

Supporting information

Synthesis of Stimuli-Responsive Heterofunctional Dendrimer by Passerini Multicomponent Reaction

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Experimental section

Materials

4-Formylbenzeneboronic acid pinacol ester, 5-hydroxy-2-nitrobenzaldehyde, quinolone, ethyl formate, and anhydrous DMF were purchased from Alfa Aesar. Propargyl bromide (80% solution in toluene), 2,2-bis-methylolpropionic acid (bis-MPA), sodium hydride, copper(I) iodide, 2-chloroethanol, sodium azide were purchased from Sigma-Aldrich and used as received. Poly(ethylene glycol) methyl ether (MPEG; $M_n = 600$), 1,6-diaminohexane, diisopropylamine, phosphoryl chloride, *tert*-butylamine, *p*-toluenesulfonyl chloride, and potassium carbonate were obtained from Duksan Chem. Co. (Seoul, Korea). Common solvents like hexane, ethyl acetate, dichloromethane, and methanol were purchased from Duksan Chem. Co. and distilled prior to use. The starting materials like 2-methyl-3-(prop-2-yn-1-yloxy)-2-((prop-2-yn-1-yloxy)methyl)propanoic acid (BisMPA-dialkyne),^{S1} 1,6-diisocyanohexane,^{S2} and *tert*-butyl isocyanide,^{S3} 5-(2-azidoethoxy)-2-nitrobenzaldehyde,^{S4} and tris[(1-benzyl-1*H*-1,2,3-triazol-4-yl)methyl]amine (TBTA)^{S5} synthesized as per reported procedure.

Methods

All ¹H NMR (400 MHz) and ¹³C NMR (100 MHz) spectra were recorded on a Varian INOVA 400 NMR spectrometer. The Matrix-assisted laser desorption ionization-time of flight (MALDI-TOF) mass spectra were recorded at Materials Characterization Lab (MALDI TOF-TOF 5800 System, AB SCIEX, USA) equipped with a nitrogen laser emitting at 337 nm with a 3 ns pulse duration. The instrument was operated in reflector mode and linear mode. The ions were accelerated under a potential of 20 kV. Fourier-transform infrared (FT-IR) spectra were recorded in the range of 4000–500 cm⁻¹ by making KBr pallets on Shimadzu IR prestige 21 spectrometer. The UV-vis absorption spectra were recorded on a shimadzu UV-1650 PC. The

fluorescence spectral measurements were carried out on Scinco FS-2 fluorescence spectrometer. The MW and poly-dispersity index (\mathcal{D}) of the dendrimers measured by using a Waters GPC system, that was equipped with a Waters 1515 pump, Waters 2414 refractive index detector, and three Waters Styragel high-resolution columns at 25 °C using tetrahydrofuran (THF) as eluent at flow rate 1 mL/min. The dynamic light scattering (DLS) measurements were performed on a Nano ZS90 from Malvern Instruments, Ltd, U.K. equipped with a 633 nm wavelength He–Ne laser at angle of 90°. The particle morphology was analyzed by using transmission electron microscopy (TEM), on a JEOL-1299EX electron microscope with an accelerating voltage of 80 keV.

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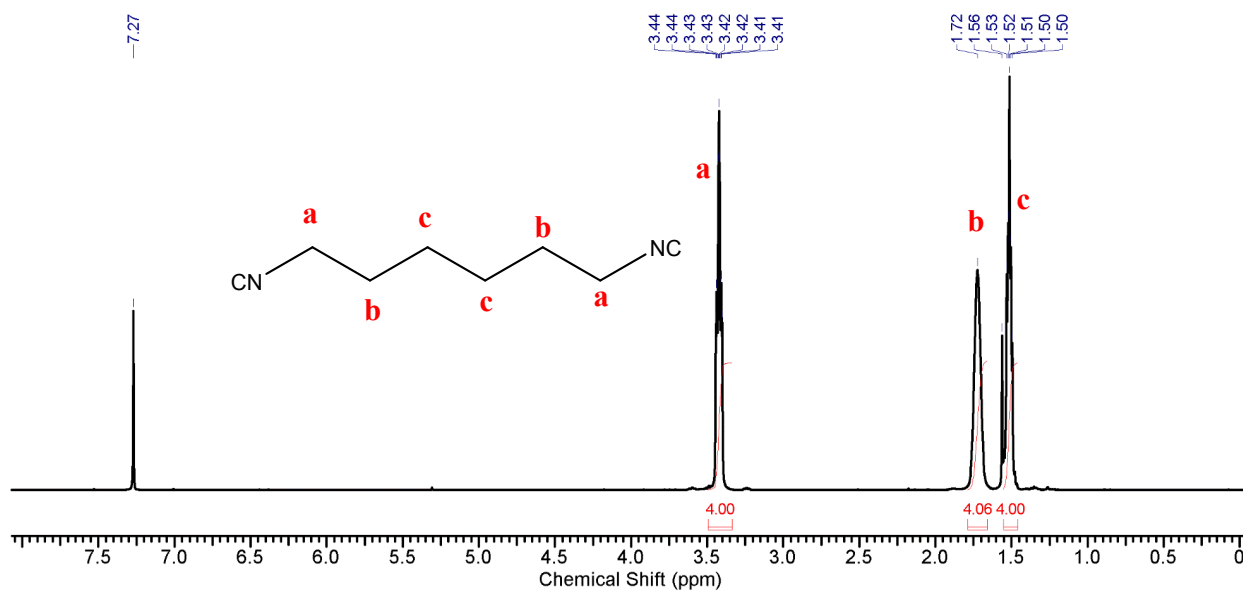


Figure S1: 400 MHz ^1H NMR spectrum of 1,6-diisocyanohexane in CDCl_3 .

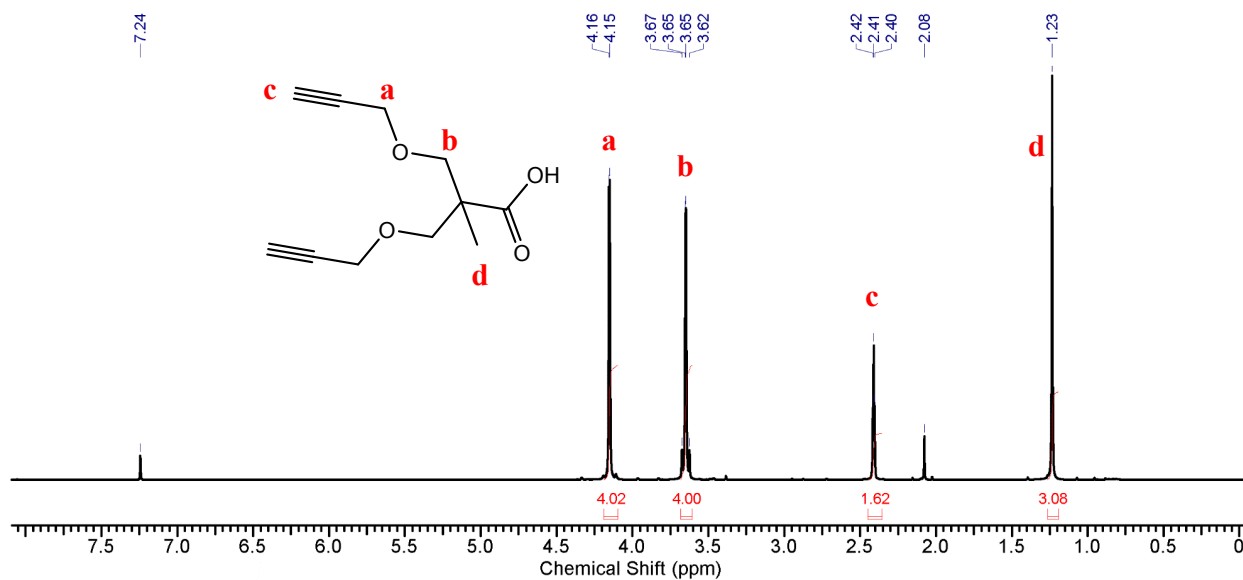


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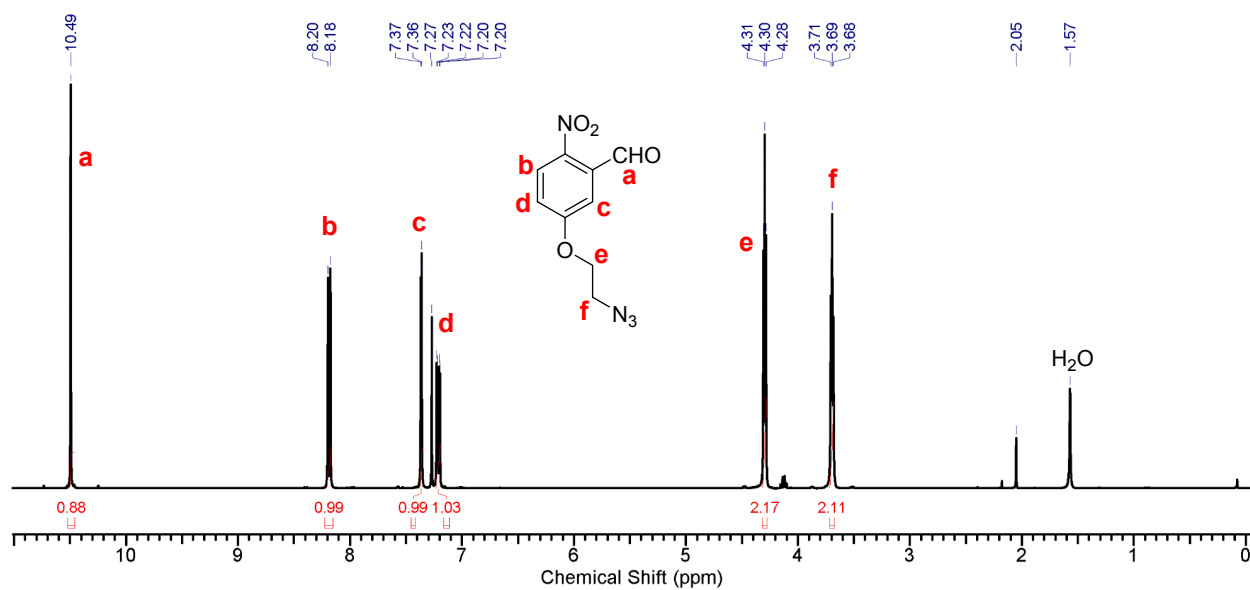


Figure S3: 400 MHz ¹H NMR spectrum of 5-(2-azidoethoxy)-2-nitrobenzaldehyde in CDCl₃.

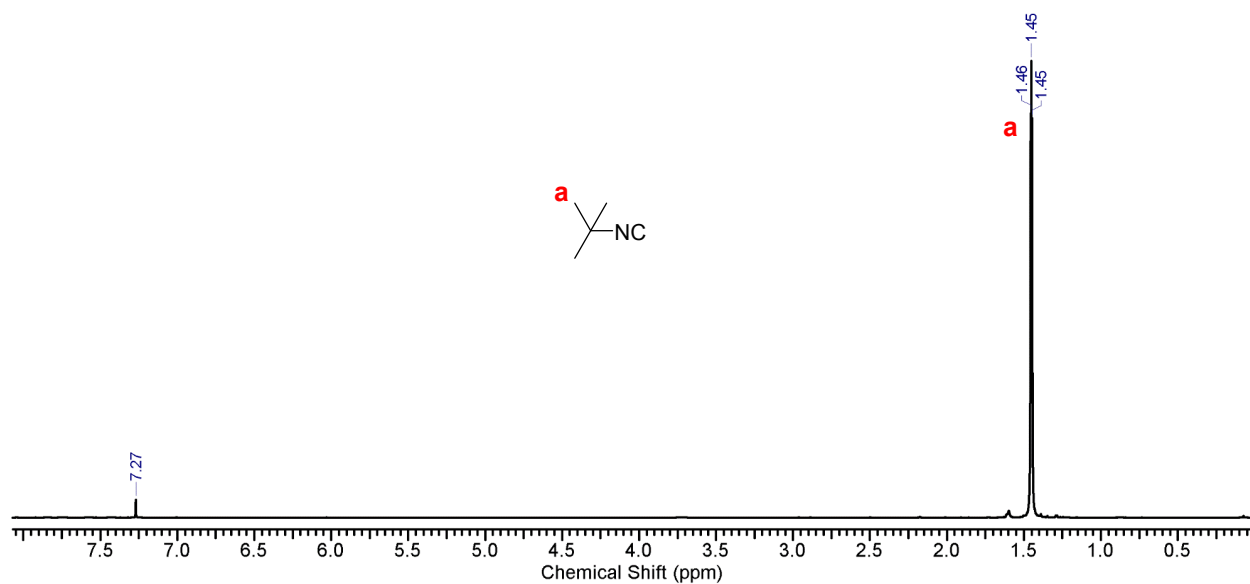


Figure S4: 400 MHz ¹H NMR spectrum of t-butyl isocyanide in CDCl₃.

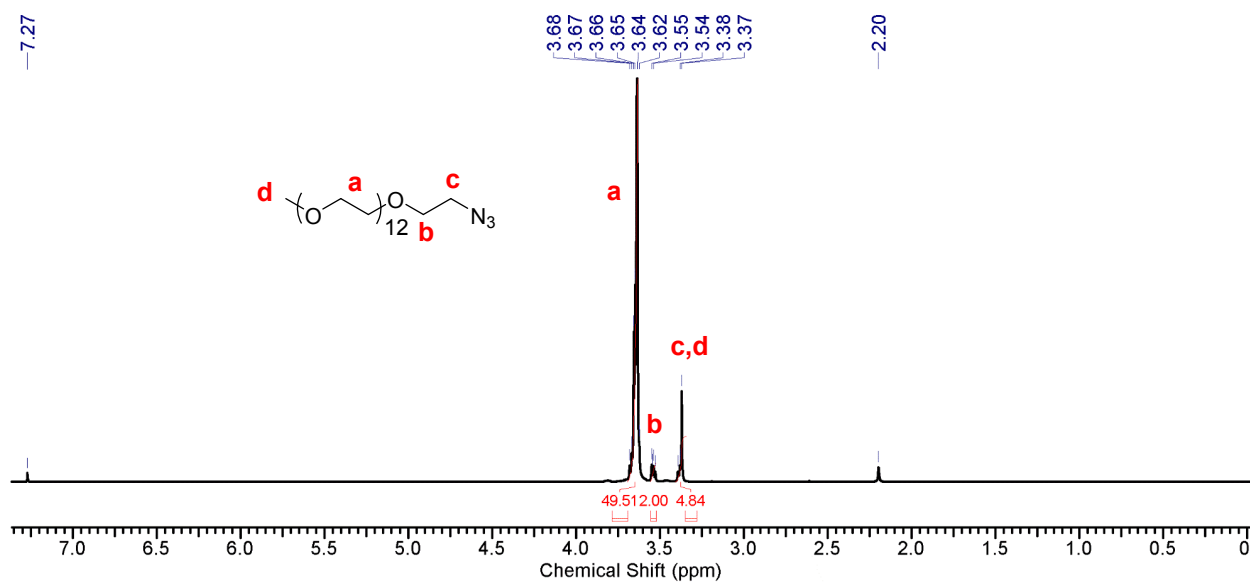


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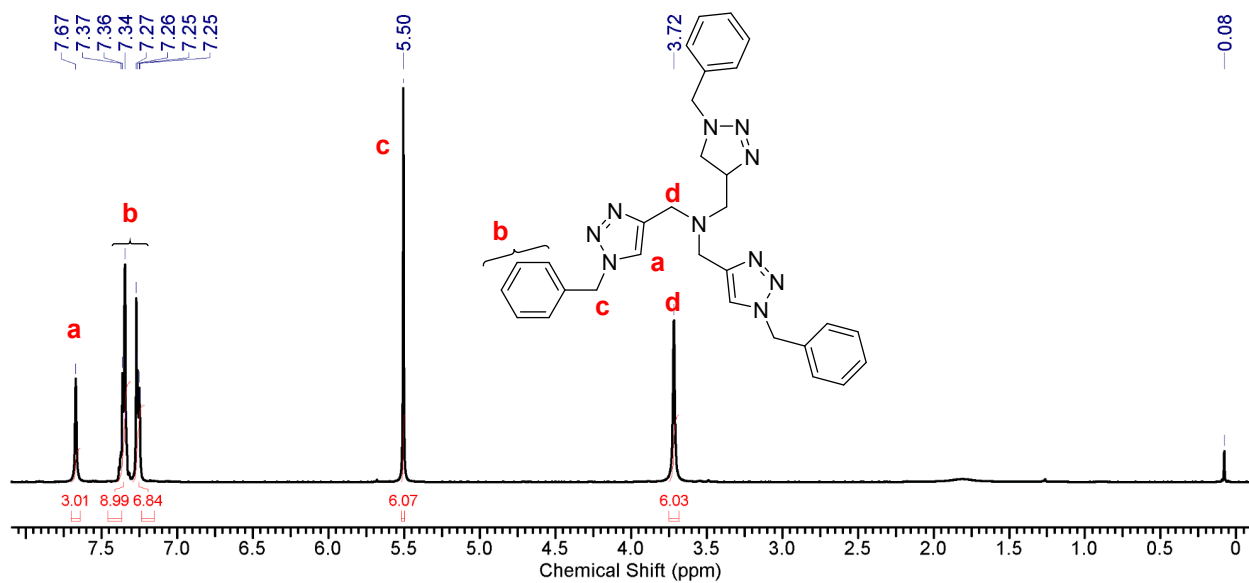


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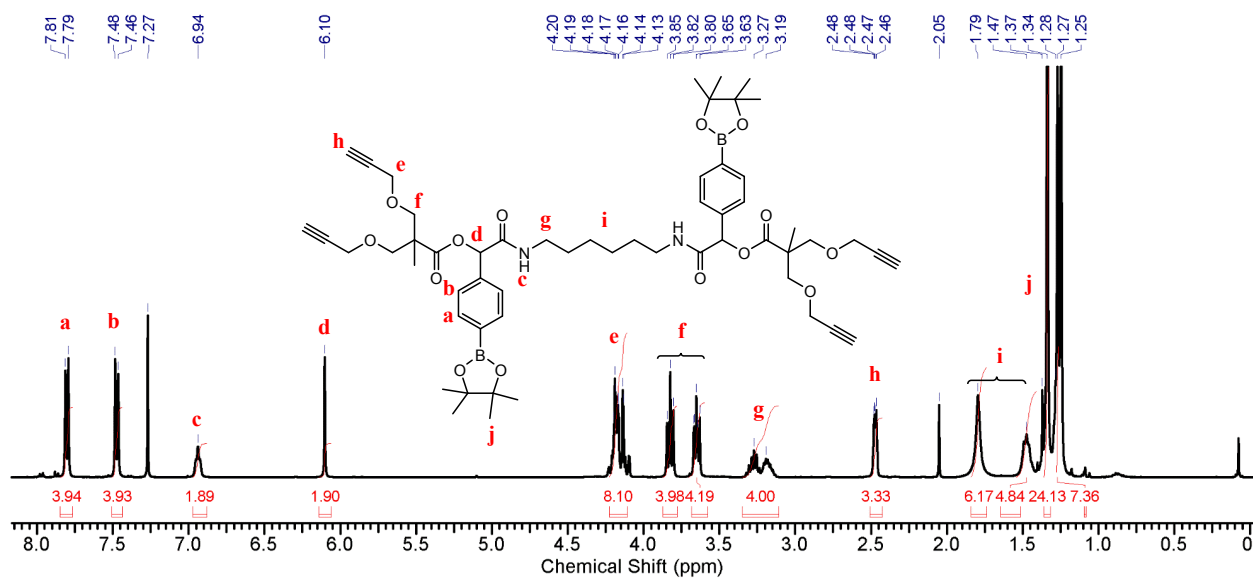


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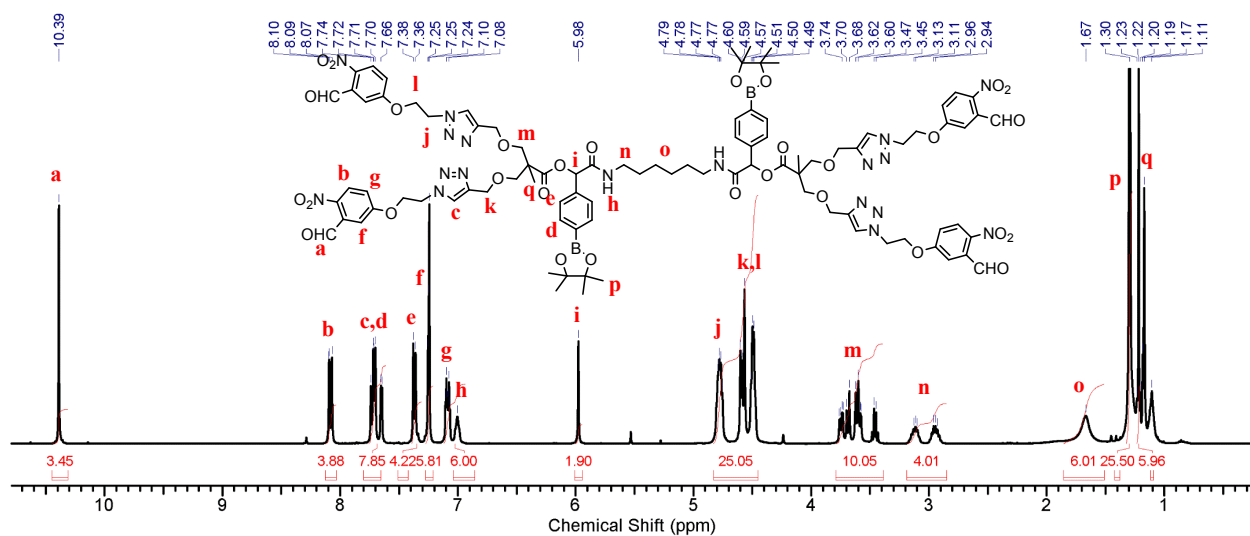


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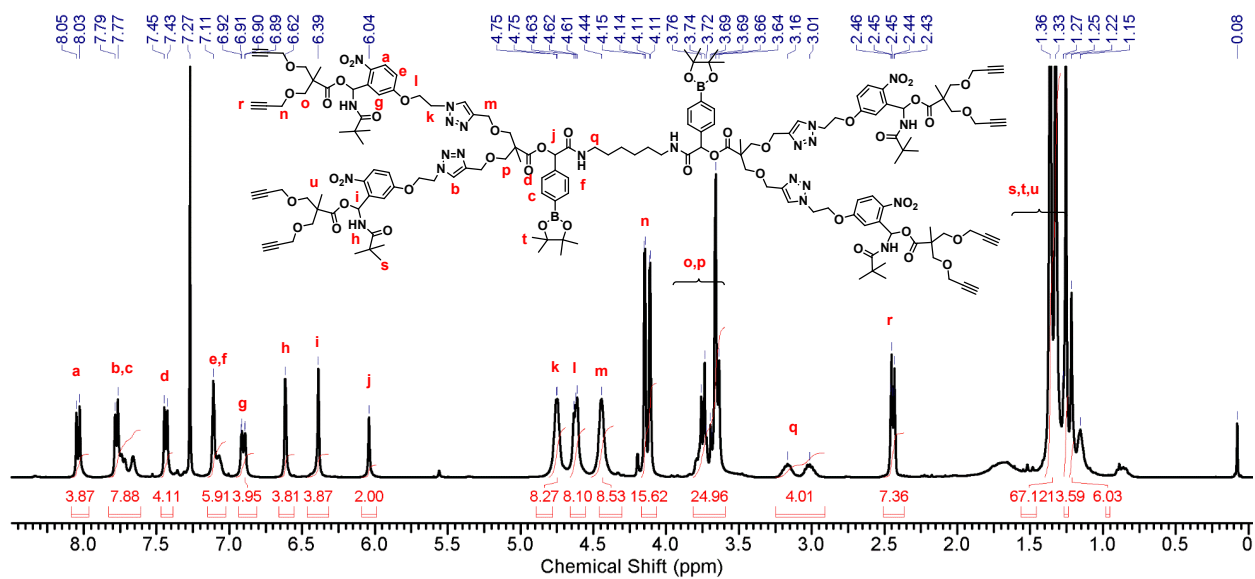


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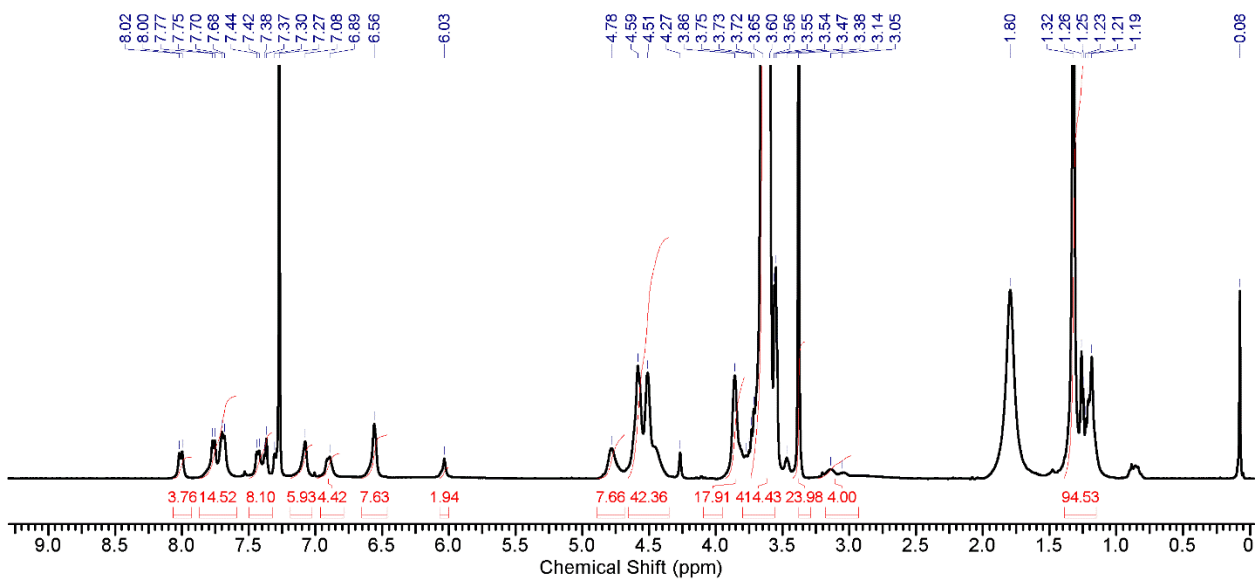


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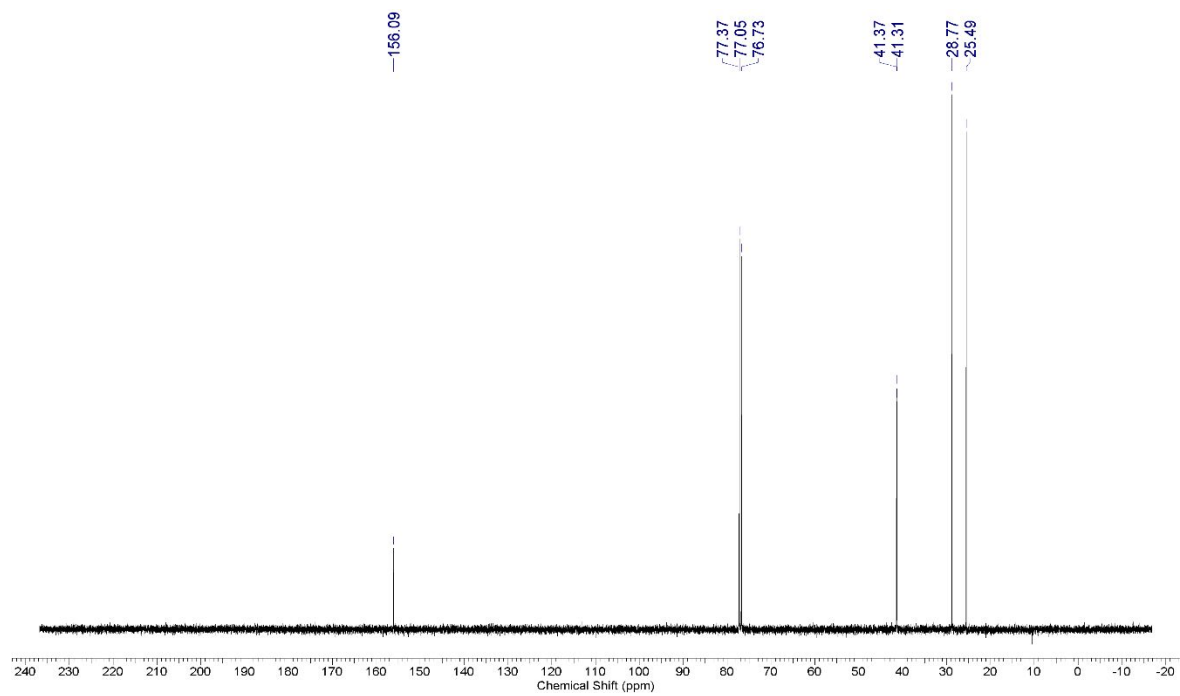


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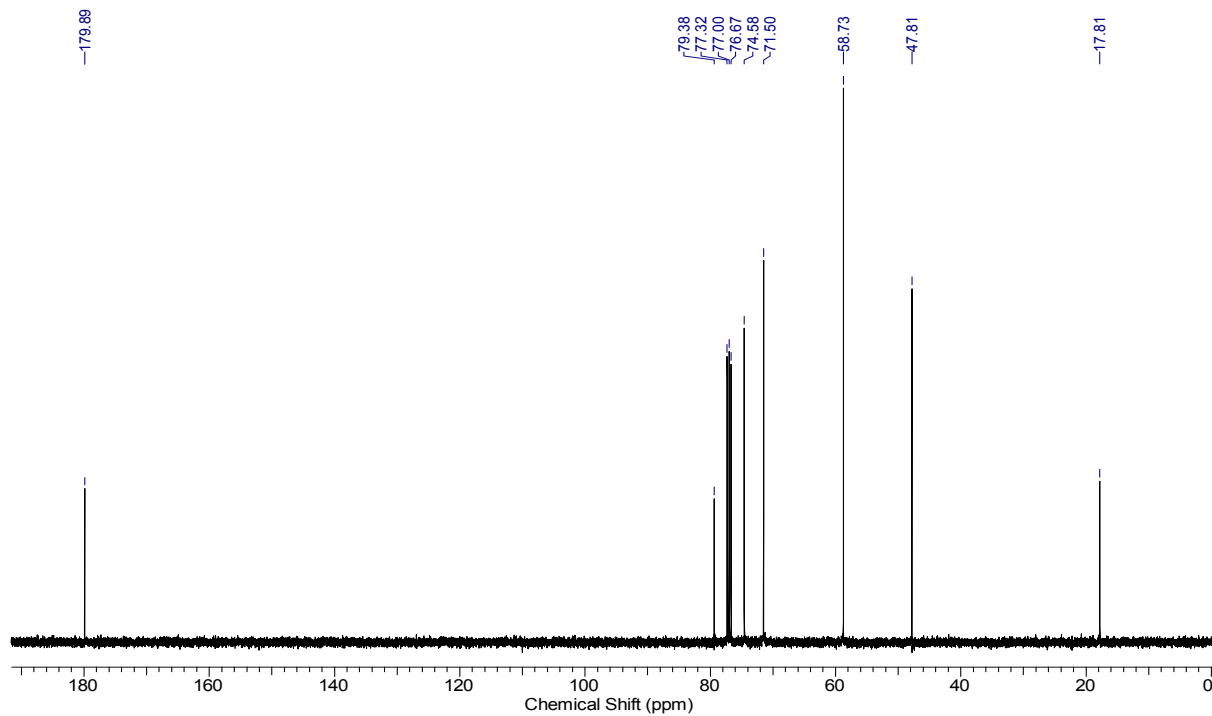


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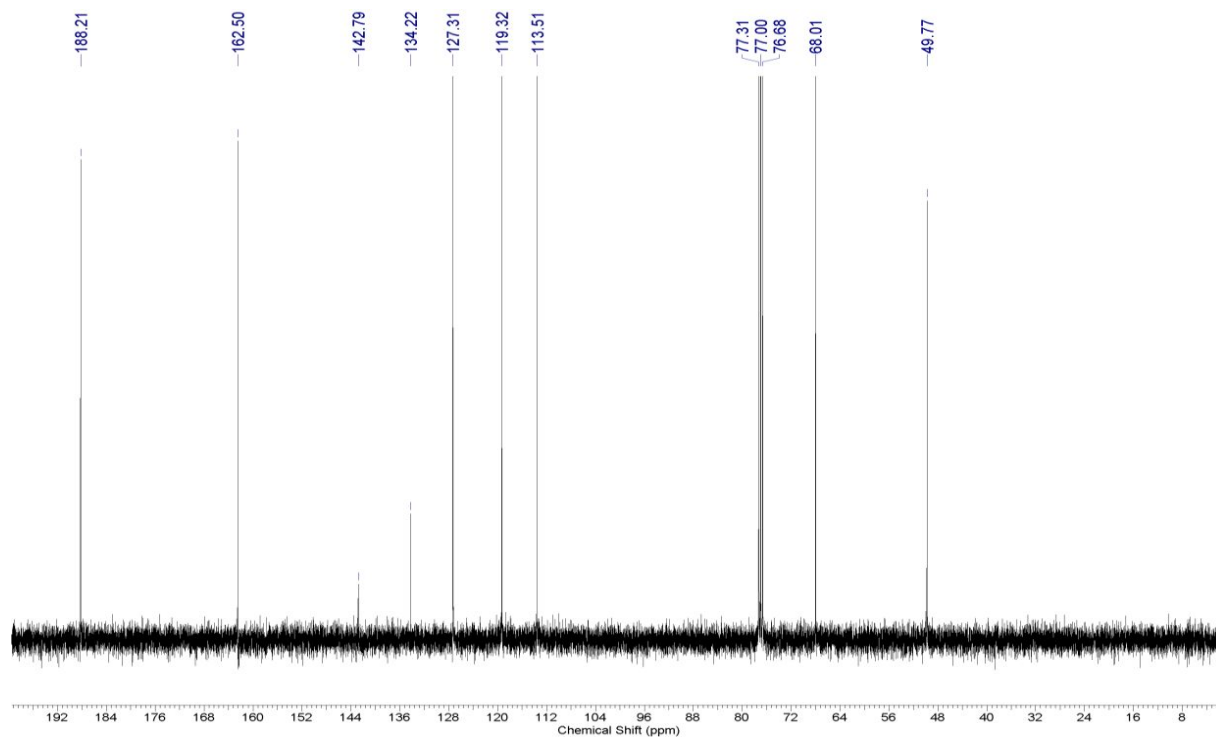


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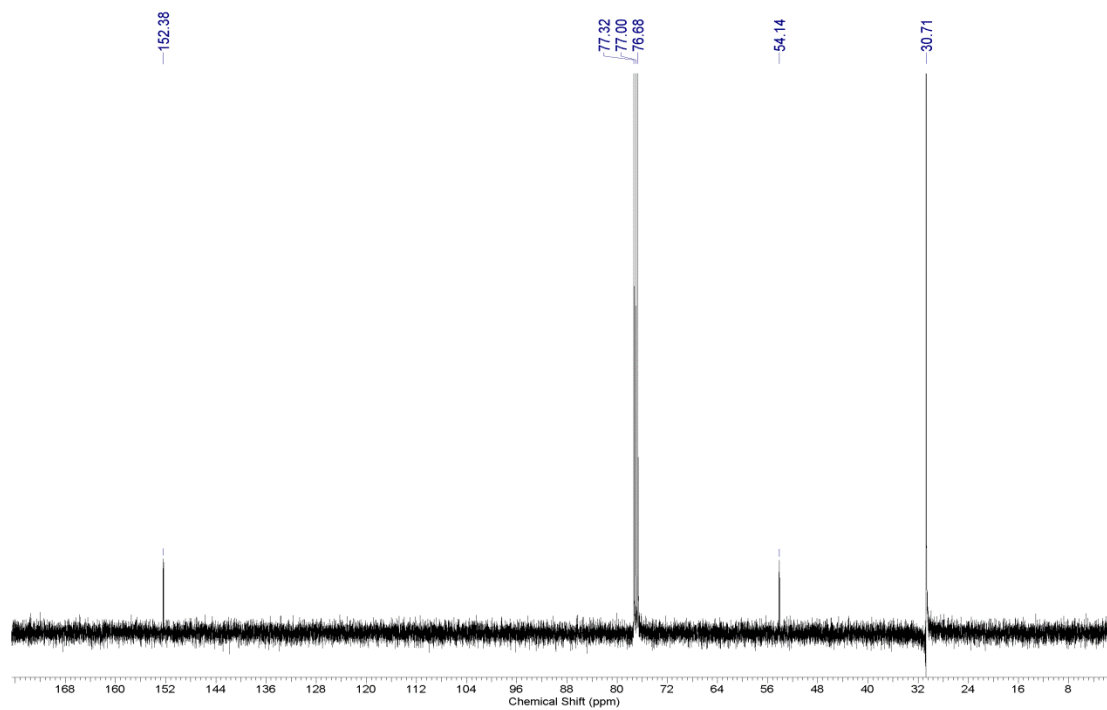


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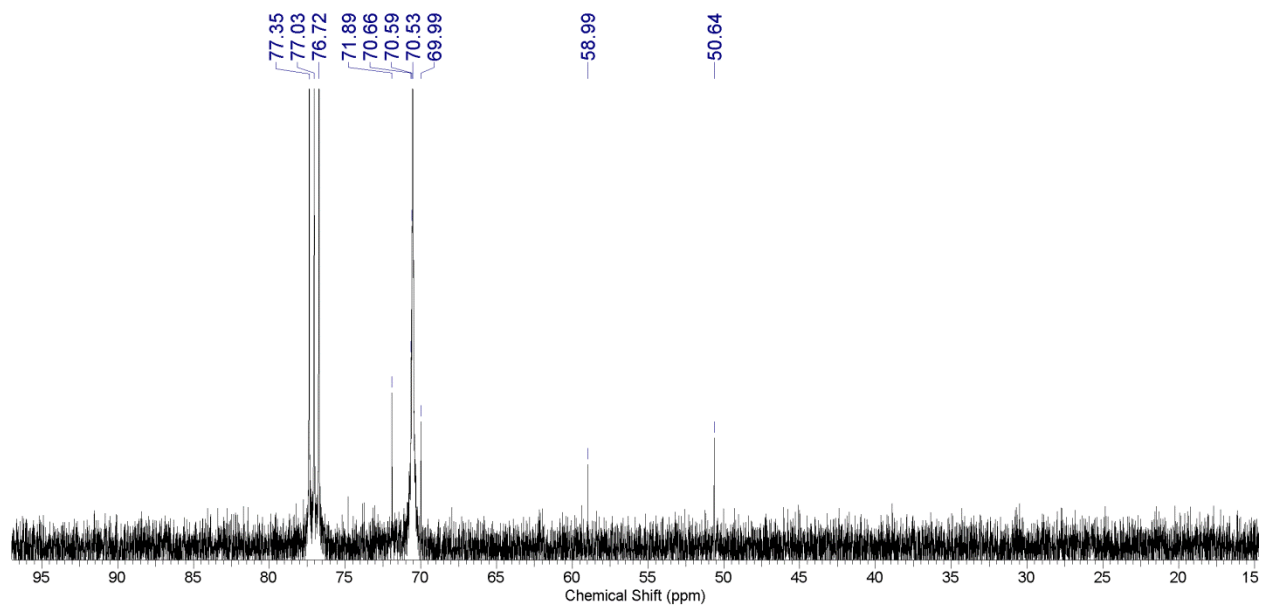


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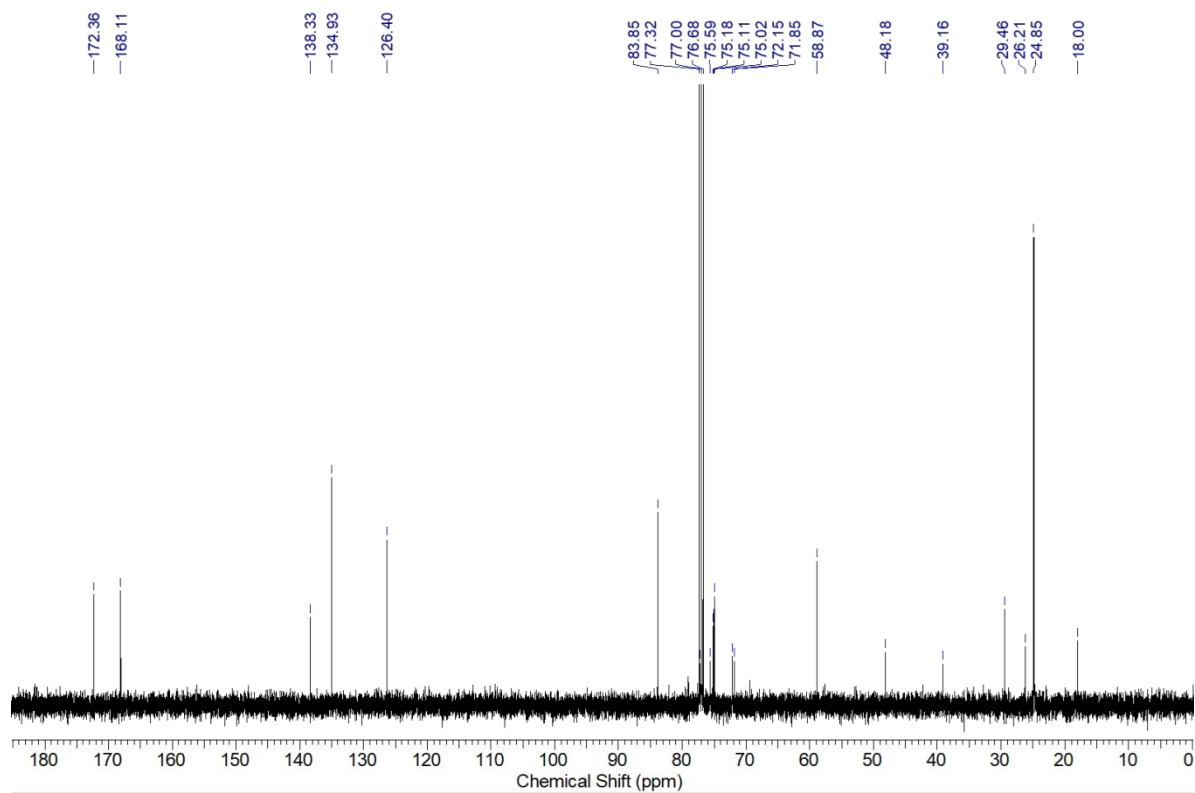


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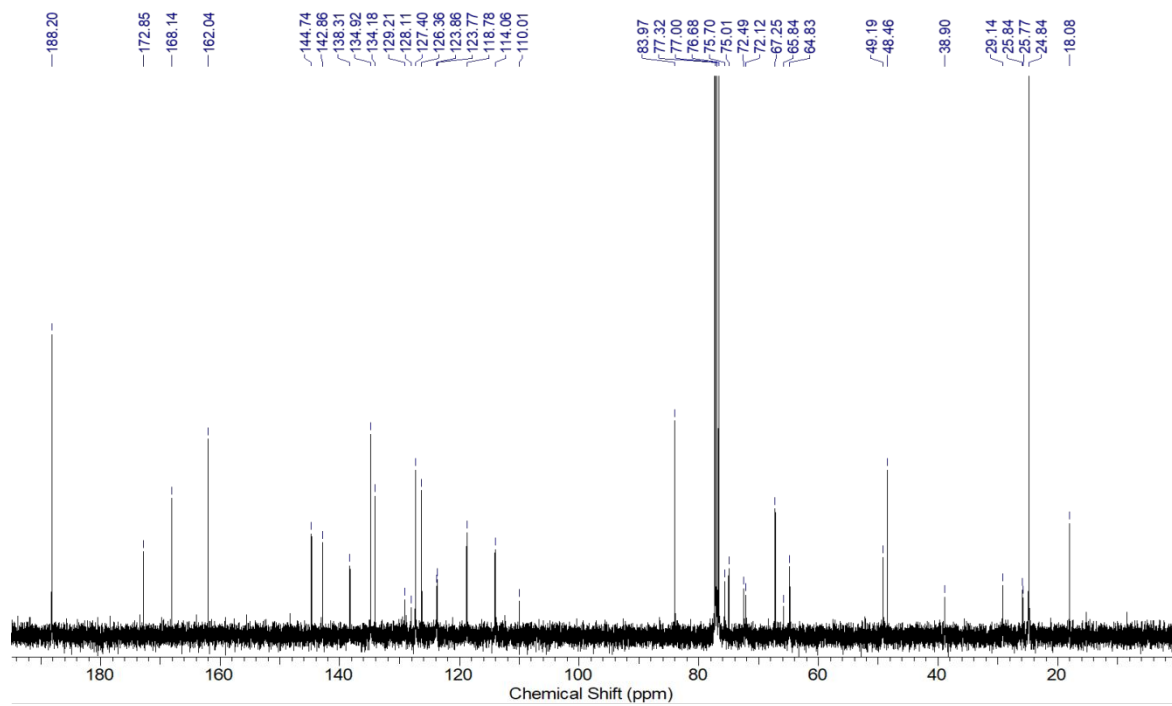


Figure S17: 400 MHz ^{13}C NMR spectrum of G1-Aldehyde in CDCl_3 .

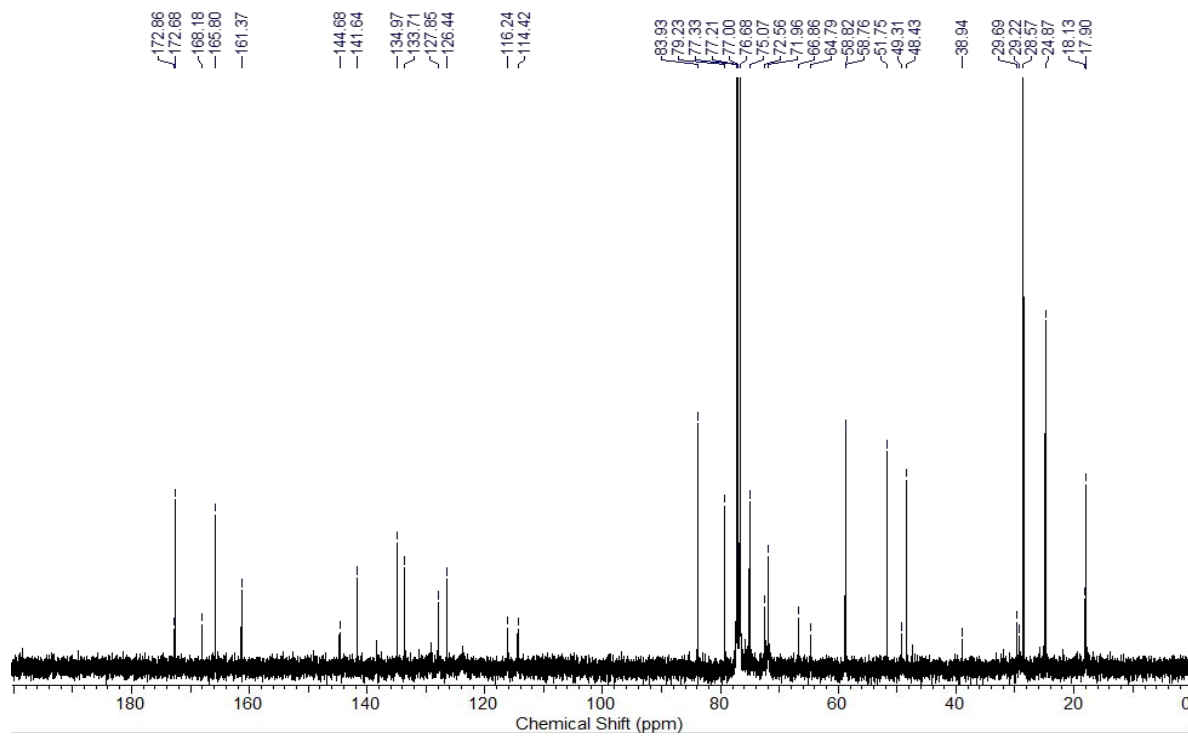


Figure S18: 400 MHz ^{13}C NMR spectrum of G1.5-Alkyne in CDCl_3 .

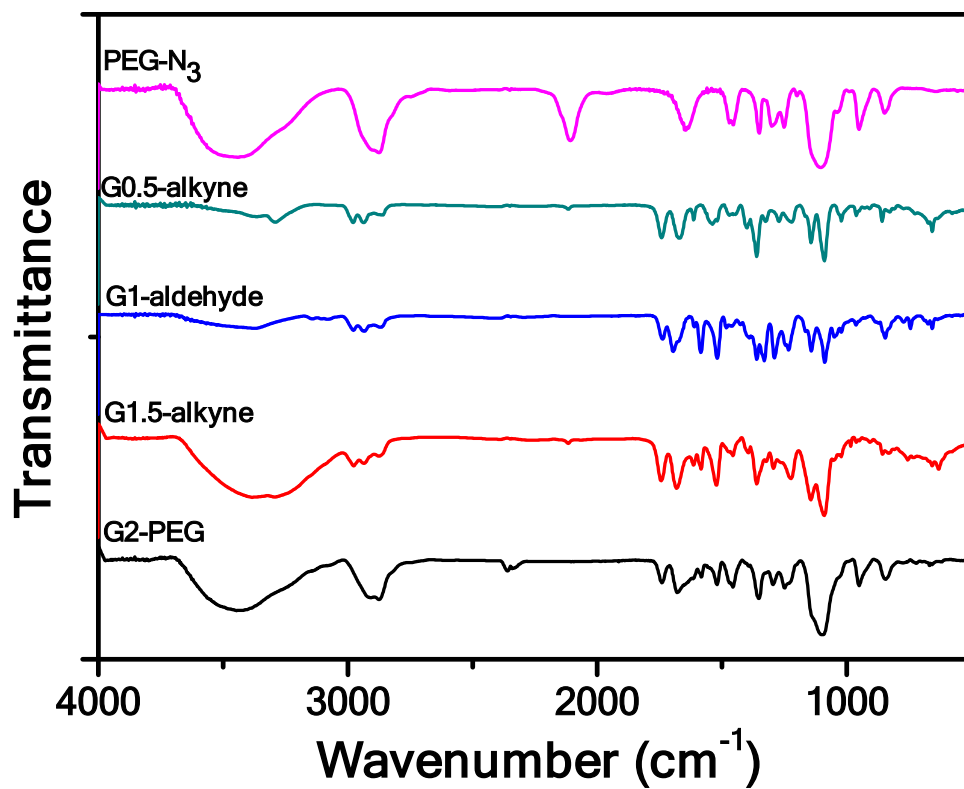


Figure S19: IR spectra for PEG azide, G0.5 alkyne, G1 aldehyde, G1.5 alkyne and G2-PEG.

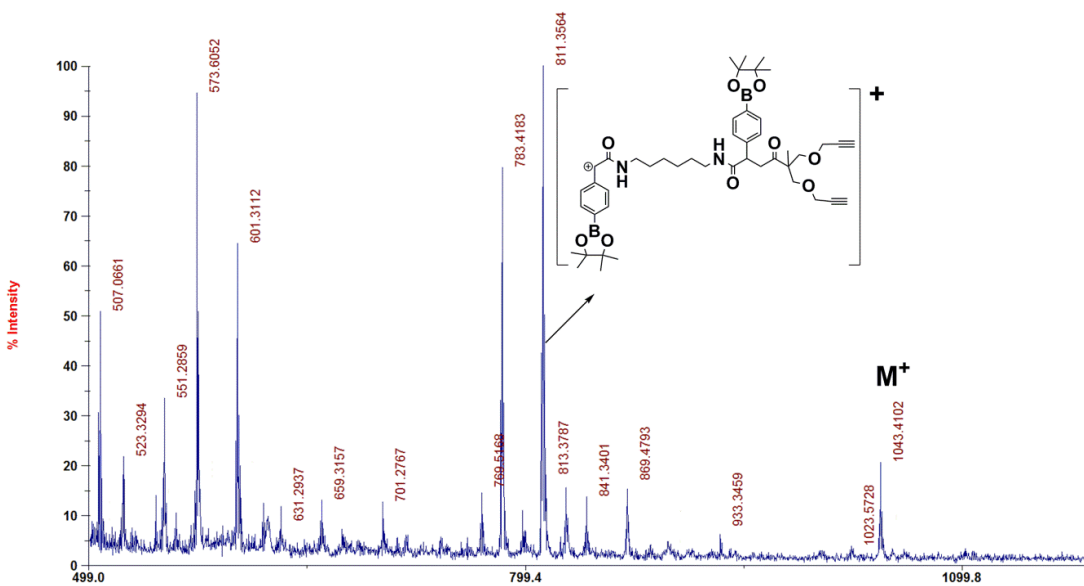


Figure S20: MALDI-TOF spectrum for G0.5-alkyne.

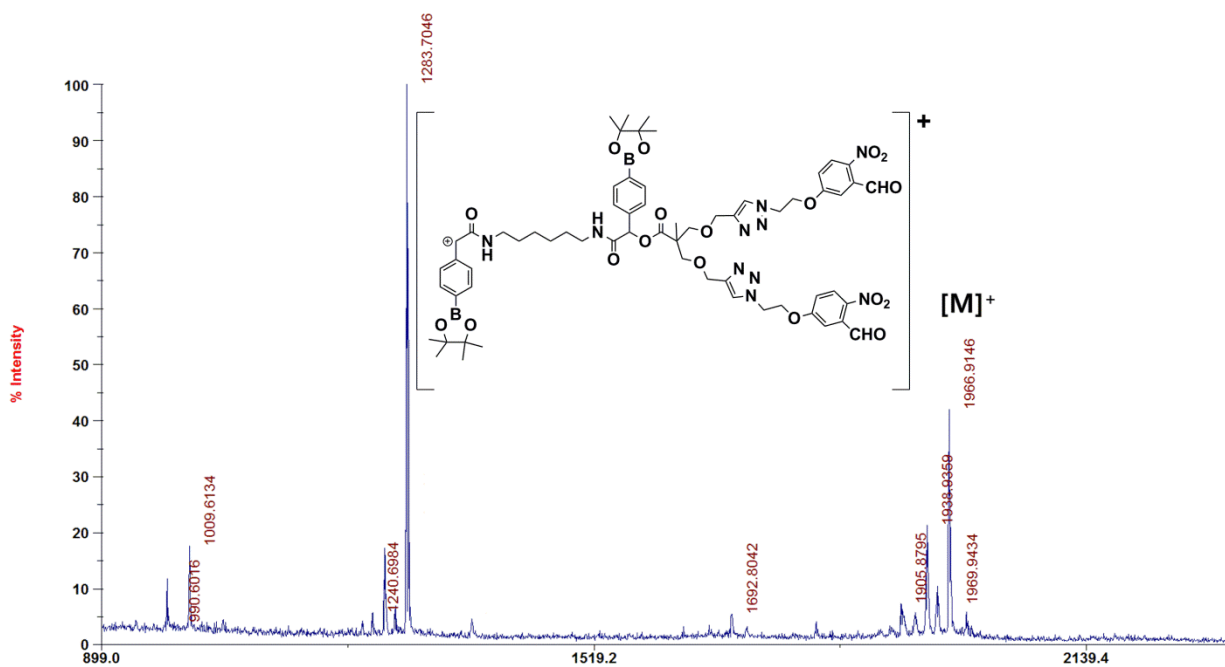


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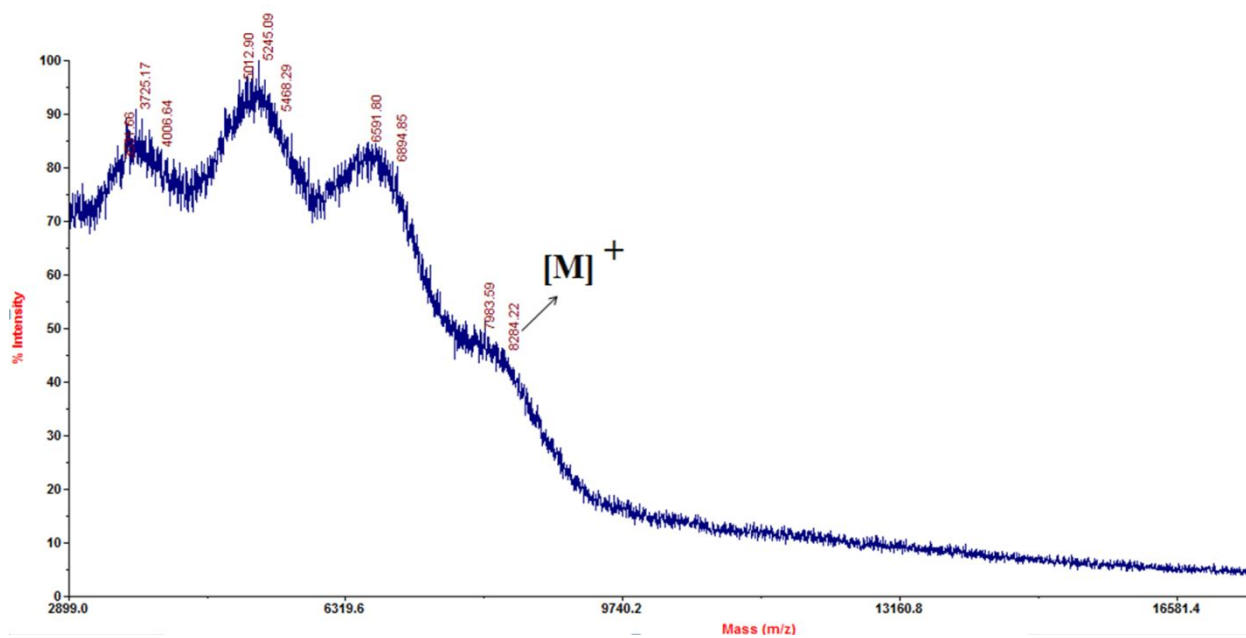


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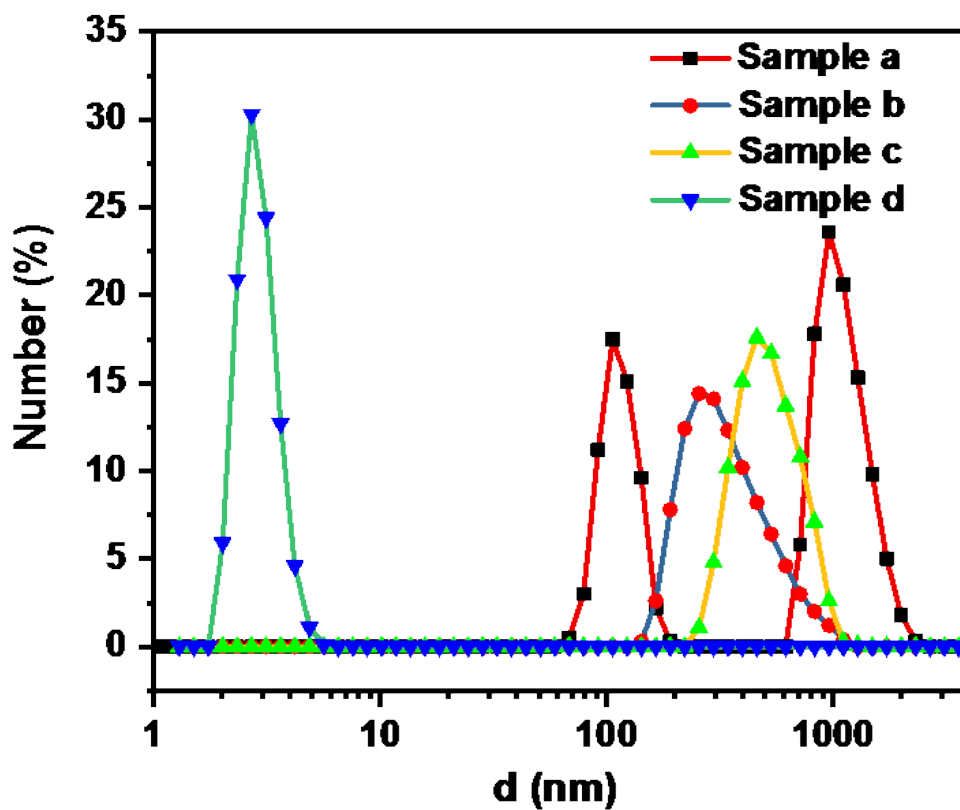


Figure S23: DLS size distribution curve for 0.5 wt. % G2-PEG dendrimer at sample a) water/DMF (9/1 v/v) prepared by stirring at room temperature, Sample b) water/DMF (7/3 v/v) annealed at 80 °C, Sample c) water/DMF (5/5 v/v) annealed at 80 °C, Sample d) in DMF

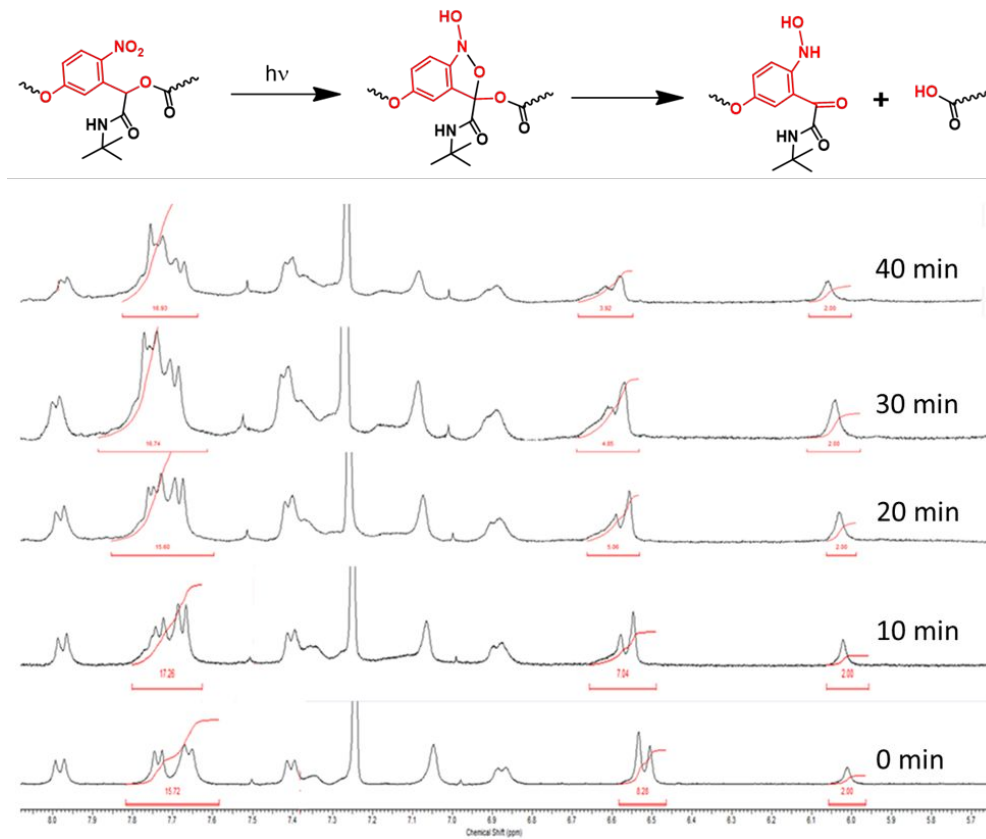


Figure S24: Time dependent UV-responsive degradation of dendrimer followed by 400 MHz ¹H NMR spectroscopy.