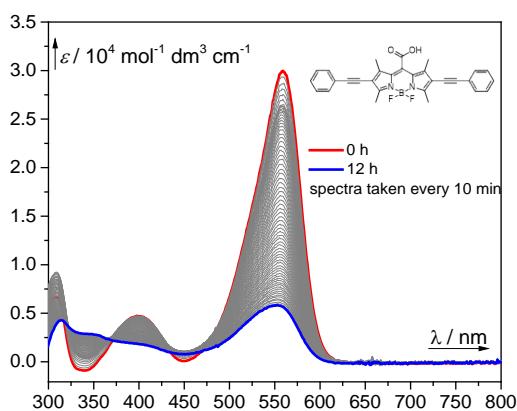
**Figure S88.** Irradiation of **7** in a degassed PBS/DMSO mixture (90:10, v/v) at  $\lambda_{\max} = 525$  nm for 30 min (red line: the initial spectrum; blue line: the end spectrum).



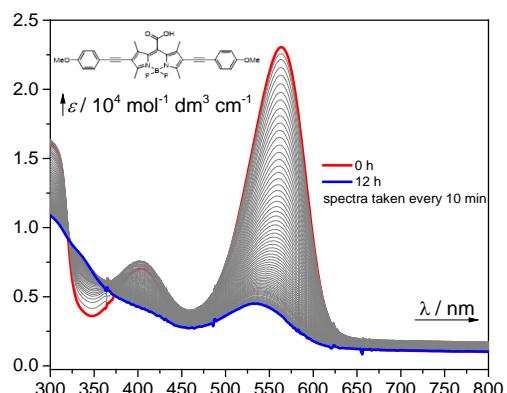
**Figure S89.** Irradiation of **8** in a non-degassed PBS/DMSO mixture (80:20, v/v) at  $\lambda_{\max} = 545$  nm for 12 h (red line: the initial spectrum; blue line: the end spectrum).



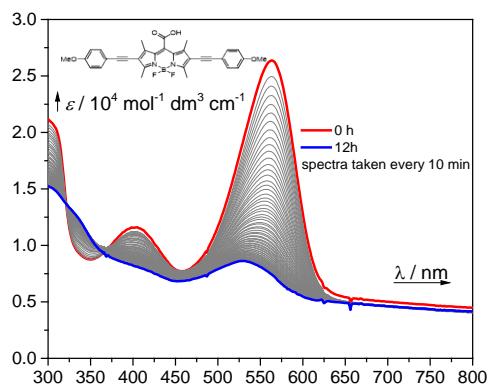
**Figure S90.** Irradiation of **8** in a degassed PBS/DMSO mixture (80:20, v/v) at  $\lambda_{\max} = 545$  nm for 12 h (red line: the initial spectrum; blue line: the end spectrum).



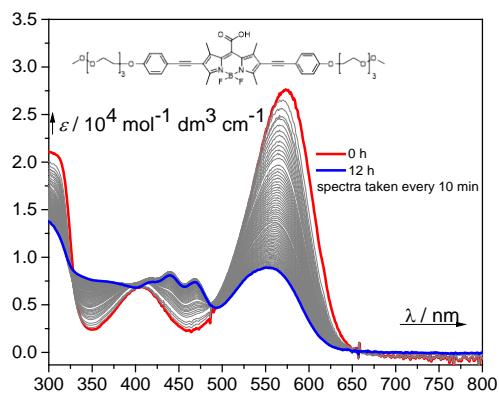
**Figure S91.** Irradiation of **9** in a non-degassed PBS/DMSO mixture (80:20, v/v) at  $\lambda_{\max} = 545$  nm for 12 h (red line: the initial spectrum; blue line: the end spectrum).



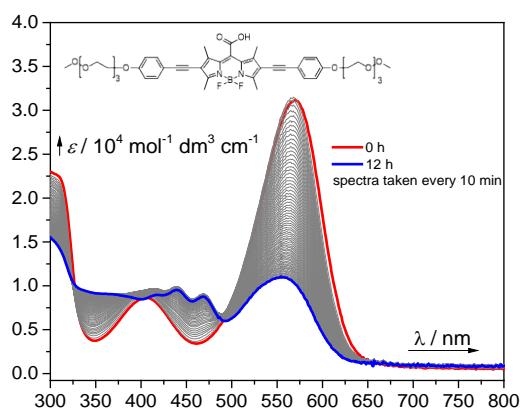
**Figure S92.** Irradiation of **9** in a degassed PBS/DMSO mixture (80:20, v/v) at  $\lambda_{\max} = 545$  nm for 12 h (red line: the initial spectrum; blue line: the end spectrum).



**Figure S93.** Irradiation of **10** in a non-degassed PBS/DMSO mixture (80:20, v/v) at  $\lambda_{\max} = 545$  nm for 12 h (red line: the initial spectrum; blue line: the end spectrum).

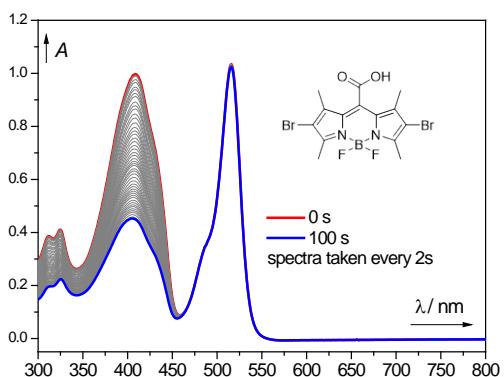


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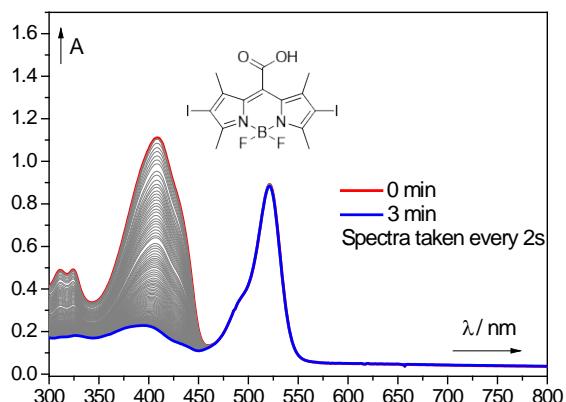


### Singlet Oxygen Experiments

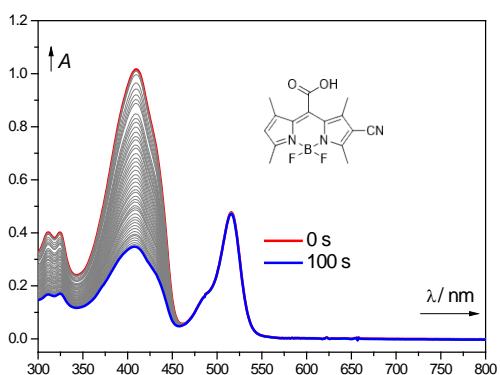
**Figure S95:** Reaction of the singlet oxygen generated by photosensitization in the presence of 1,3-diphenyl-isobenzofuran (DPBF) and compound **3** in methanol under irradiation at  $\lambda_{\max} = 525$  nm.



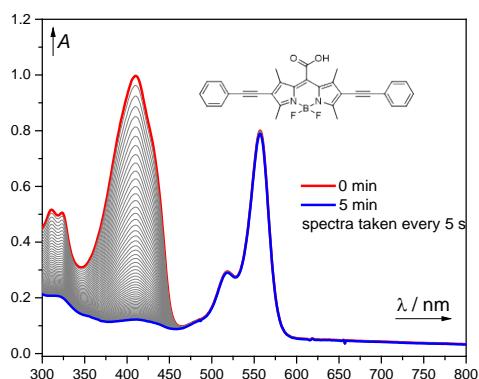
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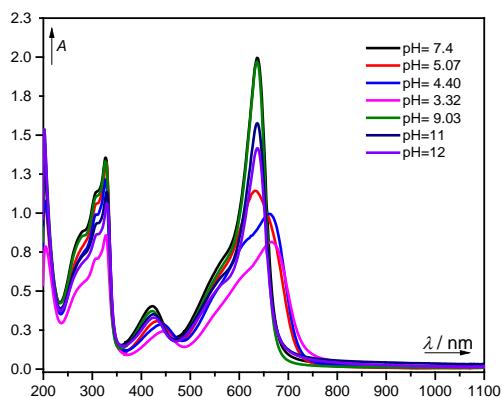
**Figure S97:** Reaction of the singlet oxygen generated by photosensitization in the presence of 1,3-diphenyl-isobenzofuran (DPBF) and compound **6** in methanol under irradiation at  $\lambda_{\max} = 490$  nm.



**Figure S98:** Reaction of the singlet oxygen generated by photosensitization in the presence of 1,3-diphenyl-isobenzofuran (DPBF) and compound **8** in methanol under irradiation at  $\lambda_{\text{max}} = 545$  nm.

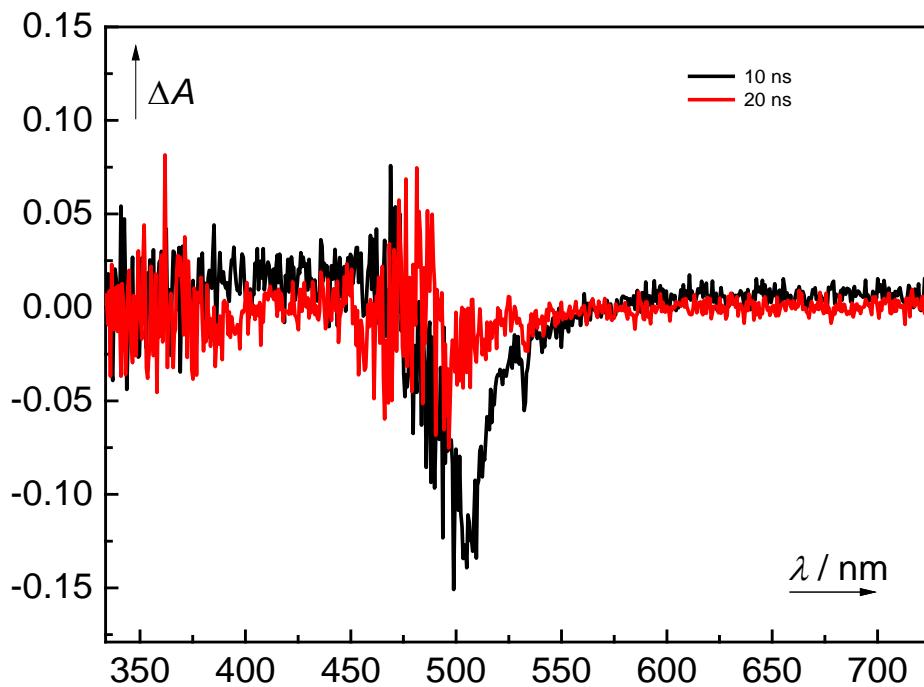


**Figure S99:** The pH titration of **9** in a PBS/methanol (95:5, v,v) solution.

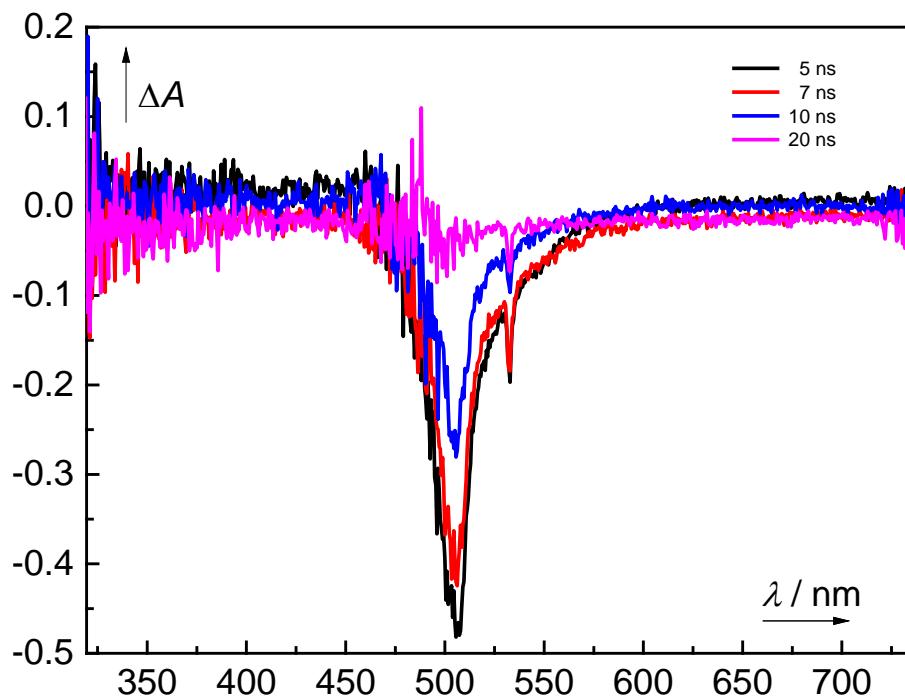


## Transient Spectroscopy

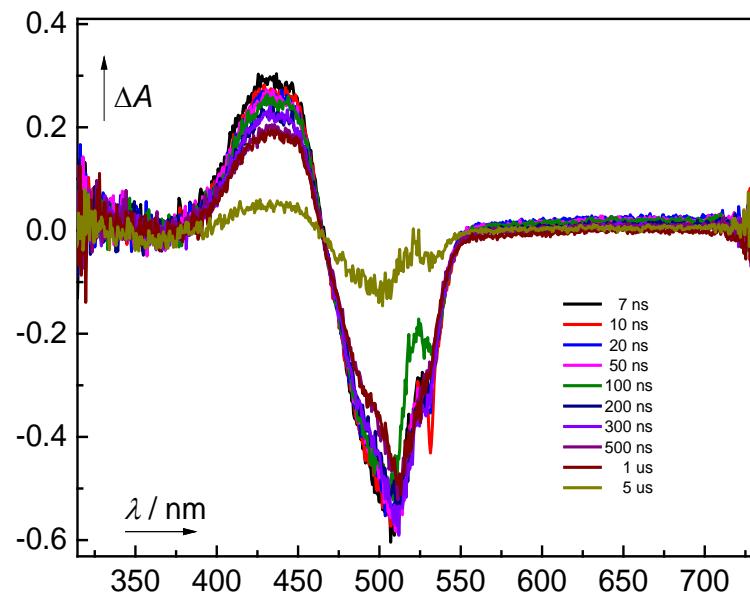
**Figure S100.** The ns transient absorption spectra of **2** ( $c \sim 1.0 \times 10^{-5}$  M; DMSO/ PBS (1:9); aerated); excited by a 532 nm laser pulse measured 10 ns – 20 ns after excitation.



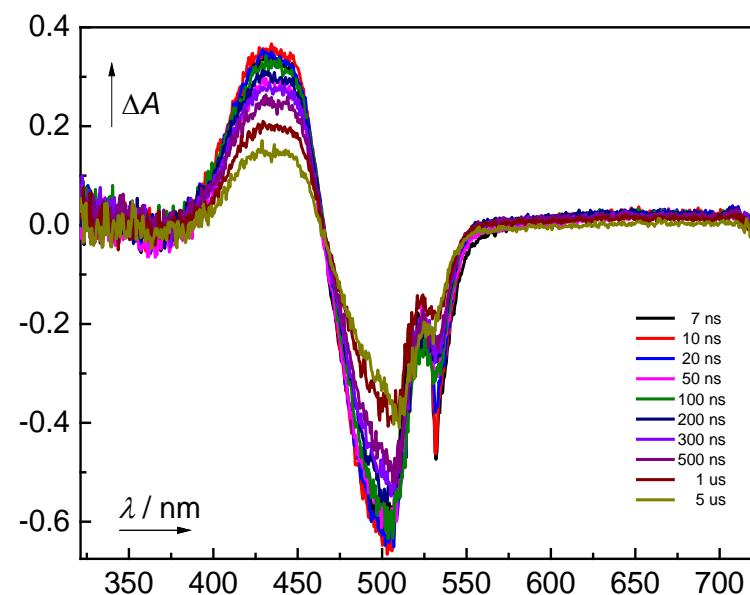
**Figure S101.** The ns transient absorption spectra of **2** ( $c \sim 1.0 \times 10^{-5}$  M; DMSO/ PBS (1:9); degassed); excited by a 532 nm laser pulse measured 5 ns – 20 ns after excitation.



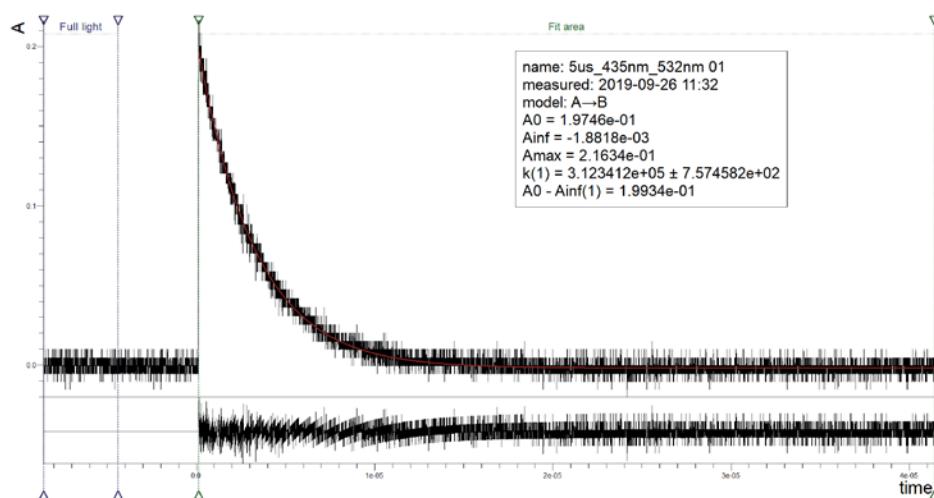
**Figure S102.** The ns transient absorption spectra of **3** ( $c \sim 1.0 \times 10^{-5}$  M; DMSO/ PBS (1:9); aerated); excited by a 532 nm laser pulse measured 7 ns – 5  $\mu$ s after excitation.



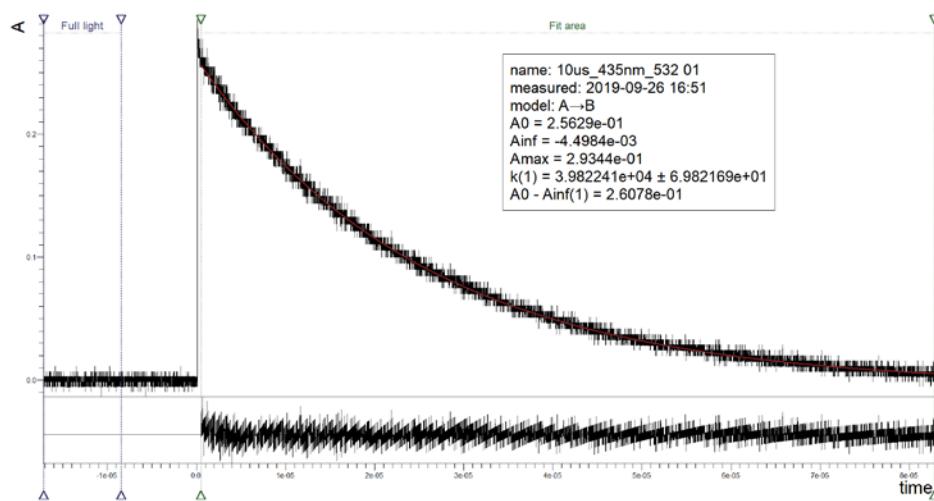
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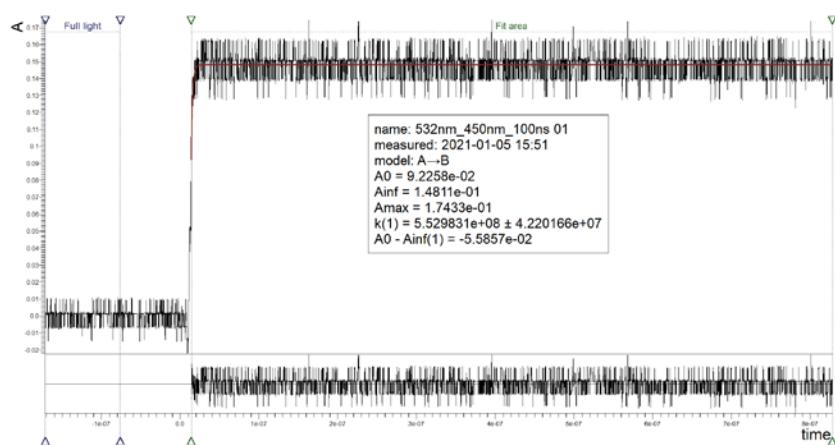
**Figure S104.** Kinetic decay of a transient formed from **3** ( $c \sim 1.0 \times 10^{-5}$  M; DMSO/ PBS (1:9); aerated) by excitation with a 532 nm laser pulse and measured at 435 nm (top); the sum of residuals of the mono-exponential fitting is at the bottom.



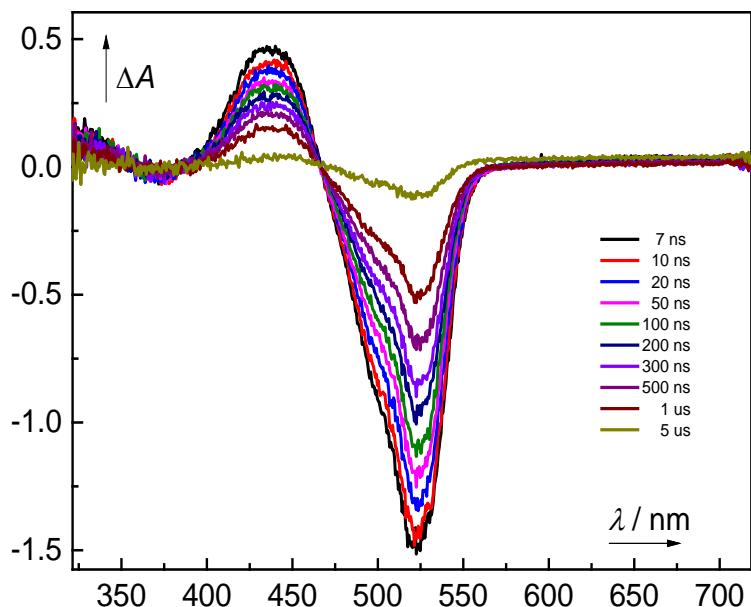
**Figure S105.** Kinetic decay of a transient formed from **3** ( $c \sim 1.0 \times 10^{-5}$  M; DMSO/ PBS (1:9); degassed) by excitation with a 532 nm laser pulse and measured at 435 nm (top); the sum of residuals of the mono-exponential fitting is at the bottom.



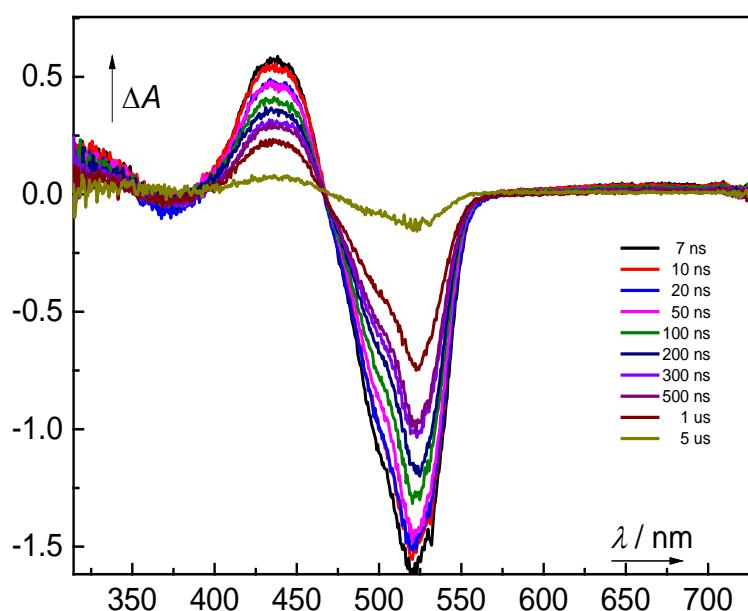
**Figure S106.** The kinetic trace of a transient formed from **3** ( $c \sim 1.0 \times 10^{-5}$  M; DMSO/ PBS (1:9); degassed) by excitation with a 532 nm laser pulse and measured at 450 nm (top); the sum of residuals of the mono-exponential fitting is at the bottom. The estimated rate constant of triplet formation is  $k = 5.52 \times 10^8$ .



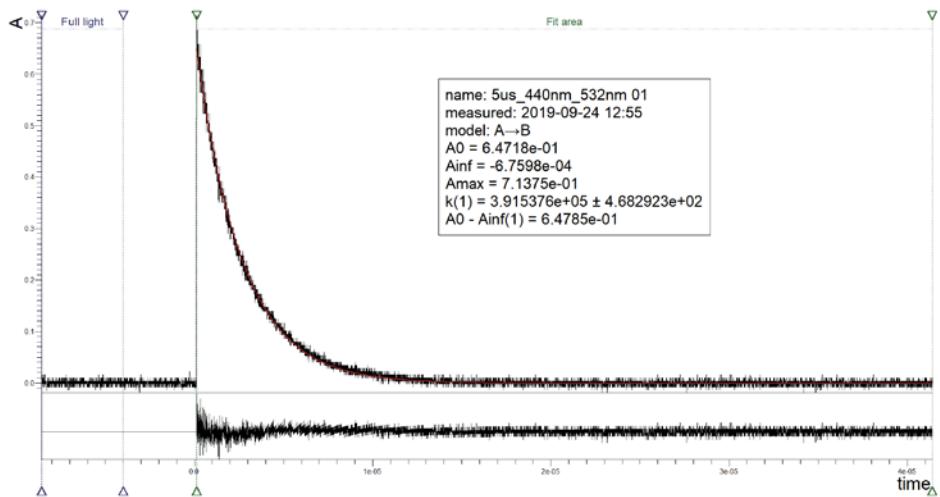
**Figure S107.** The ns transient absorption spectra of **4** ( $c \sim 1.0 \times 10^{-5}$  M; DMSO/ PBS (1:9); aerated); excited by a 532 nm laser pulse measured 7 ns – 5  $\mu$ s after excitation.



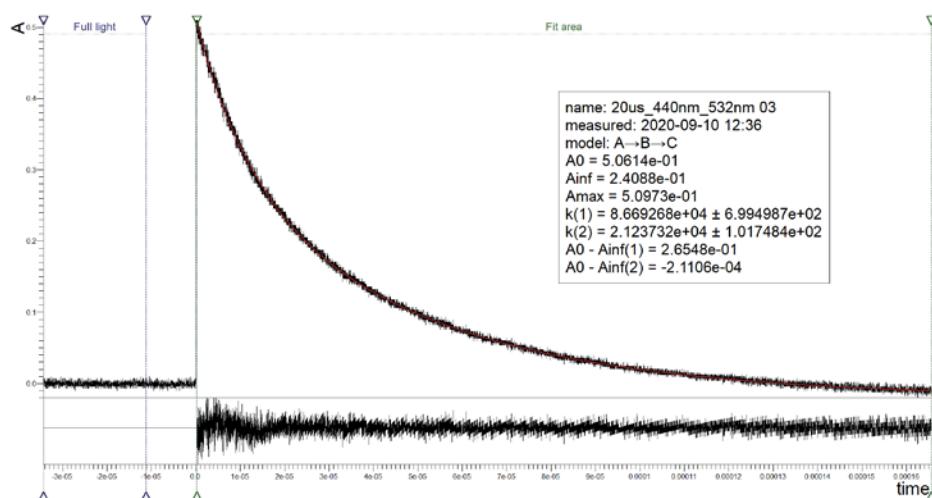
**Figure S108.** The ns transient absorption spectra of **4** ( $c \sim 1.0 \times 10^{-5}$  M; DMSO/ PBSr (1:9); degassed); excited by a 532 nm laser pulse measured 7 ns – 5  $\mu$ s after excitation.



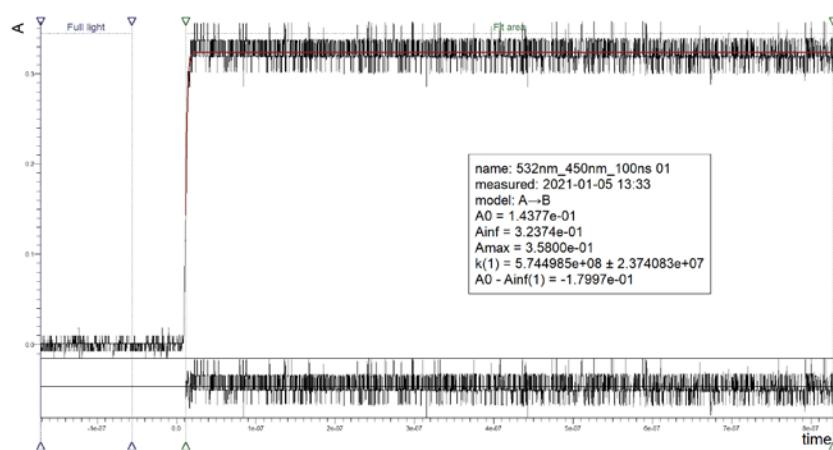
**Figure S109.** Kinetic decay of a transient formed from **4** ( $c \sim 1.0 \times 10^{-5}$  M; DMSO/ PBS (1:9); naturally aerated) by excitation with a 532 nm laser pulse and measured at 440 nm (top); the sum of residuals of the mono-exponential fitting is at the bottom.



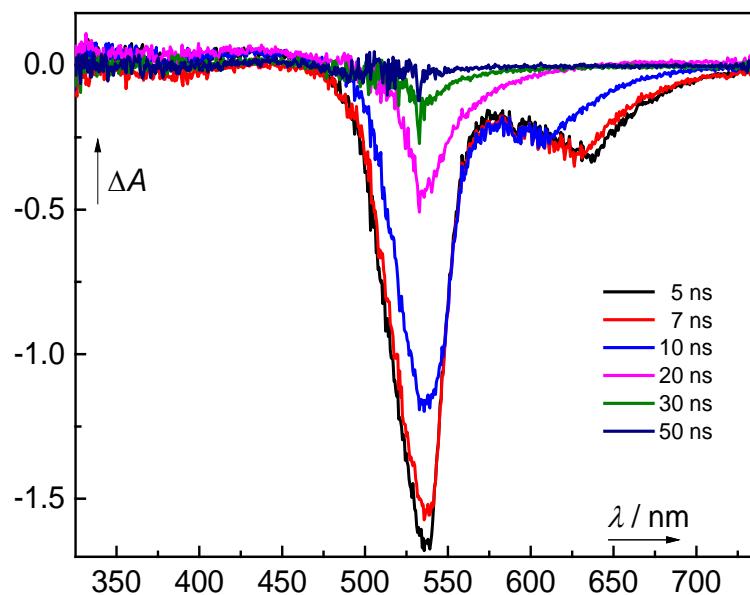
**Figure S110.** Kinetic decay of a transient formed from **4** ( $c \sim 1.0 \times 10^{-5}$  M; DMSO/ PBS (1:9); degassed) by excitation with a 532 nm laser pulse and measured at 440 nm (top); the sum of residuals of the mono-exponential fitting is at the bottom.



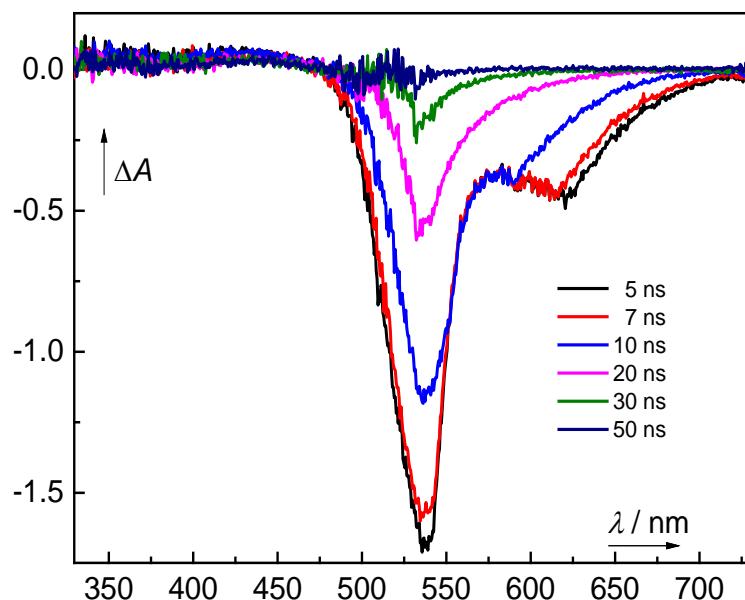
**Figure S111.** The kinetic trace of a transient formed from **4** ( $c \sim 1.0 \times 10^{-5}$  M; DMSO/ PBS (1:9); degassed) by excitation with a 532 nm laser pulse and measured at 450 nm (top); the sum of residuals of the mono-exponential fitting is at the bottom. The estimation of the rate constant of triplet formation is  $k = 5.74 \times 10^8$ .



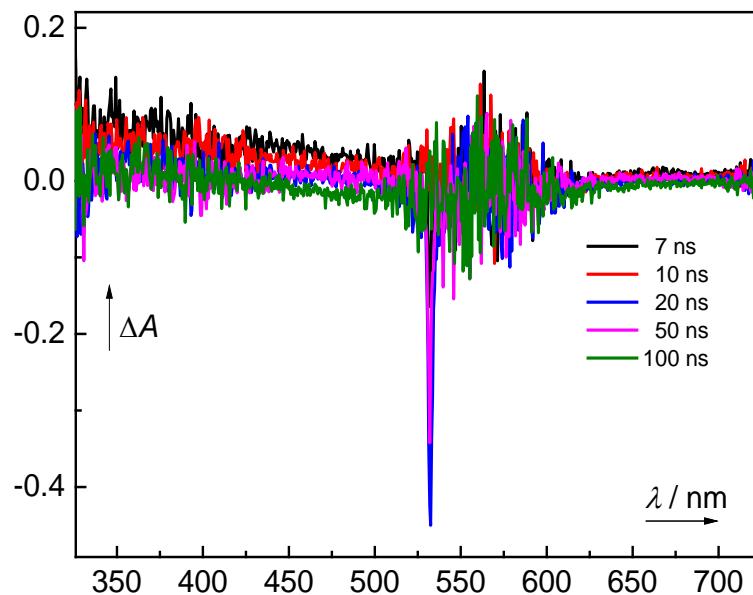
**Figure S112.** The ns transient absorption spectra of **7** ( $c \sim 1.0 \times 10^{-5}$  M; DMSO/ PBS (1:9); aerated); excited by a 532 nm laser pulse measured 5 ns – 50 ns after excitation.



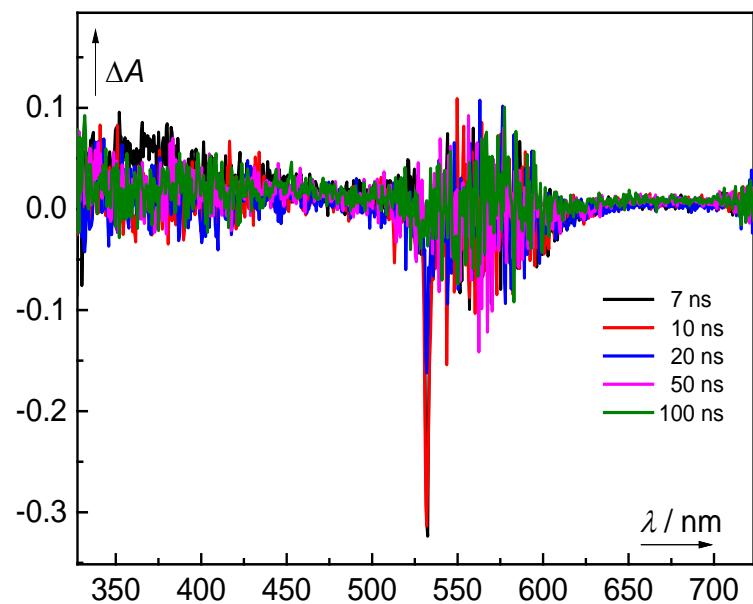
**Figure S113.** The ns transient absorption spectra of **7** ( $c \sim 1.0 \times 10^{-5}$  M; DMSO/ PBS (1:9); degassed); excited by a 532 nm laser pulse measured 5 ns – 50 ns after excitation.



**Figure S114.** The ns transient absorption spectra of **10** ( $c \sim 1.0 \times 10^{-5}$  M; DMSO/ PBS (1:9); aerated); excited by a 532 nm laser pulse measured 7 ns – 100 ns after excitation.



**Figure S115.** The ns transient absorption spectra of **10** ( $c \sim 1.0 \times 10^{-5}$  M; DMSO/ PBS (1:9); degassed); excited by a 532 nm laser pulse measured 7 ns – 100 ns after excitation.



**Table S1.** Lifetimes of transient species of compounds **3-4**, ( $c \sim 1.0 \times 10^{-5}$  M; DMSO/ PBS (1:9); in aerated (aer) and (deg) degassed solutions.

compound	lifetime / $\mu\text{s}$
<b>3</b>	$3.20 \pm 0.06$ (aer)
	$25.10 \pm 0.08$ (deg)
<b>4</b>	$2.56 \pm 0.06$ (aer)
	$11.40 \pm 0.05$ (deg)

## Intersystem Crossing Quantum Yield Determination

The intersystem crossing quantum yields were determined using a previously published method [1] using nanosecond transient absorption spectroscopy. The absorbance  $\Delta A$  of the solution at a certain wavelength  $\lambda$  before and after excitation is given by the equations Eq. 1 and Eq 2.:

$$\Delta A(\lambda) = \varepsilon_g(\lambda) \times C_0 \times l \quad \text{Eq (1)}$$

$$\Delta A(\lambda) = [\varepsilon^*(\lambda) \times C^* + \varepsilon_g(\lambda) \times C_g] l \quad \text{Eq (2)}$$

where  $\varepsilon^*(\lambda)$  and  $\varepsilon_g(\lambda)$  are the molecular absorption coefficients of the ground and excited state, respectively, at the given wavelengths, and  $C^*$  and  $C_g$  are the concentrations of the remaining ground-state molecules and the excited molecules;  $l$  is the optical path of the sample.

$C_0 = C^* + C_g$  is constant, but the relative values of  $C^*$  and  $C_g$  depend on the intensity  $I$  of the excitation:

$$\Delta A(\lambda) = [\varepsilon^*(\lambda) - \varepsilon_g(\lambda)] C^* \times I \times l \quad \text{Eq (3)}$$

It has been demonstrated [2] that  $C^*$  may be written as a function of the excitation energy:

$$C^*(I) = C_0 \{1 \exp[-2.3 \times \Phi \times \varepsilon_g(\lambda') \times I]\} \quad \text{Eq (4)}$$

Where  $\Phi$  = quantum yield of the formation of the excited state analyzed,  $I$  = intensity of excitation (Einstein /dm<sup>2</sup>) and  $\varepsilon_g(\lambda')$  = molecular absorption coefficient of the ground state at the wavelength of excitation.

The parameters  $\varepsilon^*$  and  $\Phi$  may be obtained by combining the Eq. (3) and (4):

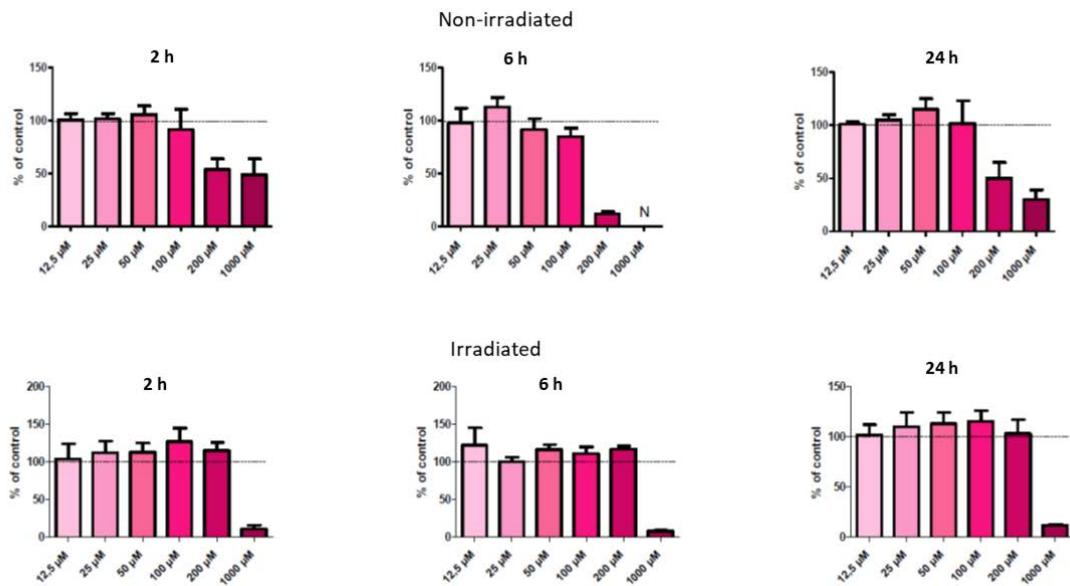
$$\Delta A(\lambda, I) = a(1 - e^{bx/I}) \quad \text{Eq (5)}$$

Where  $a = [\varepsilon^*(\lambda) - \varepsilon_g(\lambda)] C^* \times l$  and  $b = 2.3 \times \Phi \times \varepsilon_g(\lambda')$  and may be determined by fitting an experimental set of values of  $\Delta A(I)$ .

In this specific case, the  $\Phi_{ISC}$  was evaluated in a degassed MeOH solution (three freeze–pump–thaw cycles) at three different concentrations ( $c \sim 3.0 \times 10^{-6}$ ,  $\sim 6.0 \times 10^{-6}$  M, and  $\sim 1.0 \times 10^{-5}$  M) and three different intensities (30, 50, and 70 mJ) to give  $\Phi_{ISC} = 0.66$  and  $\Phi_{ISC} = 0.83$  for **3** and **4**, respectively.

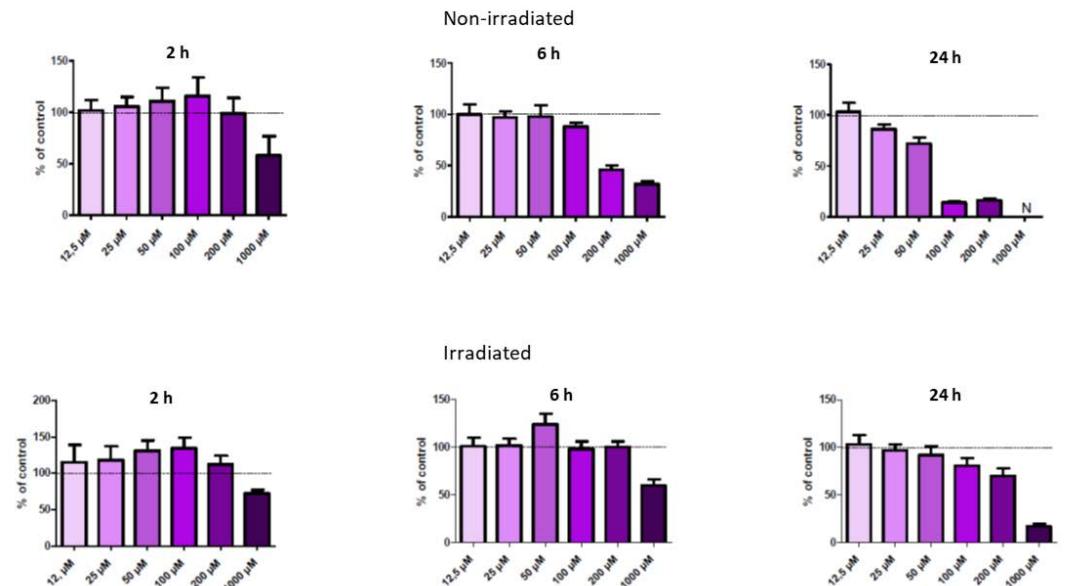
## Cell Viability

**Figure S116.** Effect of **8** and its photoproducts on viability of HepG2 cells



HepG2 cells were incubated with compound **8** (top panel) and its photoproduct (bottom panel) were obtained upon exhaustive irradiation of the compounds at  $\lambda_{\text{irr}} = 505 \text{ nm}$  for 24 h. Cell viability was measured using an MTT assay. The experiments were performed at least in triplicates.

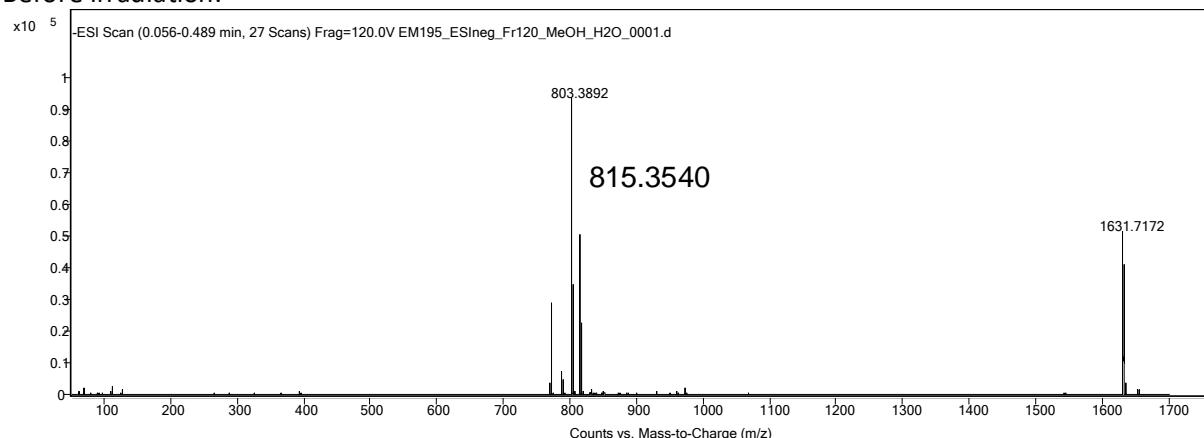
**Figure S117.** Effect of **10** and its photoproducts on viability of HepG2 cells



HepG2 cells were incubated with compound **10** (top panel) and its photoproduct (bottom panel) were obtained upon exhaustive irradiation of the compounds at  $\lambda_{\text{irr}} = 505 \text{ nm}$  for 24 h. Cell viability was measured using an MTT assay. The experiments were performed at least in triplicates.

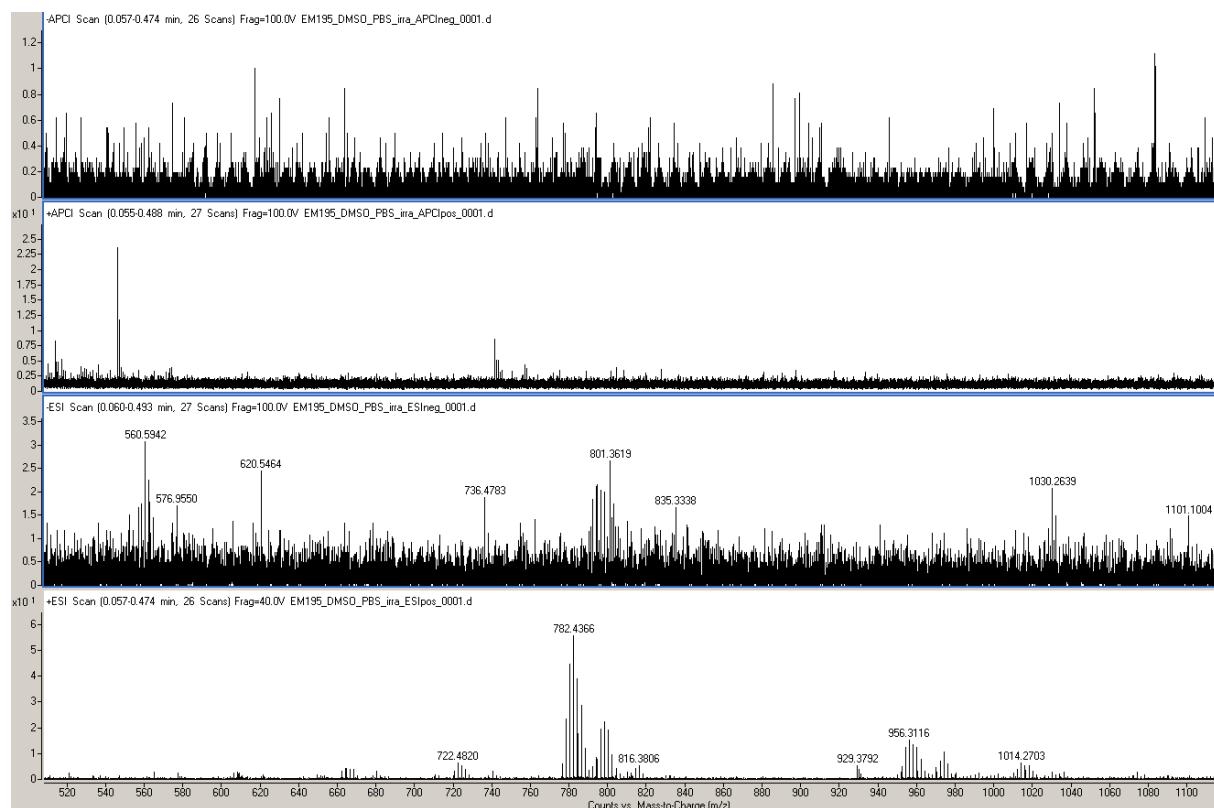
## MS Analysis of Photoproducts Formed upon Irradiation of 10 in a PBS/DMSO Mixture

### Before irradiation:

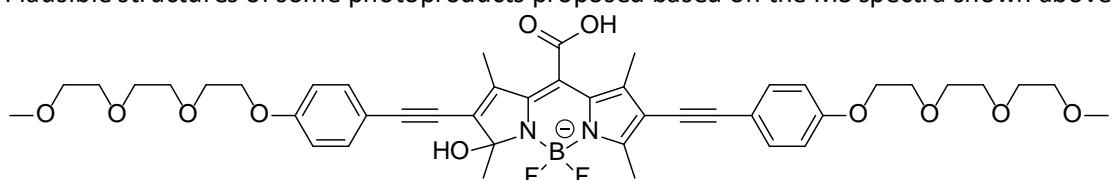


HRMS-ESI<sup>-</sup> *m/z*: [M-1]<sup>-</sup> calcd for C<sub>44</sub>H<sub>50</sub>BF<sub>2</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>10</sub> 815.3540, found **815.3540** (starting compound **10**)

After irradiation:

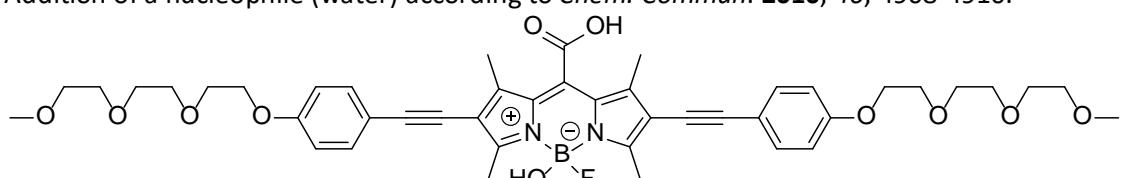


Plausible structures of some photoproducts proposed based on the MS spectra shown above:



Chemical Formula: C<sub>44</sub>H<sub>52</sub>BF<sub>2</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>11</sub>  
Exact Mass: 833.7104

Addition of a nucleophile (water) according to *Chem. Commun.* **2010**, 46, 4908-4910.



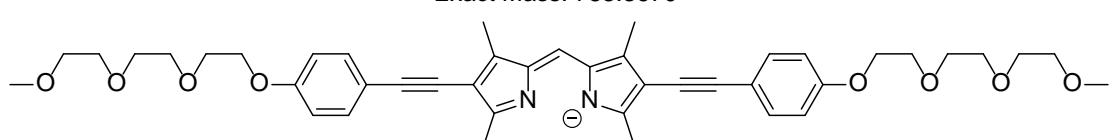
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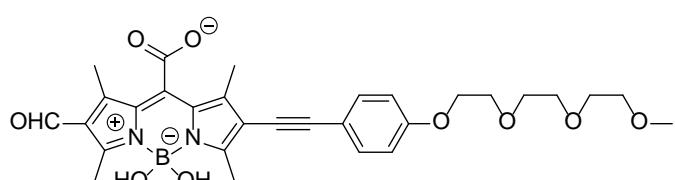
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Exact Mass: 800.3656



Chemical Formula: C<sub>43</sub>H<sub>52</sub>BN<sub>2</sub>O<sub>11</sub>  
Exact Mass: 783.3670



Chemical Formula: C<sub>43</sub>H<sub>51</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>8</sub>  
Exact Mass: 723.3651



Chemical Formula: C<sub>30</sub>H<sub>34</sub>BN<sub>2</sub>O<sub>9</sub>  
Exact Mass: 577.2363

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