

# Anticancer potential of copper(I) complexes based on isopropyl ester derivatives of bis(pyrazol-1-yl)acetate ligands

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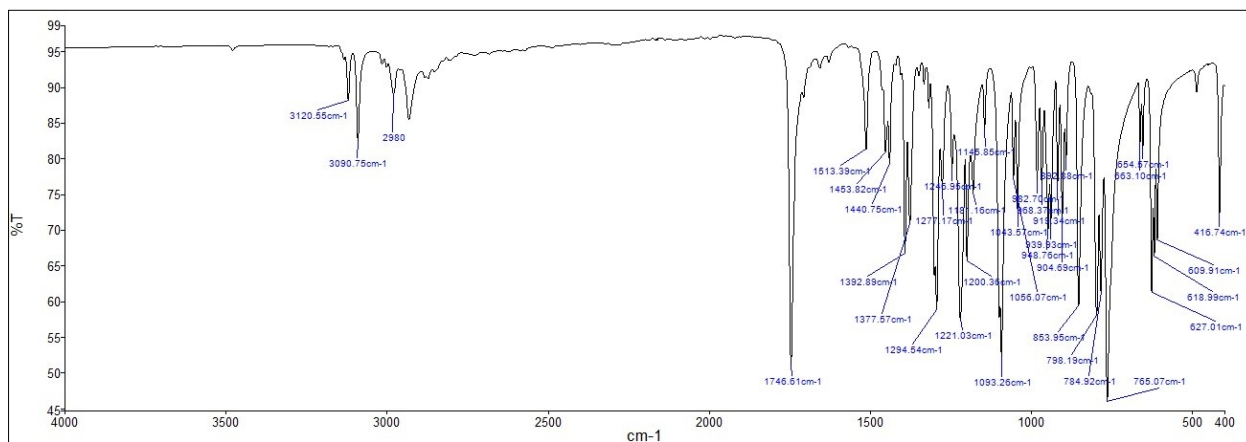
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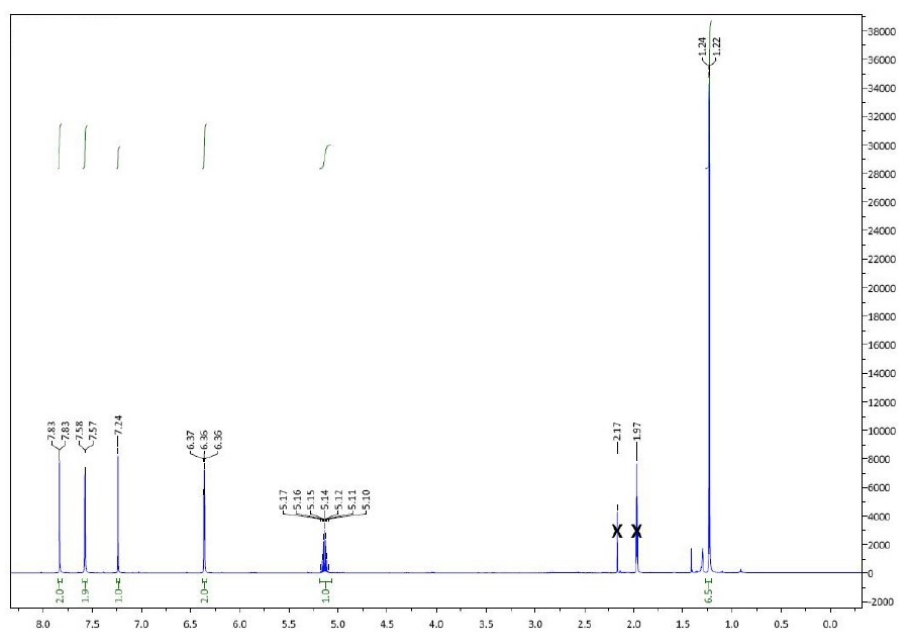
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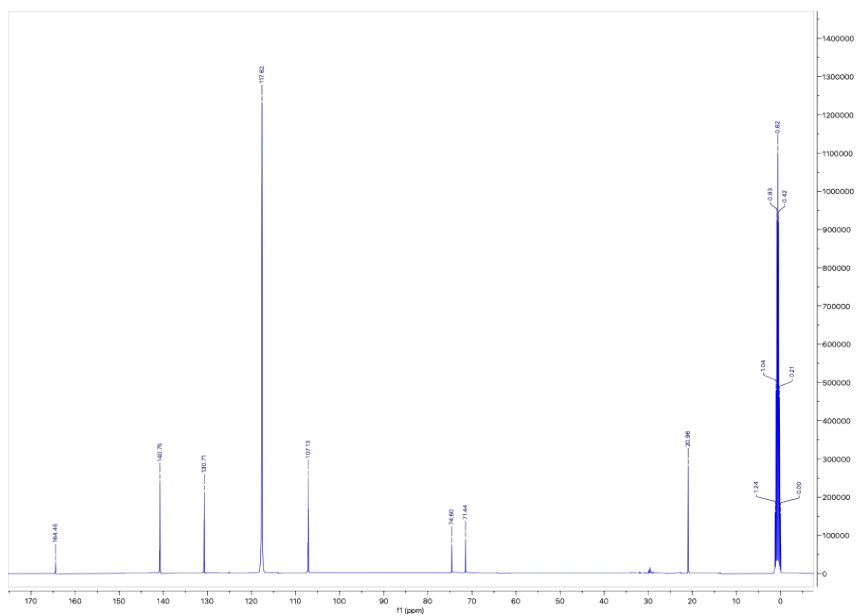
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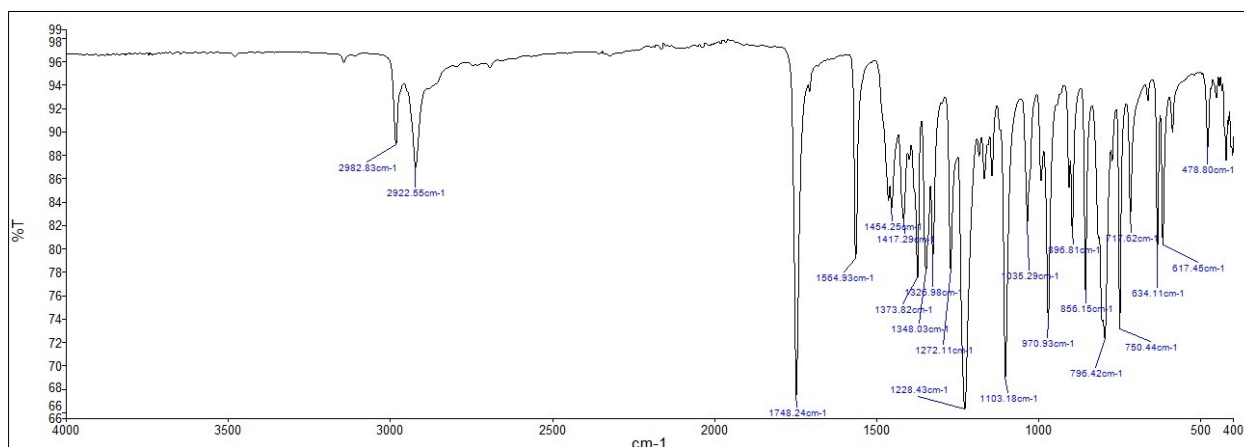
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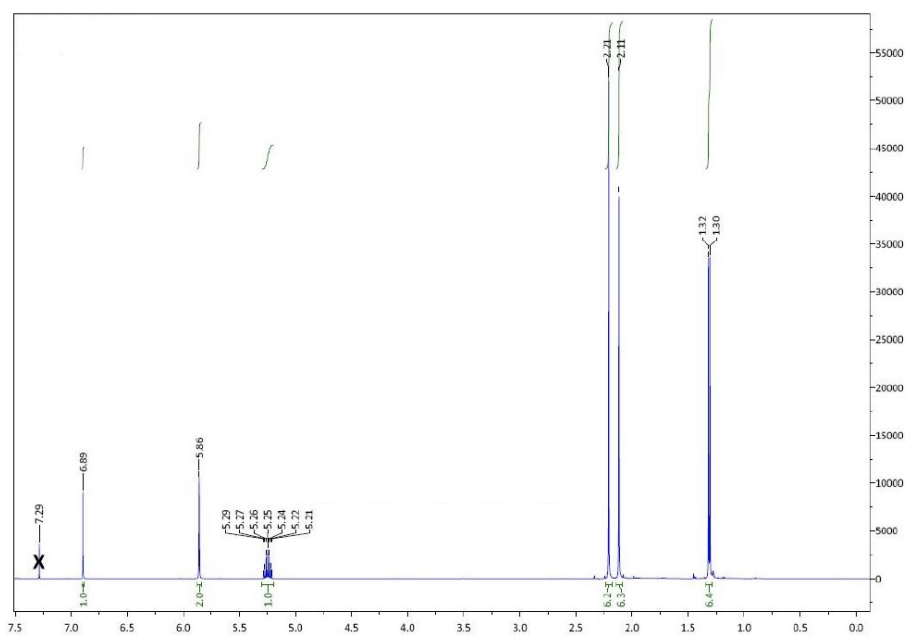
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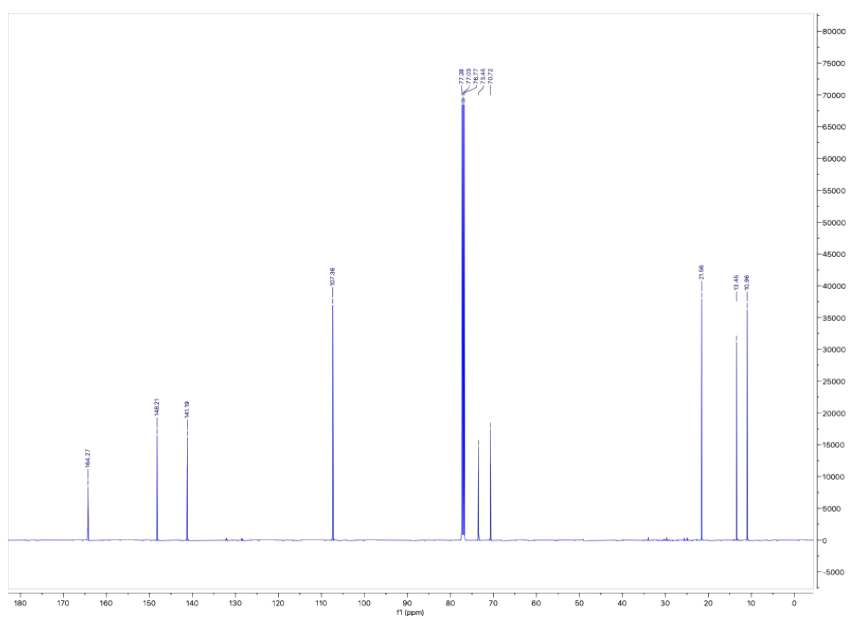
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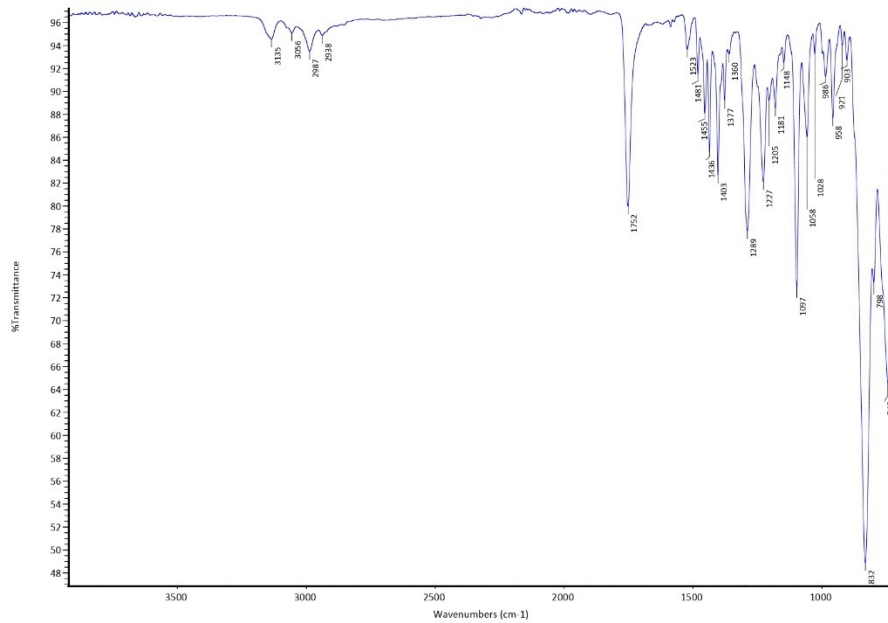
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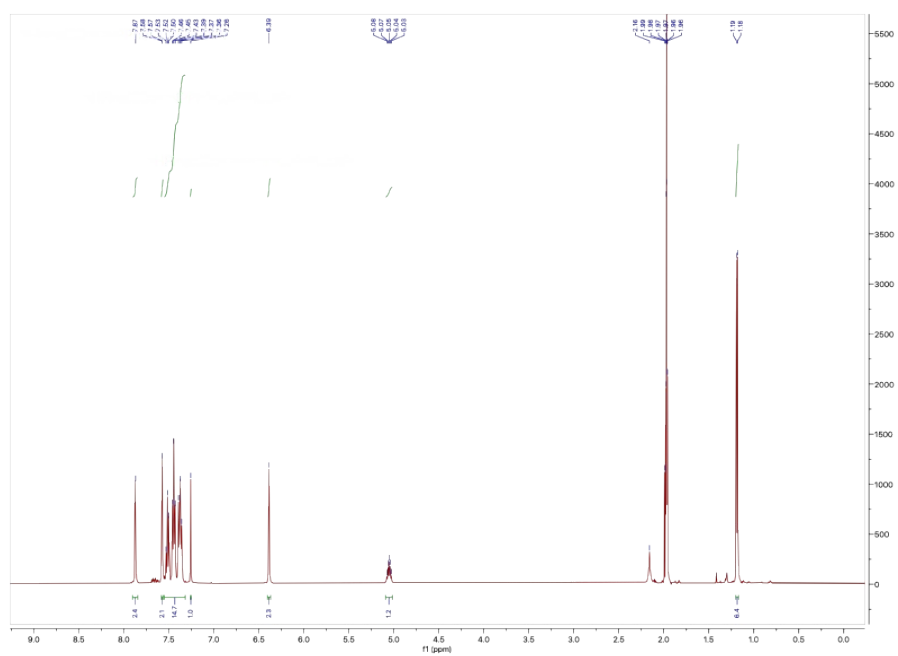
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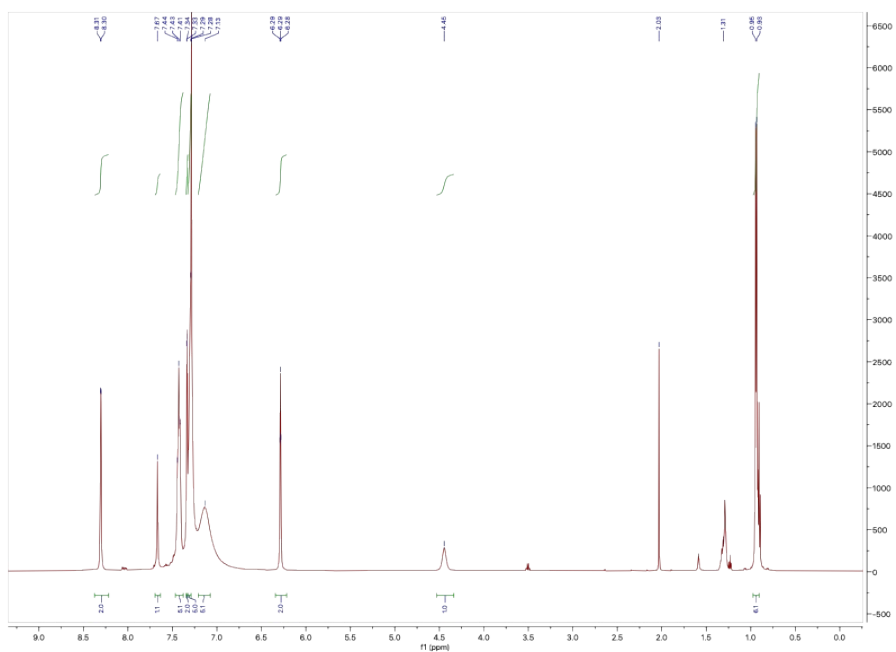
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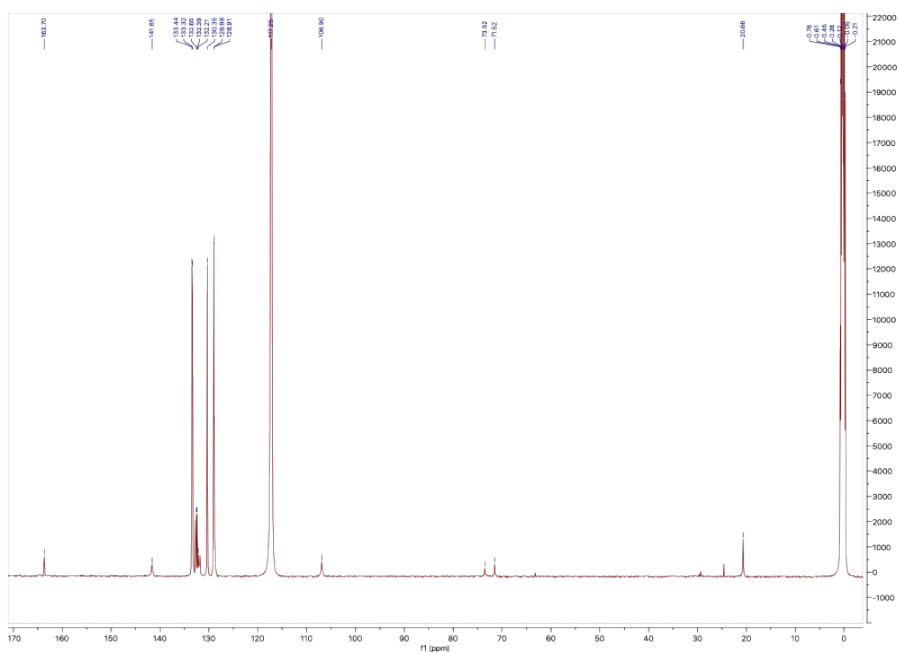
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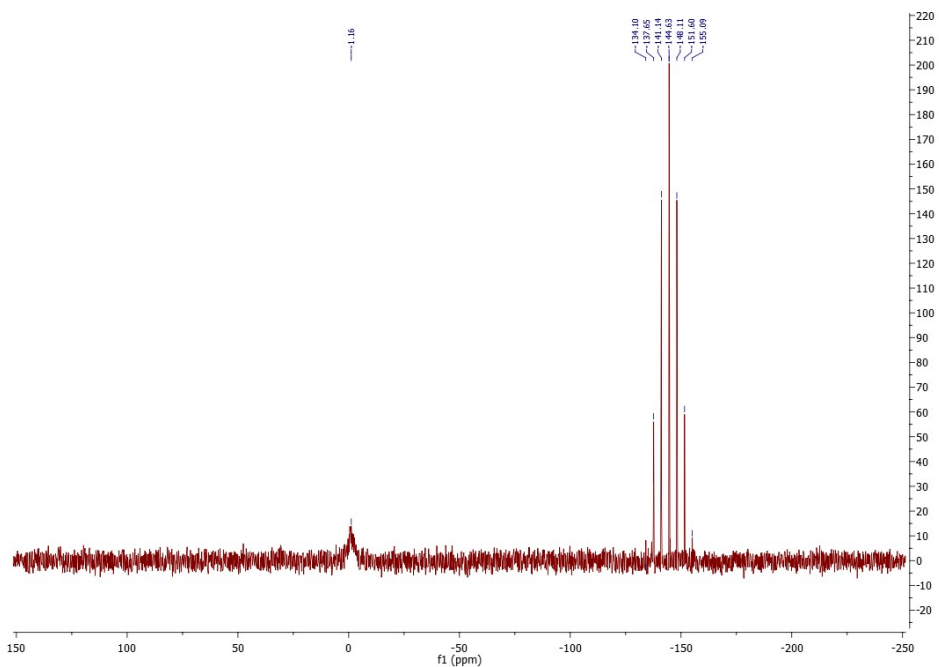
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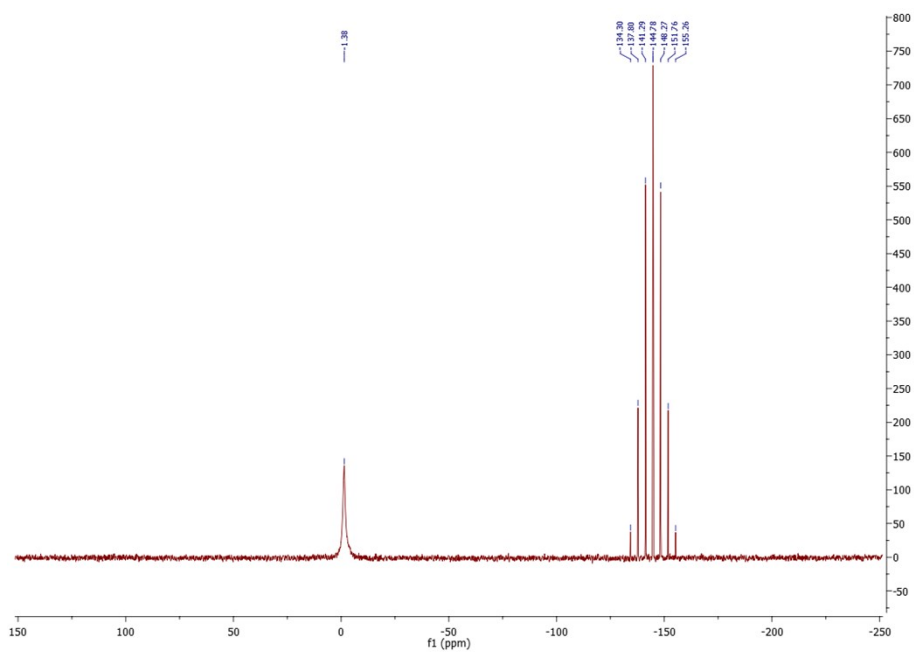
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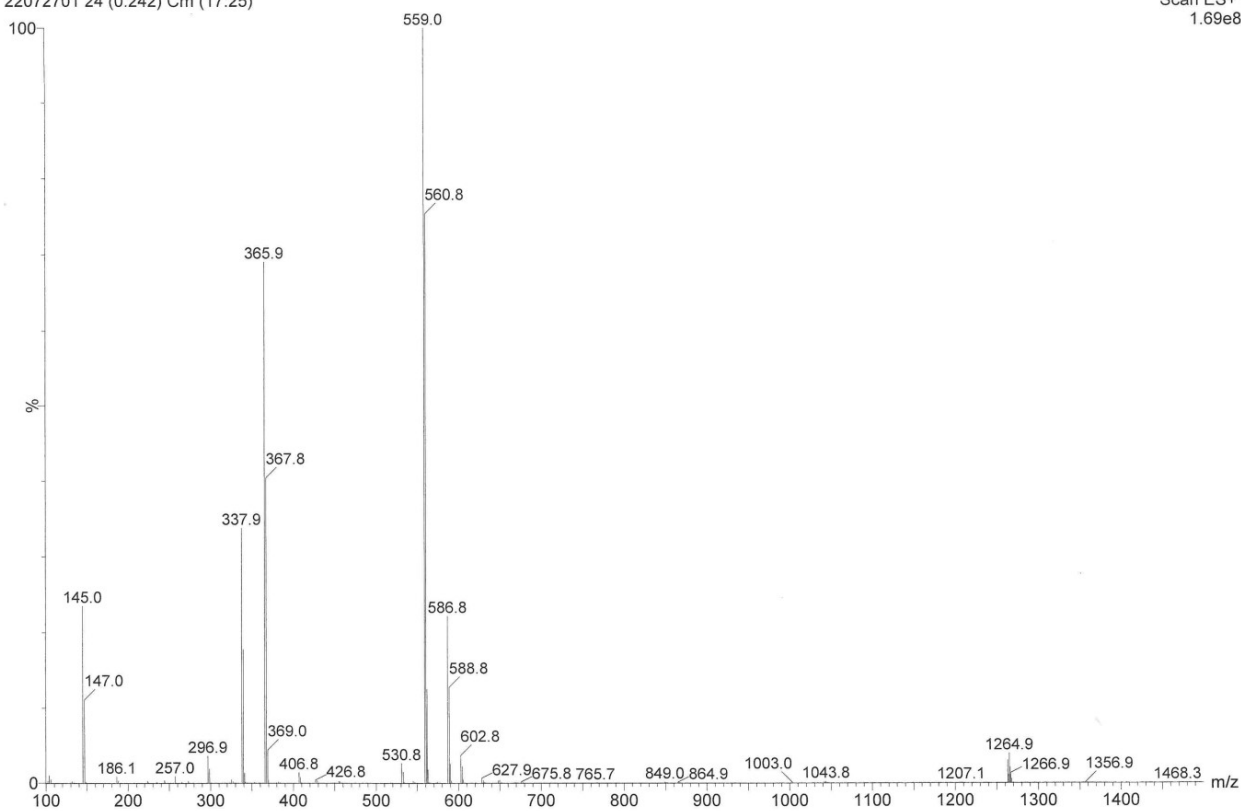


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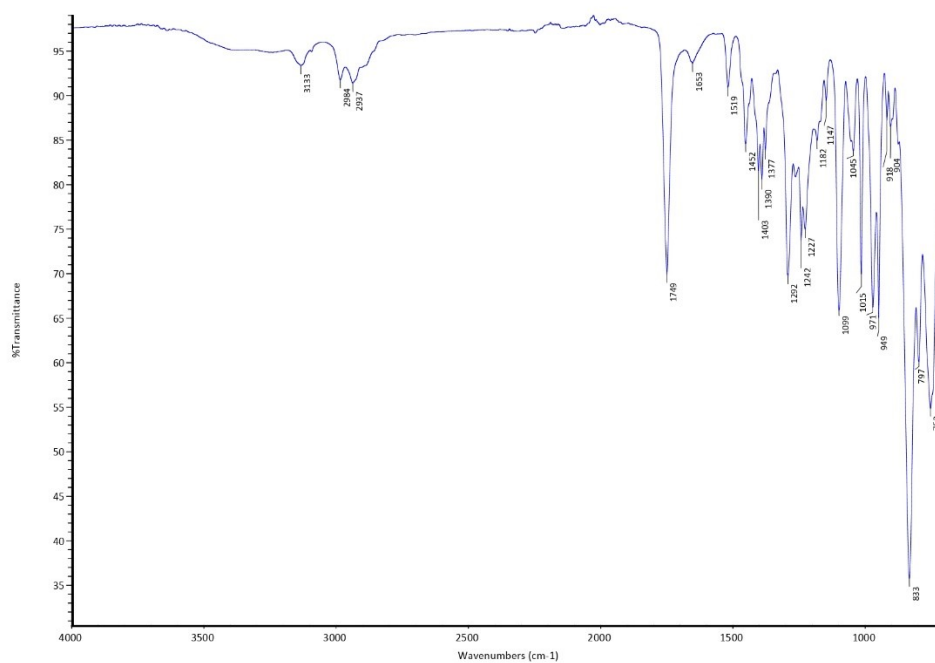
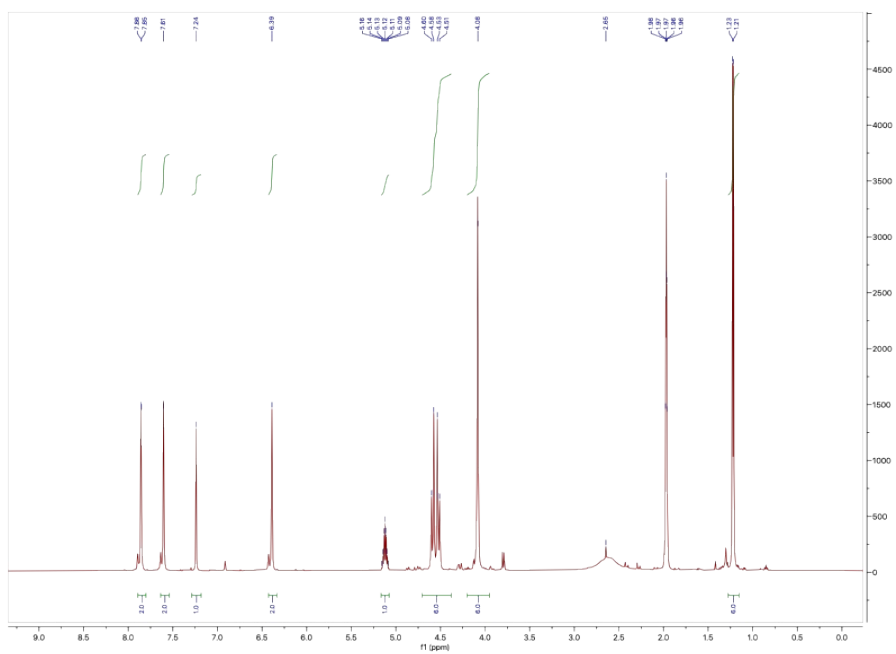
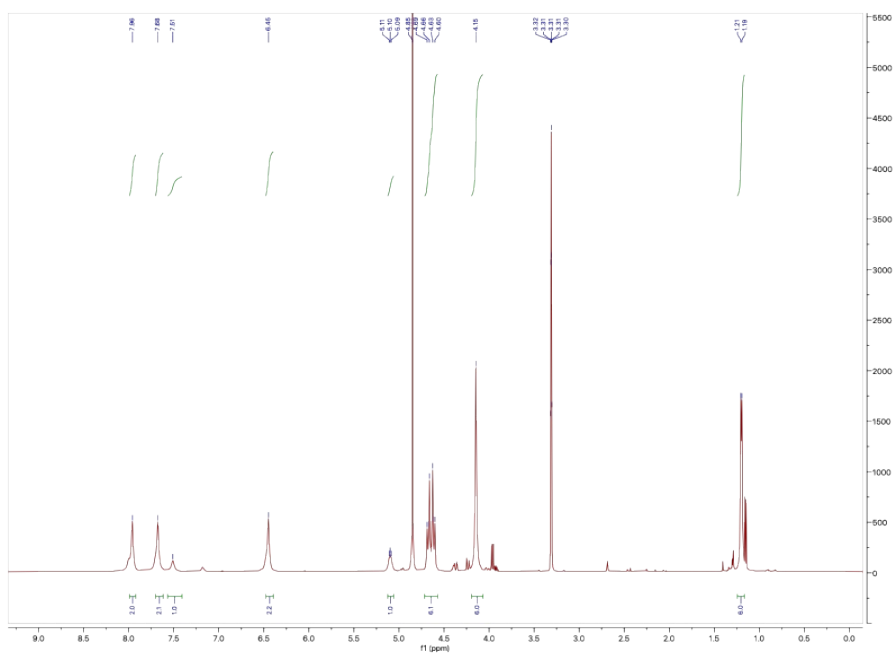


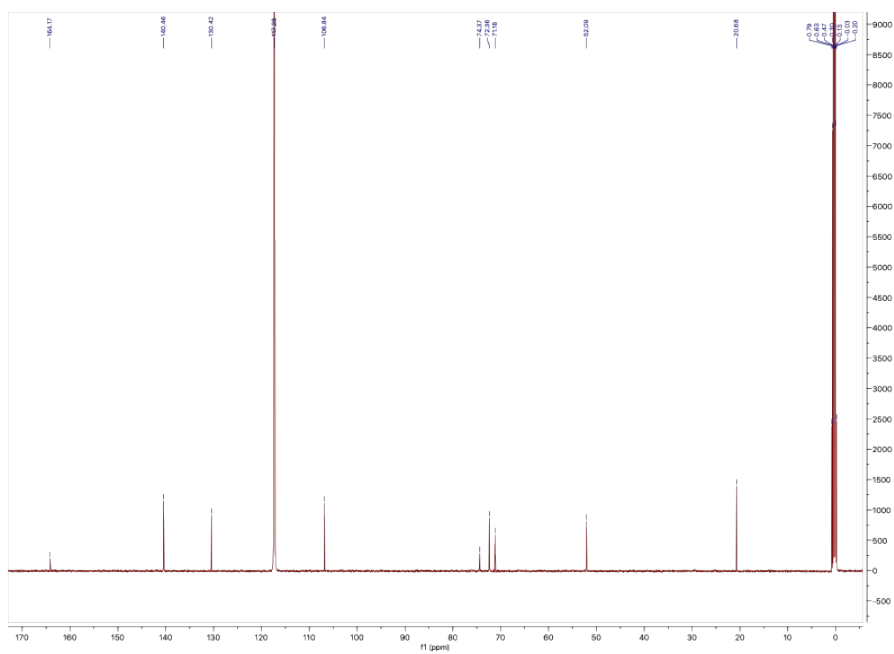
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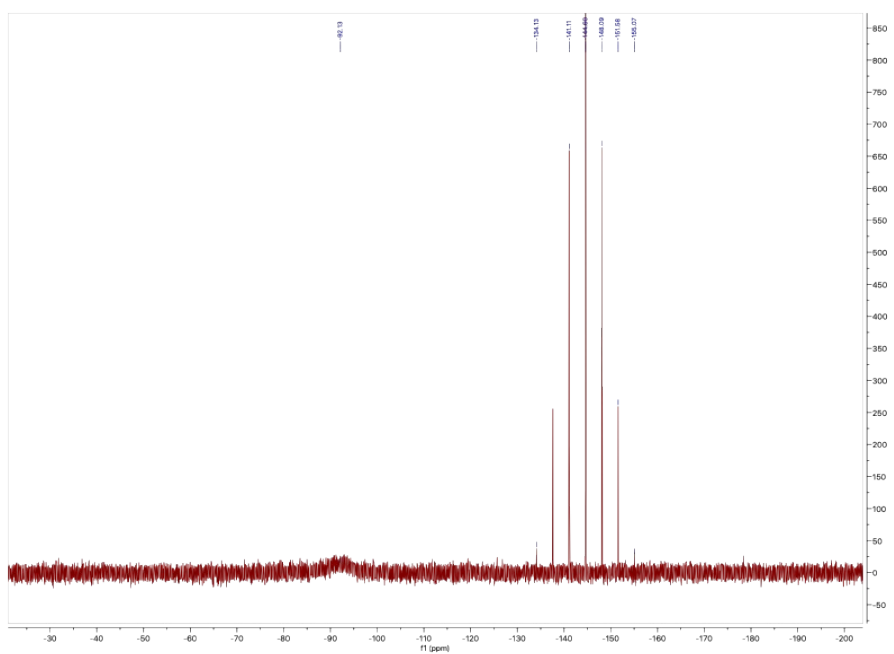
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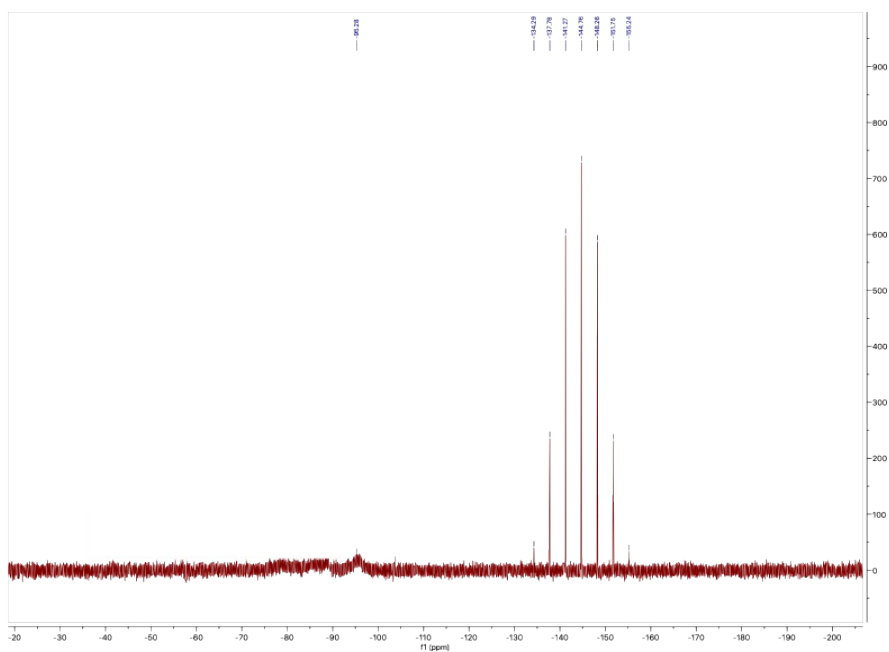
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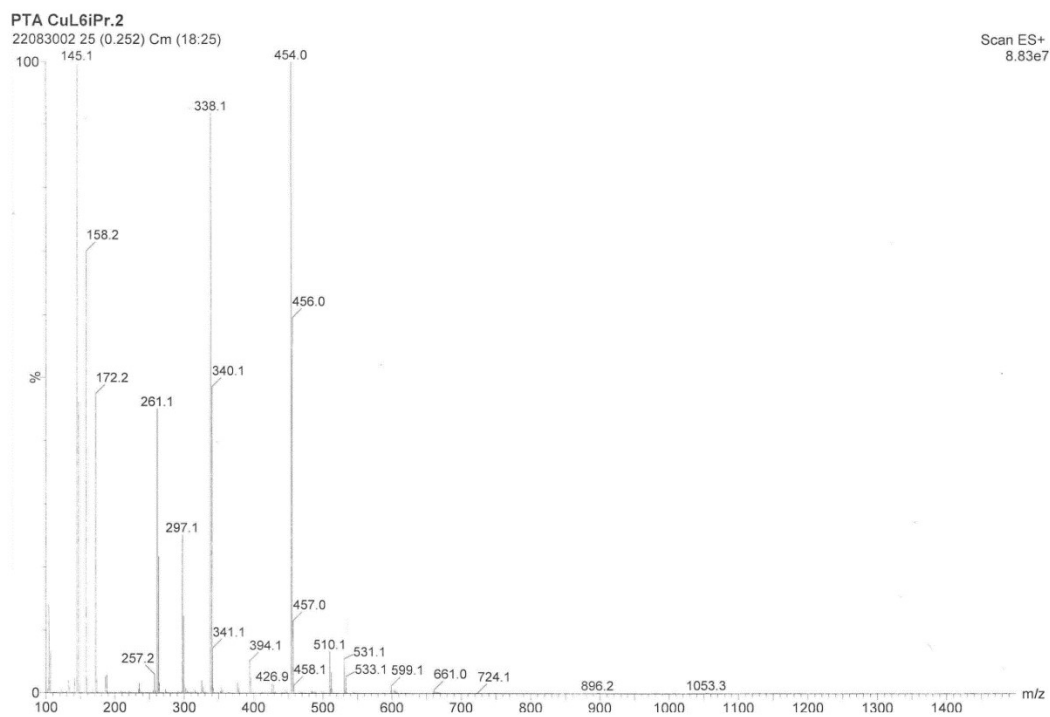
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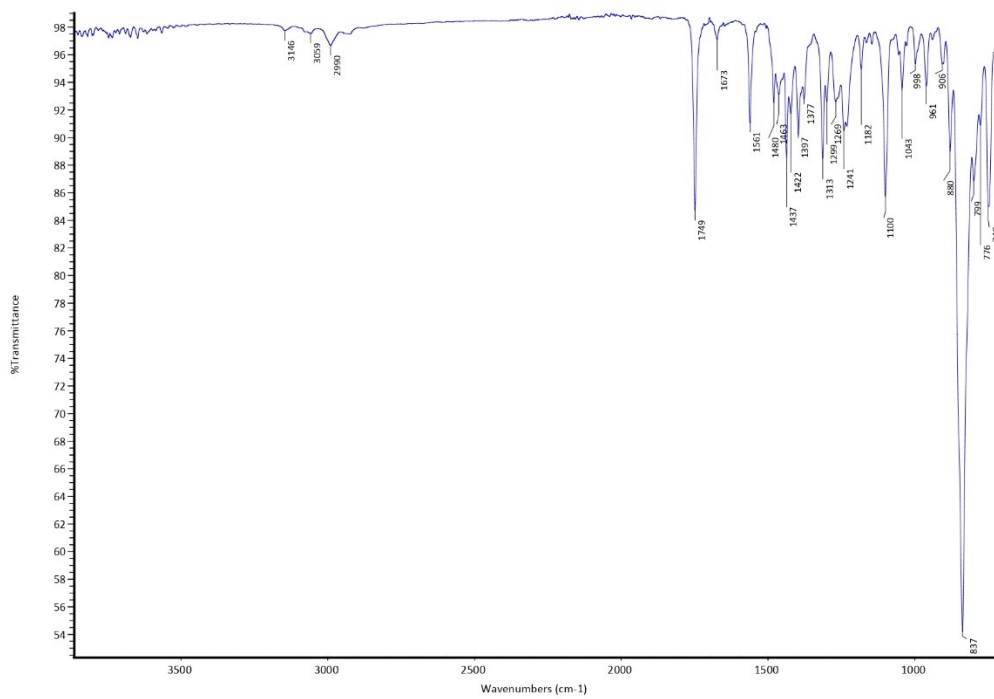
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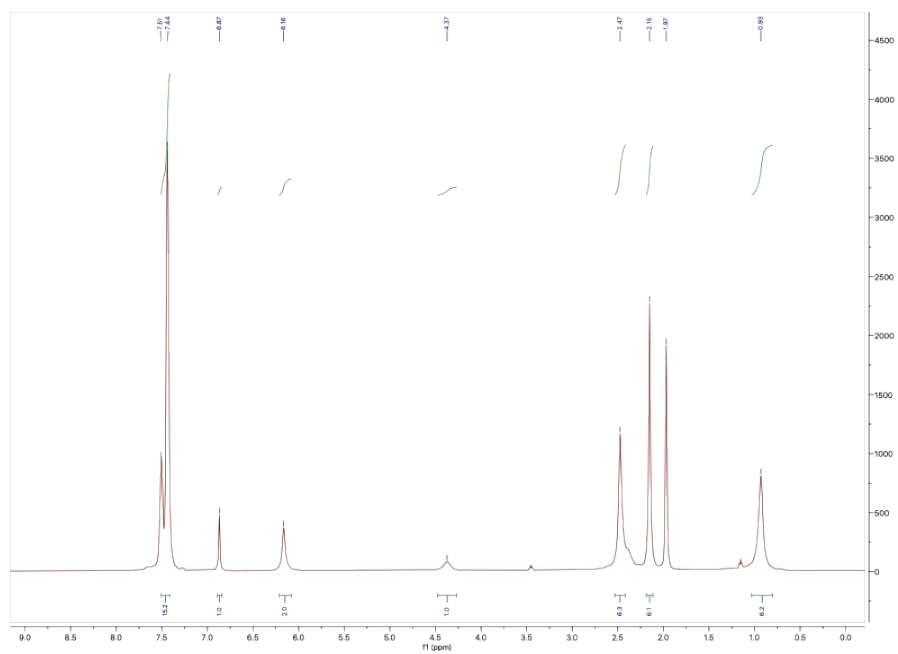
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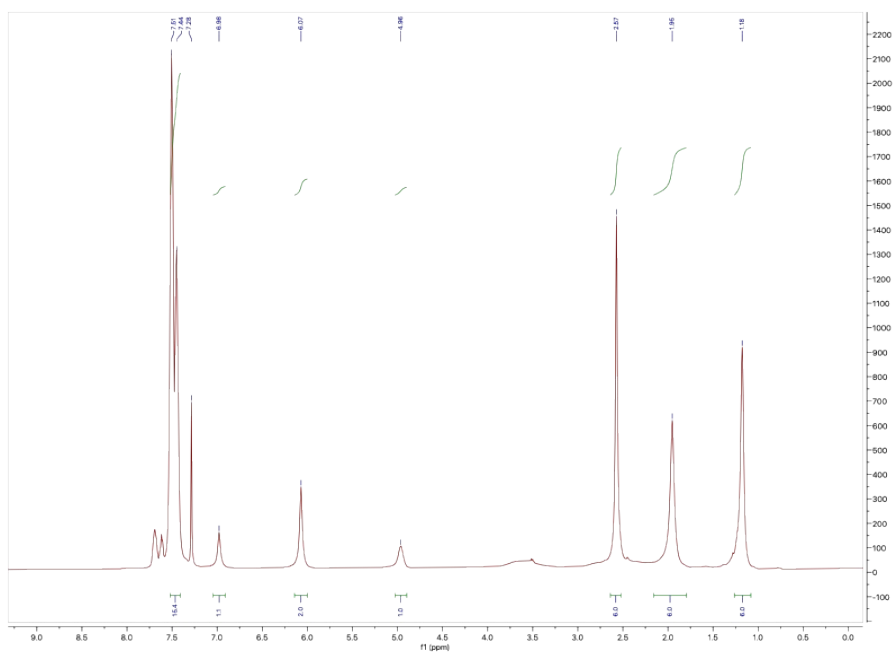
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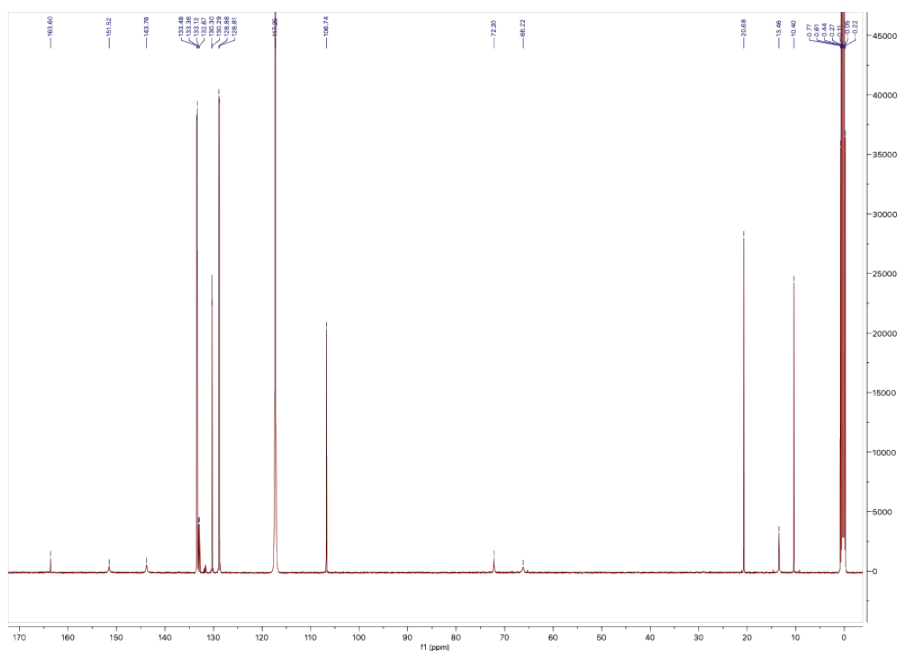
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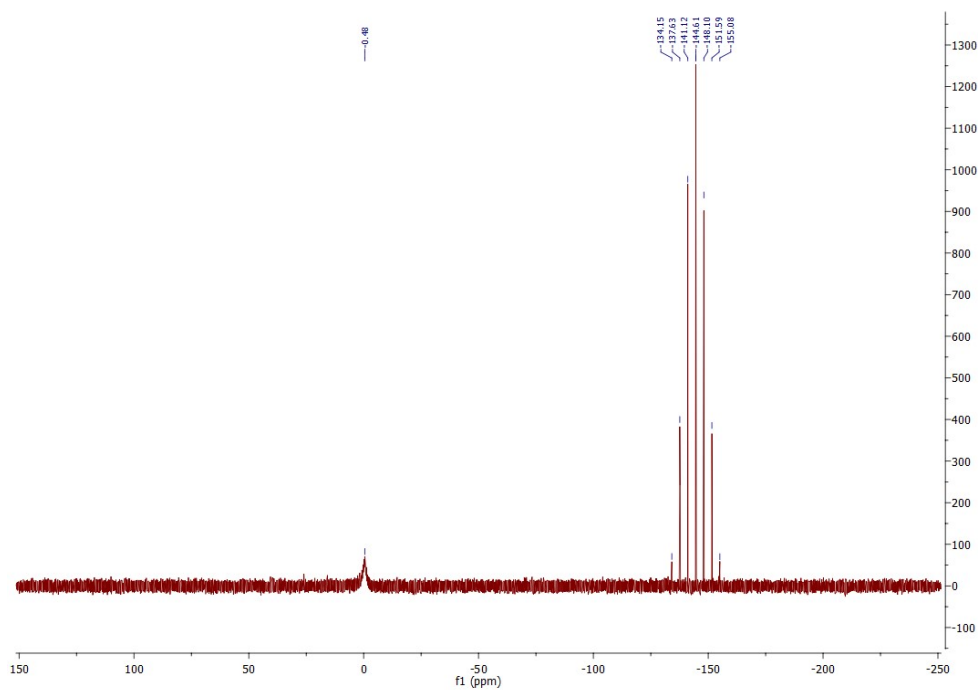


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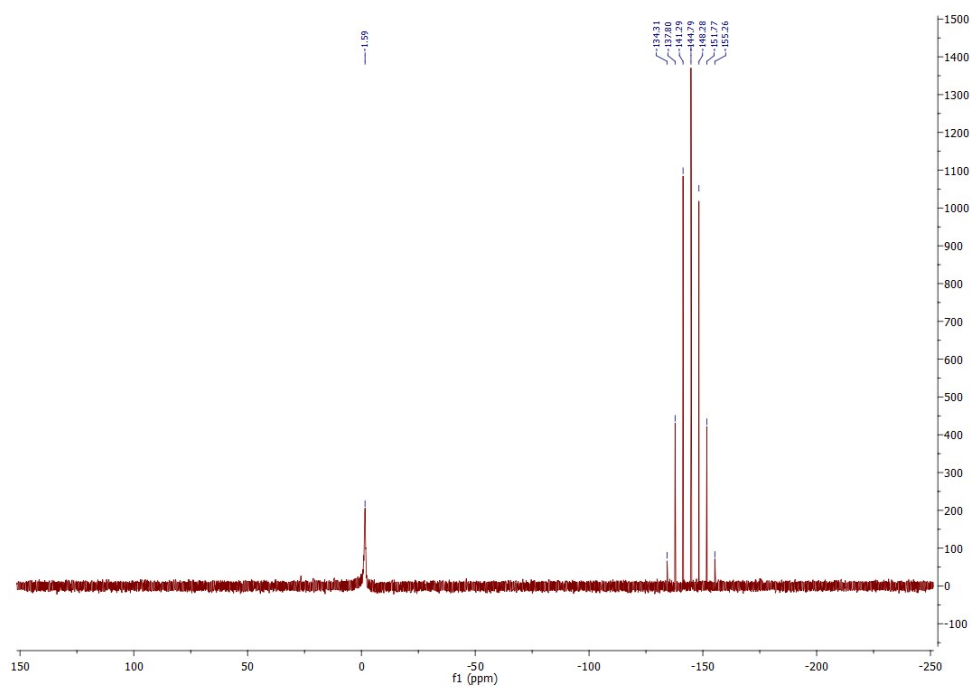


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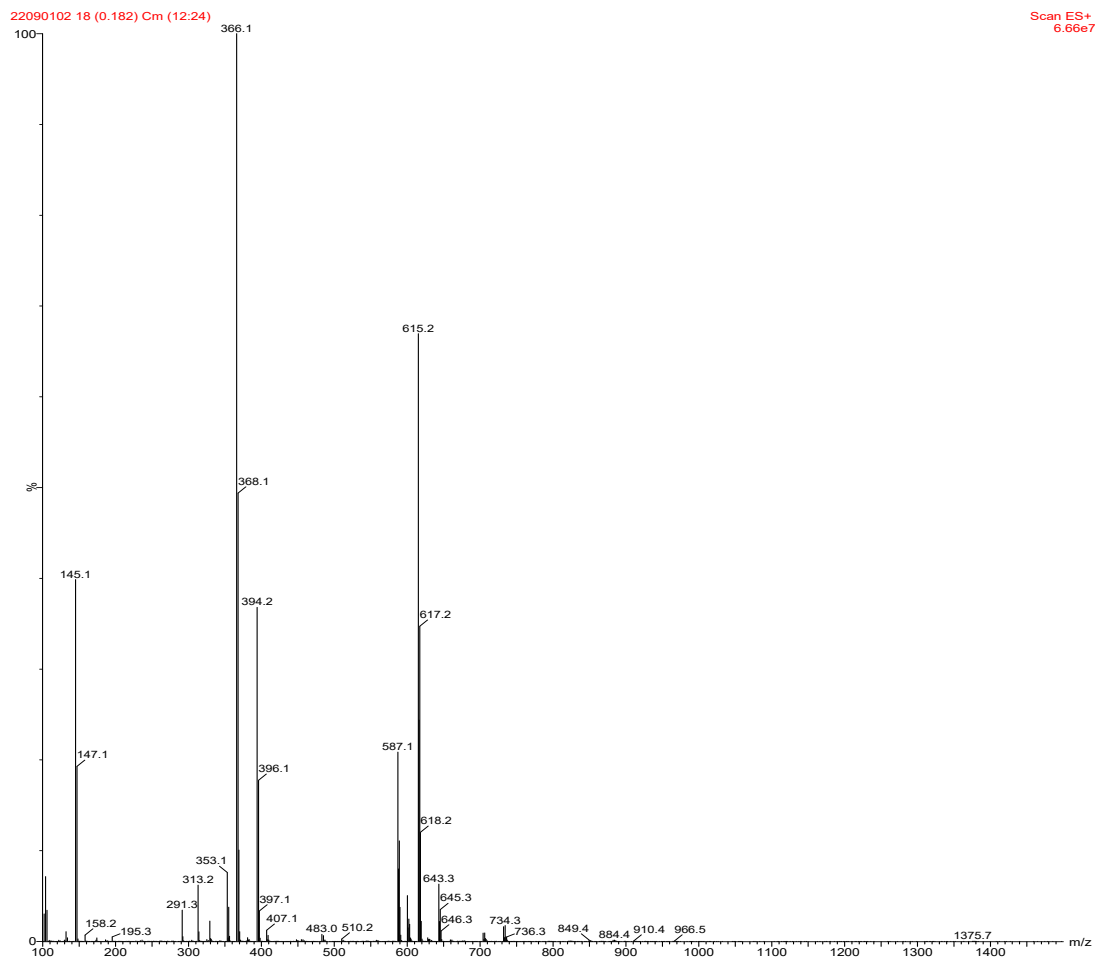


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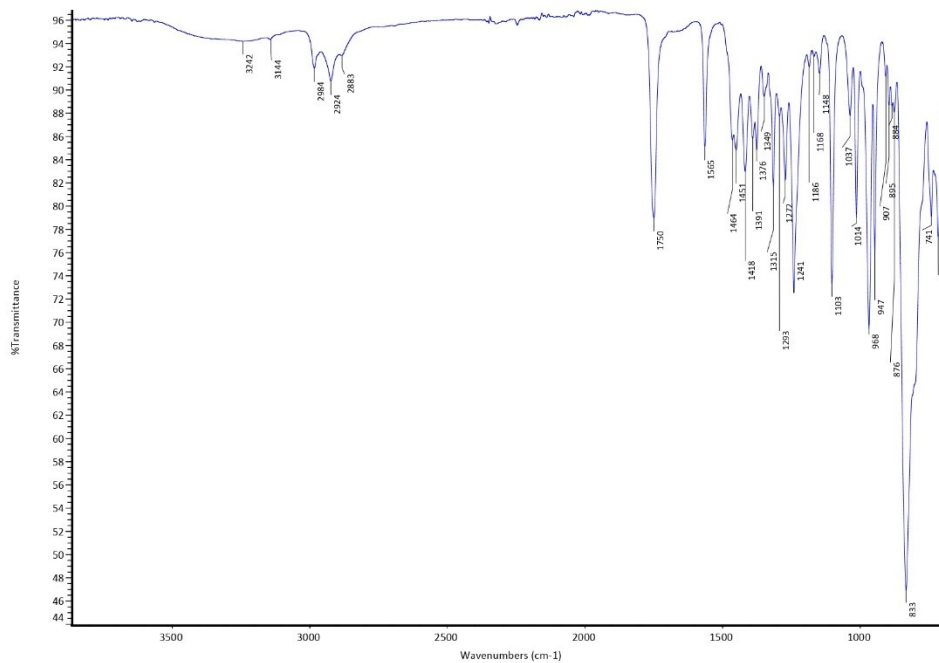
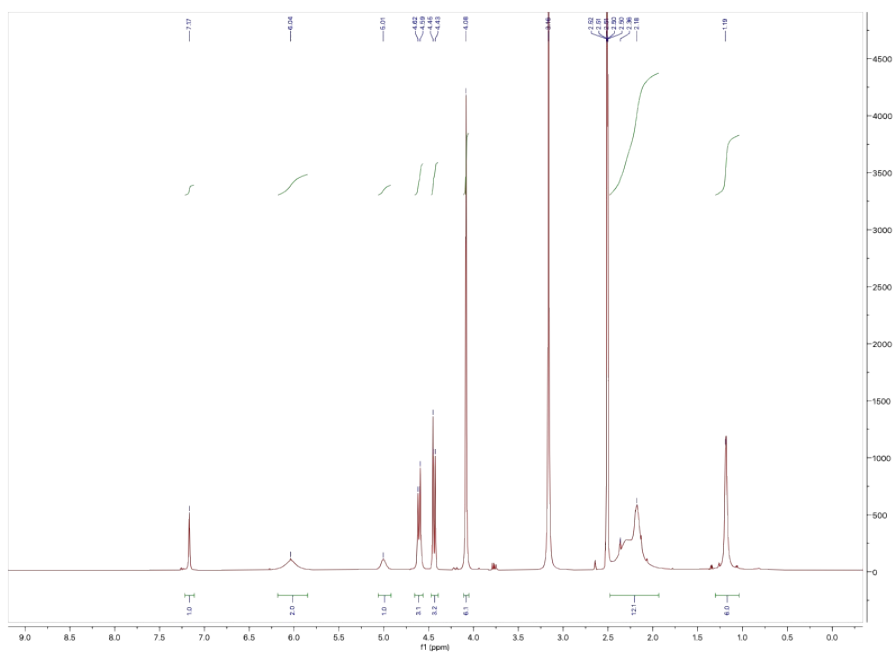
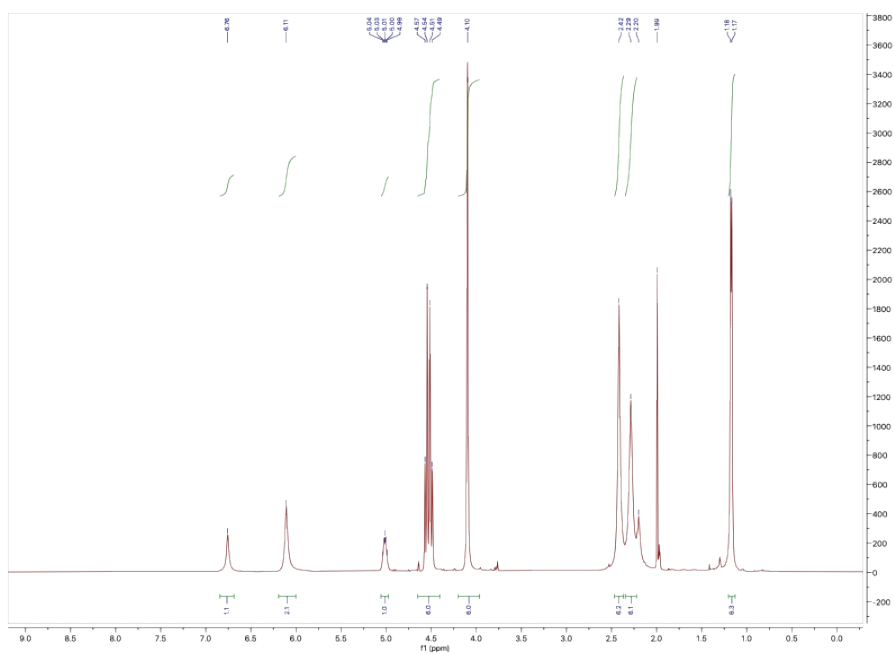


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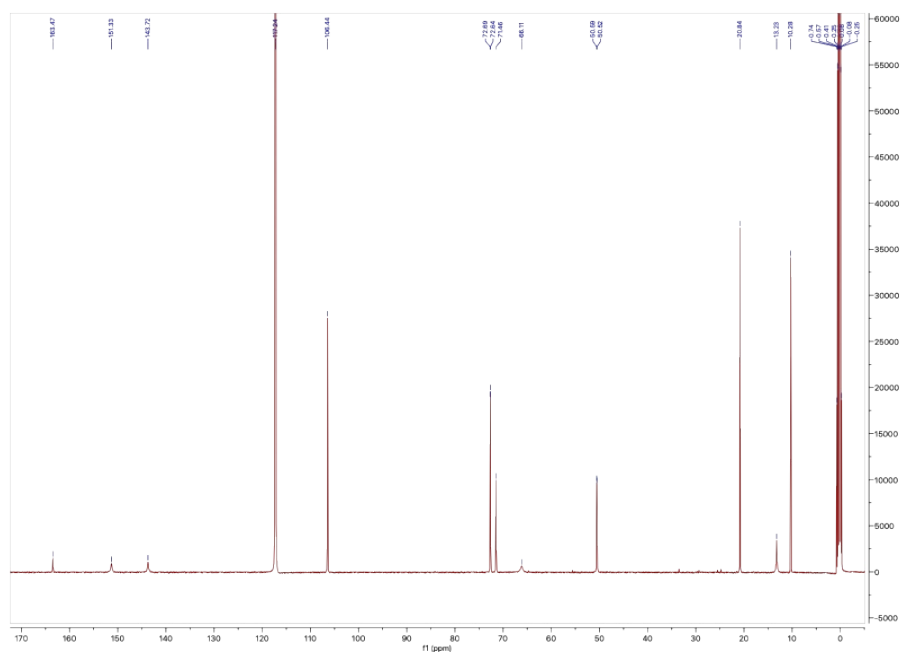




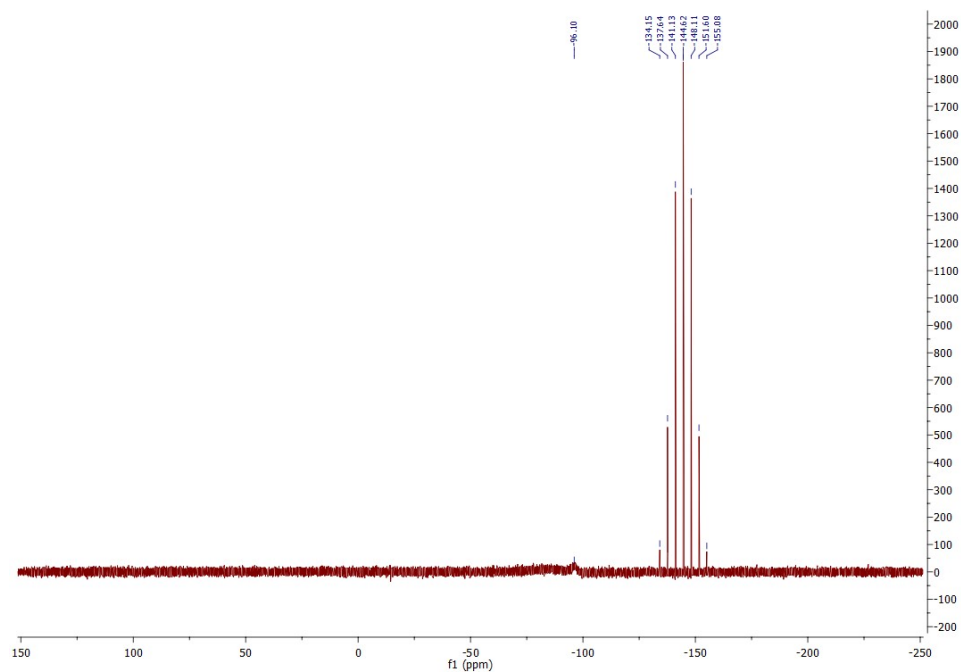
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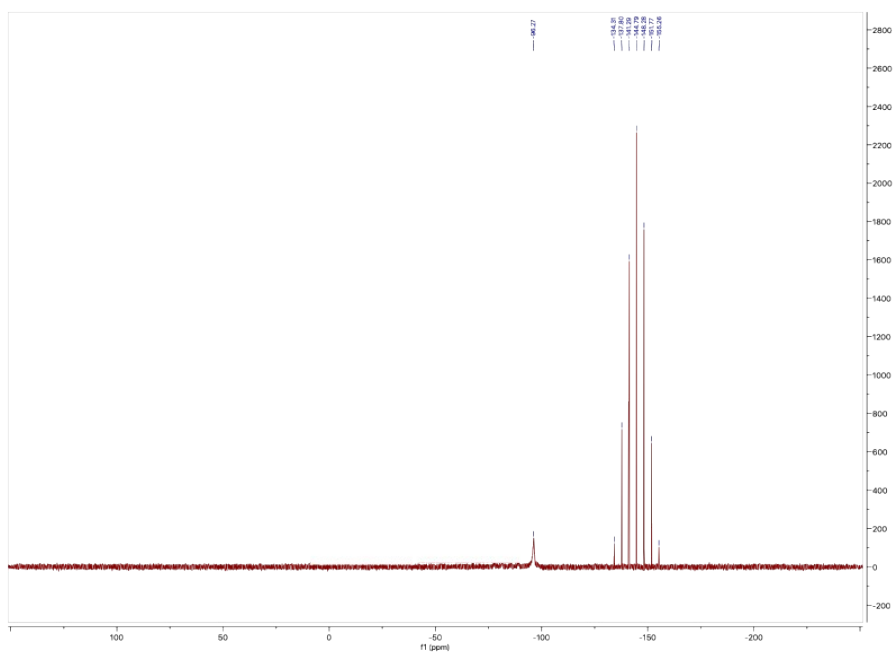
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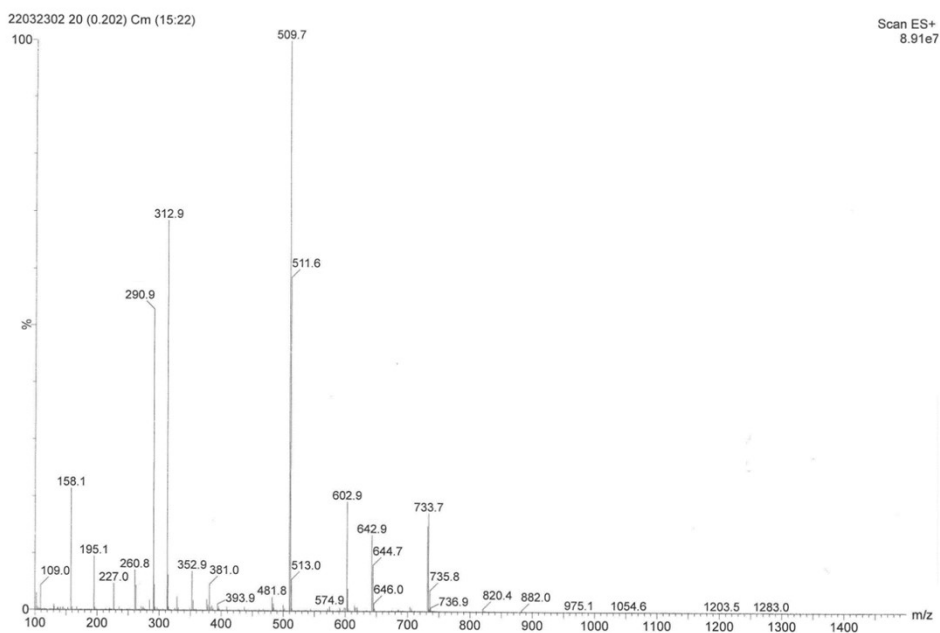
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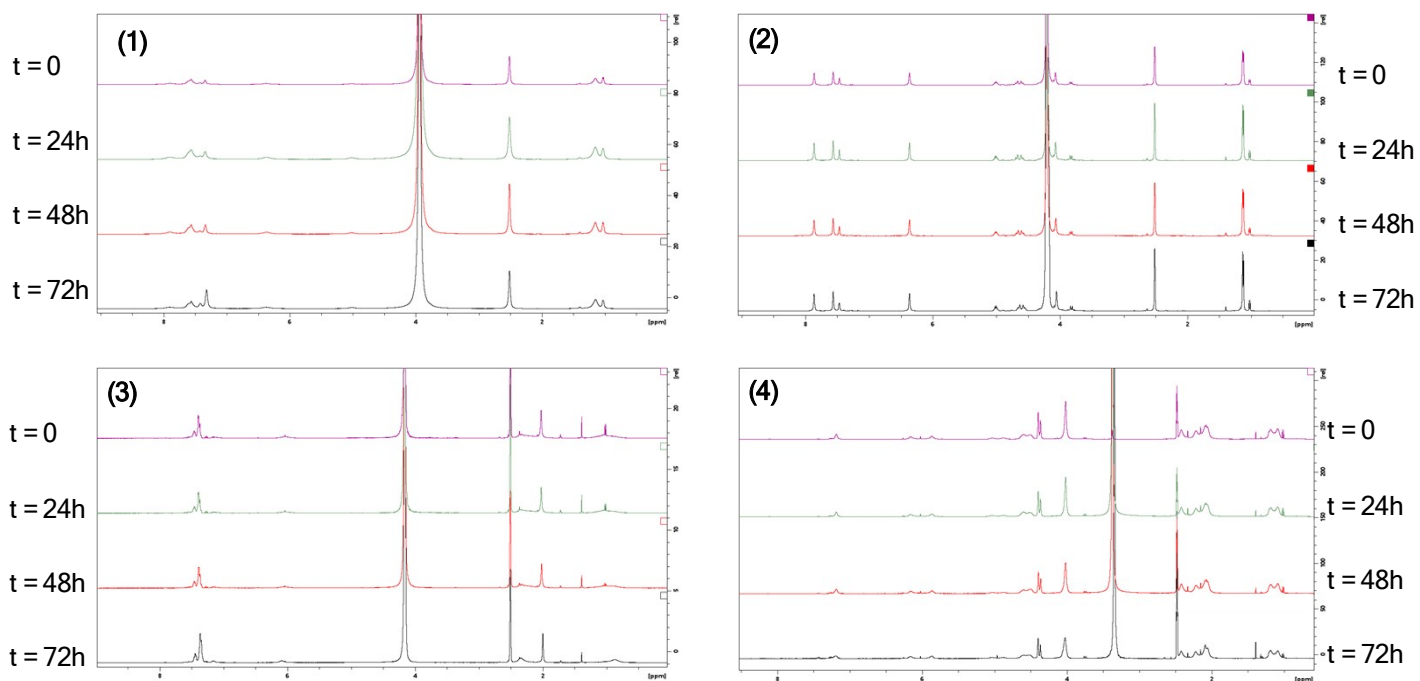
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**Figure S35.** Stability Studies. The stability of the new complexes **1-4** in 0.5% DMSO/saline solution was also evaluated by using  $^1\text{H-NMR}$ .

**Table S1.** XPS data (BE, FWHM, experimental and theoretical atomic ratios and proposed assignments) collected on complex **(3)**.

Sample	Signal	BE (eV)	FWHM (eV)	atomic ratios (exp.)	atomic ratios (theor.)	Assignment
<b>(3)</b>	C1s	284.70	1.6	11.3	26	C-C + C-P (C1)
		286.0	1.6	4.3	5	C-N (C2)
		287.6	1.6	1.2	1	C-O (C3) + imp.
		288.6	1.6	1	1	COOR (C4) + imp
	N1s	400.7	2.6	N/Cu_tot = 4.4	N/Cu_tot = 4	N-C amine-like
	P2p <sub>3/2</sub>	132.2	3.8			P-C P Ph <sub>3</sub> (P1)
		136.4	4.6			P-F PF <sub>6</sub> (P2)
	F1s	685.9	2.2			F-P PF <sub>6</sub>
	Cu2p <sub>3/2</sub>	932.8	2.5	1	1	Cu(I) complex
		935.3	2.5	0.1	0	Cu(II) Cu(OH) <sub>2</sub>
	O1s	531.6	1.80	1.7	1	O=C (+ impurities)
		532.5	1.80	1	1	O-C
		534.1	1.80			physisorbed H <sub>2</sub> O