

## **Significant impact of lanthanide contraction on the structure of the phenanthroline complexes**

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### **1. Experimental part**

#### **1.1 Materials**

Ar-saturated solvents, purified and dried using standard techniques were used [S1]. Lanthanides nitrates  $\text{La}(\text{NO}_3)_3 \cdot 6\text{H}_2\text{O}$ ,  $\text{Nd}(\text{NO}_3)_3 \cdot 6\text{H}_2\text{O}$ ,  $\text{Eu}(\text{NO}_3)_3 \cdot 6\text{H}_2\text{O}$  and  $\text{Lu}(\text{NO}_3)_3 \cdot x\text{H}_2\text{O}$  were purchased from Sigma and used without further purification. Water content  $x$  in lutetium nitrate was determined as  $x = 3$ . Deuterated solvents for NMR spectra were purchased from commercial sources and used without further purification.

#### **1.2 Methods**

NMR spectra were recorded using standard 5 mm sample tubes on Agilent 400-MR spectrometer with operating frequencies of 400.1 MHz ( $^1\text{H}$ ) and 100.6 MHz ( $^{13}\text{C}$ ).

IR spectra were recorded on FTIR spectrometer Nicolet iS5 (Thermo Scientific) using an internal reflectance attachment with diamond optical element – attenuated total reflection (ATR) with  $45^\circ$  angle of incidence. Resolution  $4\text{ cm}^{-1}$ , the number of scans is 32.

HRMS ESI - mass spectra were recorded on the MicroTof Bruker Daltonics and Orbitrap Elite instruments.

Single crystals of complexes **1-4** were obtained upon slow isothermal ( $25^\circ\text{C}$ ) recrystallization of corresponding substances from  $\text{CD}_3\text{CN}$ .

X-ray diffraction data for complexes **1** and **4** were collected at 120 K with a Bruker APEXII DUO CCD diffractometer; those for **2** and **3** at 100 K with a Bruker D8 QUEST PHOTON-III CCD diffractometer, both using graphite monochromated Mo- $K\alpha$  radiation ( $\lambda = 0.71073\text{ \AA}$ ). Using Olex2 [S2], the structures were solved with the ShelXT [S3] structure solution program using Intrinsic Phasing and refined with the XL [S4] refinement package using Least-Squares minimization against  $F^2$  in anisotropic approximation for non-hydrogen atoms. Positions of hydrogen atoms were calculated, and they were refined in isotropic approximation within the riding model. Crystal data and structure refinement parameters for **1-4** are given in Table S1. CCDC 2072995 (for **1**), 2073000

(for **2**), 2073001 (for **3**) and 2072996 (for **4**) contain the supplementary crystallographic data for this paper.

### 1.3 Synthesis and analytical data

***N,N,N',N'*-Tetrabutyl-1,10-phenanthroline-2,9-dicarboxamide (L)** was synthesized as described [S5]. Yield 81% (1.99 g), white powder, m.p. 91-93°C,  $R_f$  0.36 (acetone:hexane 1:2).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.29 (d,  $J = 8.3$  Hz, 2H), 7.97 (d,  $J = 8.2$  Hz, 2H), 7.81 (s, 2H), 3.75 – 3.44 (m, 8H), 1.86 – 1.59 (m, 8H), 1.53 – 1.33 (m, 4H), 1.10 – 0.92 (m, 10H), 0.64 (t,  $J = 7.4$  Hz, 6H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  168.7, 154.7, 144.4, 136.9, 128.9, 127.2, 123.3, 49.2, 46.6, 31.4, 29.9, 20.5, 20.0, 14.1, 13.7; IR ( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) 3054, 2959, 2929, 2897, 2871, 2856 (C-H stretching vibrations), 1634, 1621 (C=O), 1583, 1546, 1504, 1470, 1455 (C=C, C=N); HRMS (ESI-TOF) ( $m/z$ )  $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$  calculated for  $\text{C}_{30}\text{H}_{43}\text{N}_4\text{O}_2$  491.3381, found 491.3377.

#### *General method for synthesis of complexes 1-4*

A solution of lanthanide nitrate (0.1 mmol) in dry acetonitrile (1 ml) was added dropwise to a solution of **L** (0.1 mmol) in  $\text{CHCl}_3$  (1 ml). The mixture was then concentrated *in vacuo* (~20 Torr) to 1/5 of the initial volume and treated with diethyl ether (2 ml). The resulting precipitate of the complex was filtered, washed with a fresh portion of ether, dried in air, then at 80°C at ~2 Torr.

***N,N,N',N'*-Tetrabutyl-1,10-phenanthroline-2,9-dicarboxamide lanthanum trinitrate 1.** Yield 46.4 mg (75%). Light yellow powder,  $T_{\text{decomp.}}$  233-234 °C. IR ( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) 1599(CO), 1480, 1293 ( $\text{ONO}_2$ ). Anal. Calc. for  $\text{C}_{30}\text{H}_{42}\text{LaN}_7\text{O}_{11}$ : C, 44.18; H, 5.19; N, 12.02. Found: C, 45.35; H, 5.38; N, 11.95%.

***N,N,N',N'*-Tetrabutyl-1,10-phenanthroline-2,9-dicarboxamide neodymium trinitrate 2.** Yield 45.1 mg (72%). Light pink powder,  $T_{\text{decomp.}}$  254-255 °C. IR ( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) 1604 (CO), 1486, 1287 ( $\text{ONO}_2$ ). Anal. Calc. for  $\text{C}_{30}\text{H}_{42}\text{NdN}_7\text{O}_{11}$ : C, 43.89; H, 5.16; N, 11.94. Found: C, 44.06; H, 5.30; N, 11.95%.

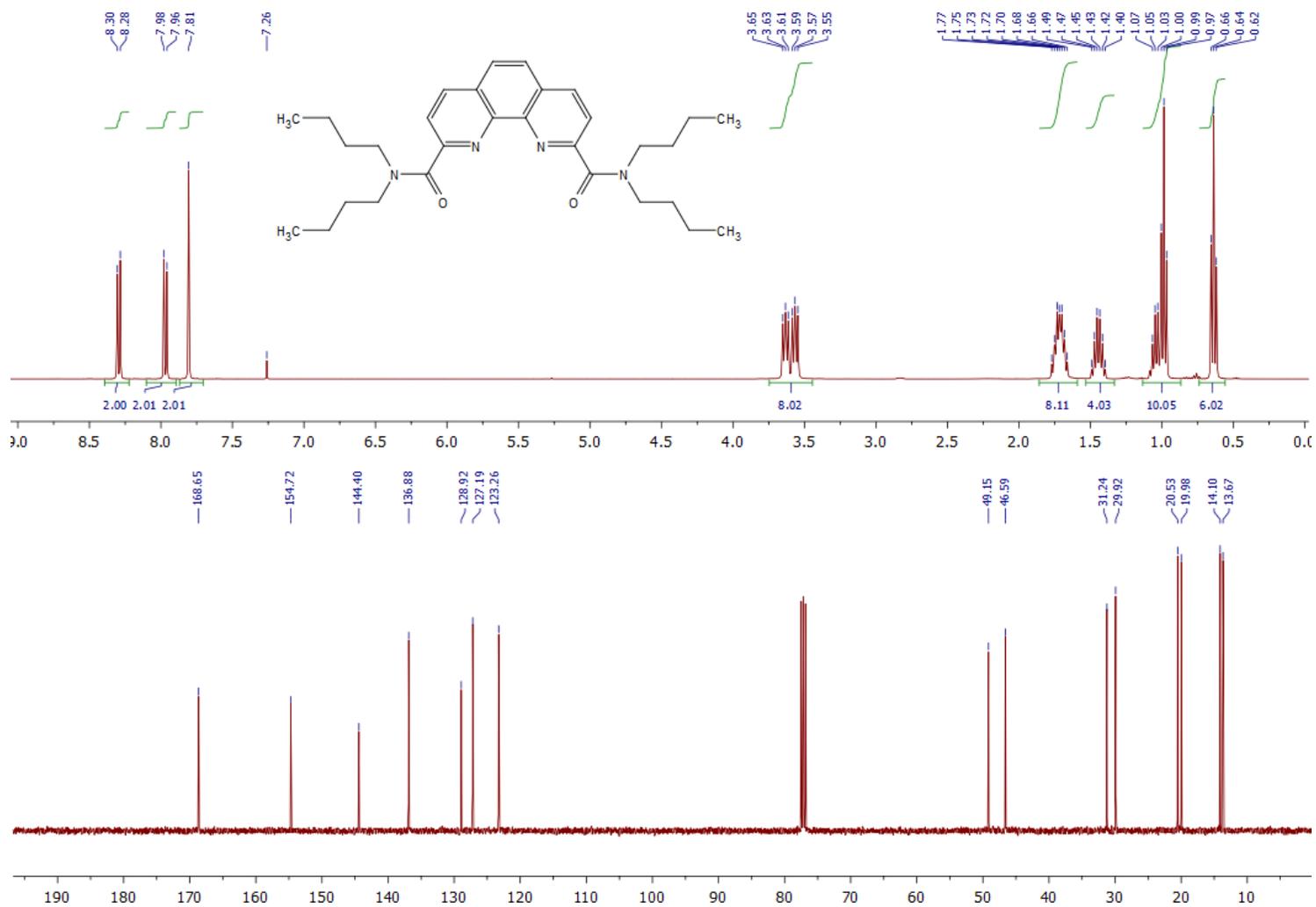
***N,N,N',N'*-Tetrabutyl-1,10-phenanthroline-2,9-dicarboxamide europium trinitrate 3.** Yield 86 mg (91%). Light yellow powder.  $T_{\text{decomp.}}$  232-233 °C. IR ( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) 1601 (CO), 1479, 1300 ( $\text{ONO}_2$ ). Anal. Calc. for  $\text{C}_{30}\text{H}_{42}\text{EuN}_7\text{O}_{11}$ : C, 43.48; H, 5.11; N, 11.83. Found: C, 43.52; H, 5.19; N, 11.98%.

***N,N,N',N'*-Tetrabutyl-1,10-phenanthroline-2,9-dicarboxamide lutetium trinitrate 4.** Yield 44.8 mg (47%). Light yellow powder,  $T_{\text{decomp.}}$  249-250 °C. IR ( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) 1609 (CO), 1470, 1294 ( $\text{ONO}_2$ ). Anal. Calc. for  $\text{C}_{30}\text{H}_{42}\text{LuN}_7\text{O}_{11}$ : C, 42.31; H, 4.97; N, 11.51. Found: C, 42.51; H, 5.08; N, 11.46%.

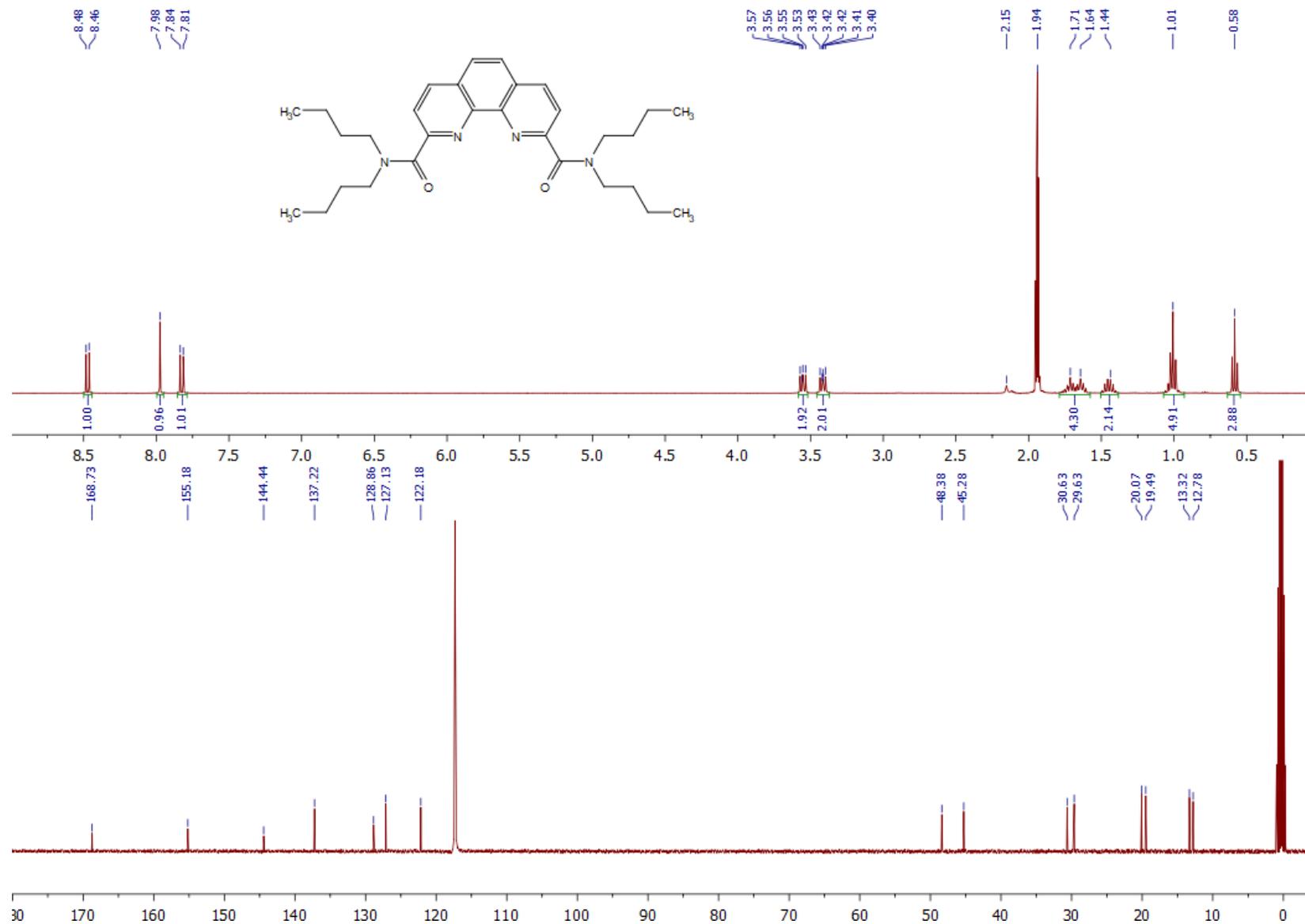
## 2. NMR, IR and HRMS spectra of synthesized compounds

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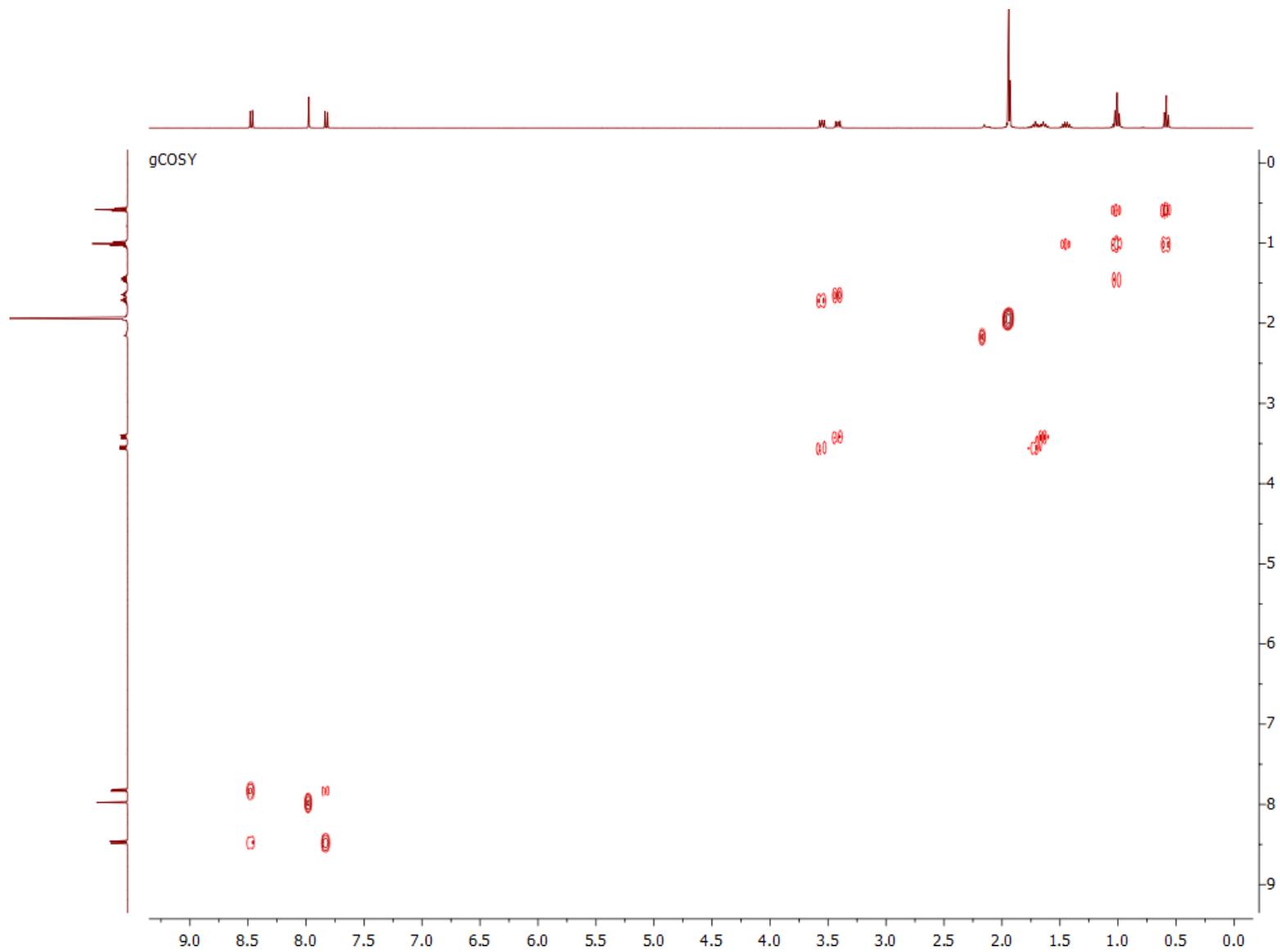
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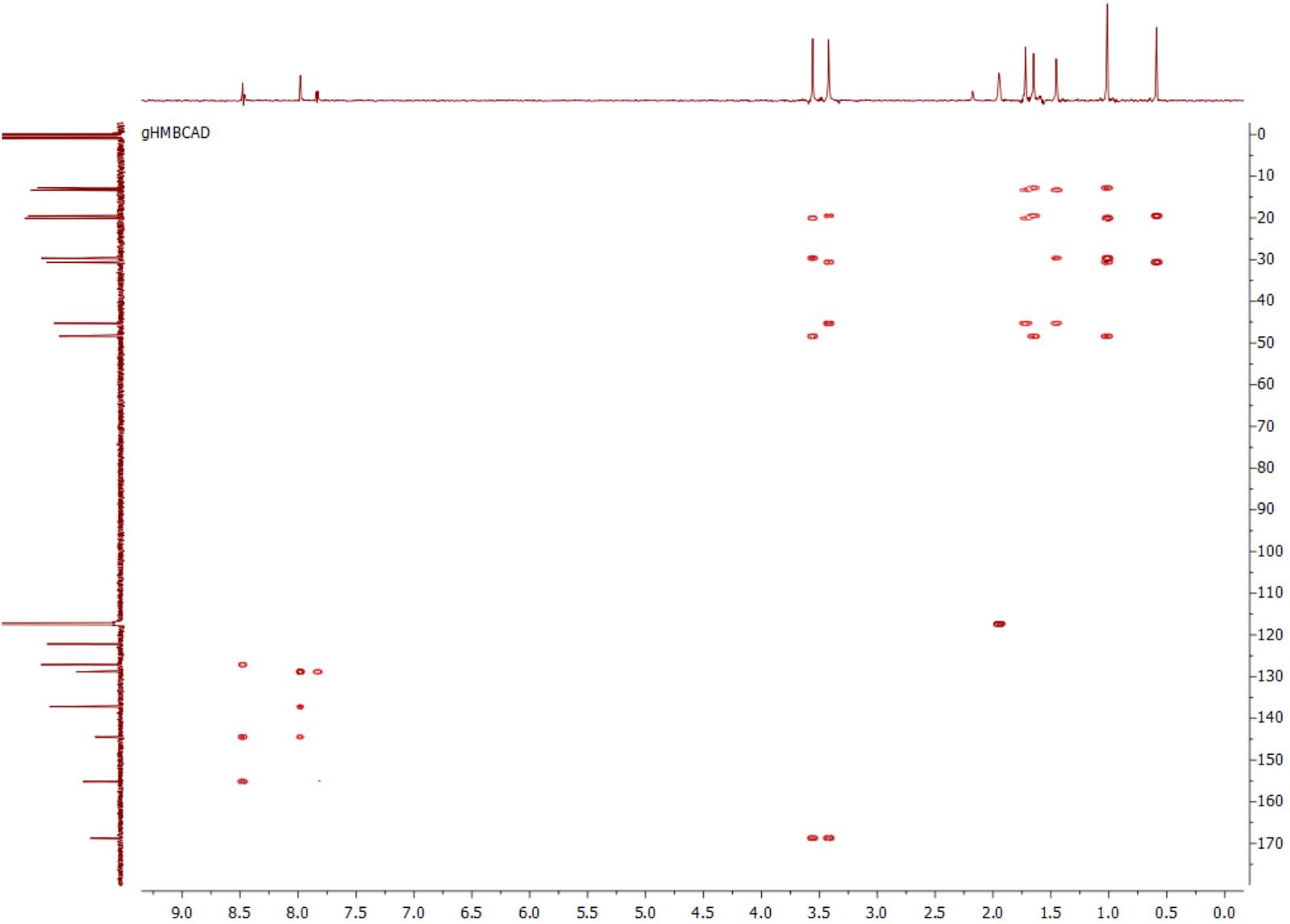
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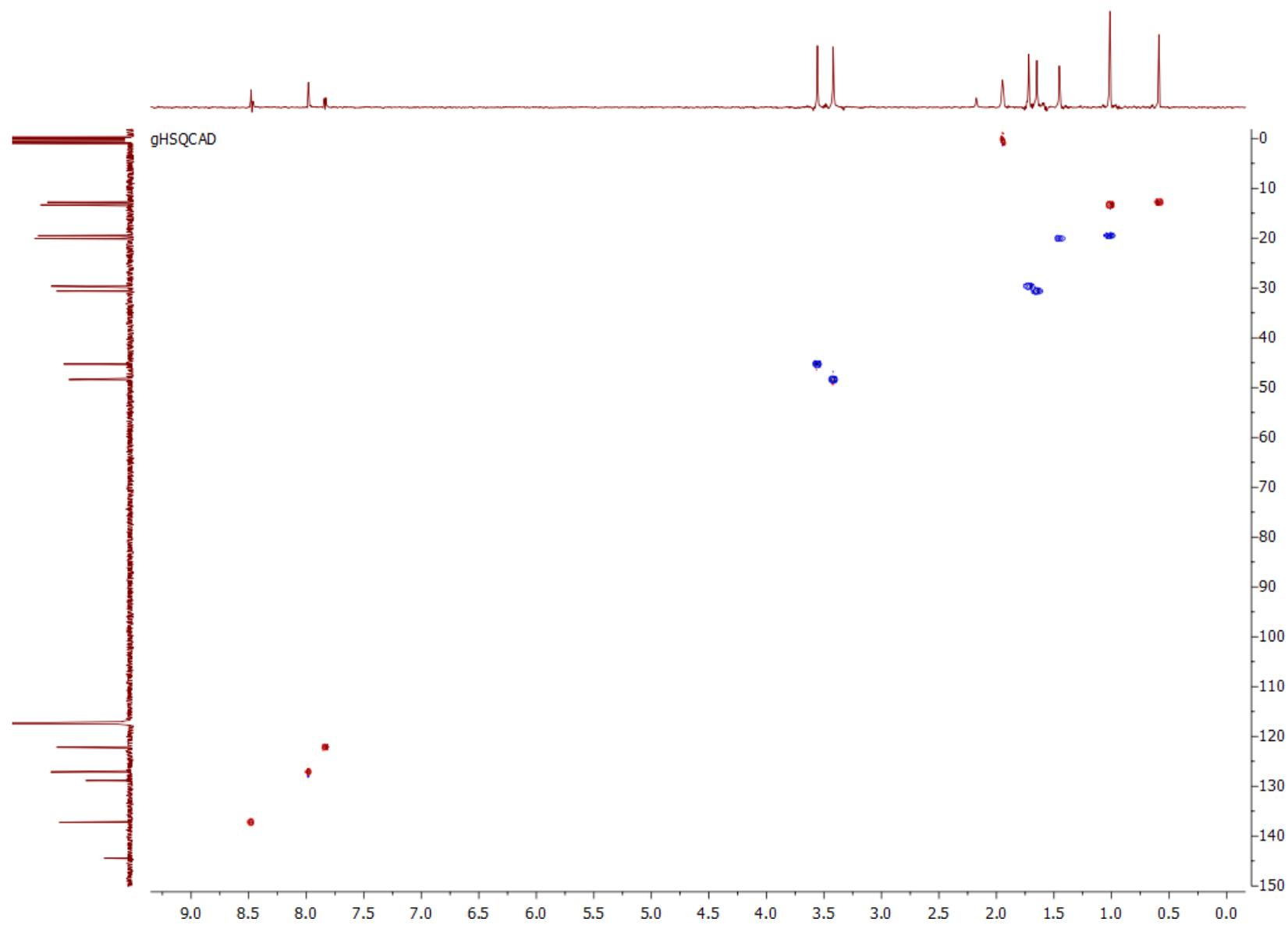
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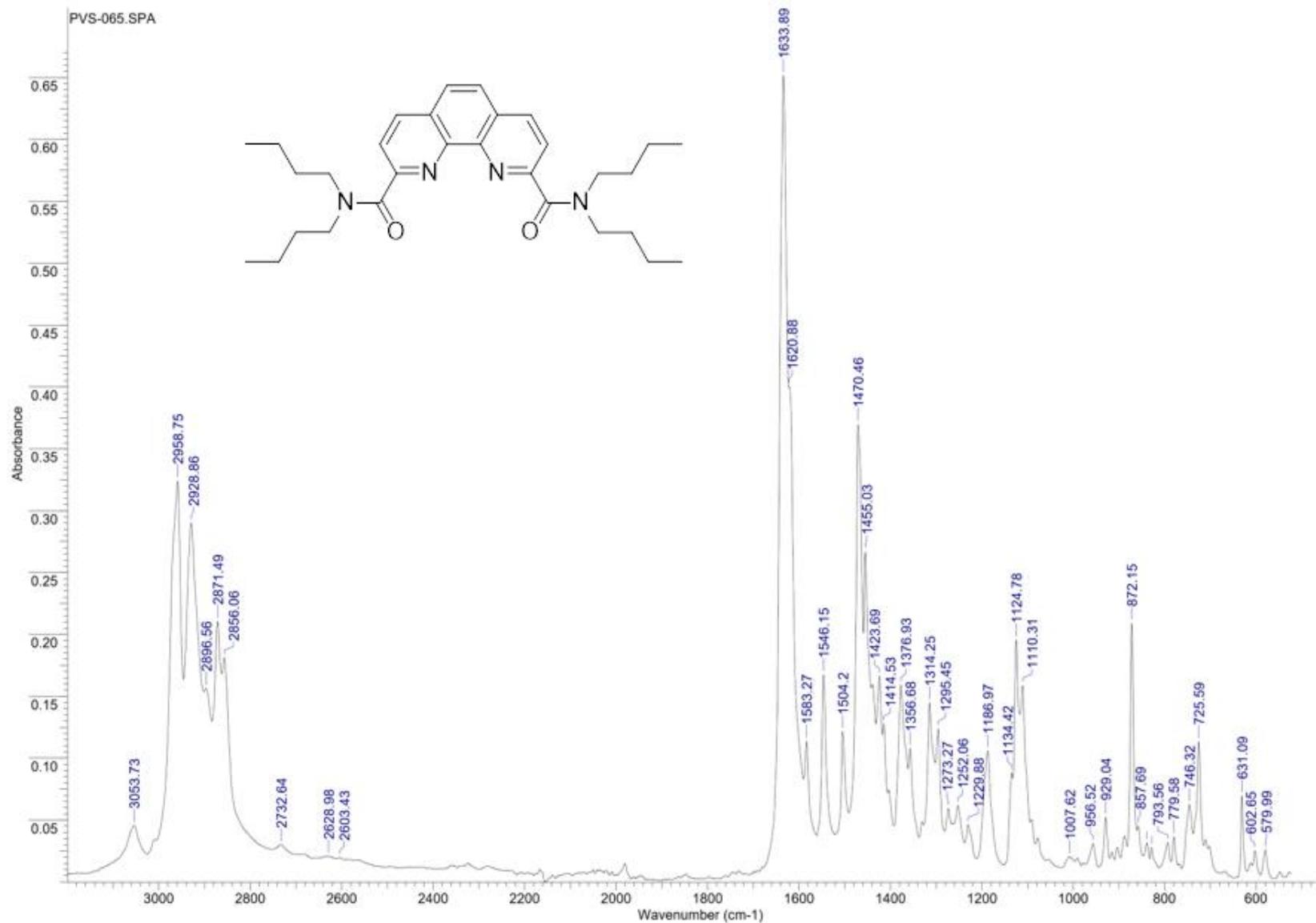
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gHSQCAD spectra



IR spectra at 25°C



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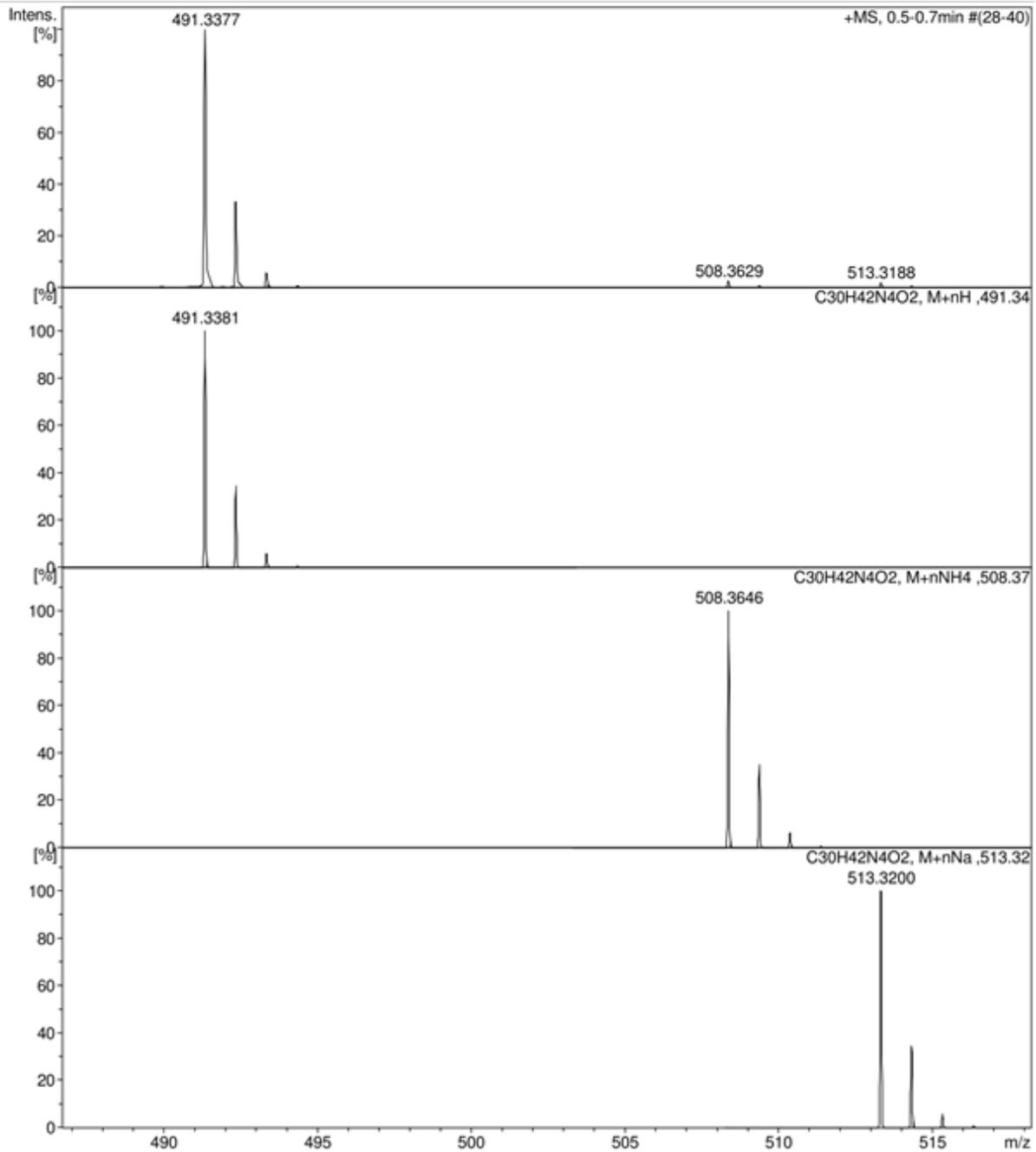
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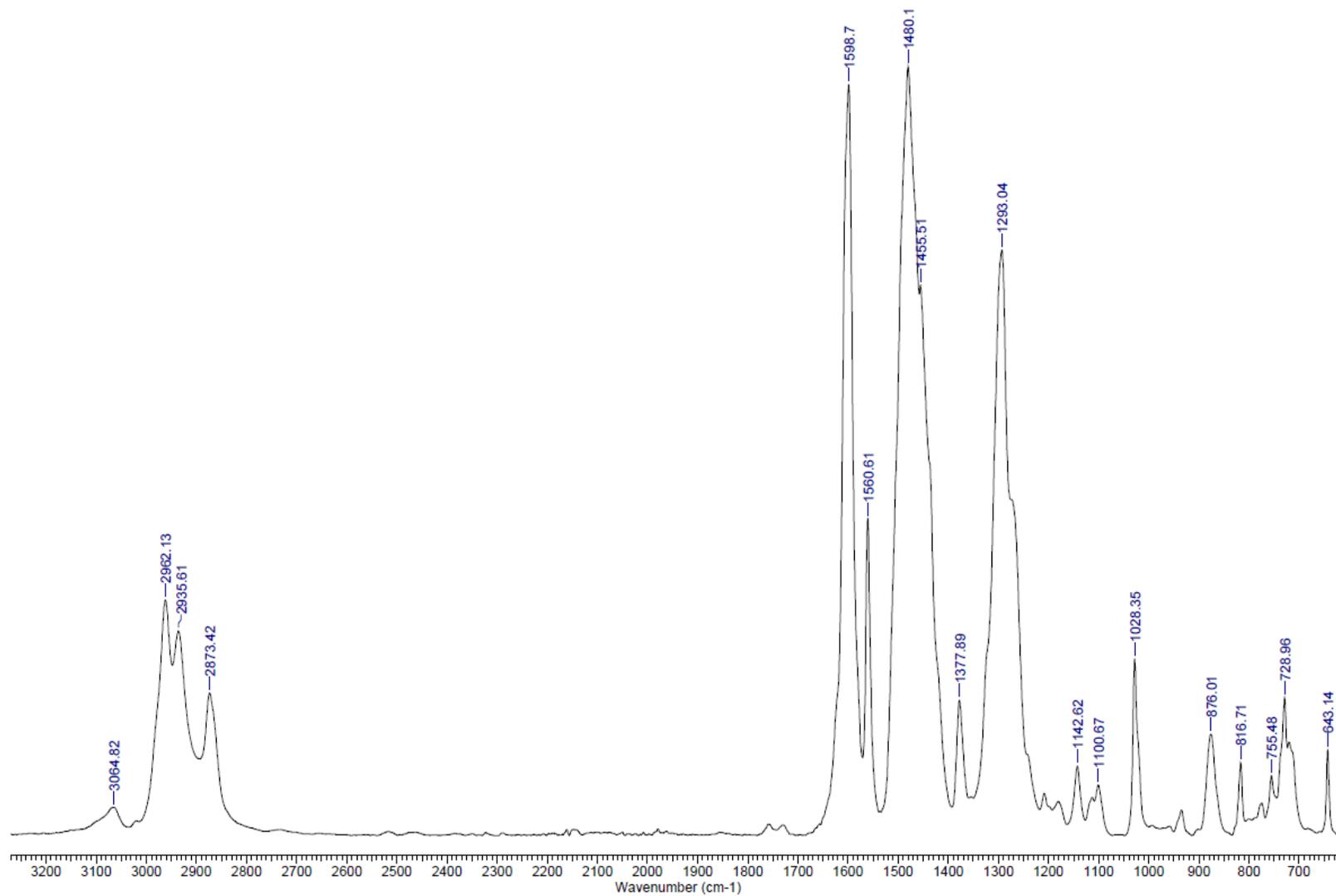
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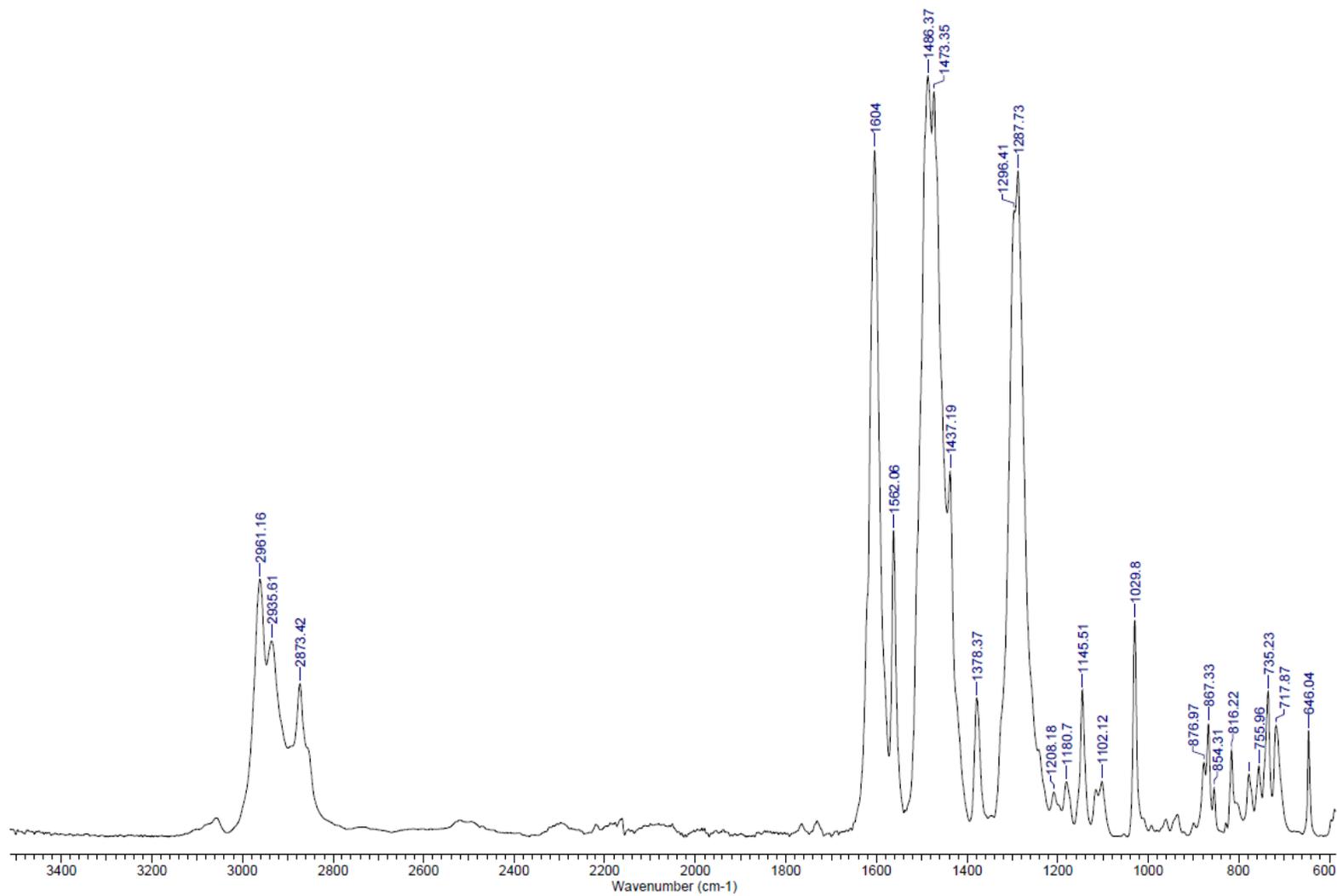
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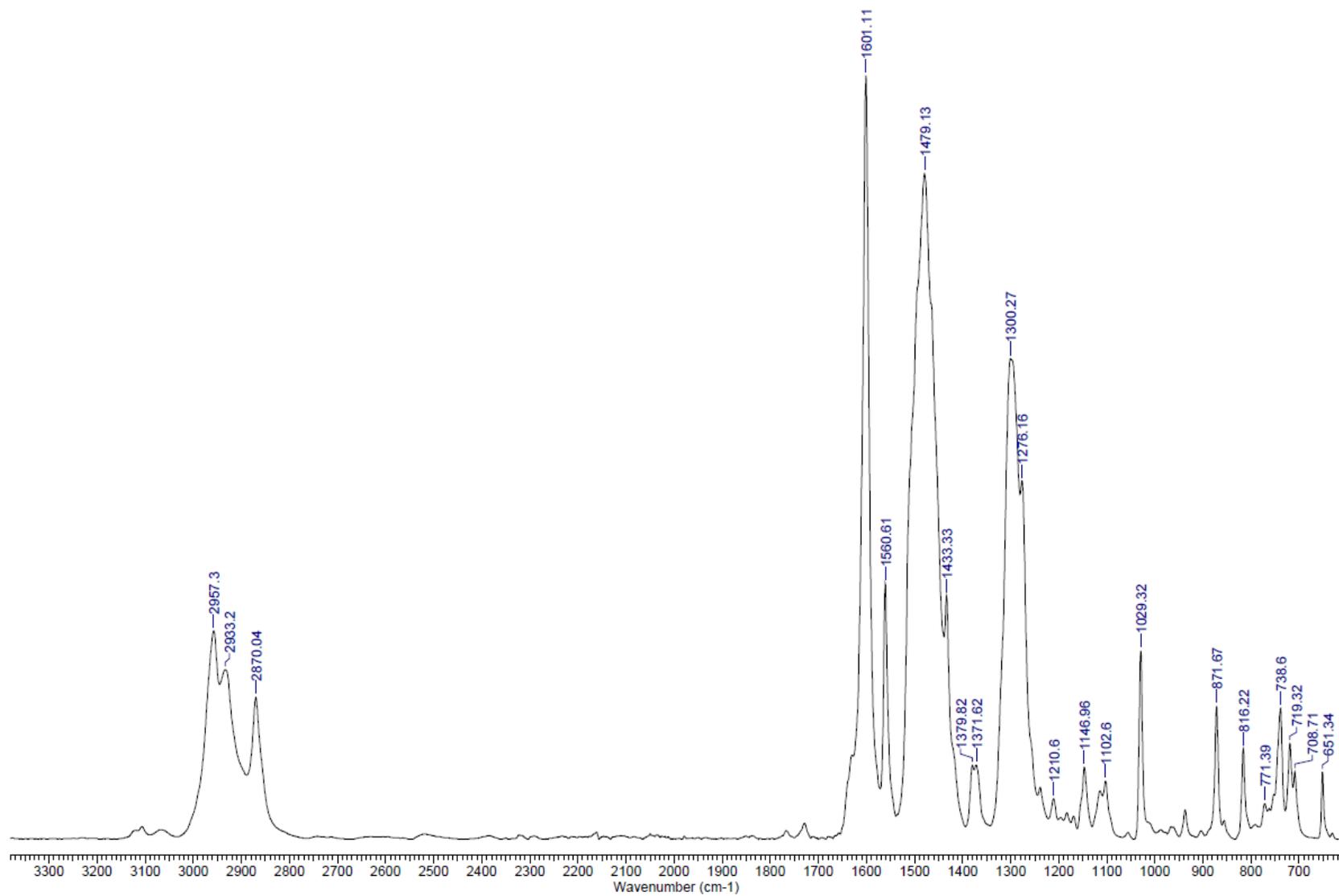
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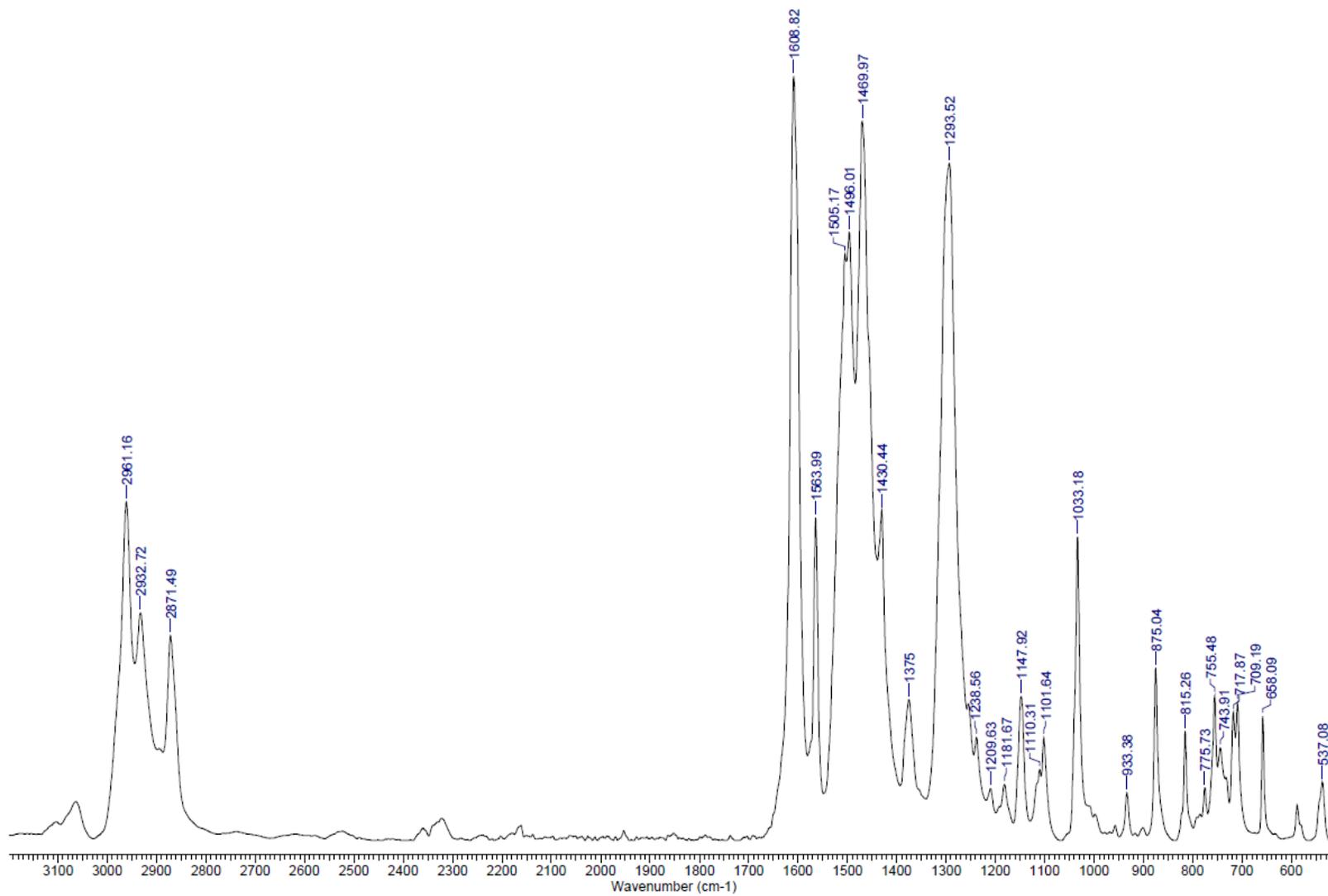
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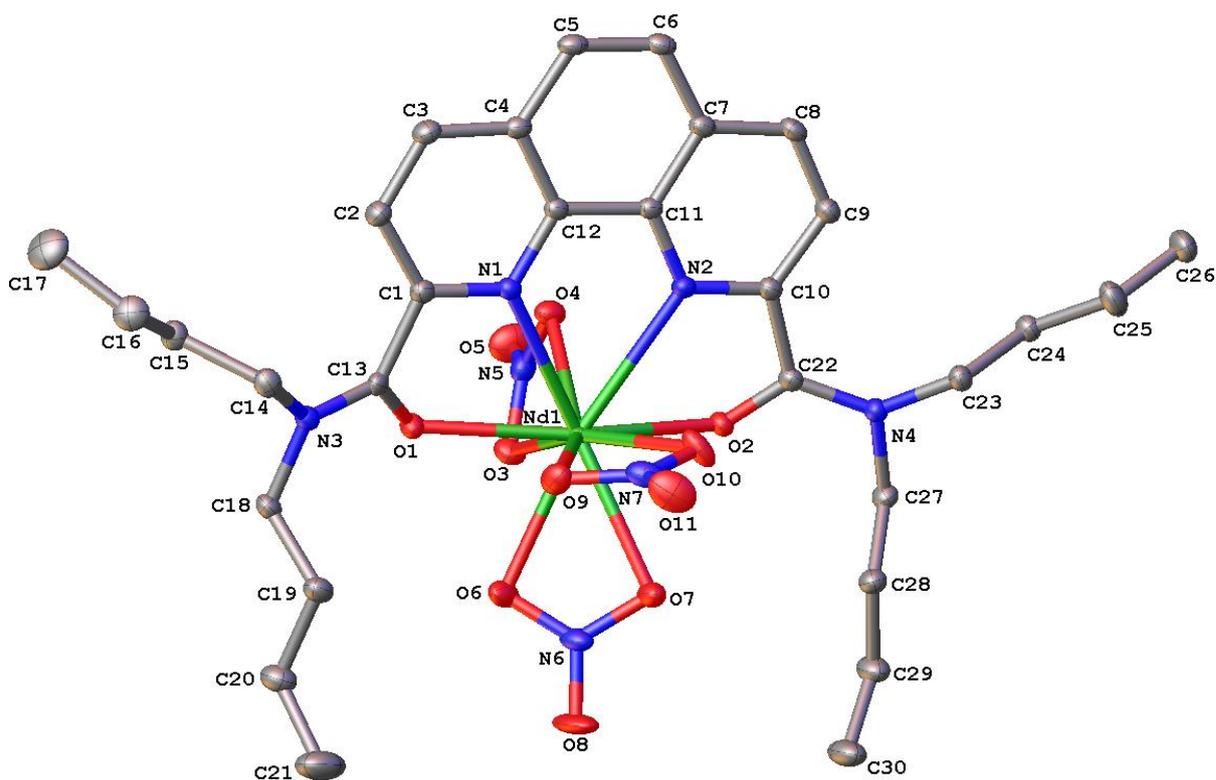


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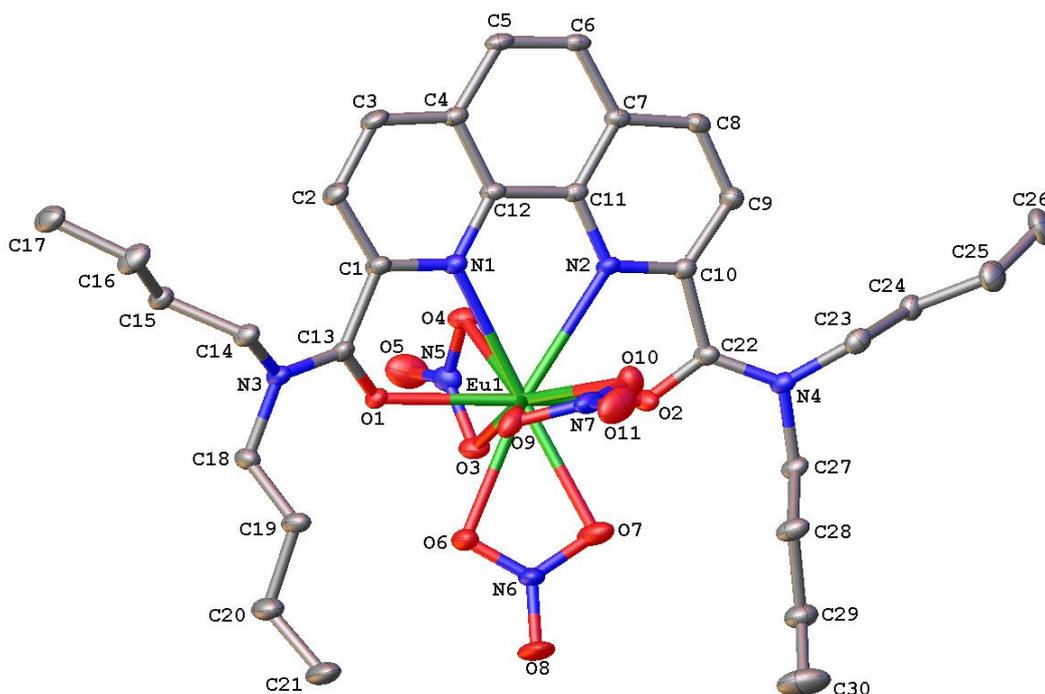
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### 3. X-ray diffraction data



**Figure S1** General view of **2**; solvent acetonitrile molecules and the minor component of the disordered nitrate anions are not shown.



**Figure S2** General view of the **3**; solvent acetonitrile molecules and the minor component of the disordered nitrate anions are not shown.

**Table S1** Crystal data and structure refinement parameters for complexes **1-4**.

Complex	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
Empirical formula	C <sub>34</sub> H <sub>48</sub> LaN <sub>9</sub> O <sub>11</sub>	C <sub>34</sub> H <sub>48</sub> N <sub>9</sub> NdO <sub>11</sub>	C <sub>34</sub> H <sub>48</sub> N <sub>9</sub> O <sub>11</sub> Eu	C <sub>30</sub> H <sub>42</sub> LuN <sub>7</sub> O <sub>11</sub>
Formula weight	897.72	903.05	910.77	851.67
T, K	120	100	100	120
Crystal system	Triclinic	Triclinic	Triclinic	Monoclinic
Space group	P-1	P-1	P-1	P2 <sub>1</sub> /n
Z	2	2	2	4
a, Å	12.8066(15)	12.7265(2)	12.7052(2)	12.5387(9)
b, Å	13.1723(15)	13.0852(3)	13.0357(2)	13.2104(9)
c, Å	14.0055(16)	13.9425(3)	13.9381(2)	20.5389(14)
$\alpha$ /°	74.188(2)	74.1023(7)	74.0920(10)	90
$\beta$ /°	67.870(3)	68.3360(6)	68.5940(10)	94.300(2)
$\gamma$ /°	66.735(2)	66.7703(6)	66.6940(10)	90
V, Å <sup>3</sup>	1989.3(4)	1960.38(7)	1951.00(6)	3392.5(4)
$D_{\text{calc}}$ (g cm <sup>-3</sup> )	1.499	1.530	1.550	1.667
Linear absorption, $\mu$ (cm <sup>-1</sup> )	11.42	13.93	16.77	29.79
F(000)	920	926	932	1720
$2\theta_{\text{max}}$ , °	62	56	56	56
Reflections measured	67046	47825	41028	38724
Independent reflections	12112	9429	9406	8199
Observed reflections $[I > 2\sigma(I)]$	9758	9010	8852	5767
Parameters	502	516	516	446
R1	0.0498	0.0178	0.0206	0.0377
wR2	0.0940	0.0444	0.0474	0.0742
GOF	1.065	1.038	1.037	1.002
$\Delta\rho_{\text{max}}/\Delta\rho_{\text{min}}$ (e Å <sup>-3</sup> )	0.925/-1.393	0.700/-0.493	0.769/-0.752	0.984/-1.237

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