

An Enhanced Stereoselective Synthesis of α,β -Unsaturated Esters Through the Horner-Wadsworth-Emmons reaction in Deep Eutectic Solvents

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EXPERIMENTAL SECTION

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General Methods

Deep Eutectic Solvents [choline chloride ChCl/urea (1:2), choline acetate (ChOAc)/urea (1:2), choline chloride ChCl/H₂O (1:2),] were prepared by heating under stirring at 60–80 °C for 10–30 min the corresponding individual components until a clear solution was obtained. Reactions were quenched with deionized water (pH = 6.1, determined by the pH meter 507 Crison). For ¹H NMR (600 MHz) and ¹³C NMR (150 MHz), CDCl₃ was used as the solvent; chemical shifts are reported in parts per million (δ). FT-IR spectra were recorded on a Perkin–Elmer 681 spectrometer.

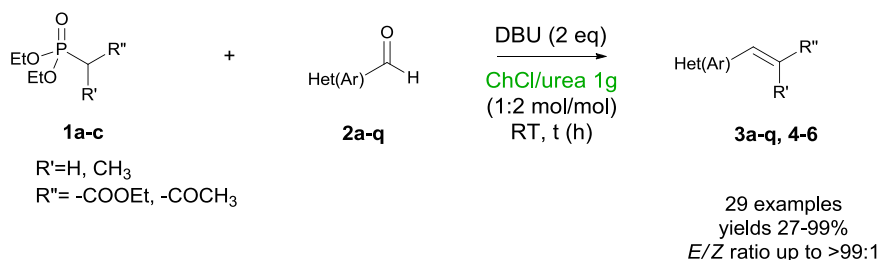
GC analyses were performed on a HP 6890 model, Series II by using a HP1 column (methyl siloxane; 30 m × 0.32 mm × 0.25 μm film thickness). Analytical thin-layer chromatography (TLC) was carried out on pre-coated 0.25 mm thick plates of Kieselgel 60 F₂₅₄; visualization was accomplished by UV light (254 nm) or by spraying a solution of 5 % (w/v) ammonium molybdate and 0.2 % (w/v) cerium(III) sulfate in 100 mL 17.6 % (w/v) aq. sulphuric acid and heating to 473 K until blue spots appeared.

Chromatography was run by using silica gel 60 with a particle size distribution 40–63 μm and 230–400 ASTM. GC-MS analyses were performed on a HP 5995C model. High-resolution mass spectrometry (HRMS) analyses were performed using a Bruker microTOF QII mass spectrometer equipped with an electrospray ion source (ESI).

Other reagents and solvents, unless otherwise specified, were purchased from Sigma-Aldrich (SigmaAldrich, St. Louis, MO, USA) and were used without any further purification.

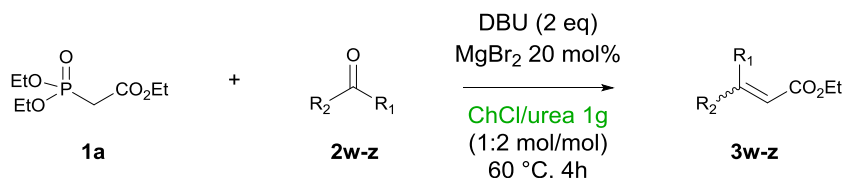
Full characterization data, including copies of ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra, have been reported for both the newly synthesized and the known compounds. The following abbreviations have been used to explain the multiplicities: s = singlet; br s = broad singlet; d = doublet; t = triplet; q = quartet; m = multiplet; dd = double of doublets; td = triplet of doublets.

General procedure for the Horner-Wadsworth-Emmons reaction of aldehydes (**2a-q**) in Deep Eutectic Solvents



In a 10 mL round bottom flask, aldehydes (**2a-q**, 1mmol), phosphonate (**1a-c**, 1mmol), DBU (2mmol, 298 μL) and ChCl/Urea DES (1 g) were sequentially added. The reaction was stirred at 25°C for 4 h. After this time, water (3 mL) and some drops of HCl 10% v/v were added until pH reached 4 [Except for compounds **2p,q**]. The mixture was then extracted with AcOEt (5 mL x 3) and the reunited organic phases were washed with brine, dried over anhydrous Na_2SO_4 and concentrated *in vacuo*. The crude was purified by flash column chromatography (silica gel, hexane/EtOAc 70:30–90:10) to provide the desired α,β -unsaturated compounds **3a-q, 4-6**.

General procedure for the Horner-Wadsworth-Emmons reaction of ketones (**2w-z**) with **1a** in Deep Eutectic Solvents

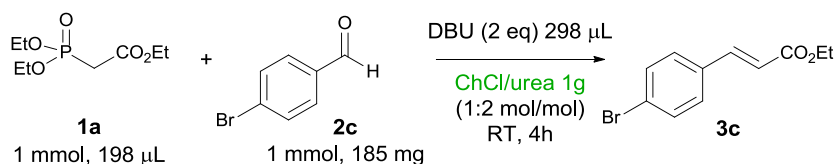


In a 10 mL round bottom flask, ketone (**2w-z**, 1 mmol), phosphonate (**1a**, 1 mmol), DBU (2 mmol, 298 μL), MgBr_2 (20 mol%, 36 mg) and ChCl/Urea DES (1 g) were sequentially added. The reaction was stirred at 60 °C for 16 h. After this time, the reaction was stopped and 3 mL of water and some drops of HCl 10% v/v until pH 4 were added. After this time, reaction was stopped and 3 mL of water and some drops of HCl 10% v/v until pH 4 were added. The mixture was then extracted with AcOEt (5 mL x 3) and the reunited organic phases were washed with brine, dried over anhydrous Na_2SO_4 and concentrated *in vacuo*. The crude was purified by flash column chromatography (silica gel, hexane/EtOAc 70:30–90:10) to provide the desired α,β -unsaturated esters (**3w-z**).

Reuse of DES. Low yields were obtained by attempting to reuse the solvent together with the DBU for two consecutive cycles (yields of 81% and 32% respectively), carrying out the reaction on a gram-scale, and isolating the final liquid product by decantation without a solvent extraction. A previous work by A. N. Paparella and others, employing DBU as a base in DESs,¹ revealed the presence of the ammonium salt of DBU in DES at the conclusion of the reaction. Consequently, irrespective of using EtOAc for the extraction of products and starting materials, it has been suggested to include DBU with fresh reagents **2c** and **1a** in the same solvent (1ChCl/2urea) in each reaction cycle.

Procedure for the DES reuse for the synthesis of Ethyl (*E*)-3-(4-bromophenyl)acrylate (**3c**)

In a 10 mL round bottom flask, 4-bromobenzaldehyde (**2c**, 1 mmol, 185 mg), triethylphosphonoacetate (**1a**, 1 mmol, 198 μ L), DBU (2 mmol, 298 μ L) and ChCl/Urea DES (1 g) were sequentially added. The reaction was stirred at RT for 4 h, and after this time, the mixture was extracted with AcOEt (3 mL x 5). The combined organic phases were washed with brine, HCl 1 M, dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄ and concentrated *in vacuo* to afford the crude product. The latter was then analyzed by using CH₂Br₂ as an internal standard to determine the yield of ethyl (*E*)-3-(4-bromophenyl)acrylate (**3c**). Upon adding new, fresh reagents [4-bromobenzaldehyde (**2c**), triethylphosphonoacetate (**1a**), and DBU] the reaction medium could be easily re-used for additional reaction cycles.



1st run: 93% (0.93 mmol, 236 mg)
 2nd run: 70% (0.70 mmol, 178 mg)
 3rd run: 25% (0.25 mmol, 63 mg)

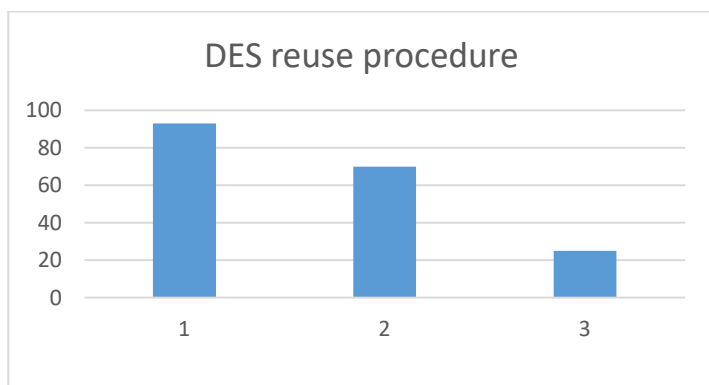


Figure S1. Reuse of DES ChCl/Urea (1:2) in the HWE reaction of 4-bromobenzaldehyde (**2c**) with **1a** to afford α,β -unsaturated ester (**3c**).

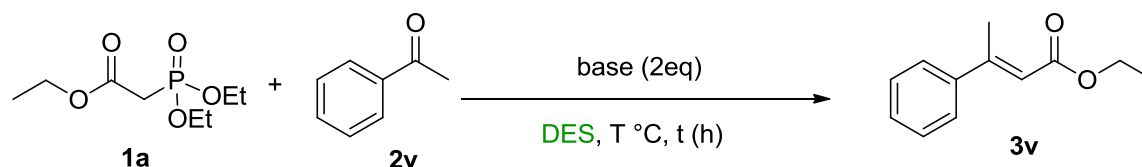
Eco Scale Analysis for the synthesis of Ethyl (*E*)-3-(4-bromophenyl)acrylate (3c)

EcoScale calculation is a post-synthesis analysis tool which estimates sustainability of the organic preparation based on six parameters (Table 5): (1) yield, (2) price of reaction components to obtain 10 mmol of end-product, (3) safety of the reactants based on the hazard warning symbols, (4) technical setup of the processes, (5) temperature and time, and (6) ease of workup/purification processes. An ideal reaction has the EcoScale value of 100. The EcoScale value for the synthesis of a product is calculated by lowering the maximum value of 100 by any applicable penalty points, according to the following equation:³

$$EcoScale = 100 - \sum \text{penalty points} = 100 - 29 = 71$$

EcoScale Parameters	Penalty points
Yield (100-%yield)/2	
90%	5
Price of reaction components to obtain 10 mmol of end-product:^a	
4-Br-benzaldehyde (0.011 mol, 2.053 g)	0
Triethylphosphonoacetate (0.011 mol, 2.475 g)	0
DBU (0.02 mol, 3.33 g)	0
DES component: ChCl (5.91 g)	0
DES component: urea (5.02 g)	0
Safety of the reactants	
Triethylphosphonoacetate (N)	5
DBU (T)	5
Technical setup	
common setup	0
Temperature/time:	
Room temperature, 4 h	1
Workup/purification processes	
dilution with H ₂ O and HCl 10% v/v	0
extraction with AcOEt and washing with brine	3
drying over anhydrous Na ₂ SO ₄	0
filtration over celite pad	0
evaporation of AcOEt	0
flash column chromatography	10
Penalty points total	29
^a prices listed on the Sigma Aldrich catalogue. N = dangerous for environment, T = toxic	

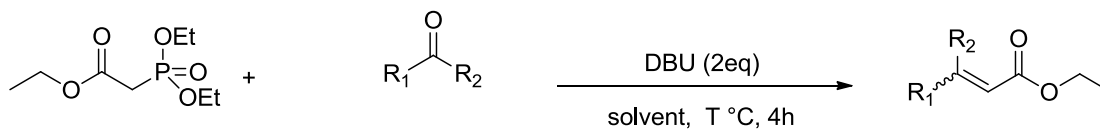
Table S1. Study of the Horner-Wadsworth-Emmons reaction in DES between phosphonate **1a** and acetophenone **2v**.



Entry	Base	Additive	Solvent	T (°C)	Time (h)	Yield ^a (%)
1	LiOH	/	ChCl/urea (1:2)	25	12	NR ^b
2	DBU	/	ChCl/urea (1:2)	25	15	trace
3	DBU	/	ChCl/urea (1:2)	60	4	10
4	DBU	ZnCl ₂ 20mol%	ChCl/urea (1:2)	60	4	NR ^b
5	DBU	/	ChCl/urea (1:2)	100	4	NR ^b
6	DBU	/	ChCl/EG (1:2)	60	4	NR ^b
7	DBU	/	Me(Ph) ₃ PBr/EG (1:5)	60	4	NR ^b
8	DBU	MgBr ₂ 10mol%	ChCl/urea (1:2)	25	16	NR ^b
9	DBU	MgBr ₂ 10mol%	H ₂ O	40	4	NR ^b
10	DBU	MgBr ₂ 10mol% +TBAB 10mol%	H ₂ O	40	4	NR ^b
11	DBU	MgBr ₂ 10mol%	ChCl/Gly (1:2)	40	4	NR ^b
12	DBU	MgBr ₂ 10mol%	Gly/Pro (3:1)	40	4	NR ^b
13	DBU	/	ZnCl/Acetamide (1:2)	40	4	NR ^b
14	DBU	MgBr ₂ 20mol%	2Me-THF	40	4	NR ^b
15	DBU	Ba(OAc) ₂	ChCl/urea (1:2)	80	4	10
16	DBU	MgBr ₂ 20mol%	ChCl/Lactic Acid (1:2)	40	4	NR ^b
17	DBU	Mg(ClO ₄) ₂	ChCl/urea (1:2)	40	4	NR ^b
18	DBU /TEPA	MgBr ₂ 40mol%	ChCl/urea (1:2)	120	1) 0.5 2) 3.5	NR ^b
19	DBU	BaTiO ₃	ChCl/urea (1:2)	40	4	NR ^b
20	LDA	/	ChCl/urea (1:2)	40	4	NR ^b
21	DBU	Al ₂ O ₃	ChCl/urea (1:2)	40	4	15
22	DBU	MgBr ₂ 10mol%	neet	60	15	15
23	DBU	Cu(CH ₃ COO) ₂	ChCl/urea (1:2)	60	4	NR ^b
24	DBU	Ti(OiPr) ₃	ChCl/urea (1:2)	60	6	NR ^b
25	DBU	TFE	ChCl/urea (1:2)	60	4	25
26	DBU	/	ChCl/TFA (1:2)	60	15	NR ^b
27	DBU	Et ₂ OBF ₃	ChCl/urea (1:2)	90	24	NR ^b
28	DBU (0,5 eq) + K ₂ CO ₃ (1,5 eq)	/	ChCl/urea (1:2)	60	72	16
29	DBU	CeCl ₃ ·7H ₂ O 20mol%	ChCl/urea (1:2)	60	4	NR ^b
30	DBU	Sc(OTf) ₃ 10mol%	ChCl/urea (1:2)	60	4	NR ^b
31	DBU	ZnBr ₂ 10mol%	ChCl/urea (1:2)	60	4	NR ^b
32	DBU	ZnBr ₂ 50mol%	ChCl/urea (1:2)	60	15	NR ^b
33	DBU	Ce ⁴⁺ MOF	ChCl/U (1:2) (0,5 mL)	hv	5	NR ^b
34	DBU	Ce ⁴⁺ MOF	ChCl/urea (1:2)	60	5	NR ^b
35	DBU	SmCl ₃ 10mol%	ChCl/urea (1:2)	60	15	NR ^b
36	DBU	FeCl ₃ 10mol%	ChCl/urea (1:2)	60	15	NR ^b
37	[TEPA (0.5 mmol) + NaH (2 mmol)] in 2-MeTHF	/	ChCl/urea (1:2)	60	15	NR ^b
38	1-(TEPA + NaH)	/	ChCl/urea (1:2)	60	1-60 min 2-15	NR ^b

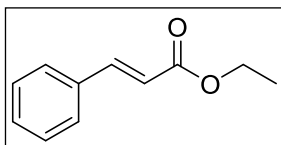
Table S2

Horner-Wadsworth-Emmons reaction in DES between phosphonate **1a** and various aliphatic and aromatic ketones **2**.

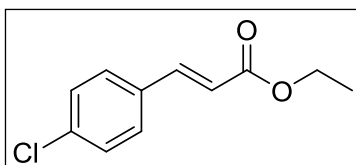


Entry	1 Ketone	2 Solvent	Additive.	T (°C)	3 t (h)	Yield (%)
1		1ChCl/2urea	/			30
2		1ChCl/2urea	MgBr ₂ 20mol%			70 (E/Z 97:3)
3		1ChCl/2urea	"			70
4		1ChCl/2urea	"			32
5		PBr ₂ /Eg (1:5 mol/mol)	"			<10
5		1ChCl/2urea				
6			/	60	16	<10
7		1ChCl/2urea	MgBr ₂ 20mol%	40	5	20
8		1ChCl/2urea	MgBr ₂ 20mol%	60	15	NR
9		1ChCl/2urea	MgBr ₂ 20mol%	40	4	5
10		1ChCl/2urea	MgBr ₂ 20mol%	60	15	NR
11		1ChCl/2urea	MgBr ₂ 20mol%	40	4	5
12		1ChCl/2urea	MgBr ₂ 20mol%	60	15	60
13		1ChCl/2urea	MgBr ₂ 20mol%	40	4	10
14		1ChCl/2urea	MgBr ₂ 20mol%	40	15	54
15		1ChCl/2urea	MgBr ₂ 20mol%	60	15	80
16		1ChCl/2urea	MgBr ₂ 20mol%	40	6	20
17		1ChCl/2urea	MgBr ₂ 20mol%	60	15	18
18		1ChCl/2urea	/	40	4	25
19		1ChCl/2urea	MgBr ₂ 20mol%	60	15	20

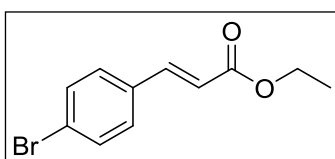
Characterization data for compounds (3a-z, 4-6)



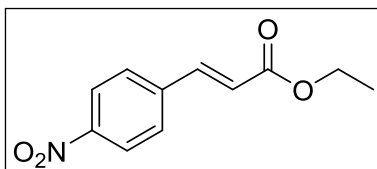
Ethyl cinnamate (3a):⁴ colourless oil, 80% yield from the reaction with DBU (2 eq) in DES (*E/Z* 98:2). ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.68 (d, *J* = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 7.53 – 7.51 (m, 2H), 7.38 – 7.37 (m, 3H), 6.44 (d, *J* = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 4.26 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 1.34 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 166.9, 144.5, 134.5, 130.1, 128.8, 128.0, 118.4, 60.4, 14.3; FT-IR (Film, cm⁻¹): 2962, 1712, 1640, 1310, 1188, 1204, 808; GC/MS (70 eV) *m/z* (%): 176 (M⁺, 32), 147 (22), 131 (100), 103 (58), 77 (42), 51 (19); HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calc. for [C₁₁H₁₂O₂ + Na]⁺: 199.0730; found: 199.0726. Purified by flash column chromatography (Hex/AcOEt 10:1).



Ethyl (*E*)-3-(4-chlorophenyl)acrylate (3b):⁵ white waxy solid, 99% yield from the reaction with DBU (2 eq) in DES (*E/Z* 99:1). ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.63 (d, *J* = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 7.46 – 7.45 (m, 2H), 7.37 – 7.35 (m, 2H), 6.41 (d, *J* = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 4.27 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 1.34 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 166.7, 143.1, 136.1, 133.0, 129.2, 129.1, 118.9, 60.6, 14.3; FT-IR (Film, cm⁻¹): 2982, 1713, 1639, 1491, 1310, 1174, 1089, 821; GC/MS (70 eV) *m/z* (%): 212 (M⁺+2, 10), 210 (M⁺, 43), 167 (34), 165 (100), 139 (11), 137 (30), 101 (35), 75 (22), 51 (11); HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calc. for [C₁₁H₁₁ClO₂ + Na]⁺: 233.0340; found: 233.0339.

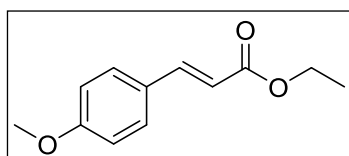


Ethyl (*E*)-3-(4-bromophenyl)acrylate (3c):⁶ colourless oil, 88% yield from the reaction with DBU (2 eq) in DES (*E/Z* 96:4). ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.60 (d, *J* = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 7.51 – 7.50 (m, 2H), 7.38 – 7.37 (m, 2H), 6.41 (d, *J* = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 4.25 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 1.33 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 166.7, 143.1, 133.4, 132.1, 129.4, 124.4, 119.0, 60.6, 14.3; FT-IR (Film, cm⁻¹): 2981, 1714, 1636, 1488, 1310, 1174, 1038, 818; GC/MS (70 eV) *m/z* (%): 256 (M⁺+2, 38), 254 (M⁺, 40), 226 (23), 209 (86), 183 (20), 130 (16), 102 (100), 75 (30), 51 (19); HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calc. for [C₁₁H₁₁BrO₂ + H]⁺: 255.0015; found: 255.0020. Purified by flash column chromatography (Hex/AcOEt 10:1).

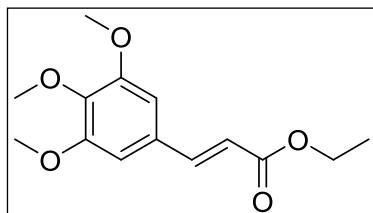


Ethyl (*E*)-3-(4-nitrophenyl)acrylate (3d):⁷ pale yellow solid, m.p. 115-117 °C, 90% yield from the reaction with DBU (2 eq) in DES (*E/Z*

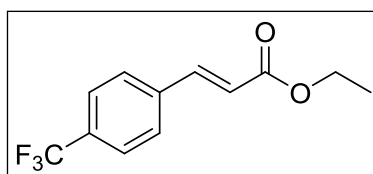
99:1). ^1H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 8.26 – 8.25 (m, 2H), 7.73 – 7.67 (m, 3H), 6.56 (d, $J = 16.0$ Hz, 1H), 4.30 (q, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 2H), 1.36 (t, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 166.0, 141.6, 140.6, 128.6, 124.2, 122.6, 61.0, 14.3; FT-IR (KBr, cm^{-1}): 3045, 2935, 1712, 1643, 1518, 1342; GC/MS (70 eV) m/z (%): 221 (M^+ , 25), 193 (50), 176 (100), 160 (11), 146 (25), 130 (43), 102 (52), 91 (32), 76 (35), 51 (8); HRMS (ESI) m/z calc. for $[\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_{11}\text{NO}_4 + \text{Na}]^+$: 244.0580; found: 244.0588. Crystallized from methanol hot/cold.



Ethyl (*E*)-3-(4-methoxyphenyl)acrylate (3e):⁸ colourless oil, 75% yield from the reaction with DBU (2 eq) in DES (*E/Z* 98:2). ^1H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.63 (d, $J = 15.9$ Hz, 1H), 7.47 – 7.46 (m, 2H), 6.90 – 6.88 (m, 2H), 6.30 (d, $J = 15.9$ Hz, 1H), 4.24 (q, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 2H), 3.80 (s, 3H), 1.32 (t, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 167.5, 161.6, 144.4, 129.8, 127.4, 115.9, 114.5, 60.5, 14.4 ; FT-IR (Film, cm^{-1}): 2982, 2936, 2840, 1713, 1605, 1514, 1253, 1172, 1034, 829; GC/MS (70 eV) m/z (%): 206 (M^+ , 68), 178 (15), 161 (100), 134 (44), 89 (20), 77 (18), 51 (19); HRMS (ESI) m/z calc. for $[\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{14}\text{O}_3 + \text{Na}]^+$: 229.0835; found: 229.0838. Purified by flash column chromatography (Hex/AcOEt 10:1).

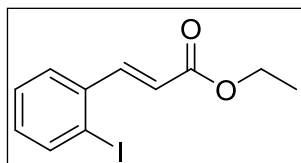


Ethyl (*E*)-3-(3,4,5-trimethoxyphenyl)acrylate (3f):⁹ white solid, m.p. 65-67 °C, 90% (*E/Z* 99:1). ^1H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.61 (d, $J = 15.9$ Hz, 1H), 6.76 (s, 2H), 6.35 (d, $J = 15.9$ Hz, 1H), 4.27 (q, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 2H), 3.89 (s, 6H), 3.88 (s, 3H), 1.35 (t, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 167.0, 153.4, 144.6, 140.1, 130.0, 117.5, 105.2, 61.0, 60.5, 56.2, 14.3; FT-IR (Film, cm^{-1}): 3062, 2972, 2835, 1714, 1695, 1584, 1423, 1248, 1125, 1008, 819; GC/MS (70 eV) m/z (%): 266 (M^+ , 100), 251 (55), 221 (21), 177 (15), 163 (18), 135 (12), 77 (10); HRMS (ESI) m/z calc. for $[\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{18}\text{O}_5 + \text{Na}^+]$: 289.1046; found: 289.1051. Purified by flash column chromatography (Hex/AcOEt 8:2).



Ethyl (*E*)-3-(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)acrylate (3i):¹⁰ white waxy solid, 77% yield from the reaction with DBU (2 eq) in DES (*E/Z* 98:2). ^1H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.70 (d, $J = 16.1$ Hz, 1H), 7.65 – 7.62 (m, 4H), 6.51 (d, $J = 16.1$ Hz, 1H), 4.29 (q, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 2H), 1.35 (t, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (150 MHz,

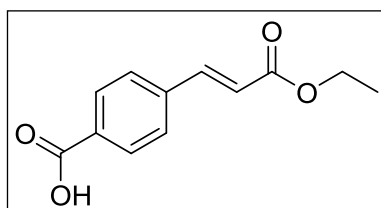
CDCl₃): δ 166.4, 142.7, 137.8, 131.7 (q, $^2J = 33$ Hz), 128.2, 125.8 (q, $^3J = 4$ Hz), 123.8 (q, $^1J = 272$ Hz), 120.9, 60.8, 14.3; FT-IR (Film, cm⁻¹): 3372, 2985, 2933, 1715, 1642, 1325, 1169, 1067, 833; GC/MS (70 eV) m/z (%): 244 (M⁺, 22), 225 (12), 216 (25), 199 (100), 171 (41), 151 (50), 102 (15); HRMS (ESI) m/z calc. for [C₁₂H₁₁F₃O₂ + H]⁺: 245.0784; found: 245.0809. Purified by flash column chromatography (Hex/AcOEt 10:1).



Ethyl (*E*)-3-(2-iodophenyl)acrylate (3j):¹¹ colourless oil, 78% (*E/Z* 98:2). ¹H

NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.93 – 7.90 (m, 2H), 7.58 – 7.56 (m, 1H), 7.38 – 7.36 (m, 1H), 7.08 – 7.05 (m, 1H), 6.33 (d, $J = 15.8$ Hz, 1H), 4.30 (q, $J = 7.1$

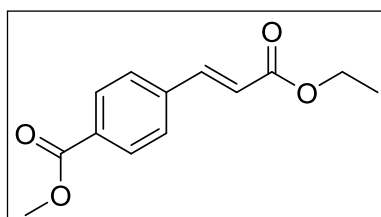
Hz, 2H), 1.37 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 166.3, 147.7, 140.0, 137.9, 131.2, 128.5, 127.4, 121.3, 101.1, 60.7, 14.3 ; FT-IR (Film, cm⁻¹): 3060, 2980, 2932, 1714, 1634, 1461, 1313, 1262, 1204, 1178, 1037, 1013, 759; GC/MS (70 eV) m/z (%): 302 (M⁺, 4), 257 (11), 175 (44), 147 (100), 130 (40), 102 (48), 91 (26), 76 (14); HRMS (ESI) m/z calc. for [C₁₁H₁₂IO₂ + H]⁺: 302.9876; found: 302.9866. Purified by flash column chromatography (Hex/AcOEt 10:1).



Ethyl (*E*)-3-(4-carboxyphenyl)acrylate (3k):¹² white solid, m.p. 190-

192 °C, 68% (*E/Z* = 99:1). ¹H NMR (600 MHz, Methanol-d₄): δ 8.03 – 8.02 (m, 2H), 7.70 – 7.66 (m, 3H), 6.59 (d, $J = 16.0$ Hz, 1H), 4.24 (q, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 2H), 1.32 (t, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, Methanol-

d₄): δ 167.8, 166.8, 143.2, 138.6, 132.1, 129.9, 127.7, 120.1, 60.4, 13.2; FT-IR (Film, cm⁻¹): 3377, 2986, 1681, 1293, 1016; GC/MS (70 eV) m/z (%): 220 (M⁺, 38), 192 (30), 175 (100), 147 (27), 131 (38), 103 (65), 77 (43); HRMS (ESI) m/z calc. for [C₁₂H₁₂O₄ - H]⁺: 219.0663; found: 219.0398. Purified by flash column chromatography DCM/Methanol 9:1.

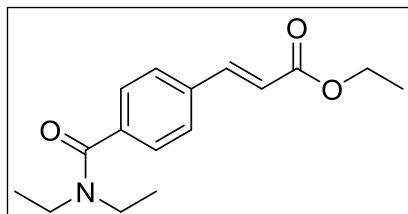


Ethyl (*E*)-3-(4-methoxycarbonylphenyl)acrylate (3l):¹³ white waxy

solid, 40% (*E/Z* = 99:1). ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.08 – 8.07 (m, 2H), 7.72 (d, $J = 16.1$ Hz, 1H), 7.61 – 7.60 (m, 2H), 6.54 (d, $J = 16.1$ Hz, 1H), 4.30 (q, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 2H), 3.96 (s, 3H), 1.37 (t, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 3H);

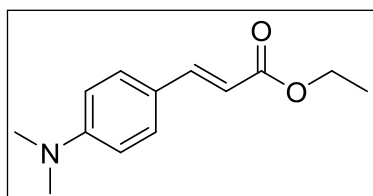
¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 166.4₂, 166.4₀, 143.1, 138.8, 131.4, 130.1, 127.8, 120.8, 60.6, 52.1, 14.2; FT-IR (Film, cm⁻¹): 2920, 2840, 1714, 1636, 1275, 1174, 1105; GC/MS (70 eV) m/z (%): 234

(M^+ , 67), 205 (30), 203 (53), 189 (100), 175 (62), 145 (49), 131 (38), 115 (33), 102 (69), 77 (15); HRMS (ESI) m/z calc. for $[C_{13}H_{14}O_4 + H]^+$: 235.0965; found: 235.1414. Purified by flash column chromatography Hex/AcOEt 9:1.



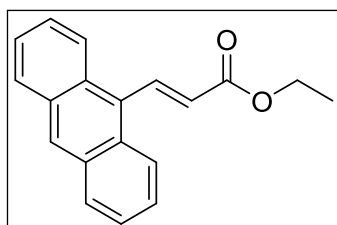
Ethyl (E)-3-[4-(*N,N*-diethylcarbamoyl)phenyl]acrylate (3m): pale yellow oil, 43% ($E/Z > 99:1$). 1H NMR (600 MHz, Methanol- d_4): δ 7.74 – 7.72 (m, 3H), 7.45 – 7.43 (m, 2H), 6.62 (d, $J = 16.1$ Hz, 1H), 4.28 (q, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 2H), 3.59 – 3.57 (m, 2H), 3.34 – 3.31 (m, 2H)

1.35 (t, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 3H), 1.28 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 3H), 1.15 (t, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (150 MHz, Methanol- d_4): δ 171.4, 166.9, 143.4, 138.3, 135.6, 128.0, 126.6, 119.2, 60.4, 43.5, 39.5, 13.2, 13.0, 11.7; FT-IR (Film, cm^{-1}): 2918, 1712, 1633, 1427, 1311, 1286, 1175, 1094; GC/MS (70 eV) m/z (%): 275 (M^+ , 54), 246 (20), 203 (100), 175 (15), 102 (19); HRMS (ESI) m/z calc. for $[C_{16}H_{21}NO_3 + Na]^+$: 298.1414; found: 298.1418. Purified by flash column chromatography Hex/AcOEt 1:1.



Ethyl (E)-3-[4-(dimethylamino)phenyl]acrylate (3n):¹⁴ white solid, m.p. 74-76 °C, 65% ($E/Z > 99:1$). 1H NMR (600 MHz, $CDCl_3$): δ 7.65 (d, $J = 15.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.45 – 7.43 (m, 2H), 6.69 – 6.68 (m, 2H), 6.25 (d, $J = 15.8$ Hz, 1H), 4.27 (q, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 3.03 (s, 6H), 1.35 (t, $J = 7.1$ Hz,

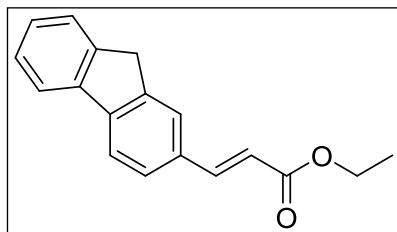
3H); ^{13}C NMR (150 MHz, $CDCl_3$): δ 167.8, 151.8, 145.0, 126.9, 122.5, 112.8, 111.9, 59.9, 40.1, 14.4; FT-IR (Film, cm^{-1}): 2902, 2817, 1886, 1701, 1601, 1526, 1446, 1306, 1154, 1094, 815; GC/MS (70 eV) m/z (%): 219 (M^+ , 100), 190 (32), 174 (74), 147 (69), 146 (50), 130 (15); HRMS (ESI) m/z calc. for $[C_{13}H_{17}NO_2 + Na]^+$: 242.1151; found: 242.1179. Purified by flash column chromatography Hex/AcOEt 9:1.



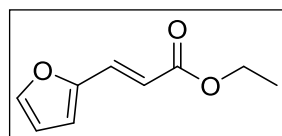
Ethyl (E)-3-(anthracen-9-yl)acrylate (3o):¹⁵ yellow solid, m.p. 80 - 82 °C, 83% ($E/Z 99:1$). 1H NMR (600 MHz, $CDCl_3$): δ 8.66 (d, $J = 16.3$ Hz, 1H), 8.41 (s, 1H), 8.27 – 8.25 (m, 2H), 8.00 – 7.99 (m, 2H), 7.53 – 7.48 (m, 4H), 6.45 (d, $J = 16.3$ Hz, 1H), 4.43 (q, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 2H), 1.45 (t, $J = 7.1$ Hz,

3H); ^{13}C NMR (150 MHz, $CDCl_3$): δ 166.4, 141.9, 131.3, 129.4, 129.3, 128.8, 128.2, 127.3, 126.3, 125.3, 125.2, 60.8, 14.4.; FT-IR (Film, cm^{-1}): 3051, 2980, 2835, 1712, 1203, 1162, 1043, 855, 706;

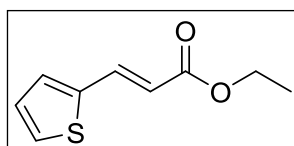
GC/MS (70 eV) m/z (%): 276 (M^+ , 28), 203 (100), 101 (20); HRMS (ESI) m/z calc. for [$C_{19}H_{16}O_2 + Na^+$]: 299.1043; found: 299.1036. Purified by flash column chromatography (Hex/ Et_2O 9:1).



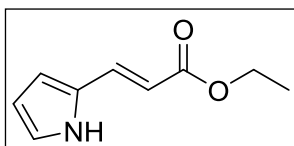
Ethyl (*E*)-3-(9H-fluoren-2-yl)acrylate (3p):¹⁶ pale yellow solid, m.p. 100 - 102 °C, 50% yield from the reaction with DBU (2 eq) in DES at 40 °C (*E/Z* 98:2). 1H NMR (600 MHz, $CDCl_3$): δ 7.82 – 7.77 (m, 3H), 7.72 (s, 1H), 7.58 – 7.56 (m, 2H), 7.42 – 7.39 (m, 1H), 7.36 – 7.34 (m, 1H), 6.49 (d, $J = 16.0$ Hz, 1H), 4.29 (q, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 2H), 3.93 (s, 2H), 1.36 (t, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (150 MHz, $CDCl_3$): δ 167.2, 145.0, 144.0, 143.9, 143.8, 140.9, 133.1, 127.5, 127.4, 127.0, 125.2, 124.5, 120.3, 120.2, 117.4, 60.4, 36.8, 14.4.; FT-IR (Film, cm^{-1}): 2981, 2922, 1708, 1634, 1322, 1174, 1033, 978, 830, 774, 743; GC/MS (70 eV) m/z (%): 264 (M^+ , 100), 235 (15), 218 (159), 189 (69), 165 (26), 95 (25), 83 (11); HRMS (ESI) m/z calc. for [$C_{18}H_{16}O_2 - H^-$]: 263.1078; found: 263.1077. Purified by flash column chromatography (Hex/ $AcOEt$ 11:1).



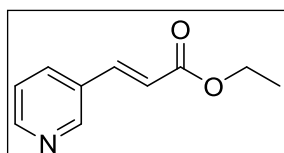
Ethyl (*E*)-3-(furan-2-yl)acrylate (3q):¹⁷ yellow oil, 93% (*E/Z* 99:1). 1H -NMR (600 MHz, acetone- d_6): δ 7.71 (d, $J = 1.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.46 (d, $J = 15.8$ Hz, 1H), 6.87 – 6.86 (m, 1H), 6.60 – 6.59 (m, 1H), 6.25 (d, $J = 15.8$ Hz, 1H), 4.19 (q, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 2H), 1.27 (t, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (150 MHz, $CDCl_3$): δ 167.04, 150.96, 144.58, 130.78 (d, $J = 57.7$ Hz), 116.05, 114.47, 112.28, 60.22 (d, $J = 64.4$ Hz), 14.26; FT-IR (Film, cm^{-1}): 2983, 1700, 1638, 1210, 1017, 751; GC/MS (70 eV) m/z (%): 166 (M^+ , 47), 138 (32), 121 (100), 110 (14), 94 (38), 82 (6), 65 (51), 55 (7); HRMS (ESI) m/z calc. for [$C_9H_{10}O_3 + Na^+$]: 189.0552; found: 189.0663.



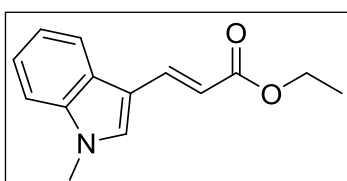
Ethyl (*E*)-3-(thiophen-2-yl)acrylate (3r):¹⁸ pale yellow oil, 80% (*E/Z* 94:6). 1H NMR (600 MHz, $CDCl_3$): δ 7.80 (d, $J = 15.7$ Hz, 1H), 7.40 – 7.38 (m, 1H), 7.28 – 7.27 (m, 1H), 7.08 – 7.06 (m, 1H), 6.26 (d, $J = 15.7$ Hz, 1H), 4.27 (q, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 2H), 1.35 (t, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (150 MHz, $CDCl_3$): δ 166.8, 139.6, 137.0, 130.7, 128.3, 128.0, 117.1, 60.4, 14.3; FT-IR (Film, cm^{-1}): 2980, 2932, 1708, 1627, 1305, 1263, 1204, 1163, 1042, 706; GC/MS (70 eV) m/z (%): 182 (M^+ , 35), 154 (62), 137 (100), 121 (21), 109 (58), 97 (15), 65 (38); HRMS (ESI) m/z calc. for [$C_9H_{10}O_2S + Na^+$]: 205.0294; found: 205.0298. Purified by flash column chromatography (Hex/ $AcOEt$ 9:1).



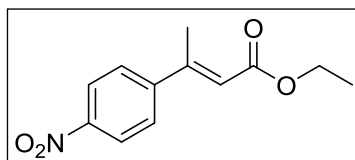
Ethyl (*E*)-3-(pyrrol-2-yl)acrylate (3s):¹⁹ pale yellow oil, 50% (*E/Z* 99:1). ¹H-NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 9.21 (br s, 1H), 7.57 (d, *J* = 15.9 Hz, 1H), 6.93 – 6.92 (m, 1H), 6.56 – 6.55 (m, 1H), 6.28 – 6.26 (m, 1H), 6.05 (d, *J* = 15.9 Hz, 1H), 4.24 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 1.32 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 167.7, 134.3, 128.5, 122.4, 114.3, 111.3, 110.8, 60.2, 14.4; FT-IR (Film, cm⁻¹): 3332, 2981, 2937, 2904, 2872, 1682, 1621, 1349, 1417, 1367, 1323, 1297, 1267, 1228, 1181, 1127, 1097, 1035, 974, 851, 736; GC/MS (70 eV) *m/z* (%): 165 (M⁺, 78), 120 (81), 119 (100), 92 (50), 91 (42), 65 (38); HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calc. for [C₉H₁₁O₂N + Na]⁺: 188.0682; found: 188.0678. Purified by flash column chromatography (Hex/AcOEt 7:3).



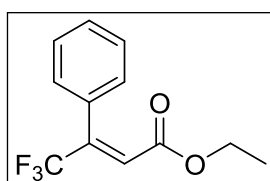
Ethyl (*E*)-3-(pyridine-3-yl)acrylate (3t):²⁰ colorless oil, 98% yield from the reaction with DBU (2 eq) in DES (*E/Z* 98:2). ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.72 (s, 1H), 8.58 (dd, *J* = 4.8, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.84 – 7.81 (m, 1H), 7.65 (d, *J* = 16.1 Hz, 1H), 7.33 – 7.31 (m, 1H), 6.49 (d, *J* = 16.1 Hz, 1H), 4.26 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 1.33 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 166.3, 150.9, 149.6, 140.8, 134.2, 130.3, 123.7, 120.5, 60.8, 14.3; FT-IR (Film, cm⁻¹): 2982, 1714, 1643, 1312, 1265, 1188, 982, 806, 698; GC/MS (70 eV) *m/z* (%): 177 (M⁺, 10), 148 (18), 132 (100), 120 (13), 104 (39), 77 (19), 51 (31); HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calc. for [C₁₀H₁₁NO₂ + H]⁺: 178.0863; found: 178.0883. Purified by flash column chromatography (Hex/AcOEt 6:4).



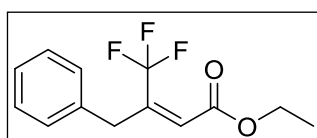
Ethyl (*E*)-3-(1-methyl-1H-indol-3-yl)acrylate (3u):²¹ pale yellow solid, m.p. 95 – 96°C, 73% yield from the reaction with DBU (2 eq) in DES (*E/Z* 99:1). ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.94 – 7.89 (m, 2H), 7.36 – 7.26 (m, 4H), 6.43 (d, *J* = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 4.29 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 3.80 (s, 3H), 1.37 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 168.3, 137.9, 133.0, 126.1, 122.9, 121.2, 120.6, 112.7, 112.2, 109.9, 60.0, 33.1, 14.5; FT-IR (Film, cm⁻¹): 3105, 2987, 2924, 1698, 1614, 1531, 1377, 1189, 1176, 840; GC/MS (70 eV) *m/z* (%): 229 (M⁺, 95), 201 (14), 184 (100), 157 (90), 115 (38), 77 (152); HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calc. for [C₁₄H₁₅NO₂ + Na]⁺: 252.0995; found: 252.1002. Purified by flash column chromatography (Hex/Et₂O 3:7).



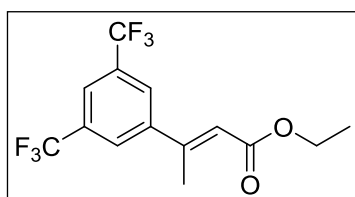
Ethyl (*E*)-3-(4-nitrophenyl)but-2-enoate (3w):²² white solid, m.p. 70-72 °C, 70% (*E/Z* 97:3). ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.25 – 8.24 (m, 2H), 7.63 – 7.62 (m, 2H), 6.20 (s, 1H), 4.25 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 2.60 (s, 3H), 1.34 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 166.1, 152.6, 148.6, 148.0, 127.2, 123.8, 120.2, 60.3, 17.9, 14.3; FT-IR (KBr, cm⁻¹): 3085, 2988, 2959, 1716, 1597, 1518, 1277, 1184, 848; GC/MS (70 eV) *m/z* (%): 235 (M⁺, 21), 218 (25), 190 (100), 160 (31), 144 (15), 115 (88), 77 (10), 51 (8); HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calc. for [C₁₂H₁₃NO₄ + H]⁺: 236.0917; found: 236.0924. Crystallized from methanol hot/cold.



Ethyl (*E*)-4,4,4-trifluoro-3-phenylbut-2-enoate (3x):²³ pale yellow oil, 60% (*E/Z* 60:40). ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.46 – 7.43 (m, 3H), 7.32 – 7.31 (m, 2H), 6.64 (q, *J* = 1.5 Hz, 1H), 4.07 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 1.09 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H); ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 164.1, 142.2 (q, ²*J* = 31 Hz), 131.1, 129.2, 128.7, 128.1, 124.6 (q, ³*J* = 6 Hz), 122.5 (q, ¹*J* = 275 Hz), 61.0, 13.6; FT-IR (KBr, cm⁻¹): 2919, 2850, 1738, 1657, 1446, 1284, 1257, 1179, 1135, 1028, 698; GC/MS (70 eV) *m/z* (%): 244 (M⁺, 65), 215 (70), 199 (100), 171 (22), 151 (82), 102 (33), 77 (10), 51 (12); HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calc. for [C₁₂H₁₁F₃O₂ + Na]⁺: 267.0603; found: 267.0610. Purified by flash column chromatography (Hex/Et₂O 20:1).

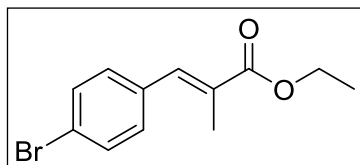


Ethyl (*Z*)-3-benzyl-4,4,4-trifluorobut-2-enoate (3y):²⁴ colourless oil, 90% (*E/Z* 8:92). ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.41 – 7.34 (m, 6H), 4.22 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 3.39 (s, 2H), 1.29 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H); ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 169.6, 144.5, 136.0 (q, ³*J* = 6 Hz), 133.8, 128.9, 128.6, 124.1 (q, ¹*J* = 273 Hz), 124.06 (q, ²*J* = 30 Hz), 61.3, 32.4, 14.0; FT-IR (KBr, cm⁻¹): 3030, 2985, 2939, 1732, 1668, 1449, 1325, 1305, 1224, 1163, 896; GC/MS (70 eV) *m/z* (%): 258 (M⁺, 35), 213 (14), 185 (100), 165 (72), 145 (15), 115 (65), 77 (5), 51 (11); HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calc. for [C₁₃H₁₃F₃O₂ + Na]⁺: 281.0760; found: 281.0762. Purified by flash column chromatography (Hex/AcOEt 20:1).

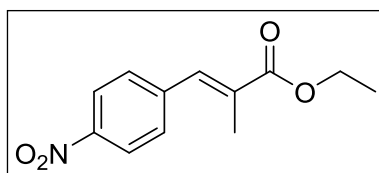


Ethyl (*E*)-3-(3,5-bis(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)but-2-enoate (3z): pale yellow oil, 70% (*E/Z* 88:12). ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.91 – 7.89 (m, 3H), 6.21 (s, 1H), 4.27 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 2.63 (s, 3H), 1.36 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 165.8, 151.6, 144.4, 132.1

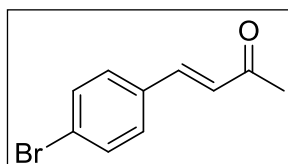
(q, $^2J = 33$ Hz), 126.3, 123.1 (q, $^1J = 273$ Hz), 122.3 (m), 120.2, 60.3, 17.8, 14.2; FT-IR (KBr, cm^{-1}): 3090, 2960, 1710, 1645, 1274, 1111; GC/MS (70 eV) m/z (%): 326 (M^+ , 48), 307 (23), 281 (100), 278 (90), 233 (30), 213 (22), 183 (29), 164 (35), 15 (20); HRMS (ESI) m/z calc. for $[\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{12}\text{F}_6\text{O}_2 - \text{H}]$: 325.0669; found: 325.0666. Purified by flash column chromatography (Hex/AcOEt 20:1).



Ethyl (*E*)-3-(4-bromophenyl)-2-methylacrylate (4):²⁵ yellow oil, 71% (*E/Z* 80:20). ^1H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.61 (s, 1H), 7.53 – 7.52 (m, 2H), 7.28 – 7.26 (m, 2H), 4.28 (q, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 2H), 2.09 (d, $J = 1.6$ Hz, 1H), 1.36 (t, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 168.4, 137.3, 134.8, 131.6, 131.1, 129.4, 122.4, 61.0, 14.3, 14.0; FT-IR (Film, cm^{-1}): 2920, 1707, 1637, 1477, 1163, 1123, 748; GC/MS (70 eV) m/z (%): 270 ($M^+ + 2$, 42), 268 (M^+ , 45), 223 (28), 194 (40), 160 (22), 115 (100), 89 (19), 75 (15); HRMS (ESI) m/z calc. for $[\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{13}\text{BrO}_2 + \text{Na}]^+$: 290.9991; found: 290.9998. Purified by flash column chromatography (Hex/AcOEt 10:1).



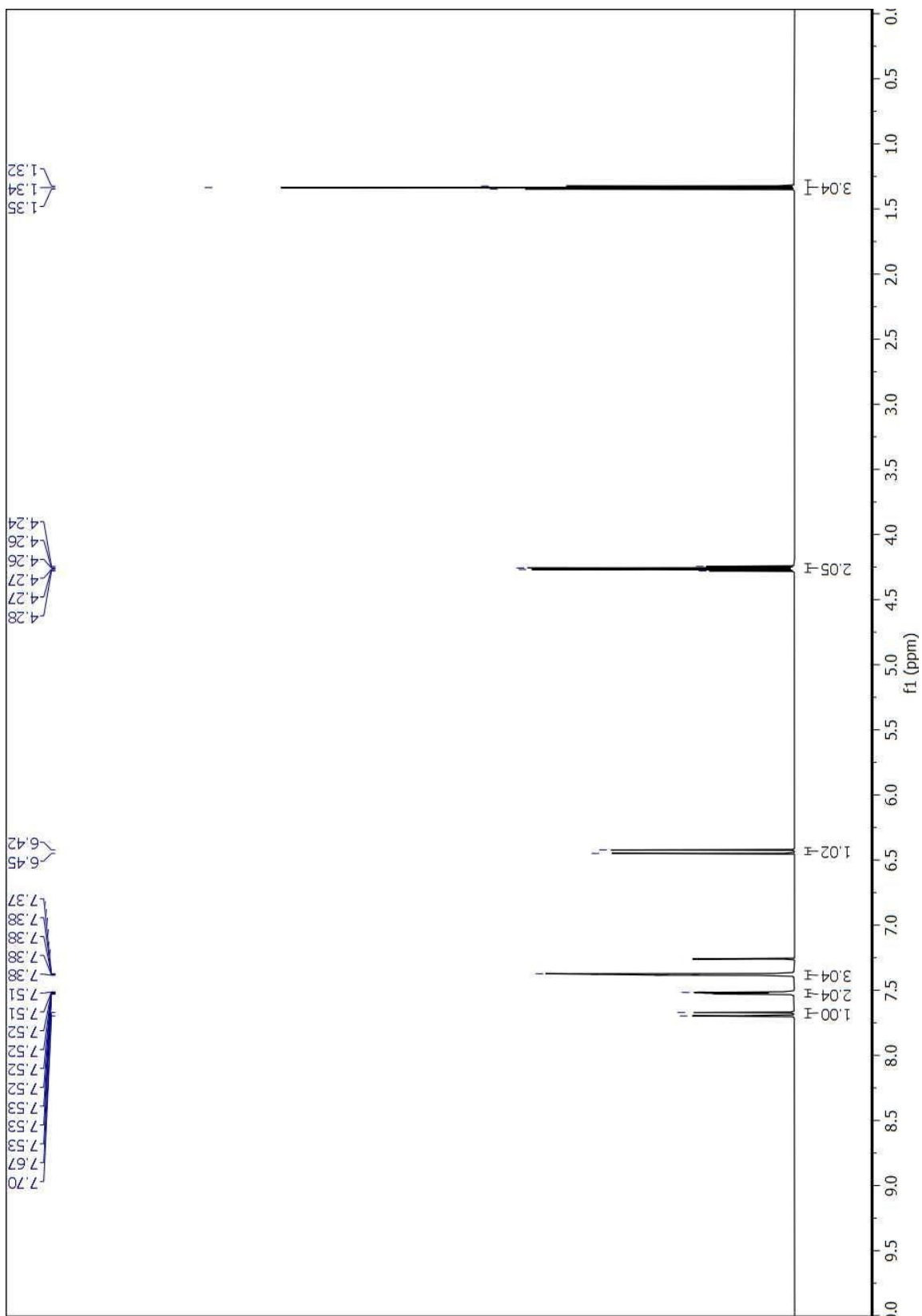
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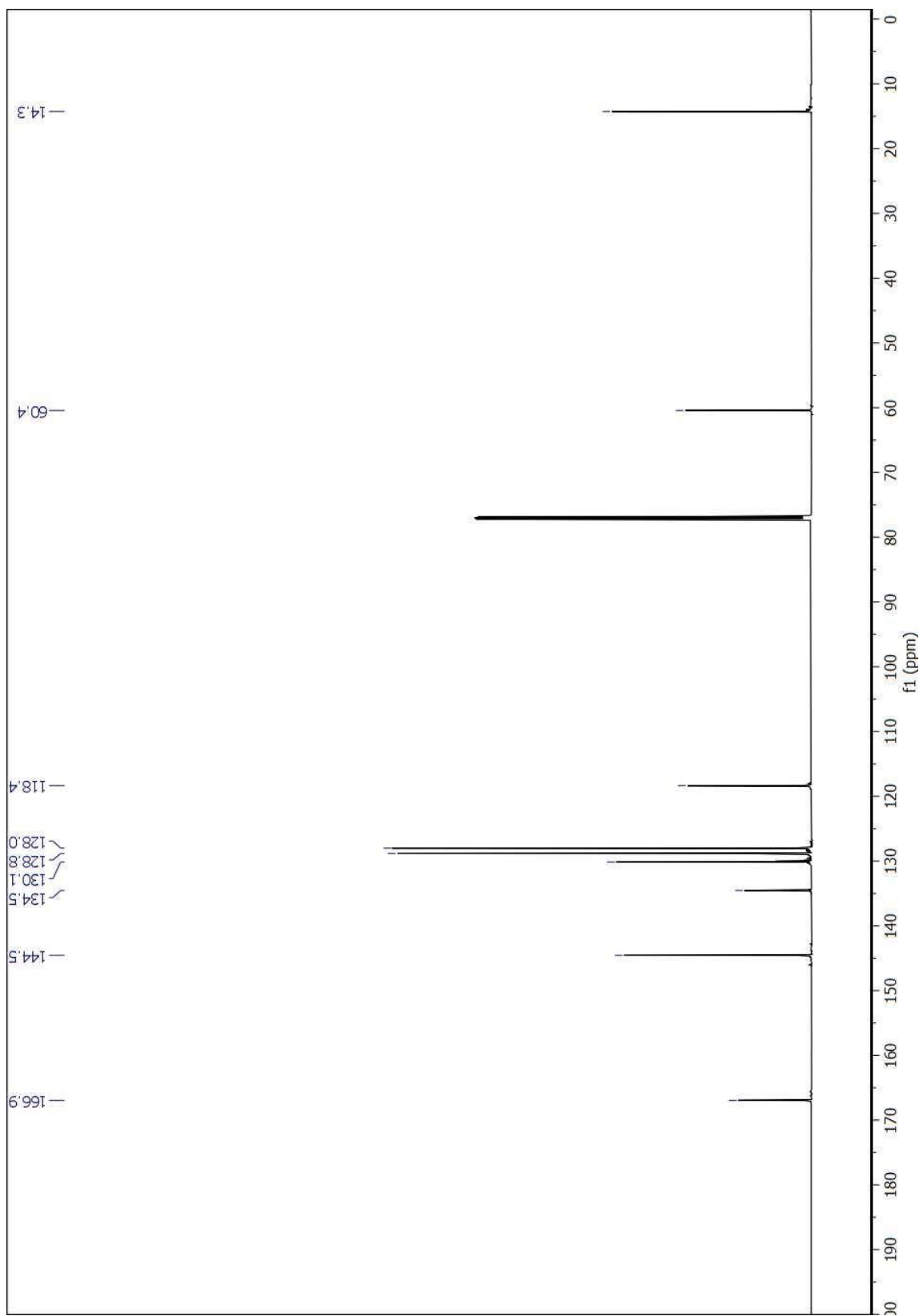
(*E*)-4-(4-bromophenyl)but-3-en-2-one (6):²⁷ white solid, m.p. 76-78 °C, 70% (*E/Z* > 99:1). ^1H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.68 (d, $J = 16.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.53 – 7.51 (m, 2H), 7.44 (d, $J = 16.3$ Hz, 1H), 7.41 – 7.39 (m, 2H), 6.69 (d, $J = 16.3$ Hz, 1H), 2.37 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 197.8, 141.8, 133.5, 132.2, 129.5, 127.6, 124.7, 27.6; FT-IR (Film, cm^{-1}): 3055, 2917, 2850, 1651, 1594, 1582, 1625, 1487, 1360, 1255, 1074, 982; GC/MS (70 eV) m/z (%): 226 ($M^+ + 2$, 23), 224 (M^+ , 24), 209 (73), 181 (24), 145 (61), 102 (100), 75 (24); HRMS (ESI) m/z calc. for $[\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_9\text{O}_2\text{Br} + \text{H}]^+$: 224.9910; found: 224.9735. Purified by crystallization from hot/cold methanol.

NMR Spectra

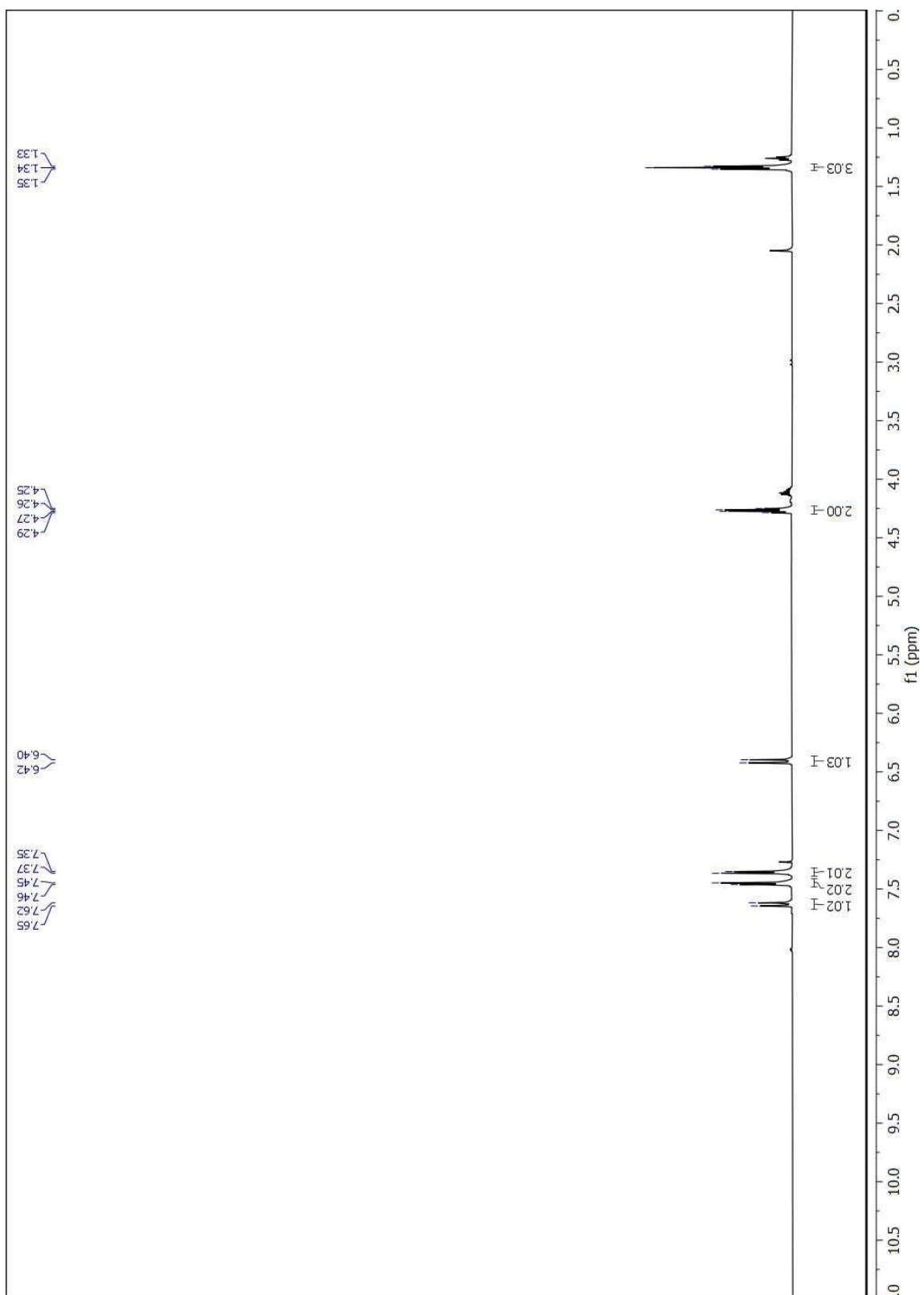
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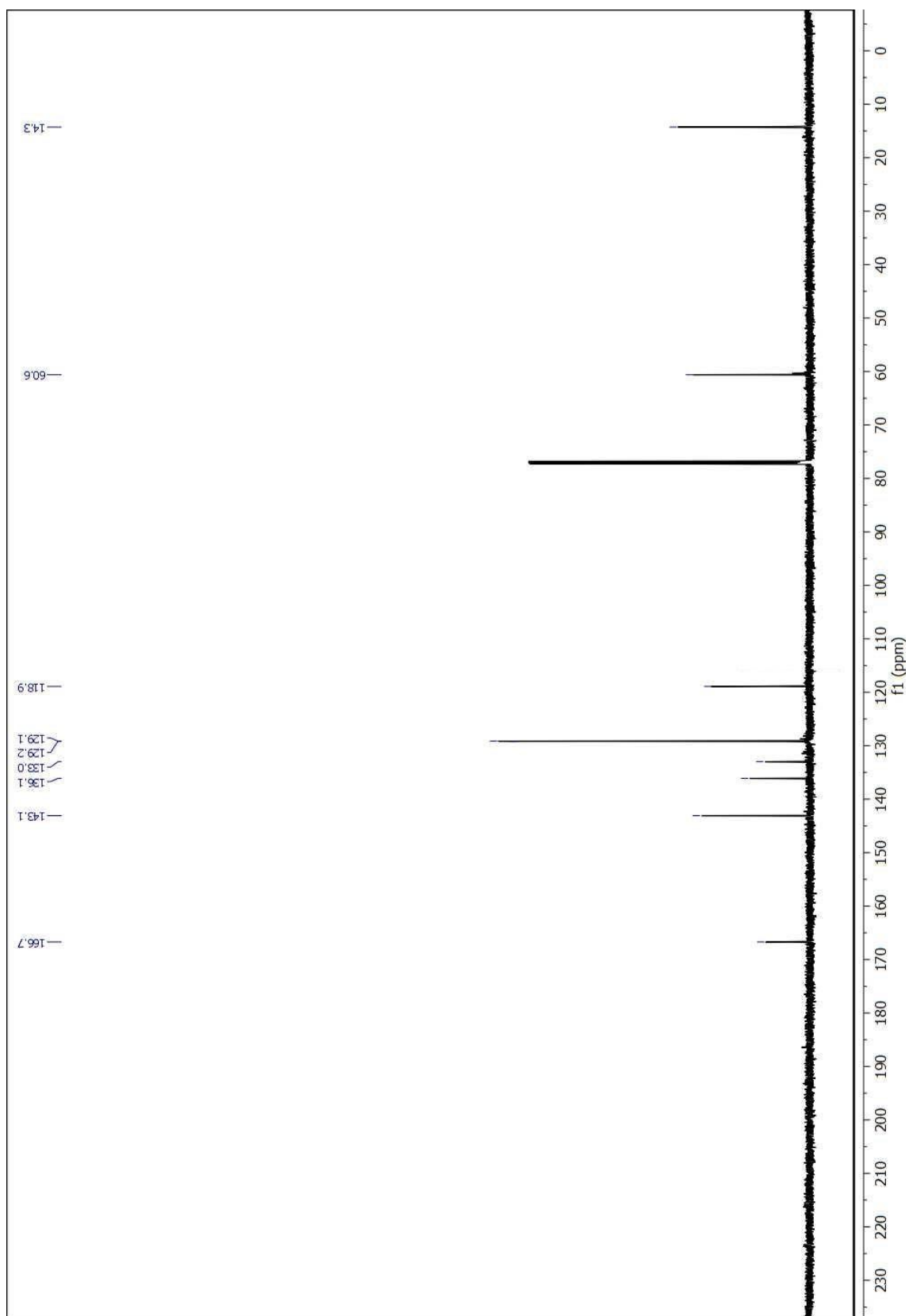
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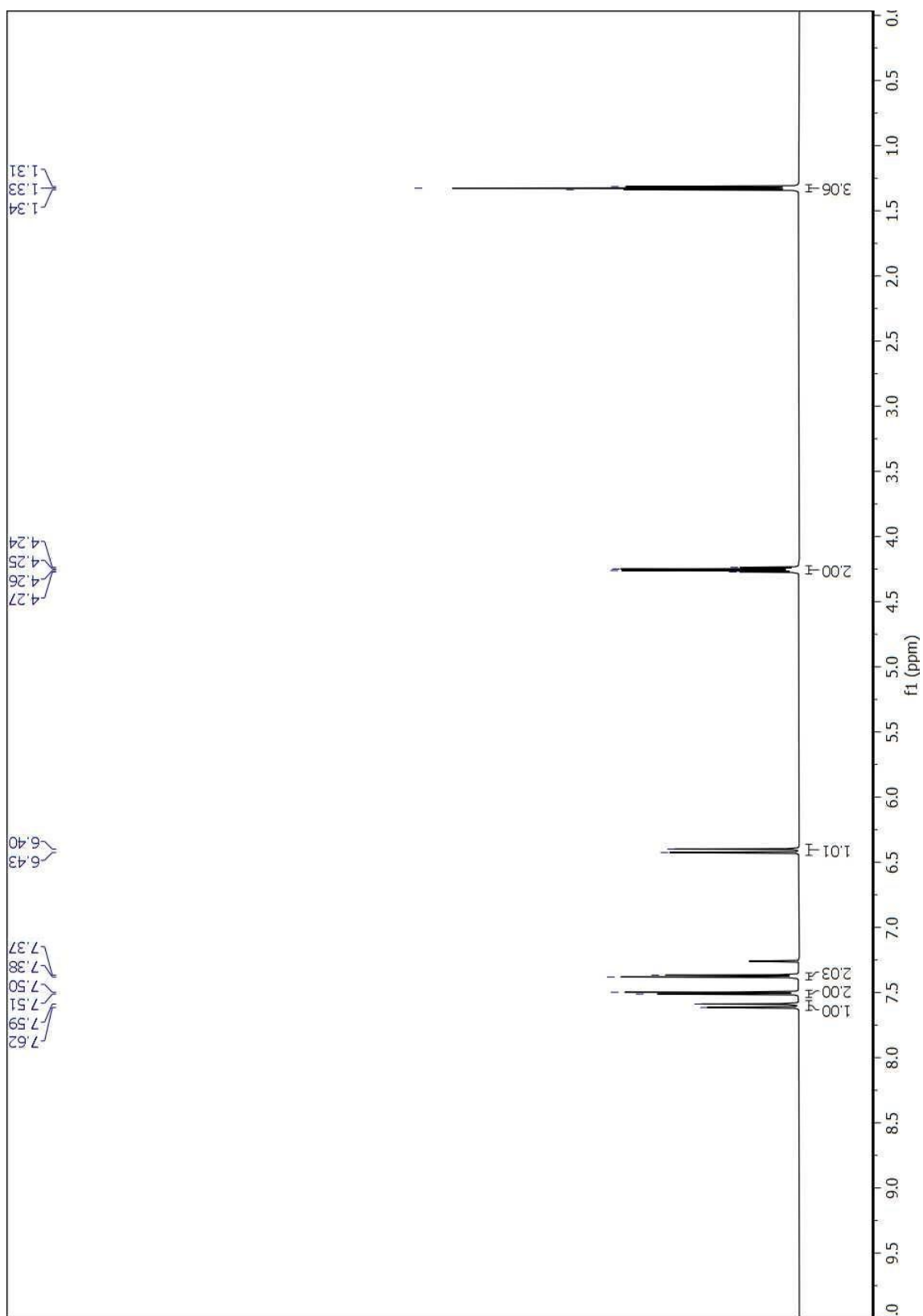
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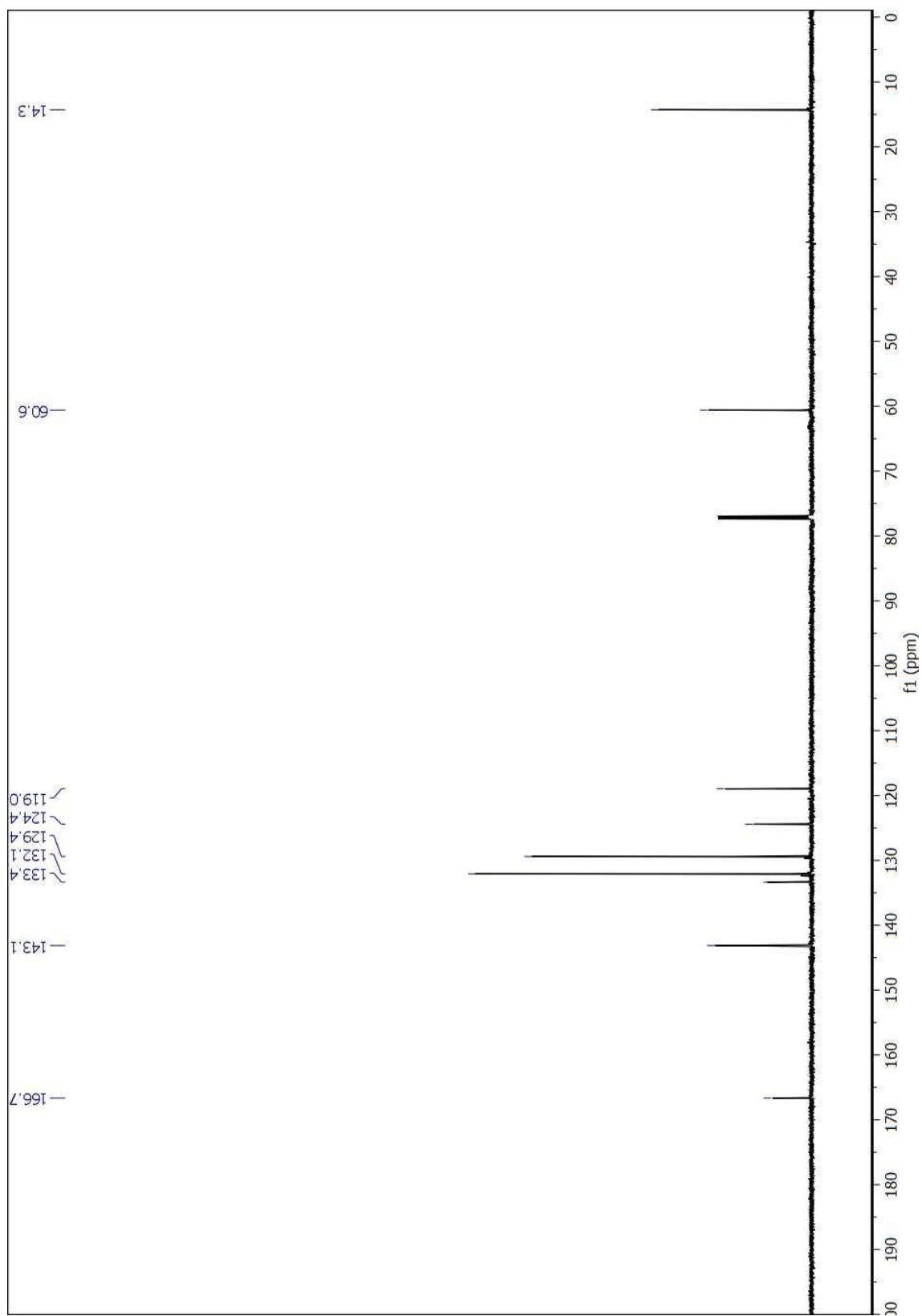
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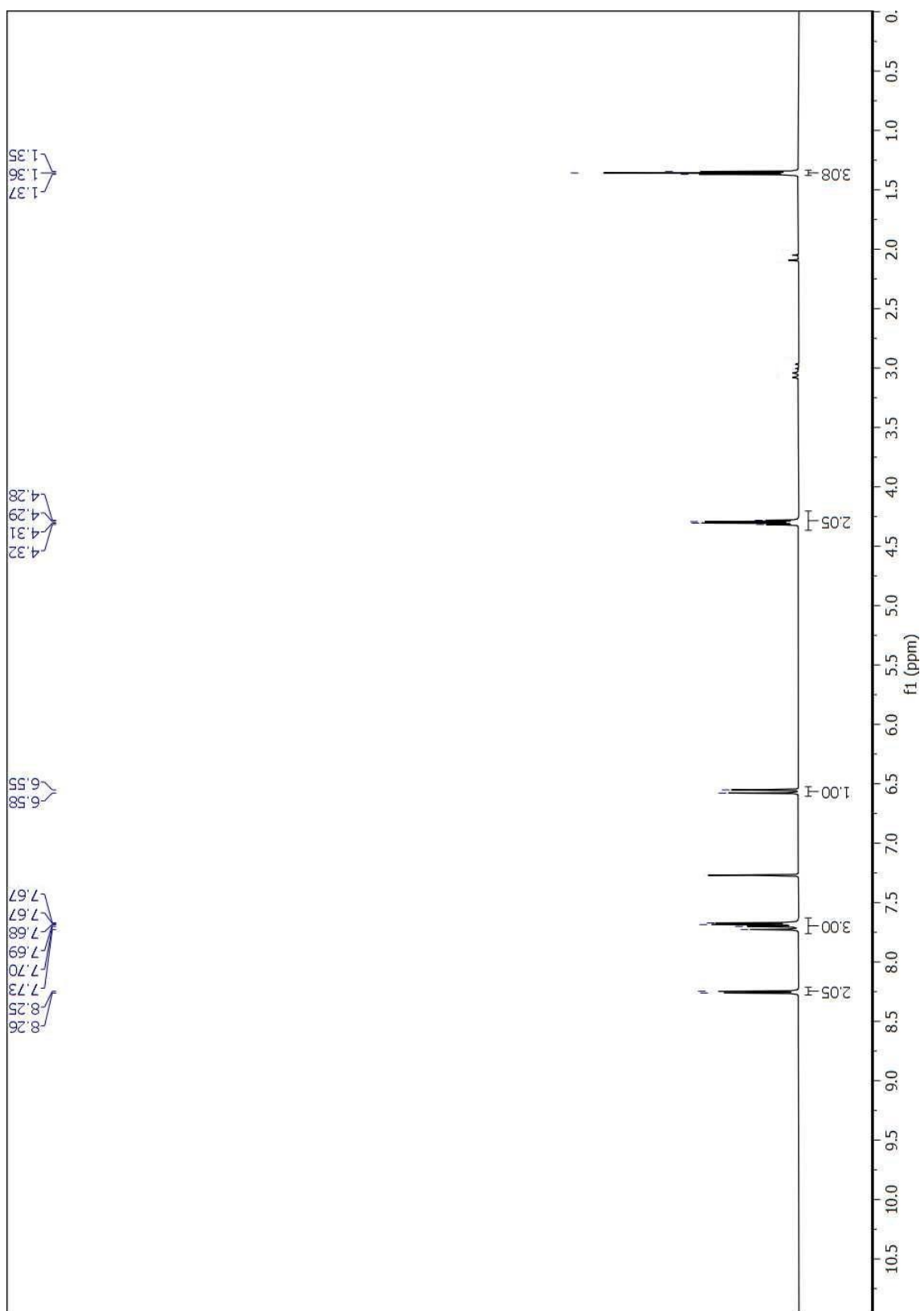
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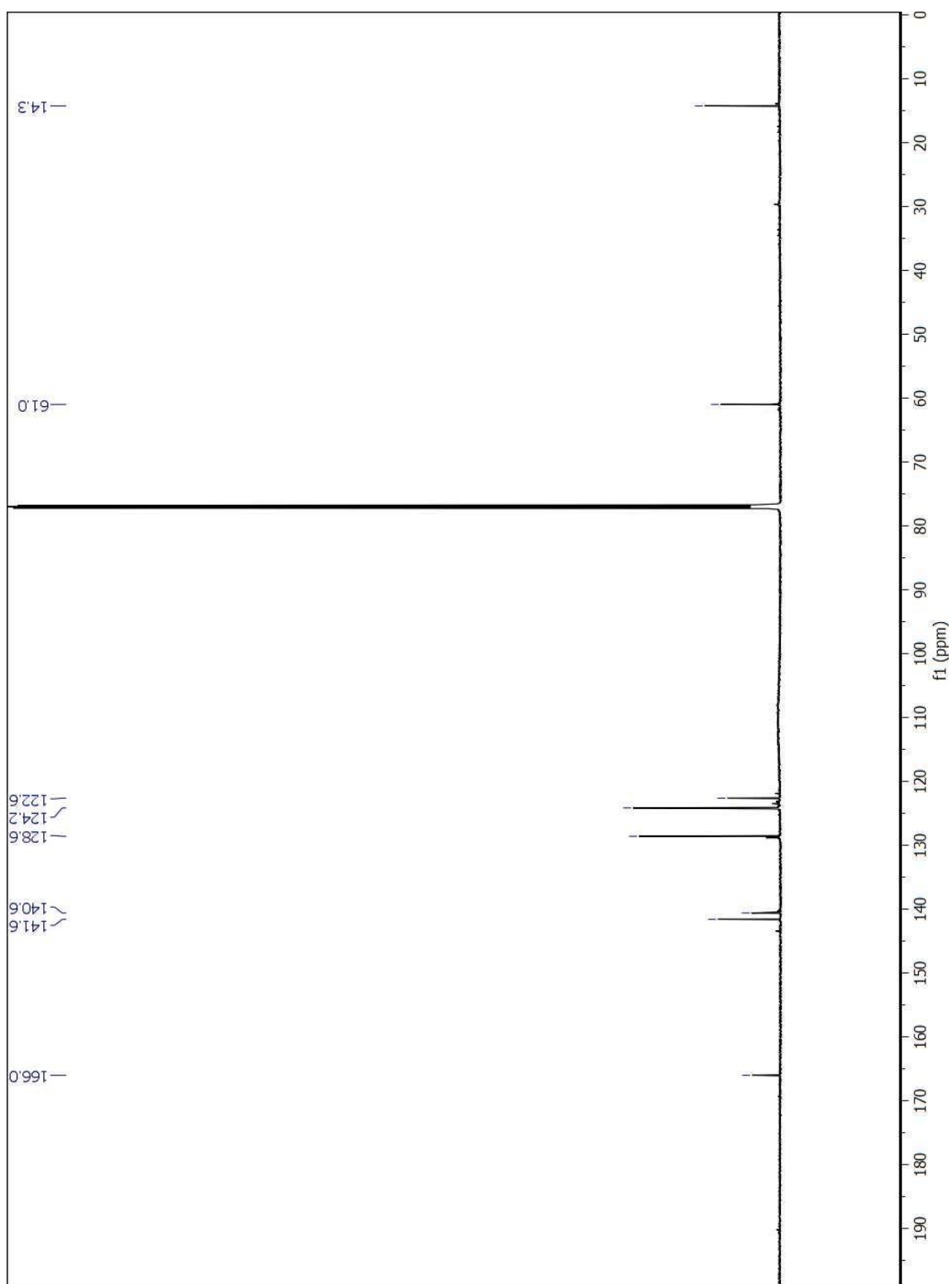
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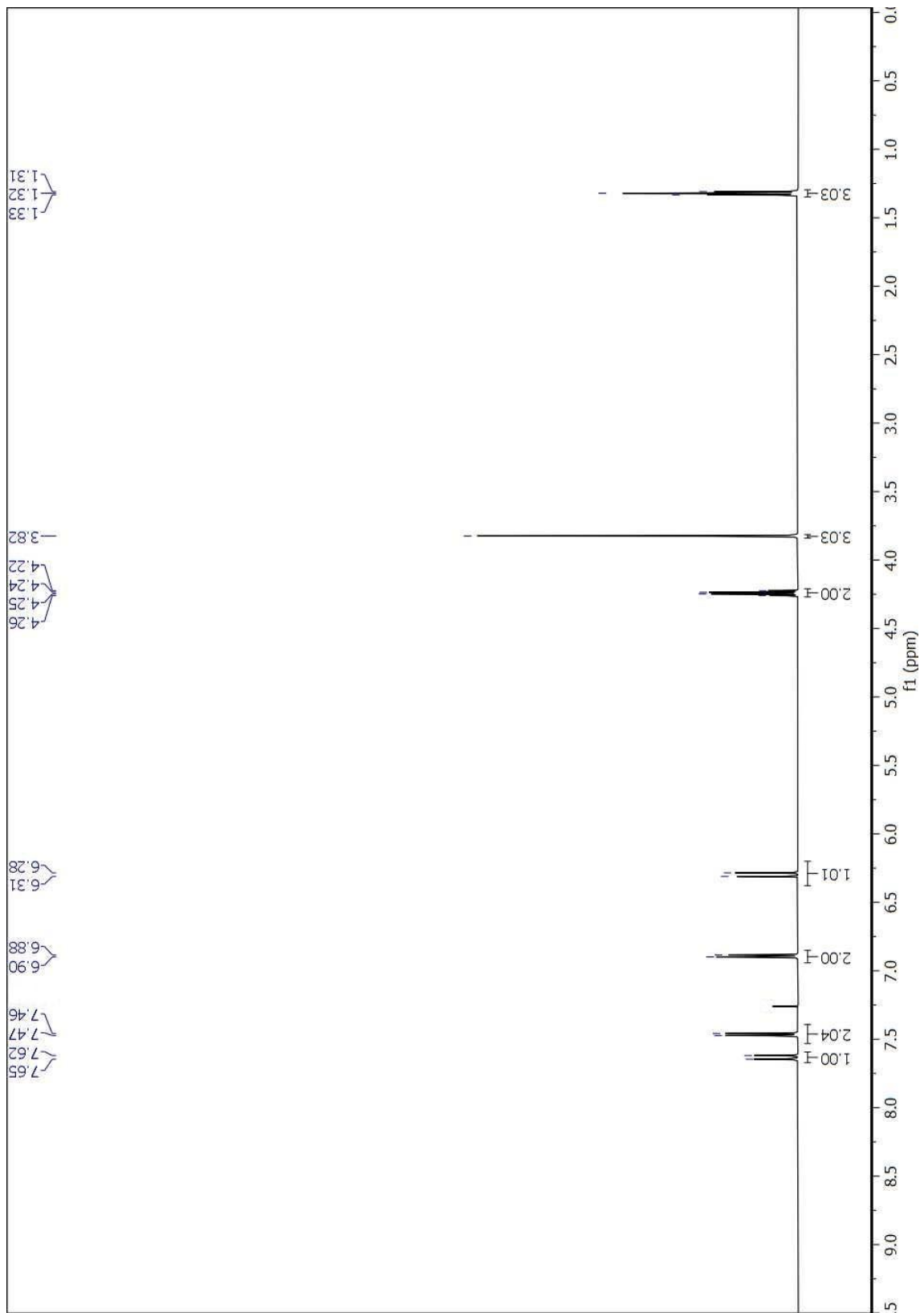
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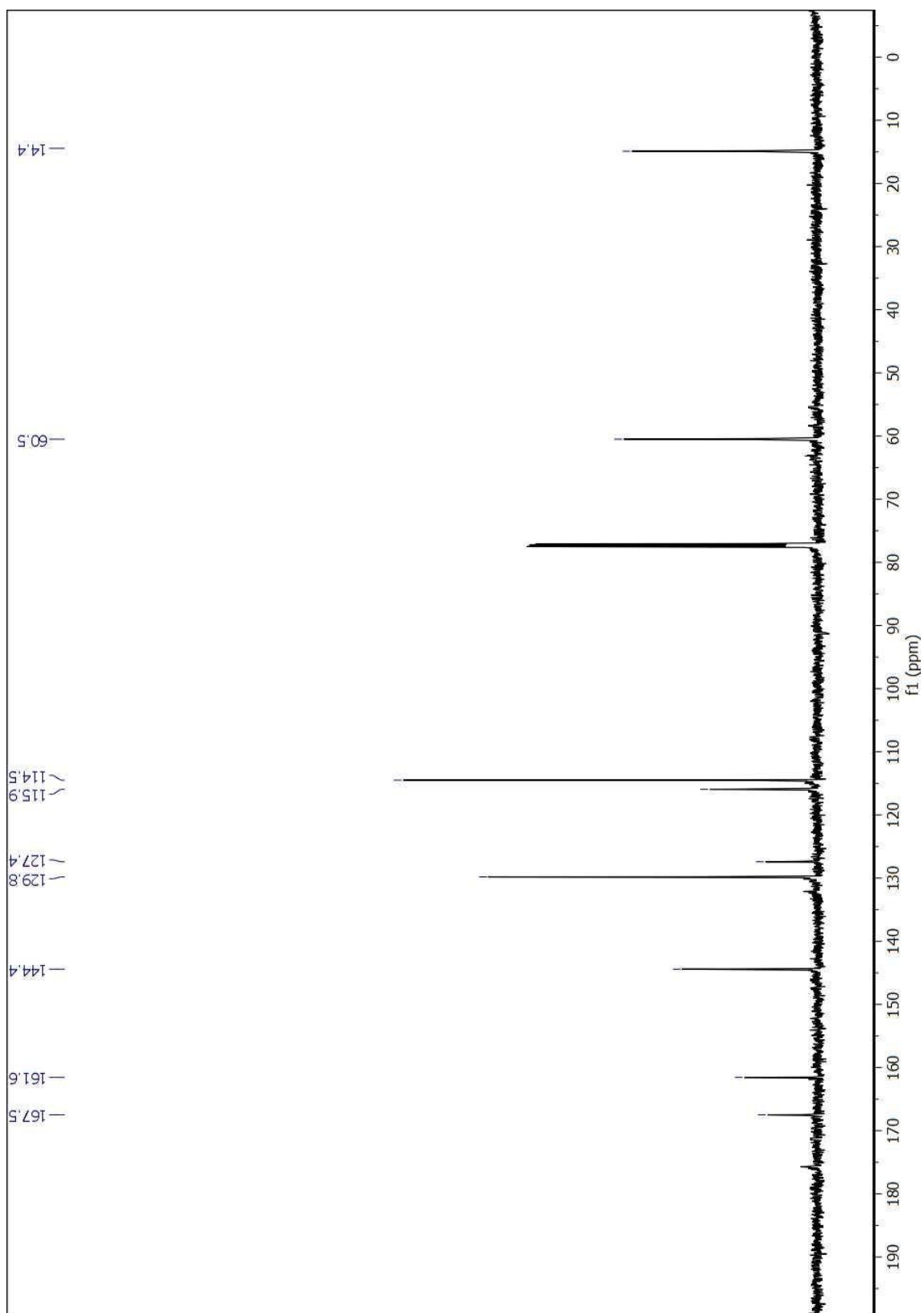
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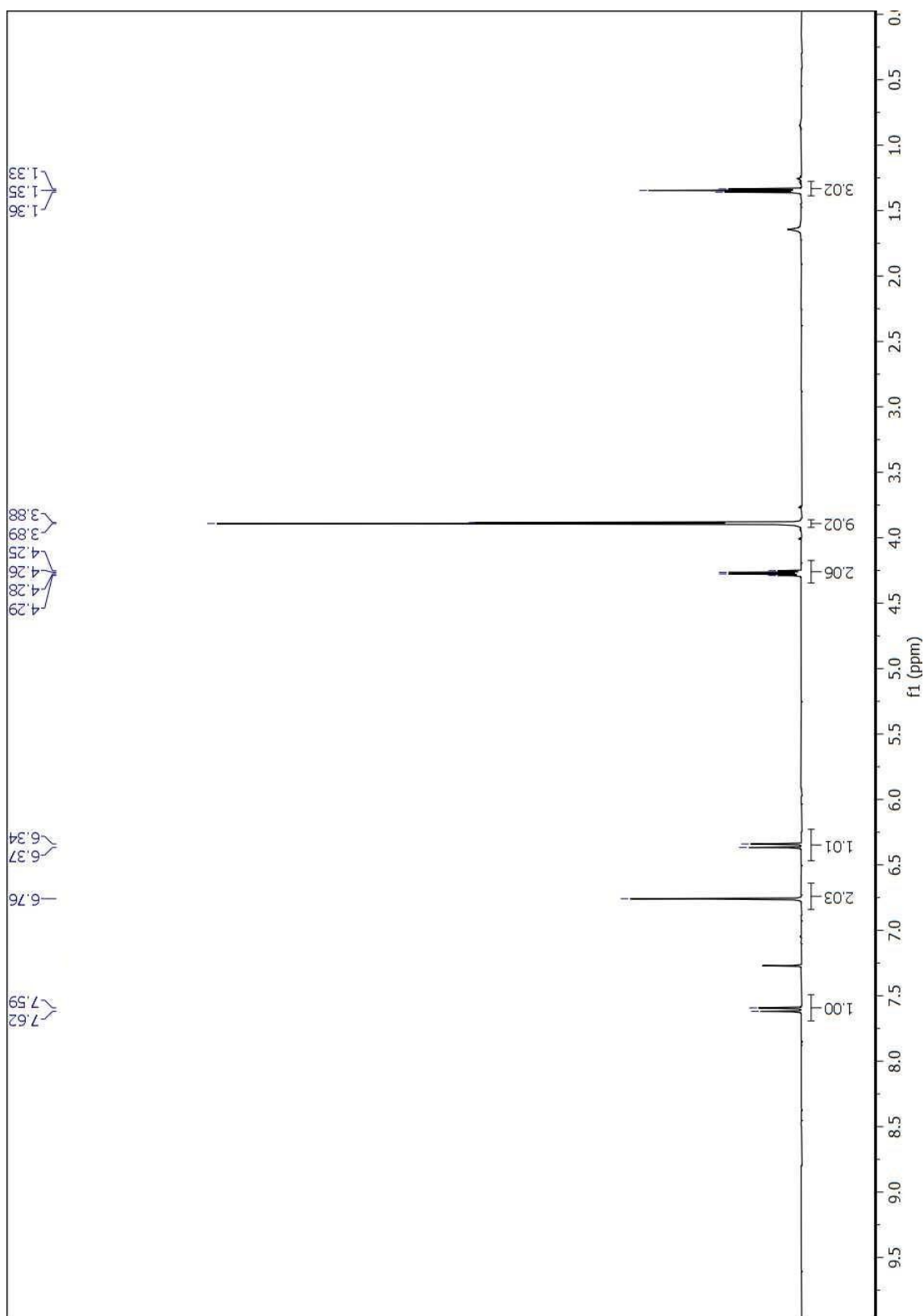
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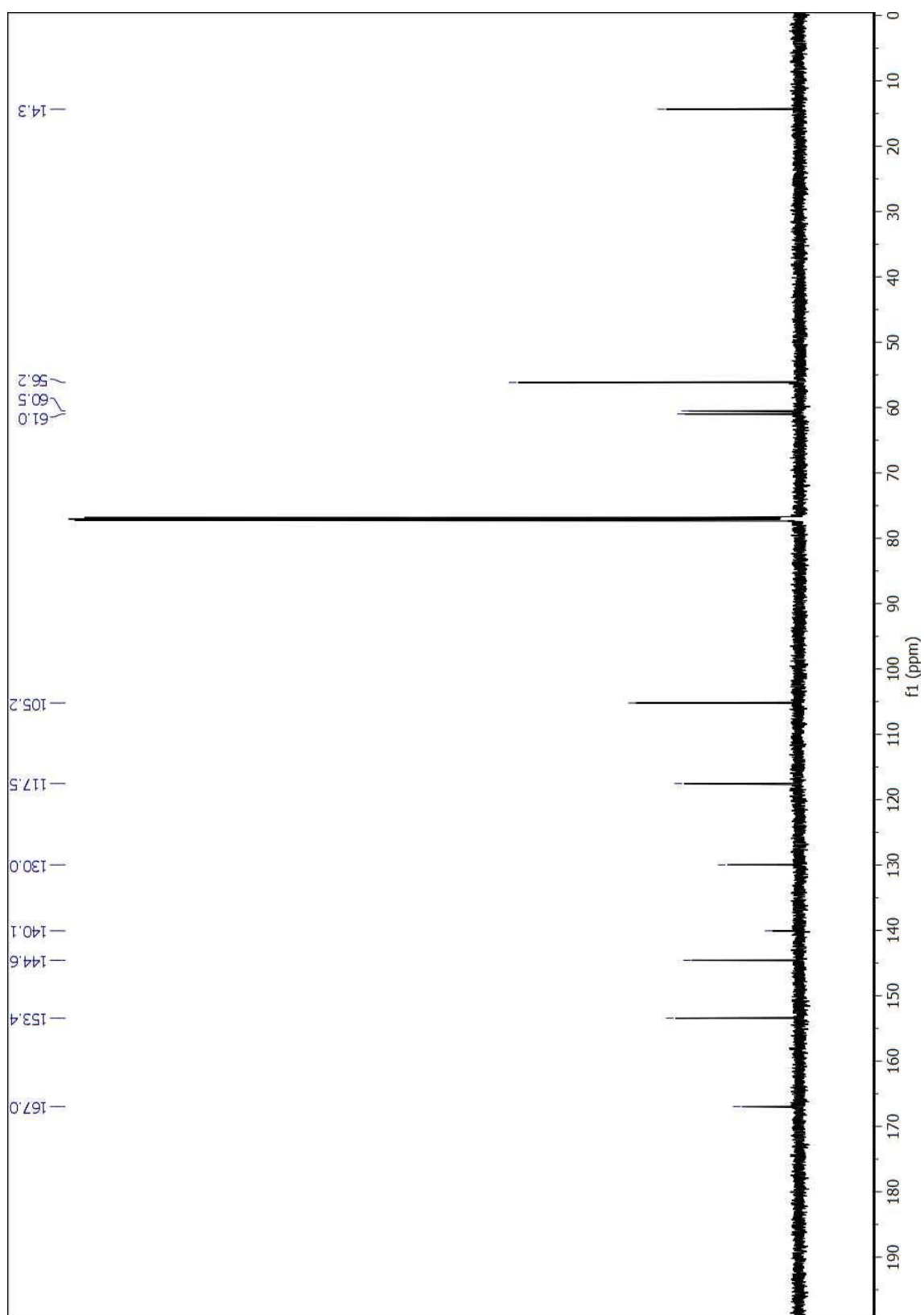
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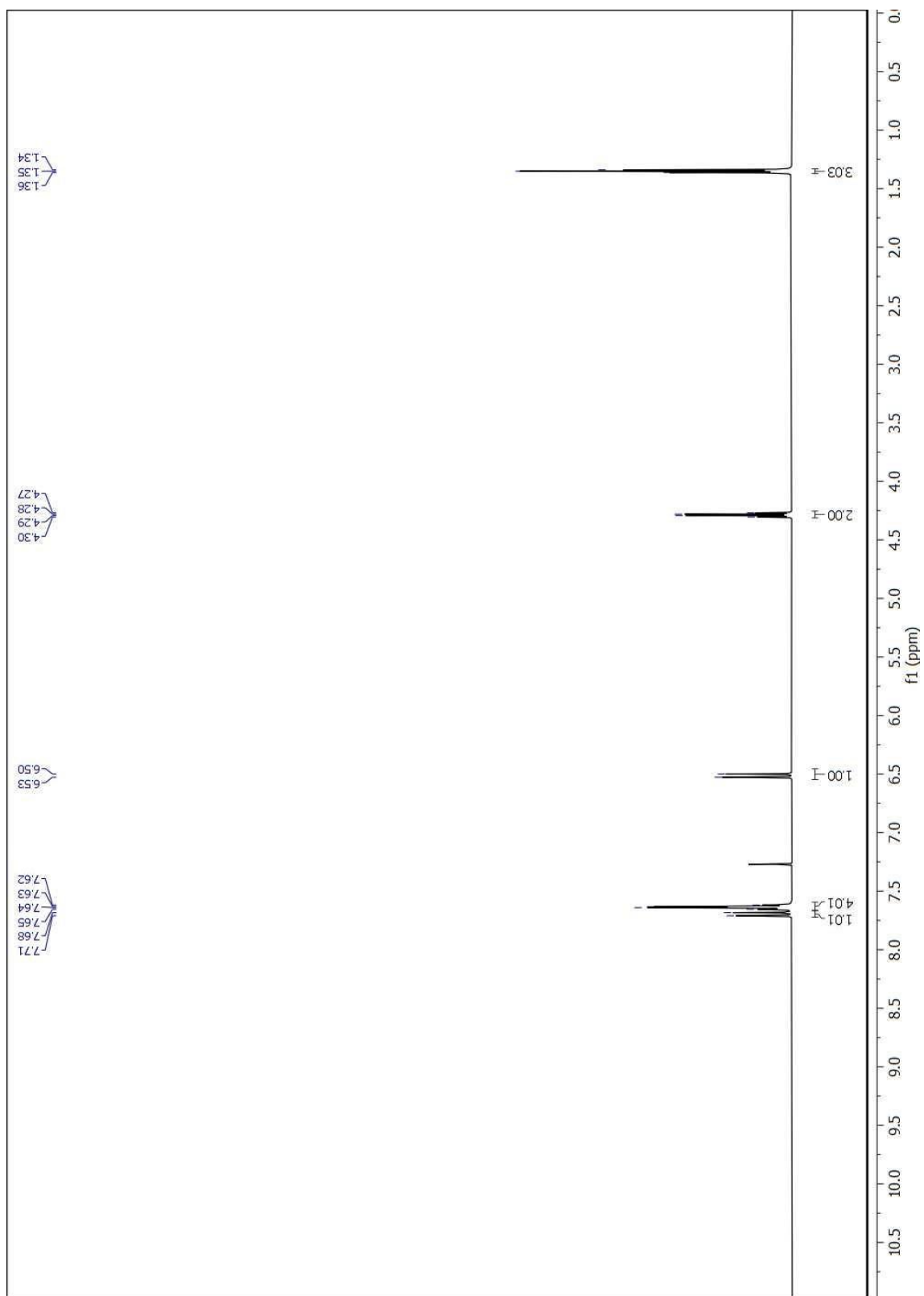
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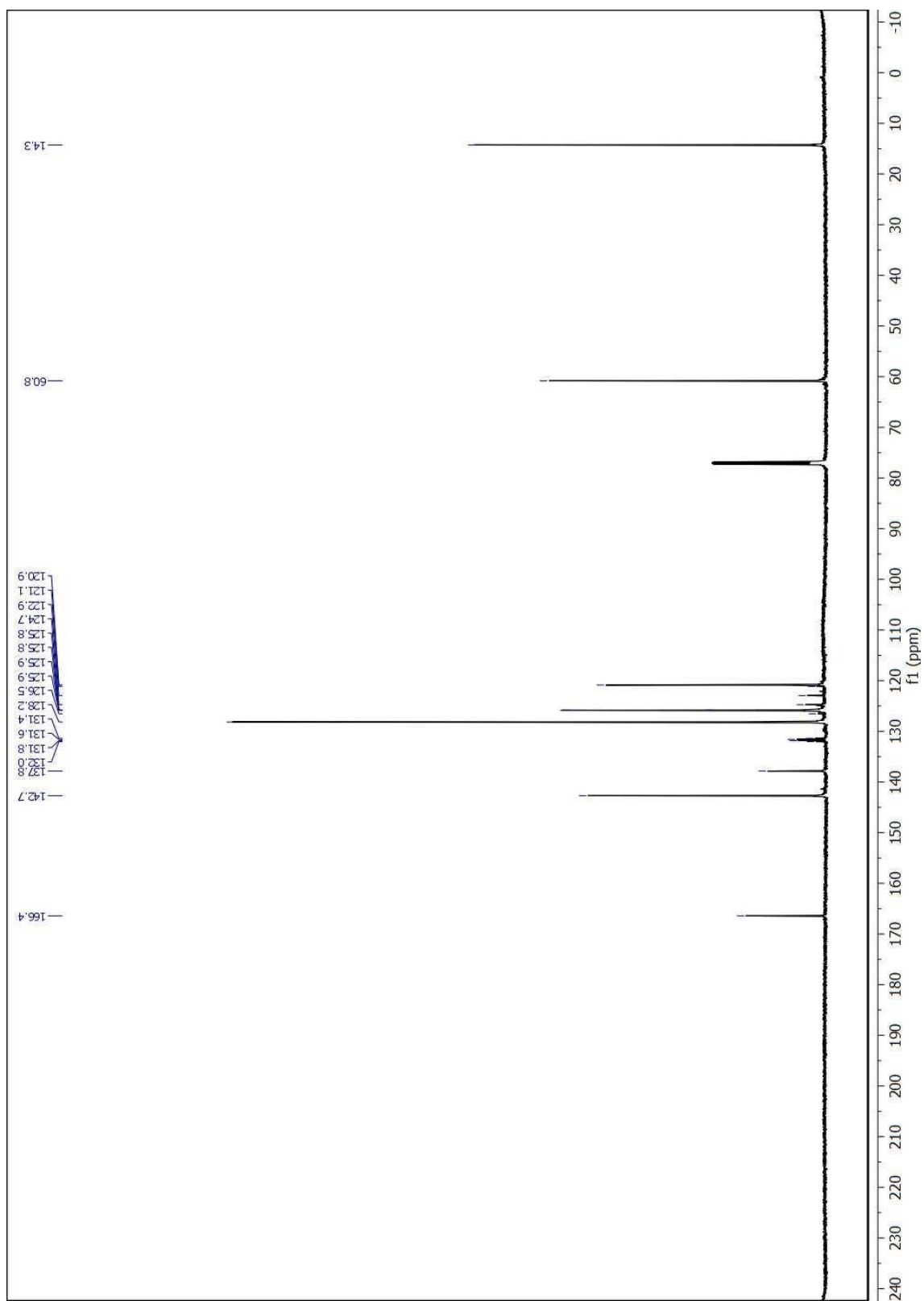
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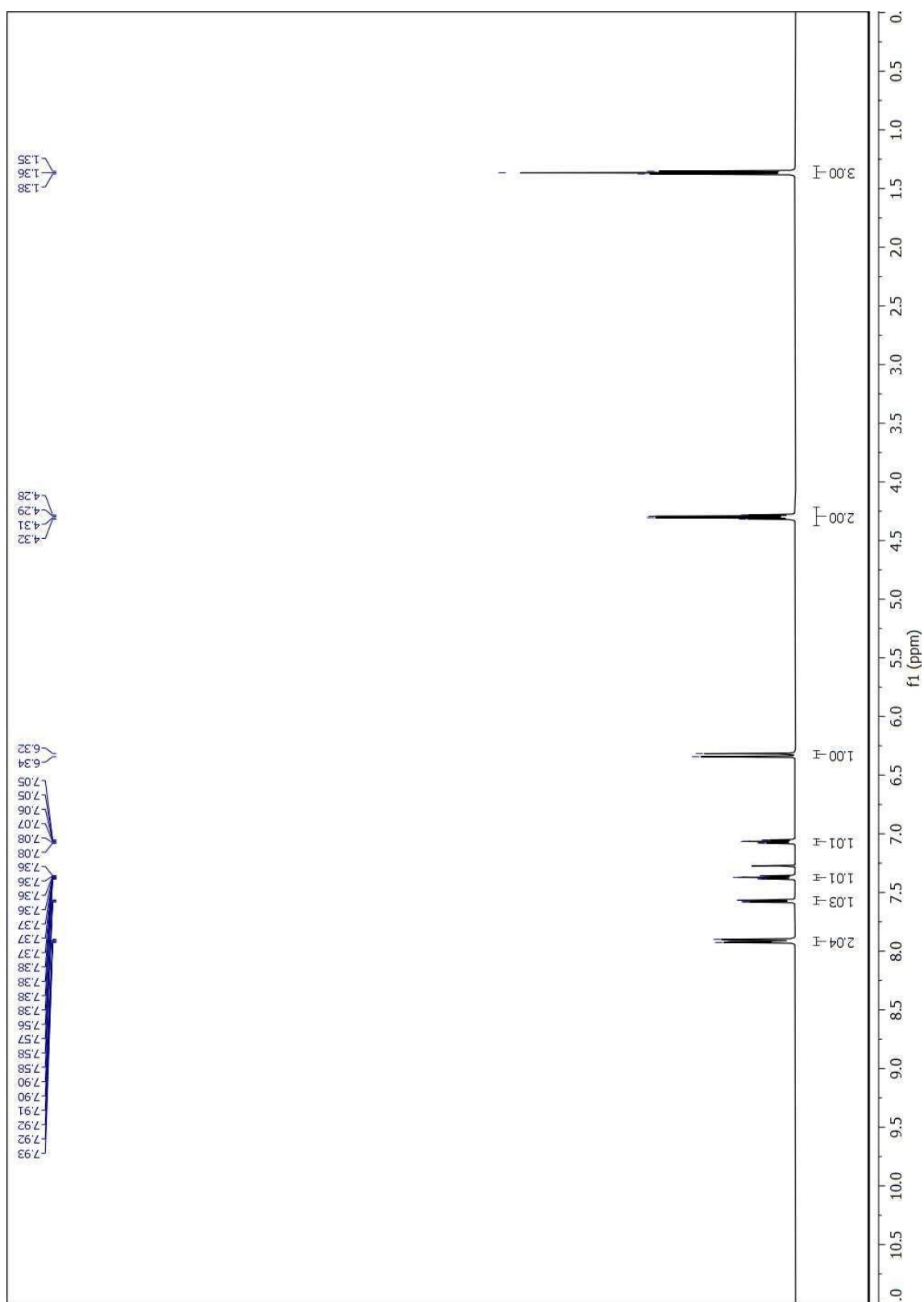
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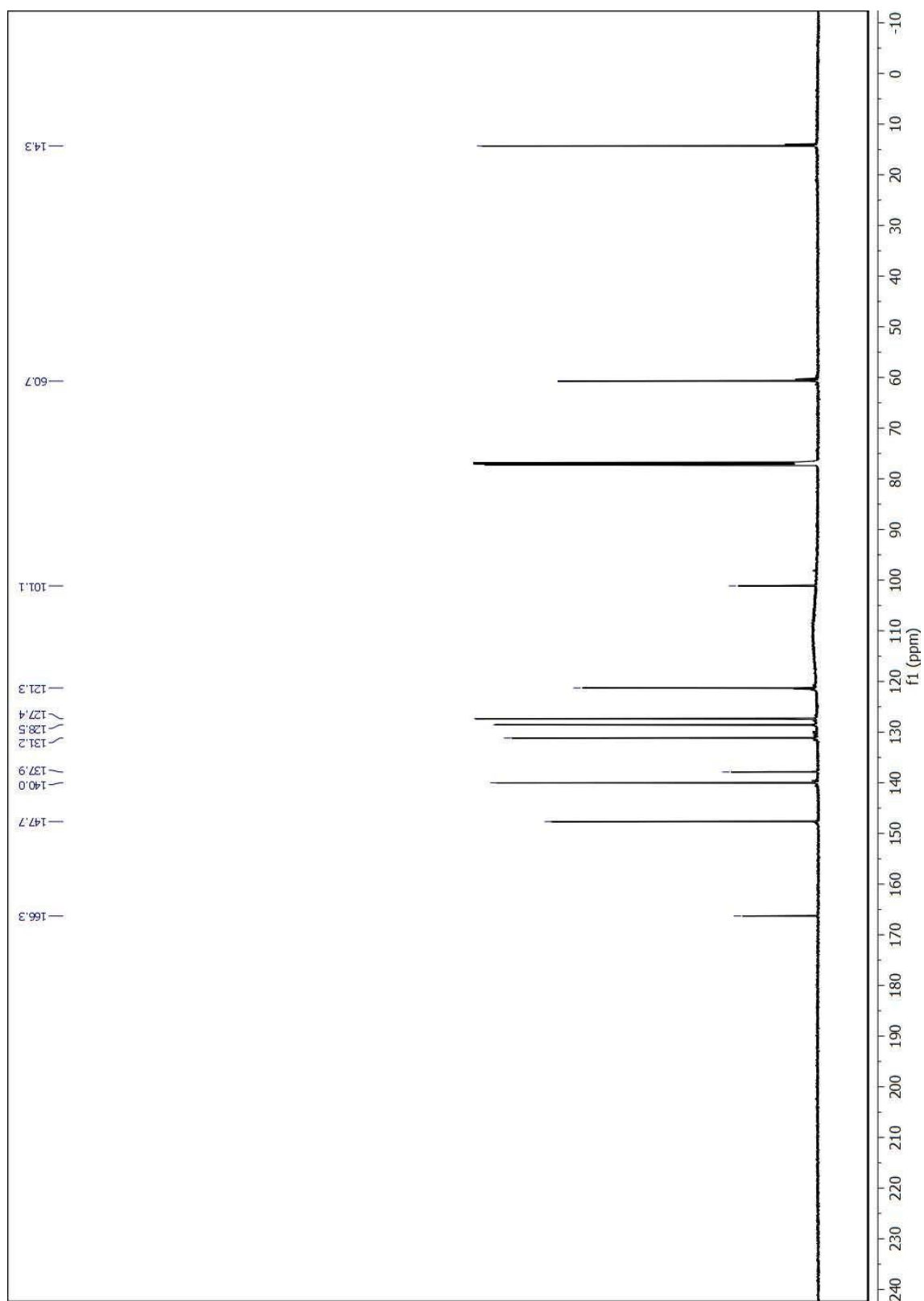
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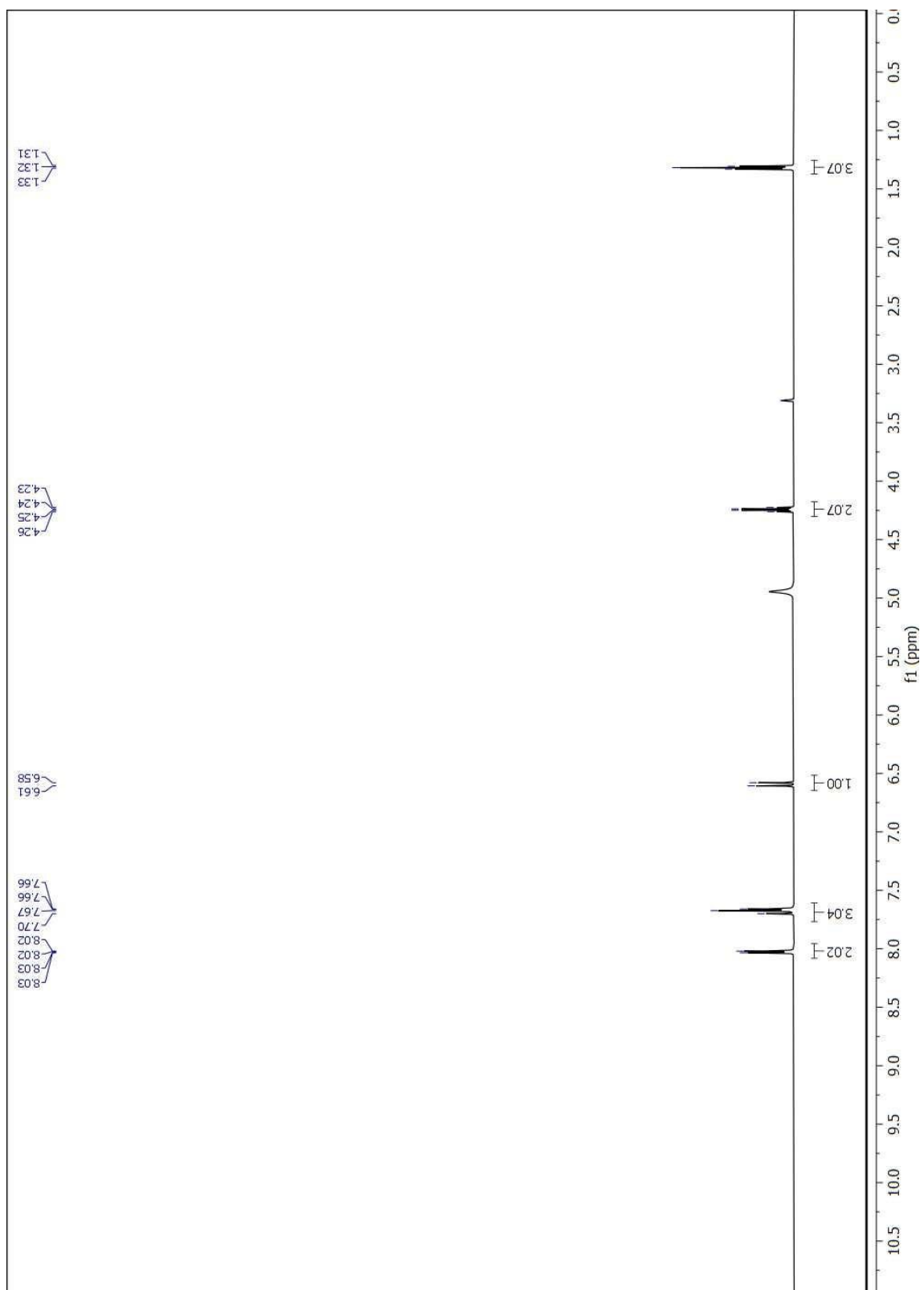
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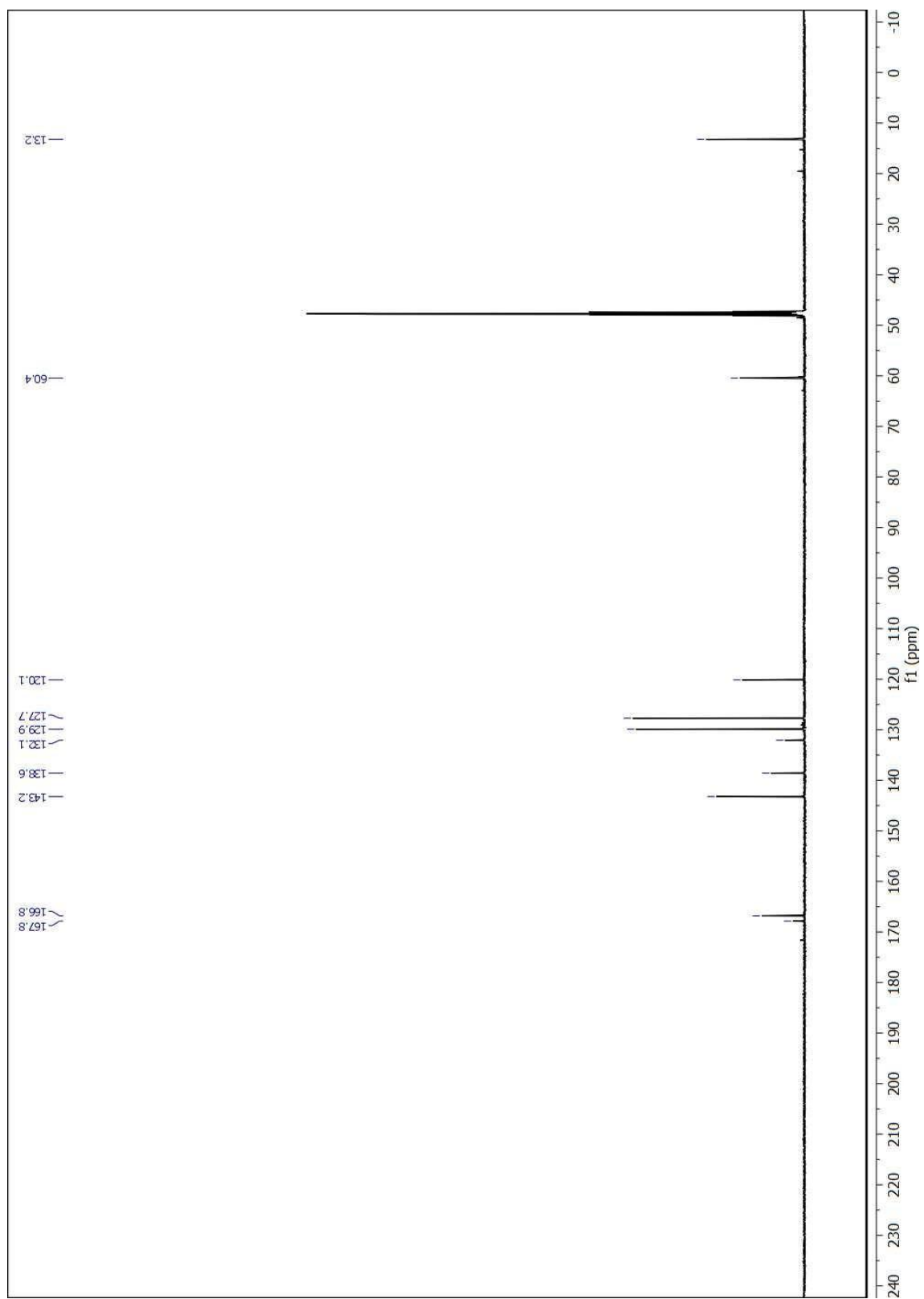
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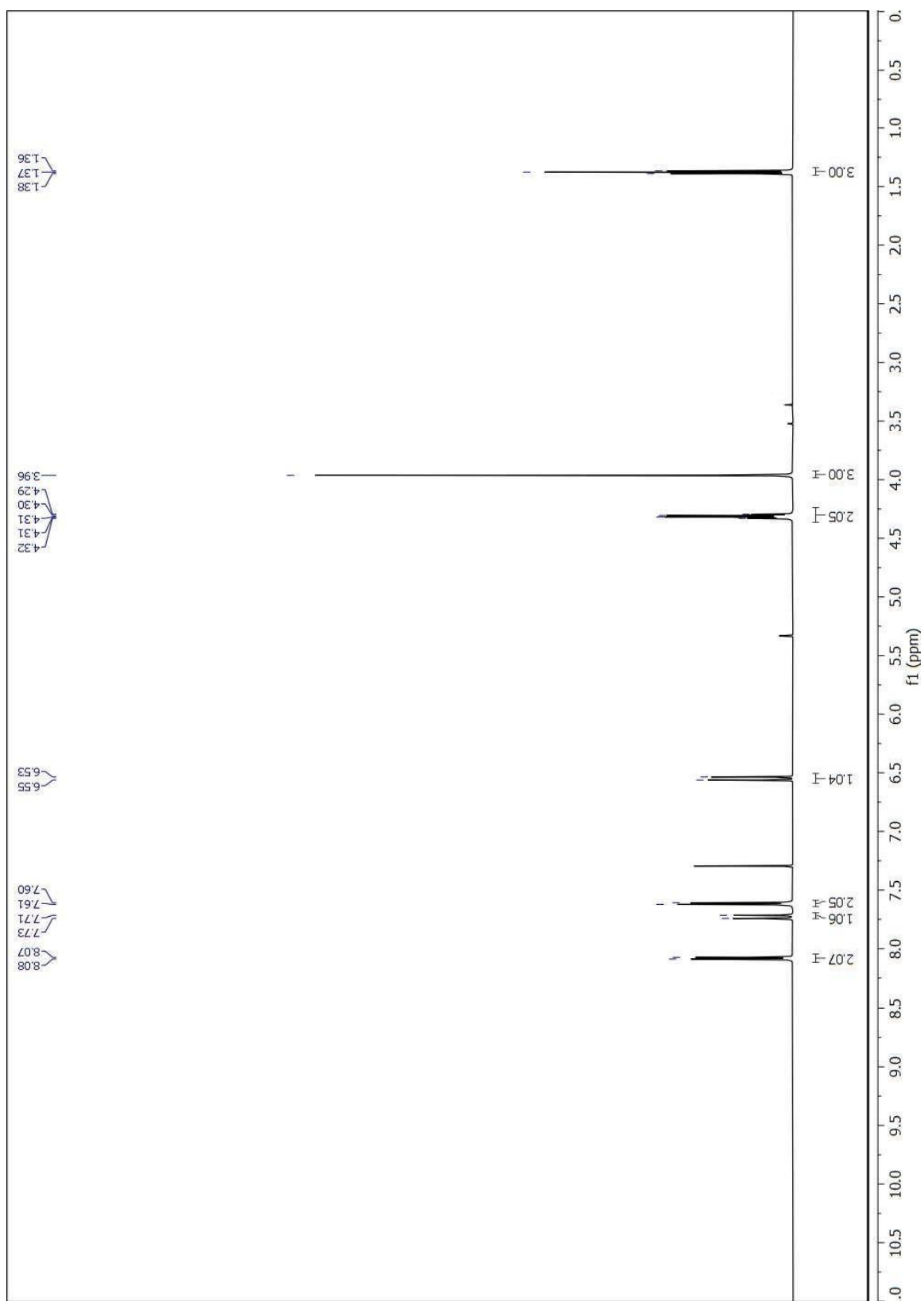
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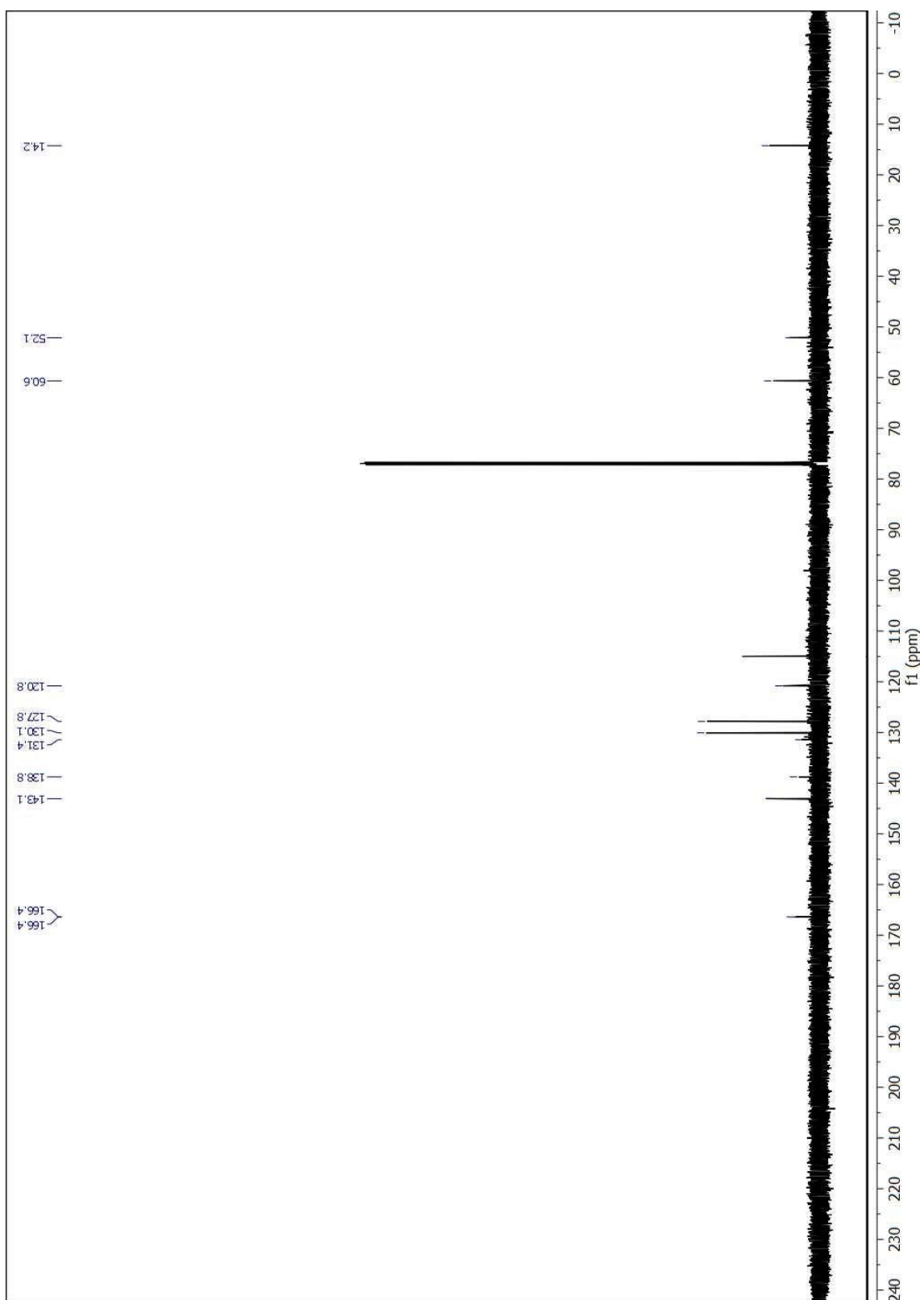
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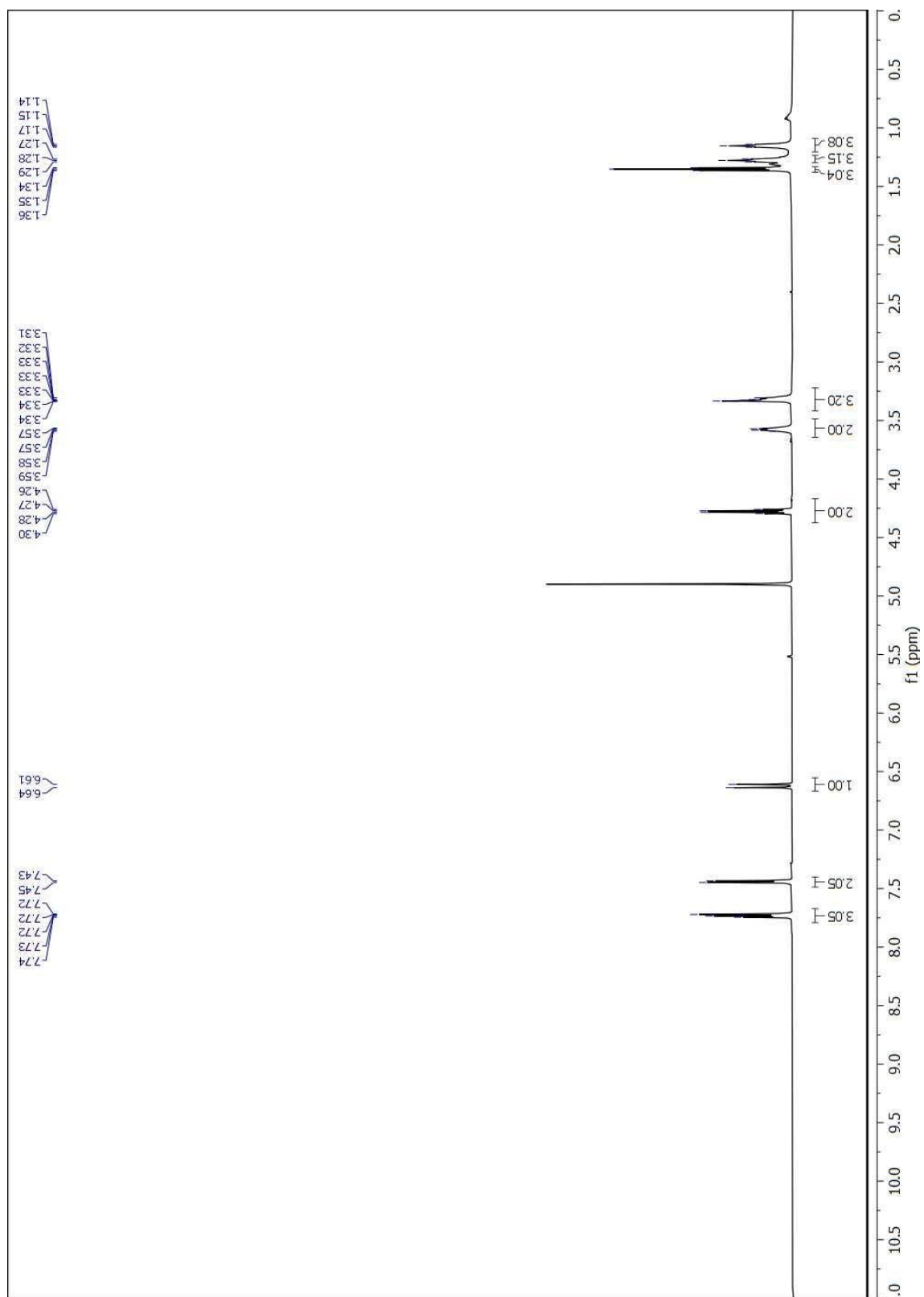
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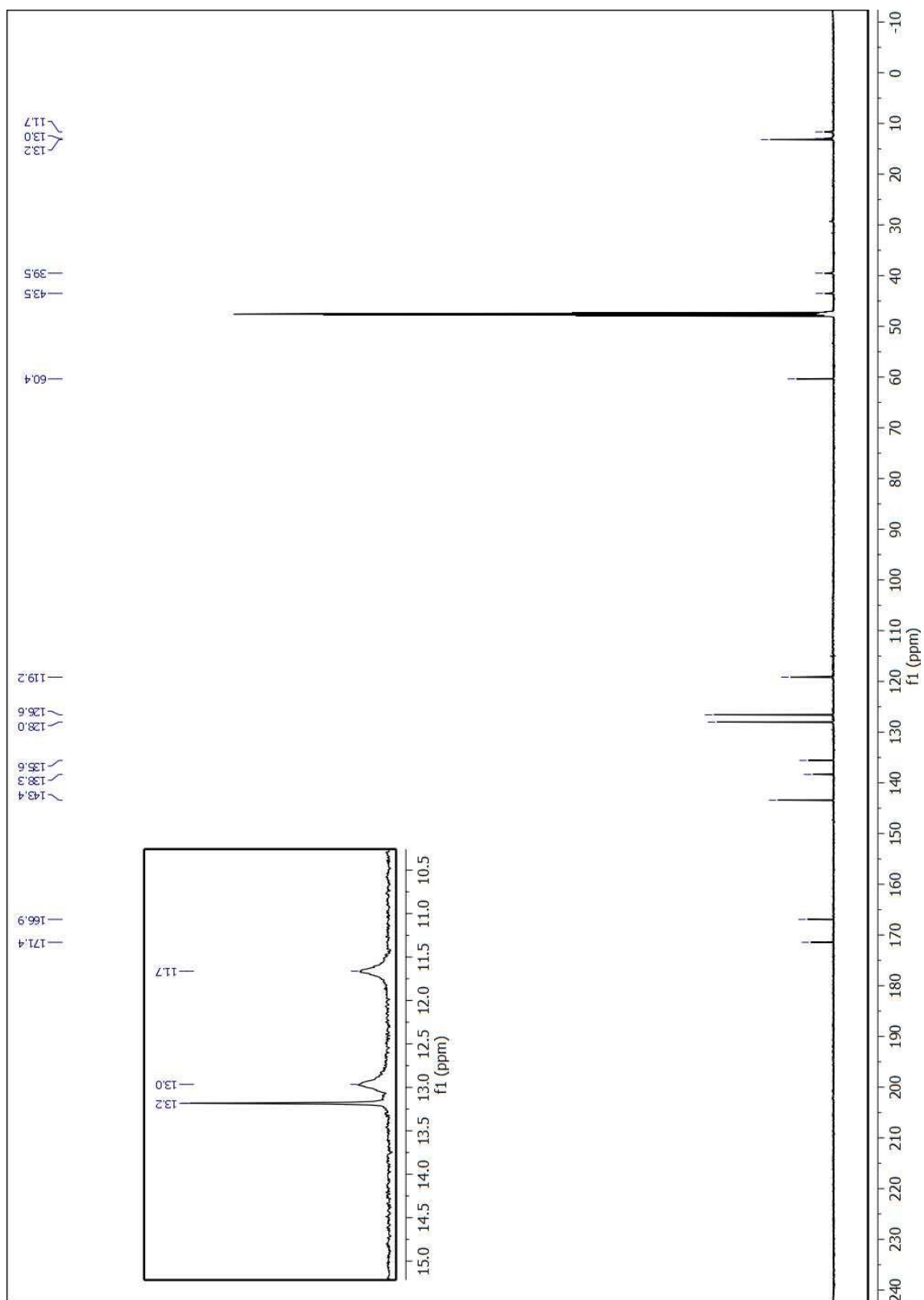
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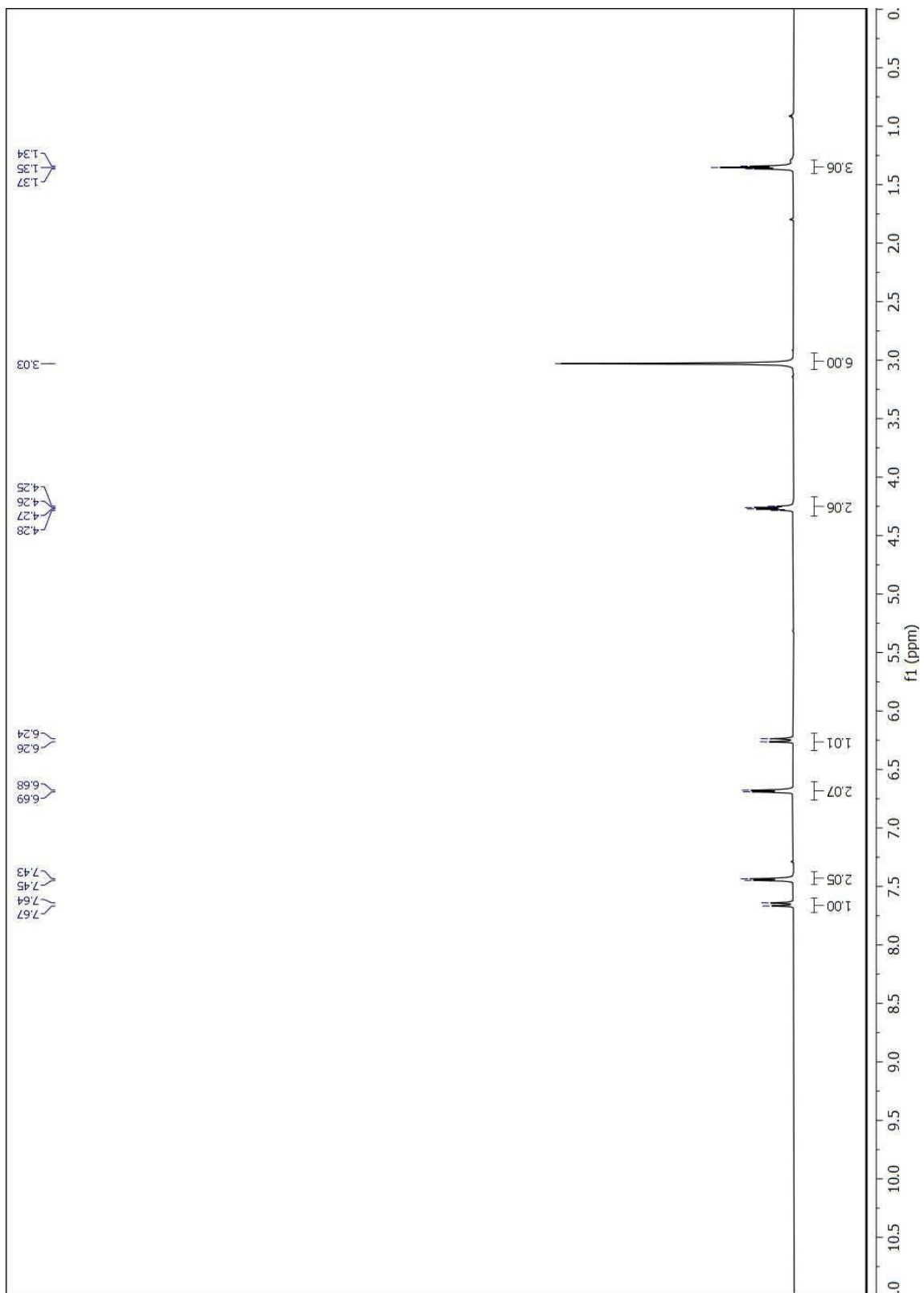
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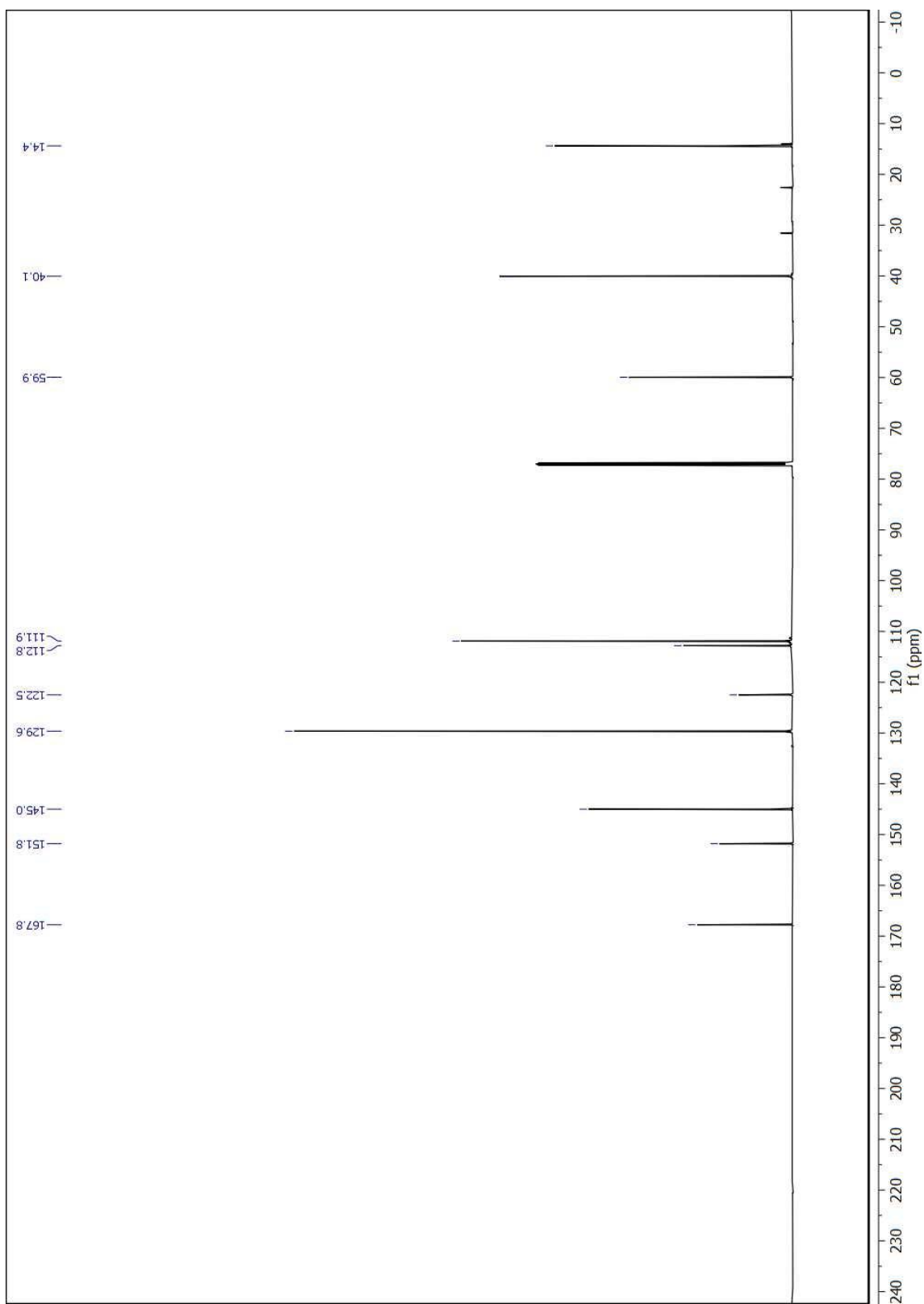
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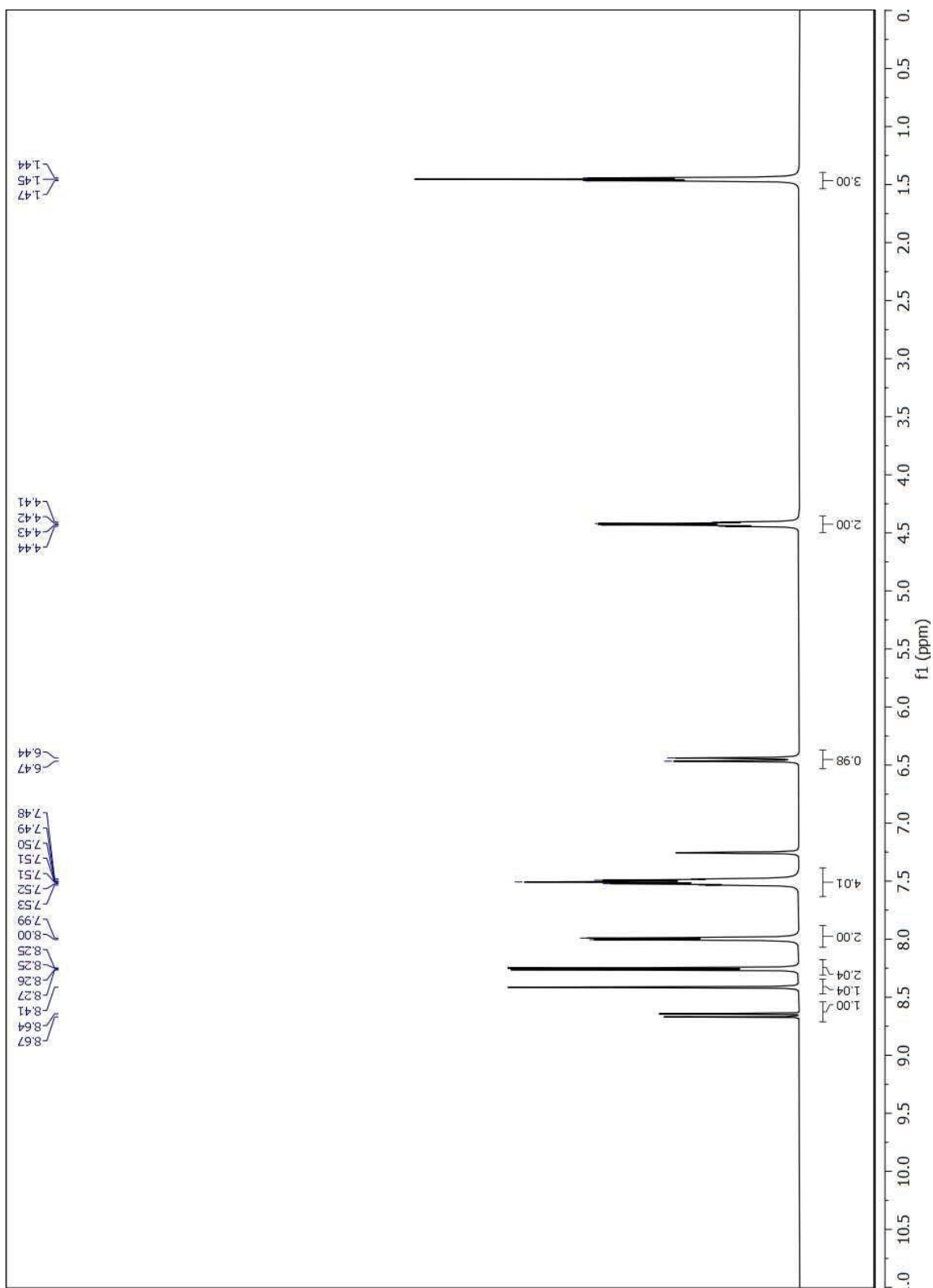
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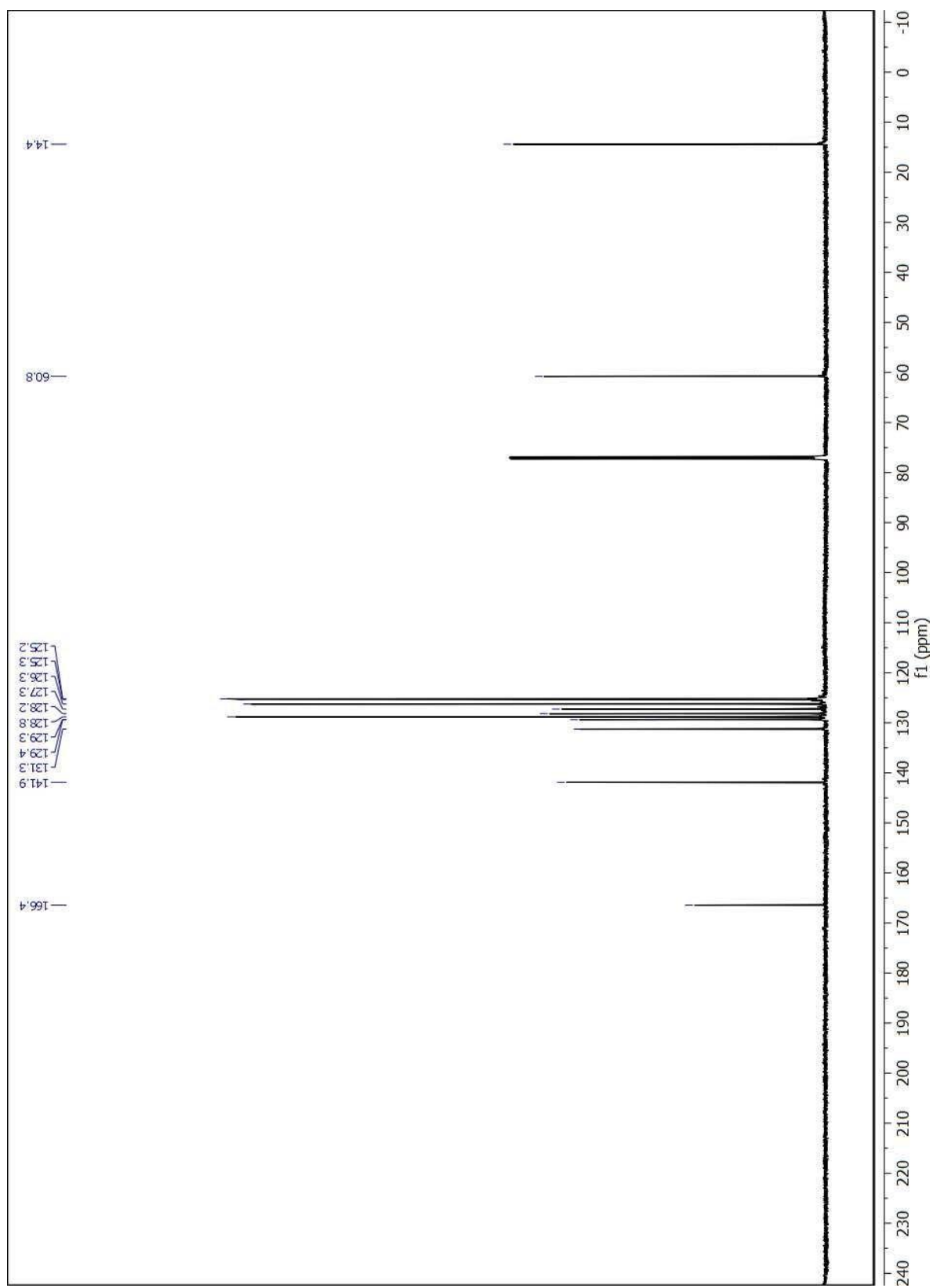
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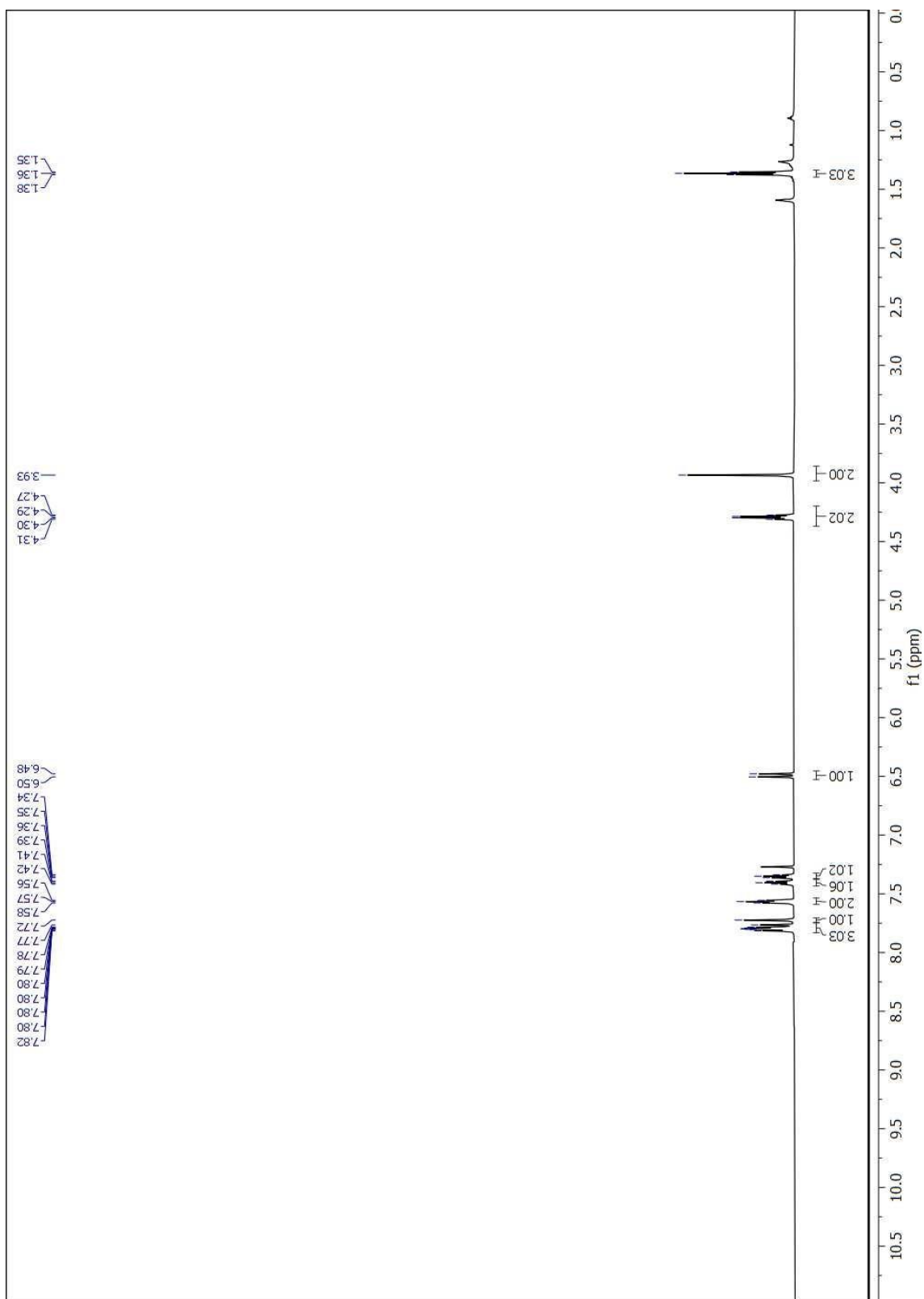
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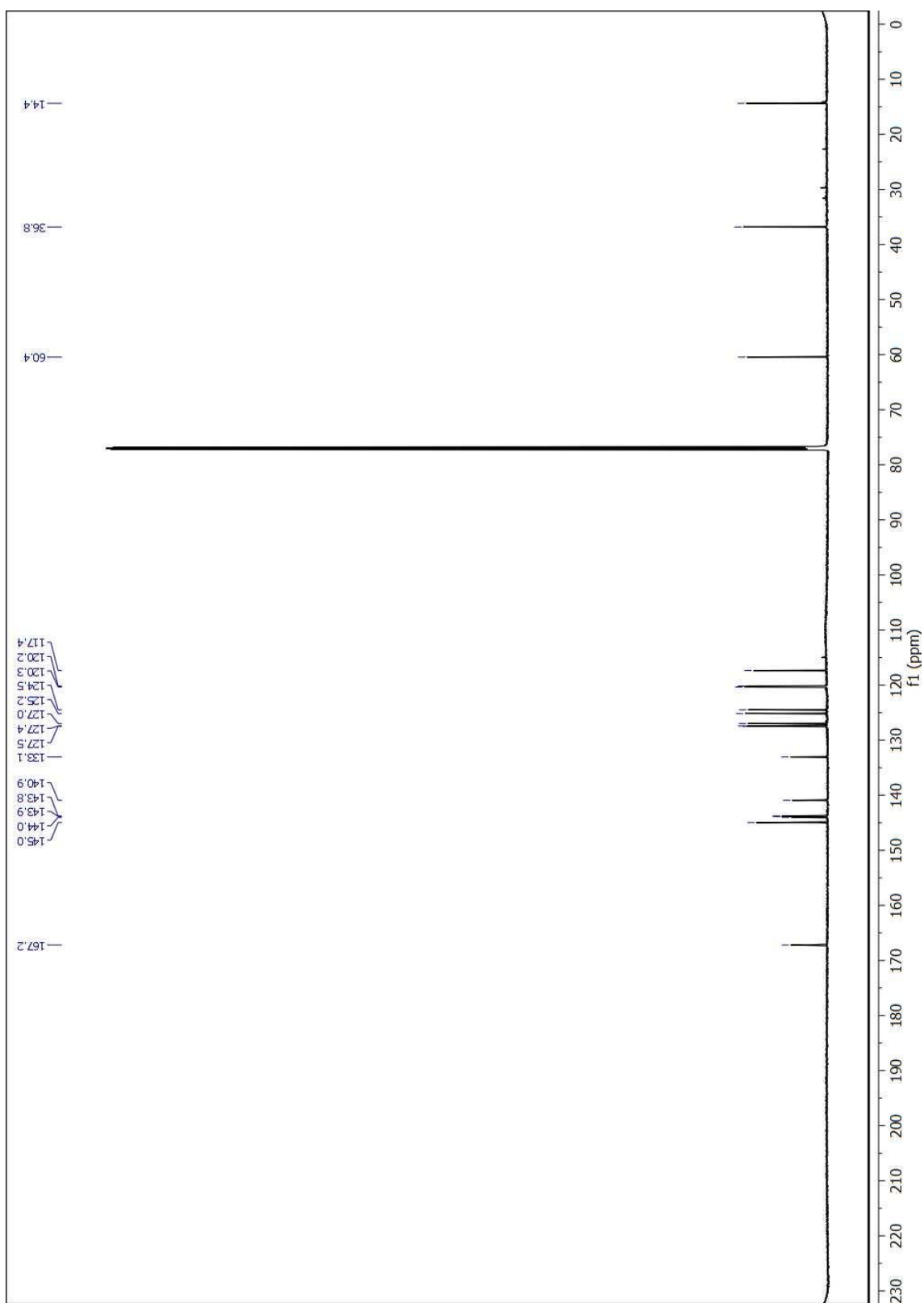
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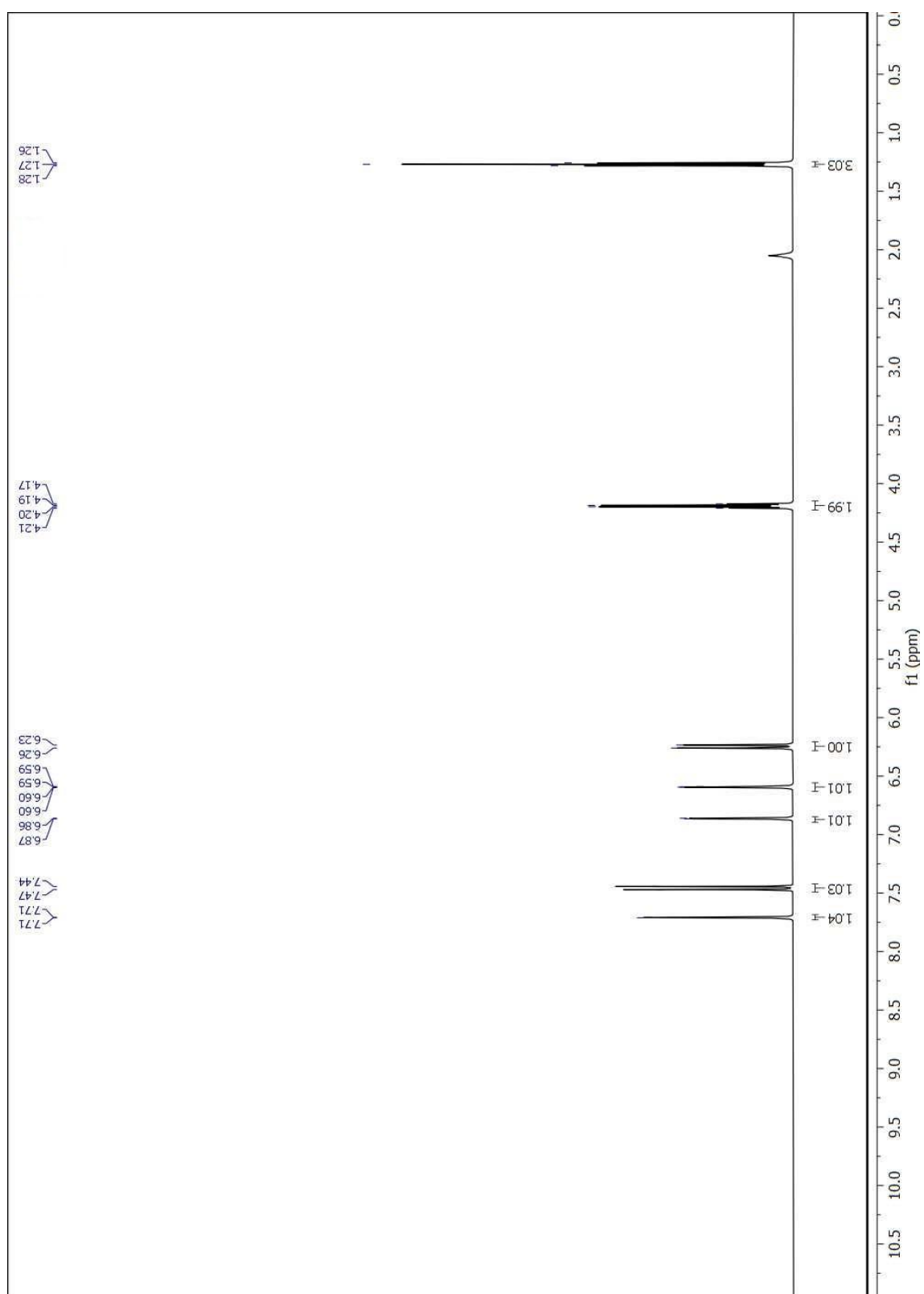
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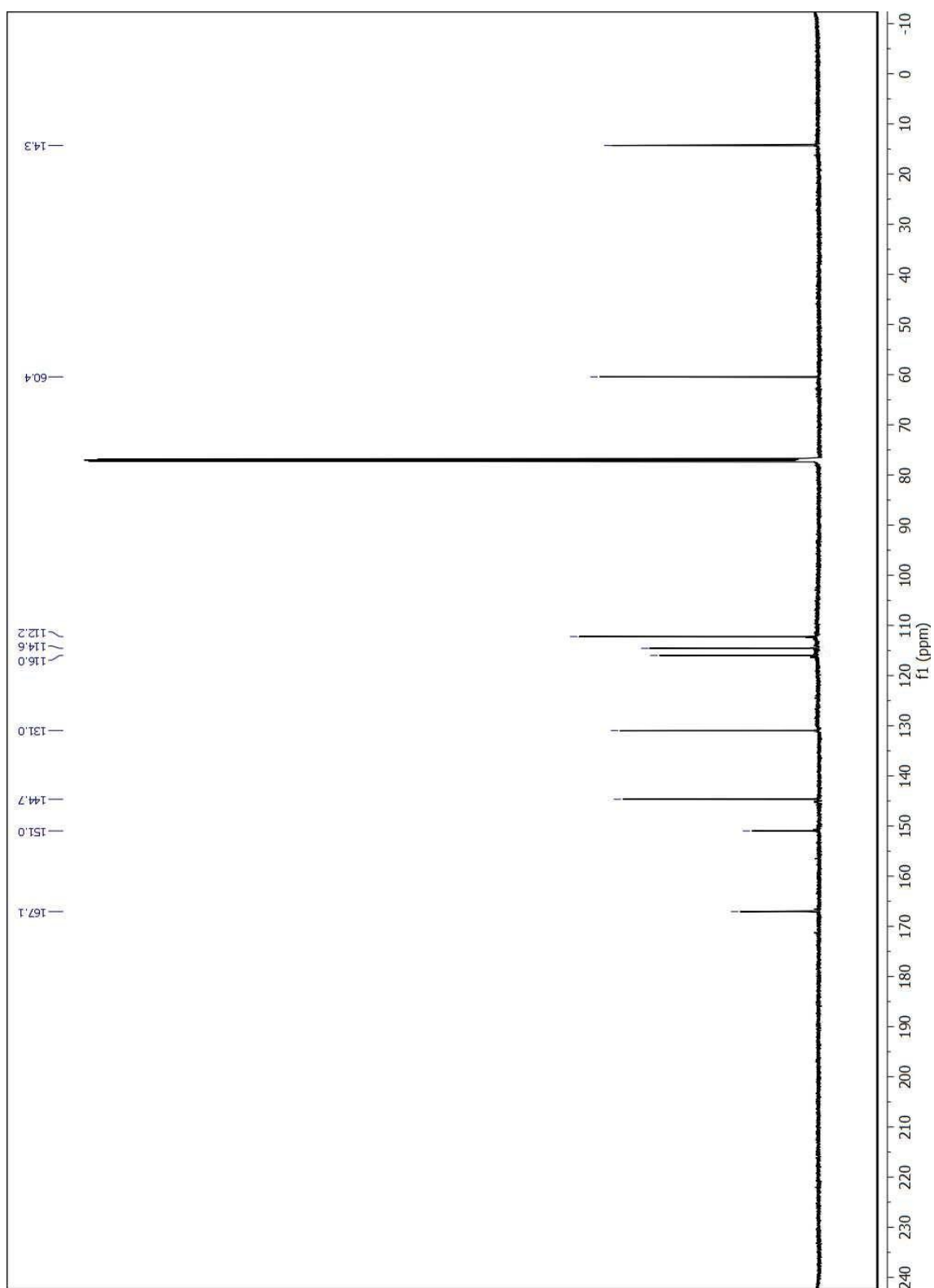
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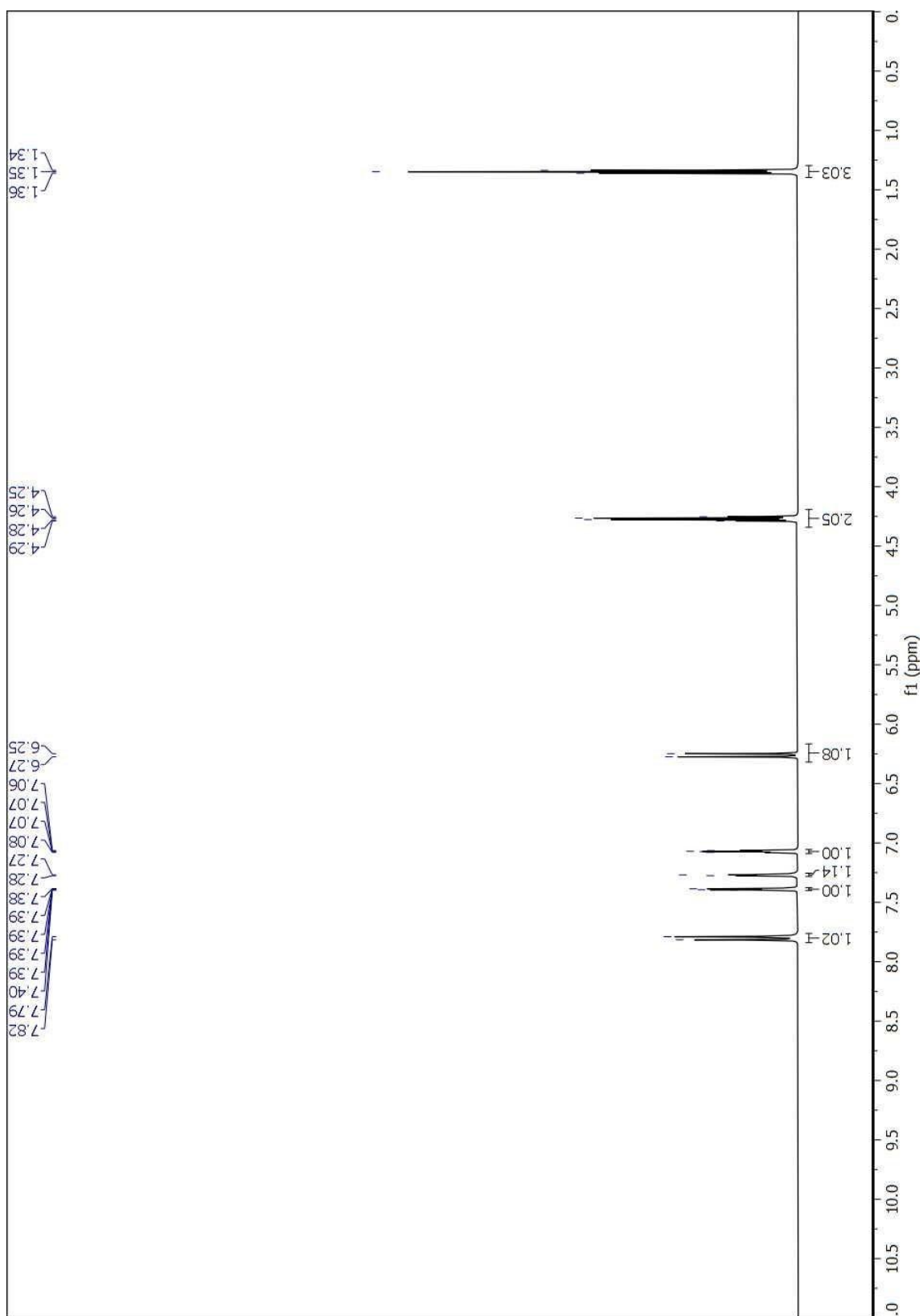
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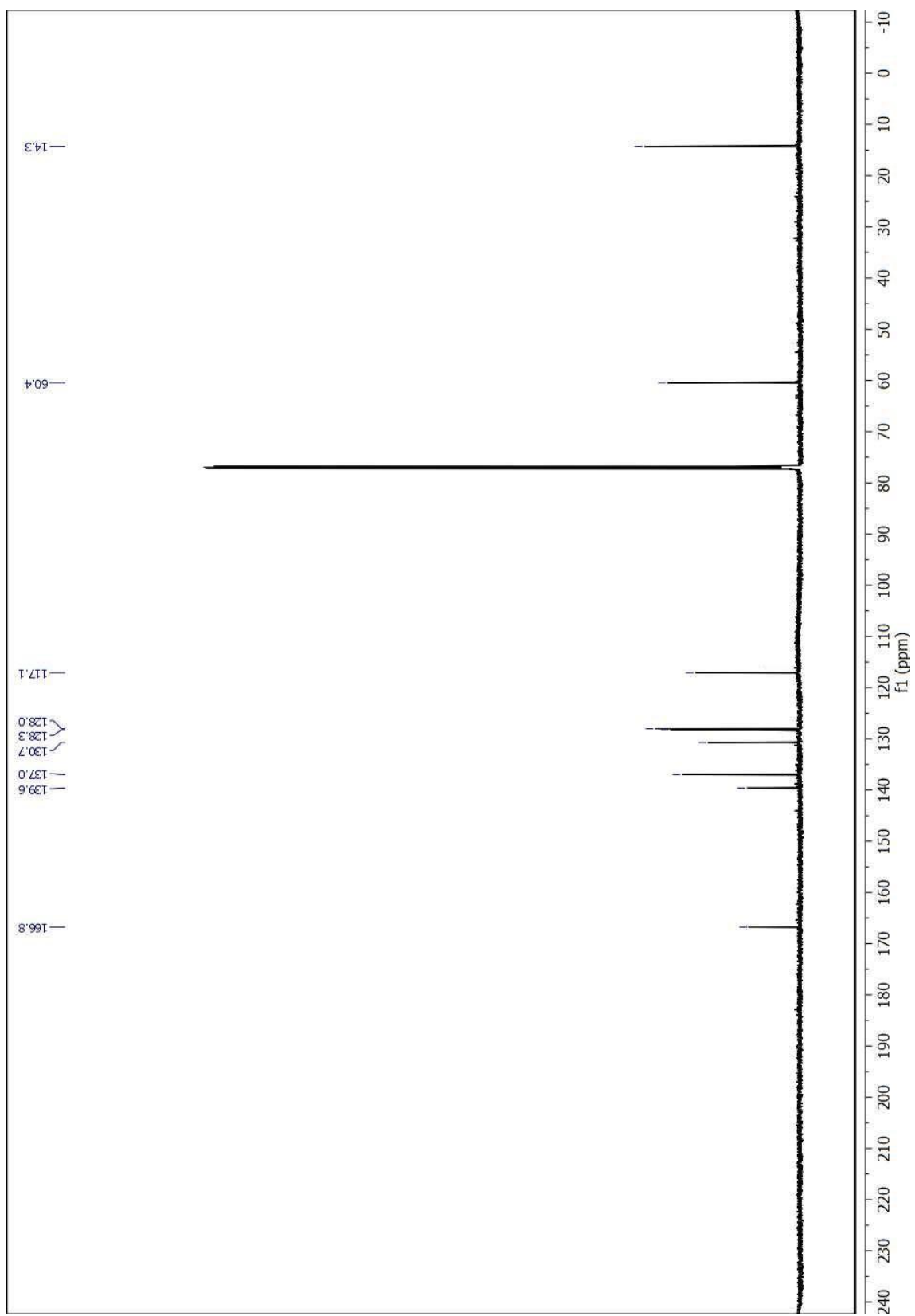
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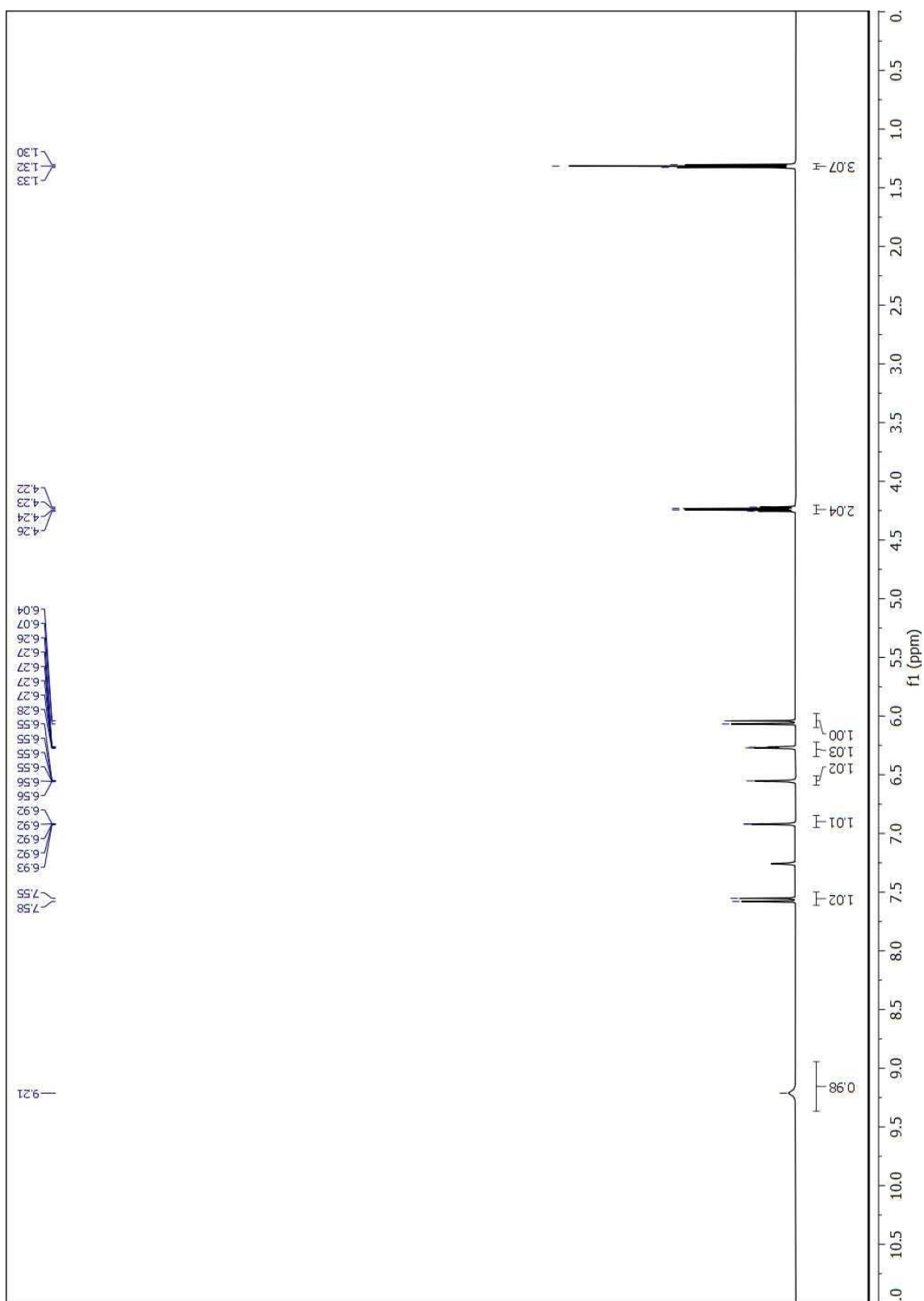
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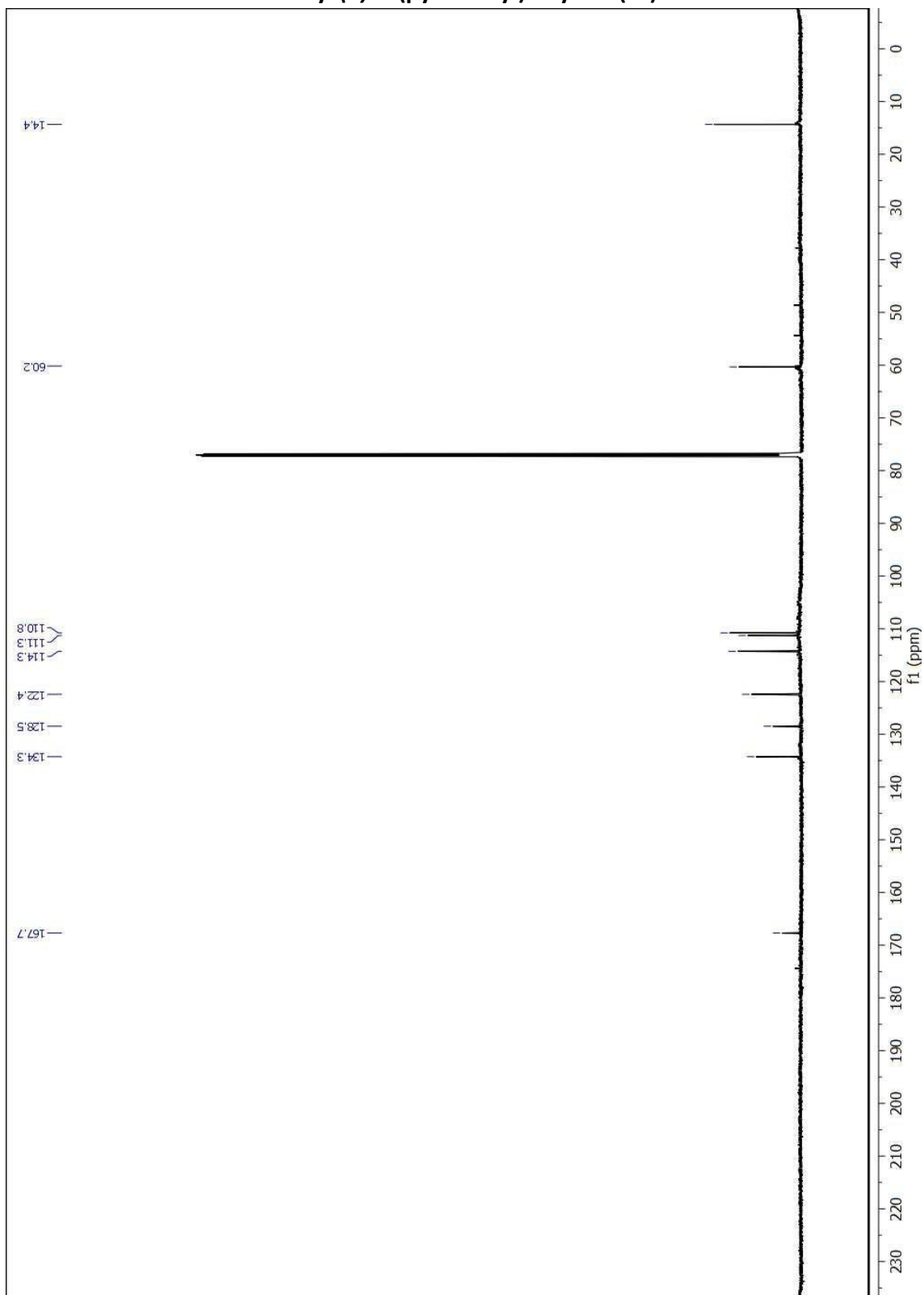
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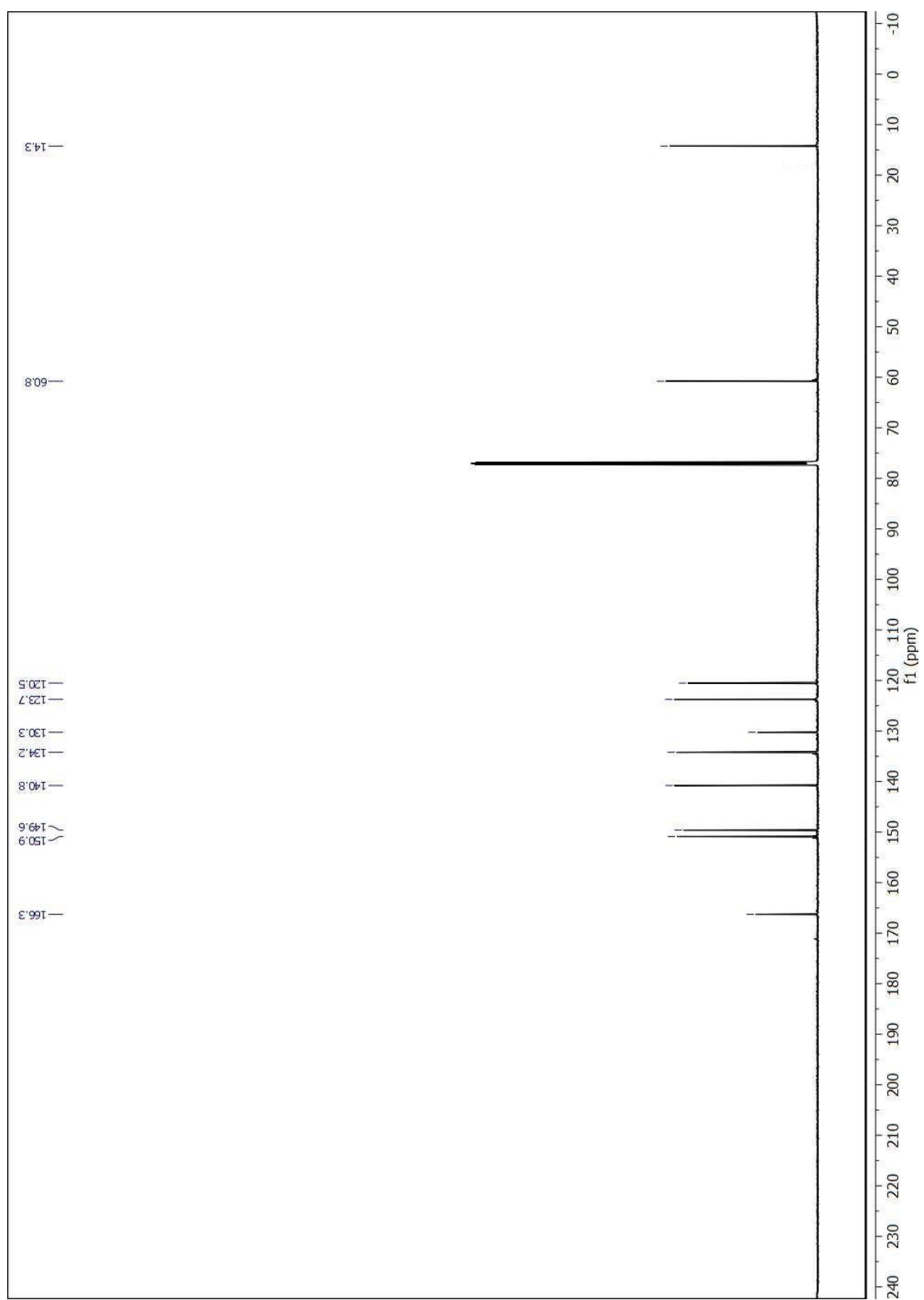
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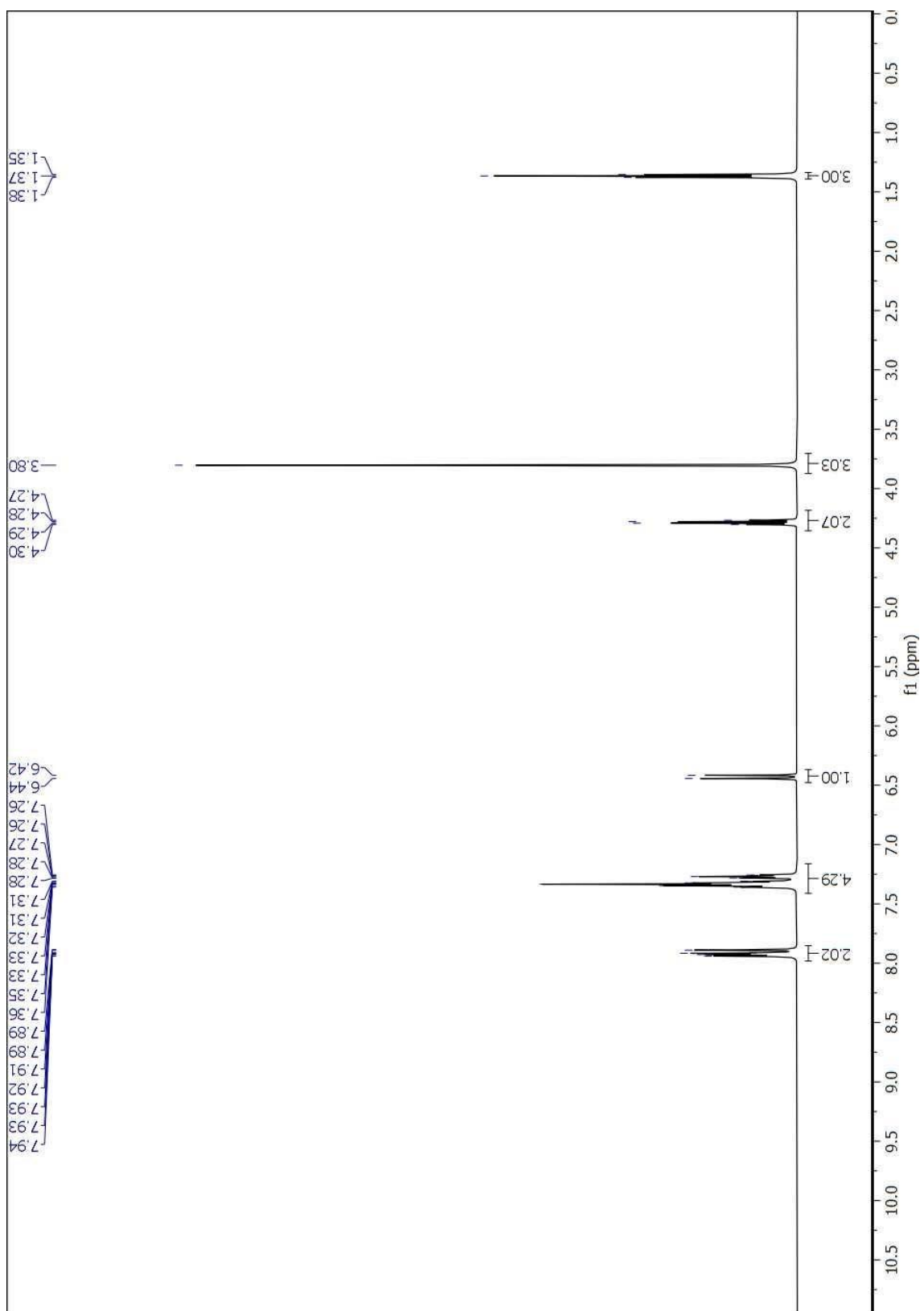
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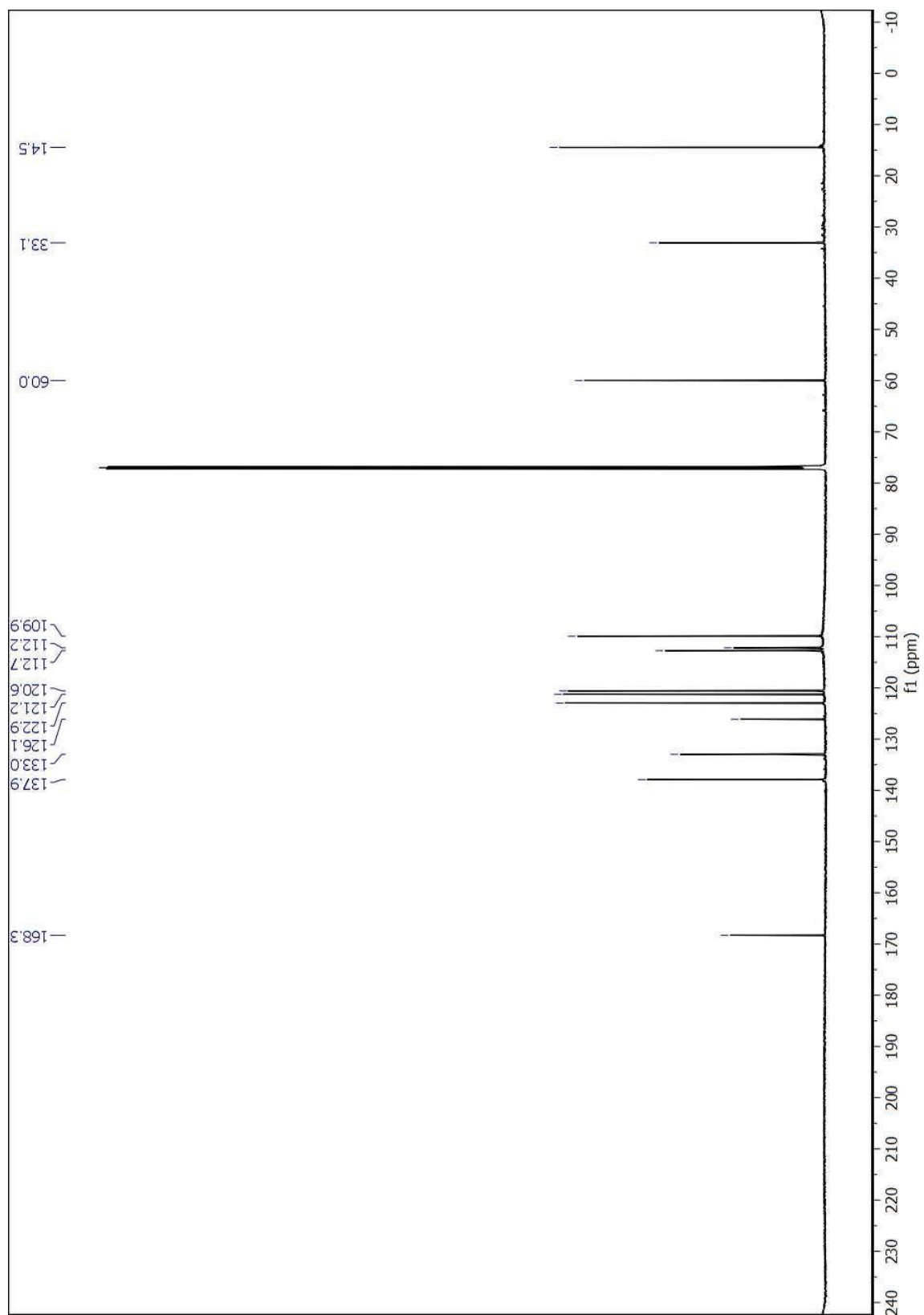
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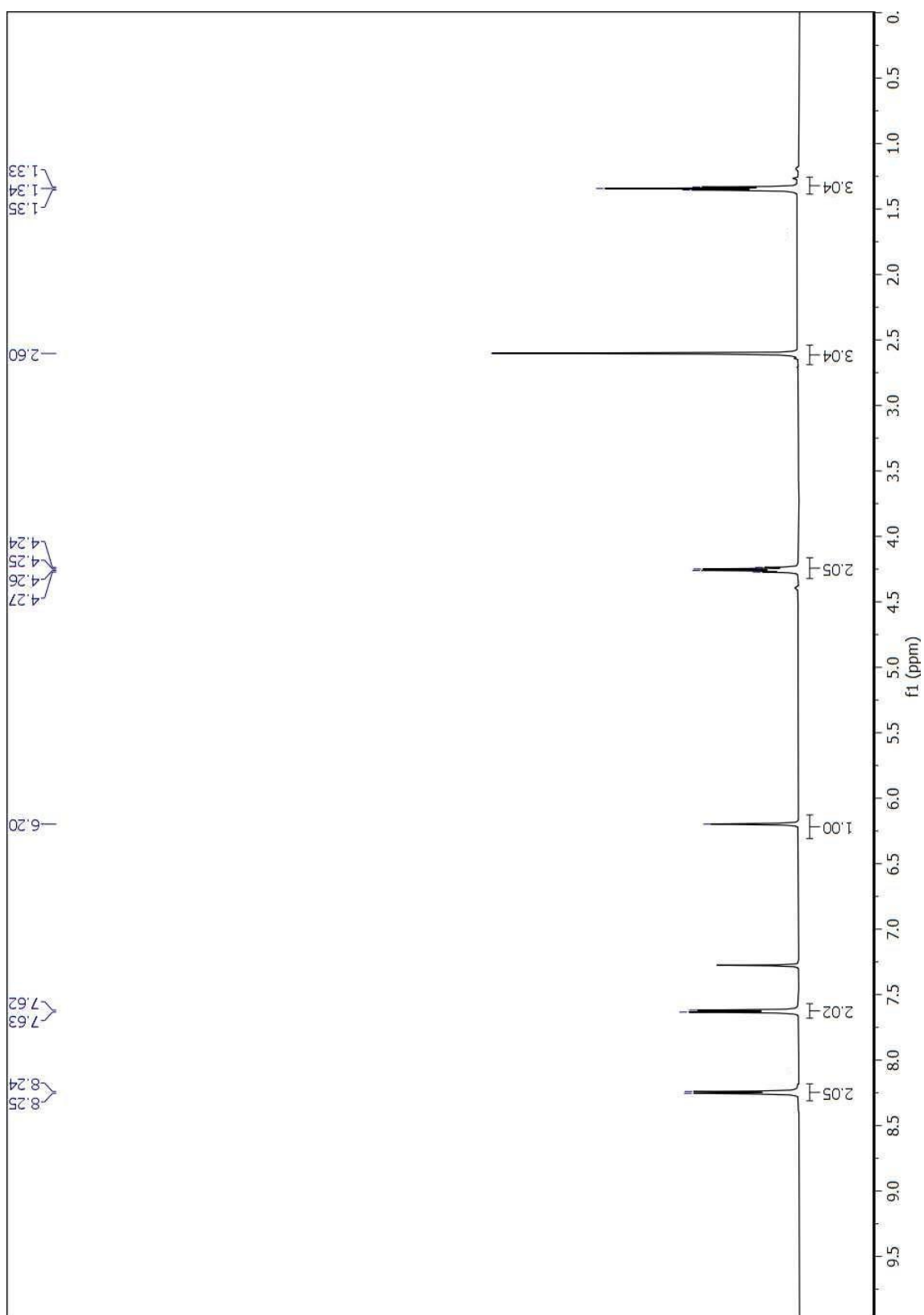
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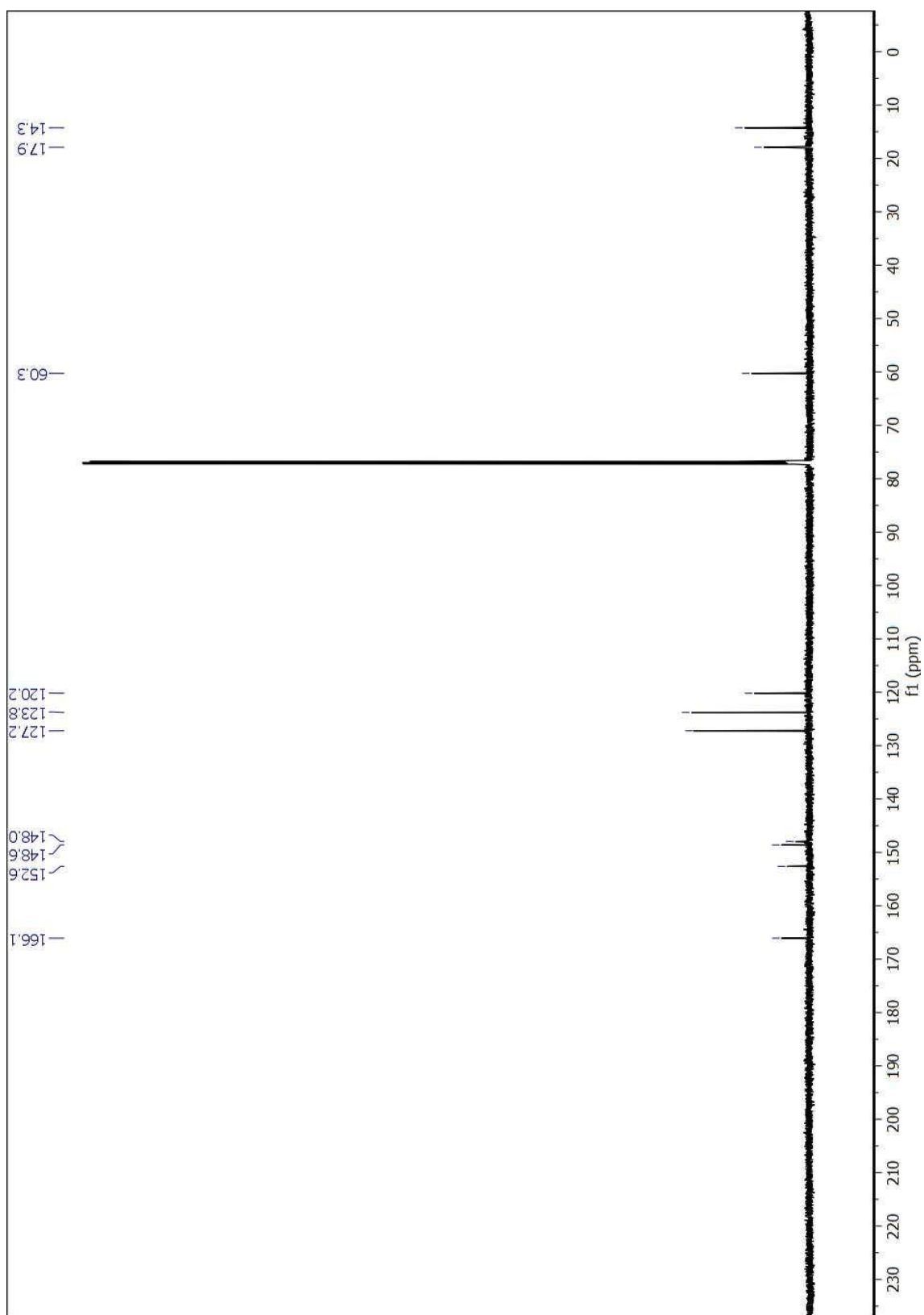
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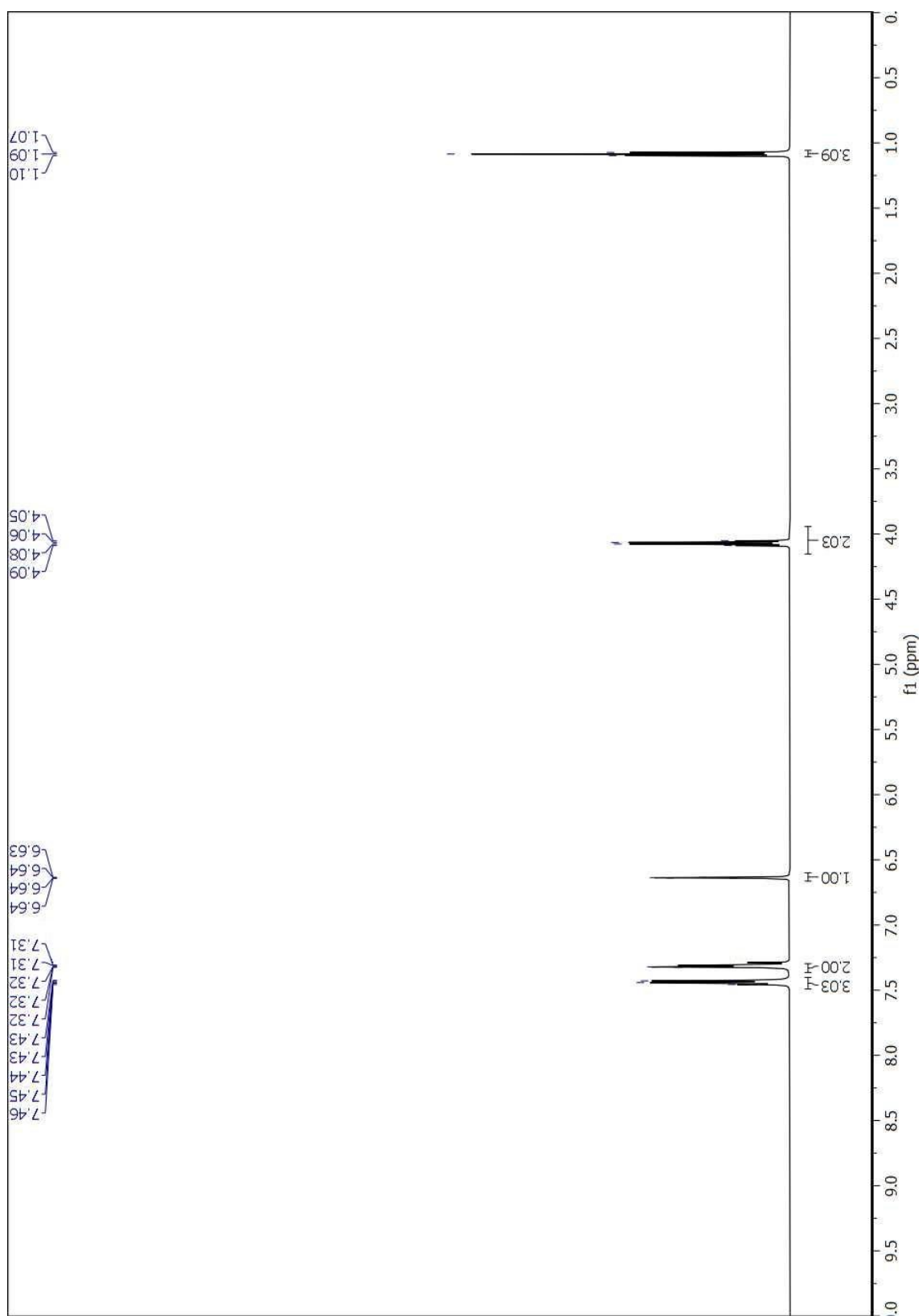
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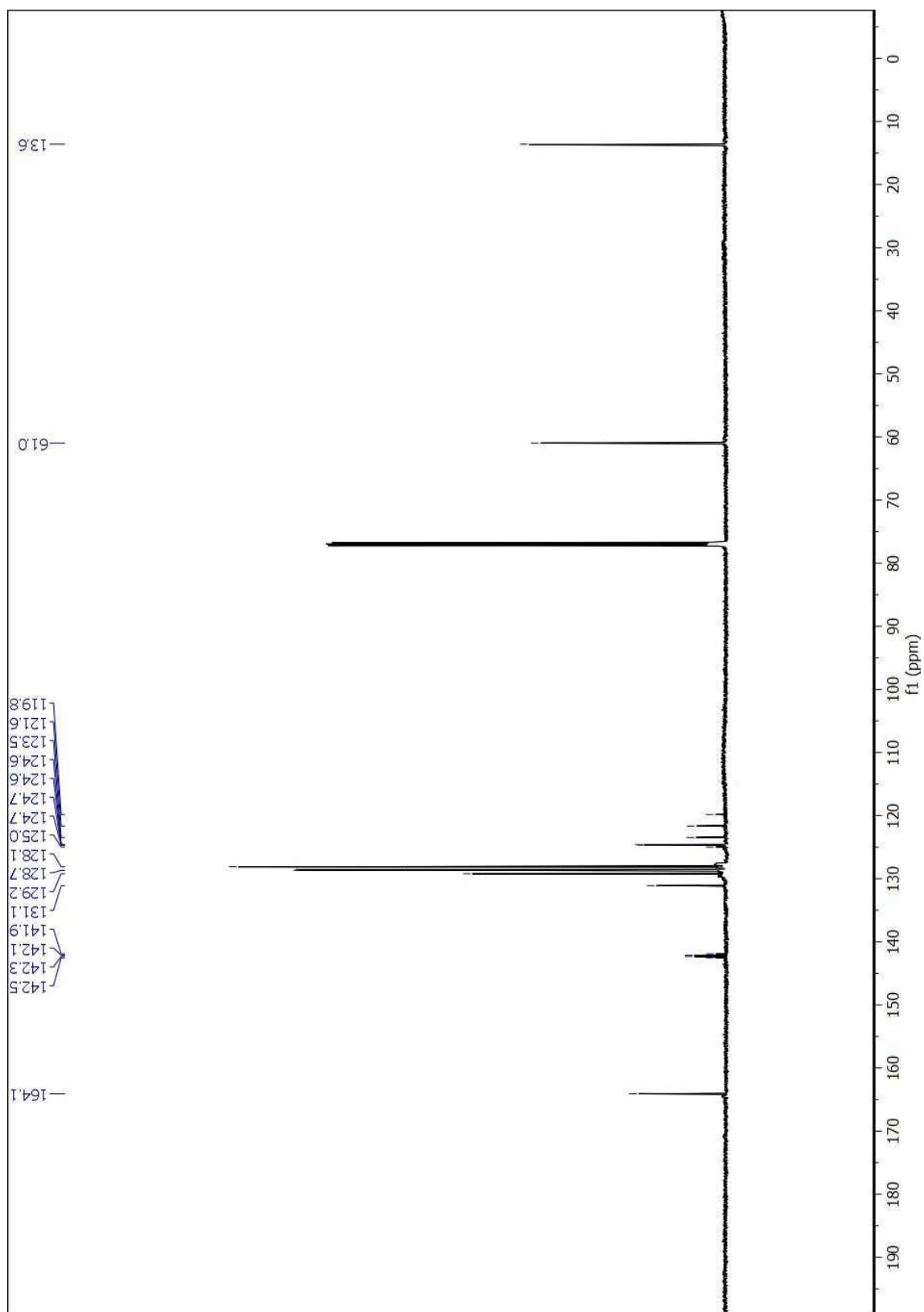
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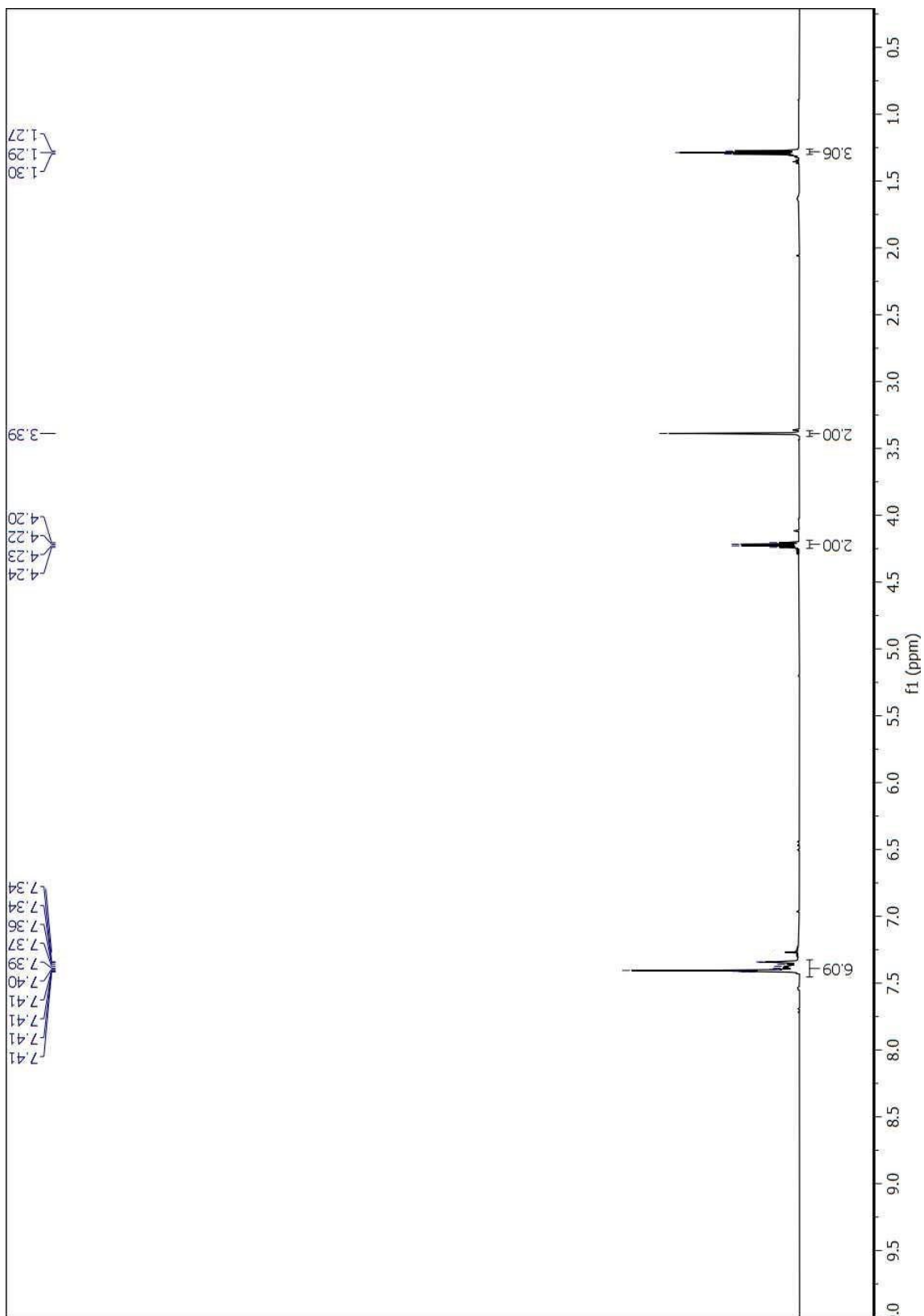
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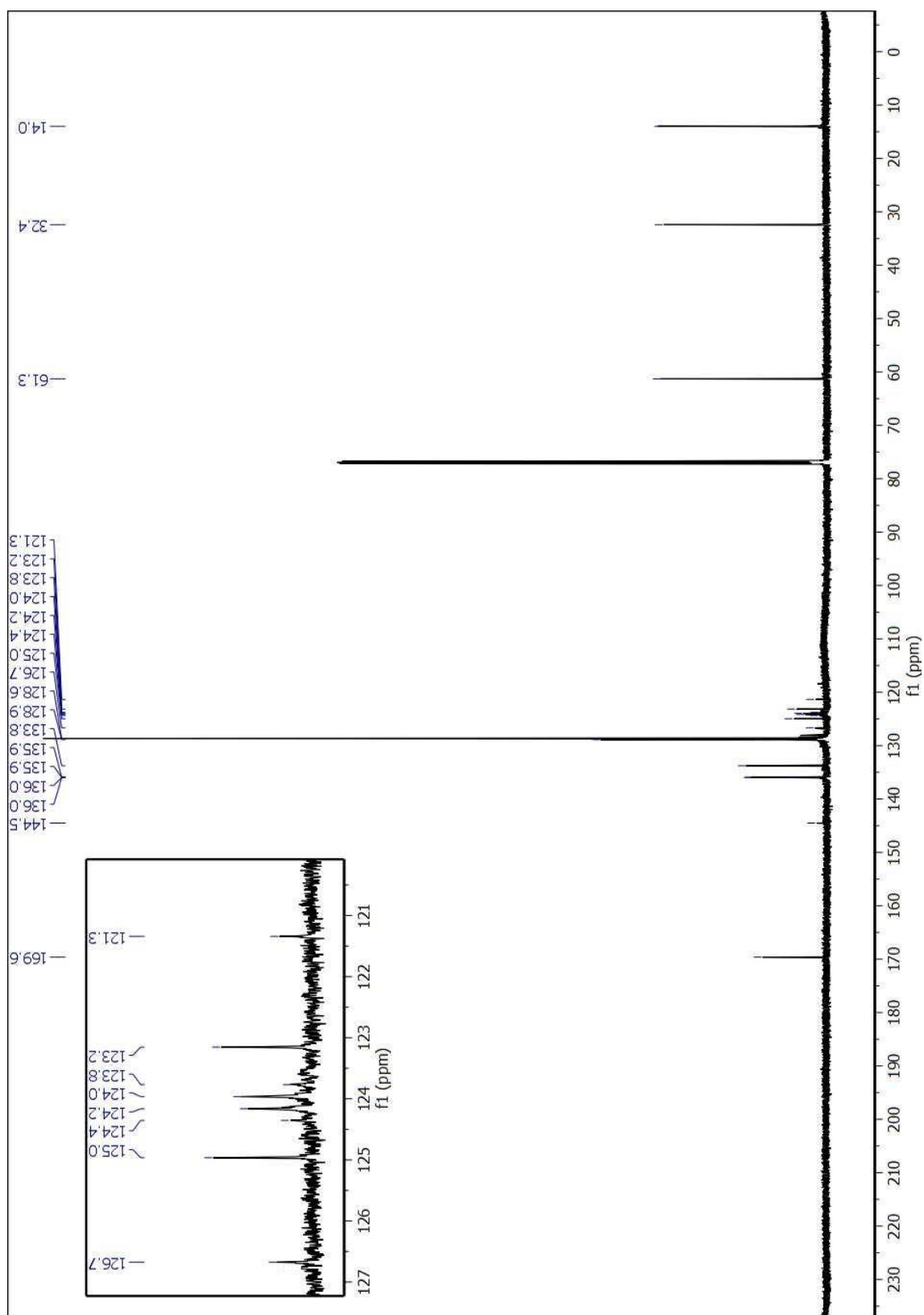
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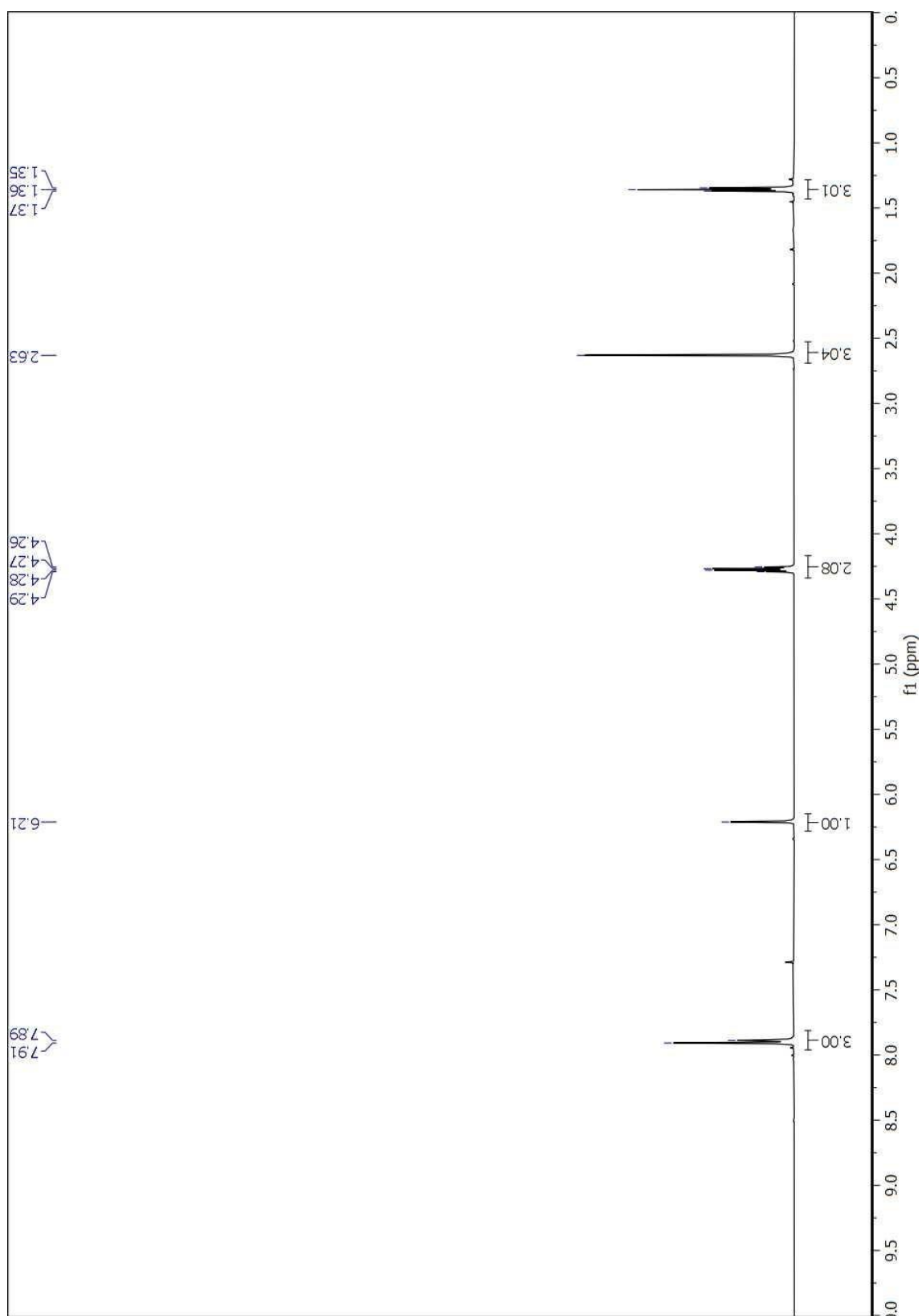
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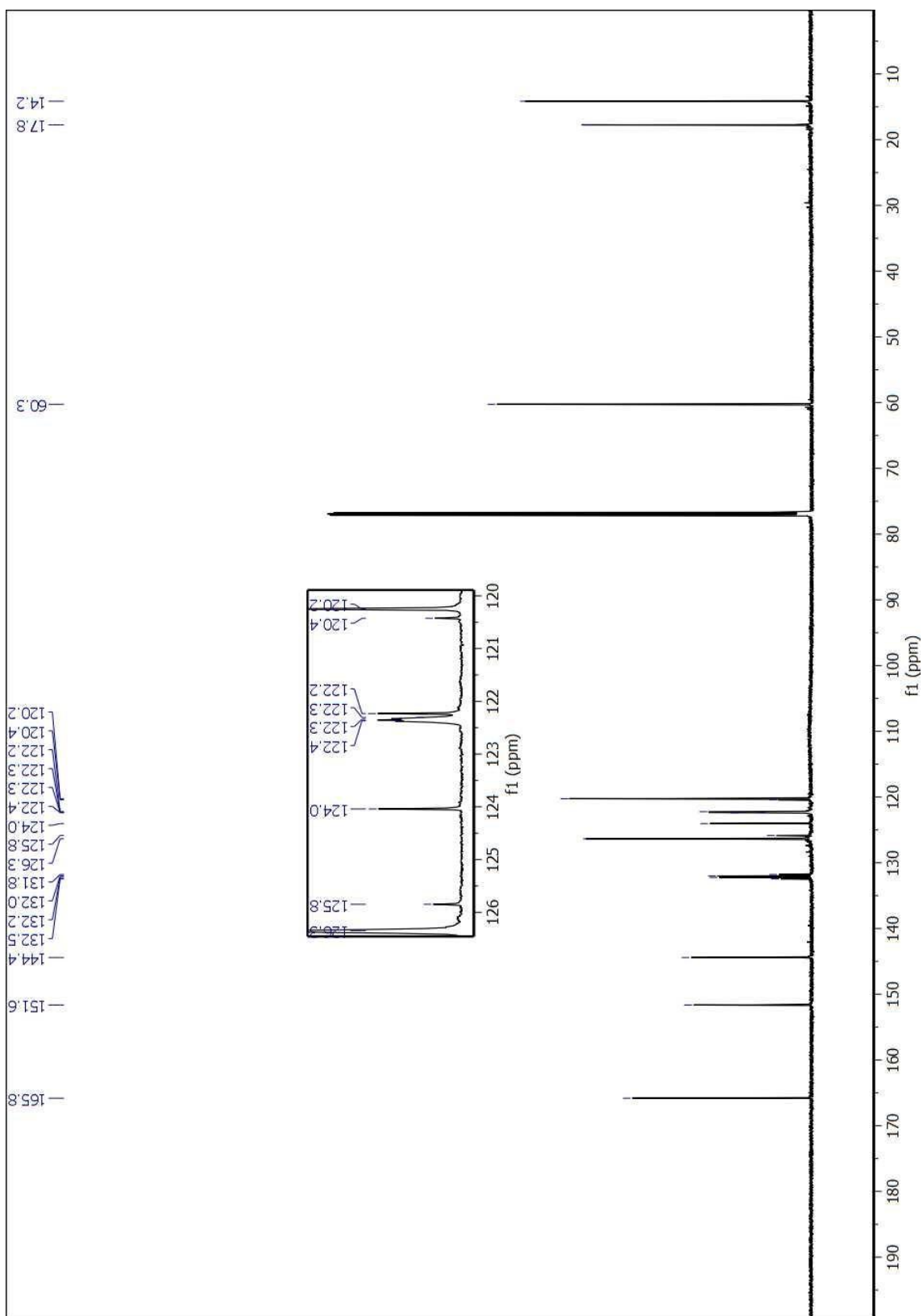
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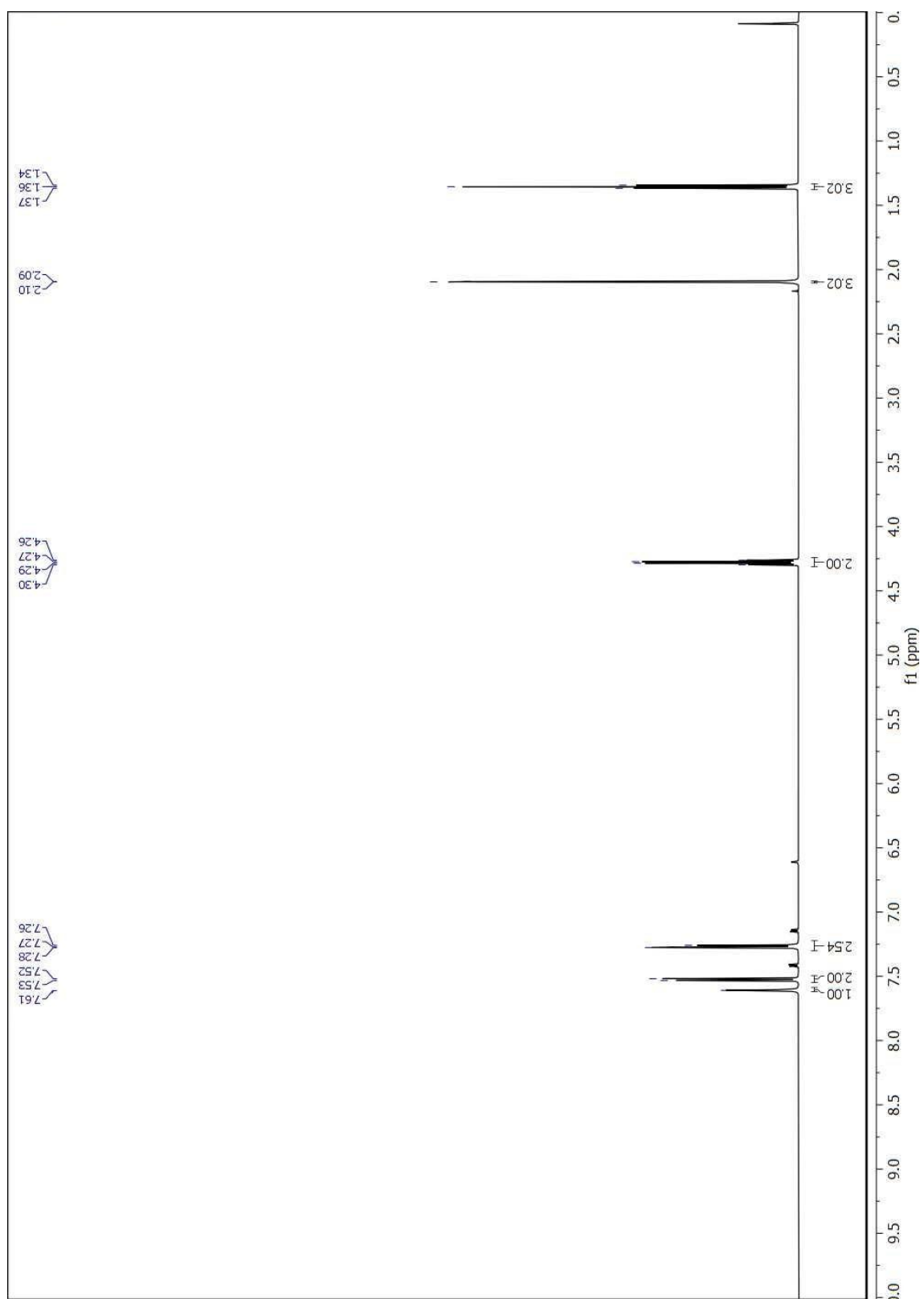
Ethyl (*E*)-3-(3,5-bis(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)but-2-enoate (**3z**)



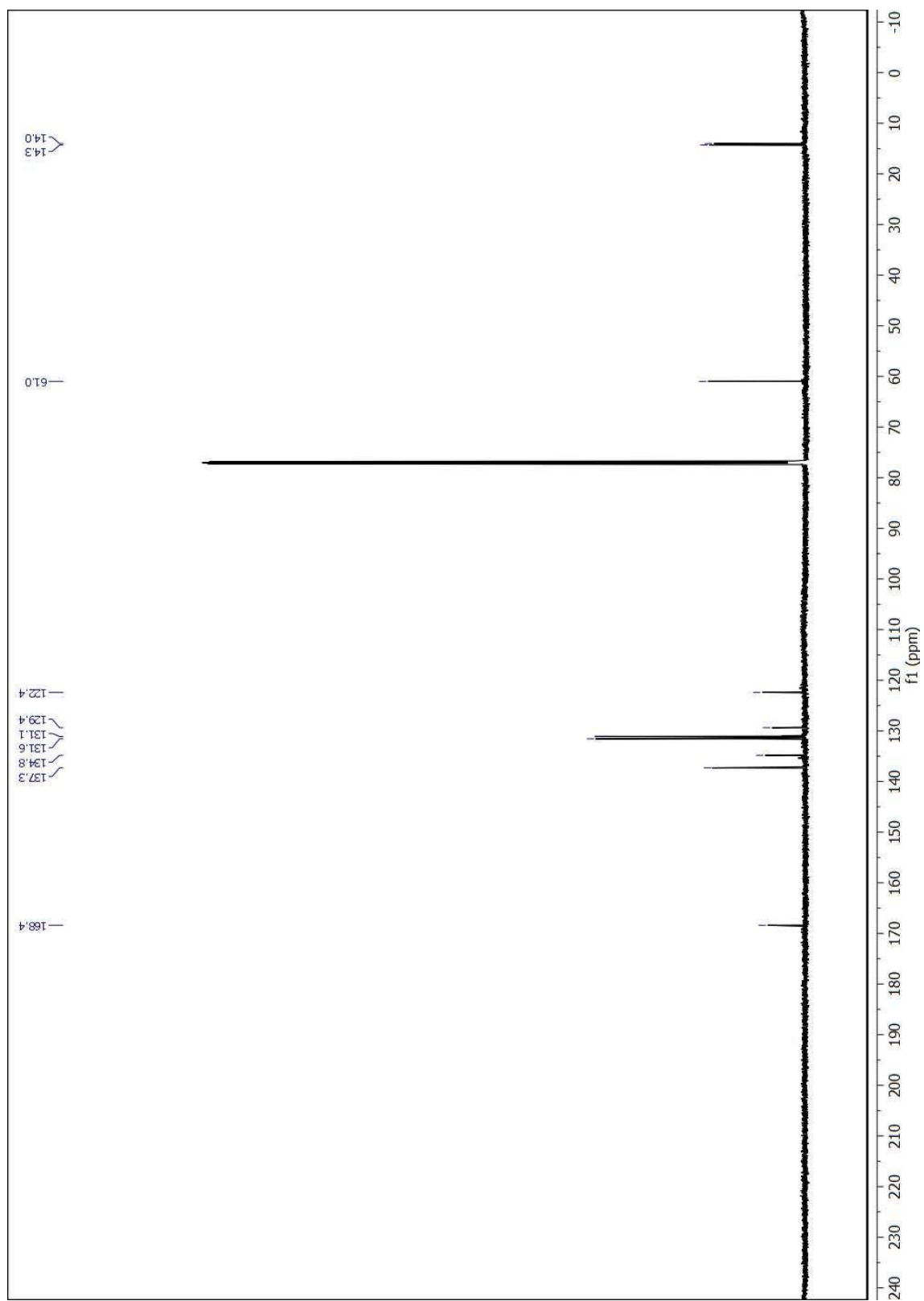
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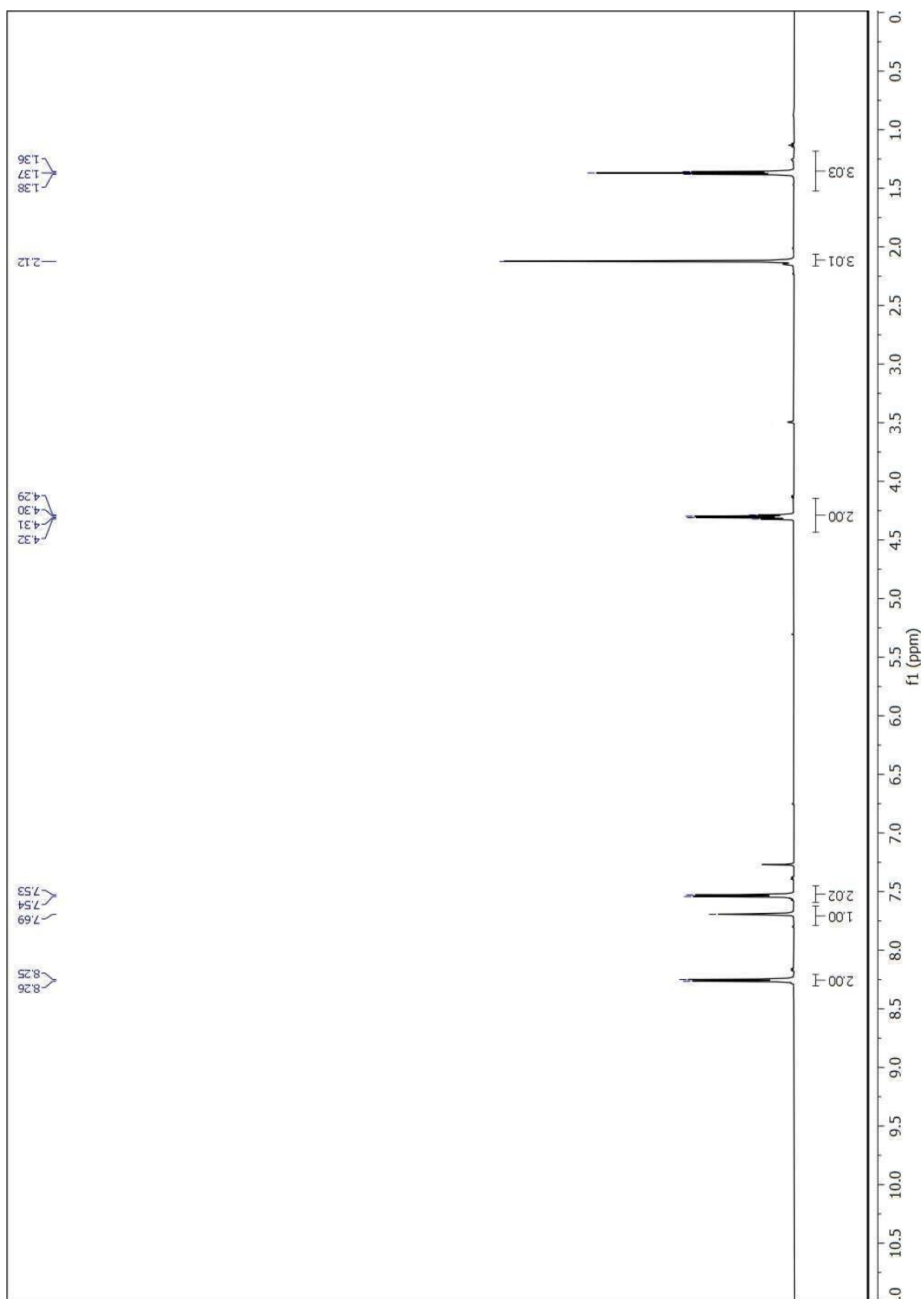
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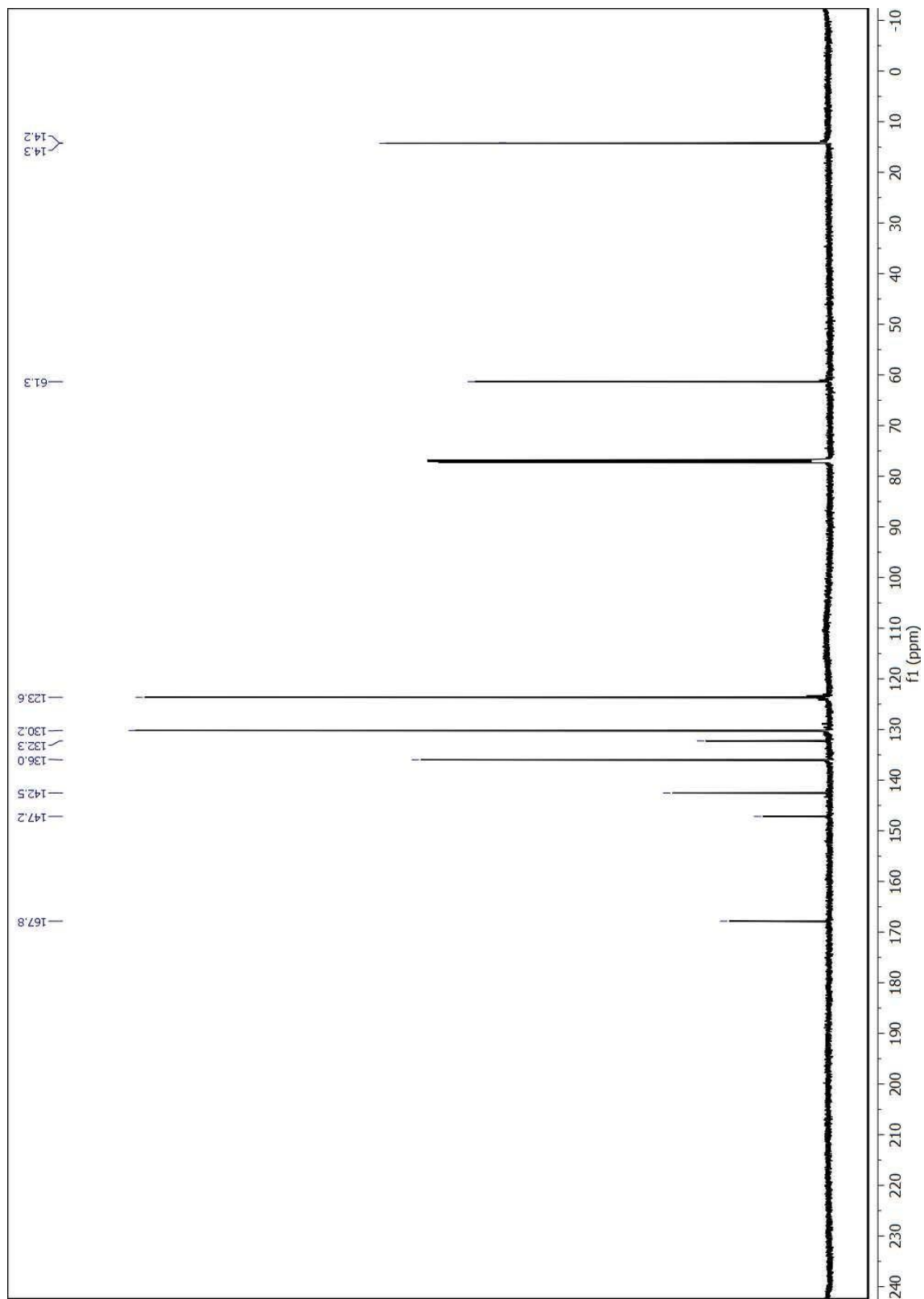
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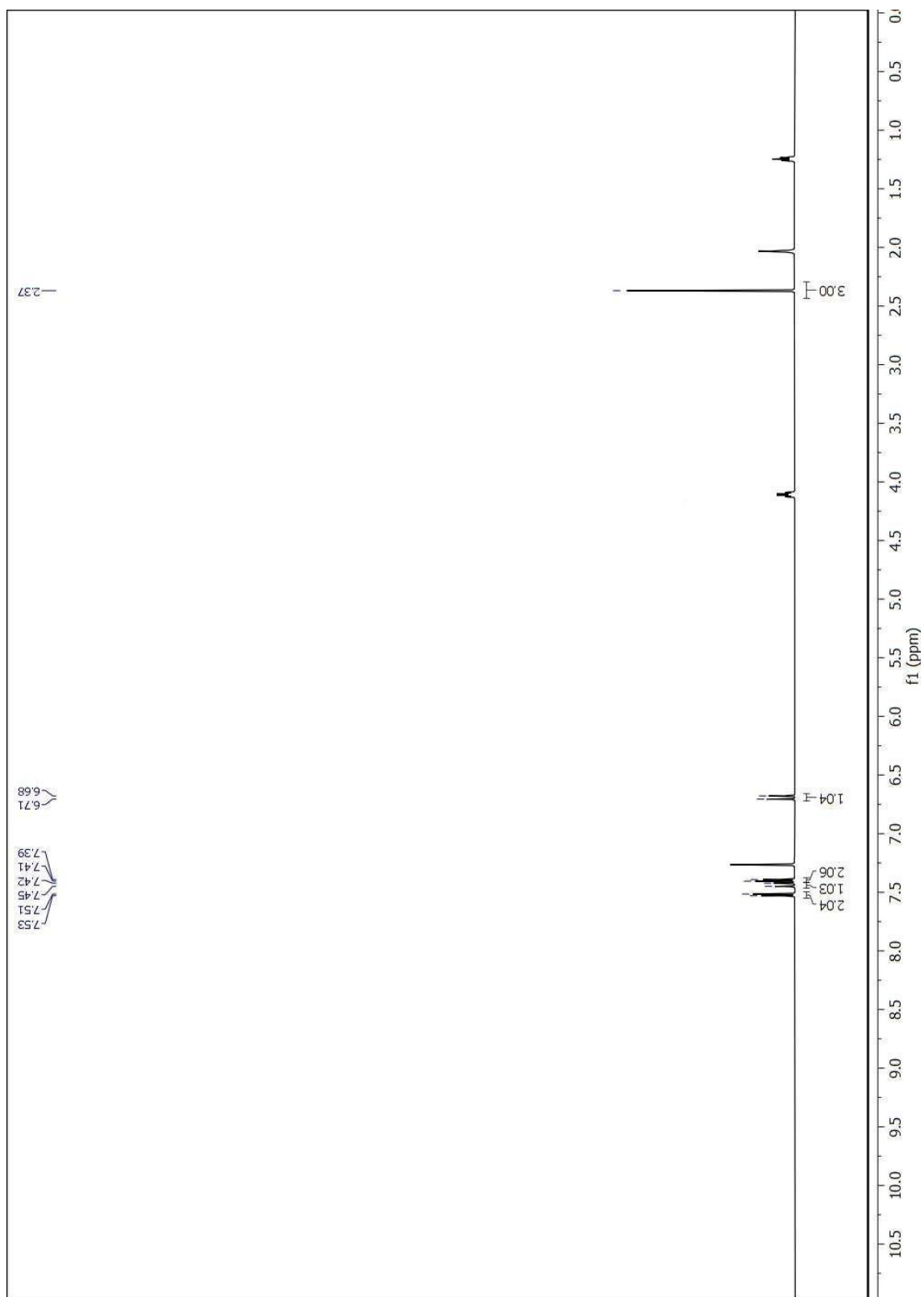
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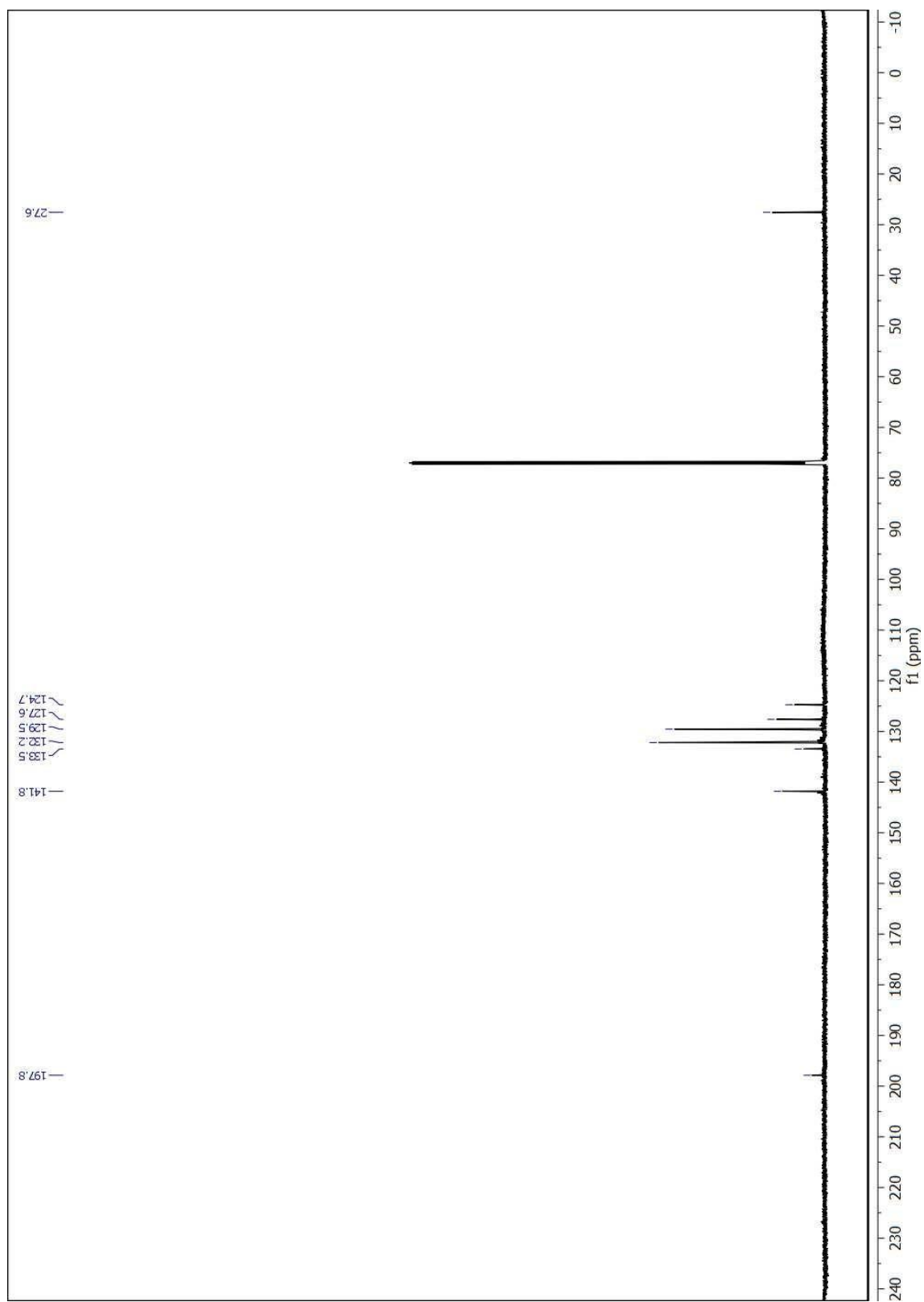
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(E)-4-(4-bromophenyl)but-3-en-2-one (6)



(E)-4-(4-bromophenyl)but-3-en-2-one (6)



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