

# **Synthesis of novel dinuclear N-substituted-(4-dimethylaminobenzaldehyde)thiosemicarbazones of rhenium(I): formation of four- and/or five-membered chelate rings, conformation analysis and reactivity**

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**List of compounds studied in the present work.**

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Details of the compositions of the solvated crystals are included in Tables S1 and Table S2

Compound	Abbreviation	Conformer ( <b>C2-N3-N2-C1(S)-N1</b> )	Characterization	
<i>Free thiosemicarbazone</i>				
HL <sup>A</sup>	HL <sup>A</sup>	E,E,E,Z	Spectroscopic,	X-ray <sup>a</sup>
HL <sup>B</sup>	HL <sup>B</sup>	E,E,E,Z	Spectroscopic,	X-ray
<i>Thiosemicarbazone complexes</i>				
[ReCl( $\kappa^2$ S,N3-HL <sup>A</sup> )(CO) <sub>3</sub> ]		E,E,Z,Z	Spectroscopic	
[ReBr( $\kappa^2$ S,N3-HL <sup>A</sup> )(CO) <sub>3</sub> ]		E,E,Z,Z	Spectroscopic	
[ReCl( $\kappa^2$ S,N3-HL <sup>B</sup> )(CO) <sub>3</sub> ]		E,E,Z,Z	Spectroscopic	
[ReBr( $\kappa^2$ S,N3-HL <sup>B</sup> )(CO) <sub>3</sub> ]		E,E,Z,Z	Spectroscopic,	X-ray
<i>Thiosemicarbazone complexes (dimers)</i>				
[Re <sub>2</sub> ( $\mu$ - $\kappa^2$ S,N2: $\kappa$ S-L <sup>A</sup> ) <sub>2</sub> (CO) <sub>6</sub> ]	1A	E,E,E,Z	Spectroscopic,	X-ray
[Re <sub>2</sub> ( $\mu$ - $\kappa^2$ S,N2: $\kappa$ S-L <sup>B</sup> ) <sub>2</sub> (CO) <sub>6</sub> ]	1B	E,E,E,Z	Spectroscopic,	X-ray
[Re <sub>2</sub> ( $\mu$ - $\kappa^2$ S,N3: $\kappa$ S-L <sup>A</sup> ) <sub>2</sub> (CO) <sub>6</sub> ]	2.1A'	E,E,Z,Z	Spectroscopic, <sup>b</sup>	X-ray
[Re <sub>2</sub> ( $\mu$ - $\kappa^2$ S,N3: $\kappa$ S-L <sup>A</sup> ) <sub>2</sub> (CO) <sub>6</sub> ]	2.2A'	E,E,Z,E		X-ray
[Re <sub>2</sub> ( $\mu$ - $\kappa^2$ S,N3: $\kappa$ S-L <sup>B</sup> ) <sub>2</sub> (CO) <sub>6</sub> ]	2.2B'	E,E,Z,E	Spectroscopic, <sup>c</sup>	X-ray
[Re <sub>2</sub> ( $\mu$ - $\kappa^2$ S,N3: $\kappa$ S-L <sup>A</sup> ) <sub>2</sub> (CO) <sub>6</sub> ]	2.3A	Z,E,Z,E	Spectroscopic, <sup>b</sup>	X-ray
[Re <sub>2</sub> ( $\mu$ - $\kappa^2$ S,N3: $\kappa$ S-L <sup>A</sup> ) <sub>2</sub> (CO) <sub>6</sub> ]	2.3A'	Z,E,Z,E		X-ray
[Re <sub>2</sub> ( $\mu$ - $\kappa^2$ S,N3: $\kappa$ S-L <sup>B</sup> ) <sub>2</sub> (CO) <sub>6</sub> ]	2.3B	Z,E,Z,E	Spectroscopic, <sup>b</sup>	X-ray
[Re <sub>2</sub> ( $\mu$ - $\kappa^2$ S,N3: $\kappa$ S-L <sup>B</sup> ) <sub>2</sub> (CO) <sub>6</sub> ]	2.3B'	Z,E,Z,E		X-ray
[Re <sub>2</sub> ( $\mu$ - $\kappa^2$ S,N3: $\kappa$ S-L <sup>NO<sub>2</sub></sup> ) <sub>2</sub> (CO) <sub>6</sub> ]		Z,E,Z,E	Spectroscopic,	X-ray
[Re <sub>2</sub> ( $\mu$ - $\kappa^2$ S,N2: $\kappa$ S-L <sup>A</sup> )( $\mu$ - $\kappa^2$ S,N3: $\kappa$ S-L <sup>A</sup> )(CO) <sub>6</sub> ]		E,E,E,Z / Z,E,Z,E		X-ray
[Re <sub>2</sub> ( $\mu$ - $\kappa^2$ S,N2: $\kappa$ N3-L <sup>B</sup> ) <sub>2</sub> (CO) <sub>6</sub> ]	4B'	Z,_E,Z,Z		X-ray
<i>Thiosemicarbazone complexes (monomers)</i>				
[Re( $\kappa^2$ S,N3-L <sup>A</sup> )(py)(CO) <sub>3</sub> ]		Z,E,Z,E	Spectroscopic,	X-ray

[Re( $\kappa^2$ S,N2: $\kappa$ S-L <sup>B</sup> )( $\kappa$ S-HL <sup>B</sup> )(CO) <sub>3</sub> ]		E,E,E,Z		X-ray
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<sup>a</sup>The X-ray structure is identical to those determined by Y. Yu, L.R. Lin, K.B. Yang, H. Zhang, R.B. Hang, L.S. Zheng, Youji Hoaxue (Chin.) (Chin. J. Org. Chem.) 26 (2006) 933-936.

<sup>b</sup>We were unable to distinguish the presence of one or other form in the isolated solid.

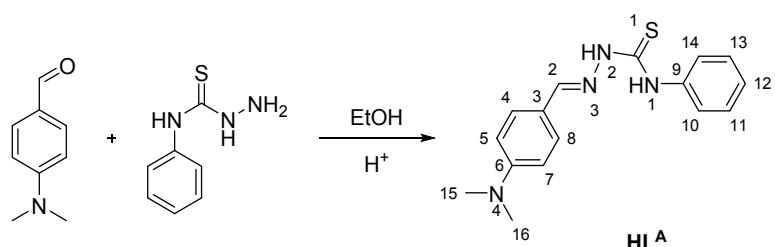
<sup>c</sup>The isolated samples contain traces of NaBr that could not be removed, so elementary analysis consistent with a defined stoichiometry was not obtained.

## Synthesis of the ligands

### N-phenyl-(4-dimethylaminobenzaldehyde)-thiosemicarbazone ( $\text{HL}^{\text{A}}$ )

This ligand was synthesized following the method reported by Yu *et al*.<sup>34</sup> To a solution of 4-dimethylaminobenzaldehyde (1.06 g: 7.1 mmol) and 4-phenylthiosemicarbazide (1.16 g: 6.9 mmol) in ethanol (40 mL) was added a drop of acetic acid and the mixture was heated under reflux for 3 h. The yellow solution was stirred at r.t. for 16 h. The resulting yellow solid was filtered off and vacuum dried over  $\text{CaCl}_2/\text{KOH}$ .

Single crystals of  $\text{HL}^{\text{A}}$  were obtained after storing a dichloromethane solution at  $-23\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ .



Yield: 1.84 g (90%). M.p.: 215 °C.  $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{18}\text{N}_4\text{S}$  (298.13): calcd. C 64.3, H 6.1, N 18.8, S 10.7; found. C 64.4, H 6.1, N 18.8, S 10.7%. MS-ESI [ $m/z$  (%)]: 299 (100) |  $\text{M} + \text{H}$ |<sup>+</sup>. IR data (ATR,  $\nu/\text{cm}^{-1}$ ): 3277b  $\nu(\text{NH})$ ; 1589s  $\nu(\text{C}=\text{N})$ ; 752m  $\nu(\text{C}=\text{S})$ .

$^1\text{H}$  NMR (acetone- $d_6$ , ppm): 10.41 (*s*, 1H, N2H), 9.78 (*s*, 1H, N1H), 8.13 (*s*, 1H, C2H), 7.78 (*d*, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H, C10H, C14H), 7.68 (*d*, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 2H, C4H, C8H), 7.35 (*t*, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H, C11H, C13H), 7.17 (*t*, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H, C12H), 6.76 (*d*, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 2H, C5H, C7H), 3.03 (*s*, 6H, C15H, C16H).

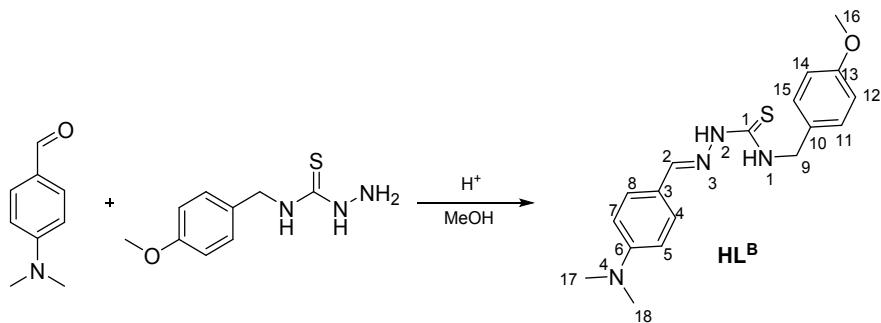
$^1\text{H}$  NMR (DMSO- $d_6$ , ppm): 11.59 (*s*, 1H, N2H), 9.93 (*s*, 1H, N1H), 8.04 (*s*, 1H, C2H), 7.69 (*d*, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 2H, C4H, C8H), 7.60 (*d*, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H, C10H, C14H), 7.36 (*t*, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H, C11H, C13H), 7.19 (*t*, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H, C12H), 6.72 (*d*, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 2H, C5H, C7H), 2.98 (*s*, 6H, C15H, C16H).

<sup>1</sup> Yu, Y.; Lin, L.R.; Yang, K.B.; Zhang, H.; Hang, R.B.; Zheng, L.S. Synthesis and Chiral Crystal Structure of 1-[4-(Dimethylamino)-benzylidene]-4-phenylthiosemicarbazide. *Youji Hoaxue (Chin.) (Chin. J. Org. Chem.)* **2006**, 26, 933-936.

**N-4-methoxybenzyl-(4-dimethylaminobenzaldehyde)-thiosemicarbazone (**HL<sup>B</sup>**)**

A solution of 4-dimethylaminobenzaldehyde (125 mg g: 0.84 mmol), 4-methoxybenzyl thiosemicarbazide (180 mg: 0.85 mmol) and a drop of acetic acid in methanol (20 mL) was heated under reflux for 4 h. The yellow solid was filtered off and vacuum dried over  $\text{CaCl}_2/\text{KOH}$ .

Single crystals were obtained after storing a methanol solution at 4 °C.



Yield: 230 mg (80%). M.p.: 170 °C.  $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{22}\text{N}_4\text{OS}$  (342.2): calcd. C 63.1, H 6.5, N 16.4, S 9.3; found. C 62.9, H 6.6, N 16.5, S 8.8%. MS-ESI [ $m/z$  (%)]: 343 (100)  $|\text{M} + \text{H}|^+$ . IR data (ATR,  $\nu/\text{cm}^{-1}$ ): 3145b  $\nu(\text{NH})$ ; 1609m, 1597s  $\nu(\text{C}=\text{N})$ ; 814m  $\nu(\text{C}=\text{S})$ .

$^1\text{H}$  NMR (acetone- $d_6$ , ppm): 10.18 (*s*, 1H, N2H), 8.46 (*s*, 1H, N1H), 8.05 (*s*, 1H, C2H), 7.55 (*d*, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H, C4H, C8H), 7.37 (*d*, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H, C11H, C15H), 6.89 (*d*, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H, C12H, C14H), 6.72 (*d*, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H, C5H, C7H), 4.89 (*d*, *J* = 6.2 Hz, 2H, C9H), 3.78 (*s*, 3H, C16H), 2.99 (*s*, 6H, C17H, C18H).

$^1\text{H}$  NMR (DMSO- $d_6$ , ppm): 11.28 (*s*, 1H, N2H), 8.75 (*t*, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 1H, N1H), 7.95 (*s*, 1H, C2H), 7.58 (*d*, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H, C4H, C8H), 7.30 (*d*, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H, C11H, C15H), 6.88 (*d*, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H, C12H, C14H), 6.69 (*d*, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H, C5H, C7H), 4.75 (*d*, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 2H, C9H), 3.72 (*s*, 3H, C16H), 2.95 (*s*, 6H, C17H, C18H).

**Table S1.** Crystal data and structure refinement for the  $\text{HL}^{\text{A}}$  derivatives.

Structure	<b>1A</b>	<b>2.1A'.2MeOH</b>	<b>2.2A'.2C<sub>3</sub>H<sub>6</sub>O</b>	<b>2.3A</b>	<b>2.3A.0.27MeO<sub>H</sub></b>	<b>2.3A'.4DMSO</b>	<b>2.3A/2.3A'.2DM<sub>SO</sub></b>	<b>3A</b>	<b>[Re(L<sup>A</sup>)(py)(CO)<sub>3</sub>]</b>
CCDC ref.	2011245	2011247	2011246	2011253	2011254	2011243	2011252	2011244	2011256
Empirical formula	C <sub>38</sub> H <sub>34</sub> N <sub>8</sub> O <sub>6</sub> Re <sub>2</sub> S <sub>2</sub>	C <sub>40</sub> H <sub>42</sub> N <sub>8</sub> O <sub>8</sub> Re <sub>2</sub> S <sub>2</sub>	C <sub>44</sub> H <sub>46</sub> N <sub>8</sub> O <sub>8</sub> Re <sub>2</sub> S <sub>2</sub>	C <sub>38</sub> H <sub>34</sub> N <sub>8</sub> O <sub>6</sub> Re <sub>2</sub> S <sub>2</sub>	C <sub>39</sub> H <sub>36.75</sub> N <sub>8</sub> O <sub>6.74</sub> Re <sub>2</sub> S <sub>2</sub>	C <sub>46</sub> H <sub>58</sub> N <sub>8</sub> O <sub>10</sub> Re <sub>2</sub> S <sub>6</sub>	C <sub>59</sub> H <sub>57</sub> N <sub>12</sub> O <sub>10</sub> Re <sub>3</sub> S <sub>4</sub>	C <sub>38</sub> H <sub>34</sub> N <sub>8</sub> O <sub>6</sub> Re <sub>2</sub> S <sub>2</sub>	C <sub>24</sub> H <sub>22</sub> N <sub>5</sub> O <sub>3</sub> ReS
Formula weight	1135.25	1199.34	1251.40	1135.25	1161.95	1447.76	1781.00	1135.25	646.72
Temperature (K)	293(2)	293(2)	220(2)	100(2)	100(2)	100(2)	100(2)	100(2)	135(2)
$\lambda$ (Å)	1.54178	0.71073	0.71073	0.71073	0.71073	0.71073	0.71073	0.71073	0.71073
Crystal system	Tetragonal	Triclinic	Triclinic	Triclinic	Monoclinic	Orthorhombic	Triclinic	Triclinic	Monoclinic
Space group	P4 <sub>2</sub> 2 <sub>1</sub> 2	P-1	P-1	P-1	P2 <sub>1</sub> /c	Pbca	P-1	P-1	P2 <sub>1</sub> /c
a (Å)	14.2145(3)	7.6145(11)	7.5900(5)	12.0226(10)	9.5332(10)	19.421(3)	11.5233(7)	10.4956(19)	13.0513(13)
b (Å)	14.2145(3)	11.0875(16)	13.7988(9)	12.9353(10)	24.862(3)	8.9135(12)	14.9606(9)	13.156(2)	11.2495(11)
c (Å)	20.5788(5)	13.984(2)	14.1217(8)	16.5028(14)	17.4984(19)	31.036(4)	19.8454(13)	14.995(3)	16.2346(17)
$\alpha$ (°)	90	66.997(4)	62.188(2)	70.700(3)	90	90	93.141(3)	73.452(5)	90
$\beta$ (°)	90	88.047(4)	81.634(2)	72.206(3)	104.175(4)	90	99.828(3)	84.772(6)	98.488(3)
$\gamma$ (°)	90	83.275(4)	84.908(2)	66.019(3)	90	90	109.590(3)	80.429(5)	90
Volume (Å <sup>3</sup> )	4158.0(2)	1079.2(3)	1293.87(14)	2169.0(3)	4021.1(7)	5372.6(12)	3152.7(3)	1955.0(6)	2357.5(4)
Z	4	1	1	2	4	4	2	2	4
Density (Mg/m <sup>3</sup> )	1.814	1.845	1.606	1.738	1.919	1.790	1.876	1.929	1.822
$\mu$ (mm <sup>-1</sup> )	12.601	5.761	4.808	5.724	6.178	4.798	5.944	6.350	5.280
$\theta$ range (°)	3.779-71.822	2.694-28.396	2.713-28.335	2.460-26.500	2.203-28.344	2.474-26.436	2.318-26.627	2.367-28.466	2.210-28.347
Indep. Ref. (R <sub>int</sub> )	4075 (0.0811)	8873 (0.0301)	6430 (0.0546)	8957 (0.0502)	10033 (0.0575)	5497(0.0886)	13072(0.0542)	9740(0.0621)	5876(0.0415)
S (F <sup>2</sup> )	1.078	1.097	1.092	1.017	1.041	1.295	1.078	1.059	1.044
R1/wR2 [I>2σ(I)]	0.0518/0.1360	0.0354/0.0824	0.0334/0.0549	0.0344/0.0793	0.0354/0.0602	0.0855/0.1496	0.0610/0.1191	0.0450/0.0891	0.0166/0.0426
R1/wR2 (all data)	0.0538/0.1385	0.0408/0.0862	0.0402/0.0562	0.0480/0.0862	0.0571/0.0653	0.1221/0.1607	0.0899/0.1411	0.0731/0.099	0.0202/0.0438
Flack parameter	-0.04(3)								

**Table S2.** Selected bond distances and angles **HL<sup>A</sup>** derivatives

	<b>1A</b>	<b>2.1A'.2MeOH</b>	<b>2.2A'.2C<sub>3</sub>H<sub>6</sub>O</b>	<b>2.3A<sup>(a)</sup></b>	<b>2.3A.0.27 MeOH<sup>b</sup></b>	<b>2.3A'.4DM SO</b>	<b>2.3A/2.3A'.2DMSO</b>	<b>3A</b>		<b>[Re(L<sup>A</sup>)(py)(CO)<sub>3</sub>]</b>
Coordination mode	$\mu\text{-}\kappa^2\text{S},\text{N}2:\kappa\text{S}$	$\mu\text{-}\kappa^2\text{S},\text{N}3:\kappa\text{S}$	$\mu\text{-}\kappa^2\text{S},\text{N}3:\kappa\text{S}$	$\mu\text{-}\kappa^2\text{S},\text{N}3:\kappa\text{S}$	$\mu\text{-}\kappa^2\text{S},\text{N}3:\kappa\text{S}$	$\mu\text{-}\kappa^2\text{S},\text{N}3:\kappa\text{S}$	$\mu\text{-}\kappa^2\text{S},\text{N}3:\kappa\text{S}$	$\mu\text{-}\kappa^2\text{S},\text{N}2:\kappa\text{S}$	$\mu\text{-}\kappa^2\text{S},\text{N}3:\kappa\text{S}$	$\kappa^2\text{S},\text{N}3$
Conformation of the ligand(*)	<i>EEEZ</i>	<i>EEZZ</i>	<i>EEZE</i>	<i>ZEZE</i>	<i>ZEZE</i>	<i>ZEZE</i>	<i>ZEZE</i>	<i>EEEZ</i>	<i>ZEZE</i>	<i>ZEZE</i>
(Pseudo)symmetry dimer	2	-1	-1	2	2	-1	2 <sup>b</sup>	-1	2	
X =	S <sup>#1</sup>	N <sub>py</sub>								
Re(1)-S(1)	2.527(3)	2.4651(13)	2.4587(9)	2.4568(1)	2.4616(8)	2.459(3)	2.445(2)	2.480(3)	2.5377(17) <sup>(b)</sup>	2.4338(17)
Re(1)-N(2)	2.182(11)								2.182(5) <sup>(b)</sup>	2.4477(5)
Re(1)-N(3)		2.199(5)	2.218(3)	2.182(4)	2.187(3)	2.171(10)	2.197(68)	2.176(8)		2.206(5)
Re(1)-X	2.537(3)	2.5404(15)	2.5417(9)	2.544(1)	2.5536(8)	2.528(3)	2.550(2)	2.532(3)	2.5412(19) <sup>(b)</sup>	2.559(2)
S(1)-C(1)	1.762(11)	1.771(6)	1.783(4)	1.793(4)	1.788(3)	1.797(13)	1.801(8)	1.861(11)	1.764(6) <sup>(b)</sup>	1.791(6)
N(1)-C(1)	1.348(16)	1.362(7)	1.360(4)	1.343(6)	1.363(4)	1.341(17)	1.328(10)	1.266(15)	1.346(8) <sup>(b)</sup>	1.367(8)
N(2)-C(1)	1.334(15)	1.297(7)	1.283(5)	1.294(6)	1.289(4)	1.292(16)	1.314(9)	1.365(14)	1.304(8) <sup>(b)</sup>	1.265(8)
N(3)-N(2)	1.355(15)	1.417(7)	1.423(4)	1.387(5)	1.405(4)	1.408(13)	1.411(8)	1.375(11)	1.406(7) <sup>(b)</sup>	1.386(8)
N(3)-C(2)	1.270(17)	1.311(8)	1.299(5)	1.300(6)	1.302(4)	1.306(14)	1.300(9)	1.313(14)	1.283(9) <sup>(b)</sup>	1.316(9)
N(2)-Re(1)-S(1)	64.6(3)								63.86(15) <sup>(b)</sup>	
N(3)-Re(1)-S(1)		78.76(13)	78.31(8)	78.57(9)	78.70(7)	77.6(3)	78.3(1)	77.0(2)		78.29(16)
S(1)-Re(1)-X	81.82(10)	81.02(5)	81.29(3)	81.59(4)	81.81(3)	82.47(11)	82.49(6)	81.92(10)	79.49(6) <sup>(b)</sup>	81.11(6)
N(2)-Re(1)-X	87.3(2)								86.99(16) <sup>(b)</sup>	
N(3)-Re(1)-X		85.31(14)	87.97(8)	90.12(9)	90.45(7)	83.0(3)	92.2(2)	81.9(2)		89.43(17)
N(2)-C(1)-S(1)	109.0(9)	124.7(4)	125.7(3)	125.2(4)	126.0(2)	123.8(10)	122.8(6)	116.7(9)	109.1(5) <sup>(b)</sup>	126.4(5)
N(1)-C(1)-S(1)	129.3(9)	119.7(4)	112.6(3)	112.6(3)	112.6(2)	112.8(10)	113.8(6)	114.2(8)	128.1(5) <sup>(b)</sup>	109.8(5)
N(2)-C(1)-N(1)	121.7(11)	115.6(5)	121.7(3)	122.2(4)	121.4(3)	123.3(12)	123.4(7)	128.4(10)	122.7(6) <sup>(b)</sup>	123.8(6)
C(1)-N(2)-N(3)	113.4(10)	117.4(5)	116.2(3)	116.1(4)	115.8(3)	115.5(10)	116.8(6)	119.0(9)	114.8(5) <sup>(b)</sup>	115.6(5)
C(2)-N(3)-N(2)	116.6(10)	108.1(5)	109.2(3)	115.6(4)	113.8(3)	114.1(10)	114.4(6)	115.4(9)	114.2(6) <sup>(b)</sup>	115.8(5)
										114.96(16)

<sup>a</sup> Average values of the two molecules of the asymmetric unit .<sup>b</sup> Average values between the two monomers that constitute the asymmetric unit.

(\*) Corresponding to the TSC arm bonds, respectively: C2-N3/N3-N2/N2-C1/C1-N1.

**Table S3.** Crystal data and structure refinement for the **HL<sup>B</sup>** derivatives.

Structure	<b>HL<sup>B</sup></b>	[ReBr(HL <sup>B</sup> )(CO) <sub>3</sub> ] 1B ]	<b>2.2B'.2(CHCl<sub>3</sub>)</b>	<b>2.3B</b>	<b>2.3B.2(DMSO)</b>	<b>2.3B'</b>	<b>4B'.2(THF)</b>	<b>4B'.2(C<sub>3</sub>H<sub>6</sub>O)</b>	[Re(L <sup>B</sup> )(HL <sup>B</sup> )( CO) <sub>3</sub> ]	
CCDC ref.	2011258	2011248	2011249	2011255	2011259	2011242	2011251	2011257	2011250	2011240
Empirical formula	C <sub>18</sub> H <sub>22</sub> N <sub>4</sub> O <sub>5</sub> ReS	C <sub>21</sub> H <sub>22</sub> BrN <sub>4</sub> O <sub>4</sub> ReS <sub>2</sub>	C <sub>42</sub> H <sub>42</sub> N <sub>8</sub> O <sub>8</sub> Re <sub>2</sub> S <sub>2</sub>	C <sub>44</sub> H <sub>44</sub> Cl <sub>6</sub> N <sub>8</sub> O <sub>8</sub> ReS <sub>2</sub>	C <sub>42</sub> H <sub>42</sub> N <sub>8</sub> O <sub>8</sub> Re <sub>2</sub> S <sub>2</sub>	C <sub>44</sub> H <sub>54</sub> N <sub>8</sub> O <sub>10</sub> Re <sub>2</sub> S	C <sub>42</sub> H <sub>42</sub> N <sub>8</sub> O <sub>8</sub> Re <sub>2</sub> S <sub>2</sub>	C <sub>50</sub> H <sub>58</sub> N <sub>8</sub> O <sub>10</sub> Re <sub>2</sub> S	C <sub>48</sub> H <sub>54</sub> N <sub>8</sub> O <sub>10</sub> Re <sub>2</sub> S <sub>2</sub>	C <sub>39</sub> H <sub>43</sub> N <sub>8</sub> O <sub>5</sub> ReS <sub>2</sub>
Formula weight	342.5	692.59	1223.35	1462.09	1223.35	1379.58	1223.35	1367.56	1339.51	954.13
Temperature (K)	100.0(2)	293(2)	100(2)	100(2)	100(2)	100(2)	100(2)	100(2)	102(2)	100(2)
λ (Å)	0.71073	0.71073	0.71073	0.71073	0.71073	0.71073	0.71073	0.71073	0.71073	0.71073
Crystal system	Triclinic	Triclinic	Monoclinic	Triclinic	Triclinic	Monoclinic	Triclinic	Triclinic	Triclinic	Triclinic
Space group	P-1	P-1	C2/c	P-1	P-1	P2 <sub>1</sub> /n	P-1	P-1	P-1	P-1
a (Å)	10.6294(8)	7.0656(5)	29.6962(17)	11.2793(11)	11.6523(9)	13.6065(17)	6.8986(4)	8.5426(10)	8.5511(6)	12.7270(9)
b (Å)	12.3275(9)	12.4131(9)	11.1984(6)	11.6949(10)	12.9299(10)	20.412(3)	9.1803(6)	12.0341(13)	11.6605(7)	17.1075(12)
c (Å)	15.6410(11)	15.2623(11)	28.1259(15)	12.0534(11)	15.3926(11)	19.884(3)	17.7604(12)	13.4890(15)	14.1617(10)	19.8217(15)
α(°)	105.280(2)	109.761(2)	90	71.047(3)	96.490(2)	90	83.875(2)	76.479(3)	98.204(2)	76.626(2)
β(°)	95.715(2)	100.467(2)	105.918(2)	62.221(3)	102.894(2)	105.642(4)	85.443(2)	76.178(4)	107.182(2)	80.578(2)
γ(°)	112.174(2)	98.649(2)	90	84.981(3)	90.487(3)	90	72.918(2)	85.682(4)	92.458(2)	71.506(2)
Volume (Å <sup>3</sup> )	1784.8(2)	1205.92(15)	8994.6(9)	1326.6(2)	2244.8(3)	5317.9(12)	1067.66(12)	1308.9(3)	1329.83(16)	3962.7(5)
Z	4	2	8	1	2	4	1	1	1	4
Density (Mg/m <sup>3</sup> )	1.274	1.907	1.807	1.830	1.810	1.723	1.903	1.735	1.673	1.599
μ (mm <sup>-1</sup> )	0.194	6.816	5.531	4.996	5.541	4.766	5.825	4.764	4.687	3.226
θ range (°)	2.483-26.635	2.706-28.403	2.344-28.330	2.254-28.339	2.487-28.353	2.331-24.798	2.330-26.435	2.456-28.414	2.519-28.332	2.258-28.341
Indep. Ref. (R <sub>int</sub> )	7373(0.0585)	6041(0.0219)	11184(0.0435)	6603(0.0505)	11185(0.050)	9089(0.1012)	4382(0.1116)	6550(0.0333)	6604(0.0494)	19714(0.0600)
S (F <sup>2</sup> )	1.090	1.122	1.096	1.104	1.025	1.116	1.017	1.052	1.048	1.030
R1/wR2 [I>2σ(I)]	0.0590/0.1170	0.0165/0.0380	0.0285/0.0522	0.0363/0.0770	0.0347/0.0709	0.0578/0.1218	0.0434/0.0909	0.0182/0.0394	0.0250/0.0503	0.0419/0.0830
R1/wR2 (all data)	0.0880/0.1271	0.0193/0.0390	0.0373/0.0551	0.0514/0.0833	0.0514/0.0764	0.1092/0.1572	0.0610/0.0977	0.0216/0.0404	0.0322/0.0522	0.0655/0.0935

**Table S4.** Selected bond distances and angles **HL<sup>B</sup>** derivatives

	<b>HL<sup>B</sup><sup>(a)</sup></b>	<b>[ReBr(HL<sup>B</sup>) (CO)<sub>3</sub>]</b>	<b>1B<sup>(b)</sup></b>	<b>2.2B'.2(CH Cl<sub>3</sub>)</b>	<b>2.3B<sup>(b)</sup></b>	<b>2.3B.2(DM SO)<sup>(b)</sup></b>	<b>2.3B'</b>	<b>4B'.2(THF)</b>	<b>4B'.2(C<sub>3</sub>H<sub>6</sub>O)</b>	<b>[Re(L<sup>B</sup>)(HL<sup>B</sup>)(CO)<sub>3</sub>]</b>
Coordination mode	--	$\kappa^2$ S,N3	$\mu$ - $\kappa^2$ S,N2: $\kappa$ S	$\mu$ - $\kappa^2$ S,N3: $\kappa$ S	$\mu$ - $\kappa^2$ S,N3: $\kappa$ S	$\mu$ - $\kappa^2$ S,N3: $\kappa$ S	$\mu$ - $\kappa^2$ S,N3: $\kappa$ S	$\mu$ - $\kappa^2$ S,N2: $\kappa$ N3	$\mu$ - $\kappa^2$ S,N2: $\kappa$ N3	$\kappa^2$ S,N2/ $\kappa$ S
Conformation of the ligand(*)	EEEZ	EEZZ	EEEZ	EEZE	ZEZE	ZEZE	ZEZE	ZZEZ	ZZEZ	EEEZ
(Pseudo)symmetry dimer	--	--	2	-1	2	2	-1	-1	-1	--
X =	--	Br	S <sup>#1</sup>	S <sup>#1</sup>	S <sup>#1</sup>	S <sup>#1</sup>	S <sup>#1</sup>	N3 <sup>#1</sup>	N3 <sup>#1</sup>	S
Re(1)-S(1)	—	2.4466(6)	2.5448(6)	2.4720(11)	2.4642(7)	2.451(2)	2.4698(16)	2.5409(6)	2.5275(8)	2.5565(8)
Re(1)-N(2)	—		2.195(2)					2.1651(17)	2.163(2)	2.187(3)
Re(1)-N(3)	—	2.2485(17)		2.214(4)	2.193(3)	2.178(7)	2.184(6)			
Re(1)-X	—	2.6467(3)	2.5406(6)	2.5461(12)	2.5486(8)	2.549(2)	2.5338(18)	2.2115(17)	2.213(2)	2.5229(8)
S(1)-C(1)	1.695(2)	1.686(2)	1.767(2)	1.788(5)	1.777(3)	1.781(8)	1.791(7)	1.745(2)	1.745(3)	1.730(4) <sup>(d)</sup> 1.728(4) <sup>(e)</sup>
N(1)-C(1)	1.333(2)	1.333(3)	1.338(3)	1.354(5)	1.311(4)	1.354(11)	1.346(8)	1.329(3)	1.321(4)	1.312(4) <sup>(d)</sup> 1.283(4) <sup>(e)</sup>
N(2)-C(1)	1.357(2)	1.333(3)	1.315(3)	1.288(6)	1.295(4)	1.302(11)	1.299(8)	1.320(3)	1.328(4)	1.322(4) <sup>(d)</sup> 1.303(4) <sup>(e)</sup>
N(3)-N(2)	1.381(2)	1.399(2)	1.403(3)	1.428(5)	1.391(4)	1.406(10)	1.393(7)	1.427(2)	1.429(3)	1.389(4) <sup>(d)</sup> 1.386(4) <sup>(e)</sup>
N(3)-C(2)	1.287(2)	1.296(3)	1.290(4)	1.297(6)	1.309(4)	1.325(11)	1.311(9)	1.297(3)	1.291(4)	1.288(4) <sup>(d)</sup> 1.280(4) <sup>(e)</sup>
N(2)-Re(1)-S(1)	--		64.07(6)					64.28(5)	64.82(6)	64.20(7)
N(3)-Re(1)-S(1)	--	79.95(5)		78.57(10)	78.41(7)	78.9(2)	76.99(15)			
S(1)-Re(1)-X	--	86.965(18)	81.13(2)	81.04(4)	82.76(3)	82.27(7)	83.64(6)	87.64(5)	86.47(6)	87.38(3)
N(2)-Re(1)-X	--		88.34(7)					79.10(6)	80.18(9)	81.51(7)
N(3)-Re(1)-X	--	84.92(5)		86.65(10)	91.04(8)	90.5(2)	83.69(16)			
N(2)-C(1)-S(1)	118.4(1)	122.06(16)	109.6(1)	125.8(3)	126.0(2)	125.40(7)	125.7(5)	110.06(16)	110.3(2)	111.0(2) <sup>(c)</sup> 122.9(2) <sup>(d)</sup>

	<b>HL<sup>B</sup><sup>(a)</sup></b>	<b>[ReBr(HL<sup>B</sup>) (CO)<sub>3</sub>]</b>	<b>1B<sup>(b)</sup></b>	<b>2.2B'.2(CH Cl<sub>3</sub>)</b>	<b>2.3B<sup>(b)</sup></b>	<b>2.3B.2(DM SO)<sup>(b)</sup></b>	<b>2.3B'</b>	<b>4B'.2(THF)</b>	<b>4B'.2(C<sub>3</sub>H<sub>6</sub>O)</b>	<b>[Re(L<sup>B</sup>)(HL<sup>B</sup>)(CO)<sub>3</sub>]</b>
N(1)-C(1)-S(1)	125.5(1)	120.70(17)	123.7(2)	115.6(4)	115.8(2)	115.2(6)	115.2(5)	125.42(16)	125.4(2)	125.2(3) <sup>(c)</sup> 121.7(2) <sup>(d)</sup>
N(2)-C(1)-N(1)	116.1(1)	117.2(2)	126.7(2)	118.6(4)	118.2(3)	119.4(8)	119.1(6)	124.5(2)	124.3(3)	123.8(3) <sup>(c)</sup> 115.5(3) <sup>(d)</sup>
C(1)-N(2)-N(3)	120.53(1)	123.81(18)	115.1(2)	116.4(4)	115.9(2)	115.7(7)	113.6(6)	118.21(17)	117.7(2)	116.1(3) <sup>(c)</sup> 124.1(3) <sup>(d)</sup>
C(2)-N(3)-N(2)	115.4(1)	111.66(17)	113.4(2)	109.0(4)	113.6(3)	113.4(7)	115.6(6)	117.08(17)	118.6(2)	113.9(3) <sup>(c)</sup> 116.2(3) <sup>(d)</sup>

<sup>a</sup> Average values of the two molecules of the asymmetric unit .

<sup>b</sup> Average values between the two monomers that constitute the asymmetric unit.

<sup>(c)</sup> Corresponding to bidentate ( $\kappa^2$ S,N2) ligand

<sup>(d)</sup> Corresponding to monodentate ( $\kappa$ S) ligand.

(\*) Corresponding to the TSC arm bonds, respectively: C2-N3/N3-N2/N2-C1/C1-N1.

**Table S5.** Crystal data and structure refinement for the **HL<sup>NO2</sup>** derivative.

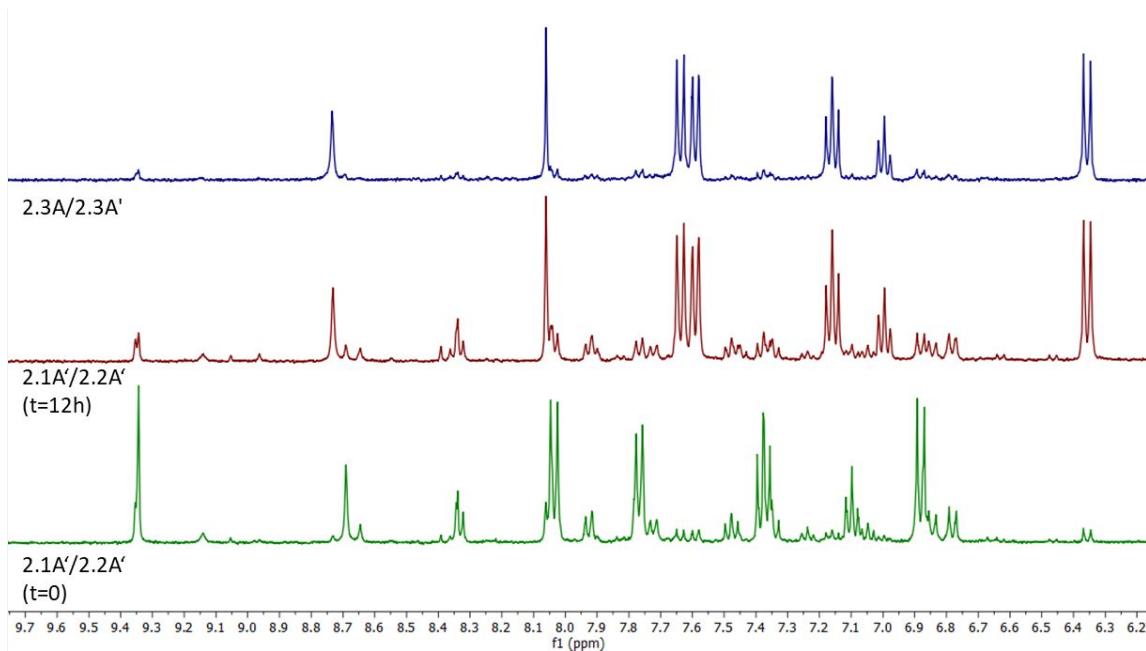
Structure	[Re <sub>2</sub> (L <sup>NO2</sup> ) <sub>2</sub> (CO) <sub>6</sub> ]
CCDC reference	2011241
Empirical formula	C <sub>38</sub> H <sub>32</sub> N <sub>10</sub> O <sub>10</sub> Re <sub>2</sub> S <sub>2</sub>
Formula weight	1225.25
Temperature (K)	100.0(2)
λ (Å)	0.71073
Crystal system	Monoclinic
Space group	C2/c
a (Å)	18.8431(15)
b (Å)	15.6643(12)
c (Å)	14.9377(12)
α(°)	90
β(°)	110.277(3)
γ(°)	90
Volume (Å <sup>3</sup> )	4135.8(6)
Z	4
Density (Mg/m <sup>3</sup> )	1.968
μ (mm <sup>-1</sup> )	6.020
θ range (°)	2.304-28.366
Indep. Ref. (R <sub>int</sub> )	5158(0.0696)
S (F <sup>2</sup> )	1.032
R1/wR2 [I>2σ(I)]	0.0252/0.0405
R1/wR2 (all data)	0.0384/0.0432

**Table S6.** Selected bond distances and angles **HL<sup>B</sup>** derivatives[Re<sub>2</sub>(L<sup>NO2</sup>)<sub>2</sub>(CO)<sub>6</sub>]

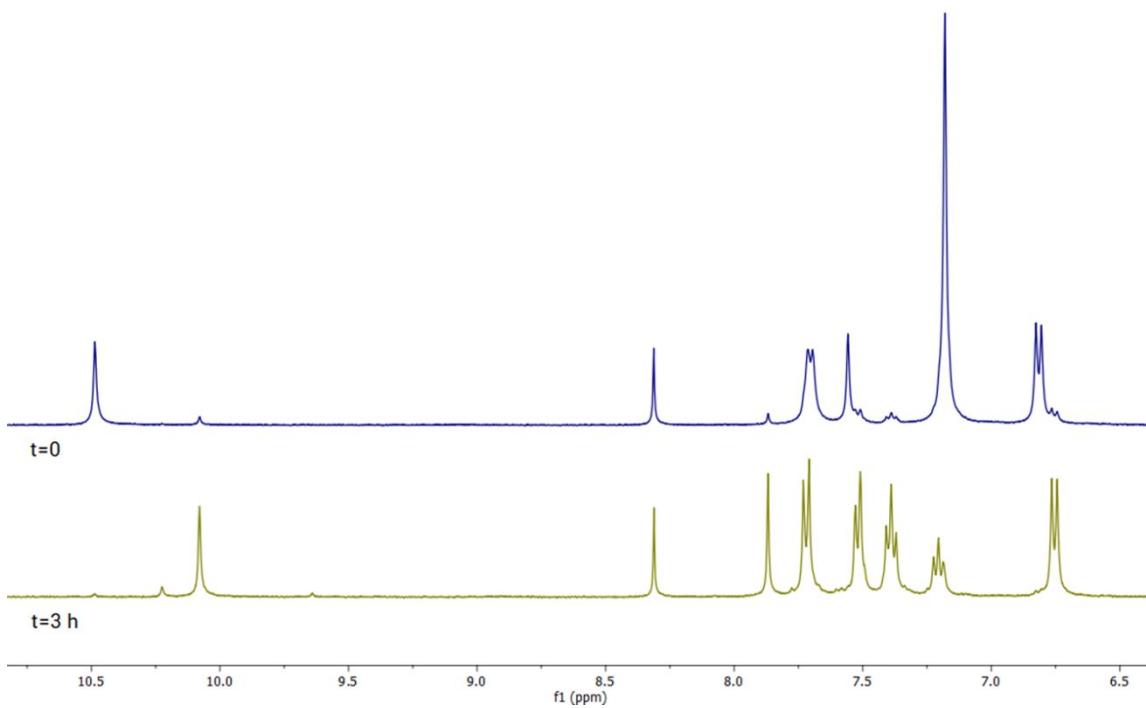
Coordination mode	μ-κ <sup>2</sup> S,N2:κN3
Conformation of the ligand(*)	ZEZE
(Pseudo)symmetry dimer	2
X =	S <sup>#1</sup>

Re(1)-S(1)	2.4602(7)
Re(1)-N(3)	2.190(2)
Re(1)-X	2.5520(8)
S(1)-C(1)	1.784(3)
N(1)-C(1)	1.365(4)
N(2)-C(1)	1.292(4)
N(3)-N(2)	1.406(3)
N(3)-C(2)	1.302(4))
N(3)-Re(1)-S(1)	78.02(7)
S(1)-Re(1)-X	82.56(2)
N(3)-Re(1)-X	91.80(7)
N(2)-C(1)-S(1)	125.8(2)
N(1)-C(1)-S(1)	113.4(2)
N(2)-C(1)-N(1)	120.8(2)
C(1)-N(2)-N(3)	115.0(2)
C(2)-N(3)-N(2)	115.2(2)

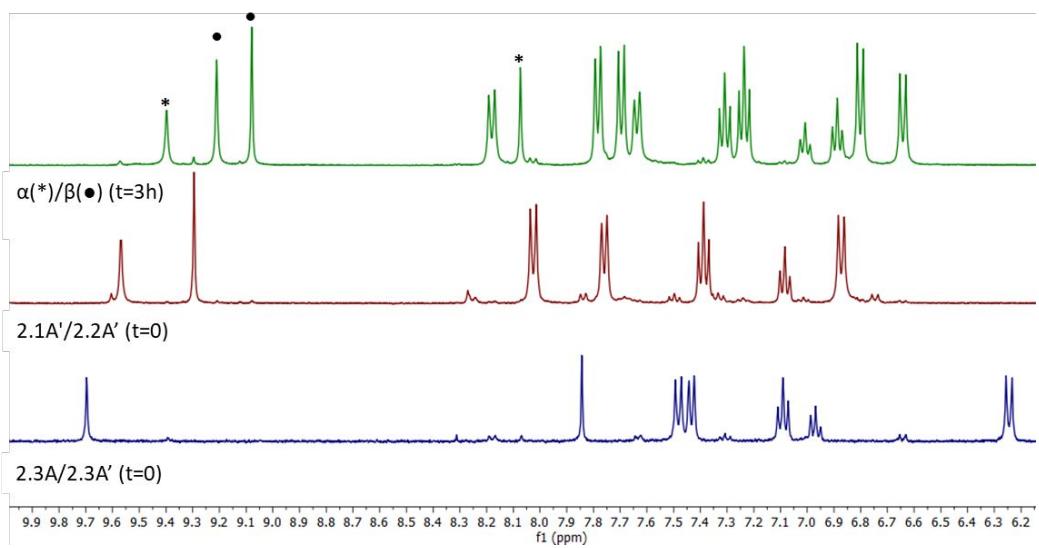
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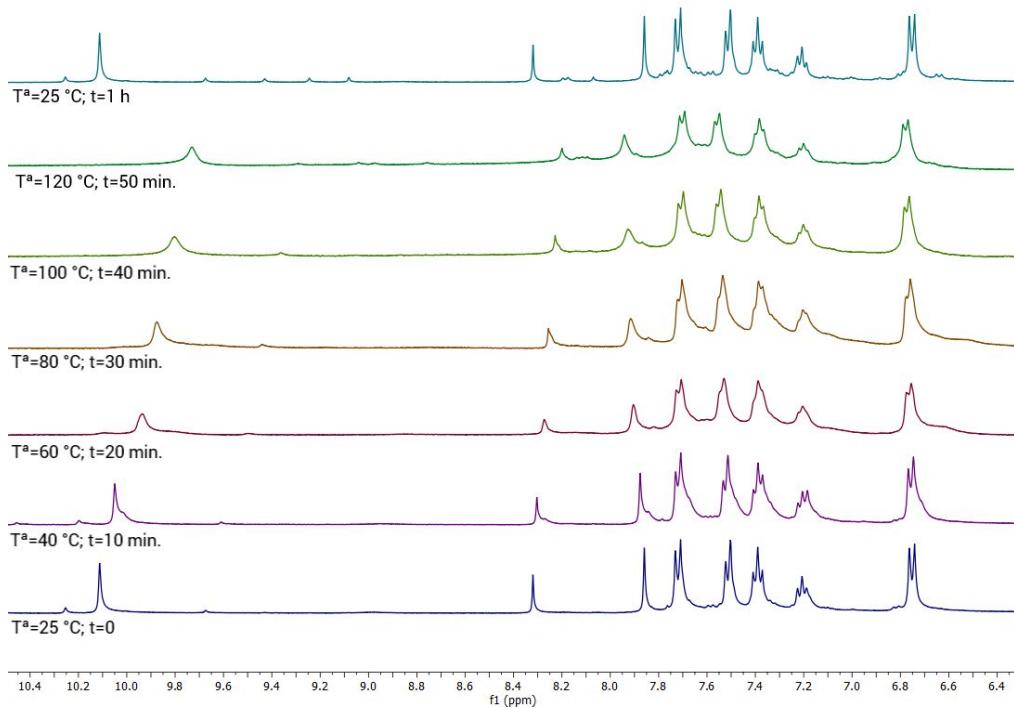
**Figure S1.** <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectra in acetone-d<sub>6</sub> of the dimers **2.1A'/2.2A'** and **2.3A/2.3A'** and their time evolution.



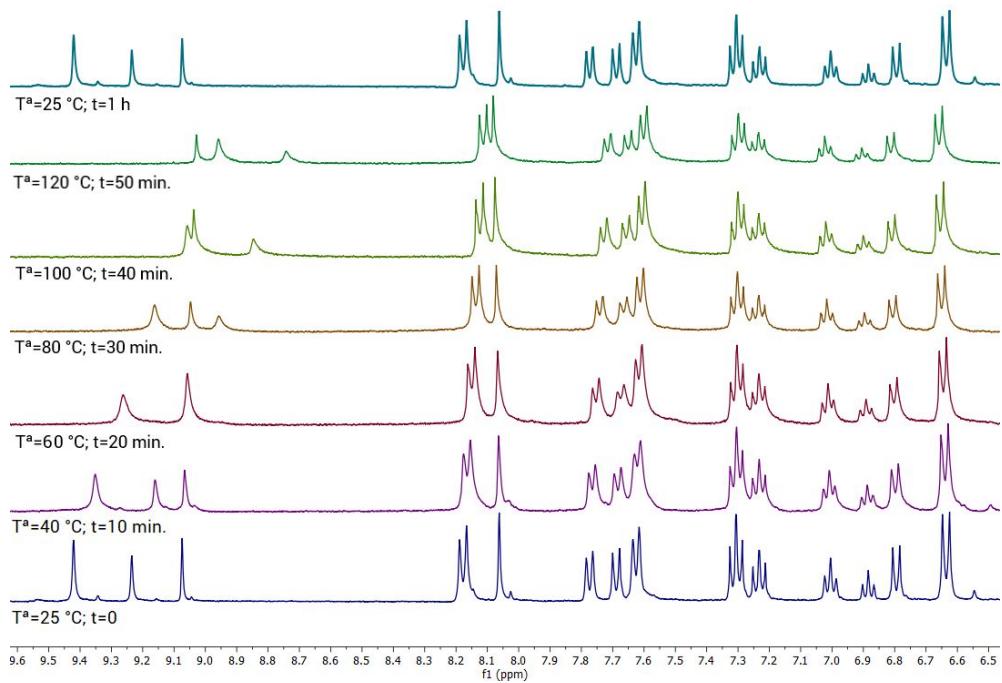
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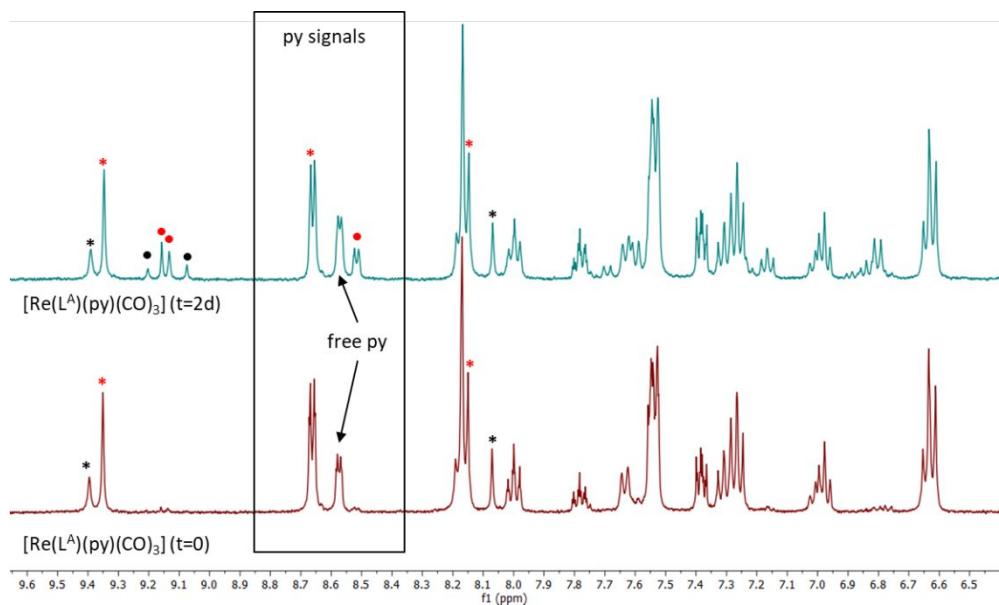
**Figure S3.**  $^1\text{H}$ -NMR spectra in dmso- $\text{d}_6$  of freshly prepared solutions of the dimers **2.1A'/2.2A'** and **2.3A/2.3A'**. Both complexes evolve to the named  $\alpha/\beta$  species whose more representative signals corresponding to the N1-H and C2-H protons, respectively. They are identified in the spectrum (top).



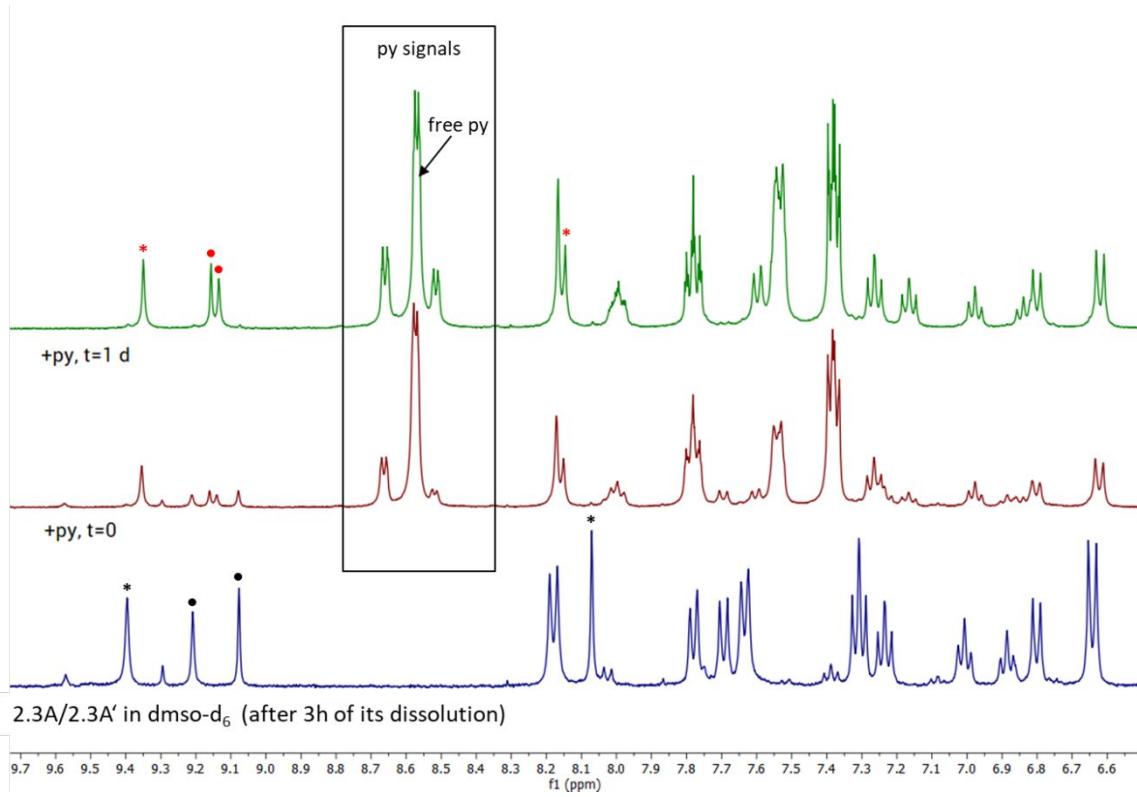
**Figure S4.**  $^1\text{H}$ -NMR spectra of the dmso- $\text{d}_6$  solutions of **1A** (after 3h of its dissolution) subjected to a heating cycle (25-120 °C).



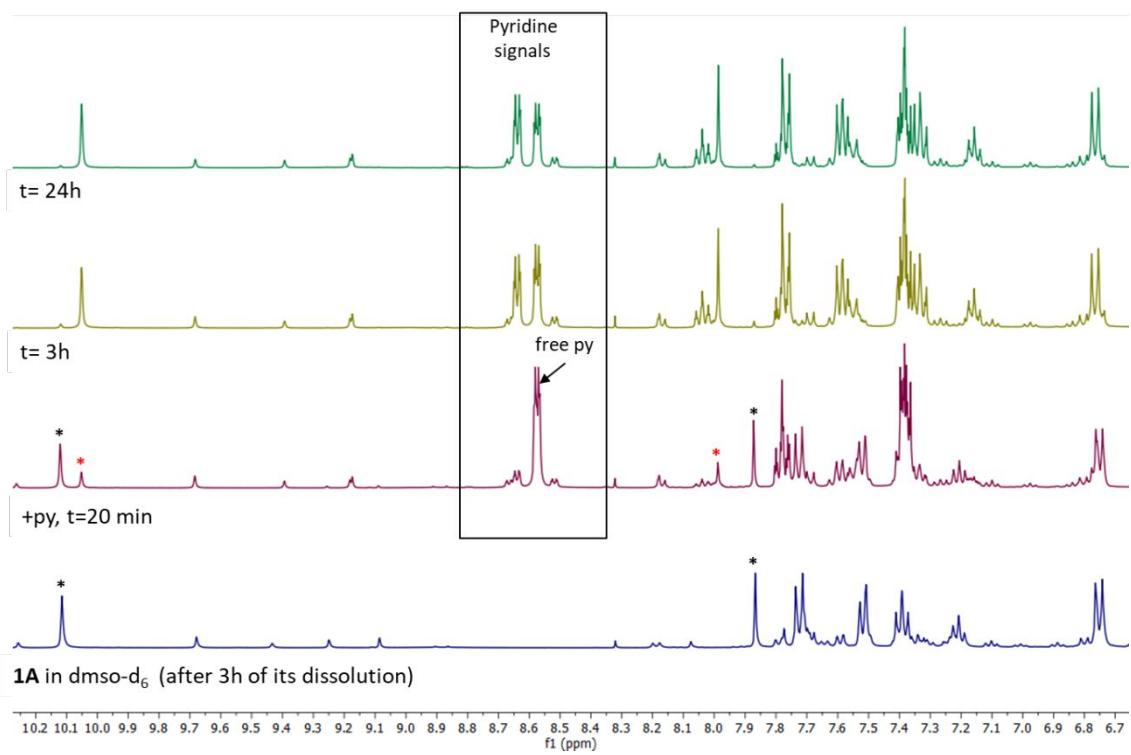
**Figure S5.** <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectra of the dmso-d<sub>6</sub> solutions of **2.3A/2.3A'** (after 3h of its dissolution) subjected to a heating cycle (25-120°C).



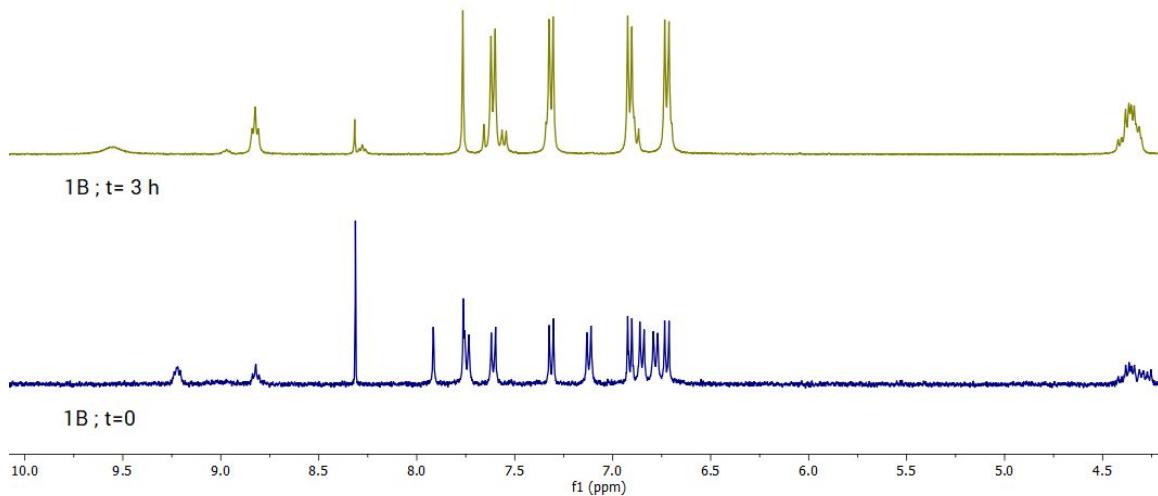
**Figure S6.** <sup>1</sup>H-NMR of a DMSO-d<sub>6</sub> solution of crystals of the complex  $[\text{Re}(\text{L}^{\text{A}})(\text{py})(\text{CO})_3]$  immediately after dissolved (bottom) and after two days at r.t. (top). Black marked signals are attributed to the DMSO solvate ( $\alpha/\beta$  species) while red marked signals are due to analog species of the pyridine complex.



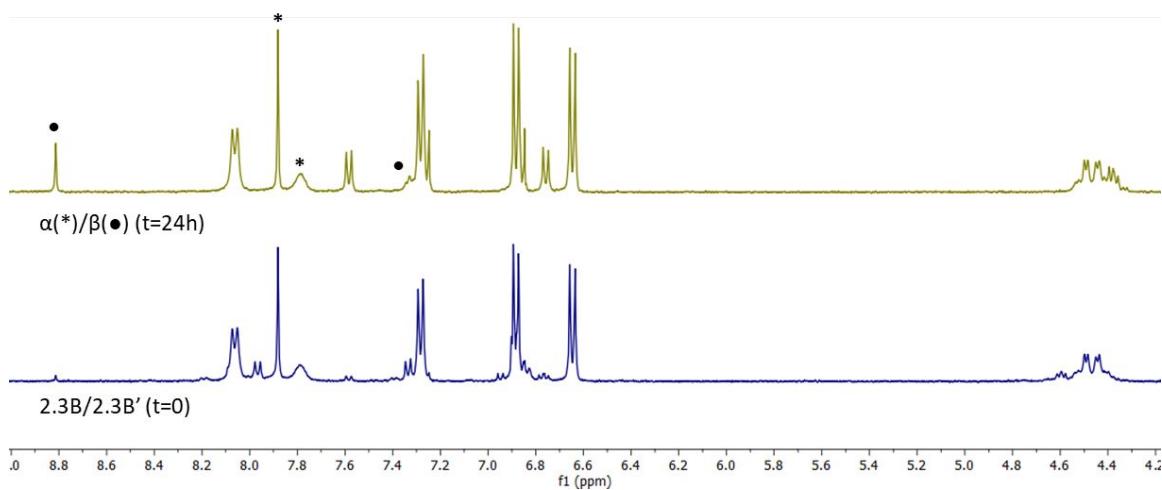
**Figure S7.** <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectra monitoring of the reaction of **2.3A/2.3A'** with pyridine (excess) in dmso-d<sub>6</sub>. Both complexes evolve to the named α/β species whose more representatives signals corresponding to the N1-H and C2-H protons are identified in the spectrum (top). The signals of the α/β species disappear when an excess the pyridine is added but analogs signals of the complex  $[\text{Re}(\kappa^2\text{S},\text{N}-\text{L}^\text{A})(\text{py})(\text{CO})_3]$  are now observed (top).



**Figure S8.**  $^1\text{H}$ -NMR spectra monitoring of the reaction of **1A** with pyridine (excess) in  $\text{dmso-d}_6$ . The original specie (whose N1-H and C2-H protons are identified in the spectrum with black asterisks) has practically evolved to a single specie (red asterisks) after 3 h of addition of pyridine. No evolution of the solution is observed after 24 h.



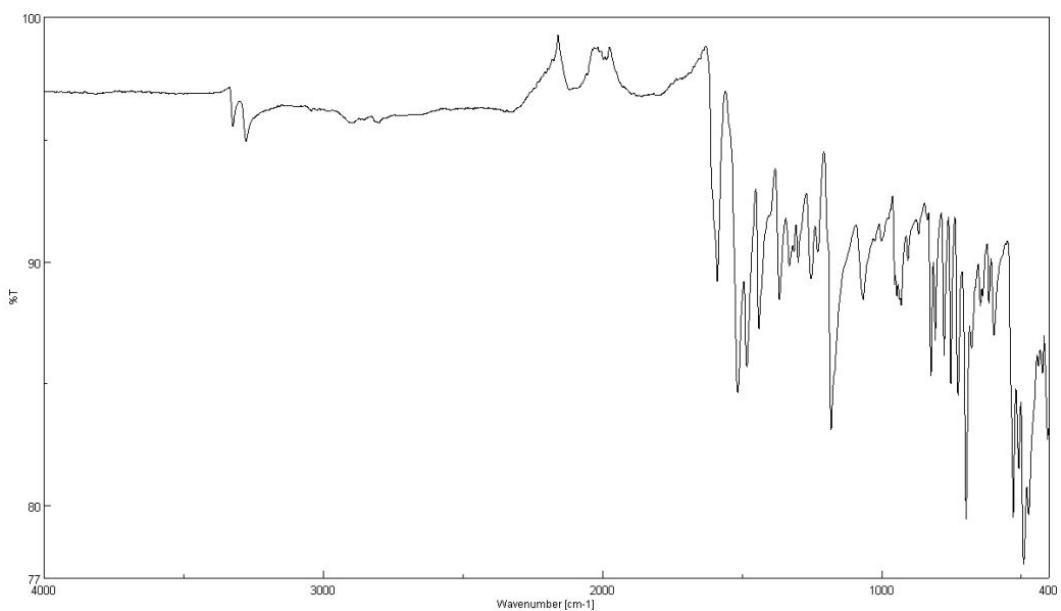
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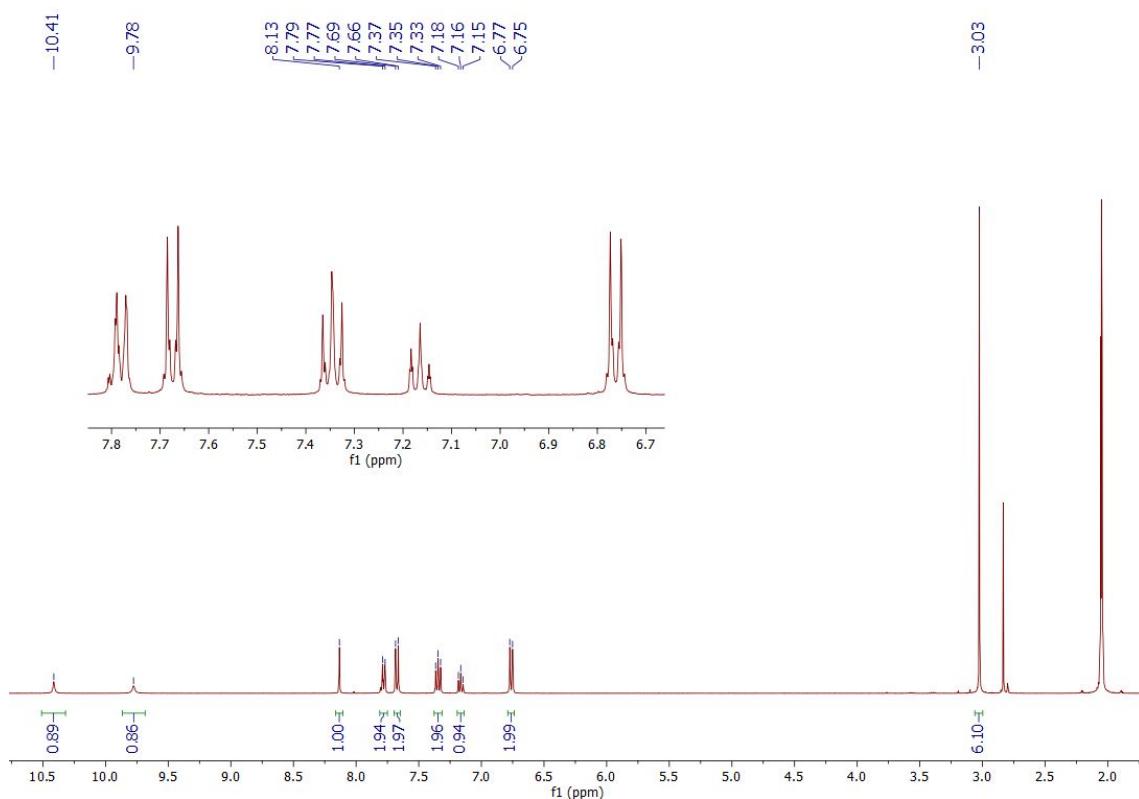
**Figure S10.** <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectra monitoring of the DMSO-d<sub>6</sub> solutions of **2.3B/2.3B'**. The initial spectrum (t = 0) shows only traces of the dimeric structure. The set of species  $\alpha/\beta$  are observed after 24 h at r.t.

## Spectroscopic characterization of **HL<sup>A</sup>** and its derivatives

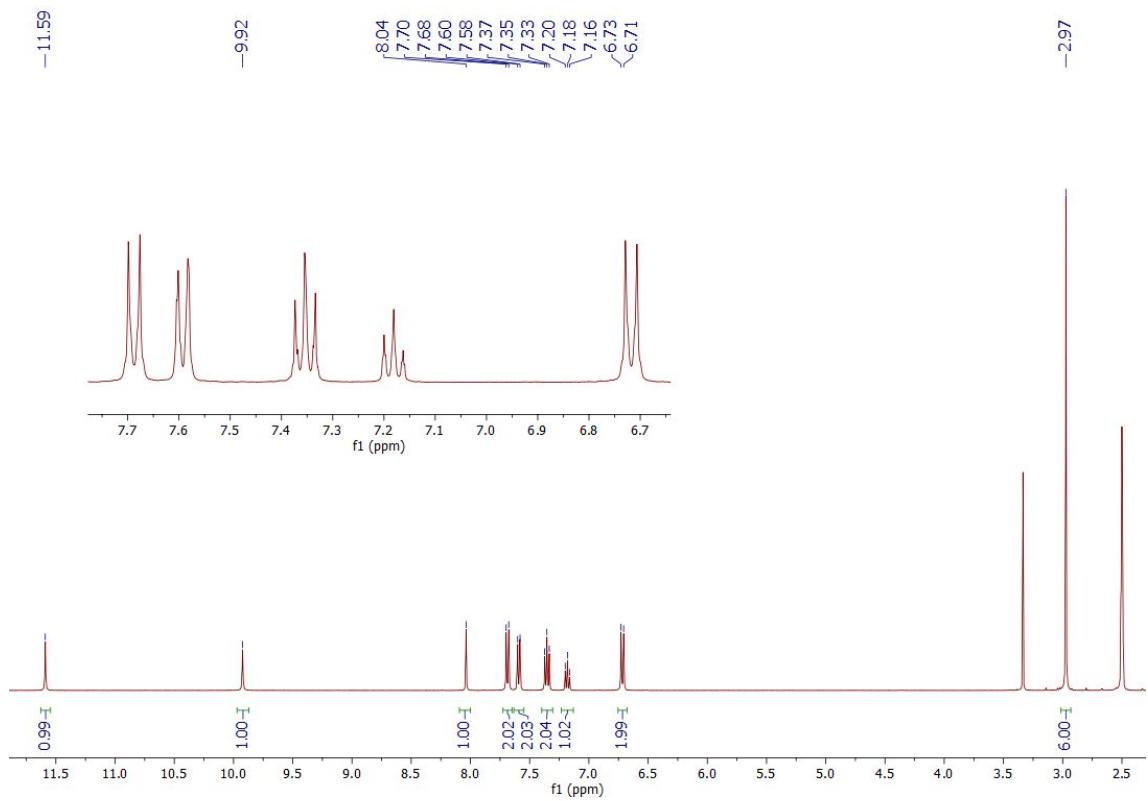
### Spectroscopic characterization of **HL<sup>A</sup>**



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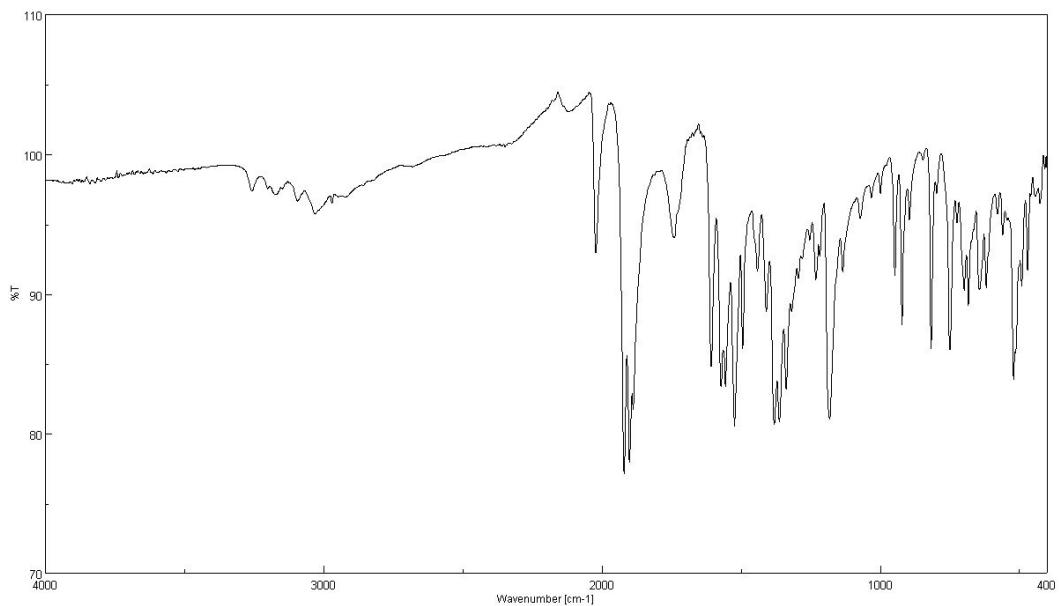


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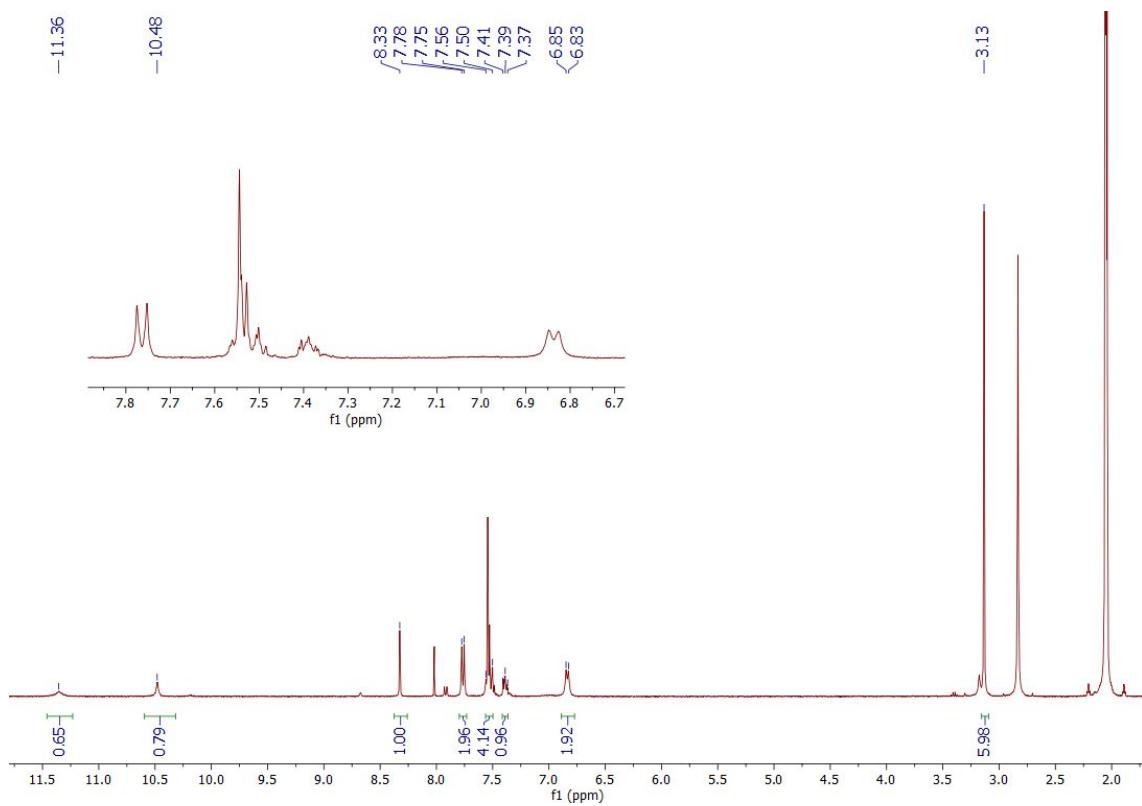


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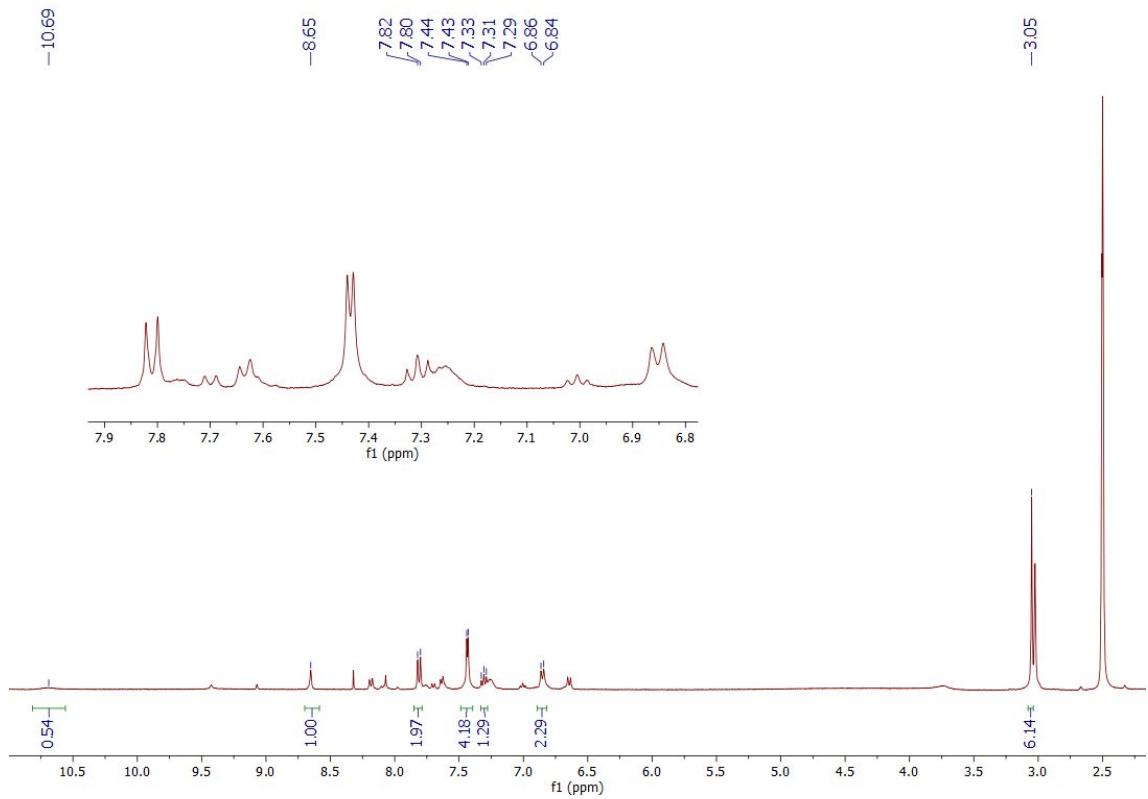
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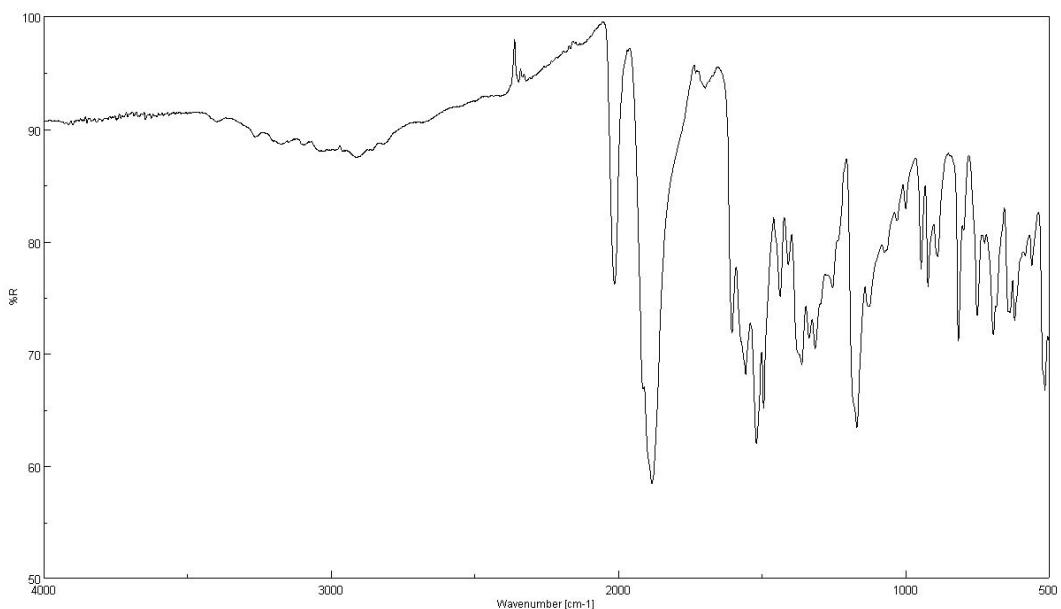
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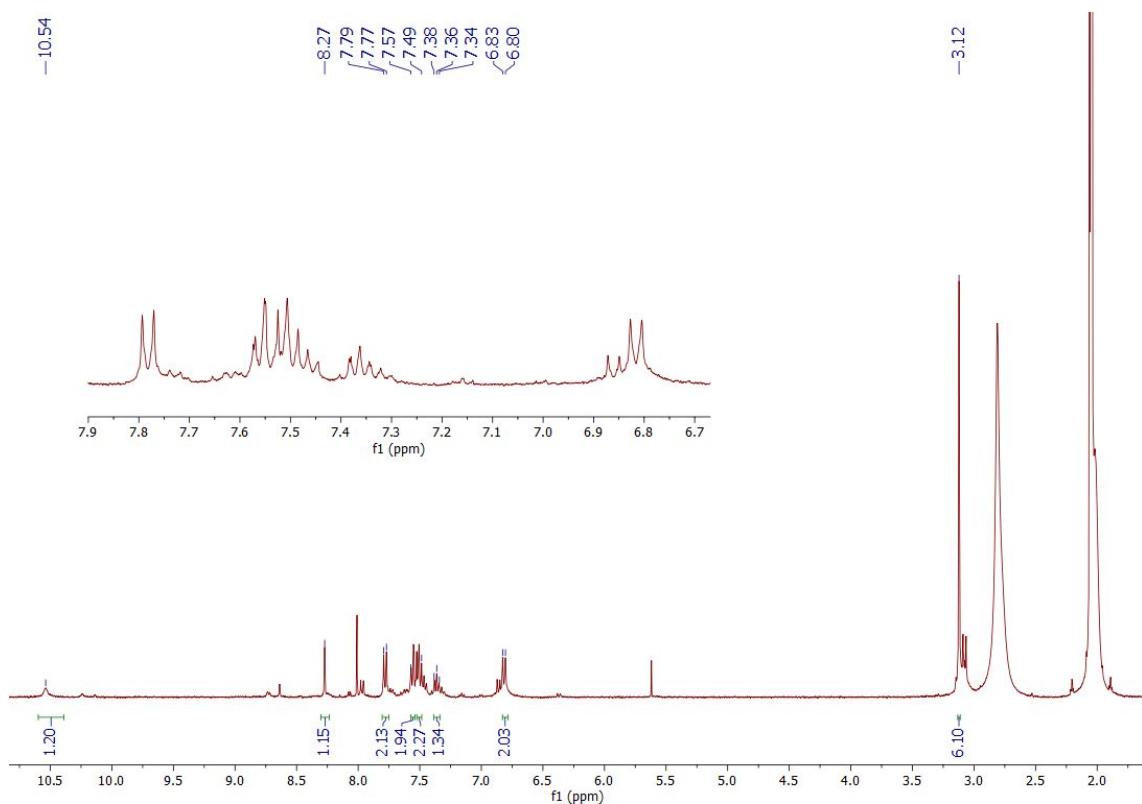
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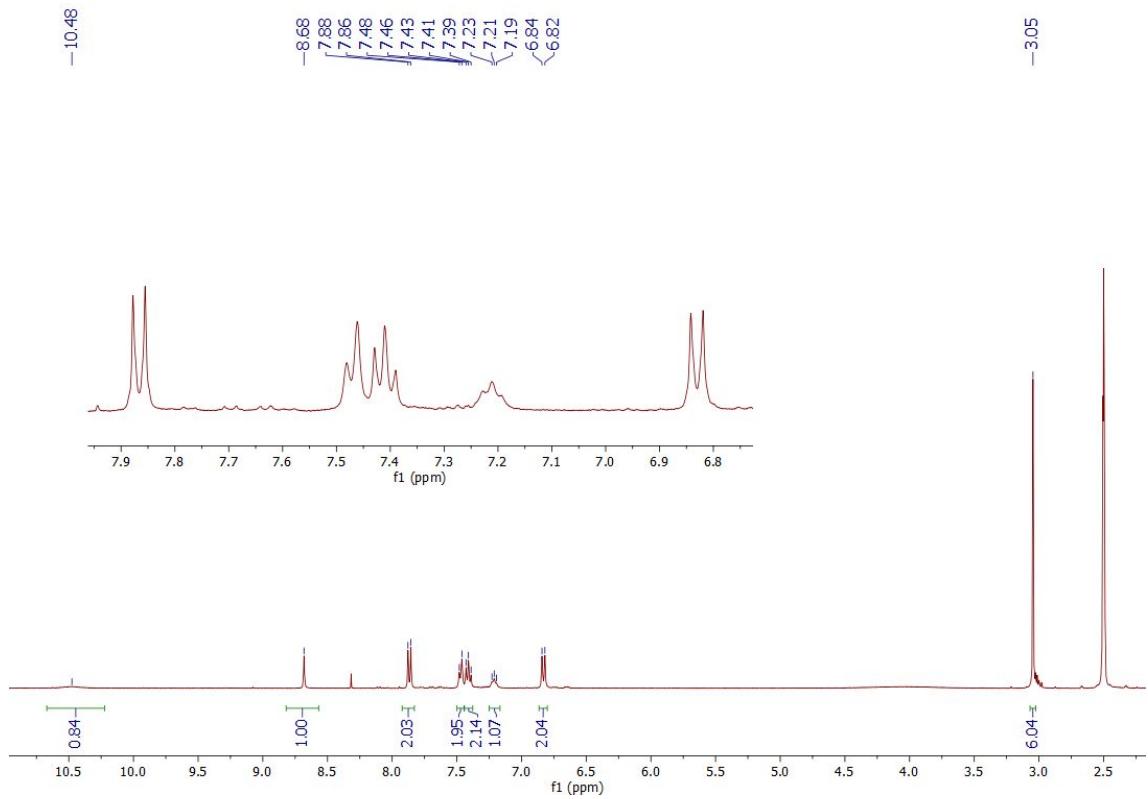
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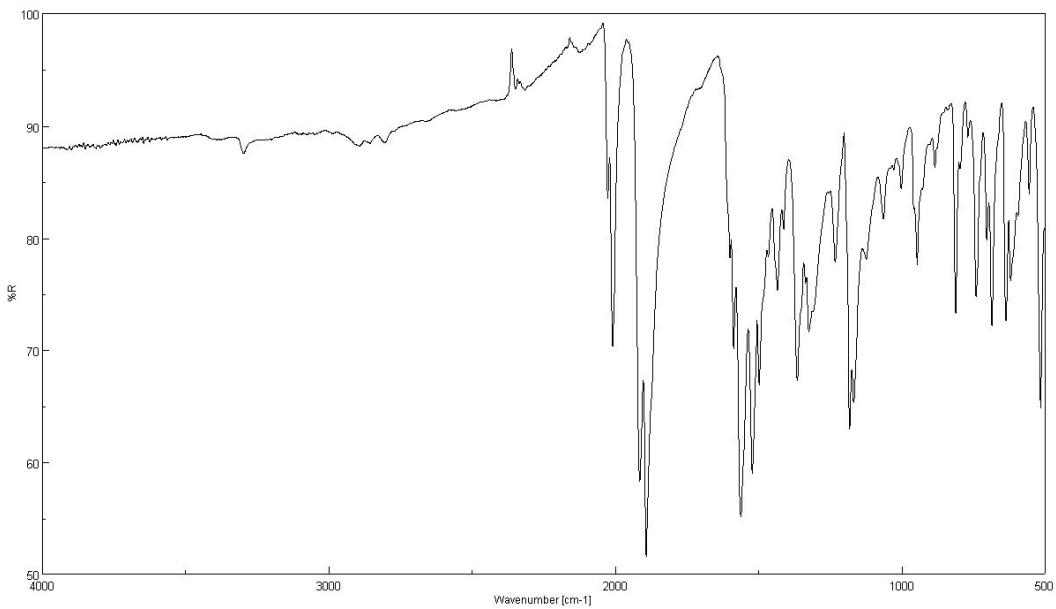


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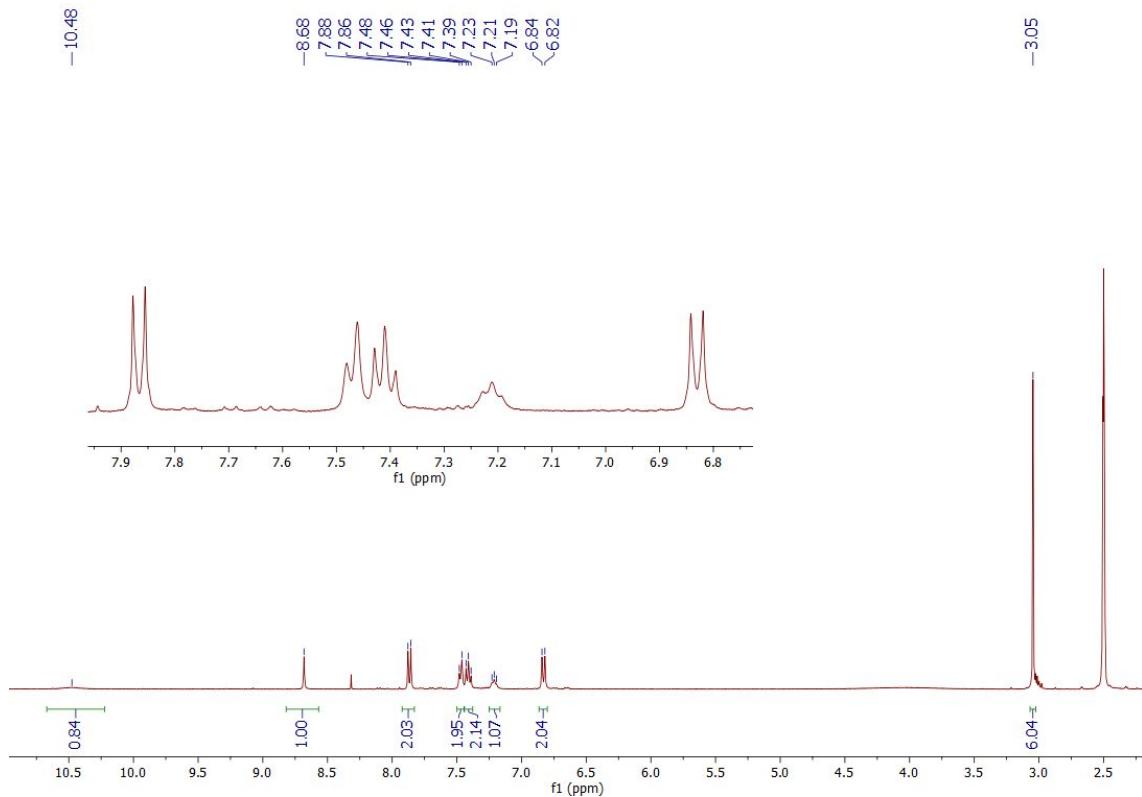


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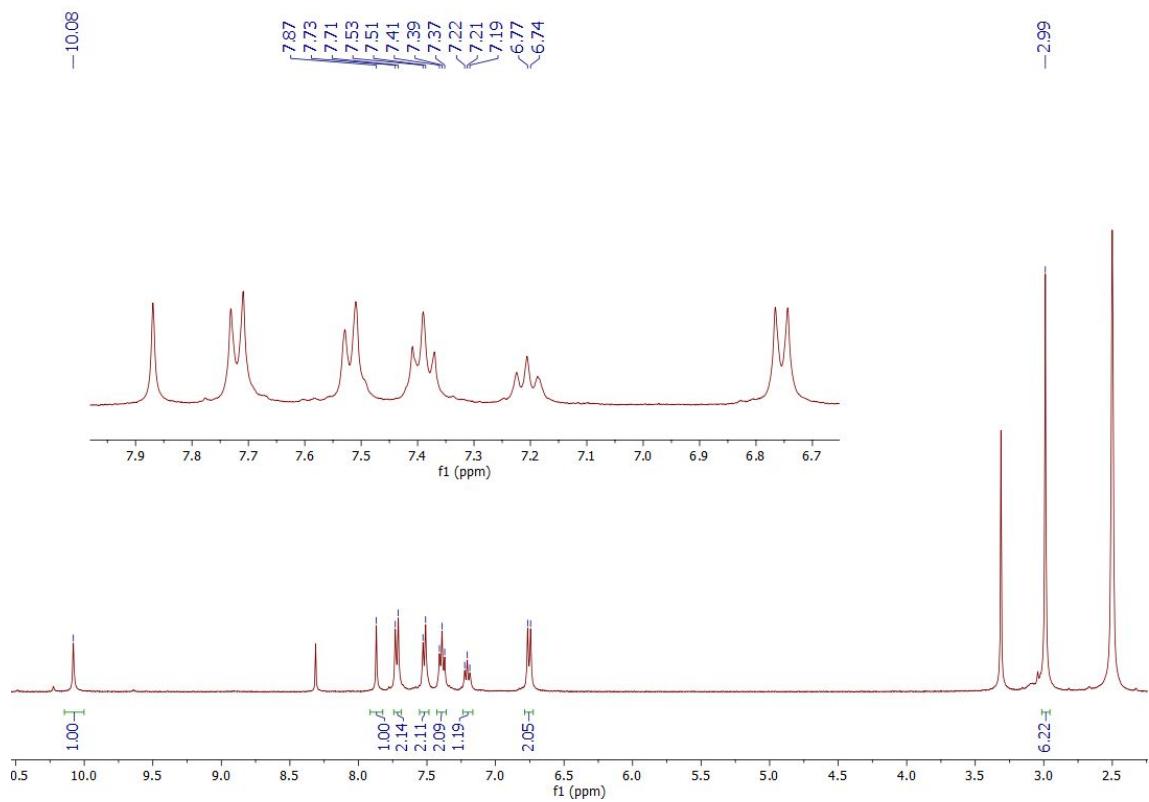
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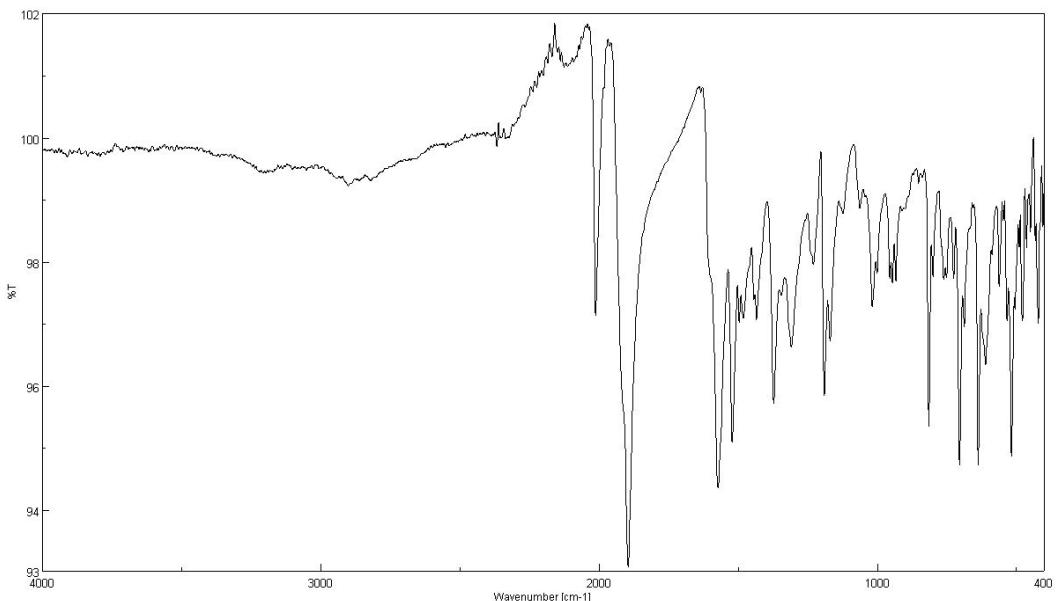


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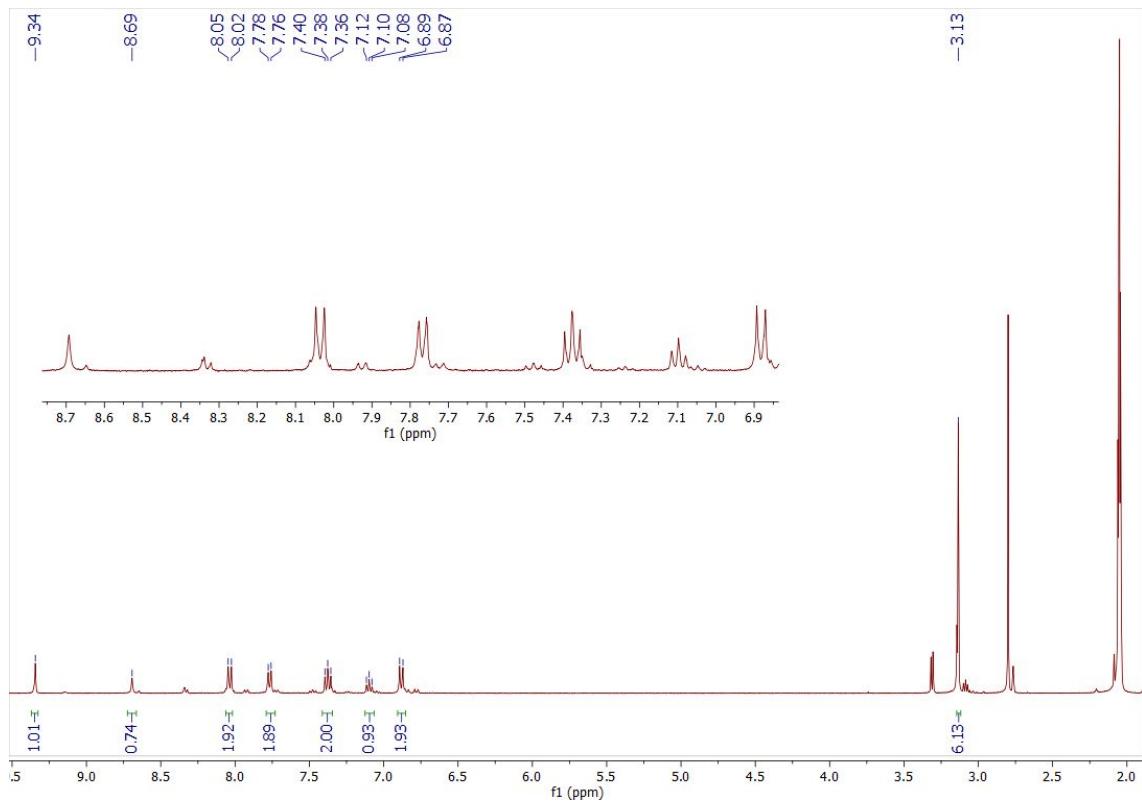


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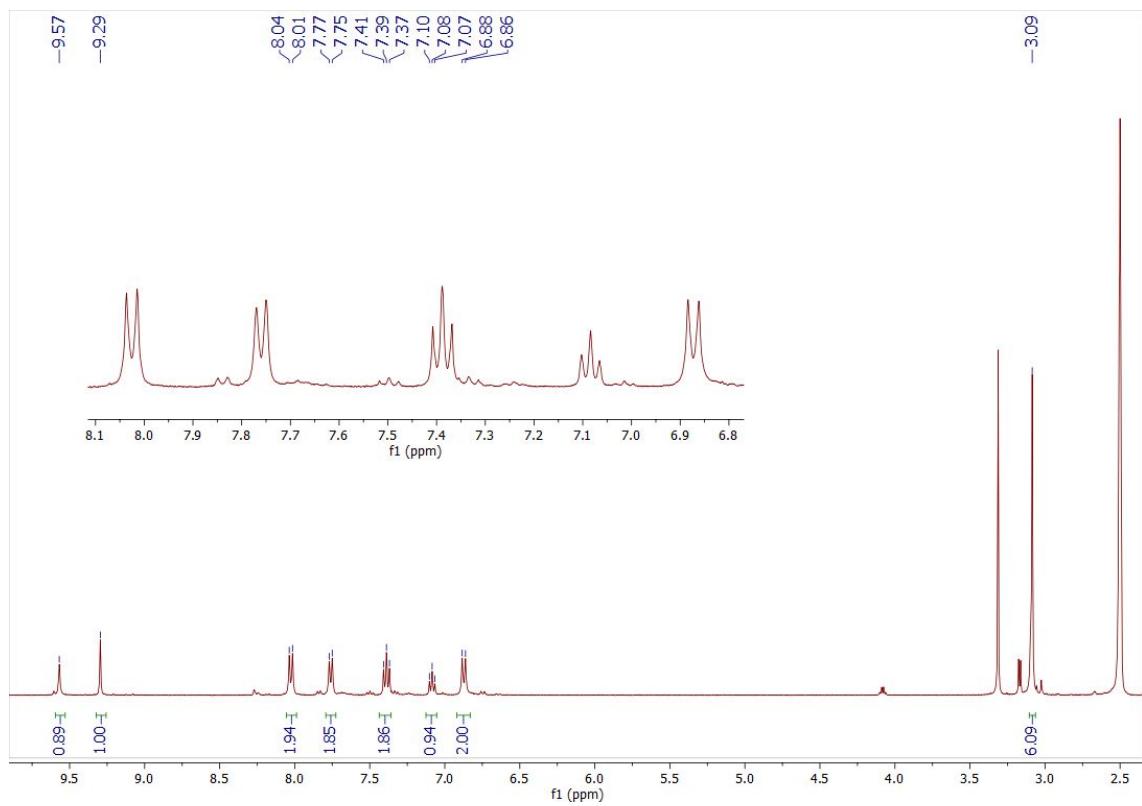
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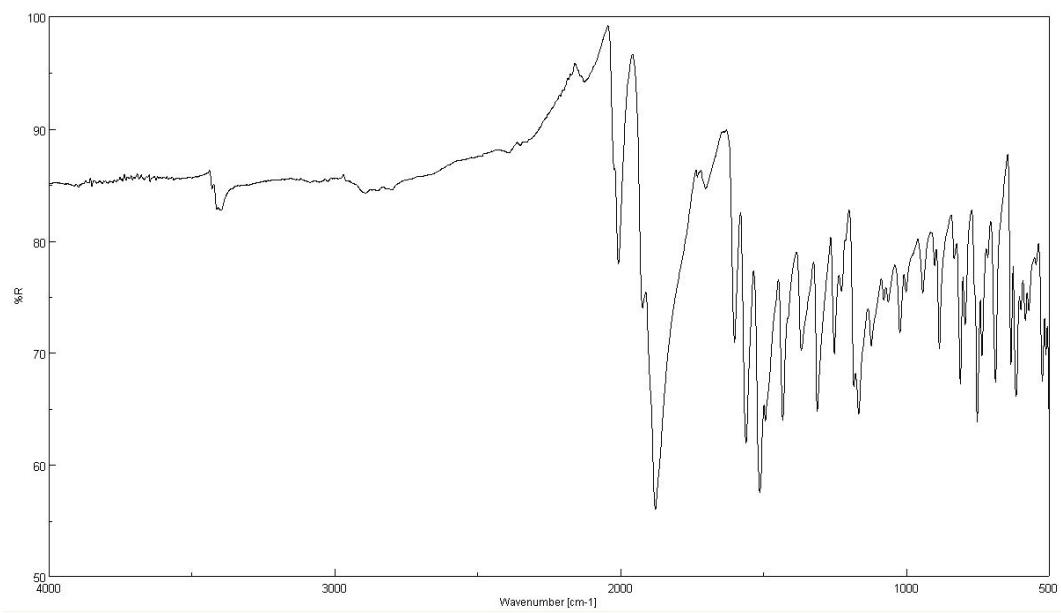


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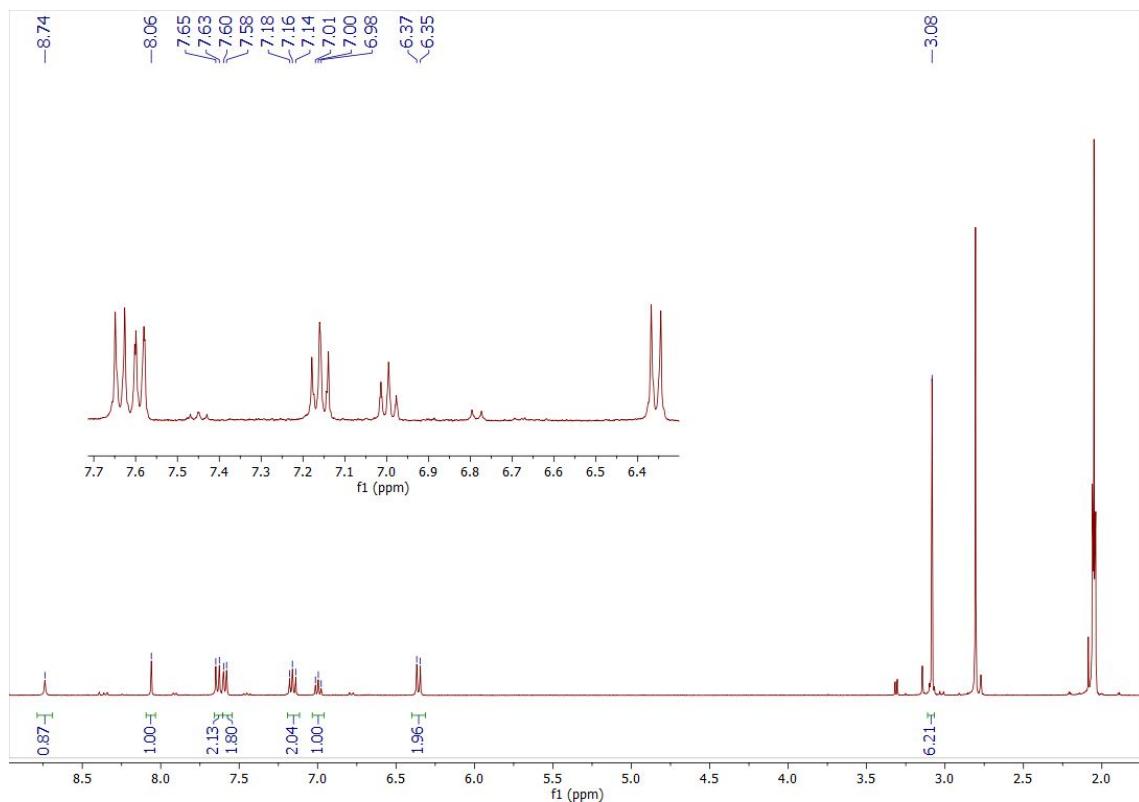


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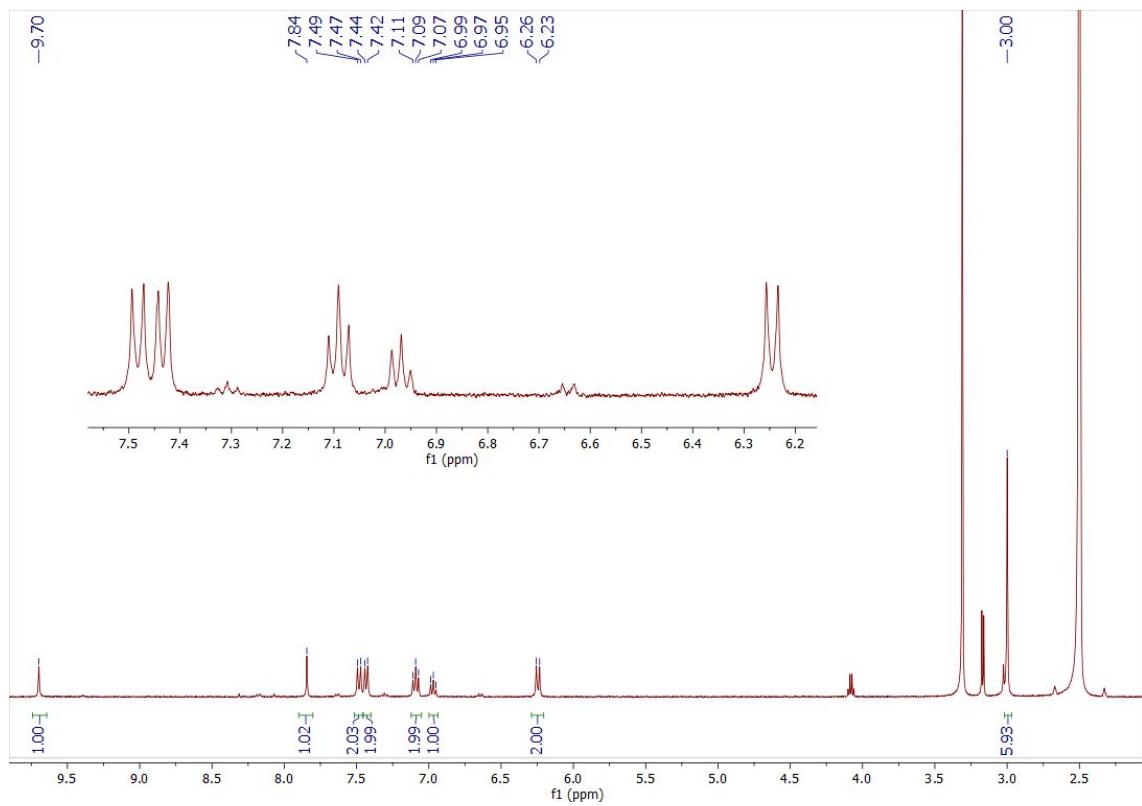
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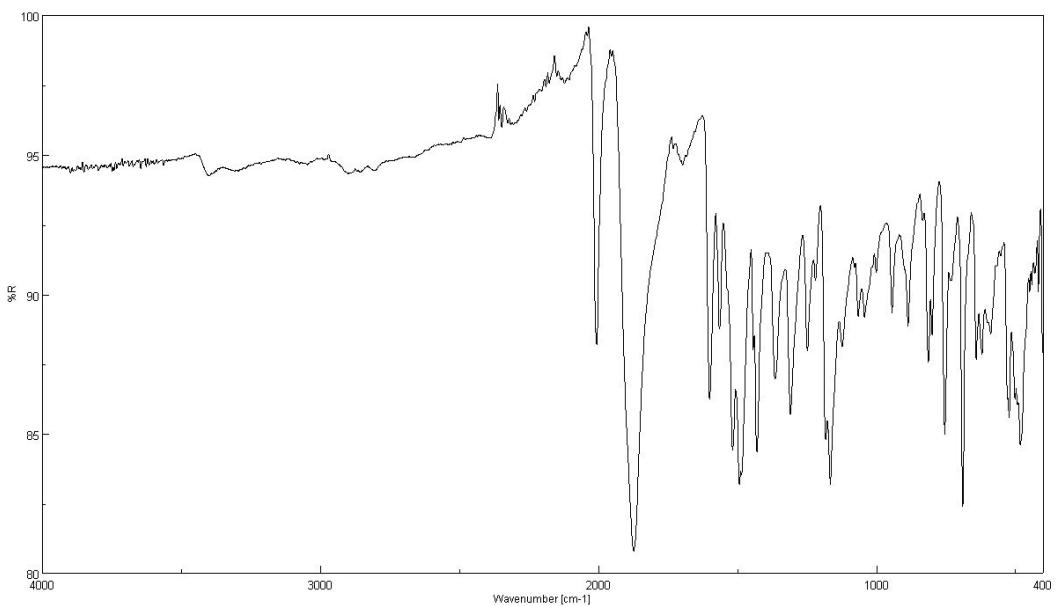


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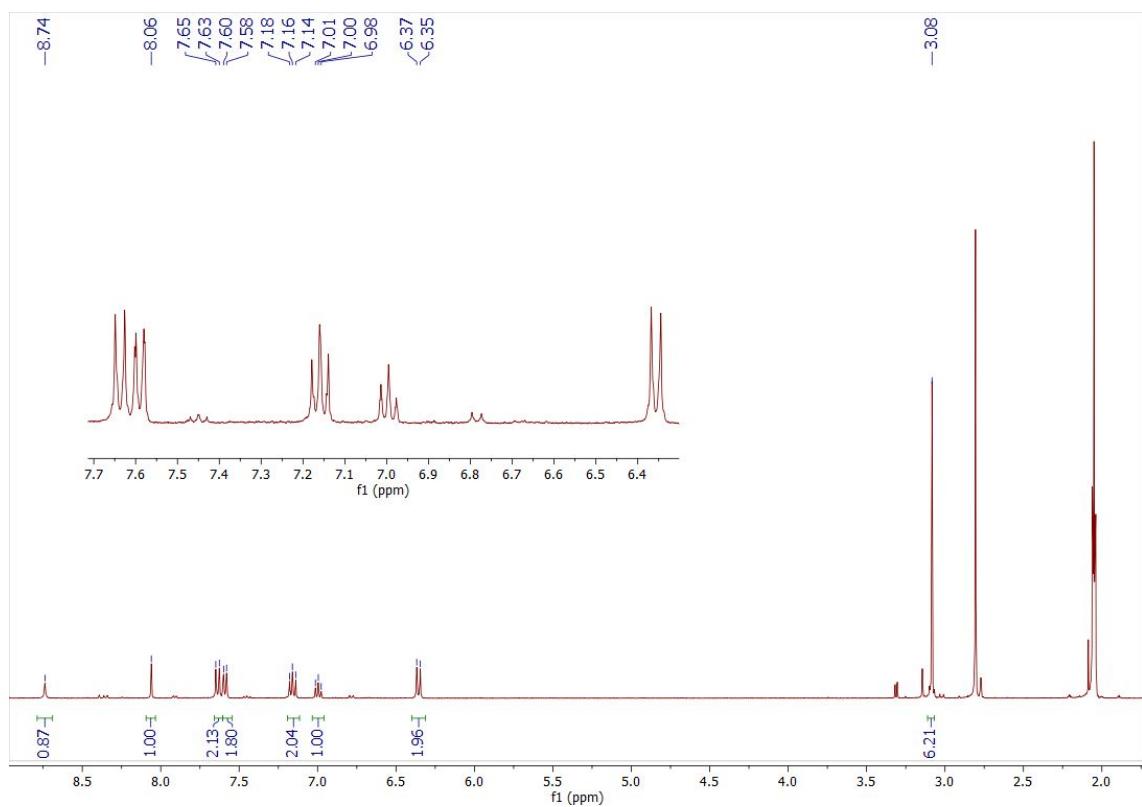


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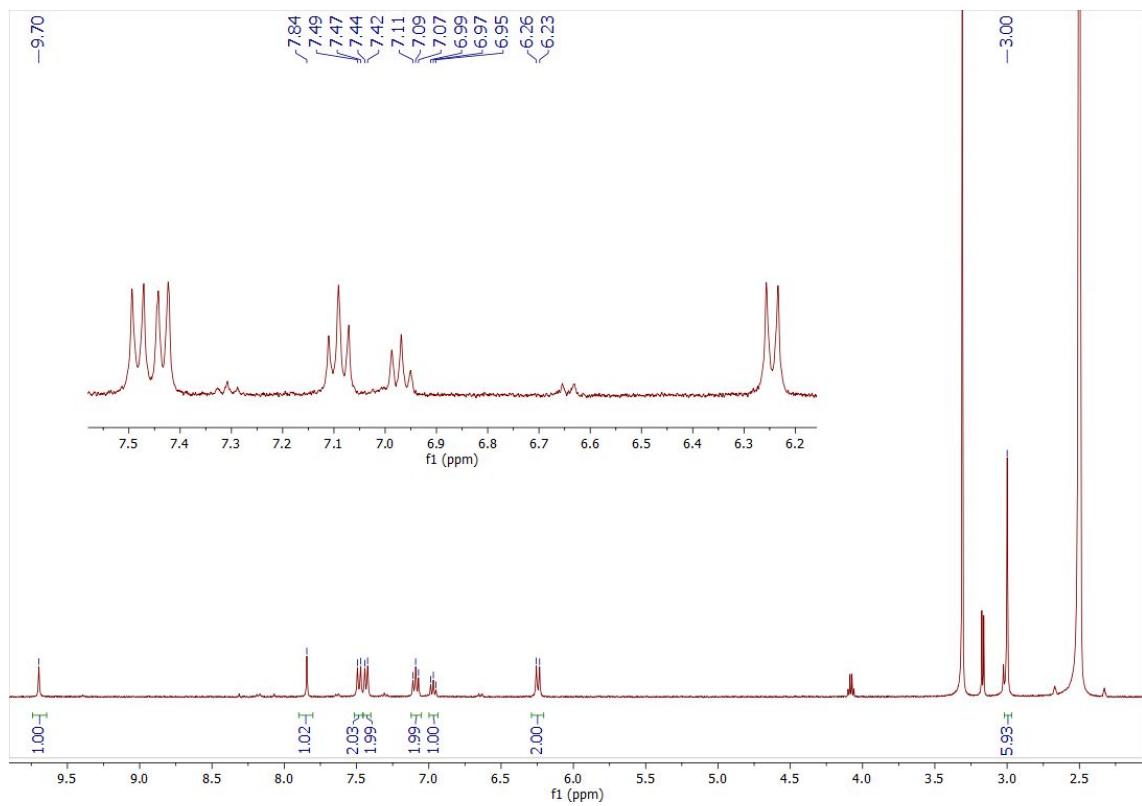
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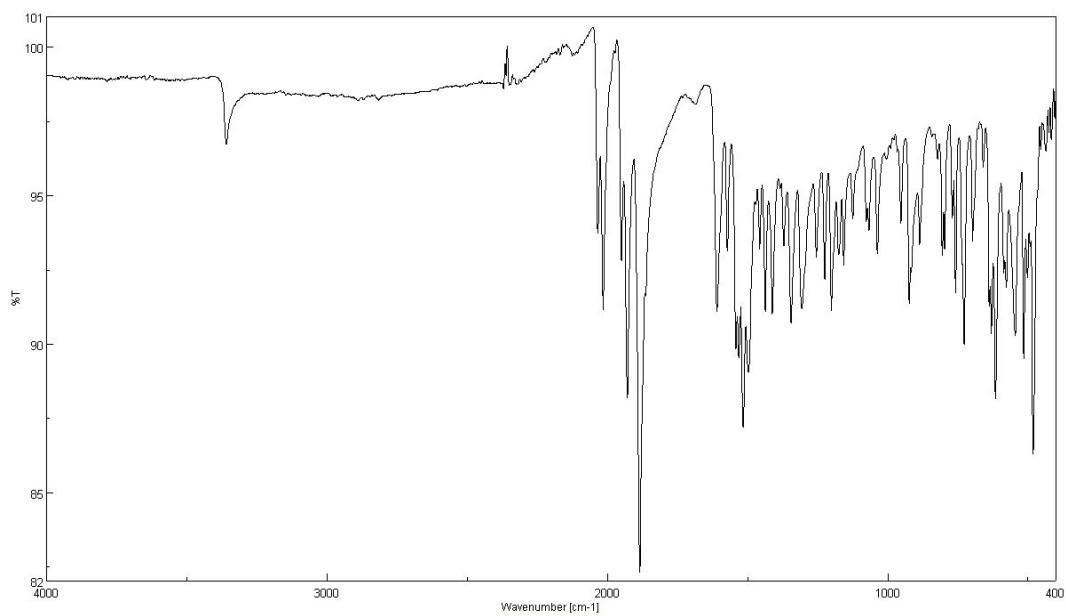


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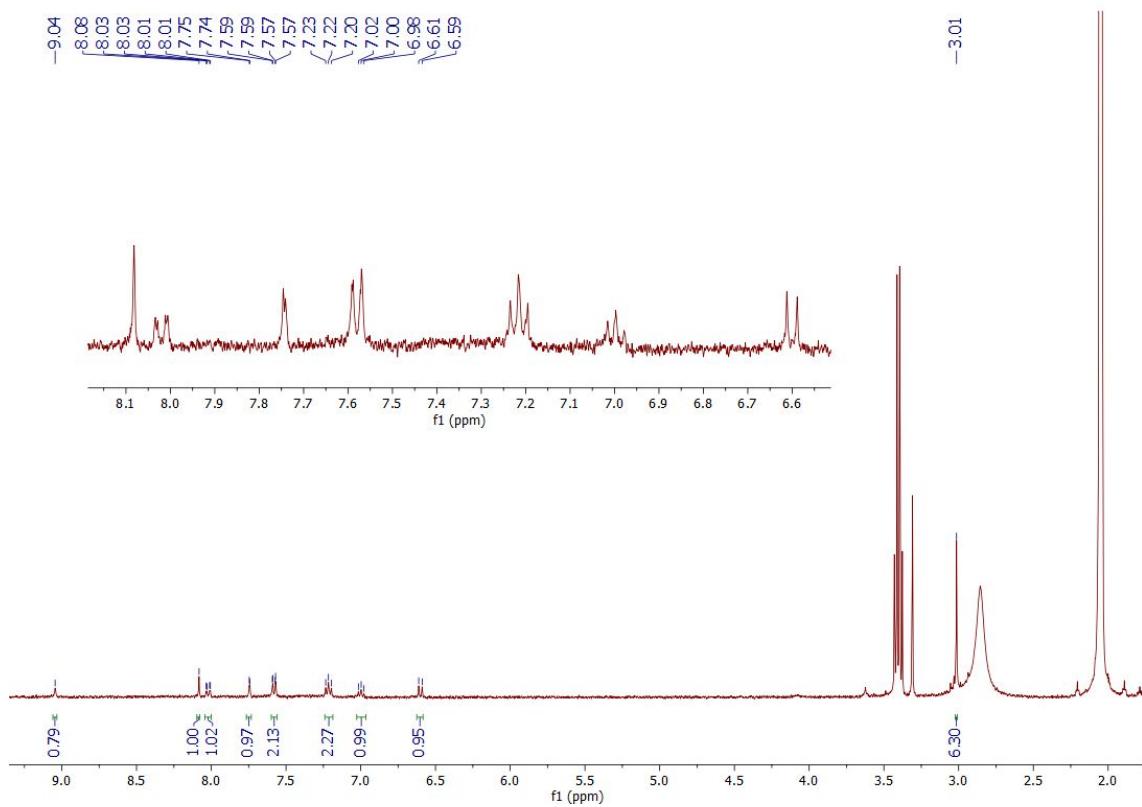


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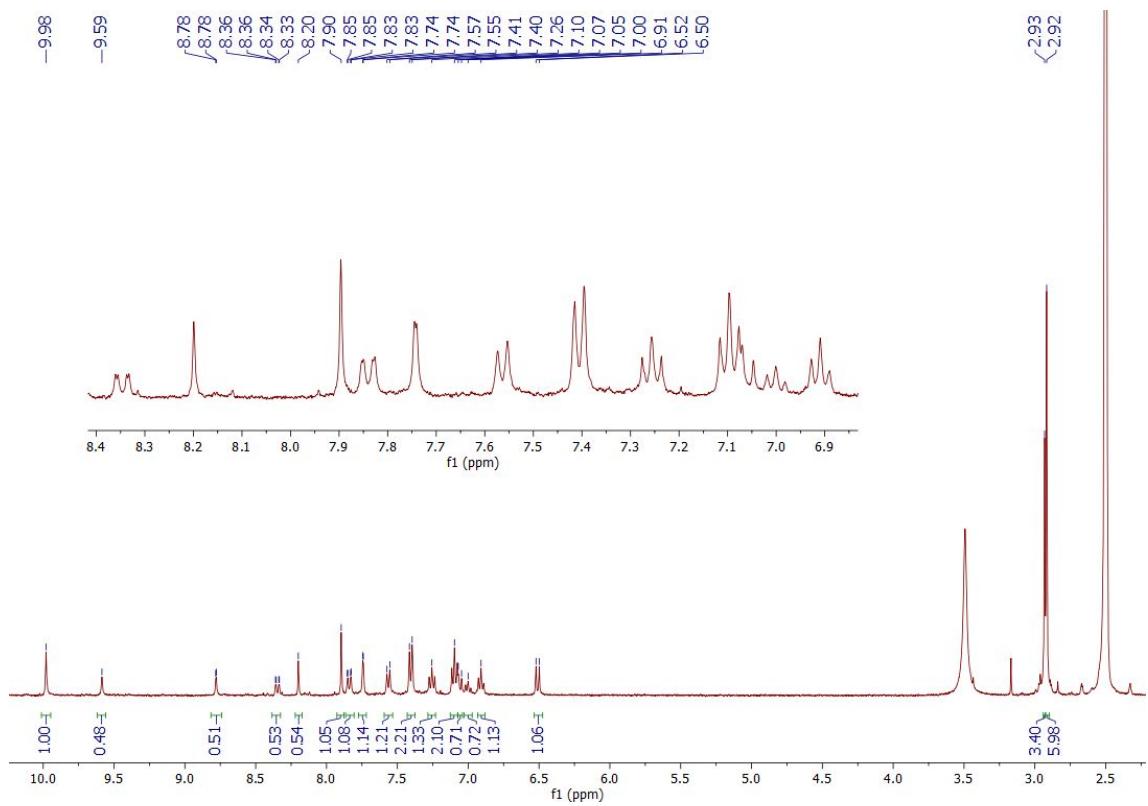
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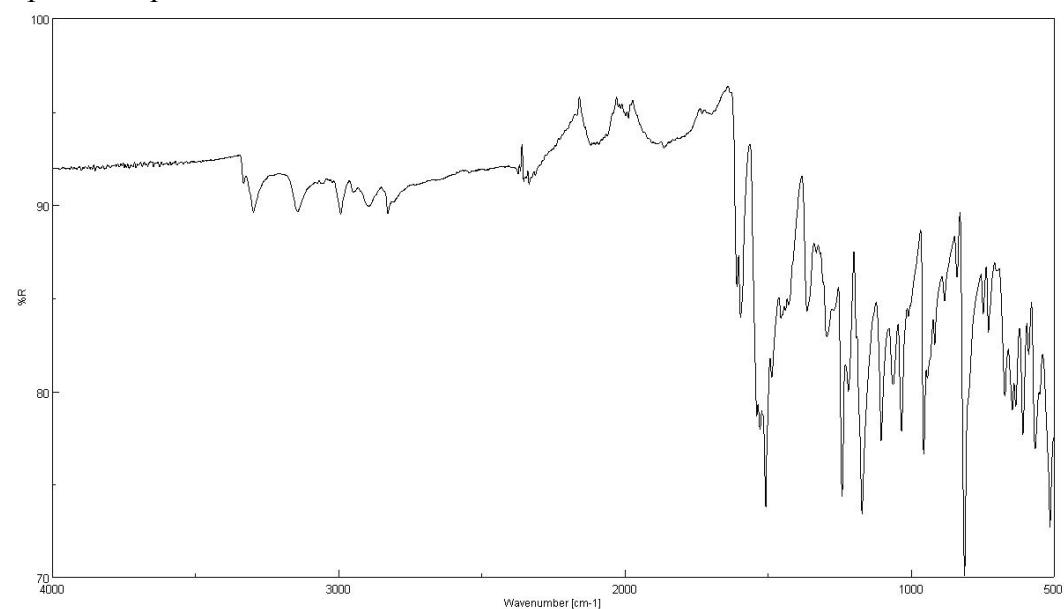


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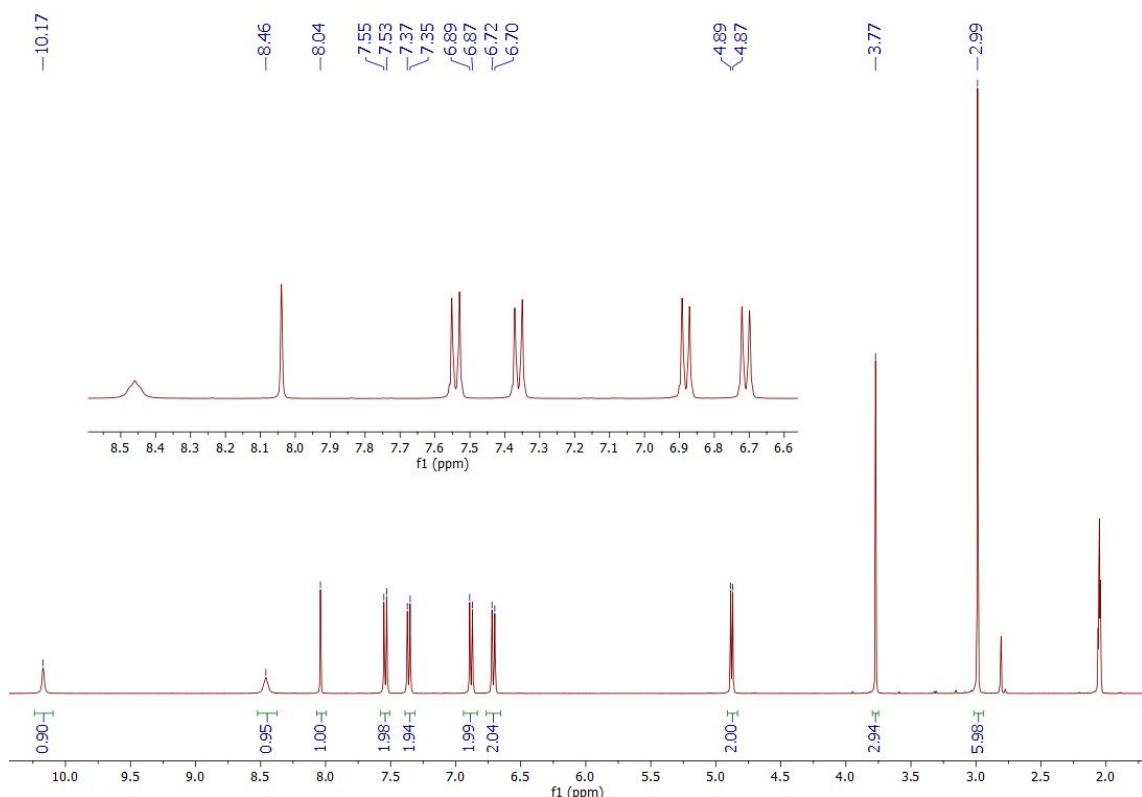


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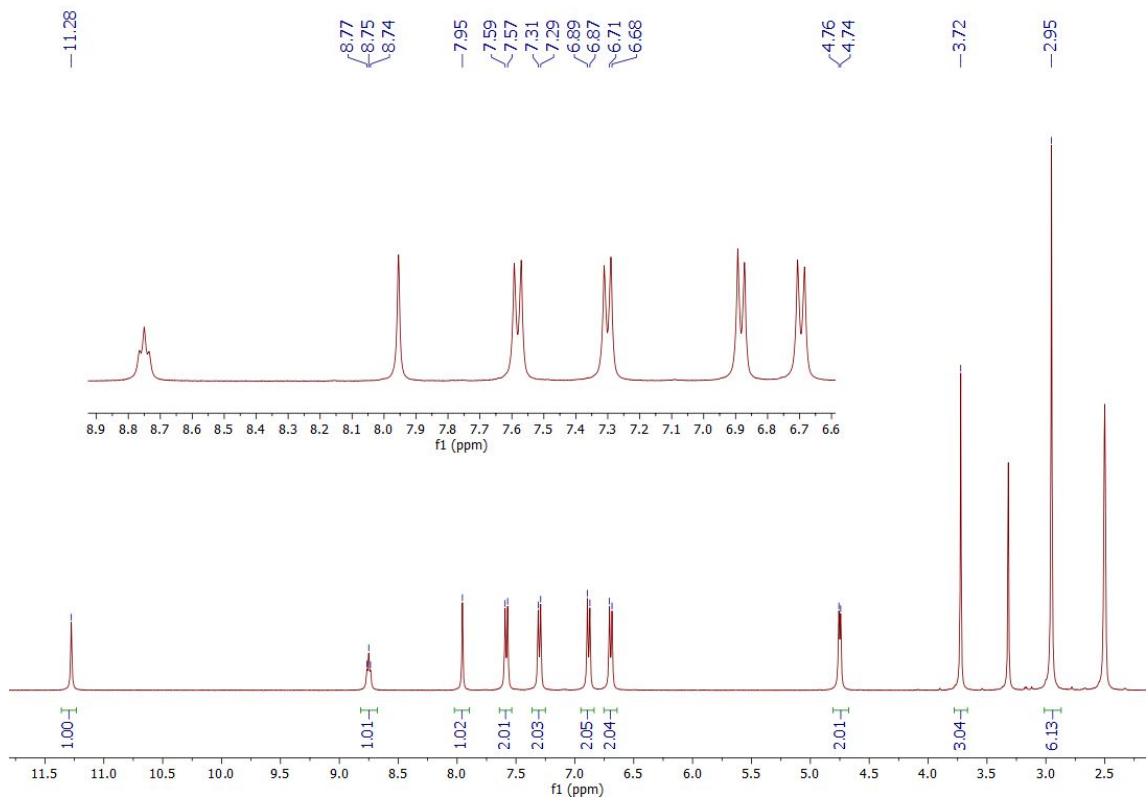
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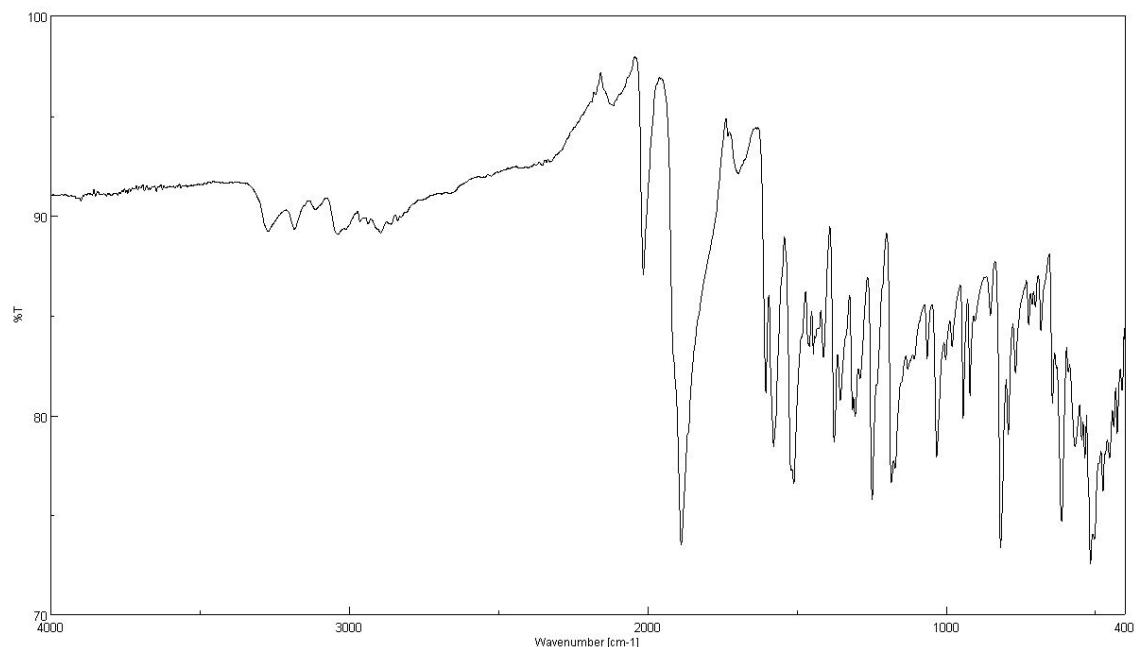


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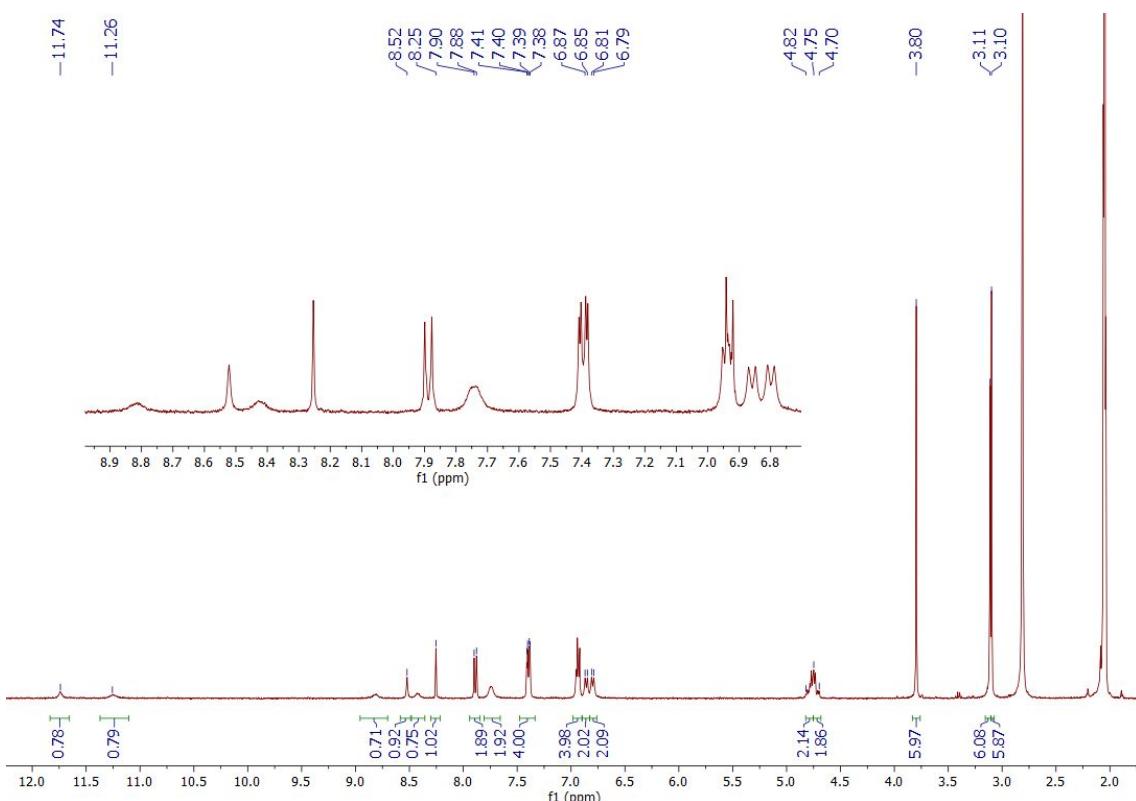


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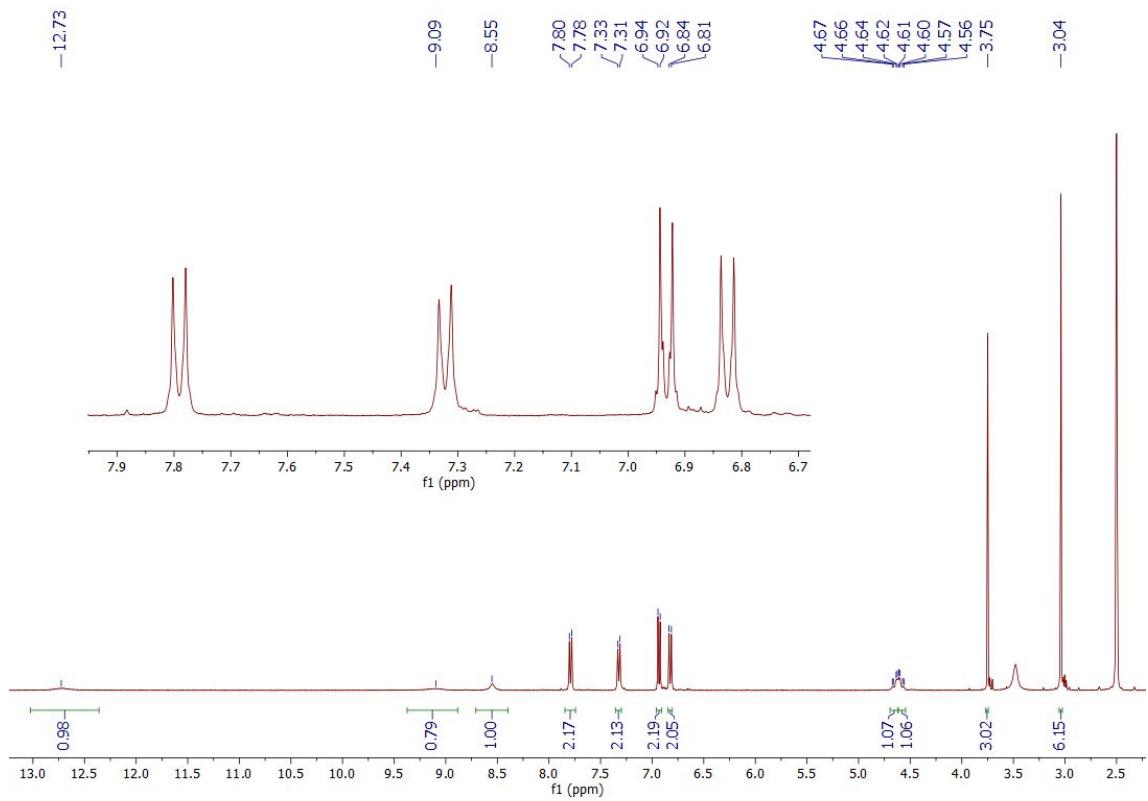
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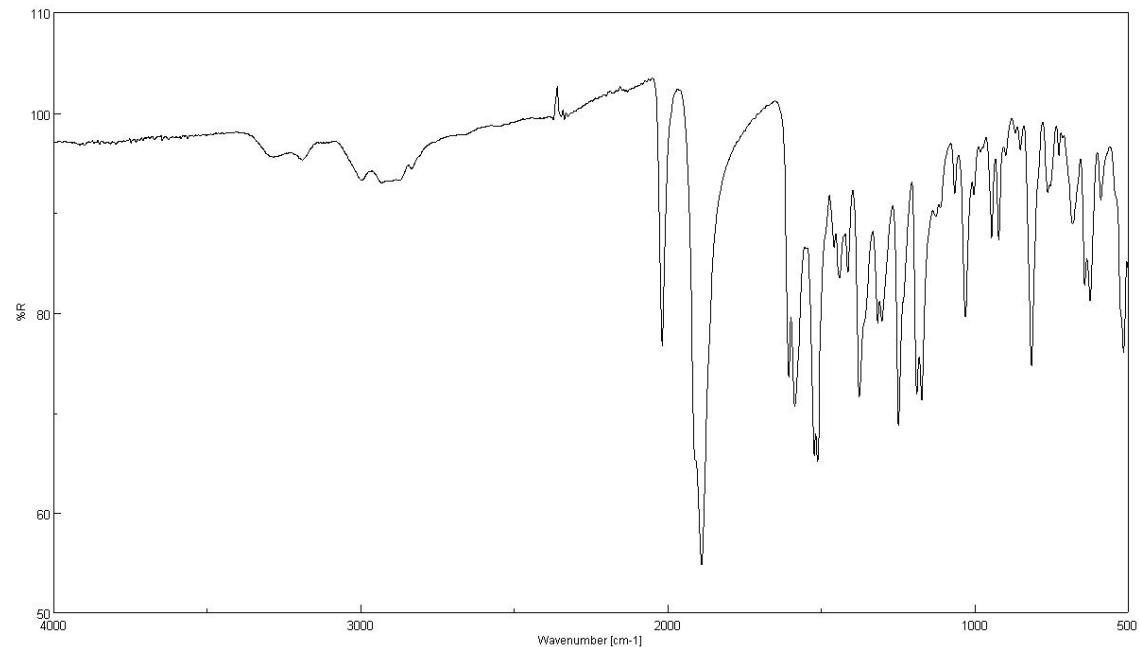
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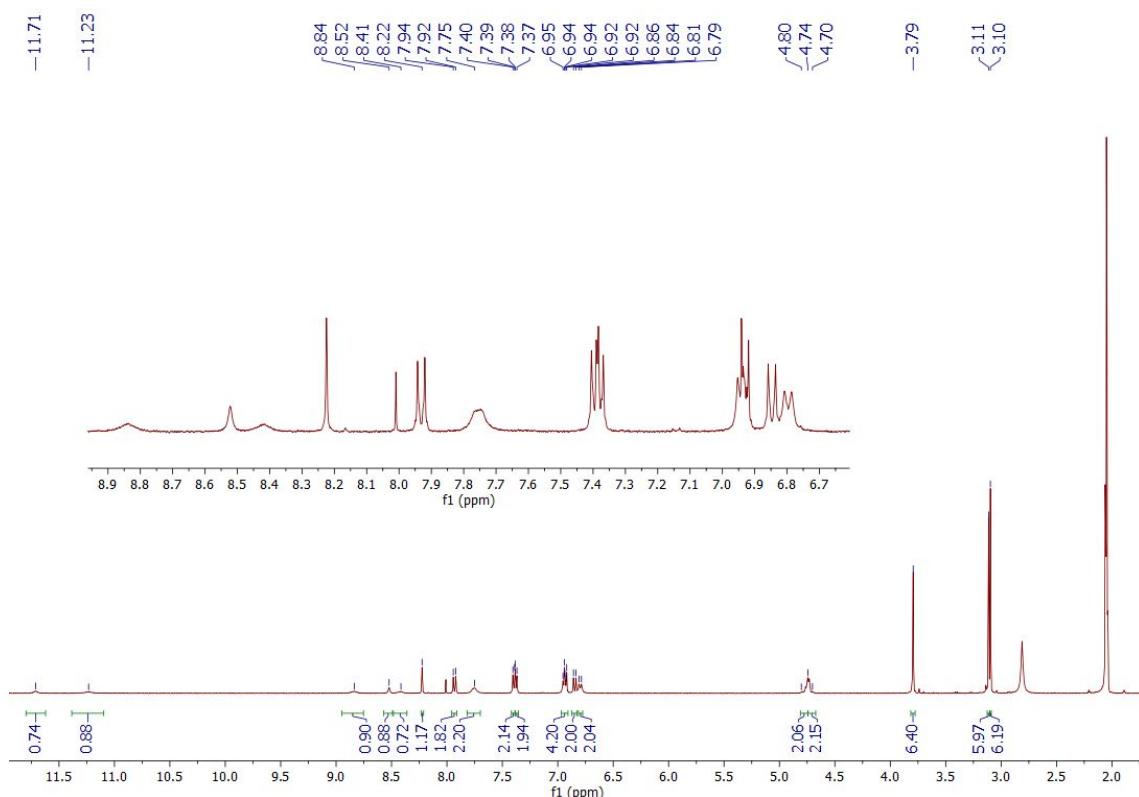
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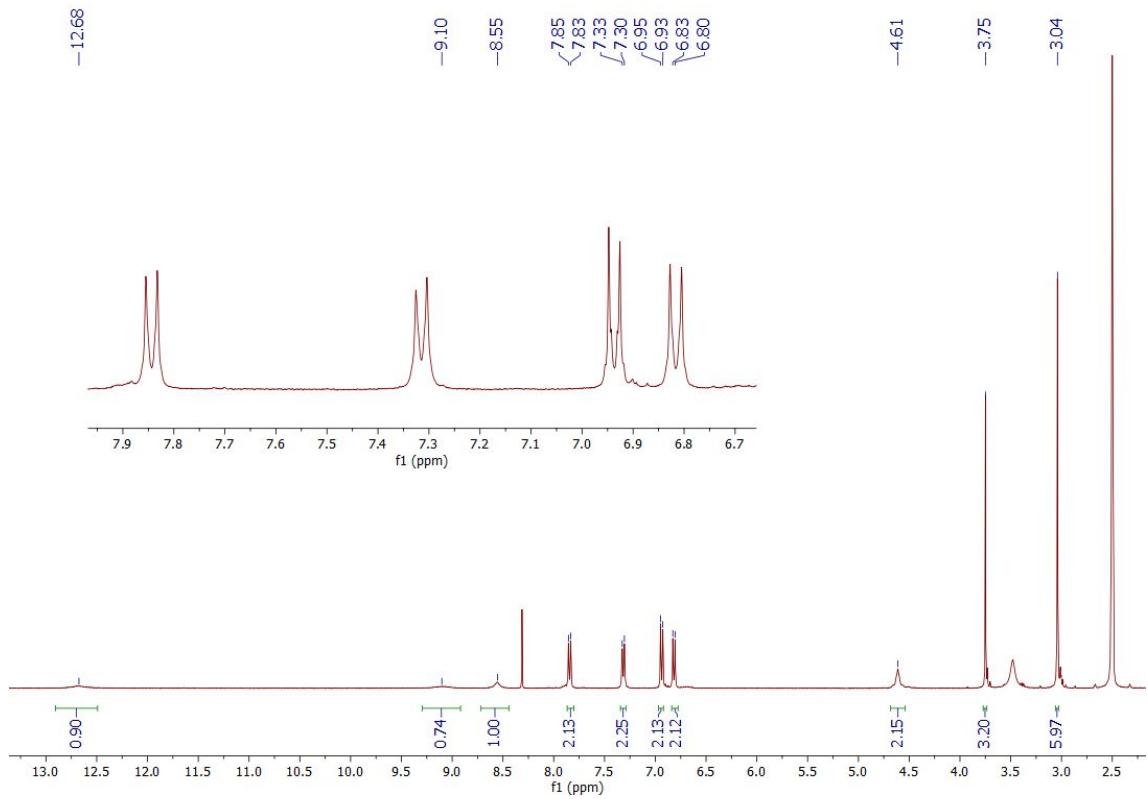
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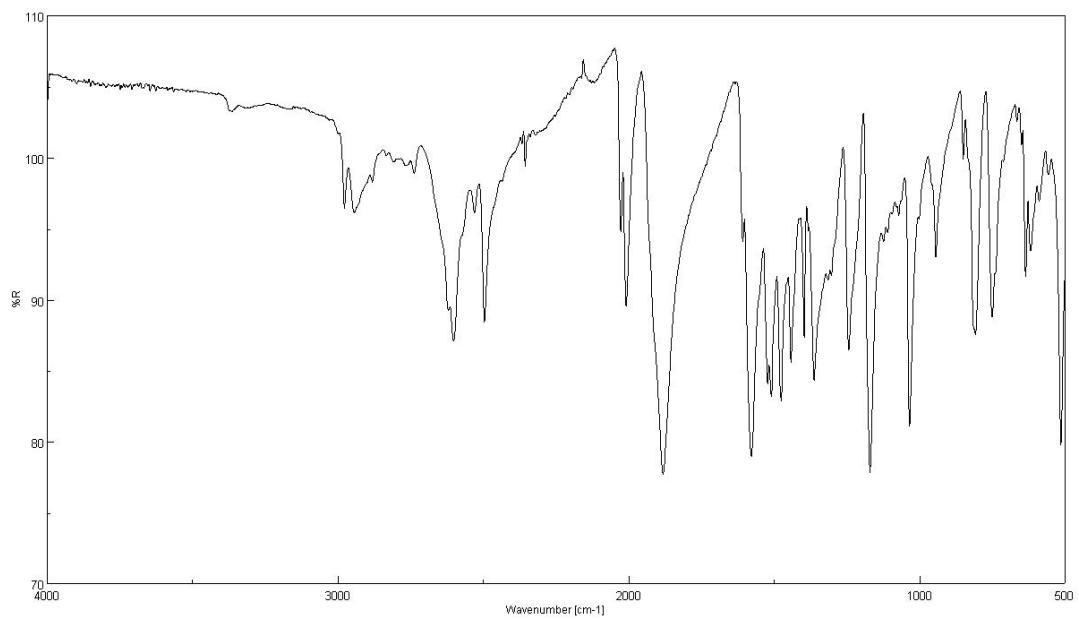


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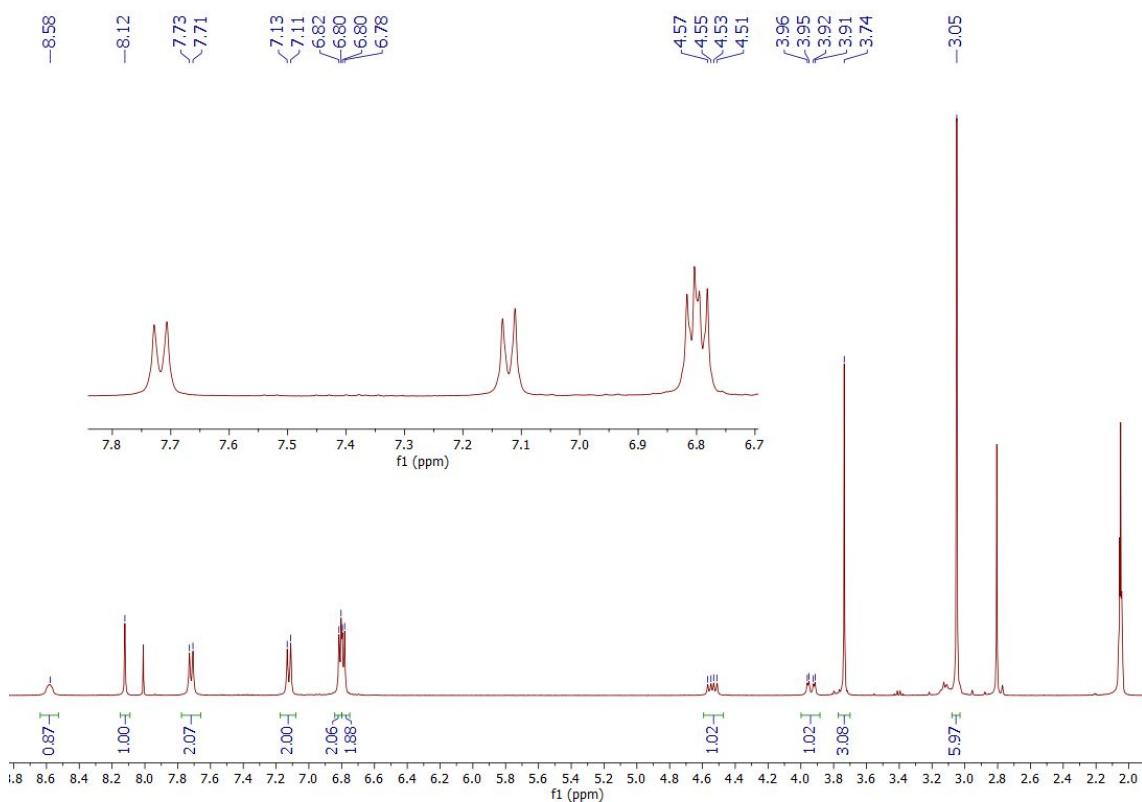


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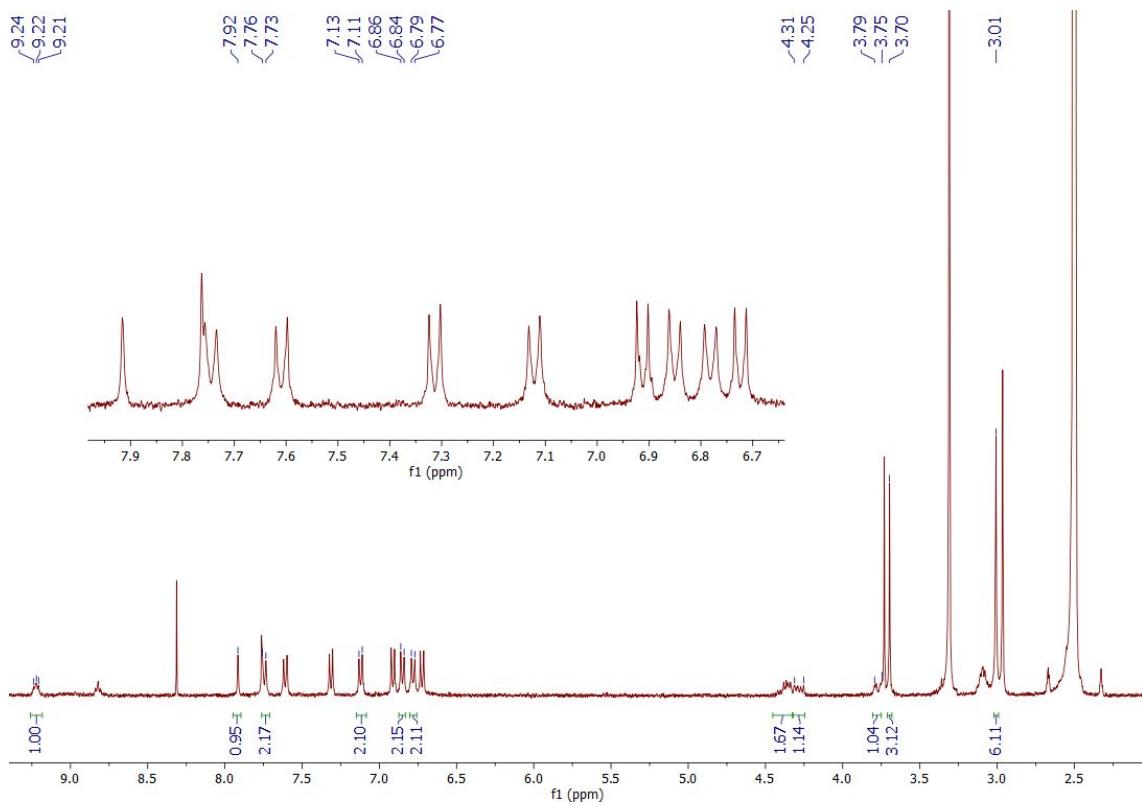
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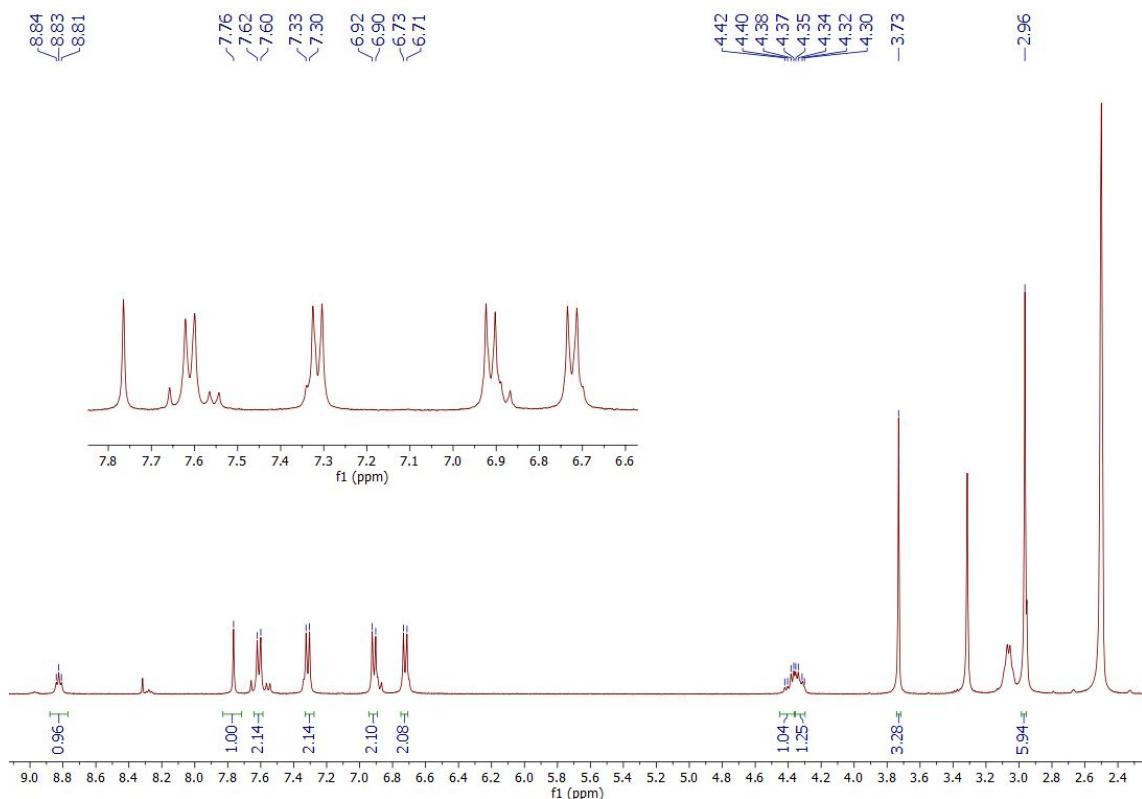
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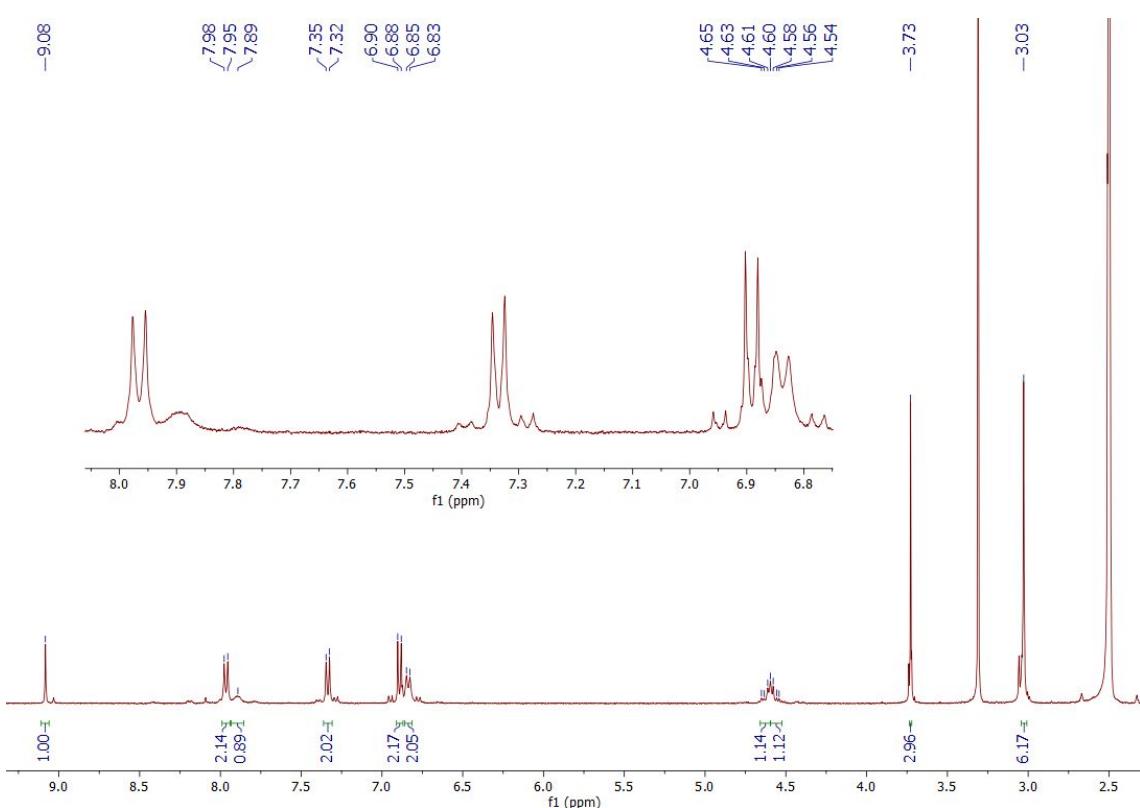
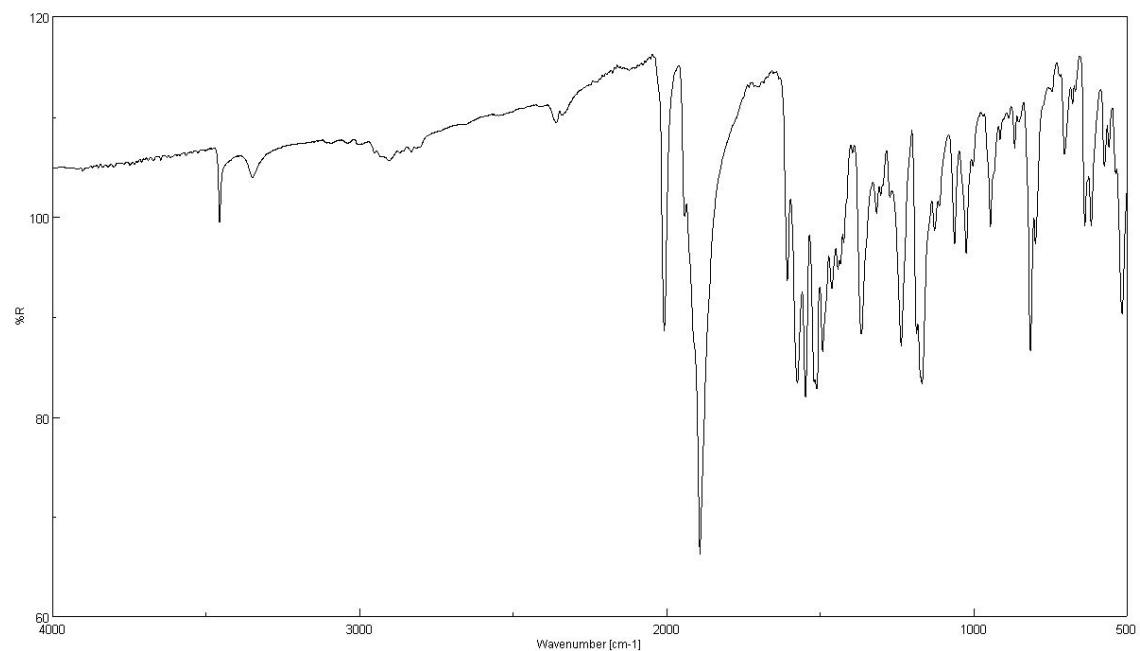


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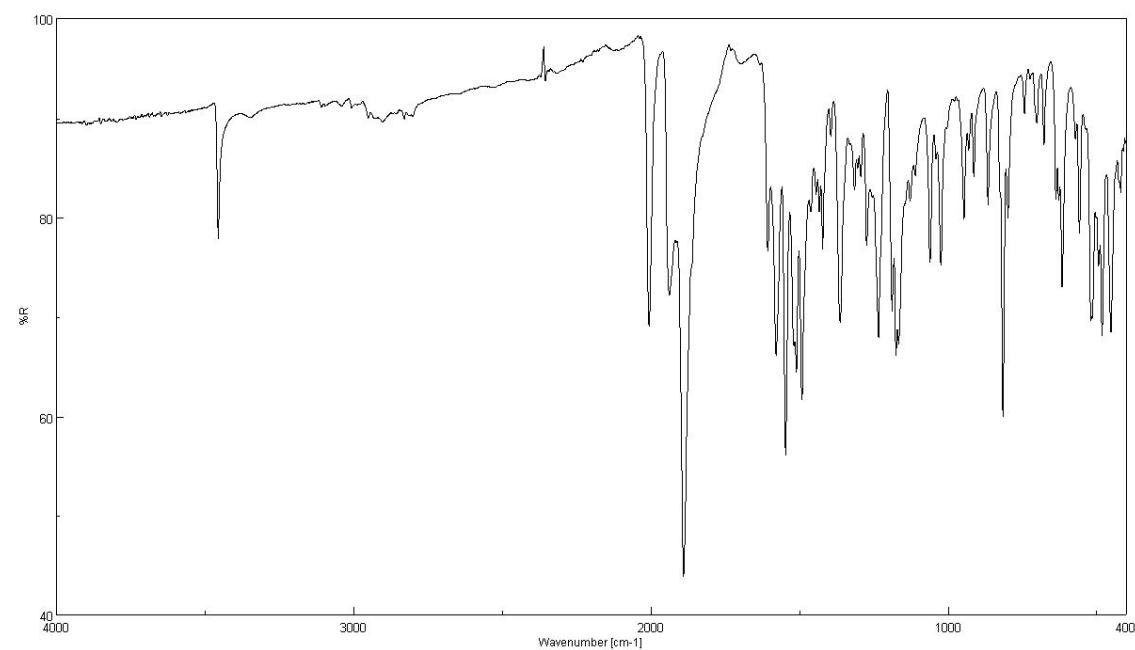


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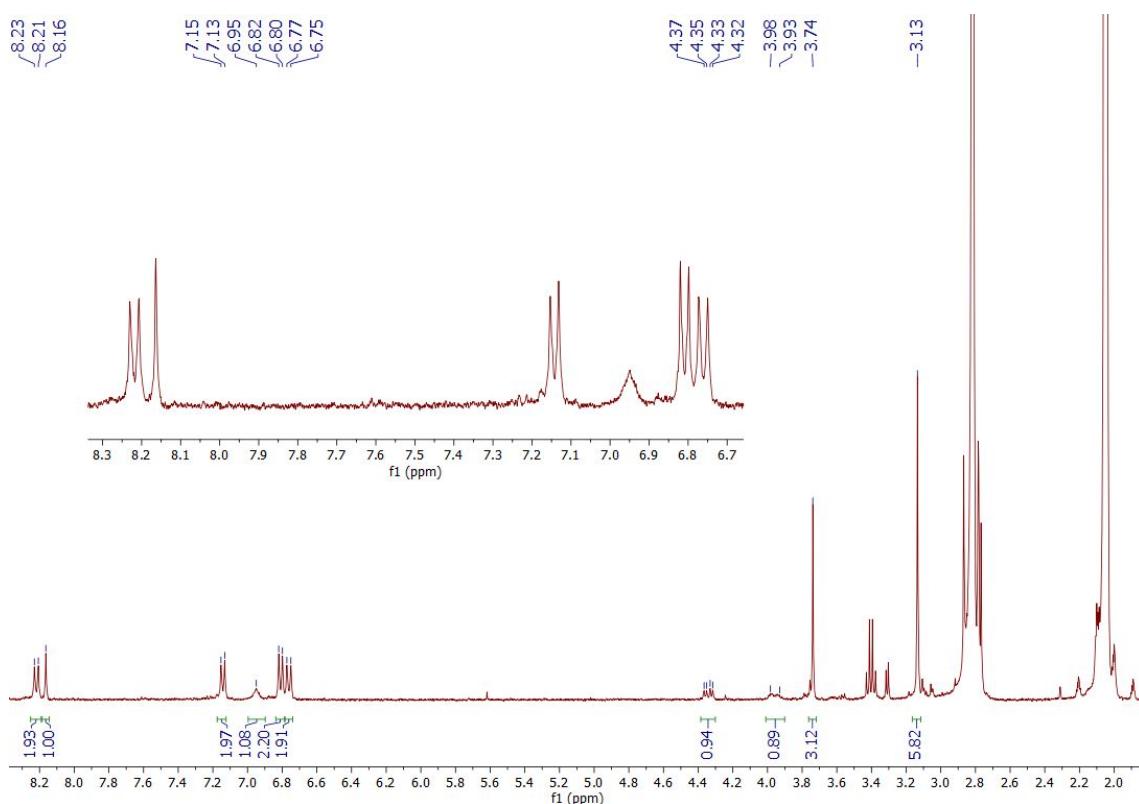
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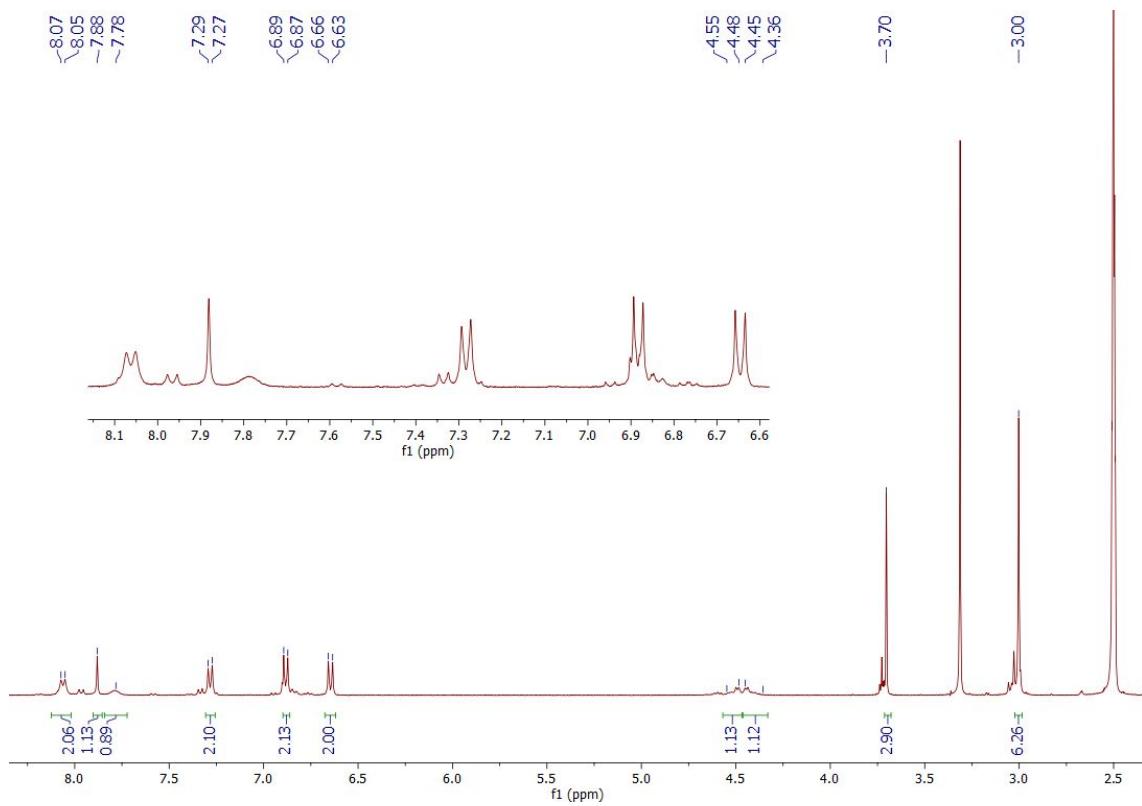
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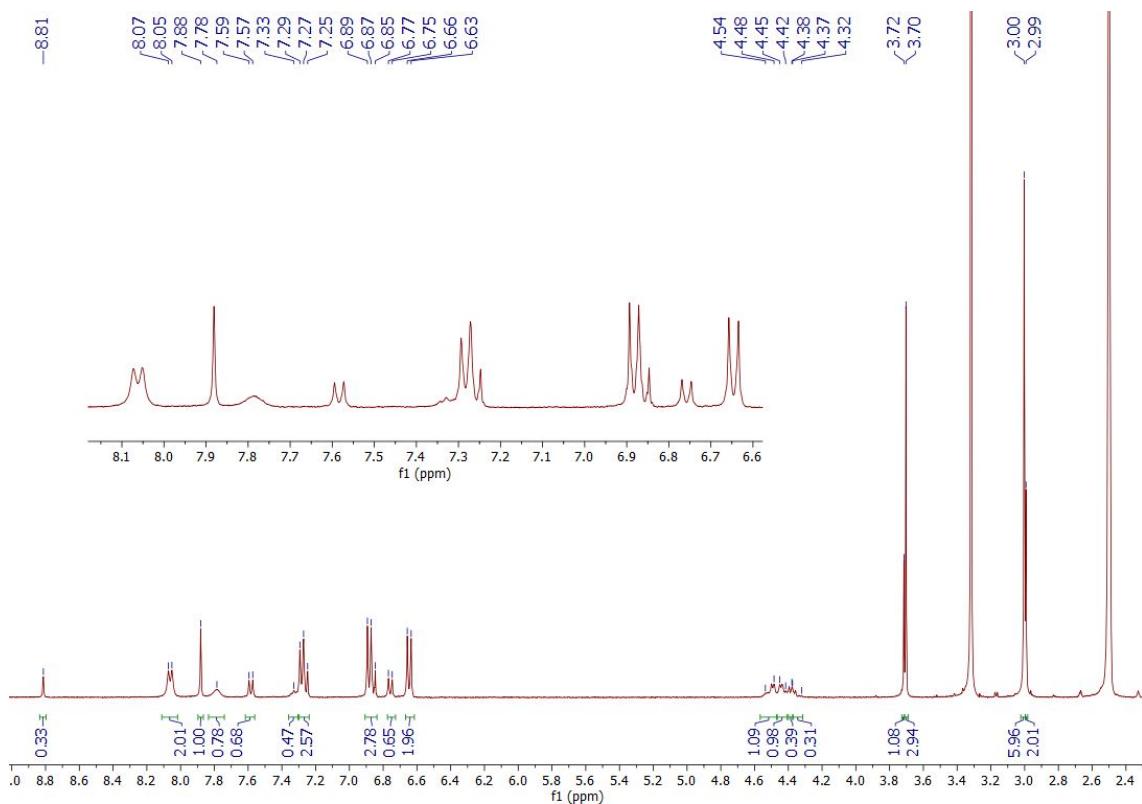
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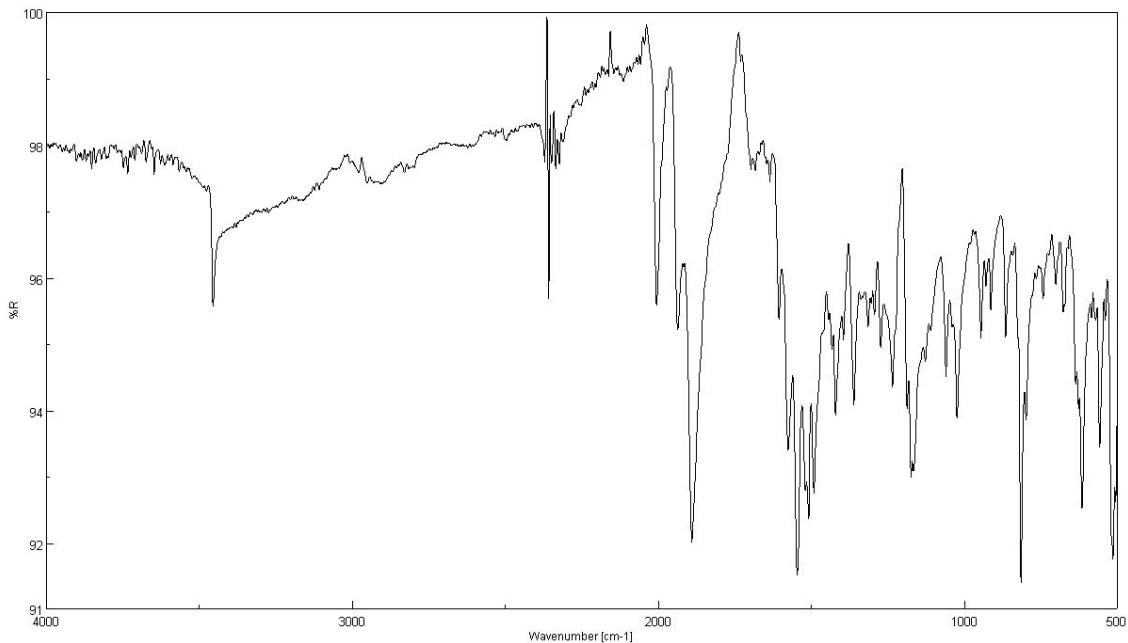


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IR spectrum