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300 MHz \(^1H\) NMR Spectrum in CDCl\(_3\)

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\begin{align*}
\text{h AB quartet: } & J_{AB} = 15.4, \delta 4.53, 4.79 \\
\text{c AB quartet: } & J_{AB} = 15.7, \delta 4.66, 4.59 \\
\text{d: } & \delta 4.35, \text{ dd, } J = 6.8, 6.2 \text{ (coupling to g and e)}
\end{align*}

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This is the superposition of a methyl doublet (b) on top of peaks for i (tt?).

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These are the two NH protons a and g (a is an unresolved quartet from coupling to b, g is a doublet from coupling to d, \(J_{od} = 7 \text{ Hz}\)). The extra broadening is probably mostly unresolved \(\text{H-}^{14}\text{N}\) coupling, but there could also be a contribution from dynamic exchange between the N-H protons, and exchange with other labile Hs (e.g. water).