

# Electronic Supplementary Information

## Synthesis, antiplasmodial and antileukemia activity of dihydroartemisinin-HDAC inhibitor hybrids as multi-target drugs

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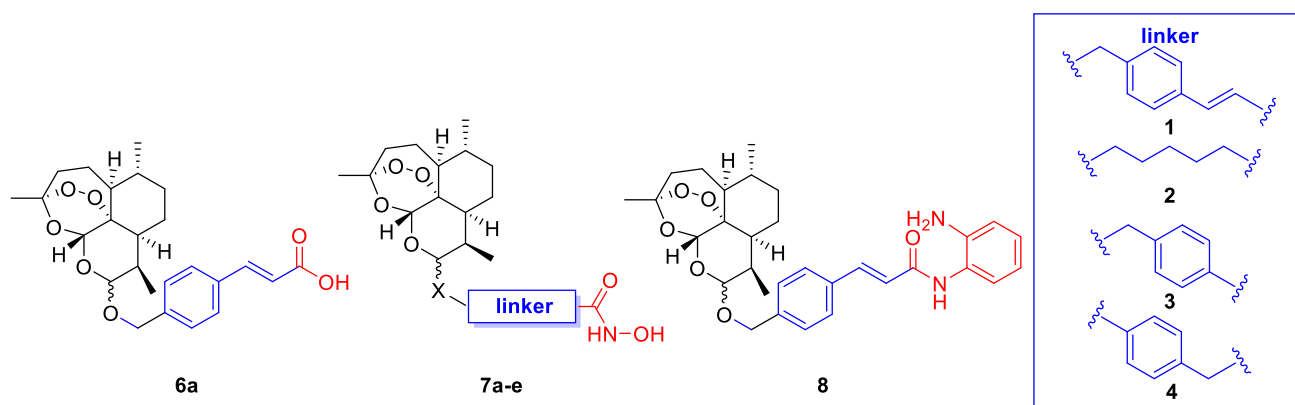
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# 1. Supplemental Tables

Table S1. Representative concentration-effect curves for key compounds.

Compound	Dose-Response Curves HDAC1	Dose-Response Curves HDAC6
7a	<p>dose-response curve 7a HDAC1</p>	<p>dose-response curve 7a HDAC6</p>
( $\alpha$ )-7c	<p>dose-response curve (<math>\alpha</math>)-7c HDAC1</p>	<p>dose-response curve (<math>\alpha</math>)-7c HDAC6</p>
( $\beta$ )-7c	<p>dose-response curve (<math>\beta</math>)-7c HDAC1</p>	<p>dose-response curve (<math>\beta</math>)-7c HDAC6</p>

**Table S2.** Calculated LogP values, molecular weight, number of hydrogen bond donors and acceptors for the synthesized DHA-HDACi hybrids.



Compound	X	Linker	LogP <sup>1</sup>	Molecular Weight	H-Bond Donors <sup>2</sup>	H-Bond Acceptors <sup>2</sup>
<b>6a</b>	O	<b>1</b>	5.14	444.52	1	6
<b>7a</b>	O	<b>1</b>	4.65	459.54	2	7
<b>7b</b>	S	<b>2</b>	4.42	429.57	2	6
( $\alpha$ )- <b>7c</b>	S	<b>3</b>	5.03	449.56	2	6
( $\beta$ )- <b>7c</b>	S	<b>3</b>	5.03	449.56	2	6
<b>7d</b>	O	<b>3</b>	4.31	433.50	2	7
( $\alpha$ )- <b>7e</b>	S	<b>4</b>	4.91	449.56	2	6
( $\beta$ )- <b>7e</b>	S	<b>4</b>	4.91	449.56	2	6
<b>8</b>	O	<b>1</b>	5.58	534.65	2	7
<b>DHA</b>	-	-	3.15	284.35	1	5
<b>Vorinostat</b>	-	-	1.79	264,33	3	3

<sup>1</sup>Calculated by ChemDraw Professional v19.1

<sup>2</sup>Calculated by ChemOffice 19 MS Excel Plugin

**Table S3.** Selectivity indices range against healthy fibroblasts as compared to leukemia cells. Selectivity Index (SI) = (healthy fibroblast IC<sub>50</sub>)/(leukemia cell line IC<sub>50</sub>). See Table 4 for fibroblast IC<sub>50</sub> values.

<b>Compound</b>	<b>K562</b>	<b>HL60</b>	<b>NALM6</b>	<b>HPB ALL</b>	<b>MOLM13</b>
<b>7a</b>	21-42	5-10	42-87	5-10	29-60
<b>(<math>\alpha</math>)-7c</b>	12-21	7-12	27-45	1.1-1.9	23-39
<b>(<math>\beta</math>)-7c</b>	36-43	6-8	59-71	1.2-1.4	39-47
<b>Vorinostat</b>	12-16	15-21	5-7	6-8	16-22

## 2. Docking of ( $\alpha$ )-7c and ( $\beta$ )-7c

The crystal structure of human HDAC6 (PDB: 5EDU [1]) was obtained from the Protein Data Bank (PDB, [www.rcsb.org](http://www.rcsb.org)). Chain A, corresponding to the Maltose-binding periplasmic protein and trichostatin A were deleted. All heteroatom records were removed, except for the metal ions (one zinc atom and two potassium atoms). Phenylhydroxamates with sterically demanding cap groups are known to bind via a  $\text{Zn}^{2+}$ -bound water molecule [1]. Considering this, a water molecule was introduced. Coordinates were identified from the aligned CD2-Domain of zHDAC6 (PDB: 6CGP [2]). The structure was optimized to the closest local energy minimum using RosettaRelax with coordinate constraints on the backbone and metal ion restraints [3]. Ligand input files ( $\alpha$ )-7c and ( $\beta$ )-7c were created with ChemDraw. An initial 3D conformer with hydrogen atoms was constructed in Chem3D and energetically minimized using the MM2 force field, followed by the production of an ensemble of 1000 low-energy conformers with BCL:ConformerGenerator [4]. One conformer was placed in the binding pocket of HDAC6. A constraint file was constructed using the known distance of the zinc binding of trichostatin A [1]. Ligand docking was performed with RosettaLigand for an initial 5000 models. Those models were clustered according to their similarity in their binding mode. The depicted models are the best scoring models from the highest populated clusters [5–7].

Rosetta version 3.12 was used. The following commands were executed throughout the modeling process:

- Relax input starting structures:

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- Options for RosettaLigand:

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  -ignore_ligand_chi true  
  
-parser  
  -protocol dock.xml
```

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-mistakes
  -restore_pre_talaris_2013_behavior true

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- RosettaScripts protocol for executing RosettaLigand:

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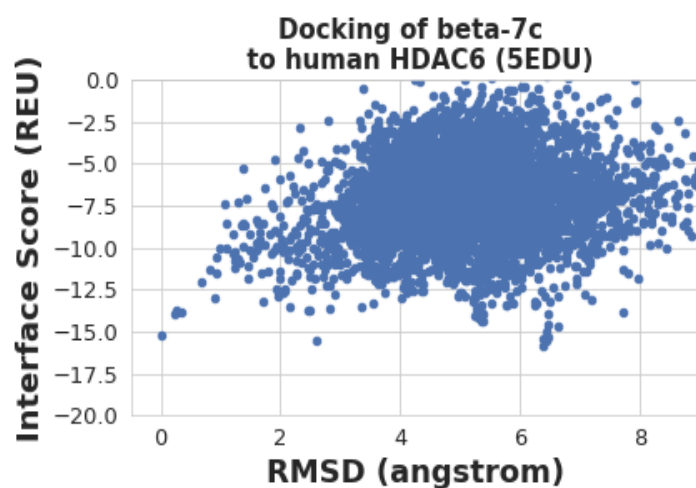
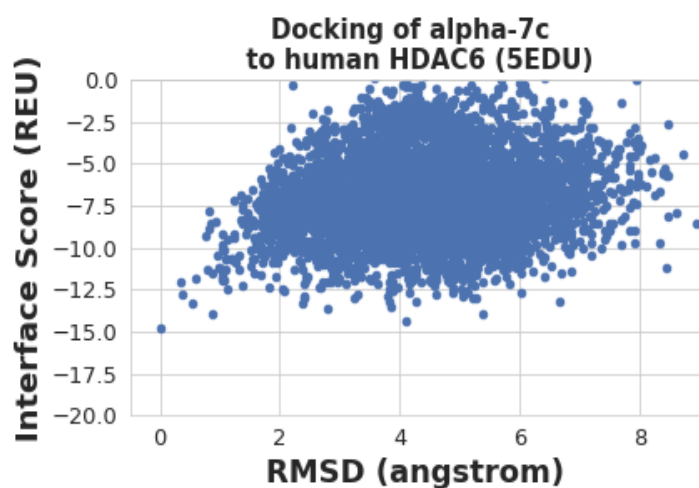
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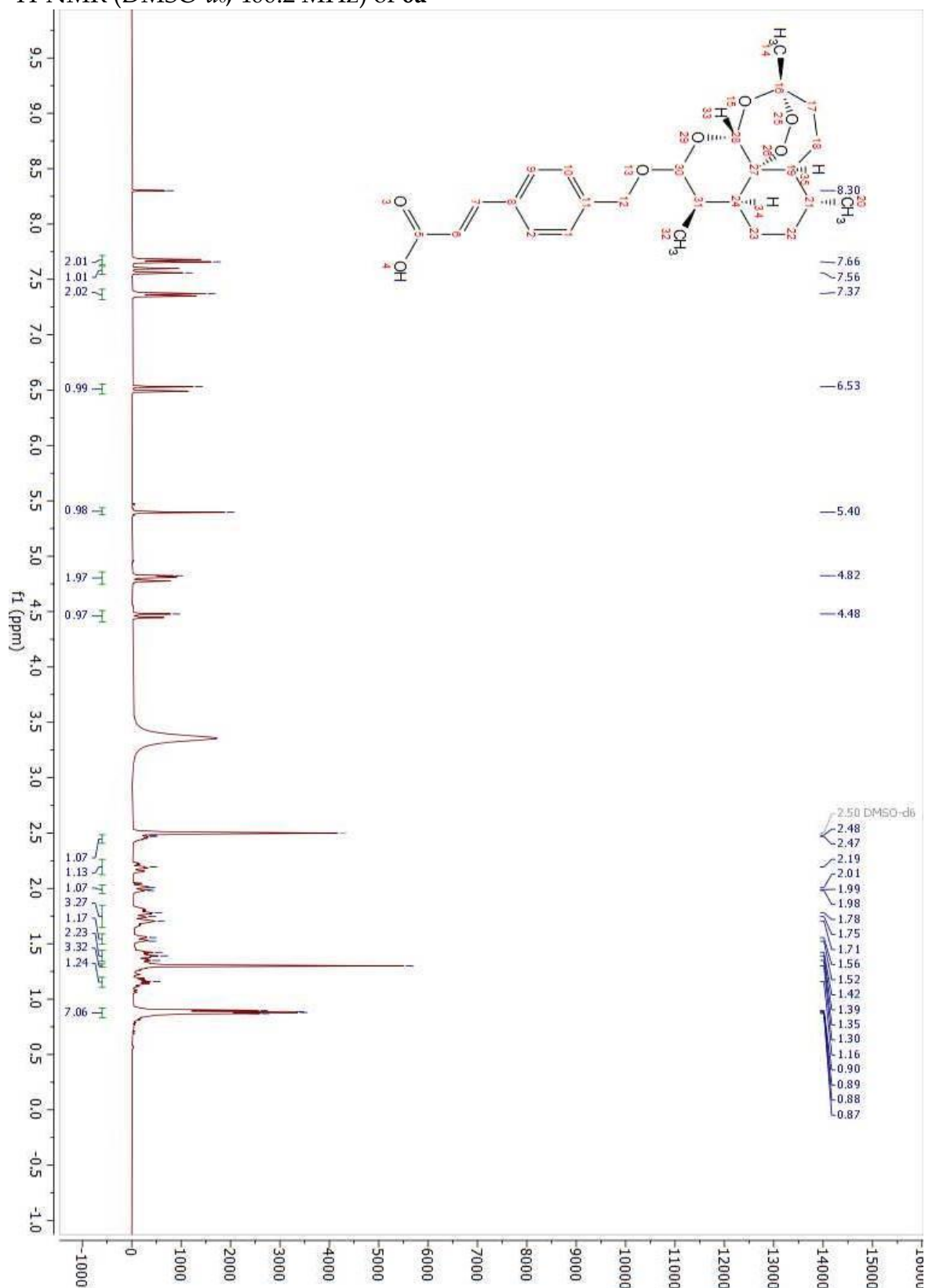
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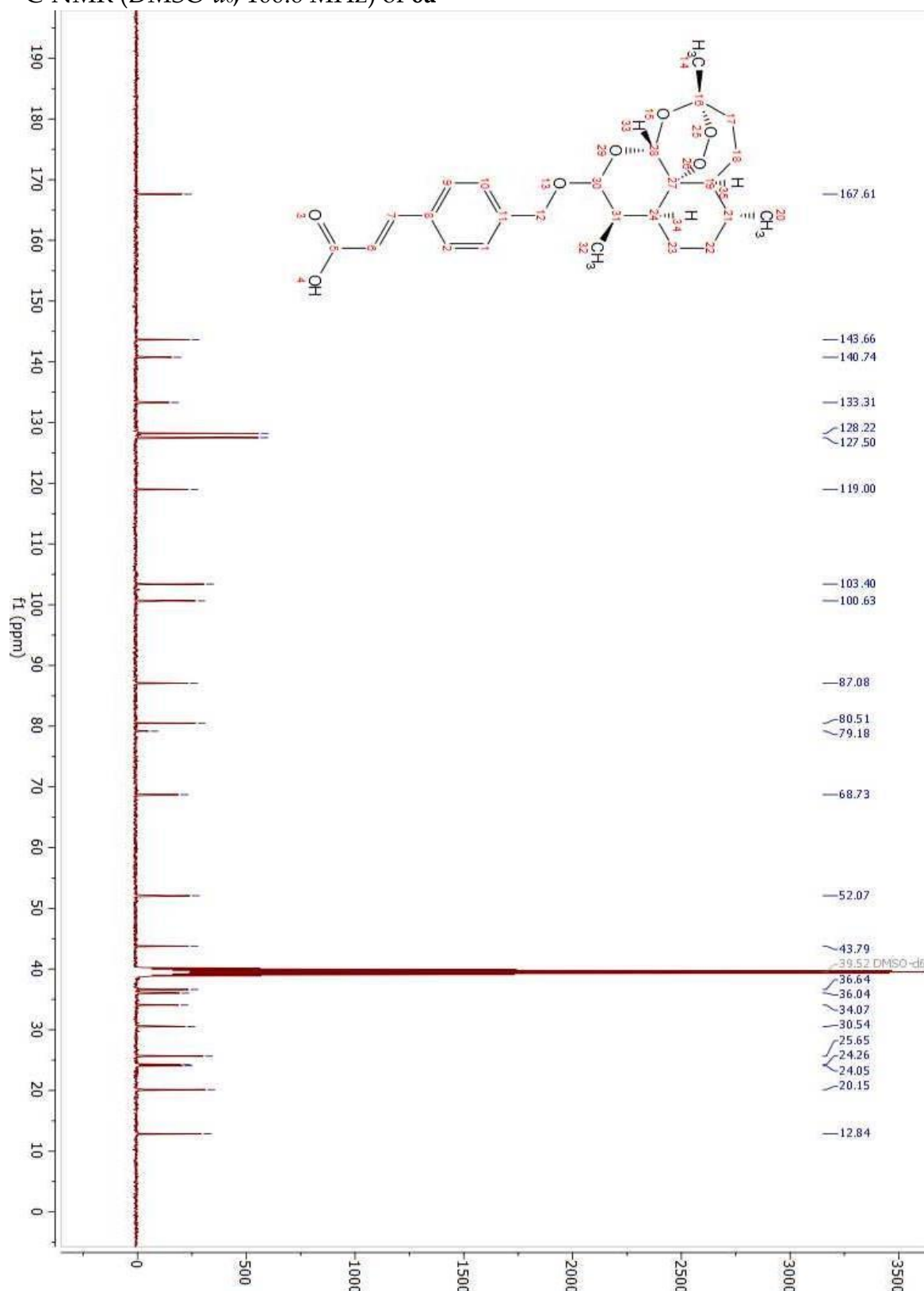
Ligand RMSD vs Interface Score plots for ( $\alpha$ )-7c and ( $\beta$ )-7c. It was plotted against the models with the best scoring from the highest populated clusters.

### 3. $^1\text{H}$ and $^{13}\text{C}$ NMR spectra

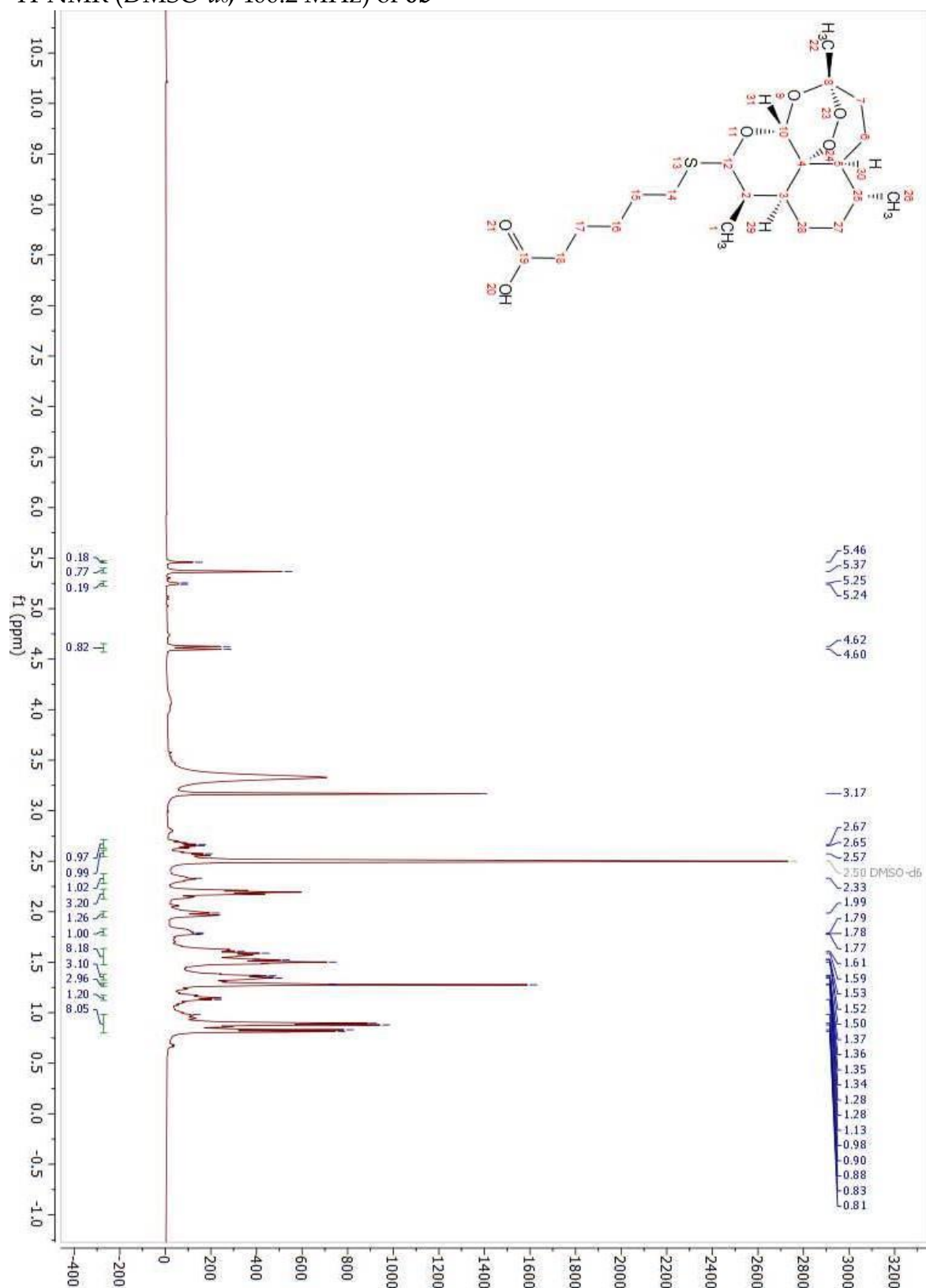
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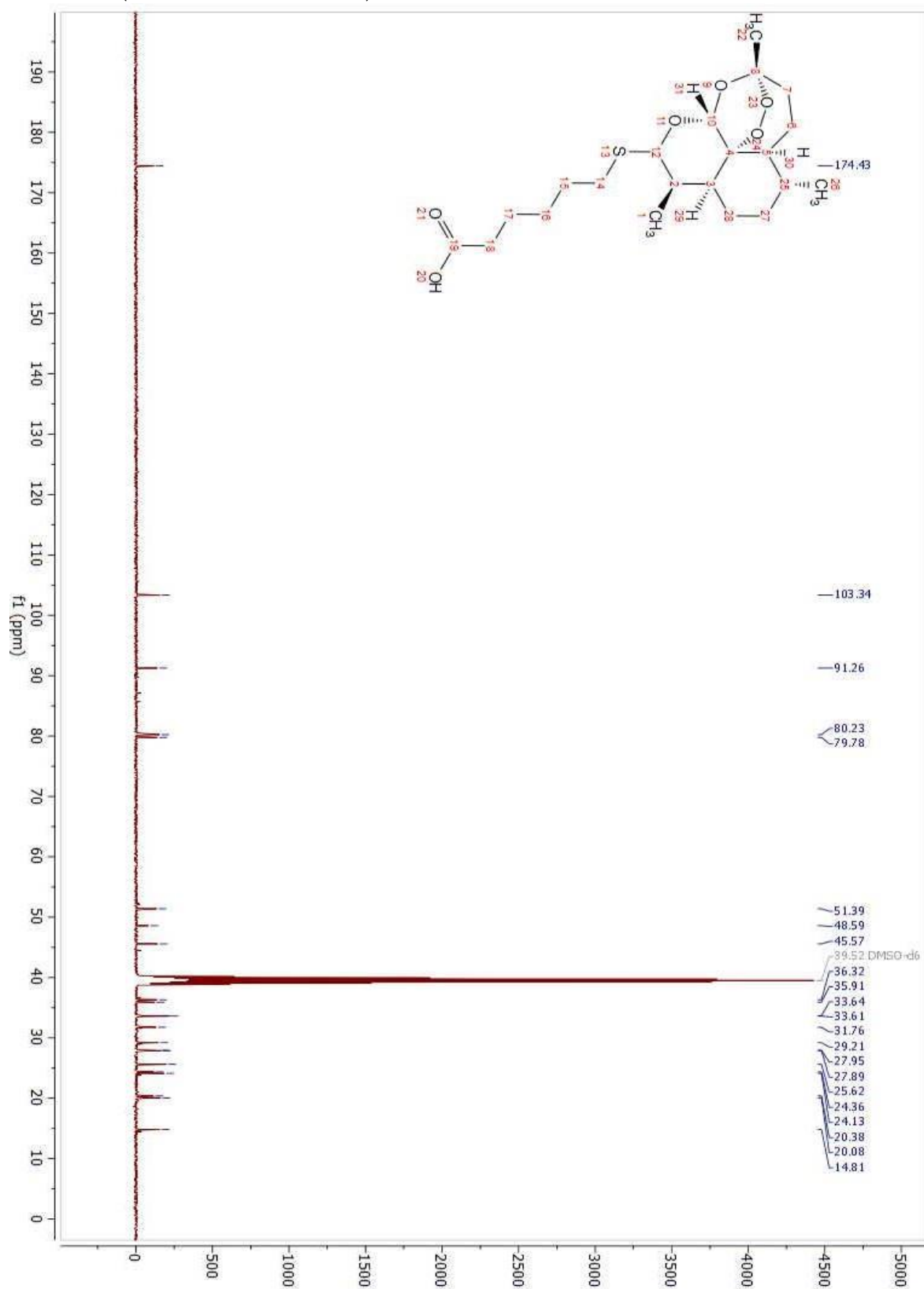
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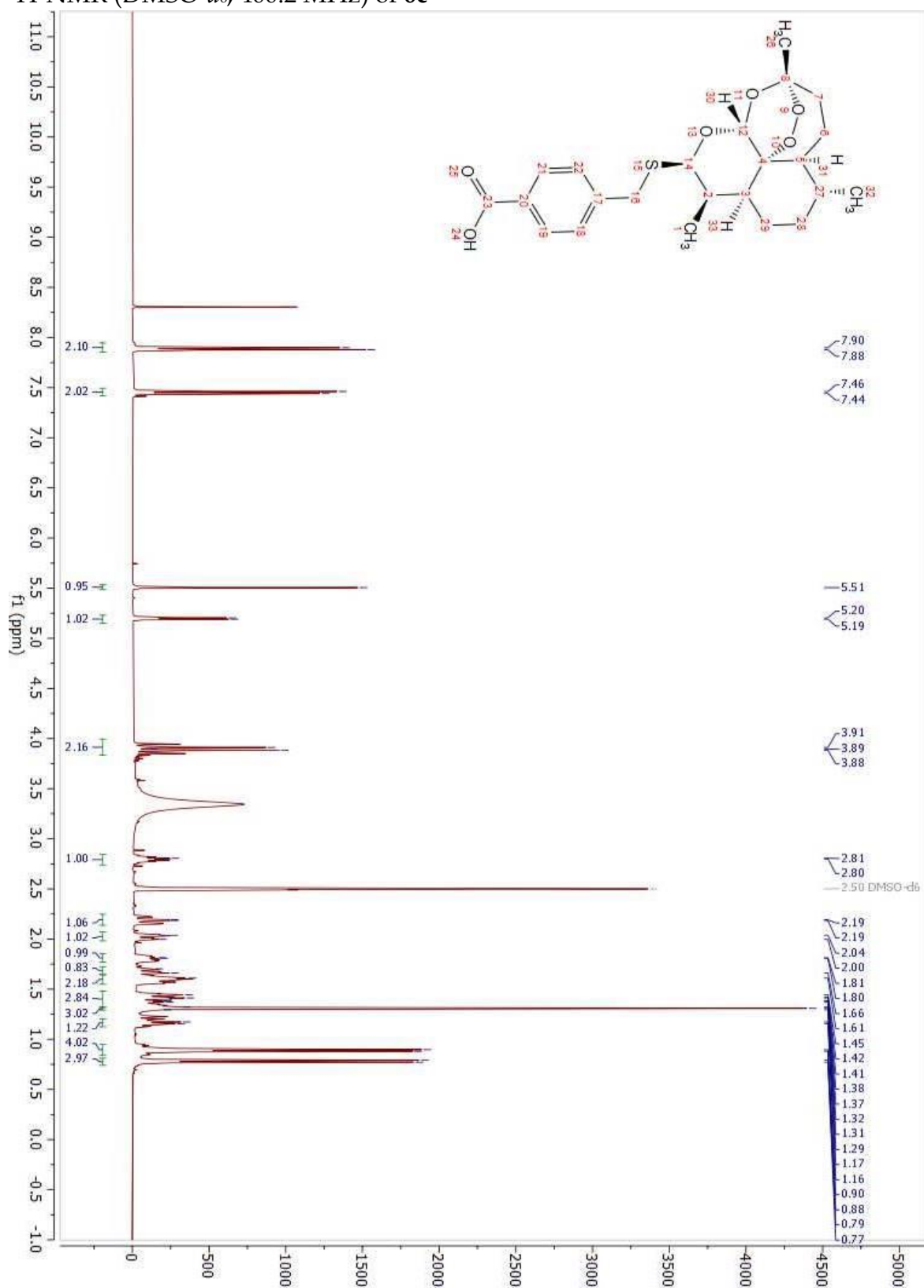
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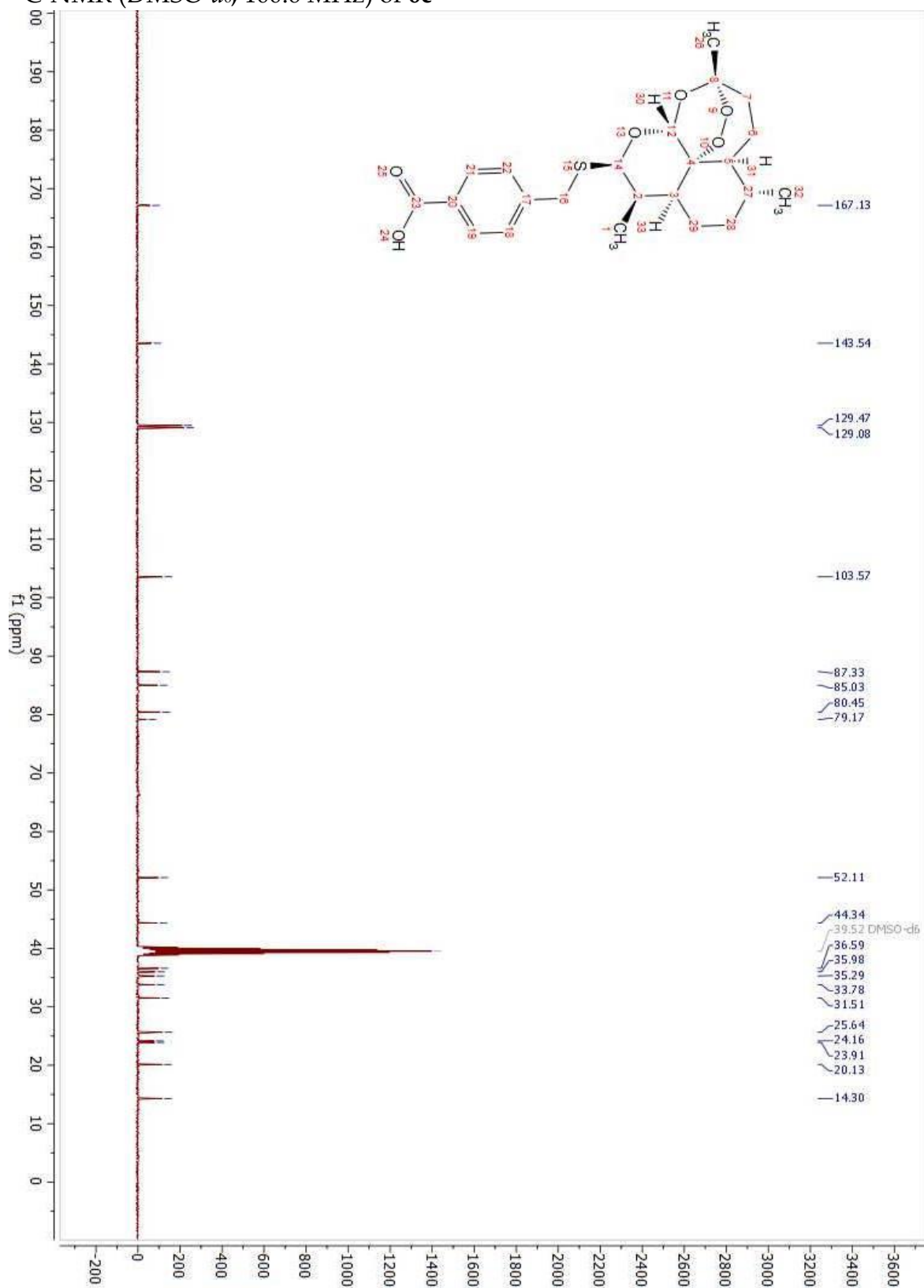
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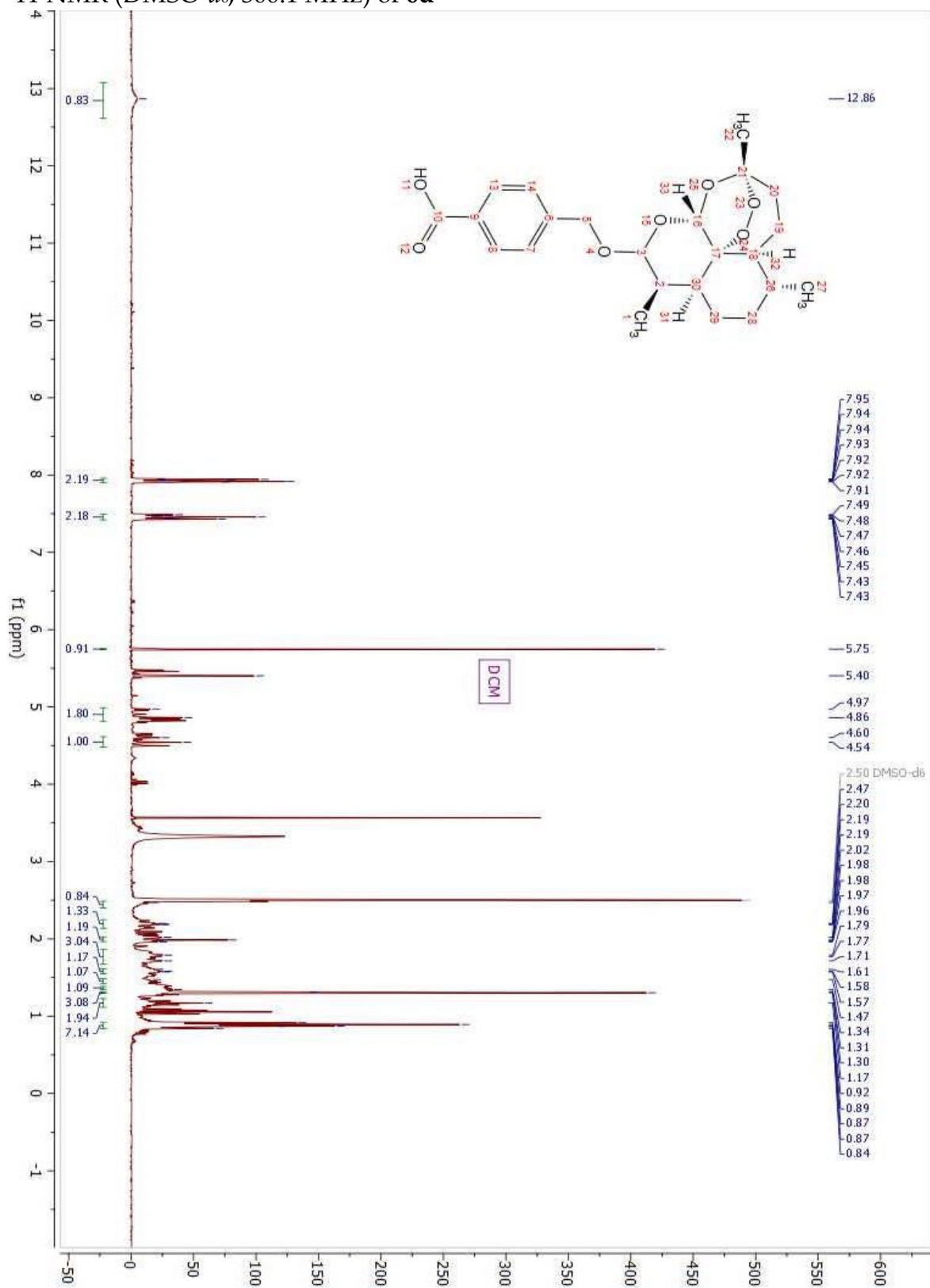
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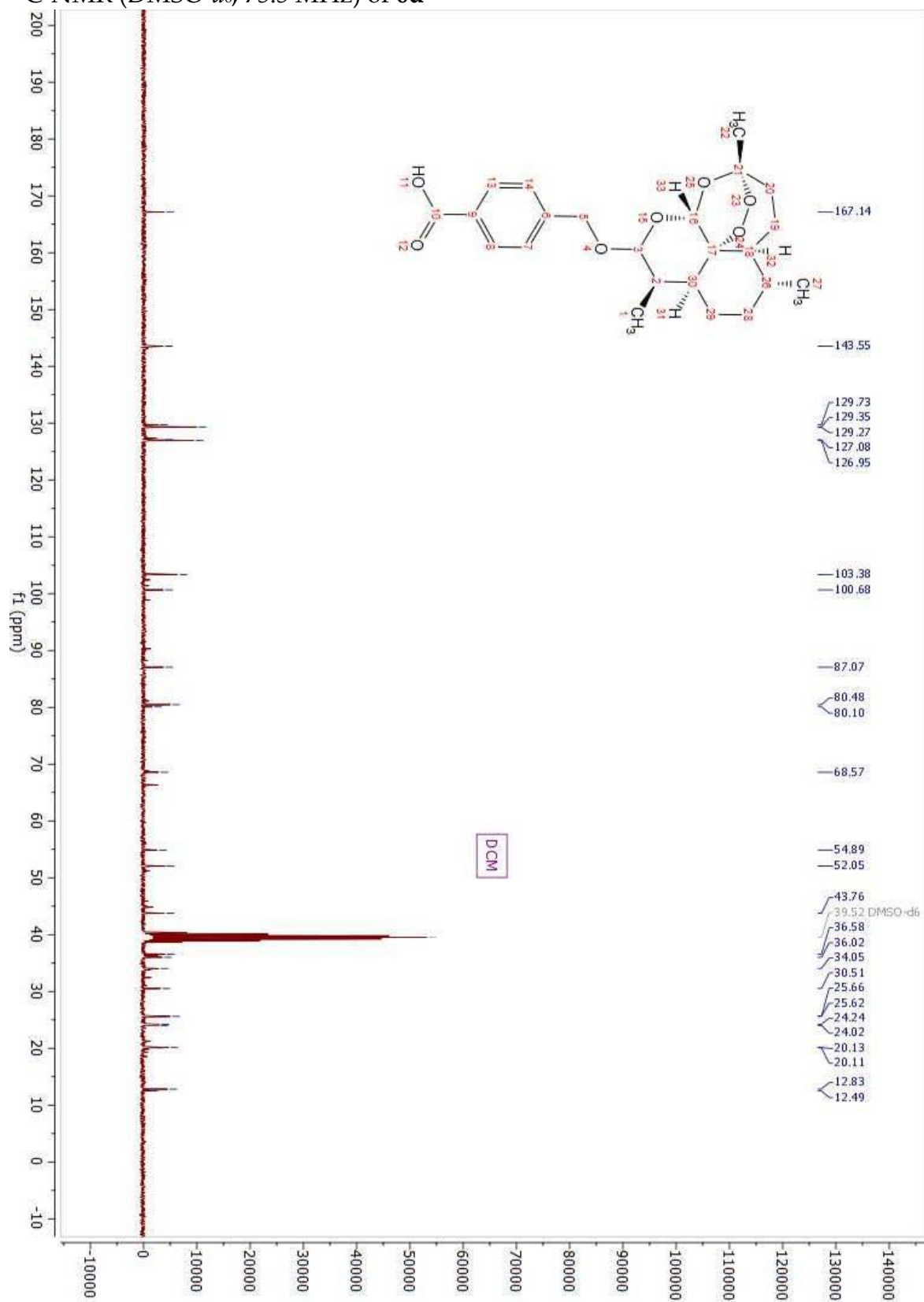
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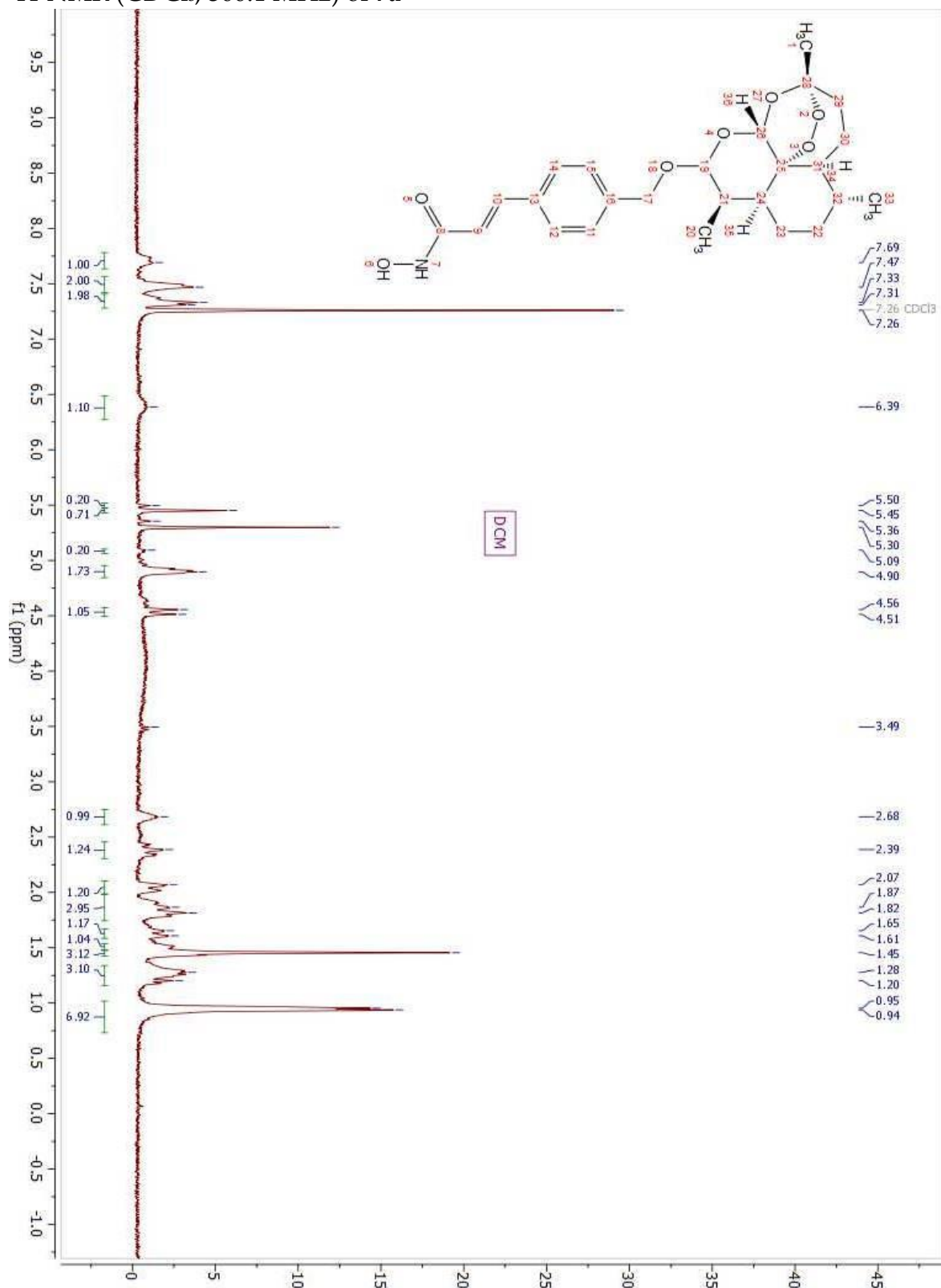
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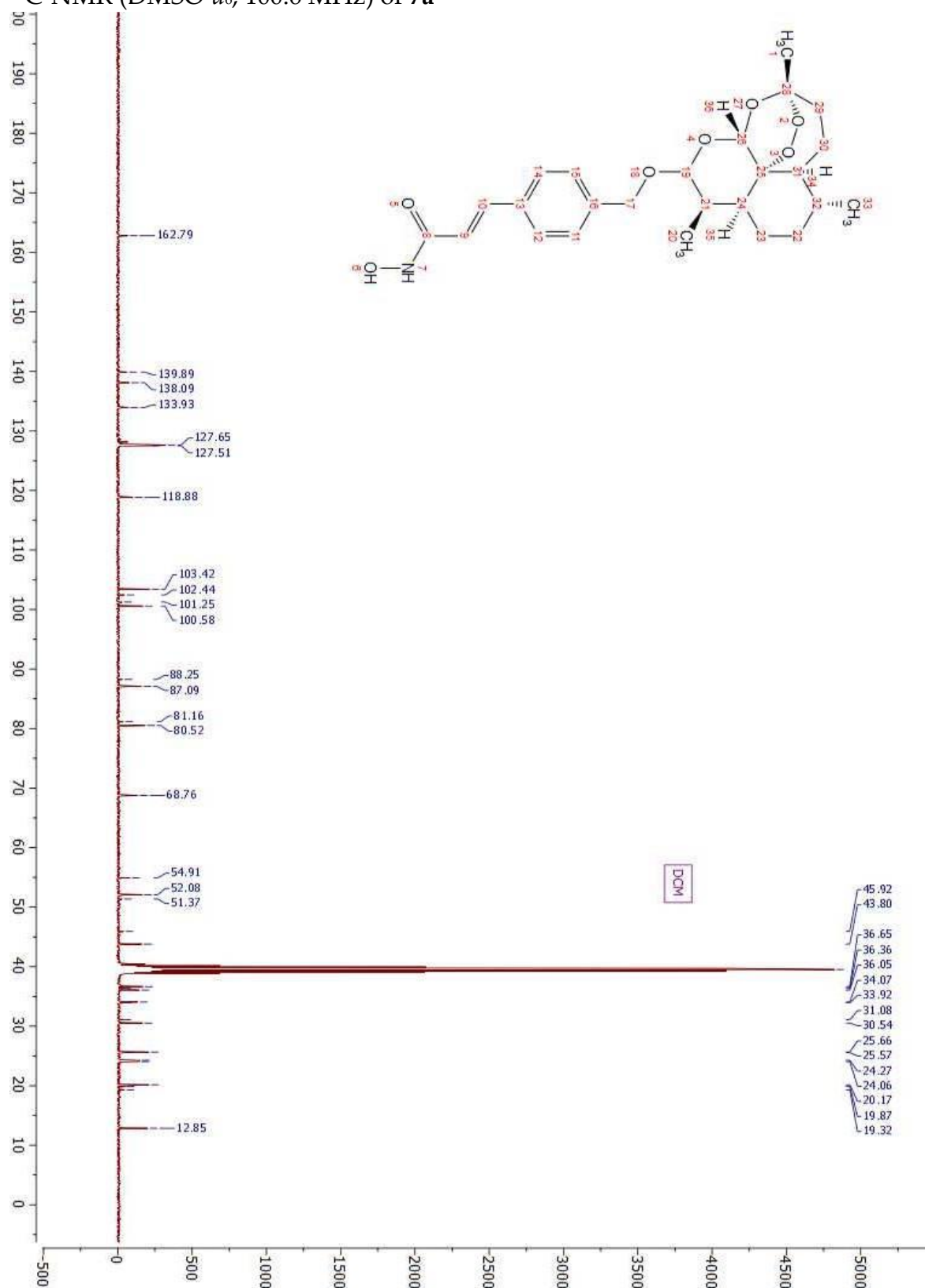
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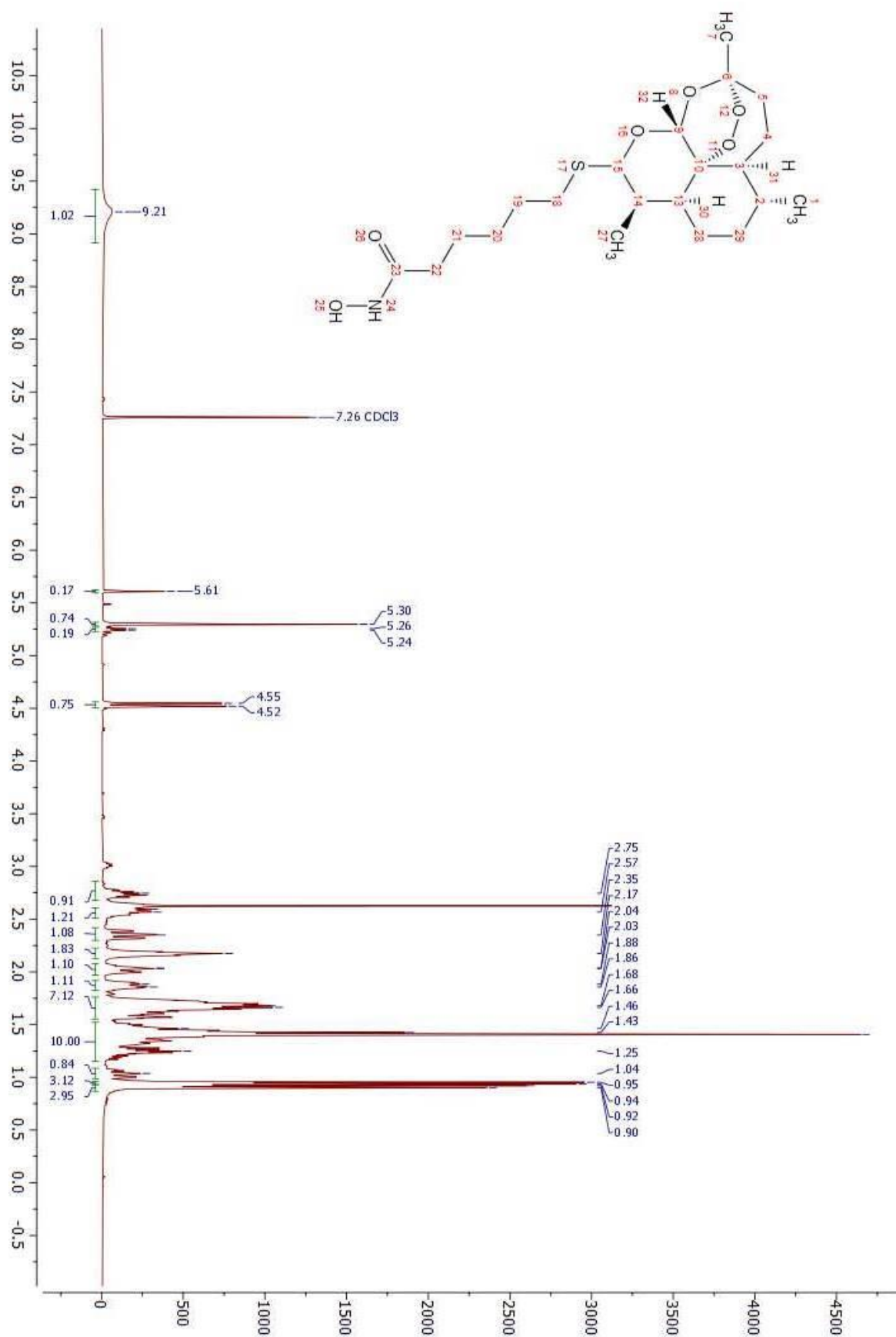
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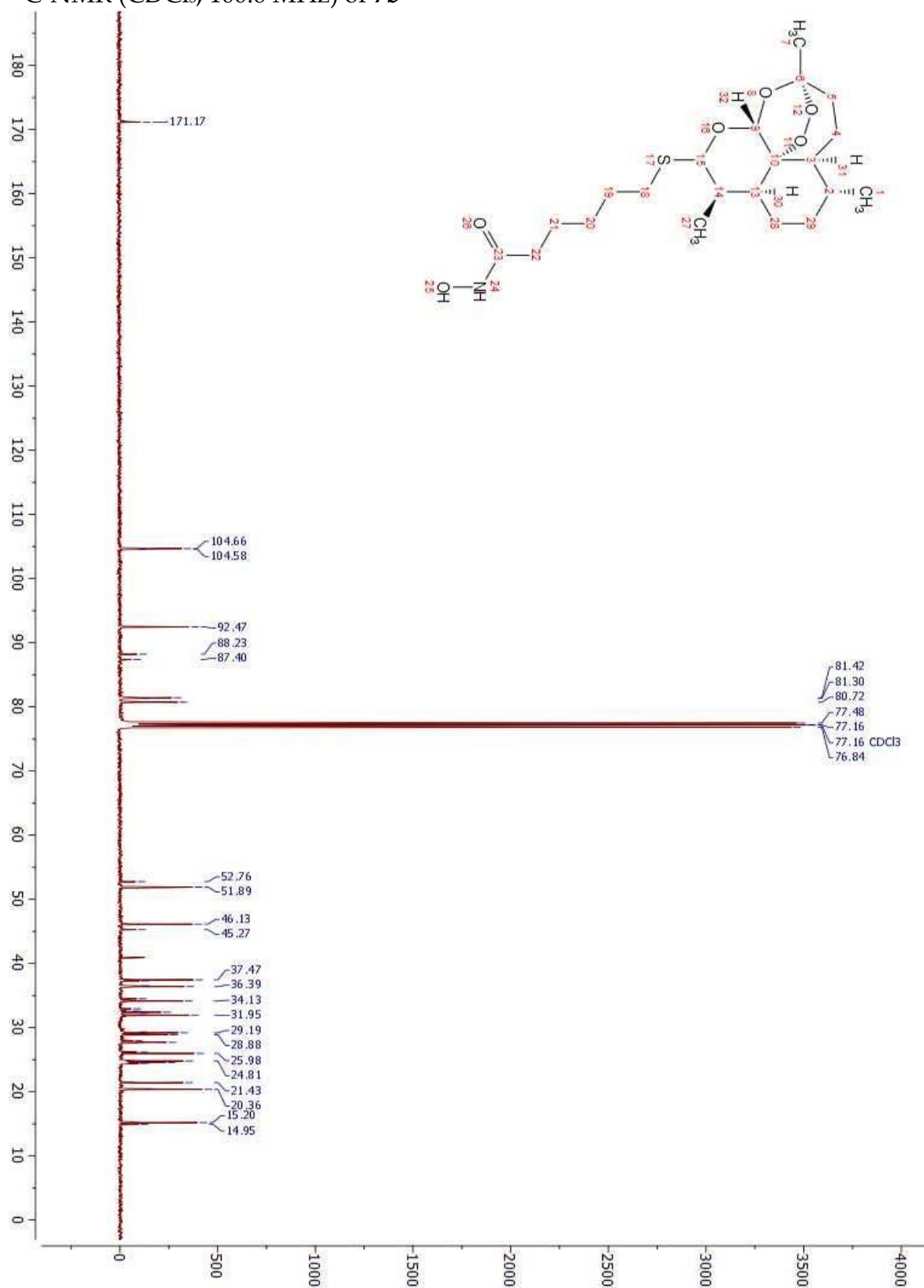
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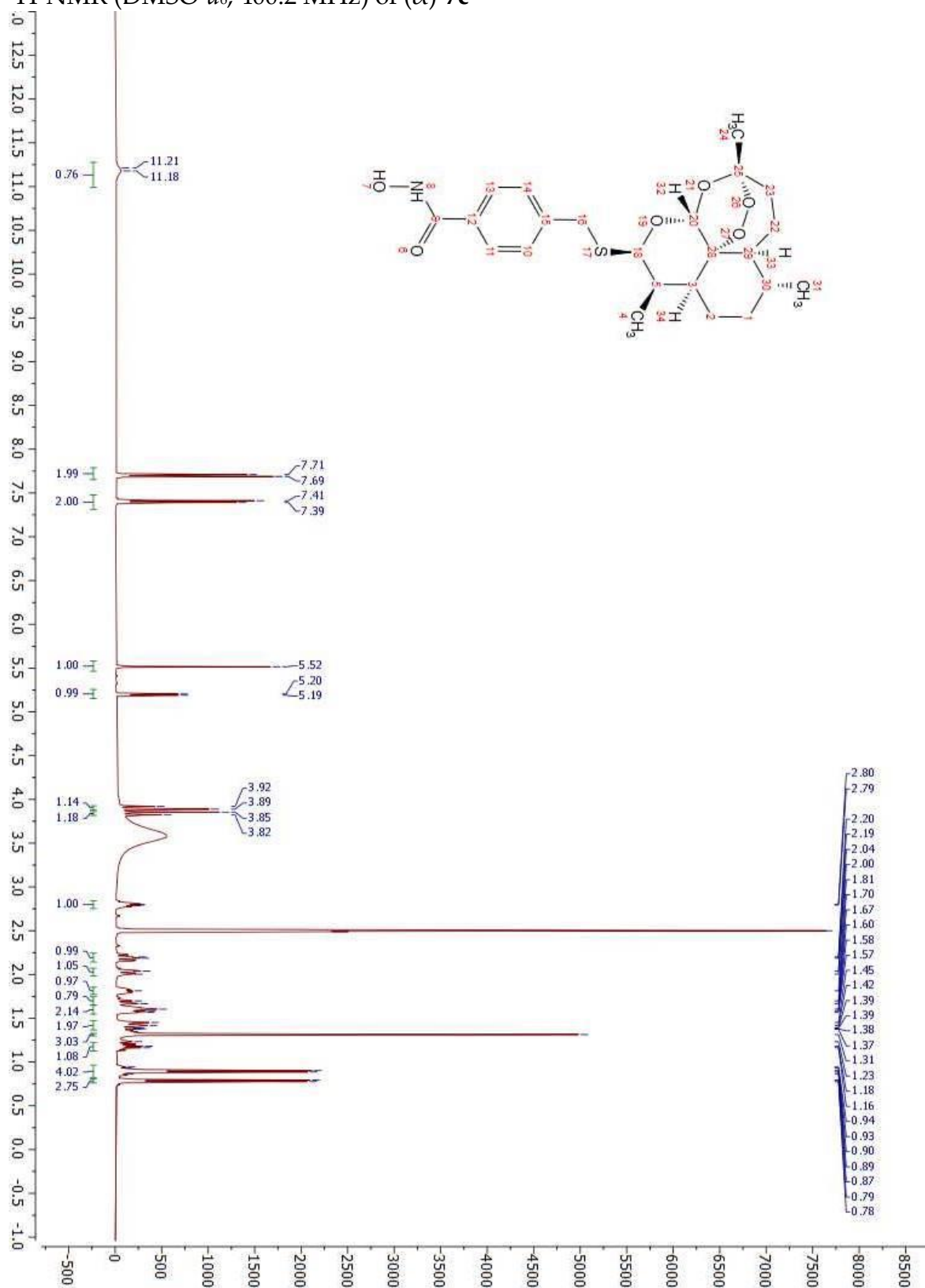
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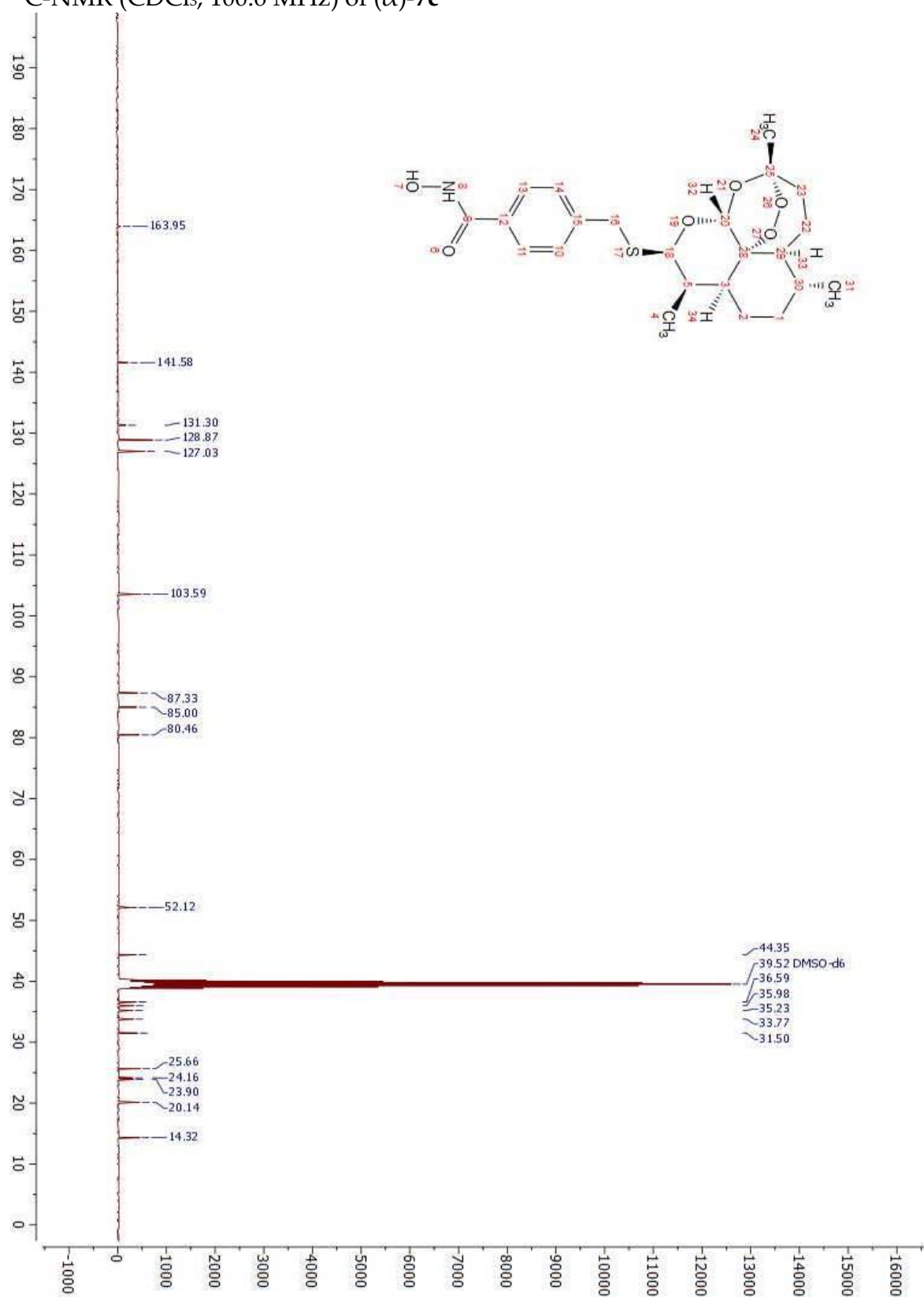
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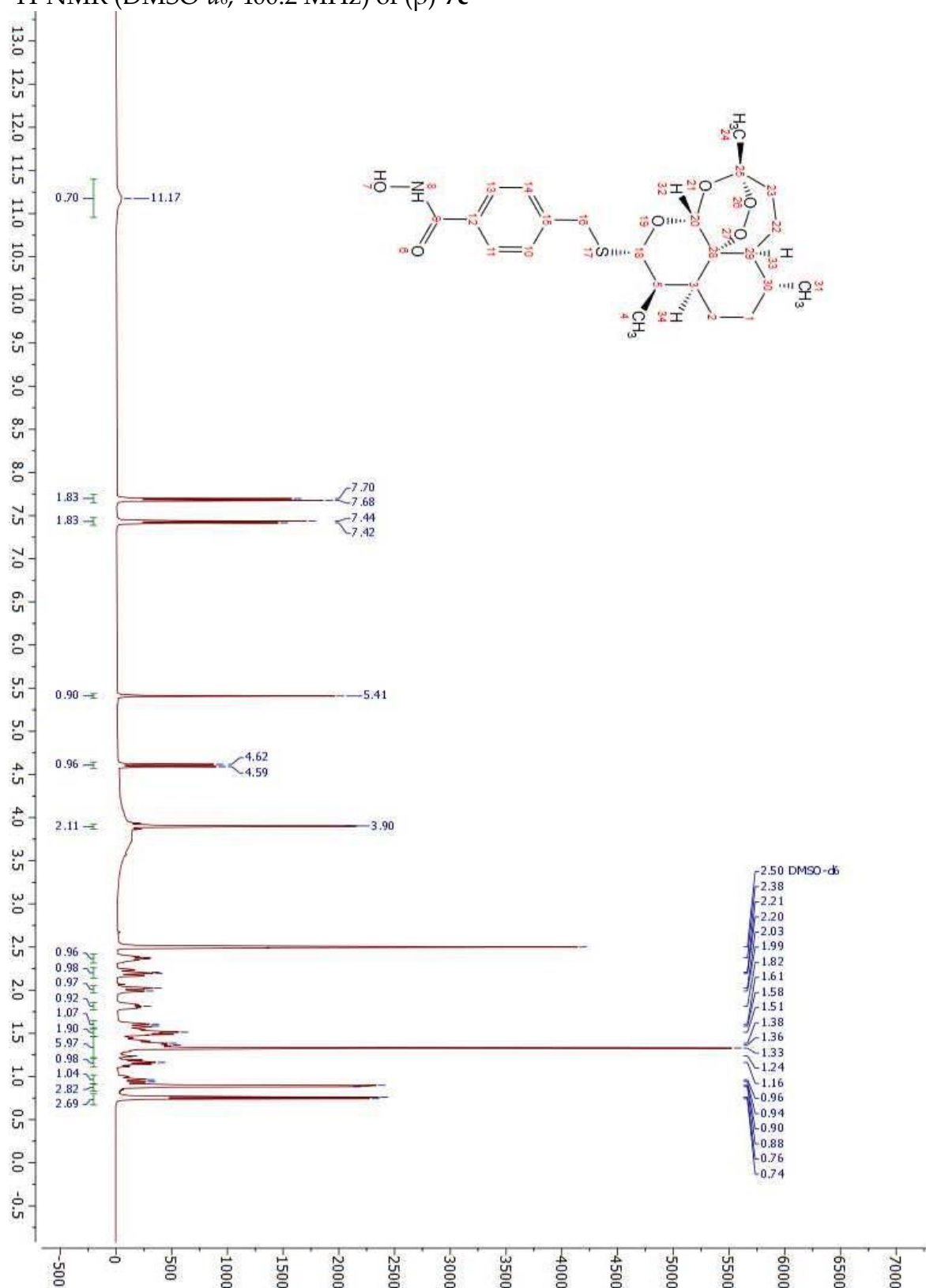
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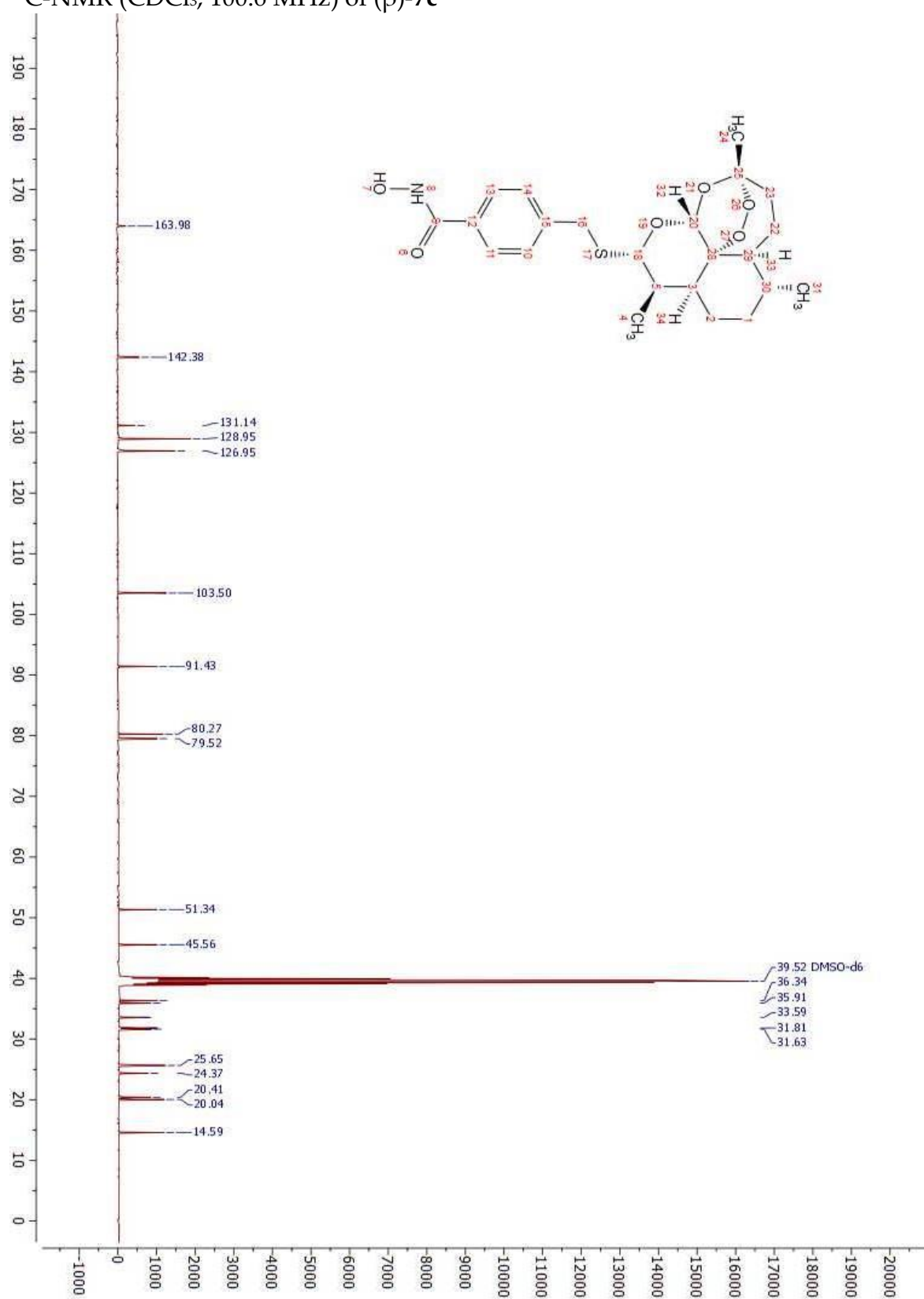
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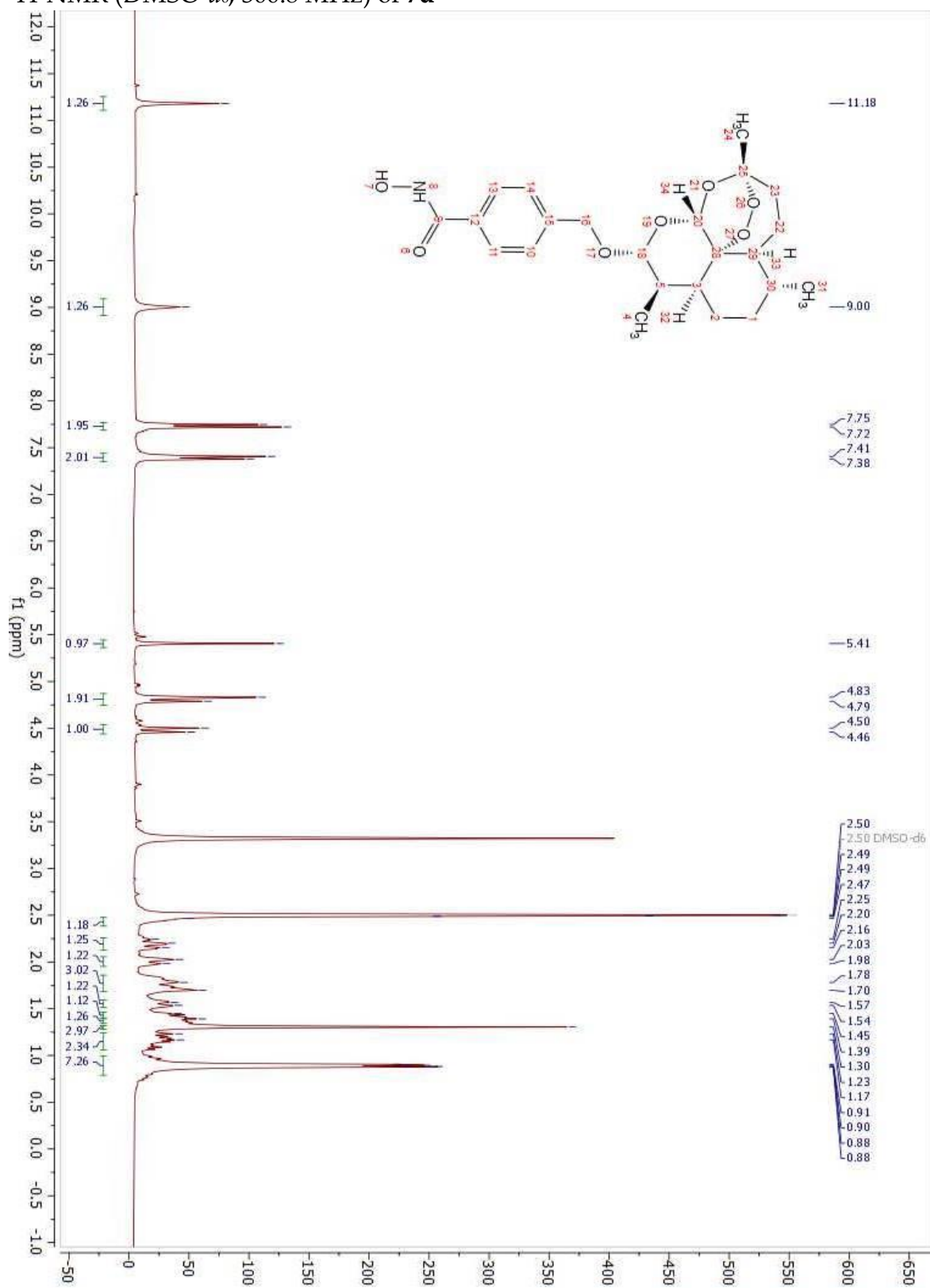
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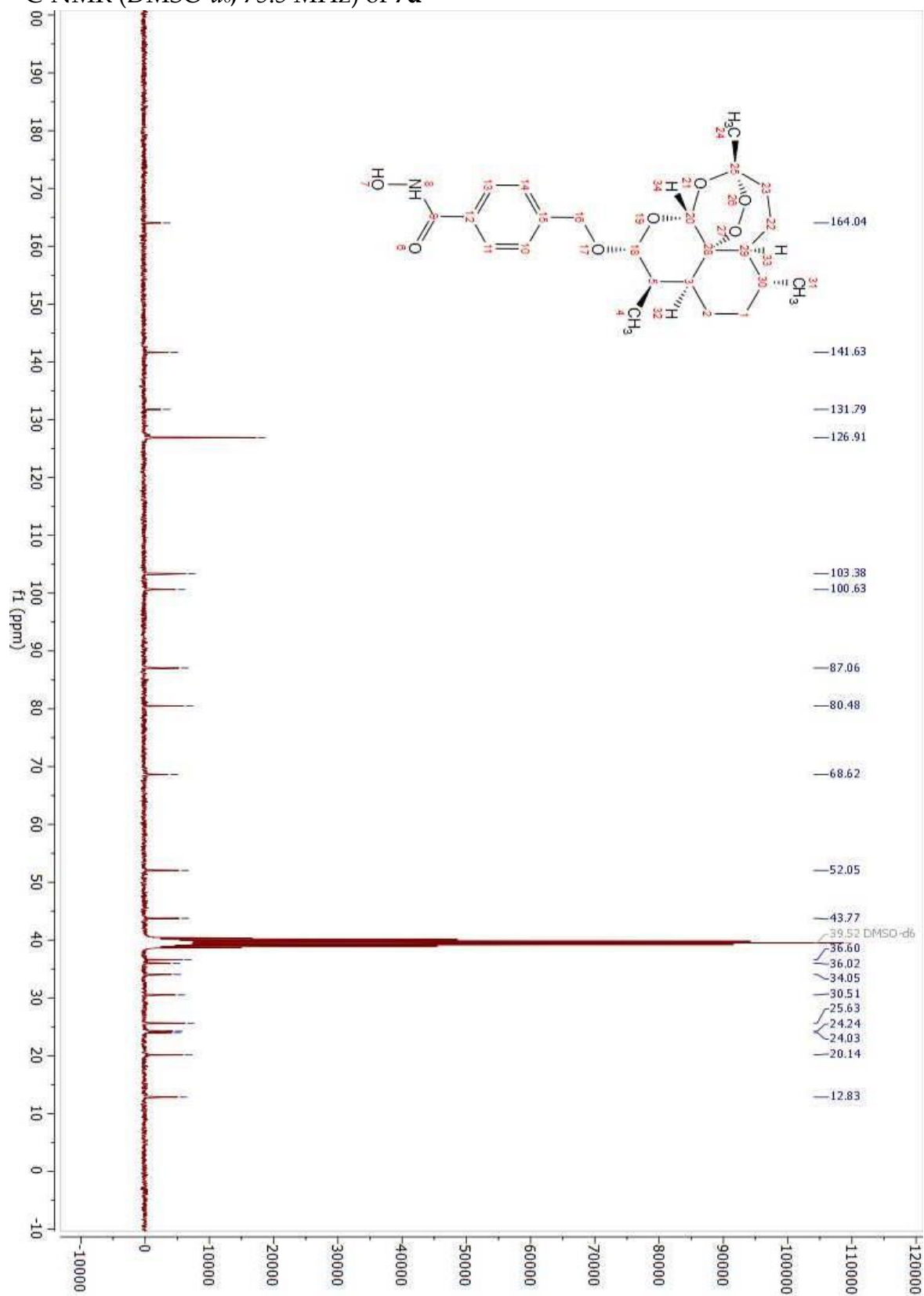
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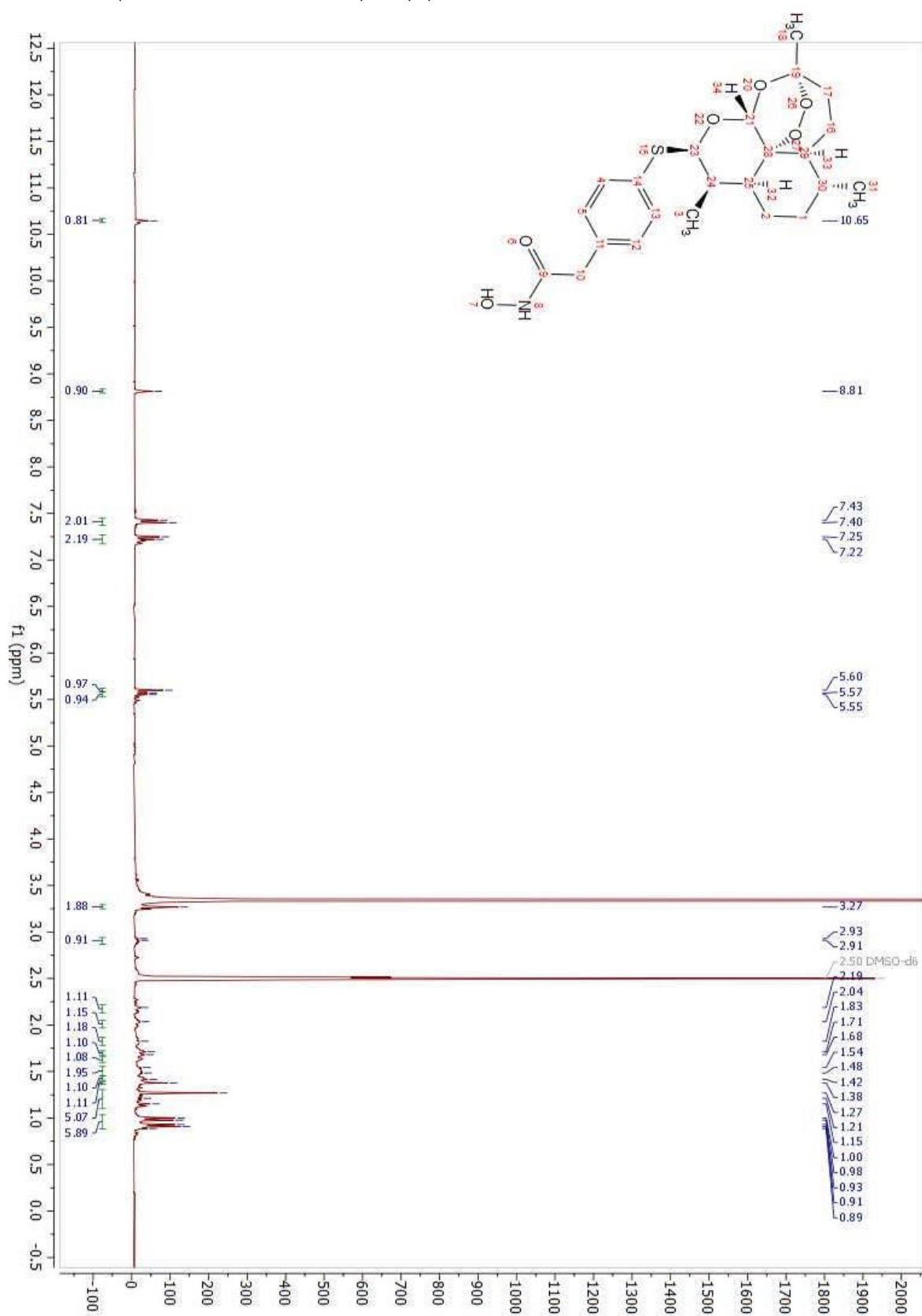
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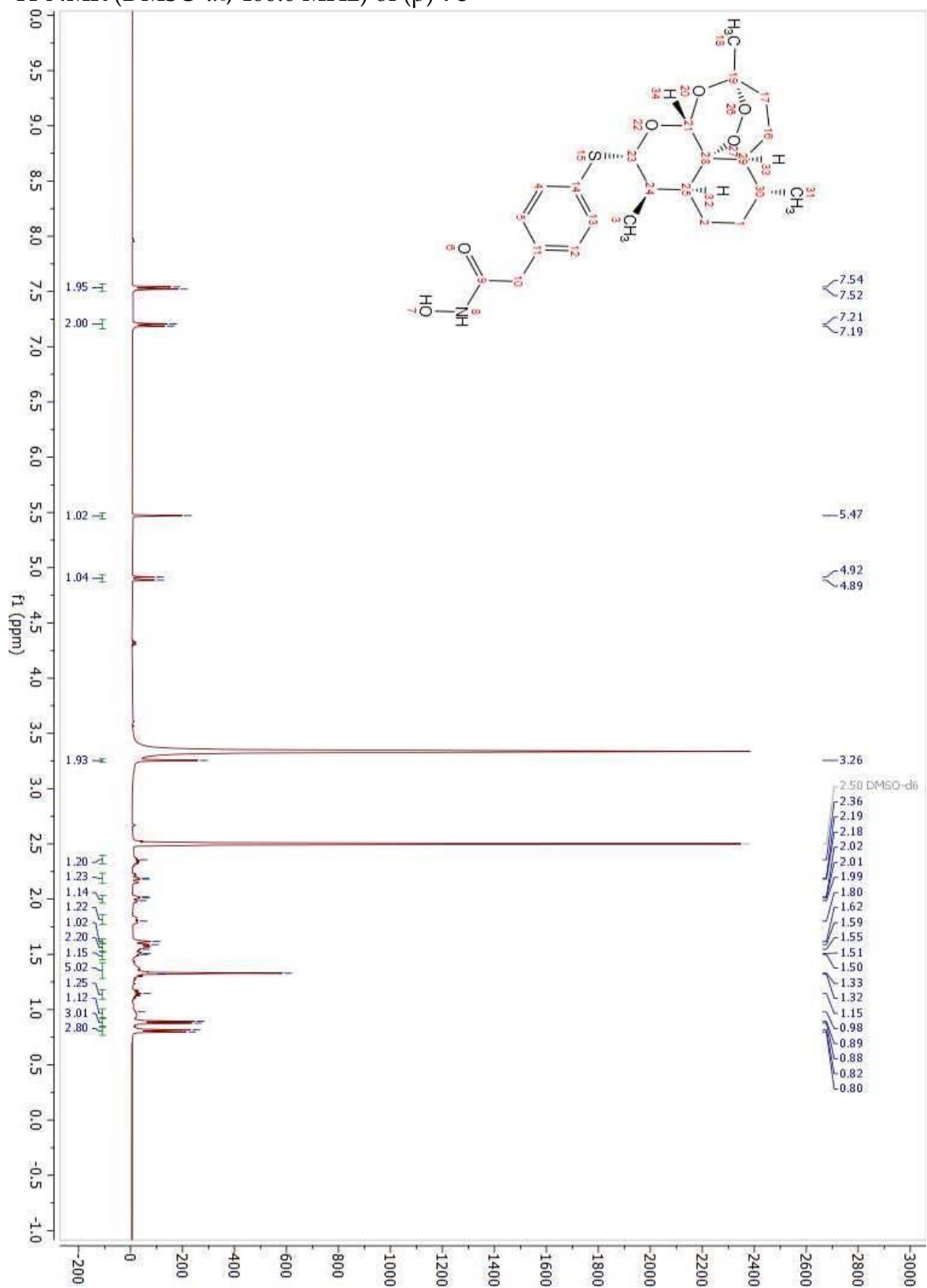
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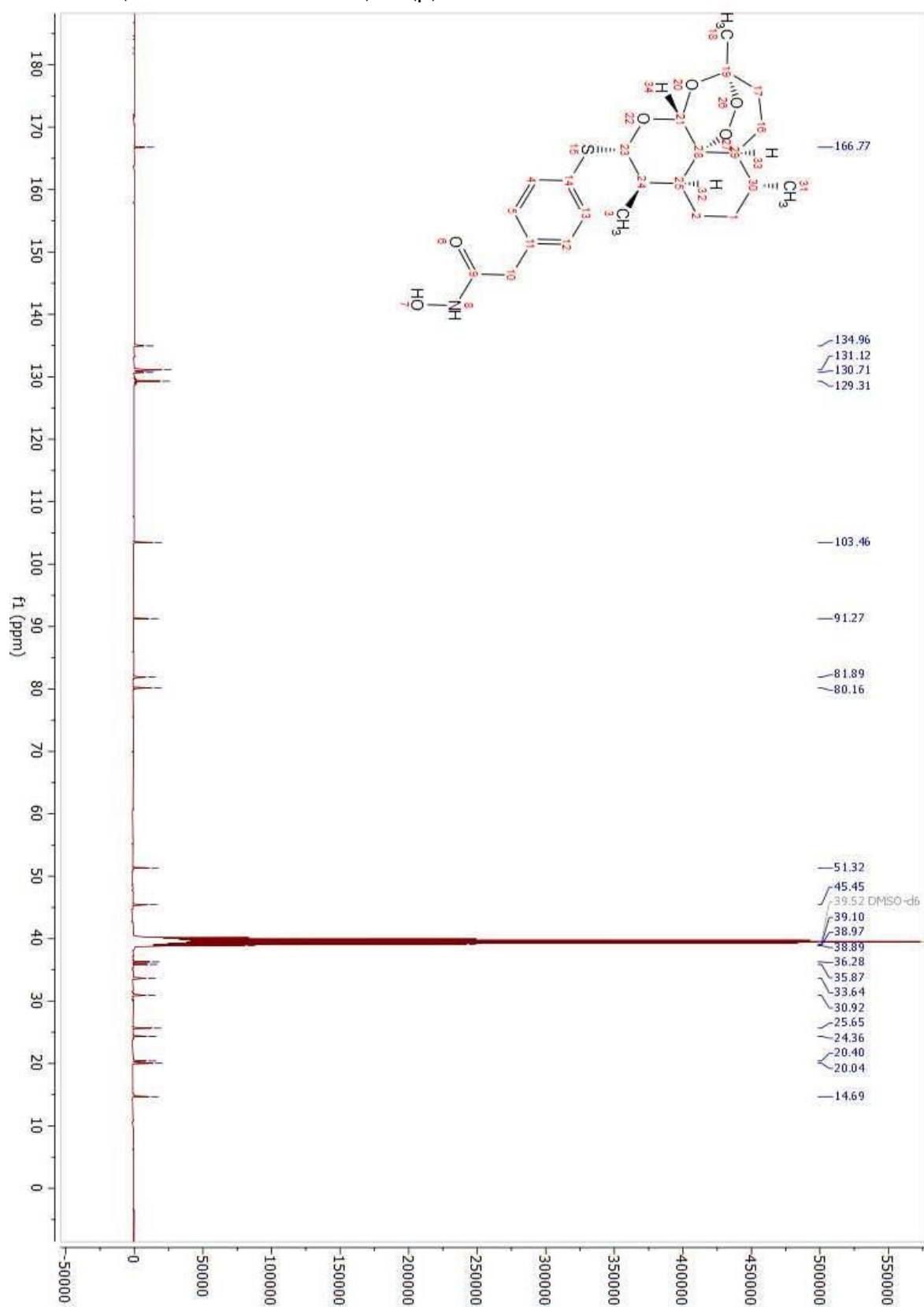
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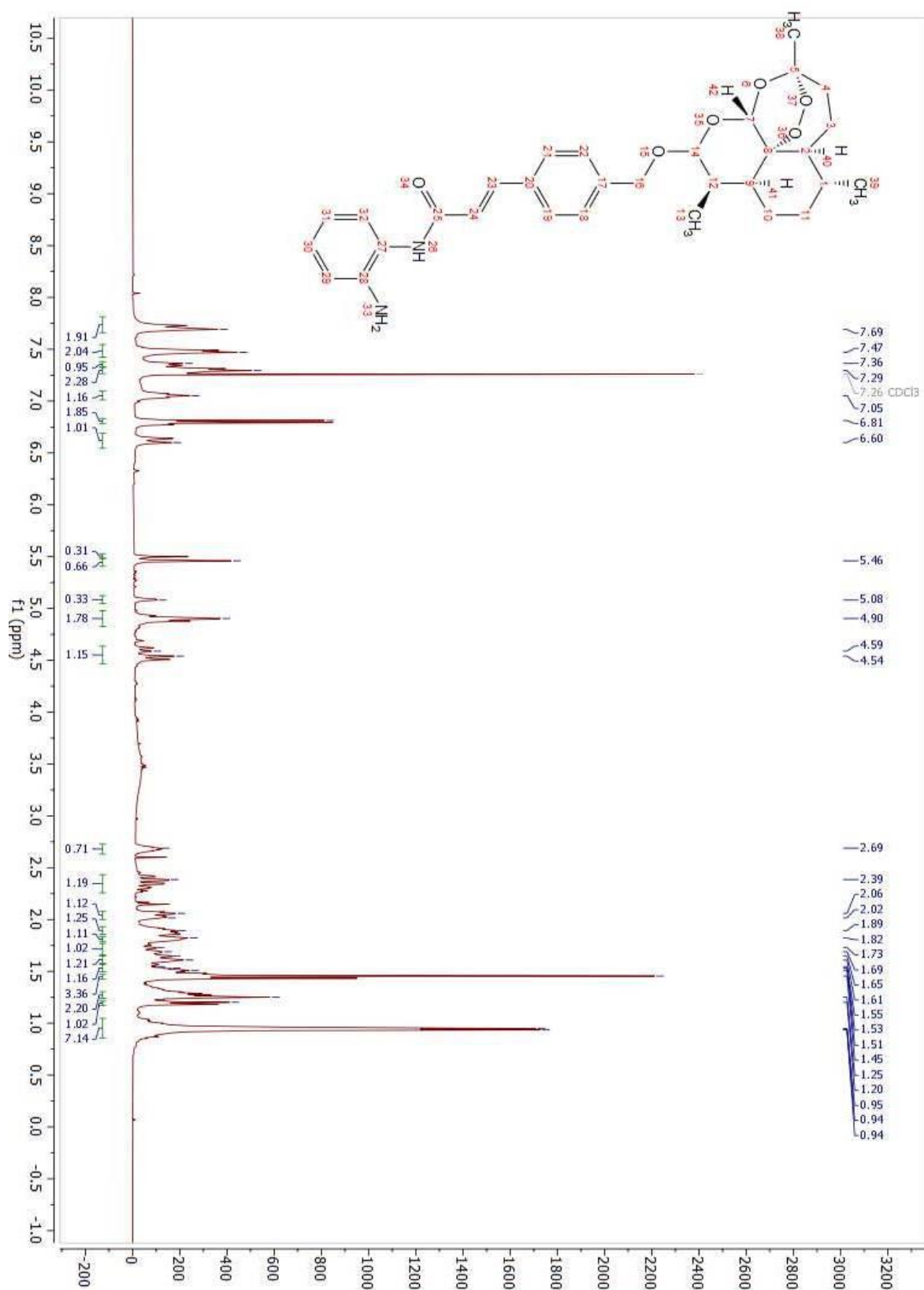
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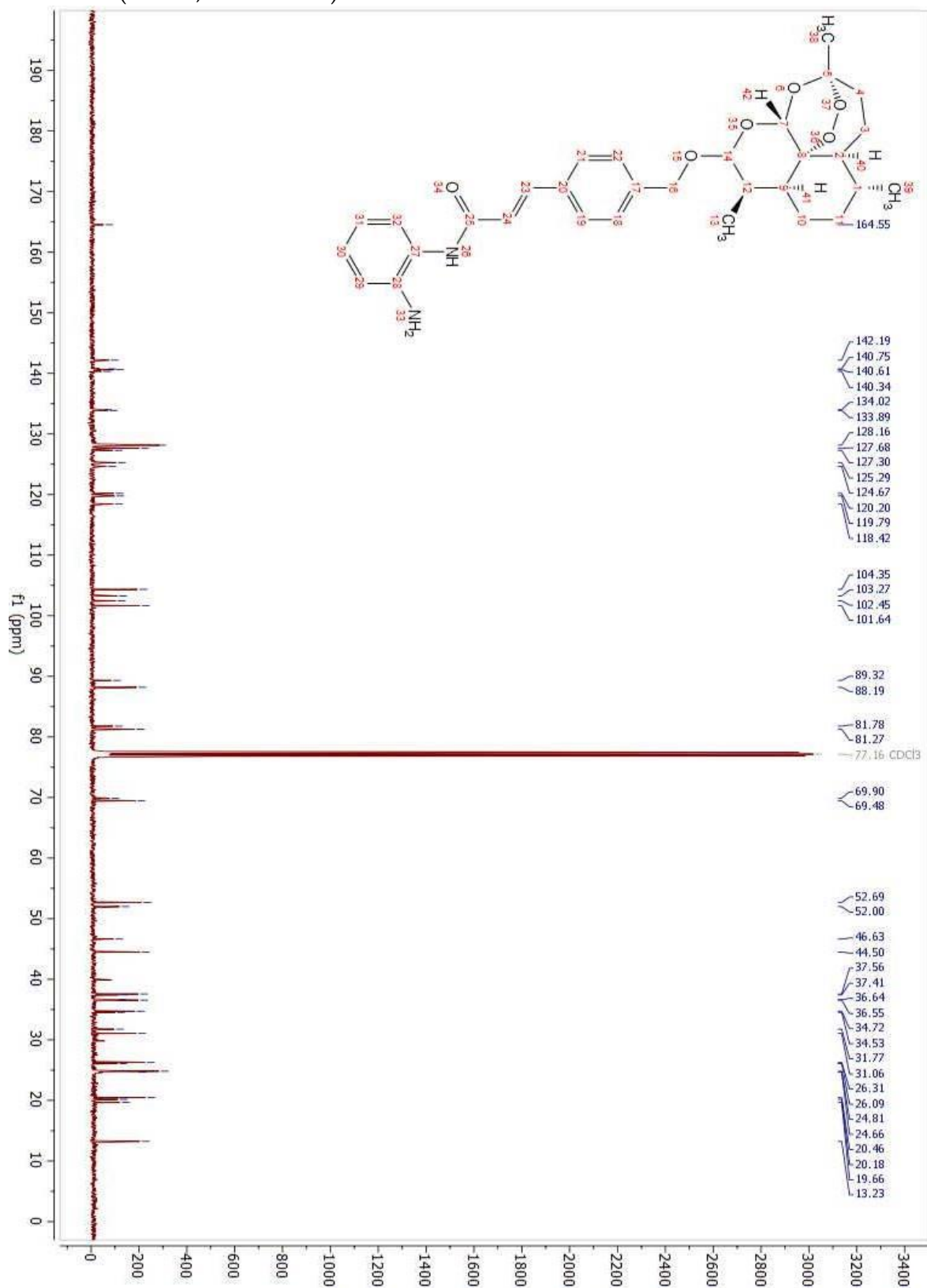
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$^{13}\text{C}$ -NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 100.6 MHz) of **8**



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