



Supporting Information

for

Oxa-Michael-initiated cascade reactions of levoglucosenone

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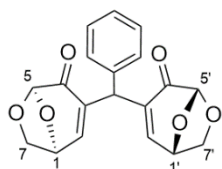
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General experimental

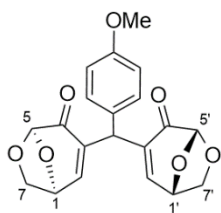
All reactions were carried out under N₂ unless indicated. Solvents were removed using a rotary evaporator with a bath temperature of 40 °C and pressure between 10 and 700 mbar. Solvents were distilled before use. (–)-Levoglucosenone (**1**) was prepared using published procedures and 6,8-dioxabicyclo[3.2.1]octan-4-one (Cyrene,TM **12**) was obtained from Sigma-Aldrich. All other reagents were commercially available and were used as purchased. Except as otherwise indicated, reactions were magnetically stirred and monitored by NMR-spectroscopy or thin layer chromatography (TLC) using silica plates (silica gel 60 F254). Visualization occurred by fluorescence quenching under UV light and/or by staining with permanganate solution. Flash-chromatography was performed on silica-gel 60, using a regulated moderate air pressure. ¹H NMR were recorded at 298 K on a 500 MHz *Bruker Avance III* spectrometer and the spectra were referenced to CDCl₃ (δ 7.26 ppm) or TMS (δ 0.00 ppm). ¹³C NMR spectra were recorded with 126 MHz and the residual solvent (CDCl₃, δ 77.0 ppm) was used as reference. NMR were assigned using COSY, NOESY, HSQC and HMBC experiments and the multiplicity was defined as follows: *s* = singlet, *d* = doublet, *t* = triplet, *q* = quartet, *m* = multiplet or unresolved, *br* = broad signal. IR spectra were recorded on a *Perkin Elmer* spectrometer using an ATR cell and the signals are given in wavenumbers (cm^{–1}). Optical rotation was measured on a *Rudolph Research Analytical* Autopol 1 polarimeter operating at the sodium D line. Melting points were measured using open glass capillaries and are uncorrected. HRMS were recorded in positive ESI mode (source temperature 80 °C, desolvation temperature 150 °C, capillary 2.5 kV).

General procedure for preparation of 5. (–)-Levoglucosenone (500 mg, 1.0 equiv, 3.96 mmol) and the aldehyde (0.5 equiv, 1.98 mmol) were mixed and then a 1.0 M NaOMe solution in MeOH (5 mL) was added. The resulting solution was heated to 60 °C for 24 h, then allowed to cool and 1.0 M HCl (15 mL) was added and the precipitate collected. The solid was then

dissolved or suspended in CH₂Cl₂ (5 mL) and hexanes (25 mL) were added. The resulting precipitate was collected, washed with cold hexanes (3 × 5 mL) and then further purified as specified.

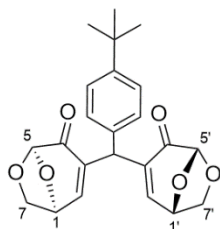


(1S,1'S,5R,5'R)-3,3'-(Phenylmethylene)bis(6,8-dioxabicyclo[3.2.1]oct-2-en-4-one) (5a). The reaction of **1** (500 mg, 3.96 mmol) with benzaldehyde (210 mg, 1.98 mmol) according to the general procedure, followed by recrystallization from CHCl₃ afforded **5a** (612 mg, 91%) as a colorless solid. mp 169-171 °C; [α]_D²⁵ -239 (c 1.0 in CH₂Cl₂); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.34-7.29 (m, 2H, *m*-ArH), 7.26-7.23 (m, 1H, *p*-ArH), 7.09-7.05 (m, 2H, *o*-ArH), 6.74 (dd, *J* = 5.0, 1.5 Hz, 1H, H2), 6.61 (dd, *J* = 5.0, 1.5 Hz, 1H, H2'), 5.38 (s, 1H, H5/5'), 5.37 (s, 1H, H5/5'), 5.09 (dd, *J* = 1.5, 1.5 Hz, 1H, CHAr), 5.02 (dd, *J* = 4.9, 4.9 Hz, 1H, H1), 5.00 (dd, *J* = 4.9, 4.9 Hz, 1H, H1'), 3.89 (dd, *J* = 6.7, 4.9 Hz, 1H, H7 α), 3.86 (dd, *J* = 6.7, 4.9 Hz, 1H, H7 α '), 3.72 (d, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 1H, H7 β), 3.68 (d, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 1H, H7 β '); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 187.2 (C4/4'), 187.0 (C4/4'), 144.6 (C2'), 143.2 (C2), 138.5 (C3/3'), 138.2 (C3/3'), 137.5 (*i*-ArC), 128.8, 128.6, 127.3, 101.19 (C5/5'), 101.15 (C5/5'), 72.3 (C1/1'), 72.2 (C1/1'), 66.6 (C7/7'), 66.5 (C7/7'), 41.2 (CHPh); FT-IR (DCM) 3050, 2986, 1697, 1264, 1114, 897 cm⁻¹; MS (ESI) *m/z* 363.1 [M + Na]⁺; ESI-HRMS Calcd for [M + Na]⁺; C₁₉H₁₆O₆Na: 363.0839; found: 363.0837.



(1S,1'S,5R,5'R)-3,3'-((4-Methoxyphenyl)methylene)bis(6,8-dioxabicyclo[3.2.1]oct-2-en-4-one) (5b). The reaction of **1** (500 mg, 3.96 mmol) with *p*-anisaldehyde (270 mg, 1.98 mmol) according to the general procedure, and then crystallization from CHCl₃ afforded **5b** (489 mg, 67%)

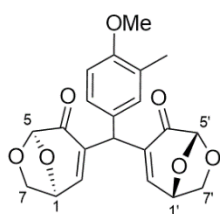
as a colorless solid. mp 181-183 °C; $[\alpha]_D^{25}$ -335 (c 1.0 in CH₂Cl₂); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.00-6.96 (m, 2H, ArCH), 6.87-6.83 (m, 2H, ArCH), 6.72 (dd, *J* = 4.8, 1.3 Hz, 1H, H2/2'), 6.61 (dd, *J* = 4.8, 1.3 Hz, 1H, H2/2'), 5.37 (s, 1H, H5/5'), 5.36 (s, 1H, H5/5'), 5.03 (dd, *J* = 1.3, 1.3 Hz, 1H, CHAr), 5.01 (ddd, *J* = 4.8, 4.7 Hz, 1H, H2/2'), 5.00 (dd, *J* = 4.8, 4.7 Hz, 1H, H2/2'), 3.88 (dd, *J* = 6.9, 4.7 Hz, 1H, H7α/7α'), 3.86 (dd, *J* = 6.9, 4.7 Hz, 1H, H7α/7α'), 3.78 (s, 3H, OCH₃), 3.72 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 1H, H7β/7β'), 3.67 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 1H, H7β/7β'); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 187.3 (C4/4'), 187.1 (C4/4'), 158.8 (COMe), 144.3 (C2/2'), 142.8 (C2/2'), 138.7 (C3/3'), 138.5 (C3/3'), 129.6 (Ar), 129.3 (Ar), 114.2 (Ar), 101.2 (C5/5'), 101.1 (C5/5'), 72.4 (C1/1'), 72.2 (C1/1'), 66.6 (C7/7'), 66.5 (C7/7'), 55.3 (OCH₃), 40.4 (CHAr); FT-IR (neat) 3005, 2987, 1691, 1274, 1266, 1101 cm⁻¹; MS (ESI) *m/z* 393.1 [M + Na]⁺; ESI-HRMS Calcd for [M + Na]⁺; C₂₀H₁₈O₇Na: 393.0945; found: 393.0959.



(1*S*,1'*S*,5*R*,5'*R*)-3,3'-((4-(*tert*-Butyl)phenyl)methylene)bis(6,8-dioxabicyclo[3.2.1]oct-2-en-4-one) (5c). The reaction of **1** (500 mg, 3.96 mmol) with 4-*tert*-butylbenzaldehyde (321 mg, 1.98 mmol) according to the general procedure, and then additional purification by

column chromatography on silica (EtOAc:hexanes 1:1) and recrystallization with EtOAc:hexanes (1:1) afforded **5c** (510 mg, 65%) as a colorless solid. mp 168-170 °C; $[\alpha]_D^{25}$ -346 (c 1.0 in CH₂Cl₂); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.32-7.29 (m, 2H, ArH), 6.99-6.95 (m, 2H, ArH), 6.73 (dd, *J* = 5.0, 1.3 Hz, 1H, H2/2'), 6.62 (dd, *J* = 5.0, 1.3 Hz, 1H, H2/2'), 5.36 (s, 1H, H5/5'), 5.35 (s, 1H, H5/5'), 5.05 (br s, 1H, CHAr), 5.00 (dd, *J* = 5.0, 5.0 Hz, 1H, H1/1'), 4.99 (dd, *J* = 5.0, 5.0 Hz, 1H, H1/1'), 3.86 (dd, *J* = 6.8, 5.0 Hz, 1H, H7α/7α'), 3.83 (dd, *J* = 6.8, 5.0 Hz, 1H, H7α/7α'), 3.70 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 1H, H7β/7β'), 3.68 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 1H, H7β/7β'), 1.28 (s, 9H, *t*-Bu); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 187.3 (C4/4'), 187.1 (C4/4'),

150.1, 144.4 (C2/2'), 143.1 (C2/2'), 138.5 (C3/3'), 138.3 (C3/3'), 134.1, 128.2, 125.7, 101.2 (C5/5'), 101.1 (C5/5'), 72.3 (C1/1'), 72.2 (C1/1'), 66.6 (C7/7'), 66.5 (C7/7'), 40.6 (CHAr), 34.4, 31.3; FT-IR (DCM) 2964, 1732, 1371, 1260, 982, 856 cm⁻¹; MS (ESI) *m/z* 397.1 [M + H]⁺; ESI-HRMS Calcd for [M + H]⁺; C₂₃H₂₅O₆: 397.1646; found: 397.1645.

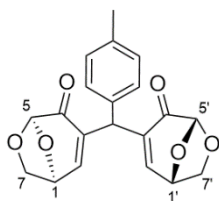


(1*S*,1'*S*,5*R*,5'*R*)-3,3'-((4-Methoxy-3-

methylphenyl)methylene)bis(6,8-dioxabicyclo[3.2.1]oct-2-en-4-one)

(5d). The reaction of **1** (500 mg, 3.96 mmol) with 3-methyl-*p*-anisaldehyde (297 mg, 1.98 mmol) according to the general procedure, and then washing with MeOH (3 × 5mL) afforded **5d** (677 mg, 89%) as a colorless solid. mp

165-167 °C; [α]_D²⁵ -220 (c 1.0 in CH₂Cl₂); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 6.84-6.80 (m, 2H, ArH), 6.76-6.73 (m, 1H, ArH), 6.71 (dd, *J* = 5.0, 1.2 Hz, 1H, H2/2'), 6.61 (dd, *J* = 5.0, 1.4 Hz, 1H, H2/2'), 5.36 (s, 1H, H5/5'), 5.35 (s, 1H, H5/5'), 5.00 (dd, *J* = 5.0, 5.0 Hz, 1H, H1/1'), 5.00-4.98 (m, 2H, H1/1'/CHAr), 3.88 (dd, *J* = 6.8, 5.0 Hz, 1H, H7 α /7 α'), 3.85 (dd, *J* = 6.8, 5.0 Hz, 1H, H7 α /7 α'), 3.79 (s, 3H, OCH₃), 3.71 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 1H, H7 β /7 β'), 3.67 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 1H, H7 β /7 β'), 2.17 (s, 3H, ArCH₃); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 187.3 (C4/4'), 187.2 (C4/4'), 156.9, 144.3 (C2/2'), 142.7 (C2/2'), 138.8 (C3/3'), 138.6 (C3/3'), 130.9, 128.7, 127.1, 126.7, 110.0, 101.2 (C5/5'), 101.1 (C5/5'), 72.4 (C1/1'), 72.2 (C1/1'), 66.6 (C7/7'), 66.5 (C7/7'), 55.3 (OMe), 40.4 (CHAr), 16.4 (CH₃Ar; FT-IR (neat) 2350, 1705, 1688, 1499, 1236, 980, 897 cm⁻¹; MS (ESI) *m/z* 407.1 [M + Na]⁺; ESI-HRMS Calcd for [M + Na]⁺; C₂₁H₂₀O₇Na: 407.1101; found: 407.1106.

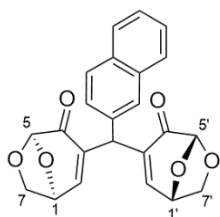


(1*S*,1'*S*,5*R*,5'*R*)-3,3'-(*p*-Tolylmethylene)bis(6,8-

dioxabicyclo[3.2.1]oct-2-en-4-one) (5e). The reaction of **1** (500 mg,

3.96 mmol) with tolualdehyde (238 mg, 1.98 mmol) according to the

general procedure afforded **5e** (554 mg, 79%) as a yellow solid. mp 175-177 °C; $[\alpha]_D^{25}$ -298 (c 1.0 in CH₂Cl₂); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.14-7.10 (m, 2H, ArH), 6.97-6.93 (m, 2H, ArH), 6.73 (dd, *J* = 4.8, 1.1 Hz, 1H, H2/2'), 6.61 (dd, *J* = 4.8, 1.1 Hz, 1H, H2/2'), 5.37 (s, 1H, H5/5'), 5.36 (s, 1H, H5/5'), 5.04 (br s, 1H, CHAr), 5.00 (dd, *J* = 4.8, 4.8 Hz, 1H, H1/1'), 4.99 (dd, *J* = 4.8, 4.8 Hz, 1H, H1/1'), 3.88 (dd, *J* = 6.8, 4.6 Hz, 1H, H7α/7α'), 3.85 (dd, *J* = 6.8, 4.6 Hz, 1H, H7α/7α'), 3.71 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 1H, H7β/7β'), 3.67 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 1H, H7β/7β'), 2.31 (s, 3H, ArCH₃); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 187.3(C4/4'), 187.1 (C4/4'), 144.4 (C2/2'), 143.0 (C2/2'), 138.6 (C3/3'), 138.4 (C3/3'), 137.0, 134.3, 129.5, 128.5, 101.2 (C5/5'), 101.1 (C5/5'), 72.3 (C1/1'), 72.2 (C1/1'), 66.6 (C7/7'), 66.5 (C7/7'), 40.8 (CHAr), 21.0 (CH₃Ar); FT-IR (DCM) 3004, 2988, 1697, 1274, 1267, 912 cm⁻¹; MS (ESI) *m/z* 355.1 [M + Na]⁺; ESI-HRMS Calcd for [M + H]⁺; C₂₀H₁₉O₆: 355.1176; found: 355.1164.



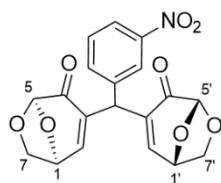
(1*S*,1'*S*,5*R*,5'*R*)-3,3'-(Naphthalen-2-ylmethylene)bis(6,8-

dioxabicyclo[3.2.1]oct-2-en-4-one) (5f). The reaction of **1** (500 mg, 3.96

mmol) with 2-naphthaldehyde (309 mg, 1.98 mmol) according to the

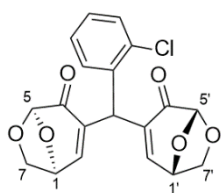
general procedure afforded **5f** (641 mg, 83%) as a colorless solid. mp 174-176 °C; $[\alpha]_D^{25}$ -389 (c 1.0 in CH₂Cl₂); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.84-7.76 (m, 3H, ArH), 7.52-7.44 (m, 3H, ArH), 7.23-7.19 (m, 1H, ArH), 6.86 (dd, *J* = 4.8, 1.2 Hz, 1H, H2/2'), 6.62 (dd, *J* = 4.8, 1.2 Hz, 1H, H2/2'), 5.40 (s, 1H, H5/5'), 5.39 (s, 1H, H5/5'), 5.26 (br s, 1H, CHAr), 5.05 (dd, *J* = 4.8, 4.8 Hz, 2H, H1/1'), 5.00 (dd, *J* = 4.8, 4.8 Hz, 1H, H1/1'), 3.90 (dd, *J* = 6.7, 4.8 Hz, 1H, H7α/7α'), 3.86 (dd, *J* = 6.7, 4.8 Hz, 1H, H7α/7α'), 3.75 (d, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 1H, H7β/7β'), 3.68 (d, *J* = 6.7 Hz,

¹H, H7β/7β'); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 187.2(C4/4'), 187.0 (C4/4'), 144.9 (C2/2'), 143.3 (C2/2'), 138.4 (C3/3'), 138.1 (C3/3'), 135.1, 133.3, 132.6, 128.7, 127.8, 127.6, 127.2, 126.9, 126.3, 126.1, 101.20 (C5/5'), 101.16 (C5/5'), 72.4 (C1/1'), 72.3 (C1/1'), 66.6 (C7/7'), 66.5 (C7/7'), 41.3 (CHAr); FT-IR (DCM) 3005, 2987, 1708, 1689, 1274, 1267, 903 cm⁻¹; MS (ESI) *m/z* [M + Na]⁺ 413.1; ESI-HRMS Calcd for [M + Na]⁺; C₂₃H₁₈O₆Na: 413.0996; found: 413.0967.



(1S,1'S,5R,5'R)-3,3'-((3-Nitrophenyl)methylene)bis(6,8-dioxabicyclo[3.2.1]oct-2-en-4-one) (5g). The reaction of **1** (500 mg, 3.96 mmol) with 3-nitrobenzaldehyde (295 mg, 1.98 mmol) according to the

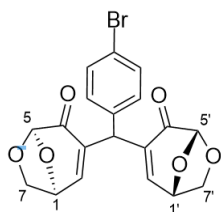
general procedure afforded **5g** (640 mg, 84%) as a brown solid. mp 173-175 °C; [α]_D²⁵ -295 (c 1.0 in CH₂Cl₂); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.14 (ddd, *J* = 8.0, 2.3, 1.3 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.93-7.90 (m, 1H, ArH), 7.52 (dd, *J* = 8.0, 8.0 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.47 (ddd, *J* = 8.0, 1.3, 1.3 Hz, 1H, ArH), 6.78 (dd, *J* = 5.0, 1.3 Hz, 1H, H2/2'), 6.67 (dd, *J* = 5.0, 1.3 Hz, 1H, H2/2'), 5.40 (s, 1H, H5/5'), 5.39 (s, 1H, H5/5'), 5.19 (br s, 1H, CHAr), 5.05 (dd, *J* = 5.0, 5.0 Hz, 1H, H1/1'), 5.05 (dd, *J* = 5.0, 5.0 Hz, 1H, H1/1'), 3.92 (dd, *J* = 6.9, 5.0 Hz, 1H, H7α/7α'), 3.89 (dd, *J* = 6.9, 5.0 Hz, 1H, H7α/7α'), 3.75 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 1H, H7β/7β'), 3.72 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 1H, H7β/7β'); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 186.8 (2C, C4/4'), 148.5, 144.9 (C2/2'), 144.2 (C2/2'), 139.9, 137.31 (C3/3'), 137.27 (C3/3'), 135.0, 129.9, 123.1, 122.6, 101.04 (C5/5'), 101.00 (C5/5'), 72.3 (C1/1'), 72.2 (C1/1'), 66.63 (C7/7'), 66.55 (C7/7'), 41.1 (CHAr); FT-IR (DCM) 2982, 1694, 1522, 1349, 1260, 1089, 897 cm⁻¹; MS (ESI) *m/z* 408.1 [M + Na]⁺; ESI-HRMS Calcd for [M + Na]⁺; C₁₉H₁₅O₈NNa: 408.0690; found: 408.0700.



(1S,1'S,5R,5'R)-3,3'-((2-Chlorophenyl)methylene)bis(6,8-

dioxabicyclo[3.2.1]oct-2-en-4-one) (5h). The reaction of **1** (500 mg, 3.96 mmol) with 2-chlorobenzaldehyde (278 mg, 1.98 mmol) according to the

general procedure, followed by washing the precipitate with MeOH (3×5 mL) afforded **5h** (586 mg, 83%) as a yellow solid. mp 189-191 °C; $[\alpha]_D^{25} -384$ (c 1.0 in CH_2Cl_2); ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.42-7.37 (m, 1H, ArH), 7.24-7.17 (m, 2H, ArH), 6.94 (dd, $J = 6.6, 2.0$ Hz, 1H, ArH), 6.76 (dd, $J = 4.8, 1.1$ Hz, 1H, H2/2'), 6.51 (dd, $J = 4.8, 1.1$ Hz, 1H, H2/2'), 5.42 (br s, 1H, H5/5'), 5.40 (br s, 2H, H5/5'), 5.04 (dd, $J = 4.8, 4.8$ Hz, 1H, H1/1'), 4.99 (dd, $J = 4.8, 4.8$ Hz, 1H, H1/1'), 3.90 (dd, $J = 6.7, 4.8$ Hz, 1H, H7 α /7 α'), 3.88 (dd, $J = 6.7, 4.8$ Hz, 1H, H7 α /7 α'), 3.75-3.71 (m, 2H, H7 β /7 β'); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 186.9 (C4/4'), 186.8 (C4/4'), 144.6 (C2/2'), 144.1 (C2/2'), 137.4 (C3/3'), 137.1 (C3/3'), 136.0, 134.3, 130.3, 128.8, 128.7, 126.8, 101.18 (C5/5'), 101.17 (C5/5'), 72.3 (C1/1'), 72.2 (C1/1'), 66.6 (C7/7'), 66.5 (C7/7'), 38.6 (CHAr); FT-IR (DCM) 2962, 2868, 1702, 1267, 982 cm^{-1} ; MS (ESI) m/z 397.1 [$\text{M} + \text{Na}$] $^+$; ESI-HRMS Calcd for [$\text{M} + \text{H}$] $^+$; $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{16}\text{O}_6\text{Cl}$: 375.0630; found: 375.0626.

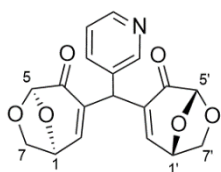


(1S,1'S,5R,5'R)-3,3'-((4-Bromophenyl)methylene)bis(6,8-

dioxabicyclo[3.2.1]oct-2-en-4-one) (5i). The reaction of **1** (500 mg, 3.96 mmol) with 4-bromobenzaldehyde (366 mg, 1.98 mmol) according to the

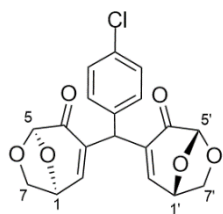
general procedure, followed by washing with MeOH (3×5 mL) afforded **5i** (688 mg, 83%) as a yellow solid. mp 183-185 °C; $[\alpha]_D^{25} -327$ (c 1.0 in CH_2Cl_2); ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.47-7.43 (m, 2H, ArH), 6.97-6.93 (m, 2H, ArH), 6.74 (dd, $J = 4.8, 1.3$ Hz, 1H, H2/2'), 6.61 (dd, $J = 4.8, 1.3$ Hz, 1H, H2/2'), 5.38 (s, 1H, H5/5'), 5.37 (s, 1H, H5/5'), 5.04 (br s, 1H, CHAr), 5.03-5.00 (m, 2H, H1/1'), 3.89 (dd, $J = 6.9, 4.8$ Hz, 1H, H7 α /7 α'), 3.86 (dd, $J = 6.9, 4.8$ Hz, 1H, H7 α /7 α'), 3.72 (d, $J = 6.9$ Hz, 1H, H7 β /7 β'), 3.67 (d, $J = 6.9$ Hz, 1H, H7 β /7 β'); ^{13}C NMR

(125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 187.0 (C4/4'), 186.9 (C4/4'), 144.7 (C2/2'), 143.4 (C2/2'), 138.0 (C3/3'), 137.8 (C3/3'), 136.7, 132.0, 130.3, 121.4, 101.13 (C5/5'), 101.09 (C5/5'), 72.3 (C1/1'), 72.2 (C1/1'), 66.6 (C7/7'), 66.5 (C7/7'), 40.8 (CHAr); FT-IR (DCM) 2970, 2242, 1697, 1114, 909, 897 cm⁻¹; MS (ESI) m/z 441.0 [M + Na]⁺; ESI-HRMS Calcd for [M + H]⁺; C₁₉H₁₆O₆Br: 419.0125; found: 419.0139.



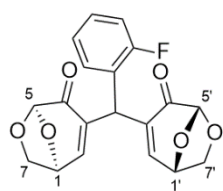
(1S,1'S,5R,5'R)-3,3'-(Pyridin-3-ylmethylene)bis(6,8-dioxabicyclo[3.2.1]oct-2-en-4-one) (5j). The reaction of **1** (500 mg, 3.96 mmol) with 3-pyridinecarboxaldehyde (212 mg, 1.98 mmol) according to

the general procedure followed by crystallization from CHCl₃ afforded **5j** (545 mg, 81%) as a colorless solid. mp 189-191 °C; [α]_D²⁵ -312 (c 1.0 in CH₂Cl₂); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.54-8.51 (m, 1H, ArH), 8.37 (br s, 1H, ArH), 7.45-7.38 (m, 1H, ArH), 7.29-7.25 (m, 1H, ArH), 6.78 (d, J = 5.0 Hz, 1H, H2/2'), 6.66 (d, J = 5.0 Hz, 1H, H2/2'), 5.40 (s, 1H, H5/5'), 5.39 (s, 1H, H5/5'), 5.10 (s, 1H, CHAr), 5.03 (dd, J = 5.0, 5.0 Hz, 1H, H1/1'), 5.03 (dd, J = 5.0, 5.0 Hz, 1H, H1/1'), 3.90 (dd, J = 6.9, 5.0 Hz, 1H, H7 α /7 α'), 3.88 (dd, J = 6.9, 5.0 Hz, 1H, H7 α /7 α'), 3.73 (d, J = 6.9 Hz, 1H, H7 β /7 β'), 3.69 (d, J = 6.9 Hz, 1H, H7 β /7 β'); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 186.9 (C4/4'), 186.8 (C4/4'), 150.0, 148.8, 144.8 (C2/2'), 143.8 (C2/2'), 137.5 (C3/3'), 137.4 (C3/3'), 136.1, 133.3, 123.6, 101.1 (C5/5'), 101.0 (C5/5'), 72.3 (C1/1'), 72.2 (C1/1'), 66.6 (C7/7'), 66.5 (C7/7'), 39.2 (CHAr); FT-IR (DCM) 3054, 3004, 1709, 1422, 1273, 950 cm⁻¹; MS (ESI) m/z 342.1 [M + H]⁺; ESI-HRMS Calcd for [M + H]⁺; C₁₈H₁₆O₆N: 342.0972; found: 342.0965.



(1*S*,1'*S*,5*R*,5'*R*)-3,3'-((4-Chlorophenyl)methylene)bis(6,8-dioxabicyclo[3.2.1]oct-2-en-4-one) (5k).

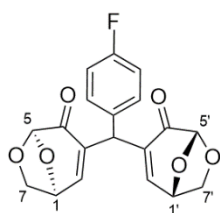
The reaction of **1** (500 mg, 3.96 mmol) with 4-chlorobenzaldehyde (278 mg, 1.98 mmol) according to the general procedure, with the product further washed with MeOH (3×5 mL) afforded **5k** (571 mg, 77%) as a yellow solid. mp 192-194 °C; $[\alpha]_D^{25} -335$ (c 1.0 in CH₂Cl₂); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.31-7.27 (m, 2H, ArH), 7.03-6.98 (m, 2H, ArH), 6.73 (dd, $J = 4.8, 1.4$ Hz, 1H, H2/2'), 6.61 (dd, $J = 4.8, 1.4$ Hz, 1H, H2/2'), 5.38 (s, 1H, H5/5'), 5.37 (s, 1H, H5/5'), 5.05 (br s, 1H, CHAr), 5.04-5.00 (m, 2H, H1/1'), 3.89 (dd, $J = 6.6, 4.8$ Hz, 1H, H7 α /7 α'), 3.86 (dd, $J = 6.6, 4.8$ Hz, 1H, H7 α /7 α'), 3.72 (d, $J = 6.6$ Hz, 1H, H7 β /7 β'), 3.67 (d, $J = 6.6$ Hz, 1H, H7 β /7 β'); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 187.1 (C4/4'), 186.9 (C4/4'), 144.7 (C2/2'), 143.4 (C2/2'), 138.1 (C3/3'), 137.9 (C3/3'), 136.1, 133.3, 129.9, 129.0, 101.13 (C5/5'), 101.09 (C5/5'), 72.3 (C1/1'), 72.2 (C1/1'), 66.6 (C7/7'), 66.5 (C7/7'), 40.8 (CHAr); FT-IR (DCM) 3004, 2987, 1710, 1460, 1267, 913 cm⁻¹; MS (ESI) m/z 397.0 [M + Na]⁺; ESI-HRMS Calcd for [M + Na]⁺; C₁₉H₁₅O₆ClNa: 397.0449; found: 397.0457.



(1*S*,1'*S*,5*R*,5'*R*)-3,3'-((2-Fluorophenyl)methylene)bis(6,8-dioxabicyclo[3.2.1]oct-2-en-4-one) (5l).

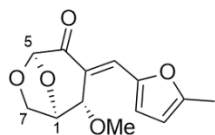
The reaction of **1** (500 mg, 3.96 mmol) with 2-fluorobenzaldehyde (245 mg, 1.98 mmol) according to the general procedure, followed by washing with MeOH (3×5 mL) afforded **5l** (617 mg, 87%) as a colorless solid. mp 161-163 °C; $[\alpha]_D^{25} -372$ (c 1.0 in CH₂Cl₂); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.27-7.23 (m, 1H, ArH), 7.10 (m, 2H, ArH), 7.00-6.96 (m, 1H, ArH), 6.78 (dd, $J = 4.9, 1.0$ Hz, 1H, H2/2'), 6.65 (dd, $J = 4.9, 1.0$ Hz, 1H, H2/2'), 5.39 (s, 1H, H5/5'), 5.38 (s, 1H, H5/5'), 5.30 (br s, 1H, CHAr), 5.04-5.00 (m, 2H, H1/1'), 3.90 (dd, $J = 6.8, 4.9$ Hz, 1H, H7 α /7 α'), 3.87 (dd, $J = 6.8, 4.9$ Hz, 1H, H7 α /7 α'), 3.73 (d, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 1H, H7 β /7 β'), 3.71 (d, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 1H, H7 β /7 β').

H7 β /7 β'); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 187.0 (C4/4'), 186.9 (C4/4'), 160.4 ($J = 247$ Hz), 144.2 (C2/2'), 143.7 (C2/2'), 137.0 (C3/3'), 136.9 (C3/3'), 129.6 (d, $J = 3.7$ Hz), 129.2 (d, $J = 8.3$ Hz), 125.1 (d, $J = 14.0$ Hz), 124.3 (d, $J = 3.5$ Hz), 116.2 (d, $J = 21.8$ Hz), 101.17 (C5/5'), 101.14 (C5/5'), 72.3 (C1/1'), 72.2 (C1/1'), 66.6 (C7/7'), 66.5 (C7/7'), 35.4 (d, $J = 3.0$ Hz, CHAr); FT-IR (neat) 2342, 1697, 1488, 1224, 1115, 974, 899 cm^{-1} ; ESI-HRMS Calcd for $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$; $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{15}\text{O}_6\text{FNa}$: 381.0745; found: 381.0736.



(1S,1'S,5R,5'R)-3,3'-((4-Fluorophenyl)methylene)bis(6,8-dioxabicyclo[3.2.1]oct-2-en-4-one) (5m). The reaction of **1** (500 mg, 3.96 mmol) with 4-fluorobenzaldehyde (245 mg, 1.98 mmol) according to the

general procedure, followed by washing with MeOH (3×5 mL) afforded **5m** (581 mg, 82%) as a colorless solid. mp 157-159 $^{\circ}\text{C}$; $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{25} -368$ (c 1.0 in CH_2Cl_2); ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.06-6.98 (m, 4H, ArH), 6.73 (dd, $J = 4.9, 1.4$ Hz, 1H, H2/2'), 6.60 (dd, $J = 4.9, 1.4$ Hz, 1H, H2/2'), 5.38 (s, 1H, H5/5'), 5.37 (s, 1H, H5/5'), 5.06 (br s, 1H, CHAr), 5.02 (dd, $J = 4.9, 4.9$ Hz, 1H, H1/1'), 5.01 (dd, $J = 4.9, 4.9$ Hz, 1H, H1/1'), 3.89 (dd, $J = 6.8, 4.9$ Hz, 1H, H7 α /7 α'), 3.86 (dd, $J = 6.8, 4.9$ Hz, 1H, H7 α /7 α'), 3.71 (d, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 1H, H7 β /7 β'), 3.67 (d, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 1H, H7 β /7 β'); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 187.1 (C4/4'), 187.0 (C4/4'), 162.0 (d, $J = 245$ Hz), 144.6 (C2/2'), 143.2 (C2/2'), 138.3 (C3/3'), 138.2 (C3/3'), 133.2 (d, $J = 3.6$ Hz), 130.1 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz), 115.8 (d, $J = 20.0$ Hz), 101.14 (C5/5'), 101.09 (C5/5'), 72.3 (C1/1'), 72.2 (C1/1'), 66.6 (C7/7'), 66.5 (C7/7'), 40.6 (CHAr); FT-IR (neat) 2350, 1696, 1506, 1115, 981, 814 cm^{-1} ; MS (ESI) m/z 381.1 $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$; ESI-HRMS Calcd for $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$; $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{15}\text{O}_6\text{FNa}$: 381.0745; found: 381.0725.

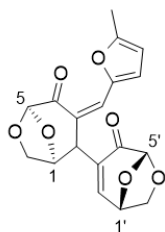


(1R,2S,3E,5R)-2-Methoxy-3-((5-methylfuran-2-yl)methylidene)-6,8-dioxabicyclo[3.2.1]octan-4-one (6n). ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.55

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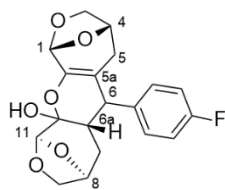
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^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 188.3 (C4), 157.8, 149.5, 130.5 (=CH), 122.6, 122.1, 109.8, 101.0 (C5), 77.1 (C2), 73.7 (C1), 64.5 (C7), 56.2 (OMe), 14.1 (Me); FT-IR (neat) 2972, 2901, 1694, 1601, 1560, 990, 903 cm^{-1} ; MS (ESI): m/z 273 ($\text{M} + \text{Na}^+$).



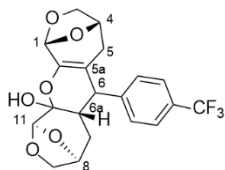
2-((1'S,5'R)-4-Oxo-6,8-dioxabicyclo[3.2.1]oct-2-en-3-yl)-3-((5-methylfuran-2-yl)methylidene)-(1S,5R)-6,8-dioxabicyclo[3.2.1]octan-4-one (7). A mixture of **1** (500 mg, 3.96 mmol) and 5-methylfurfural (218 mg, 1.98 mmol) in 1 M NaOMe in MeOH (5 mL) was stirred at 25 °C for 72

hours. The mixture was diluted with water (30 mL) and then extracted with CH_2Cl_2 (3×20 mL), the organic extracts were dried, concentrated under reduced pressure and the residue purified by flash chromatography (2:1 hexanes/EtOAc) to give **7** (43 mg, 4%) as a pale-yellow gum that decomposed upon standing, and **6n** (42 mg, 8%) as a yellow oil. **7**: ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.53 (br d, J = 1.4 Hz, 1H, =CHAr), 6.77 (dd, J = 4.6 Hz, 1H, H2'), 6.61 (br d, J = 3.4 Hz, 1H, ArH), 6.09-6.07 (m, 1H, ArH), 5.47 (s, 1H, H5'), 5.30 (s, 1H, H5), 4.96 (dd, J = 4.6, 4.6 Hz, 1H, H1'), 4.55 (br d, J = 5.8 Hz, 1H, H1), 4.40 (br s, 1H, H2), 4.01 (dd, J = 7.6, 5.8 Hz, 1H, H7 α), 3.95 (dd, J = 7.6, 1.4 Hz, 1H, H7 β), 3.74 (dd, J = 6.6, 4.6 Hz, 1H, H7' α), 3.10 (d, J = 6.6 Hz, 1H, H7' β), 2.24 (s, 3H, ArCH_3); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 188.8, 188.3, 158.6, 149.4, 143.0, 138.0, 127.8, 122.3, 121.7, 109.3, 101.3, 101.0, 75.1, 72.4, 68.4, 66.1, 42.1, 13.7. **7** decomposed upon standing to give an insoluble yellow/brown gum.



(1R,4S,6aS,8S,11R)-6-(4-Fluorophenyl)-3,4,5,6,6a,7,8,9,11,11a-decahydro-1H-1,4:8,11-diepoxyprano[2,3-c:6,5-c']bis(oxepine)-11a-ol (14a).

11a-ol (14a). To a stirred solution of Cyrene™ (**12**, 820 μ L, 1.02 g, 8.0 mmol) in acetonitrile (2 mL) was added 4-fluorobenzaldehyde (430 μ L, 4.0 mmol) and DBU (987 μ L, 6.0 mmol). After 24 h, water (50 mL) and EtOAc (50 mL) were added, and the aqueous phase was extracted with further portions of EtOAc (3 $\times$ 25 mL). The combined organic extracts were dried (sodium sulfate), then the volatiles were removed under reduced pressure, and the residue was purified using a Biotage Isolera 4 (snap Ultra 25g cartridge, EtOAc/hexane, 1:19 to 1:1) to afford **14a** (740 mg, 51%) as a colorless oil which solidified upon standing. mp: 120-122 $^{\circ}$ C; 1 H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.10-7.00 (m, 4H, ArH), 5.37 (s, 1H, H1), 5.24 (s, 1H, H11), 4.60-4.57 (m, 1H, H5/H7), 4.52 (br s, 1H, H5/H7), 3.92-3.89 (m, 1H, H3/H9), 3.80-3.75 (m, 2H, H3/H9), 3.64 (dd, J = 1.7, 7.2 Hz, 1H, H3/H9), 3.28 (br s, 1H, OH), 3.15 (d, J = 11.6 Hz, 1H, H6), 2.36 (dd, J = 4.2, 16.6 Hz, 1H, H5/H7), 2.17 (ddd, J = 12.0, 12.0, 5.1 Hz, 1H, H6a), 1.67-1.60 (m, 1H, H5/H7), 1.41 (d, J = 16.6 Hz, 1H, H5/H7), 1.25-1.20 (m, 1H, H5/H7); ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3): δ -115.56 (s, 1F); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 161.8 (d, J = 244 Hz), 144.5, 134.9 (d, J = 3 Hz), 132.1, 128.2, 116.3, 114.8, 104.4, 101.4, 96.6, 94.8, 73.7, 72.1, 68.3, 68.0, 42.2, 39.4, 32.0, 30.5; IR 3380, 2963, 2898, 1681, 1507, 1223 cm^{-1} ; DualESI-TOF-HRMS m/z Calcd. for $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$; $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{19}\text{FO}_6\text{Na}$: 385.1058; found 385.1062.

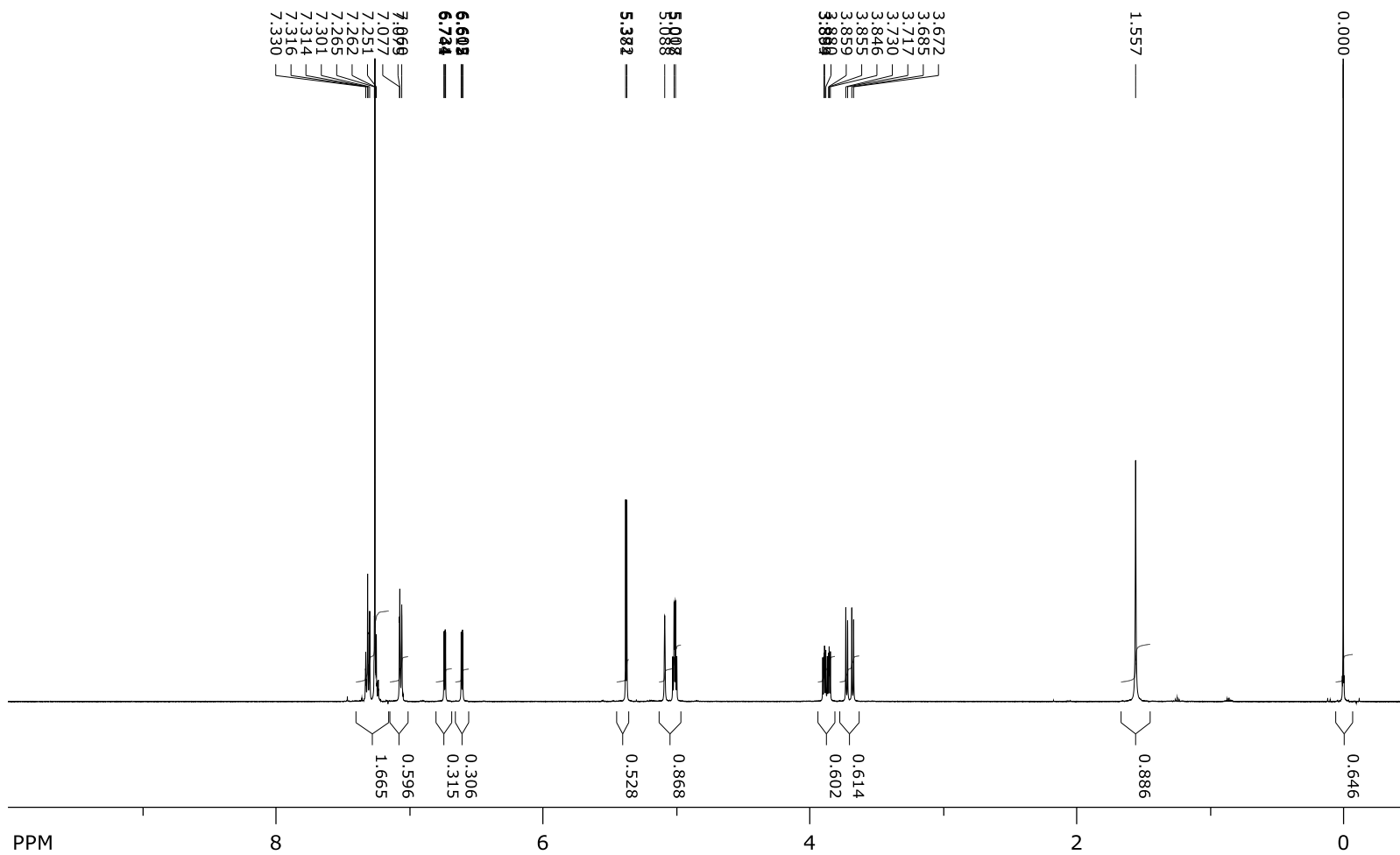


(1R,4S,6aS,8S,11R)-6-(4-(Trifluoromethyl)phenyl)-3,4,5,6,6a,7,8,9,11,11a-decahydro-1H-1,4:8,11-diepoxyprano[2,3-c:6,5-c']bis(oxepine)-11a-ol (14b).

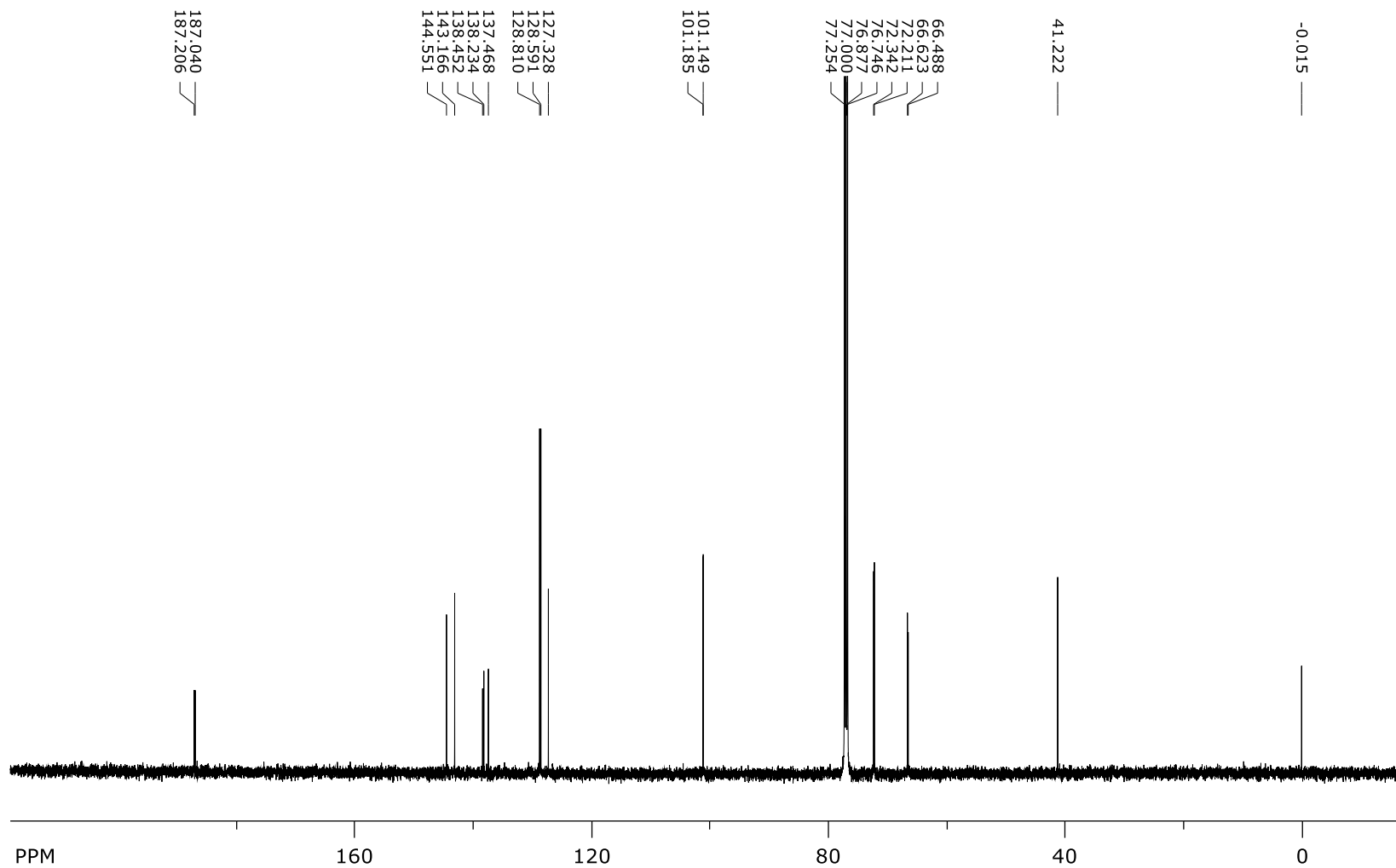
To a stirred solution of Cyrene™ (**12**) (410 μ L, 513 mg, 4.0 mmol) in acetonitrile (1 mL) was added 4-trifluoromethylbenzaldehyde (273 μ L, 348 mg, 2.0 mmol) and DBU (449 μ L, 3.0 mmol). The mixture was stirred at ambient

temperature for 24 h and then water (25 mL) and EtOAc (25 mL) were added. The aqueous phase was extracted with EtOAc (3 × 25 mL), and the combined organic extracts were dried (sodium sulfate) and then concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified using a Biotage Isolera 4 (snap Ultra 10g cartridge, 1:19 to 1:1 EtOAc/hexanes) to afford **14b** (75 mg, 9%) as a colorless oil which solidified upon standing. mp: 227-228 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.64-7.51 (m, 2H, ArH), 7.29-7.26 (m, 2H, ArH), 5.38 (s, 1H, H1), 5.31 (s, 1H, H11), 4.59-4.56 (m, 2H, H4/H8), 3.88 (t, *J* = 6.1 Hz, 1H, H3/H9), 3.80-3.75 (m, 2H, H3/H9), 3.62 (dd, *J* = 7.2, 1.6 Hz, 1H, H3/H9), 3.28 (d, *J* = 11.6 Hz, 1H, H6), 2.39-2.32 (m, H5b), 2.17 (ddd, *J* = 12.1, 12.1, 5.0 Hz, 1H, H6a), 1.72-1.65 (m, 1H, H7a), 1.41 (d, *J* = 16.7 Hz, 1H, H5a), 1.90 (br s, 1H, OH), 1.25-1.16 (m, 1H, H7b); ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃): δ -62.45 (s, 3F); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 145.1, 143.6, 131.0 (br), 129.6 (d, *J* = 32 Hz), 127.0, 125.4, 122.7, 103.8, 101.4, 96.6, 94.7, 73.7, 72.1, 68.3, 68.0, 42.9, 39.3, 32.0, 30.4; IR 3402, 2901, 2360, 2341, 1682, 1618, 1323 cm⁻¹; DualESI-TOF-HRMS *m/z* Calcd. for [M + Na]⁺; C₂₀H₁₉F₃O₆Na: 435.1026; found 435.1028.

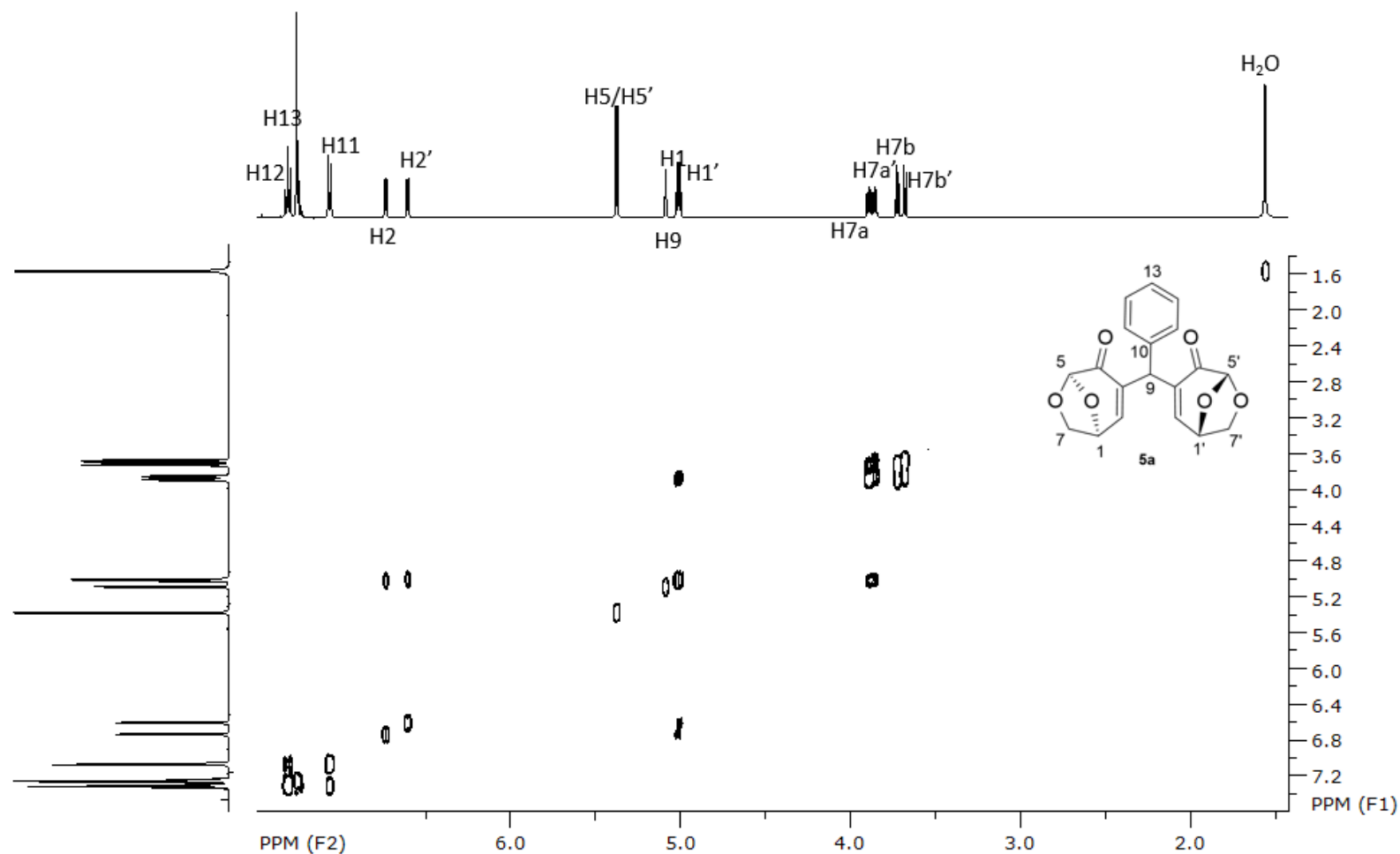
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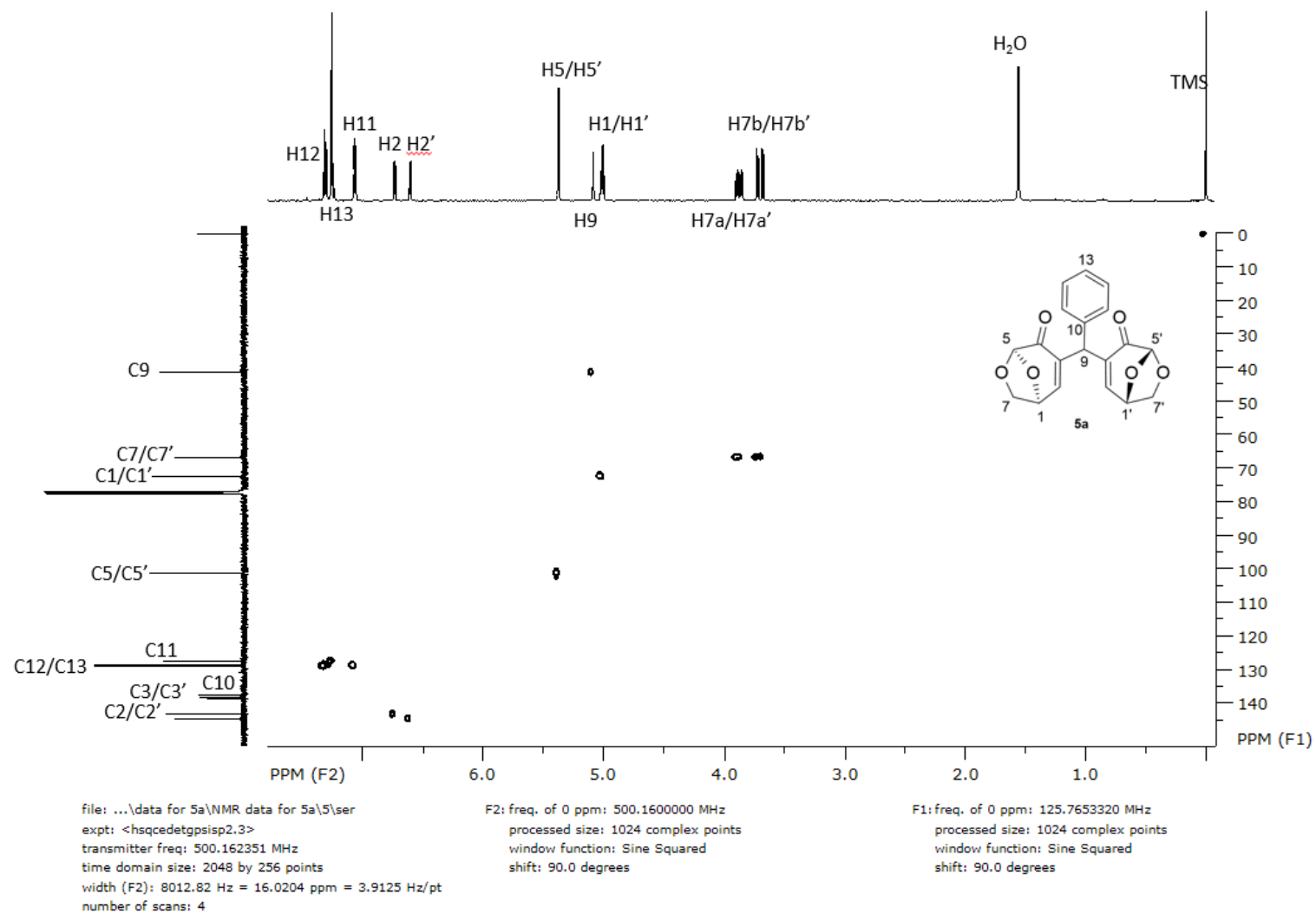


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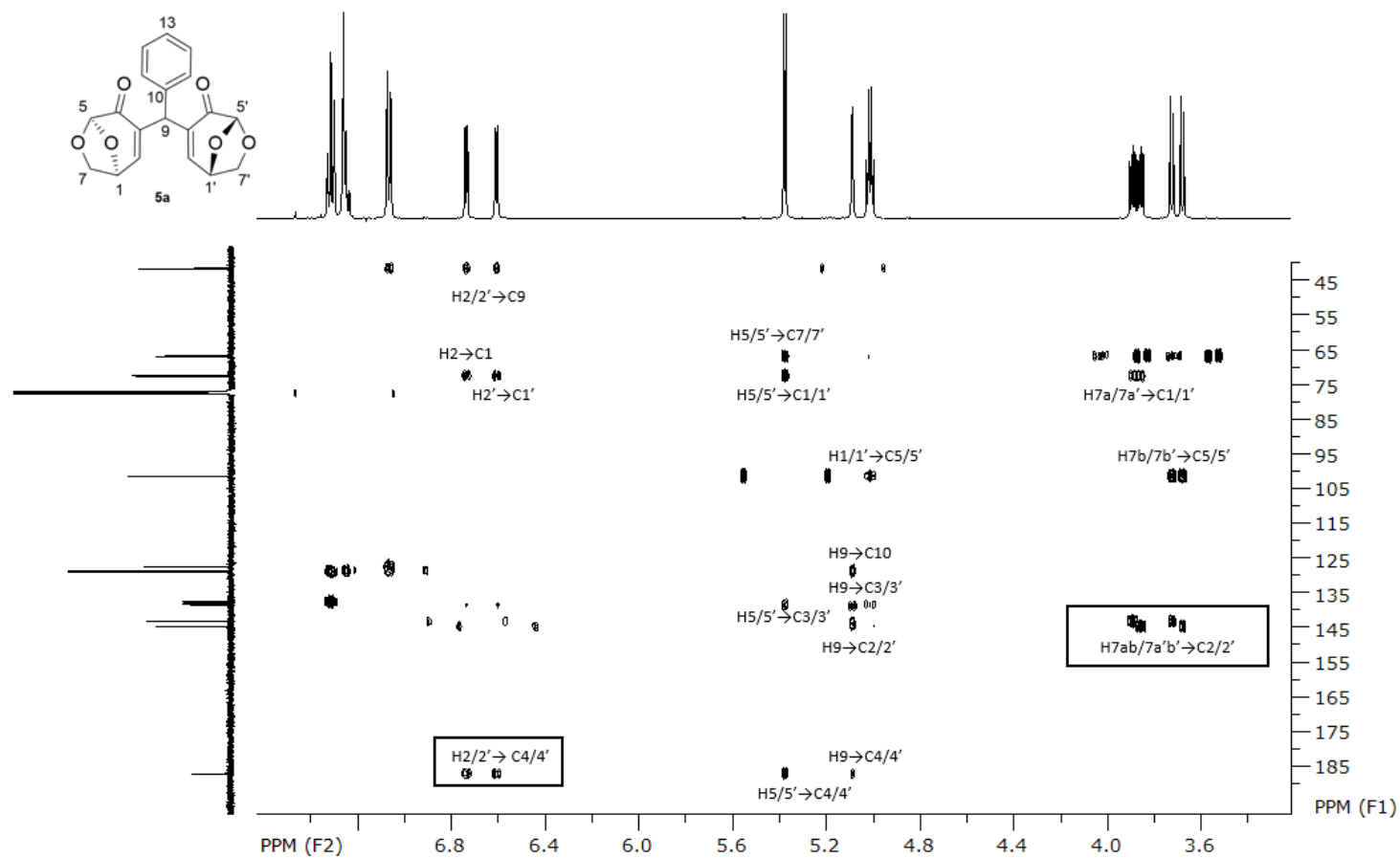
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HSQC NMR for **5a** with assignments



HMBC NMR spectrum for 5a



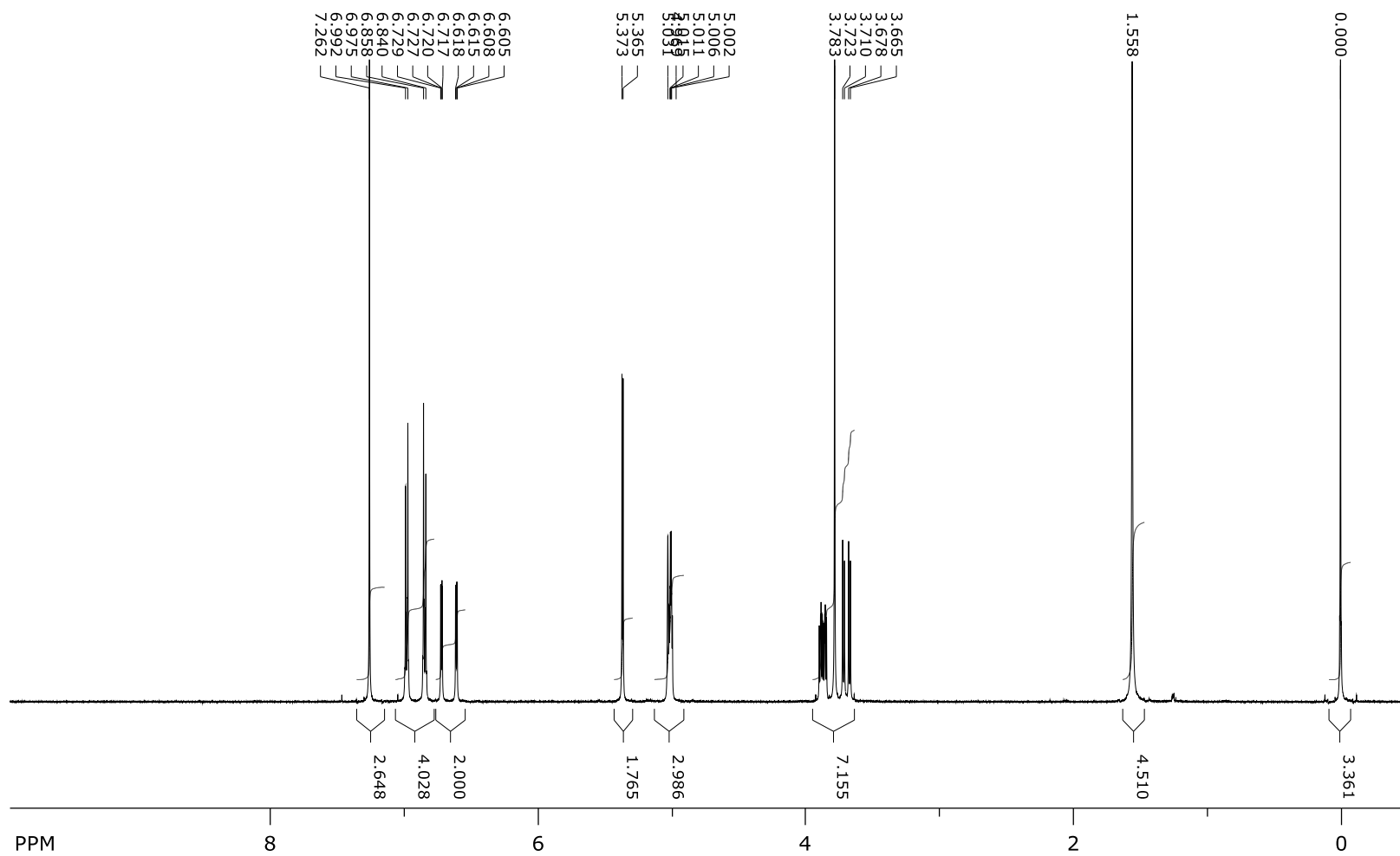
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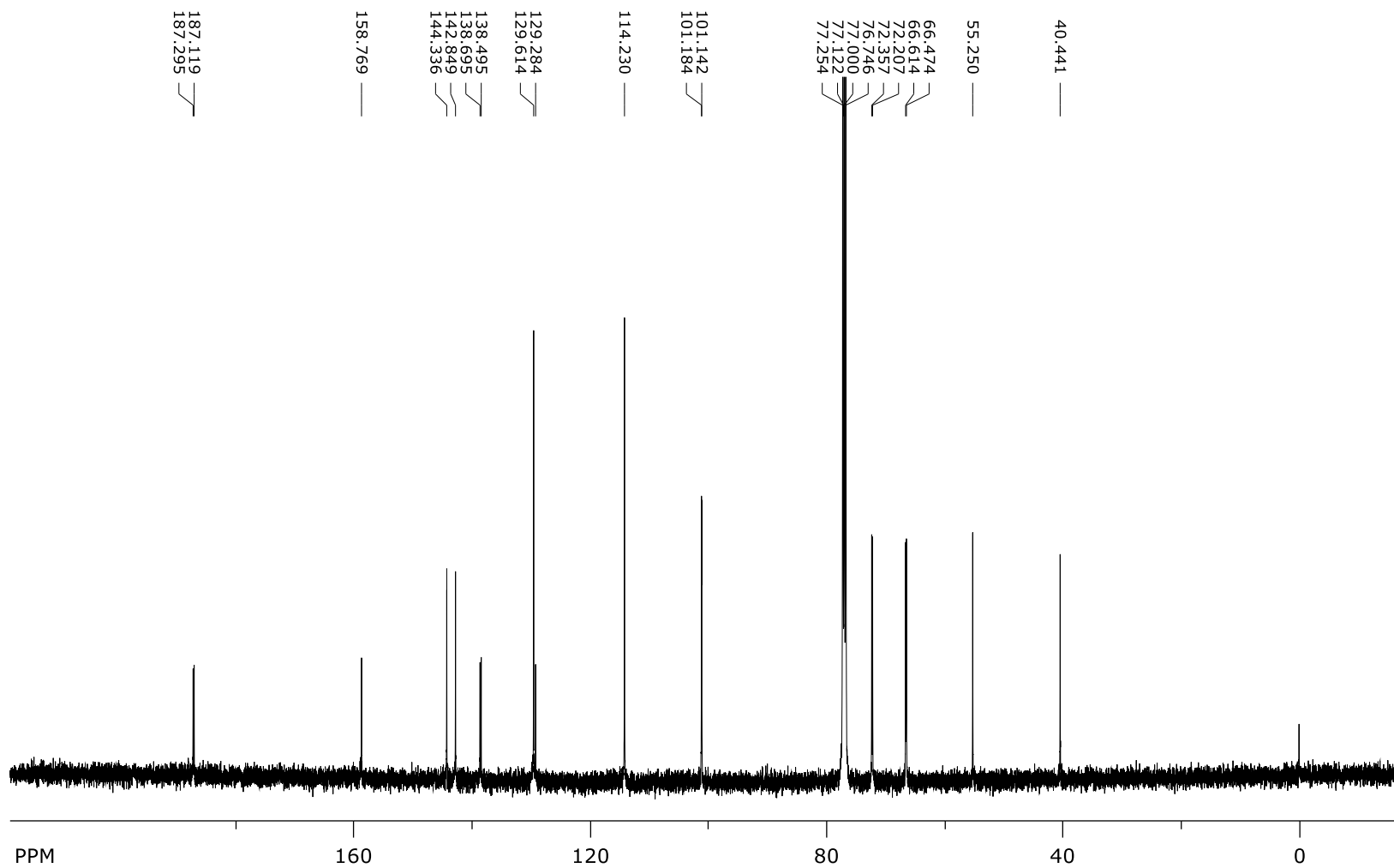
^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) for **5b**

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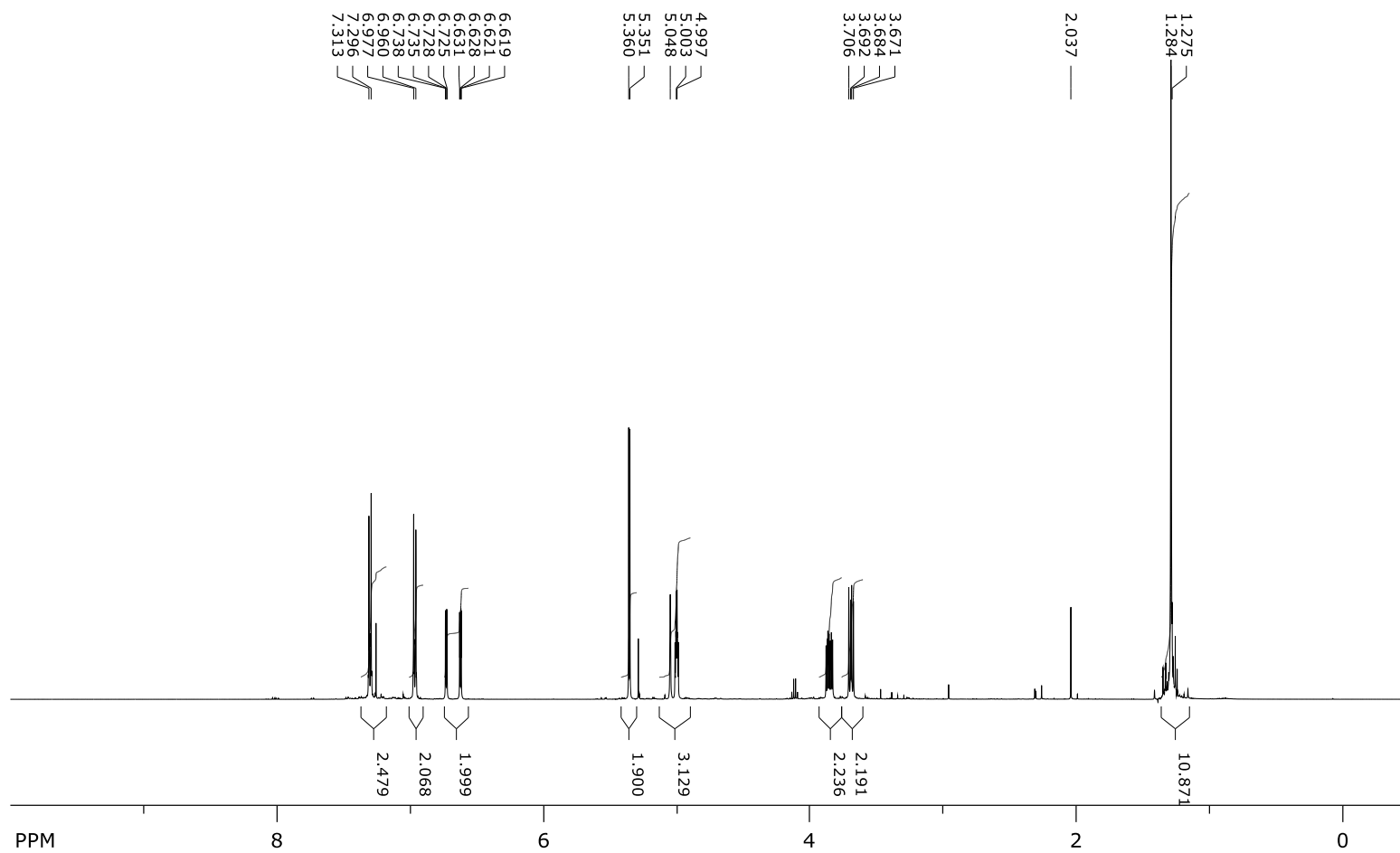
^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) for **5b**

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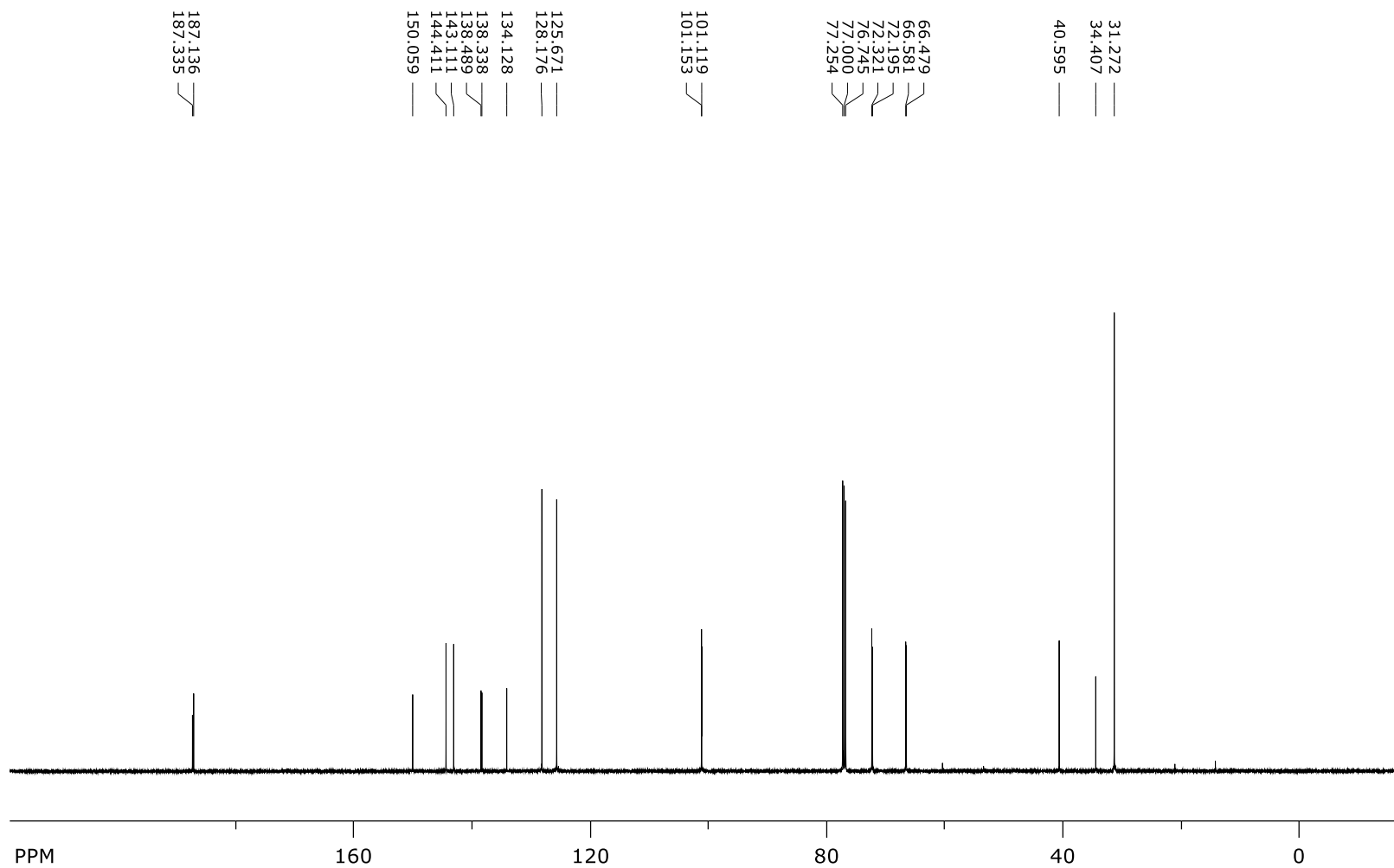
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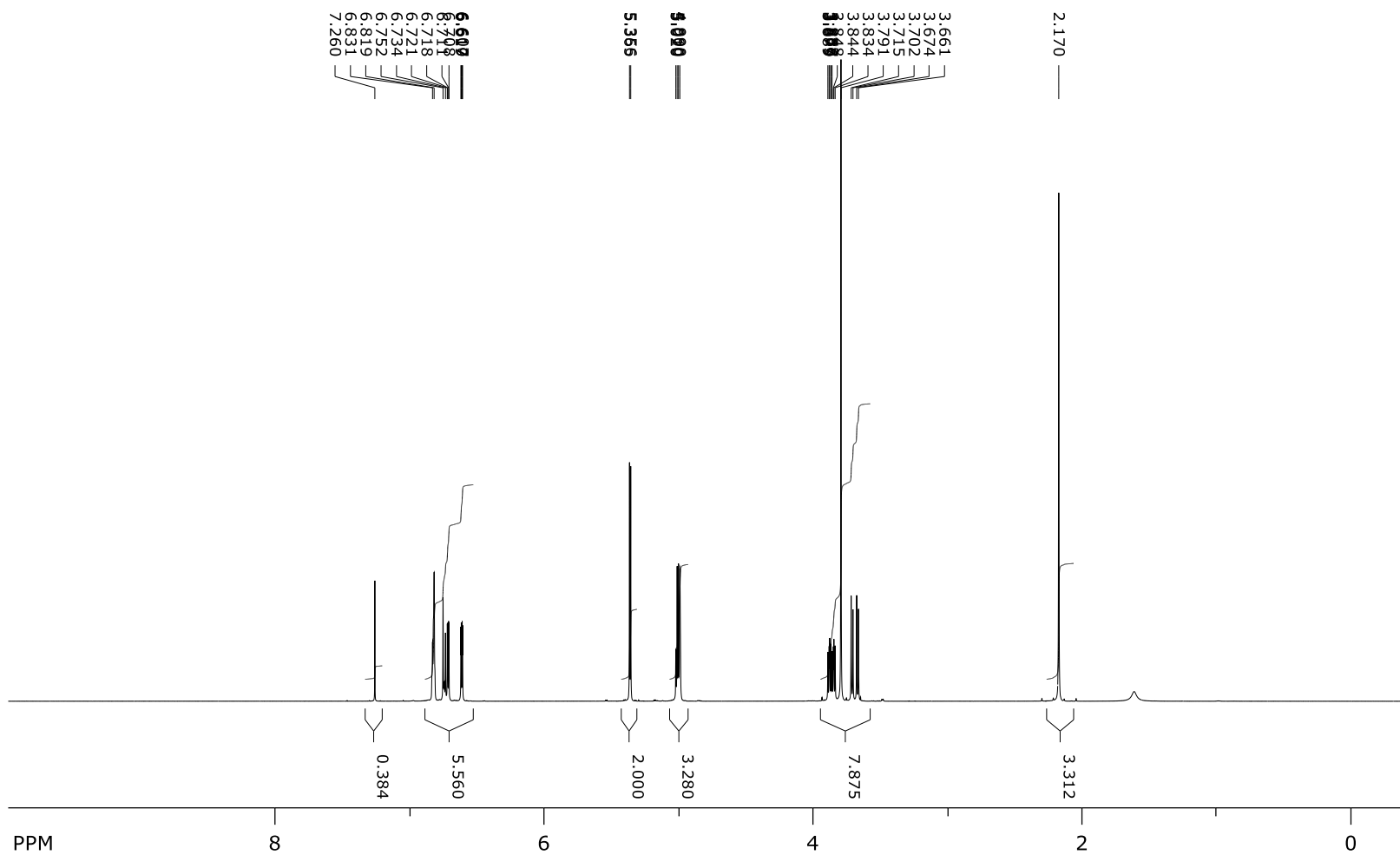
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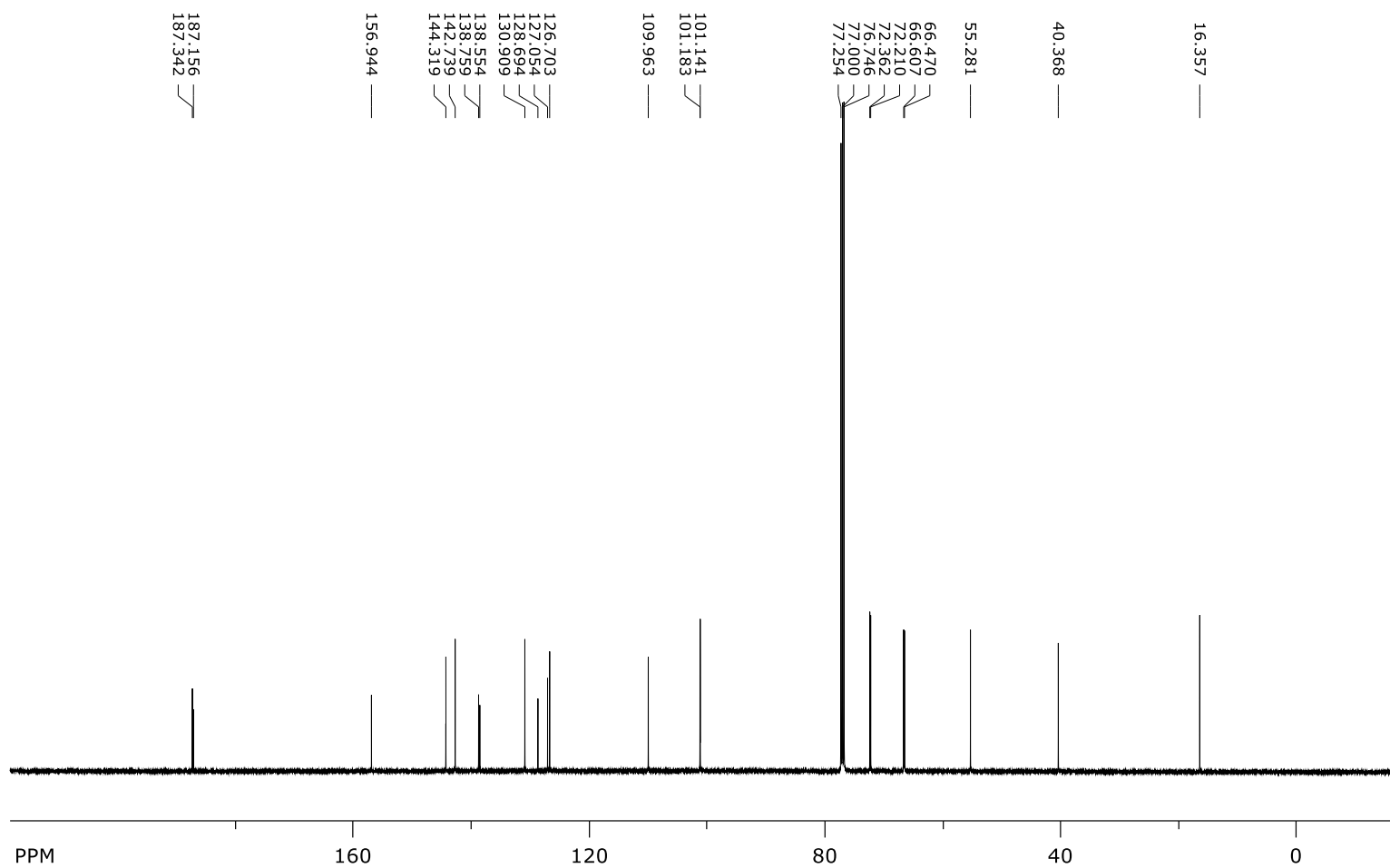
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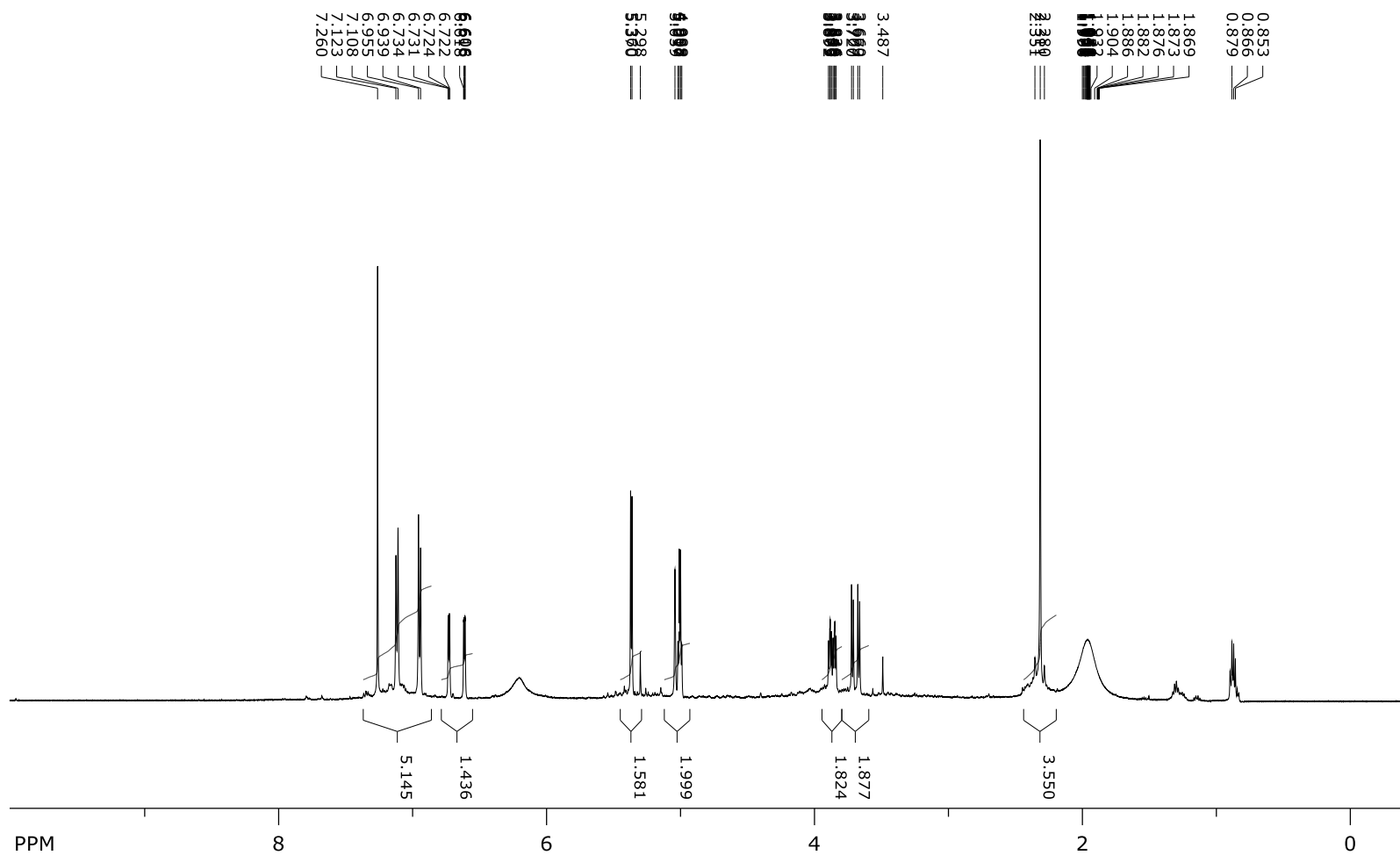
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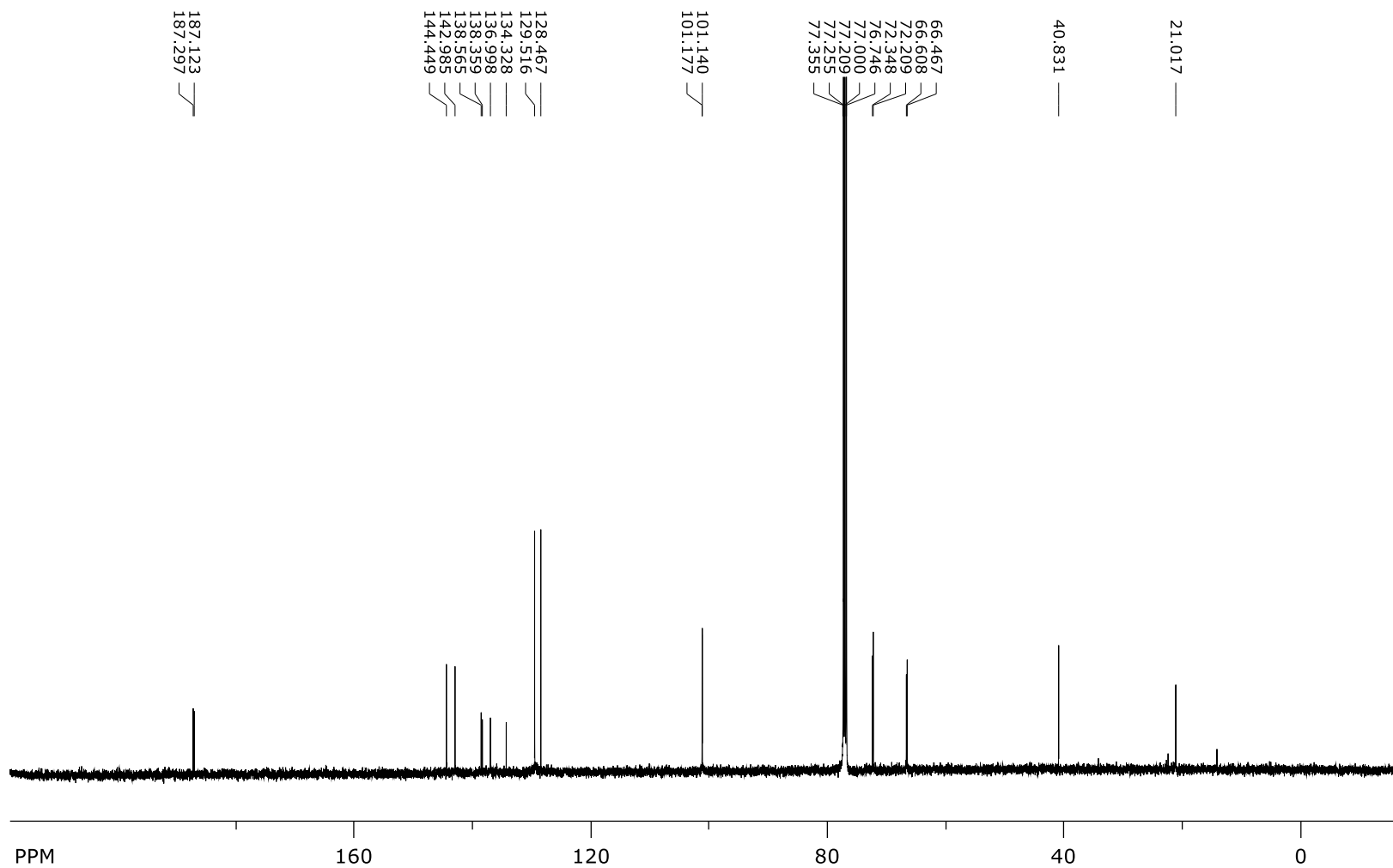
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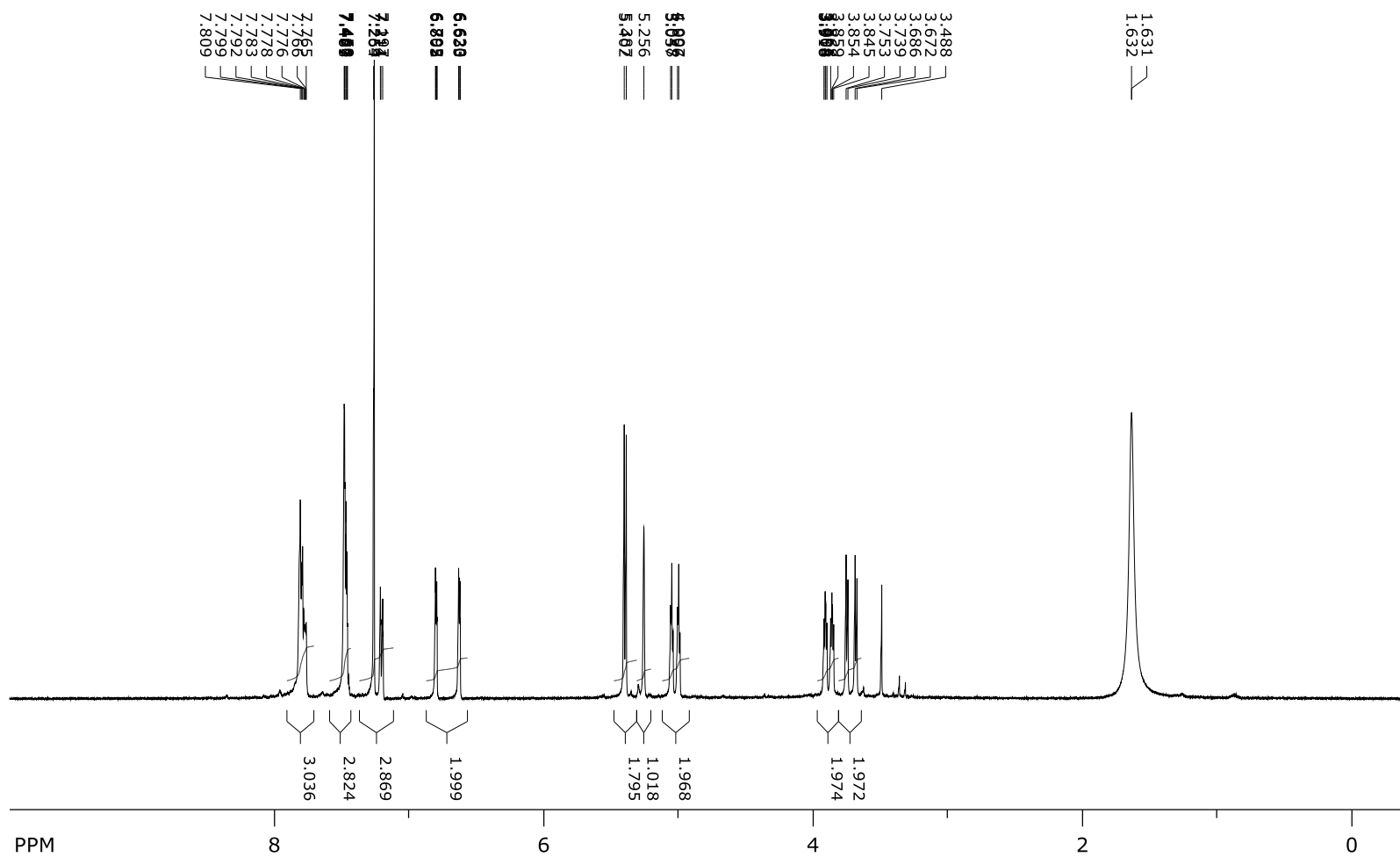
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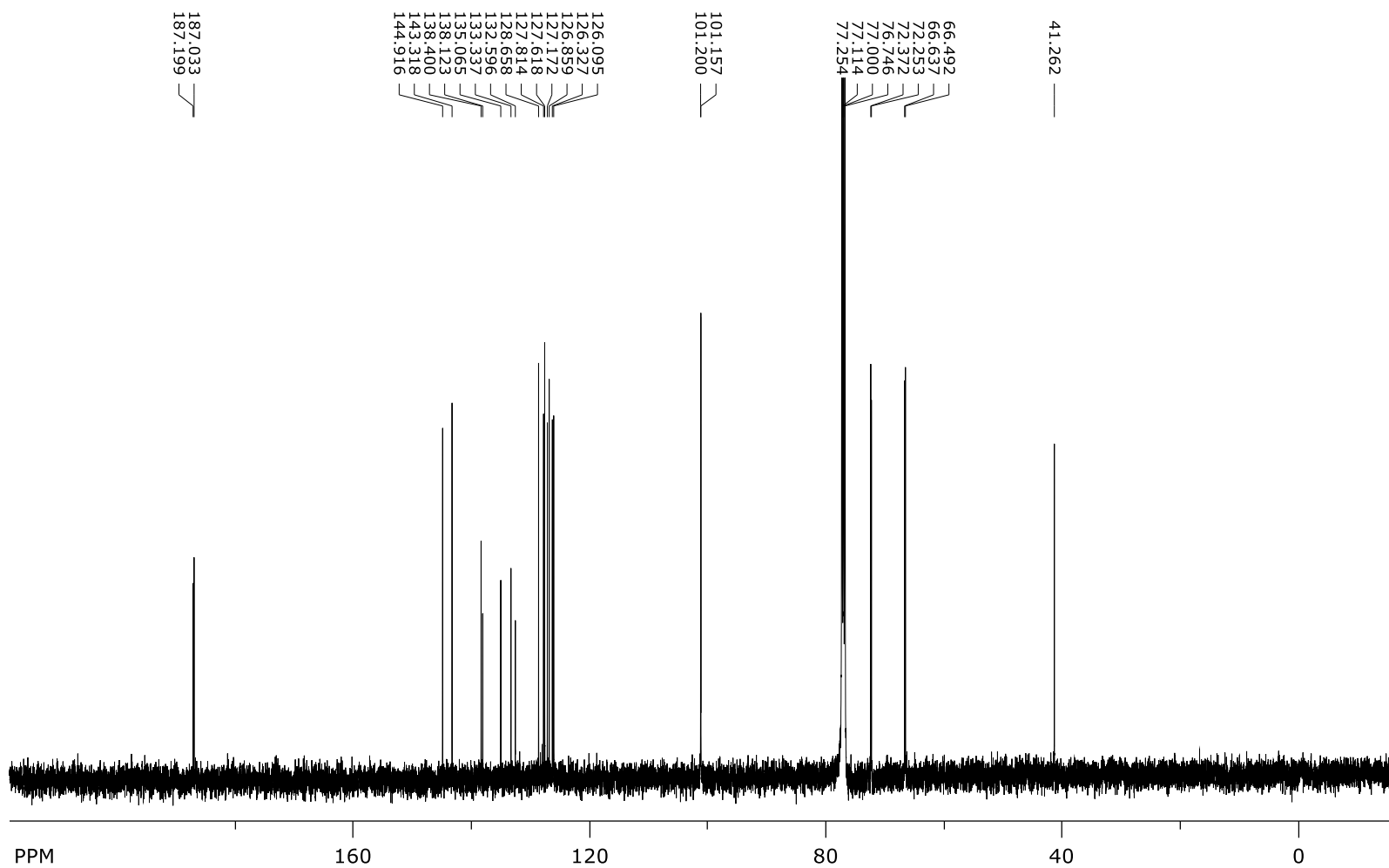
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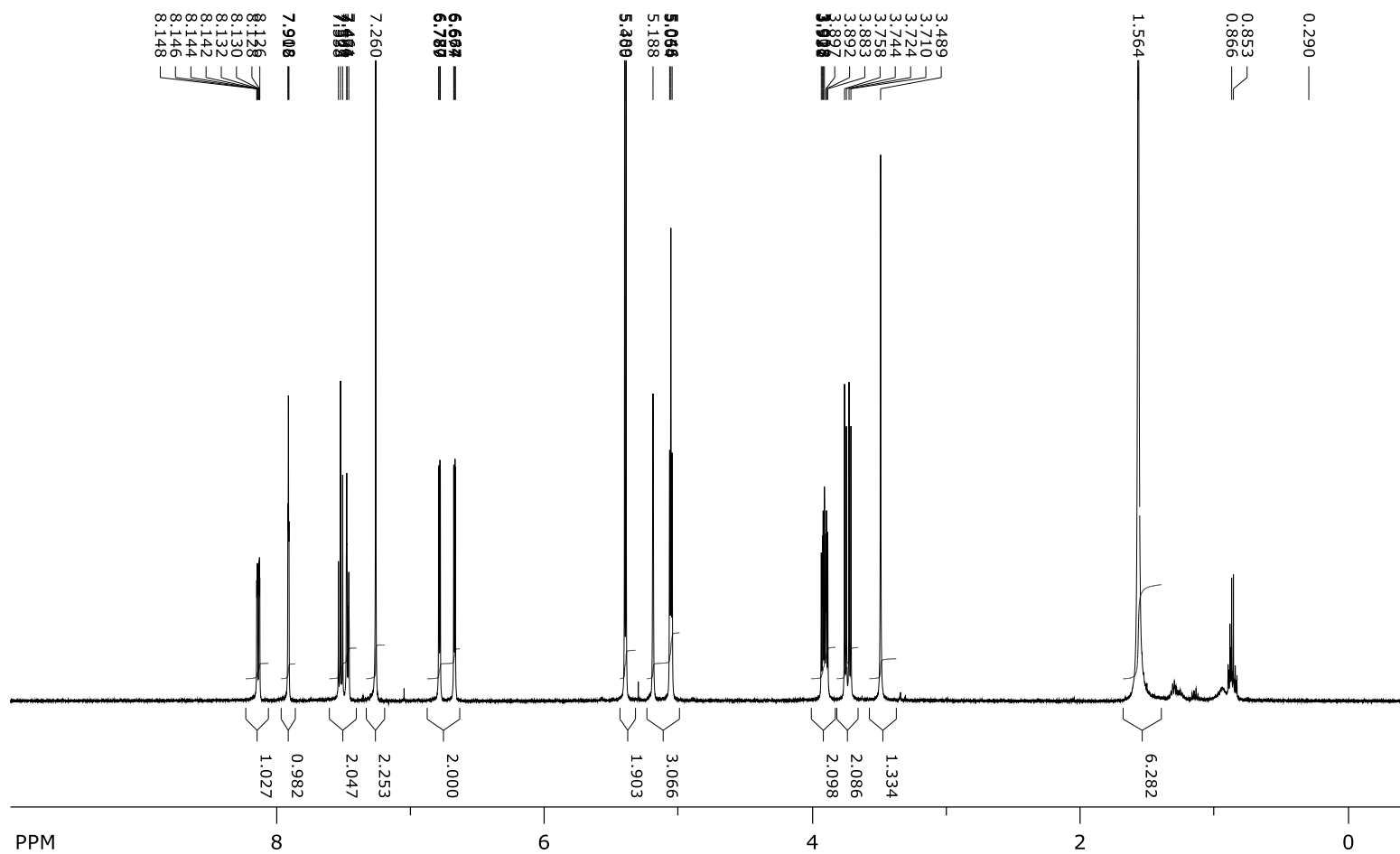
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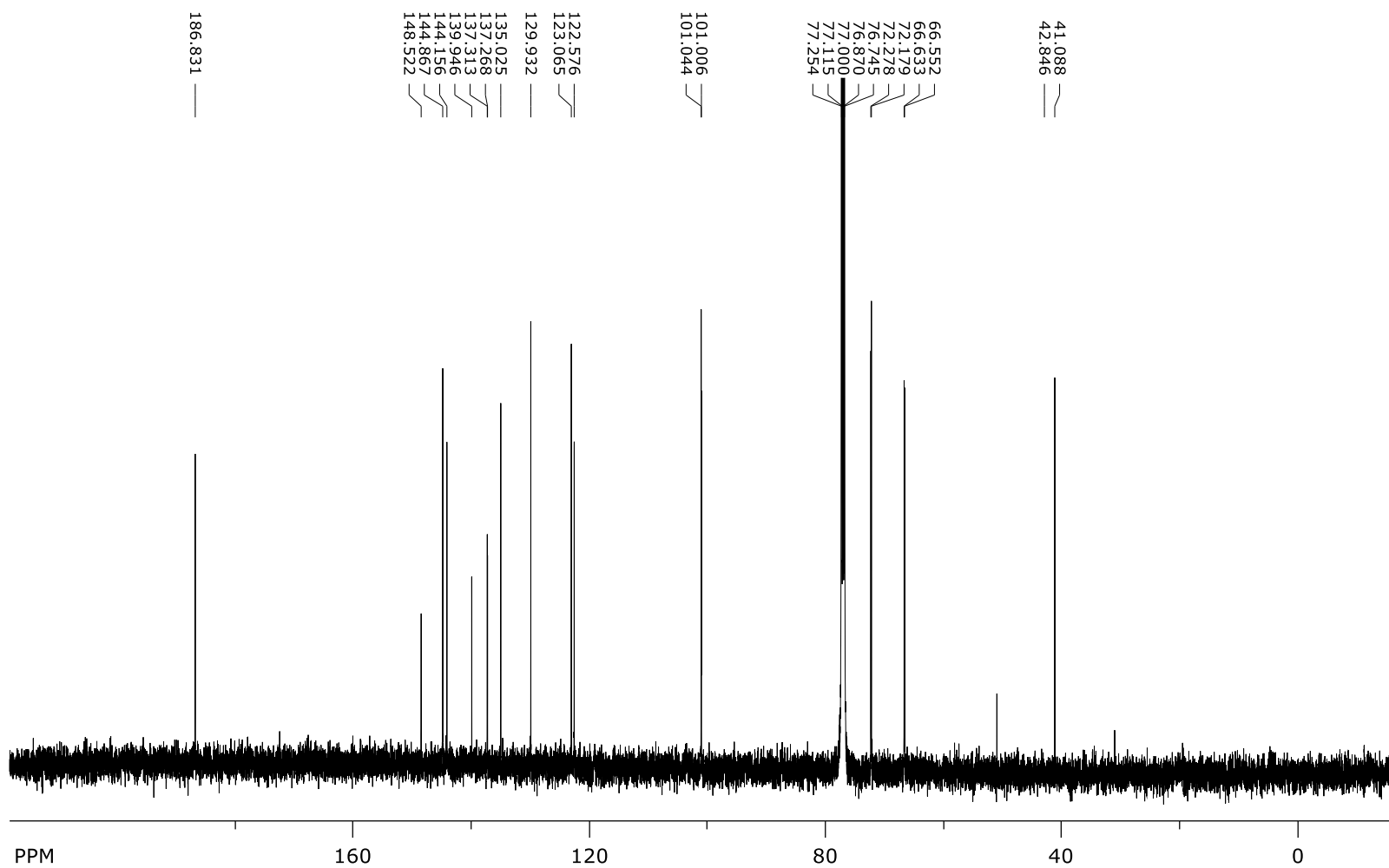
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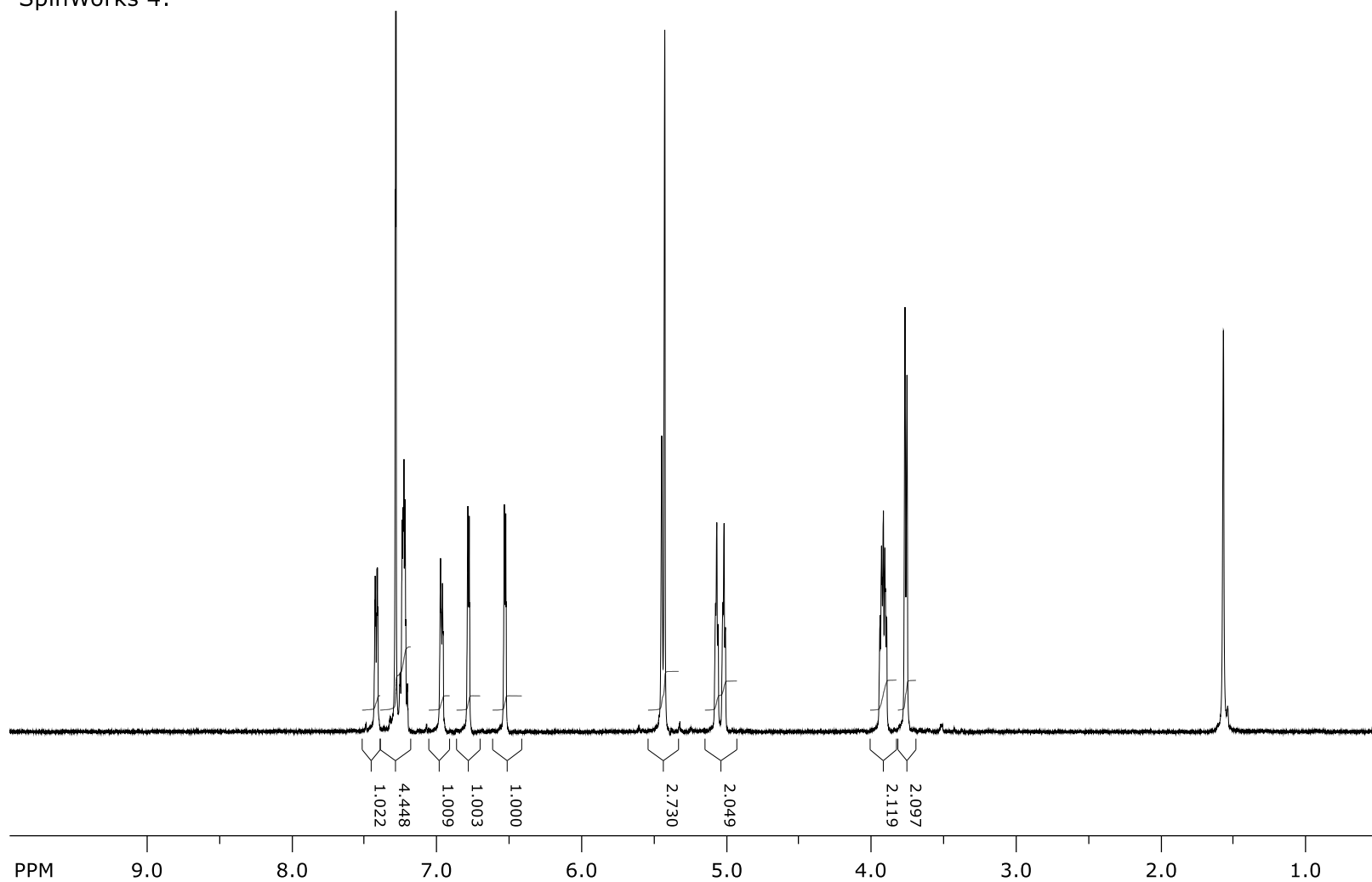
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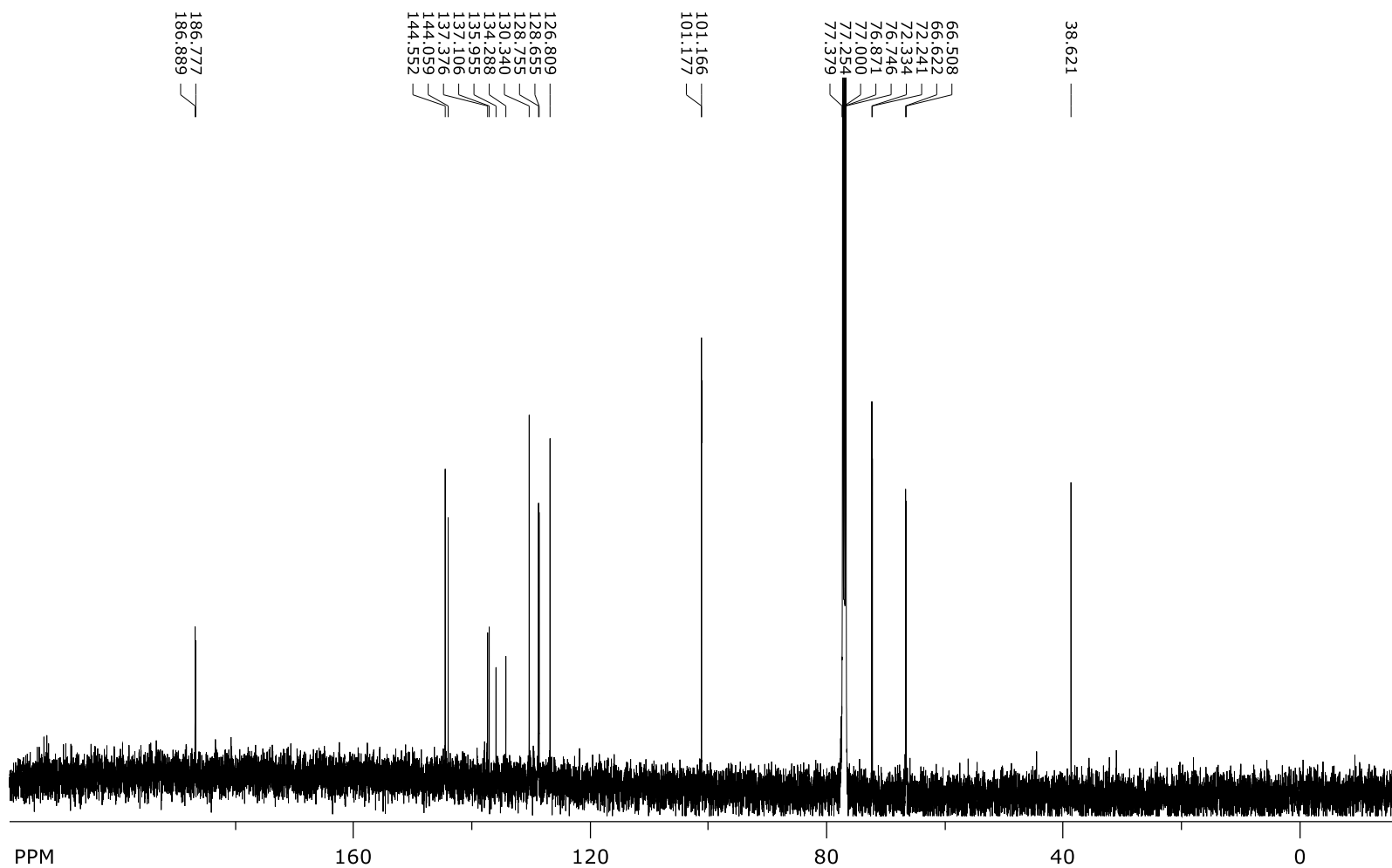
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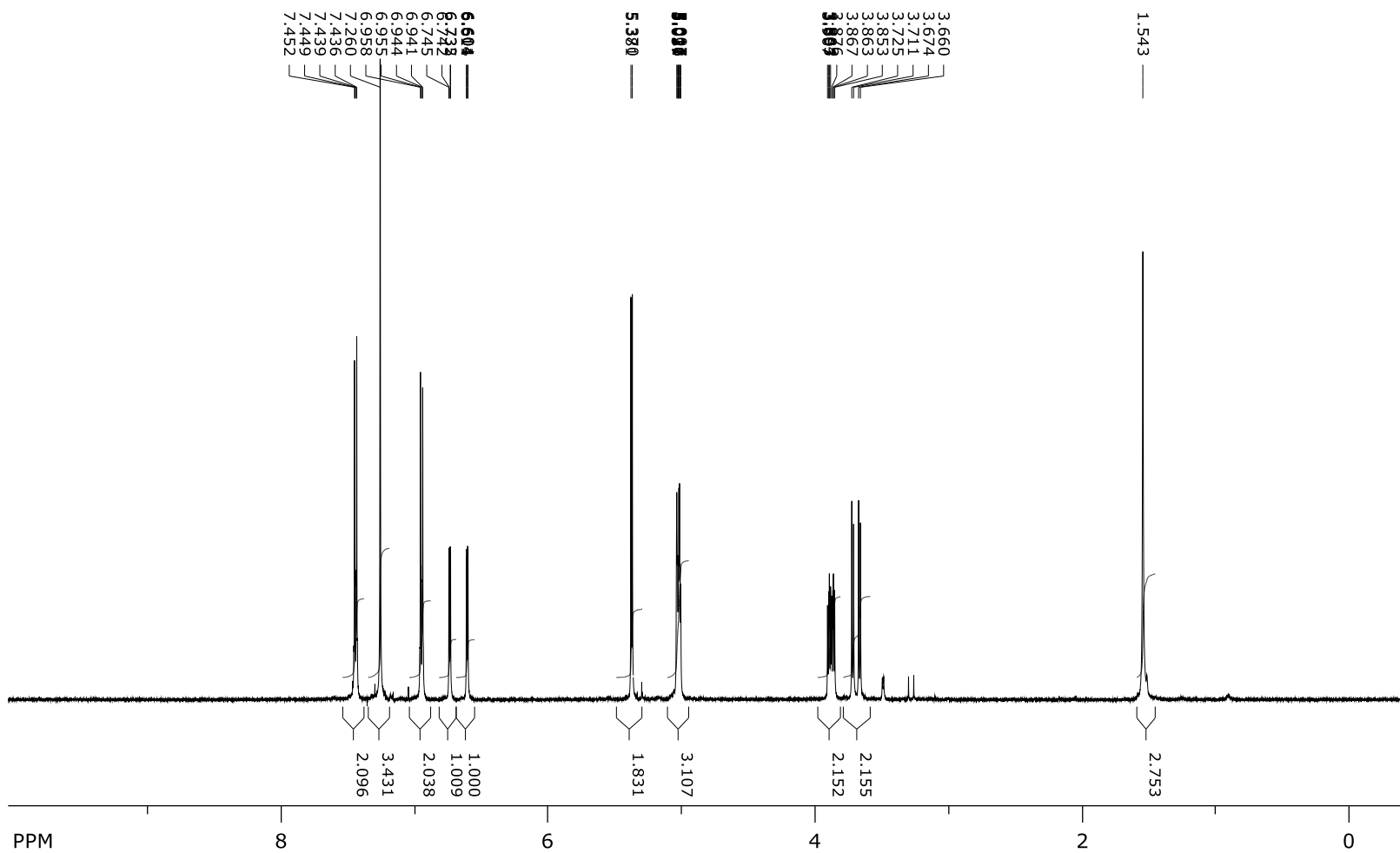
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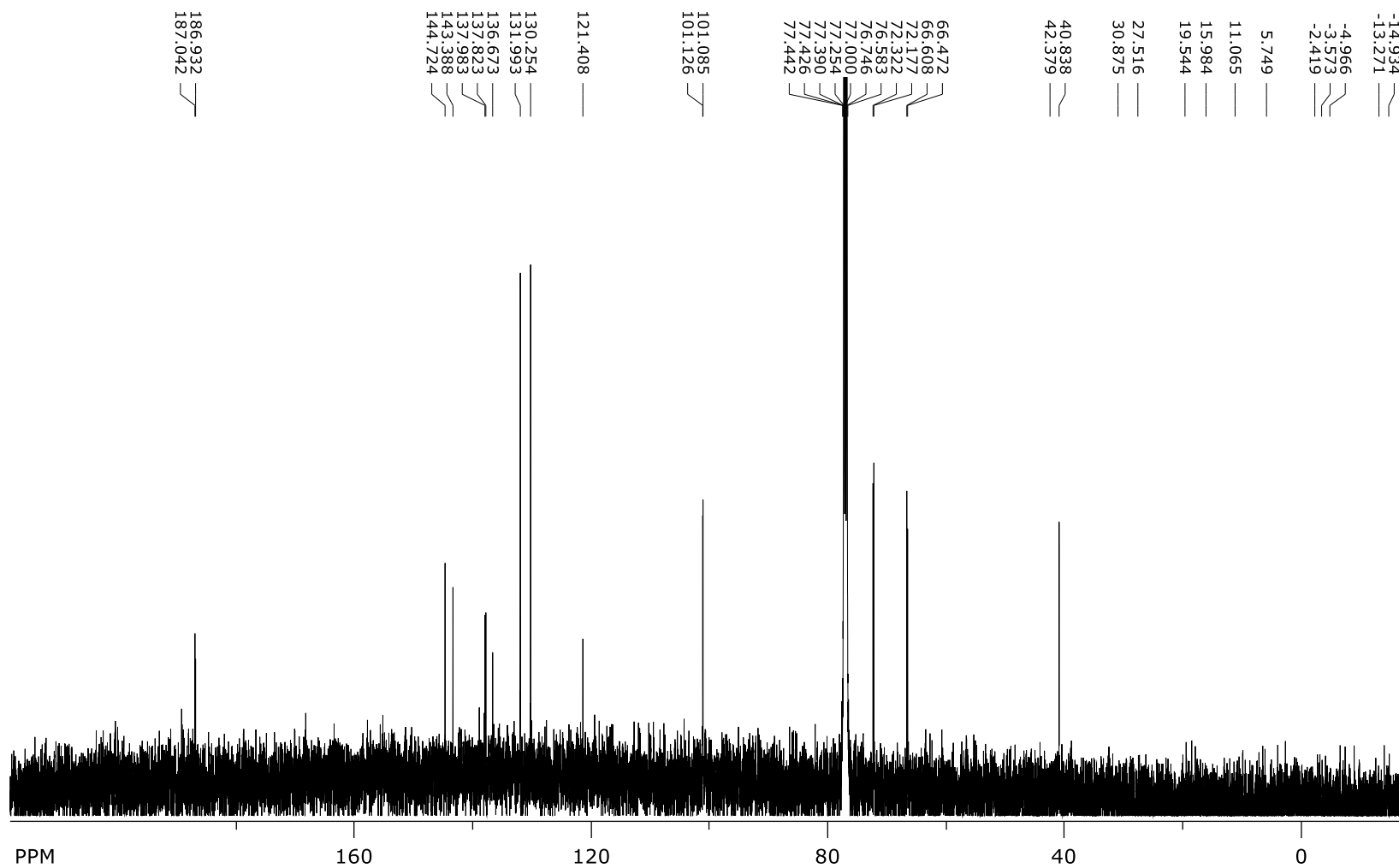
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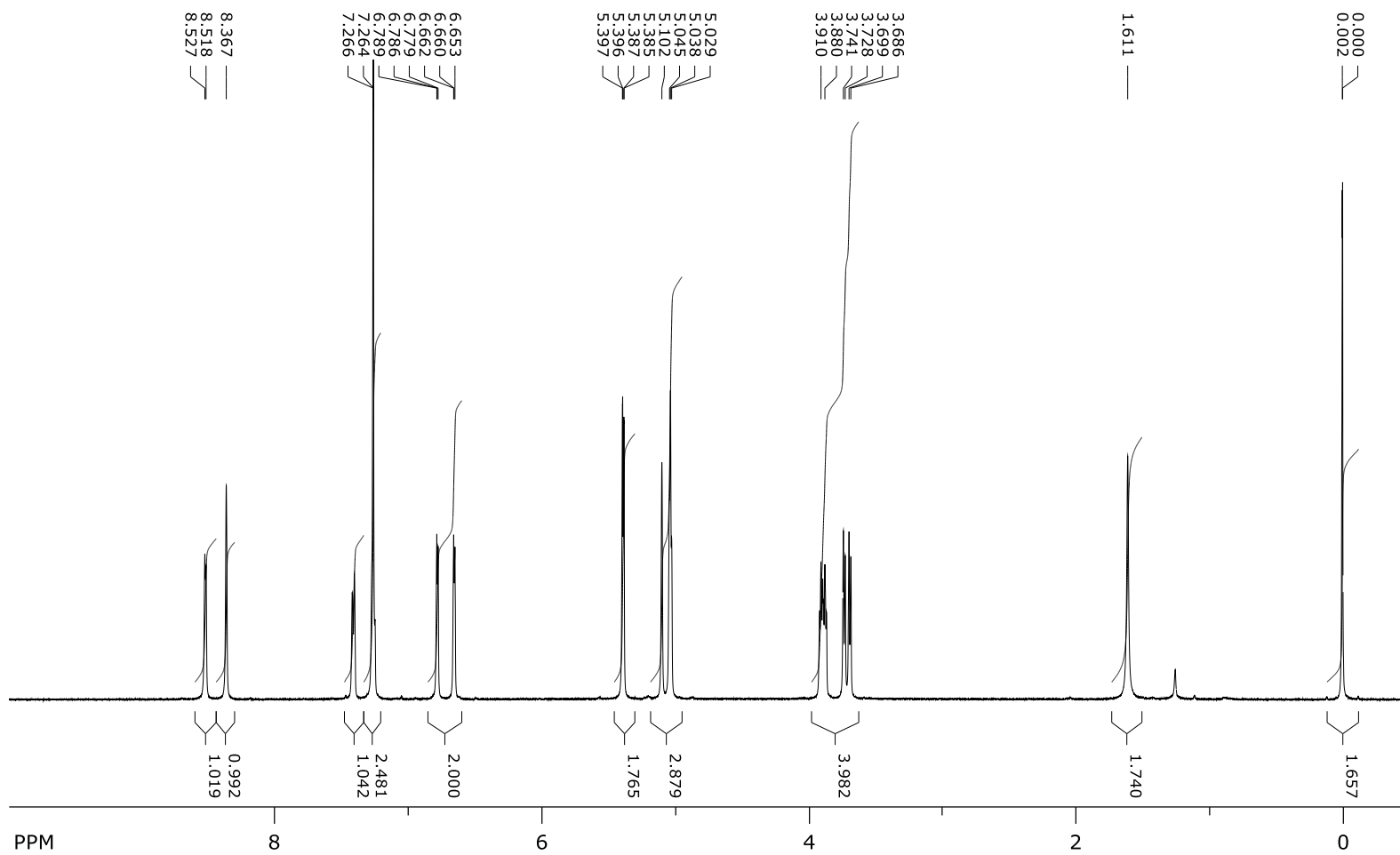
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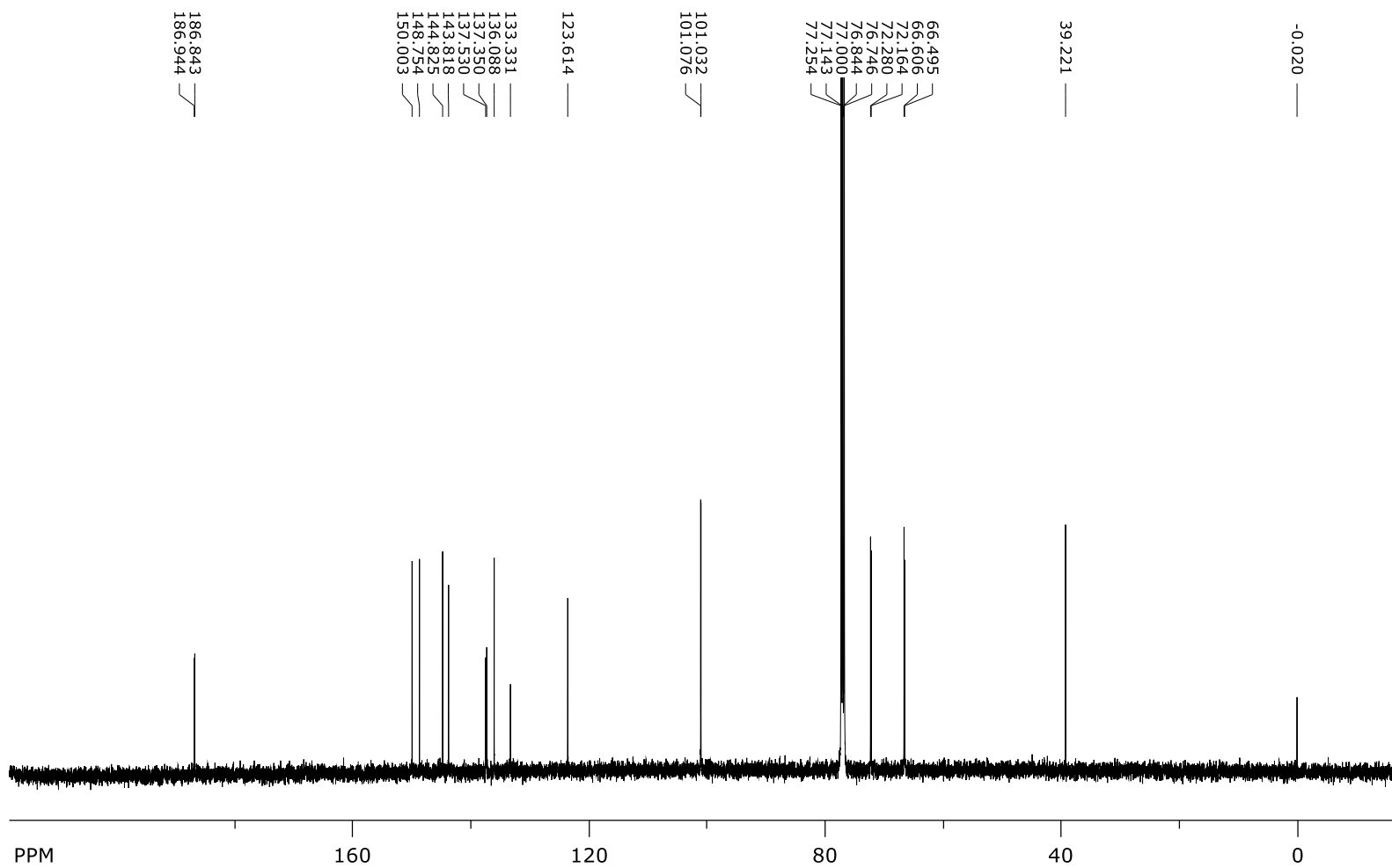
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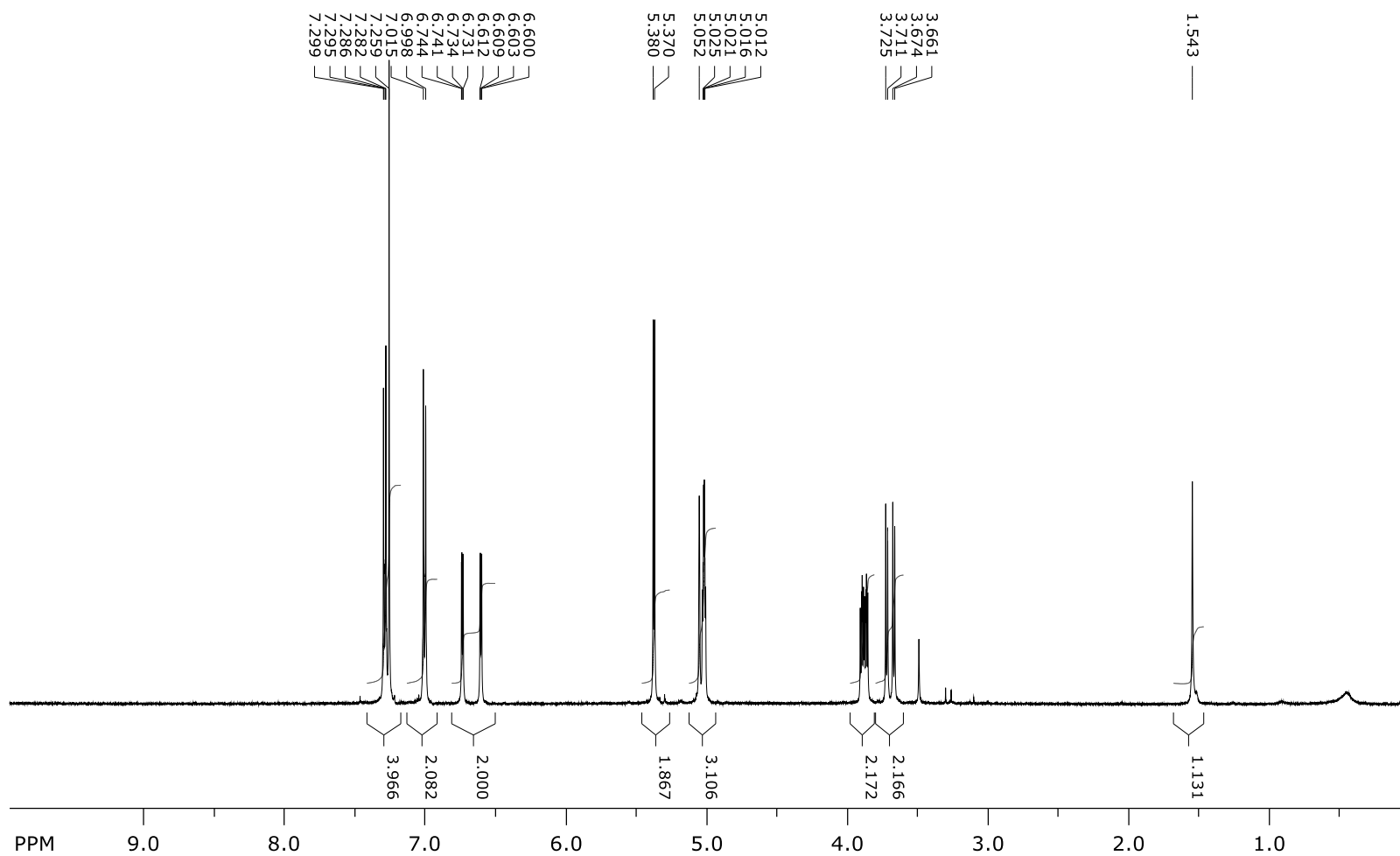
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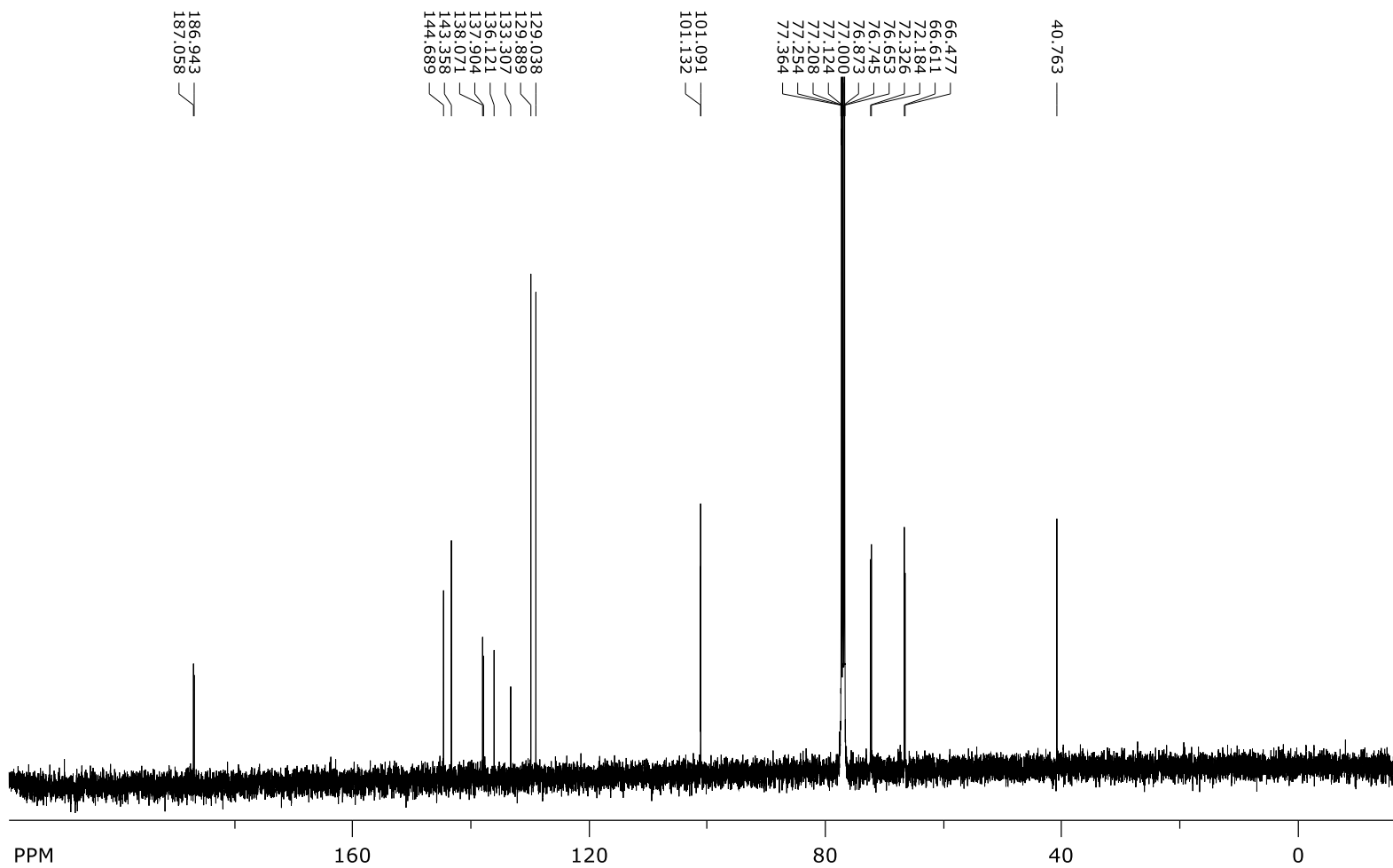
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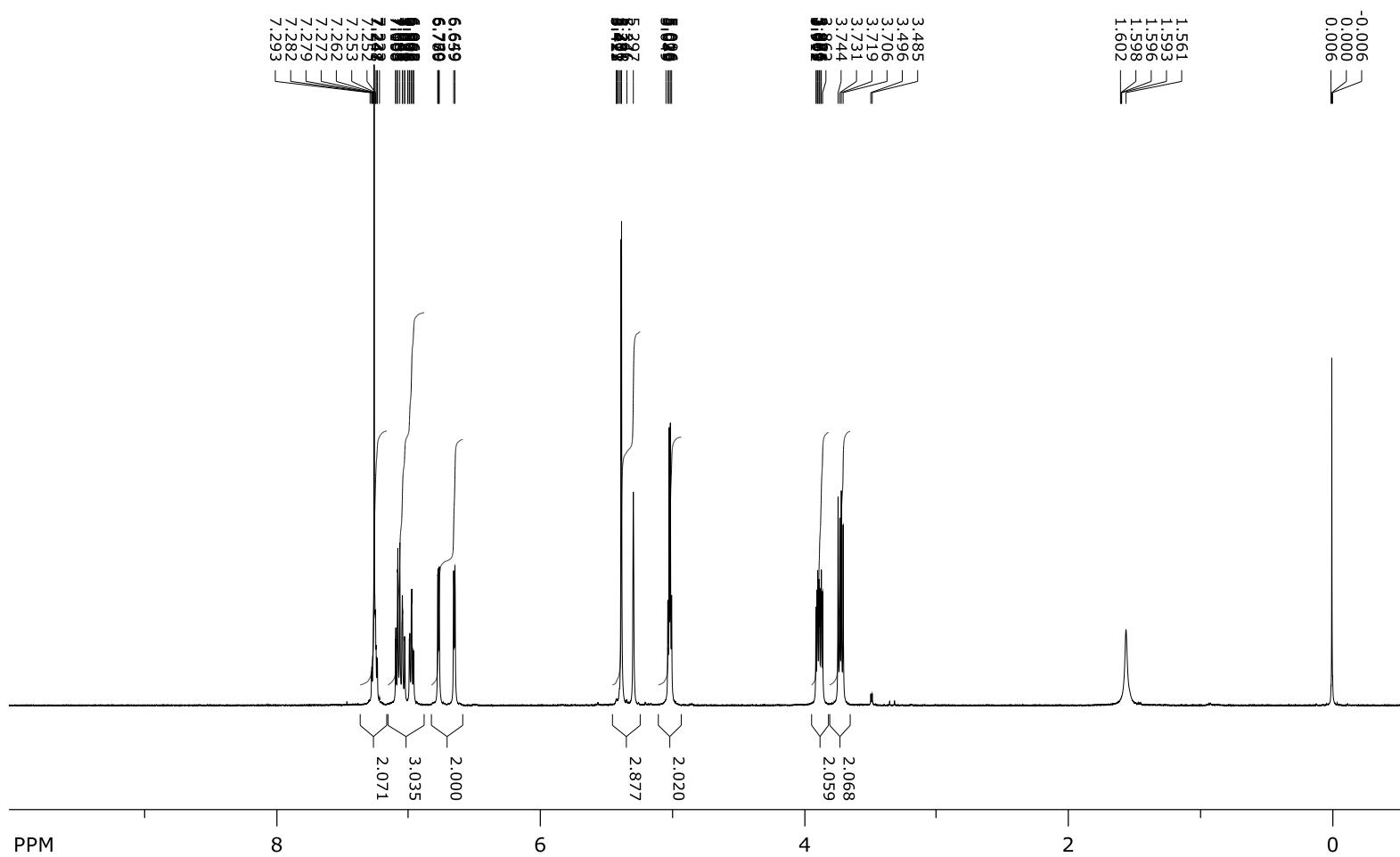
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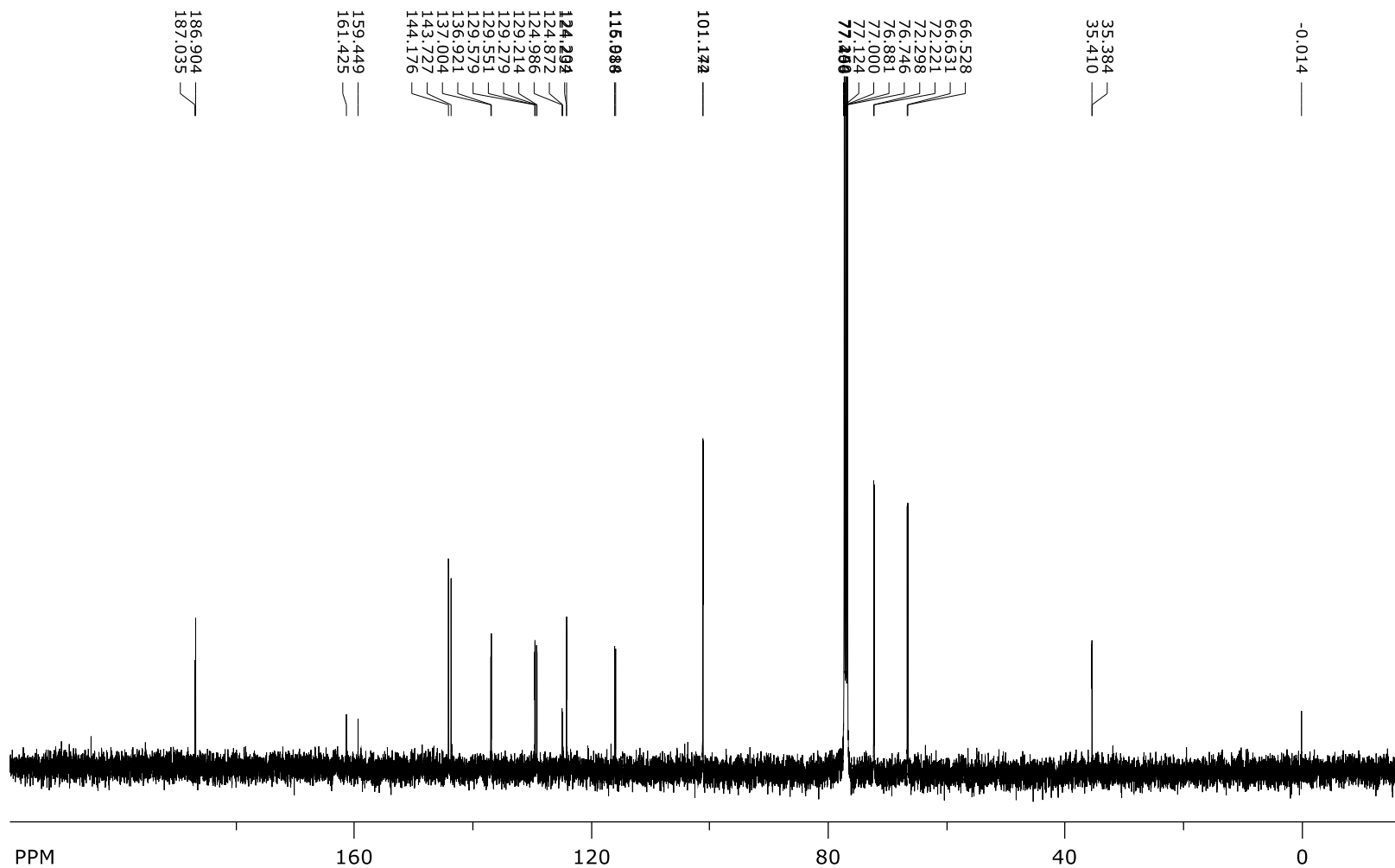
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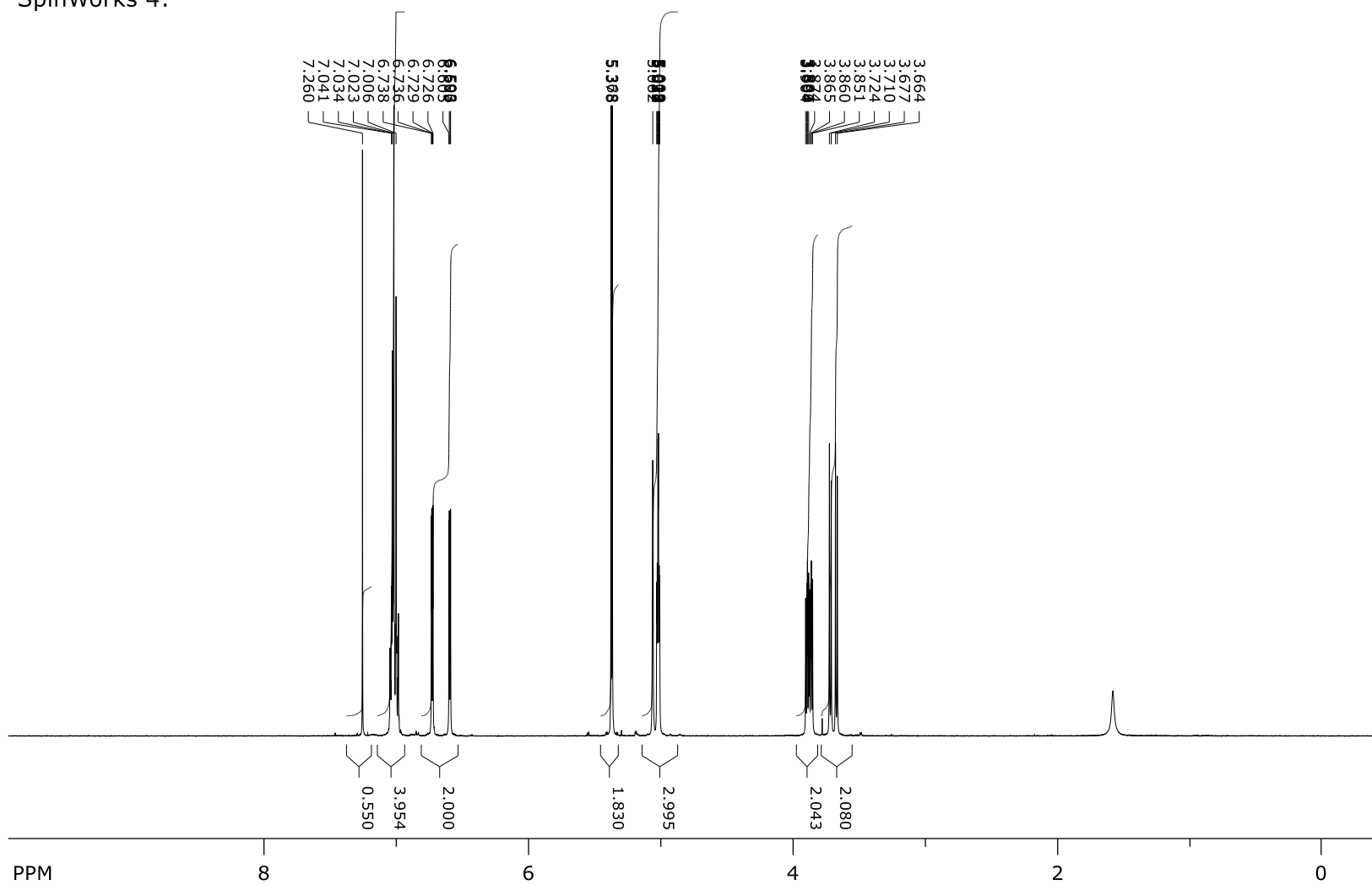
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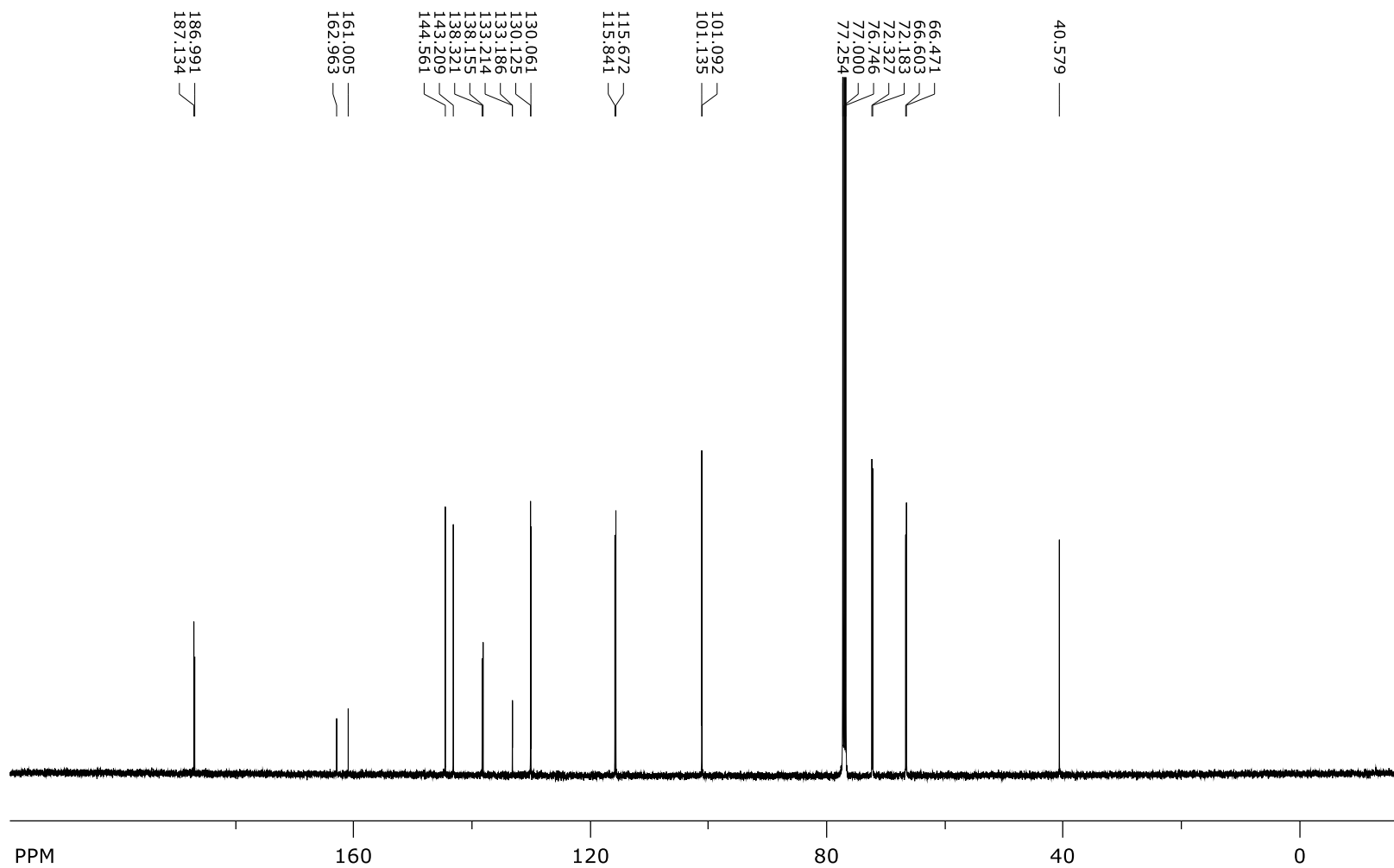
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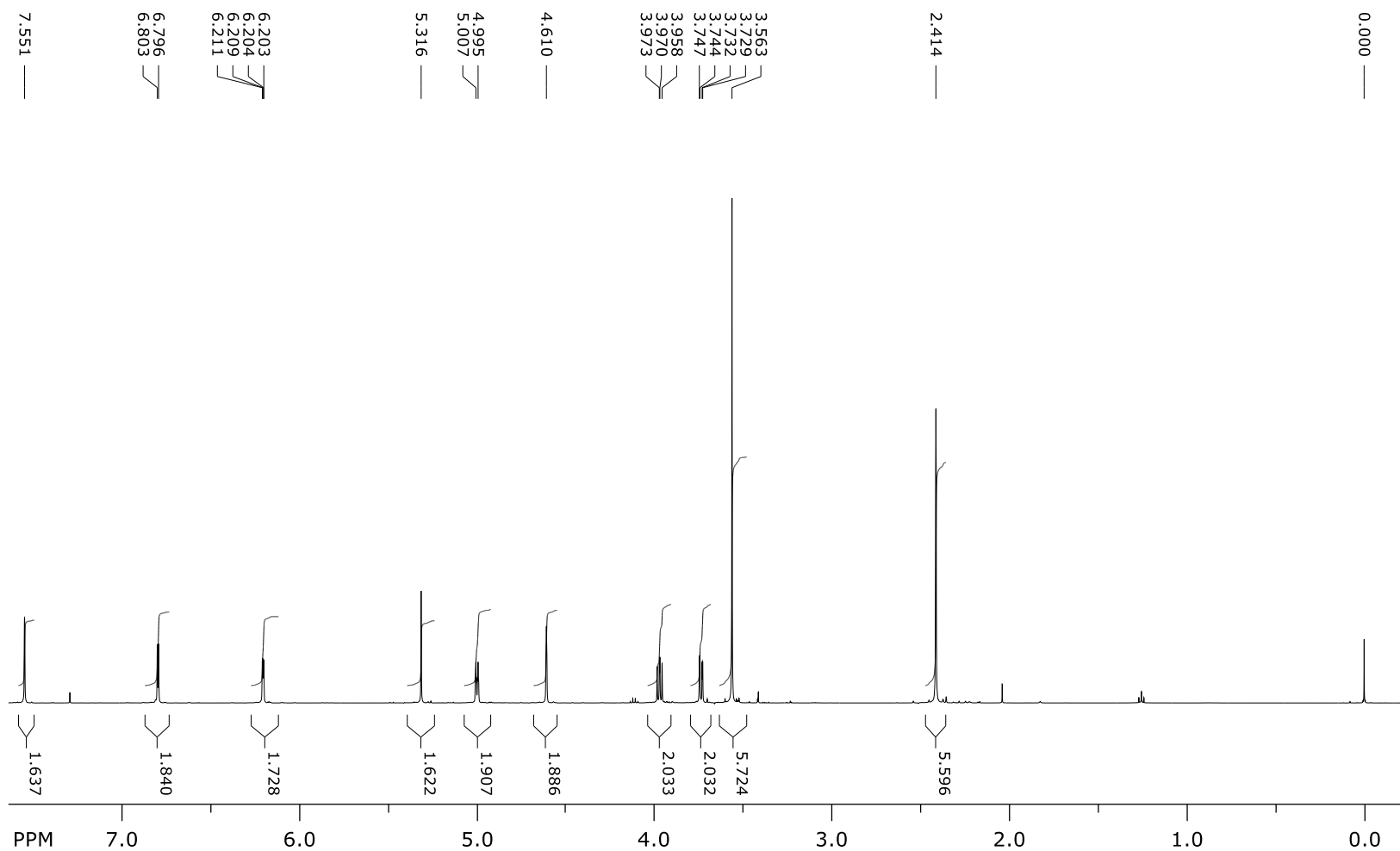


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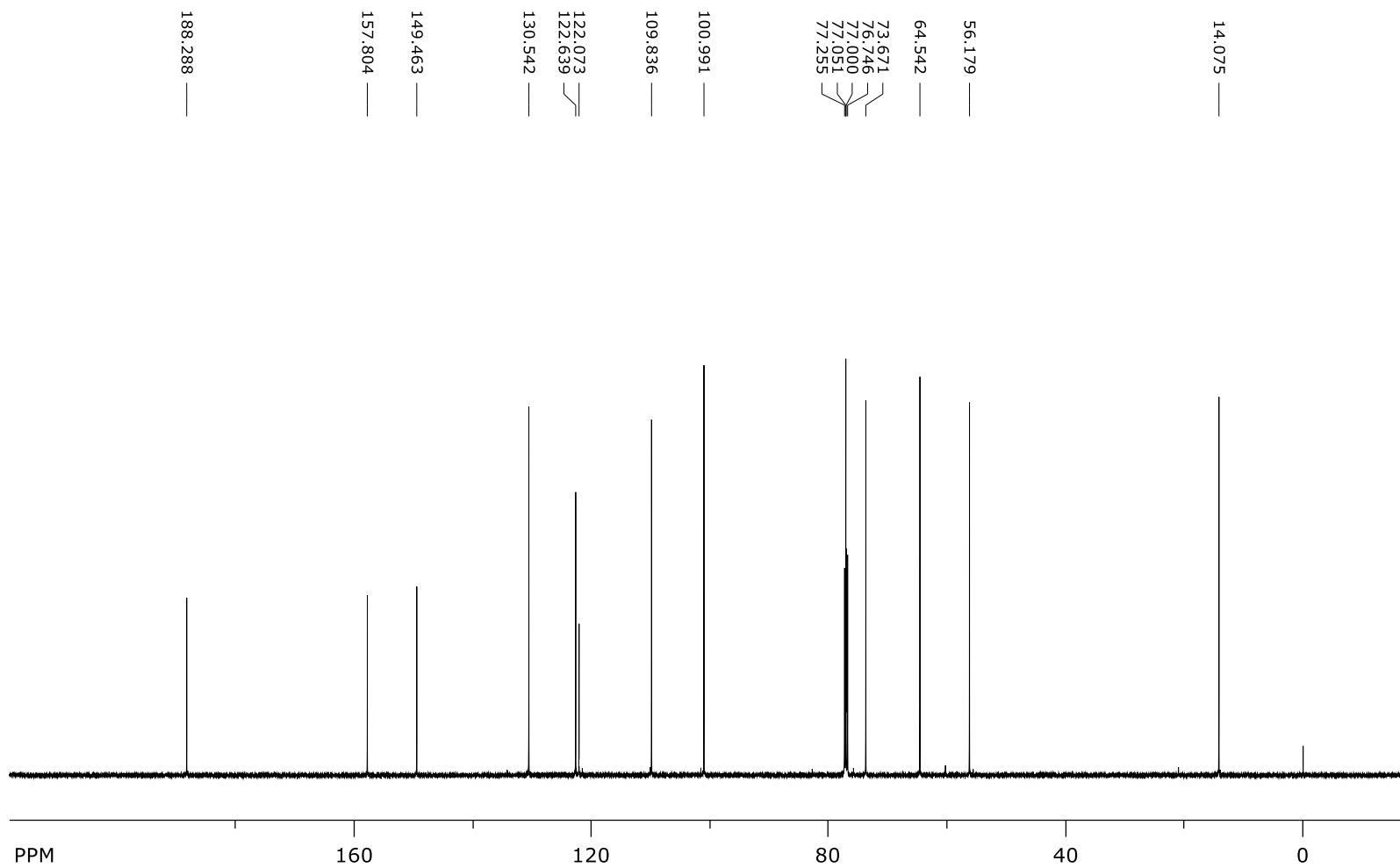
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^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) for **6**

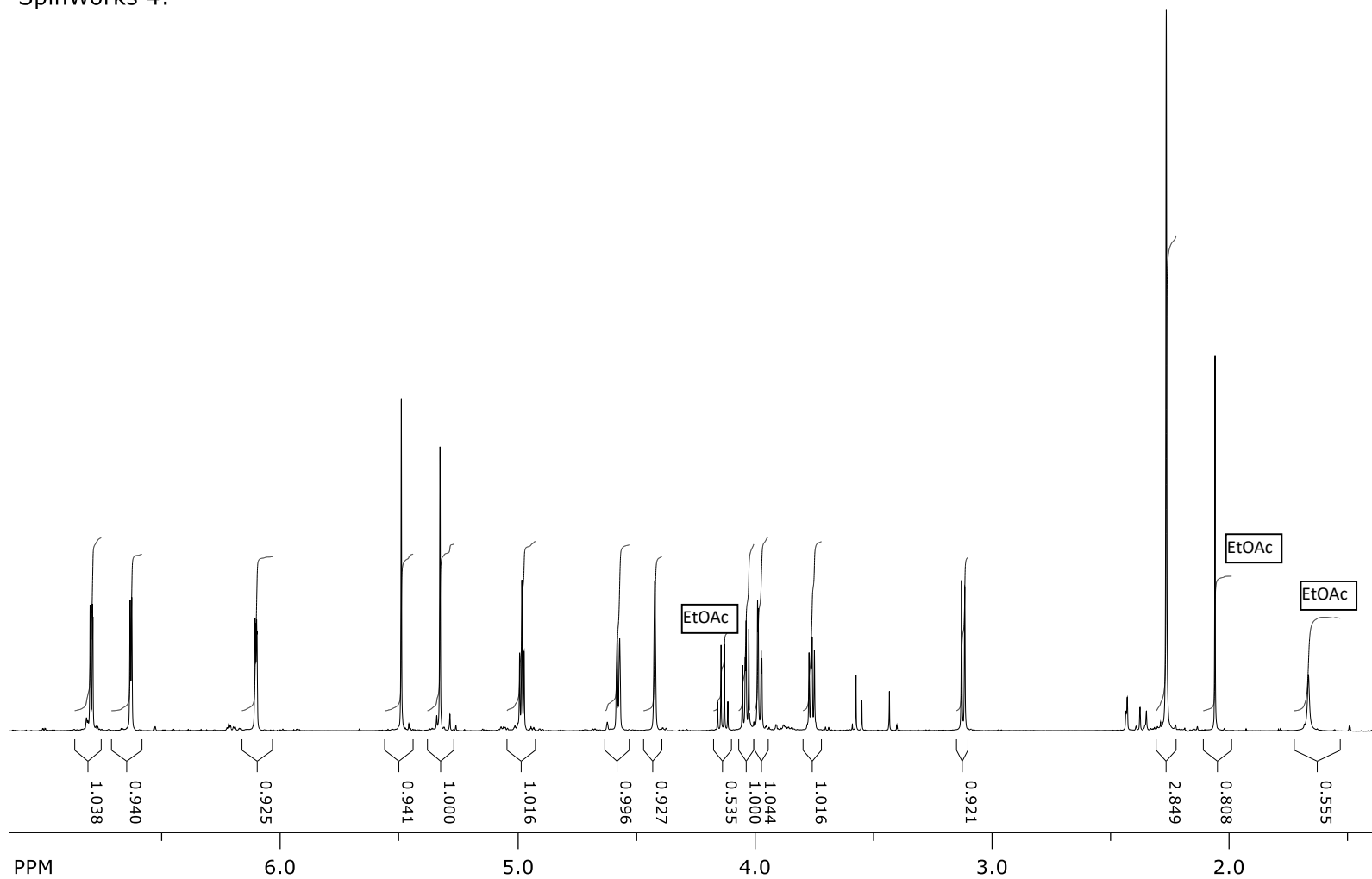


^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) for **6**



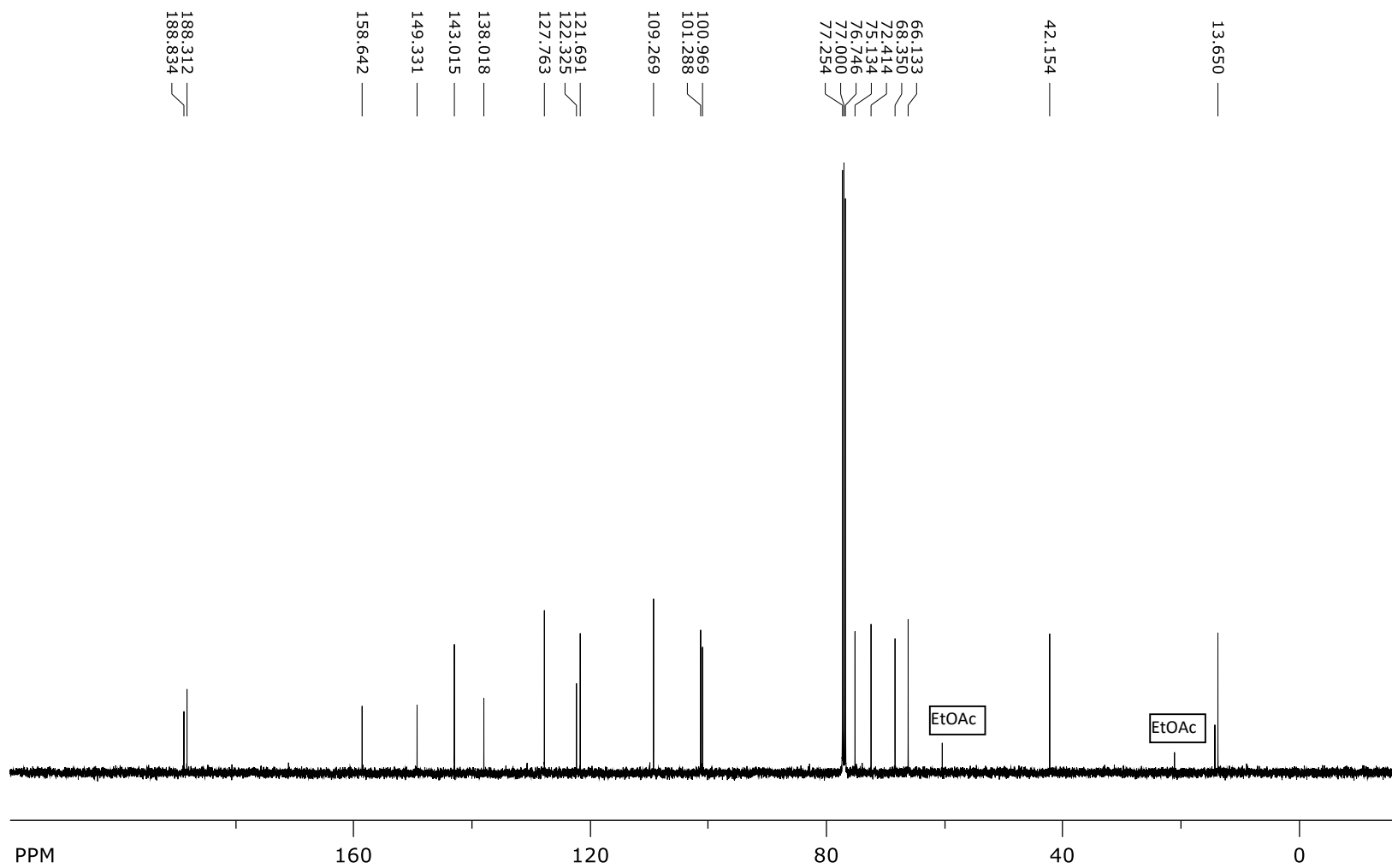
^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) for **7**

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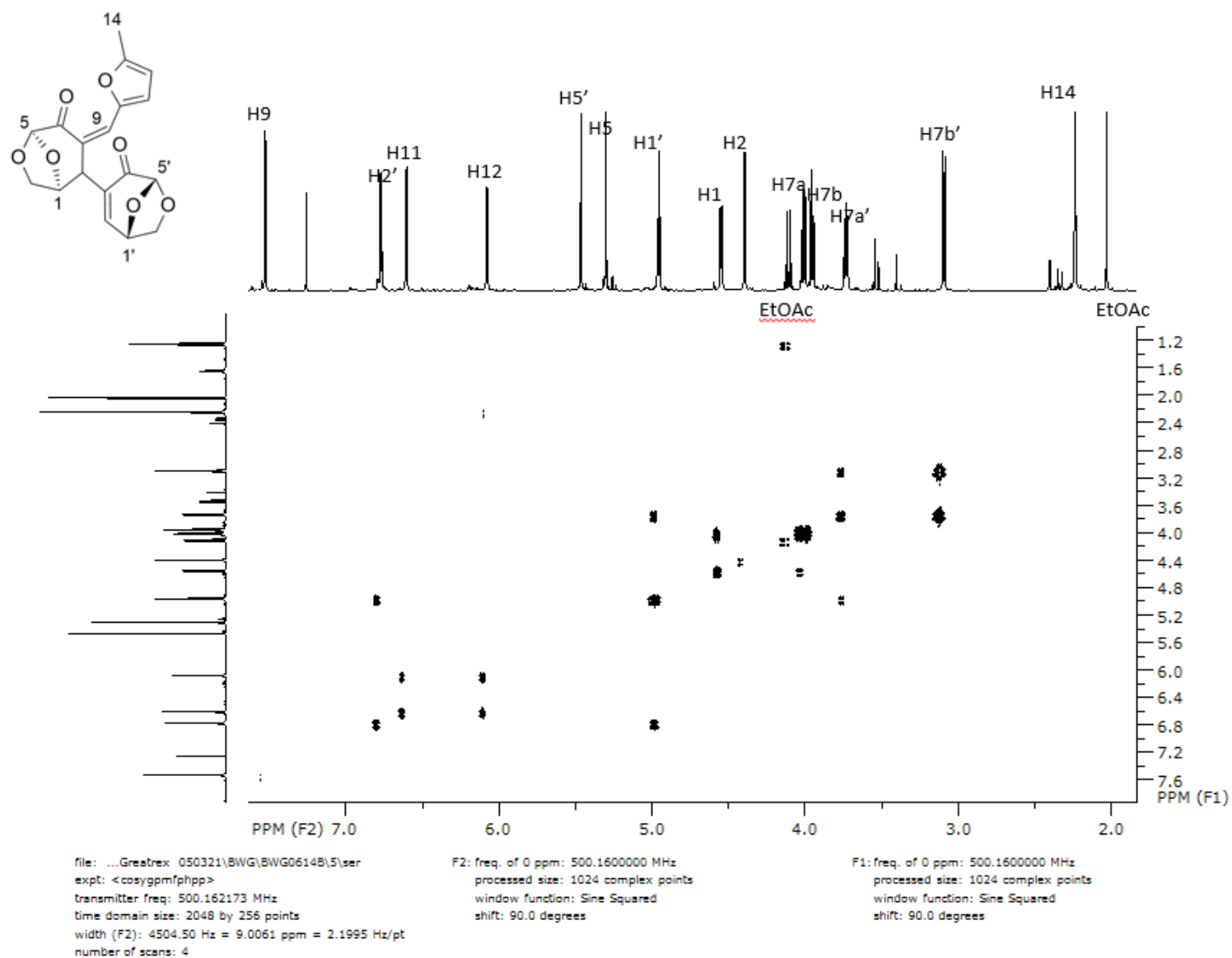


^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) for **7**

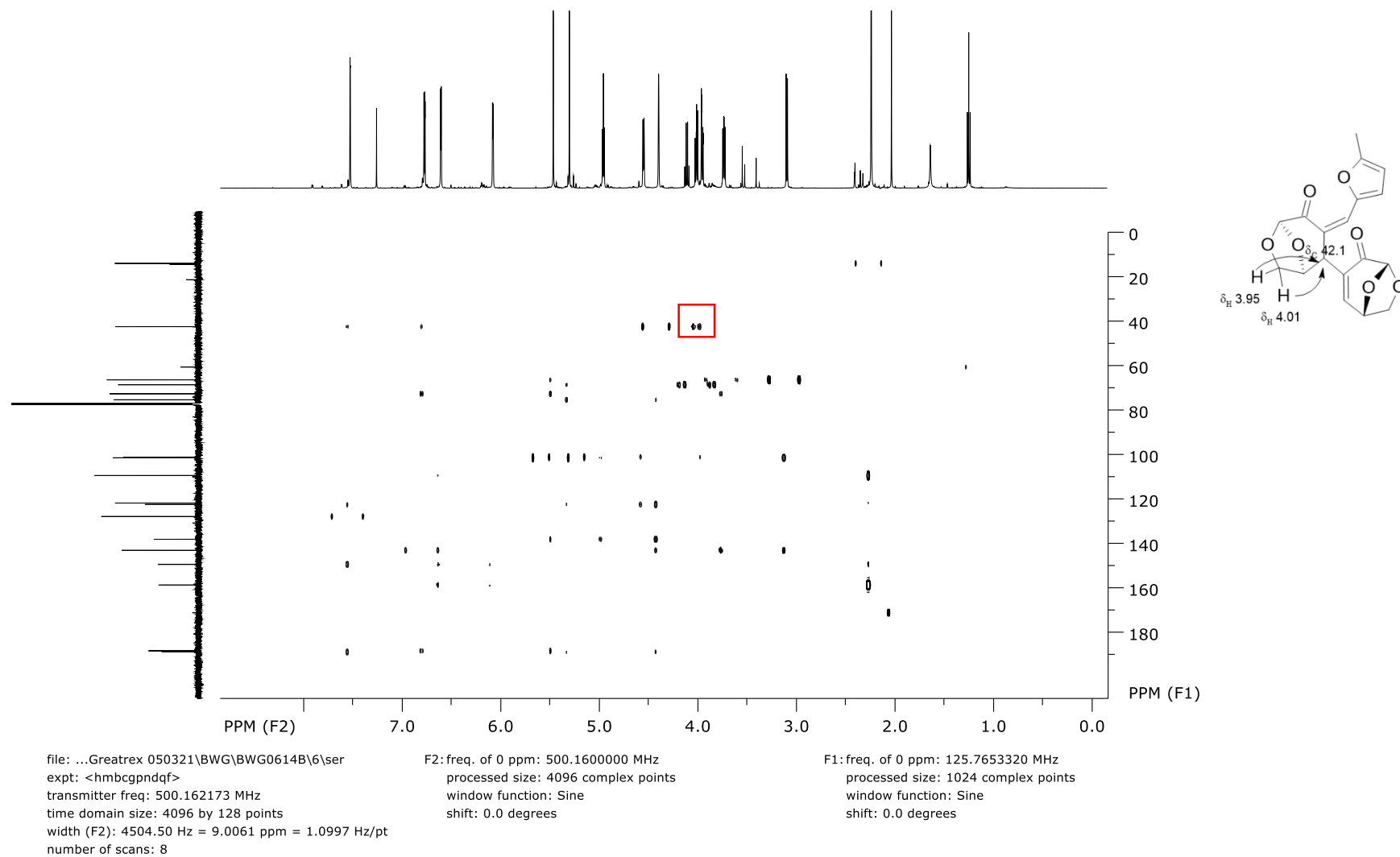
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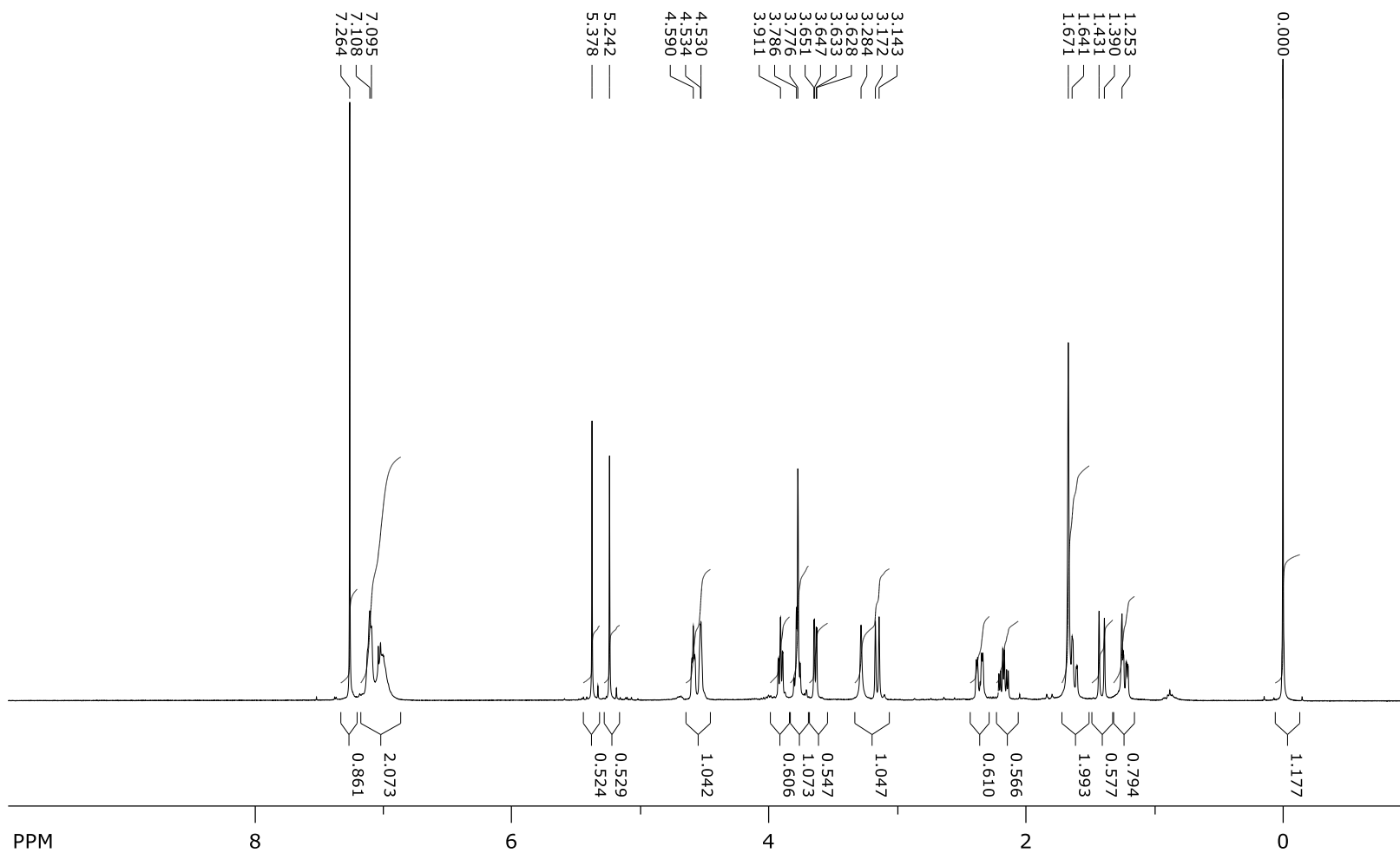
COSY spectrum for **7** (500 MHz, CDCl₃) with assignments



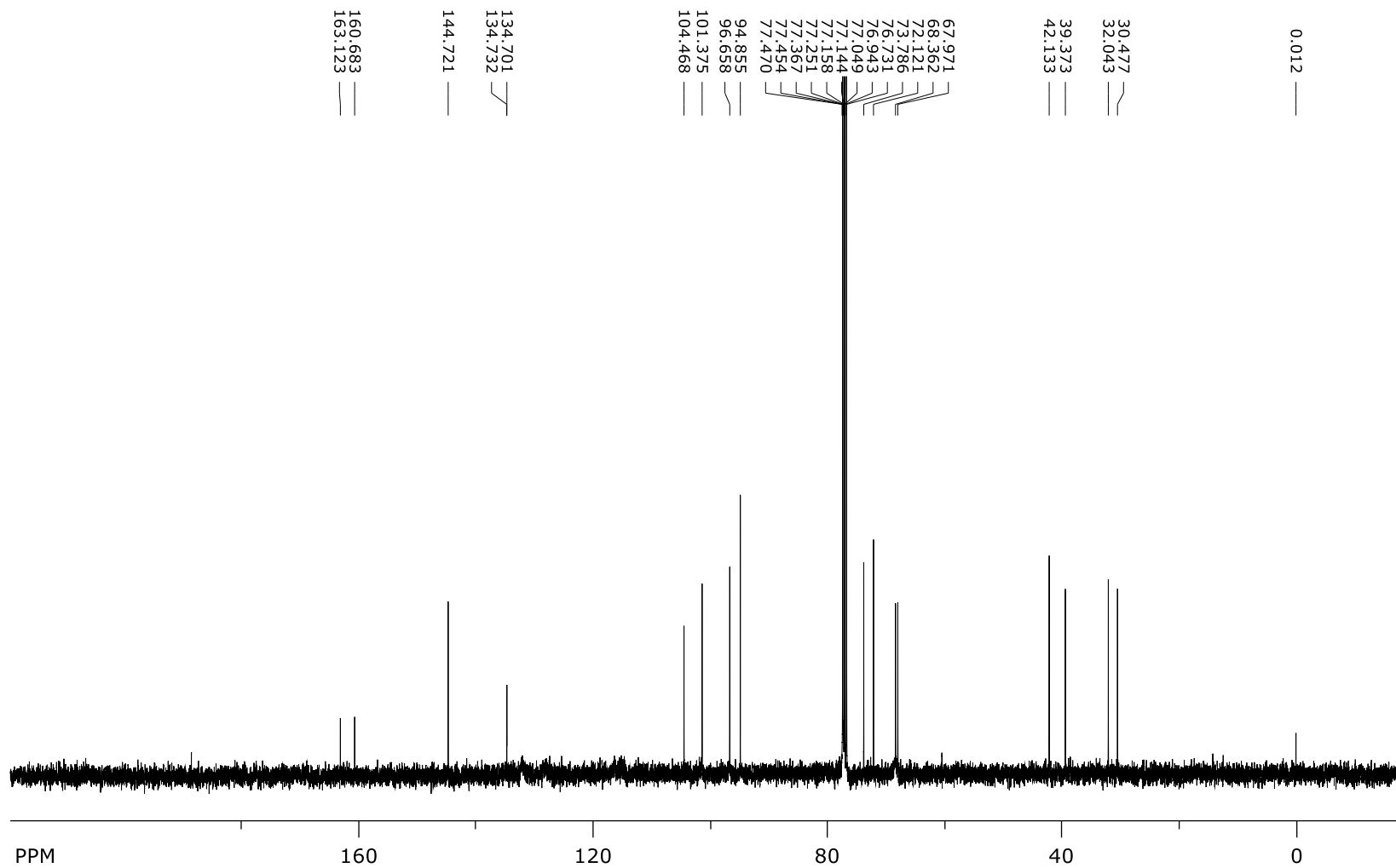
HMBC spectrum of **7** showing diagnostic crosspeak between the C7 methylene and C2



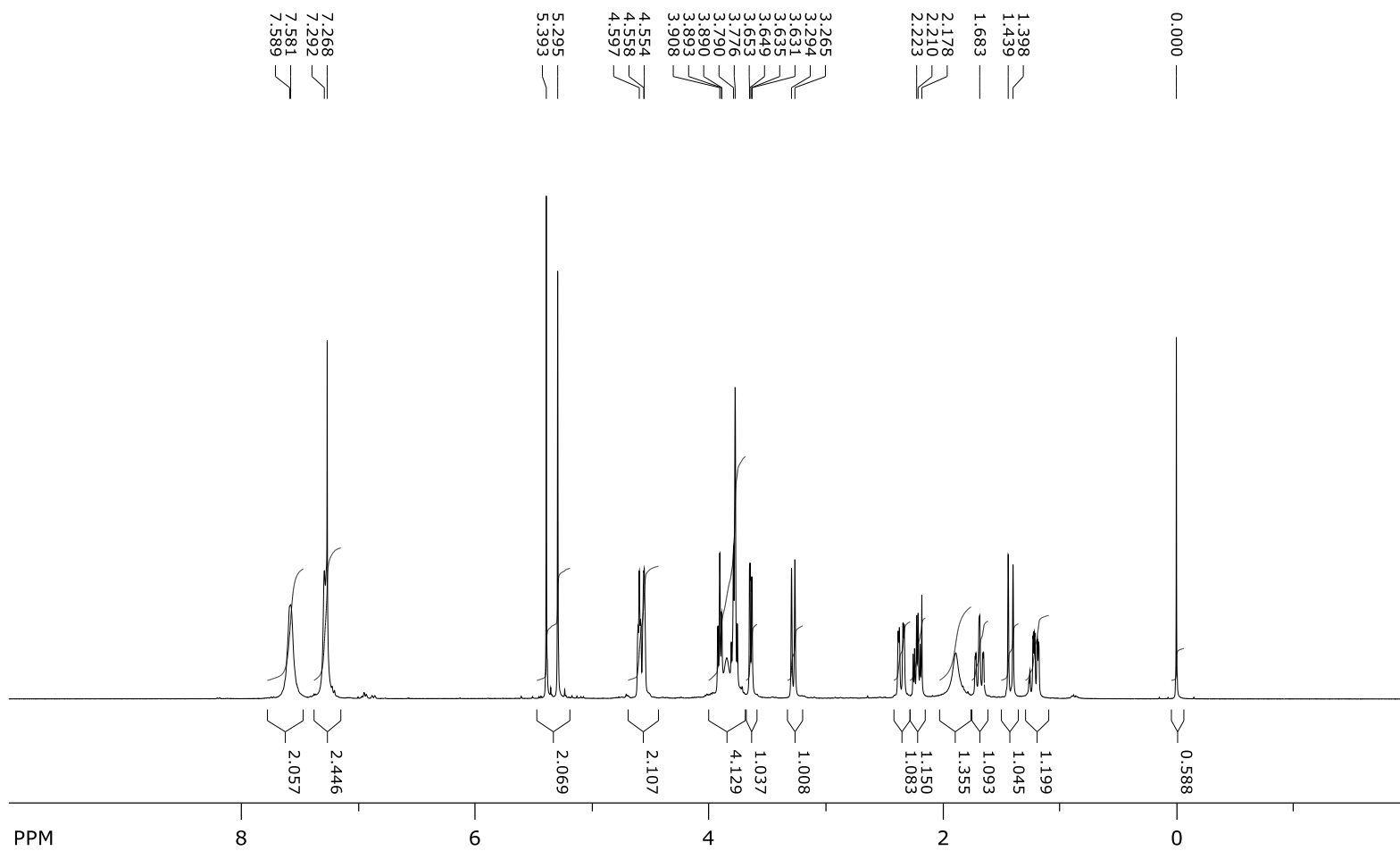
^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) for **14a**



^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) for **14a**



¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) for **14b**



^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) for **14b**

