

Supporting Information

A structural study of *N,N'*-bis-arylacylguanidines

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TOTAL ENERGY RESULTS

Total energy and Gibbs energy (a.u.) calculated at the B3LYP/6-31+G(d,p) computational level for the experimentally observed tautomers of guanidines **1**, **2** and **3**.

Compound	Isomer	E _{Total} (a.u.)	Gibbs E (a.u.)
1	ar1.Z	-1013.3812779	-1013.0705969
	ac.Z	-1013.3782468	-1013.0676218
2	ar1.Z	-1029.4332883	-1029.1329853
	ac.Z	-1029.4313848	-1029.1303748
3^a	ac.E	-1711.5099586	-1711.2561226
	ar2.Z	-1711.2533452	-1711.2533452
	ar1.Z	-1711.5086628	-1711.2531378
	ac.Z	-1711.5041794	-1711.2497424

^aA simplified model of compound **3** was used for the computational studies (see Figure 5)

GENERAL INFORMATION

All the commercial chemicals were obtained from usual suppliers and were used without further purification. Dry solvents were prepared using standard procedures, according to Vogel, with distillation prior to use. Chromatographic columns were run using a flash purification system with silica cartridges. Solvents for synthesis purposes were used at GPR grade. Analytical TLC was performed using silica gel plates or aluminium oxide plates. Visualisation was by UV light (254 nm). NMR spectra were recorded in a spectrometer operating at 400.13 MHz and 600.1 MHz for ¹H-NMR; 100.6 MHz and 150.9 MHz for ¹³C NMR. Shifts are referenced to the internal solvent signals. HRMS spectra were measured using methanol as carrier solvent. Melting points are uncorrected.

CARTESIAN COORDINATES OF THE OPTIMISED STRUCTURES AT B3LYP/6-31+G** LEVEL

N,N'-bis-phenyl-*N''*-(*tert*-butoxycarbonyl)-guanidine (1)

1.ar1.Z

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C,-0.89635800,5.03024400,0.09060600
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1.ac.Z

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H,5.66106000,-1.71058500,-1.28017500

N-(*Pyridin-2-yl*)-*N'*-(*phenyl*)-*N''*-(*tert-butoxycarbonyl*)-*guanidine* (**2**)

2.ar1.Z

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C,0.3726212001,-1.2983403614,-0.0424985042
C,1.6007112183,-1.9377627388,-0.077062227
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C,-3.1914955307,-1.8976030213,0.1653710459
N,-4.323615159,-1.1394022208,0.1899381546
N,-3.3966486886,-3.2830004267,0.2367226188
C,-4.5814021857,-3.9752097323,0.3298144112
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O,-5.6998464296,-3.466937338,0.3650554448
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2.ac.Z

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***N*-(*tert*-butoxy)-*N'*-(4-chloro-3-trifluoromethyl)-*N''*-(4-methylaminophenyl)-guanidine
(Simplified model of compound 3).**

3'.ac.E

0,1
N,-4.94315700,-3.33586100,0.32390100
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N,-2.45799200,1.72368200,0.04462700
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Cl,5.58490800,-0.03397800,-0.06349100
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C,-0.59725900,5.59539700,-0.14247300
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3'.ar1.Z

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H,-0.67723400,-1.48236000,-2.55052600
C,-3.62869000,-1.34964500,-0.85614500
H,-3.04572100,-2.21064100,-2.73239700
Cl,-5.28205200,-1.90018900,-1.05463100
C,-4.15147600,-0.29551700,1.40705200
F,-3.52669700,0.39490600,2.39538900
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F,-4.68444100,-1.39792100,1.98434100

3'.ac.Z

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C,3.56111800,-0.30937900,0.13555400
C,3.37882700,-1.33743500,-0.80470500
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C,1.19113400,-0.45376400,-1.35600600
Cl,4.59753300,-2.55768800,-1.10213600
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C,-2.33544900,4.87444400,-0.28707400
H,0.67114900,2.56607800,-0.13368200
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F,5.03963400,-1.28224100,1.72879700
F,4.78007300,0.87487300,1.79622800
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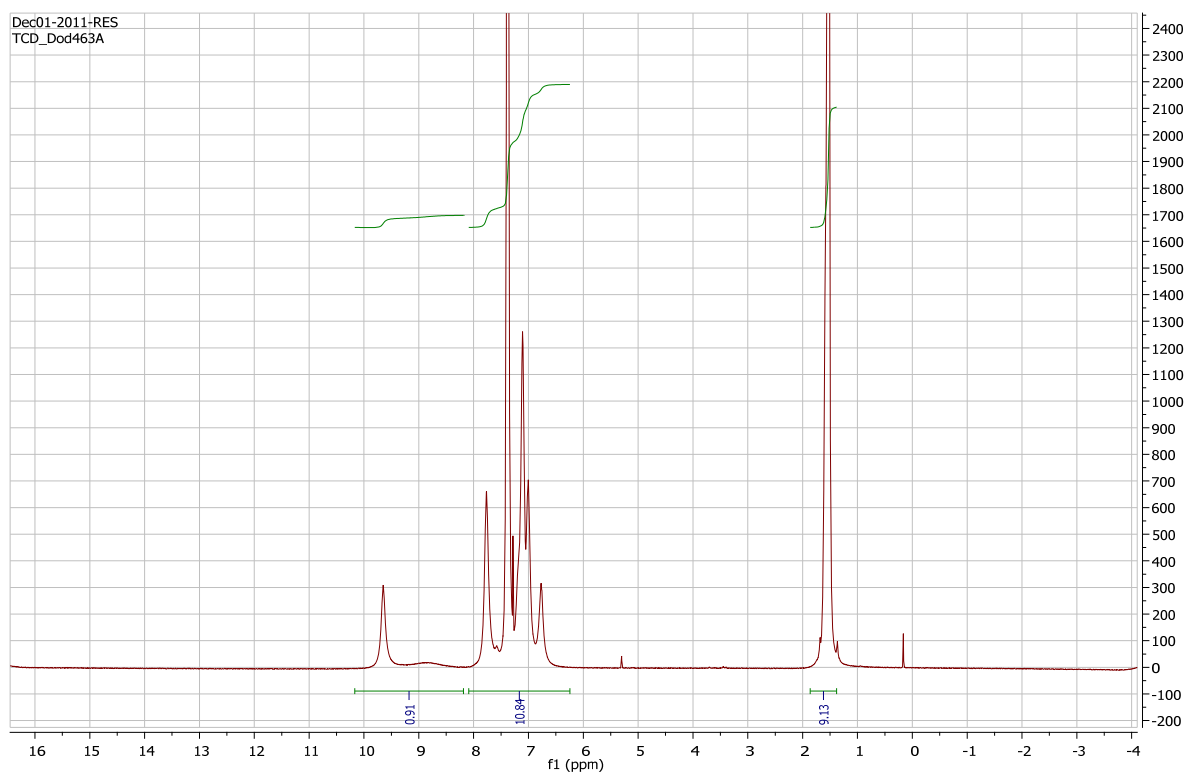
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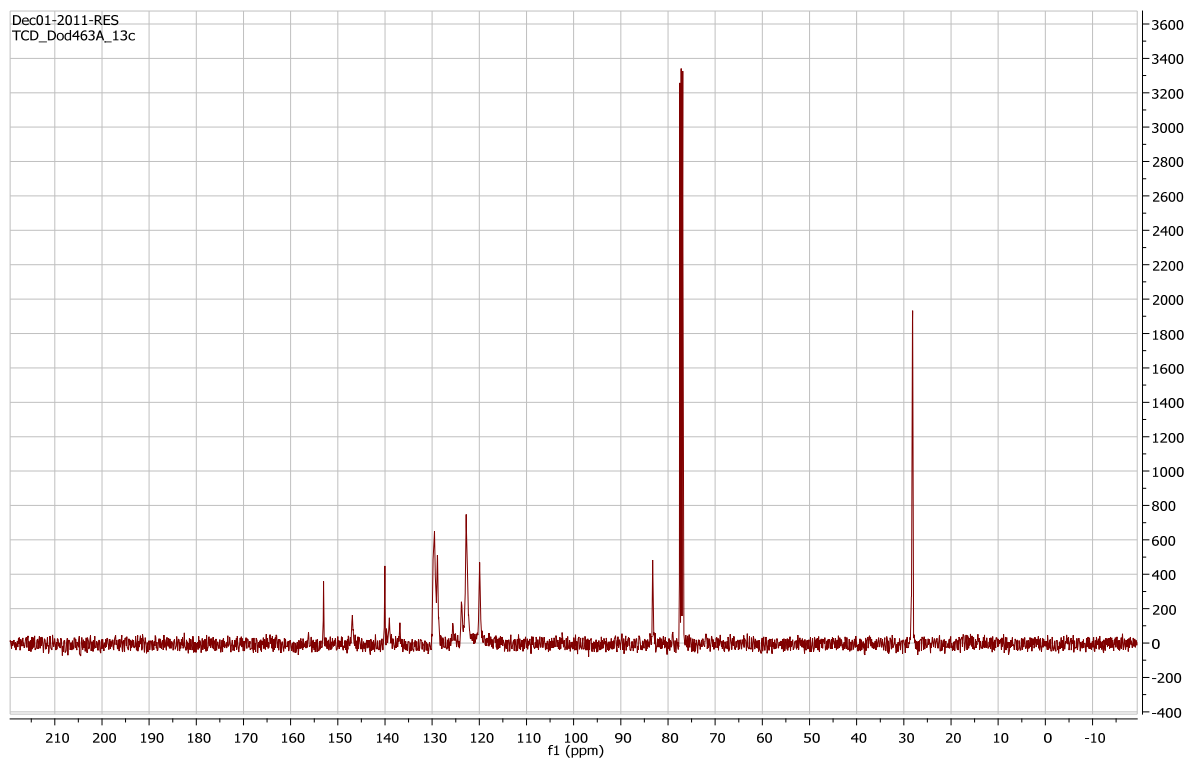
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NMR SPECTRA

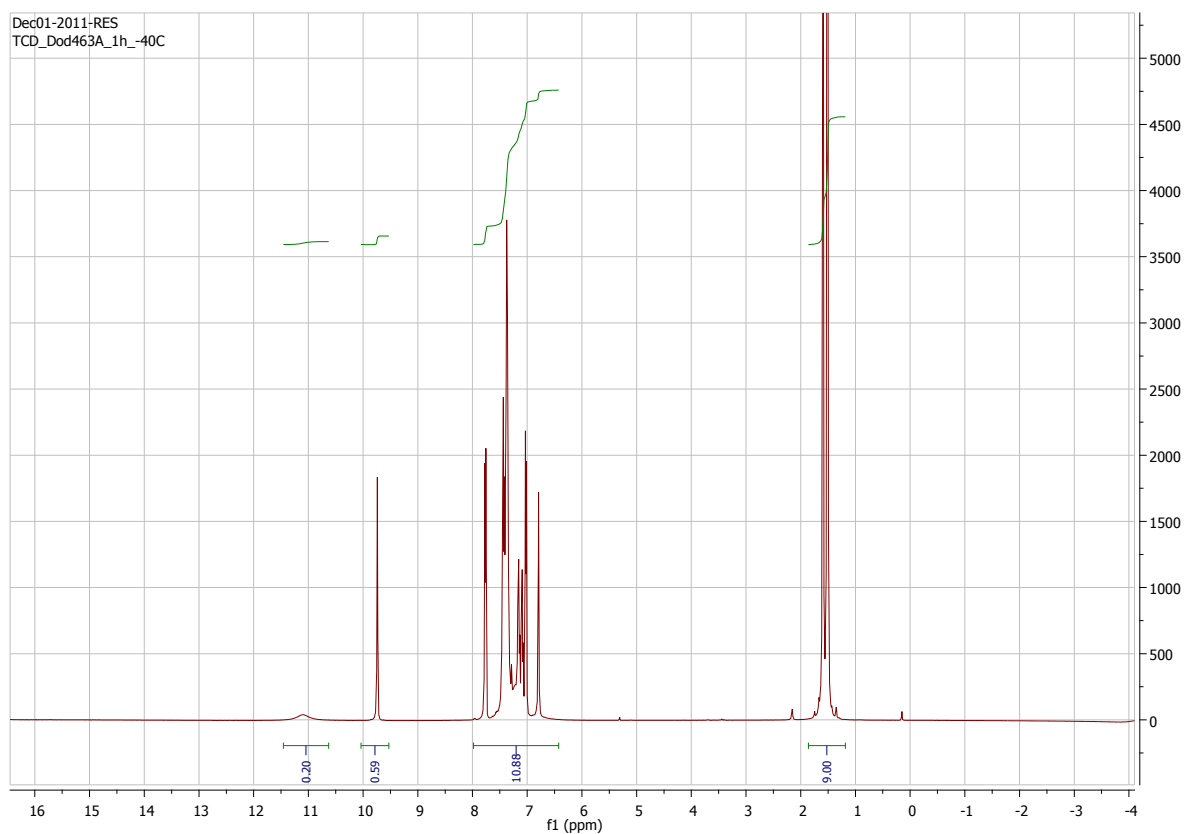
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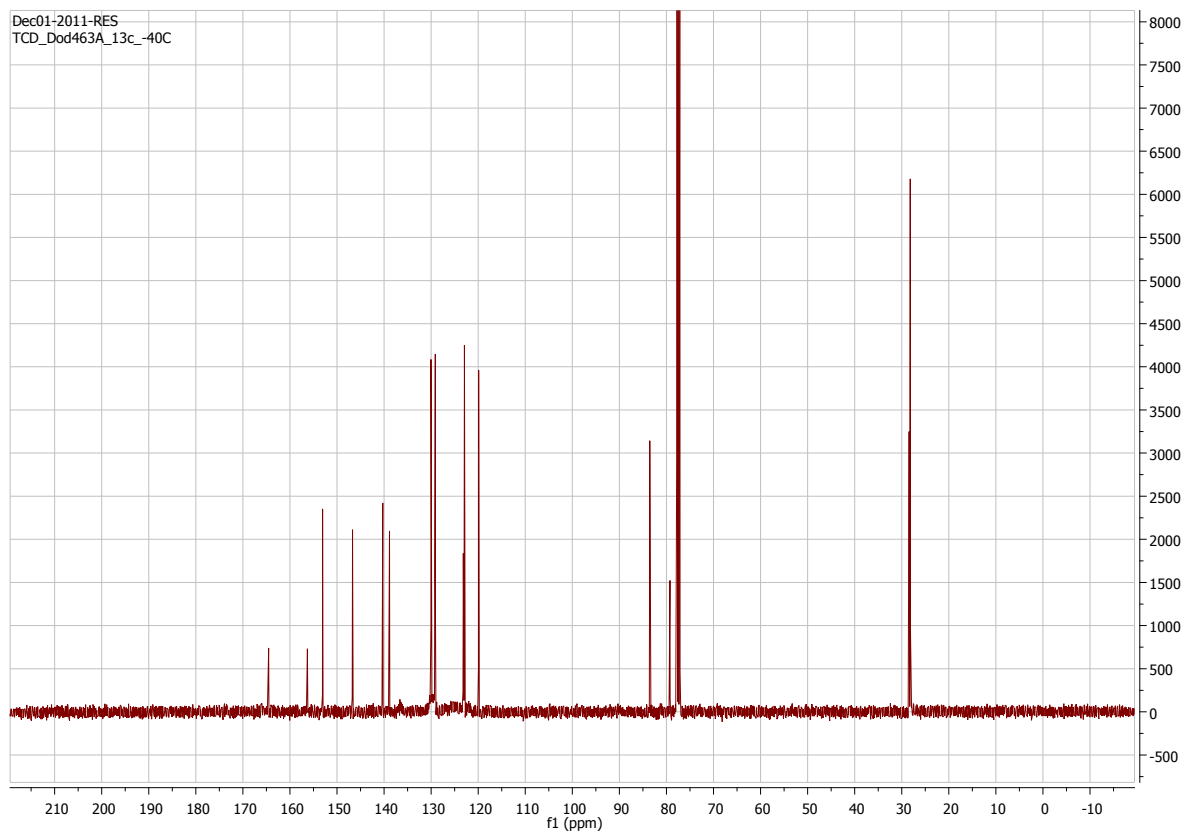
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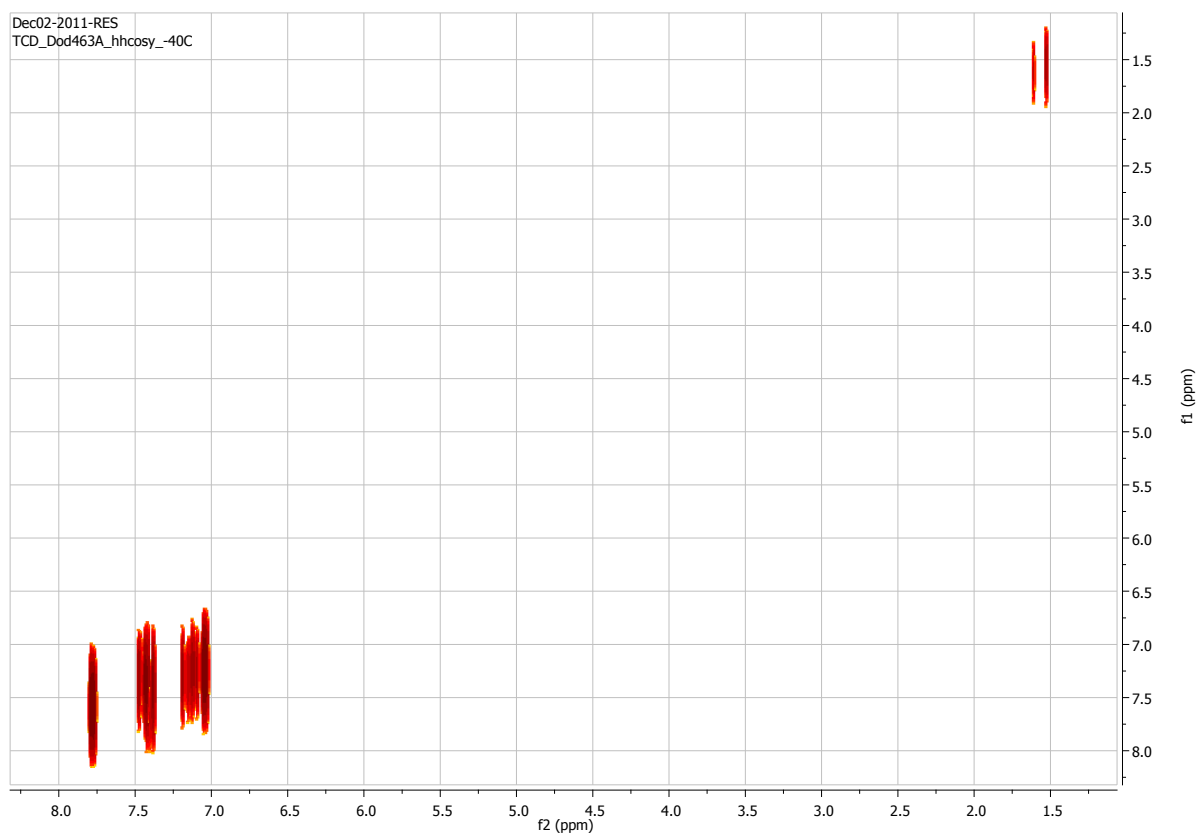
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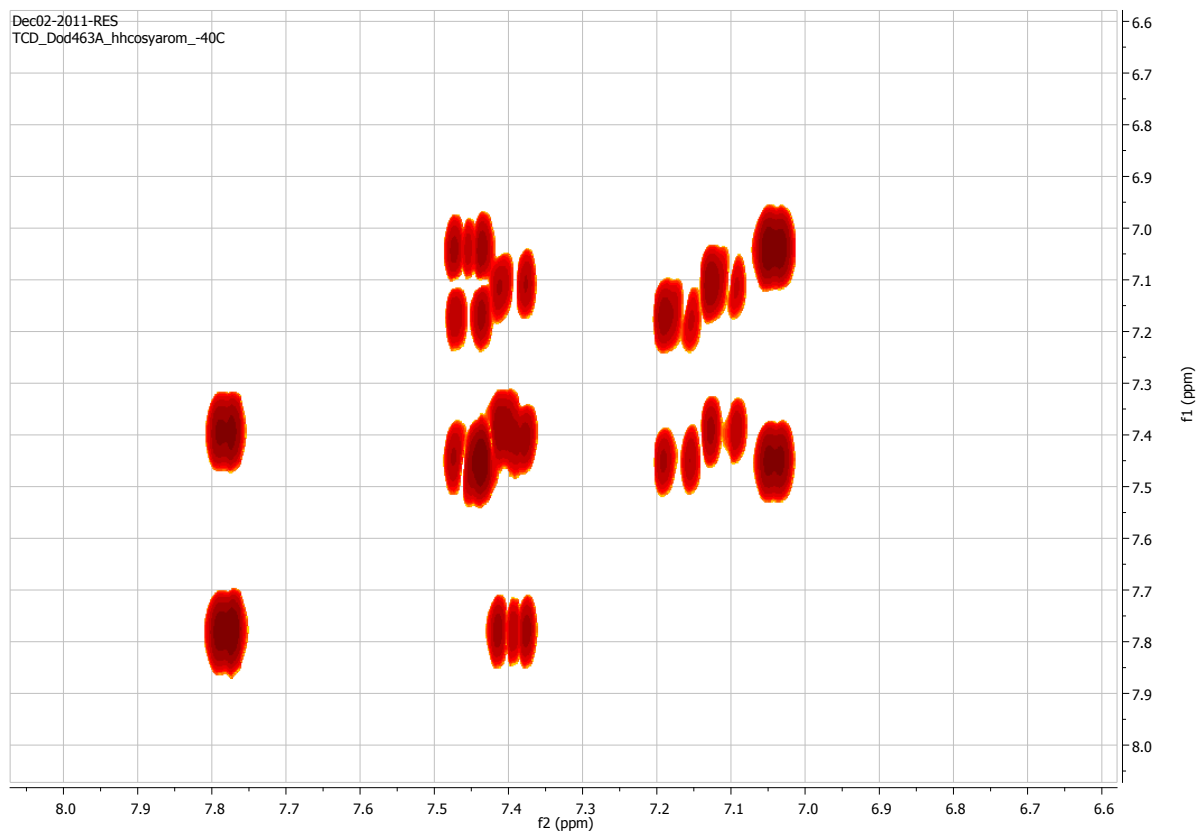
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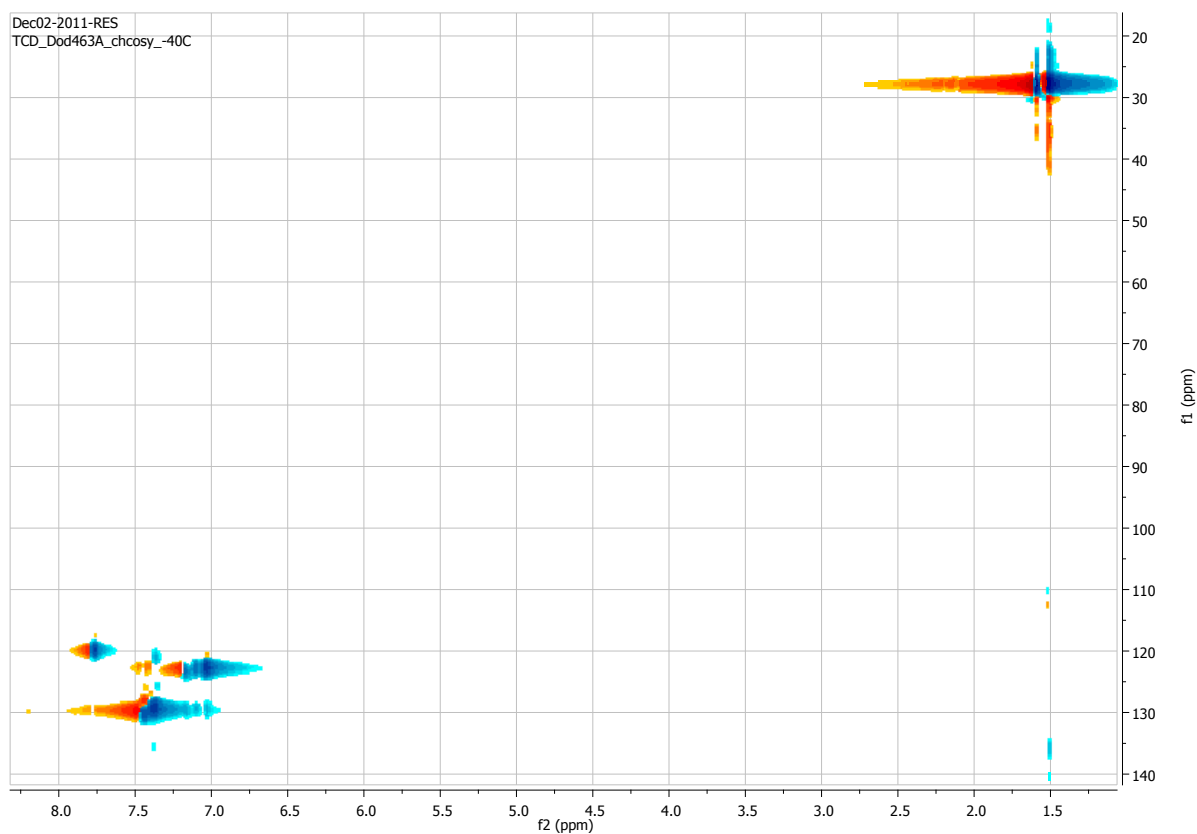
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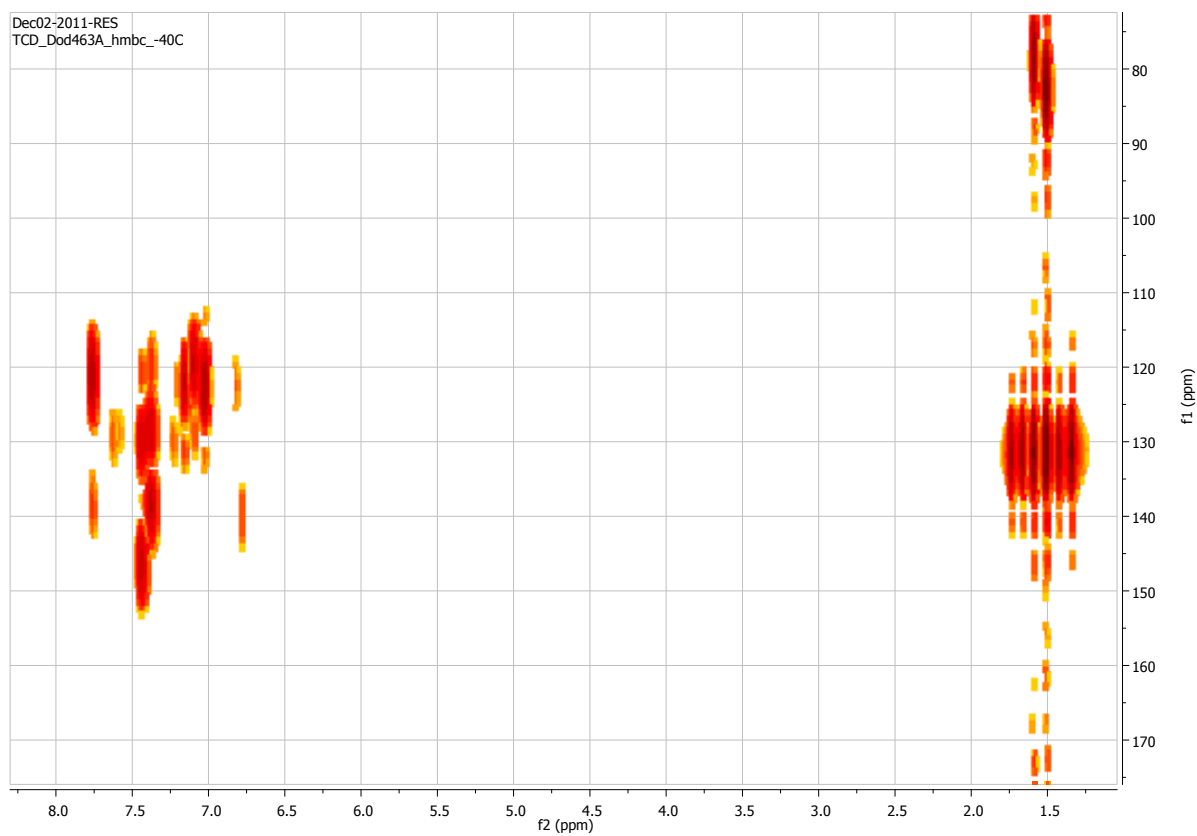
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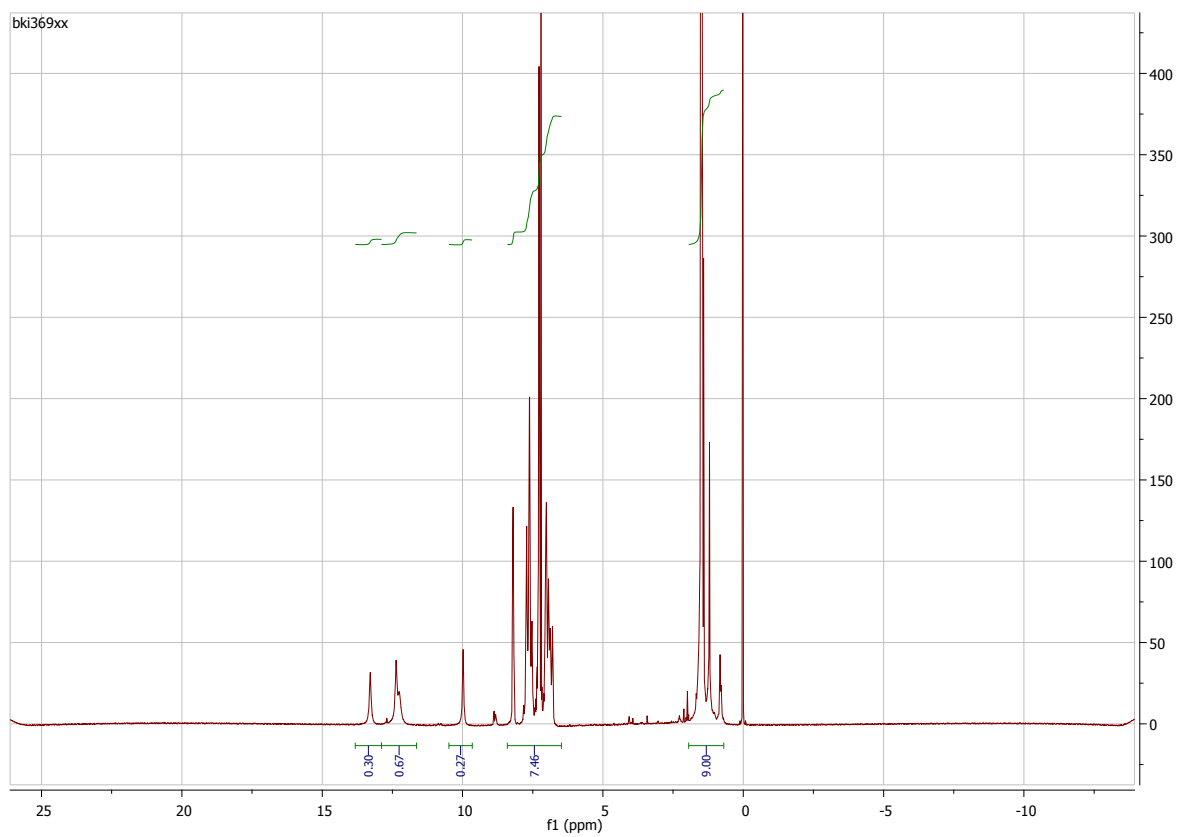
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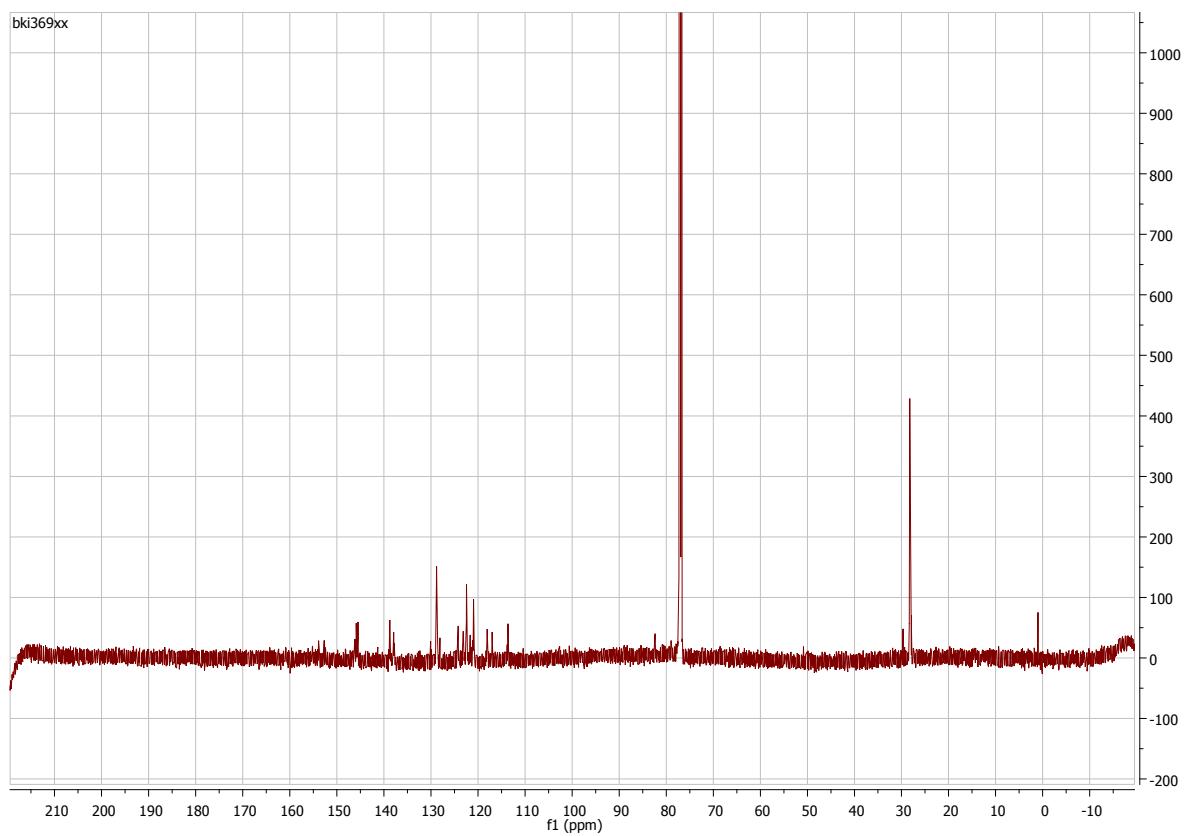
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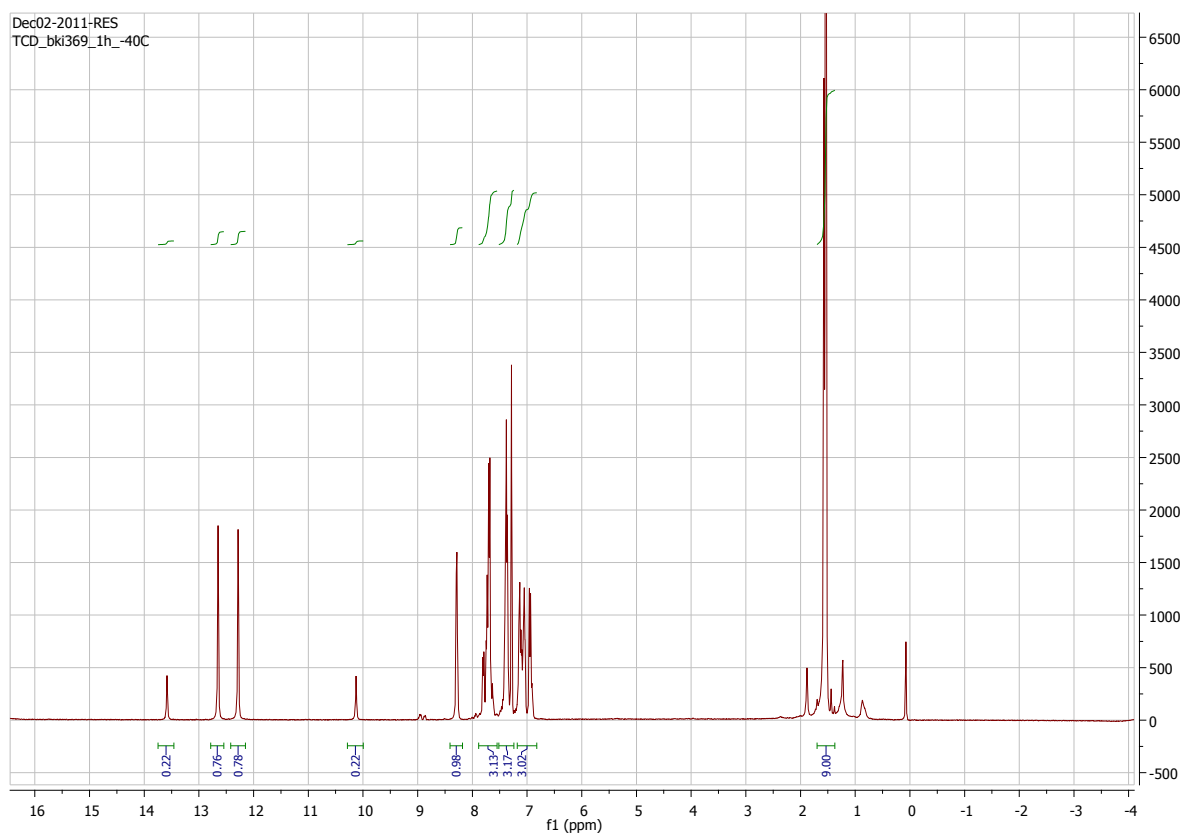
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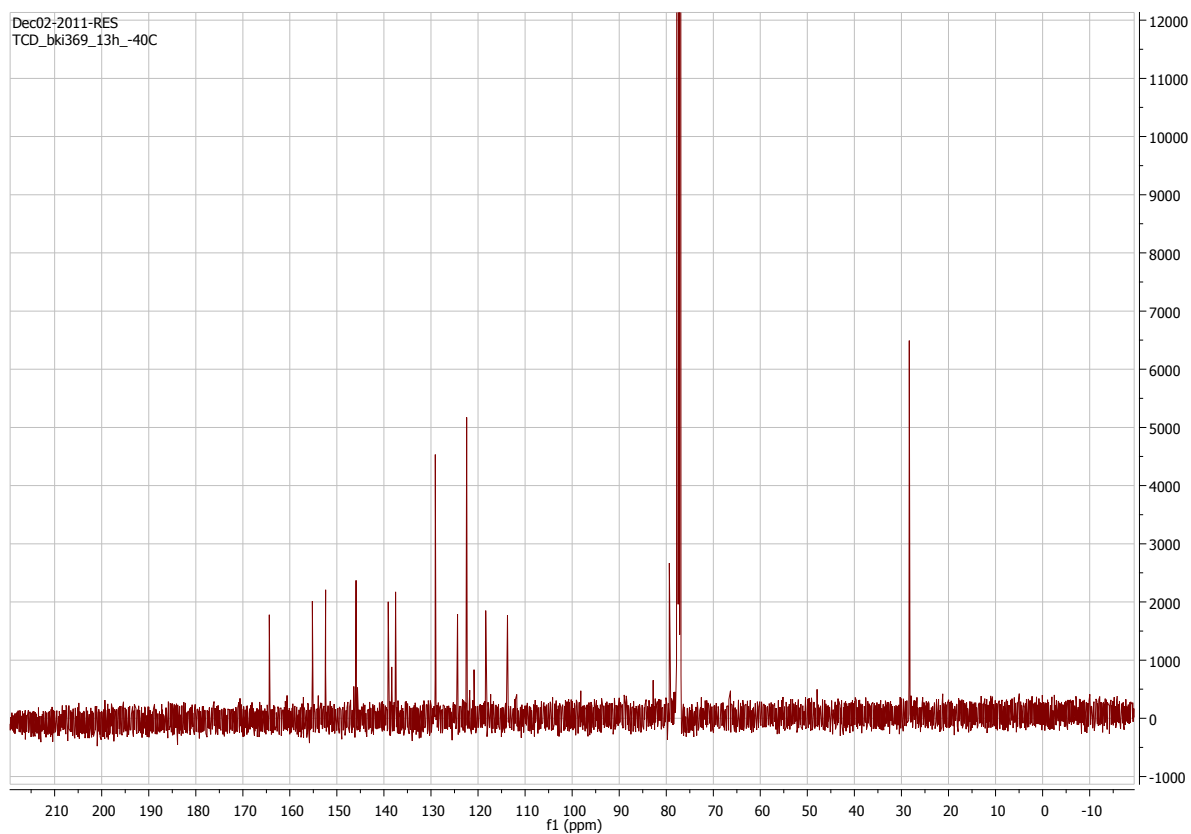
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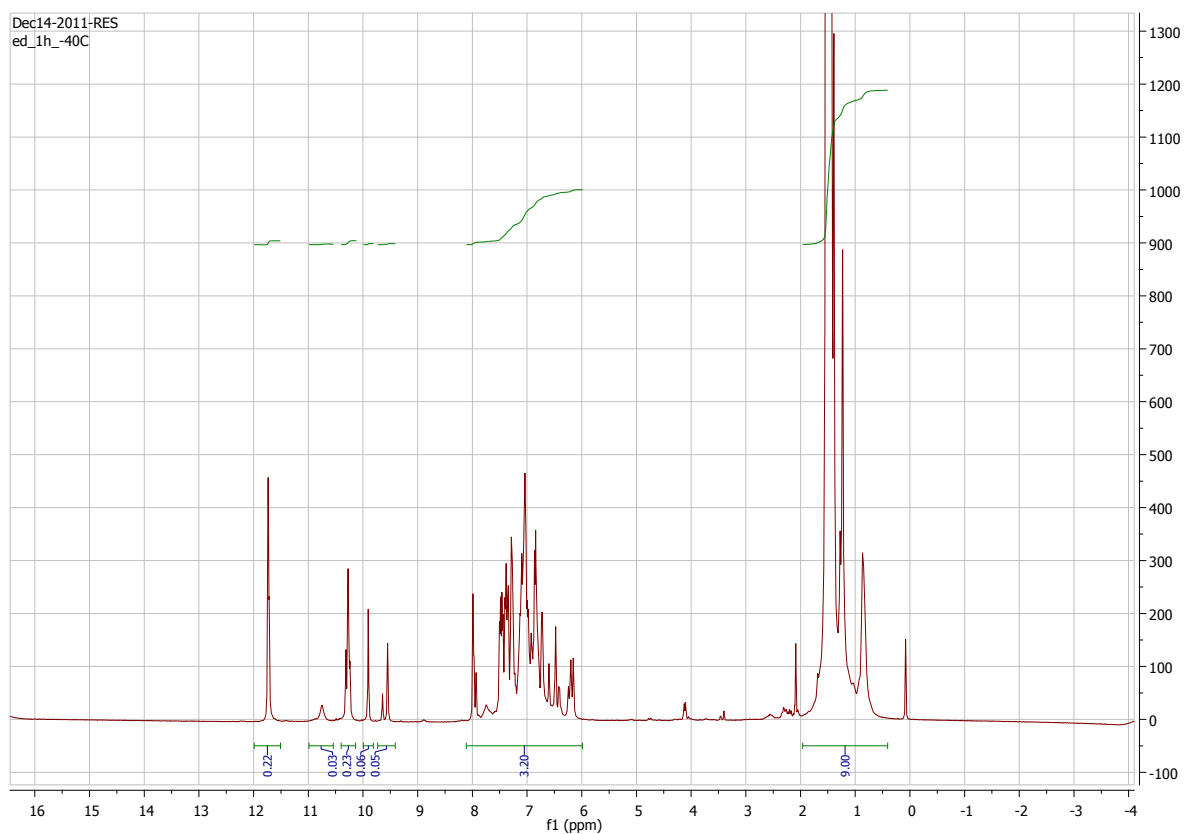
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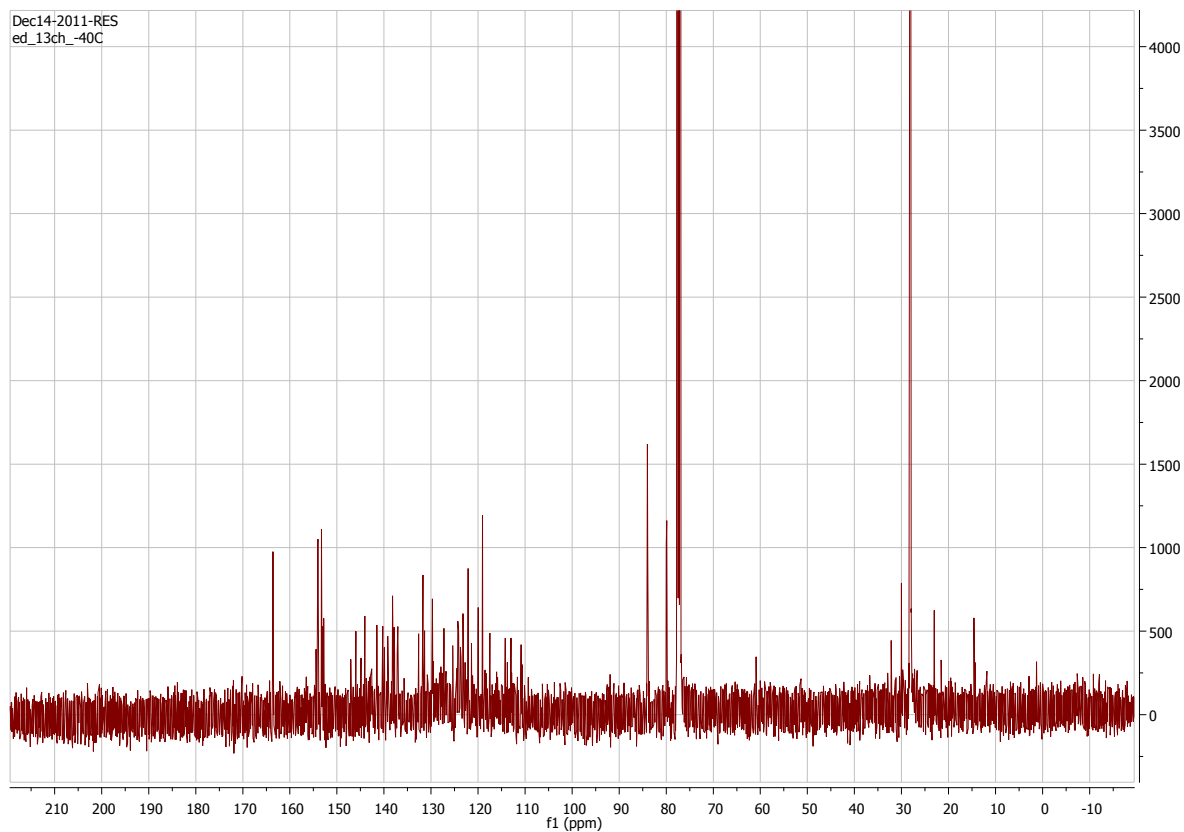
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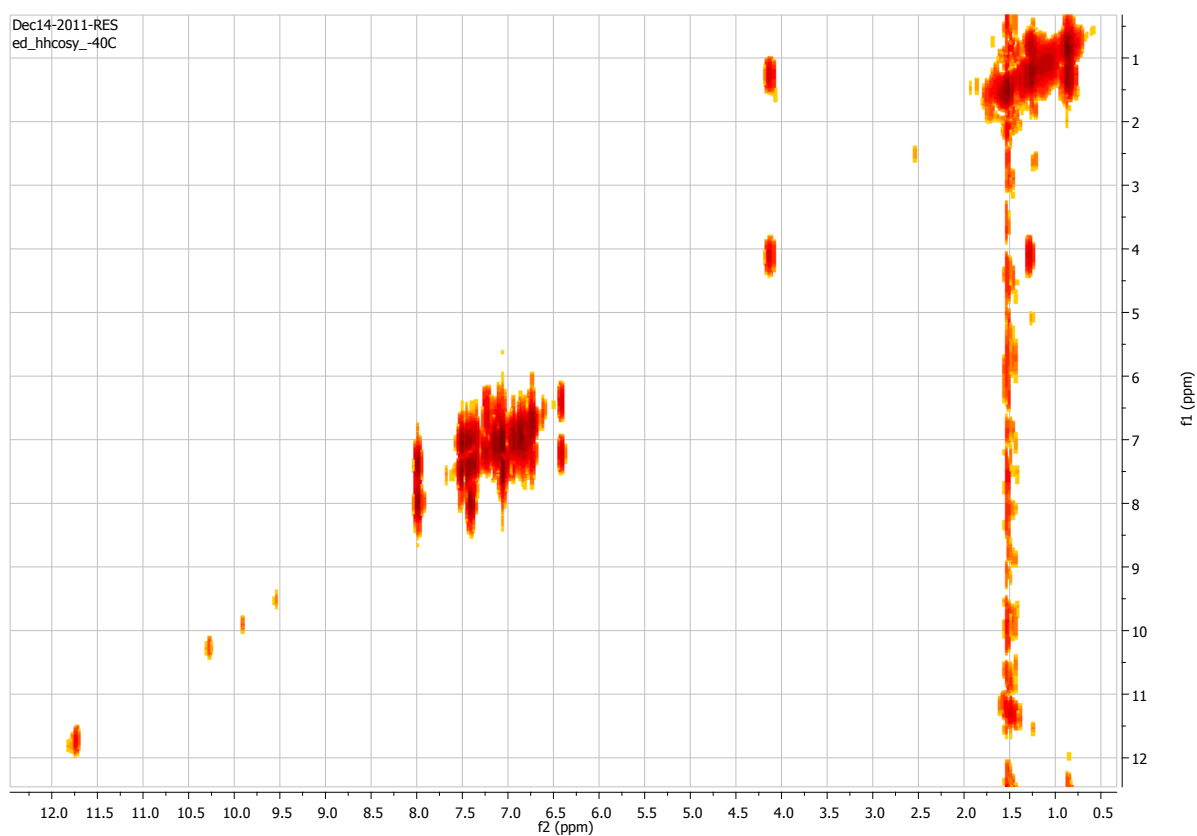
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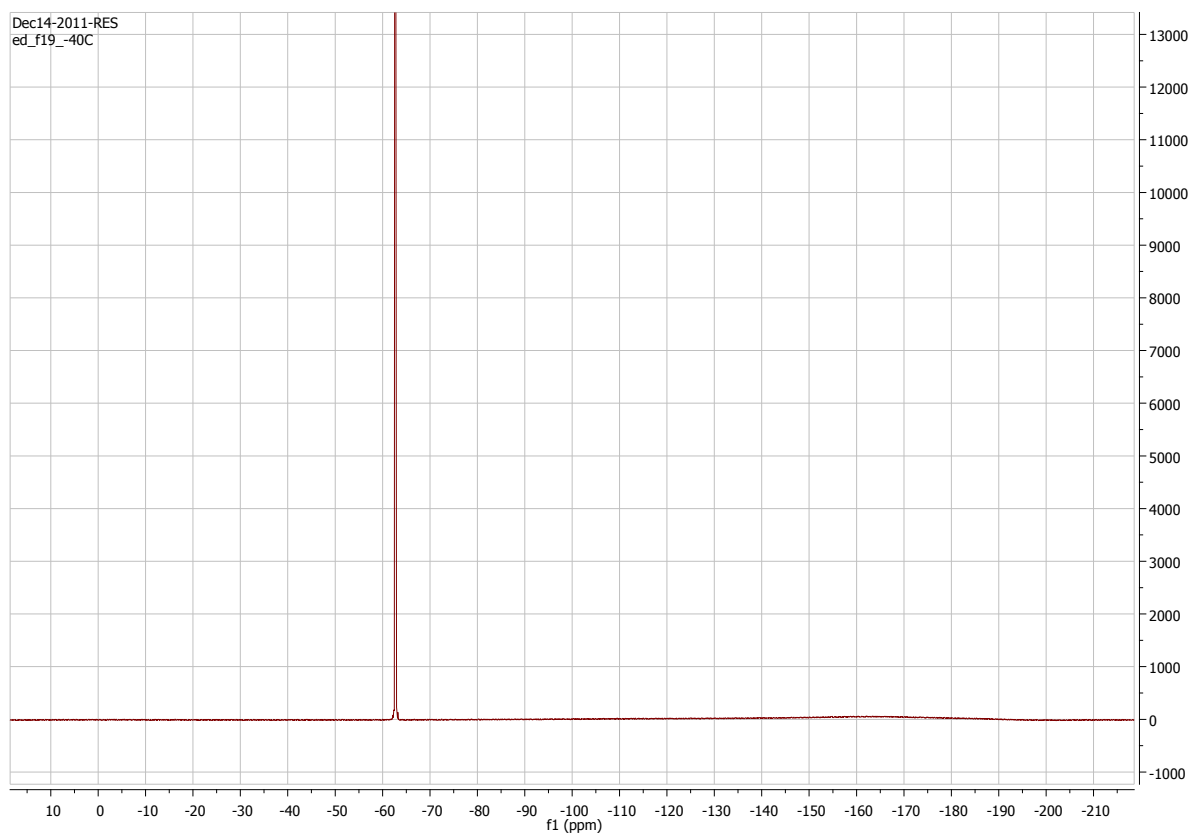
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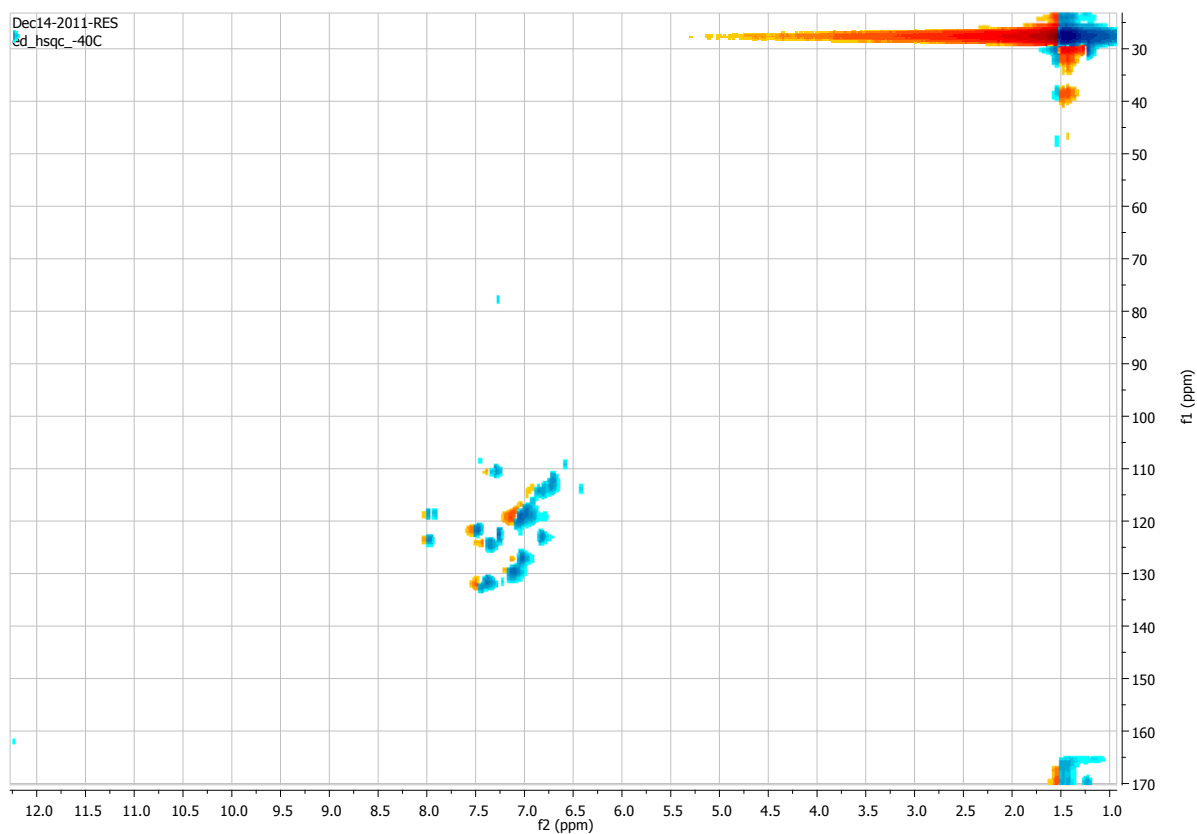
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¹⁹F NMR, -40 °C, 376 MHz, CDCl₃



HSQC, -40 °C, 400 MHz, CDCl₃



HMBC, -40 °C, 400 MHz, CDCl₃

