

Supplementary Information

***In silico* and Experimental Assessments Applied to Preliminary Identification of New Illicit Substances Structures**

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Figure S1 was obtained with Avogadro software¹ and corresponds to the optimization geometry structure of the ten samples.

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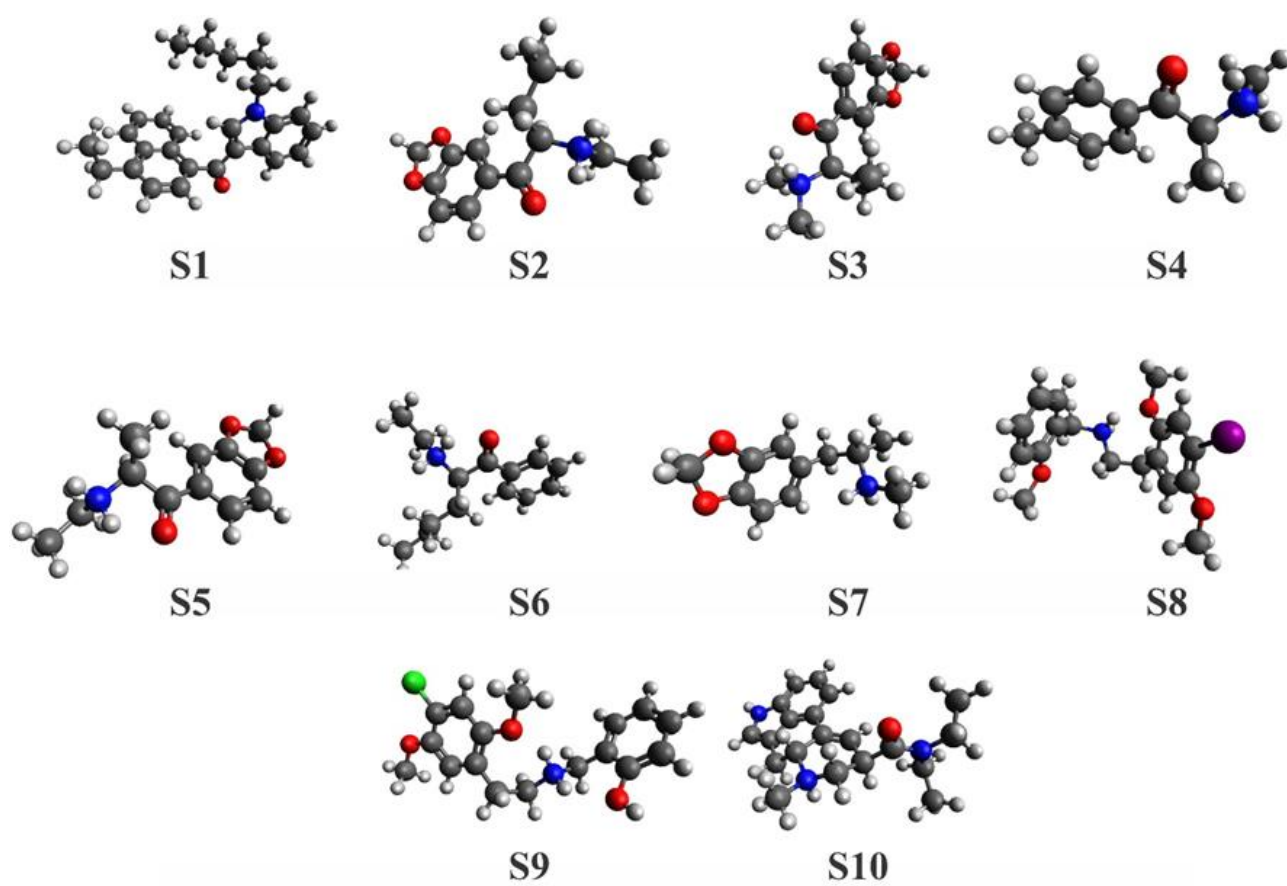


Figure S1. Sample structure with optimized geometries.

FTIR spectrum: spectra obtained from available forensic libraries such as SWGDRUG² and Europe Response infrared library³

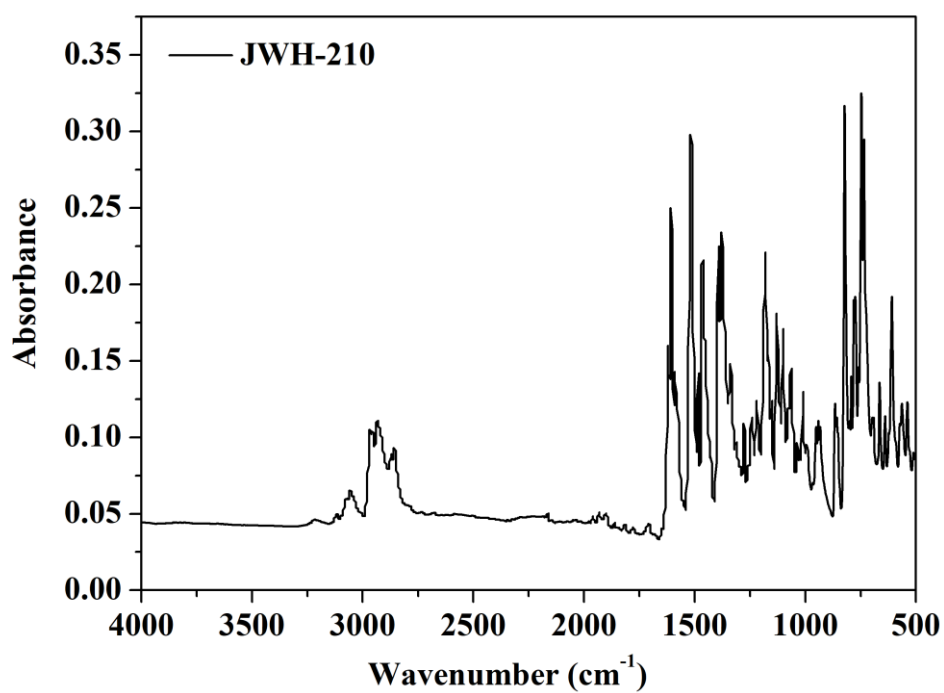


Figure S2. FTIR spectrum of compound JWH-210.

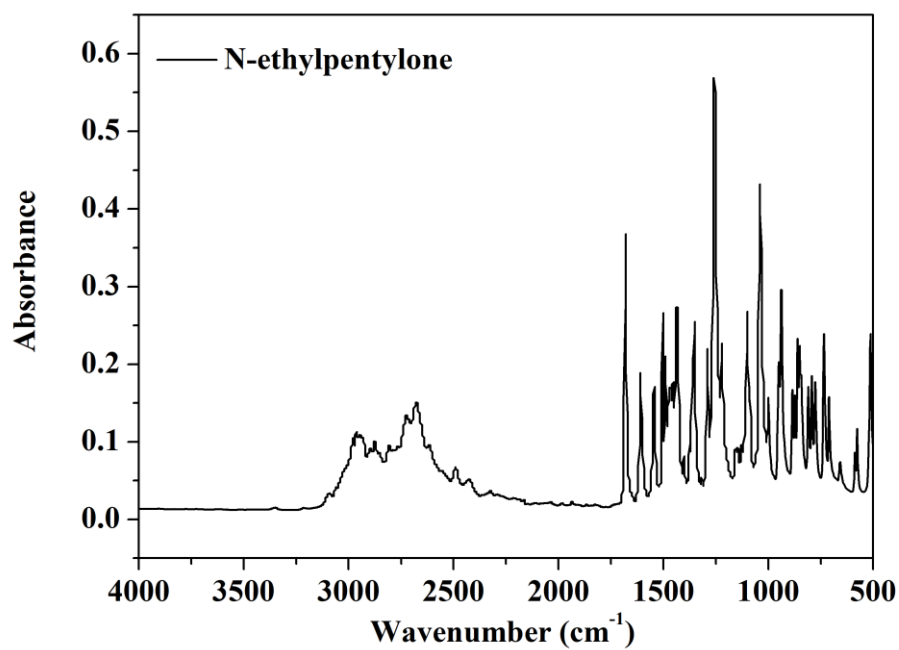


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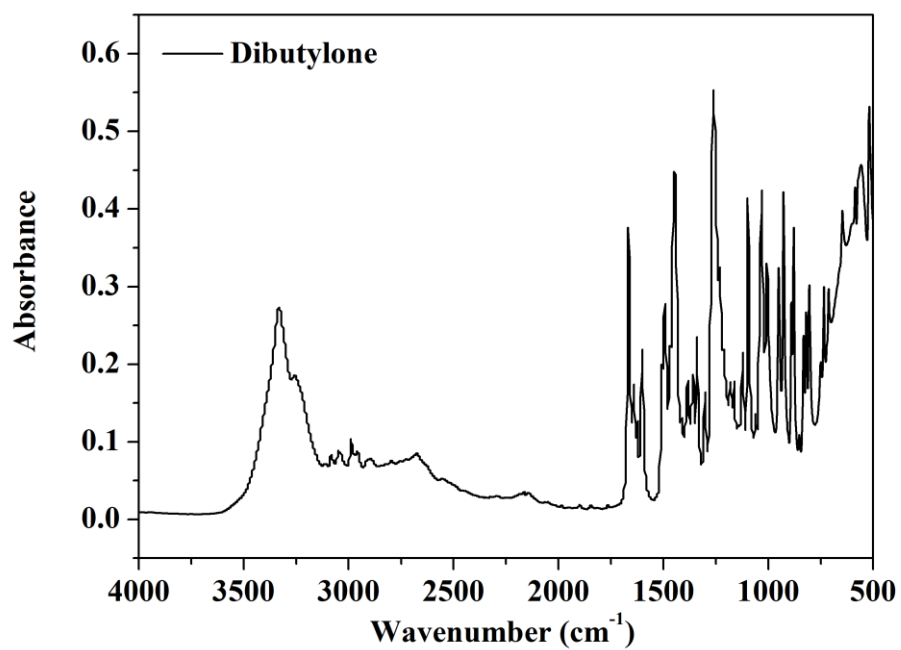


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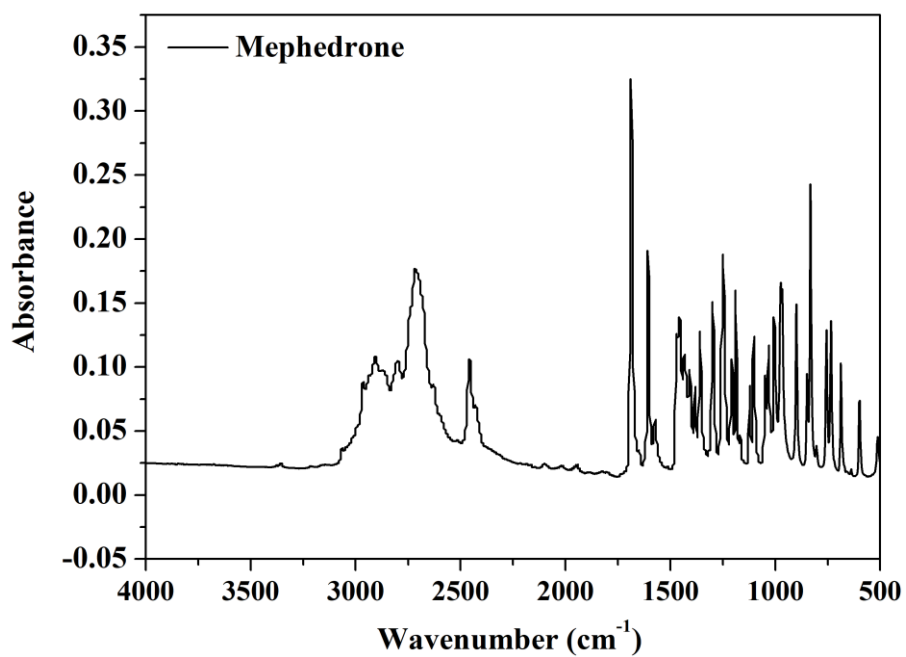


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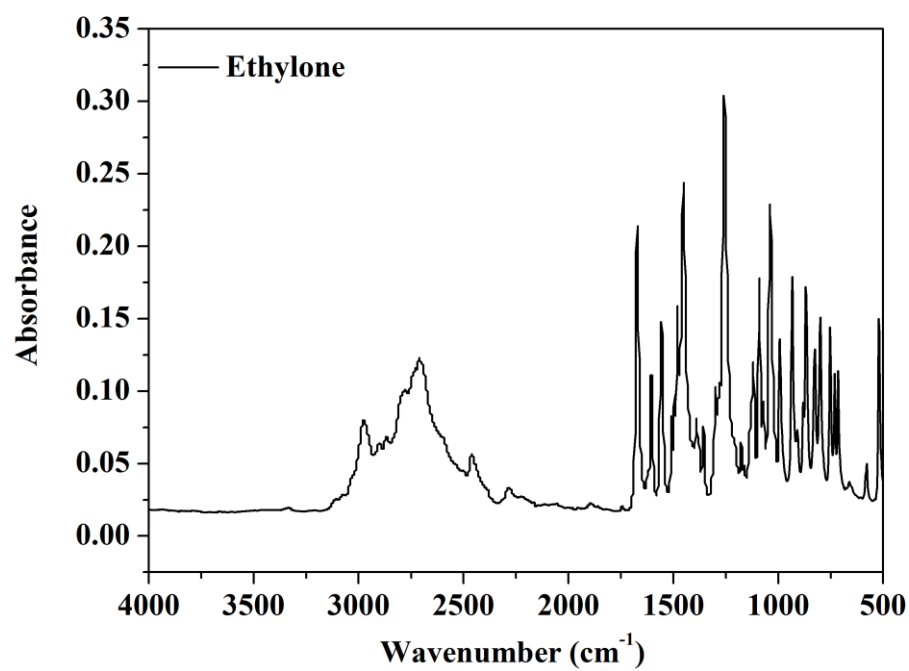


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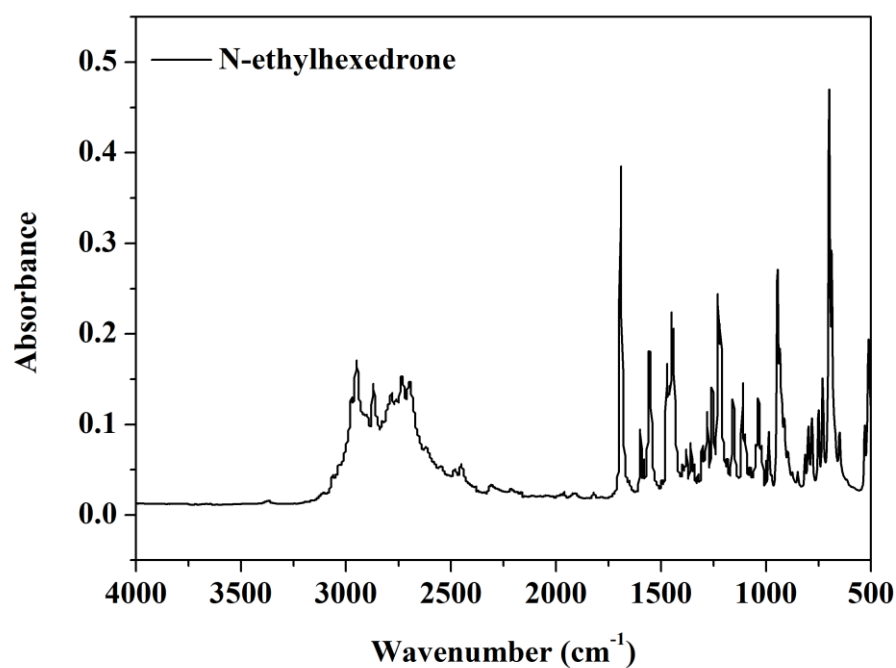


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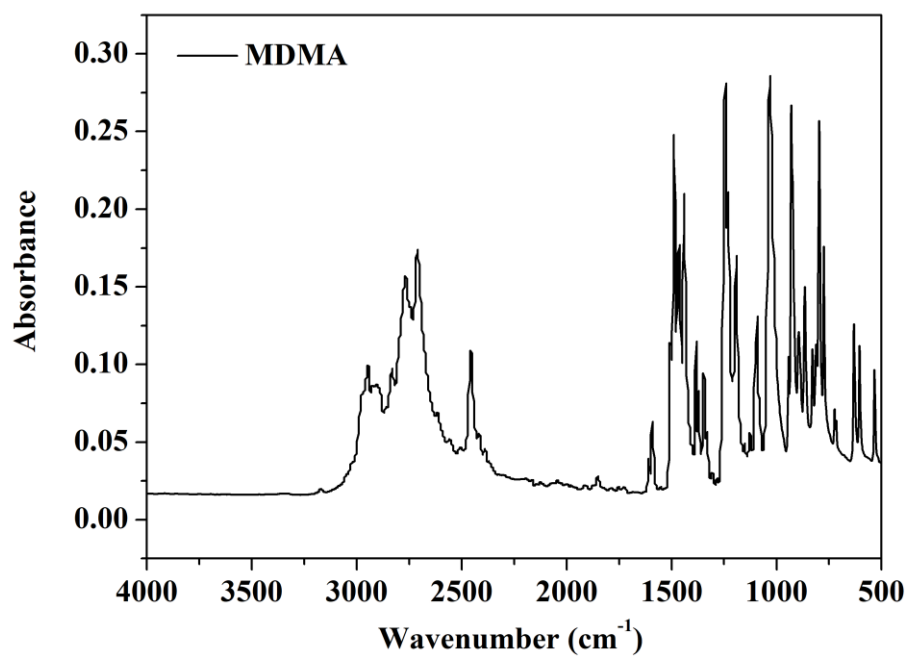


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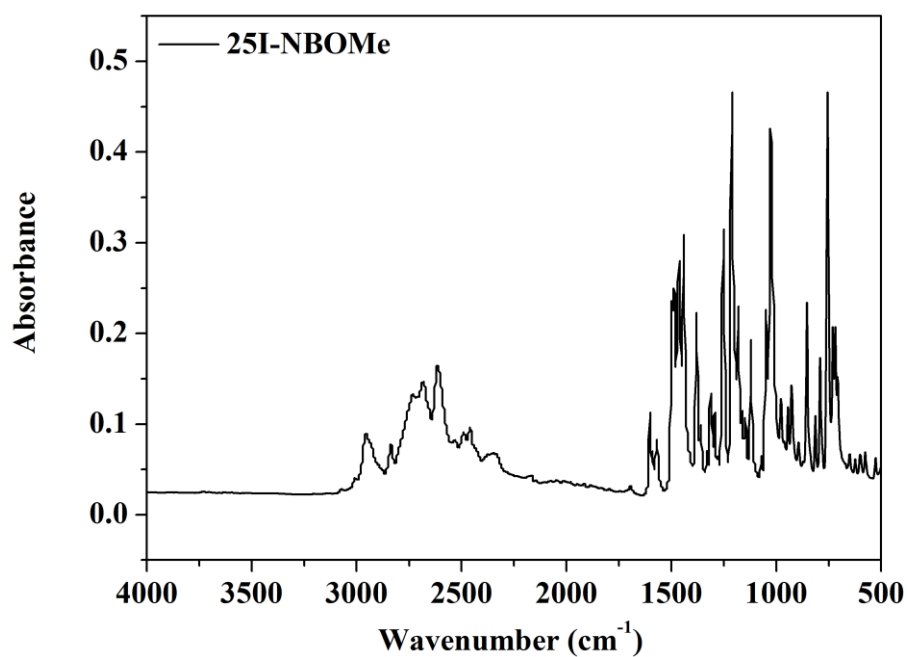


Figure S9. FTIR spectrum of compound 25I-NBOMe.

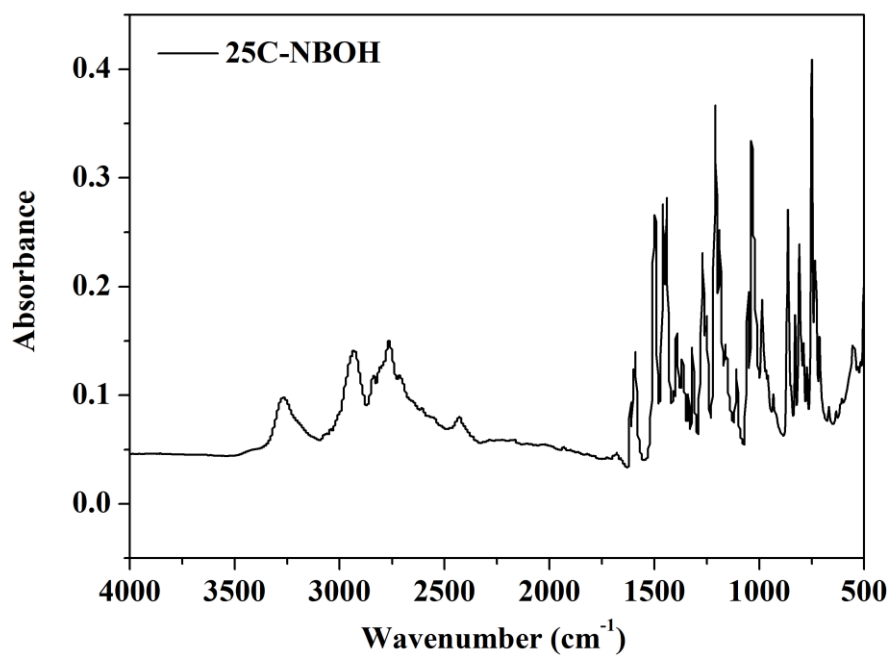


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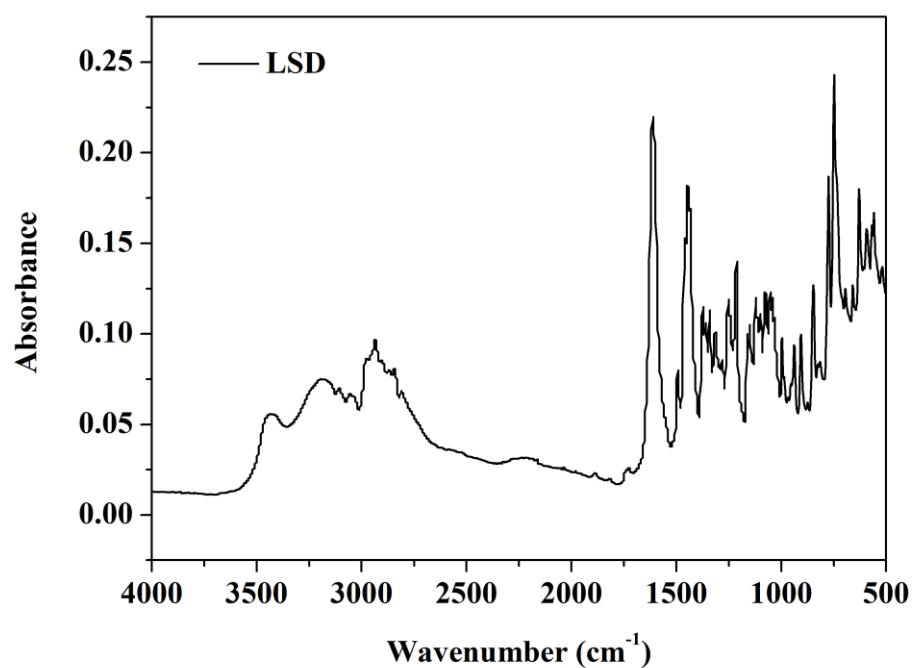


Figure S11. FTIR spectrum of compound LSD.

FTIR spectrum: spectra obtained from seized samples

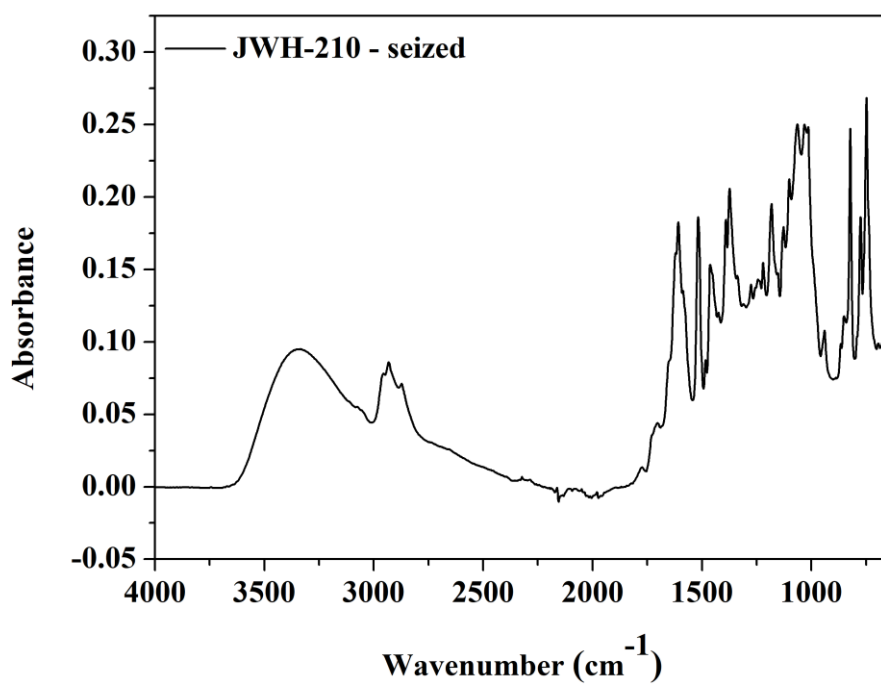


Figure S12. FTIR spectrum of sample S1.

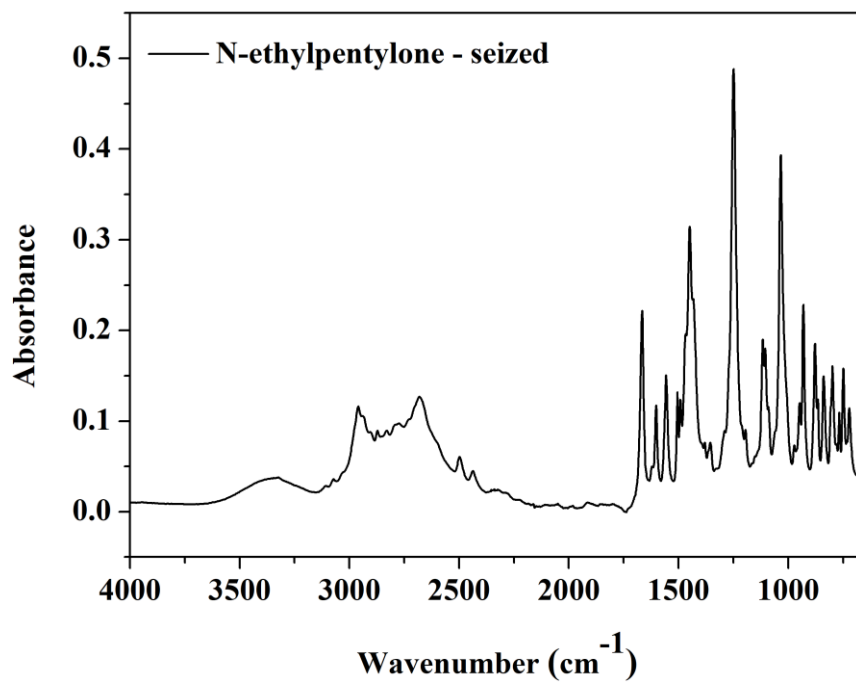


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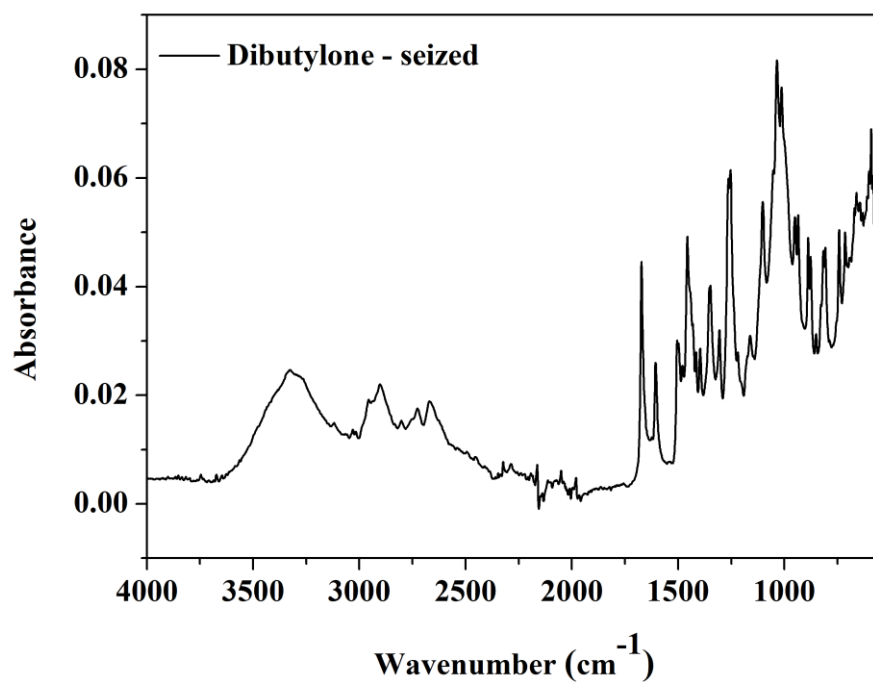


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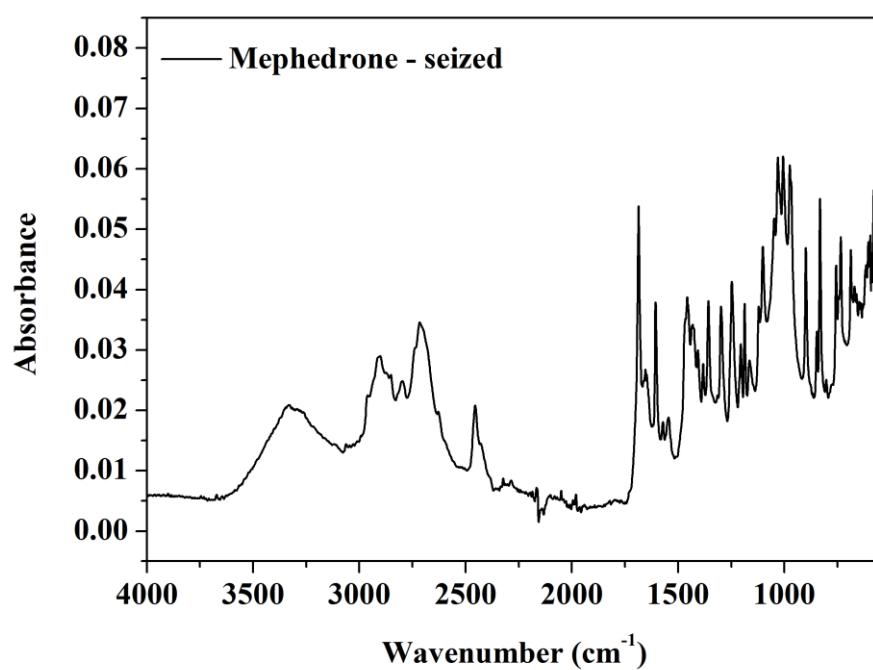


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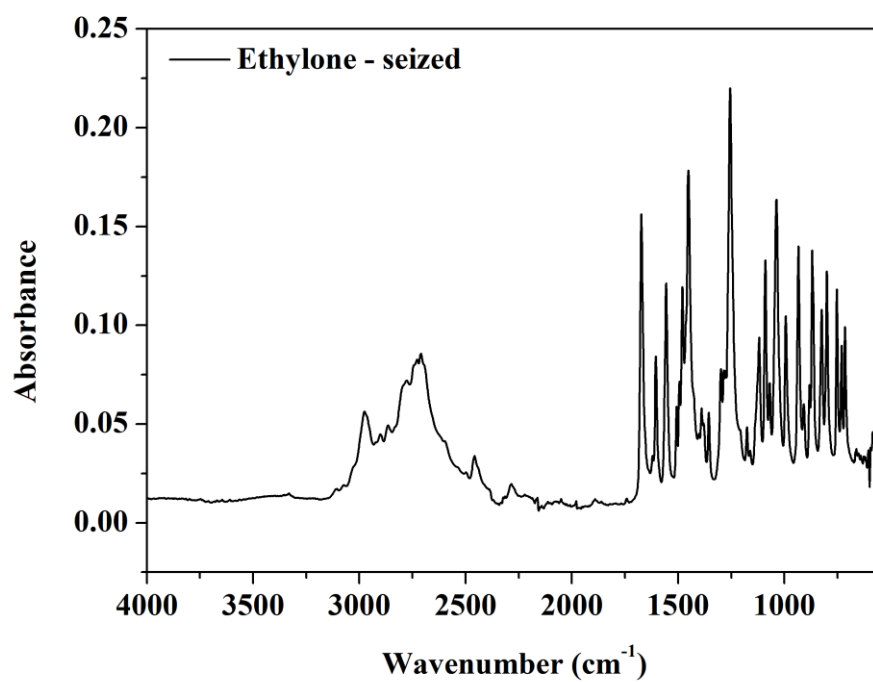


Figure S16. FTIR spectrum of sample S5.

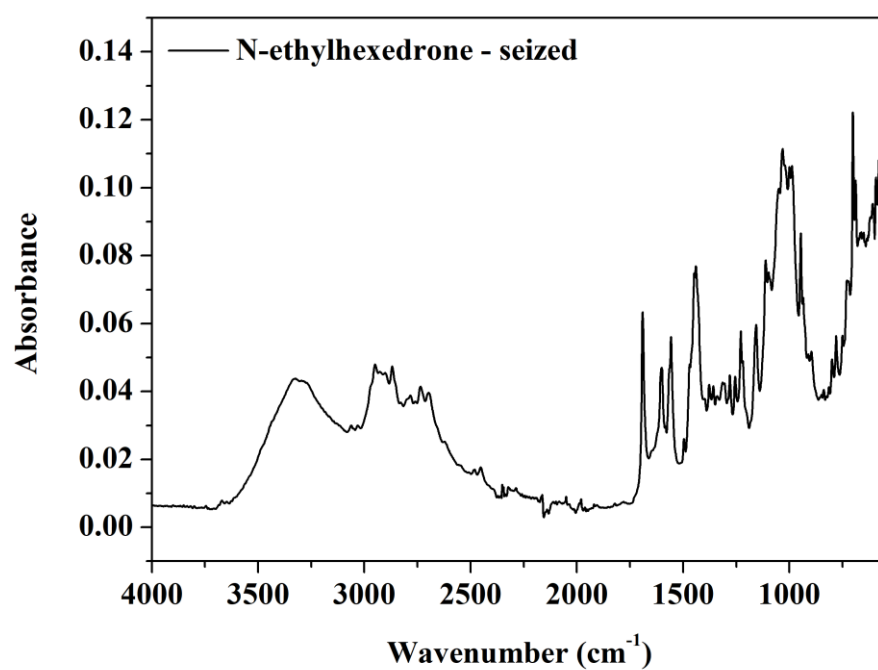


Figure S17. FTIR spectrum of sample S6.

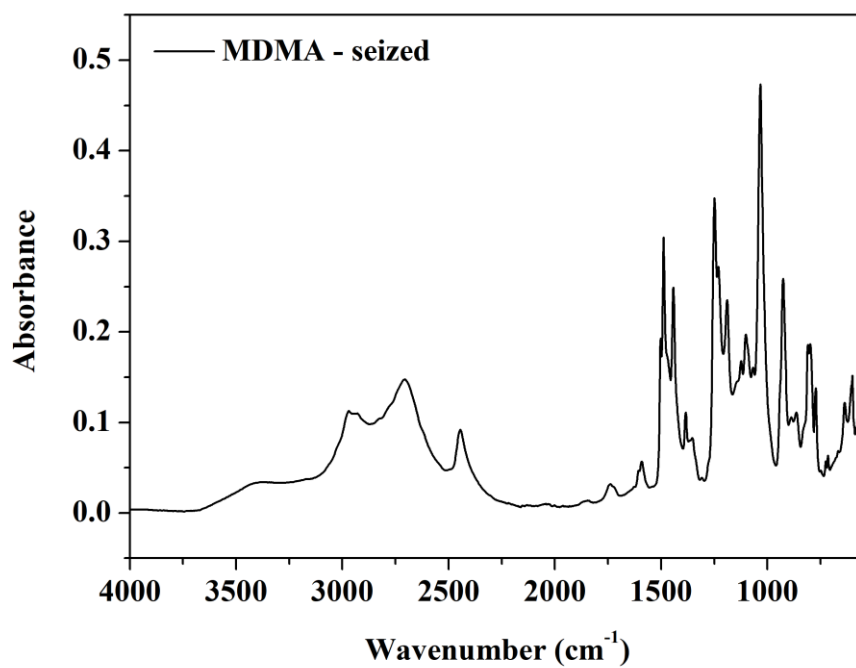


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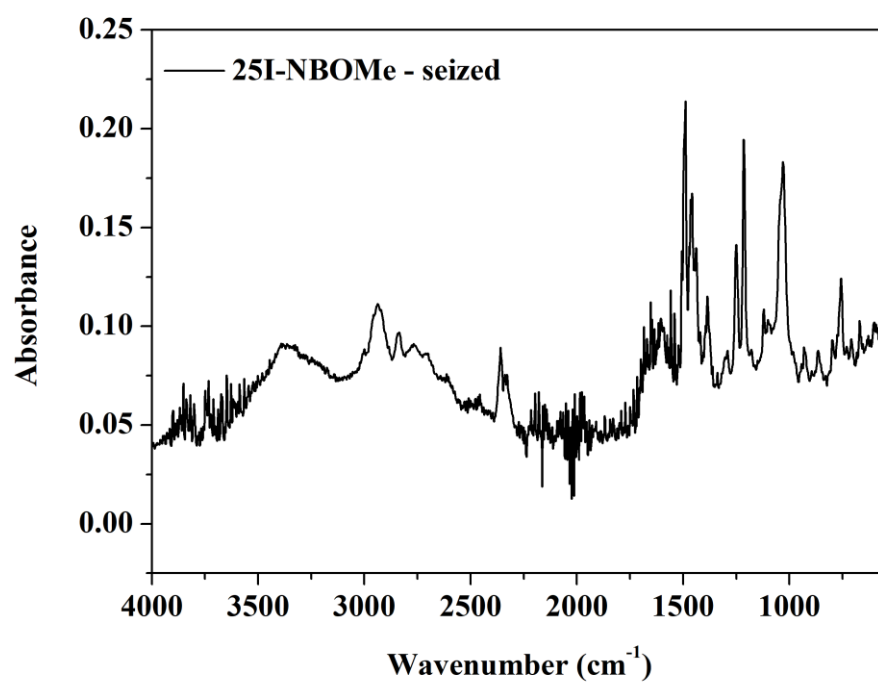


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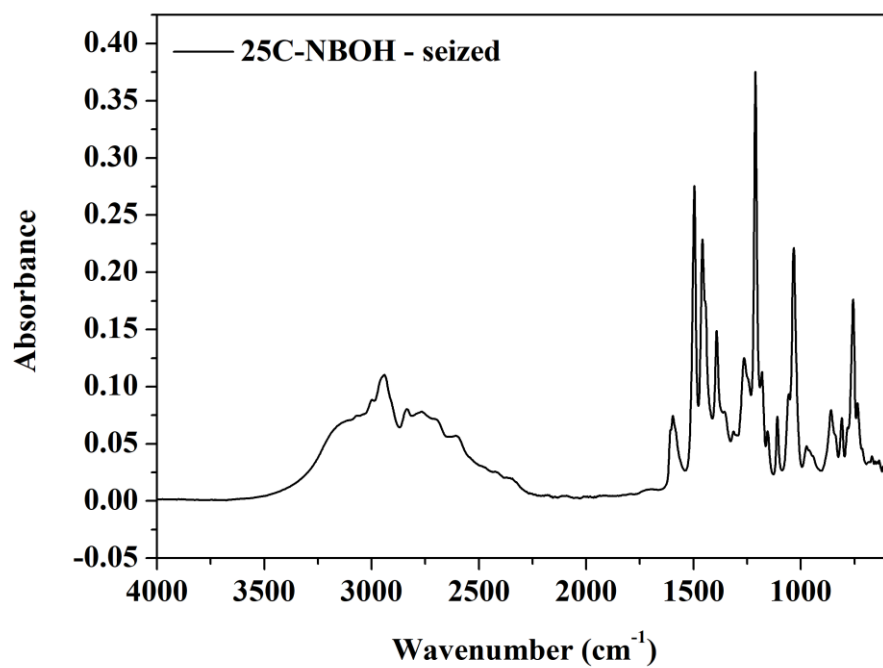


Figure S20. FTIR spectrum of sample S9.

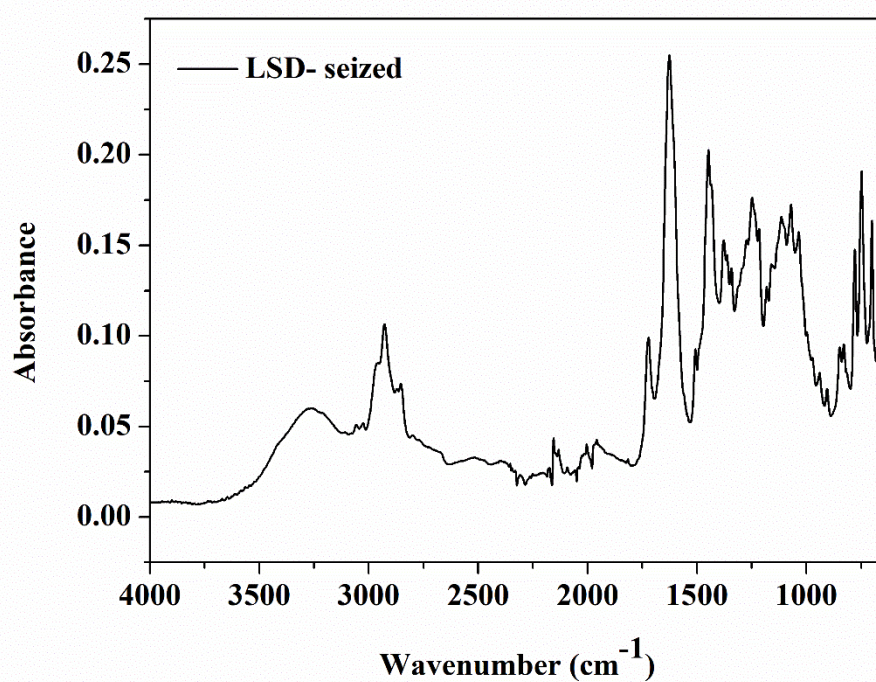


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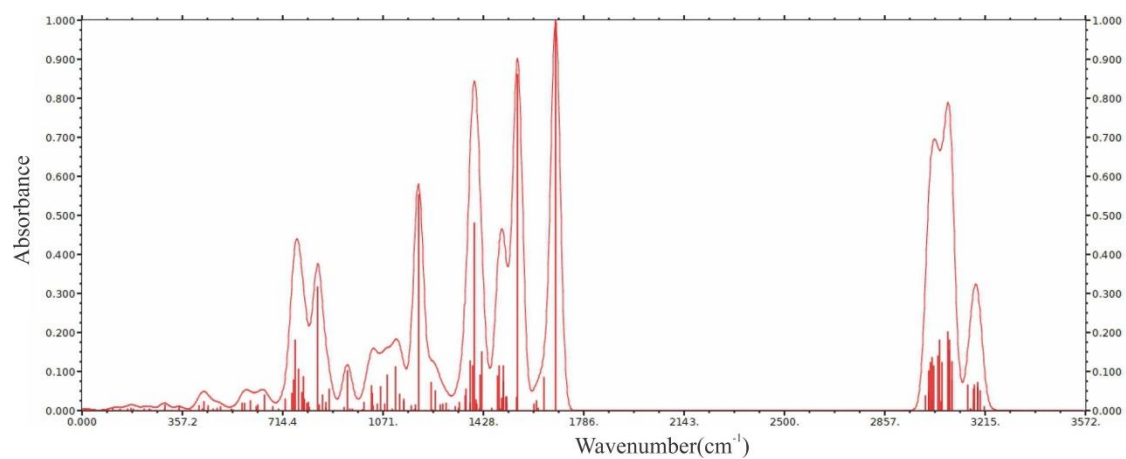


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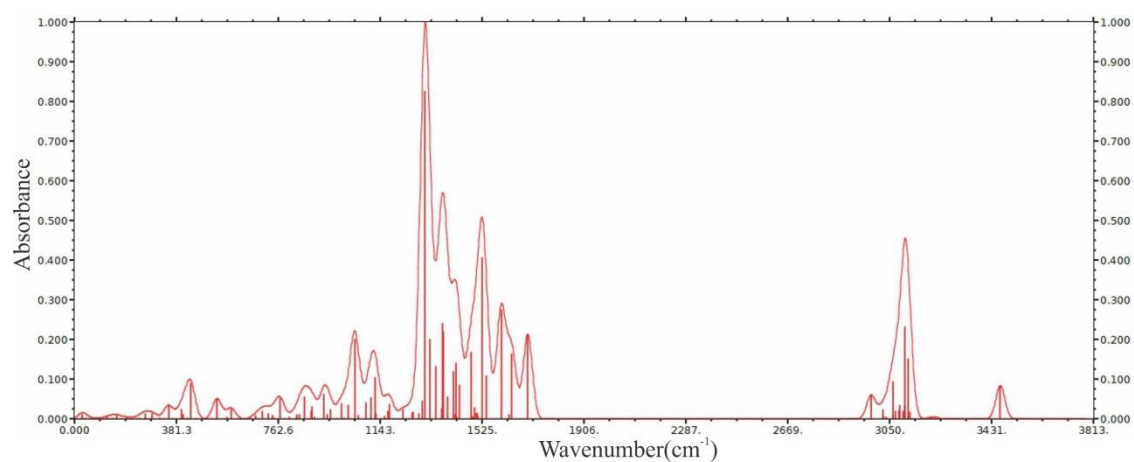


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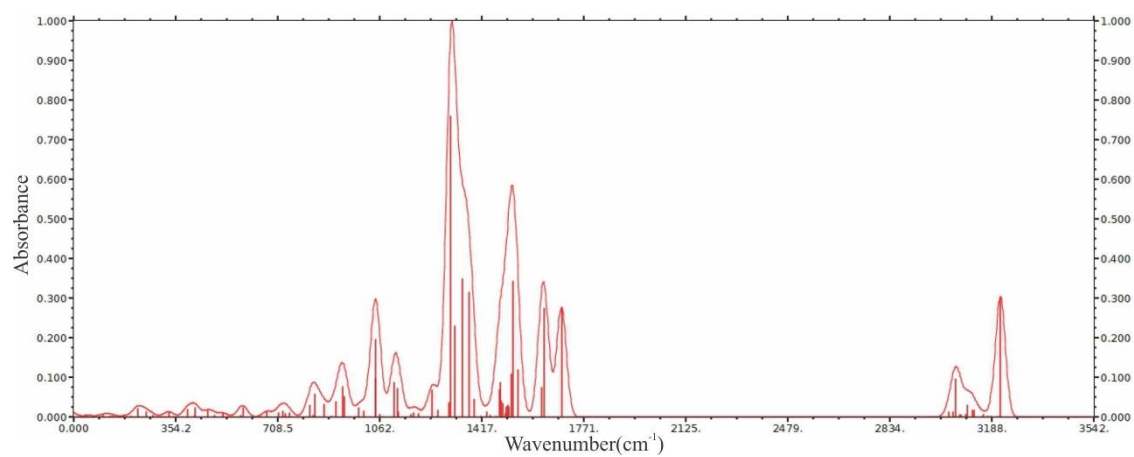


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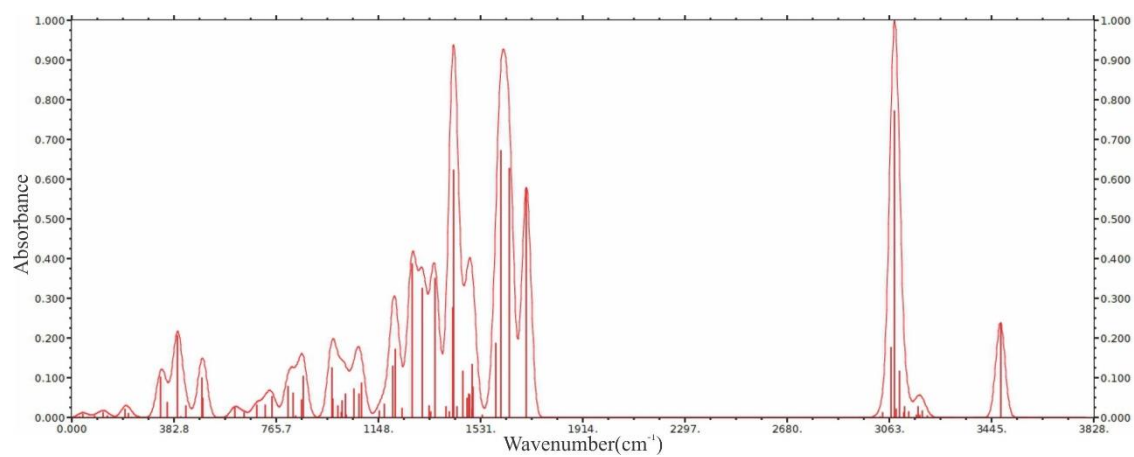


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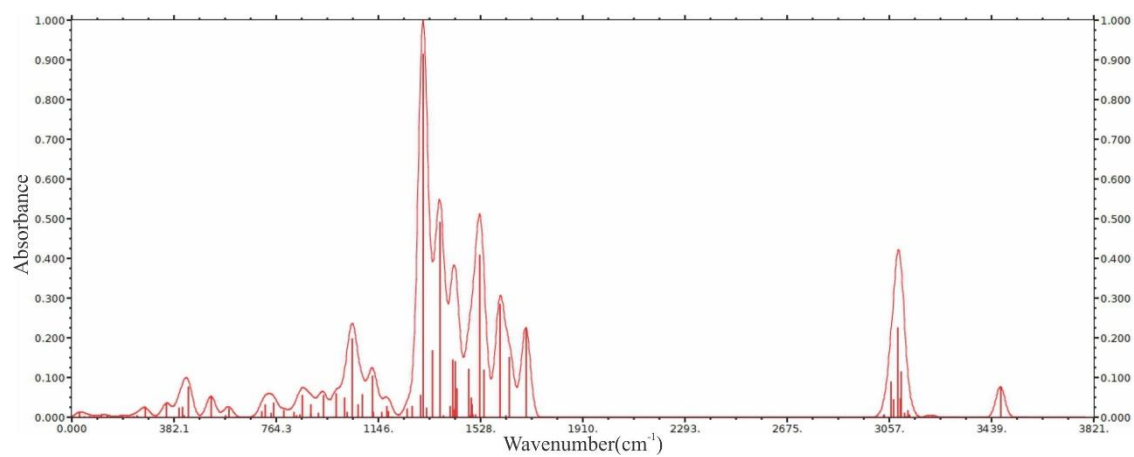


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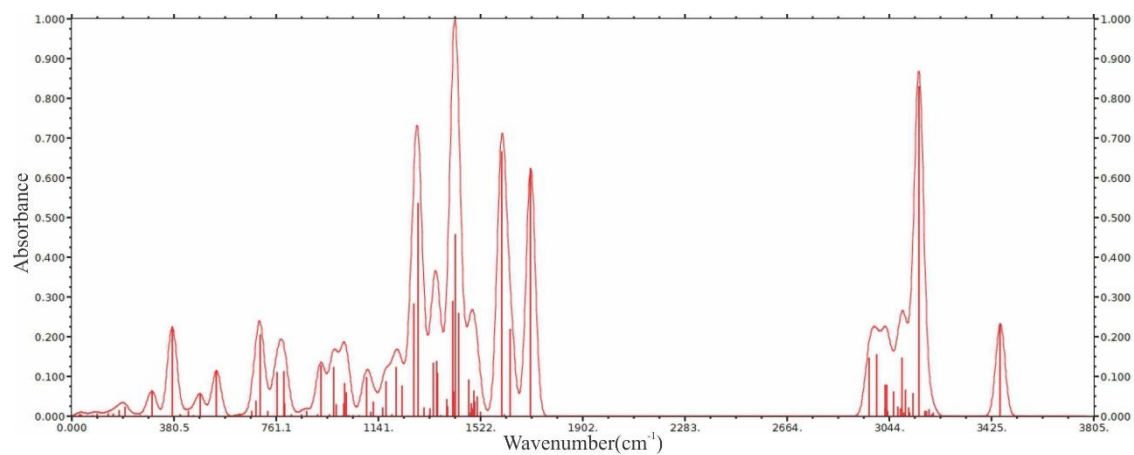


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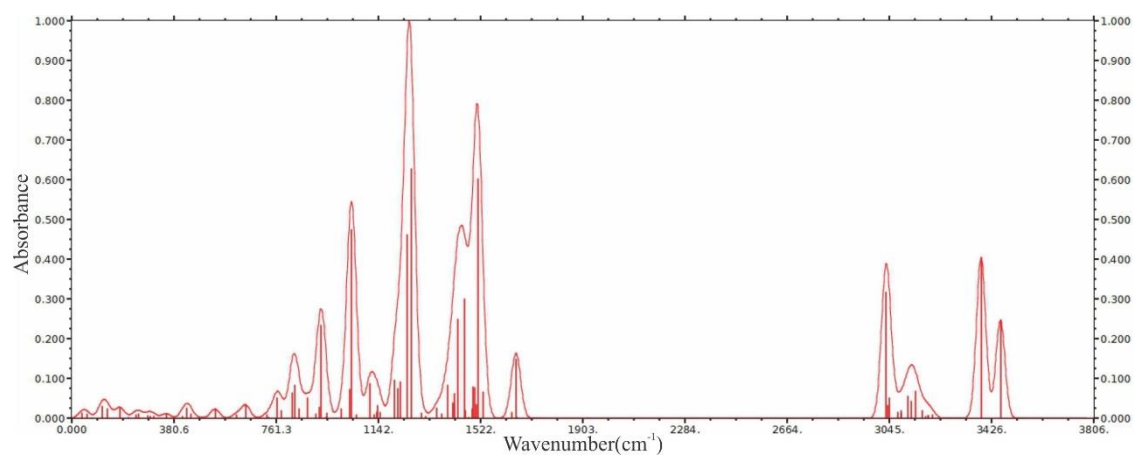


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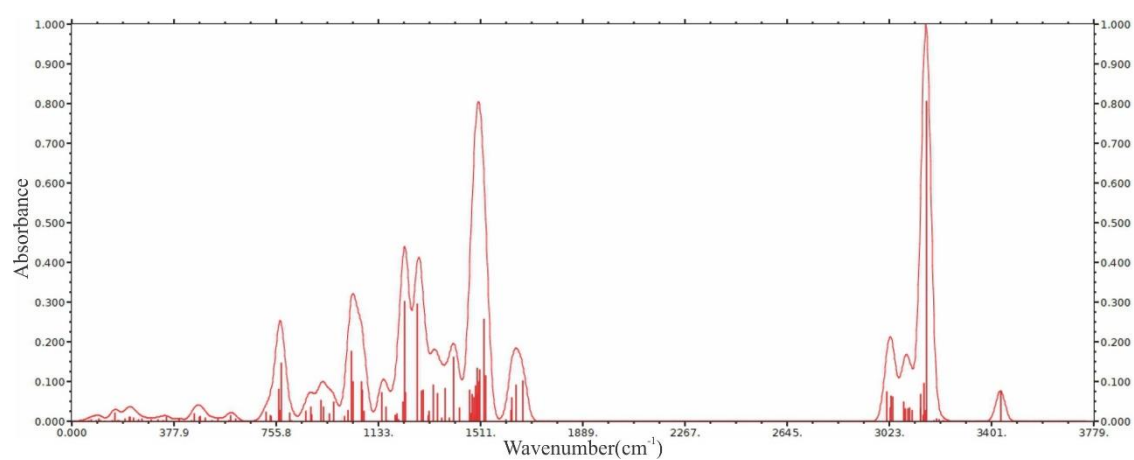


Figure S29. IR simulated of sample S8.

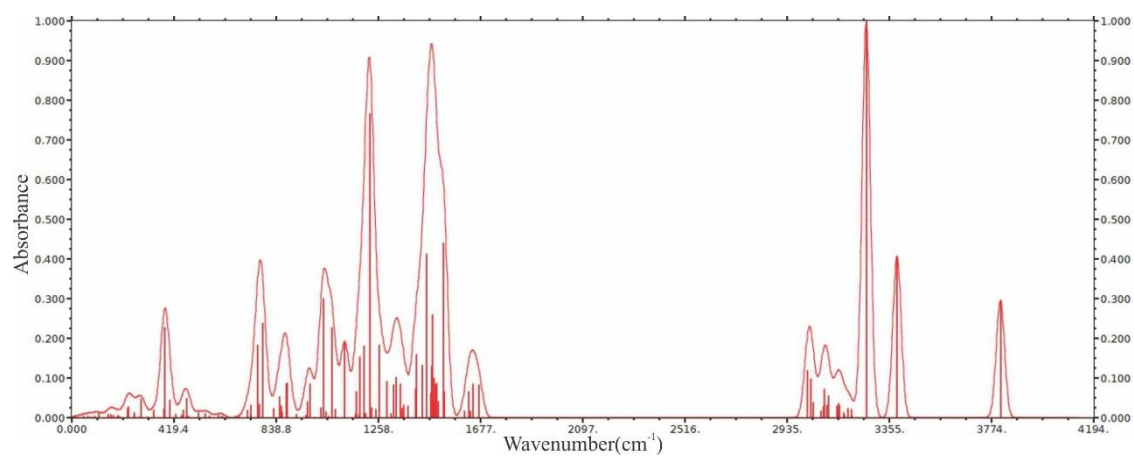


Figure S30. IR simulated of sample S9.

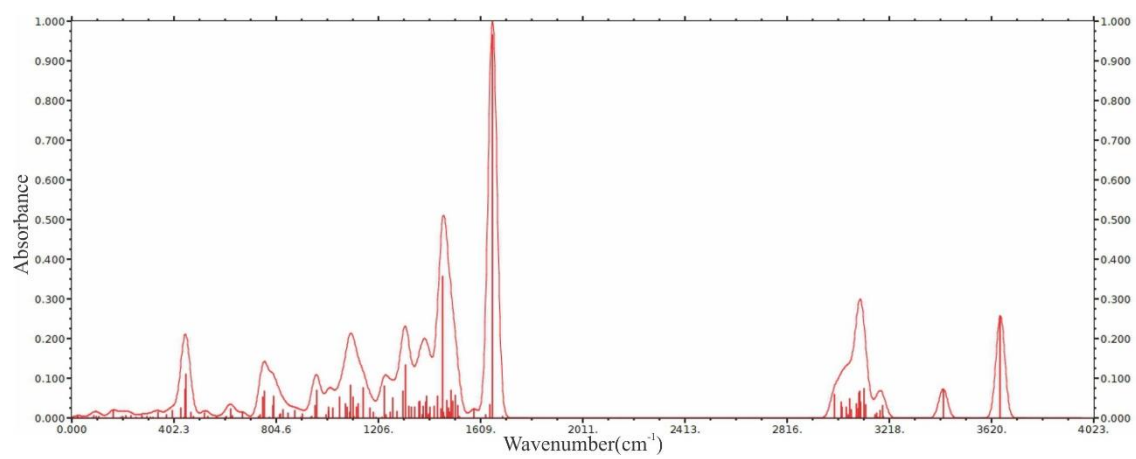


Figure S31. IR simulated of sample S10.

Table S1. Assignment and comparison of the LTD, ED and TD IR of S1

LTD / cm ⁻¹	TD / cm ⁻¹	ED / cm ⁻¹	Assignment
1607	1687; 1644	1609	ν C=C (aromatic) ν C=C (alkene)
1515	1552	1516	ν C=O
1468	1487	1465	ν C=C (aromatic) δ_s CH ₂
1484	1503	1481	ν C=C (aromatic)
1391	1425	1390	δ_s CH ₃
1379	1399	1374	ν C–N
1339	1363	–	ω CH ₂
1187	1197	1184	τ CH ₂
941	949	939	ω C–H (alkene)
822	837	822	C–H out-of-plane angular deformation (tetra-substituted aromatic)
774	790	775	C–H out-of-plane angular deformation (trisubstituted alkene)
746	762	748	C–H out-of-plane angular deformation (<i>ortho</i> -disubstituted aromatic)
734	670	654	ρ CH ₂

LTD: literature data; TD: theoretical data; ED: experimental data; ν : axial deformation; δ_s : in-plane symmetric angular deformation; ω : out-of-plane symmetric angular deformation; τ : asymmetrical out-of-plane angular deformation; ρ : angular deformation asymmetric in the plane.

Table S2. Assignment and comparison of the LTD, ED and TD IR of S2

LTD / cm ⁻¹	TD / cm ⁻¹	ED / cm ⁻¹	Assignment
1680	1695	1665	ν C=O
1609	1599	1604	ν C=C (aromatic)
1546	1521	1562	ν C=C (aromatic)
1503	1482	1505	ν C=C (aromatic)
1437	1414	1454	δ_s CH ₂
1355	1380	1350	δ_s CH ₃
1258	1309	1250	ν_{as} O–C–O
1100	1124	1112	ν C–N
1035	1050	1033	ν_s O–C–O
937	997	934	ν_{as} O–C–O
884	934	878	C–H out-of-plane angular deformation (tri-substituted aromatic)
859	852	836	C–H out-of-plane angular deformation (tri-substituted aromatic)
812	769	799	ω N–H

LTD: literature data; TD: theoretical data; ED: experimental data; ν : axial strain; δ_s : symmetrical angular strain in the plane; ω : symmetrical angular strain out of the plane; τ : asymmetrical angular strain out of the plane; ν_{as} : axial strain asymmetrical; ν_s : symmetrical axial strain.

Table S3. Assignment and comparison of the LTD, ED and TD IR of S3

LTD / cm^{-1}	TD / cm^{-1}	ED / cm^{-1}	Assignment
1668	1631	1668	ν C=O
1600	1534	1607	ν C=C
1492	1473	1501	ν C=C (aromatic)
			δ_s CH ₂
1450	–	1457	δ_{as} CH ₃
1384	1356	1395	δ_s CH ₃
1355	–	1351	ω CH ₂
1258	1309	1258	ν_{as} O–C–O
1185	1240	1161	τ CH ₂
1098	1118	1124	ν C–N
1031	1045	1046	ν_s O–C–O
1002	936	940	ν_{as} O–C–O
890	867	886	C–H, out-of-plane angular deformation (tri-substituted aromatic)
877	831	872	C–H, out-of-plane angular deformation (tri-substituted aromatic)

LTD: literature data; TD: theoretical data; ED: experimental data; ν : axial deformation; δ_s : symmetrical angular deformation in the plane; δ_{as} : asymmetrical angular deformation; ω : symmetrical angular deformation out of the plane; τ : asymmetrical angular deformation out of the plane; ν_{as} : asymmetrical axial strain; ν_s : symmetrical axial strain.

Table S4. Assignment and comparison of the LTD, ED and TD IR of S4

LTD / cm ⁻¹	TD / cm ⁻¹	ED / cm ⁻¹	Assignment
1690	1640	1687	ν C=O
1605	1609	1611	ν C=C
1570	1497	1547	ν C=C
1457	1470	1461	C=C (aromatic)
			δ_s CH ₂
–	1432	1429	δ_{as} CH ₃
1379	1362	1361	δ_s CH ₃
1356	1293	1297	ω CH ₂
1196	1211	1189	τ CH ₂
1095	1094	1103	ν C–N
831	815	830	C–H, out-of-plane angular deformation (para-disubstituted aromatic)

LTD: literature data; TD: theoretical data; ED: experimental data; ν : axial deformation; δ_s : symmetrical angular deformation in the plane; δ_{as} : asymmetrical angular deformation; ω : symmetrical angular deformation out of the plane; τ : asymmetrical angular deformation out of the plane; ν_{as} : asymmetrical axial strain; ν_s : symmetrical axial strain.

Table S5. Assignment and comparison of the LTD, ED and TD IR of S5

LTD / cm^{-1}	TD / cm^{-1}	ED / cm^{-1}	Assignment
1674	1699	1673	ν C=O
1605	1601	1607	ν C=C
1557	1530	1560	ν C=C
1452	1483	1451	C=C
			δ_{as} CH ₃
1382	1379	1386	δ_s CH ₃
1356	—	1356	ω CH ₂
1173	1178	1174	τ CH ₂
1091	1122	1092	ν C–N
1258	1312	1259	ν_{as} O–C–O
1037	1045	1040	ν_s O–C–O
993	994	992	ν_{as} O–C–O
867	860	861	C–H, out-of-plane angular deformation (tri-substituted aromatic)
800	761	796	C–H, out-of-plane angular deformation (tri-substituted aromatic)

LTD: literature data; TD: theoretical data; ED: experimental data; ν : axial deformation; δ_s : symmetrical angular deformation in the plane; δ_{as} : asymmetrical angular deformation; ω : symmetrical angular deformation out of the plane; τ : asymmetrical angular deformation out of the plane; ν_{as} : asymmetrical axial strain; ν_s : symmetrical axial strain.

Table S6. Assignment and comparison of the LTD, ED and TD IR of S6

LTD / cm^{-1}	TD / cm^{-1}	ED / cm^{-1}	Assignment
1690	1705	1690	ν C=O
1601	1604	1601	ν C=C
1554	—	1556	ν C=C
1445	1430	1444	C=C
			δ_{as} CH ₃
1381	1397	1375	δ_s CH ₃
1355	1354	1360	ω CH ₂
1228	1211	1228	τ CH ₂
1157	1165	1159	ν C–N
699	697	699	C=C out-of-plane angular deformation, out-of-plane ring bending

LTD: literature data; TD: theoretical data; ED: experimental data; ν : axial deformation; δ_s : in-plane symmetric angular deformation; δ_{as} : asymmetric angular deformation; ω : out-of-plane symmetric angular deformation; τ : out-of-plane asymmetric angular deformation; ν_{as} : asymmetrical axial strain; ν_s : symmetrical axial strain.

Table S7. Assignment and comparison of the LTD, ED and TD IR of S7

LTD / cm ⁻¹	TD / cm ⁻¹	ED / cm ⁻¹	Assignment
1602	1656	1601	ν C=C
–	1516	–	ν C=C
1491	1495	1488	ν C=C
1463	1465	–	δ_s CH ₂
1441	–	1439	δ_{as} CH ₃
1384	1399	1379	δ_s CH ₃
1346	1353	–	ω CH ₂
1189	1203	1189	τ CH ₂
795	761	773	ω N–H
1243	1263	1248	ν_{as} O–C–O
1028	1045	1039	ν_s O–C–O
927	933	927	ν_{as} O–C–O
1095	1107	1099	ν C–N
892	879	862	C–H out of plane (trisubstituted aromatic)
865	830	810	C–H out of plane (trisubstituted aromatic)

LTD: literature data; TD: theoretical data; ED: experimental data; ν : axial deformation; δ_s : in-plane symmetric angular deformation; δ_{as} : asymmetric angular deformation; ω : out-of-plane symmetric angular deformation; τ : out-of-plane asymmetric angular deformation; ν_{as} : asymmetrical axial strain; ν_s : symmetrical axial strain.

Table S8. Assignment and comparison of the LTD, ED and TD IR of S8

LTD / cm^{-1}	TD / cm^{-1}	ED / cm^{-1}	Assignment
1602	1631	—	ν C=C
1570	1521	—	ν C=C
1494	1483	1488	ν C=C
1461	1464	1460	δ_s CH ₂
1442	1412	1440	δ_{as} CH ₃
1381	1390	1386	δ_s CH ₃
1316	1336	1338	ω CH ₂
1181	1195	1178	τ CH ₂
1255	1267	1251	ν_{as} O—C—O
1027	1058	1030	ν_s O—C—O
926	927	926	ν_{as} O—C—O
1120	1141	1121	ν C—N
854	877	864	C—H out of plane (tetrasubstituted aromatic)
755	763	755	C—H out of plane (orthosubstituted aromatic)
1210	1220	1217	ν C—I

LTD: literature data; TD: theoretical data; ED: experimental data; ν : axial deformation; δ_s : in-plane symmetric angular deformation; δ_{as} : asymmetric angular deformation; ω : out-of-plane symmetric angular deformation; τ : out-of-plane asymmetric angular deformation; ν_{as} : asymmetrical axial strain; ν_s : symmetrical axial strain.

Table S9. Assignment and comparison of the LTD, ED and TD IR of S9

LTD / cm^{-1}	TD / cm^{-1}	ED / cm^{-1}	Assignment
–	1644	–	ν C=C
–	1628	–	ν C=C
1596	1525	1598	ν C=C
1498	1480	1499	ν C=C
1459	1458	1459	δ_s CH ₂
1439	1414	–	δ_{as} CH ₃
1396	–	1390	δ_s CH ₃
1364	1336	–	ω CH ₂
1189	1185	1179	τ CH ₂
1270	1265	1263	ν_{as} O–C–O
1038	1034	1030	ν_s O–C–O
980	973	972	ν_{as} O–C–O
1208	1224	1208	ν C–O (alcohol)
1110	1122	1110	ν C–N
862	883	859	C–H out of plane (tetrasubstituted aromatic)
750	788	757	C–H out of plane (orthosubstituted aromatic)
1059	1068	1058	ν C–Cl
732	762	731	C=C out-of-plane ring bending

LTD: literature data; TD: theoretical data; ED: experimental data; ν : axial deformation; δ_s : in-plane symmetric angular deformation; δ_{as} : asymmetric angular deformation; ω : out-of-plane symmetric angular deformation; τ : out-of-plane asymmetric angular deformation; ν_{as} : asymmetrical axial strain; ν_s : symmetrical axial strain.

Table S10. Assignment and comparison of the LTD, ED and TD IR of S10

LTD / cm^{-1}	TD / cm^{-1}	ED / cm^{-1}	Assignment
1611	1657	1626	ν C=O
–	1510	1507	ν C=C
1493	1459	1448	ν C=C, N–H
1449	1441	–	δ_{as} CH ₃
1373	1375	1376	δ_s CH ₃
1340	1313	1337	ν C–N
1213	1224	1242	ν C–N
1153	1154	1164	τ CH ₂
751	756	746	C–H out of plane (trisubstituted aromatic)
846	800	831	C–H out of plane (trisubstituted alkene)
777	–	777	C=C out-of-plane ring bending

LTD: literature data; TD: theoretical data; ED: experimental data; ν : axial deformation; δ_s : in-plane symmetric angular deformation; δ_{as} : asymmetric angular deformation; ω : out-of-plane symmetric angular deformation; τ : out-of-plane asymmetric angular deformation; ν_{as} : asymmetrical axial strain; ν_s : symmetrical axial strain.

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