

## Supporting Information

for

# Enzymatic synthesis and phosphorolysis of 4(2)-thio- and 6(5)-azapyrimidine nucleosides by *E. coli* nucleoside phosphorylases

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**1 - Table S1:** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectral data for synthesized 4(2)-thioxo- and 6-aza-pyrimidine nucleosides **1b–5b**.<sup>a)</sup>

Compound	<sup>1</sup> H Chemical Shifts, $\delta_{TMS}$ , ppm								Coupling Constance, <i>J</i> , Hz						Remarks	
	H1'	H2'	H2''	H3'	H4'	H5'	H5''	Others	1',2'	1',2''	2',3'	2'',3'	3',4'	4',5'		4',5''
<b>1b</b> ( <sup>4</sup> S-U <sub>d</sub> )	6.02 t	2.18 dt	2.27 ddd	4.26 dt	3.88 dt	3.65 dd	3.57 dd	7.54 (d, <i>J</i> <sub>5,6</sub> = 7.6; H6) 6.35 (d, H5)	<b>6.50</b>	<b>6.50</b>	<b>6.5</b> <i>gemJ</i> = -14.1	<b>4.30</b>	4.15	3.50	5.10 <i>gemJ</i> = -12.5	cf. [1]
<b>2b</b> ( <sup>2</sup> S-U <sub>d</sub> )	6.81 t	2.16 ddd	2.49 ddd	4.31 dt	3.98 dt	3.76 dd	3.67 dt	7.91 (d, <i>J</i> <sub>5,6</sub> = 8.1; H6) 6.04 (d, H5)	6.4	6.4	6.5 <i>gemJ</i> = -14.2	4.3	4.1	3.4	6.5 <i>gemJ</i> = -12.6	cf. [2-4]
<b>3b</b> (6-Aza-U <sub>d</sub> )	6.38 dd	2.21 ddd	2.57 ddd	4.48 dt	3.87 dt	3.63 dd	3.51 dd	7.47 (s, H5)	<b>4.7</b>	<b>7.3</b>	6.8 <i>gemJ</i> = -14.0	5.3	6.3	4.0	6.5	cf.[5,6]
<b>4b</b> (6-Aza-T <sub>d</sub> )	6.28 dd	2.11 br.dt	2.50 br.dt	4.37 br.dt	3.79 m	3.57 dd	3.46 dd	2.03 (s, 3H; C <sup>5</sup> -CH <sub>3</sub> )	<b>5.0</b>	<b>7.0</b>	5.40 <i>gemJ</i> = -13.5	5.40	5.40	4.0	6.50 <i>gemJ</i> = -12.1	Cf. [6]
<b>5b</b> (6-aza- <sup>2</sup> S-T <sub>d</sub> )	7.09 dd	2.18 ddd	2.47 dt	4.41 dt	3.83 dt	3.59 dd	3.49 dd	2.08 (s, 3H; C <sup>5</sup> -CH <sub>3</sub> )	<b>4.1</b>	<b>7.2</b>	6.7 <i>gemJ</i> = -13.8	6.03 6.03 5.43	6.20 4.51 4.51	<b>3.90</b>	<b>6.50</b> <i>gemJ</i> = -12.2	

<sup>a)</sup> The NMR spectra were measured on Bruker Avance-500-DRX (Bruker, Germany) using D<sub>2</sub>O as a solvent if it is not stated otherwise.

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**2 - Table S2:**  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectral data for synthesized thioxo- and aza-pyrimidine nucleosides **1b–5b**<sup>a)</sup>

Compound	C2	C4	C5	C5-Me	C6	C1'	C2'	C3'	C4'	C5'
<b>1b</b> ( $^{4\text{S}}\text{U}_d$ )	149.05	190.55	113.92	-	136.92	86.16	39.13	70.6	87.03	61.09
<b>2b</b> ( $^{2\text{S}}\text{U}_d$ )	175.65	163.50	106.78	-	141.83	89.79 <sup>d)</sup>	39.14	70.07	87.19 <sup>d)</sup>	60.84
<b>3b</b> (6-Aza- $\text{U}_d$ )	148.69	158.42	136.95	-	-	86.27 <sup>d)</sup>	36.88	71.18	86.97 <sup>d)</sup>	62.15
<b>4b</b> (6-Aza- $\text{T}_d$ )	149.97	158.17	145.60	15.71	-	85.65 <sup>d)</sup>	36.70	71.09	86.66 <sup>d)</sup>	62.00
<b>5b</b> (6-aza- $^{2\text{S}}\text{T}_d$ )	174.20	153.77	150.72	15.77	-	90.12	37.29	70.94	87.02	61.88

<sup>a)</sup> The NMR spectra were measured on Bruker Avance-500-DRX (Bruker, Germany) using  $\text{D}_2\text{O}$  as a solvent if it is not stated otherwise.

<sup>b)</sup> Data are in fair agreement with previously reported [1] In the transition from dU [1] to dU $^{4\text{S}}$  (i) the C2 & C5 resonances are moved to lower field by -26.85 and -10.84 ppm, respectively, and (ii) the C2 & C6 resonances are moved to higher field by +2.75 and +4.63 ppm, respectively.

<sup>c)</sup> Cf. [2].

<sup>d)</sup> Data for C1' and C4' resonances maybe interchangeable.

<sup>e)</sup> In the transition from 6-Aza-dT (cf. [4]) to 6-Aza-dT $^{2\text{S}}$  (i) the C2 & C5 resonances are moved to lower field by -24.23 and -5.12 ppm, respectively, and (ii) the C4 resonance is moved to higher field by +4.40 ppm.

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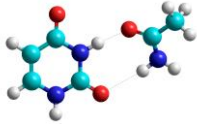
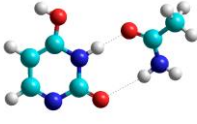
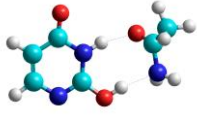
**3 - Table S3:** The *ab initio* (6-31G\*\*; basis set; RHF) calculations of the electronic structure of 2(4)-thioxo- and 6-aza-pyrimidines.

Compound	N1	N3	C <sup>2</sup> =O		C <sup>2</sup> =S		C <sup>4</sup> =O		C5	N6	C6	Comments [Dipole moment (D)]
	(H1)	(H3)					(C <sup>4</sup> =S)	H5		H6		
Uracil	-0.783 (0.343)	-0.830 (0.348)	1.020	-0.598	-	-	-0.584 0.182	-	-0.342 0.192	-	0.225 0.197	$E_T = -258\ 836.3$ kcal/mol (4.723 D) $\Delta E_T = E_T - E_{T2} = -11.6$
Ura-C <sup>4</sup> -OH	<b>-0.631</b>	-0.822 (0.330)	0.946	-0.599	-	-	C +0.816 O -0.615 H +0364	-	-0.357 0.182	-	0.213 0.173	$E_T = -258\ 809.3$ kcal/mol (5.758 D)
C <sup>2</sup> =O												
Ura-C <sup>4</sup> =O	<b>-0.675</b>	-0.789 (0.349)	0.962	-0.612	-	-	-0.603 0.794	-	-0.357 0.182	-	0.213 0.173	$E_{T2} = -258\ 824.7$ kcal/mol (3.487 D)
C <sup>2</sup> -OH				0.382								
Ura-C <sup>4</sup> =S	-0.797 (0.348)	-0.749 (0.363)	1.020	-0.588	-	-	-	<b>-0.247</b>	-0.281 0.204	-	0.203 0.236	$E_T = -461\ 291.6$ kcal/mol (5.672 D) $\Delta E_T = E_T - E_{T2} = -10.0$
C <sup>2</sup> =O												
Ura-C <sup>4</sup> SH	<b>-0.641</b>	-0.754 (0.338)	0.944	-0.593	-	-	-	C 0.228 <b>S+0.150</b> (H +0.054)	-0.324 0.180	-	0.214 0.173	$E_T = -461\ 269.7$ kcal/mol (5.758 D)
C <sup>2</sup> =O												
Ura-C <sup>4</sup> =S	<b>-0.656</b>	-0.703 (0.365)	0.963	-0.606	-	-	-	<b>-0.287</b>	-0.261 0.191	-	0.176 0.183	$E_{T2} = -461\ 281.6$ kcal/mol (5.171 D)
C <sup>2</sup> -OH				(0.386)								
Ura-C <sup>4</sup> =O	-0.705 (0.359)	-0.753 (0.365)	-	-			<b>-0.287</b>	-0.571	-0.328 0.202	-	0.217 0.205	$E_T = -461\ 290.1$ kcal/mol (5.322 D) $\Delta E_T = E_T - E_{T2} = -12.9$
C <sup>2</sup> =S					0.489		0.807					
Ura-C <sup>4</sup> -OH	<b>-0.556</b>	-0.736 (0.346)	-	-	0.423	<b>-0.306</b>	C +0.816	-	-0.336 (0.194)	-	0.213 0.184	$E_T = -461\ 263.2$ kcal/mol (7.561 D)
C <sup>2</sup> =S							O -0.609 H +0369					
Ura-C <sup>4</sup> =O	<b>-0.601</b>	-0.760 (0.346)	-	-	0.429	<b>S 0.085</b>	-0.602	-	-0.306 0.185	-	0.149 0.176	$E_{T2} = -461\ 277.2$ kcal/mol (2.952 D)
C <sup>2</sup> -SH							H 0.107 0.791					

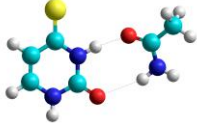
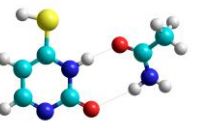
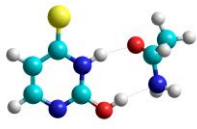
<b>6-Aza-Ura</b>	-0.549	-0.826		<b>-0.588</b>	-	-	<b>-0.557</b>		<b>-0.016</b>	<b>-0.184</b>	-	$E_T = -268\,849.3$ kcal/mol
	(0.356)	(0.354)	1.020		-	-	0.779		+0.211			(1.815 D) $\Delta E_T = E_T - E_T = -18.6$
<b>6-Aza-Ura</b>	<b>-0.371</b>	-0.813	0.937	-0.572	-	-	-0.608	-	-0.095	-0.171		$E_T = -268\,807.9$ kcal/mol
<b>C4-OH</b>		(0.339)			-	-	0.790	-	0.196			(7.314 D) O <sup>4</sup> -H 0.367
<b>6-Aza-Ura</b>	<b>-0.465</b>	-0.790		-0.608	-	-	-0.572	-	-0.012			$E_T = -268\,830.7$ kcal/mol
<b>C<sup>2</sup>-OH</b>		(0.355)	0.966		-	-	0.769		+0.201	-0.231		(3.089 D) O <sup>2</sup> -H 0.387

<b>6-Aza-Thy</b>	<b>-0.548</b>	-0.828		<b>-0.595</b>	-	-	<b>-0.561</b>	-	<b>0.125</b>	<b>-0.245</b>	-	$E_T = -293\,350.2$ kcal/mol
	(0.352)	(0.352)	1.019		-	-	0.795					(2.180 D) $\Delta E_T = E_T - E_T = -29.3$
6-Aza-Thy	<b>-0.370</b>	-0.815	0.939	<b>-0.578</b>	-	-	<b>-0.617</b>			<b>-0.203</b>	-	$E_T = -293\,306.7$ kcal/mol
<b>C4-OH</b>		(0.336)			-	-	0.795				-	(7.184 D) <sup>4</sup> O-H 0.366
6-Aza-Thy	<b>-0.409</b>	-0.827	0.965	<b>-0.591</b>			<b>-0.579</b>			<b>-0.288</b>	-	$E_T = -293\,320.9$ kcal/mol
<b>C<sup>2</sup>-OH</b>		(0.334)					0.784				-	(4.102 D) <sup>2</sup> O-H 0.359
<b>6-Aza-Thy-</b>	<b>-0.469</b>	-0.775	-	-		<b>-0.277</b>	<b>-0.549</b>	-	<b>0.140</b>	<b>-0.250</b>	-	$E_T = -495\,804.5$ kcal/mol
<b>C<sup>2</sup>=S</b>	(0.369)	(0.368)	-	-	0.487		0.793	-			-	(3.486 D) 6-31G** $\Delta E_T = E_T - E_T = -20.8$
	<b>-0.305</b>	-0.689				<b>-0.258</b>	<b>-0.615</b>	-		<b>-0.214</b>	-	$E_T = -495\,764.8$ kcal/mol
<b>C<sup>2</sup>=S; C<sup>4</sup>-OH</b>		(0.370)			0.402		0.765	-			-	(9.316 D) <sup>4</sup> O-H 0.387
	<b>-0.379</b>	-0.761				<b>S+0.173</b>	<b>-0.579</b>	-	0.147	<b>-0.299</b>	-	$E_T = -495\,783.7$ kcal/mol
<b>C<sup>2</sup>-SH; C<sup>4</sup>=O</b>		(0.342)			0.409		0.791	-			-	(3.206 D) <sup>2</sup> S-H 0.159

**4 - Table S4:** Geometry optimization using (1) Molecular Mechanics Force Field Bio+ [CHARMM27] and (2) PM3 semi-empirical method.


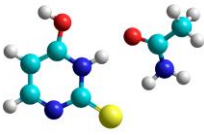

Substrate & Binding Mimic of Glu166 of the <i>E. coli</i> Uridine Phosphorylase ( <i>EcUP</i> ) catalytic site	Energy (kcal/mol) Total Binding Heat of Formation Dipole moment (D)	The partial charges of selected atoms ( <i>e</i> )										Hydrogen Bonds (Å) and bond lengths of the atoms involved
		N <sup>1</sup> (H <sup>1</sup> )	C <sup>4</sup> —O(S)—H			N <sup>3</sup> —H•••O=C			C <sup>2</sup> =O(S)•••HN			
	<b>-51,160.1</b> -2,134.6 -122.7 DM: <b>3.783 D</b> <sup>1)</sup>	0.083 (0.096)	0.294	-0.345	-	-0.046	0.179	-0.398	0.214	-0.426	0.085	N <sup>3</sup> H•••O=C 2.817 C <sup>2</sup> =O•••HNH 2.484
	<b>ΔE = +8.9</b> -51,151.2 -2,125.7 -113.8 DM: 4.120 D	<b>-0.202</b>	0.142	-0.213	0.218	0.044	0.176	-0.420	0.263	-0.386	0.090	N <sup>3</sup> H•••O=C 2.816 C <sup>2</sup> =O•••HNH 2.444
	<b>ΔE = +16.1</b> -51,144.0 -2,118.5 -106.6 DM: <b>6.595 D</b>	<b>-0.214</b>	0.302	-0.373	-	-0.022	0.145	-0.366	0.126	-0.223	0.214	N <sup>3</sup> H•••O=C 2.829 C <sup>2</sup> -O-H•••N(H2) 2.873

<sup>1)</sup>The most populated tautomer is characterized by the lowest value of dipole moment (Debye).

	$\Delta E = +6.5$ -48,654.5 -2,070.9 -52.1 DM: 5.560 D	0.114 (0.111)	-0.054	-0.205	-	0.086	0.184	-0.406	0.190	<b>-0.406</b>	0.082	$N^3\text{-H}\cdots\text{O}=\text{C}$ 1.794 $C^2=\text{O}\cdots\text{HN}(\text{H})$ 2.500 $N^3\text{-H}\cdots\text{O}=\text{C}$ 2.833 $C^2=\text{O}\cdots\text{H-N}(\text{H})$ 3.475
 1)	$\Delta E = -48,661.0$ -2,077.4 -58.6 DM: 3.285 D <sup>2)</sup>	<b>-0.166</b>	-0.130	<b>+0.144</b> (G-H)	0.013	0.090	0.171	-0.422	0.247	-0.382	0.089	$N^3\text{-H}\cdots\text{O}=\text{C}$ 1.805 $C^2=\text{O}\cdots\text{HNH}$ 2.436 $N^3\text{-H}\cdots\text{O}=\text{C}$ 2.817 $C^2=\text{O}\cdots\text{H-N}$ 3.358
	$\Delta E = +20.6$ -48,640.4 -2,056.8 -38.0 DM: 7.583 D	-0.167	0.064	-0.270	-	0.129	0.151	-0.366	0.092	-0.215	0.222	$N^3\text{-H}\cdots\text{O}=\text{C}$ 1.848 $C^2\text{-O-H}\cdots\text{N}(\text{H}_2)$ 1.923  $N^3\text{-H}\cdots\text{O}=\text{C}$ 2.833 $C^2\text{-O-H}\cdots\text{N}(\text{H}_2)$ 2.880

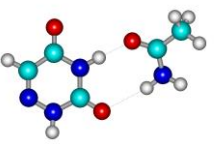
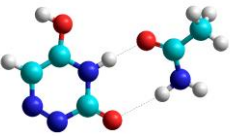
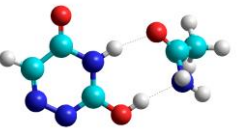
<sup>1)</sup> Only *EcUP* catalyzed the 2'-deoxyribosylation! (Time of reaction: 48 h; *EcUP* & *EcPNP* for 2-deoxy-D-ribofuranose generation; yield of dR: 39%.

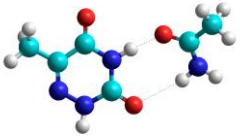
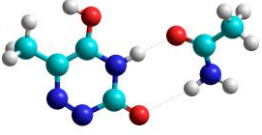
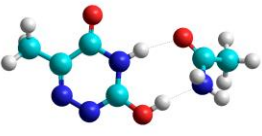
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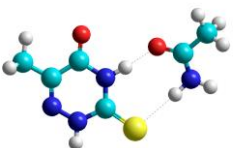
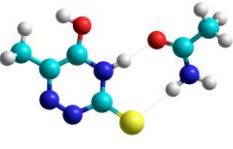
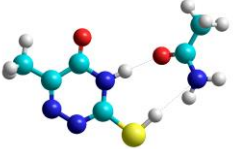
	<b>-48,657.0</b> -2,073.3 -54.6 DM: 2.510 D	0.197 (0.114)	0.272	-0.314	-	0.065	0.191	-0.416	-0.125	<b>-0.351</b>	0.111	$N^3-H\cdots O=C$ 2.807 $C^2=S\cdots H-N(H)$ 3.401 $C^2=S$ 1.665 $C^2=S\cdots H-N(H)$ <b>2.435</b> $N^3-H$ 1.025 $N^3-H\cdots O=C$ 1.790
	<b><math>\Delta E \approx +9.0</math></b> -48,648.0 -2,064.3 -45.6 DM: 5.731 D	<b>-0.128</b>	0.105	-0.199	0.222	0.176	0.188	-0.437	-0.069	<b>-0.294</b>	0.118	$N^3-H\cdots O=C$ 2.798 $C^2=S\cdots H-N(H)$ 3.363 $C^2=S$ 1.650 $C^2=S\cdots H-N(H)$ <b>2.385</b> $N^3-H$ 1.027 $N^3-H\cdots O=C$ 1.781
	<b>-48,657.7</b> -2,074.1 -55.3 DM: 5.735 D	<b>-0.146</b>	0.279	-0.369	-	0.036	0.155	-0.411	-0.126	<b>+0.139</b> (H 0.003)	-	$N^3-H\cdots O=C$ 2.835 $C^2S-H\cdots N(H_2)$ 2.697 $C^2-S$ 1.783 $C^2-S-H$ 1.333 $N^3-H$ 1.013 $N^3-H\cdots O=C$ 1.823

2'-Deoxy-2-thiouracil (**2b**;  $^{25}U_d$ ) is formed in the transglycosylation reaction (Thd as a donor of 2-deoxy-D-ribofuranose; 0.4 mM phosphate buffer (pH 7.0), r.t., 24 h) in the presence of *E. coli* UP and TP in yields of 3 and 25%.



	<b>-51,792.7</b> - 1,999.0 - 97.1 DM: 3.430 D	<b>0.050</b> (H: -0.117)	0.260	-0.313	-	-0.055	0.185	-0.408	0.204	<b>-0.398</b>	0.084	N <sup>3</sup> -H...O=C 2.811 C <sup>2</sup> =O...H-N(H) 3.420 C <sup>2</sup> =O 1.226 C <sup>2</sup> =O...H-N(H) 2.485 N <sup>3</sup> -H 1.020; N <sup>3</sup> -H...O=C 1.796 N <sup>6</sup> <b>-0.054 e</b>
	<b>ΔE = +9.6</b> <b>-51,783.1</b> - 1,989.4 - 87.4 DM: 5.617 D	<b>-0.136</b>	0.120	-0.205	0.222	0.043	0.181	-0.424	0.215	<b>-0.353</b>	0.088	N <sup>3</sup> -H...O=C 2.804 C <sup>2</sup> =O...H-N(H) 3.399 C <sup>2</sup> =O 1.217 C <sup>2</sup> =O...H-N(H) 2.458 N <sup>3</sup> -H 1.02 N <sup>3</sup> -H...O=C 1.792 N <sup>6</sup> <b>+0.132 e</b>
	<b>ΔE = +13.8</b> -51,778.9 - 1,985.3 - 83.3 DM: 8.638 D	-0.196	0.266	-0.341	-	-0.025	0.153	-0.353	0.097	-0.218	0.221	N <sup>3</sup> -H...O=C 2.793 C <sup>2</sup> -O-H...N(H <sub>2</sub> ) 3.576 C <sup>2</sup> -O 1.346 C <sup>2</sup> -O-H N(H <sub>2</sub> ) 2.663 N <sup>3</sup> -H 1.013 N <sup>3</sup> -H...O=C 1.829 N <sup>6</sup> <b>+0.076 e</b>

Substrate & Binding Mimic of Glu166 of the <i>E. coli</i> Uridine Phosphorylase catalytic site	Energy (kcal/mol) Total Binding Heat of Formation Dipole moment (D)	The partial charges of selected atoms ( <i>e</i> )										Hydrogen Bonds (Å) and bond lengths of the atoms involved
		N <sup>1</sup> (H <sup>1</sup> )	C <sup>4</sup> —O(S)—H			N <sup>3</sup> —H•••O=C			C <sup>2</sup> =O(S)•••HN			
	<b>-55,244.3</b> -2,282.6 -105.5  DM = 2.994 D	0.057 (H 0.115)	0.267	-0.317	-	-0.054	0.184	-0.407	0.202	<b>-0.399</b>	0.084	N <sup>3</sup> -H•••O=C 2.811 C <sup>2</sup> =O•••H-N(H) 3.437 C <sup>2</sup> =O 1.225 C <sup>2</sup> =O H-N(H) 2.501 N <sup>3</sup> -H 1.021 N <sup>3</sup> -H•••O=C 1.804 N <sup>6</sup> <b>-0.071 e</b>
	<b>ΔE = +8.7</b> -55,235.6 -2,273.9 -96.9 DM = 5.374 D	<b>-0.132</b>	0.115	-0.211	0.227	0.046	0.181	-0.421	0.214	<b>-0.355</b>	0.086	N <sup>3</sup> -H•••O=C 2.805 C <sup>2</sup> =O•••H-N(H) 3.425 C <sup>2</sup> =O 1.217 C <sup>2</sup> =O H-N(H) 2.494 N <sup>3</sup> -H 1.020 N <sup>3</sup> -H•••O=C 1.790 N <sup>6</sup> <b>+0.137 e</b>
	<b>ΔE = +15.9</b> -55,228.4 -2,266.7 -89.7 DM = 8.338 D	<b>-0.183</b>	0.272	<b>-0.344</b>	-	-0.023	0.154	-0.352	0.088	<b>0.220</b>	N6 0.220	N <sup>3</sup> -H•••O=C 2.841 C <sup>2</sup> -O-H•••N(H <sub>2</sub> ) 2.820 C <sup>2</sup> -O 1.341 C <sup>2</sup> -O-H N(H <sub>2</sub> ) 1.862 N <sup>3</sup> -H 1.015 N <sup>3</sup> -H•••O=C 1.839 N <sup>6</sup> <b>+0.064 e</b>

	$\Delta E = +1.1$ <b>-52,739.7</b> -2,219.9 -36.0 DM = 0.523 D	0.174 (H 0.137)	0.245	-0.292	-	0.042	0.197	-0.421	-0.137	<b>-0.313</b>	0.112	$N^3-H \cdots O=C$ 2.800 $C^2=S \cdots H-N(H)$ 3.424 $C^2-S$ 1.778 $C^2-S \cdots H-N(H)$ 1.709 $N^3-H$ 1.014 $N^3-H \cdots O=C$ 1.816 $N^6$ <b>-0.084 e</b>
	$\Delta E = +9.7$ -52,731.1 -2,211.2 -27.4 DM = 6.413 D	<b>-0.064</b>	0.065	-0.197	0.329	0.188	0.189	-0.439	-0.136	<b>-0.227</b>	0.115	$N^3-H \cdots O=C$ 2.797 $C^2=S \cdots H-N(H)$ 3.397 $C^2-S$ 1.620 $C^2-S \cdots H-N(H)$ 2.403 $N^3-H$ 1.026 $N^3-H \cdots O=C$ 1.776 $N^6$ <b>+0.110 e</b>
	<b>-52,740.8</b> -2,220.9 -37.1 DM = <b>7.554</b> D	<b>-0.110</b>	0.251	<b>-0.343</b>	-	0.037	0.162	-0.418	-0.173	<b>0.165</b>	<b>0.002</b>	$N^3-H \cdots O=C$ 2.835 $C^2-S-H \cdots N(H_2)$ 3.998 $C^2-S$ 1.7775 $C^2-S-H \cdots N(H_2)$ 1.332 $N^3-H$ 1.013 $N^3-H \cdots O=C$ 1.822 $N^6$ <b>+0.032 e</b>

Only *EcTP* likely recognizes the  $C^2-S-H \cdots NH_2$ - tautomer as a substrate owing to (i) the correct positioning in the catalytic site by the interaction of methyl group with the relevant residues of amino acids, and (ii) higher nucleophilicity of the  $N1$  atom!

**5 - Table S5:** HPLC data for compounds studied.

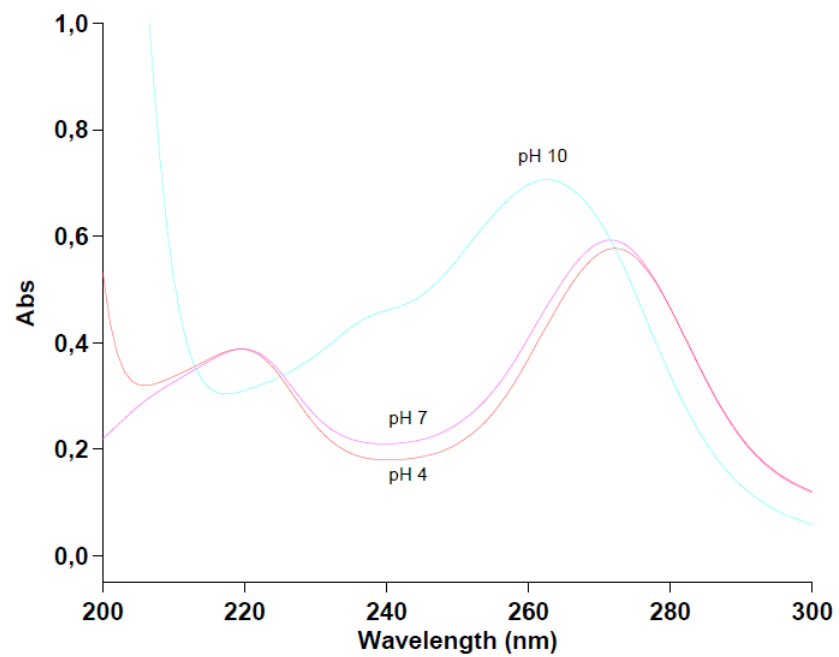
System A: Nucleosil 100-5 C<sub>18</sub> 150 × 4.6, 5 μm; 5% acetonitrile in 0.1% TFA-H<sub>2</sub>O, v/v; 1 mL/min; detection at 260 nm.

System B: Nucleodur C<sub>18</sub> Gravity 150 × 4.6, 5 μm; 5% acetonitrile in 0.1% TFA-H<sub>2</sub>O, v/v; 1 mL/min; detection at 260 nm.

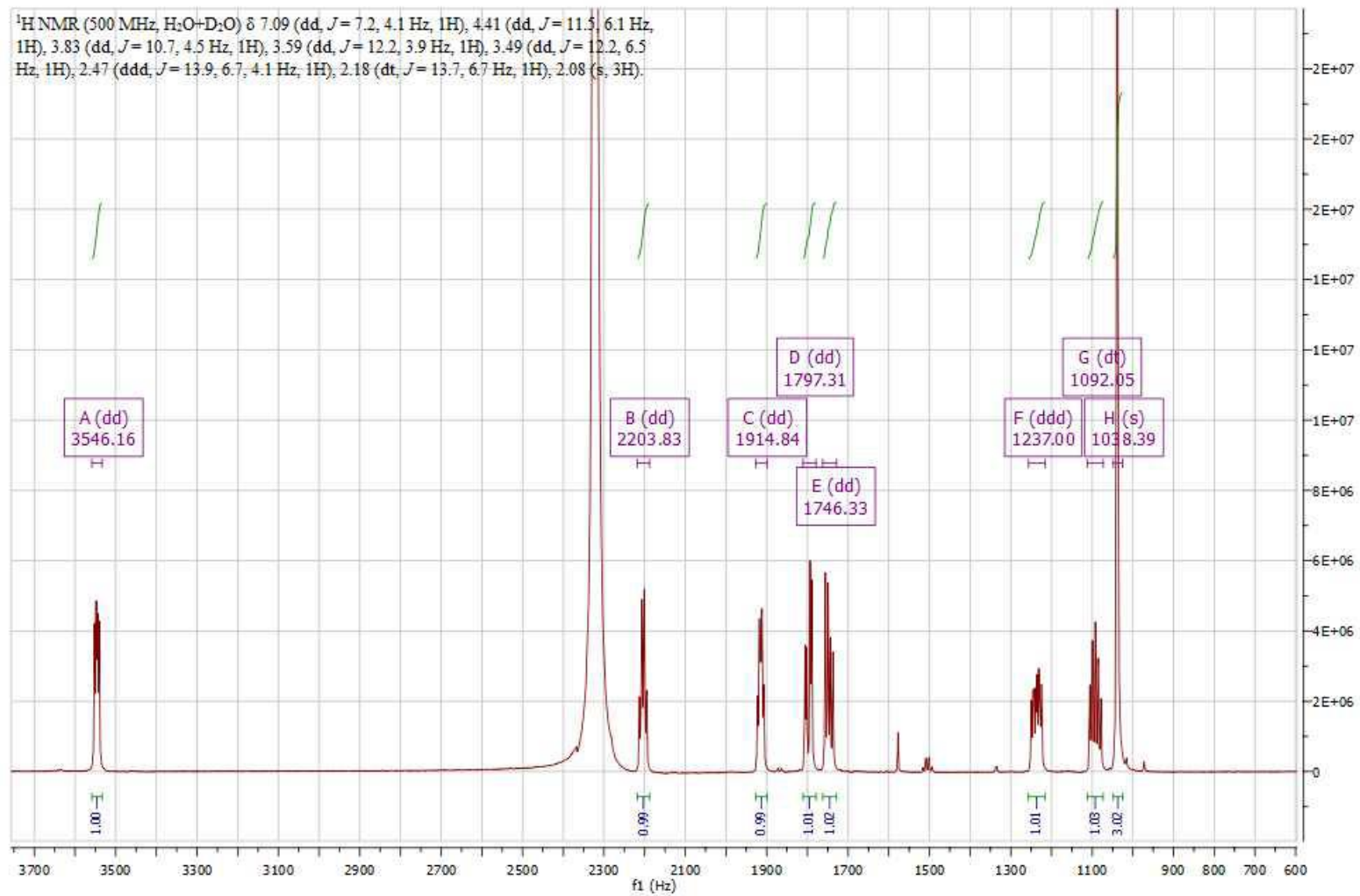
System C: Nucleodur C<sub>18</sub> Gravity 150 × 4.6, 5 μm; 10% acetonitrile in 0.1% TFA-H<sub>2</sub>O, v/v; 1 mL/min; detection at 260 nm.

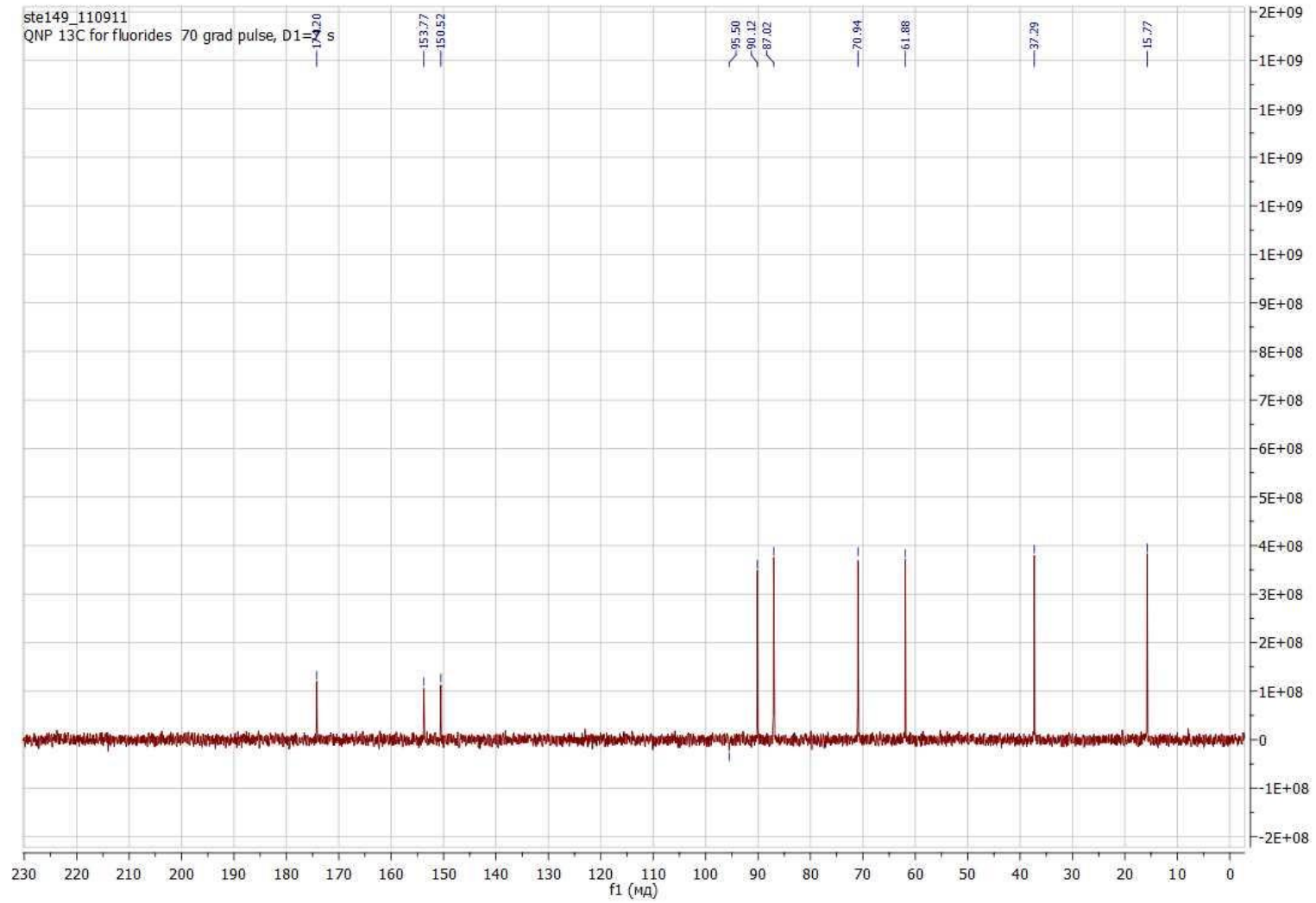
Compound	Retention time, min		
	System A	System B	System C
4-Thiouracil* ( <b>1a</b> )	4.3	–	2.9
4-Thio-2'-deoxyuridine* ( <b>1b</b> )	7.7	–	3.9
2-Thiouracil ( <b>2a</b> )	3.3	–	2.0
2-Thio-2'-deoxyuridine ( <b>2b</b> )	–	–	3.1
6-Azauracil ( <b>3a</b> )	4.3	2.1	–
6-Aza-2'-deoxyuridine ( <b>3b</b> )	7.7	2.9	–
6-Azathymine ( <b>4a</b> )	3.7	3.6	–
6-Azathymidine ( <b>4b</b> )	4.1	7.3	–
2-Thio-6-azathymine ( <b>5a</b> )	5.1	–	3.3
2-Thio-6-azathymidine ( <b>5b</b> )	13.4	–	4.3
2-Thiothymine	–	–	3.5
2-Thiothymidine ( <b>11b</b> )	–	–	9.6
4-Thiothymine*	–	–	6.9
4-Thiothymidine* ( <b>11a</b> )	–	–	8.9
Thymine	3.8	3.0	–
Thymidine	5.9	4.7	–
Uracil	–	2.0	–
2'-Deoxyuridine	–	2.6	–
Guanine	3.4	–	–
2'-Deoxyguanosine	3.4	–	–
5-Azacytosine	1.6	–	–
5-Aza-2'-deoxycytidine	5.3	–	–

\*Detection at 300 nm.

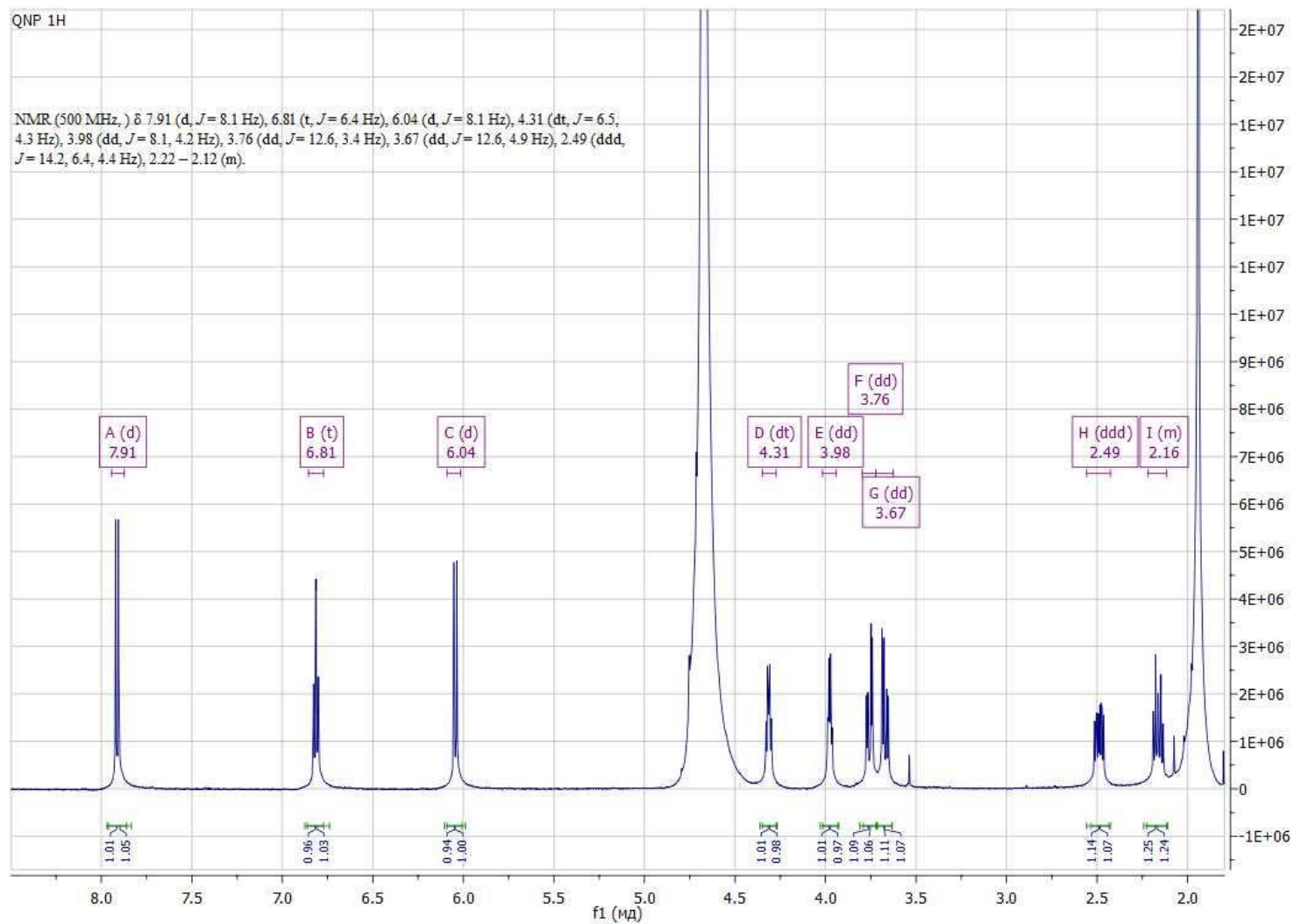
**6** – UV and NMR data for 6-aza-2-thio-2'-deoxythymidine

The UV spectra of 2-thio-6-azathymidine at diverse pH values.

 $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum (scale in Hz)

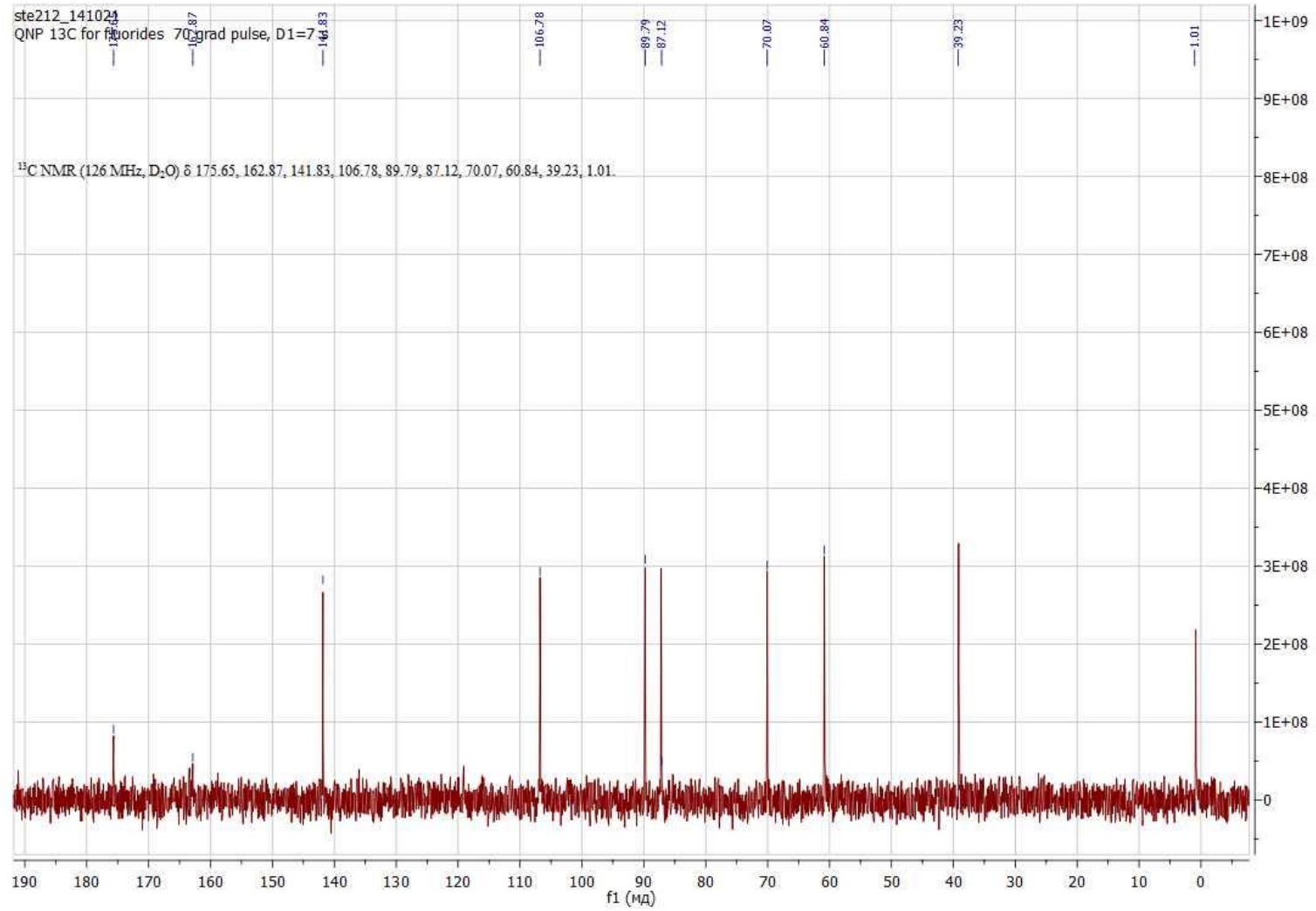
 $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR Spectrum

## 7 -NMR Data for 2-thio-2'-deoxyuridine



<sup>1</sup>H NMR Spectrum (resonance signal of methel group of MeCN at 1.95 ppm)



 $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR Spectrum