

Cu(II)-Catalyzed Sulfide Construction: Both Aryl Groups Utilization of Intermolecular and Intramolecular Diaryliodonium Salt

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General Information.

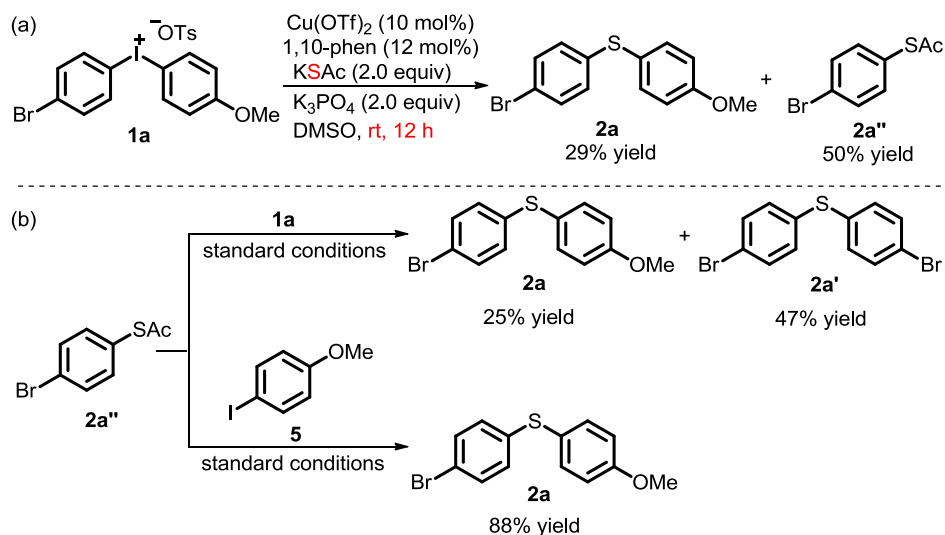
^1H and ^{13}C NMR spectra were recorded on 400 MHz NMR spectrometers (Bruker AVANCE) using CDCl_3 . Chemical shifts are reported in parts per million (ppm). Chemical shifts for protons are reported in parts per million relative to chloroform or DMSO ($\text{CHCl}_3 = \delta$ 7.26, DMSO = δ 2.50). Chemical shifts for carbon are reported in parts per million relative to chloroform or DMSO ($\text{CHCl}_3 = \delta$ 77.0, DMSO = δ 39.52). Data are represented as follows: chemical shift, multiplicity (br = broad, s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, q = quartet, m = multiplet), coupling constants in Hertz (Hz), integration. Mass spectra were recorded on a Shimadzu GCMS-QP2010 Ultra. IR spectra were recorded on TENSOR (27) Series FT-IR Spectrometers. Diaryliodonium salts **1** and **3** were prepared adopting reported procedures.¹

Table S1. Conditions optimization

Reaction scheme: **1a** (4-bromo-2-(4-methoxyphenyl)phenyliodonium salt) reacts with KSAc (2.0 equiv), catalyst (10 mol%), 1,10-phen (12 mol%), base, DMSO, t to form **2a** (4-bromo-2-(4-methoxyphenyl)thiobenzene).

Entry	X	Catalyst	Base (equiv)	t ($^{\circ}\text{C}$)	Yield[%] ^a
1	BF_4	$\text{Cu}(\text{OTf})_2$	K_2CO_3 (2)	100	48
2	BF_4	$\text{Cu}(\text{OTf})_2$	Cs_2CO_3 (2)	100	31
3	BF_4	$\text{Cu}(\text{OTf})_2$	NaHCO_3 (2)	100	42
4	BF_4	$\text{Cu}(\text{OTf})_2$	K_3PO_4 (3)	100	54
5	BF_4	$\text{Cu}(\text{OTf})_2$	K_3PO_4 (1)	100	26
7	BF_4	$\text{Cu}(\text{OTf})_2$	K_3PO_4 (2)	100	77
8	BF_4	$\text{Cu}(\text{OTf})_2$	K_3PO_4 (2)	120	62
9	BF_4	$\text{Cu}(\text{OTf})_2$	K_3PO_4 (2)	130	50
10	OTs	CuI	K_3PO_4 (2)	100	44
11	OTs	CuBr	K_3PO_4 (2)	100	45
12	OTs	CuBr_2	K_3PO_4 (2)	100	53
13 ^b	OTs	$\text{Cu}(\text{OTf})_2$	K_3PO_4 (2)	100	58

^a Isolated yields. ^b Without 1,10-Phen.

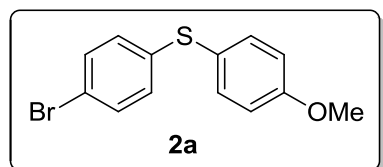


Scheme S1. Mechanistic study.

General procedure for sulfur-iodine exchange of diaryliodonium salts

Under a N_2 atmosphere, $\text{Cu}(\text{OTf})_2$ (3.6 mg, 0.01 mmol), 1,10-phen (2.2 mg, 0.012 mmol), K_3PO_4 (42.5 mg, 0.2 mmol), KSAc (22.8 mg, 0.2 mmol), diaryliodonium salts **1** or **3** (0.1 mmol) and dry DMSO (1 mL) were added to a flame-dried Schlenk tube. The resulting mixture was stirred at 80-100 °C, until TLC analysis indicated complete consumption of the diaryliodonium salts. Water (5 mL) was added and the solution was extracted with ethyl acetate, organic layers were combined, dried over sodium sulfate. After evaporation of solvent, the residue was purified by column chromatography to give the corresponding products **2** or **4**.

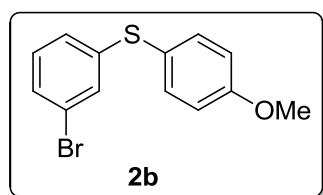
Characterization of sulfur-iodine exchange products



(4-Bromophenyl)(4-methoxyphenyl)sulfane (**2a**):

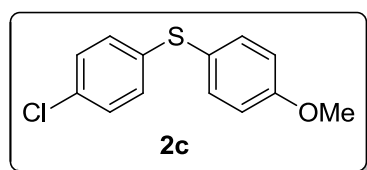
Prepared following general procedure using $\text{Cu}(\text{OTf})_2$ (3.6 mg, 0.01 mmol), 1,10-phen (2.2 mg, 0.012 mmol), K_3PO_4 (42.5 mg, 0.2 mmol), KSAc (22.8 mg, 0.2 mmol), diaryliodonium salts **1a** (56.1 mg, 0.1 mmol) and dry DMSO (1 mL), the reaction was stirred at 100 °C for 12 h giving **2a** (25.7 mg) in 87% yield as a

colorless oil by column chromatography (PE:EA = 50:1 to 20:1). **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.42 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 2H), 7.34 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 7.02 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 6.92 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 2H), 3.83 (s, 3H); **¹³C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 160.2, 138.2, 135.6, 131.9, 129.5, 123.6, 119.4, 115.2, 55.4; **IR** (KBr) ν 3415, 2935, 1589, 1492, 1470, 1249, 1096, 1080, 810 cm⁻¹; **HRMS** (EI) for C₁₃H₁₁OSBr Calculated: 293.9714, found: 293.9718.



(3-Bromophenyl)(4-methoxyphenyl)sulfane (2b):

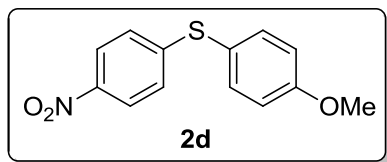
Prepared following general procedure using Cu(OTf)₂ (3.6 mg, 0.01 mmol), 1,10-phen (2.2 mg, 0.012 mmol), K₃PO₄ (42.5 mg, 0.2 mmol), KSAc (22.8 mg, 0.2 mmol), diaryliodonium salts **1b** (56.1 mg, 0.1 mmol) and dry DMSO (1 mL), the reaction was stirred at 100 °C for 12 h giving **2b** (20.7 mg) in 70% yield as a colorless oil by column chromatography (PE:EA = 50:1 to 20:1). **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.34 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.19-7.12 (m, 2H), 7.01-6.92 (m, 2H), 6.83 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 3.73 (s, 3H); **¹³C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 160.4, 141.6, 136.1, 130.2, 129.9, 128.5, 126.0, 123.0, 122.7, 115.3, 55.4; **IR** (KBr) ν 3448, 2961, 1590, 1492, 1460, 1260, 1181, 1027, 837, 777, 532 cm⁻¹; **HRMS** (EI) for C₁₃H₁₁OSBr Calculated: 293.9714, found: 293.9718.



(4-Chlorophenyl)(4-methoxyphenyl)sulfane (2c):

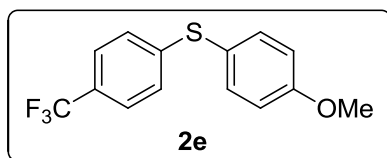
Prepared following general procedure using Cu(OTf)₂ (3.6 mg, 0.01 mmol), 1,10-phen (2.2 mg, 0.012 mmol), K₃PO₄ (42.5 mg, 0.2 mmol), KSAc (22.8 mg, 0.2 mmol), diaryliodonium salts **1c** (51.7 mg, 0.1 mmol) and dry DMSO (1 mL), the reaction was stirred at 100 °C for 12 h giving **2c** (16.8 mg) in 67% yield as a colorless oil by column chromatography (PE:EA = 50:1 to 20:1). **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.43 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 7.22 (d, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 7.10 (d, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 6.93 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 3.82 (s, 3H); **¹³C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 160.1, 137.4, 135.5, 131.6, 129.3, 129.0, 123.8, 115.2, 55.4; **IR** (KBr) ν 3414, 2964, 1587, 1492, 1473,

1247, 1175, 1109, 1026, 836, 816, 524 cm^{-1} ; **HRMS** (EI) for $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{11}\text{OSCl}$ Calculated: 250.0219, found: 250.0222.



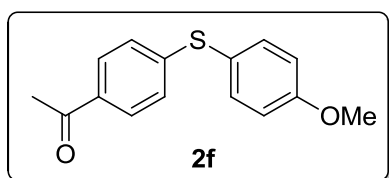
(4-Methoxyphenyl)(4-nitrophenyl)sulfane (2d):

Prepared following general procedure using $\text{Cu}(\text{OTf})_2$ (3.6 mg, 0.01 mmol), 1,10-phen (2.2 mg, 0.012 mmol), K_3PO_4 (42.5 mg, 0.2 mmol), KSAc (22.8 mg, 0.2 mmol), diaryliodonium salts **1d** (52.7 mg, 0.1 mmol) and dry DMSO (1 mL), the reaction was stirred at 100 °C for 12 h giving **2d** (17.0 mg) in 65% yield as a colorless oil by column chromatography (PE:EA = 20:1 to 10:1). **^1H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.02 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.48 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.08 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 6.98 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 3.86 (s, 3H); **^{13}C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 161.1, 150.1, 145.0, 137.2, 125.6, 124.0, 120.1, 115.7, 55.5; **IR** (KBr) ν 3448, 3090, 1592, 1575, 1512, 1494, 1340, 1254, 1180, 1024, 852, 841, 740, 522 cm^{-1} ; **HRMS** (EI) for $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{11}\text{NO}_3\text{S}$ Calculated: 261.0460, found: 261.0457.



(4-Methoxyphenyl)(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)sulfane (2e):

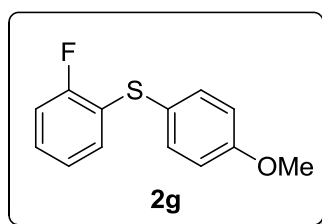
Prepared following general procedure using $\text{Cu}(\text{OTf})_2$ (3.6 mg, 0.01 mmol), 1,10-phen (2.2 mg, 0.012 mmol), K_3PO_4 (42.5 mg, 0.2 mmol), KSAc (22.8 mg, 0.2 mmol), diaryliodonium salts **1e** (55.0 mg, 0.1 mmol) and dry DMSO (1 mL), the reaction was stirred at 100 °C for 12 h giving **2e** (19.9 mg) in 70% yield as a white solid by column chromatography (PE:EA = 50:1 to 20:1). **^1H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.46 (dd, J = 13.9, 8.4 Hz, 4H), 7.15 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 6.96 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 3.85 (s, 3H); **^{13}C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 160.7, 144.9, 136.7, 127.4, 127.0, 126.4, 125.63 (q, J = 3.8 Hz), 121.7, 115.4, 55.4; **IR** (KBr) ν 3448, 2973, 1603, 1590, 1494, 1401, 1330, 1257, 1172, 1113, 832, 532 cm^{-1} ; **HRMS** (EI) for $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{11}\text{OSF}_3$ Calculated: 284.0483, found: 284.0479.



1-(4-((4-Methoxyphenyl)thio)phenyl)ethanone

(2f): Prepared following general procedure using $\text{Cu}(\text{OTf})_2$ (3.6 mg, 0.01 mmol), 1,10-phen (2.2 mg, 0.012 mmol), K_3PO_4 (42.5 mg, 0.2 mmol), KSAc

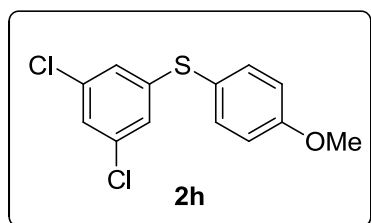
(22.8 mg, 0.2 mmol), diaryliodonium salts **1f** (52.4 mg, 0.1 mmol) and dry DMSO (1 mL), the reaction was stirred at 100 °C for 12 h giving **2f** (13.7 mg) in 53% yield as a colorless oil by column chromatography (PE:EA = 50:1 to 20:1). $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.78 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 7.47 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.09 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 6.95 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 3.85 (s, 3H), 2.53 (s, 3H); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 197.1, 160.7, 146.9, 136.8, 133.9, 128.8, 125.9, 121.5, 115.4, 55.4, 26.4; **IR** (KBr) ν 3444, 2361, 1678, 1590, 1492, 1249, 1179, 1030, 828, cm^{-1} ; **HRMS** (EI) for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{14}\text{O}_2\text{S}$ Calculated: 258.0715, found: 258.0714.



(2-fluorophenyl)(4-methoxyphenyl)sulfane (2g):

Prepared following general procedure using $\text{Cu}(\text{OTf})_2$ (3.6 mg, 0.01 mmol), 1,10-phen (2.2 mg, 0.012 mmol), K_3PO_4 (42.5 mg, 0.2 mmol), KSAc (22.8 mg, 0.2 mmol),

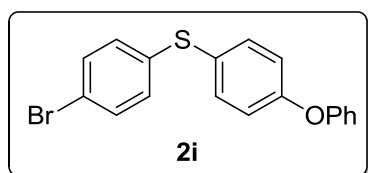
diaryliodonium salts **1g** (50.0 mg, 0.1 mmol) and dry DMSO (1 mL), the reaction was stirred at 100 °C for 12 h giving **2g** (18.5 mg) in 79% yield as a colorless oil by column chromatography (PE:EA = 50:1 to 20:1). $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.43 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.19-7.11 (m, 1H), 7.08-6.97 (m, 3H), 6.91 (d, J = 8.9 Hz, 2H), 3.82 (s, 3H); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 160.00\157.56 (J = 244 Hz), 159.0, 134.5, 131.4, 129.46\129.44 (J = 2 Hz), 126.70\126.63 (J = 7 Hz), 123.49\123.45 (J = 4 Hz), 121.6, 114.57\114.36 (J = 21 Hz), 114.1, 54.3; **IR** (KBr) ν 3440, 2384, 1589, 1566, 1389, 1235, 1162, 1020, 815 cm^{-1} ; **MS** (EI) m/z = 234 (100), 219 (55), 127 (10), 96 (10).



(3,5-dichlorophenyl)(4-methoxyphenyl)sulfane (2h):

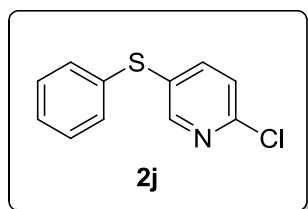
Prepared following general procedure using $\text{Cu}(\text{OTf})_2$ (3.6 mg, 0.01 mmol), 1,10-phen (2.2 mg, 0.012 mmol),

K₃PO₄ (42.5 mg, 0.2 mmol), KSAc (22.8 mg, 0.2 mmol), diaryliodonium salts **1h** (55.1 mg, 0.1 mmol) and dry DMSO (1 mL), the reaction was stirred at 100 °C for 12 h giving **2h** (20.2 mg) in 71% yield as a white solid by column chromatography (PE:EA = 50:1 to 20:1). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.45 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 2H), 7.09-7.06 (m, 1H), 6.95 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 2H), 6.93-6.90 (m, 2H), 3.86 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 160.8, 143.4, 136.7, 135.2, 125.3, 124.7, 121.2, 115.5, 55.4; IR (KBr) ν 3420, 2972, 1590, 1505, 1472, 1255, 1188, 1123, 1054, 857, 520 cm⁻¹; MS (EI) *m/z* = 284 (100), 269 (50), 206 (30), 171 (25), 139 (10), 96 (5).



(4-Bromophenyl)(4-phenoxyphenyl)sulfane (2i):

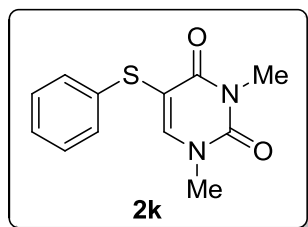
Prepared following general procedure using Cu(OTf)₂ (3.6 mg, 0.01 mmol), 1,10-phen (2.2 mg, 0.012 mmol), K₃PO₄ (42.5 mg, 0.2 mmol), KSAc (22.8 mg, 0.2 mmol), diaryliodonium salts **1i** (62.3 mg, 0.1 mmol) and dry DMSO (1 mL), the reaction was stirred at 100 °C for 12 h giving **2i** (23.2 mg) in 65% yield as a white solid by column chromatography (PE:EA = 50:1 to 20:1). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.41-7.34 (m, 6H), 7.15 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.12-7.08 (m, 2H), 7.05 (dd, *J* = 8.6, 0.9 Hz, 2H), 6.99-6.96 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 157.9, 156.4, 136.9, 134.7, 132.1, 130.6, 129.9, 127.2, 124.0, 120.2, 119.5, 119.3; IR (KBr) ν 3414, 1584, 1487, 1385, 1278, 1258, 1108, 1022, 833, 815, 754, 692, 482 cm⁻¹; HRMS (EI) for C₁₈H₁₃OSBr Calculated: 355.9870, found: 355.9872.



2-chloro-5-(phenylthio)pyridine (2j): Prepared following general procedure using Cu(OTf)₂ (3.6 mg, 0.01 mmol), 1,10-phen (2.2 mg, 0.012 mmol), K₃PO₄ (42.5 mg, 0.2 mmol), KSAc (22.8 mg, 0.2 mmol), diaryliodonium salts

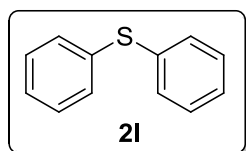
1j (46.6 mg, 0.1 mmol) and dry DMSO (1 mL), the reaction was stirred at 100 °C for 12 h giving **2j** (12.0 mg) in 54% yield as a colorless oil by column chromatography (PE:EA = 20:1). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.30 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 7.52 (dd, *J* = 8.3, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 7.41-7.30 (m, 5H), 7.24 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz,

CDCl₃) δ 149.5, 148.8, 139.3, 132.3, 131.9, 131.0, 128.6, 127.2, 123.6; **IR** (KBr) ν 3425, 3022, 1680, 1510, 1423, 1317, 1298, 1094, 1022, 852, 810 cm⁻¹; **MS** (EI) m/z = 221 (100), 184 (30), 115 (20), 109 (15), 77 (40).



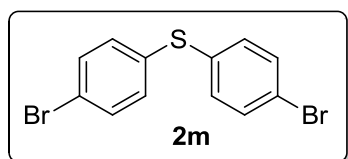
1,3-Dimethyl-5-(phenylthio)pyrimidine-2,4(1H,3H)-dione (2k):

Prepared following general procedure using Cu(OTf)₂ (3.6 mg, 0.01 mmol), 1,10-phen (2.2 mg, 0.012 mmol), K₃PO₄ (42.5 mg, 0.2 mmol), KSAc (22.8 mg, 0.2 mmol), diaryliodonium salts **1k** (49.2 mg, 0.1 mmol) and dry DMSO (1 mL), the reaction was stirred at 100 °C for 12 h giving **2k** (17.9 mg) in 72% yield as a white solid by column chromatography (PE:EA = 5:1 to 3:1). **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.62 (s, 1H), 7.38-7.17 (m, 5H), 3.45 (s, 3H), 3.40 (s, 3H); **¹³C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 161.8, 151.6, 147.4, 135.2, 129.2, 128.9, 126.9, 106.3, 37.3, 28.7; **IR** (KBr) ν 3448, 2361, 1716, 1642, 1614, 1439, 1347, 770, 737, 689 cm⁻¹; **HRMS** (EI) for C₁₂H₁₂N₂O₂S Calculated: 248.0619, found: 248.0616.



Diphenylsulfane (2l):

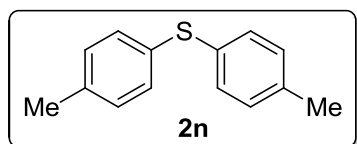
Prepared following general procedure using Cu(OTf)₂ (3.6 mg, 0.01 mmol), 1,10-phen (2.2 mg, 0.012 mmol), K₃PO₄ (42.5 mg, 0.2 mmol), KSAc (22.8 mg, 0.2 mmol), diaryliodonium salts **1l** (36.8 mg, 0.1 mmol) and dry DMSO (1 mL), the reaction was stirred at 100 °C for 12 h giving **2l** (10.6 mg) in 57% yield as a colorless oil by column chromatography (PE to PE:EA = 50:1). **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.42-7.23 (m, 10H); **¹³C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 135.8, 131.1, 129.2, 127.0; **MS** (EI) m/z = 186 (100), 152 (20), 109 (15), 92 (25), 77 (28).



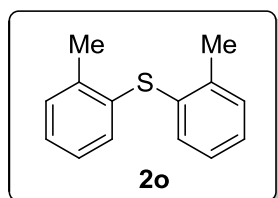
Bis(4-bromophenyl)sulfane (2m):

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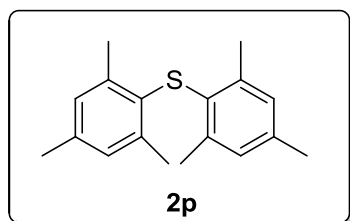
°C for 12 h giving **2m** (22.7 mg) in 66% yield as a white solid by column chromatography (PE to PE:EA = 50:1). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.43 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 4H), 7.19 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 4H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 133.5, 131.6, 131.4, 120.5; MS (EI) *m/z* = 344 (100), 265 (45), 184 (95), 152 (15), 139 (18), 92 (50), 75 (10).



Di-*p*-tolylsulfane (2n): Prepared following general procedure using Cu(OTf)₂ (3.6 mg, 0.01 mmol), 1,10-phen (2.2 mg, 0.012 mmol), K₃PO₄ (42.5 mg, 0.2 mmol), KSAc (22.8 mg, 0.2 mmol), diaryliodonium salts **1n** (39.6 mg, 0.1 mmol) and dry DMSO (1 mL), the reaction was stirred at 100 °C for 12 h giving **2n** (15.6 mg) in 73% yield as a colorless oil by column chromatography (PE to PE:EA = 50:1). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.15 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 4H), 7.02 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 4H), 2.24 (s, 6H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 135.9, 131.6, 130.0, 128.9, 20.0; MS (EI) *m/z* = 214 (100), 121 (5), 91 (20), 65 (12).

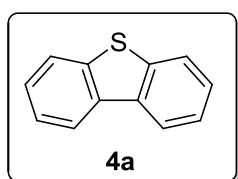


Di-*o*-tolylsulfane (2o): Prepared following general procedure using Cu(OTf)₂ (3.6 mg, 0.01 mmol), 1,10-phen (2.2 mg, 0.012 mmol), K₃PO₄ (42.5 mg, 0.2 mmol), KSAc (22.8 mg, 0.2 mmol), diaryliodonium salts **1o** (39.6 mg, 0.1 mmol) and dry DMSO (1 mL), the reaction was stirred at 100 °C for 12 h giving **2o** (14.8 mg) in 69% yield as a colorless oil by column chromatography (PE to PE:EA = 50:1). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.22-6.89 (m, 8H), 2.31 (s, 6H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 137.9, 133.2, 130.1, 129.4, 126.1, 125.7, 19.4; MS (EI) *m/z* = 214 (100), 123 (10), 91 (25), 65 (10).

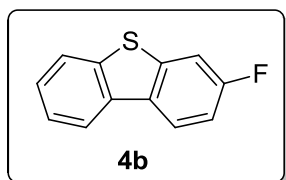


Dimesitylsulfane (2p): Prepared following general procedure using Cu(OTf)₂ (3.6 mg, 0.01 mmol), 1,10-phen (2.2 mg, 0.012 mmol), K₃PO₄ (42.5 mg, 0.2

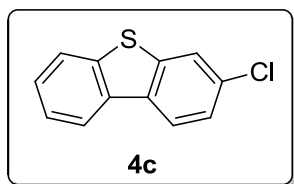
mmol), KSAc (22.8 mg, 0.2 mmol), diaryliodonium salts **1p** (45.2 mg, 0.1 mmol) and dry DMSO (1 mL), the reaction was stirred at 100 °C for 12 h giving **2p** (11.9 mg) in 44% yield as a colorless oil by column chromatography (PE to PE:EA = 50:1). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 6.83 (s, 4H), 2.24 (s, 6H), 2.19 (s, 12H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 140.3, 136.5, 131.1, 129.3, 21.6, 20.8; MS (EI) m/z = 270 (90), 150 (100), 104 (20), 76 (10).



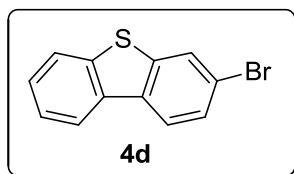
Dibenzo[b,d]thiophene (4a): Prepared following general procedure using Cu(OTf)₂ (3.6 mg, 0.01 mmol), 1,10-phen (2.2 mg, 0.012 mmol), K₃PO₄ (42.5 mg, 0.2 mmol), KSAc (22.8 mg, 0.2 mmol), diaryliodonium salts **3a** (45.0 mg, 0.1 mmol) and dry DMSO (1 mL), the reaction was stirred at 100 °C for 6 h giving **4a** (13.8 mg) in 75% yield as a white solid by column chromatography (PE to PE:EA = 50:1). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.21-8.12 (m, 2H), 7.91-7.82 (m, 3H), 7.52-7.43 (m, 4H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 138.4, 134.5, 125.7, 123.3, 121.8, 120.5; MS (EI) m/z = 184 (100), 152 (15), 139 (20), 92 (12), 79 (9).



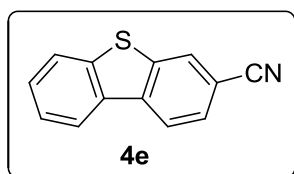
3-Fluorodibenzo[b,d]thiophene (4b): Prepared following general procedure using Cu(OTf)₂ (3.6 mg, 0.01 mmol), 1,10-phen (2.2 mg, 0.012 mmol), K₃PO₄ (42.5 mg, 0.2 mmol), KSAc (22.8 mg, 0.2 mmol), diaryliodonium salts **3b** (46.8 mg, 0.1 mmol) and dry DMSO (1 mL), the reaction was stirred at 100 °C for 6 h giving **4b** (18.4 mg) in 91% yield as a white solid by column chromatography (PE to PE:EA = 50:1). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.15-8.01 (m, 2H), 7.84 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 7.54 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 7.49-7.39 (m, 2H), 7.19 (t, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 163.05/160.61 (*J* = 244 Hz), 140.75/140.65 (*J* = 10 Hz), 139.2, 134.8, 131.9, 126.38, 124.66, 122.79, 122.62/122.53 (*J* = 9 Hz), 121.27, 112.99/112.76 (*J* = 23 Hz), 109.35/ 109.10 (*J* = 25 Hz); ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -114.41; HRMS (EI) for C₁₂H₇SF Calculated: 202.0252, found: 202.0251.



3-Chlorodibenzo[b,d]thiophene (4c): Prepared following general procedure using $\text{Cu}(\text{OTf})_2$ (3.6 mg, 0.01 mmol), 1,10-phen (2.2 mg, 0.012 mmol), K_3PO_4 (42.5 mg, 0.2 mmol), KSAc (22.8 mg, 0.2 mmol), diaryliodonium salts **3c** (46.3 mg, 0.1 mmol) and dry DMSO (1 mL), the reaction was stirred at 80 °C for 6 h giving **4c** (19.2 mg) in 88% yield as a white solid by column chromatography (PE to PE:EA = 50:1). $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.15-7.63 (m, 4H), 7.50-7.29 (m, 3H); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 140.6, 139.4, 134.7, 134.1, 132.5, 127.0, 125.1, 124.7, 122.8, 122.5, 122.3, 121.6; **HRMS** (EI) for $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_7\text{SCl}$ Calculated: 217.9957, found: 217.9953.

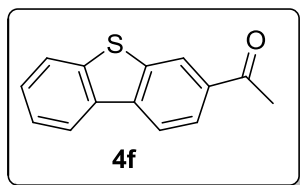


3-Bromodibenzo[b,d]thiophene (4d): Prepared following general procedure using $\text{Cu}(\text{OTf})_2$ (3.6 mg, 0.01 mmol), 1,10-phen (2.2 mg, 0.012 mmol), K_3PO_4 (42.5 mg, 0.2 mmol), KSAc (22.8 mg, 0.2 mmol), diaryliodonium salts **3d** (50.7 mg, 0.1 mmol) and dry DMSO (1 mL), the reaction was stirred at 80 °C for 6 h giving **4d** (17.9 mg) in 68% yield as a white solid by column chromatography (PE to PE:EA = 50:1). $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.12-8.02 (m, 1H), 8.00-7.91 (m, 2H), 7.86-7.79 (m, 1H), 7.54 (dd, J = 8.4, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.51-7.41 (m, 2H); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 141.0, 139.3, 134.8, 134.4, 127.7, 127.1, 125.4, 124.7, 122.8, 122.6, 121.6, 120.3; **HRMS** (EI) for $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_7\text{SBr}$ Calculated: 261.9452, found: 261.9455.

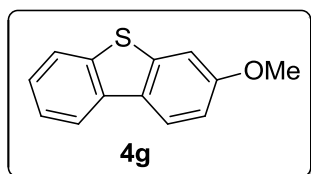


Dibenzo[b,d]thiophene-3-carbonitrile (4e): Prepared following general procedure using $\text{Cu}(\text{OTf})_2$ (3.6 mg, 0.01 mmol), 1,10-phen (2.2 mg, 0.012 mmol), K_3PO_4 (42.5 mg, 0.2 mmol), KSAc (22.8 mg, 0.2 mmol), diaryliodonium salts **3e** (45.3 mg, 0.1 mmol) and dry DMSO (1 mL), the reaction was stirred at 80 °C for 6 h giving **4e** (17.4 mg) in 83% yield as a white solid by column chromatography (PE:EA = 50:1 to 30:1). $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.20-8.07 (m, 3H), 7.88 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.66 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.59-7.48 (m, 2H); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (100 MHz,

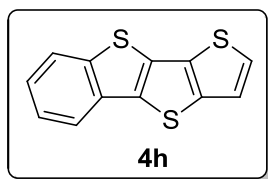
CDCl₃) δ 140.7, 139.7, 138.9, 134.1, 128.4, 127.4, 127.0, 125.1, 123.0, 122.5, 122.0, 119.0, 109.8; **HRMS** (EI) for C₁₃H₇NS Calculated: 209.0299, found: 209.0297.



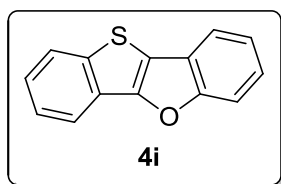
1-(Dibenzo[b,d]thiophen-3-yl)ethanone (4f): Prepared following general procedure using Cu(OTf)₂ (3.6 mg, 0.01 mmol), 1,10-phen (2.2 mg, 0.012 mmol), K₃PO₄ (42.5 mg, 0.2 mmol), KSAc (22.8 mg, 0.2 mmol), diaryliodonium salts **3f** (47.0 mg, 0.1 mmol) and dry DMSO (1 mL), the reaction was stirred at 80 °C for 6 h giving **4f** (17.9 mg) in 79% yield as a white solid by column chromatography (PE to PE:EA = 50:1). **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.44 (s, 1H), 8.20-8.13 (m, 2H), 8.02 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.87 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.55-7.44 (m, 2H), 2.69 (s, 3H); **¹³C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 197.4, 141.2, 139.5, 139.2, 135.4, 134.6, 127.9, 124.8, 124.3, 123.5, 123.0, 122.5, 121.5, 26.8; **IR** (KBr) ν 3448, 1678, 1596, 1394, 1278, 1253, 1233, 837, 767, 738, 663, 598 cm⁻¹; **HRMS** (EI) for C₁₄H₁₀OS Calculated: 226.0452, found: 226.0454.



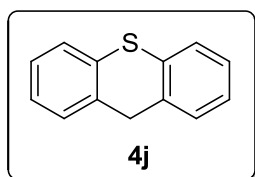
3-Methoxydibenzo[b,d]thiophene (4g): Prepared following general procedure using Cu(OTf)₂ (3.6 mg, 0.01 mmol), 1,10-phen (2.2 mg, 0.012 mmol), K₃PO₄ (42.5 mg, 0.2 mmol), KSAc (22.8 mg, 0.2 mmol), diaryliodonium salts **3g** (48.0 mg, 0.1 mmol) and dry DMSO (1 mL), the reaction was stirred at 100 °C for 6 h giving **4g** (15.4 mg) in 72% yield as a white solid by column chromatography (PE:EA = 50:1 to 30:1). **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.07-7.99 (m, 2H), 7.84-7.76 (m, 1H), 7.46-7.36 (m, 2H), 7.33 (d, *J* = 2.3 Hz, 1H), 7.06 (dd, *J* = 8.7, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 3.91 (s, 3H); **¹³C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 158.1, 140.0, 137.6, 134.5, 128.1, 124.5, 123.4, 121.6, 121.2, 119.7, 112.4, 104.9, 54.6; **HRMS** (EI) for C₁₃H₁₀OS Calculated: 214.0452, found: 214.0450.



Benzothiophene[4,5]thieno[3,2-b]thiophene (4h): Prepared following general procedure using $\text{Cu}(\text{OTf})_2$ (3.6 mg, 0.01 mmol), 1,10-phen (2.2 mg, 0.012 mmol), K_3PO_4 (42.5 mg, 0.2 mmol), KSAc (22.8 mg, 0.2 mmol), diaryliodonium salts **3h** (49.0 mg, 0.1 mmol) and dry DMSO (1 mL), the reaction was stirred at 100 °C for 6 h giving **4h** (7.9 mg) in 32% yield as a white solid by column chromatography (PE to PE:EA = 50:1). $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.88 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.83 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.47 -7.40 (m, 2H), 7.40-7.33 (m, 2H); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 141.7, 141.6, 136.6, 133.6, 131.6, 129.6, 127.0, 125.0, 124.5, 124.0, 120.9, 120.7; **IR** (KBr) ν 3437, 2924, 1607, 1447, 1384, 1186, 1128, 1015, 748, 641 cm^{-1} ; **HRMS** (EI) for $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_6\text{S}_3$ Calculated: 245.9632, found: 245.9635.

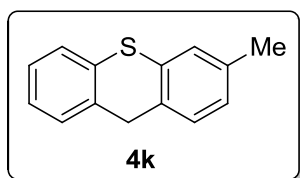


Benzo[4,5]thieno[3,2-b]benzofuran (4i): Prepared following general procedure using $\text{Cu}(\text{OTf})_2$ (3.6 mg, 0.01 mmol), 1,10-phen (2.2 mg, 0.012 mmol), K_3PO_4 (42.5 mg, 0.2 mmol), KSAc (22.8 mg, 0.2 mmol), diaryliodonium salts **3i** (46.8 mg, 0.1 mmol) and dry DMSO (1 mL), the reaction was stirred at 80 °C for 6 h giving **4i** (14.1 mg) in 63% yield as a white solid by column chromatography (PE to PE:EA = 50:1). $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.05-7.99 (m, 1H), 7.89 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.77-7.71 (m, 1H), 7.68-7.63 (m, 1H), 7.49 (td, J = 7.6, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 7.42-7.32 (m, 3H); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 157.8, 152.0, 141.0, 124.2, 123.9(4), 123.9(2), 123.9(1), 123.4, 123.1, 122.3, 118.7, 118.6, 117.6, 111.6; **IR** (KBr) ν 3414, 2962, 2924, 1617, 1441, 1392, 1297, 1260, 1120, 1018, 815, 738, 725, 434 cm^{-1} ; **HRMS** (EI) for $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_8\text{OS}$ Calculated: 224.0296, found: 224.0294.

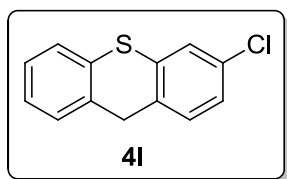


9H-Thioxanthene (4j): Prepared following general procedure using $\text{Cu}(\text{OTf})_2$ (3.6 mg, 0.01 mmol), 1,10-phen (2.2 mg, 0.012 mmol), K_3PO_4 (42.5 mg, 0.2 mmol), KSAc (22.8 mg, 0.2 mmol), diaryliodonium salts **3j** (46.4 mg, 0.1 mmol) and dry DMSO (1 mL), the reaction was stirred at 100 °C for 6 h giving **4j** (16.7 mg) in 84%

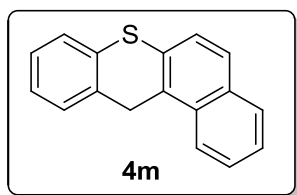
yield as a white solid by column chromatography (PE to PE:EA = 50:1). **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.41-7.29 (m, 2H), 7.28-7.19 (m, 2H), 7.15-7.03 (m, 4H), 3.76 (s, 2H); **¹³C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 136.2, 133.9, 128.0, 126.9, 126.6(4), 126.5(5), 39.3; **HRMS** (EI) for C₁₃H₁₀S Calculated: 198.0503, found: 198.0502.



3-Methyl-9H-thioxanthene (4k): Prepared following general procedure using Cu(OTf)₂ (3.6 mg, 0.01 mmol), 1,10-phen (2.2 mg, 0.012 mmol), K₃PO₄ (42.5 mg, 0.2 mmol), KSAc (22.8 mg, 0.2 mmol), diaryliodonium salts **3k** (47.8 mg, 0.1 mmol) and dry DMSO (1 mL), the reaction was stirred at 100 °C for 6 h giving **4k** (16.6 mg) in 78% yield as a white solid by column chromatography (PE to PE:EA = 50:1). **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.48-7.42 (m, 1H), 7.35-7.27 (m, 2H), 7.24-7.16 (m, 3H), 7.03 (dd, *J* = 7.7, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 3.84 (s, 2H), 2.34 (s, 3H); **¹³C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 136.5, 136.3, 134.0, 133.6, 133.2, 127.9, 127.7, 127.4, 127.4, 126.9, 126.5, 126.45, 38.7, 20.9; **IR** ν 3415, 3047, 1638, 1617, 1461, 1441, 1410, 1120, 1055, 808, 747, 609 cm⁻¹; **HRMS** (EI) for C₁₄H₁₂S Calculated: 212.0660, found: 212.0663.

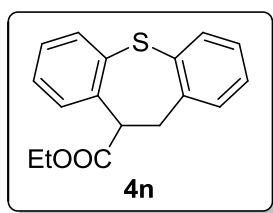


3-Chloro-9H-thioxanthene (4l): Prepared following general procedure using Cu(OTf)₂ (3.6 mg, 0.01 mmol), 1,10-phen (2.2 mg, 0.012 mmol), K₃PO₄ (42.5 mg, 0.2 mmol), KSAc (22.8 mg, 0.2 mmol), diaryliodonium salts **3l** (49.9 mg, 0.1 mmol) and dry DMSO (1 mL), the reaction was stirred at 100 °C for 6 h giving **4l** (14.4 mg) in 62% yield as a white solid by column chromatography (PE to PE:EA = 50:1). **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.45-7.42 (m, 2H), 7.34-7.29 (m, 1H), 7.25-7.15 (m, 4H), 3.82 (s, 2H); **¹³C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 135.8(1), 135.8(0), 134.7, 133.1, 132.1, 128.8, 128.0, 126.9, 126.7, 126.6, 126.6, 38.6; **IR** ν 3417, 1637, 1620, 1577, 1458, 1412, 1384, 1186, 1097, 805, 752 cm⁻¹; **HRMS** (EI) for C₁₃H₉SCl Calculated: 232.0113, found: 232.0111.



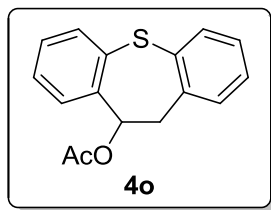
12H-Benzo[a]thioxanthene (4m): Prepared following general procedure using $\text{Cu}(\text{OTf})_2$ (3.6 mg, 0.01 mmol), 1,10-phen (2.2 mg, 0.012 mmol), K_3PO_4 (42.5 mg, 0.2 mmol), KSAC (22.8 mg, 0.2 mmol), diaryliodonium salts

3m (51.4 mg, 0.1 mmol) and dry DMSO (1 mL), the reaction was stirred at 100 °C for 6 h giving **4m** (19.1 mg) in 77% yield as a white solid by column chromatography (PE to PE:EA = 50:1). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.26 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.85 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.69 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 7.63-7.42 (m, 5H), 7.28-7.18 (m, 3H), 4.30 (s, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 135.5, 134.0, 132.6, 131.3(7), 131.3(5), 130.6, 128.9, 128.3, 126.7, 126.6(2), 126.5(7), 126.4(8), 125.2, 125.1, 122.4, 33.5; IR ν 3437, 3059, 2924, 1618, 1588, 1469, 1384, 1164, 1118, 807, 750, 739 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (EI) for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{12}\text{S}$ Calculated: 248.0660, found: 248.0658.



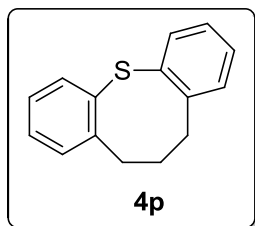
Ethyl 10,11-dihydrodibenzo[b,f]thiepine-10-carboxylate (4n): Prepared following general procedure using $\text{Cu}(\text{OTf})_2$ (3.6 mg, 0.01 mmol), 1,10-phen (2.2 mg, 0.012 mmol), K_3PO_4 (42.5 mg, 0.2 mmol), KSAC (22.8 mg, 0.2 mmol),

diaryliodonium salts **3n** (52.8 mg, 0.1 mmol) and dry DMSO (1 mL), the reaction was stirred at 100 °C for 6 h giving **4n** (14.8 mg) in 52% yield as a colorless oil by column chromatography (PE:EA = 50:1 to 30:1). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.53-7.45 (m, 2H), 7.23-7.08 (m, 6H), 4.56 (dd, J = 9.5, 3.7 Hz, 1H), 4.25-4.00 (m, 2H), 3.69 (dd, J = 15.2, 9.5 Hz, 1H), 3.57 (dd, J = 15.2, 3.7 Hz, 1H), 1.18 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 173.2, 139.7, 138.8, 134.8, 134.6, 131.9, 131.4, 130.6, 130.2, 127.9, 127.7, 127.3, 126.7, 61.0, 48.8, 35.7, 14.1; IR ν 3438, 3061, 2979, 1705, 1473, 1443, 1219, 1159, 1036, 758 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (EI) for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{16}\text{O}_2\text{S}$ Calculated: 284.0871, found: 284.0872.



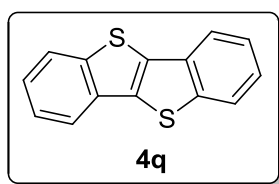
10,11-Dihydrodibenzo[b,f]thiepin-10-yl acetate (4o):

Prepared following general procedure using Cu(OTf)₂ (3.6 mg, 0.01 mmol), 1,10-phen (2.2 mg, 0.012 mmol), K₃PO₄ (42.5 mg, 0.2 mmol), KSAc (22.8 mg, 0.2 mmol), diaryliodonium salts **3o** (51.4 mg, 0.1 mmol) and dry DMSO (1 mL), the reaction was stirred at 60 °C for 6 h giving **4o** (18.4 mg) in 68% yield as a colorless oil by column chromatography (PE:EA = 50:1 to 30:1). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.55 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.50 (dd, *J* = 7.6, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.32 – 7.08 (m, 6H), 6.48 (dd, *J* = 8.9, 3.3 Hz, 1H), 3.67 (dd, *J* = 14.3, 3.3 Hz, 1H), 3.59 (dd, *J* = 14.3, 8.9 Hz, 1H), 2.06 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 170.2, 139.1, 138.2, 135.3, 134.3, 131.5, 131.4, 131.1, 130.6, 128.3, 128.1, 127.5, 126.9, 72.0, 37.9, 21.2; IR ν 3448, 3062, 2927, 1733, 1474, 1433, 1371, 1236, 1025, 758 cm⁻¹; HRMS (EI) for C₁₆H₁₄O₂S Calculated: 270.0715, found: 270.0713.



6,7-Dihydro-5H-dibenzo[b,g]thiocine (4p): Prepared following general procedure using Cu(OTf)₂ (3.6 mg, 0.01 mmol), 1,10-phen (2.2 mg, 0.012 mmol), K₃PO₄ (42.5 mg, 0.2 mmol), KSAc (22.8 mg, 0.2 mmol), diaryliodonium salts **3p**

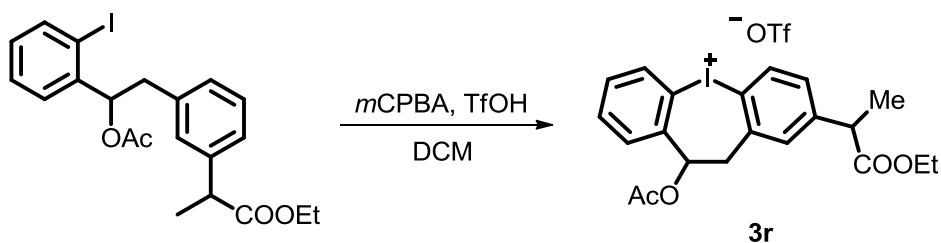
(49.2 mg, 0.1 mmol) and dry DMSO (1 mL), the reaction was stirred at 100 °C for 6 h giving **4p** (17.7 mg) in 78% yield as a colorless oil by column chromatography (PE:EA = 50:1 to 30:1). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.79 (dd, *J* = 7.9, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 7.32-7.15 (m, 4H), 7.13-7.06 (m, 2H), 6.85 (td, *J* = 7.7, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 2.91-2.84 (m, 2H), 2.81-2.73 (m, 2H), 2.16-1.85 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 159.7, 144.8, 142.7, 139.5, 134.6, 131.9, 129.7, 129.3, 128.3, 127.7, 127.2, 127.0, 100.7, 40.7, 33.8, 31.0; HRMS (EI) for C₁₅H₁₄S Calculated: 226.0816, found: 226.0814.



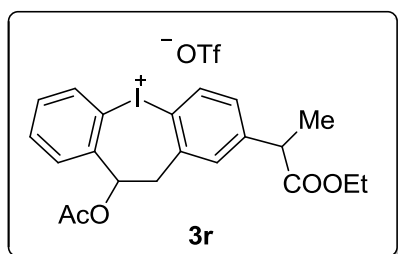
Benzo[b]benzo[4,5]thieno[2,3-d]thiophene (4q): Prepared following general procedure using Cu(OTf)₂ (3.6 mg, 0.01 mmol), 1,10-phen (2.2 mg, 0.012 mmol), K₃PO₄ (42.5 mg,

0.2 mmol), KSAc (22.8 mg, 0.2 mmol), diaryliodonium salts **3p** (48.4 mg, 0.1 mmol) and dry DMSO (1 mL), the reaction was stirred at 100 °C for 3 h giving **4p** (17.1 mg) in 71% yield as a white solid by column chromatography (PE to PE:EA = 50:1). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.95-7.84 (m, 4H), 7.50-7.37 (m, 4H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 142.3, 133.5, 133.1, 125.0, 124.9, 124.1, 121.6; HRMS (EI) for C₁₄H₈S₂ Calculated: 240.0067, found: 240.0069.

General procedure for the synthesis of **3r**



*m*CPBA (75% active oxidant, 101.2 mg, 0.44 mmol) was added to the solution of aryl iodide (186.6 mg, 0.4 mmol) in DCM (4 mL). The resulting solution was cooled to 0 °C and TfOH (120.0 mg, 0.8 mmol) was added dropwise. After 20 min of stirring at 0 °C, the reaction mixture was warmed to room temperature for 30 min. The latter solution was concentrated, and purified by column chromatography to provide product **3r** (199.1 mg) in 81% yield as a colorless oil by column chromatography (DCM:MeOH = 50:1 to 20:1).

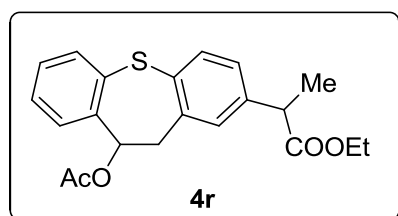


10-Acetoxy-2-(1-carboxyethyl)-10,11-dihydrodibenzo[b,f]iodepin-5-ium (3r): 81% yield, dr = 1:1,

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.19 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 8.12 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.53 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.45 (d, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 1H), 7.39-7.29 (m, 2H),

7.22 (dd, *J* = 8.3, 1.9 Hz, 1H), 6.38 (dd, *J* = 9.1, 5.8 Hz, 1H), 4.21-3.97 (m, 2H), 3.83-3.54 (m, 3H), 2.15 (s, 3H), 1.46 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H), 1.19 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 173.3 (173.2), 169.84 (169.77), 146.0, 138.2(4), 138.1(5),

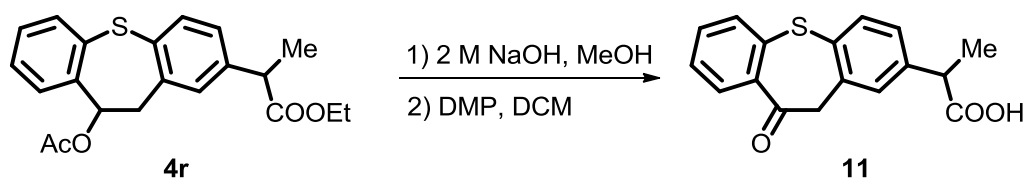
137.12, 136.3 (136.2), 134.34 (134.27), 132.7, 131.8 (131.7), 131.19, 129.4 (129.3), 117.8 (117.7), 112.6 (112.5), 71.4 (71.3), 61.29 (61.27), 45.2, 40.6, 21.0, 18.6(18.4), 14.0; **¹⁹F NMR** (282 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -78.26; **HRMS** (ESI) for C₂₁H₂₂O₄I [M-TfO]⁺ Calculated: 465.0563, found: 465.0564.



Ethyl 2-(10-acetoxy-10,11-dihydrodibenzo[b,f]thiepin-2-yl)propanoate (4r): Prepared following general procedure using Cu(OTf)₂ (3.6 mg, 0.01 mmol), 1,10-phen (2.2 mg, 0.012 mmol), K₃PO₄

(42.5 mg, 0.2 mmol), KSAc (22.8 mg, 0.2 mmol), diaryliodonium salts **3r** (61.4 mg, 0.1 mmol) and dry DMSO (1 mL), the reaction was stirred at 80 °C for 4 h giving **4r** (23.7 mg) in 64% yield (dr = 1:1) as a colorless oil by column chromatography (PE:EA = 20:1 to 10:1). **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.47-7.36 (m, 2H), 7.24-6.92 (m, 5H), 6.43-6.34 (m, 1H), 4.13-3.89 (m, 2H), 3.62-3.54 (m, 2H), 3.51-3.40 (m, 1H), 1.98 (s, 3H), 1.38 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H), 1.13 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H); **¹³C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 173.11 (173.05), 169.16 (169.11), 140.00 (139.97), 138.28 (138.25), 137.29 (137.22), 133.13 (133.11), 132.77 (132.73), 130.70 (130.67), 130.38 (130.32), 130.08 (130.02), 128.80 (128.72), 127.06 (127.04), 126.53 (126.50), 125.10 (124.99), 70.91 (70.86), 59.84 (59.82), 44.12 (44.08), 36.89 (36.81), 20.1, 17.56 (17.52), 13.1; **IR** ν 3448, 2931, 1733, 1605, 1435, 1372, 1235, 1183, 1072, 1028, 803, 757 cm⁻¹; **HRMS** (EI) for C₂₁H₂₂O₄S Calculated: 370.1239, found: 370.1238.

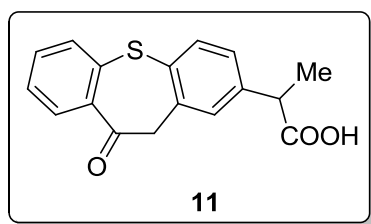
General procedure for the synthesis of 11



2 M aqueous NaOH (1 mL) was added to a solution of **4r** (23.7 mg, 0.064 mmol) in

MeOH (1 mL). After 8 h of stirring at room temperature, the reaction was quenched with 1 M HCl (2 ml) and diluted with DCM. The organic layer was separated, and the aqueous layer was extracted with DCM. The combined organic layers were dried over Na₂SO₄ and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude product was used in next step directly.

The crude product of last step was dissolved in DCM (2 mL), Dess-Martin periodinane (27.1 mg, 0.064 mmol) was added. The mixture was stirred at room temperature for 2 h. The resulting solution was filtered and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by column chromatography to provide product **11** (16.4 mg) in 86% yield as a white solid by column chromatography (PE:EA = 1:1 to 1:2).



2-(10-oxo-10,11-Dihydrodibenzo[b,f]thiepin-2-yl)propanoic acid (11): ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.19 (dd, *J* = 8.0, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.64-7.55 (m, 2H), 7.45-7.38 (m, 2H), 7.35-7.28 (m, 1H), 7.16 (dd, *J* = 8.0, 1.9 Hz, 1H), 4.36 (s, 2H), 3.73 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 1.49 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 191.4, 179.1, 141.9, 140.2, 138.0, 136.1, 133.6, 132.6, 131.6, 131.5, 130.9, 128.7, 126.9, 126.5, 51.1, 44.9, 18.1; IR ν 3445, 2985, 1705, 1770, 1588, 1459, 1428, 1382, 1285, 1232, 1206, 1158, 1074, 756 cm⁻¹; HRMS (EI) for C₁₇H₁₄O₃S Calculated: 298.0664, found: 298.0670.

X-Ray Crystal Structures

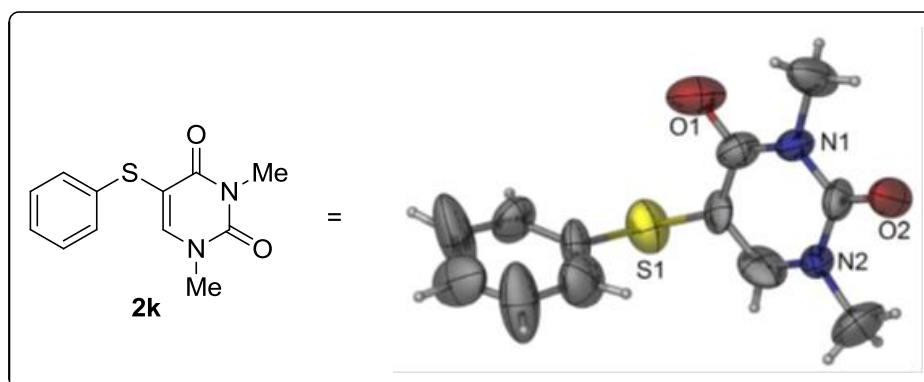
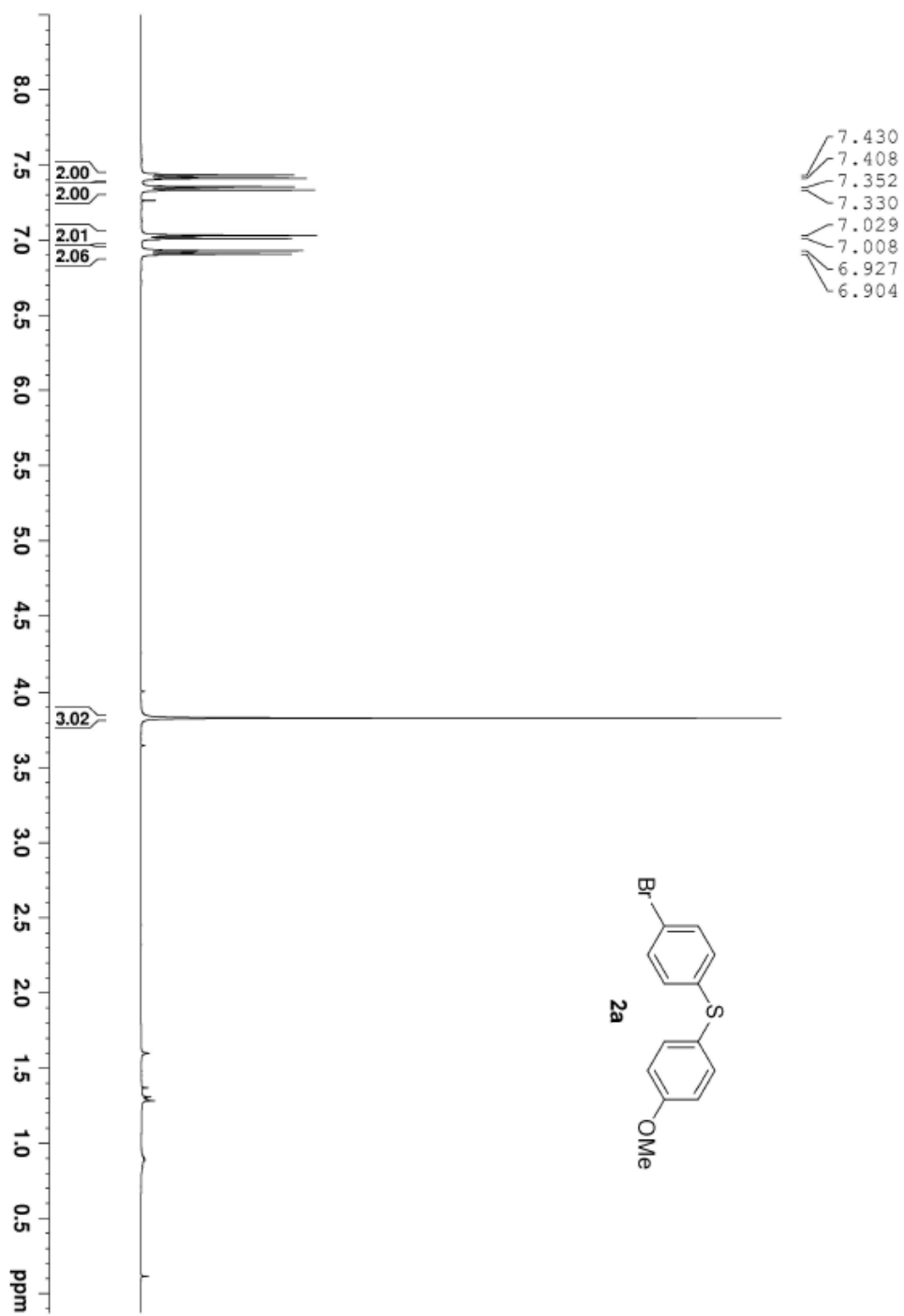


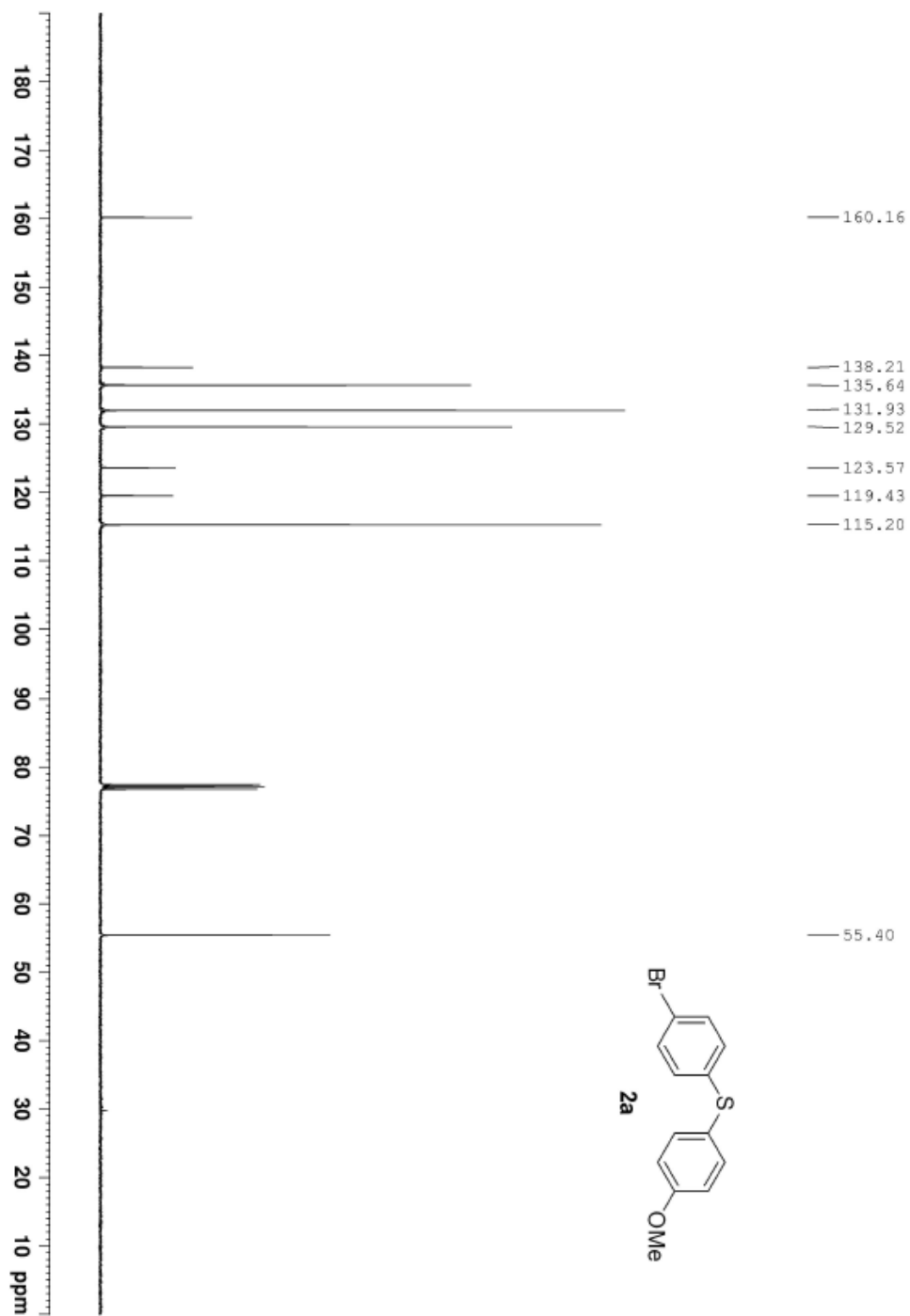
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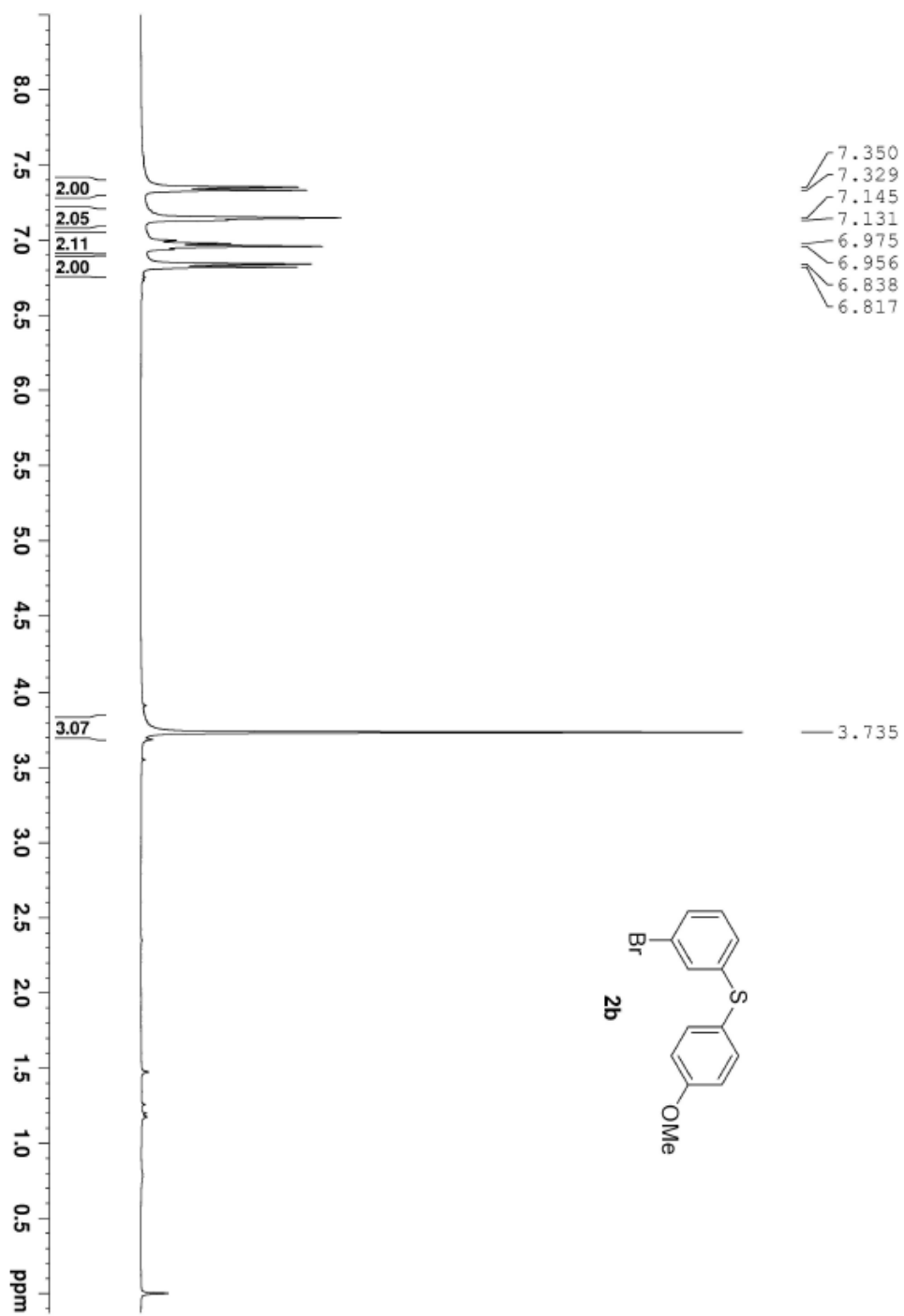
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Volume	4859.4(13)
Space group	P41
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D _x , g cm ⁻³	1.358
Z	16
Mu (mm ⁻¹)	0.257
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h,k,l _{max}	13,13,44
N _{ref}	8573
T _{min} , T _{max}	0.922, 0.946
Correction method= # Reported T Limits	T _{min} =0.922 T _{max} =0.946
AbsCorr = MULTI-SCAN	
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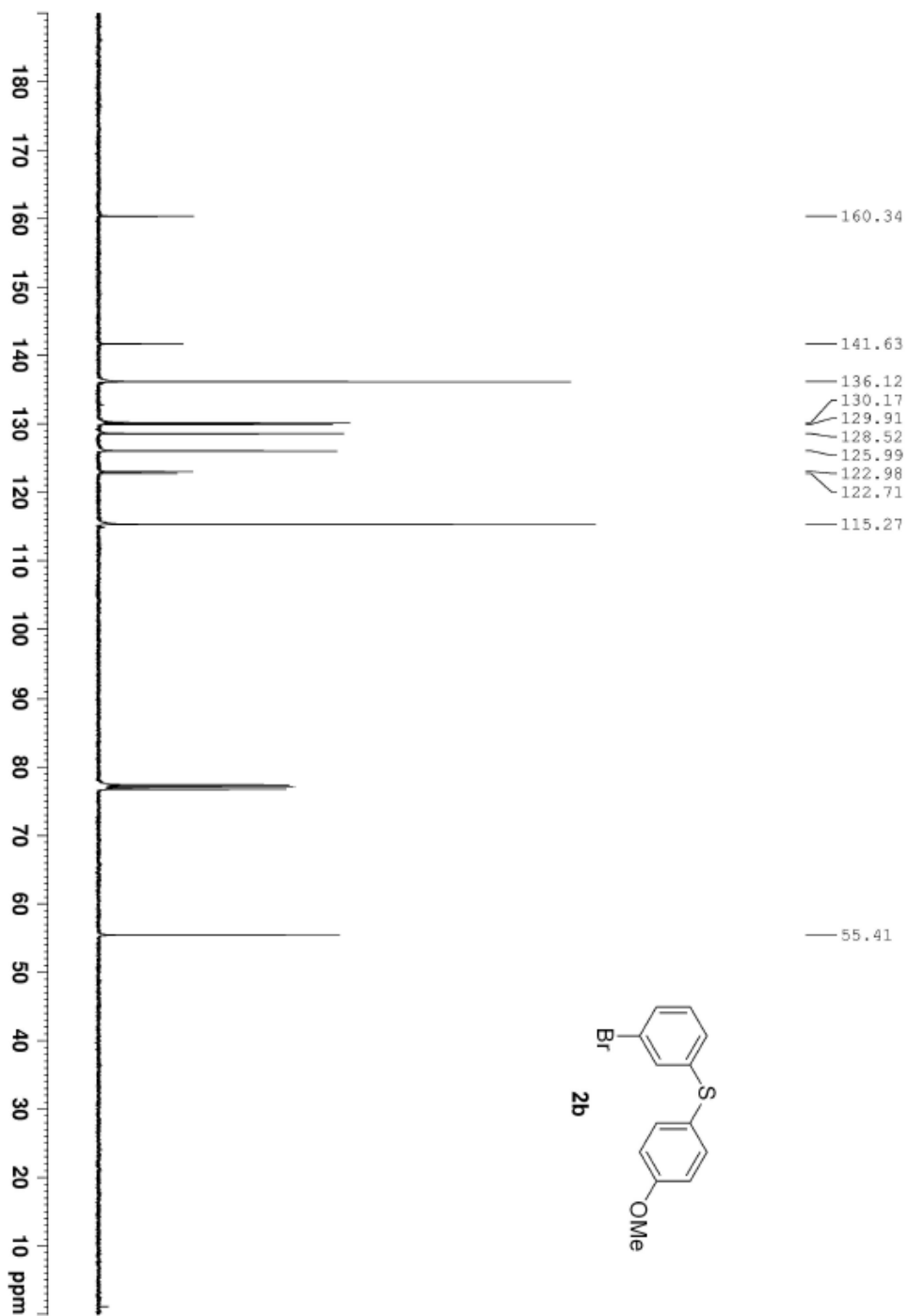
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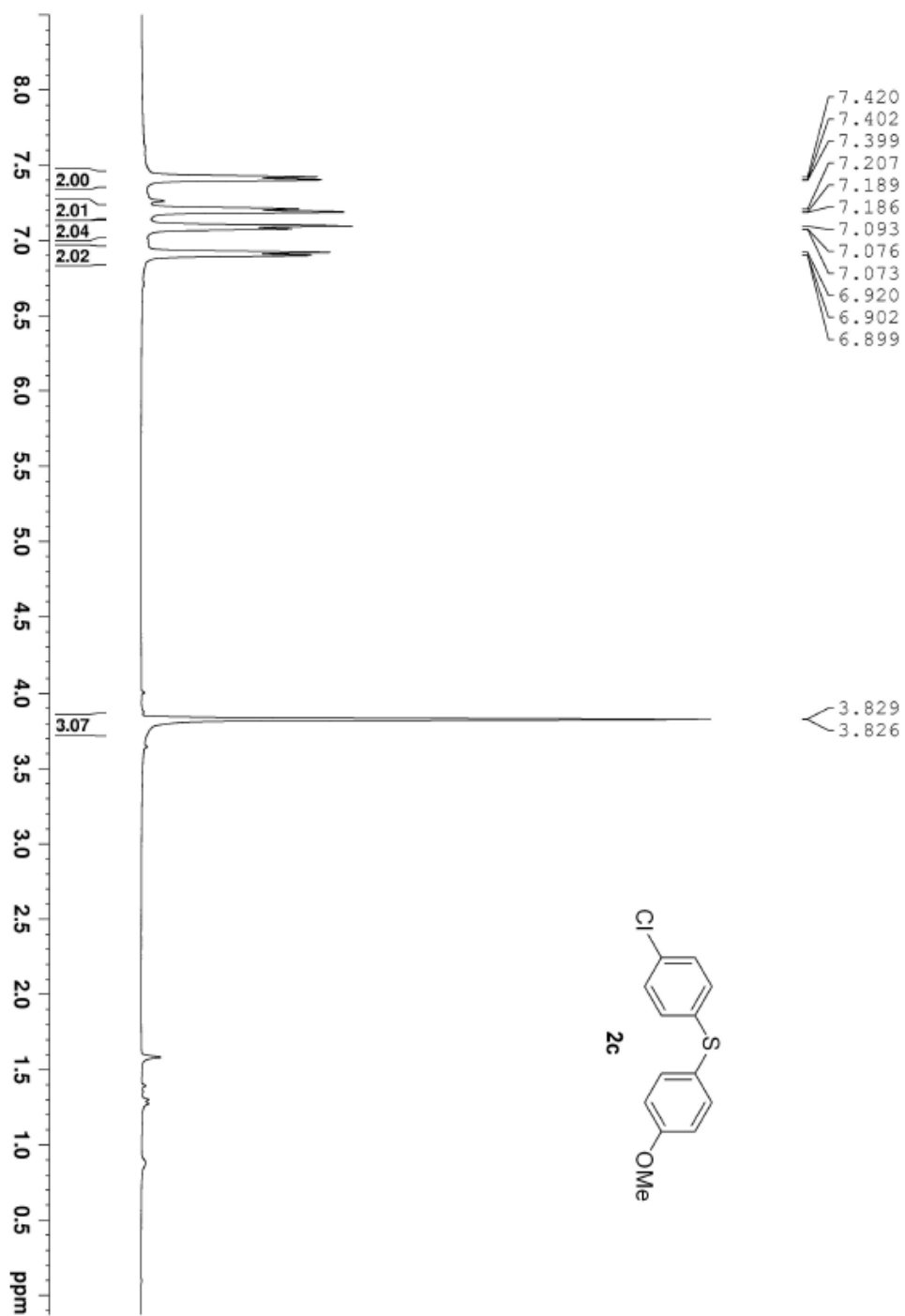
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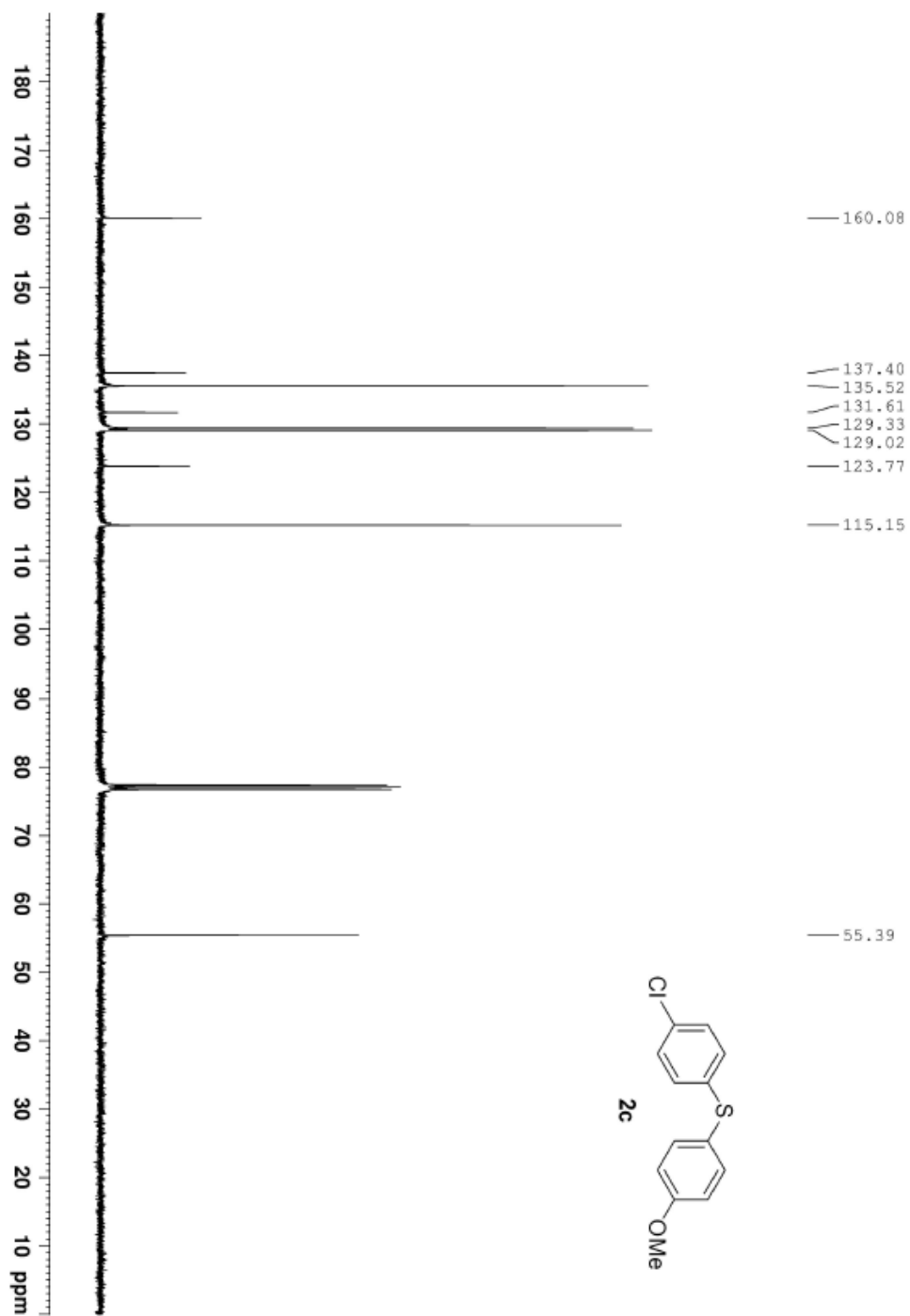


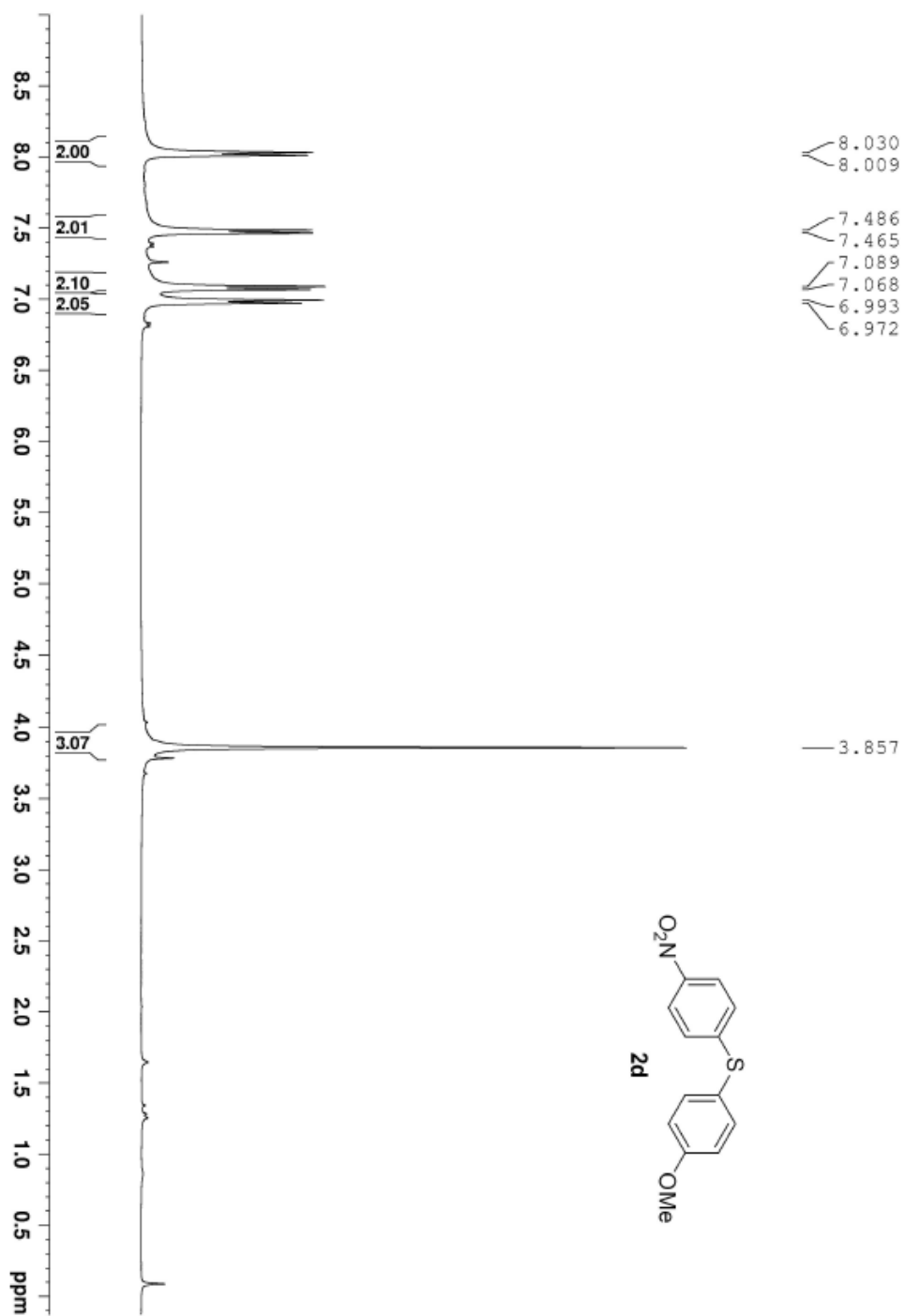


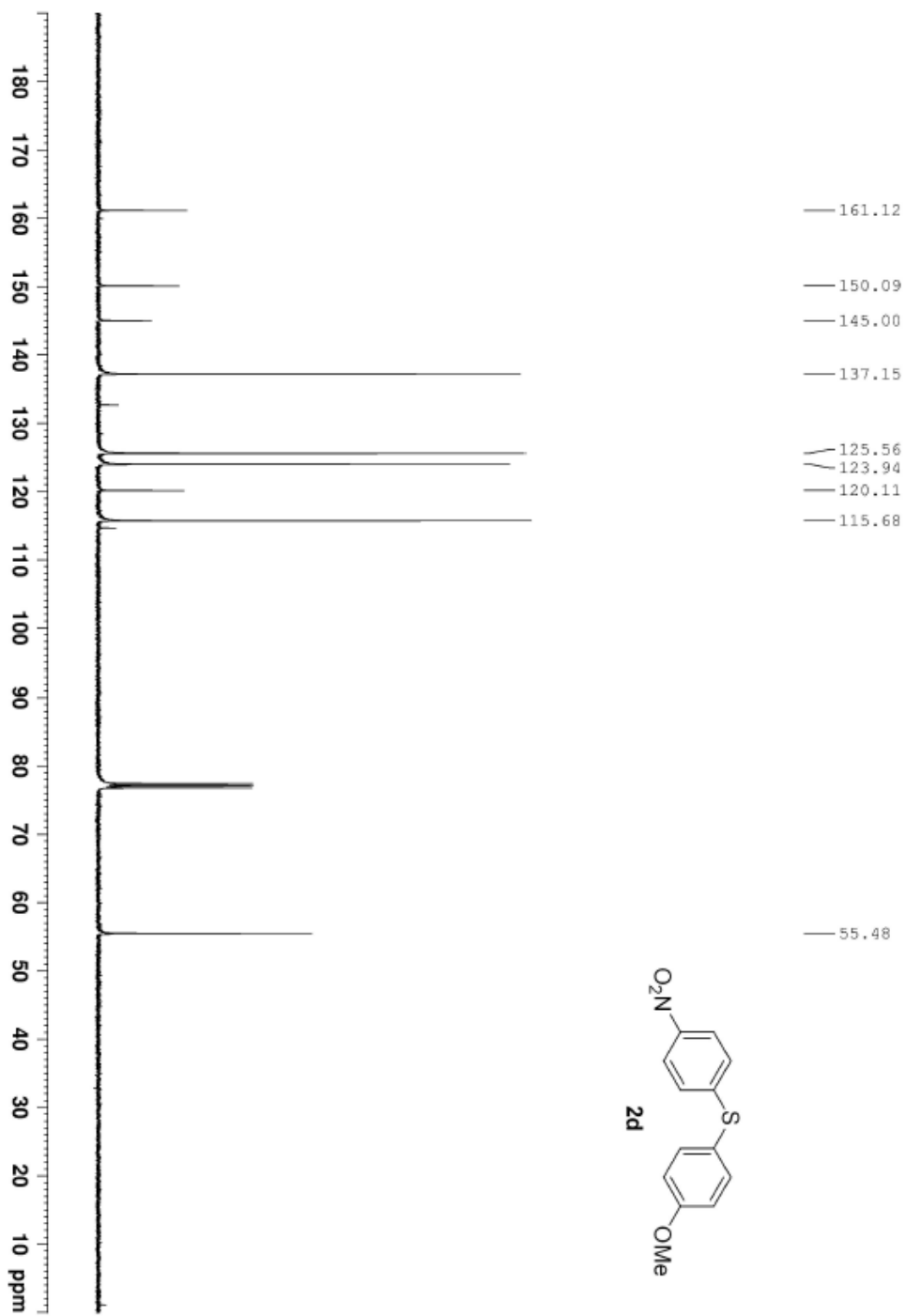


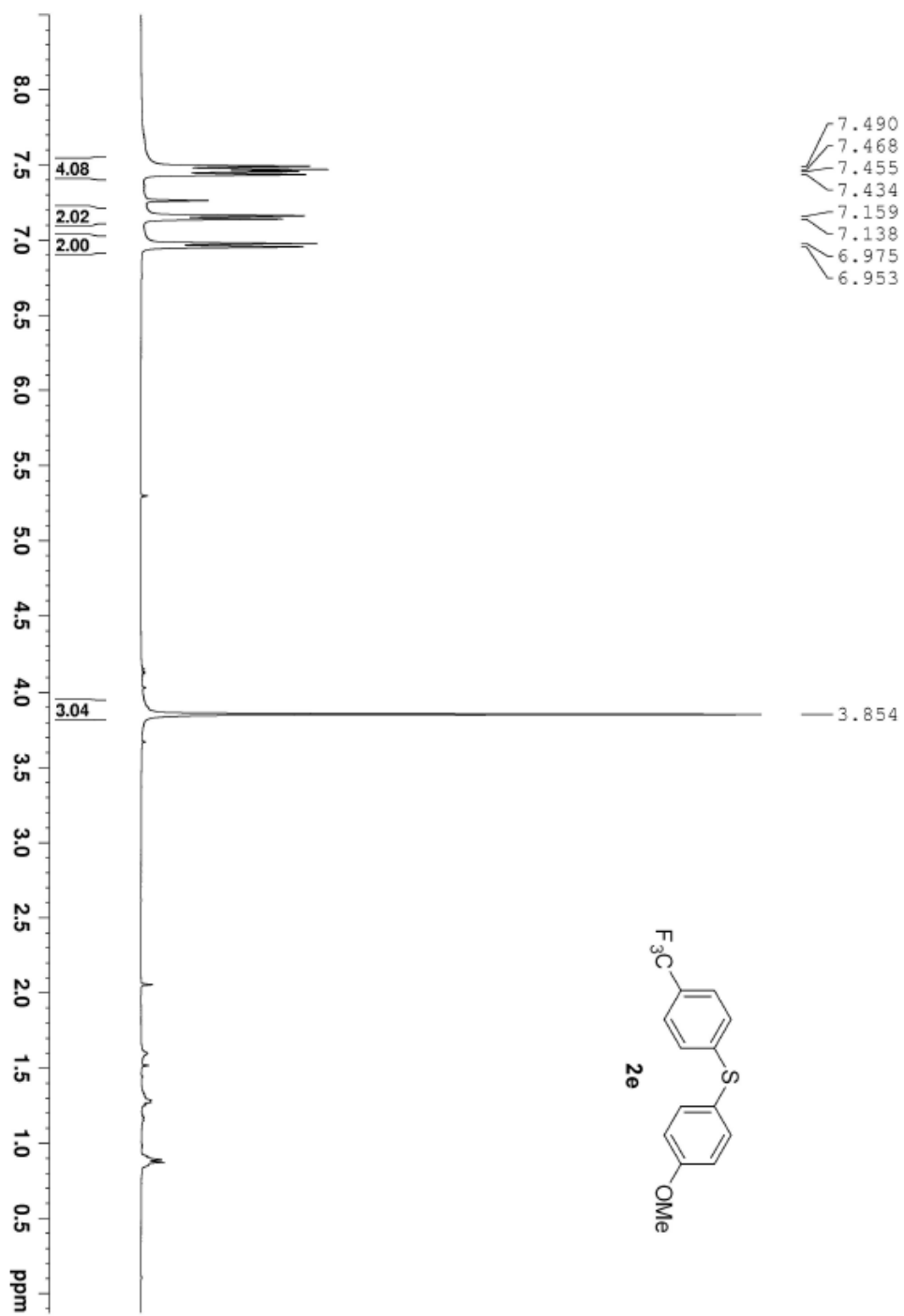


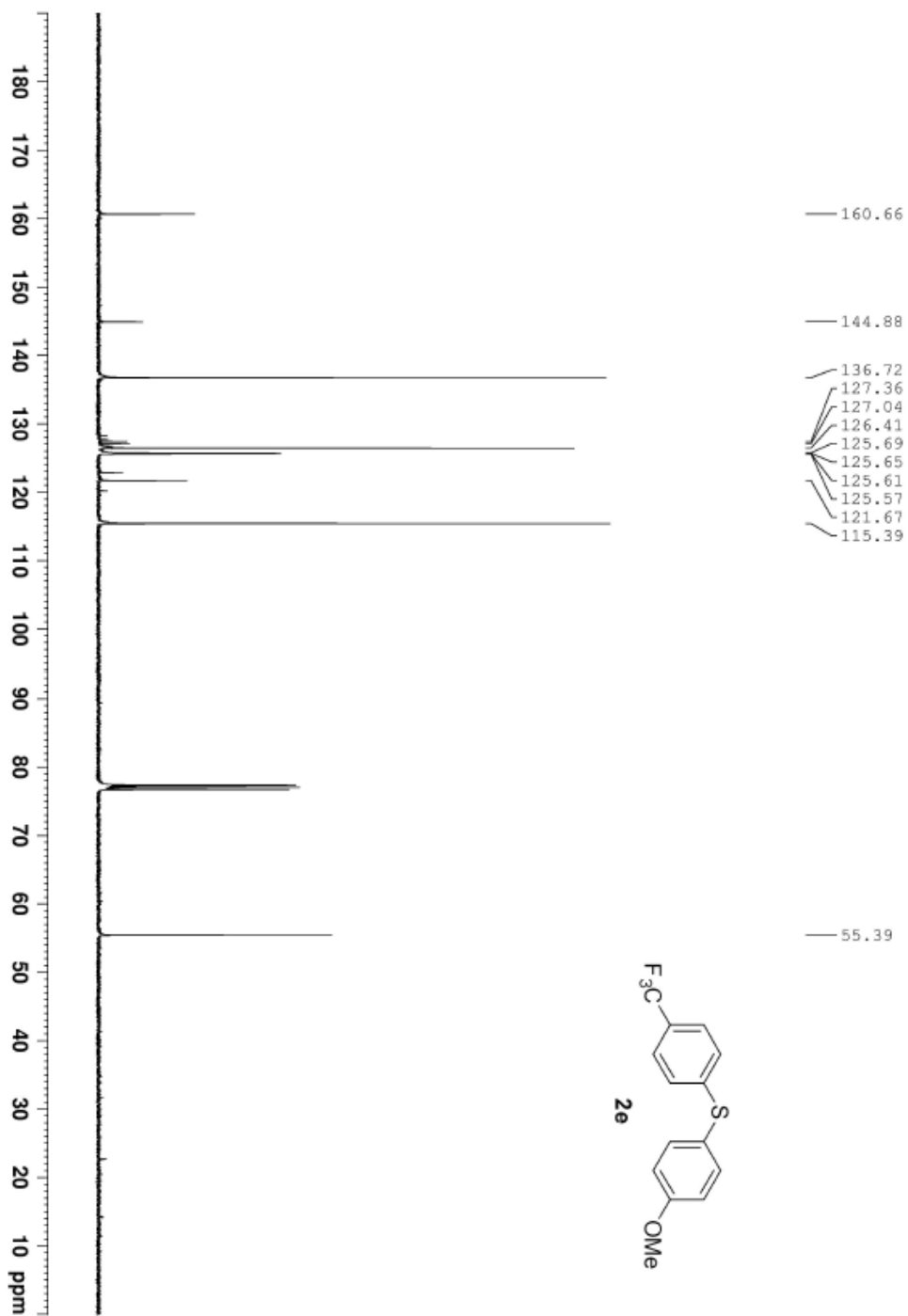


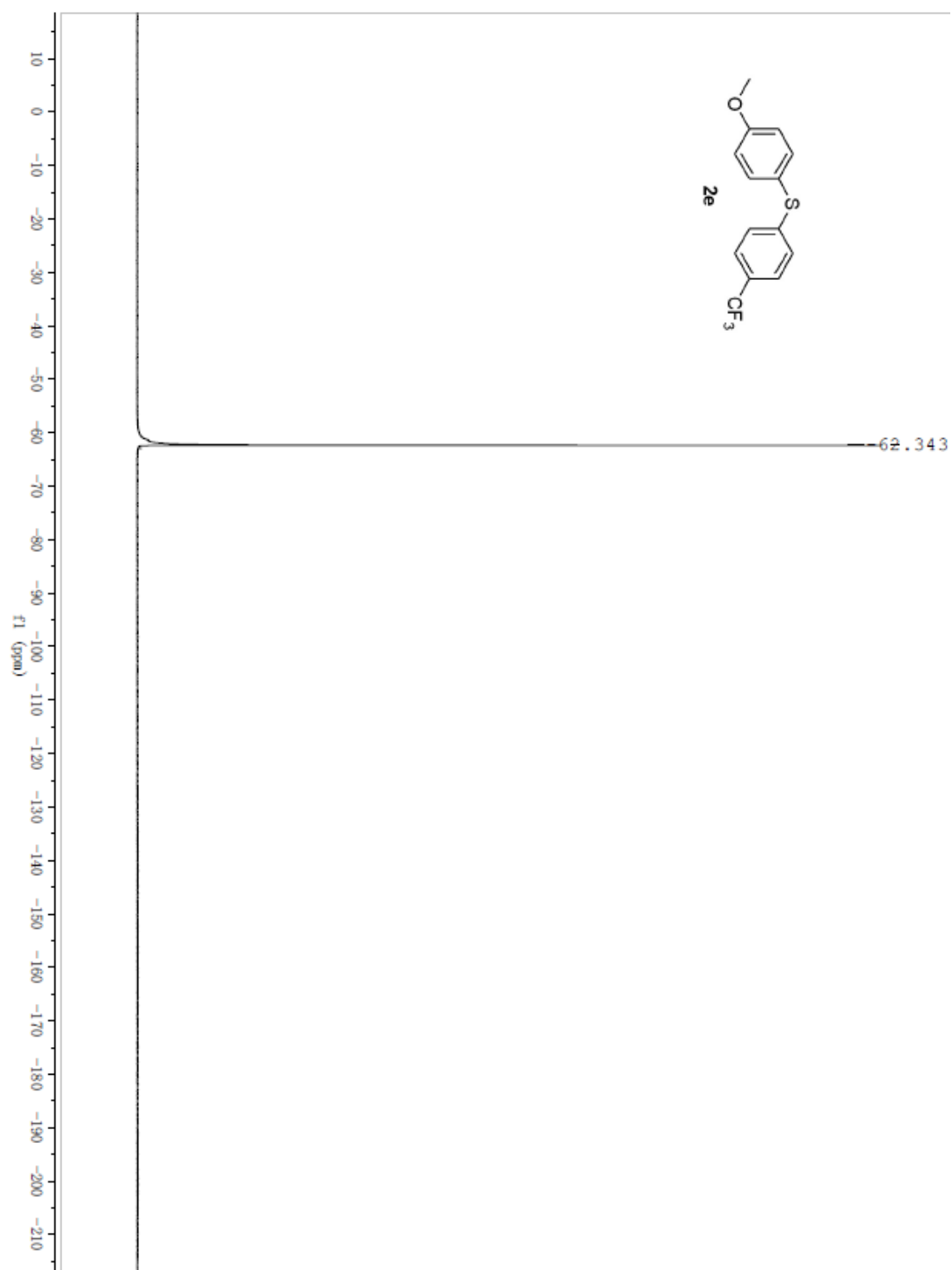


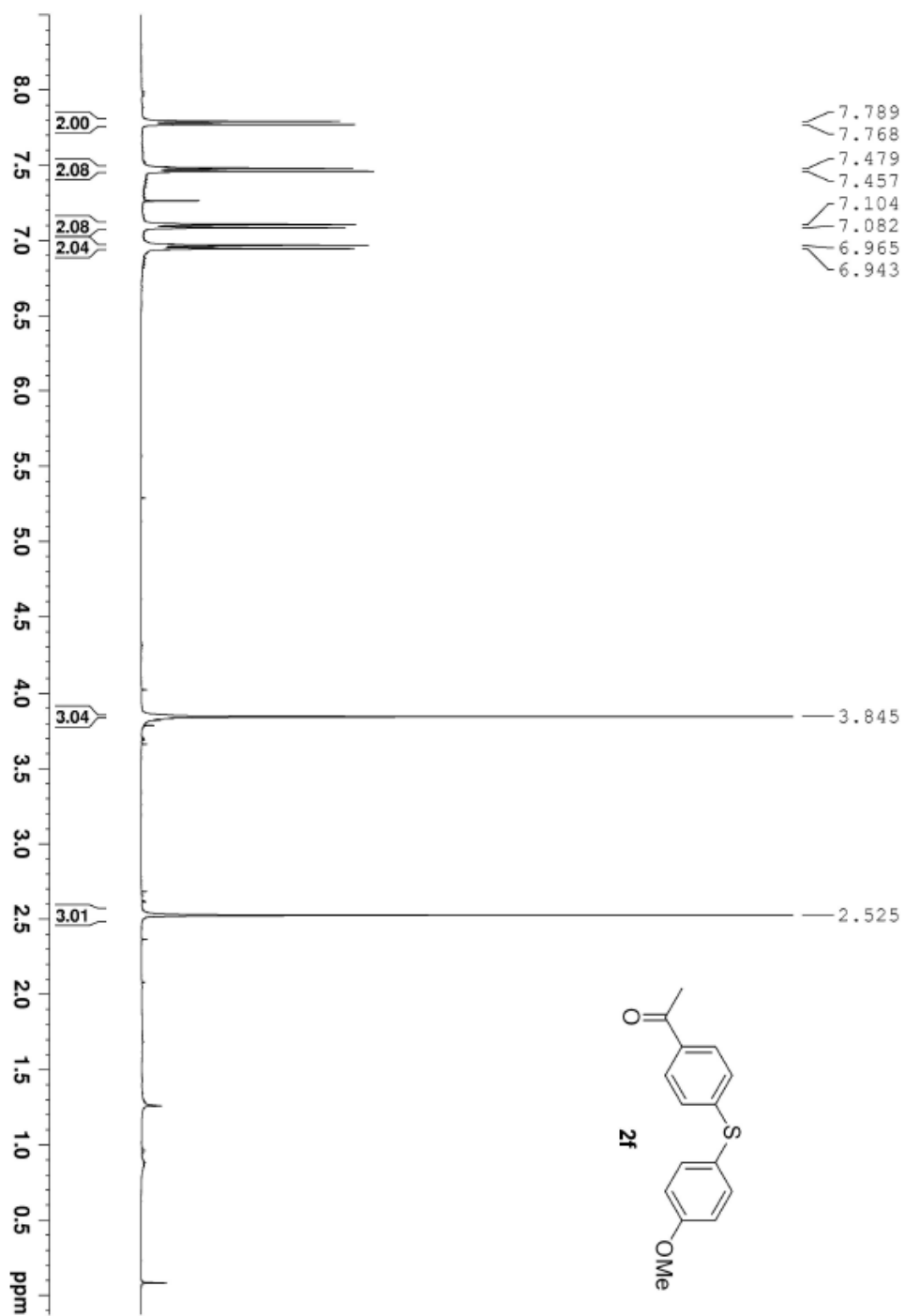


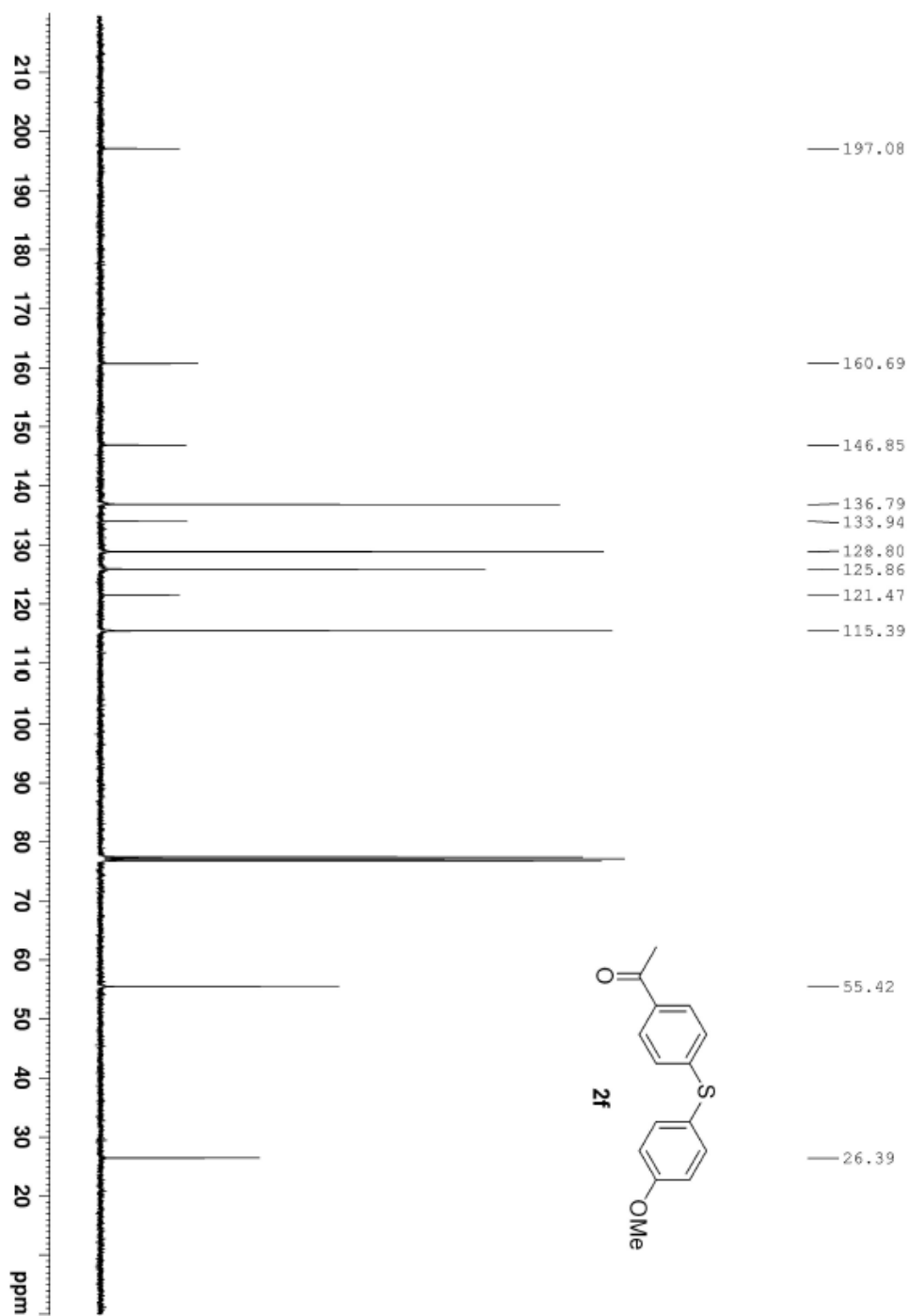


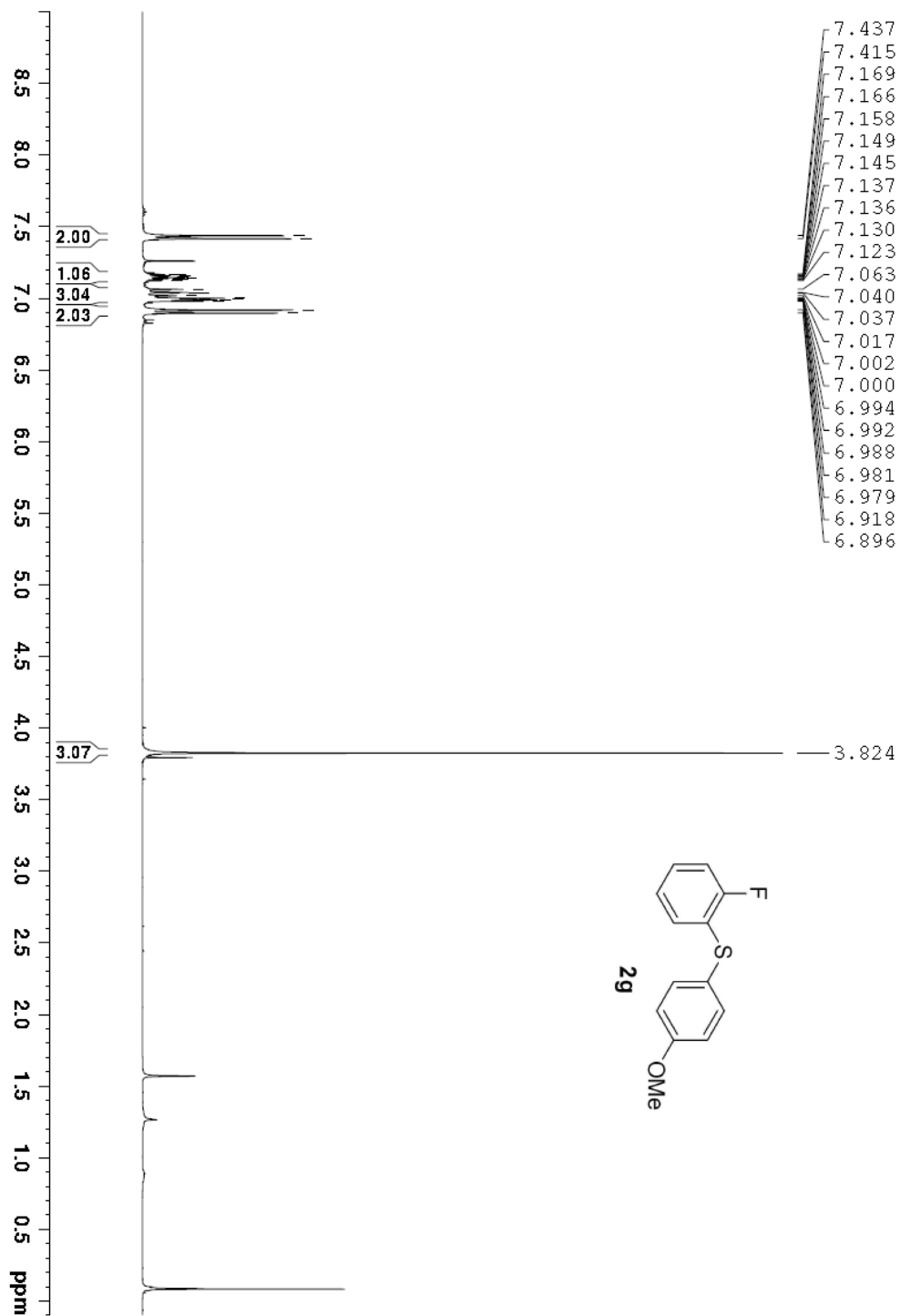


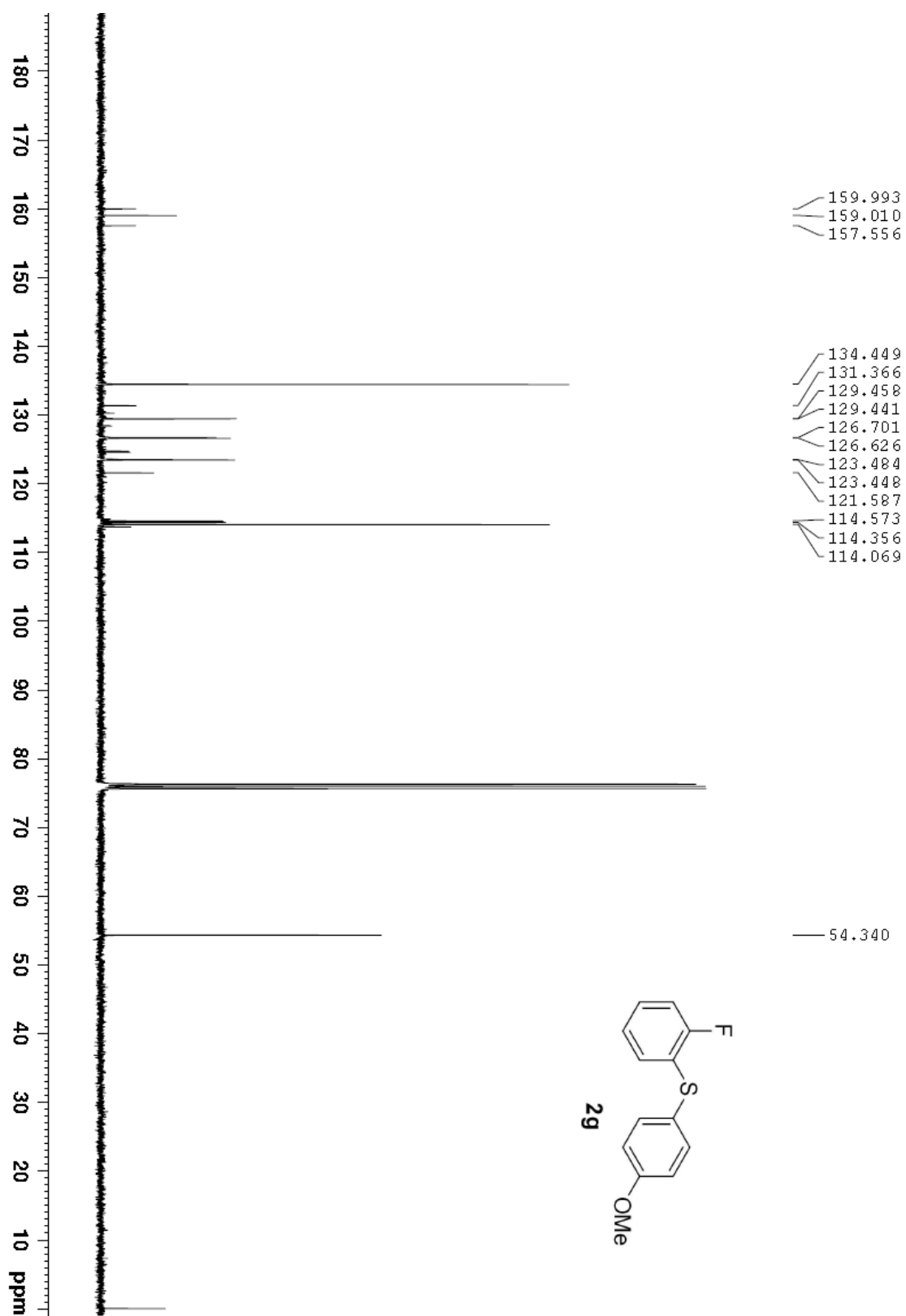


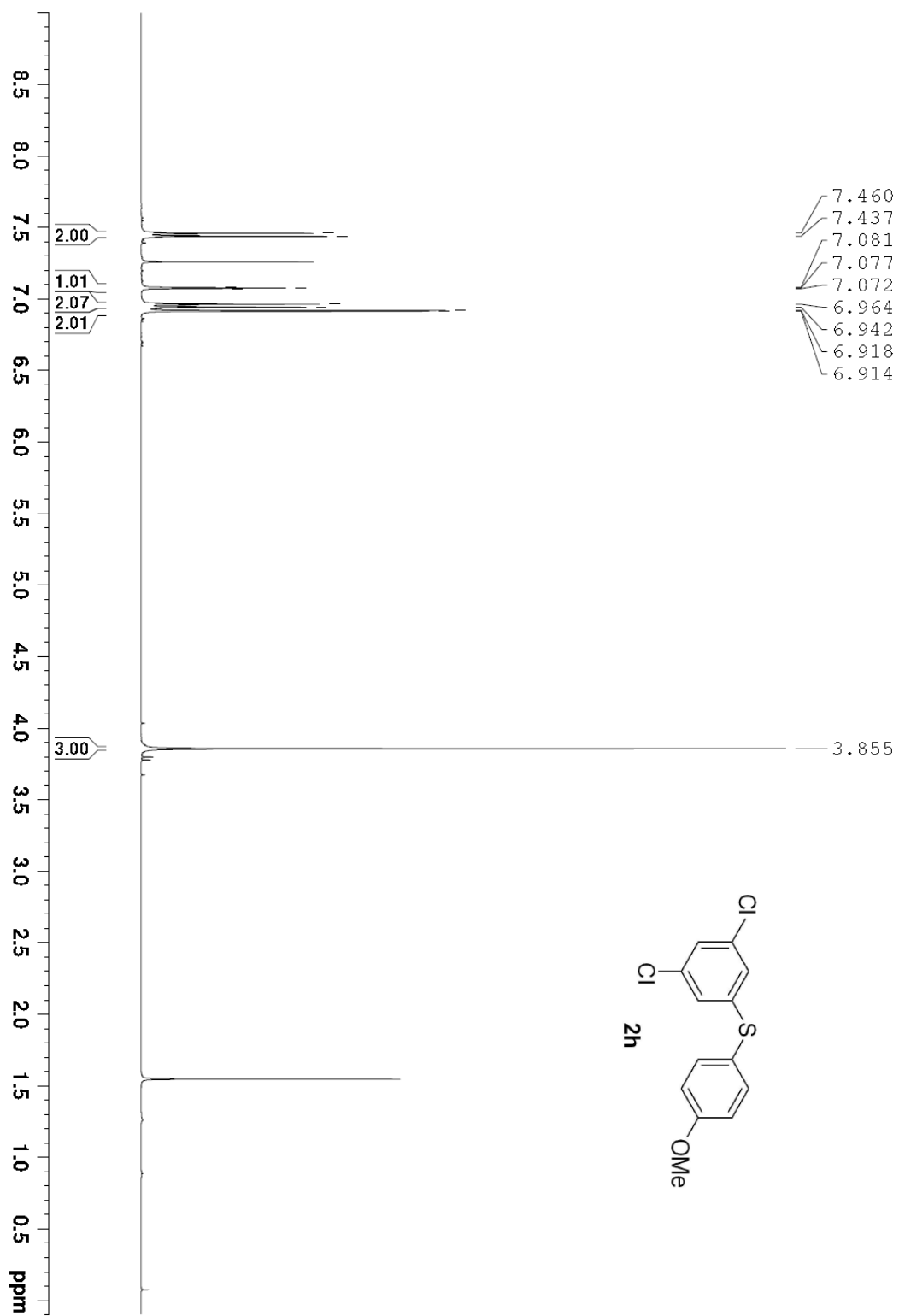


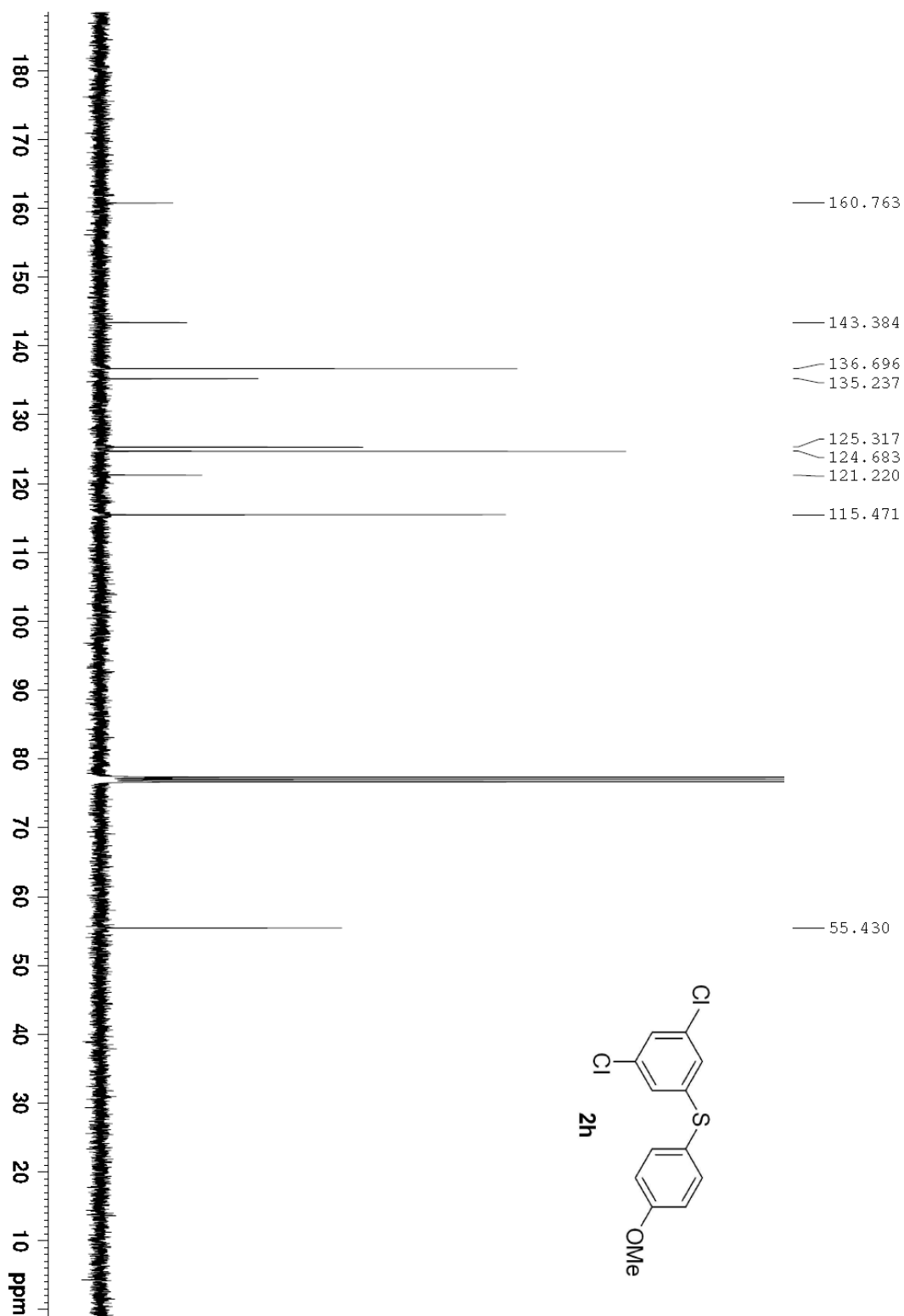


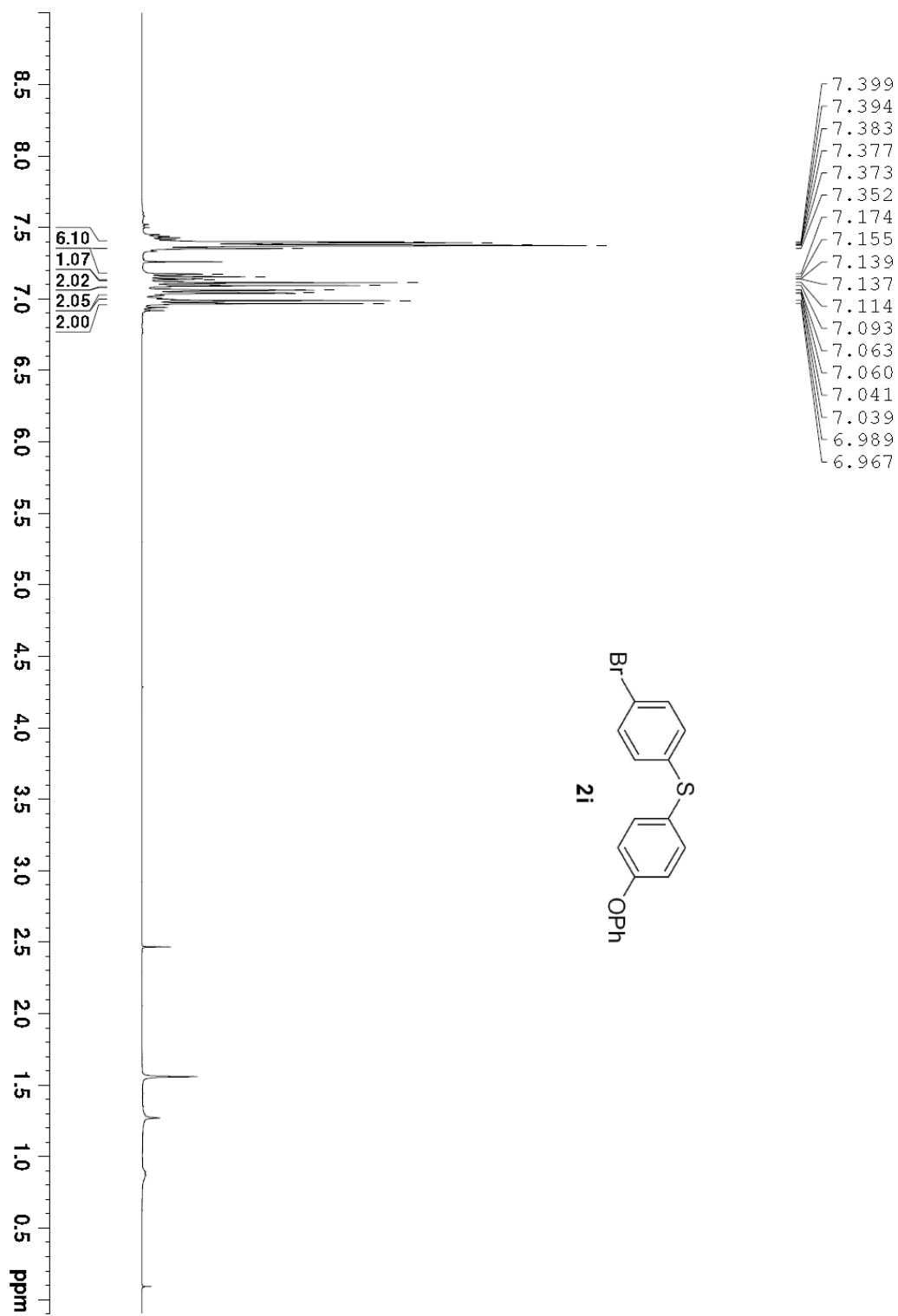


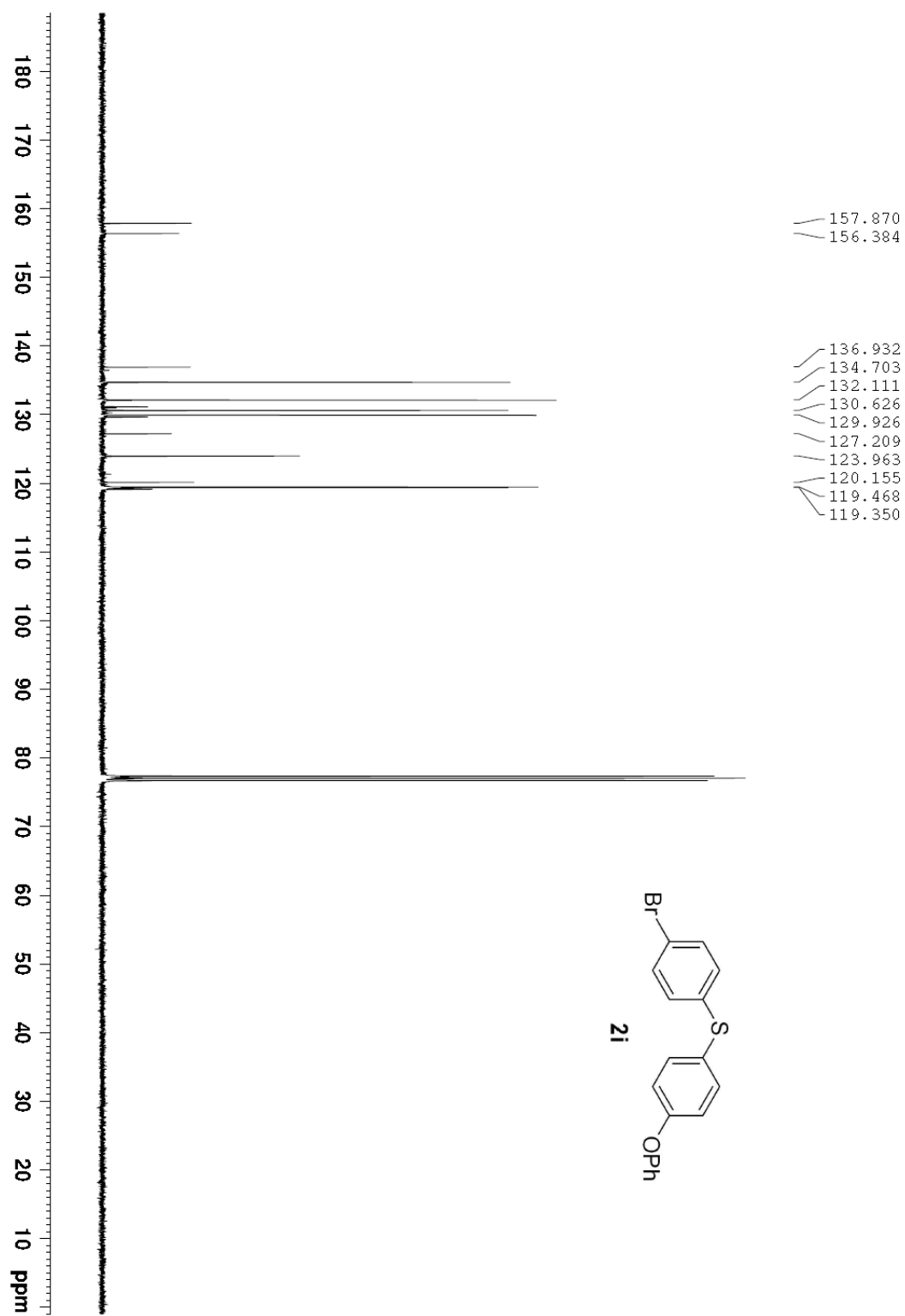


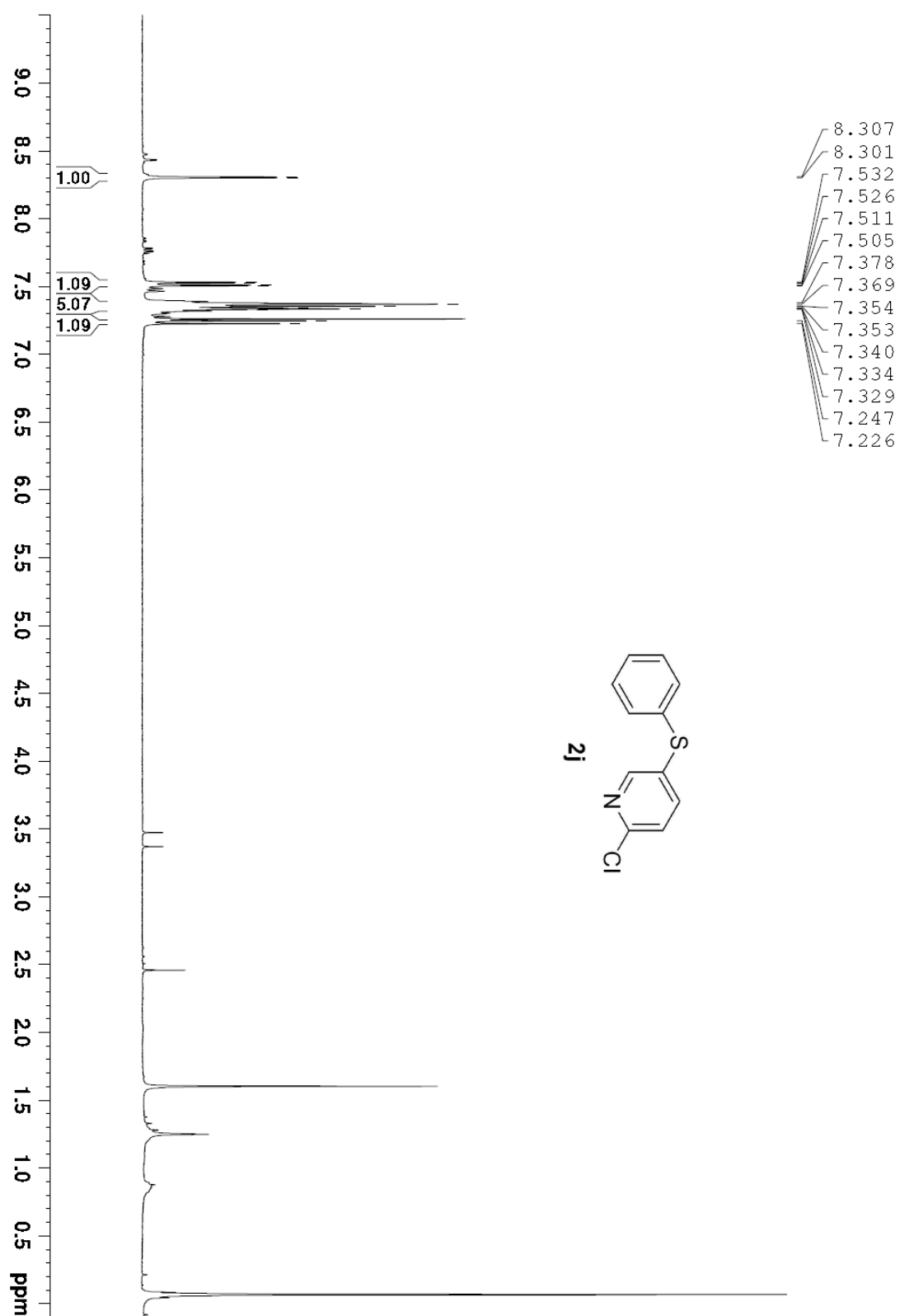


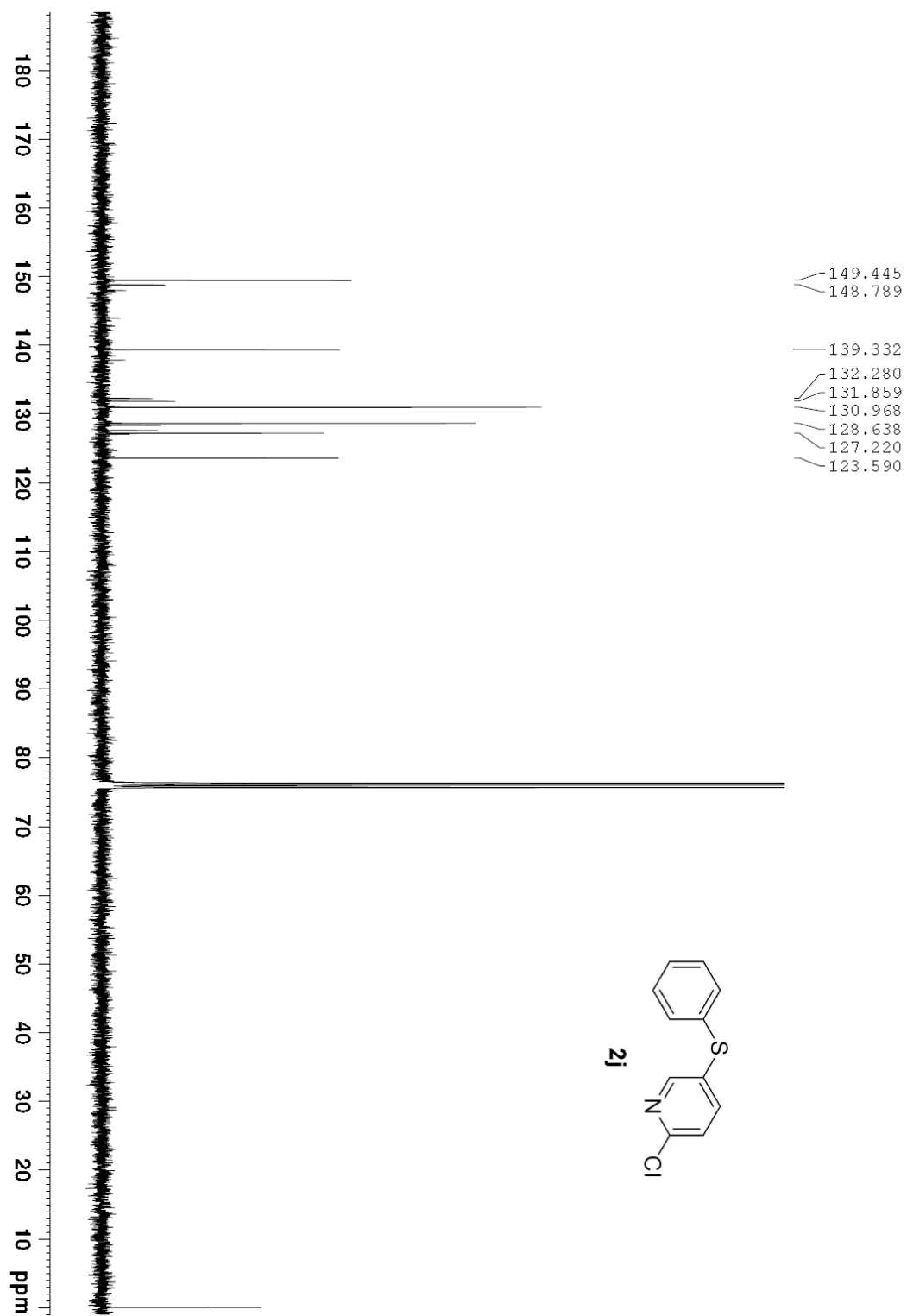


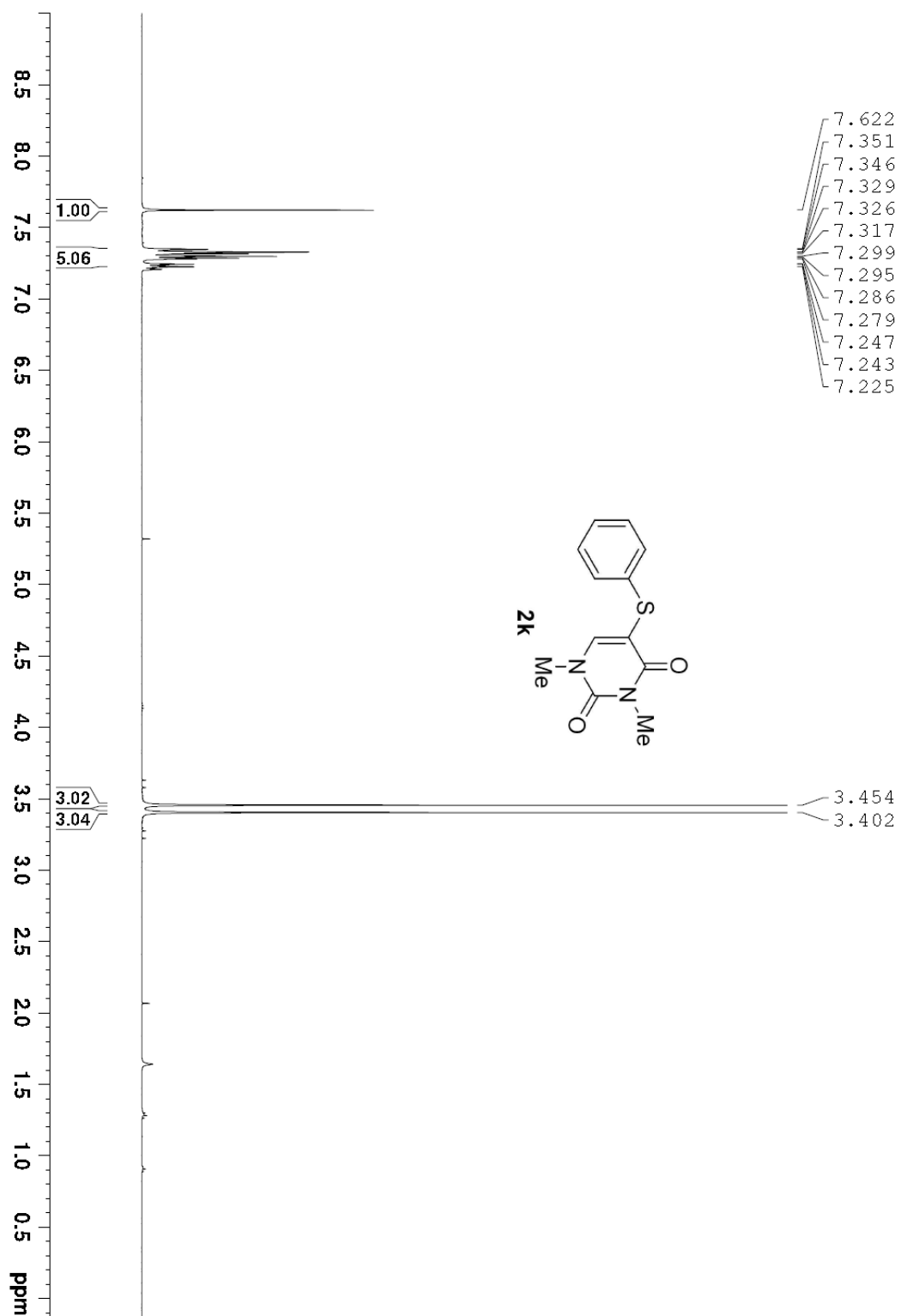


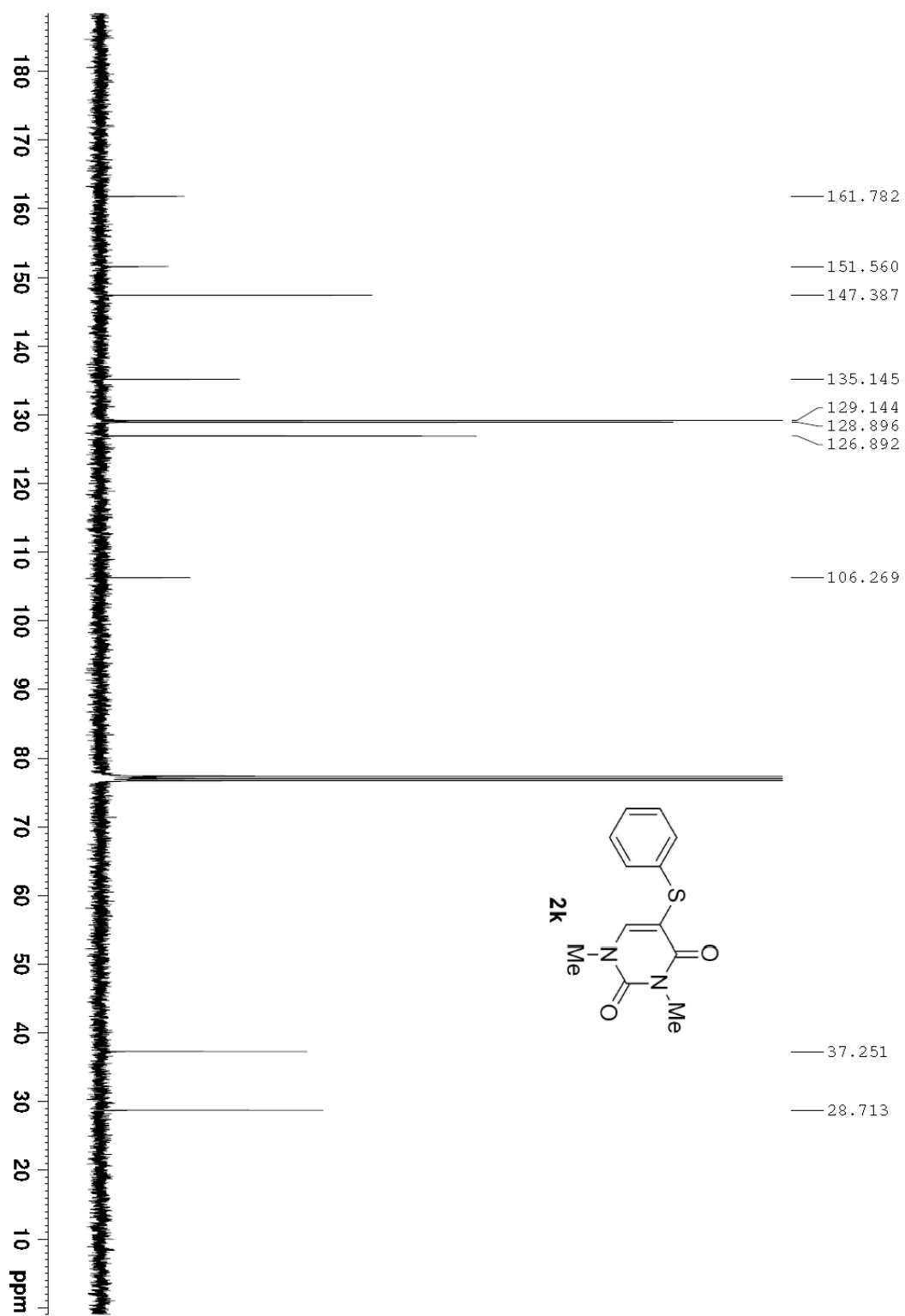


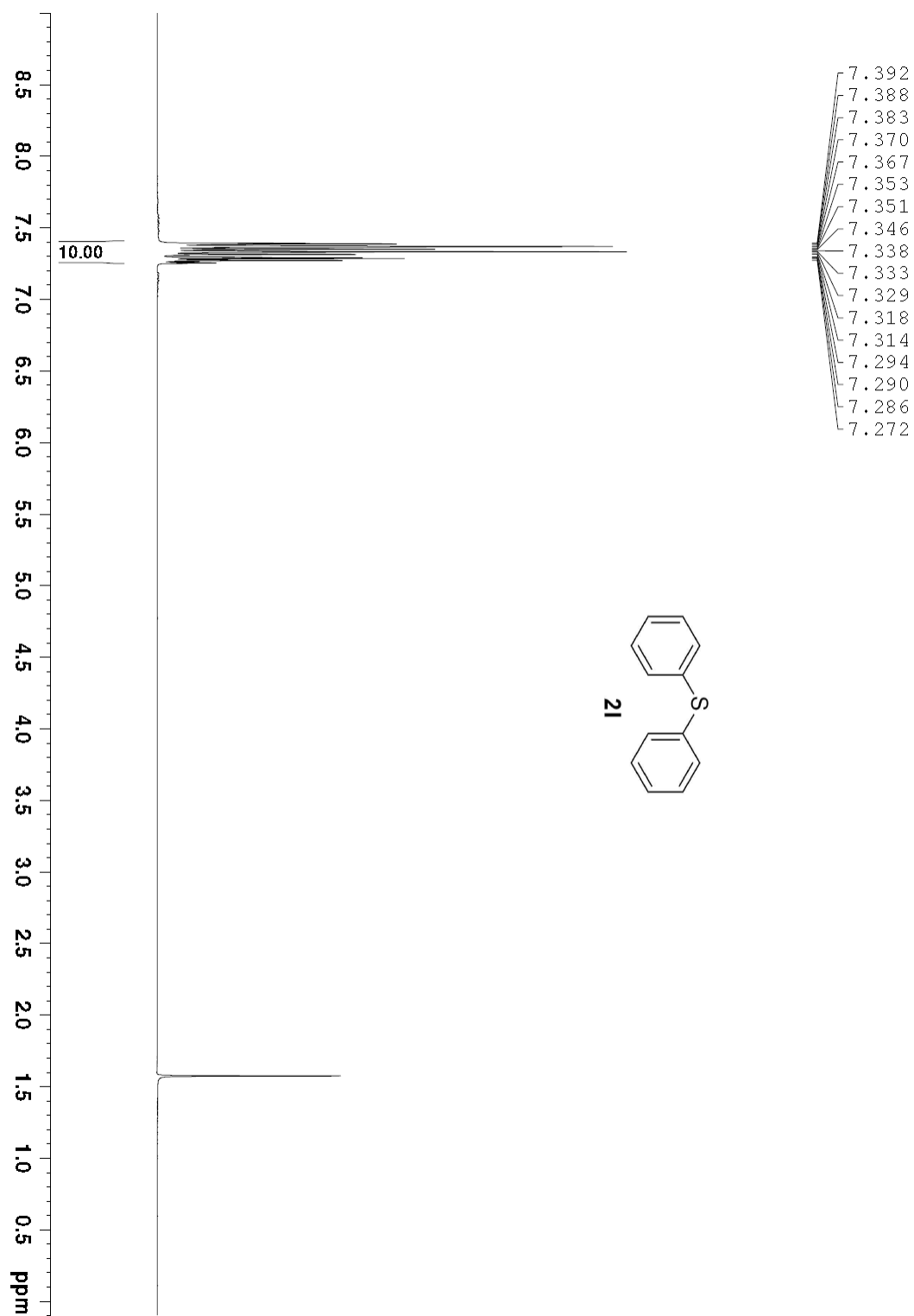


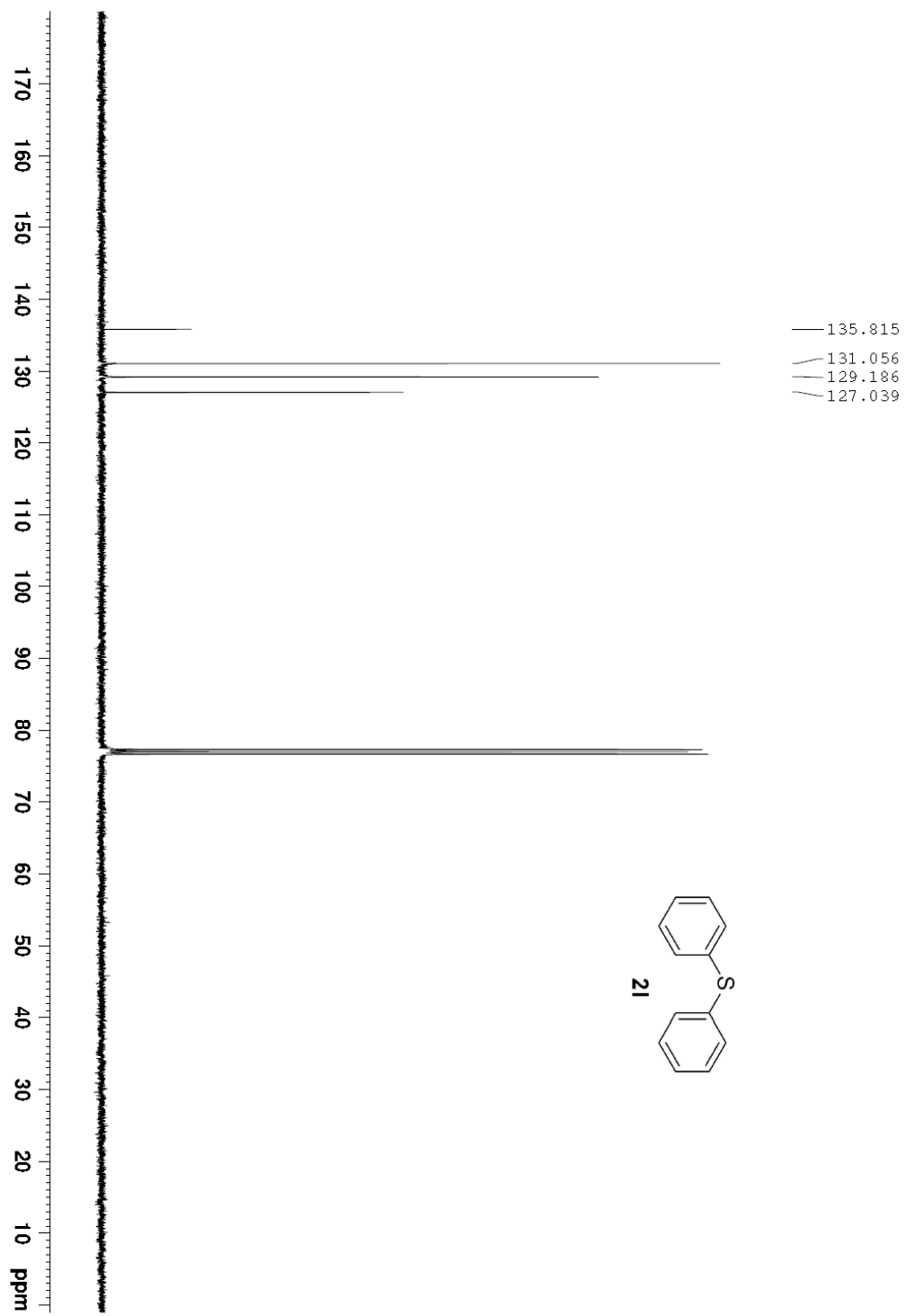


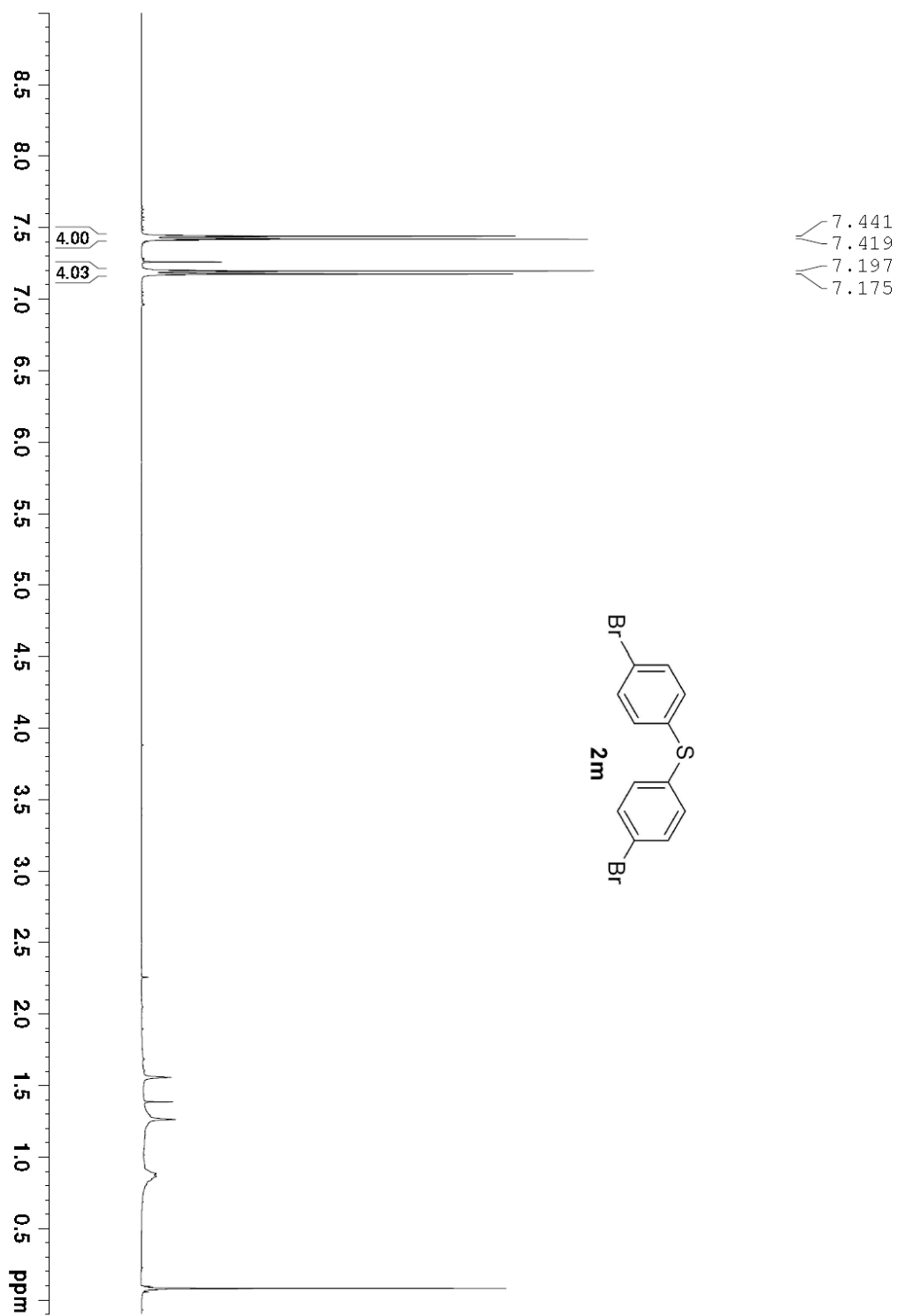


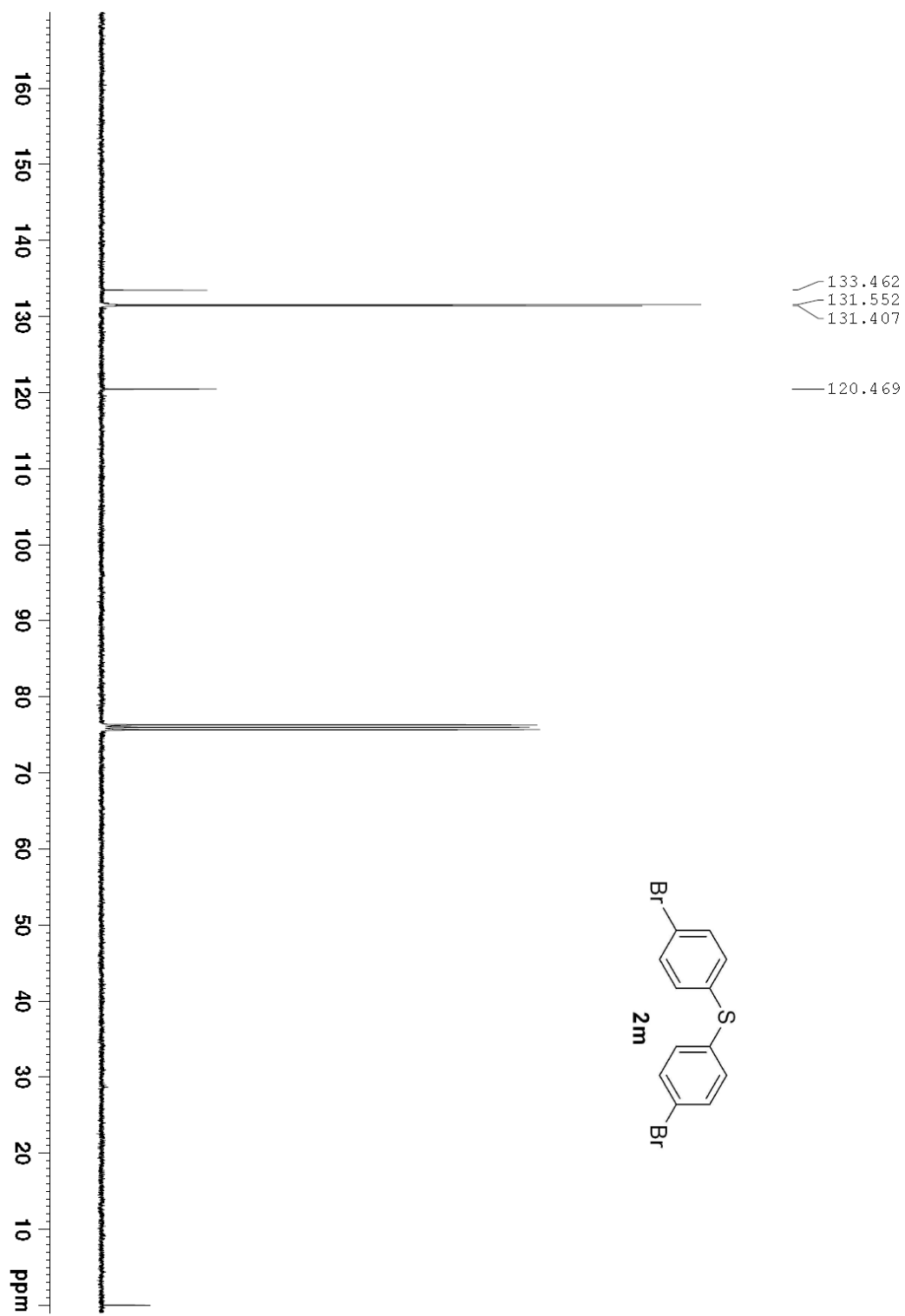


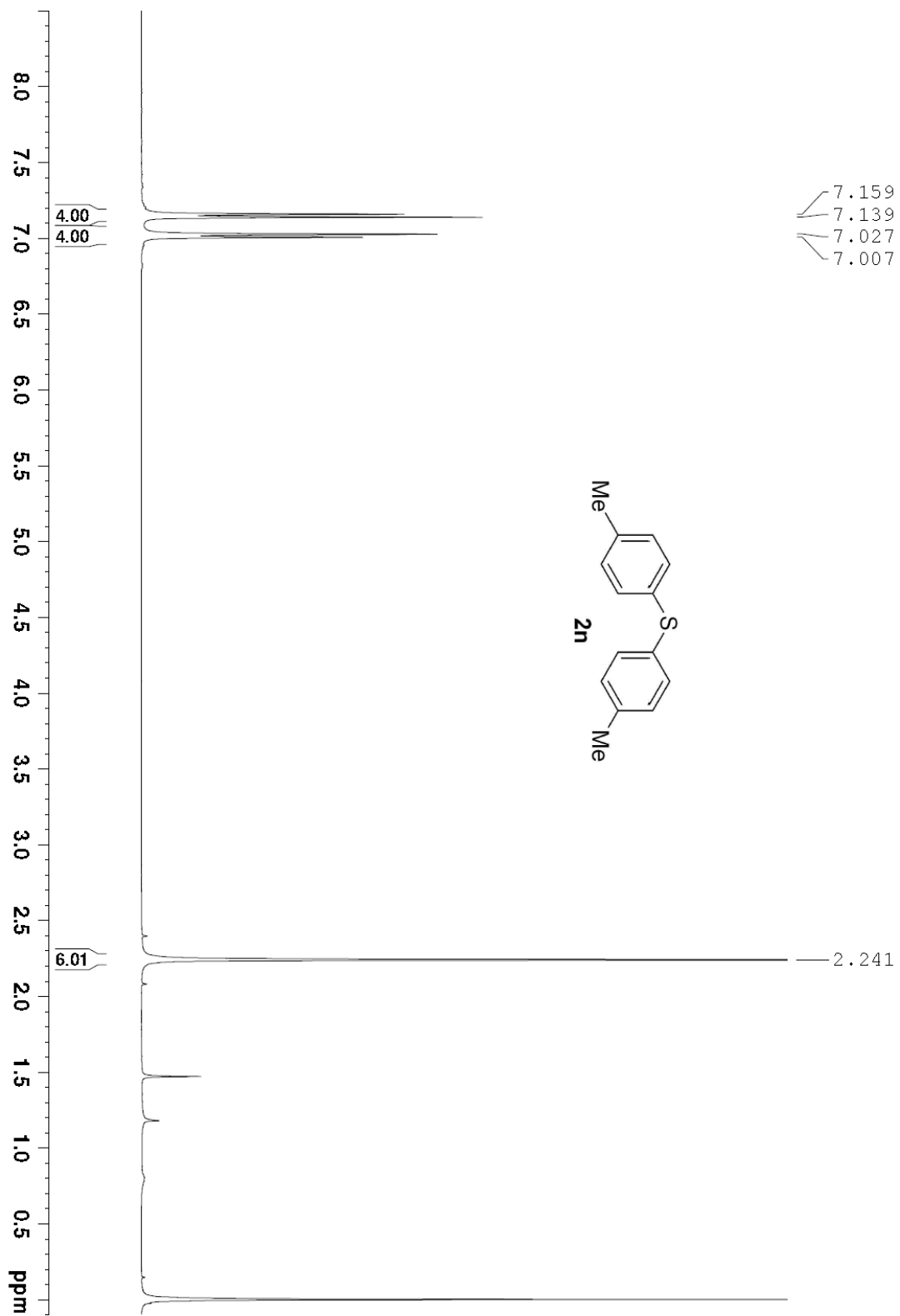


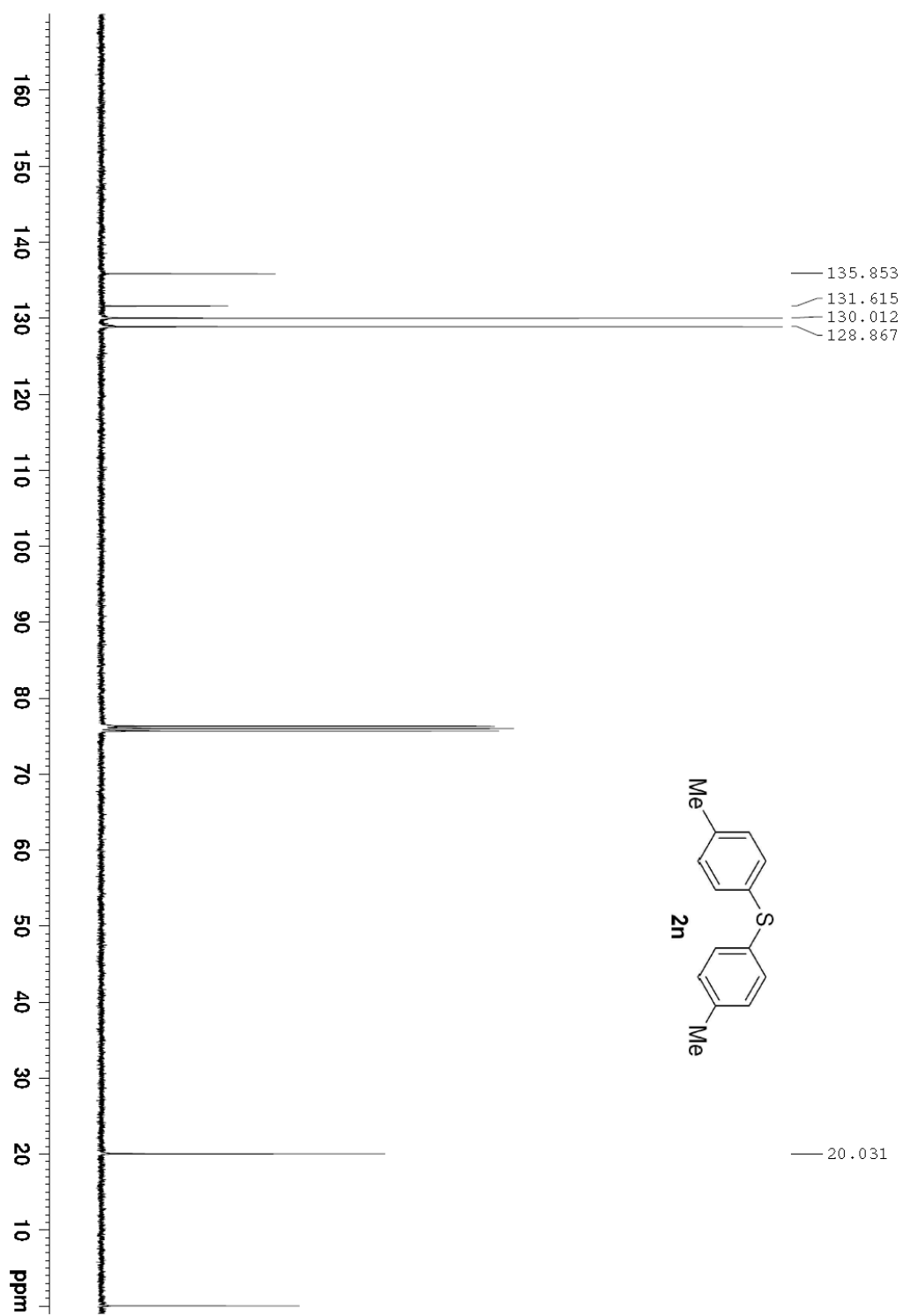


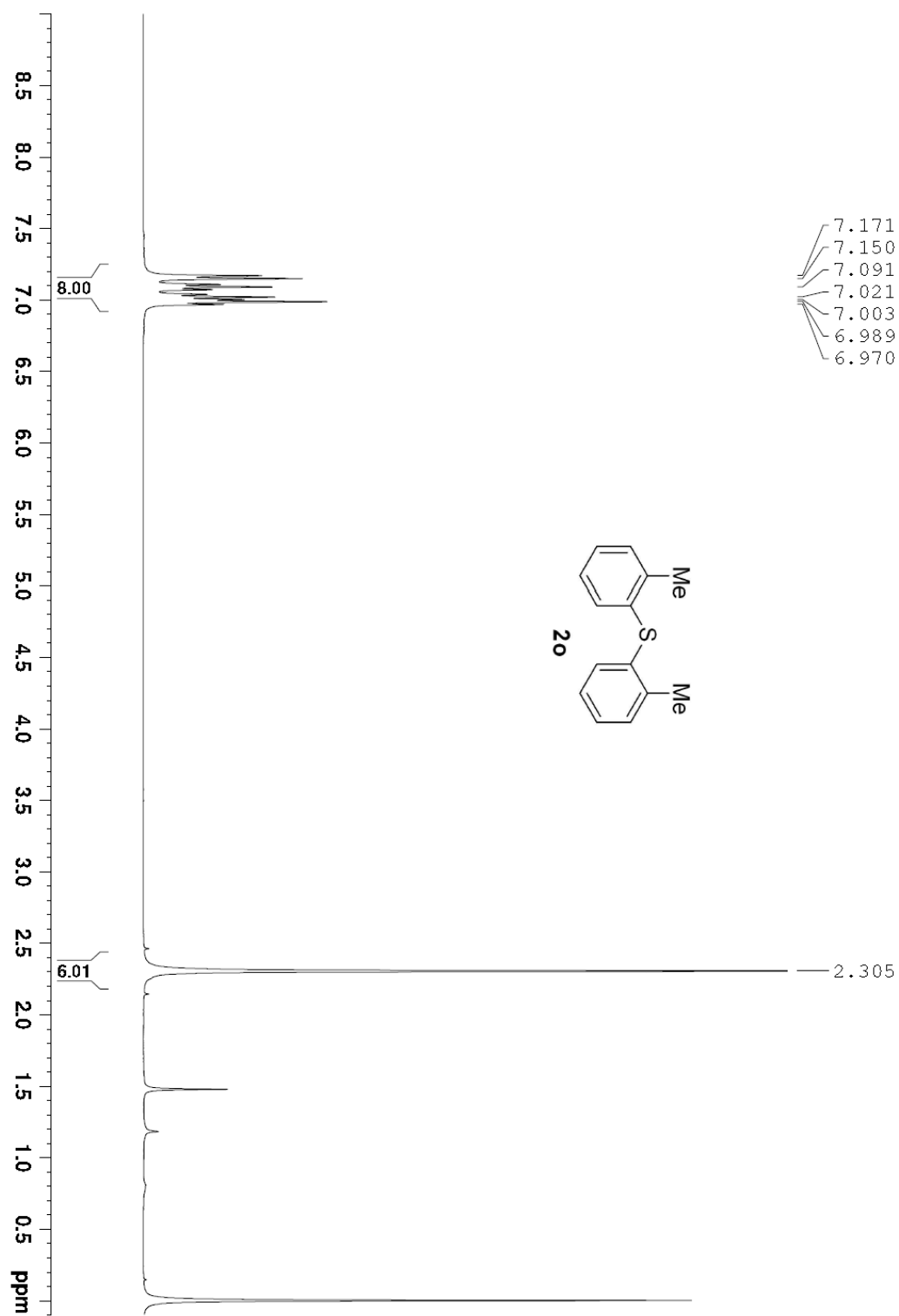


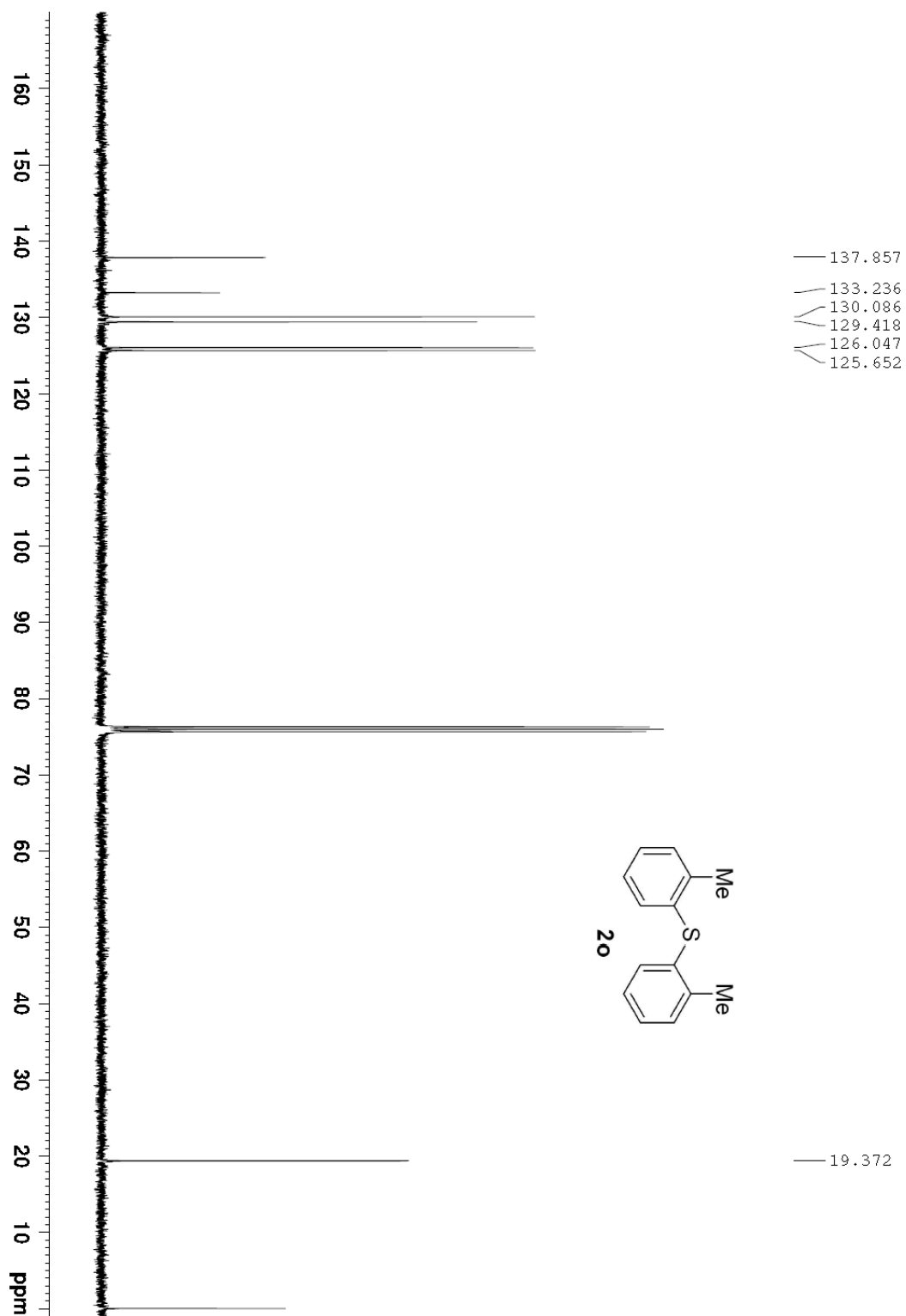


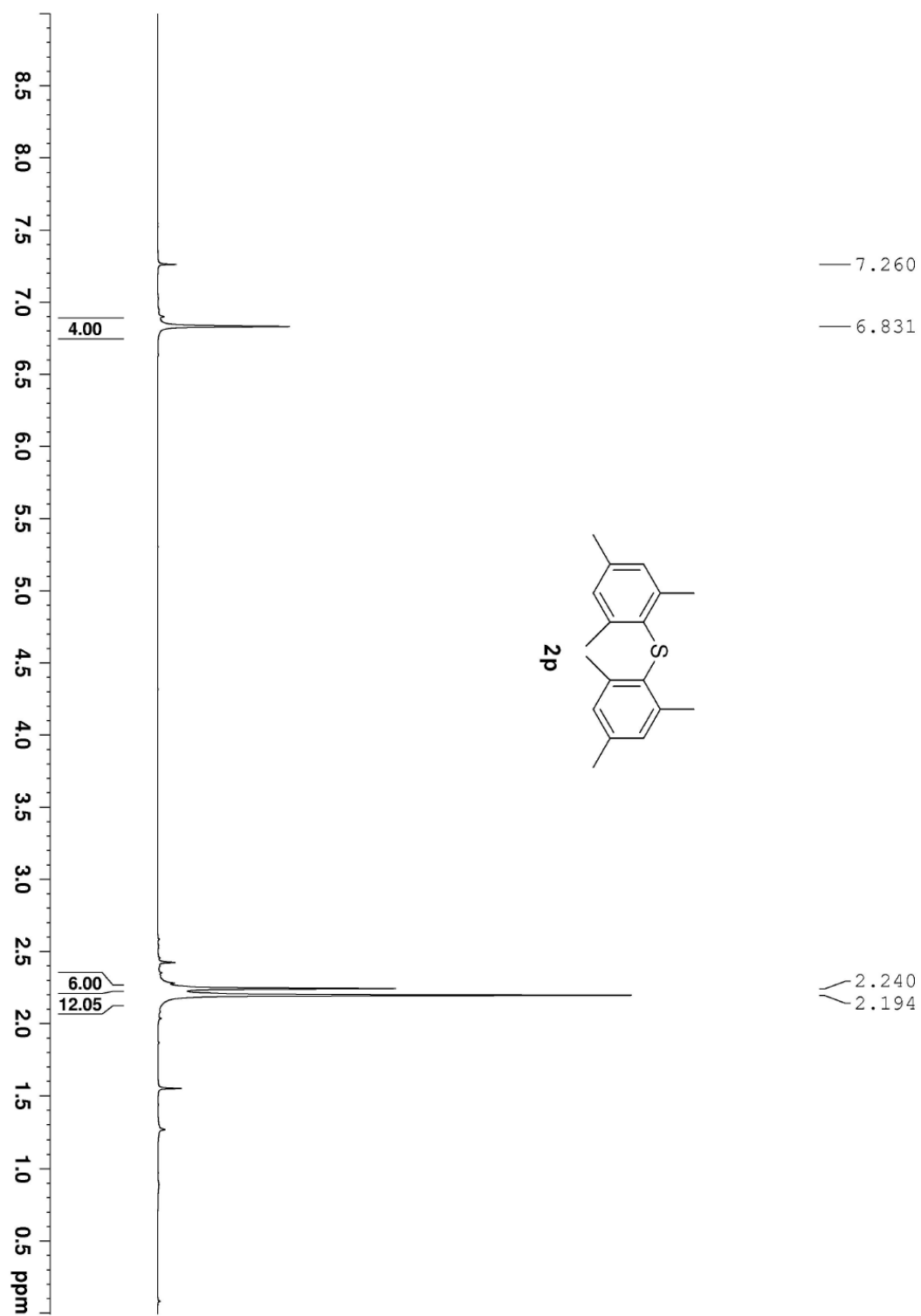


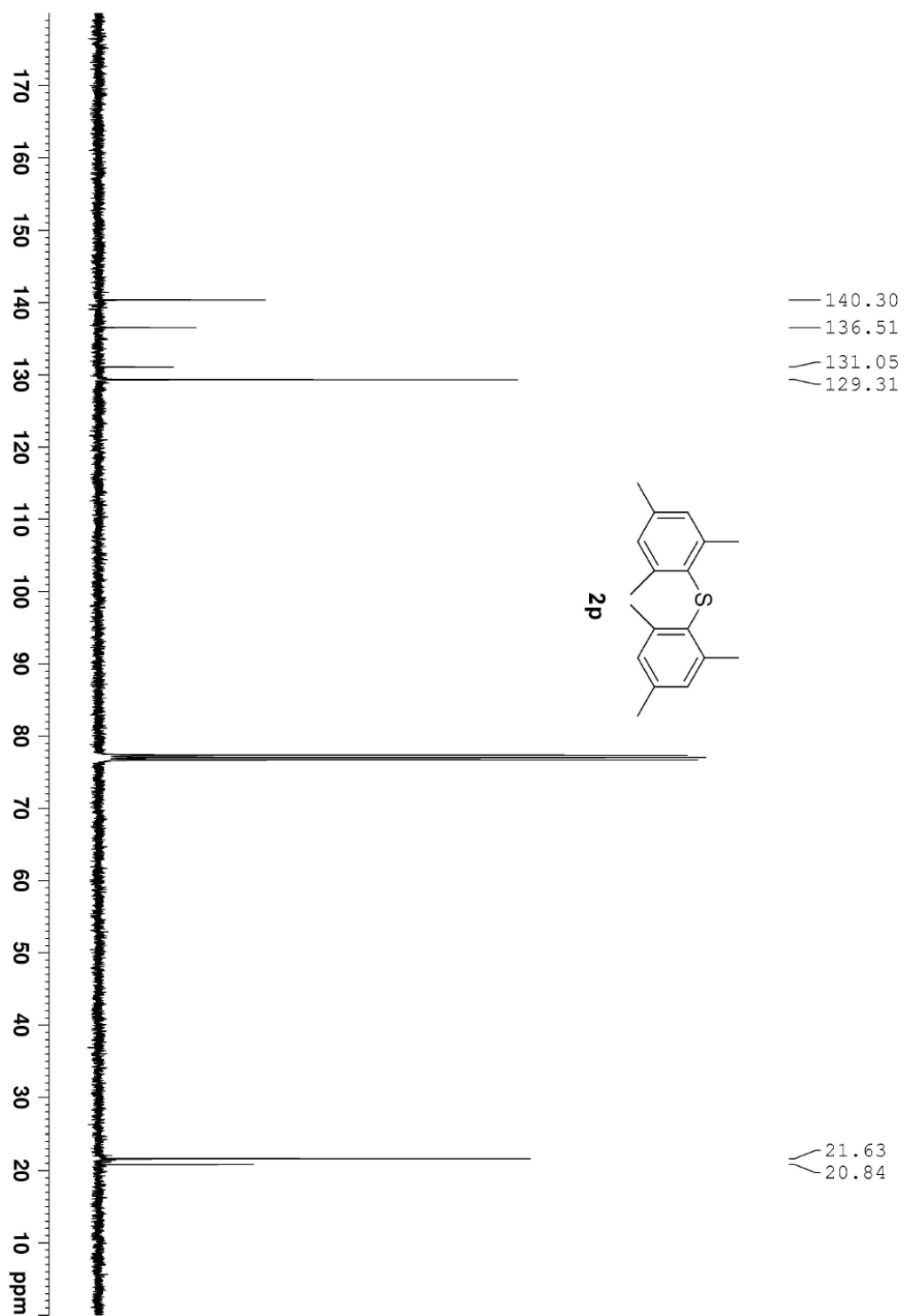


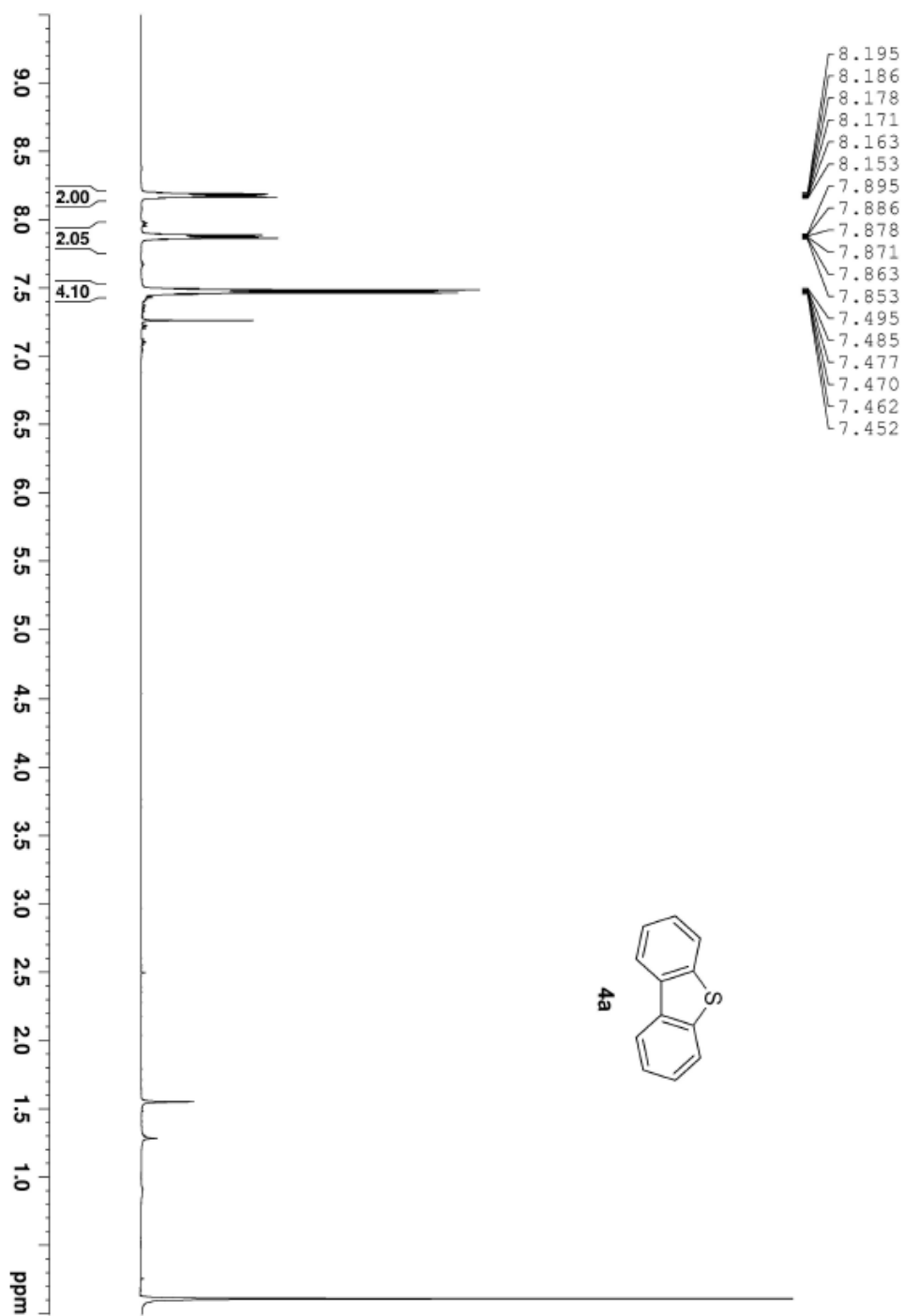


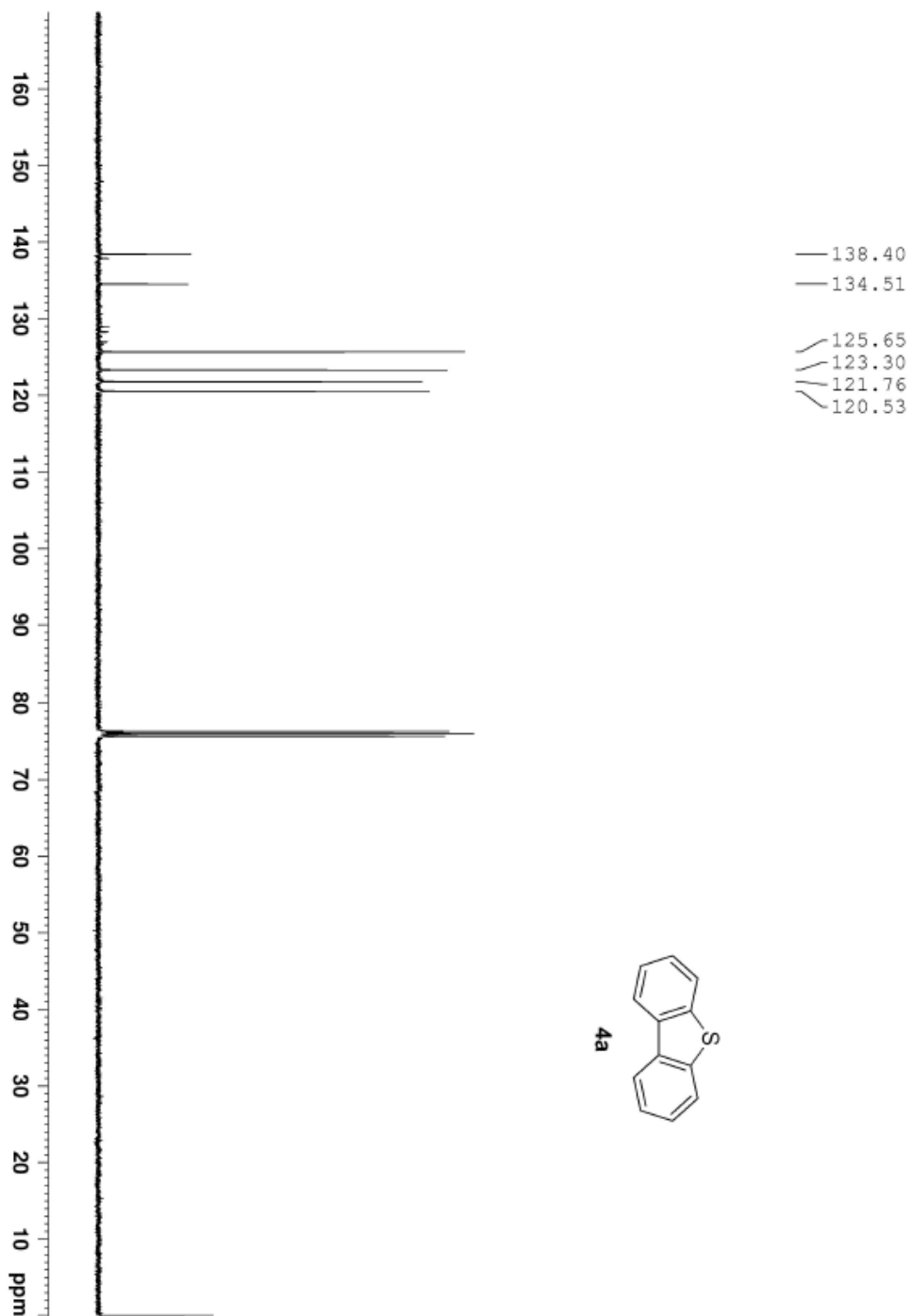


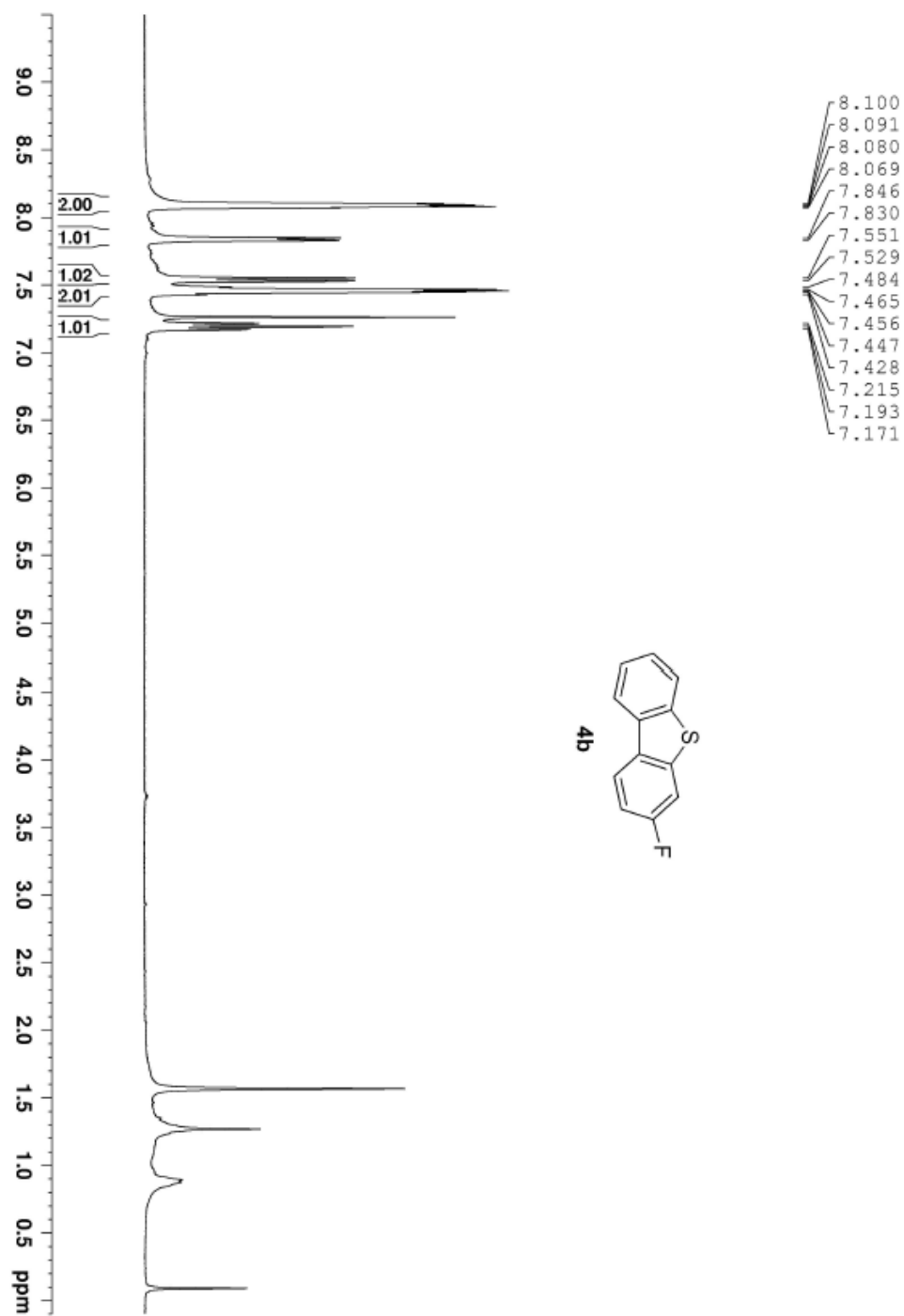


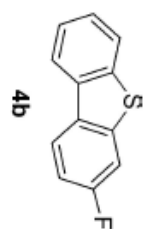
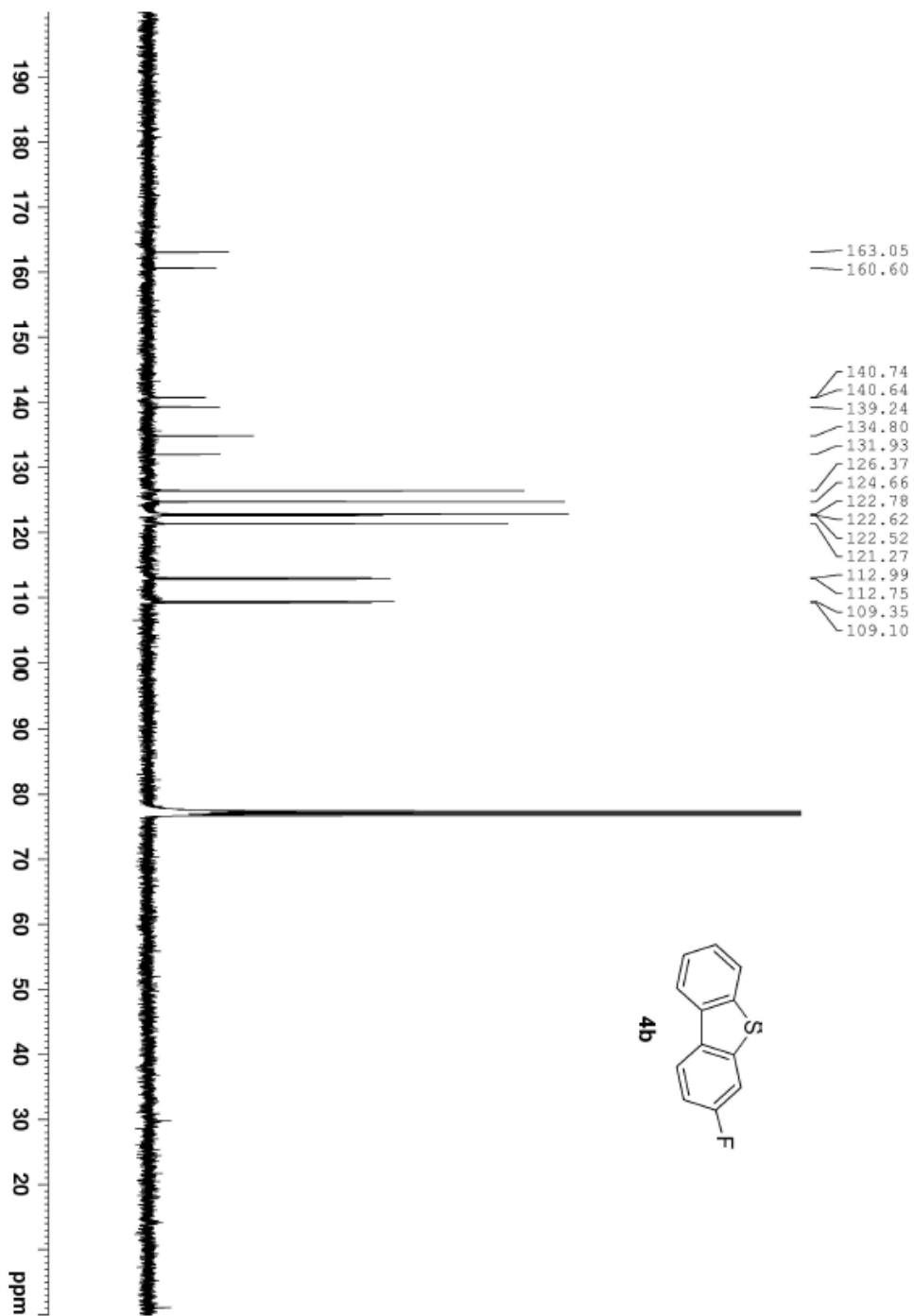


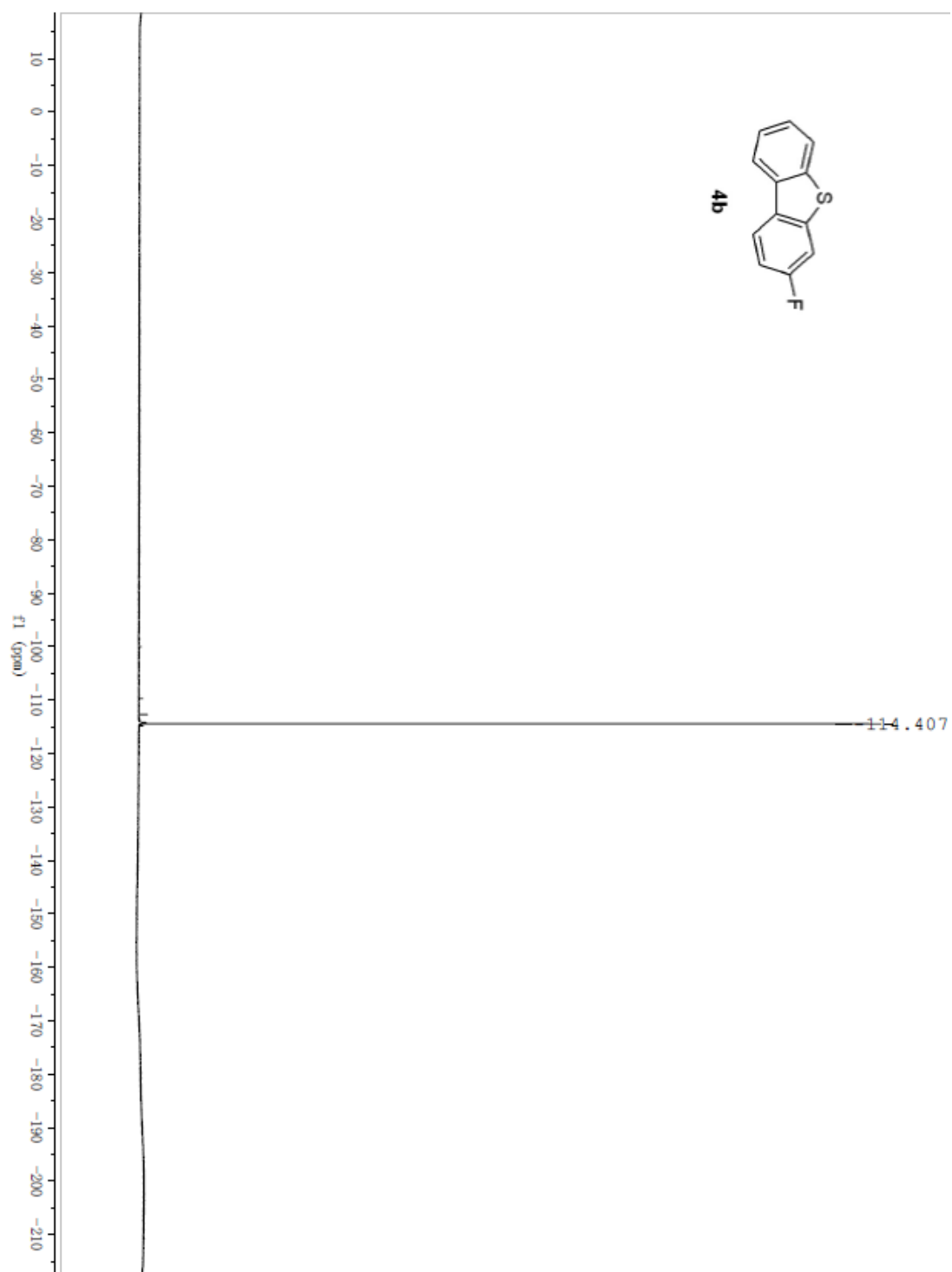


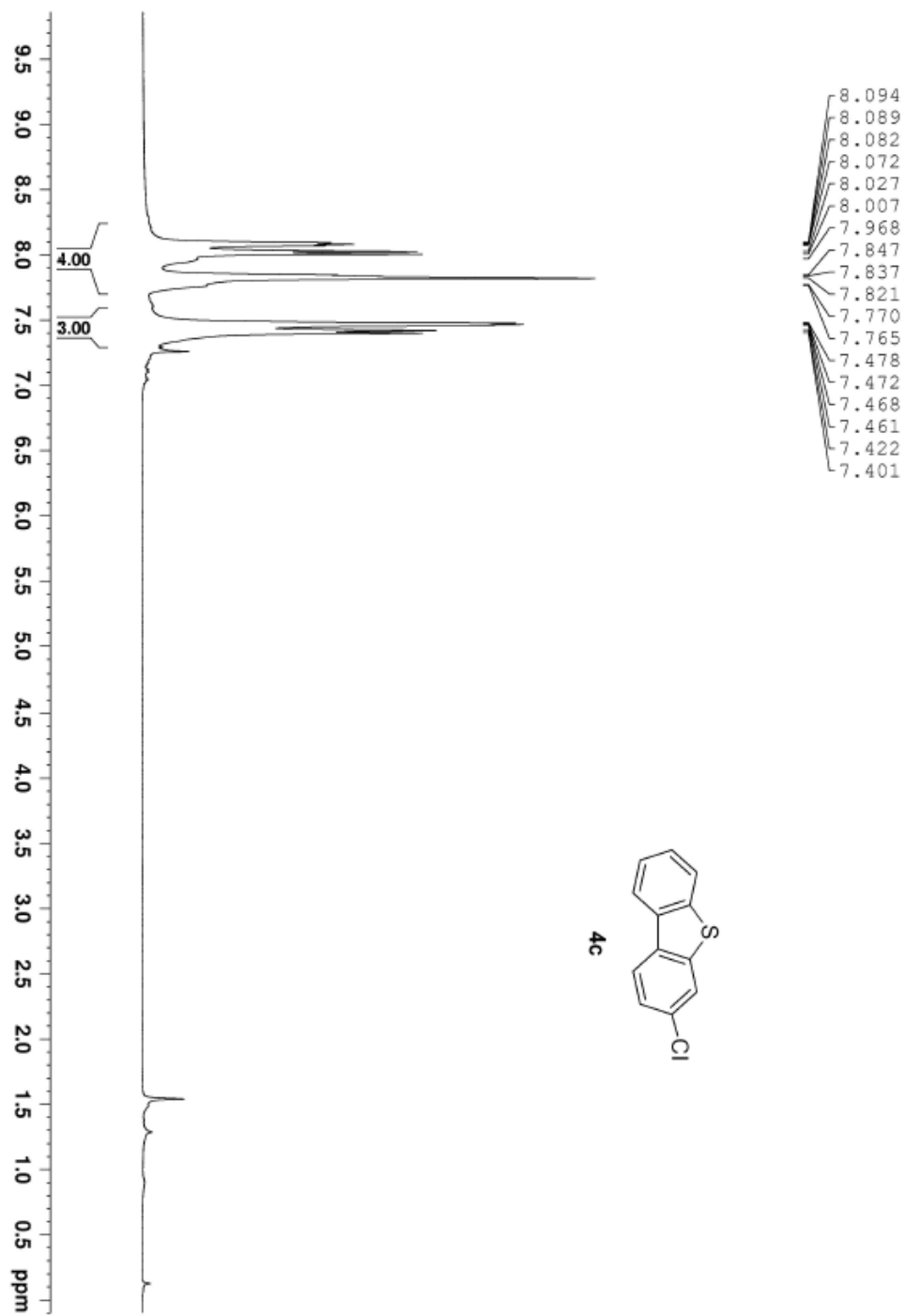


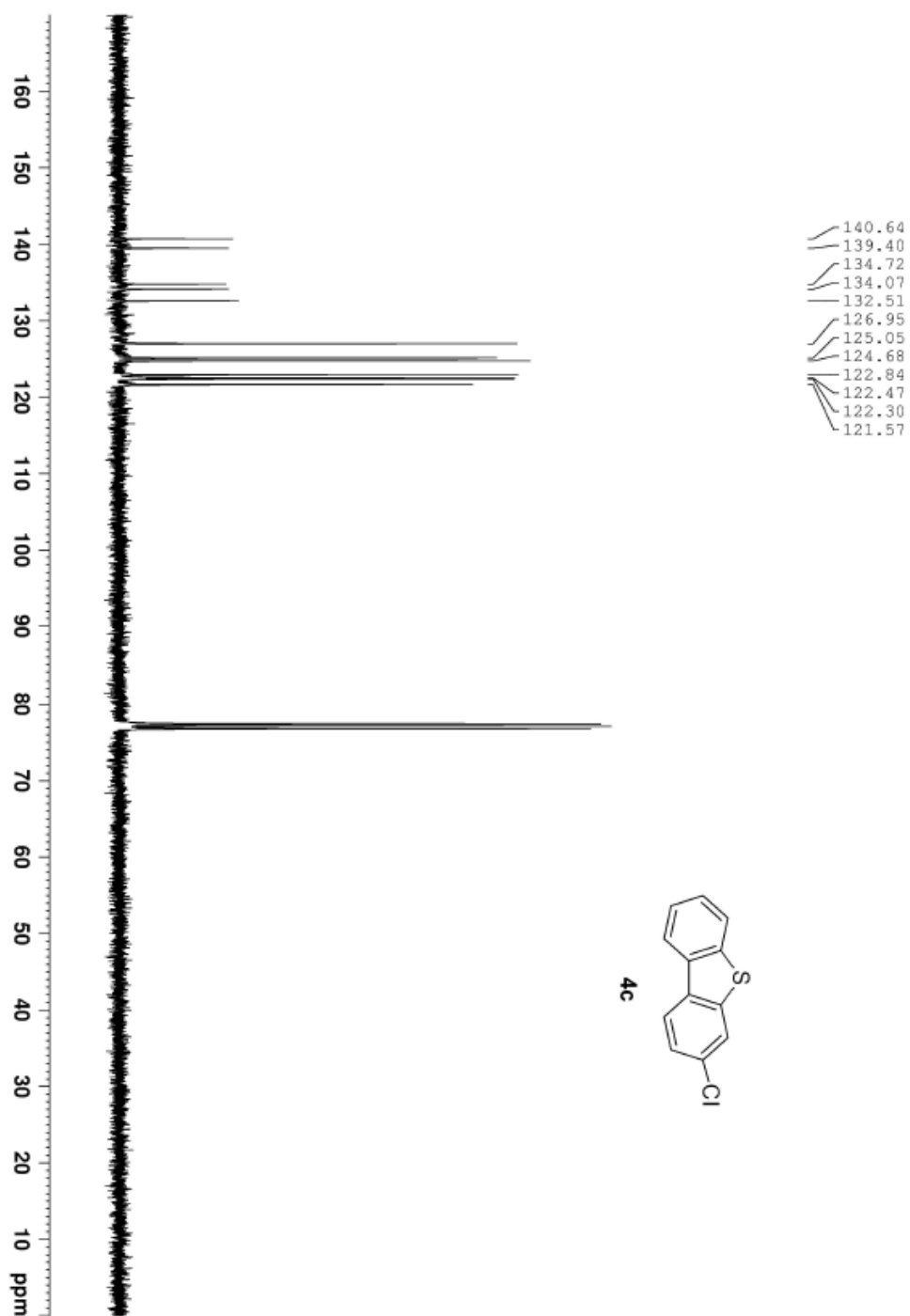


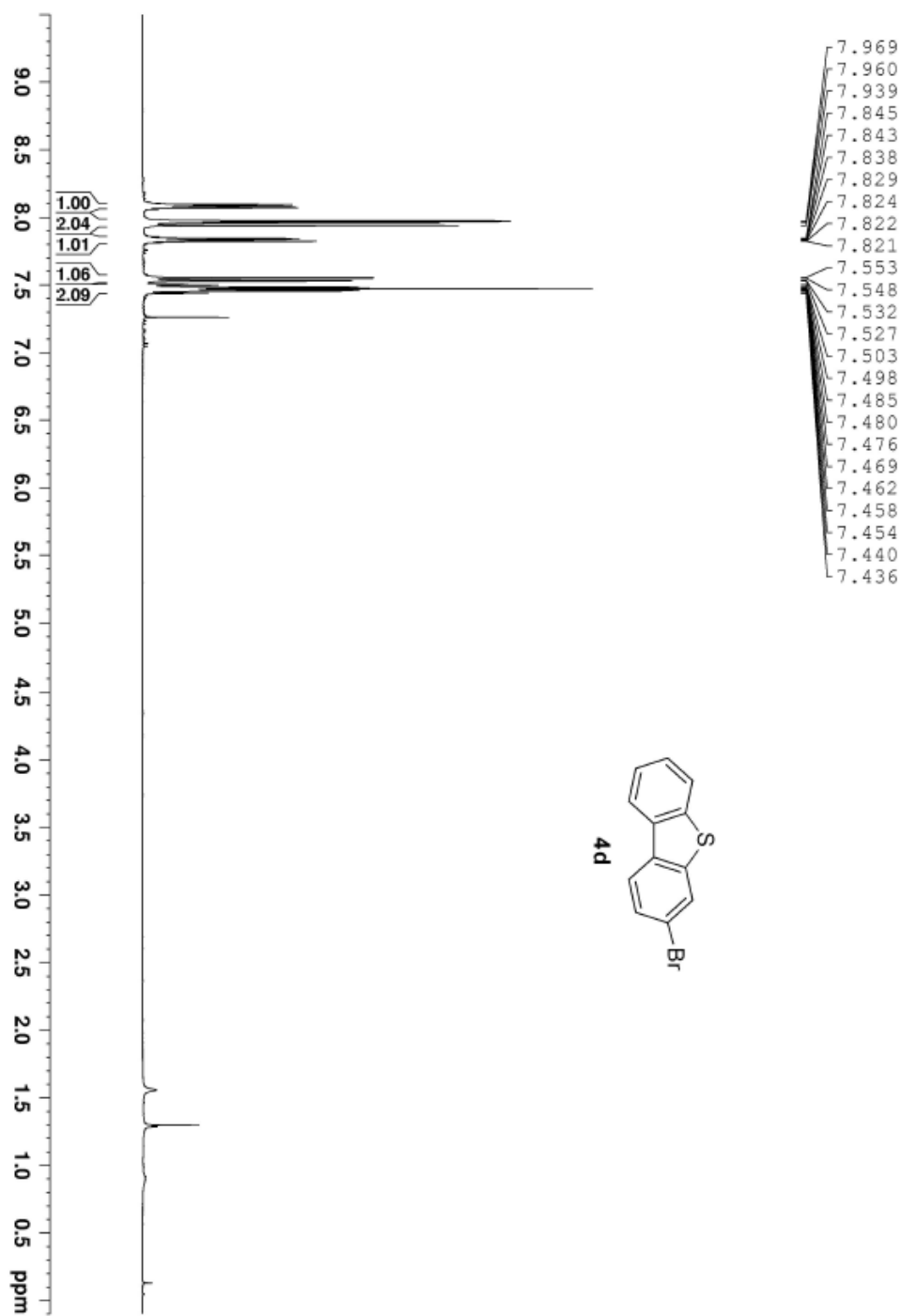


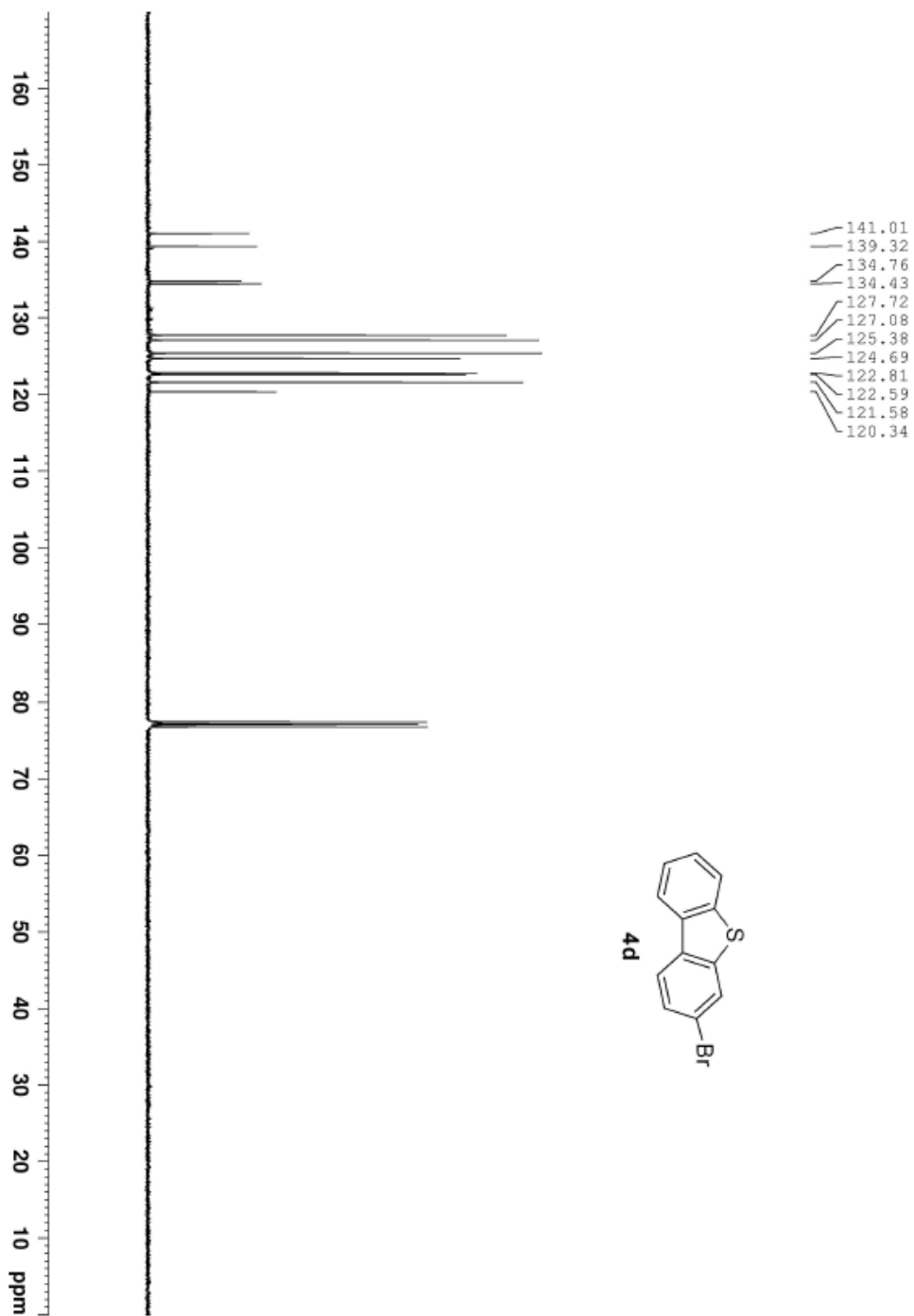


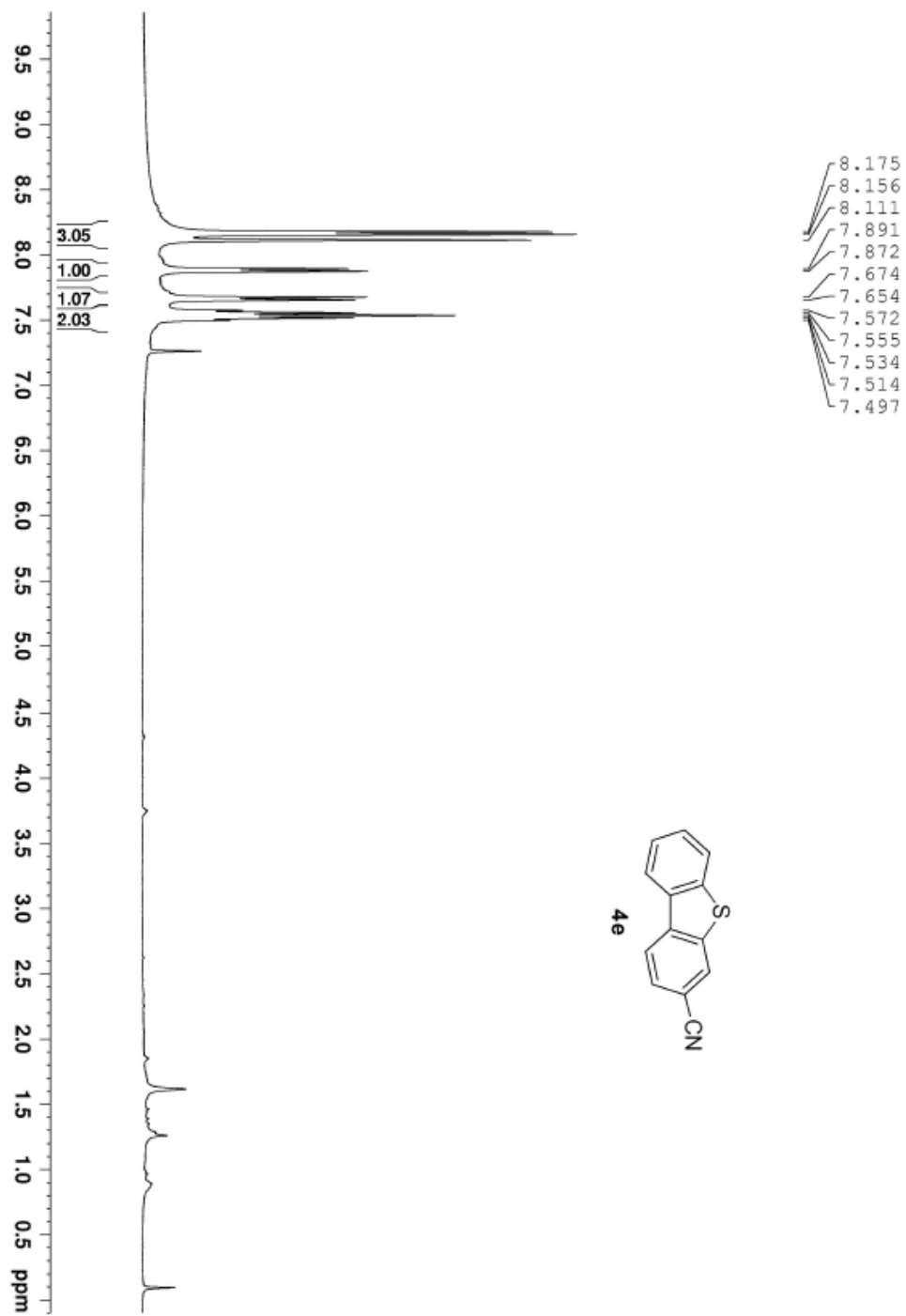


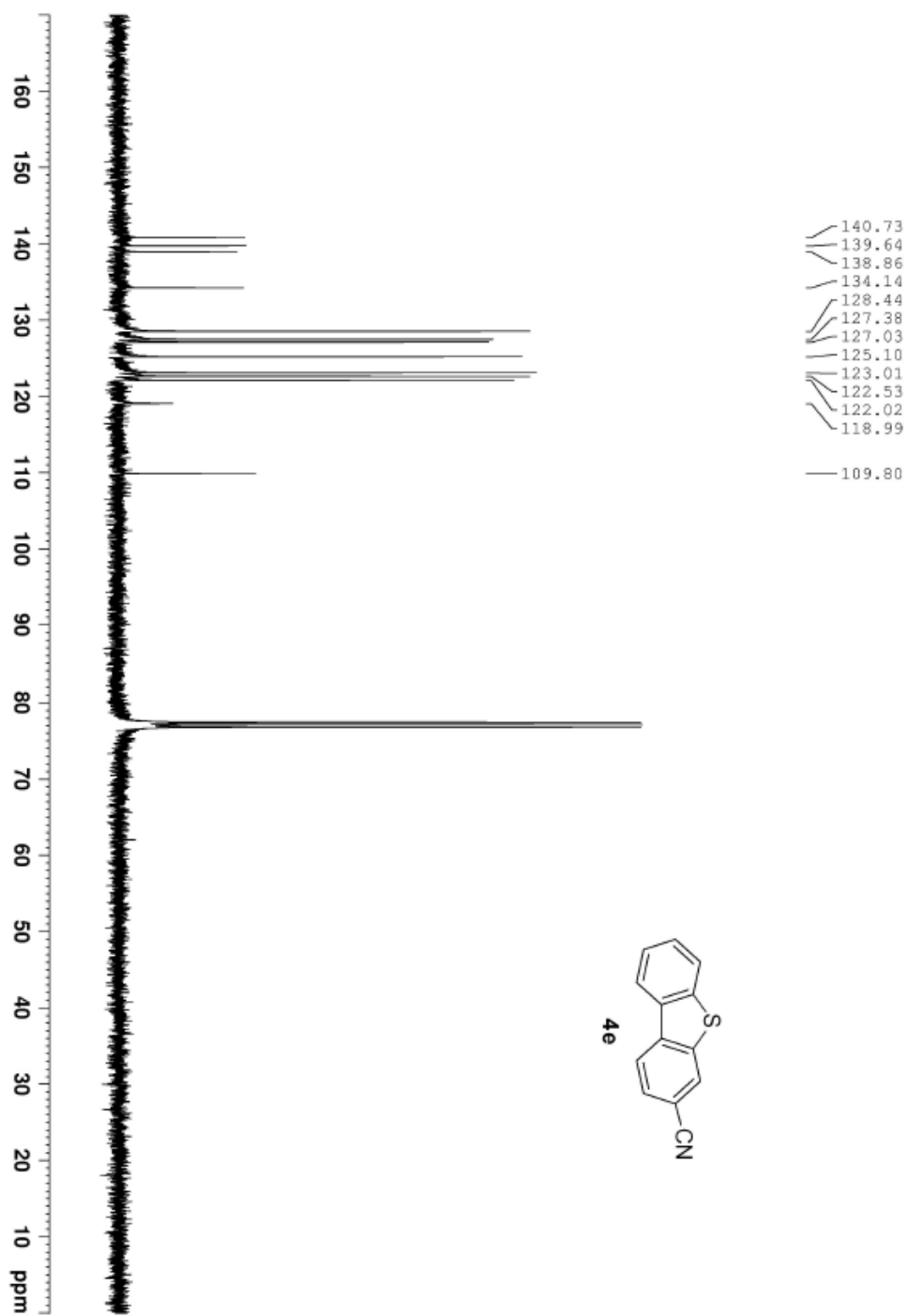


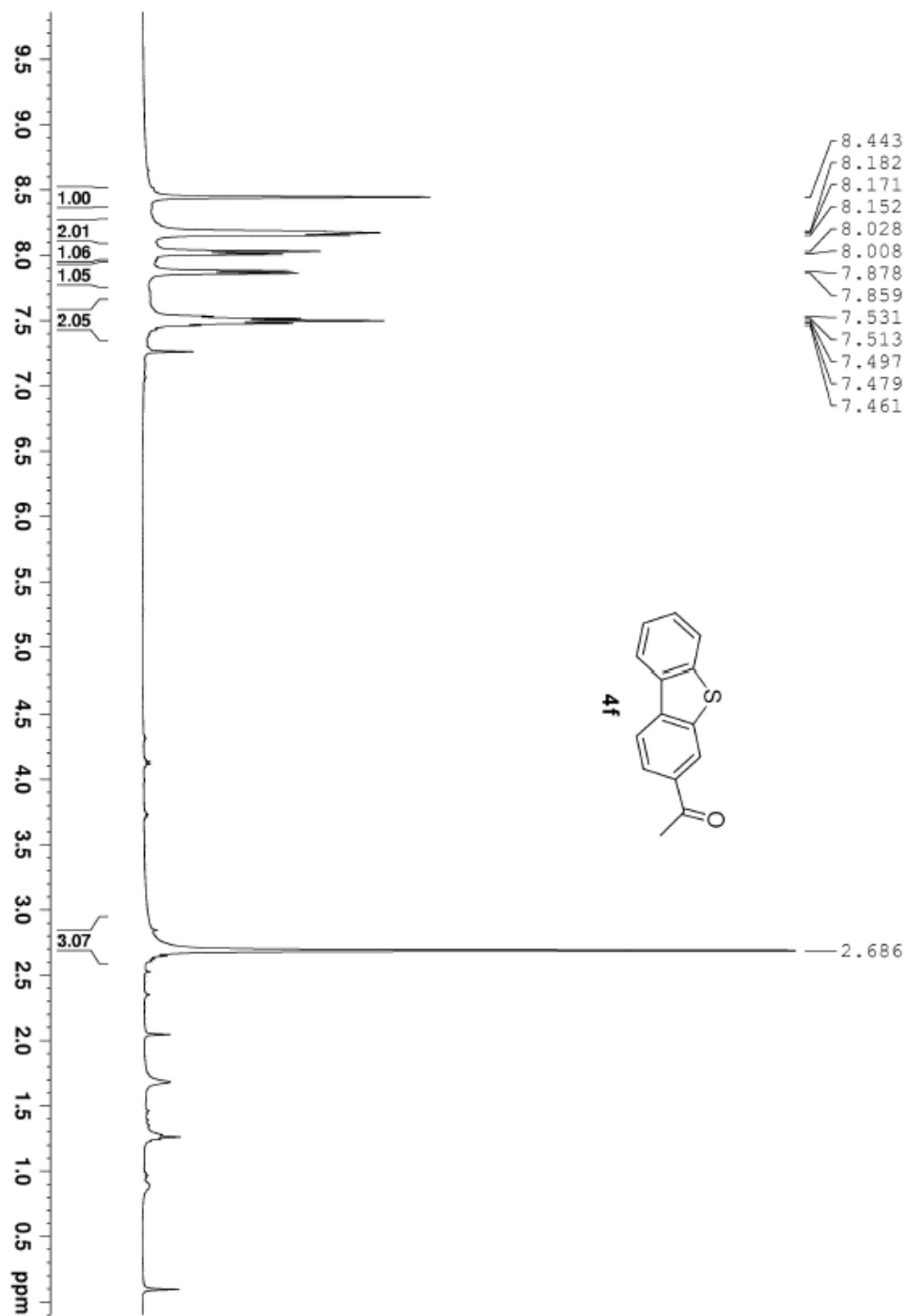


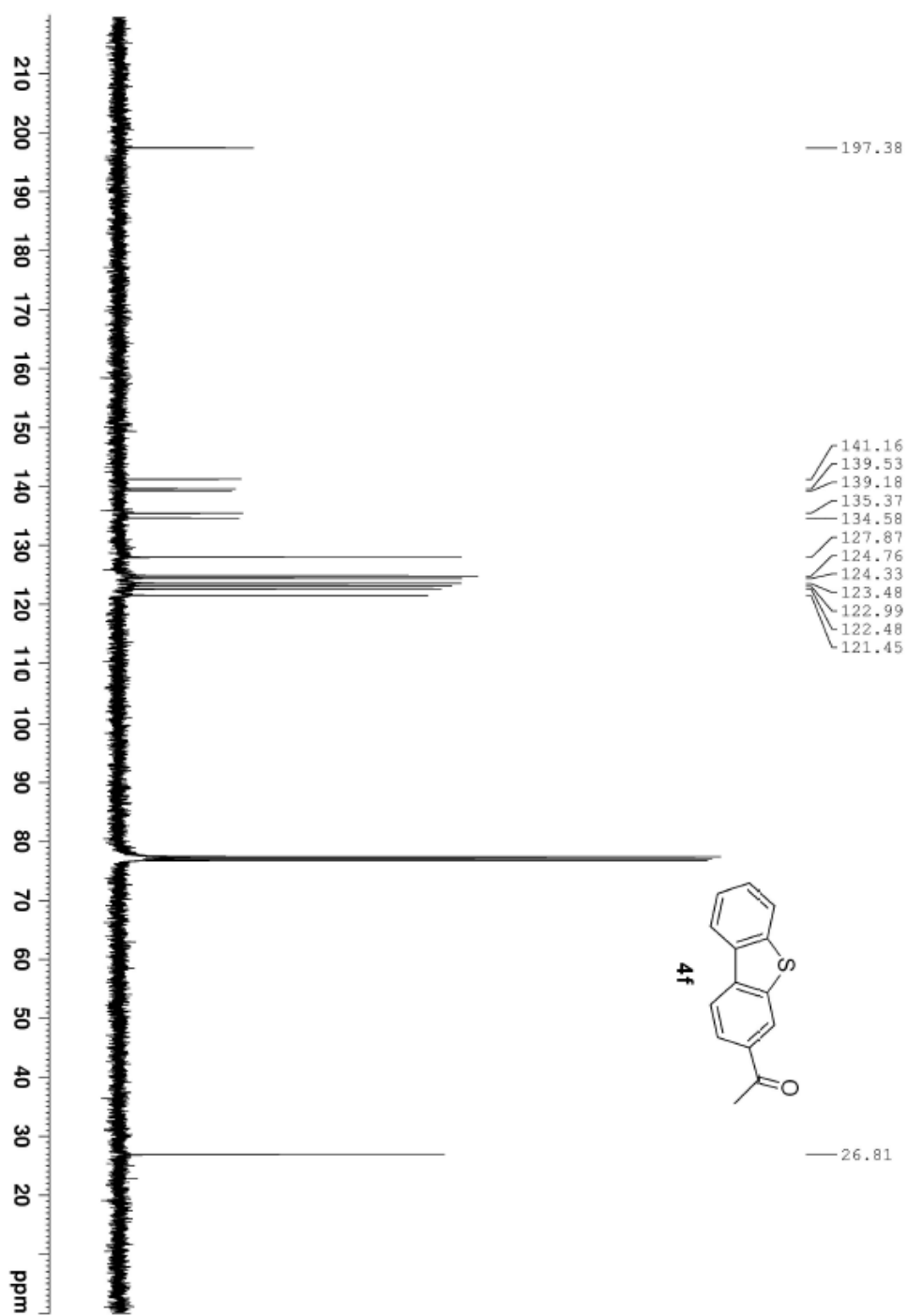


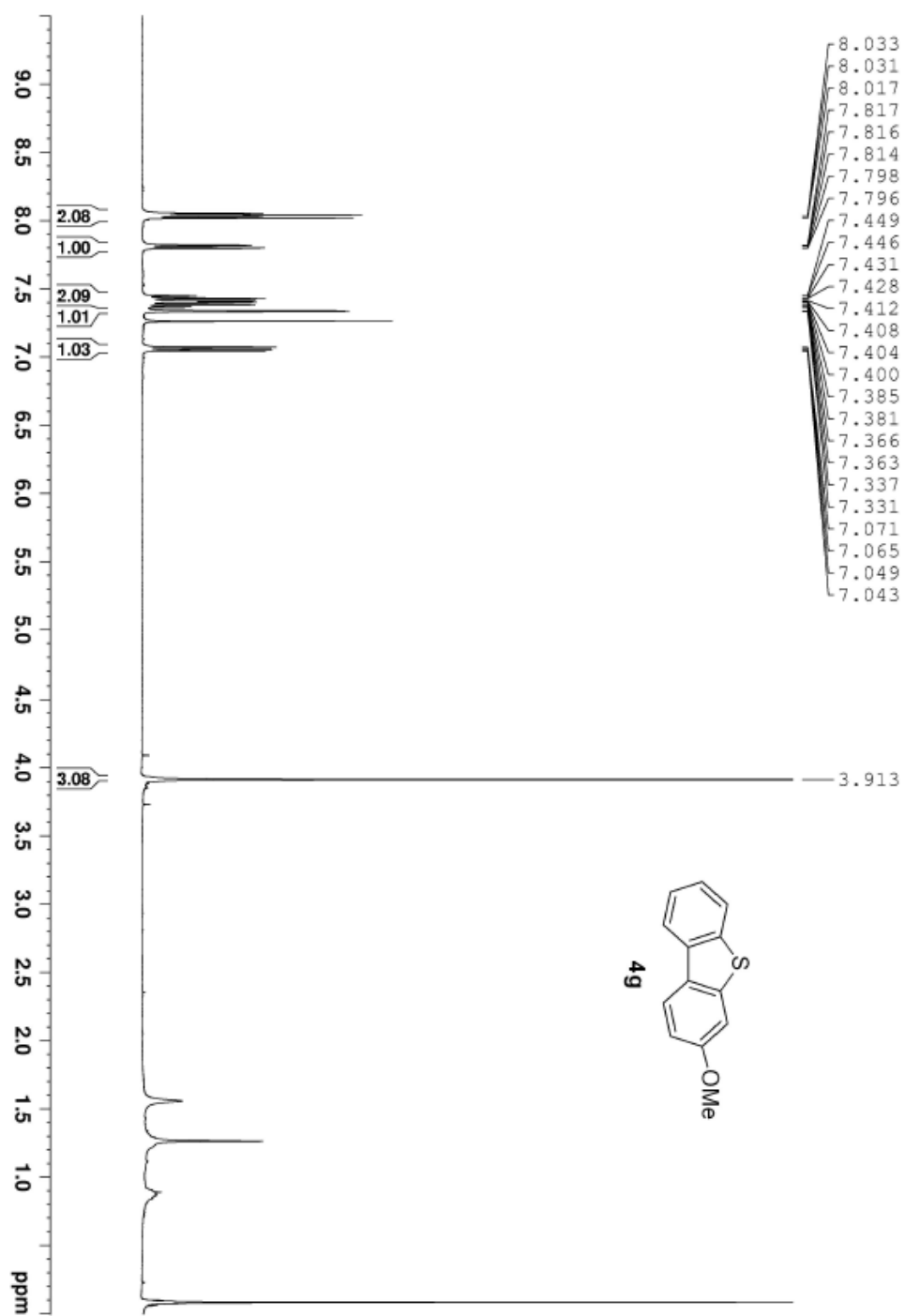


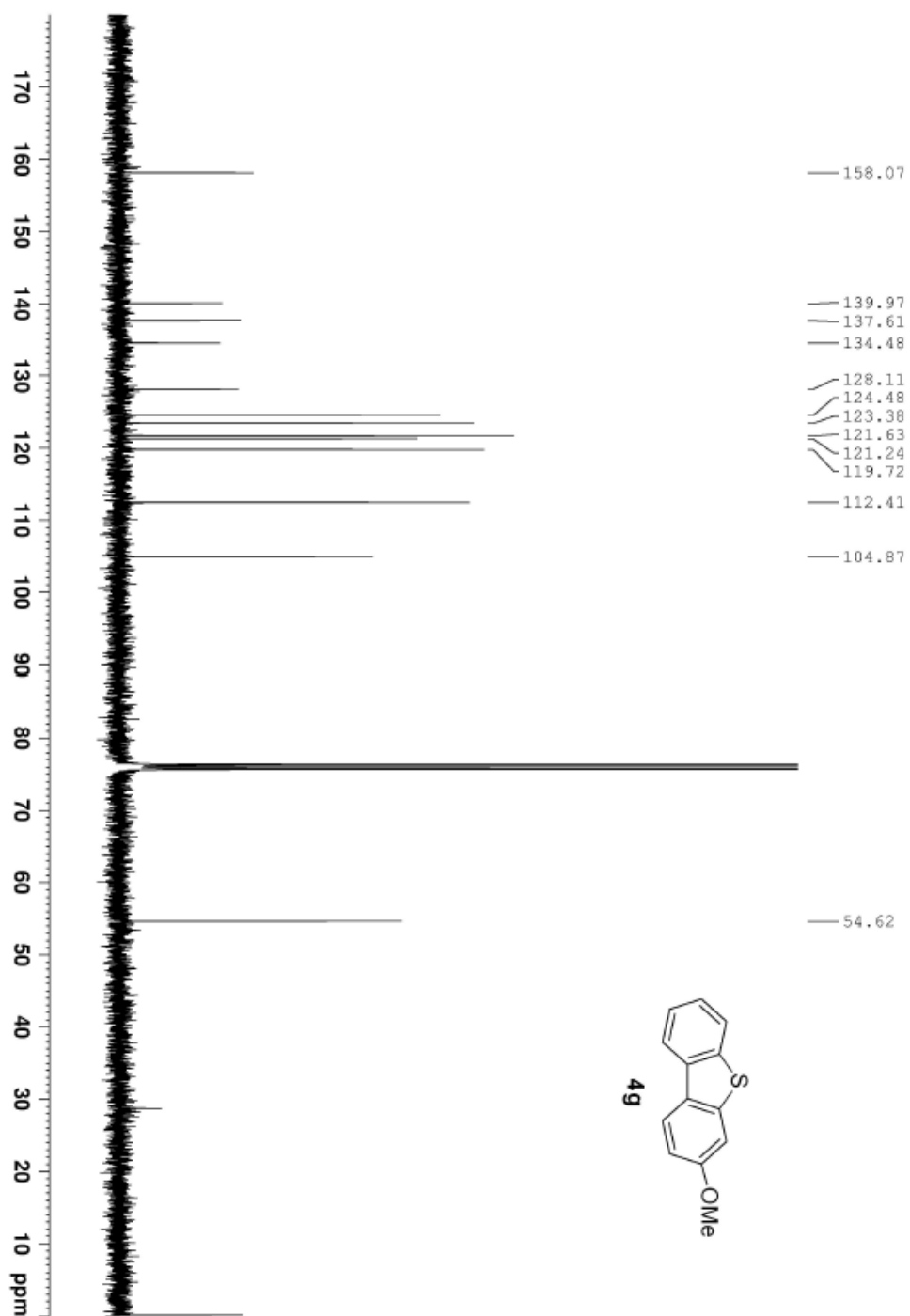


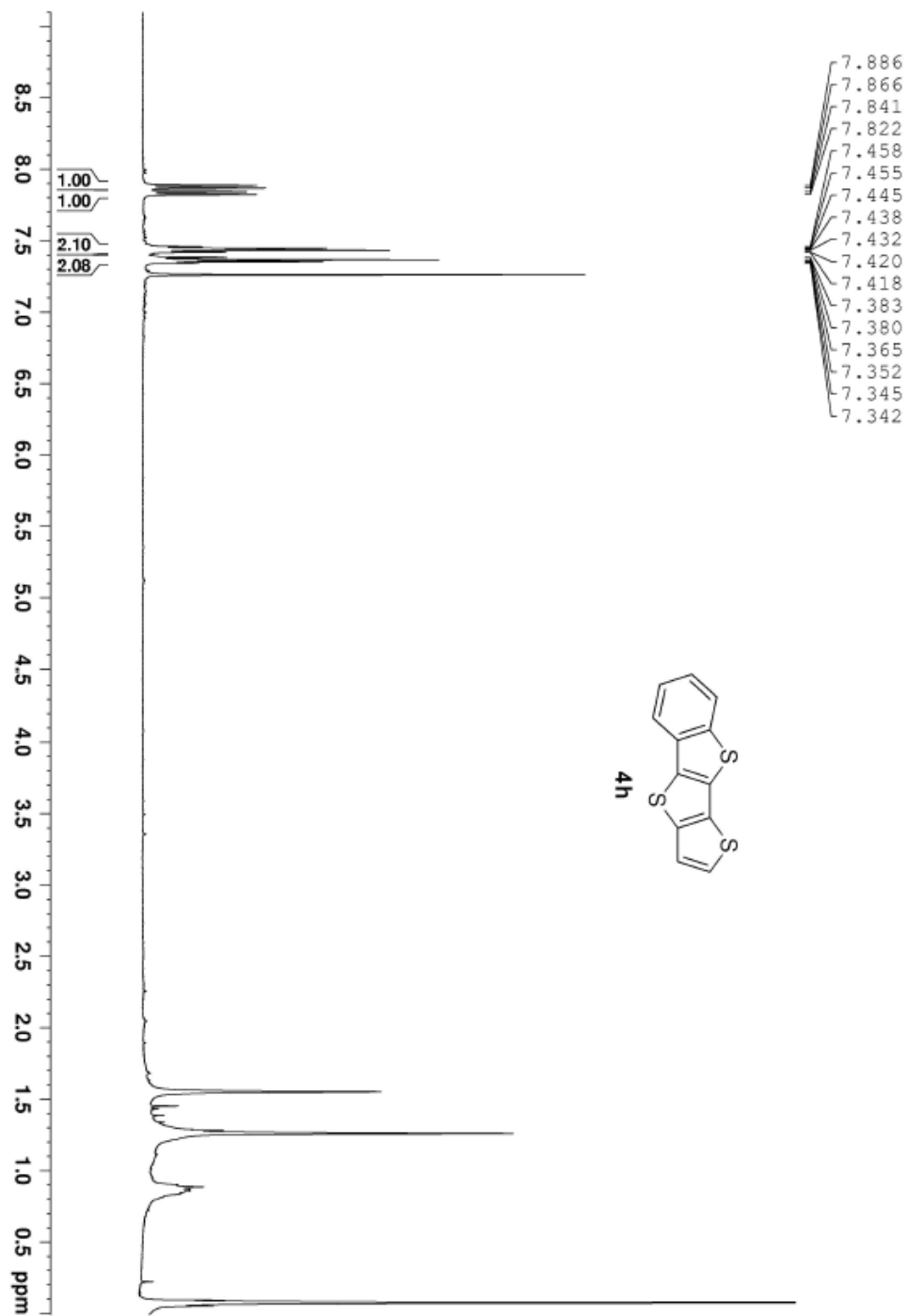


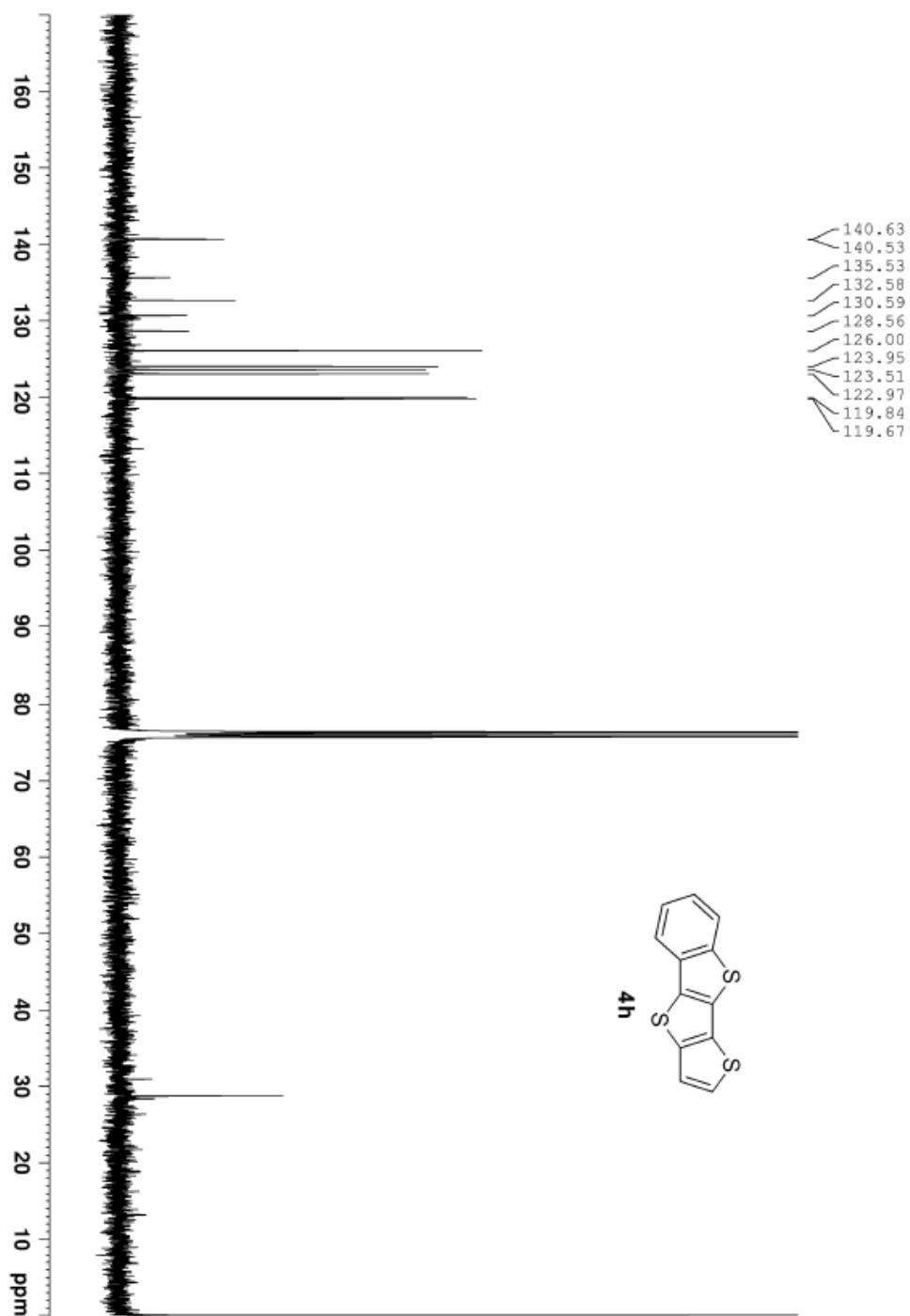


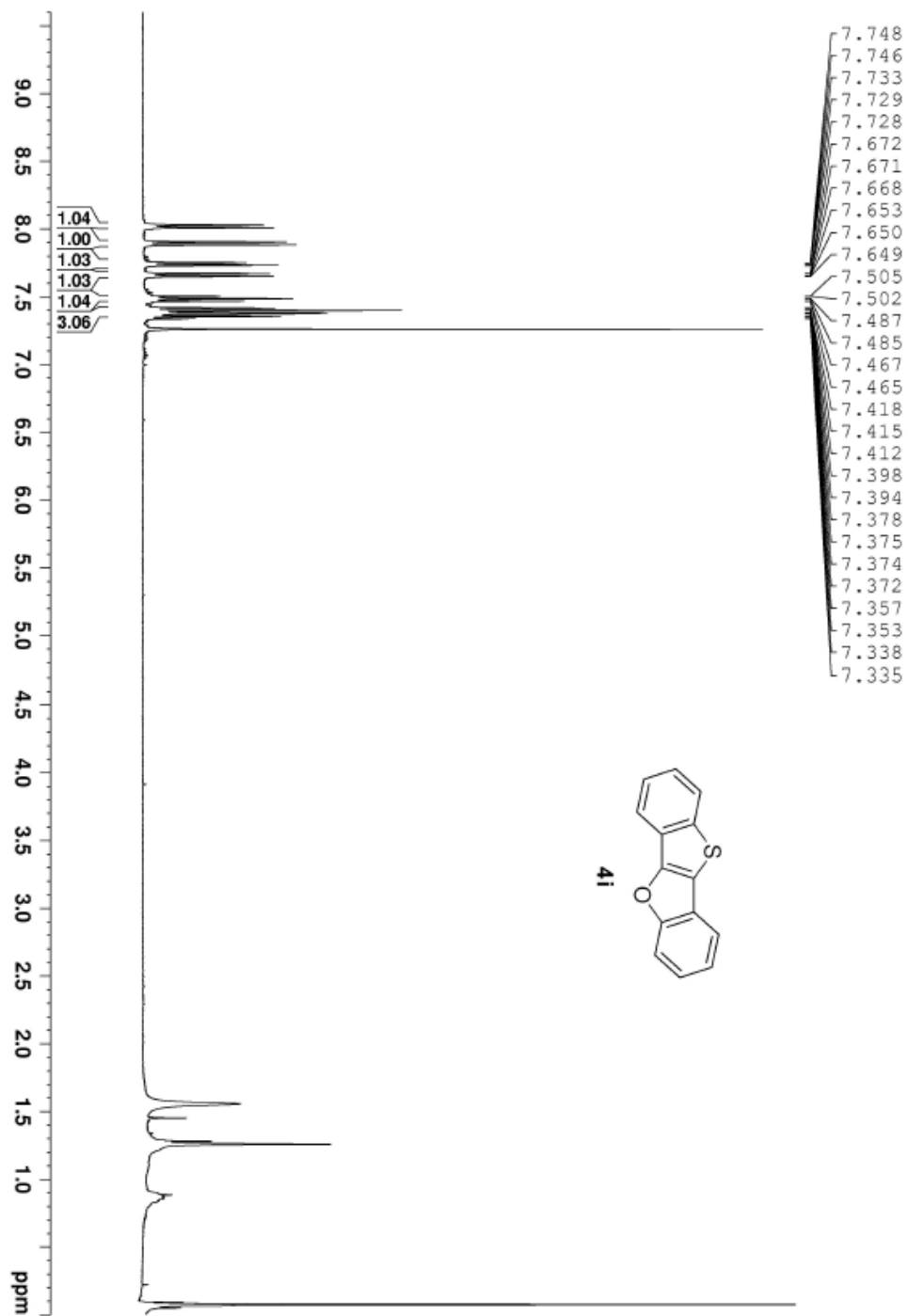


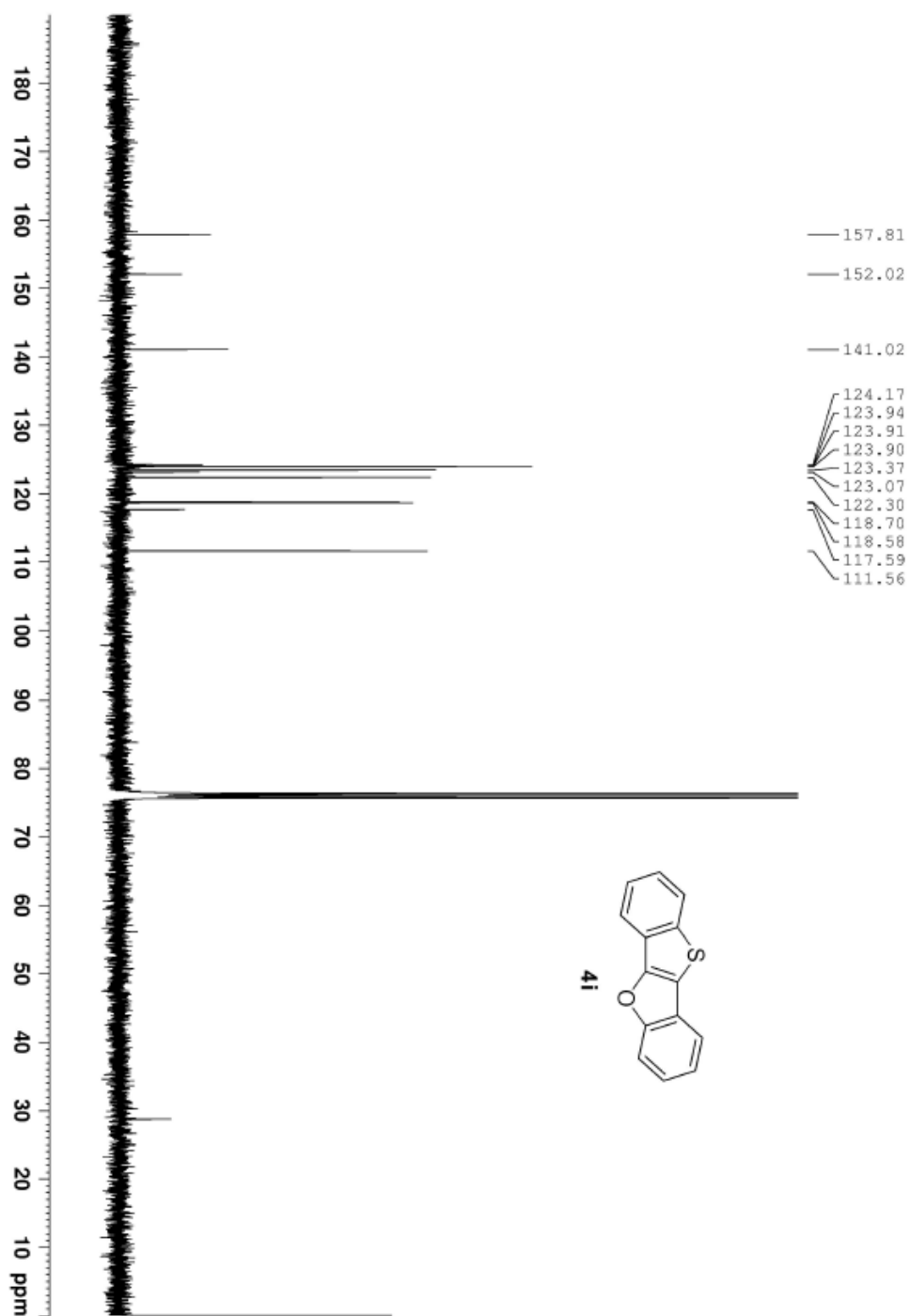


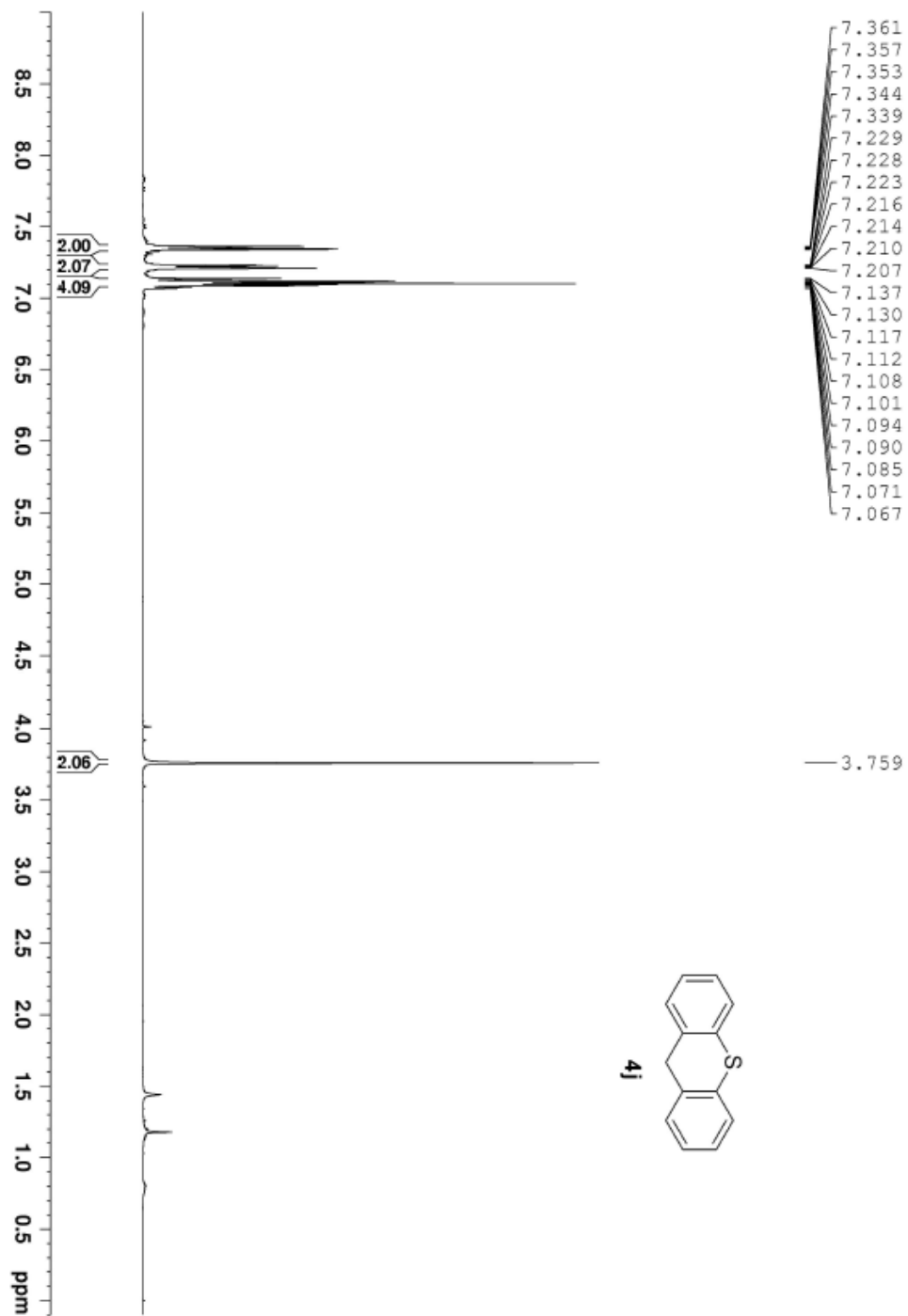


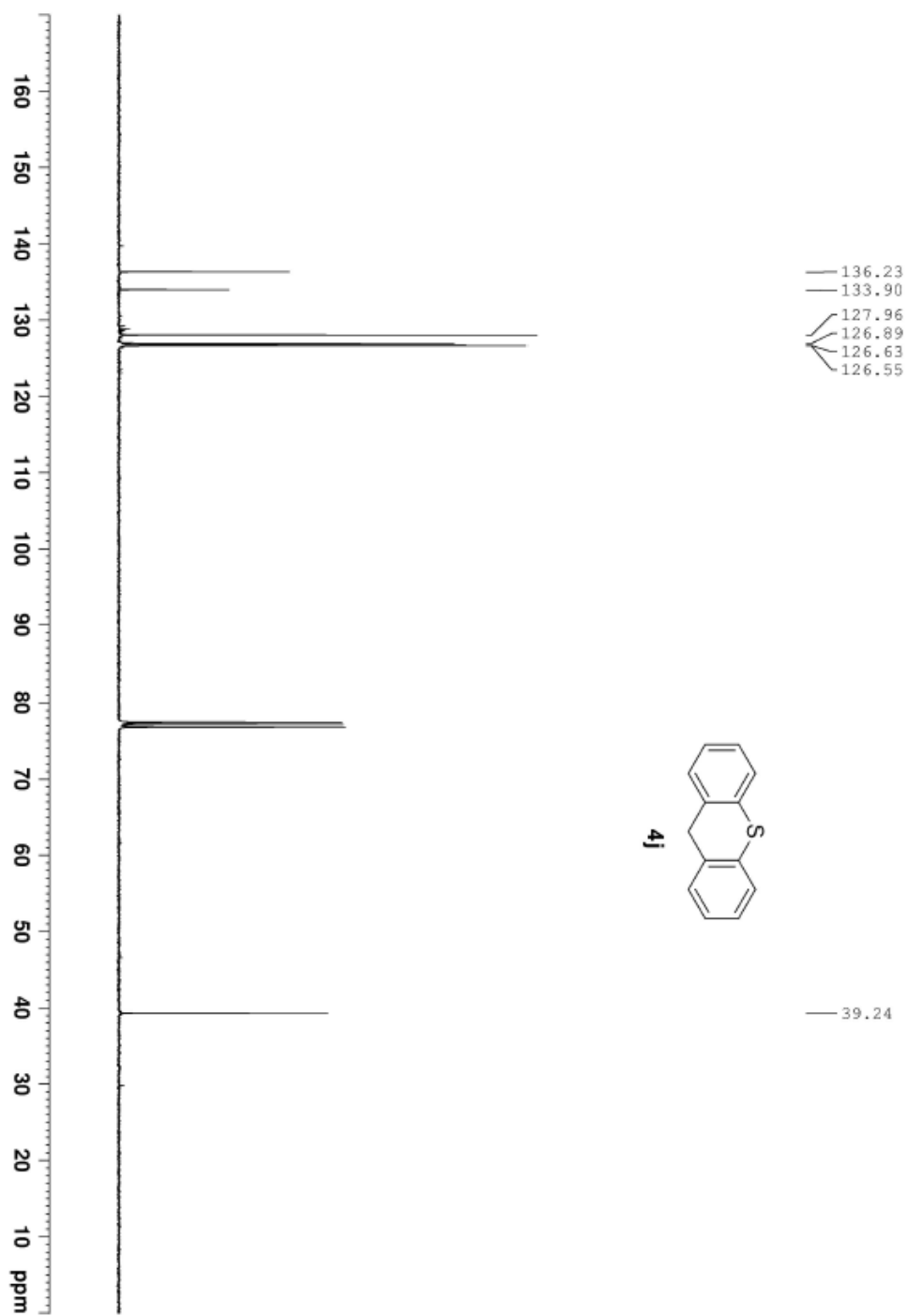


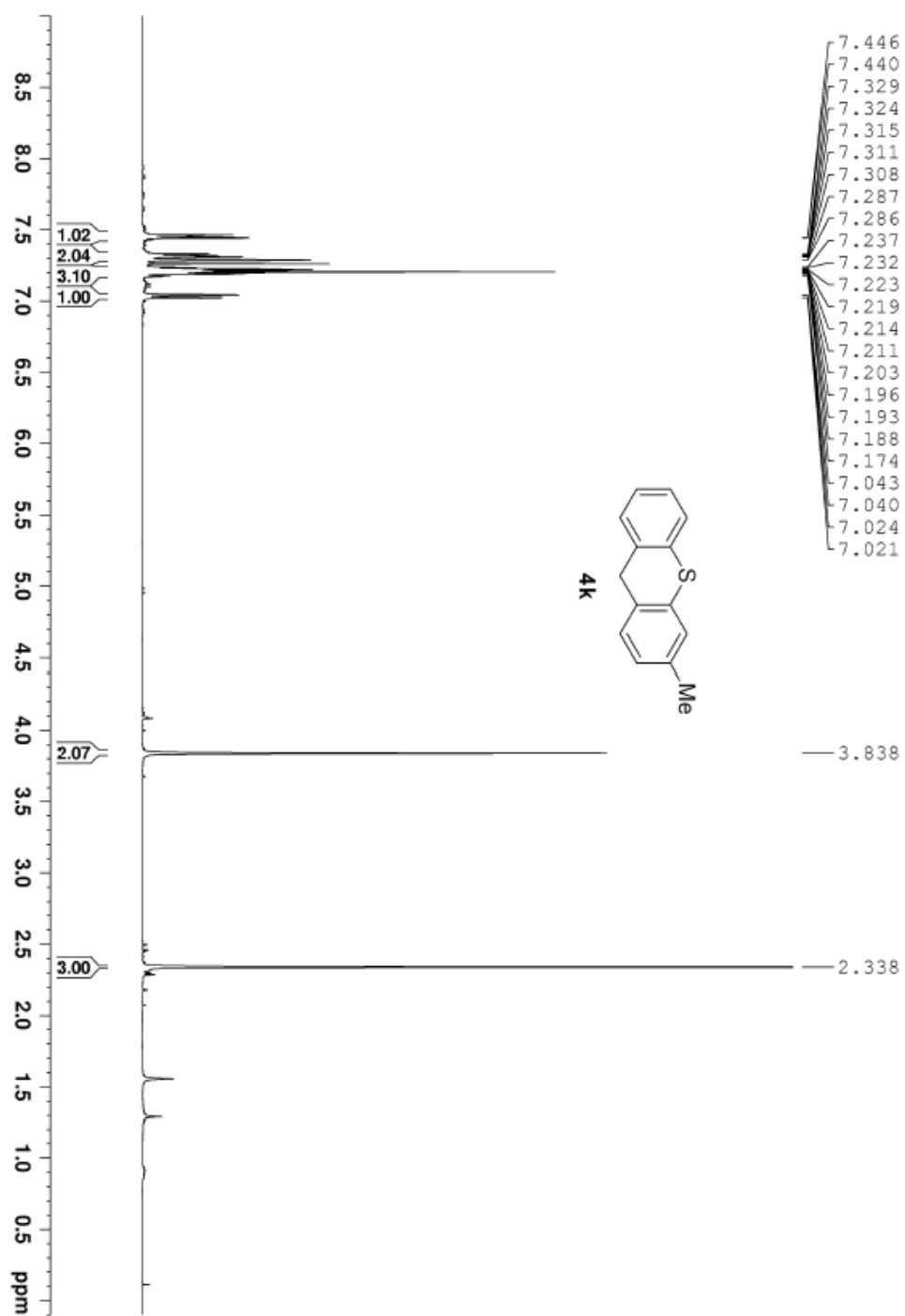


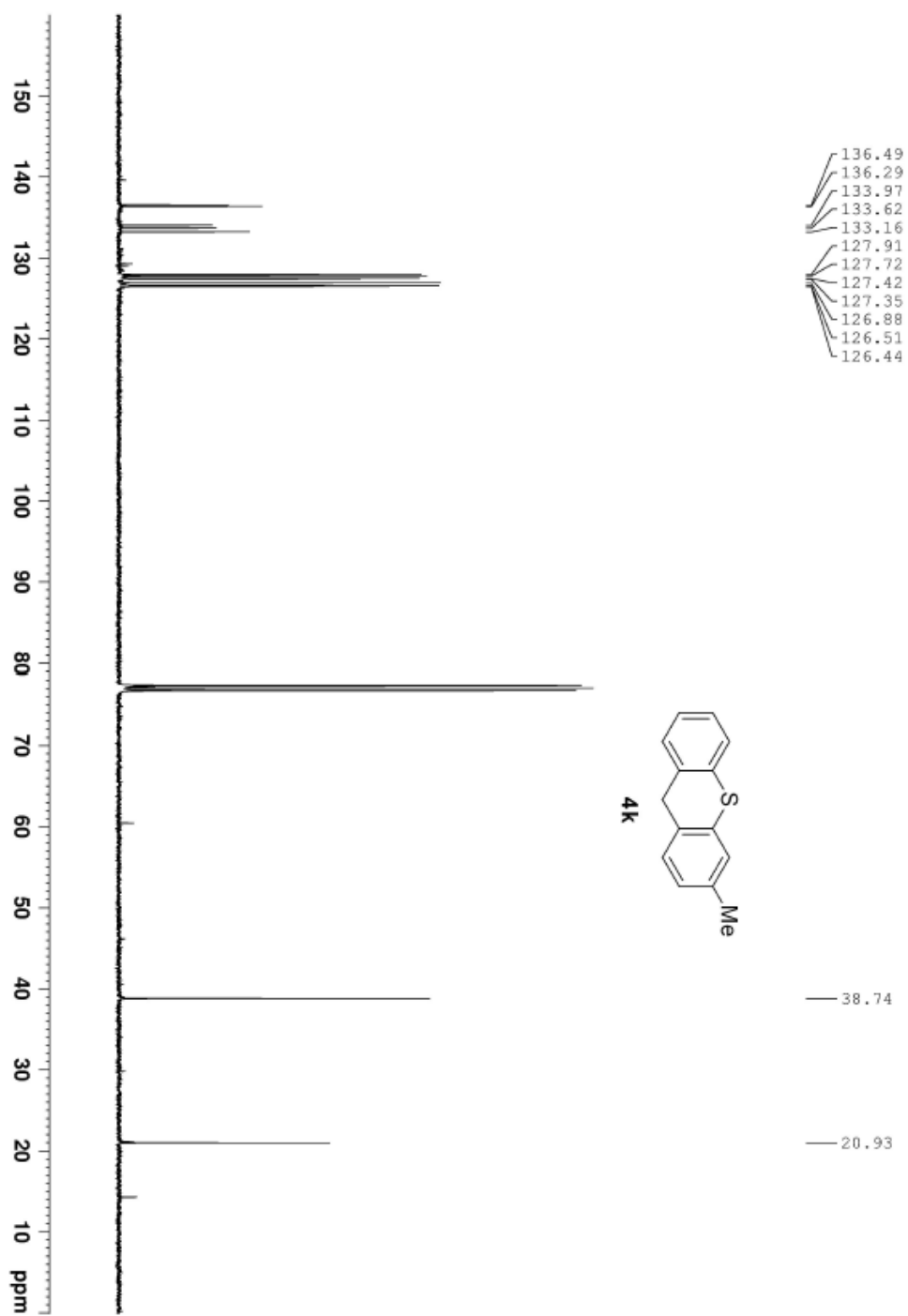


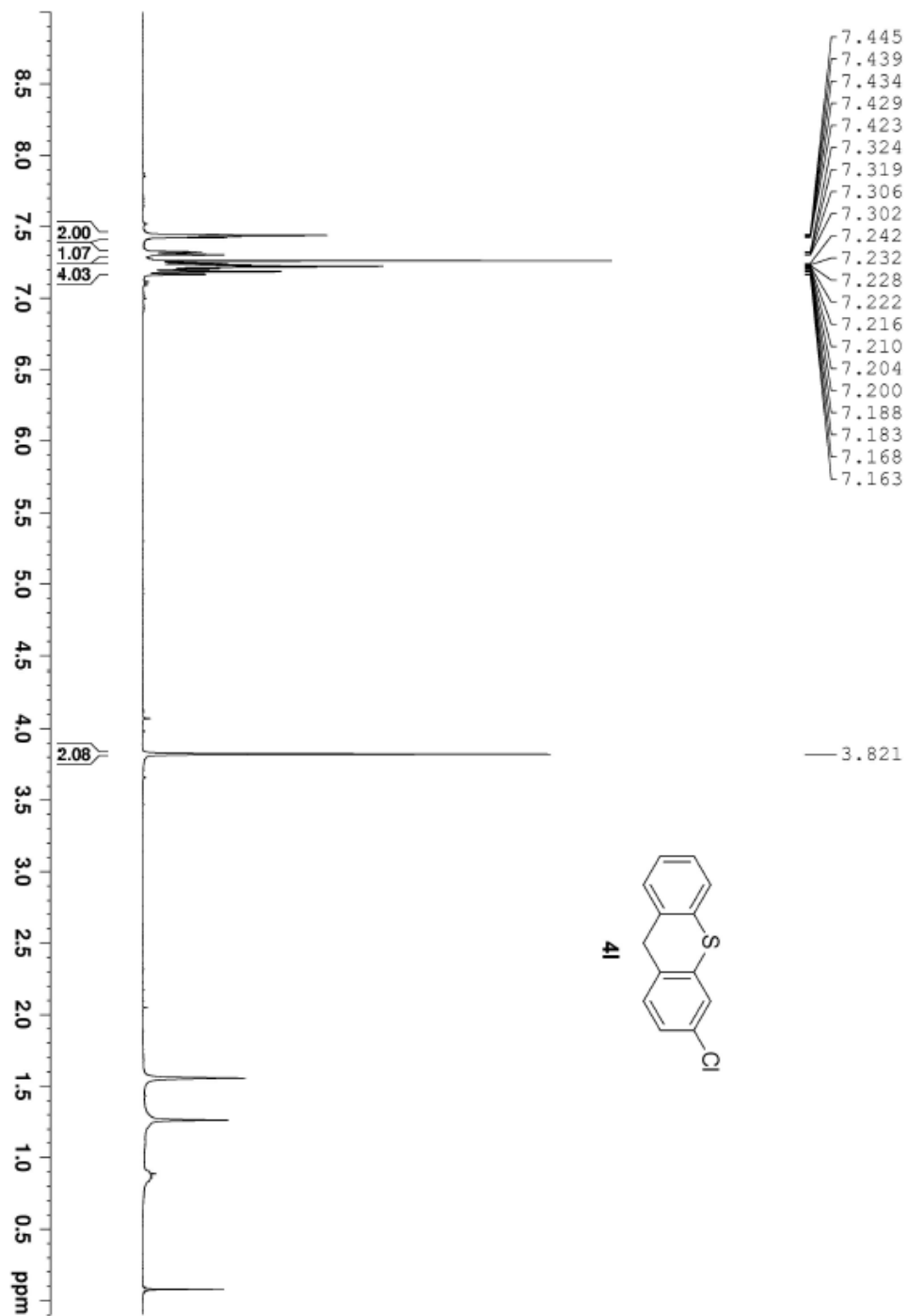


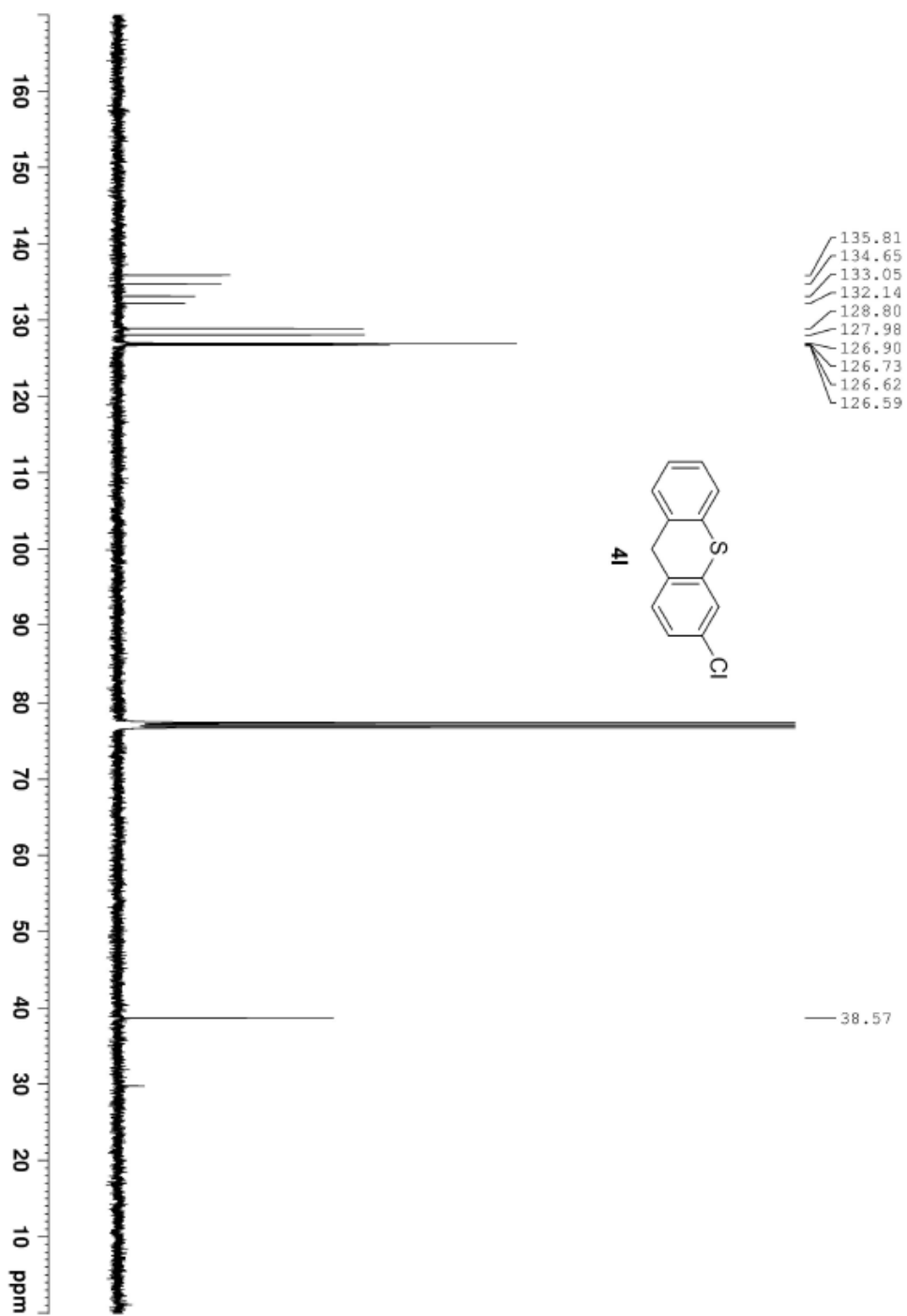


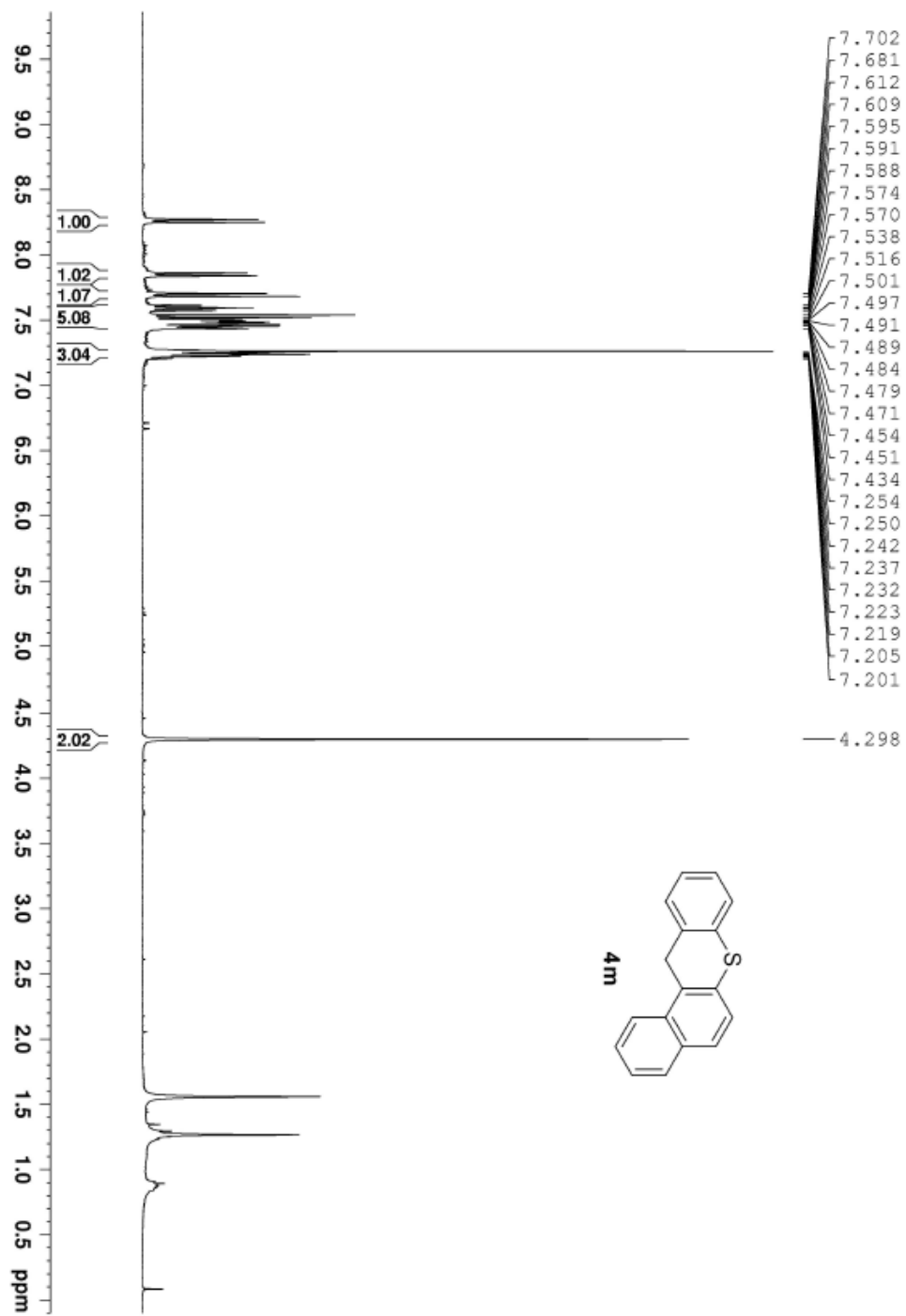


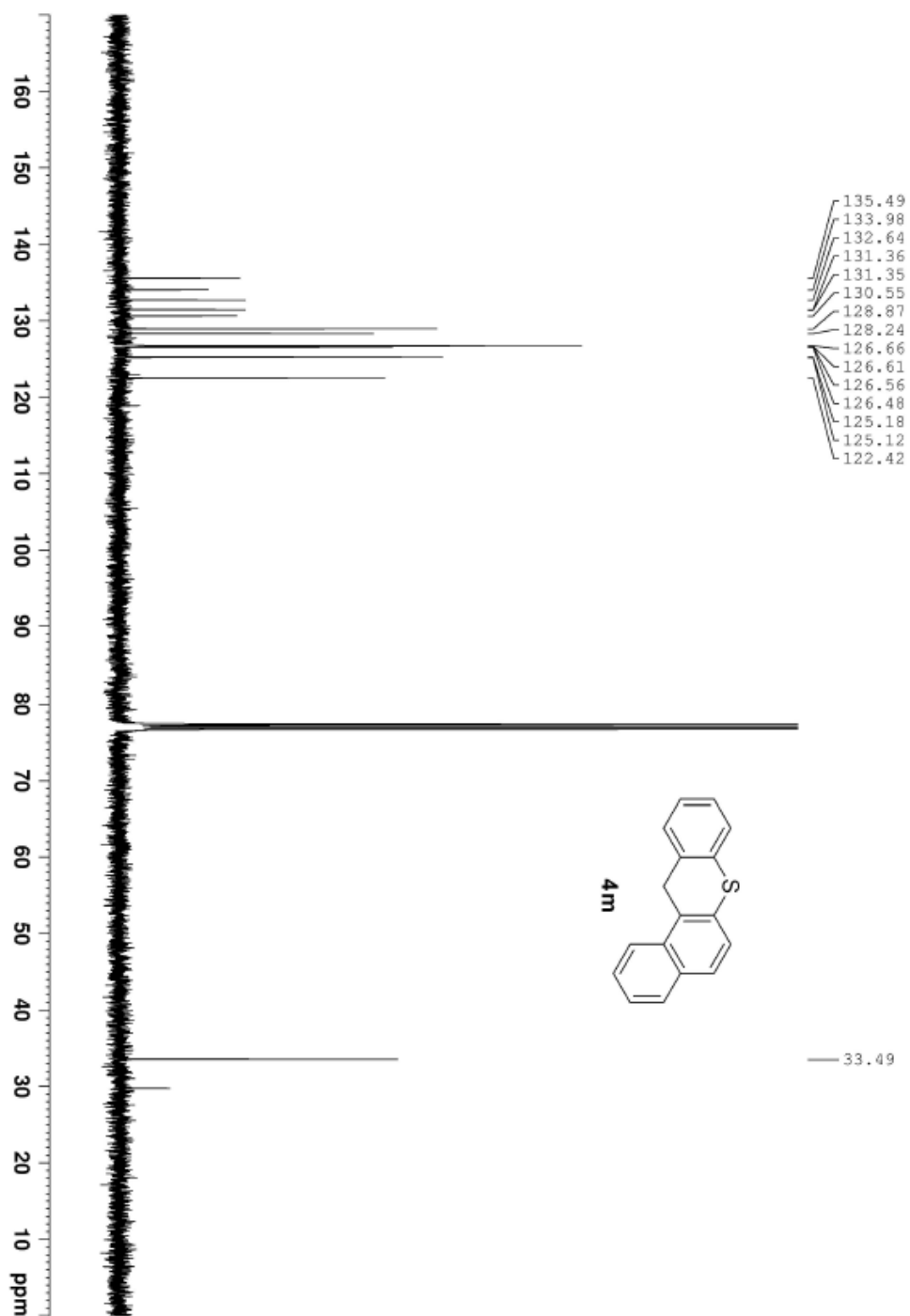


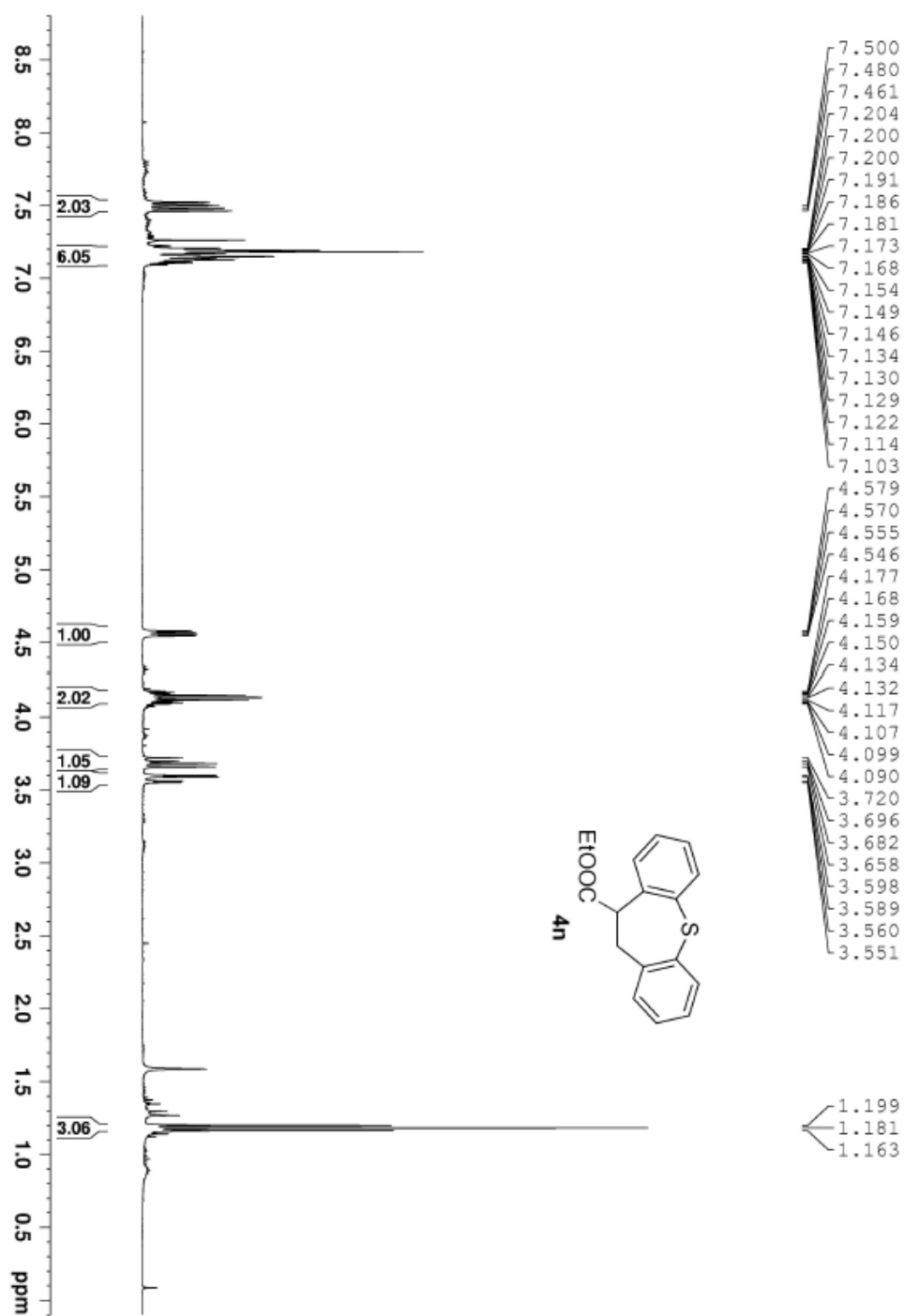


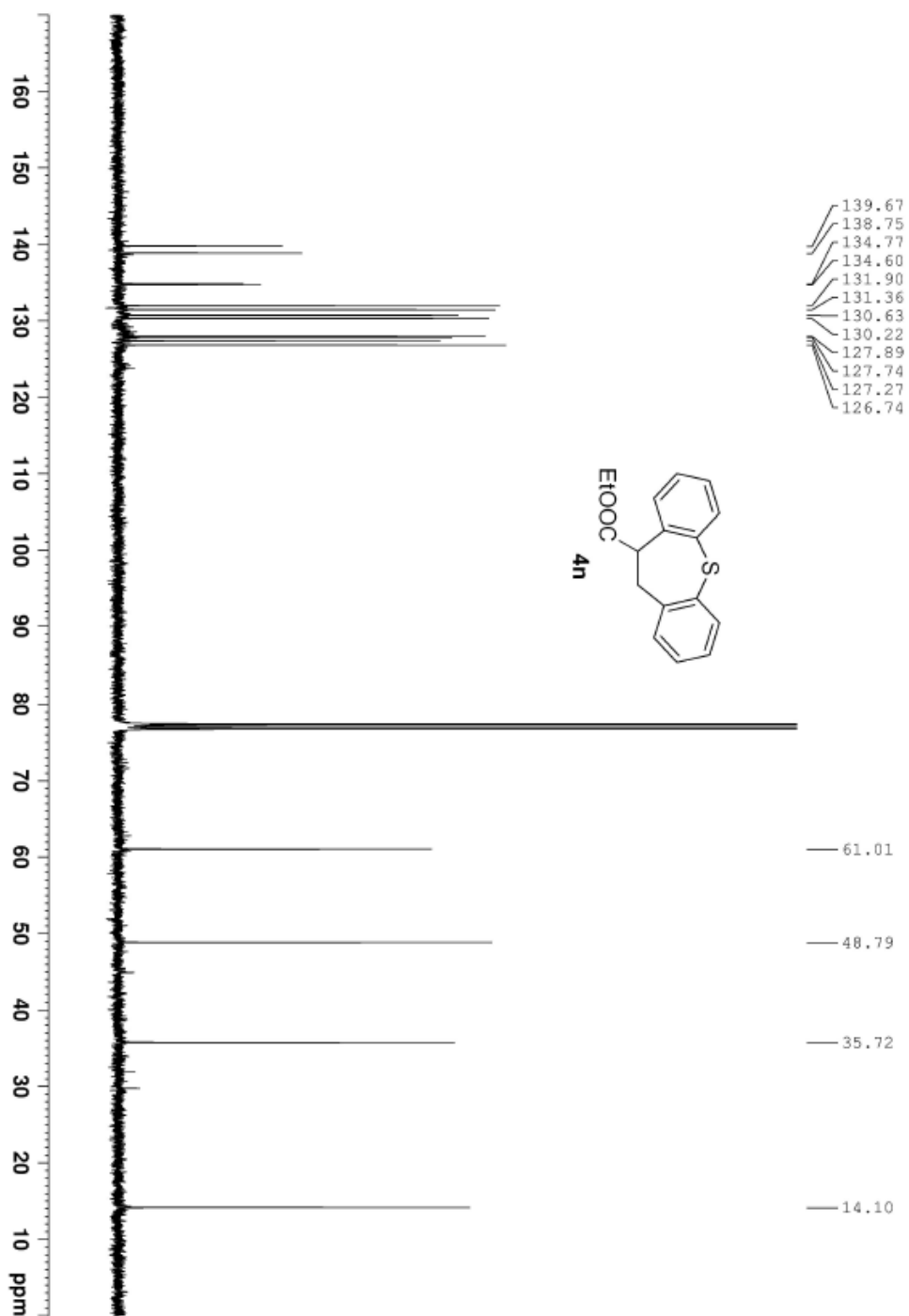


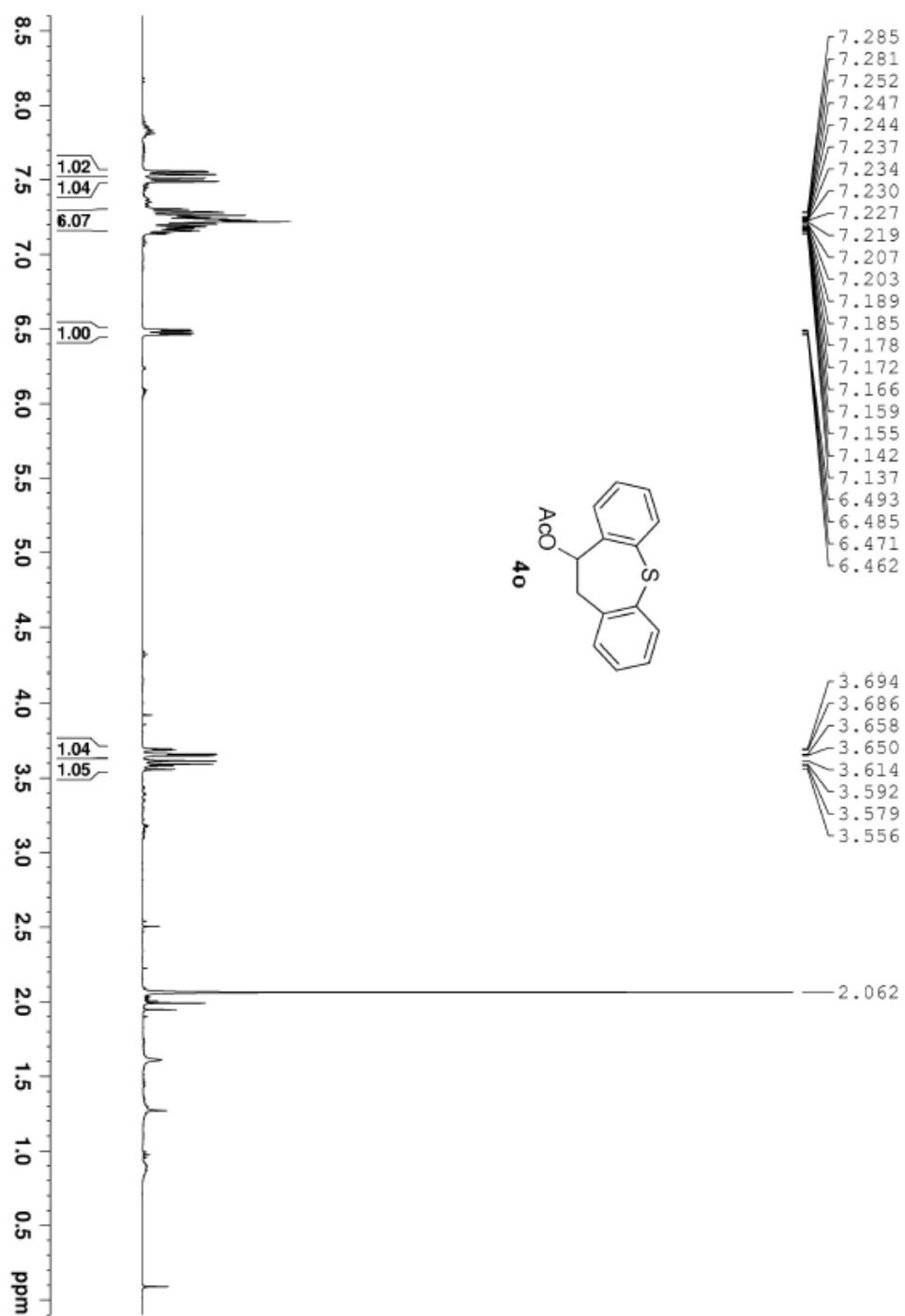


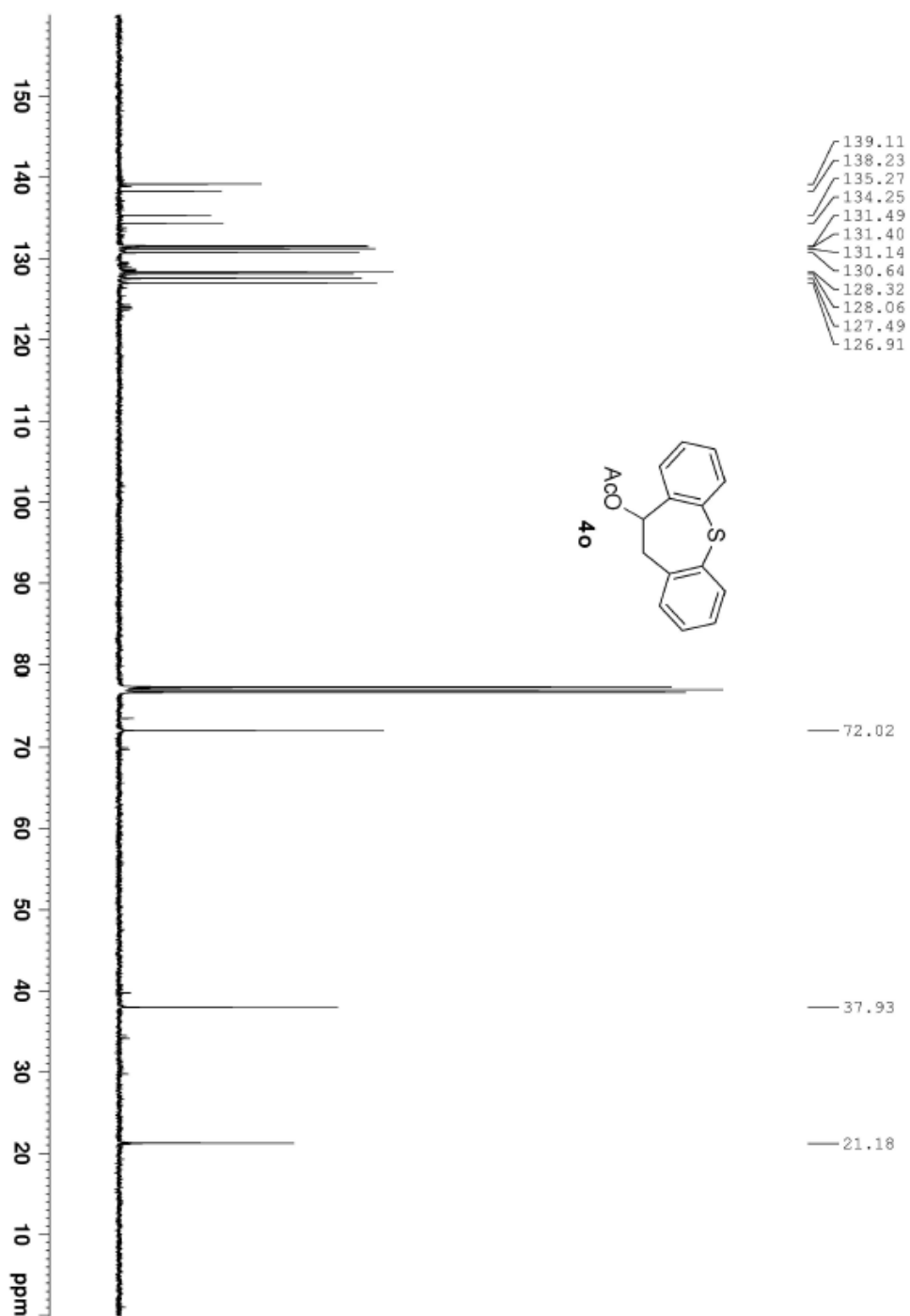


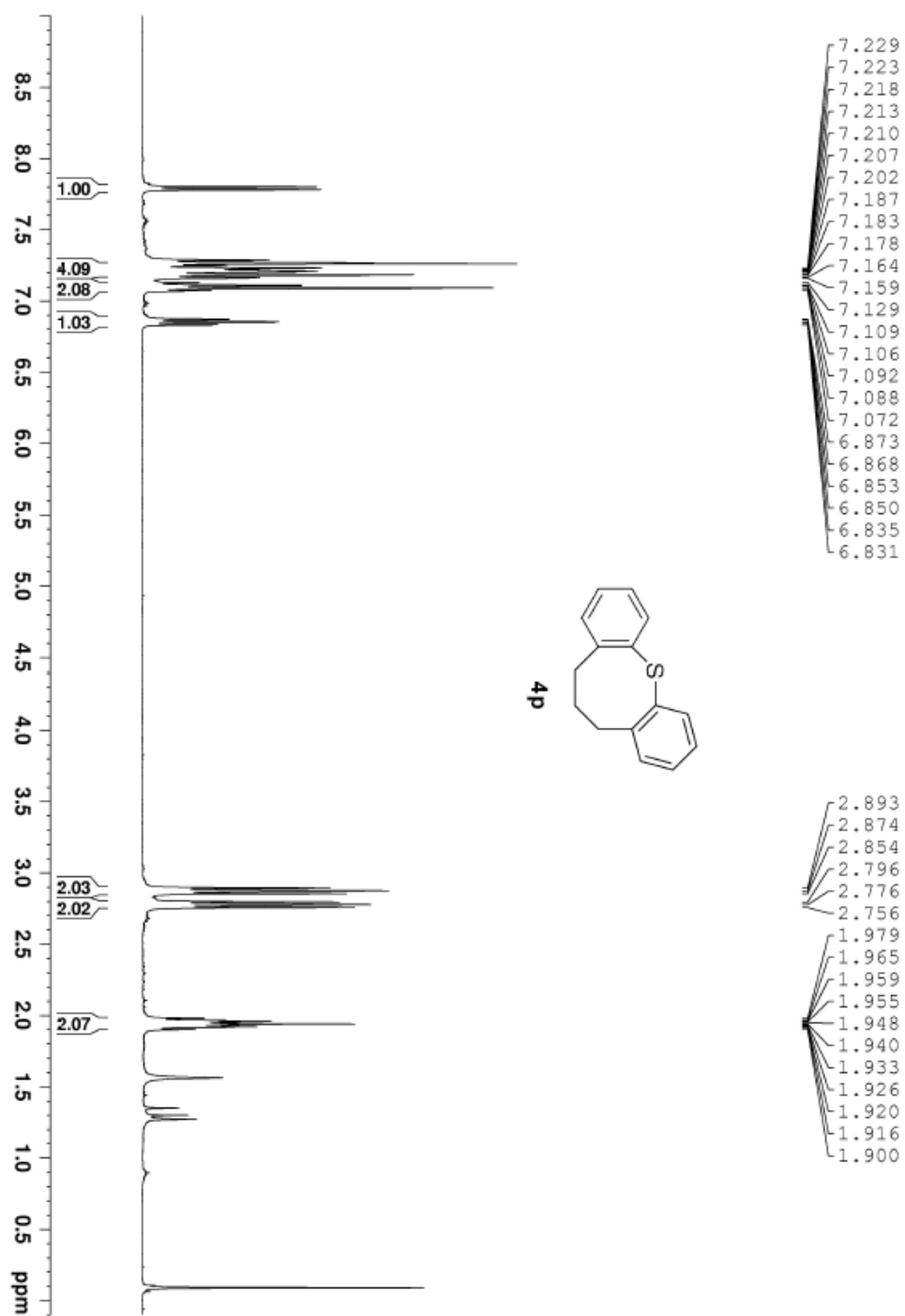


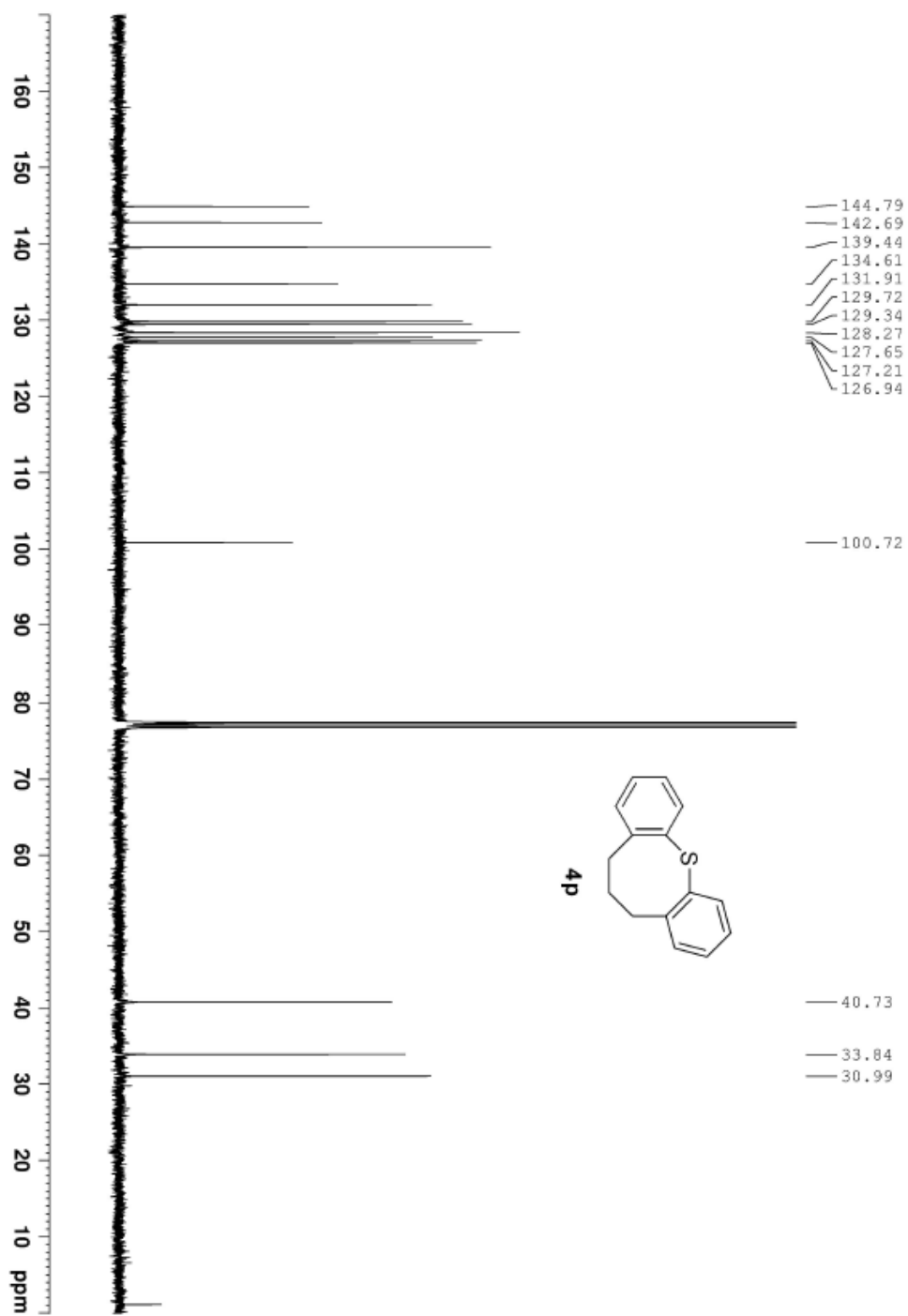












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