

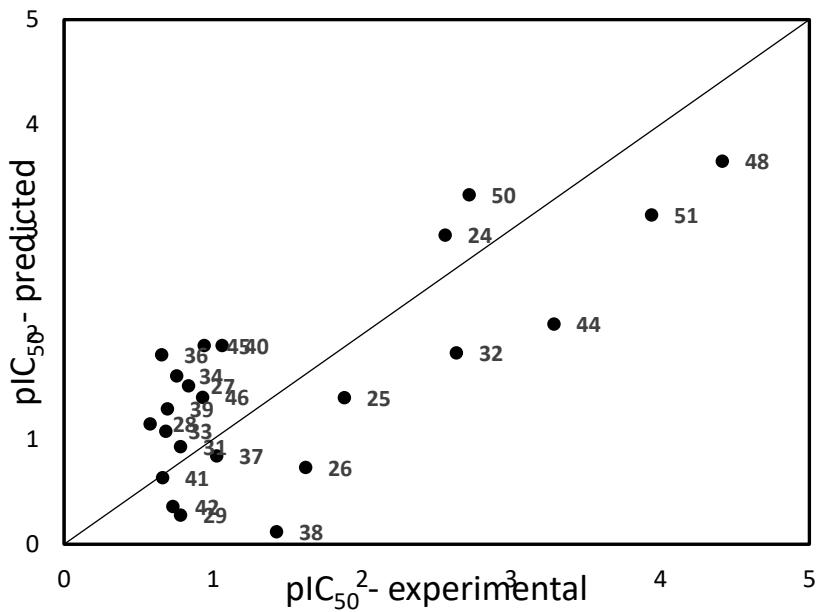
# **Synthesis, QSAR analysis and biological activity of novel *N*-substituted benzimidazole derived carboxamides as potential antioxidants with antiproliferative activity**

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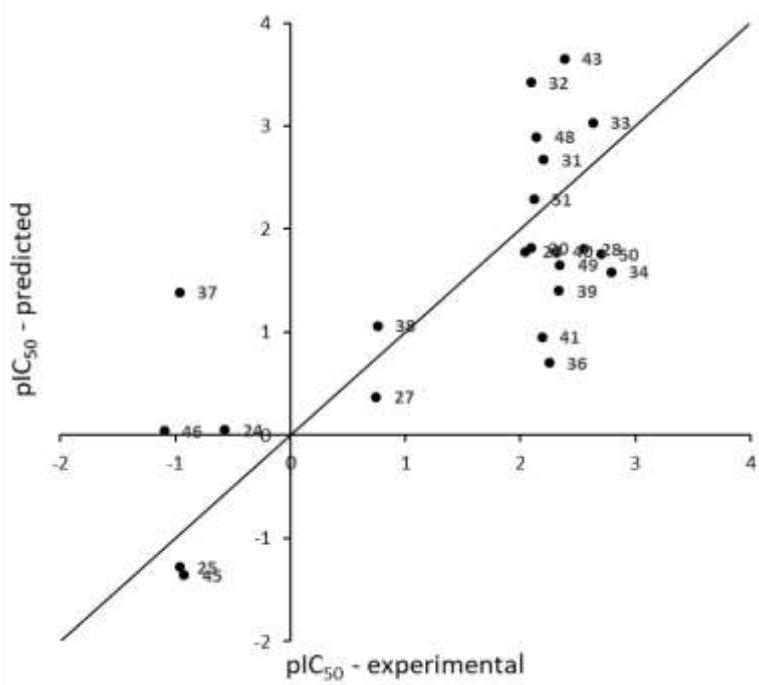
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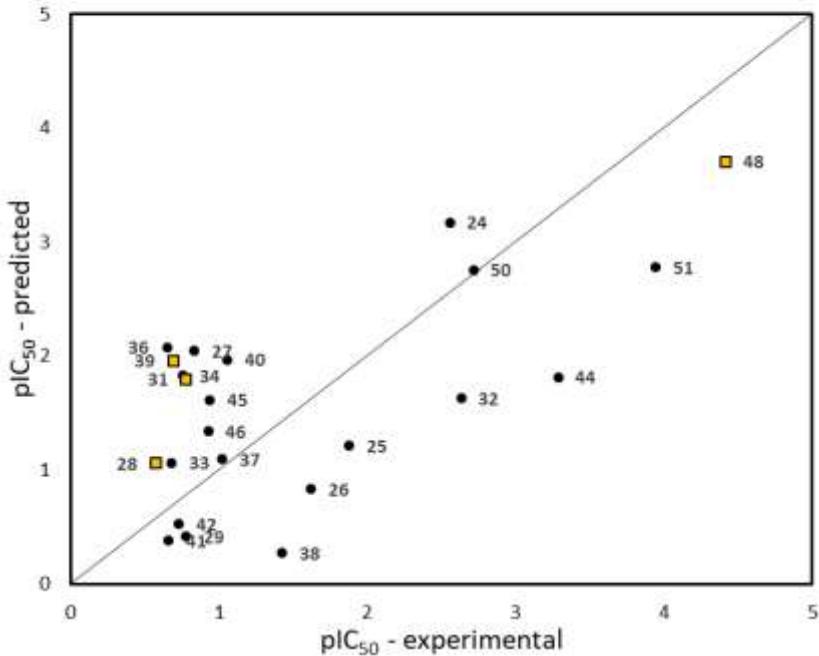


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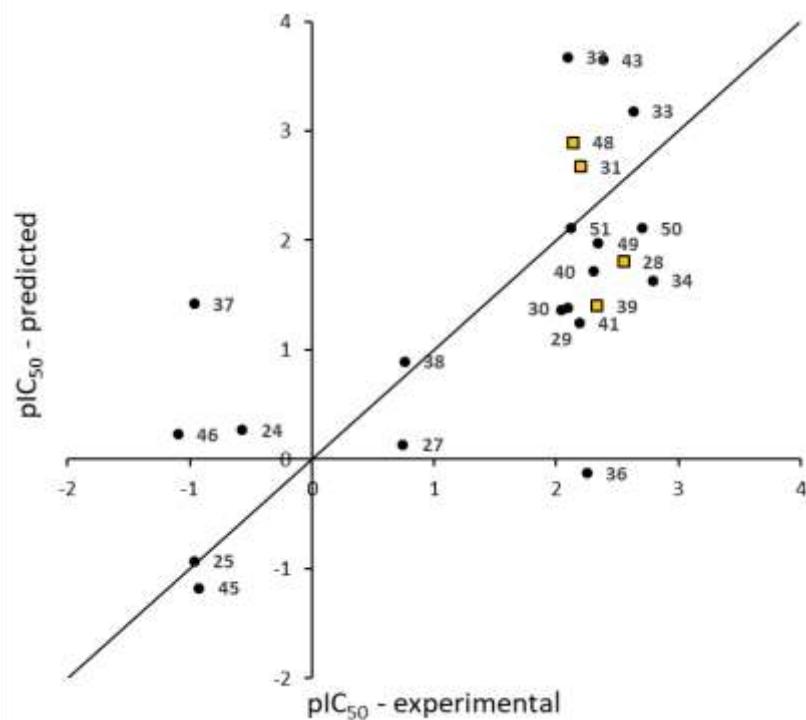


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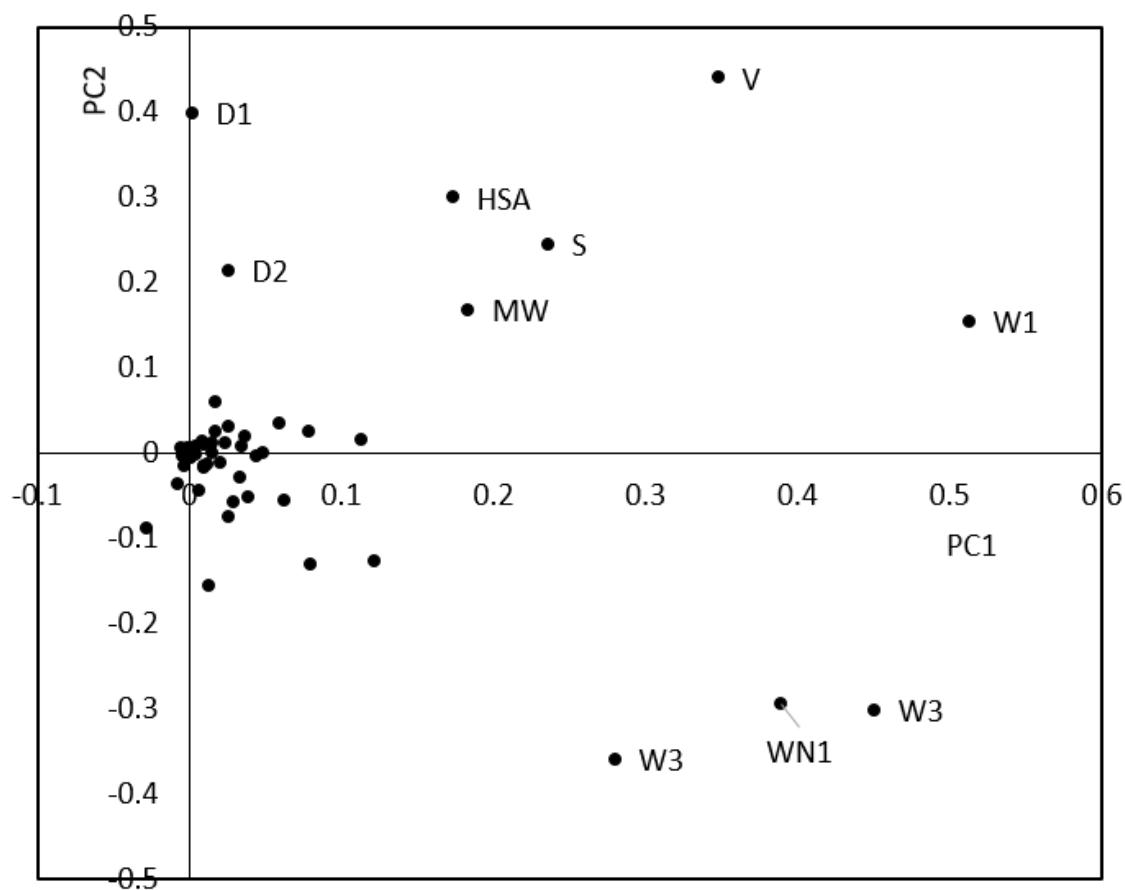
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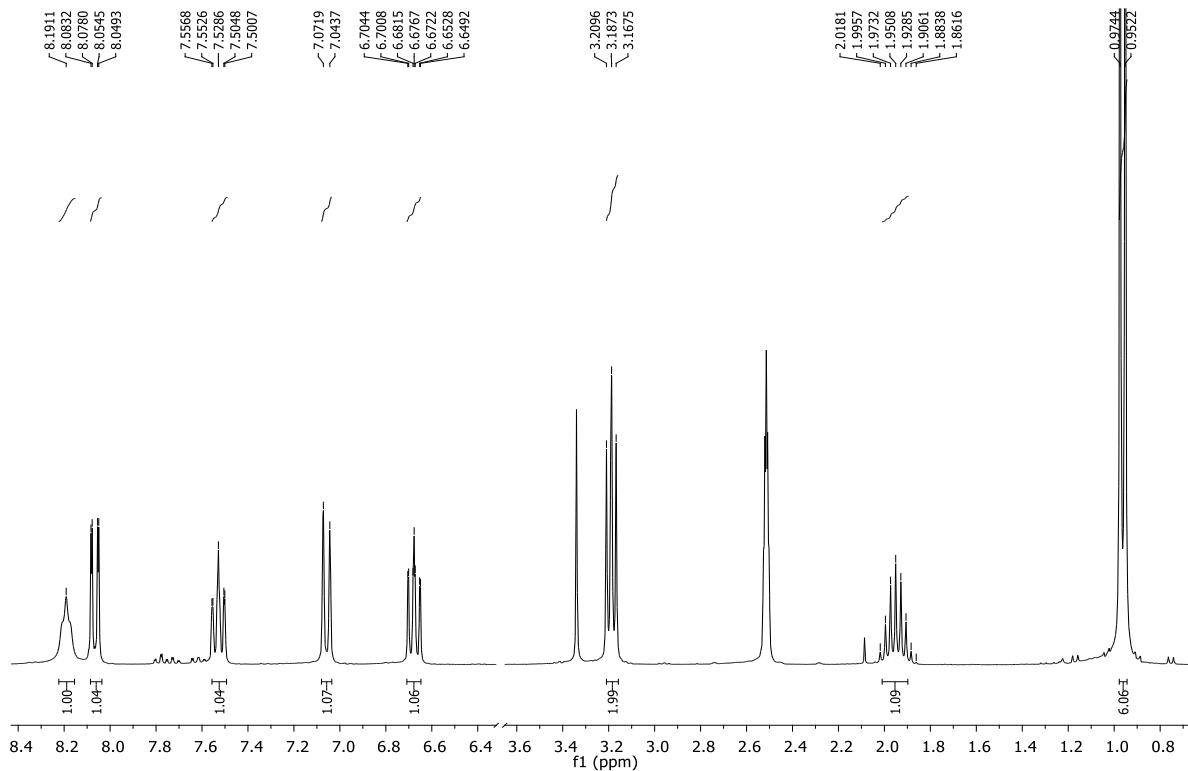
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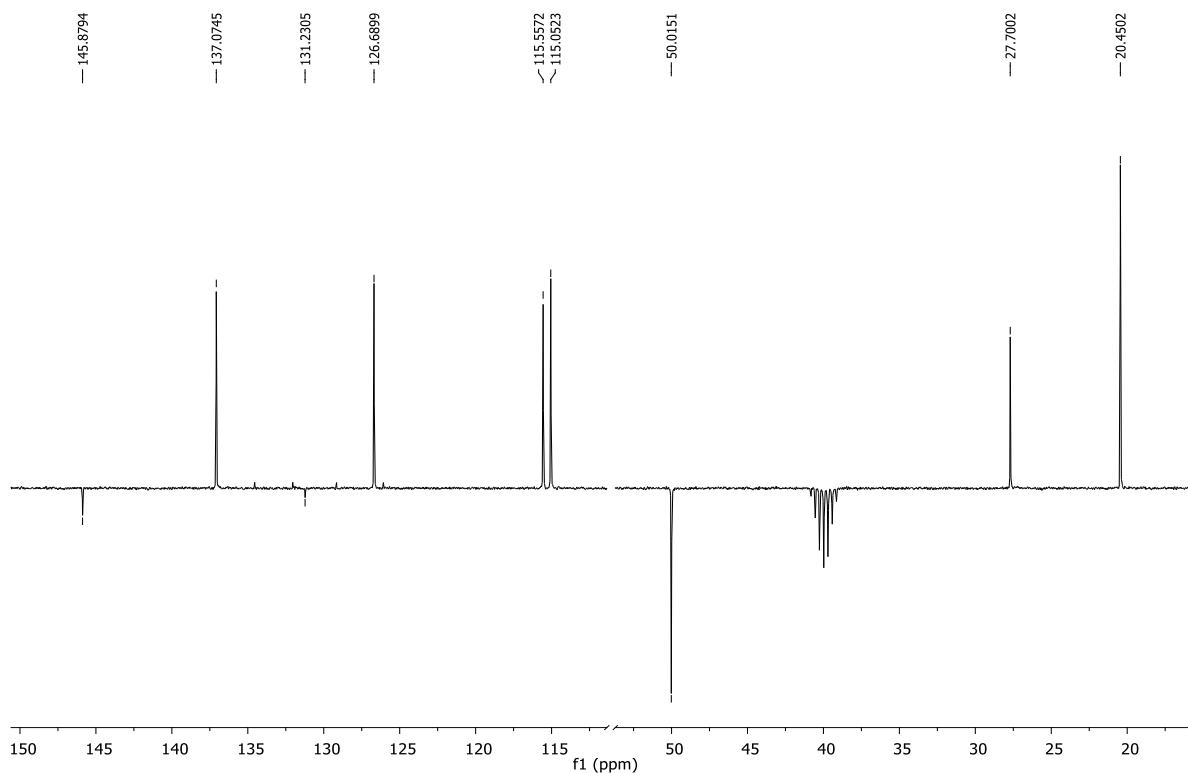
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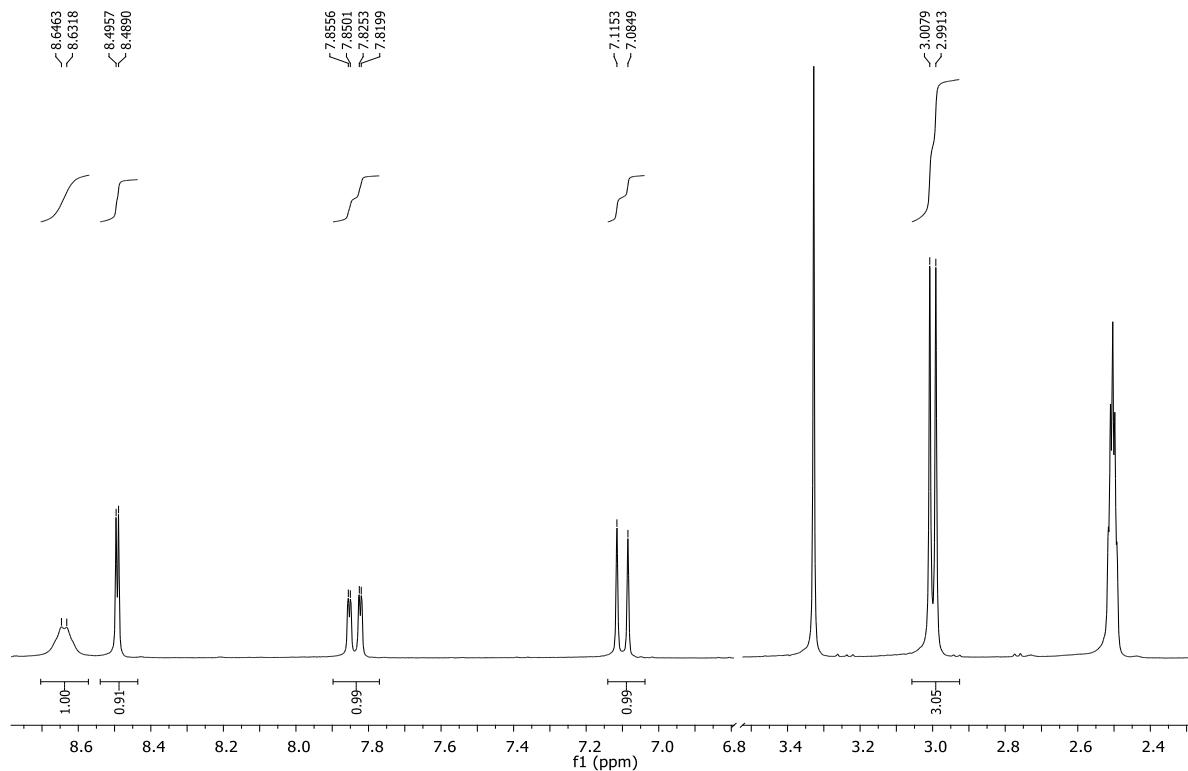
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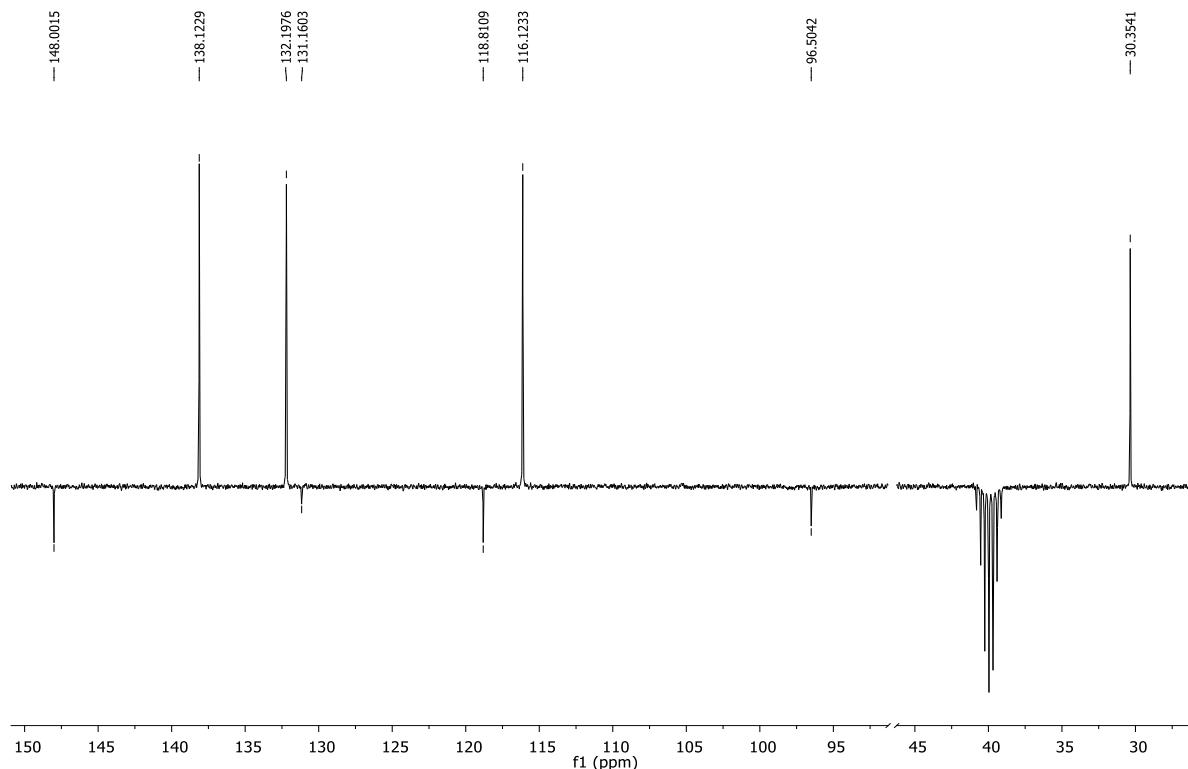
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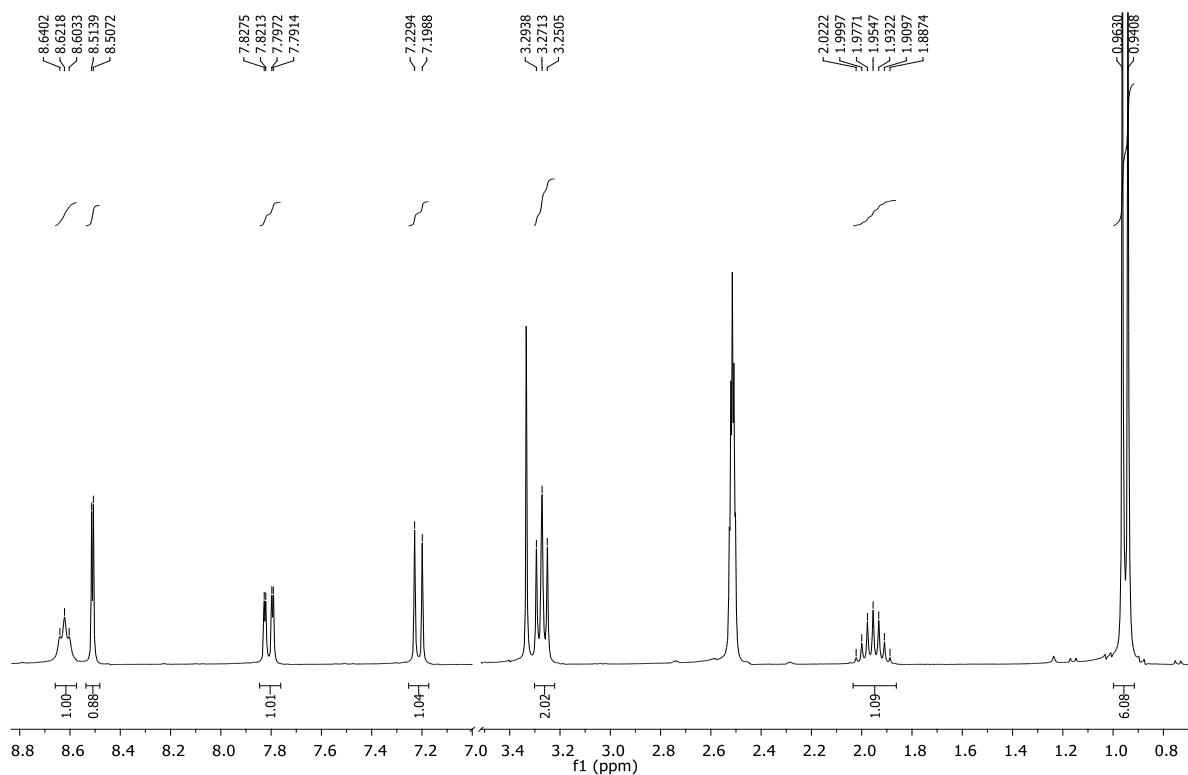
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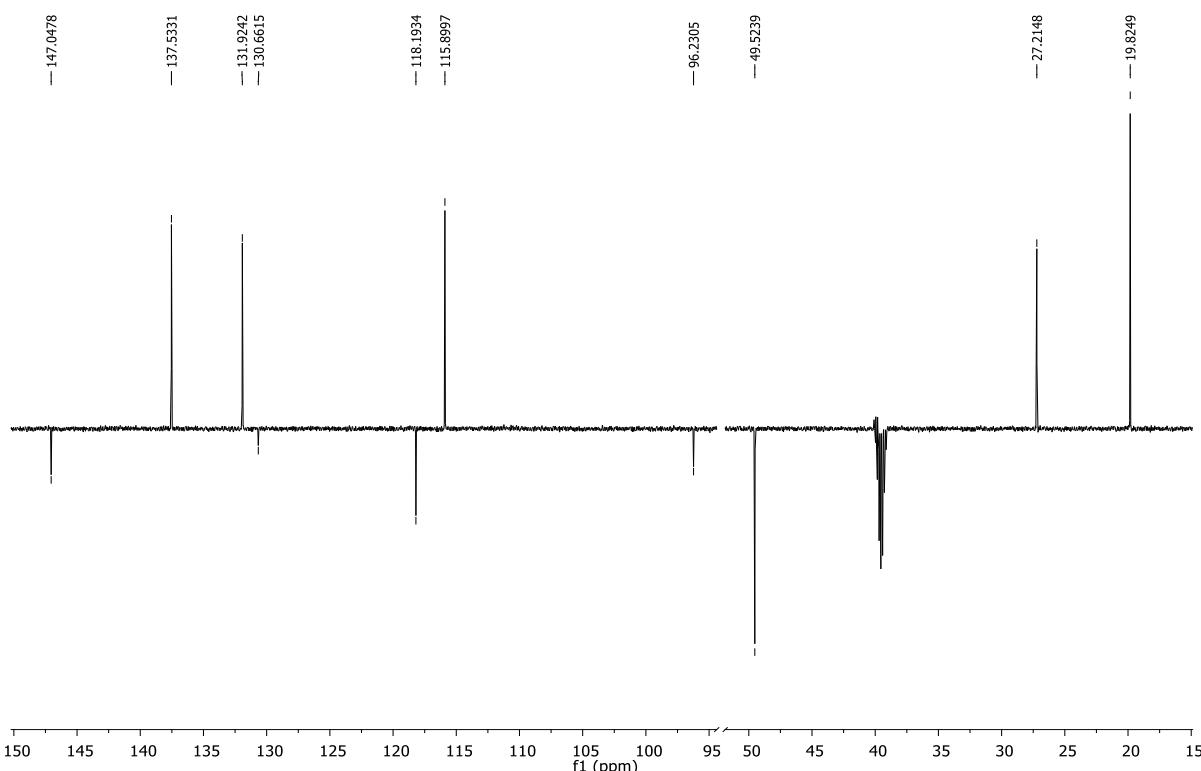
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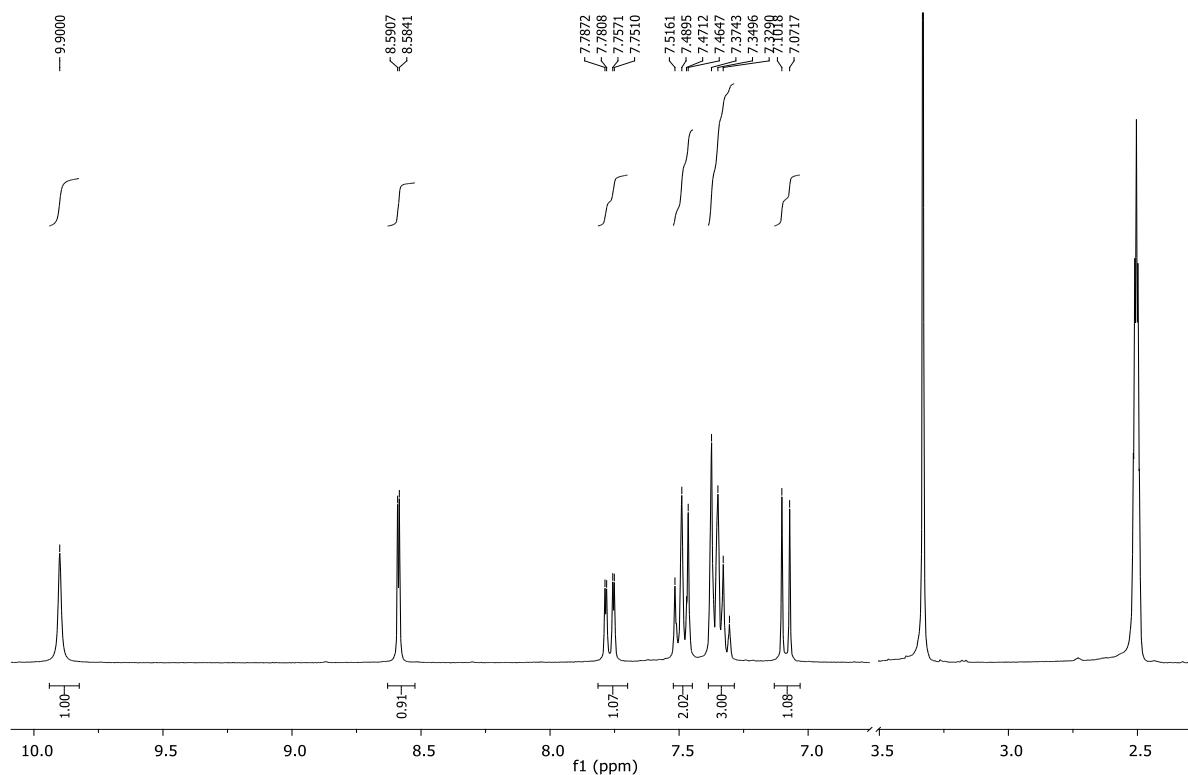
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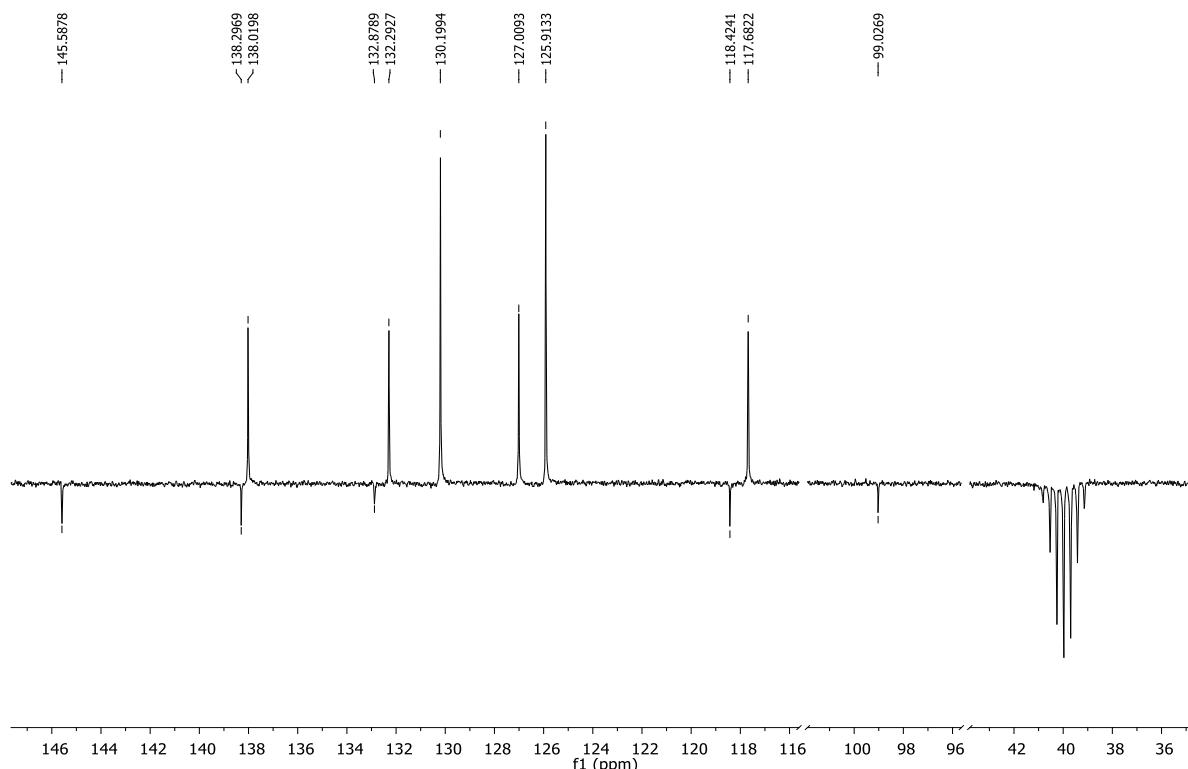
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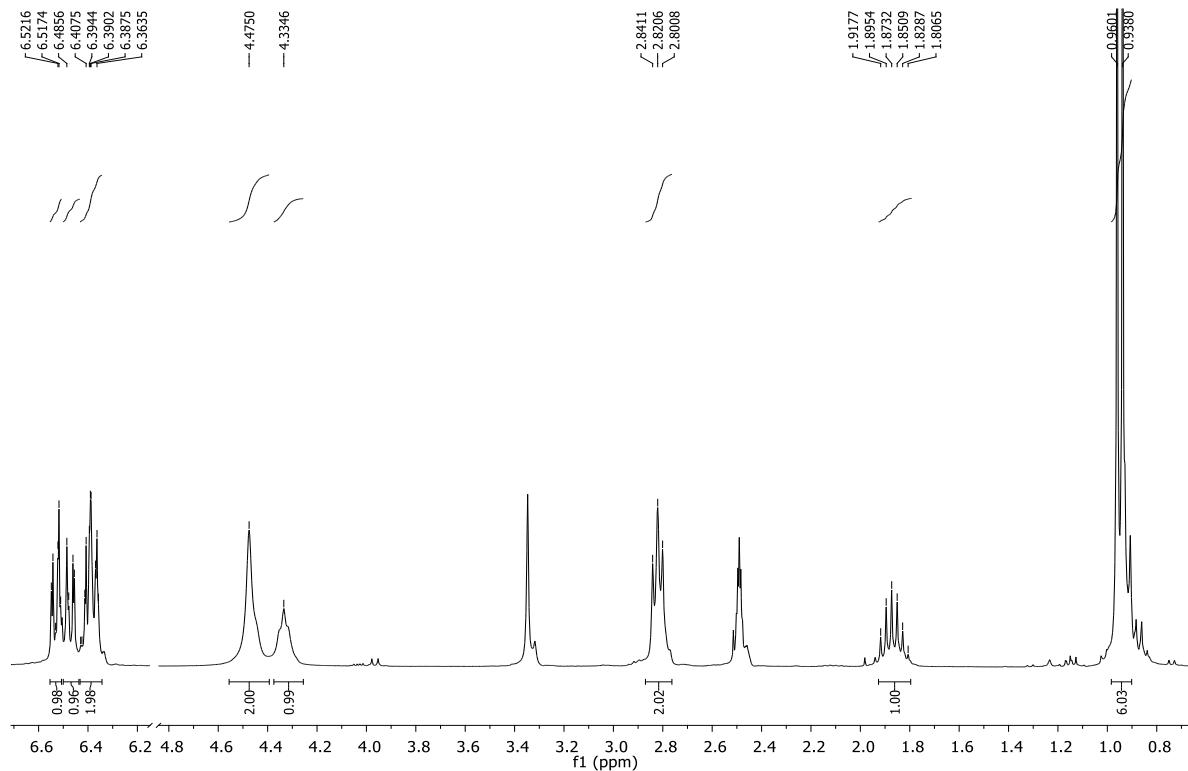
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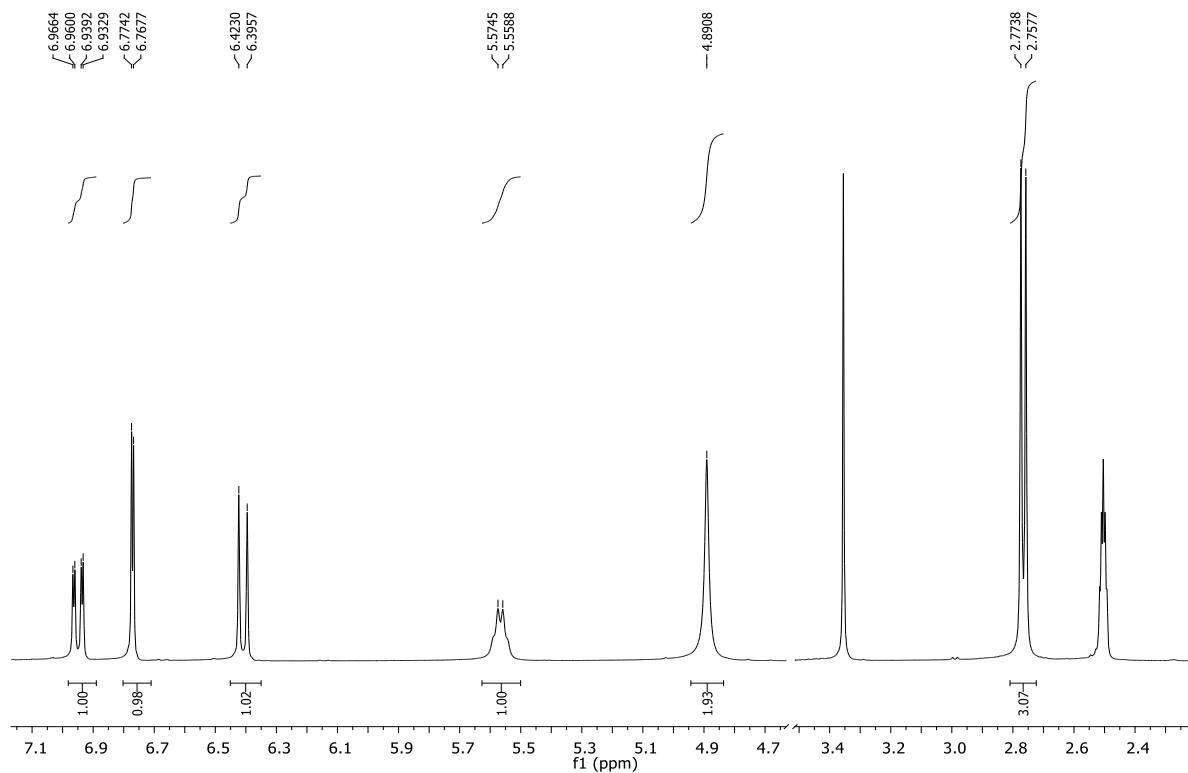
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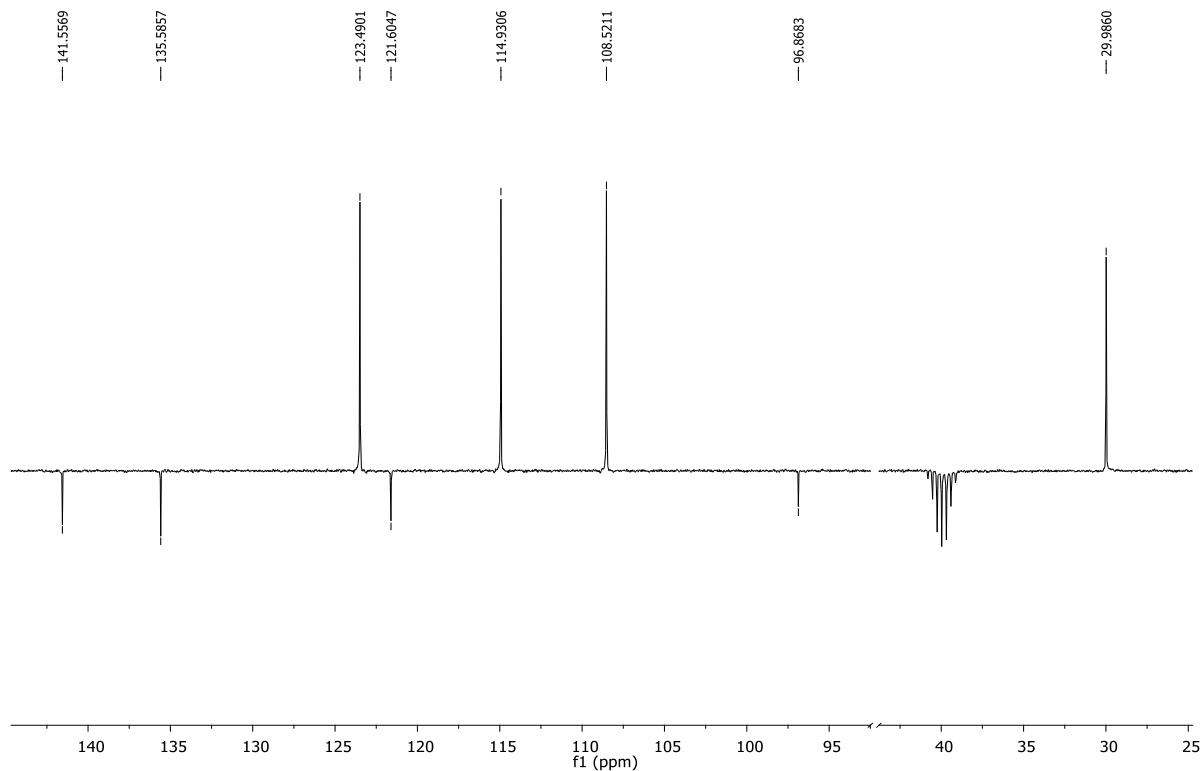
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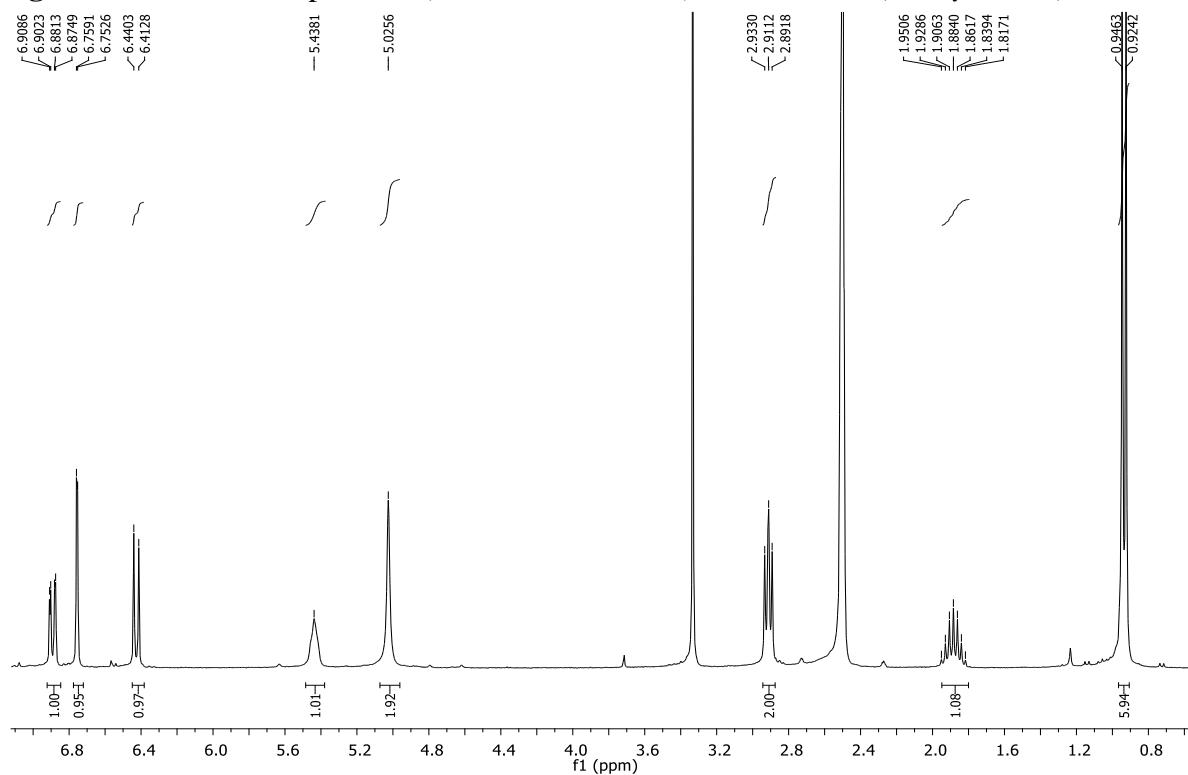
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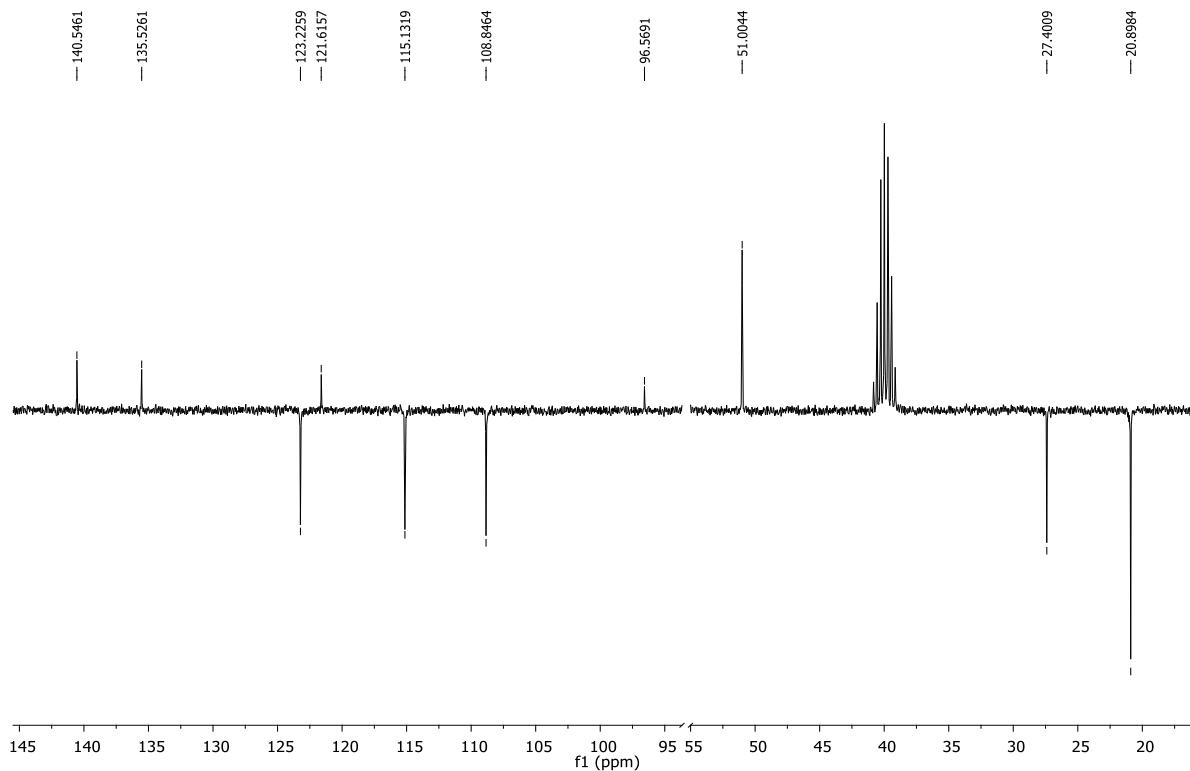
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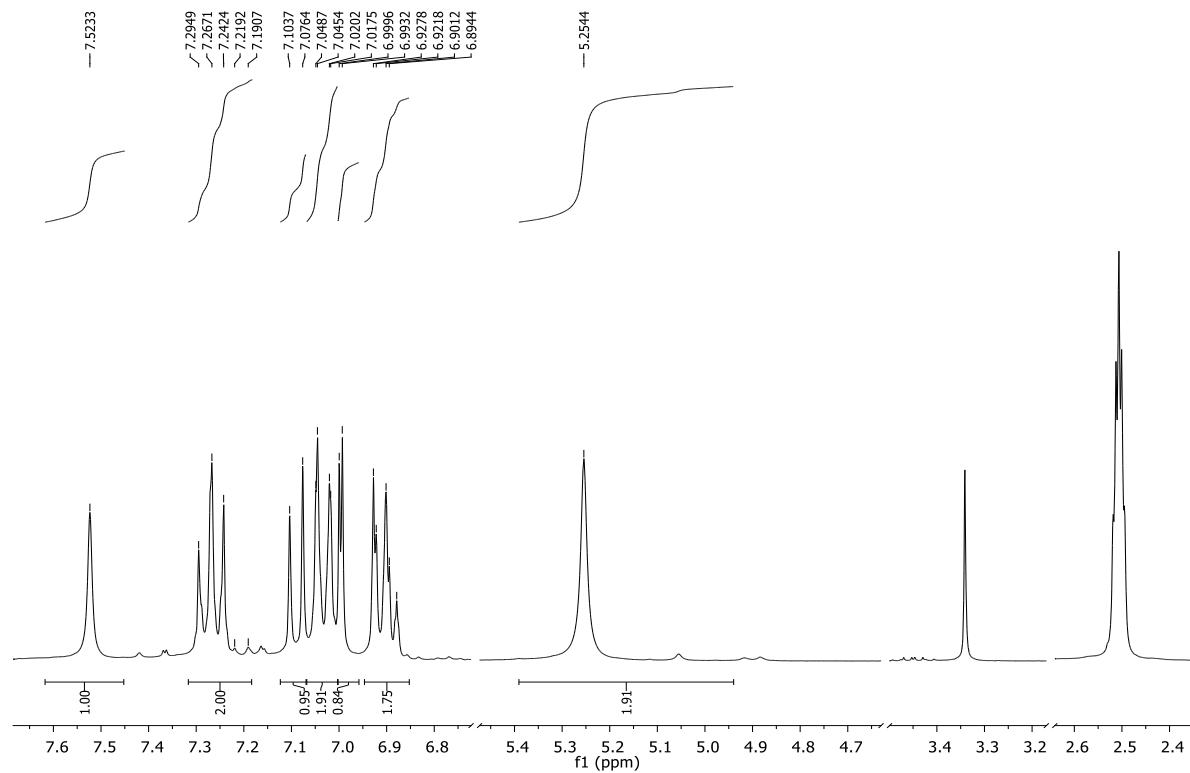
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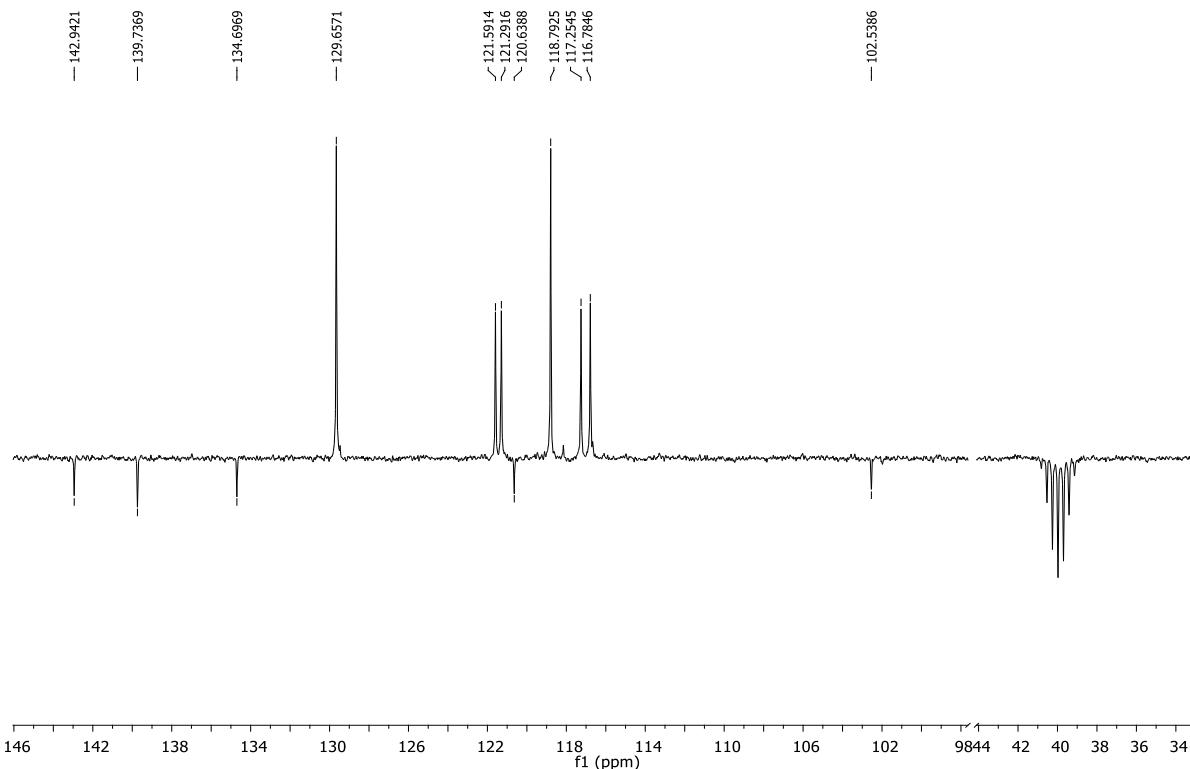
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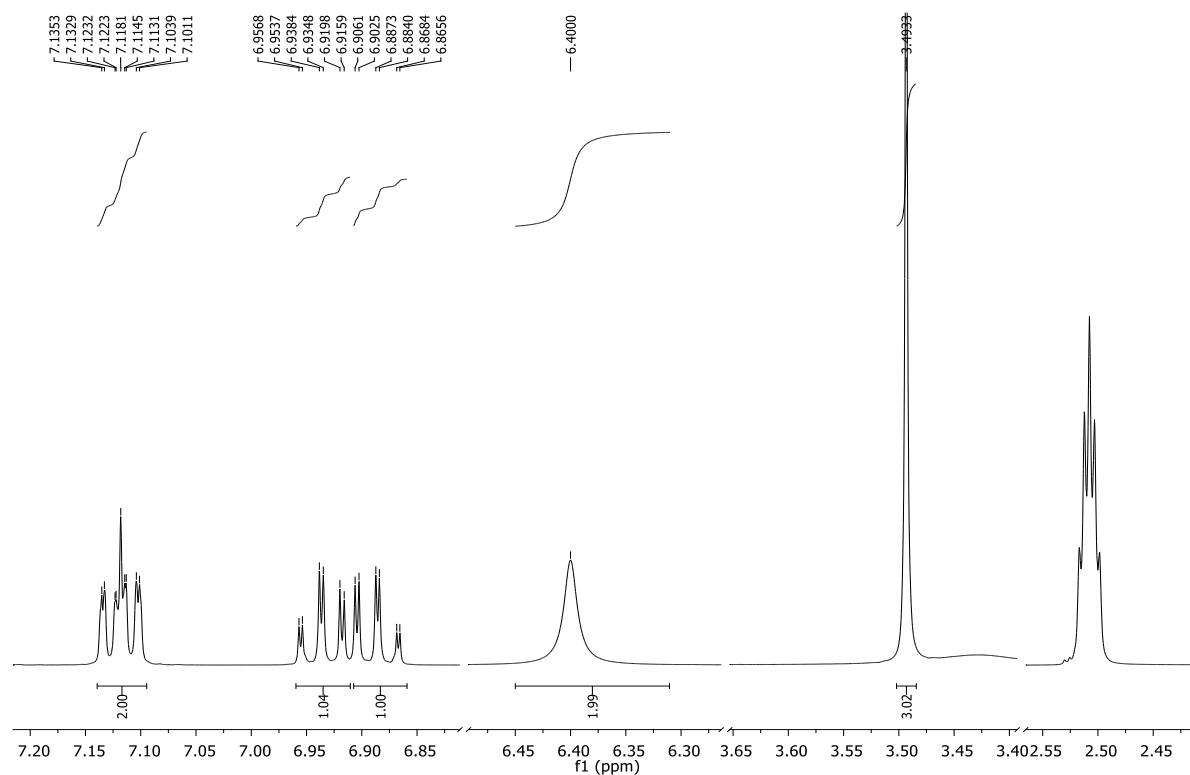
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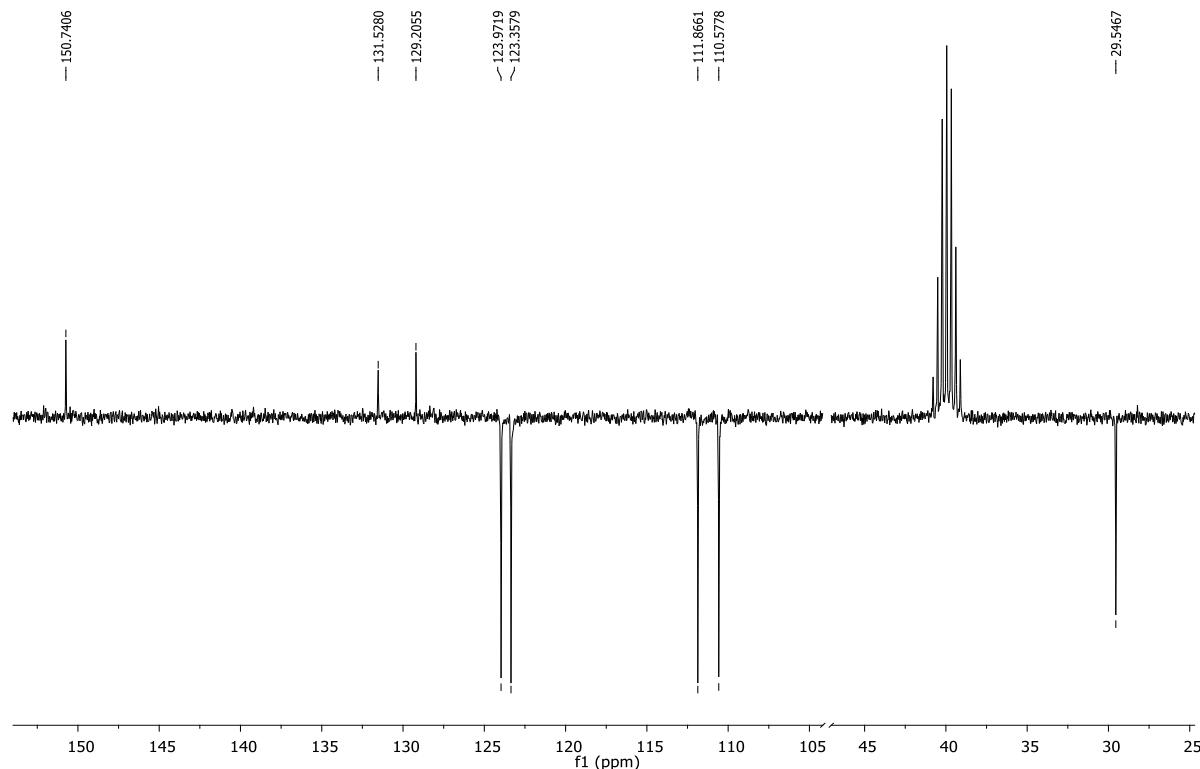


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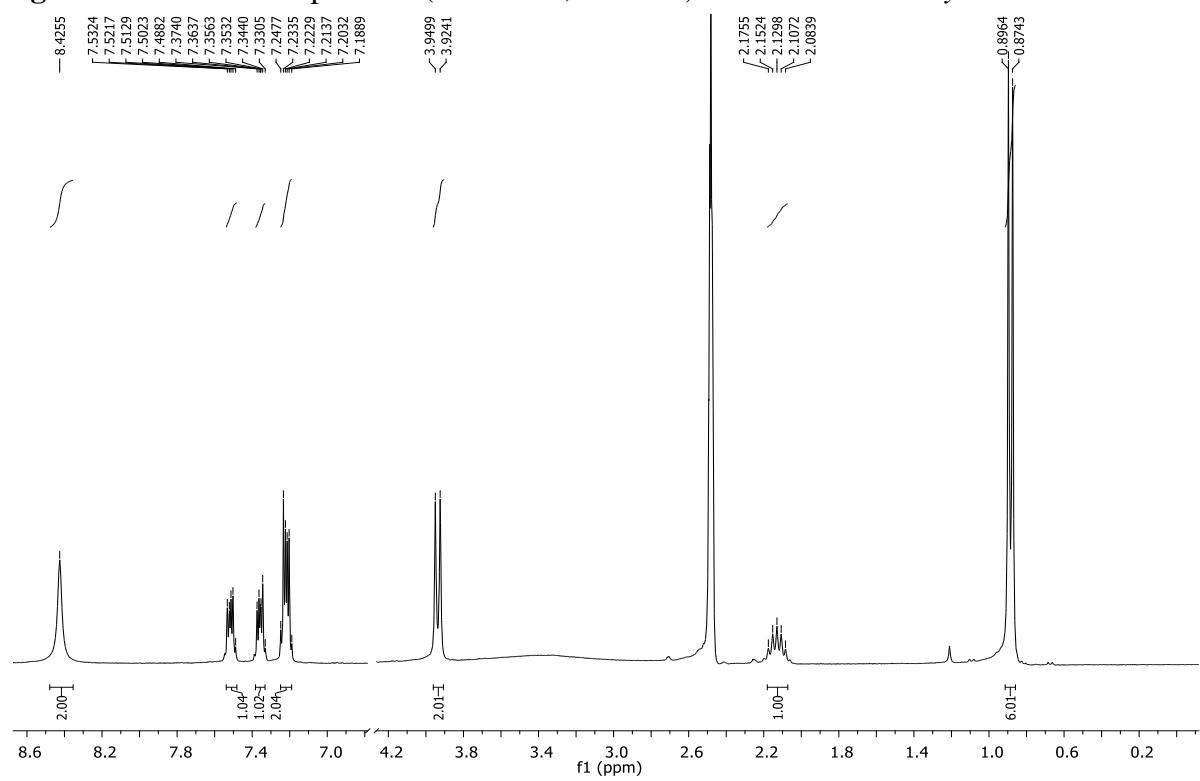


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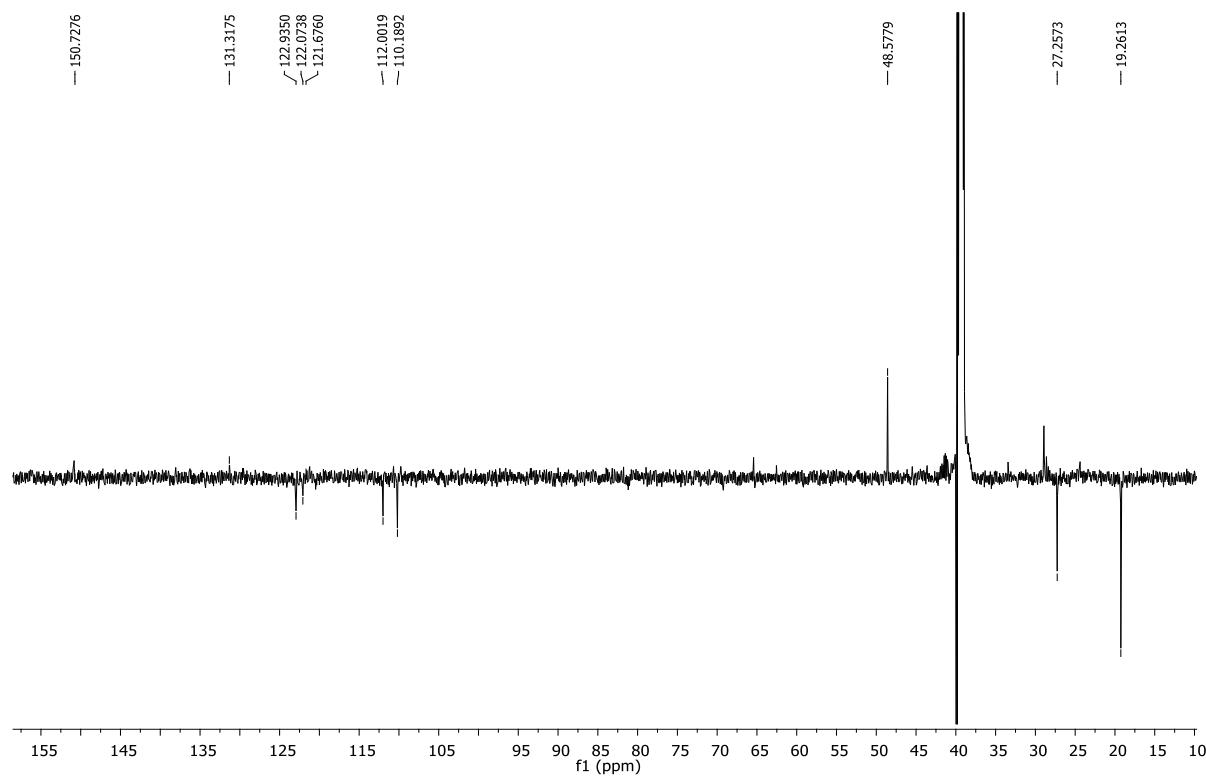




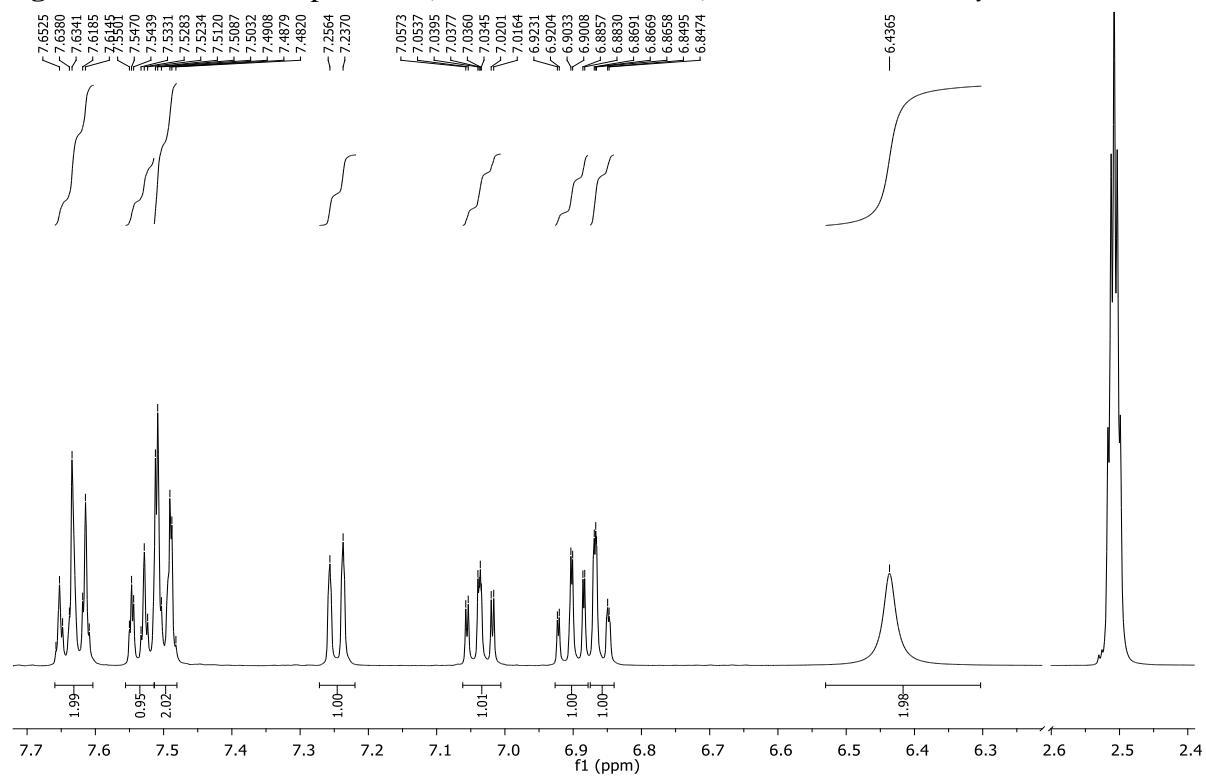
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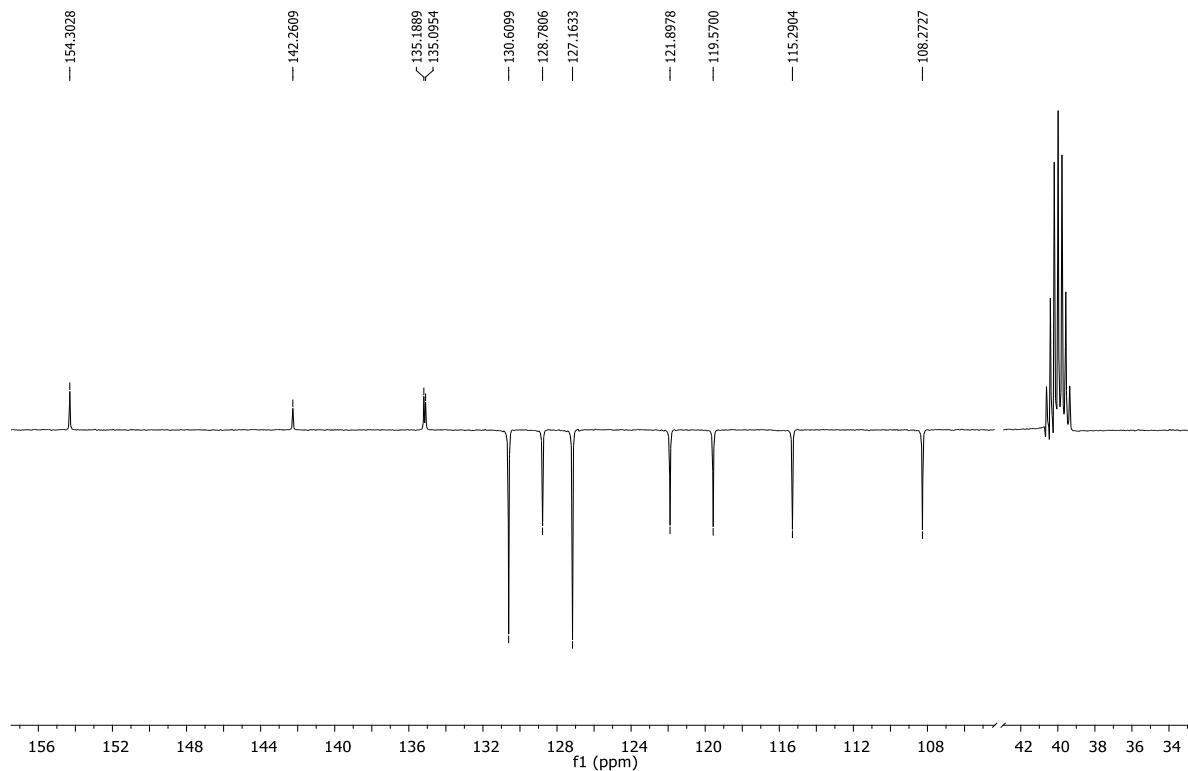
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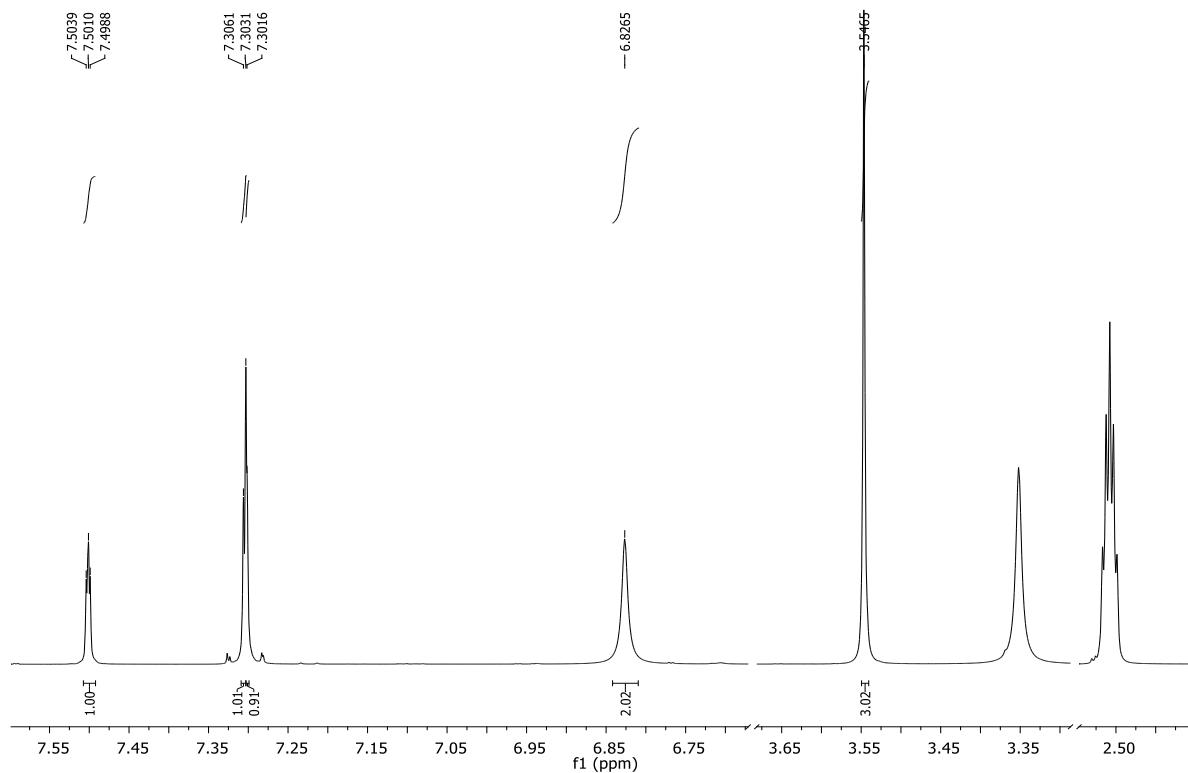
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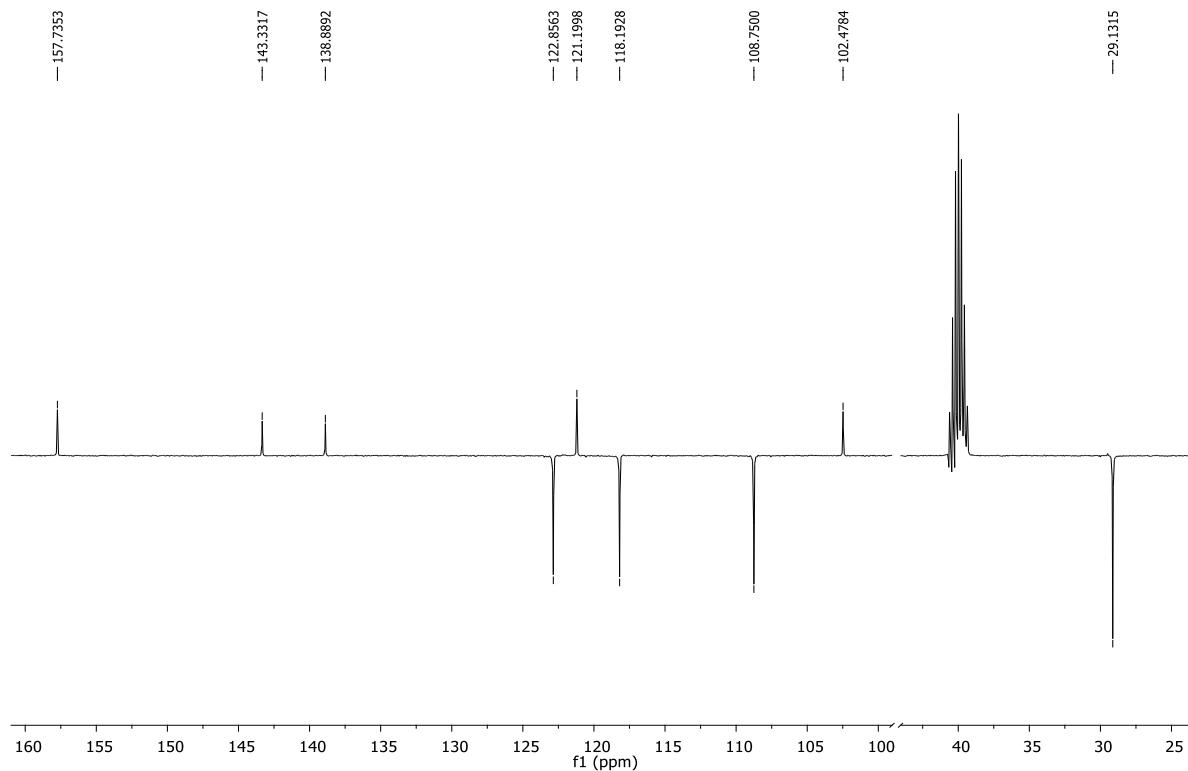
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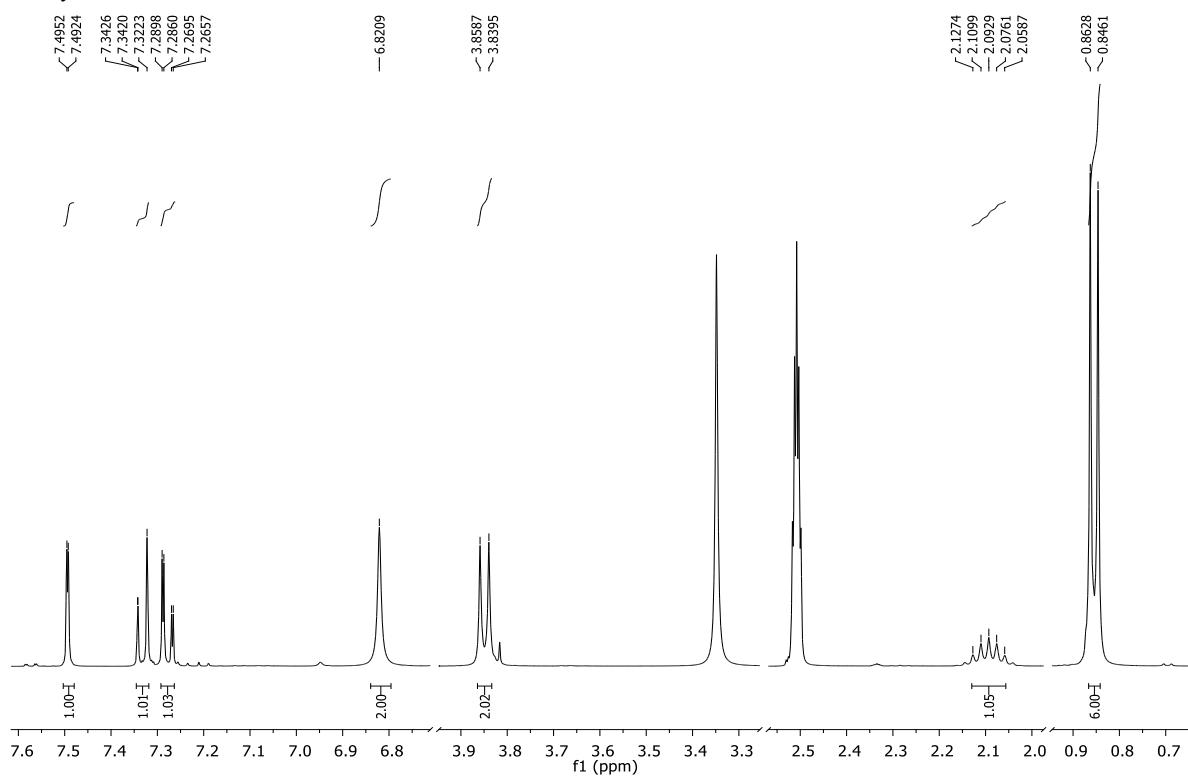
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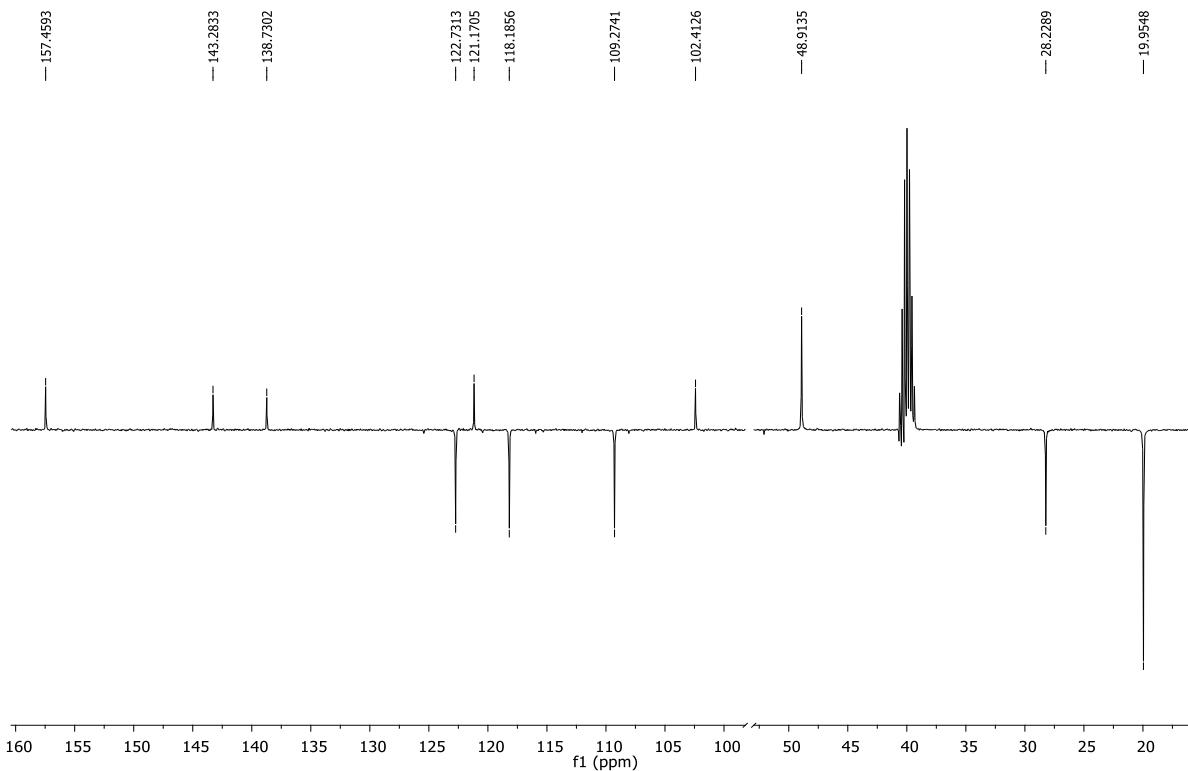
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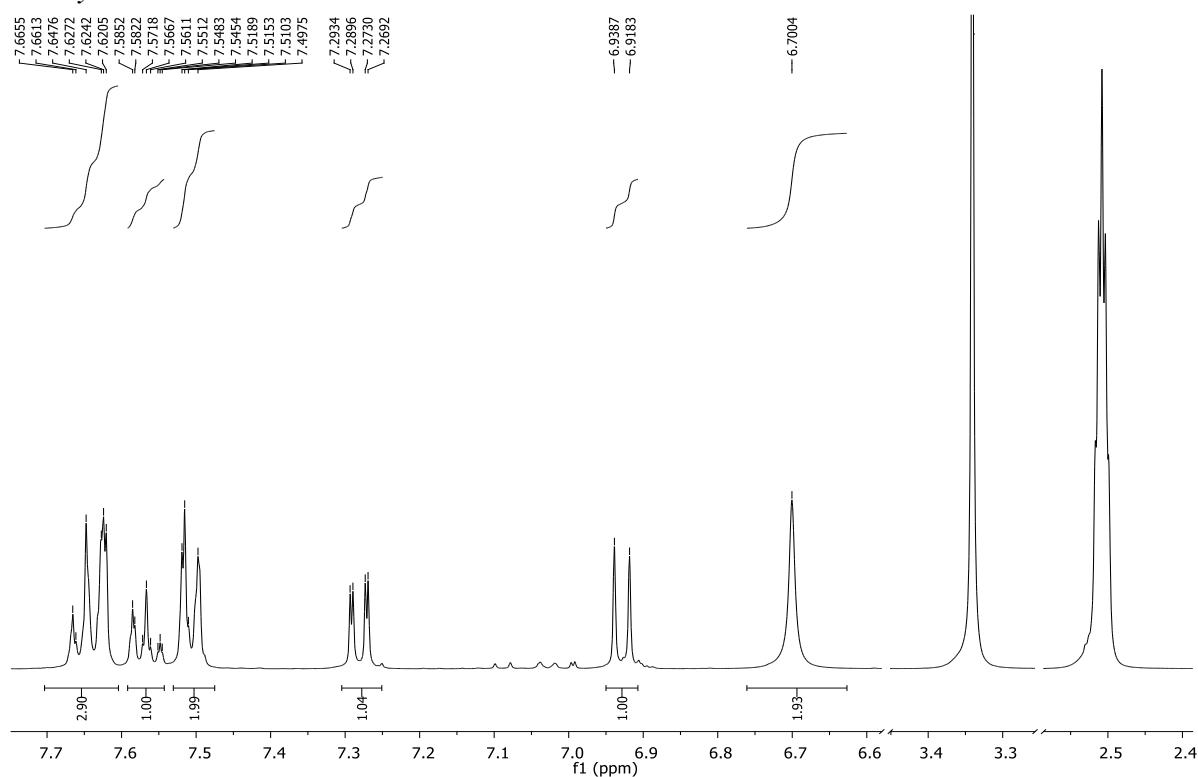
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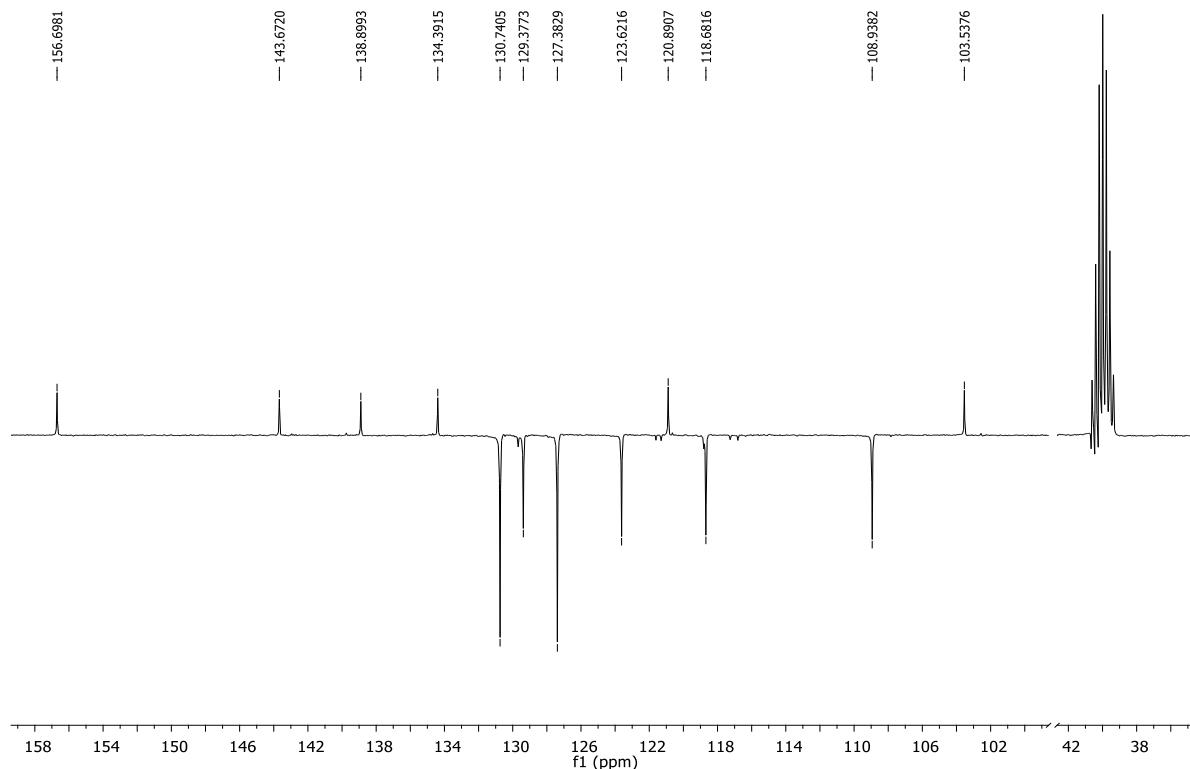
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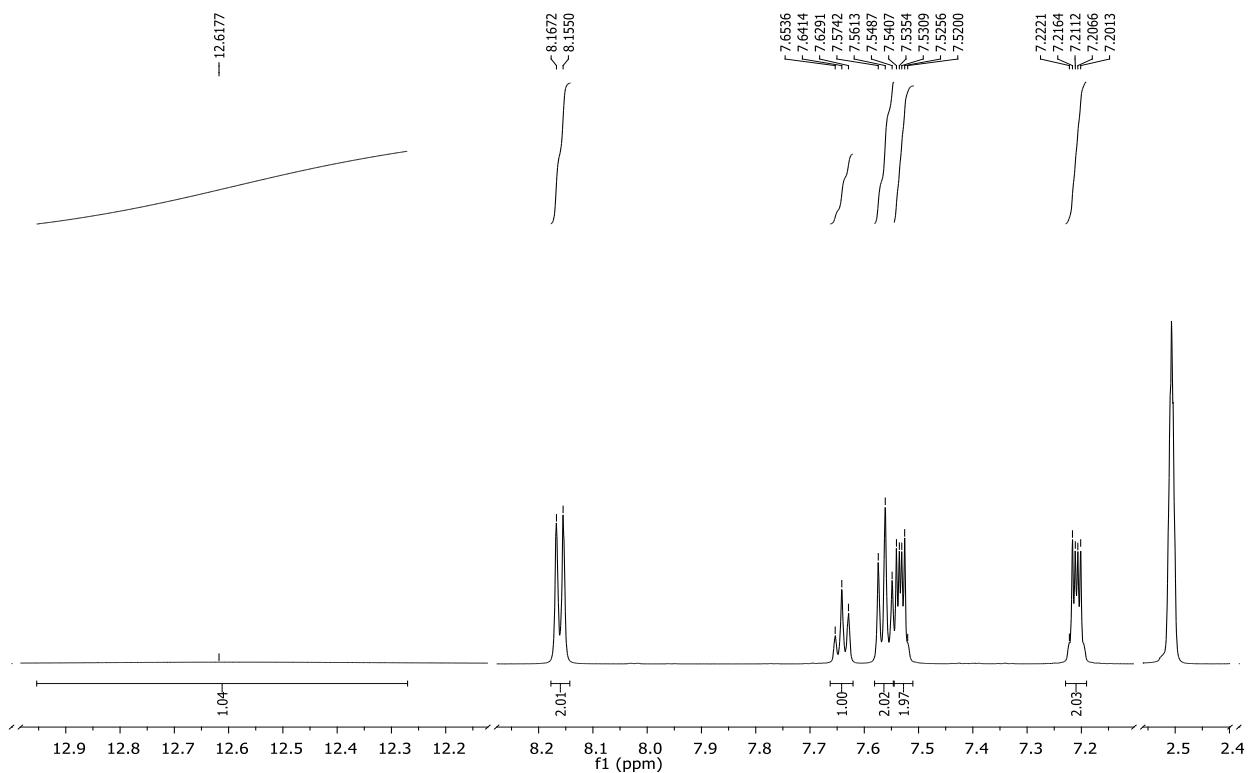
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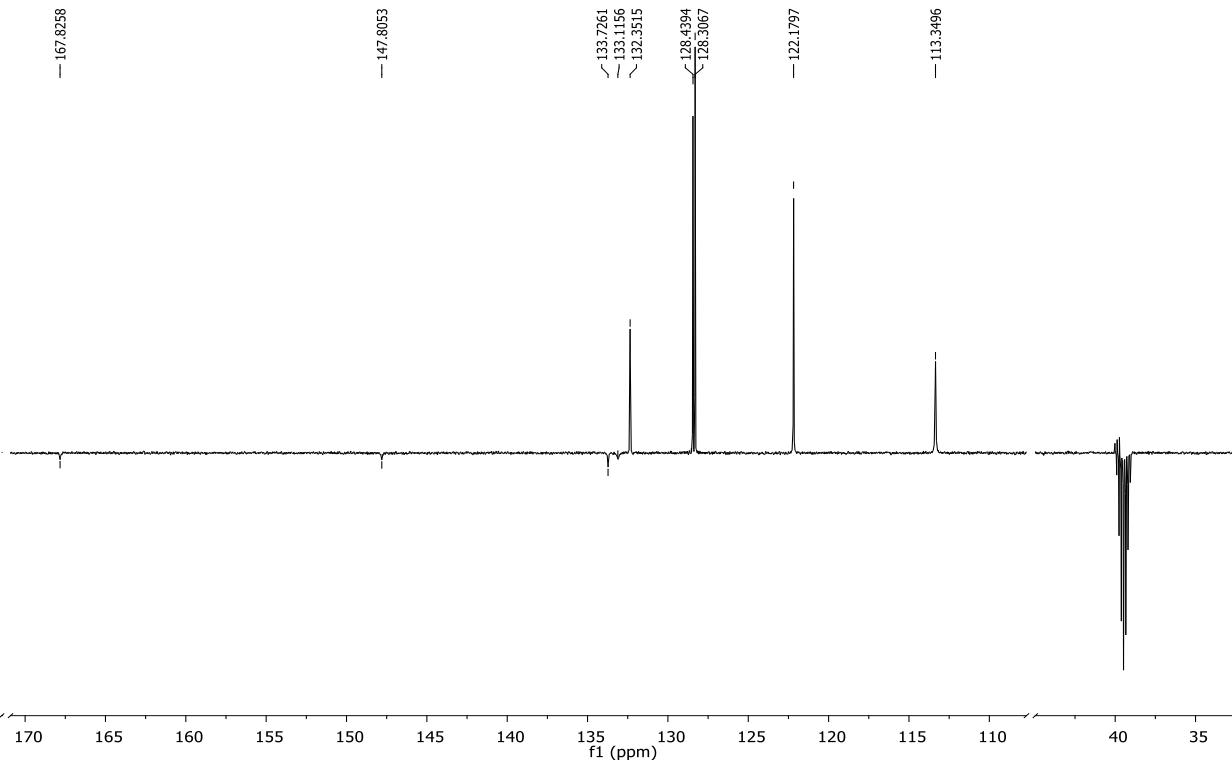
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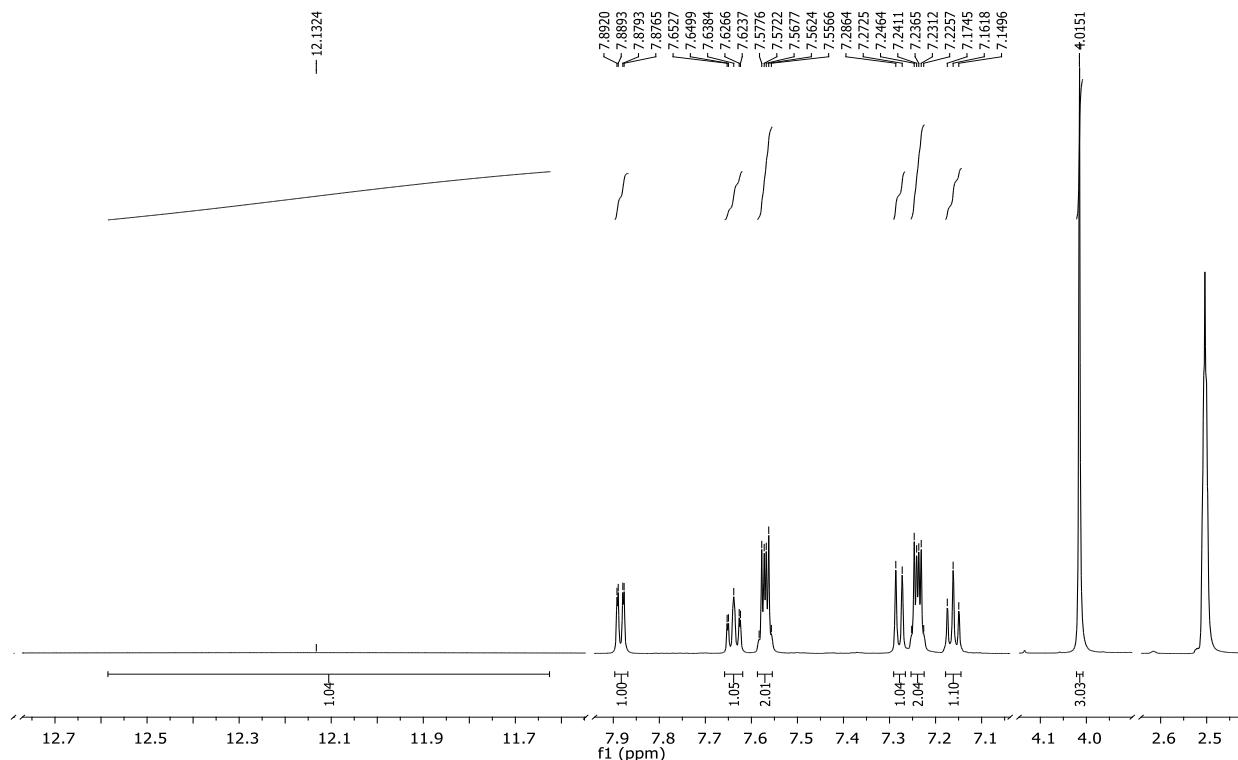
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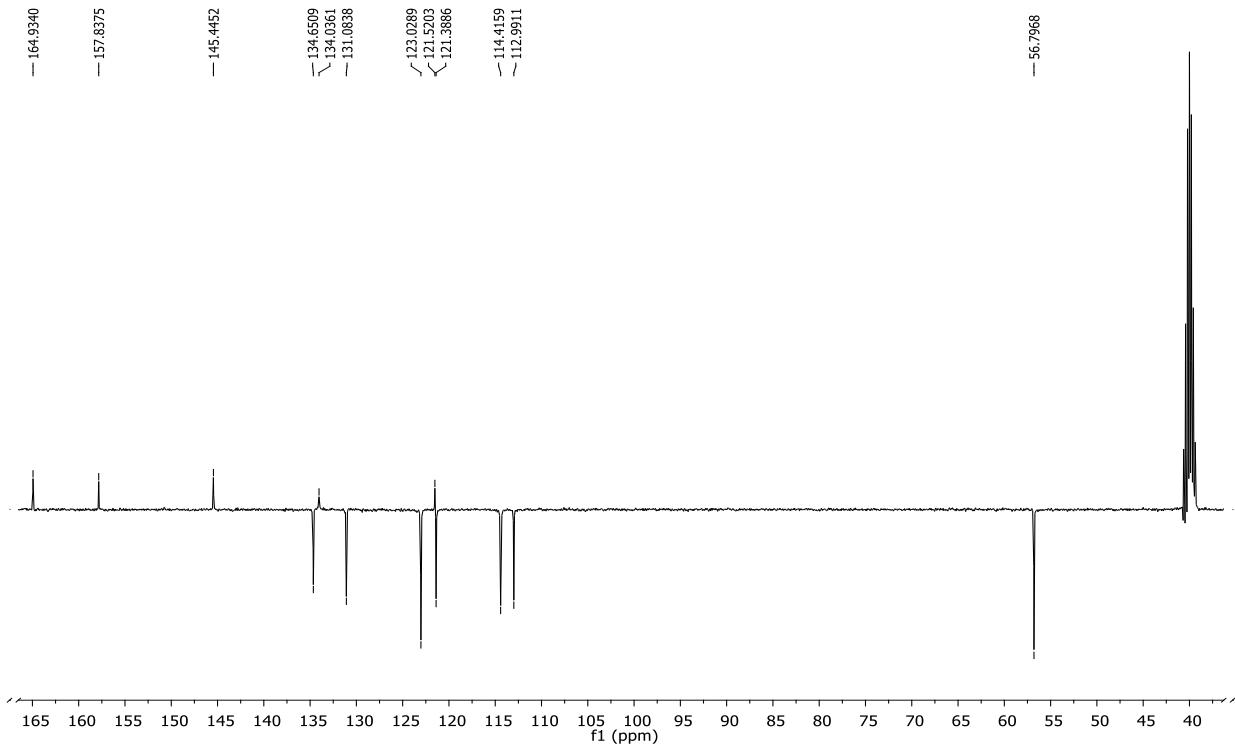
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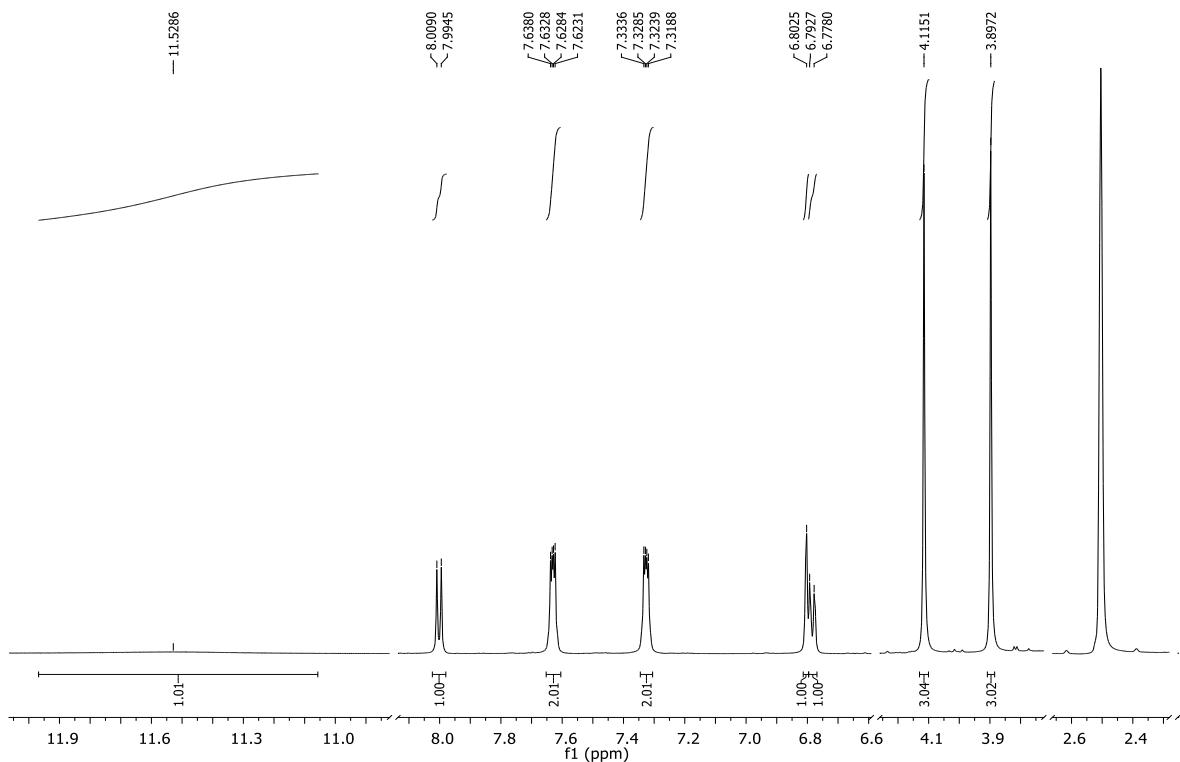
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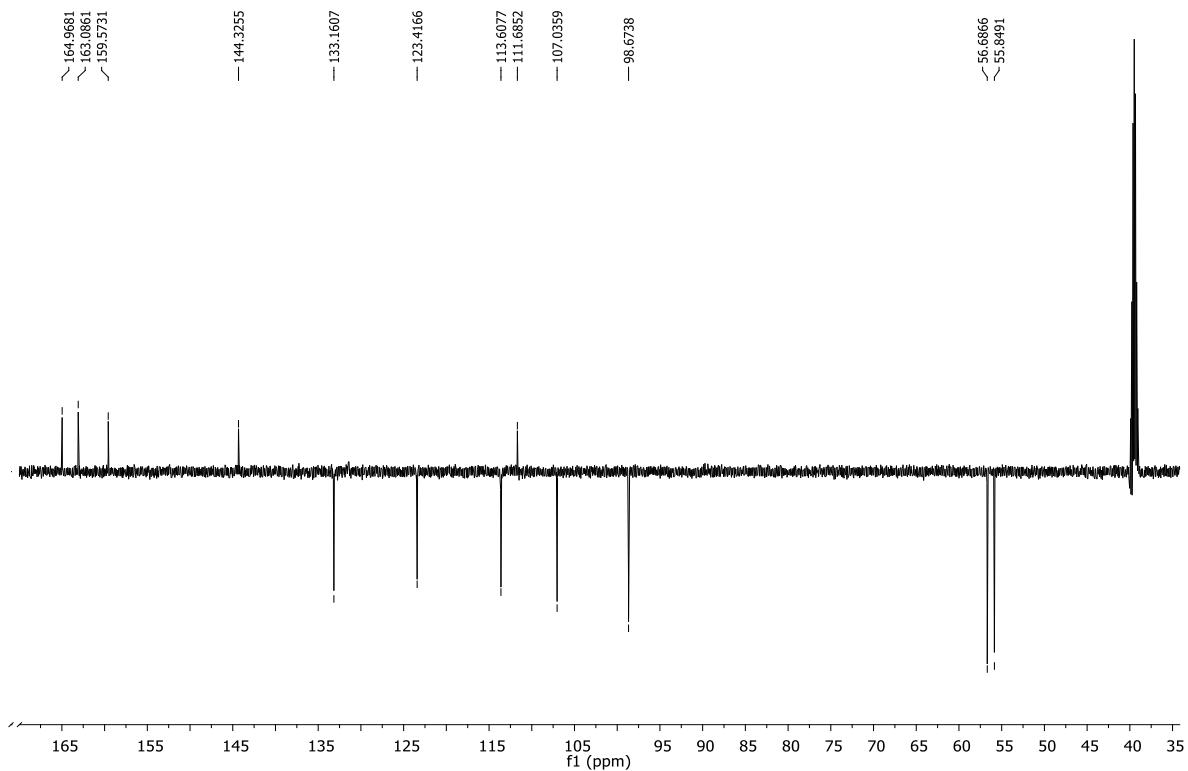
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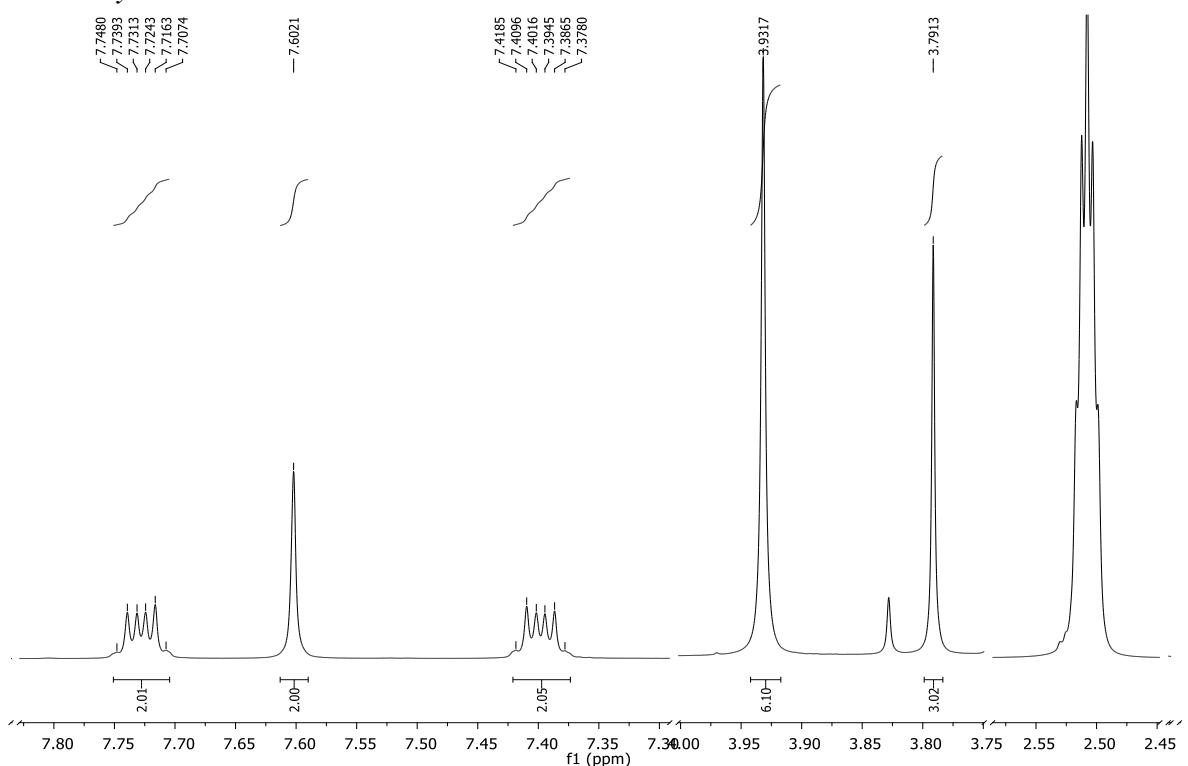
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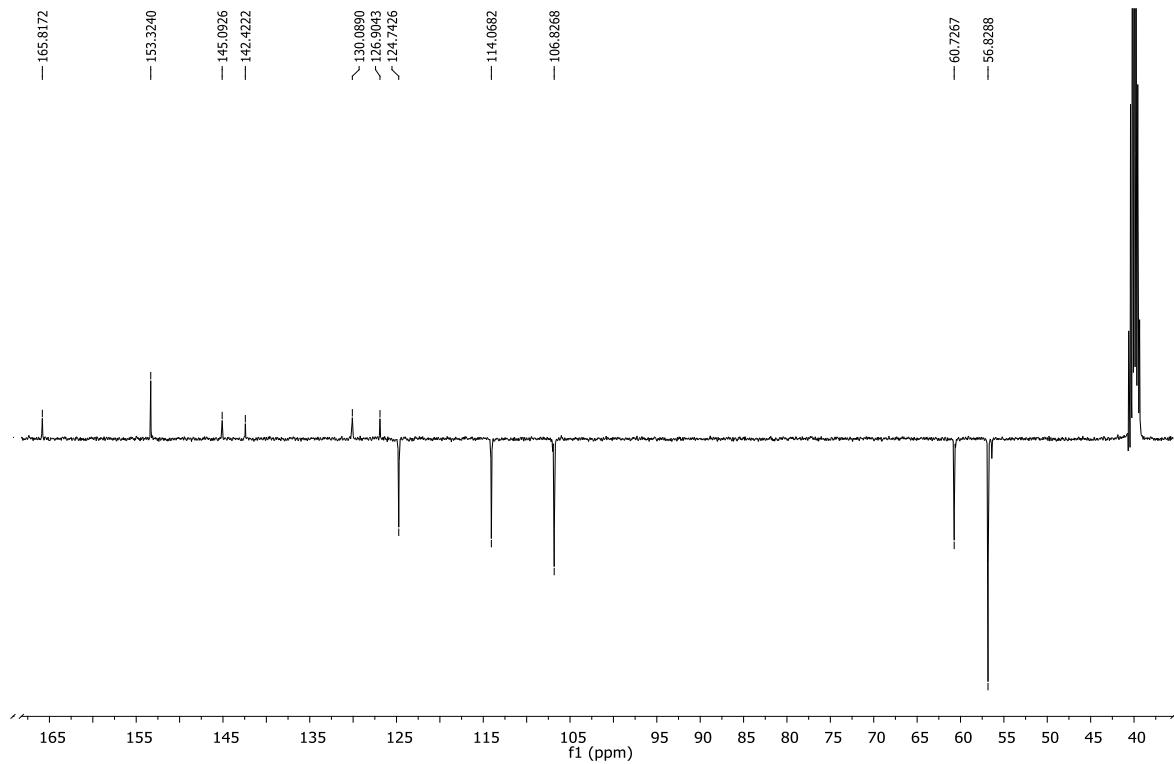
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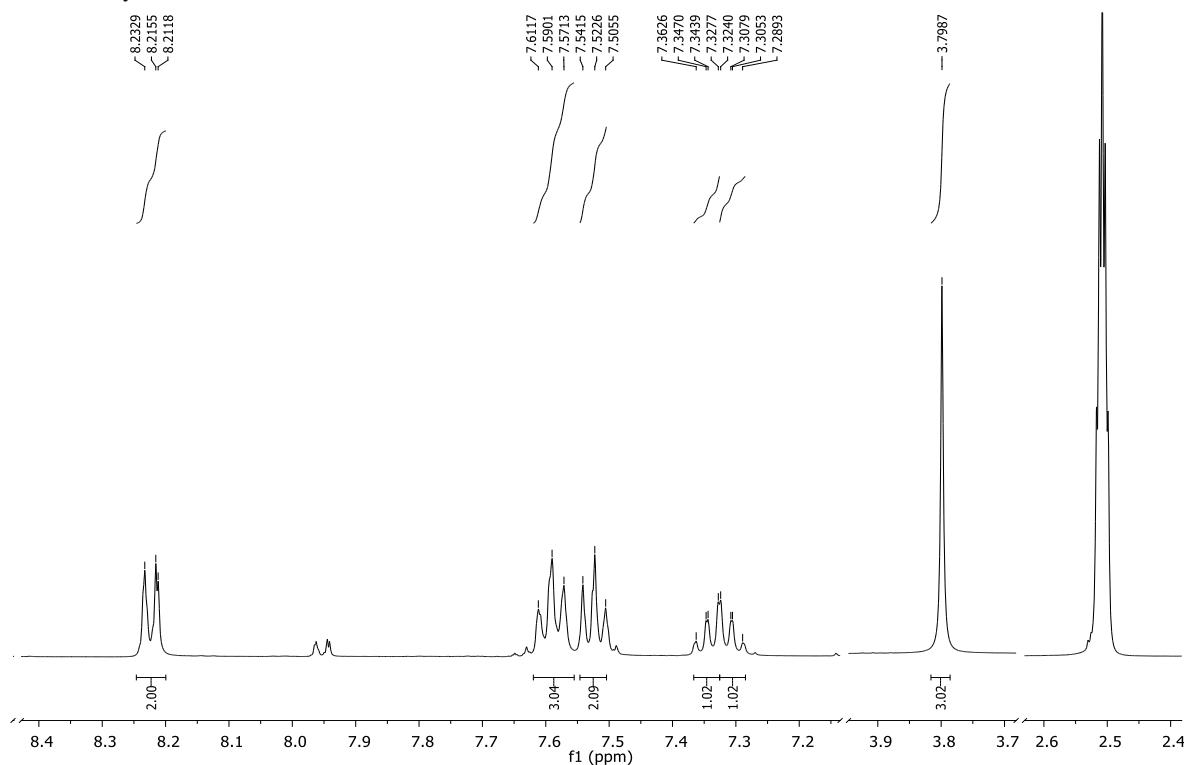
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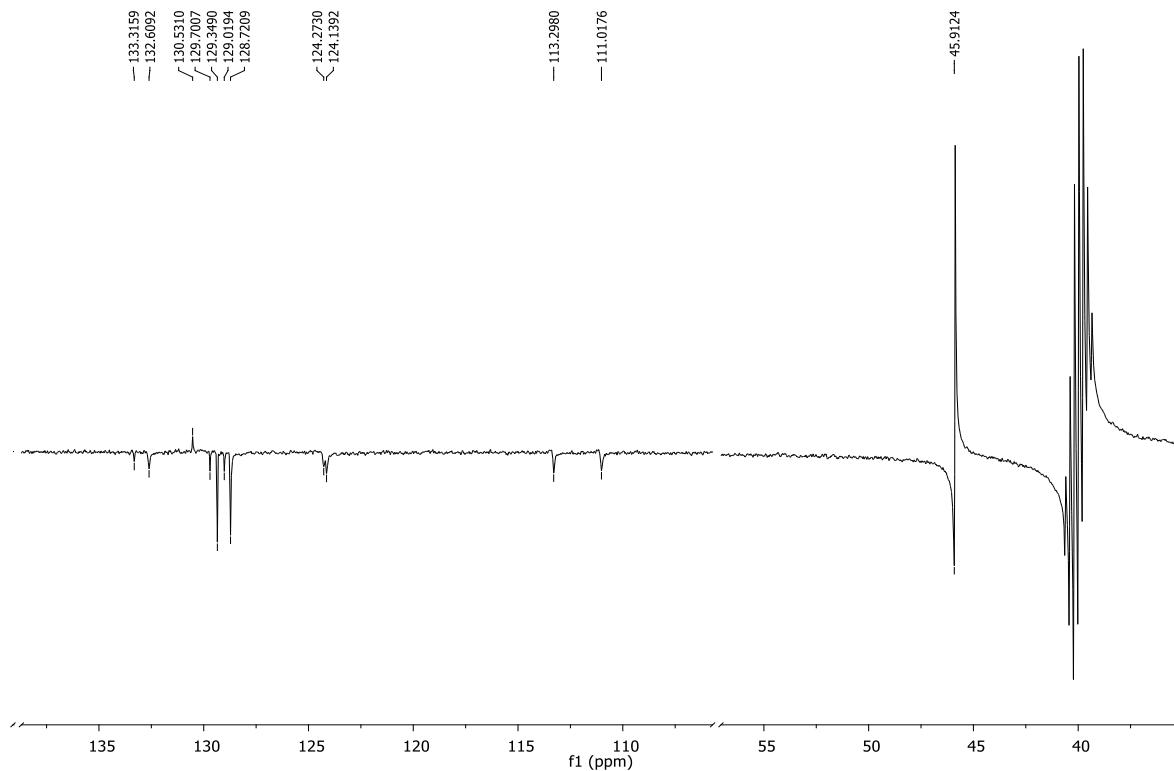
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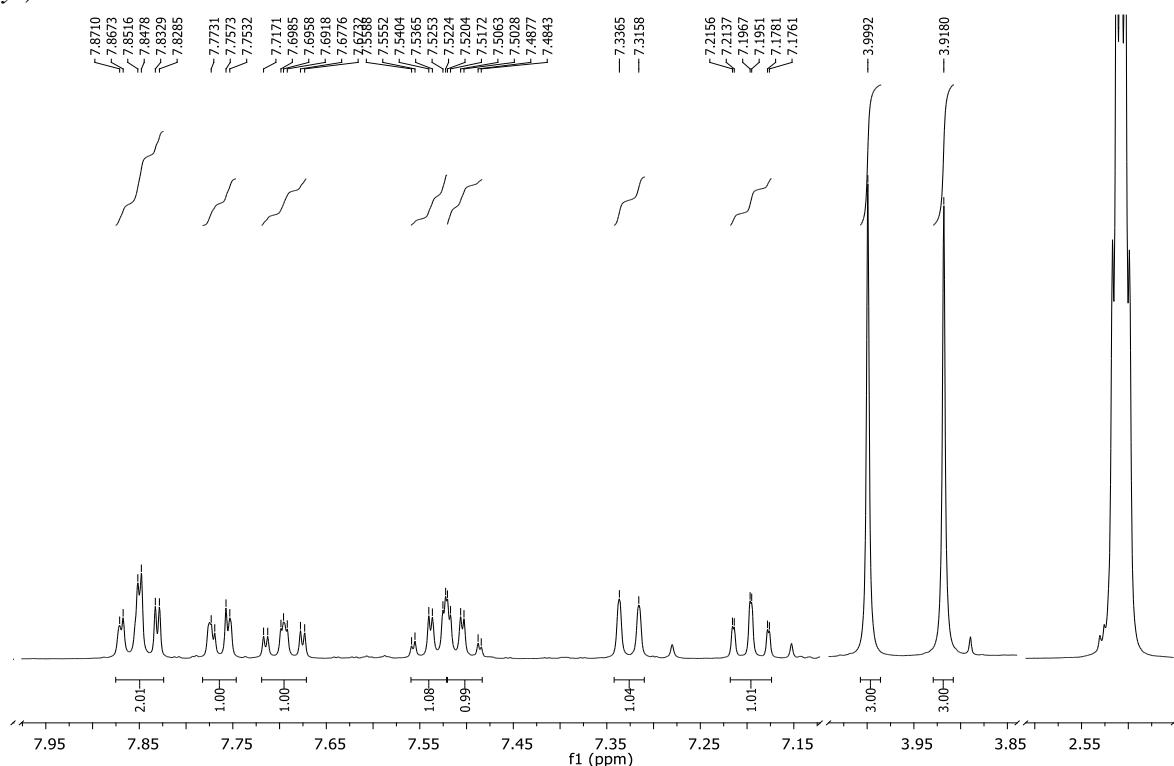
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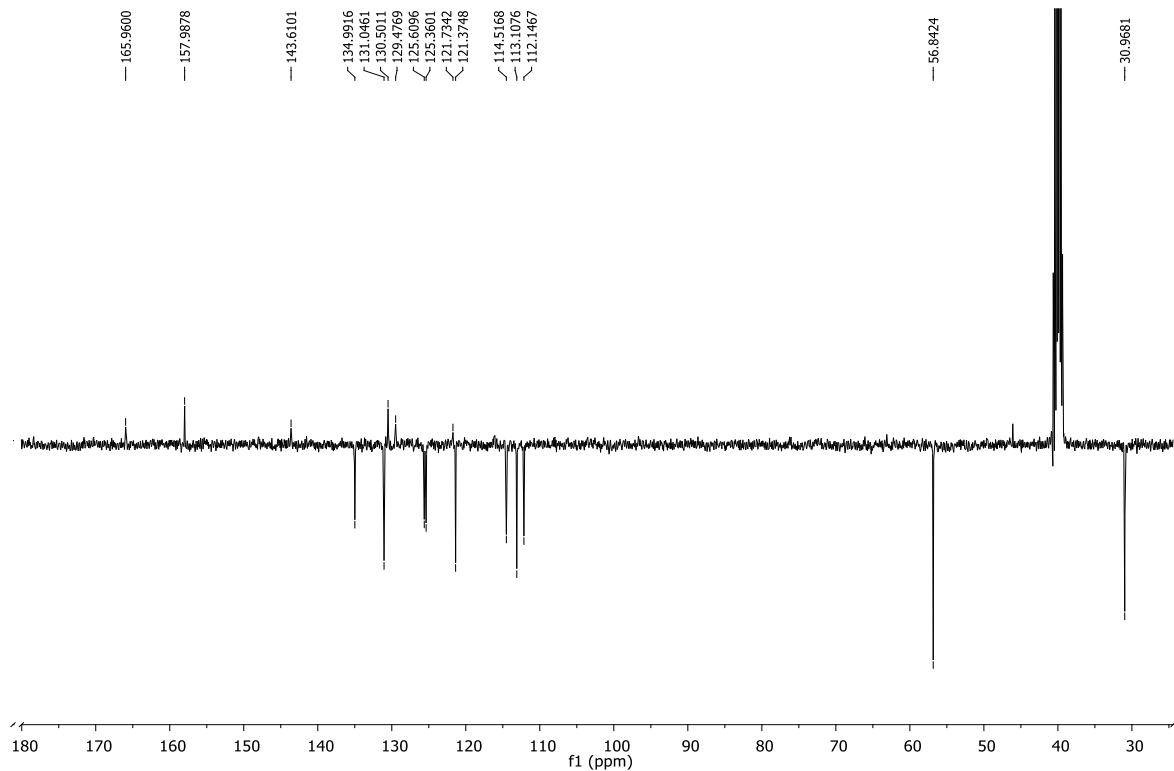
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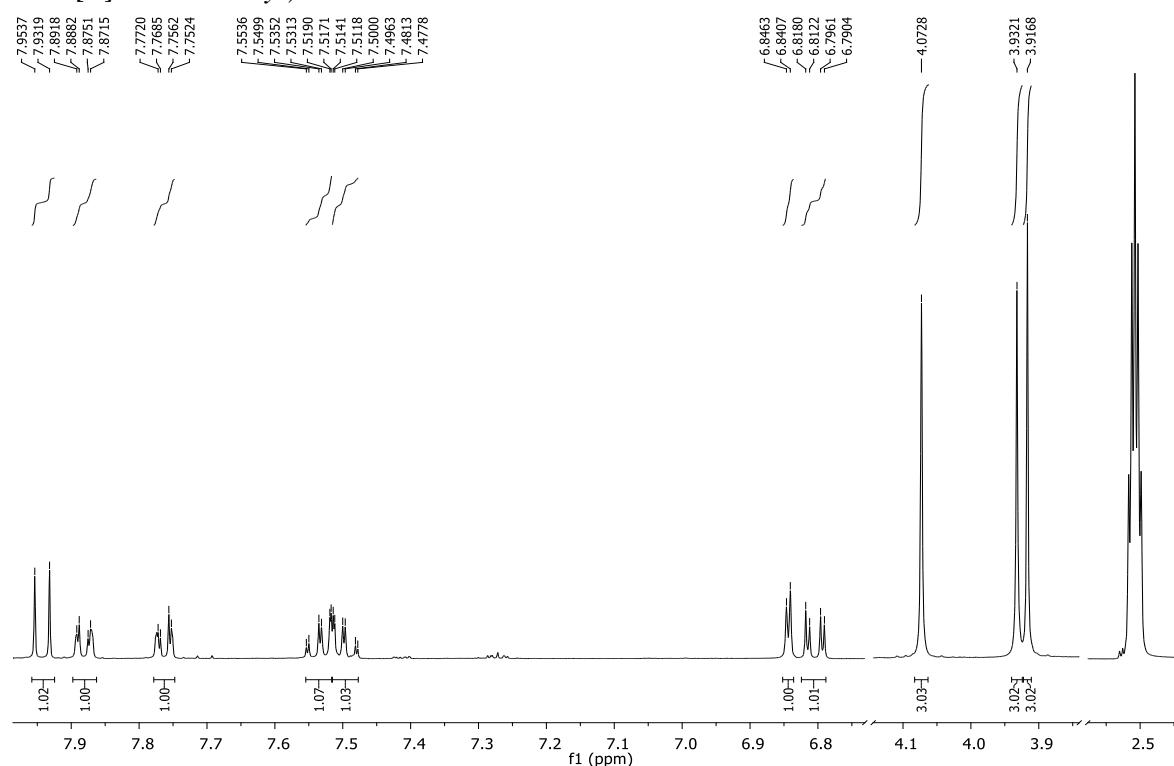
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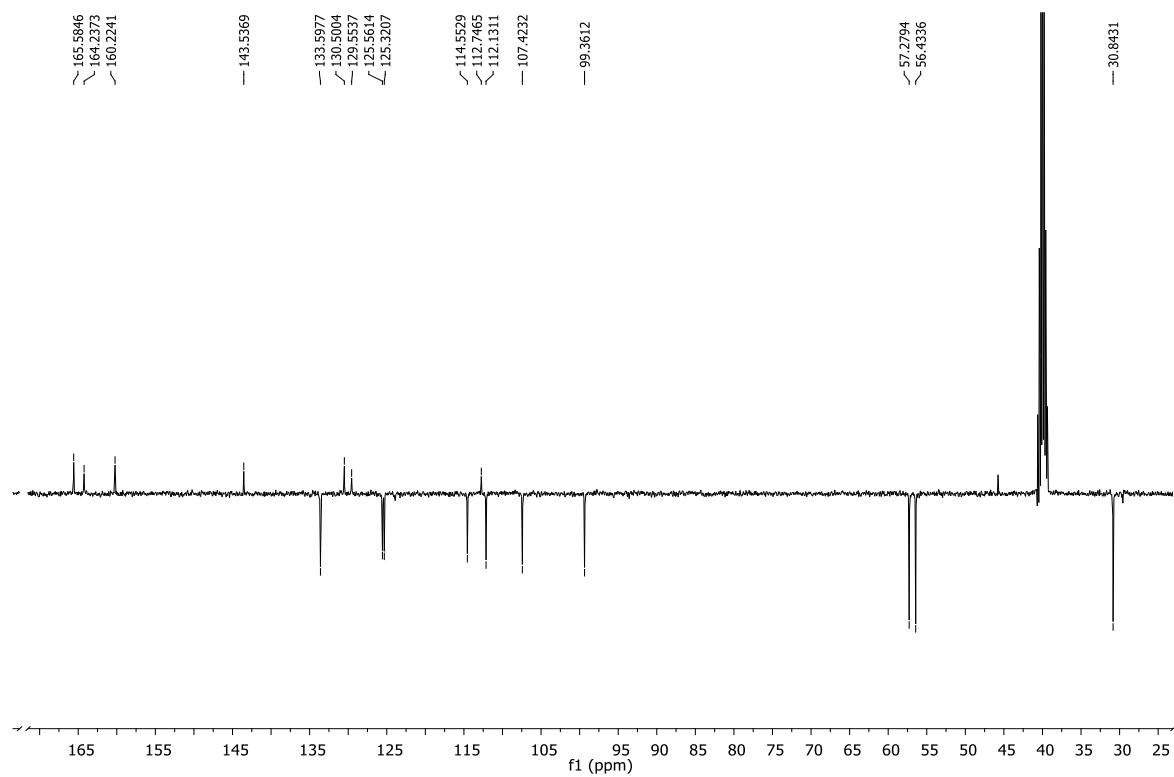
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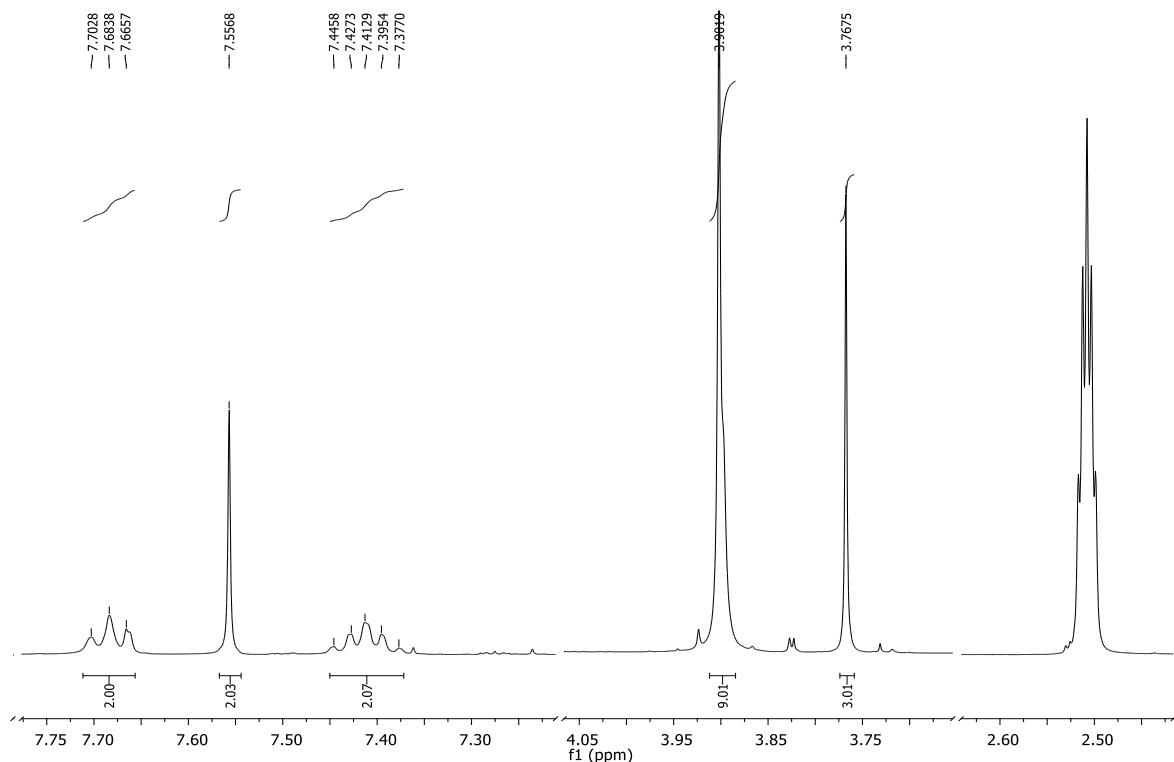
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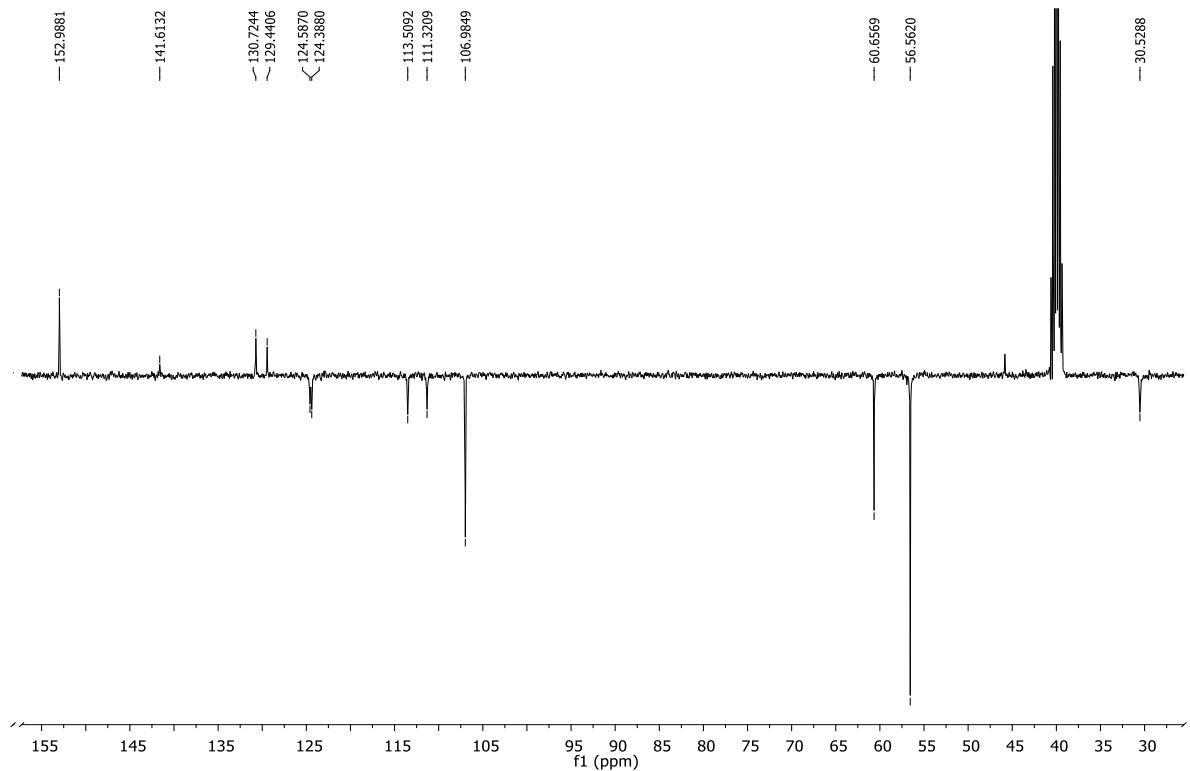
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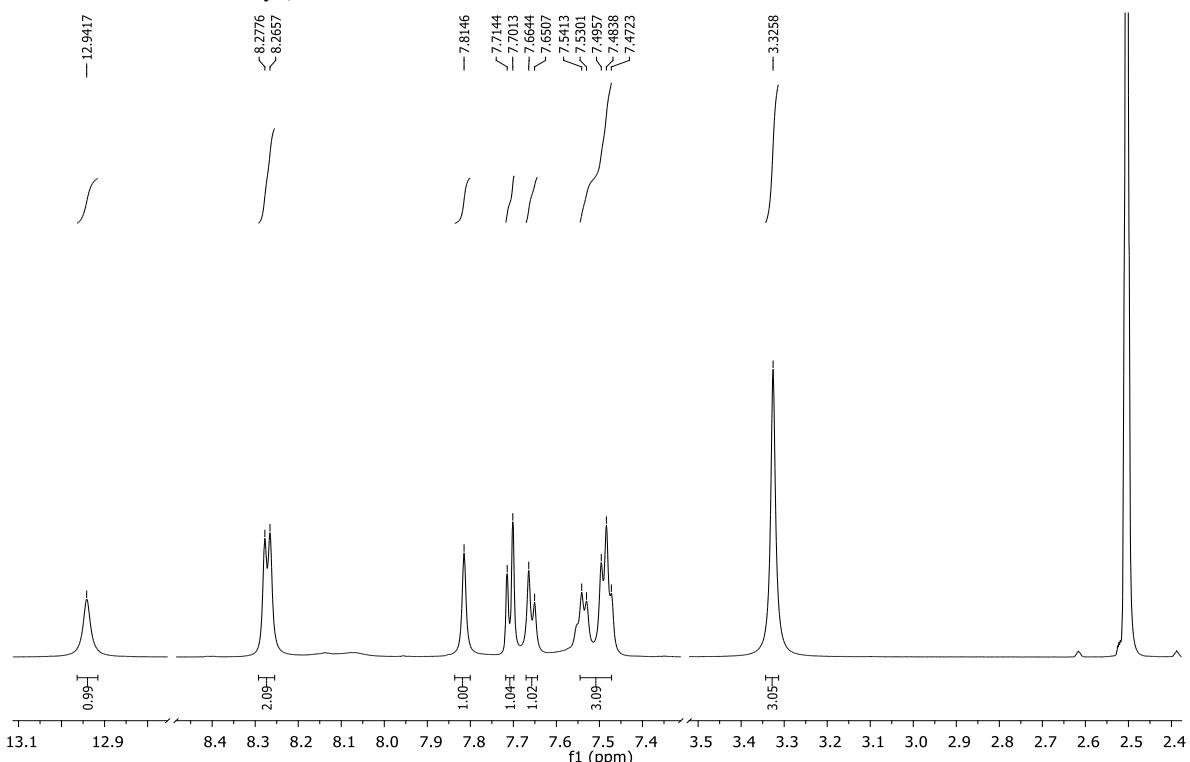
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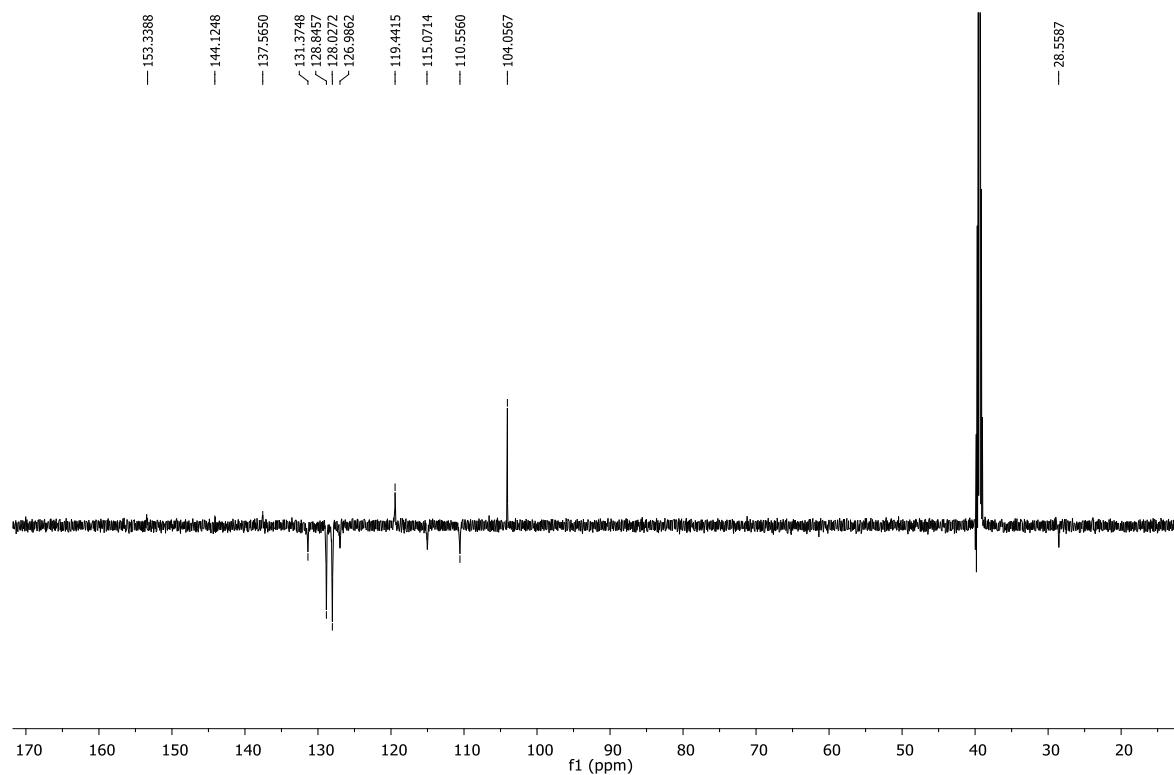
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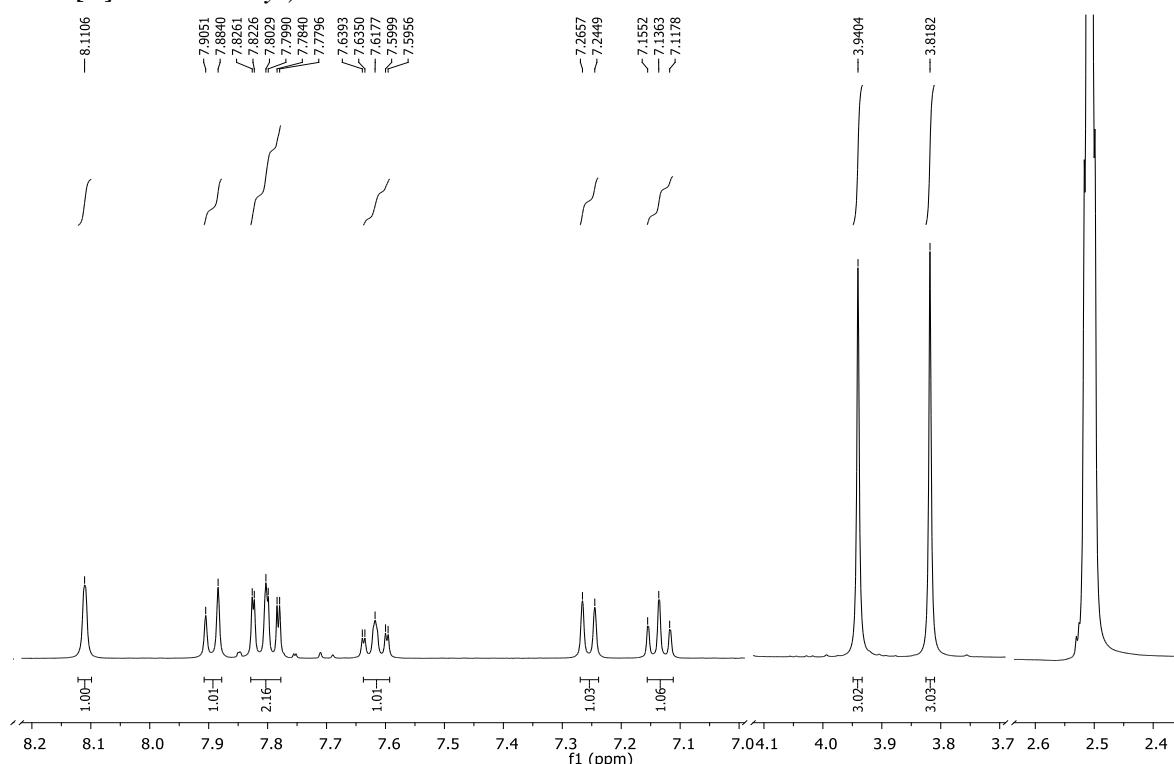
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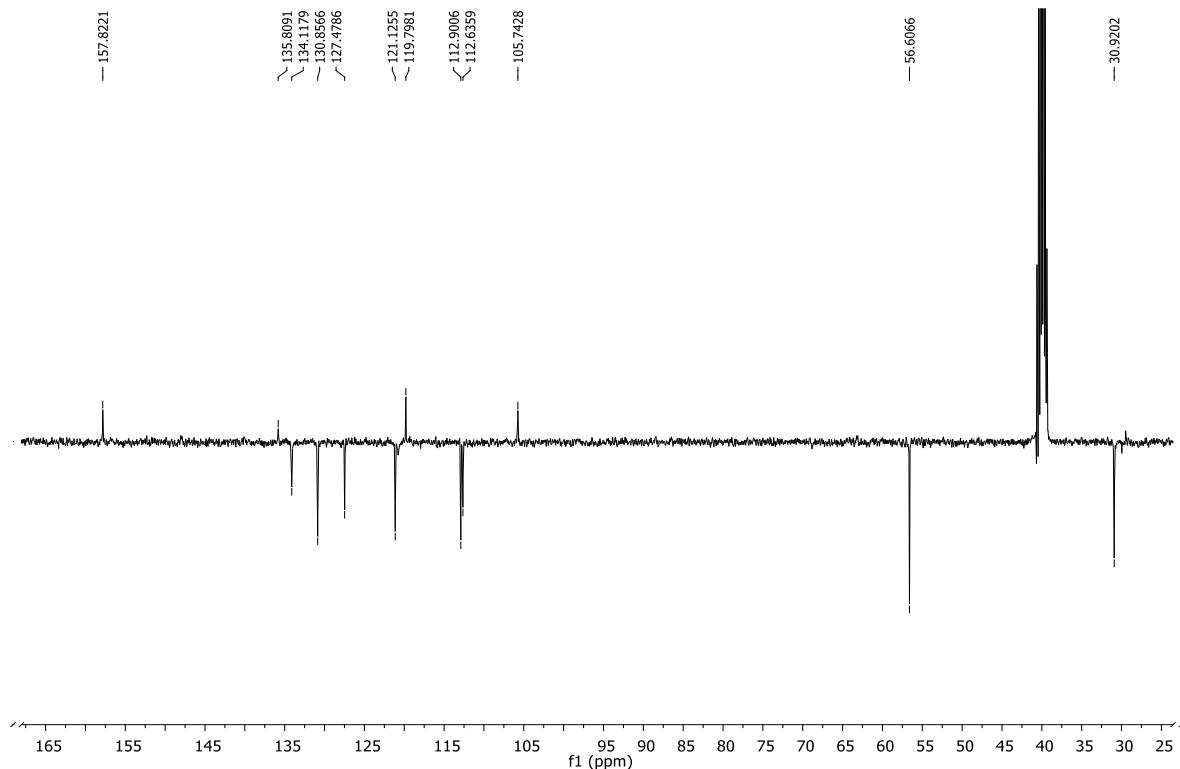
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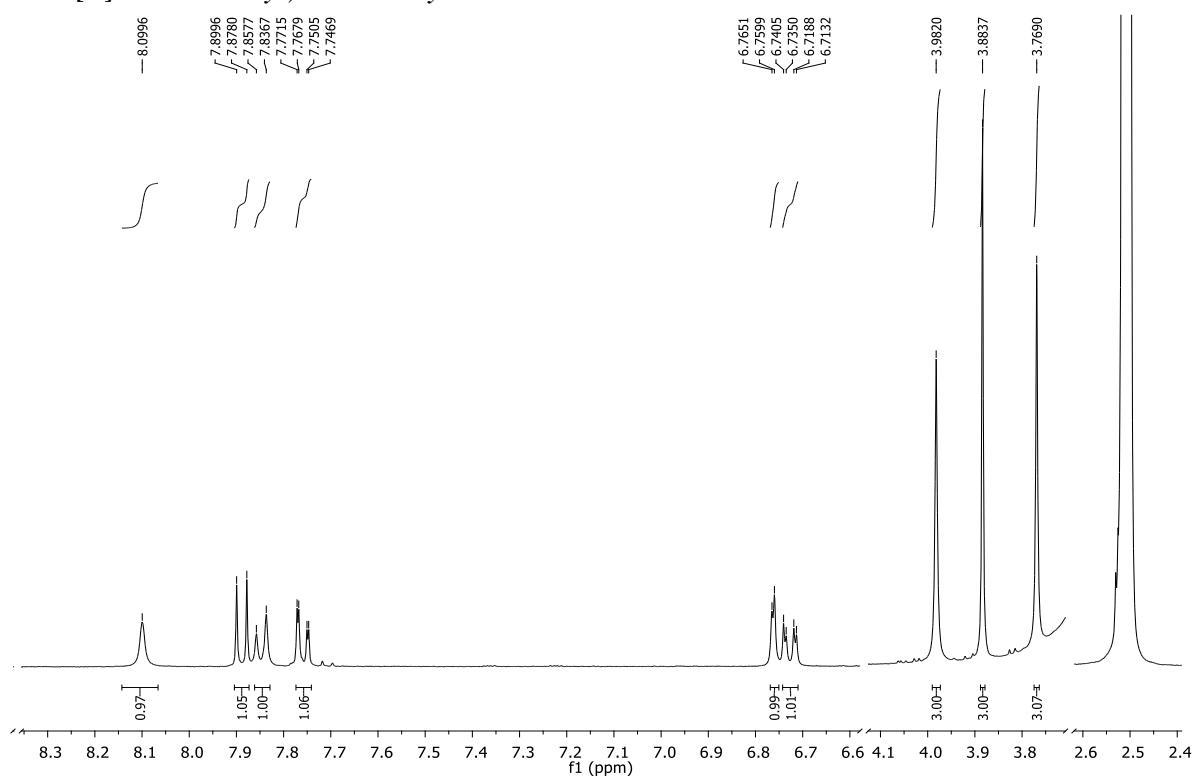
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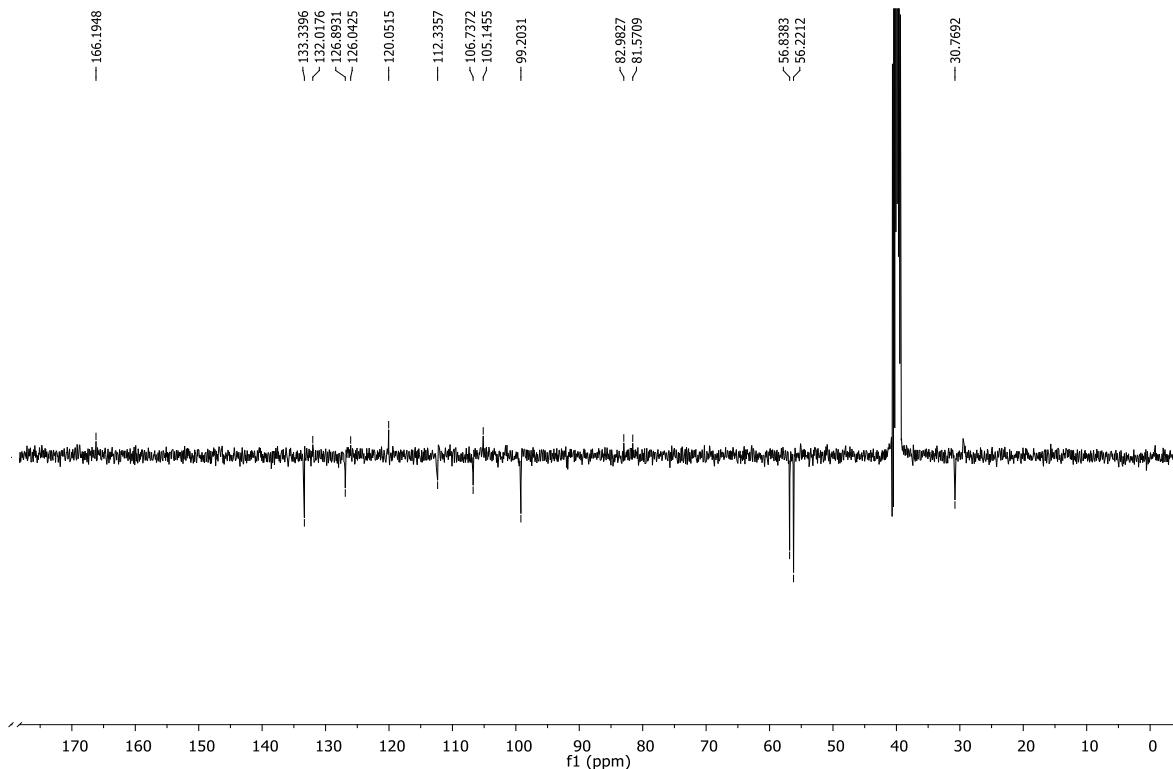
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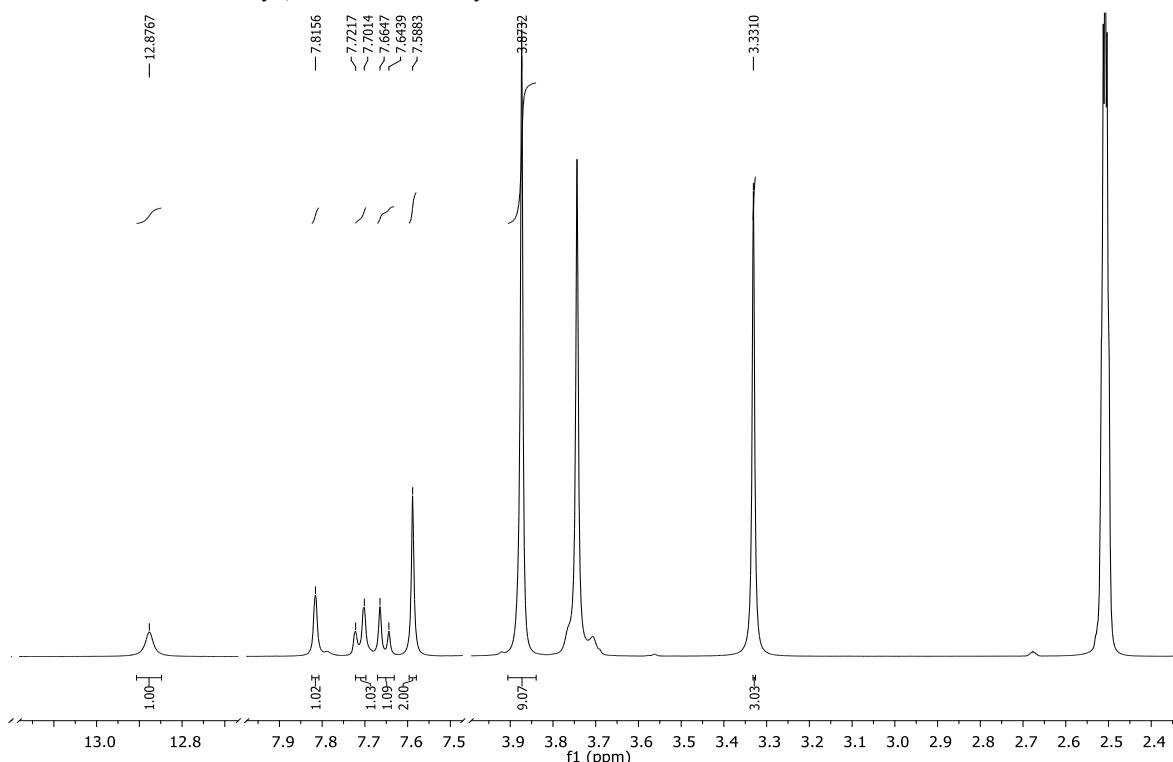
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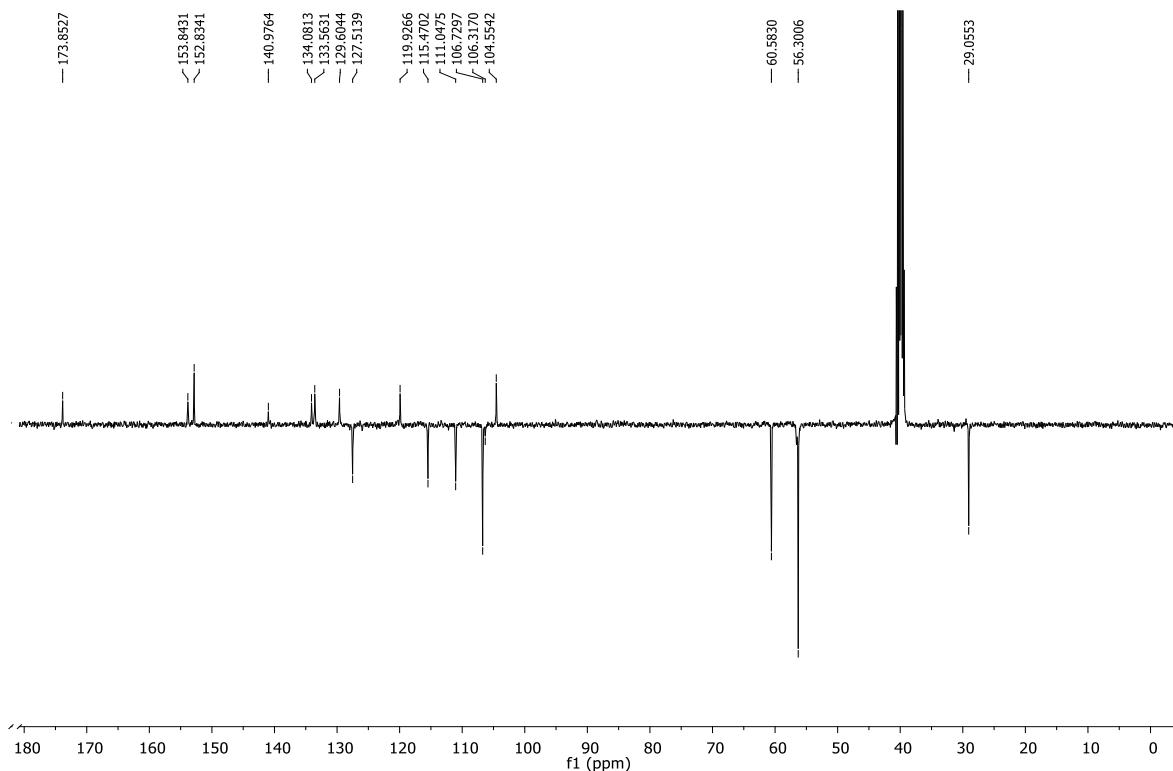
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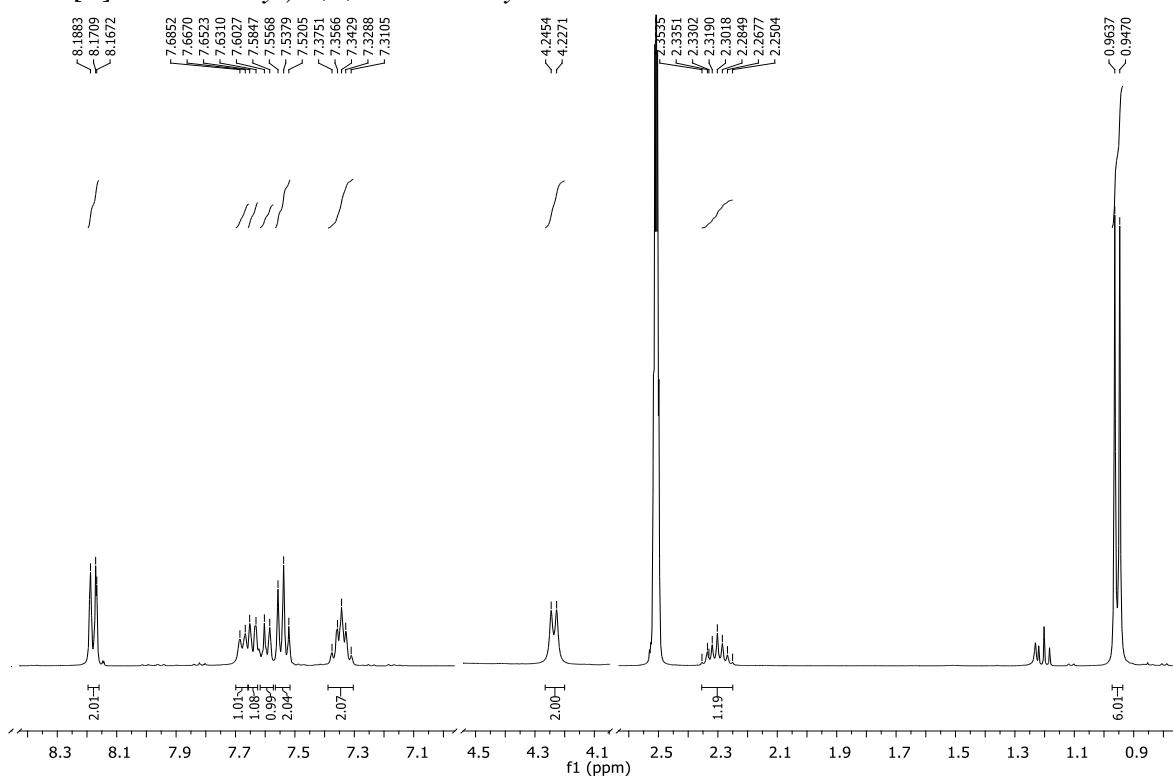
**Figure S52.**  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum ( $\text{DMSO}-d_6$ , 101 MHz) of *N*-(6-cyano-1-methyl-1*H*-benzo[*d*]imidazol-2-yl)-2,4-dimethoxybenzamide **34**



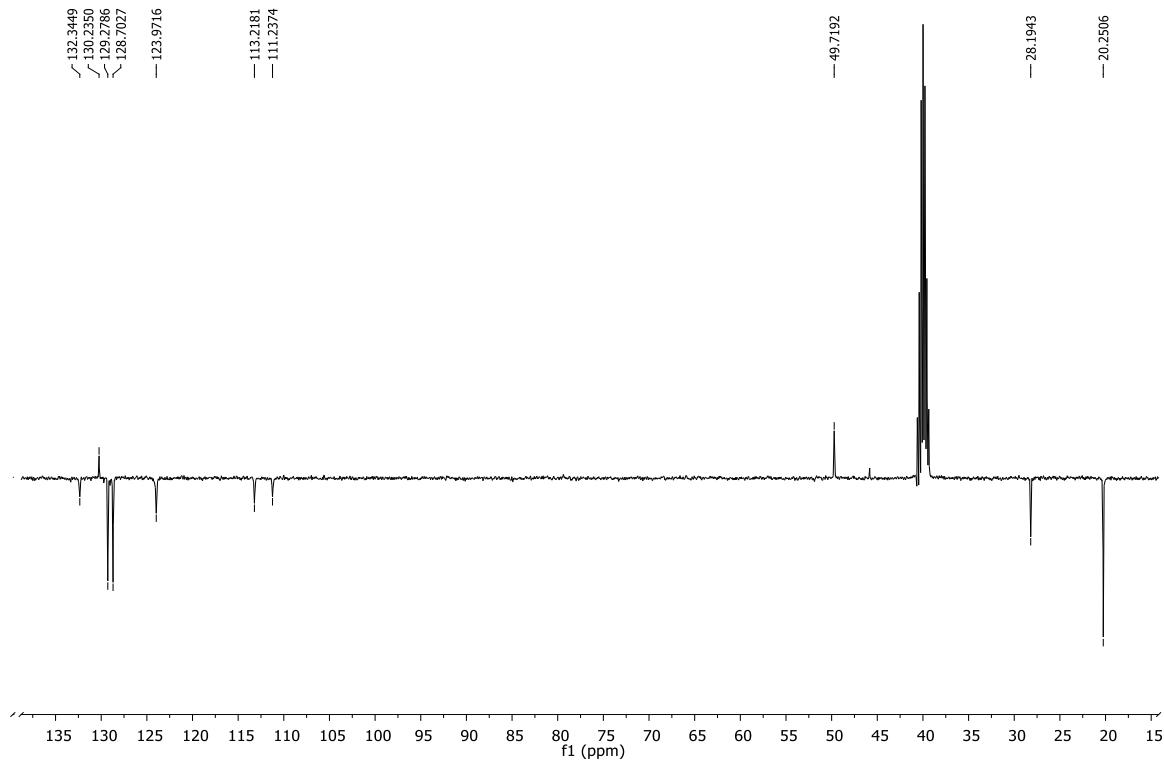
**Figure S53.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum ( $\text{DMSO}-d_6$ , 400 MHz) of *N*-(6-cyano-1-methyl-1*H*-benzo[*d*]imidazol-2-yl)-3,4,5-trimethoxybenzamide **35**



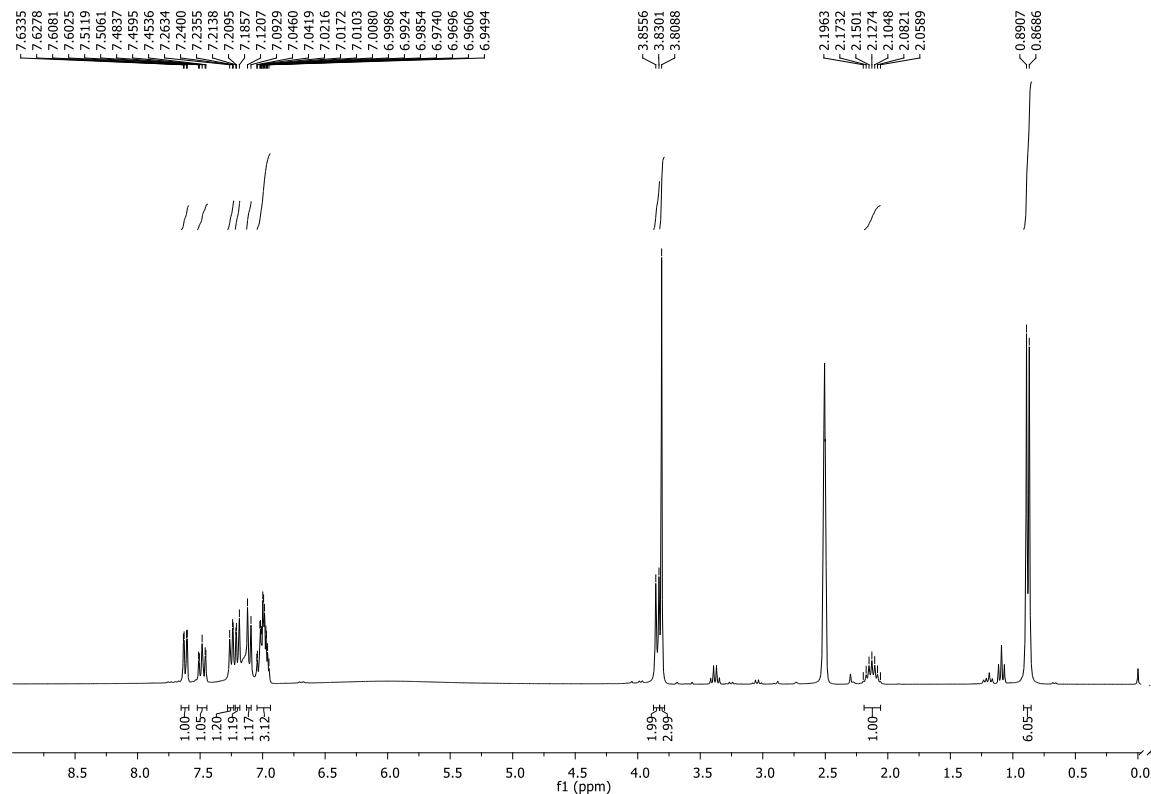
**Figure S54.**  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum (DMSO- $d_6$ , 101 MHz) of *N*-(6-cyano-1-methyl-1*H*-benzo[*d*]imidazol-2-yl)-3,4,5-trimethoxybenzamide **35**



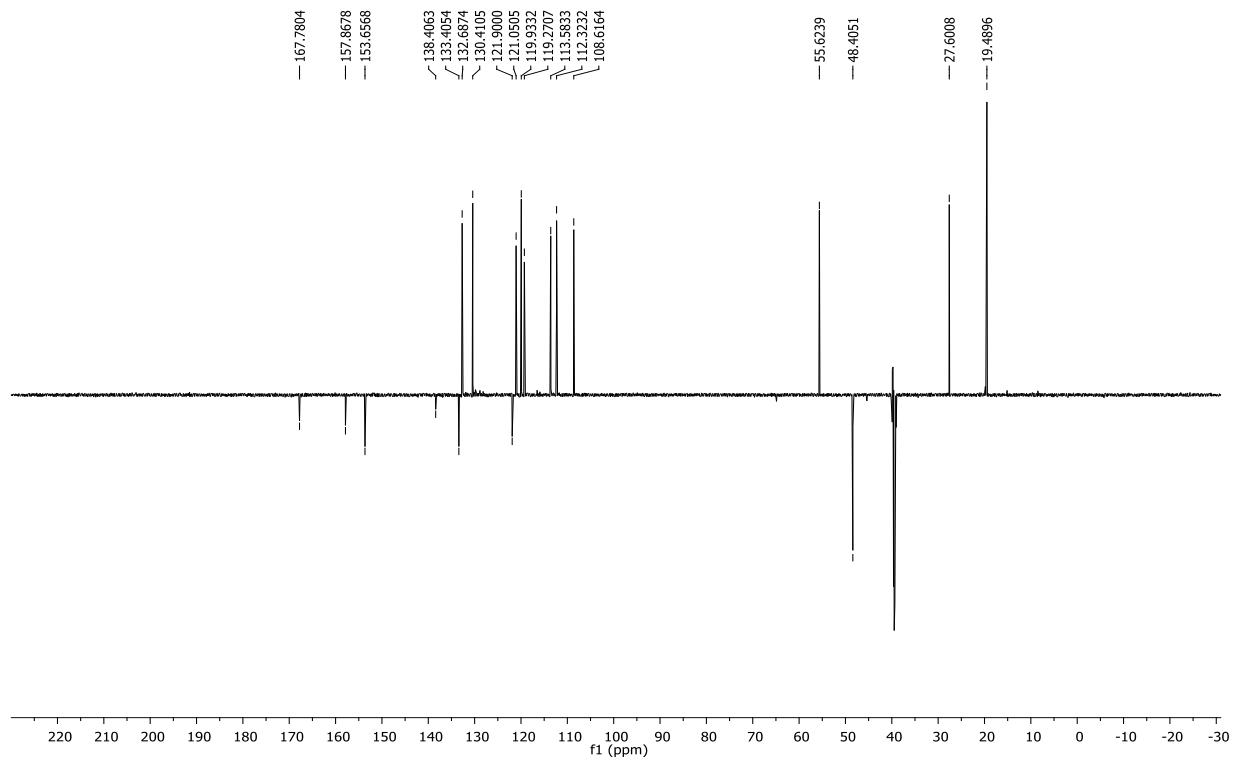
**Figure S55.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum (DMSO- $d_6$ , 400 MHz) of *N*-(1-isobutyl-1*H*-benzo[*d*]imidazol-2-yl)benzamide **36**



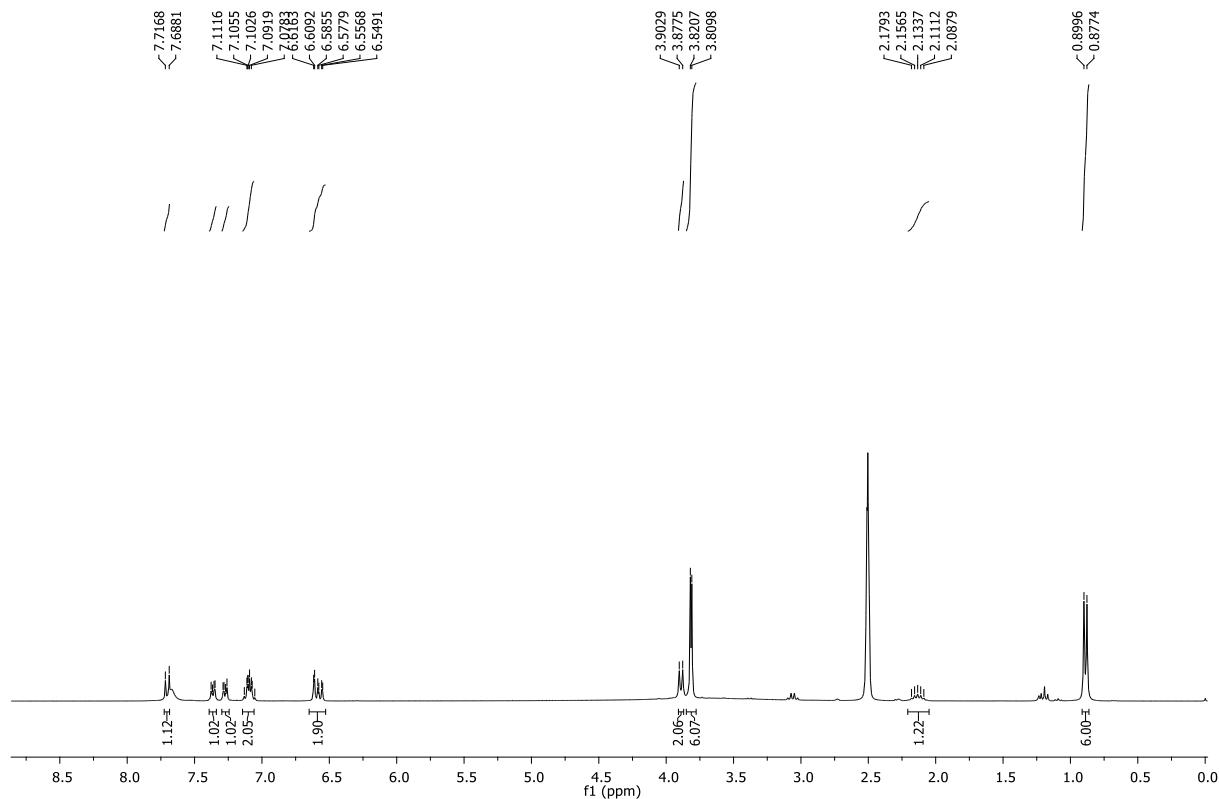
**Figure S56.** <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum (DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>, 101 MHz) of *N*-(1-isobutyl-1*H*-benzo[*d*]imidazol-2-*yl*)benzamide **36**



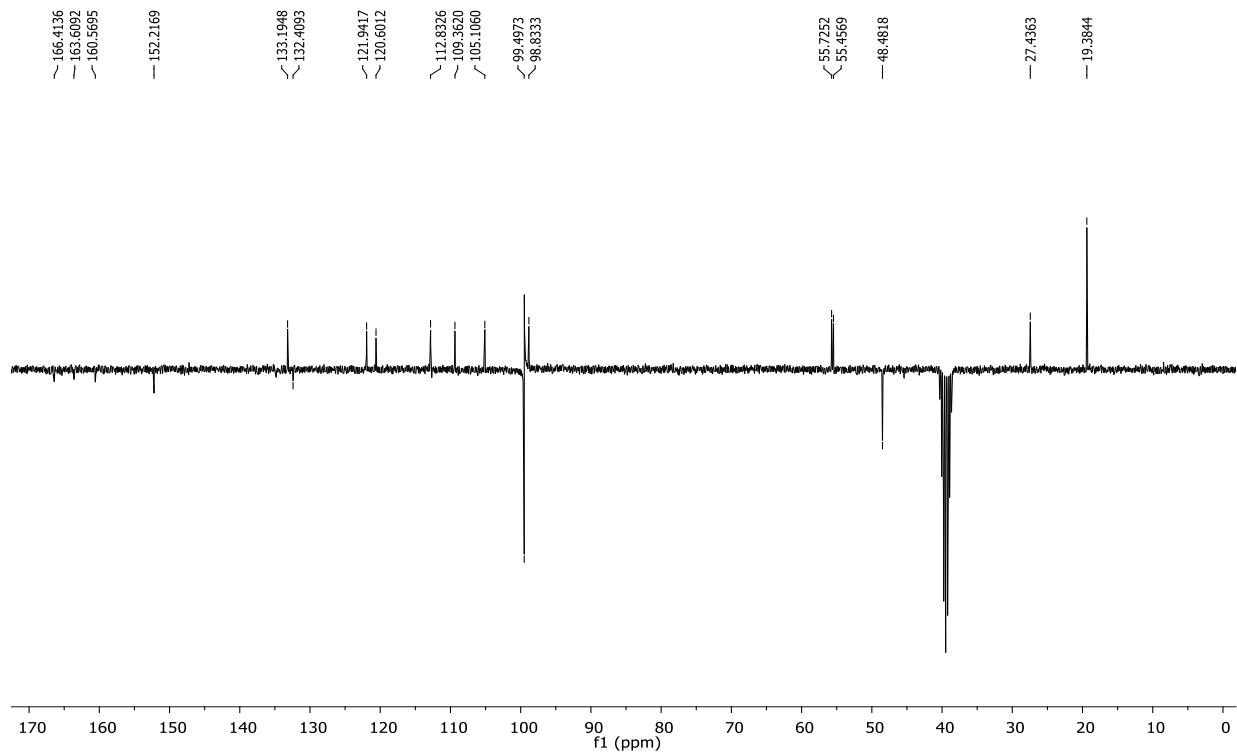
**Figure S57.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum (DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>, 300 MHz) of *N*-(1-isobutyl-1*H*-benzo[*d*]imidazol-2-*yl*)-2-methoxybenzamide **37**



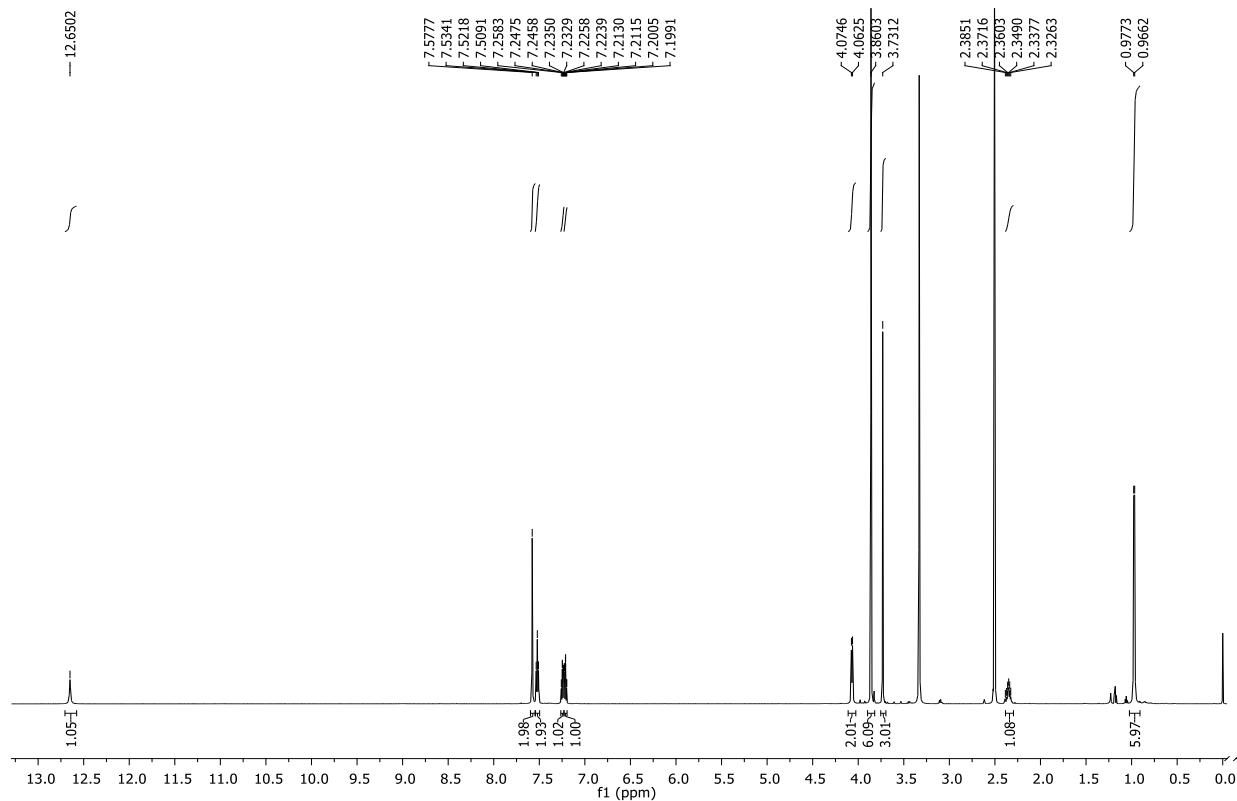
**Figure S58.**  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum (DMSO- $d_6$ , 151 MHz) of *N*-(1-isobutyl-1*H*-benzo[*d*]imidazol-2-yl)-2-methoxybenzamide **37**



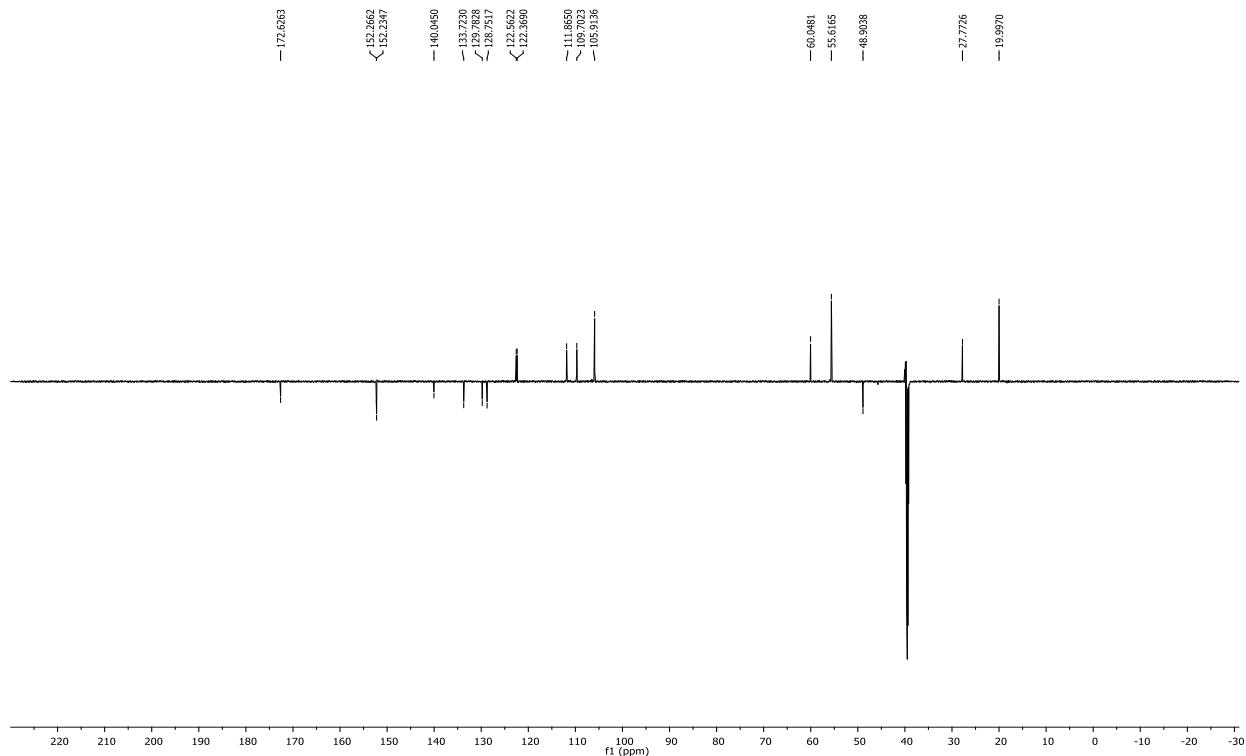
**Figure S59.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum (DMSO- $d_6$ , 300 MHz) of *N*-(1-isobutyl-1*H*-benzo[*d*]imidazol-2-yl)-2,4-dimethoxybenzamide **38**



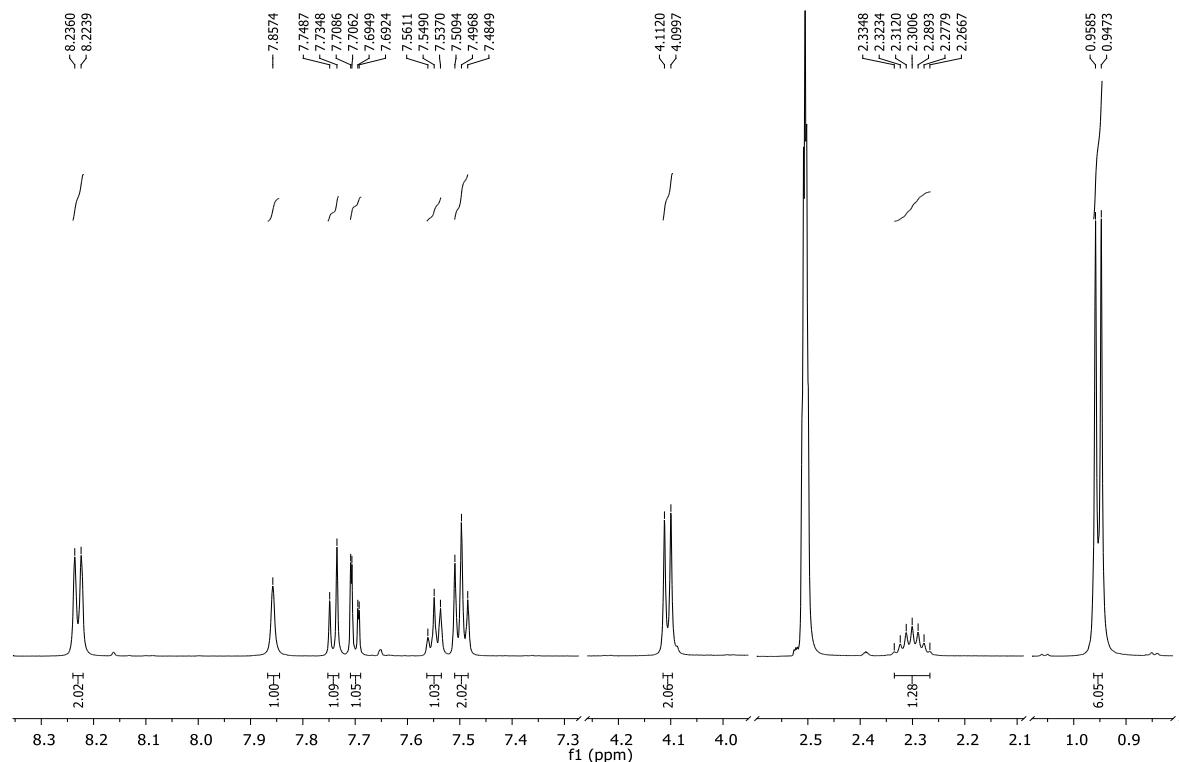
**Figure S60.**  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum (DMSO- $d_6$ , 75 MHz) of *N*-(1-isobutyl-1*H*-benzo[*d*]imidazol-2-yl)-2,4-dimethoxybenzamide **38**



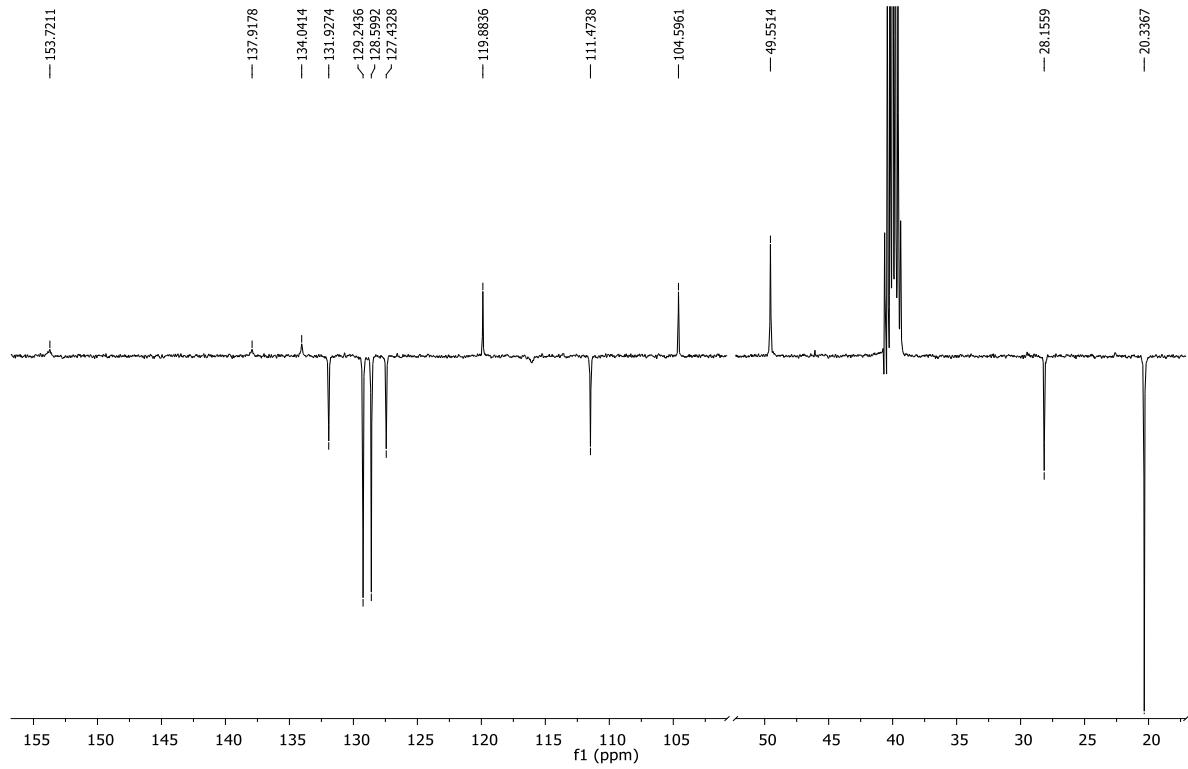
**Figure S61.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum (DMSO- $d_6$ , 600 MHz) of *N*-(1-isobutyl-1*H*-benzo[*d*]imidazol-2-yl)-3,4,5-trimethoxybenzamide **39**



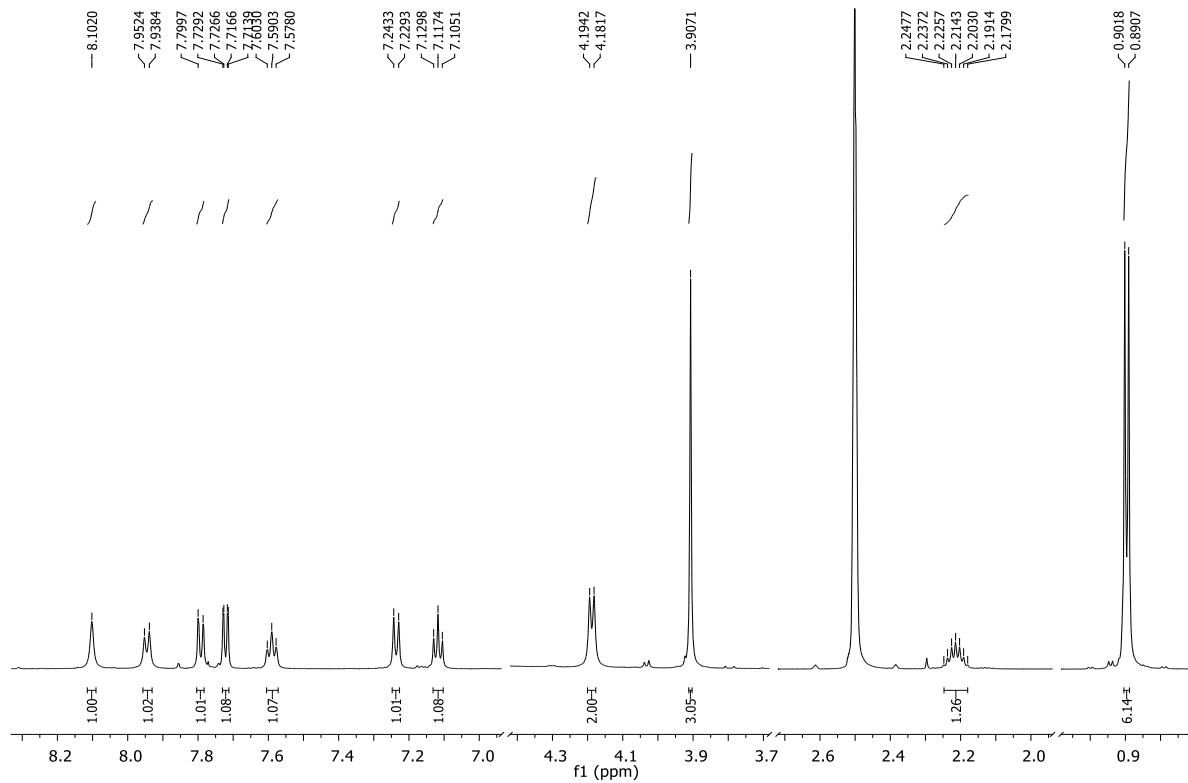
**Figure S62.**  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum (DMSO- $d_6$ , 151 MHz) of *N*-(1-isobutyl-1*H*-benzo[*d*]imidazol-2-yl)-3,4,5-trimethoxybenzamide **39**



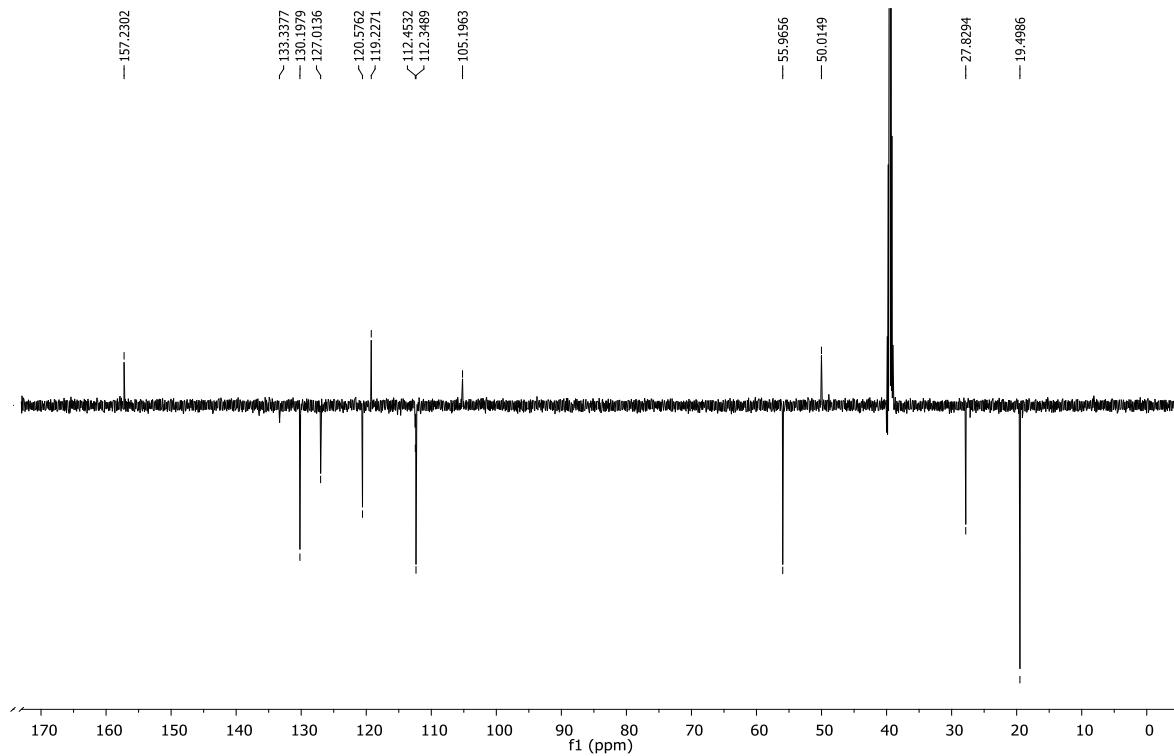
**Figure S63.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum (DMSO- $d_6$ , 600 MHz) of *N*-(6-cyano-1-isobutyl-1*H*-benzo[*d*]imidazol-2-yl)benzamide **40**



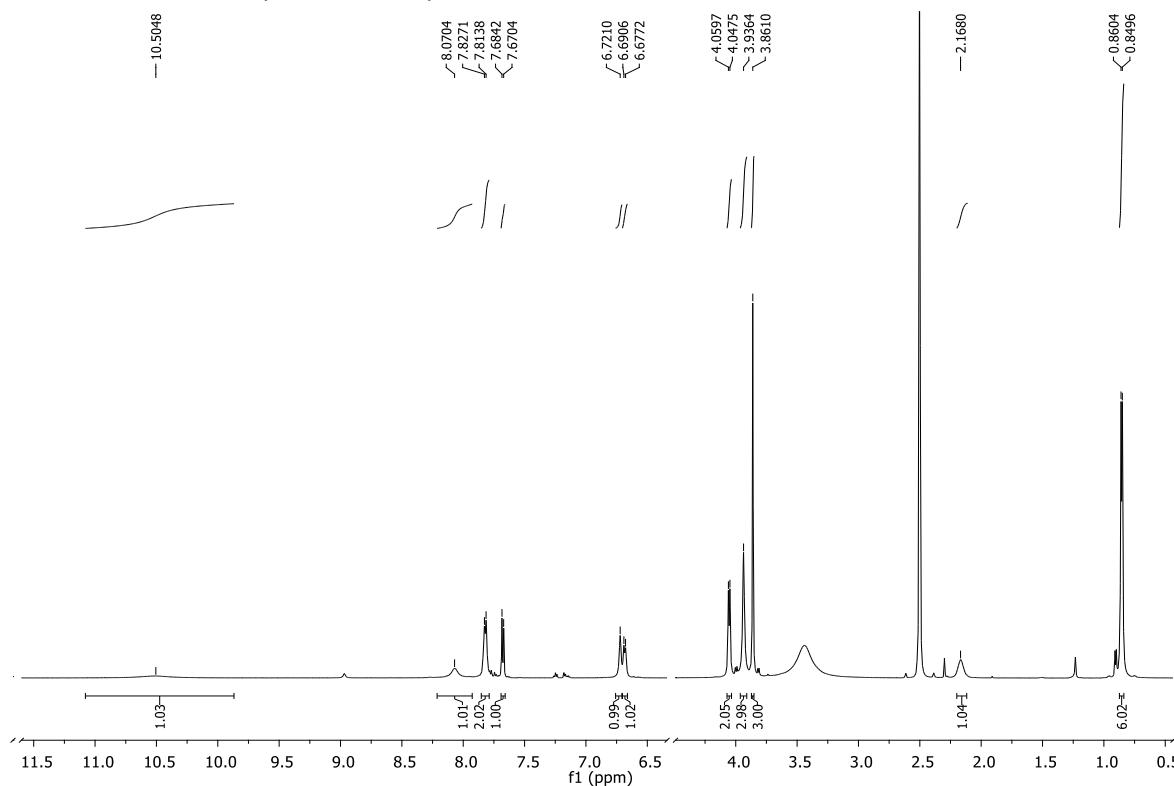
**Figure S64.**  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum (DMSO- $d_6$ , 101 MHz) of *N*-(6-cyano-1-isobutyl-1*H*-benzo[*d*]imidazol-2-yl)benzamide **40**



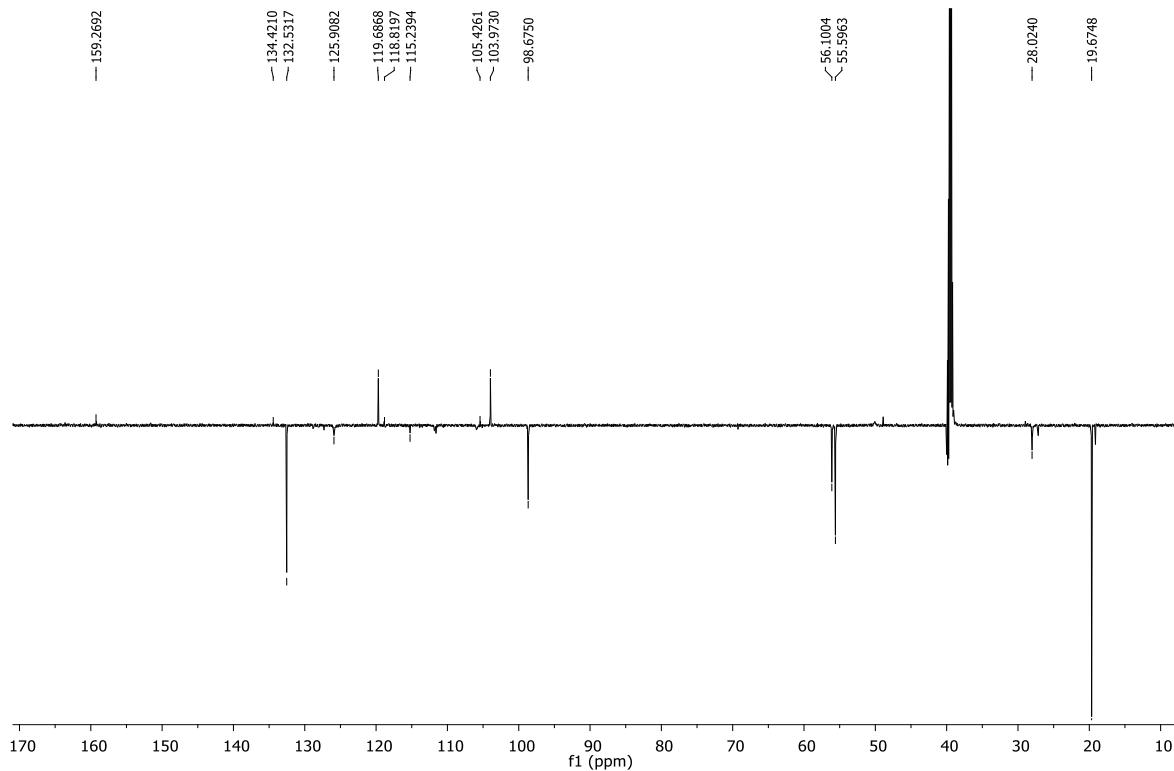
**Figure S65.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum (DMSO- $d_6$ , 600 MHz) of *N*-(6-cyano-1-isobutyl-1*H*benzo[*d*]imidazol-2-yl)-2-methoxybenzamide **41**



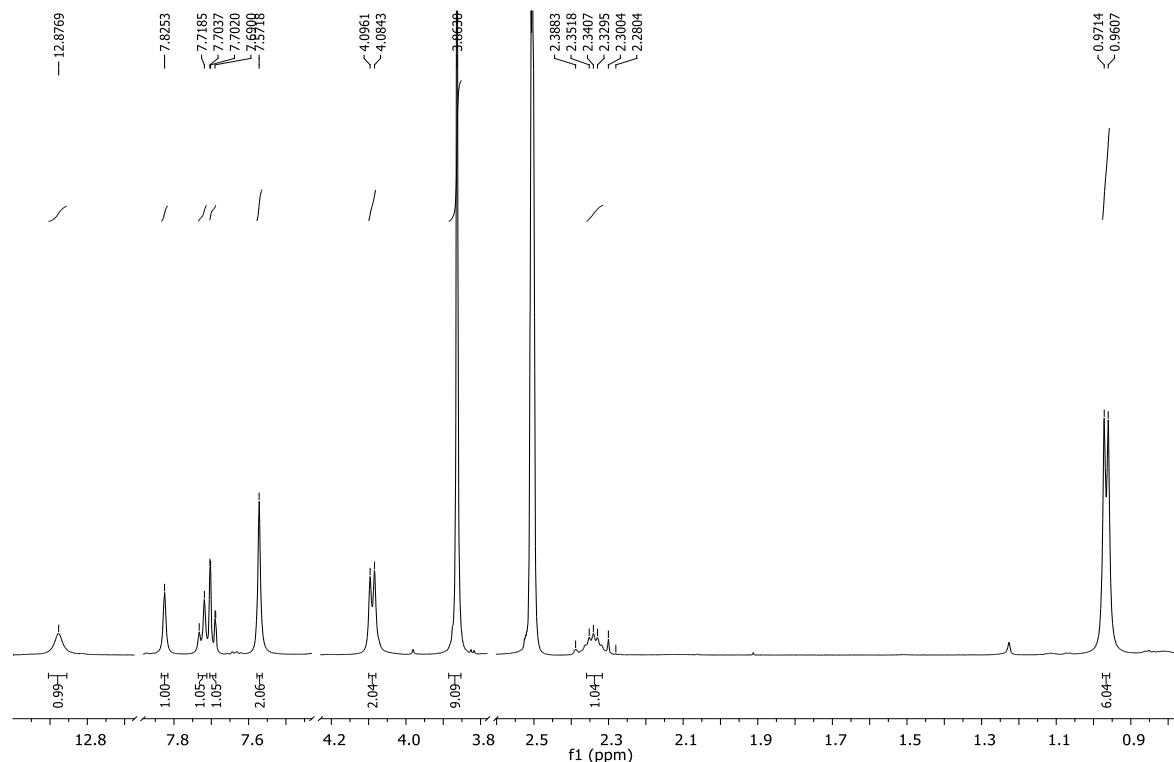
**Figure S66.**  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum (DMSO- $d_6$ , 151 MHz) of *N*-(6-cyano-1-isobutyl-1*H*-benzo[*d*]imidazol-2-yl)-2-methoxybenzamide **41**



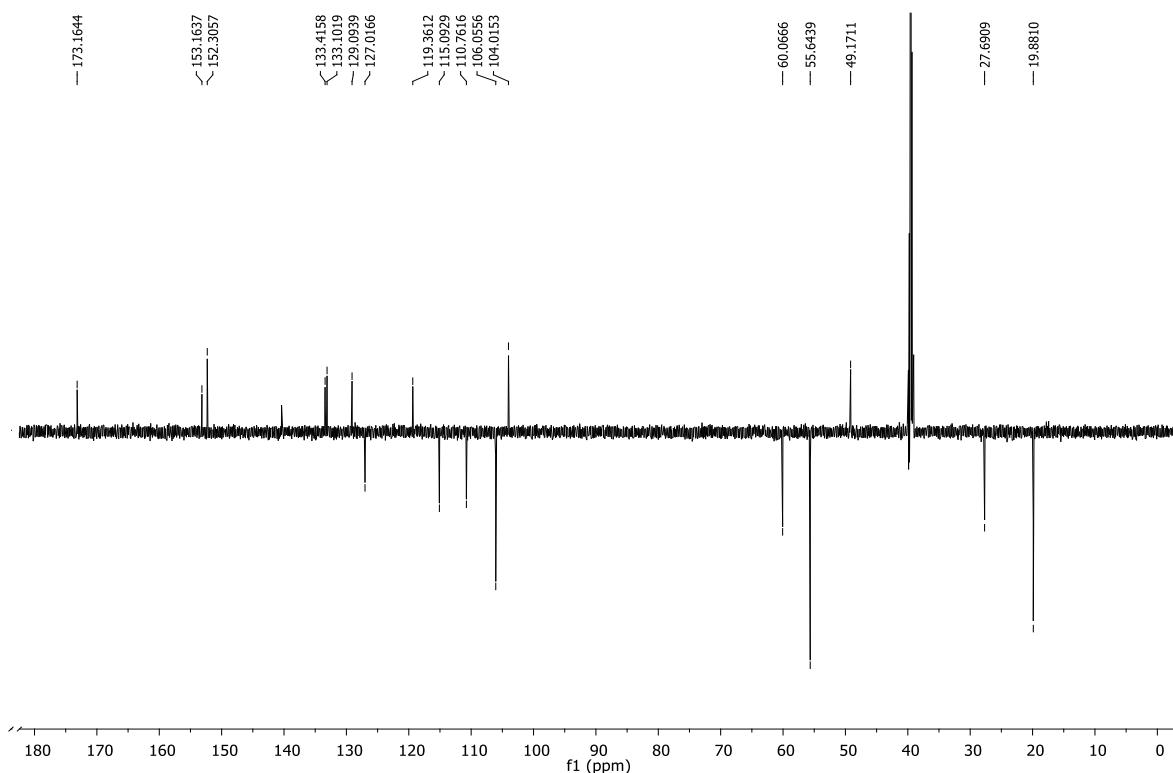
**Figure S67.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum (DMSO- $d_6$ , 300 MHz) of *N*-(6-cyano-1-isobutyl-1*H*-benzo[*d*]imidazol-2-yl)-2,4-dimethoxybenzamide **42**



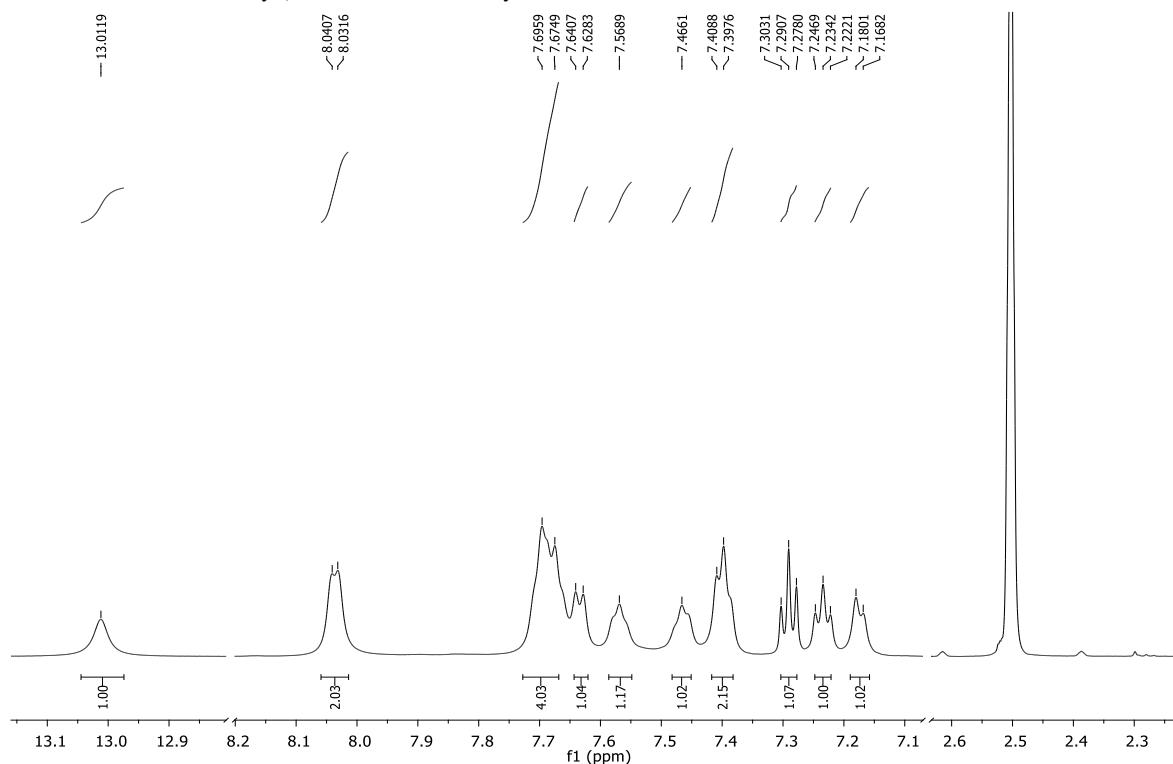
**Figure S68.**  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum ( $\text{DMSO}-d_6$ , 75 MHz) of *N*-(6-cyano-1-isobutyl-1*H*-benzo[*d*]imidazol-2-yl)-2,4-dimethoxybenzamide **42**



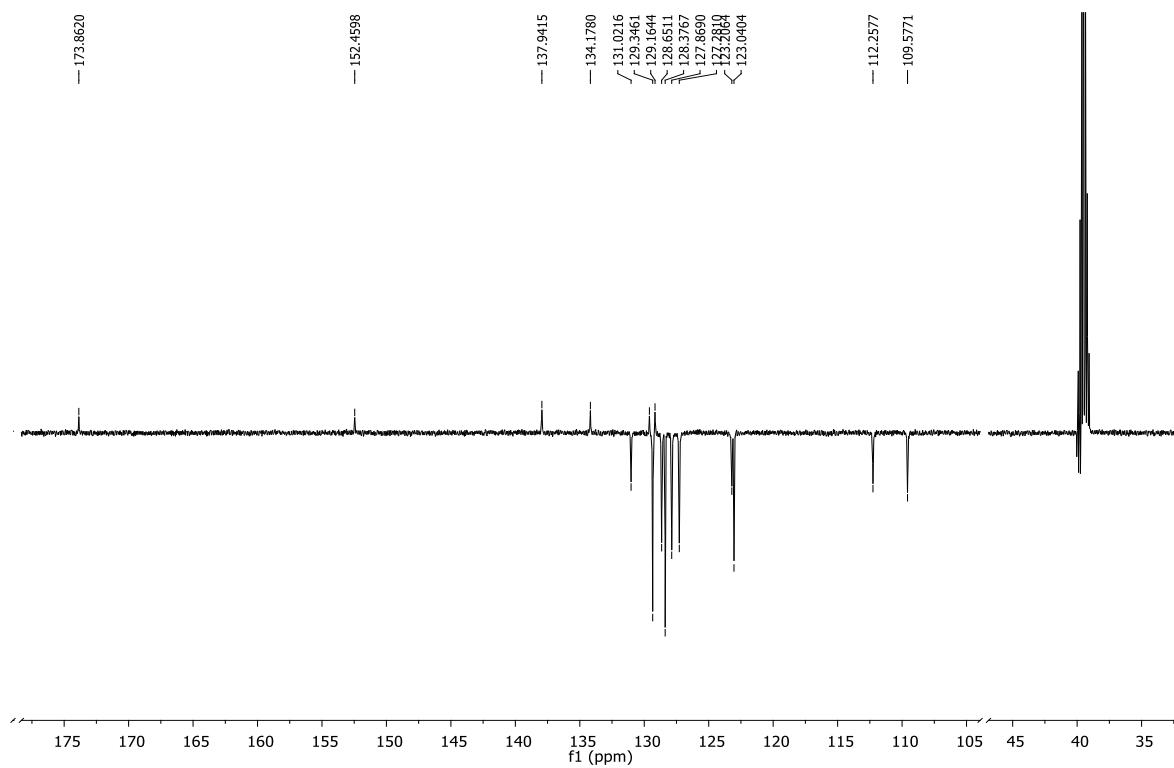
**Figure S69.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum ( $\text{DMSO}-d_6$ , 600 MHz) of *N*-(6-cyano-1-isobutyl-1*H*-benzo[*d*]imidazol-2-yl)-3,4,5-trimethoxybenzamide **43**



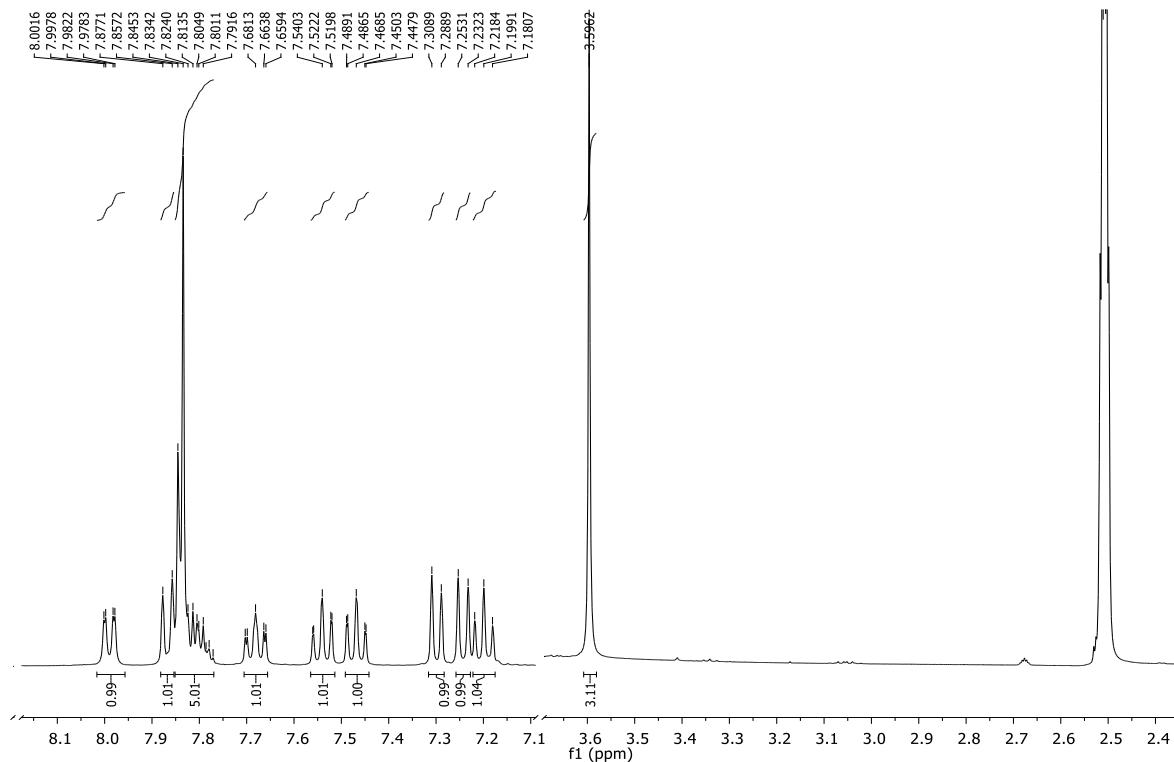
**Figure S70.** <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum (DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>, 151 MHz) of *N*-(6-cyano-1-isobutyl-1*H*-benzo[*d*]imidazol-2-yl)-3,4,5-trimethoxybenzamide **43**



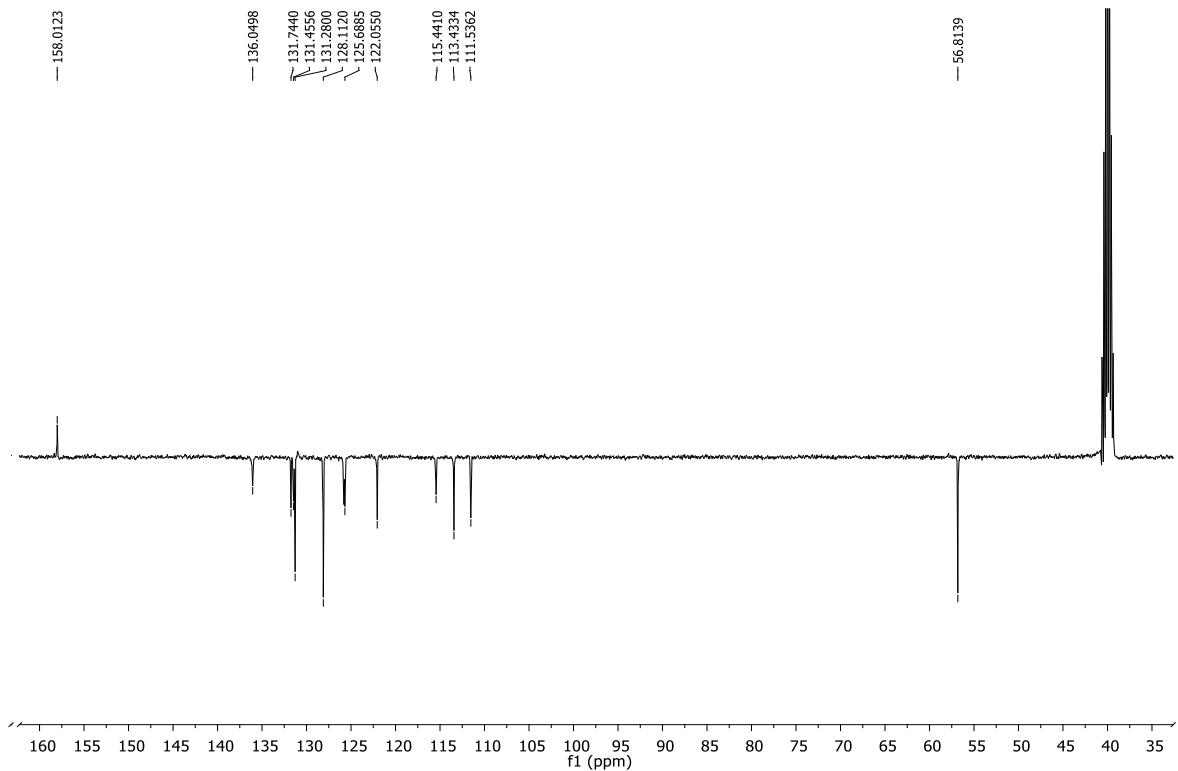
**Figure S71.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum (DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>, 600 MHz) of *N*-(1-phenyl-1*H*-benzo[*d*]imidazol-2-yl)benzamide **44**



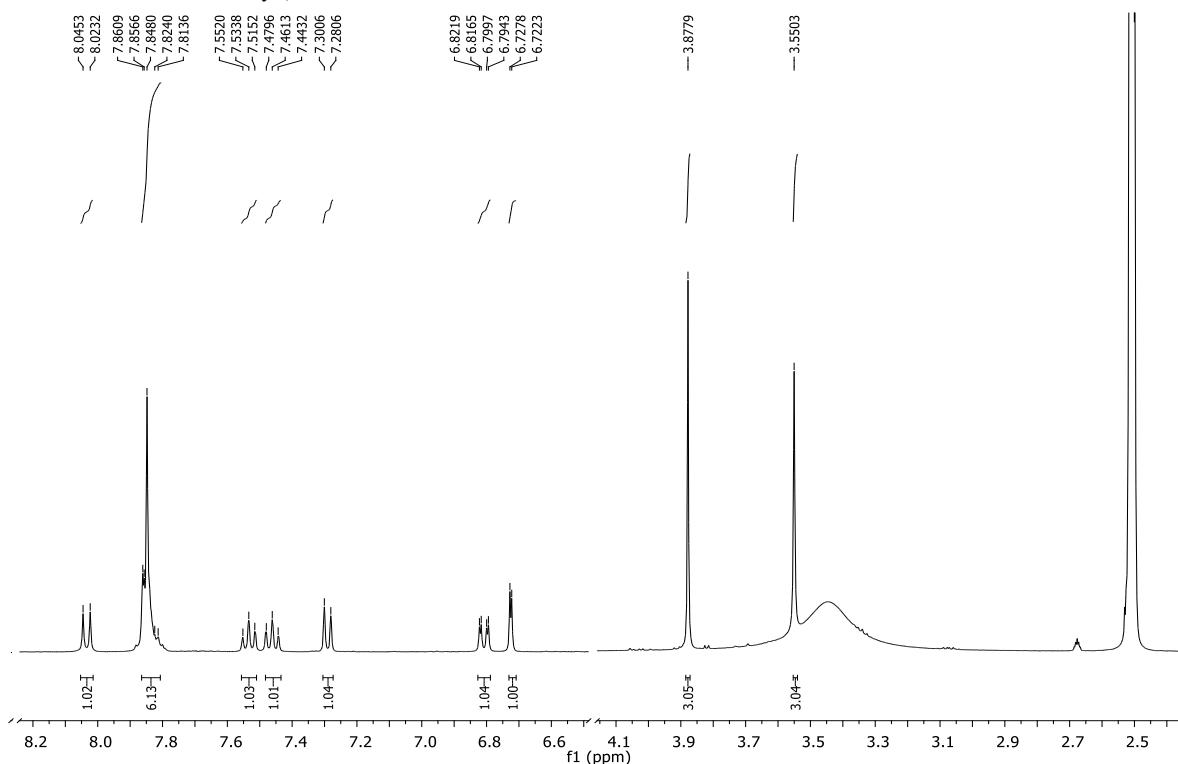
**Figure S72.** <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum (DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>, 151 MHz) of *N*-(1-phenyl-1*H*-benzo[*d*]imidazol-2-yl)benzamide **44**



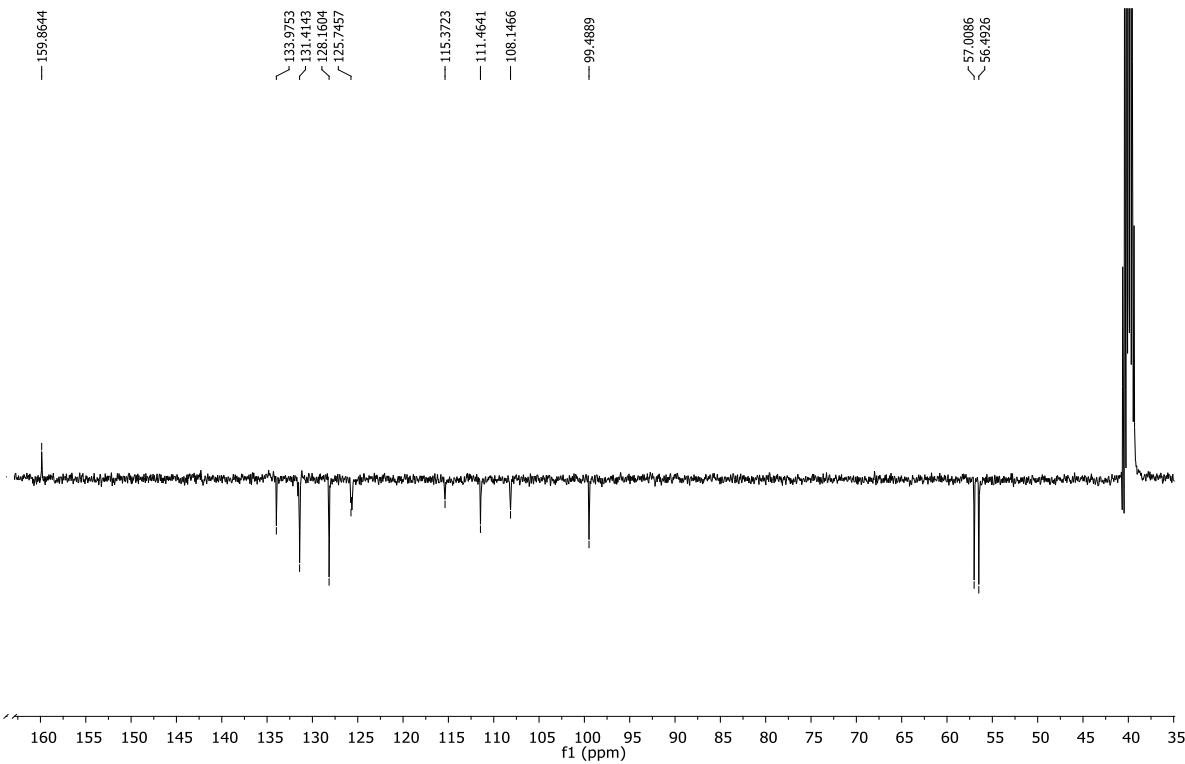
**Figure S73.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum (DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>, 400 MHz) of 2-methoxy-*N*-(1-phenyl-1*H*-benzo[*d*]imidazol-2-yl)benzamide **45**



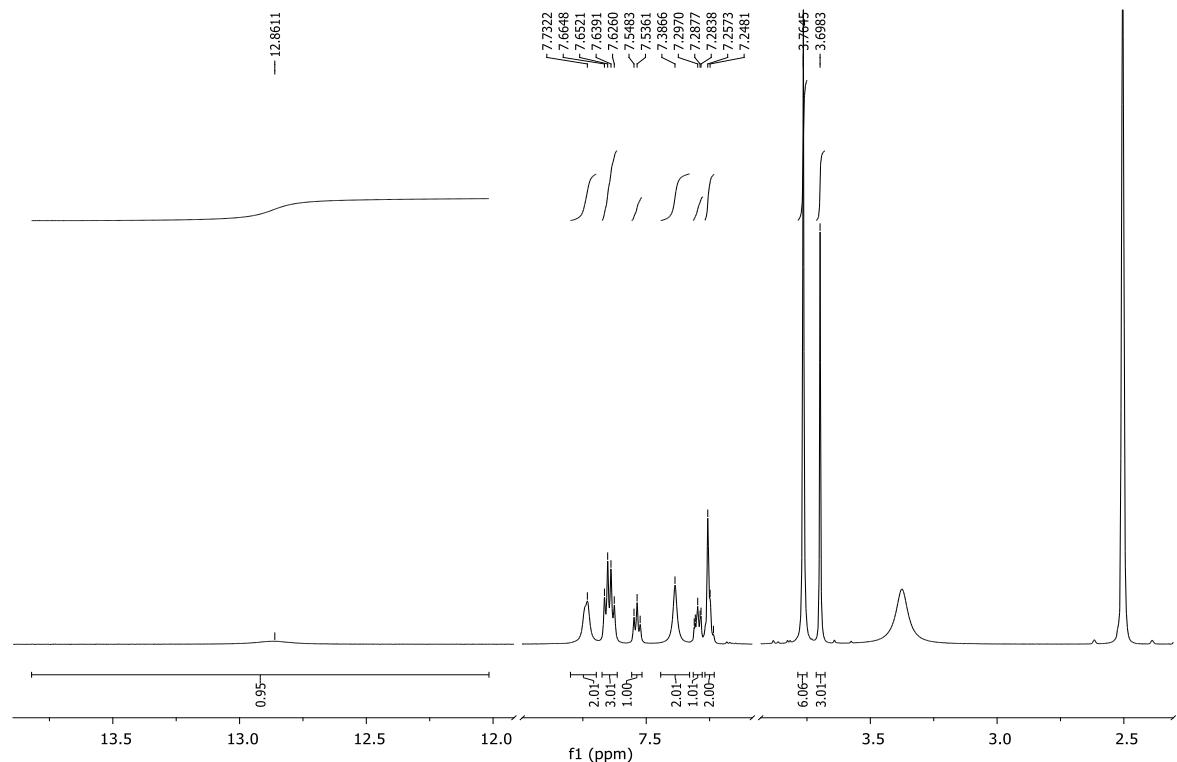
**Figure S74.**  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum (DMSO- $d_6$ , 101 MHz) of 2-methoxy-N-(1-phenyl-1*H*-benzo[*d*]imidazol-2-yl)benzamide **45**



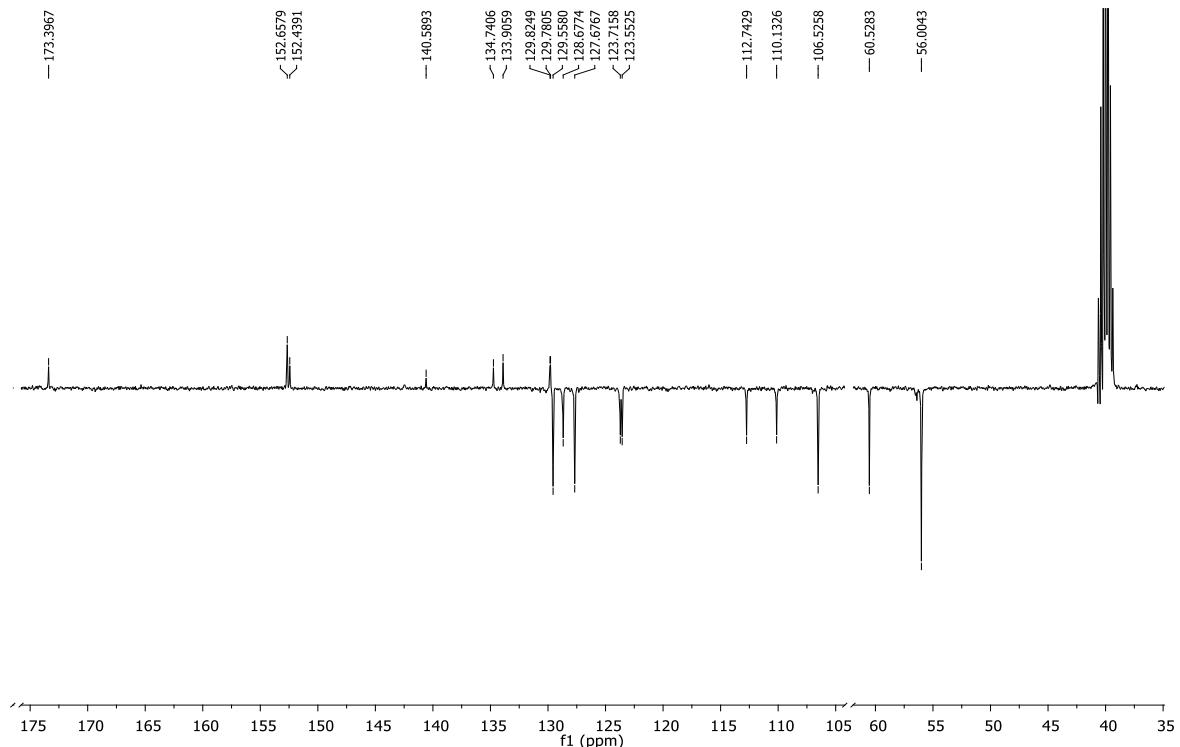
**Figure S75.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum (DMSO- $d_6$ , 400 MHz) of 2,4-dimethoxy-N-(1-phenyl-1*H*-benzo[*d*]imidazol-2-yl)benzamide **46**



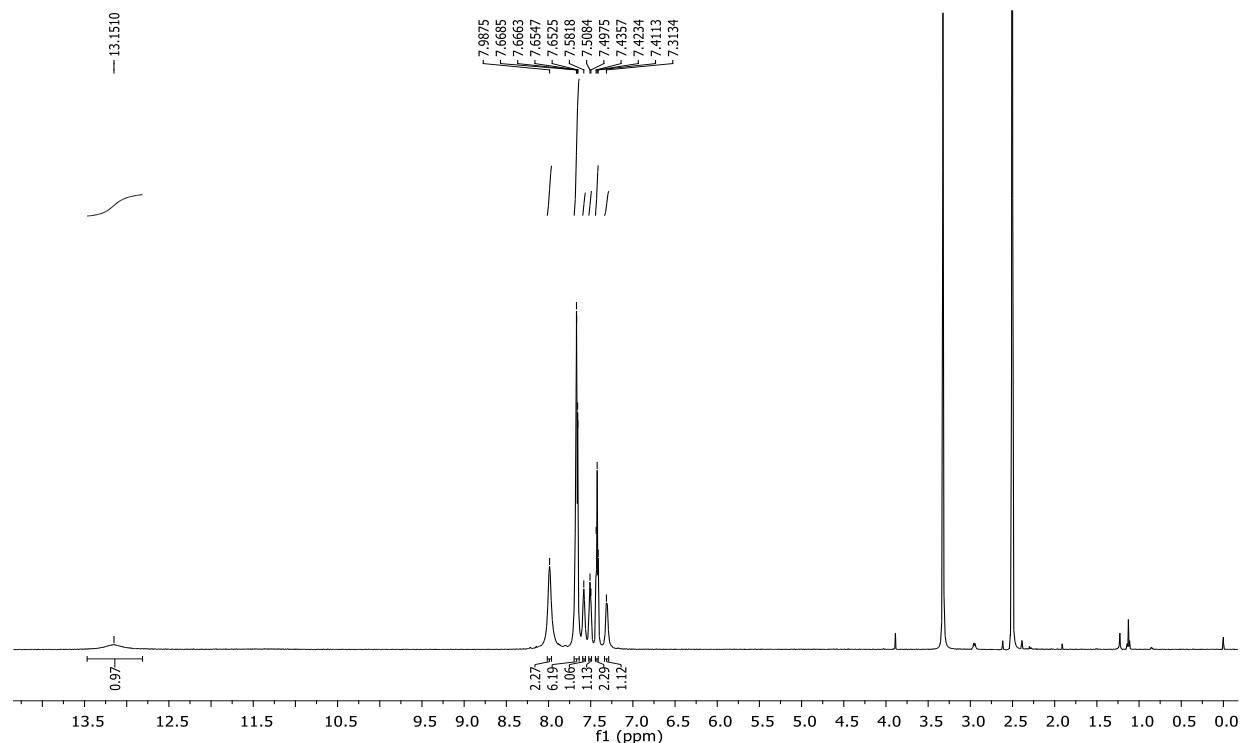
**Figure S76.**  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum (DMSO- $d_6$ , 75 MHz) of 2,4-dimethoxy-N-(1-phenyl-1*H*-benzo[*d*]imidazol-2-yl)benzamide **46**



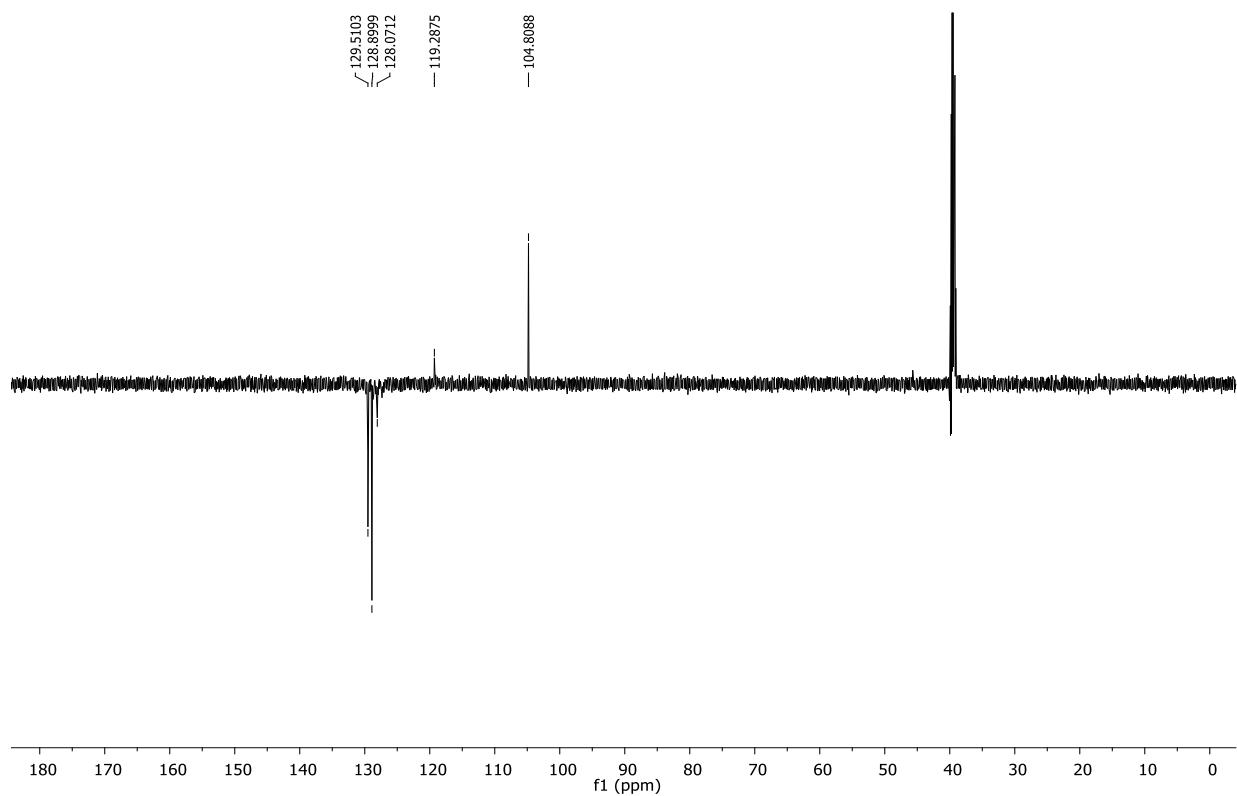
**Figure S77.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum (DMSO- $d_6$ , 600 MHz) of 3,4,5-trimethoxy-N-(1-pheny-1*H*-benzo[*d*]imidazol-2-yl)benzamide **47**



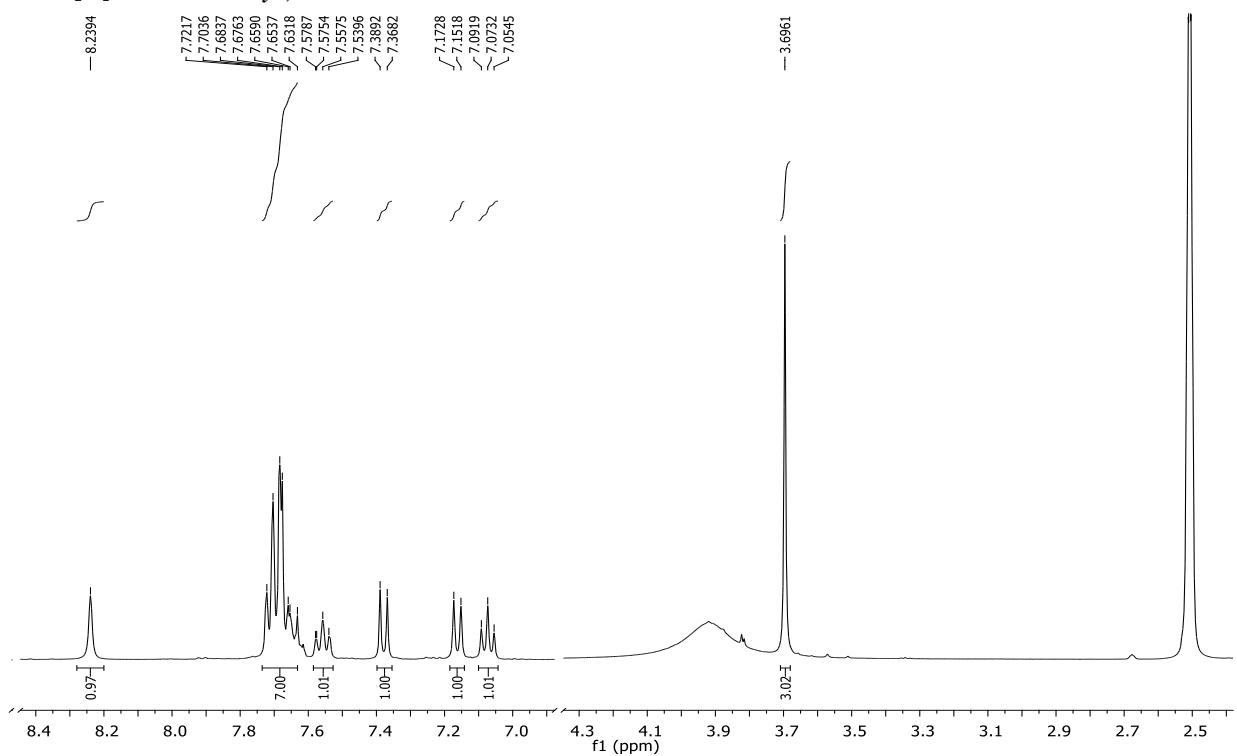
**Figure S78.**  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum (DMSO- $d_6$ , 151 MHz) of *3,4,5-trimethoxy-N-(1-phenyl-1H-benzo[d]imidazol-2-yl)benzamide* **47**



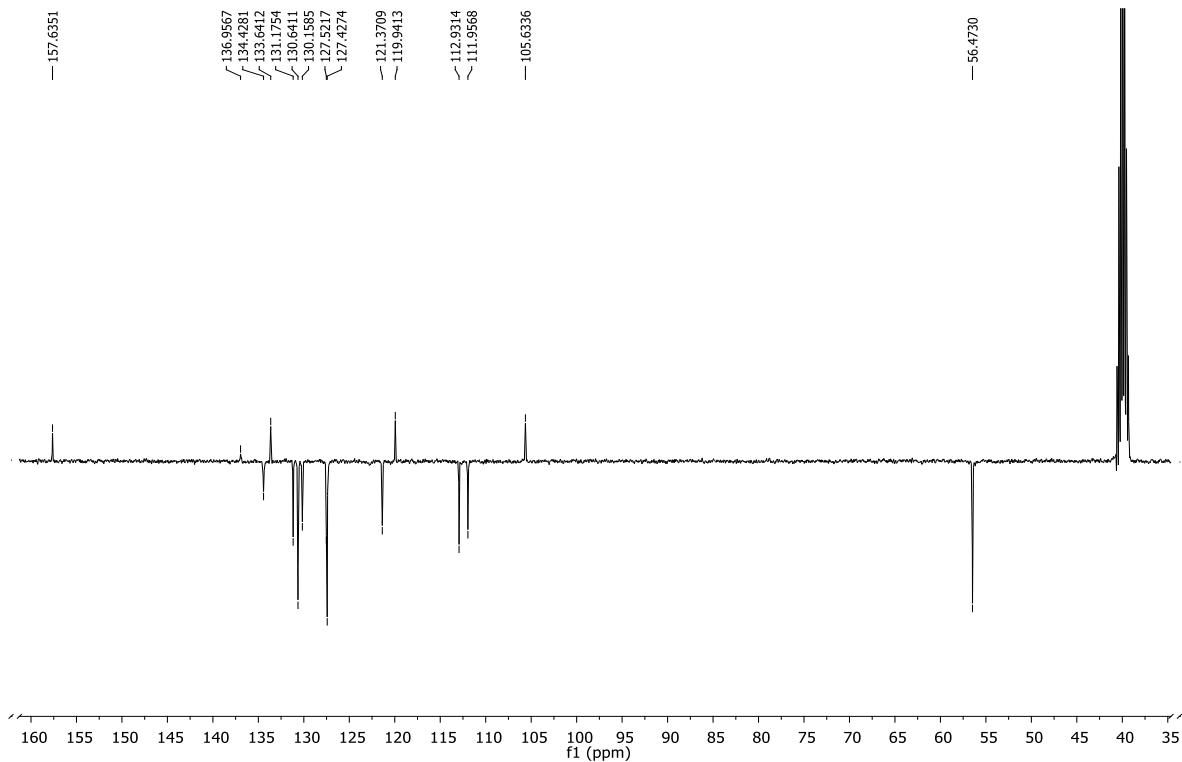
**Figure S79.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum (DMSO- $d_6$ , 600 MHz) of *N-(6-cyano-1-phenyl-1H-benzo[d]imidazol-2-yl)benzamide* **48**



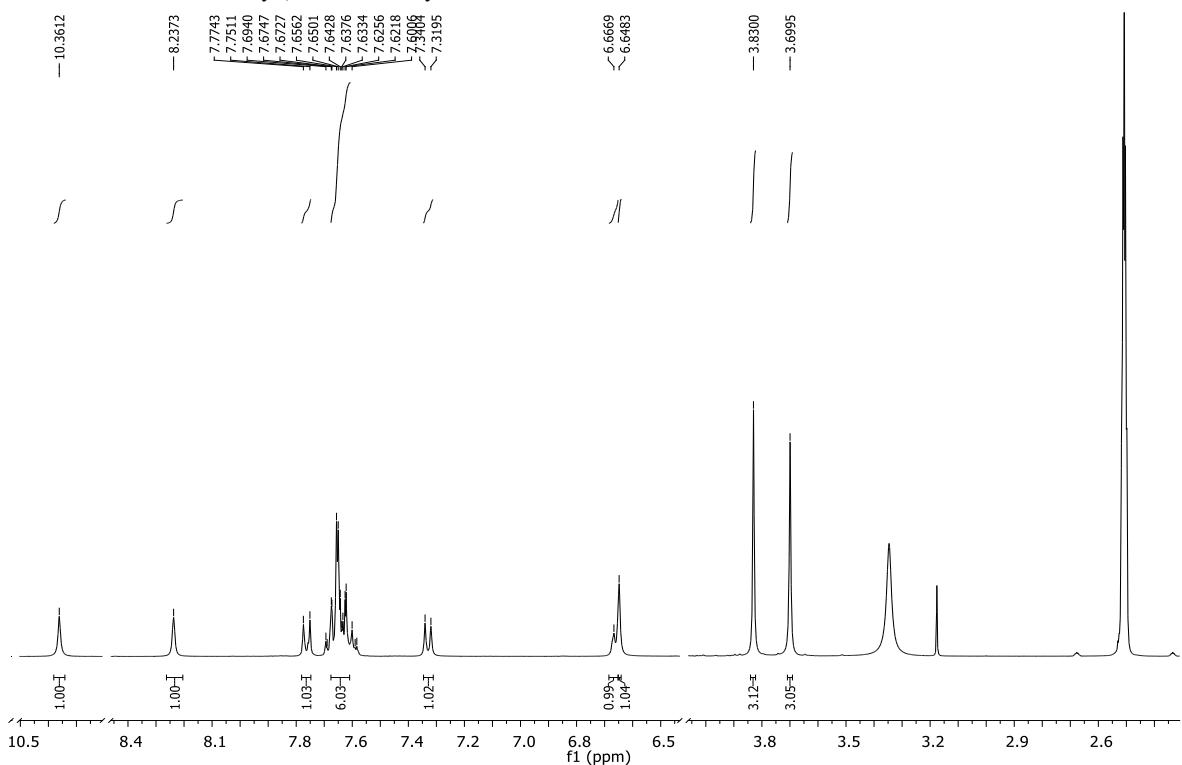
**Figure S80.** <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum (DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>, 151 MHz) of *N*-(6-cyano-1-phenyl-1*H*-benzo[*d*]imidazol-2-yl)benzamide **48**



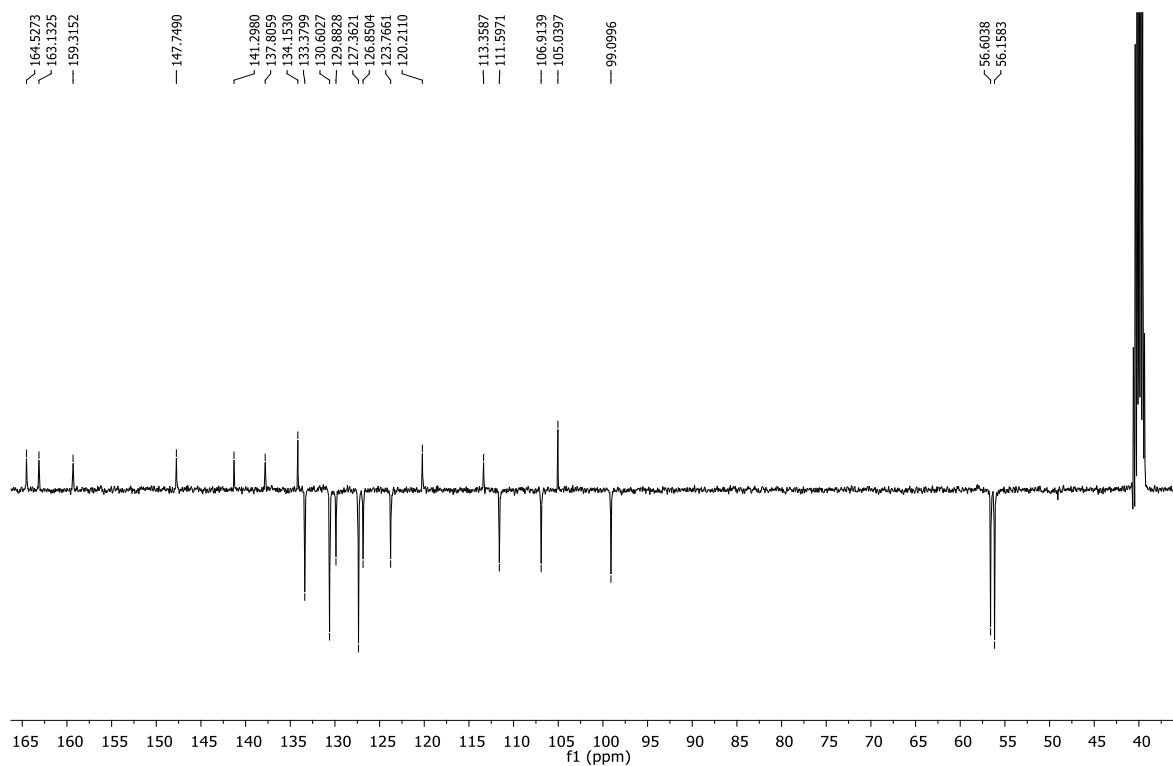
**Figure S81.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum (DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>, 400 MHz) of *N*-(6-cyano-1-phenyl-1*H*-benzo[*d*]imidazol-2-yl)-2-methoxybenzamide **49**



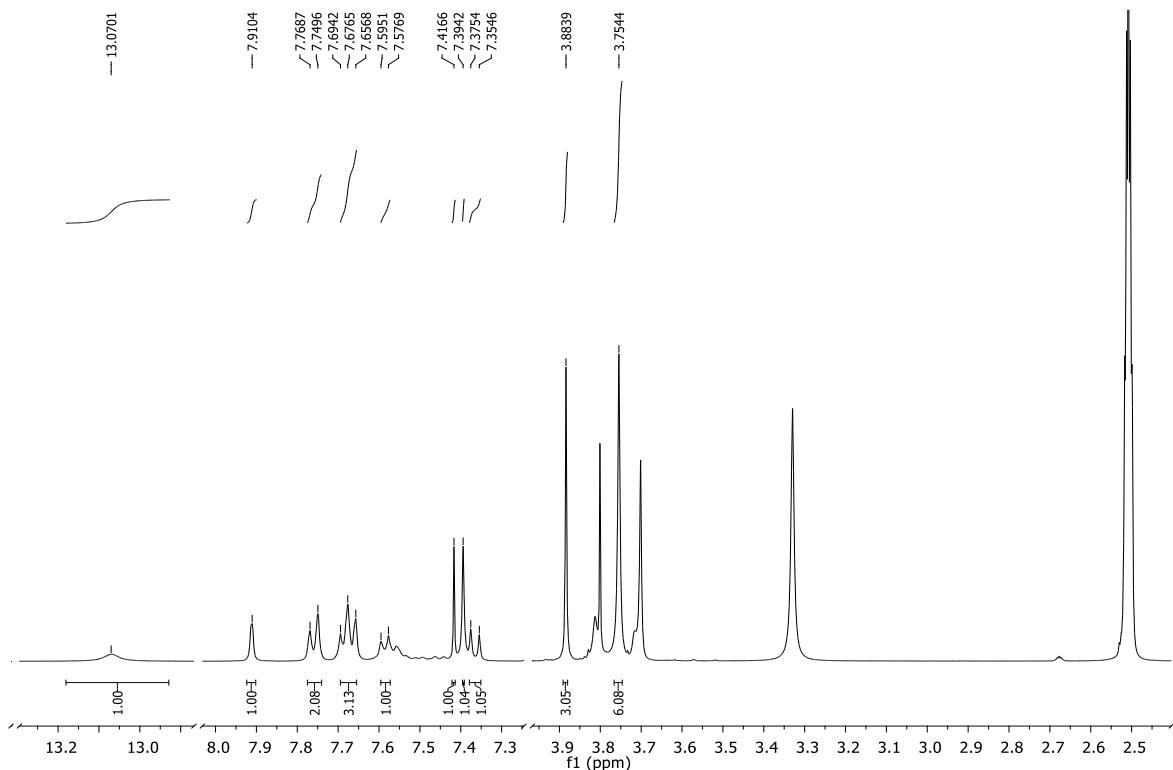
**Figure S82.**  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum (DMSO- $d_6$ , 101 MHz) of *N*-(6-cyano-1-phenyl-1*H*-benzo[*d*]imidazol-2-yl)-2-methoxybenzamide **49**



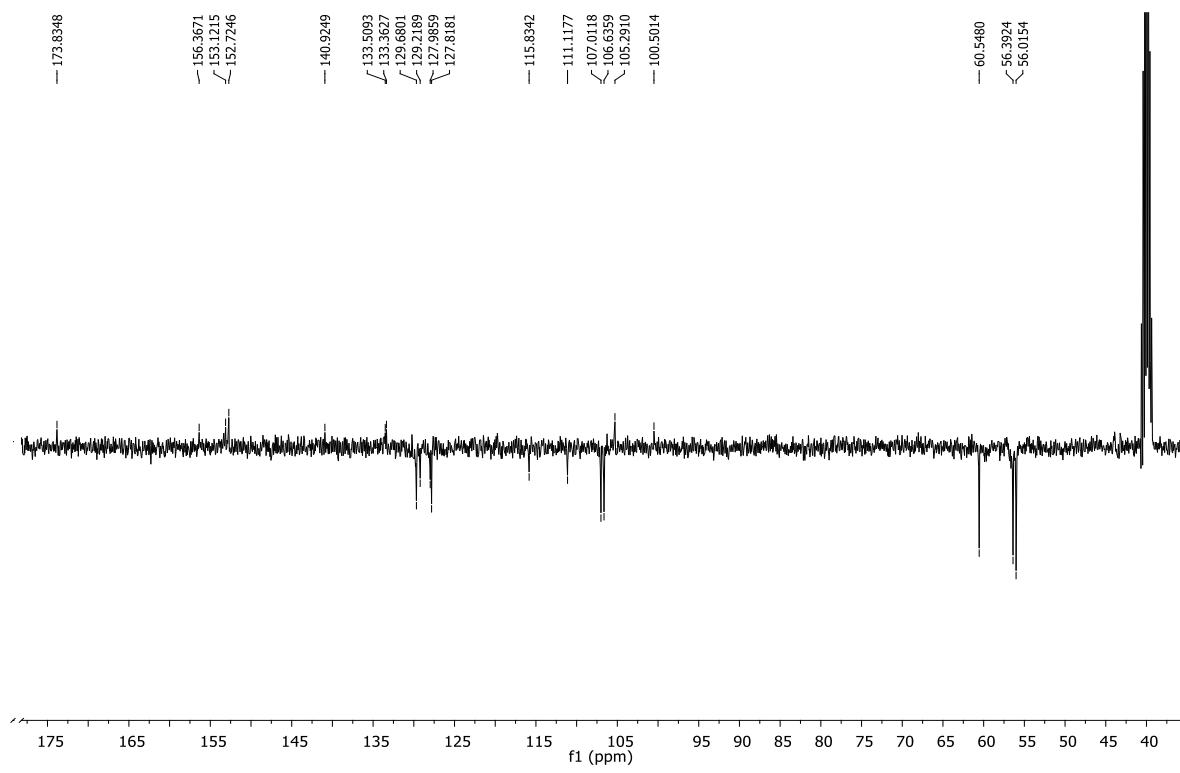
**Figure S83.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum (DMSO- $d_6$ , 400 MHz) of *N*-(6-cyano-1-phenyl-1*H*-benzo[*d*]imidazol-2-yl)-2,4-dimethoxybenzamide **50**



**Figure S84.**  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum (DMSO- $d_6$ , 101 MHz) of *N*-(6-cyano-1-phenyl-1*H*-benzo[*d*]imidazol-2-yl)-2,4-dimethoxybenzamide **50**



**Figure S85.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum (DMSO- $d_6$ , 400 MHz) of *N*-(6-cyano-1-phenyl-1*H*-benzo[*d*]imidazol-2-yl)-3,4,5-trimethoxybenzamide **51**



**Figure S86.** <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum (DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>, 101 MHz) of *N*-(6-cyano-1-phenyl-1*H*-benzo[*d*]imidazol-2-yl)-3,4,5-trimethoxybenzamide **51**