

Benzimidazole-Branched Isomeric Dyes: Effect of Molecular Constitution on Photophysical, Electrochemical and Photovoltaic Properties

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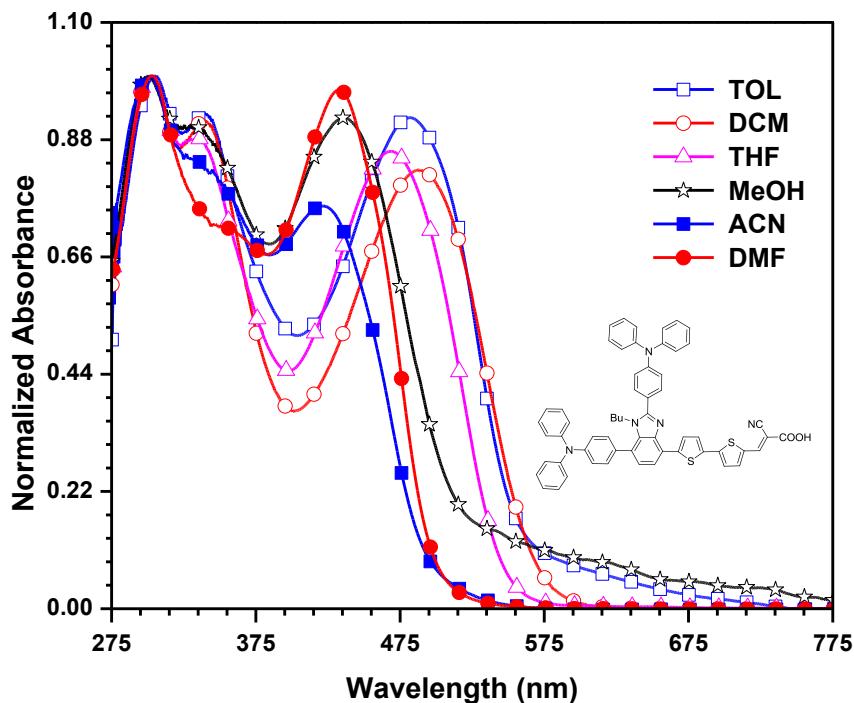


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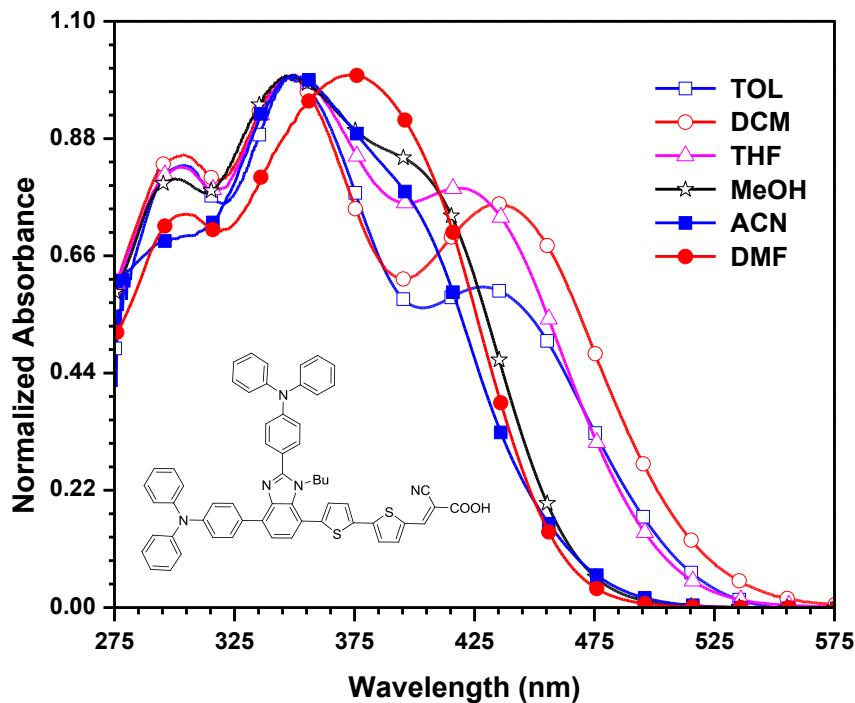


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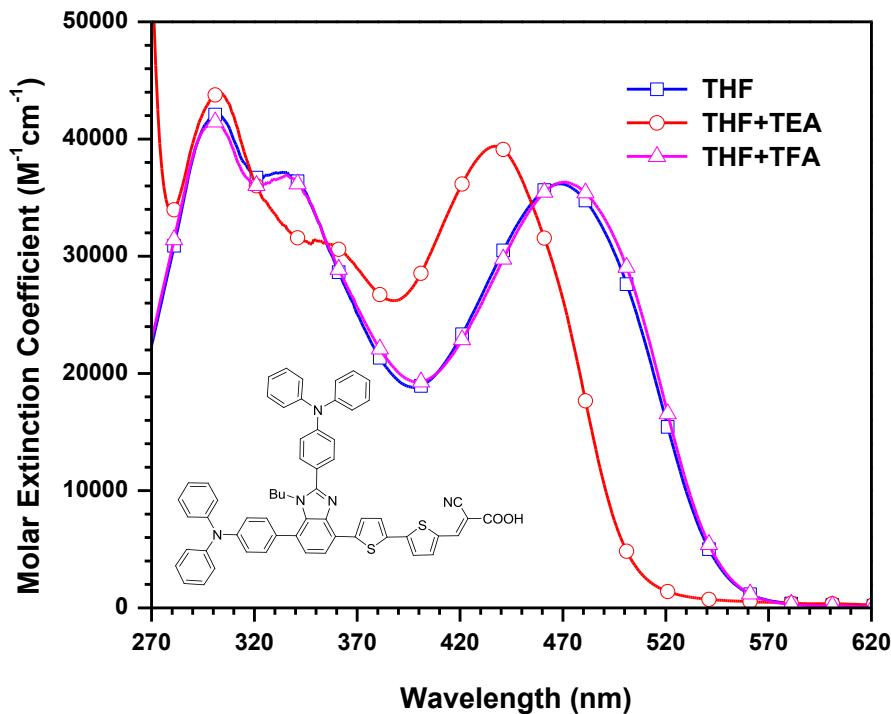


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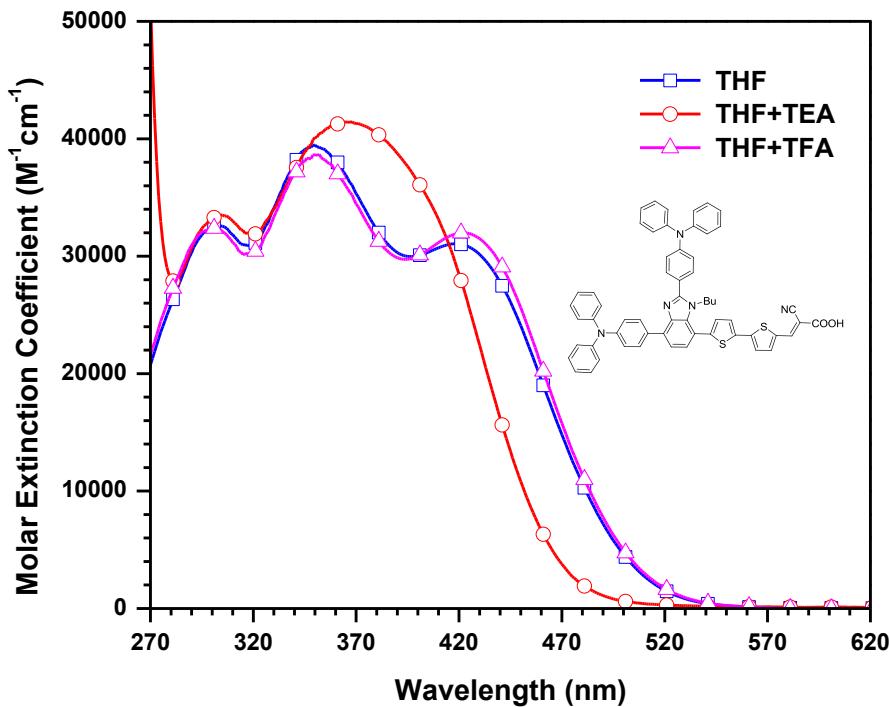


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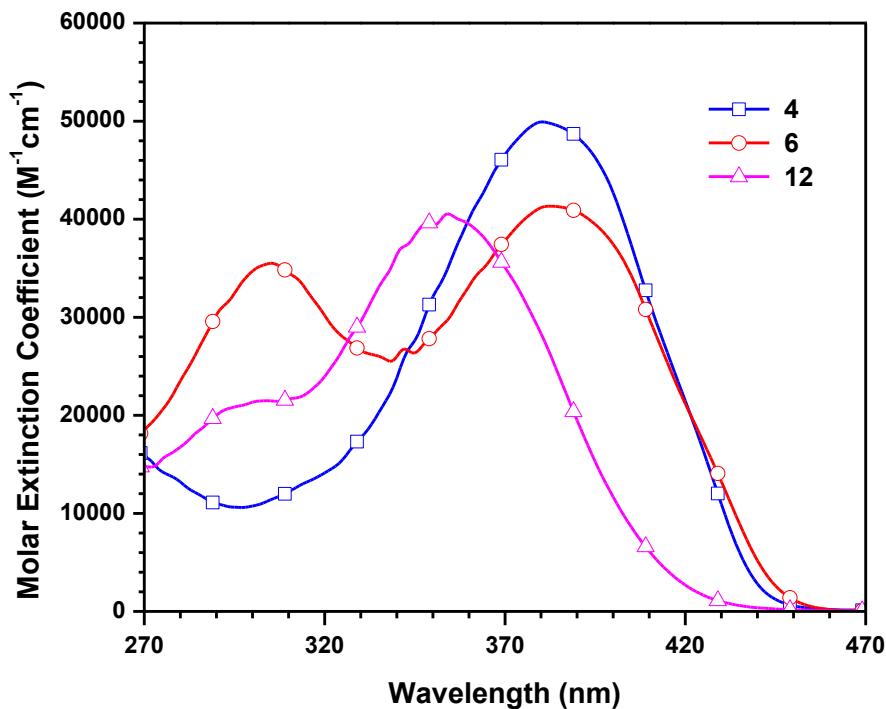


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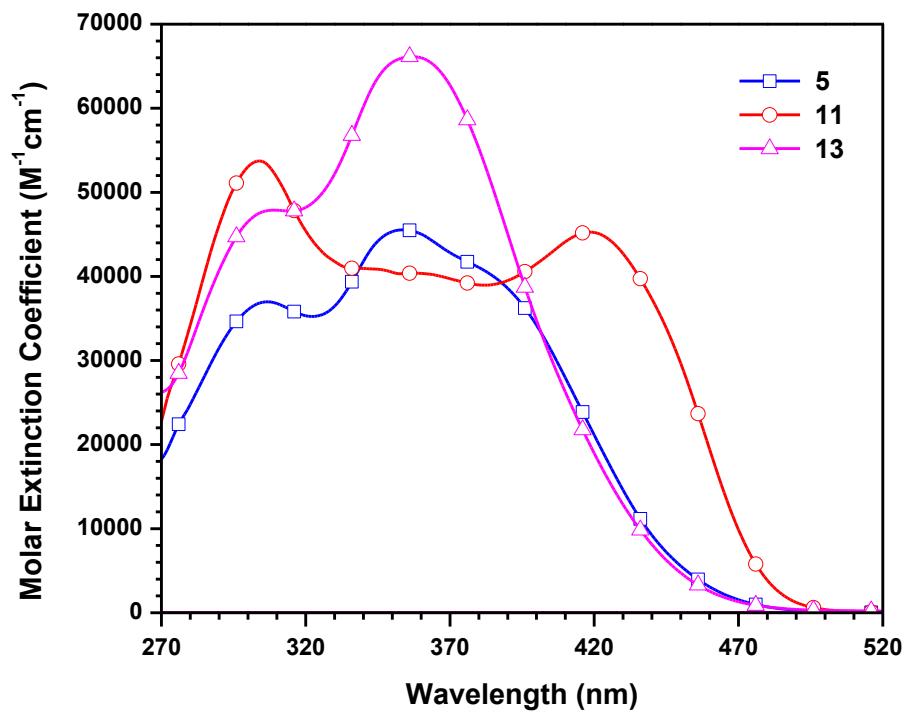


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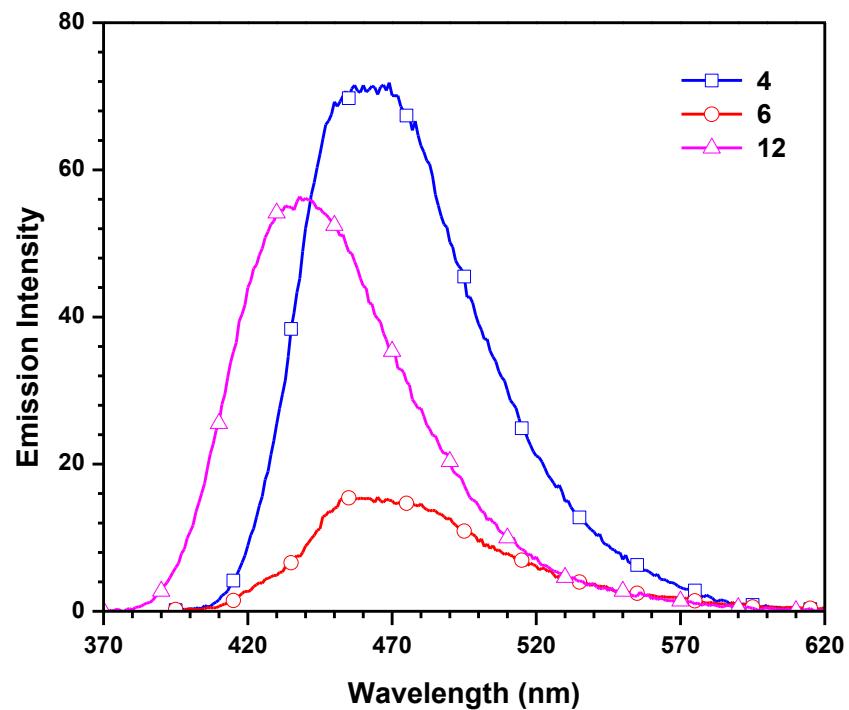


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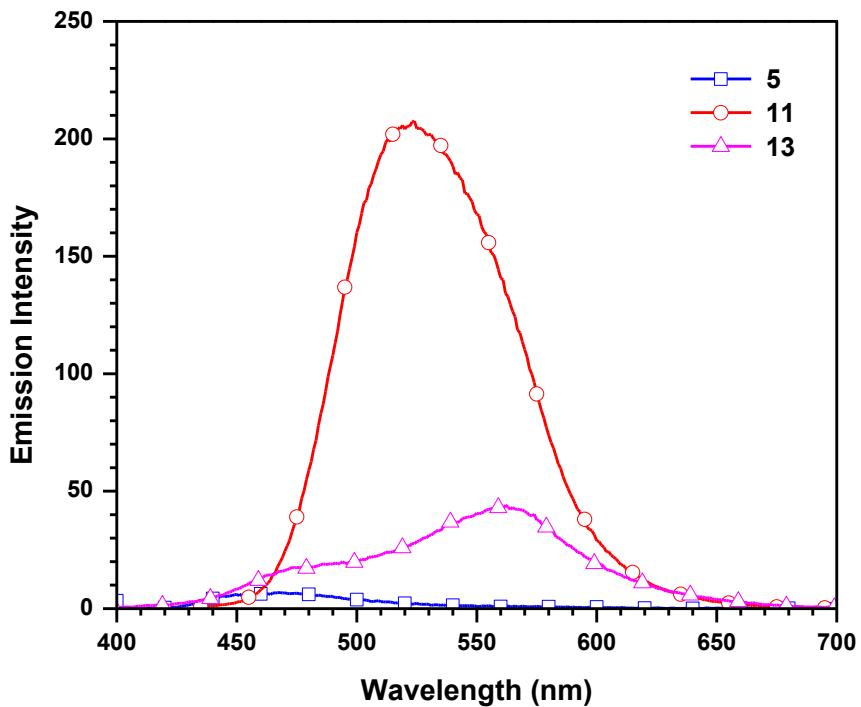


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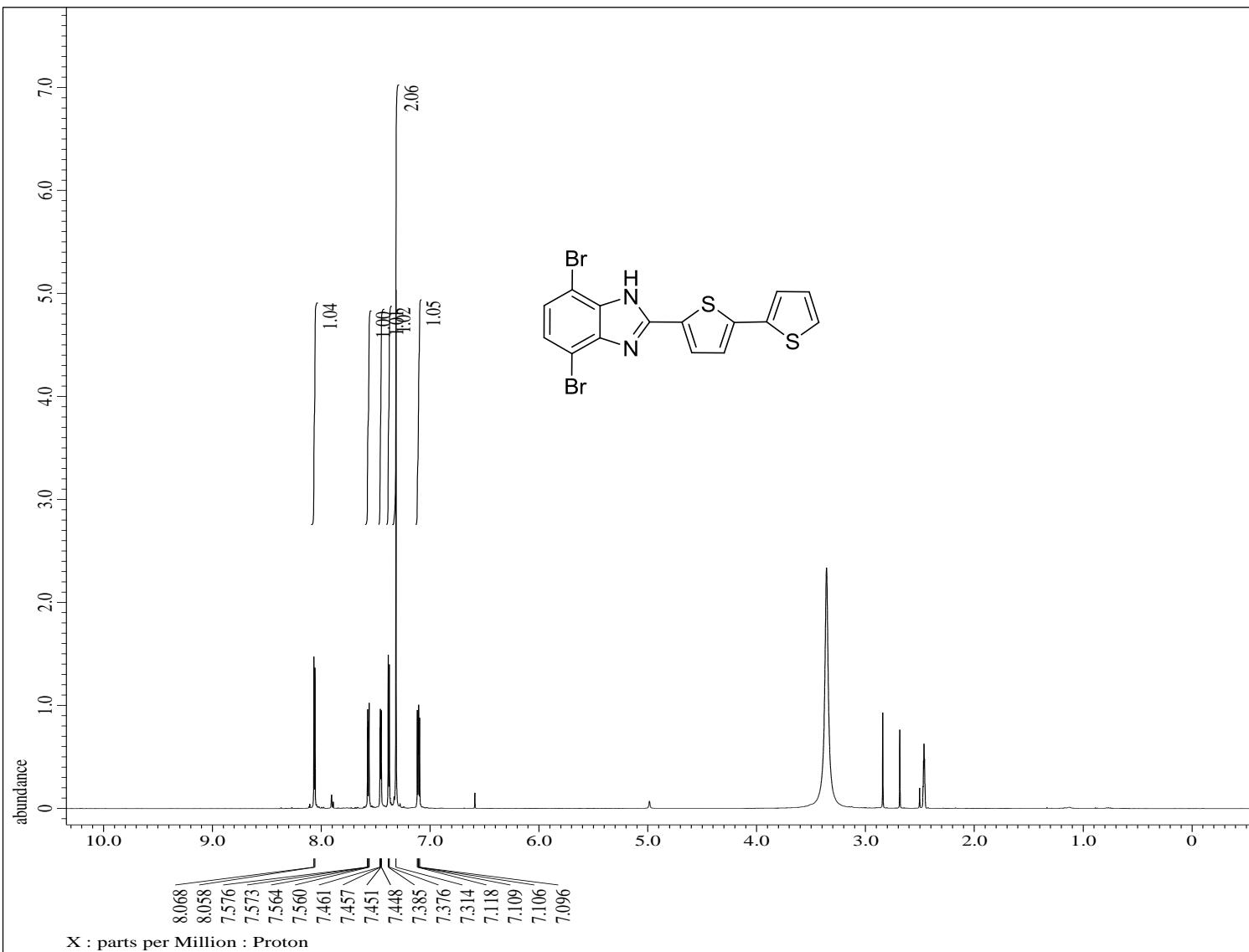


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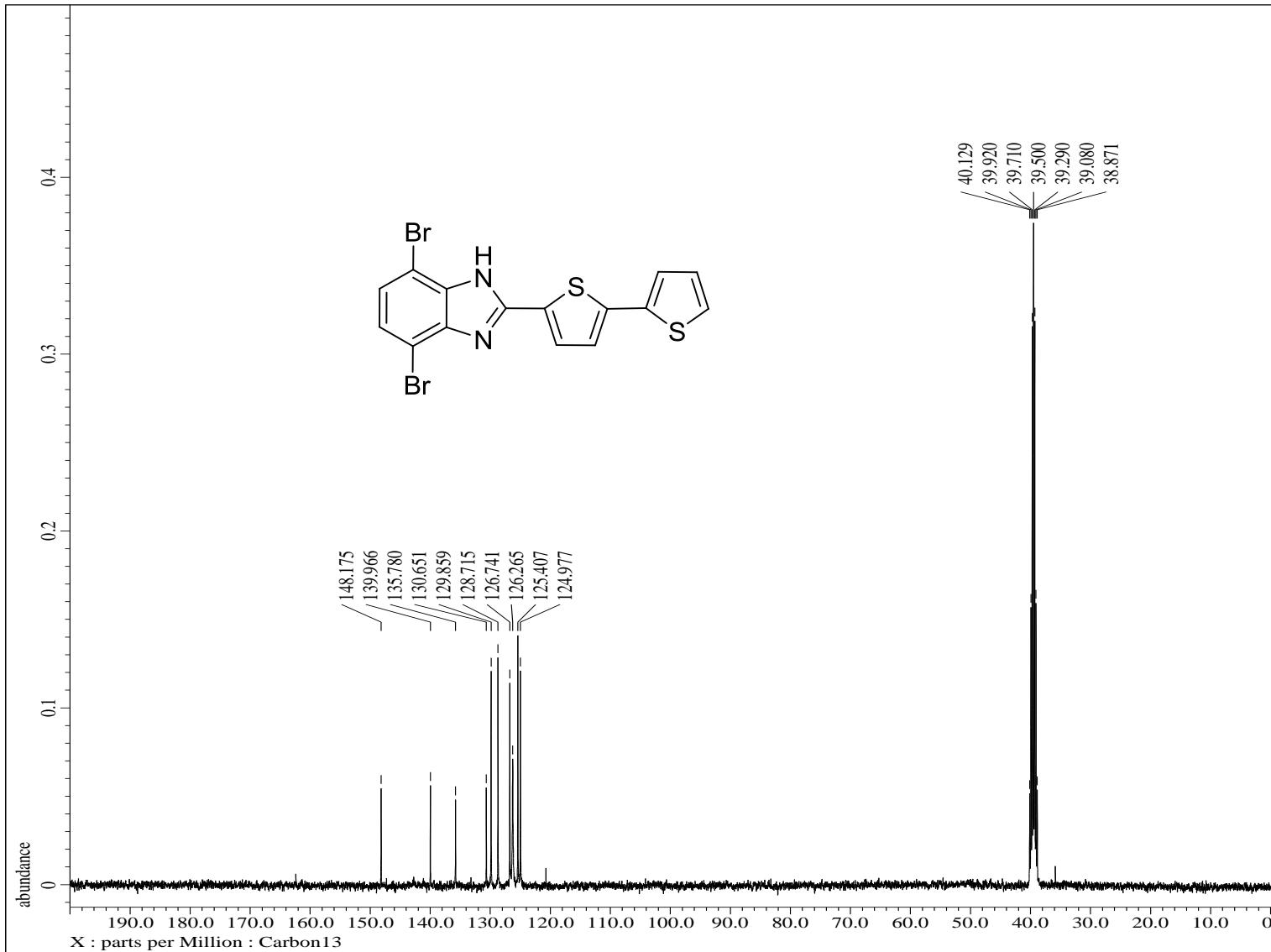


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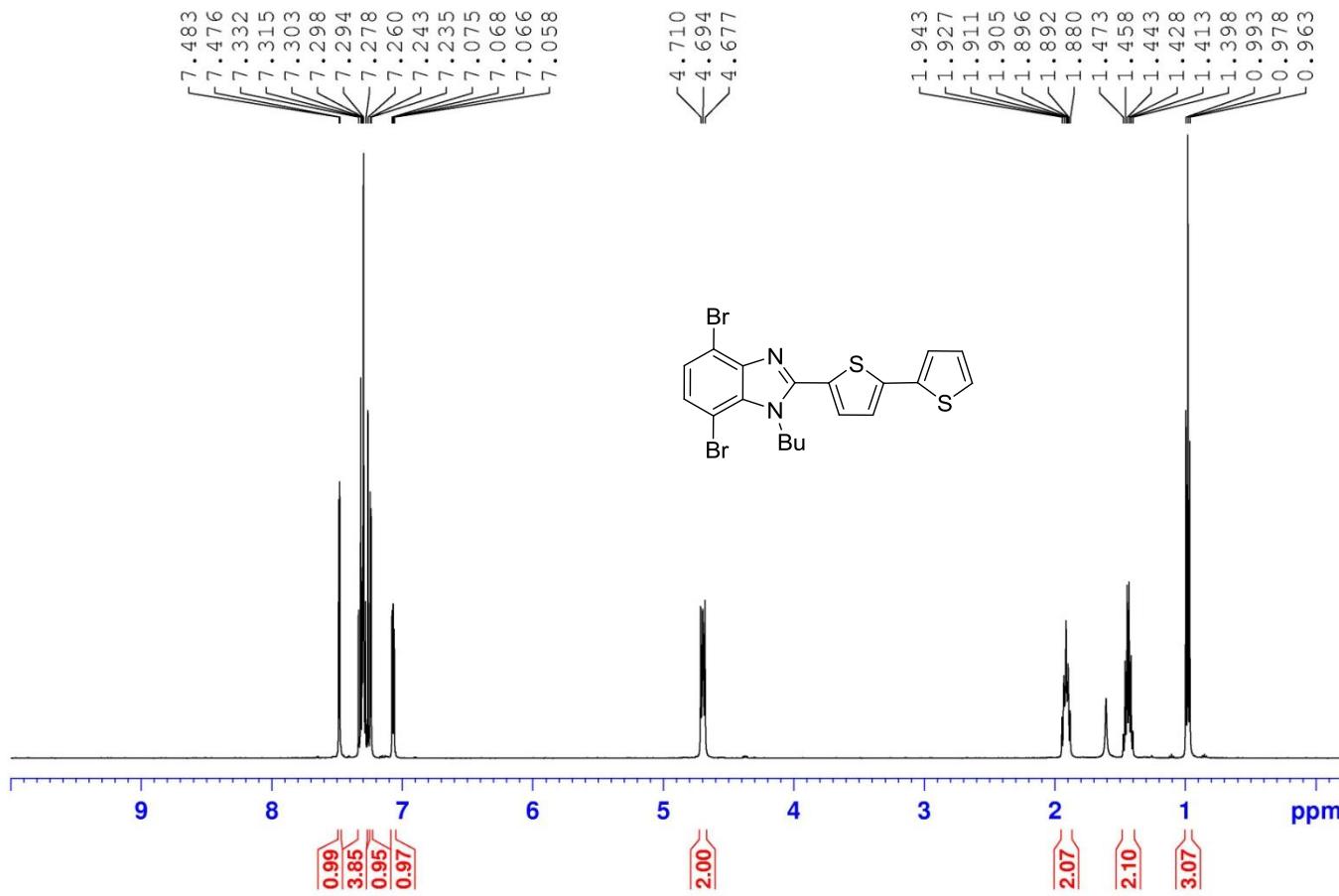


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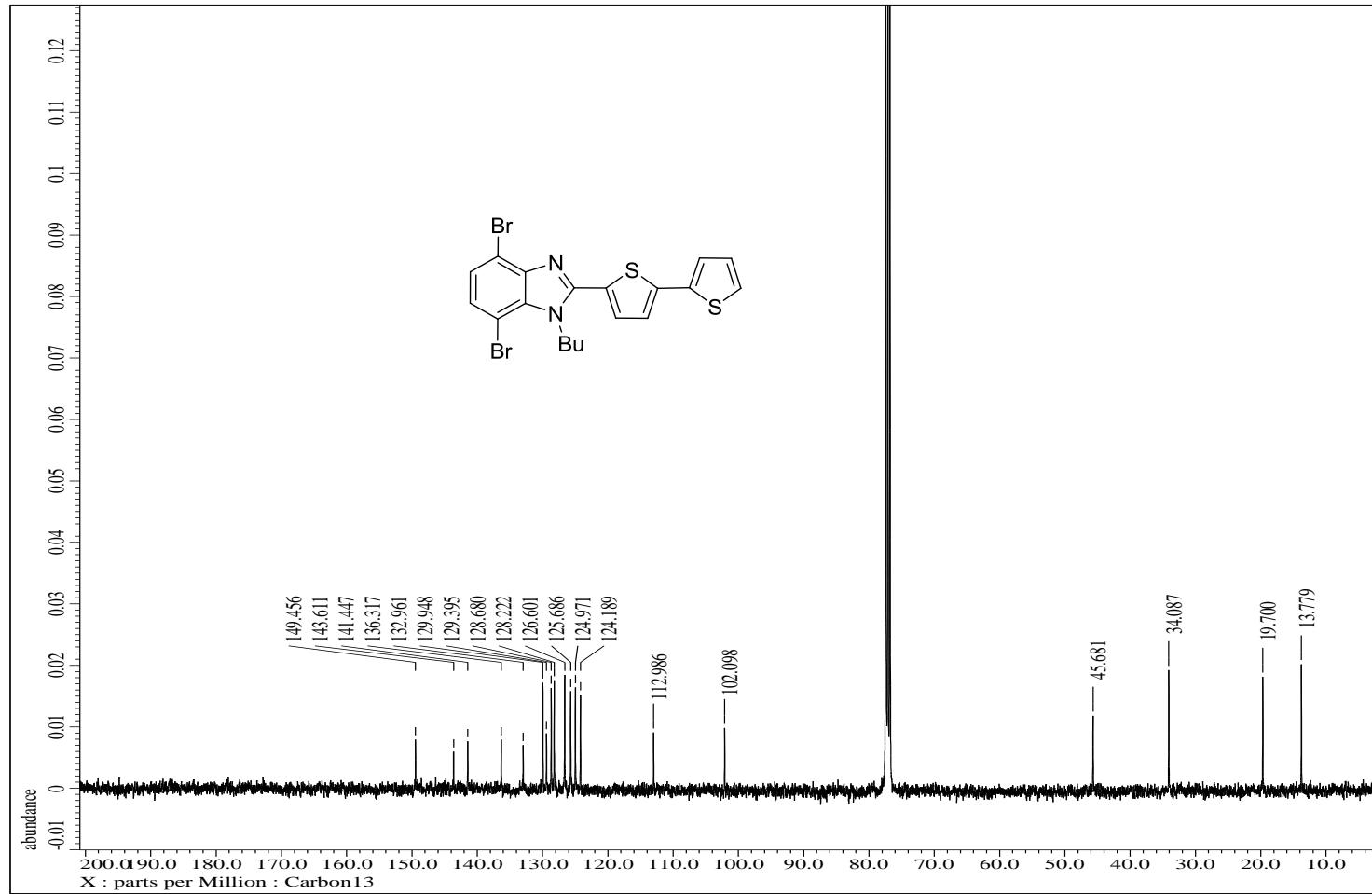


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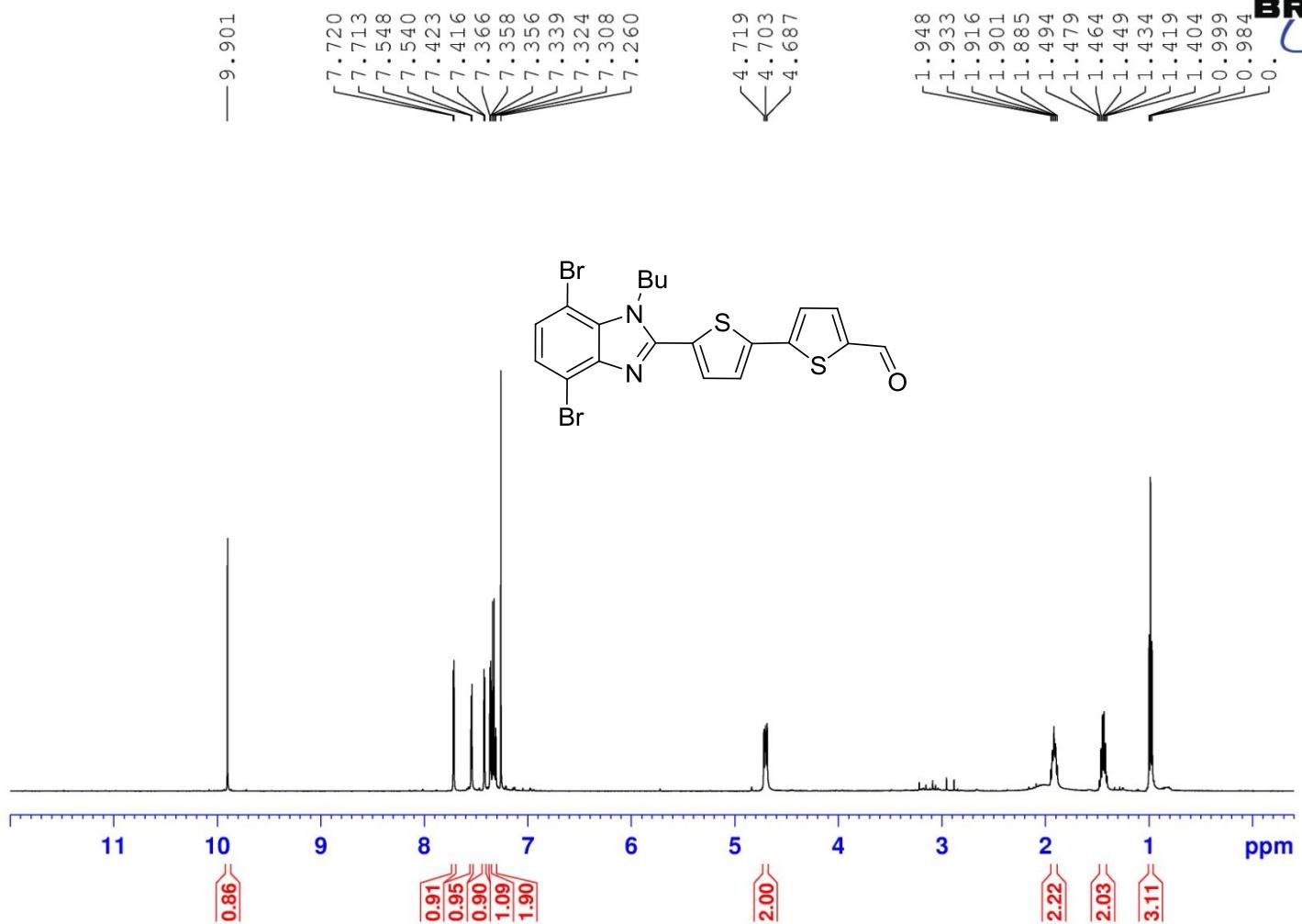
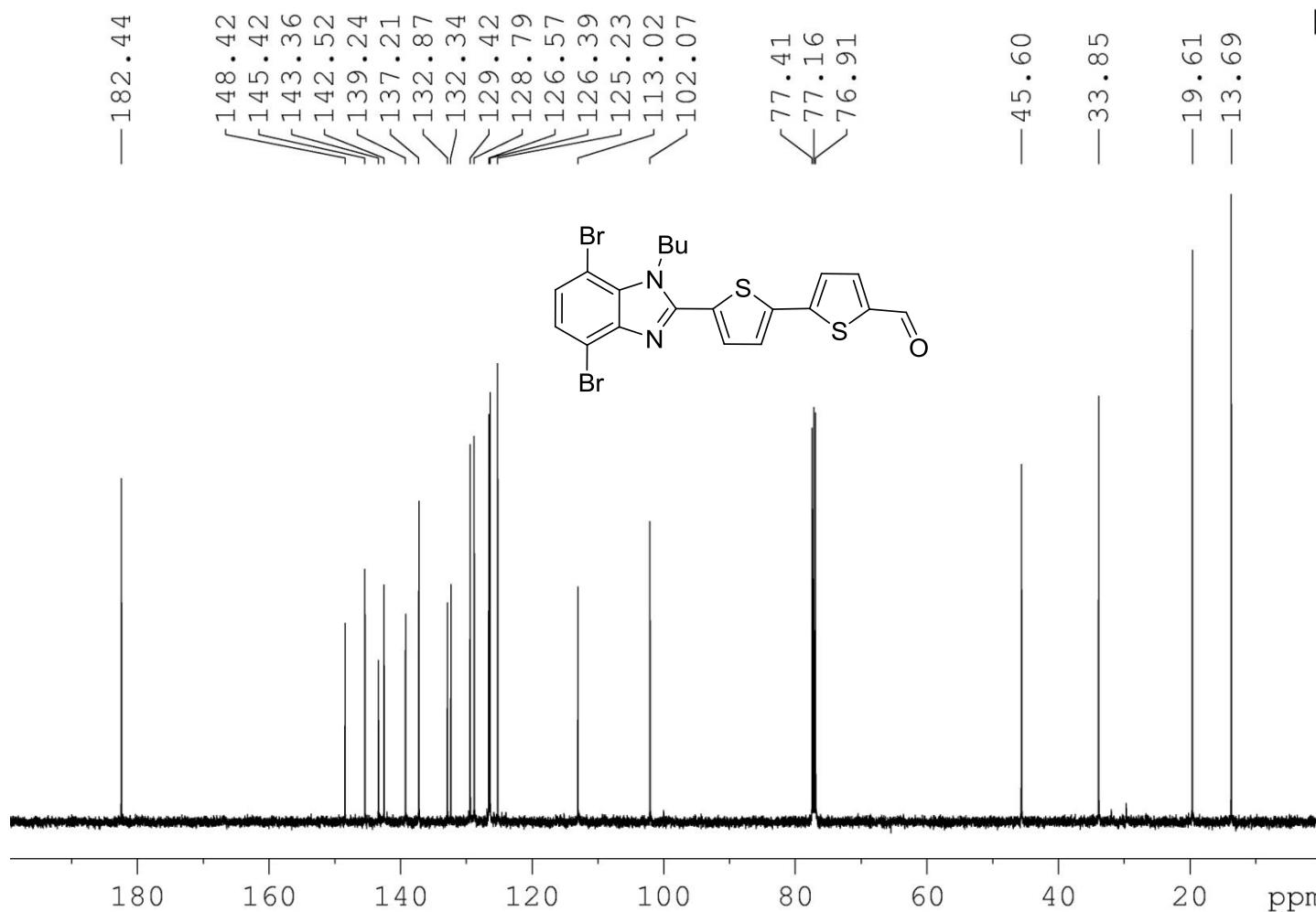


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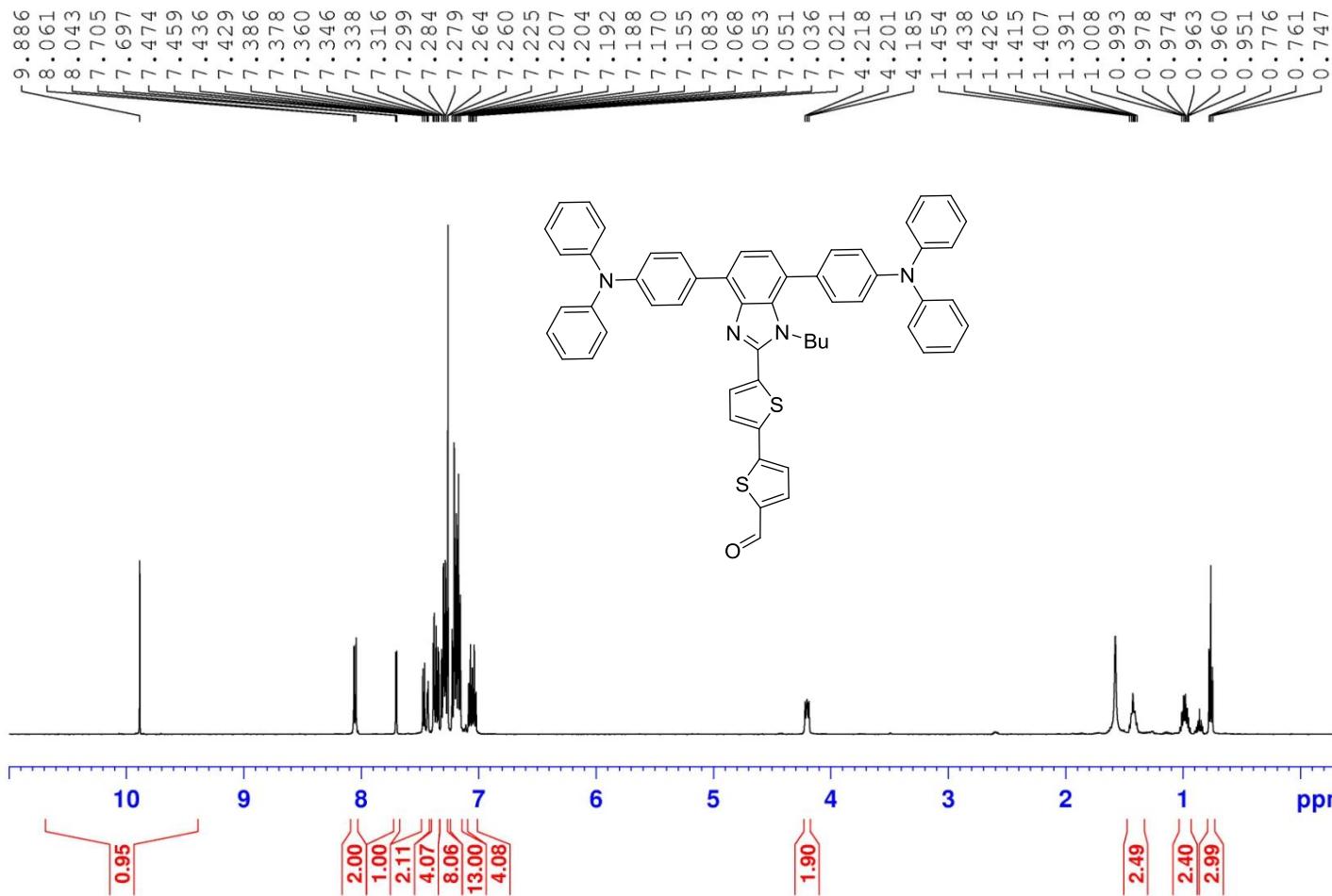


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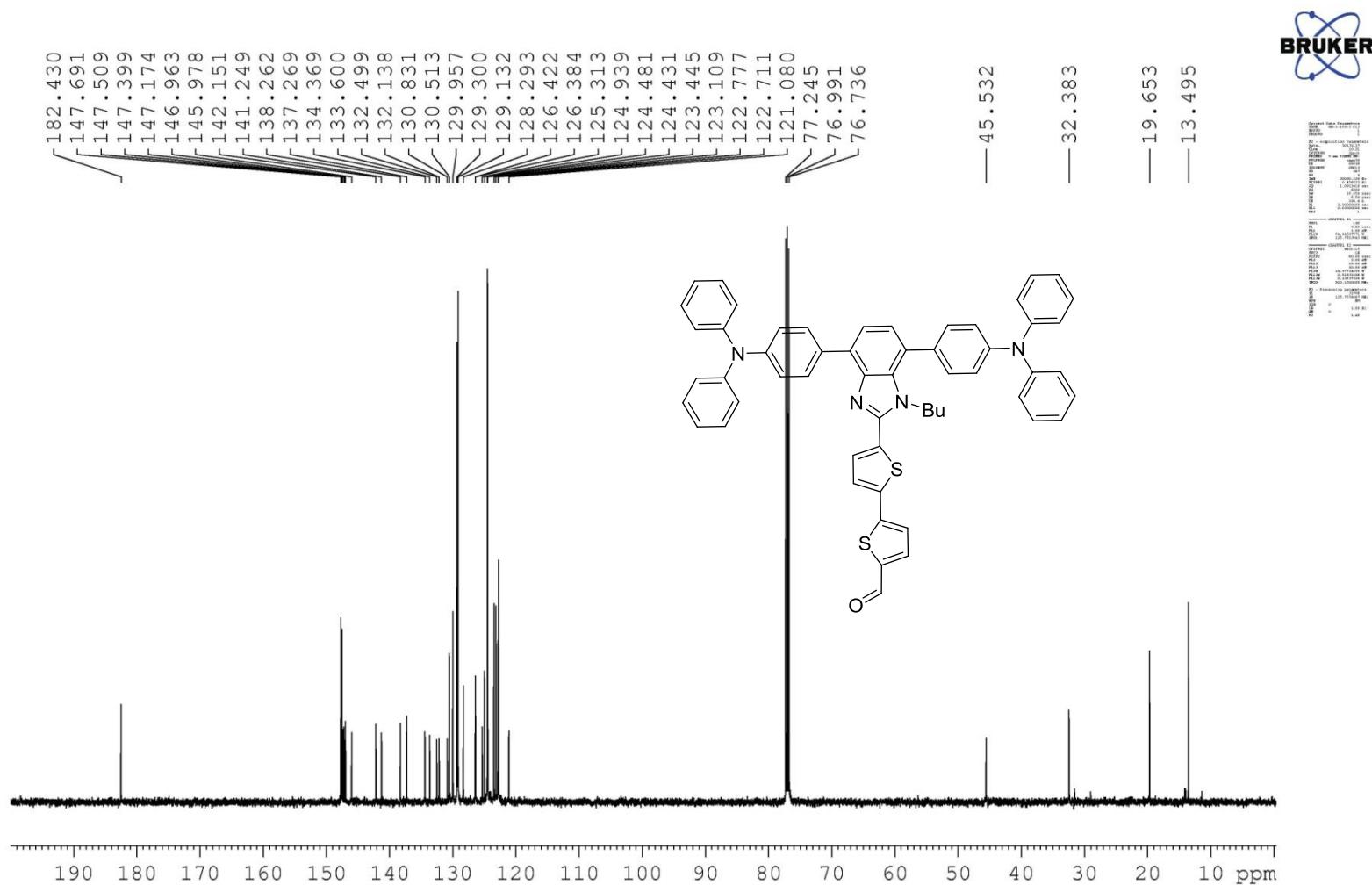


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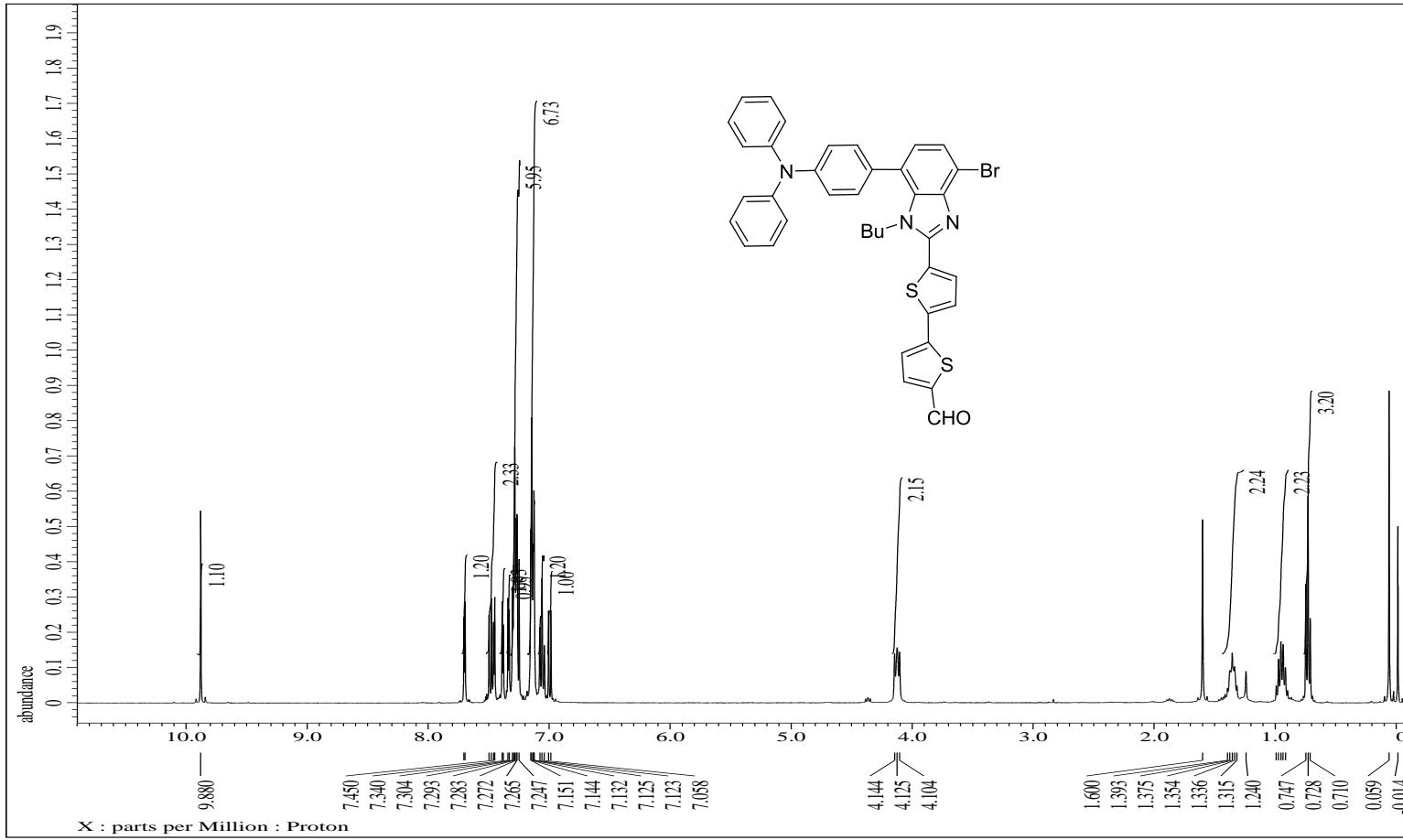


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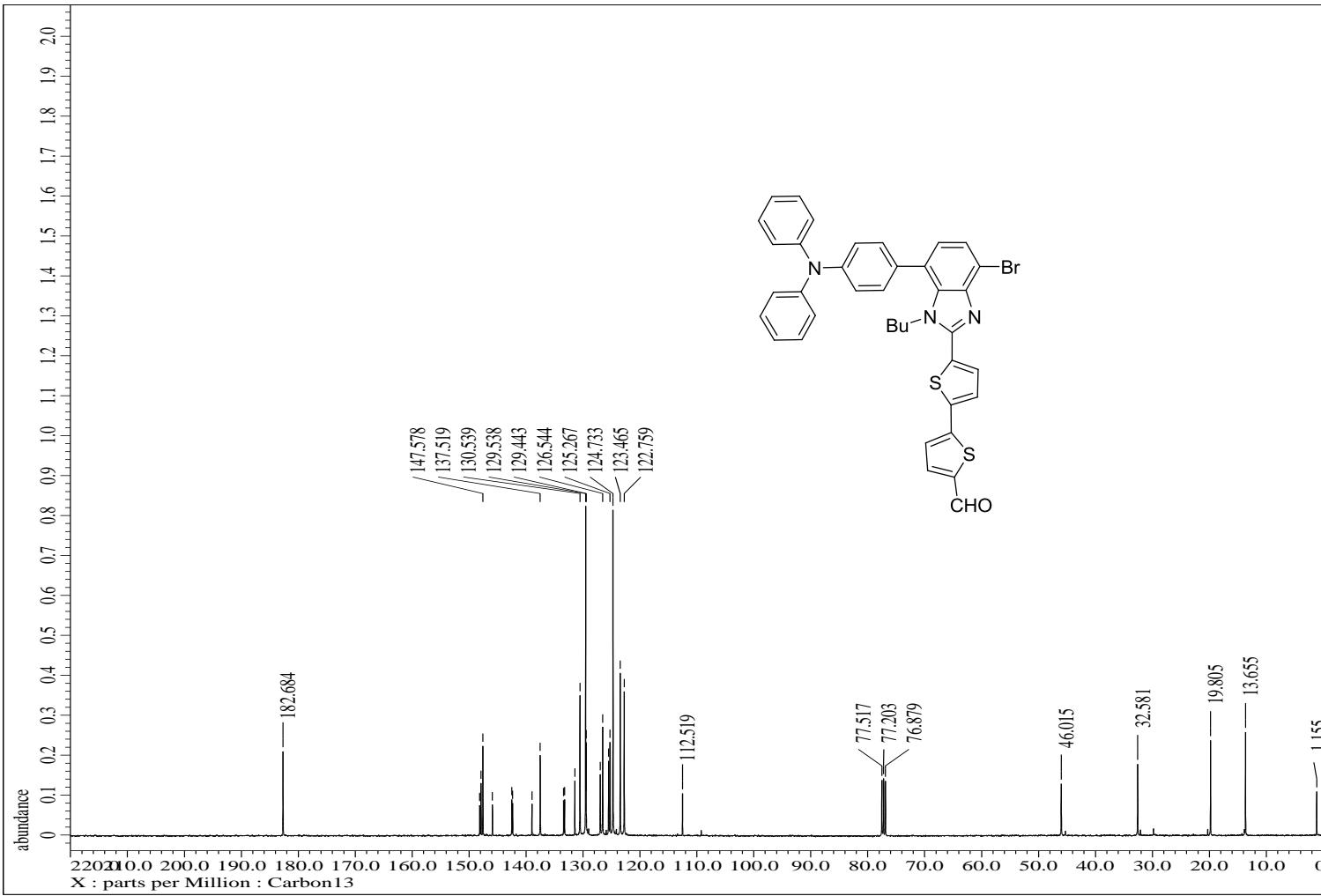


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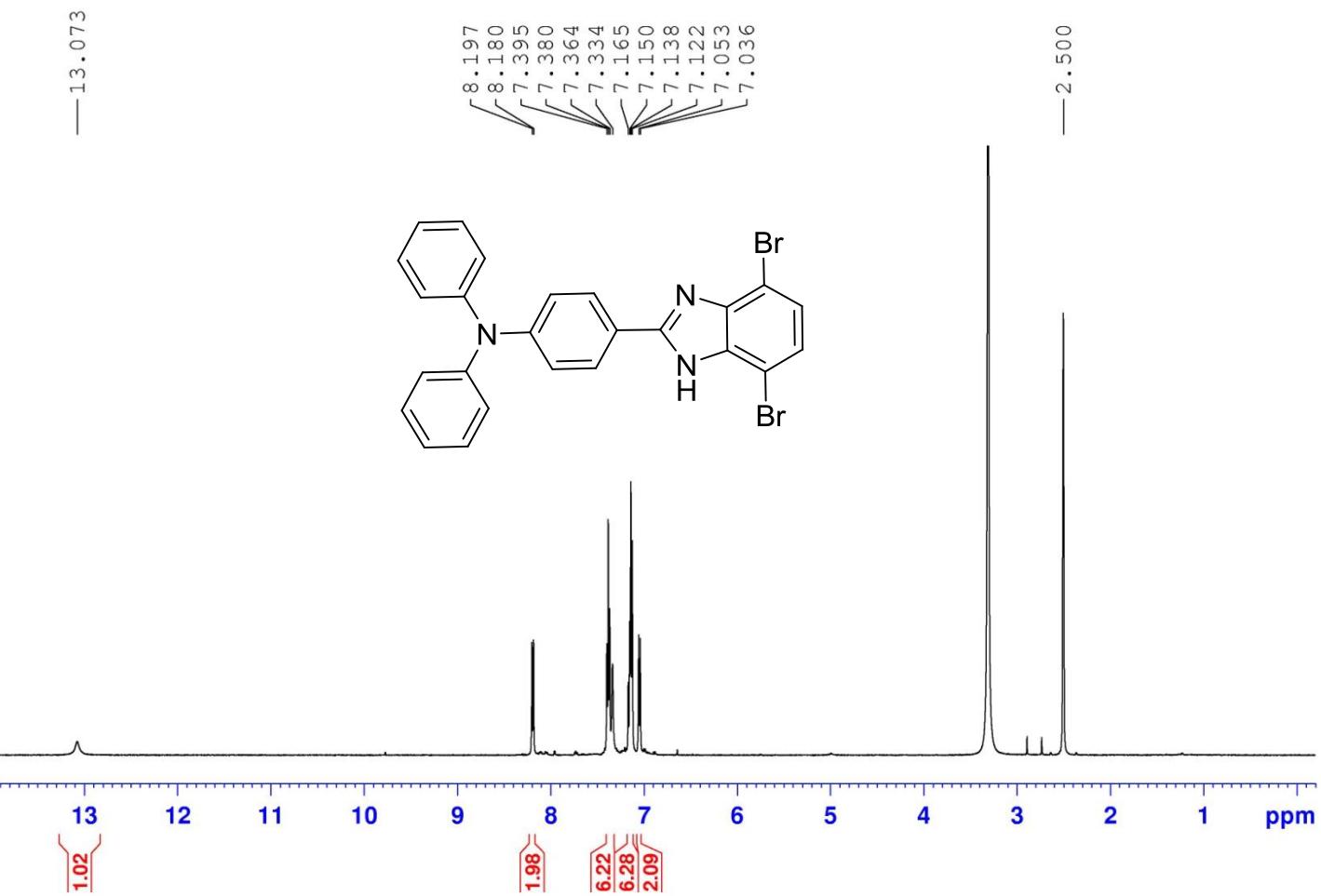
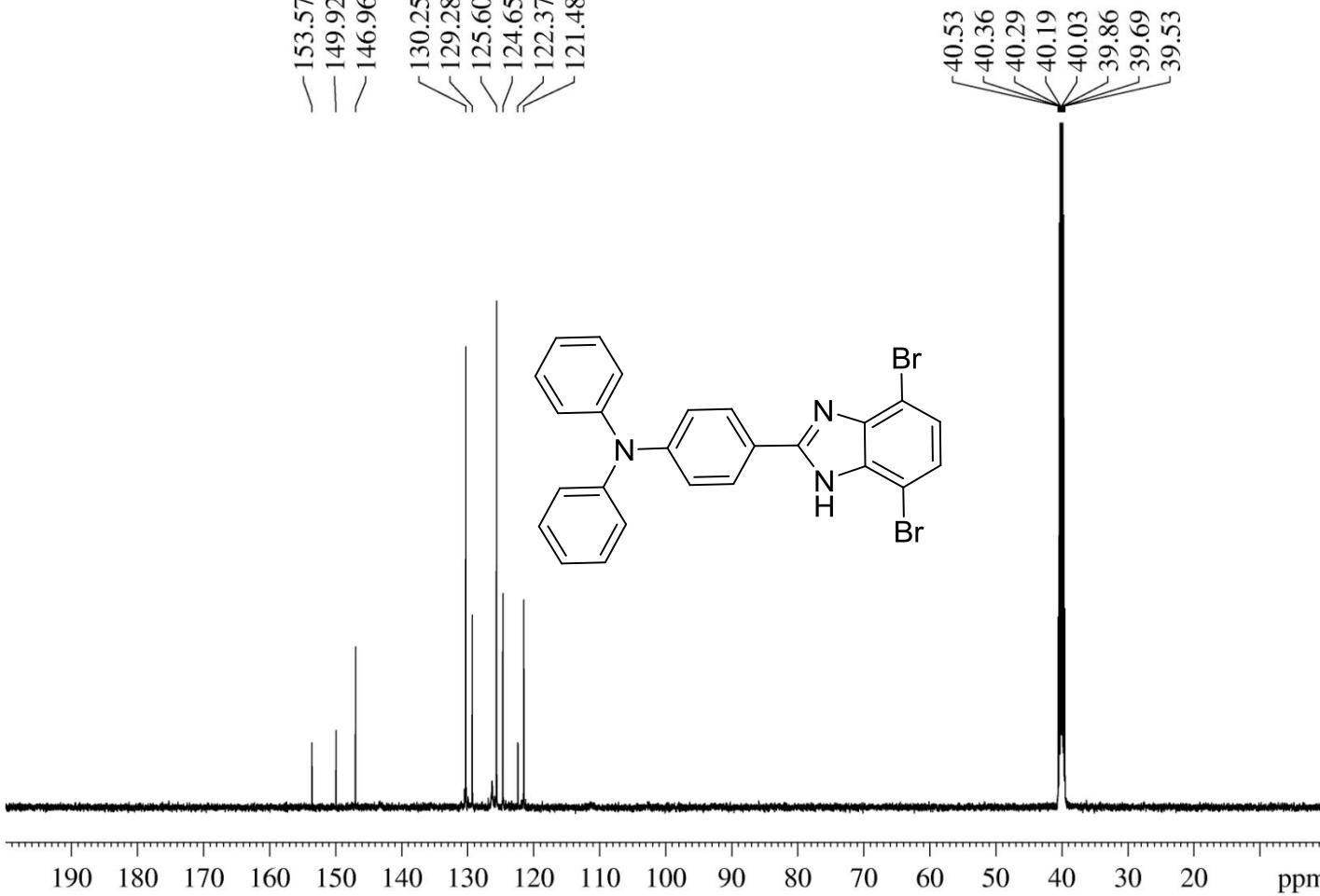


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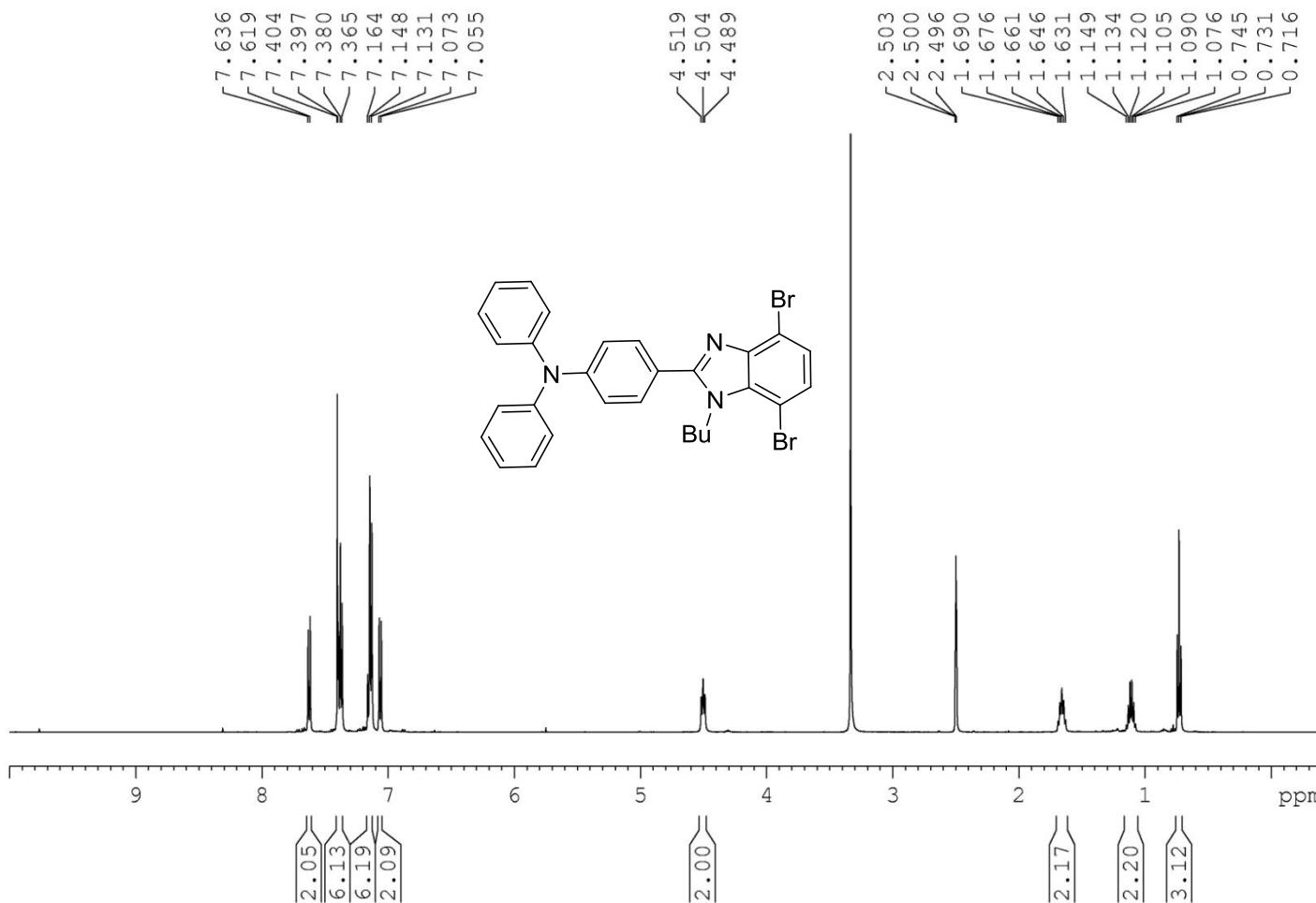


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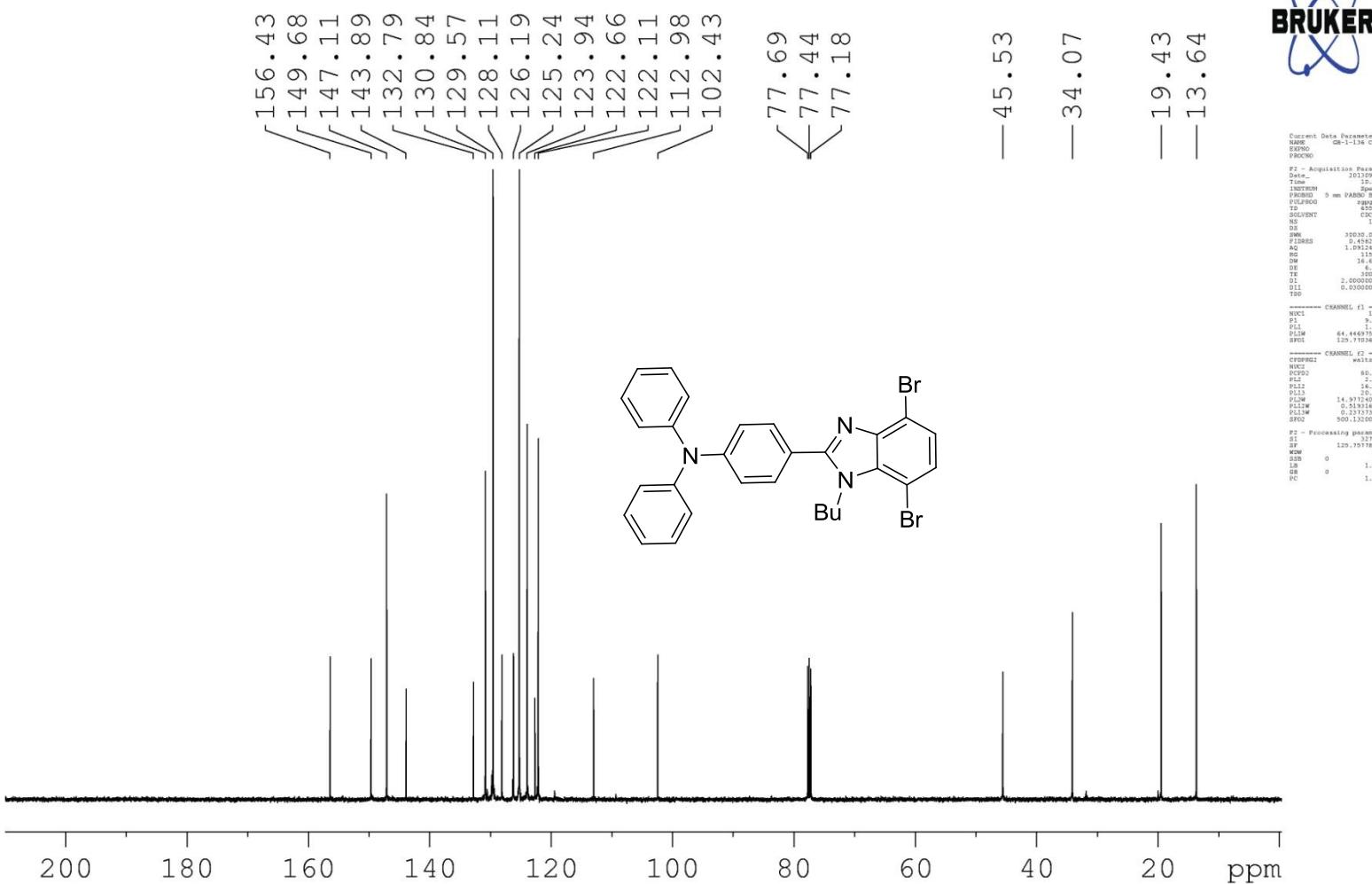


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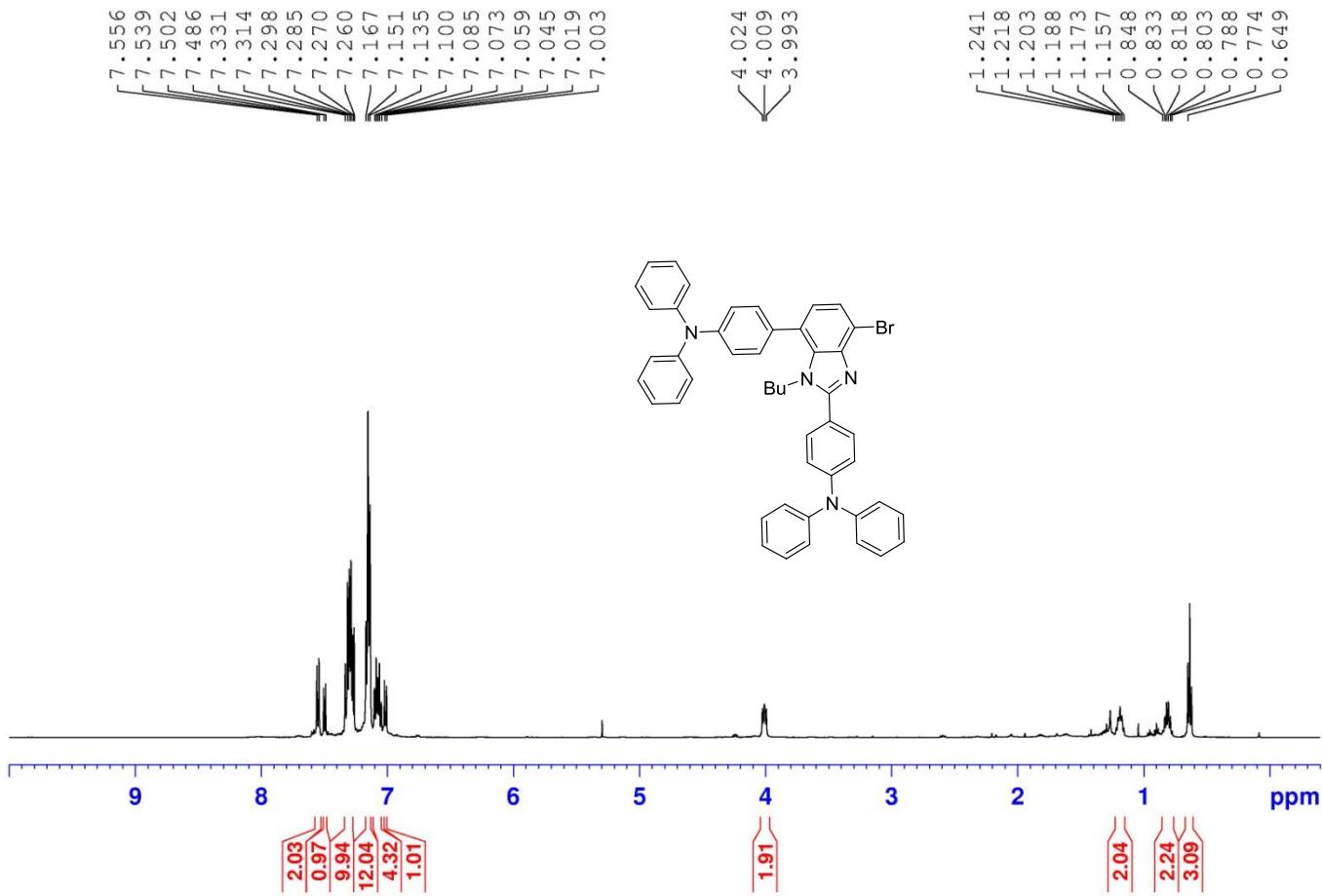


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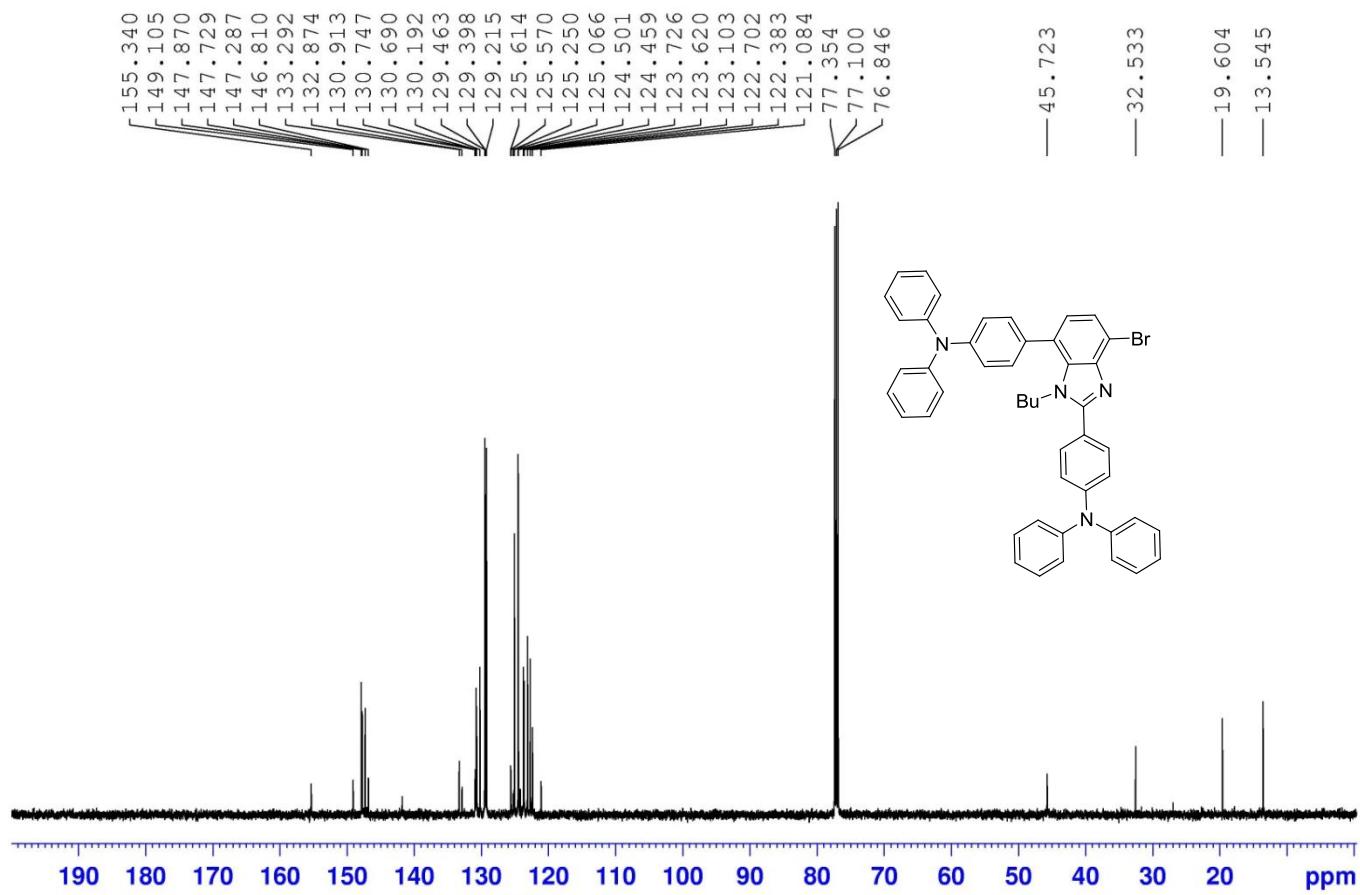


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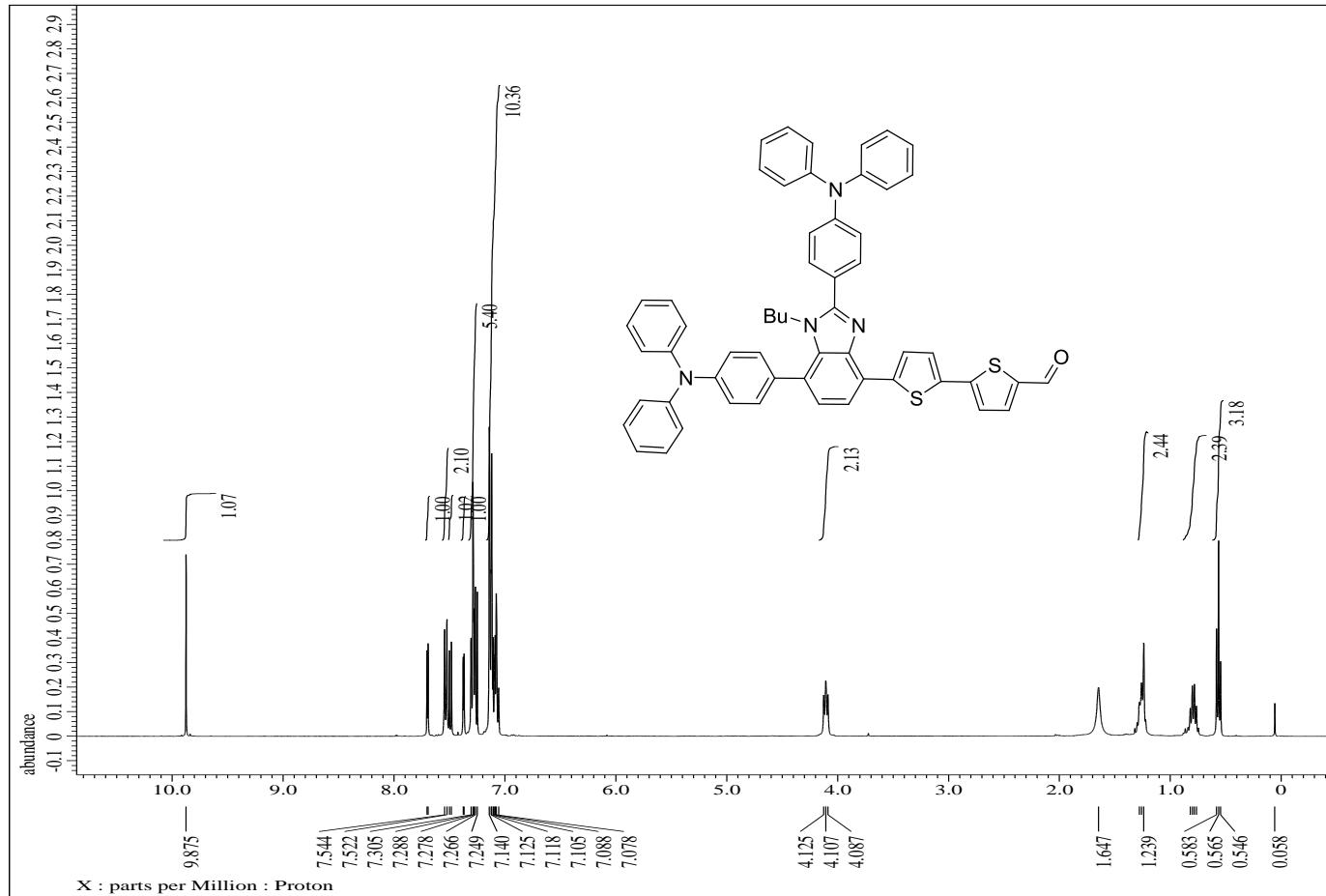


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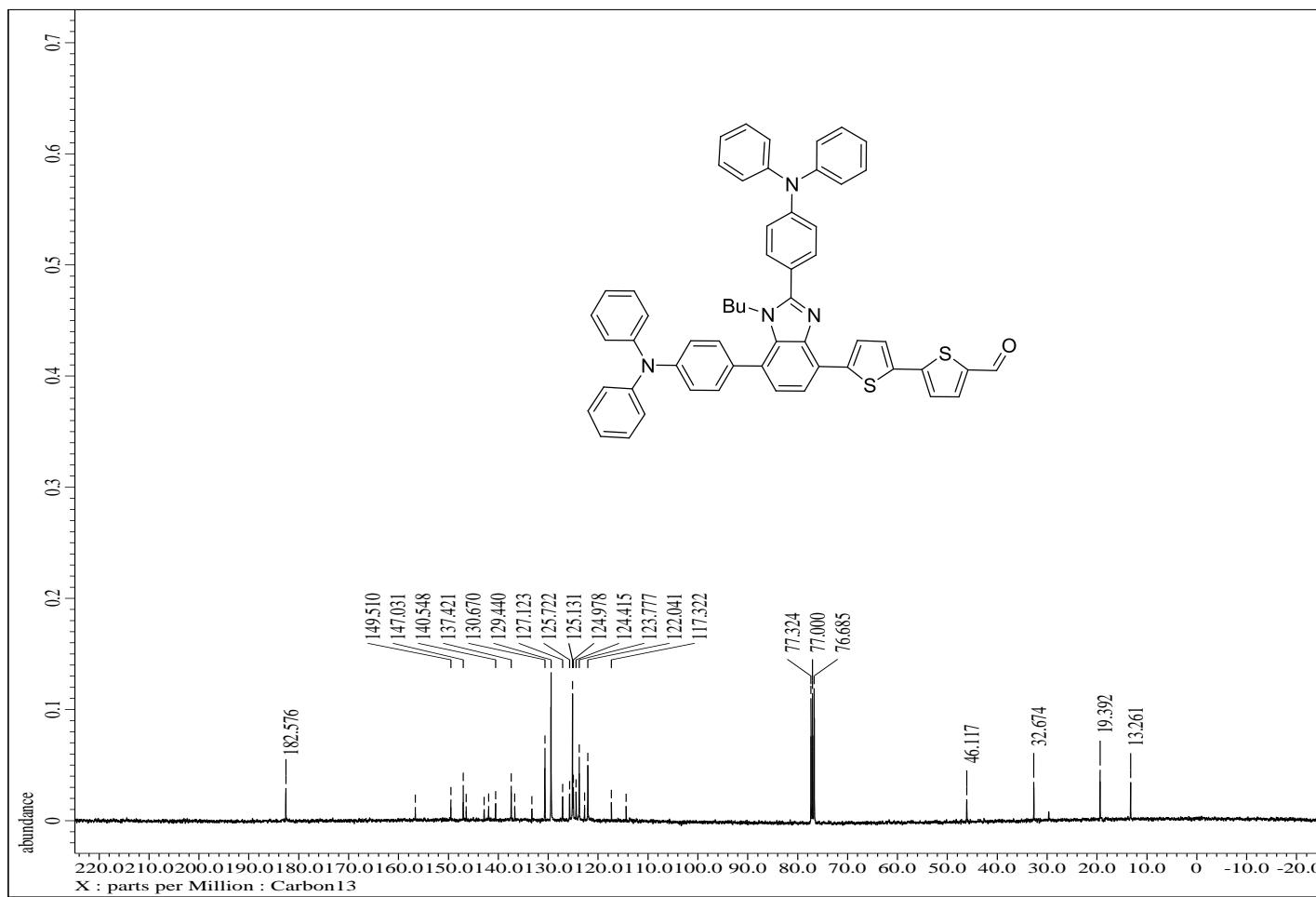


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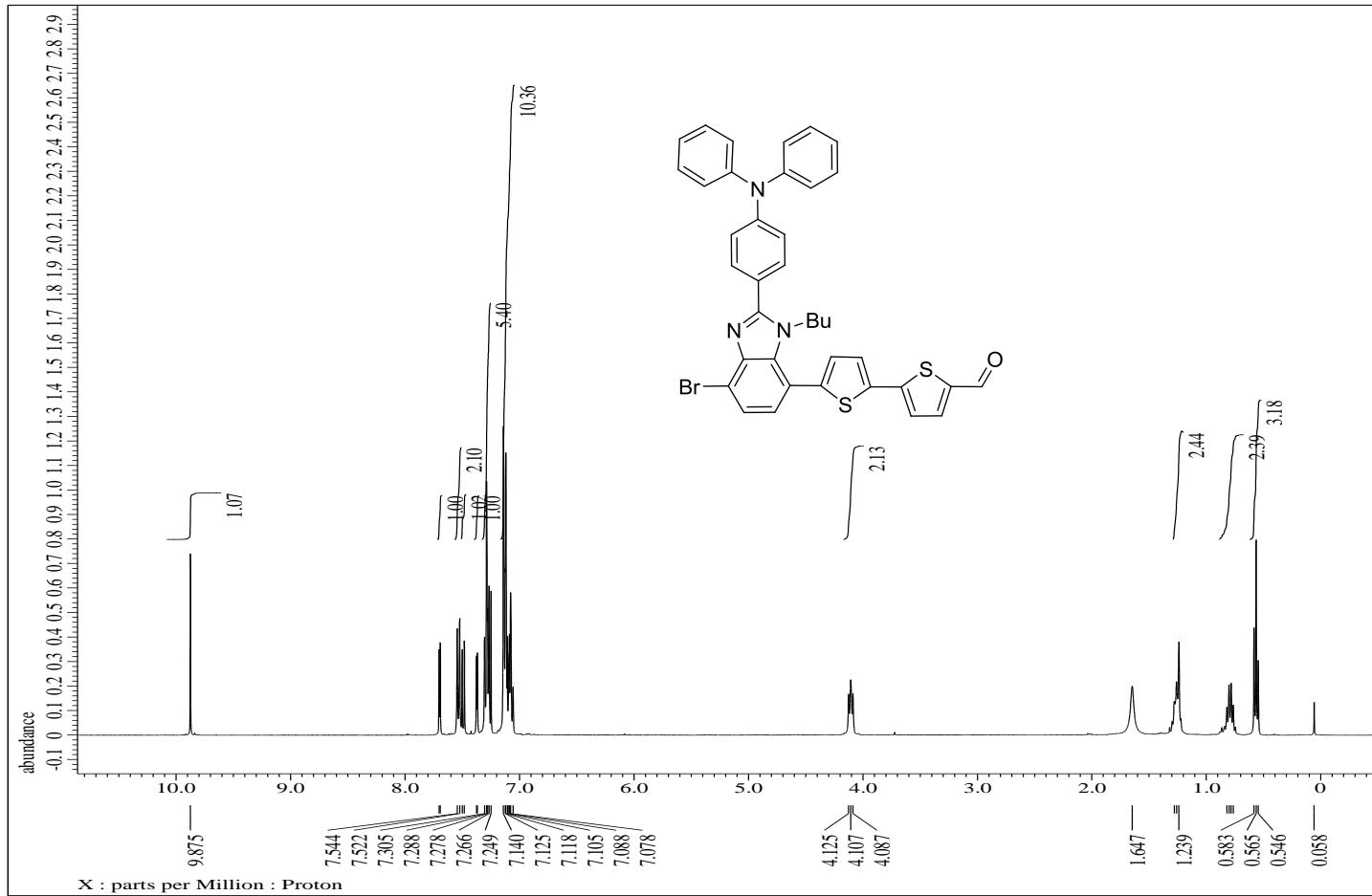


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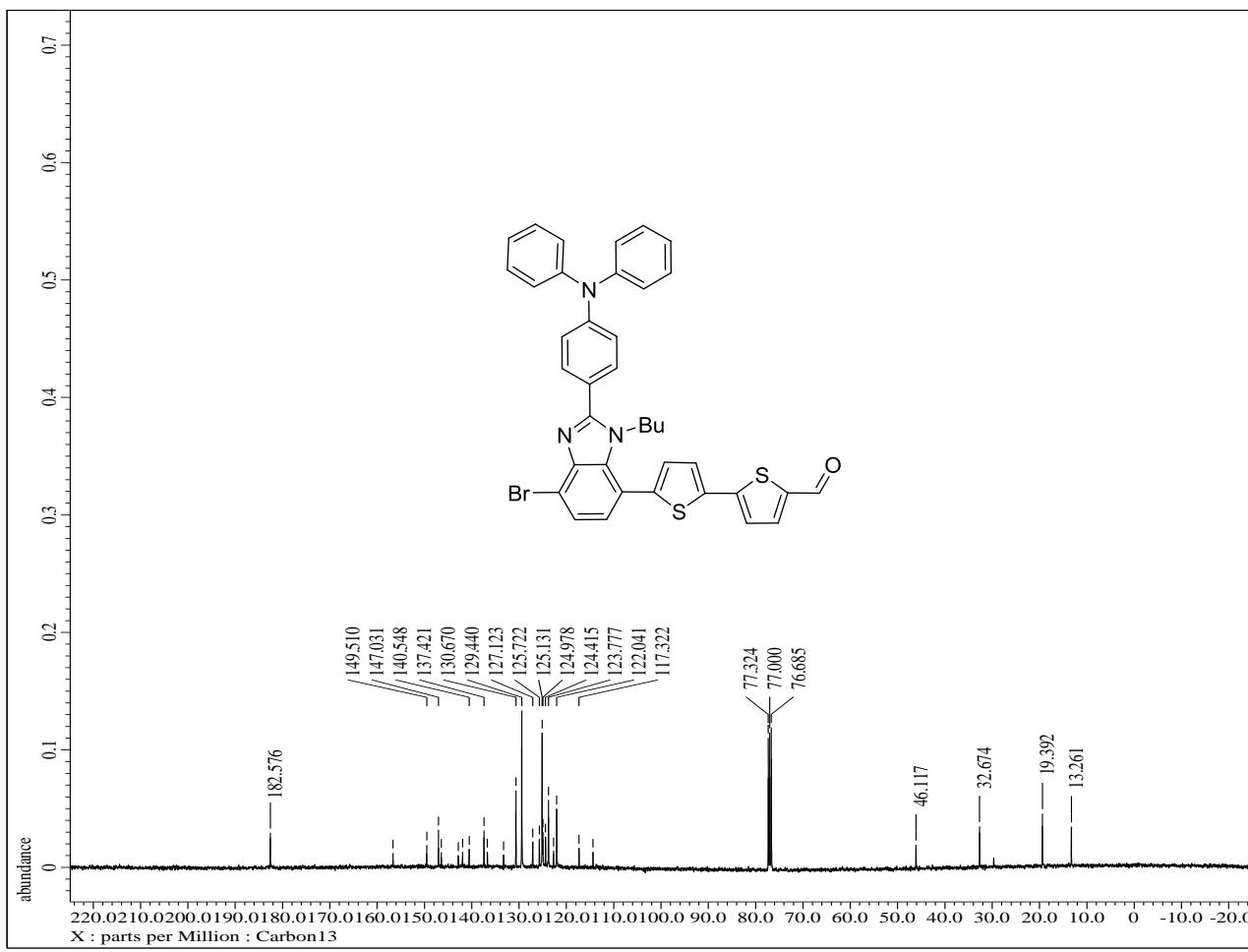


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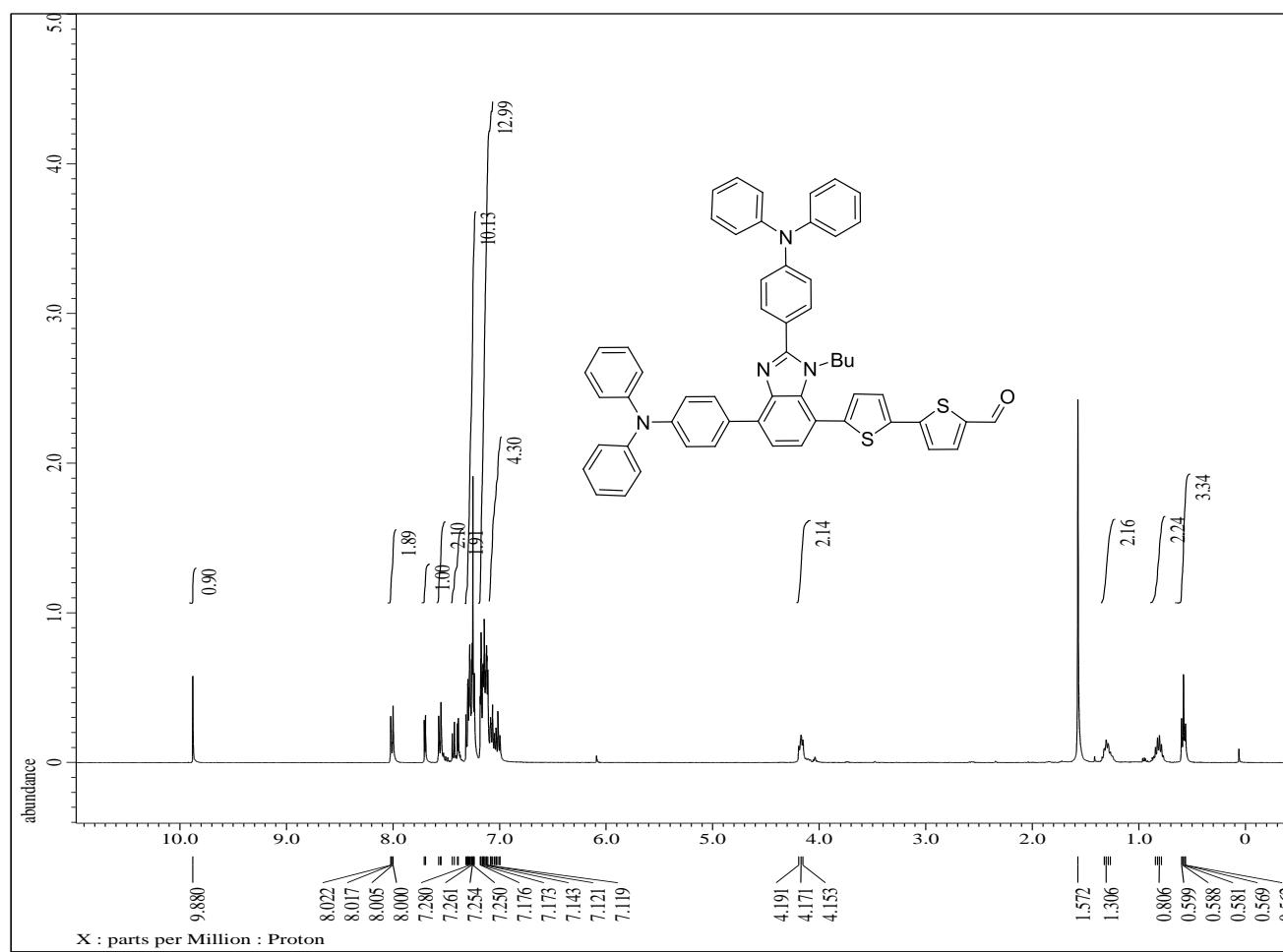


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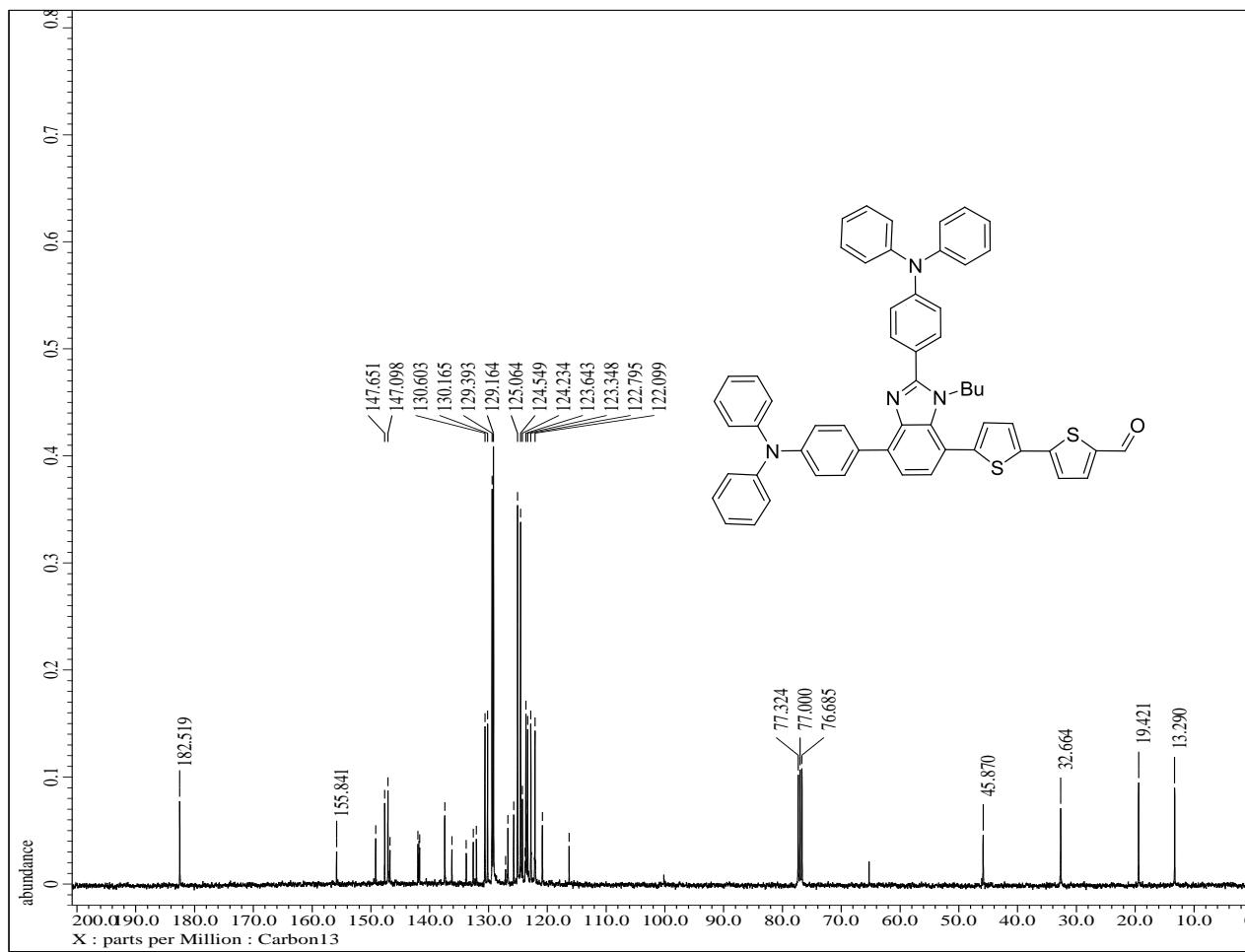


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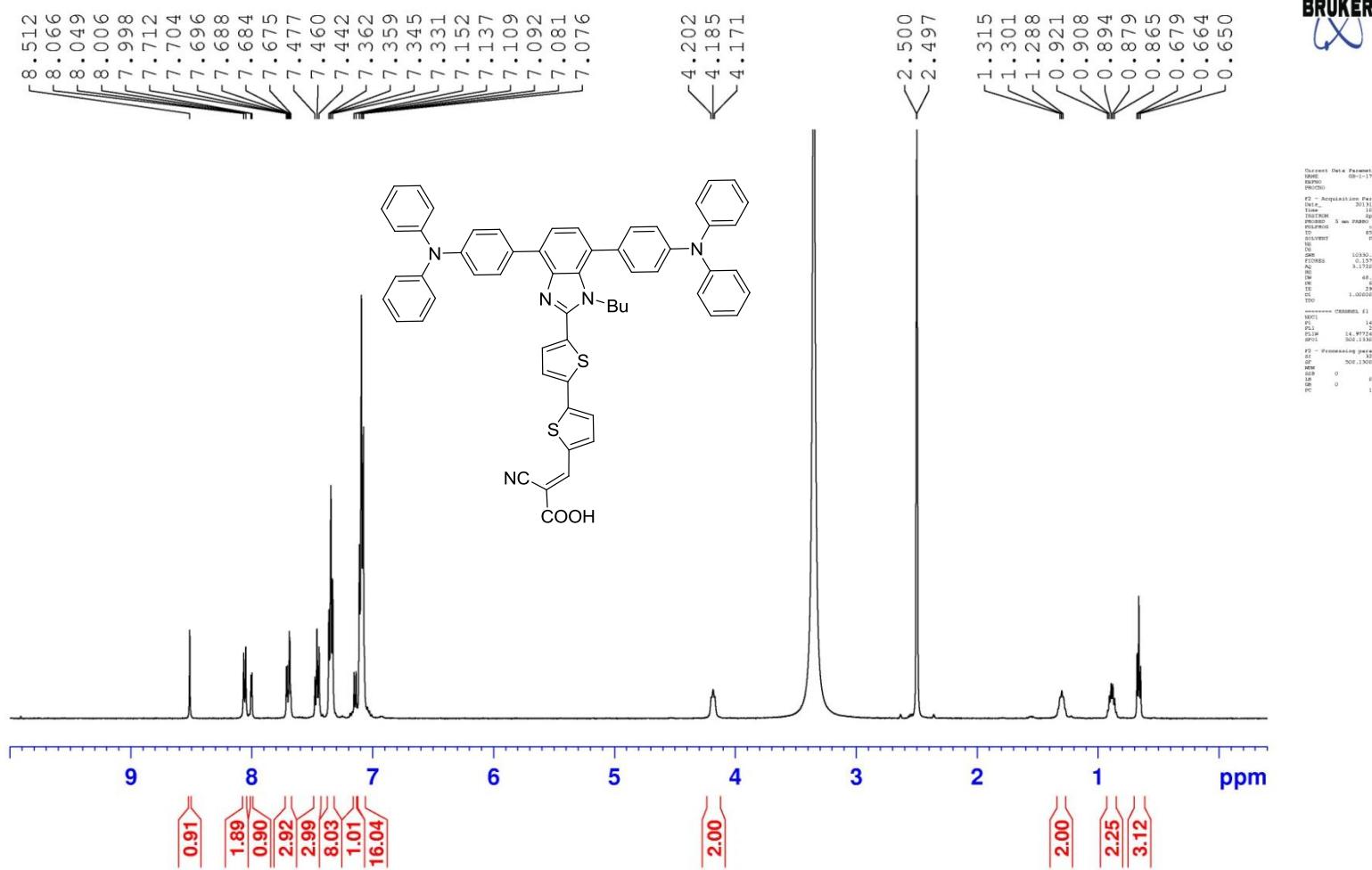


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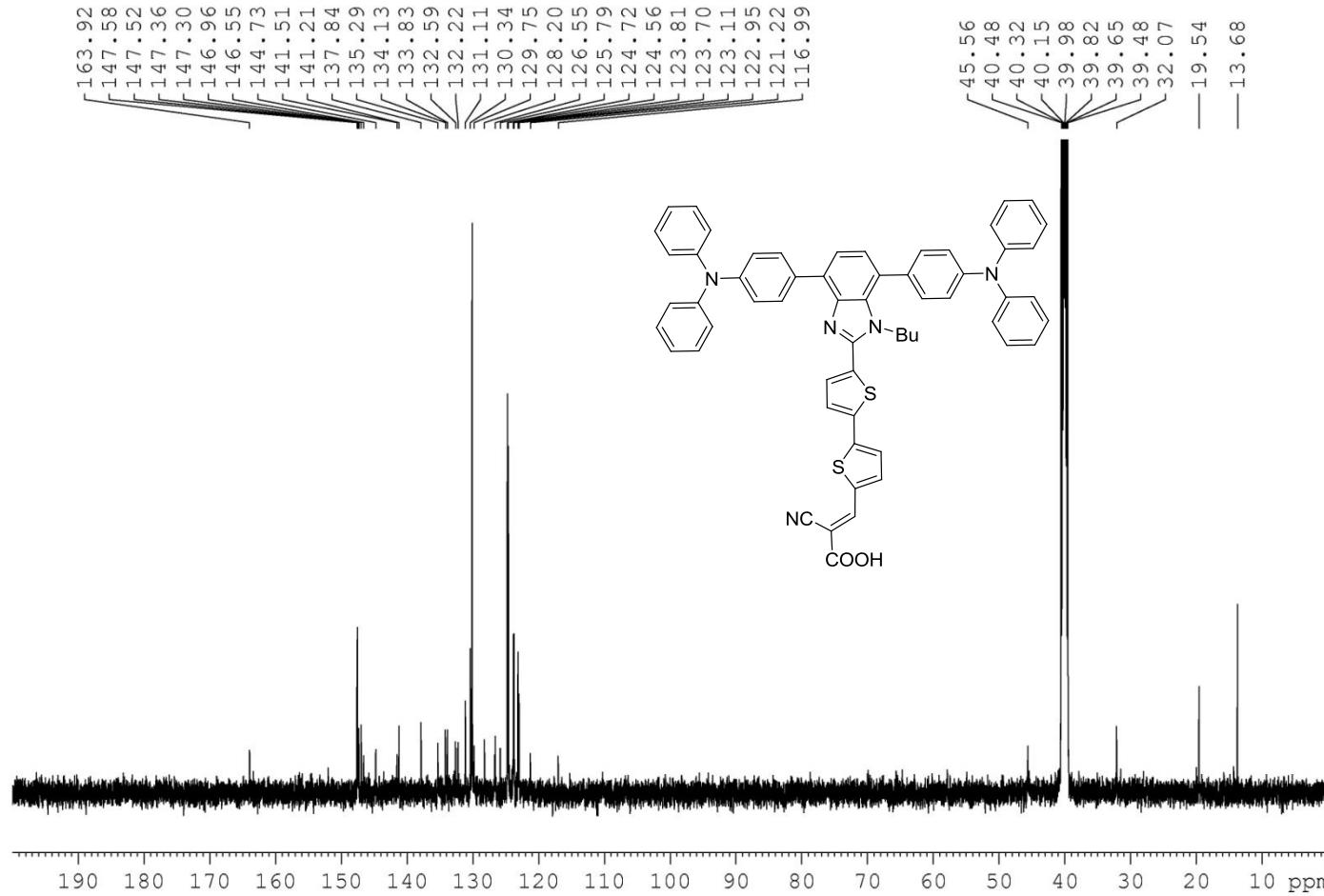


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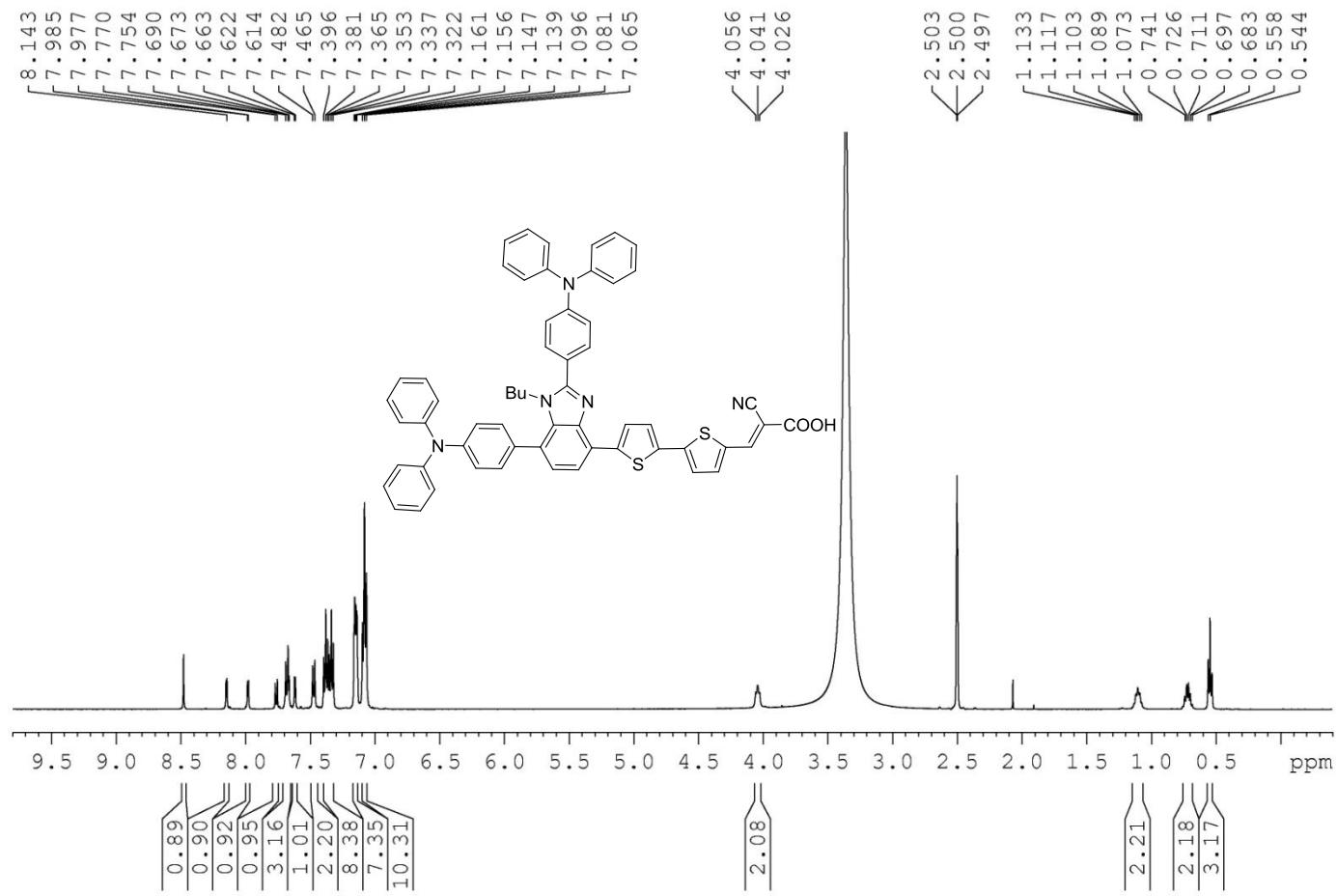


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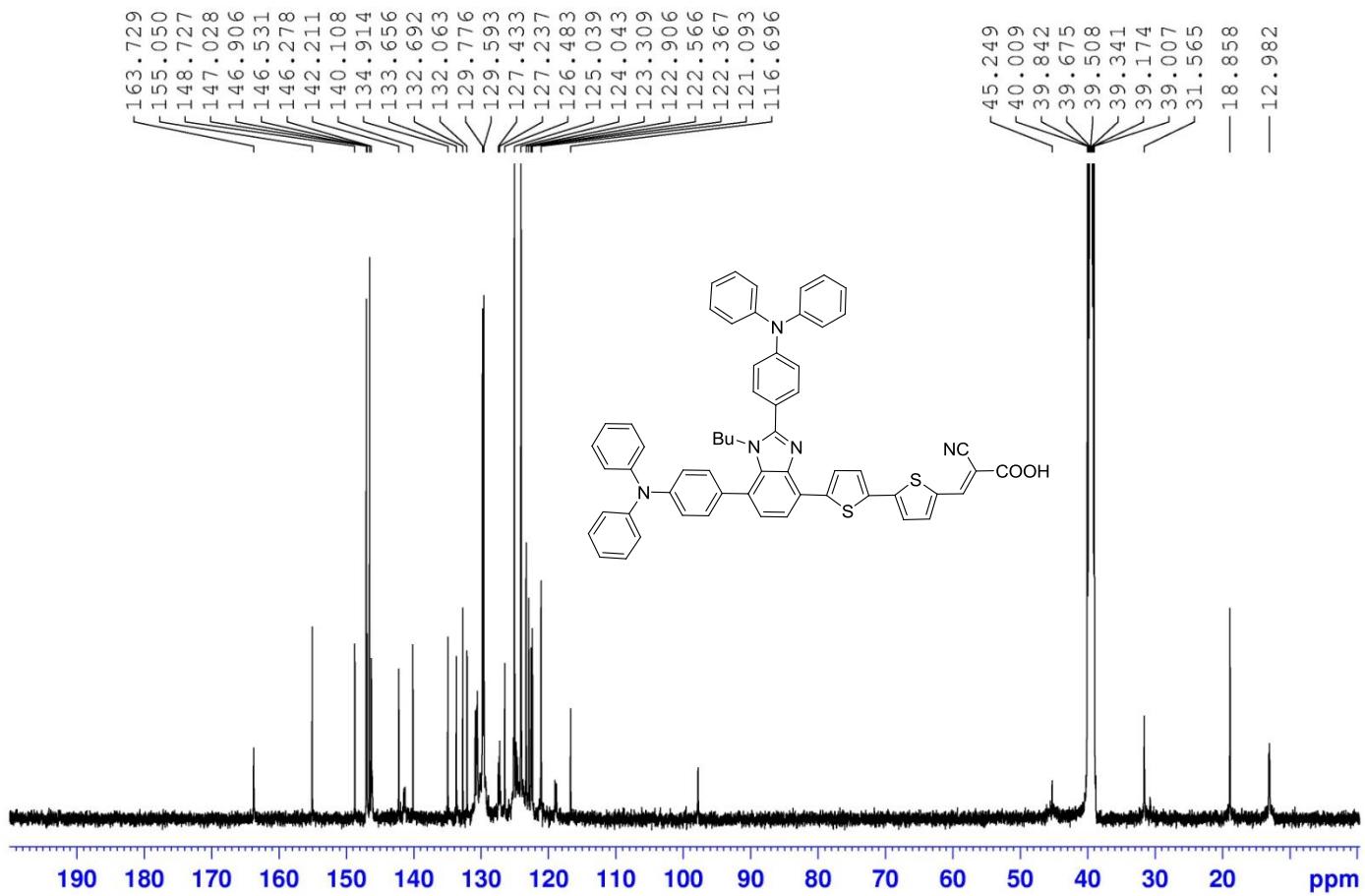


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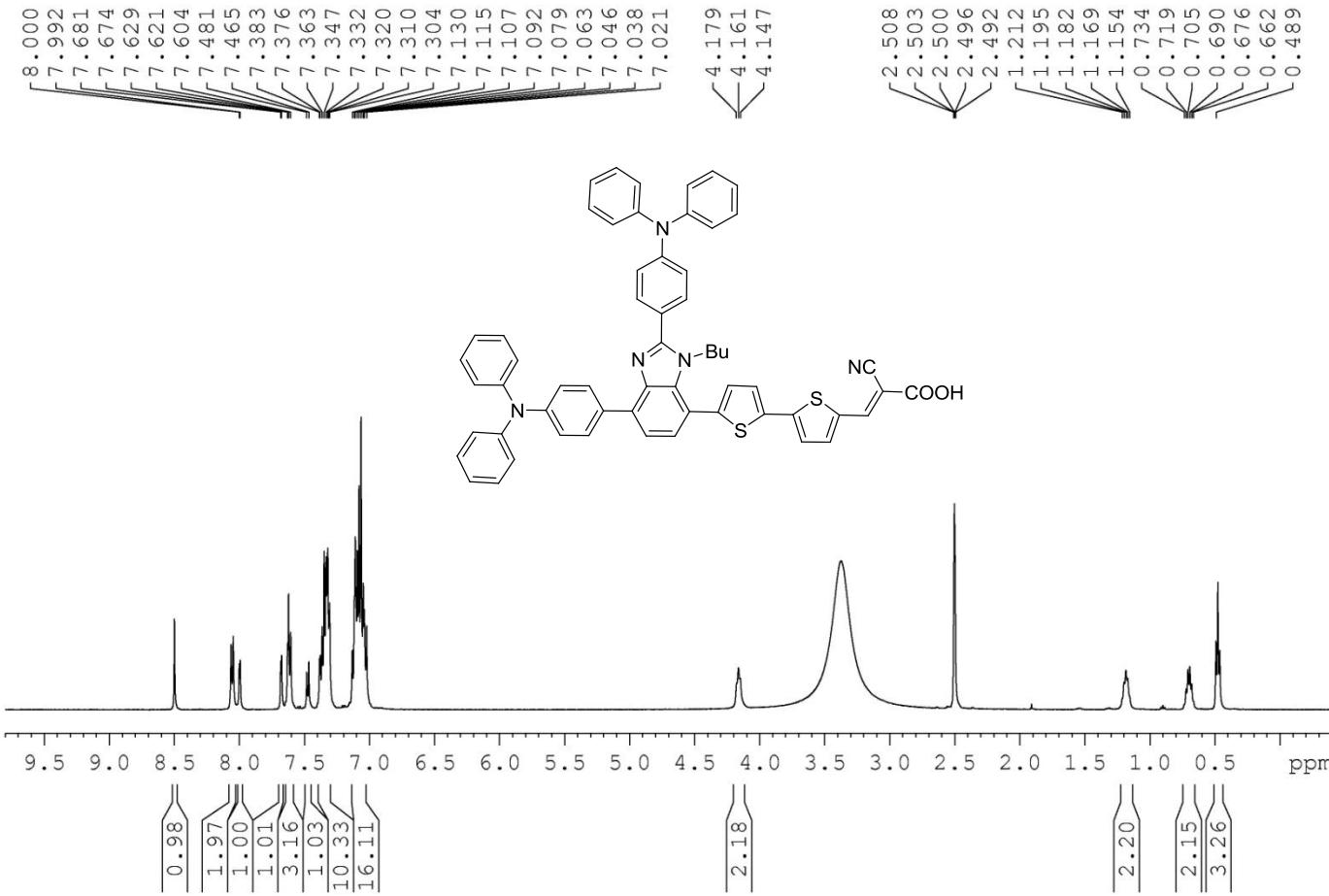


Figure S35. ¹H NMR spectra of **7c** recorded in DMSO-*d*₆.

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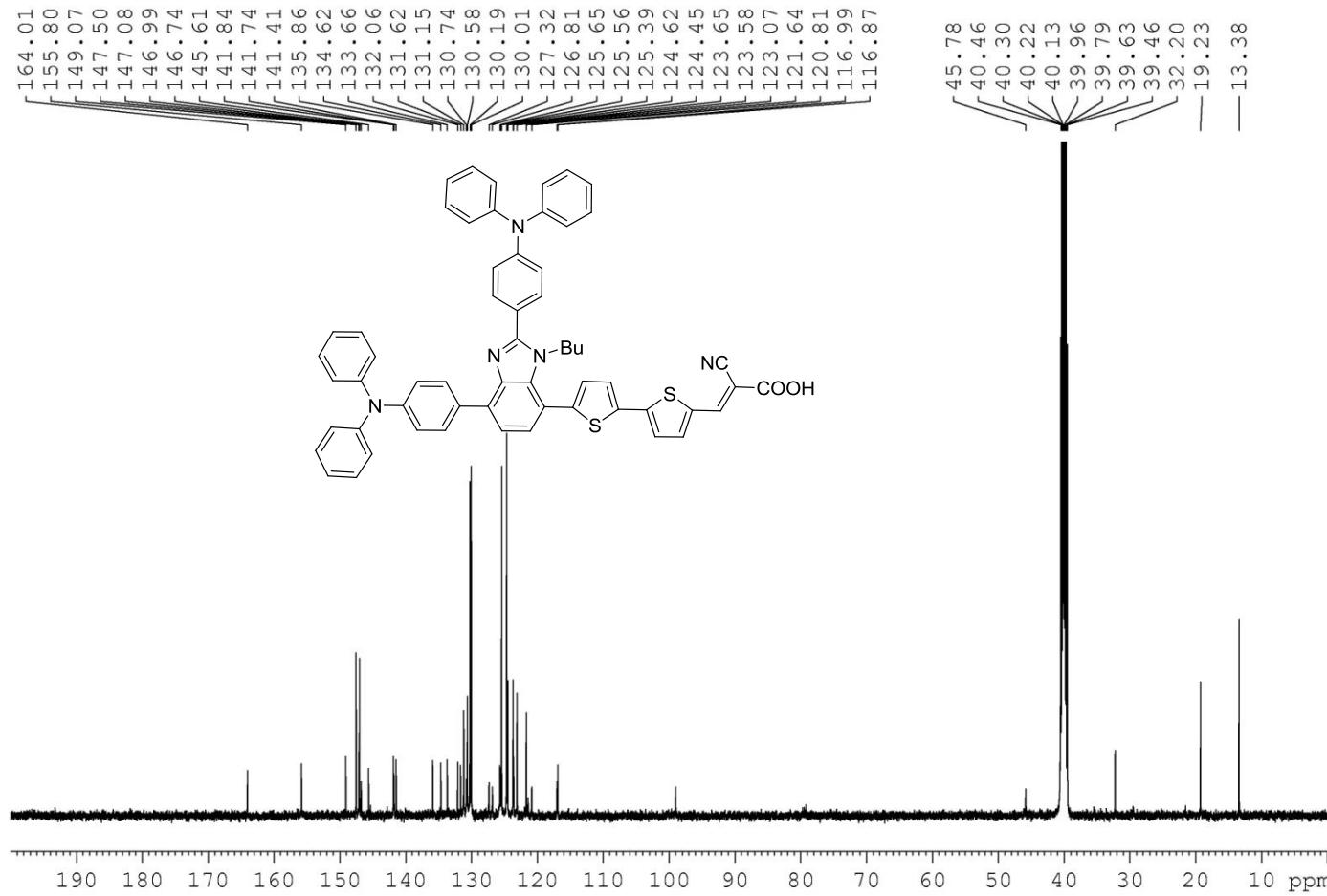


Figure S36. ^{13}C NMR spectra of **7c** recorded in $\text{DMSO}-d_6$.

Computational Methods. All the computations were performed with the Gaussian 09 program package. The ground-state geometries were fully optimized without any symmetry constraints at the DFT level with Becke's three parameters hybrid functional and Lee, Yang and Parr's correlational functional (B3LYP) using 6-31G(D, P) basis set on all atoms. The default parameters for the convergence criteria were used. Vibrational analyses on the optimized structures were performed to confirm the structure. No negative frequency vibrations were observed for the optimized geometries. The excitation energies and oscillator strengths for the lowest 10 singlet transitions for the optimized geometry in the ground state were obtained by TD-DFT calculations using the same basis set.

X-ray Crystal Structure Determination. Crystals of the compounds **6** suitable for X-ray data collection were grown from dichloromethane/hexane mixture. X-ray data of **6** was collected on a CCD diffractometer using Mo K α ($\lambda=0.71073$). The data were corrected for Lorentz and polarization effects. A total of 29055 reflections were measured out of which 8174 were independent and 2383 were observed [$I>2\sigma(I)$] for maximum theta 28.341° at room temperature. The structures were solved by direct methods using SHELXS-97 and refined by full-matrix least squares refinement methods based on F^2 , using SHELXL-2014/7. All non-hydrogen atoms were refined anisotropically. All hydrogen atoms were fixed geometrically with their U_{iso} values 1.2 times of the phenylene and methylene carbons and 1.5 times of the methyl carbons. All calculations were performed using Bruker SHELXTL package. A final refinement of 410 parameters gave $R_1 = 0.0534$, $wR_2 = 0.1326$ for the observed data and $R_1 = 0.2493$, $wR_2 = 0.2249$ for all data.

Table S1. Crystal data and structure refinement for **6**.

Empirical formula	C38 H30 Br N3 O S2
Formula weight	688.68
Temperature	296(2) K
Wavelength	0.71073 Å
Crystal system	Triclinic
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Volume	1665.77(14) Å ³
Z	2
Density (calculated)	1.373 Mg/m ³
Absorption coefficient	1.394 mm ⁻¹
F(000)	708
Crystal size	0.12 x 0.09 x 0.07 mm ³
Theta range for data collection	1.463 to 28.341°.
Index ranges	-13<=h<=13, -16<=k<=12, -19<=l<=19
Reflections collected	29055
Independent reflections	8174 [R(int) = 0.1032]
Completeness to theta = 25.242°	99.4 %
Absorption correction	None
Refinement method	Full-matrix least-squares on F ²
Data / restraints / parameters	8174 / 0 / 410
Goodness-of-fit on F ²	0.877
Final R indices [I>2sigma(I)]	R1 = 0.0534, wR2 = 0.1326
R indices (all data)	R1 = 0.2493, wR2 = 0.2249
Extinction coefficient	n/a
Largest diff. peak and hole	0.324 and -0.330 e.Å ⁻³

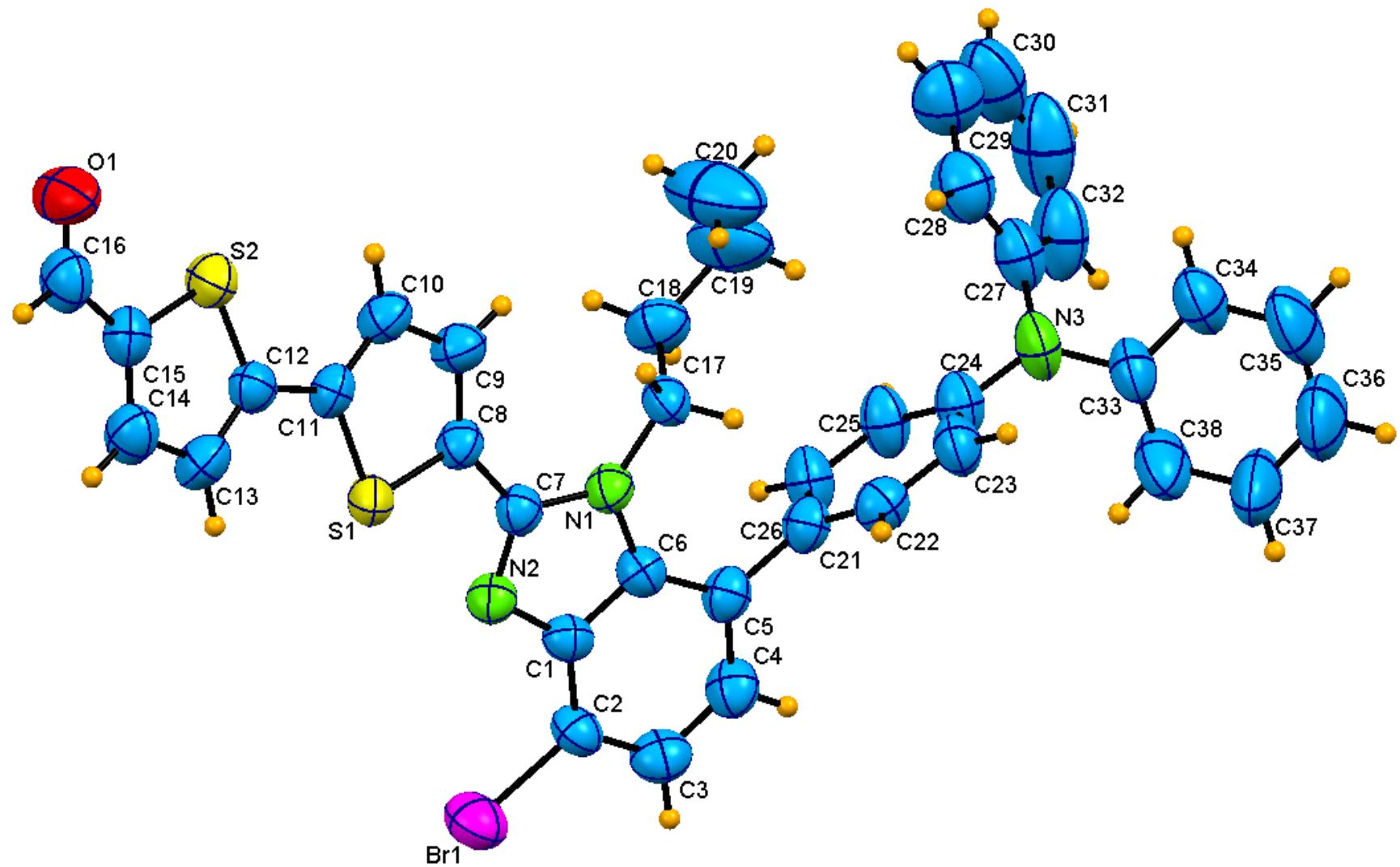


Figure S37. Molecular structure of **6** (40% thermal ellipsoids).

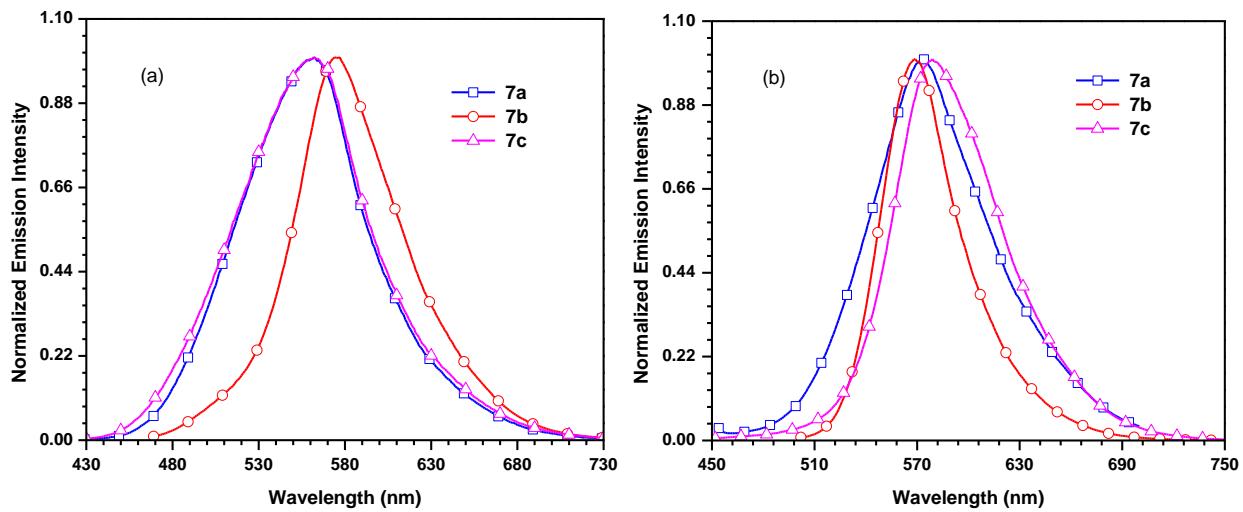


Figure S38. Emission spectra of the dyes recorded in (a) THF and (b) toluene.

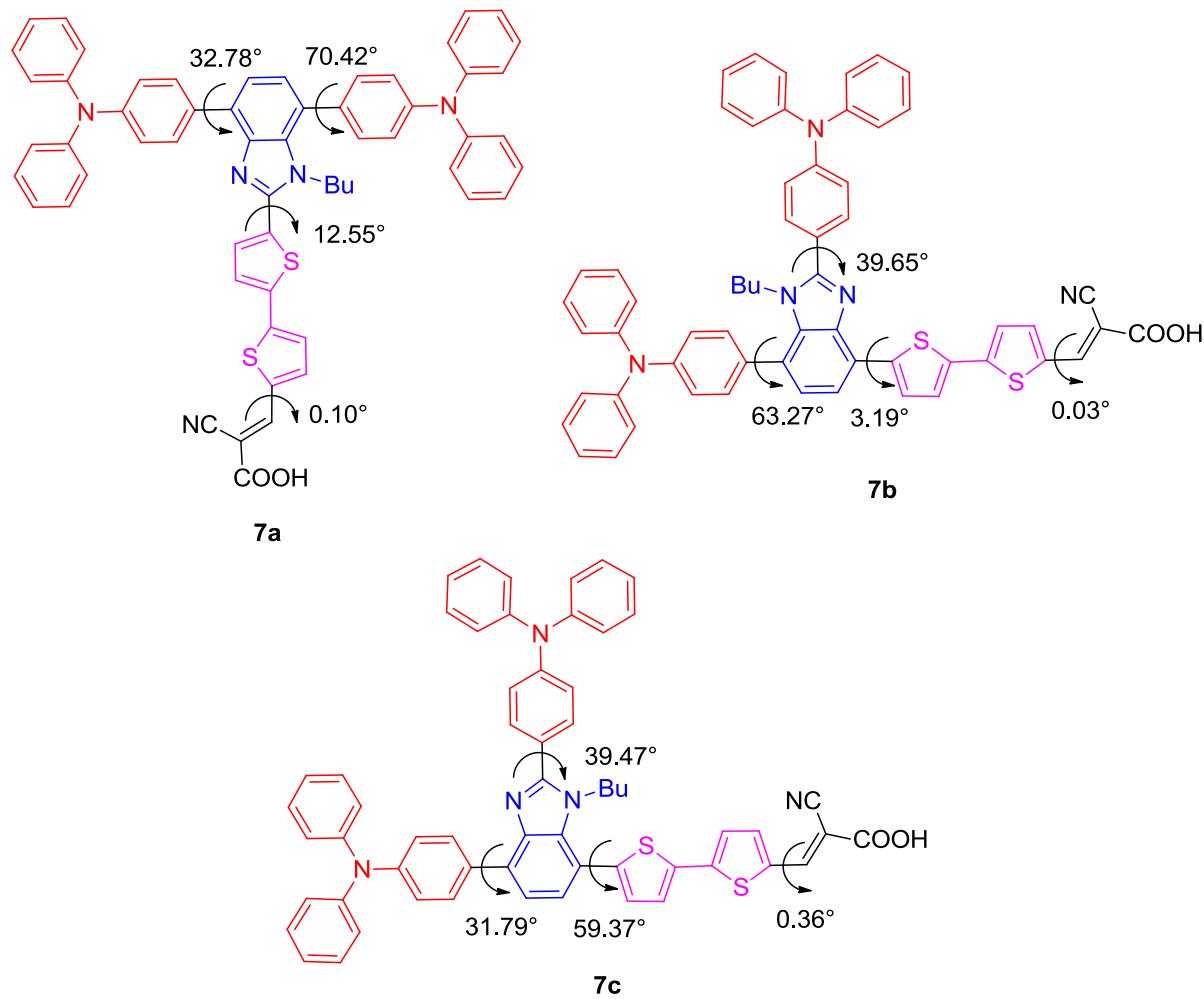


Figure S39. Calculated interplanar angles between various aromatic segments in the dyes.

Table S1. Cartesian coordinates for the optimized structure of **7a**.

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6	-9.414995	-0.162281	-1.916812
6	-7.663873	1.222647	-0.985431
6	-10.726384	-2.302987	1.675443
1	-9.920795	-0.383758	1.111601
6	-9.510865	-4.229324	0.887603
1	-7.780396	-3.819851	-0.331035
6	-9.894716	0.933933	-2.631261
1	-9.904926	-1.127242	-1.999587
6	-8.139575	2.308774	-1.717660
1	-6.803435	1.337264	-0.333291
6	-10.580224	-3.690013	1.605826
1	-11.550556	-1.869117	2.235571
1	-9.389233	-5.307063	0.817561
6	-9.259050	2.174065	-2.541475
1	-10.763560	0.811853	-3.272667
1	-7.639584	3.269947	-1.630408
1	-11.291217	-4.342555	2.104380
1	-9.631646	3.024462	-3.105217
6	1.973993	-3.732722	-0.090310
6	2.279547	-4.953675	-0.720359
6	3.035260	-3.042772	0.524811
6	3.571037	-5.465914	-0.735493
1	1.498023	-5.495140	-1.245893
6	4.326686	-3.557231	0.529640
1	2.838991	-2.097586	1.015871
6	4.618543	-4.777523	-0.101608
1	3.777606	-6.398947	-1.249898
1	5.120682	-3.013654	1.031825
7	5.937837	-5.298842	-0.105968
6	6.153006	-6.693788	0.064979
6	7.048707	-4.428717	-0.286834
6	7.102278	-7.370947	-0.717747
6	5.420652	-7.416527	1.021017
6	8.207922	-4.583026	0.490340
6	7.003670	-3.404303	-1.246157
6	7.316304	-8.736361	-0.539091
1	7.668111	-6.821161	-1.463133
6	5.629037	-8.785183	1.179582
1	4.690860	-6.899105	1.635640
6	9.298386	-3.735968	0.301948
1	8.246537	-5.368300	1.238615
6	8.092384	-2.550834	-1.414553
1	6.113169	-3.283153	-1.854665
6	6.579714	-9.454143	0.405638
1	8.055140	-9.243451	-1.154325
1	5.053125	-9.327666	1.924981

6	9.247792	-2.712595	-0.646922
1	10.187524	-3.869627	0.912724
1	8.040221	-1.763154	-2.161728
1	6.744633	-10.519748	0.537201
1	10.096861	-2.049439	-0.785679
6	0.950663	1.618573	-0.102399
6	2.299226	1.808753	-0.353181
16	0.180631	3.156907	0.231899
6	2.707766	3.154628	-0.290663
1	2.951759	0.973839	-0.573815
6	1.684557	4.035705	0.014773
1	3.728280	3.476251	-0.470459
6	1.729764	5.468173	0.150220
6	0.685861	6.342685	0.434767
16	3.237148	6.334777	-0.044669
6	1.090509	7.683356	0.493671
1	-0.335642	6.014481	0.592061
6	2.449157	7.879953	0.257852
1	0.418565	8.509568	0.702497
6	3.075910	9.159156	0.266900
6	4.381182	9.519620	0.054994
1	2.395036	9.979495	0.477890
6	5.410148	8.574684	-0.235385
6	4.819396	10.933950	0.112564
7	6.228850	7.780617	-0.471108
8	5.958122	11.311396	-0.066197
8	3.800796	11.792944	0.391400
1	4.206666	12.678986	0.402701

Table S2. Cartesian coordinates for the optimized structure of **7b**.

Total Energy: -3495.98141070 hartrees

At. No.	X	Y	Z
6	-0.116307	0.553529	0.080237
7	0.785825	-0.408937	0.019363
7	-1.415587	0.059590	0.095439
6	0.083670	-1.585948	0.011476
6	-1.312828	-1.333085	0.040713
6	0.615660	-2.895592	0.010449
6	-2.255864	-2.382906	0.029811
6	-0.331370	-3.930015	0.050071
6	-1.704375	-3.674246	0.055827
1	-0.002994	-4.963687	0.065124
1	-2.390407	-4.516400	0.049355
6	-2.644042	0.854753	0.148342
6	-3.303709	0.885772	1.533353
1	-3.346961	0.452377	-0.583696
1	-2.384967	1.864973	-0.176267
6	-4.541079	1.792148	1.556522
1	-3.587203	-0.133890	1.818719
1	-2.575579	1.226652	2.281818
6	-5.245116	1.802887	2.917234
1	-4.249959	2.816968	1.284599
1	-5.245348	1.459196	0.781199
1	-6.119890	2.462668	2.908314
1	-5.586370	0.797856	3.192264
1	-4.571915	2.152956	3.709144
6	0.268566	1.974767	0.077142
6	-0.338300	2.966249	0.866468
6	1.362863	2.356387	-0.721131
6	0.111605	4.281826	0.845751
1	-1.139438	2.708275	1.550695
6	1.808000	3.669767	-0.758686
1	1.852313	1.601746	-1.327701
6	1.186597	4.661801	0.023580
1	-0.361038	5.020747	1.483909
1	2.638862	3.938138	-1.402425
7	1.635116	5.999999	-0.009754
6	0.710863	7.075693	0.129499
6	3.020128	6.294028	-0.176645
6	1.004810	8.156591	0.974657
6	-0.497094	7.075735	-0.585409
6	3.426689	7.294592	-1.072283

6	3.991703	5.597760	0.558735
6	0.107408	9.216129	1.096666
1	1.937287	8.160104	1.530243
6	-1.396469	8.130924	-0.443426
1	-0.722783	6.248111	-1.250613
6	4.779536	7.594257	-1.222388
1	2.678187	7.832644	-1.645430
6	5.343504	5.891977	0.388791
1	3.681871	4.829195	1.260028
6	-1.099420	9.208250	0.394219
1	0.349505	10.045997	1.755312
1	-2.327210	8.116997	-1.004521
6	5.745764	6.893108	-0.497919
1	5.078731	8.371979	-1.920036
1	6.084172	5.344403	0.965622
1	-1.799151	10.032754	0.496580
1	6.799701	7.124797	-0.622067
6	-3.738232	-2.254572	-0.039875
6	-4.549332	-2.779025	0.980416
6	-4.383727	-1.712663	-1.164299
6	-5.938374	-2.739447	0.899791
1	-4.080107	-3.207674	1.862047
6	-5.771783	-1.683772	-1.263572
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6	-6.574442	-2.194004	-0.228507
1	-6.538499	-3.135217	1.712648
1	-6.241242	-1.281768	-2.155462
7	-7.986734	-2.170282	-0.325615
6	-8.758757	-3.264535	0.159608
6	-8.646022	-1.067553	-0.938804
6	-9.931222	-3.031825	0.895337
6	-8.365219	-4.587308	-0.097228
6	-9.686780	-1.281665	-1.855902
6	-8.270883	0.249294	-0.629069
6	-10.694988	-4.102645	1.356161
1	-10.238001	-2.010913	1.100026
6	-9.125669	-5.651867	0.383381
1	-7.464815	-4.773658	-0.674070
6	-10.338721	-0.199182	-2.443884
1	-9.978958	-2.297615	-2.101952
6	-8.916197	1.325416	-1.235451
1	-7.477587	0.420868	0.092060
6	-10.296007	-5.417783	1.108430
1	-11.600421	-3.905446	1.924078
1	-8.807399	-6.670055	0.175493
6	-9.955650	1.109540	-2.142837

1	-11.142549	-0.382715	-3.151943
1	-8.613953	2.338711	-0.983849
1	-10.890004	-6.249903	1.475304
1	-10.461761	1.950551	-2.608019
6	2.048549	-3.168981	-0.020812
6	2.660436	-4.412991	-0.083973
16	3.265217	-1.903897	0.027244
6	4.066445	-4.365374	-0.090058
1	2.106229	-5.342838	-0.130114
6	4.571151	-3.076688	-0.032813
1	4.692905	-5.250298	-0.137208
6	5.946211	-2.655959	-0.023364
6	6.450709	-1.358595	0.033342
16	7.245928	-3.827558	-0.086541
6	7.849806	-1.309688	0.025861
1	5.815306	-0.481266	0.079031
6	8.467115	-2.558529	-0.036164
1	8.423295	-0.388925	0.064524
6	9.876663	-2.741196	-0.054233
6	10.637034	-3.882825	-0.112704
1	10.438803	-1.811882	-0.014500
6	10.071111	-5.191106	-0.170240
6	12.115406	-3.833782	-0.119926
7	9.584135	-6.248262	-0.216410
8	12.841670	-4.805071	-0.169818
8	12.606298	-2.563428	-0.063812
1	13.575432	-2.664794	-0.074717

Table S3. Cartesian coordinates for the optimized structure of **7c**.

Total Energy: -3495.97736545 hartrees

At. No.	X	Y	Z
6	0.690349	0.810167	-0.117194
7	1.540734	-0.194897	-0.143868
7	-0.635406	0.390223	-0.195827
6	0.777995	-1.337836	-0.222123
6	-0.603466	-1.001425	-0.277246
6	1.226176	-2.680327	-0.232943
6	-1.602554	-1.997962	-0.385846
6	0.219583	-3.652664	-0.288233
6	-1.135352	-3.322438	-0.363075
1	0.493680	-4.702430	-0.259452
1	-1.866272	-4.122533	-0.435023
6	-1.815295	1.256762	-0.205158
6	-2.573027	1.289687	1.128598
1	-2.484710	0.921833	-0.999127
1	-1.474226	2.258231	-0.476006
6	-3.792157	2.219748	1.073335
1	-2.895287	0.274087	1.386876
1	-1.892935	1.609212	1.929943
6	-4.567158	2.264016	2.394096
1	-3.466914	3.235143	0.804798
1	-4.461798	1.888854	0.267728
1	-5.432711	2.931747	2.323461
1	-4.934741	1.268417	2.669379
1	-3.934038	2.623081	3.214641
6	1.149799	2.209216	-0.066313
6	0.554002	3.217781	0.709332
6	2.307373	2.543687	-0.793008
6	1.075123	4.506884	0.741568
1	-0.298440	2.992225	1.341330
6	2.824123	3.831151	-0.778579
1	2.790244	1.772291	-1.383555
6	2.213395	4.841696	-0.012045
1	0.607346	5.259445	1.367322
1	3.703973	4.064527	-1.368545
7	2.732787	6.155132	0.005981
6	1.856859	7.274732	0.106238
6	4.137919	6.378430	-0.078382
6	2.154650	8.331053	0.980703
6	0.692731	7.342106	-0.675103
6	4.645142	7.382822	-0.916959

6	5.030940	5.606776	0.681363
6	1.305003	9.432756	1.065376
1	3.052913	8.282516	1.588138
6	-0.160278	8.439322	-0.570617
1	0.463697	6.532969	-1.361496
6	6.018106	7.612185	-0.986281
1	3.958840	7.979147	-1.509844
6	6.403646	5.830529	0.590827
1	4.644168	4.834191	1.338391
6	0.141289	9.492281	0.295860
1	1.549716	10.242767	1.747402
1	-1.057503	8.476931	-1.182858
6	6.905726	6.835883	-0.238336
1	6.394970	8.394125	-1.640286
1	7.081997	5.223524	1.184540
1	-0.521827	10.349480	0.369193
1	7.975730	7.012415	-0.300352
6	2.654932	-3.060562	-0.187126
6	3.102485	-4.234225	-0.822635
6	3.614204	-2.296481	0.504097
6	4.432736	-4.632269	-0.771286
1	2.404089	-4.827778	-1.405590
6	4.942643	-2.698608	0.576507
1	3.308336	-1.380978	0.994805
6	5.376588	-3.872698	-0.060537
1	4.750309	-5.529852	-1.292203
1	5.655689	-2.100261	1.134678
7	6.735249	-4.276345	0.003837
6	7.064653	-5.650845	0.157589
6	7.771522	-3.306726	-0.093260
6	8.120336	-6.218239	-0.574576
6	6.340838	-6.462324	1.046612
6	8.895626	-3.377811	0.745439
6	7.687303	-2.264836	-1.030973
6	8.445484	-7.563549	-0.412140
1	8.681027	-5.599250	-1.267667
6	6.661939	-7.810852	1.188363
1	5.529331	-6.028921	1.622412
6	9.913752	-2.432271	0.638202
1	8.964449	-4.176523	1.477120
6	8.701935	-1.313700	-1.118183
1	6.824192	-2.206233	-1.686251
6	7.717565	-8.370252	0.465118
1	9.265404	-7.985526	-0.987628
1	6.090835	-8.423373	1.881332
6	9.823336	-1.392434	-0.289567

1	10.776516	-2.503069	1.295594
1	8.619546	-0.514162	-1.849903
1	7.969669	-9.420201	0.583769
1	10.615852	-0.653346	-0.365454
6	-3.050134	-1.773231	-0.546836
6	-3.741422	-1.140537	-1.558783
16	-4.175792	-2.473321	0.601221
6	-5.150202	-1.203688	-1.421678
1	-3.243870	-0.686864	-2.408943
6	-5.567331	-1.899568	-0.302604
1	-5.840527	-0.778396	-2.142998
6	-6.912066	-2.165938	0.145846
6	-7.331548	-3.047170	1.135429
16	-8.271390	-1.325890	-0.564439
6	-8.723095	-3.054968	1.311811
1	-6.647623	-3.673448	1.697433
6	-9.409543	-2.184365	0.469130
1	-9.237935	-3.683129	2.031644
6	-10.826187	-2.032557	0.473614
6	-11.645126	-1.233071	-0.280185
1	-11.331814	-2.660512	1.202390
6	-11.153972	-0.344007	-1.282510
6	-13.116365	-1.235809	-0.103405
7	-10.724054	0.372969	-2.093372
8	-13.889006	-0.551039	-0.740066
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1	-14.502365	-2.012922	0.886616

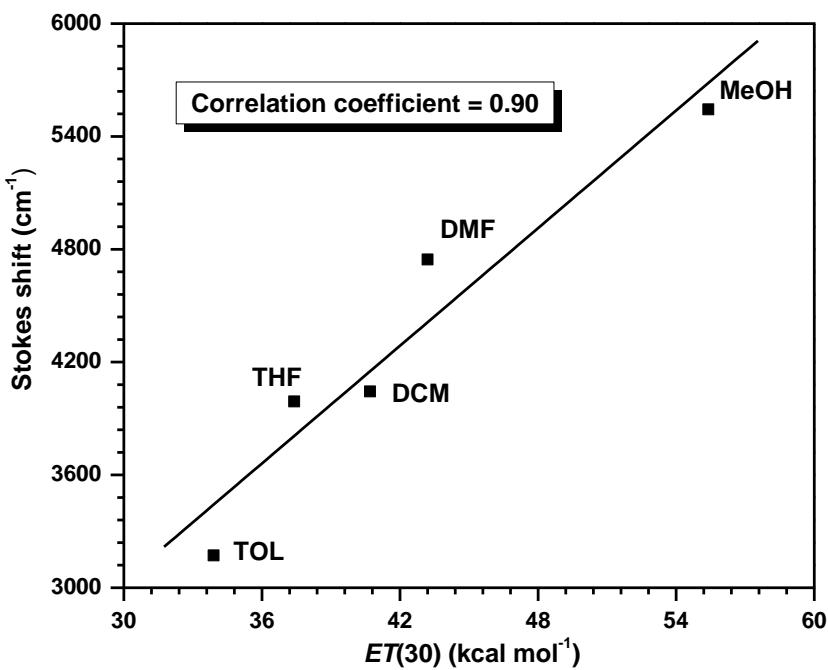


Figure S40. Correlation between Stokes shift and $ET(30)$ parameter for dye **7b**.