

Antibacterial screening of new bis(pyrazolo[1,5-*a*]pyrimidine) hybrids linked to different spacers

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1. Experimental

1.1. Materials

All solvents were acquired from commercial sources and used as received unless otherwise stated. All other chemicals were acquired from Merck or Aldrich and used without further purification. The melting points were measured on a Stuart melting point apparatus and are uncorrected. IR spectra were recorded on a Smart iTR, which is an ultra-high-performance, versatile Attenuated Total Reflectance (ATR) sampling accessory on the Nicolet iS10 FT-IR spectrometer. NMR spectra were recorded on Bruker Avance III 400 MHz spectrophotometer (400 MHz for ^1H and 100 MHz for ^{13}C) using TMS as an internal standard and DMSO- d_6 as solvent and chemical shifts were expressed as δ ppm units. Elemental analyses were carried out on a EuroVector instrument C, H, N, S analyzer EA3000 Series.

1.2. Table S1. Optimization of the synthesis of the target bis(pyrazolo[1,5-*a*]pyrimidine) **4a**.

Entry ^{a,b}	Solvent	Base ^c	Temp. (°C)	Time (h)	Yield (%) ^f
1	DCM ^c	Piperidine	40	8	17
2	DCM	Diethylamine	40	8	12
3	Ethanol	Piperidine	80	6	62
4	Ethanol	Diethylamine	80	6	57
5	Ethanol	Triethylamine	80	6	50
6	Dioxane	Piperidine	100	6	64
7	Dioxane	Diethylamine	100	6	54
8	Dioxane	Triethylamine	100	6	49
9	DMF ^d	Diethylamine	150	6	77
10	DMF	Triethylamine	150	6	72
11	DMF	Piperidine	150	4	73
12	DMF	Piperidine	150	5	83
13	DMF	Piperidine	150	6	80

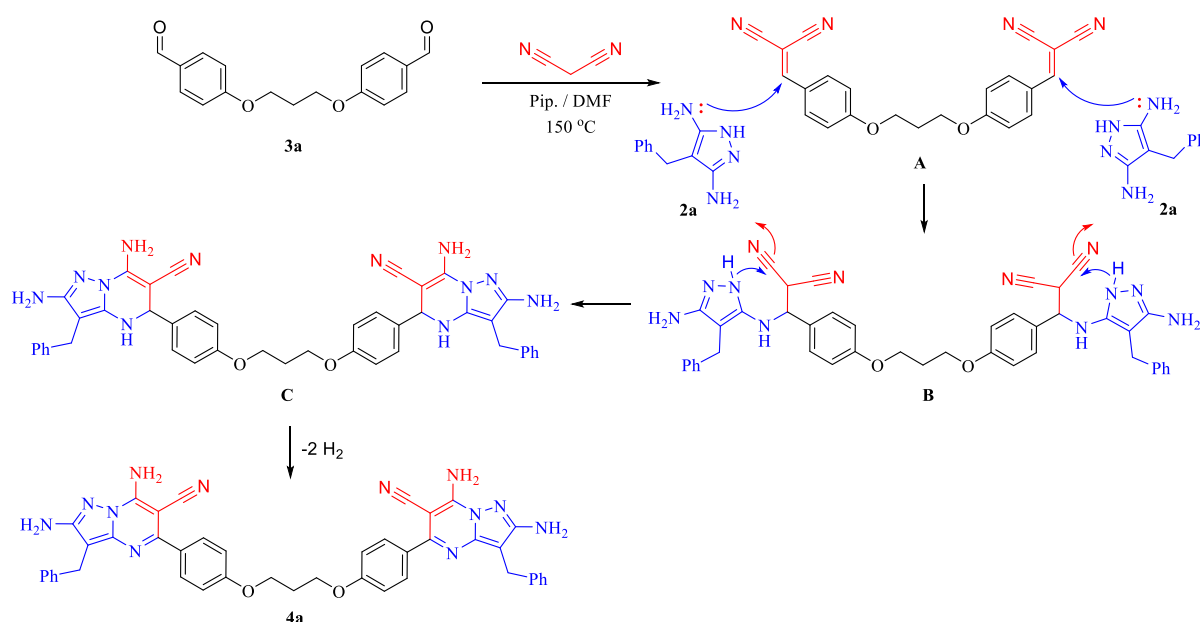
^aAll reactions were followed up by TLC analyses; ^bAll reaction were conducted using 1 mmol of bis(benzaldehyde) **3a**; ^cDichloromethane; ^d*N,N*-Dimethylformamide; ^eAll reactions were first conducted using 1.0 mL of the corresponding amines; ^fThe final yield of bis(pyrazolo[1,5-*a*]pyrimidine) **4a**.

1.3. Table S2. Optimizing the yield of piperidine-mediated synthesis of bis(pyrazolo[1,5-*a*]pyrimidine) **4a**.

Entry ^{a,b}	Volume ^c	Time (h)	Yield (%) ^d
1	0.5	6	57
2	0.6	6	60
3	0.7	4	80
4	0.7	5	89
5	0.7	6	87
6	0.8	5	86
7	0.9	5	84
8	1.0	5	83
9	1.1	5	80

^aAll reactions were followed up by TLC analyses; ^bAll reaction were conducted using 1 mmol of bis(benzaldehyde) **3a** in DMF; ^cVolume used of piperidine; ^dThe final yield of bis(pyrazolo[1,5-*a*]pyrimidine) **4a**.

1.4. Scheme S1. Detailed mechanism for the formation of bis(pyrazolo[1,5-*a*]pyrimidine) **4a**.



Initially, propane-linked bis(benzaldehyde) **3a** reacted with malononitrile to yield the corresponding bis(α,β -unsaturated nitrile) **A**. Next, aza-Michael addition reaction was conducted by the addition of one of the two amino functions in two molecules of **2a** and the olefinic double bonds in **A** to give the adduct **B**. The previous intermediate underwent successive cyclization and auto-oxidation to give the isolable bis(pyrazolo[1,5-*a*]pyrimidine) **4a** through the intermediate **C**.^{S1}

1.5. The procedures and spectral data

1.5.1. General procedure for the synthesis of bis(pyrazolo[1,5-*a*]pyrimidine) 4-6, 8 and 10.

A ternary mixture of the corresponding 1*H*-pyrazole-3,5-diamines **2a-2c** (1 mmol), bis(aldehydes) **3**, **7** or **9** (1 mmol), and malononitrile (2 mmol) in *N,N*-dimethylformamide (10 mL) in the presence of piperidine (0.7 mL) was heated at 150 °C for 5 h. The mixture was evaporated to its half volume at reduced pressure and then cooled, and ethanol (5 mL) was added. The product so formed was collected by filtration, washed with cold ethanol, dried and recrystallized from the appropriate solvent.

1.5.2. 5,5'-((Propane-1,3-diylbis(oxy))bis(4,1-phenylene))bis(2,7-diamino-3-benzylpyrazolo[1,5-*a*]pyrimidine-6-carbonitrile) (**4a**).

Pale brown solid (dioxane / ethanol mixture, 89%); m.p. 212-214 °C; IR (ν cm⁻¹): 3408, 3312, 3204 (NH₂), 2200 (CN); ¹H-NMR (DMSO-*d*₆): δ 2.12 (br s, 2H, OCH₂CH₂), 3.89 (s, 4H, 2 CH₂), 4.25 (t, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 4H, 2 OCH₂), 5.71 (s, 4H, 2 NH₂), 7.05 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 4H, ArH), 7.13 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H, ArH), 7.22 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 4H, ArH), 7.34 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 4H, ArH), 7.78 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 4H, ArH), 7.95 (br s, 4H, 2 NH₂); ¹³C-NMR (DMSO-*d*₆): δ 26.7, 28.2, 66.3, 71.0, 96.2, 114.1, 117.2, 125.6, 128.1, 128.3, 130.2, 130.6, 142.5, 146.4, 149.6, 158.6, 159.8, 161.2; Anal. calcd. for C₄₃H₃₆N₁₂O₂ (752.8): C, 68.60; H, 4.82; N, 22.33; found: C, 68.74; H, 4.99; N, 22.15%.

1.5.3. 5,5'-((Propane-1,3-diylbis(oxy))bis(4,1-phenylene))bis(2,7-diamino-3-(4-chlorobenzyl)pyrazolo[1,5-*a*]pyrimidine-6-carbonitrile) (**4b**).

Pale brown solid (dioxane, 87%); m.p. 226-228 °C; IR (ν cm⁻¹): 3423, 3317, 3209 (NH₂), 2201 (CN); ¹H-NMR (DMSO-*d*₆): δ 2.15 (br s, 2H, OCH₂CH₂), 3.90 (s, 4H, 2 CH₂), 4.24 (t, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 4H, 2 OCH₂), 5.73 (s, 4H, 2 NH₂), 7.06 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 4H, ArH), 7.17 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 4H, ArH), 7.34 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 4H, ArH), 7.77 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 4H, ArH), 7.99 (br s, 4H, 2 NH₂); ¹³C-NMR (DMSO-*d*₆): δ 26.6, 28.3, 66.4, 70.9, 96.8, 114.2, 117.2, 128.1, 129.5, 130.1, 130.6, 130.7, 138.2, 146.0, 149.5, 158.7, 159.7, 161.0; Anal. calcd. for C₄₃H₃₄Cl₂N₁₂O₂ (821.7): C, 62.85; H, 4.17; N, 20.45; found: C, 62.99; H, 4.06; N, 20.32%.

1.5.4. 5,5'-((Propane-1,3-diylbis(oxy))bis(4,1-phenylene))bis(2,7-diamino-3-(4-methoxybenzyl)pyrazolo[1,5-*a*]pyrimidine-6-carbonitrile) (4c).

Pale brown solid (dioxane / ethanol mixture, 92%); m.p. 220-222 °C; IR (ν cm^{-1}): 3402, 3300, 3214 (NH_2), 2200 (CN); $^1\text{H-NMR}$ ($\text{DMSO-}d_6$): δ 2.15 (br s, 2H, OCH_2CH_2), 3.68 (s, 6H, 2 *p*- OCH_3), 3.85 (s, 4H, 2 CH_2), 4.23 (t, J = 6.4 Hz, 4H, 2 OCH_2), 5.66 (s, 4H, 2 NH_2), 6.78 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 4H, ArH), 7.07 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 4H, ArH), 7.30 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 4H, ArH), 7.80 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 4H, ArH), 8.01 (br s, 4H, 2 NH_2); $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$ ($\text{DMSO-}d_6$): δ 25.9, 28.2, 55.0, 66.4, 71.1, 96.7, 113.5, 114.0, 117.1, 129.8, 130.2, 130.7, 131.4, 146.0, 149.5, 157.3, 158.5, 160.1, 161.0; Anal. calcd. for $\text{C}_{45}\text{H}_{40}\text{N}_{12}\text{O}_4$ (812.9): C, 66.49; H, 4.96; N, 20.68; found: C, 66.33; H, 5.08; N, 20.79%.

1.5.5. 5,5'-((Butane-1,4-diylbis(oxy))bis(4,1-phenylene))bis(2,7-diamino-3-benzylpyrazolo[1,5-*a*]pyrimidine-6-carbonitrile) (5a).

Pale brown solid (dioxane / ethanol mixture, 85%); m.p. 204 °C; IR (ν cm^{-1}): 3425, 3302, 3211 (NH_2), 2202 (CN); $^1\text{H-NMR}$ ($\text{DMSO-}d_6$): δ 1.92 (br s, 4H, 2 OCH_2CH_2), 3.89 (s, 4H, 2 CH_2), 4.13 (br s, 4H, 2 OCH_2), 5.72 (s, 4H, 2 NH_2), 7.06 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 4H, ArH), 7.12 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H, ArH), 7.22 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 4H, ArH), 7.32 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 4H, ArH), 7.79 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 4H, ArH), 7.95 (br s, 4H, 2 NH_2); $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$ ($\text{DMSO-}d_6$): δ 25.2, 26.7, 67.5, 70.9, 96.4, 114.0, 117.3, 125.6, 128.2, 128.3, 130.2, 130.6, 142.5, 146.5, 149.7, 158.5, 160.0, 161.1; Anal. calcd. for $\text{C}_{44}\text{H}_{38}\text{N}_{12}\text{O}_2$ (766.8): C, 68.91; H, 4.99; N, 21.92; found: C, 69.07; H, 4.88; N, 21.74%.

1.5.6. 5,5'-((Butane-1,4-diylbis(oxy))bis(4,1-phenylene))bis(2,7-diamino-3-(4-chlorobenzyl)pyrazolo[1,5-*a*]pyrimidine-6-carbonitrile) (5b).

Pale brown solid (dioxane, 89%); m.p. 216-219 °C; IR (ν cm^{-1}): 3422, 3333, 3216 (NH_2), 2199 (CN); $^1\text{H-NMR}$ ($\text{DMSO-}d_6$): δ 1.90 (br s, 4H, 2 OCH_2CH_2), 3.90 (s, 4H, 2 CH_2), 4.14 (br s, 4H, 2 OCH_2), 5.70 (s, 4H, 2 NH_2), 7.07 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 4H, ArH), 7.16 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 4H, ArH), 7.33 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 4H, ArH), 7.78 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 4H, ArH), 8.00 (br s, 4H, 2 NH_2); $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$ ($\text{DMSO-}d_6$): δ 25.1, 26.6, 67.4, 70.8, 97.0, 114.2, 117.1, 128.2, 129.4, 130.2, 130.5, 130.6, 138.3, 146.1, 149.6, 158.5, 159.9, 160.9; Anal. calcd. for $\text{C}_{44}\text{H}_{36}\text{Cl}_2\text{N}_{12}\text{O}_2$ (835.7): C, 63.23; H, 4.34; N, 20.11; found: C, 63.23; H, 4.34; N, 20.11%.

1.5.7. 5,5'-((Butane-1,4-diylbis(oxy))bis(4,1-phenylene))bis(2,7-diamino-3-(4-methoxybenzyl)pyrazolo[1,5-*a*]pyrimidine-6-carbonitrile) (5c).

Pale brown solid (dioxane, 90%); m.p. 204 °C; IR (ν cm^{-1}): 3445, 3327, 3225 (NH_2), 2199 (CN); $^1\text{H-NMR}$ ($\text{DMSO-}d_6$): δ 1.92 (br s, 4H, 2 OCH_2CH_2), 3.67 (s, 6H, 2 *p*- OCH_3), 3.83 (s, 4H, 2 CH_2), 4.14 (br s, 4H, 2 OCH_2), 5.68 (s, 4H, 2 NH_2), 6.77 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 4H, ArH), 7.08 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 4H, ArH), 7.30 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 4H, ArH), 7.78 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 4H, ArH), 7.95 (br s, 4H, 2 NH_2); $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$ ($\text{DMSO-}d_6$): δ 25.1, 25.9, 54.9, 67.4, 70.9, 96.9, 113.6, 114.3, 117.2, 129.7, 130.2, 130.8, 131.4, 146.1, 149.6, 157.5, 158.4, 160.3, 160.9; Anal. calcd. for $\text{C}_{46}\text{H}_{42}\text{N}_{12}\text{O}_4$ (826.9): C, 66.81; H, 5.12; N, 20.33; found: C, 66.98; H, 5.00; N, 20.47%.

1.5.8. 5,5'-((Pentane-1,5-diylbis(oxy))bis(4,1-phenylene))bis(2,7-diamino-3-benzylpyrazolo[1,5-*a*]pyrimidine-6-carbonitrile) (6a).

Pale brown solid (dioxane / ethanol mixture, 88%); m.p. 192-193 °C; IR (ν cm^{-1}): 3423, 3315, 3200 (NH_2), 2201 (CN); $^1\text{H-NMR}$ ($\text{DMSO-}d_6$): δ 1.60 (br s, 2H, $\text{OCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2$), 1.78 (br s, 4H, 2 OCH_2CH_2), 3.89 (s, 4H, 2 CH_2), 4.05 (t, $J = 6.4$ Hz, 4H, 2 OCH_2), 5.69 (s, 4H, 2 NH_2), 7.05 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 4H, ArH), 7.11 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H, ArH), 7.22 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 4H, ArH), 7.33 (d, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 4H, ArH), 7.76 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 4H, ArH), 7.98 (br s, 4H, 2 NH_2); $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$ ($\text{DMSO-}d_6$): δ 22.0, 26.8, 28.2, 67.9, 71.0, 96.3, 114.2, 117.2, 125.7, 128.1, 128.2, 130.3, 130.6, 142.4, 146.3, 149.5, 158.4, 159.8, 160.9; Anal. calcd. for $\text{C}_{45}\text{H}_{40}\text{N}_{12}\text{O}_2$ (780.9): C, 69.21; H, 5.16; N, 21.52; found: C, 69.02; H, 5.30; N, 21.69%.

1.5.9. 5,5'-((Pentane-1,5-diylbis(oxy))bis(4,1-phenylene))bis(2,7-diamino-3-(4-chlorobenzyl)pyrazolo[1,5-*a*]pyrimidine-6-carbonitrile) (6b).

Pale brown solid (dioxane, 86%); m.p. 200-203 °C; IR (ν cm^{-1}): 3420, 3331, 3199 (NH_2), 2202 (CN); $^1\text{H-NMR}$ ($\text{DMSO-}d_6$): δ 1.58 (br s, 2H, $\text{OCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2$), 1.78 (m, 4H, 2 OCH_2CH_2), 3.89 (s, 4H, 2 CH_2), 4.04 (t, $J = 6.4$ Hz, 4H, 2 OCH_2), 5.67 (s, 4H, 2 NH_2), 7.07 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 4H, ArH), 7.16 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 4H, ArH), 7.34 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 4H, ArH), 7.78 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 4H, ArH), 7.97 (br s, 4H, 2 NH_2); $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$ ($\text{DMSO-}d_6$): δ 22.1, 26.7, 28.1, 67.8, 71.0, 96.9, 114.1, 117.4, 128.2, 129.3, 130.1, 130.6, 130.7, 138.3, 145.9, 149.4, 158.5, 159.7, 161.0; Anal. calcd. for $\text{C}_{45}\text{H}_{38}\text{Cl}_2\text{N}_{12}\text{O}_2$ (849.7): C, 63.60; H, 4.51; N, 19.78; found: C, 63.42; H, 4.69; N, 19.97%.

1.5.10. 5,5'-((Pentane-1,5-diylbis(oxy))bis(4,1-phenylene))bis(2,7-diamino-3-(4-methoxybenzyl)pyrazolo[1,5-*a*]pyrimidine-6-carbonitrile) (6c).

Pale brown solid (dioxane / ethanol mixture, 90%); m.p. 192-193 °C; IR (ν cm⁻¹): 3440, 3329, 3212 (NH₂), 2200 (CN); ¹H-NMR (DMSO-*d*₆): δ 1.60 (br s, 2H, OCH₂CH₂CH₂), 1.80 (br s, 4H, 2 OCH₂CH₂), 3.68 (s, 6H, 2 *p*-OCH₃), 3.84 (s, 4H, 2 CH₂), 4.03 (t, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 4H, 2 OCH₂), 5.66 (s, 4H, 2 NH₂), 6.76 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 4H, ArH), 7.06 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 4H, ArH), 7.29 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 4H, ArH), 7.79 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 4H, ArH), 8.02 (br s, 4H, 2 NH₂); ¹³C-NMR (DMSO-*d*₆): δ 22.1, 25.8, 28.2, 55.0, 67.9, 70.8, 96.8, 113.7, 114.2, 117.1, 129.6, 130.1, 130.7, 131.5, 145.9, 149.4, 157.5, 158.3, 160.1, 160.8; Anal. calcd. for C₄₇H₄₄N₁₂O₄ (840.9): C, 67.13; H, 5.27; N, 19.99; found: C, 66.92; H, 5.09; N, 20.11%.

1.5.11. 5,5'-(((1,4-Phenylenebis(methylene))bis(oxy))bis(4,1-phenylene))bis(2,7-diamino-3-benzylpyrazolo[1,5-*a*]pyrimidine-6-carbonitrile) (8a).

Pale yellow solid (dioxane / ethanol mixture, 82%); m.p. 180-181 °C; IR (ν cm⁻¹): 3441, 3356, 3214 (NH₂), 2202 (CN); ¹H-NMR (DMSO-*d*₆): δ 3.90 (s, 4H, 2 CH₂), 5.12 (s, 4H, 2 OCH₂), 5.74 (s, 4H, 2 NH₂), 7.07 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 4H, ArH), 7.14 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H, ArH), 7.23 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 4H, ArH), 7.35 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 4H, ArH), 7.49 (s, 4H, ArH), 7.81 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 4H, ArH), 8.11 (br s, 4H, 2 NH₂); ¹³C-NMR (DMSO-*d*₆): δ 26.8, 69.0, 75.9, 97.0, 114.9, 115.9, 125.7, 127.8, 128.2, 128.4, 129.0, 133.2, 136.7, 142.4, 145.6, 147.3, 157.3, 157.5, 159.7; Anal. calcd. for C₄₈H₃₈N₁₂O₂ (814.9): C, 70.75; H, 4.70; N, 20.63; found: C, 70.58; H, 4.49; N, 20.72%.

1.5.12. 5,5'-(((1,4-Phenylenebis(methylene))bis(oxy))bis(4,1-phenylene))bis(2,7-diamino-3-(4-chlorobenzyl)pyrazolo[1,5-*a*]pyrimidine-6-carbonitrile) (8b).

Pale yellow solid (dioxane, 85%); m.p. 192 °C; IR (ν cm⁻¹): 3450, 3312, 3226 (NH₂), 2203 (CN); ¹H-NMR (DMSO-*d*₆): δ 3.91 (s, 4H, 2 CH₂), 5.14 (s, 4H, 2 OCH₂), 5.76 (s, 4H, 2 NH₂), 7.07 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 4H, ArH), 7.18 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 4H, ArH), 7.36 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 4H, ArH), 7.48 (s, 4H, ArH), 7.80 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 4H, ArH), 8.06 (br s, 4H, 2 NH₂); ¹³C-NMR (DMSO-*d*₆): δ 26.7, 69.2, 76.0, 97.1, 115.0, 116.0, 127.7, 128.2, 128.9, 129.5, 130.5, 133.3, 136.6, 138.2, 144.5, 144.7, 157.1, 157.4, 159.6; Anal. calcd. for C₄₈H₃₆Cl₂N₁₂O₂ (883.8): C, 65.23; H, 4.11; N, 19.02; found: C, 65.06; H, 3.98; N, 19.17%.

1.5.13. 5,5'-(((1,4-Phenylenebis(methylene))bis(oxy))bis(4,1-phenylene))bis(2,7-diamino-3-(4-methoxybenzyl)pyrazolo[1,5-*a*]pyrimidine-6-carbonitrile) (8c).

Pale yellow solid (dioxane, 86%); m.p. 186-188 °C; IR (ν cm^{-1}): 3444, 3353, 3219 (NH_2), 2203 (CN); $^1\text{H-NMR}$ ($\text{DMSO-}d_6$): δ 3.70 (s, 6H, 2 *p*- OCH_3), 3.87 (s, 4H, 2 CH_2), 5.13 (s, 4H, 2 OCH_2), 5.69 (s, 4H, 2 NH_2), 6.79 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 4H, ArH), 7.07 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 4H, ArH), 7.32 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 4H, ArH), 7.50 (s, 4H, ArH), 7.81 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 4H, ArH), 8.14 (br s, 4H, 2 NH_2); $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$ ($\text{DMSO-}d_6$): δ 26.0, 55.1, 69.2, 76.1, 97.1, 113.6, 115.0, 117.1, 127.8, 128.9, 129.7, 131.5, 133.3, 136.7, 145.7, 146.2, 157.2, 157.3, 157.4, 159.5; Anal. calcd. for $\text{C}_{50}\text{H}_{42}\text{N}_{12}\text{O}_4$ (874.9): C, 68.64; H, 4.84; N, 19.21; found: C, 68.49; H, 5.01; N, 19.03%.

1.5.14. Diethyl 3,4-bis((4-(2,7-diamino-3-benzyl-6-cyanopyrazolo[1,5-*a*]pyrimidin-5-yl)phenoxy)methyl)thieno[2,3-*b*]thiophene-2,5-dicarboxylate (10a).

Pale yellow solid (DMF / ethanol mixture, 83%); m.p. 162-164 °C; IR (ν cm^{-1}): 3436, 3327, 3209 (NH_2), 2204 (CN), 1712 (CO); $^1\text{H-NMR}$ ($\text{DMSO-}d_6$): δ 1.31 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 6H, 2 OCH_2CH_3), 3.90 (s, 4H, 2 CH_2), 4.32 (q, J = 7.2 Hz, 4H, 2 OCH_2CH_3), 5.59 (s, 4H, 2 OCH_2), 5.71 (s, 4H, 2 NH_2), 7.07 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 4H, ArH), 7.12 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H, ArH), 7.22 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 4H, ArH), 7.33 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 4H, ArH), 7.78 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 4H, ArH), 8.04 (br s, 4H, 2 NH_2); $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$ ($\text{DMSO-}d_6$): δ 14.2, 26.8, 60.7, 61.9, 76.3, 97.4, 115.1, 116.5, 125.6, 127.9, 128.1, 128.3, 129.1, 130.2, 133.6, 136.6, 142.5, 145.1, 145.7, 146.2, 156.0, 157.2, 157.3, 164.2; Anal. calcd. for $\text{C}_{54}\text{H}_{44}\text{N}_{12}\text{O}_6\text{S}_2$ (1021.1): C, 63.52; H, 4.34; N, 16.46; found: C, 63.39; H, 4.58; N, 16.27%.

1.5.15. Diethyl 3,4-bis((4-(2,7-diamino-3-(4-chlorobenzyl)-6-cyanopyrazolo[1,5-*a*]pyrimidin-5-yl)phenoxy)methyl)thieno[2,3-*b*]thiophene-2,5-dicarboxylate (10b).

Pale yellow solid (DMF, 80%); m.p. 180-183 °C; IR (ν cm^{-1}): 3419, 3320, 3219 (NH_2), 2203 (CN), 1710 (CO); $^1\text{H-NMR}$ ($\text{DMSO-}d_6$): δ 1.32 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 6H, 2 OCH_2CH_3), 3.90 (s, 4H, 2 CH_2), 4.33 (q, J = 7.2 Hz, 4H, 2 OCH_2CH_3), 5.60 (s, 4H, 2 OCH_2), 5.70 (s, 4H, 2 NH_2), 7.08 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 4H, ArH), 7.18 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 4H, ArH), 7.35 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 4H, ArH), 7.81 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 4H, ArH), 8.12 (br s, 4H, 2 NH_2); $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$ ($\text{DMSO-}d_6$): δ 14.2, 26.8, 60.7, 61.8, 76.4, 97.2, 115.2, 116.6, 127.9, 128.3, 129.0, 129.6, 130.2, 130.6, 133.5, 136.5, 138.1, 145.0, 145.5, 146.2, 157.0, 157.1, 157.3, 164.3; Anal. calcd. for $\text{C}_{54}\text{H}_{42}\text{Cl}_2\text{N}_{12}\text{O}_6\text{S}_2$ (1090.0): C, 59.50; H, 3.88; N, 15.42; found: C, 59.23; H, 4.04; N, 15.30%.

1.5.16. Diethyl 3,4-bis((4-(2,7-diamino-6-cyano-3-(4-methoxybenzyl)pyrazolo[1,5-*a*]pyrimidin-5-yl)phenoxy)methyl)thieno[2,3-*b*]thiophene-2,5-dicarboxylate (10c).

Pale yellow solid (DMF, 84%); m.p. 176-178 °C; IR (ν cm⁻¹): 3428, 3317, 3212 (NH₂), 2203 (CN), 1713 (CO); ¹H-NMR (DMSO-*d*₆): δ 1.33 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 6H, 2 OCH₂CH₃), 3.69 (s, 6H, 2 *p*-OCH₃), 3.86 (s, 4H, 2 CH₂), 4.33 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 4H, 2 OCH₂CH₃), 5.60 (s, 4H, 2 OCH₂), 5.69 (s, 4H, 2 NH₂), 6.78 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 4H, ArH), 7.08 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 4H, ArH), 7.33 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 4H, ArH), 7.81 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 4H, ArH), 8.12 (br s, 4H, 2 NH₂); ¹³C-NMR (DMSO-*d*₆): δ 14.2, 26.0, 55.0, 60.6, 61.9, 76.4, 97.5, 113.6, 115.2, 116.4, 127.8, 129.2, 129.7, 130.1, 131.5, 133.7, 136.4, 145.2, 145.7, 146.3, 155.9, 157.2, 157.3, 157.4, 164.3; Anal. calcd. for C₅₆H₄₈N₁₂O₈S₂ (1081.2): C, 62.21; H, 4.48; N, 15.55; found: C, 62.00; H, 4.63; N, 15.44%.

1.6. Minimum inhibitory concentration (MIC) determination.

The inhibitory activity against *Staphylococcus aureus* (ATCC:6538), *Enterococcus faecalis* (ATCC:29212), *Escherichia coli* (ATCC:9637), and *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* (ATCC:27953) bacterial strains was estimated. MIC values were determined using microbroth serial dilution method^{S2,S3} in a sterile 96-well microtiter plate after overnight incubation of tested bacteria at 37 °C. This assay was performed in triplicates for consistency in accordance with guidelines provided by CLSI (2012).^{S4} Ciprofloxacin (100 µg susceptibility disc) was used as a standard drug. The concentration of the tested hybrids as well as Ciprofloxacin used in the study ranged from 250 to 0.9 µg/mL. The sterile Muller-Hinton broth (MHB) was enriched with 2% NaCl before the tested antimicrobial agents were inserted into the well at concentration gradient in a serial dilution. Then the diluted bacterial suspension at final inoculum of 10⁶ CFU/mL was added. The tested compound in MHB was used as negative control to ensure medium sterility, while the inoculum in MHB served as positive control to ensure the adequacy of the broth for bacterial growth. To facilitate the observation of the growth of bacteria in each well, 20 µL of 2,3,5-triphenyltetrazolium chloride (TTC) at 2 mg/mL was added into each well.

1.7. Minimum bactericidal concentration (MBC) determination.

The tested hybrids were screened against *Staphylococcus aureus* (ATCC:6538), *Enterococcus faecalis* (ATCC:29212), *Escherichia coli* (ATCC:9637), and *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* (ATCC:27953) bacterial strains to estimate their MBC values.^{S5} Each of the tested strains was cultured in sterile broth medium for 24 h at 37 °C. The assay was performed in 2 mL

microcentrifuge tubes with concentrations ranging from 250 to 0.9 µg/mL of the tested derivatives. To each concentration of the tested derivatives, 0.1 mL of the cultured bacterial strain was added and then, allowed to incubate for 24 h at 37 °C. 10 µL sample was collected post incubation and seeded onto the agar plates and left to incubate for 24 h at 37 °C. All the results were carried out in duplicate and the average values were determined.

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3. ^1H - and ^{13}C -NMR copies of all new hybrids

Figure S1. ^1H -NMR spectrum of compound **4a**.

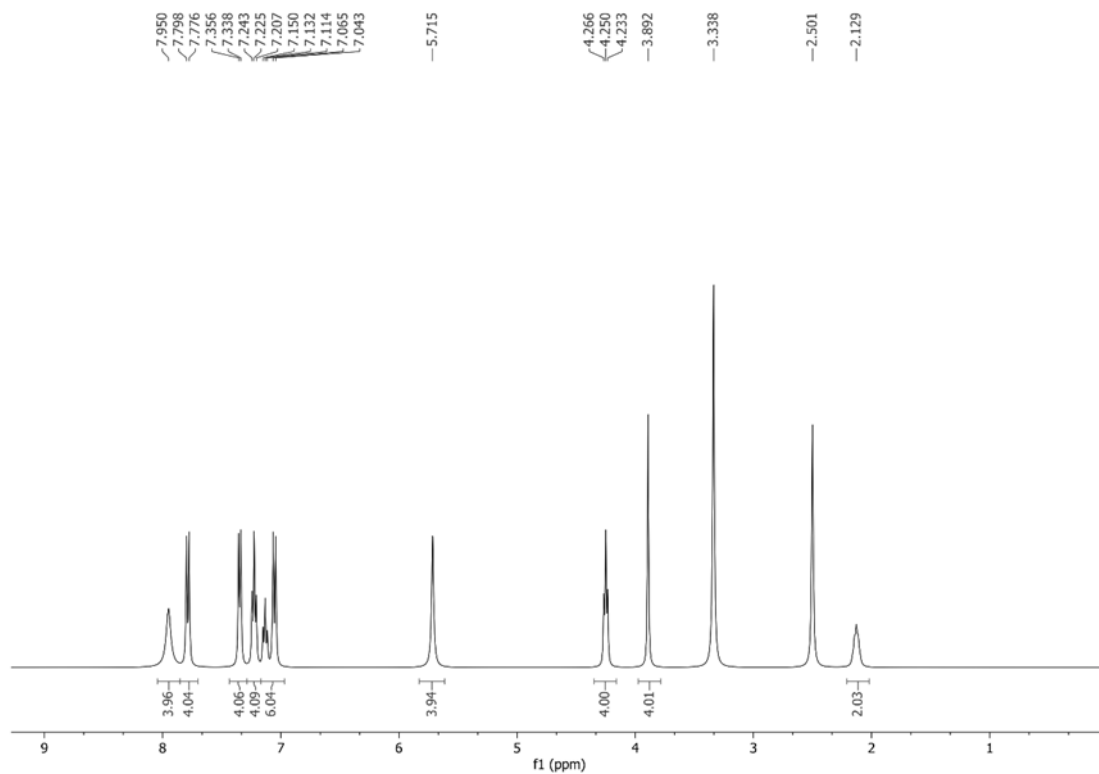


Figure S2. ^{13}C -NMR spectrum of compound **4a**.

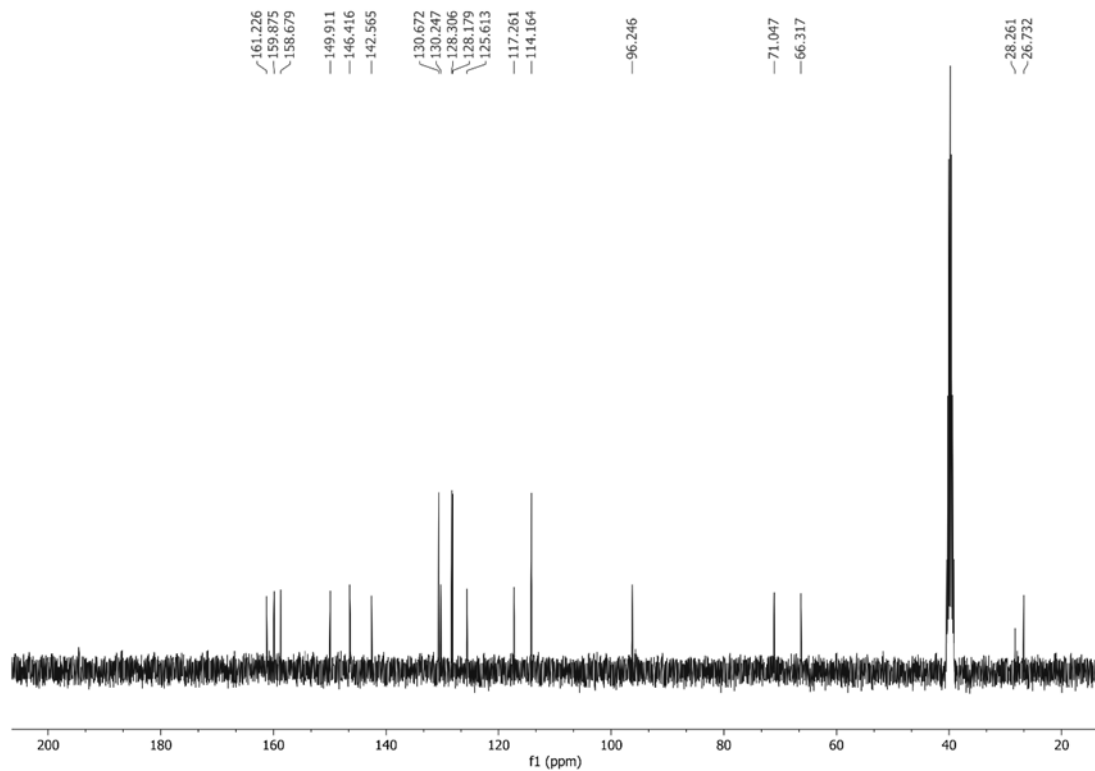


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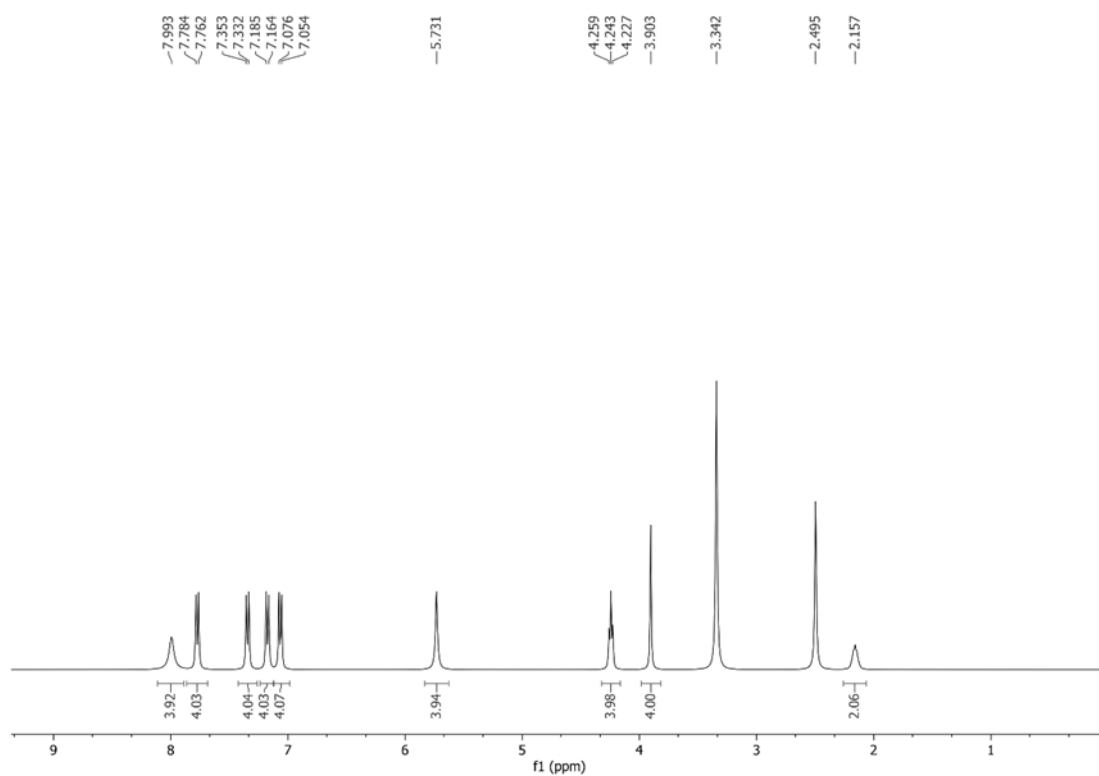


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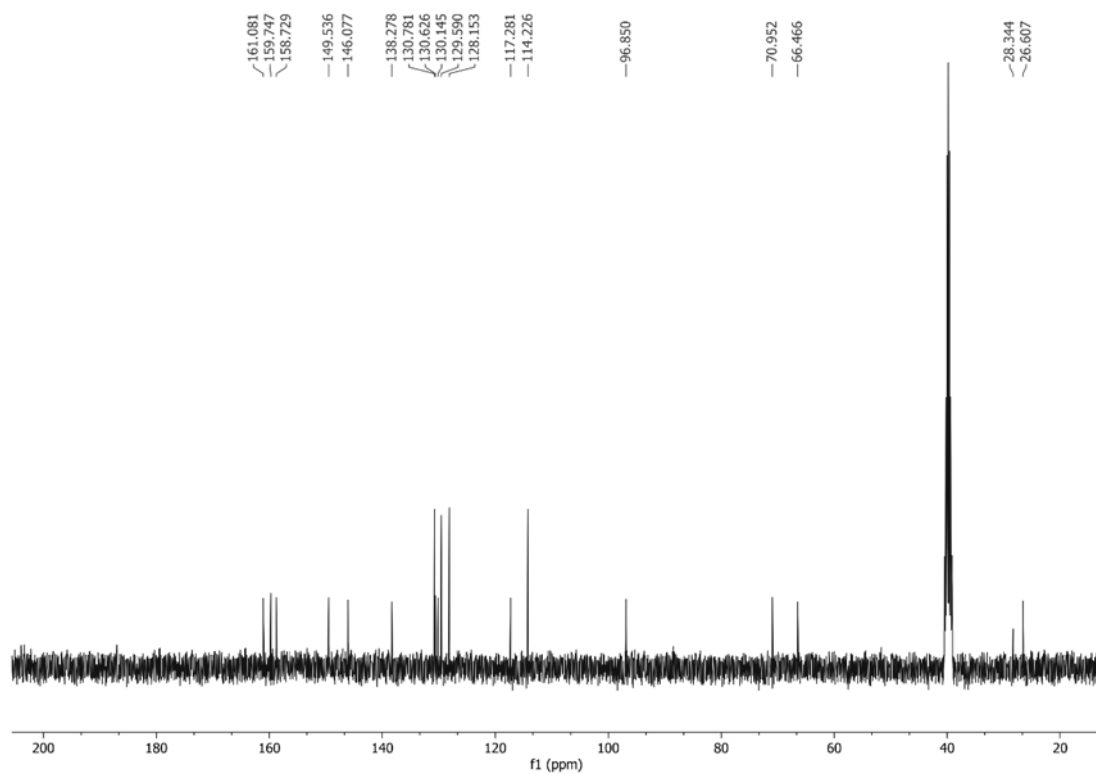


Figure S5. ^1H -NMR spectrum of compound **4c**.

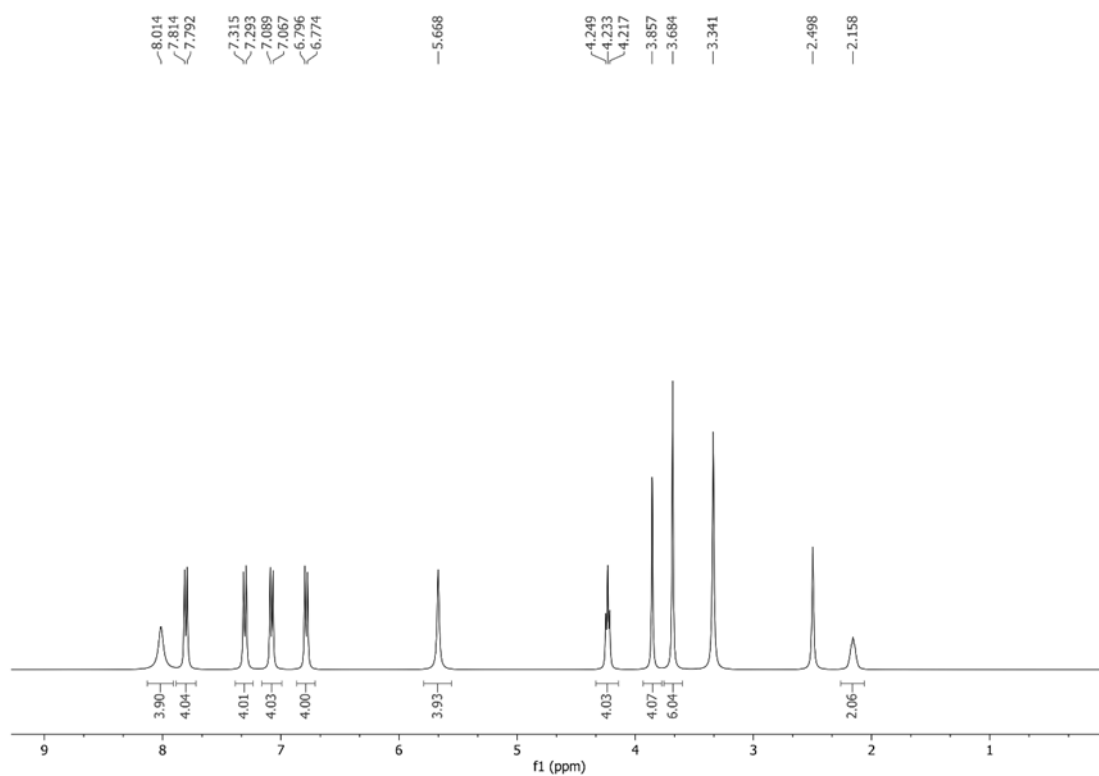


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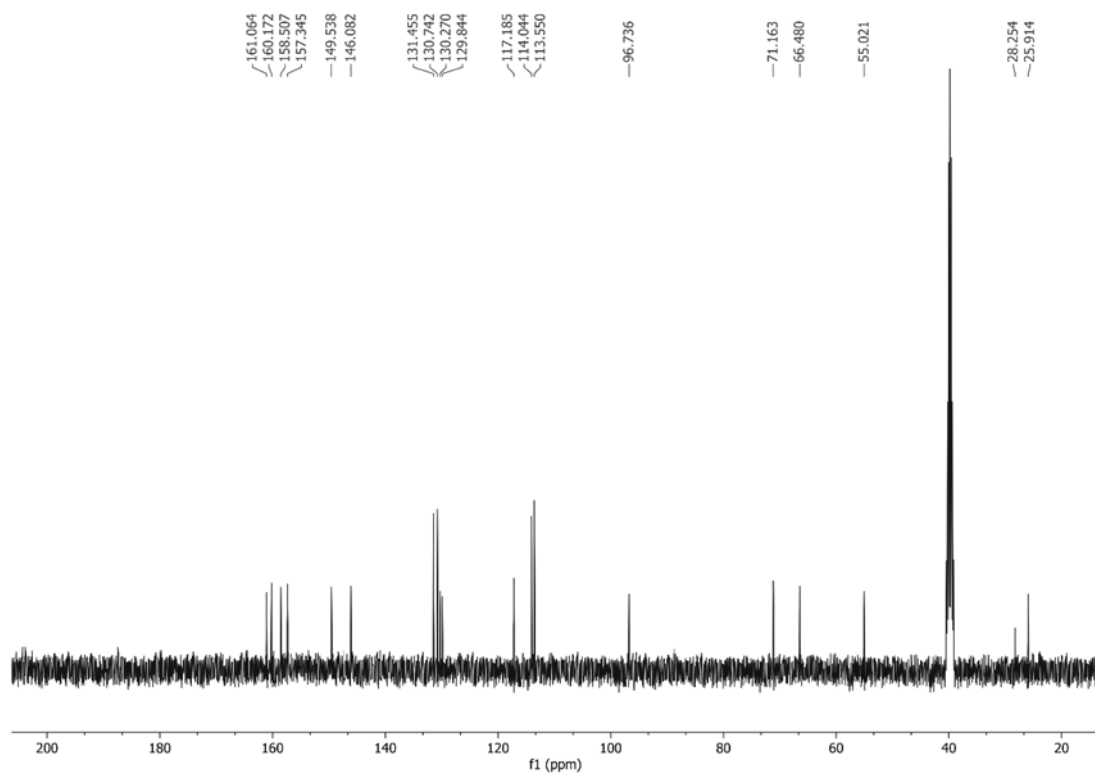


Figure S7. ^1H -NMR spectrum of compound **5a**.

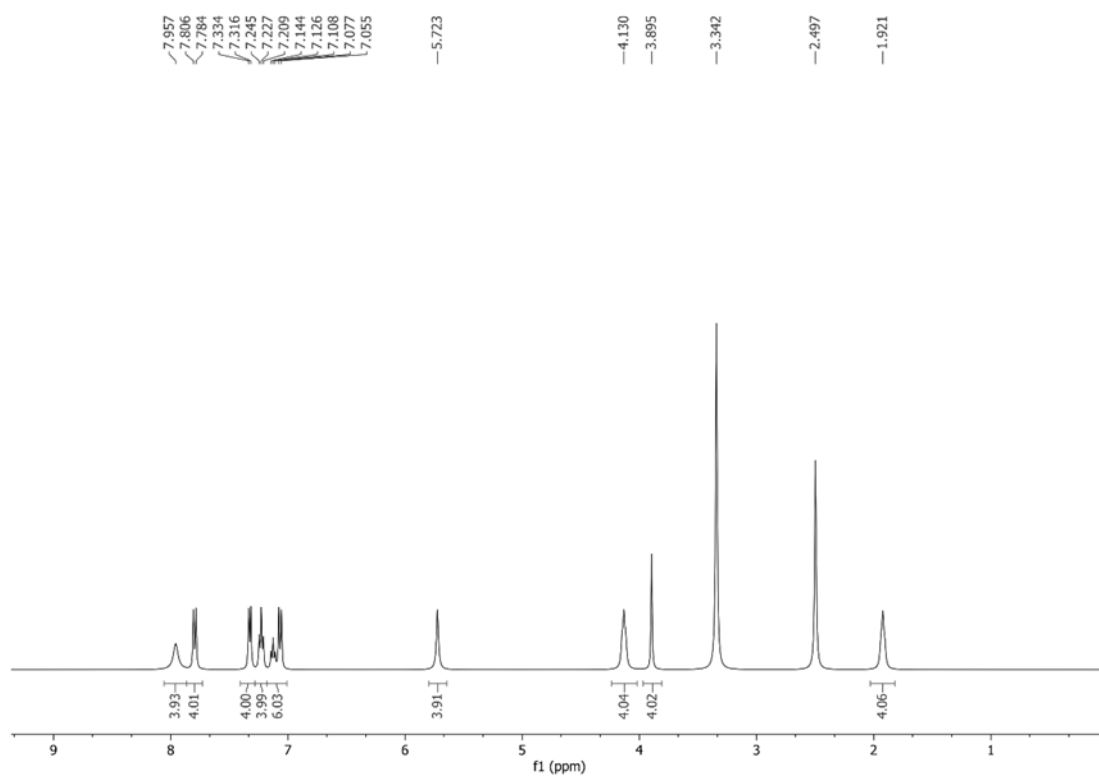


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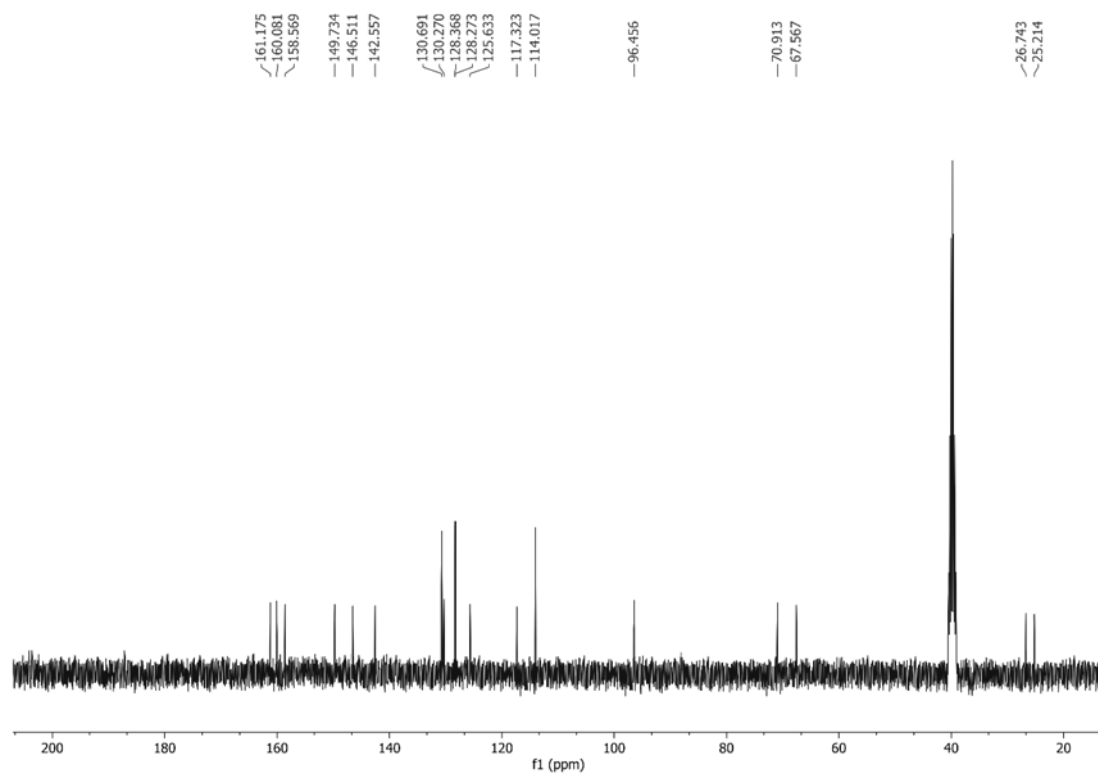


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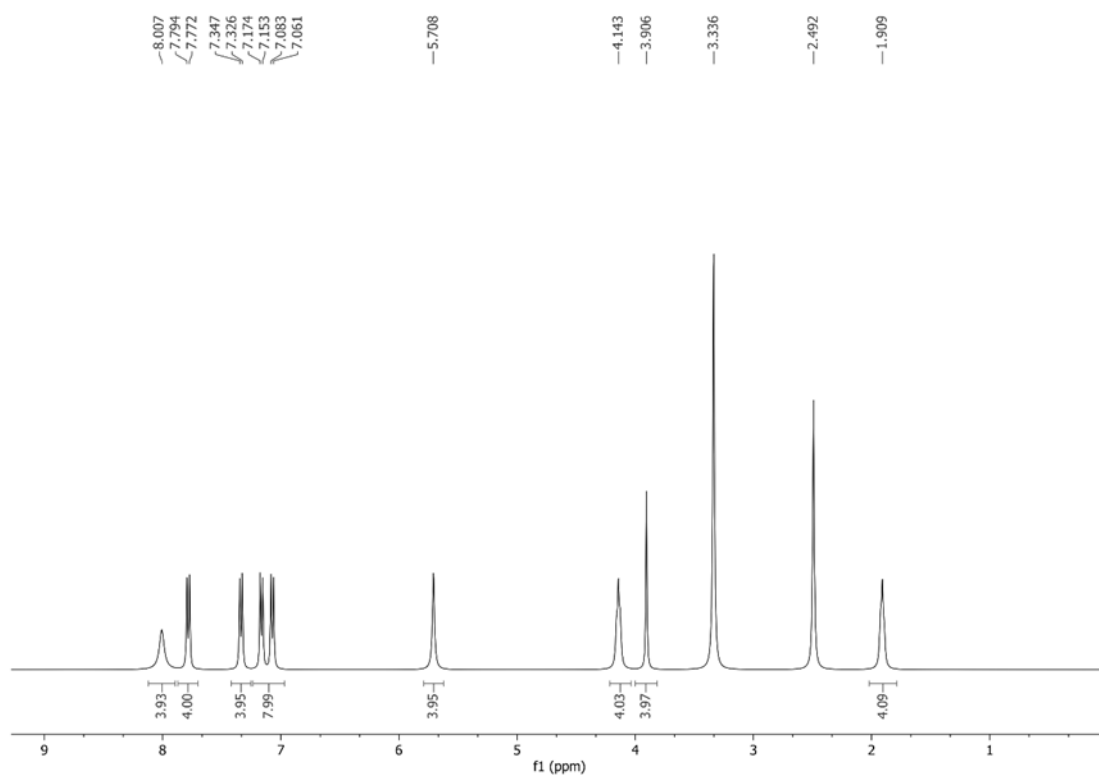


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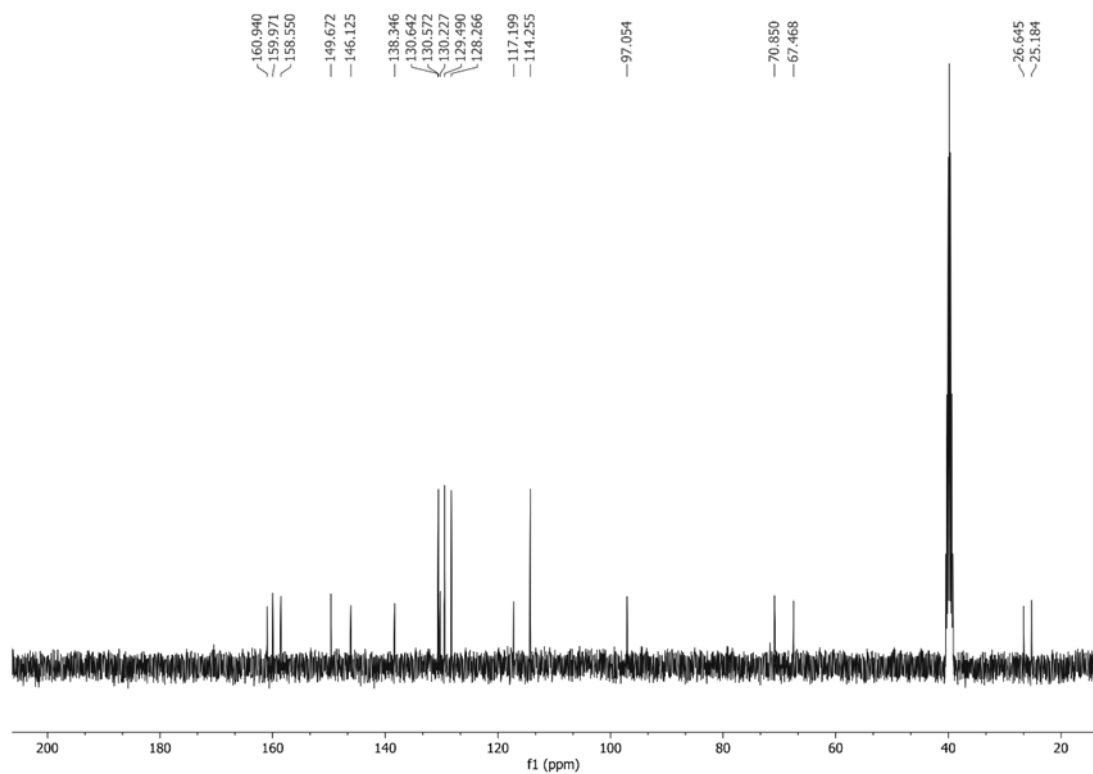


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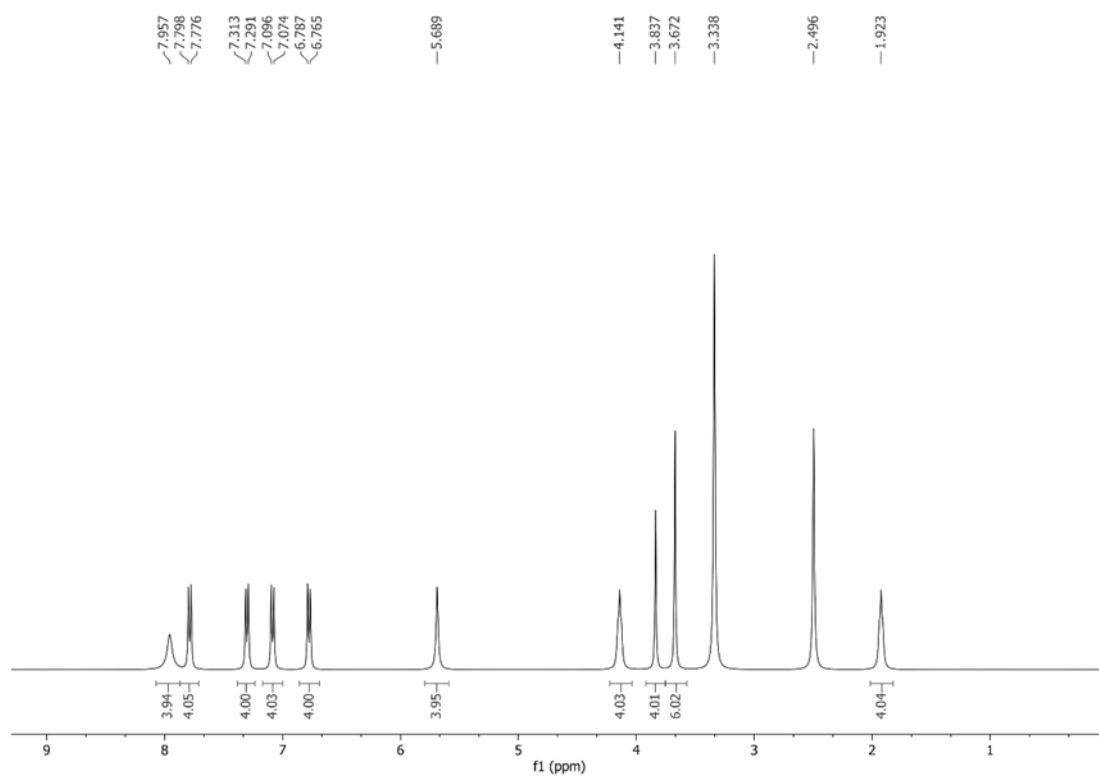


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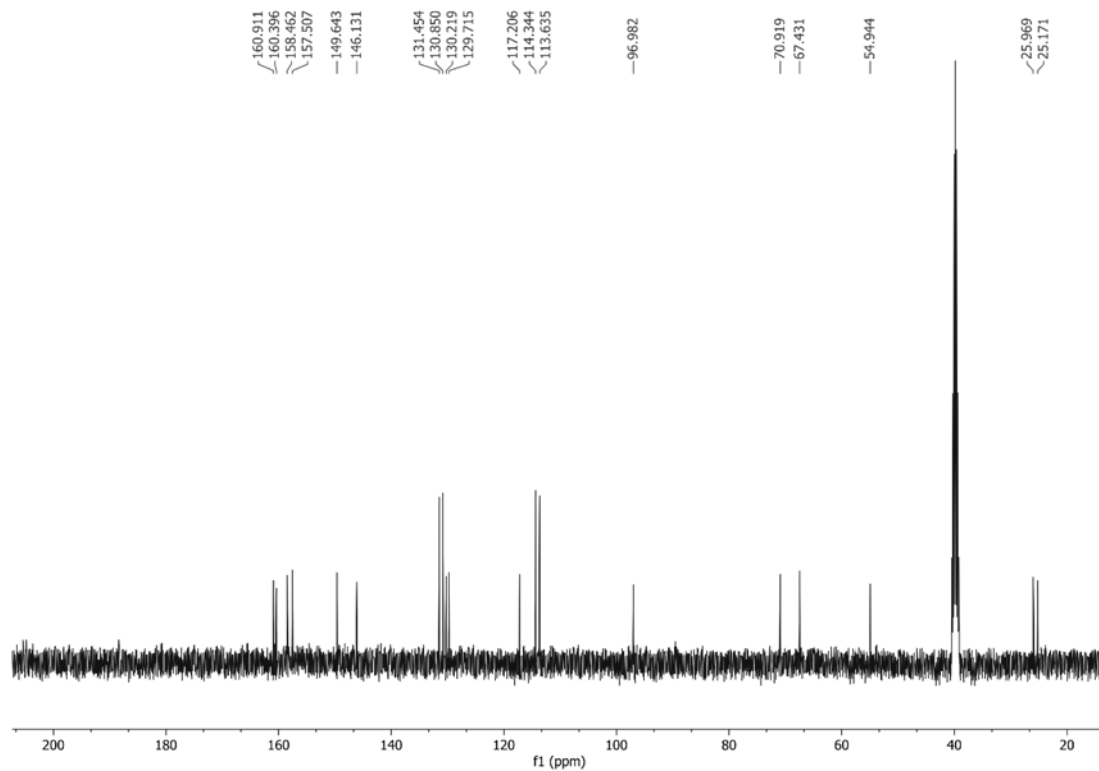


Figure S13. ^1H -NMR spectrum of compound **6a**.

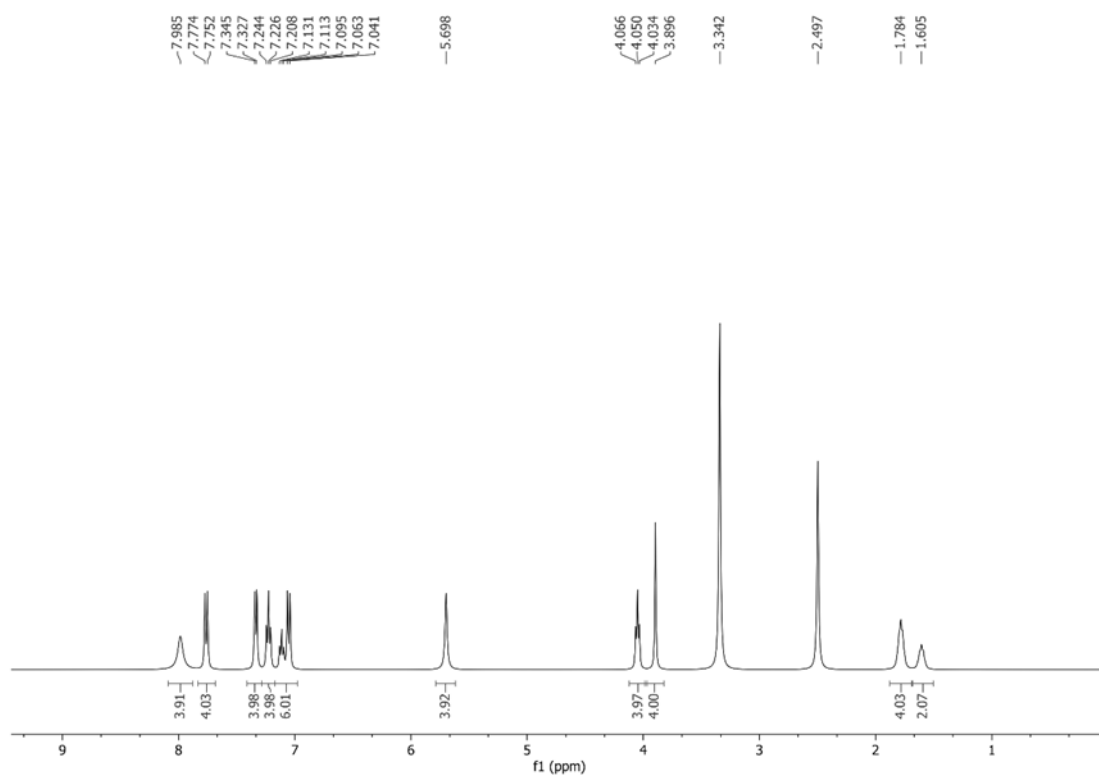


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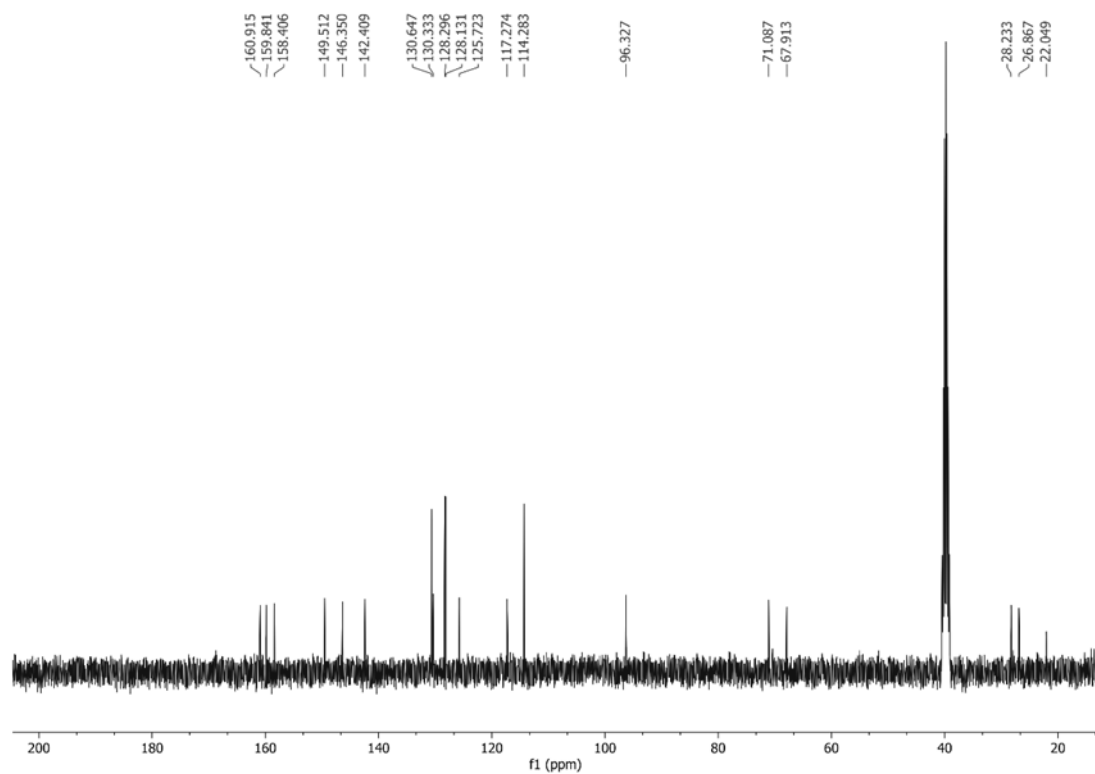


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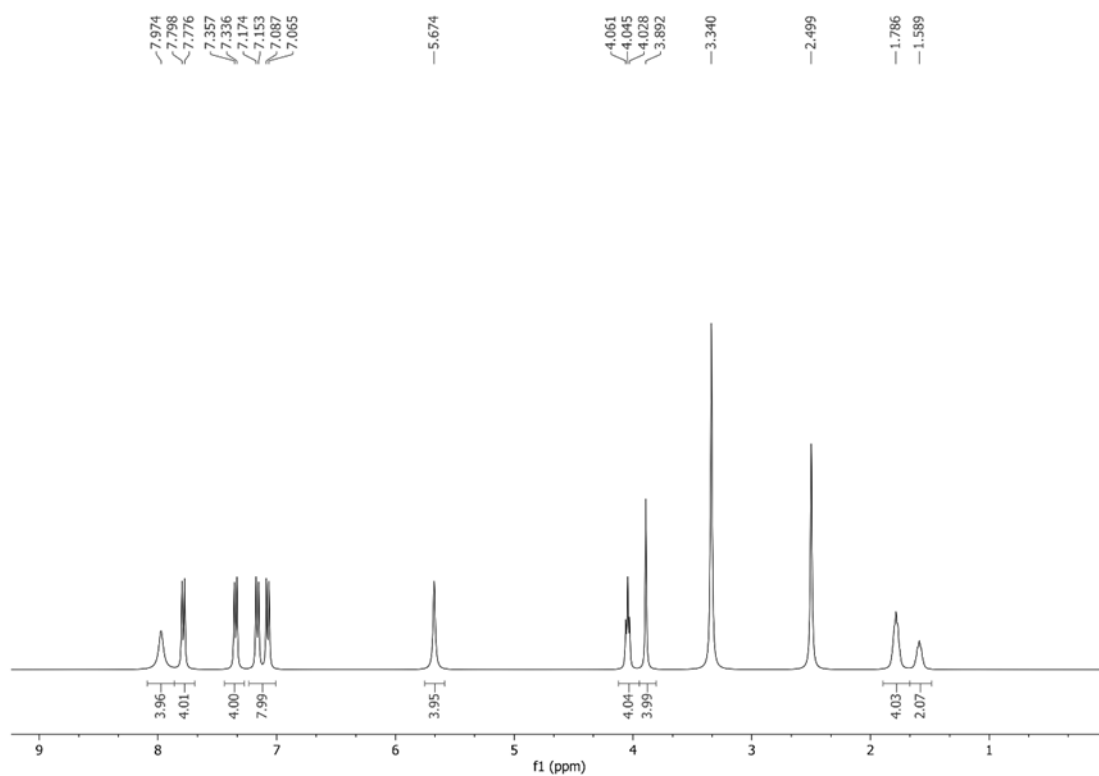


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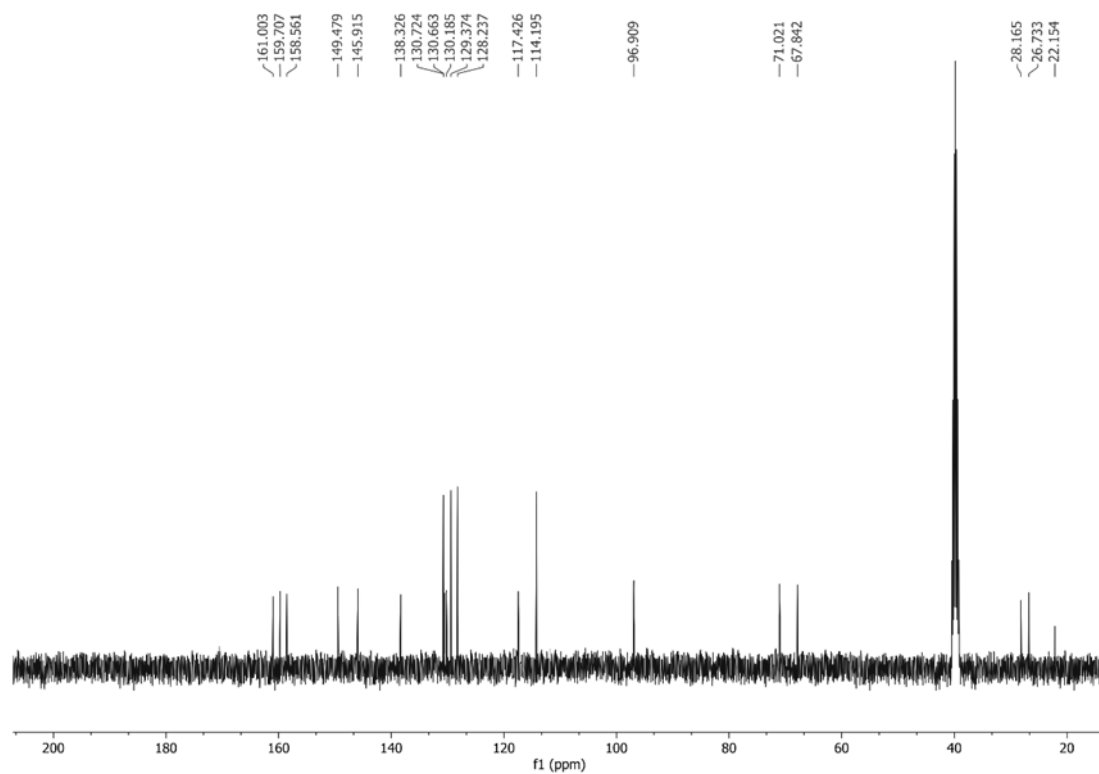


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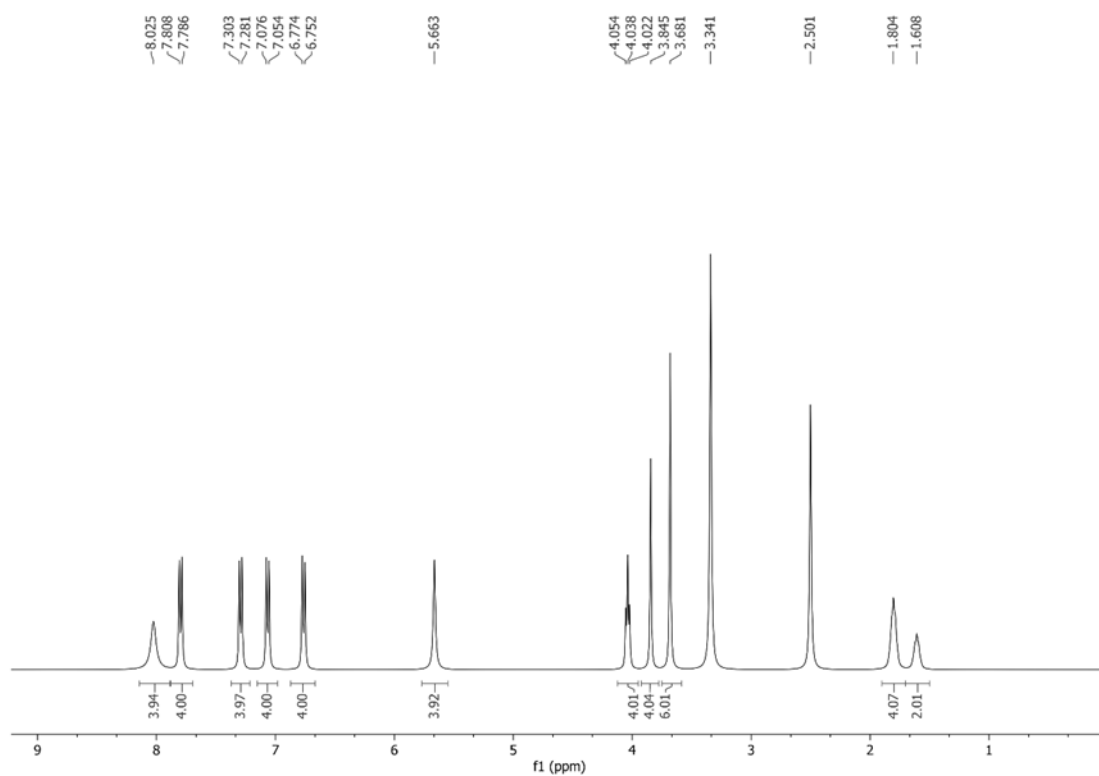


Figure S18. ^{13}C -NMR spectrum of compound **6c**.

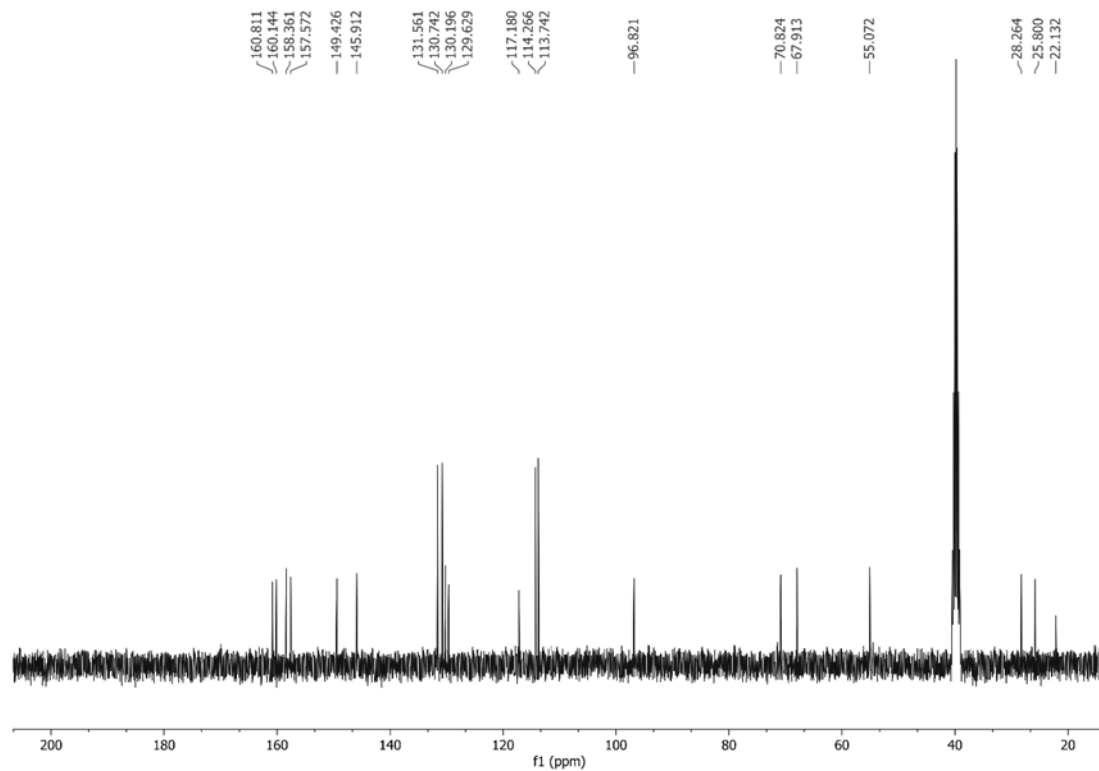


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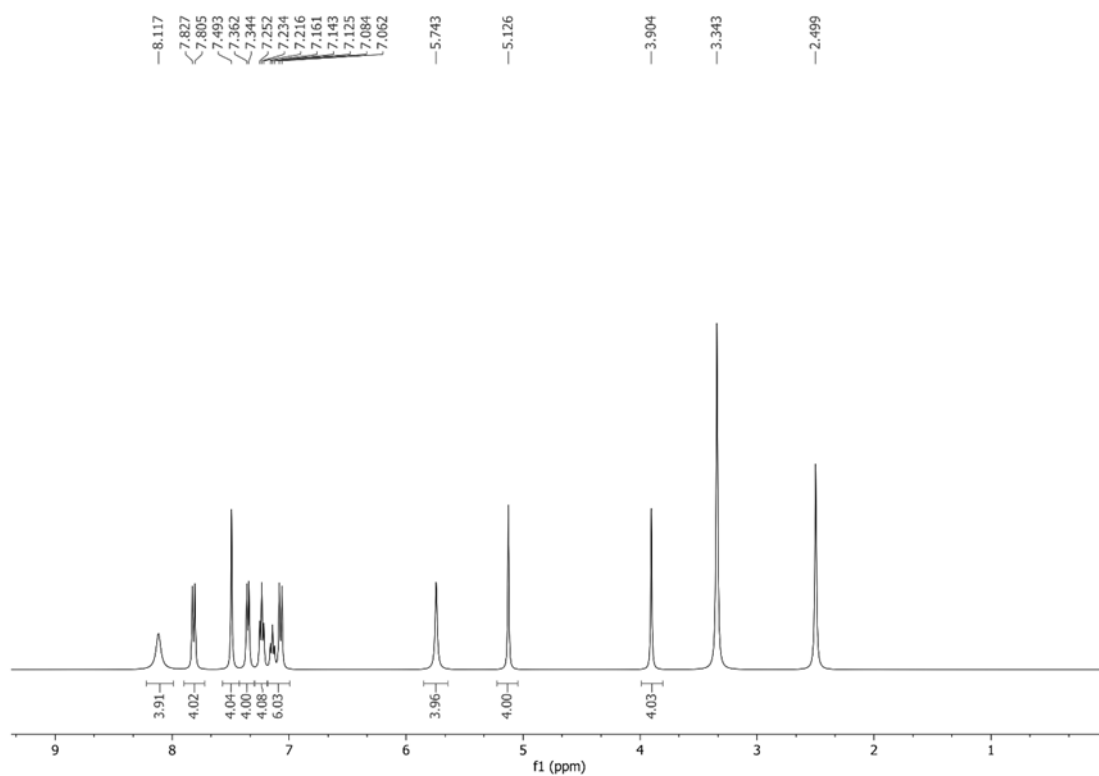


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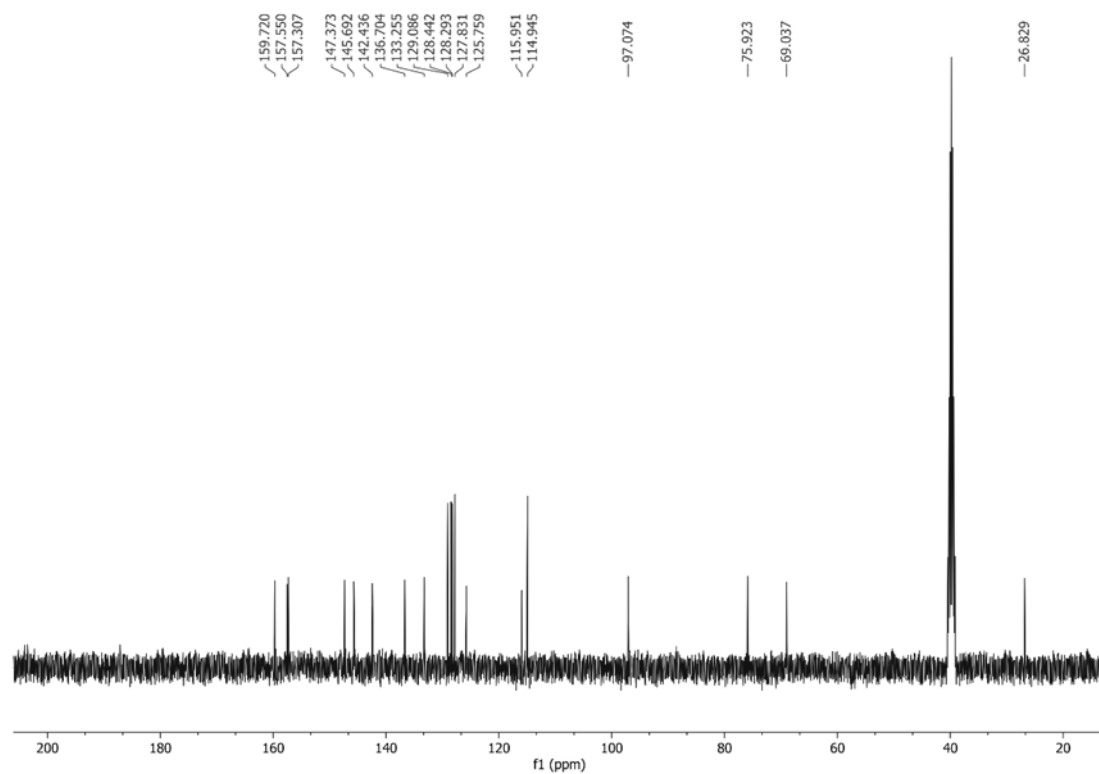


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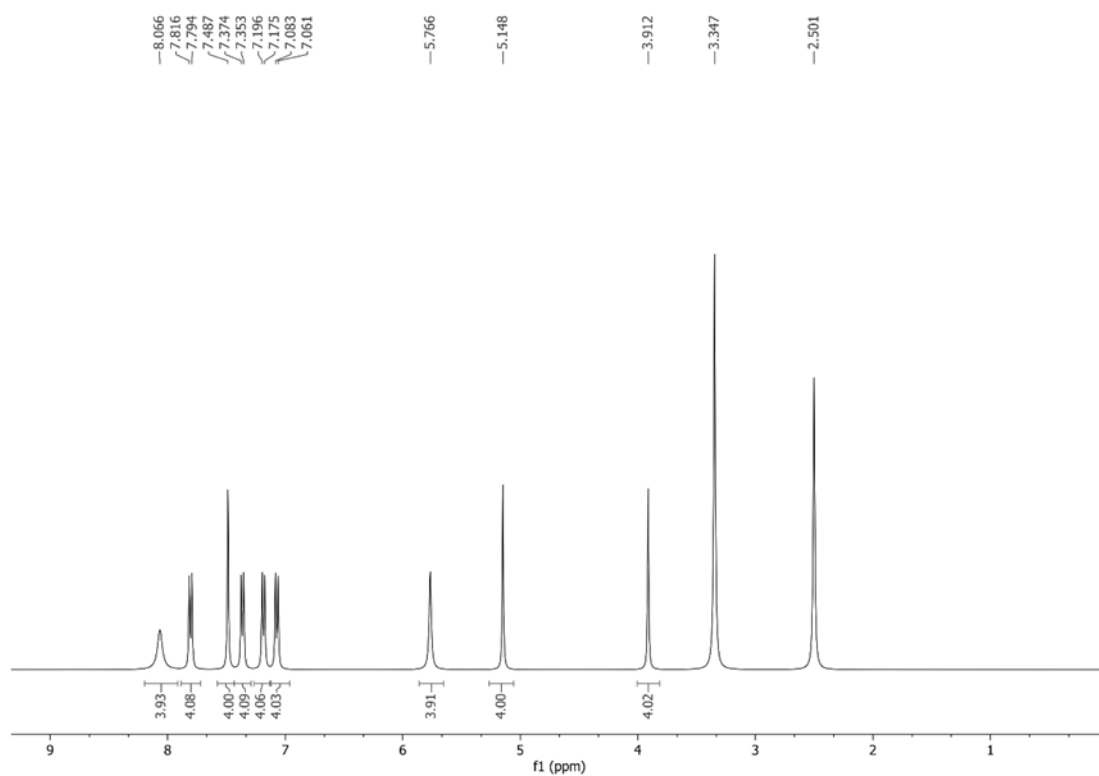


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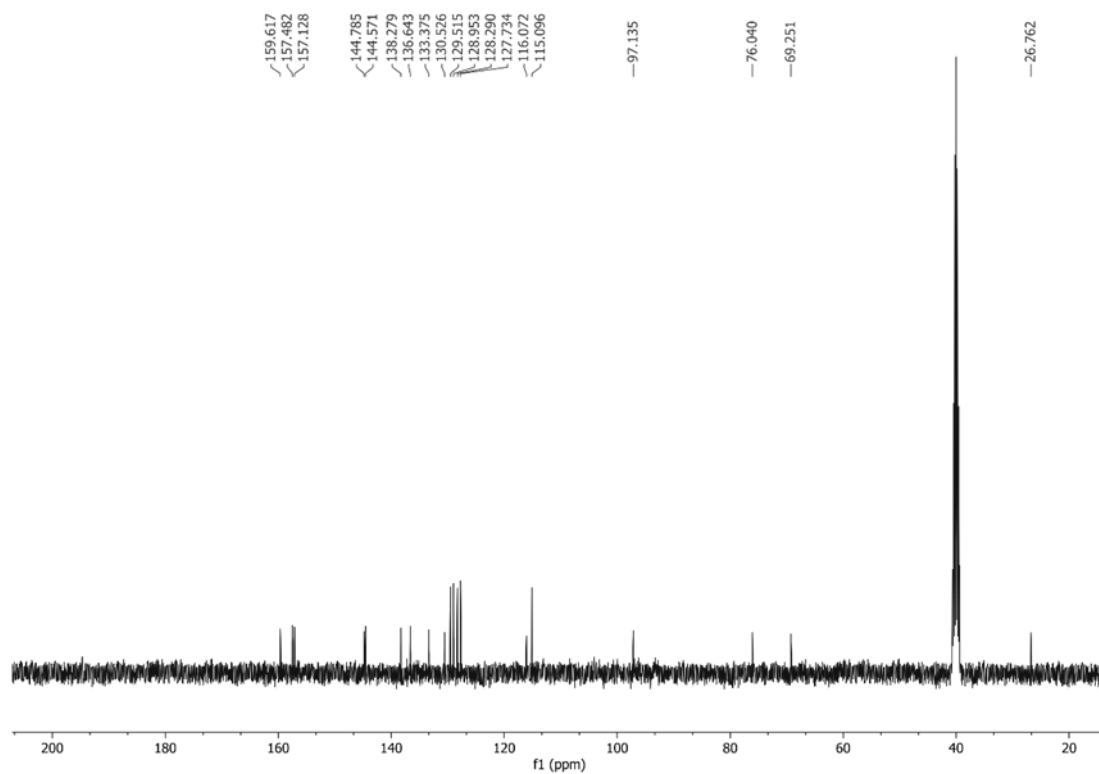


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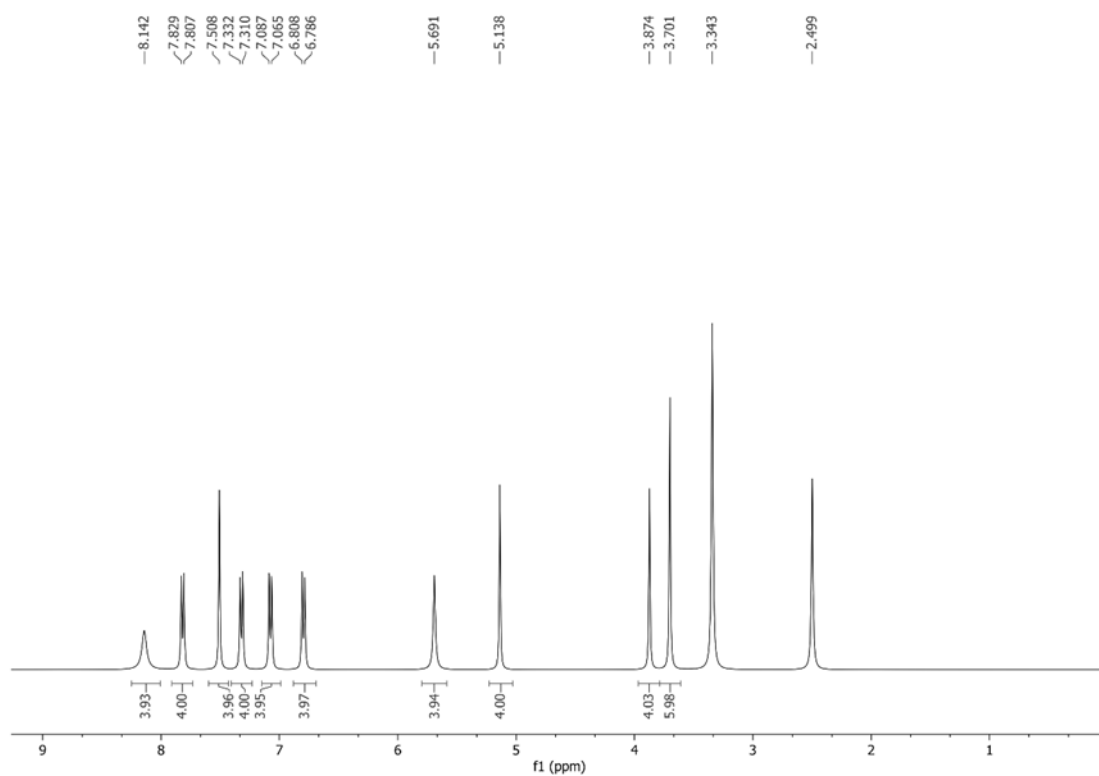


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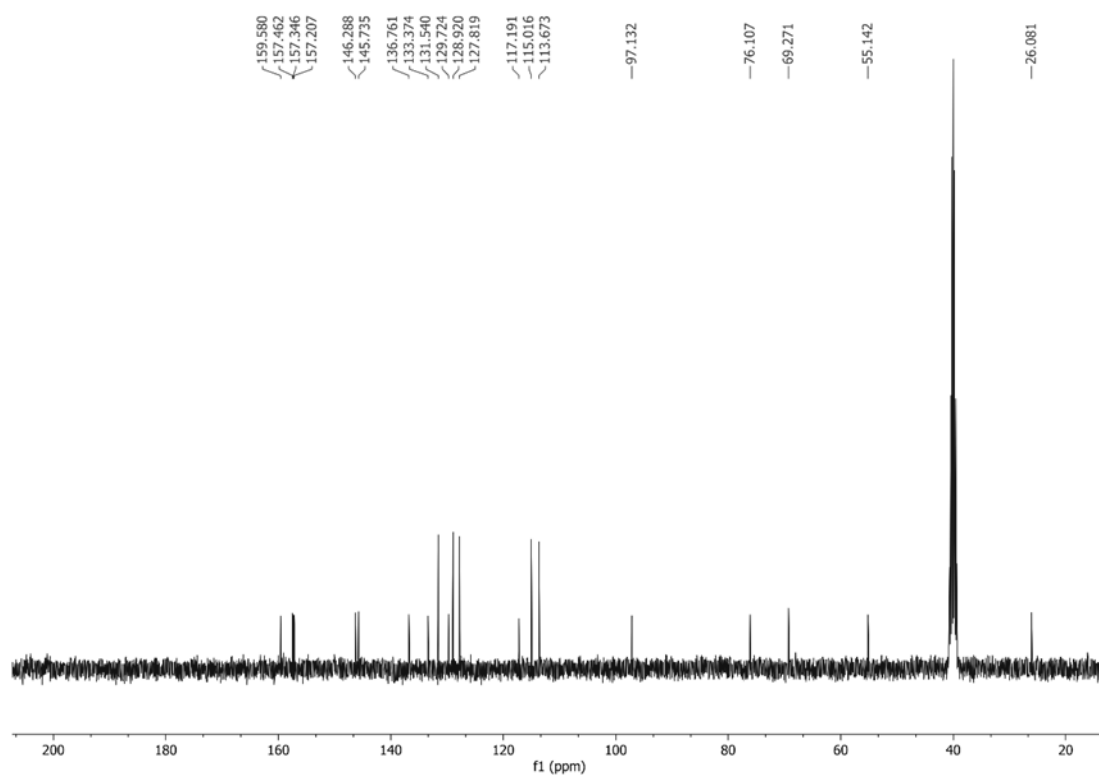


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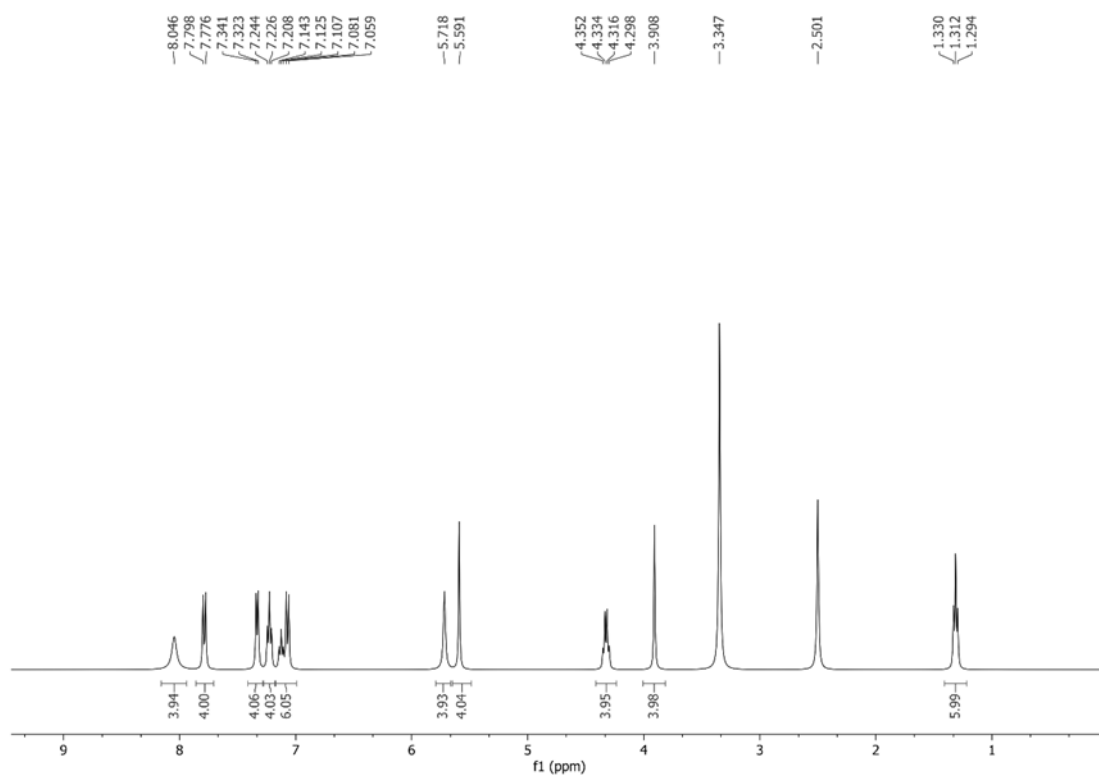


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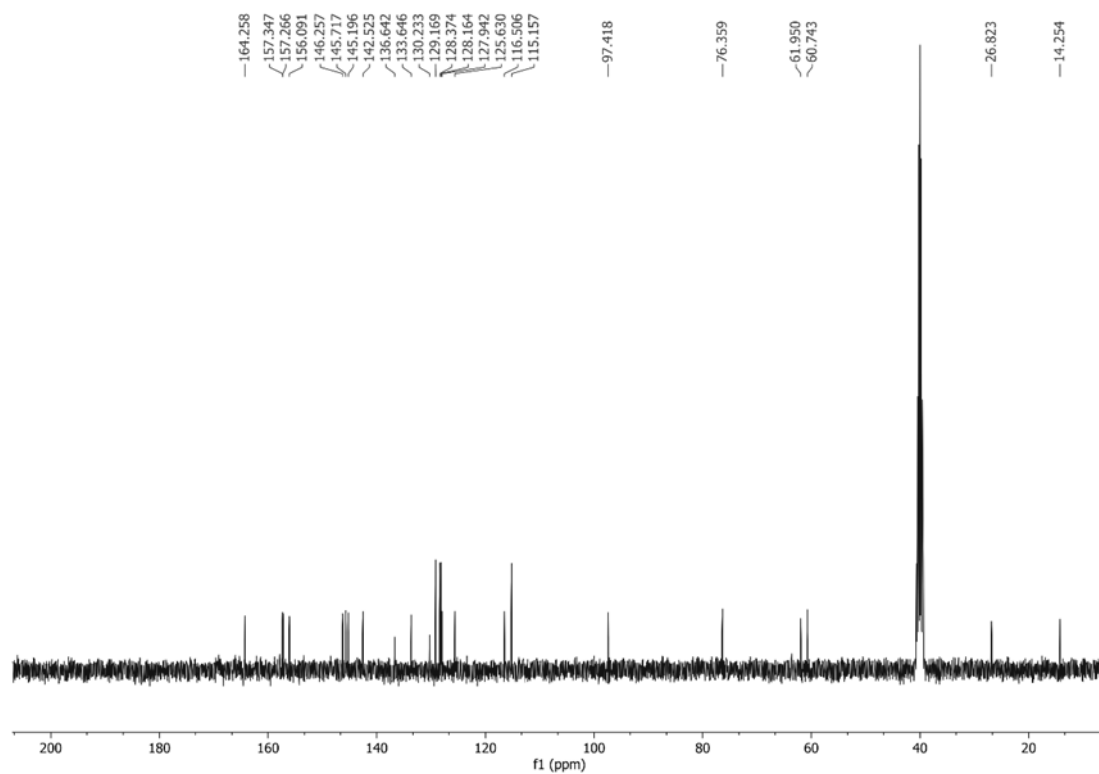


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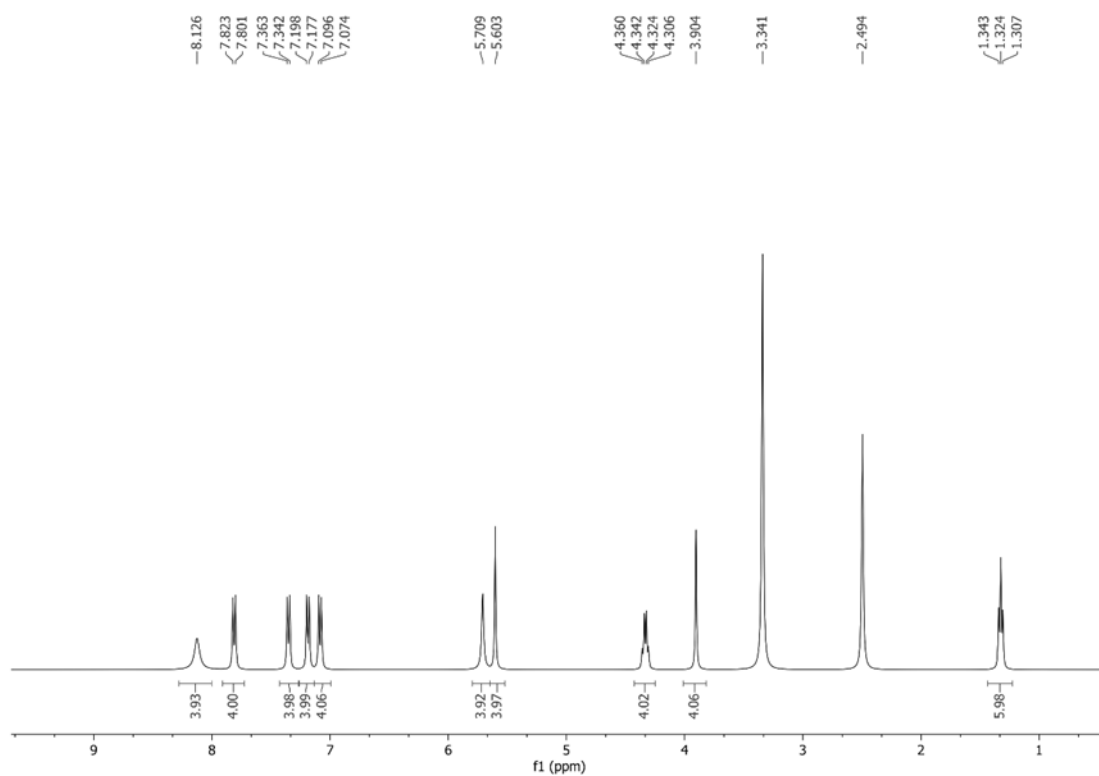


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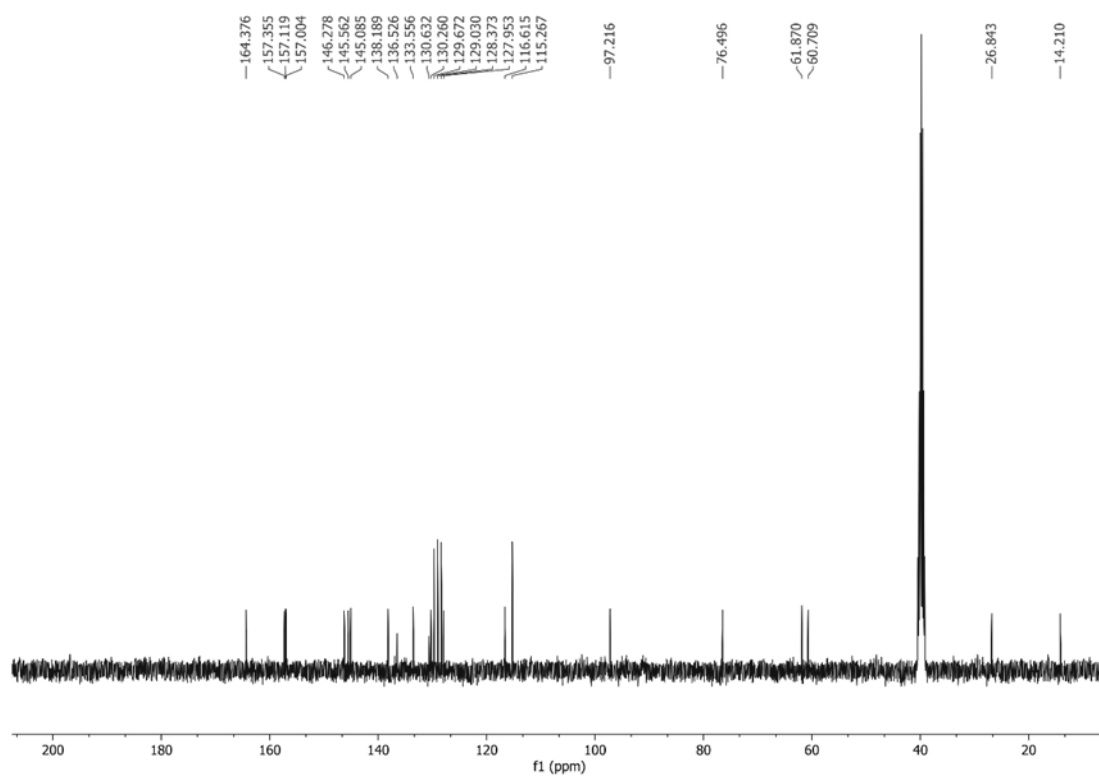


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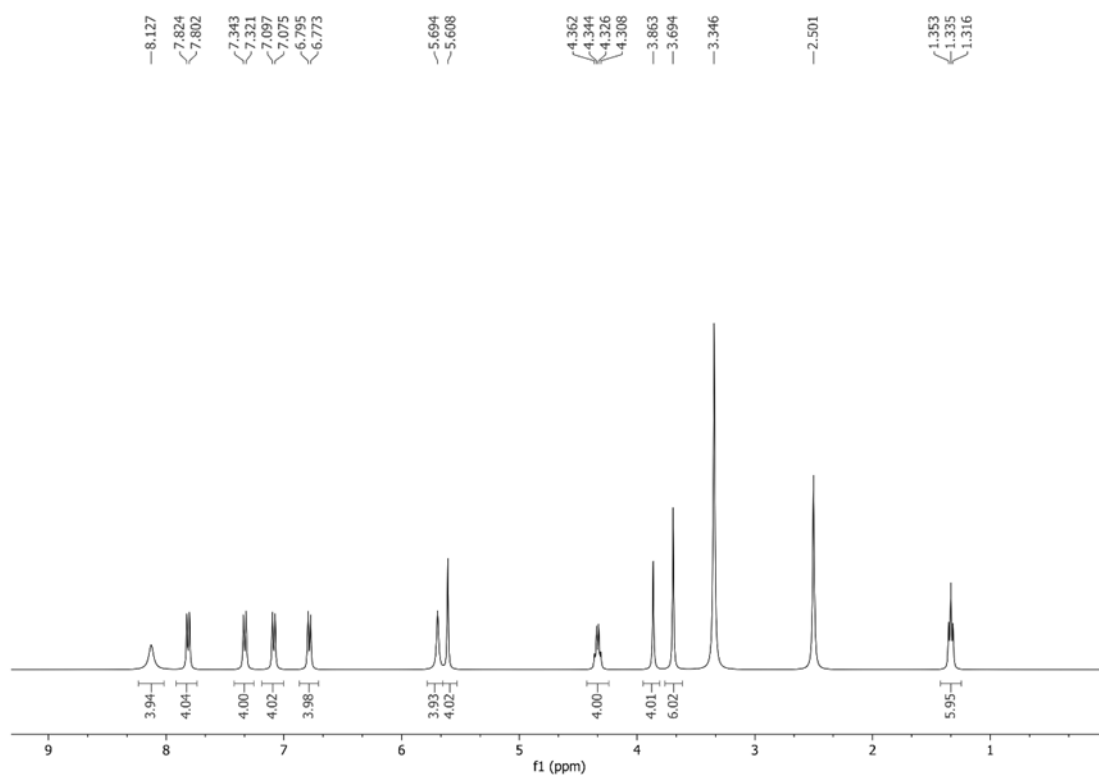


Figure S30. ^{13}C -NMR spectrum of compound **10c**.

