

Supplementary Materials

Structural Characterization, DFT Calculation, NCI, Scan-Rate Analysis and Antifungal Activity Against *Botrytis cinerea* of (E)-2-[[2-Aminopyridin-2-yl)imino]-methyl]-4,6-di-*tert*-butylphenol (Pyridine Schiff Base)

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Supplementary Figures

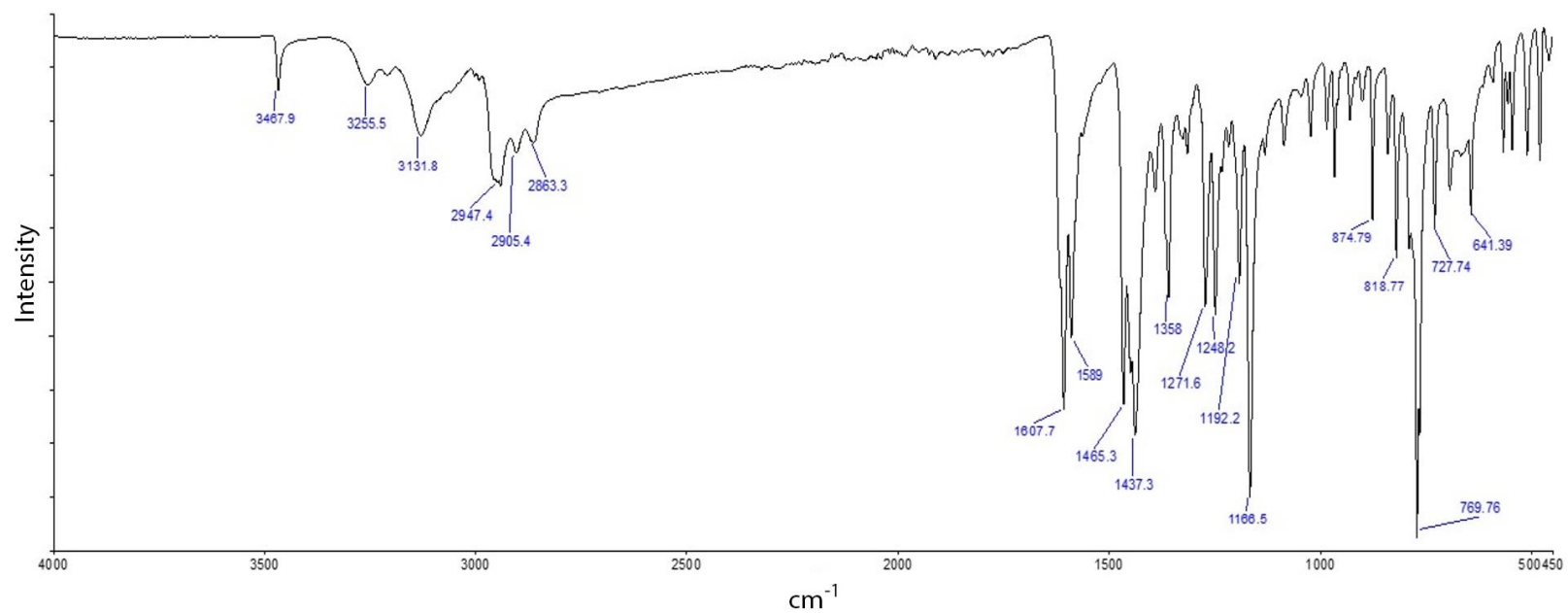


Figure S1. FTIR spectrum of L1.

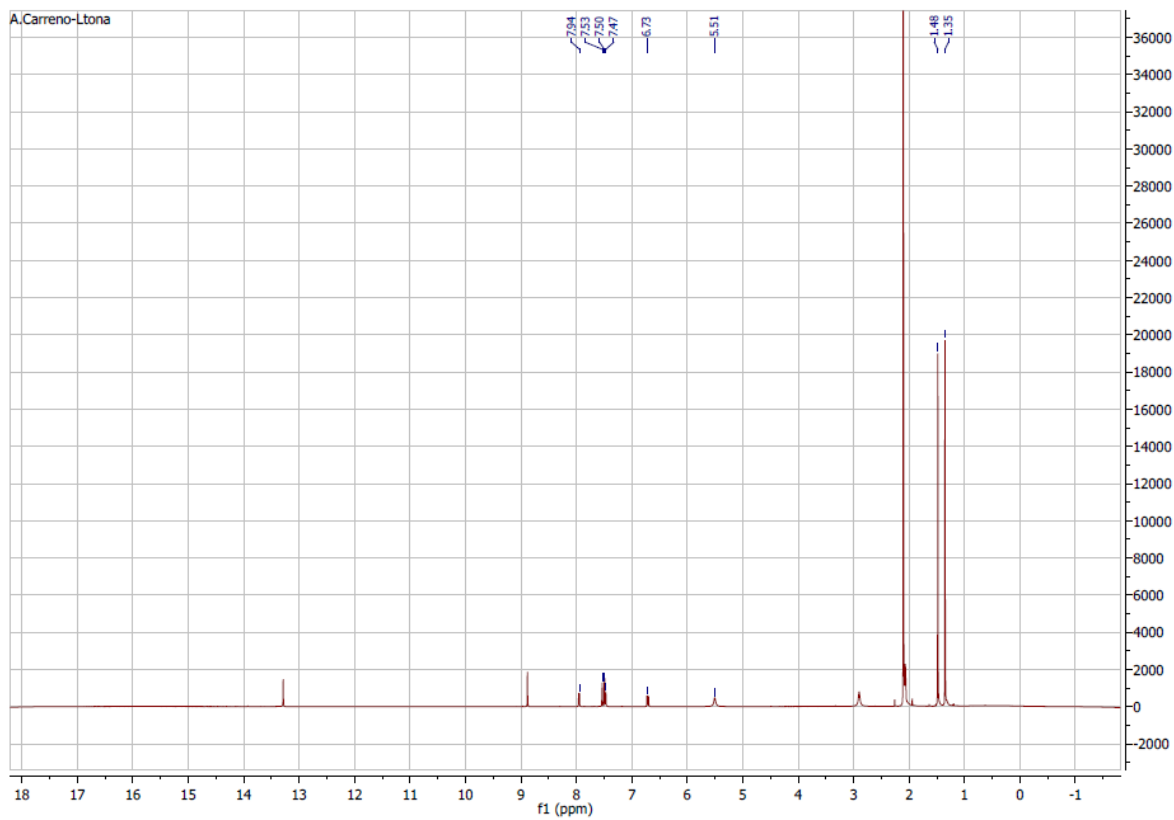


Figure S2. ¹H NMR spectrum of L1 in acetone-d₆ at 25 °C.

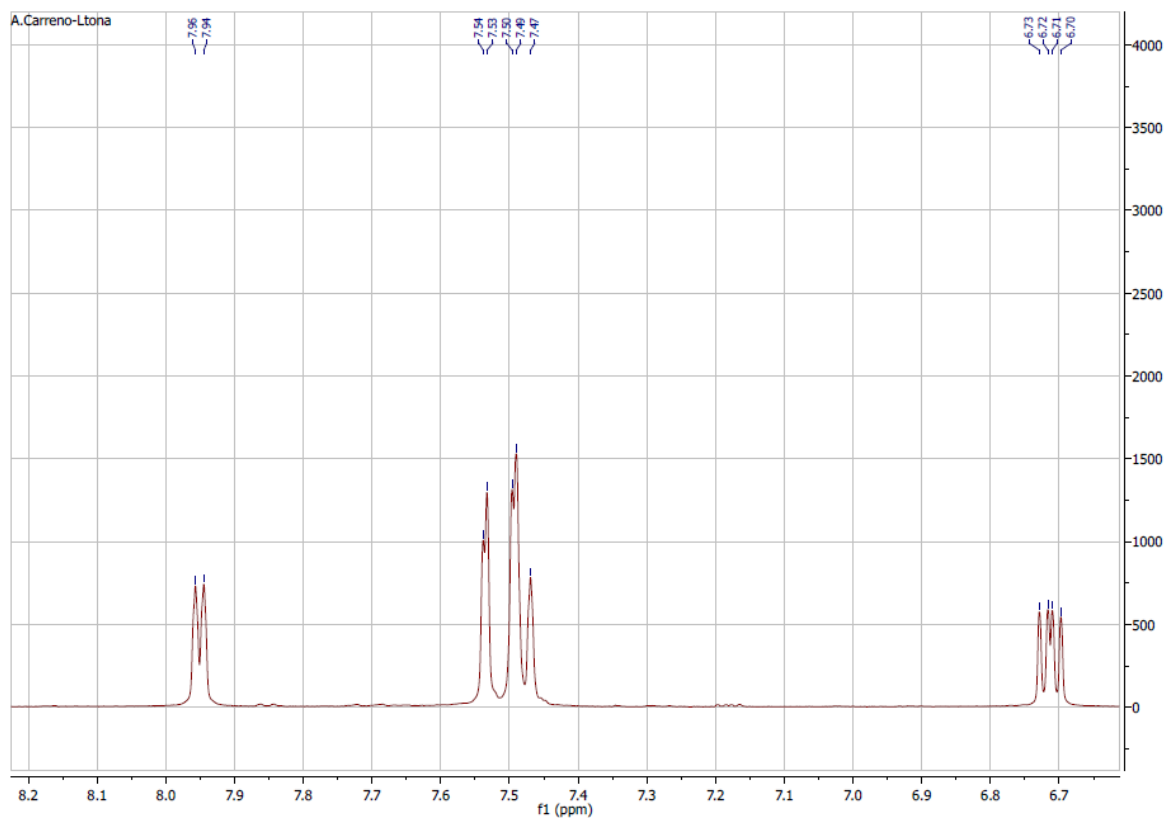


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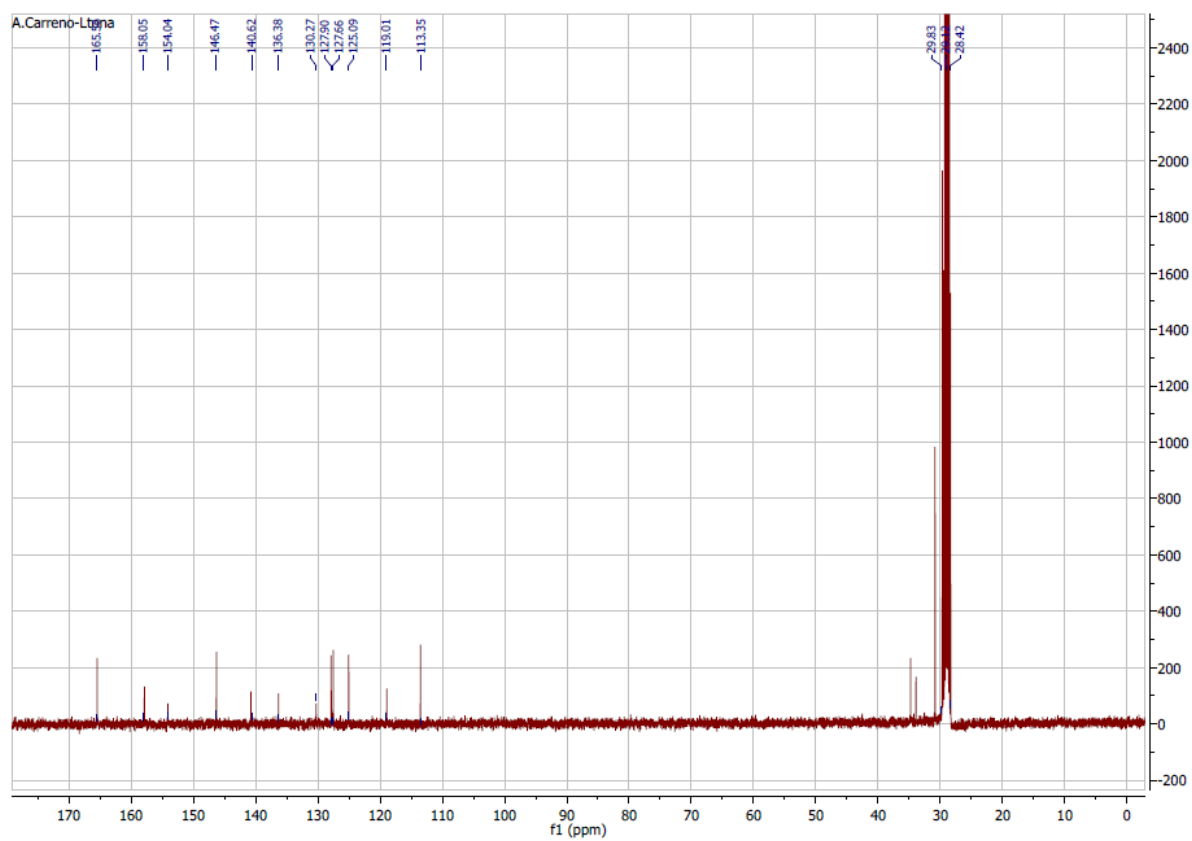


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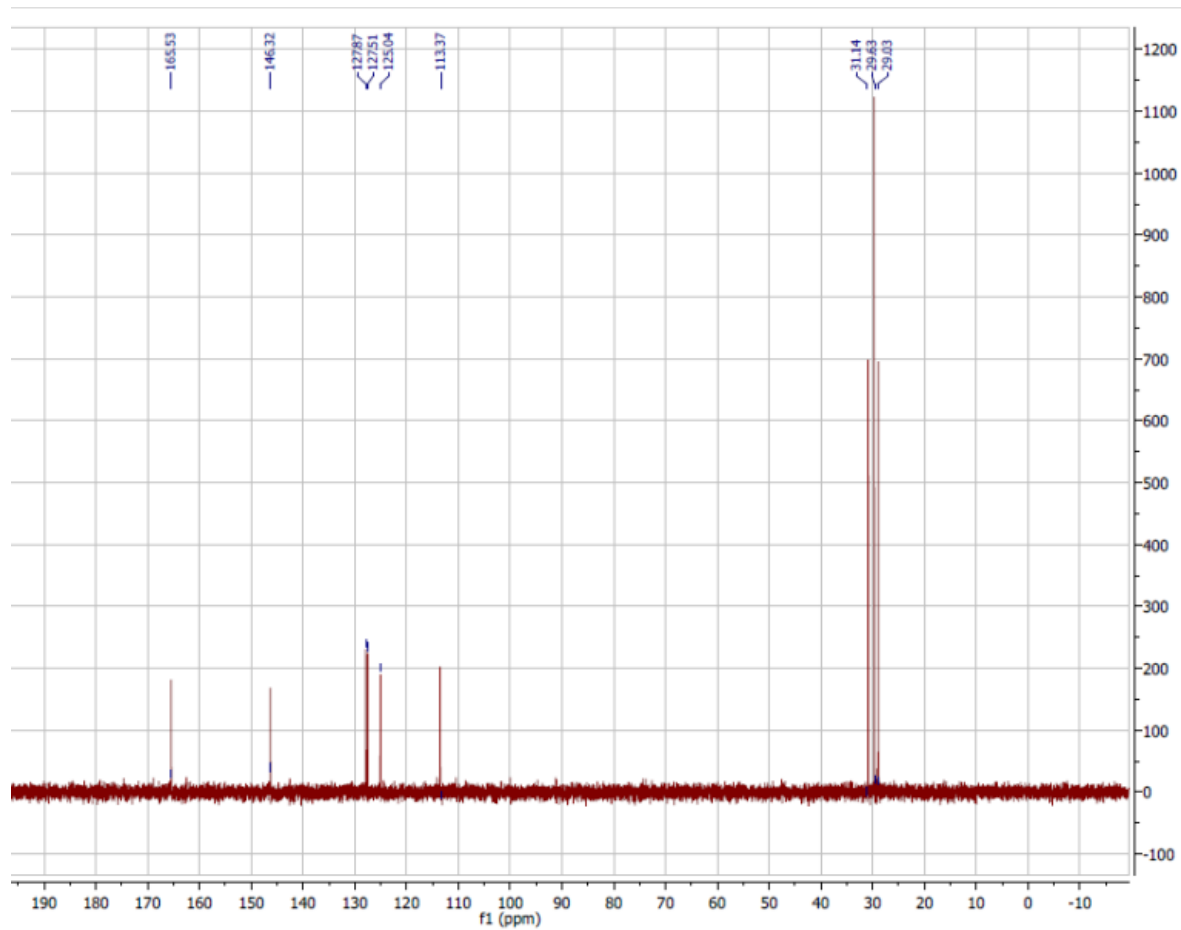


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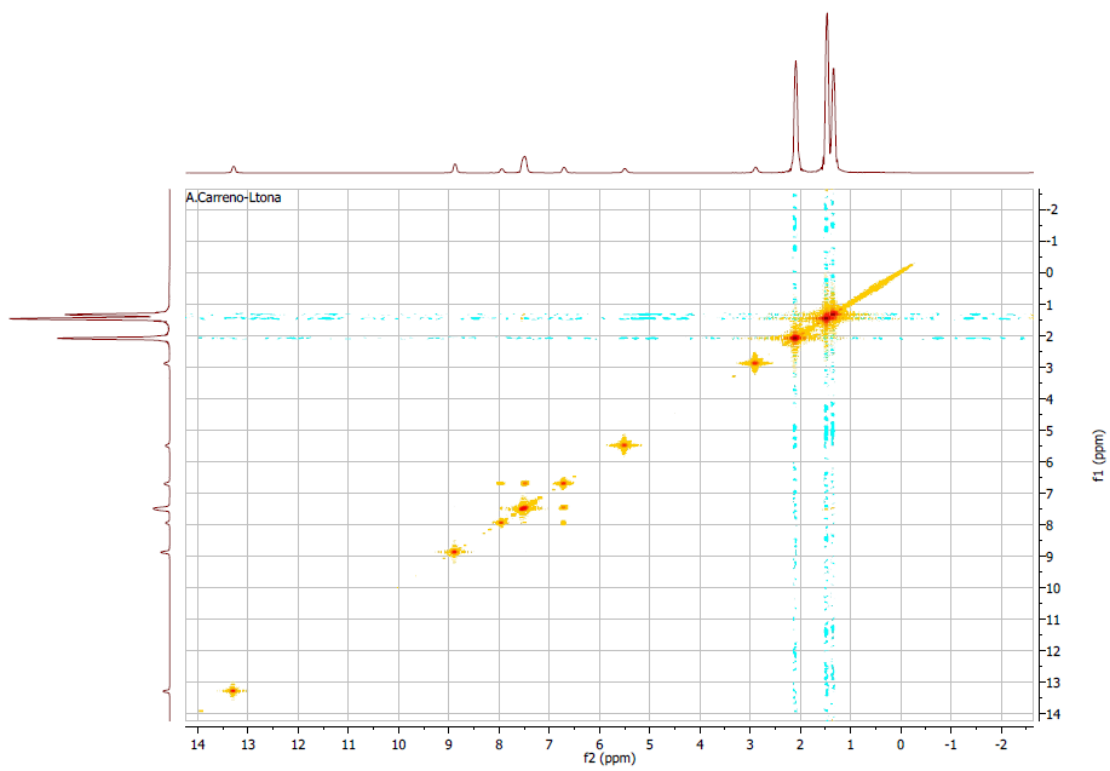


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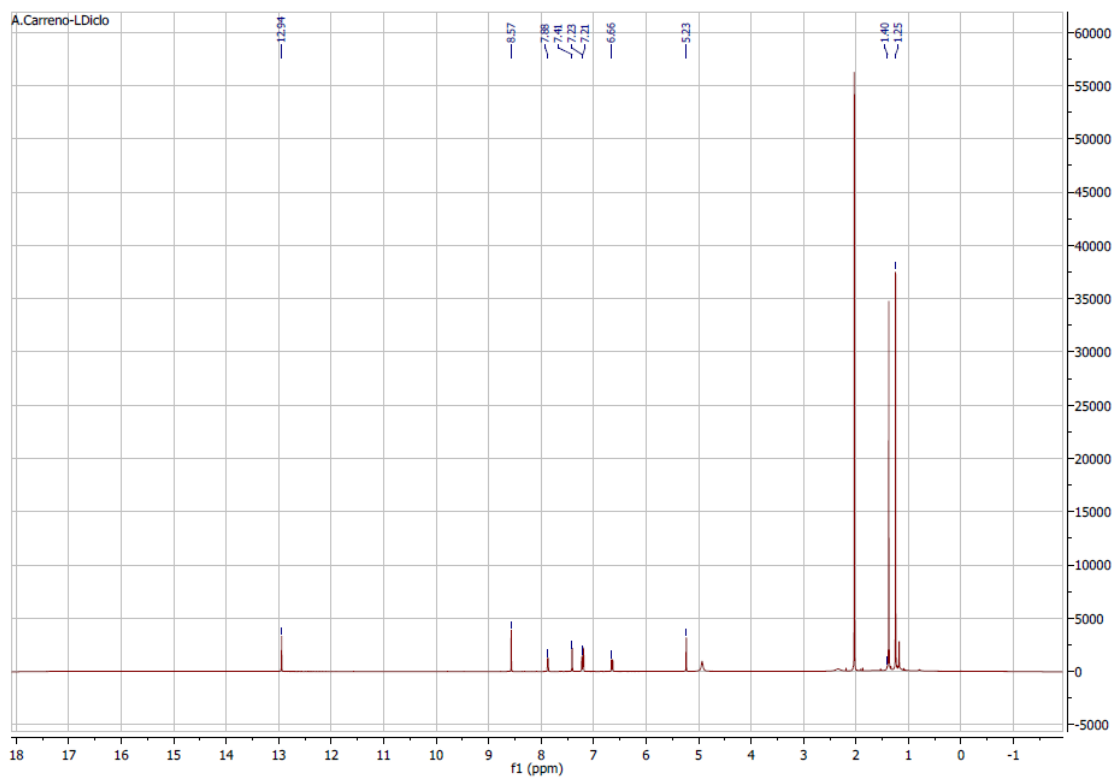


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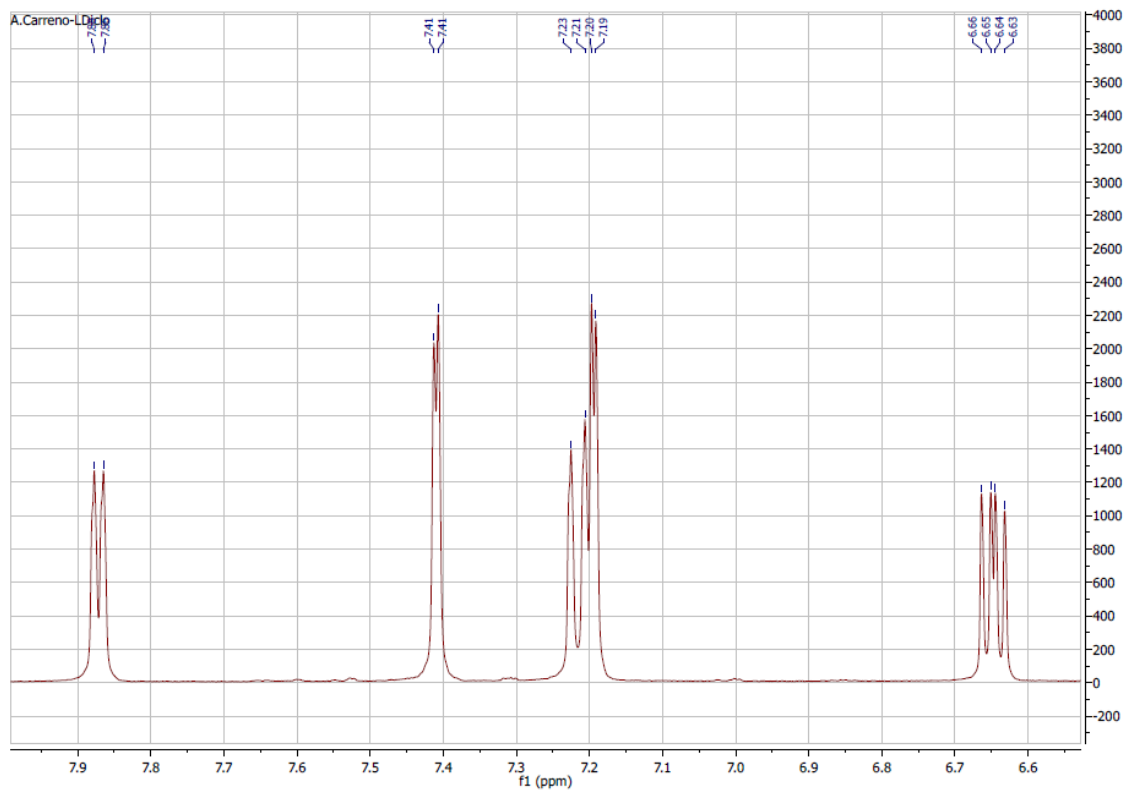


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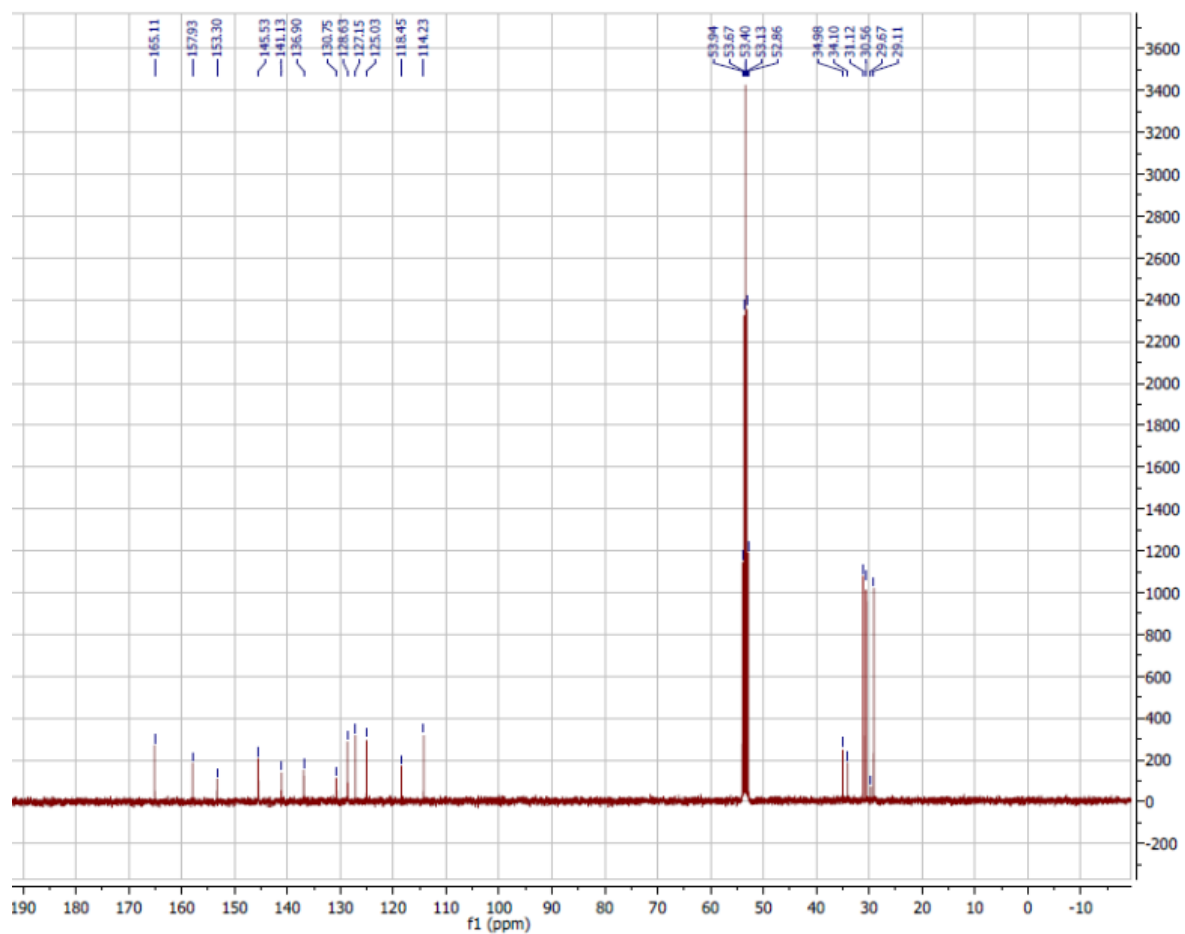


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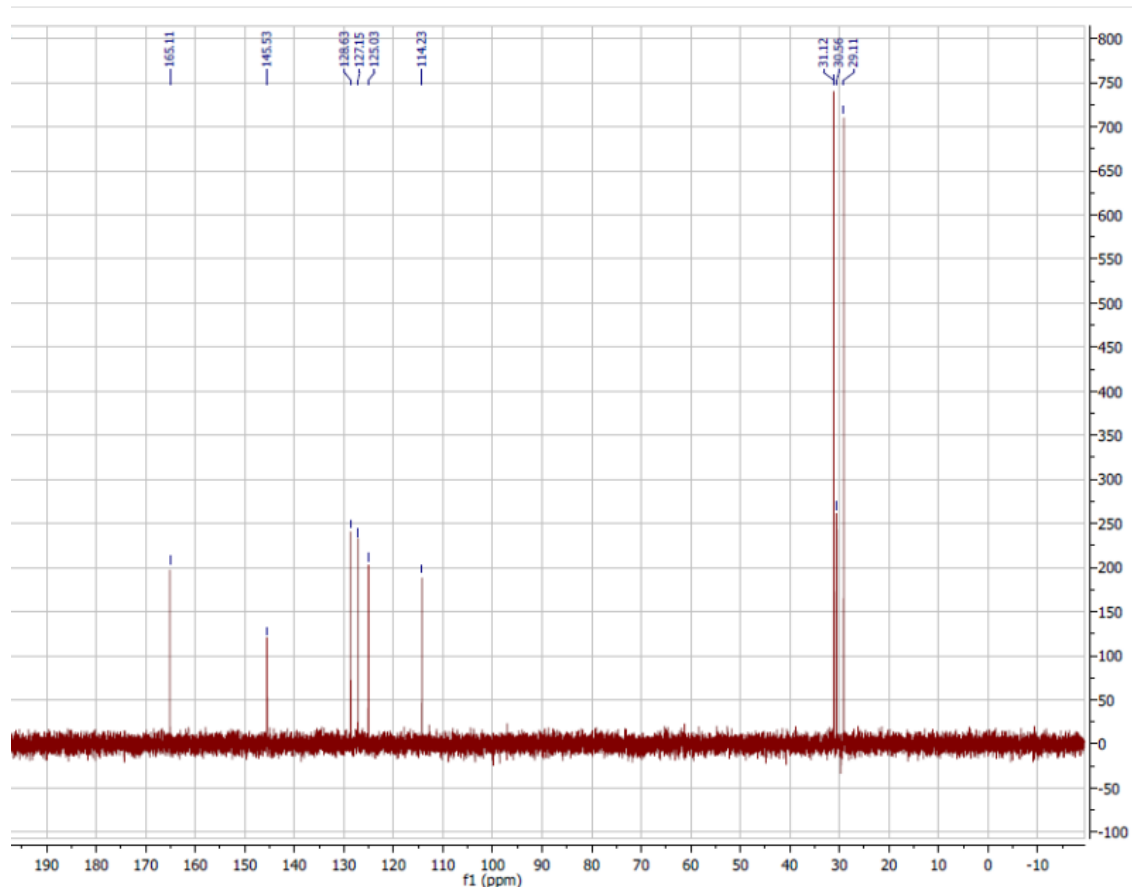


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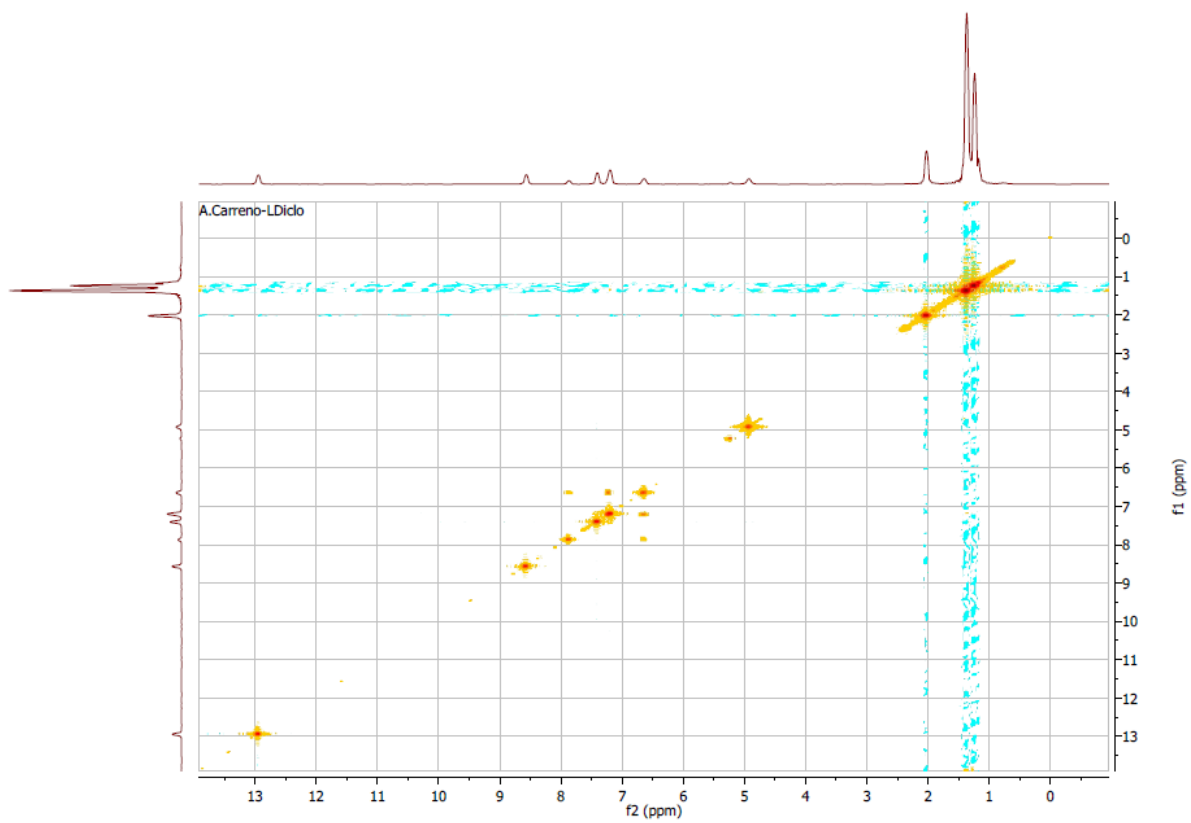


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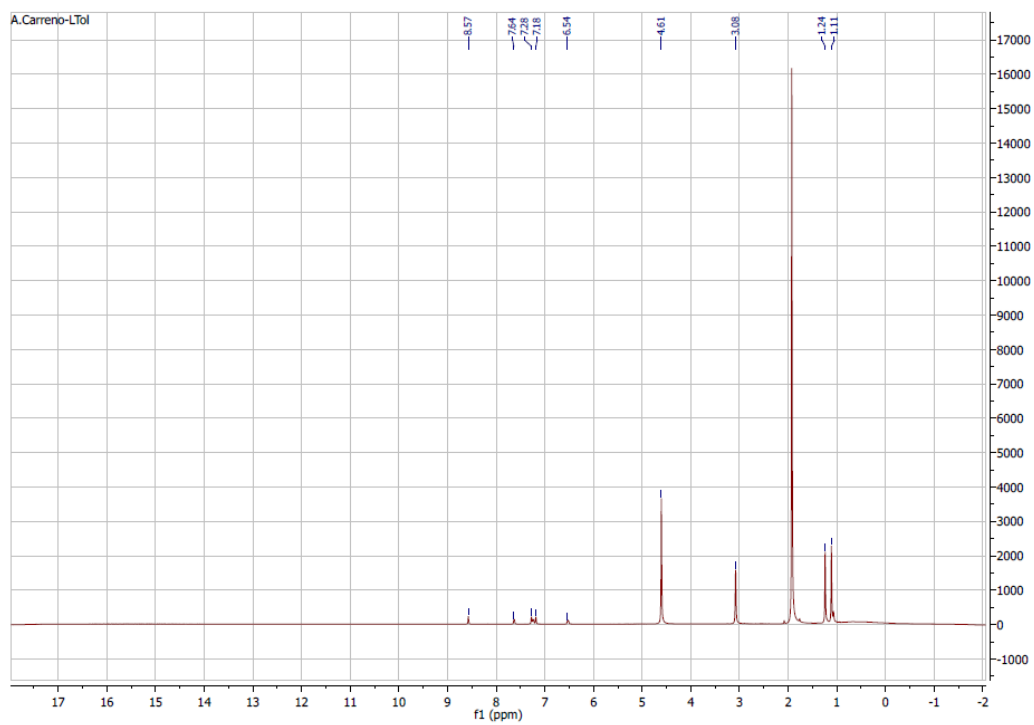


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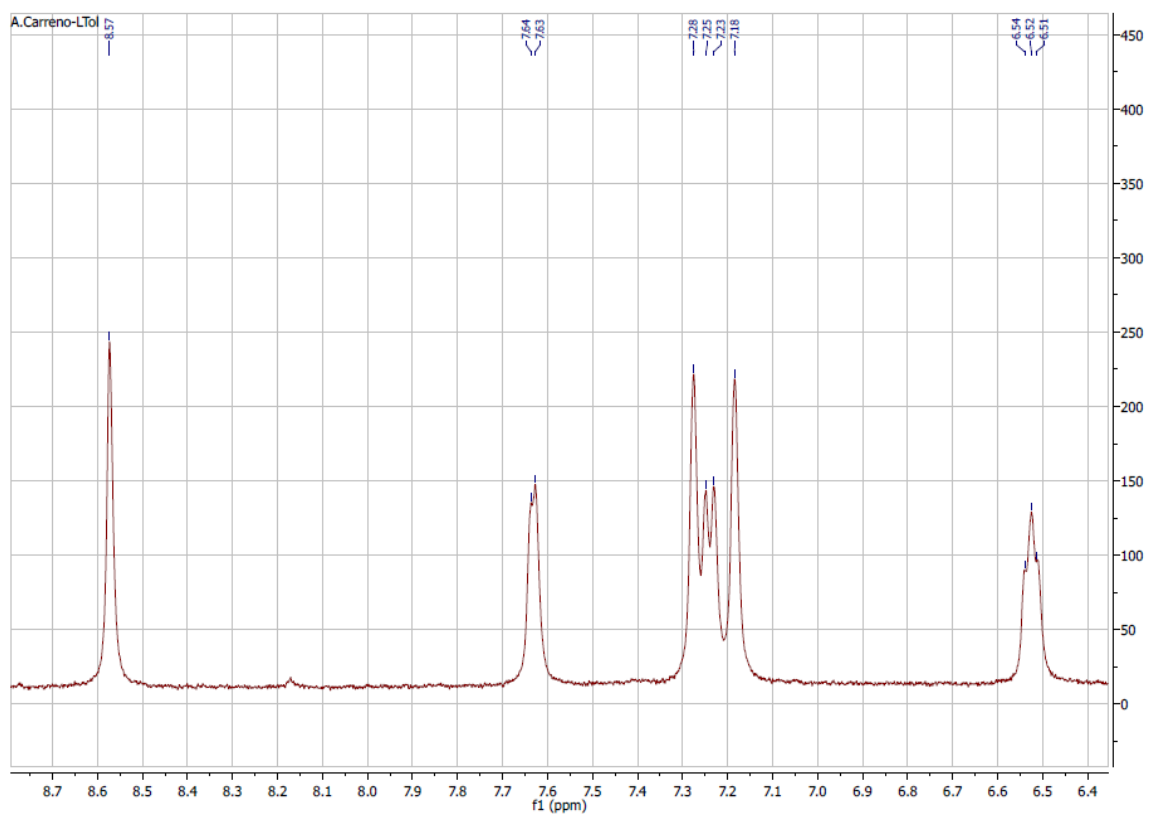


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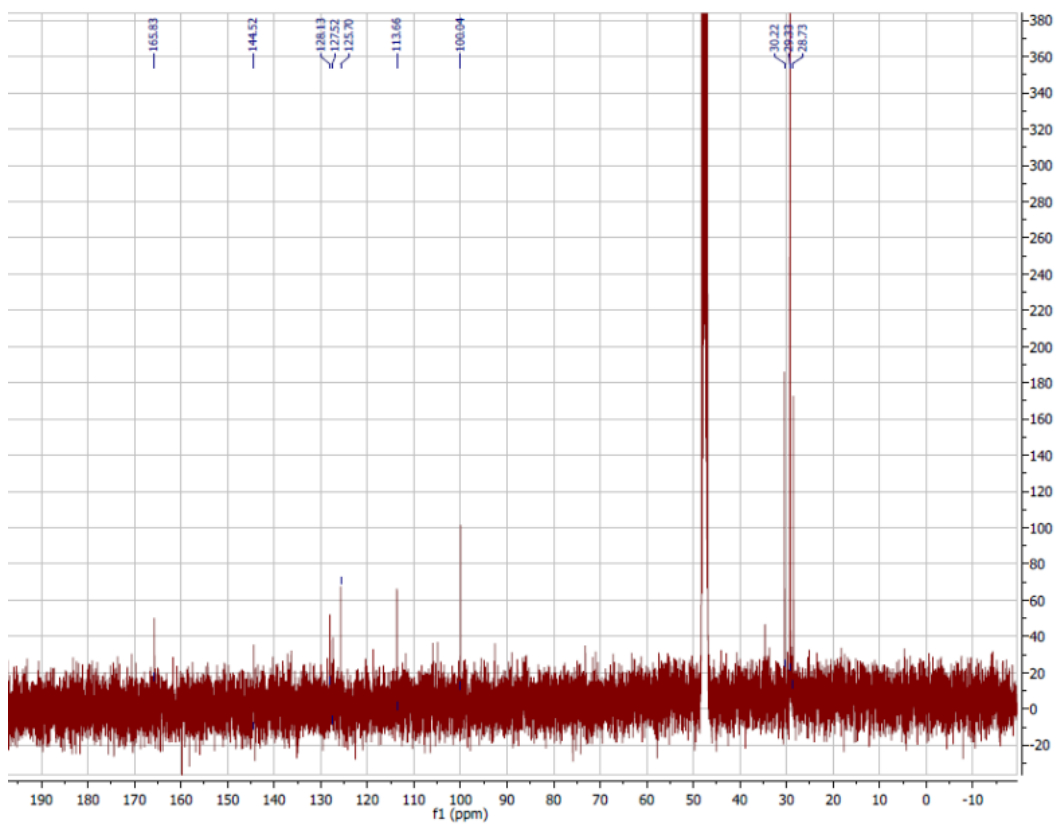


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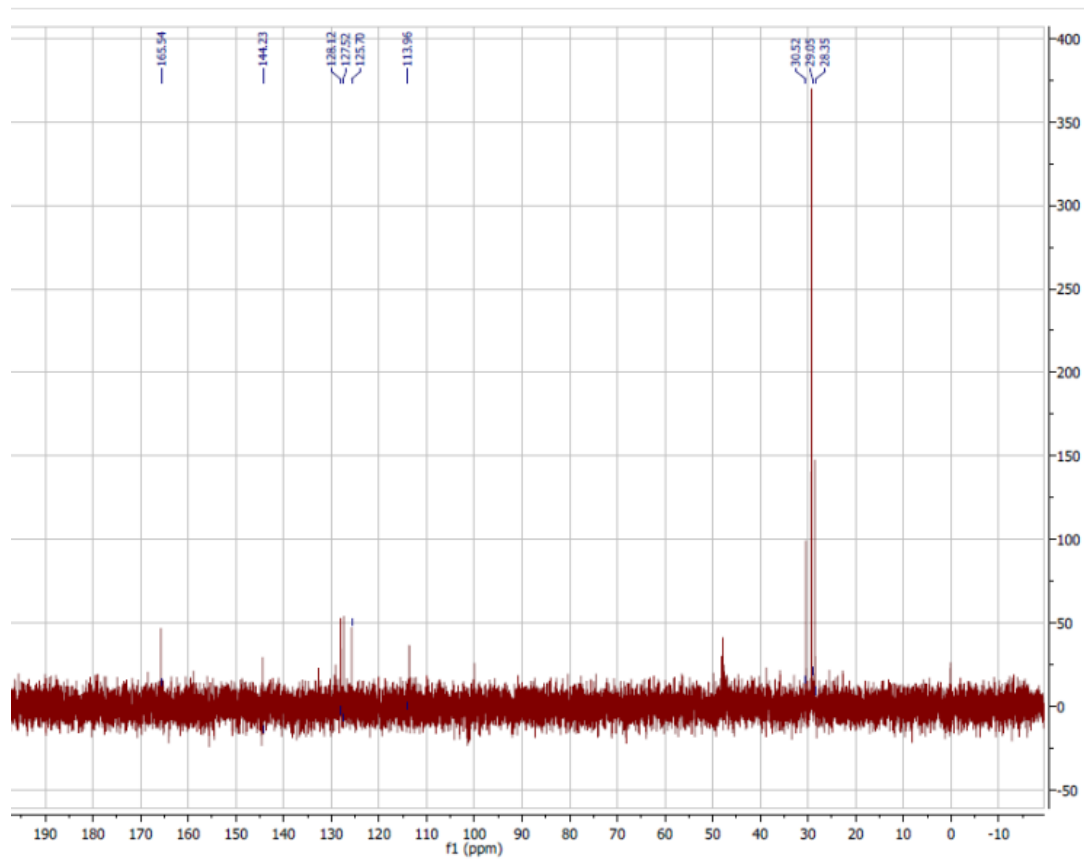


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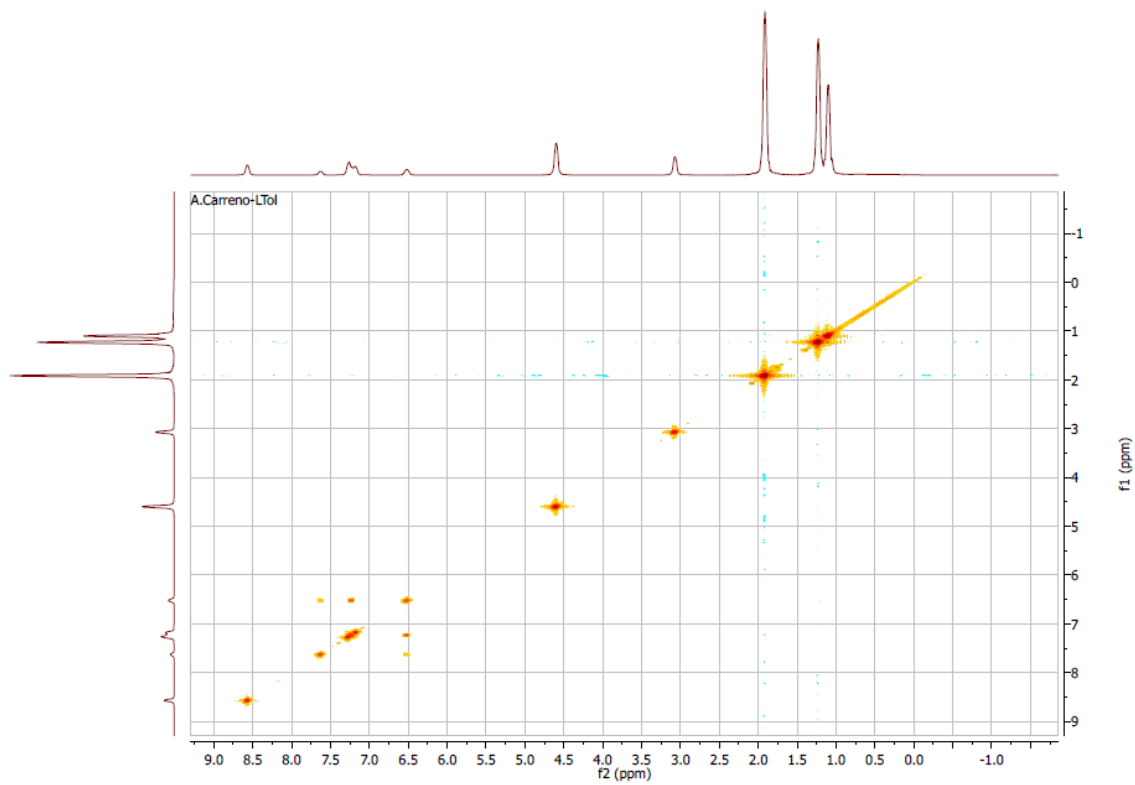


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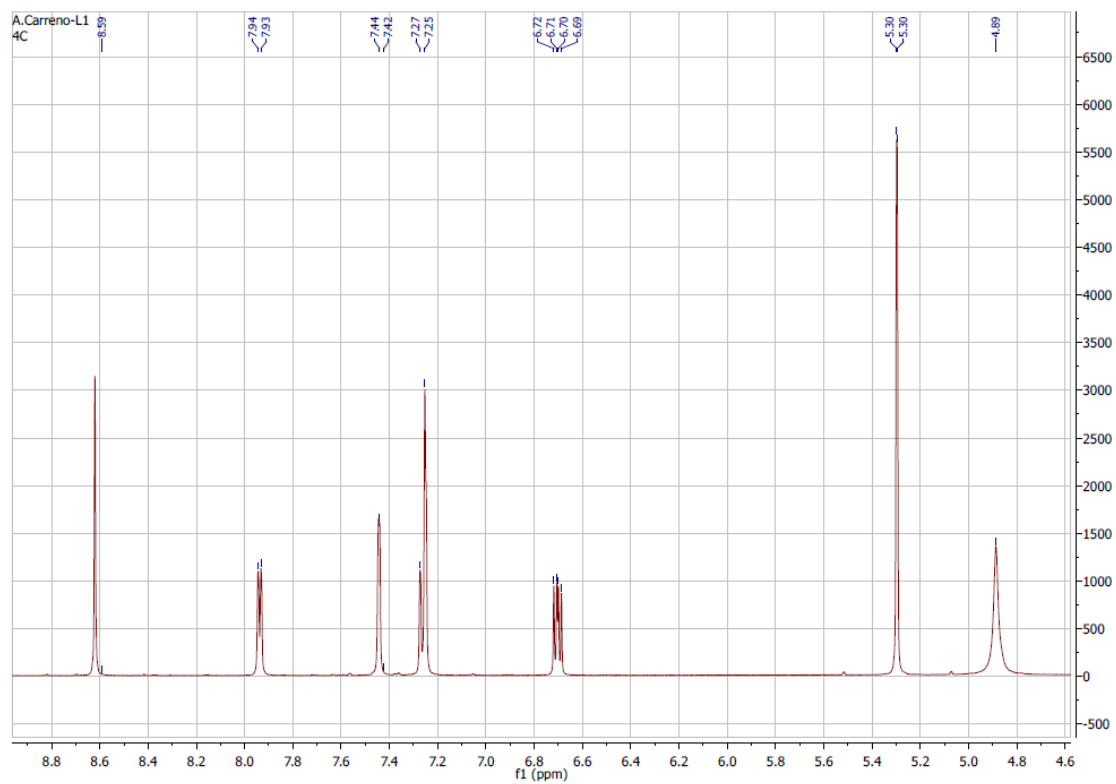


Figure S17. Aromatic expanded ^1H NMR spectrum of L1 in CD_2Cl_2 at $4\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$.

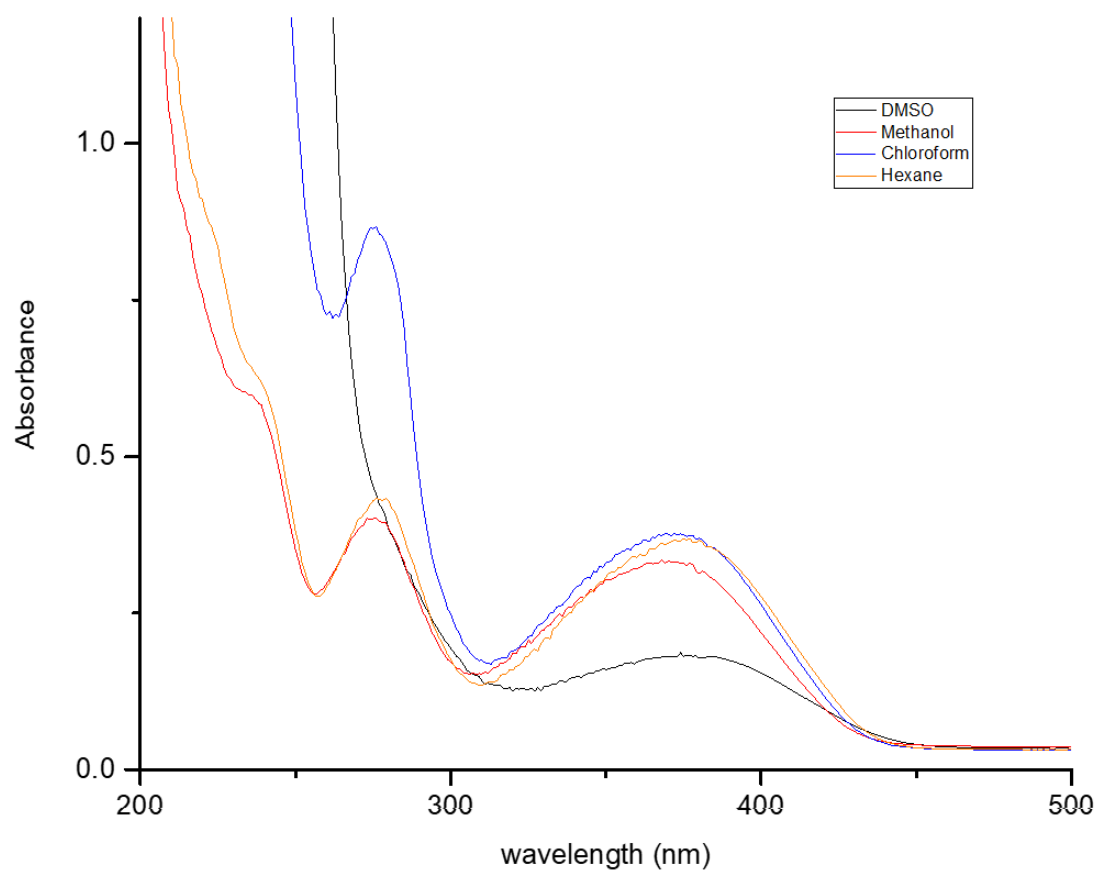


Figure S18. Experimental UV-vis spectra in different organic solvents, increasing polarity (hexane, chloroform, methanol, and DMSO) at room temperature.

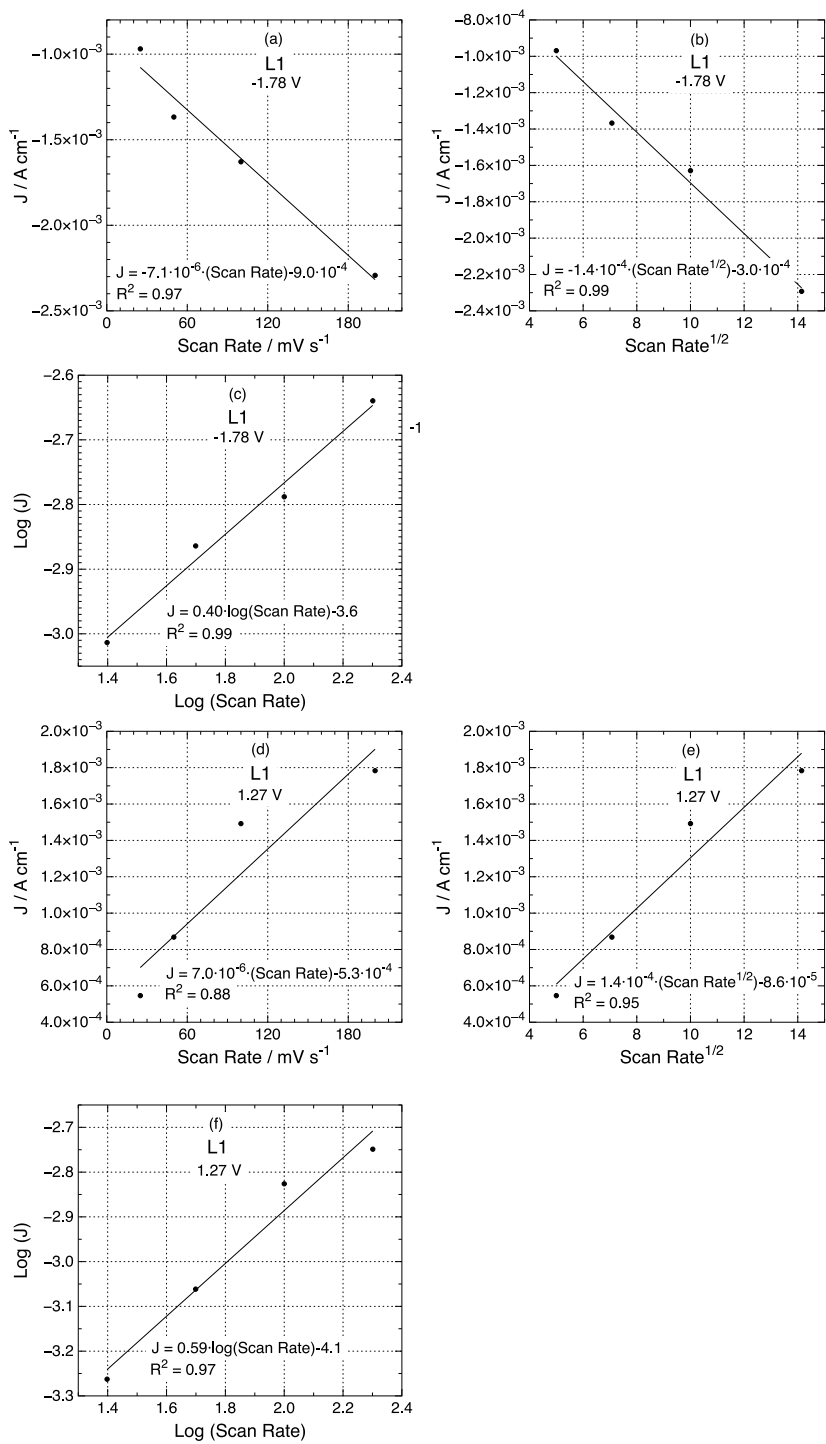


Figure S19. Scan rate analysis for L1 electrochemical processes. Interphase: Same as Figure 3.

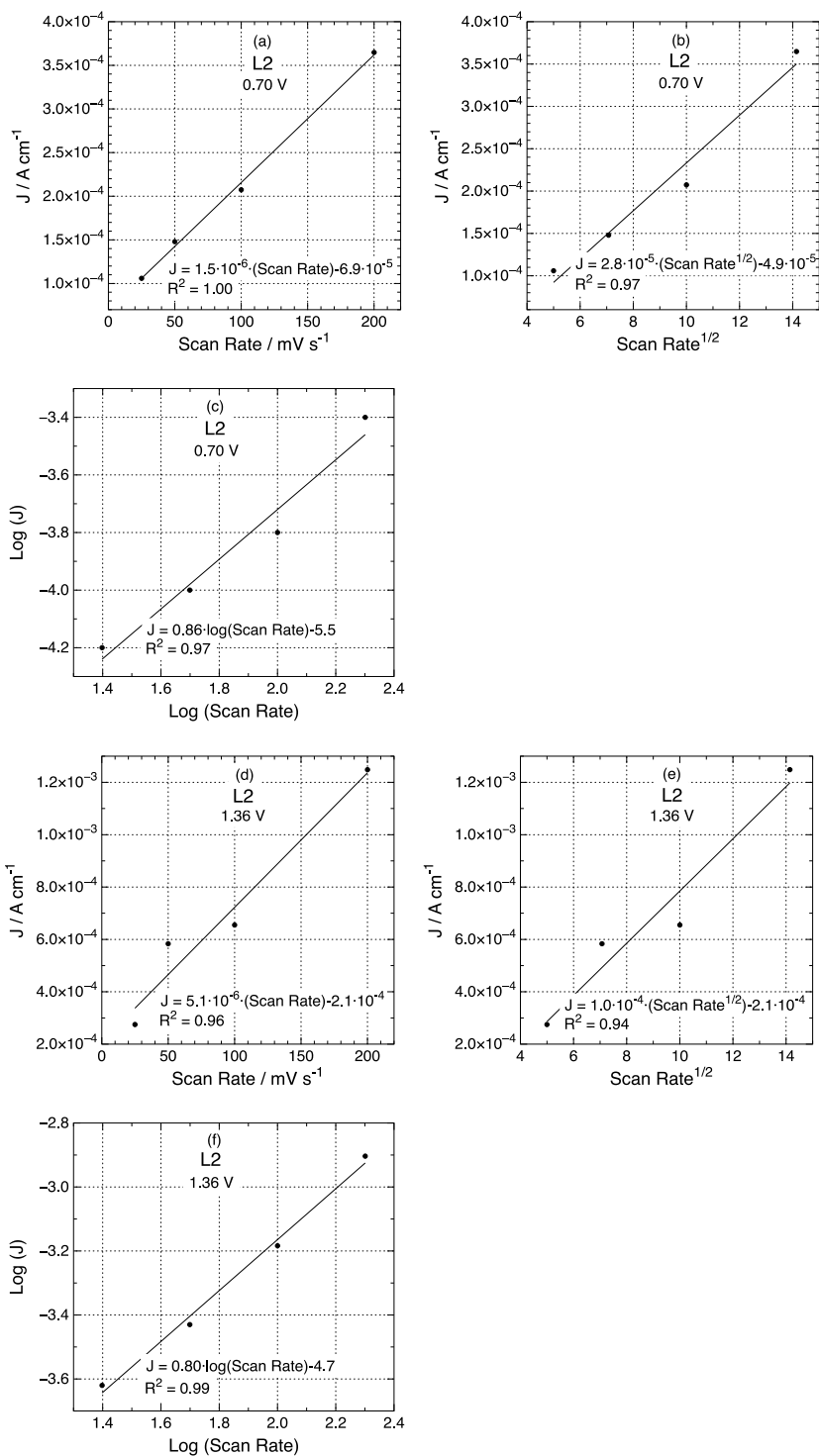


Figure S20. Scan Rate analysis for L2 electrochemical processes. Interphase: Same as Figure 3.

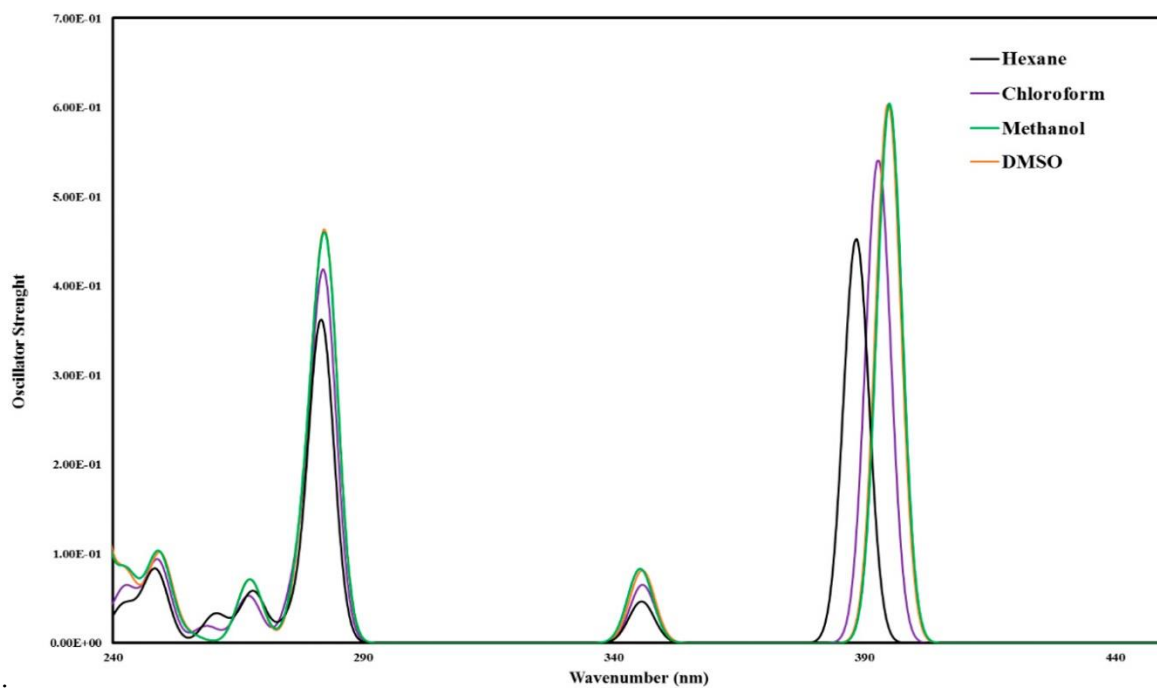


Figure S21. Calculated UV-vis absorption spectra for L1 in different implicit solvents with increasing polarity: hexane, chloroform, methanol, and DMSO.

TD-DFT calculations were performed using the standard CAM-B3LYP/TZ2P level of theory. Solvation effects, simulated by the conductor-like screening model (COSMO) [1, 2].

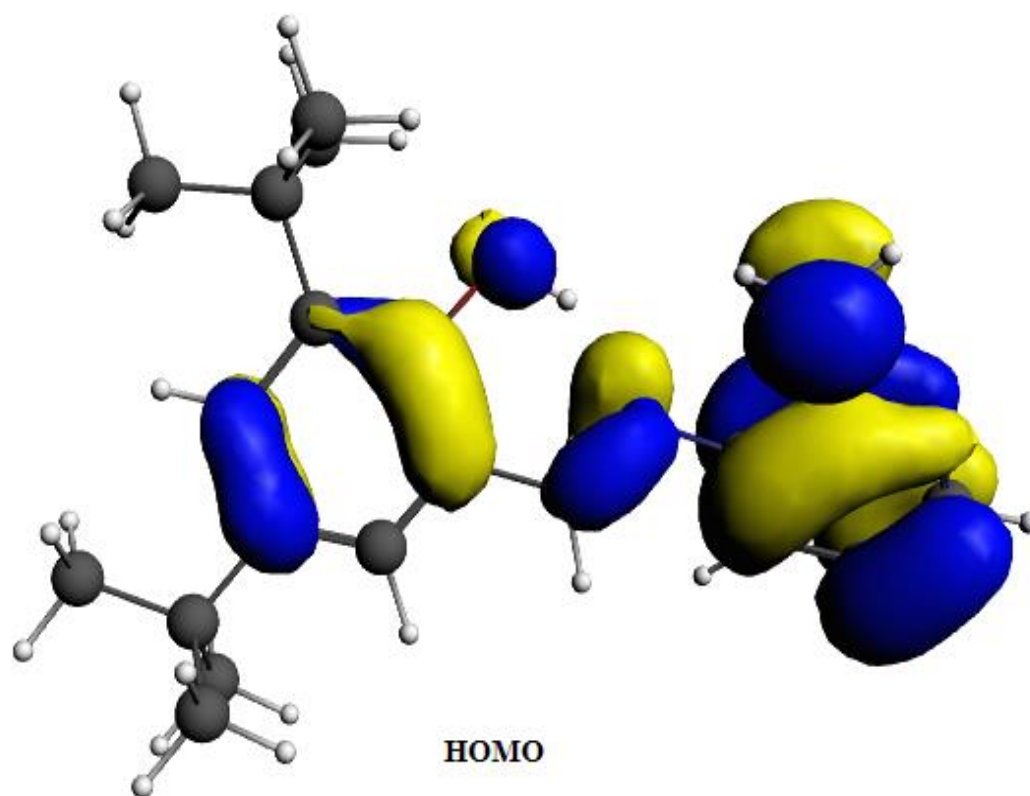


Figure S22. Isosurface plots of the HOMO for L1.

Theoretical computations were performed using density functional theory (DFT) with the B3LYP hybrid exchange/correlation (XC) functional and Gaussian basis set 6-311+G (2d,p) [3, 4].

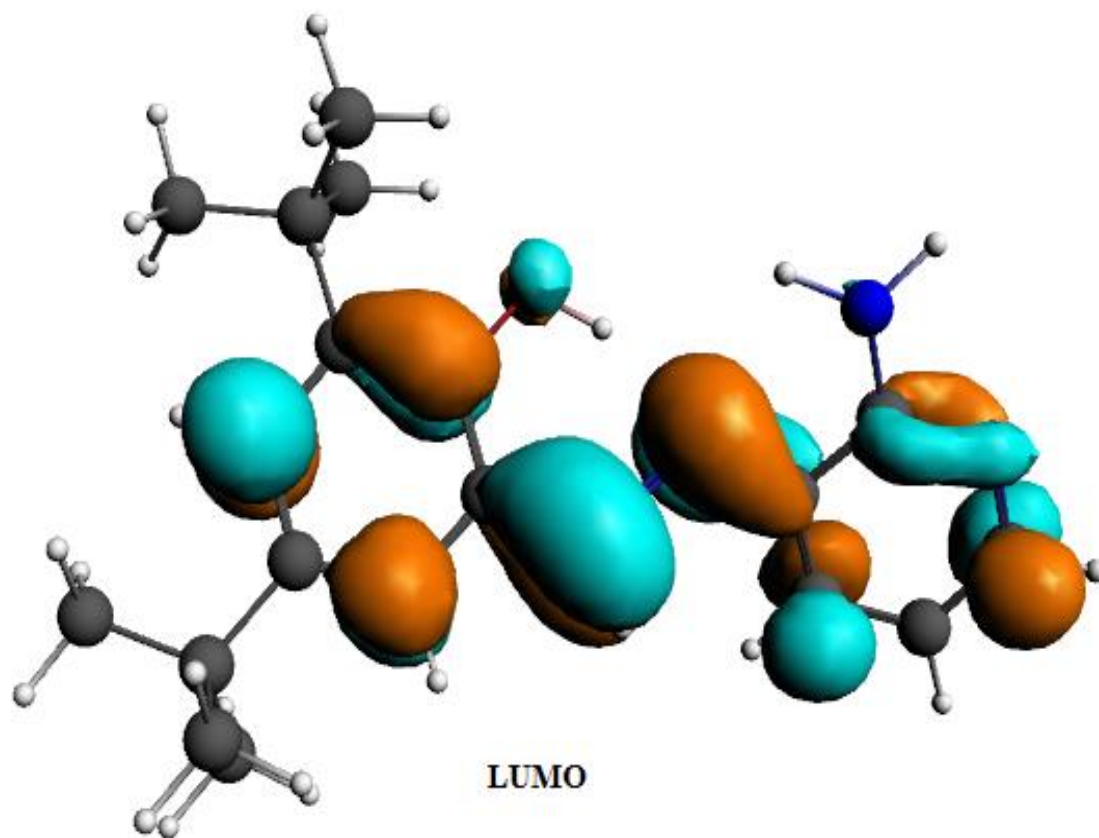


Figure S23. Isosurface plots of the LUMO for L1.

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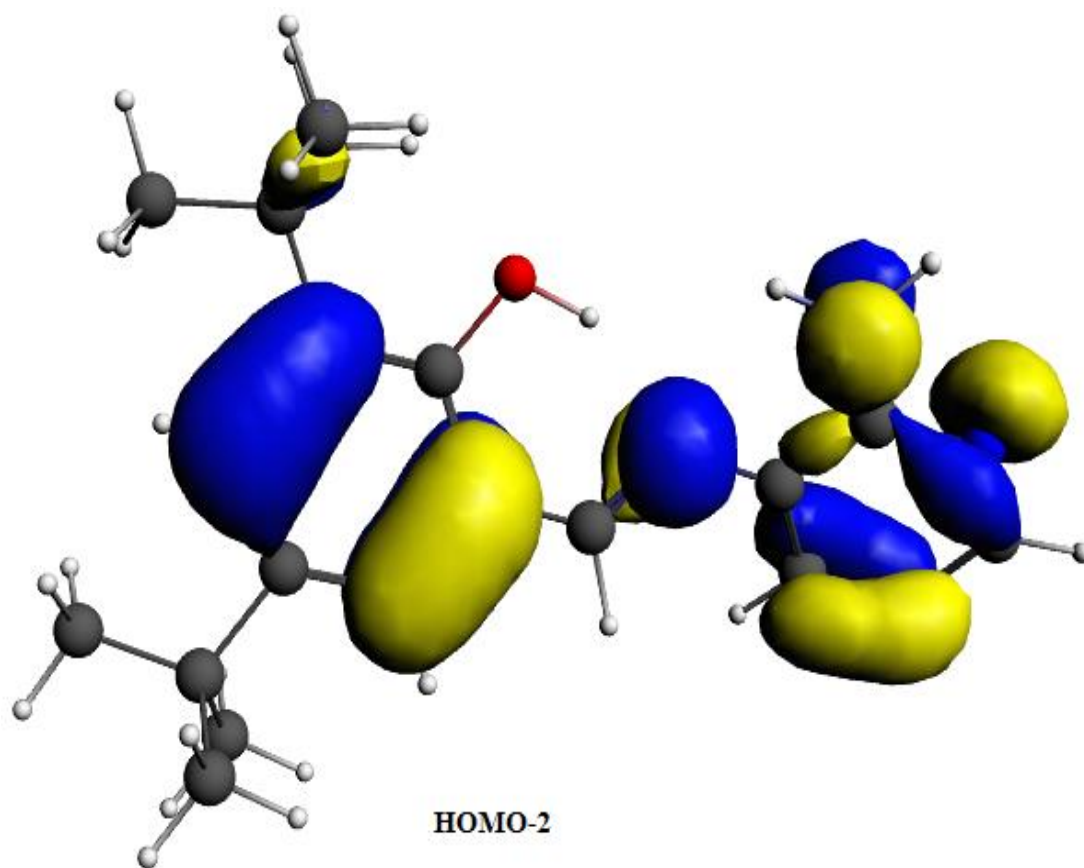


Figure S24. Isosurface plots of the HOMO-2 for L1.

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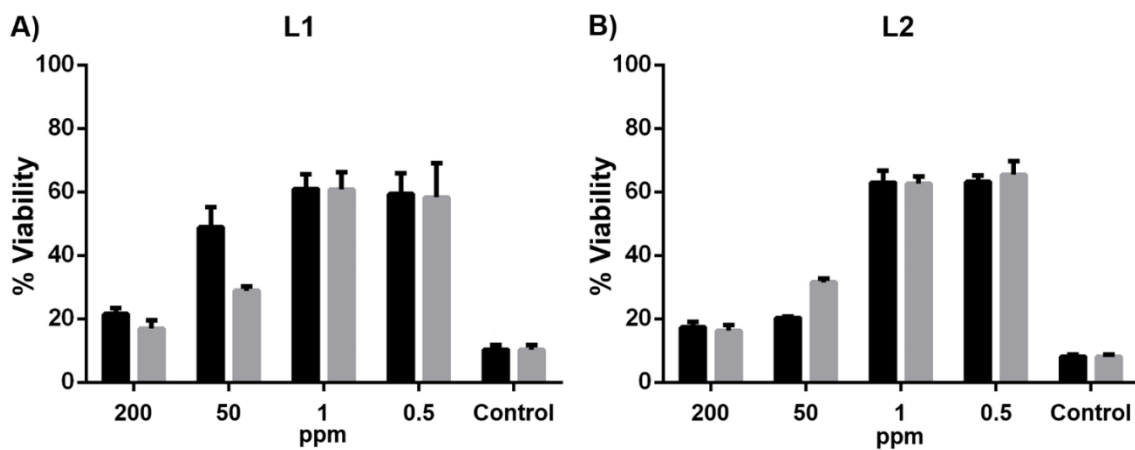


Figure S25. MTT Assay in HeLa cells. Cells were incubated 24 h with Schiff bases (A, L1; B, L2) before measuring cell viability. In all cases, compounds were tested at different concentrations (200 ppm + DMSO 50% v/v, 100 ppm + DMSO 25% v/v, 50 ppm + DMSO 12.5% v/v, or 25 ppm + DMSO 6.3% v/v) (black bars). The vehicle alone (DMSO) was also tested (50% v/v, 25% v/v, 12.5% v/v, or 6.3% v/v, respectively) (grey bars). The culture medium alone was used to set 100% viability. Control corresponded to DMSO 100% v/v. All these experiments were performed in biological triplicate.

For MTT assay, see [5, 6].

Supplementary Tables

Table S1. Positional (x, y, z) and displacement parameters for L1.

Atom	Np	x	y	z	Occ.	U iso/Beq.	Wyckoff symbol
C1	4	0.33545	0.84417	0.33556	1	2.029	4e
H1	4	0.37459	0.94429	0.24230	1	2.448	4e
C2	4	0.27364	0.96412	0.17400	1	1.966	4e
C3	4	0.21568	0.94016	0.16745	1	2.029	4e
C4	4	0.23234	0.81587	-0.03223	1	1.934	4e
C5	4	0.28514	0.68928	0.11164	1	2.1	4e
H5	4	0.37204	0.55128	0.06276	1	2.527	4e
C6	4	0.32395	0.75014	0.19495	1	1.998	4e
C7	4	0.27403	1.14626	0.37699	1	2.527	4e
C8	4	0.35160	1.14033	0.38834	1	3.079	4e
H8A	4	0.35507	1.06701	0.68542	1	4.579	4e
H8B	4	0.24883	1.12978	0.65241	1	4.579	4e
H8C	4	0.37472	0.9434	0.22987	1	4.579	4e
C9	4	0.20047	1.1425	0.29282	1	3.64	4e
H9A	4	0.11819	0.99795	0.22291	1	5.448	4e
H9B	4	0.13265	1.35418	0.19784	1	5.448	4e
H9C	4	0.07650	0.95712	0.15770	1	5.448	4e
C10	4	0.30881	1.12918	0.14100	1	3.774	4e
H10A	4	0.37469	0.94298	0.22511	1	5.685	4e
H10B	4	0.23293	1.24282	0.46667	1	5.685	4e
H10C	4	0.26412	1.3675	0.16078	1	5.685	4e
C11	4	0.42626	0.61177	0.28914	1	2.4	4e
C12	4	0.42088	0.64482	0.50998	1	3.782	4e
H12A	4	0.48387	0.60225	0.74619	1	5.685	4e
H12B	4	0.37573	0.55689	0.71548	1	5.685	4e
H12C	4	0.49382	0.6468	0.56858	1	5.685	4e
C13	4	0.35129	0.55479	0.34249	1	3.735	4e
H13A	4	0.37111	0.40791	0.26188	1	5.606	4e
H13B	4	0.28340	0.33962	0.38812	1	5.606	4e
H13C	4	0.35608	0.43213	0.18627	1	5.606	4e
C14	4	0.47336	0.64105	0.18316	1	3.822	4e
H14A	4	0.45257	0.6605	0.26729	1	5.764	4e

Atom	Np	x	y	z	Occ.	U iso/Beq.	Wyckoff symbol
H14B	4	0.45261	0.65627	0.26560	1	5.764	4e
H14C	4	0.45239	0.65962	0.25737	1	5.764	4e
C15	4	0.18988	0.67598	-0.03215	1	2.171	4e
H15	4	0.25215	0.64211	-0.06477	1	2.606	4e
C16	4	0.06221	0.88112	-0.31840	1	2.361	4e
C17	4	0.08584	0.75669	-0.24797	1	2.219	4e
C18	4	0.05118	0.66686	-0.19538	1	2.645	4e
H18	4	0.04209	0.59234	0.22390	1	3.158	4e
C19	4	-0.00149	0.60163	-0.34370	1	3.024	4e
H19	4	0.06203	0.64534	-0.52461	1	3.632	4e
C20	4	-0.03555	0.67756	-0.57434	1	3.135	4e
H20	4	0.07526	0.65881	-0.54724	1	3.79	4e
N1	4	0.13502	0.81102	-0.07618	1	2.282	4e
N2	4	0.00625	0.79541	-0.54461	1	2.803	4e
N3	4	0.09912	0.973	-0.36931	1	2.914	4e
H103	4	0.19755	0.93669	-0.25866	1	3.474	4e
H203	4	0.13583	0.88432	-0.54149	1	3.474	4e
O1	4	0.16787	1.00527	-0.01297	1	2.787	4e
H1A	4	0.16979	0.80368	-0.31899	1	4.185	4e

Crystal system monoclinic, *P21/c* (No 14), $Z = 4$, $T = 298$ K, radiation CuK α . For U iso/Beq. and Wyckoff symbol, see [7-9].

Table S2. UV-Vis absorption spectra of **L1** in different organic solvents with increased polarity at room temperature.

Solvent	Dielectric (at 20 °C)	Solubility in water (g/100 g)	λ / nm	$\epsilon \times 10^3$ (mol⁻¹ dm³ cm⁻¹)	Transition nature
Hexane	1.89	0.0014	239	25.63	$\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$
			277	18.07	$\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$
			375	15.26	$\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$ and $n \rightarrow \pi^*$
Chloroform	4.81	0.795	274	32.68	$\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$
			372	15.80	$\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$ and $n \rightarrow \pi^*$
Methanol	32.7	Miscible	236	23.77	$\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$
			274	16.15	$\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$
			368	13.69	$\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$ and $n \rightarrow \pi^*$
DMSO	47.24	25.3	378	7.24	$\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$ and $n \rightarrow \pi^*$

For Dielectric constant, see [10].

Table S3. Electrochemical signals description for pyridine Schiff bases of this study.

Compound	V vs. SCE			
	E₁^{Ox}	E₂^{Ox}	E₁^{Red}	E₂^{Red}
L1	+1.27 _(irr-d)	—	-1.78 _(irr.d)	—
L2	+0.70 _(irr-nd)	+1.36 _(irr-nd)	—	—

ox = oxidation, red = reduction, irr = irreversible, rev = reversible, d = diffusional, nd= not diffusional. For Electrochemical signals description see [11].

Table S4. Scan Rate study results for determining diffusional control of described electrochemical processes (L1).

	-1.78 (irr)	+1.27 (irr)	
Current-density peak vs Scan Rate	m	-7.1×10^{-6}	7.0×10^{-6}
	n	-9.0×10^{-4}	-5.3×10^{-4}
	R ²	0.97	0.88
Current-density peak vs (Scan Rate)^{1/2}	m	-1.4×10^{-4}	1.4×10^{-4}
	n	-3.0×10^{-4}	-8.6×10^{-5}
	R ²	0.99	0.95
Log(Current-density peak) vs Log(Scan Rate)	m	0.40	0.59
	n	-3.6	-4.1
	R ²	0.99	0.97
Diffusional or adsorption control?	Diffusional	Diffusional	

E_p corresponds to the oxidation (+) or reduction (-) peak potential value defined by the working-window study.

“irr” and “rev” stand for reversible or irreversible electrochemical process, respectively.

“m”, “n” and “R²” are the slope, intercept and linear regression coefficient, respectively.

Table S5. Scan Rate study results for determining diffusional control of described electrochemical processes (L2).

E_p / V vs SCE	+0.70_(irr)	+1.36_(irr)	
Scan-rate vs current-density peak	m	1.5×10^{-6}	5.1×10^{-6}
	n	-6.9×10^{-5}	-2.1×10^{-4}
	R ²	1.00	0.96
(Scan-rate)^{1/2} vs current-density peak	m	2.8×10^{-5}	1.0×10^{-4}
	n	-4.9×10^{-5}	-2.1×10^{-4}
	R ²	0.97	0.94
Log(Current-density peak) vs Log(Scan Rate)	m	0.86	0.80
	n	-5.5	-4.7
	R ²	0.97	0.99
Diffusional or adsorption control?	Adsorption	Adsorption	

E_p corresponds to the oxidation (+) or reduction (-) peak potential value defined by the working-window study.

“irr” and “rev” stand for reversible or irreversible electrochemical process, respectively.

“m”, “n” and “R²” are the slope, intercept and linear regression coefficient, respectively.

Table S6. Most important transition energies calculated for **L1** in different organic solvents, listed according to increasing polarity.

Solvent	λ_{exp} (nm)	λ_{calc} (nm)	Transition	f	Assignment
Hexane	239 277	281	HOMO-2 \rightarrow LUMO (88%)	0.360	$\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$
	375	388	HOMO \rightarrow LUMO (98%)	0.450	$\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$ and $n \rightarrow \pi^*$
Chloroform	274	282	HOMO-2 \rightarrow LUMO (92%)	0.408	$\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$
	372	392	HOMO \rightarrow LUMO (99%)	0.542	$\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$ and $n \rightarrow \pi^*$
Methanol	236 274	282	HOMO-2 \rightarrow LUMO (94%)	0.440	$\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$
	368	395	HOMO \rightarrow LUMO (99%)	0.604	$\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$ and $n \rightarrow \pi^*$
DMSO	---	283	HOMO-2 \rightarrow LUMO (93%)	0.430	$\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$
	378	401	HOMO \rightarrow LUMO (98%)	0.605	$\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$ and $n \rightarrow \pi^*$

TD-DFT calculations were performed using the standard CAM-B3LYP/TZ2P level of theory. Solvation effects were simulated by the conductor-like screening model (COSMO).

Table S7. Minimal inhibition concentration ($\mu\text{g/ml}$) of L1 (24 h of incubation).

	Bacteria (<i>K. pneumoniae</i>)	Yeast (<i>Rhodotorula spp.</i>)
L1	-	-
Fluconazole*	ND	5.8
Chloramphenicol**	6.25	ND

- The inhibition was indistinguishable from de vehicle (DMSO) alone. * Antifungal agent (azole, control).

** Antibacterial agent (antibiotic, control).

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