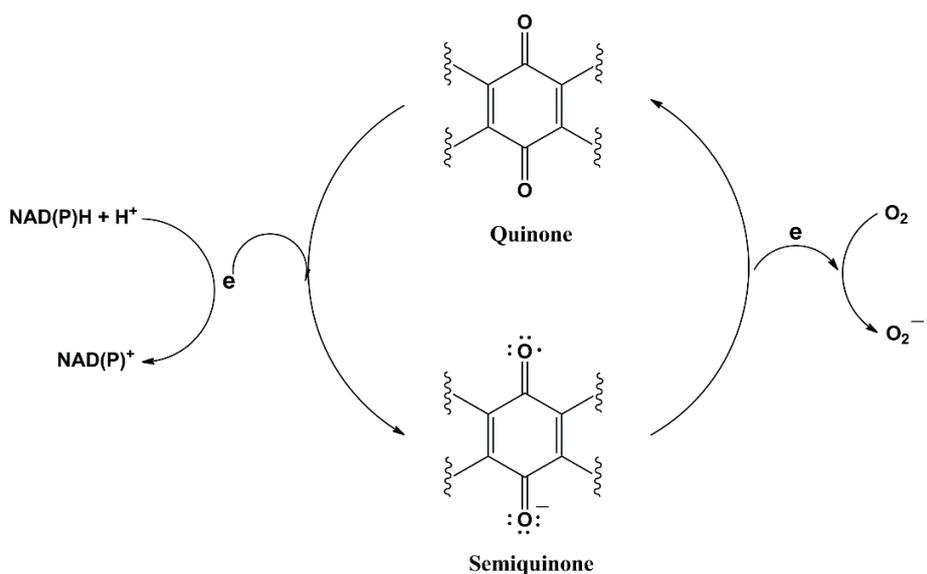


## Adjusting the Structure of $\beta$ -Cyclodextrin to Improve Complexation of Anthraquinone-Derived Drugs

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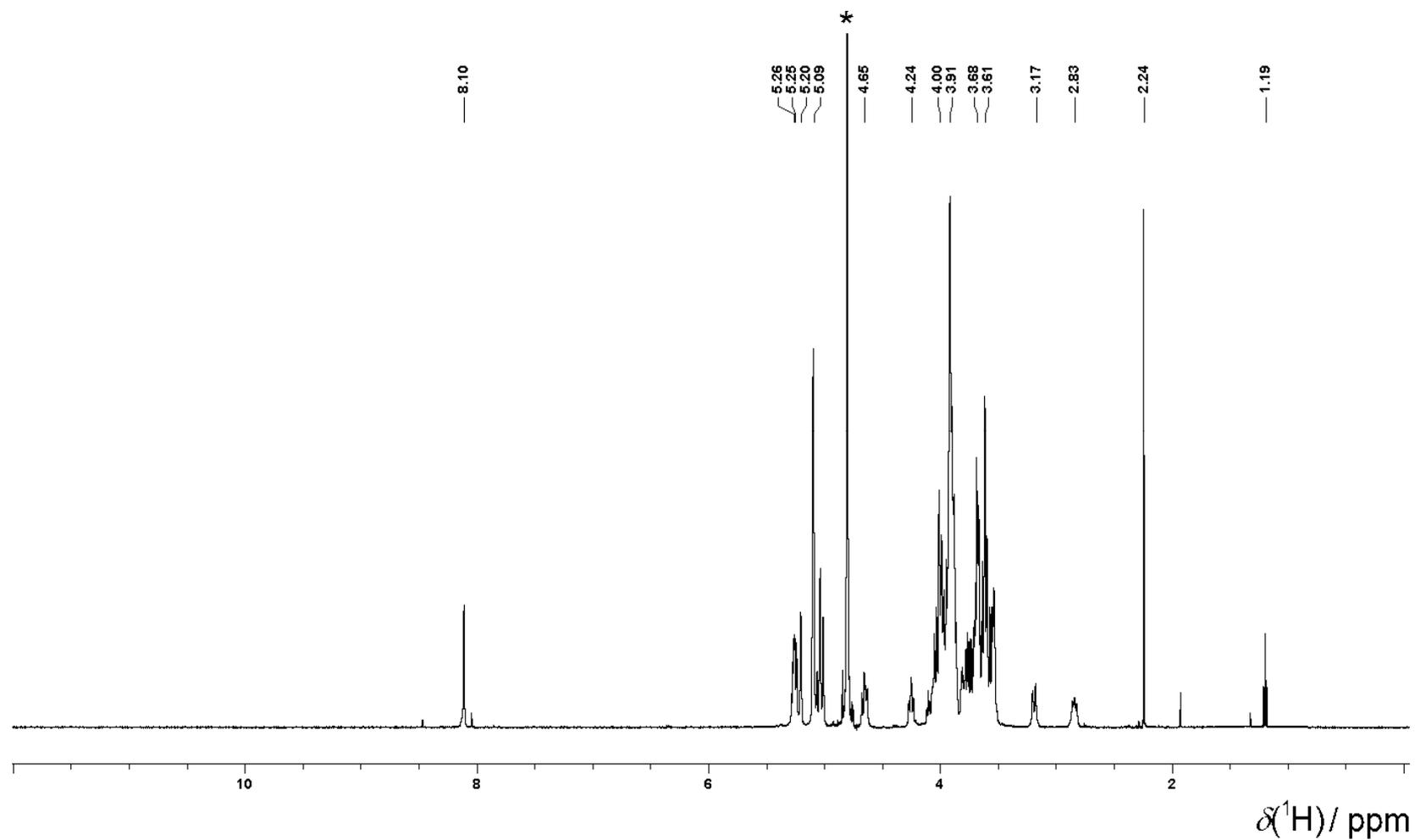
**Scheme S1.** Reactive oxygen species (ROS) production in the presence of NADH.

### NMR measurements

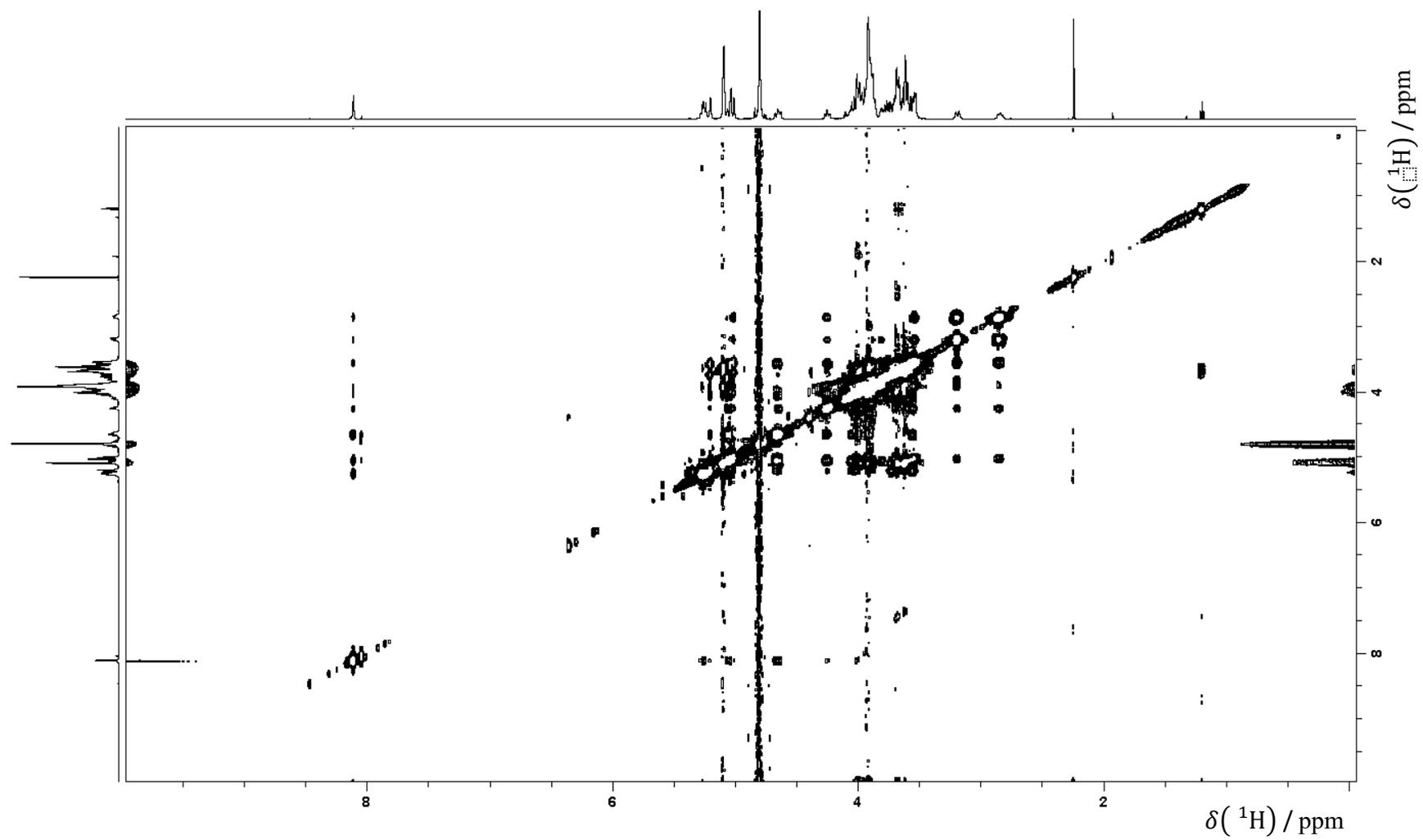
The acquired NMR spectra of  $\beta$ -CD complexes are listed in Table S1. <sup>1</sup>H NMR signals of aromatic protons of the ligands, *i.e.*, AQ2S and AQ2CA (Figs. S4 and S8), almost do not overlap with the <sup>1</sup>H NMR signals of  $\beta$ -CDGAL (Fig. 1). Therefore, the <sup>1</sup>H NMR signals of aromatic protons are the most favorable for analyzing the complexes' structures (Figs. S6 and S10). In the case of DNR, there is a partial overlapping of the NOESY cross-peaks of DNR protons and those due to the interaction between  $\beta$ -CDGAL and DNR (see Figs S12–15). This overlapping hinders the unequivocal assignment of the signals. <sup>1</sup>H NMR of AQ2CA was recorded in DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub> due to its very low solubility in water.

**Table S1.** NMR spectra of  $\beta$ -CD complexes given in the supporting material.

Spectrum	Measurement	Sample composition	
S1	$^1\text{H}$		
S2	$^1\text{H}$ NOESY	$\beta$ -CDGAL	
S3			
S4	$^1\text{H}$		AQ2S
S5	$^1\text{H}$		
S6	$^1\text{H}$ NOESY	$\beta$ -CDGAL	AQ2S
S7			
S8	$^1\text{H}$		AQ2CA
S9	$^1\text{H}$		
S10	$^1\text{H}$ NOESY	$\beta$ -CDGAL	AQ2CA
S11			
S12	$^1\text{H}$		DNR
S13	$^1\text{H}$ NOESY		
S14	$^1\text{H}$		
S15	$^1\text{H}$ NOESY	$\beta$ -CDGAL	DNR

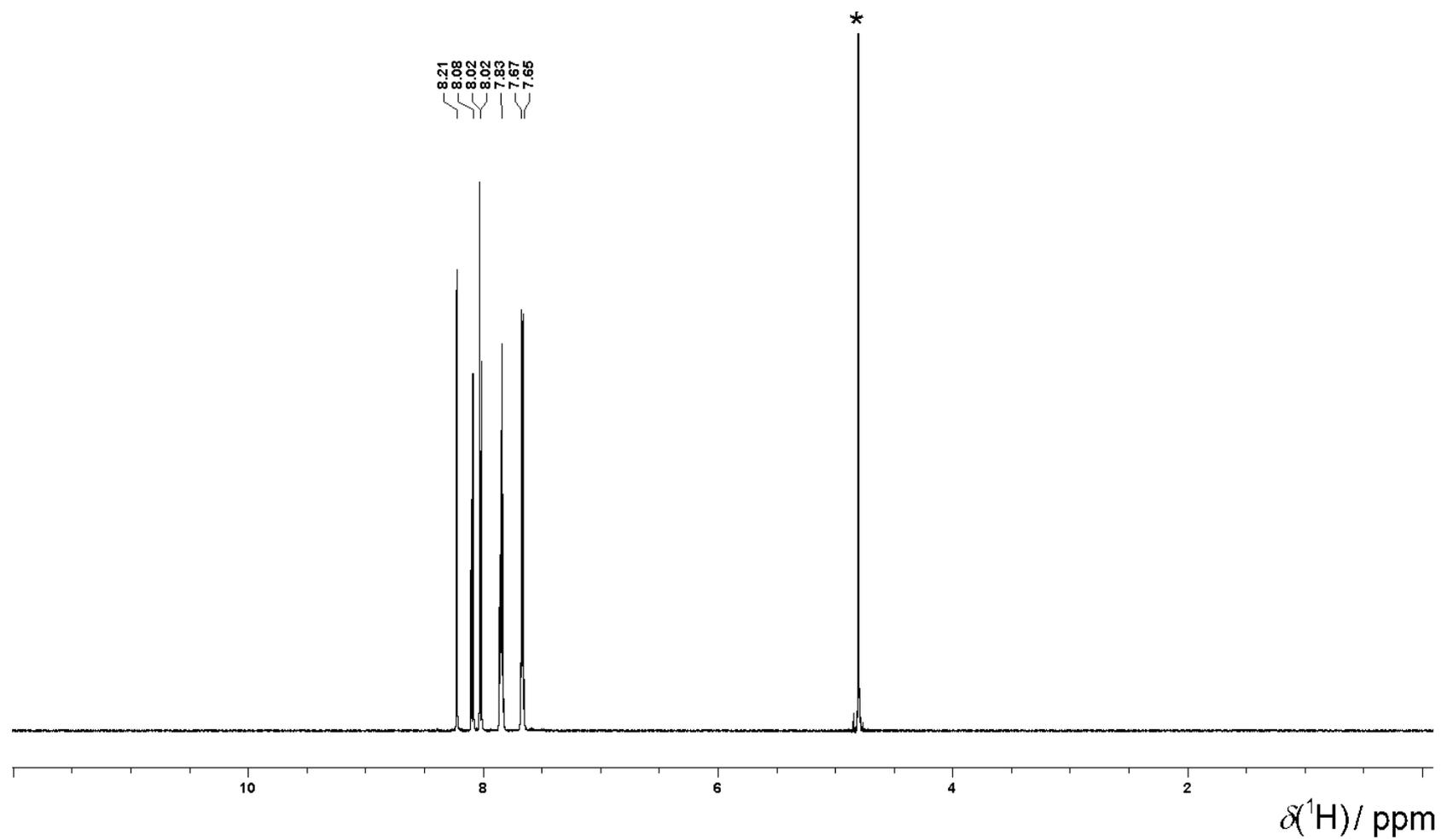


**Figure S1.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of  $\beta$ -cyclodextrin functionalized by galactosamine ( $\beta$ -CDGAL) dissolved in  $\text{D}_2\text{O}$ . The residual solvent peak at  $\delta(^1\text{H}) = 4.79$  ppm is marked by an asterisk.

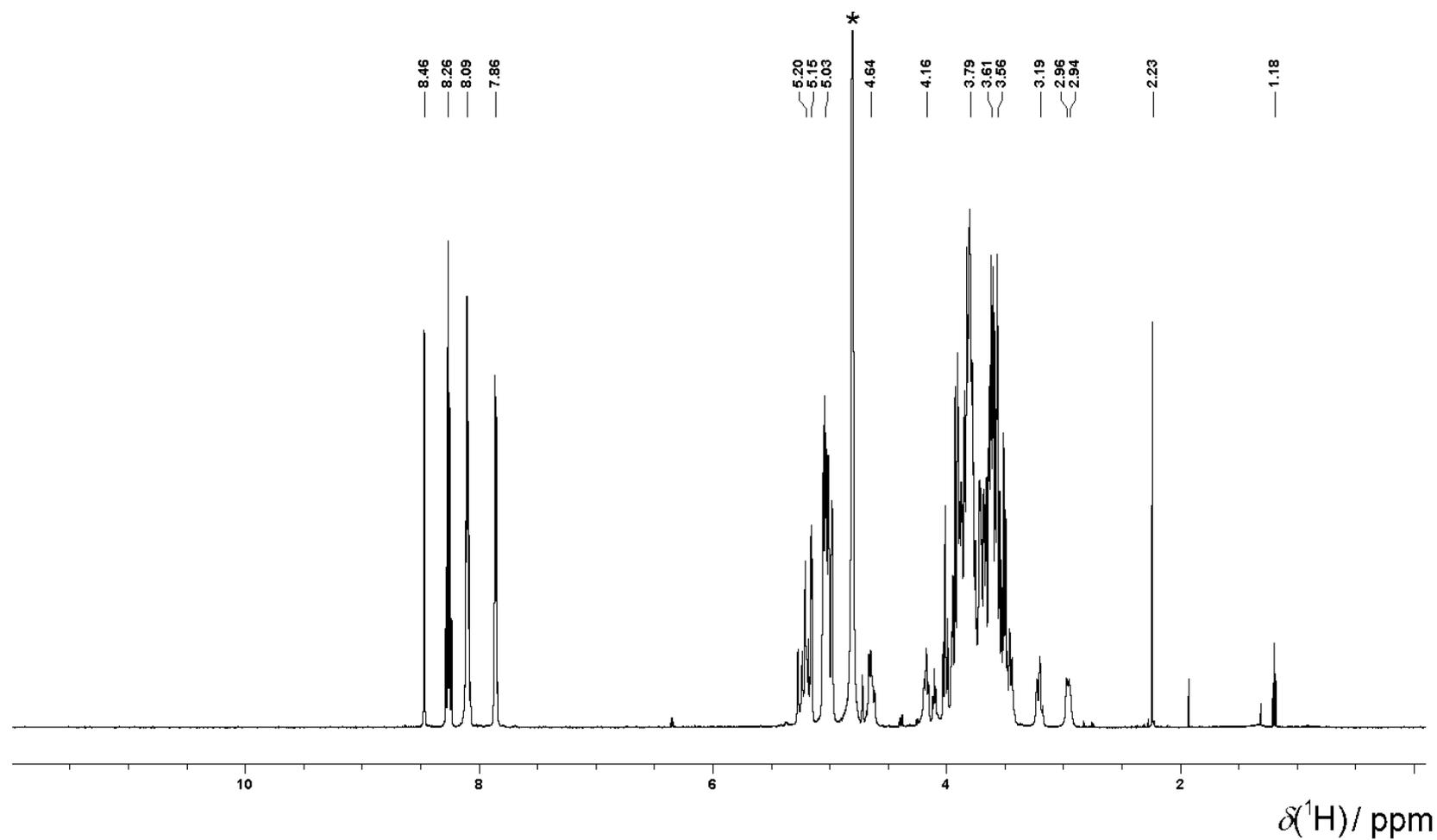


**Figure S2.** <sup>1</sup>H NOESY spectrum of β-CDGAL dissolved in D<sub>2</sub>O.

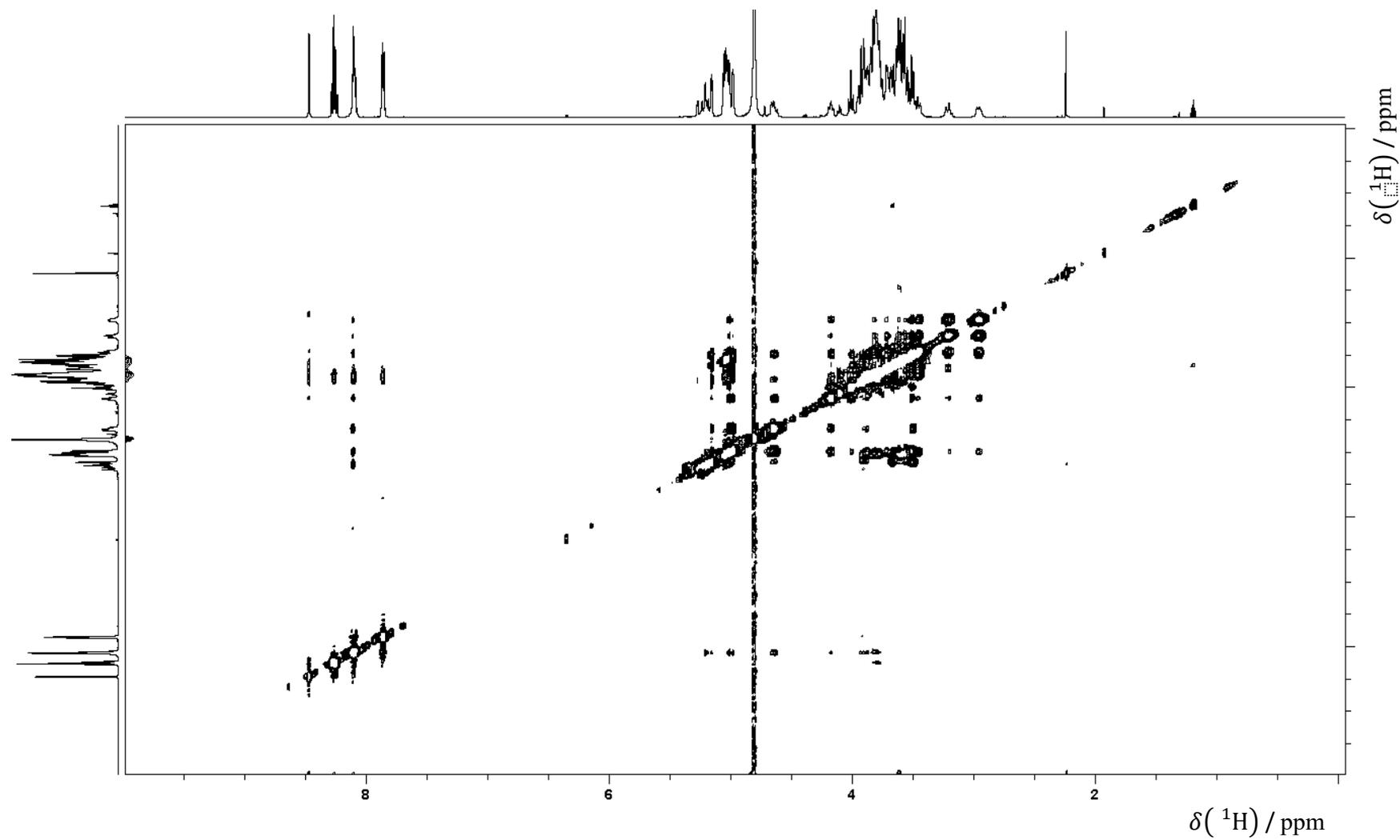




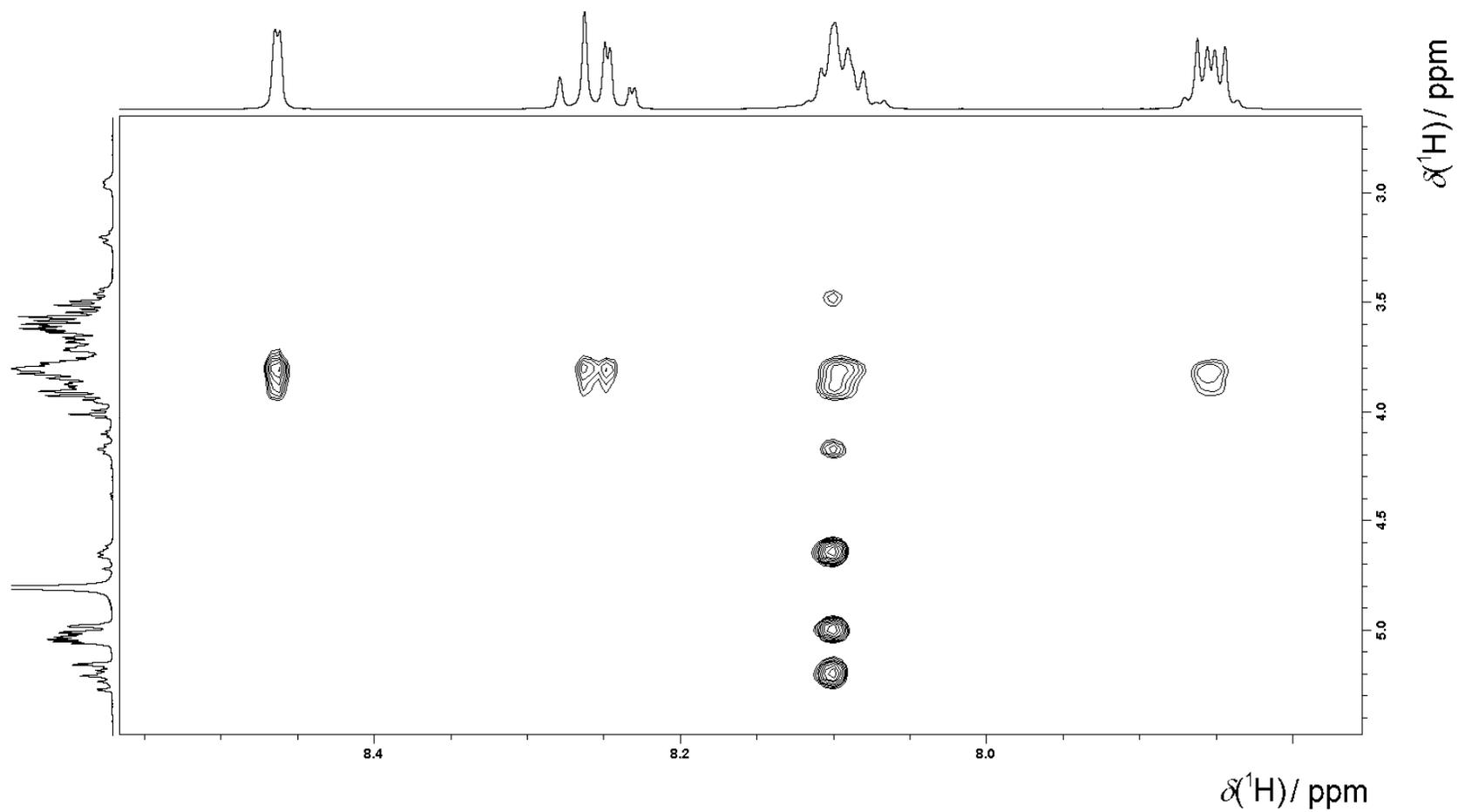
**Figure S4.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of antraquinone-2-sulfonic acid (AQ2S) dissolved in  $\text{D}_2\text{O}$ . The residual solvent peak at  $\delta(^1\text{H}) = 4.79$  ppm is marked by an asterisk.



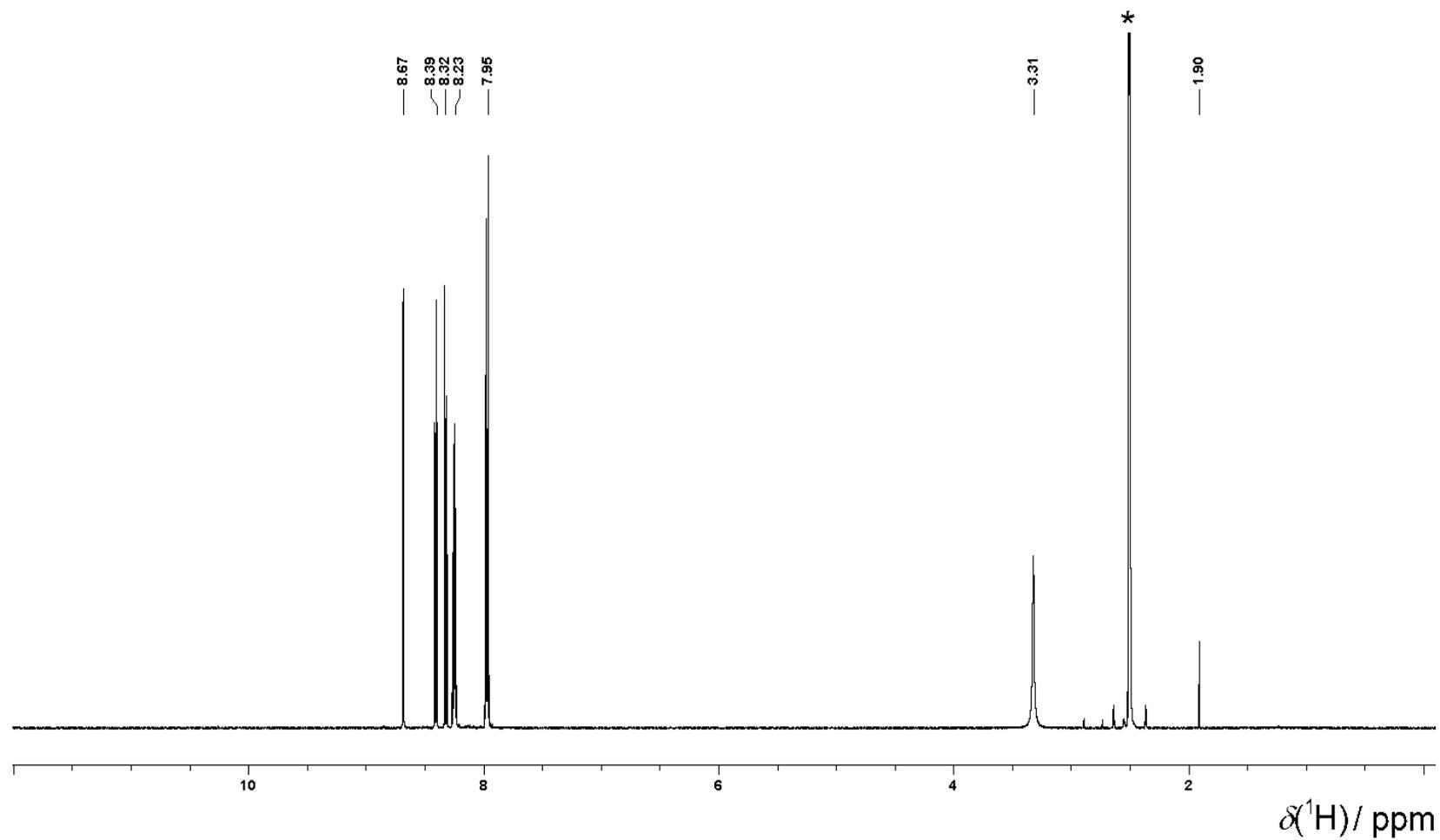
**Figure S5.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of an equimolar mixture of AQ2S and  $\beta$ -CDGAL dissolved in  $\text{D}_2\text{O}$ . The residual solvent peak at  $\delta(^1\text{H}) = 4.79$  ppm is marked by an asterisk.



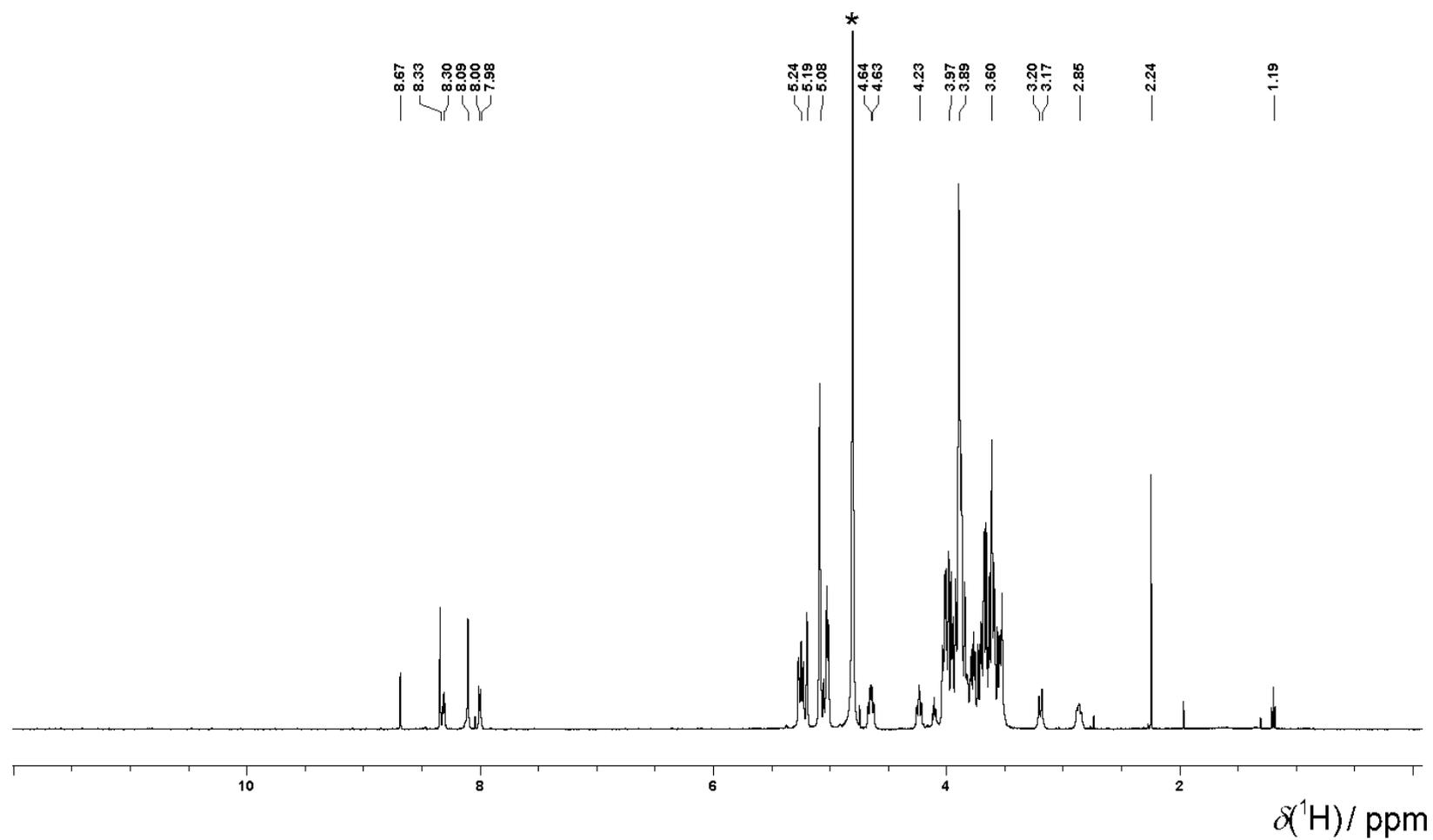
**Figure S6.** <sup>1</sup>H NOESY spectrum of an equimolar mixture of AQ2S and  $\beta$ -CDGAL dissolved in D<sub>2</sub>O.



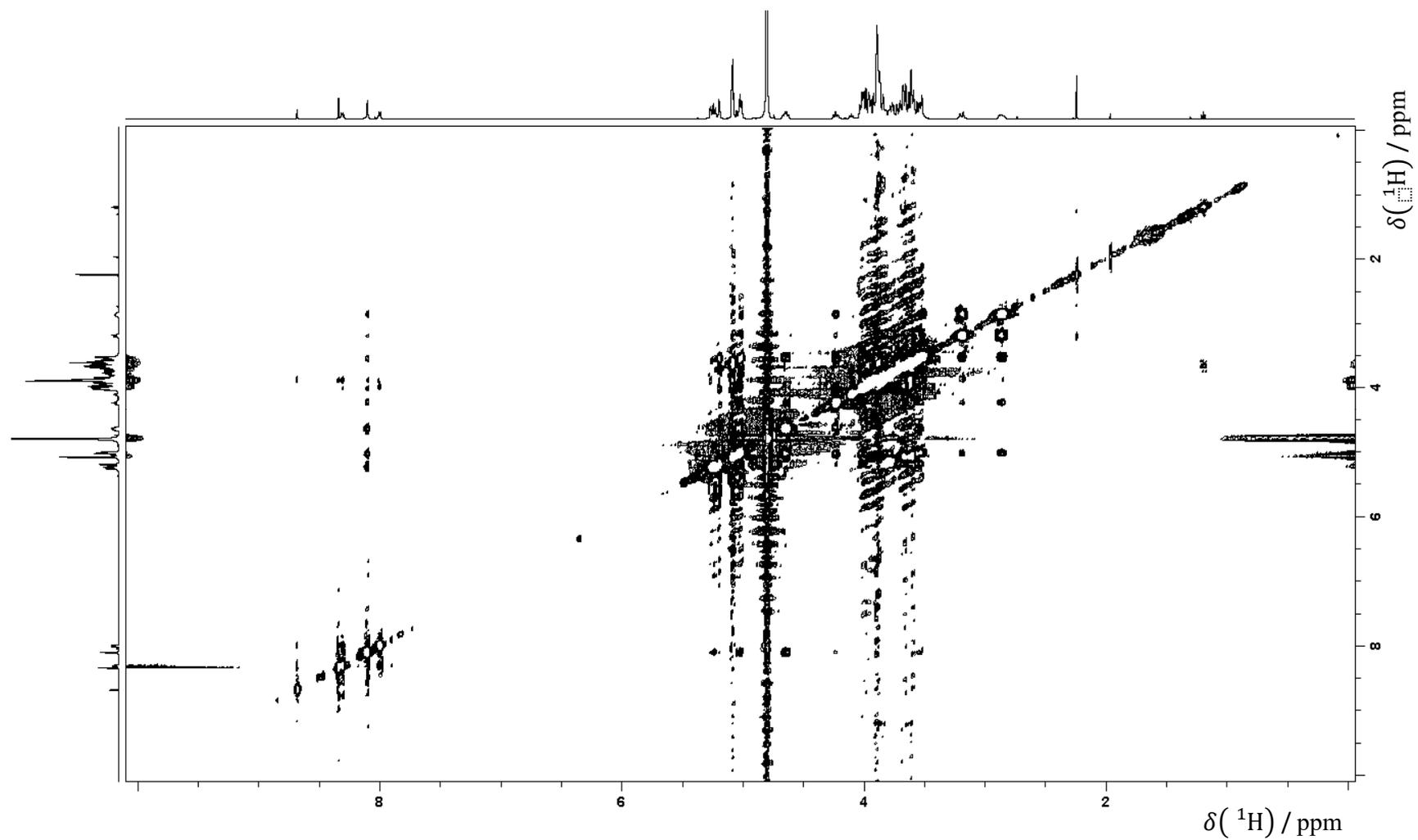
**Figure S7.** The spectral region of the  $^1\text{H}$  NOESY spectrum given in Fig. S6 showing the interaction between AQ2S and  $\beta$ -CDGAL.



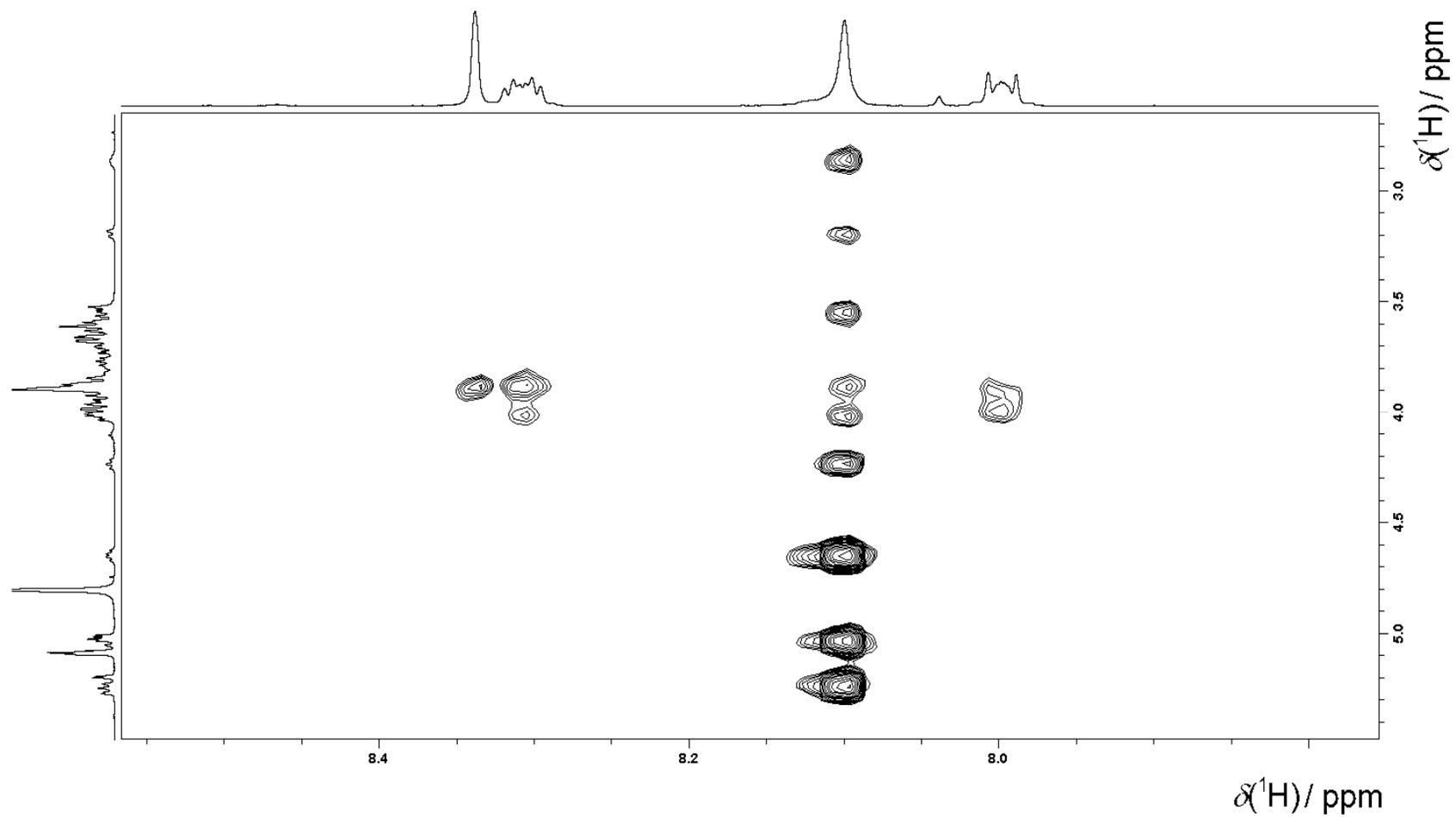
**Figure S8.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of antraquinone-2-carboxylic acid (AQ2CA) dissolved in  $\text{DMSO-}d_6$ . The residual solvent peak at  $\delta(^1\text{H}) = 2.50$  ppm is marked by an asterisk.



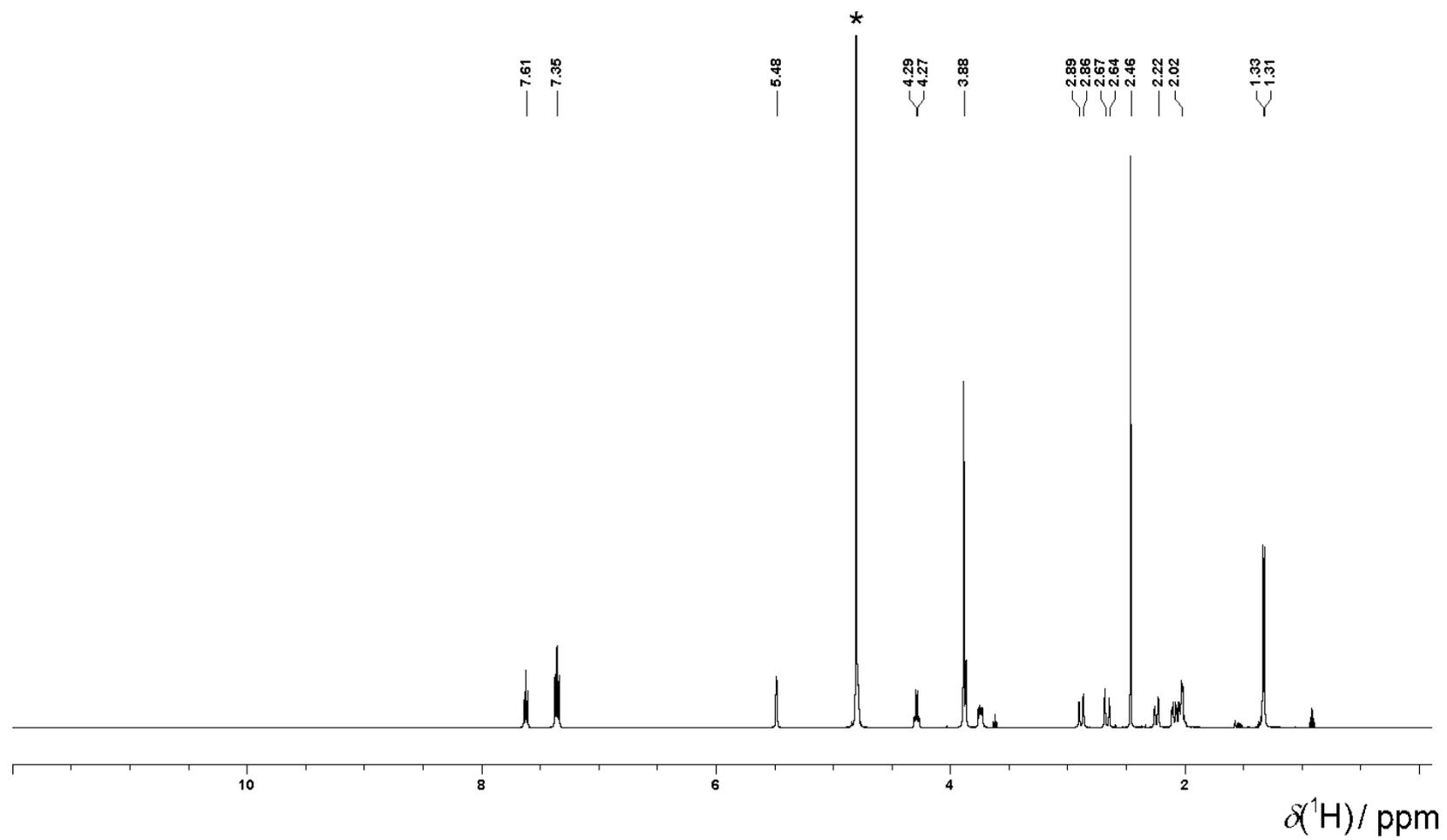
**Figure S9.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of an equimolar mixture of AQ2CA and  $\beta$ -CDGAL dissolved in  $\text{D}_2\text{O}$ . The residual solvent peak at  $\delta(^1\text{H}) = 4.79$  ppm is marked by an asterisk.



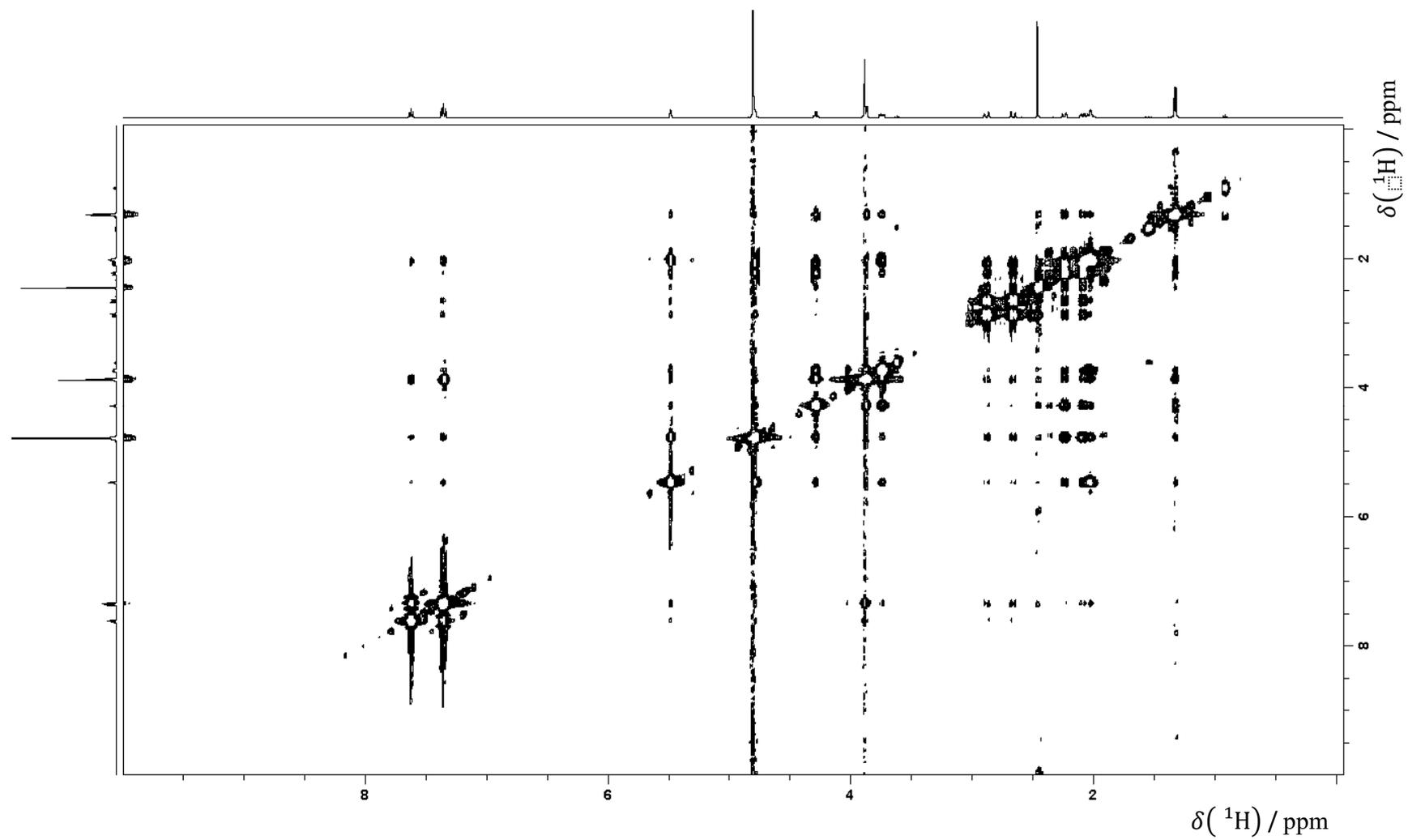
**Figure S10.**  $^1\text{H}$  NOESY spectrum of an equimolar mixture of AQ2CA and  $\beta$ -CDGAL dissolved in  $\text{D}_2\text{O}$ .



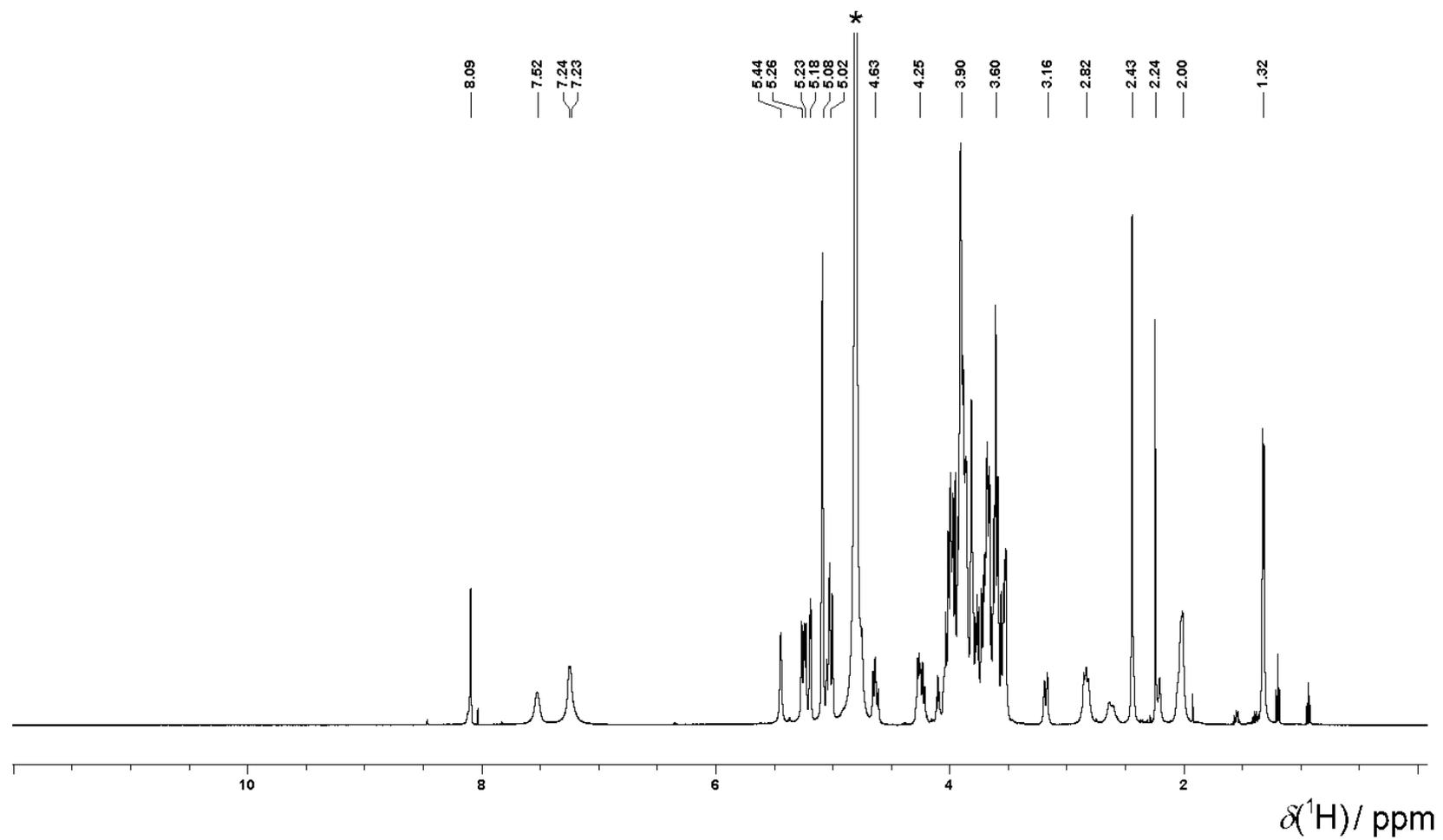
**Figure S11.** The spectral region of the  $^1\text{H}$  NOESY spectrum given in Fig. S10 showing the interaction between AQ2S and  $\beta$ -CDGAL.



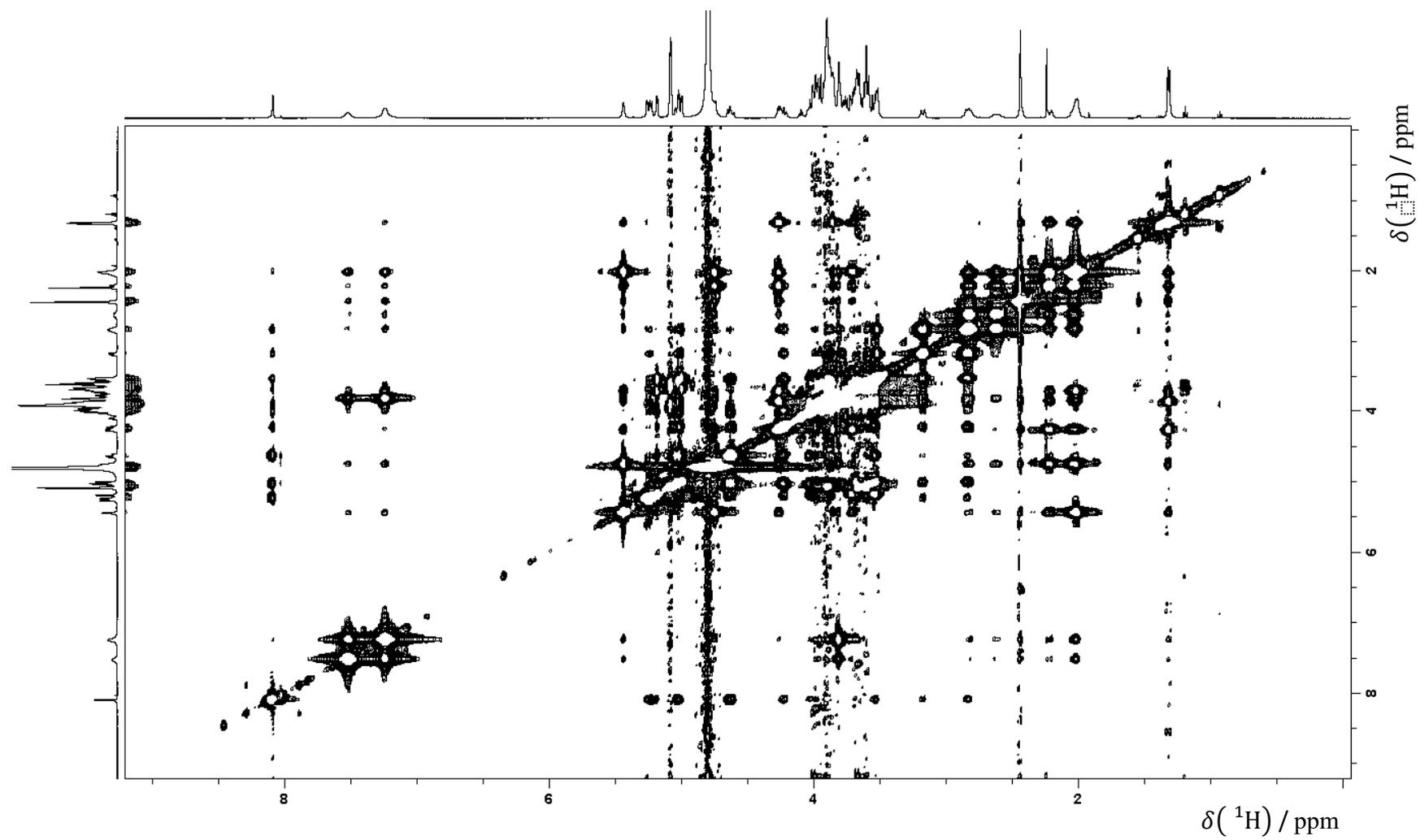
**Figure S12.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of daunorubicin (DNR) dissolved in  $\text{D}_2\text{O}$ . The residual solvent peak at  $\delta(^1\text{H}) = 4.79$  ppm is marked by an asterisk.



**Figure S13.**  $^1\text{H}$  NOESY spectrum of DNR dissolved in  $\text{D}_2\text{O}$ .



**Figure S14.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of an equimolar mixture of DNR and  $\beta$ -CDGAL dissolved in  $\text{D}_2\text{O}$ . The residual solvent peak at  $\delta(^1\text{H}) = 4.79$  ppm is marked by an asterisk.



**Figure S15.** <sup>1</sup>H NOESY spectrum of an equimolar mixture of DNR and  $\beta$ -CDGAL dissolved in D<sub>2</sub>O.