

Supporting Information

Efficient, Versatile and Practical Palladium-Catalyzed Highly Regioselective *ortho*-Halogenation of Azoxybenzenes

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1. General methods.

All reactions involving air- and moisture-sensitive reagents were carried out under a nitrogen atmosphere. Toluene, DMF, 1, 2-dichloroethane, DMSO, 1, 4- dioxane and CH₃CN were distilled from appropriate drying agents prior to use. All chemicals were purchased from Aldrich and used without further purification. Thin-layer chromatography (TLC) was performed using 60 mesh silica gel plates visualized with short-wavelength UV light (254 nm). Silica gel 60 (230~400 mesh)

was used for column chromatography. ^1H NMR and ^{13}C NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker INOVA-400. NMR Spectrums were recorded on a 400 instrument (400 MHz for ^1H and 100 MHz for ^{13}C). Chemical shifts (δ) were measured in ppm relative to TMS $\delta = 0$ for ^1H , or to chloroform $\delta = 77.0$ for ^{13}C as internal standard. Data are reported as follows: Chemical shift, multiplicity (s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, q = quartet, m = multiplet), Coupling constants, J , are reported in hertz. Mass data were measured with Thermo Scientific DSQ II mass spectrometer. Azoxybenzenes were prepared from arylamines, according to the literature¹.

General Catalytic Procedure for *Ortho*-Bromination of Azoxybenzenes with NBS.

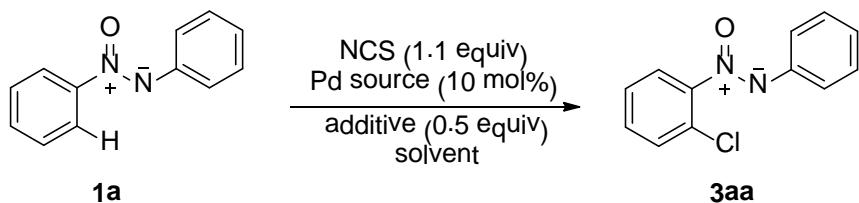
A mixture of azoxybenzene (39.6 mg, 0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv), TsOH·H₂O (19.0 mg, 0.1 mmol, 0.5 equiv), NBS (39.2 mg, 0.22 mmol, 1.1 equiv) and Pd(OAc)₂ (4.5 mg, 0.02 mmol, 10 mol %) in DCE (1 mL) was stirred under air at 40 °C for 12 h followed by cooling. The volatiles removed under reduced pressure. The contents were subjected to flash chromatography to give the corresponding product (97%) as a pale yellow oil. The purified material was dried under an oil-pump vacuum.

General Catalytic Procedure for *Ortho*-Chlorination/Iodination of Azoxybenzenes with NCS/NIS.

A mixture of azoxybenzene (39.6 mg, 0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv), NCS/NIS (0.22 mmol, 1.1 equiv) and Pd(OAc)₂ (4.5 mg, 0.02 mmol, 10 mol %) in AcOH (1 mL) was stirred under air at 60 °C or 100 °C for 12 h as specified in Table 2 and Table 3 followed by cooling. The volatiles removed under reduced pressure. The contents were subjected to flash chromatography to give the corresponding products (96% and 95%) as pale yellow oil. The purified materials were dried under an oil-pump vacuum.

2. Detailed optimization studies for the *ortho*-chlorination/iodination of azoxybenzene with NCS/NIS.

Table S1 Optimization Studies for the *ortho*-chlorination of azoxybenzene with NCS.^{a,b}



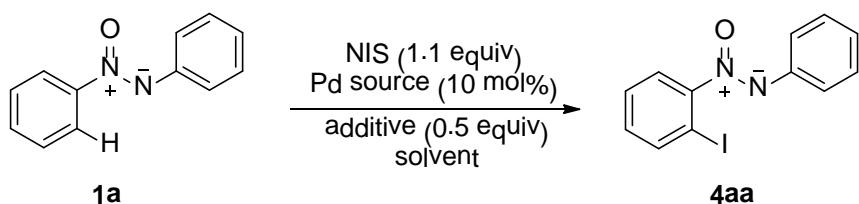
Entry	Catalyst	Additive	Solvent	Yield [%] ^b
1	Pd(OAc) ₂		AcOH	96%
2	Pd(OAc) ₂		DCE	21%
3	Pd(OAc) ₂		DME	64%
4	Pd(OAc) ₂		Toluene	40%
5	Pd(OAc) ₂		MeCN	15%
6	Pd(OAc) ₂		DMSO	n.r.
7	Pd(OAc) ₂		DMF	n.r.
8	Pd(OAc) ₂		Dioxane	trace
9	Pd(OAc) ₂	AcOH	DCE	55%
10	Pd(OAc) ₂	TsOH·H ₂ O	DCE	44%
11	Pd(OAc) ₂	TFA	DCE	48%
12	Pd(OAc) ₂	AcOH	DME	63%
13	Pd(OAc) ₂	TsOH·H ₂ O	DME	69%
14	Pd(OAc) ₂	TFA	DME	57%
15	Pd(OAc) ₂	AcOH	Toluene	42%
16	Pd(OAc) ₂	TsOH·H ₂ O	Toluene	35%
17	Pd(OAc) ₂	TFA	Toluene	32%
18	Pd(OAc) ₂	AcOH	MeCN	16%
19	Pd(OAc) ₂	TsOH·H ₂ O	MeCN	trace
20	Pd(OAc) ₂	TFA	MeCN	trace
21	Pd(OAc) ₂		AcOH	80% ^c
22	Pd(OAc) ₂		AcOH	52% ^d
23	Pd(TFA) ₂		AcOH	60%
24	PdCl ₂		AcOH	59%
25	PdCl ₂ (MeCN) ₂		AcOH	30%

^a All the reactions were carried out in the presence of 0.2 mmol of **1a**, 0.22 mmol of NCS and 0.1 mmol of acid (if any) in 1.0 mL of solvents at 100 °C under air condition.

^b Isolated yields. ^c At 120 °C. ^d At 80 °C.

A mixture of azoxybenzene (39.6 mg, 0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv), NCS (29.3 mg, 0.22 mmol, 1.1 equiv), Pd catalyst (0.02 mmol, 10 mol %) and acids (if any, 0.1 mmol, 0.5 equiv) in solvent (1 mL) was stirred under air at 100 °C for 12 h followed by cooling. The volatiles removed under reduced pressure. The contents were subjected to flash chromatography to give the corresponding product **3aa** as a pale yellow oil. The purified material was dried under an oil-pump vacuum.

Table S2 Optimization Studies for the *ortho*-iodination of azoxybenzene with NIS.^{a,b}

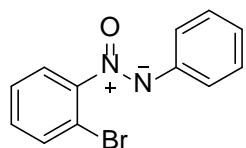


Entry	Catalyst	Additive	Solvent	Yield [%] ^b
1	Pd(OAc) ₂		AcOH	95%
2	Pd(OAc) ₂		DCE	68%
3	Pd(OAc) ₂		DME	44%
4	Pd(OAc) ₂		Toluene	18%
5	Pd(OAc) ₂		MeCN	trace
6	Pd(OAc) ₂		DMSO	n.r.
7	Pd(OAc) ₂		DMF	n.r.
8	Pd(OAc) ₂		Dioxane	44%
9	Pd(OAc) ₂	AcOH	DCE	68%
10	Pd(OAc) ₂	TsOH·H ₂ O	DCE	31%
11	Pd(OAc) ₂	TFA	DCE	62%
12	Pd(OAc) ₂	AcOH	DME	41%
13	Pd(OAc) ₂	TsOH·H ₂ O	DME	55%
14	Pd(OAc) ₂	TFA	DME	58%
15	Pd(OAc) ₂	AcOH	Toluene	18%
16	Pd(OAc) ₂	TsOH·H ₂ O	Toluene	trace
17	Pd(OAc) ₂	TFA	Toluene	15%
18	Pd(OAc) ₂	AcOH	Dioxane	48%
19	Pd(OAc) ₂	TsOH·H ₂ O	Dioxane	trace
20	Pd(OAc) ₂	TFA	Dioxane	50%
21	Pd(OAc) ₂		AcOH	86% ^c
22	Pd(OAc) ₂		AcOH	44% ^d
23	Pd(TFA) ₂		AcOH	72%
24	PdCl ₂		AcOH	62%
25	PdCl ₂ (MeCN) ₂		AcOH	60%

^a All the reactions were carried out in the presence of 0.2 mmol of **1a**, 0.22 mmol of NIS and 0.1 mmol of acid (if any) in 1.0 mL of solvents at 60 °C under air condition. ^b Isolated yields. ^c At 80 °C. ^d At 40 °C.

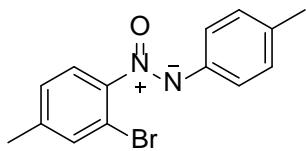
A mixture of azoxybenzene (49.5 mg, 0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv), NIS (39.2 mg, 0.22 mmol, 1.1 equiv), Pd catalyst (0.02 mmol, 10 mol %) and acids (if any, 0.1 mmol, 0.5 equiv) in solvent (1 mL) was stirred under air at 100 °C for 12 h followed by cooling. The volatiles removed under reduced pressure. The contents were subjected to flash chromatography to give the corresponding product **4aa** as a pale yellow oil. The purified material was dried under an oil-pump vacuum.

3. Characterization of the Products

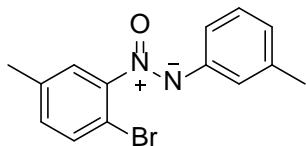


2aa: Pale yellow oil. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : 8.17 (d, $J = 12.0$ Hz, 2 H), 7.71-7.63 (m, 2

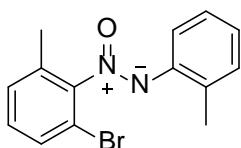
H), 7.52-7.42 (m, 4 H), 7.34 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 1 H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : 149.33, 143.66, 134.03, 130.86, 130.26, 128.77, 128.22, 125.40, 124.81, 115.11. HRMS (ESI) ($[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$) Calcd. for $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_9\text{BrN}_2\text{ONa}^+$: 298.9796, Found $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$: 298.9744.



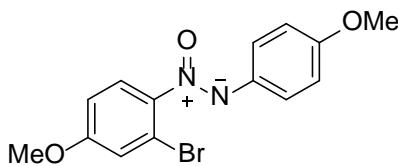
2ba: Pale yellow oil. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : 8.10 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2 H), 7.55-7.43 (m, 2 H), 7.29 (d, J = 4 Hz, 2 H), 7.22 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1 H), 2.41 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 6 H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : 147.10, 141.52, 141.45, 140.86, 134.21, 129.32, 128.73, 125.52, 124.55, 114.75, 21.61, 20.93. HRMS (ESI) ($[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$) Calcd. for $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{13}\text{BrN}_2\text{ONa}^+$: 327.0103, Found $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$: 326.9997.



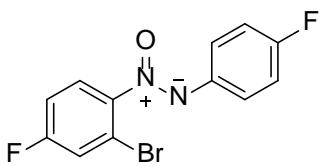
2ca: Deep red oil. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : 7.95 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2 H), 7.55 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1 H), 7.46 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1 H), 7.40-7.36 (m, 1 H), 7.24 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1 H), 7.15-7.13 (m, 1 H), 2.42 (s, 3 H), 2.38 (s, 3 H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : 149.11, 143.71, 138.79, 138.57, 133.61, 131.62, 130.98, 128.55, 125.80, 125.29, 122.43, 111.57, 21.43, 20.79. HRMS (ESI) ($[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$) Calcd. for $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{14}\text{BrN}_2\text{O}^+$: 305.0290, Found $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: 305.0208.



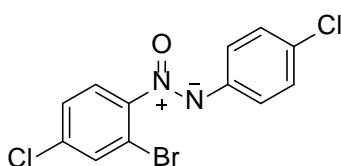
2da: Deep yellow oil. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : 8.18-8.15 (m, 1 H), 7.53 (d, J = 4.0 Hz, 1 H), 7.34-7.19 (m, 5 H), 2.44 (s, 3 H), 2.42 (s, 3 H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : 148.80, 141.96, 134.90, 132.67, 130.96, 130.87, 130.15, 129.95, 129.12, 125.90, 121.60, 115.26, 18.48, 17.19. HRMS (ESI) ($[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$) Calcd. for $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{13}\text{BrN}_2\text{ONa}^+$: 327.0103, Found $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$: 327.0035.



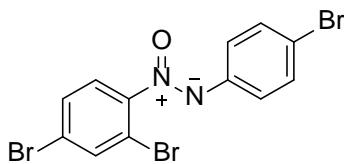
2ea: Pale yellow oil. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : 8.28 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2 H), 7.62 (d, J = 12.0 Hz, 1 H), 7.19 (d, J = 4.0 Hz, 1 H), 6.98 (d, J = 12.0 Hz, 2 H), 6.94-6.92 (m, 1 H), 3.88 (s, 3 H), 3.85 (s, 3 H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : 160.71, 160.30, 142.97, 137.76, 127.82, 125.91, 118.67, 115.97, 113.70, 113.65, 55.92, 55.51. HRMS (ESI) ($[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$) Calcd. for $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{13}\text{BrN}_2\text{O}_3\text{Na}^+$: 359.0002, Found $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$: 358.9878.



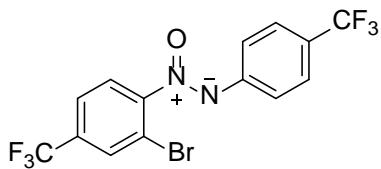
2fa: Pale yellow oil. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : 8.25 (dd, $J = 8.0 \text{ Hz}$, $J = 12.0 \text{ Hz}$, 2 H), 7.68 (dd, $J = 4.0 \text{ Hz}$, $J = 8.0 \text{ Hz}$, 1 H), 7.45 (dd, $J = 4.0 \text{ Hz}$, $J = 8.0 \text{ Hz}$, 1 H), 7.17 (t, $J = 8.0 \text{ Hz}$, 3 H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : 162.92 (d, $J = 252.0 \text{ Hz}$), 162.16 (d, $J = 253.0 \text{ Hz}$), 145.82, 140.10 (d, $J = 3.0 \text{ Hz}$), 128.01 (d, $J = 10.0 \text{ Hz}$), 126.36 (d, $J = 9.0 \text{ Hz}$), 121.25 (d, $J = 26.0 \text{ Hz}$), 116.23 (d, $J = 10.0 \text{ Hz}$), 115.76 (d, $J = 23.0 \text{ Hz}$), 115.37 (d, $J = 23.0 \text{ Hz}$). HRMS (ESI) ($[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$) Calcd. for $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_7\text{BrF}_2\text{N}_2\text{ONa}^+$: 334.9602, Found $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$: 334.9737.



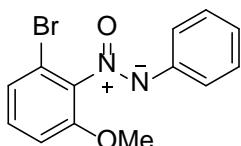
2ga: Pale yellow oil. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : 8.14 (d, $J = 8.0 \text{ Hz}$, 2 H), 7.72 (s, 1 H), 7.62 (d, $J = 8.0 \text{ Hz}$, 1 H), 7.47-7.42 (m, 3 H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : 147.68, 141.96, 136.40, 135.90, 133.73, 129.02, 128.42, 126.94, 125.79, 115.97. HRMS (ESI) ($[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$) Calcd. for $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_7\text{BrCl}_2\text{N}_2\text{ONa}^+$: 366.9017, Found $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$: 366.9335.



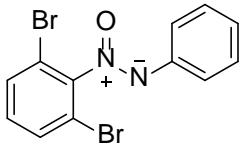
2ha: Pale yellow oil. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : 8.06 (d, $J = 8.0 \text{ Hz}$, 2 H), 7.88 (d, $J = 4.0 \text{ Hz}$, 1 H), 7.63-7.58 (m, 3 H), 7.54 (d, $J = 8.0 \text{ Hz}$, 1 H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : 148.09, 142.28, 136.46, 132.02, 131.37, 127.07, 125.98, 124.29, 124.25, 116.13. HRMS (ESI) ($[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$) Calcd. for $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_7\text{Br}_3\text{N}_2\text{ONa}^+$: 454.8001, Found $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$: 454.7833.



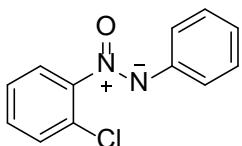
2ia: Pale yellow oil. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : 8.22 (d, $J = 12.0 \text{ Hz}$, 2 H), 8.01 (s, 1 H), 7.79-7.74 (m, 4 H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : 151.06, 145.59, 133.23 (q, $J_{\text{C-F}} = 33.0 \text{ Hz}$), 131.62 (q, $J_{\text{C-F}} = 33.0 \text{ Hz}$), 131.49 (d, $J_{\text{C-F}} = 4.0 \text{ Hz}$), 126.00 (q, $J_{\text{C-F}} = 3.0 \text{ Hz}$), 125.57, 125.40, 122.96 (q, $J_{\text{C-F}} = 118.0 \text{ Hz}$), 122.95 (q, $J_{\text{C-F}} = 118.0 \text{ Hz}$), 115.86. HRMS (ESI) ($[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$) Calcd. for $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_7\text{BrF}_6\text{N}_2\text{ONa}^+$: 434.9538, Found $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$: 434.9381.



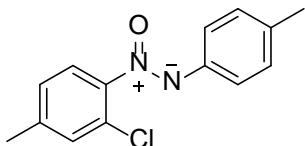
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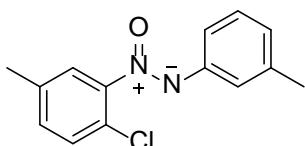
2la: White solid. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : 8.15 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2 H), 7.65 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2 H), 7.54-7.46 (m, 3 H), 7.20 (t, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1 H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : 143.40, 132.59, 130.92, 130.57, 128.84, 125.42, 116.65. HRMS (ESI) ($[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$) Calcd. for $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_8\text{Br}_2\text{N}_2\text{O}\text{Na}^+$: 376.8901, Found $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$: 376.8903.



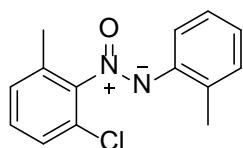
3aa: Deep red oil. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : 8.15 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2 H), 7.68-7.65 (m, 1 H), 7.53-7.47 (m, 3 H), 7.43-7.38 (m, 3 H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : 147.68, 143.70, 130.89, 130.67, 130.22, 128.74, 127.50, 126.74, 125.38, 124.79. HRMS (ESI) ($[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$) Calcd. for $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_9\text{ClN}_2\text{O}\text{Na}^+$: 255.0301, Found $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$: 255.0212.



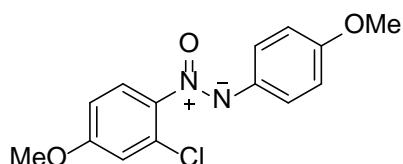
3ba: Pale yellow oil. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : 8.10 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2 H), 7.56 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1 H), 7.32-7.25 (m, 3 H), 7.17 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1 H), 2.41 (d, $J = 4.0$ Hz, 6 H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : 145.54, 141.66, 141.31, 140.79, 131.15, 129.31, 128.04, 126.40, 125.53, 124.63, 21.57, 21.00. HRMS (ESI) ($[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$) Calcd. for $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{13}\text{ClN}_2\text{O}\text{Na}^+$: 283.0614, Found $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$: 283.0519.



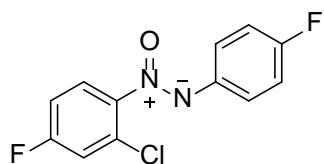
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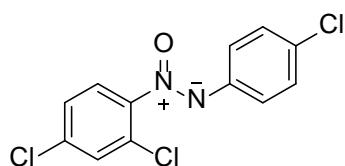
3da: Deep red oil. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : 8.12-8.10 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1 H), 7.36-7.27 (m, 5 H), 7.23 (t, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1 H), 2.43 (s, 3 H), 2.40 (s, 3 H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : 147.27, 142.10, 134.69, 132.64, 130.86, 129.63, 129.46, 129.03, 127.83, 126.67, 125.94, 121.58, 18.40, 16.96. HRMS (ESI) ($[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$) Calcd. for $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{13}\text{ClN}_2\text{ONa}^+$: 283.0614, Found $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$: 283.0611.



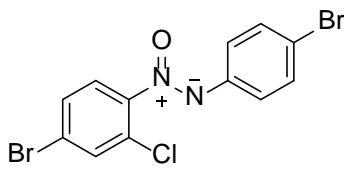
3ea: Pale yellow oil. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : 8.29 (s, 1 H), 8.27 (s, 1 H), 7.64 (d, $J = 12.0$ Hz, 1 H), 7.00 (d, $J = 4.0$ Hz, 1 H), 6.99 (d, $J = 0.0$ Hz, 1 H), 6.97 (t, $J = 4.0$ Hz, 1 H), 6.89 (dd, $J = 4.0$ Hz, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1 H), 3.88 (s, 3 H), 3.85 (s, 3 H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : 160.70, 160.38, 141.31, 137.81, 127.83, 126.00, 115.63, 113.69, 113.04, 55.90, 55.50. HRMS (ESI) ($[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$) Calcd. for $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{13}\text{ClN}_2\text{O}_3\text{Na}^+$: 315.0512, Found $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$: 315.0404.



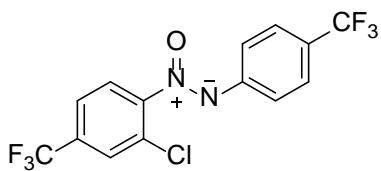
3fa: Pale yellow oil. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : 8.27-8.24 (m, 2 H), 7.72-7.69 (dd, $J = 4.0$ Hz, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1 H), 7.29-7.26 (m, 1 H), 7.20-7.15 (m, 2 H), 7.15-7.10 (m, 1 H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : 162.90 (d, $J = 252.0$ Hz), 162.20 (d, $J = 253.0$ Hz), 144.14, 140.10 (d, $J = 3.0$ Hz), 128.40 (d, $J = 11.0$ Hz), 128.03 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz), 126.44 (d, $J = 10.0$ Hz), 118.26 (d, $J = 25.0$ Hz), 115.75 (d, $J = 22.0$ Hz), 114.80 (d, $J = 22.0$ Hz). HRMS (ESI) ($[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$) Calcd. for $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_7\text{ClF}_2\text{N}_2\text{ONa}^+$: 291.0113, Found $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$: 291.0110.



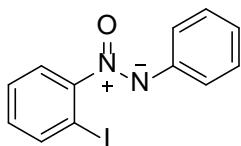
3ga: Pale yellow oil. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : 8.14 (d, $J = 12.0$ Hz, 2 H), 7.65 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1 H), 7.56 (d, $J = 4.0$ Hz, 1 H), 7.46 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2 H), 7.40 (dd, $J = 4.0$ Hz, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1 H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : 146.00, 141.97, 136.36, 135.91, 130.80, 129.01, 127.92, 127.82, 126.96, 125.86. HRMS (ESI) ($[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$) Calcd. for $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_7\text{Cl}_3\text{N}_2\text{ONa}^+$: 322.9522, Found $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$: 322.9409.



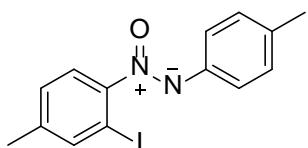
3ha: Pale yellow oil. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : 8.07 (s, 1 H), 8.05 (s, 1H), 7.71 (s, 1 H), 7.63-7.62 (m, 1 H), 7.61-7.59 (m, 1 H), 7.57-7.55 (m, 2 H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : 146.46, 142.33, 133.61, 132.02, 130.76, 127.99, 127.10, 126.03, 124.30, 124.14. HRMS (ESI) ($[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$) Calcd. for $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_7\text{Br}_2\text{N}_2\text{ONa}^+$: 410.8511, Found $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$: 410.8362.



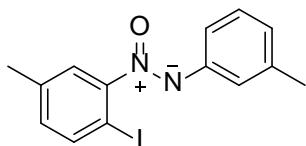
3ia: Pale yellow oil. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : 8.22 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2 H), 7.84 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2 H), 7.77 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2 H), 7.72 (dd, $J = 4.0$ Hz, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1 H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : 149.38, 145.61, 133.24 (q, $J_{\text{C}-\text{F}} = 33.0$ Hz), 131.67 (q, $J_{\text{C}-\text{F}} = 33.0$ Hz), 128.47 (q, $J_{\text{C}-\text{F}} = 4.0$ Hz), 127.87, 126.02 (q, $J_{\text{C}-\text{F}} = 4.0$ Hz), 125.61, 125.53, 124.84 (q, $J_{\text{C}-\text{F}} = 3.0$ Hz), 123.02 (q, $J_{\text{C}-\text{F}} = 105.0$ Hz), 123.01 (q, $J_{\text{C}-\text{F}} = 106.0$ Hz). HRMS (ESI) ($[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$) Calcd. for $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_7\text{ClF}_6\text{N}_2\text{ONa}^+$: 391.0049, Found $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$: 390.9896.



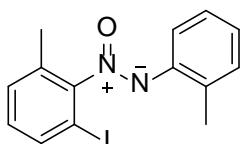
4aa: Pale yellow oil. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : 8.17 (t, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2 H), 7.94 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1 H), 7.65-7.63 (m, 1 H), 7.53-7.42 (m, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 4 H), 7.21-7.17 (m, 1 H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : 152.60, 143.58, 140.42, 130.99, 130.26, 129.07, 128.77, 125.39, 124.32, 87.97. HRMS (ESI) ($[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$) Calcd. for $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_9\text{IN}_2\text{ONa}^+$: 346.9657, Found $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$: 346.9650.



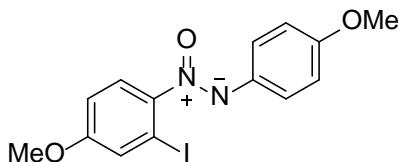
4ba: Pale yellow oil. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : 8.11 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2 H), 7.77 (s, 1 H), 7.52 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1 H), 7.30 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2 H), 7.26 (d, $J = 4.0$ Hz, 1 H), 2.43 (s, 3 H), 2.38 (s, 3 H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : 150.44, 141.45, 140.79, 140.64, 140.09, 129.56, 129.30, 125.50, 124.02, 87.84, 21.60, 20.67. HRMS (ESI) ($[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$) Calcd. for $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{13}\text{IN}_2\text{ONa}^+$: 374.9970, Found $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$: 374.9964.



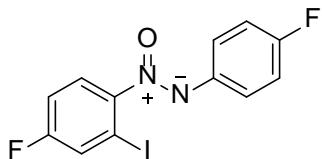
4ca: Pale yellow oil. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : 7.97 (d, $J = 4.0$ Hz, 2 H), 7.78 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1 H), 7.44 (d, $J = 0.0$ Hz, 1 H), 7.39 (t, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1 H), 7.25 (d, $J = 4.0$ Hz, 1 H), 7.00-6.98 (m, 1H), 2.43 (s, 3 H), 2.38 (s, 3 H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : 152.47, 143.58, 139.97, 139.71, 138.55, 131.91, 130.99, 128.53, 125.77, 124.93, 122.43, 83.74, 21.46, 20.82. HRMS (ESI) ($[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$) Calcd. for $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{13}\text{IN}_2\text{ONa}^+$: 374.9970, Found $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$: 374.9963.



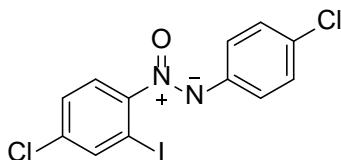
4da: Pale yellow oil. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : 8.28 (dd, $J = 4.0$ Hz, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1 H), 7.72 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1 H), 7.31-7.23 (m, 4 H), 7.06-7.01 (m, 1 H), 2.43 (d, $J = 4.0$ Hz, 6 H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : 152.23, 141.82, 137.32, 135.18, 132.02, 131.05, 130.84, 130.20, 129.20, 125.81, 121.67, 88.49, 18.60, 17.54. HRMS (ESI) ($[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$) Calcd. for $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{13}\text{IN}_2\text{ONa}^+$: 374.9970, Found $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$: 374.9963.



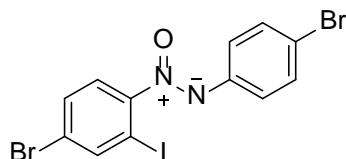
4ea: Pale yellow oil. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : 8.30 (t, $J = 4.0$ Hz, 1 H), 8.27 (t, $J = 4.0$ Hz, 1 H), 7.59 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1 H), 7.43 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1 H), 7.01-6.99 (m, 1 H), 6.98-6.94 (m, 2 H), 3.86 (s, 3 H), 3.84 (s, 3 H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : 160.67, 160.07, 146.25, 137.67, 127.78, 125.27, 125.09, 114.35, 113.69, 88.60, 55.86, 55.49. HRMS (ESI) ($[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$) Calcd. for $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{13}\text{IN}_2\text{O}_3\text{Na}^+$: 406.9869, Found $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$: 406.9860.



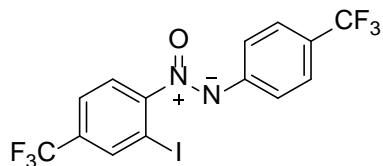
4fa: Pale yellow oil. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : 8.27-8.23 (m, 2 H), 7.68-7.63 (m, 2 H), 7.22-7.16 (m, 3 H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : 162.82 (d, $J = 252.0$ Hz), 161.79 (d, $J = 257.0$ Hz), 149.00, 139.96 (d, $J = 3.0$ Hz), 127.95 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz), 127.32 (d, $J = 25.0$ Hz), 125.68 (d, $J = 10.0$ Hz), 116.04 (d, $J = 23.0$ Hz), 115.72 (d, $J = 23.0$ Hz), 88.35 (d, $J = 9.0$ Hz). HRMS (ESI) ($[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$) Calcd. for $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_7\text{F}_2\text{IN}_2\text{ONa}^+$: 382.9464, Found $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$: 382.9326.



4ga: Pale yellow oil. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : 8.15 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2 H), 7.96 (d, $J = 2.0$ Hz, 1 H), 7.59 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1 H), 7.47 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 3 H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : 151.01, 141.94, 139.93, 136.33, 135.89, 129.19, 129.03, 126.94, 125.19, 88.46. HRMS (ESI) ($[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$) Calcd. for $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_7\text{Cl}_2\text{IN}_2\text{ONa}^+$: 414.8878, Found $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$: 414.8710.

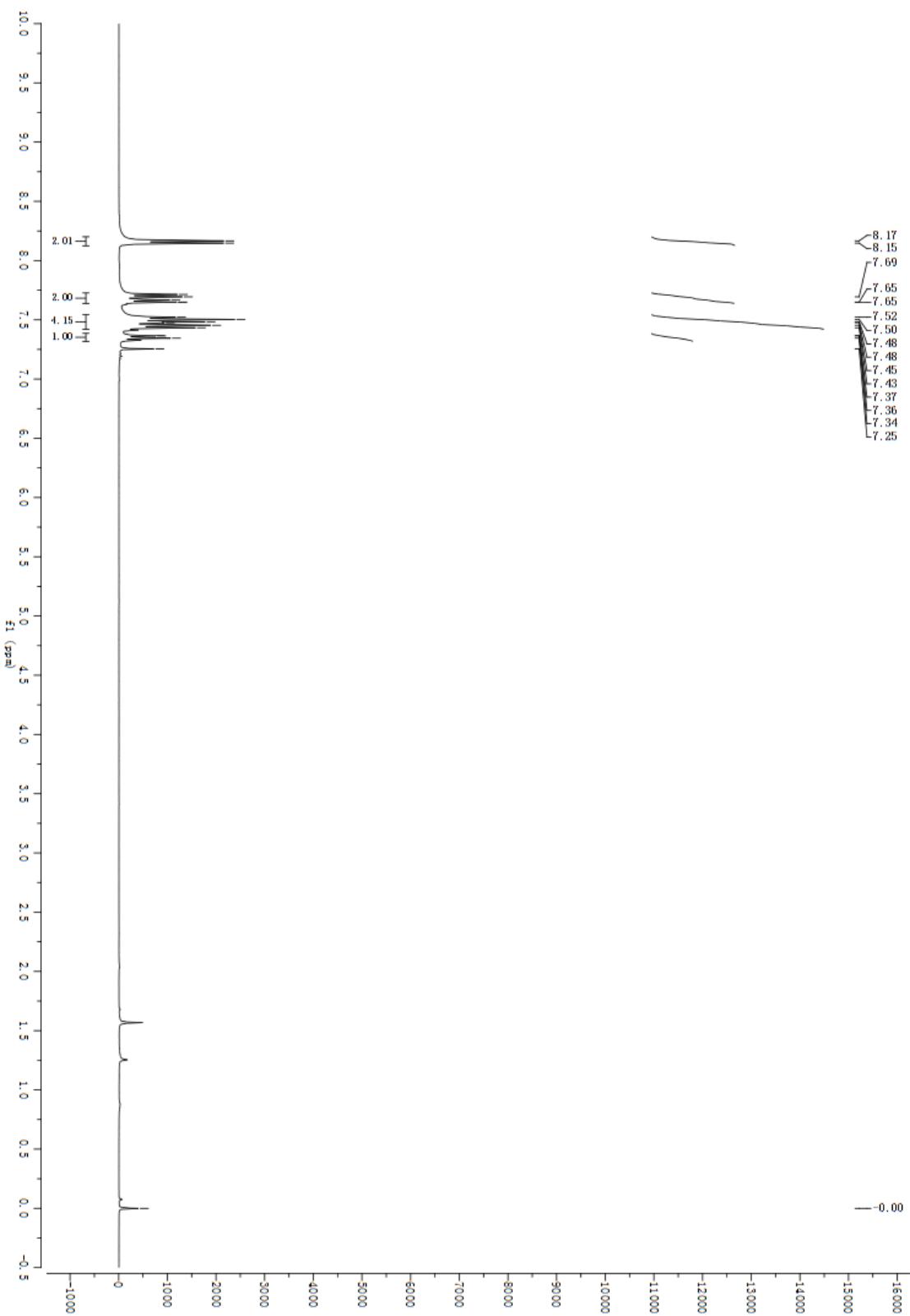
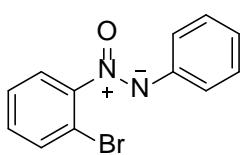


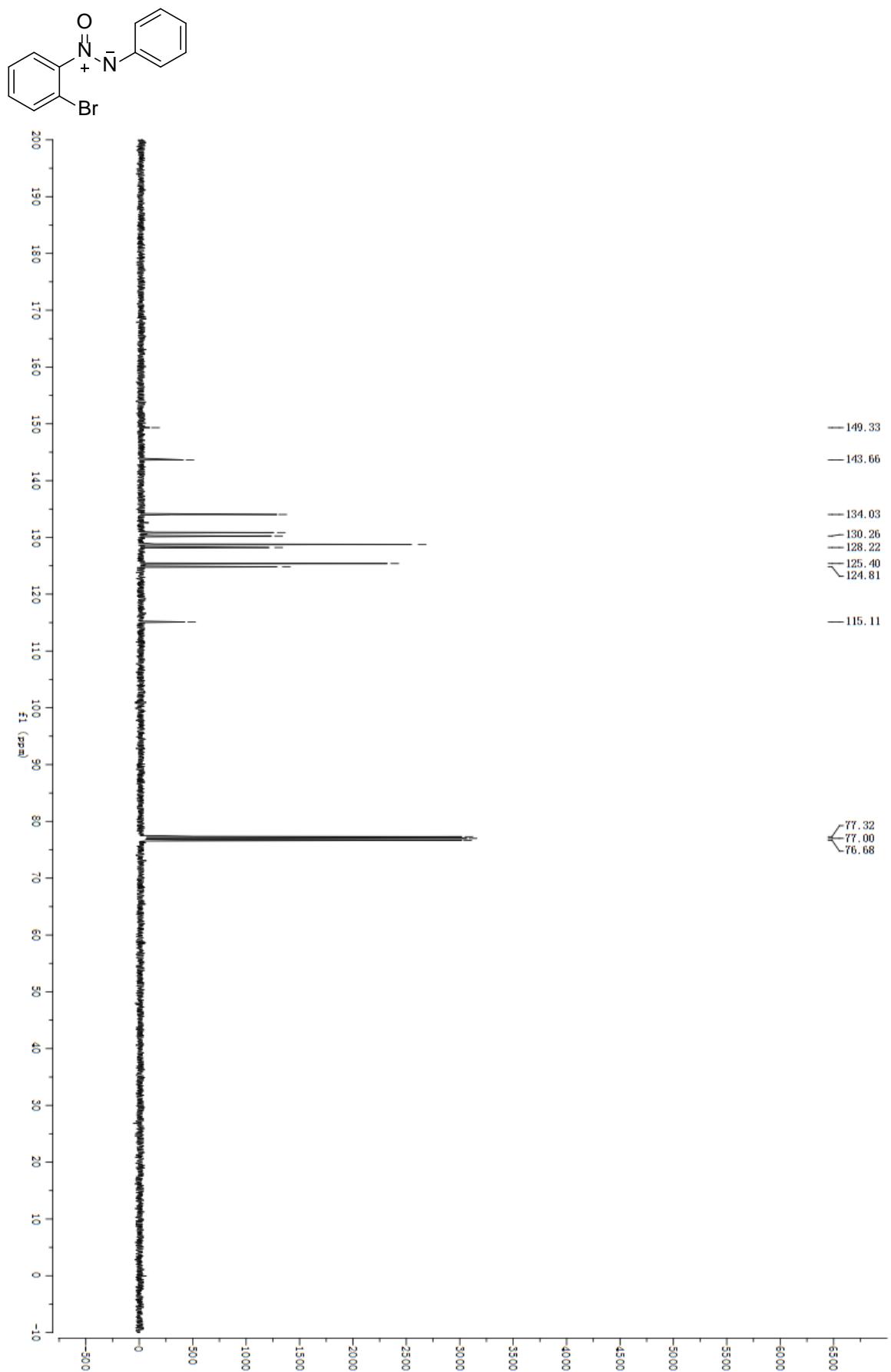
4ha: Pale yellow oil. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : 8.11 (s, 1 H), 8.06 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2 H), 7.63-7.60 (m, 3 H), 7.52 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1 H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : 151.40, 142.56, 142.24, 132.14, 132.02, 127.07, 125.43, 124.38, 124.27, 88.87. HRMS (ESI) ($[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$) Calcd. for $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_7\text{Br}_2\text{IN}_2\text{ONa}^+$: 502.7867, Found $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$: 502.7859.

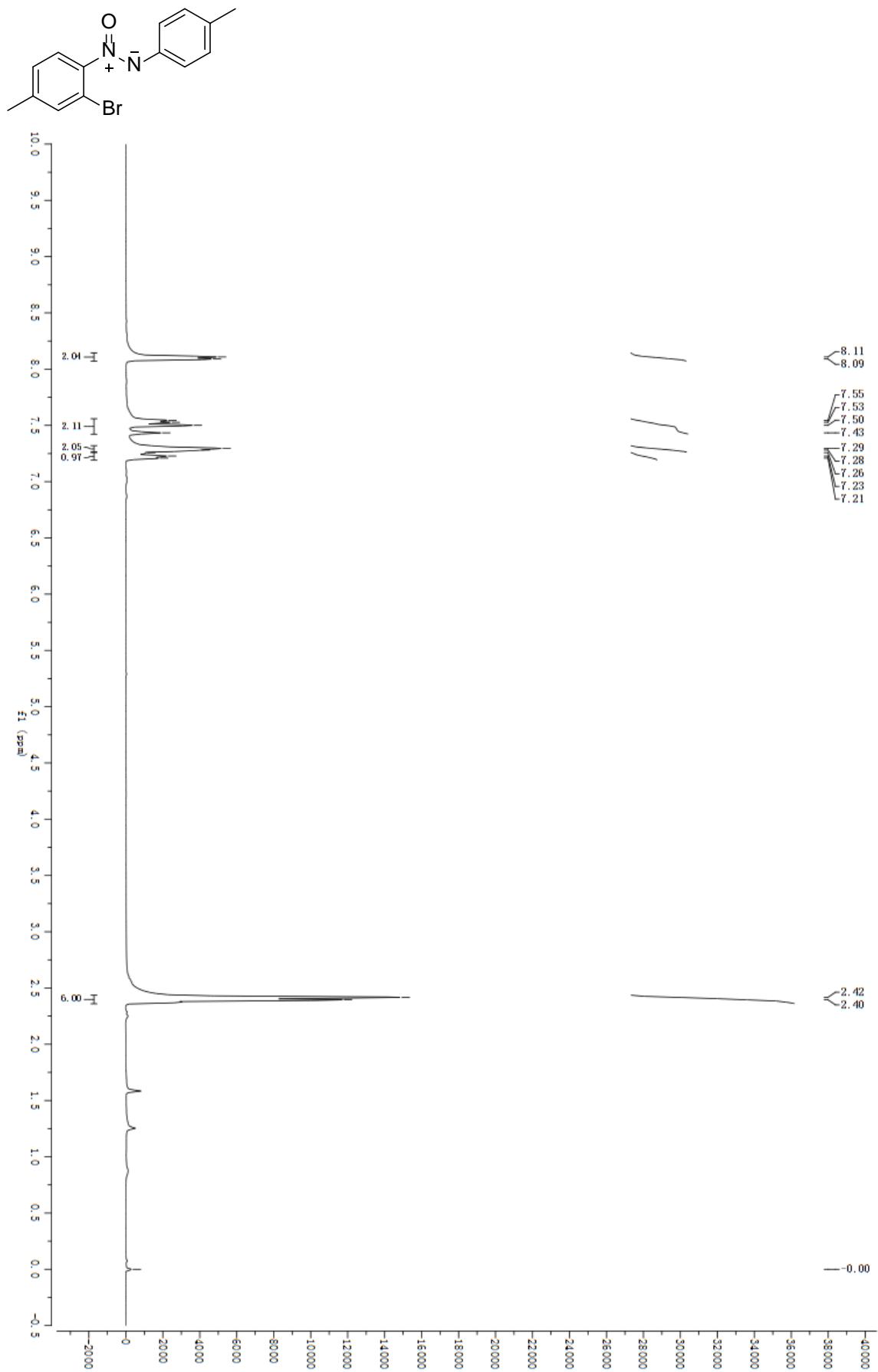


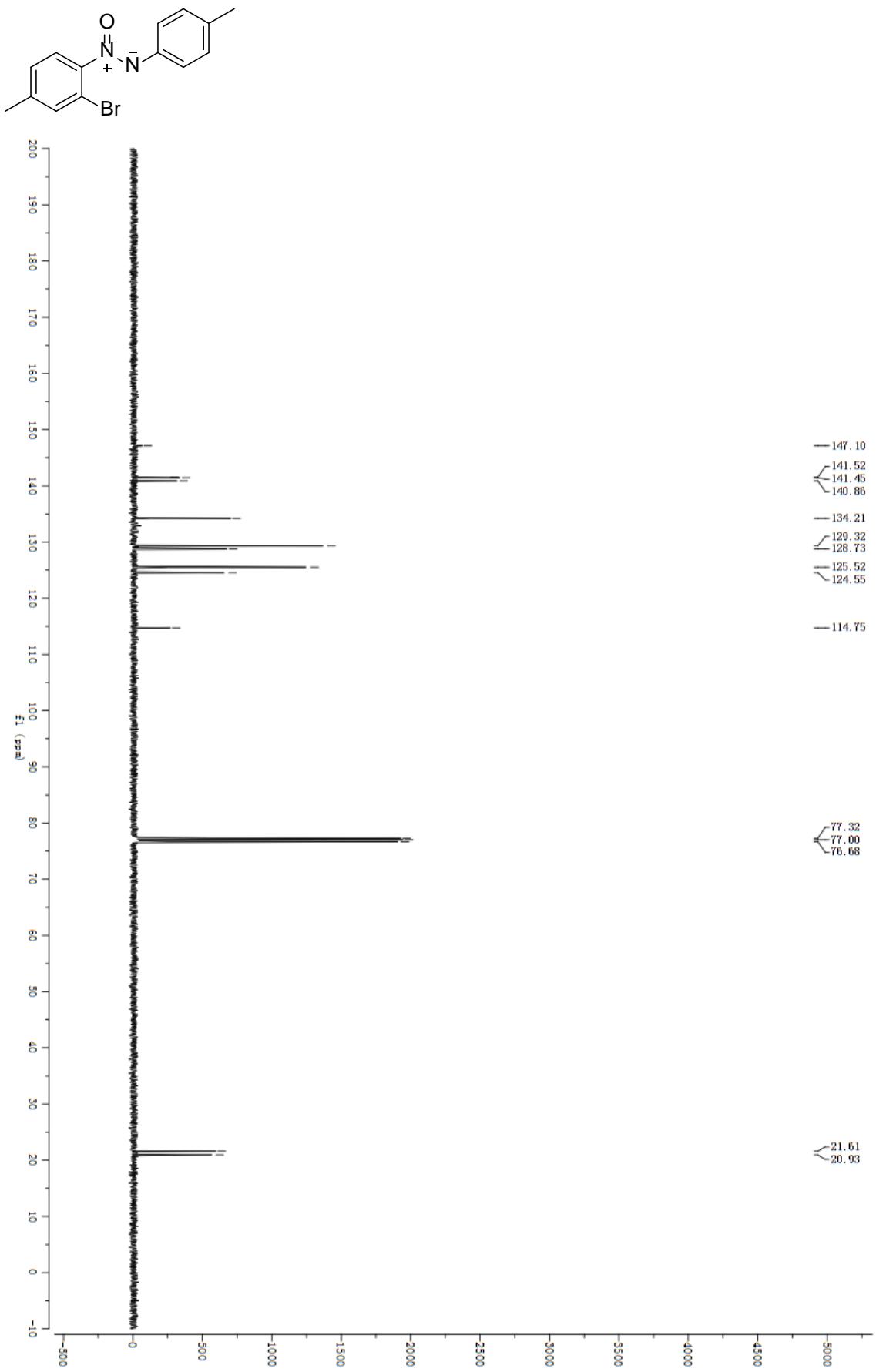
4ia: Pale yellow oil. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : 8.22 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 3 H), 7.80-7.75 (m, 4 H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : 154.44, 145.55, 137.78 (d, $J_{\text{C}-\text{F}} = 4.0$ Hz), 133.12 (q, $J_{\text{C}-\text{F}} = 34.0$ Hz), 131.62 (q, $J_{\text{C}-\text{F}} = 32.0$ Hz), 126.42 (q, $J_{\text{C}-\text{F}} = 3.0$ Hz), 126.03 (q, $J_{\text{C}-\text{F}} = 4.0$ Hz), 125.58, 124.72, 122.84 (q, $J_{\text{C}-\text{F}} = 140.0$ Hz), 122.83 (q, $J_{\text{C}-\text{F}} = 142.0$ Hz), 88.20. HRMS (ESI) ($[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$) Calcd. for $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_7\text{F}_6\text{IN}_2\text{ONa}^+$: 482.9405, Found $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$: 482.9388.

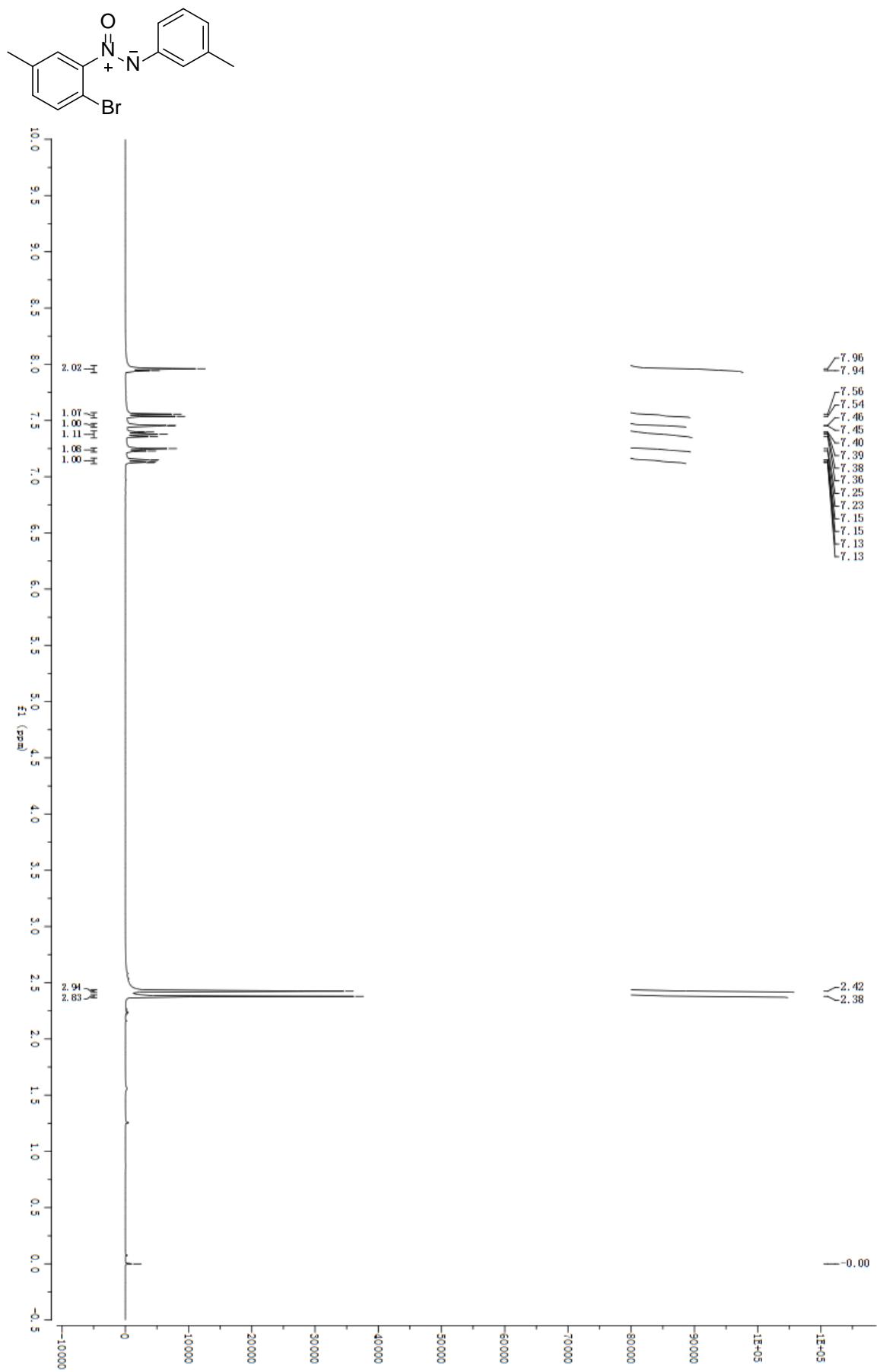
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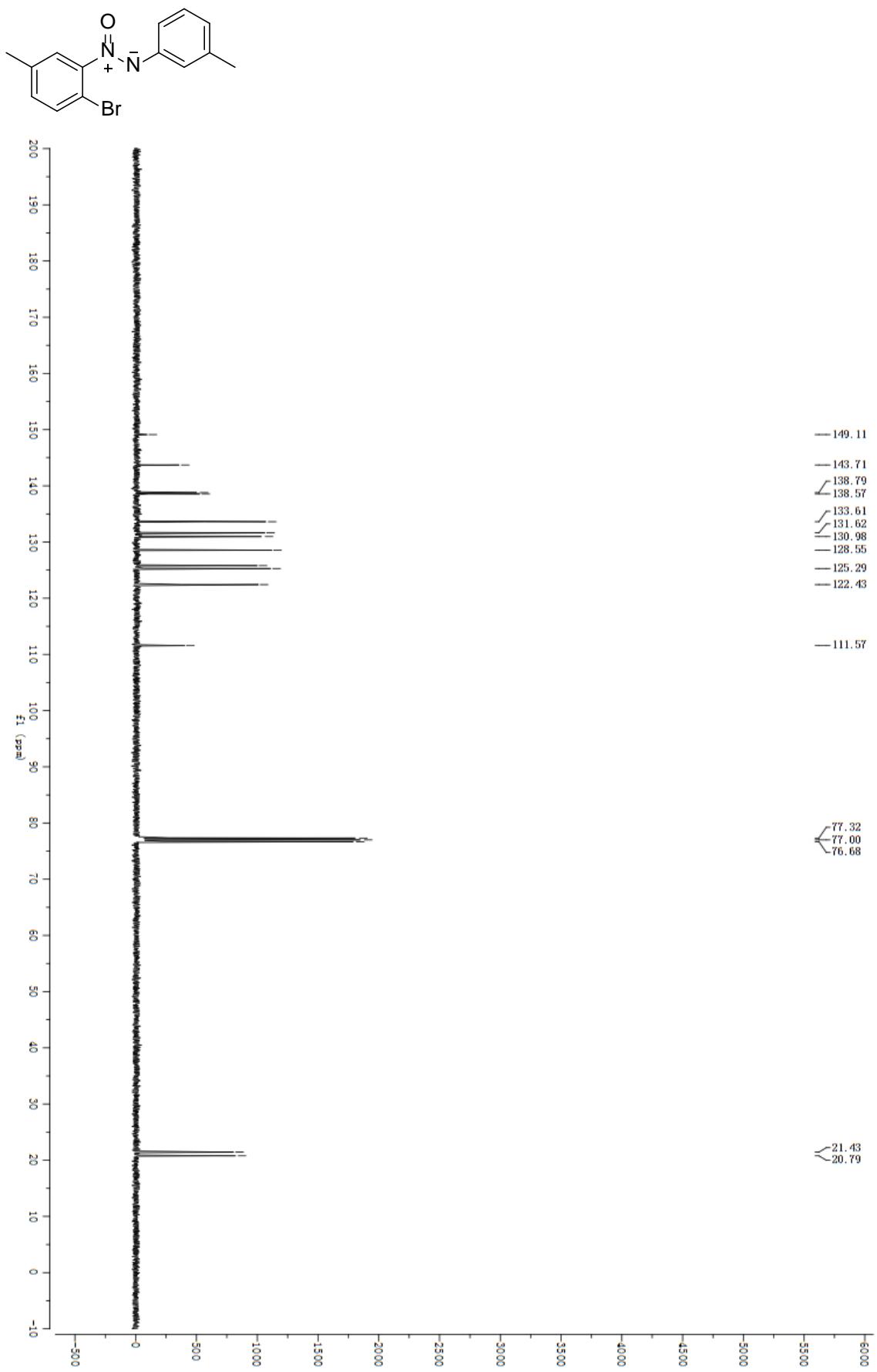


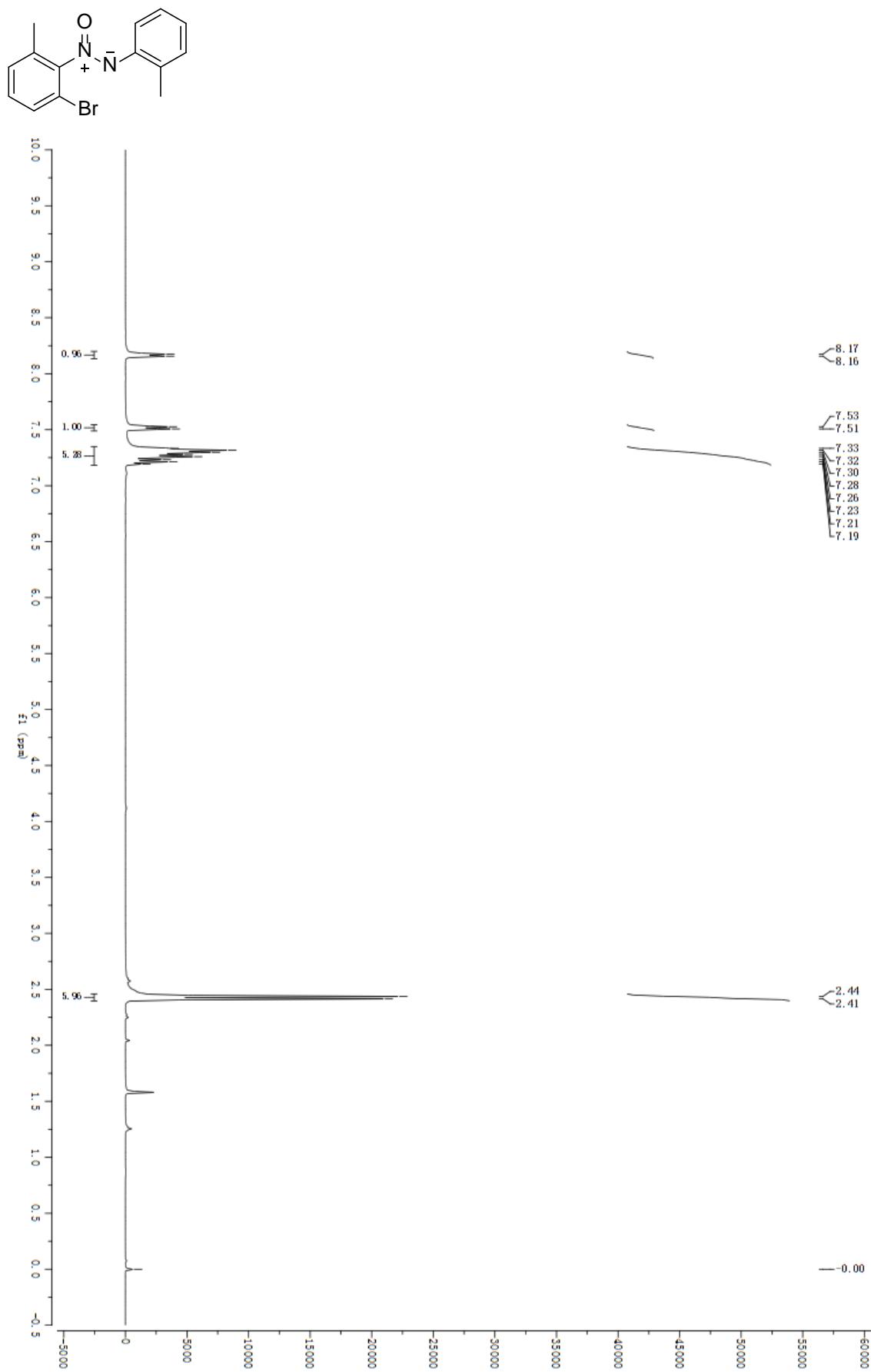


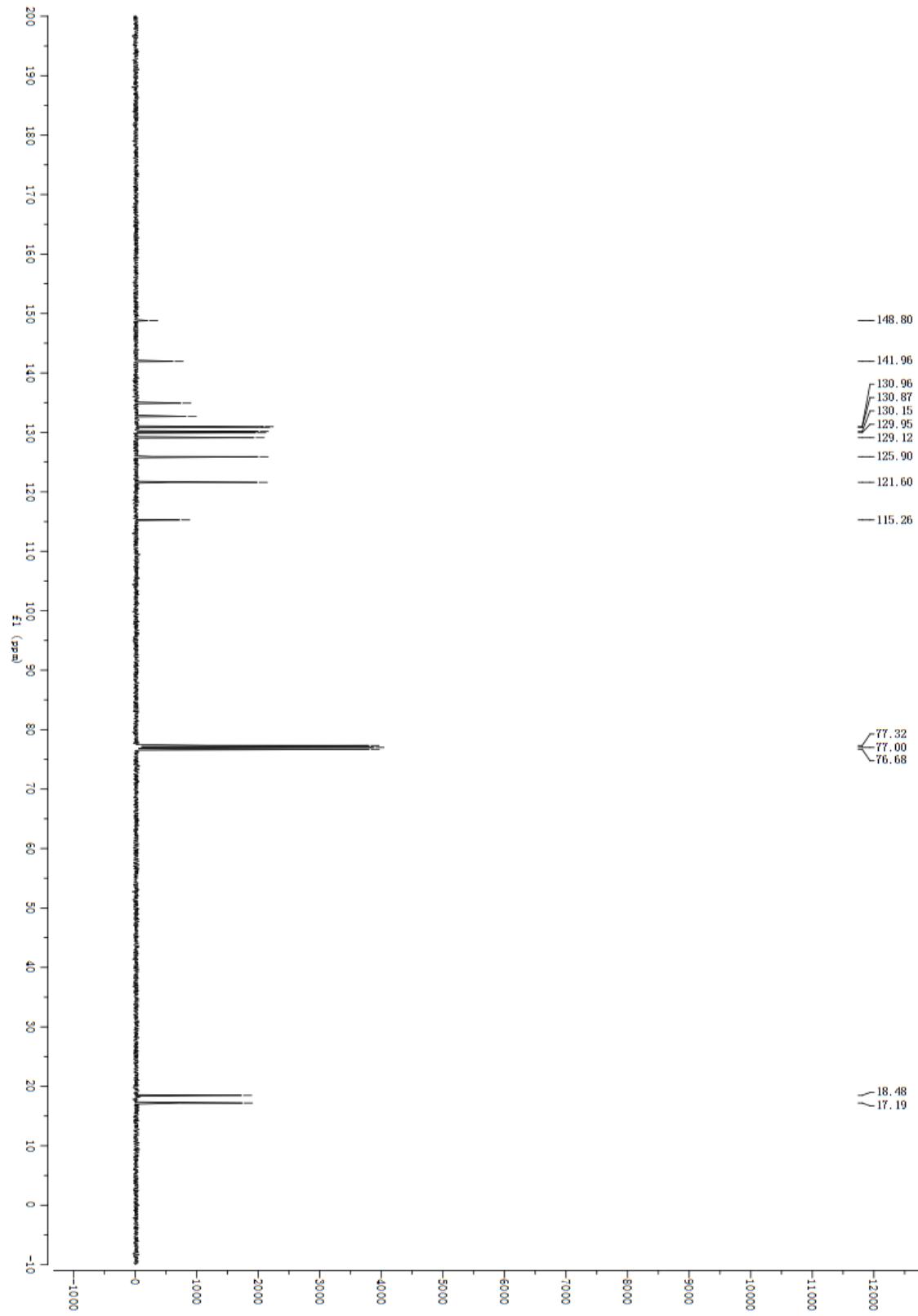
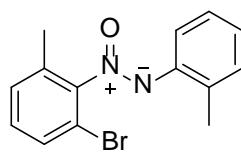


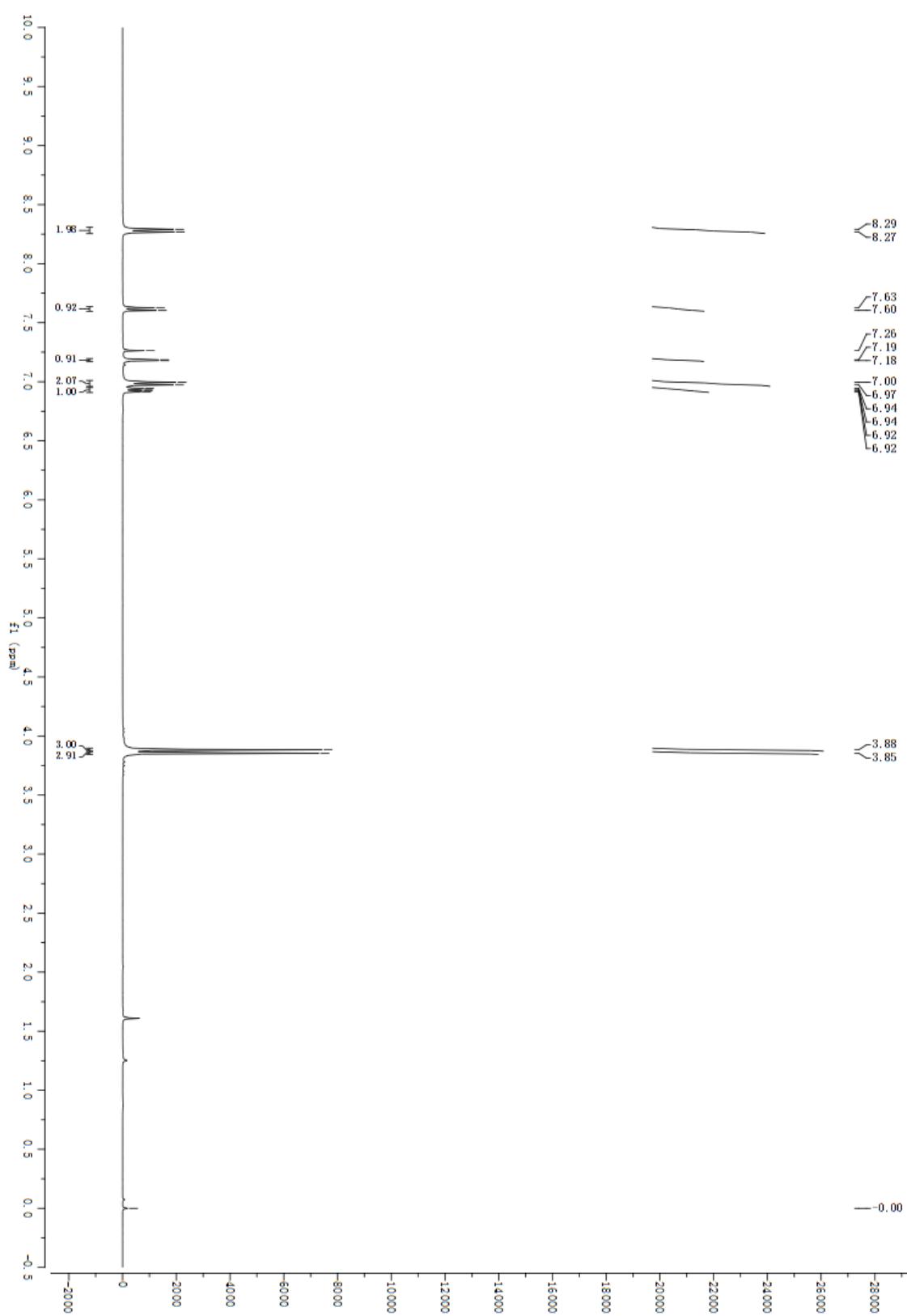
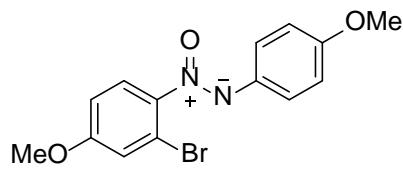


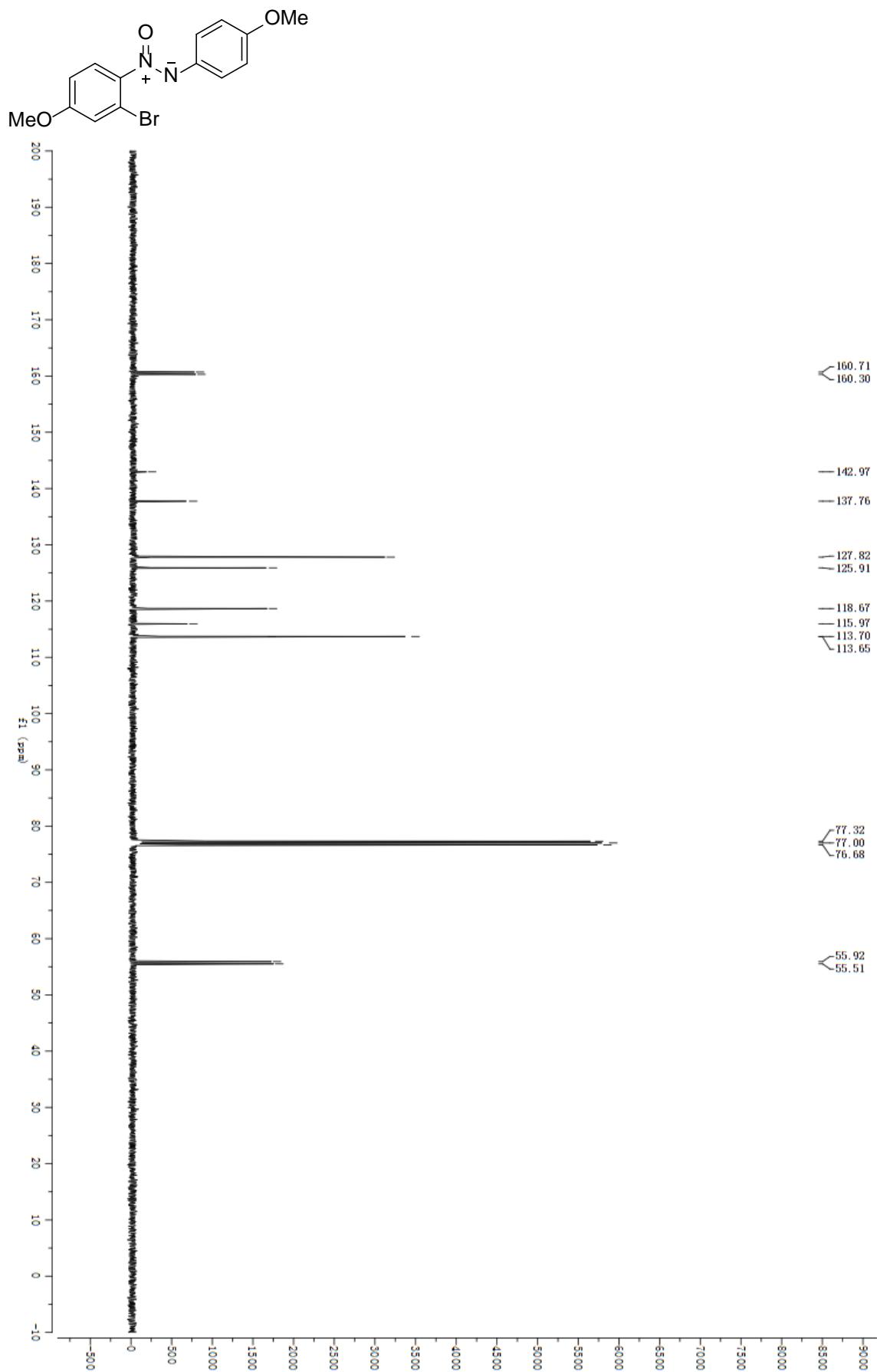


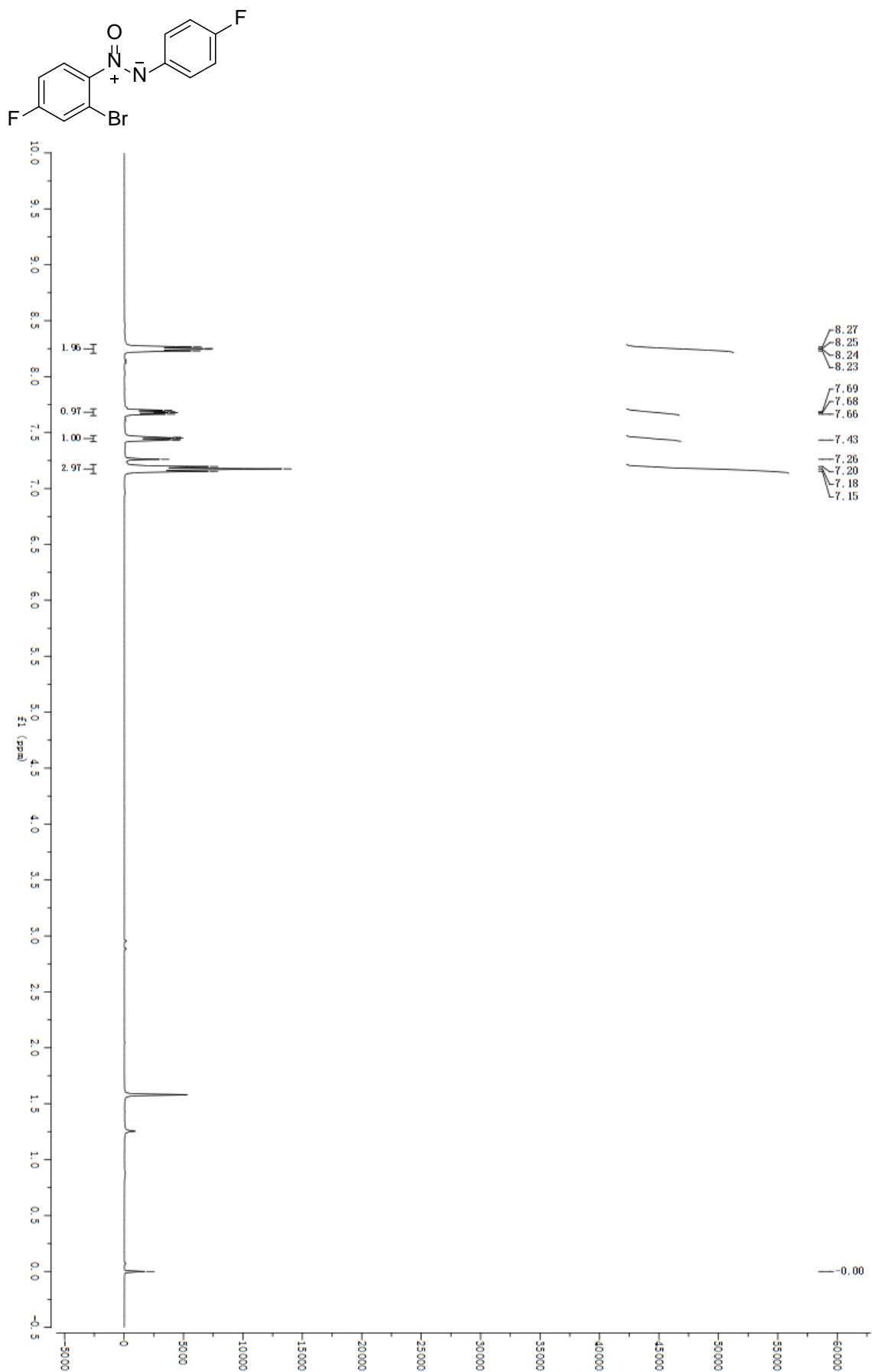


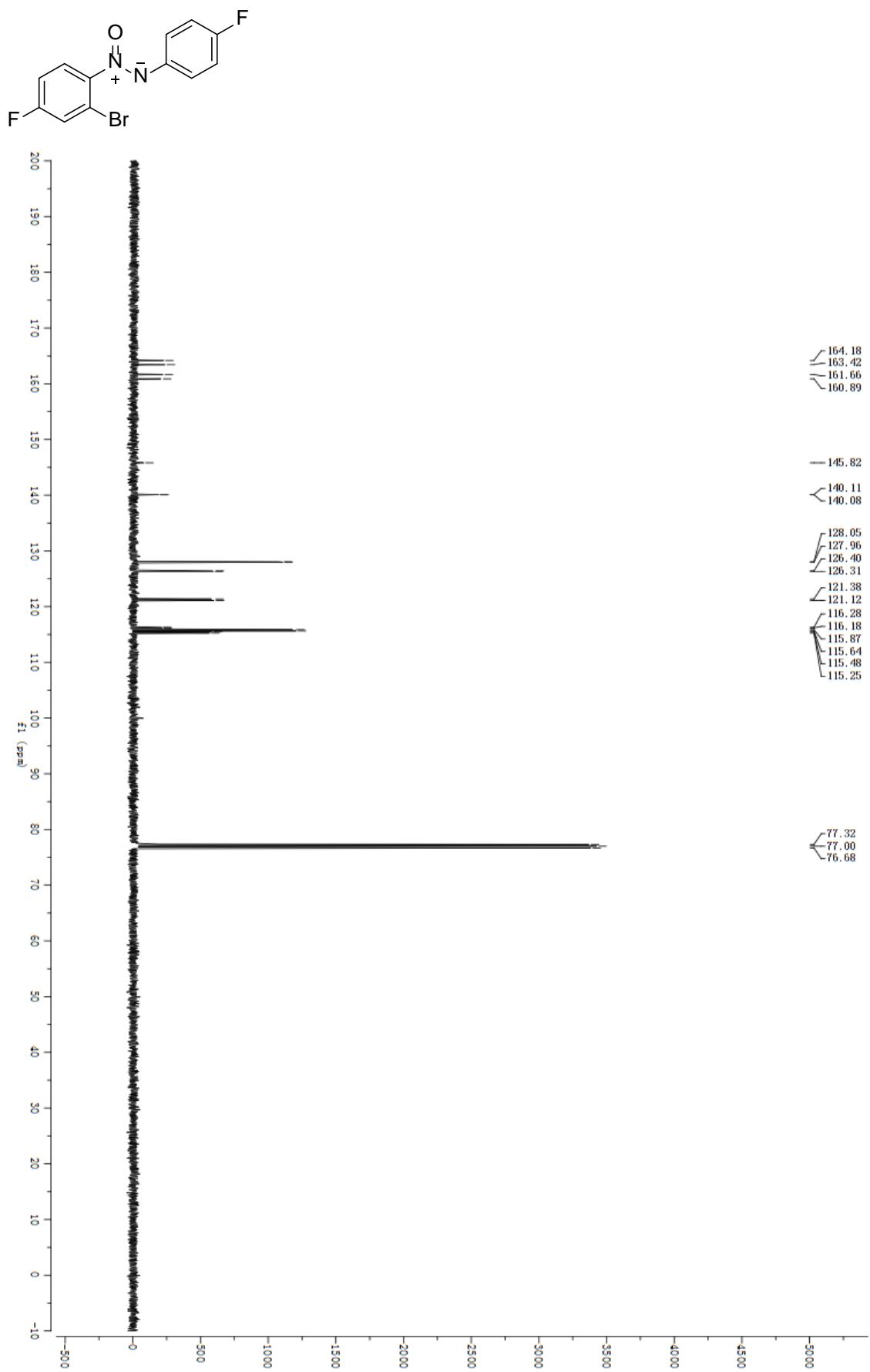


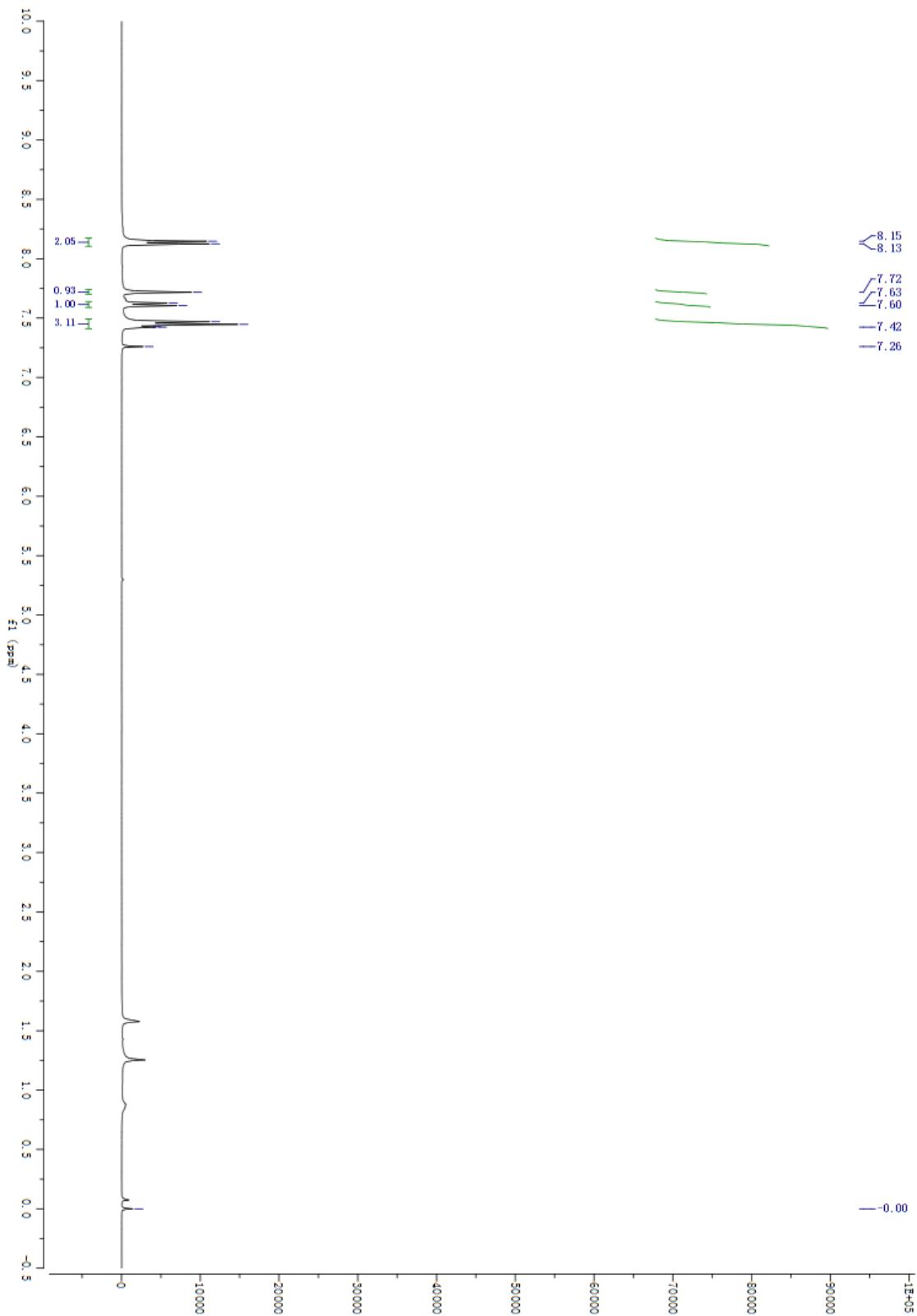
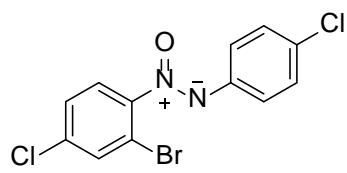


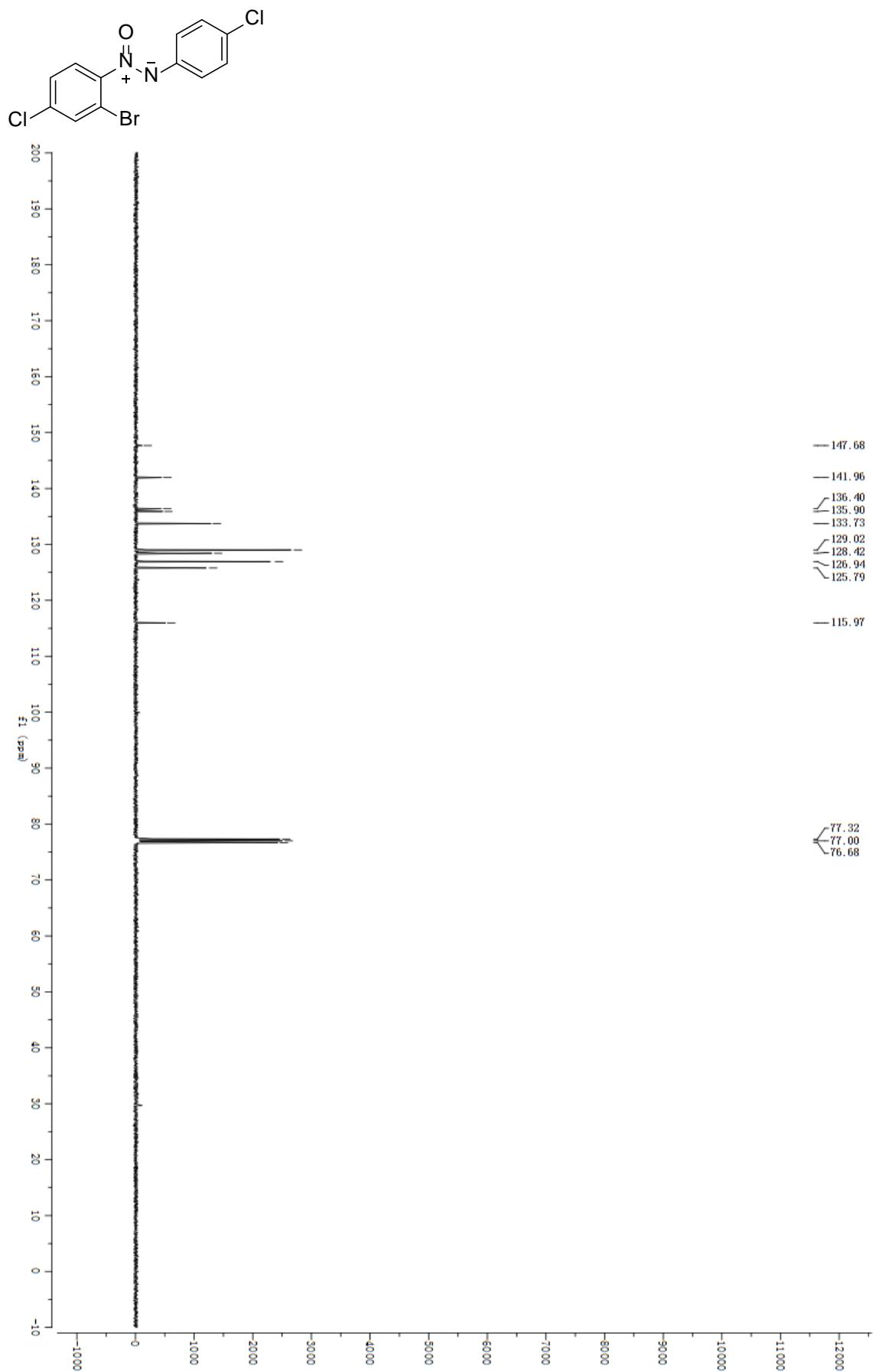


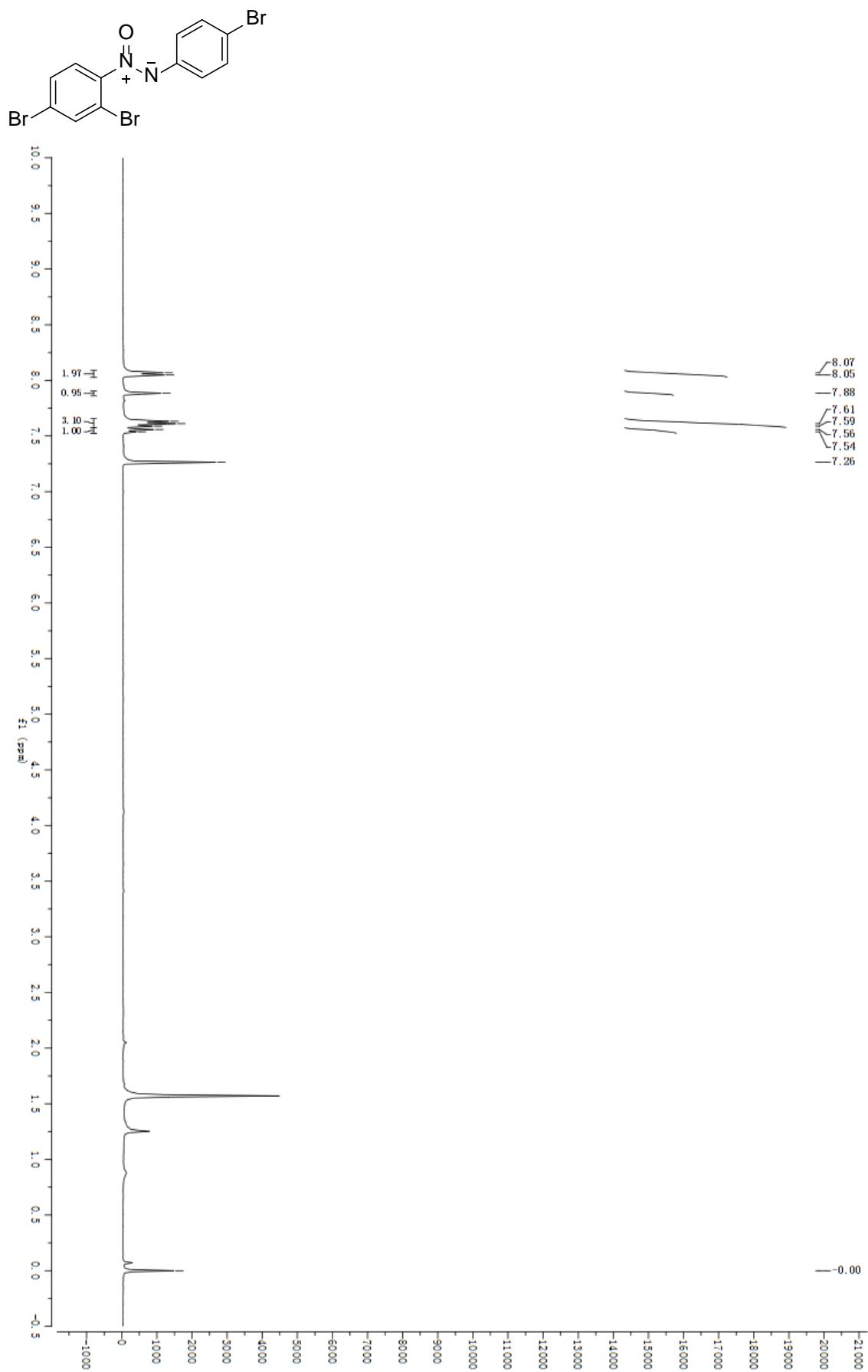


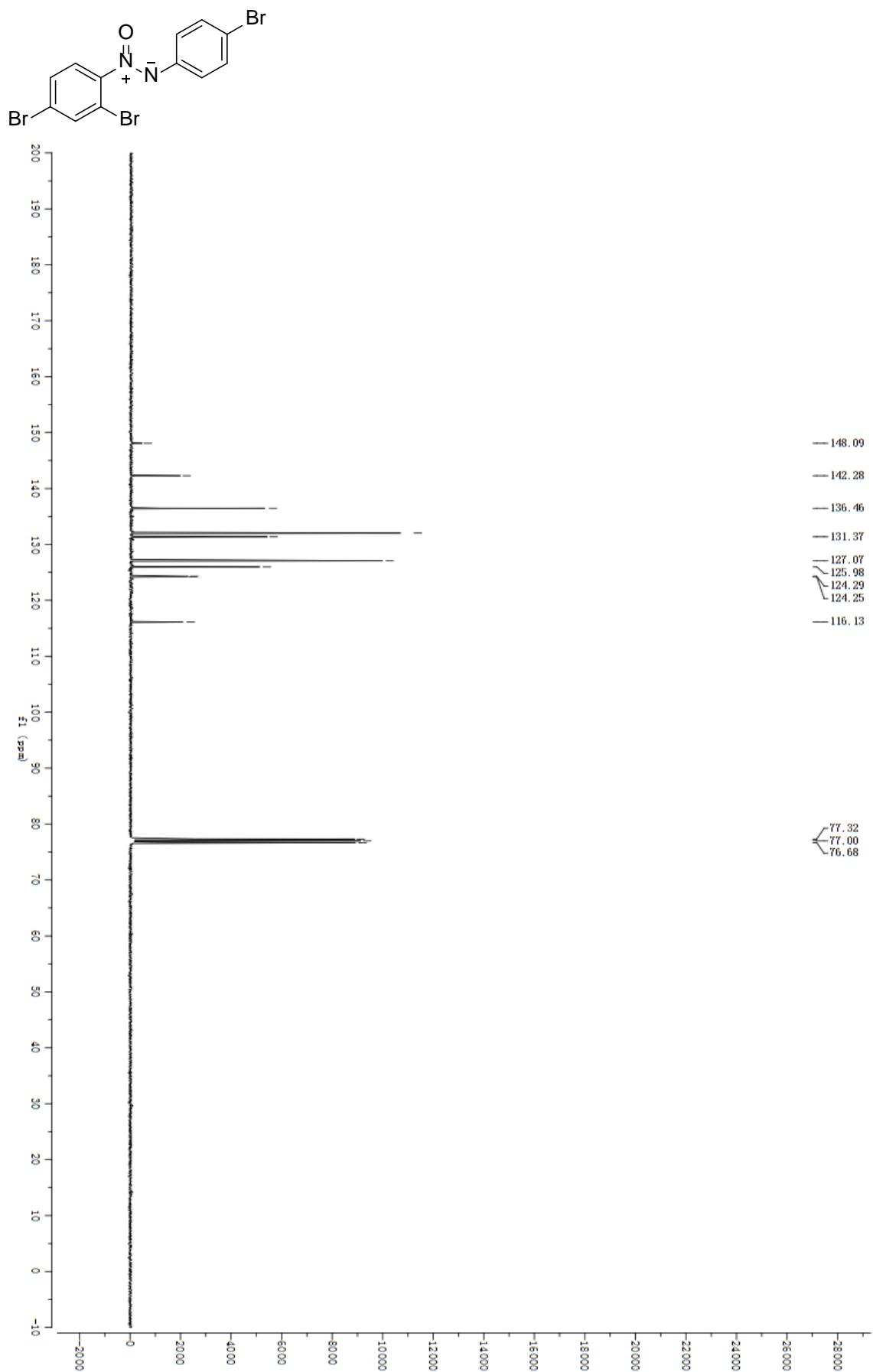


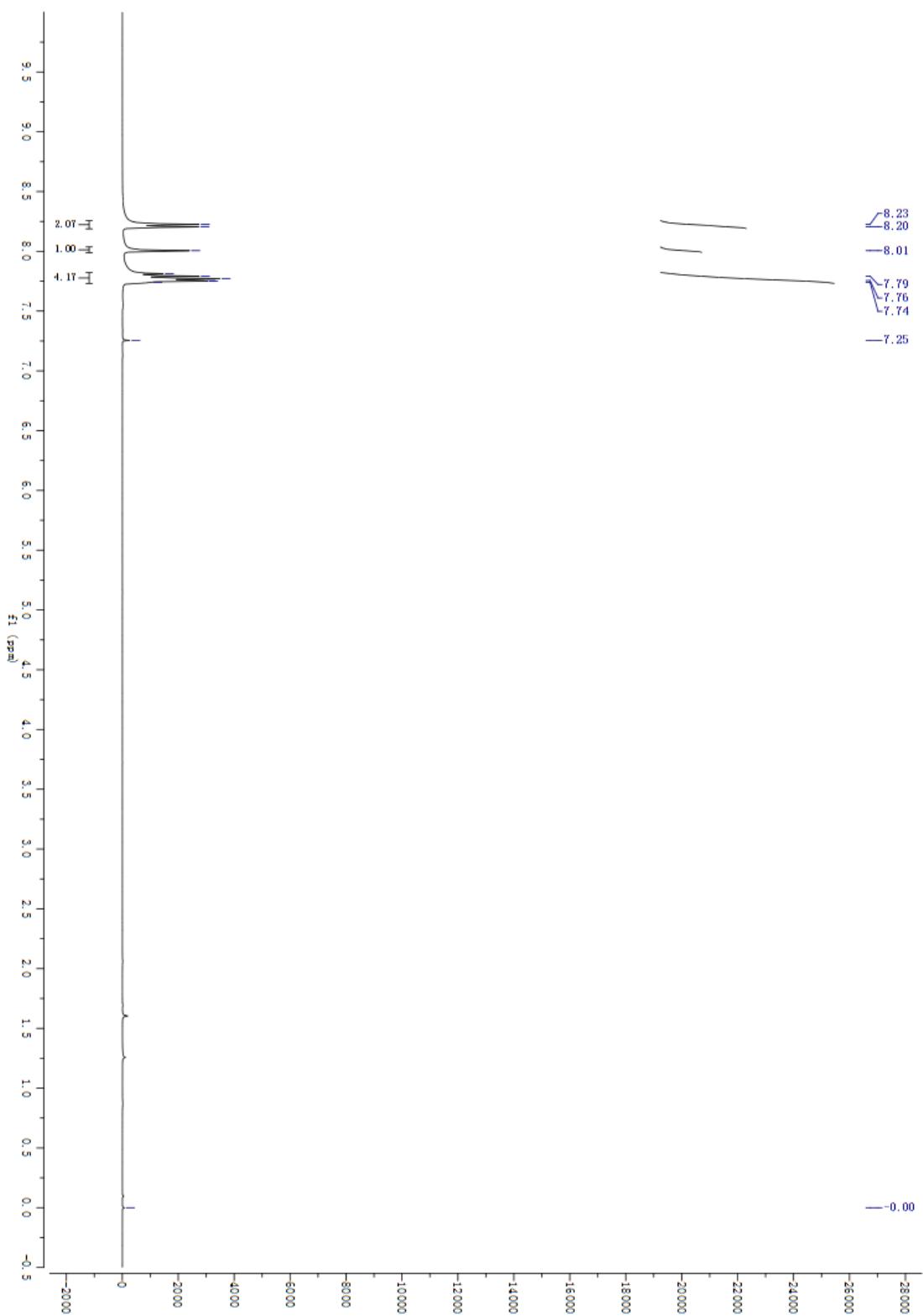
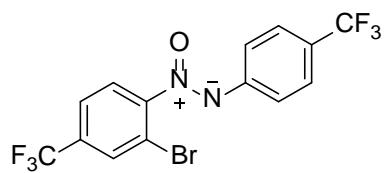


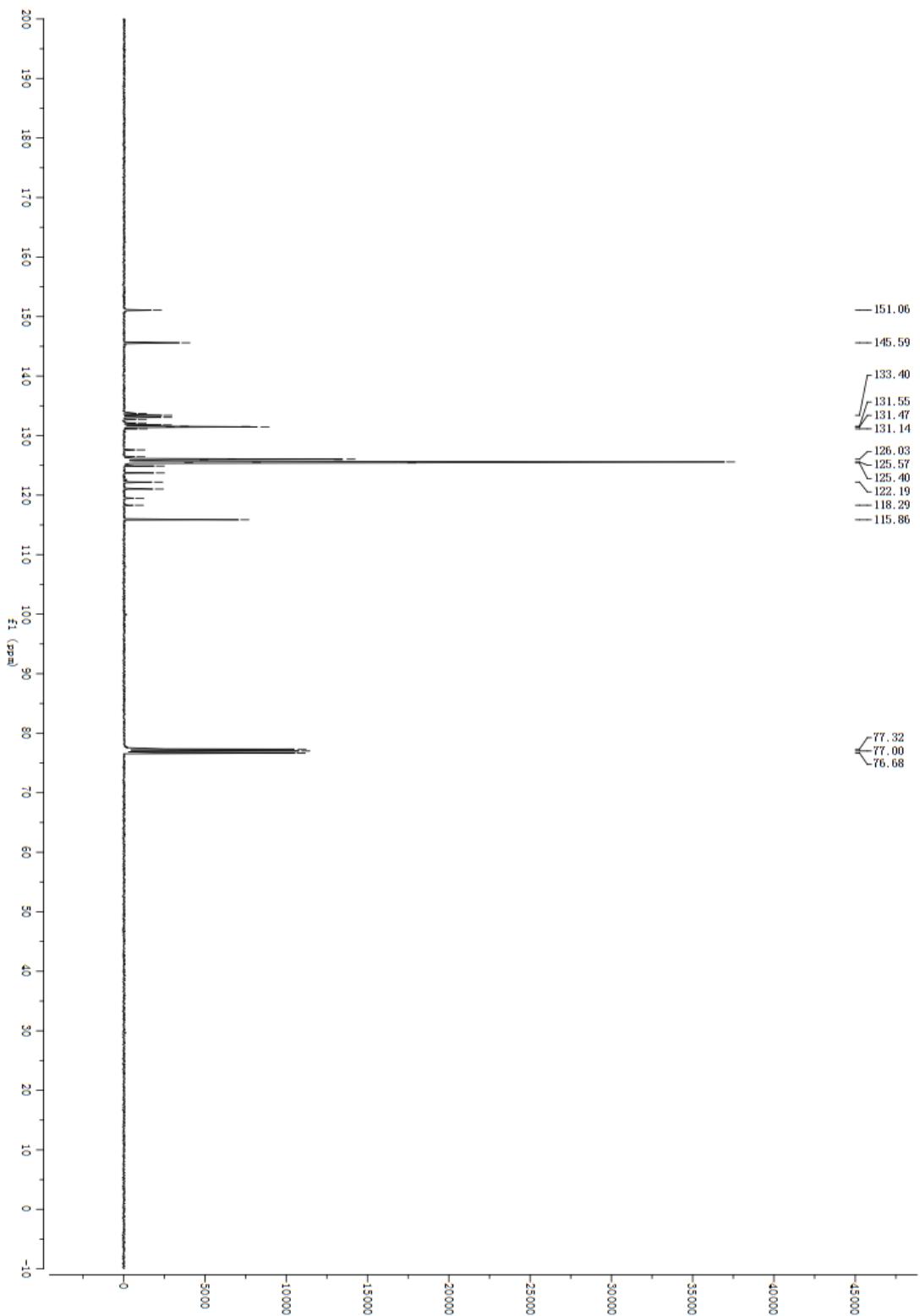
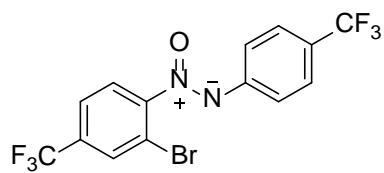


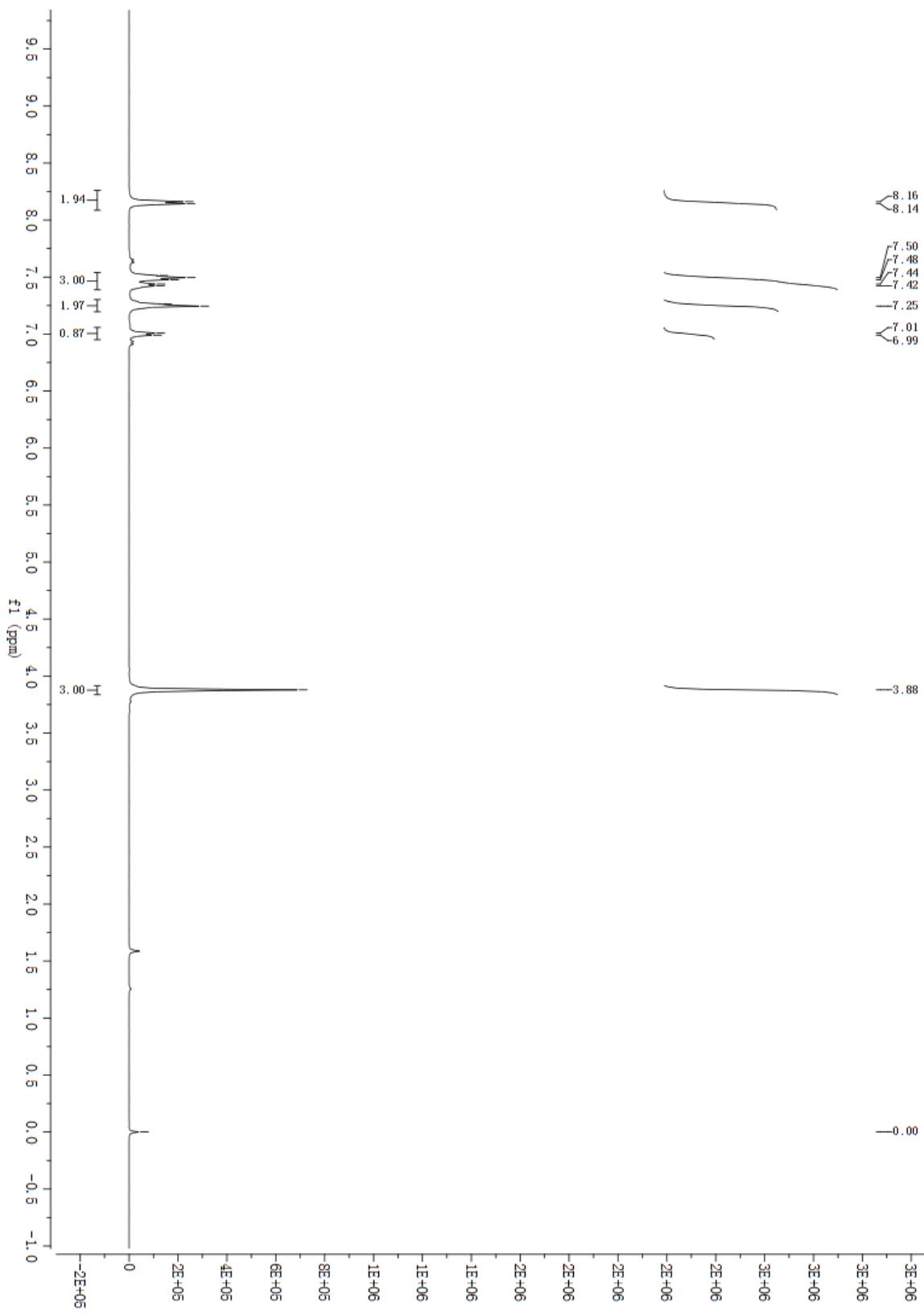
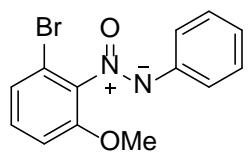


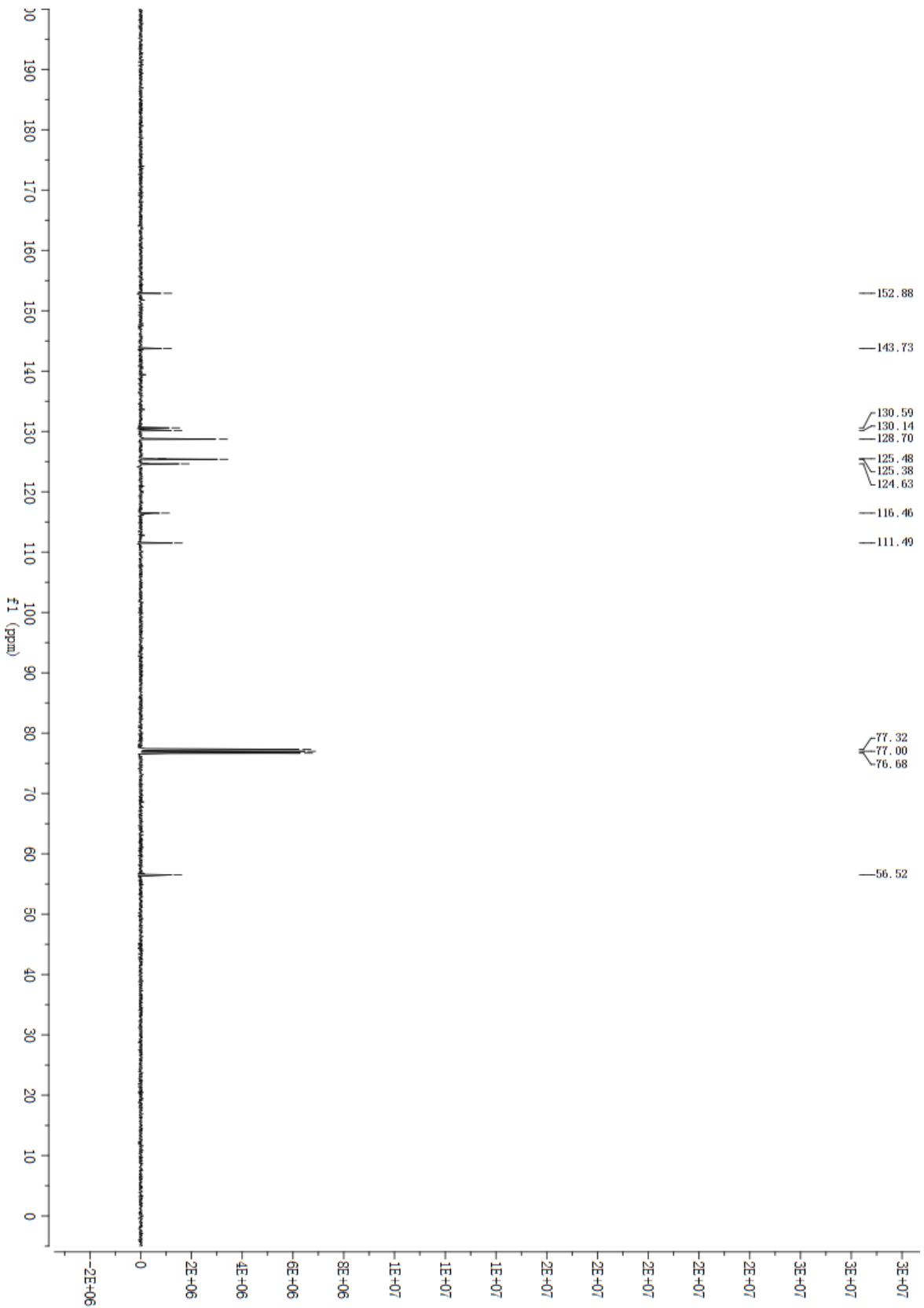
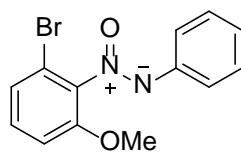


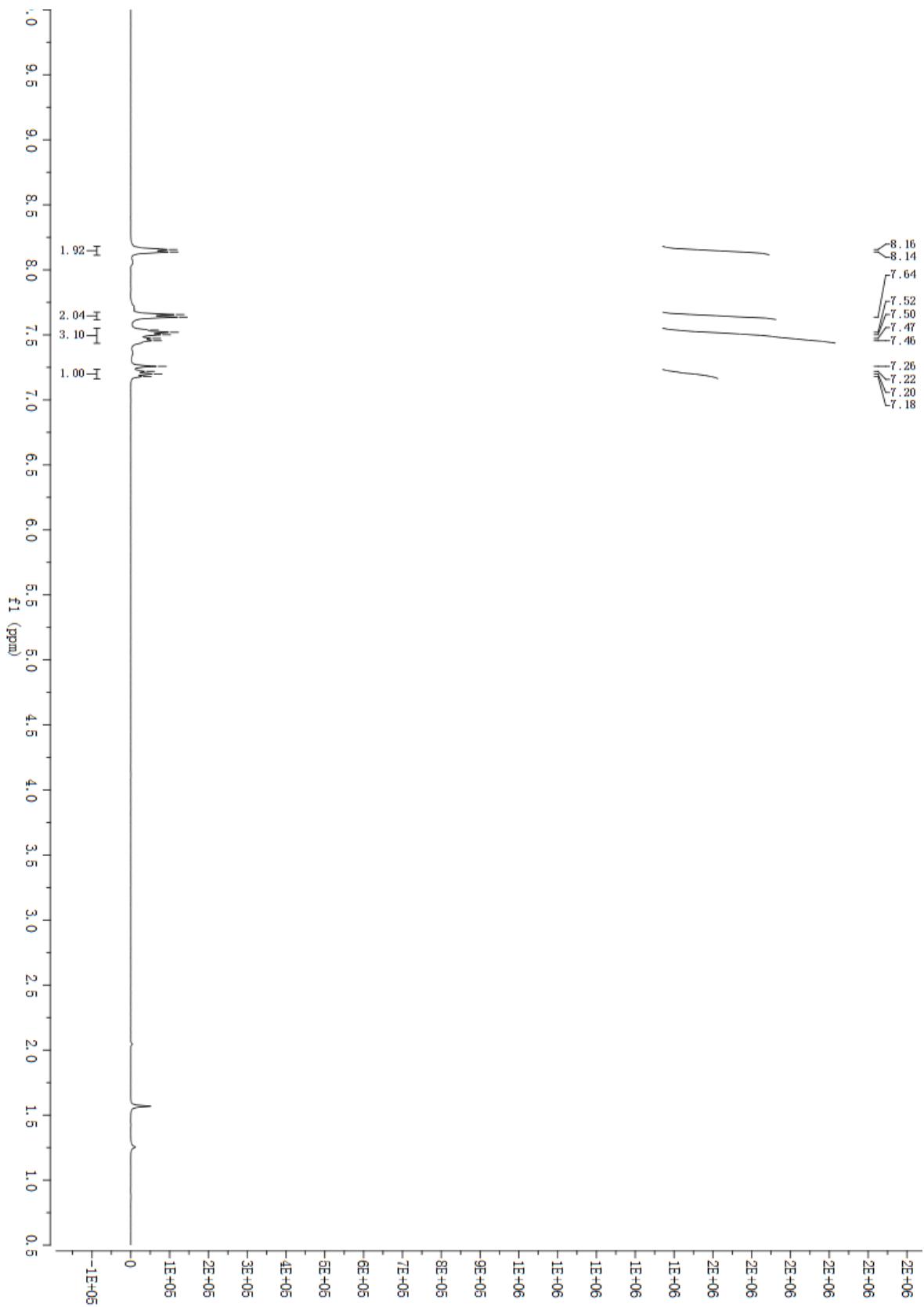
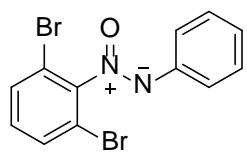


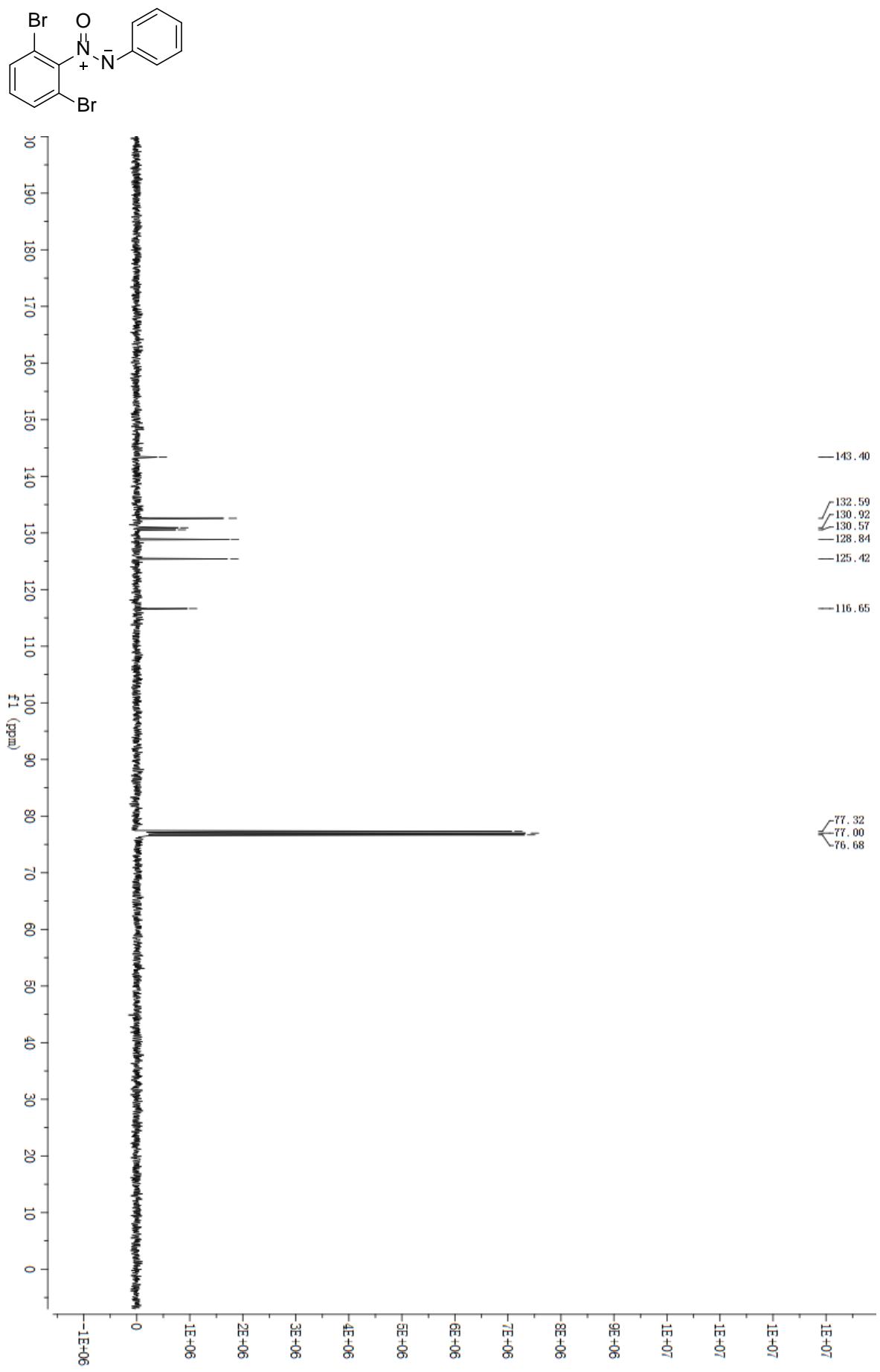


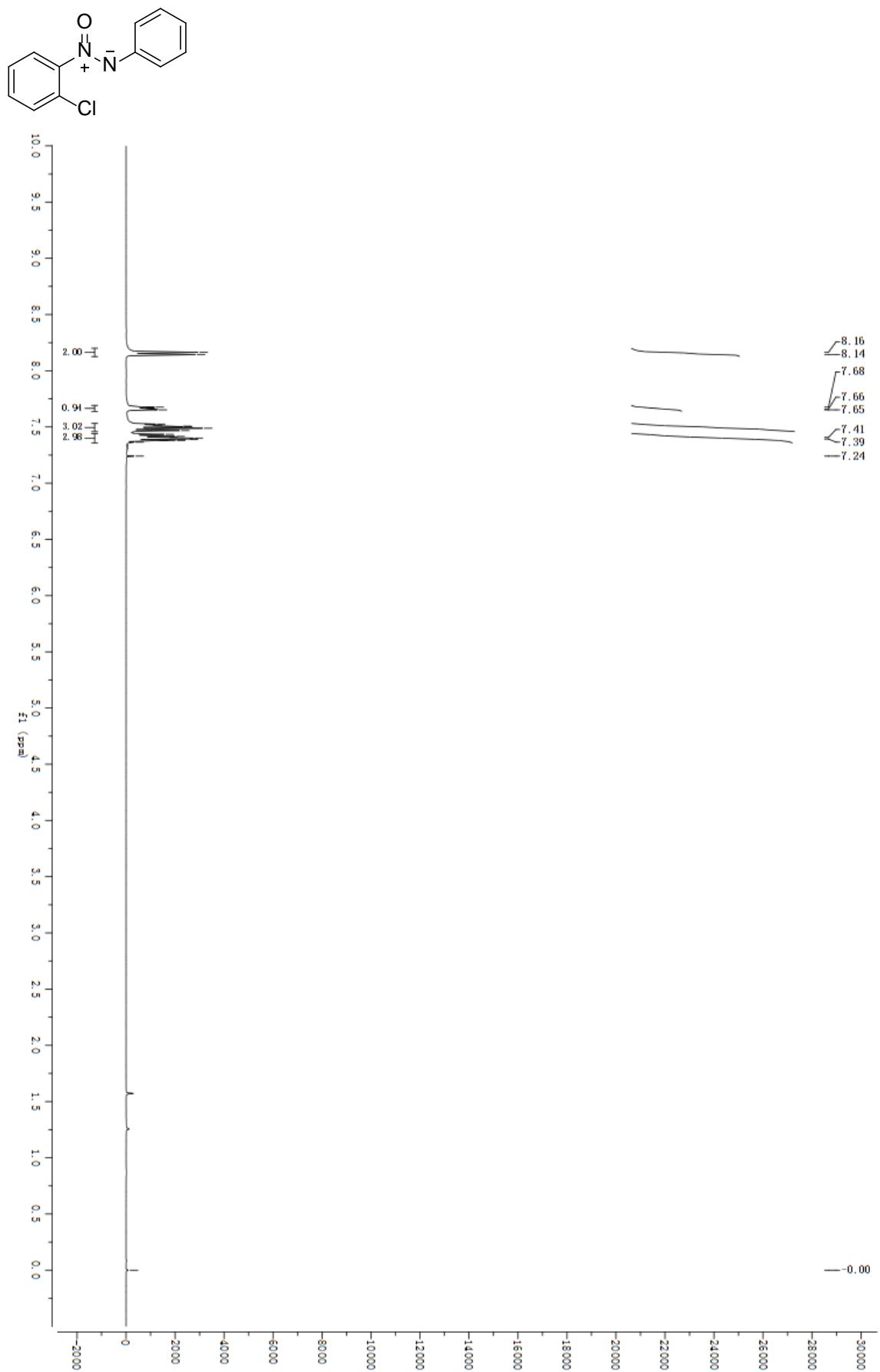


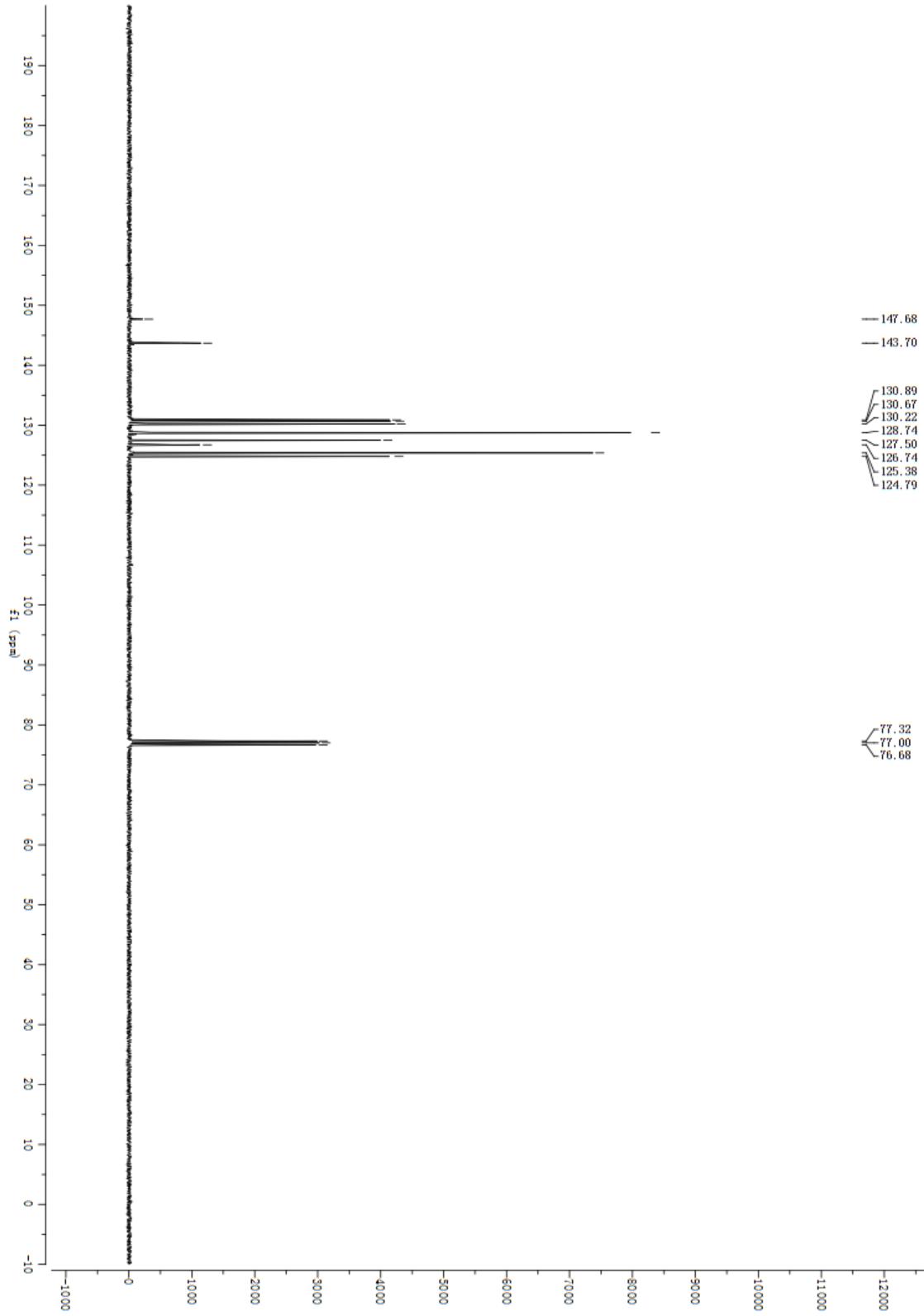
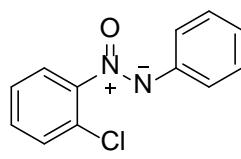


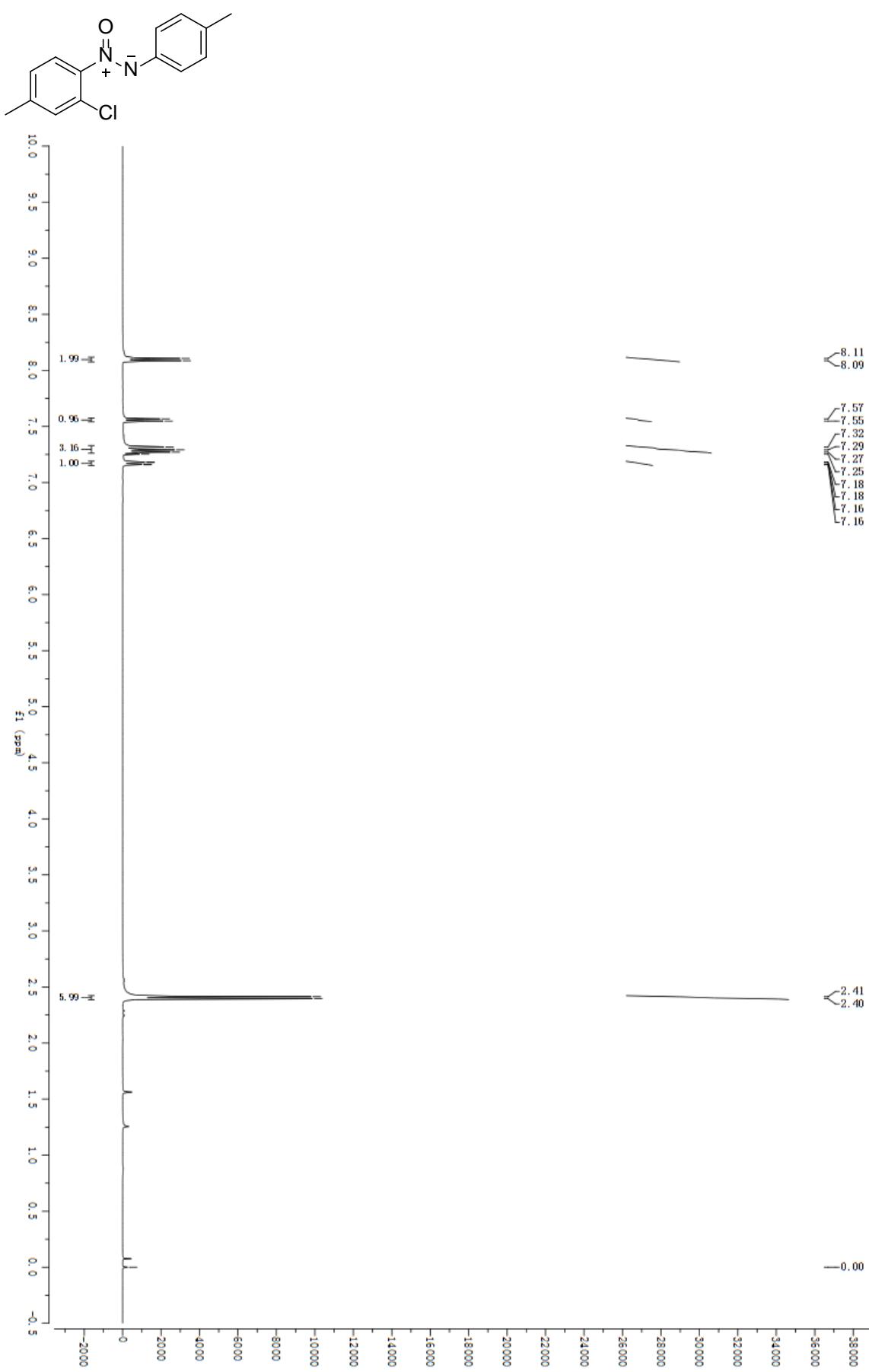


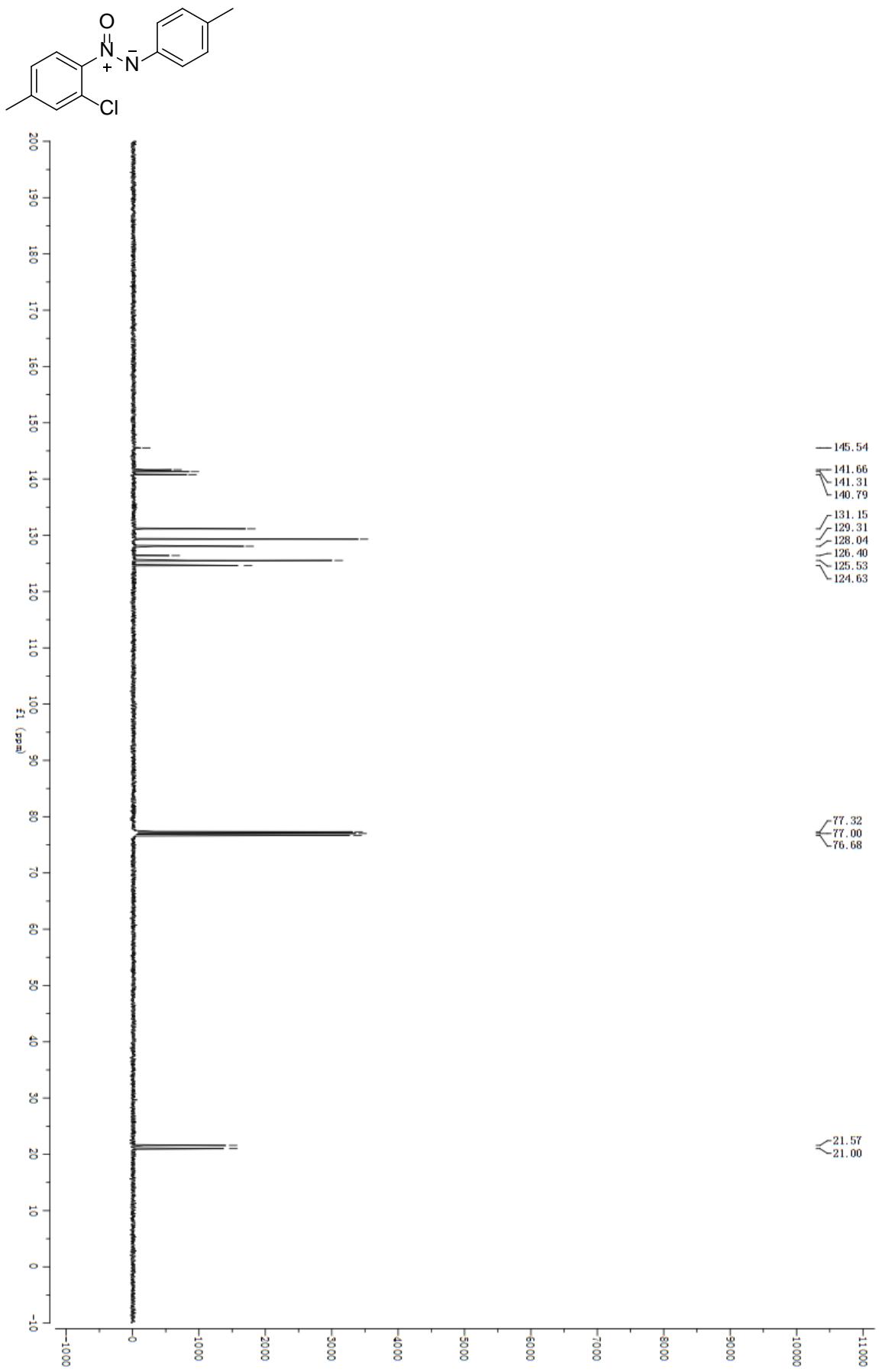


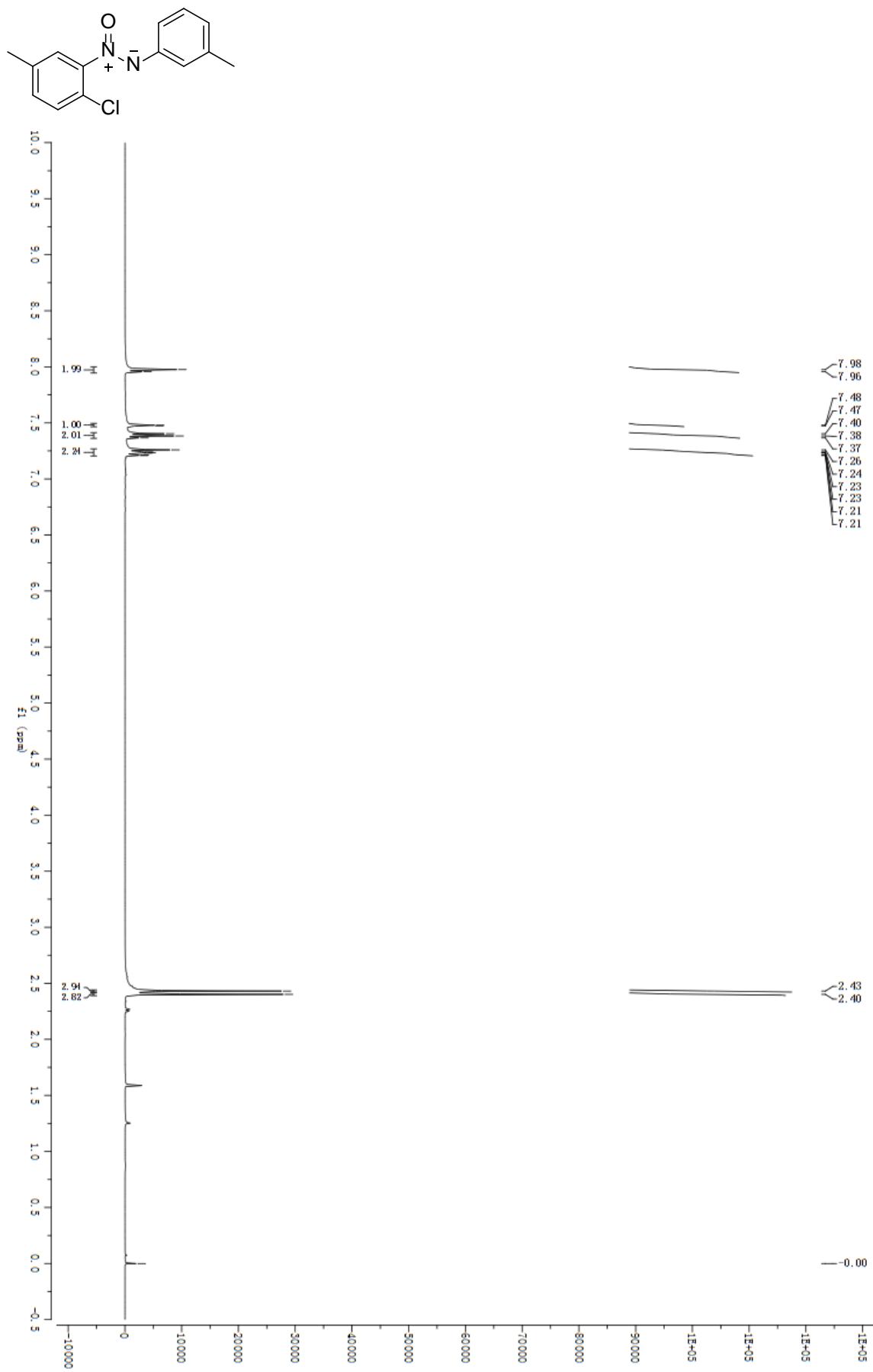


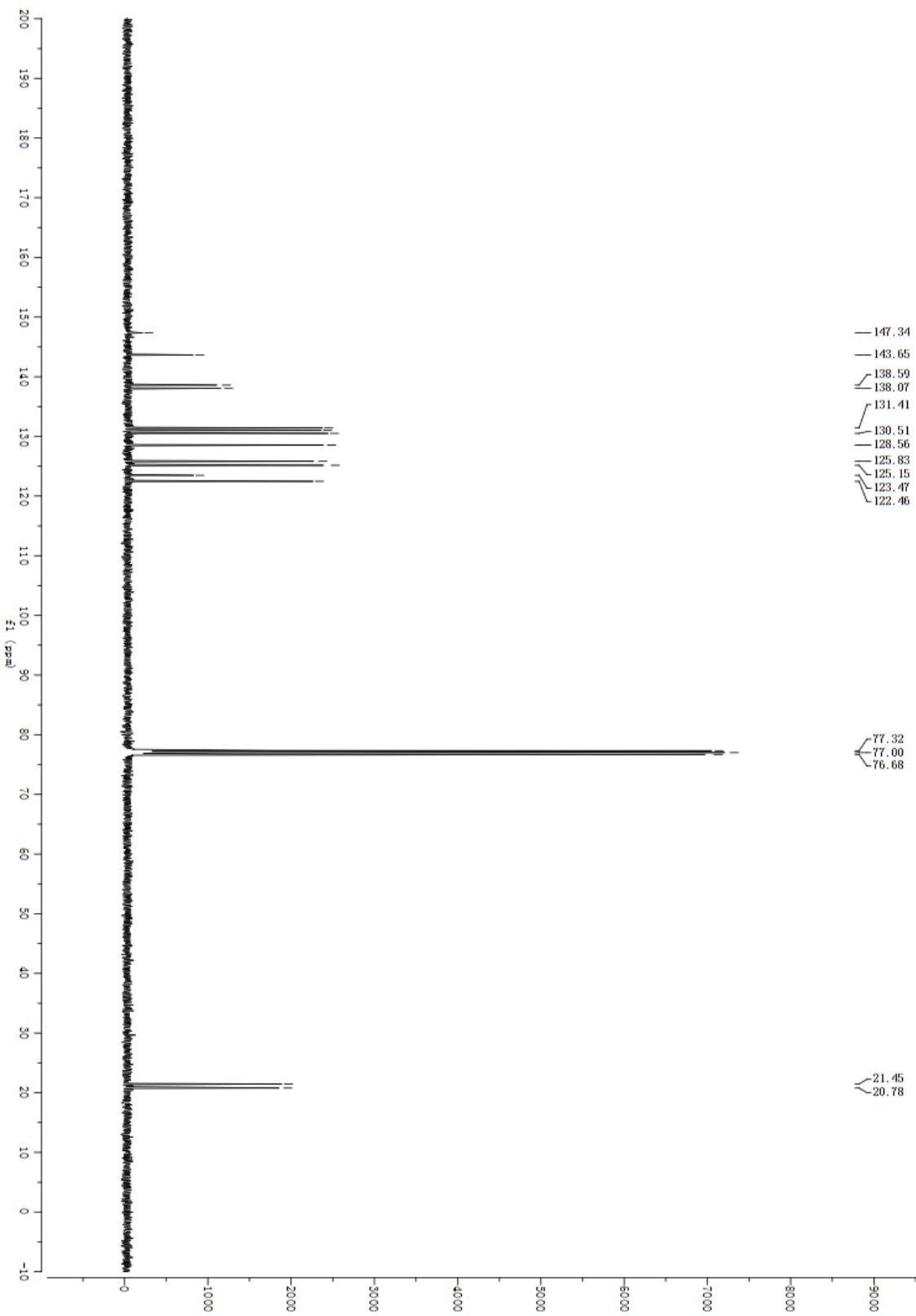
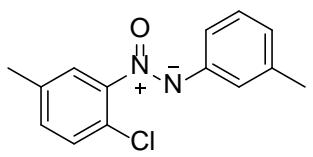


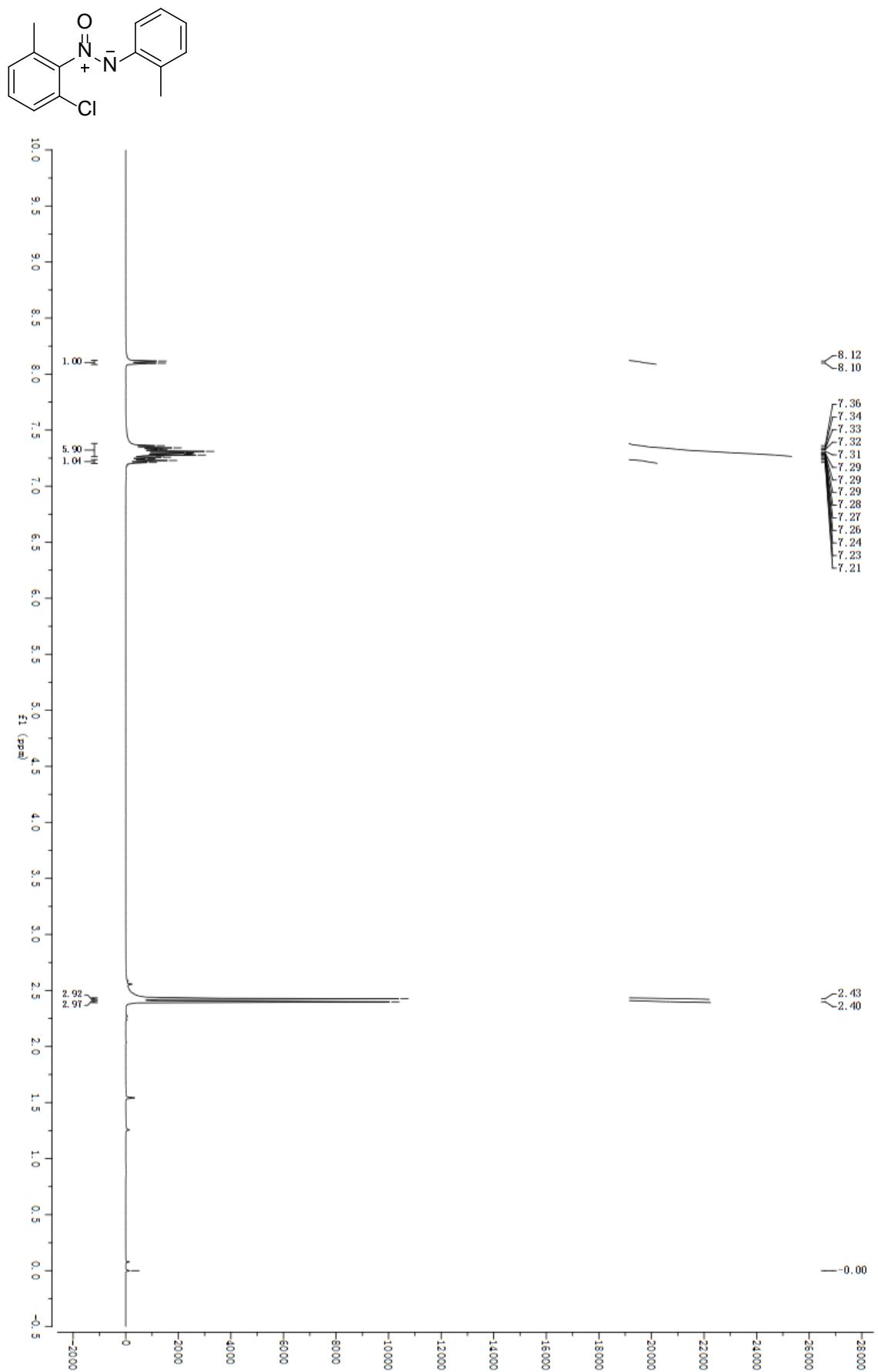


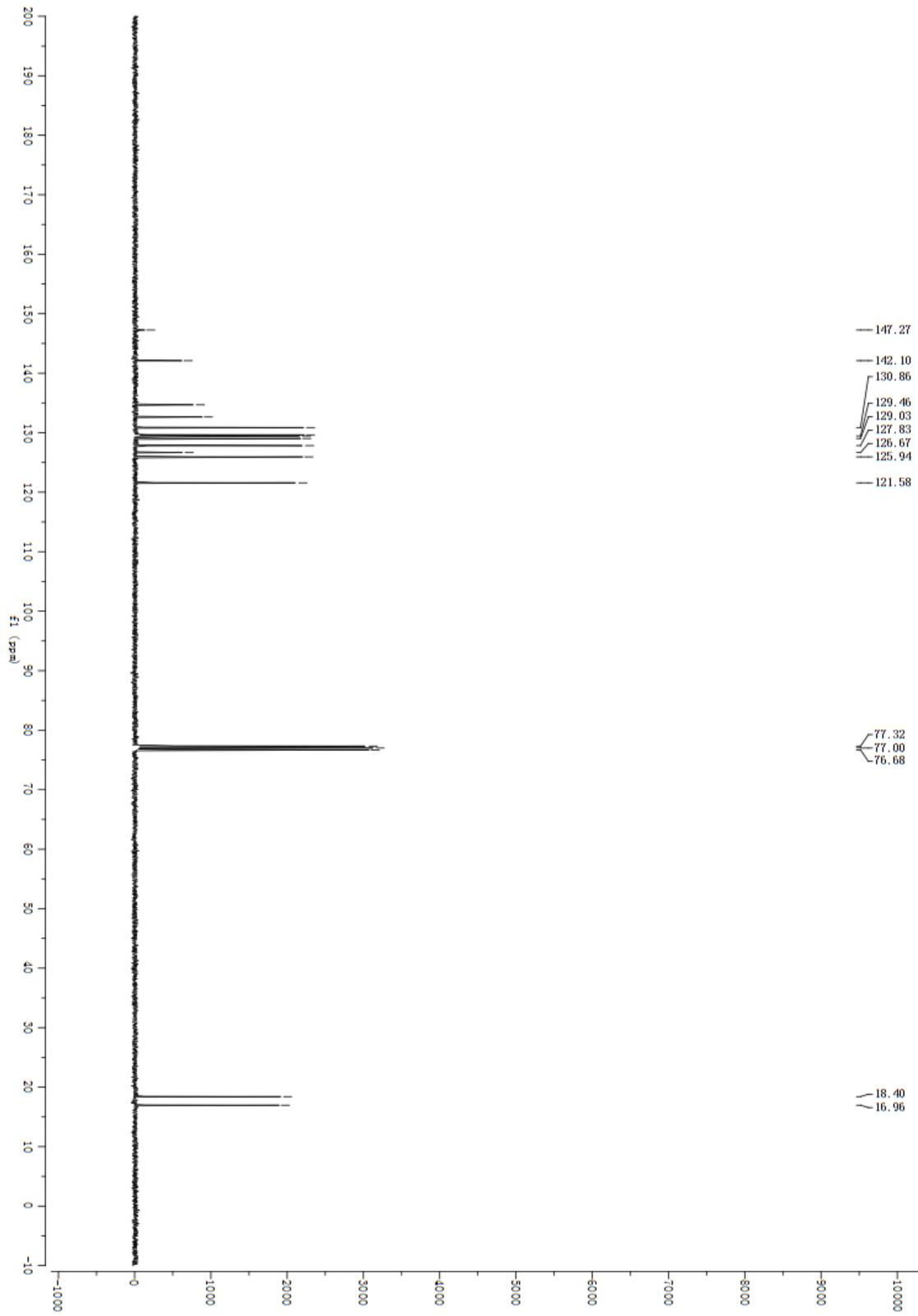
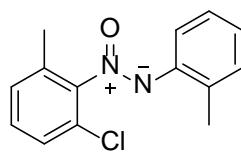


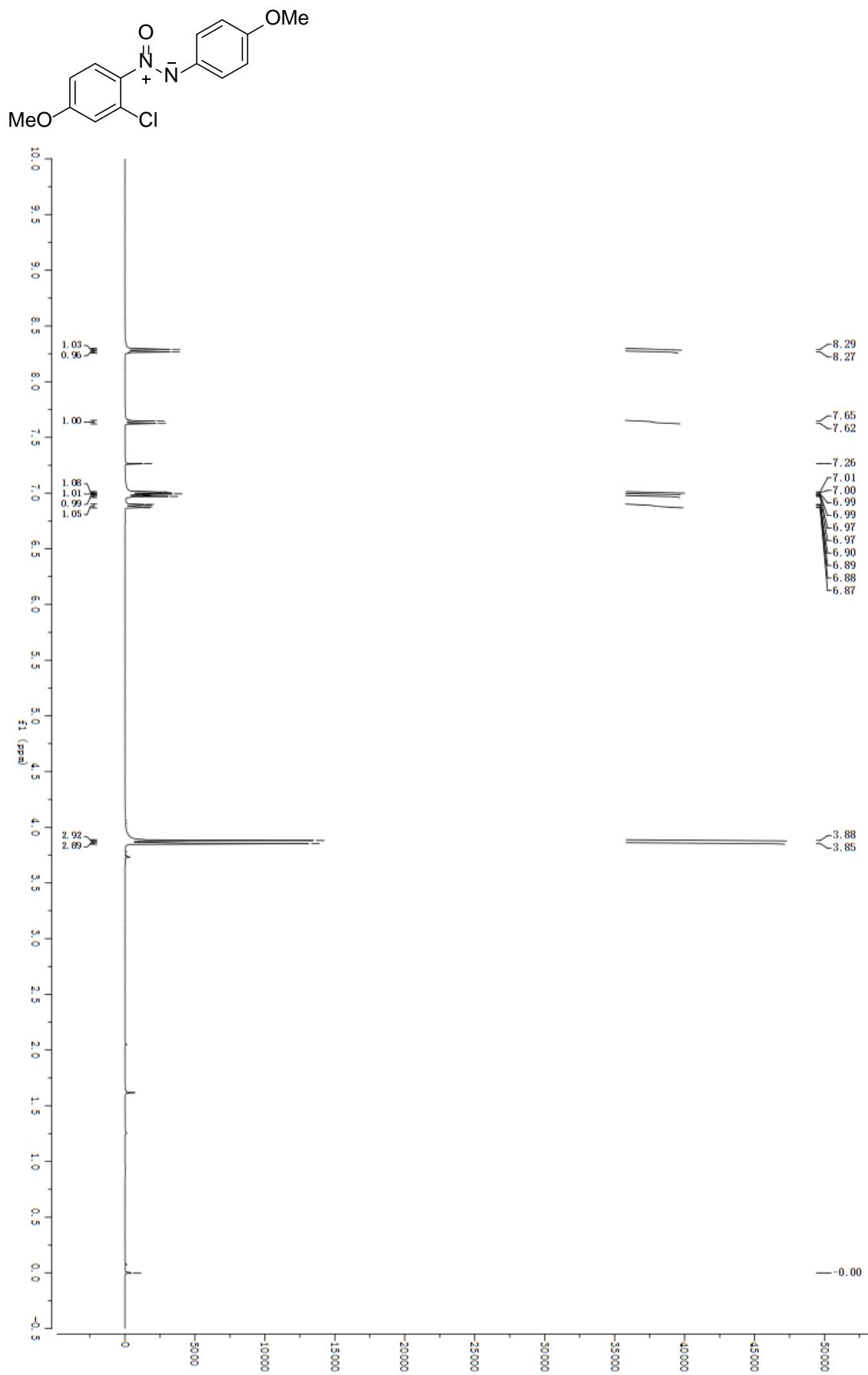


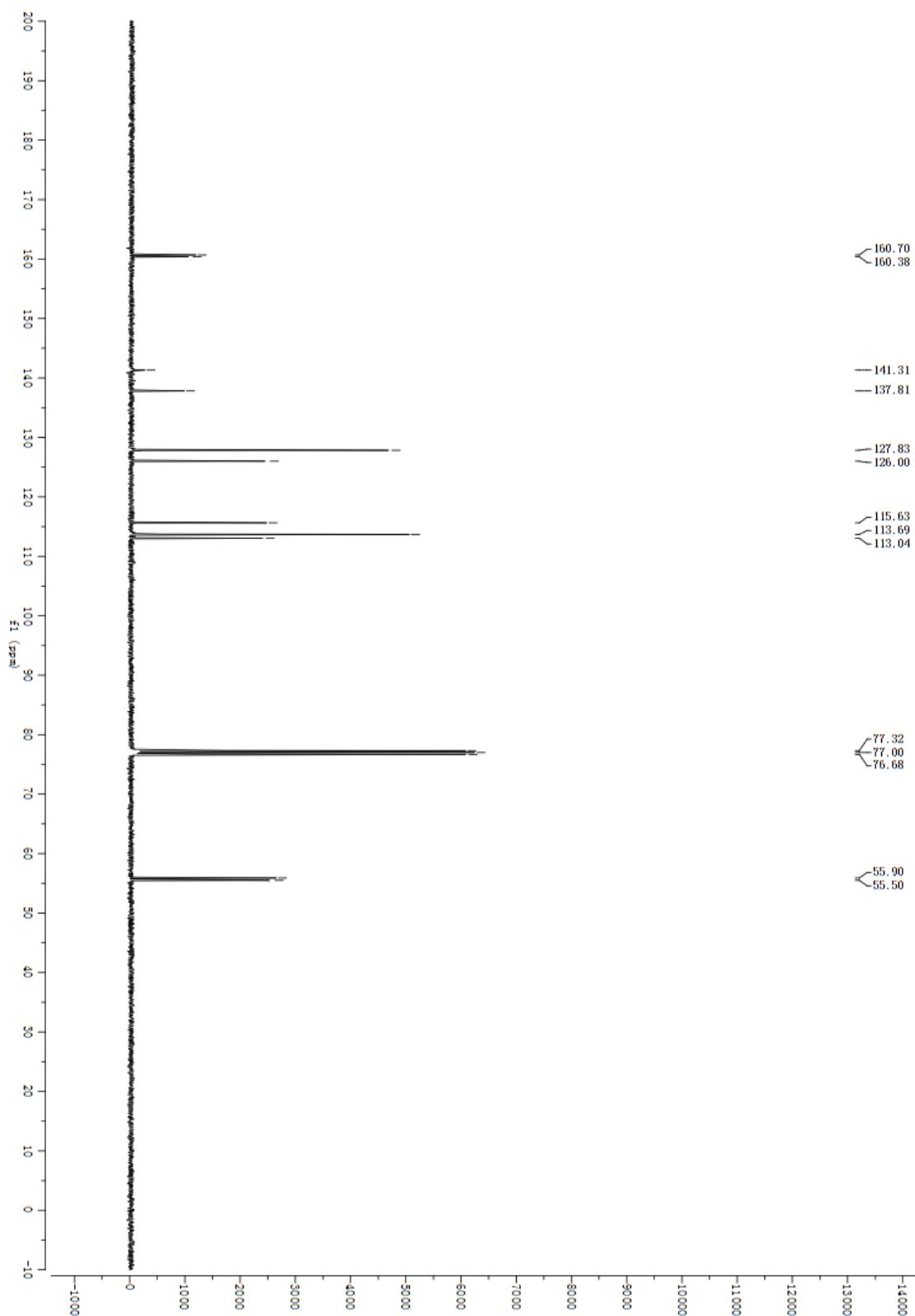
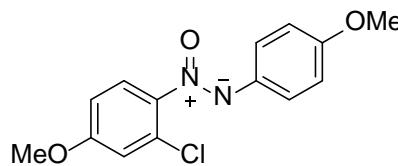


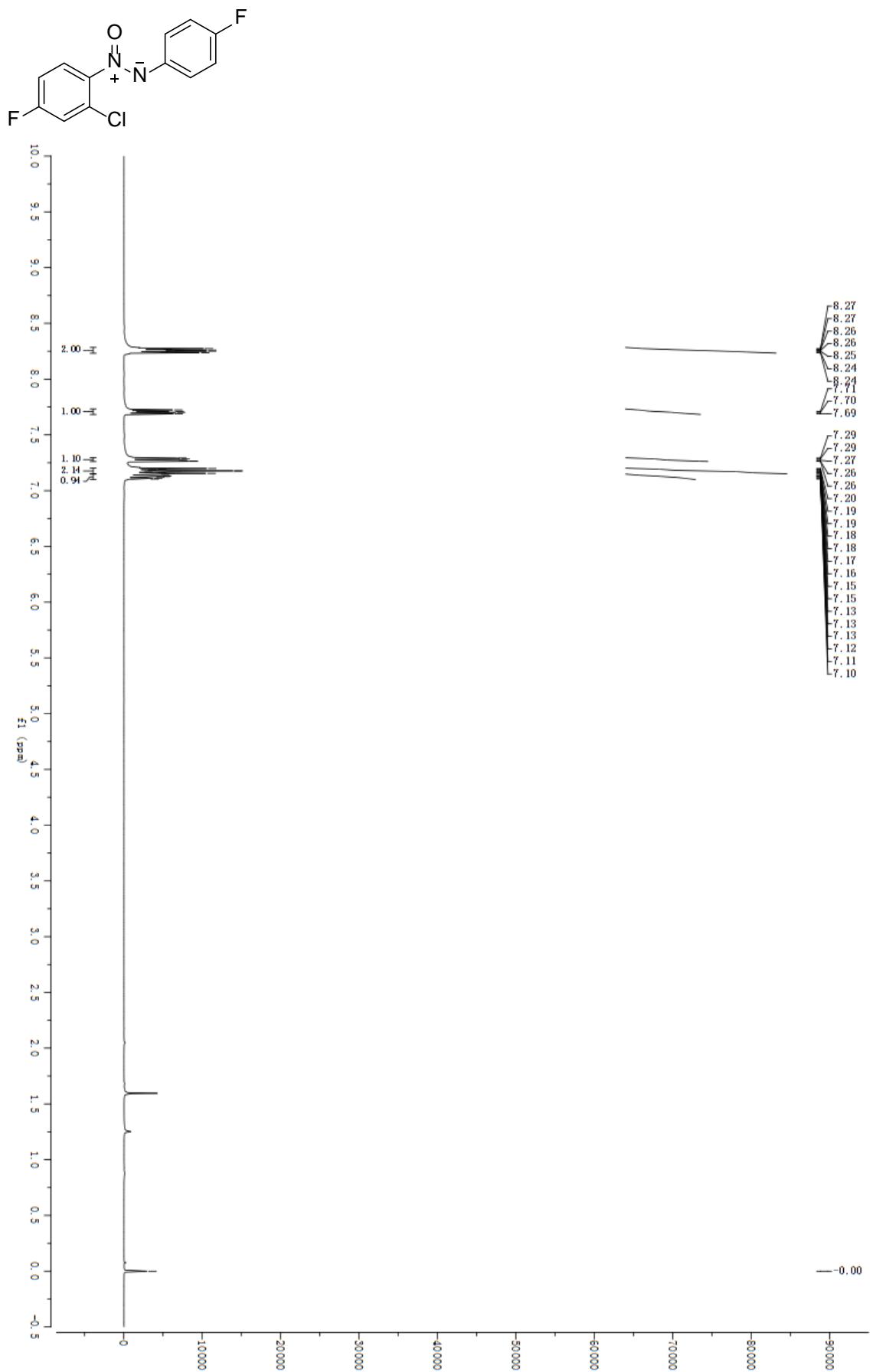


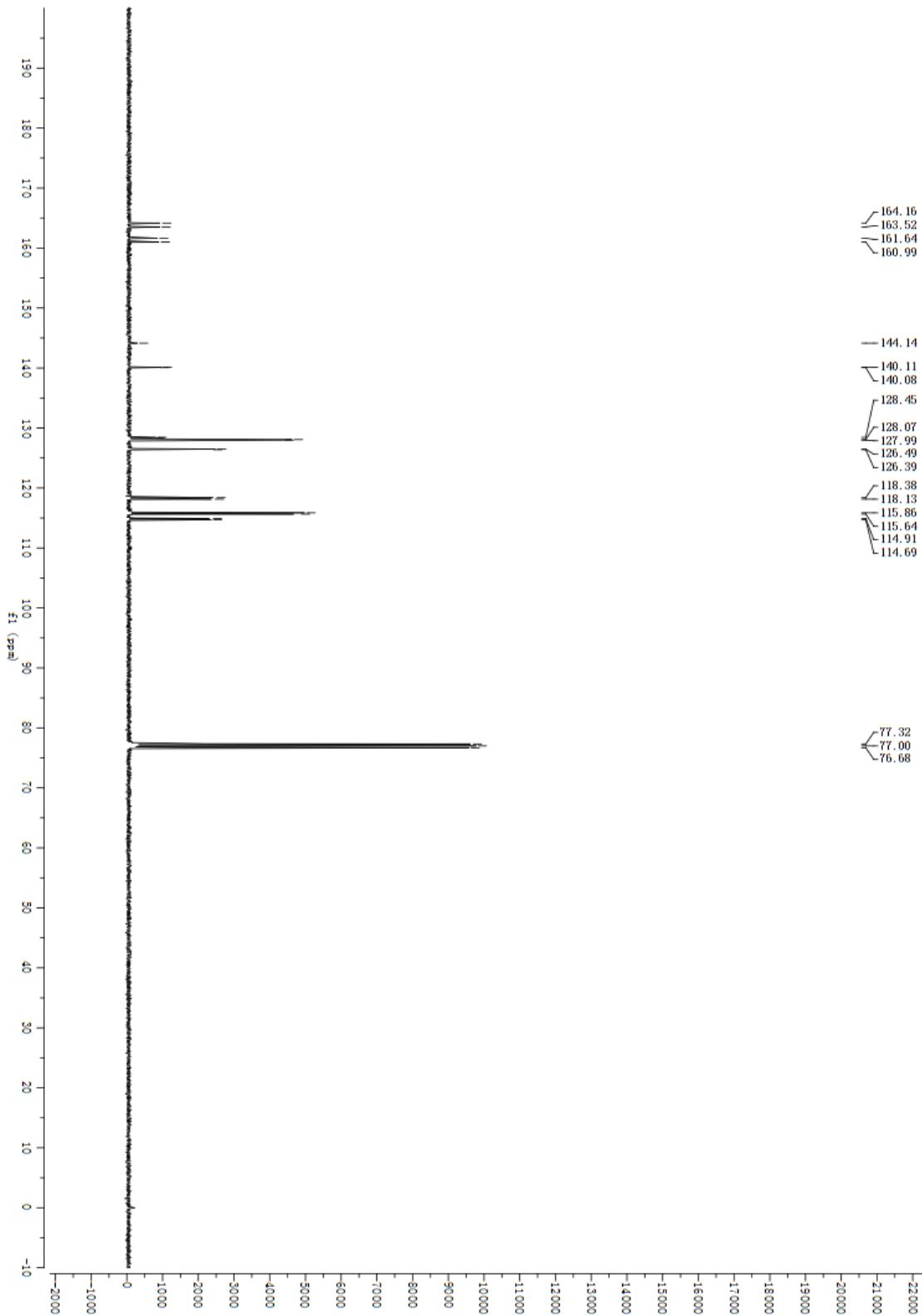
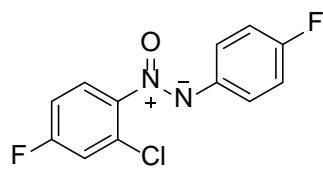


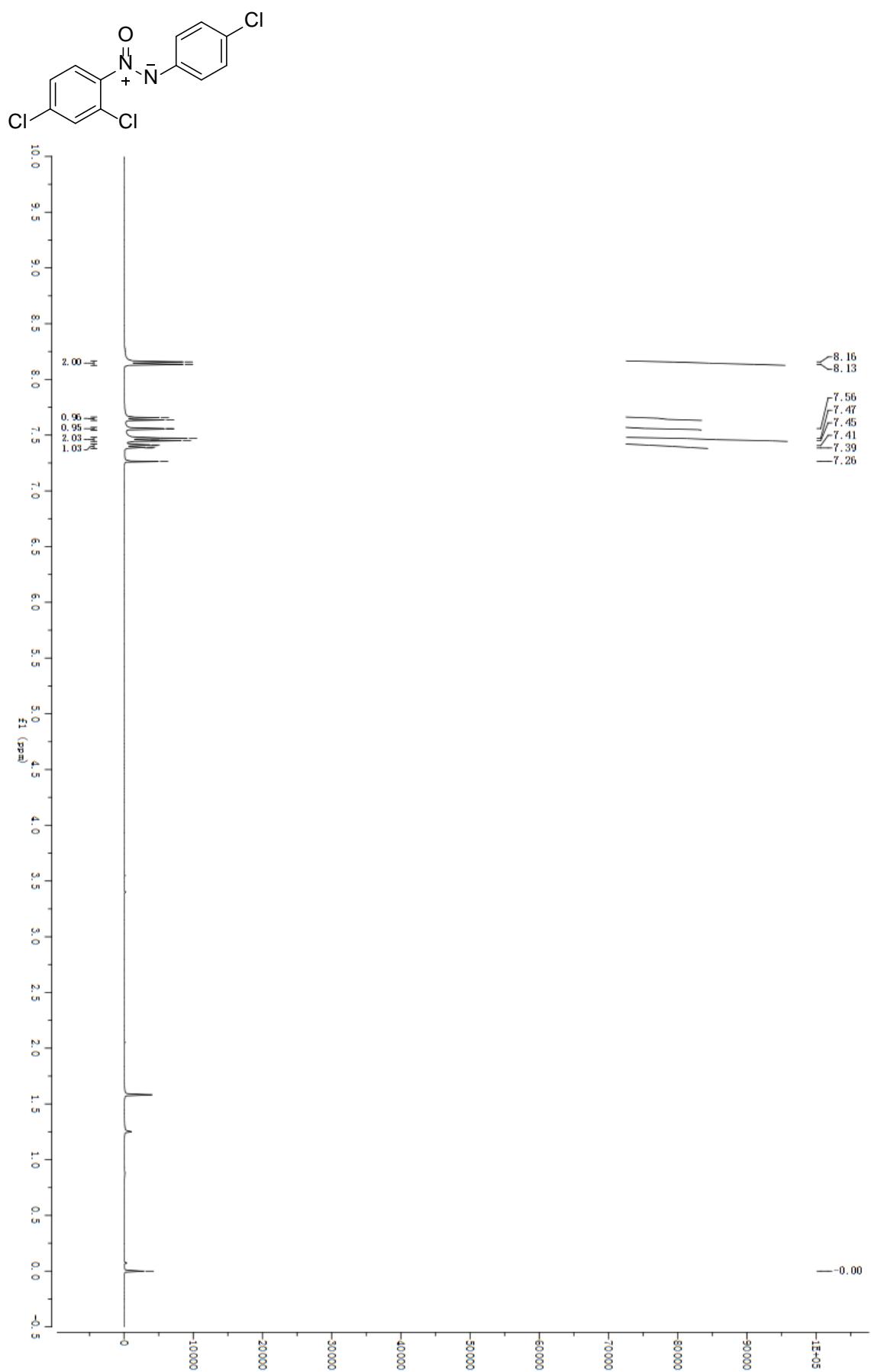


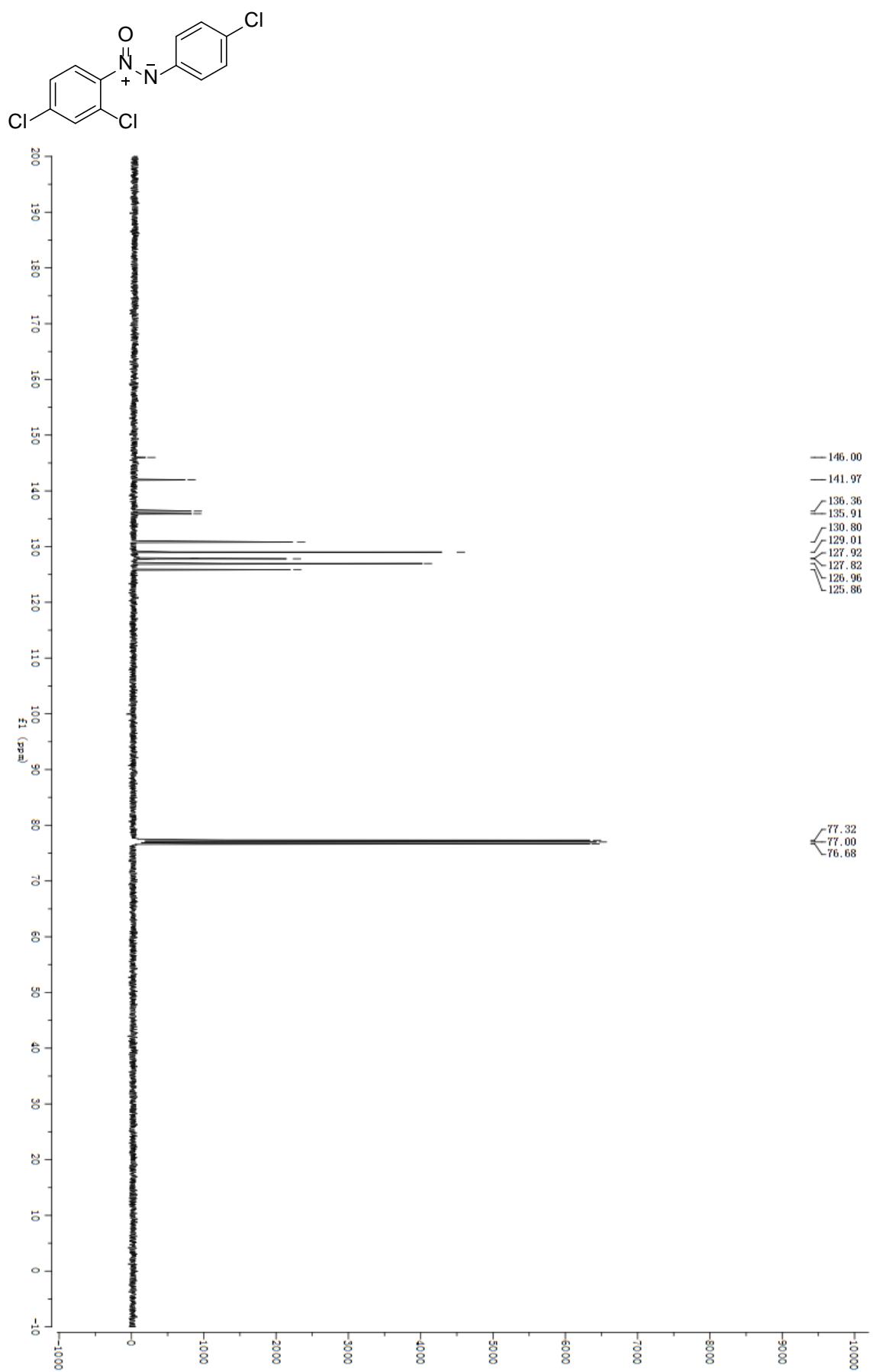


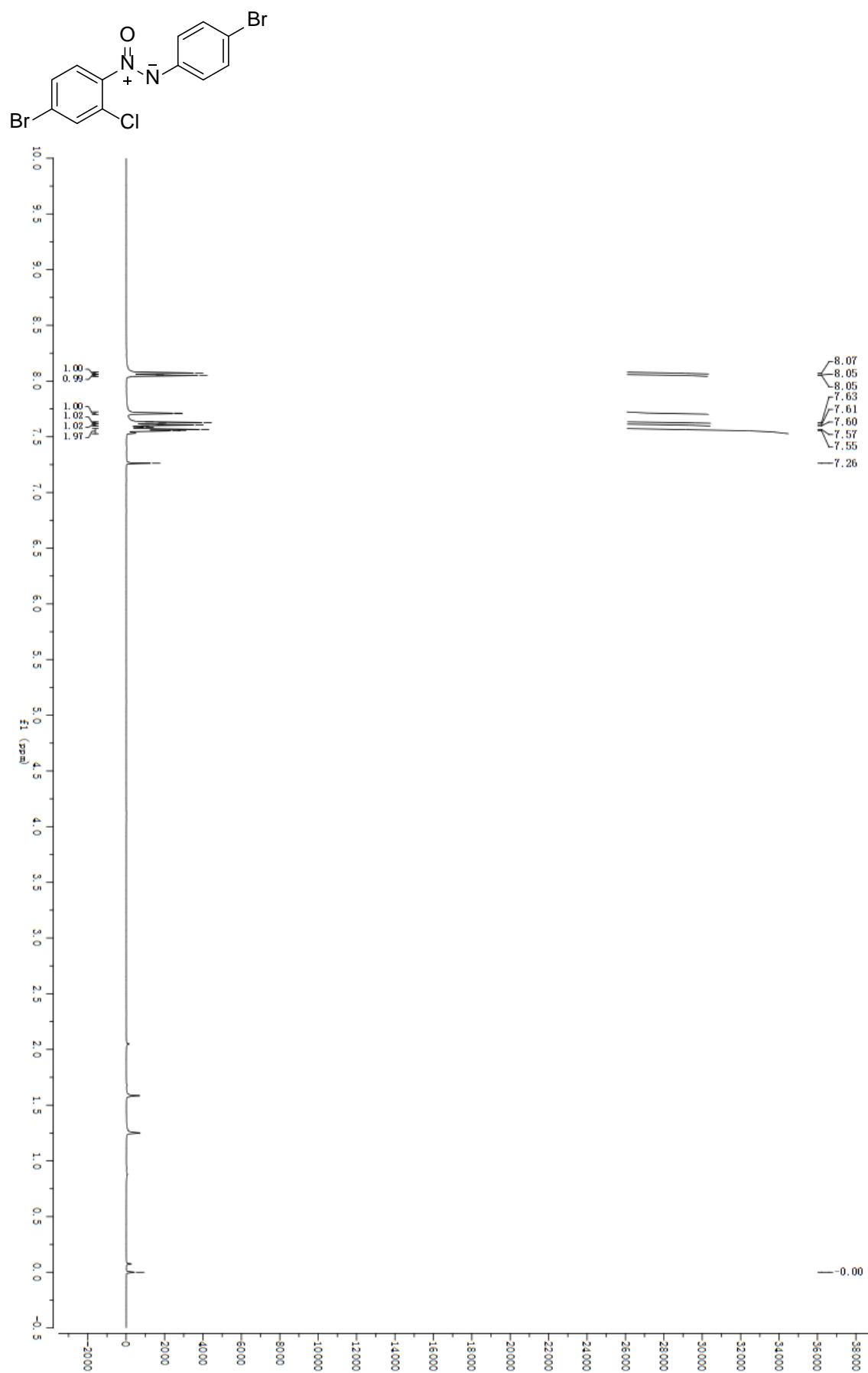


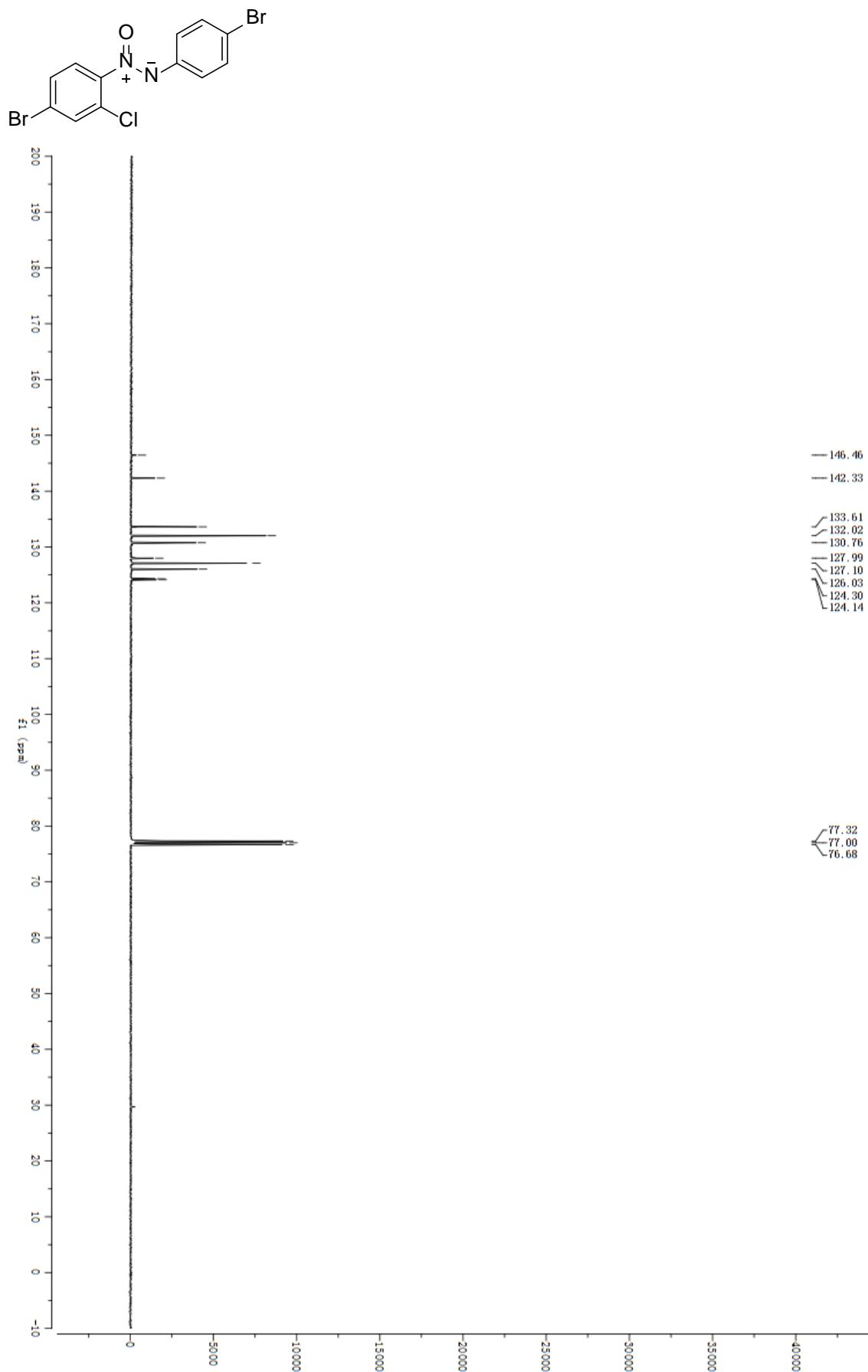


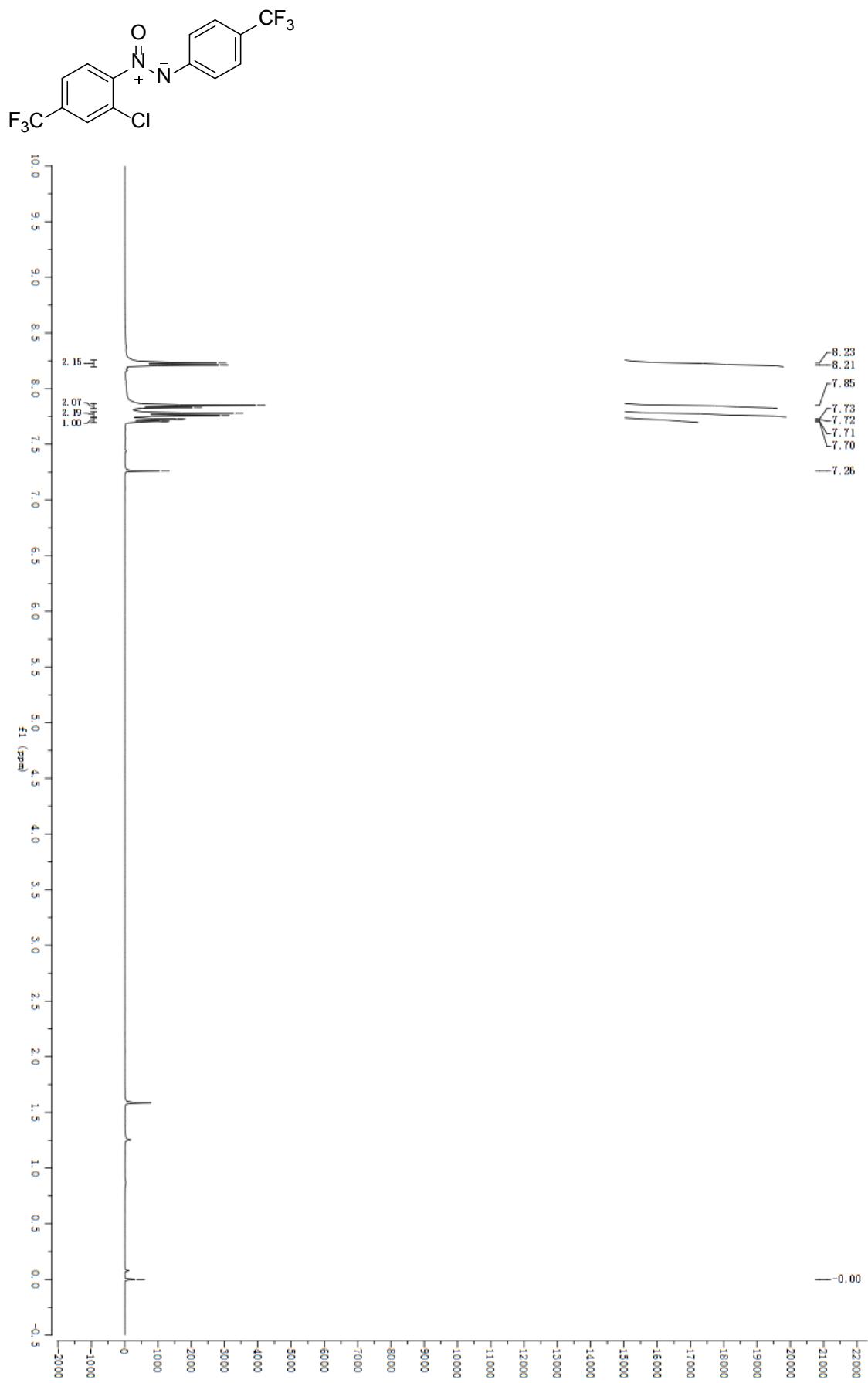


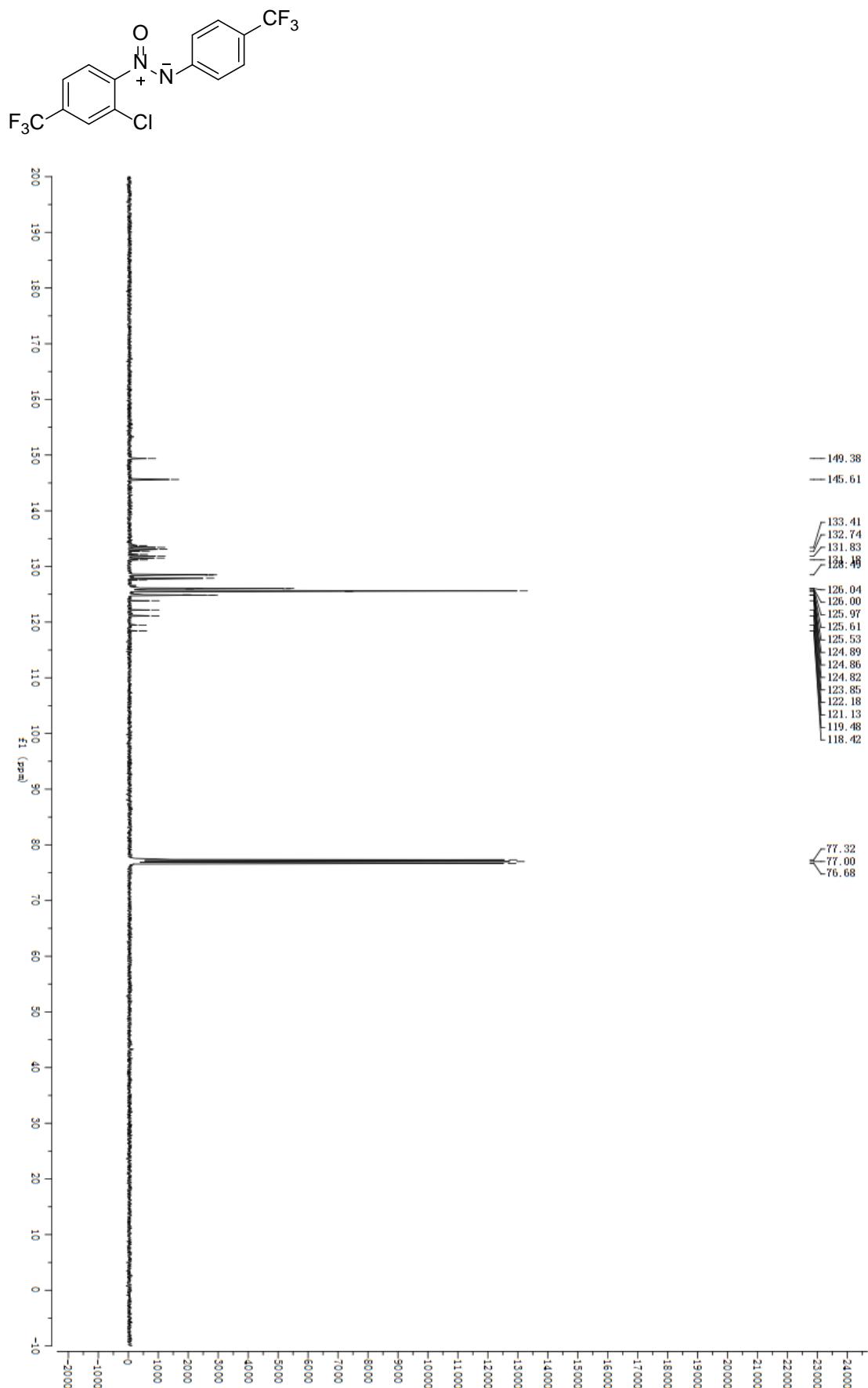


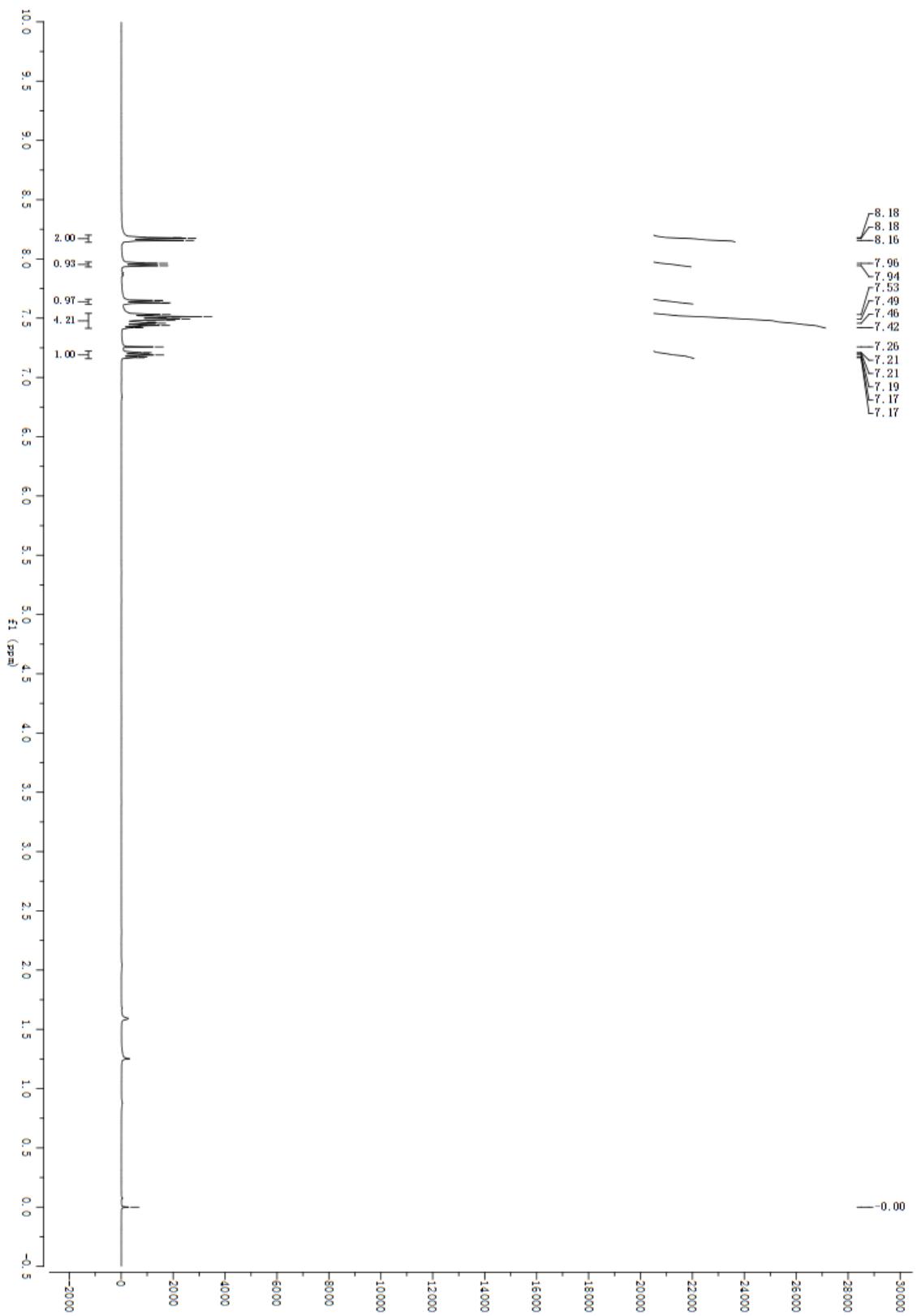
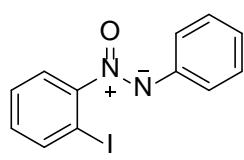


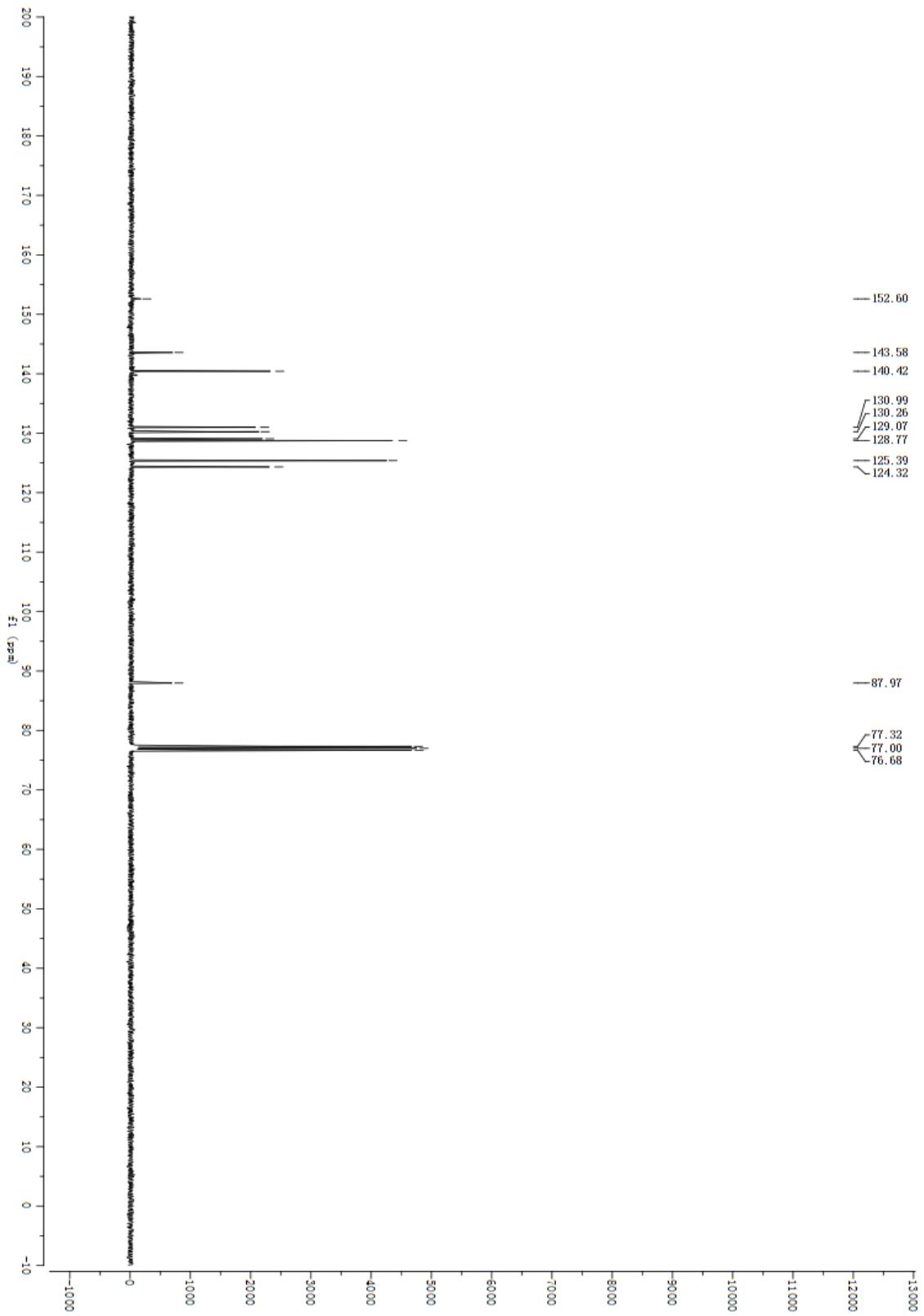
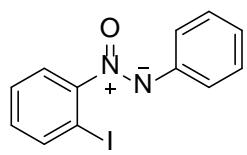


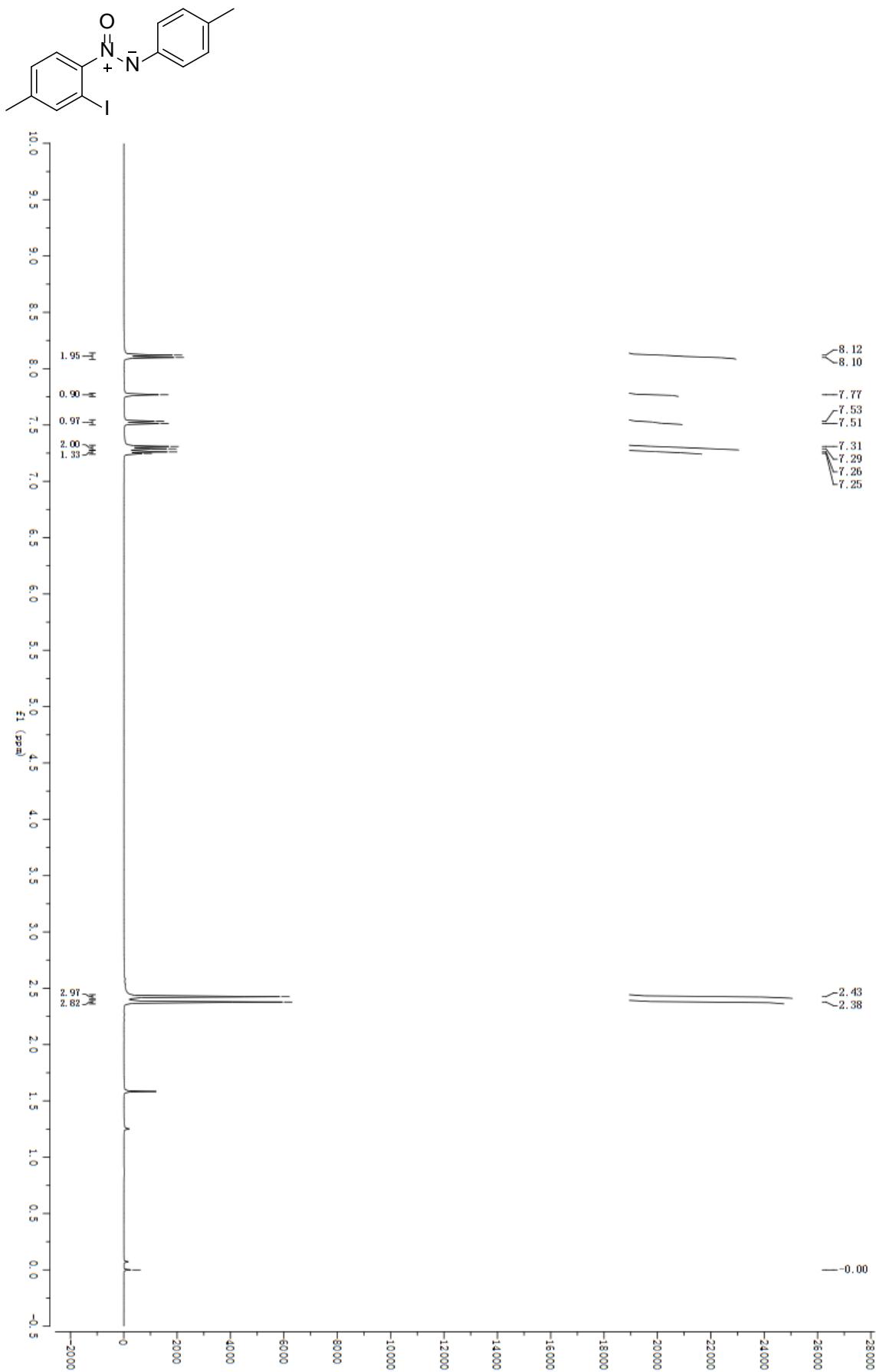


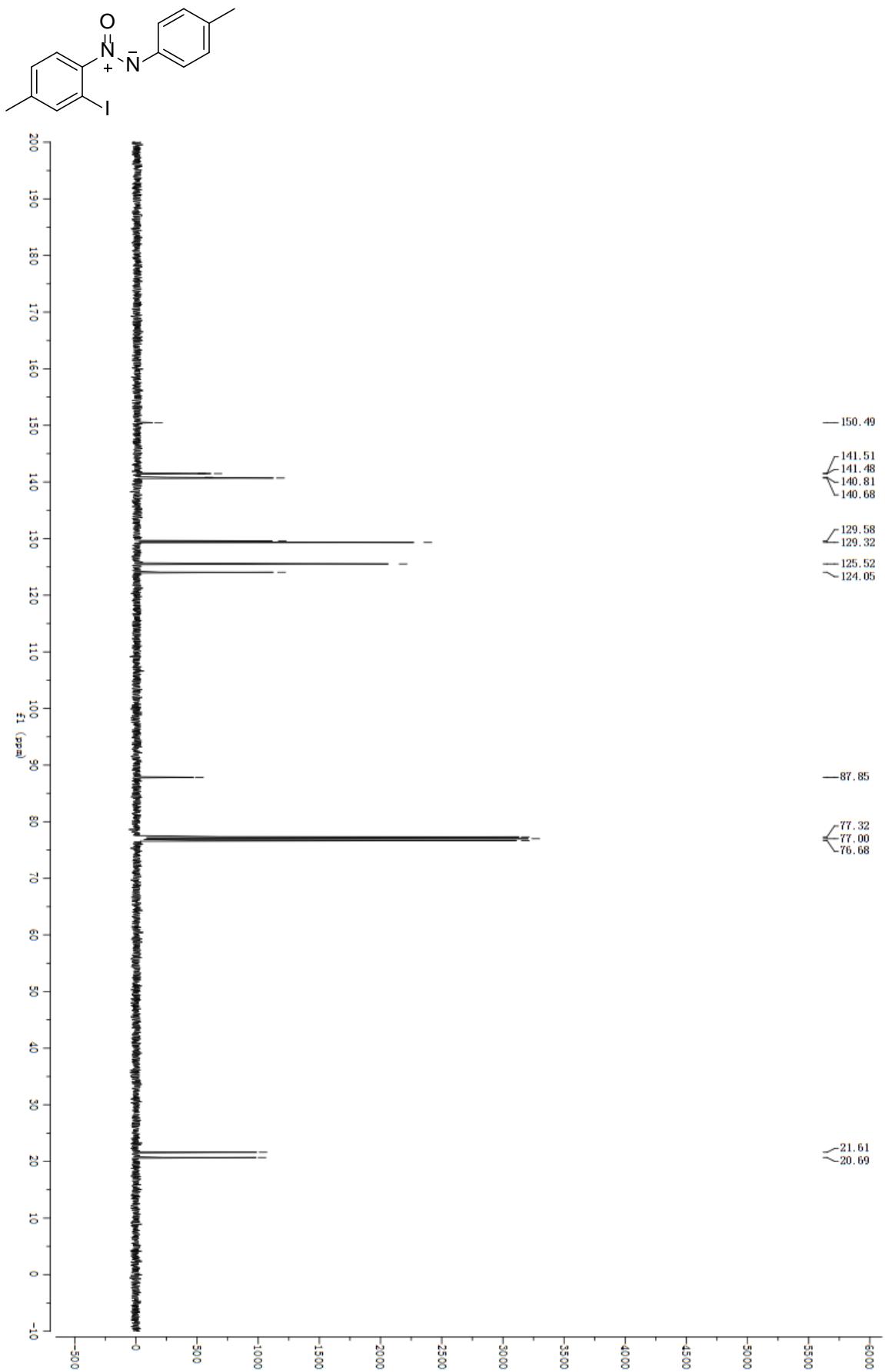


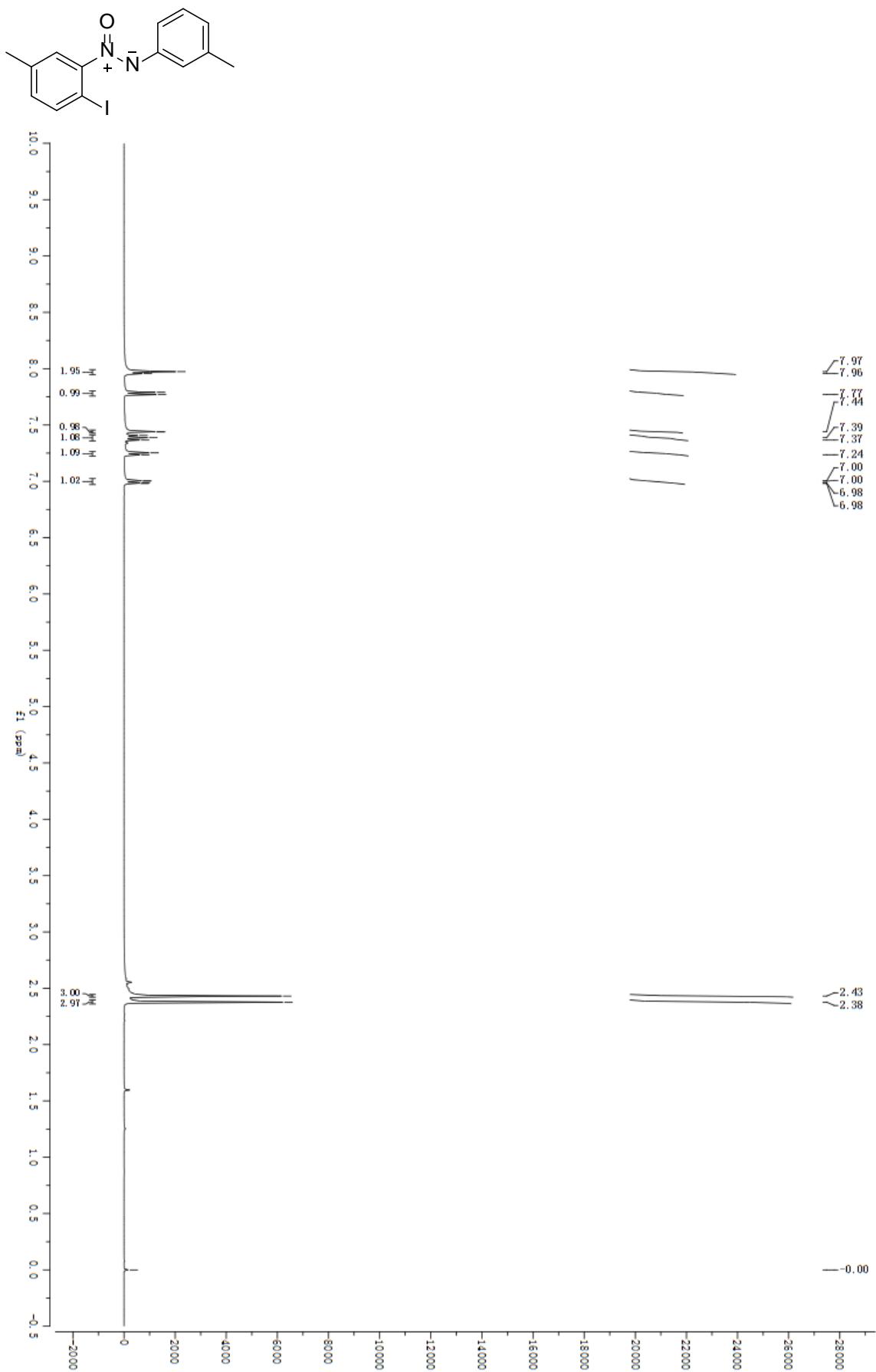


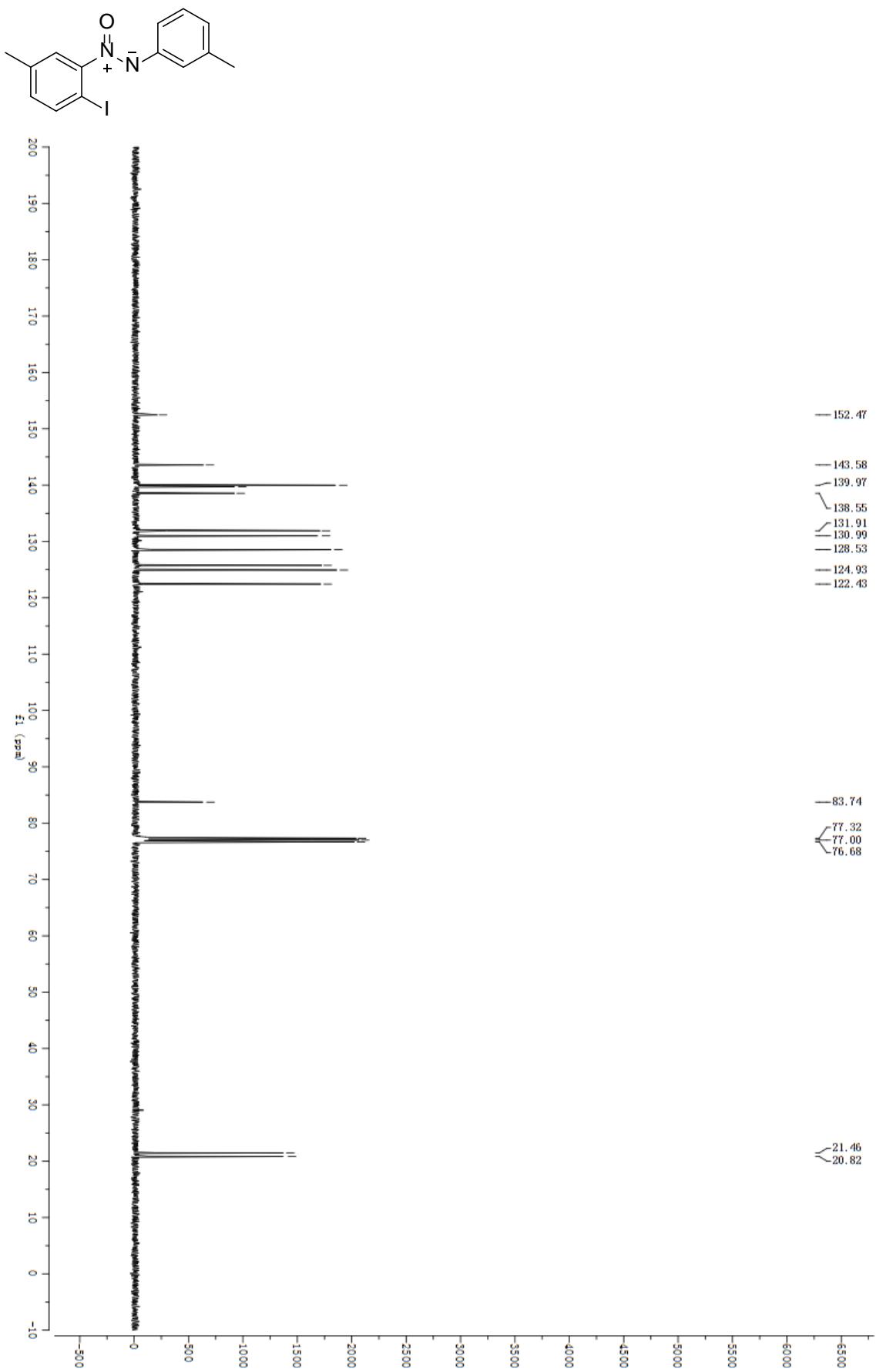


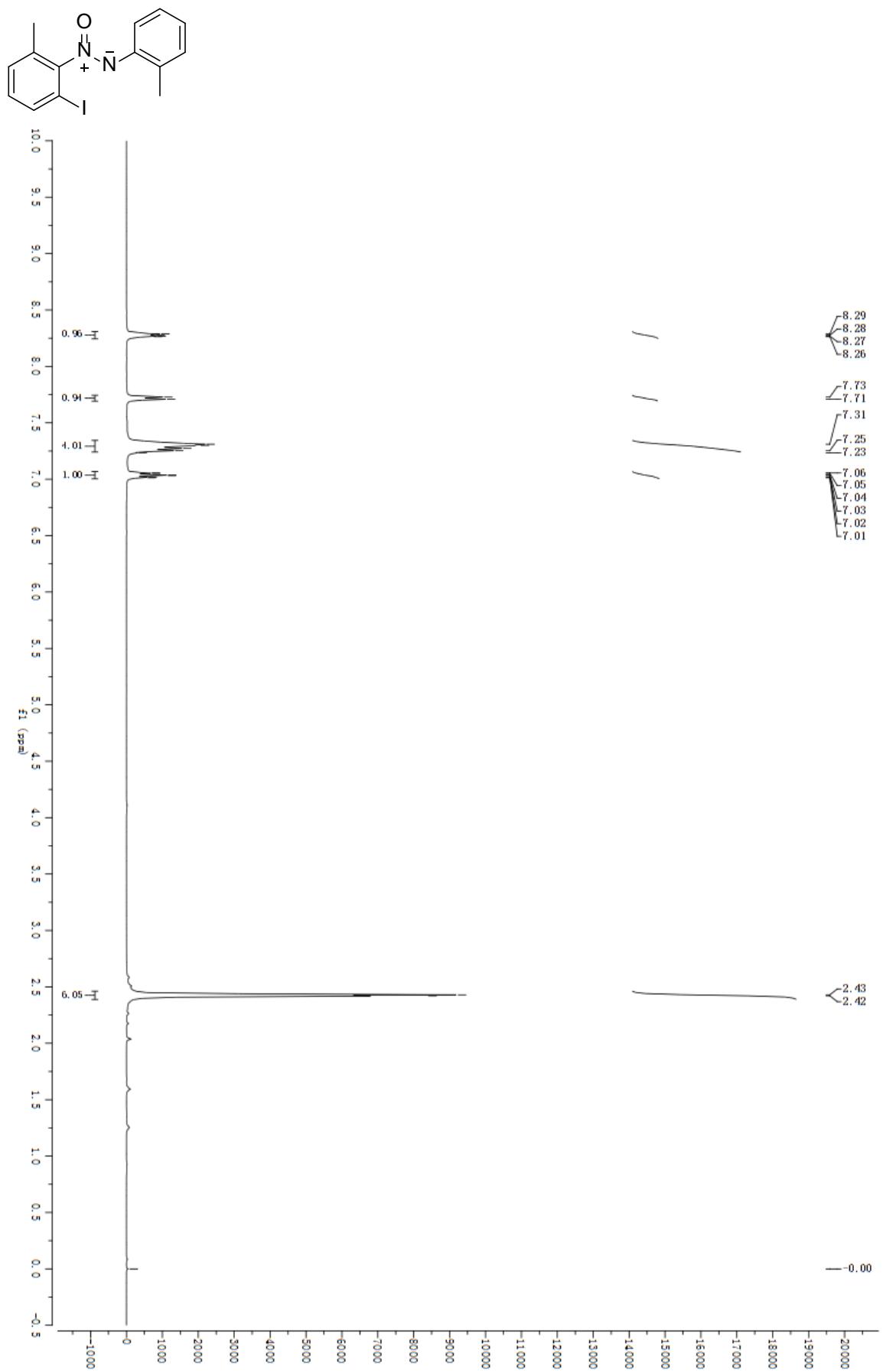


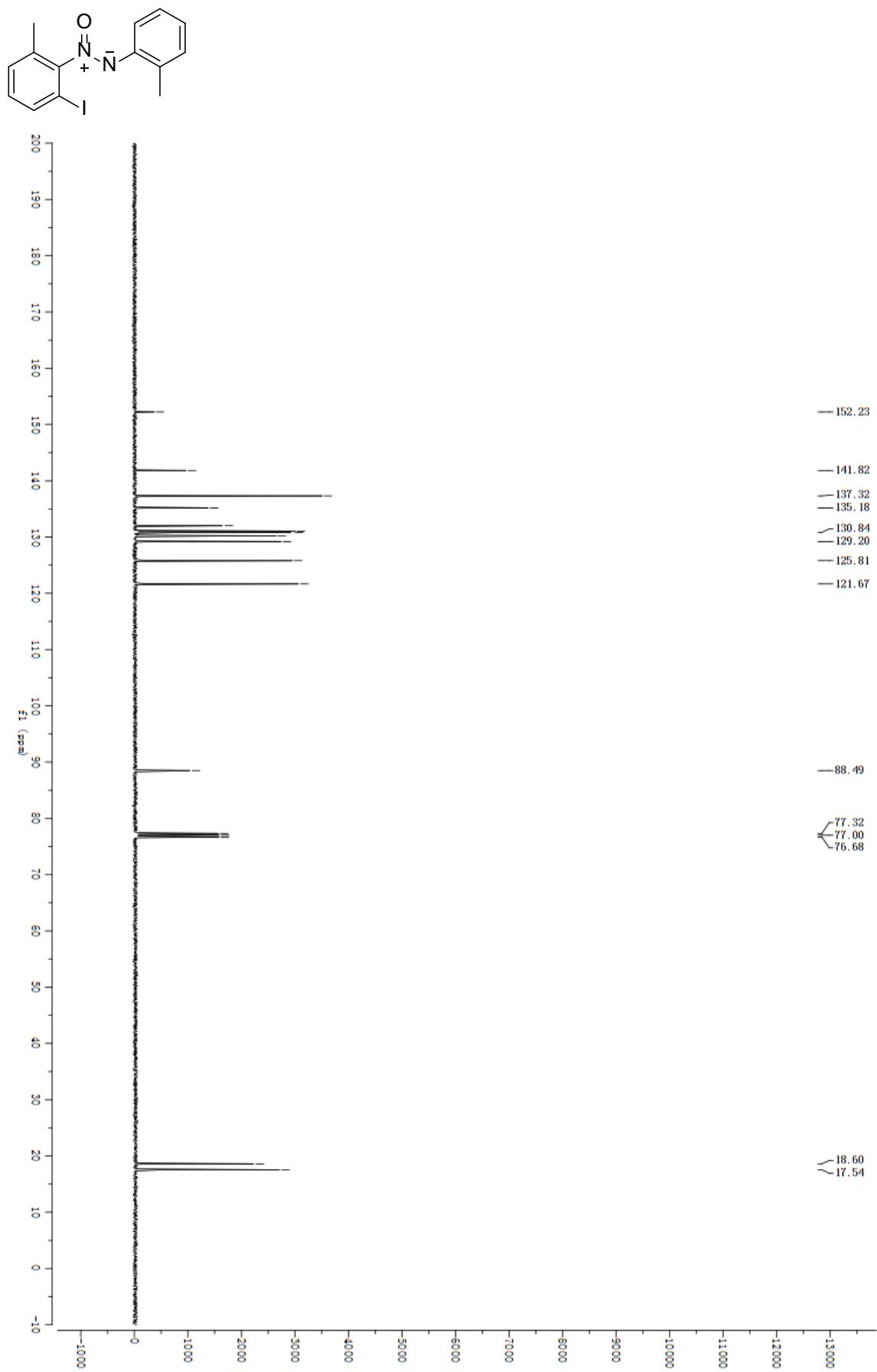


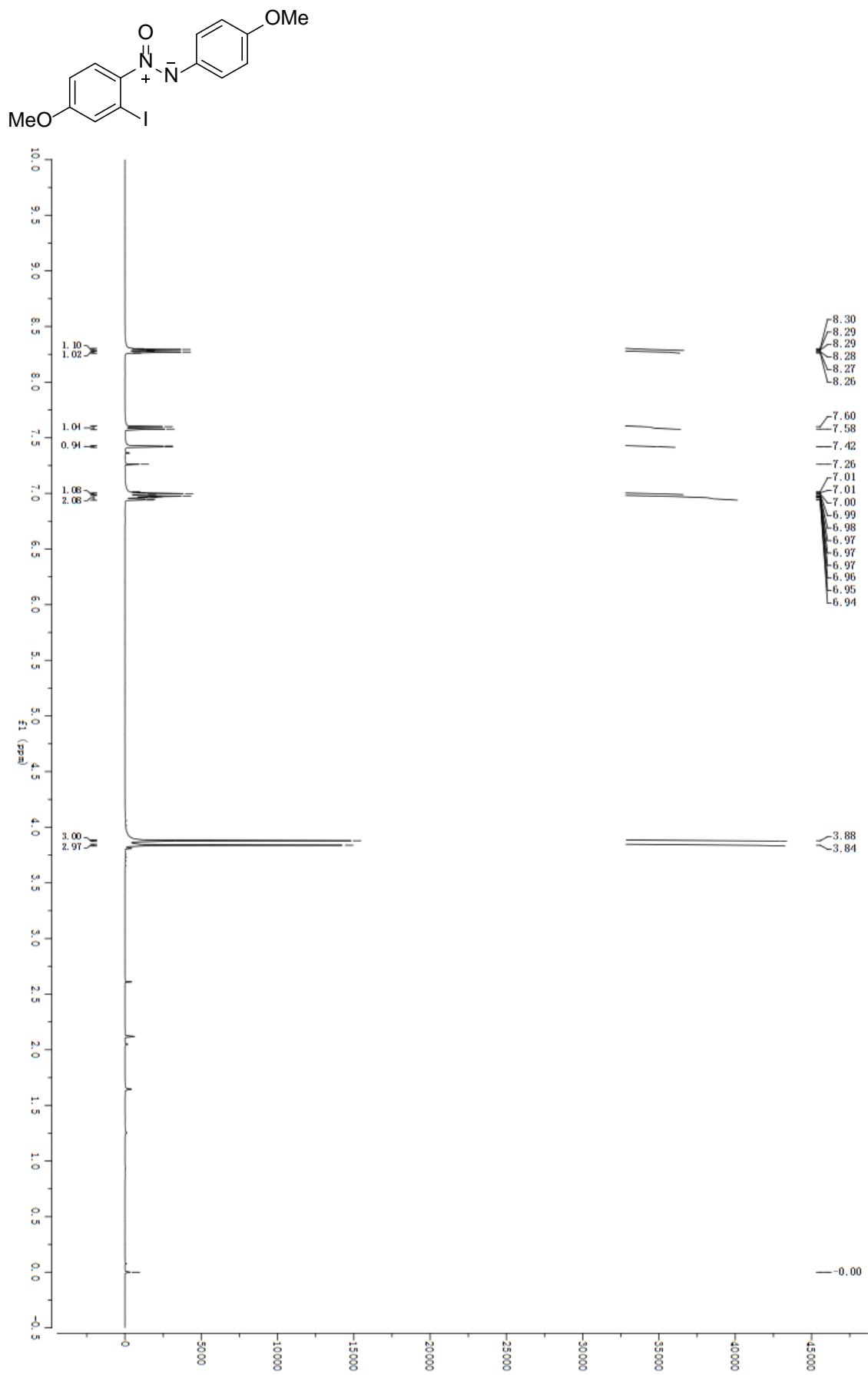


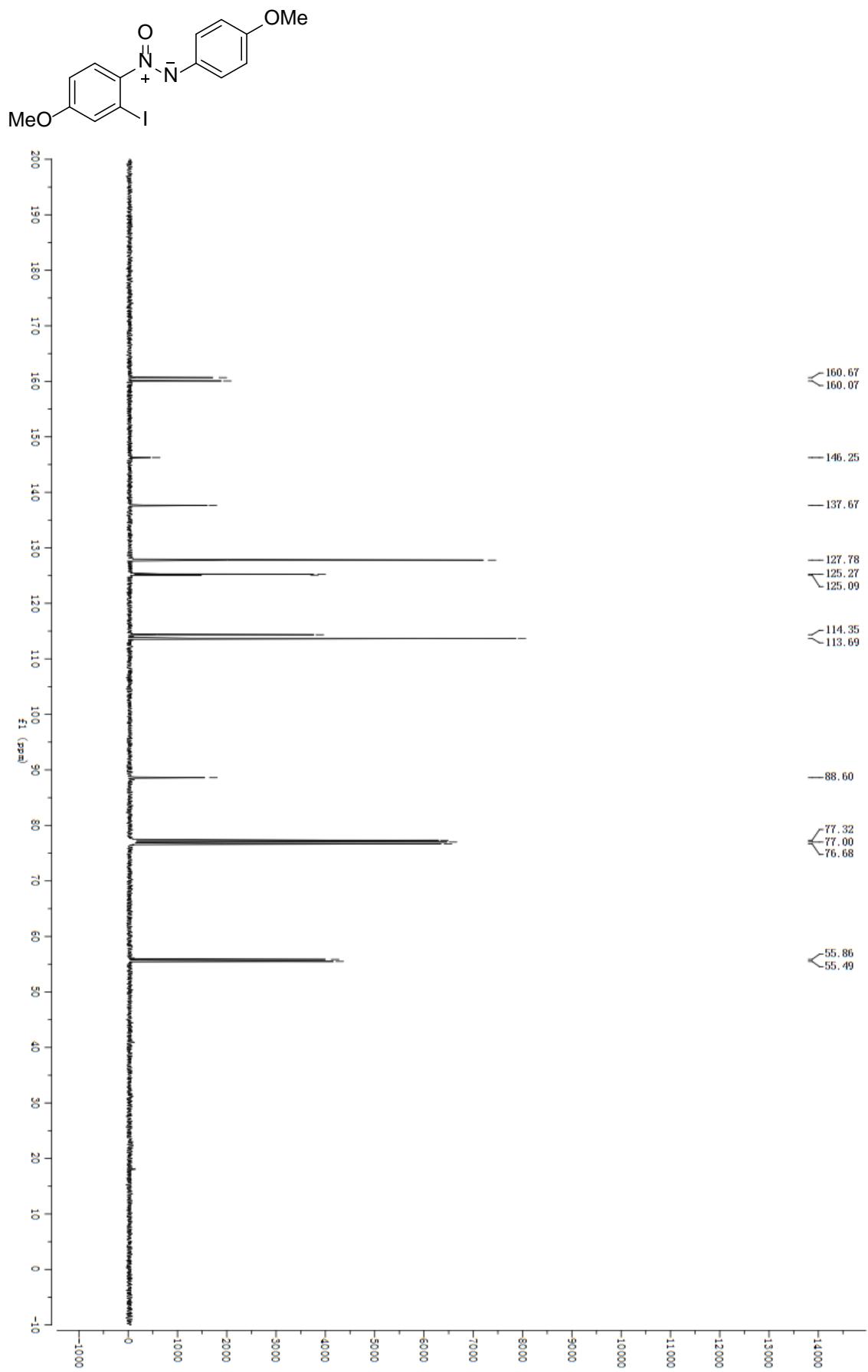


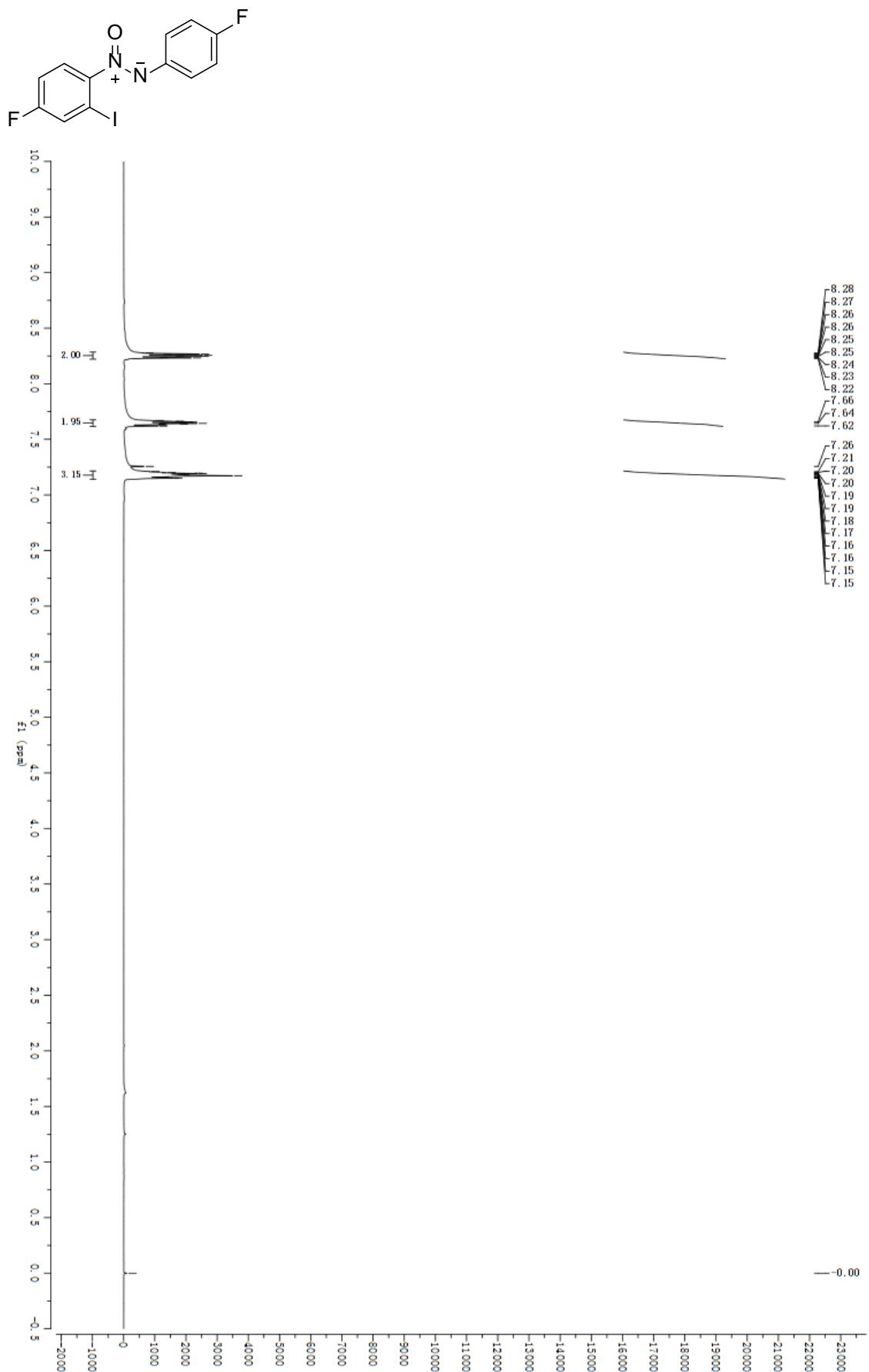


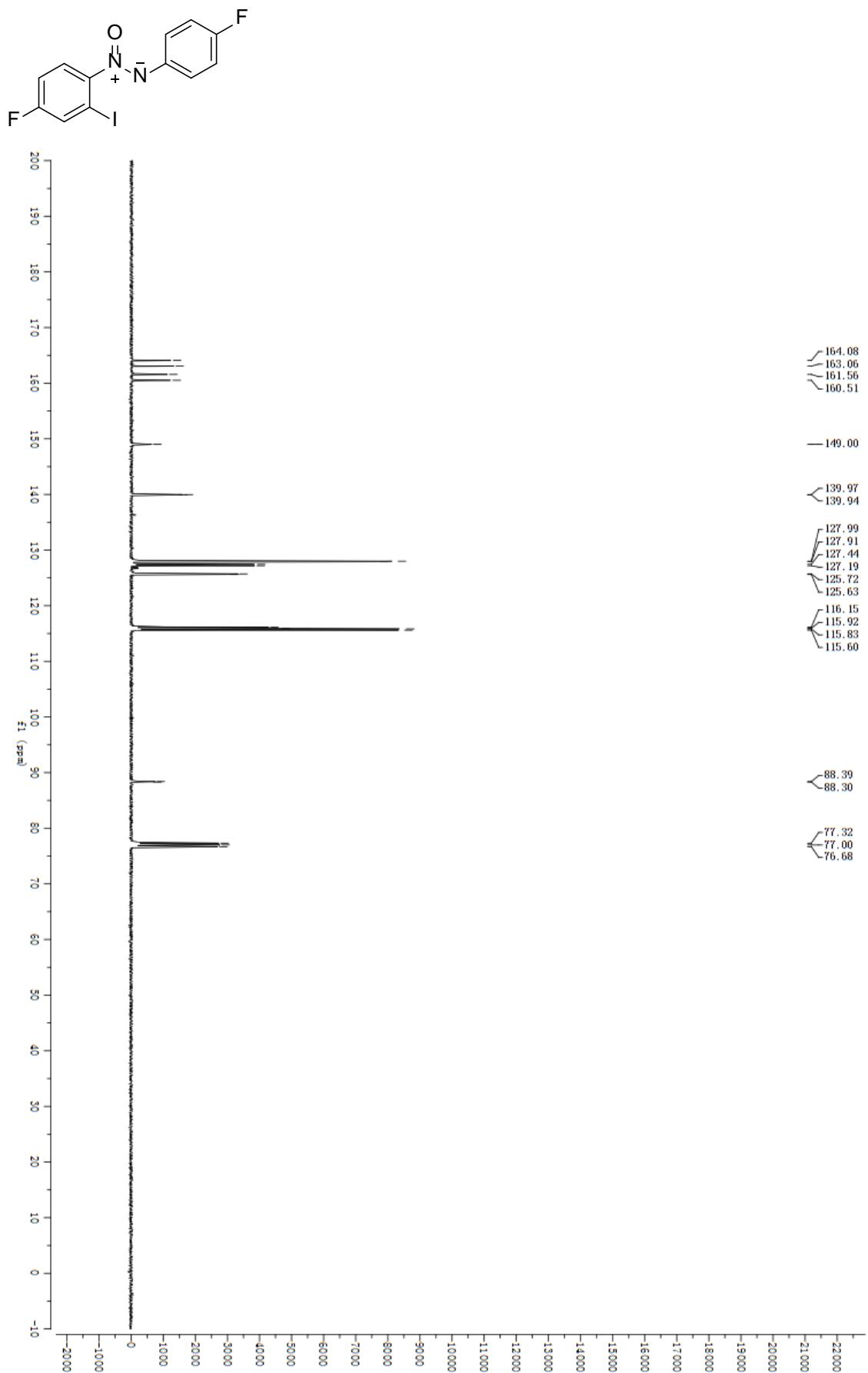


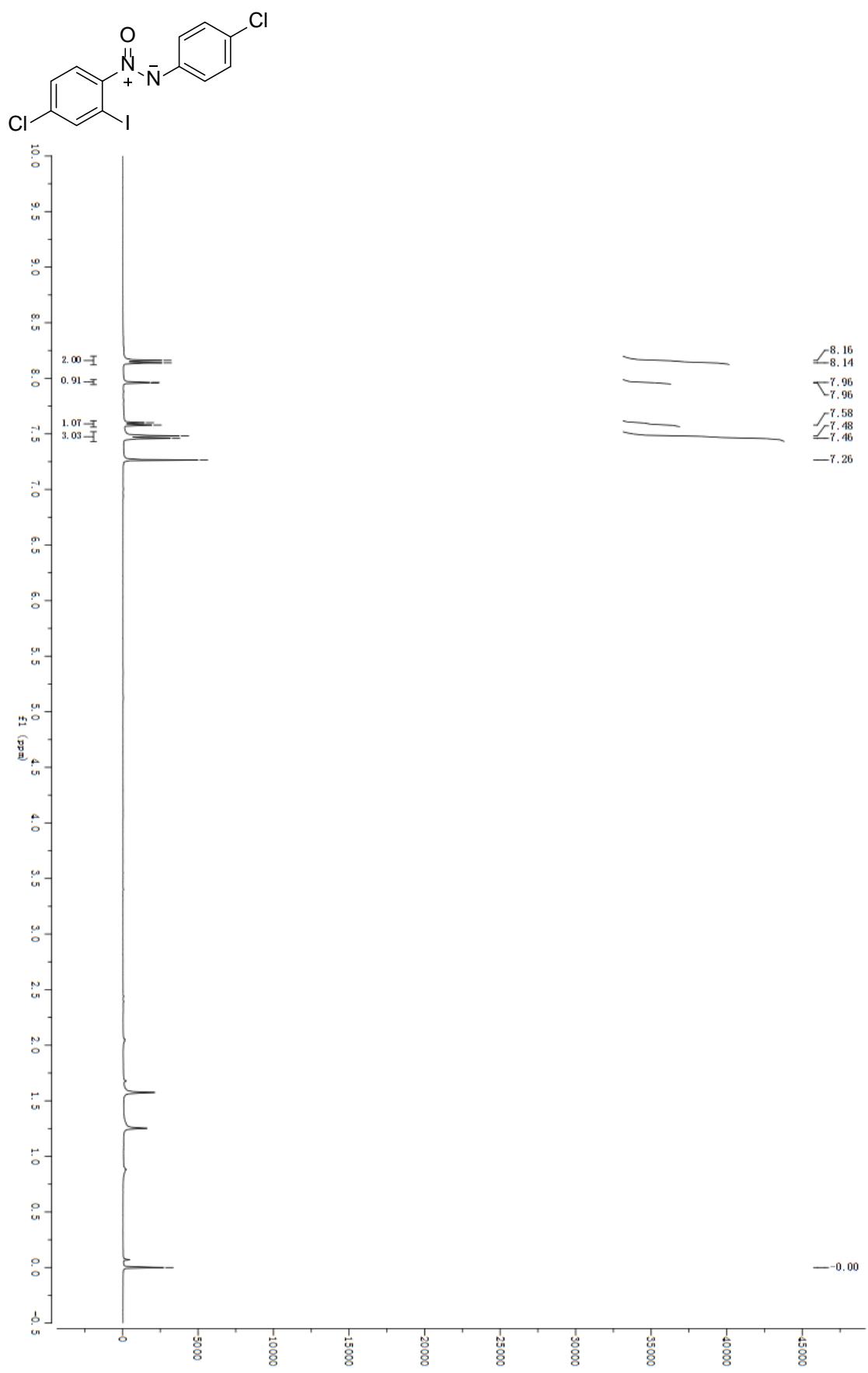


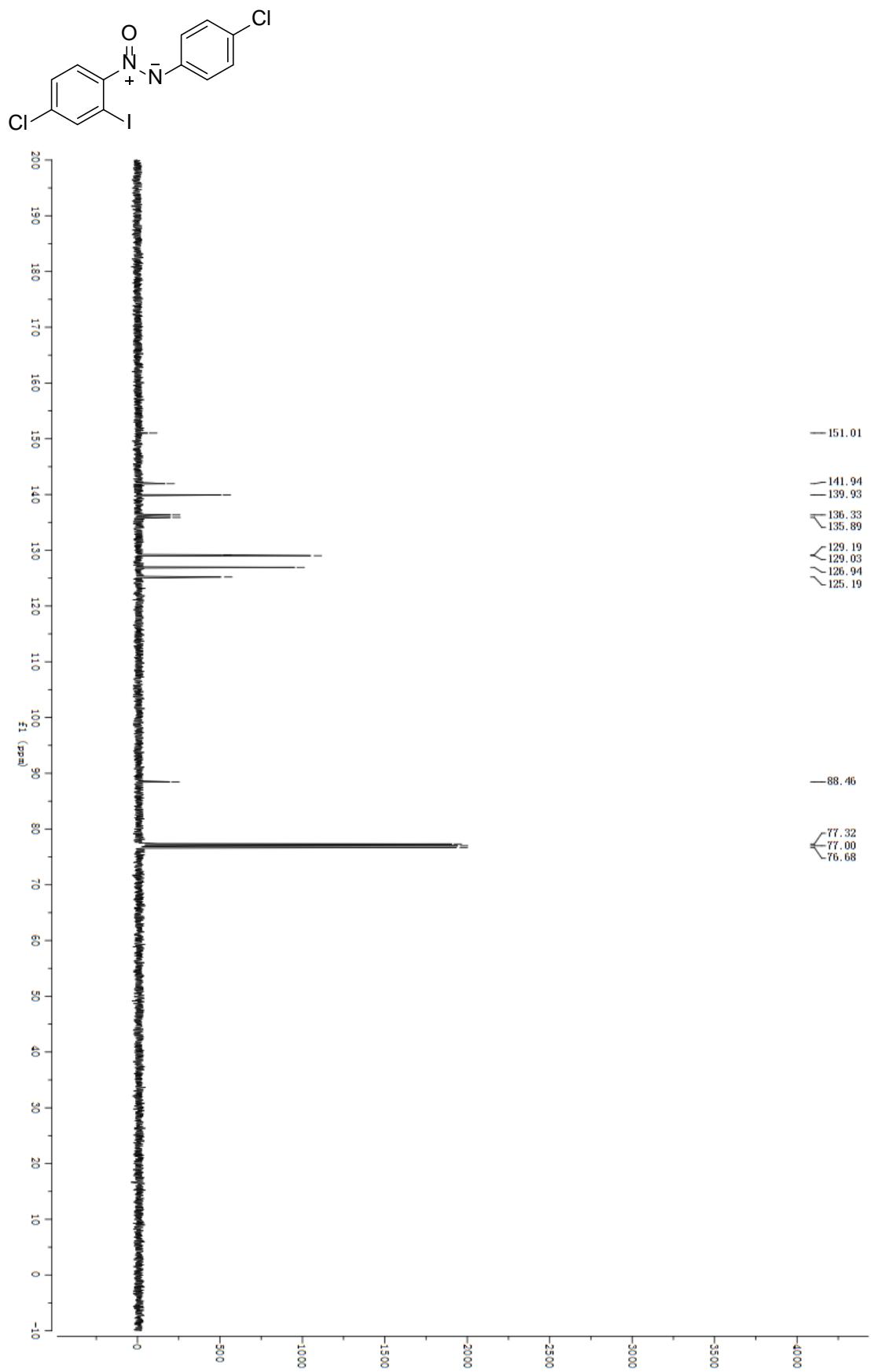


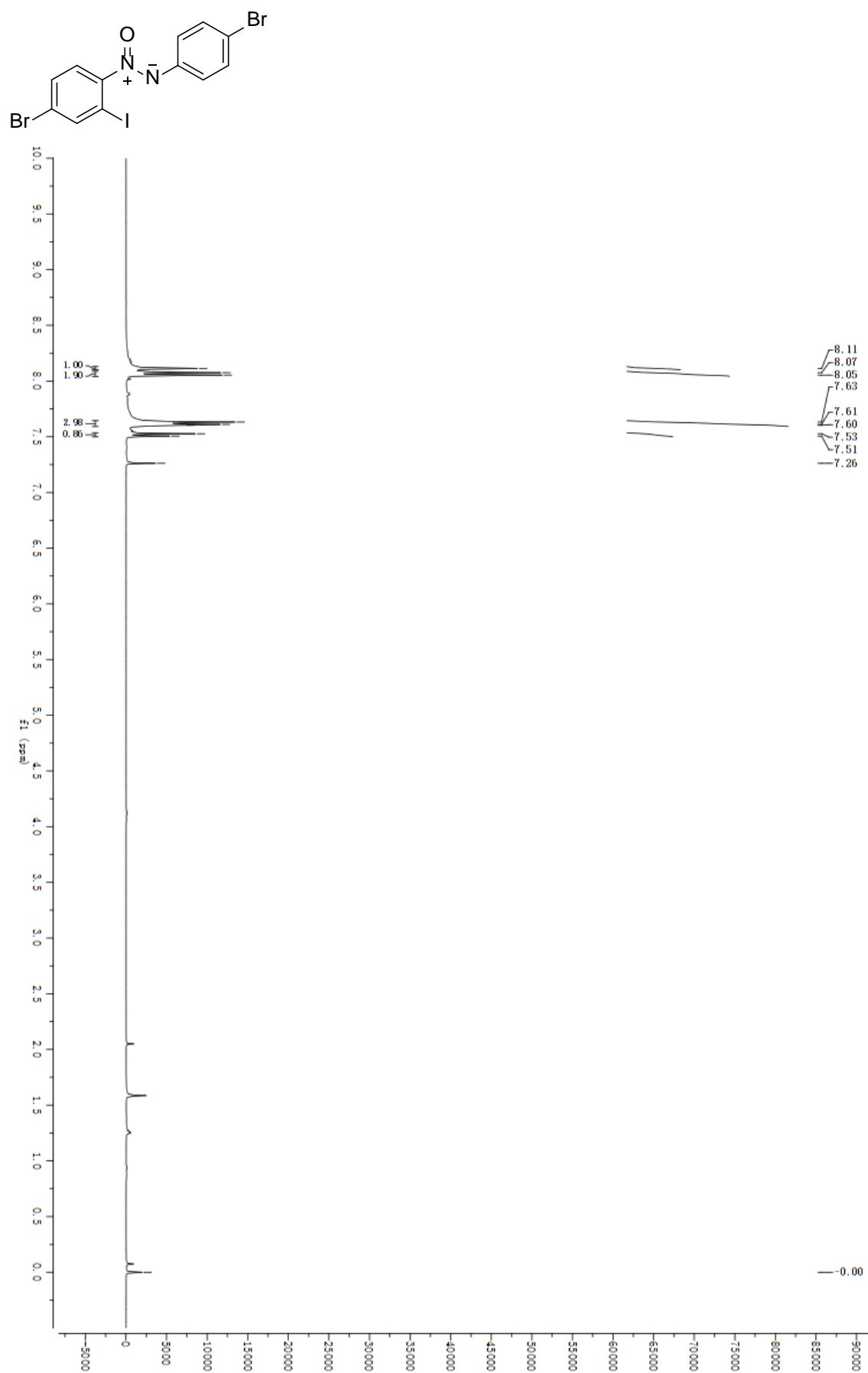


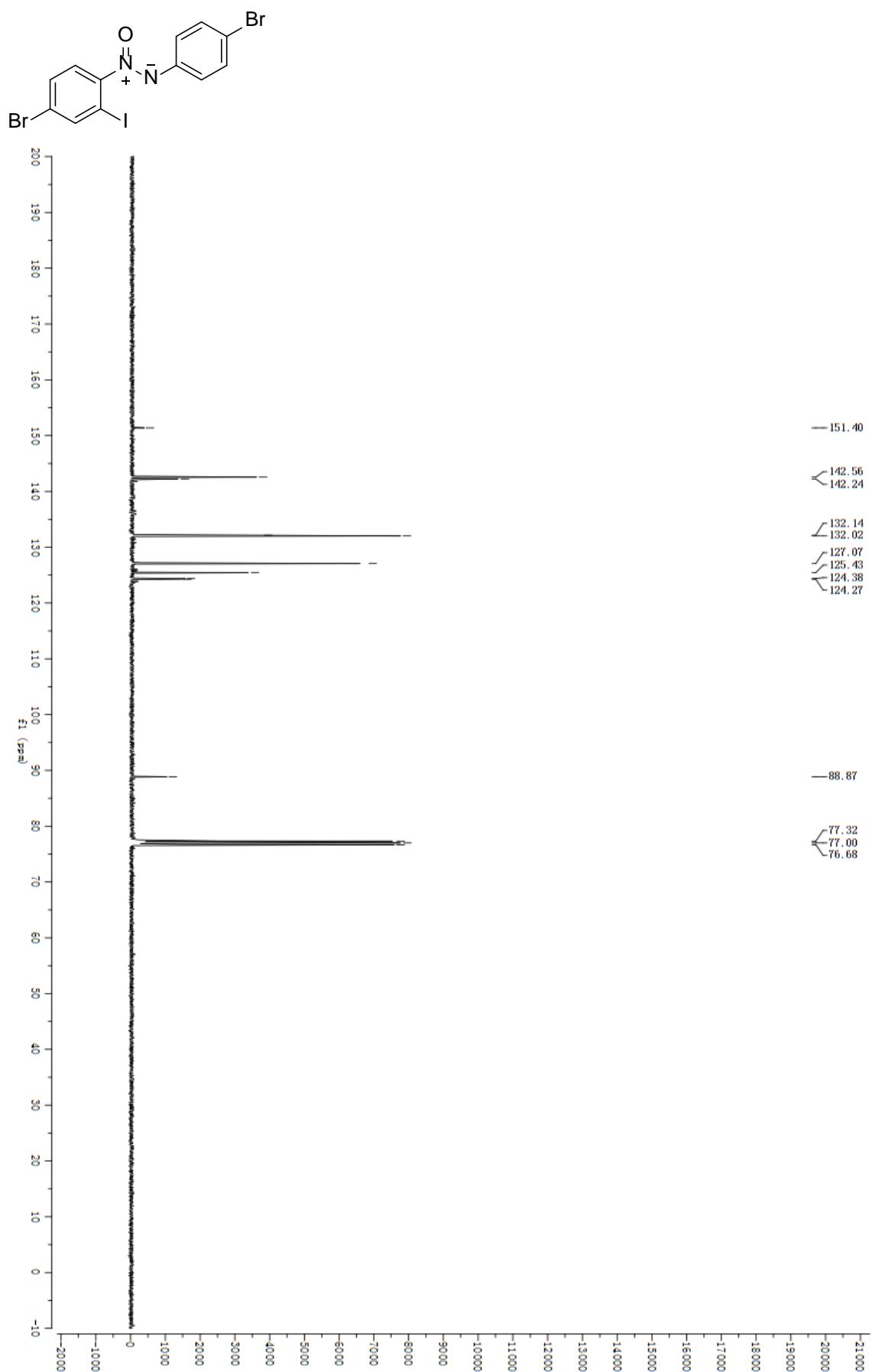


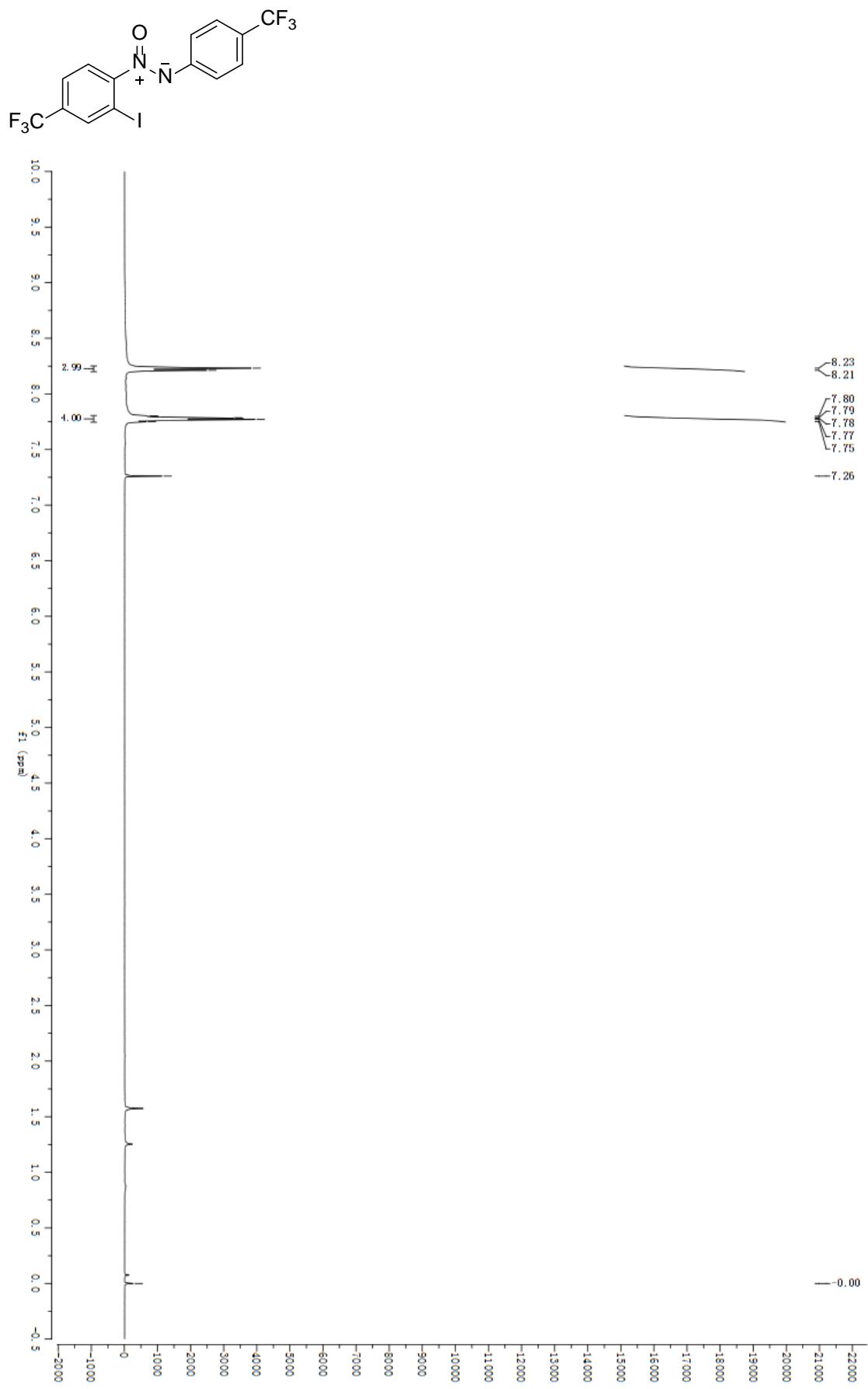


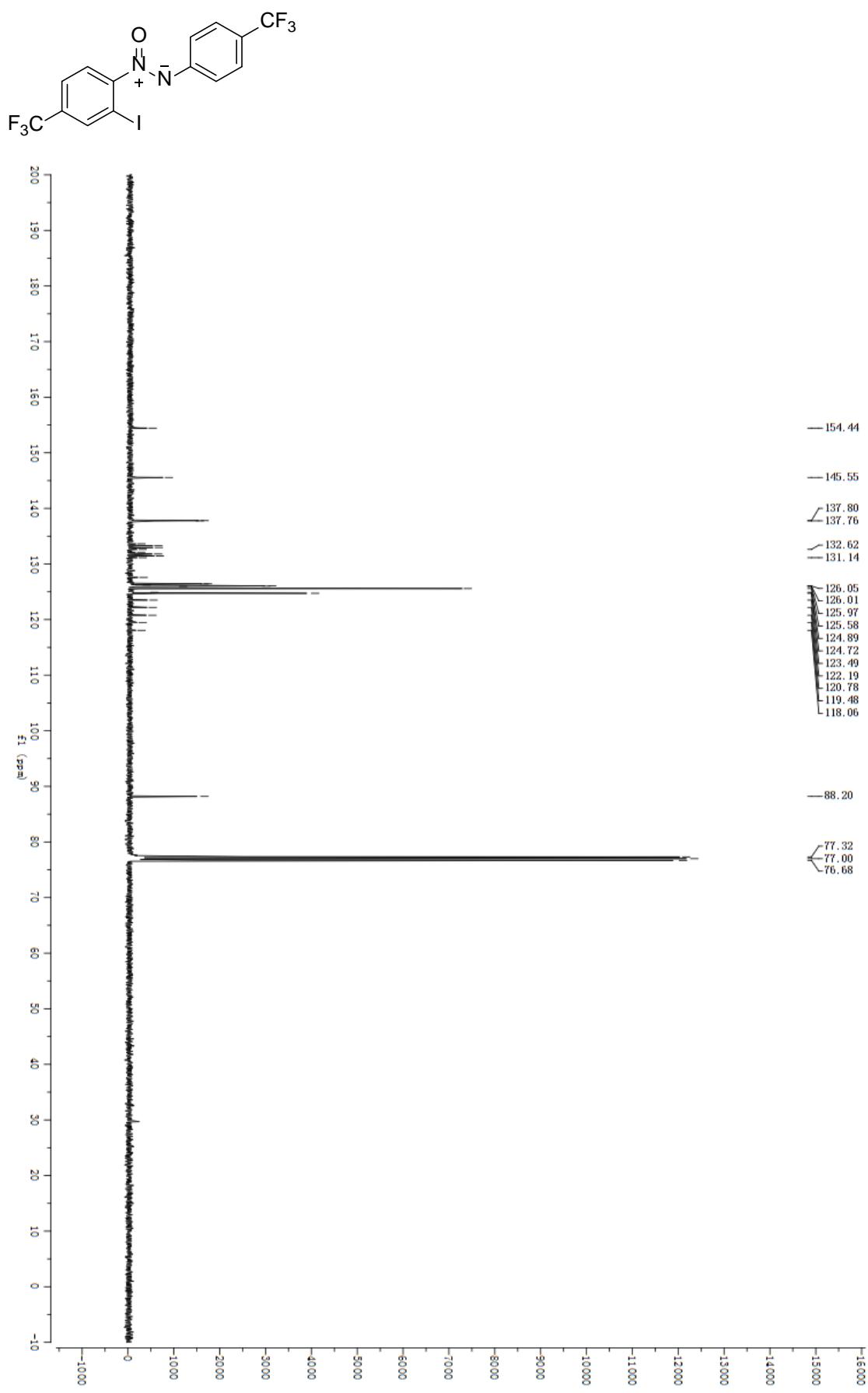


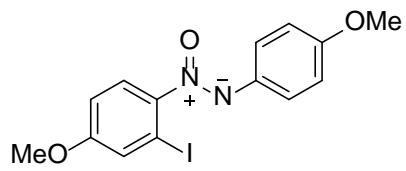






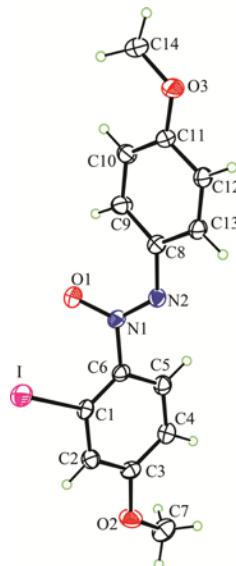






Crystal structure.

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