

Supporting Information for

**Solvent-Directed Excited State Intramolecular Proton Transfer  
(ESIPT) Pathways from Phenol to Carbon in 2,5-dihydroxyphenyl  
Arenes**

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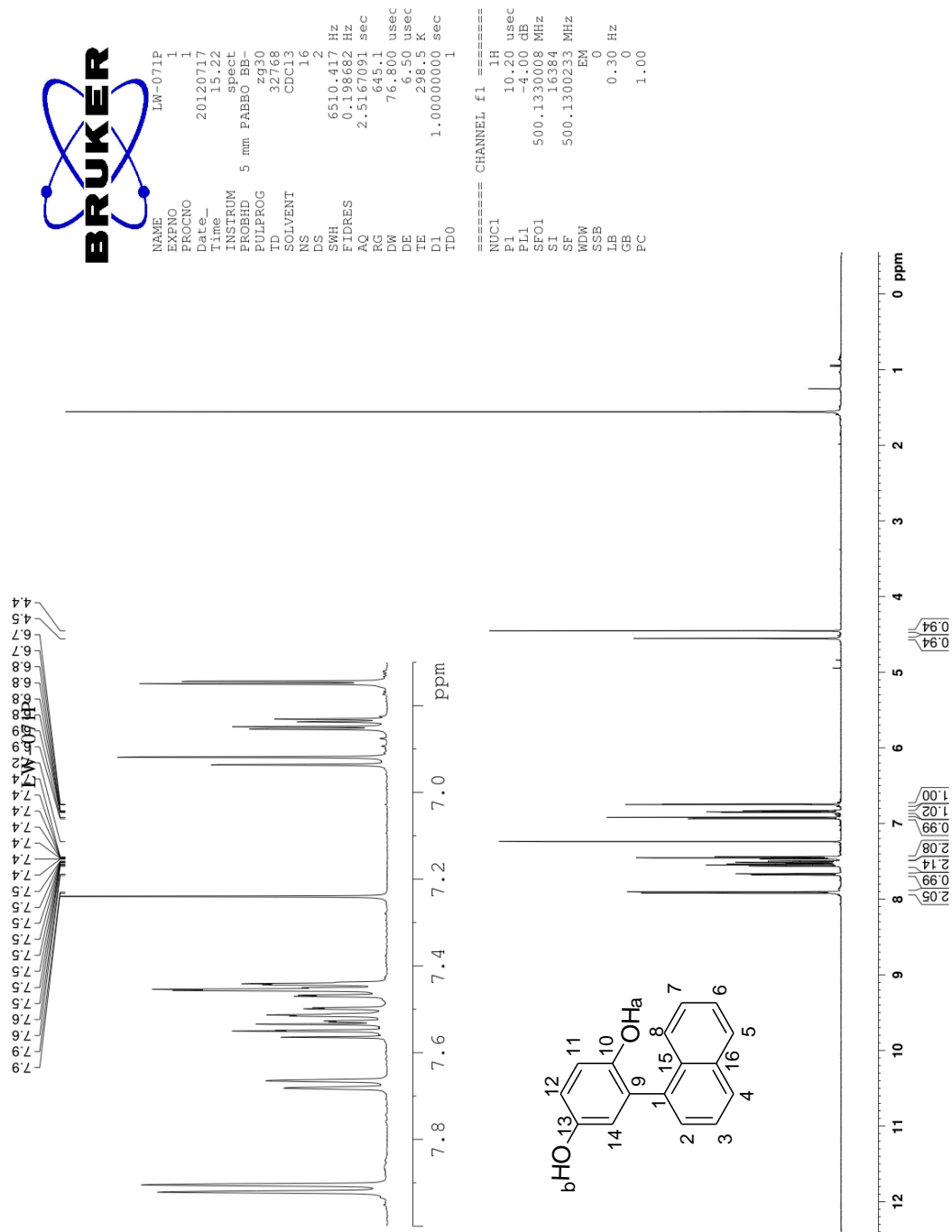
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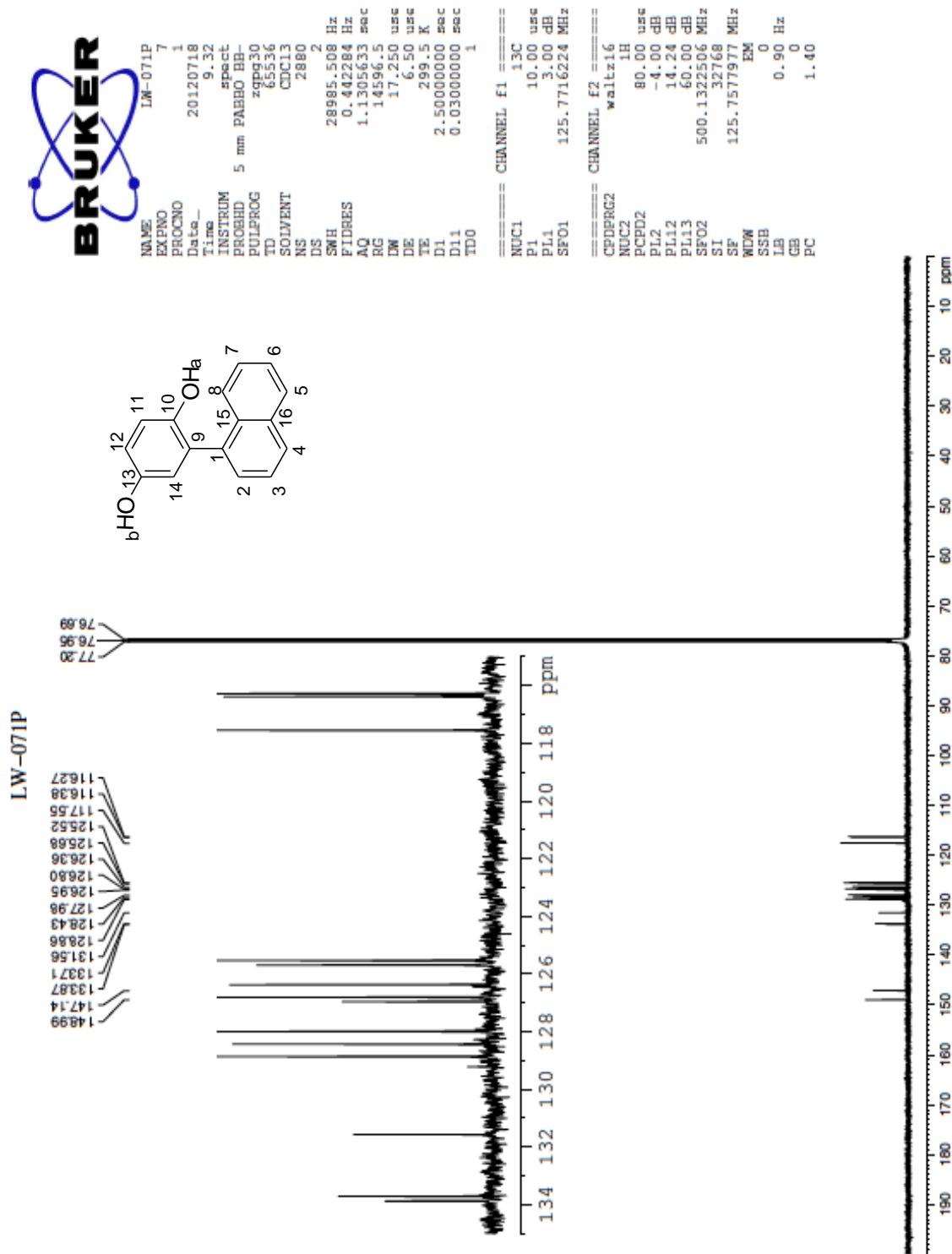
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## 1. NMR spectra ( $^1\text{H}$ , $^{13}\text{C}$ and 2D analyses) of compounds

$^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) spectrum of **9**



$^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) spectrum of **9**

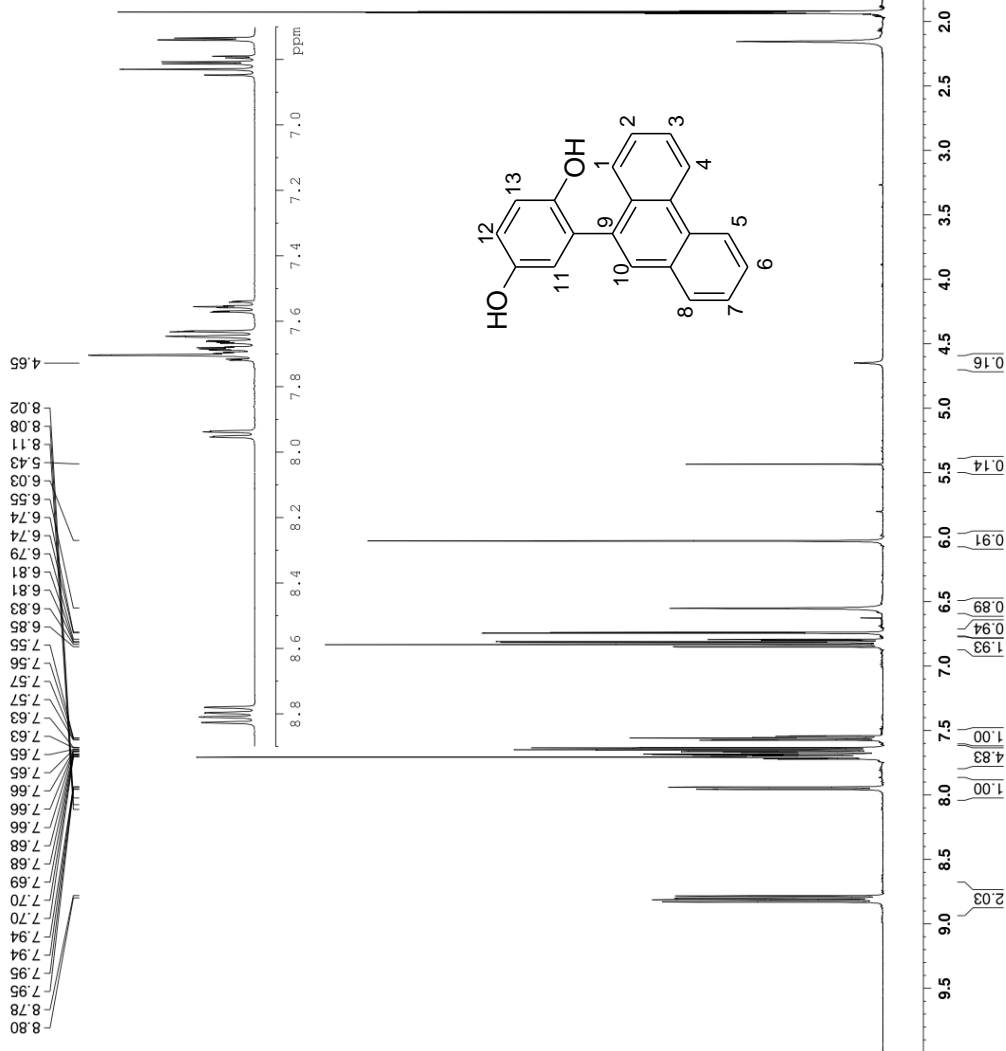


<sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) spectrum of **10**

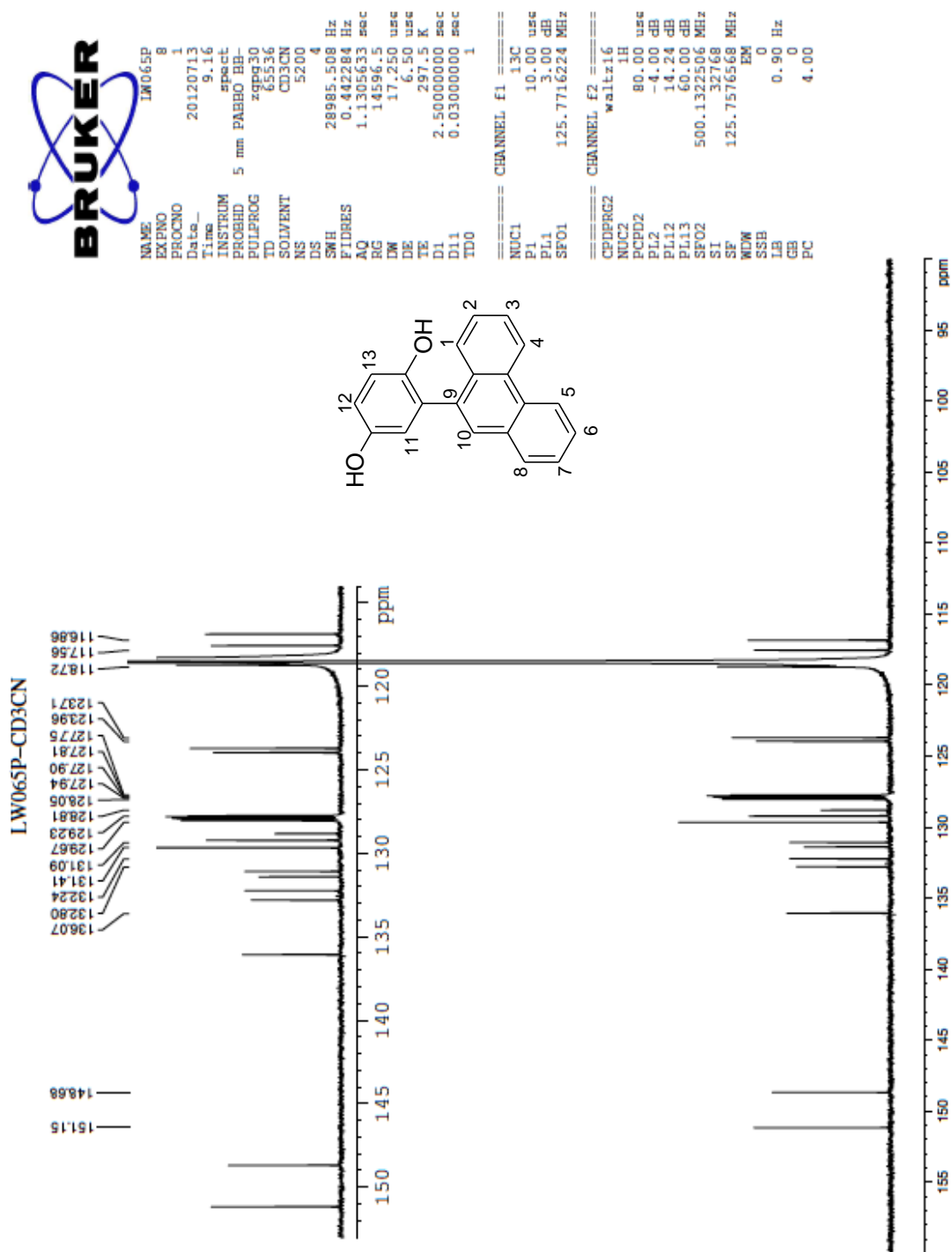


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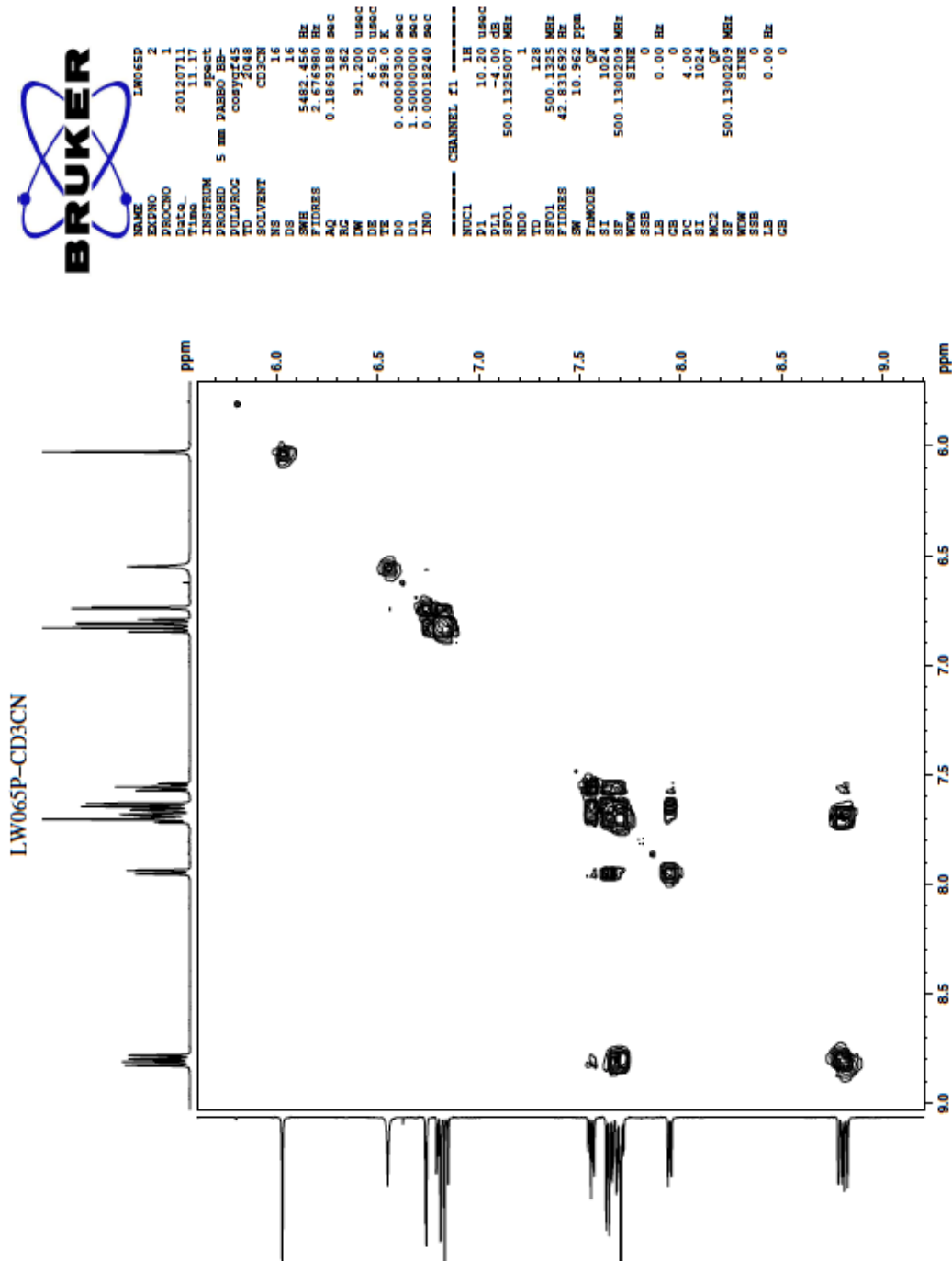
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$^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) spectrum of **10**



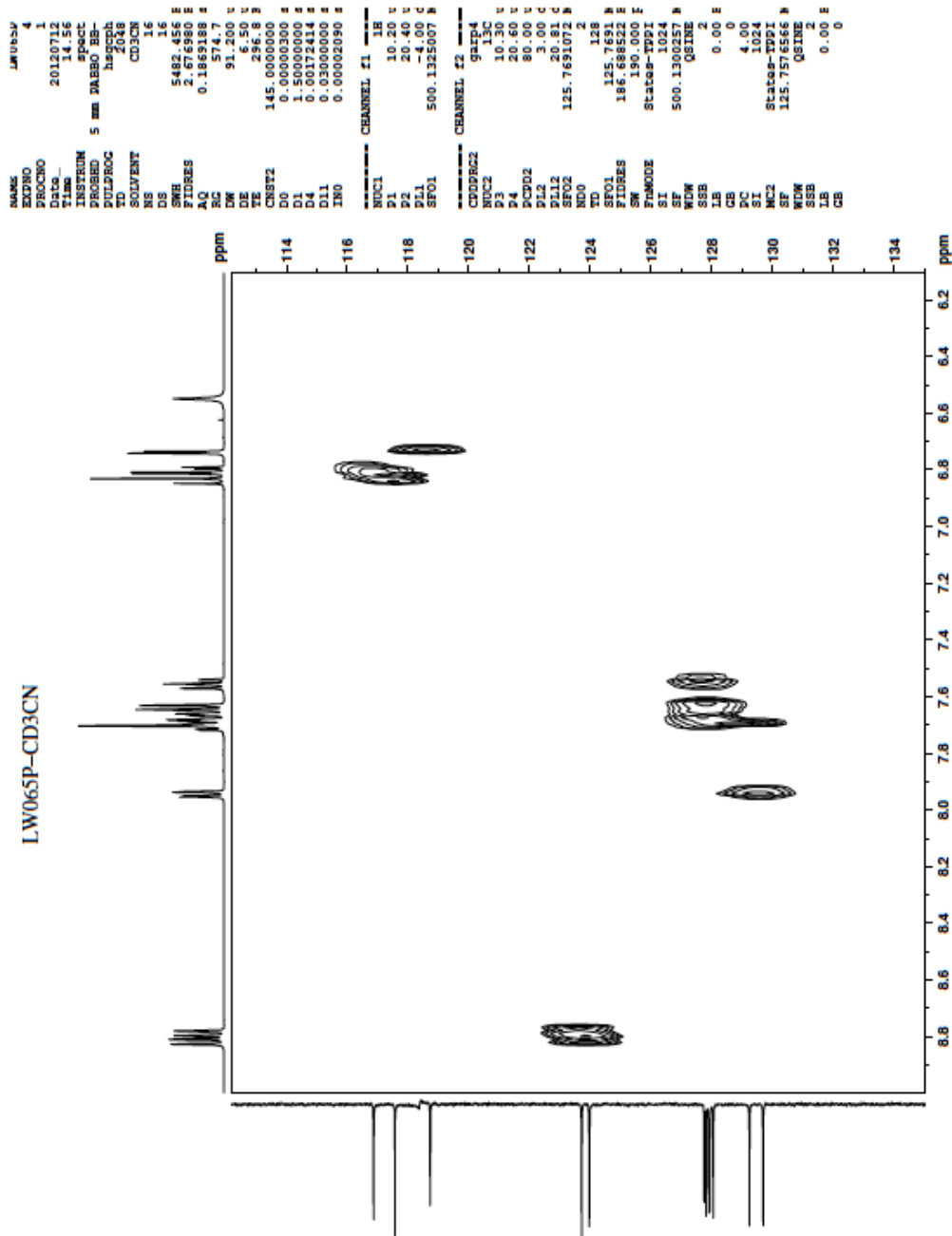
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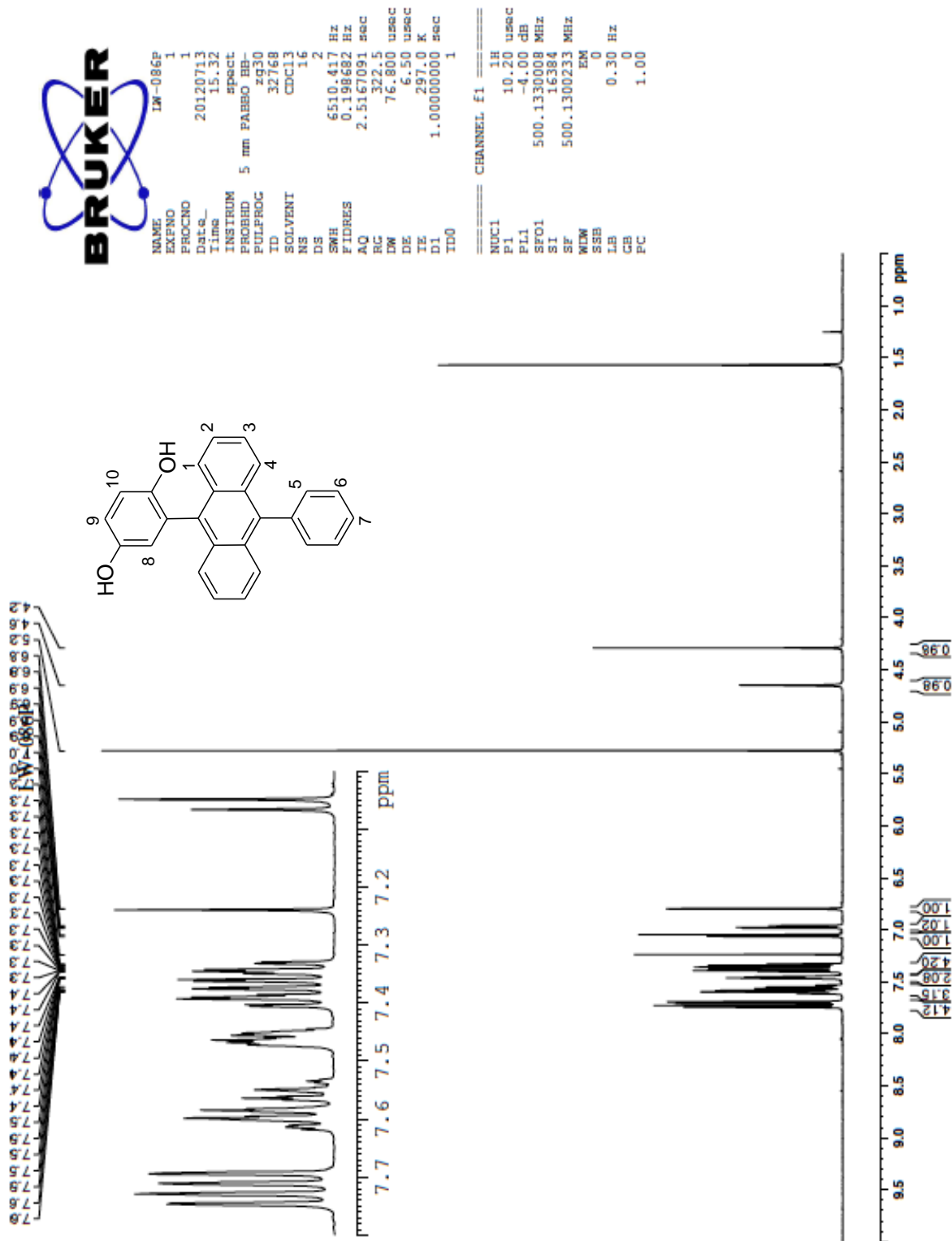




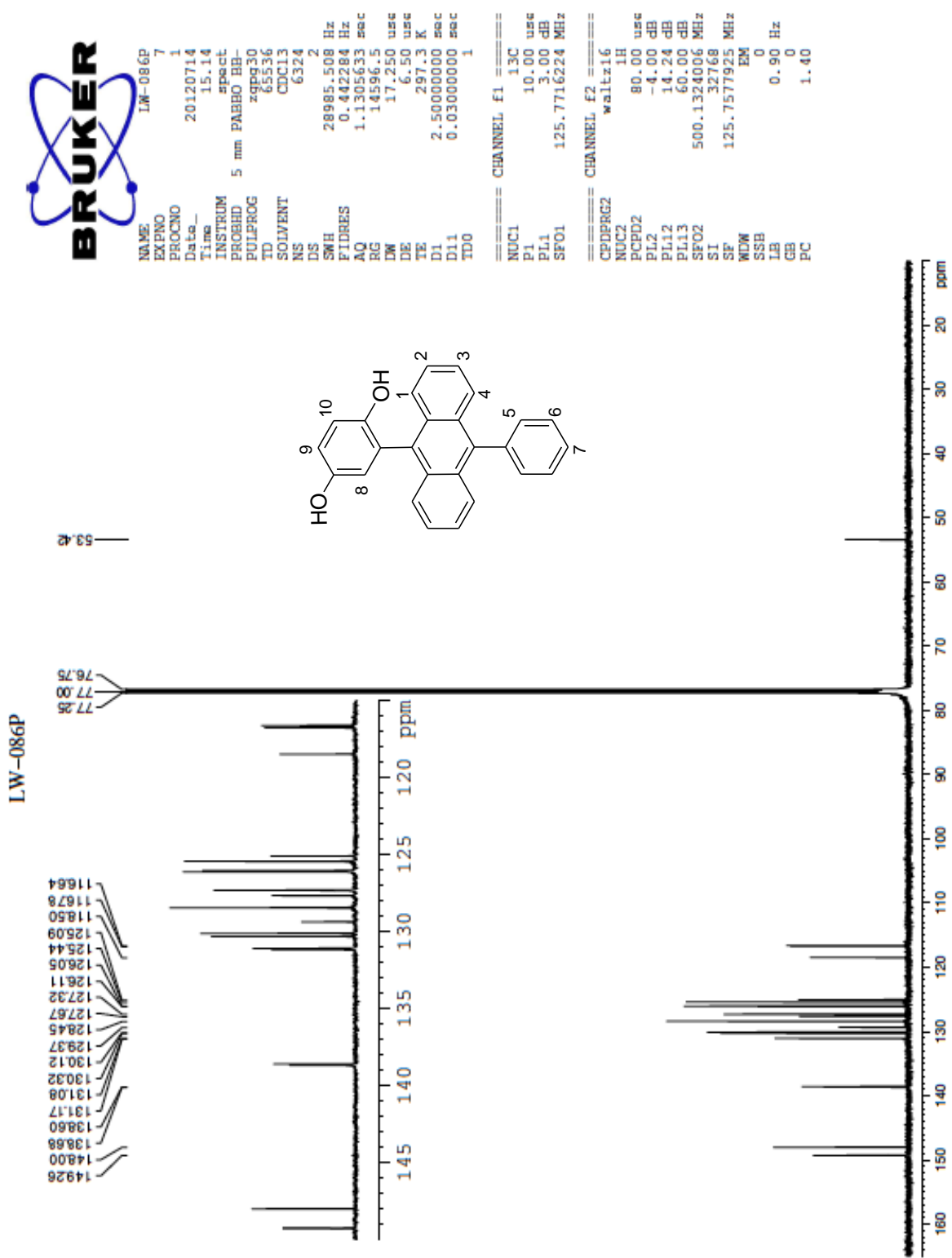
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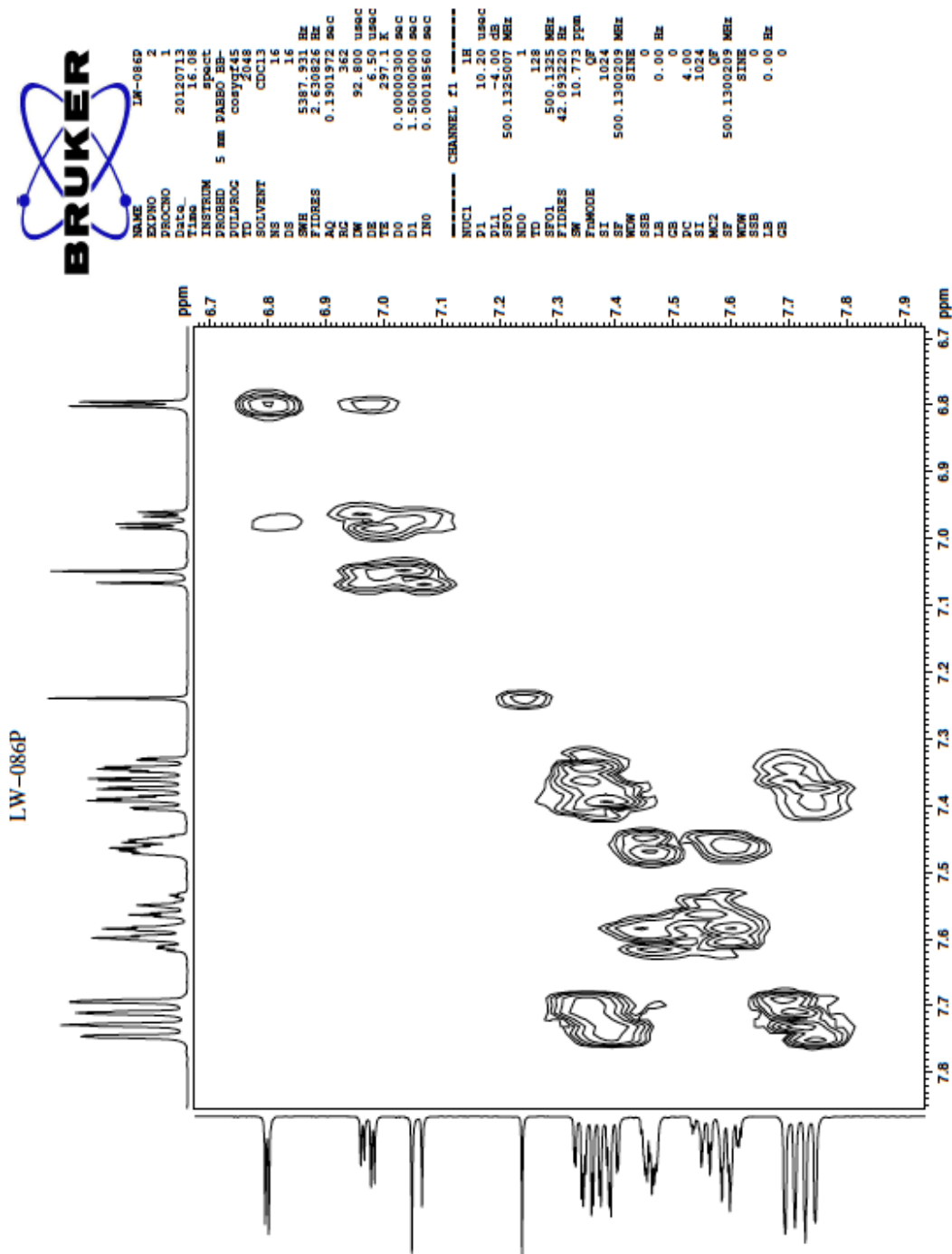
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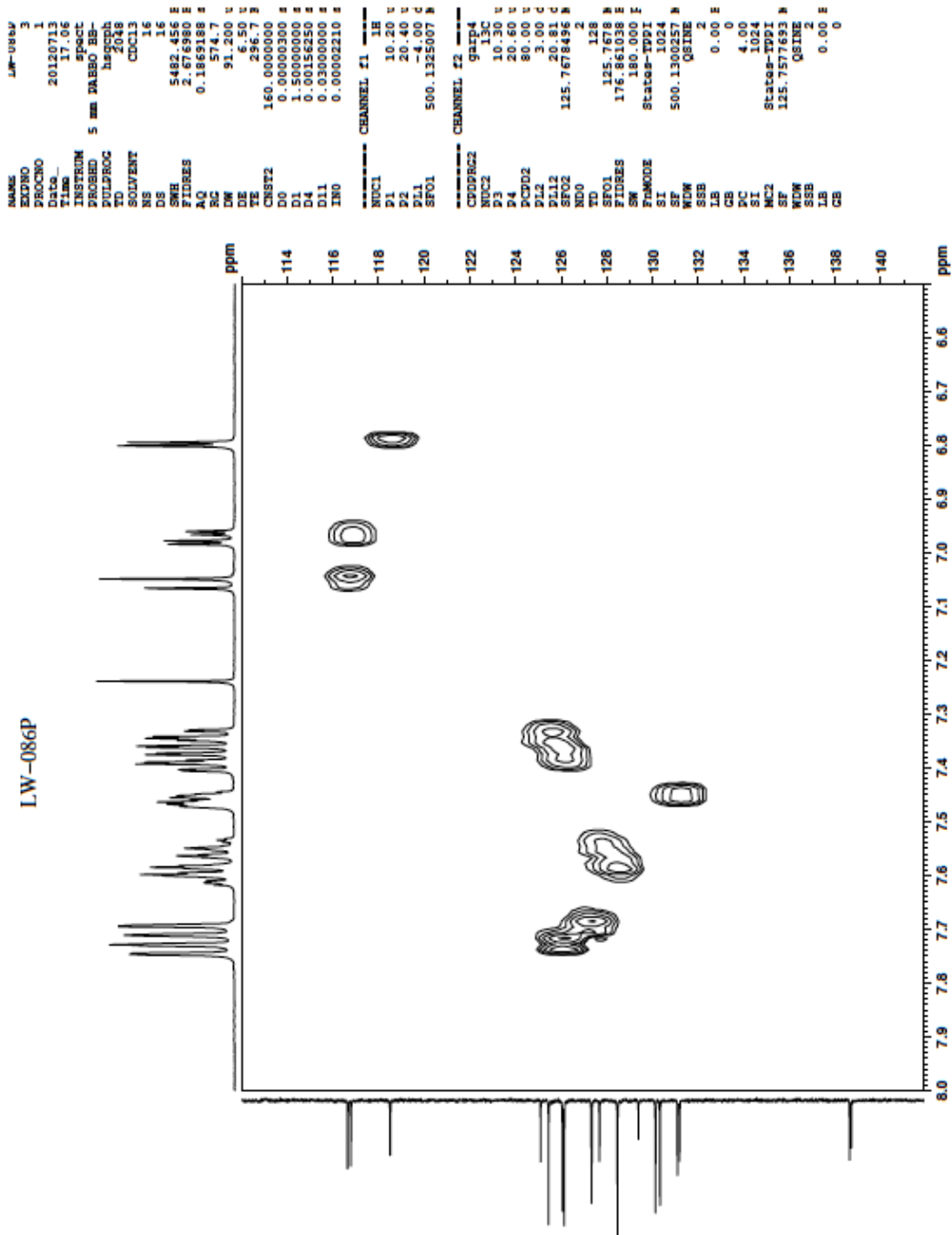


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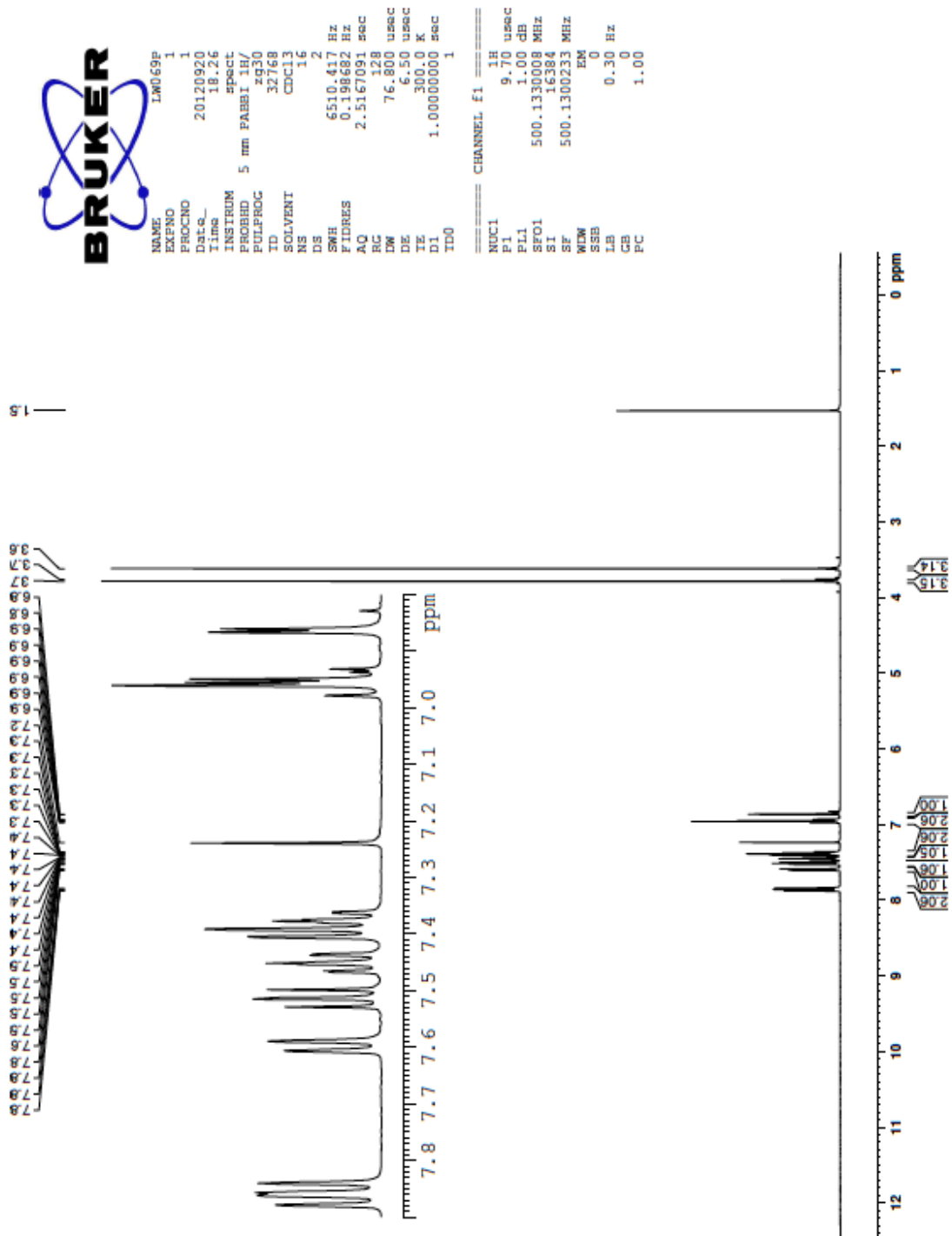




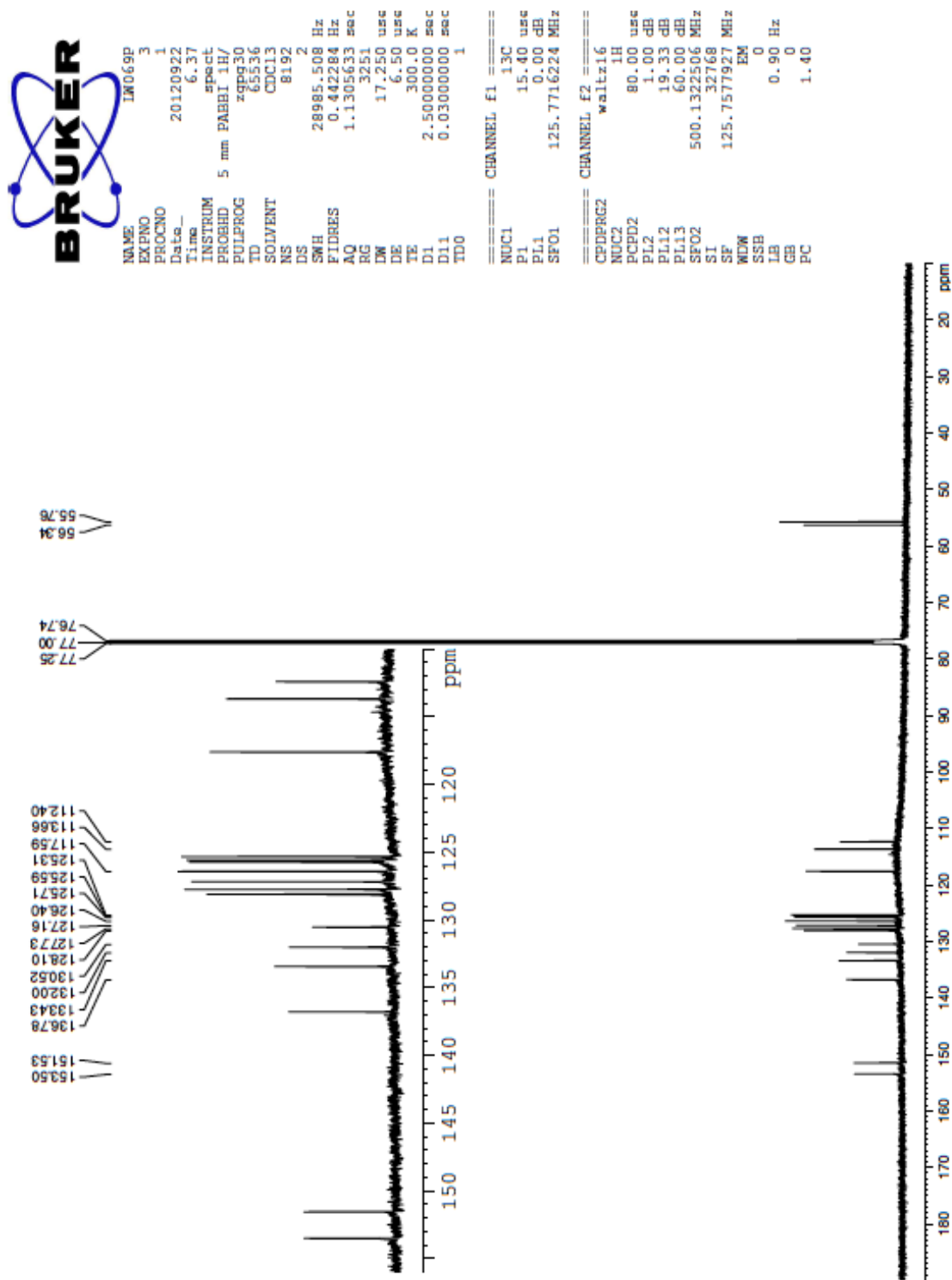
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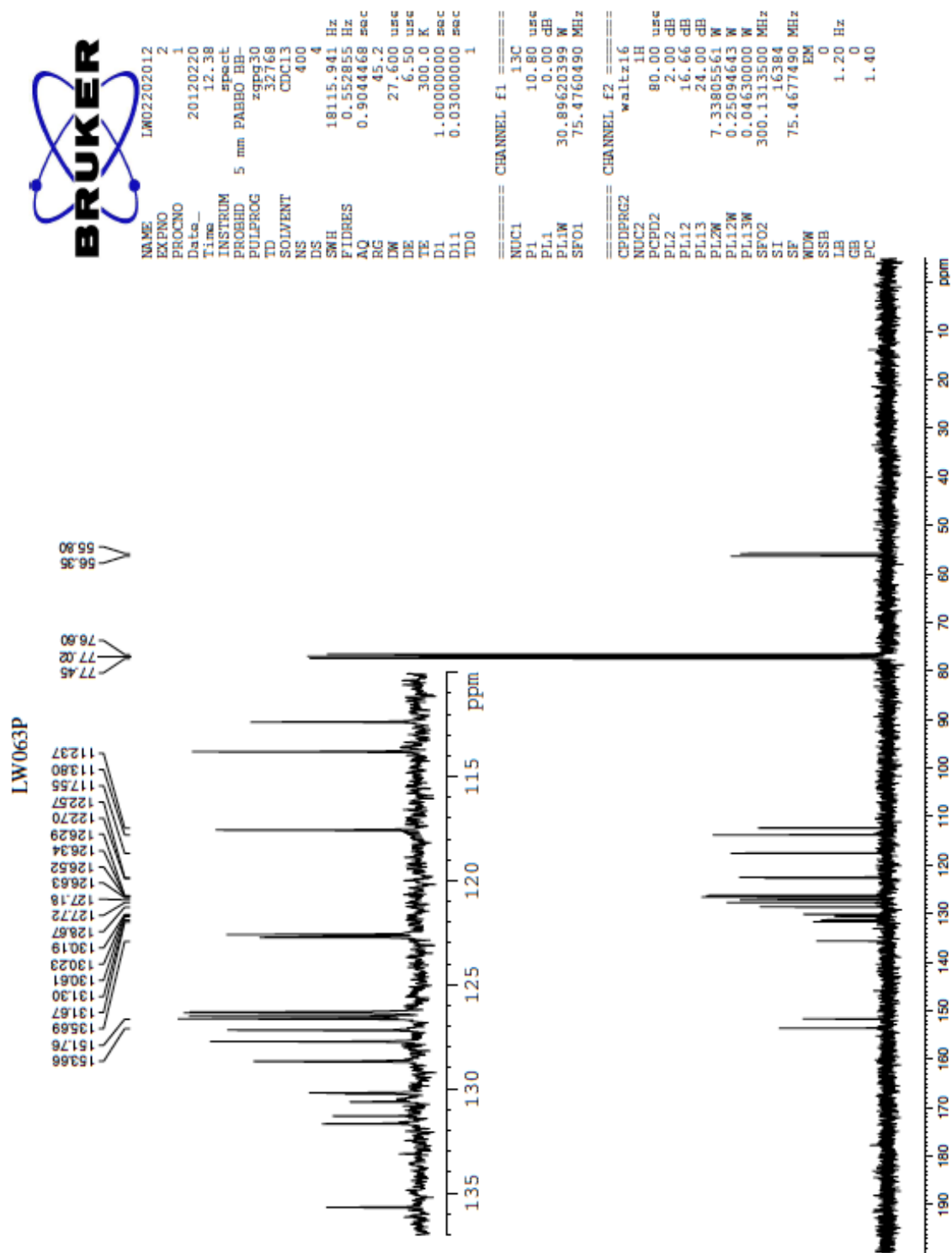
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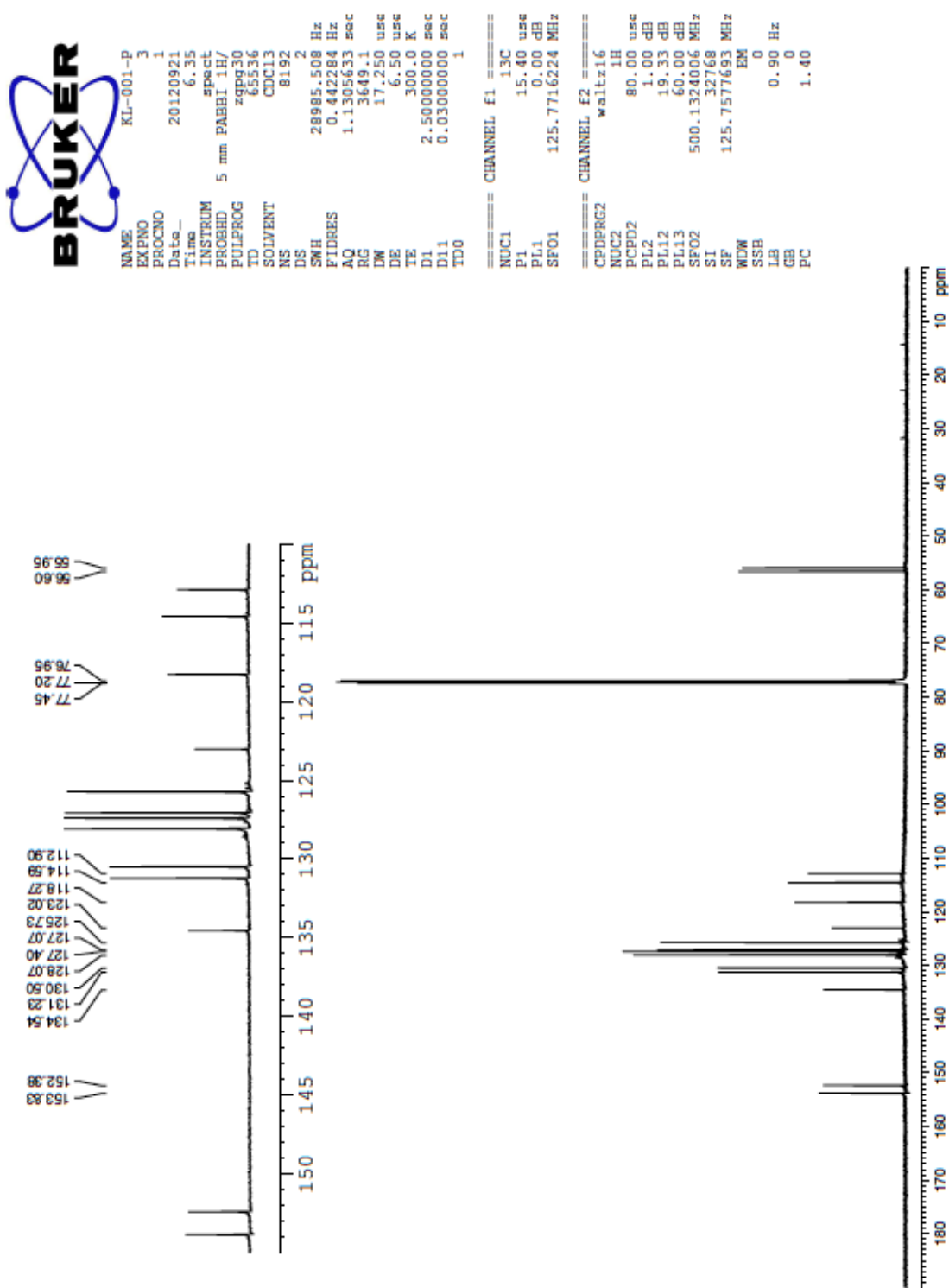


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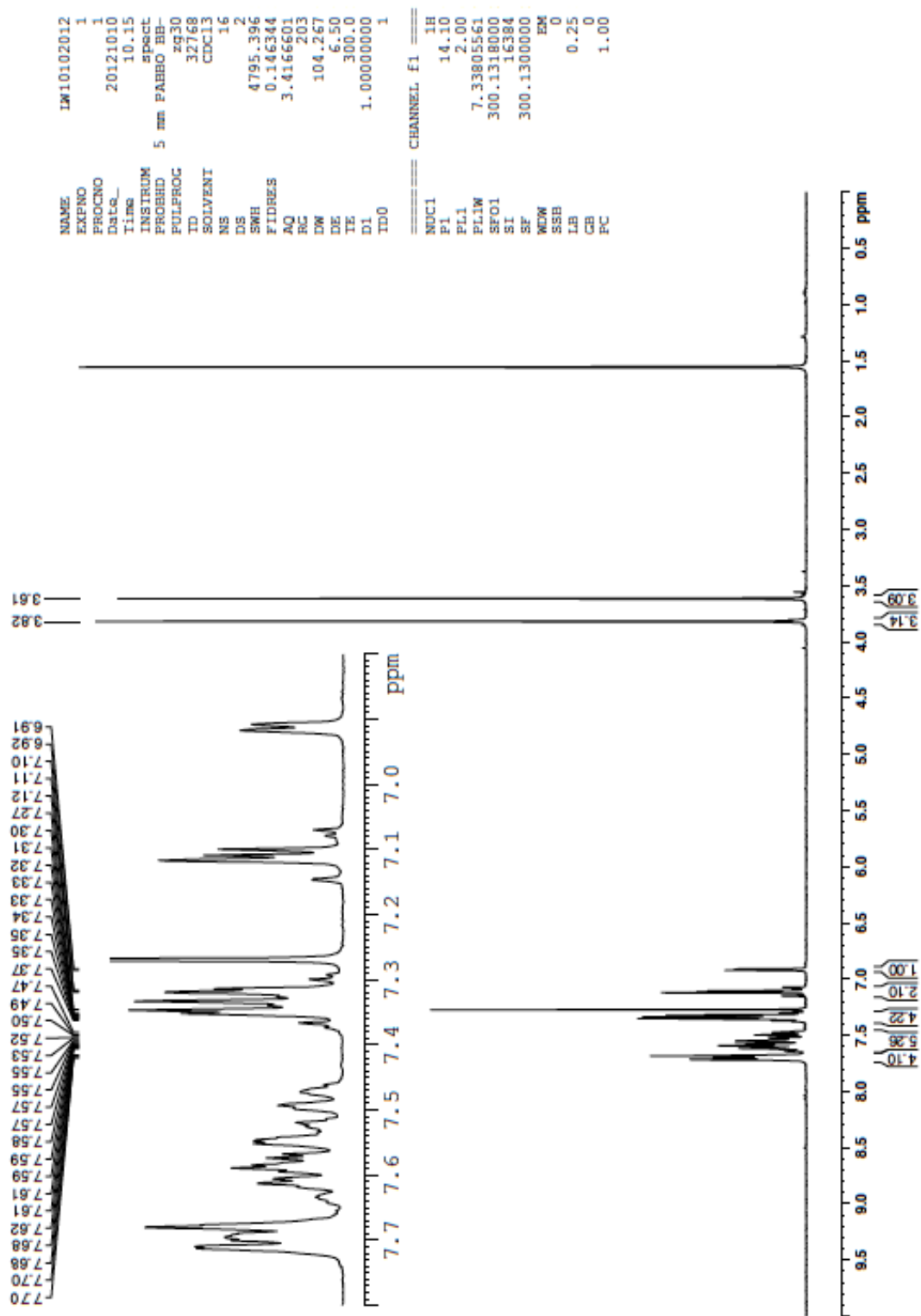




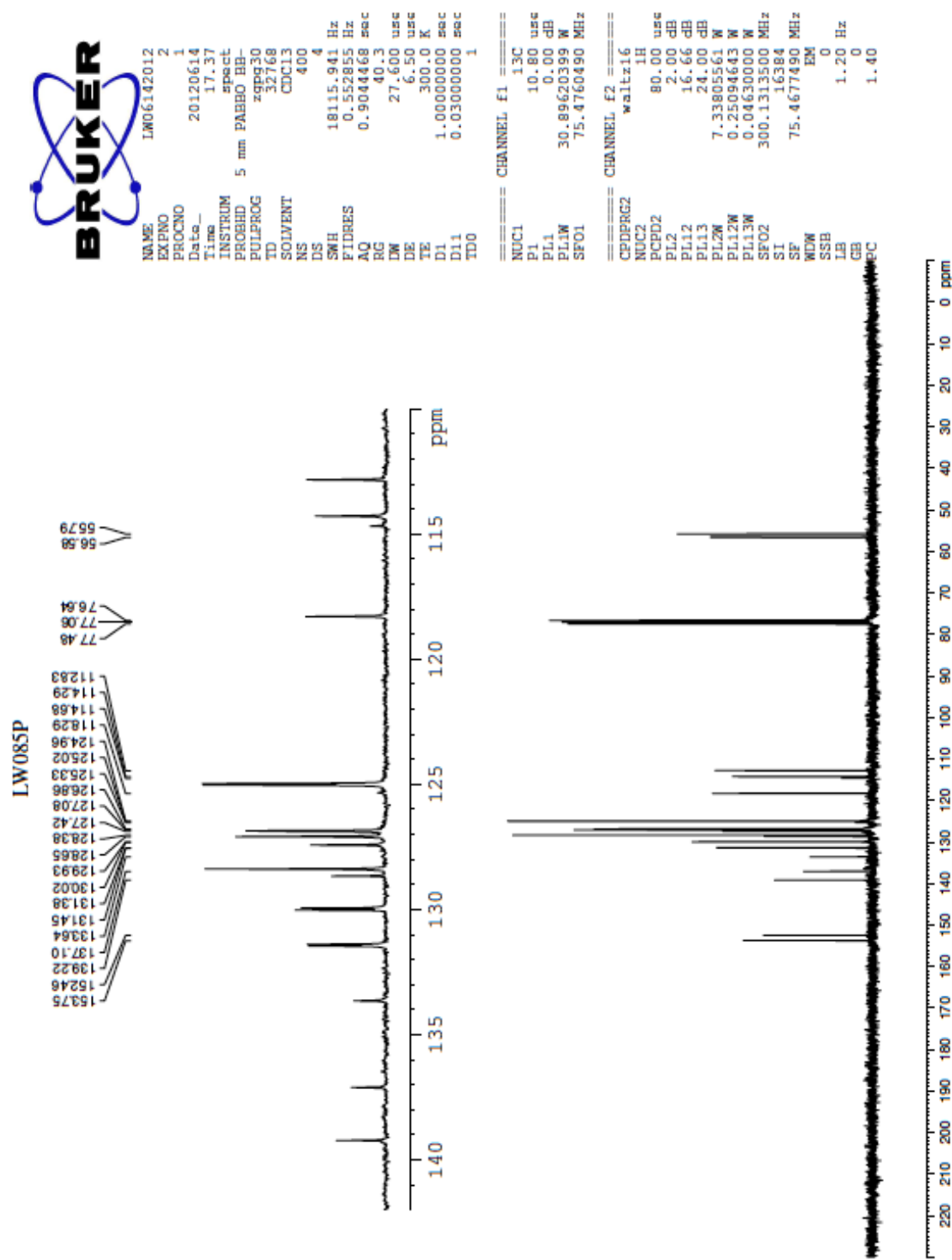
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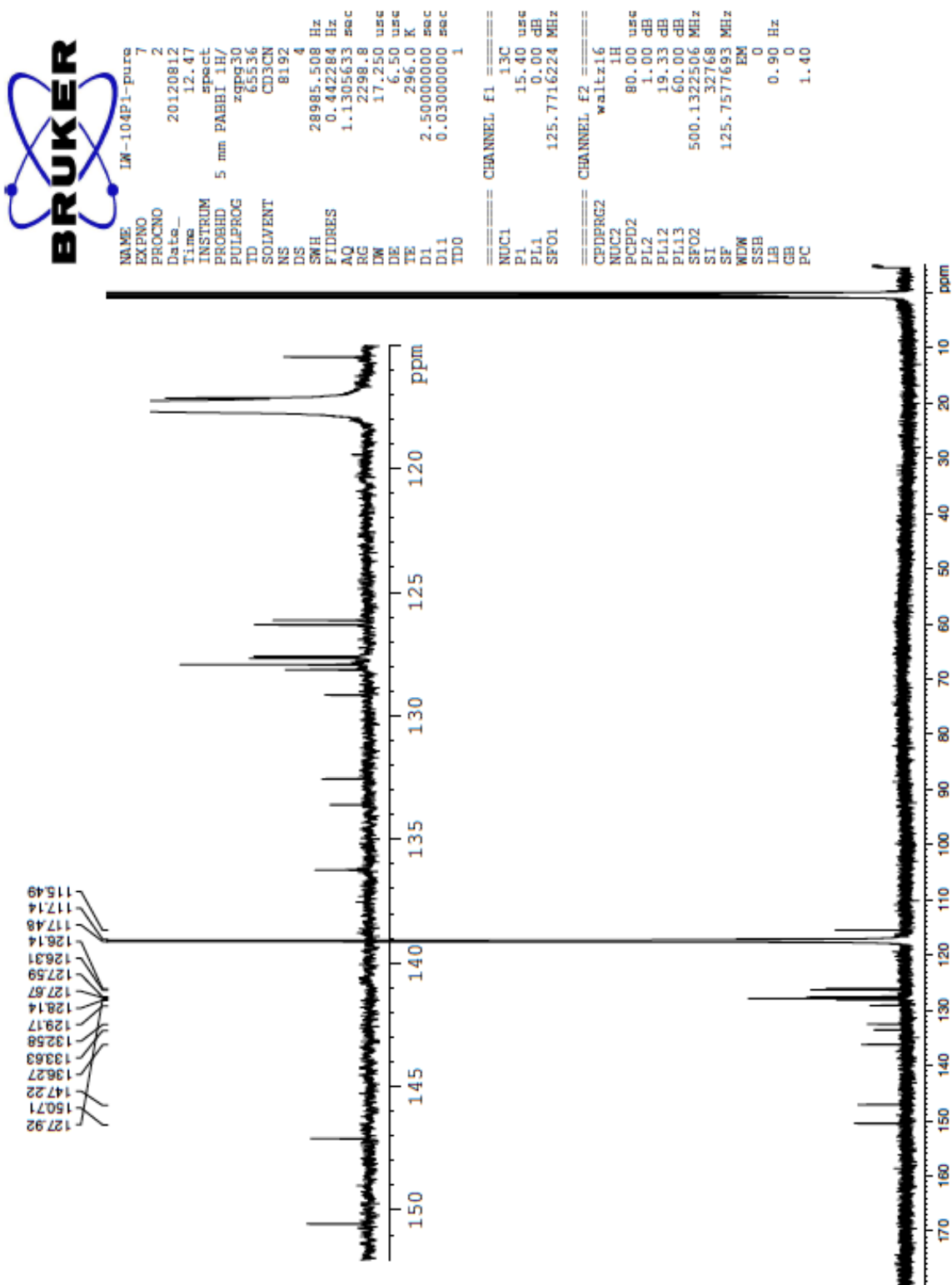


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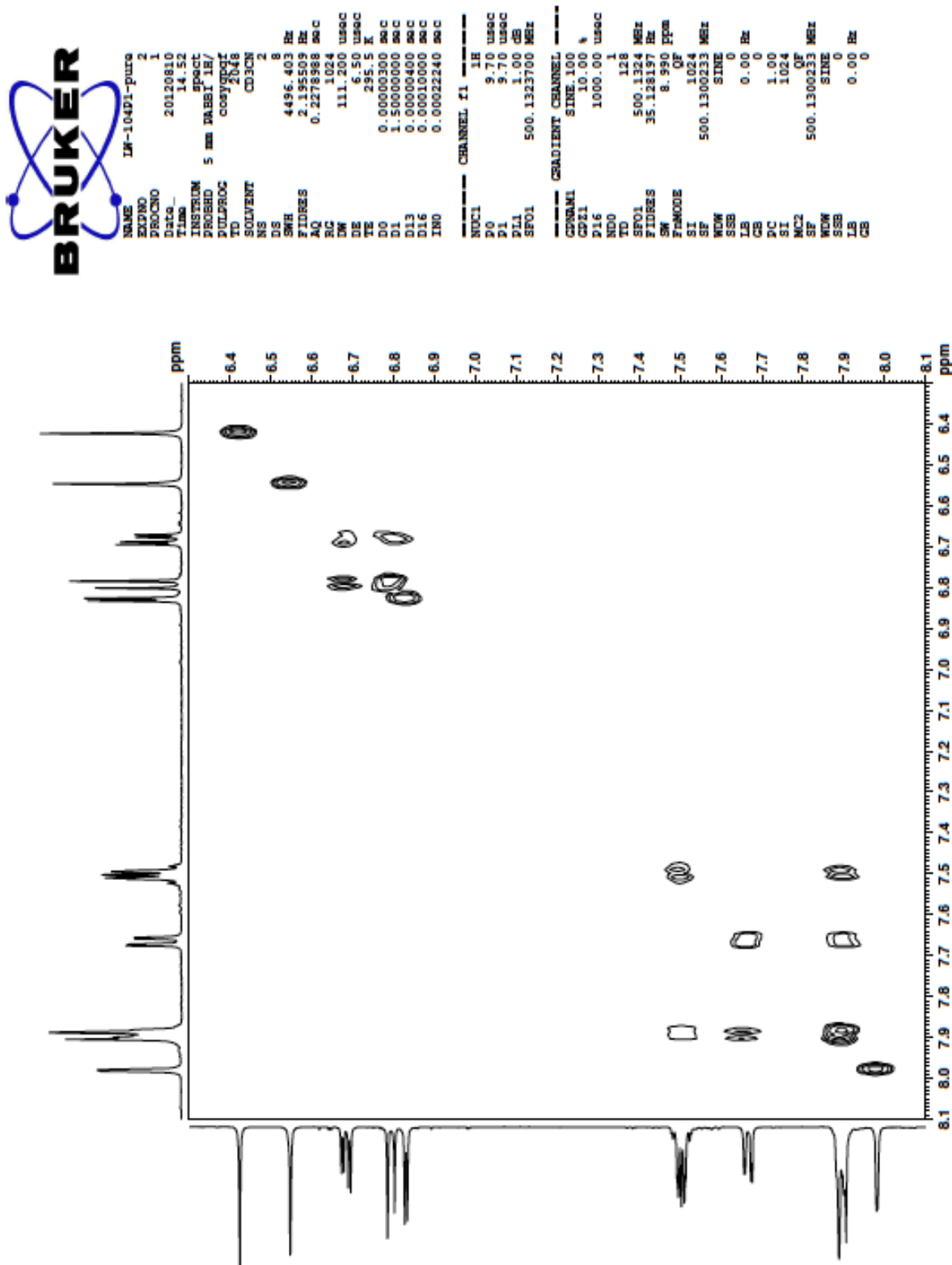


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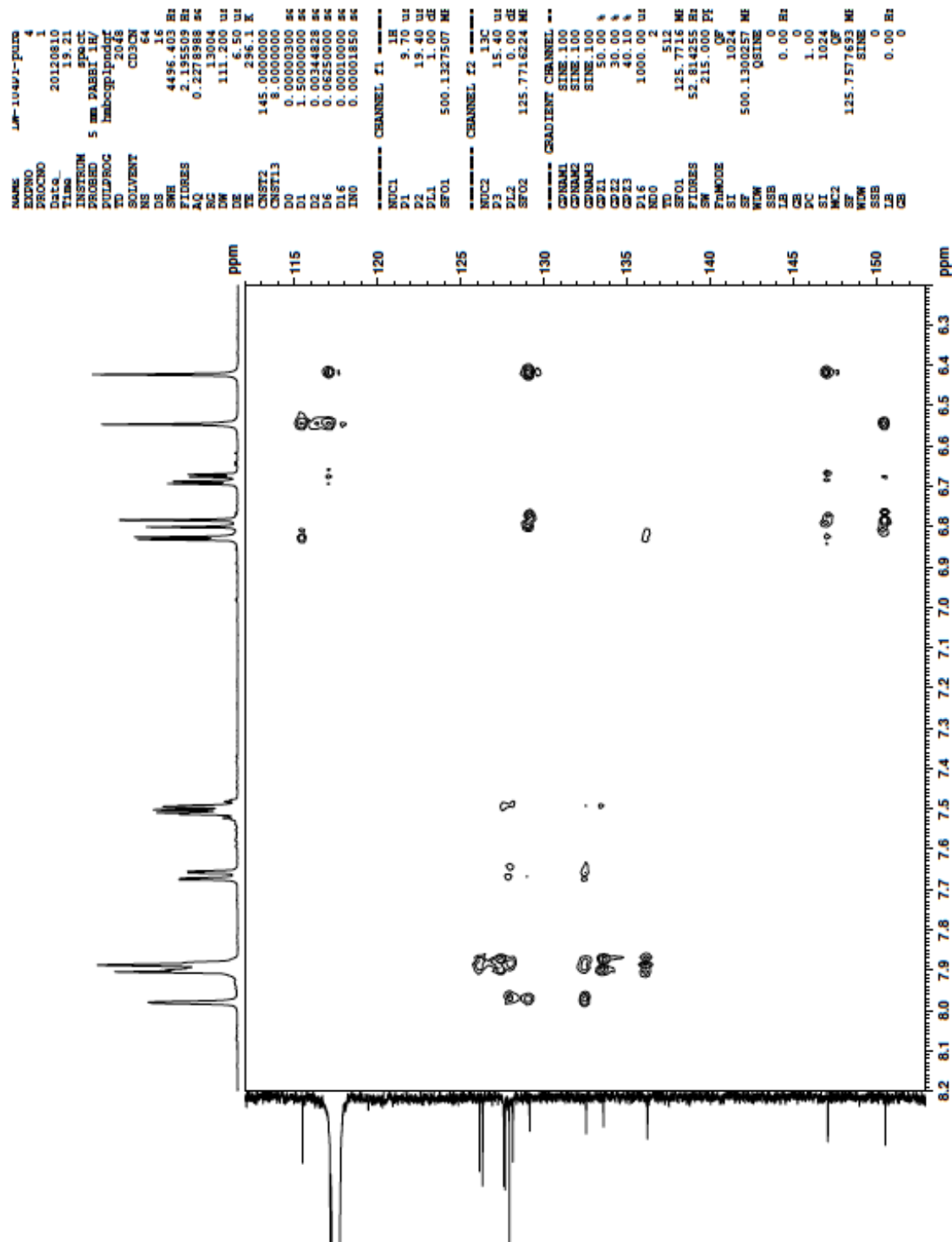




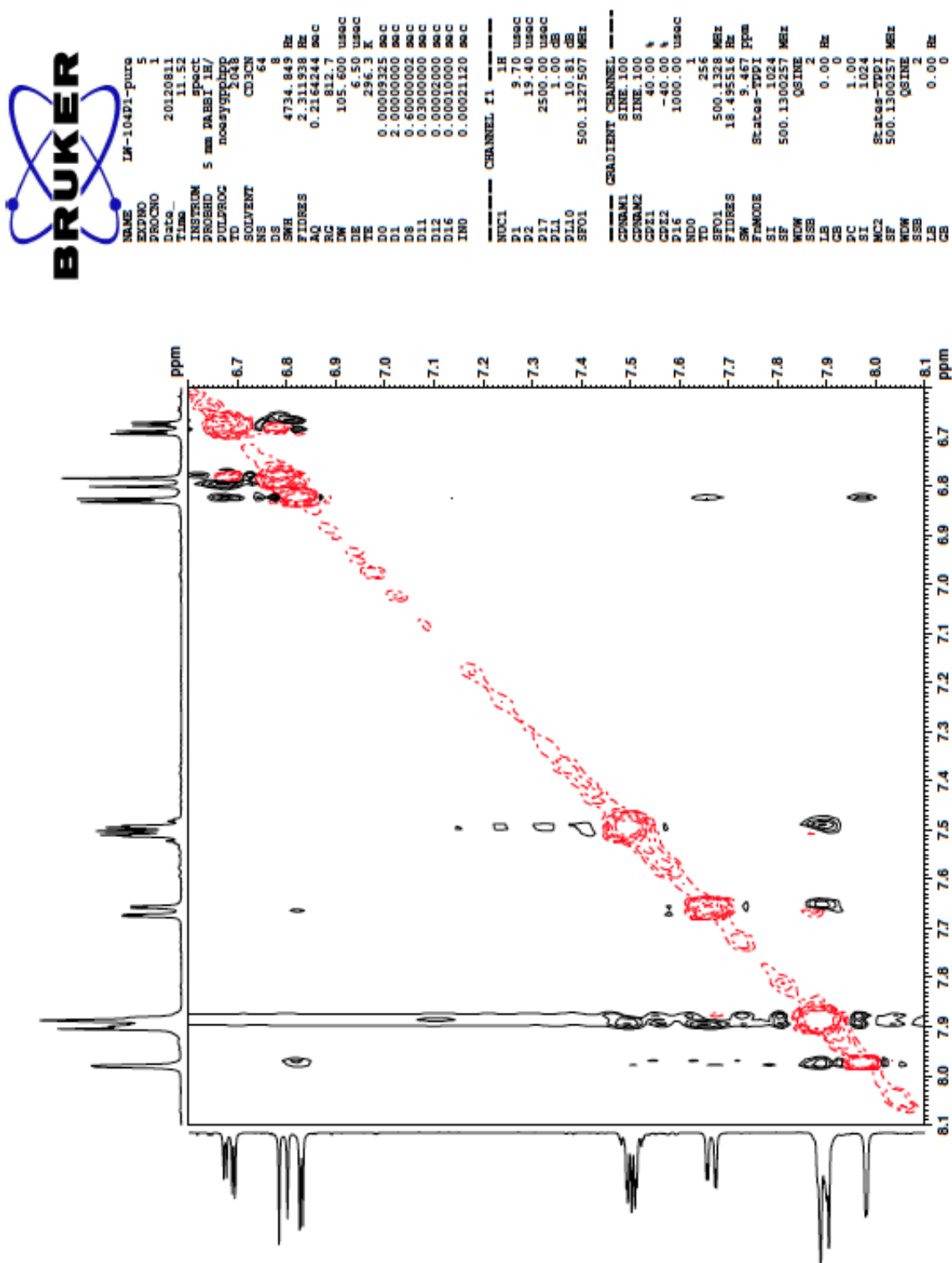
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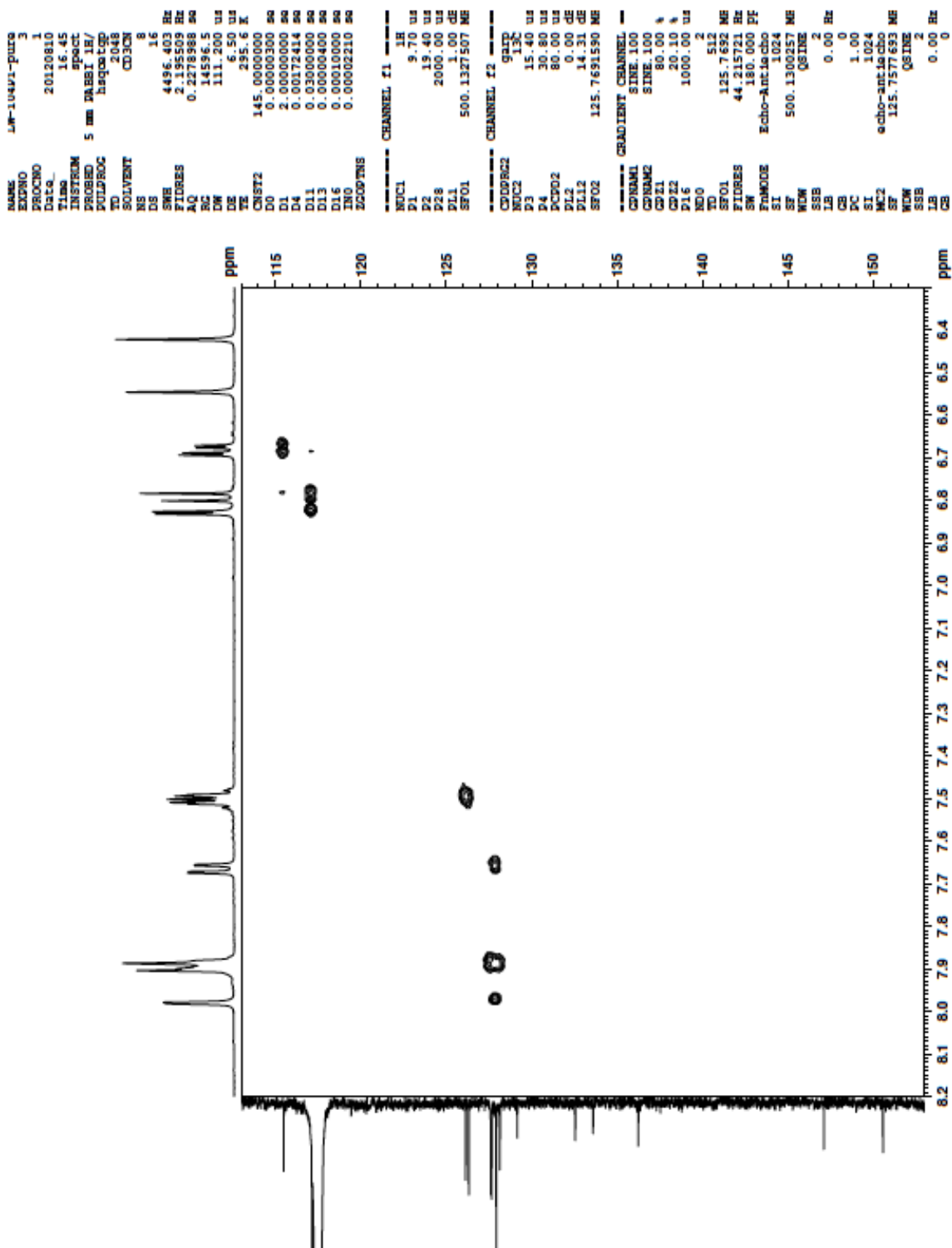
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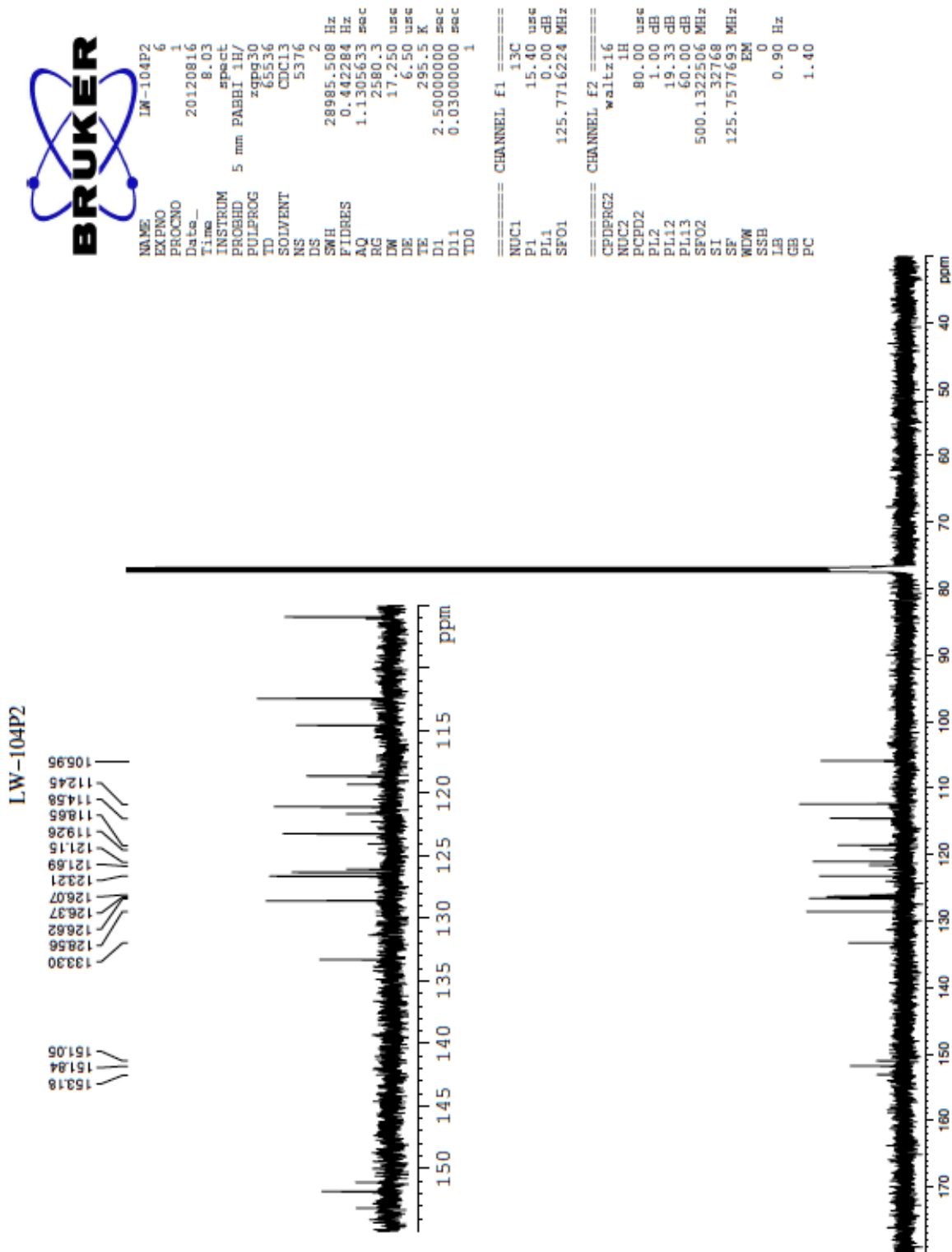


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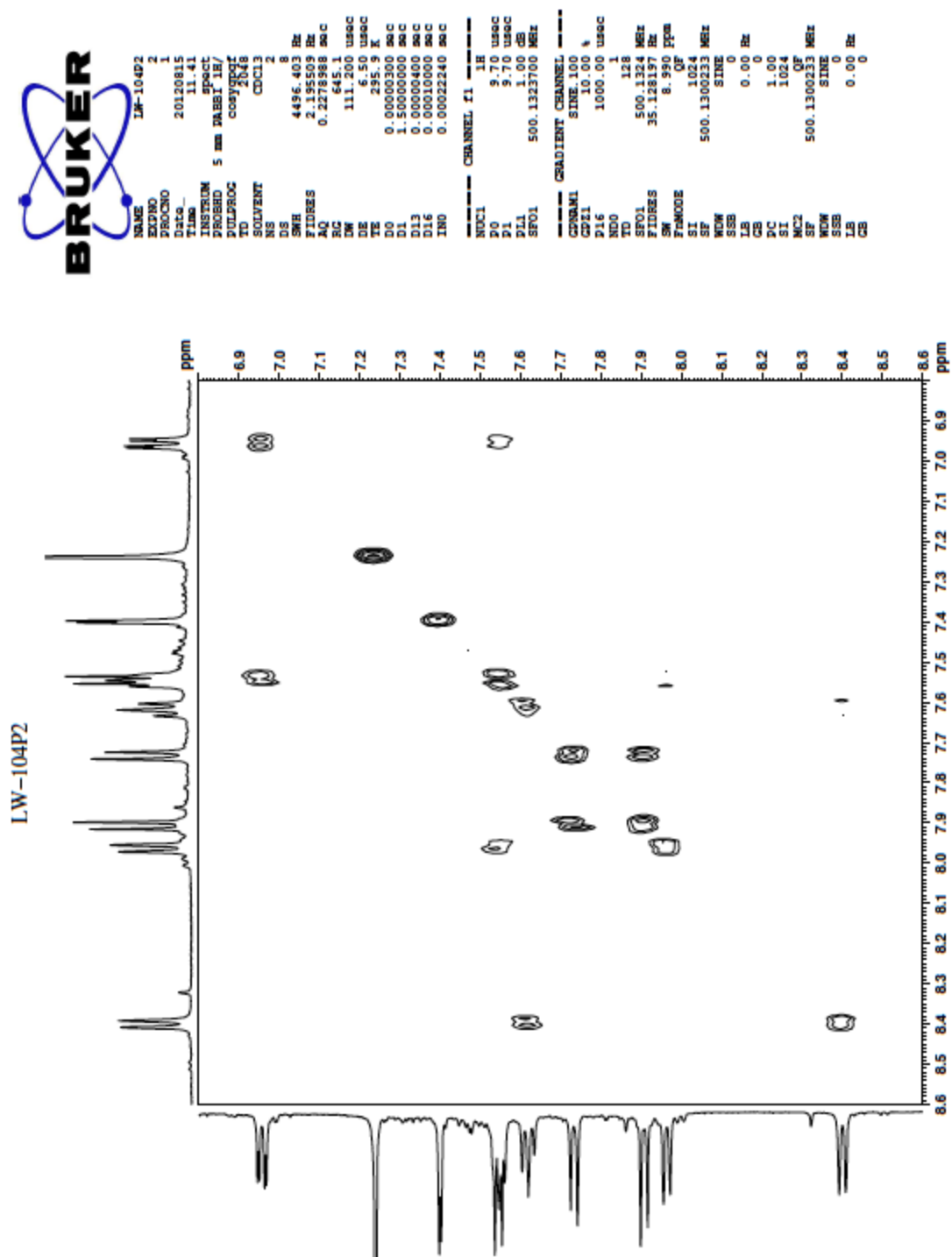




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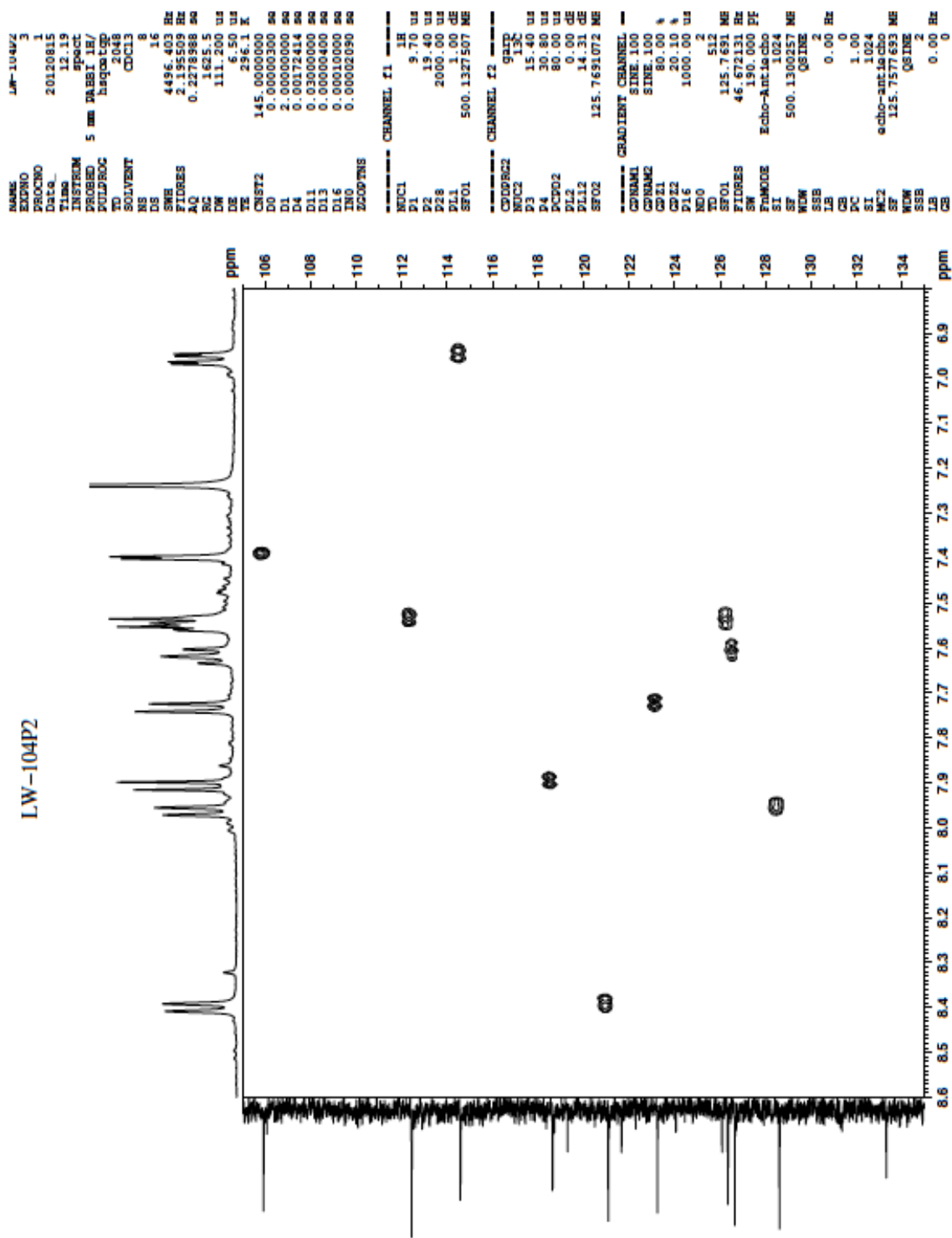
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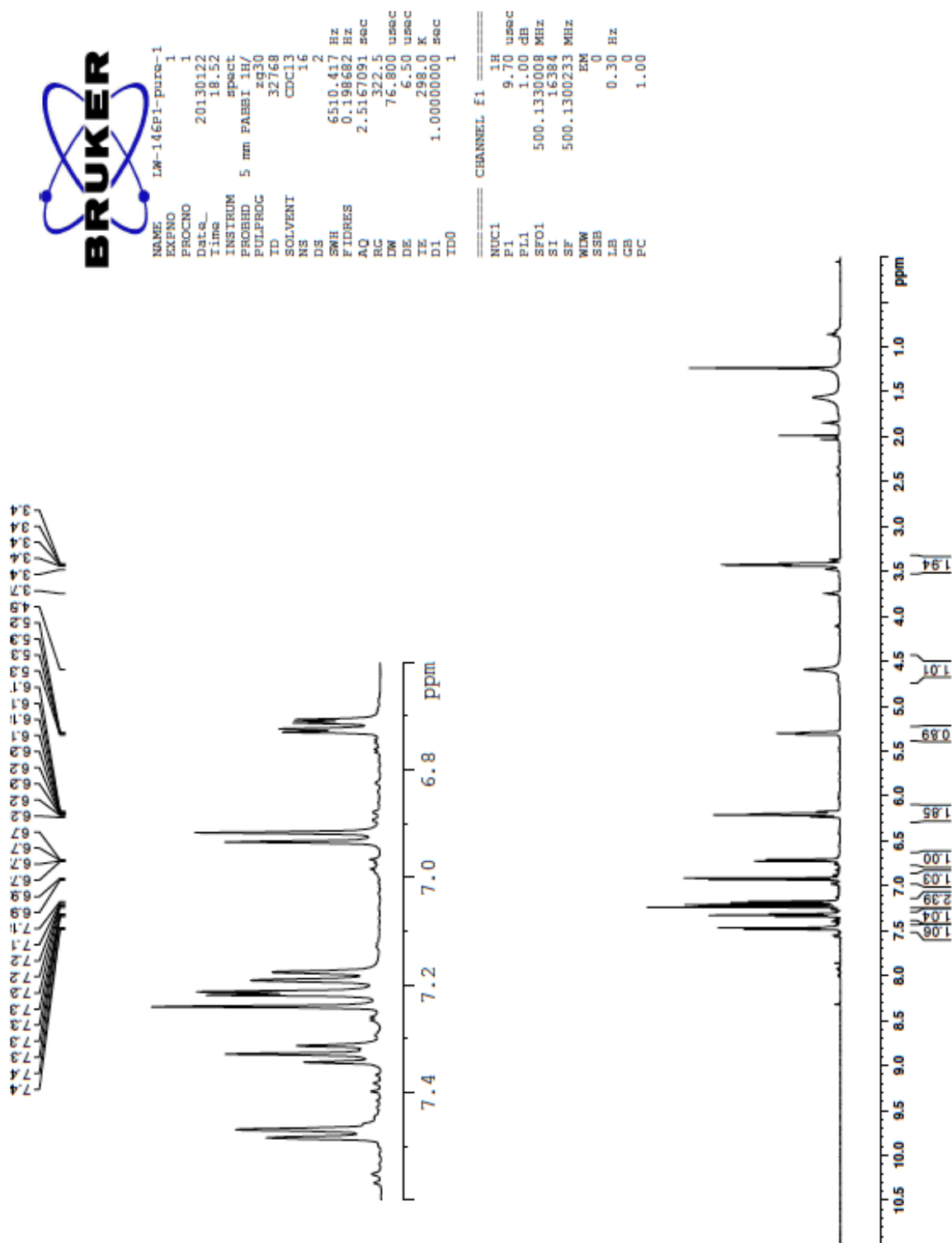




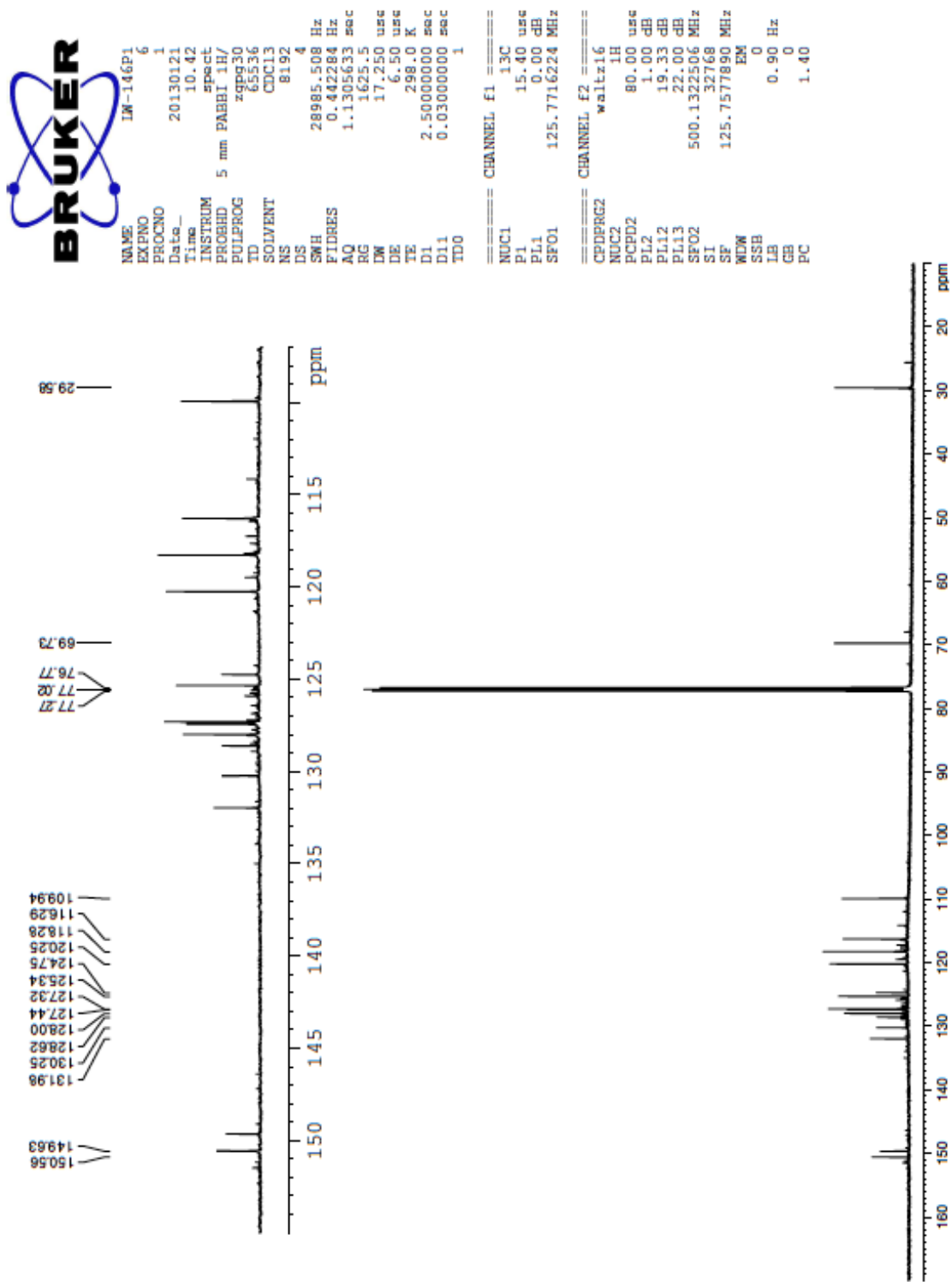
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$^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) spectrum of **19**



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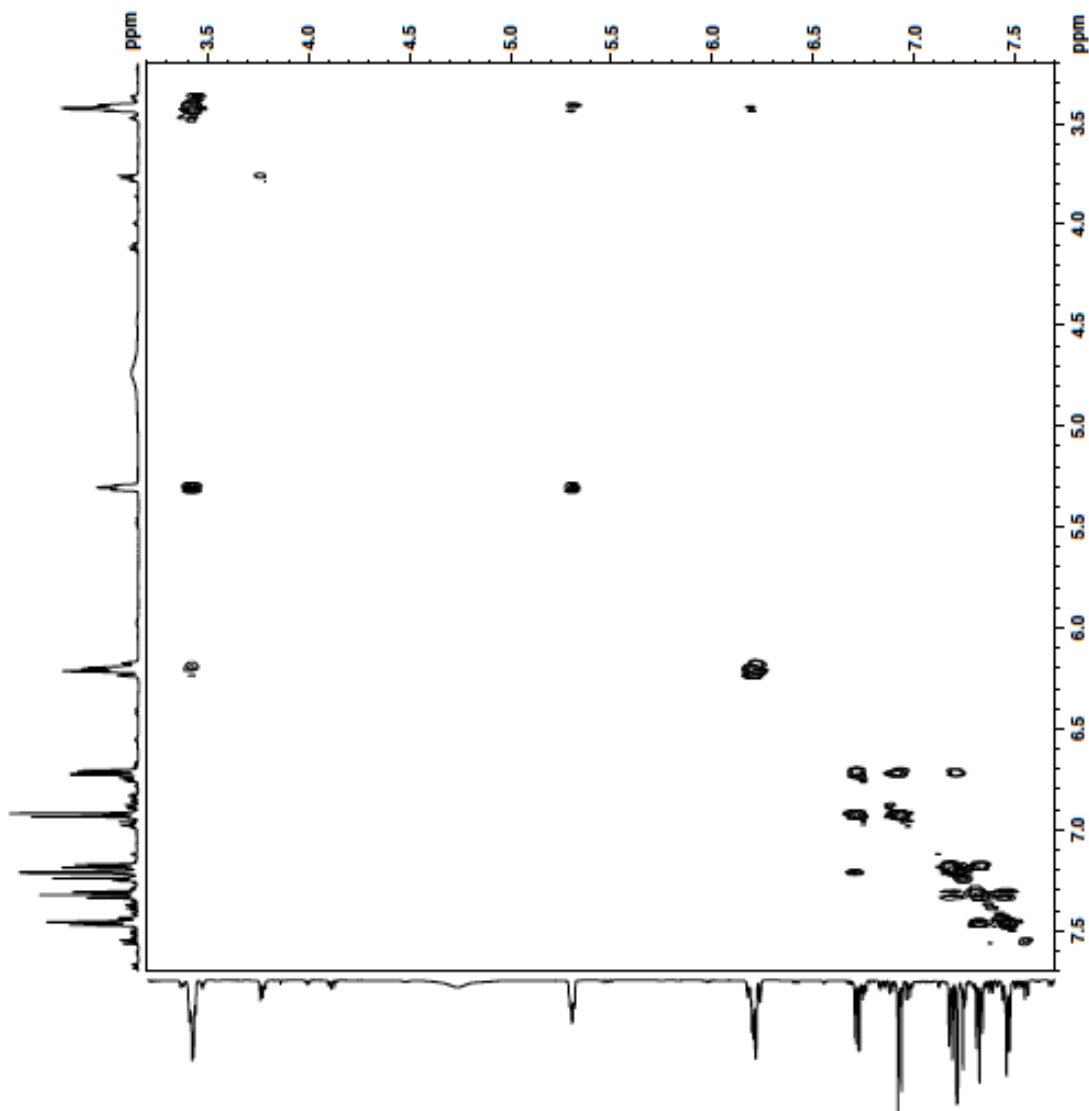
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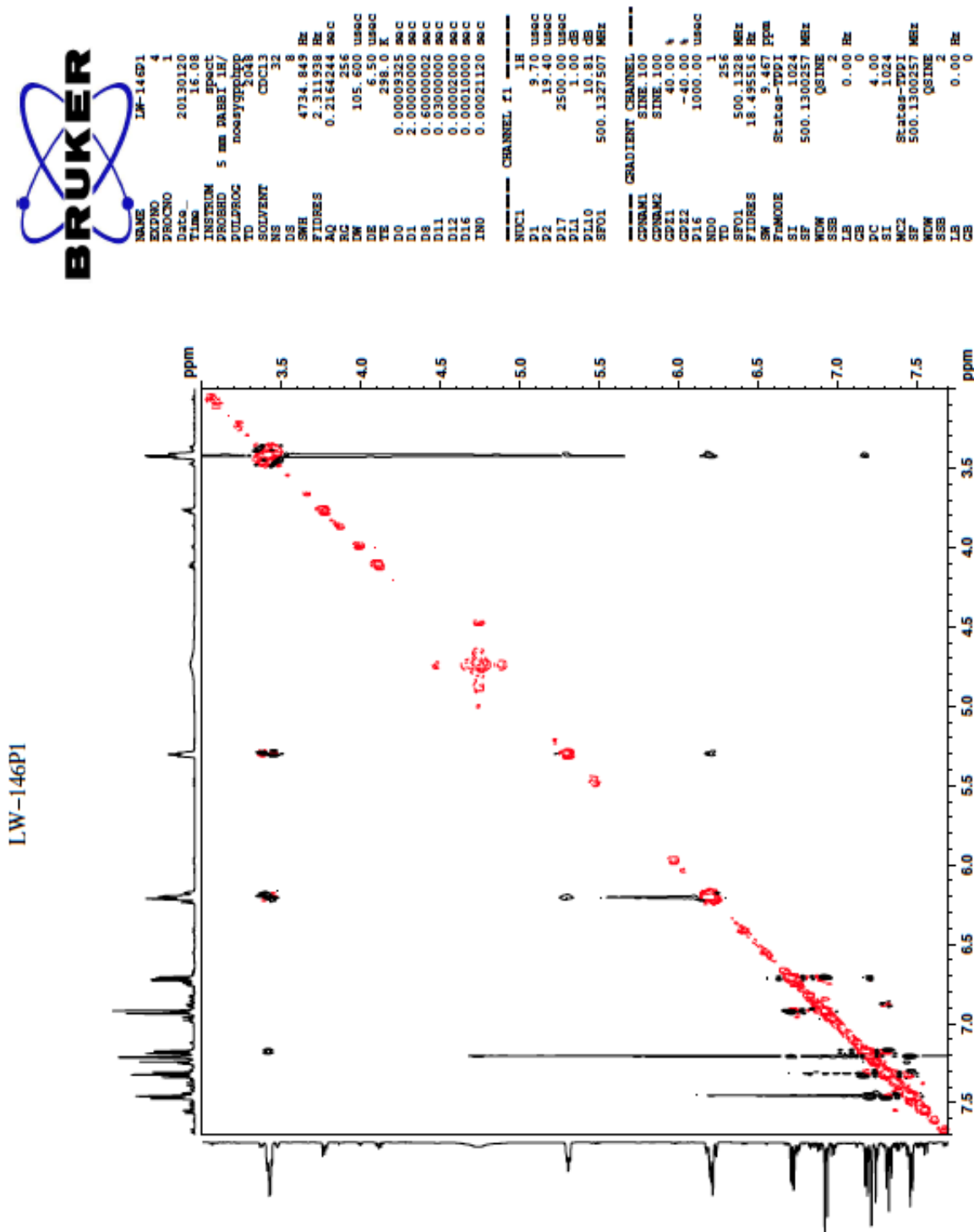
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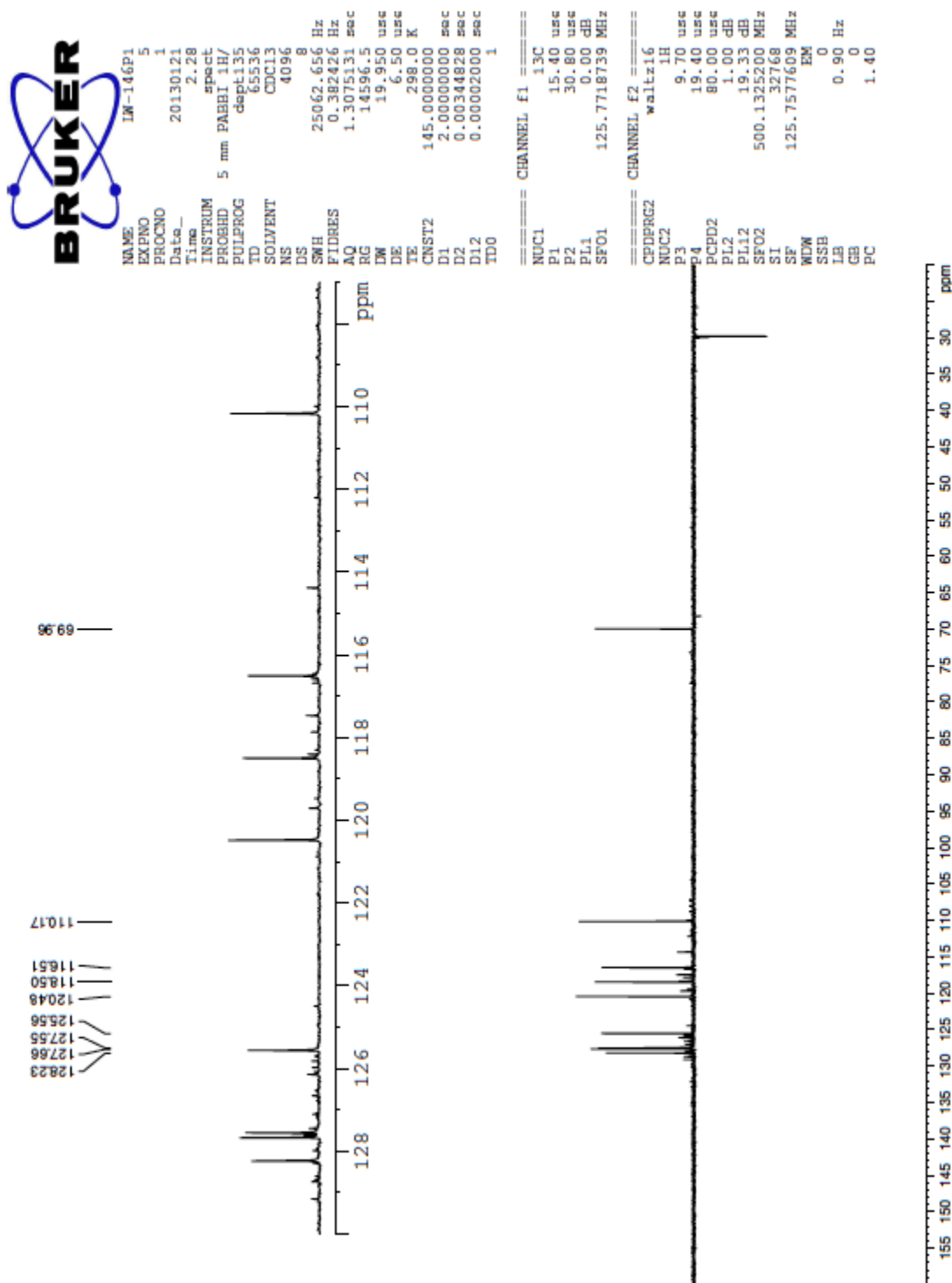
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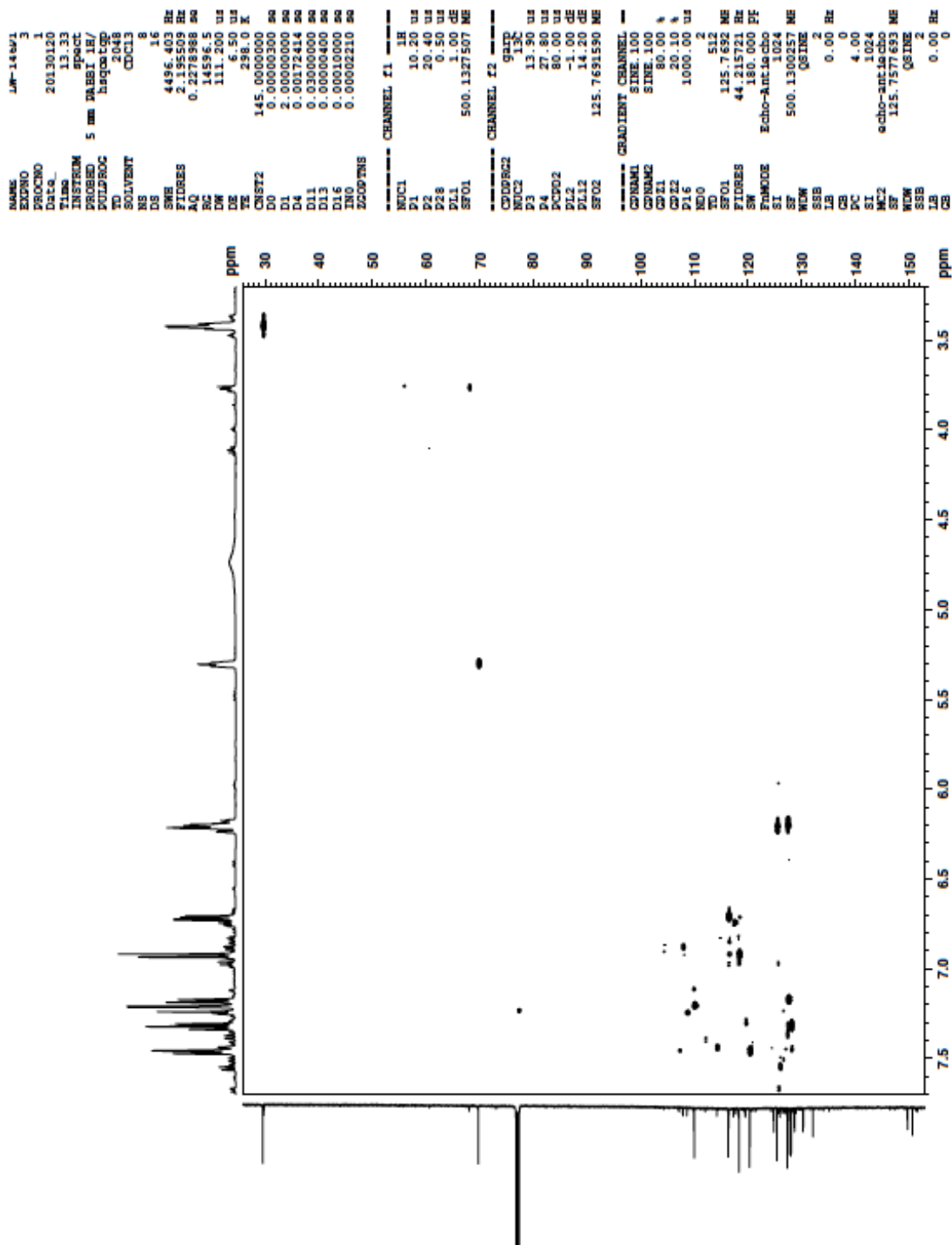
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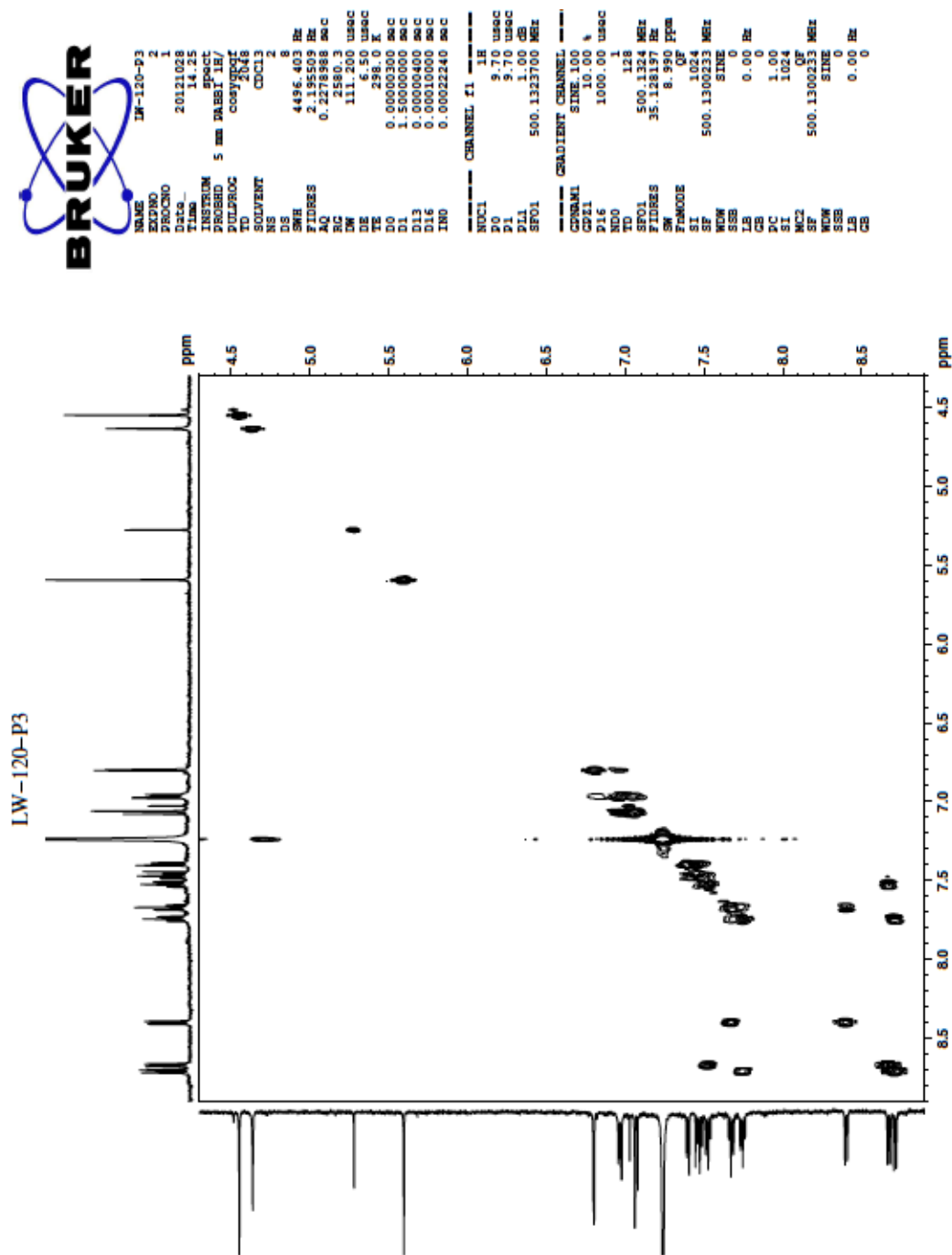
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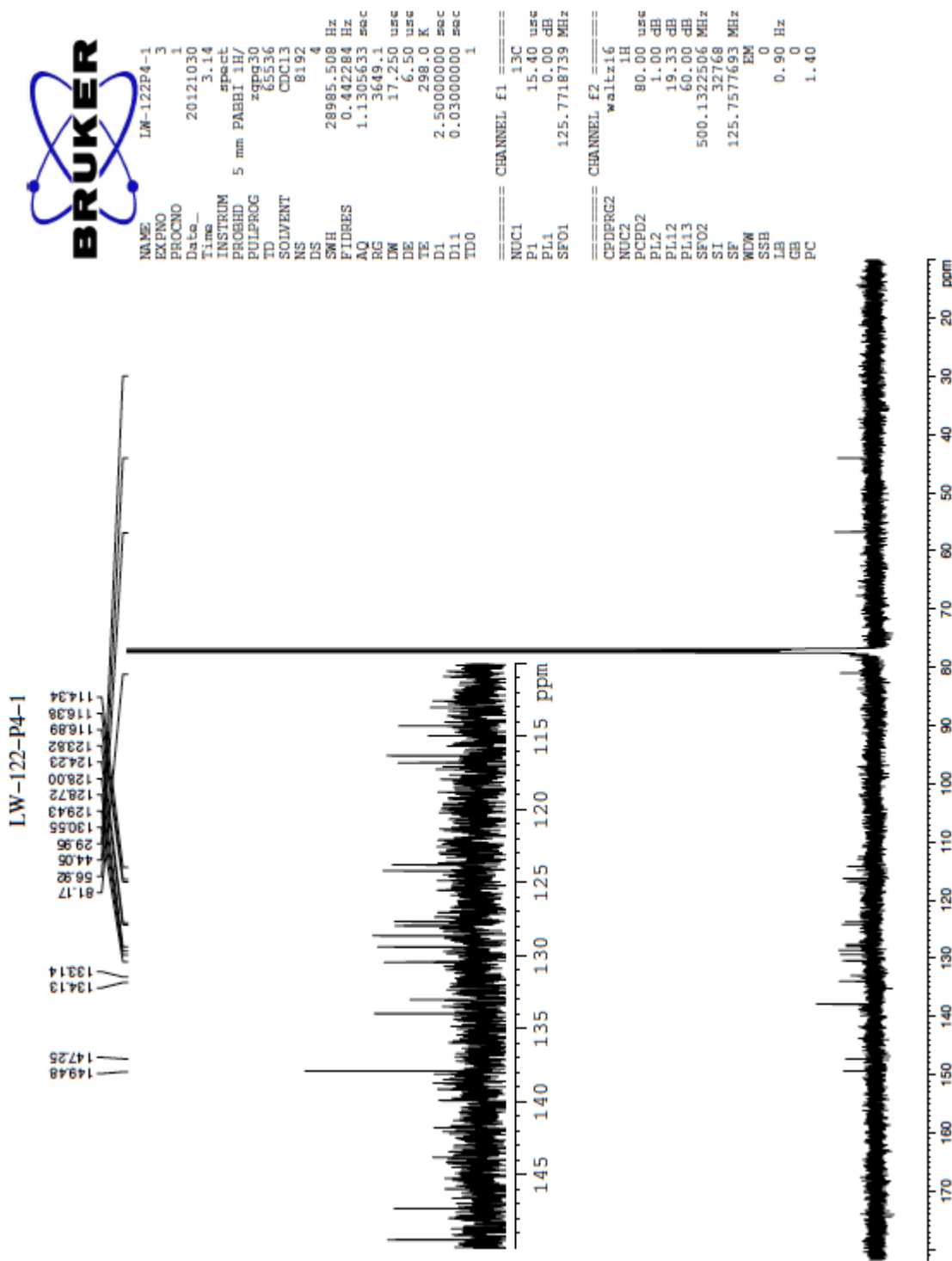


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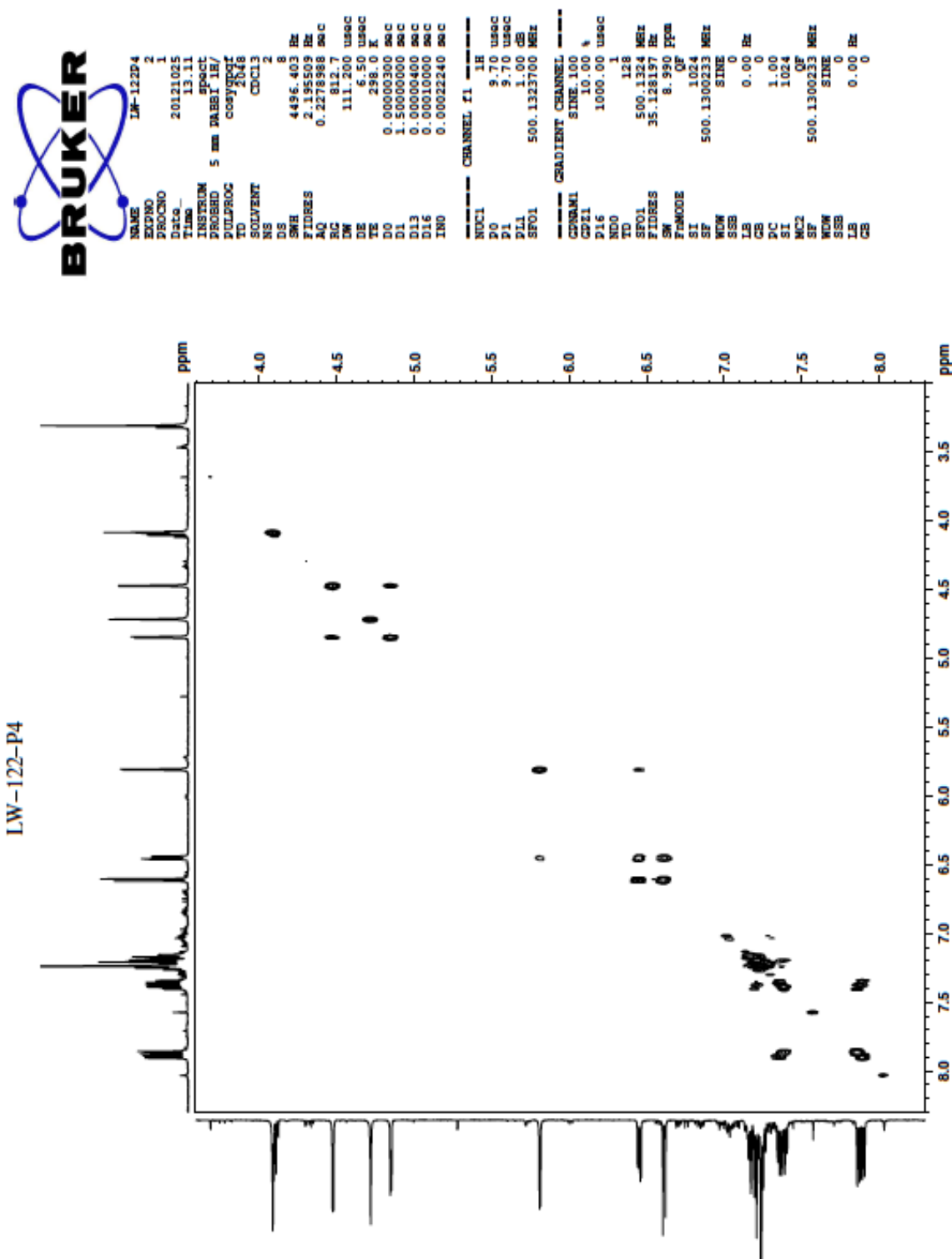




$^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) spectrum of **24**

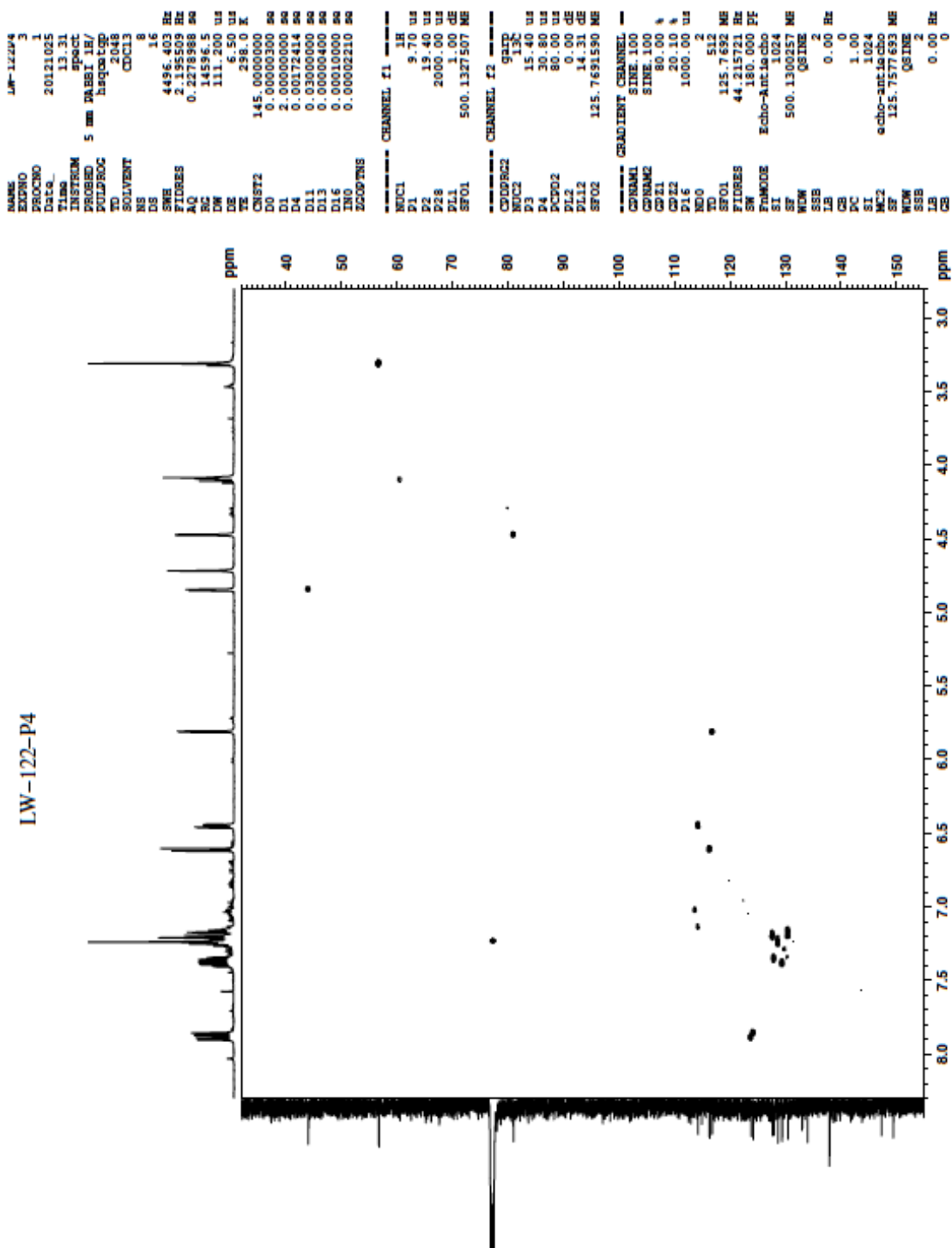


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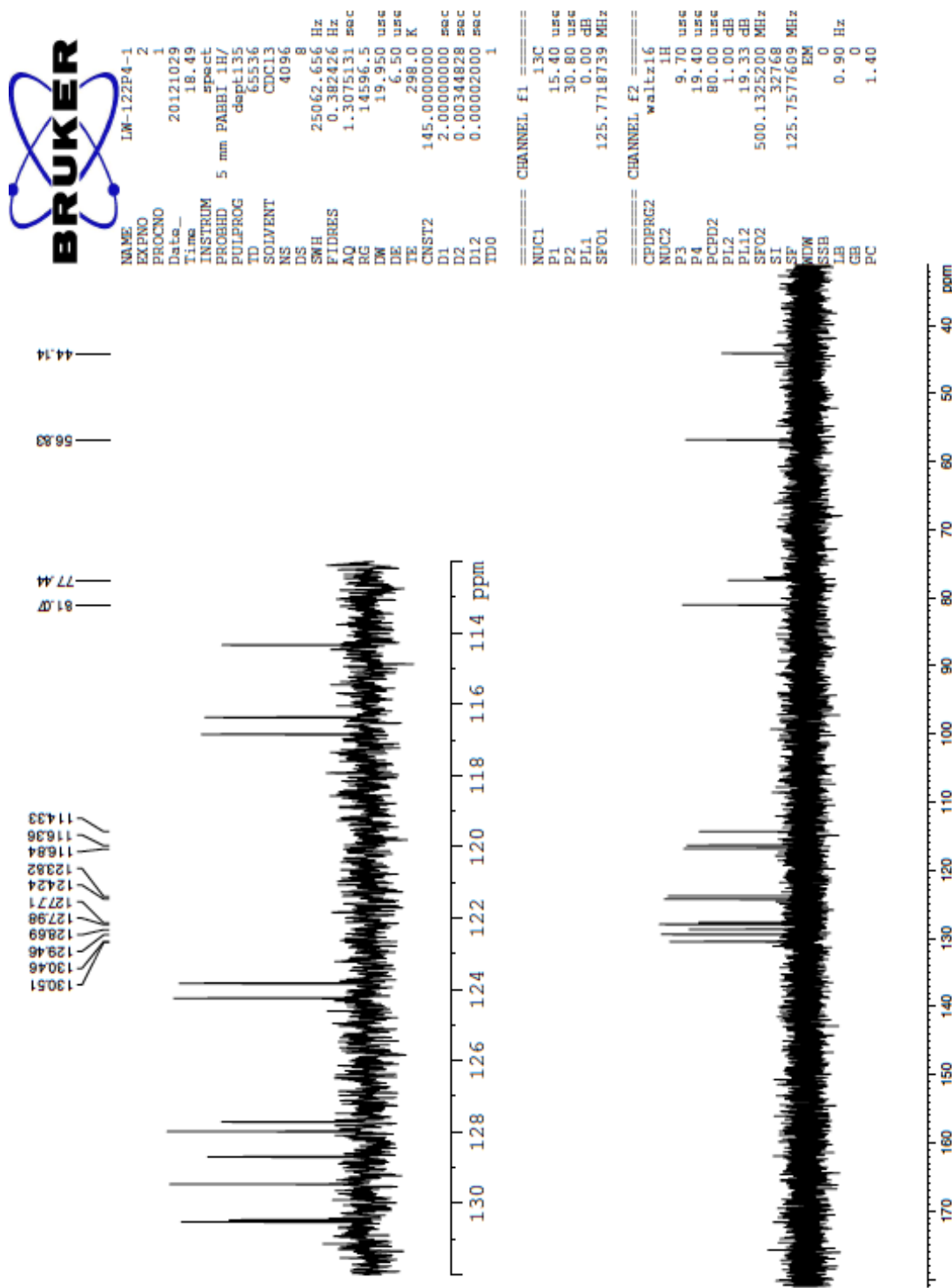




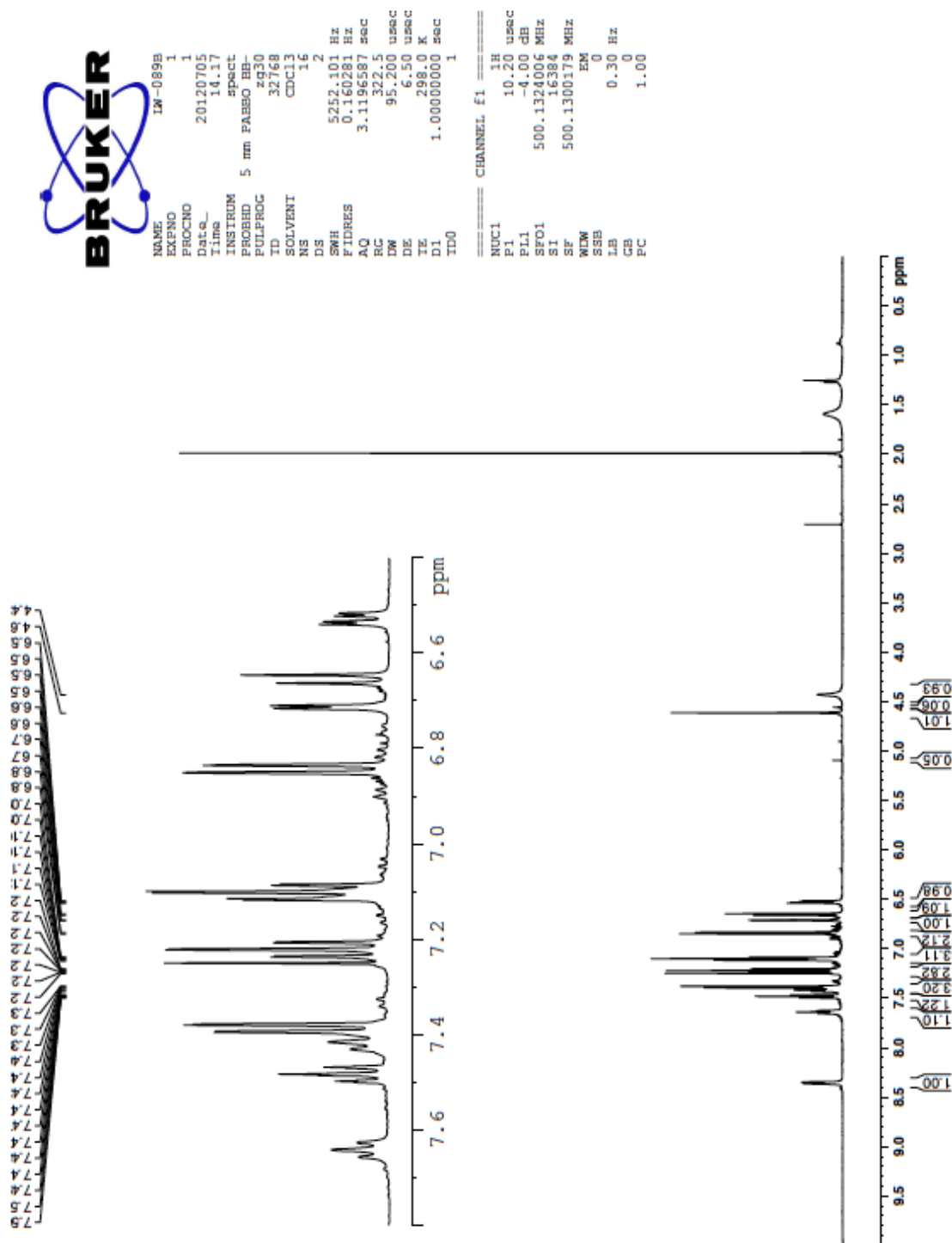
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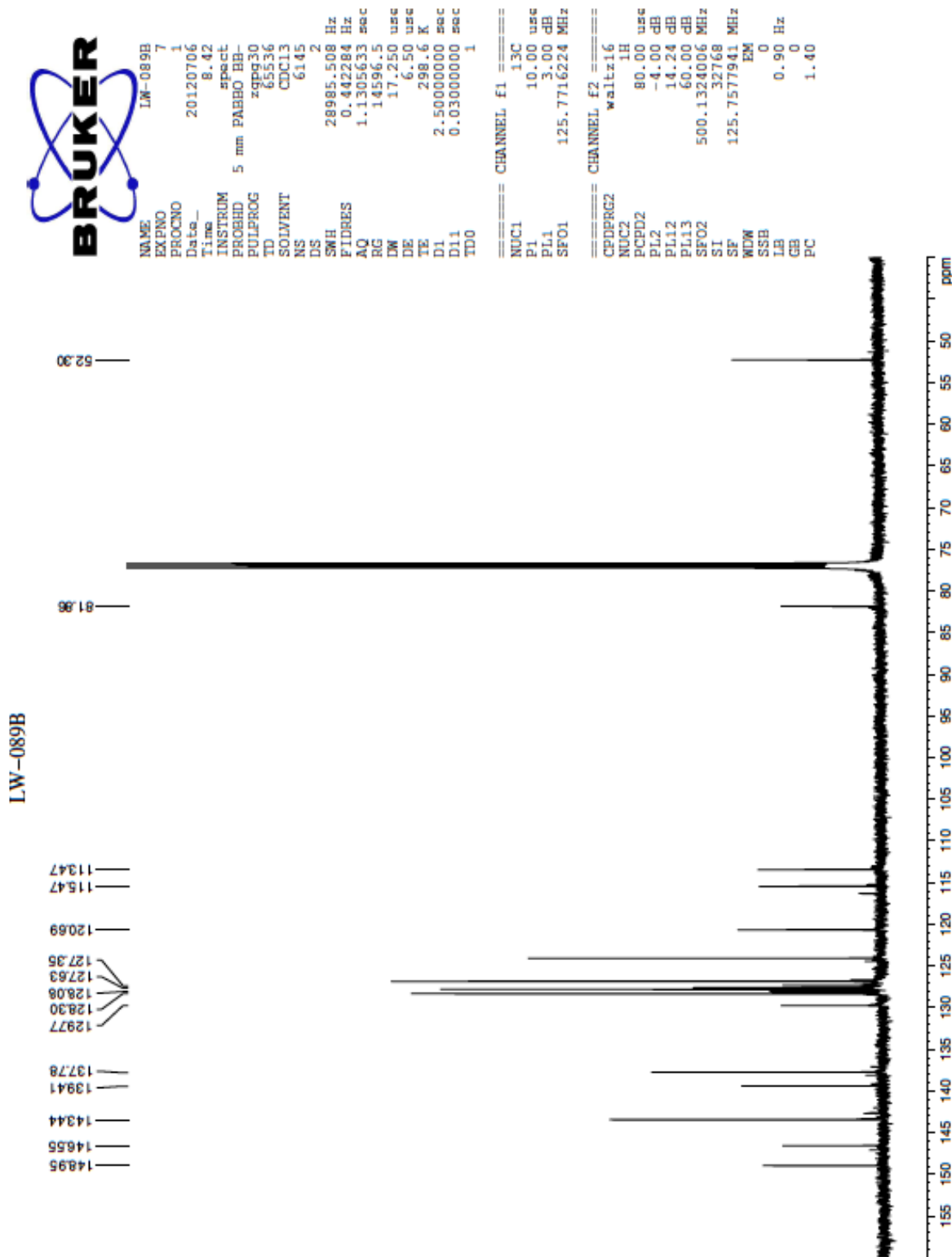


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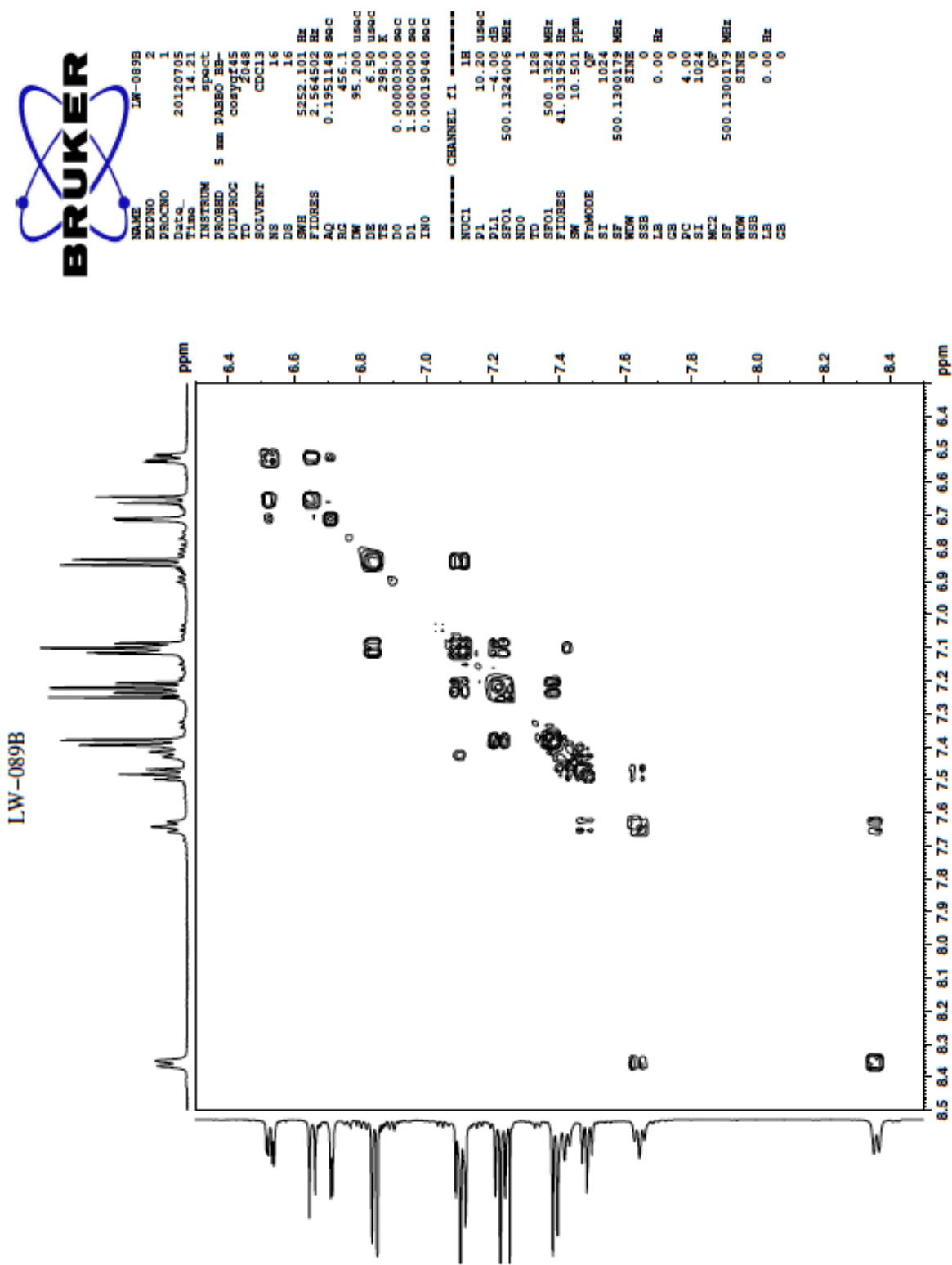




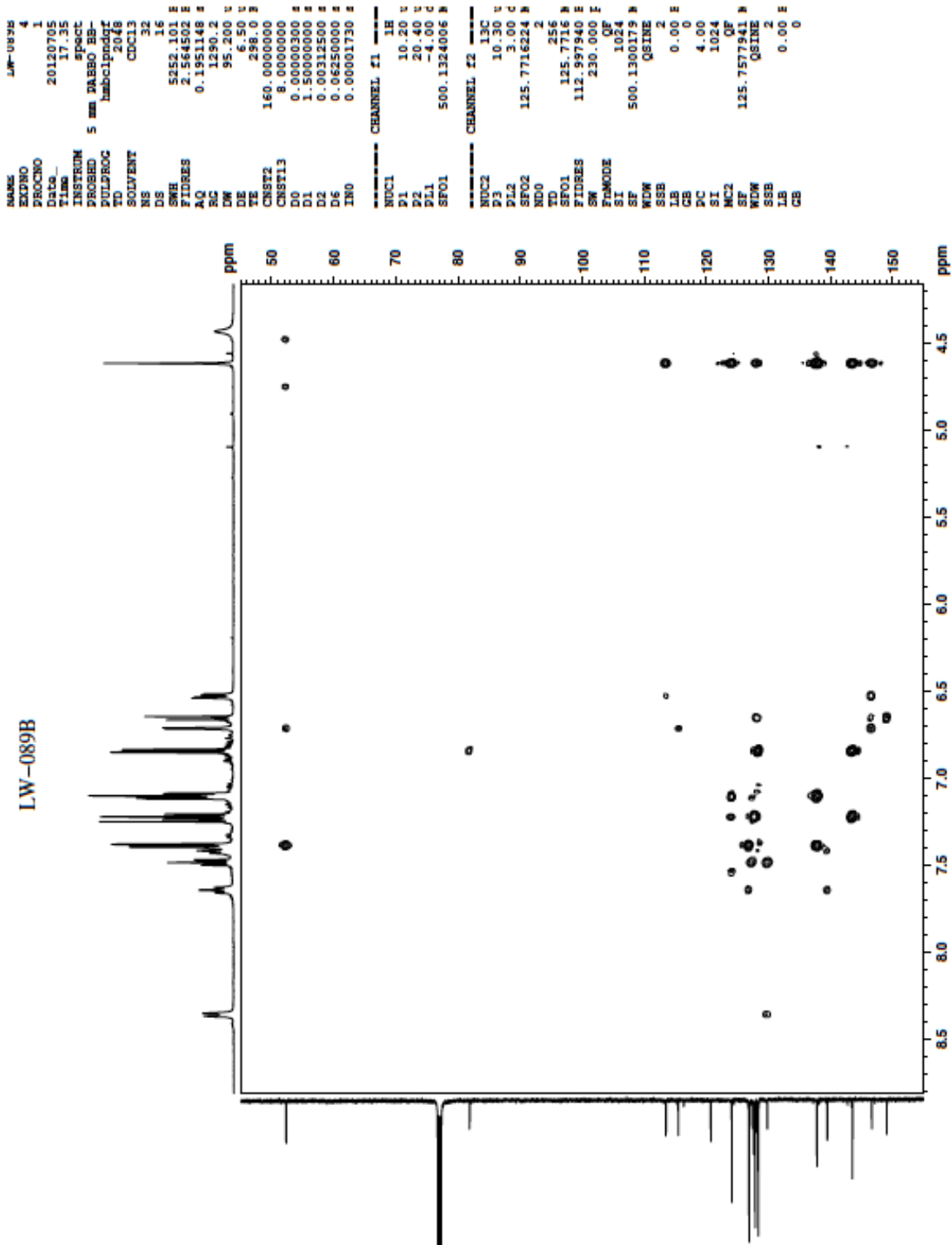
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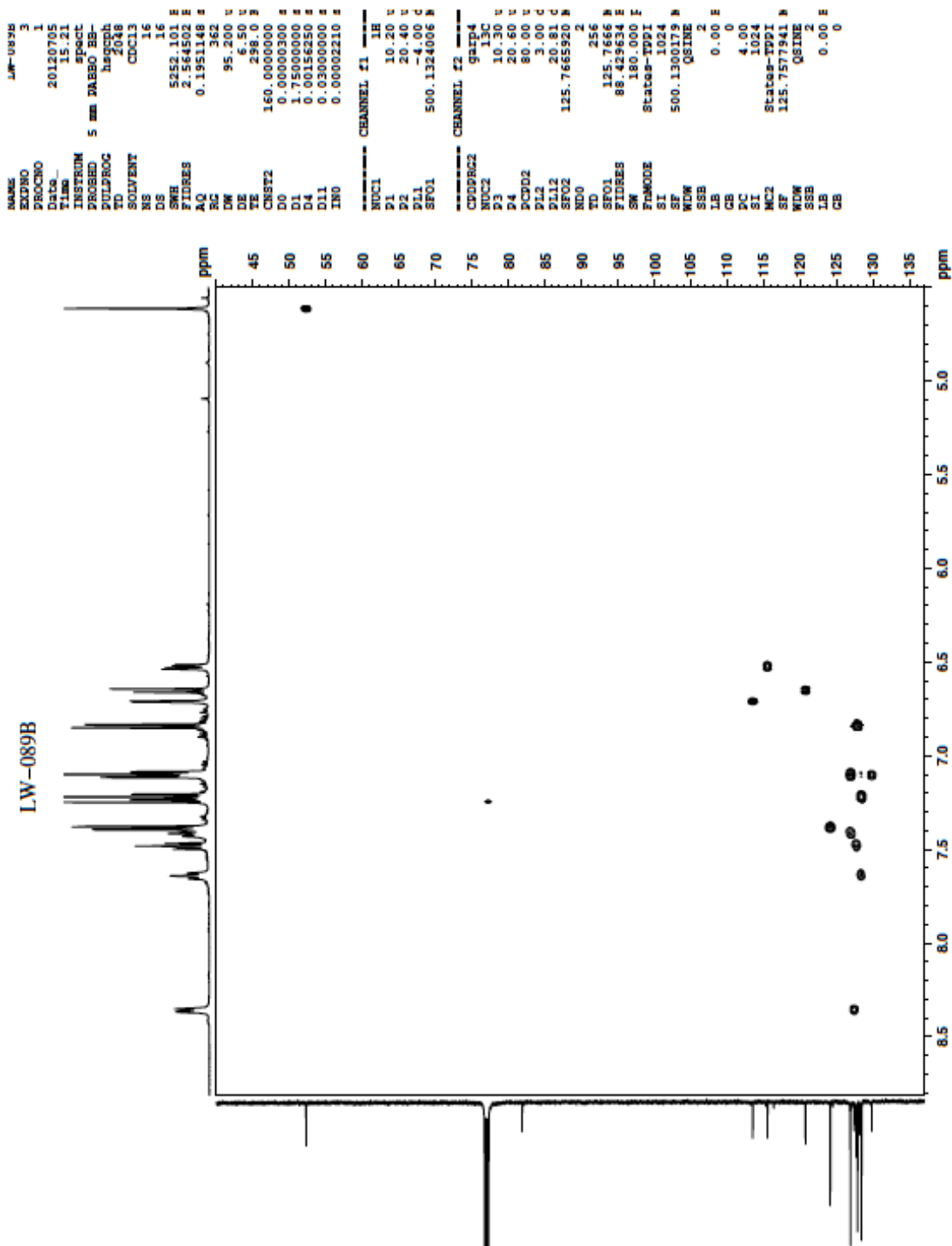
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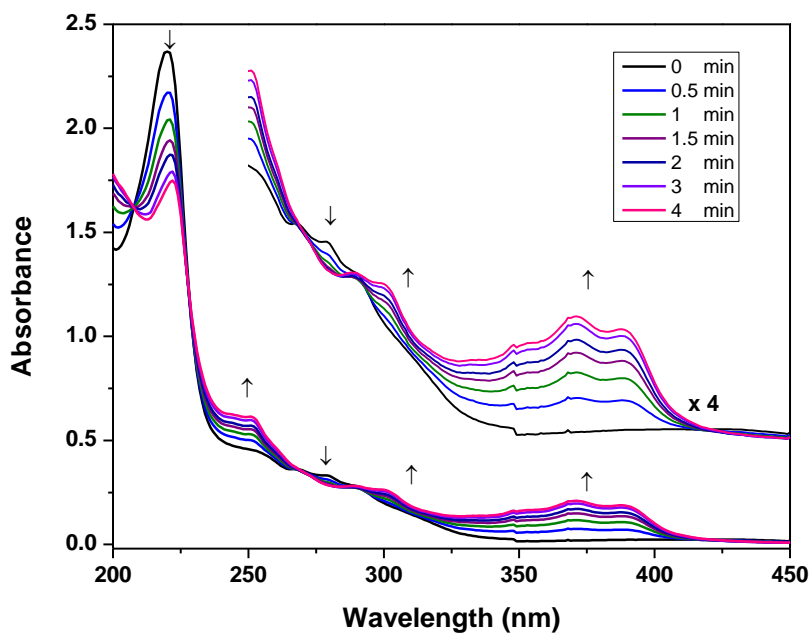
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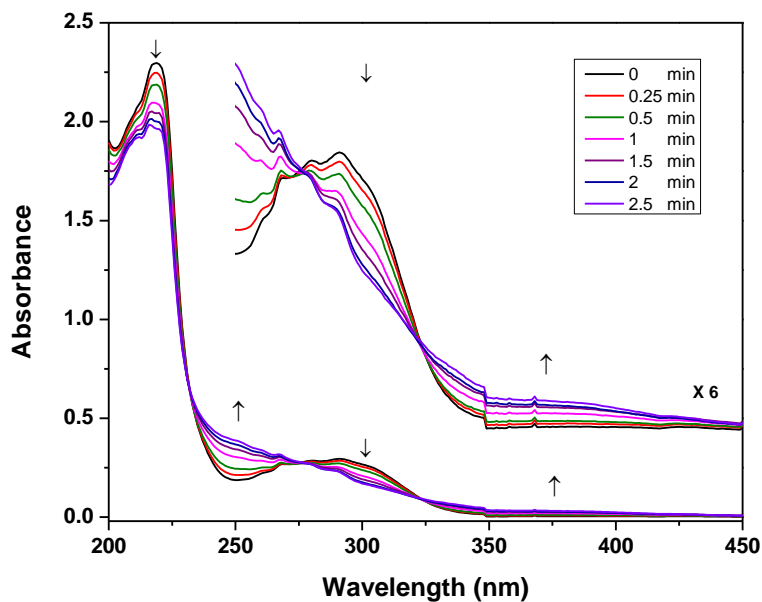
## 2. Irradiations of 9 – 11 in UV-Vis cuvettes

Absorption spectra of **9** in (a) CH<sub>3</sub>CN and (b) 1:1 = H<sub>2</sub>O :CH<sub>3</sub>CN after irradiation at 300 nm (photolysis in the UV-vis cuvette, 16 lamps, Rayonet reactor)

### (a) in CH<sub>3</sub>CN

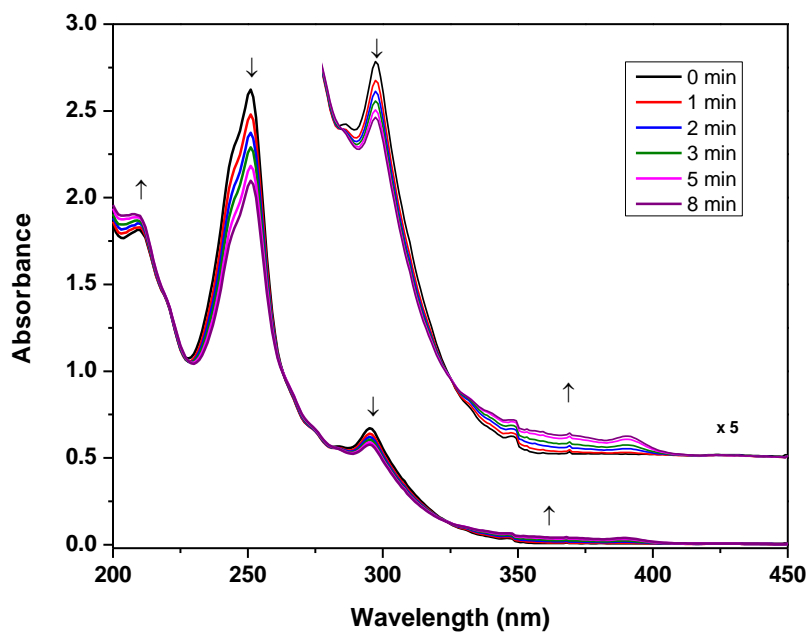


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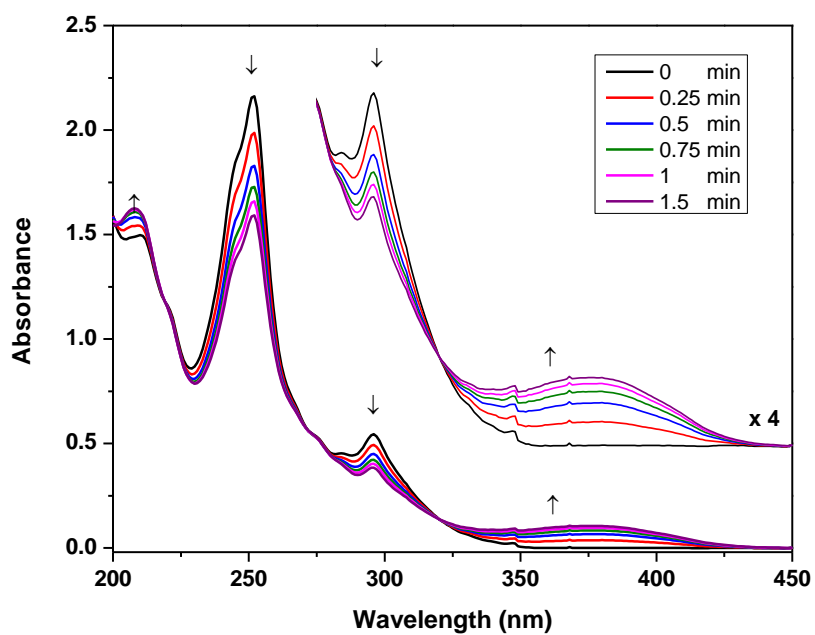


Absorption spectra of **10** in (a)  $\text{CH}_3\text{CN}$  and (b) 1:1 =  $\text{H}_2\text{O} : \text{CH}_3\text{CN}$  after irradiation at 300 nm  
(photolysis in the UV-vis cuvette, 16 lamps, Rayonet reactor)

(a) in  $\text{CH}_3\text{CN}$

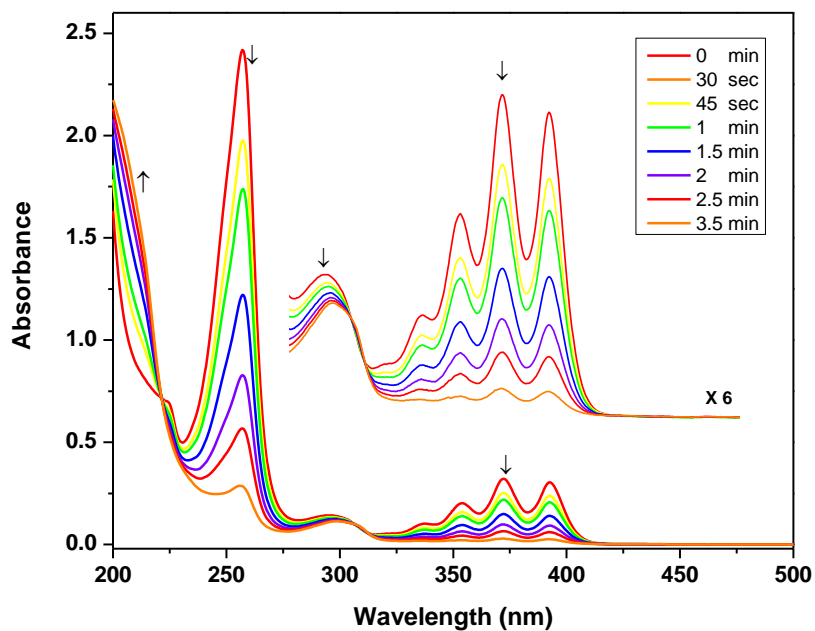


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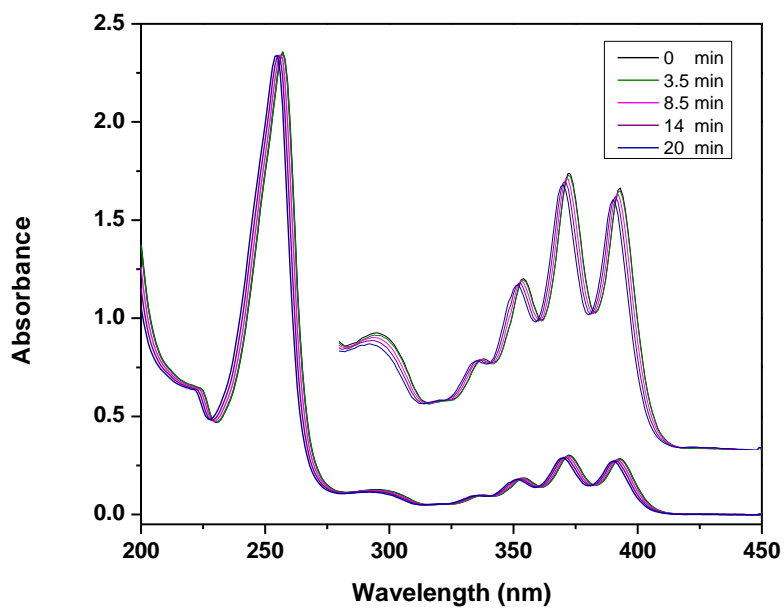


Absorption spectra of **11** in (a) CH<sub>3</sub>CN and (b) 1:1 = H<sub>2</sub>O :CH<sub>3</sub>CN (c) cyclohexane (d) diethyl ether (e) THF (f) methanol after irradiation at 350 nm (photolysis in the UV-vis cuvette, 16 lamps, Rayonet reactor)

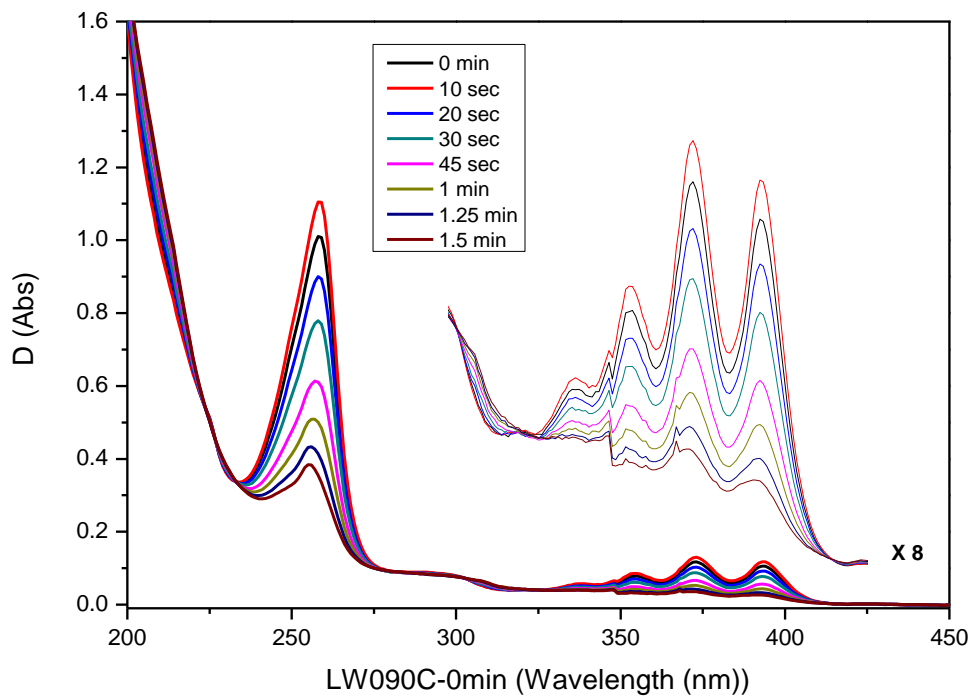
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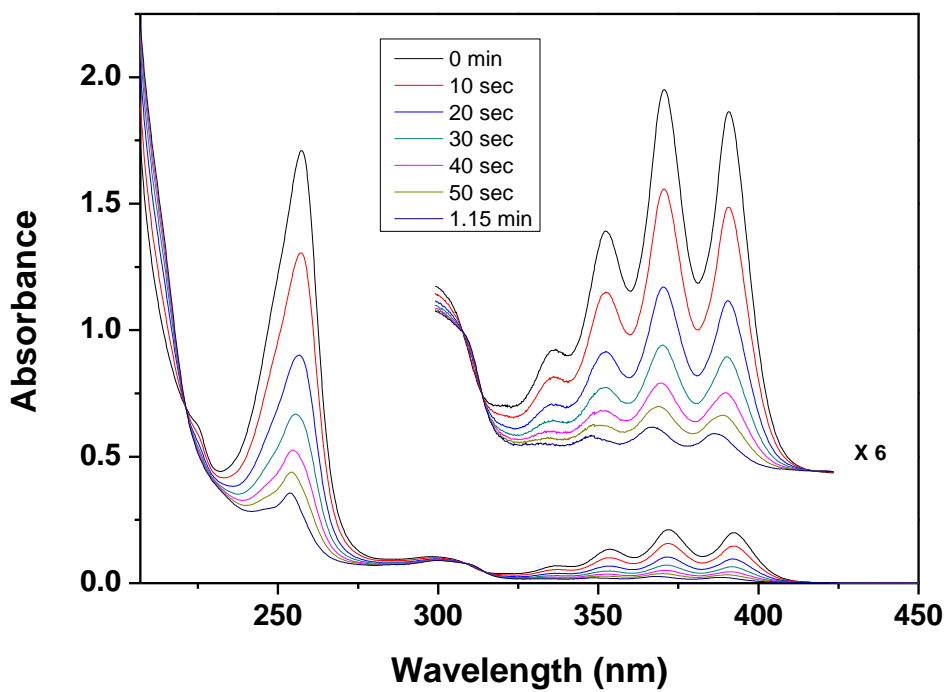
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(c) in cyclohexane

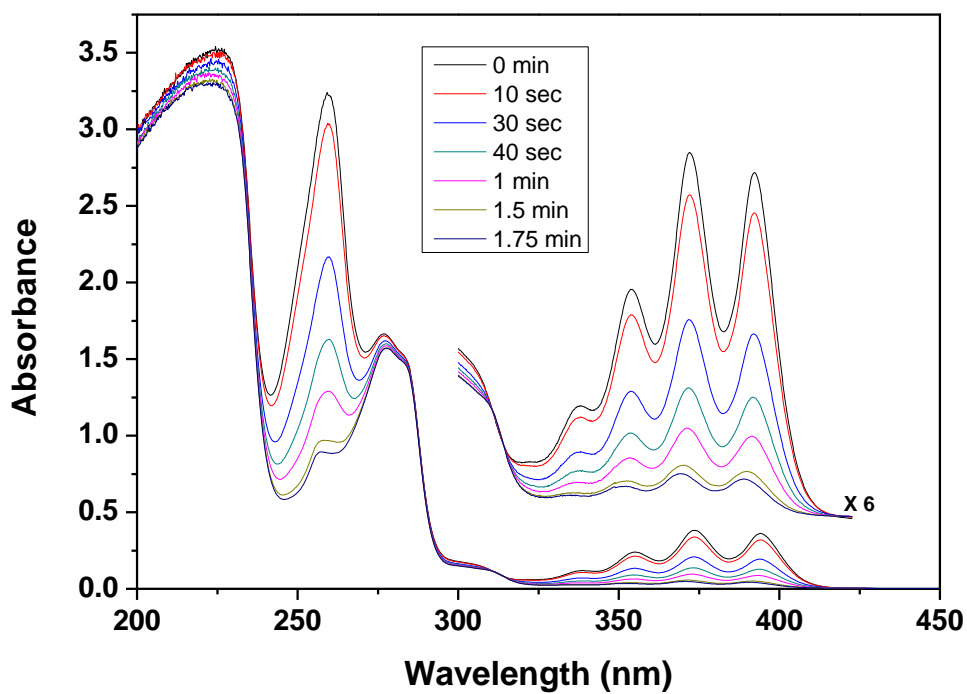


(d) in diethyl ether

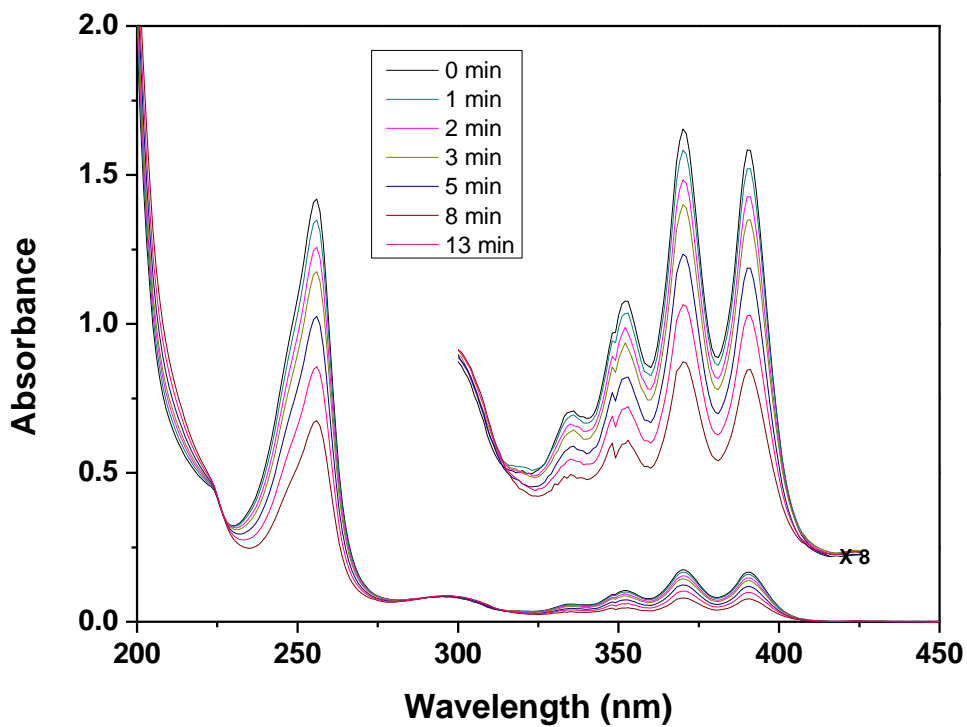




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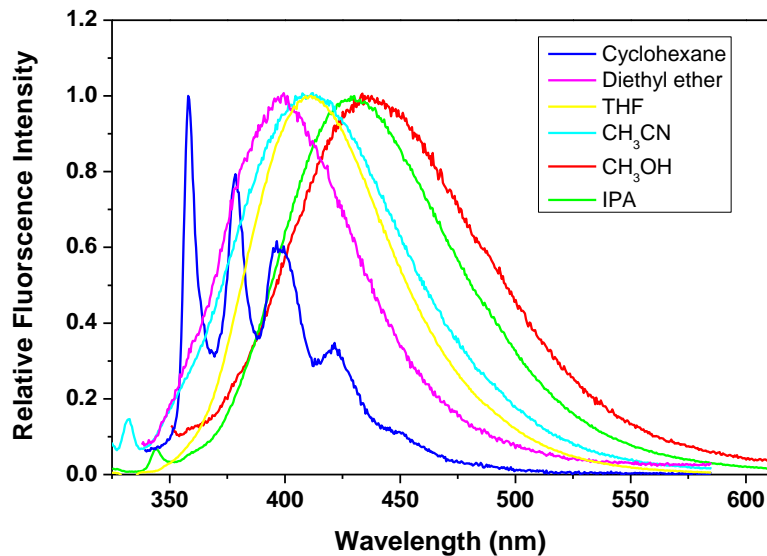


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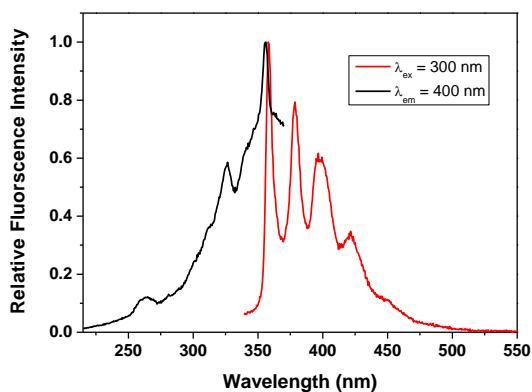


### 3. Fluorescence spectra of 9 –11 and 15 in various solvents

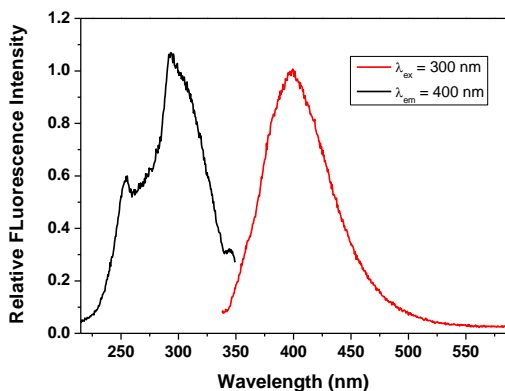
Excitation and emission spectra of 9 in (a) cyclohexane (b) diethyl ether (c) THF (d) CH<sub>3</sub>CN (e) CH<sub>3</sub>OH & isopropyl alcohol (IPA)



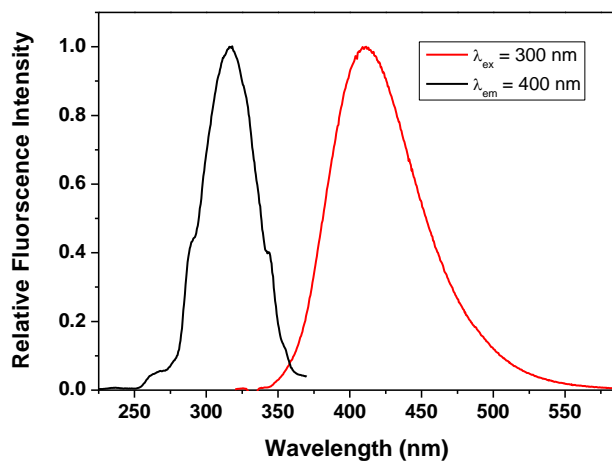
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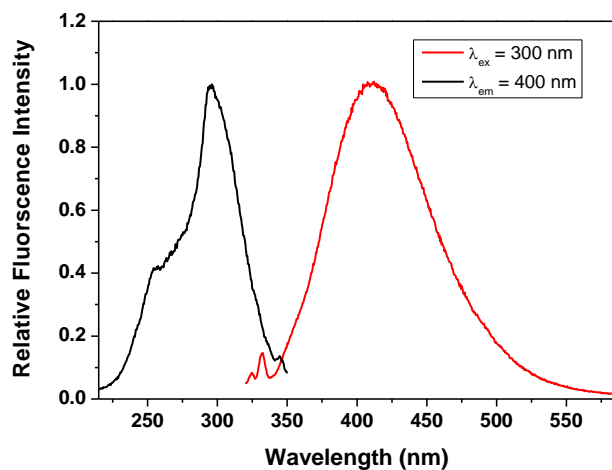
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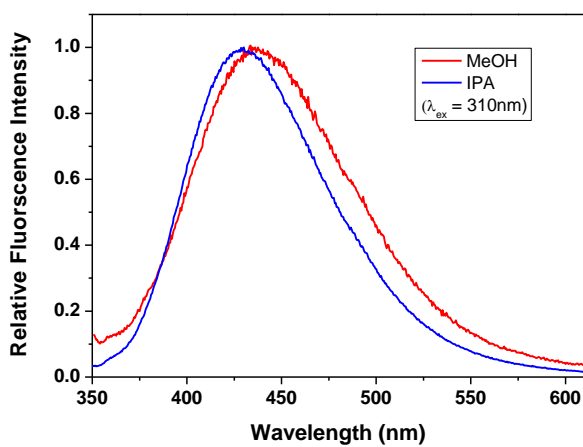
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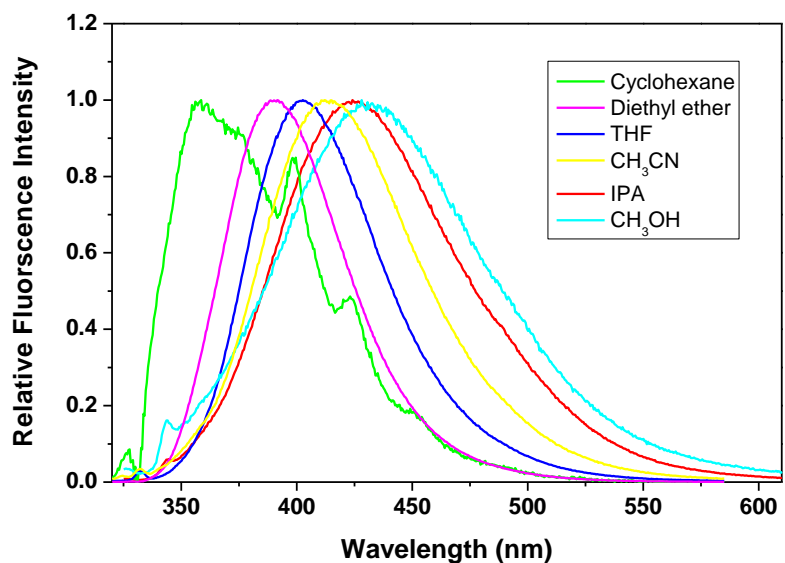
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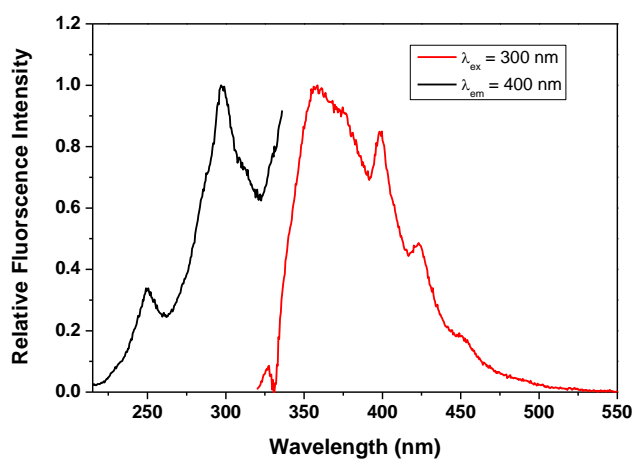
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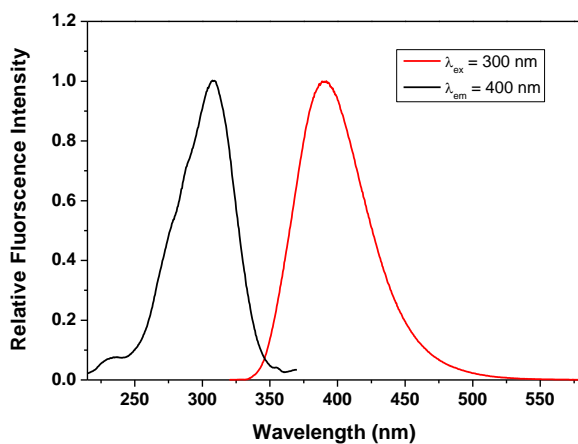
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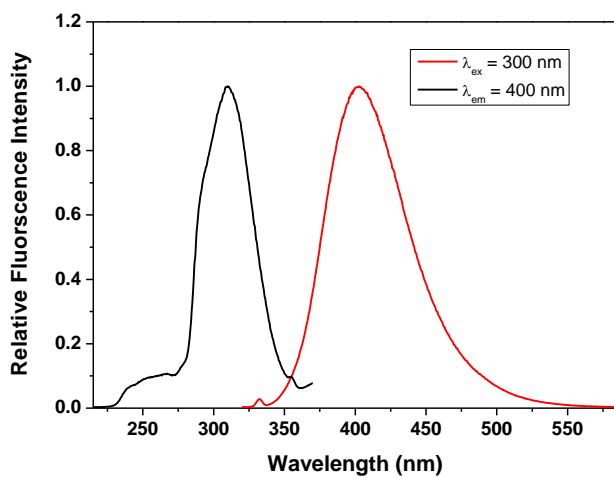
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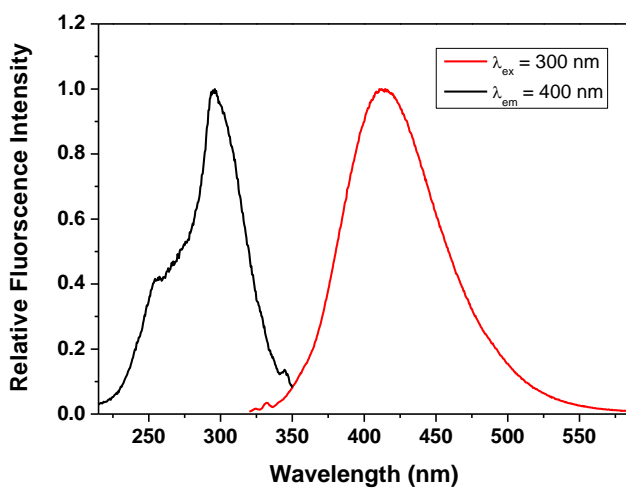
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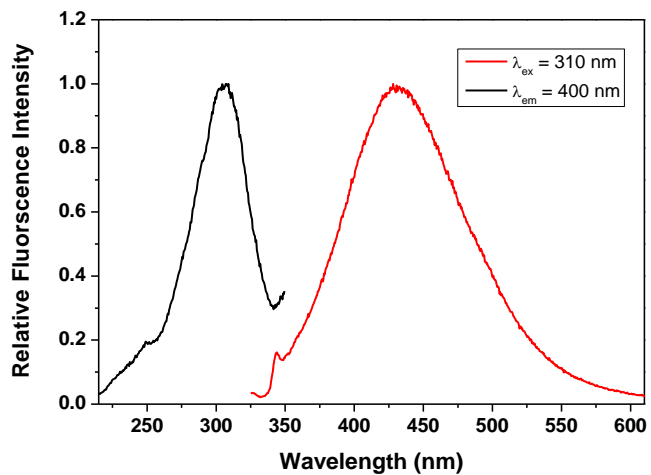
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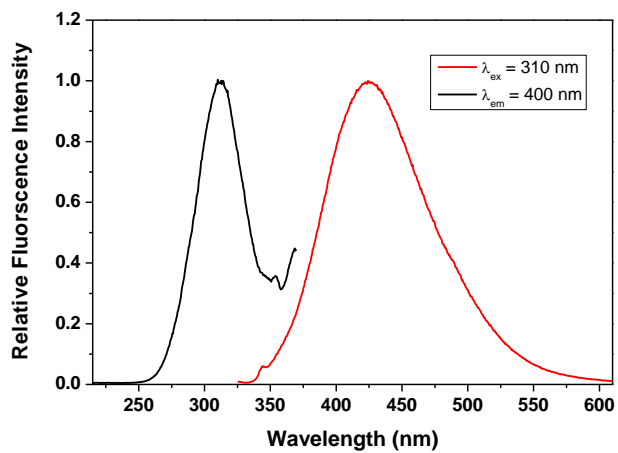
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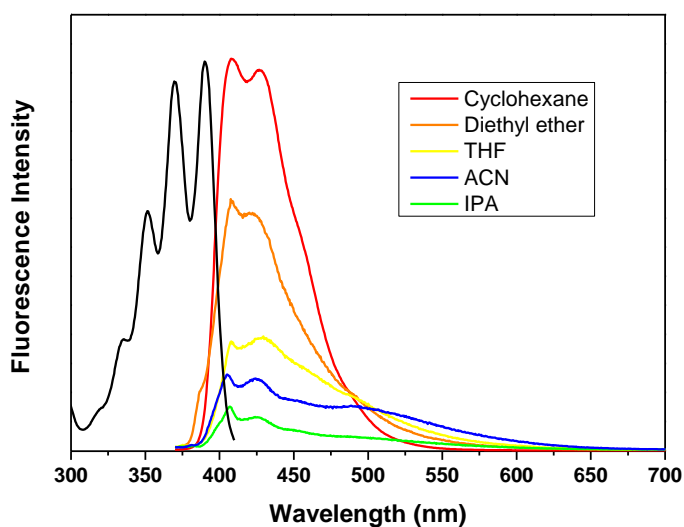
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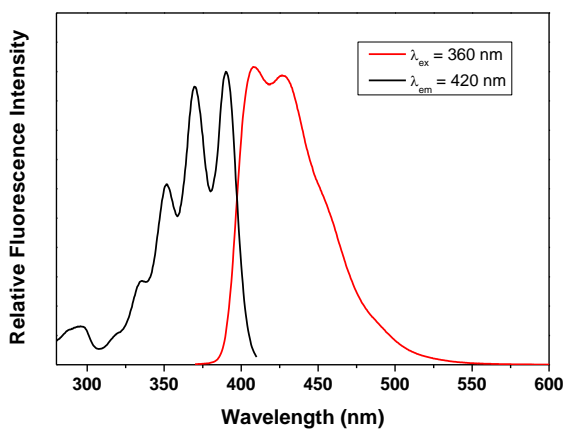
**(f) in IPA**



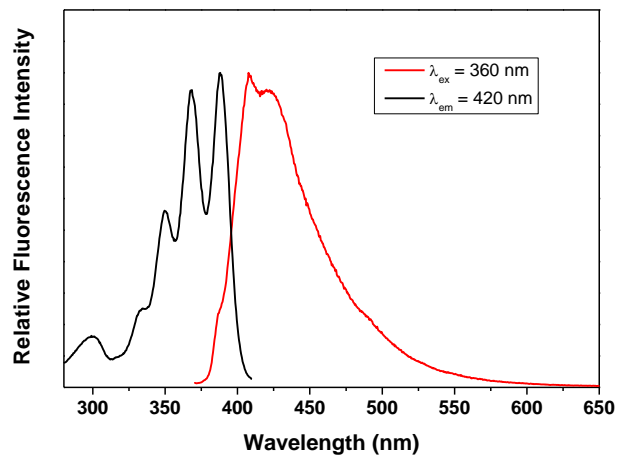
**Excitation and emission spectra of 11 in (a) cyclohexane (b) diethyl ether (c) THF (d) CH<sub>3</sub>CN (e) IPA (f) CH<sub>3</sub>OH**



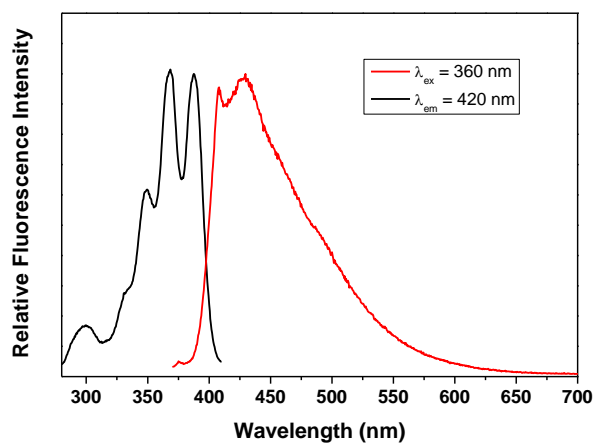
**(a) in cyclohexane**



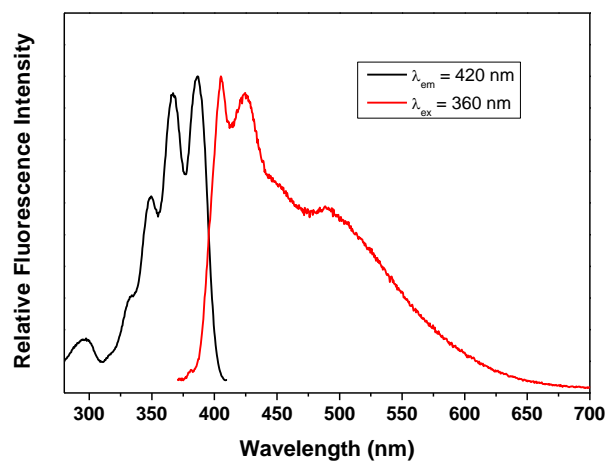
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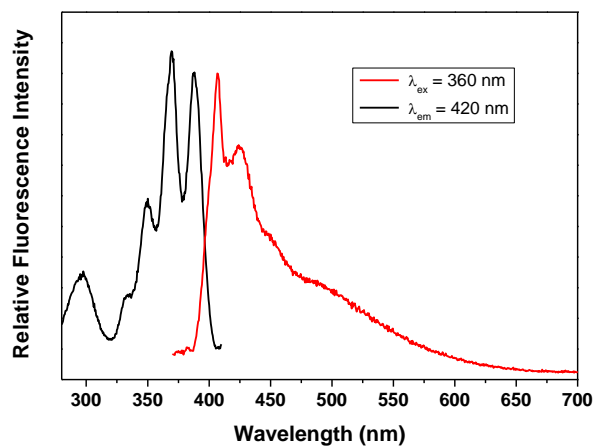
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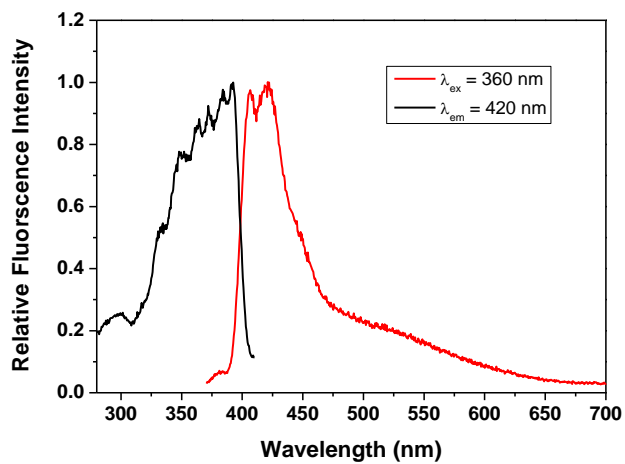
**(d) in  $\text{CH}_3\text{CN}$**



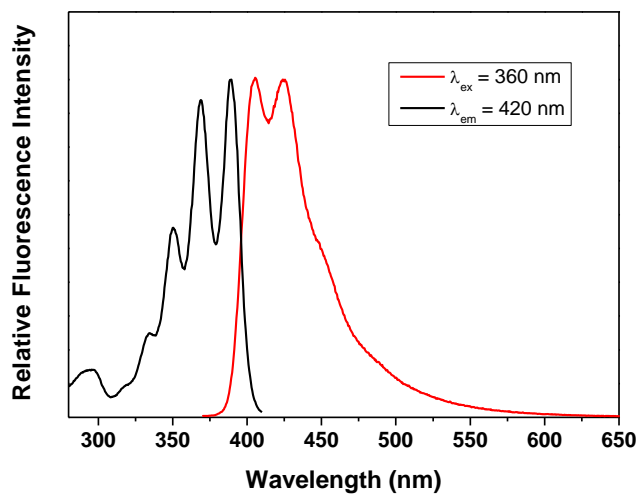
**(e) in IPA**



**(f) in CH<sub>3</sub>OH**



**Excitation and emission spectra of 15 in neat CH<sub>3</sub>CN**





#### 4. Photophysical and Photochemical Parameters for 9 – 11 in various solvents

(a) Table 1. Compound 9 in various solvents

Solvent	$\lambda_{\text{abs}}/\text{nm}^a$	$\lambda_{\text{em}}/\text{nm}^b$	$\tau_f(\text{ns})^c$	$\tau_f(\text{ns})^d$
Cyclohexane	327 (sh), 356	359, 380, 399, 424, 450 (sh)	0.88 (33%),	0.05 (10%)
			3.3 (13%),	2.1 (6%)
			13.8 (54%)	14.8 (84%)
Diethyl ether	254 (sh), 295	399	0.15 (80%),	0.19 (90%)
			0.95 (16%),	1.5 (10%)
			4.7 (4%)	
THF	318	413	0.24 (26%),	0.23 (21%)
			0.87 (71%),	0.94 (79%)
			4.4 (3%)	
CH <sub>3</sub> OH	320	427	0.29 (18%),	0.6 (88%)
			0.89 (37%),	3.8 (12%)
			5.4 (45%)	
IPA	321	439	0.06 (17%),	0.9 (91%)
			1.1 (70%),	2.5 (9%)
			5.3 (13%)	

<sup>a</sup> Maxima in the absorption spectra. <sup>b</sup> Maxima in the emission spectra. <sup>c</sup> Fluorescence lifetimes measured at  $\lambda_{\text{em}} = 400$  nm by time correlated single photon counting (SPC). Estimated error is  $\pm 0.1$  ns. <sup>d</sup> Fluorescence lifetimes measured at  $\lambda_{\text{em}} = 450$  nm except for cyclohexane at  $\lambda_{\text{em}} = 360$  nm.

(b) Table 2. Compound 10 in various solvents

Solvent	$\lambda_{\text{abs}}/\text{nm}^a$	$\lambda_{\text{em}}/\text{nm}^b$	$\tau_f(\text{ns})^c$
Cyclohexane	248 (sh), 298	357, 401, 426, 453 (sh)	- <sup>d</sup>
Diethyl ether	311	392	2.5 (100%)
THF	311	405	1.6 (85%), 3.5 (15%)
CH <sub>3</sub> OH	308	432	- <sup>d</sup>
IPA	313	426	1.2 (100%)

<sup>a</sup> Maxima in the absorption spectra. <sup>b</sup> Maxima in the emission spectra. <sup>c</sup> Fluorescence lifetimes measured at  $\lambda_{\text{em}} = 400$  nm by time correlated single photon counting (SPC). Estimated error is  $\pm 0.1$  ns. <sup>d</sup> Fluorescence is too weak for decay lifetimes to be detected.

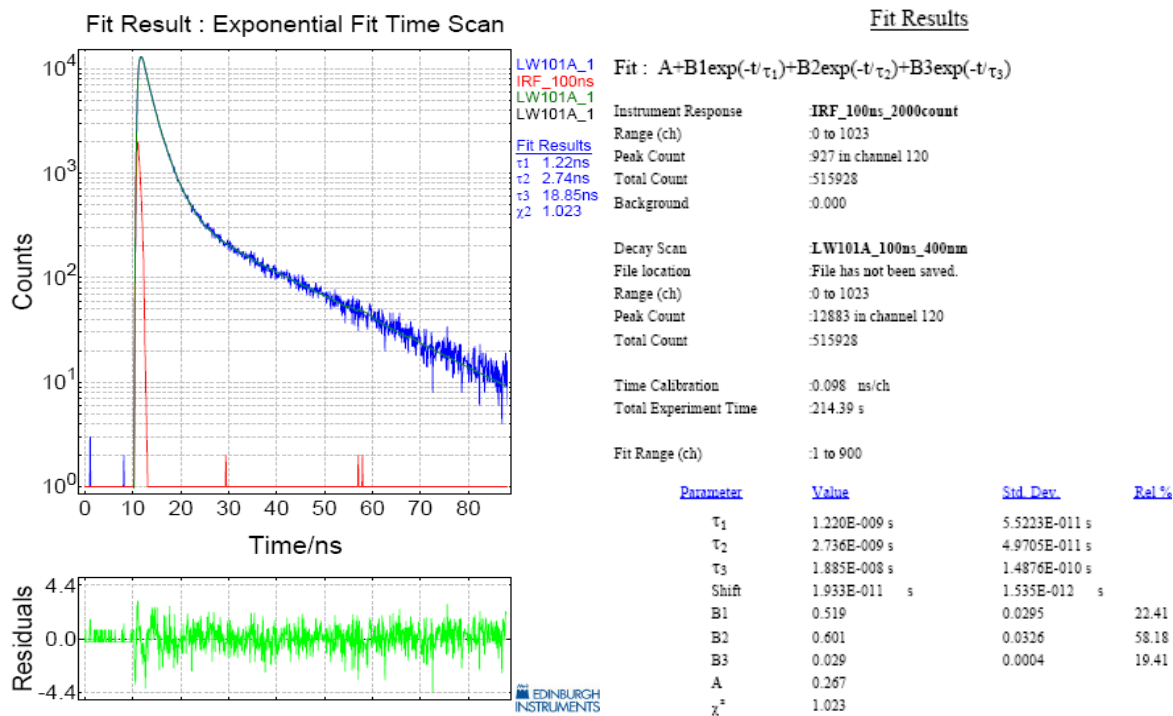
(c) **Table 3.** Compound **11** in various solvents

<b>Solvent</b>	$\lambda_{\text{abs}}/\text{nm}^a$	$\lambda_{\text{em}}/\text{nm}^b$	$\Phi_f^c$	$\tau_f(\text{ns})^d$	$\tau_f(\text{ns})^e$
<b>cyclohexane</b>	335 (sh), 352, 370, 390	409, 429, 454 (sh)	0.245±0.02	0.17 (4%), 2.2 (96%)	2.2 (100%)
<b>Diethyl ether</b>	335 (sh), 351, 368, 389	409, 425, 490 (sh)	0.037±0.002	0.30 (48%), 5.0 (52%)	0.46 (90%) 4.0 (10%)
<b>THF</b>	333 (sh), 351, 367, 389	409, 431, 500 (sh)	0.009±0.003	0.56 (19%), 1.9 (19%), 13 (62%)	0.95 (95%) 8.8 (5%)

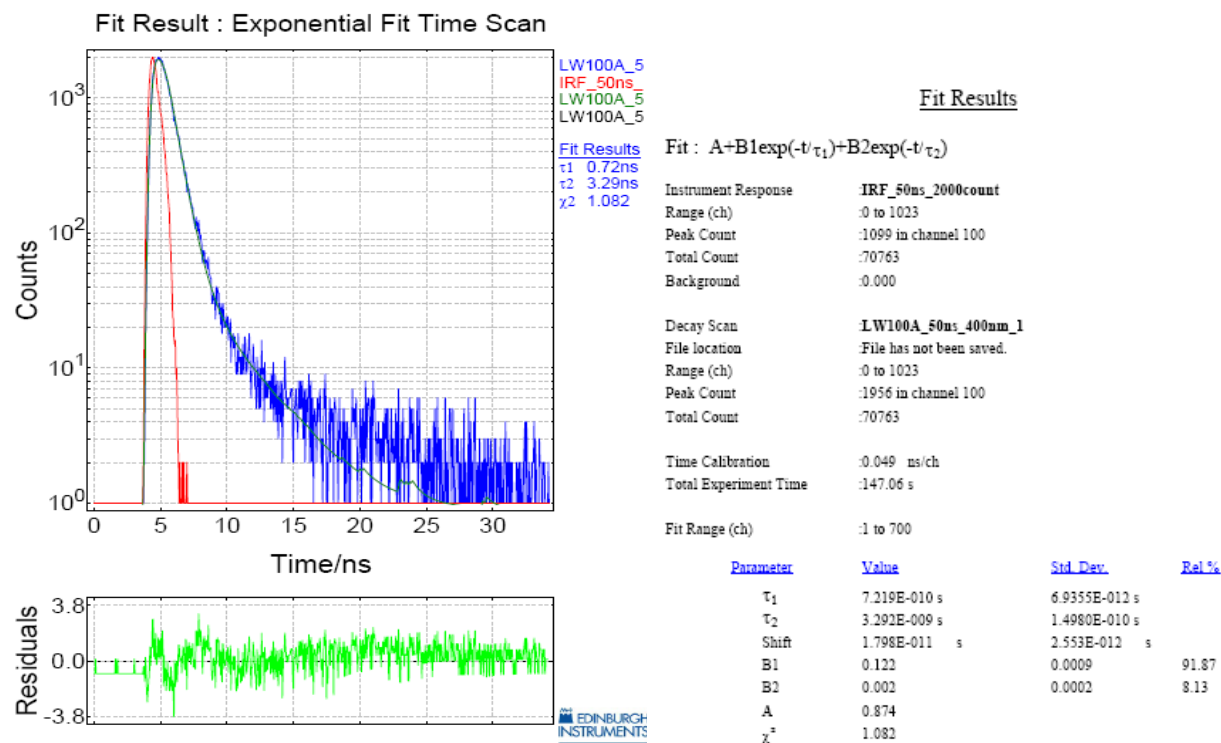
<sup>a</sup> Maxima in the absorption spectra. <sup>b</sup> Maxima in the emission spectra. <sup>c</sup> Fluorescence quantum yield measured by using quinine bisulfate ( $\Phi = 0.55$ ) in 0.1 N H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. <sup>d</sup> Fluorescence lifetimes measured at  $\lambda_{\text{em}} = 400$  nm by time correlated single photon counting (SPC). Estimated error is ±0.1 ns. <sup>e</sup> Fluorescence lifetimes measured at  $\lambda_{\text{em}} = 500$  nm.

## 5. Fluorescence decay profiles of 9 (a), 10 (b), and 11 (c) and 15 (d) in CH<sub>3</sub>CN

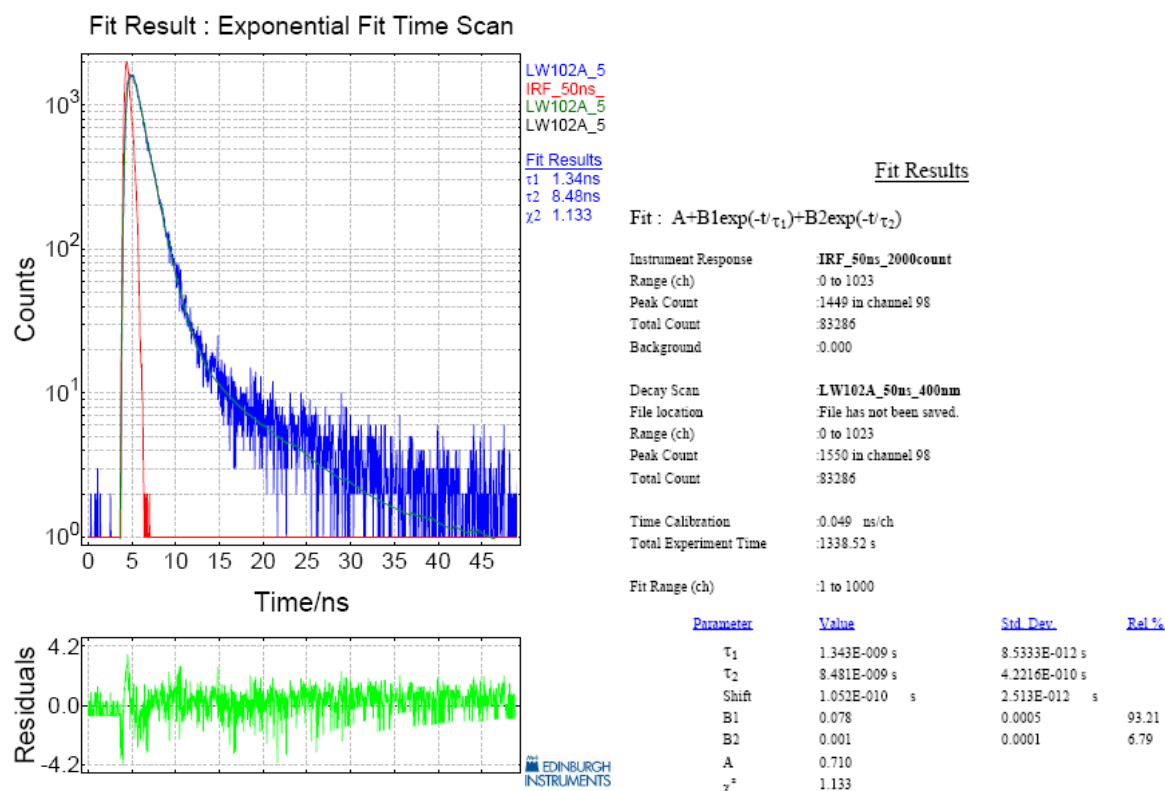
### (a) Compound 9 at $\lambda_{em} = 400$ nm



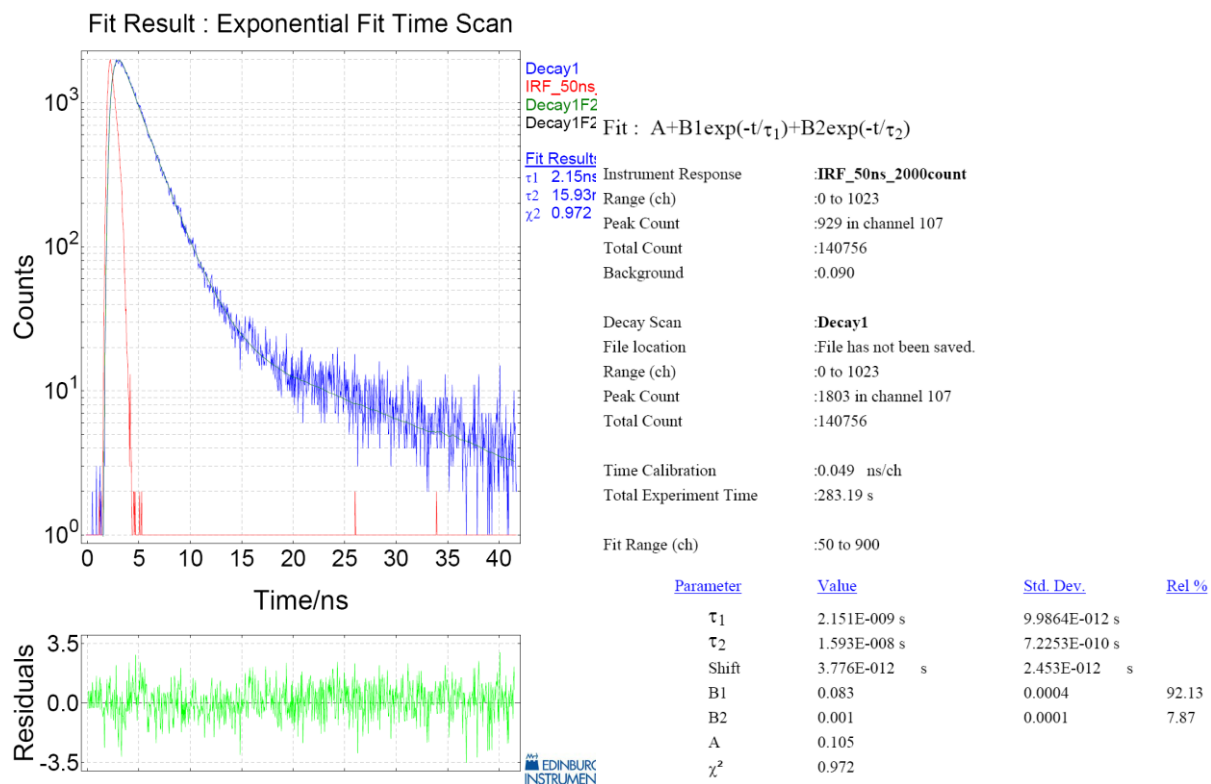
### (b) Compound 10 at $\lambda_{em} = 400$ nm



(c) Compound 11 at  $\lambda_{em} = 400$  nm



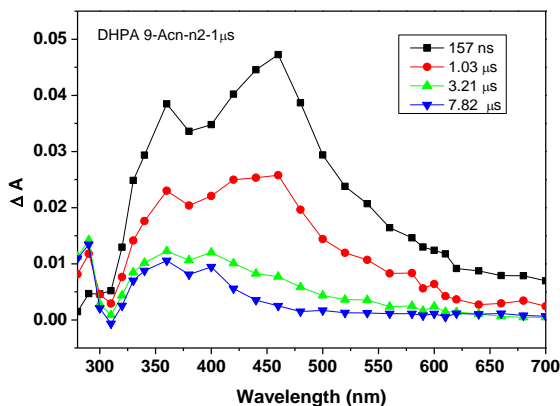
(d) Compound 15 at  $\lambda_{em} = 400$  nm



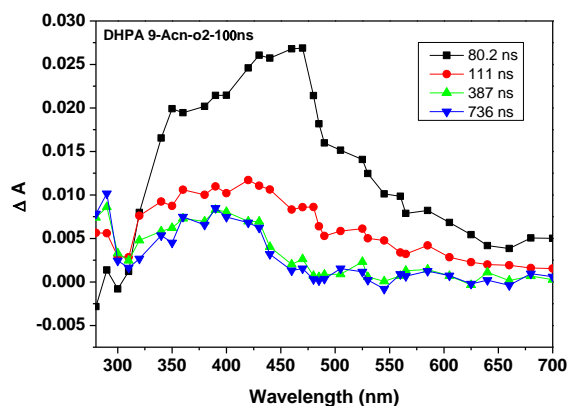
## 6. Laser Flash Photolysis of 9-11, 13 and 15

### (a) Transient absorption spectra observed for 9 in CH<sub>3</sub>CN solution

#### (i) N<sub>2</sub> purged

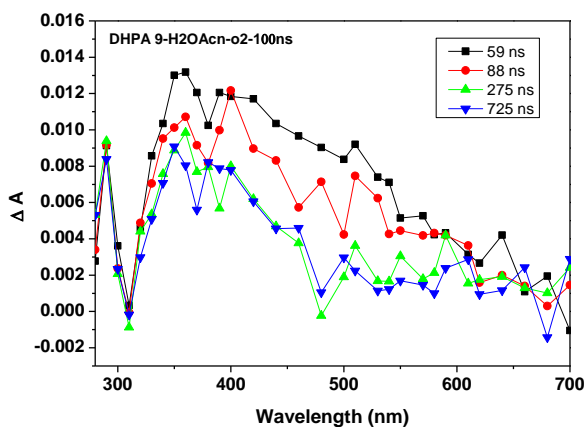


#### (ii) O<sub>2</sub> purged

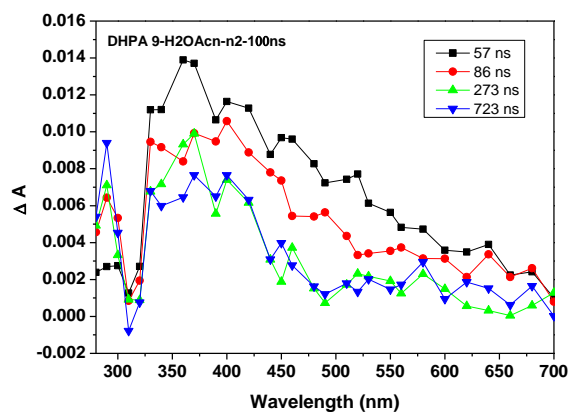


### (b) Transient absorption spectra observed for 9 in 10% H<sub>2</sub>O/CH<sub>3</sub>CN

#### (i) N<sub>2</sub> purged

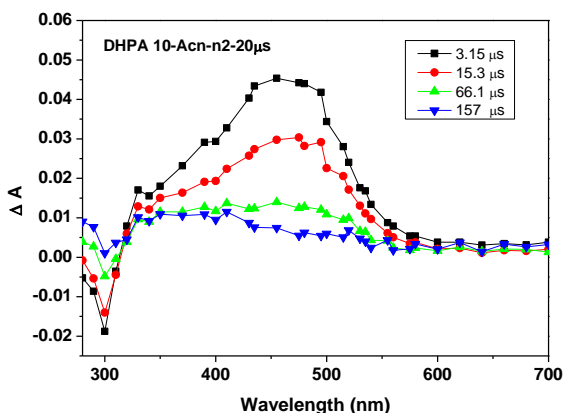


#### (ii) O<sub>2</sub> purged

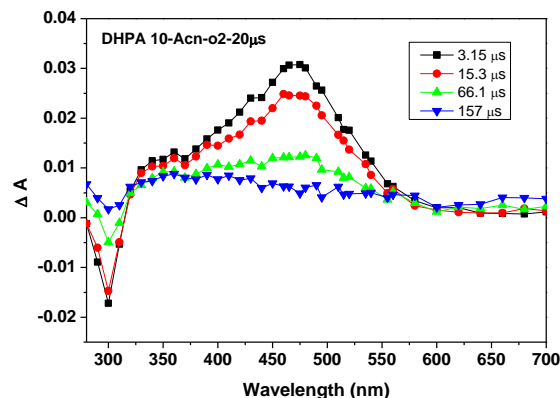


### (c) Transient absorption spectra observed for 10 in CH<sub>3</sub>CN solution

#### (i) N<sub>2</sub> purged

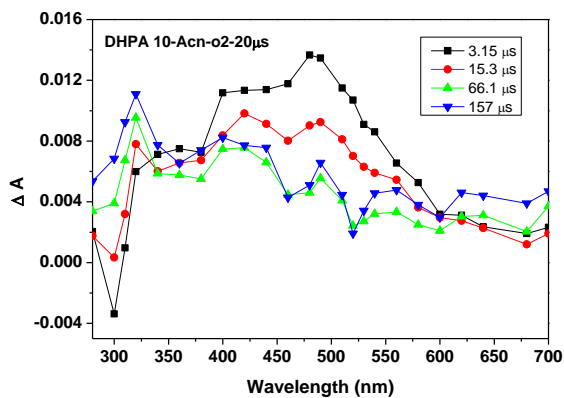


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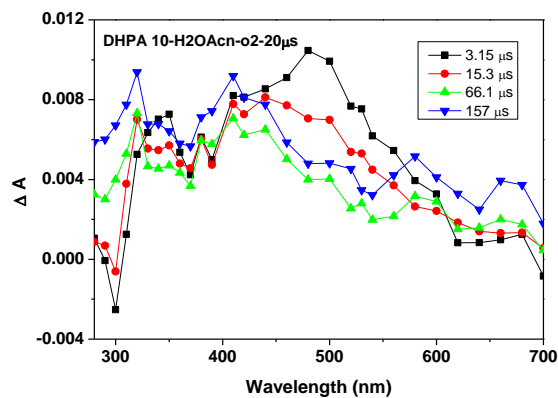


(d) Transient absorption spectra observed for 10 in 50% H<sub>2</sub>O/CH<sub>3</sub>CN

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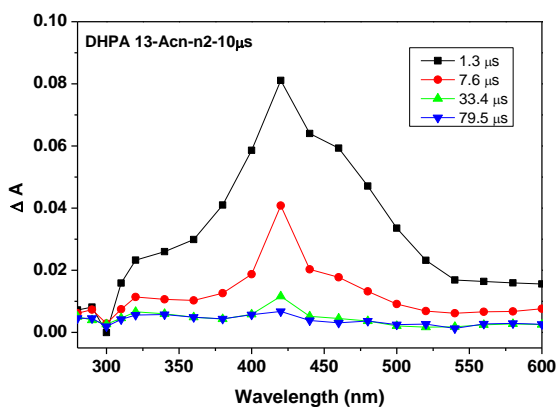


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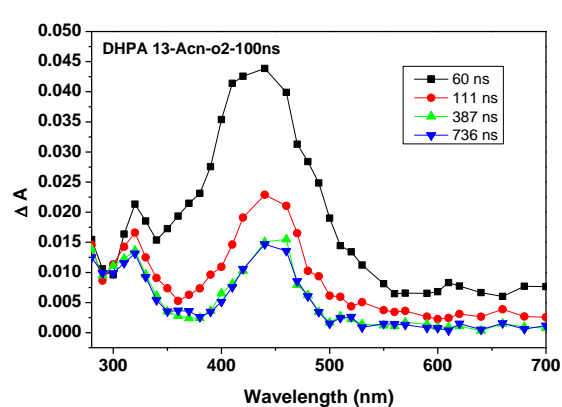


(e) Transient absorption spectra observed for 13 in CH<sub>3</sub>CN

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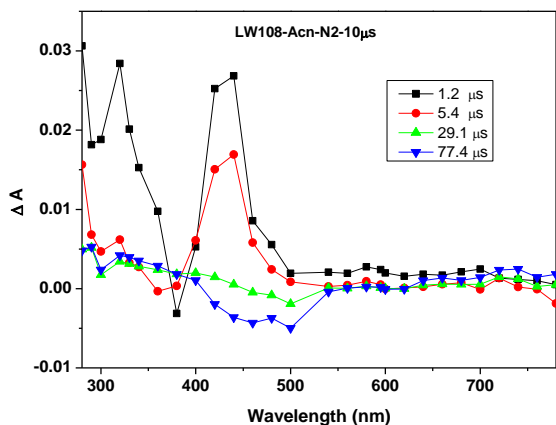


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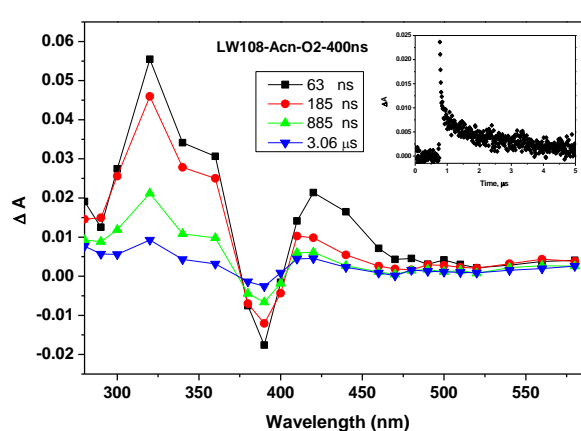


(f) Transient absorption spectra observed for 11 in CH<sub>3</sub>CN

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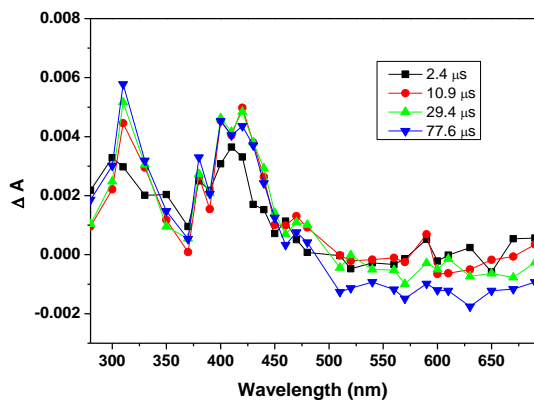


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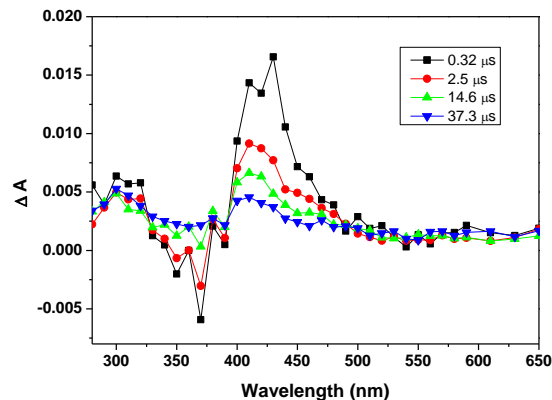


**(g) Transient absorption spectra observed for 11 in O<sub>2</sub> purged**

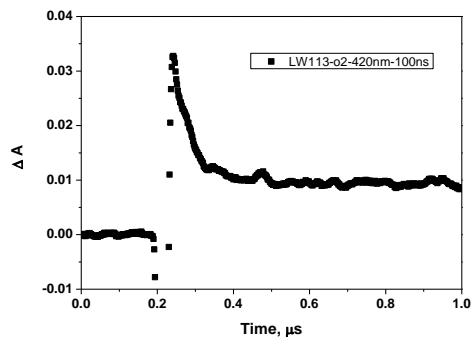
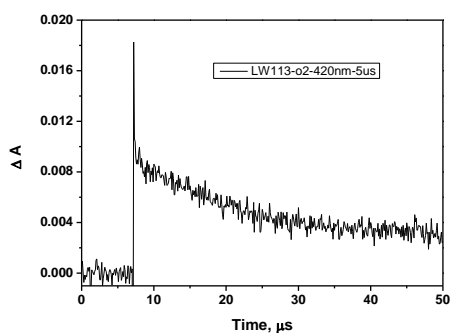
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**(ii) TFE**

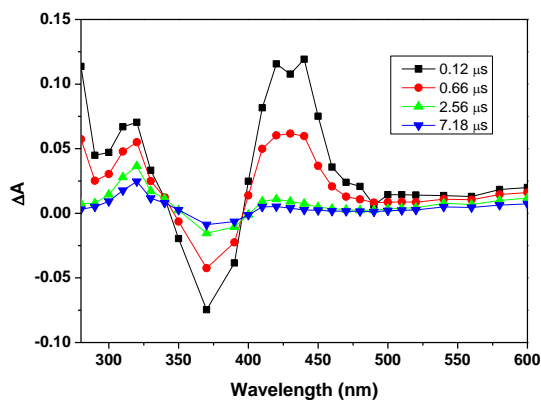


Decay lifetime observed at 420 nm in TFE: 15  $\mu$ s (left) and 57 ns (right)

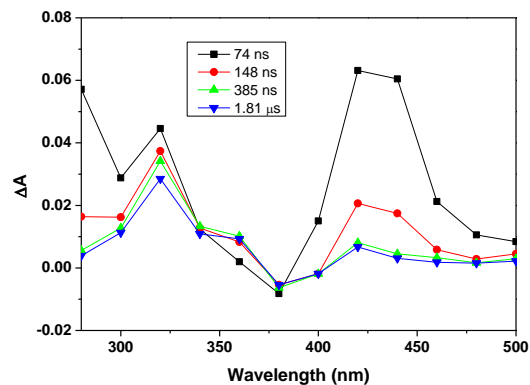


**(h) Transient absorption spectra observed for 15 in CH<sub>3</sub>CN solution**

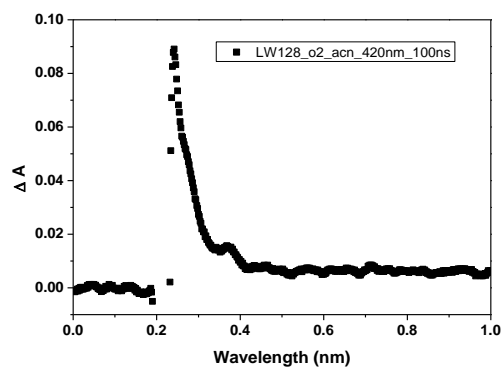
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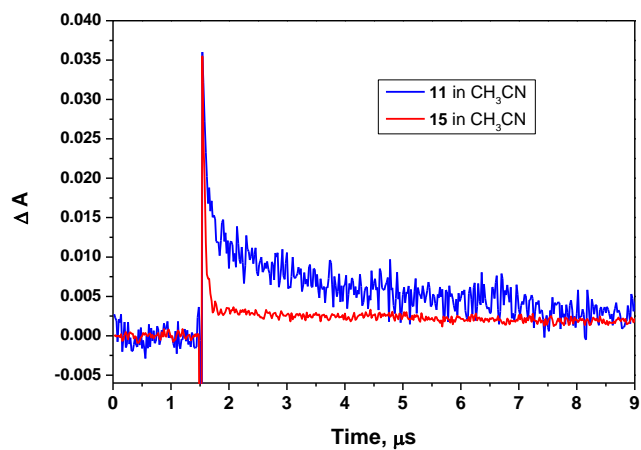
**(ii) O<sub>2</sub> purged**



Decay lifetime observed at 420 nm: 50 ns



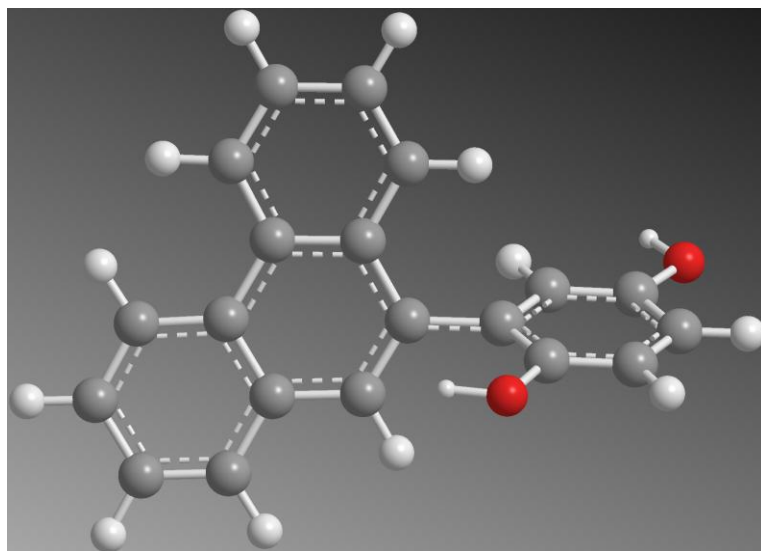
(i) Decay transient of 11 vs 15 in  $\text{CH}_3\text{CN}$





## 7. Computational data of 10

### Structure optimization at B3LYP/6-311 level of theory for S10-1



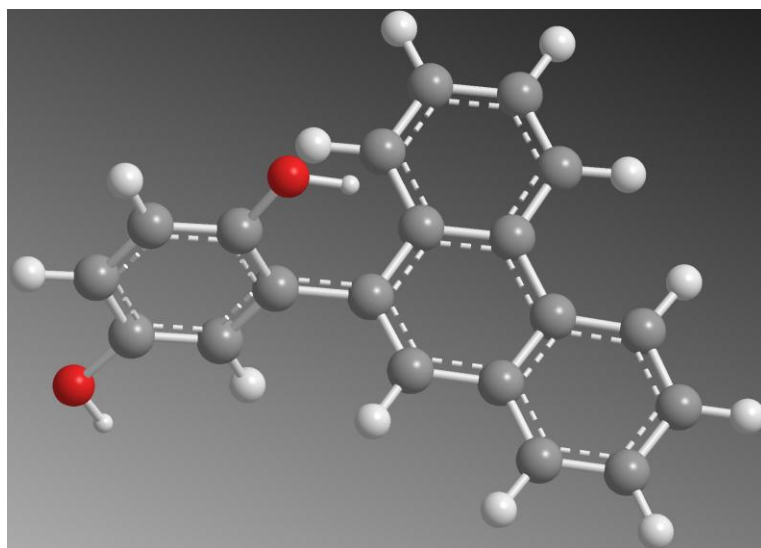
**Table 1. Atomic Coordinates for S10-1**

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4	6	0	-1.974754	-1.306044	-0.243826
5	6	0	-2.745439	-2.480632	-0.428070
6	6	0	-4.122335	-2.419816	-0.521412
7	6	0	-1.812731	1.155386	0.046545
8	6	0	-0.388170	1.040422	0.132670
9	6	0	0.239578	-0.263905	0.000362
10	6	0	-0.544813	-1.374697	-0.164929
11	6	0	-2.387049	2.444414	0.173227
12	6	0	-1.608977	3.567854	0.386976
13	6	0	-0.210938	3.448461	0.490680
14	6	0	0.383665	2.206940	0.366085
15	6	0	1.727822	-0.413113	0.040922
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17	6	0	3.740968	-1.207558	1.155463
18	6	0	4.524456	-0.734681	0.109884
19	6	0	3.915433	-0.100444	-0.976855
20	6	0	2.533042	0.061608	-1.010747
21	8	0	1.640755	-1.559173	2.214068
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### Structure optimization at B3LYP/6-311 level of theory for S10-2



**Table 2. Atomic Coordinates for S10-2**

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