

Room Temperature, Deep-Red/NIR-Emissive, C₃-Symmetric (n,π-conjugated) Columnar Liquid Crystals: C_{3h}-Tris(keto-hydrazone)s

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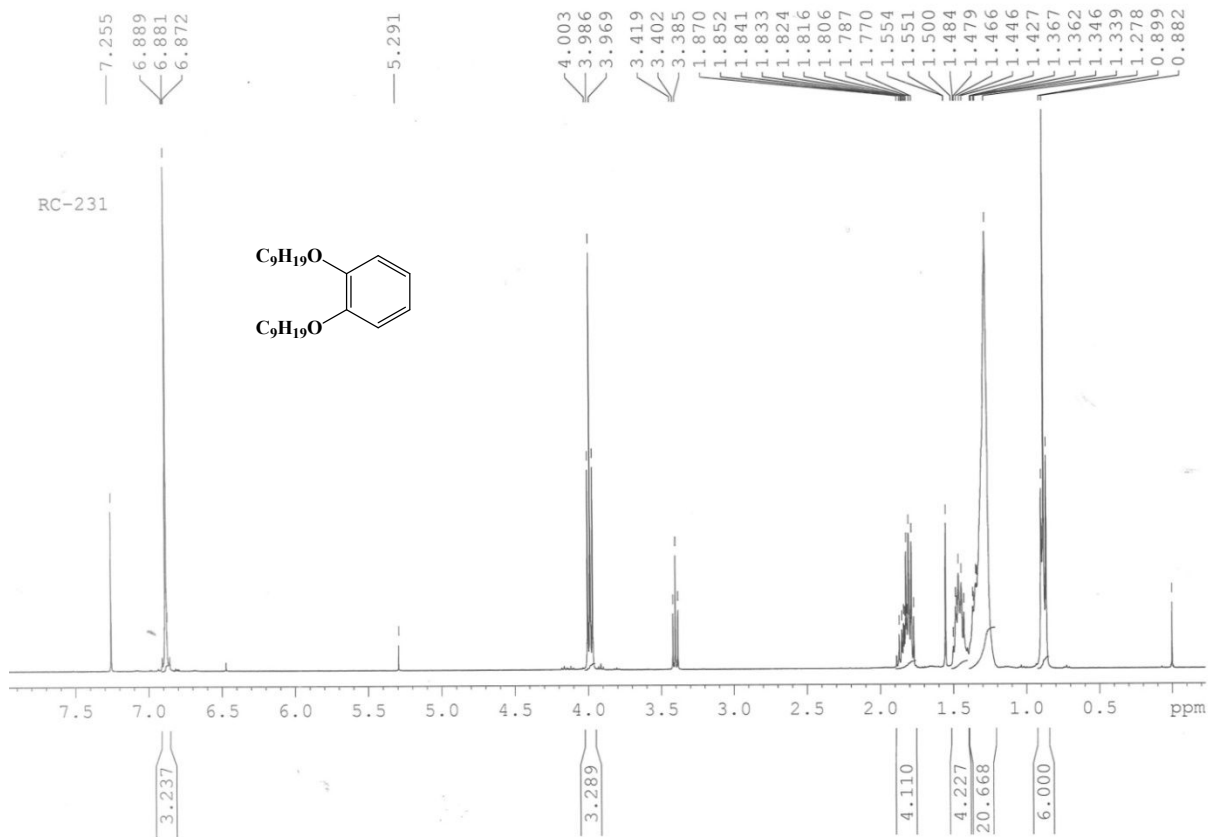


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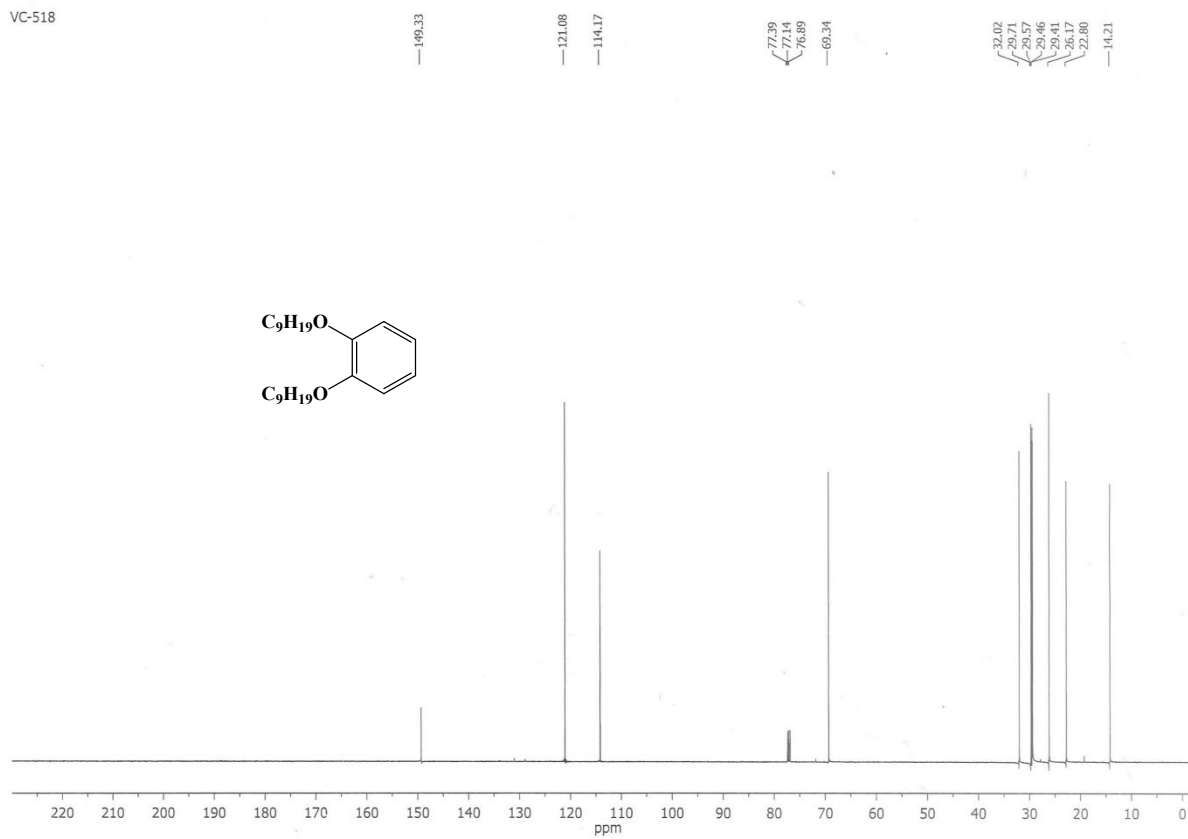


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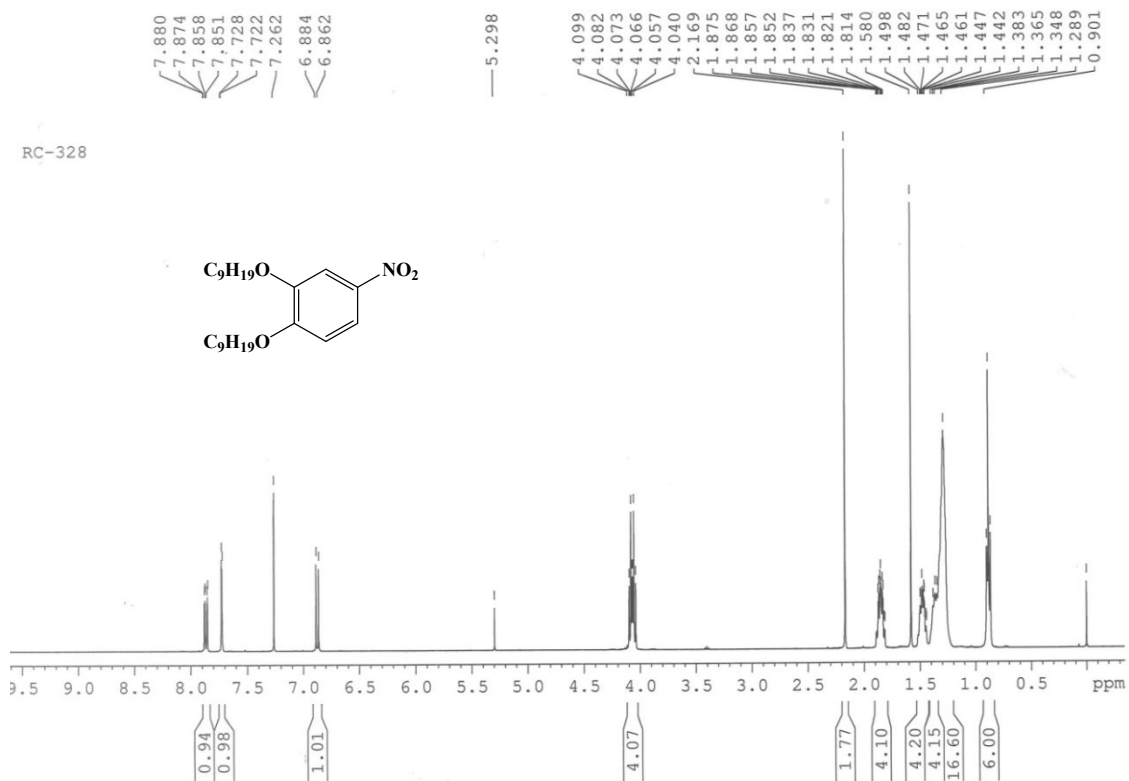


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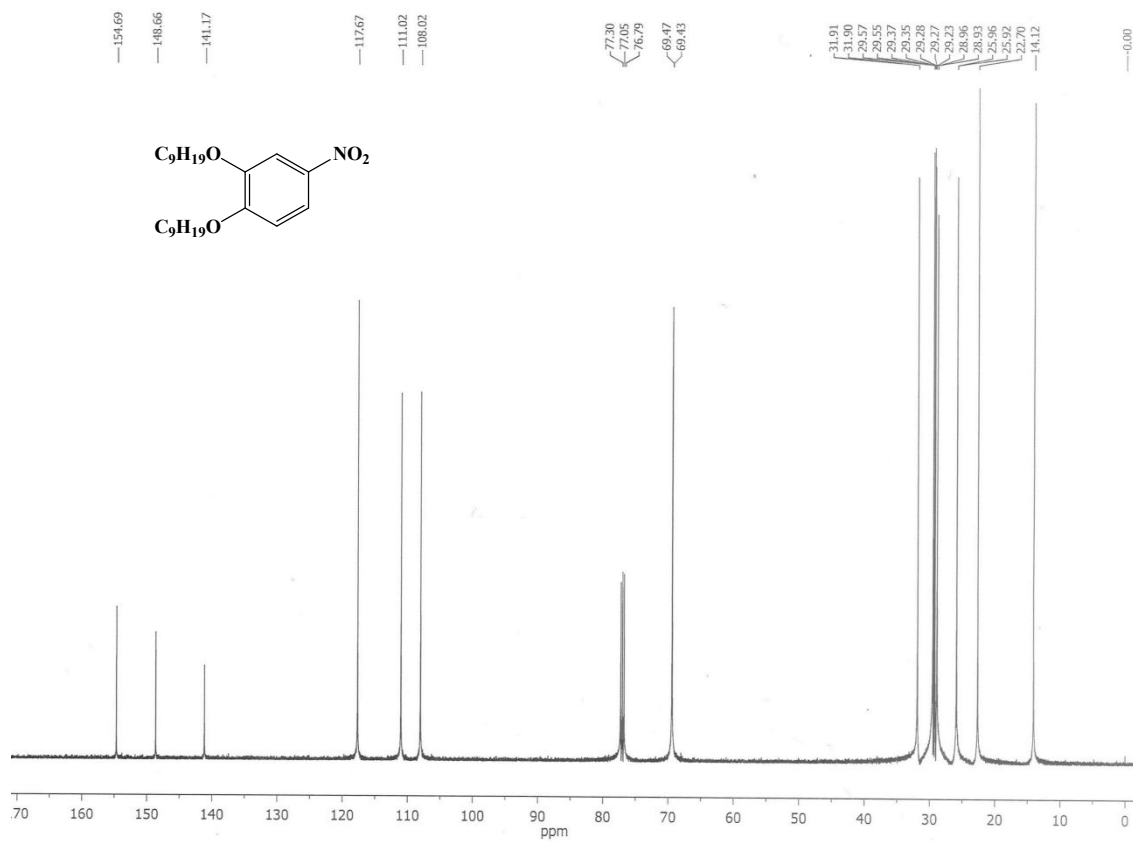


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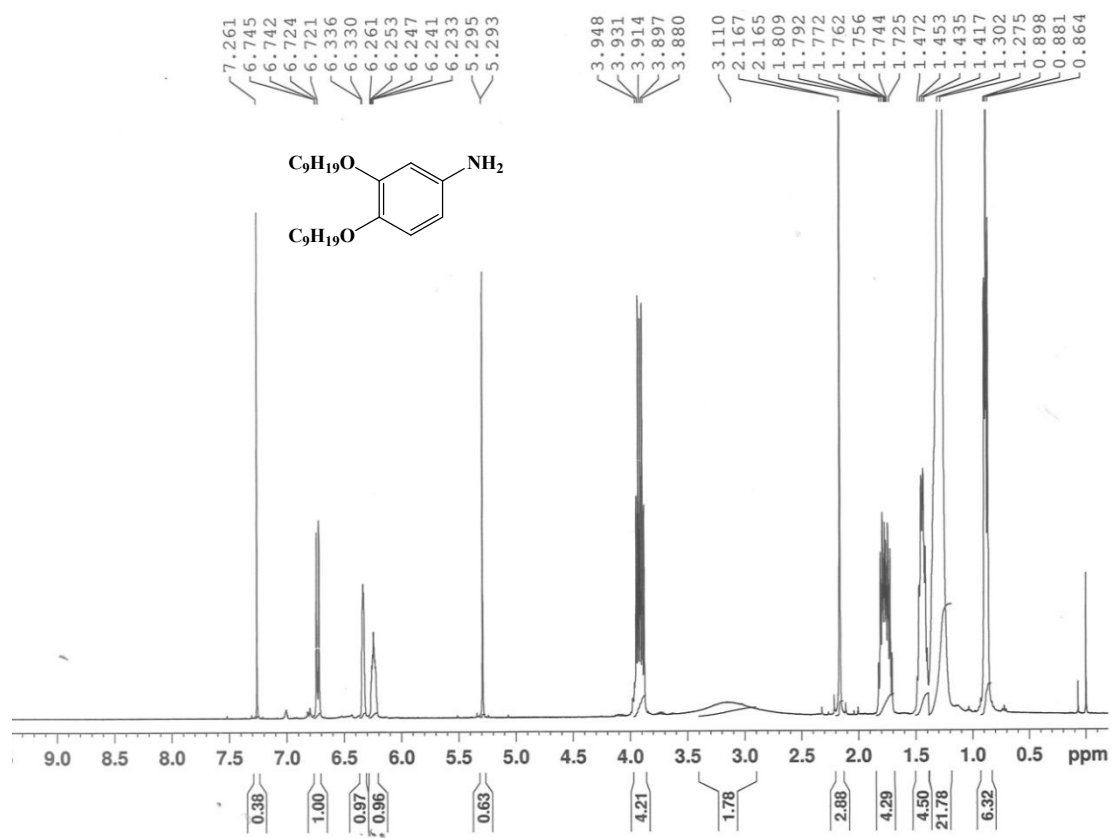


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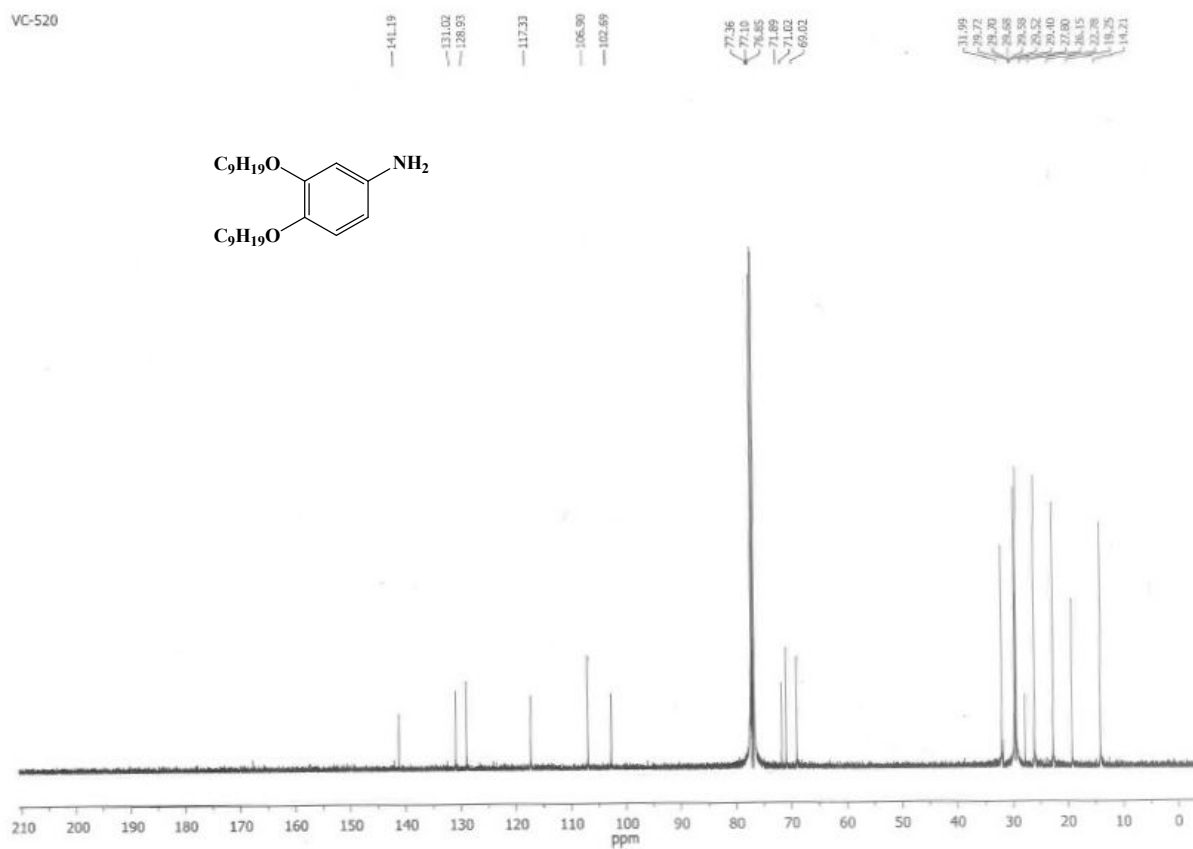


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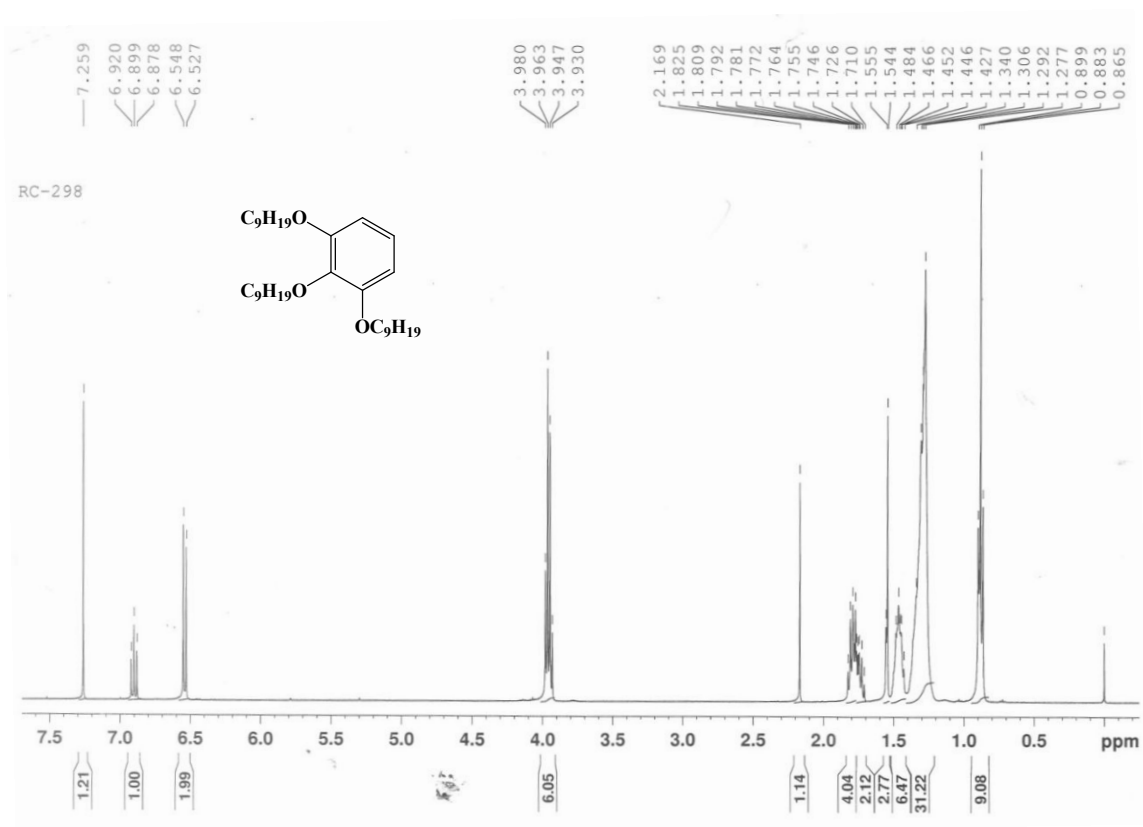


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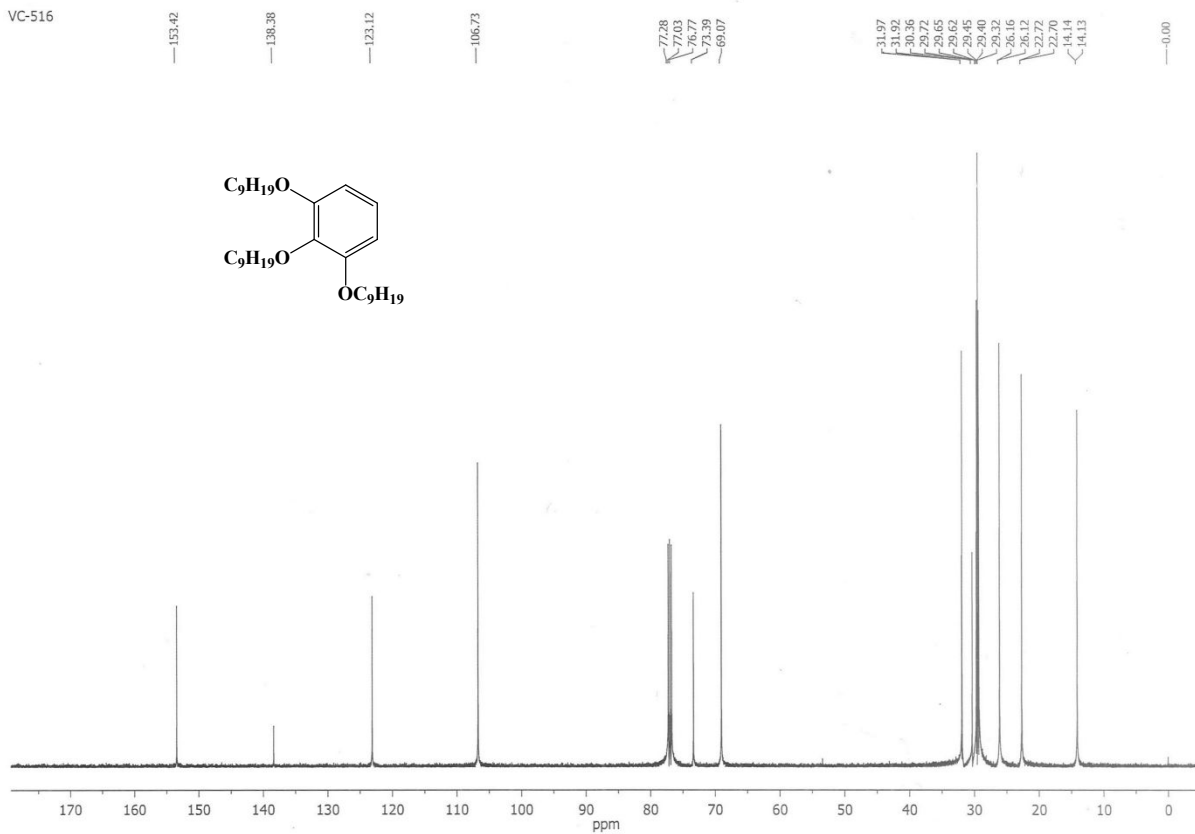


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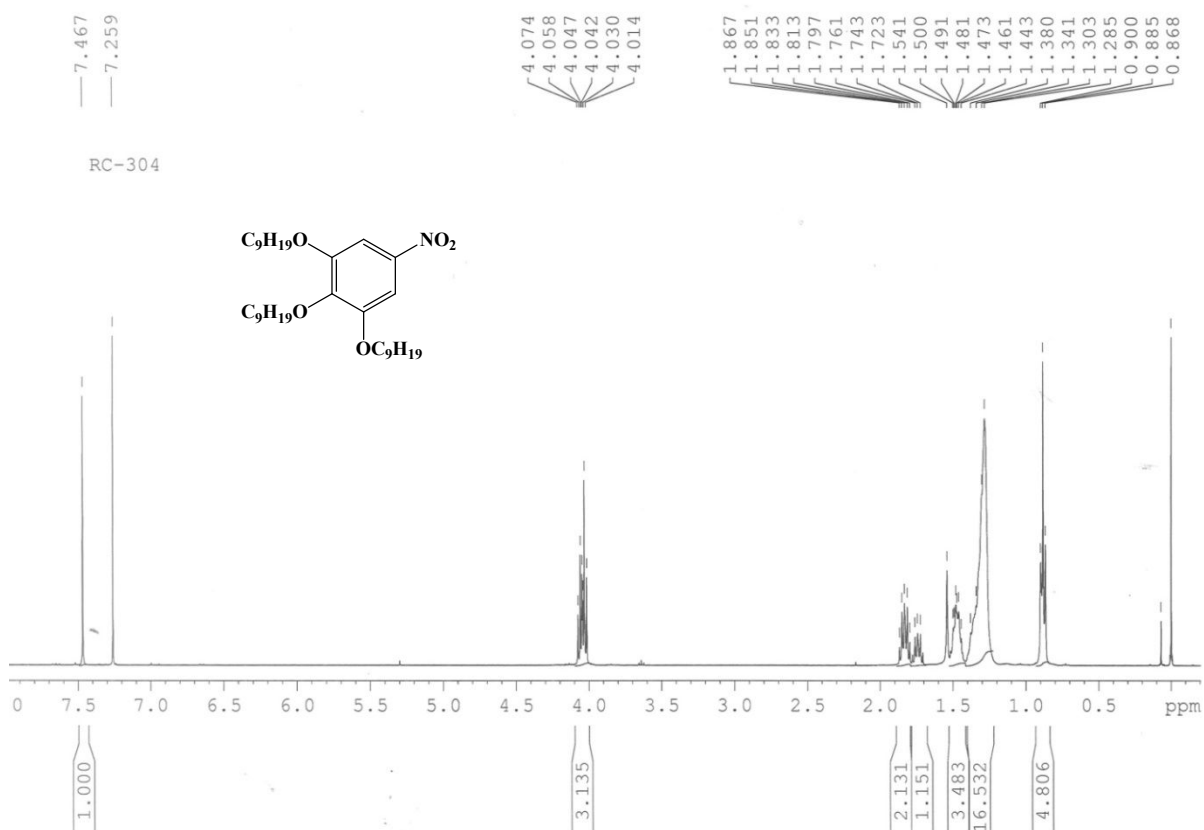


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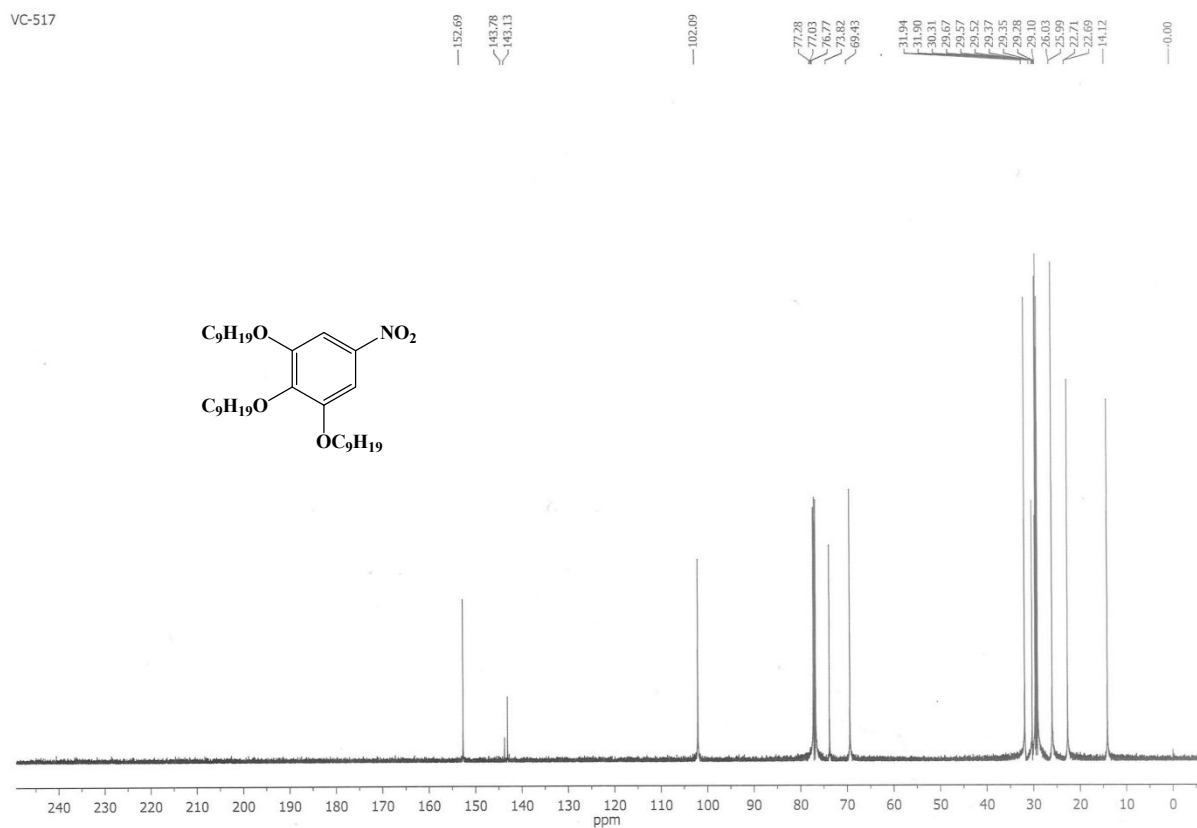


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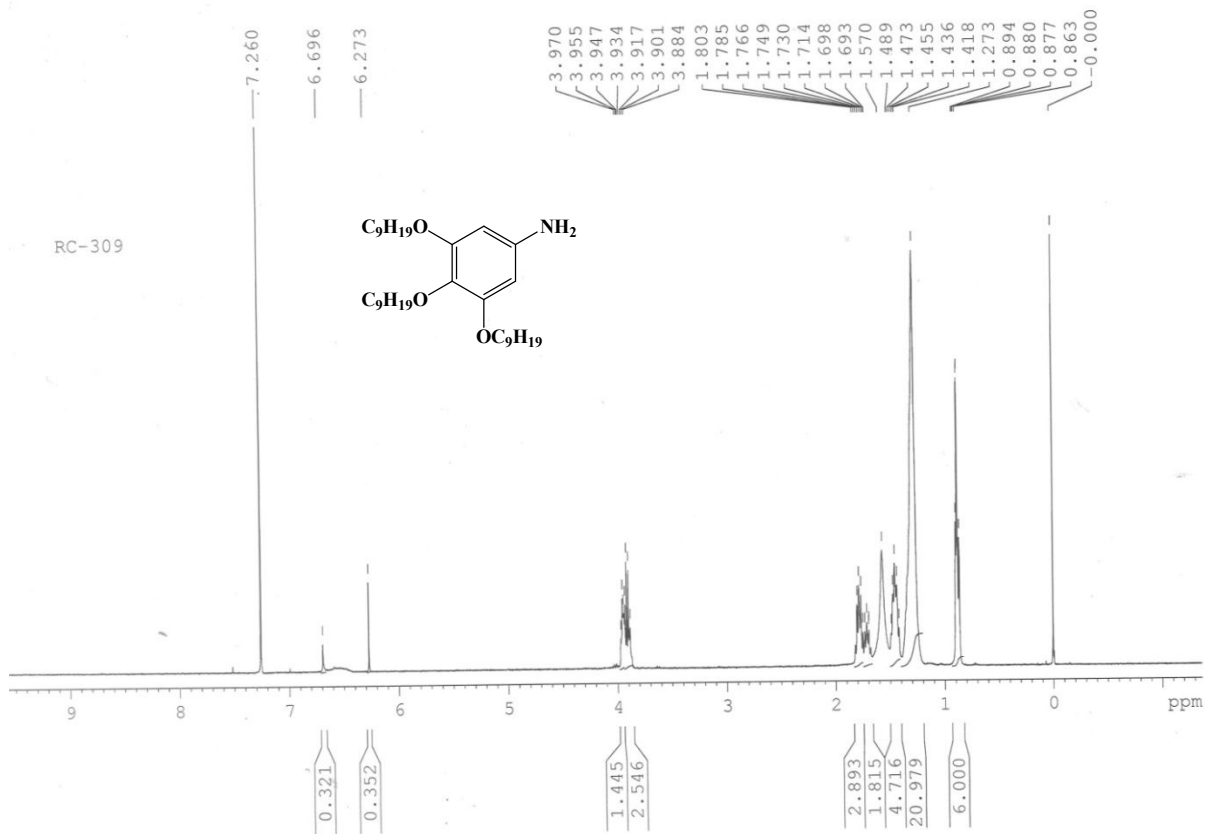


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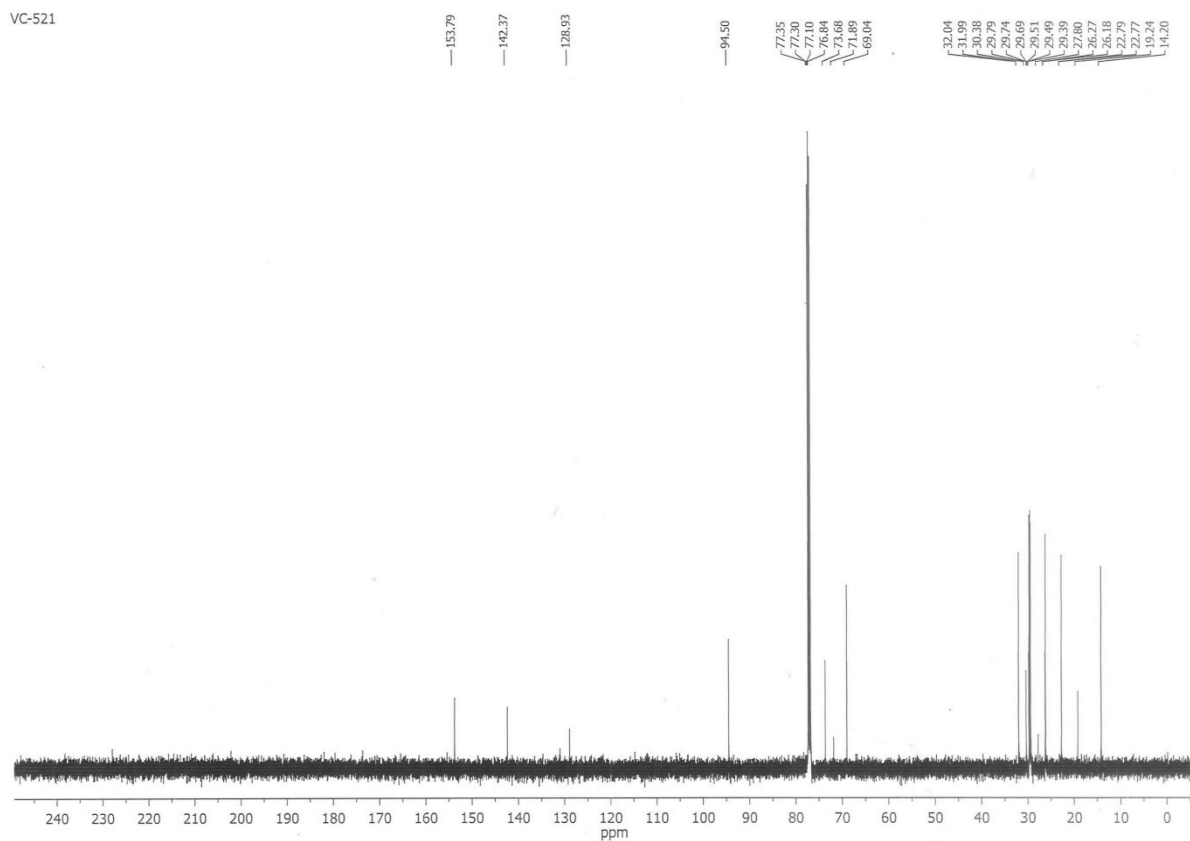


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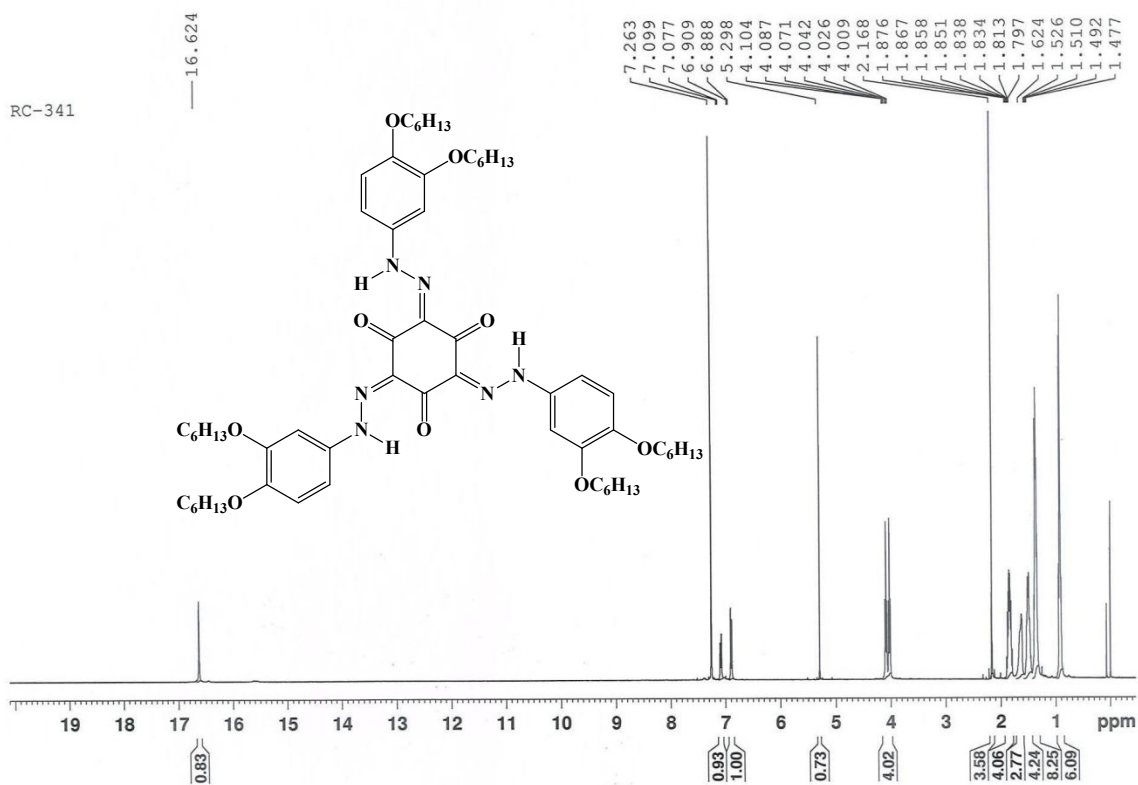


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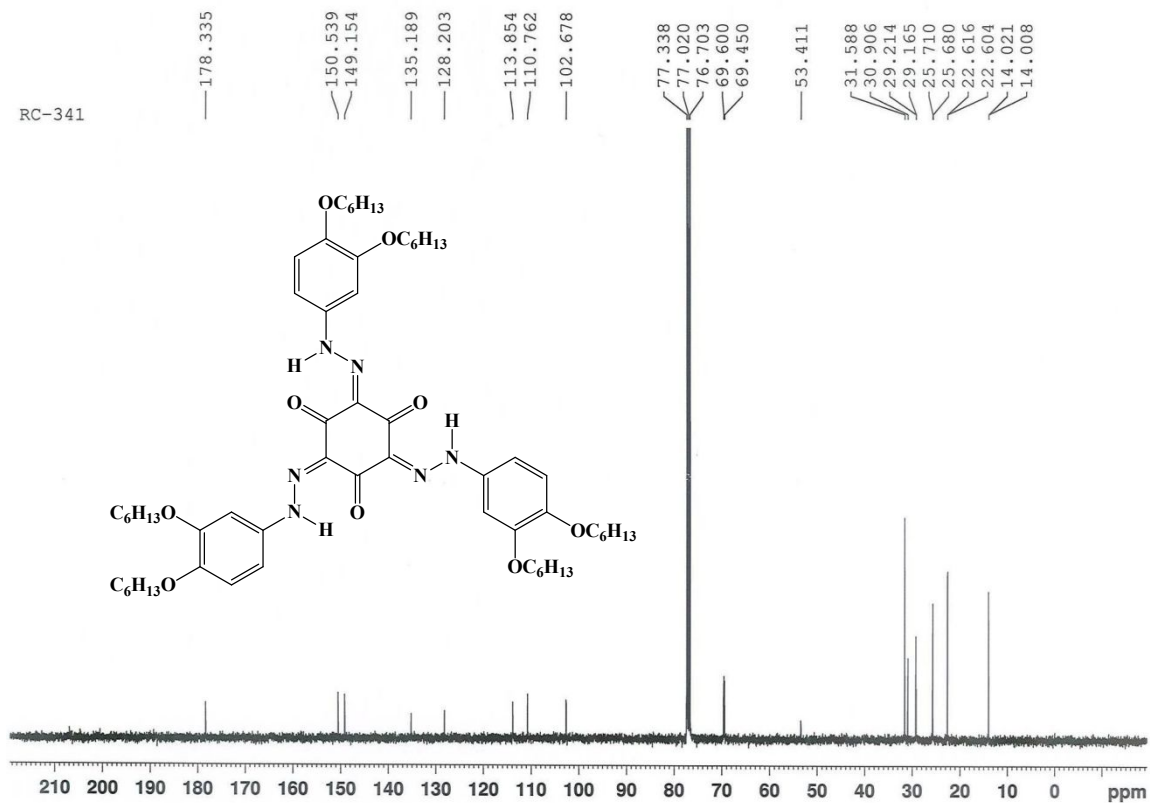


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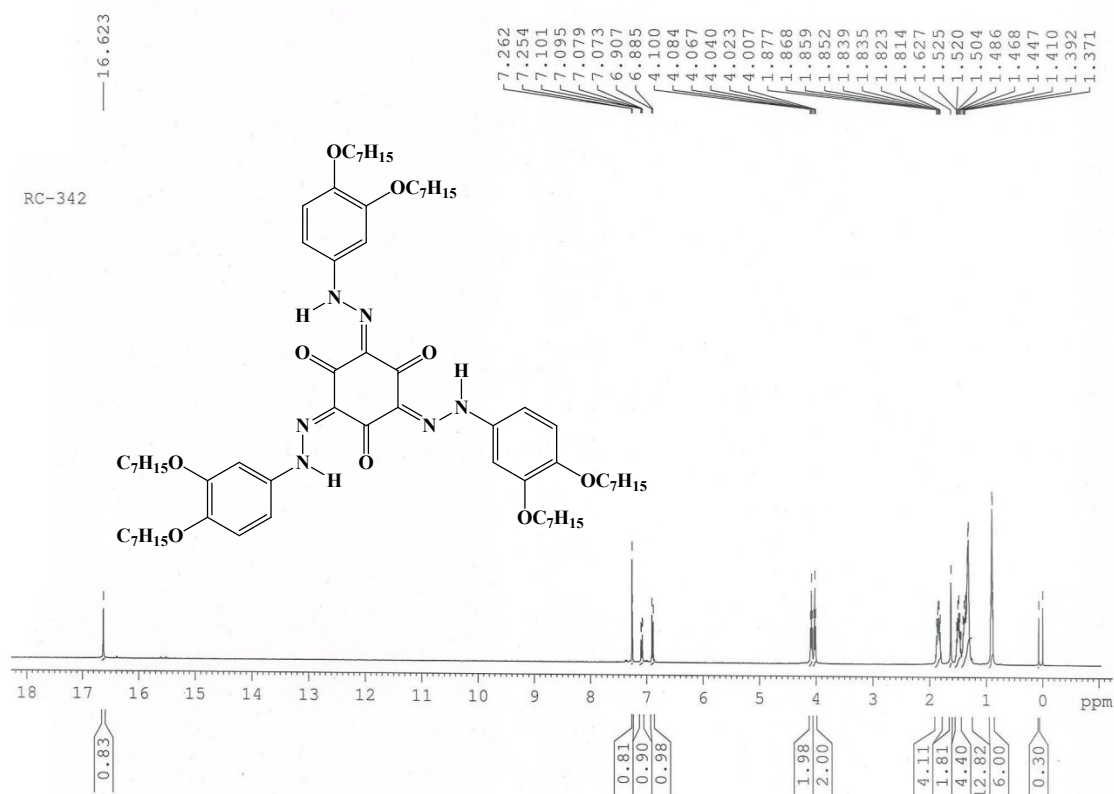


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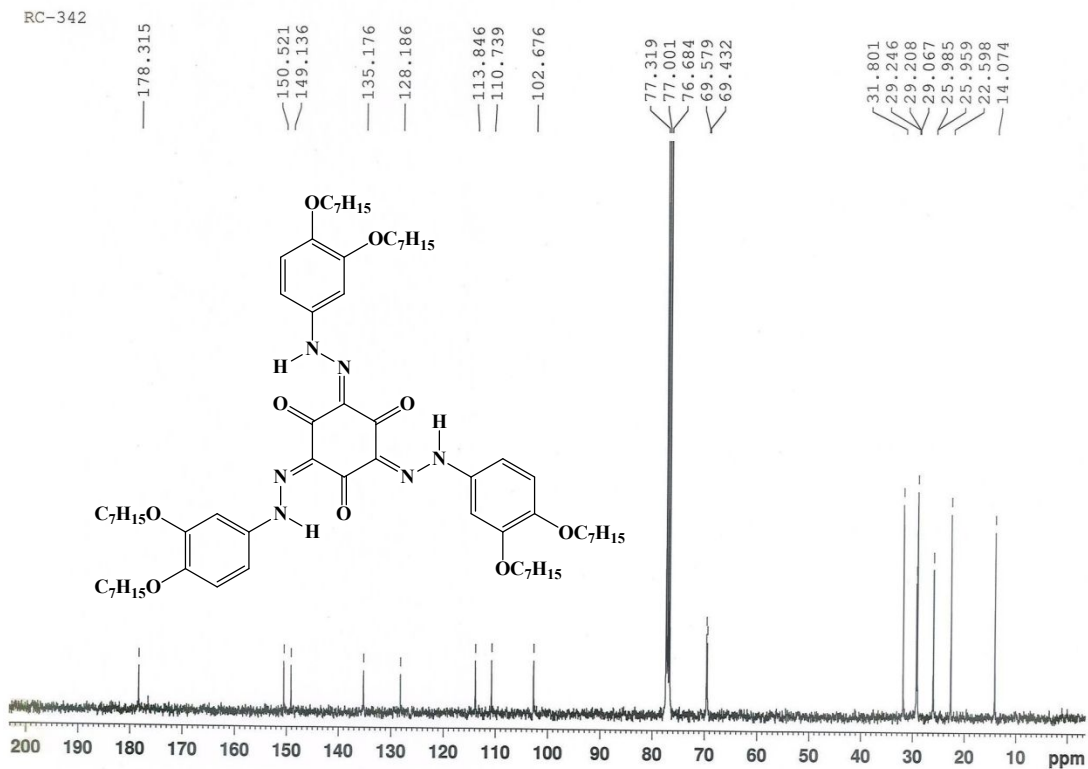


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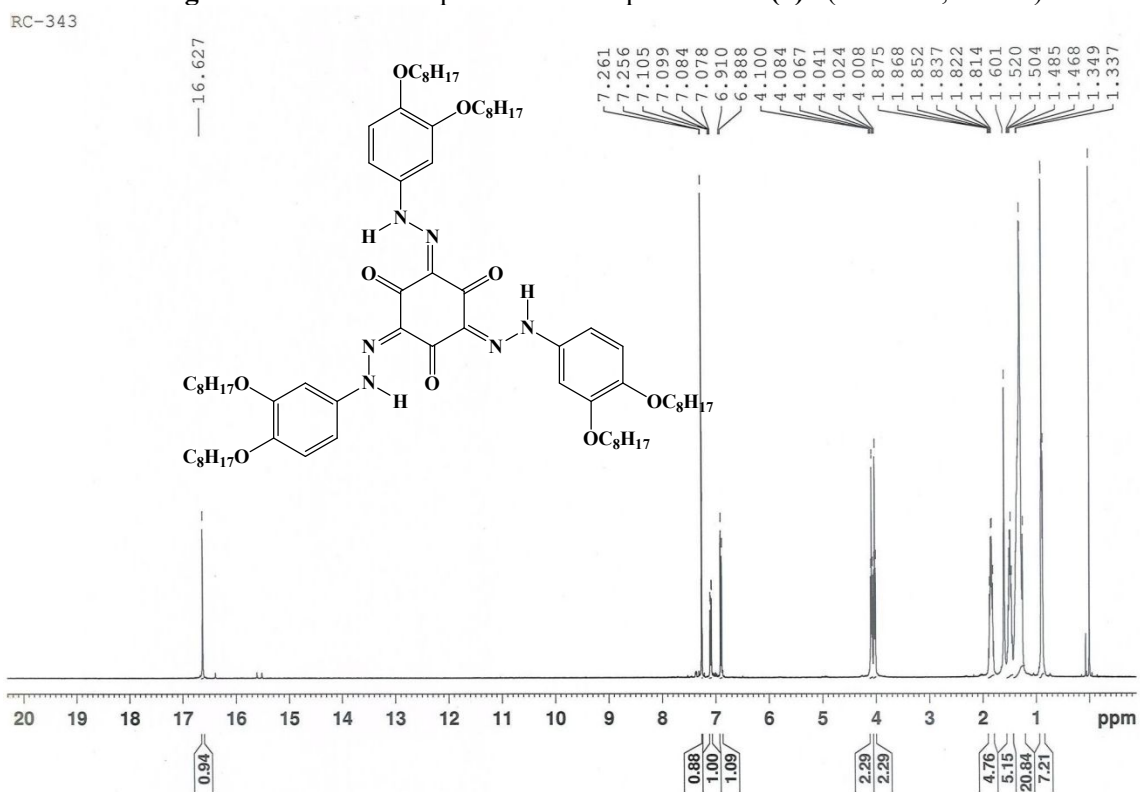


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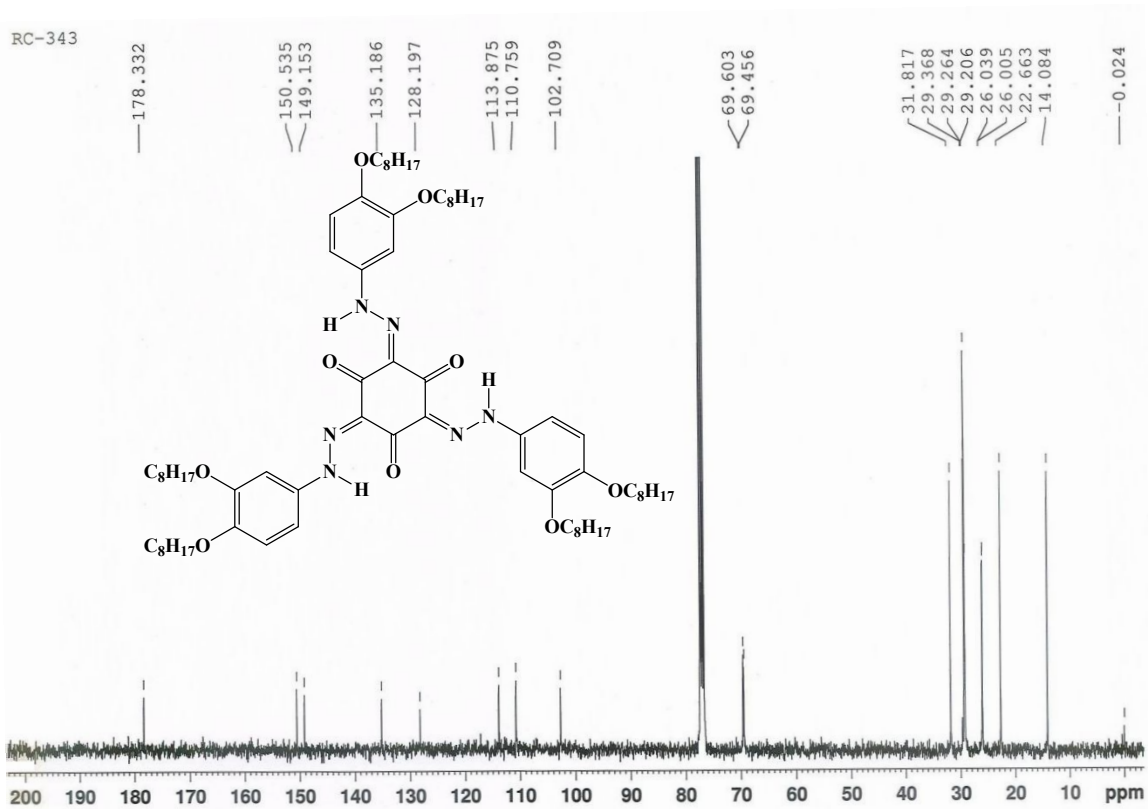


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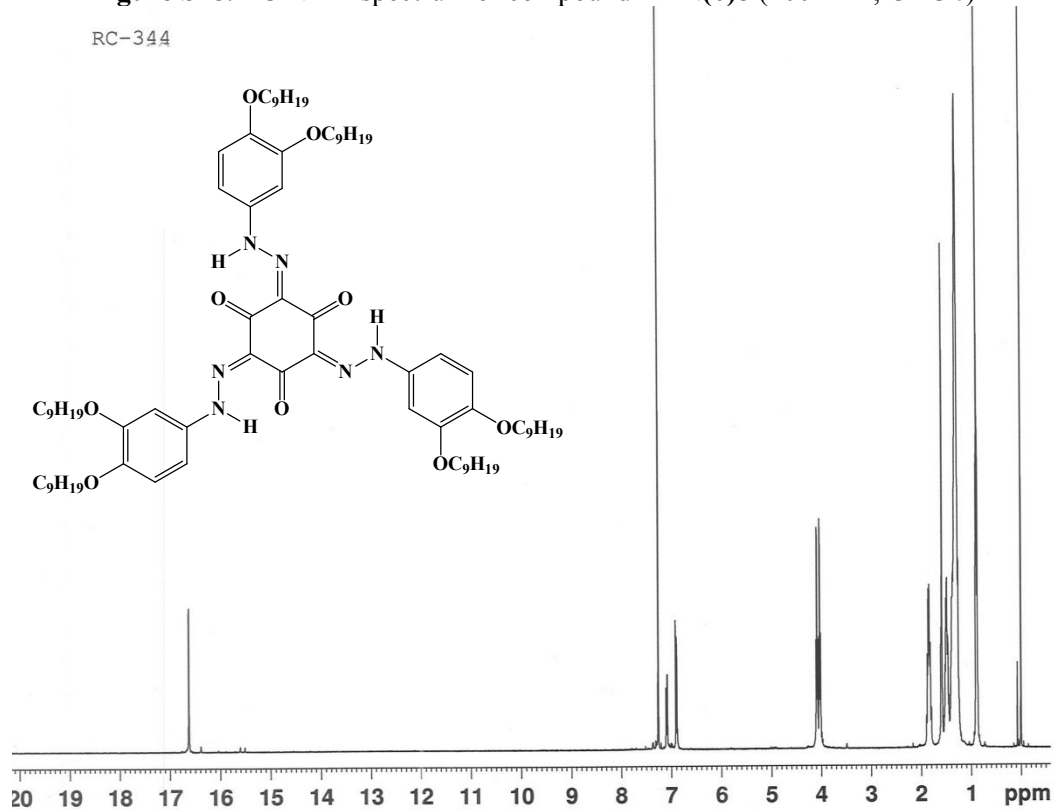


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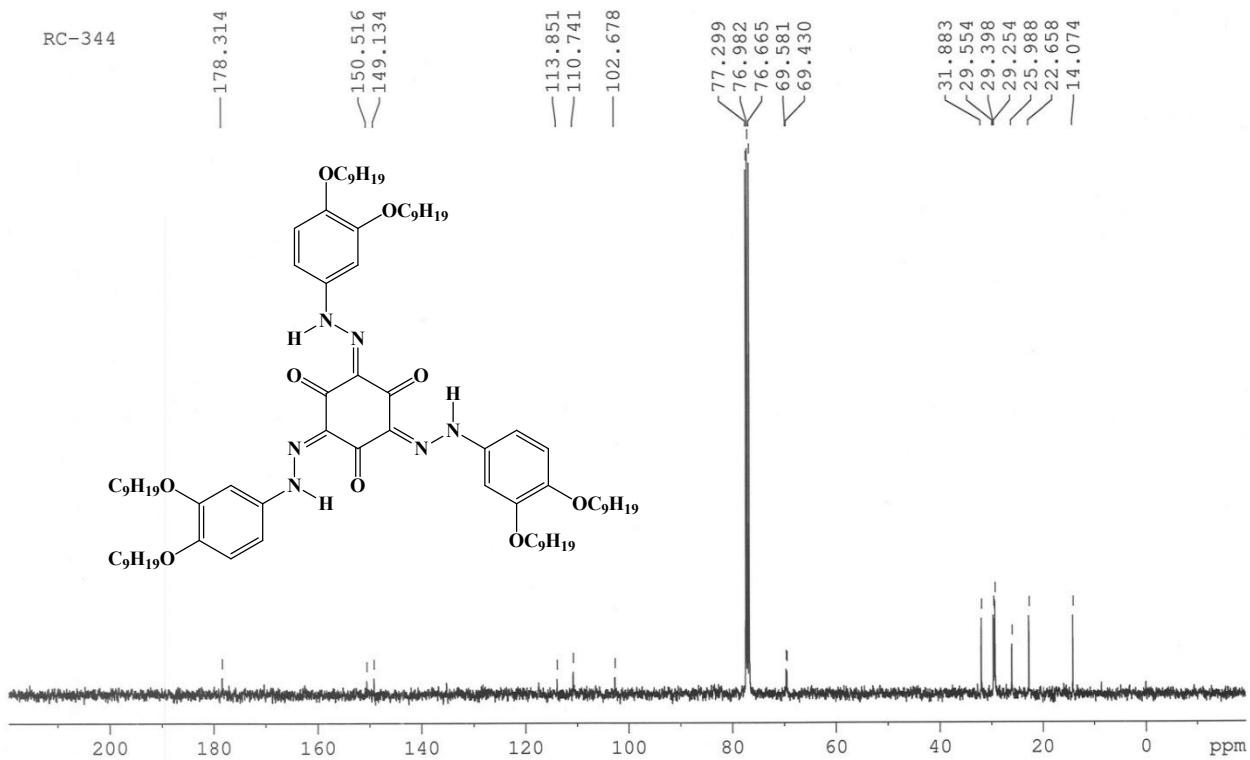


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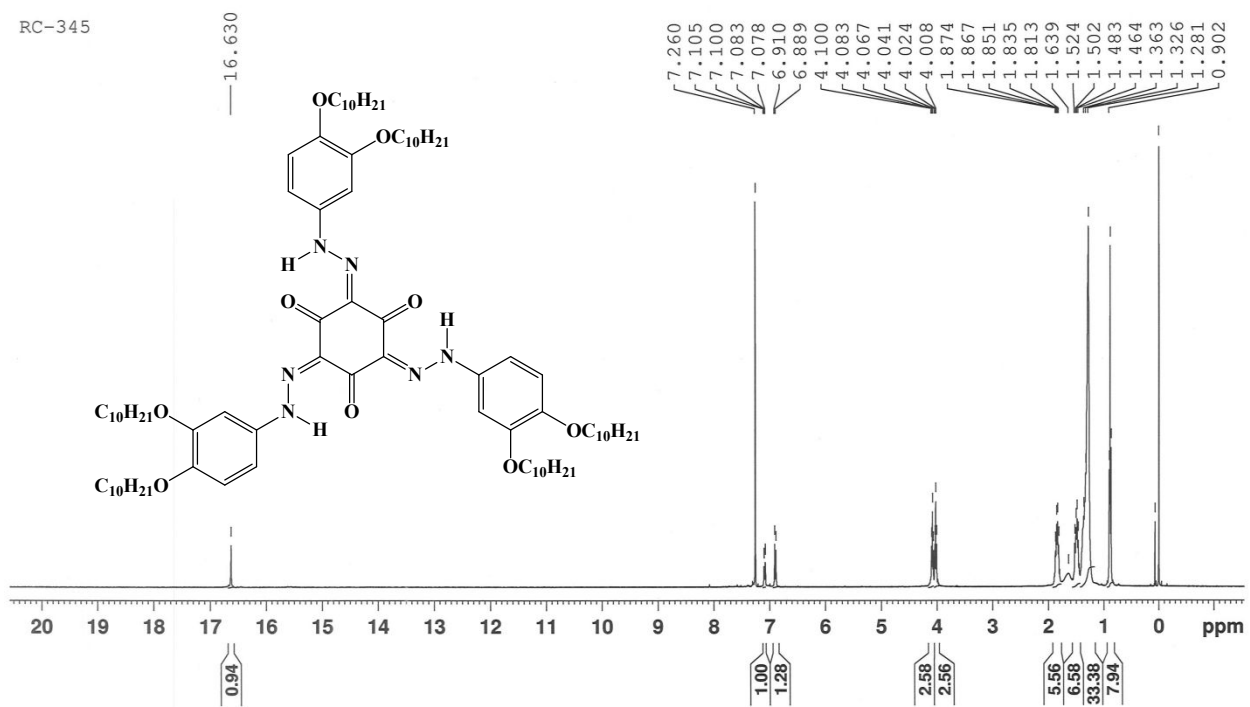


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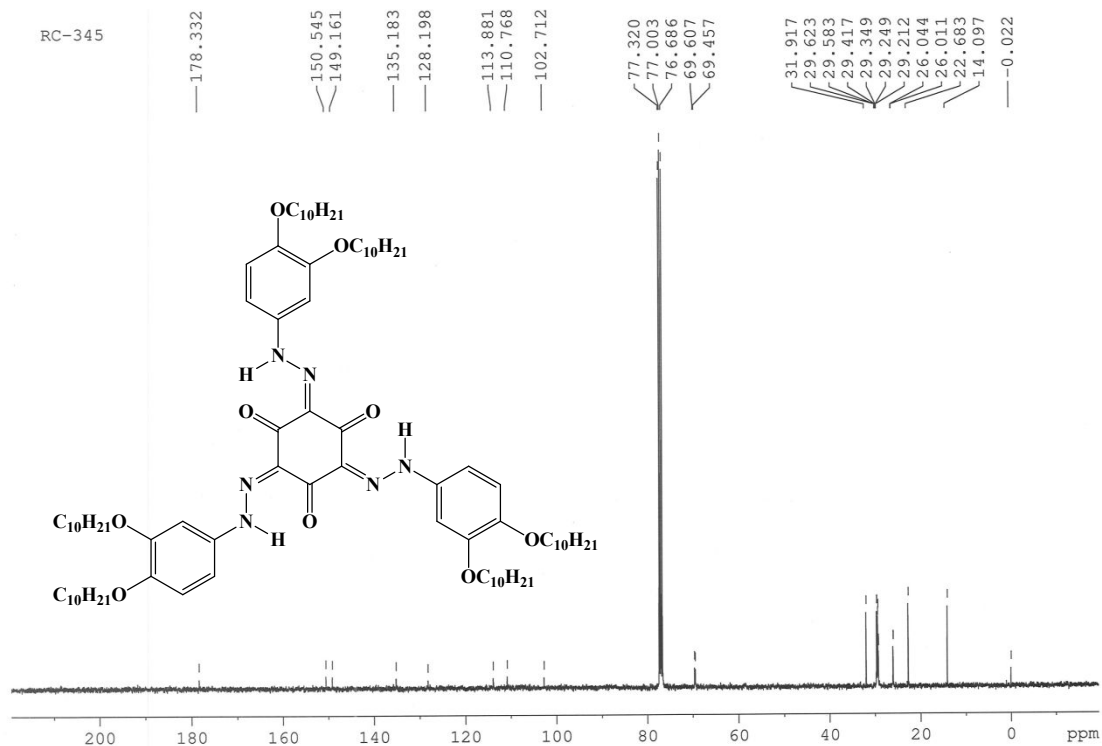


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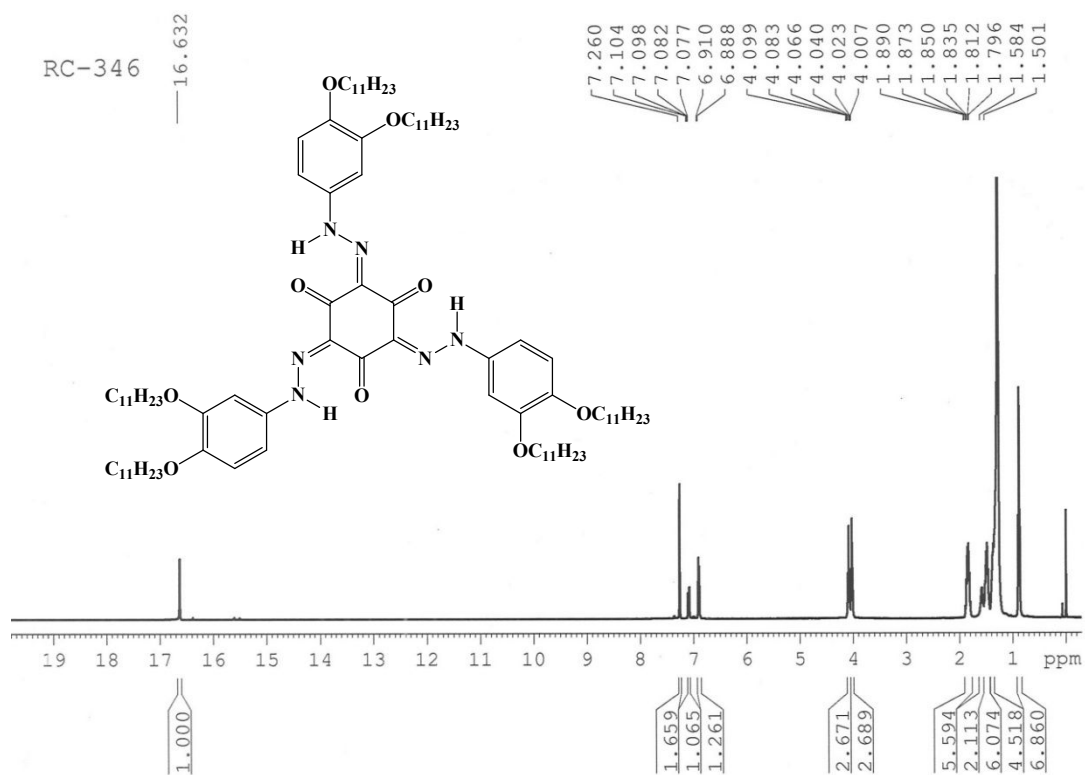


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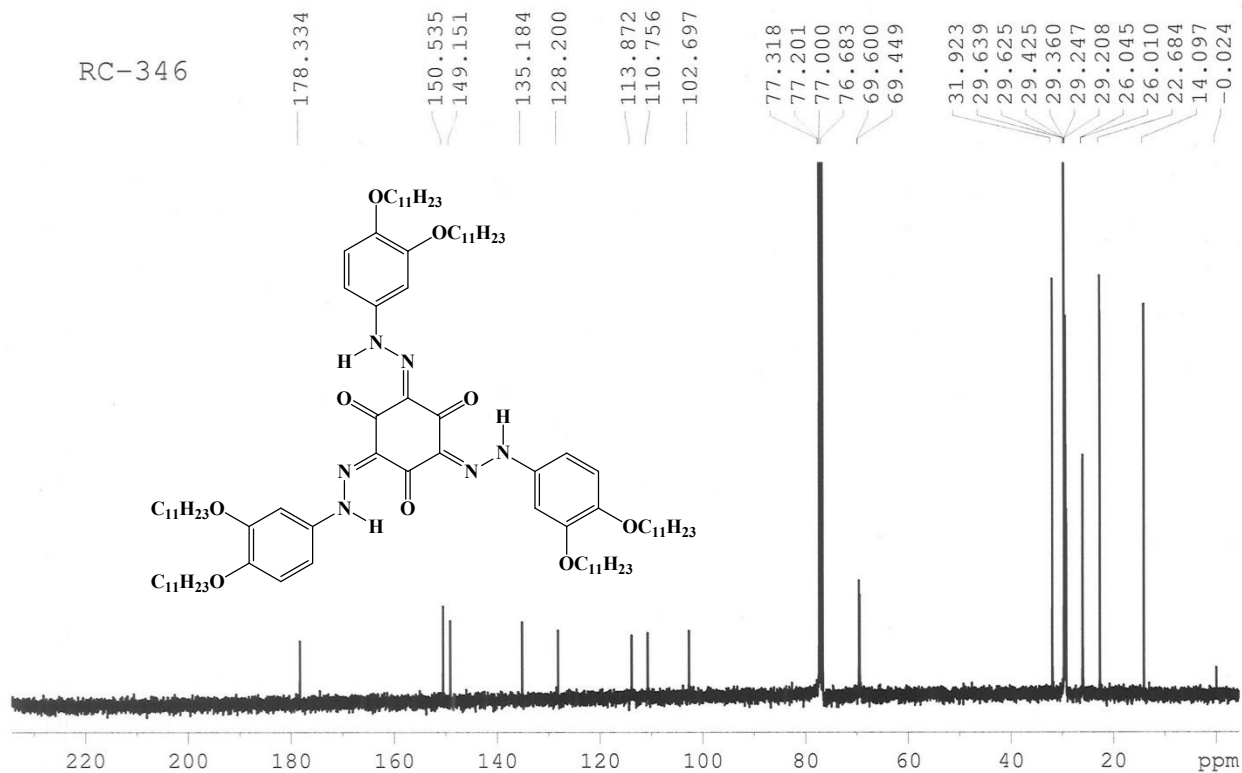


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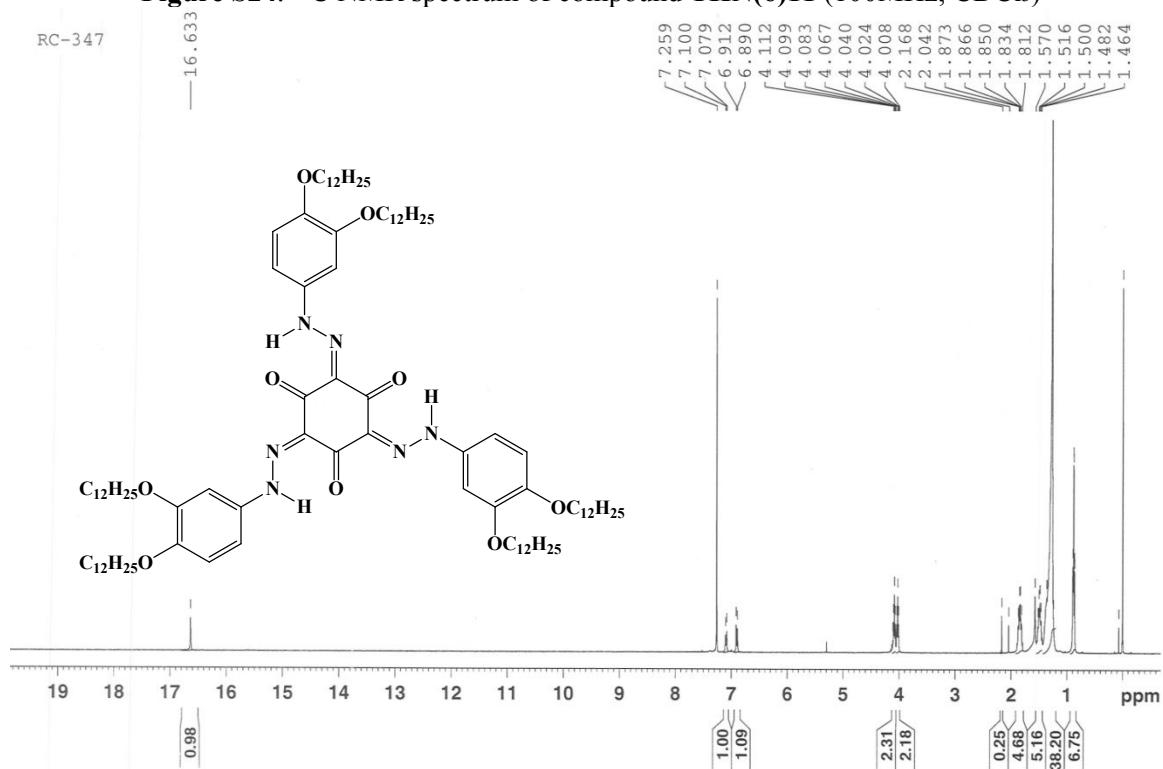


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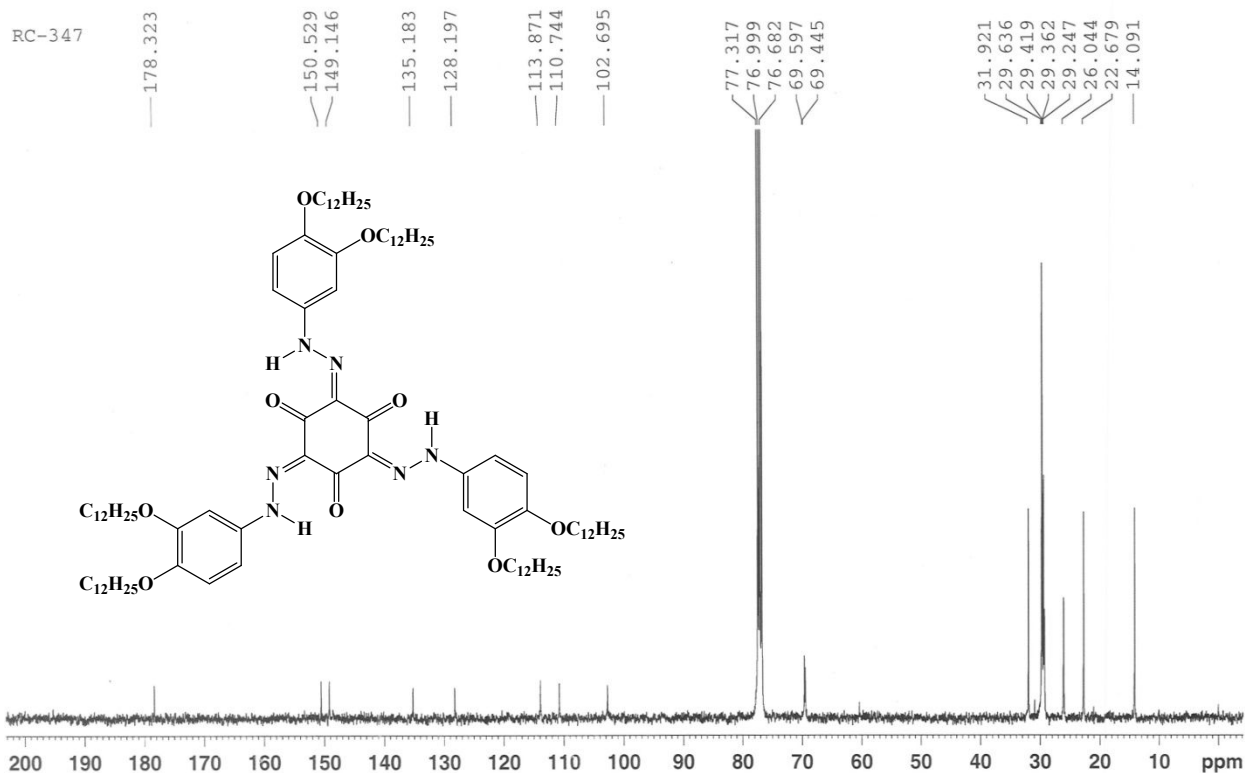


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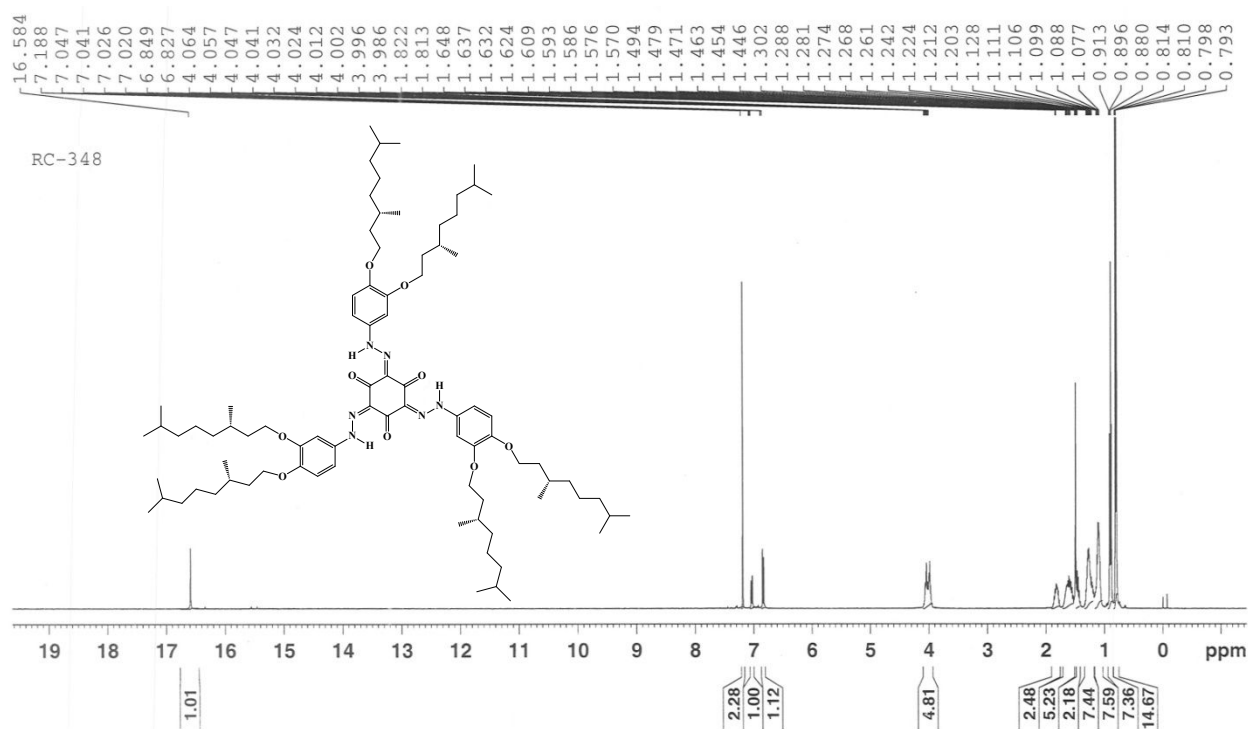


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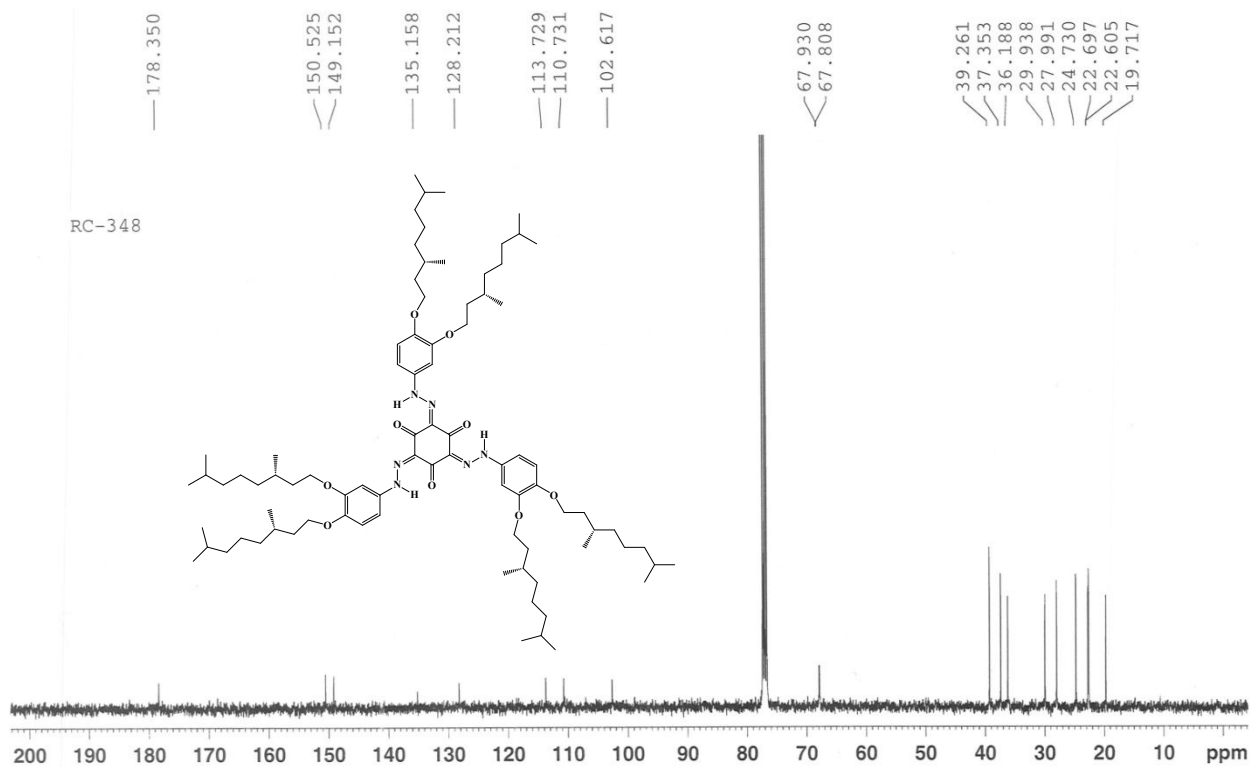


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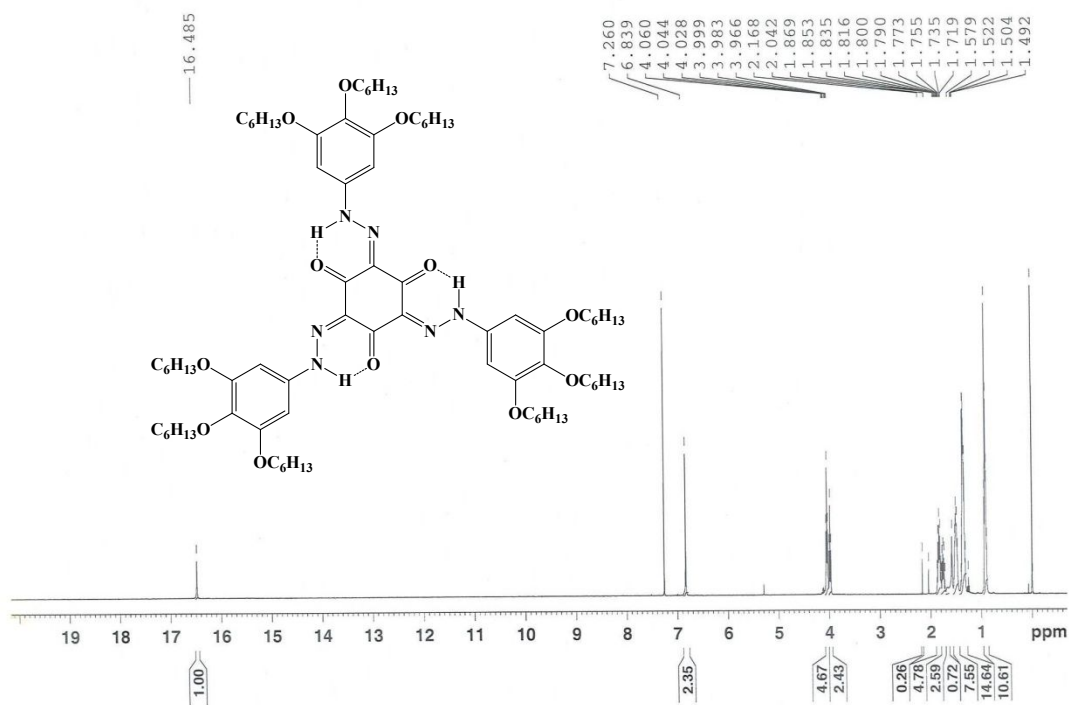


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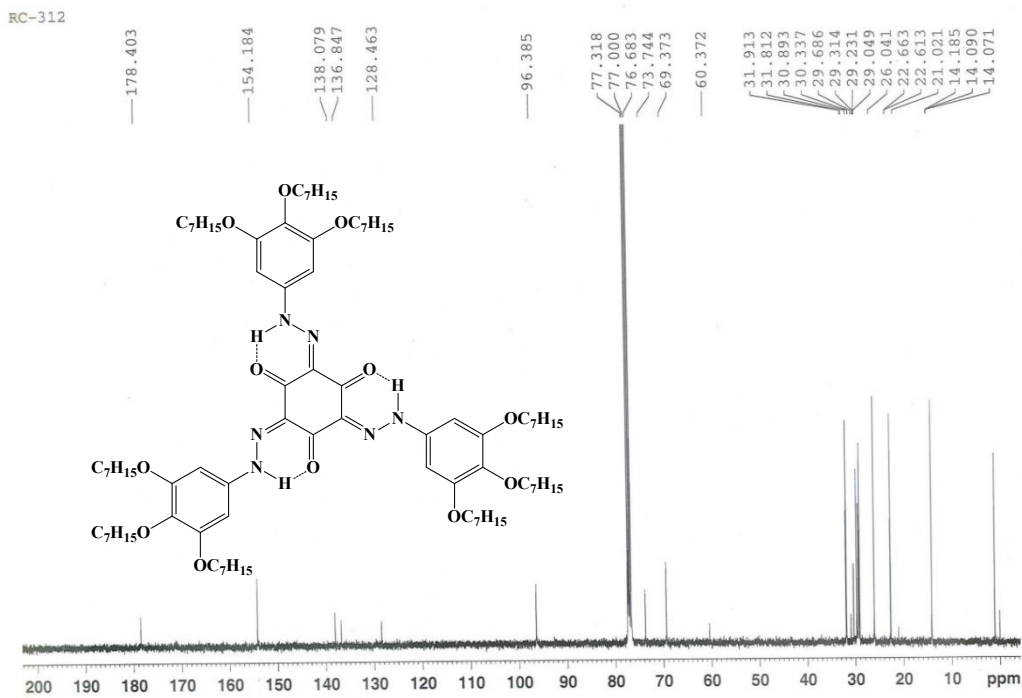


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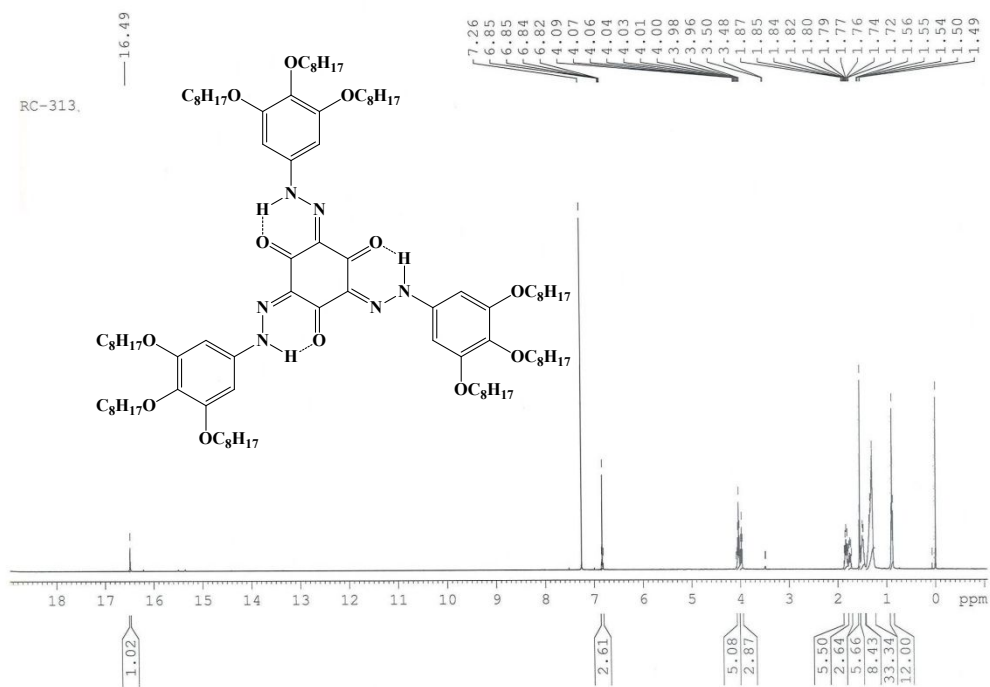


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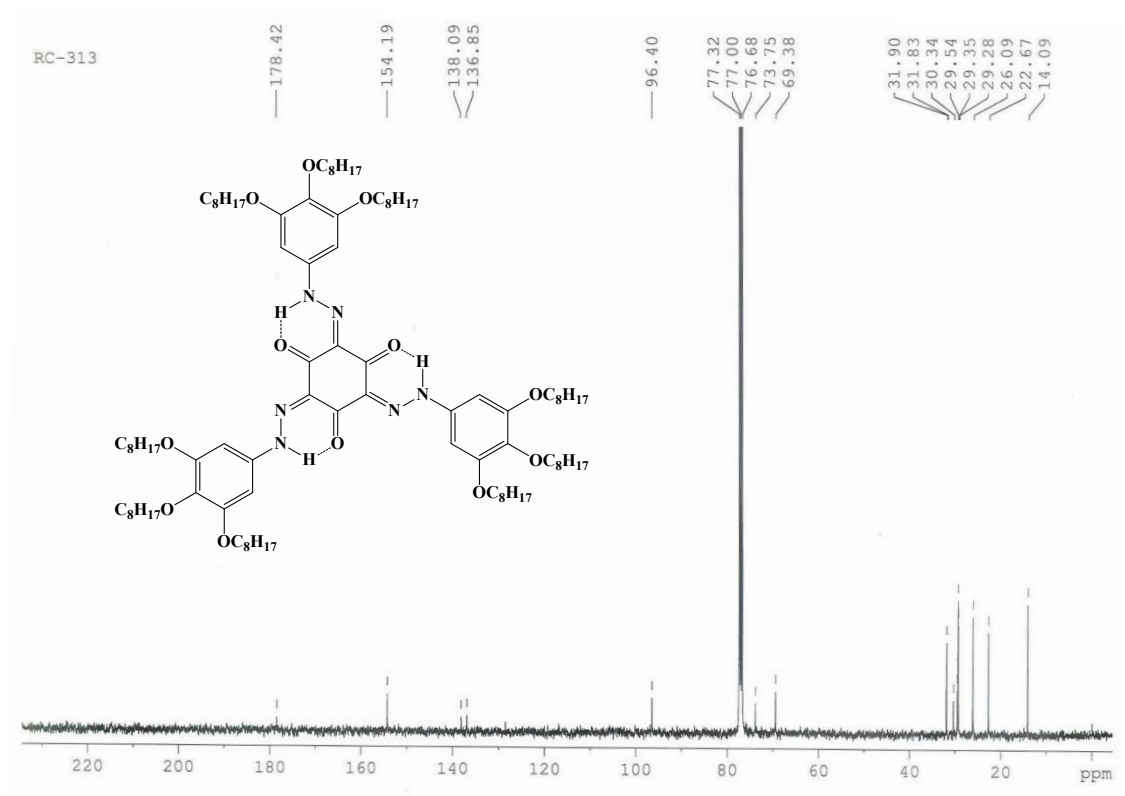


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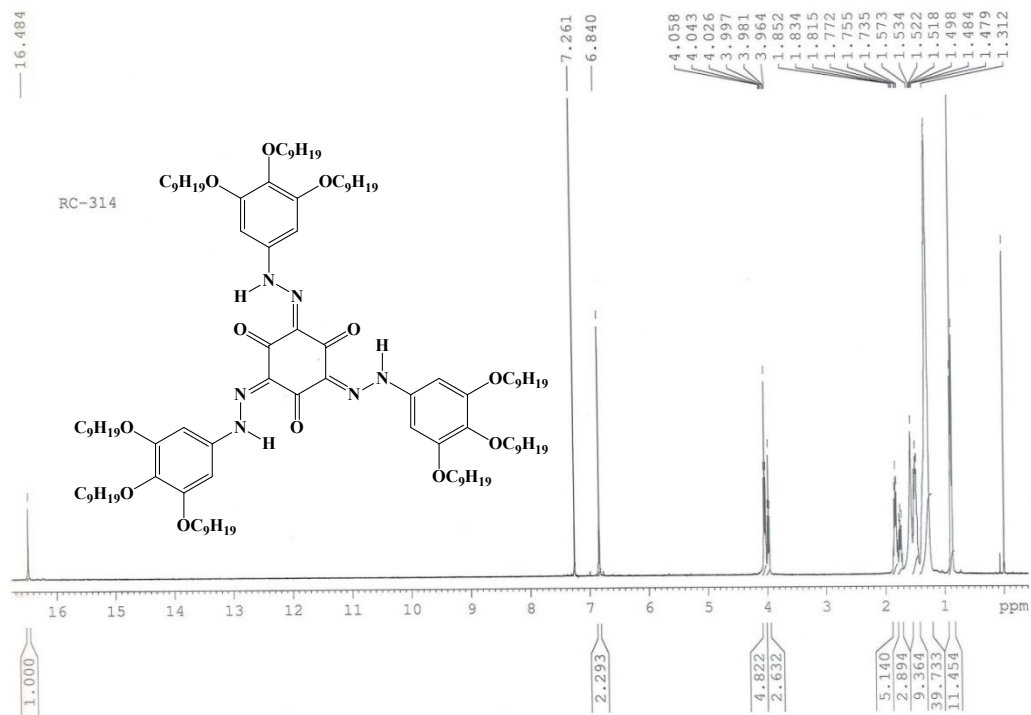


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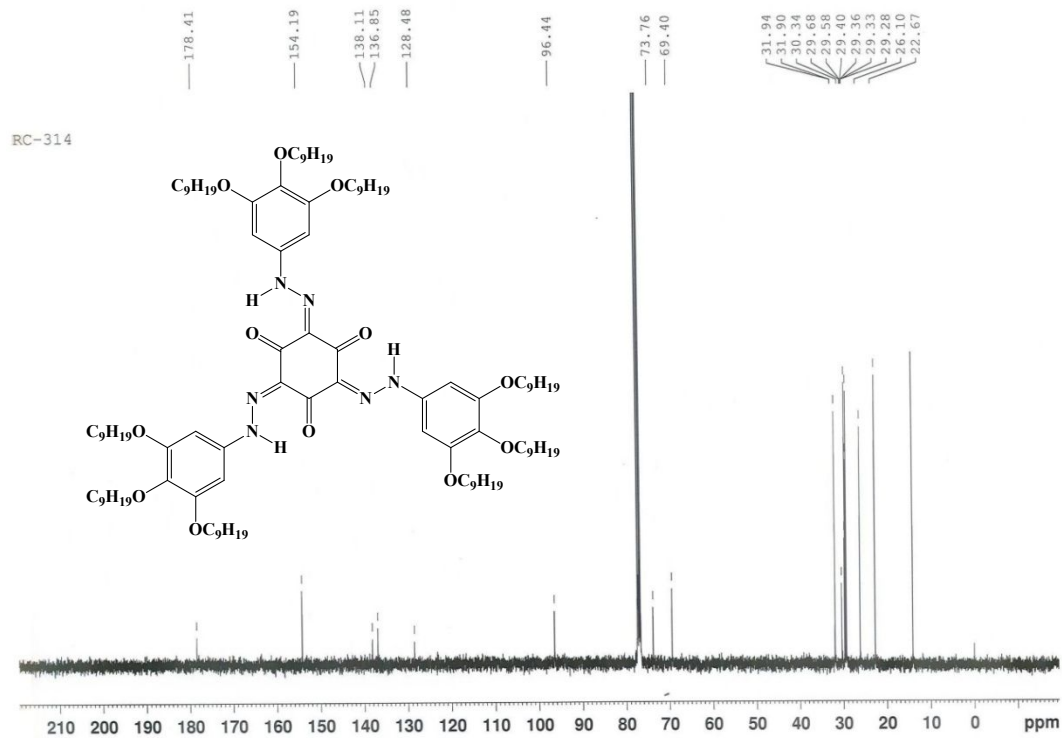


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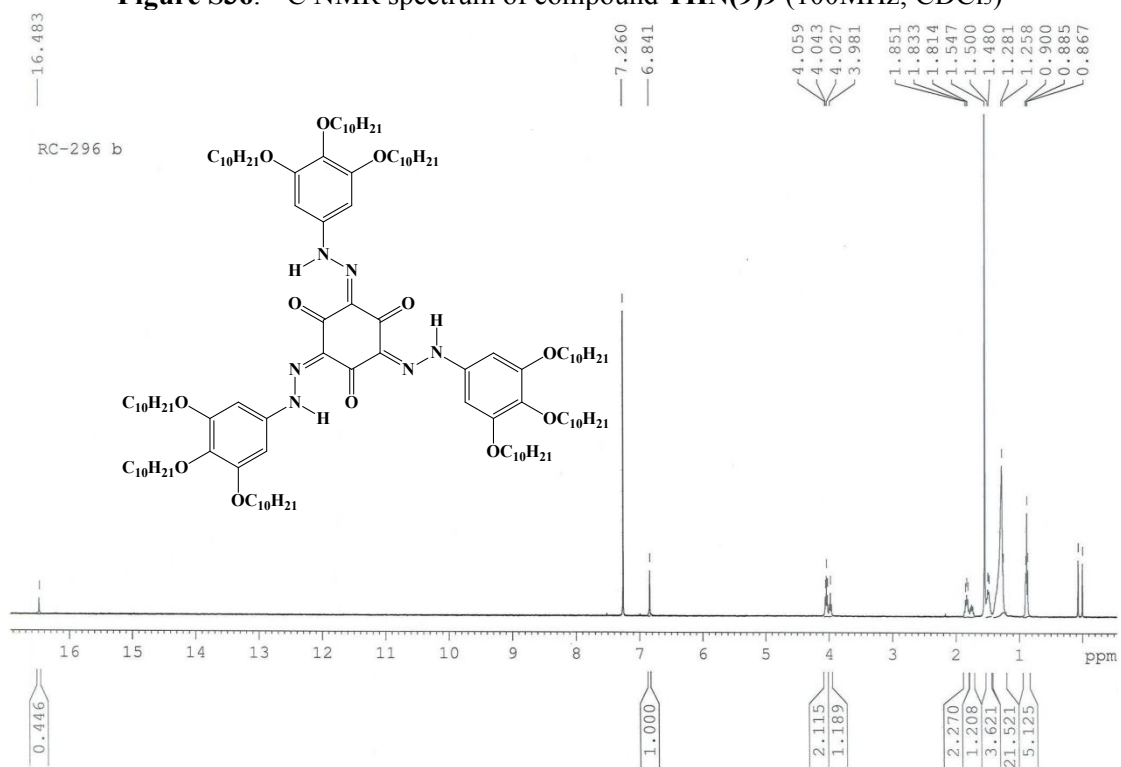


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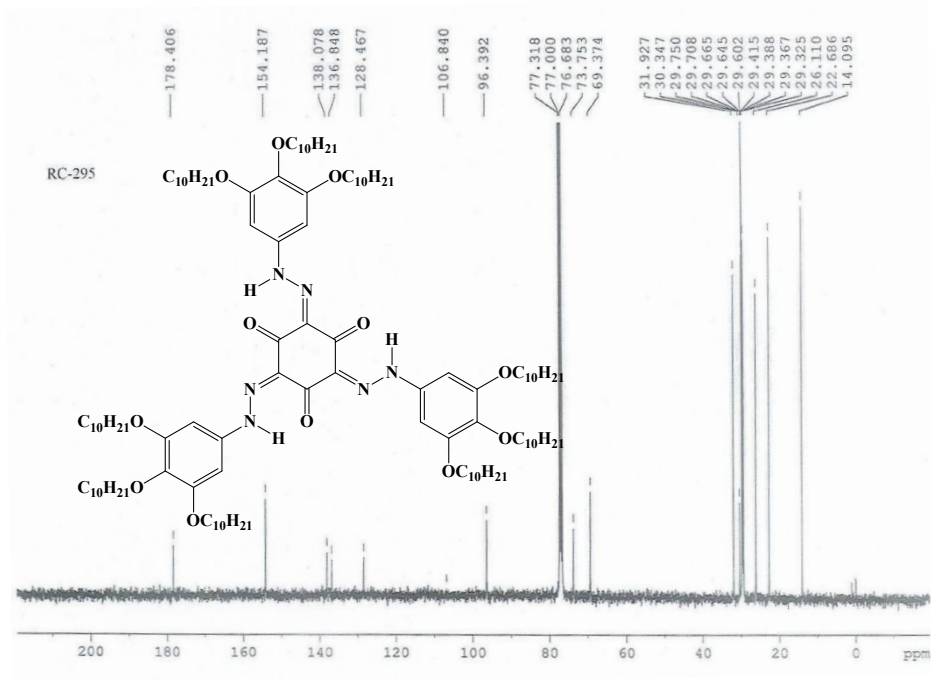


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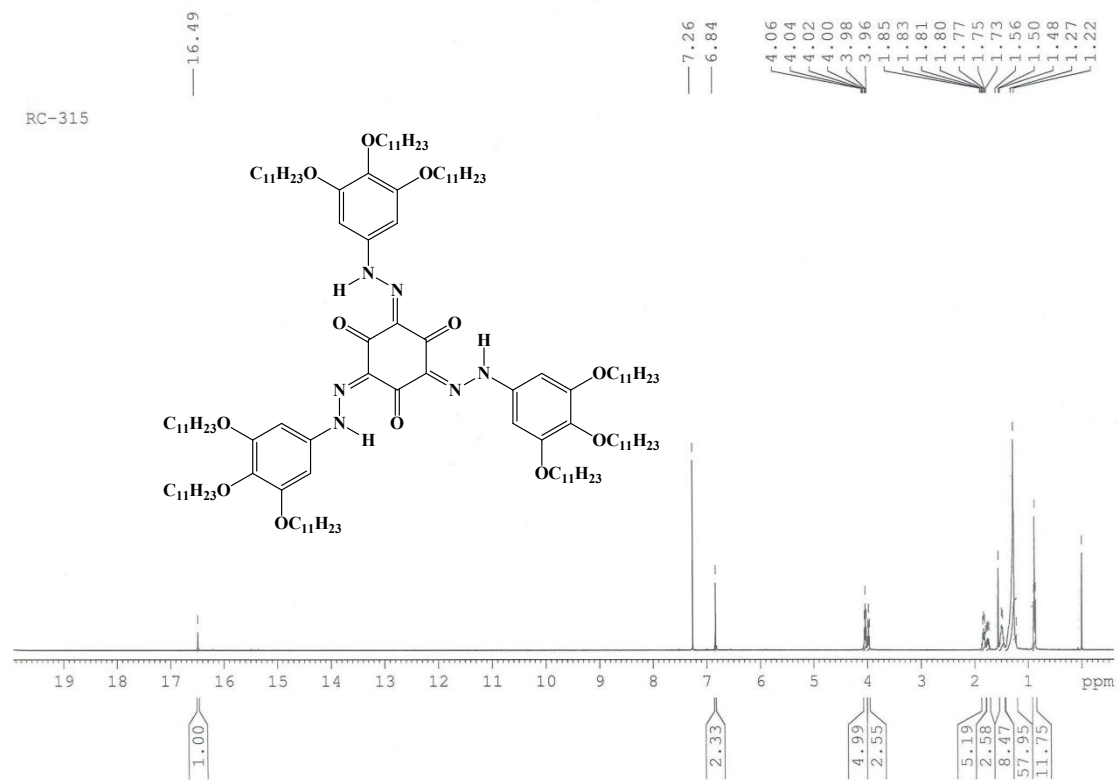


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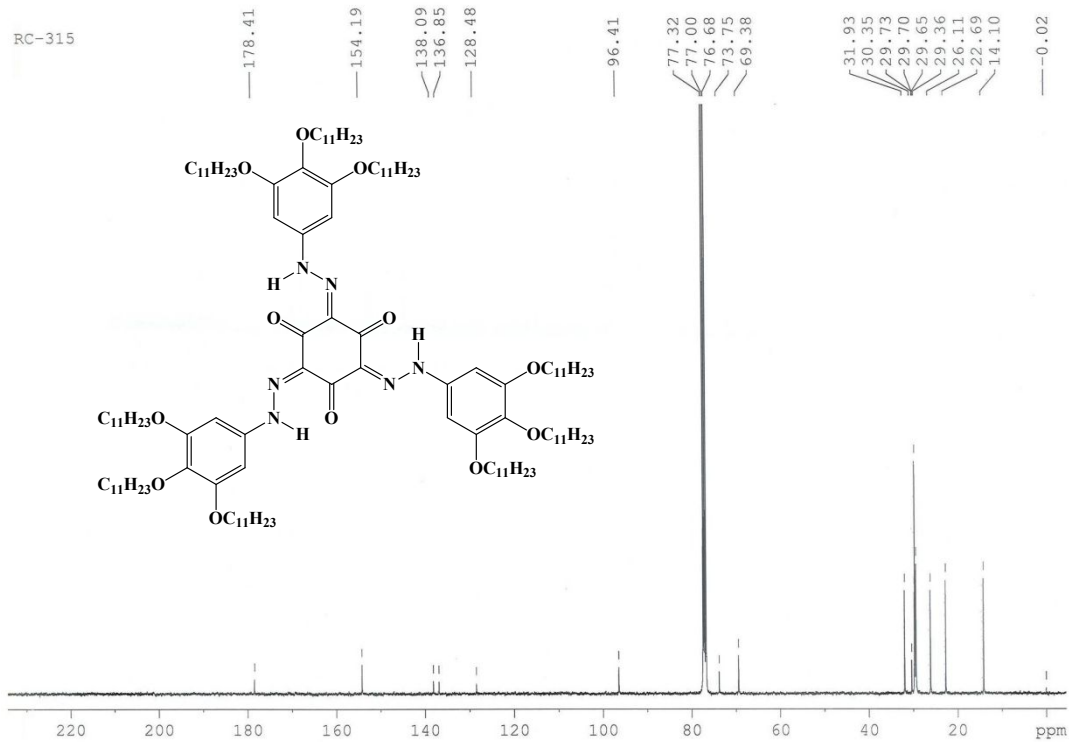


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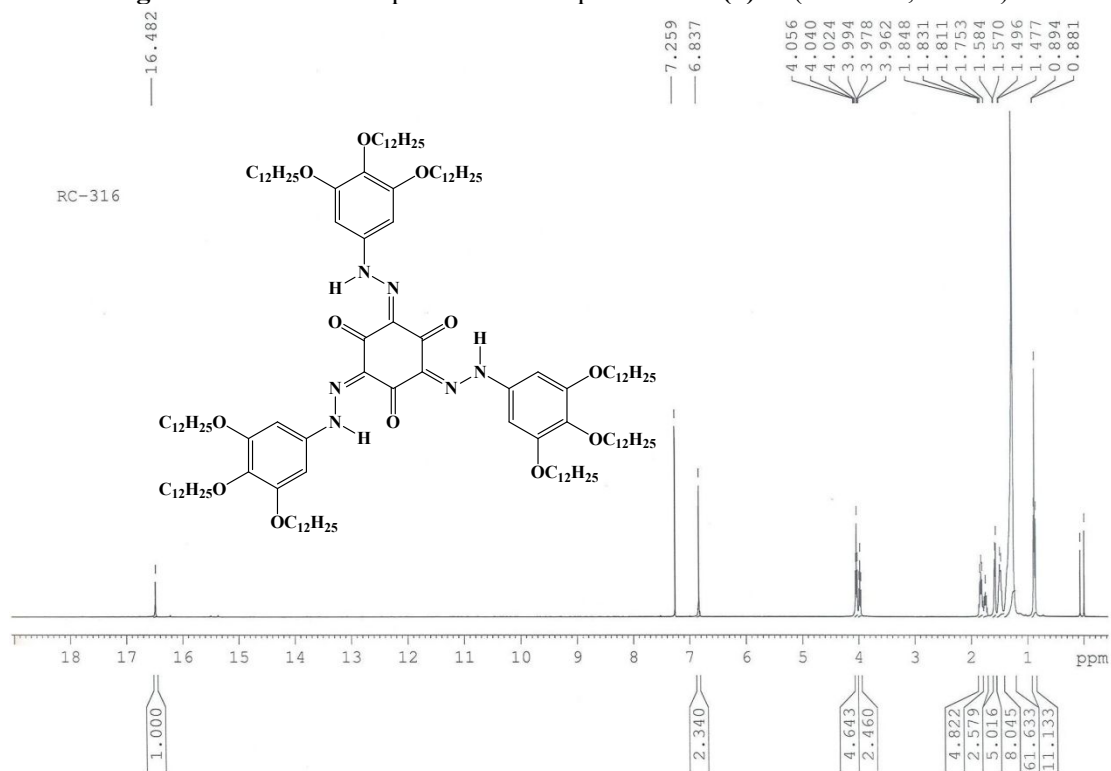


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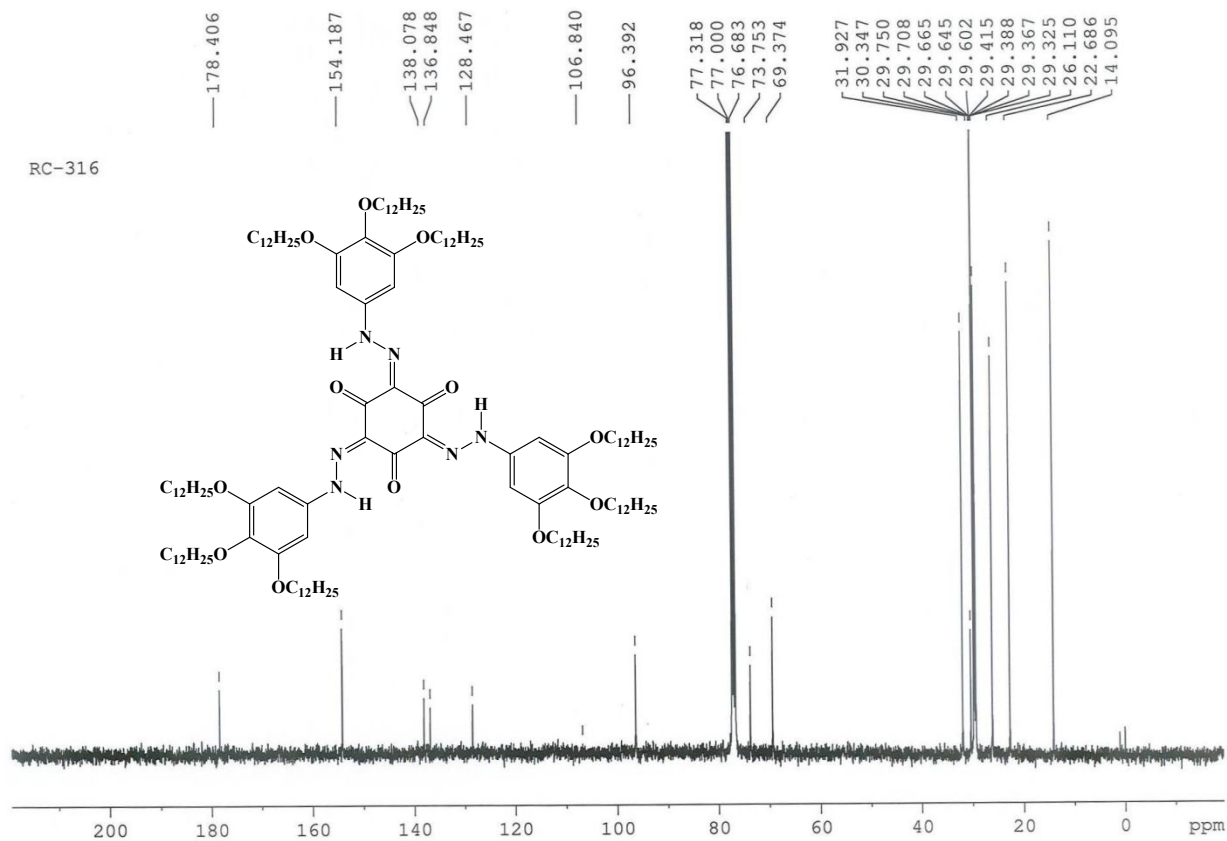


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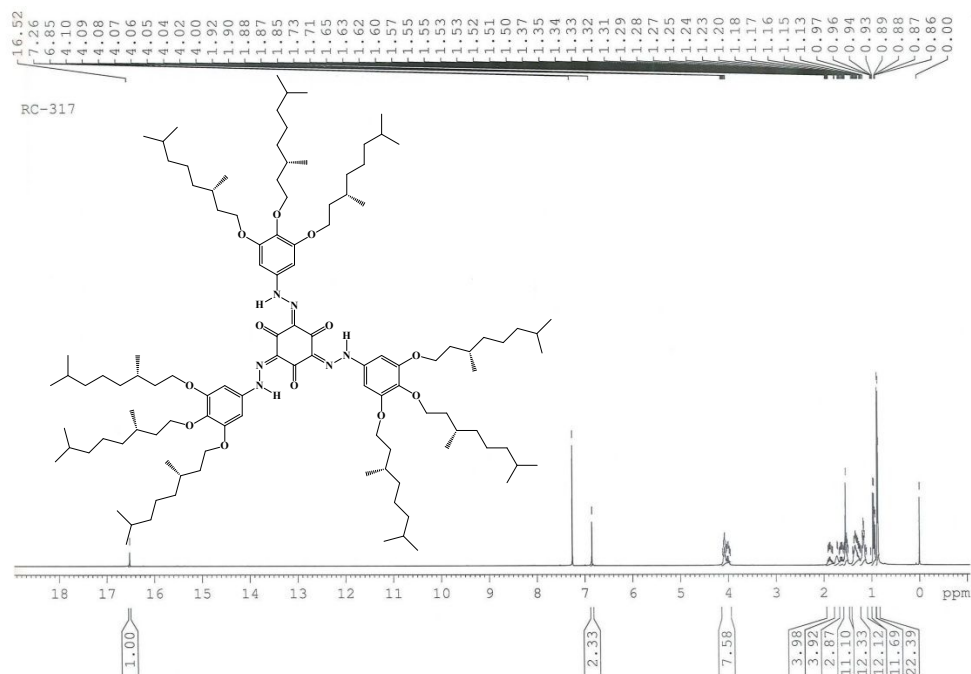


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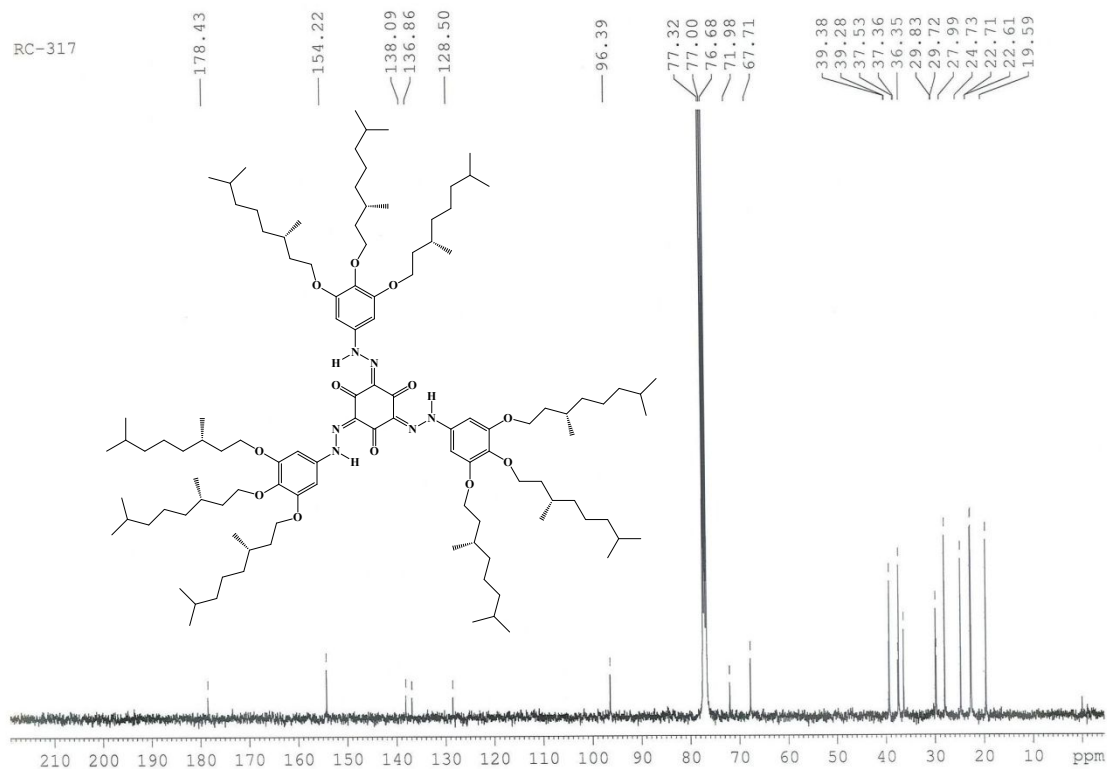
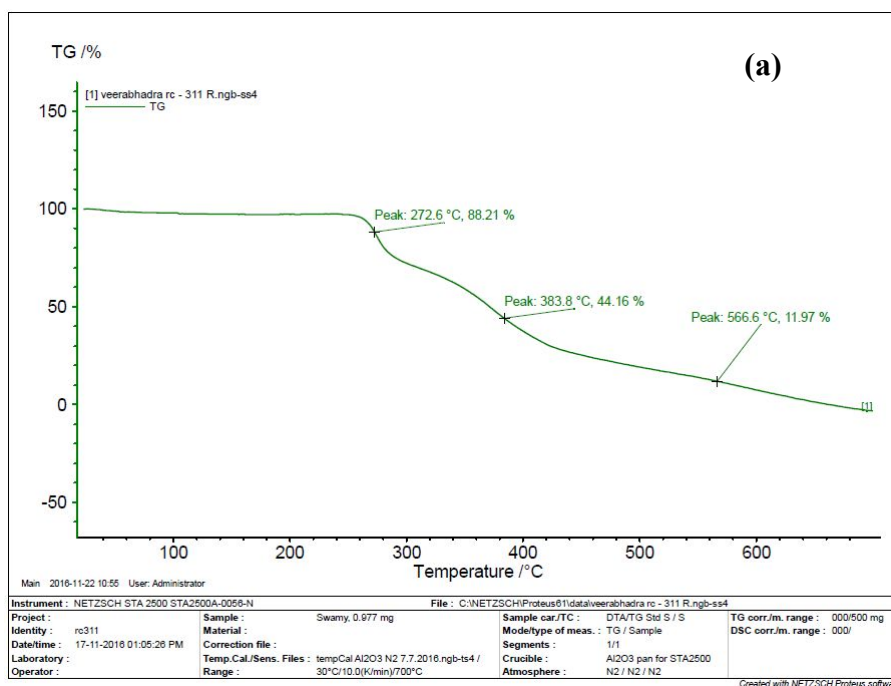


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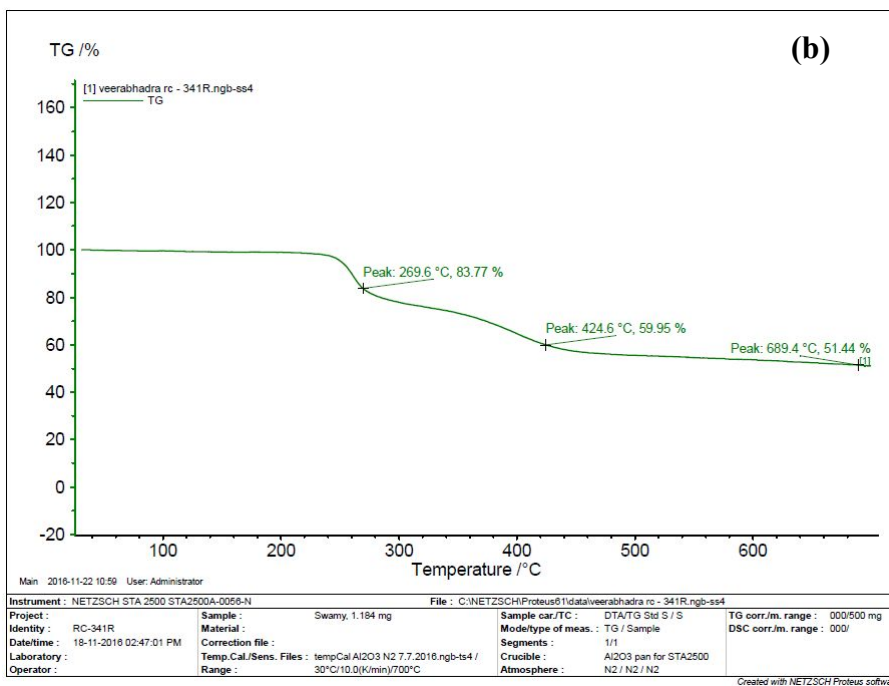
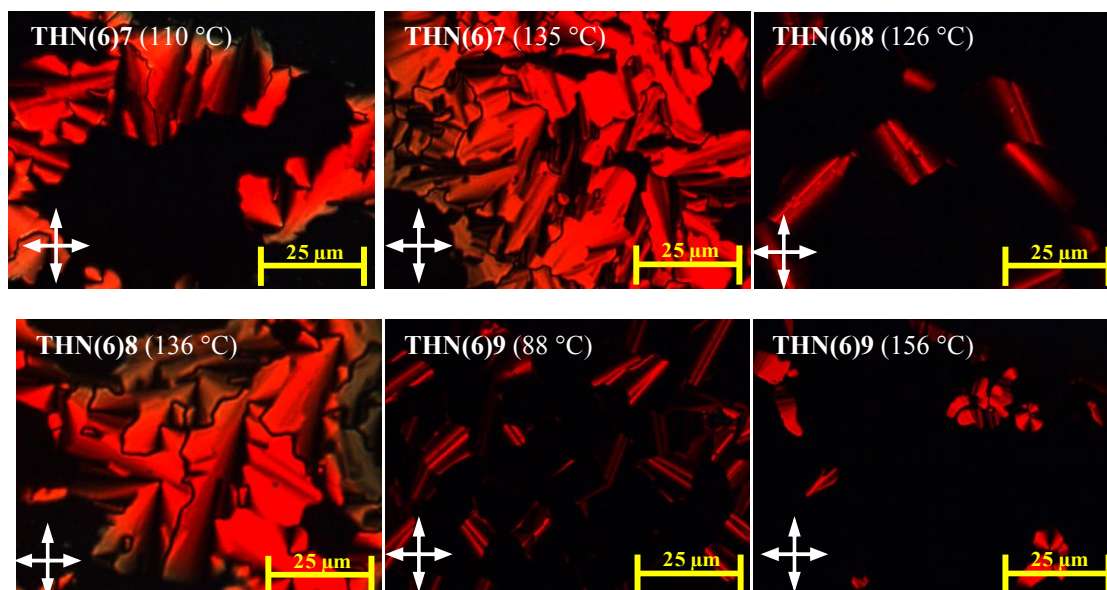
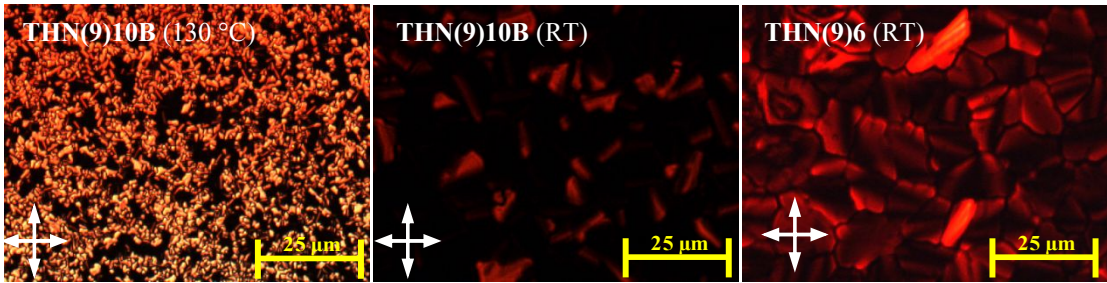
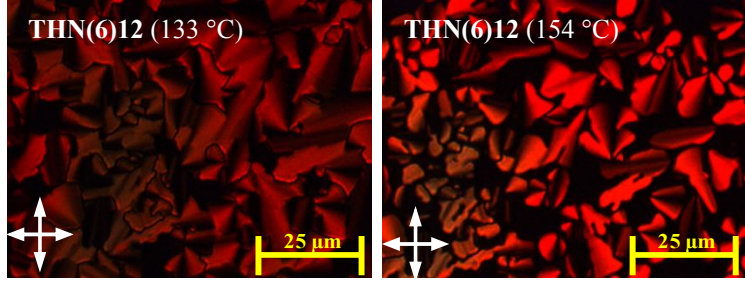
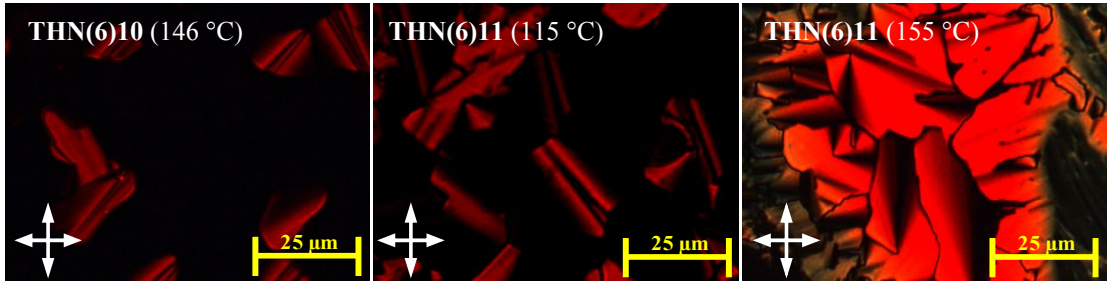
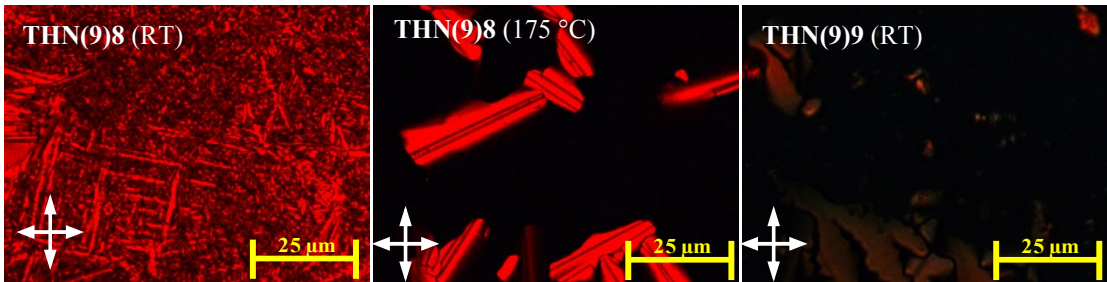
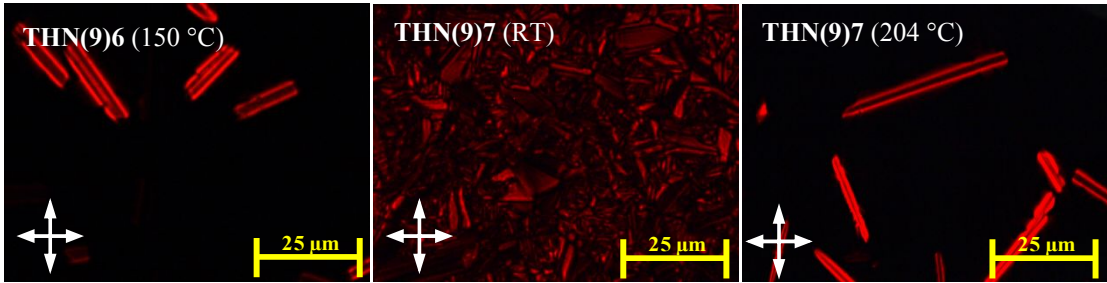


Figure S45. TGA graphs of compounds THN(6)6 (a) and THN(9)6 (b)





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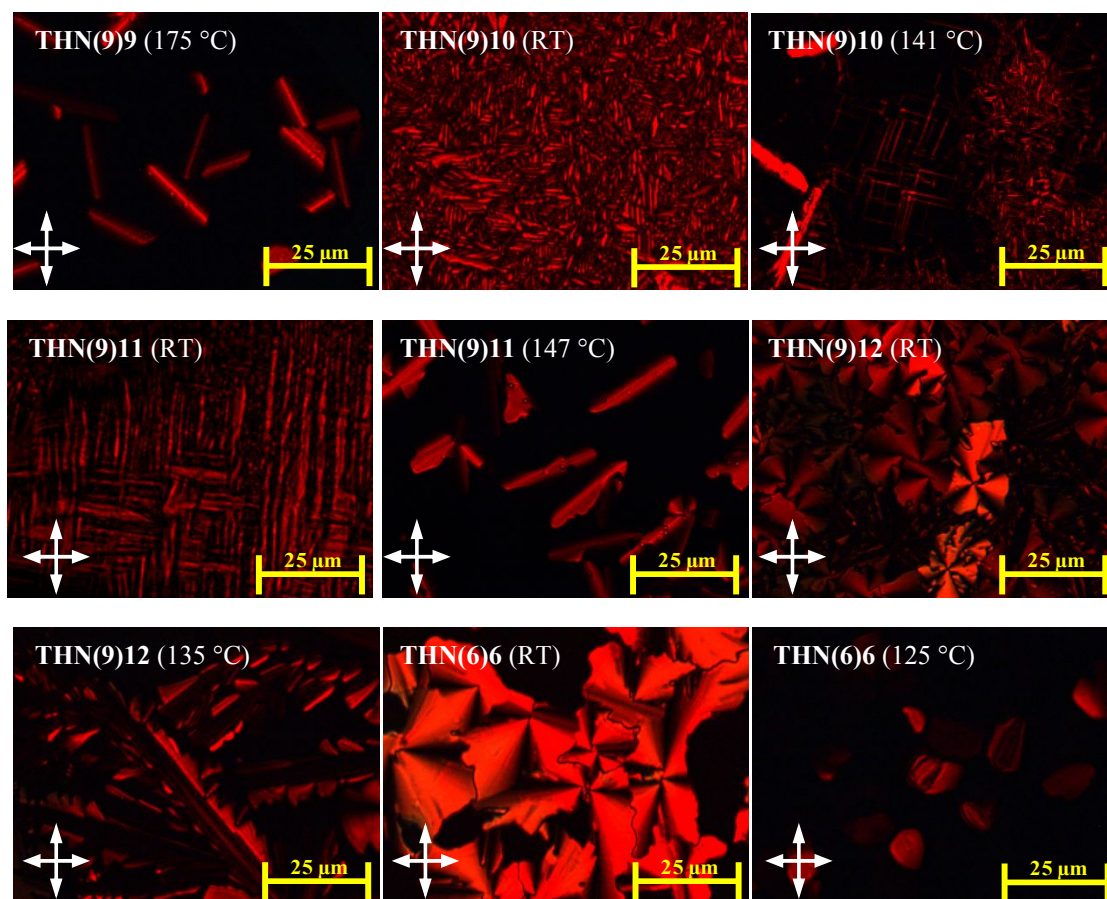


Figure S46. Photomicrographs of the optical textures observed for the Col phase exhibited by discogens of THN(6)*n* and THN(9)*n* series. RT = Room temperature (23-25 °C)

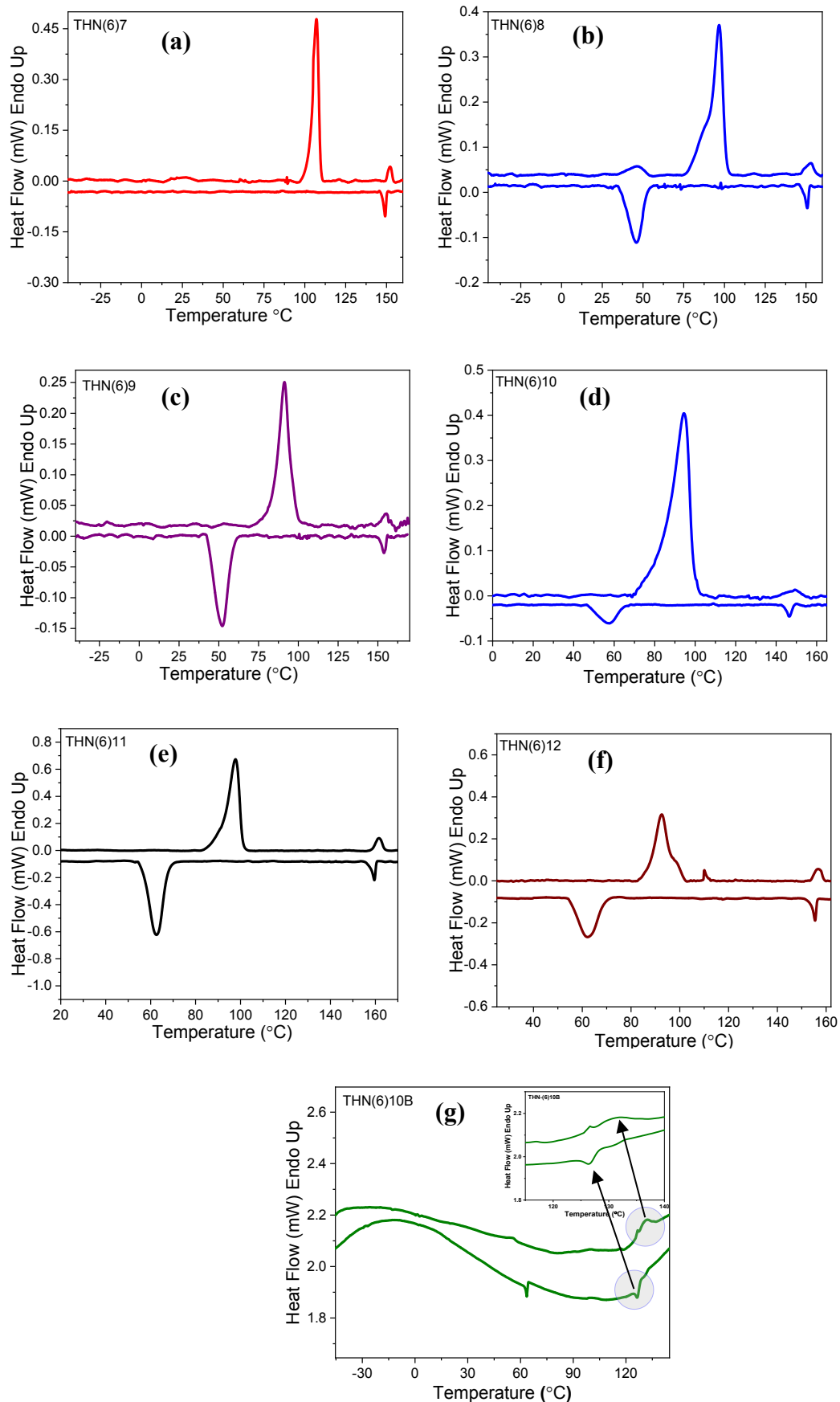


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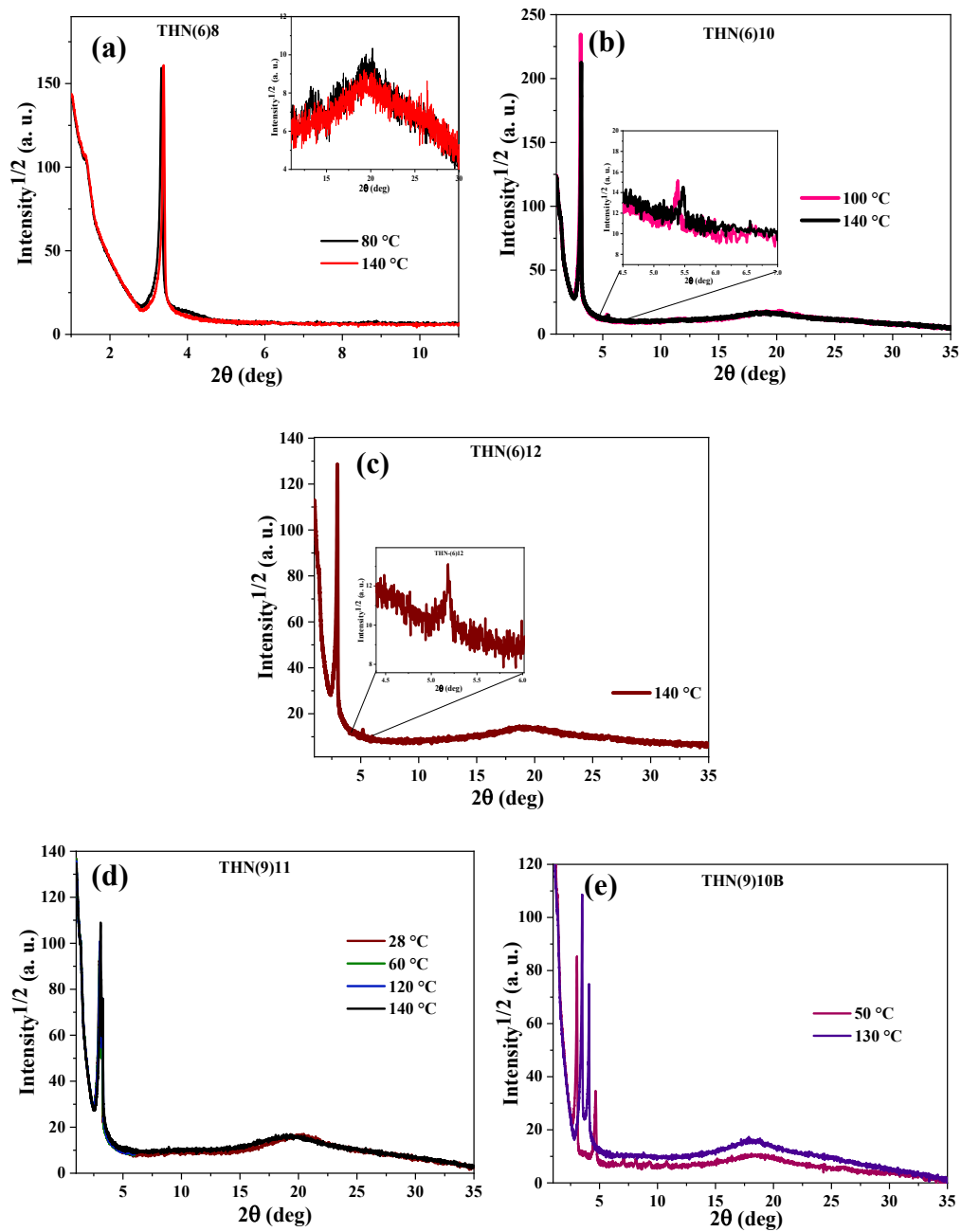


Figure S48. The 1D intensity vs 2θ profiles obtained for the Col phase of discogens THN(6)8 (a), THN(6)10(b), THN(6)12(c), THN(9)11(d) & THN(9)10B(e).

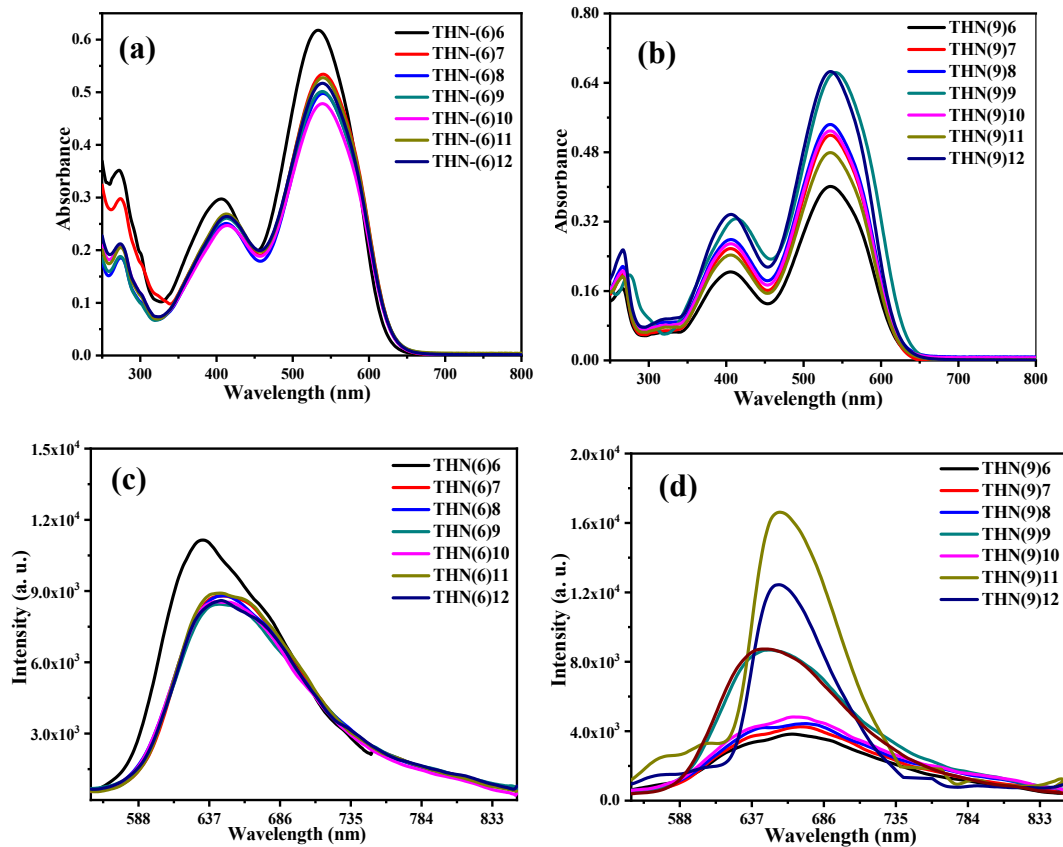
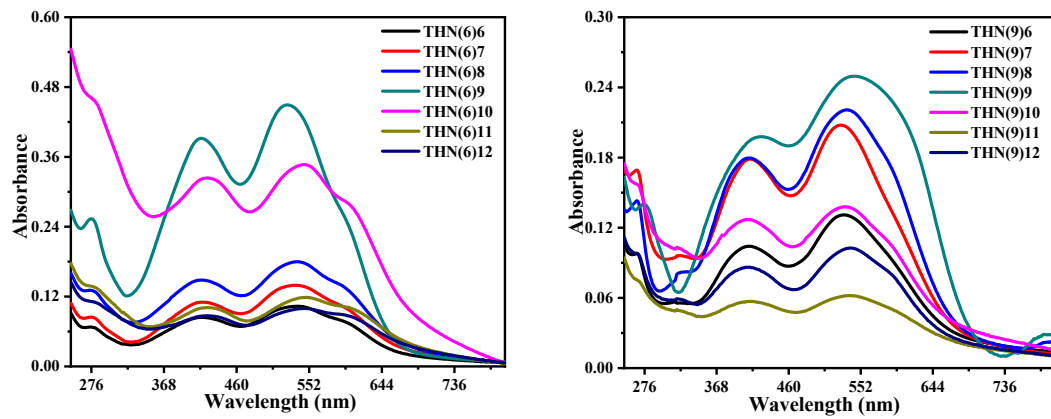


Figure S49. UV-Vis (a) & (b) and emission (c) & (d) spectra of discotic LCs belonging to **THN(6)n** and **THN(9)n** series in the dichloromethane (DCM) solution.



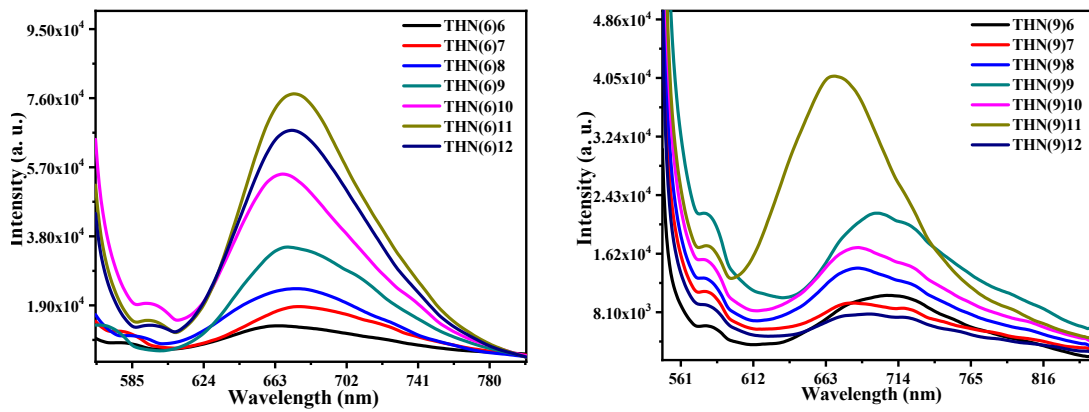


Figure S50. Solid state (thin film) absorption and emission spectra of **TNH(6)n** and **TNH(9)n** series of discotics.

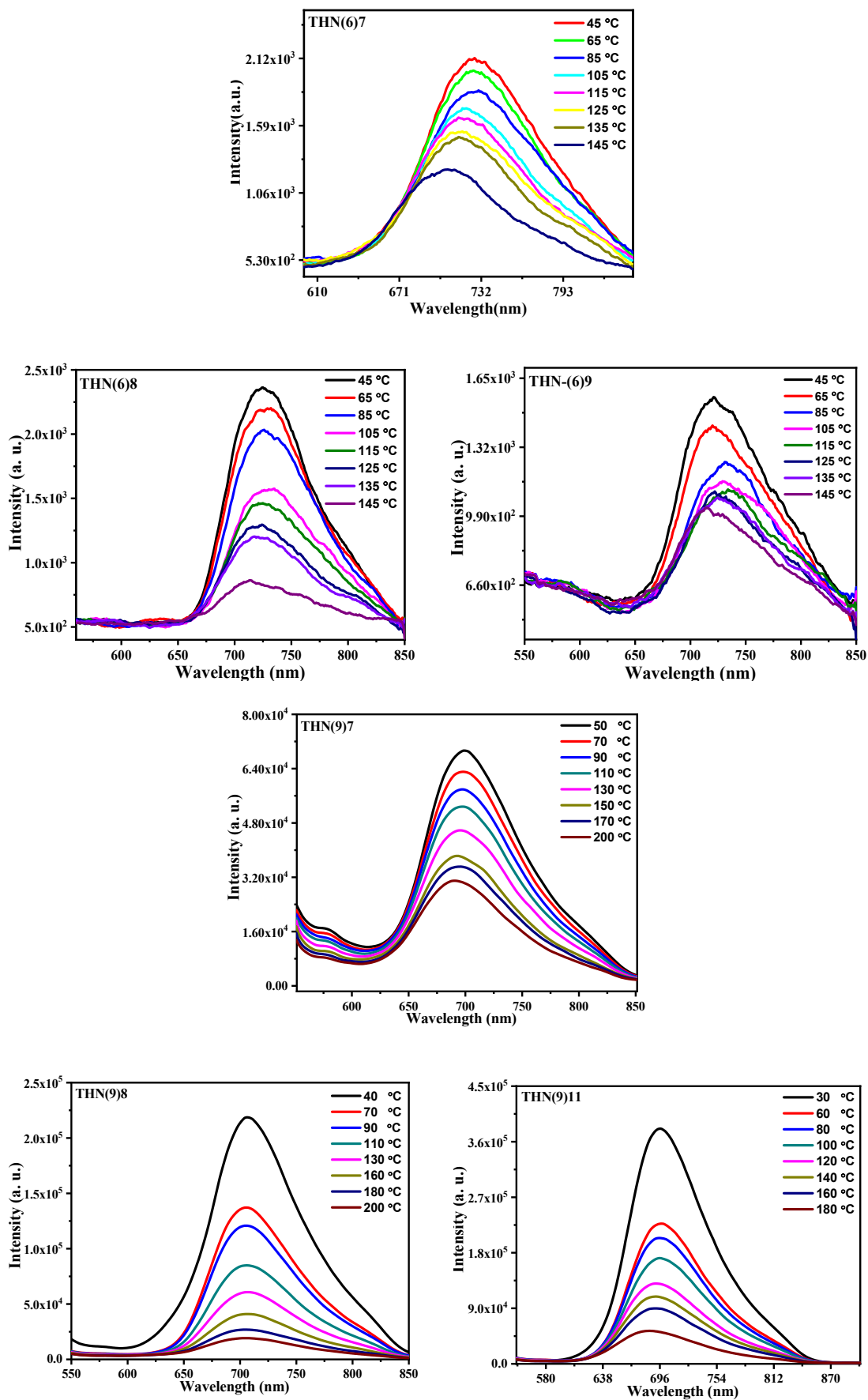


Figure S51. The emission spectra recorded as function of temperature for the Col phase of several representative discotics chosen from **TNH(6)n** and **TNH(9)n** series.

Table S1. Quantum yield of **THN(6)6** and **THN(9)6** discotics

Discotics	Quantum yield (%)
THN(6)6	4.5
THN(9)6	9.8
Relative quantum yield technique adopted, Rhodamine-B dissolved in water was used as internal standard. The excitation wavelength of Rhodamine-B is 545 nm and emission wavelength is 586 nm. 0.2 μM , 0.4 μM , 0.6 μM and 0.8 μM solutions of Rhodamine-B has been used. The quantum yield of Rhodamine-B is 31%.	

To determine the efficiency of emission, the quantum yield was calculated for all the samples. Relative quantum yield technique was used for the determination of quantum yield. Rhodamine-B dissolved in water was used as an internal standard. After dissolving the known amounts of compounds, **THN(6)6** and **THN(9)6**, in DCM with different concentration, absorption and emission spectra were recorded. A plot consisting of emission vs absorption intensity was obtained as shown in Fig. S41. The slope (gradient) obtained from this plot was used for the calculation of relative quantum yield using the formula given below.

$$\Phi_x = \Phi_{\text{std}} [\text{Grad}_x / \text{Grad}_{\text{std}}] [\eta^2_x / \eta^2_{\text{std}}]$$

Φ_x – Quantum yield of the unknown sample (LC)

Φ_{std} – Quantum yield of the standard (Rhodamine B)

Grad_x – slope/gradient obtained for the plot of unknown sample (LC)

Grad_{std} – slope/gradient obtained for the plot of Standard sample

η^2_x – refractive index of the solvent used for standard

η^2_{std} – refractive index of the solvent used for unknown (LC)

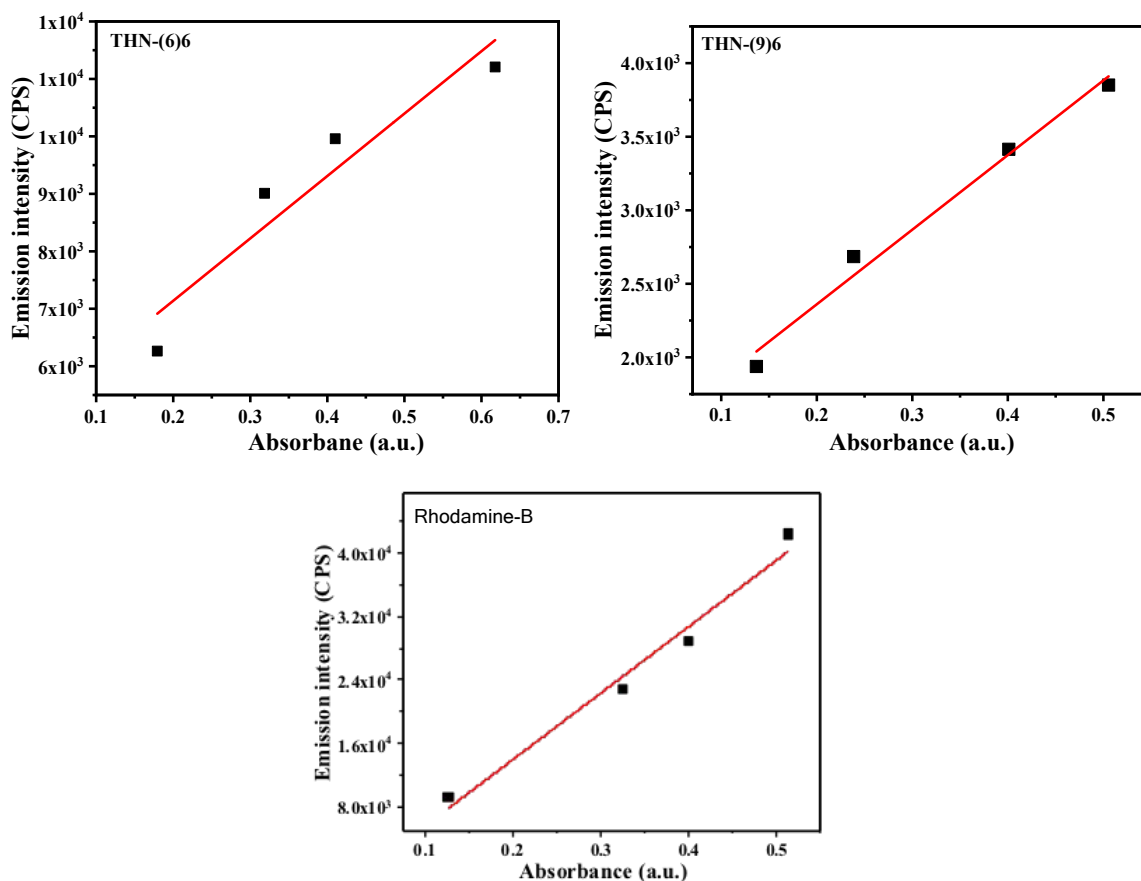


Figure S52. Plots of integrated fluorescence intensity vs the absorbance of compounds **THN(6)6**, and **THN(9)6** at 0.2 μM , 0.4 μM , 0.6 μM and 0.8 μM concentration in dichloromethane (DCM) and the same obtained for Rhodamine B dissolved in water at same concentrations.

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