

## Supporting Information

### **8-Aza-2'-deoxyguanosine: Base Pairing, Mismatch Discrimination and Nucleobase Anion Fluorescence Sensing in Single-Stranded and Duplex DNA**

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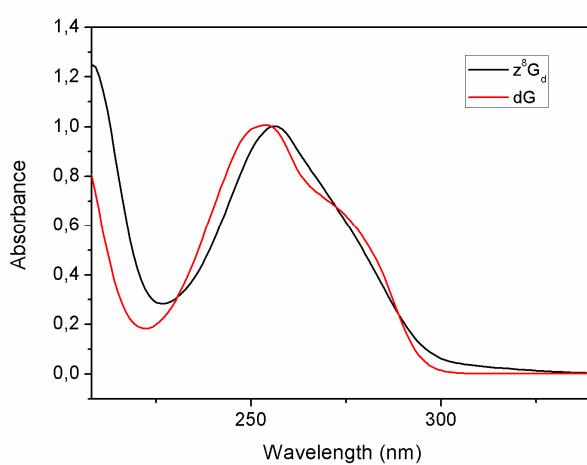
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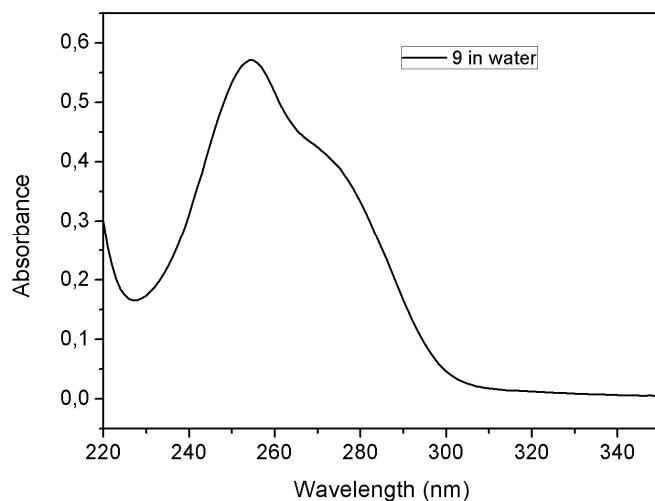
**Table S1** Fluorescence excitation and emission wavelengths at different pH values utilized for the determination of the  $pK_a$  value.

pH value	Excitation wavelength [nm]	Emission wavelength [nm]
4.4	254	346
5.2	255	346
5.8	256	347
6.3	272	351
7.1	277	358
8.0	277	359
8.4	277	359
8.7	278	359
9.3	278	358
9.8	278	358
10.2	278	359
10.8	278	359



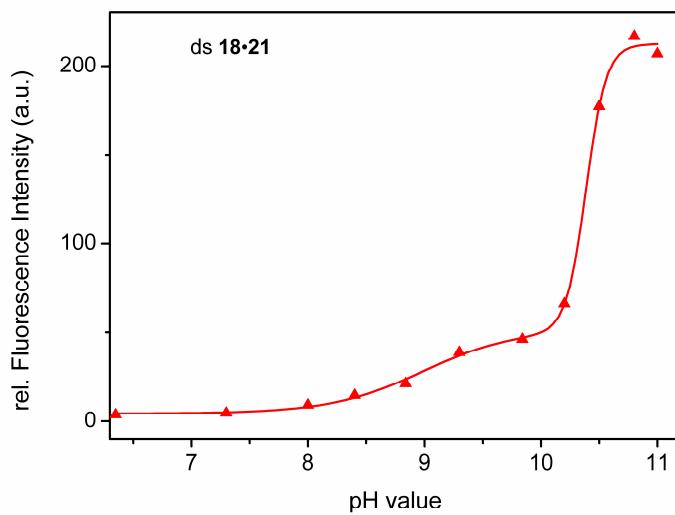
**Figure S2** UV spectra of dG and nucleoside **9**, measured in MeOH (at identical concentrations).

Extinction coefficients: dG  $\epsilon_{254} = 13450$ ,  $\epsilon_{260} = 11900$ ;  $z^8G_d$  (**9**)  $\epsilon_{257} = 13400$ ,  $\epsilon_{260} = 12660$ .



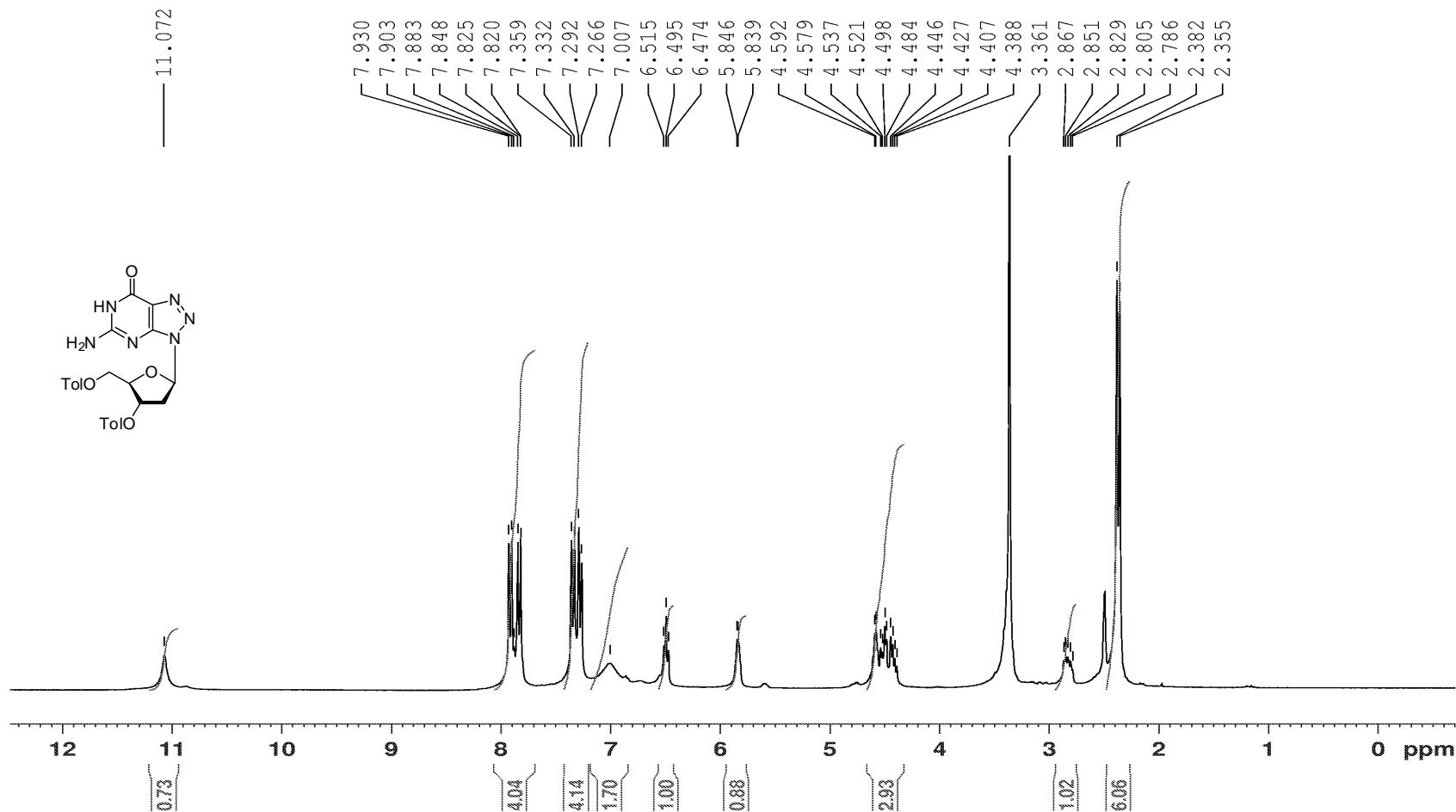
**Figure S3** UV spectra of nucleoside **9**, measured in H<sub>2</sub>O.

Extinction coefficients:  $z^8G_d$  (**9**)  $\epsilon_{254} = 11400$ ,  $\epsilon_{260} = 10300$ .

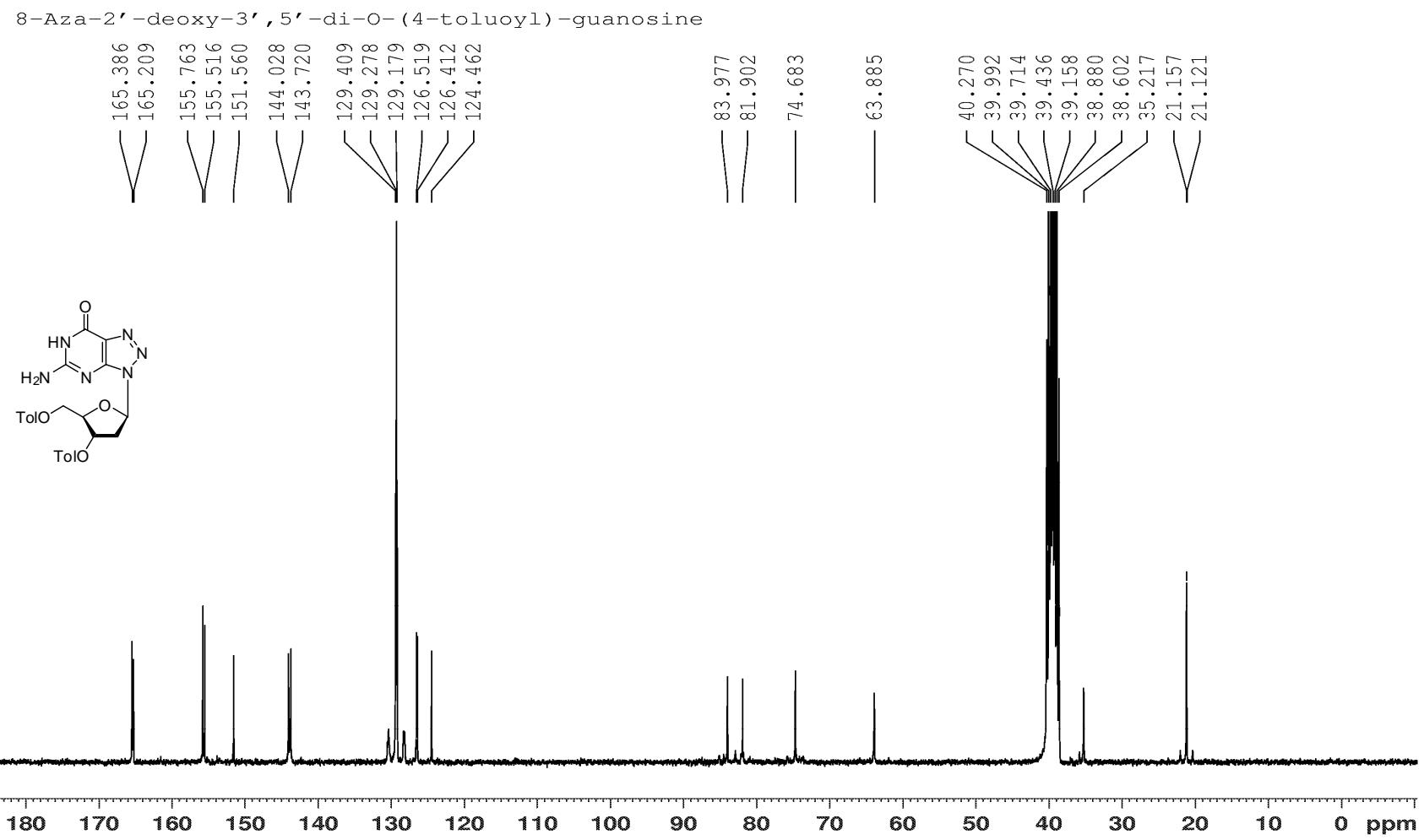


**Figure S4** Expanded spectrum of the pH-dependent fluorescence emission curve of duplex **18·21** (see manuscript Figure 5). Measurements were performed in 1.0 M NaCl, 60mM Na-cacodylate buffer (5  $\mu$ M concentration for each ss oligonucleotide). Excitation wavelength = 277 nm; emission at 360 nm. The  $pK_a$  values are 9.1 and 10.4.

8-Aza-2'-deoxy-3',5'-di-O-(4-toluoyl)-guanosine

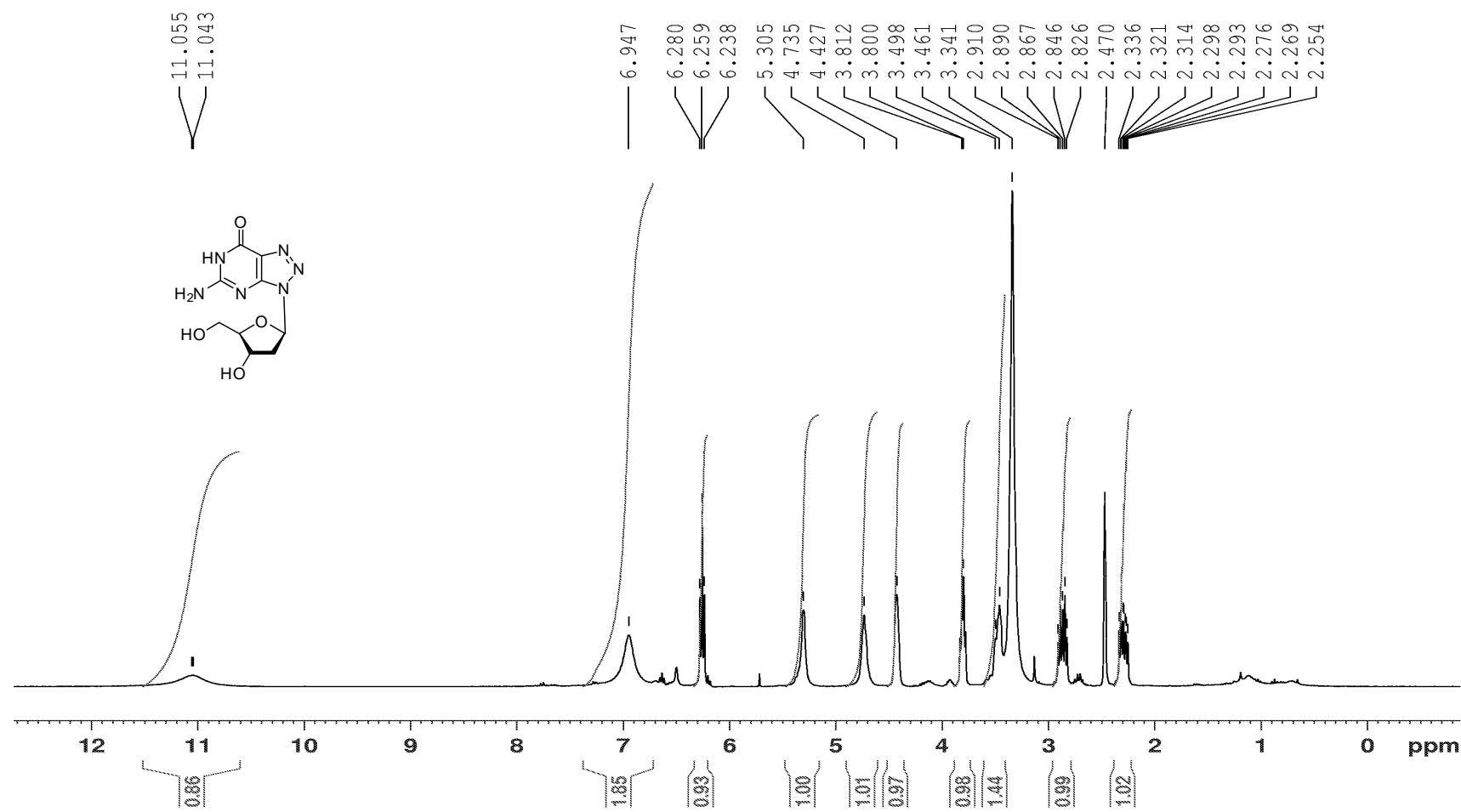


**Figure S5.** <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectrum of compound 15.



**Figure S6.** <sup>13</sup>C-NMR spectrum of compound 15.

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**Figure S7.** <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectrum of compound 9.

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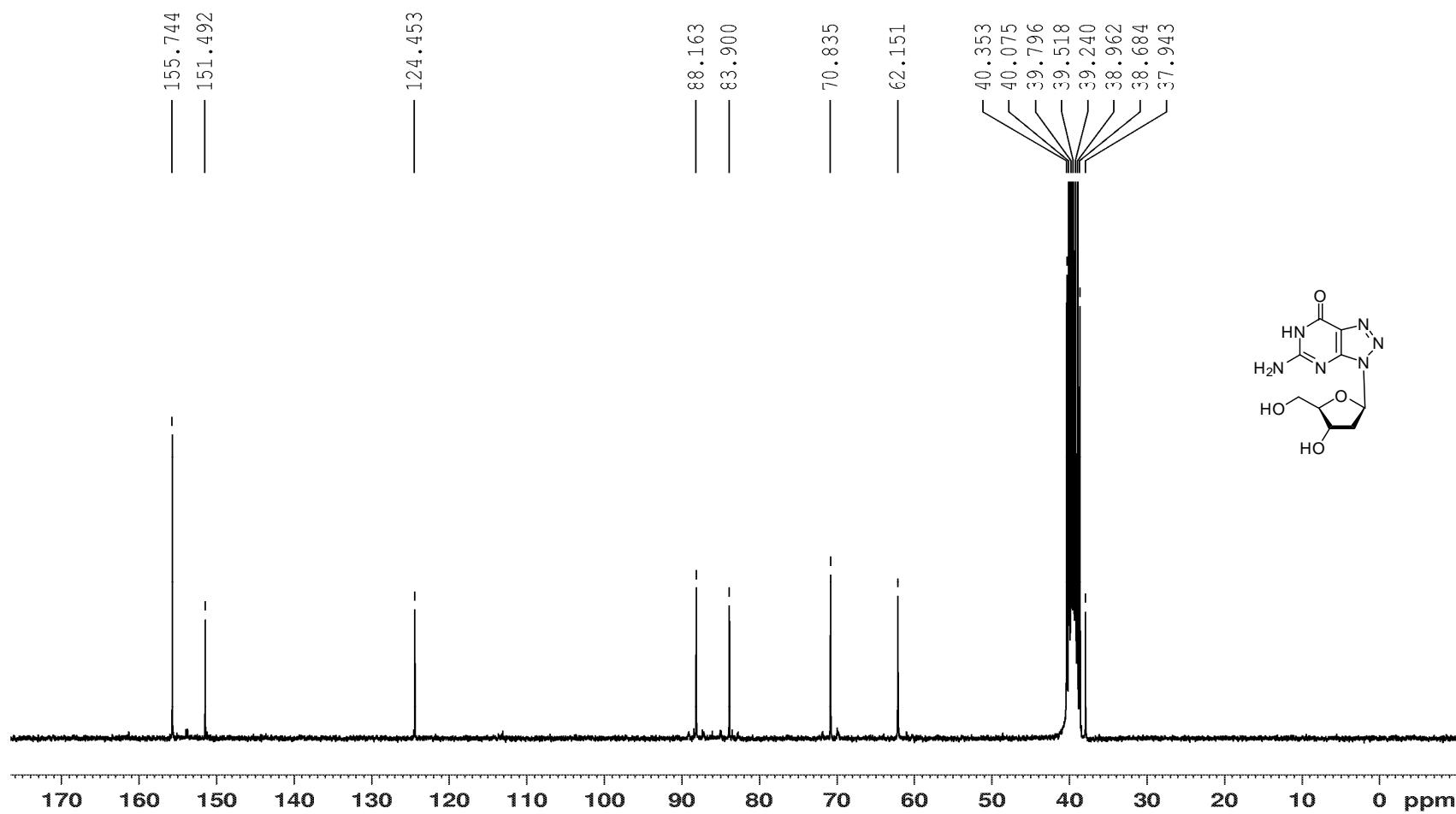
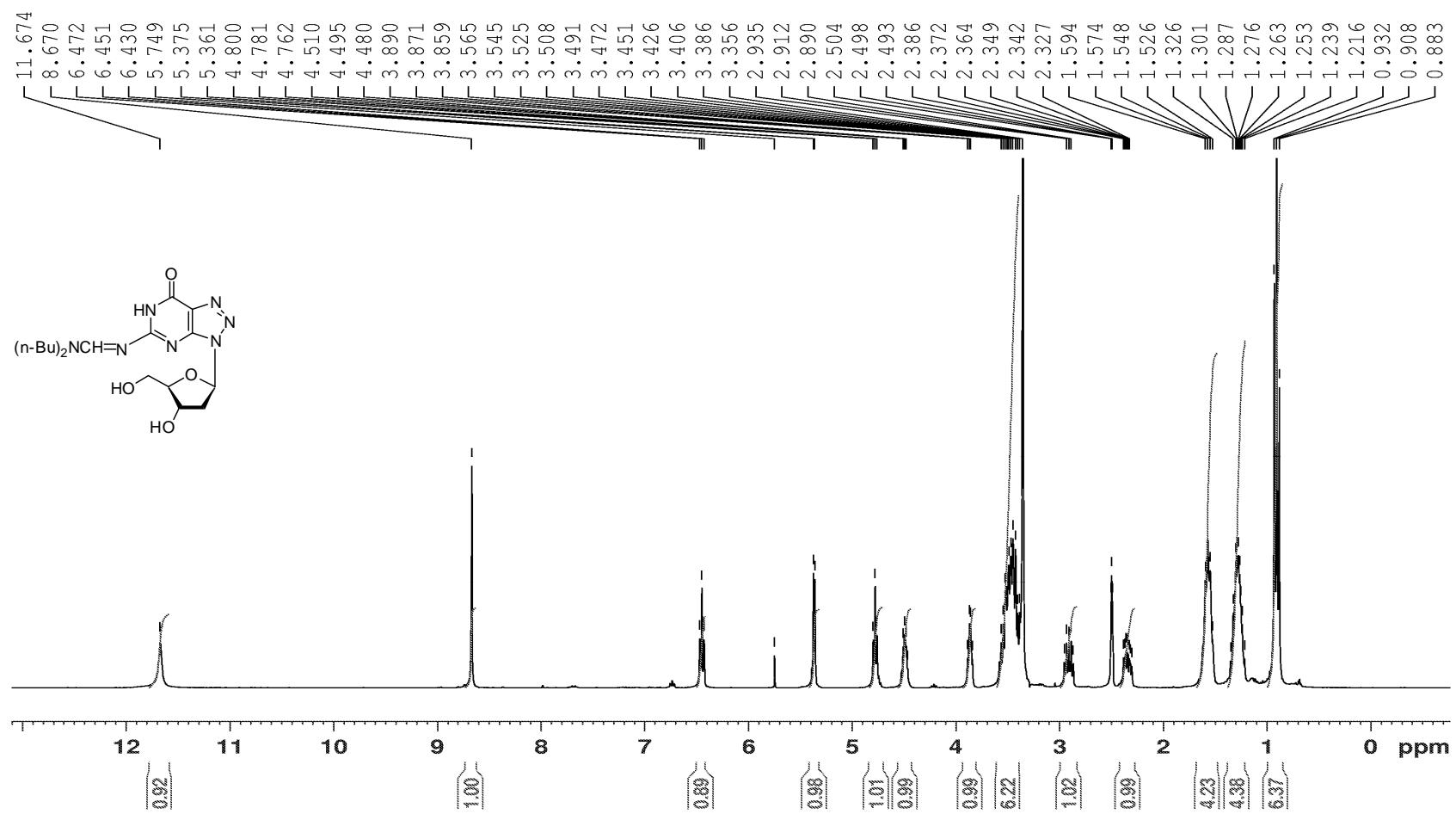
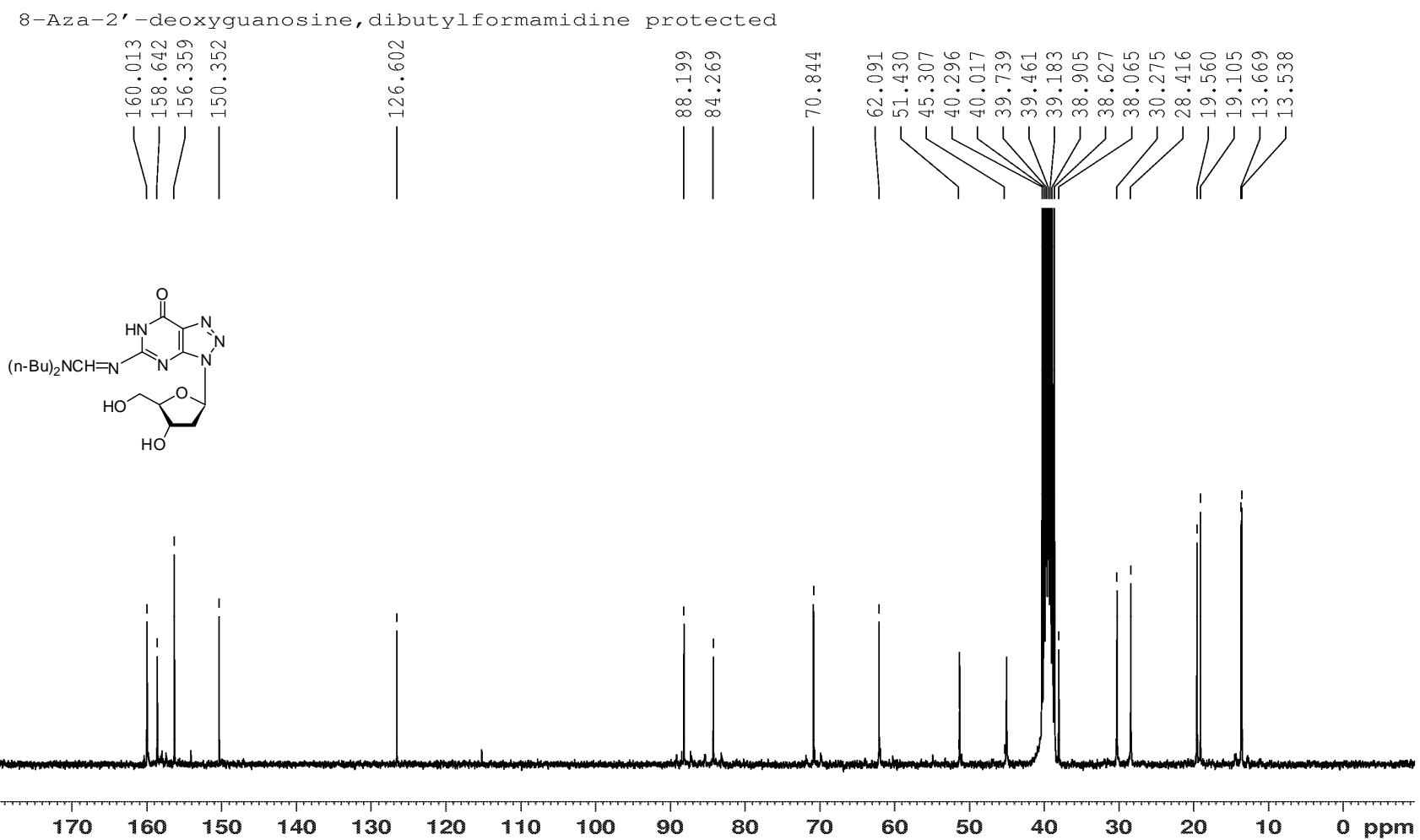


Figure S8. <sup>13</sup>C-NMR spectrum of compound 9.

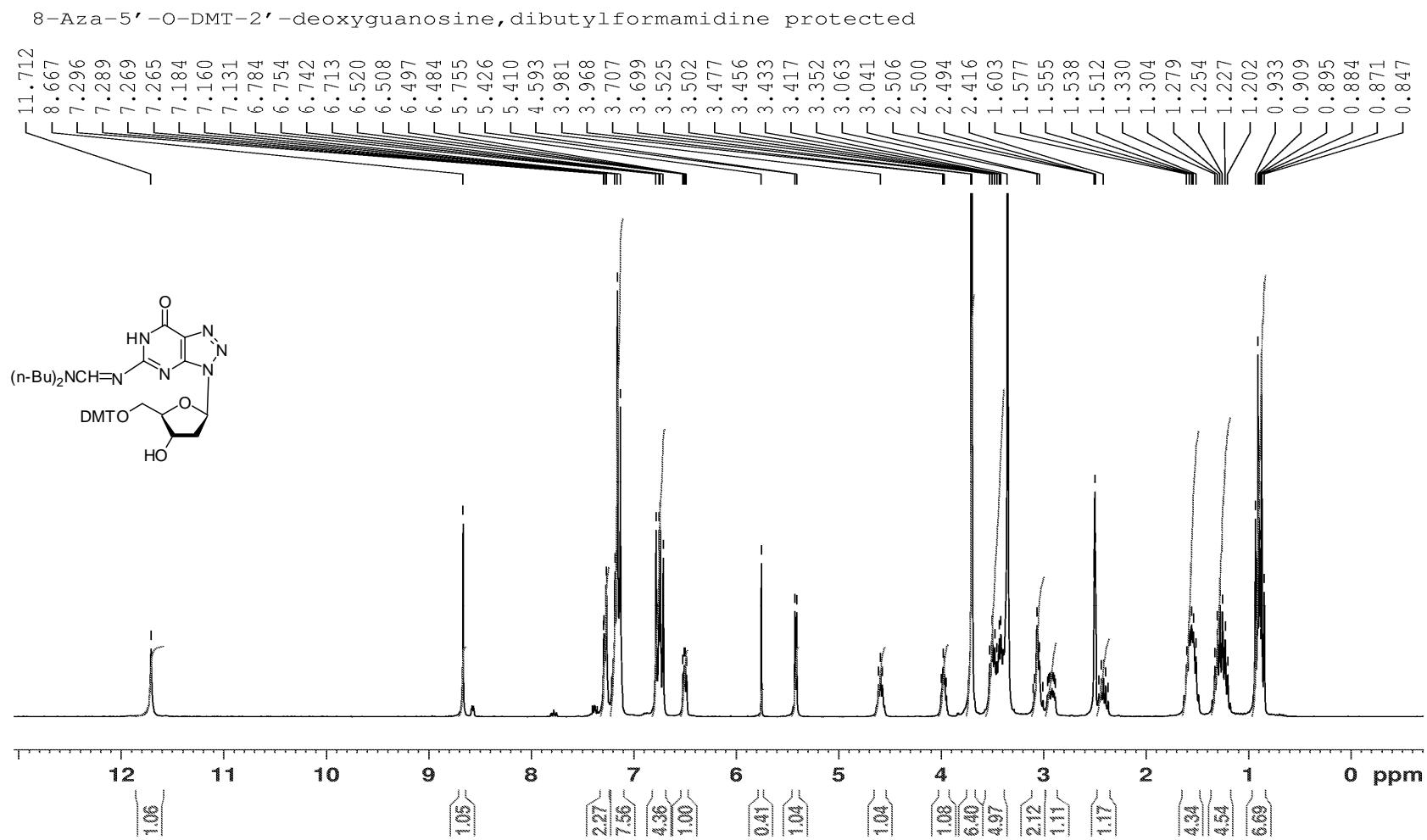
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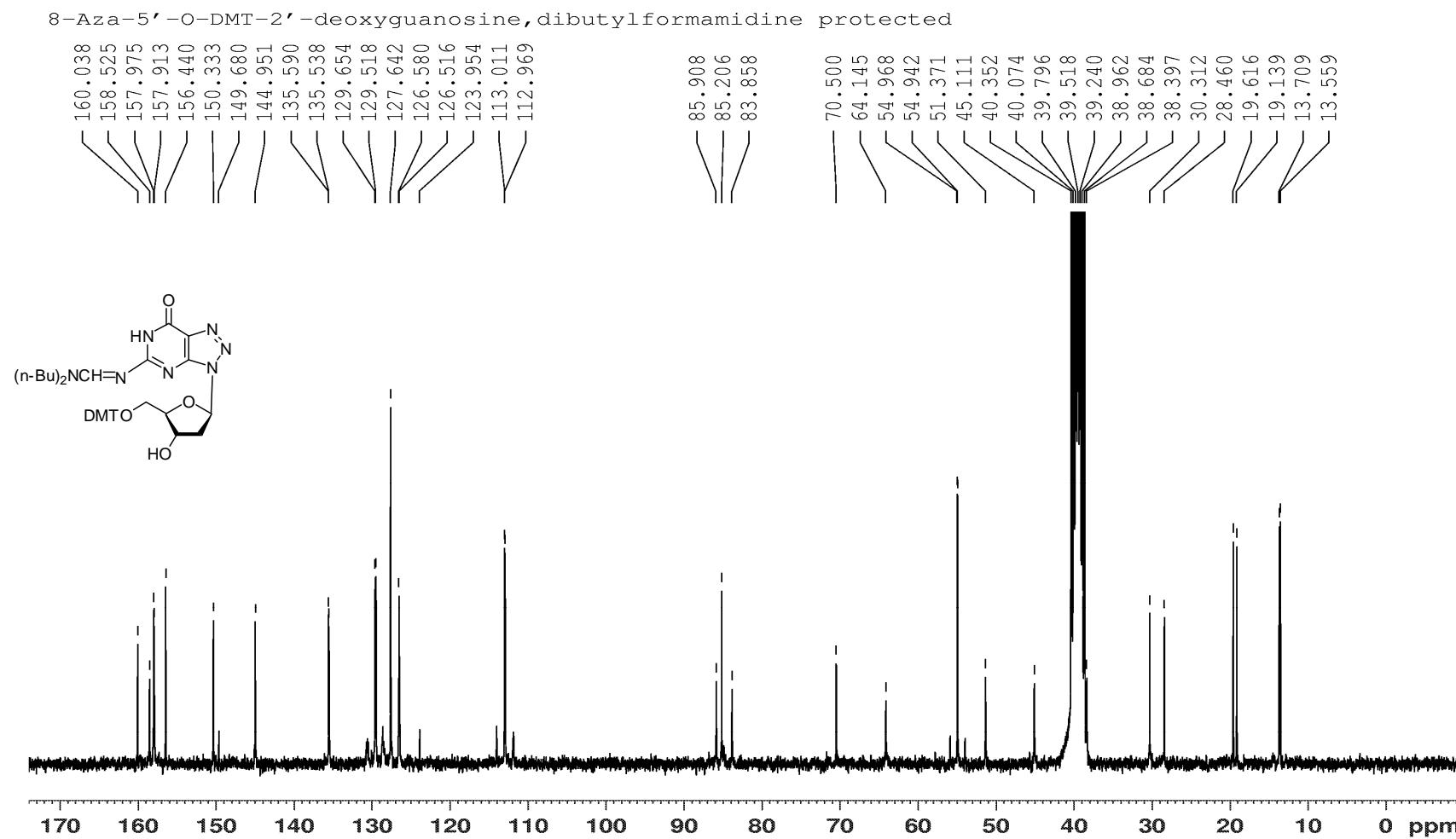
**Figure S9.**  $^1\text{H}$ -NMR spectrum of compound 16.



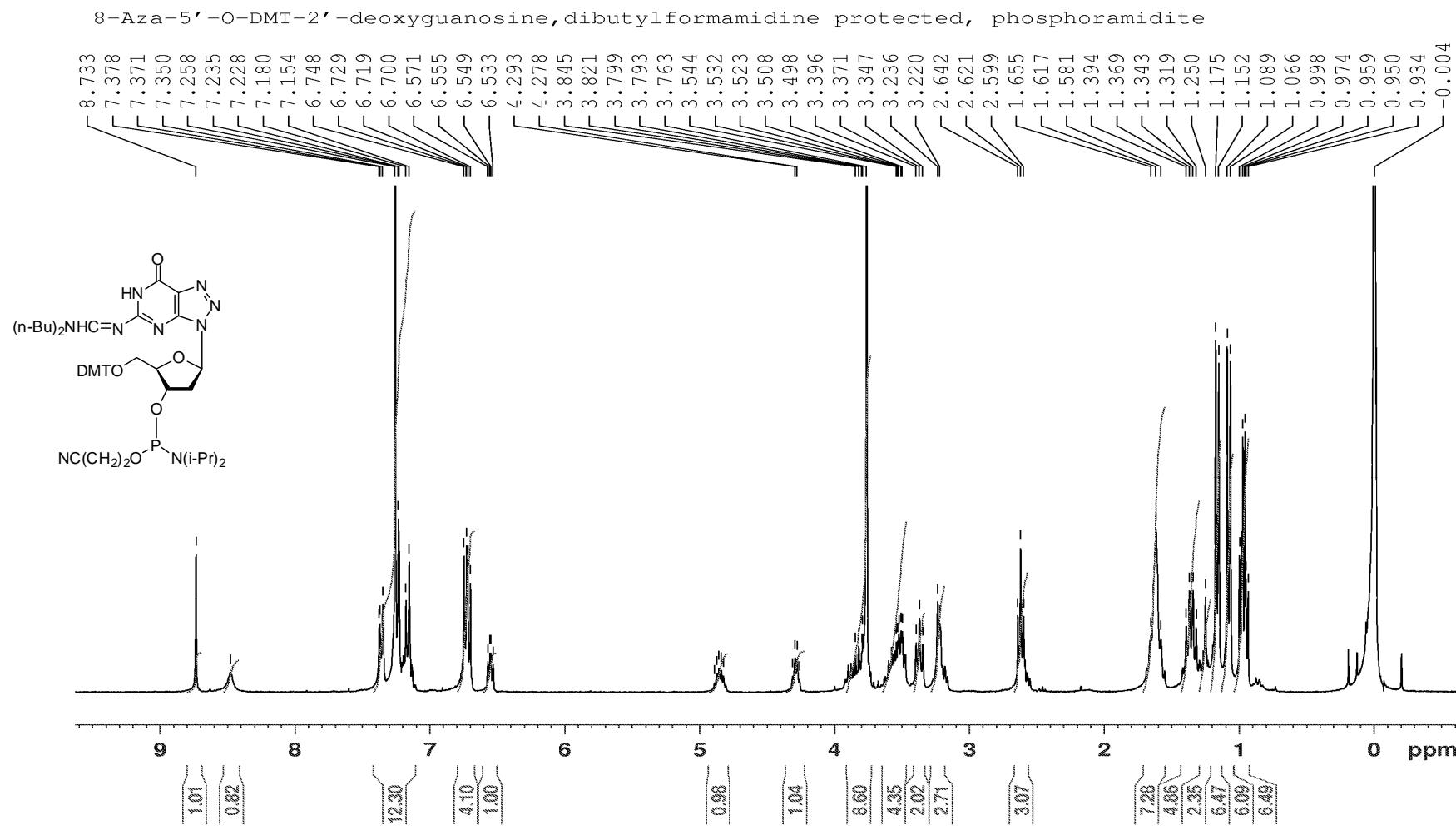
**Figure S10.**  $^{13}\text{C}$ -NMR spectrum of compound 16.



**Figure S11.**  $^1\text{H}$ -NMR spectrum of compound 17.



**Figure S12.**  $^{13}\text{C}$ -NMR spectrum of compound 17.



**Figure S13.** <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectrum of compound 11.

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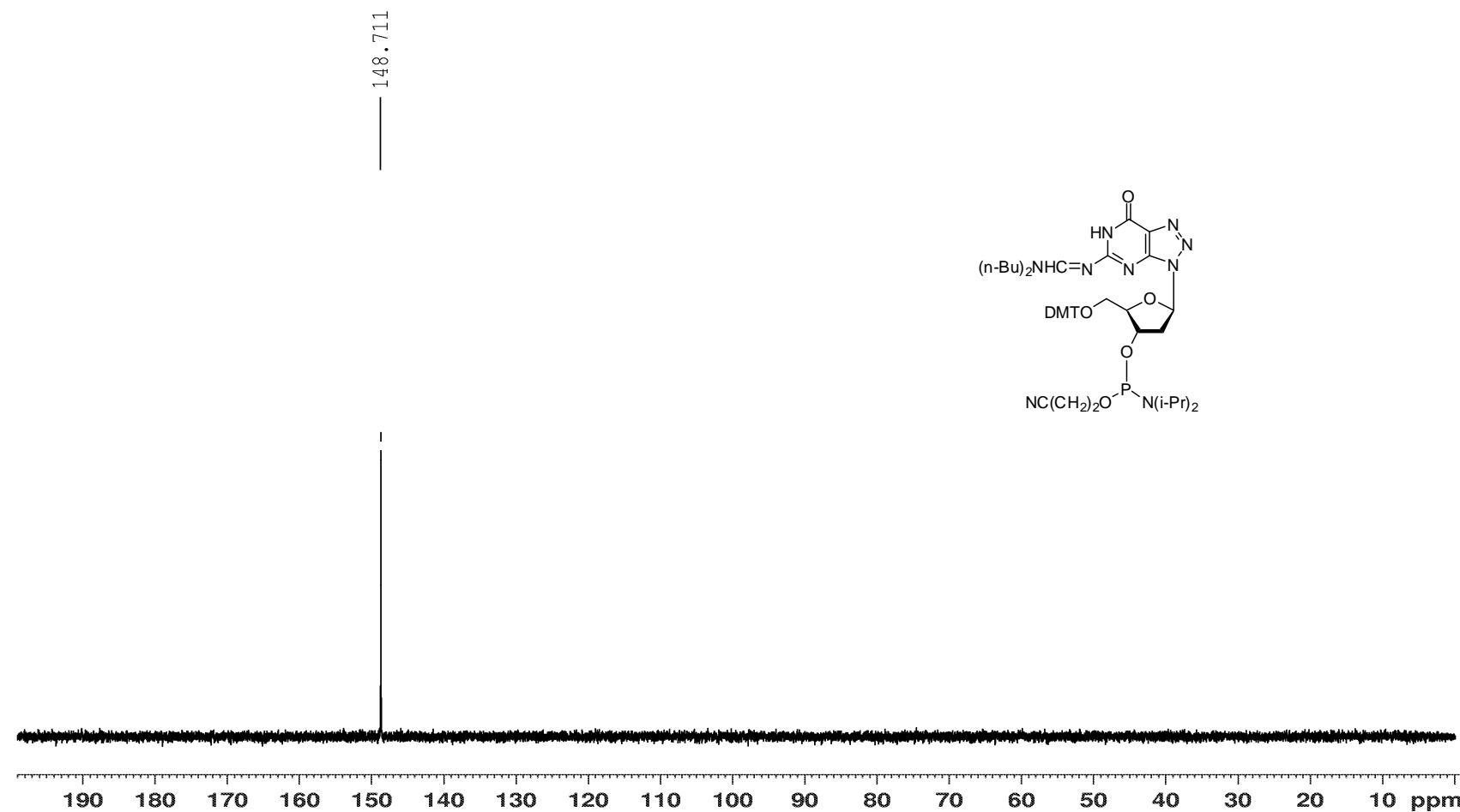


Figure S14.  $^{31}\text{P}$ -NMR spectrum of compound 11.