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Highly Active Ruthenium Metathesis Catalysts Exhibiting Unprecedented Activity and Z-selectivity

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Table S1. Isolated Yields for Homodimerizations Using Catalyst **9**.

substrate	loading, mol %	conc., M	temp, °C	time, h	isolated yield, %	Z, %	TON
10	0.1	3.3	35	2	84	>95	840
	0.1	1	23	6.5	91	>95	910
	0.01	7 ^b	35	2.5	74	>95	7400
13	0.1	3.3	35	6.5	87	>95	870
	0.1	1	23	12	85	>95	850
	0.01	3.3	35	12	58	>95	5800
14	0.1	3.3	35	2.5	81	>95	810
	0.1	1	23	12	80	>95	800
	0.01	3.3	35	4.5	15	>95	1500

^aDetermined by ¹H NMR spectroscopy. ^bRun at a higher substrate concentration to increase catalyst initiation and activity. Due to insufficient solubility of **9** in **13** and **14**, however, homodimerizations of those substrates at 0.01 mol % were run at the maximum concentration achievable (3.3M).

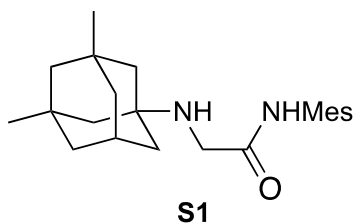
General Information.

All reactions were carried out in dry glassware under an argon atmosphere using standard Schlenk techniques or in a Vacuum Atmospheres Glovebox under a nitrogen atmosphere, unless otherwise specified. All solvents were purified by passage through solvent purification columns and further degassed by bubbling argon. C₆D₆ was purified by passage through a solvent purification column. CDCl₃ and CD₂Cl₂ were used as received. All substrates for olefin cross-metathesis (**10**, **13**, and **14**) were degassed with argon and filtered through a plug of neutral alumina prior to use. RuCl₂(PCy₃)(=CH-*o*-OPrC₆H₄) (**S4**) was obtained from Materia, Inc. **4** was synthesized according to the literature procedure.¹ Other commercially available reagents and silica gel were used as received.

¹H NMR spectra were acquired at 400 or 500 MHz and ¹³C NMR spectra at 101 or 126 MHz as CDCl₃ or C₆D₆ solutions unless otherwise noted. Chemical shifts are reported in ppm downfield from Me₄Si by using the residual solvent peak as an internal standard. Spectra were analyzed and processed using MestReNova Ver. 7.1.

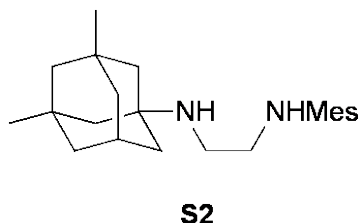
High-resolution mass spectra (HRMS) were provided by the California Institute of Technology Mass Spectrometry Facility using a JEOL JMS-600H High Resolution Mass Spectrometer. All HRMS were by positive-ion EI or FAB.

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Preparation of S1.

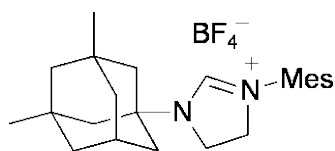
A 3-neck 250 mL RB flask equipped with a condenser was flame dried and charged with 2-chloro-*N*-mesitylacetamide (3.5 g, 17 mmol), memantine hydrochloride (3.0 g, 14 mmol, OChem Incorp.), and K₂CO₃ (4.8 g, 35 mmol). MeCN (110 mL) was added and the suspension was heated to 100°C under an argon atmosphere for 24 h. After cooling to RT, the mixture was filtered through celite, washing with CH₂Cl₂, and the filtrate was concentrated to a white powder. The crude mixture was dry loaded onto a silica gel column and purified via flash chromatography using Et₂O as eluant to give **S1** (3.0 g, 60%) as a white powder. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.97 (br s, 1H), 6.88 (s, 2H), 3.38 (s, 2H), 2.26 (s, 3H), 2.18 (s, 6H), 2.17 (m, 1H), 1.53 (br s, 1H), 1.49 (br d, *J* = 3.2 Hz, 2H), 1.31–1.27 (m, 8H), 1.14 (br q, *J* = 11.6 Hz, 2H), 0.86 (s, 6H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 171.5, 136.4, 134.7, 131.4, 128.8, 52.8, 50.7, 49.0, 44.3, 42.8, 41.3, 32.4, 30.2, 30.1, 20.9, 18.5. HRMS (FAB⁺): Calculated—355.2749, Found—355.2766.



Preparation of S2.

A 2-neck 100 mL RB flask equipped with a condenser was dried and charged with LiAlH₄ (1.3 g, 34 mmol) while a separate 25 mL RB flask was dried and charged with **S1** (3.0 g, 8.4 mmol). THF (50 mL) was added to the LiAlH₄ while **S1** was dissolved in THF (20 mL) and added dropwise to the LiAlH₄ suspension. After the addition was complete, the suspension was heated to 80 °C for 24 h, after which it was cooled to RT and carefully quenched via the dropwise addition of H₂O (1.3 mL), 15% NaOH solution (1.3 mL), and H₂O (4.0 mL). The quenched reaction was stirred

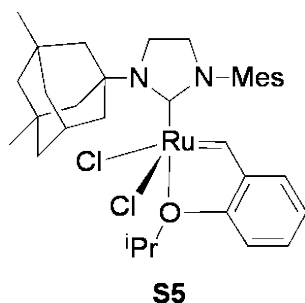
for 5 h under air and filtered through celite, washing with Et₂O. The filtrate was concentrated to give **S2** (2.8 g, 98%), which was used without further purification. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 6.86 (s, 2H), 3.04 (t, *J* = 4.4 Hz, 2H), 2.85 (t, *J* = 4.8 Hz, 2H), 2.34 (s, 6H), 2.28 (s, 3H), 2.20 (br s, 1H), 1.55 (s, 2H), 1.38–1.32 (m, 8H), 1.19–1.17 (m, 2H), 0.92 (s, 6H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 144.0, 130.6, 129.4, 129.2, 52.1, 51.0, 49.5, 49.2, 43.1, 41.4, 40.9, 32.4, 30.4, 30.3, 20.6, 18.6. HRMS (FAB⁺): Calculated—341.2957, Found—341.2964.



S3

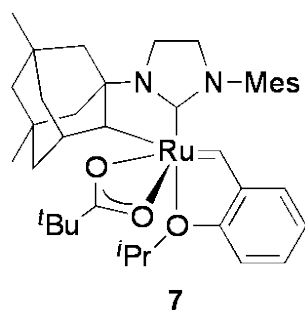
Preparation of **S3**.

A 100 mL RB flask was dried and charged with **S2** (1.0 g, 2.9 mmol), NH₄BF₄ (0.34 g, 3.2 mmol), and CH(OMe)₃ (6.0 mL, 28 mmol). The solution was heated to 100 °C for 4 h, cooled to RT and concentrated. The resulting orange-red residue was washed with cold ⁿBuOH:Toluene (1:1) to give a white precipitate that was collected by filtration. Drying the precipitate under vacuum gave **S3** (0.49 g, 44%) as an off-white solid. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.83 (s, 1H), 6.89 (s, 2H), 4.31–4.13 (m, 4H), 2.27 (m, 1H), 2.26 (s, 3H), 2.22 (s, 6H), 1.65 (br s, 2H), 1.61 (br q, *J* = 11.6 Hz, 4H), 1.36 (br q, *J* = 14.4 Hz, 4H), 1.21 (br s, 2H), 0.91 (s, 6H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 154.7, 139.9, 135.2, 130.7, 129.6, 59.3, 50.4, 49.6, 46.3, 44.9, 41.6, 39.0, 32.6, 29.7, 29.4, 20.8, 17.4. HRMS (FAB⁺): Calculated—351.2800, Found—351.2755.



Preparation of S5.

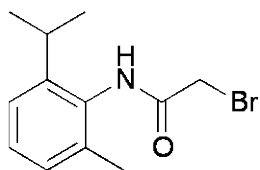
In a glovebox, a solution of **S3** (0.49 g, 1.1 mmol) in hexanes (30 mL) was treated with KCOMe₂Et (0.14 g, 0.91 mmol), and the mixture was allowed to stir at 35 °C for 1.5 h. To the reaction mixture was then added **S4** (0.64 g, 1.1 mmol), upon which the mixture was removed from the glove box and allowed to stir at 65 °C for 3.5 h. The precipitated solids were filtered and washed well with warm hexanes and pentane to give **S5** as a green powder: ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 16.90 (s, 1H), 7.55 (ddd, *J* = 8.8, 7.3, 1.9 Hz, 1H), 7.06 (s, 2H), 6.95–6.88 (m, 2H), 6.86 (dd, *J* = 7.5, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 5.09 (hept, *J* = 6.3 Hz, 1H), 4.12 (s, 2H), 4.06–3.98 (m, 2H), 3.90–3.82 (m, 2H), 2.70 (p, *J* = 3.1 Hz, 1H), 2.46 (s, 3H), 2.25 (s, 6H), 2.04 (dd, *J* = 11.9, 1.8 Hz, 2H), 1.81 (d, *J* = 12.2 Hz, 2H), 1.74 (dt, *J* = 12.6, 2.8 Hz, 2H), 1.63 (d, *J* = 6.1 Hz, 6H), 1.47 (dt, *J* = 12.6, 2.4 Hz, 2H), 1.31–1.17 (m, 2H), 0.97 (s, 6H). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 312.4, 207.8, 152.4, 145.9, 139.6, 138.5, 138.1, 130.8, 129.8, 123.9, 122.8, 113.5, 74.4, 58.9, 51.2, 50.7, 47.3, 44.7, 42.4, 42.2, 33.0, 31.3, 30.4, 22.6, 21.3, 18.5. HRMS (FAB⁺): Calculated—670.2031, Found—670.2028.



Preparation of 7.

In a glovebox, a 20ml scintillation vial was charged with **S5** (0.10 g, 0.16 mmol), NaOPiv (0.19 g, 1.5 mmol), THF (2.0 mL), and MeOH (2.0 mL). The vial was capped, removed from the glovebox, and heated to 40 °C for 4.5 h at which point a

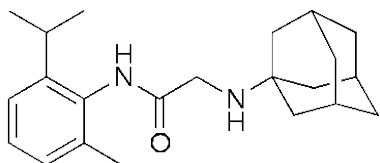
color change from green to brown to dark purple was observed. The vial was returned to the box, where the solvent was removed under high vacuum and the residue dissolved in CH₂Cl₂ (15 mL), filtered through celite, and concentrated to a deep purple residue. The residue was recrystallized from Et₂O at -35 °C. The resulting crystals were washed with cold Et₂O (3 x 5 mL) to give **7** as a bright purple solid (20 mg, 18%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, C₆D₆) δ 14.83 (s, 1H), 7.46 (dd, *J* = 7.2, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.26 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.92 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.83 (br s, 1H), 6.76 (br s, 1H), 6.70 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 4.79 (sept, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 3.91 (s, 1H), 3.47–3.40 (m, 2H), 3.27–3.14 (m, 2H), 2.57 (br s, 1H), 2.43 (s, 3H), 2.29 (s, 3H), 2.21 (s, 3H), 1.73 (br d, *J* = 11.2 Hz, 1H), 1.60 (br d, *J* = 10.8 Hz, 1H), 1.53–1.51 (m, 4H), 1.43–1.39 (m, 2H), 1.26 (s, 9H), 1.18 (q, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 4H), 1.03 (d, *J* = 9.6 Hz, 1H), 0.89 (br s, 4H), 0.77 (br d, *J* = 12.8 Hz, 1H), 0.67 (br d, *J* = 10.4 Hz, 1H), 0.62 (s, 3H), 0.31 (br d, *J* = 9.6 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, C₆D₆) δ 259.0, 214.9, 154.2, 143.8, 138.0, 137.0, 136.8, 136.5, 129.9, 129.7, 125.6, 123.1, 122.8, 113.9, 74.5, 66.5, 64.1, 52.1, 51.7, 48.8, 46.6, 42.6, 41.3, 39.8, 39.1, 38.6, 33.4, 32.1, 30.8, 30.7, 28.9, 27.8, 21.6, 21.2, 21.0, 19.1, 19.0. HRMS (FAB+): Calculated—700.3178, Found—700.3181.



S6

Preparation of S6.

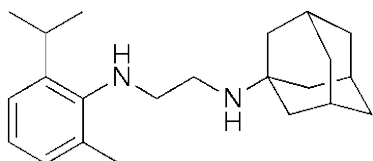
Bromoacetyl chloride (2.8 mL, 34 mmol) was added dropwise to a 0 °C solution of 2-isopropyl-6-methylaniline (5.0 g, 34 mmol) and K₂CO₃ (9.4 g, 68 mmol) in MeCN (70 mL). The solution was warmed to room temperature, stirred overnight, filtered over celite, and concentrated. Recrystallization from CH₂Cl₂/hexanes provided **S6** (5.5 g, 60%) as a colorless solid. ¹H NMR δ 7.77 (br s, 1H), 7.24 (m, 1H), 7.18 (m, 1H), 7.11 (m, 1H), 4.08 (s, 2H), 3.06 (m, 1H), 2.24 (s, 3H), 1.21 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 6H). ¹³C NMR δ 164.3, 145.7, 135.9, 131.6, 128.4, 128.3, 123.7, 29.2, 28.7, 23.5, 18.5. HRMS (FAB+): Calculated—270.0493, Found—270.0480.



S7

Preparation of S7.

Compound **S6** (2.4 g, 8.9 mmol) and 1-adamantylamine (2.0 g, 13 mmol) were dissolved in MeCN (30 mL), K_2CO_3 (1.9 g, 14 mmol) was added, and the solution was refluxed for 24 hours. After cooling to room temperature, the mixture was filtered over celite and concentrated. The residue was then dissolved in CH_2Cl_2 and filtered over a pad of silica gel (eluent 10% MeOH in CH_2Cl_2). Removal of the solvent *in vacuo* provided **S7** (3.0 g, 94%) as a peach solid. 1H NMR δ 9.15 (br s, 1H), 7.18 (m, 1H), 7.16 (m, 1H), 7.09 (m, 1H), 3.44 (s, 2H), 3.04 (m, 1H), 2.23 (s, 3H), 2.11 (m, 3H), 1.58–1.72 (m, 14H), 1.20 (d, $J = 6.9$ Hz, 6H). ^{13}C NMR δ 171.9, 145.2, 135.6, 132.8, 128.1, 127.5, 123.3, 51.1, 44.0, 42.9, 36.5, 29.5, 28.7, 23.4, 18.8. HRMS (FAB⁺): Calculated—341.2593, Found—341.2603.

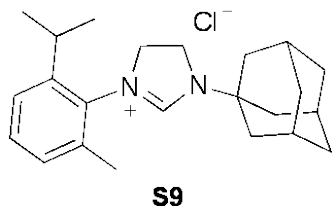


S8

Preparation of S8.

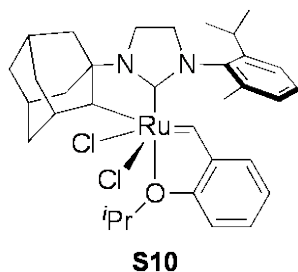
Lithium aluminum hydride (1.0 g, 26 mmol) was added portion-wise to a 0 °C solution of compound **S7** (3.0 g, 8.8 mmol) in THF (45 mL), and the solution was brought to room temperature, then refluxed for 72 hours. The mixture was then cooled to 0 °C, and water (1.0 mL), 10% aq. NaOH (1.0 mL), then additional water (1.0 mL) were added sequentially. The solution was dried with $MgSO_4$, filtered, and concentrated. Flash chromatography of the residue (SiO_2 , using 66% Et_2O in pentanes) provided **S8** (1.8 g, 62%) as a yellow oil. 1H NMR δ 7.08 (m, 1H), 6.98 (m, 1H), 6.91 (m, 1H), 3.30 (m, 1H), 3.06 (m, 2H), 2.86 (m, 2H), 2.32 (s, 3H), 2.08 (m, 3H), 1.59–1.73 (m, 15H), 1.23 (d, $J = 6.9$ Hz, 6H). ^{13}C NMR δ 145.1, 140.8, 130.6,

128.4, 123.6, 122.4, 51.1, 50.1, 42.9, 42.5, 40.7, 36.6, 29.5, 27.5, 24.0, 19.1. HRMS (FAB+): Calculated—327.2800, Found—327.2800.



Preparation of S9.

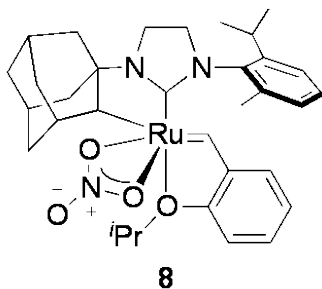
A solution of compound **S8** (1.3 g, 4.0 mmol) in Et₂O (7.0 mL) was treated with HCl (4.0 mL, 2.0 M in Et₂O), and stirred for 15 minutes at room temperature. The solid was then filtered, washed with Et₂O, dried, suspended in CH(OEt)₃, and refluxed for 2 hours. The solution was cooled to room temperature and then concentrated. The resulting solid residue was washed rigorously with Et₂O to provide **S9** (0.75 g, 50%) as a tan solid. ¹H NMR δ 8.79 (br s, 1H), 7.32 (m, 1H), 7.22 (m, 1H), 7.13 (m, 1H), 4.55 (m, 1H), 4.43 (m, 2H), 4.25 (m, 1H), 2.93 (m, 1H), 2.41 (s, 3H), 2.27 (m, 3H), 2.18–2.08 (m, 6H), 1.74 (m, 6H), 1.28 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 6H). ¹³C NMR δ 156.0, 146.5, 135.9, 132.0, 130.6, 129.2, 124.8, 58.2, 52.1, 45.5, 41.1, 35.4, 29.2, 28.7, 24.8, 24.2, 18.7. HRMS (FAB+): Calculated—337.2644, Found—337.2652.



Preparation of S10.

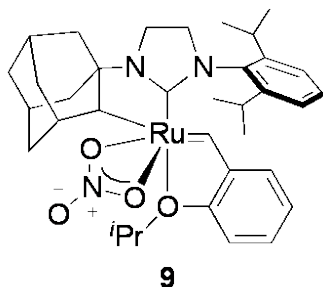
In a glovebox, KCOMe₂Et (75 mg, 0.57 mmol) was added to a suspension of compound **S9** (0.19 g, 0.52 mmol) in hexanes (6.0 mL). The solution was stirred at 35 °C for 30 minutes, and then **S4** (0.31 g, 0.52 mmol) was added, at which point the solution was removed from the glovebox. The solution was stirred for 2 hours at 65 °C and then cooled to room temperature. The resulting precipitate was filtered and washed thoroughly with warm hexanes to provide **S10** (0.22 g, 65%) as a green solid. ¹H NMR δ 16.9 (s, 1H), 7.54 (m, 1H), 7.49 (m, 1H), 7.22 (m, 1H), 6.92 (m, 1H),

6.87 (m, 1H), 6.85 (m, 1H), 5.07 (m, 1H), 3.98–4.11 (m, 2H), 3.84–3.92 (m, 2H), 3.15 (m, 1H), 2.96 (m, 5H), 2.42 (m, 2H), 2.32 (s, 3H), 1.94 (m, 3H), 1.83 (m, 3H), 1.69 (d, J = 6.2 Hz, 3H), 1.60 (d, J = 6.2 Hz, 3H), 1.18 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 3H), 0.89 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 3H). ^{13}C NMR δ 310.5, 208.2, 152.5, 148.7, 145.2, 140.6, 137.9, 130.6, 129.1, 128.9, 124.8, 123.8, 122.5, 113.2, 74.2, 57.2, 52.7, 44.5, 42.2, 36.1, 30.0, 27.6, 25.5, 23.8, 22.7, 22.3, 18.9. HRMS (FAB⁺): Calculated—656.1875, Found—656.1894.



Preparation of **8**.

In a glovebox, a solution of NaOPiv (0.30 g, 1.5 mmol) in MeOH (2.0 mL) was added to a solution of **S10** (0.15 g, 0.15 mmol) in THF (2.0 mL). The mixture was removed from the glovebox, heated at 50 °C for 21 hours, and then brought back into the glovebox and concentrated. The residue was taken in CH₂Cl₂, filtered over a pad of celite, dissolved in THF (8.0 mL), and then ammonium nitrate (0.12 g, 1.5 mmol) was added. Following stirring for 3 hours, the mixture was concentrated. The residue was then taken in CH₂Cl₂, filtered over a pad of celite, and concentrated. Rigorous washing of the resulting solid with Et₂O provided **8** (0.70 g, 72%) as a purple solid. ^1H NMR δ 15.0 (s, 1H), 7.48 (m, 1H), 7.42 (m, 1H), 7.13 (m, 1H), 7.08 (m, 1H), 6.99 (m, 1H), 6.97 (m, 1H), 5.10 (m, 1H), 3.95 (m, 1H), 3.78–3.99 (m, 4H), 3.72 (m, 1H), 3.15 (m, 1H), 2.23 (m, 1H), 2.18 (s, 3H), 2.18 (*overlapped*, 1H), 2.06 (m, 1H), 1.99 (m, 1H), 1.92 (m, 1H), 1.72 (m, 1H), 1.65 (m, 1H), 1.59 (m, 1H), 1.55 (m, 2H), 1.48 (d, J = 6.2 Hz, 3H), 1.23 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 3H), 1.17 (d, J = 6.2 Hz, 3H), 1.12 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 3H), 0.98 (m, 2H), 0.24 (m, 1H). ^{13}C NMR δ 266.4, 213.1, 154.7, 147.6, 143.1, 138.0, 137.3, 128.7, 128.3, 127.1, 124.0, 123.4, 123.4, 112.9, 74.4, 67.6, 52.6, 43.2, 42.3, 40.3, 37.9, 37.7, 37.6, 33.3, 31.0, 29.8, 28.3, 26.3, 23.6, 21.4, 20.6, 17.5. HRMS (FAB⁺): Calculated—646.2219, Found—646.2239.



Preparation of 9.

In a glovebox, a 250 mL Schlenk flask was charged with **4** (0.50 g, 0.73 mmol), NaOPiv (0.92 g, 7.4 mmol), THF (32 mL), and MeOH (16 mL). The flask was sealed, removed from the box, and heated to 40 °C for 4 days at which point the solution was a deep purple color. The solvent was removed under high vacuum and the Schlenk flask transferred back into the glovebox where the residue was dissolved in CH₂Cl₂ (80 mL), filtered through celite, and concentrated to a deep purple residue consisting of a mixture of the C-H activated product and pivalic acid. To this residue was added ammonium nitrate (0.72 g, 9.0 mmol) and THF (35 mL). The reaction was allowed to stir for 3 h inside the glovebox, after which the solvent was removed under vacuum. The residue was dissolved in C₆H₆ (70 mL), filtered through celite, and concentrated. The resulting residue was triturated with Et₂O (3 x 15 mL) to give **9** as a bright purple powder (100 mg, 20%). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, C₆D₆) δ 15.21 (s, 1H), 7.45 (dd, *J* = 7.4, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.19 (qd, *J* = 5.8, 5.2, 2.5 Hz, 3H), 7.00 (dd, *J* = 6.8, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 6.85 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 6.47 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 4.54 (hept, *J* = 6.3 Hz, 1H), 4.10 (s, 1H), 3.83–3.71 (m, 2H), 3.59 (ddd, *J* = 11.7, 10.1, 8.1 Hz, 1H), 3.36 (ddd, *J* = 11.0, 9.7, 8.1 Hz, 1H), 3.26–3.15 (m, 2H), 2.25 (t, *J* = 3.0 Hz, 1H), 2.06 (p, *J* = 3.3 Hz, 1H), 1.94 (tt, *J* = 11.9, 2.4 Hz, 2H), 1.77 (*overlapped*, 2H), 1.75 (d, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 3H), 1.63 (p, *J* = 3.4 Hz, 1H), 1.55–1.44 (m, 2H), 1.43 (*overlapped*, 1H), 1.42 (d, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 3H), 1.20 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 3H), 1.16 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 3H), 1.14 (*overlapped*, 1H), 1.13 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 3H), 1.10 (*overlapped*, 1H), 0.97 (d, *J* = 6.1 Hz, 3H), 0.58 (dt, *J* = 12.2, 2.6 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, C₆D₆) δ 267.5, 211.9, 154.8, 147.5, 147.4, 143.4, 135.6, 129.2, 126.9, 124.8, 124.2, 123.4, 123.4, 113.2, 74.4, 66.4, 63.2, 54.1, 43.0, 41.6, 40.3, 38.0, 37.8, 37.7, 33.3, 30.9, 29.8, 29.0, 28.7, 27.9, 26.8, 23.6, 23.1, 21.1, 20.3. HRMS (FAB⁺): Calculated—674.2566, Found—674.2532.

General Procedure for Homodimerization Reactions.

In a glovebox, a 4 mL vial was charged with catalyst (0.014 mmol) and THF (1.0 mL) to make a stock solution (0.014 M). A portion of the catalyst stock solution (70 μ L, *ca.* 1.0 μ mol) was added to a 4 mL vial containing substrate (1.0 mmol) and THF (100 μ L, *ca.* 3.3 M). The vial was then placed into an aluminum block on an IKA temperature-controlled hotplate preheated to 35 °C, and the reaction was stirred while open to the glovebox atmosphere. After completion of the reaction (as determined by ^1H NMR spectroscopy), the vial was removed from the glovebox, quenched with oxygen, and the product was isolated either via flash chromatography on silica gel or by removal of starting material *in vacuo* according to literature procedures.² The percentage of Z-olefin product was determined by ^1H NMR spectroscopy. All spectra were consistent with previous literature reports.²

General Procedure for the Synthesis of **17** Using Catalyst **9**.

In a glovebox, a 20 mL vial was charged with **16** (520 μ L, 2.5 mmol), **15** (3.1 mL, 25 mmol), and THF (1.4 mL). **9** (8.5 mg, 0.013 mmol, 0.5 mol %) was added and the reaction was stirred at 35 °C in an open vial for 2 hours. The vial was removed from the glovebox, quenched with ethyl vinyl ether (1.5 mL) and stirred for 1 hour. The solvent was then removed *in vacuo*. The crude mixture was purified by flash column chromatography (SiO₂, hexane to 4% ethyl acetate in hexanes) two times to provide the pure Z-isomer of **17** (430 mg, 71%). ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 5.34 (m, 2H), 4.05 (t, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 2.00–2.04 (m, 7H), 1.60–1.63 (m, 2H), 1.29–1.36 (m, 12H), 0.88–0.91 (m, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 171.4, 130.1, 129.9, 64.8, 32.1, 29.8, 29.3, 28.7, 27.3, 27.1, 26.0, 22.5, 21.2, 14.1. HRMS (EI⁺): Calculated—241.2168, Found—241.2174.

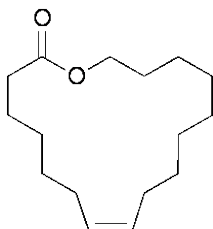
Synthesis of **17 at 1 mol % Catalyst Loading:** Following the general procedure, **9** (1.7 mg, 0.0025 mmol, 0.1 mol %) was added to a solution of **16** (520 μ L, 2.5 mmol), **15** (3.1 mL, 25 mmol) in THF (1.4 mL) to produce **17** (360 mg, 60%).

² Keitz, B. K.; Endo, K.; Herbert, M. B.; Grubbs, R. H. *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **2011**, *133*, 9686.

General Procedure for Macrocyclizations Using Catalyst **9**.

In a glovebox, a 500 mL Strauss flask was charged with a solution of diene³ (1 equiv, *ca.* 0.45 mmol) in dichloroethane (5.0 mM, 90 mL), and a solution of **9** (7.5 mol %) dissolved in dichloroethane (1.0 mL) was added. The flask was sealed, brought out of the glovebox, and subjected to a single freeze/pump/thaw cycle. The flask was kept under a static vacuum of *ca.* 20 mtorr and heated at 60 °C. After 24 hours, the mixture was cooled, quenched with excess ethyl vinyl ether, and concentrated. Flash chromatography of the residue (SiO₂, using 2% Et₂O in pentanes for compounds **18** and **19**, and 10% Et₂O in pentanes for compound **20**) provided the product. *E/Z* ratios were determined by quantitative ¹³C NMR.⁴ Quantitative ¹³C measurements were acquired at 126 MHz (decoupled, without NOE, 13 second delay time).

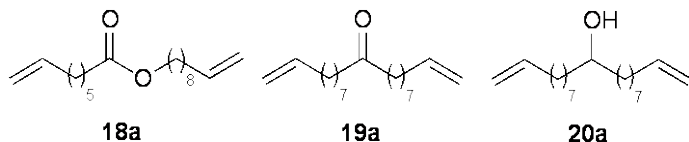
Preparation of **18**.



18

According to the general procedure for macrocyclizations, diene **18a** (62 mg, 0.22 mmol) was reacted with **9** (12 mg, 0.018 mmol) to provide **18** (35 mg, 64% yield, >95% *Z* as determined by ¹H- and ¹³C-NMR) as a colorless oil. ¹H NMR δ 5.32

³ Dienes **18a** – **20a** were synthesized as disclosed previously: Marx, V. M.; Herbert, M. B.; Keitz, B. K.; Grubbs, R. H. *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **2013**, *135*, 94.



18a

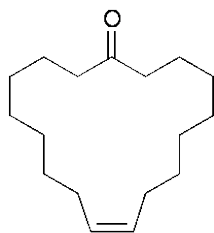
19a

20a

⁴ *E/Z* macrocycles can be readily differentiated through careful analysis of their ¹H, ¹³C, and HSQC spectra, as the carbon atoms α to the olefin moiety in the *E*-isomers are located significantly more downfield than the corresponding carbon atoms in the *Z*-isomers, see: Breitmaier, E.; Voelter, W. *Carbon-13 NMR Spectroscopy: High-Resolution Methods and Applications in Organic Chemistry and Biochemistry*. Verlag Chemie: Weinheim, **1987**.

(m, 2H), 4.13 (t, $J = 5.4$ Hz, 2H), 2.33 (t, $J = 6.5$ Hz, 2H), 2.04 (m, 4H), 1.63 (m, 4H), 1.21–1.43 (m, 14H). ^{13}C NMR δ 174.0, 130.2, 130.0, 63.7, 34.6, 29.4, 28.8, 28.7, 28.5 (2C), 28.4, 27.7, 27.0, 26.8, 25.3 (2C). HRMS (EI⁺): Calculated—252.2089, Found—252.2084.

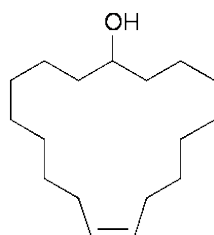
Preparation of 19.



19

According to the general procedure for macrocyclizations, diene **19a** (60 mg, 0.22 mmol) was reacted with **9** (12 mg, 0.018 mmol) to provide **19** (20 mg, 36% yield, >95% *Z* as determined by ^1H - and ^{13}C -NMR) as a colorless solid. ^1H NMR δ 5.34 (m, 2H), 2.40 (t, $J = 6.7$ Hz, 4H), 2.01 (m, 4H), 1.62 (m, 4H), 1.21–1.39 (m, 16H). ^{13}C NMR δ 212.6, 130.2 (2C), 42.5 (2C), 29.0 (2C), 28.6 (2C), 28.2 (2C), 28.1 (2C), 26.7 (2C), 23.9 (2C). HRMS (EI⁺): Calculated—250.2297, Found—250.2289.

Preparation of 20.



20

According to the general procedure for macrocyclizations, diene **20a** (62 mg, 0.22 mmol) was reacted with **9** (12 mg, 0.018 mmol) to provide **20** (23 mg, 42% yield, >95% *Z* as determined by ^1H - and ^{13}C -NMR) as a colorless solid. ^1H NMR δ 5.34 (m, 2H), 3.72 (m, 1H), 2.04 (m, 4H), 1.50 (m, 4H), 1.22–1.40 (m, 21H). ^{13}C NMR δ 130.2 (2C), 70.4, 35.7 (2C), 29.0 (2C), 28.2 (2C), 28.0 (2C), 27.9 (2C), 26.8 (2C), 23.5 (2C). HRMS (EI⁺): Calculated—252.2453, Found—252.2463.

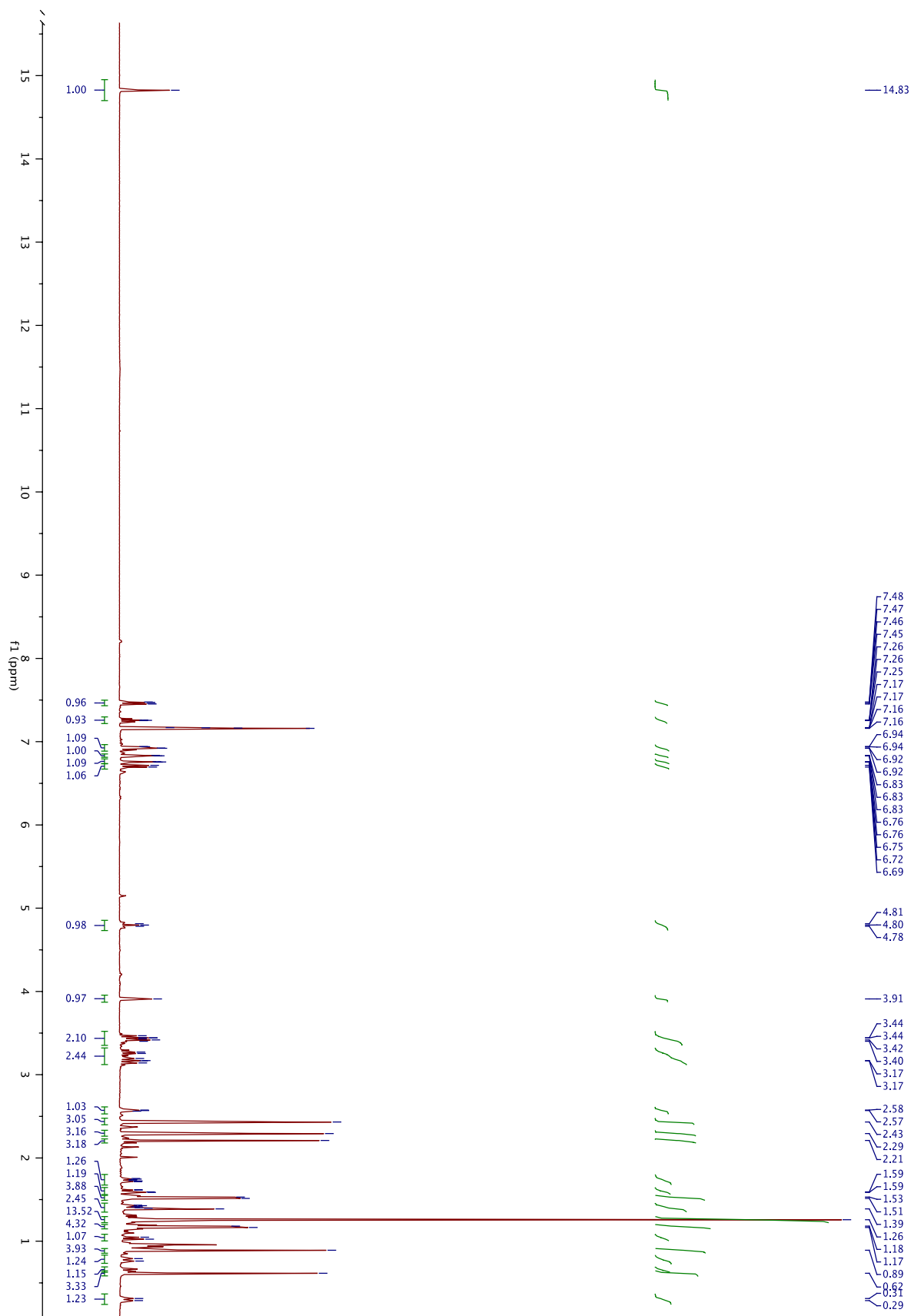


Figure S1. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, C₆D₆) spectrum of 7.

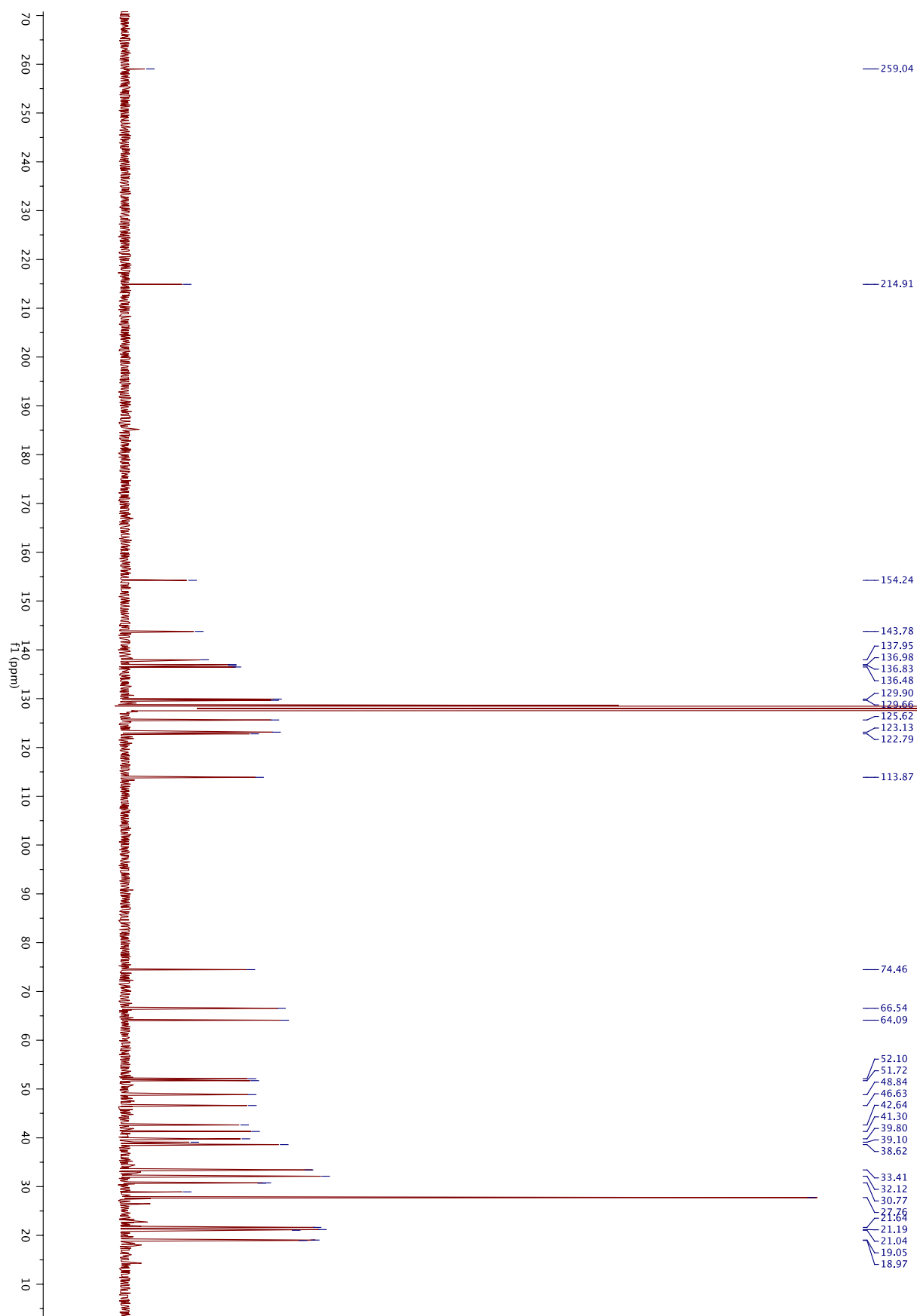


Figure S2. ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, C₆D₆) spectrum of 7.

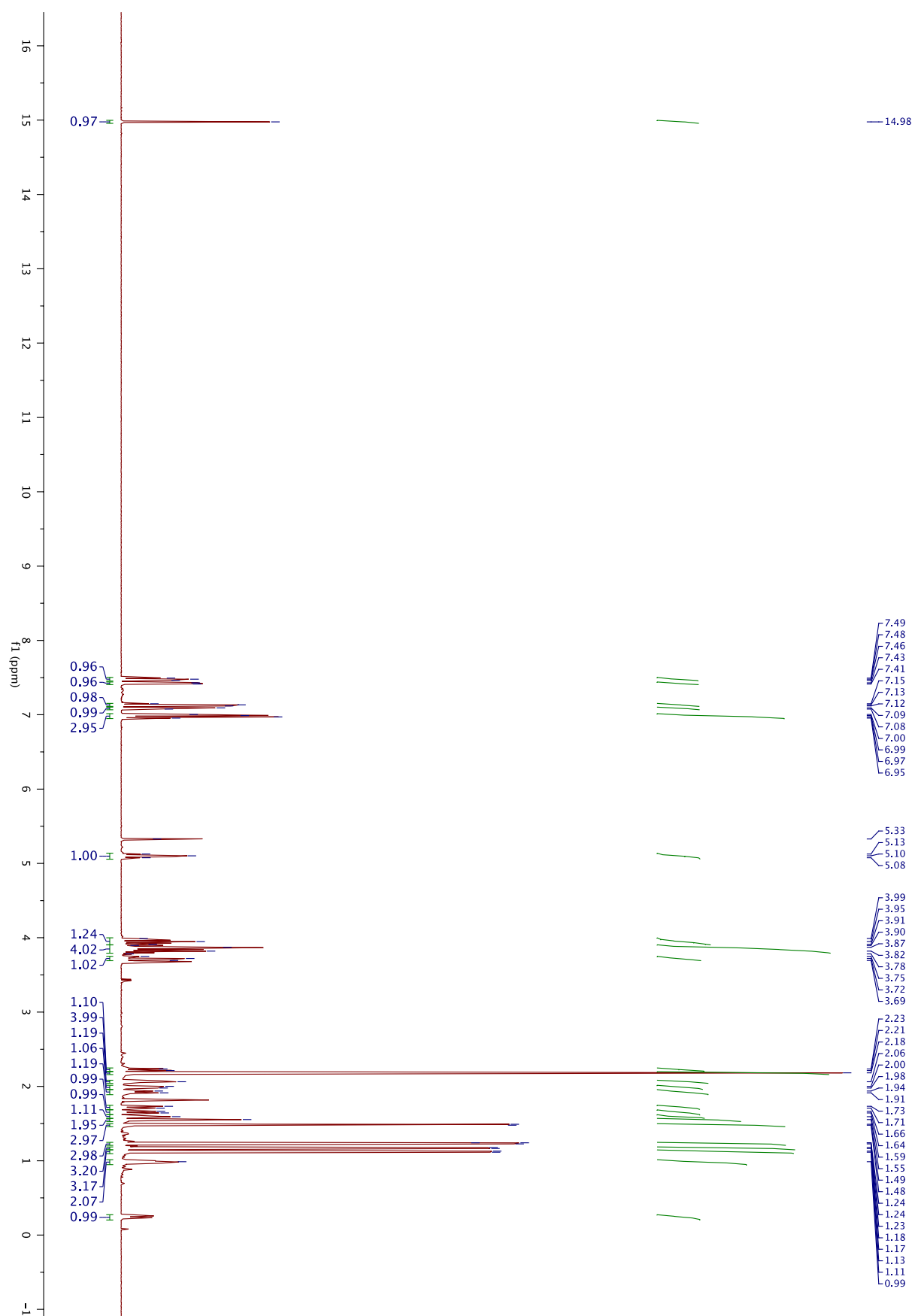


Figure S3. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CD₂Cl₂) spectrum of **8**.

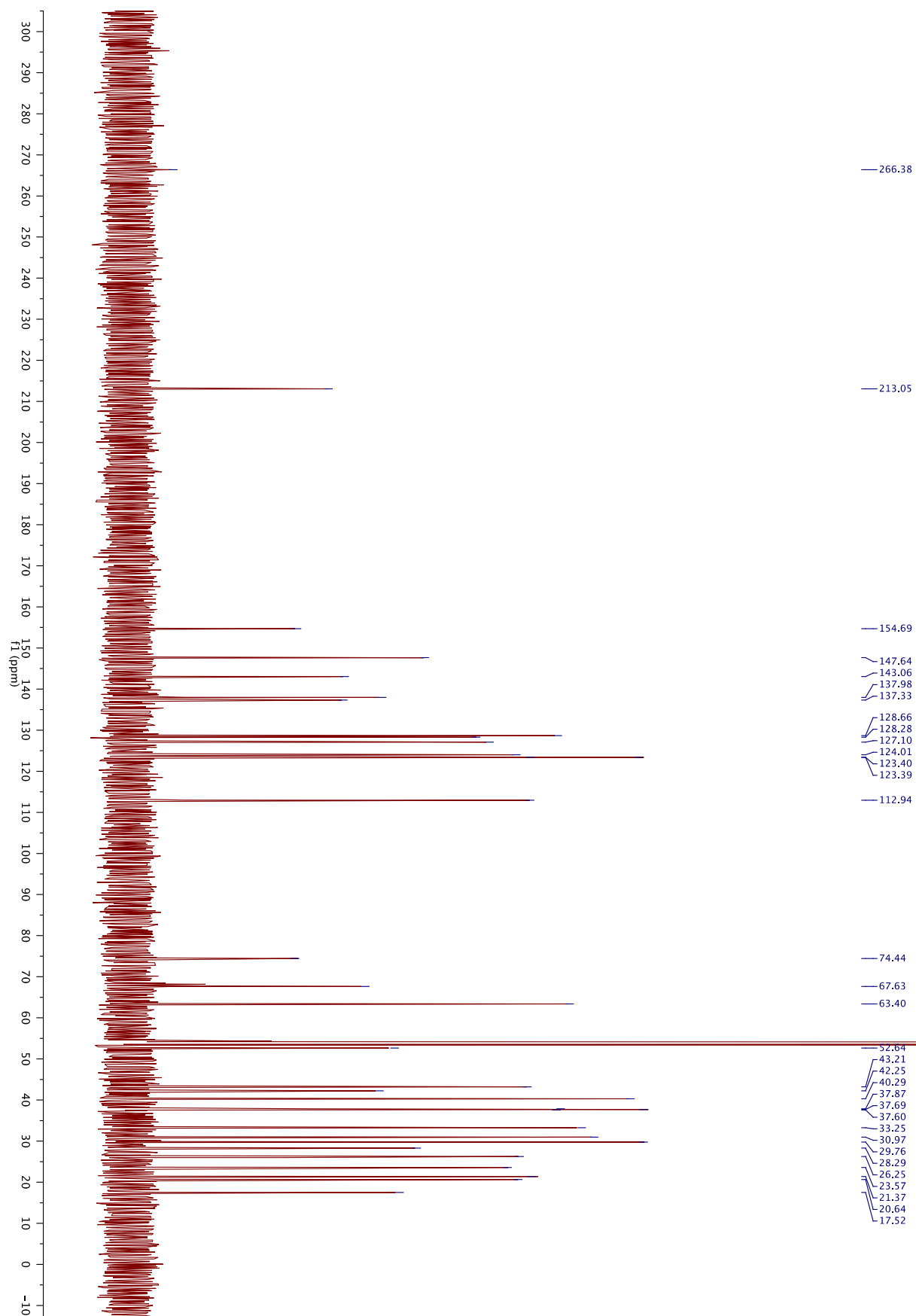


Figure S4. ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, CD_2Cl_2) spectrum of **8**.

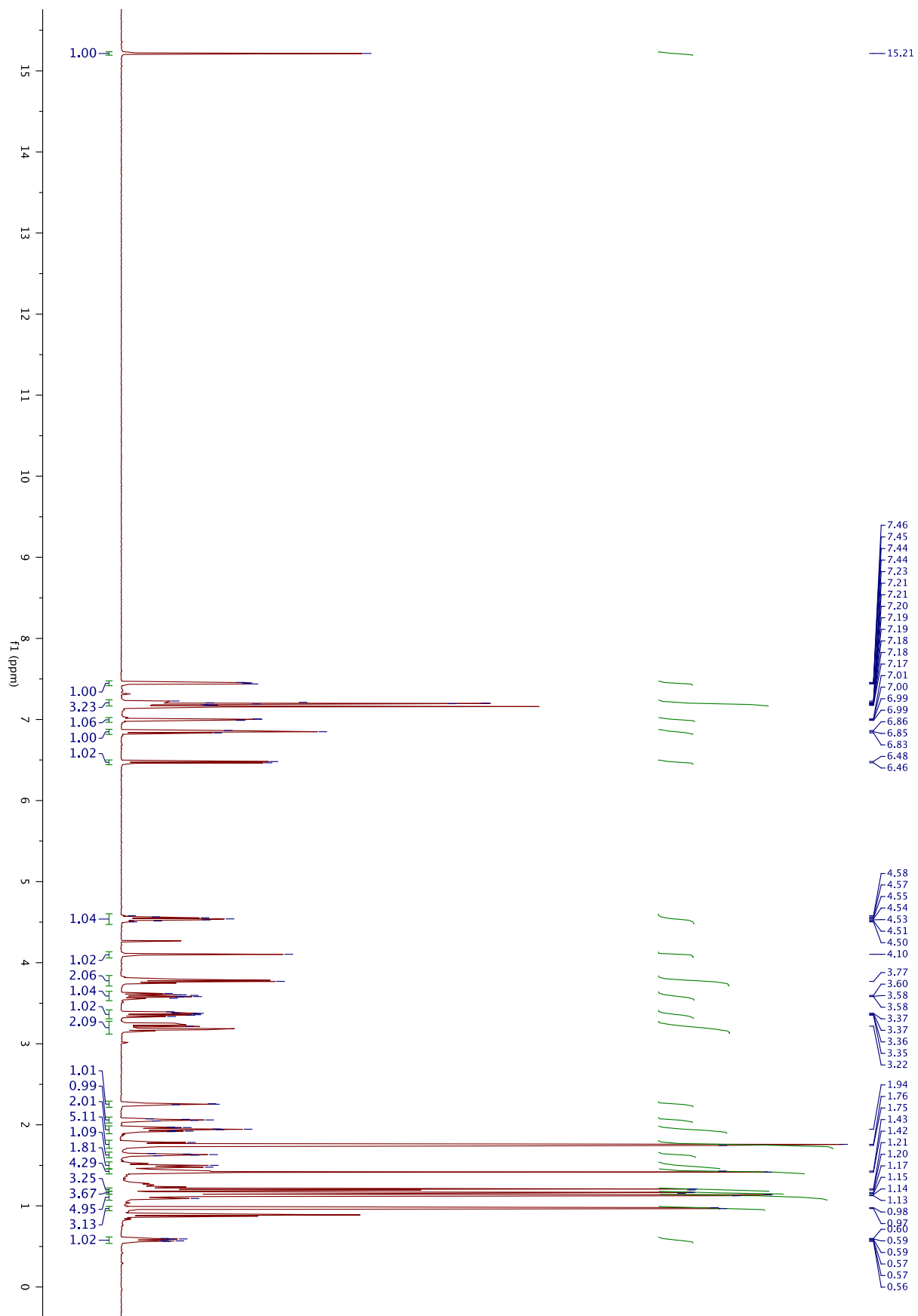


Figure S5. ^1H NMR (500 MHz, C_6D_6) spectrum of **9**.

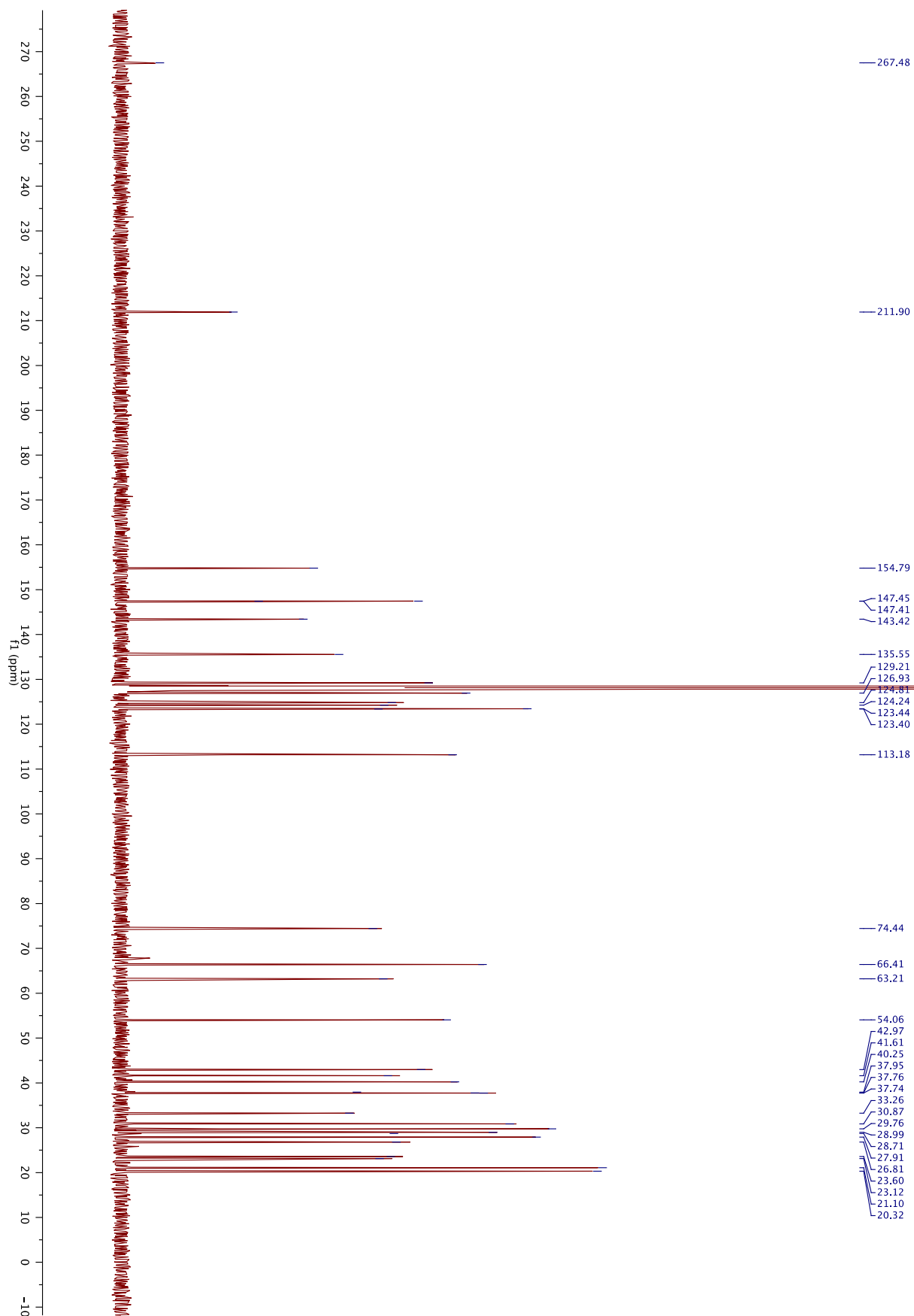


Figure S6. ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, C_6D_6) spectrum of **9**.

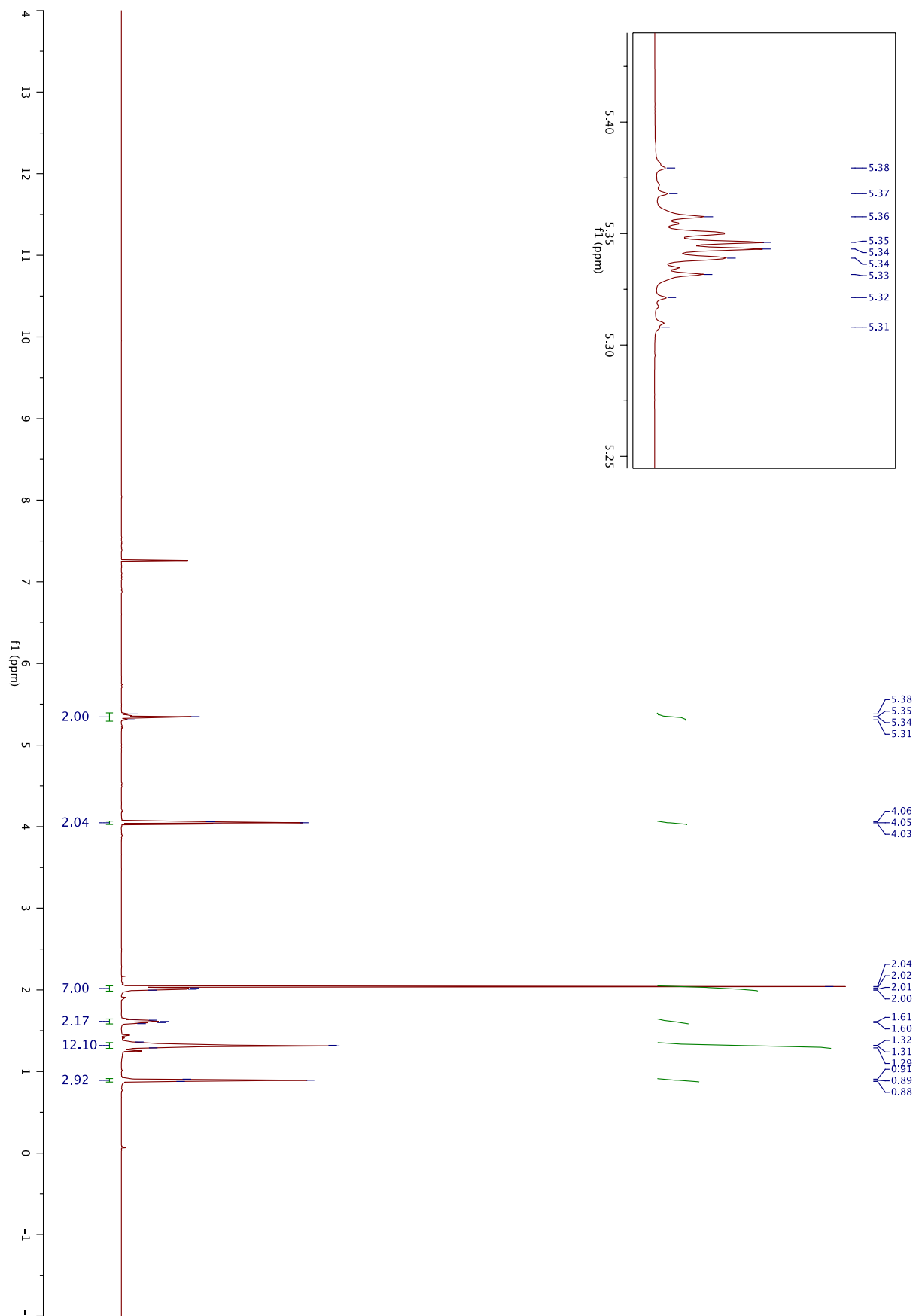


Figure S7. ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) spectrum of **17**.

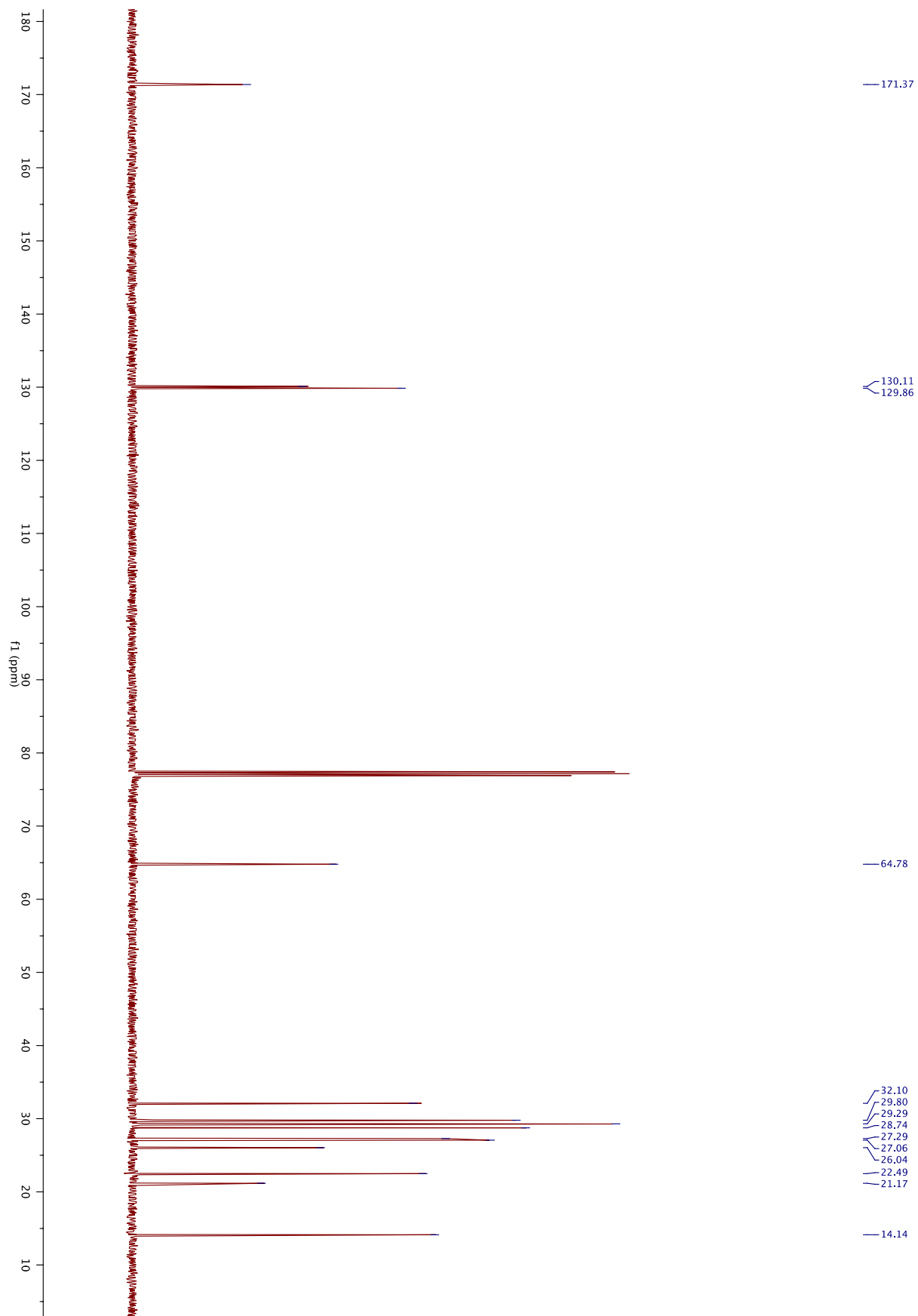


Figure S8. ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl_3) spectrum of **17**.

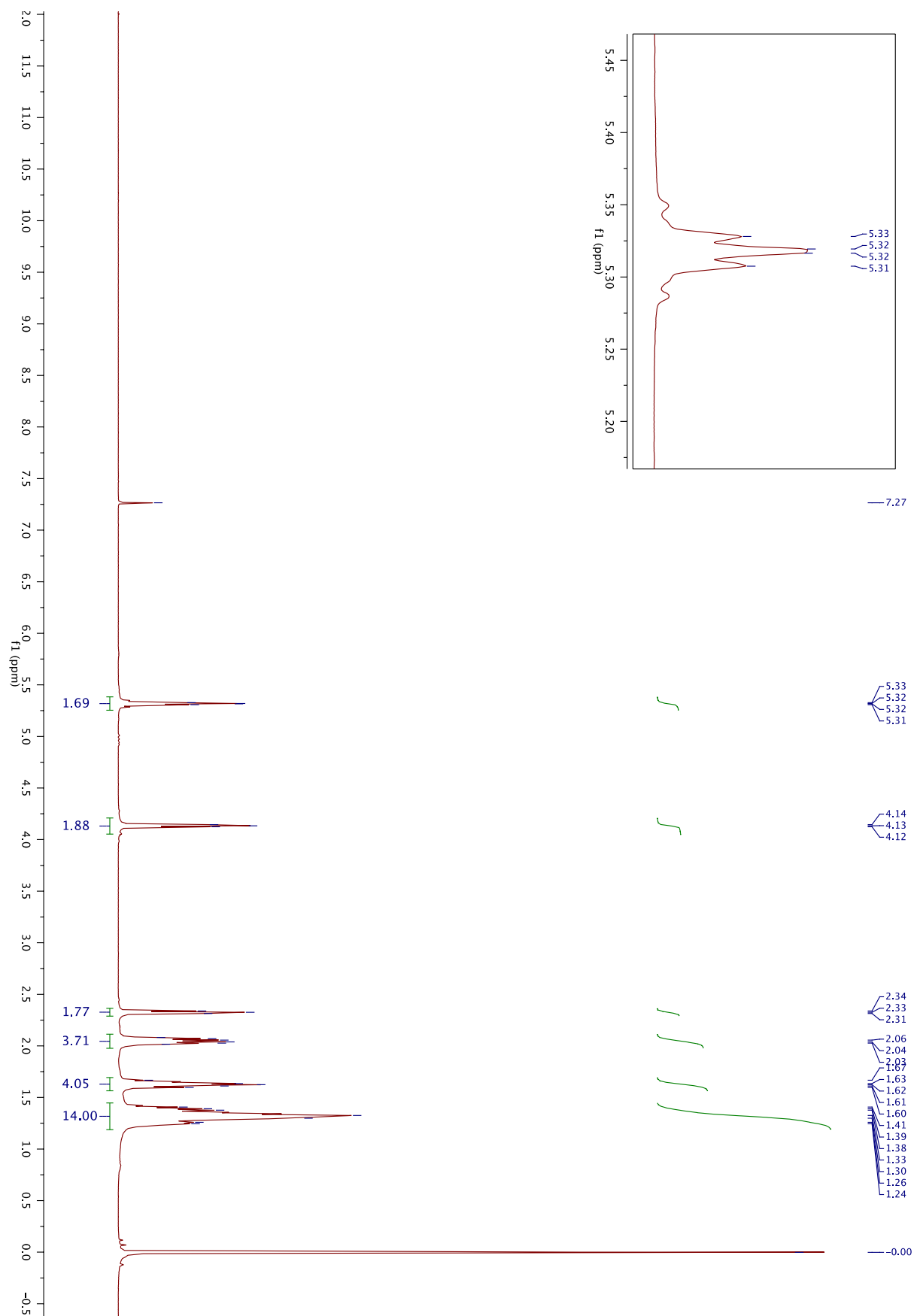


Figure S9. ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) spectrum of **18**.

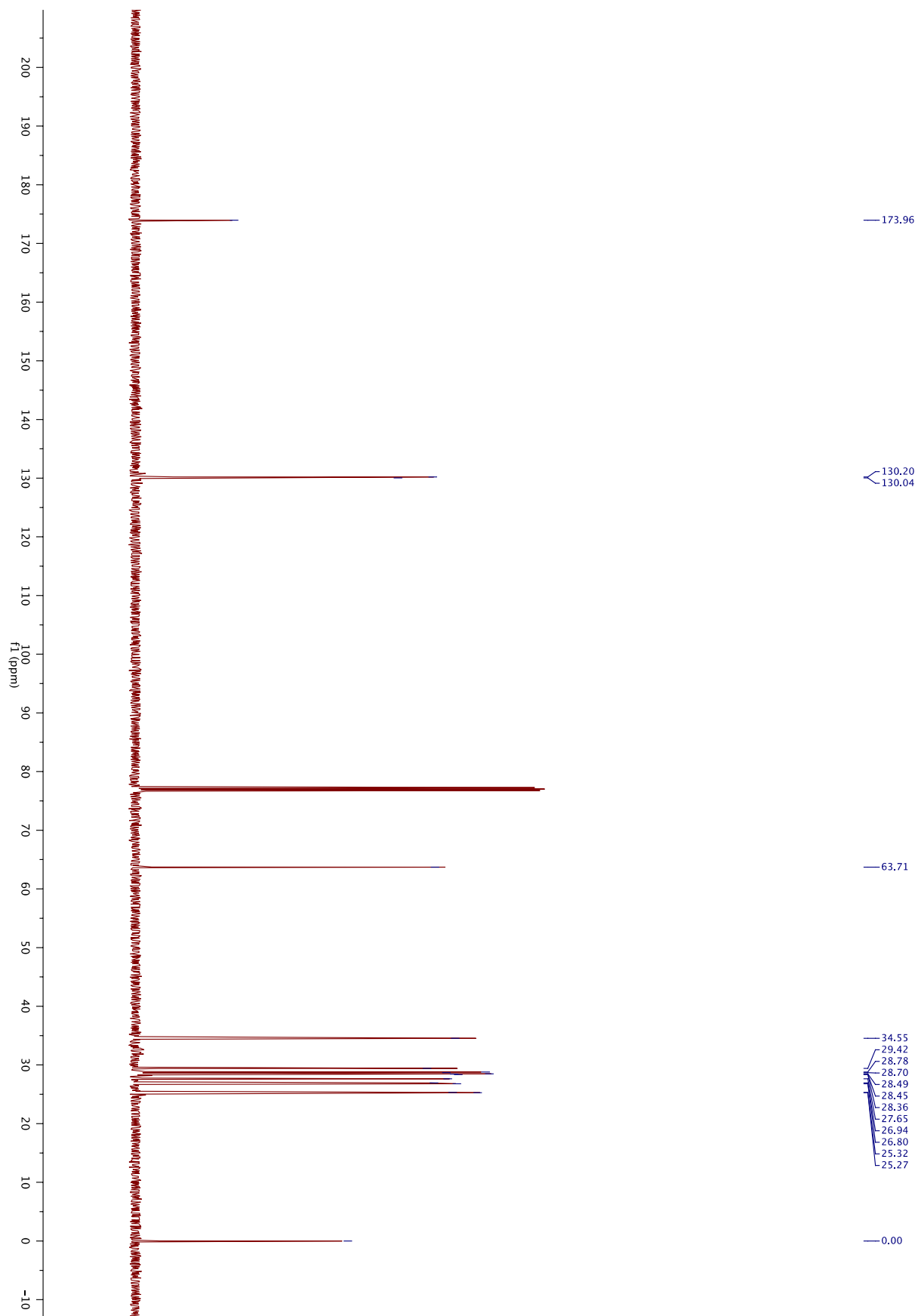


Figure S10. ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl_3) spectrum of **18**.

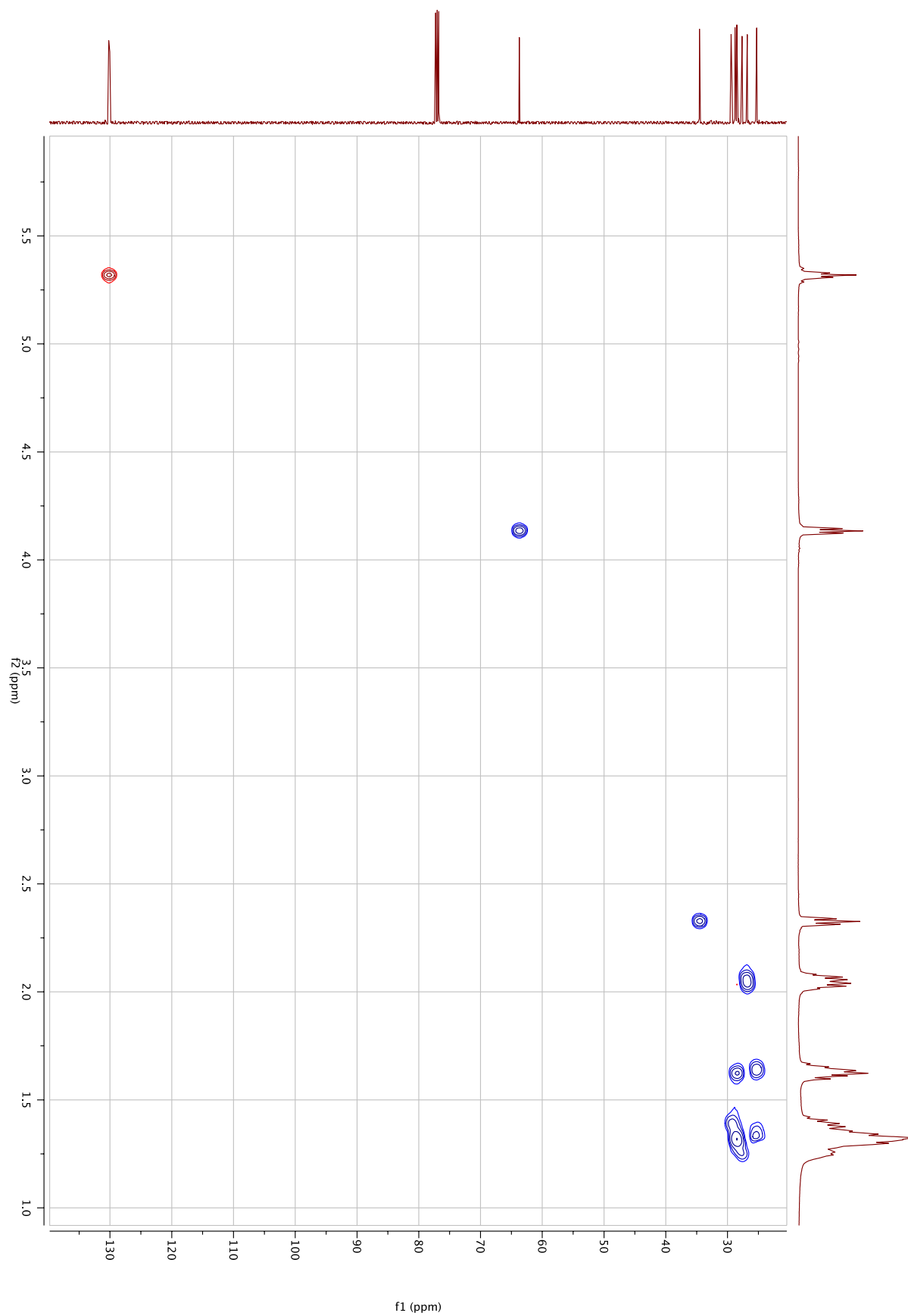


Figure S11. ^1H - ^{13}C HSQC (CDCl_3) of **18**.

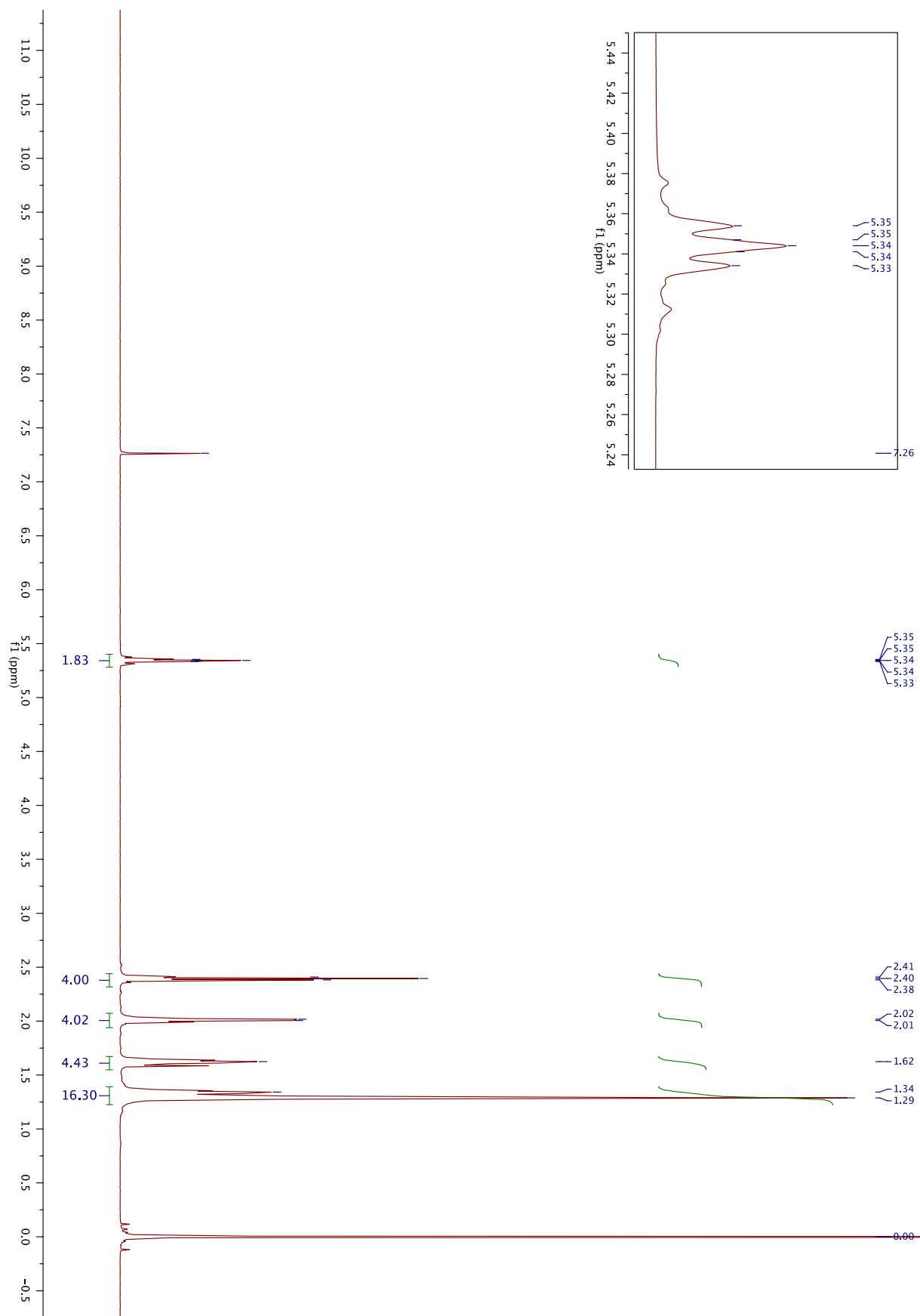


Figure S12. ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) spectrum of **19**.

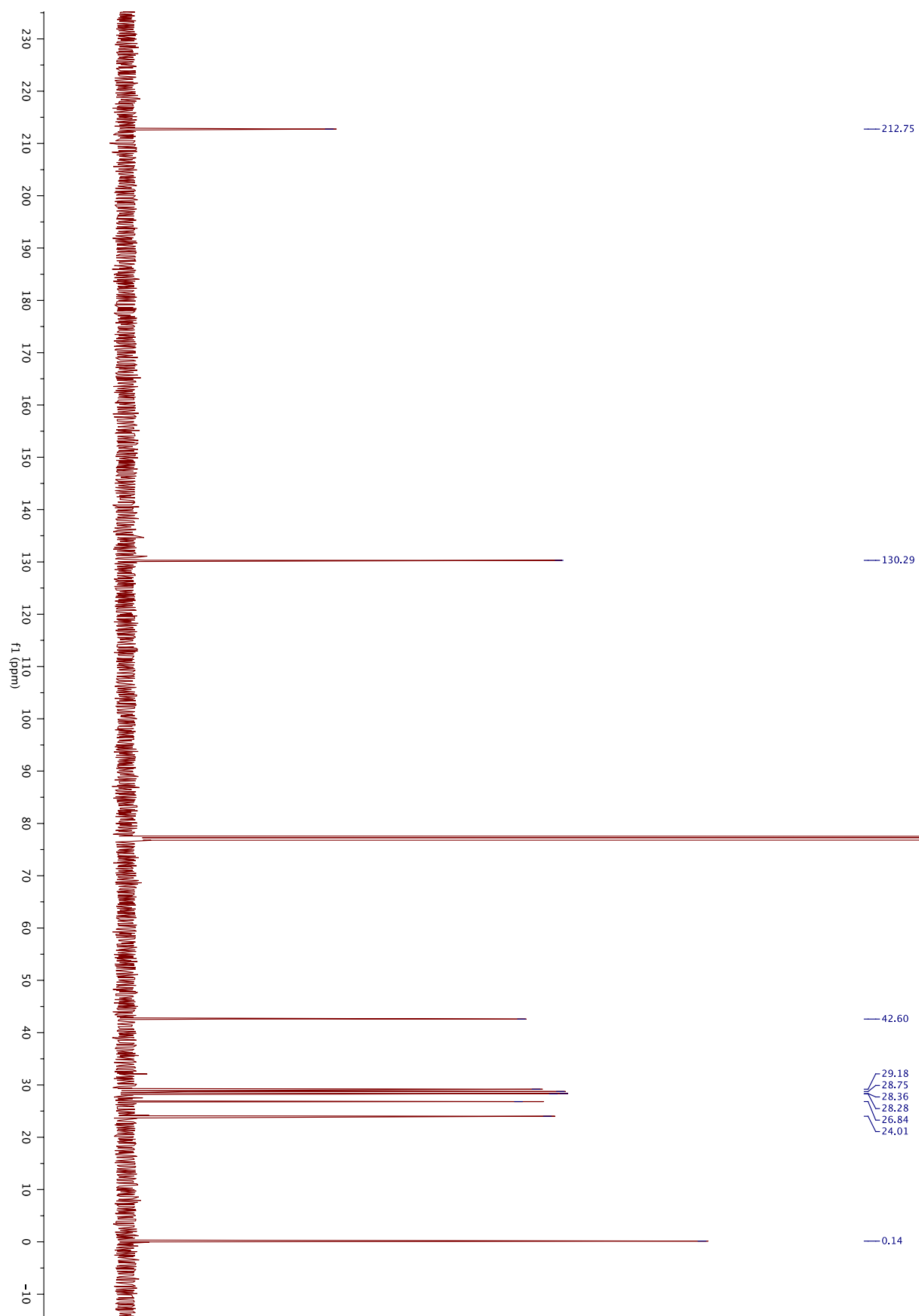


Figure S13. ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl_3) spectrum of **19**.

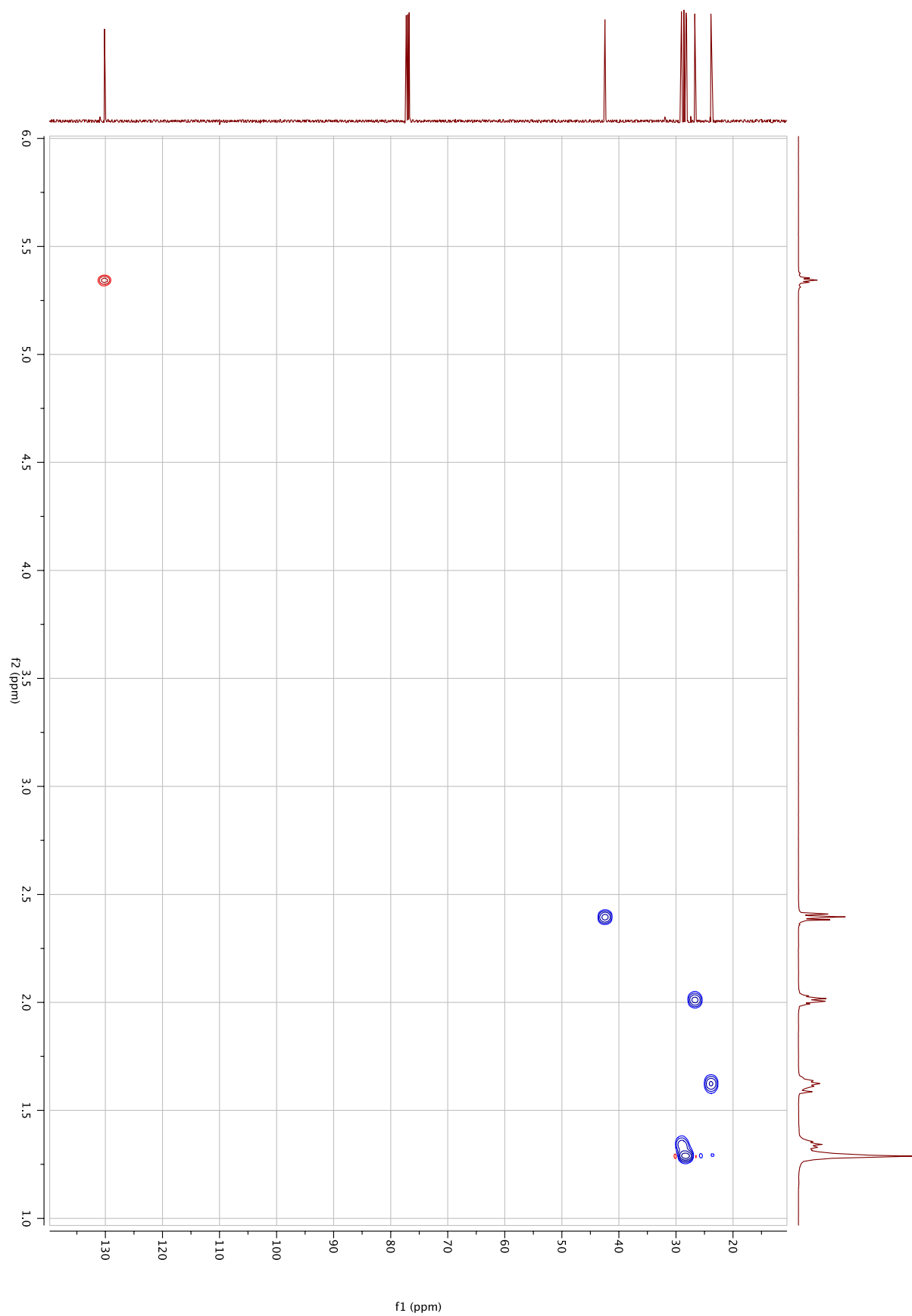


Figure S14. ^1H - ^{13}C HSQC (CDCl_3) of **19**.

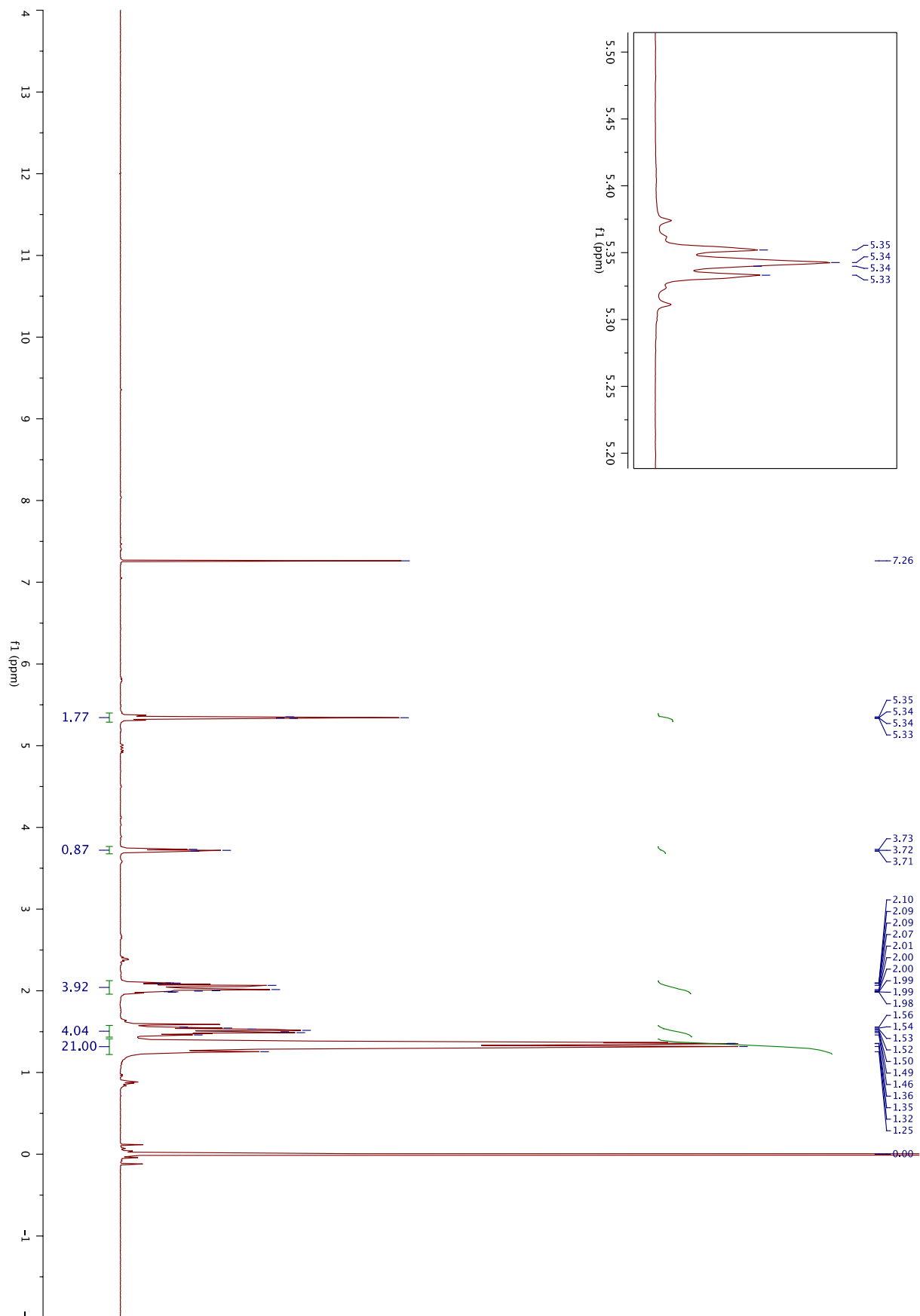


Figure S15. ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) spectrum of **20**.

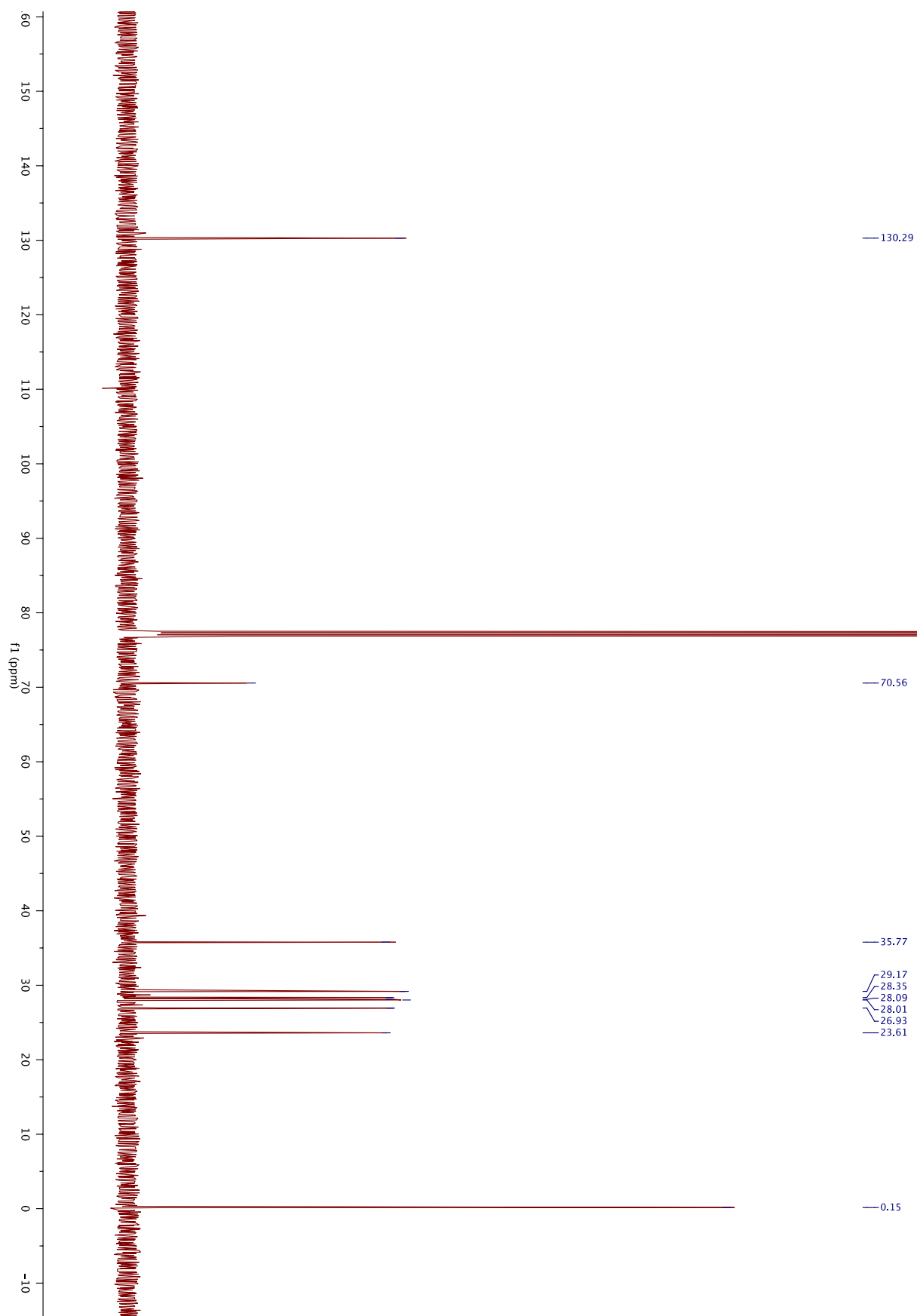


Figure S16. ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum of **20**.

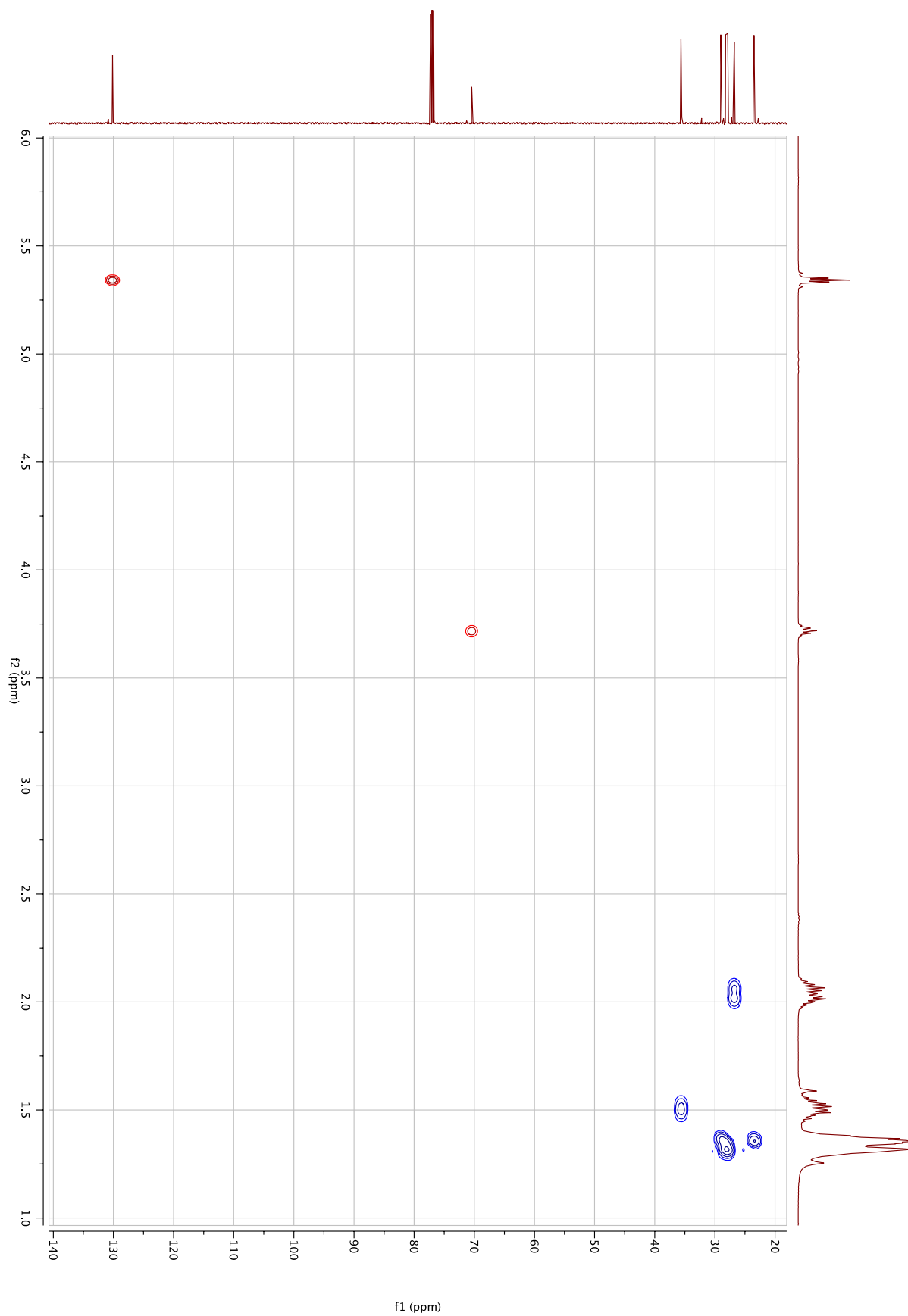


Figure S17. ^1H - ^{13}C HSQC (CDCl₃) of **20**.