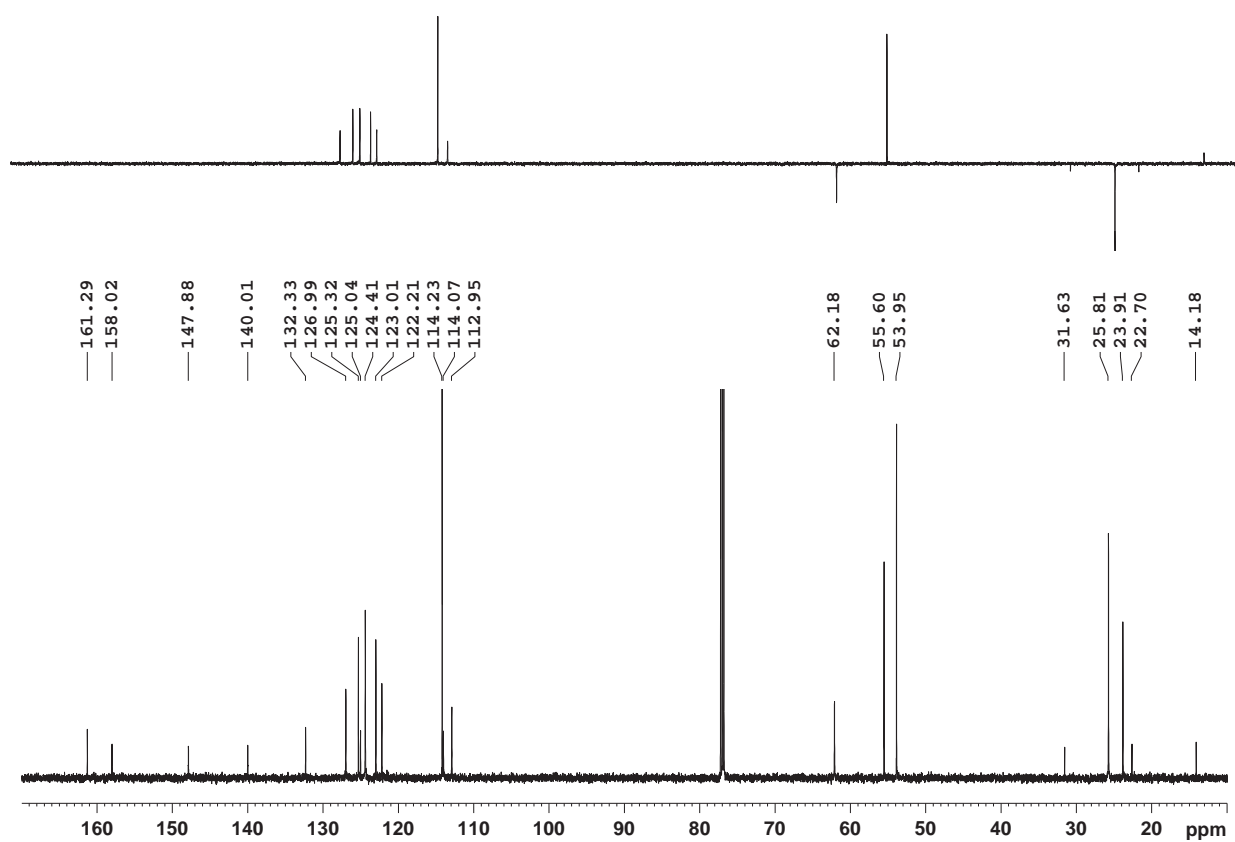
Figure S1. ¹H NMR spectrum of **2**.Figure S2. ¹³C (down) and DEPT (up) NMR spectra of **2**.

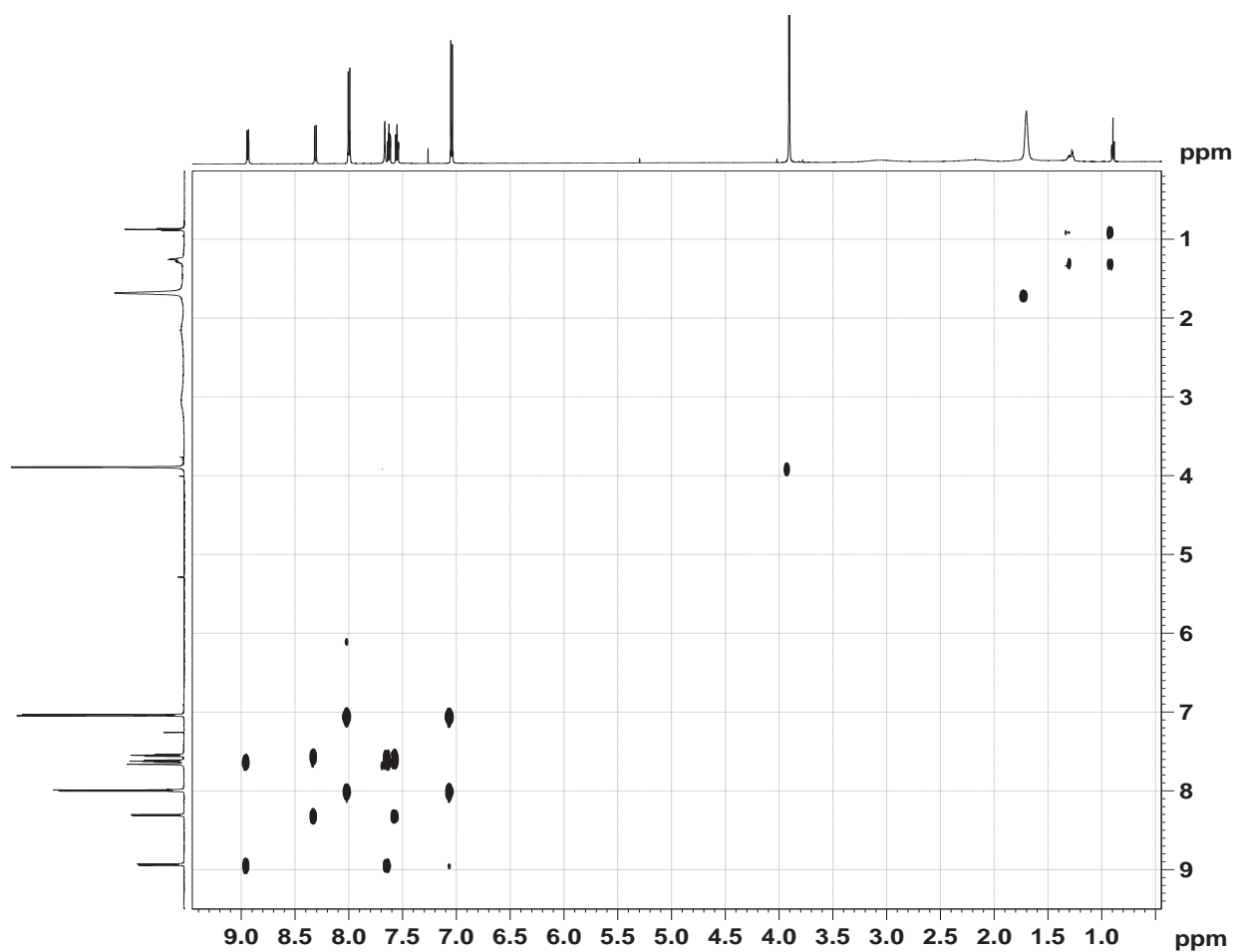


Figure S3. ^1H - ^1H COSY NMR experiment of **2**.

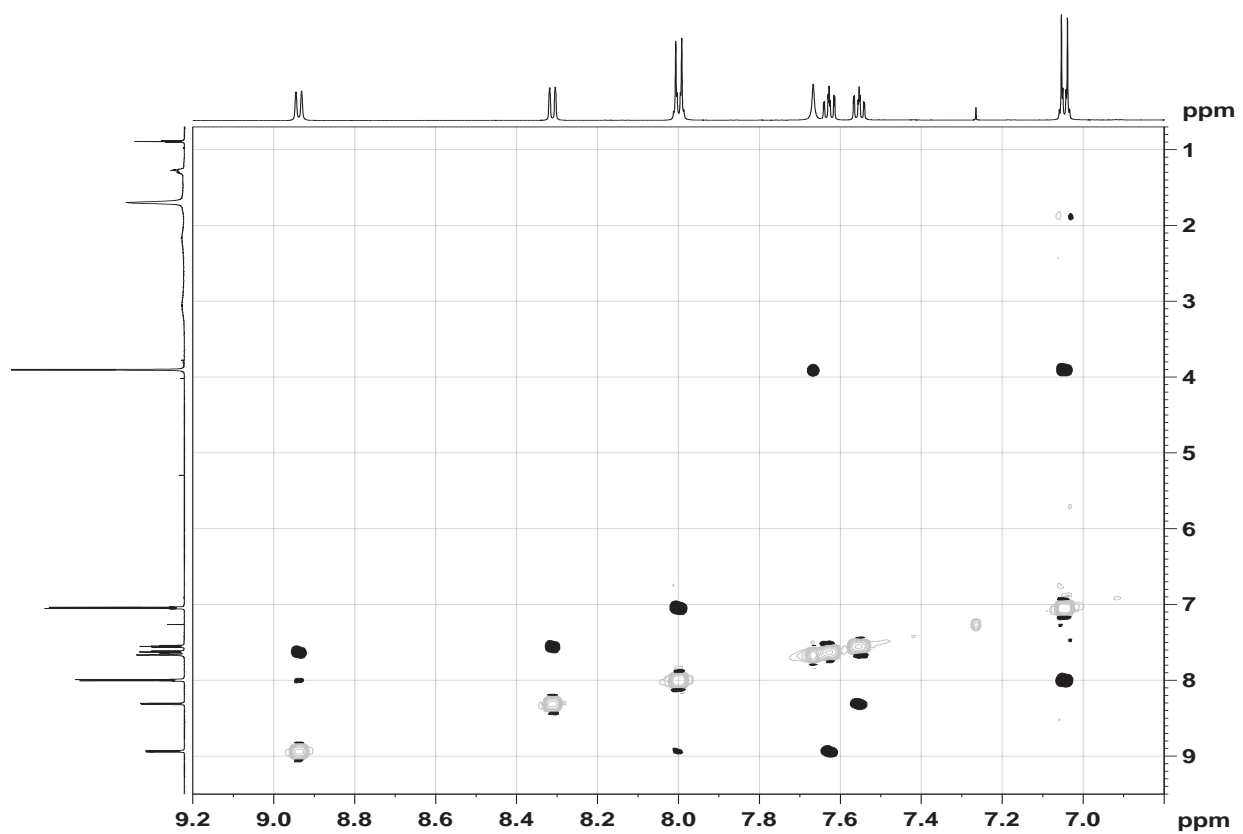


Figure S4. ^1H - ^1H NOESY NMR experiment of **2**.

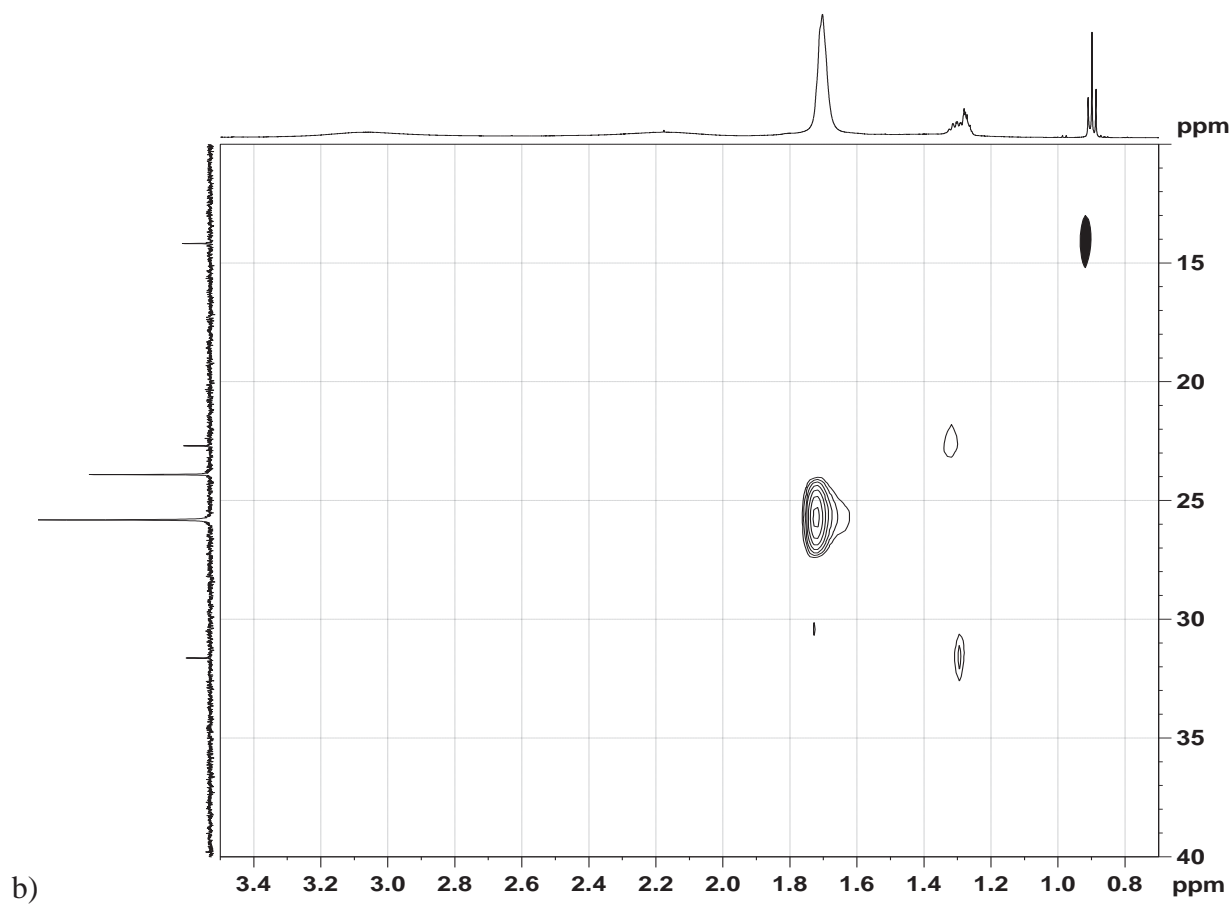
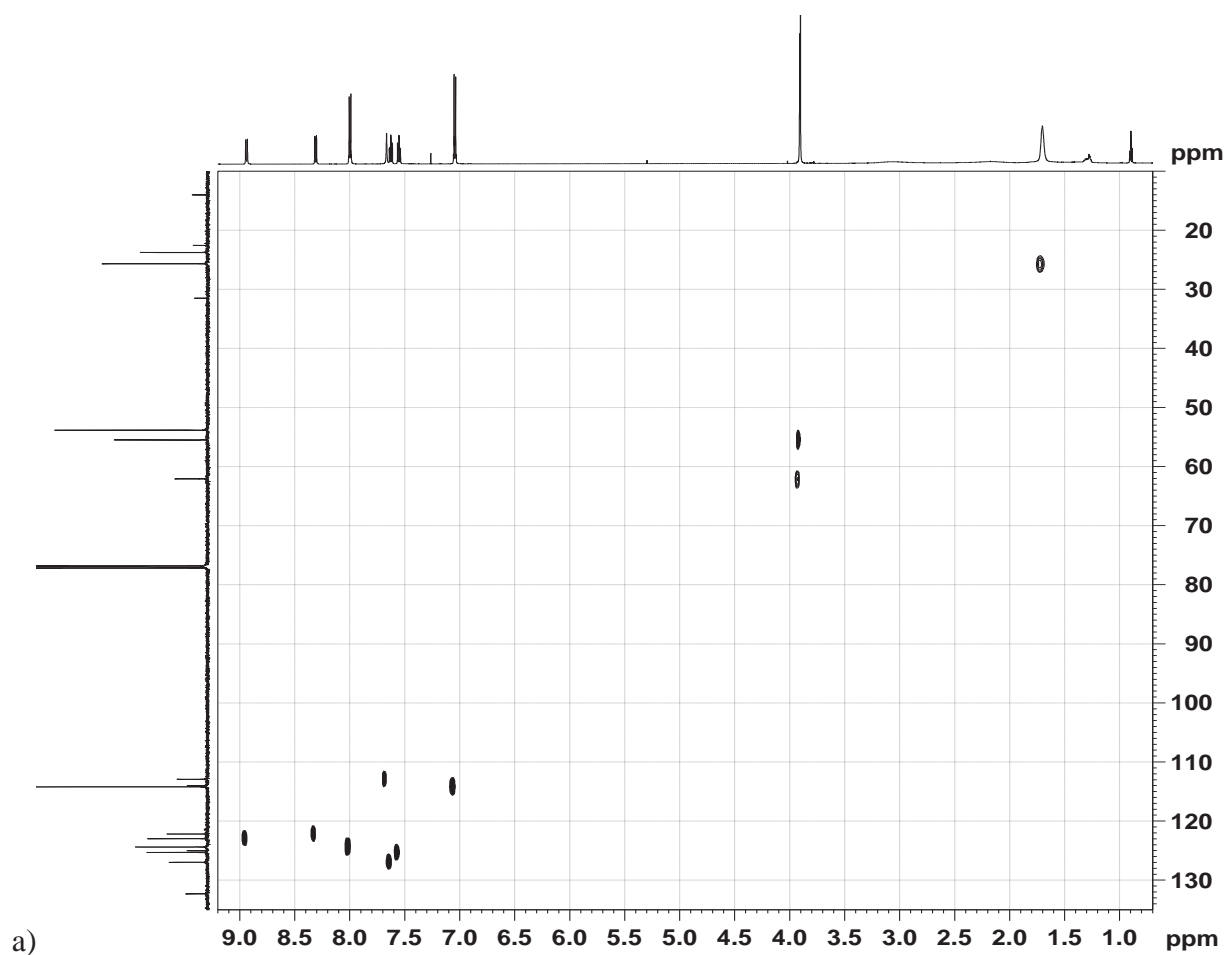


Figure S5. ^1H - ^{13}C HSQC NMR experiment of **2**: a) full spectrum; b) aliphatic part.

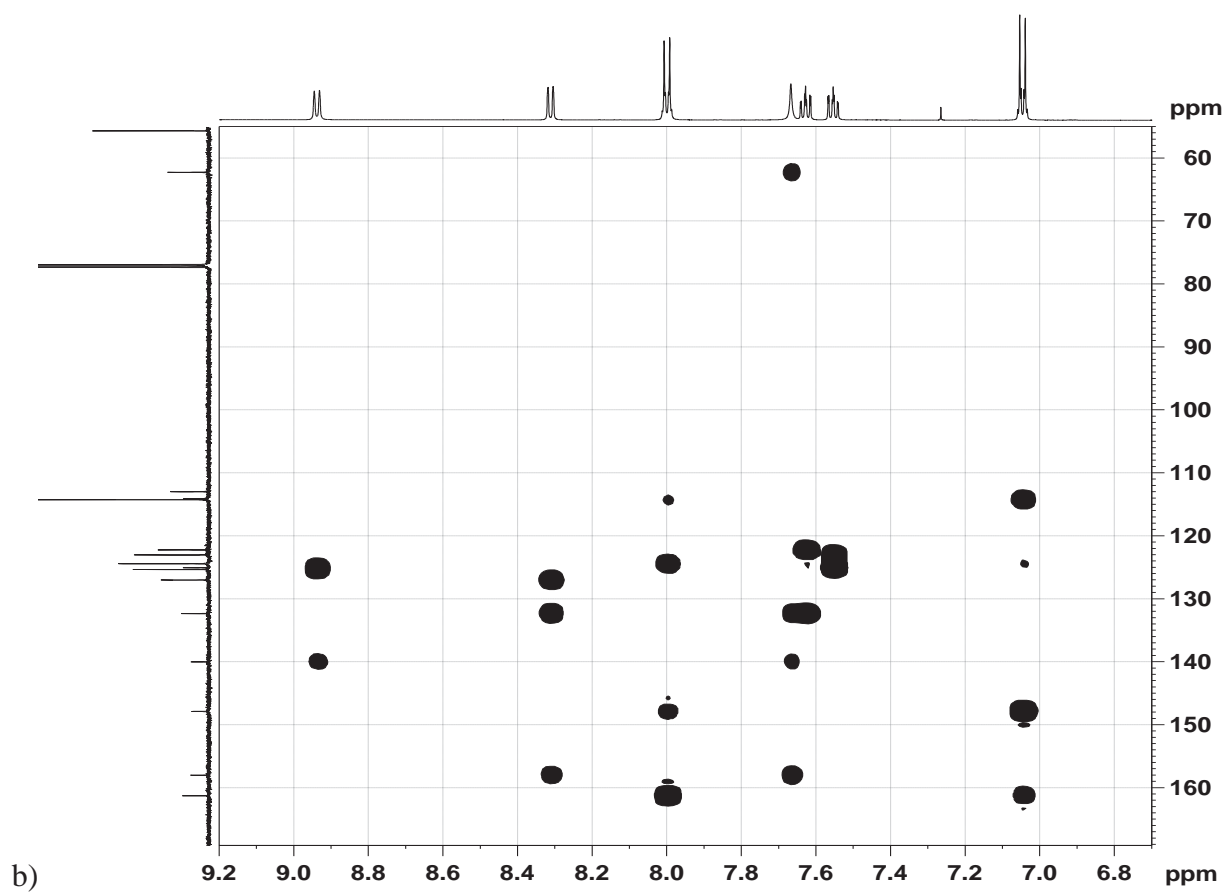
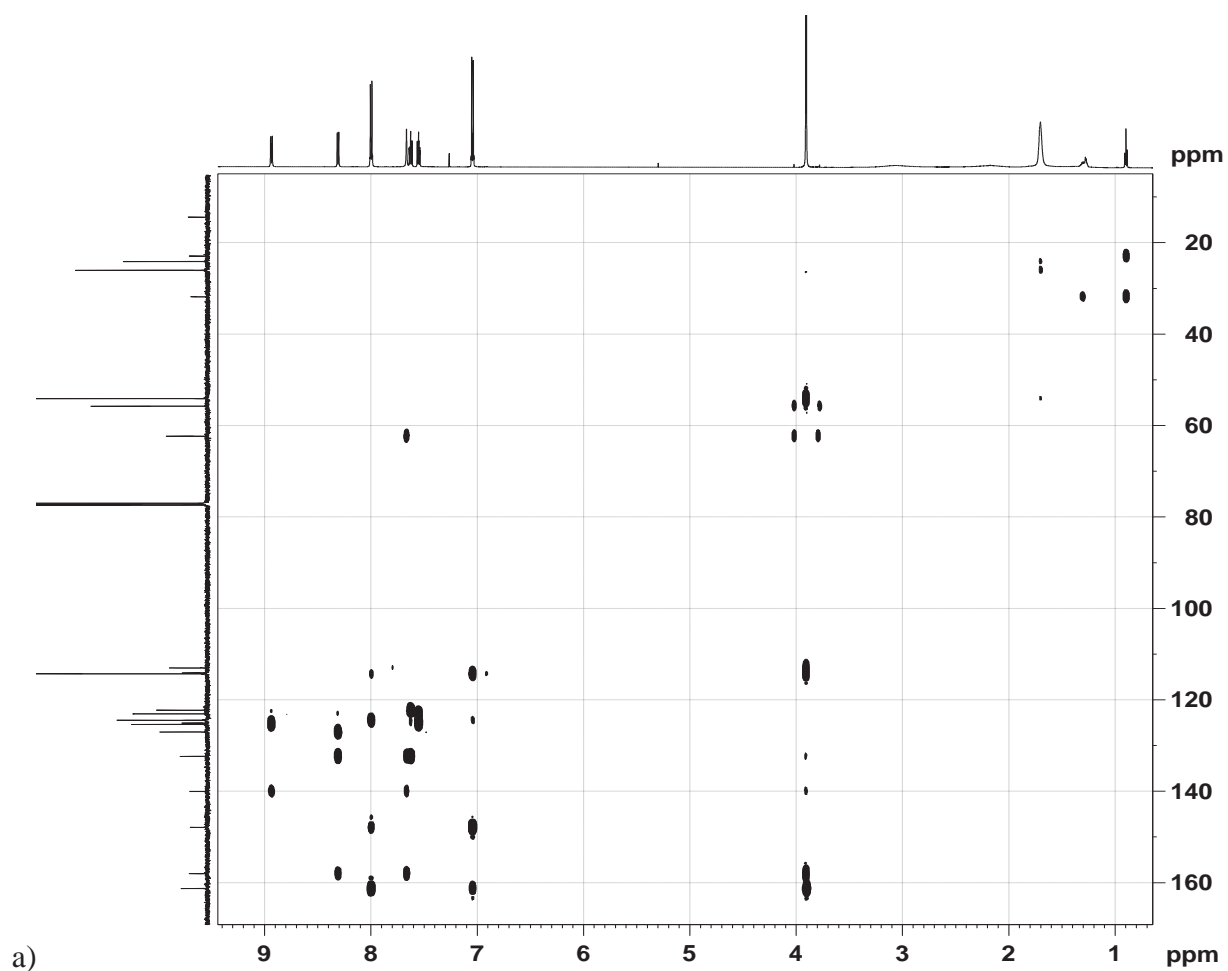


Figure S6. ¹H-¹³C HMBC NMR experiment of 2: a) full spectrum; b) aromatic part.

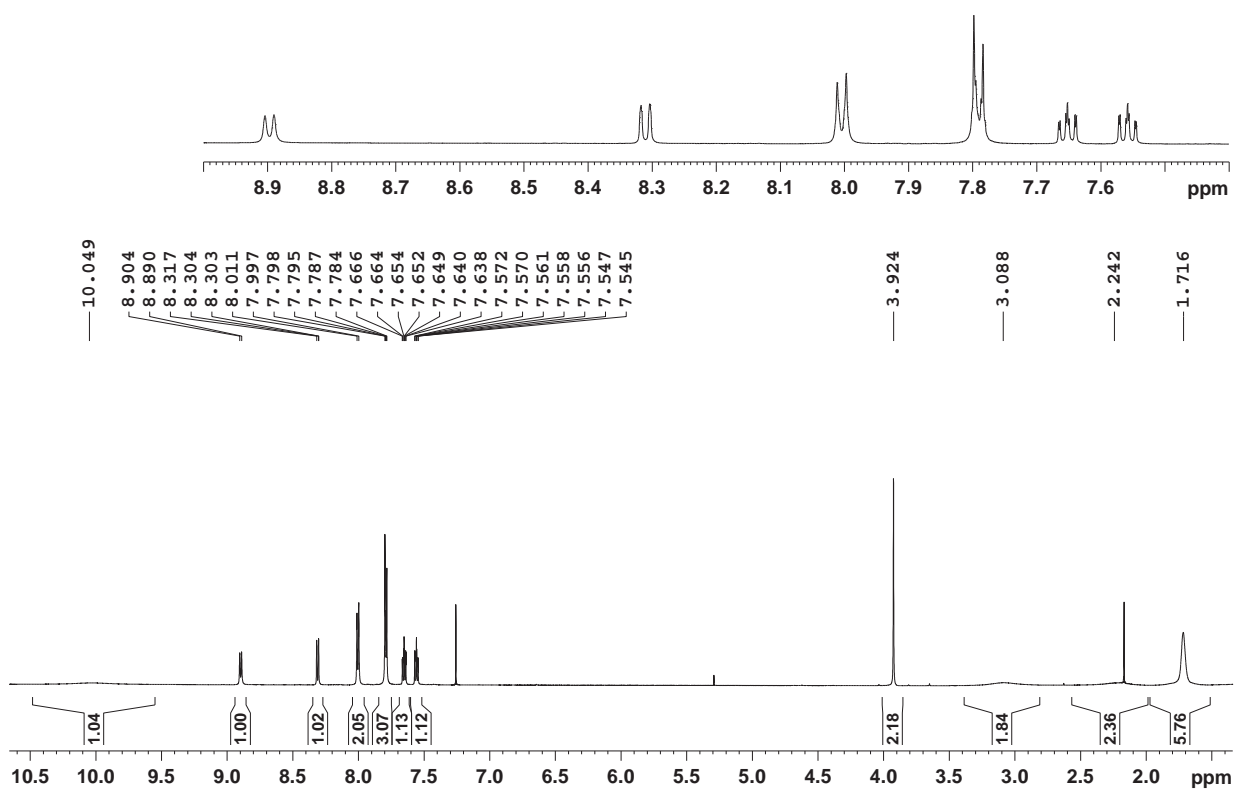


Figure S7. ^1H NMR spectrum of **3**.

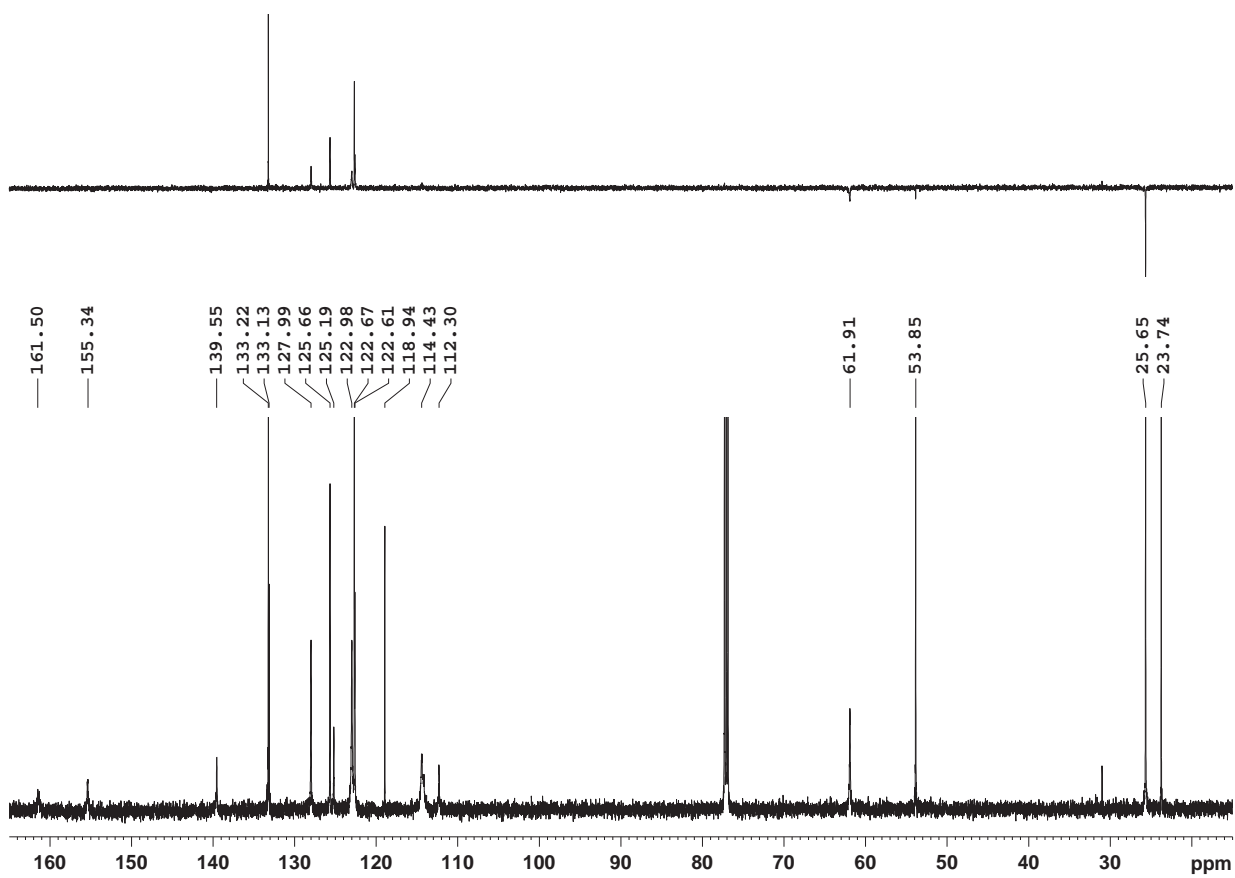


Figure S8. ^{13}C (down) and DEPT (up) NMR spectra of **3**.

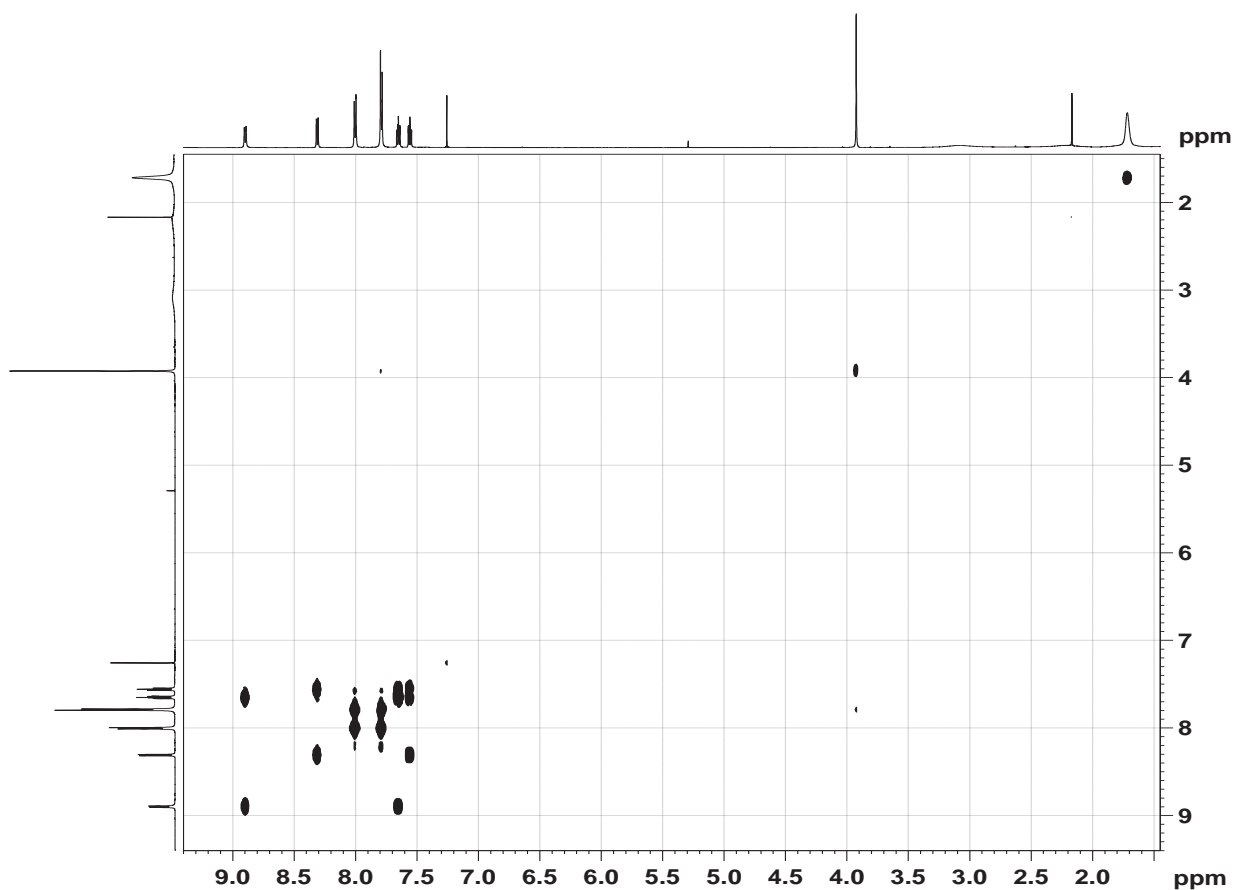


Figure S9. ^1H - ^1H COSY NMR experiment of 3.

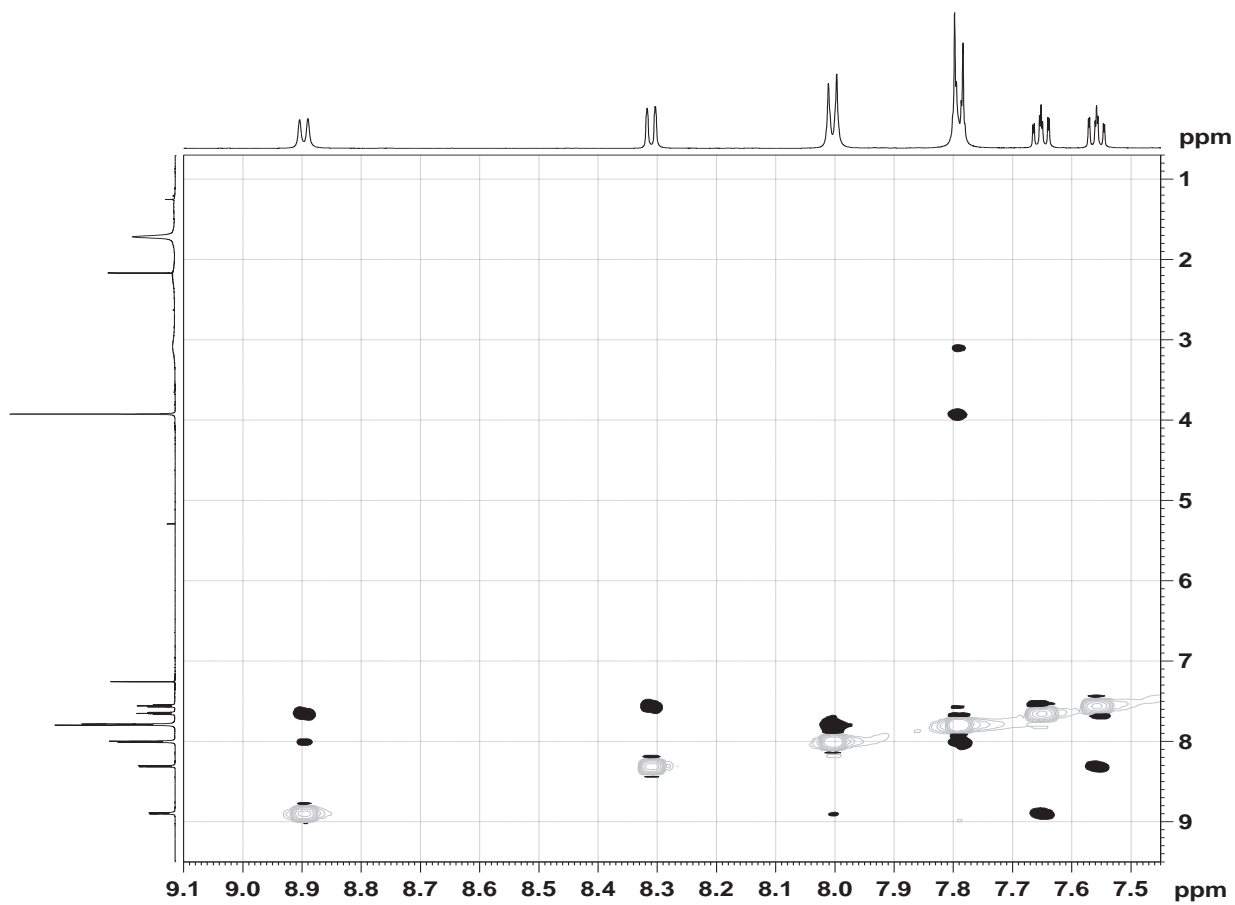


Figure S10. ^1H - ^1H NOESY NMR experiment of 3.

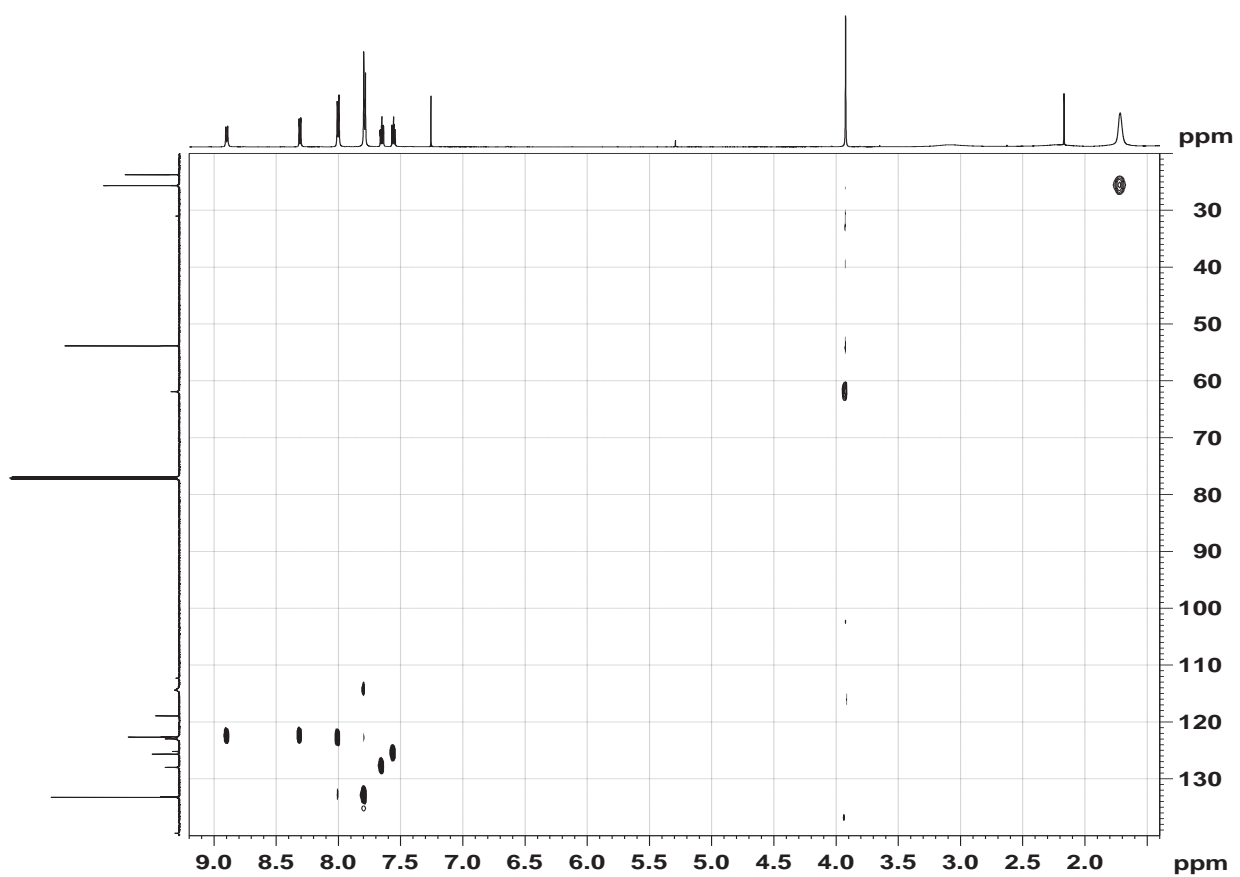


Figure S11. ^1H - ^{13}C HSQC NMR experiment of **3**.

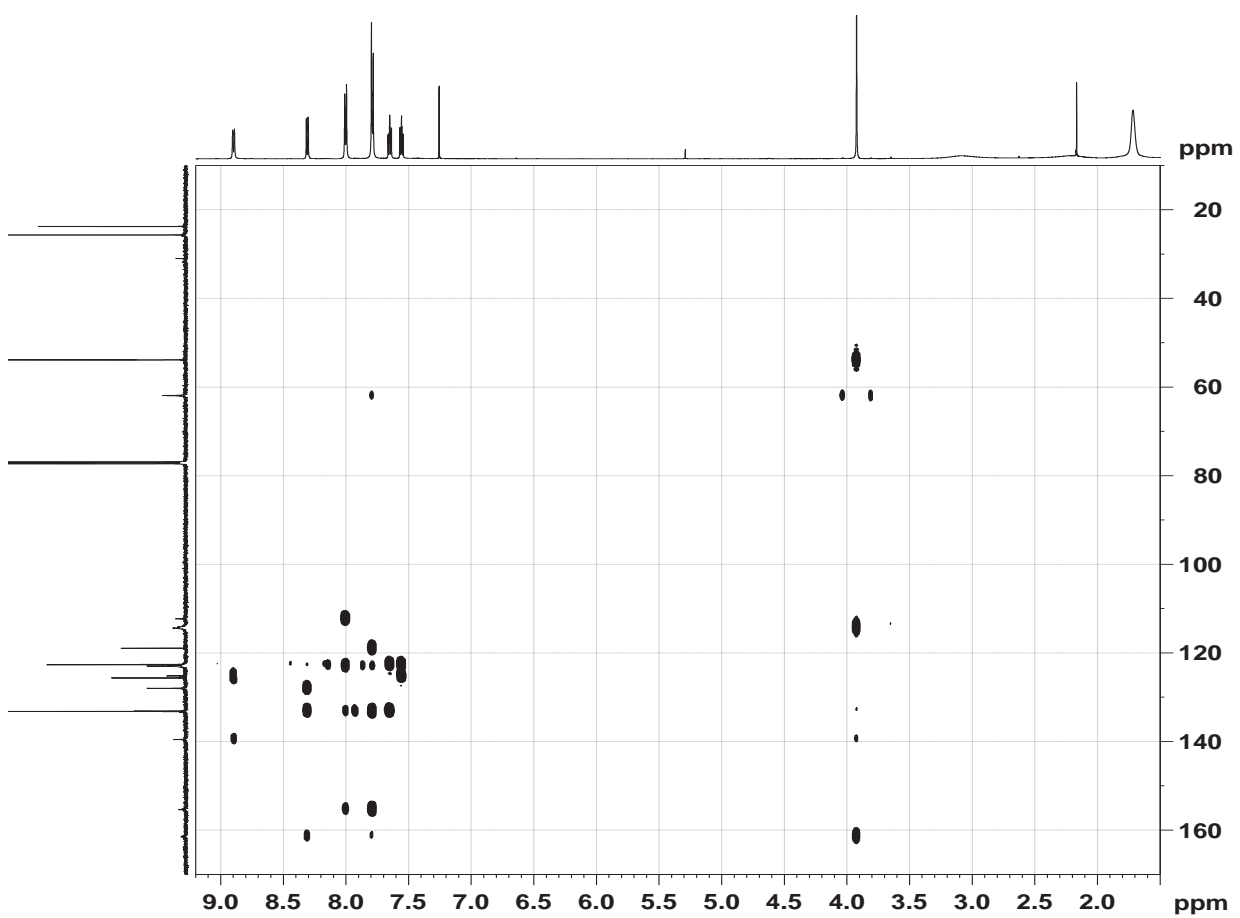


Figure S12. ^1H - ^{13}C HMBC NMR experiment of **3**.

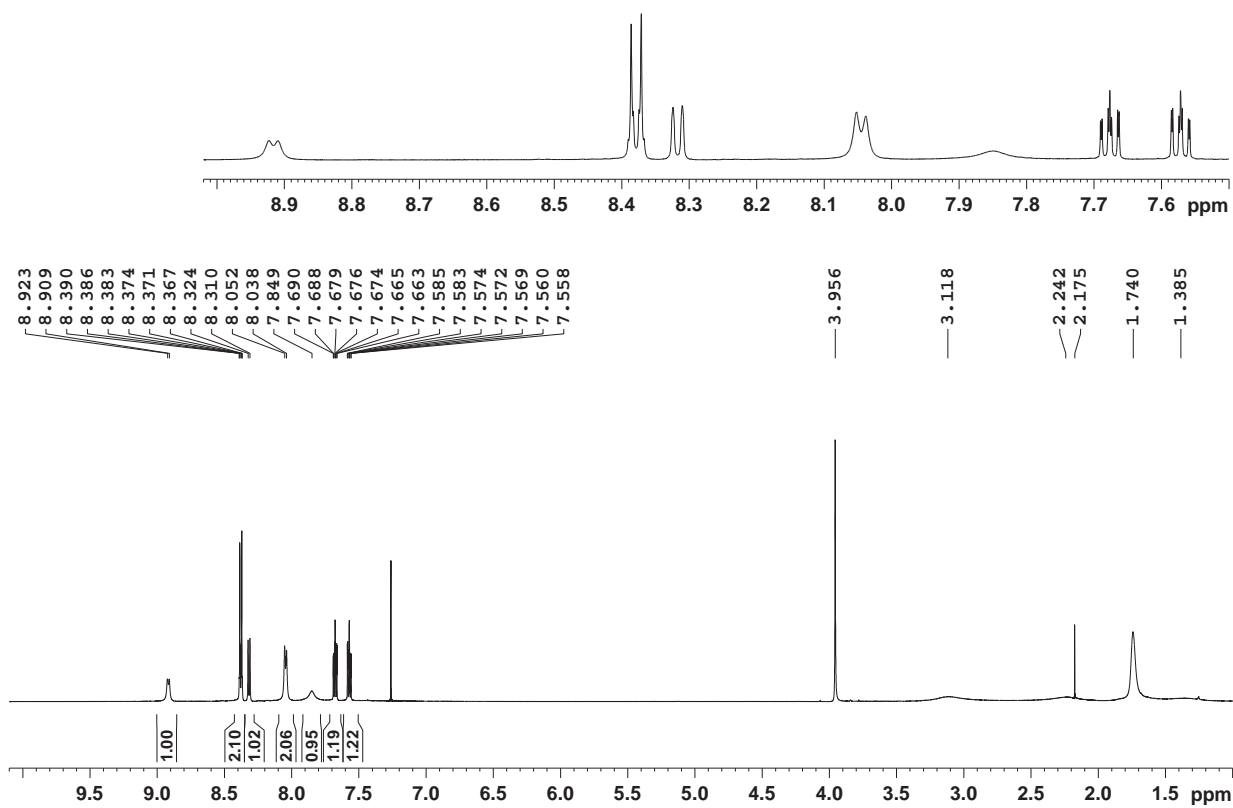


Figure S13. ^1H NMR spectrum of **4**.

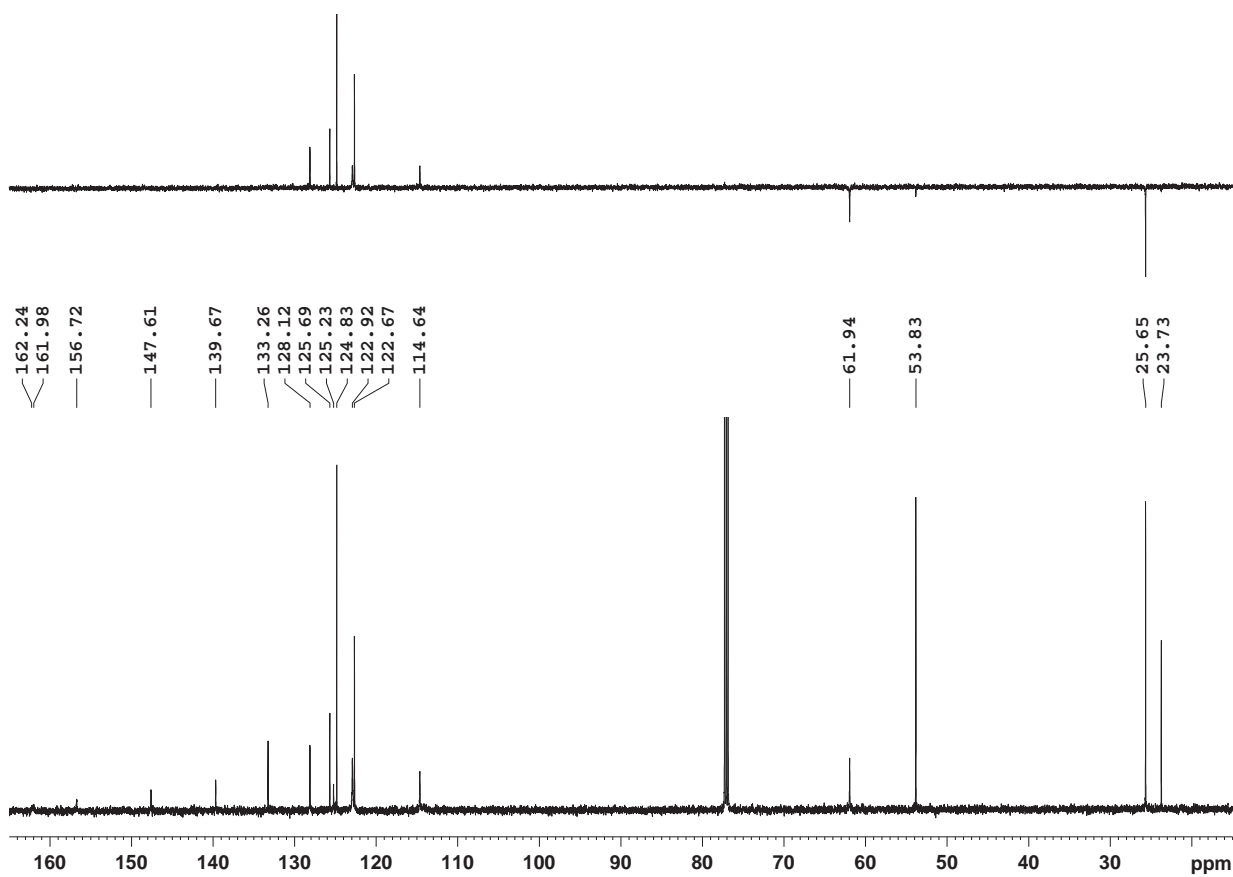


Figure S14. ^{13}C (down) and DEPT (up) NMR spectra of **4**.

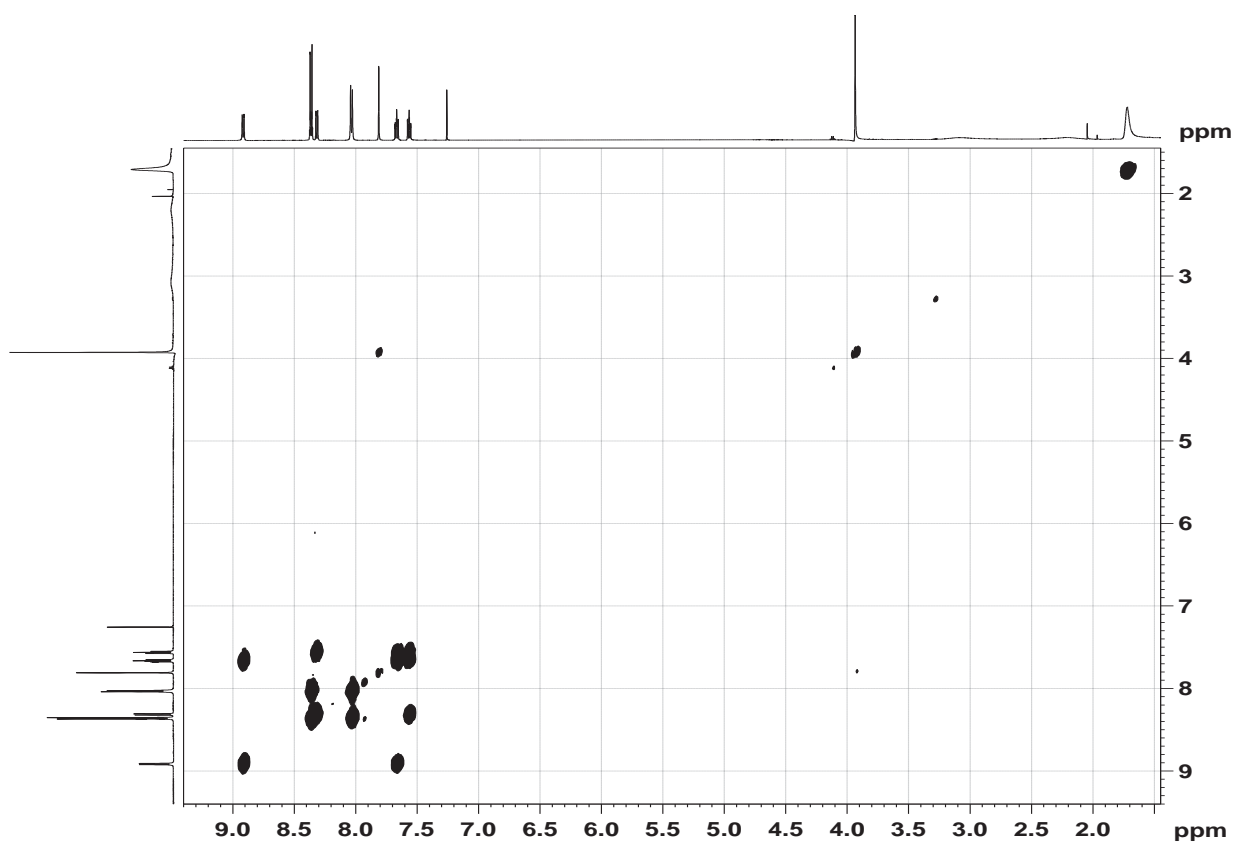


Figure S15. ^1H - ^1H COSY NMR experiment of 4.

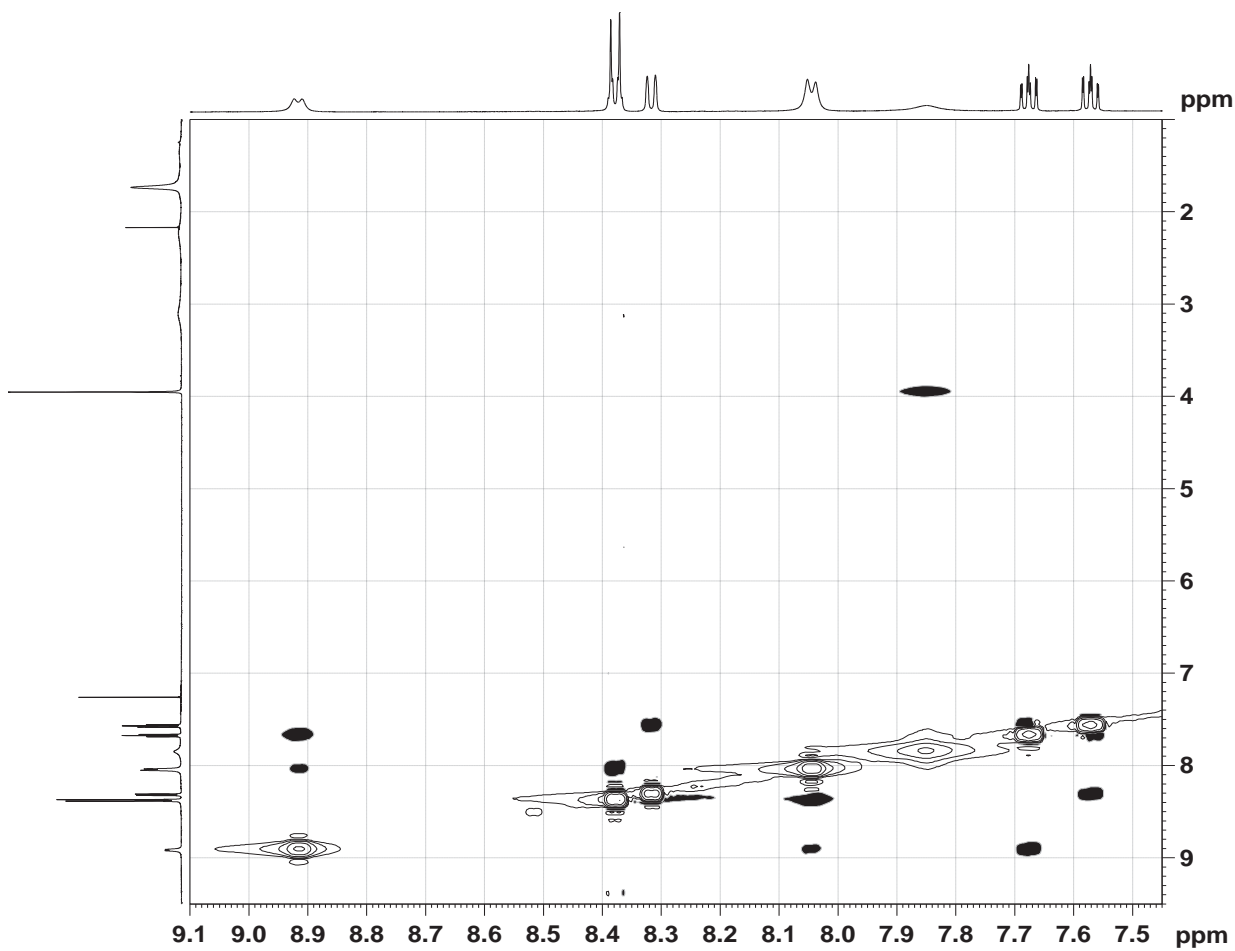


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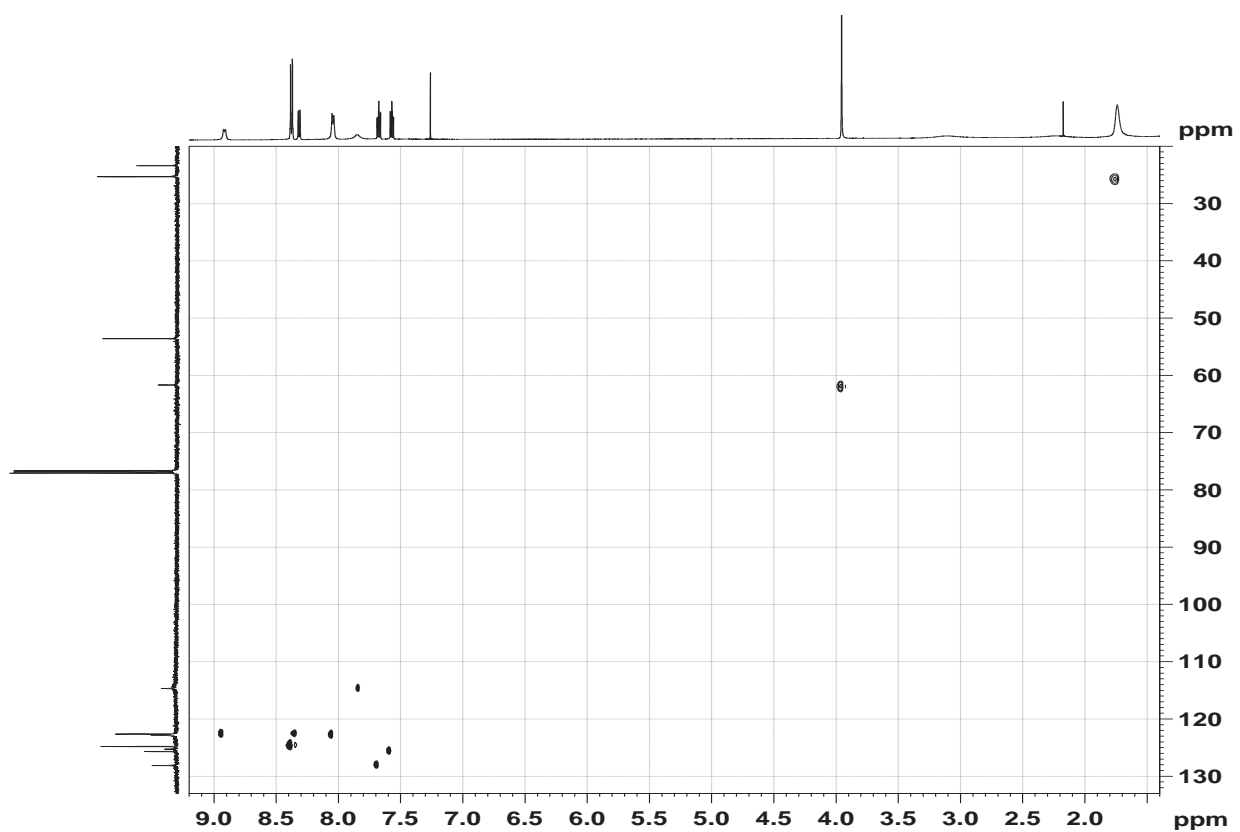


Figure S17. ^1H - ^{13}C HSQC NMR experiment of **4**.

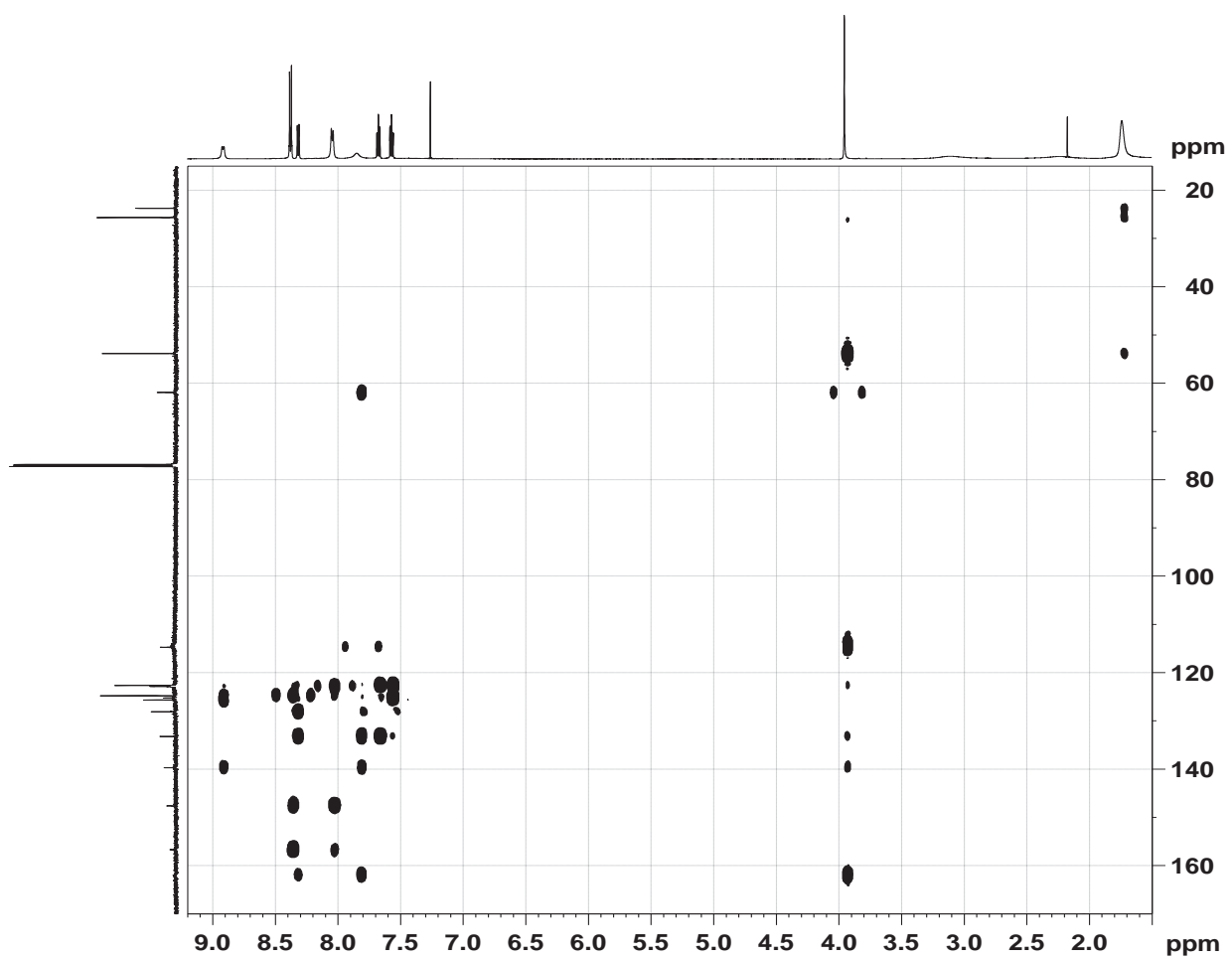


Figure S18. ^1H - ^{13}C HMBC NMR experiment of **4**.

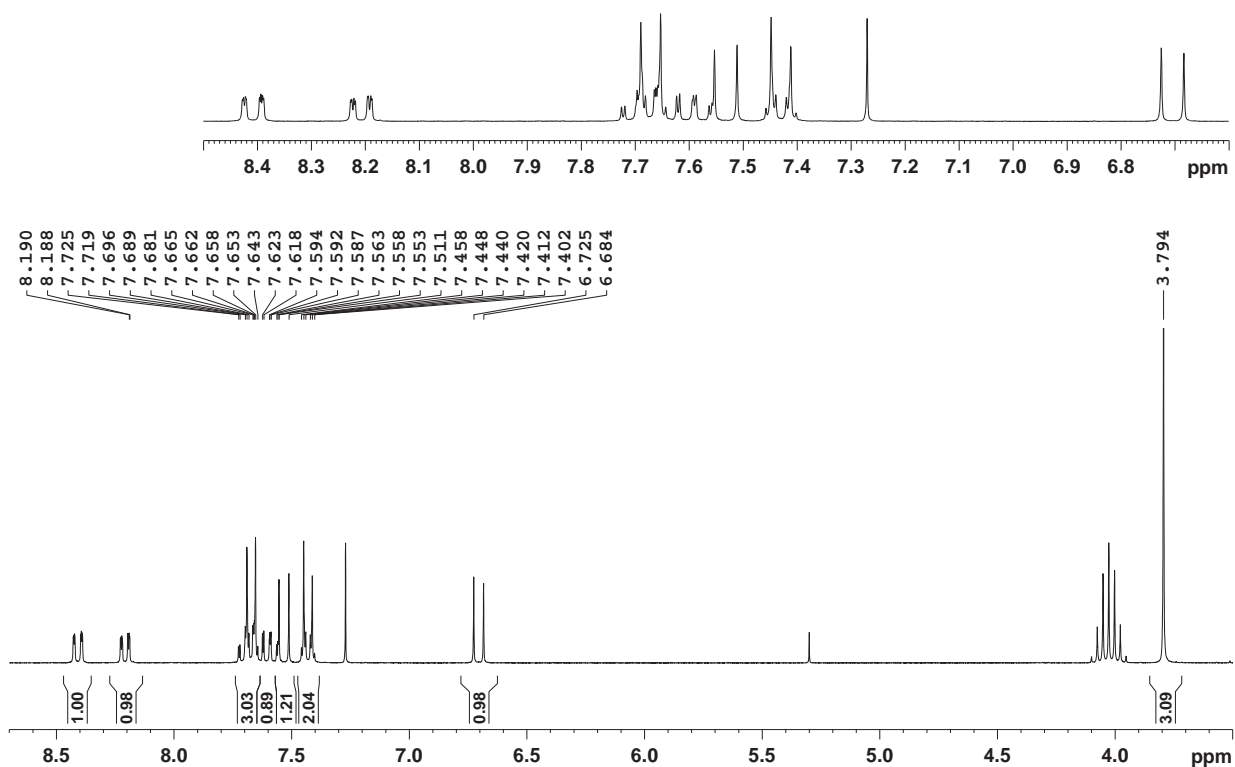


Figure S19. ^1H NMR spectrum of **7-NMe** (contains i-PrOH).

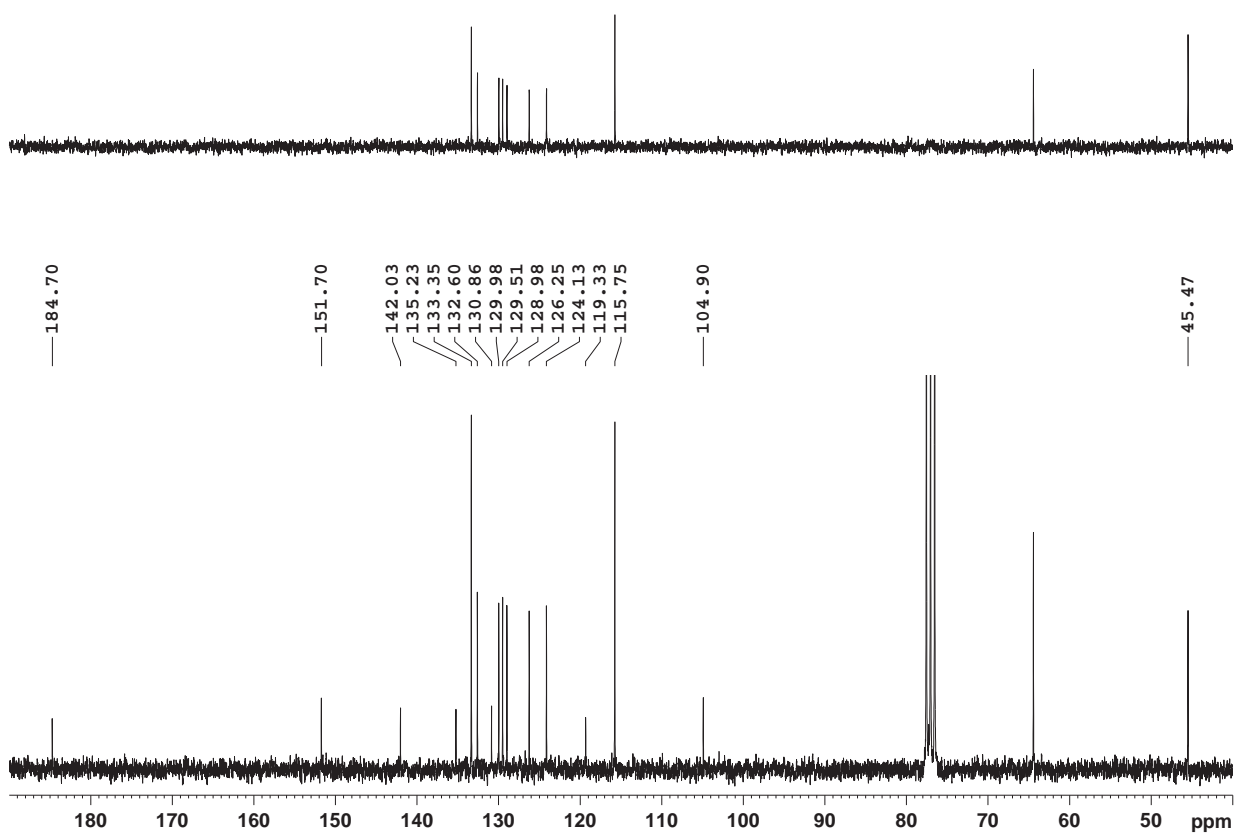


Figure S20. ^{13}C (down) and DEPT (up) NMR spectra of **7-NMe** (contains i-PrOH).

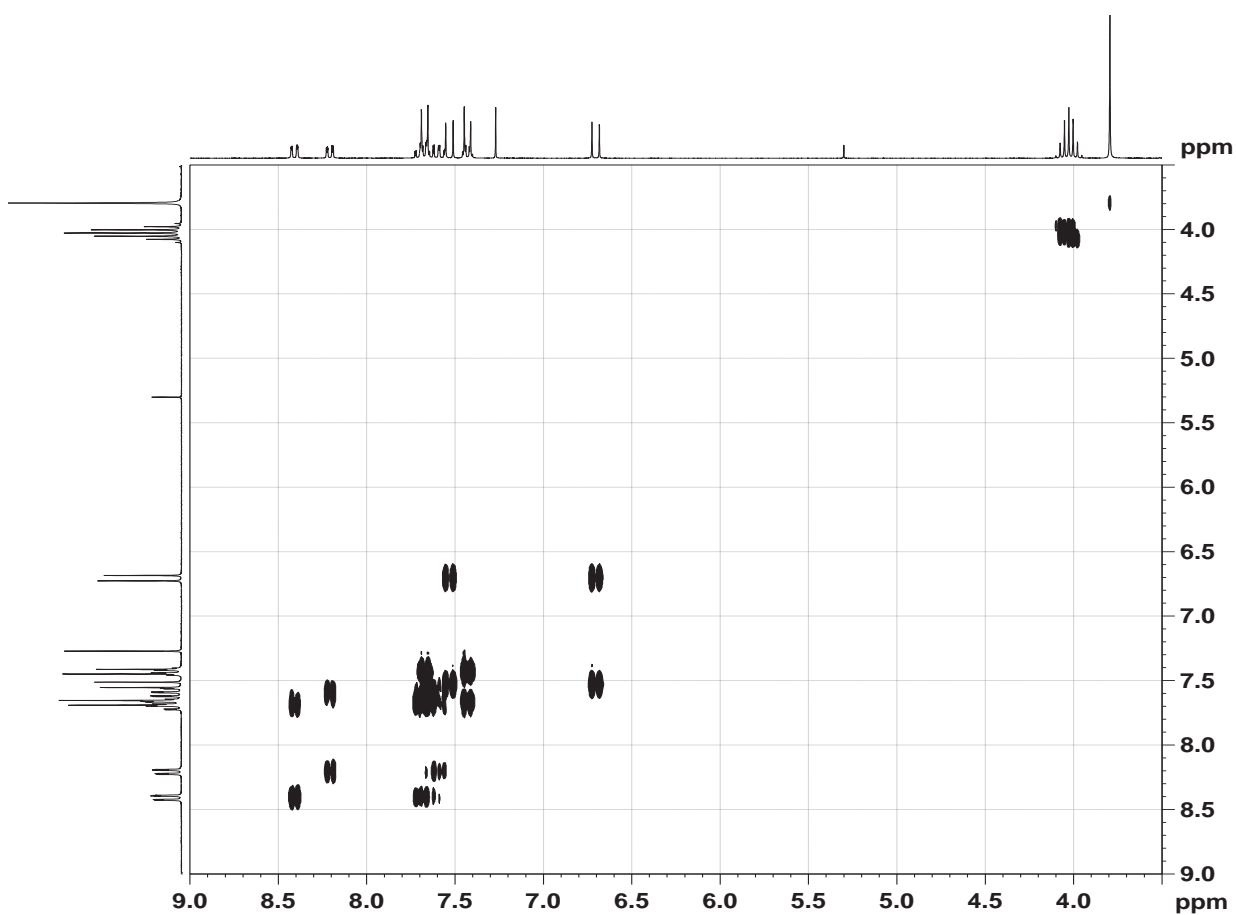


Figure S21. ¹H-¹H COSY NMR experiment of **7-NMe** (contains i-PrOH).

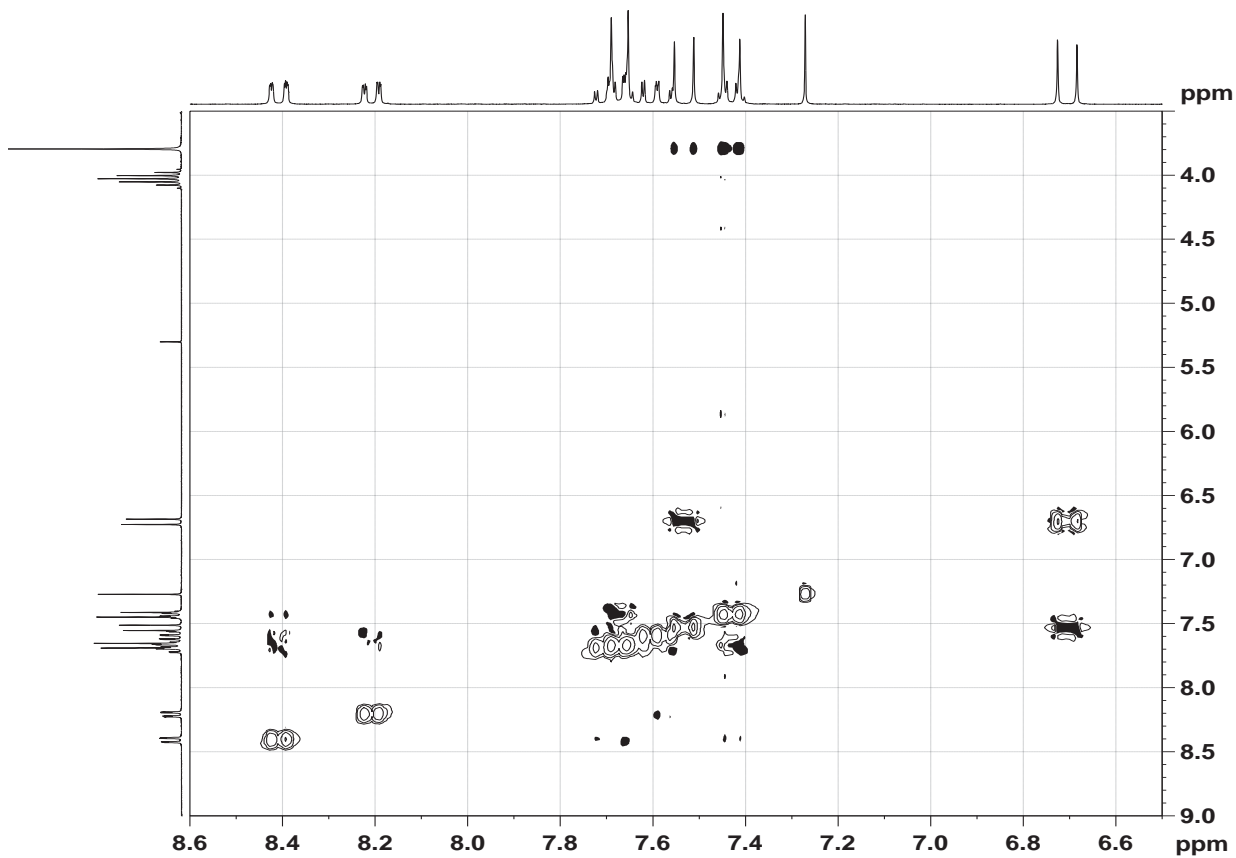


Figure S22. ¹H-¹H NOESY NMR experiment of **7-NMe** (contains i-PrOH).

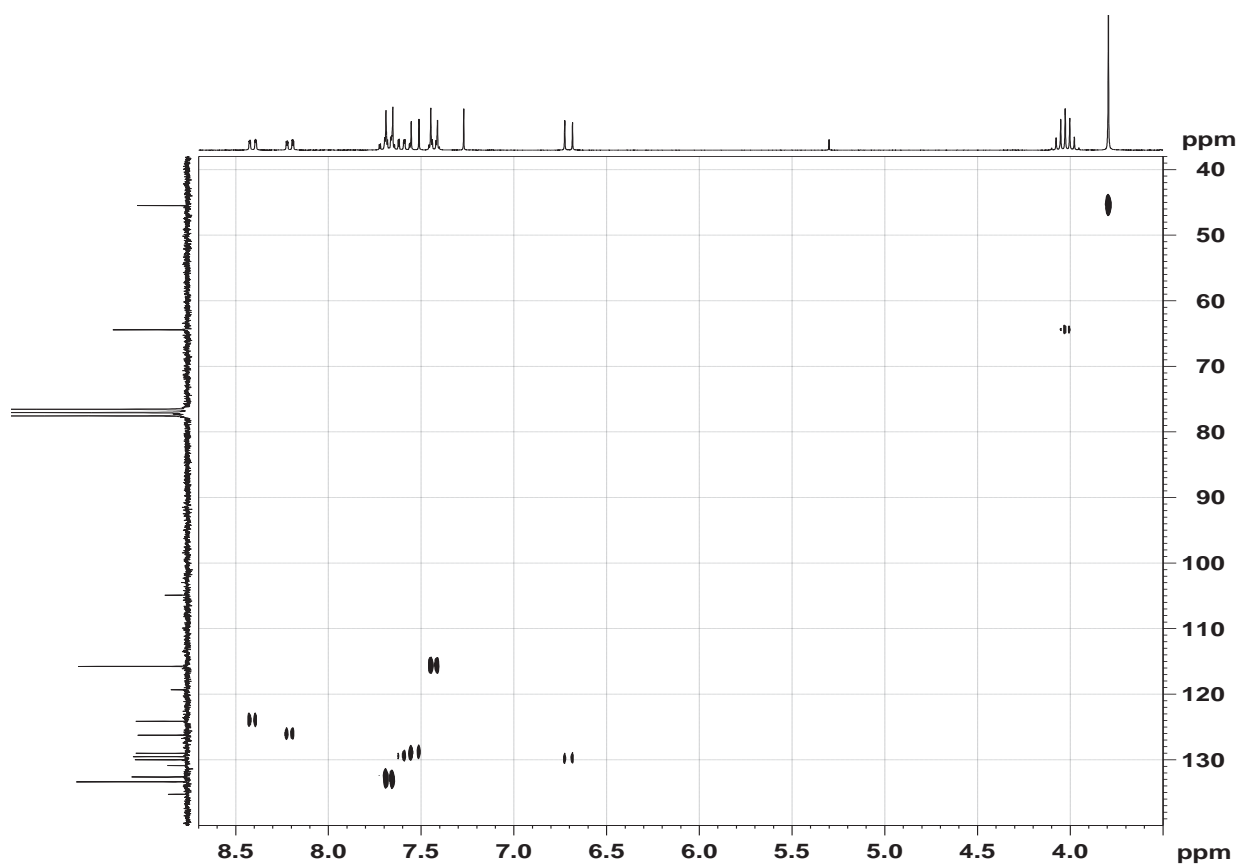


Figure S23. ^1H - ^{13}C HSQC NMR experiment of **7-NMe** (contains *i*-PrOH).

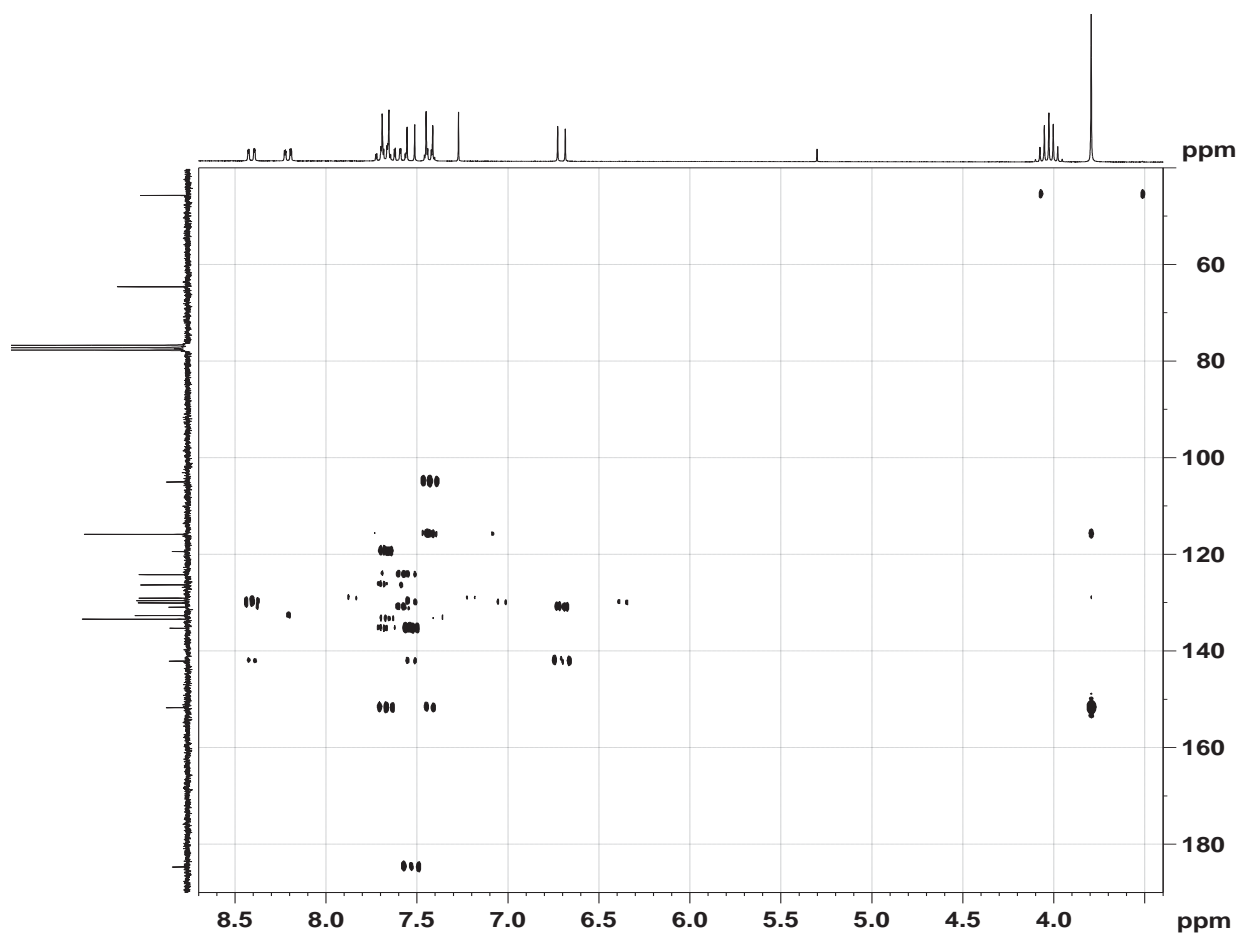


Figure S24. ^1H - ^{13}C HMBC NMR experiment of **7-NMe** (contains *i*-PrOH).

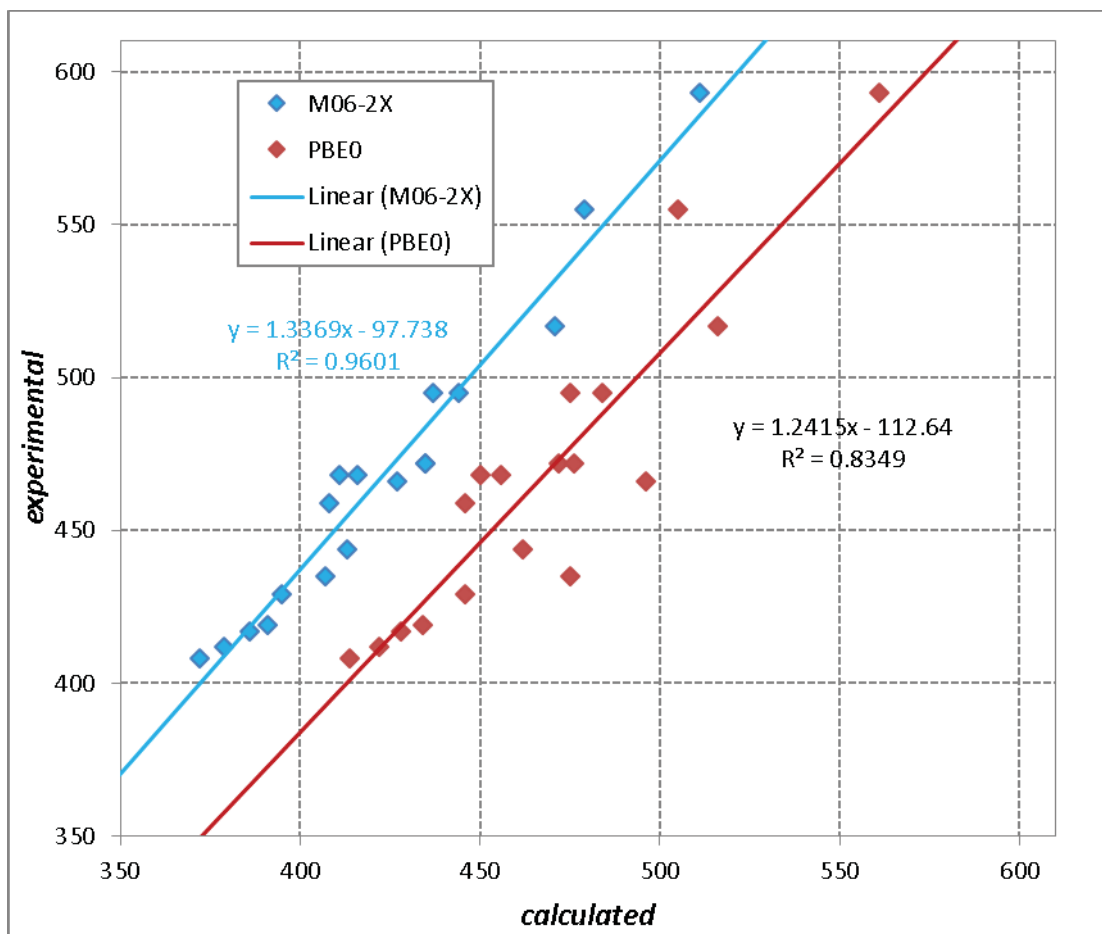


Figure S25. Linearity between experimental and predicted long wavelength absorption maxima in acetonitrile. The values are collected in Tables 1 and S2.

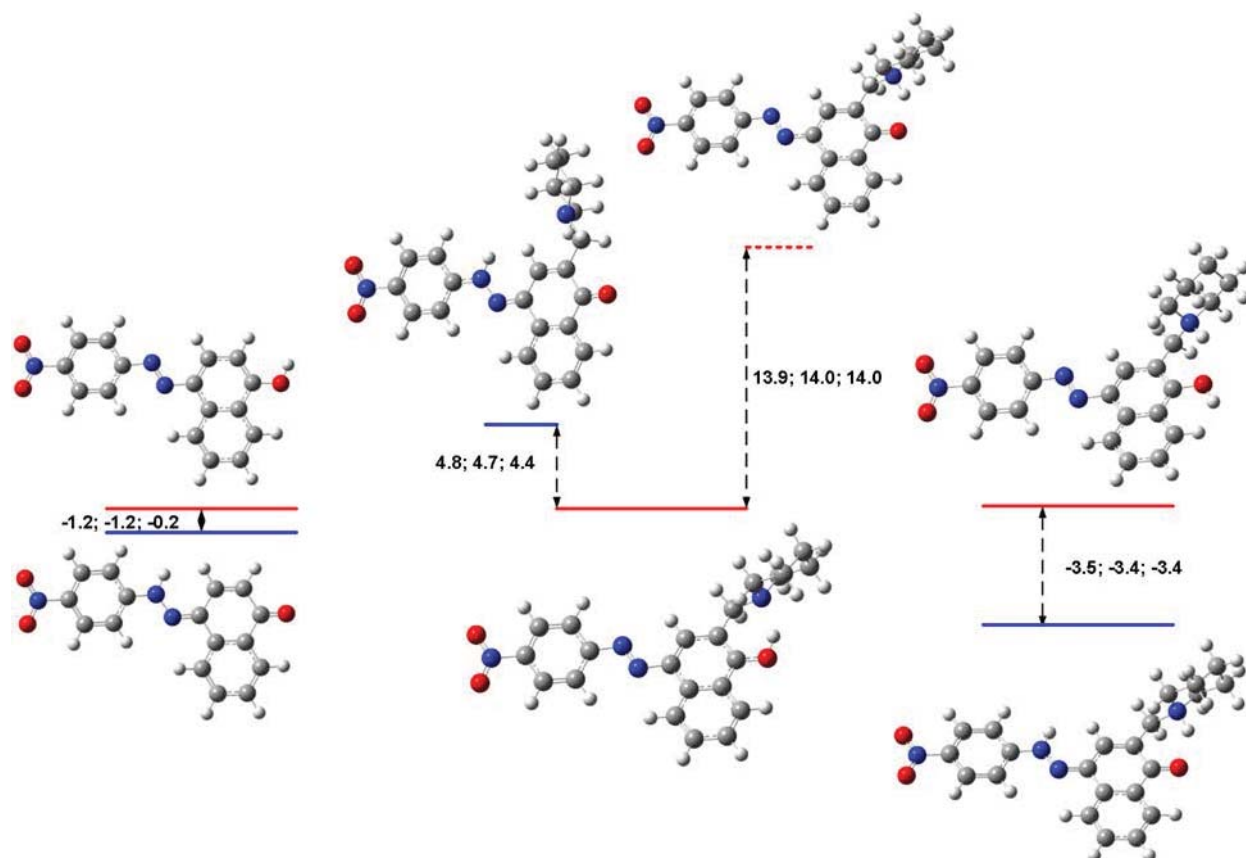


Figure S26: Change of the relative energy (M06-2X/def2-TZVP) of the tautomers in gas phase of the parent compound **8** (left), **4** (center) and **4H⁺** (right). The values of ΔE , $\Delta E+ZPE$ and $\Delta\Delta G$ are given in kcal/mol units.

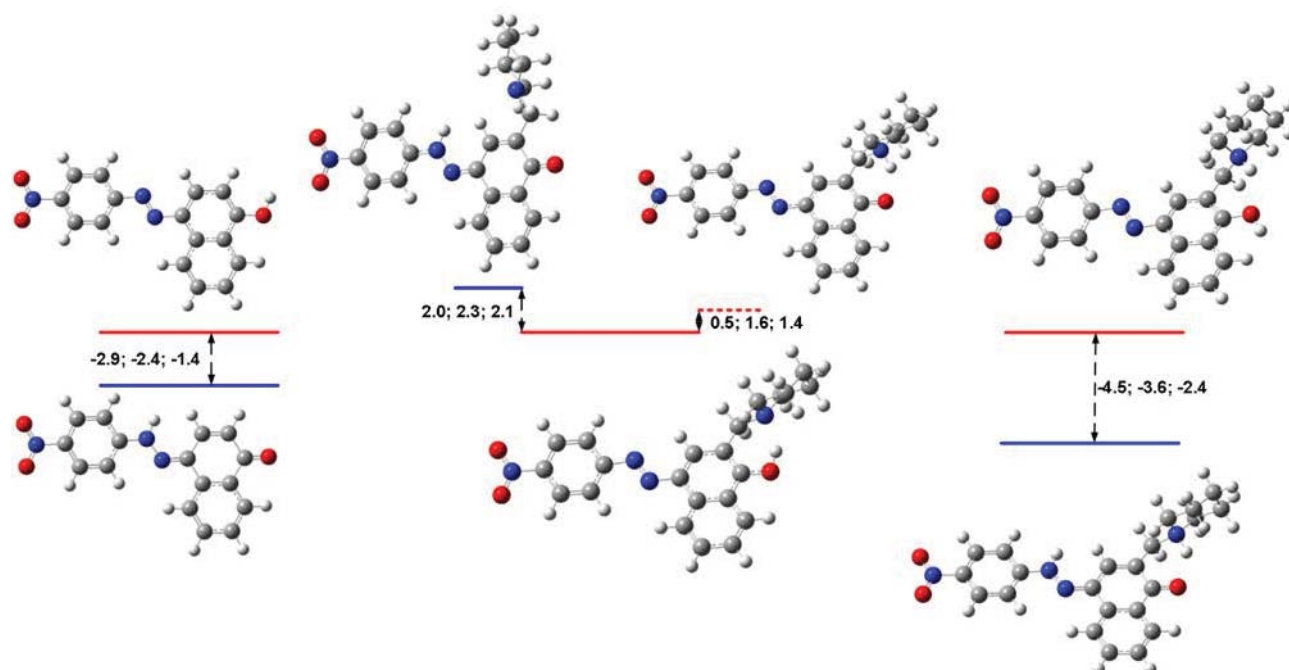


Figure S27: Change of the relative energy (M06-2X/def2-TZVP) of the tautomers in acetonitrile (PCM field) of the parent compound **8** (left), **4** (center) and **4H⁺** (right). The values of ΔE , $\Delta E+ZPE$ and $\Delta\Delta G$ are given in kcal/mol units.

Table S1: Most important crystal data and structure refinement parameters for **2- 4**.

Compound reference	2	3	4
Chemical formula	C ₂₃ H ₂₅ N ₃ O ₂	C ₂₃ H ₂₂ N ₄ O	C ₂₂ H ₂₂ N ₄ O ₃
Formula Mass	375.46	370.45	390.44
Crystal system	Monoclinic	Triclinic	Triclinic
<i>a</i> /Å	34.716(8)	5.1014(8)	5.2175(7)
<i>b</i> /Å	5.994(4)	11.5731(17)	10.7215(16)
<i>c</i> /Å	20.442(6)	16.653(3)	17.295(3)
<i>α</i> /°	90	92.321(12)	82.197(12)
<i>β</i> /°	105.63(2)	93.662(13)	81.572(12)
<i>γ</i> /°	90	101.162(12)	89.056(12)
Unit cell volume/Å ³	4096(3)	961.2(3)	948.1(2)
Temperature/K	290(2)	200(2)	200(2)
Space group	<i>C2/c</i>	<i>P1</i>	<i>P1</i>
No. of formula units per unit cell, <i>Z</i>	8	2	2
Radiation type	MoK α	CuK α	MoK α
Absorption coefficient, μ/mm^{-1}	0.079	0.640	0.093
No. of reflections measured	7696	11643	12143
No. of independent reflections	4030	3169	3343
<i>R</i> _{int}	0.0833	0.0763	0.1473
Final <i>R</i> _{<i>I</i>} values (<i>I</i> > 2 σ (<i>I</i>))	0.0564	0.0439	0.0605
Final <i>wR</i> (<i>F</i> ²) values (<i>I</i> > 2 σ (<i>I</i>))	0.1167	0.1134	0.1530
Final <i>R</i> _{<i>I</i>} values (all data)	0.181	0.0936	0.1476
Final <i>wR</i> (<i>F</i> ²) values (all data)	0.1614	0.1360	0.1832
Goodness of fit on <i>F</i> ²	0.945	0.978	0.842

Table S2. Observed and calculated (PBE0/6-31G**) absorption maxima of compounds **1-8** in acetonitrile.

Structure	λ_{\max} [nm]		
	observed	calculated	predicted*
1E	417	428	419
1K		452	
1EH⁺		403	
1KH⁺	495	475	477
1ZW		462	
5E	408	414	401
5K	468	450	446
2E	419	434	426
2K		484	
2EH⁺		417	
2KH⁺	517	516	528
2ZW		464	
6E	412	422	411
6K	495	484	488
3E	444	462	561
3K		449	
3EH⁺		430	
3KH⁺	472	472	473
3ZW	555	505	514
7E	429	446	441
7K	459	446	441
4E	466	496	503
4K		460	
4EH⁺		450	
4KH⁺	472	476	478
4ZW	593	561	584
8E	435	475	477
8K	468	456	453

* Predicted using the linear regression between observed and calculated values given in Figure S25.