

Supporting Information

Temperature-Controlled Regioselective Thiolation of 2- Indolymethanols under Aqueous Micellar Conditions

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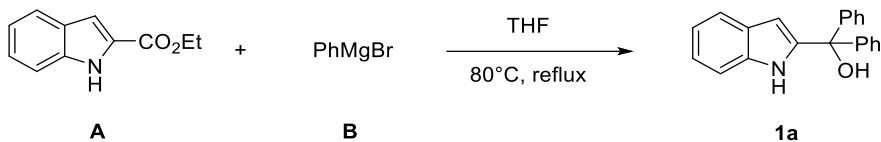
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I. General Information.

Unless otherwise stated, all glassware was oven dried and all reactions were carried out under an atmosphere of nitrogen and a light-free environment. All reagents were obtained from commercial suppliers and used without further purification. 2-Indolylmethanols were prepared according to reported procedures¹. 4-acetamidothiophenol were prepared according to reported procedures². DBSA and SDBS were purchased from the supplier, and other surfactants were prepared according to reported procedures³. Reactions were monitored using Thin Layer Chromatography (TLC) carried out on Merck silica gel plates (60F-254) using UV light as the visualizing agent and High Performance Liquid Chromatography (HPLC) with UV detection at 254 nm. For HPLC yields, UV response factors relative to an internal standard (Diphenylsulfide). Flash column chromatography was performed using silica gel 60 (200-300 mesh). HRMS data were recorded on Agilent 6500 QTOFMS-ESI or Waters GCT Premier TOFMS-EI. All ¹H NMR, ¹³C NMR spectra were recorded on Bruker DRX-600. Chemical shifts were given in parts per million (ppm, δ), referenced to the solvent peak of CDCl₃, defined at δ = 7.26 (¹H NMR), defined at δ = 77.16 (¹³C NMR); or DMSO-d6, defined at δ = 2.50 (¹H NMR), defined at δ = 39.52 (¹³C NMR). Coupling constants were quoted in Hz (J). ¹H NMR Spectroscopy splitting patterns were designated as singlet (s), doublet (d), triplet (t), quartet (q). Splitting patterns that could not be interpreted or easily visualized were designated as multiplet (m) or broad (br).

II. Substrates Synthesis.

General Procedures A for the Synthesis of 2-Indolylmethanols 1.

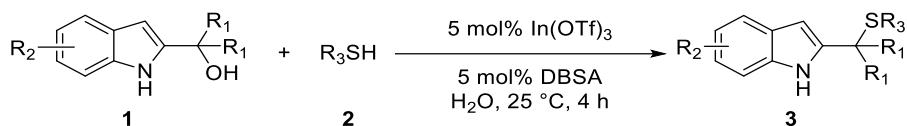


Substrates **1** were synthesized according to the literature method.¹ In a flame-dried Schlenk bottle under nitrogen, phenylmagnesium bromide **B** (20 mL, 3 mol/mL) was added to the Schlenk bottle. Then, in a ice-water bath, the solution of ethyl 1H-indole-2-carboxylate **A** (10 mol) in anhydrous THF (1 mol/mL) was added to the Schlenk bottle. Subsequently, the reaction mixture

was moved to an oil bath, which was refluxed at 80 °C overnight. After the completion of the reaction indicated by TLC, the reaction mixture was quenched by saturated ammonium chloride solution and was extracted by ethyl acetate for three times. The combined organic layer was dried by anhydrous sodium sulfate, which was concentrated under the reduced pressure. The resulted residue was purified through flash chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate =20/1) to afford the pure 2-indolymethanol **1a**.

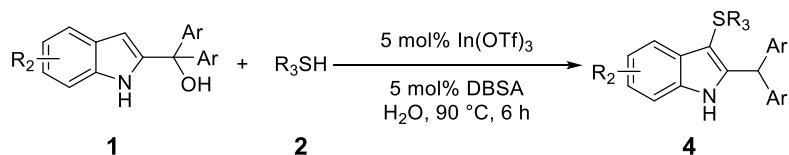
(1H-indol-2-yl)diphenylmethanol (1a): ^1H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.30 (s, 1H), 7.55 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.42 – 7.32 (m, 10H), 7.30 (dd, J = 8.1, 0.6 Hz, 1H), 7.20 – 7.17 (m, 1H), 7.12 – 7.09 (m, 1H), 6.27 – 6.10 (m, 1H), 2.92 (s, 1H).

General Procedures B for the Synthesis of Products 3.



2-indolymethanol **1** (0.3 mmol, 1 eq), thiophenol **2** (0.48 mmol, 1.6 eq) and Indium trifluoromethanesulfonate (In(OTf)_3) (0.015 mmol, 5 mol%) were added to a solution of DBSA (0.015 mmol, 5 mol%) in water (0.1 M, 3 mL). Then, the mixture was stirred at 25 °C. After the completion of the reaction indicated by TLC (about 4 hours), the reaction mixture was extracted by ethyl acetate for three times. The combined organic layer was dried by anhydrous sodium sulfate, which was concentrated under the reduced pressure. The resulted residue was purified through flash chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate =20/1) to afford the pure **3**.

General Procedures C for the Synthesis of Products 4.



2-indolymethanol **1** (0.3 mmol, 1 eq), thiophenol **2** (0.48 mmol, 1.6 eq) and Indium trifluoromethanesulfonate (In(OTf)_3) (0.015 mmol, 5 mol%) were added to a solution of DBSA (0.015 mmol, 5 mol%) in water (0.1 M, 3 mL). Then, the mixture was stirred at 90 °C. After the completion of the reaction indicated by TLC (about 6 hours), the reaction mixture was extracted by

ethyl acetate for three times. The combined organic layer was dried by anhydrous sodium sulfate, which was concentrated under the reduced pressure. The resulted residue was purified through flash chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate =20/1) to afford the pure **4**.

III. Optimization of the Reaction Conditions.

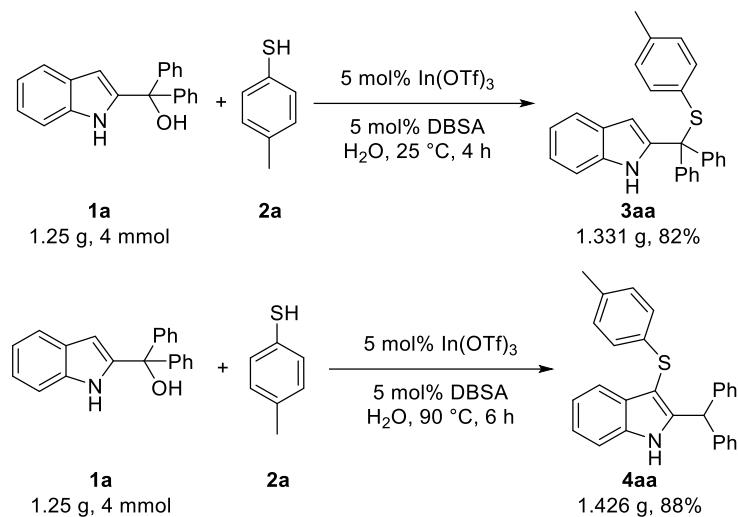
Table S1. Optimization of the reaction conditions

Entry	Catalyst (mol%)	Solvent	T (°C)	Yield ^b (%) 3aa/4aa
1	None	5 mol% DBSA/H ₂ O	25	69/9
2	HCl(5)	5 mol% DBSA/H ₂ O	25	76/18
3	FeCl ₃ (5)	5 mol% DBSA/H ₂ O	25	80/17
4	AlCl ₃ (5)	5 mol% DBSA/H ₂ O	25	61/7
5	Cu(OTf) ₂ (5)	5 mol% DBSA/H ₂ O	25	25/45
6	InCl ₃ (5)	5 mol% DBSA/H ₂ O	25	85/trace
7	In(OTf)₃(5)	5 mol% DBSA/H₂O	25	89(84)^c/trace
8	In(OTf) ₃ (10)	5 mol% DBSA/H ₂ O	25	89/trace
9	In(OTf) ₃ (30)	5 mol% DBSA/H ₂ O	25	87/trace
10	In(OTf) ₃ (5)	5 mol% SDBS/H ₂ O	25	65/5
11	In(OTf) ₃ (5)	EtOAc	25	50/14
12	In(OTf) ₃ (5)	CH ₂ Cl ₂	25	51/16
13	In(OTf) ₃ (5)	CHCl ₃	25	41/21
14	In(OTf) ₃ (5)	2% TPGS-750-M/H ₂ O	25	22/0
15	In(OTf) ₃ (5)	2% SPGS-550-M/H ₂ O	25	0/0
16	In(OTf) ₃ (5)	2% DAPGS-550-M/H ₂ O	25	14/0
17	In(OTf) ₃ (5)	H ₂ O	25	0/0
18 ^d	In(OTf) ₃ (5)	5 mol% DBSA/H ₂ O	60	60/7
19 ^d	In(OTf) ₃ (5)	5 mol% DBSA/H ₂ O	70	42/26
20 ^d	In(OTf) ₃ (5)	5 mol% DBSA/H ₂ O	80	6/74
21 ^d	In(OTf)₃(5)	5 mol% DBSA/H₂O	90	0/91(89)^c
22 ^d	In(OTf) ₃ (5)	5 mol% DBSA/H ₂ O	100	0/90

^aReaction conditions: **1a** (0.1 mmol), **2a** (0.16 mmol), solvent (1 mL), 4 h. ^bYields were determined

by HPLC analysis with diphenylsulfide as the internal standard. ^cIsolated yield. ^dRun 6 h

IV. Scale-Up Reaction.

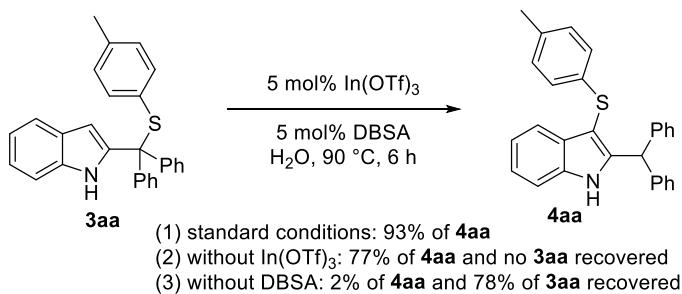


For scale-up reaction, 2-indolylmethanol **1a** (1.25 g, 4 mmol), *p*-thiocresol **2a** (812 mg, 6.4 mmol) and Indium trifluoromethanesulfonate (115 mg, 0.2 mmol) were added to a solution of DBSA (72 mg, 0.2 mmol) in water (0.1 M, 40 mL). Then, the mixture was stirred at 25 °C. After the completion of the reaction indicated by TLC, the reaction mixture was extracted by ethyl acetate for three times. The combined organic layer was dried by anhydrous sodium sulfate, which was concentrated under the reduced pressure. The resulted residue was purified through flash chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 20/1) to afford the pure **3aa** in 82% yield.

The same procedure was followed by running the reaction at 90 °C for 6 h, **4aa** was isolated in 88% yield.

V. Control Experiment.

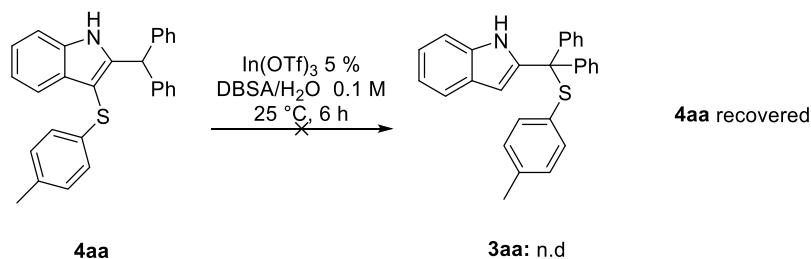
For control experiment, all reactions were carried out on 0.1 mmol scale and yields were determined by HPLC analysis with diphenylsulfide as the internal standard.



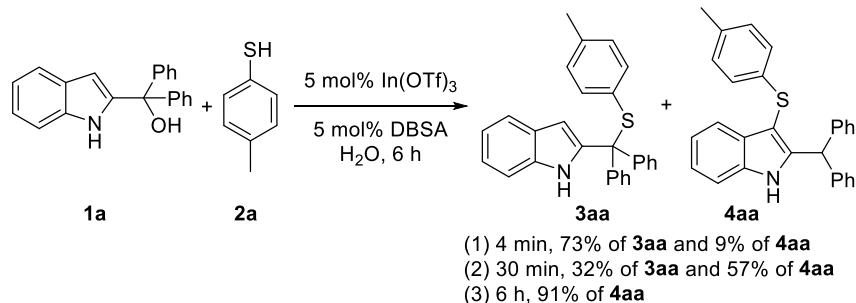
3aa (0.1 mmol, 1 eq) and Indium trifluoromethanesulfonate (0.005 mmol, 5 mol%) were added to a solution of DBSA (0.015 mmol, 5 mol%) in water (0.1 M, 3 mL), followed by stirring at 90 °C for 6 h. The yield was determined by HPLC analysis with diphenylsulfide as the internal standard.

The same procedure was followed without In(OTf)_3 , 77% of **4aa** was detected and no **3aa** recovered.

The replacing of 5 mol% DBSA/ H_2O with H_2O , only 2% of **4aa** obtained and 78% of **3aa** recovered.



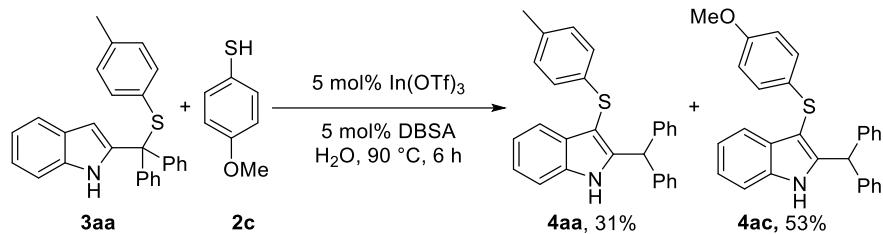
4aa (0.1 mmol, 1 eq) and Indium trifluoromethanesulfonate (0.005 mmol, 5 mol%) were added to a solution of DBSA (0.015 mmol, 5 mol%) in water (0.1 M, 1 mL). Then, the mixture was stirred at 25 °C for 4 h. No **3aa** was detected and only **4aa** recovered.



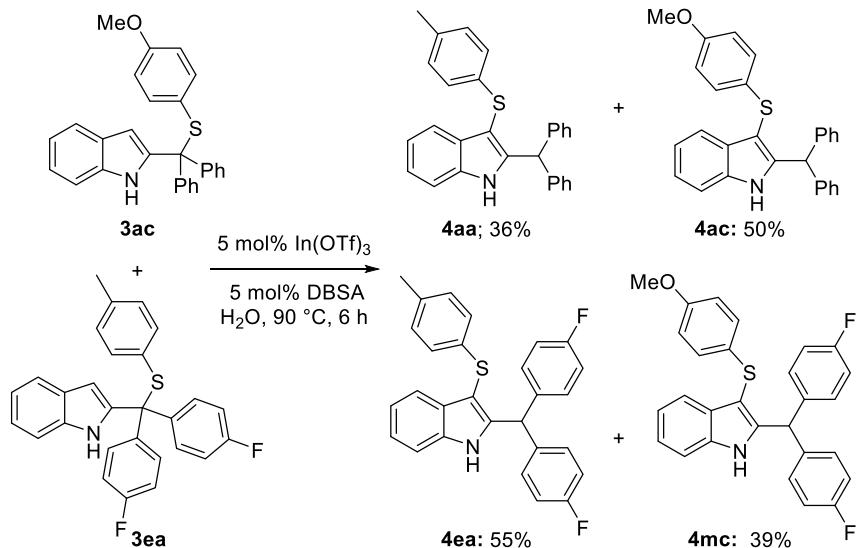
1a (0.1 mmol, 1 eq), **2a** (0.16 mmol, 1.6 eq) and Indium trifluoromethanesulfonate (0.005 mmol, 5 mol%) were added to a solution of DBSA (0.005 mmol, 5 mol%) in water (0.1 M, 1 mL). Then, the mixture was stirred at 90 °C for 4 min. 73% of **3aa** and 9% of **4aa** was detected.

The same procedure was followed by running the reaction at 90 °C for 30 minutes, 32% of **3aa** and 57% of **4aa** was detected.

The same procedure was followed by running the reaction at 90 °C for 6 h, **4aa** was obtained in 91% yield and no **3aa** was detected.



3aa (0.1 mmol, 1 eq), **2c** (0.16 mmol, 1.6 eq) and Indium trifluoromethanesulfonate (0.005 mmol, 5 mol%) were added to a solution of DBSA (0.015 mmol, 5 mol%) in water (0.1 M, 1 mL). Then, the mixture was stirred at 90 °C for 6 h. 31% of **4aa** and 53% of **4ac** was detected, respectively.



3ac (0.1 mmol, 1 eq), **3ea** (0.16 mmol, 1.6 eq) and Indium trifluoromethanesulfonate (0.005 mmol, 5 mol%) were added to a solution of DBSA (0.015 mmol, 5 mol%) in water (0.1 M, 1 mL). Then, the mixture was stirred at 90 °C for 6 h. And we obtained **4aa**, **4ac**, **4ea** and **4mc** in 36%, 50%, 55% and 39% yield, respectively.

VI. Recycle Study and Calculation of Green Chemistry Metrics.

Recycle Study:

To a 4 mL vial, the mixture of 2-indolylmethanol **1a** (93.6 mg, 0.3 mmol), thiophenol **2e** (70.8 mg, 0.48 mmol), In(OTf)₃ (8.6 mg, 0.015 mmol) was added solvent (3 mL, 5 mol% DBSA in water). Then, the mixture was stirred at 90 °C for 6 h. The reaction mixture was cooled to room temperature, and the desired product precipitated out as solid. The aqueous medium was removed out for the next cycle, while the solid residue is further purified through flash chromatography on silica gel to afford the pure **4ae**.

Reuse of the solvent: Only 2-indolylmethanol **1a** (93.6 mg, 0.3 mmol), thiophenol **2e** (70.8 mg, 0.48 mmol) were added to the solvent, while no additional In(OTf)₃ was required.

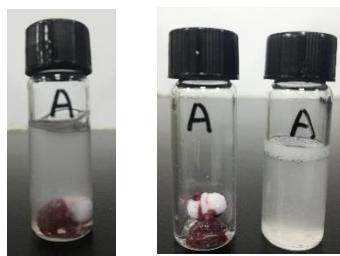


Figure S1. The mixture was cooled to room temperature(left); The solvent was removed(right).

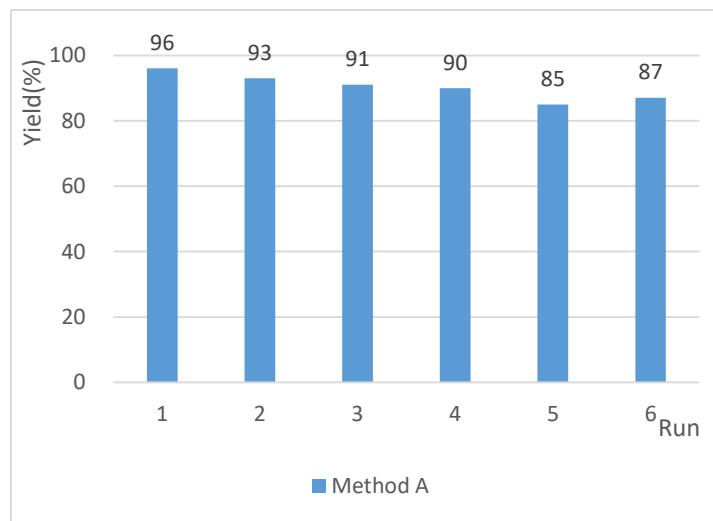
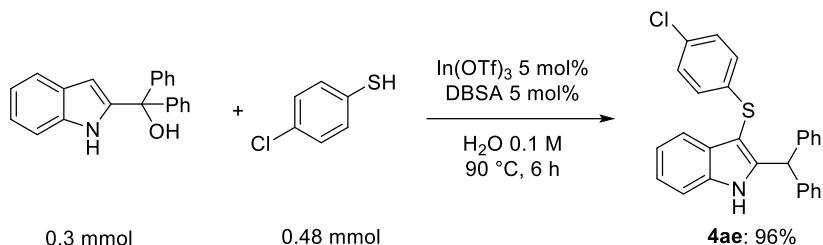


Figure S2. The yield of each run for recycle experiment.

Calculation of Green Chemistry Metrics:

The green chemistry metrics (Atom economy⁴, E-factor⁵ and Eco-scale⁶) were calculated in this part.



This work	To a 4 mL vial, the mixture of 2-indolylmethanol 1a (93.6 mg, 0.3 mmol), thiophenol 2e (70.8 mg, 0.48 mmol), In(OTf) ₃ (8.6 mg, 0.015 mmol) was added solvent (3 mL, 5 mol% DBSA in water). Then, the mixture was stirred at 90 °C for 6 h. The reaction mixture was cooled to room temperature, and the desired product precipitated out as solid. The aqueous medium was removed out for the next cycle, while the solid residue is purified through flash chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate =20/1) to afford the pure 4ae . (Method A)	4ae 96% 123 mg
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AE	=	$\frac{\text{MW of desired product}}{\Sigma \text{ of MW of stoichiometric reactants}} \times 100\%$	
	=	$\frac{426}{299.4+144.6} \times 100\% = 95.6\%$	Method A
	=	$\frac{426}{299.4+144.6} \times 100\% = 95.6\%$	Method B
PMI	=	$\frac{\text{total mass used in the process (Kg)}}{\text{mass of product (Kg)}}$	
	=	$\frac{(93.6+70.8+8.6+5.4+3000) \text{ mg}}{123 \text{ mg}} = 25.8$	Method A
	=	$\frac{(93.6+70.8+8.5+5.4+3000+1794) \text{ mg}}{123 \text{ mg}} = 40.4$	Method B

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{E Factor} &= \frac{\text{total of organic wastes (Kg)}}{\text{Product (Kg)}} \\
 &= \frac{0}{123 \text{ mg}} = 0 \quad \text{Method A} \\
 &= \frac{1794 \text{ mg}}{123 \text{ mg}} = 14.6 \quad \text{Method B}
 \end{aligned}$$

This work:

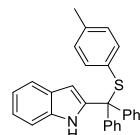
Method A			Method B		
Parameter	Detail of parameters	Penalty points	Parameter	Detail of parameters	Penalty points
1. Yield	96%	2	1. Yield	96%	2
2. Cost of reactants to obtain 10 mmol of product			2. Cost of reactants to obtain 10 mmol of product		
2-indolylmethanol	1		2-indolylmethanol	1	
4-Chlorothiophenol	1		4-Chlorothiophenol	1	
In(OTf) ₃	1		In(OTf) ₃	1	
DBSA	0		DBSA	0	
H ₂ O	0		H ₂ O	0	
3. Safety	2-indolylmethanol	0	3. Safety	2-indolylmethanol	0
	4-Chlorothiophenol	5 (N)		4-Chlorothiophenol	5 (N)
	In(OTf) ₃	0		In(OTf) ₃	0
	DBSA	0		DBSA	0
	H ₂ O	0		H ₂ O	0
4. Technical setup	Common setup	0	4. Technical setup	Common setup	0
5. Temperature/time	Heating > 1 h	3	5. Temperature/time	Heating > 1 h	3
6. Workup and purification			6. Workup and purification		
	Classical chromatography	10		Liquid-liquid extraction	3
Eco-scale score		77		Classical chromatography	10
			Eco-scale score		74

Table S2. Calculation of green chemistry metrics

	AE	PMI	E Factor	Eco-scale
Method A	95.6%	25.8	0	77
Method B	95.6%	40.4	14.6	74

VII. Characterization Data of Products.

2-(diphenyl(p-tolylthio)methyl)-1H-indole (3aa)



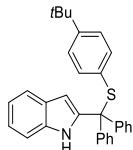
White solid, 100 mg, 83% yield.

¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.30 (s, 1H), 7.53 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.39 – 7.34 (m, 4H), 7.31 – 7.26 (m, 7H), 7.22 – 7.16 (m, 1H), 7.13 – 7.08 (m, 1H), 6.95 – 6.92 (m, 2H), 6.91 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 6.23 (dd, *J* = 2.0, 0.6 Hz, 1H), 2.28 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 143.3, 141.1, 139.1, 136.1, 135.6, 129.8, 129.5, 128.0, 127.8, 127.5, 122.3, 120.8, 119.9, 110.9, 105.8, 65.8, 21.3.

HRMS-ESI (m/z): [M+H]⁺ calculated for C₂₈H₂₄NS: 406.1624, found 406.1623.

2-(((4-(tert-butyl)phenyl)thio)diphenylmethyl)-1H-indole (3ab)



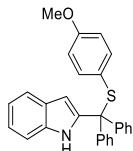
White solid, 101 mg, 76% yield.

¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.25 (s, 1H), 7.52 (dd, *J* = 7.8, 0.5 Hz, 1H), 7.39 – 7.35 (m, 4H), 7.27 (m, 6H), 7.24 (dd, *J* = 8.1, 0.7 Hz, 1H), 7.19 – 7.16 (m, 1H), 7.12 – 7.08 (m, 3H), 7.00 – 6.95 (m, 2H), 6.22 (dd, *J* = 2.1, 0.7 Hz, 1H), 1.26 (s, 9H).

¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 152.3, 143.4, 141.2, 136.1, 135.3, 130.0, 129.6, 128.0, 127.9, 127.5, 125.8, 122.3, 120.8, 119.9, 110.9, 105.7, 66.0, 34.8, 31.3.

HRMS-ESI (m/z): [M+H]⁺ calculated for C₃₁H₃₀NS: 448.2093, found 448.2086.

2-(((4-methoxyphenyl)thio)diphenylmethyl)-1H-indole (3ac)



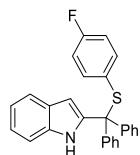
White solid, 117 mg, 92% yield.

¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.31 (s, 1H), 7.54 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.37 – 7.34 (m, 4H), 7.31 – 7.27 (m, 7H), 7.20 (td, *J* = 8.1, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 7.11 (td, *J* = 7.7, 0.6 Hz, 1H), 6.99 – 6.95 (m, 2H), 6.66 – 6.62 (m, 2H), 6.24 (d, *J* = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 3.75 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 160.6, 143.2, 141.2, 138.1, 136.0, 129.5, 127.9, 127.9, 127.5, 123.6, 122.2, 120.8, 119.9, 114.2, 110.9, 105.7, 66.0, 55.4.

HRMS-ESI (m/z): [M+H]⁺ calculated for C₂₈H₂₄NOS: 422.1573, found 422.1573.

2-(((4-fluorophenyl)thio)diphenylmethyl)-1H-indole (3ad)



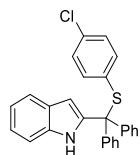
White solid, 101 mg, 82% yield.

¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.28 (s, 1H), 7.52 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.33 (m, 4H), 7.30 – 7.26 (m, 7H), 7.19 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.10 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.02 – 6.94 (m, 2H), 6.79 – 6.74 (m, 2H), 6.28 (d, *J* = 1.5 Hz, 1H).

¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 163.4 (d, *J* = 250.1 Hz), 143.0, 140.5, 138.0 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz), 136.1, 129.4, 128.3 (d, *J* = 3.5 Hz), 128.1, 127.9, 127.6, 122.5, 120.8, 120.1, 115.8 (d, *J* = 21.7 Hz), 110.9, 106.0, 66.2.

HRMS-ESI (m/z): [M+H]⁺ calculated for C₂₇H₂₁FNS: 410.1373, found 410.1372.

2-(((4-chlorophenyl)thio)diphenylmethyl)-1H-indole (3ae)



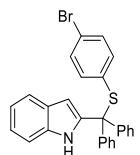
White solid, 114 mg, 89% yield.

¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.28 (s, 1H), 7.52 (dd, *J* = 7.9, 0.6 Hz, 1H), 7.36 – 7.32 (m, 4H), 7.30 – 7.26 (m, 7H), 7.19 (ddd, *J* = 8.2, 7.1, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 7.10 (td, *J* = 7.6, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 7.06 – 7.01 (m, 2H), 6.94 – 6.90 (m, 2H), 6.30 (dd, *J* = 2.2, 0.8 Hz, 1H).

¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 143.0, 140.2, 136.3, 136.1, 135.0, 132.0, 129.3, 128.8, 128.1, 127.8, 127.7, 122.5, 120.9, 120.1, 111.0, 106.1, 66.2.

HRMS-ESI (m/z): [M+H]⁺ calculated for C₂₇H₂₁CINS: 426.1078, found 426.1072.

2-(((4-bromophenyl)thio)diphenylmethyl)-1H-indole (3af)



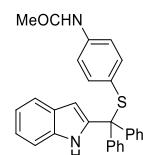
White solid, 120 mg, 85% yield.

¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.28 (s, 1H), 7.52 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.35 – 7.32 (m, 4H), 7.30 – 7.26 (m, 7H), 7.21 – 7.17 (m, 3H), 7.10 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 6.85 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 6.29 (s, 1H).

¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 143.0, 140.2, 136.3, 136.1, 132.7, 131.8, 129.3, 128.2, 127.8, 127.7, 123.2, 122.6, 120.9, 120.1, 111.0, 106.2, 66.1.

HRMS-ESI (m/z): [M+H]⁺ calculated for C₂₇H₂₁BrNS: 470.0573, found 470.0561.

N-((4-(((1H-indol-2-yl)diphenylmethyl)thio)phenyl)acetamide (3ag)



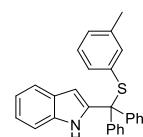
White solid, 82 mg, 61% yield.

¹H NMR (600 MHz, DMSO) δ 11.07 (d, *J* = 1.7 Hz, 1H), 9.93 (s, 1H), 7.43 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.38 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.32 – 7.25 (m, 12H), 7.10 – 7.03 (m, 1H), 6.99 – 6.92 (m, 1H), 6.86 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 6.19 (d, *J* = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 1.99 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (151 MHz, DMSO) δ 168.7, 143.6, 140.9, 140.1, 137.1, 136.1, 129.0, 128.1, 127.4, 127.1, 126.1, 121.7, 120.3, 119.2, 118.7, 111.8, 104.5, 65.9, 24.3.

HRMS-ESI (m/z): [M+Na]⁺ calculated for C₂₉H₂₄N₂NaOS: 471.1502, found 471.1488.

2-(diphenyl(m-tolylthio)methyl)-1H-indole (3ah)



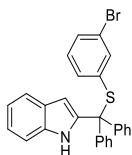
White solid, 97 mg, 80% yield.

¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.27 (s, 1H), 7.51 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.40 – 7.36 (m, 4H), 7.32 – 7.26 (m, 6H), 7.25 (s, 1H), 7.19 – 7.16 (m, 1H), 7.09 (m, 1H), 7.02 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 6.98 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.90 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.75 (s, 1H), 6.22 (d, *J* = 1.7 Hz, 1H), 2.07 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 143.4, 141.0, 138.4, 136.1, 136.0, 133.2, 132.0, 129.5, 129.4, 128.5, 128.0, 127.8, 127.5, 122.3, 120.8, 119.9, 110.9, 105.8, 65.9, 21.2.

HRMS-ESI (m/z): [M+H]⁺ calculated for C₂₈H₂₄NS: 406.1624, found 406.1616.

2-(((3-bromophenyl)thio)diphenylmethyl)-1H-indole (3ai)



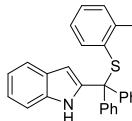
White solid, 119 mg, 85% yield.

¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.26 (s, 1H), 7.53 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.38 – 7.34 (m, 4H), 7.34 – 7.27 (m, 8H), 7.21 – 7.17 (m, 1H), 7.13 – 7.06 (m, 2H), 7.00 – 6.95 (m, 1H), 6.92 (t, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 6.32 (d, *J* = 1.4 Hz, 1H).

¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 142.9, 140.1, 137.2, 136.2, 135.9, 132.9, 131.4, 129.8, 129.3, 128.2, 127.8, 127.7, 122.6, 122.1, 120.9, 120.1, 111.0, 106.2, 66.4.

HRMS-ESI (m/z): [M+H]⁺ calculated for C₂₇H₂₁BrNS: 470.0573, found 470.0556.

2-(diphenyl(o-tolylthio)methyl)-1H-indole (3aj)



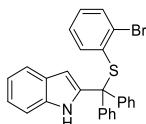
White solid, 95 mg, 78% yield.

¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.47 (s, 1H), 7.51 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.45 (dd, *J* = 7.9, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.36 – 7.32 (m, 4H), 7.30 – 7.26 (m, 7H), 7.19 – 7.15 (m, 1H), 7.10 – 7.06 (m, 1H), 6.97 – 6.90 (m, 2H), 6.84 (td, *J* = 7.7, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 6.37 (d, *J* = 1.5 Hz, 1H), 1.55 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 143.8, 142.9, 140.7, 136.0, 135.4, 132.6, 130.3, 129.4, 128.8, 127.8, 127.7, 127.5, 126.2, 122.2, 120.7, 119.8, 110.8, 105.8, 65.9, 20.6.

HRMS-ESI (m/z): [M+H]⁺ calculated for C₂₈H₂₄NS: 406.1624, found 406.1637.

2-(((2-bromophenyl)thio)diphenylmethyl)-1H-indole (3ak)



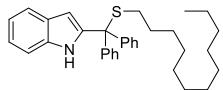
White solid, 99 mg, 70% yield.

¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.48 (s, 1H), 7.53 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.46 (dd, *J* = 7.9, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 7.36 (dd, *J* = 6.7, 2.9 Hz, 4H), 7.32 – 7.27 (m, 7H), 7.18 (dd, *J* = 11.2, 3.9 Hz, 1H), 7.09 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 6.98 – 6.91 (m, 2H), 6.87 – 6.82 (m, 1H), 6.39 (d, *J* = 1.5 Hz, 1H).

¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 142.9, 139.2, 136.3, 136.1, 133.0, 132.9, 130.2, 129.3, 128.22, 128.20, 127.9, 127.4, 126.6, 122.5, 120.8, 120.1, 111.1, 106.5, 66.6.

HRMS-ESI (m/z): [M+H]⁺ calculated for C₂₇H₂₁BrNS: 470.0573, found 470.0571.

2-((dodecylthio)diphenylmethyl)-1H-indole (3al).



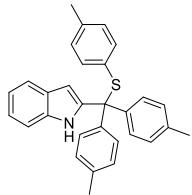
Colourless oil, 134 mg, 93% yield.

¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.40 (s, 1H), 7.61 – 7.53 (m, 1H), 7.53 – 7.42 (m, 4H), 7.37 – 7.30 (m, 5H), 7.29 – 7.26 (m, 2H), 7.23 – 7.19 (m, 1H), 7.15 – 7.09 (m, 1H), 6.45 – 6.27 (m, 1H), 2.42 – 2.21 (m, 2H), 1.51 – 1.41 (m, 2H), 1.36 – 1.14 (m, 18H), 0.96 – 0.88 (m, 3H).

¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 144.1, 140.8, 136.4, 128.7, 128.3, 127.7, 127.3, 122.3, 120.6, 120.0, 110.9, 105.7, 62.2, 32.1, 29.8, 29.7, 29.5, 29.5, 29.3, 29.1, 28.8, 22.8, 14.3.

HRMS-ESI (m/z): [M+H]⁺ calculated for C₃₃H₄₂NS: 484.3032, found 484.3019.

2-(di-p-tolyl(p-tolylthio)methyl)-1H-indole (3ba)



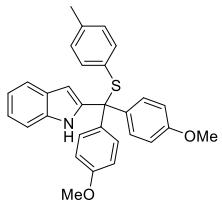
White solid, 95 mg, 73% yield.

¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.22 (s, 1H), 7.49 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.23 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.21 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 4H), 7.17 – 7.14 (m, 1H), 7.10 – 7.03 (m, 5H), 6.92 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 6.89 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 6.17 (d, *J* = 1.7 Hz, 1H), 2.34 (s, 6H), 2.26 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 141.5, 140.6, 138.9, 137.2, 136.0, 135.4, 130.2, 129.5, 129.4, 128.7, 127.8, 122.1, 120.7, 119.8, 110.9, 105.7, 65.4, 21.3, 21.2.

HRMS-ESI (m/z): [M+H]⁺ calculated for C₃₀H₂₈NS: 434.1937, found 434.1925.

2-(di-*p*-tolyl(p-tolylthio)methyl)-1H-indole (3ca).



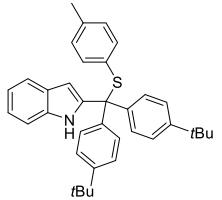
White solid, 95 mg, 68% yield.

¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.25 (s, 1H), 7.51 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.26 – 7.21 (m, 5H), 7.18 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.09 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 6.97 – 6.91 (m, 4H), 6.80 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 4H), 6.17 (s, 1H), 3.81 (s, 6H), 2.29 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 158.8, 141.9, 139.0, 136.0, 135.7, 135.7, 130., 130.1, 129.5, 127.8, 122.2, 120.7, 119.8, 113.2, 110.9, 105.5, 65.0, 55.4, 21.3.

HRMS-ESI (m/z): [M+Na]⁺ calculated for C₃₀H₂₇NNaO₂S: 488.1655, found 488.1650.

2-(bis(4-(tert-butyl)phenyl)(p-tolylthio)methyl)-1H-indole (3da)



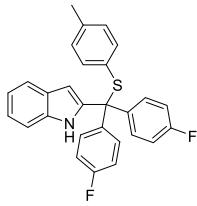
White solid, 113 mg, 73% yield.

¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.30 (s, 1H), 7.51 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.26 – 7.23 (m, 9H), 7.19 – 7.14 (m, 1H), 7.10 – 7.06 (m, 1H), 6.90 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 6.87 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 6.25 (d, *J* = 1.5 Hz, 1H), 2.26 (s, 3H), 1.32 (s, 18H).

¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 150.3, 141.66, 140.4, 138.8, 136.1, 135.6, 130.2, 129.4, 129.1, 127.9, 124.8, 122.1, 120.7, 119.8, 110.9, 105.5, 65.4, 34.6, 31.5, 21.3.

HRMS-ESI (m/z): [M+H]⁺ calculated for C₃₆H₄₀NS: 518.2876, found 518.2858.

2-(bis(4-fluorophenyl)(p-tolylthio)methyl)-1H-indole (3ea).



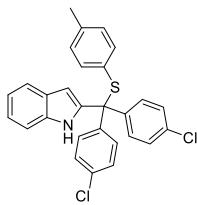
White solid, 106 mg, 80% yield.

¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.31 (s, 1H), 7.52 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.32 – 7.26 (m, 4H), 7.26 – 7.25 (m, 1H), 7.22 – 7.18 (m, 1H), 7.13 – 7.09 (m, 1H), 7.00 – 6.85 (m, 8H), 6.15 (dd, *J* = 2.1, 0.7 Hz, 1H), 2.29 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 162.0 (d, *J* = 247.9 Hz), 140.7, 139.5, 138.9 (d, *J* = 3.2 Hz), 136.0, 135.8, 131.1 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz), 129.6, 129.1, 127.6, 122.5, 120.7, 120.0, 114.7 (d, *J* = 21.3 Hz), 110.9, 105.7, 64.5, 21.2.

HRMS-ESI (m/z): [M+H]⁺ calculated for C₂₈H₂₂F₂NS: 442.1436, found 442.1425.

2-bis(4-chlorophenyl)(p-tolylthio)methyl-1H-indole (3fa).



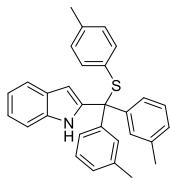
White solid, 101 mg, 71% yield.

¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.30 (s, 1H), 7.51 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.29 – 7.27 (m, 1H), 7.25 – 7.17 (m, 9H), 7.13 – 7.08 (m, 1H), 6.93 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 6.91 – 6.88 (m, 2H), 6.15 (dd, *J* = 2.2, 0.7 Hz, 1H), 2.28 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 141.5, 140.2, 139.8, 136.1, 136.0, 133.7, 130.8, 129.8, 128.8, 128.2, 127.7, 122.7, 120.9, 120.2, 111.0, 106.0, 64.7, 21.4.

HRMS-ESI (m/z): [M+H]⁺ calculated for C₂₈H₂₂Cl₂NS: 474.0845, found 474.0822.

2-(di-m-tolyl(p-tolylthio)methyl)-1H-indole (3ga)



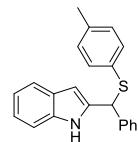
White solid, 98 mg, 75% yield.

¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.30 (s, 1H), 7.52 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.28 – 7.26 (m, 1H), 7.19 – 7.14 (m, 5H), 7.11 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 7.10 – 7.05 (m, 3H), 6.90 (m, 4H), 6.23 (d, *J* = 1.1 Hz, 1H), 2.27 (s, 9H).

¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 143.3, 141.3, 139.0, 137.4, 136.0, 135.8, 130.2, 129.8, 129.4, 128.2, 127.9, 127.8, 126.6, 122.1, 120.7, 119.8, 110.9, 105.7, 65.9, 21.7, 21.3.

HRMS-ESI (m/z): [M+H]⁺ calculated for C₃₀H₂₈NS: 434.1937, found 434.1926.

2-(phenyl(p-tolylthio)methyl)-1H-indole (3ha)



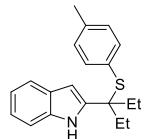
White solid, 57 mg, 57% yield.

¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.35 (s, 1H), 7.53 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.43 – 7.39 (m, 2H), 7.36 – 7.31 (m, 3H), 7.31 – 7.27 (m, 1H), 7.21 – 7.15 (m, 3H), 7.12 – 7.07 (m, 1H), 7.02 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 6.39 – 6.29 (m, 1H), 5.59 (s, 1H), 2.29 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 139.8, 137.83, 137.77, 136.4, 132.3, 131.1, 129.9, 128.8, 128.54, 128.50, 127.9, 122.1, 120.6, 120.0, 111.0, 102.9, 52.5, 21.2.

HRMS-ESI (m/z): [M+H]⁺ calculated for C₂₂H₂₀NS: 330.1311, found 330.1304.

2-(3-(p-tolylthio)pentan-3-yl)-1H-indole (3ia).



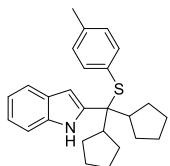
White solid, 58 mg, 62% yield.

¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.52 (s, 1H), 7.53 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.39 (dd, *J* = 8.1, 0.6 Hz, 1H), 7.22 – 7.18 (m, 1H), 7.12 – 7.08 (m, 1H), 6.91 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 6.83 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 6.18 (dd, *J* = 2.0, 0.6 Hz, 1H), 2.25 (s, 3H), 1.97 (dq, *J* = 14.6, 7.3 Hz, 2H), 1.82 (dq, *J* = 14.6, 7.4 Hz, 2H), 0.95 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 6H).

¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 142.5, 138.7, 136.1, 135.4, 129.4, 128.4, 128.1, 121.9, 120.4, 119.6, 110.8, 102.4, 56.9, 27.4, 21.3, 8.3.

HRMS-ESI (m/z): [M+H]⁺ calculated for C₂₀H₂₄NS: 310.1624, found 310.1622.

2-(dicyclopentyl(p-tolylthio)methyl)-1H-indole (3ja).



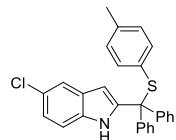
White solid, 95 mg, 82% yield.

¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.96 (s, 1H), 7.59 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.41 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.19 (m, 1H), 7.13 (m, 3H), 6.95 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 6.43 (d, *J* = 1.7 Hz, 1H), 2.60 – 2.53 (m, 2H), 2.27 (s, 3H), 1.86 – 1.80 (m, 2H), 1.75 – 1.63 (m, 4H), 1.53 – 1.36 (m, 10H).

¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 140.1, 137.9, 134.8, 134.3, 130.6, 129.5, 128.7, 121.5, 120.3, 119.7, 110.9, 102.8, 64.6, 49.0, 29.0, 28.9, 25.5, 25.0, 21.2.

HRMS-ESI (m/z): [M+H]⁺ calculated for C₂₆H₃₂NS: 390.2250, found 390.2239.

5-chloro-2-(diphenyl(p-tolylthio)methyl)-1H-indole (3ka).



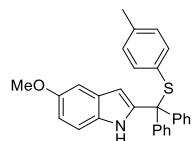
White solid, 110 mg, 84% yield.

¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.31 (s, 1H), 7.47 (d, *J* = 1.9 Hz, 1H), 7.36 – 7.32 (m, 4H), 7.31 – 7.26 (m, 6H), 7.16 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 7.12 (dd, *J* = 8.6, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 6.91 (s, 4H), 6.16 (d, *J* = 1.5 Hz, 1H), 2.28 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 143.1, 142.7, 139.2, 135.6, 134.3, 129.6, 129.5, 129.4, 128.8, 128.1, 127.6, 125.5, 122.6, 120.1, 111.9, 105.3, 65.7, 21.3.

HRMS-ESI (m/z): [M+H]⁺ calculated for C₂₈H₂₃ClNS: 440.1234, found 440.1229.

2-(diphenyl(p-tolylthio)methyl)-5-methoxy-1H-indole (3la).



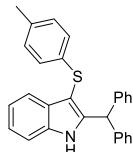
White solid, 110 mg, 85% yield.

¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.19 (s, 1H), 7.37 – 7.31 (m, 4H), 7.28 – 7.24 (m, 6H), 7.15 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 6.98 (d, *J* = 2.2 Hz, 1H), 6.96 – 6.87 (m, 4H), 6.84 (dd, *J* = 8.7, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 6.14 (d, *J* = 1.2 Hz, 1H), 3.83 (s, 3H), 2.27 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 154.3, 143.4, 141.8, 139.0, 135.5, 131.2, 129.8, 129.5, 128.2, 127.9, 127.5, 112.5, 111.7, 105.6, 102.4, 65.8, 56.0, 21.3.

HRMS-ESI (m/z): [M+H]⁺ calculated for C₂₉H₂₆NOS: 436.1730, found 436.1718.

2-benzhydryl-3-(*p*-tolylthio)-1H-indole (4aa).



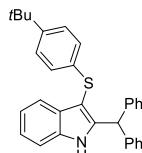
White solid, 108 mg, 89% yield.

¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.09 (s, 1H), 7.66 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.35 – 7.31 (m, 5H), 7.31 – 7.27 (m, 2H), 7.25 – 7.22 (m, 1H), 7.20 – 7.16 (m, 5H), 7.01 – 6.98 (m, 2H), 6.96 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 6.22 (s, 1H), 2.29 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 145.0, 141.7, 135.8, 135.1, 134.6, 130.3, 129.5, 129.0, 128.8, 127.0, 126.4, 122.7, 121.0, 119.7, 111.3, 101.4, 48.3, 21.0.

HRMS-ESI (m/z): [M+H]⁺ calculated for C₂₈H₂₄NS: 406.1624, found 406.1615.

2-benzhydryl-3-((4-(tert-butyl)phenyl)thio)-1H-indole (4ab)



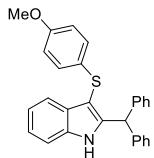
White solid, 122 mg, 91% yield.

¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.03 (s, 1H), 7.66 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.33 – 7.29 (m, 2H), 7.29 – 7.27 (m, 3H), 7.26 – 7.23 (m, 2H), 7.23 – 7.20 (m, 1H), 7.19 – 7.15 (m, 1H), 7.15 – 7.11 (m, 6H), 6.99 – 6.96 (m, 2H), 6.18 (s, 1H), 1.27 (s, 9H).

¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 147.9, 145.0, 141.7, 135.8, 135.2, 130.5, 129.1, 128.8, 127.1, 126.3, 125.8, 122.7, 121.0, 119.8, 111.3, 101.6, 48.3, 34.4, 31.5.

HRMS-ESI (m/z): [M+H]⁺ calculated for C₃₁H₃₀NS: 448.2093, found 448.2091.

2-benzhydryl-3-((4-methoxyphenyl)thio)-1H-indole (4ac).



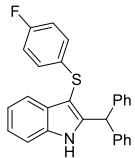
White solid, 122 mg, 97% yield.

¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.04 (s, 1H), 7.67 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.34 – 7.29 (m, 5H), 7.29 – 7.26 (m, 2H), 7.23 – 7.20 (m, 1H), 7.19 – 7.15 (m, 5H), 7.05 – 7.00 (m, 2H), 6.74 – 6.64 (m, 2H), 6.24 (s, 1H), 3.74 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 157.8, 144.6, 141.8, 135.8, 130.3, 129.3, 129.0, 128.9, 128.8, 127.1, 122.7, 121.06, 119.7, 114.5, 111.3, 102.6, 55.4, 48.3.

HRMS-ESI (m/z): [M+H]⁺ calculated for C₂₈H₂₄NOS: 422.1573, found 422.1570.

2-benzhydryl-3-((4-fluorophenyl)thio)-1H-indole (4ad).



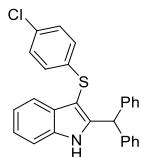
White solid, 119 mg, 97% yield.

¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.09 (s, 1H), 7.63 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.34 – 7.26 (m, 7H), 7.25 – 7.21 (m, 1H), 7.19 – 7.16 (m, 1H), 7.15 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 4H), 6.99 – 6.95 (m, 2H), 6.82 – 6.76 (m, 2H), 6.18 (s, 1H).

¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 160.9 (d, *J* = 243.7 Hz), 145.2, 141.5, 135.7, 133.6, 130.2, 129.0, 128.9, 128.1 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz), 127.1, 122.8, 121.2, 119.5, 115.7 (d, *J* = 22.0 Hz), 111.4, 101.3, 48.4.

HRMS-ESI (m/z): [M+H]⁺ calculated for C₂₇H₂₁FNS: 410.1373, found 410.1371.

2-benzhydryl-3-((4-chlorophenyl)thio)-1H-indole (4ae).



White solid, 123 mg, 96% yield.

¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.11 (s, 1H), 7.60 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.39 – 7.26 (m, 7H), 7.25 – 7.22 (m, 1H), 7.20 – 7.16 (m, 1H), 7.15 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 4H), 7.08 – 7.00 (m, 2H), 6.96 – 6.86 (m, 2H), 6.15 (s, 1H).

¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 145.4, 141.3, 137.3, 135.7, 130.4, 130.0, 128.9, 128.8, 128.7, 127.3, 127.1, 122.9, 121.2, 119.4, 111.4, 100.3, 48.3.

HRMS-ESI (m/z): [M+H]⁺ calculated for C₂₇H₂₁CINS: 426.1078, found 426.1060.

2-benzhydryl-3-((4-bromophenyl)thio)-1H-indole (4af).



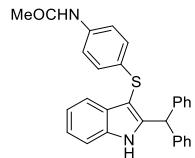
White solid, 124 mg, 88% yield.

¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.10 (s, 1H), 7.58 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.34 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.32 – 7.26 (m, 6H), 7.24 – 7.21 (m, 1H), 7.19 – 7.15 (m, 3H), 7.13 (d, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 4H), 6.89 – 6.76 (m, 2H), 6.12 (s, 1H).

¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 145.5, 141.4, 138.1, 135.8, 131.6, 130.1, 129.0, 128.9, 127.7, 127.2, 123.0, 121.3, 119.5, 118.3, 111.5, 100.2, 48.4.

HRMS-ESI (m/z): [M+Na]⁺ calculated for C₂₇H₂₀BrNNaS: 492.0392, found 492.0392.

N-(4-((2-benzhydryl-1H-indol-3-yl)thio)phenyl)acetamide (4ag).



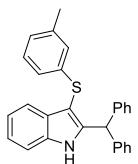
White solid, 98 mg, 73% yield.

¹H NMR (600 MHz, DMSO) δ 11.49 (s, 1H), 9.85 (s, 1H), 7.42 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.39 – 7.29 (m, 7H), 7.24 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 7.19 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 4H), 7.15 – 7.11 (m, 1H), 7.05 – 7.00 (m, 1H), 6.95 – 6.88 (m, 2H), 6.10 (s, 1H), 1.98 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (151 MHz, DMSO) δ 168.1, 145.5, 141.7, 136.9, 136.5, 131.8, 128.8, 128.7, 128.5, 126.7, 124.6, 122.2, 120.1, 119.6, 118.3, 112.1, 99.1, 47.7, 23.9.

HRMS-ESI (m/z): [M+Na]⁺ calculated for C₂₉H₂₄N₂NaOS: 471.1502, found 471.1486.

2-benzhydryl-3-(m-tolylthio)-1H-indole (4ah).



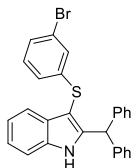
White solid, 113 mg, 93% yield.

$^1\text{H NMR}$ (600 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.09 (s, 1H), 7.64 (d, $J = 7.9$ Hz, 1H), 7.36 – 7.27 (m, 6H), 7.26 – 7.24 (m, 1H), 7.23 – 7.20 (m, 1H), 7.18 – 7.13 (m, 5H), 7.02 – 6.98 (m, 1H), 6.92 – 6.76 (m, 3H), 6.17 (s, 1H), 2.18 (s, 3H).

$^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (151 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 145.2, 141.7, 138.5, 138.5, 135.8, 130.4, 129.0, 128.8, 128.6, 127.1, 126.8, 125.8, 123.3, 122.7, 121.0, 119.7, 111.3, 101.0, 48.3, 21.5.

HRMS-ESI (m/z): $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ calculated for $\text{C}_{28}\text{H}_{23}\text{NNaS}$: 428.1443, found 428.1429.

2-benzhydryl-3-((3-bromophenyl)thio)-1H-indole (4ai).



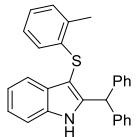
White solid, 134 mg, 95% yield.

$^1\text{H NMR}$ (600 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.14 (s, 1H), 7.62 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.36 – 7.30 (m, 5H), 7.29 – 7.26 (m, 2H), 7.26 – 7.23 (m, 1H), 7.22 – 7.18 (m, 1H), 7.17 – 7.13 (m, 5H), 7.12 – 7.10 (m, 1H), 6.96 – 6.90 (m, 2H), 6.13 (s, 1H).

$^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (151 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 145.8, 141.4, 141.3, 135.7, 130.1, 130.0, 129.0, 128.9, 128.4, 127.8, 127.2, 124.5, 122.94, 122.87, 121.3, 119.4, 111.5, 99.7, 48.4.

HRMS-ESI (m/z): $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ calculated for $\text{C}_{27}\text{H}_{20}\text{BrNNaS}$: 492.0392, found 492.0401.

2-benzhydryl-3-(o-tolylthio)-1H-indole (4aj).



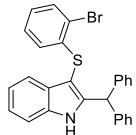
White solid, 115 mg, 94% yield.

¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.07 (s, 1H), 7.58 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.34 – 7.26 (m, 6H), 7.26 – 7.21 (m, 2H), 7.18 – 7.13 (m, 5H), 7.12 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 6.96 (td, *J* = 7.4, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 6.85 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.66 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 6.12 (s, 1H), 2.49 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 145.3, 141.7, 137.9, 135.9, 134.5, 130.3, 129.9, 129.0, 128.8, 127.1, 126.3, 125.3, 124.4, 122.8, 121.0, 119.7, 111.4, 100.3, 48.3, 20.1.

HRMS-ESI (m/z): [M+H]⁺ calculated for C₂₈H₂₄NS: 406.1624, found 406.1622.

2-benzhydryl-3-((2-bromophenyl)thio)-1H-indole (4ak).



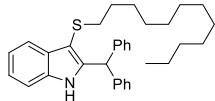
White solid, 139 mg, 98% yield.

¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.17 (s, 1H), 7.58 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.48 – 7.44 (m, 1H), 7.35 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.30 – 7.26 (m, 4H), 7.25 – 7.21 (m, 3H), 7.18 – 7.15 (m, 1H), 7.15 – 7.12 (m, 4H), 6.89 – 6.82 (m, 2H), 6.50 – 6.44 (m, 1H), 6.12 (s, 1H).

¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 146.0, 141.3, 139.8, 135.9, 132.6, 130.0, 129.0, 128.9, 127.4, 127.1, 126.6, 125.6, 123.0, 121.3, 119.9, 119.6, 111.5, 99.9, 48.3.

HRMS-ESI (m/z): [M+Na]⁺ calculated for C₂₇H₂₀BrNNaS: 492.0392, found 492.0369.

2-benzhydryl-3-(dodecylthio)-1H-indole (4al).



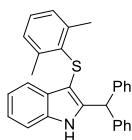
Colourless oil, 116 mg, 80% yield.

¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.91 (s, 1H), 7.80 (s, 1H), 7.39 – 7.26 (m, 7H), 7.24 – 7.15 (m, 6H), 6.30 (s, 1H), 2.67 – 2.31 (m, 2H), 1.44 – 1.12 (m, 20H), 0.97 – 0.87 (m, 3H).

¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 144.0, 142.2, 135.6, 130.9, 129.1, 128.8, 127.0, 122.3, 120.6, 119.5, 111.2, 104.1, 48.2, 36.1, 32.1, 30.2, 29.8, 29.7, 29.5, 29.3, 28.8, 22.8, 14.3.

HRMS-ESI (m/z): [M+Na]⁺ calculated for C₃₃H₄₁NNaS: 506.2852, found 506.2836.

2-benzhydryl-3-((2, 6-dimethylphenyl)thio)-1H-indole (4am).



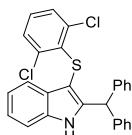
White solid, 112 mg, 89% yield.

¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.78 (s, 1H), 7.40 – 7.26 (m, 7H), 7.23 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.15 – 7.11 (m, 1H), 7.10 – 6.96 (m, 8H), 5.93 (s, 1H), 2.42 (s, 6H).

¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 141.8, 141.6, 140.3, 135.5, 133.5, 129.7, 128.9, 128.8, 128.4, 127.5, 127.0, 122.2, 120.4, 119.4, 111.1, 103.8, 48.4, 22.4.

HRMS-ESI (m/z): [M+H]⁺ calculated for C₂₉H₂₆NS: 420.1780, found 420.1776.

2-benzhydryl-3-((2,6-dichlorophenyl)thio)-1H-indole (4an).



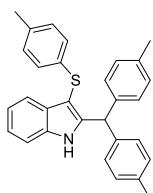
White solid, 120 mg, 87% yield.

¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.87 (s, 1H), 7.63 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.32 – 7.26 (m, 4H), 7.26 – 7.21 (m, 3H), 7.17 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.16 – 7.11 (m, 2H), 7.09 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 4H), 6.95 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.26 (s, 1H).

¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 143.4, 141.7, 139.7, 135.3, 133.1, 130.0, 128.9, 128.9, 128.81, 128.76, 127.0, 122.3, 120.7, 119.8, 111.3, 101.7, 48.5.

HRMS-ESI (m/z): [M+H]⁺ calculated for C₂₇H₂₀Cl₂NS: 460.0688, found 460.0681.

2-(di-p-tolylmethyl)-3-(p-tolylthio)-1H-indole (4ba).



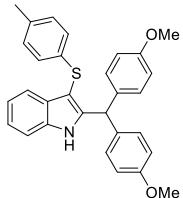
White solid, 109 mg, 84% yield.

¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.04 (s, 1H), 7.61 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.31 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.22 – 7.19 (m, 1H), 7.16 – 7.13 (m, 1H), 7.11 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 4H), 7.03 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 4H), 6.96 – 6.92 (m, 4H), 6.09 (s, 1H), 2.35 (s, 6H), 2.27 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 145.5, 138.9, 136.6, 135.7, 135.3, 134.5, 130.4, 129.5, 129.5, 128.9, 126.4, 122.6, 120.9, 119.6, 111.3, 101.0, 47.6, 21.2, 21.0.

HRMS-ESI (m/z): [M+Na]⁺ calculated for C₃₀H₂₇NNaS: 456.1756, found 456.1739.

2-(bis(4-methoxyphenyl)methyl)-3-(*p*-tolylthio)-1H-indole (4ca).



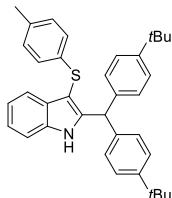
White solid, 123 mg, 88% yield.

¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.05 (s, 1H), 7.60 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.30 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.21 – 7.17 (m, 1H), 7.15 – 7.11 (m, 1H), 7.04 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 4H), 6.96 – 6.89 (m, 4H), 6.85 – 6.78 (m, 4H), 6.04 (s, 1H), 3.79 (s, 6H), 2.25 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 158.6, 145.8, 135.7, 135.2, 134.5, 134.1, 130.4, 130.0, 129.5, 126.4, 122.6, 120.9, 119.6, 114.2, 111.3, 100.9, 55.4, 46.7, 21.0.

HRMS-ESI (m/z): [M+Na]⁺ calculated for C₃₀H₂₇NNaO₂S: 488.1655, found 488.1640.

2-(bis(4-methoxyphenyl)methyl)-3-(*p*-tolylthio)-1H-indole (4da).



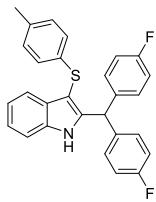
White solid, 127 mg, 82% yield.

¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.11 (s, 1H), 7.60 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.32 – 7.28 (m, 5H), 7.21 – 7.17 (m, 1H), 7.14 – 7.11 (m, 1H), 7.08 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 4H), 6.93 – 6.88 (m, 4H), 6.10 (s, 1H), 2.24 (s, 3H), 1.31 (s, 18H).

¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 149.8, 145.8, 138.7, 135.8, 135.3, 134.4, 130.4, 129.4, 128.6, 126.4, 125.7, 122.5, 120.9, 119.6, 111.3, 101.0, 47.4, 34.6, 31.5, 21.0.

HRMS-ESI (m/z): [M+Na]⁺ calculated for C₃₆H₃₉NNaS: 540.2695, found 540.2677.

2-(bis(4-fluorophenyl)methyl)-3-(*p*-tolylthio)-1H-indole (4ea).



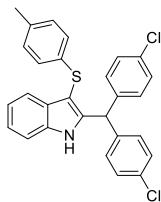
White solid, 114 mg, 86% yield.

¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.01 (s, 1H), 7.65 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.35 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.26 – 7.23 (m, 1H), 7.20 – 7.16 (m, 1H), 7.12 – 7.06 (m, 4H), 7.04 – 6.96 (m, 4H), 6.96 – 6.90 (m, 4H), 6.15 (s, 1H), 2.28 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 161.9 (d, *J* = 246.2 Hz), 144.3 (s), 137.1 (d, *J* = 3.2 Hz), 135.7, 134.7 (d, *J* = 5.9 Hz), 130.4, 130.4, 130.2, 129.5, 126.4, 122.9, 121.1, 119.7, 115.7 (d, *J* = 21.4 Hz), 111.3, 101.7, 46.8, 20.9.

HRMS-ESI (m/z): [M+H]⁺ calculated for C₂₈H₂₂F₂NS: 442.1436, found 442.1428.

2-(bis(4-chlorophenyl)methyl)-3-(*p*-tolylthio)-1H-indole (4fa).



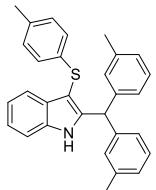
White solid, 121 mg, 85% yield.

¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.96 (s, 1H), 7.64 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.33 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.28 – 7.26 (m, 1H), 7.26 – 7.21 (m, 4H), 7.19 – 7.15 (m, 1H), 7.04 – 7.01 (m, 4H), 6.92 – 6.87 (m, 4H), 6.10 (s, 1H), 2.26 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 143.7, 139.6, 135.8, 134.9, 134.7, 133.2, 130.3, 130.3, 129.5, 129.1, 126.5, 123.1, 121.3, 119.8, 111.4, 102.1, 47.2, 21.0.

HRMS-ESI (m/z): [M+Na]⁺ calculated for C₂₈H₂₁Cl₂NNaS: 496.0664, found 496.0644.

2-(di-*m*-tolylmethyl)-3-(*p*-tolylthio)-1H-indole (4ga).



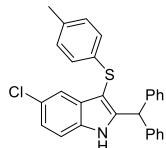
White solid, 104 mg, 80% yield.

¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.09 (s, 1H), 7.66 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.35 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.25 – 7.20 (m, 3H), 7.18 (td, *J* = 7.6, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 7.09 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 6.99 – 6.93 (m, 8H), 6.12 (s, 1H), 2.30 (s, 6H), 2.28 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 145.2, 141.7, 138.5, 135.8, 135.3, 134.5, 130.4, 129.8, 129.4, 128.7, 127.8, 126.5, 126.0, 122.6, 120.9, 119.7, 111.3, 101.2, 48.2, 21.6, 21.0.

HRMS-ESI (m/z): [M+Na]⁺ calculated for C₃₀H₂₇NNaS: 456.1756, found 456.1741.

2-benzhydryl-5-chloro-3-(*p*-tolylthio)-1H-indole (4ka).



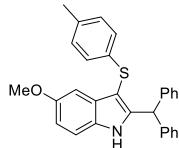
White solid, 121 mg, 92% yield.

¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.07 (s, 1H), 7.59 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.33 – 7.26 (m, 6H), 7.22 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 7.15 (dd, *J* = 8.6, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.12 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 4H), 6.96 – 6.90 (m, 4H), 6.14 (s, 1H), 2.26 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 146.5, 141.4, 134.9, 134.6, 134.1, 131.6, 129.6, 129.0, 128.9, 127.2, 126.9, 126.5, 123.1, 119.2, 112.4, 101.4, 48.3, 21.0.

HRMS-ESI (m/z): [M+Na]⁺ calculated for C₂₈H₂₂ClNNaS: 462.1054, found 462.1034.

2-benzhydryl-5-methoxy-3-(*p*-tolylthio)-1H-indole (4la).



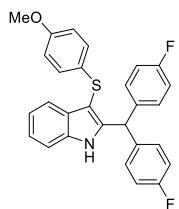
White solid, 119 mg, 91% yield.

¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.96 (s, 1H), 7.32 – 7.26 (m, 4H), 7.26 – 7.22 (m, 2H), 7.20 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.12 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 4H), 7.06 (d, *J* = 2.3 Hz, 1H), 6.93 (s, 4H), 6.85 (dd, *J* = 8.8, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 6.11 (s, 1H), 3.79 (s, 3H), 2.26 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 155.2, 145.7, 141.7, 135.2, 134.5, 131.2, 130.6, 129.5, 129.0, 128.8, 127.0, 126.2, 112.9, 112.1, 101.2, 100.9, 56.0, 48.4, 21.0.

HRMS-ESI (m/z): [M+Na]⁺ calculated for C₂₉H₂₅NNaOS: 458.1549, found 458.1531.

2-(bis(4-fluorophenyl)methyl)-3-((4-methoxyphenyl)thio)-1H-indole (4mc).



White solid, 125 mg, 91% yield.

¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.95 (s, 1H), 7.66 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.32 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.24 – 7.20 (m, 1H), 7.18 – 7.15 (m, 1H), 7.08 – 7.04 (m, 4H), 7.01 – 6.93 (m, 6H), 6.67 – 6.63 (m, 2H), 6.16 (s, 1H), 3.73 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 161.9 (d, *J* = 246.3 Hz), 157.9, 144.0, 137.2 (d, *J* = 3.2 Hz), 135.7, 130.5, 130.4, 129.0, 128.8, 122.9, 121.2, 119.7, 115.8 (d, *J* = 21.4 Hz), 114.5, 111.4, 102.8, 55.4, 46.9.

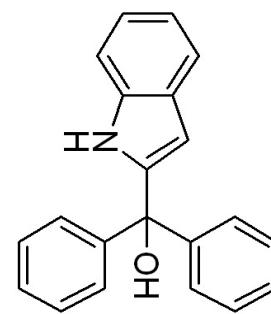
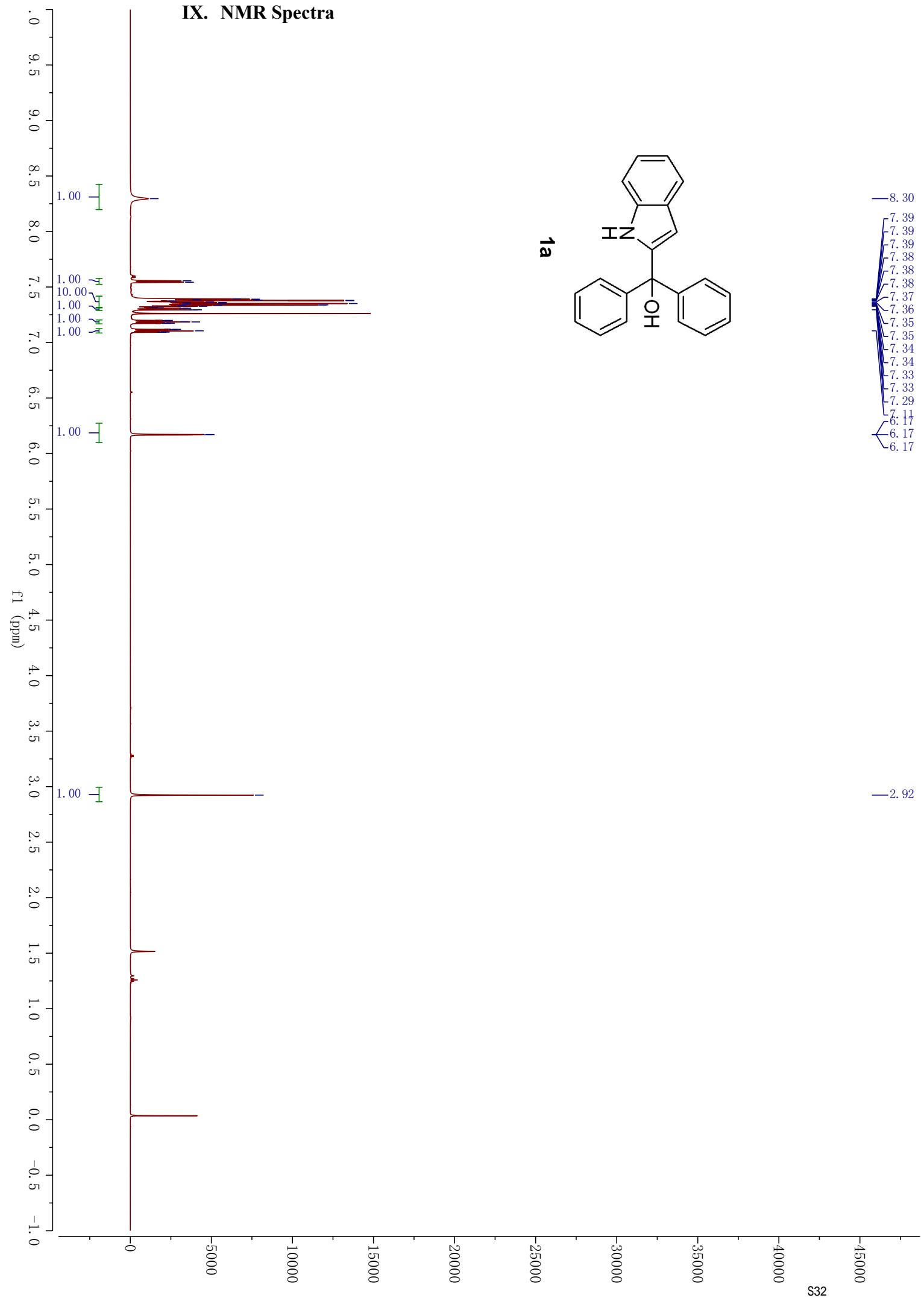
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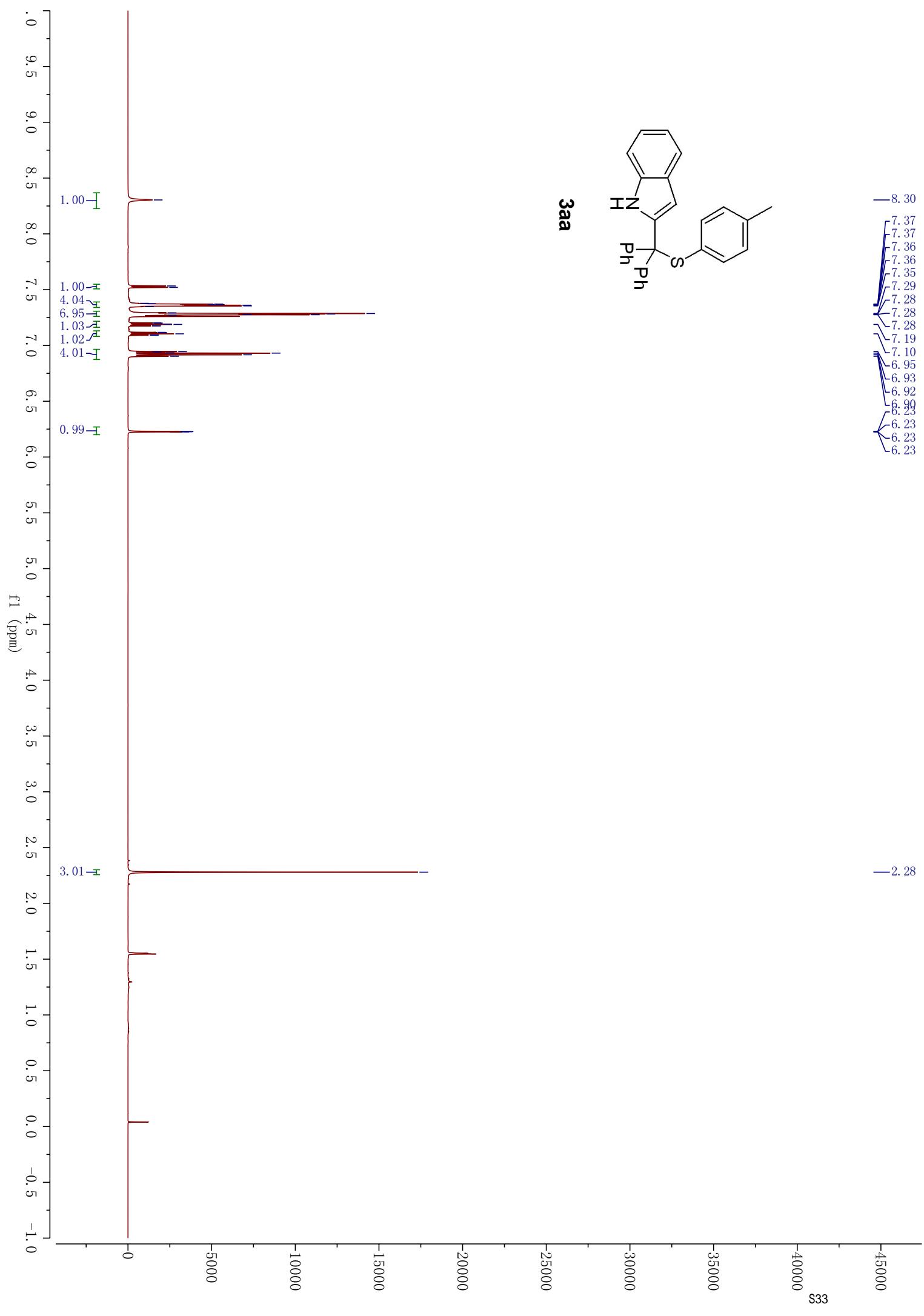
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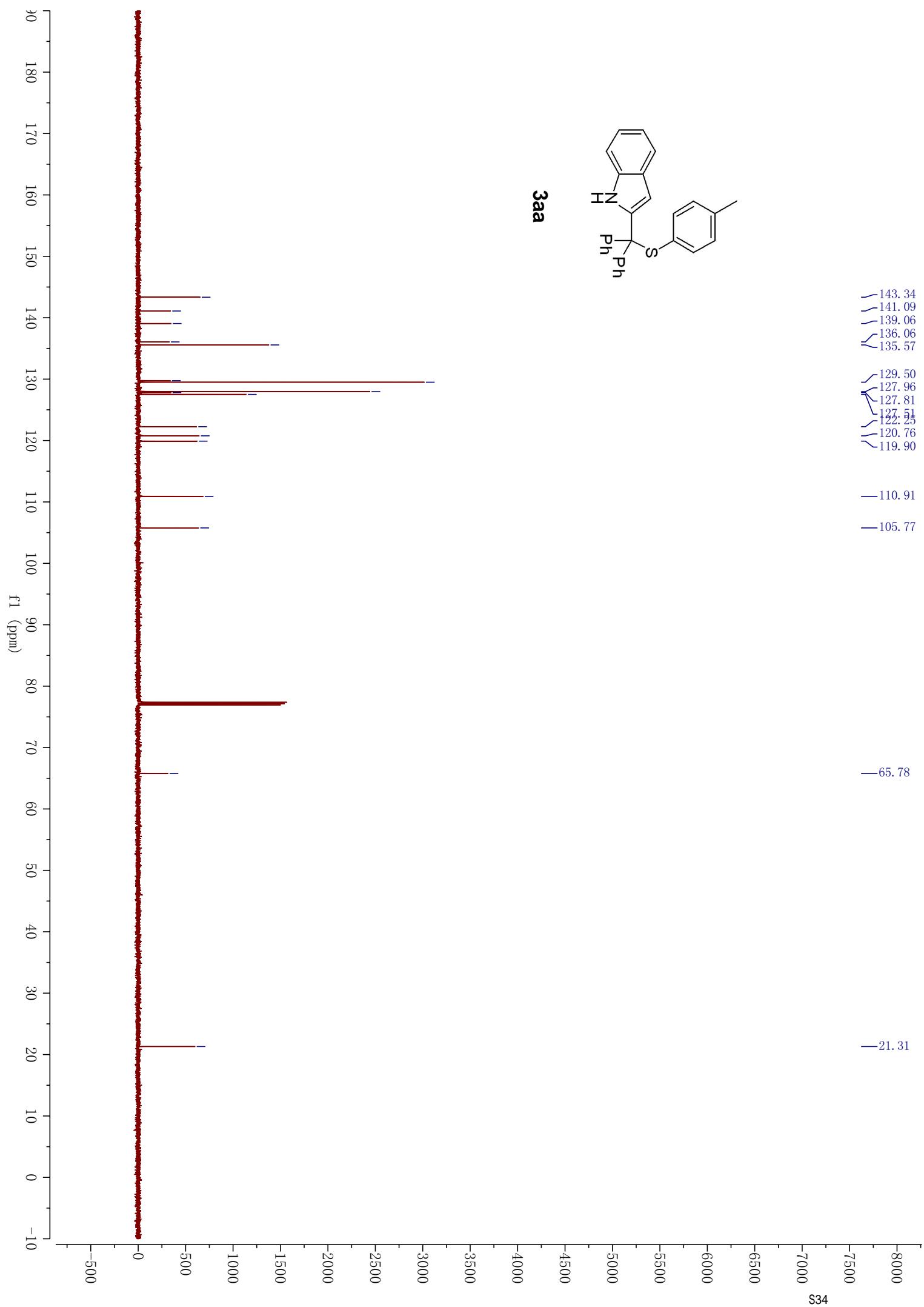
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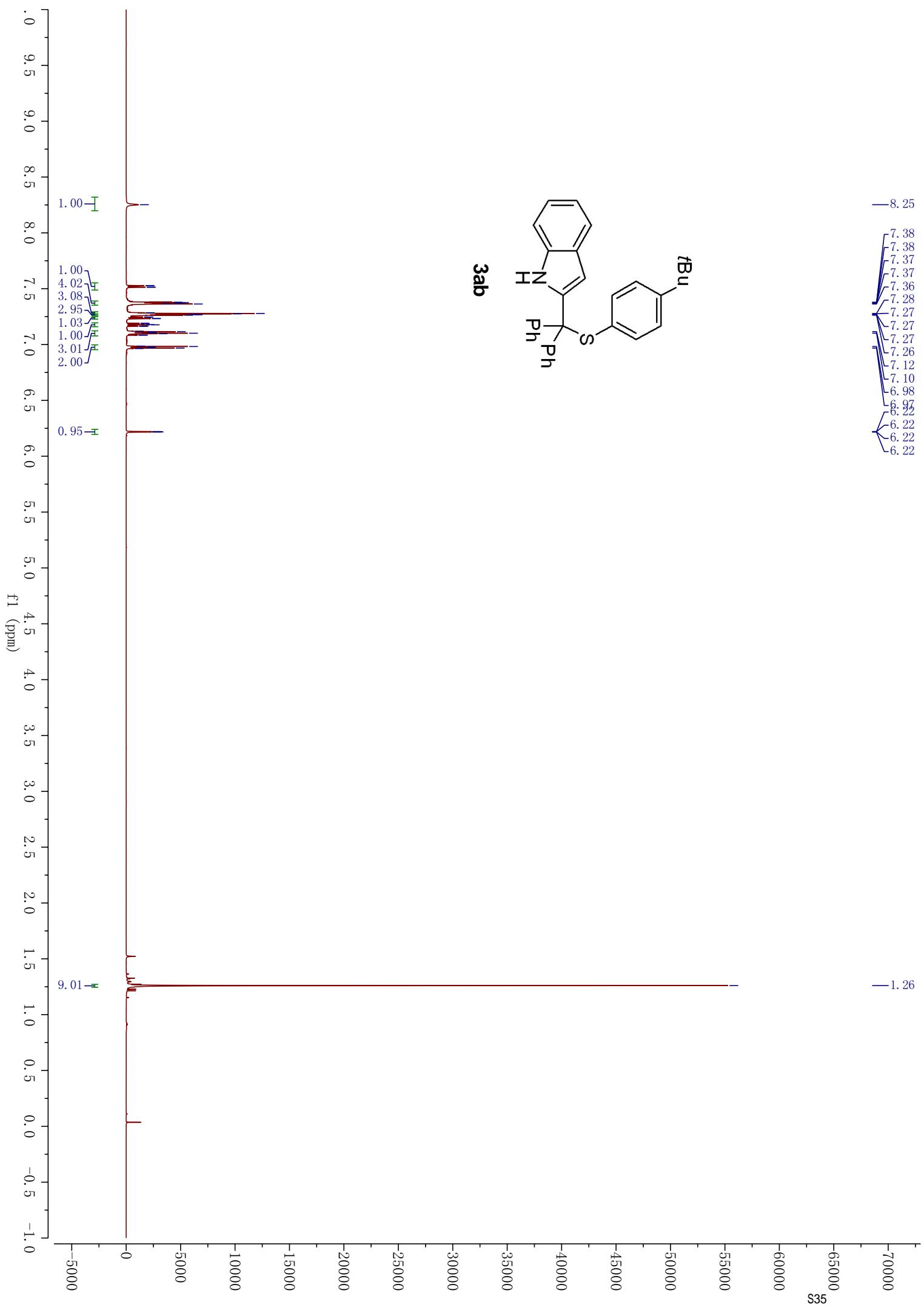
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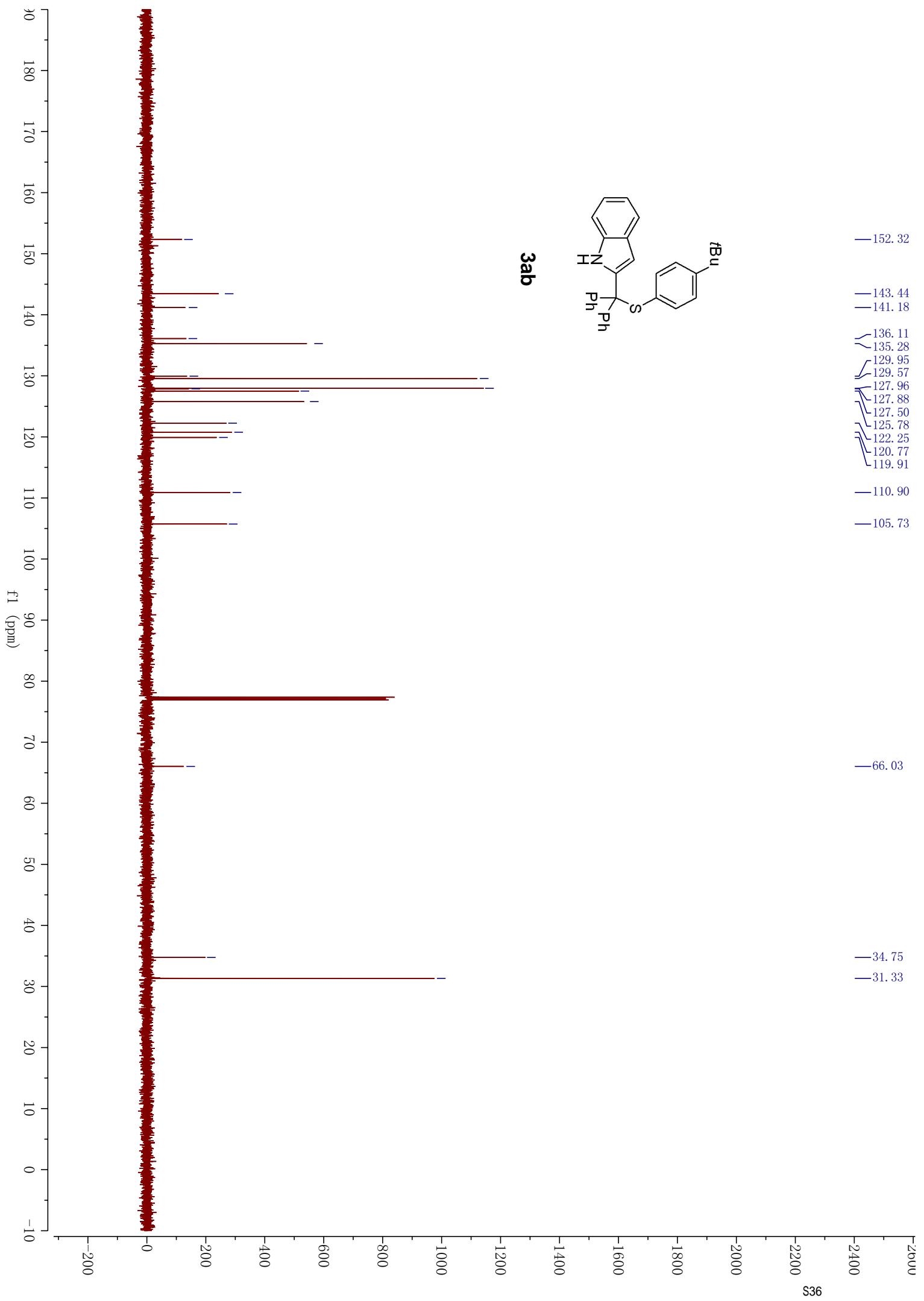
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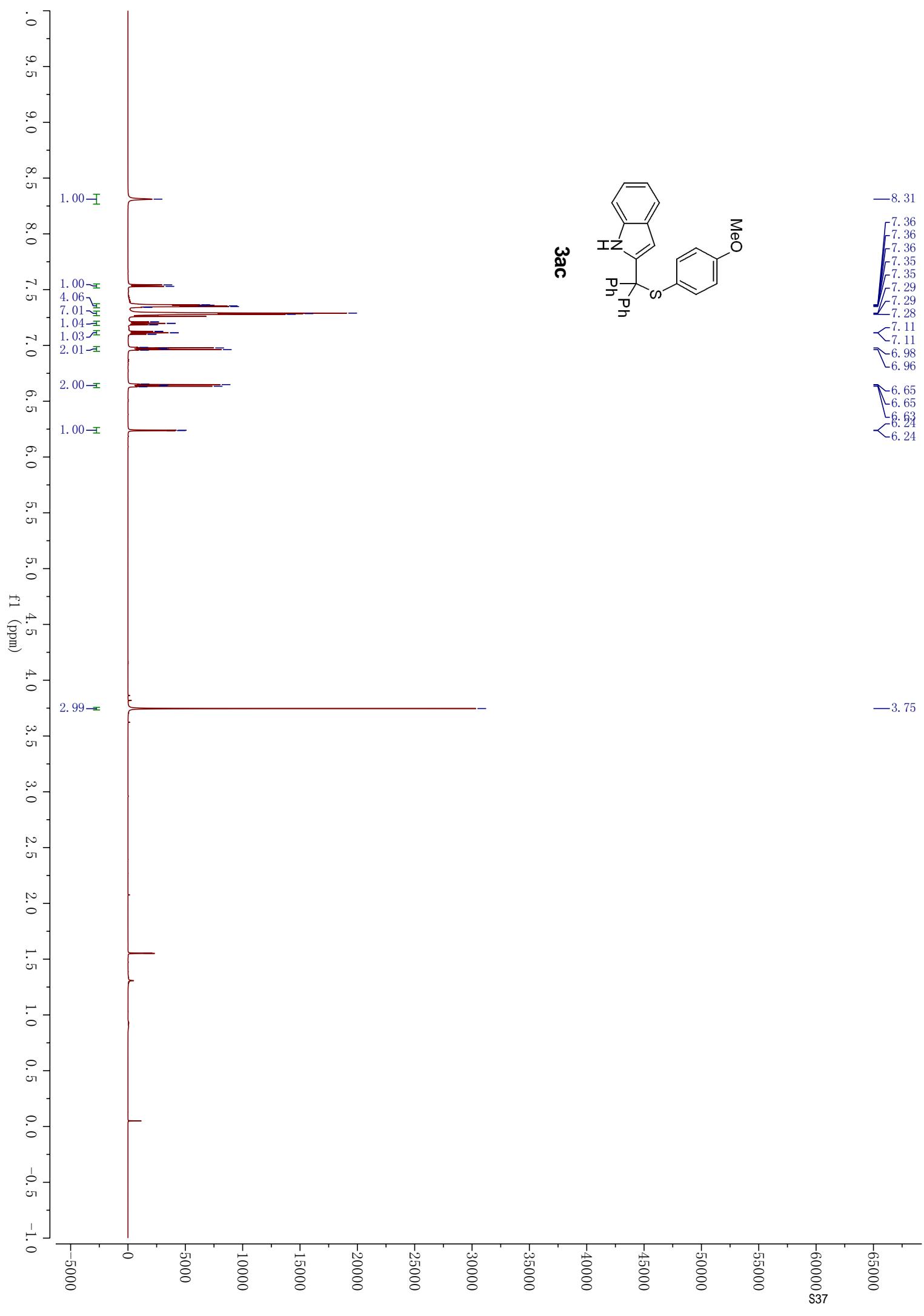


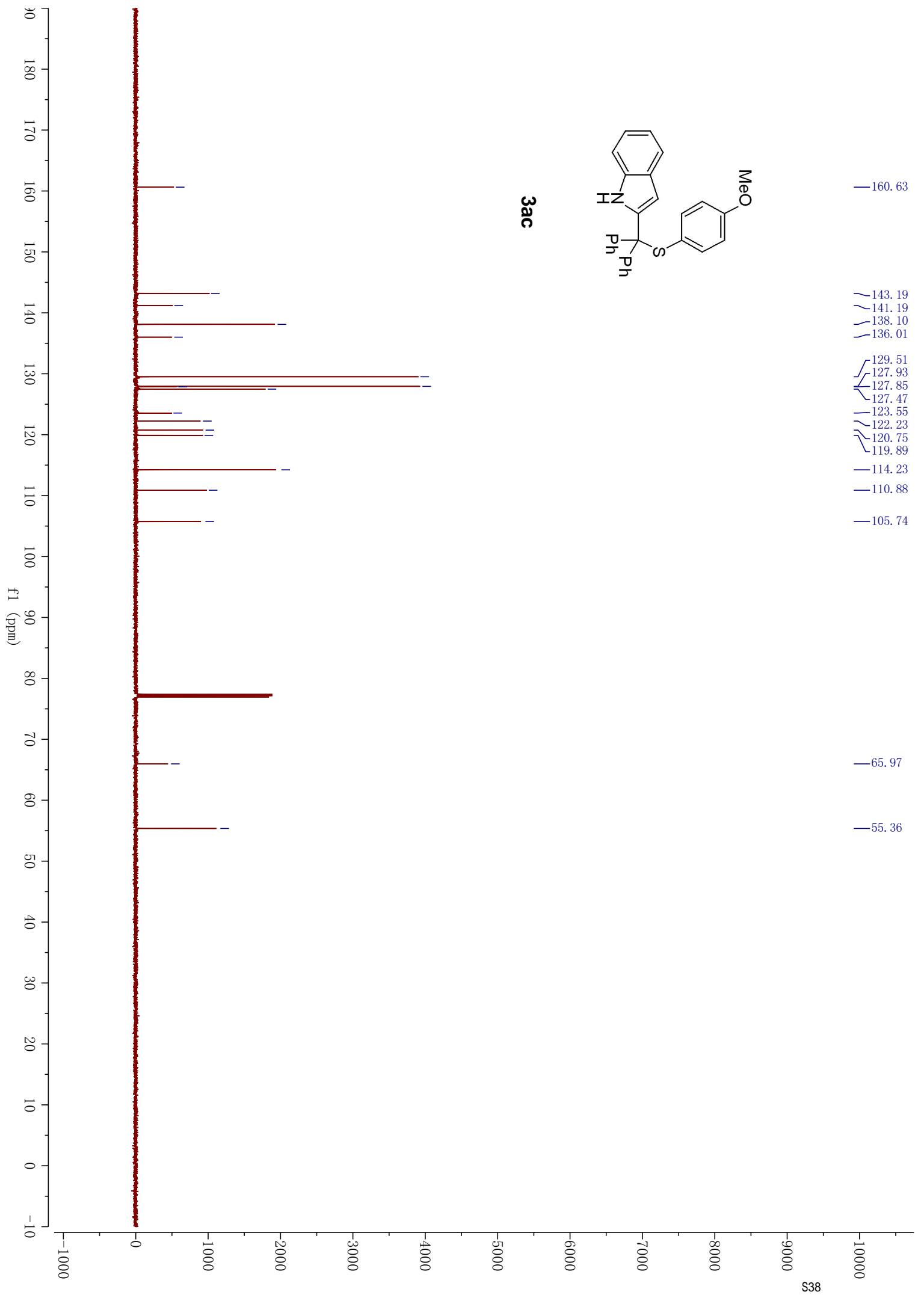


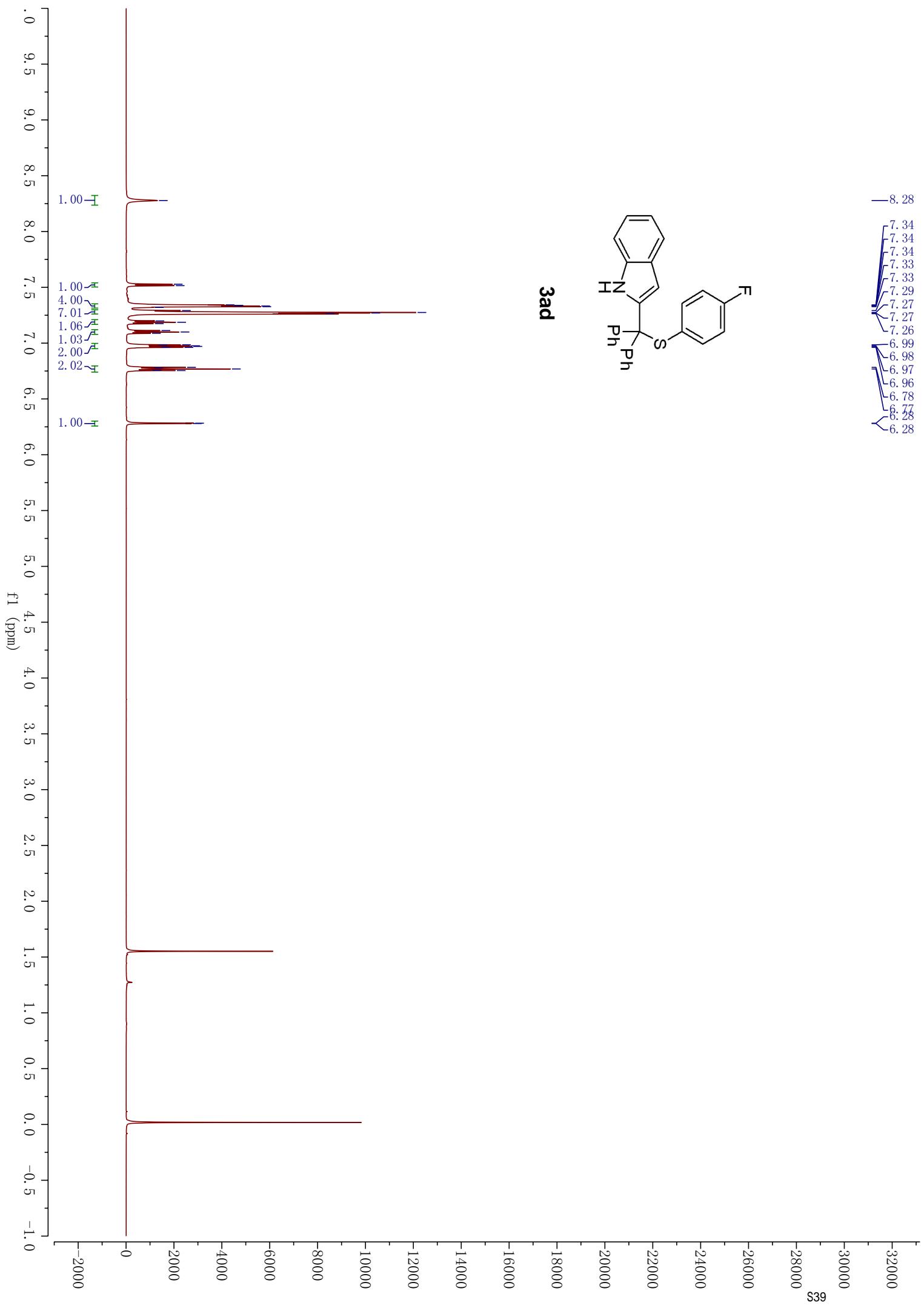


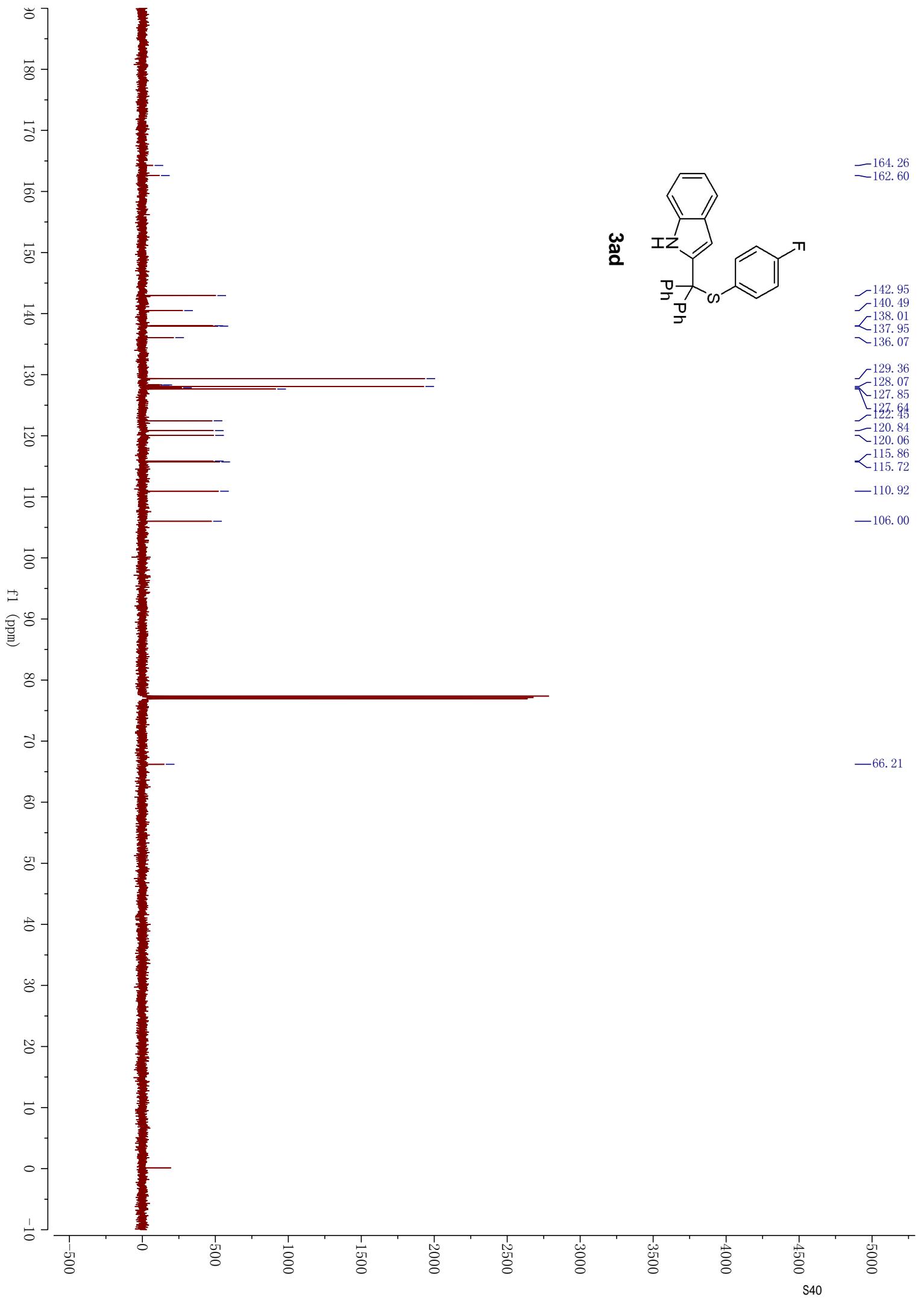


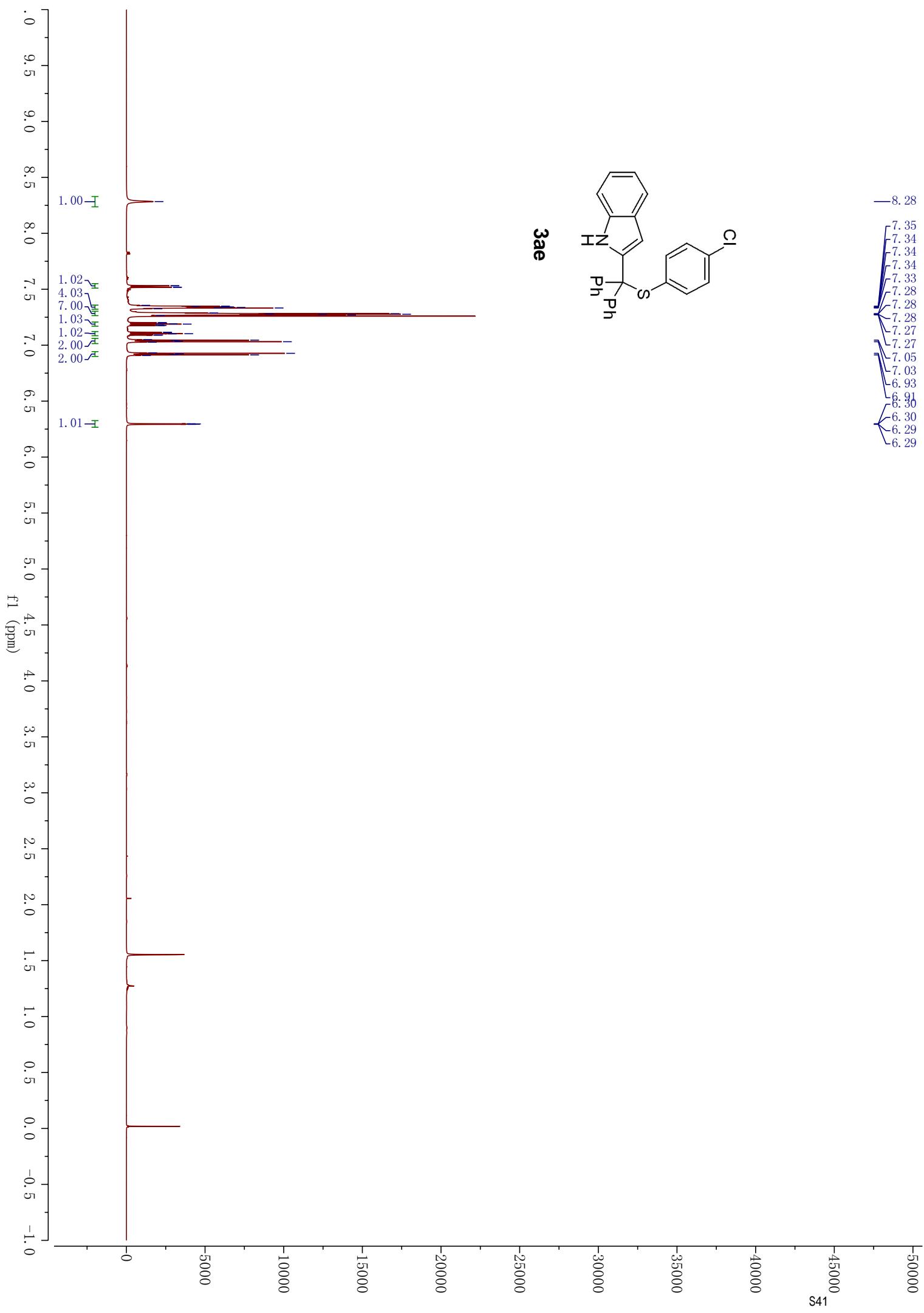


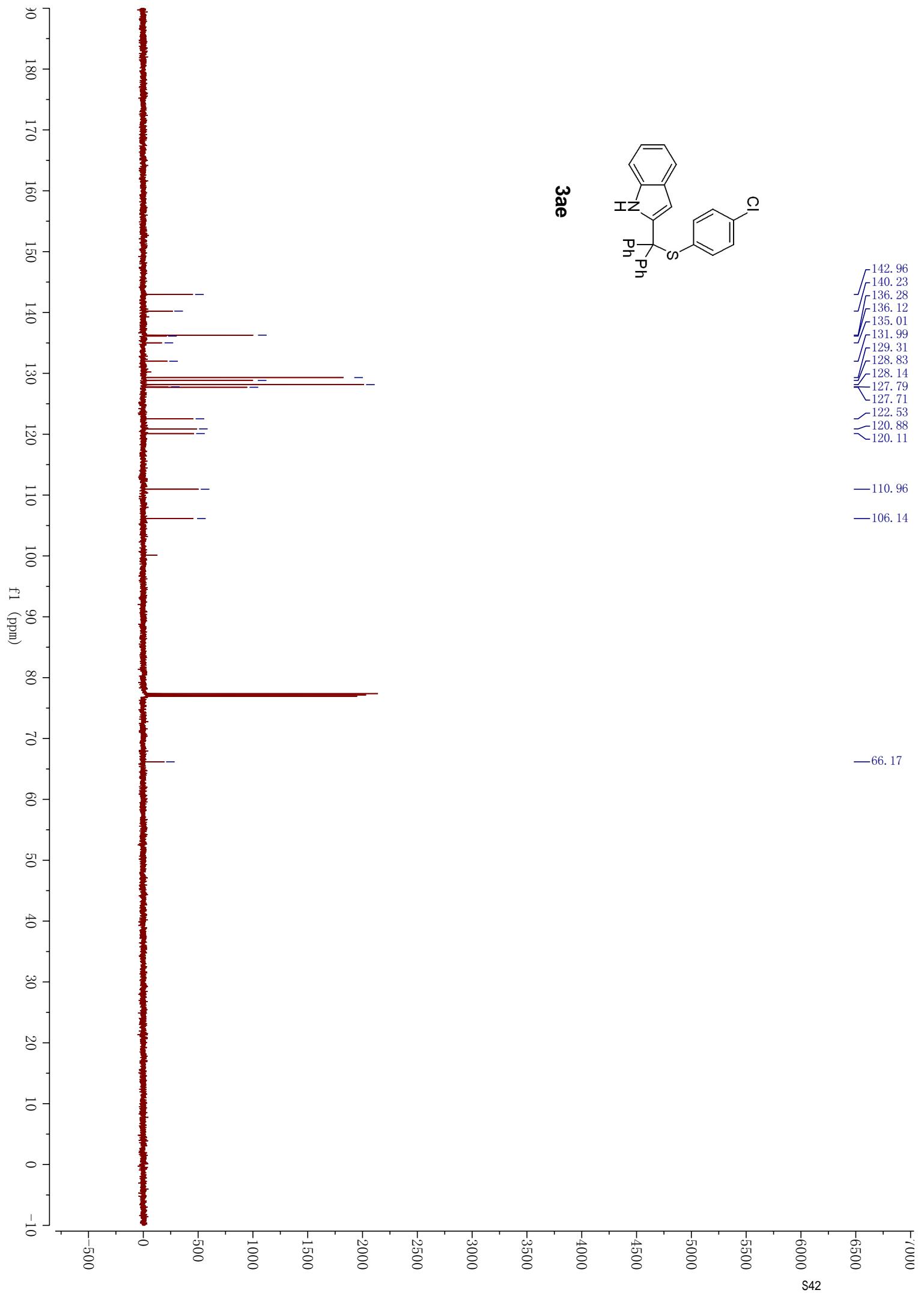


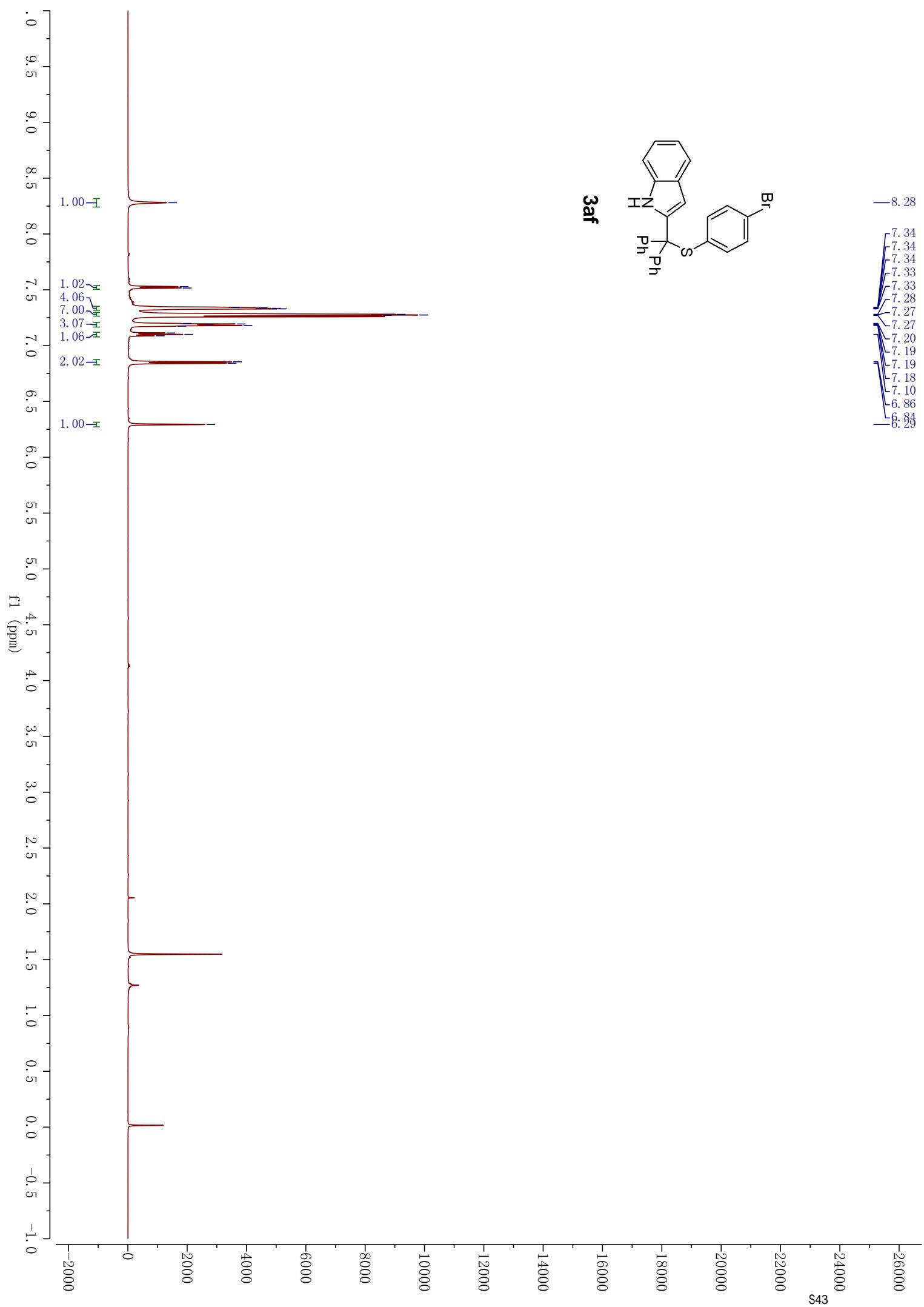


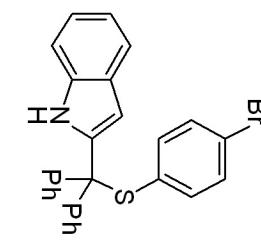












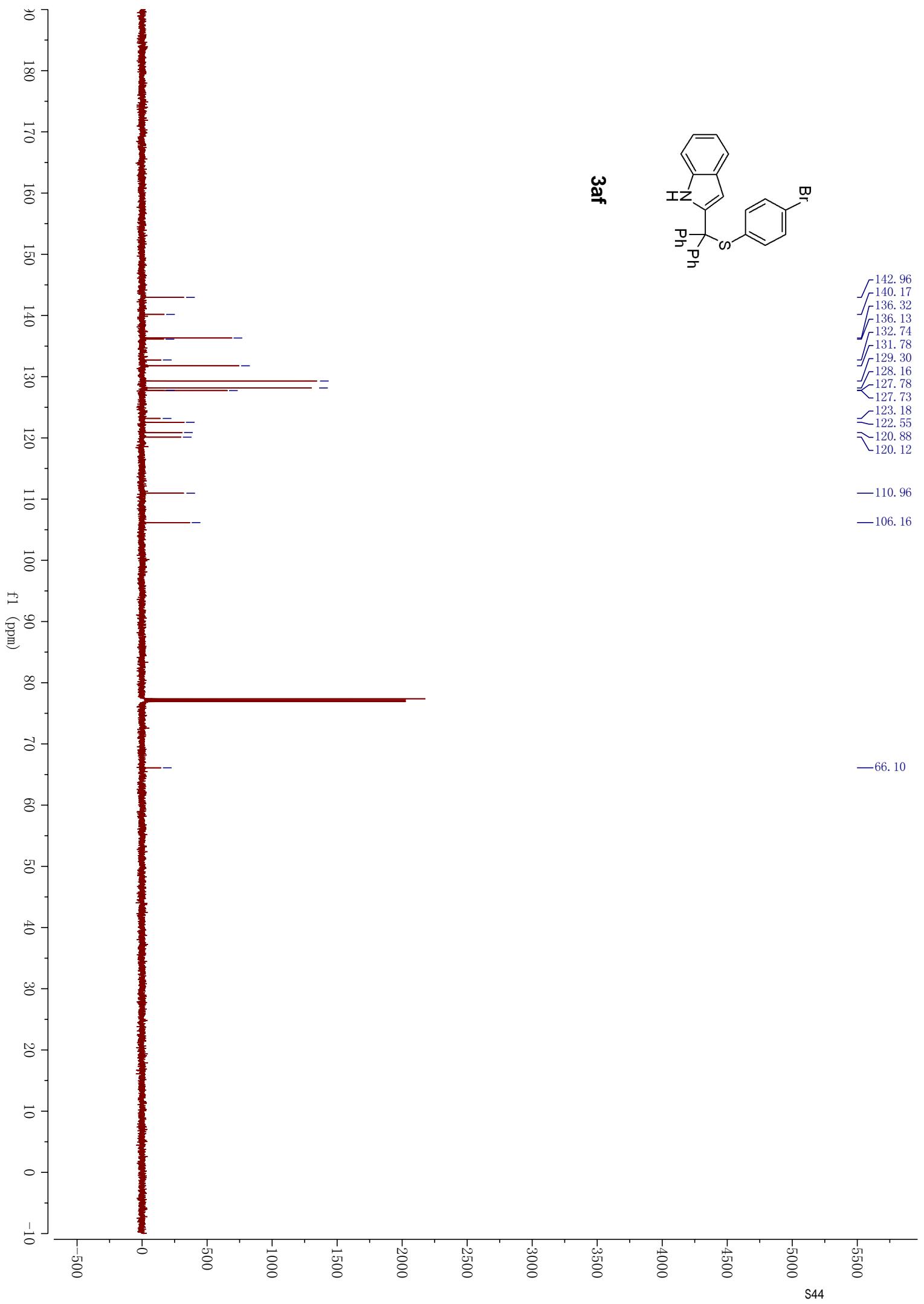
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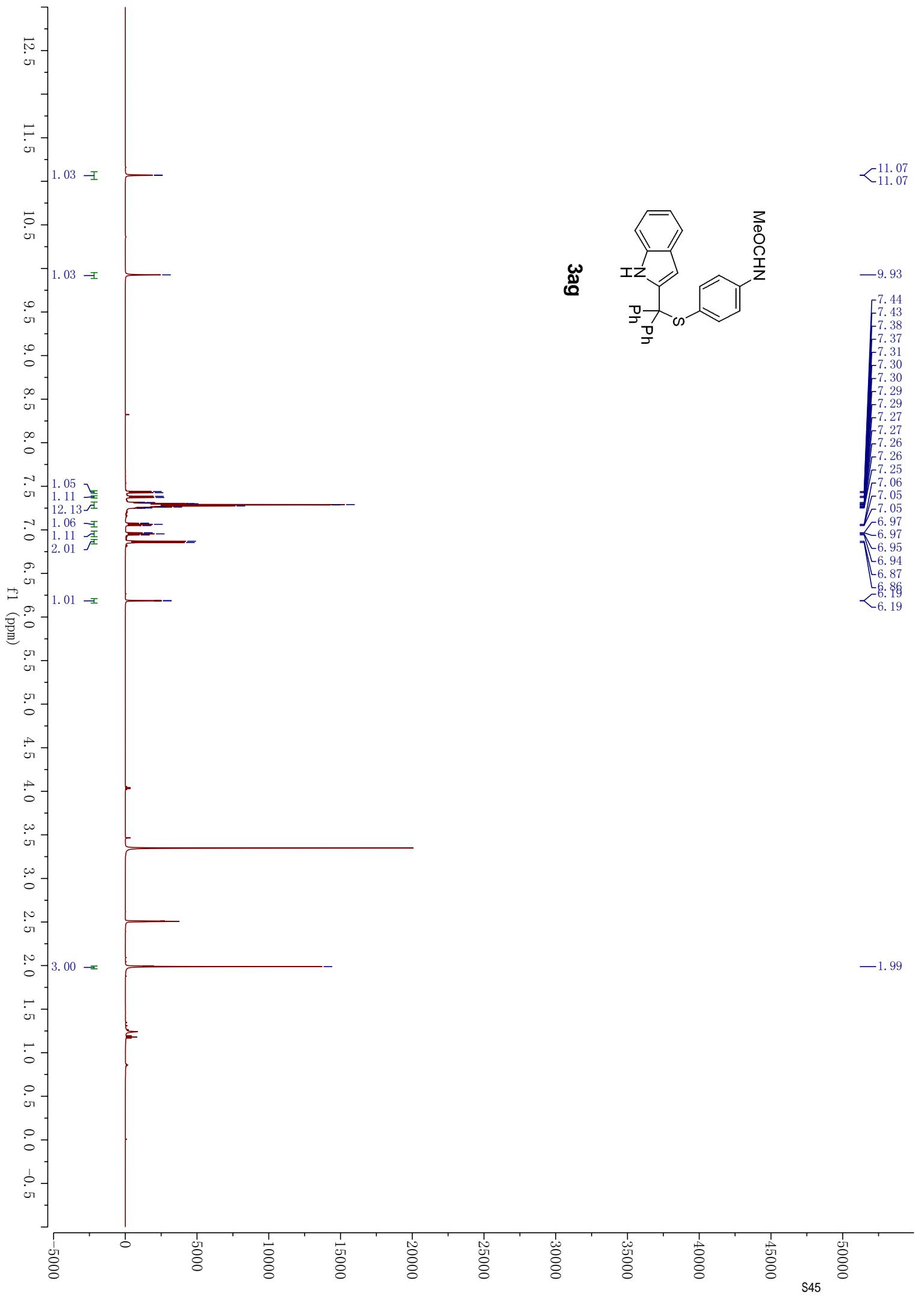
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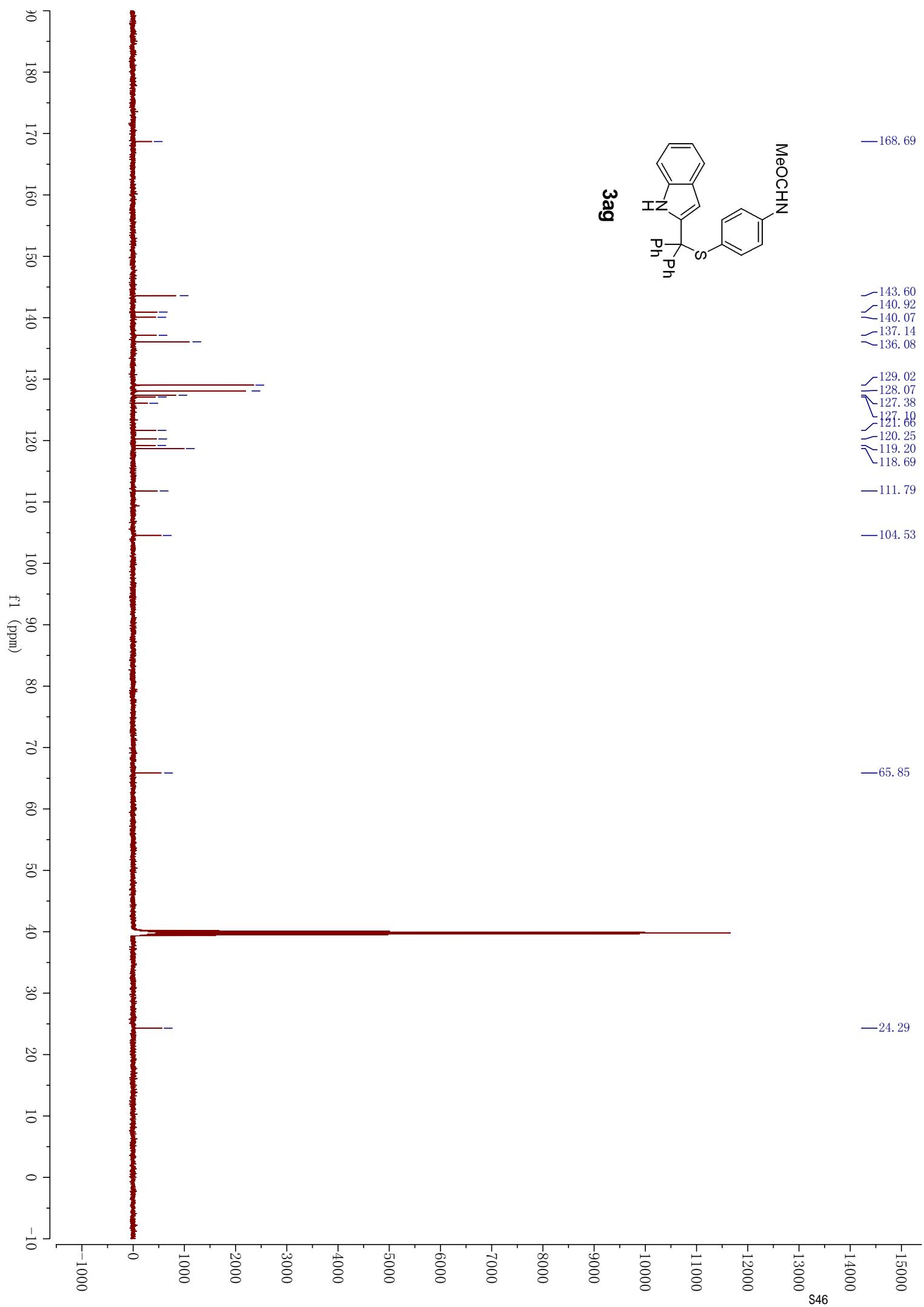
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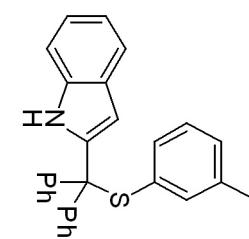
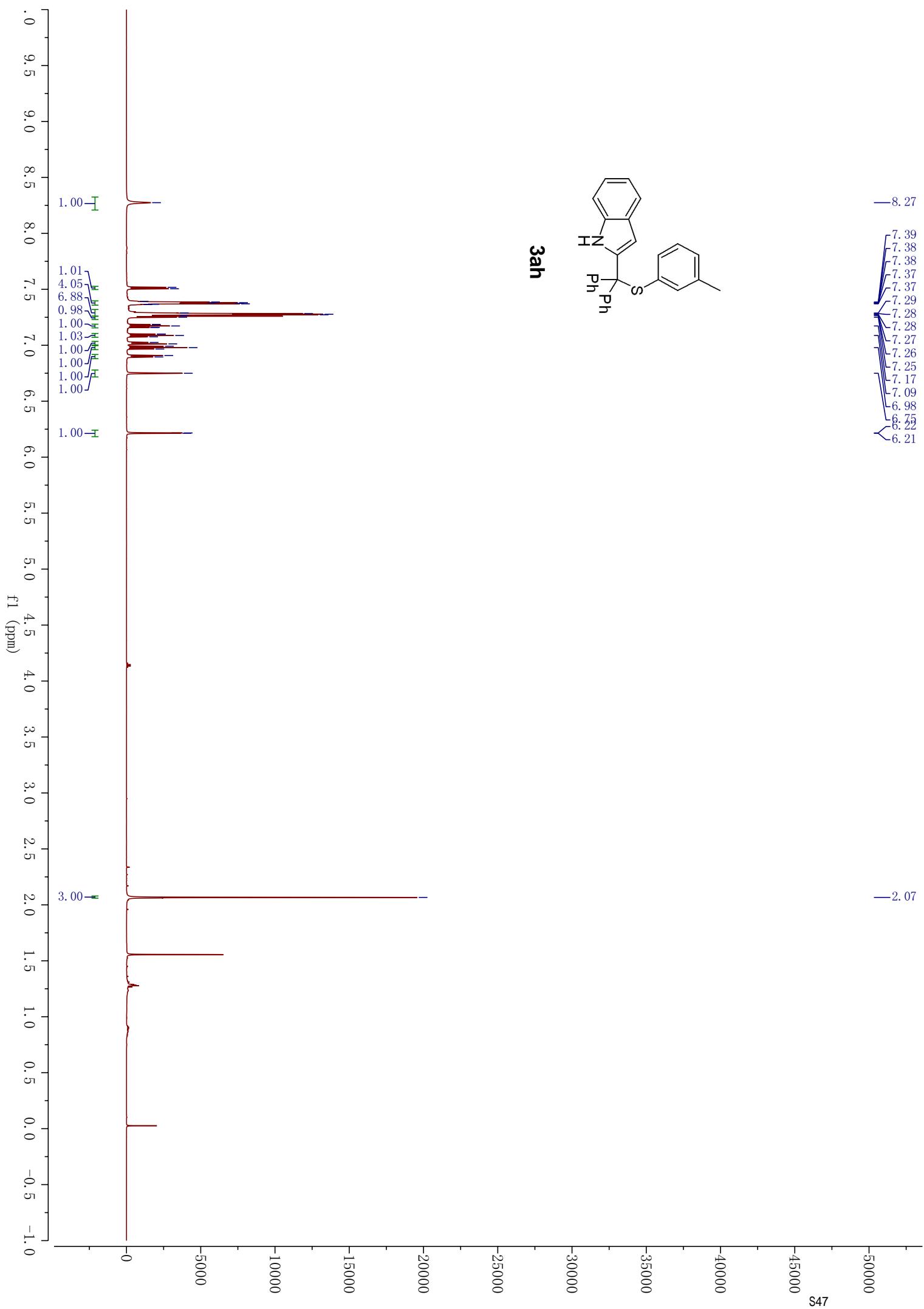
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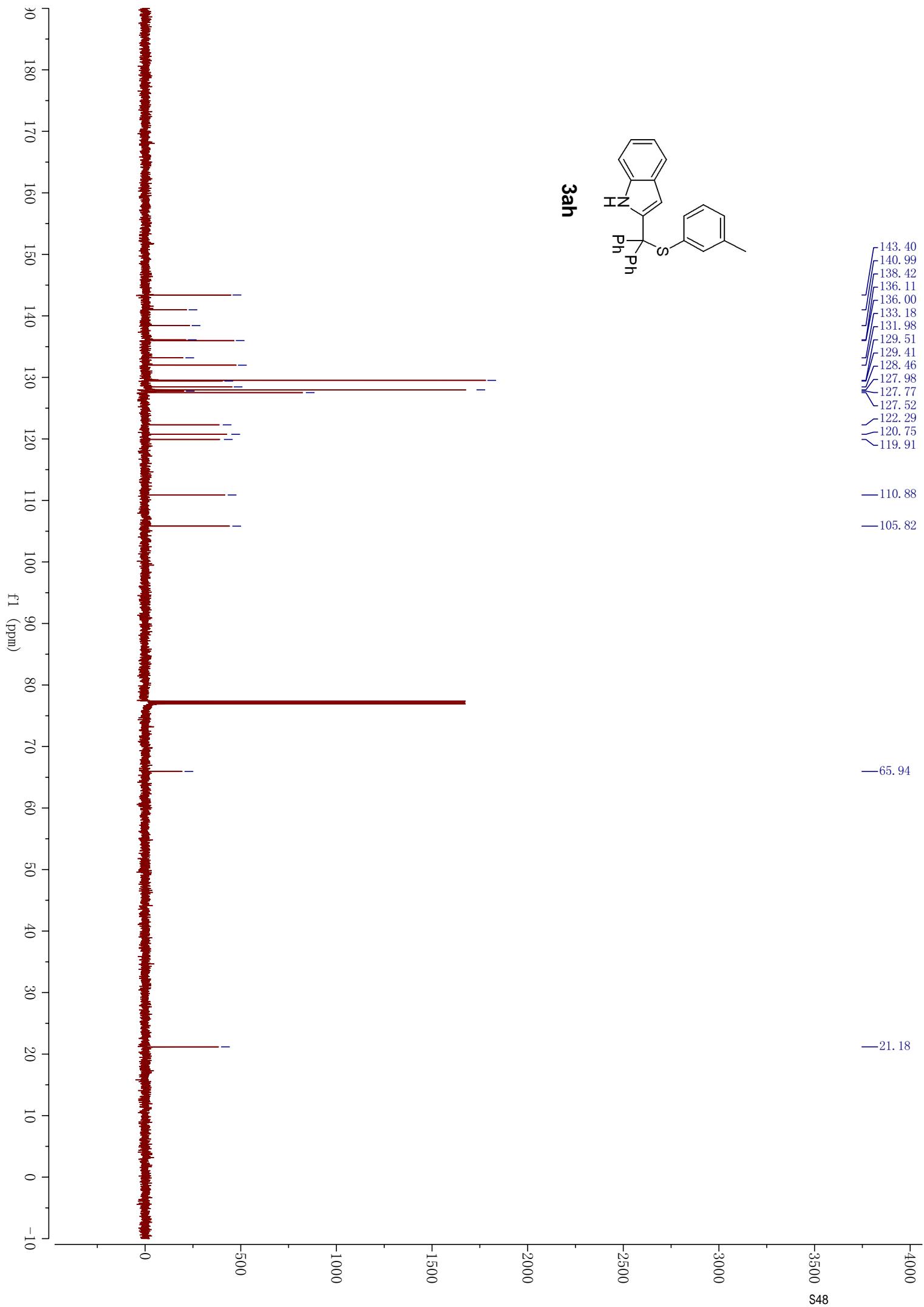


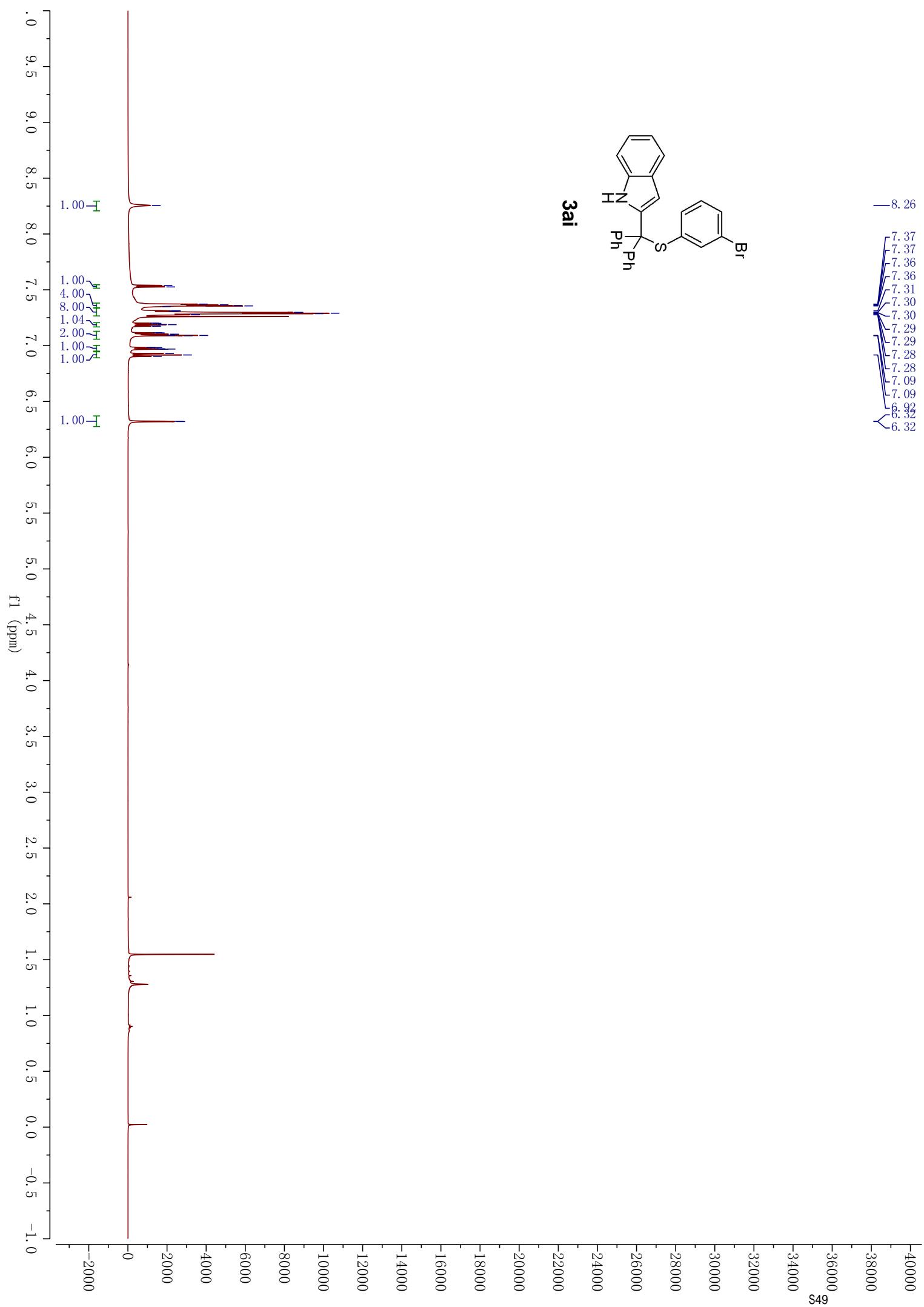




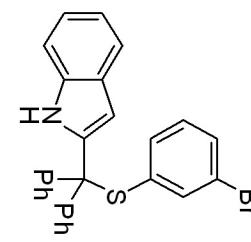
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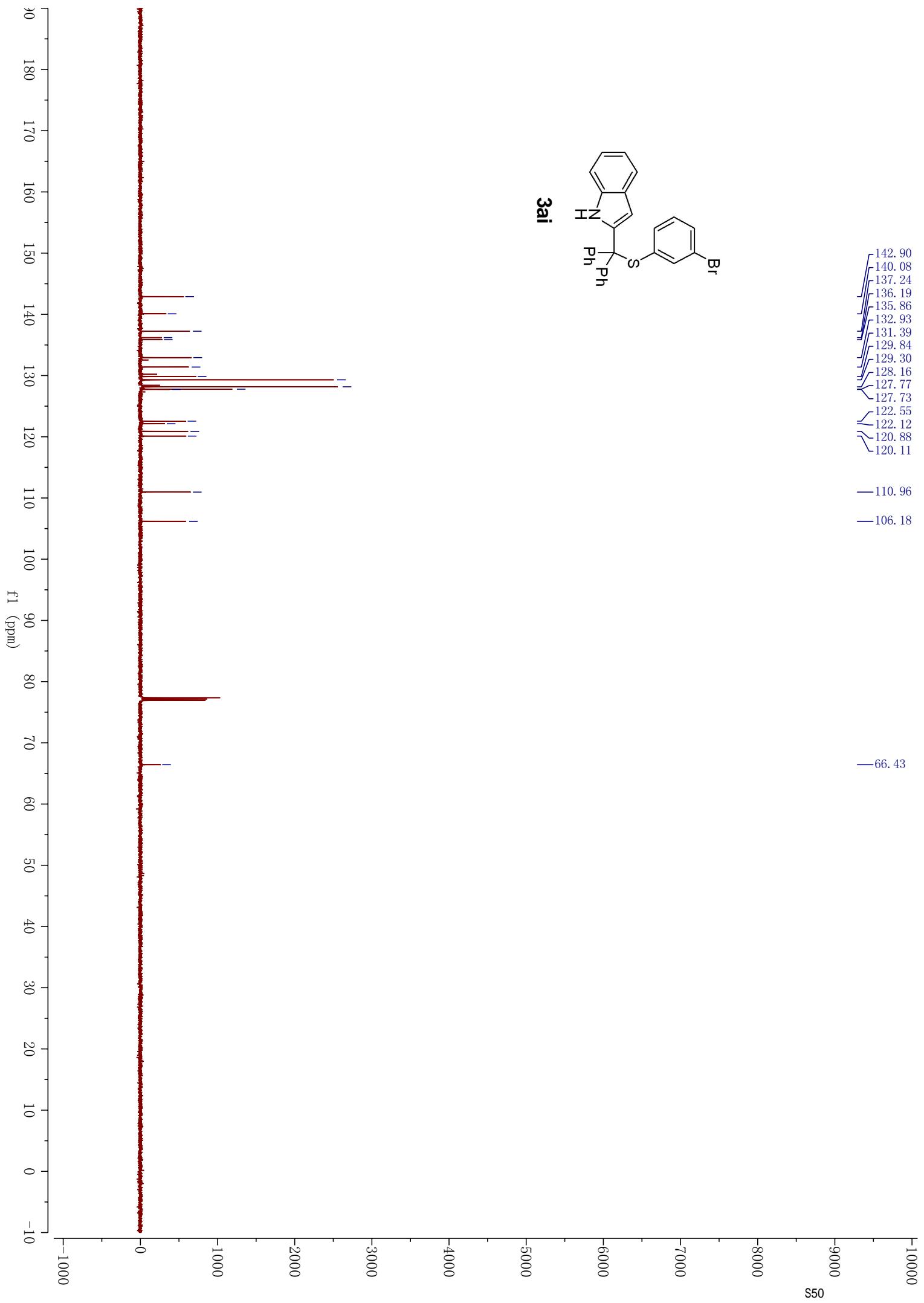


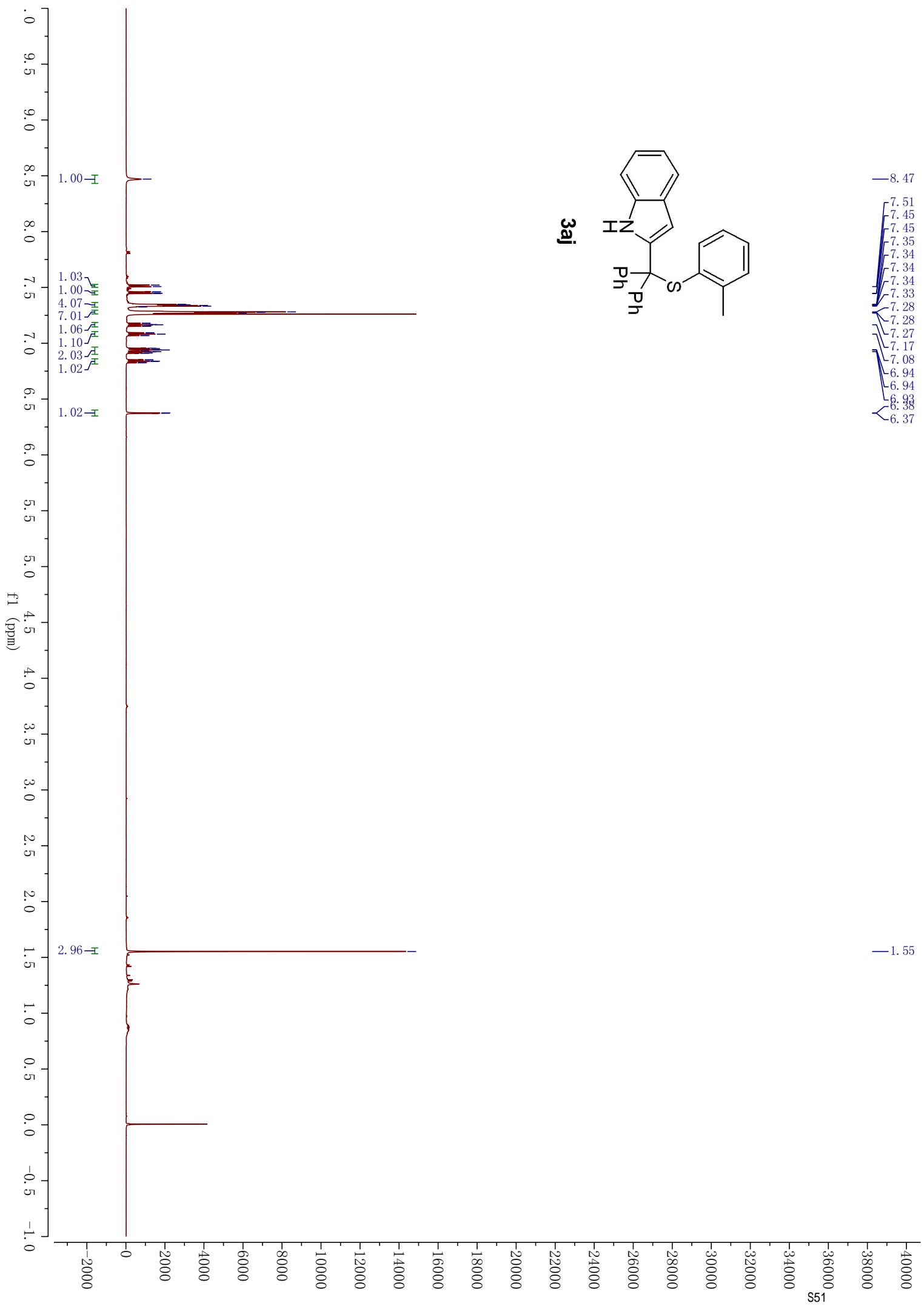


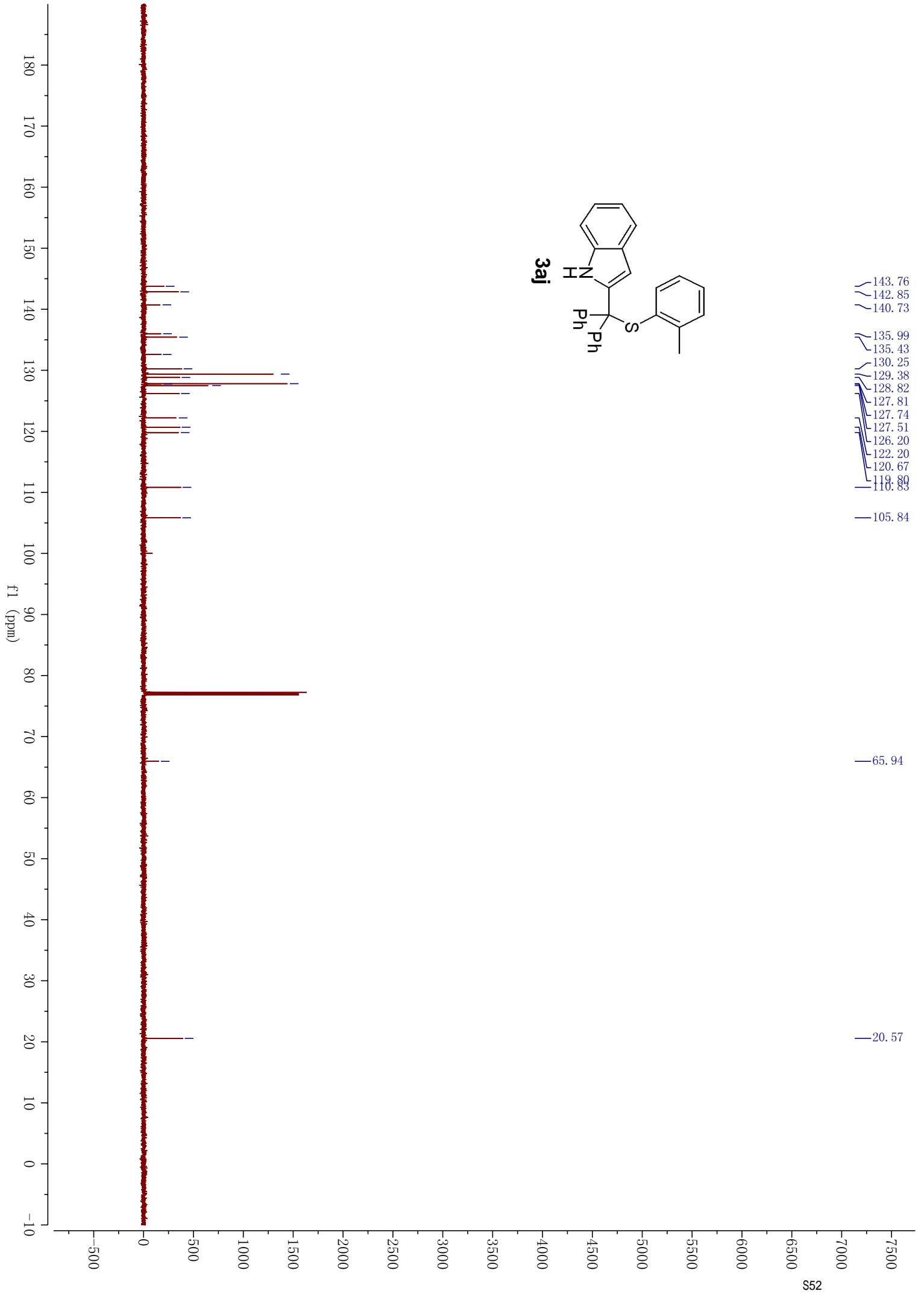
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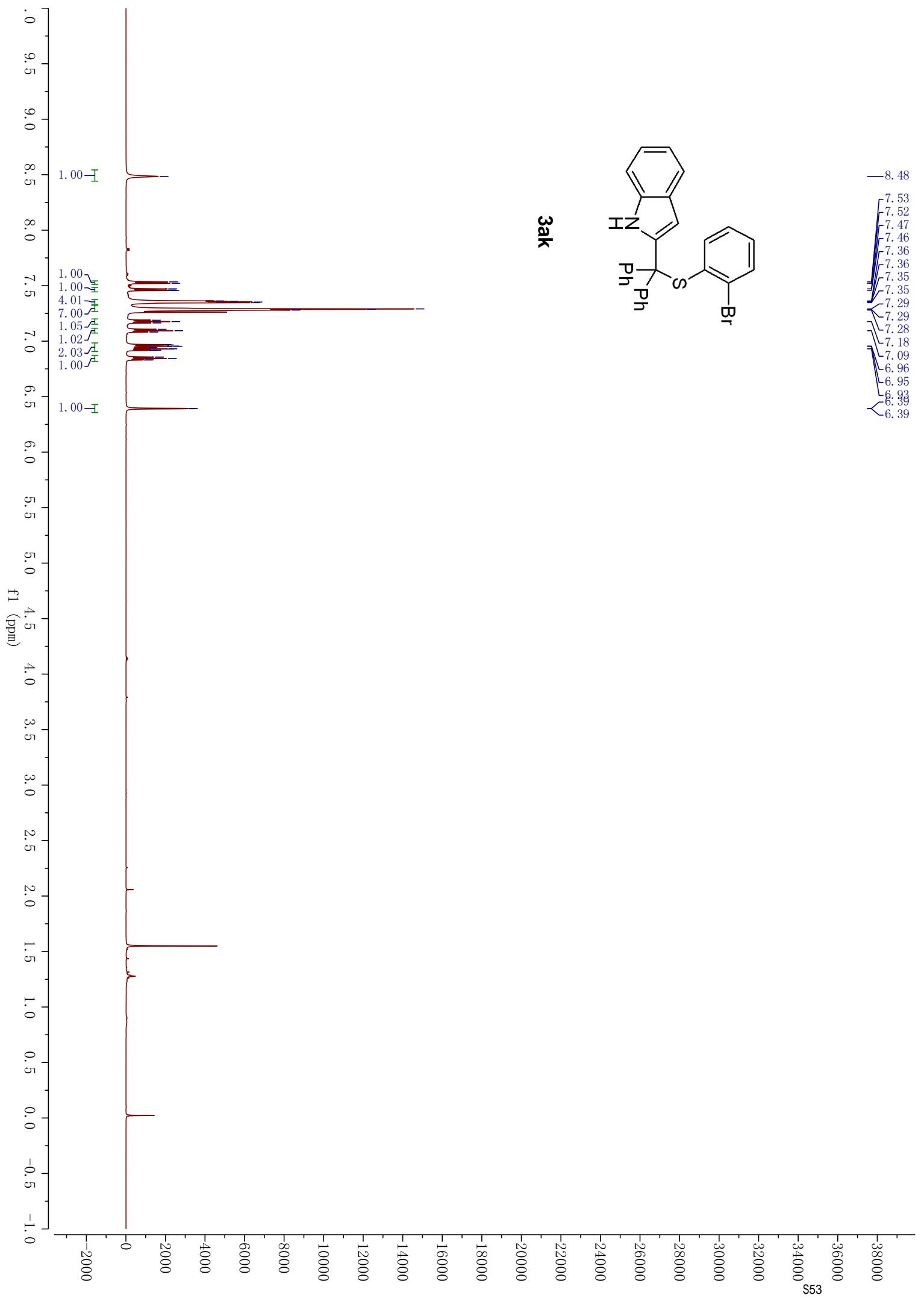


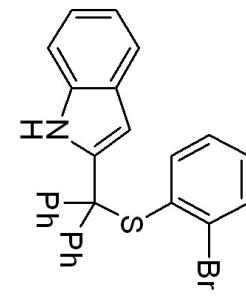
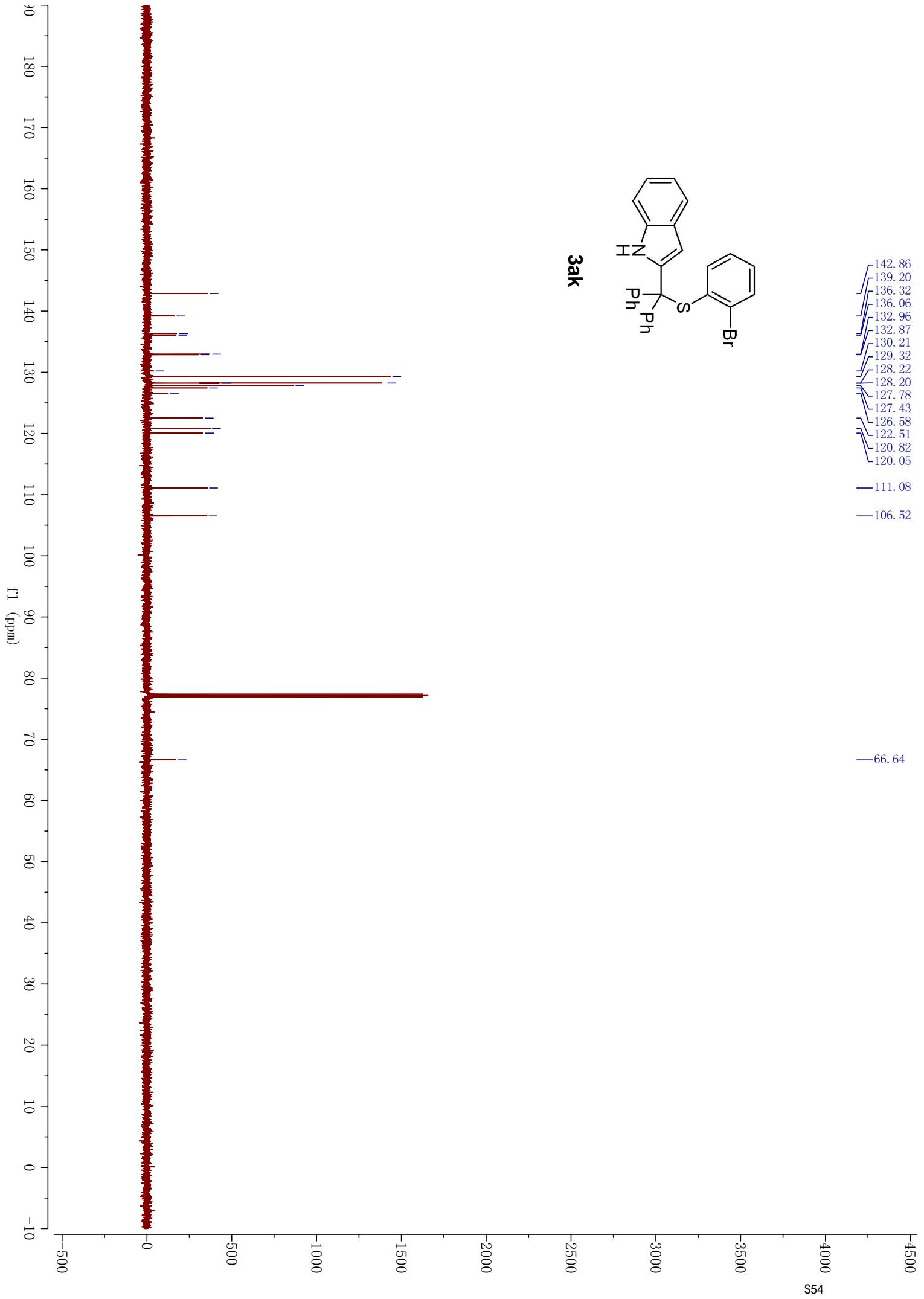
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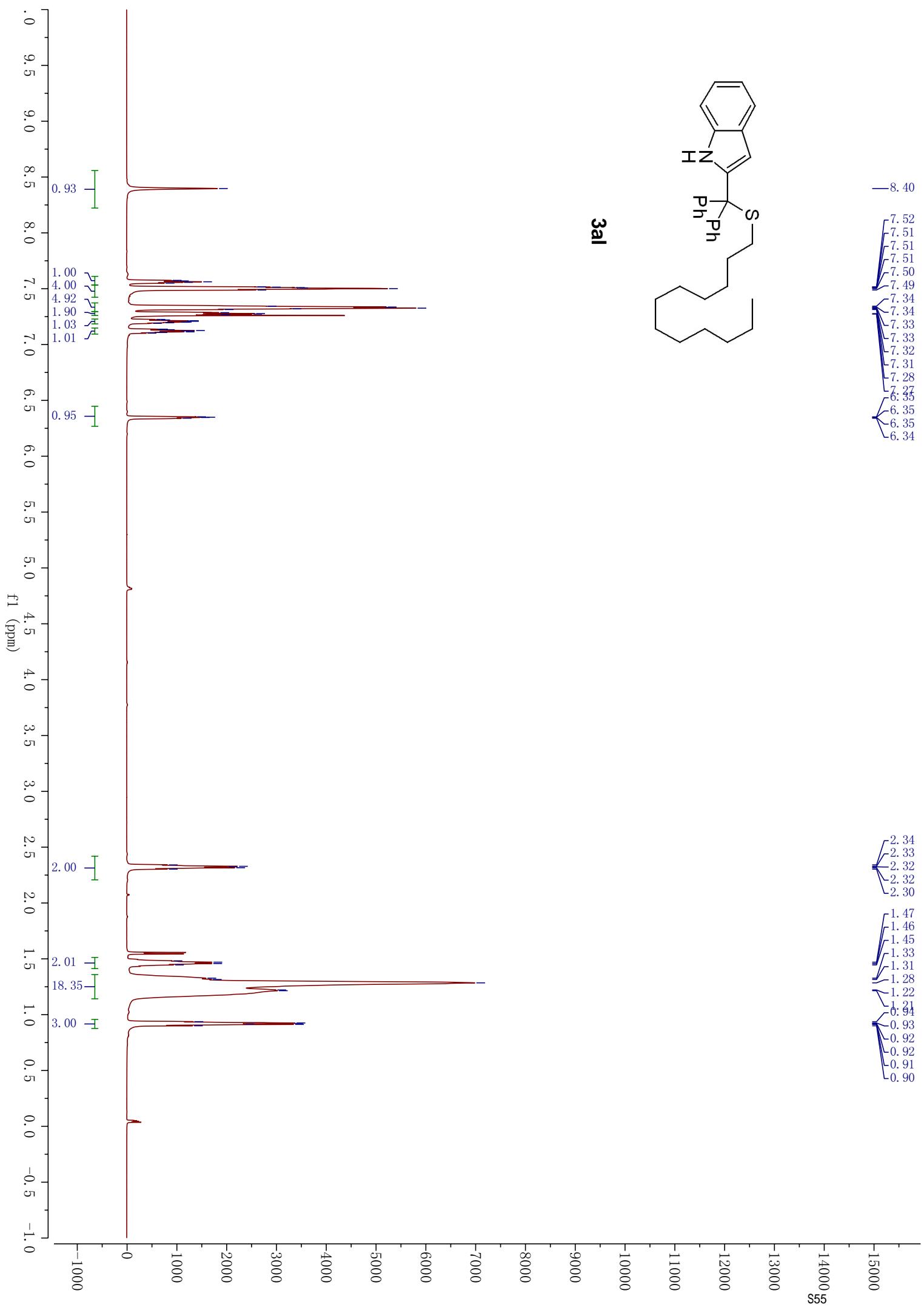


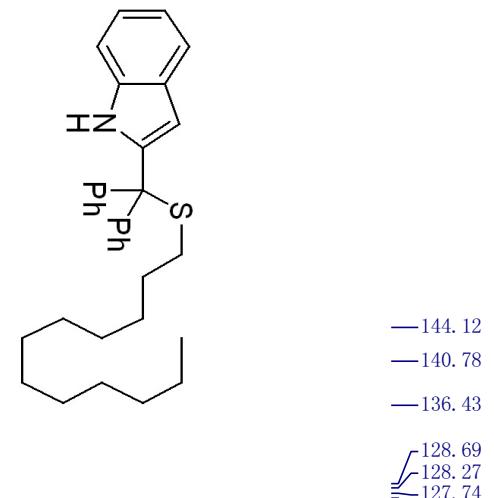




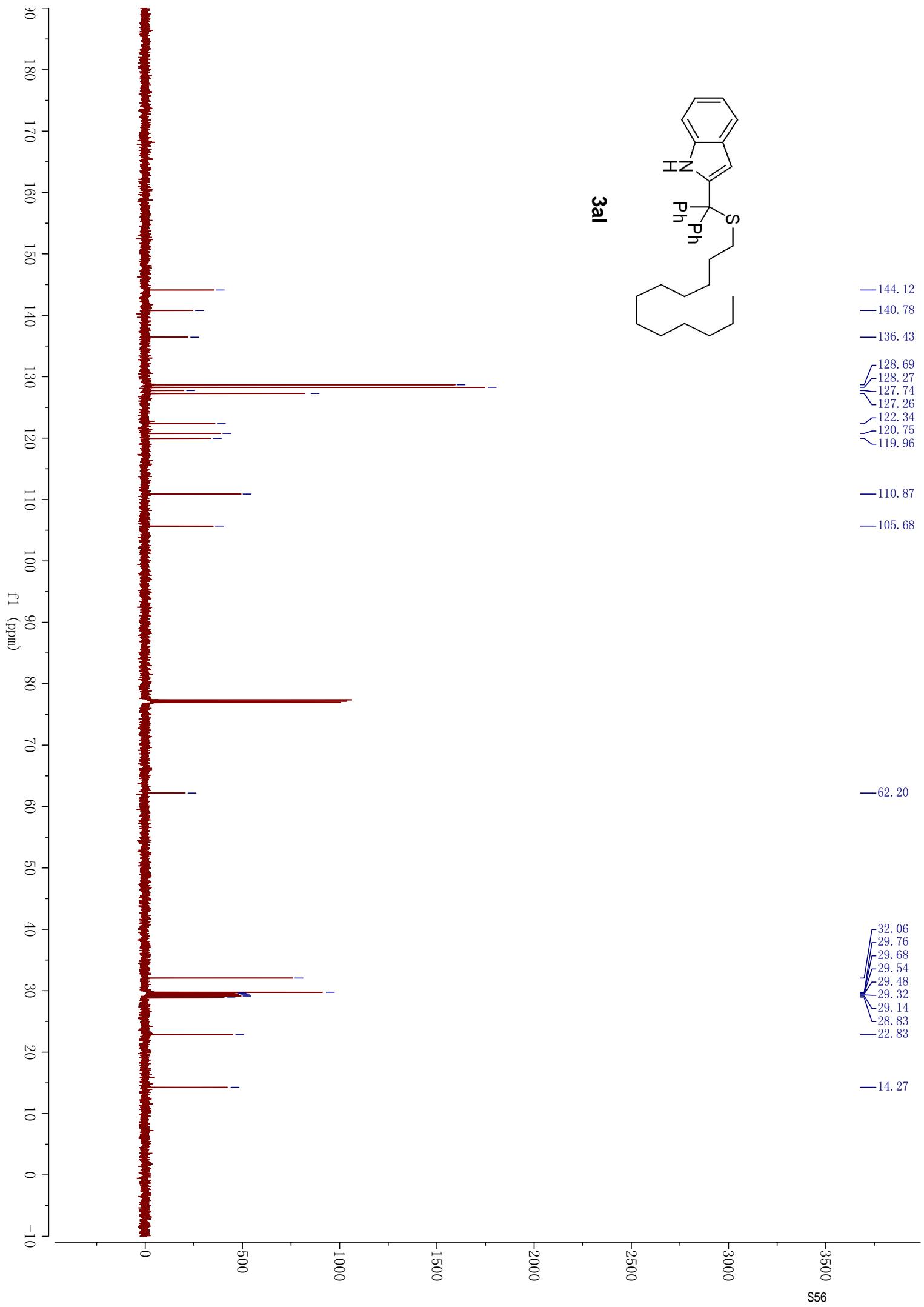


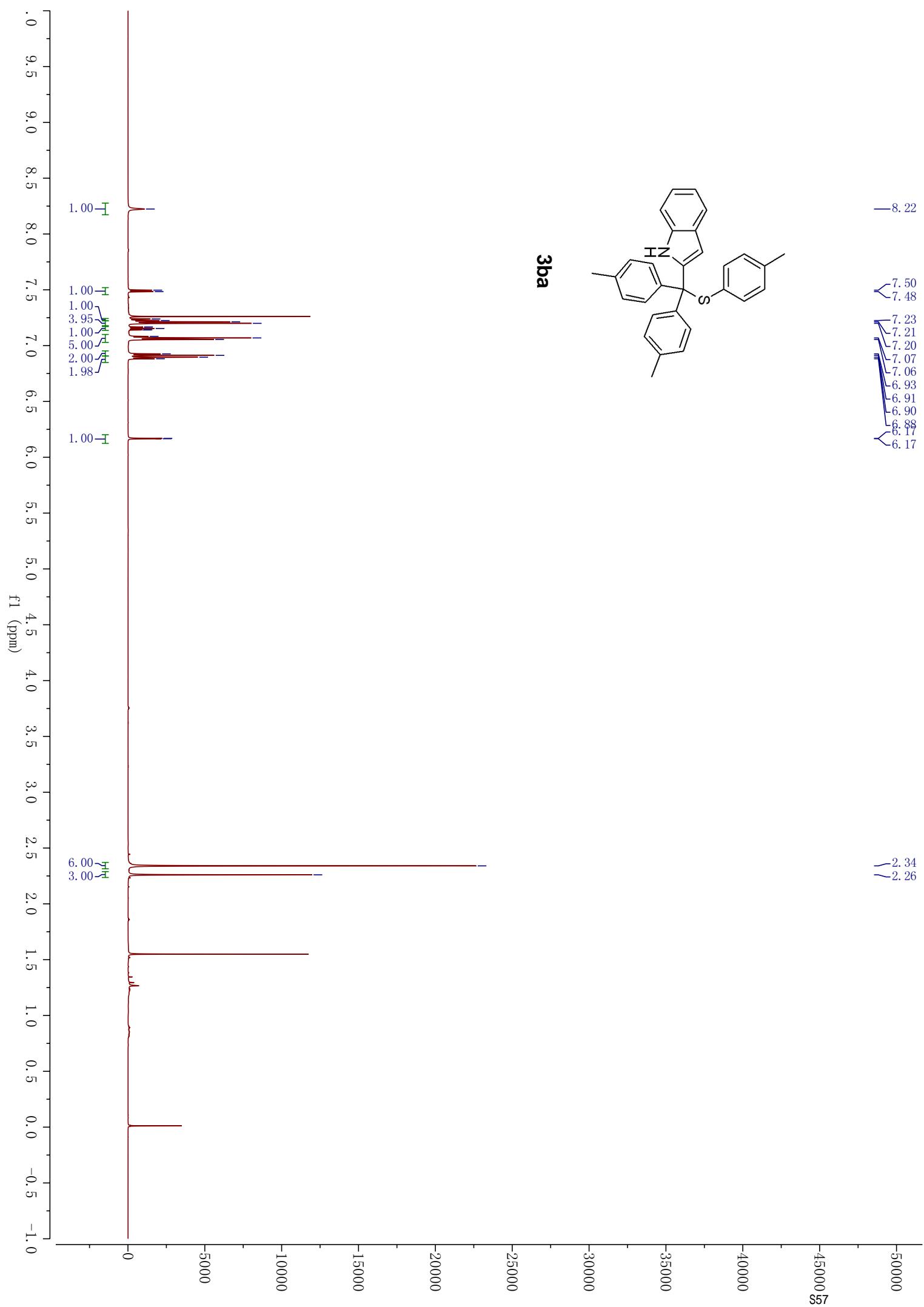


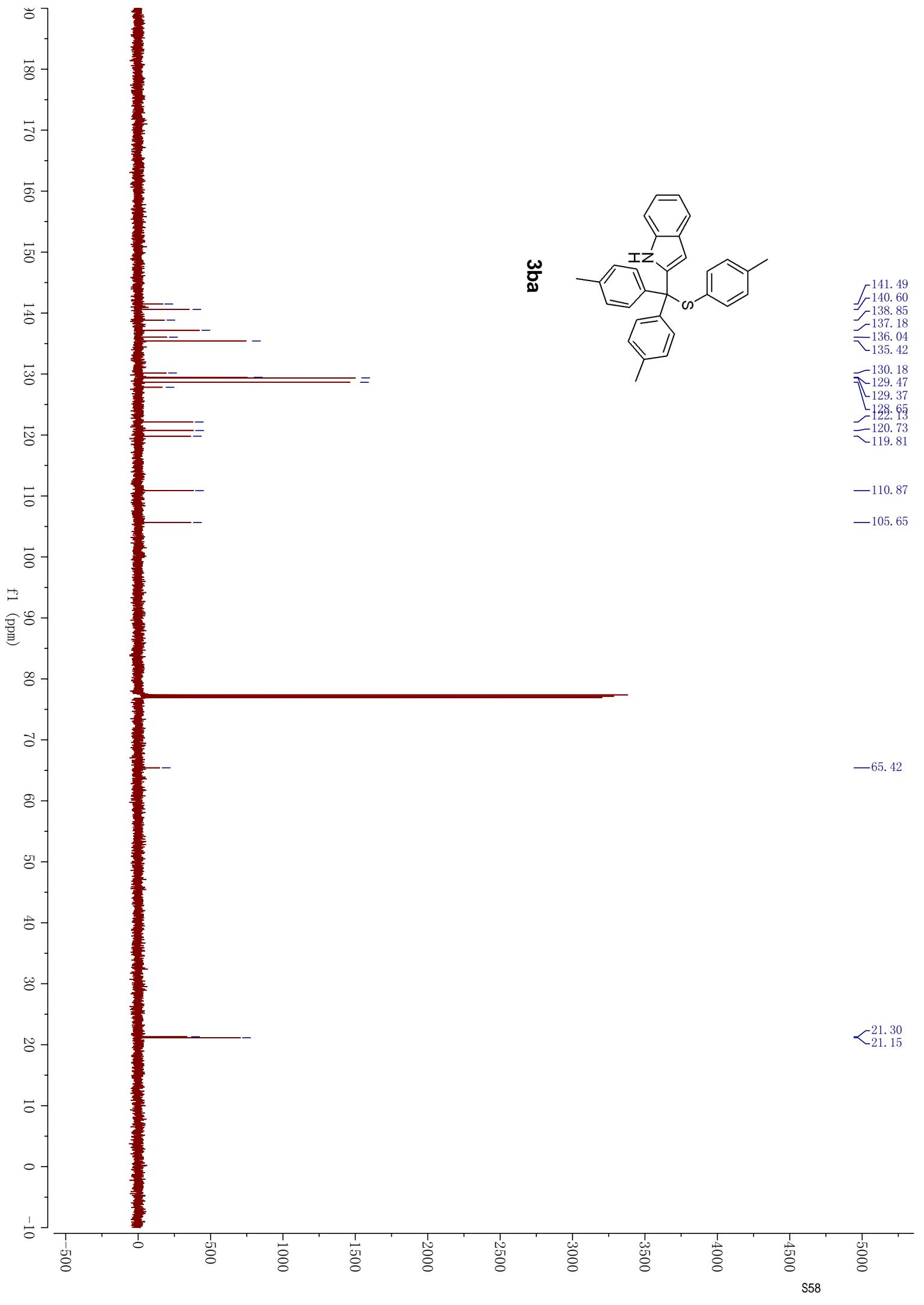


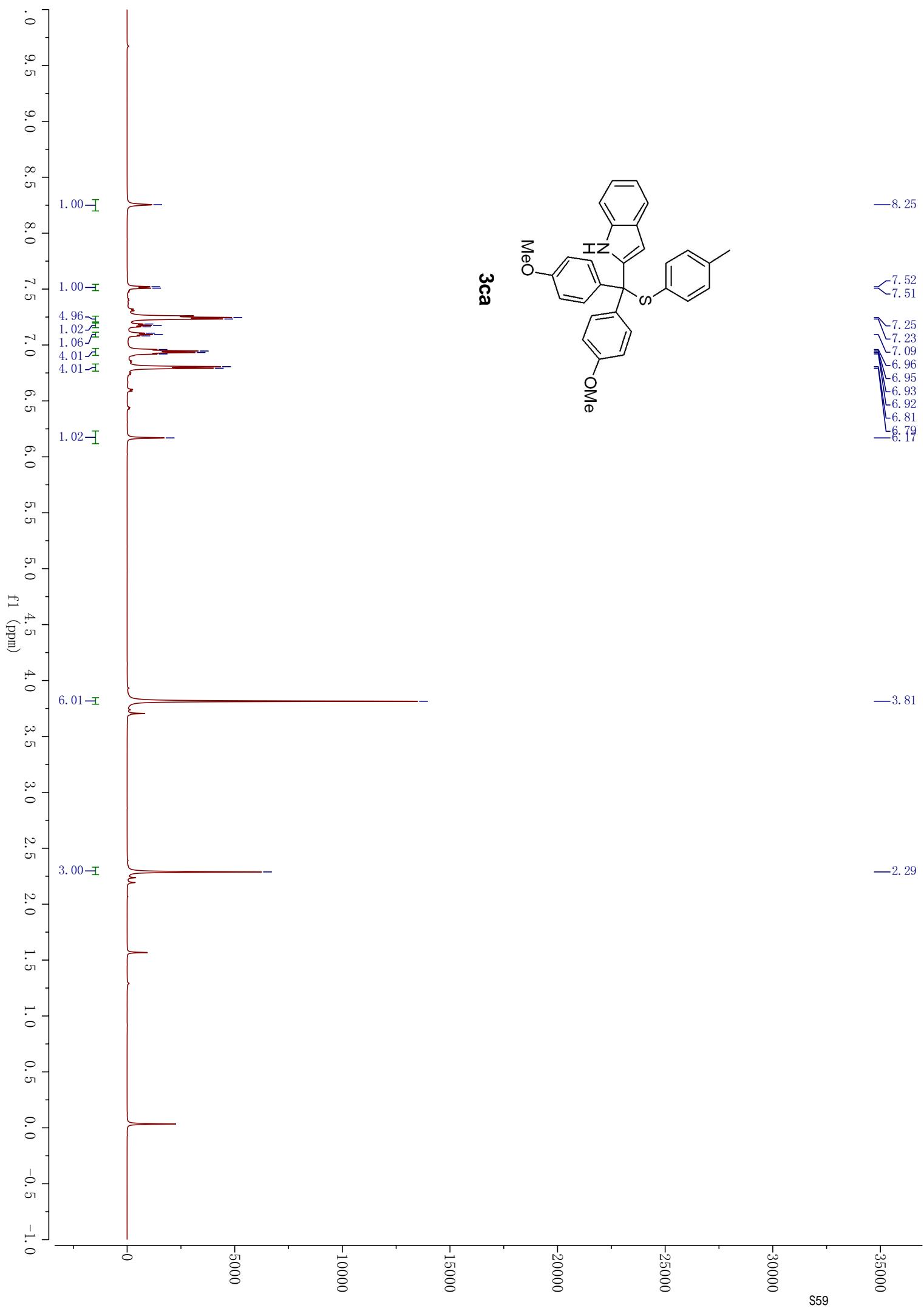


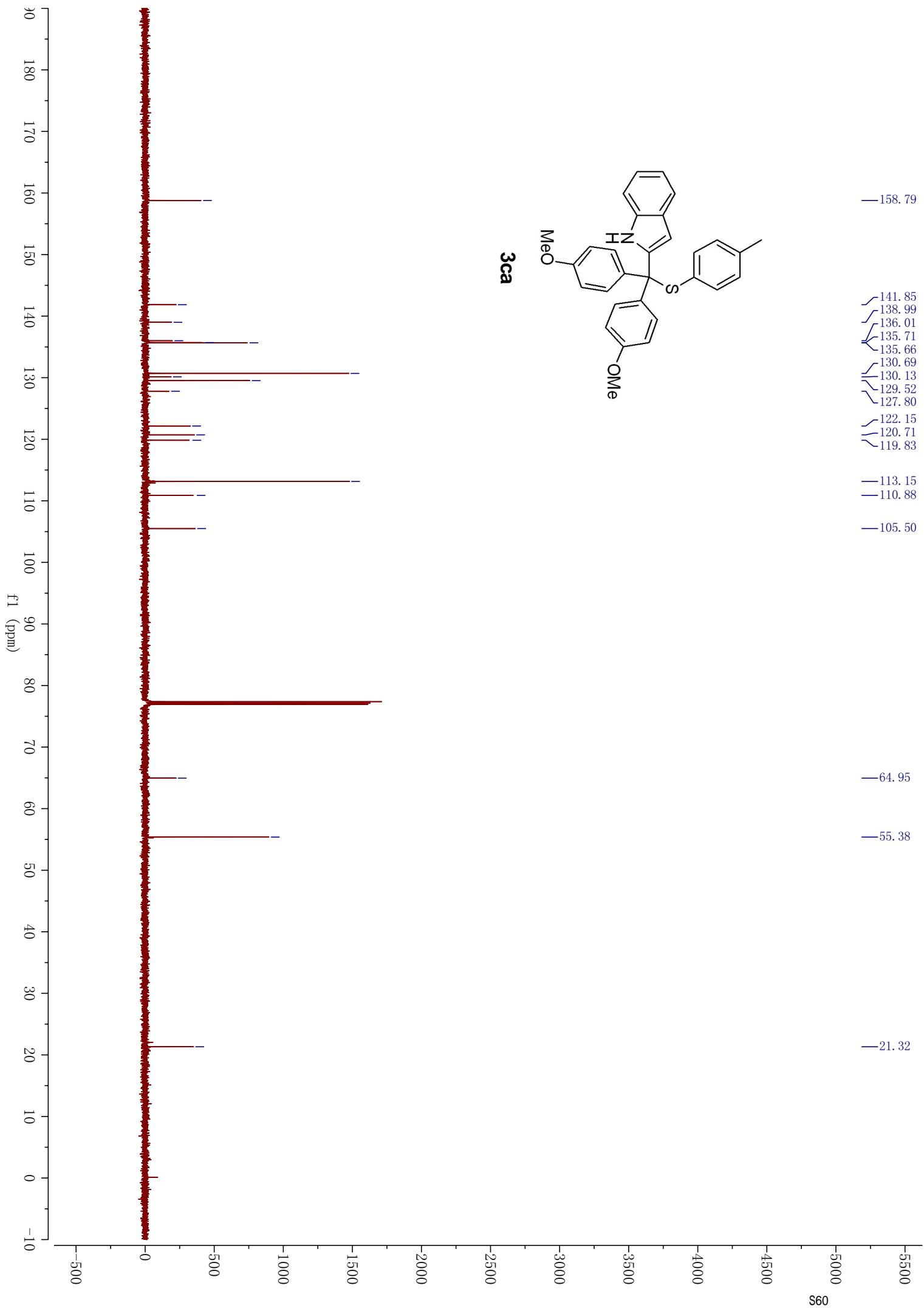
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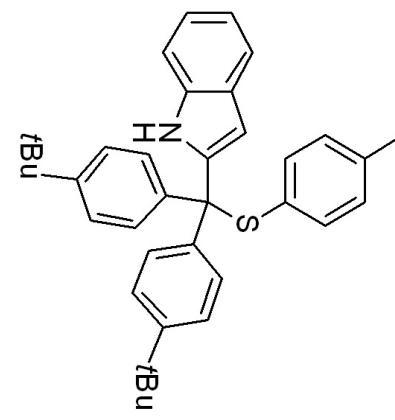
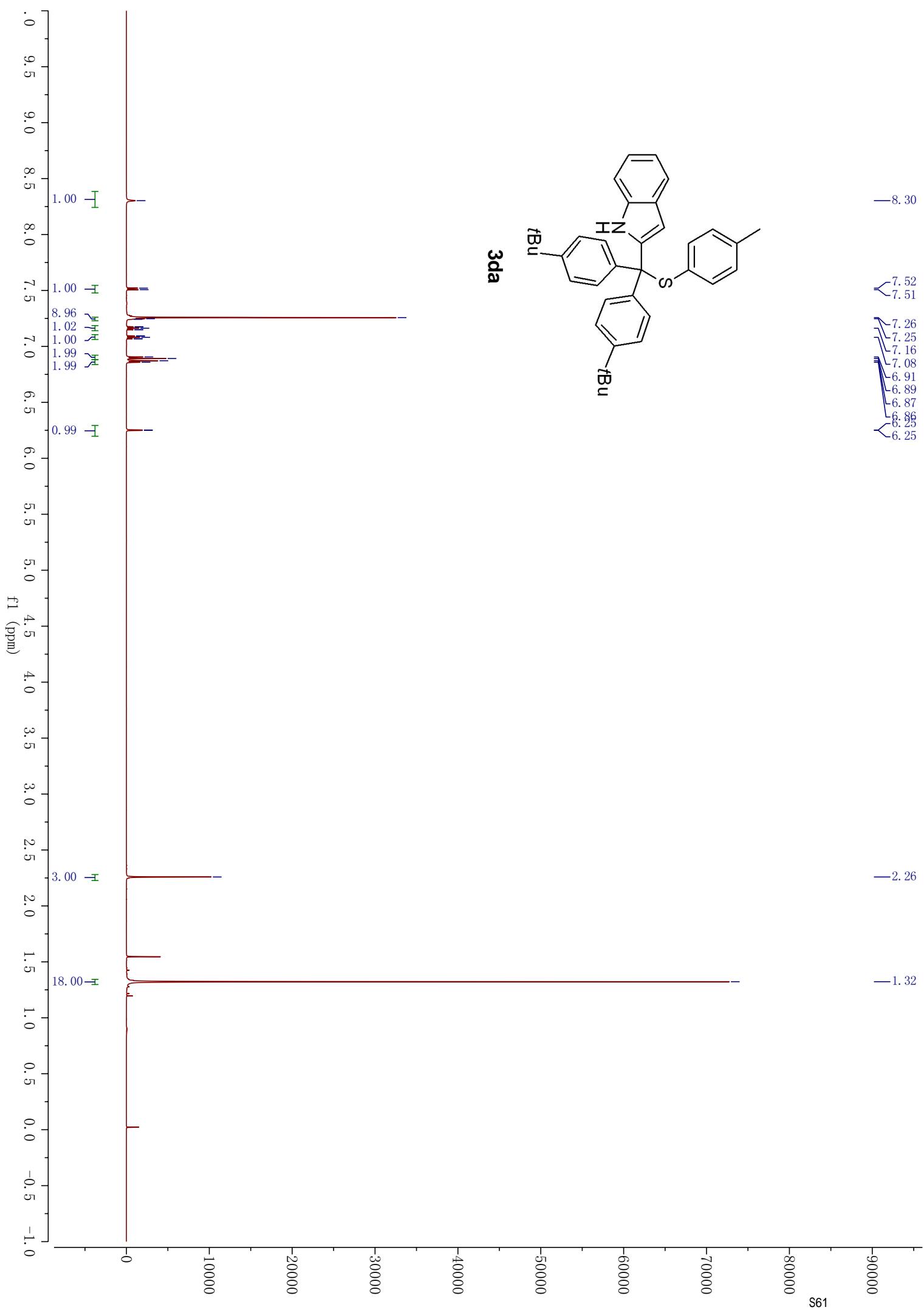


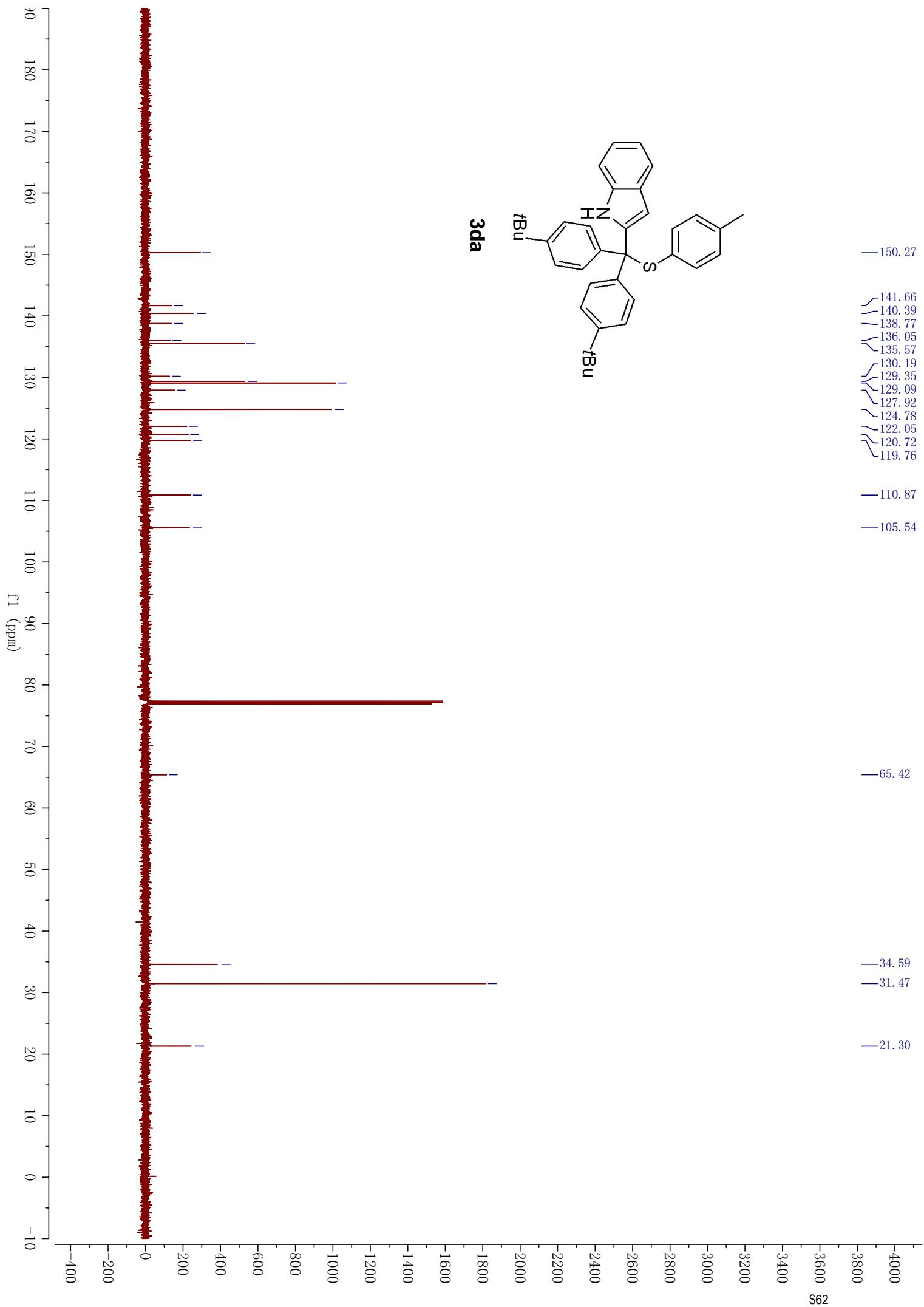


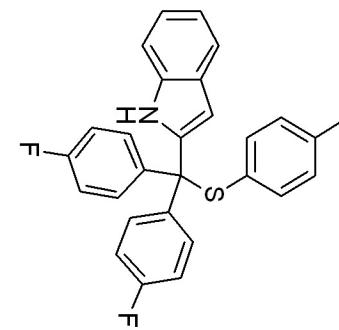
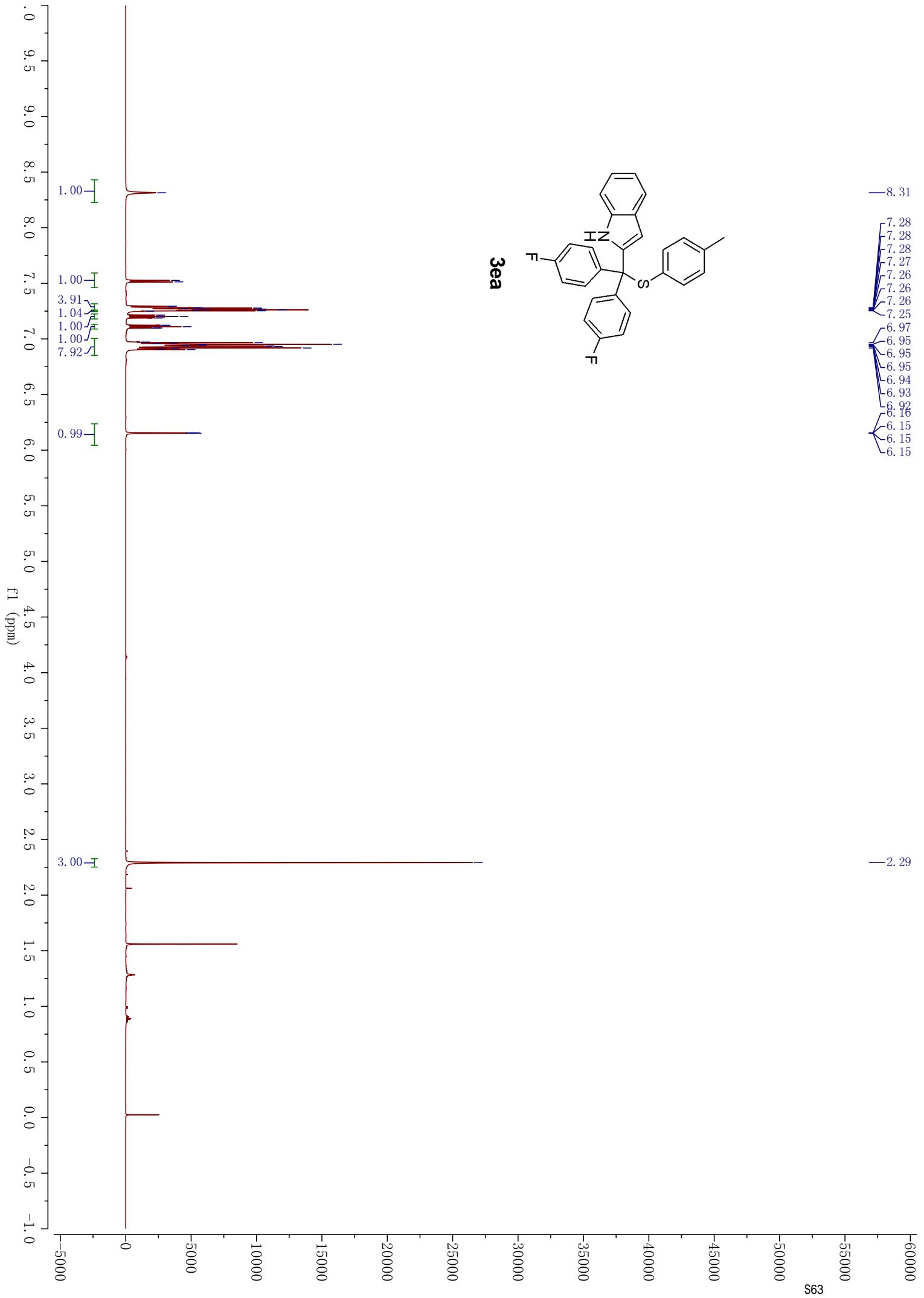


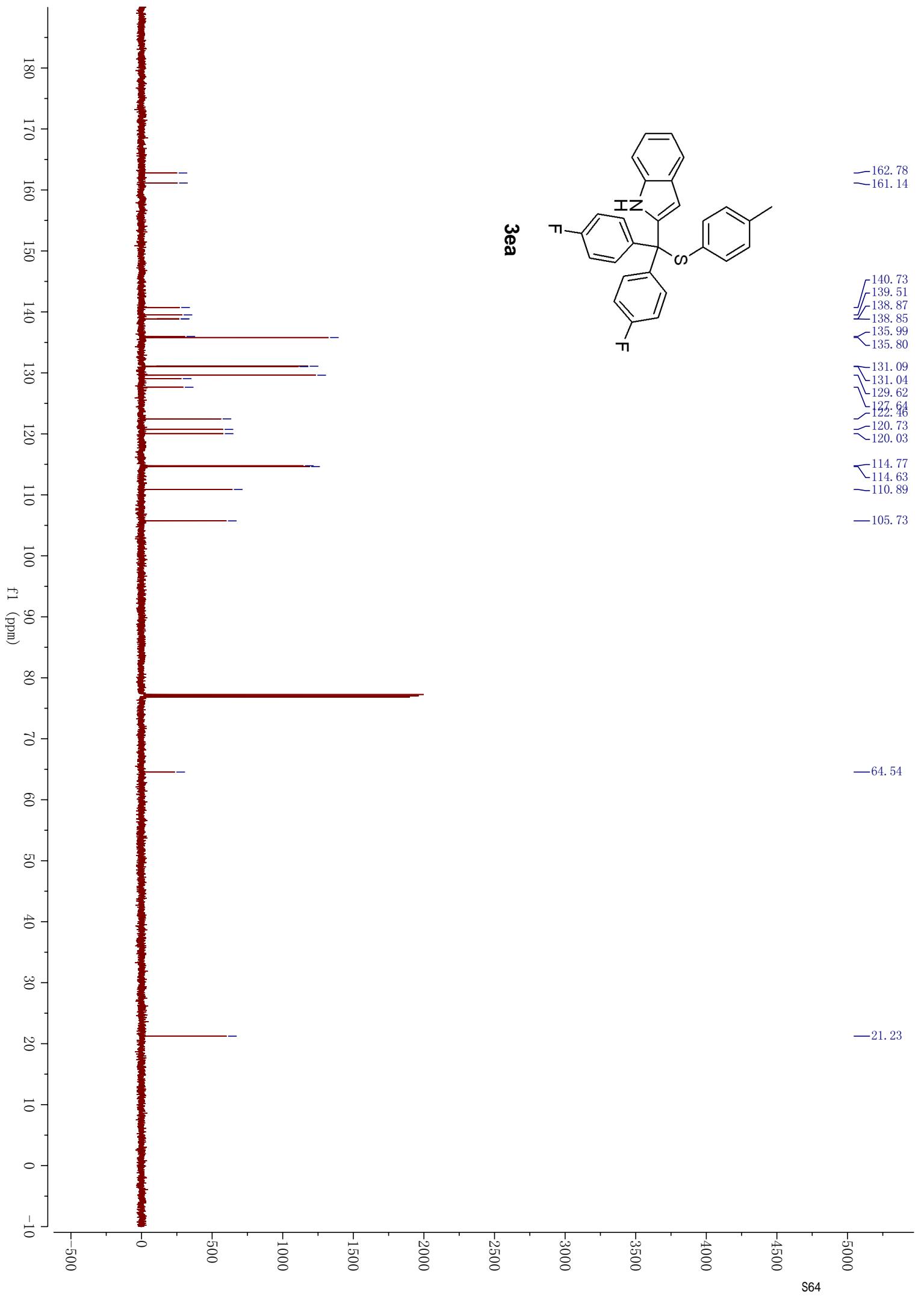


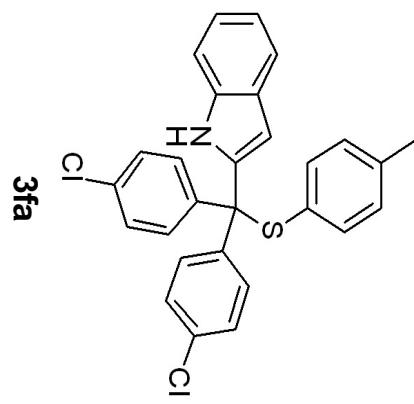
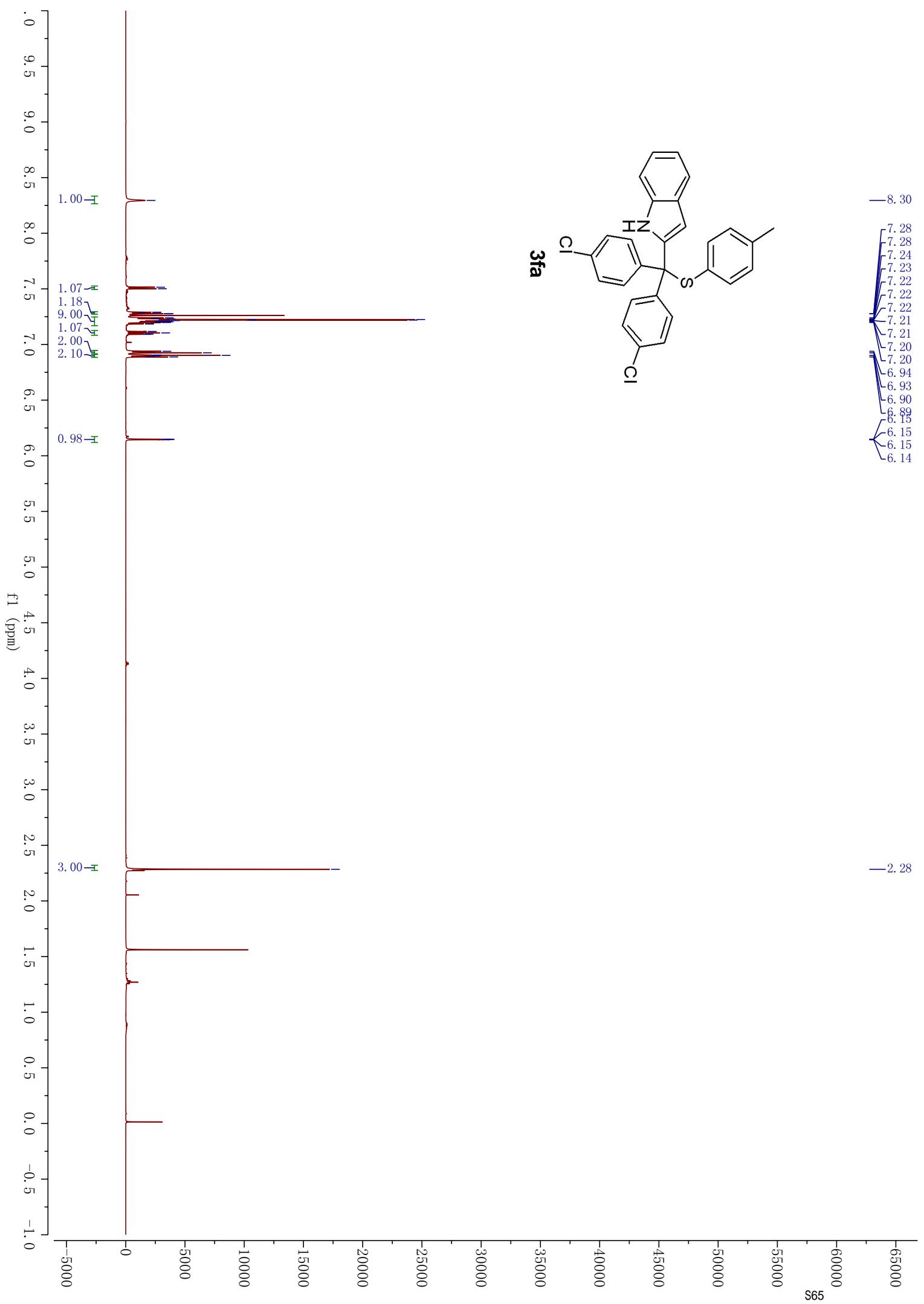


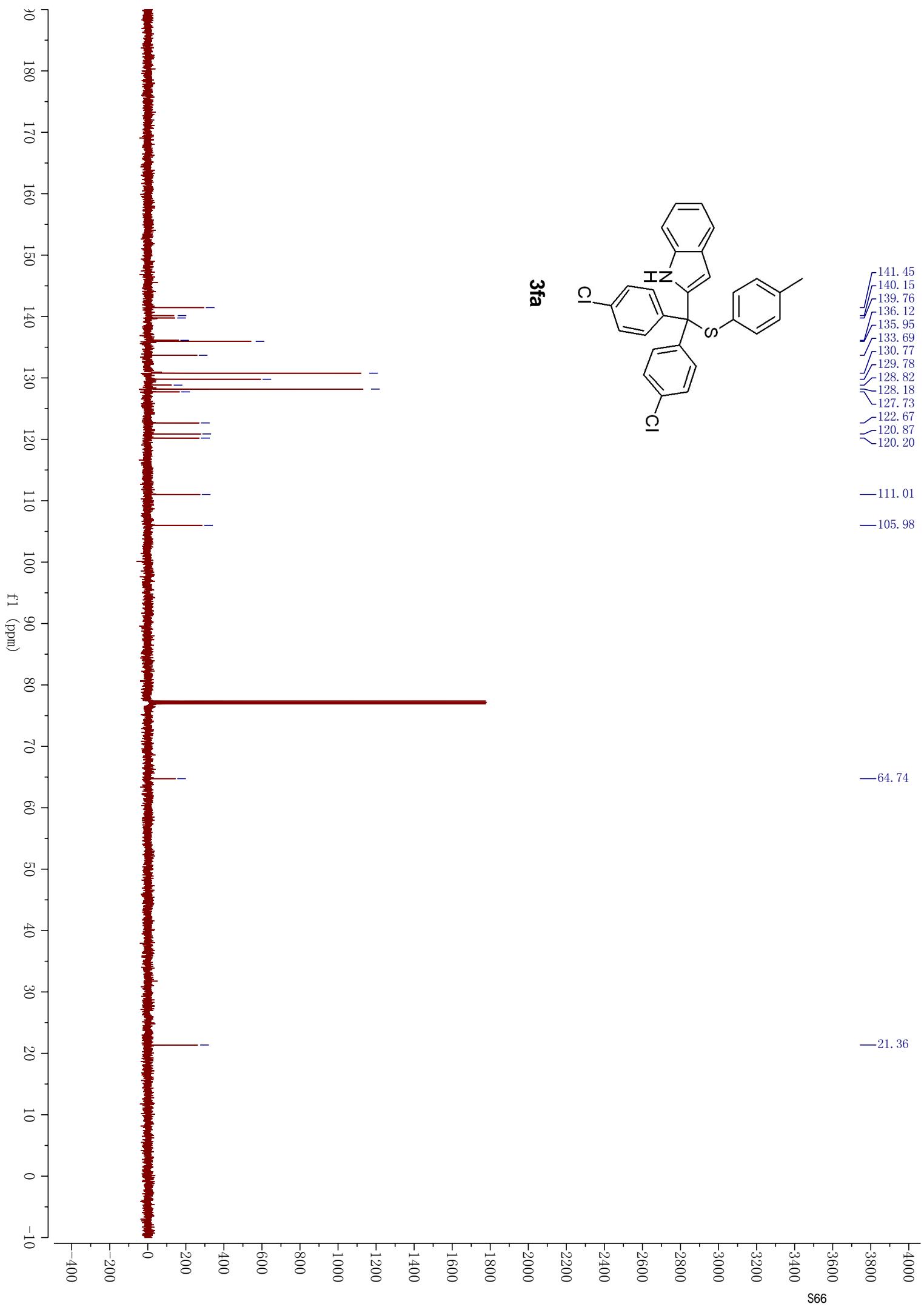


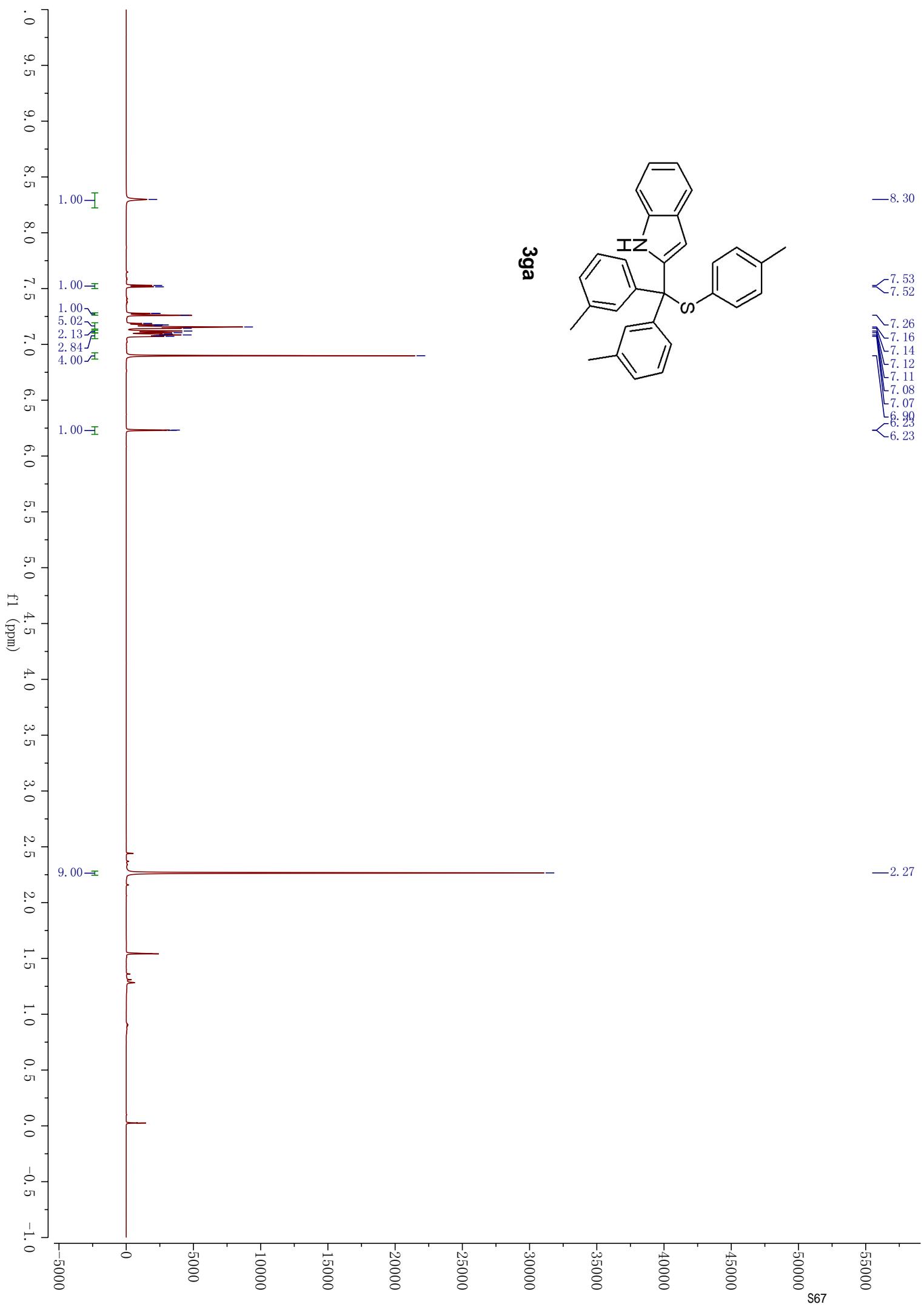


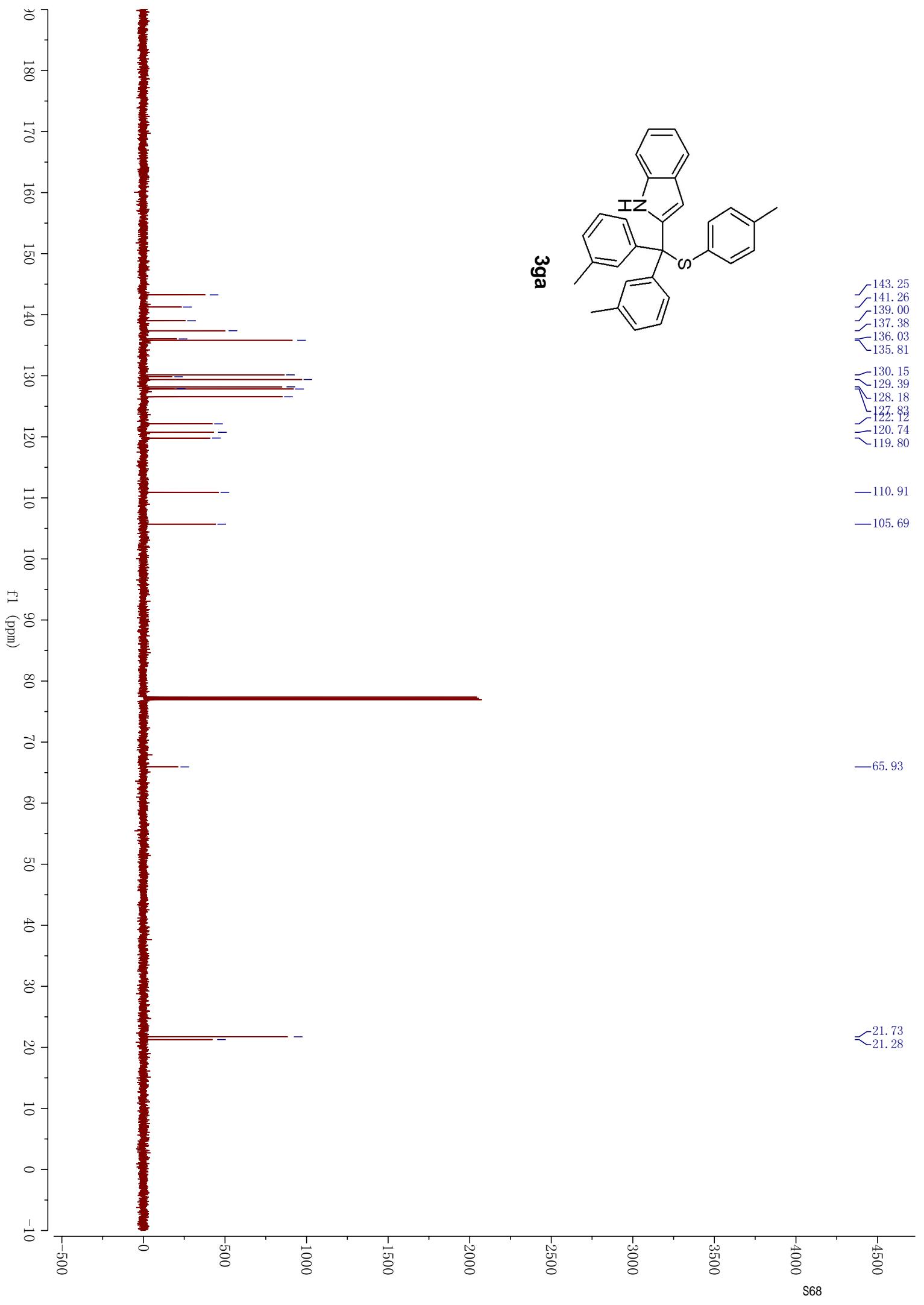


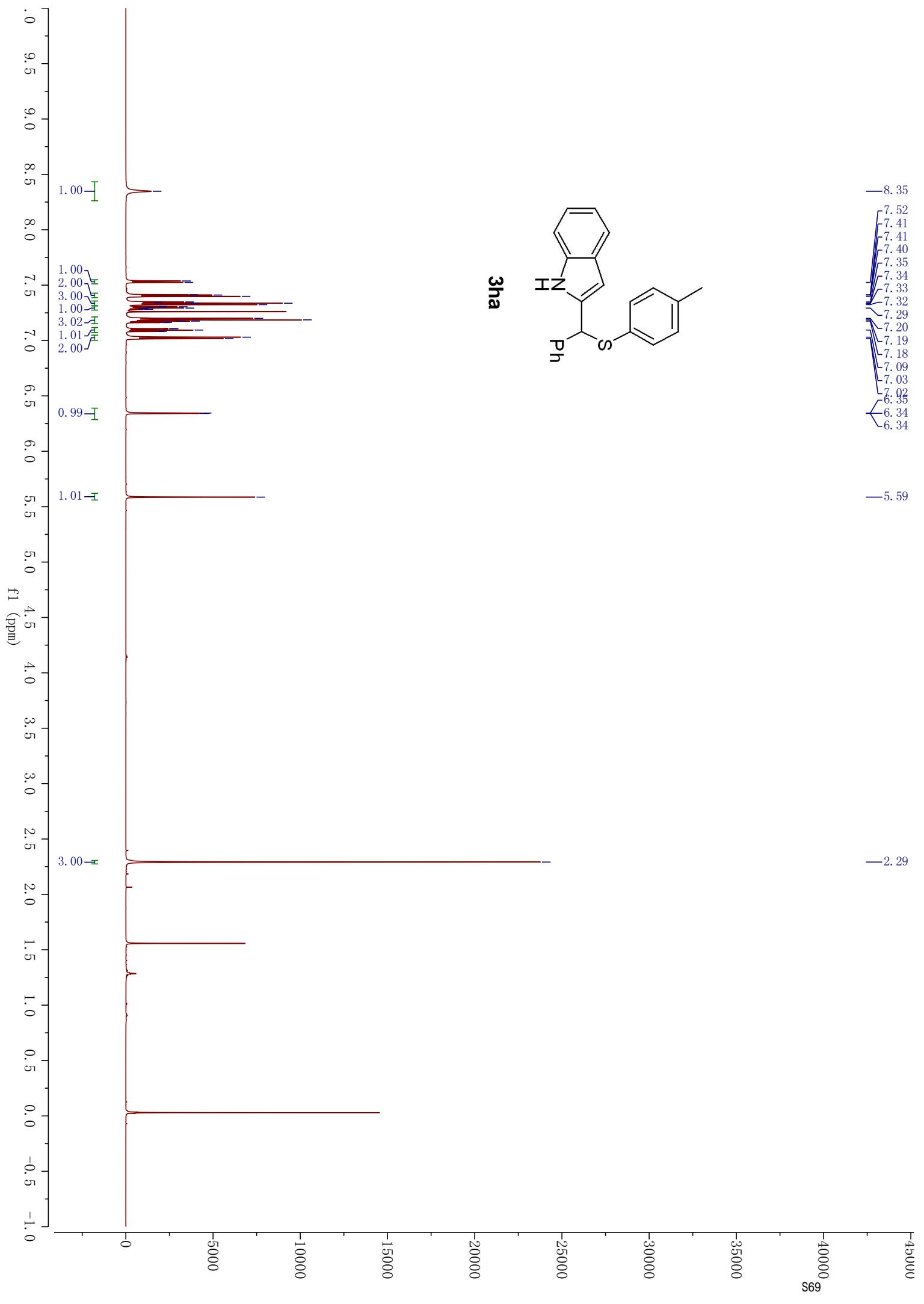


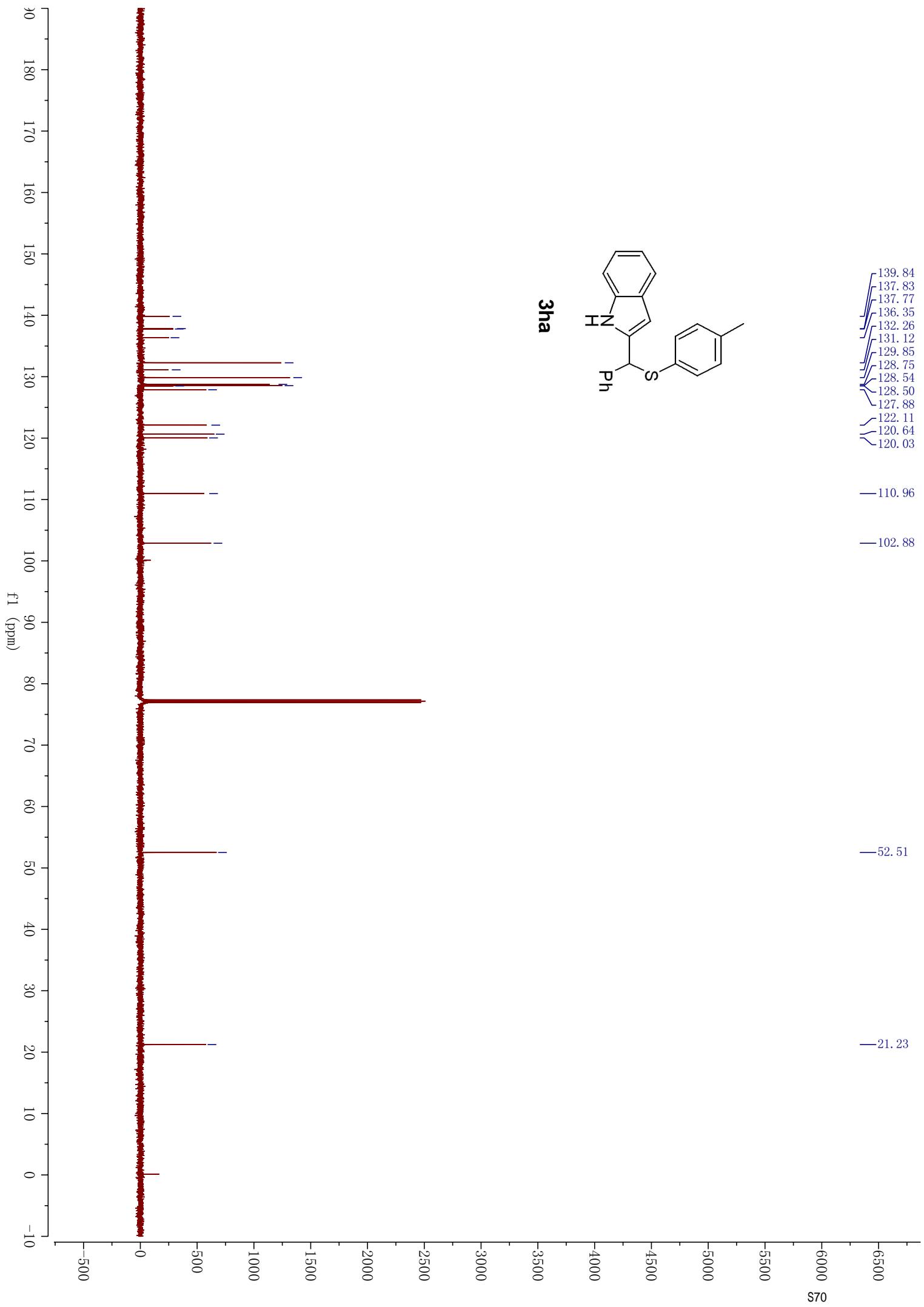


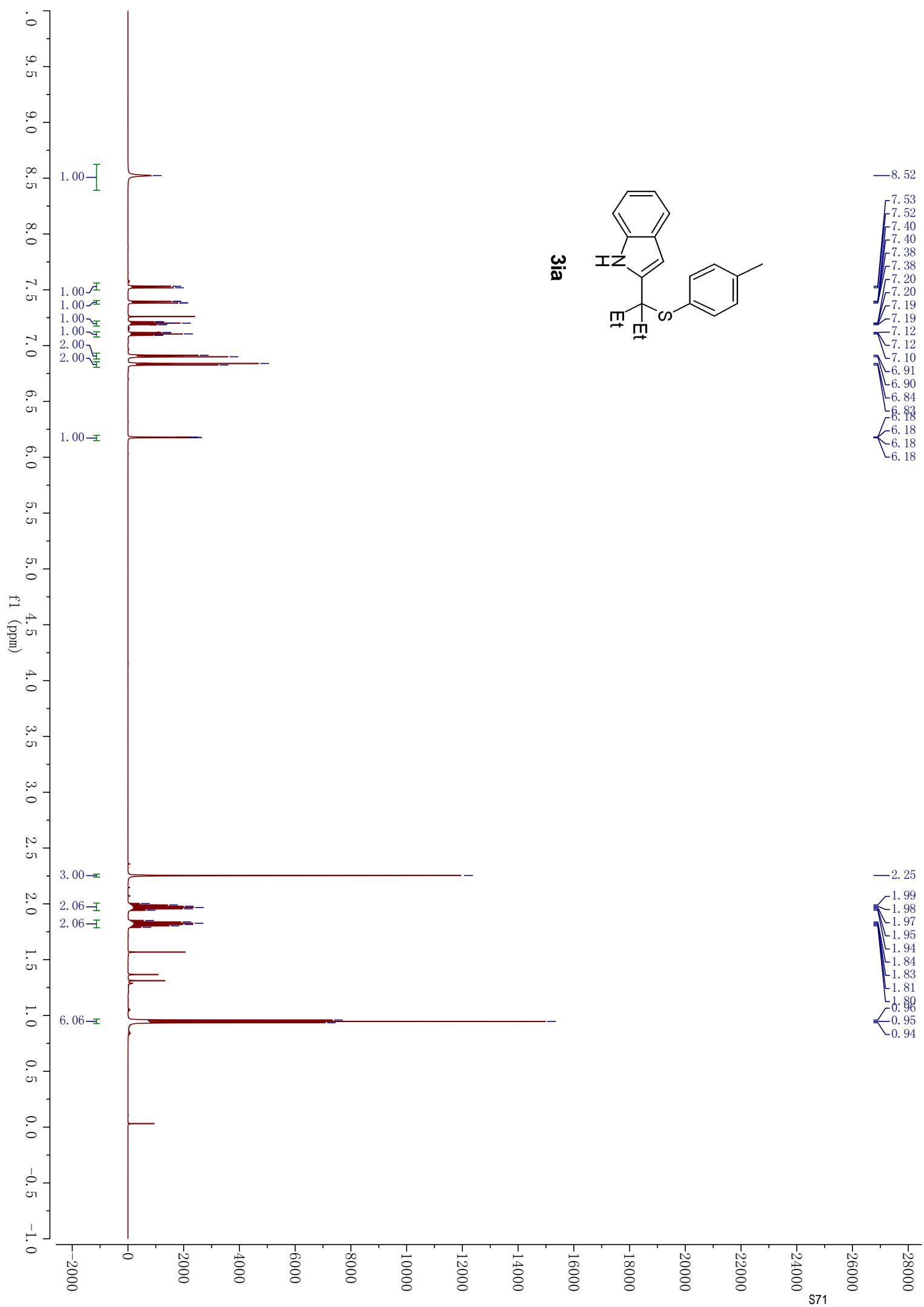


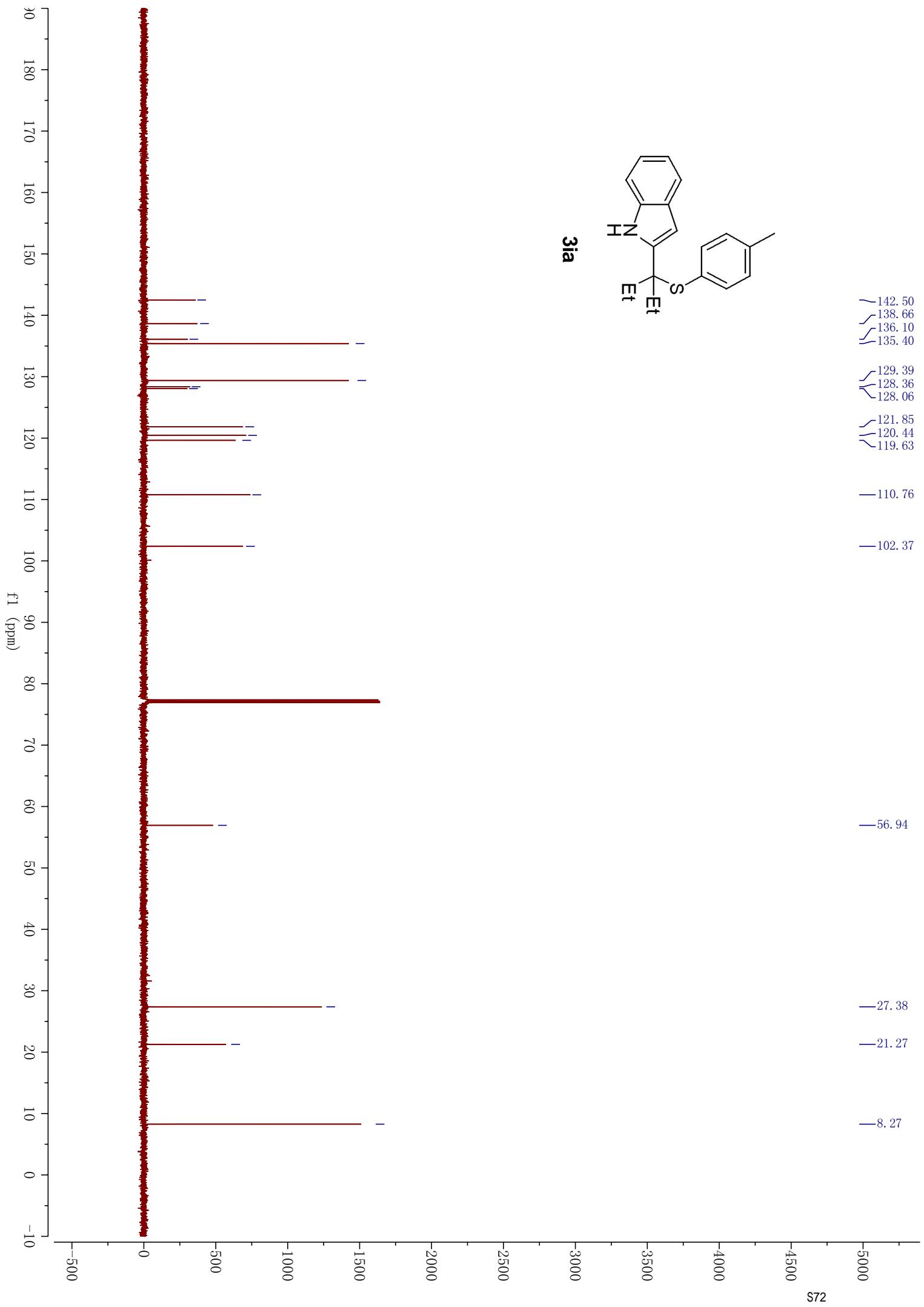


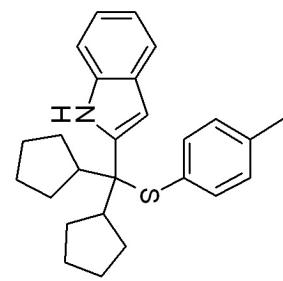
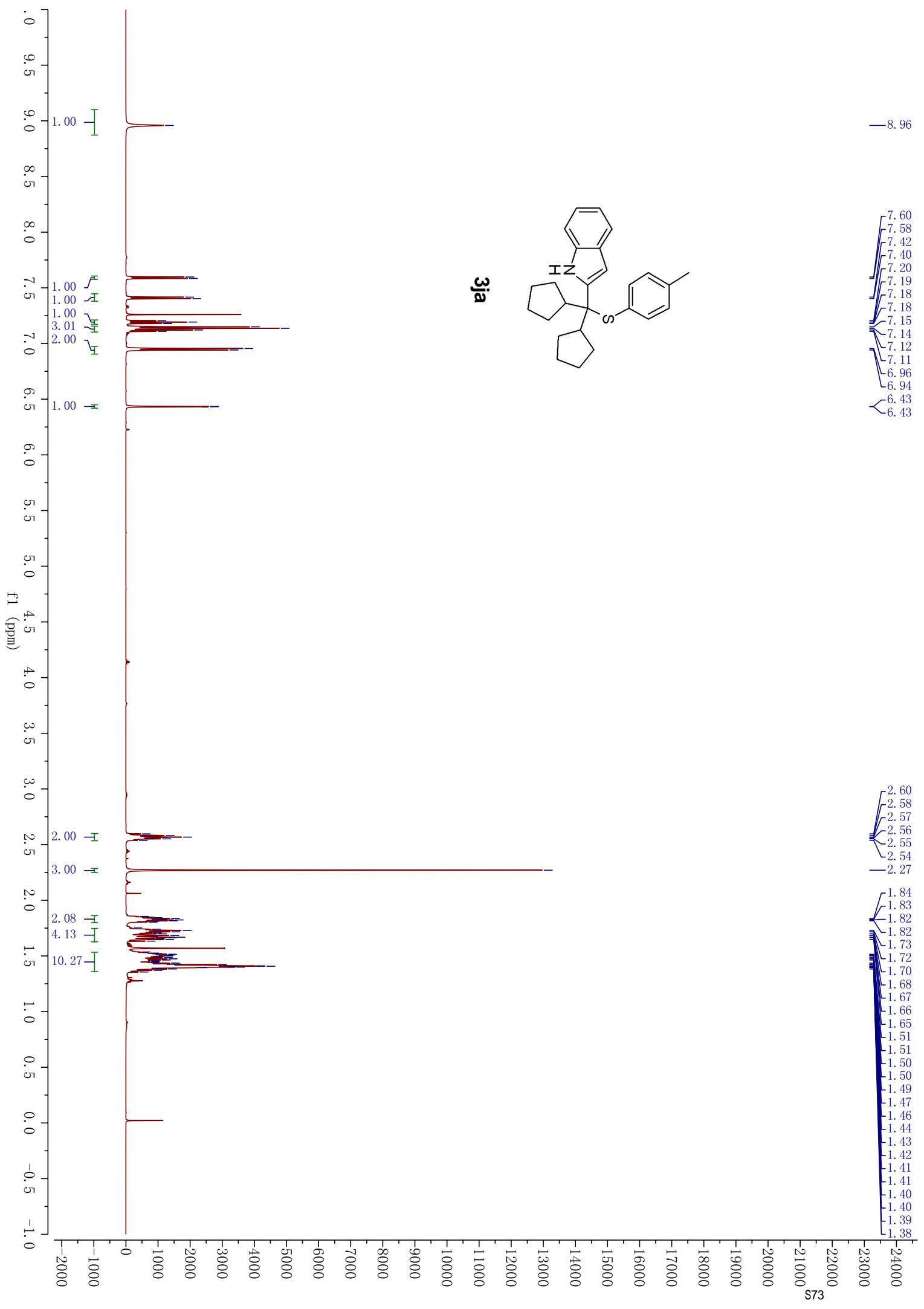


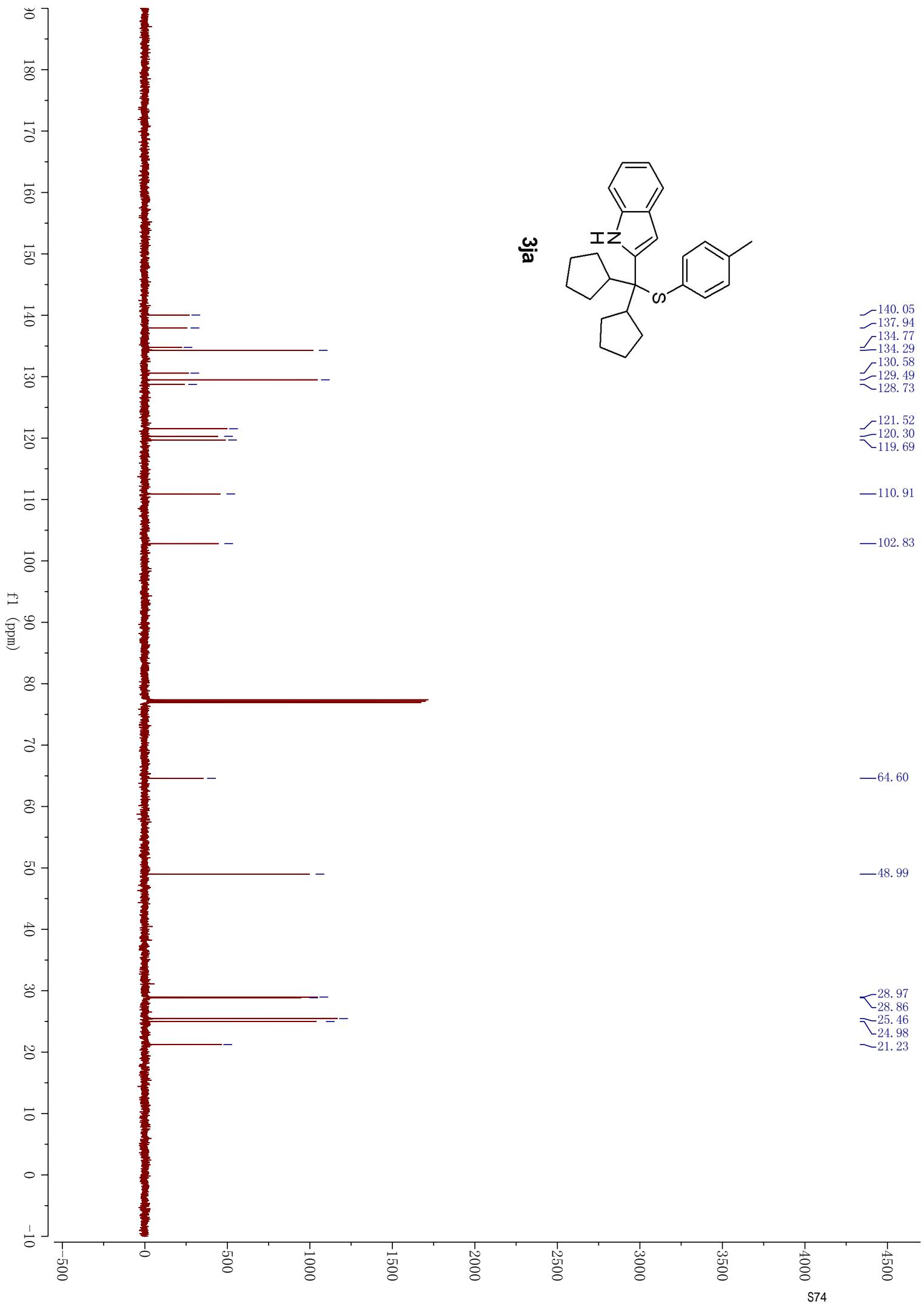


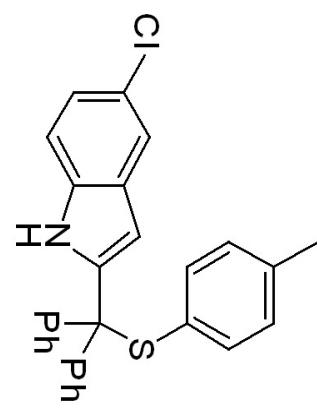
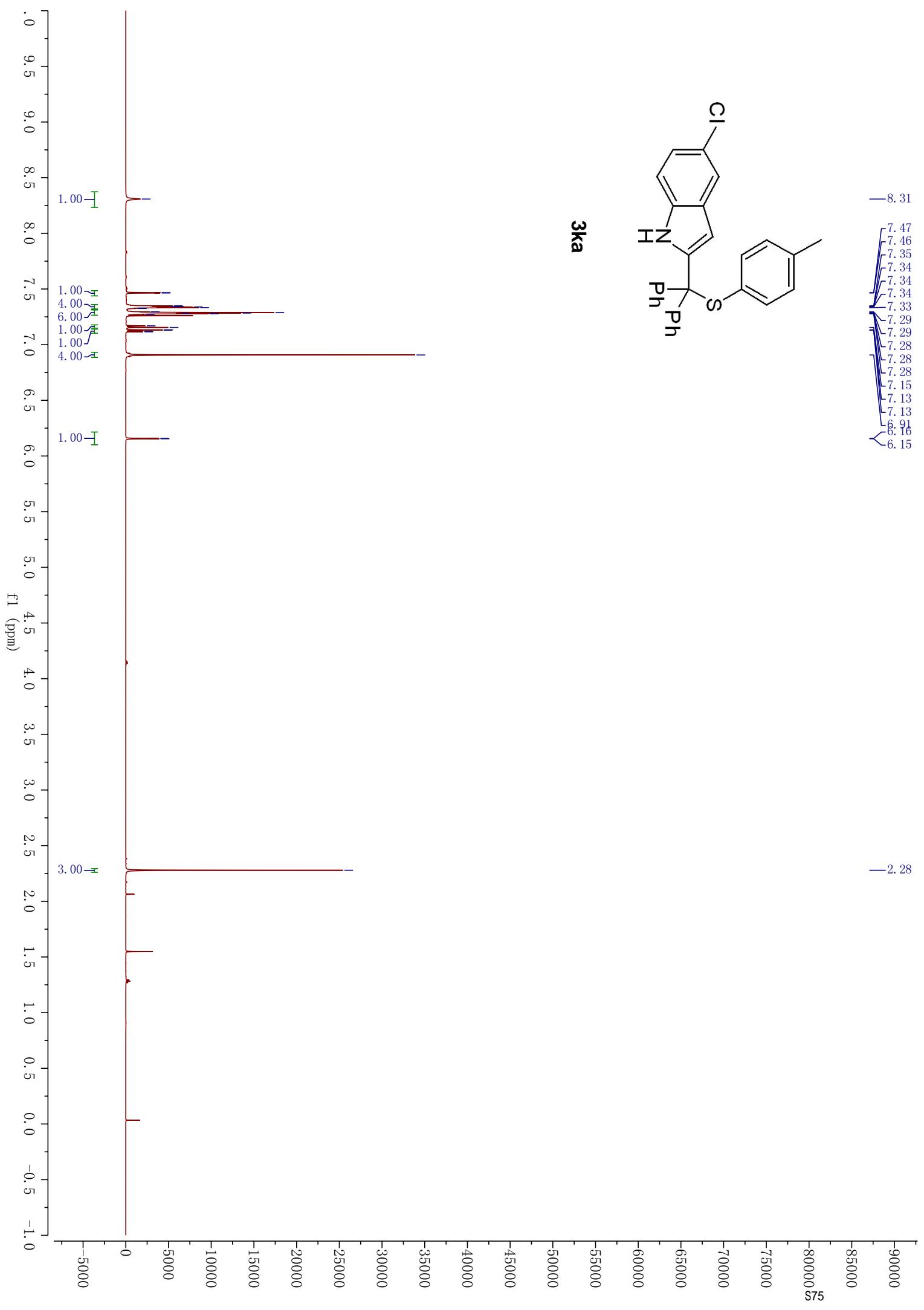


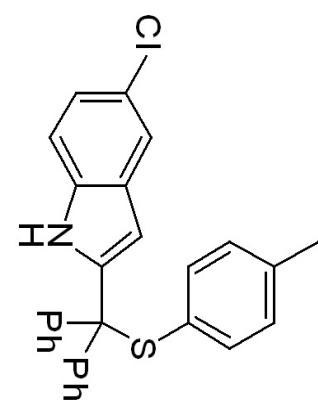
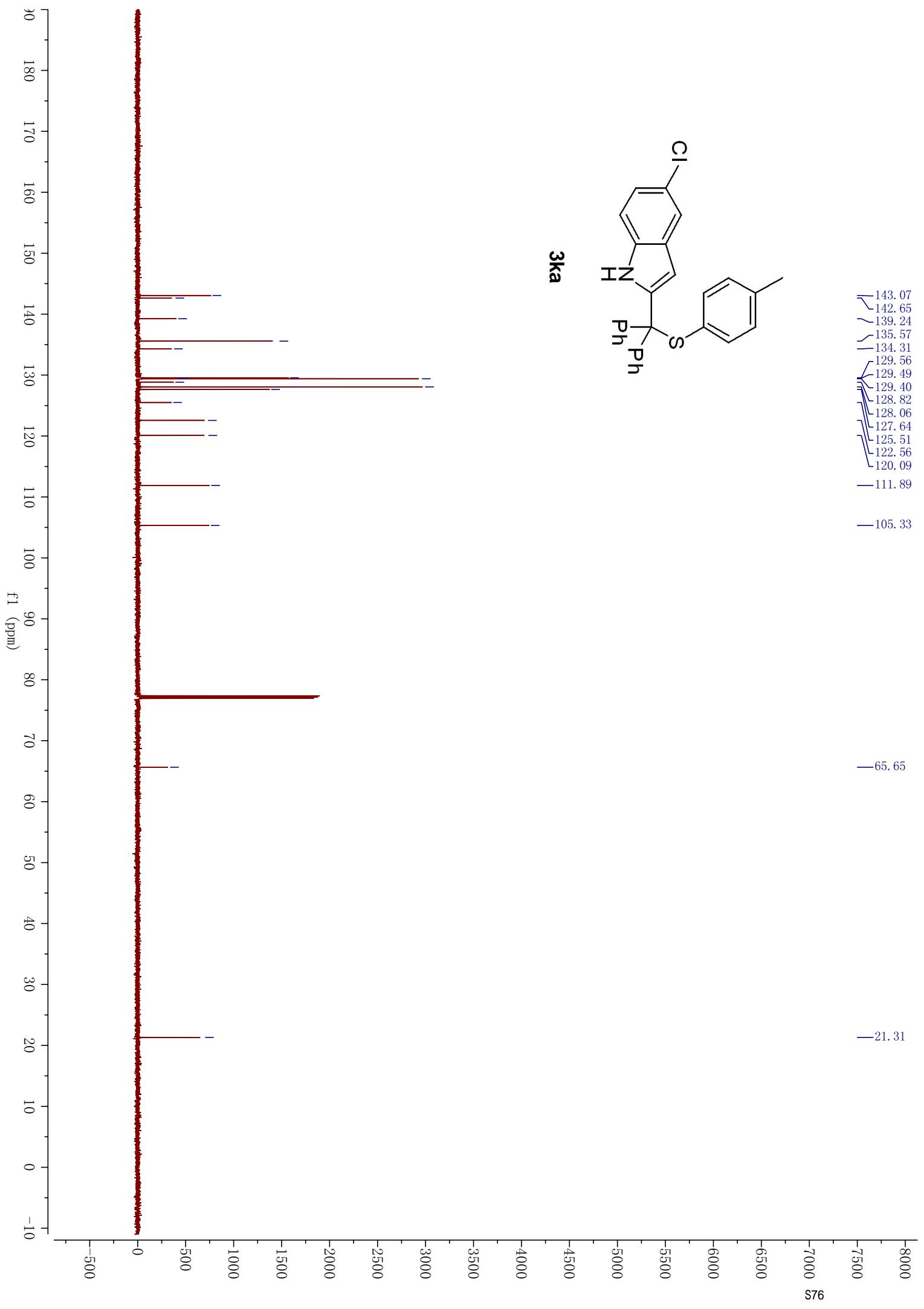


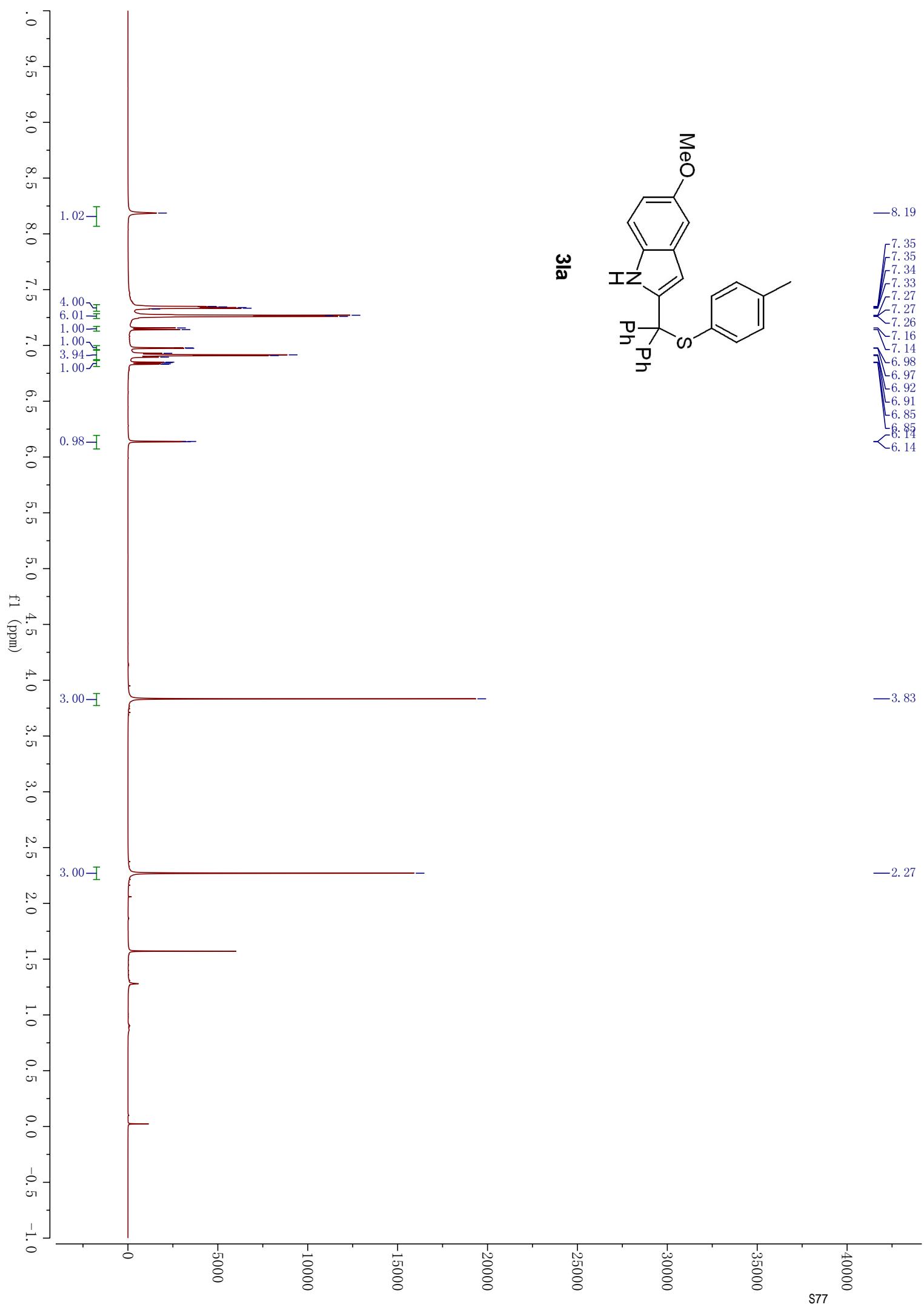


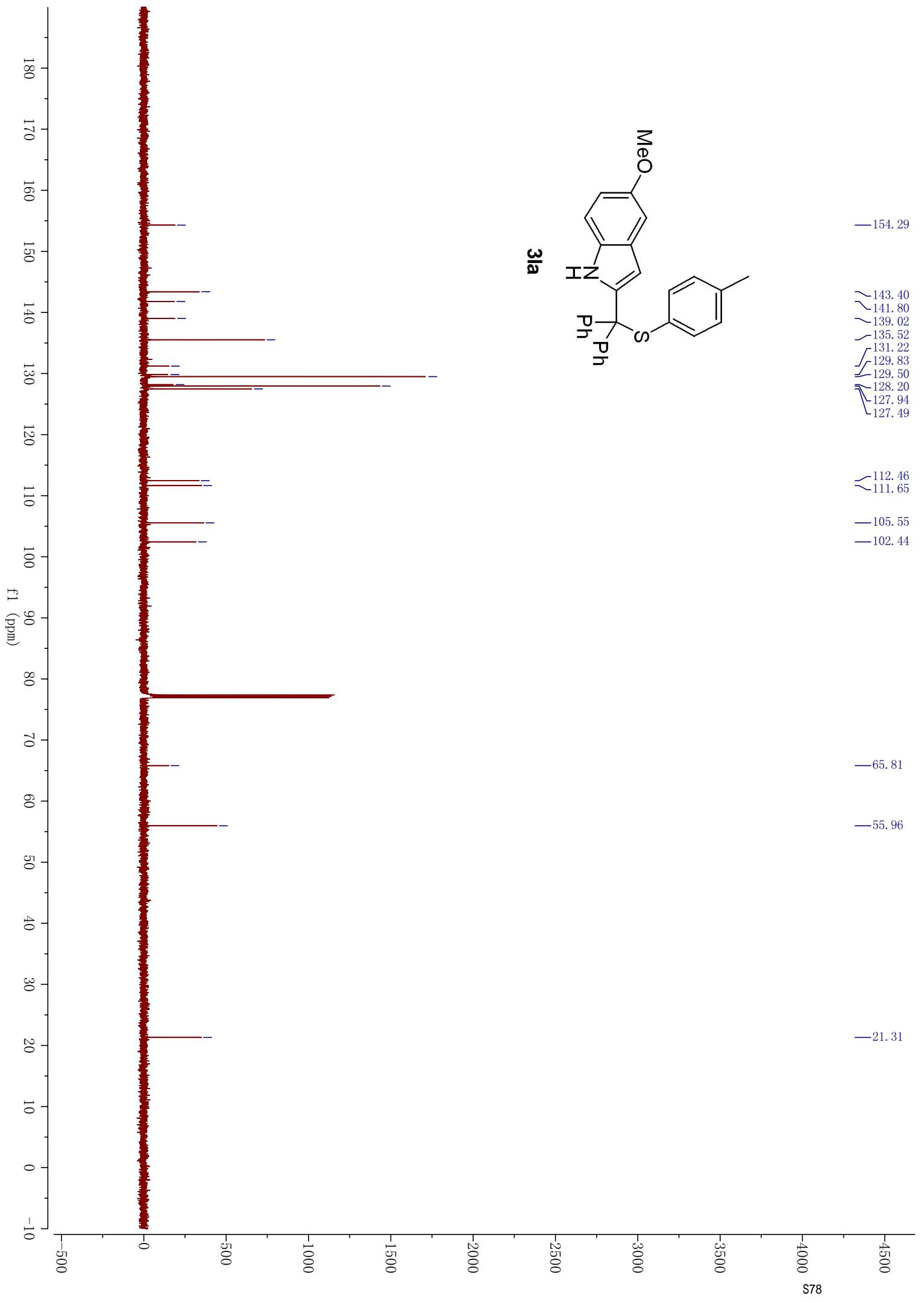


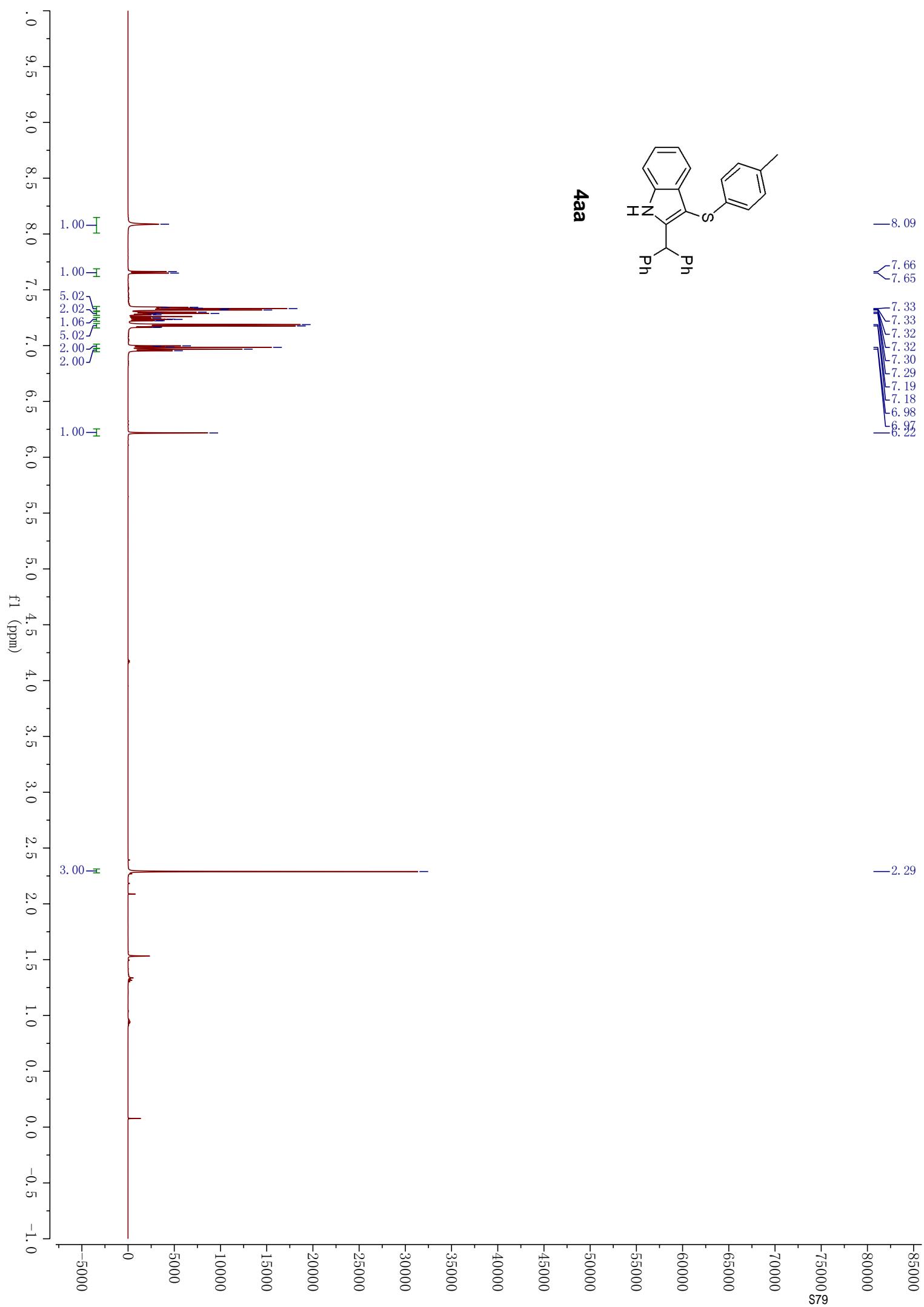


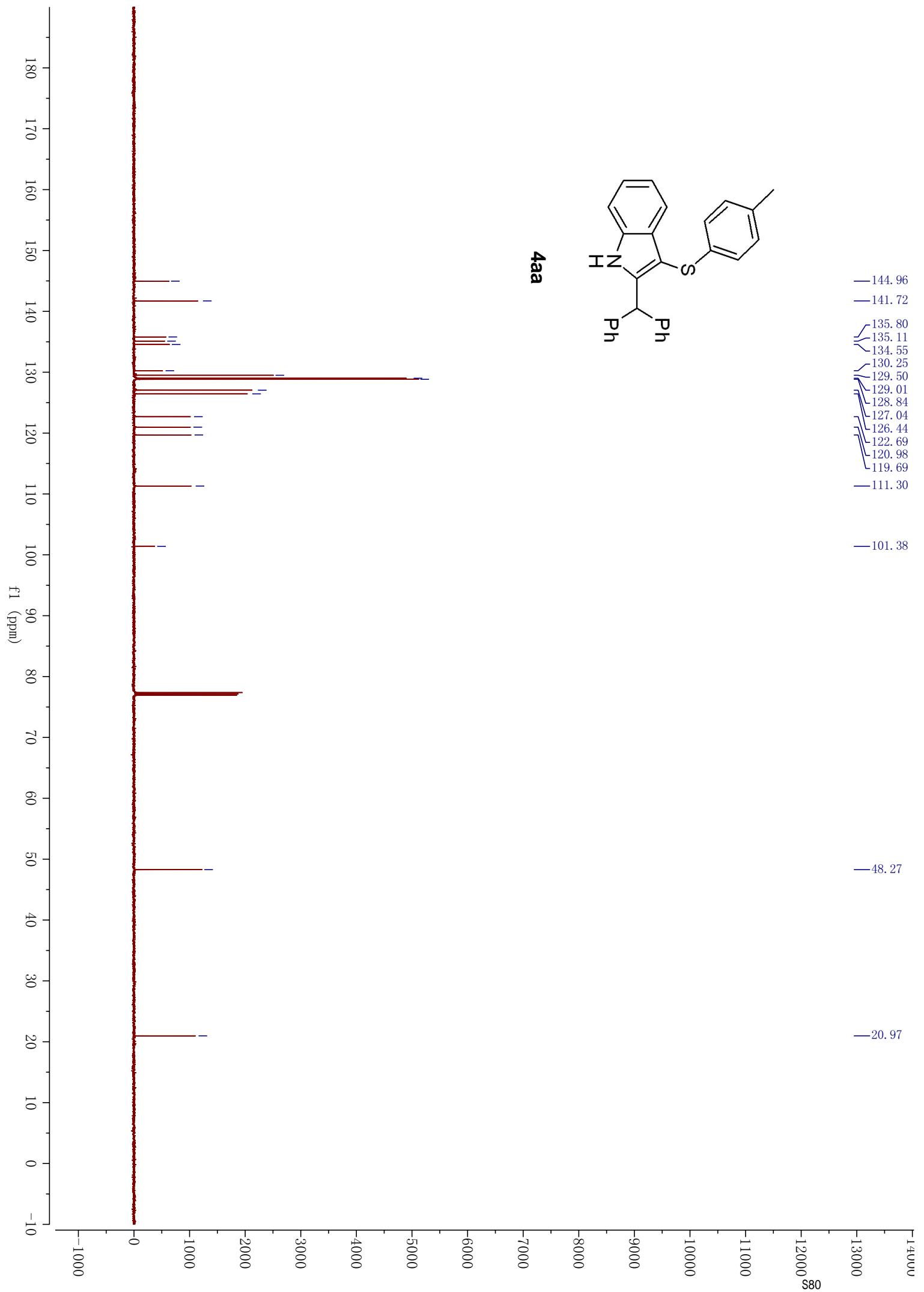


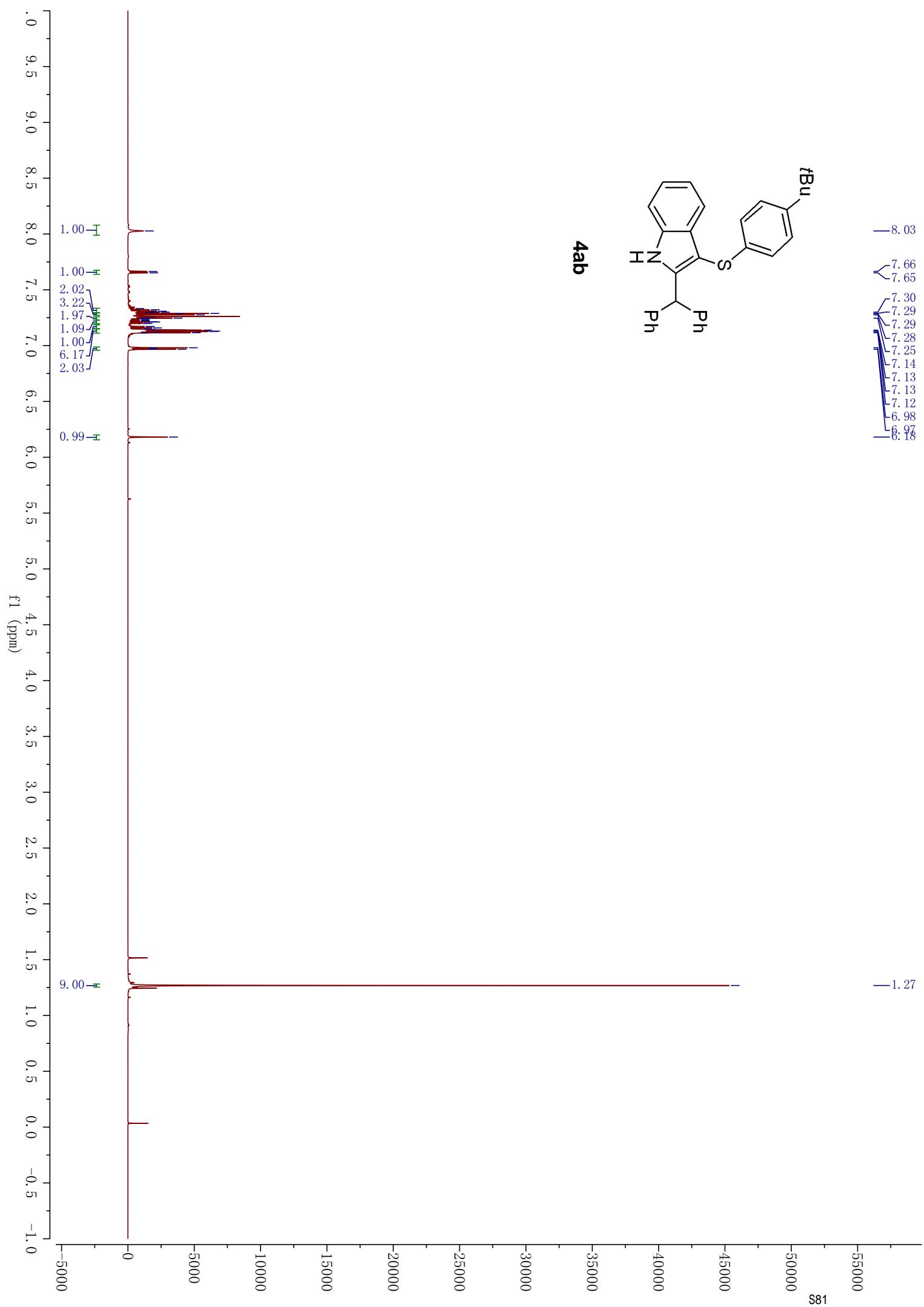


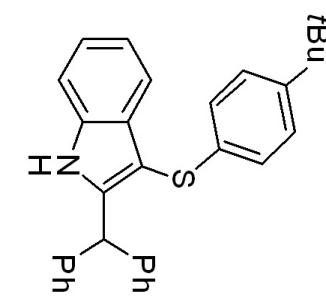
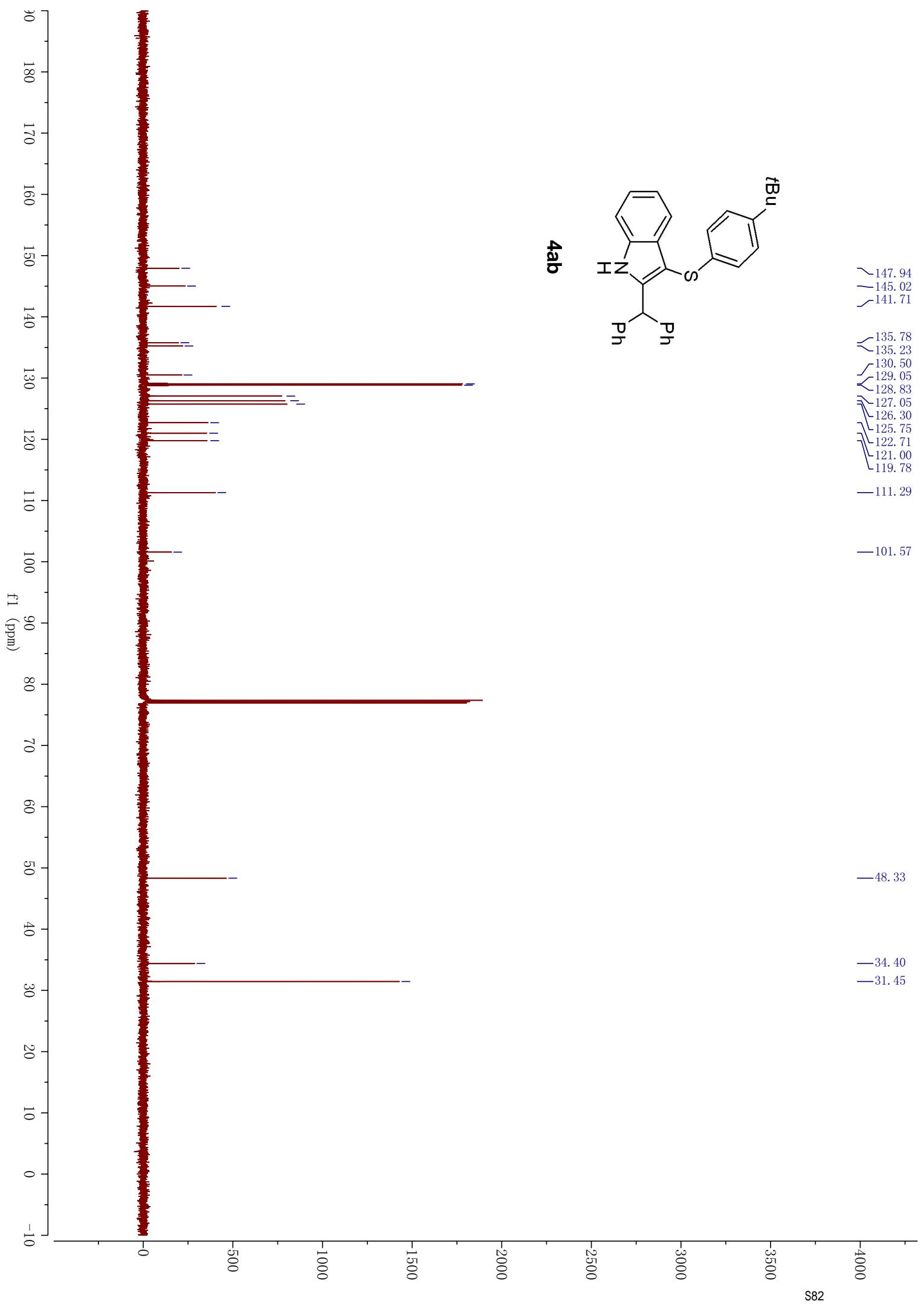












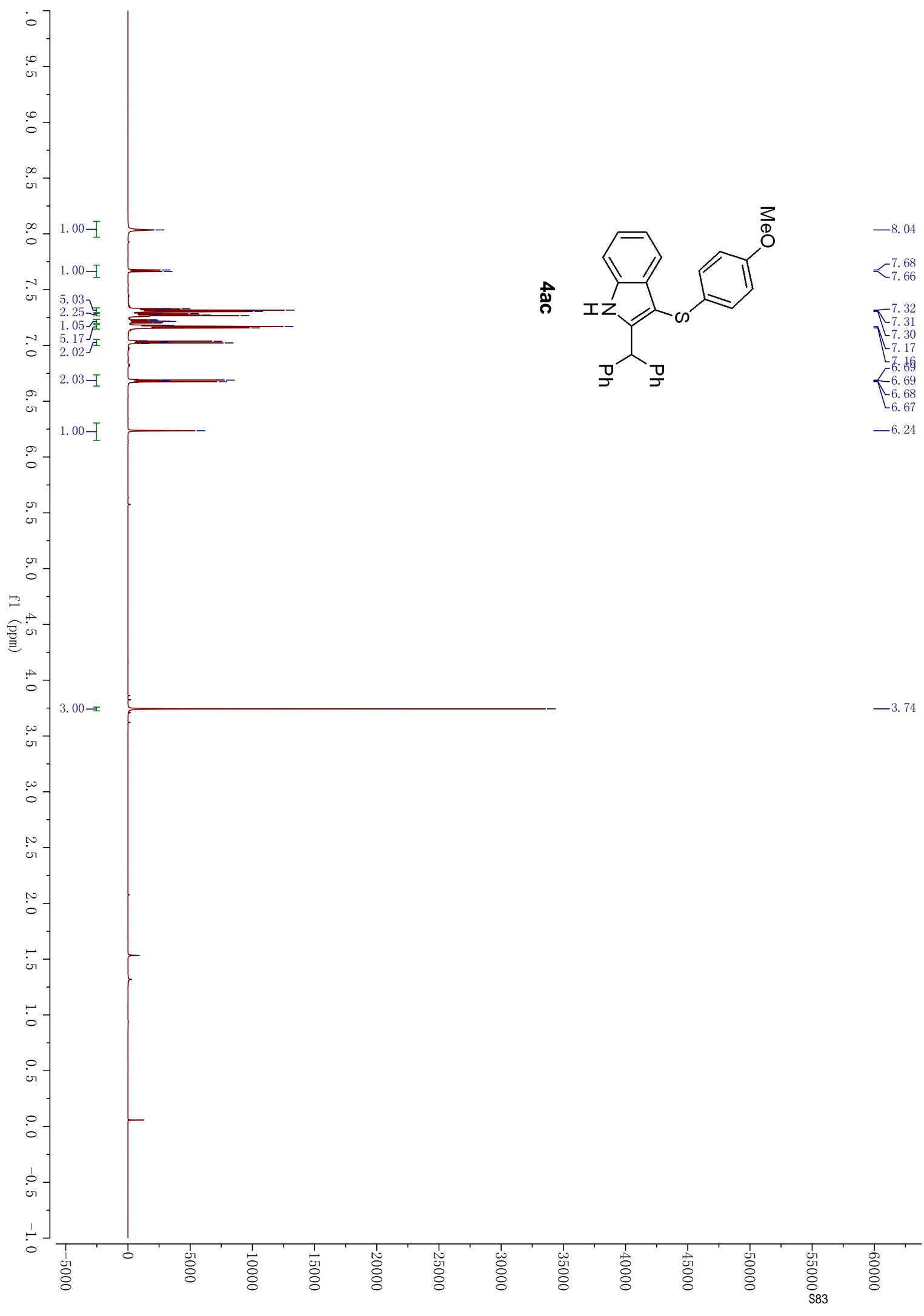
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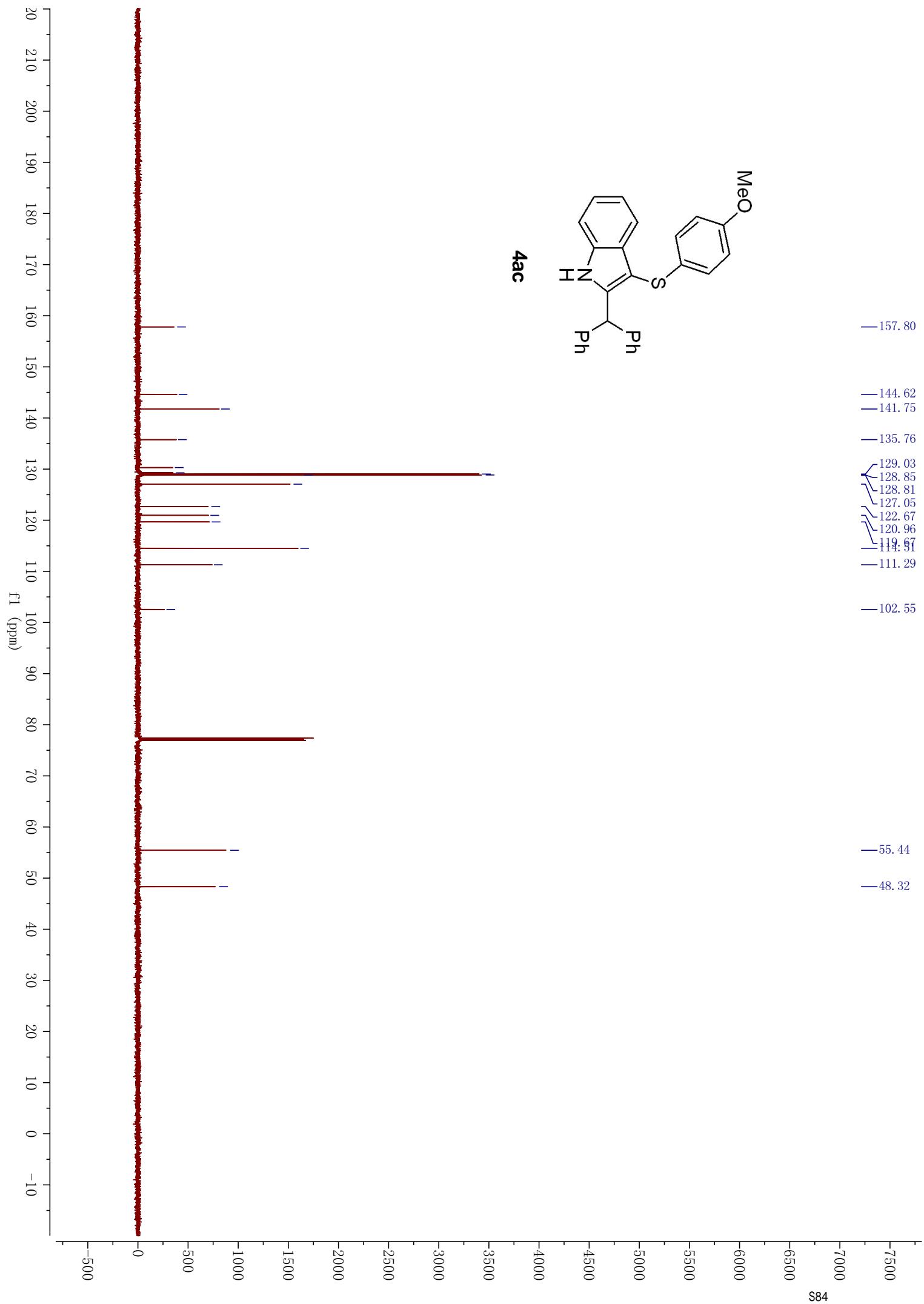
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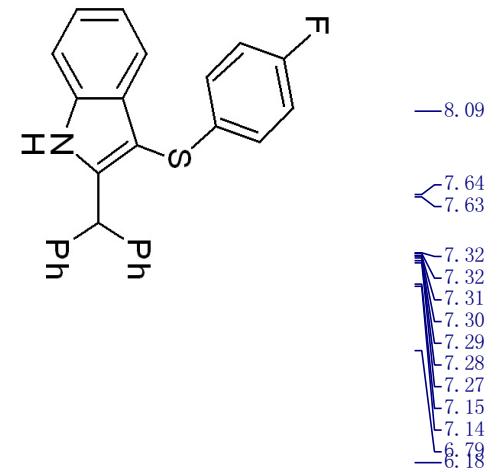
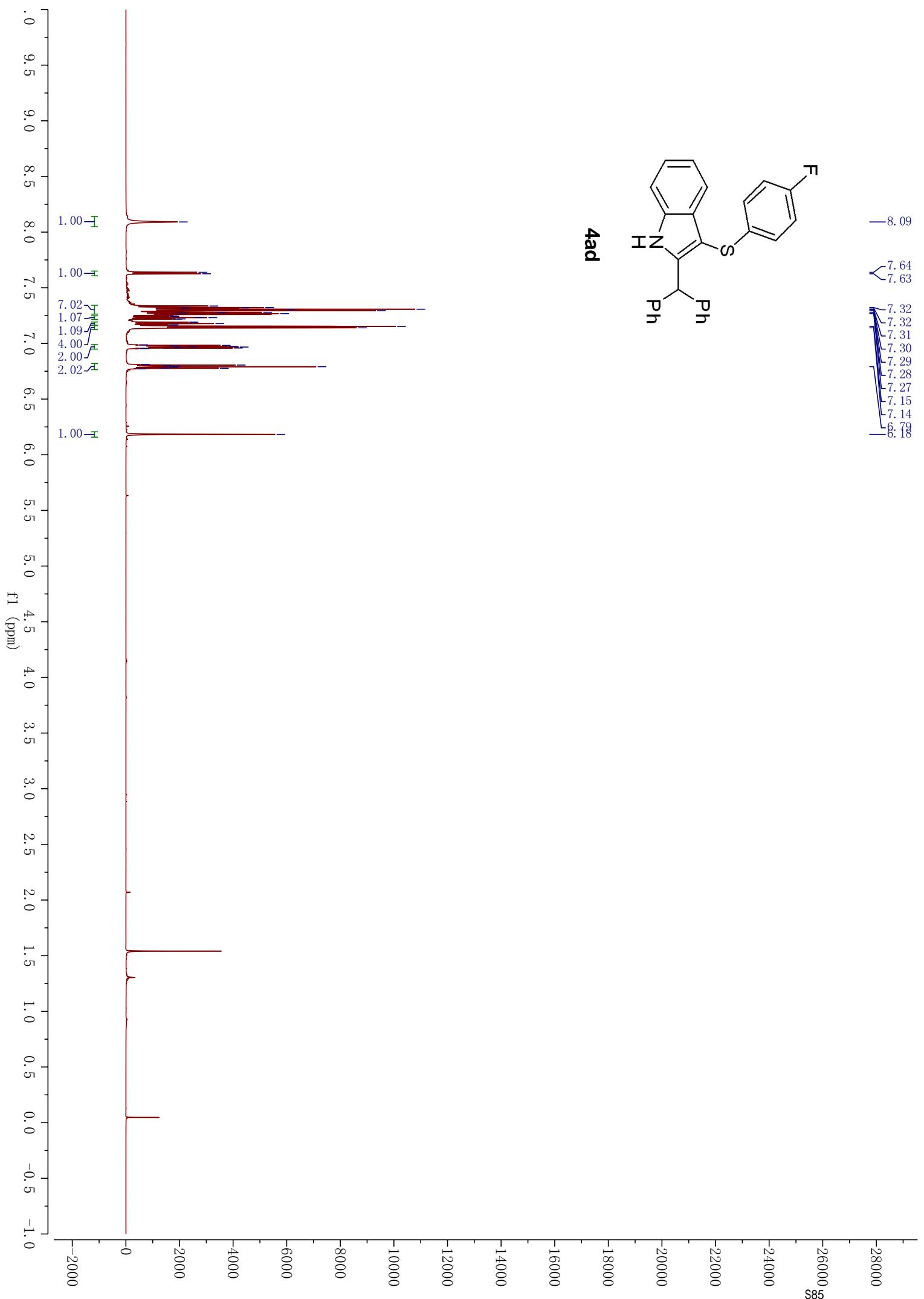
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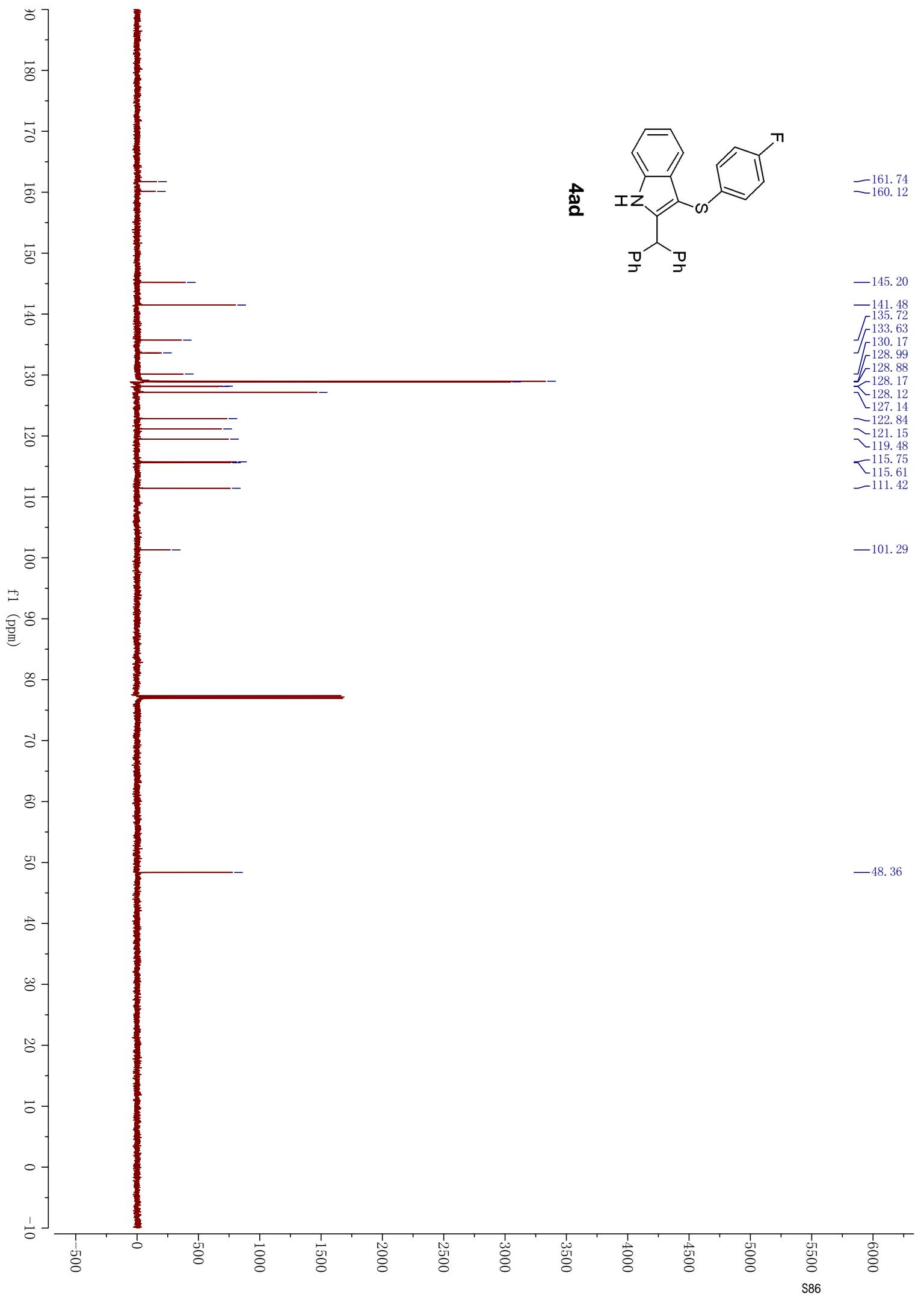
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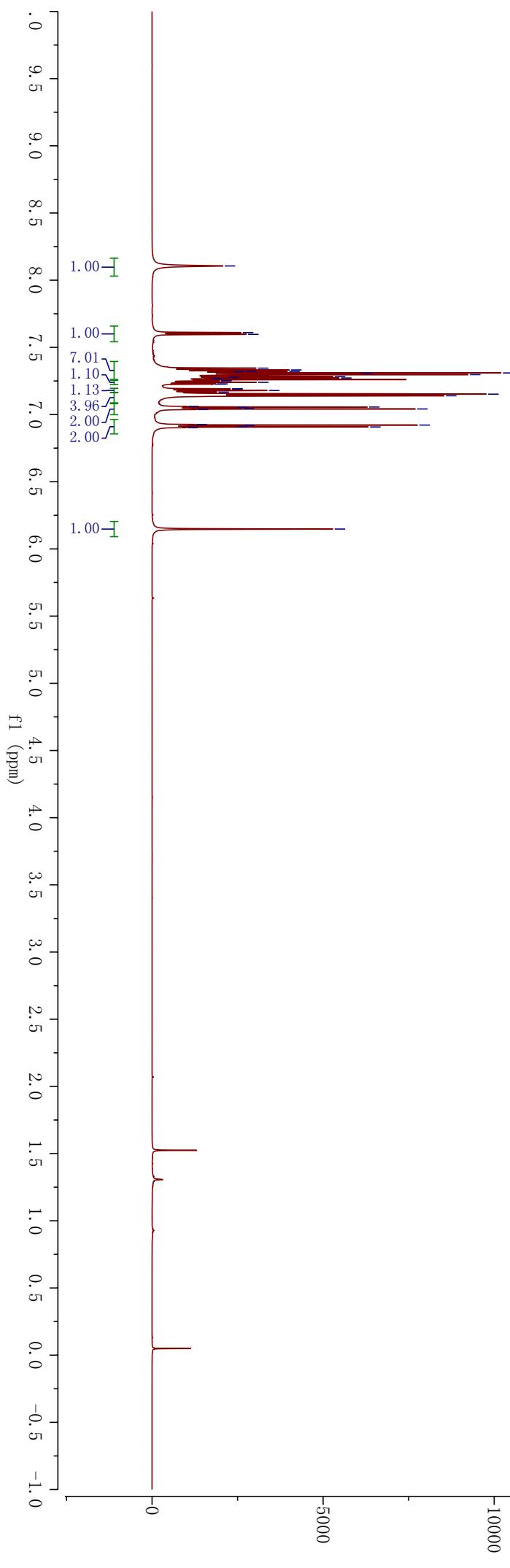
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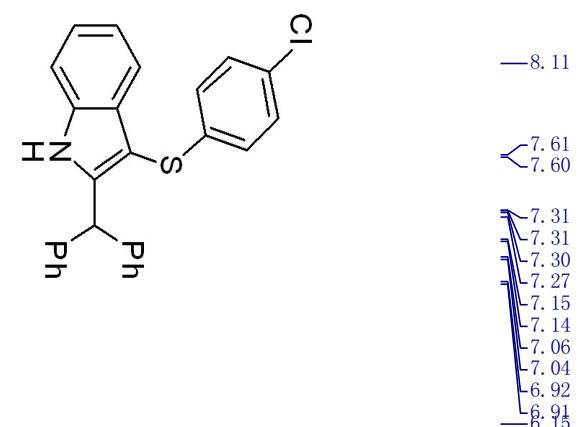


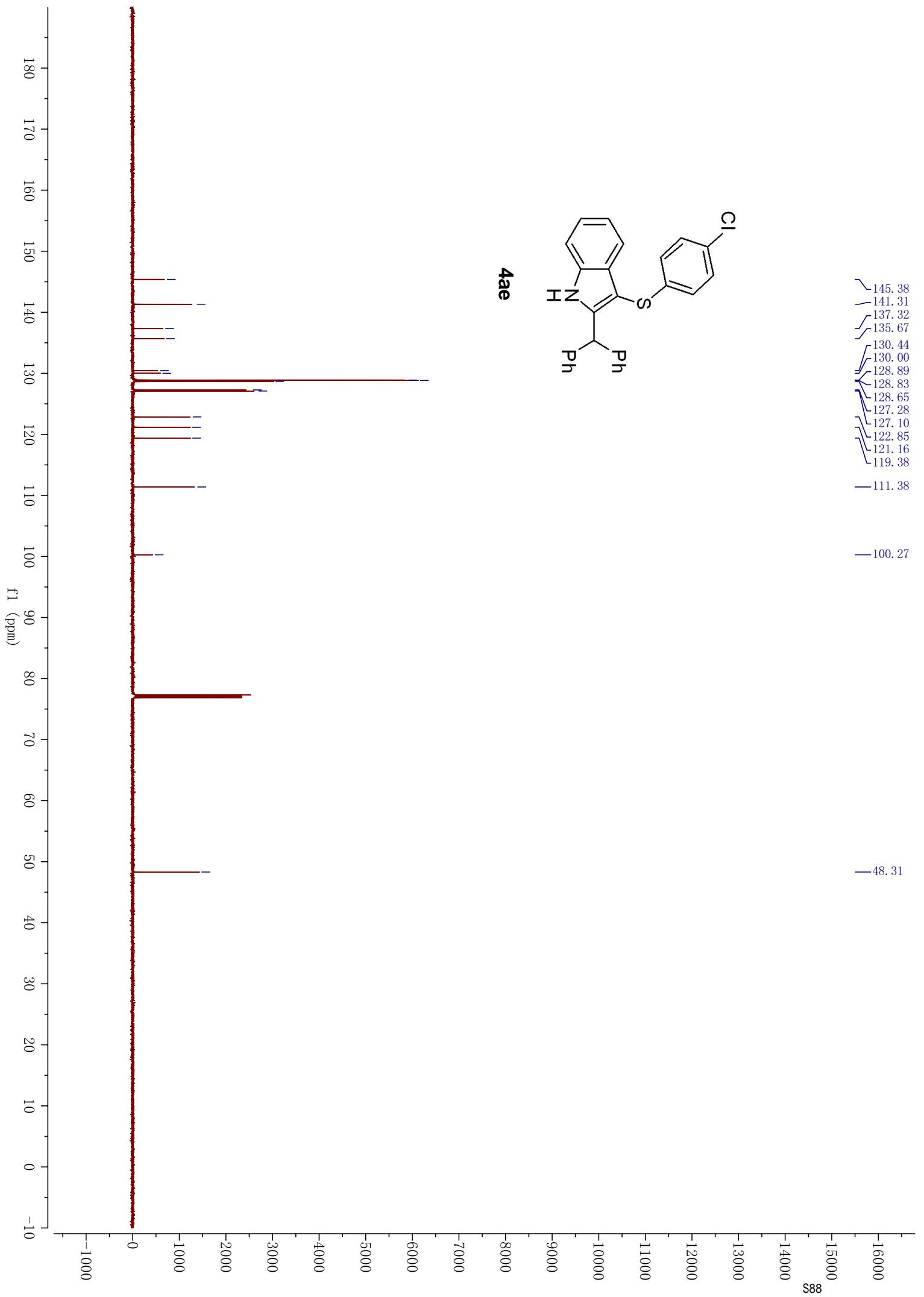


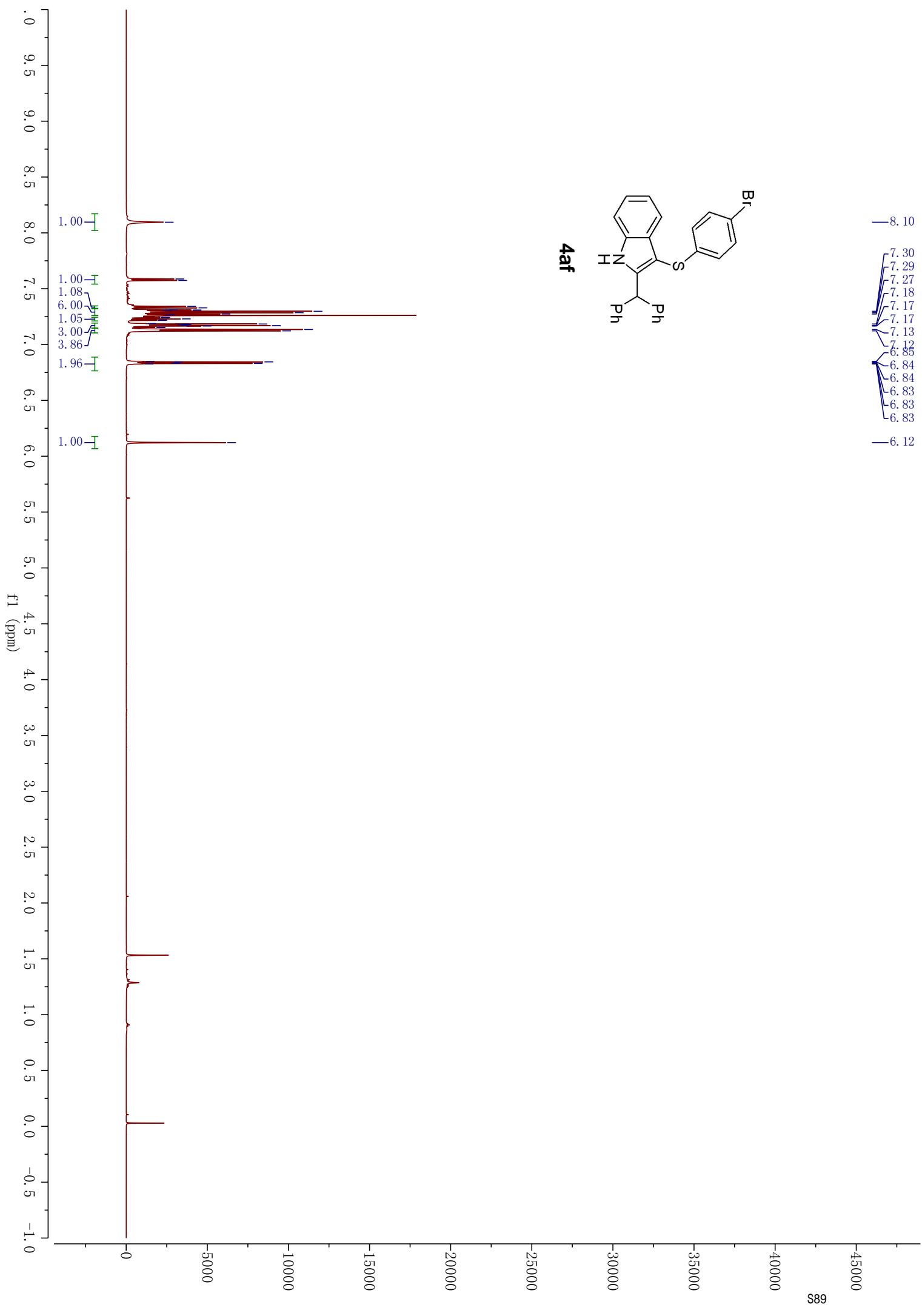


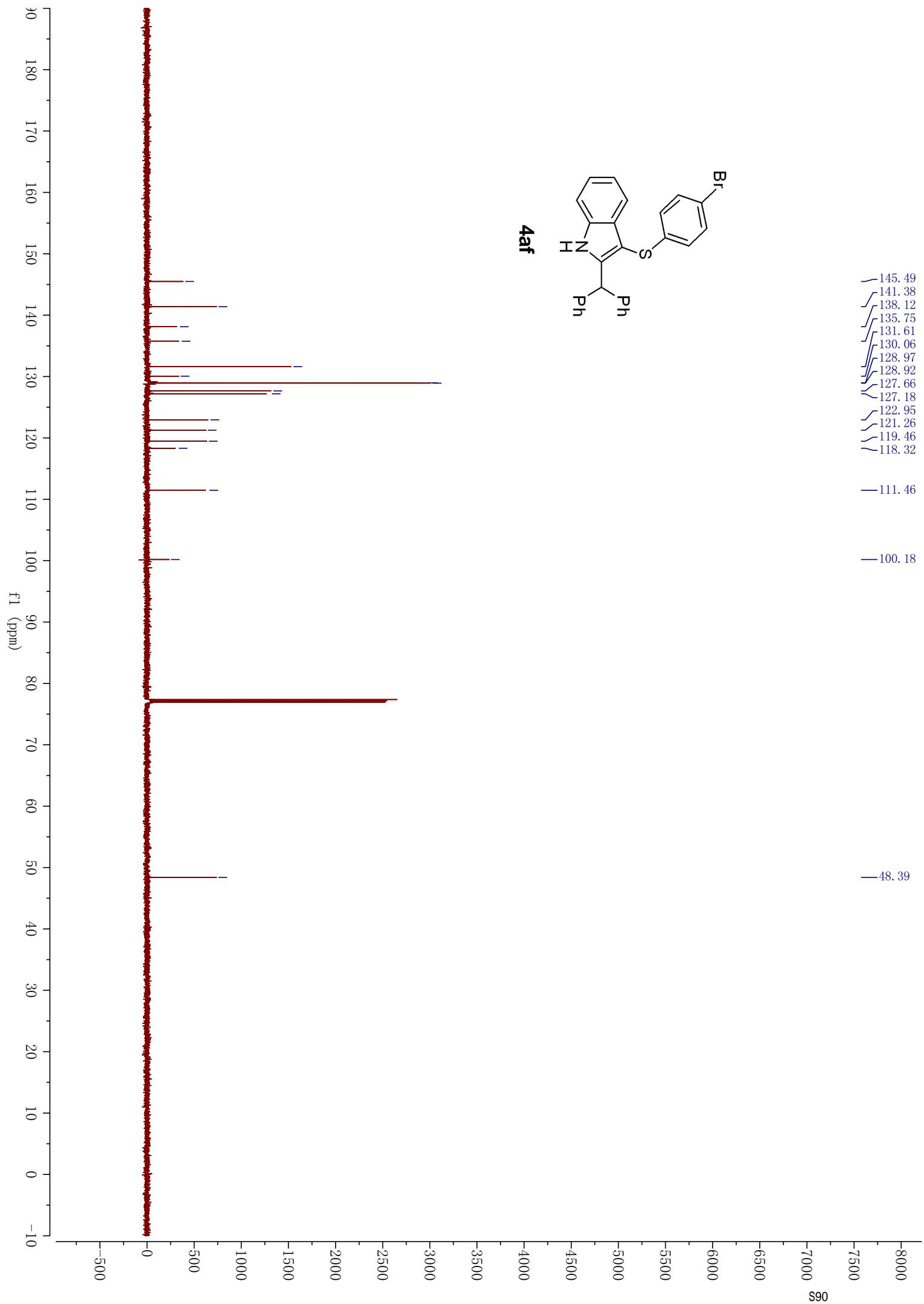


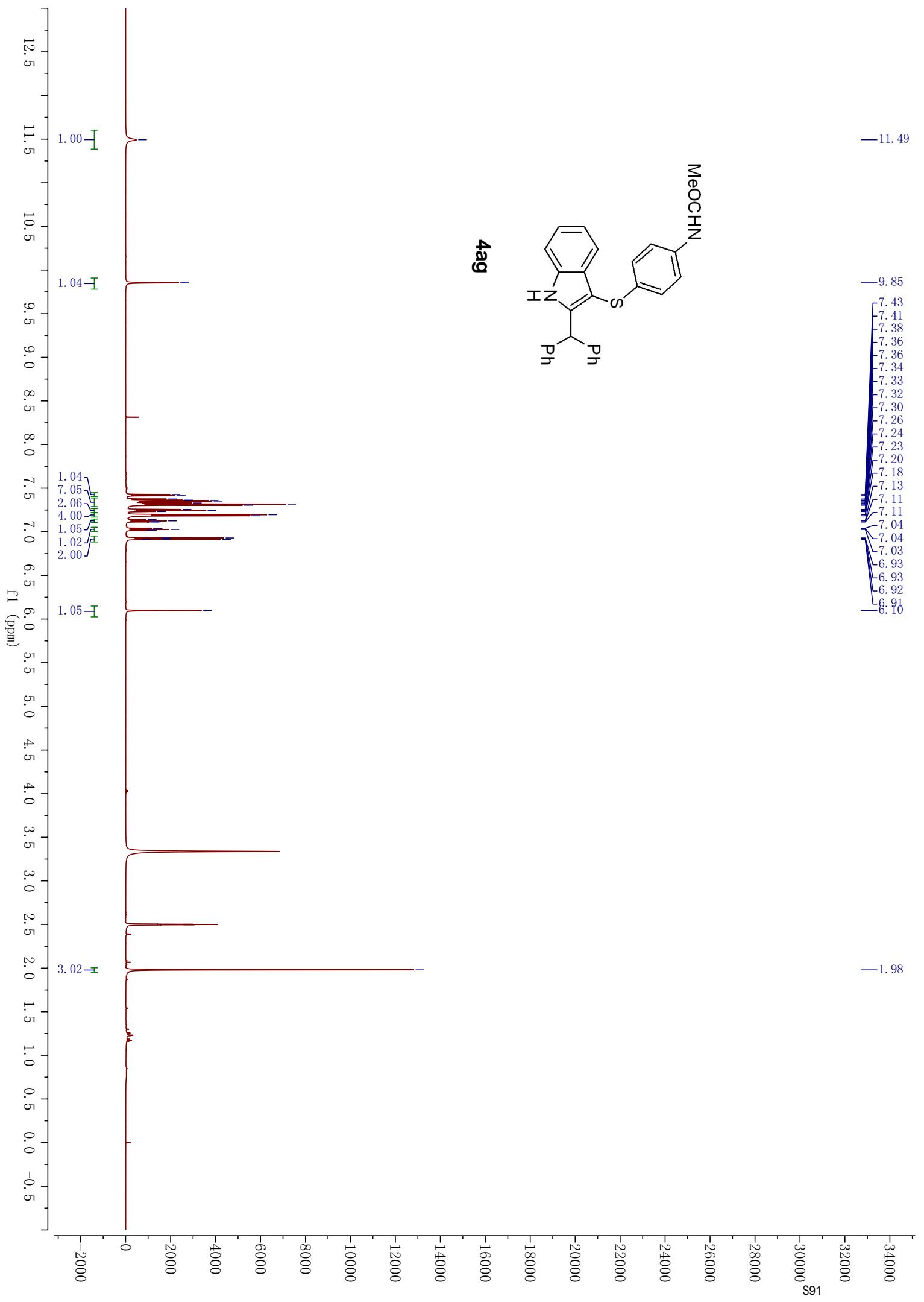
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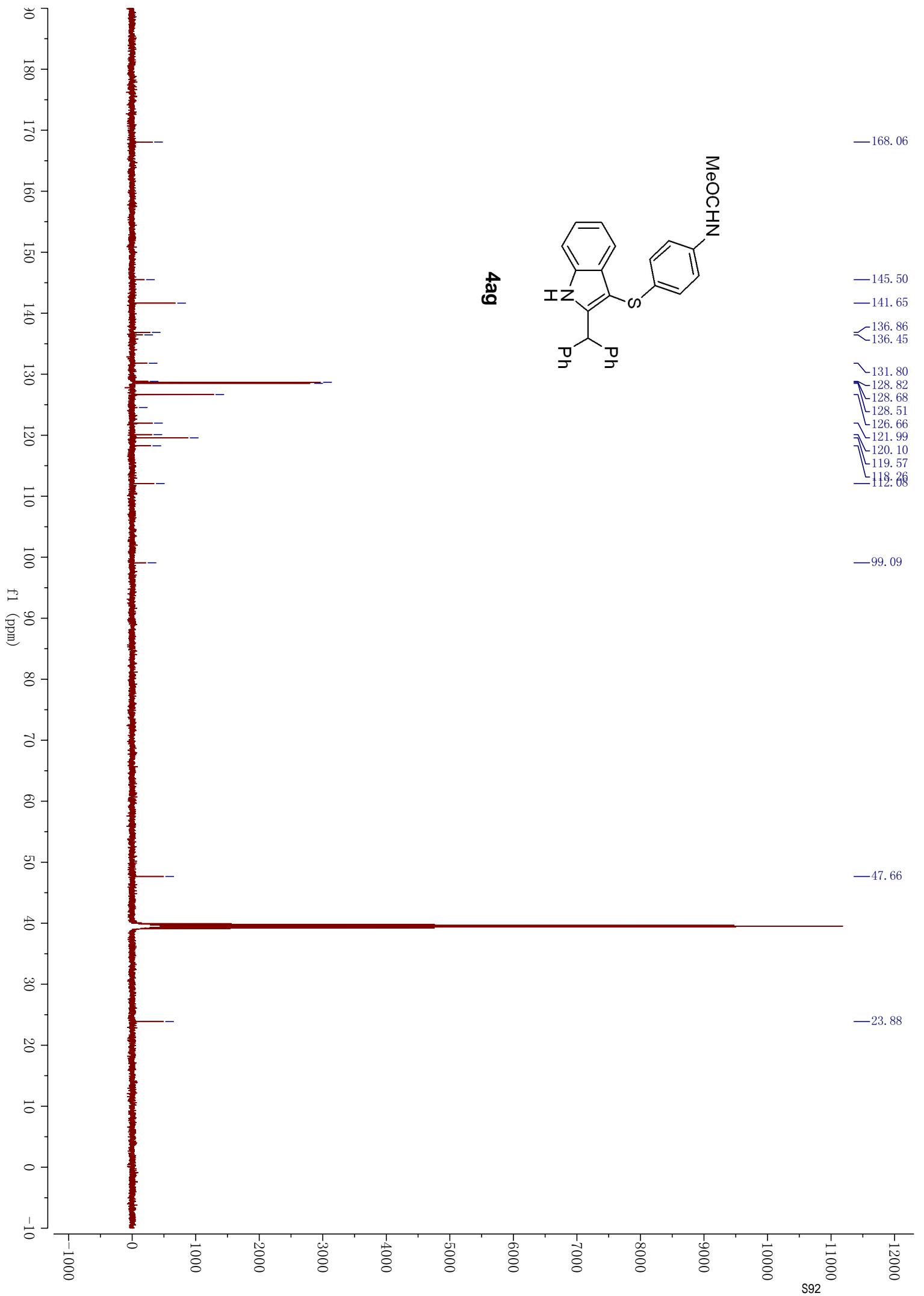


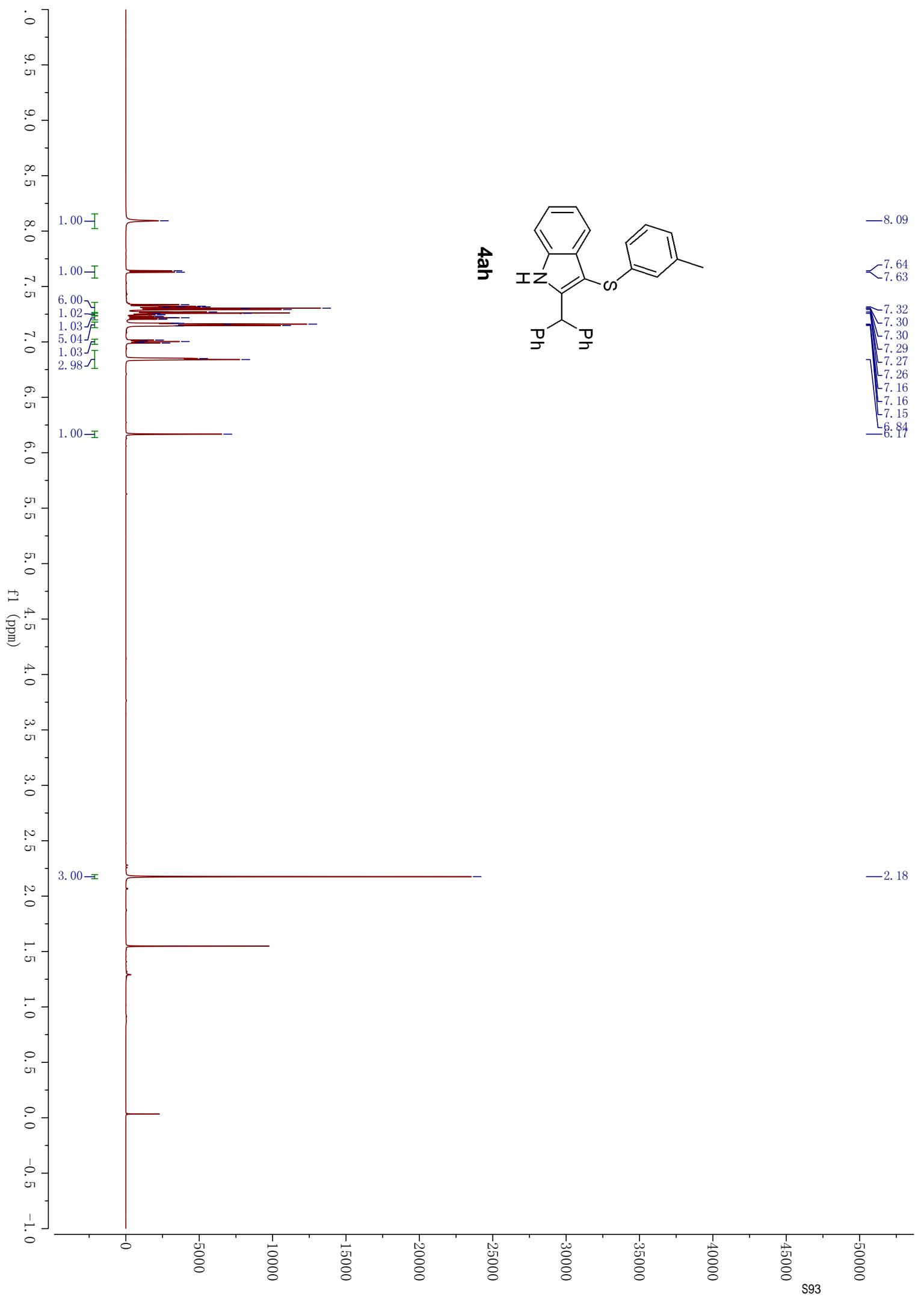


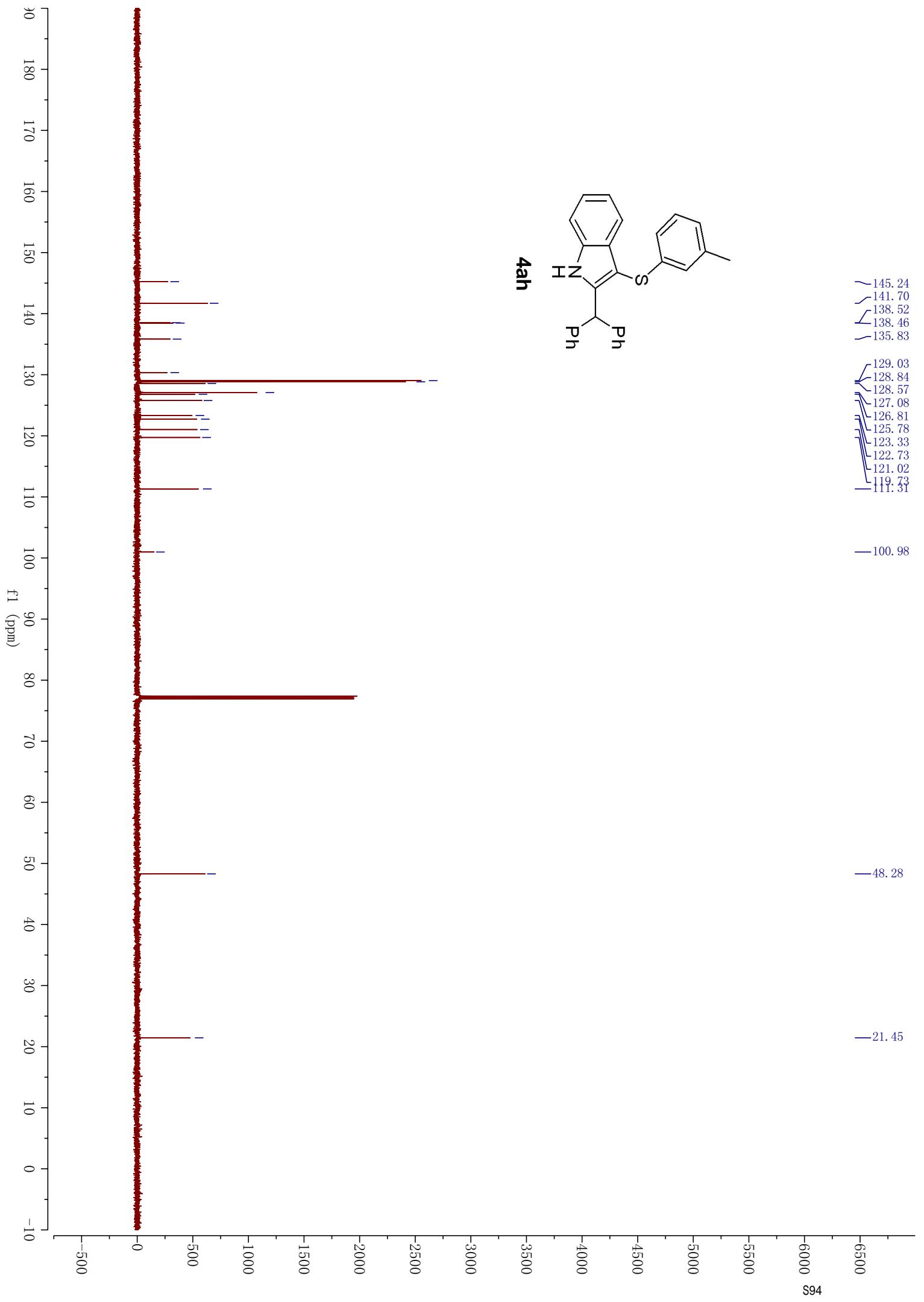


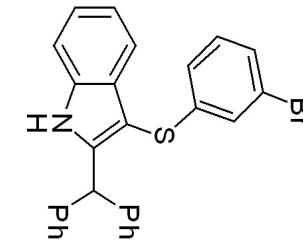
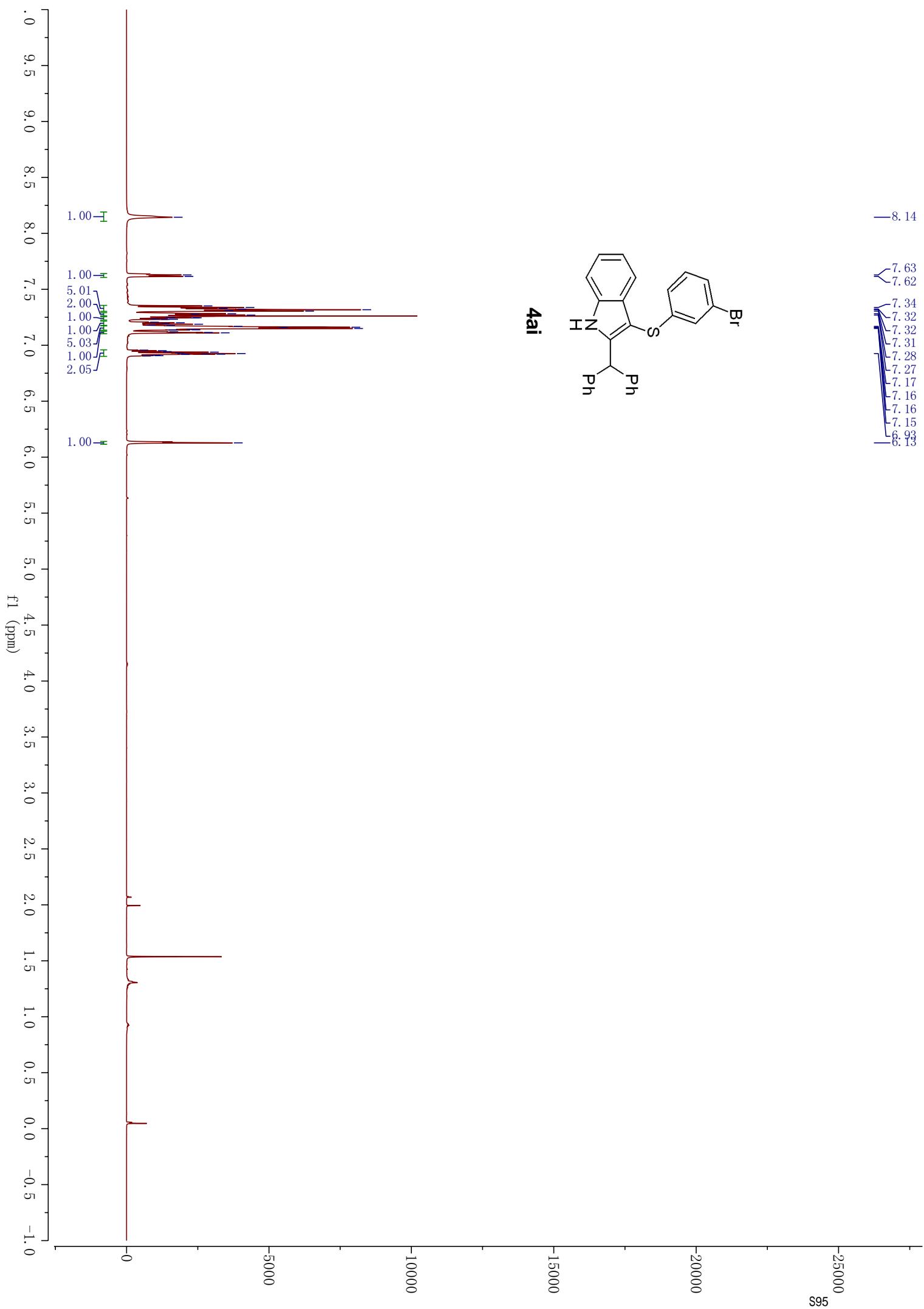


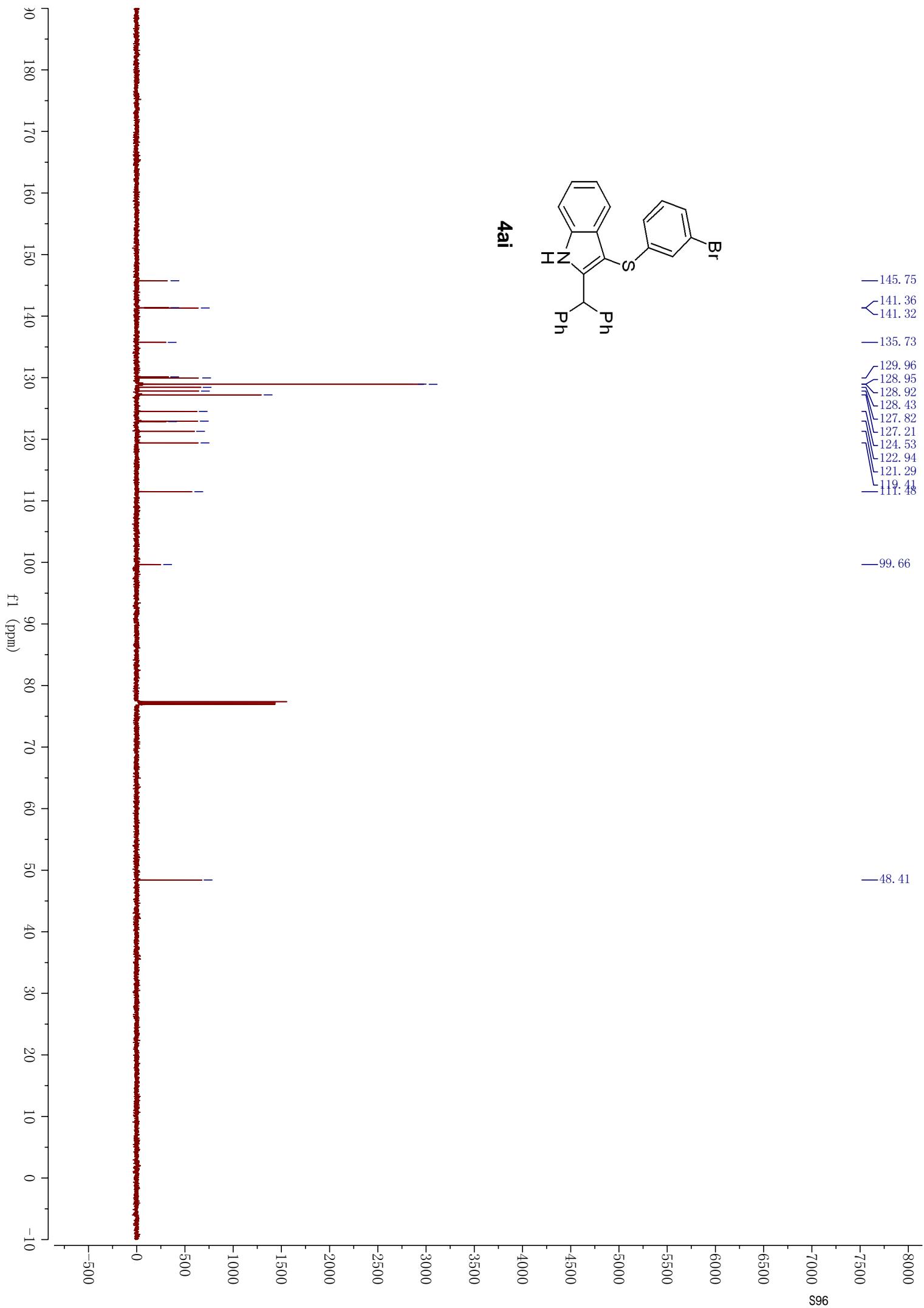


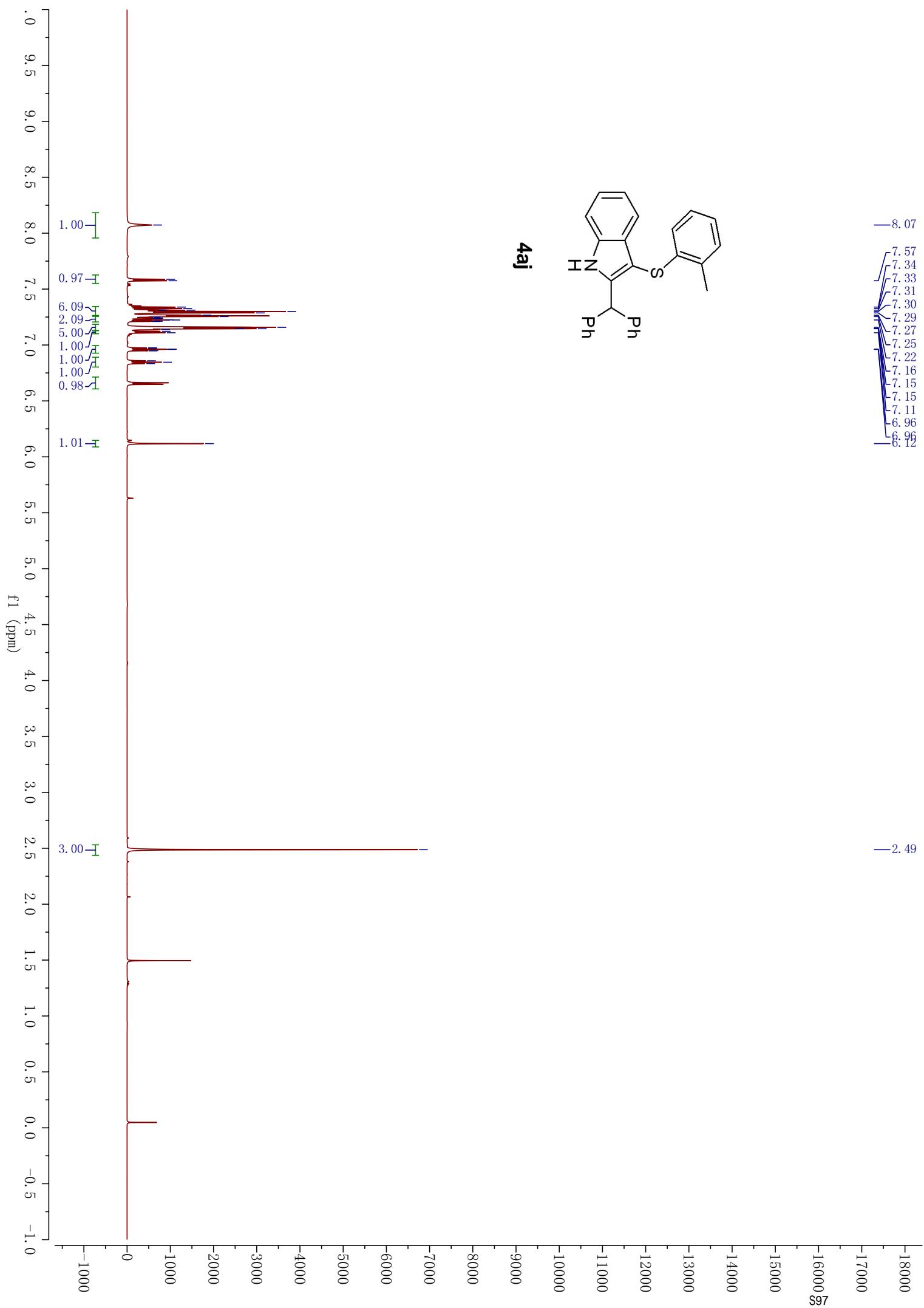


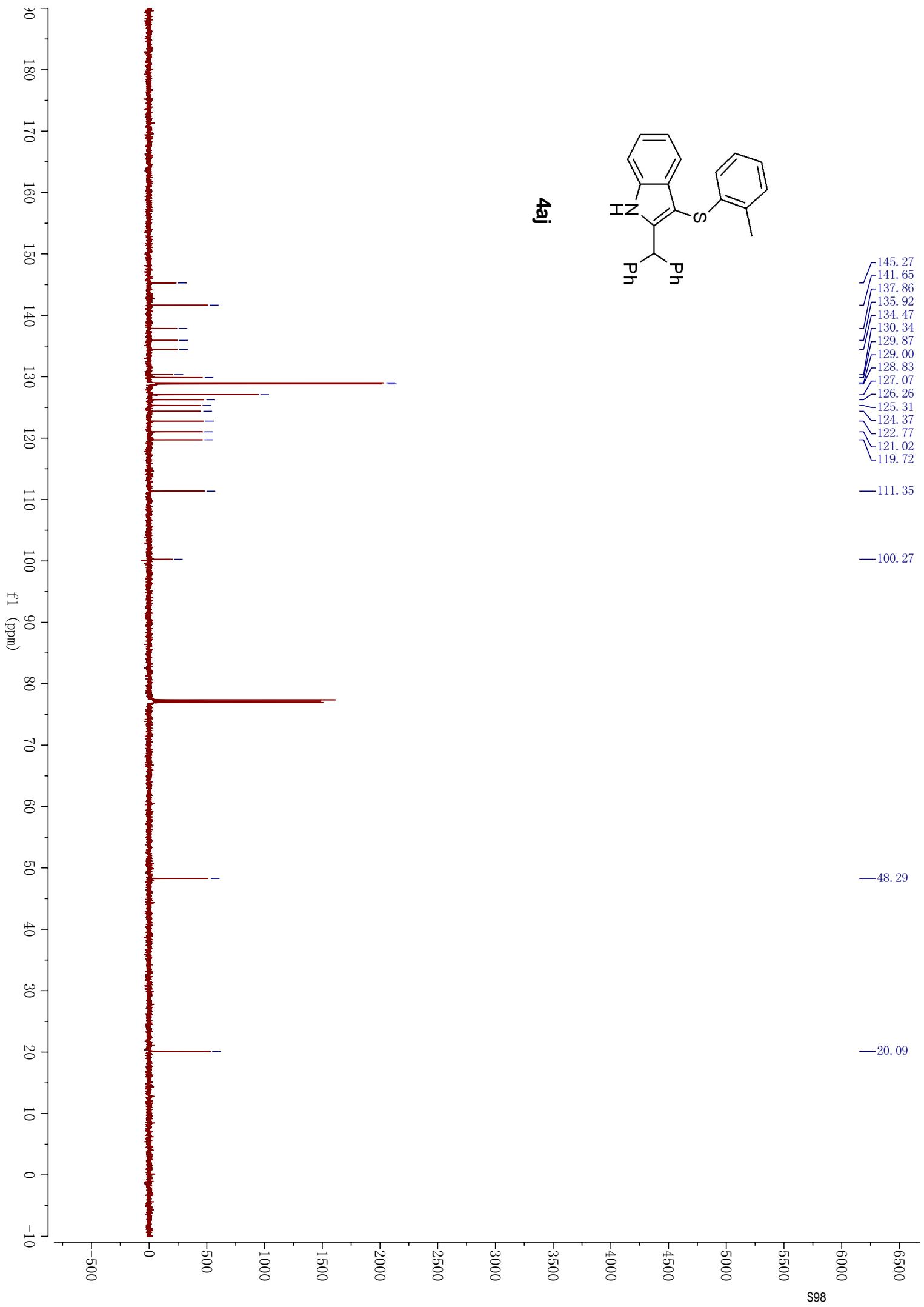


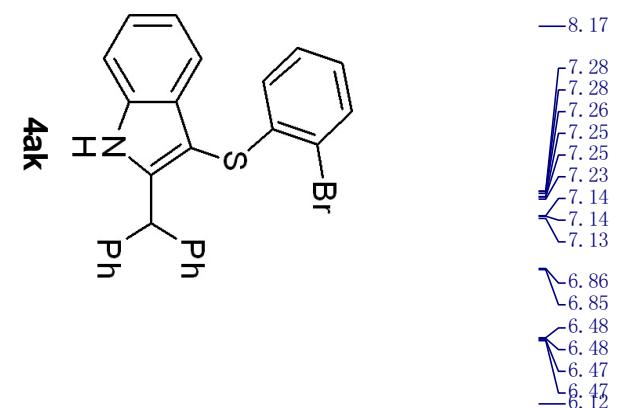
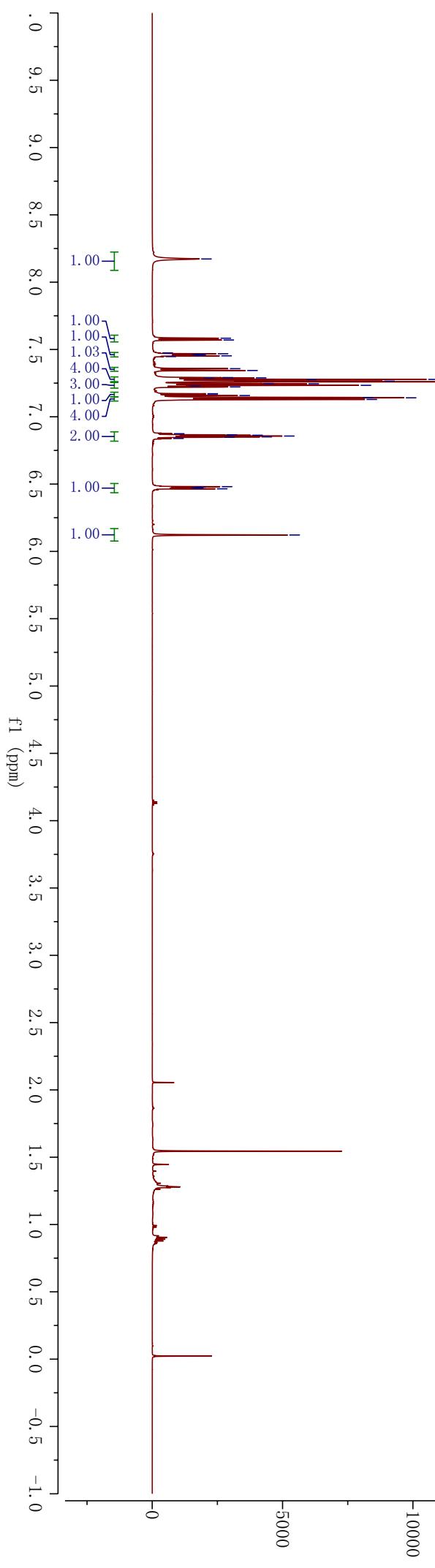




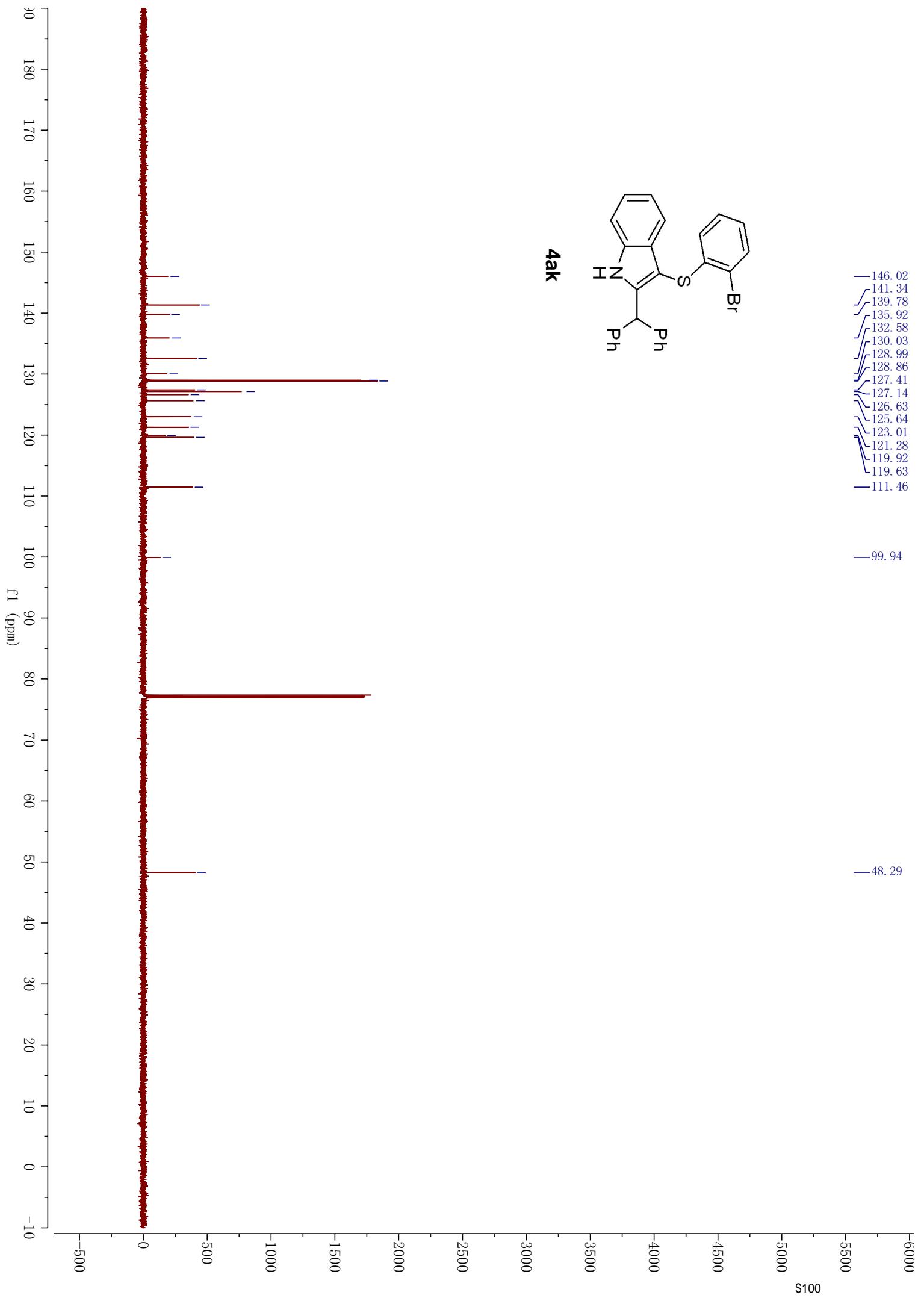


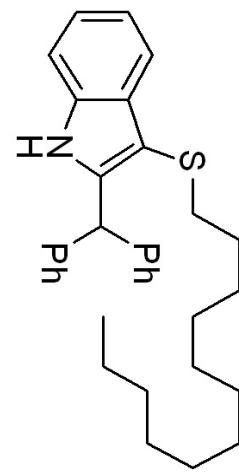
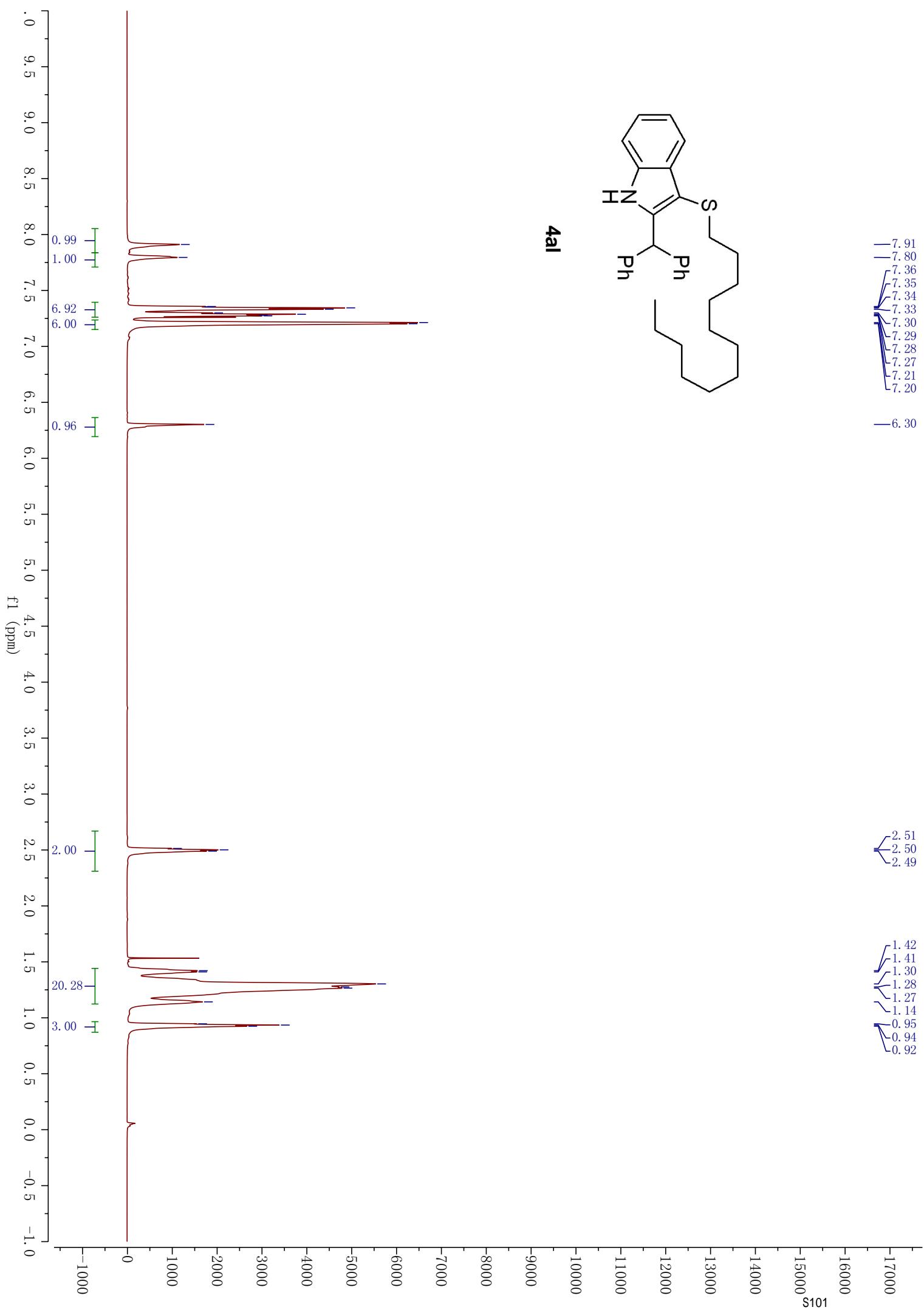


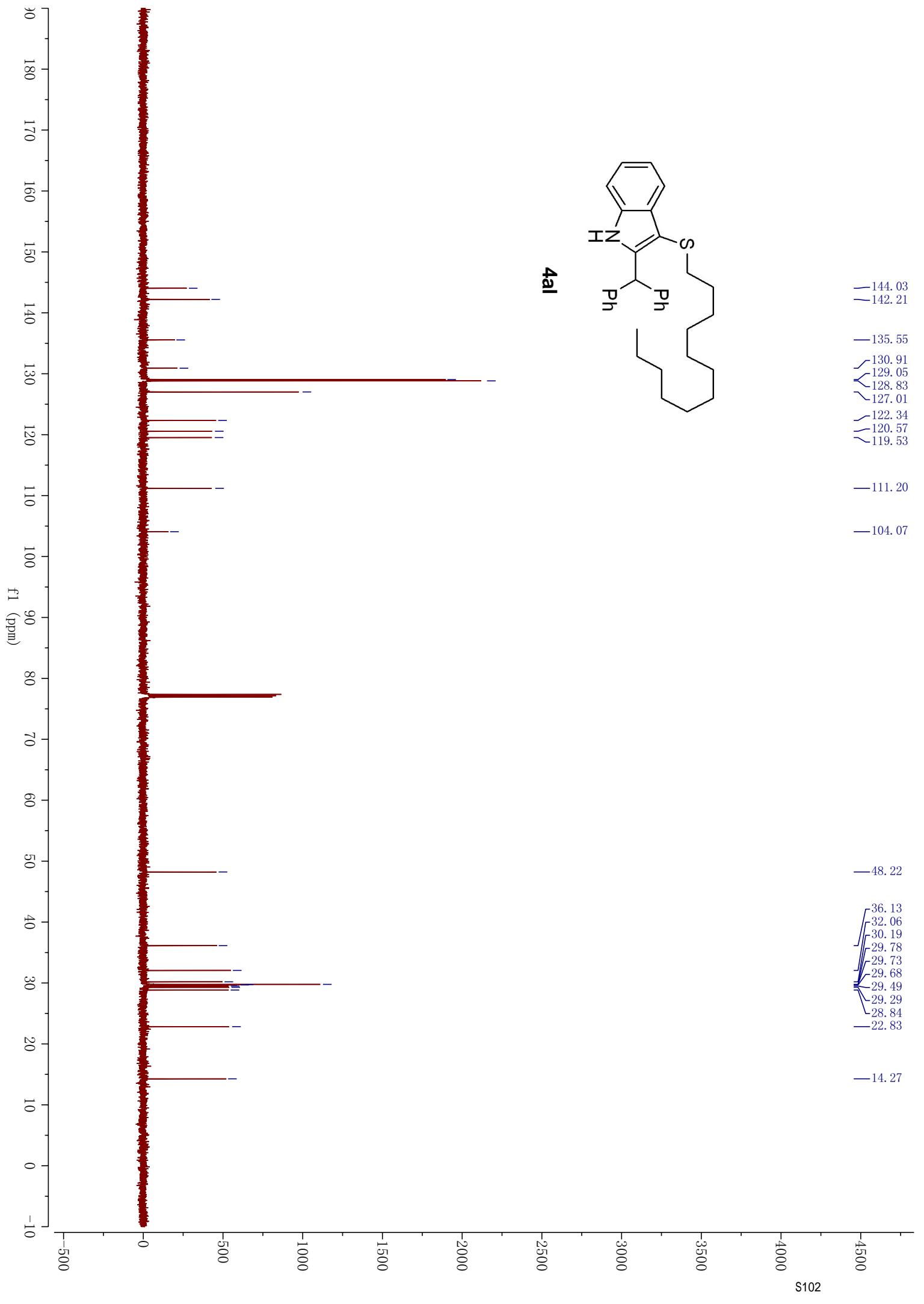


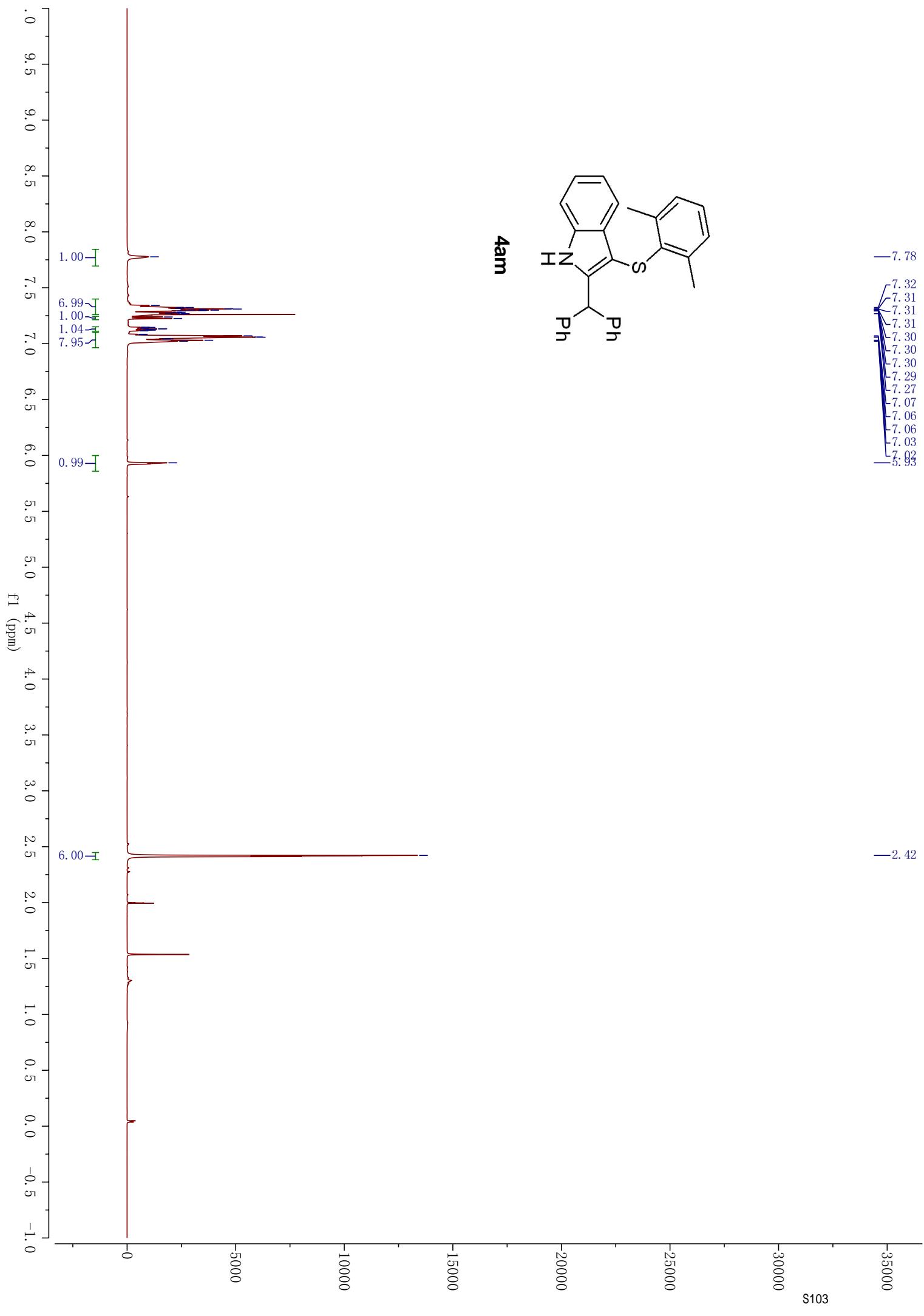


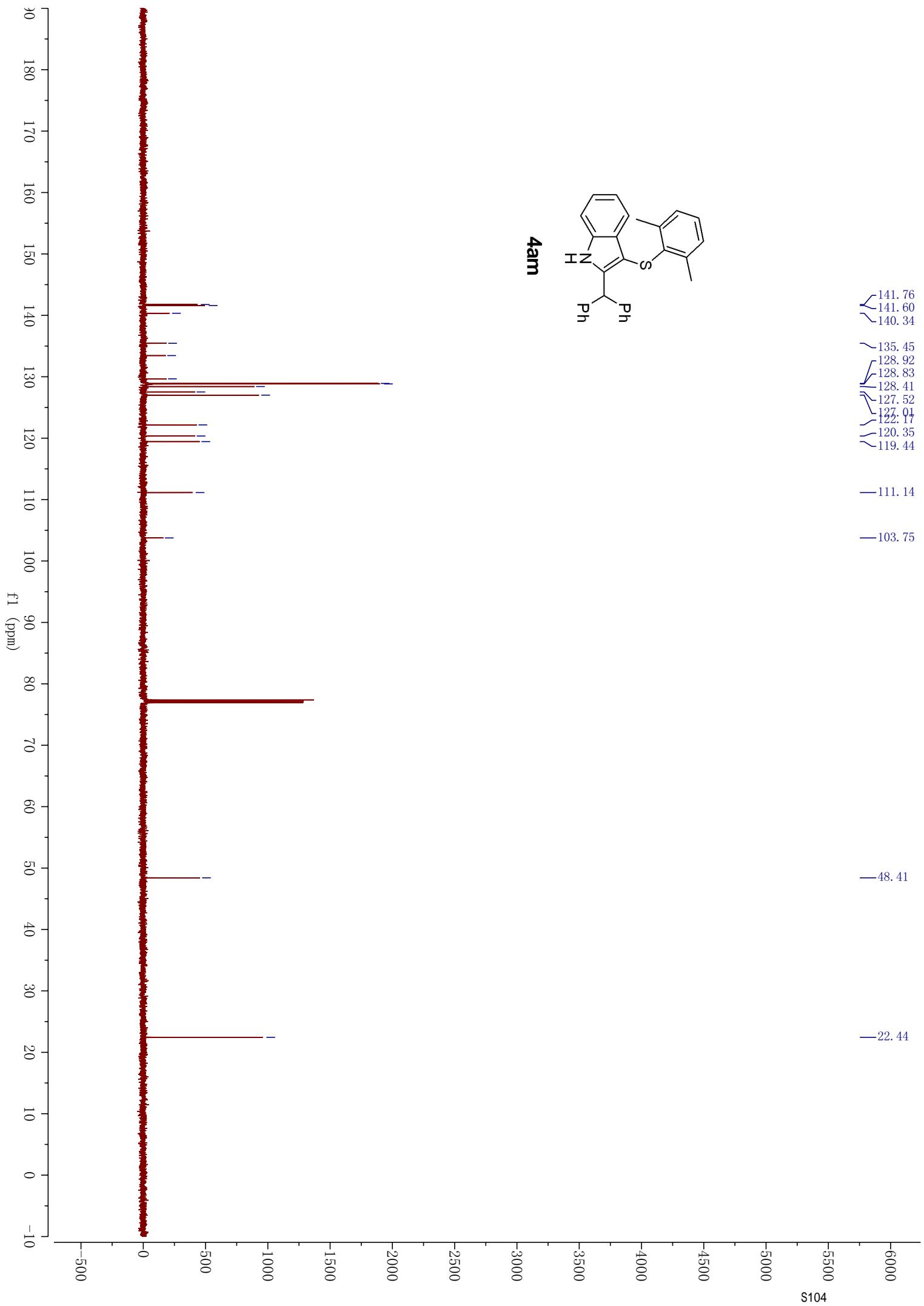
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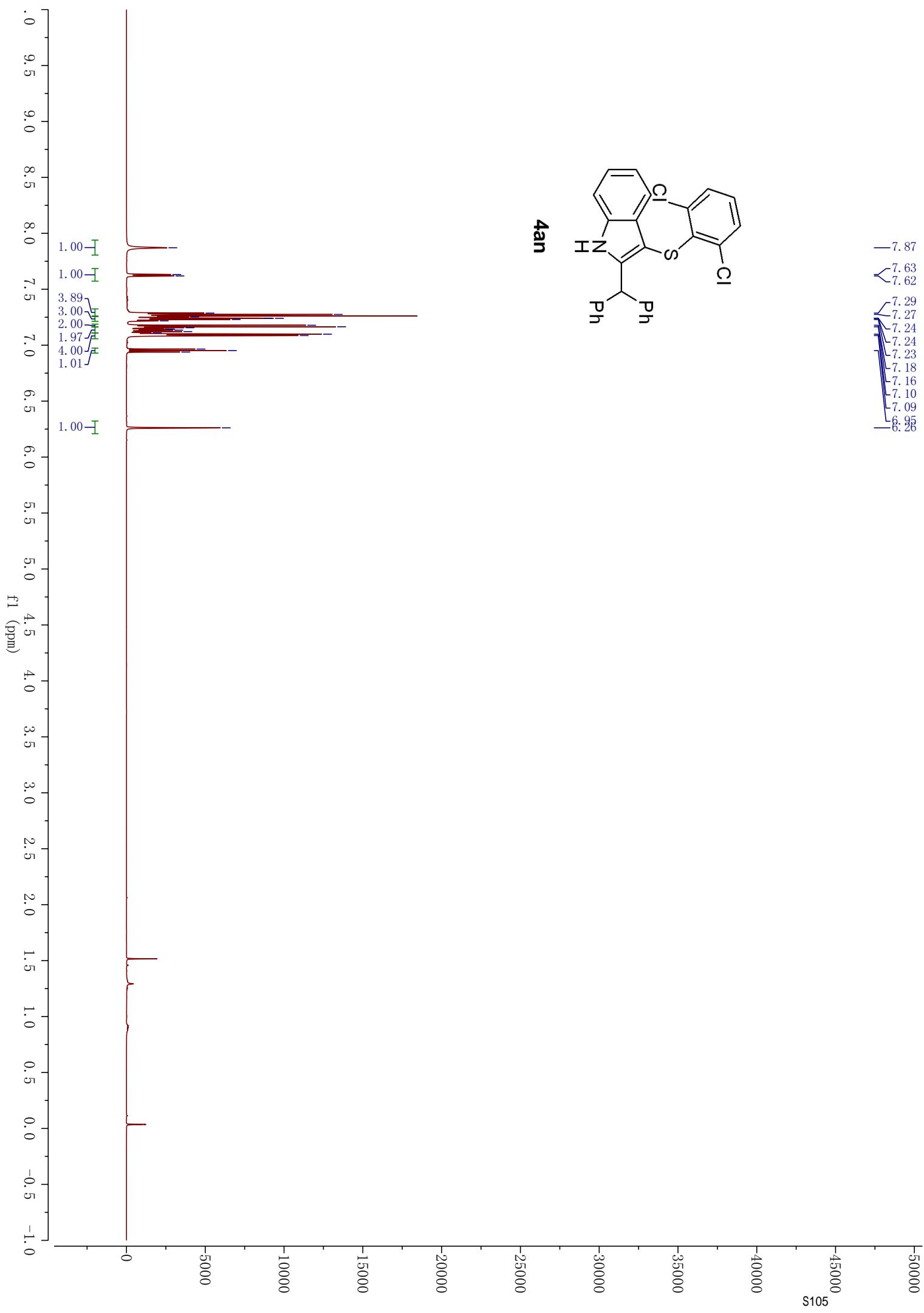


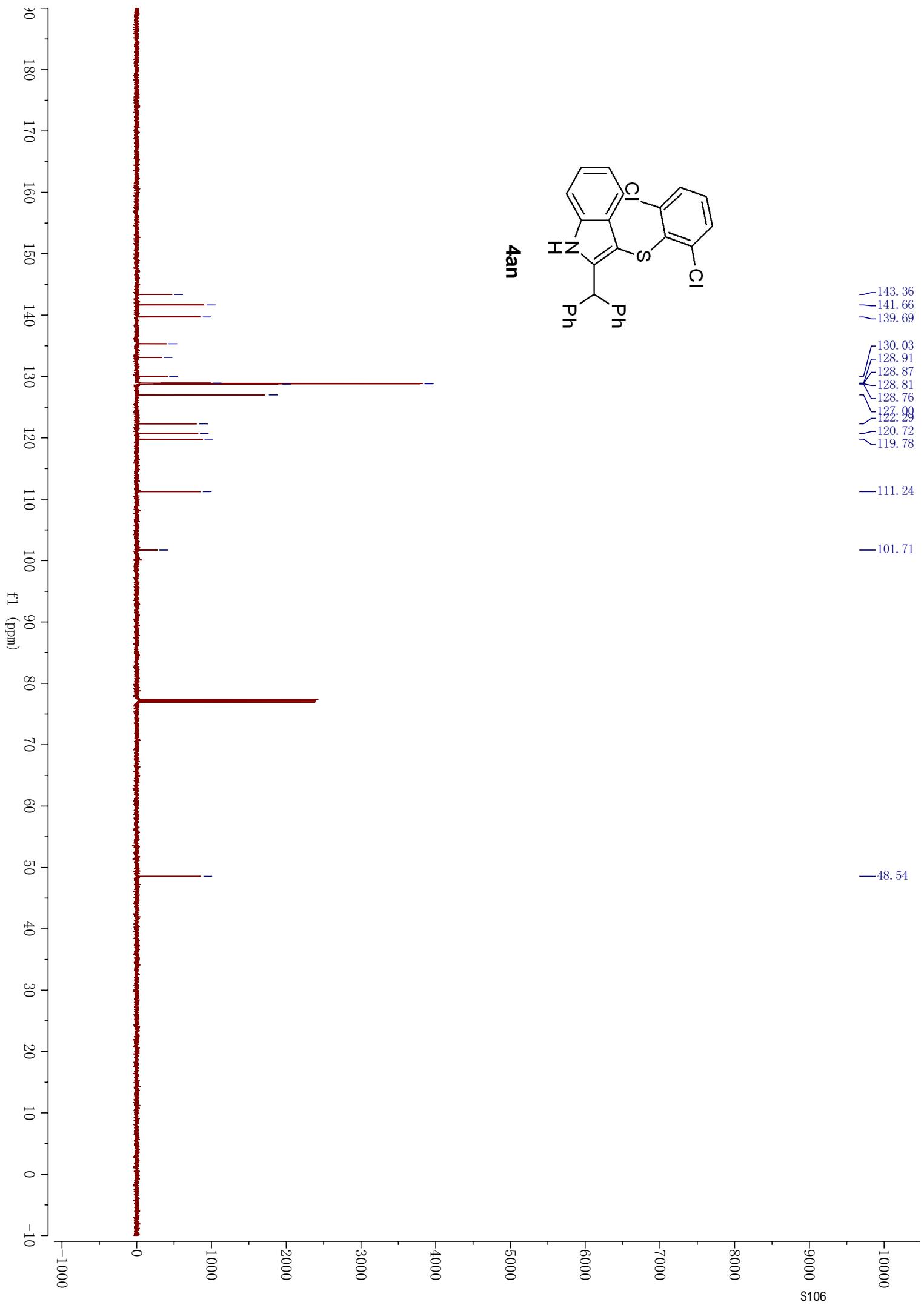


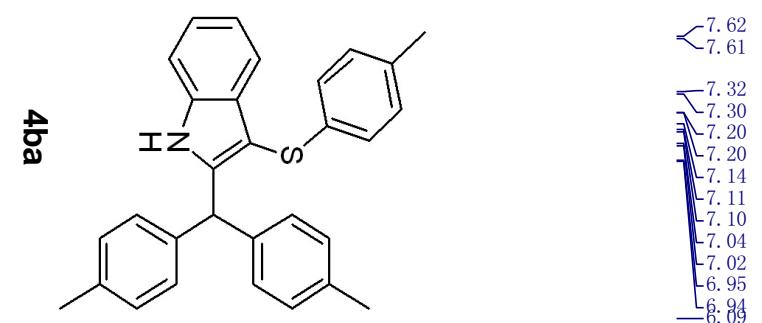
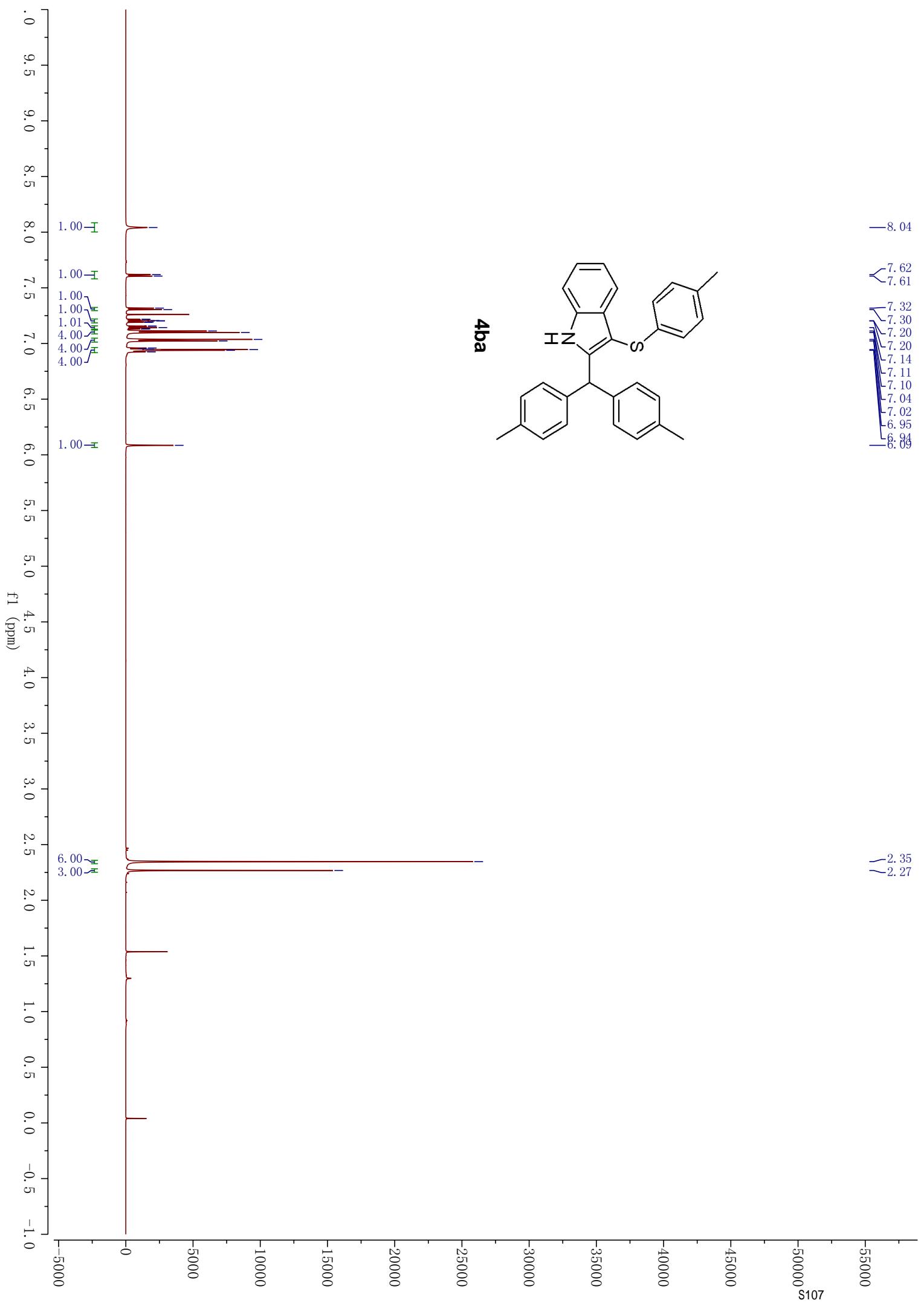


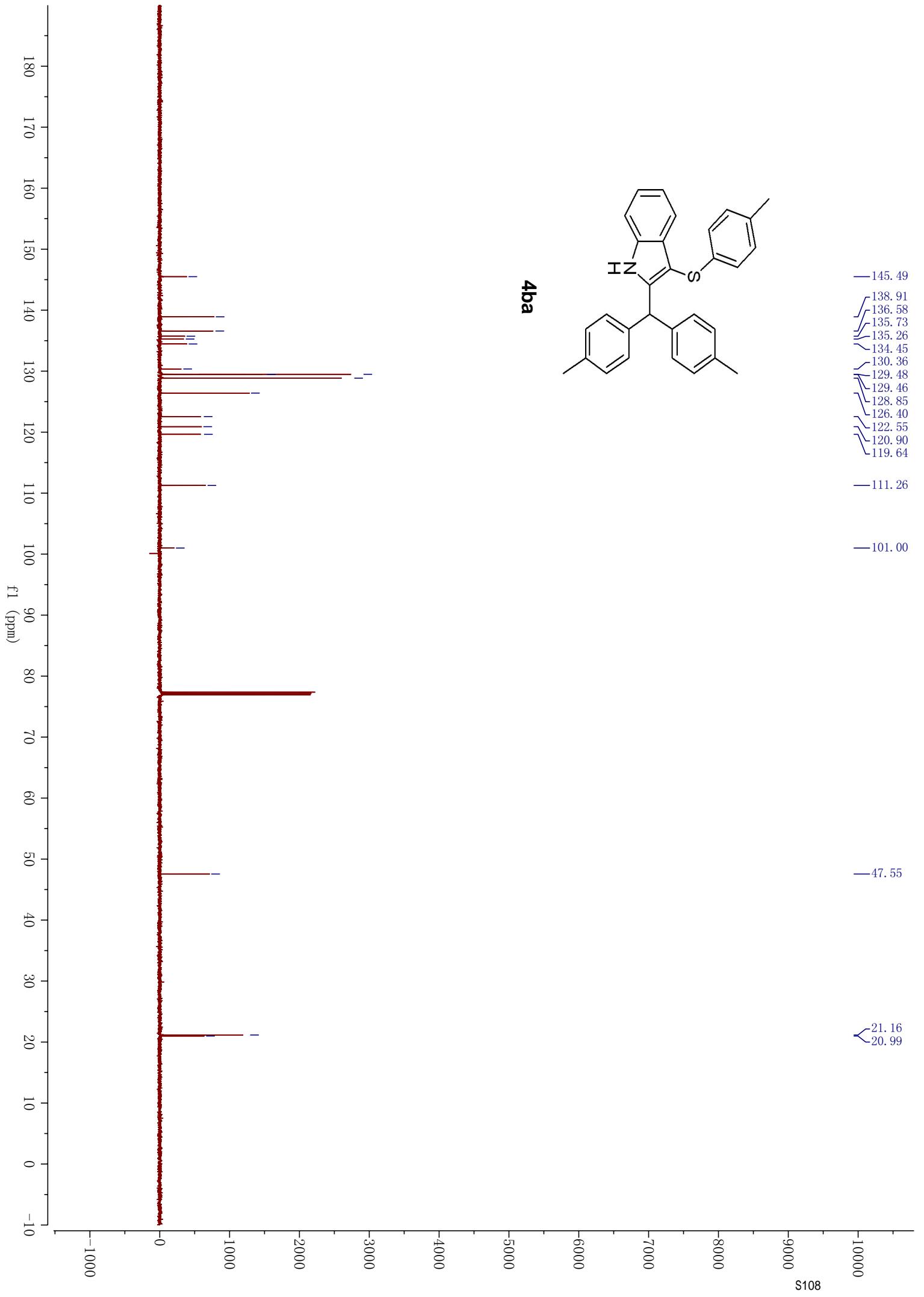


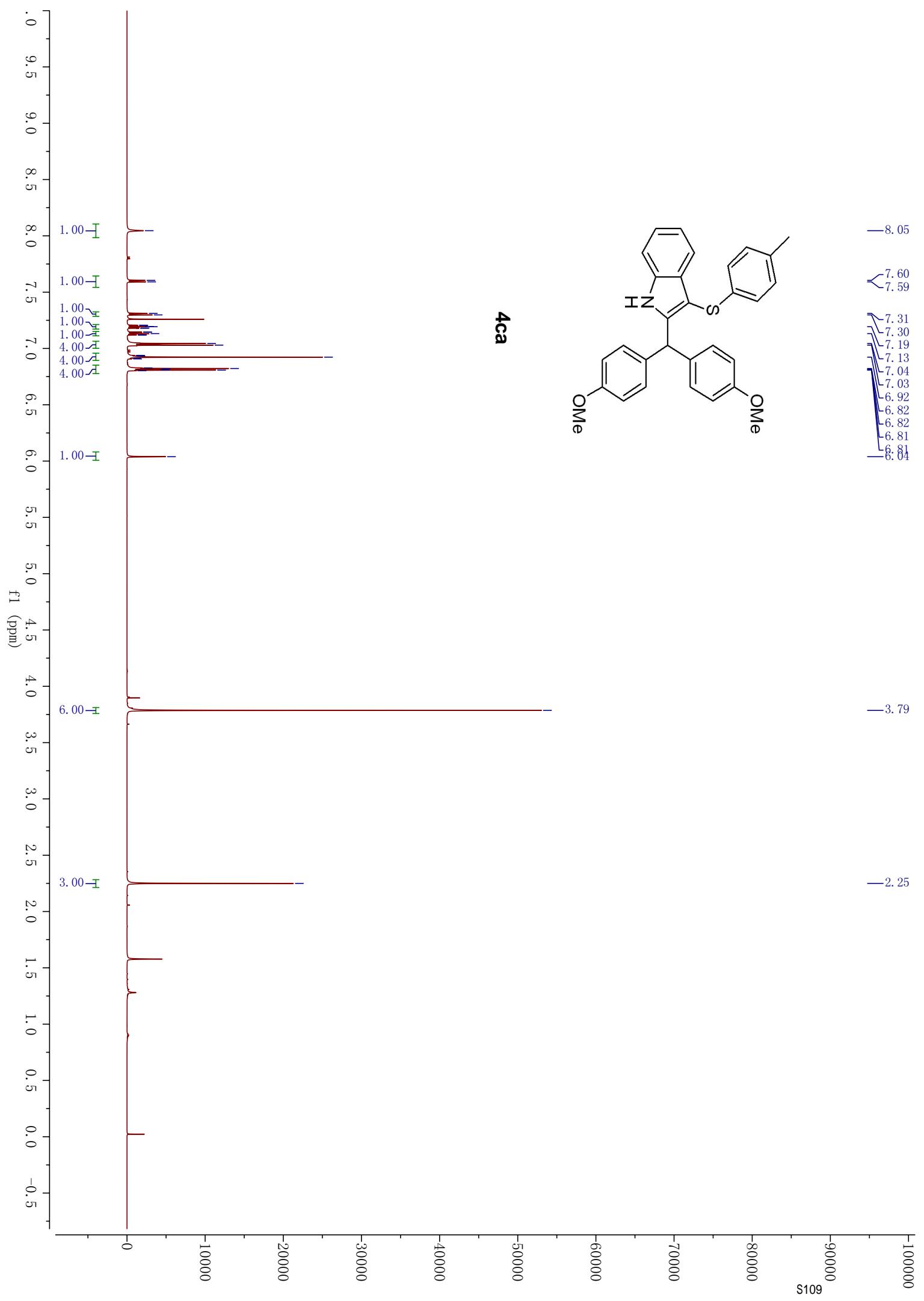


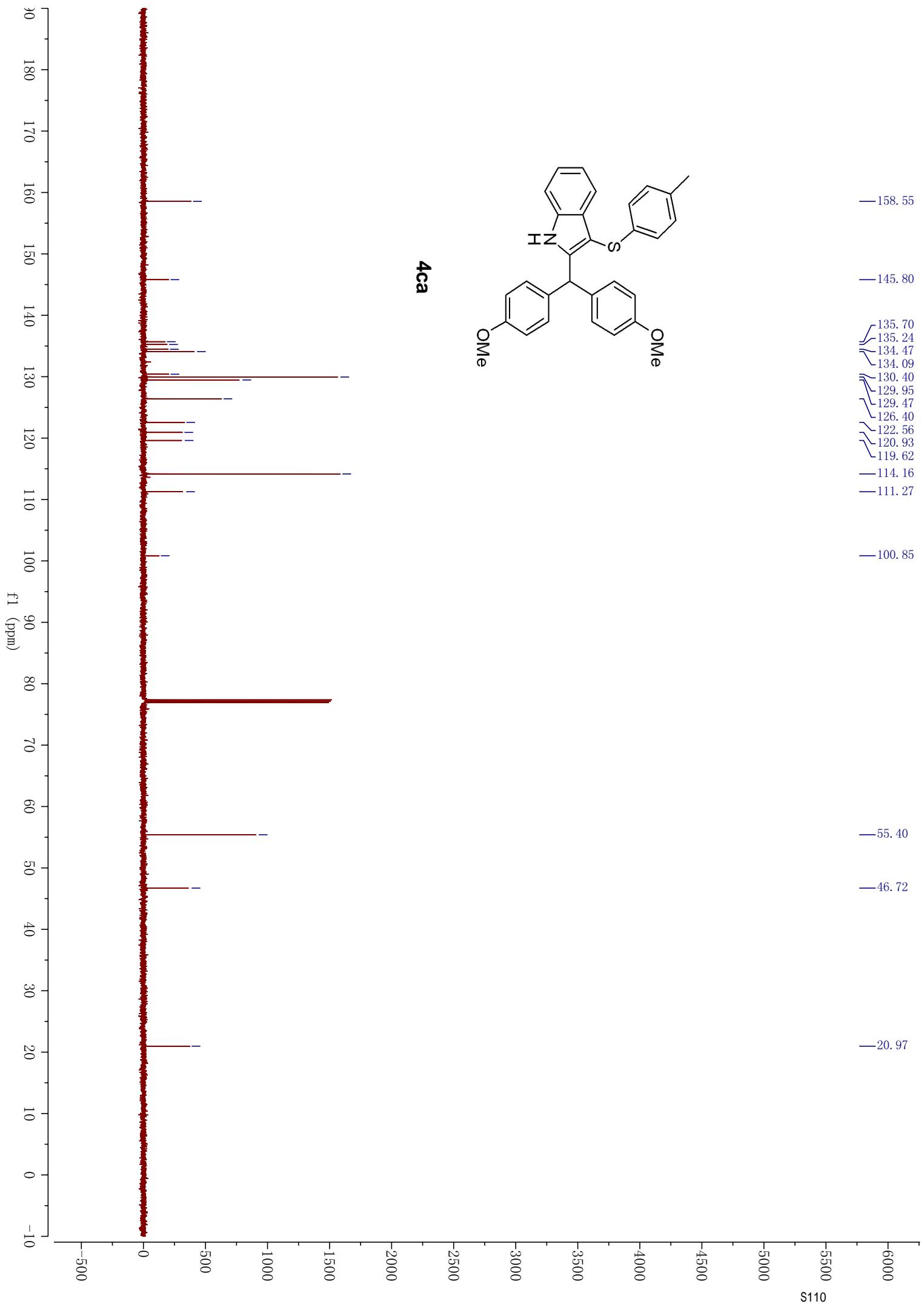


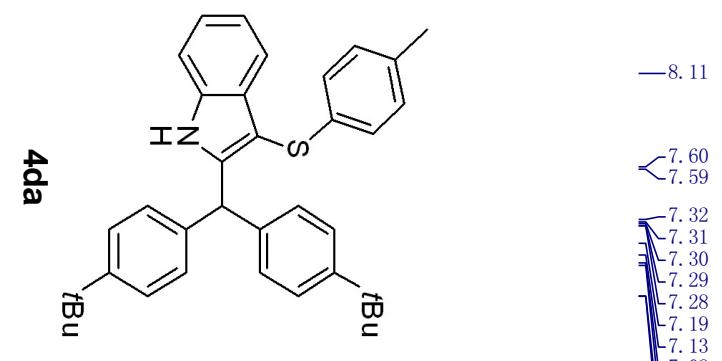
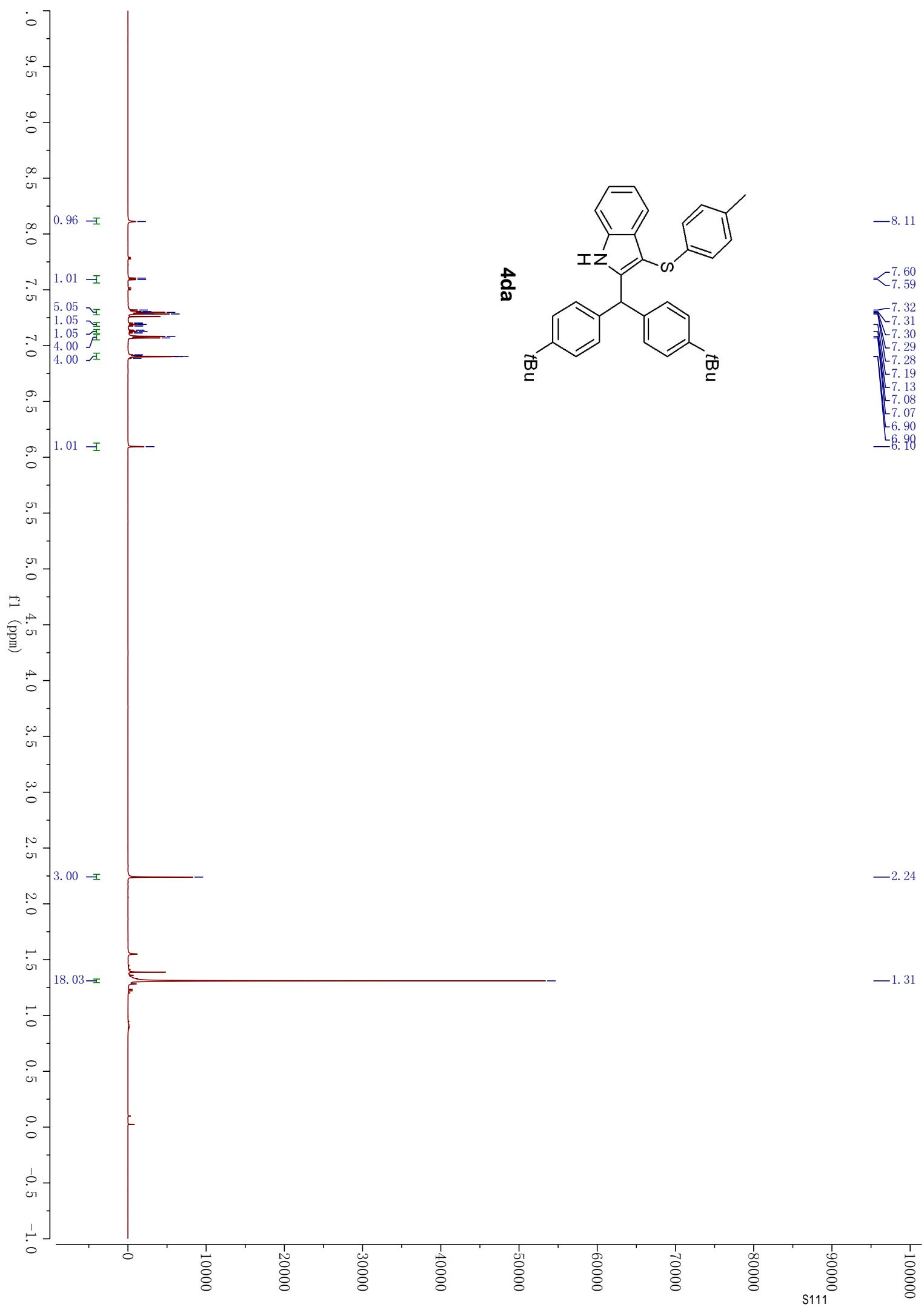


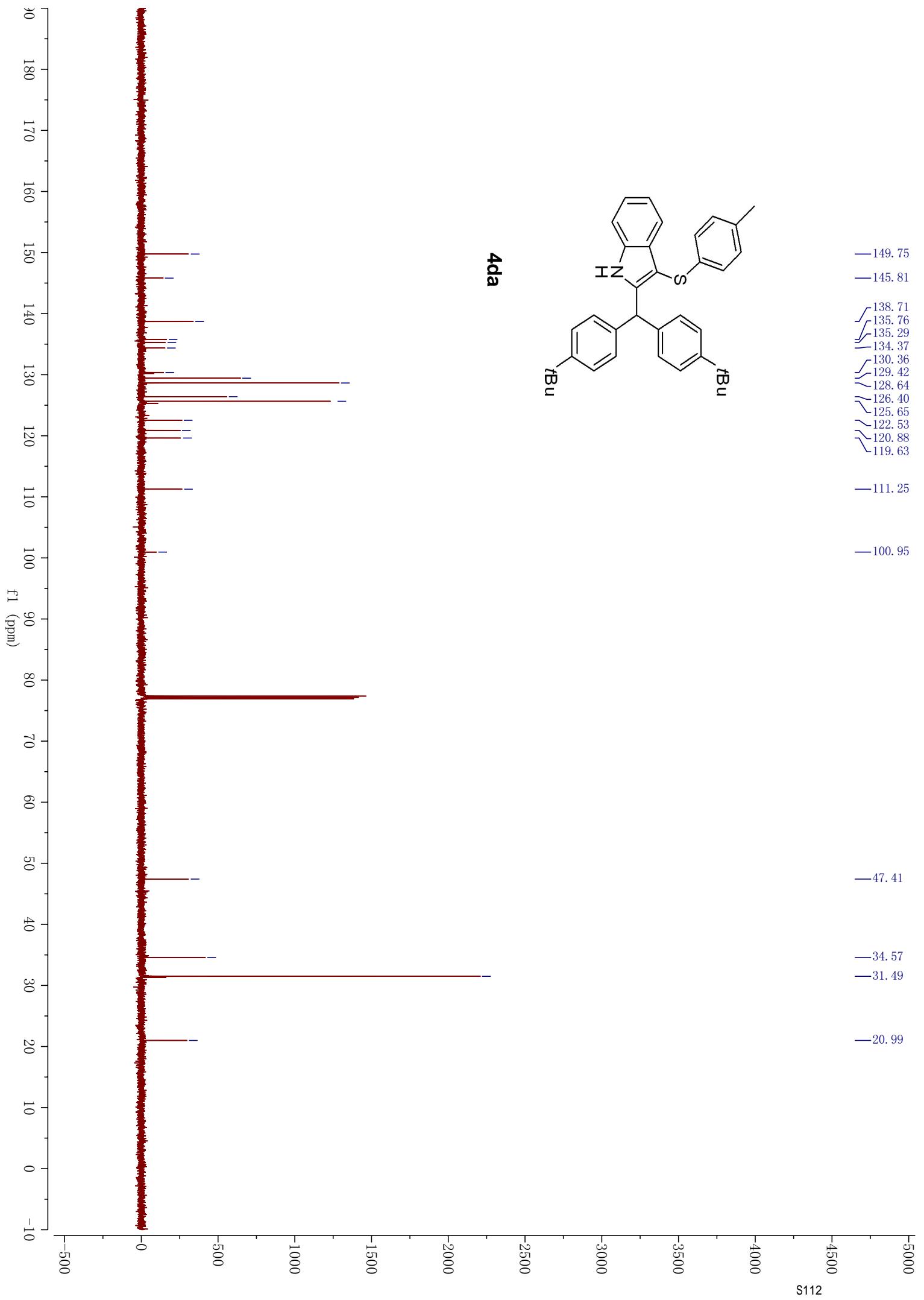


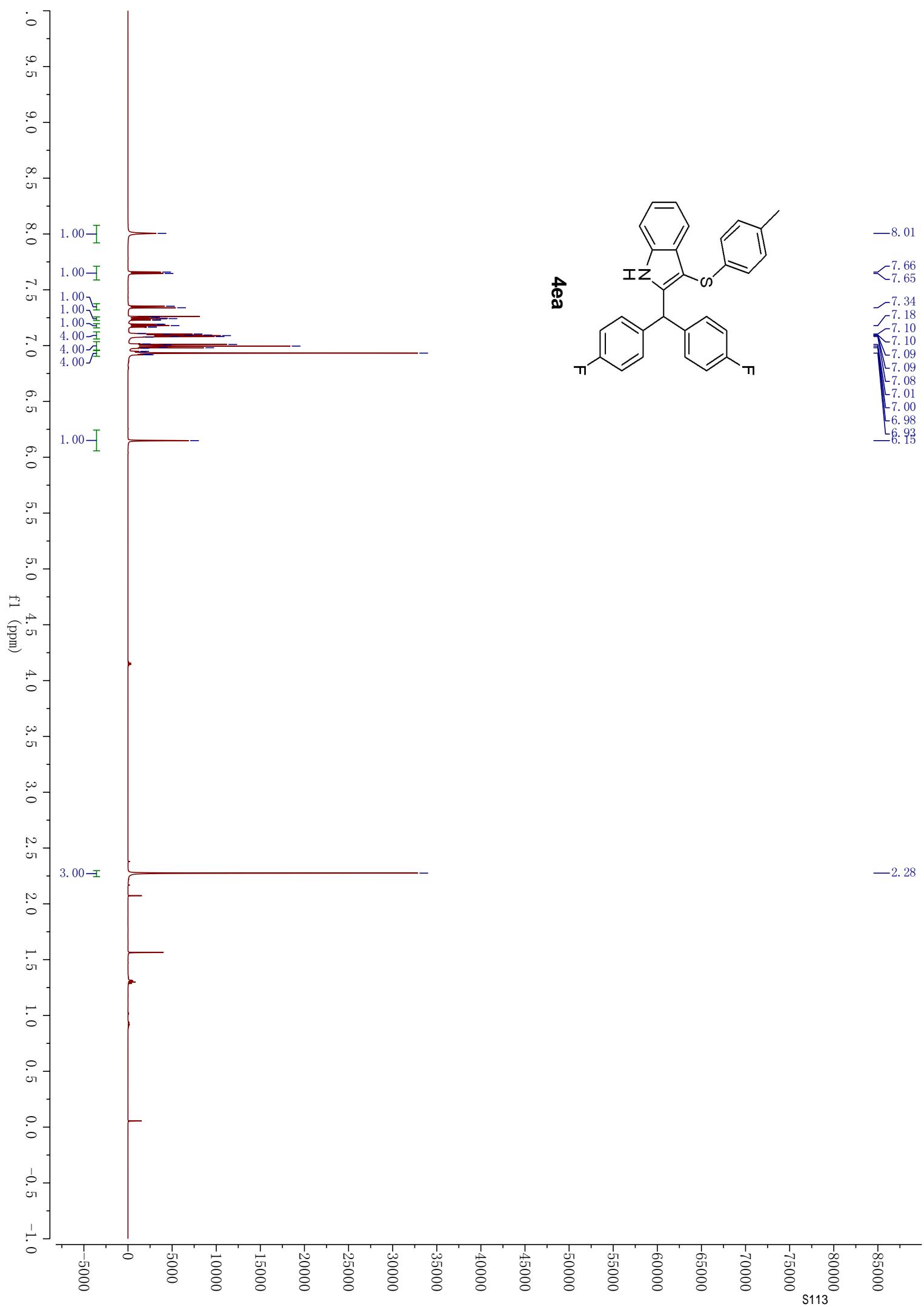


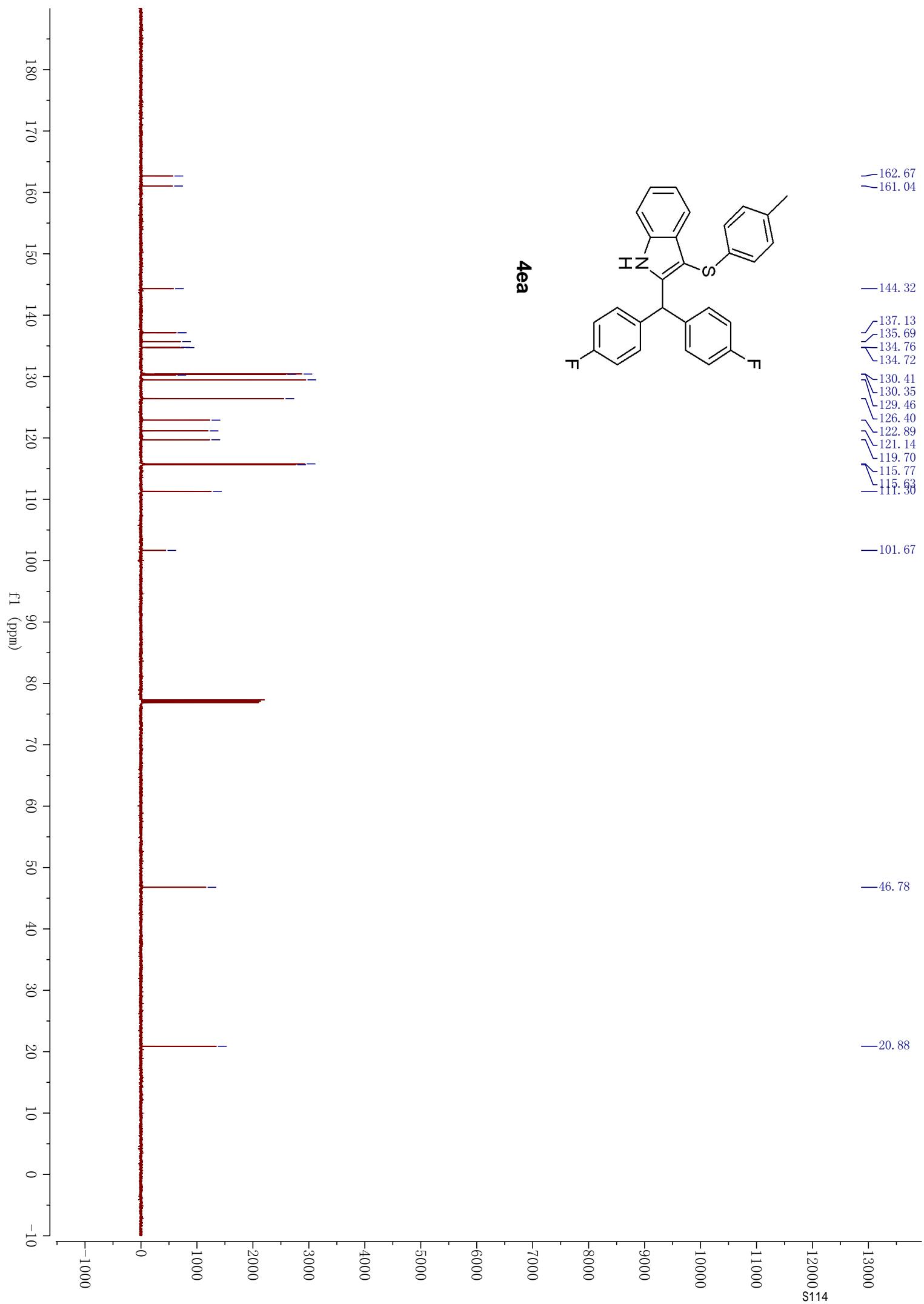


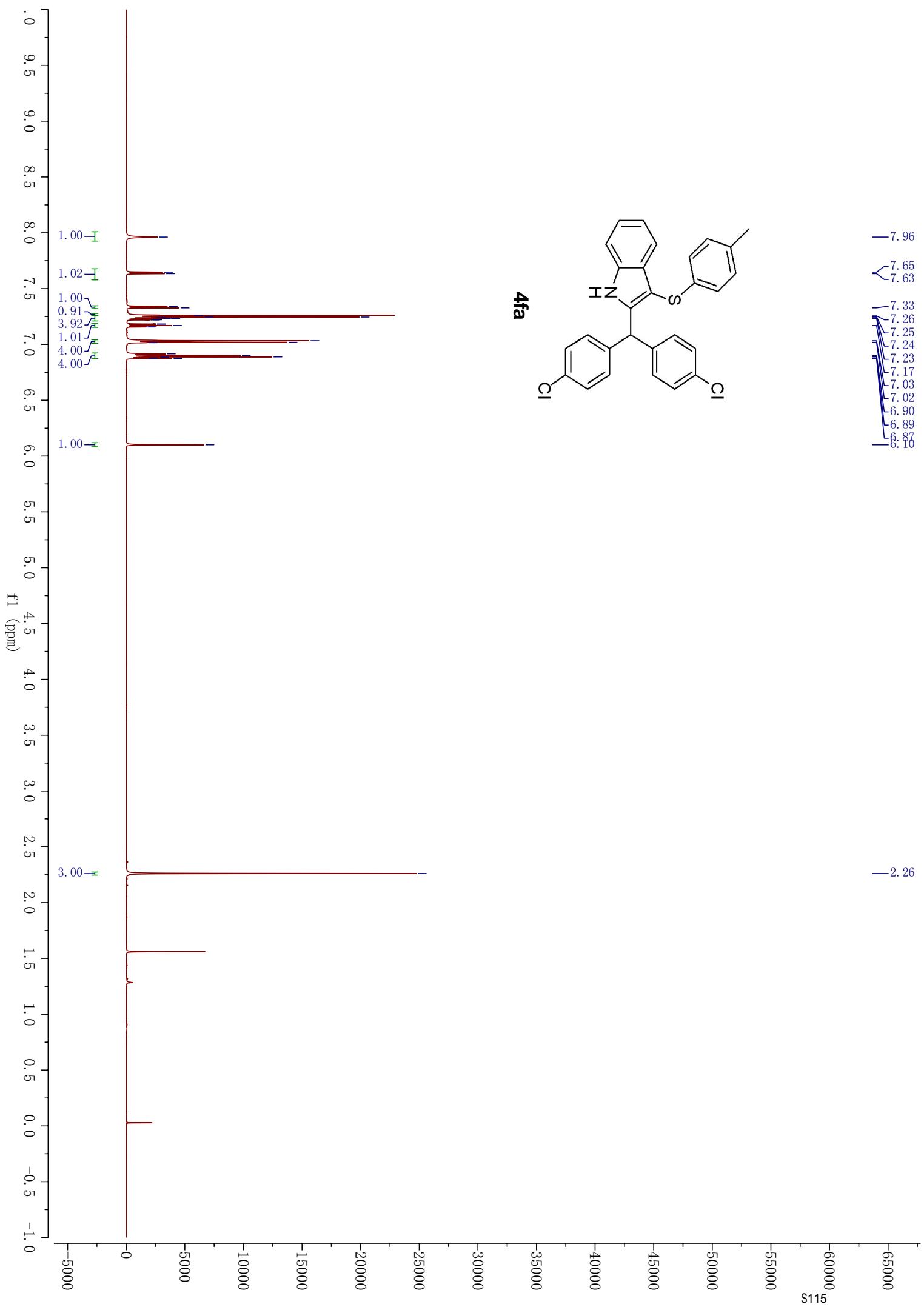


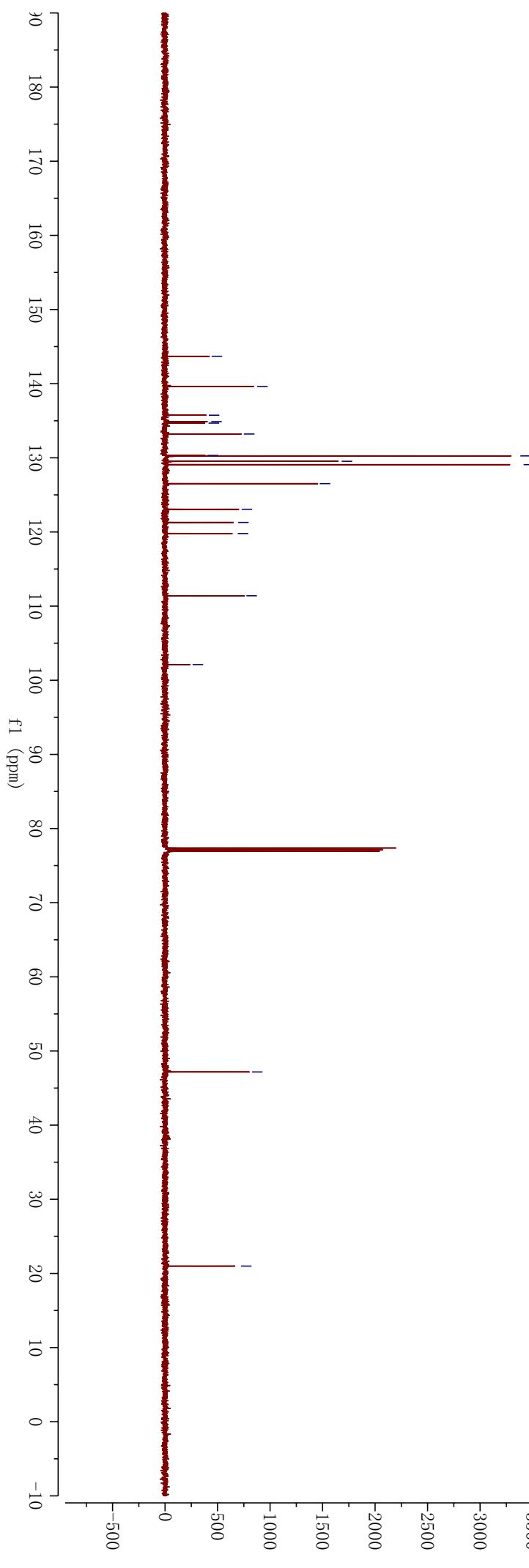




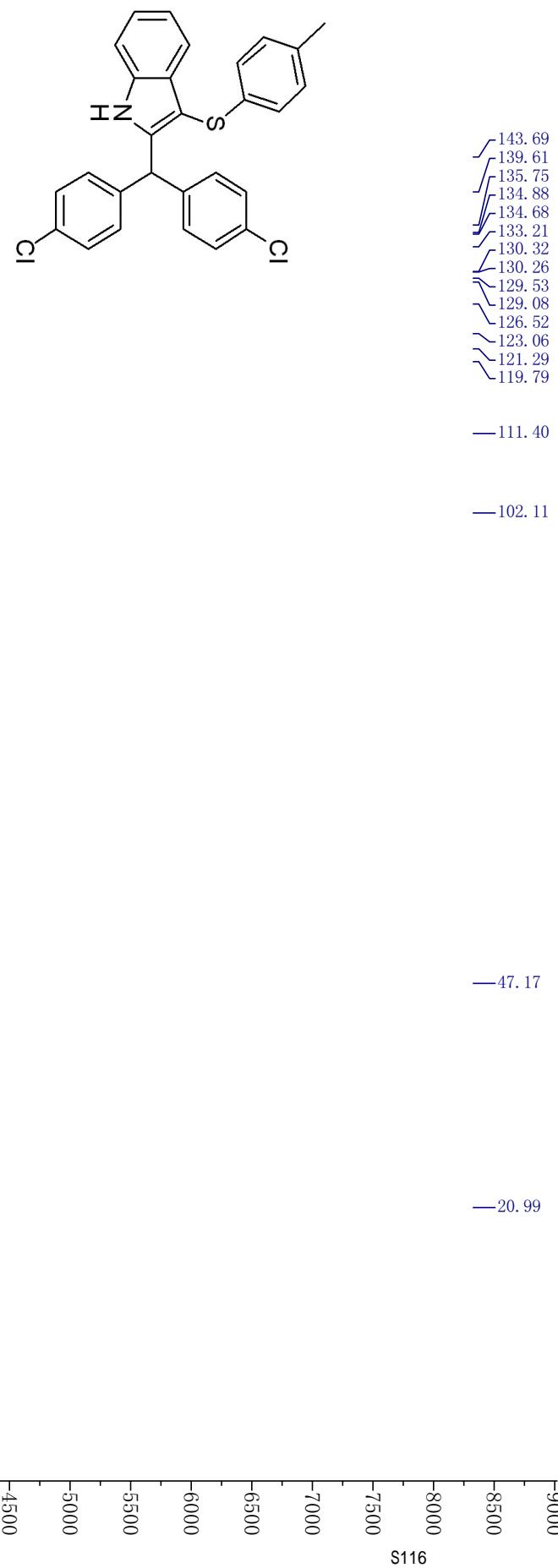


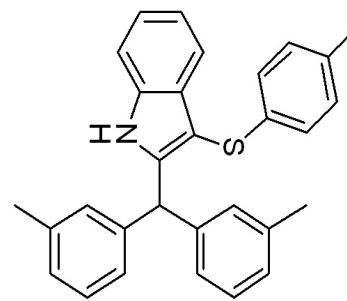
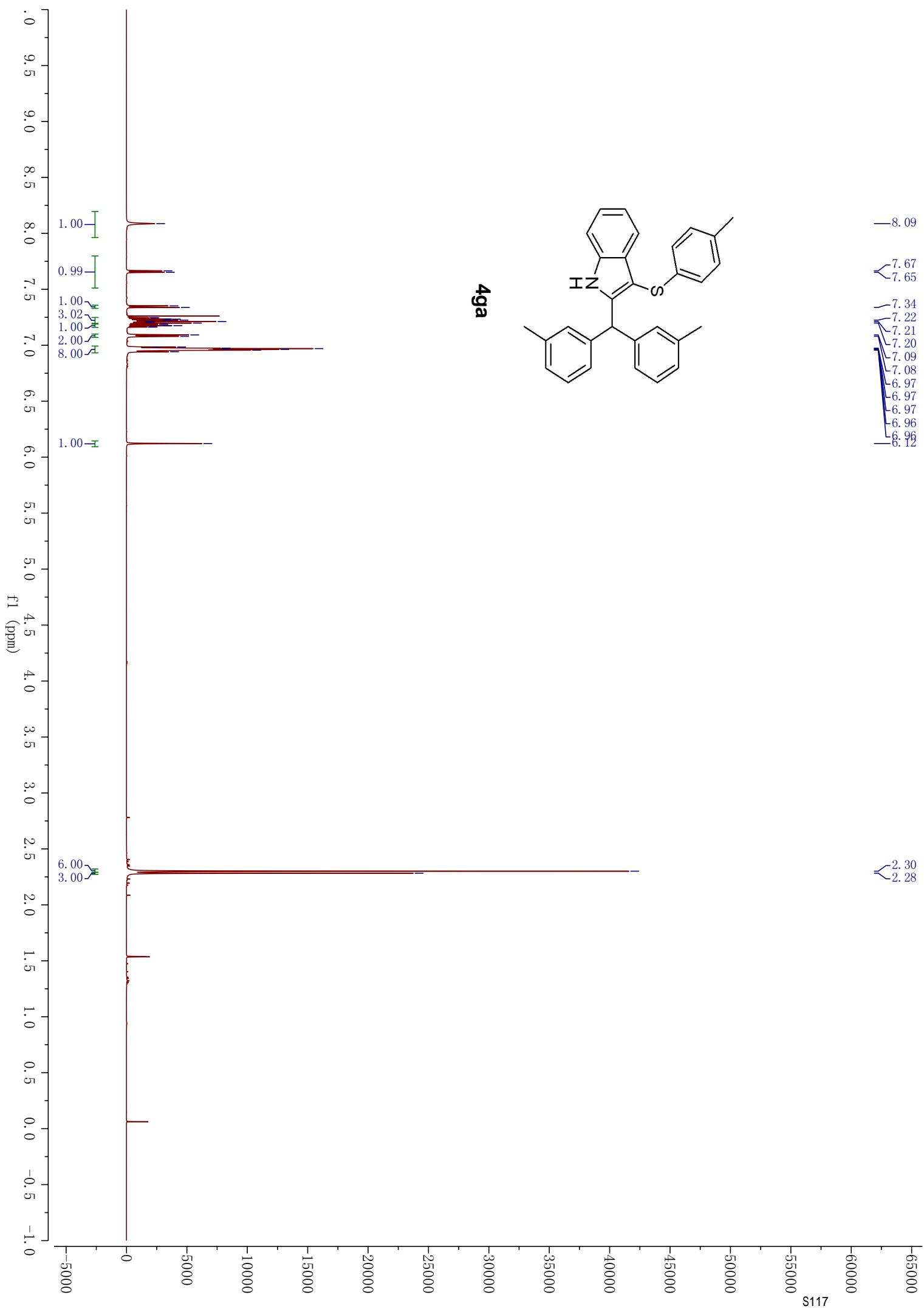


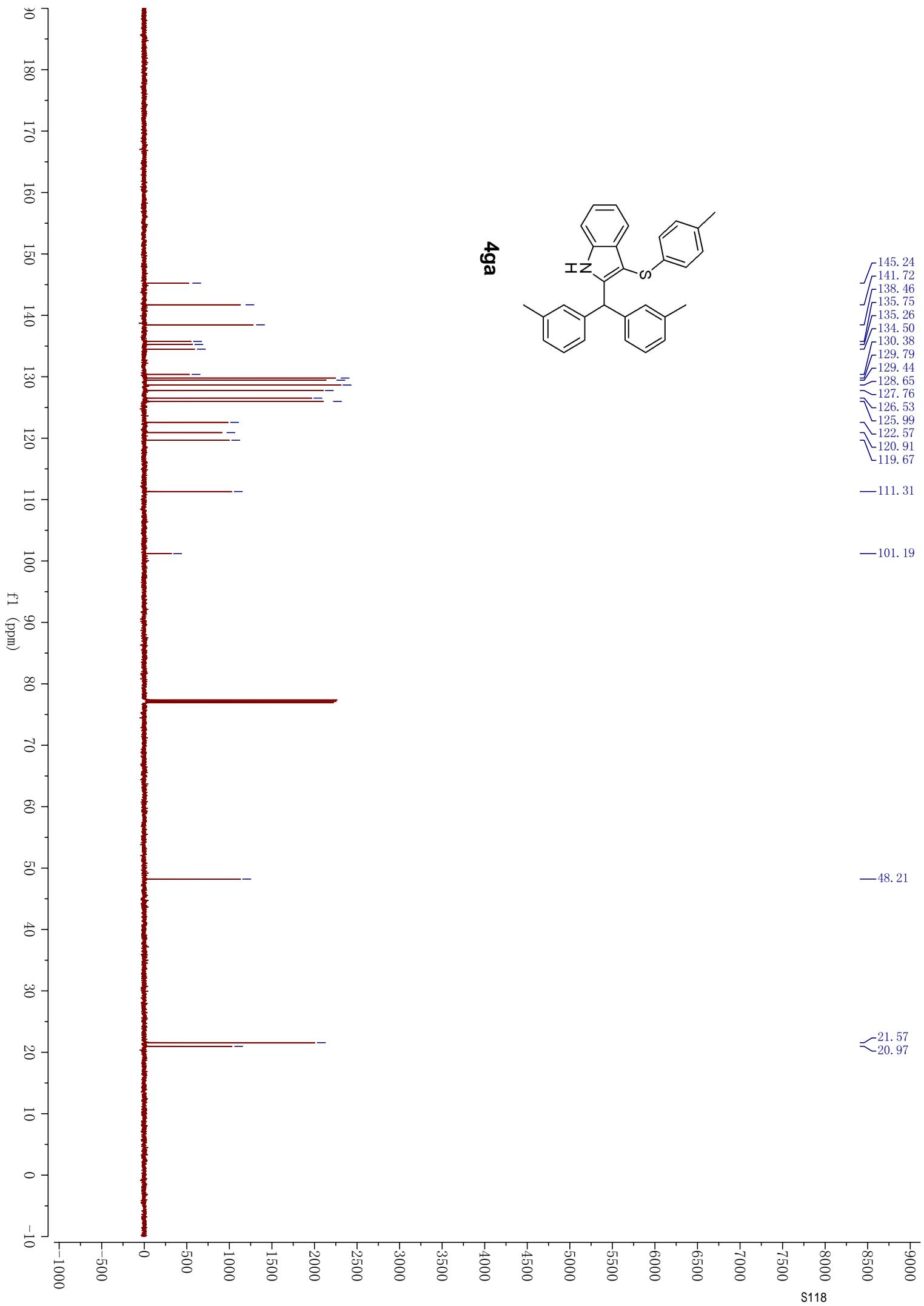


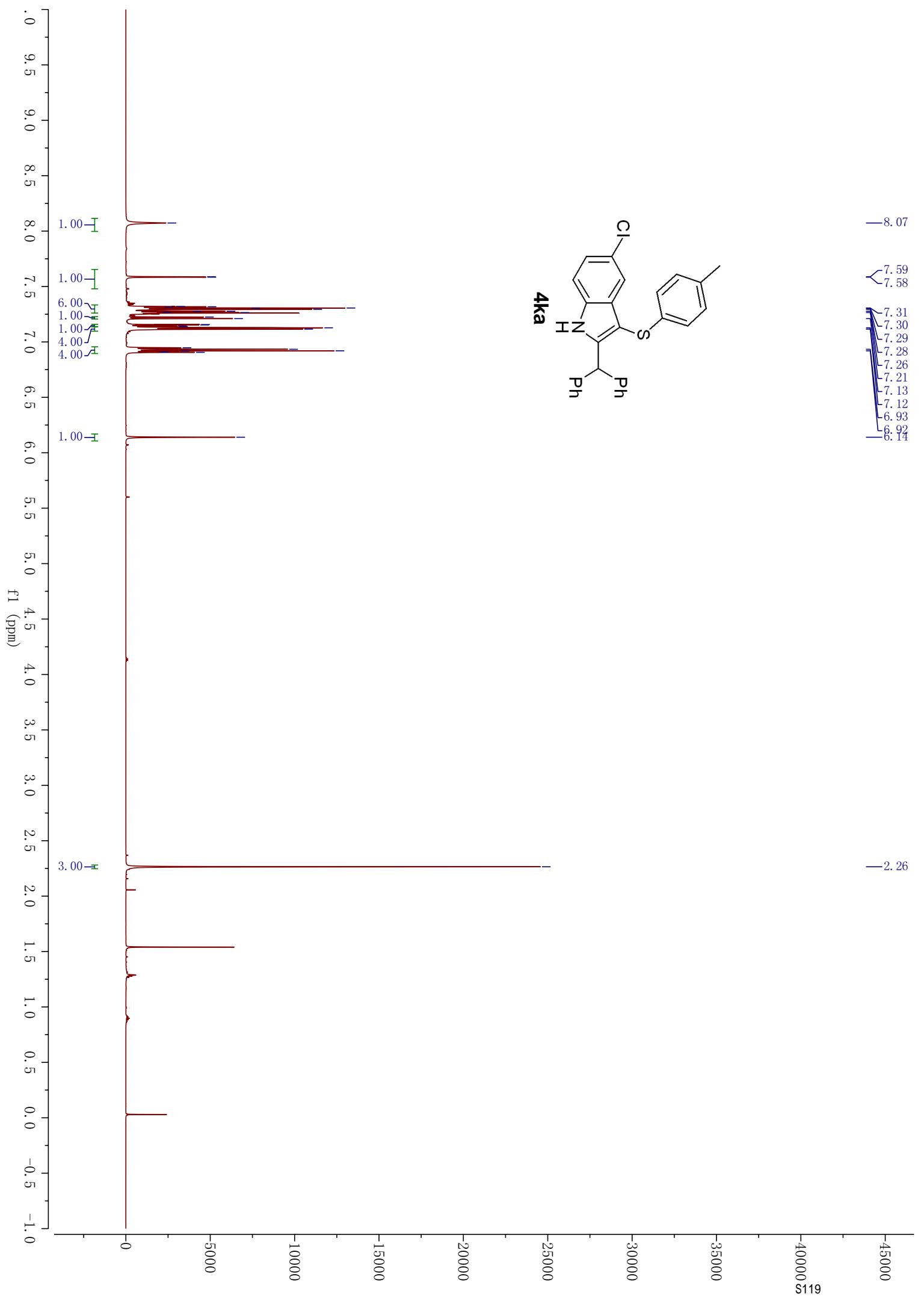


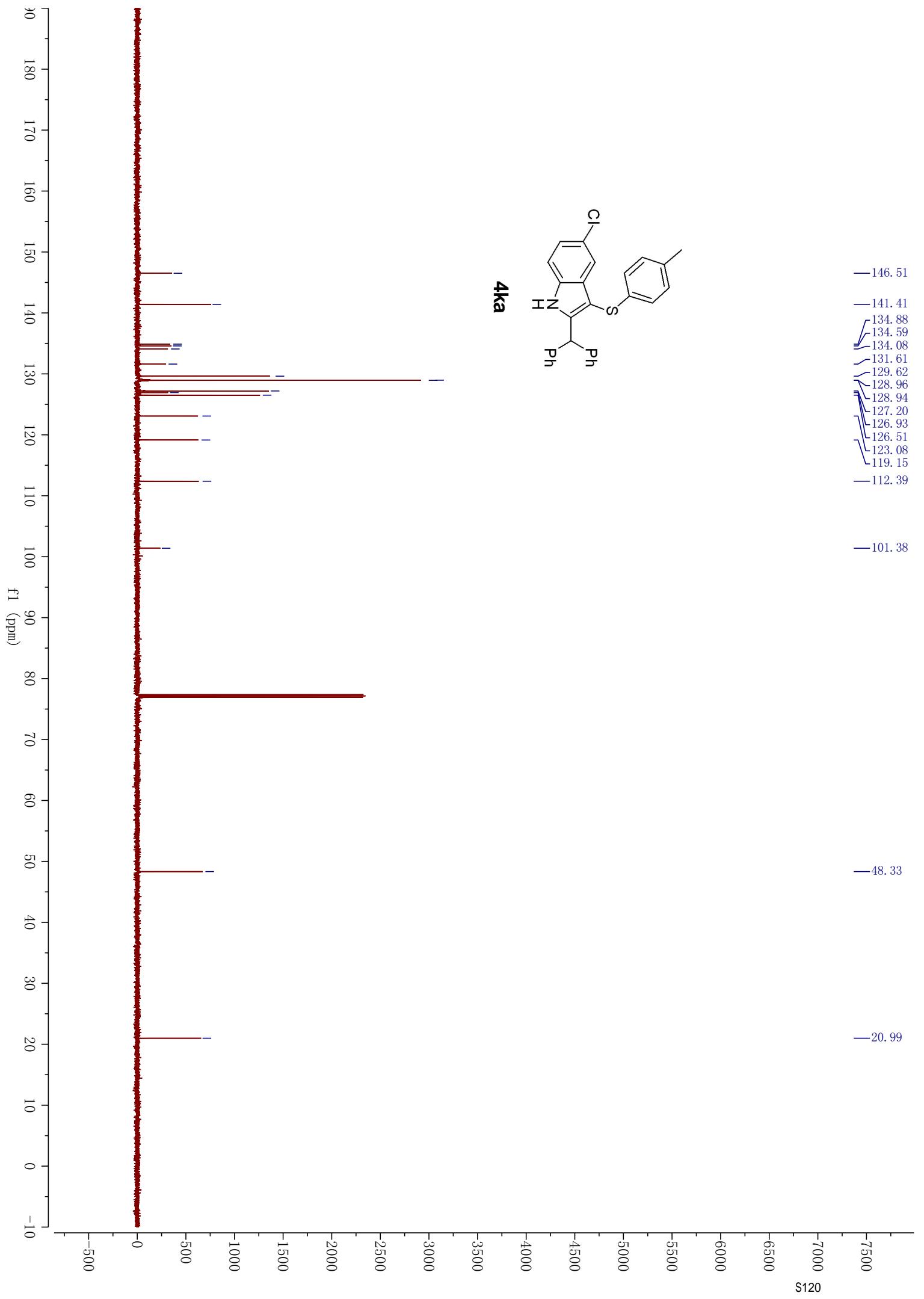
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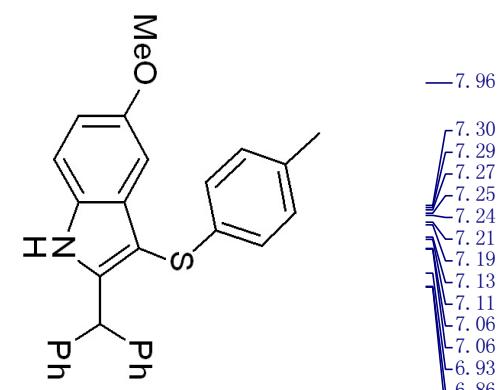
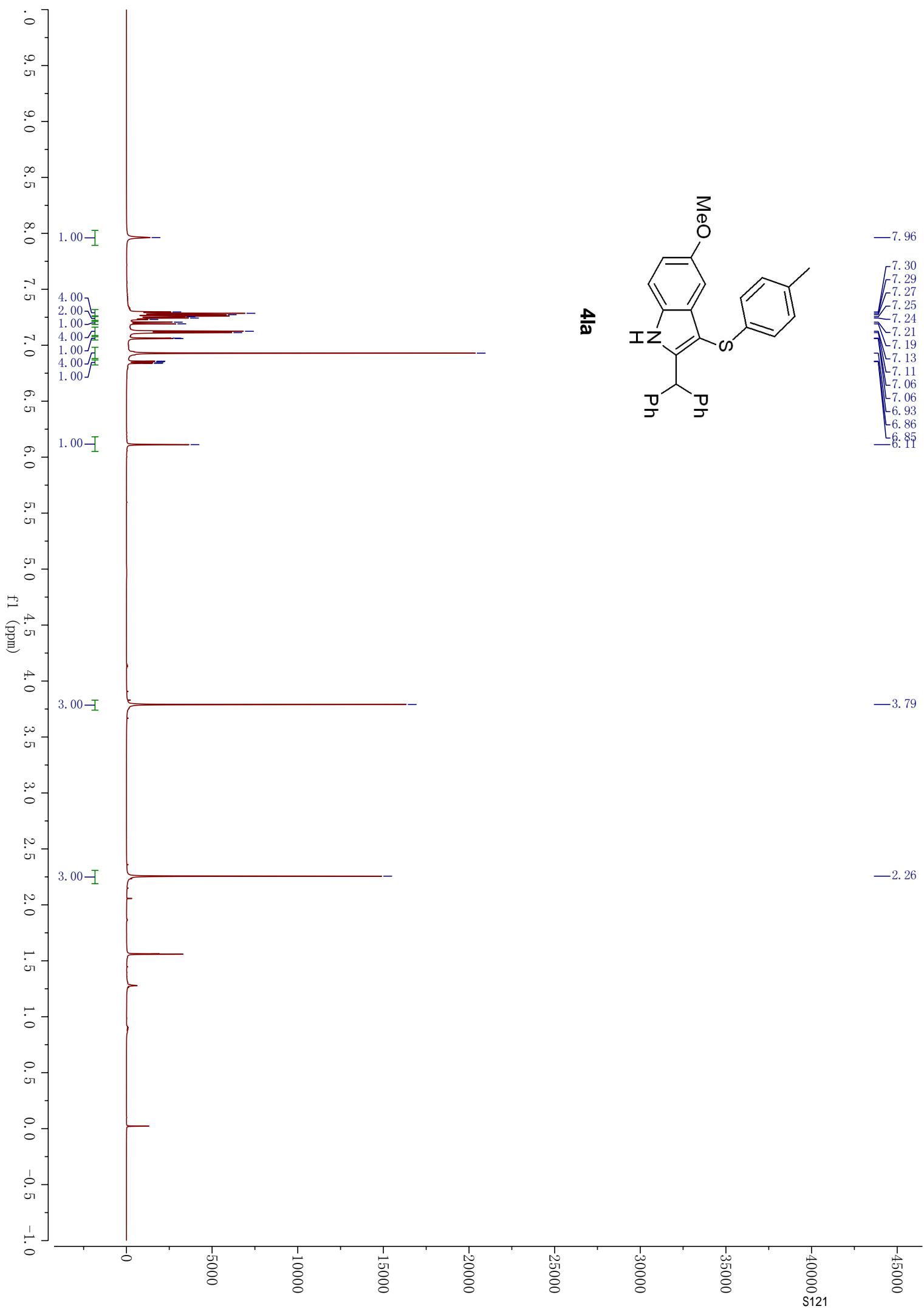


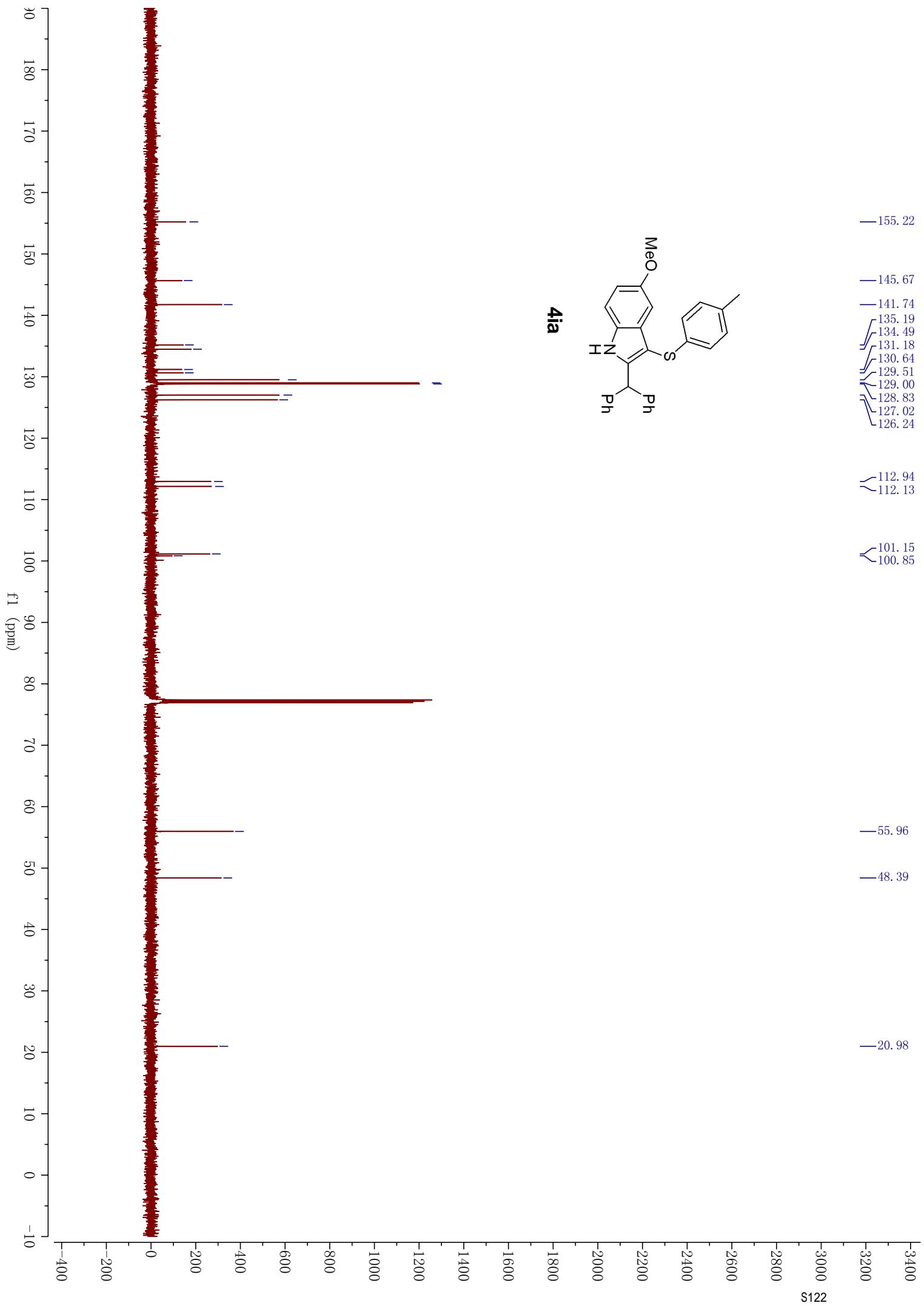


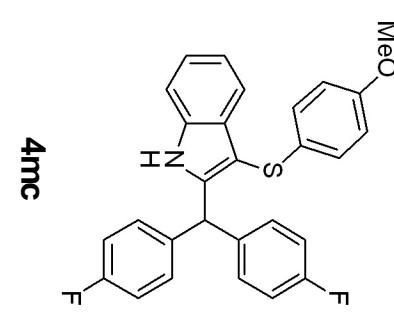
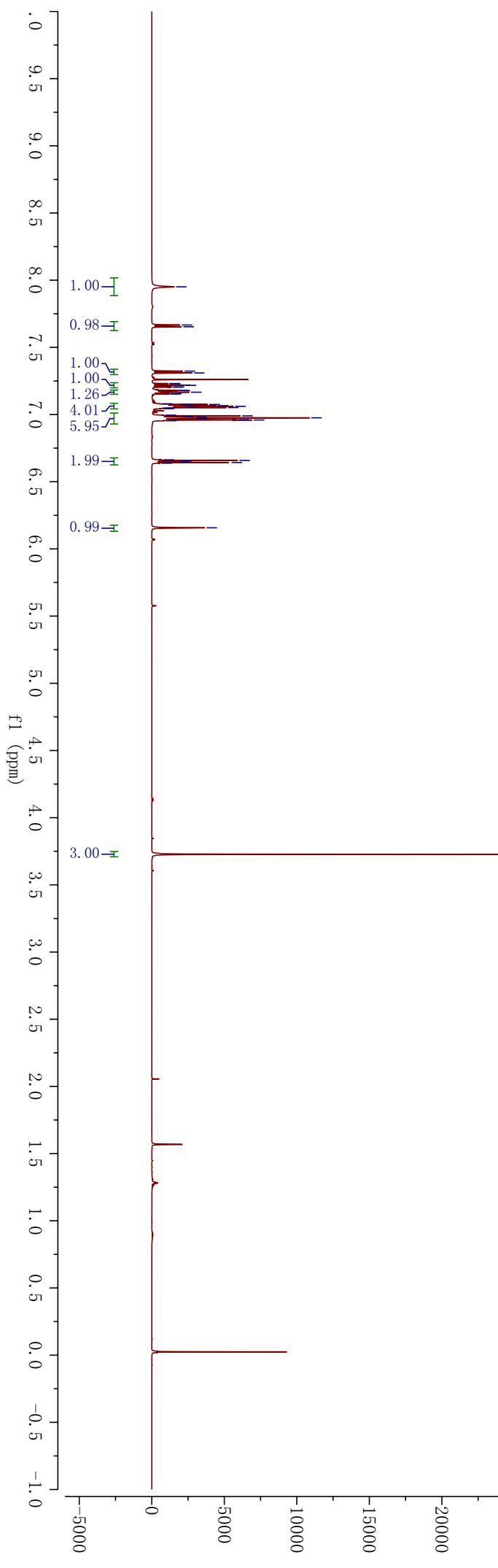












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