

Supporting Information

for

**Yttrium- and Aluminum-Bis(phenolate)pyridine Complexes : Catalysts and Model
Compounds of the Intermediates for the Stereoselective Ring-Opening Polymerization
of racemic Lactide and β -Butyrolactone**

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Figure S10. ^1H - ^1H NOESY NMR spectrum (400 MHz, toluene- d_8 , 258 K) of $\{\text{ONO}^{\text{Me,Cumyl}}\}\text{Y}((R)\text{-OCH}(\text{CH}_3)\text{CH}_2\text{COOMe})$ (**2**).

Figure S11. ^1H NMR spectrum (500 MHz, THF- d_8 , 298 K) of $\{\text{ONO}^{\text{Me,Cumyl}}\}\text{Y}((S,S)\text{-OCH}(\text{CH}_3)\text{OCH}(\text{CH}_3)\text{COOMe})(\text{THF})$ (**3**).

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Figure S13. ^{13}C - ^1H HMBC NMR spectrum (500 MHz, THF- d_8 , 298 K) of $\{\text{ONO}^{\text{Me,Cumyl}}\}\text{Y}((S,S)\text{-OCH}(\text{CH}_3)\text{OCH}(\text{CH}_3)\text{COOMe})(\text{THF})$ (**3**).

Figure S14a. ^1H NMR (500 MHz, THF- d_8 , 298K) spectrum of the 1:1 reaction mixture of **1** and methyl (S,S)-lactyllactate at room temperature after 30 min (bottom spectrum) and after 18 h reaction, evaporation of volatiles and addition of fresh THF- d_8 (bottom spectrum).

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Figure S16. $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR spectrum (125 MHz, CD_2Cl_2 , 298 K) of $\{\text{ONO}^{\text{Me,Cumyl}}\}\text{AlMe}$ (**4**).

Figure S17. ^1H NMR spectrum (500 MHz, toluene- d_8 , 298 K) of $\{\text{ONO}^{\text{Me,Cumyl}}\}\text{Al}(i\text{Pr (S)-lactate})$ (**5**).

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Figure S19. ^1H - ^1H NOESY NMR spectrum (400 MHz, toluene- d_8 , 298 K) of $\{\text{ONO}^{\text{Me,Cumyl}}\}\text{Al}(i\text{Pr (S)-lactate})$ (**5**).

Figure S20. ^1H NMR spectrum (500 MHz, CD_2Cl_2 , 298 K) of $\{\text{ONO}^{\text{Me,Cumyl}}\}\text{Al}((R)\text{-OCH}(\text{CH}_3)\text{CH}_2\text{COOMe})$ (**6**).

Figure S21. $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR spectrum (100 MHz, C_6D_6 , 298 K) of $\{\text{ONO}^{\text{Me,Cumyl}}\}\text{Al}((R)\text{-OCH}(\text{CH}_3)\text{CH}_2\text{COOMe})$ (**6**).

Figure S22. ^1H NMR spectrum (500 MHz, CD_2Cl_2 , 298 K) of $\{\text{ONO}^{\text{Me,Cumyl}}\}\text{Al}((rac)\text{-OCH}(\text{CF}_3)\text{CH}_2\text{COOEt})$ (**7**).

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Figure S23bis. DEPT 135 NMR spectrum (125 MHz, CD_2Cl_2 , 298 K) of $\{\text{ONO}^{\text{Me,Cumyl}}\}\text{Al}((rac)\text{-OCH}(\text{CF}_3)\text{CH}_2\text{COOEt})$ (**7**).

Figure S24. $^{19}\text{F}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR spectrum (185 MHz, CD_2Cl_2 , 298 K) of $\{\text{ONO}^{\text{Me,Cumyl}}\}\text{Al}((rac)\text{-OCH}(\text{CF}_3)\text{CH}_2\text{COOEt})$ (**7**).

Figure S25. $^1\text{H}\text{-}^1\text{H}$ NOESY NMR spectrum (400 MHz, CD_2Cl_2 , 298 K) of $\{\text{ONO}^{\text{Me,Cumyl}}\}\text{Al}((rac)\text{-OCH}(\text{CF}_3)\text{CH}_2\text{COOEt})$ (**7**).

Figure S26. $^1\text{H}\text{-}^1\text{H}$ COSY NMR spectrum (500 MHz, CDCl_3 , 298 K) of a PLA produced from $\{\text{ONO}^{\text{Me,Cumyl}}\}\text{Y}((R)\text{-OCH}(\text{CH}_3)\text{CH}_2\text{COOMe})$ (**2**).

Figure S27. Detail of the MALDI-ToF mass spectrum of a PLA sample produced from **2** using IAA as matrix (Table 1, entry 10).

Figure S28. $^1\text{H}\text{-}^1\text{H}$ COSY NMR spectrum (500 MHz, CDCl_3 , 298 K) of a PHB produced from $\{\text{ONO}^{\text{Me,Cumyl}}\}\text{Y}((R)\text{-OCH}(\text{CH}_3)\text{CH}_2\text{COOMe})$ (**2**).

Figure S29: Methine region of ^1H NMR and ^1H homo-decoupled NMR spectra of different PLAs.

Figure S30. Carbonyl (left) and methylene (right) regions of the $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR spectrum (100 MHz, CDCl_3 , 298 K) of a PHB produced from $\{\text{ONO}^{\text{Me,Cumyl}}\}\text{Y}((R)\text{-OCH}(\text{CH}_3)\text{CH}_2\text{COOMe})$ (**2**).

Figure S31. Detail of the MALDI-ToF mass spectrum of a PHB sample produced from **2** using IAA as matrix (Table 1, entry 20).

Table S1. Summary of crystal and refinement data for $\{\text{ONO}^{\text{Me,Cumyl}}\}\text{H}_2$, **1** and **6**.

Figure S32. Molecular structure of proligand $\{\text{ONO}^{\text{Me,Cumyl}}\}\text{H}_2$.

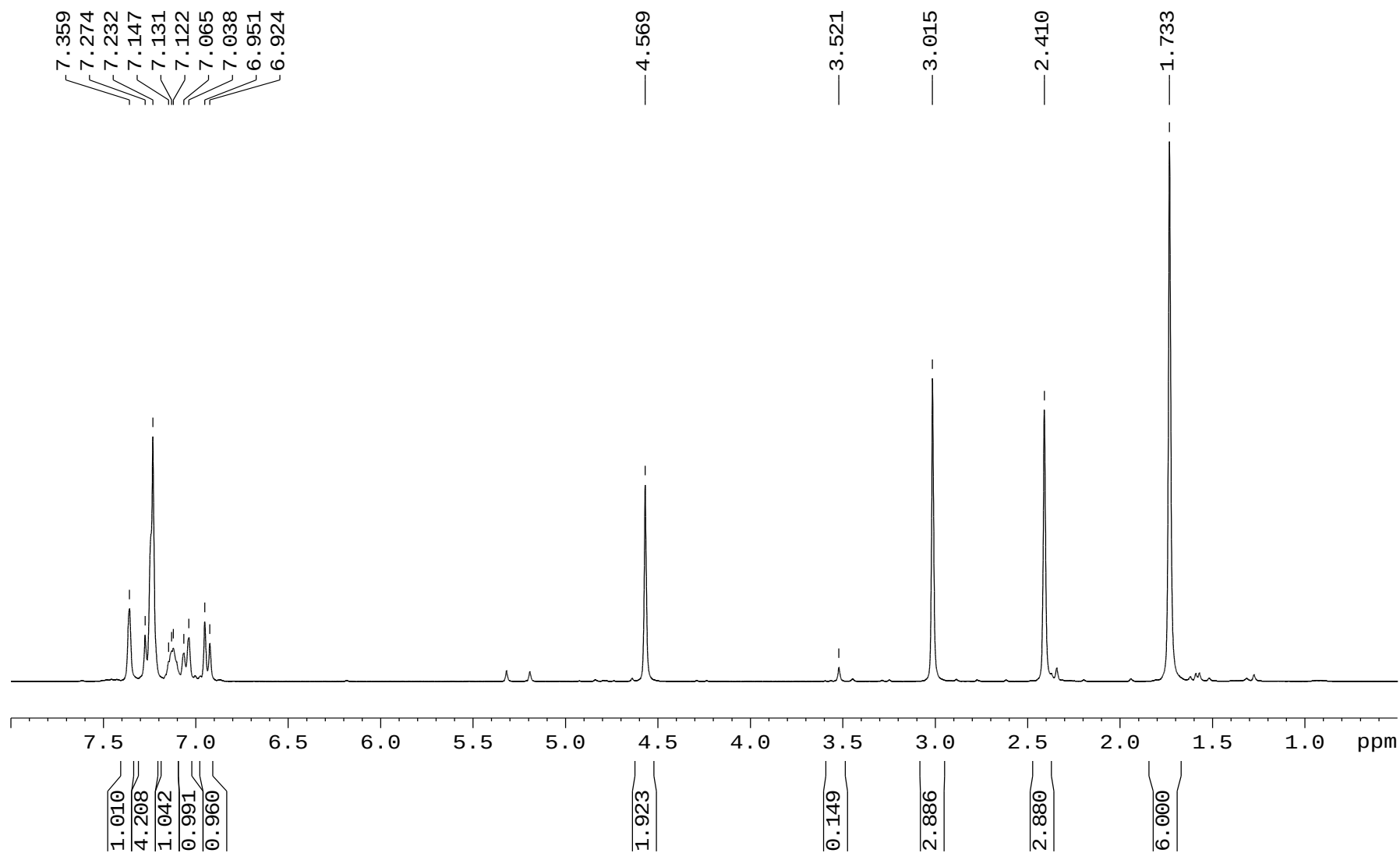


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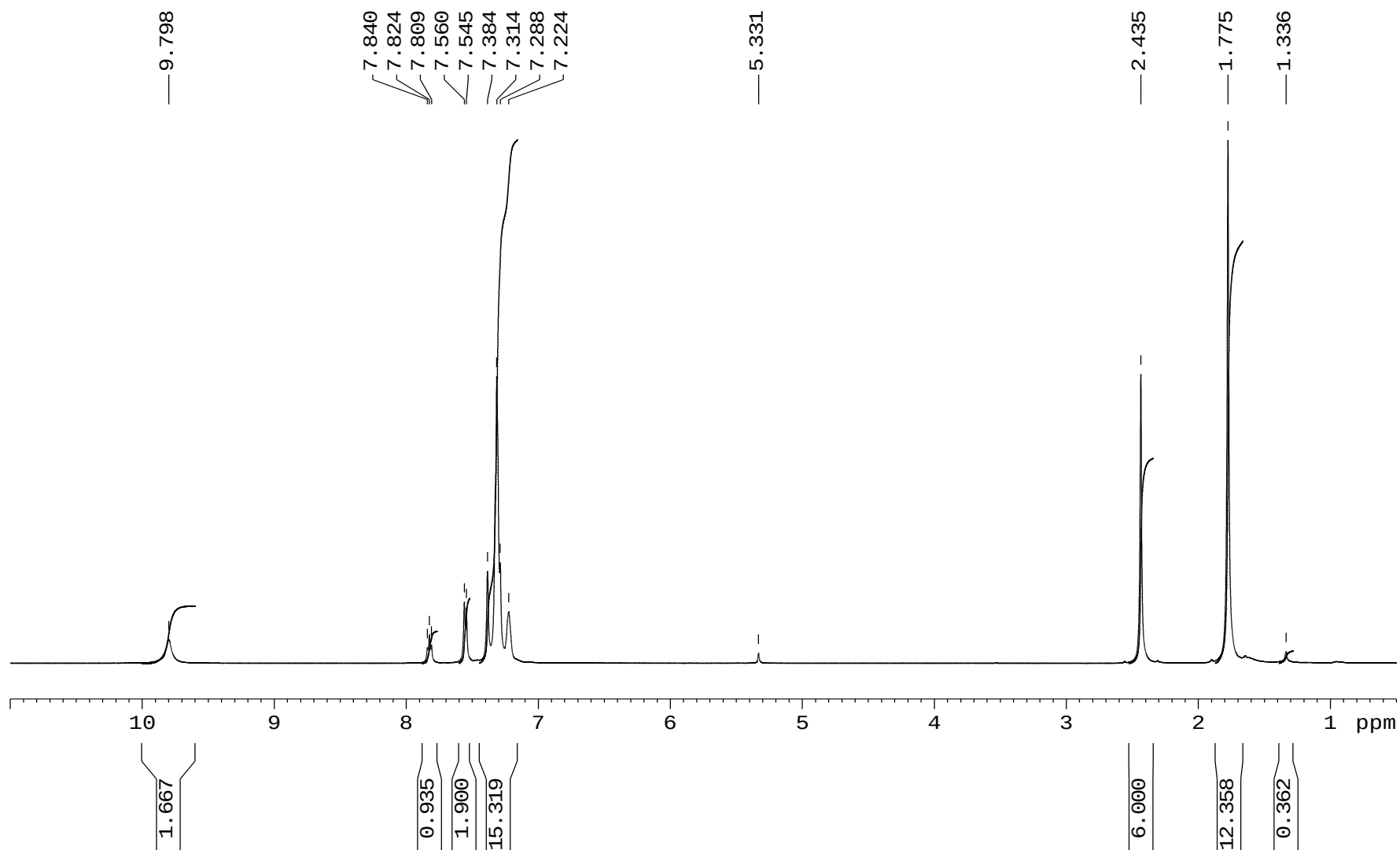


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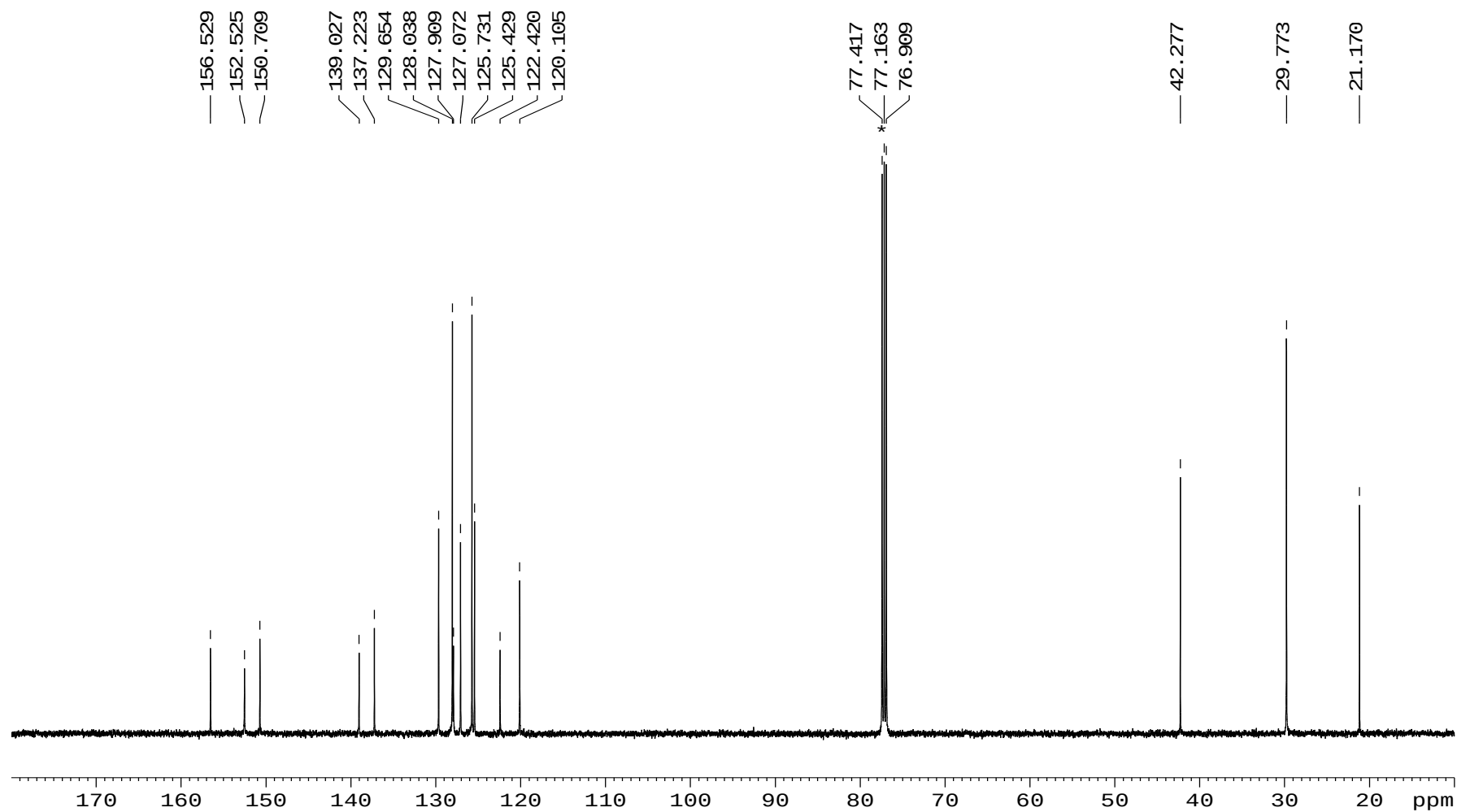


Figure S3. $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR spectrum (125 MHz, CDCl_3 , 298 K) of $\{\text{ONO}^{\text{Me,Cumyl}}\}\text{H}_2$ (*stands for residual solvent resonances).

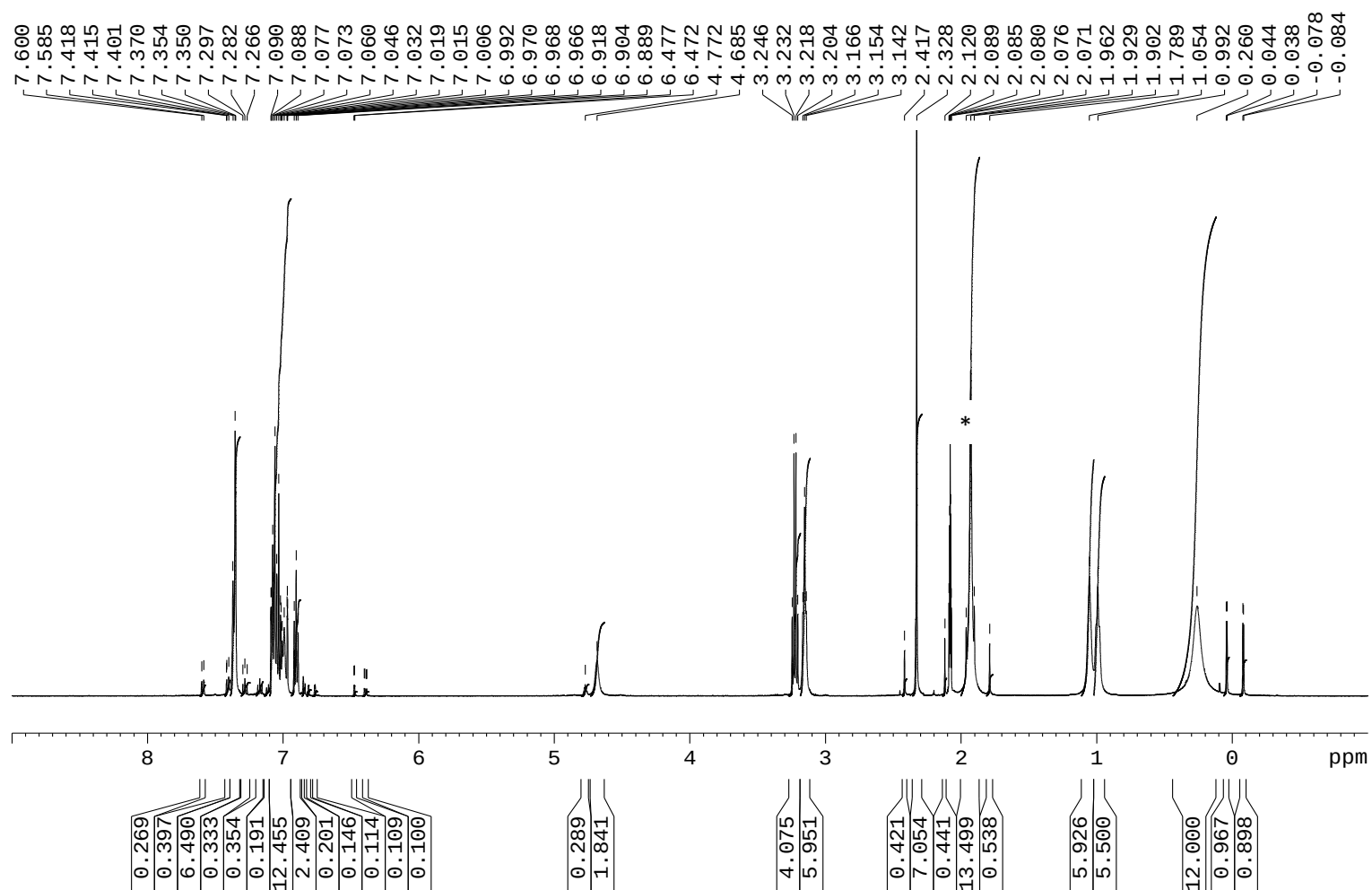


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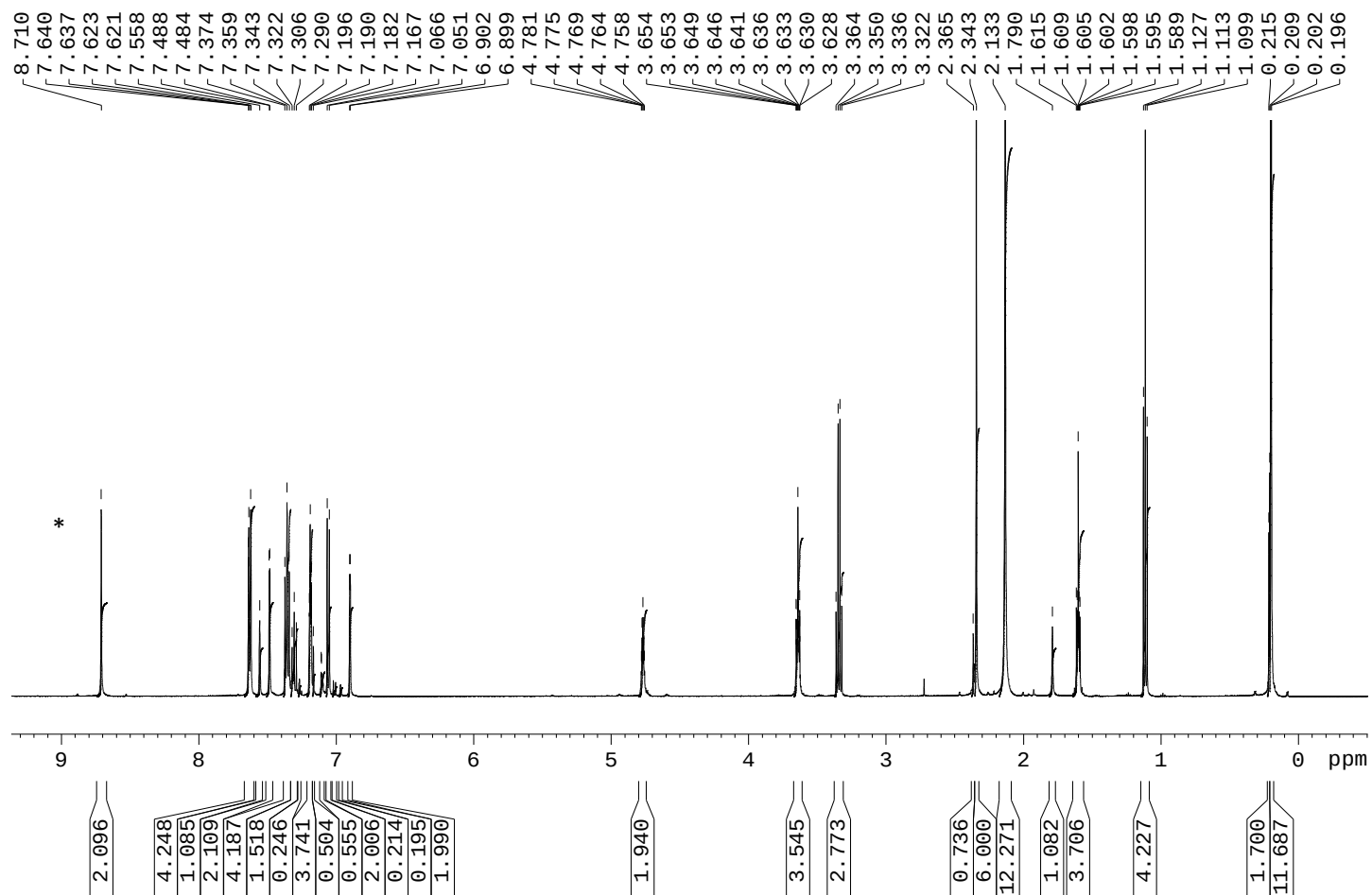


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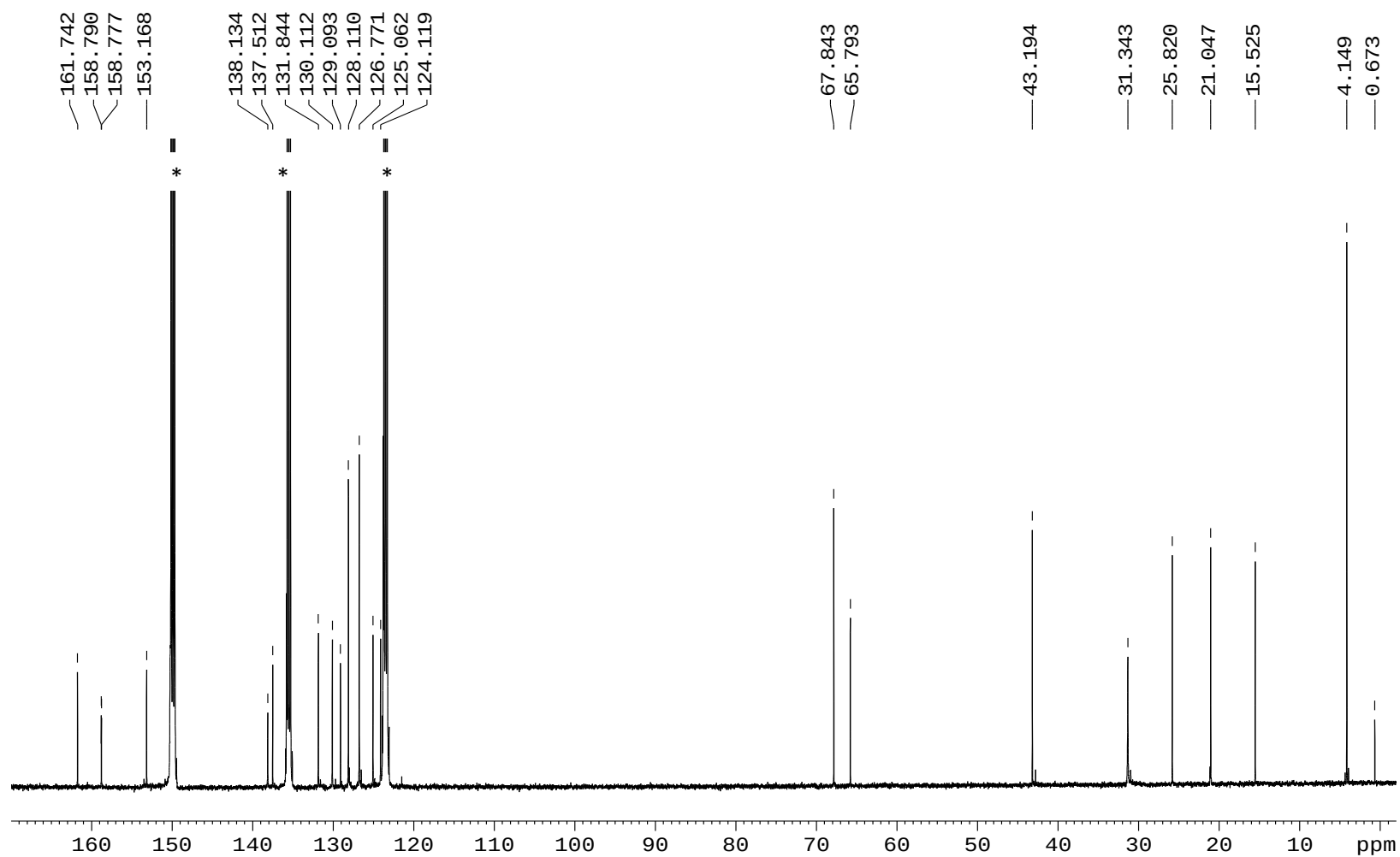


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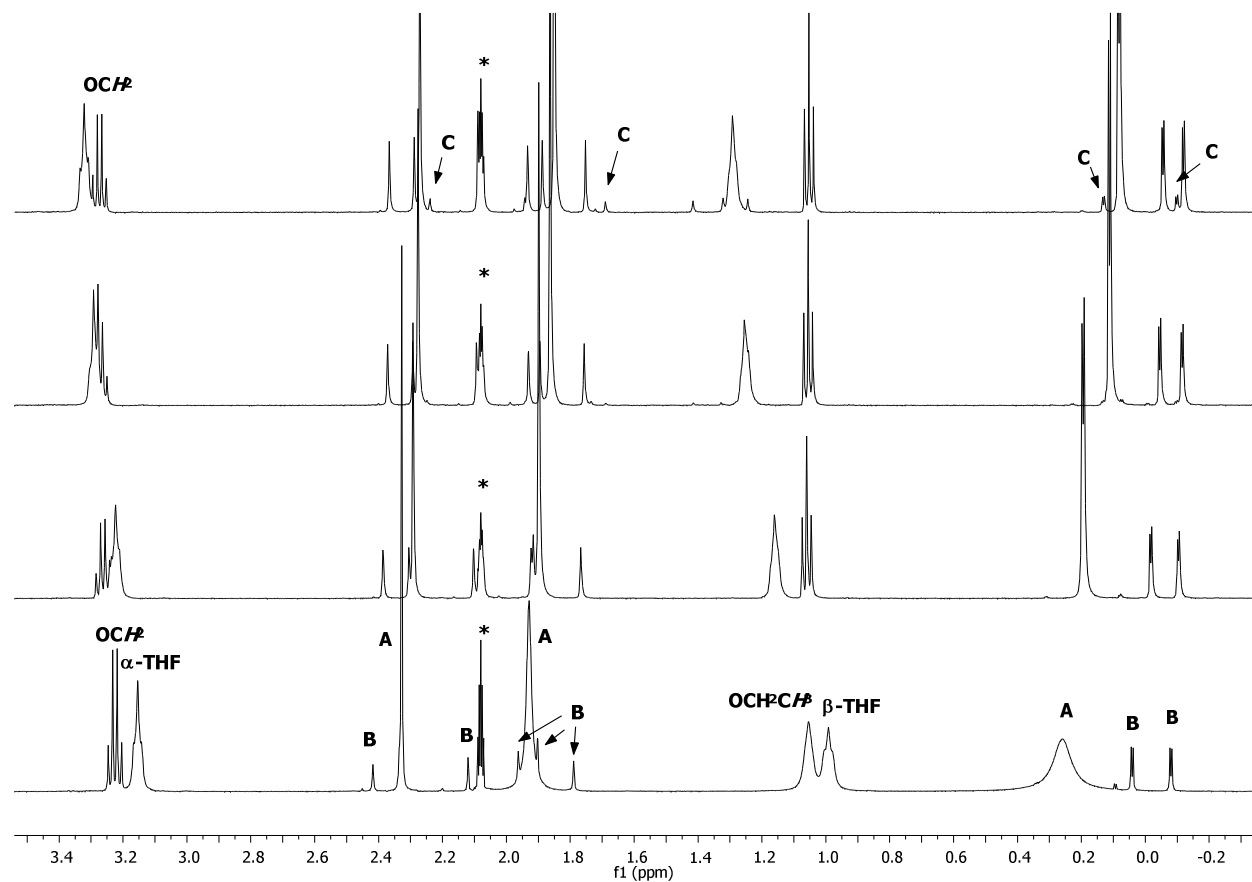


Figure S7. Details of the aliphatic region of the VT- ^1H NMR spectra (500 MHz, toluene- d_8 , 298–363 K) of $\{\text{ONO}^{\text{Me,Cumyl}}\}\text{Y}[\text{N}(\text{SiHMe}_2)_2](\text{THF})(\text{Et}_2\text{O})$ (**1**); from bottom to top, 298 K, 333 K, 353 K and 363 K. Markers **A** denote genuine compound **1**, and **B** and **C** unidentified species forming upon time and heating (* refers to residual solvent resonances).

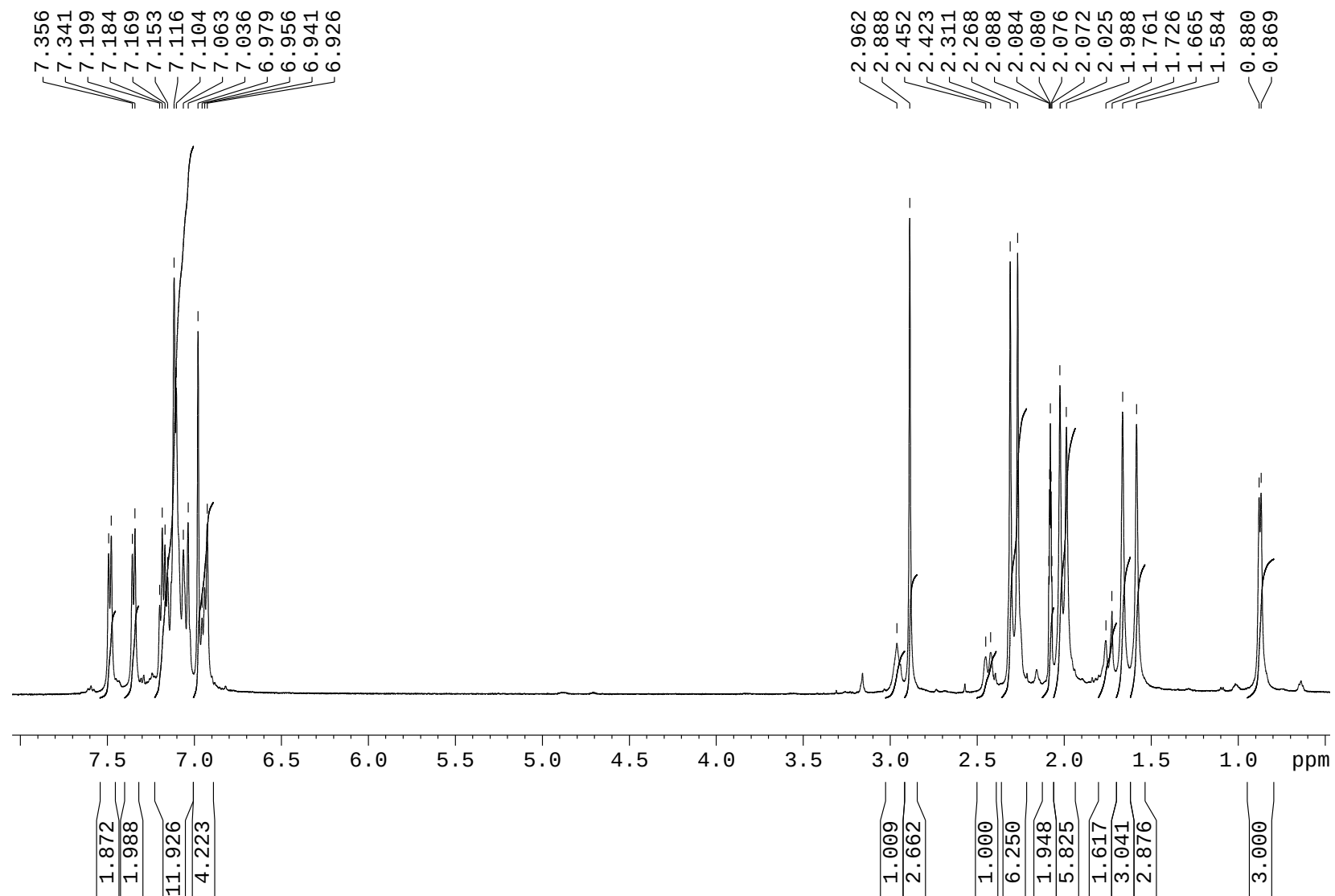


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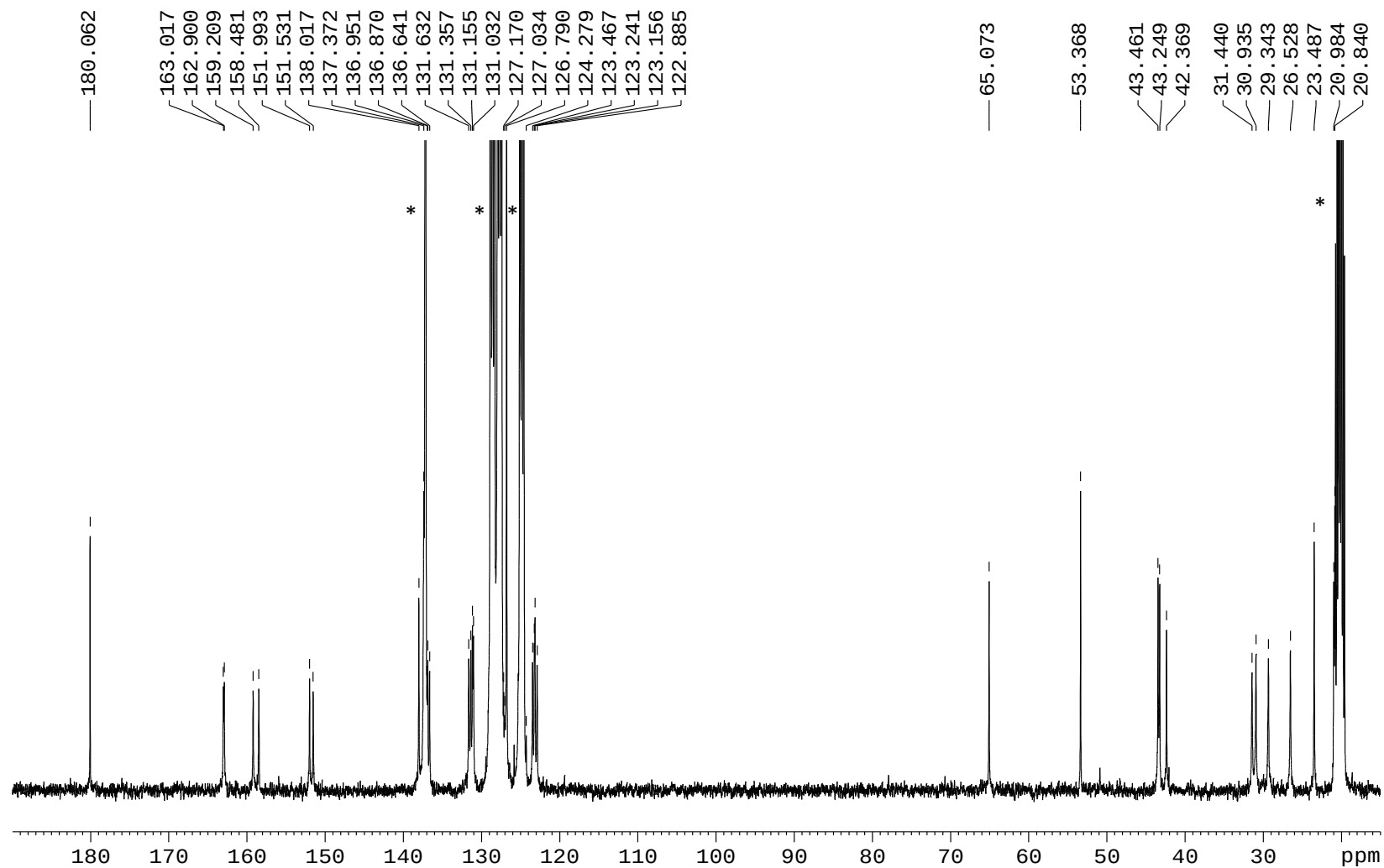


Figure S9. $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR (100 MHz, toluene- d_8 , 258 K) of $\{\text{ONO}^{\text{Me,Cumyl}}\}\text{Y}((R)\text{-OCH}(\text{CH}_3)\text{CH}_2\text{COOMe})$ (**2**) (* stands for residual solvent resonance).

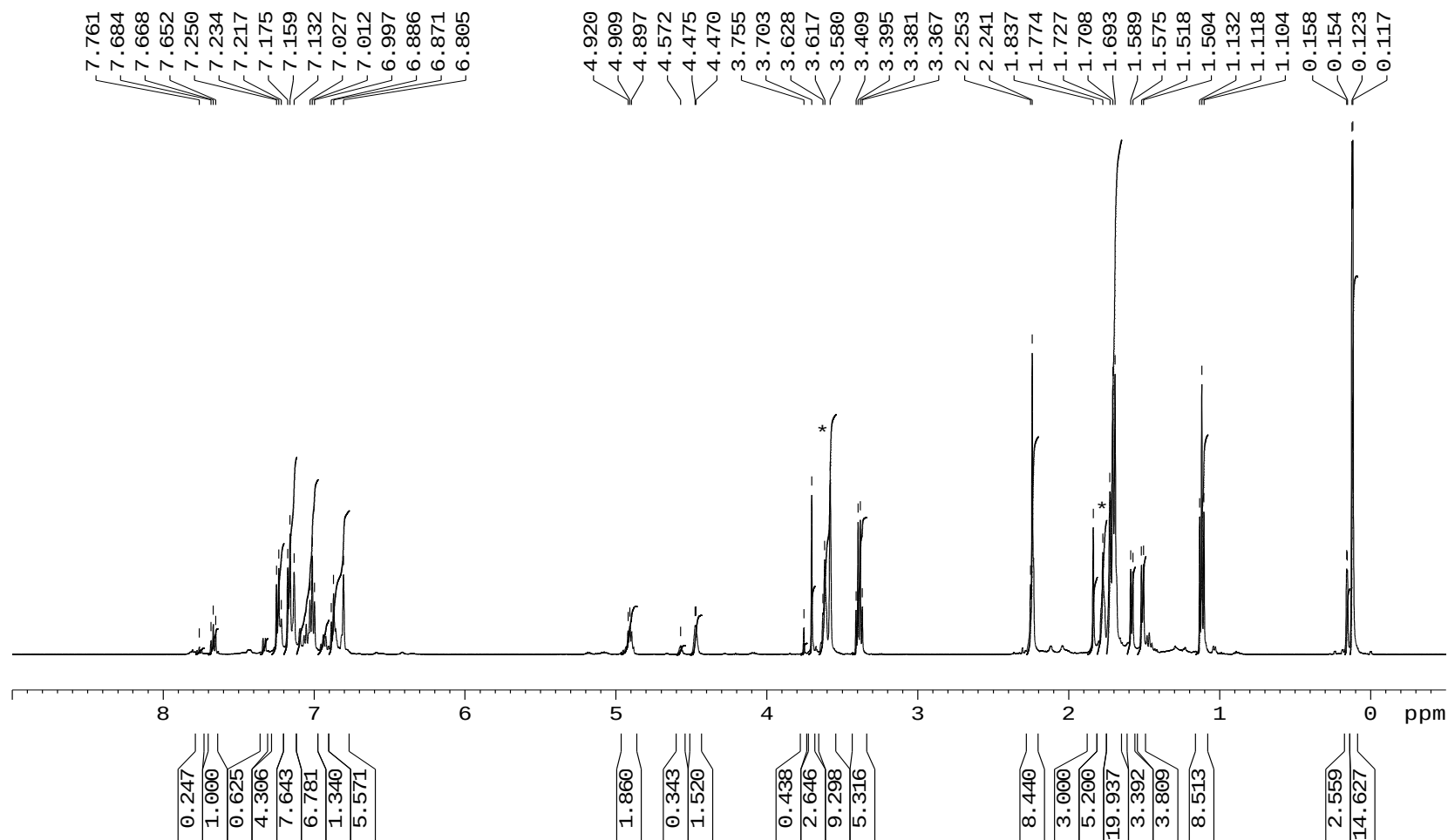


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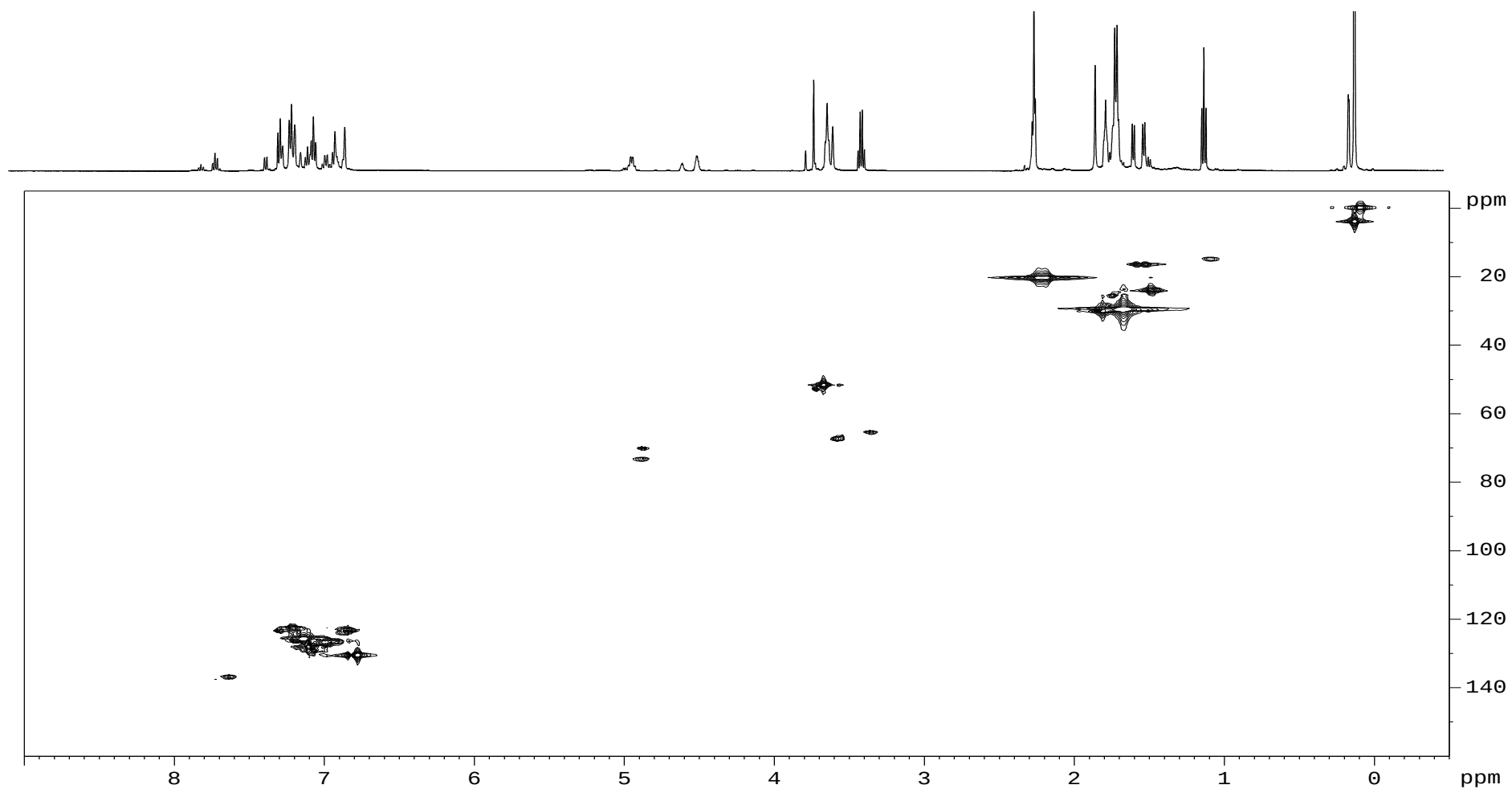


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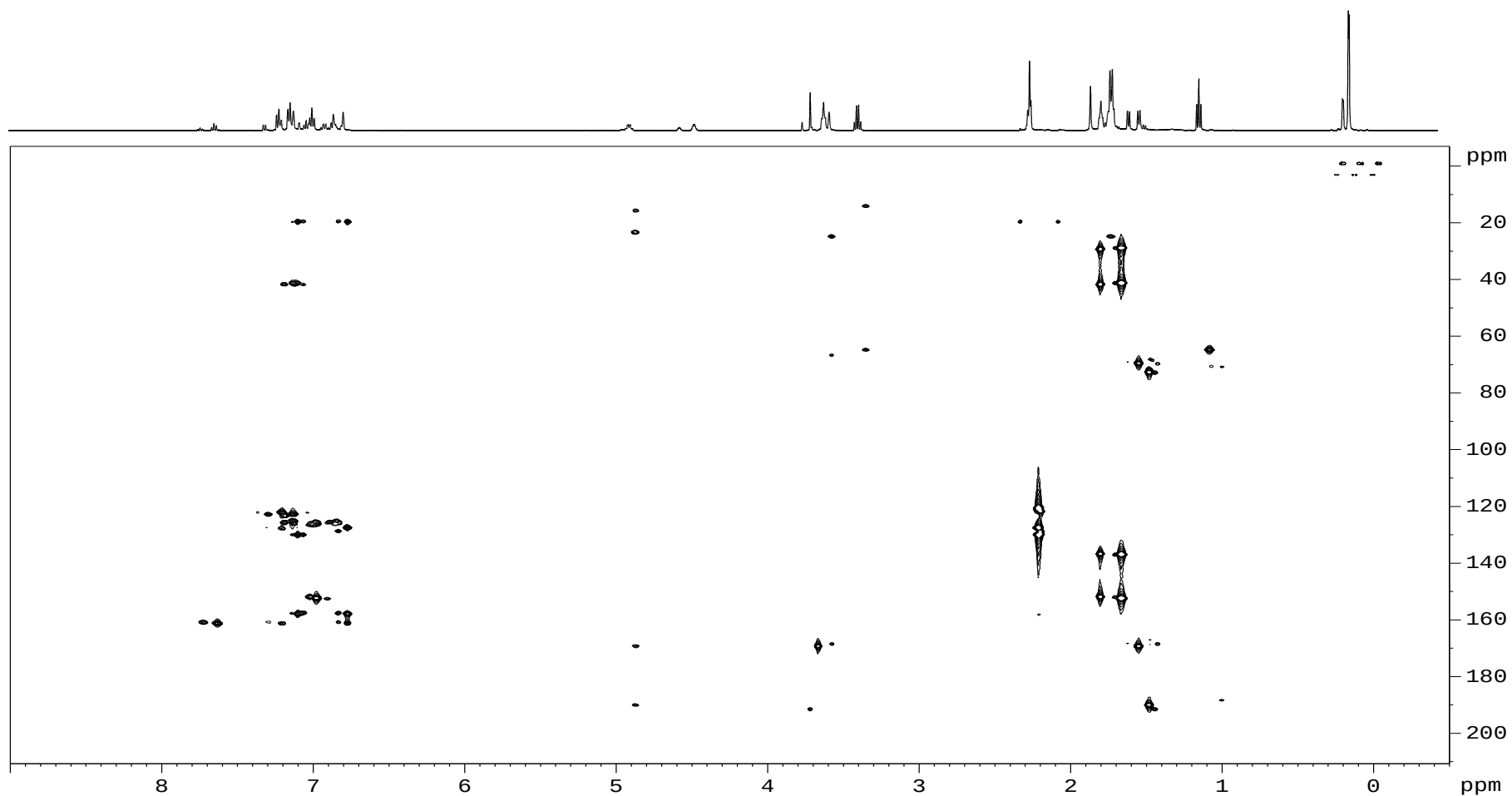


Figure S13. ^{13}C - ^1H HMBC NMR spectrum (500 MHz, $\text{THF-}d_8$, 298 K) of $\{\text{ONO}^{\text{Me,Cumyl}}\}\text{Y}((S,S)\text{-OCH}(\text{CH}_3)\text{OCH}(\text{CH}_3)\text{COOMe})(\text{THF})$ (**3**) *in situ* generated upon addition of one equiv of methyl (S,S)-lactyllactate to **1** (after 30 min at room temperature).

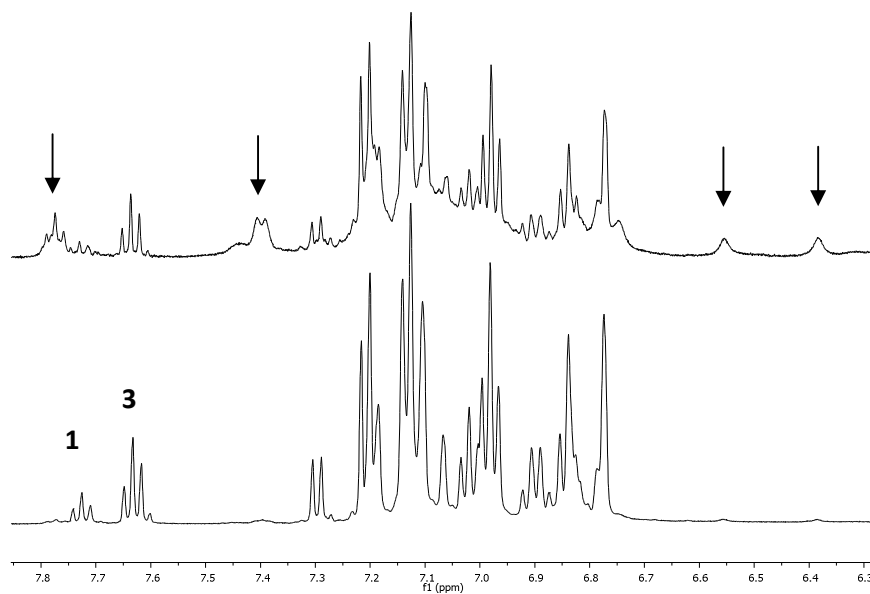


Figure S14a. Details of the aromatic region of the ^1H NMR (500 MHz, $\text{THF-}d_8$, 298K) spectrum of the 1:1 reaction mixture of **1** and methyl (*S,S*)-lactyllactate at room temperature after 30 min (bottom spectrum) and after 18 h reaction, evaporation of volatiles and addition of fresh $\text{THF-}d_8$ (bottom spectrum).

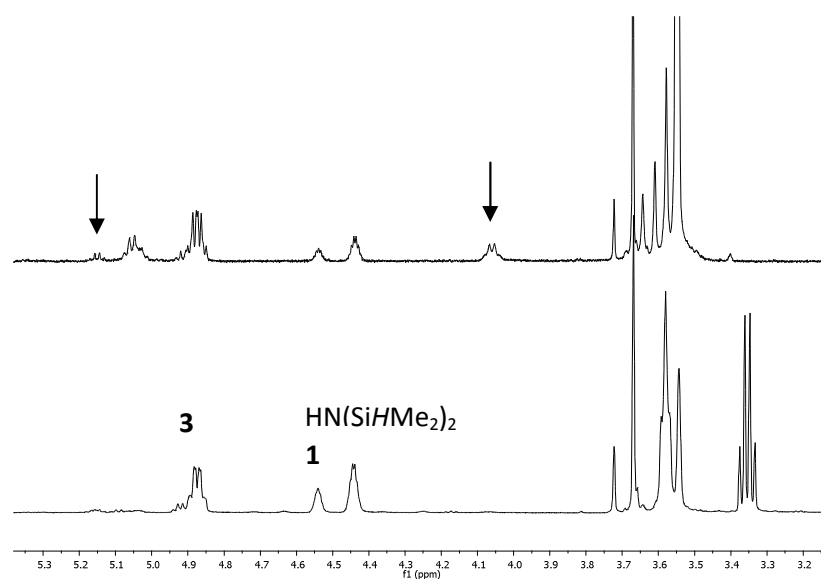


Figure S14b. Details of the SiH region.

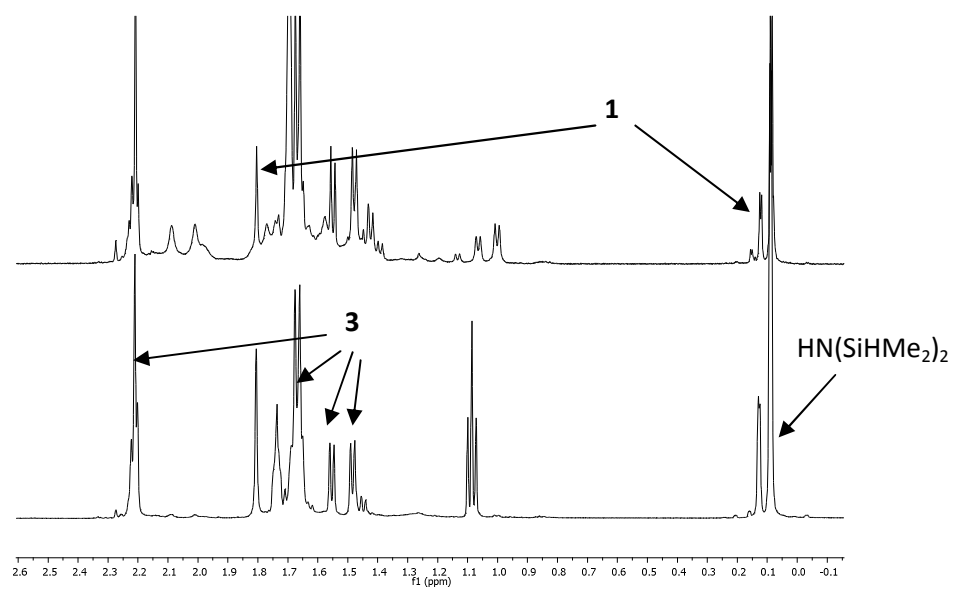


Figure S14c. Details of the aliphatic region.

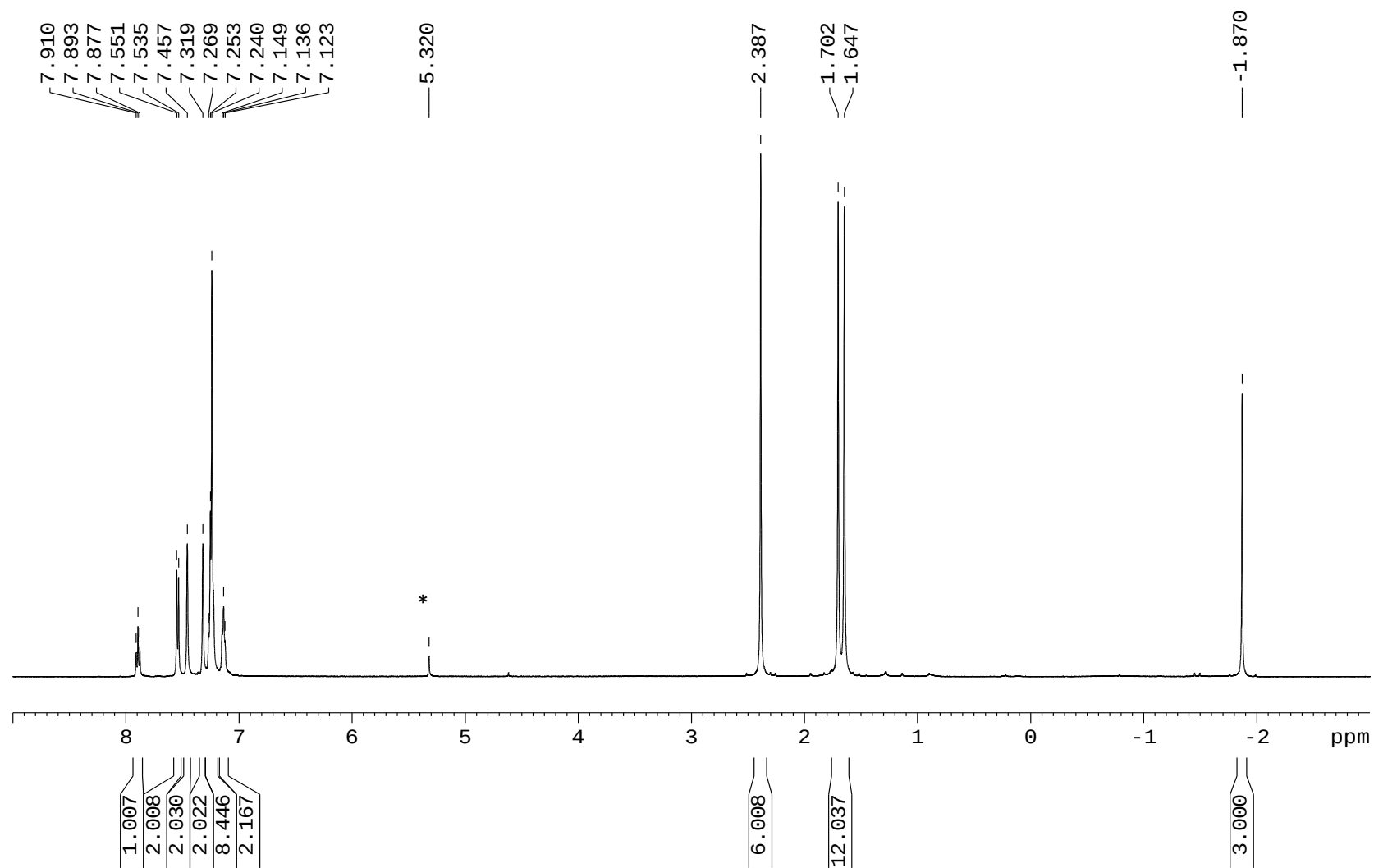


Figure S15. ¹H NMR spectrum (500 MHz, CD₂Cl₂, 298 K) of {ONO^{Me,Cumyl}}AlMe (**4**) (*stands for residual solvent resonances).

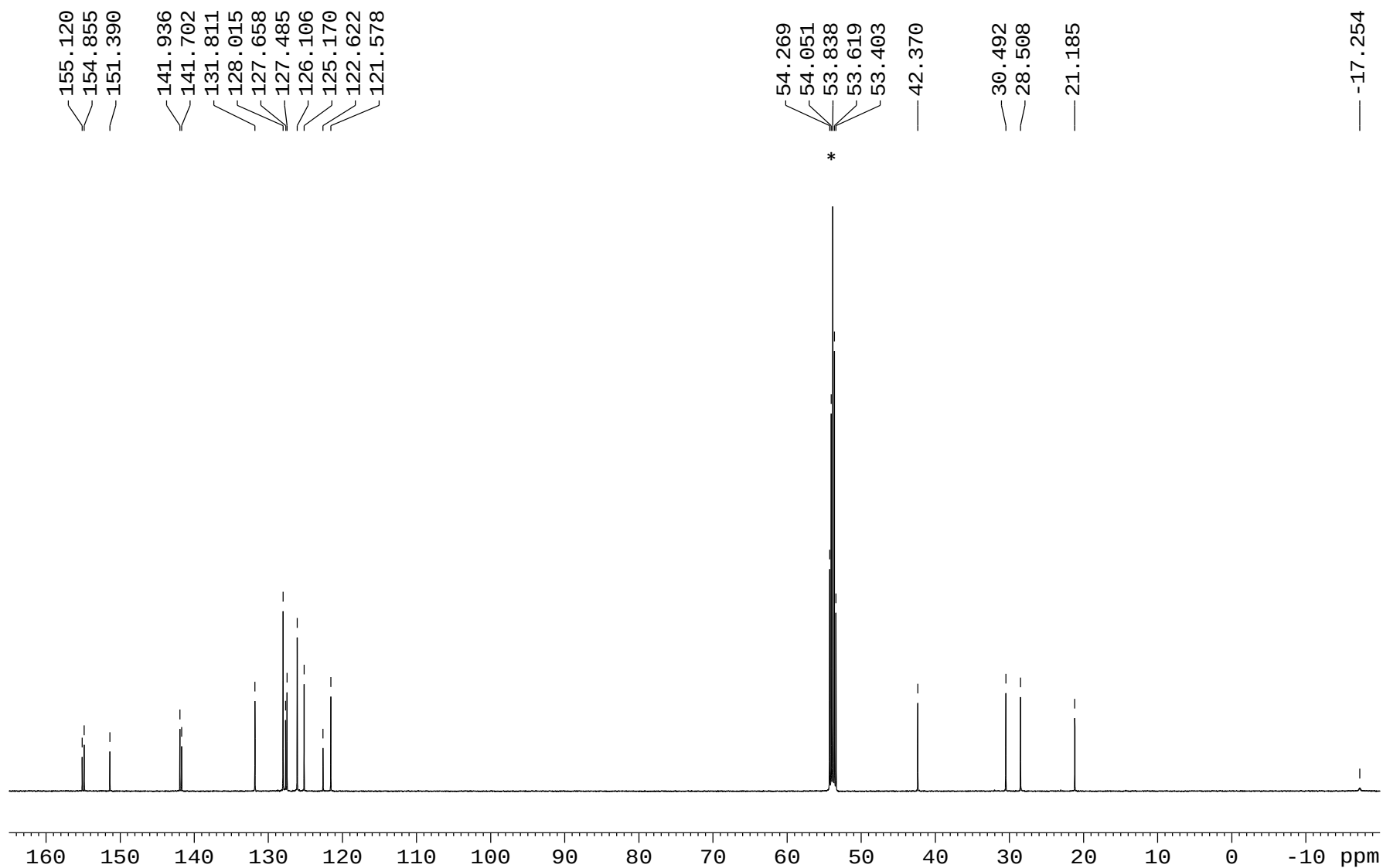


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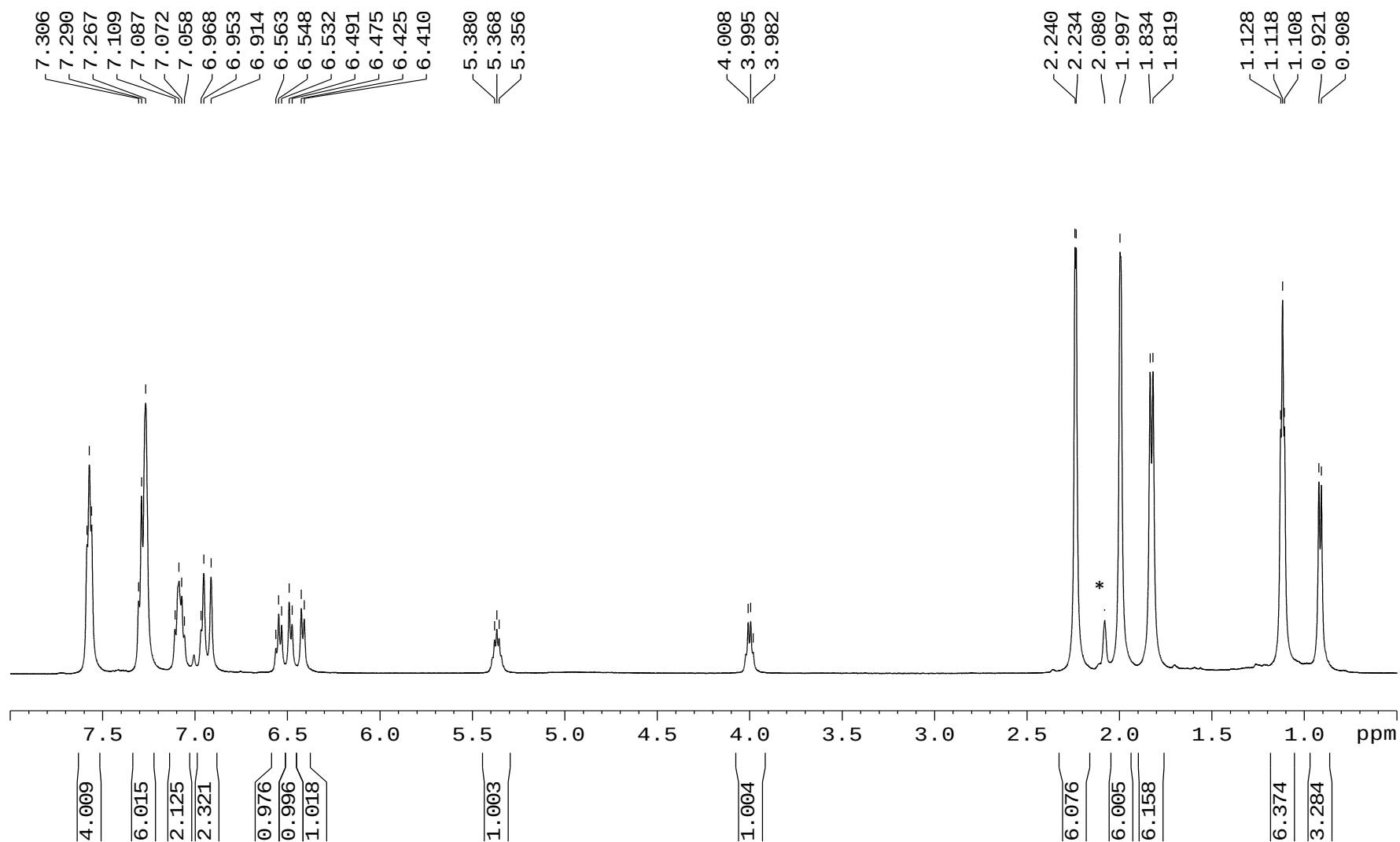


Figure S17. ^1H NMR spectrum (500 MHz, $\text{toluene-}d_8$, 298 K) of $\{\text{ONO}^{\text{Me,Cumyl}}\}\text{Al}(\text{iPr } (S)\text{-lactate})$ (5) (*stands for residual solvent resonances).

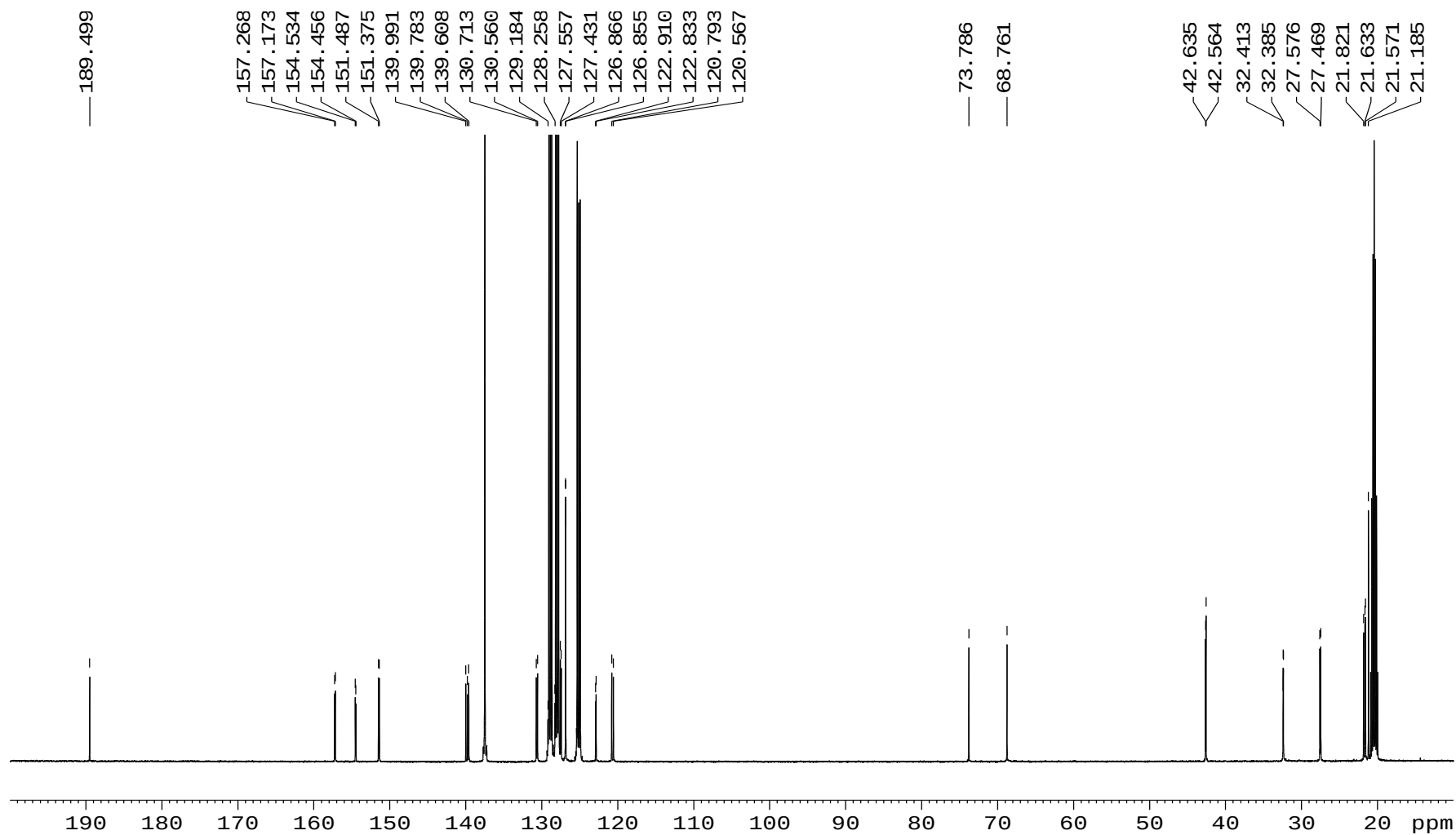


Figure S18. $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR spectrum (125 MHz, toluene- d_8 , 298 K) of $\{\text{ONO}^{\text{Me,Cumyl}}\}\text{Al}(\text{iPr})(\text{S})\text{-lactate}$ (5).

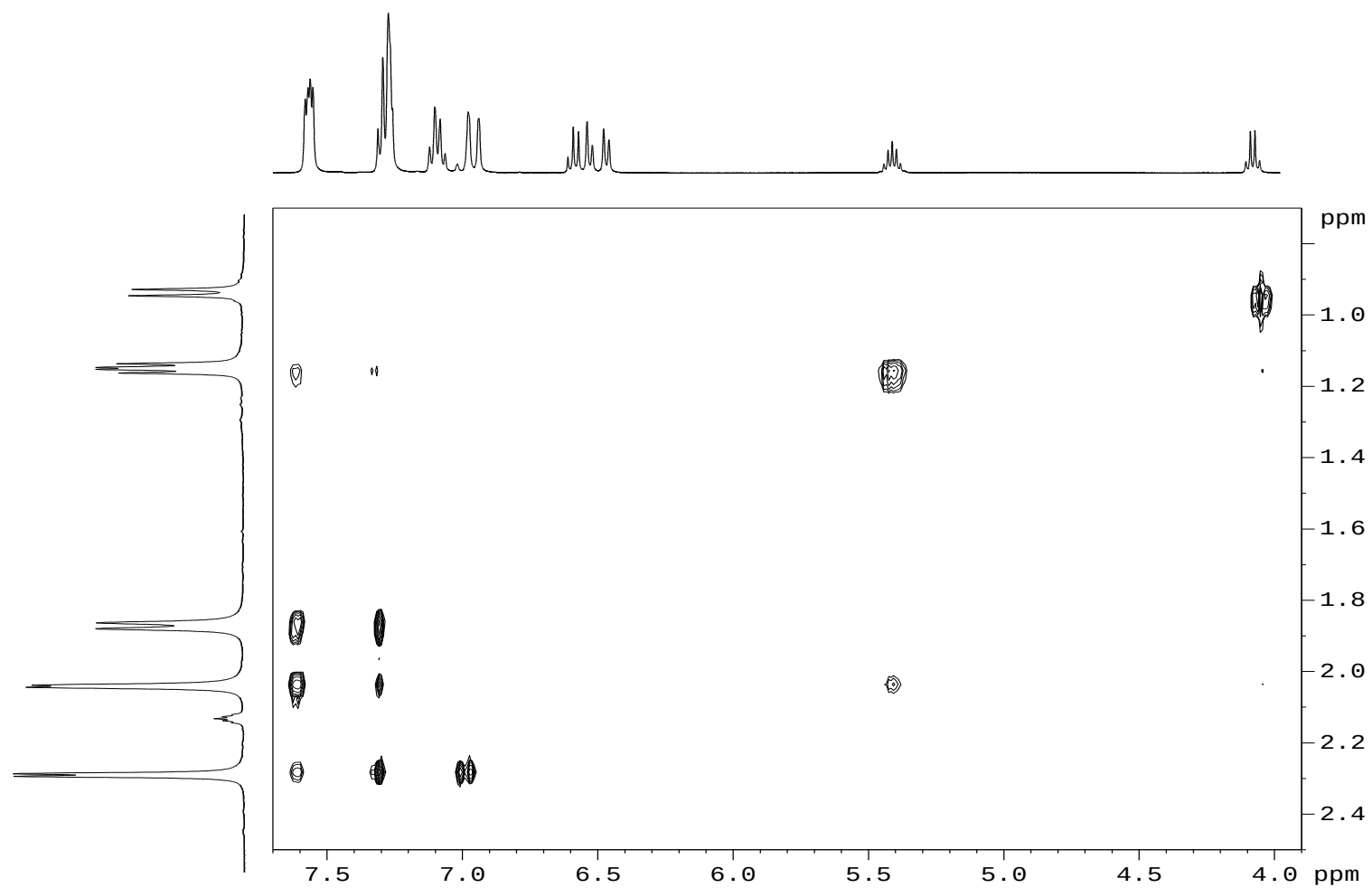


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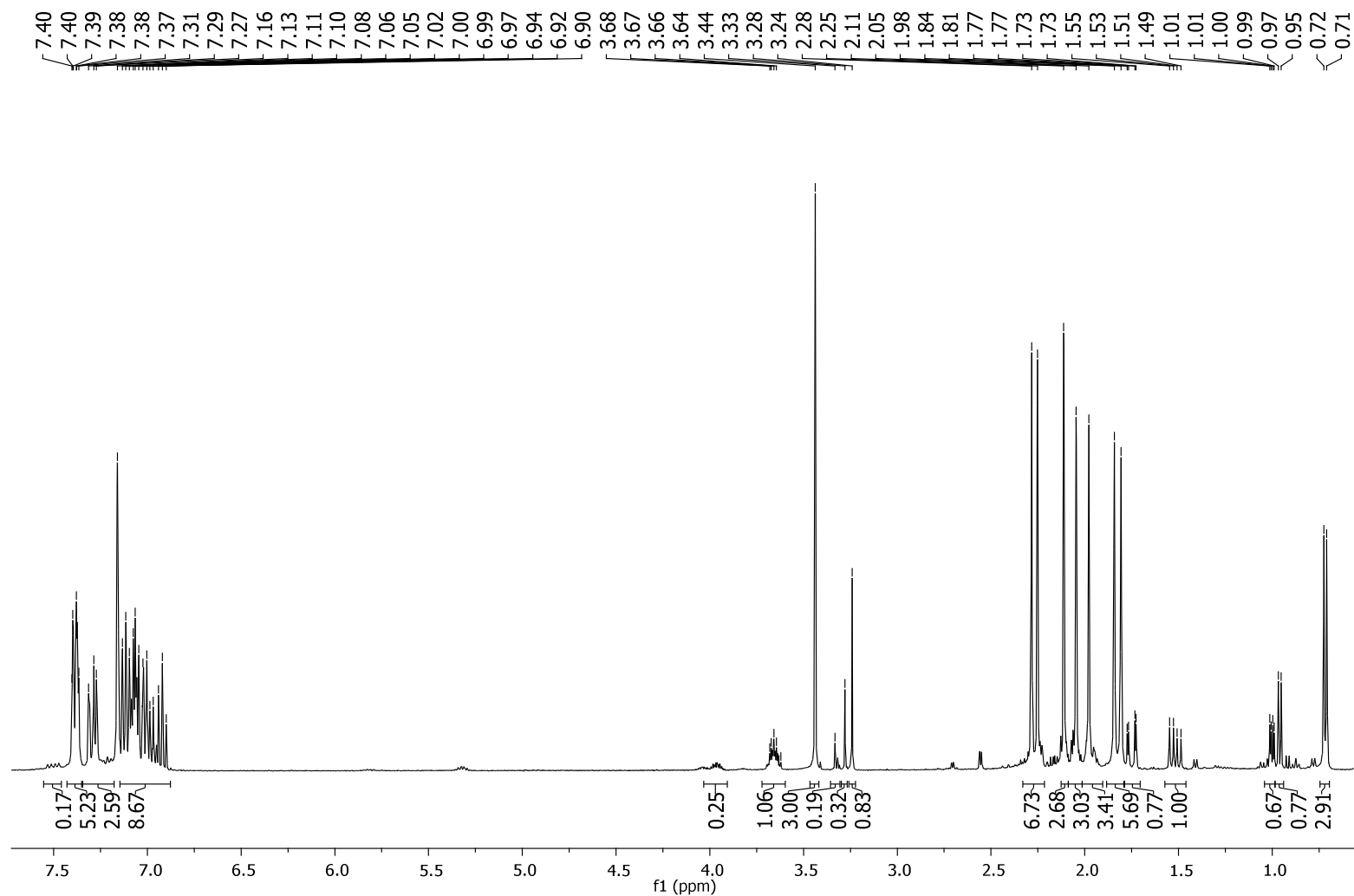


Figure S20. ^1H NMR spectrum (500 MHz, CD_2Cl_2 , 298 K) of $\{\text{ONO}^{\text{Me,Cumyl}}\}\text{Al}((R)\text{-OCH}(\text{CH}_3)\text{CH}_2\text{COOMe})$ (**6**) (* stands for residual solvent resonances; a small amount of free ligand contaminates the product).

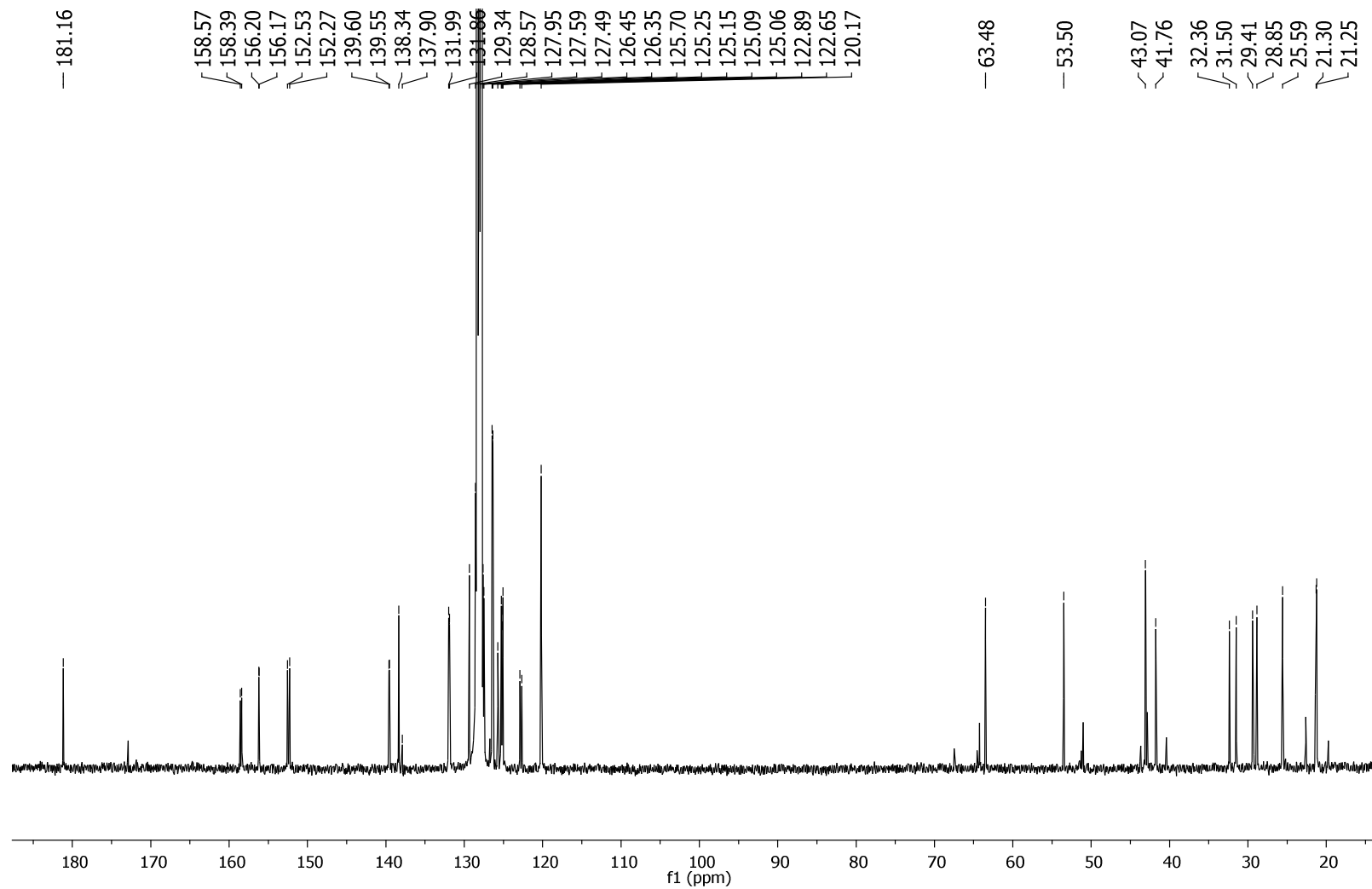


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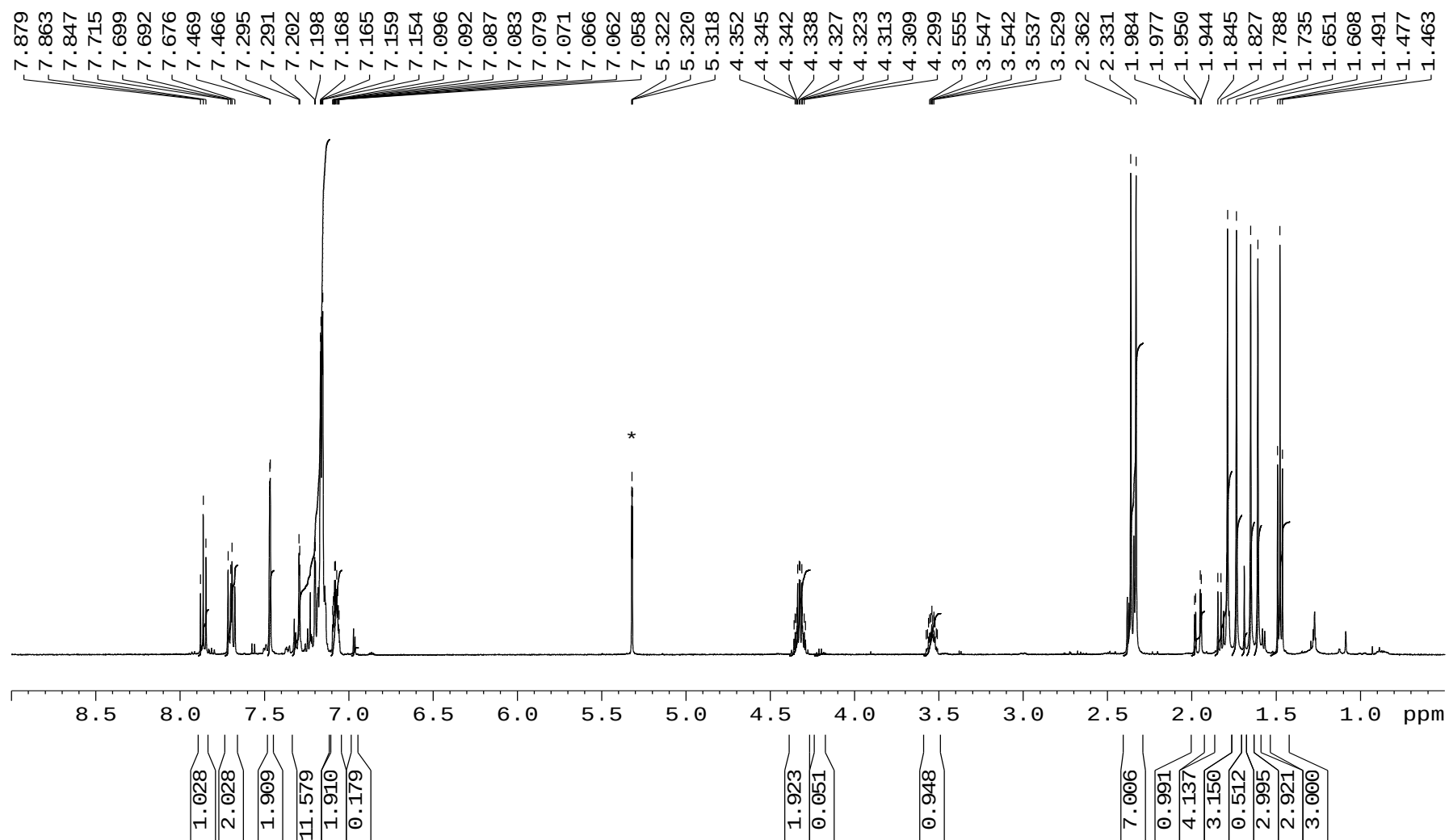


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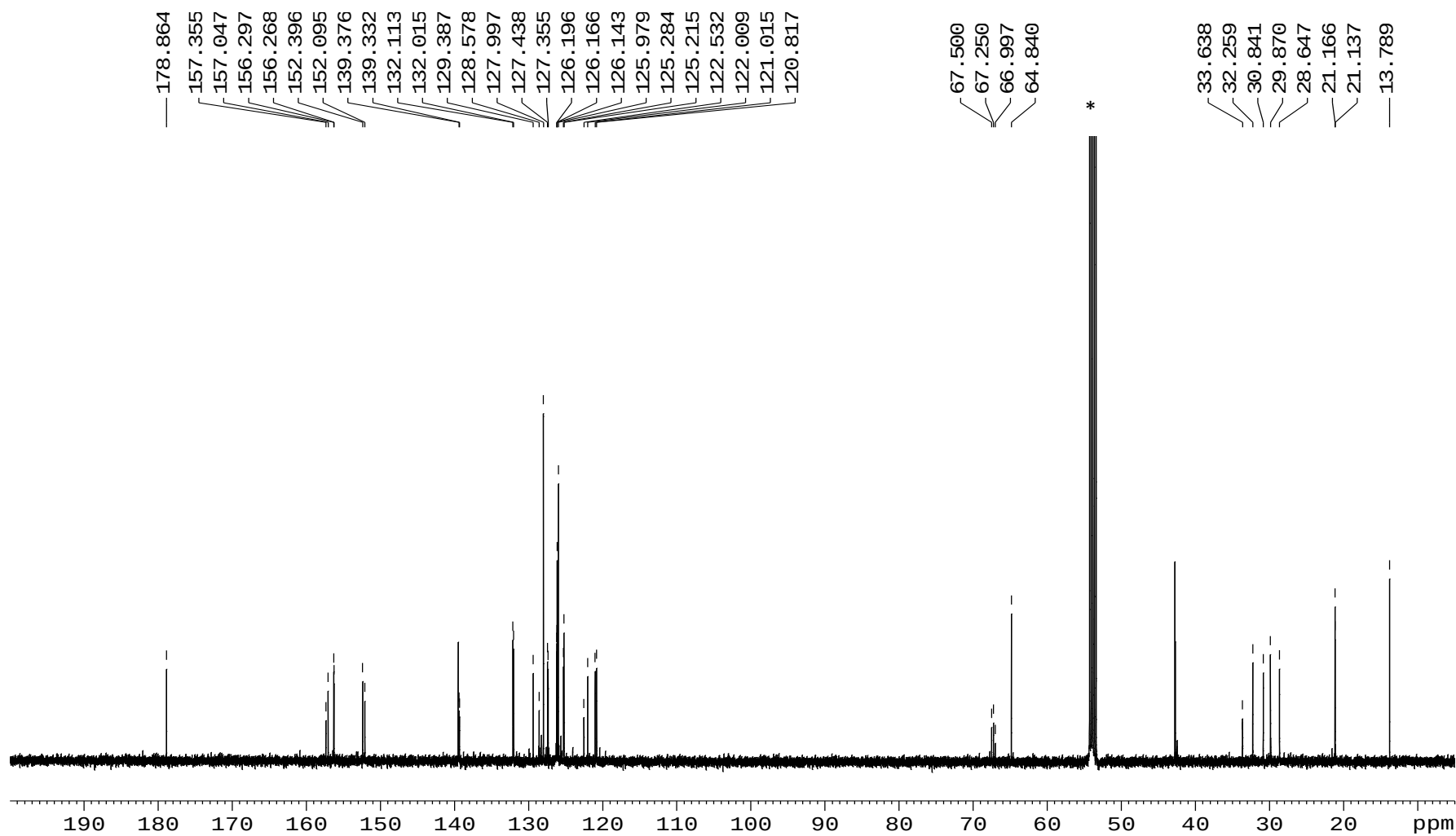


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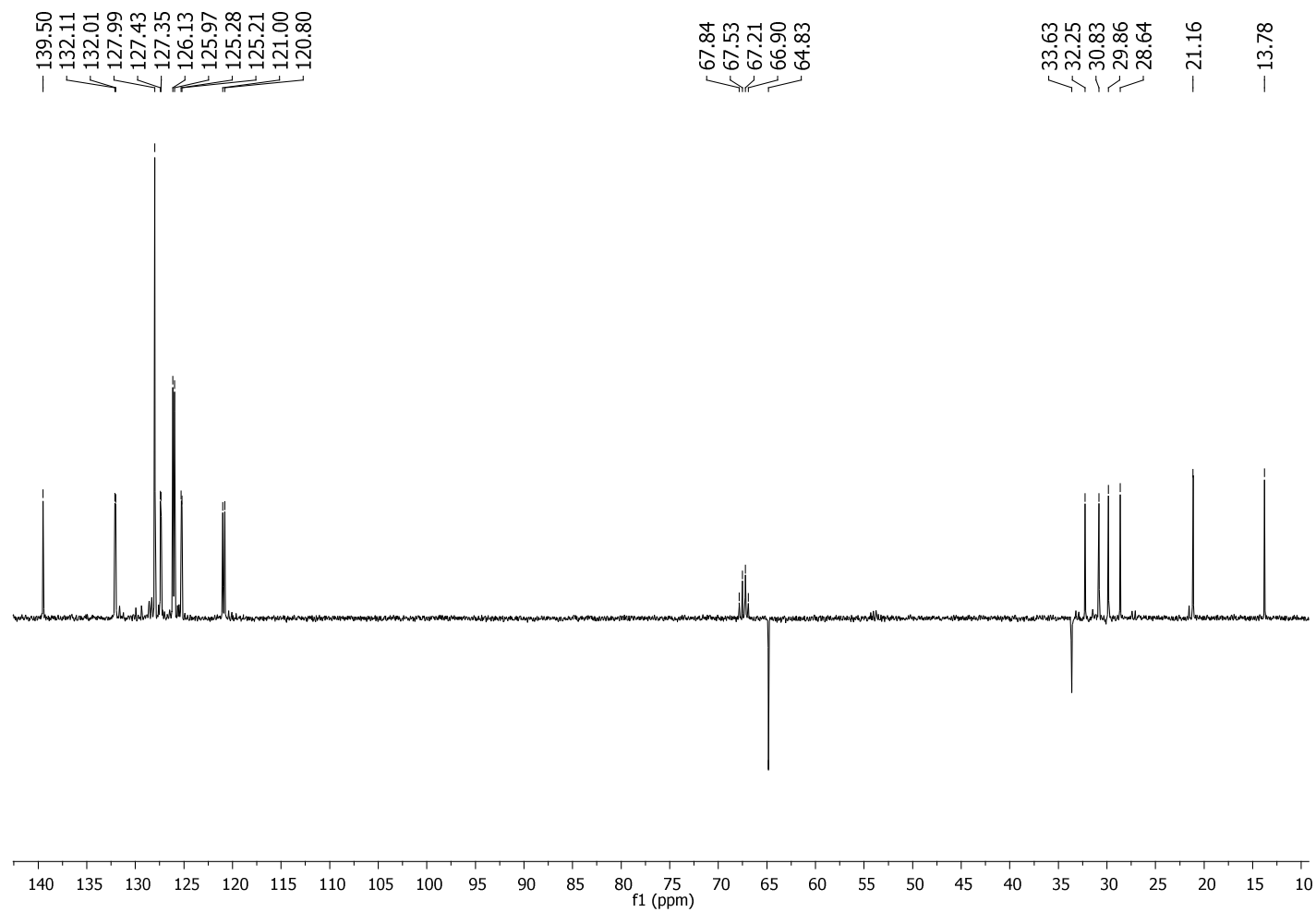


Figure S23bis. DEPT 135 NMR spectrum (125 MHz, CD_2Cl_2 , 298 K) of $\{\text{ONO}^{\text{Me,Cumyl}}\}\text{Al}((\text{rac})\text{-OCH}(\text{CF}_3)\text{CH}_2\text{COOEt})$ (7).

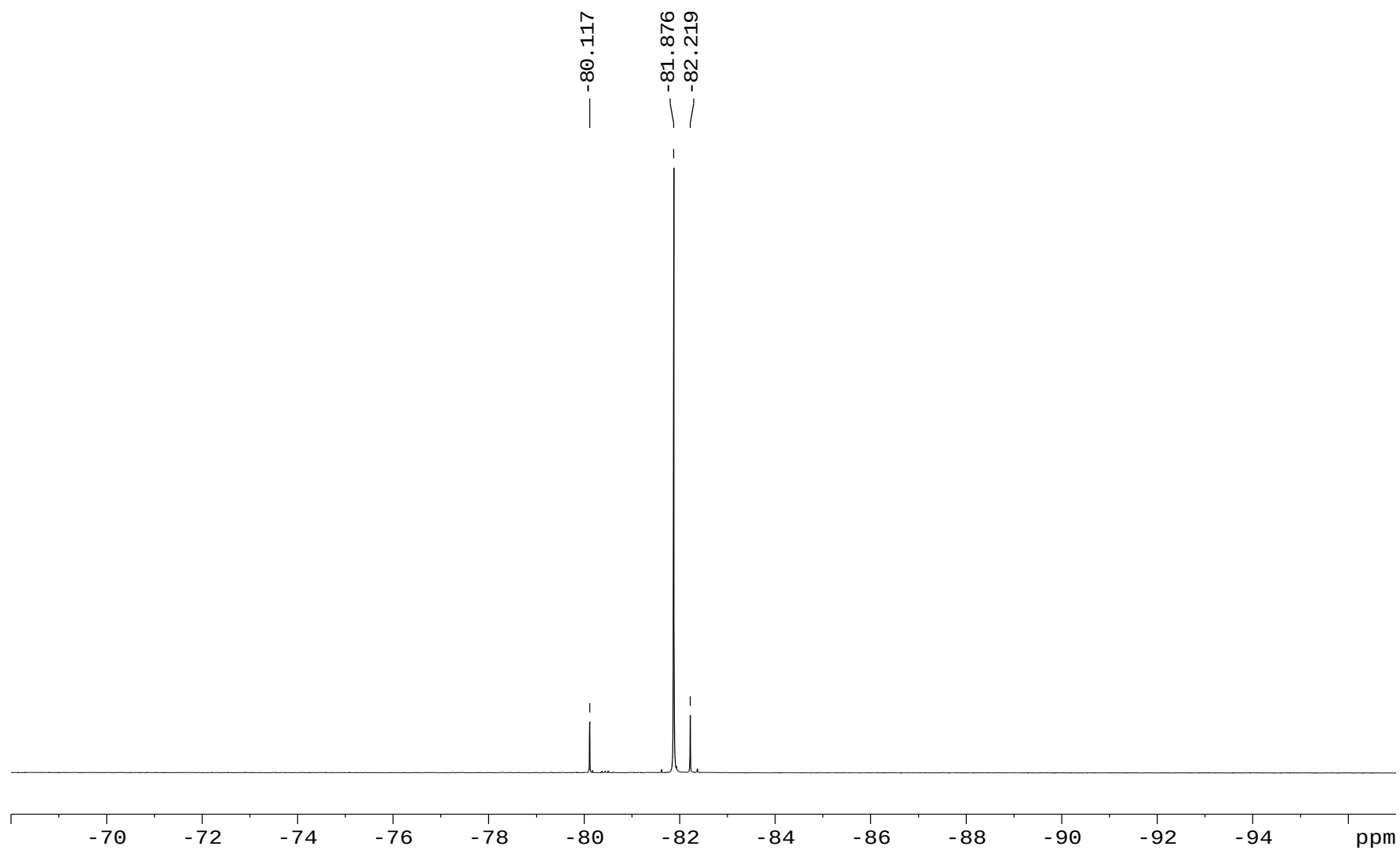


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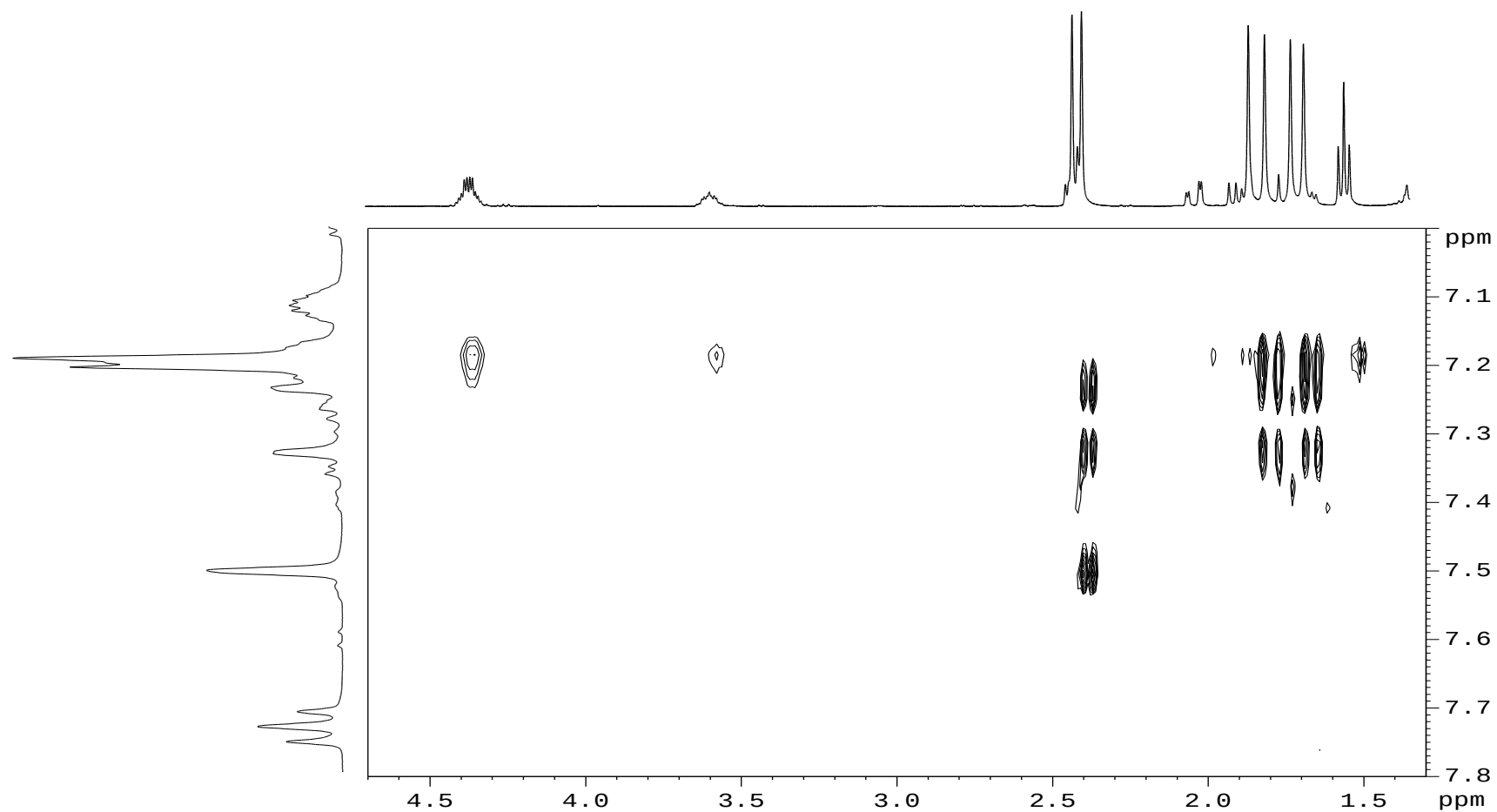


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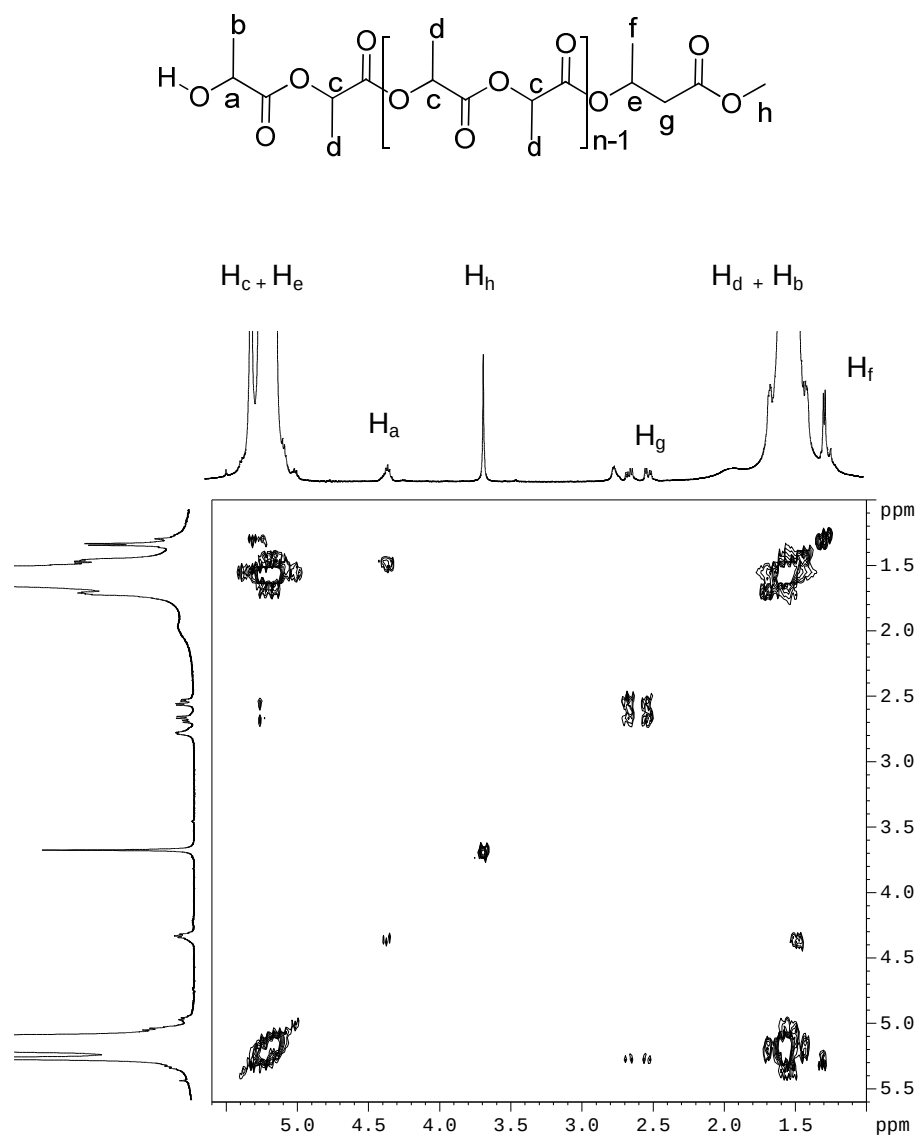


Figure S26. ^1H - ^1H COSY NMR spectrum (500 MHz, CDCl_3 , 298 K) of a PLA produced from $\{\text{ONO}^{\text{Me,Cumyl}}\}\text{Y}((R)\text{-OCH}(\text{CH}_3)\text{CH}_2\text{COOMe})$ (**2**) (Table 1, entry 10).

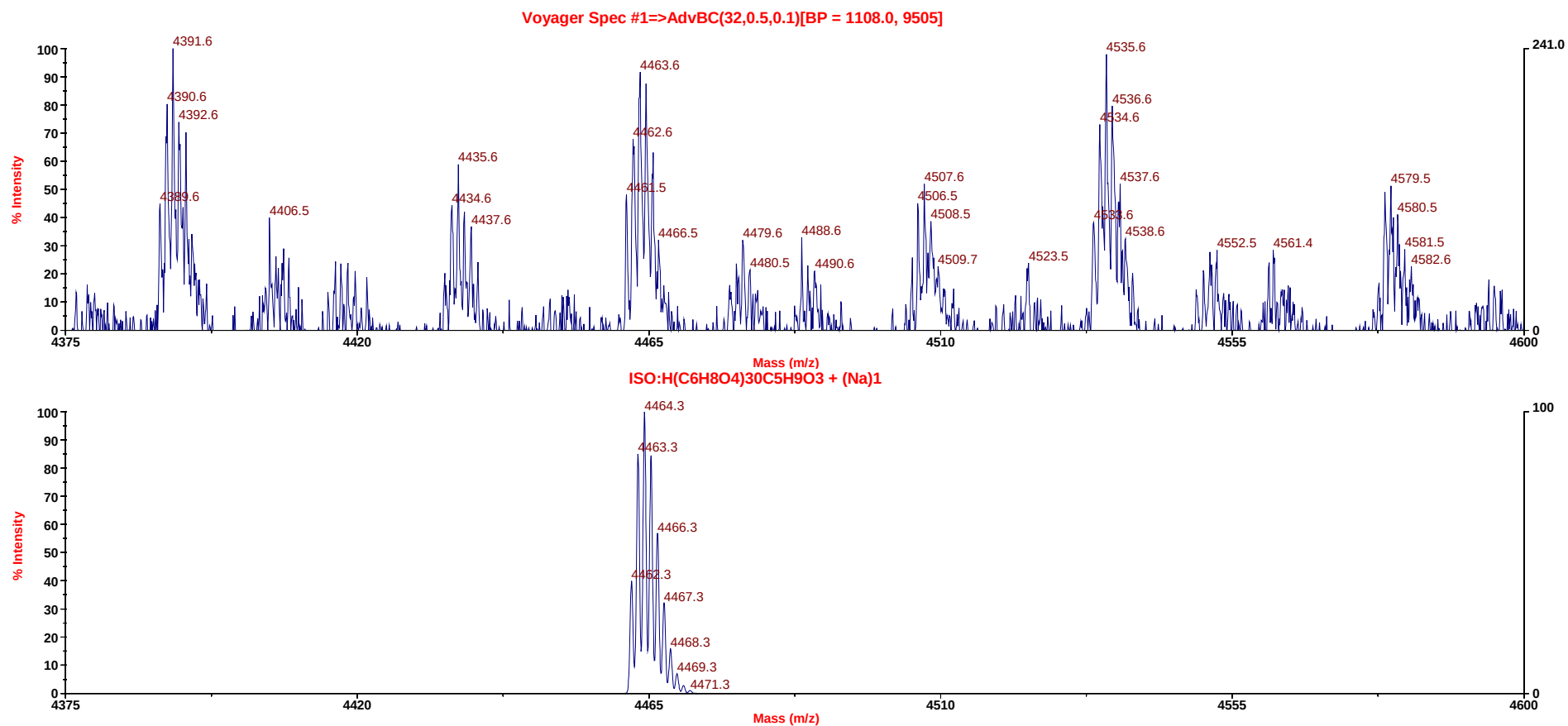


Figure S27. Detail of the MALDI-ToF mass spectrum of a PLA sample produced from **2** using IAA as matrix (Table 1, entry 10). Top: experimental spectrum; the observed two distributions at $m/z = 4463$ and 4479 Da correspond to $\text{MeOC(O)CH}_2\text{CH(CH}_3\text{)O}-(\text{LA})_n\text{-H}$ macromolecules ionized by Na^+ and K^+ . Bottom: calculated isotopic distribution for macromolecules ionized with Na^+ .

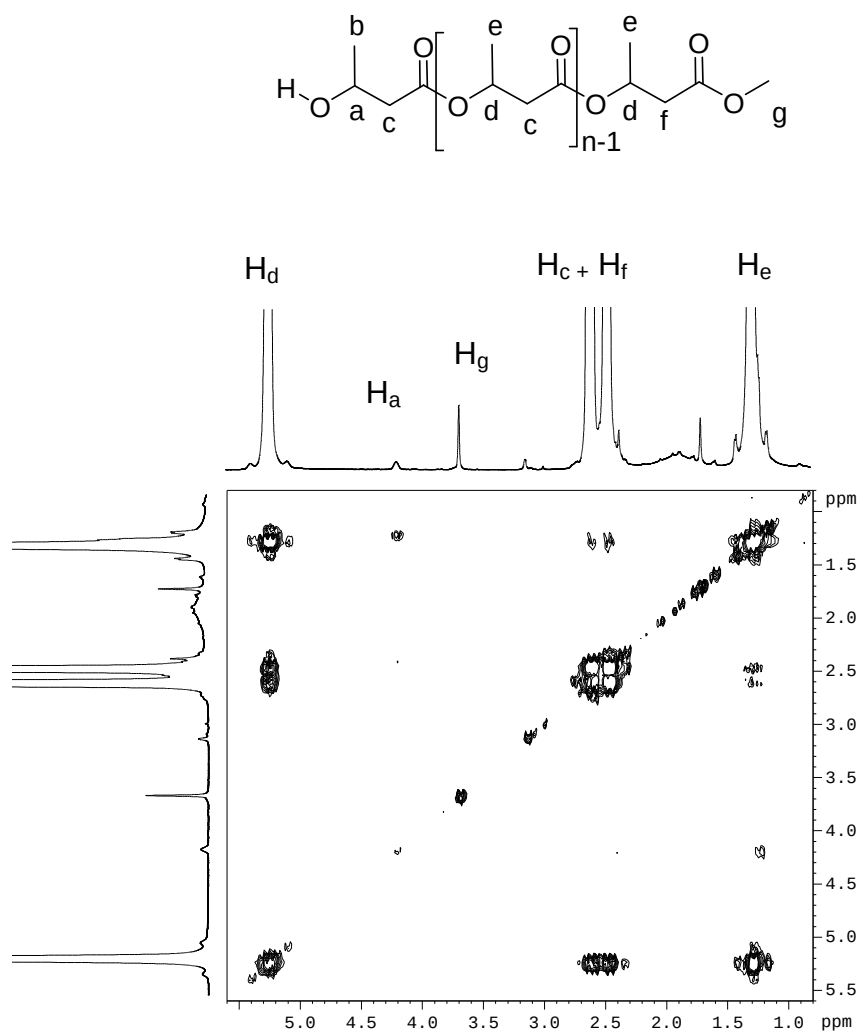


Figure S28. ^1H - ^1H COSY NMR spectrum (500 MHz, CDCl_3 , 298 K) of a PHB produced from $\{\text{ONO}^{\text{Me,Cumyl}}\}\text{Y}((R)\text{-OCH}(\text{CH}_3)\text{CH}_2\text{COOMe})$ (**2**) (Table 1, entry 21).

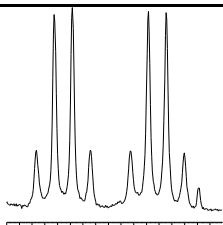
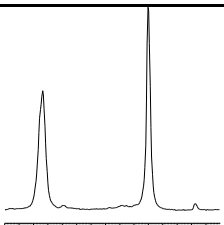
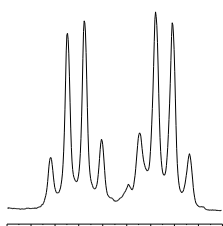
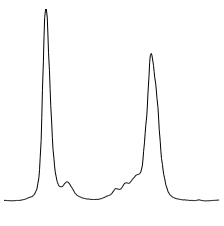
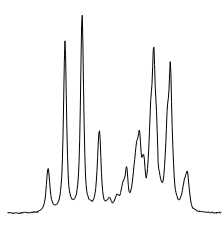
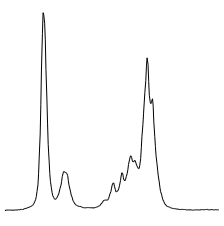
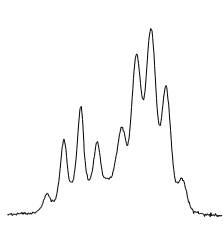
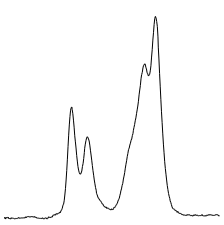
Table 1, Experiment	^1H NMR	$^1\text{H}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR	P_r
5			0.96
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9			0.55

Figure S29. Methine region of ^1H NMR and ^1H homo-decoupled NMR spectra of different PLAs.

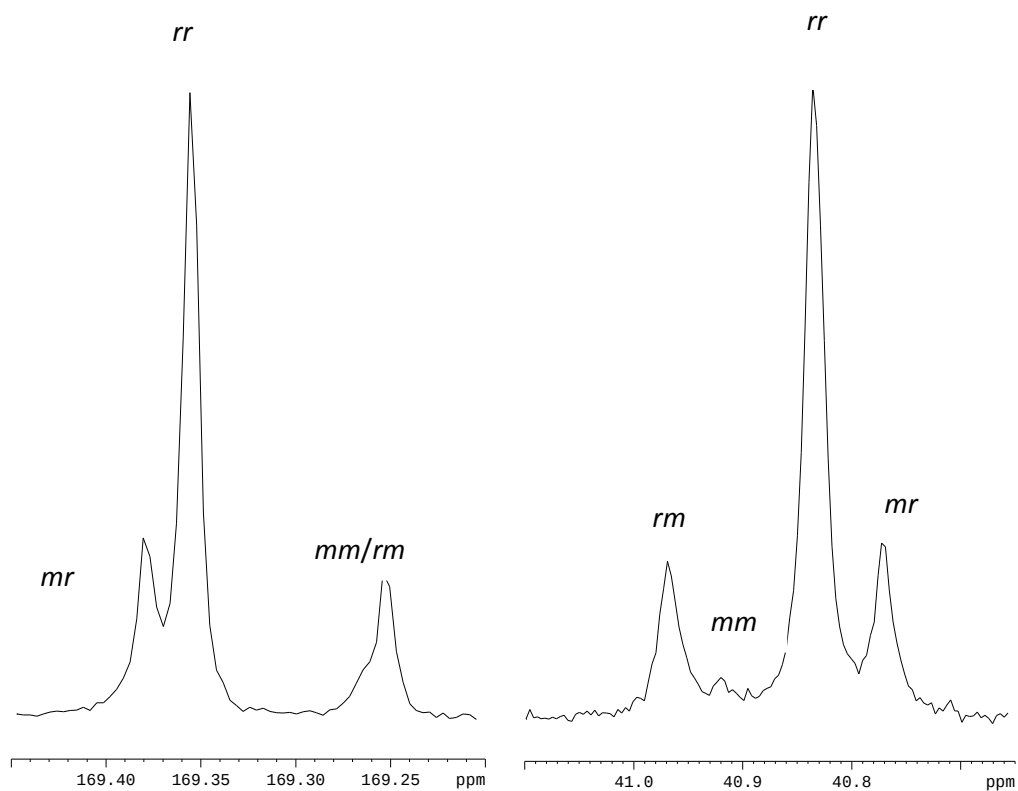


Figure S30. Carbonyl (left) and methylene (right) regions of the $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR spectrum (100 MHz, CDCl_3 , 298 K) of a PHB produced from $\{\text{ONO}^{\text{Me,Cumyl}}\}\text{Y}((R)\text{-OCH}(\text{CH}_3)\text{CH}_2\text{COOMe})$ (**2**) (Table 1, entry 21).

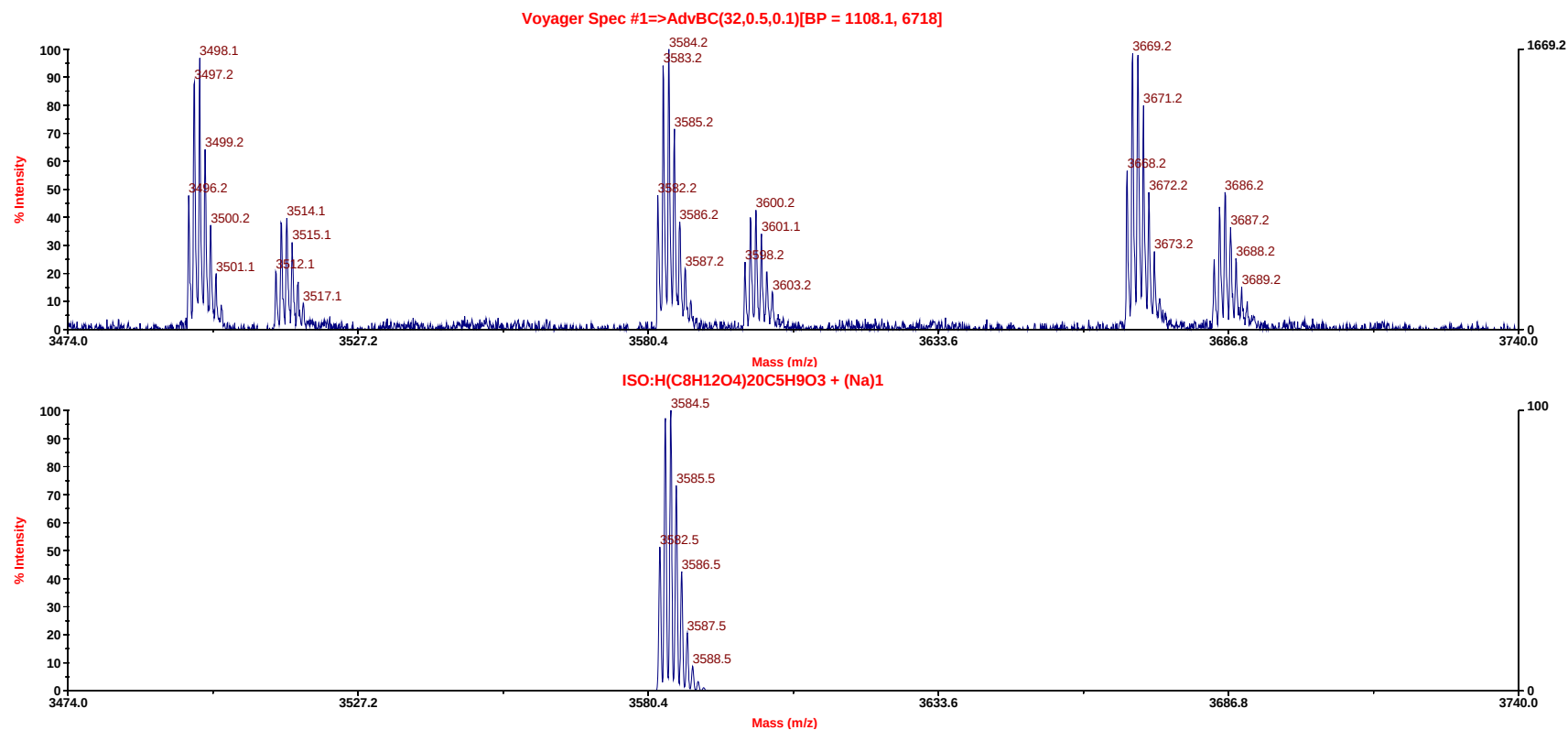


Figure S31. Detail of the MALDI-ToF mass spectrum of a PHB sample produced from **2** using IAA as matrix (Table 1, entry 20). Top: experimental spectrum; the observed two distributions correspond to $\text{MeOC(O)CH}_2\text{CH(CH}_3\text{)O}-(\text{BBL})_n\text{-H}$ macromolecules ionized by Na^+ and K^+ . Bottom: calculated isotopic distribution for macromolecules ionized with Na^+ .

Table S1. Summary of crystal and refinement data for {ONO^{Me,Cumyl}}H₂, **1** and **6**.

	{ONO ^{Me,Cumyl} }H ₂	1	6
Empirical formula	C ₃₇ H ₃₇ NO ₂	C ₄₉ H ₆₇ N ₂ O ₄ Si ₂ Y	C ₈₄ H ₈₈ Al ₂ N ₂ O ₁₀
Formula weight	527.68	893.14	1339.52
Crystal system	Monoclinic	Monoclinic	Triclinic
Space group	<i>P</i> 2 ₁ / <i>n</i>	<i>P</i> 2 ₁ / <i>n</i>	<i>P</i> $\bar{1}$
<i>a</i> , Å	13.1098(12)	12.896(2)	15.8935(5)
<i>b</i> , Å	8.0072(7)	25.405(3)	16.9816(4)
<i>c</i> , Å	27.619(3)	15.536(2)	18.2728(6)
α (°)	90	90	107.2690(10)
β (°)	90.292(4)	110.122(5)	107.1600(10)
γ (°)	90	90	114.6260(10)
Volume, Å ³	2899.2(5)	4779.3(11)	3750.09(19)
<i>Z</i>	4	4	2
Density, g.m ⁻³	1.209	1.241	1.186
<i>m</i> , mm ⁻¹	0.074	1.314	0.098
<i>F</i> (000)	1128	1896	1424
Crystal size, mm	0.57 × 0.08 × 0.05	0.55 × 0.46 × 0.38	0.6 × 0.3 × 0.23
θ range, deg	2.94 to 27.48	2.94 to 27.48	1.33 to 27.52
Limiting indices	$-16 \leq h \leq 16, -9 \leq k \leq 10, -35 \leq l \leq 35$	$-16 \leq h \leq 16, -27 \leq k \leq 32, -30 \leq l \leq 20$	$-20 \leq h \leq 17, -20 \leq k \leq 22, -23 \leq l \leq 23$
Reflec. Collected	26552	42223	42735
<i>R</i> _{int}	0.07	0.0531	0.044
Unique Refl [<i>I</i> > 2 σ (<i>I</i>)]	6546	10851	17008
Data/restrains/ param.	6546 / 0 / 369	10851 / 0 / 512	17008 / 0 / 913
Goodness-of-fit on <i>F</i> ²	1.012	1.022	1.061
<i>R</i> ₁ [<i>I</i> > 2 σ (<i>I</i>)] (all data)	0.0546 (0.12)	0.0518 (0.0742)	0.078 (0.119)
<i>wR</i> ₂ [<i>I</i> > 2 σ (<i>I</i>)] (all data)	0.1113 (0.144)	0.1261 (0.136)	0.2223 (0.2412)
Largest diff. e.Å ⁻³	0.255 and -0.243	1.397 and -0.993	0.512 and -0.450

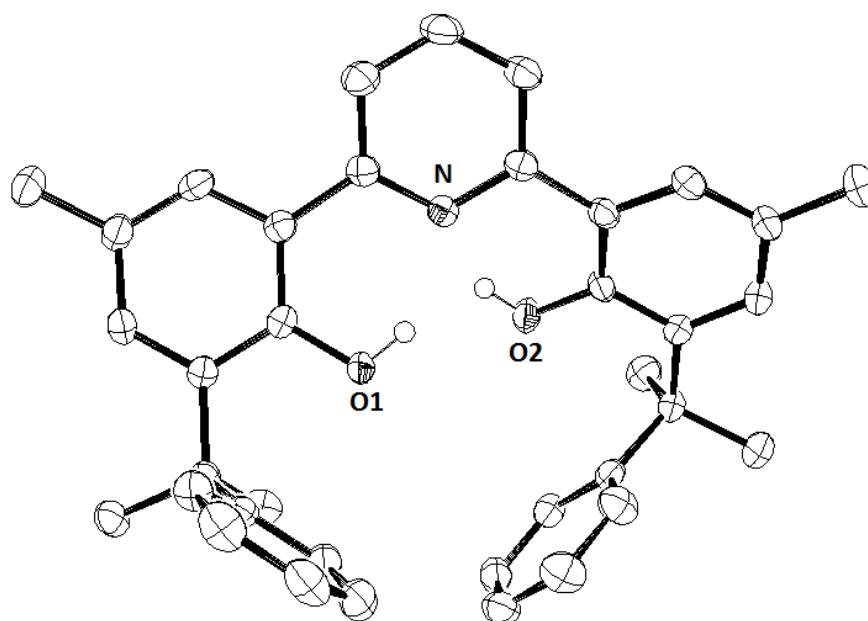


Figure S32. Molecular structure of proligand $\{\text{ONO}^{\text{Me,Cumyl}}\}\text{H}_2$ (all hydrogens atoms, except those of the hydroxyl groups, are omitted for clarity; thermal ellipsoids drawn at 50% probability). Selected bond distances (Å) and angles (deg): $\text{H}(\text{O}(1))\text{--N} = 1.919$; $\text{H}(\text{O}(2))\text{--N} = 1.985$; $\angle \text{Pyr}\text{--Ph}(1) = 23.55$; $\angle \text{Pyr}\text{--Ph}(2) = 23.21$.

Computational Details

The geometry optimizations have been performed with the program package TURBOMOLE using density functional theory (DFT).¹ The gradient corrected density functional BP86 in combination with the resolution identity approximation (RI)² was applied for the geometry optimizations of stationary points. A triple- ξ zeta valence quality basis set def2-TZVP³ was used for all atoms. In the calculations have been included solvation effects using COSMO model implemented in the TURBOMOLE program package.⁴ The default optimized atomic COSMO radii and the corresponding parameters for solvent toluene ($\epsilon = 2.38$, radius = 3.48 Å) have been used.

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Cartesian coordinates for stationary points

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