

Metal-Free Construction of Primary Sulfonamide through Three Diverse Salts

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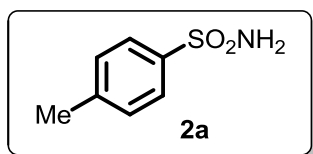
I. General Information.

^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, dichloromethane or DMSO (CHCl_3 δ 7.26, $(\text{CH}_3)_2\text{CO}$ δ 2.05, DMSO δ 2.50). Chemical shifts for carbon are reported in parts per million relative to chloroform, dichloromethane or DMSO (CHCl_3 δ 77.0, $(\text{CH}_3)_2\text{CO}$ δ 29.84, 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 241.Spectrometers. aryldiazonium salts **1** were prepared adopting reported procedures from corresponding aryl amines.¹

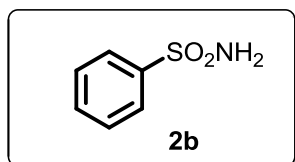
II. General procedure for the sulfonamide synthesis

Under a N_2 atmosphere, aryldiazonium salts **1a** (257.4 mg, 1.25 mmol), NaN_3 (32.5 mg, 0.5 mmol), PPh_3 (157.4 mg, 0.6 mmol), $\text{Na}_2\text{S}_2\text{O}_5$ (190.1 mg, 1.0 mmol), TBAB (241.7 mg, 0.75 mmol) and $\text{MeCN}/\text{H}_2\text{O} = 1/2$ (1 mL), the reaction was stirred at 80 °C for 12 h, and water (5 mL) was added. The solution was extracted with ethyl acetate and 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 **3**.

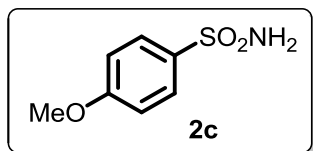
III. Characterization of sulfonamide products



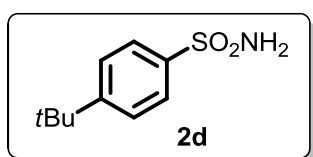
4-Methylbenzenesulfonamide (2a): Prepared following general procedure using aryldiazonium salts **1a** (257.4 mg, 1.25 mmol), NaN₃ (32.5 mg, 0.5 mmol), PPh₃ (157.4 mg, 0.6 mmol), Na₂S₂O₅ (190.1 mg, 1.0 mmol), TBAB (241.7 mg, 0.75 mmol) and MeCN/H₂O = 1/2 (1 mL), the reaction was stirred at 80 °C for 12 h giving **2a** in 90% yield as a white solid by column chromatography (PE/EA = 5/1 to 2/1). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, *d*₆-DMSO) δ 7.71 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.36 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.27 (s, 2H), 2.37 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, *d*₆-DMSO) δ 141.8, 141.4, 129.3, 125.6, 20.9; IR (KBr) ν 3348, 3270, 1598, 1500, 1309, 1175, 1021, 917, 835, 669 cm⁻¹; HRMS (EI) for C₇H₉NO₂S Calculated: 171.0354, found: 171.0353.



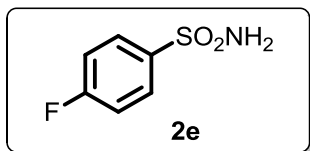
Benzenesulfonamide (2b). Prepared following general procedure using aryldiazonium salts **1b** (239.9 mg, 1.25 mmol), NaN₃ (32.5 mg, 0.5 mmol), PPh₃ (157.4 mg, 0.6 mmol), Na₂S₂O₅ (190.1 mg, 1.0 mmol), TBAB (241.7 mg, 0.75 mmol) and MeCN/H₂O = 1/2 (1 mL), the reaction was stirred at 80 °C for 12 h giving **2b** in 72% yield as a white solid by column chromatography (PE/EA = 5/1 to 2/1). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, *d*₆-acetone) δ 7.91 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 7.72 – 7.43 (m, 3H), 6.59 (s, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, *d*₆-acetone) δ 145.0, 132.8, 129.7, 126.8; IR (KBr) ν 3353, 3258, 1448, 1344, 1160, 1091, 756, 688, 537 cm⁻¹; HRMS (EI) for C₆H₇NO₂S Calculated: 157.0197, found: 157.0200.



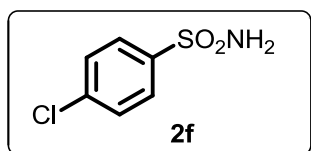
4-Methoxybenzenesulfonamide (2c). Prepared following general procedure using aryldiazonium salts **1c** (277.4 mg, 1.25 mmol), NaN₃ (32.5 mg, 0.5 mmol), PPh₃ (157.4 mg, 0.6 mmol), Na₂S₂O₅ (190.1 mg, 1.0 mmol), TBAB (241.7 mg, 0.75 mmol) and MeCN/H₂O = 1/2 (1 mL), the reaction was stirred at 80 °C for 12 h giving **2c** in 91% yield as a white solid by column chromatography (PE/EA = 4/1 to 1/1). **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, *d*₆-acetone) δ 7.83 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 2H), 7.06 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 2H), 6.43 (s, 2H), 3.87 (s, 3H); **¹³C NMR** (100 MHz, *d*₆-acetone) δ 163.2, 137.0, 128.9, 114.7, 56.0; **IR** (KBr) ν 3348, 3270, 2980, 1598, 1500, 1309, 1157, 917, 835, 669 cm⁻¹; **HRMS** (EI) for C₇H₉NO₃S Calculated: 187.0303, found: 187.0306.



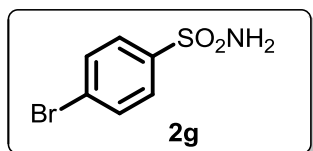
4-(tert-Butyl)benzenesulfonamide (2d). Prepared following general procedure using aryldiazonium salts **1d** (310 mg, 1.25 mmol), Na₂S₂O₅ (190.1 mg, 1.0 mmol), NaN₃ (32.5 mg, 0.5 mmol), PPh₃ (157.4 mg, 0.6 mmol), TBAB (241.7 mg, 0.75 mmol) and MeCN/H₂O = 1/2 (1 mL), the reaction was stirred at 80 °C for 12 h giving **2d** in 84% yield as a white solid by column chromatography (PE/EA = 5/1 to 2/1). **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, *d*₆-acetone) δ 7.85 (dd, *J* = 16.2, 14.0 Hz, 2H), 7.60 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 6.50 (s, 2H), 1.34 (s, 9H); **¹³C NMR** (100 MHz, *d*₆-acetone) δ 156.1, 142.2, 126.7, 126.5, 35.5, 31.3; **IR** (KBr) ν 3363, 3268, 2963, 1568, 1500, 1364, 1166, 1113, 924, 832, 632 cm⁻¹; **HRMS** (EI) for C₇H₉NO₃S Calculated: 213.0823, found: 213.0825.



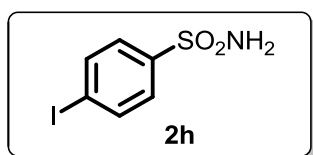
4-Fluorobenzenesulfonamide (2e). Prepared following general procedure using aryldiazonium salts **1e** (262.4 mg, 1.25 mmol), Na₂S₂O₅ (190.1 mg, 1.0 mmol), NaN₃ (32.5 mg, 0.5 mmol), PPh₃(157.4 mg, 0.6 mmol), TBAB (241.7 mg, 0.75 mmol) and MeCN/H₂O = 1/2 (1 mL), the reaction was stirred at 80 °C for 12 h giving **2e** in 75% yield as a white solid by column chromatography (PE/EA = 5/1 to 2/1). **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, *d*₆-acetone) δ 7.96 (dd, *J* = 8.8, 5.2 Hz, 2H), 7.33 (t, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 6.65 (s, 2H); **¹³C NMR** (100 MHz, *d*₆-acetone) δ 164.3 (d, *J* = 250.6 Hz), 141.3 (d, *J* = 3.2 Hz), 129.7 (d, *J* = 9.3 Hz), 116.6 (d, *J* = 22.7 Hz); **¹⁹F NMR** (376 MHz, *d*₆-acetone) δ 68.3; **IR** (KBr) ν 3362, 3261, 1587, 1493, 1292, 1177, 1100, 913, 840, 669 cm⁻¹; **HRMS** (EI) for C₆H₆NO₂SF Calculated: 175.0103, found: 175.0106.



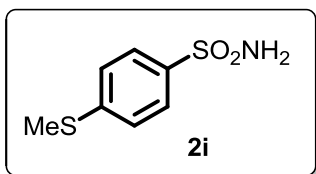
4-Chlorobenzenesulfonamide (2f). Prepared following general procedure using aryldiazonium salts **2f** (282.9 mg, 1.25 mmol), Na₂S₂O₅ (190.1 mg, 1.0 mmol), NaN₃ (32.5 mg, 0.5 mmol), PPh₃(157.4 mg, 0.6 mmol), TBAB (241.7 mg, 0.75 mmol) and MeCN/H₂O = 1/2 (1 mL), the reaction was stirred at 80 °C for 12 h giving **2f** in 60% yield as a white solid by column chromatography (PE/EA = 5/1 to 2/1). **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, *d*₆-acetone) δ 7.90 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.61 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 6.72 (s, 2H); **¹³C NMR** (100 MHz, *d*₆-acetone) δ 144.0, 138.3, 129.9, 128.8; **IR** (KBr) ν 3333, 3240, 1572, 1475, 1331, 1150, 1089, 823, 756, 626 cm⁻¹; **HRMS** (EI) for C₆H₆NO₂SCl Calculated: 190.9808, found: 190.9807.



4-Bromobenzenesulfonamide (2g). Prepared following general procedure using aryldiazonium salts **1g** (338.5 mg, 1.25 mmol), Na₂S₂O₅ (190.1 mg, 1.0 mmol), NaN₃ (32.5 mg, 0.5 mmol), PPh₃ (157.4 mg, 0.6 mmol), TBAB (241.7 mg, 0.75 mmol) and MeCN/H₂O = 1/2 (1 mL), the reaction was stirred at 80 °C for 12 h giving **2g** in 70% yield as a white solid by column chromatography (PE/EA = 5/1 to 2/1). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, d₆-acetone) δ 7.83 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 7.76 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 6.71 (s, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, d₆-acetone) δ 144.4, 132.9, 128.9, 126.7; IR (KBr) ν 3329, 3239, 3117, 1575, 1391, 1310, 1148, 1091, 818, 742, 613 cm⁻¹; HRMS (EI) for C₆H₆NO₂SBr Calculated: 234.9303, found: 234.9305.

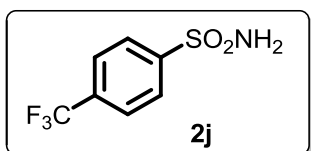


4-Iodobenzenesulfonamide (2h). Prepared following general procedure using aryldiazonium salts **1h** (397.3 mg, 1.25 mmol), Na₂S₂O₅ (190.1 mg, 1.0 mmol), NaN₃ (32.5 mg, 0.5 mmol), PPh₃ (157.4 mg, 0.6 mmol), TBAB (241.7 mg, 0.75 mmol) and MeCN/H₂O = 1/2 (1 mL), the reaction was stirred at 80 °C for 12 h giving **2h** in 52% yield as a white solid by column chromatography (PE/EA = 5/1 to 2/1). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, d₆-acetone) δ 8.04 – 7.92 (m, 2H), 7.73 – 7.63 (m, 2H), 6.72 (s, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, d₆-acetone) δ 144.9, 138.9, 128.6, 99.1. IR (KBr) ν 3362, 3256, 2924, 1384, 1300, 1150, 1093, 816, 730, 533 cm⁻¹; HRMS (EI) for C₆H₆NO₂SI Calculated: 282.9164, found: 282.9160.



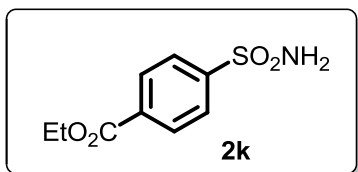
4-(Methylthio)benzenesulfonamide (2i). Prepared following general procedure using aryldiazonium salts **1i** (297.5 mg, 1.25 mmol), Na₂S₂O₅ (190.1 mg, 1.0 mmol), NaN₃ (32.5 mg, 0.5 mmol), PPh₃(157.4

mg, 0.6 mmol), TBAB (241.7 mg, 0.75 mmol) and MeCN/H₂O = 1/2 (1 mL), the reaction was stirred at 80 °C for 12 h giving **2i** in 88% yield as a brown solid by column chromatography (PE/EA = 4/1 to 2/1). **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, *d*₆-acetone) δ 7.79 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.40 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 6.55 (s, 2H), 2.56 (s, 3H); **¹³C NMR** (100 MHz, *d*₆-acetone) δ 145.3, 141.1, 127.3, 126.0, 14.6; **IR** (KBr) ν 3335, 3244, 1305, 1160, 904, 810, 756, 536 cm⁻¹; **HRMS** (EI) for C₇H₉NO₂S₂ Calculated: 203.0075, found: 203.0073.



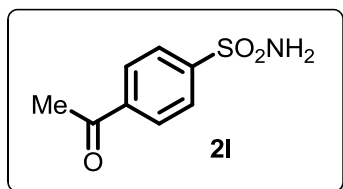
4-(Trifluoromethyl)benzenesulfonamide (2j).

Prepared following general procedure using aryldiazonium salts **1j** (325 mg, 1.25 mmol), Na₂S₂O₅ (190.1 mg, 1.0 mmol), NaN₃ (32.5 mg, 0.5 mmol), PPh₃(157.4 mg, 0.6 mmol), TBAB (241.7 mg, 0.75 mmol) and MeCN/H₂O = 1/2 (1 mL), the reaction was stirred at 80 °C for 12 h giving **2j** in 52% yield, as a white solid by column chromatography (PE/EA = 5/1 to 2/1). **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, *d*₆-acetone) δ 8.12 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.94 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 6.86 (s, 2H); **¹³C NMR** (100 MHz, *d*₆-acetone) δ 148.71, 133.7 (q, *J* = 32.6 Hz), 127.8, 127.0 (q, *J* = 3.8 Hz), 124.6 (q, *J* = 271.9 Hz); **¹⁹F NMR** (376 MHz, *d*₆-acetone) δ 113.97; **IR** (KBr) ν 3382, 3260, 1565, 1406, 1326, 1125, 1112, 838, 713, 611, 532 cm⁻¹; **HRMS** (EI) for C₇H₆NO₂SF₃ Calculated: 225.0071, found: 225.0074.



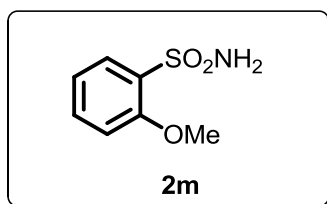
Ethyl 4-sulfamoylbenzoate (2k). Prepared following general procedure using aryldiazonium salts **1k** (329.9 mg, 1.25 mmol), Na₂S₂O₅ (190.1 mg, 1.0 mmol), NaN₃ (32.5 mg, 0.5 mmol),

PPh₃(157.4 mg, 0.6 mmol), TBAB (241.7 mg, 0.75 mmol) and MeCN/H₂O = 1/2 (1 mL), the reaction was stirred at 80 °C for 12 h giving **11i** in 78% yield as a white solid by column chromatography (PE/EA = 4/1 to 1/1). **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, *d*₆-acetone) δ 8.17 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 8.02 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 6.80 (s, 2H), 4.39 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 1.38 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H); **¹³C NMR** (100 MHz, *d*₆-acetone) δ 165.7, 149.0, 134.5, 130.6, 127.3, 62.1, 14.5; **IR** (KBr) ν 3320, 3246, 1704, 1576, 1403, 1370, 1283, 1162, 1135, 855, 764, 690, 537 cm⁻¹; **HRMS** (EI) for C₉H₁₁NO₄S Calculated: 229.0405, found: 229.0405.



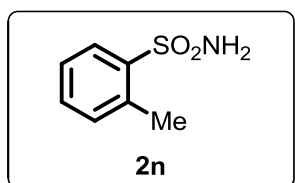
4-Acetylbenzenesulfonamide (2l). Prepared following general procedure using aryldiazonium salts **1l** (292.4 mg, 1.25 mmol), Na₂S₂O₅ (190.1 mg, 1.0 mmol), NaN₃ (32.5 mg, 0.5 mmol), PPh₃(157.4

mg, 0.6 mmol), TBAB (241.7 mg, 0.75 mmol) and MeCN/H₂O = 1/2 (1 mL), the reaction was stirred at 80 °C for 12 h giving **2l** in 51% yield as a white solid by column chromatography (PE/EA = 4/1 to 2/1). **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, *d*₆-acetone) δ 8.15 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 8.01 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 6.81 (s, 2H), 2.65 (s, 3H); **¹³C NMR** (100 MHz, *d*₆-acetone) δ 197.3, 148.6, 140.4, 129.6, 127.1, 27.0; **IR** (KBr) ν 3310, 3215, 3098, 1668, 1401, 1406, 1350, 1159, 840, 785, 600 cm⁻¹; **HRMS** (EI) for C₈H₉NO₃S Calculated: 199.0303, found: 199.0306.



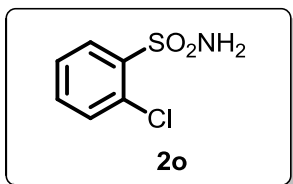
2-Methoxybenzenesulfonamide (2m). Prepared following general procedure using aryldiazonium salts **1m** (277.4 mg, 1.25 mmol), Na₂S₂O₅ (190.1 mg, 1.0 mmol), NaN₃ (32.5 mg, 0.5 mmol), PPh₃(157.4 mg, 0.6 mmol), TBAB (241.7 mg, 0.75

mmol) and MeCN/H₂O = 1/2 (1 mL), the reaction was stirred at 80 °C for 12 h giving **2m** in 82% yield as a white solid by column chromatography (PE/EA = 3/1 to 1/1). **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, *d*₆-acetone) δ 7.81 (dd, *J* = 7.7, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.64 – 7.53 (m, 1H), 7.22 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.07 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 6.31 (s, 2H), 3.99 (s, 3H); **¹³C NMR** (100 MHz, *d*₆-acetone) δ 157.2, 134.6, 132.5, 128.7, 120.8, 113.2, 56.5; **IR** (KBr) ν 3375, 3265, 1589, 1481, 1300, 1150, 901, 801, 760 cm⁻¹; **HRMS** (EI) for C₇H₉NO₃S Calculated: 187.0303, found: 187.0304.



2-Methylbenzenesulfonamide (2n). Prepared following general procedure using aryldiazonium salts **1n** (257.4 mg, 1.25 mmol), Na₂S₂O₅ (190.1 mg, 1.0 mmol), NaN₃ (32.5 mg, 0.5 mmol), PPh₃(157.4 mg, 0.6

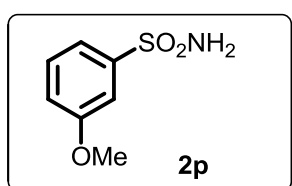
mmol), TBAB (241.7 mg, 0.75 mmol) and MeCN/H₂O = 1/2 (1 mL), the reaction was stirred at 80 °C for 12 h giving **2n** in 70% yield as a white solid by column chromatography (PE/EA = 5/1 to 2/1). **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, *d*₆-acetone) δ 7.95 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.49 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.36 (dd, *J* = 15.3, 7.5 Hz, 2H), 6.58 (s, 2H), 2.67 (s, 3H); **¹³C NMR** (100 MHz, *d*₆-acetone) δ 143.0, 137.2, 133.0, 132.8, 128.3, 126.8, 20.3; **IR** (KBr) ν 3381, 3260, 1560, 1472, 1314, 1152, 1069, 921, 766, 595 cm⁻¹; **HRMS** (EI) for C₇H₉NO₂S Calculated:171.0354, found: 171.0354.



2-Chlorobenzenesulfonamide (2o).

Prepared following general procedure using aryldiazonium salts **1o** (282.9 mg, 1.25 mmol), Na₂S₂O₅ (190.1 mg, 1.0 mmol), NaN₃ (32.5 mg, 0.5 mmol), PPh₃ (157.4

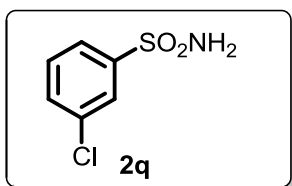
mg, 0.6 mmol), TBAB (241.7 mg, 0.75 mmol) and MeCN/H₂O = 1/2 (1 mL), the reaction was stirred at 80 °C for 12 h giving **2o** in 62% yield as a white solid by column chromatography (PE/EA = 5/1 to 2/1). **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, *d*₆-acetone) δ 8.11 – 8.04 (m, 1H), 7.67 – 7.59 (m, 2H), 7.57 – 7.48 (m, 1H), 6.78 (s, 2H); **¹³C NMR** (100 MHz, *d*₆-acetone) δ 142.0, 134.2, 132.3, 131.9, 130.2, 128.1; **IR** (KBr) ν 3357, 3255, 1560, 1454, 1338, 1192, 1042, 913, 766, 590 cm⁻¹; **HRMS** (EI) for C₆H₆NO₂SCl Calculated: 190.9808, found: 190.9805.



3-Methoxybenzenesulfonamide (2p).

Prepared following general procedure using aryldiazonium salts **1p** (277.4 mg, 1.25 mmol), Na₂S₂O₅ (190.1 mg, 1.0 mmol), NaN₃ (32.5 mg, 0.5 mmol), PPh₃ (157.4 mg, 0.6

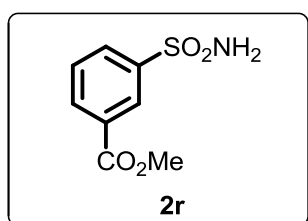
mmol), TBAB (241.7 mg, 0.75 mmol) and MeCN/H₂O = 1/2 (1 mL), the reaction was stirred at 80 °C for 12 h giving **2p** in 92% yield as a white solid by column chromatography (PE/EA = 4/1 to 1/1). **¹H NMR** (500 MHz, *d*₆-acetone) δ 7.49 – 7.45 (m, 2H), 7.43 (dd, *J* = 2.6, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 7.20 – 7.08 (m, 1H), 6.56 (s, 2H), 3.86 (s, 3H); **¹³C NMR** (125 MHz, *d*₆-acetone) δ 160.7, 146.3, 130.8, 118.8, 118.5, 111.9, 55.9; **IR** (KBr) ν 3342, 3266, 1600, 1492, 1300, 1256, 1172, 1103, 1028, 906, 800, 691 cm⁻¹; **HRMS** (EI) for C₇H₉NO₃S Calculated: 187.0303, found: 187.0301.



3-Chlorobenzenesulfonamide (2q). Prepared

following general procedure using aryldiazonium salts **1q** (282.9 mg, 1.25 mmol), Na₂S₂O₅ (190.1 mg, 1.0 mmol), NaN₃ (32.5 mg, 0.5 mmol), PPh₃ (157.4 mg, 0.6

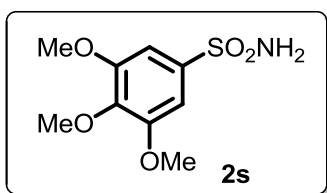
mmol), TBAB (241.7 mg, 0.75 mmol) and MeCN/H₂O = 1/2 (1 mL), the reaction was stirred at 80 °C for 12 h giving **2q** in 72% yield as a white solid by column chromatography (PE/EA = 5/1 to 2/1). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, d₆-acetone) δ 7.93 – 7.80 (m, 2H), 7.70 – 7.57 (m, 2H), 6.78 (s, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, d₆-acetone) δ 146.9, 135.0, 132.7, 131.7, 126.8, 125.4; IR (KBr) ν 3332, 3243, 1552, 1422, 1350, 1182, 1078, 901, 793, 677 cm⁻¹; HRMS (EI) for C₆H₆NO₂SCl Calculated: 190.9808, found: 190.9805.



Methyl 3-sulfamoylbenzoate (2r). Prepared

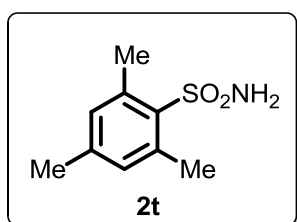
following general procedure using aryldiazonium salts **1r** (312.4 mg, 1.25 mmol), Na₂S₂O₅ (190.1 mg, 1.0 mmol), NaN₃ (32.5 mg, 0.5 mmol), PPh₃ (157.4 mg, 0.6 mmol), TBAB (241.7 mg, 0.75 mmol) and

MeCN/H₂O = 1/2 (1 mL), the reaction was stirred at 80 °C for 12 h giving **2r** in 54% yield as a white solid by column chromatography (PE/EA = 5/1 to 2/1). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, d₆-acetone) δ 8.49 (s, 1H), 8.20 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 8.14 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.73 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.79 (s, 2H), 3.94 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, d₆-acetone) δ 166.1, 145.7, 133.3, 131.9, 131.1, 130.4, 127.7, 52.8; IR (KBr) ν 3289, 3238, 1704, 1598, 1443, 1300, 1168, 1075, 967, 752, 681 cm⁻¹; HRMS (EI) for C₈H₉NO₄S Calculated: 215.0252, found: 215.0249.



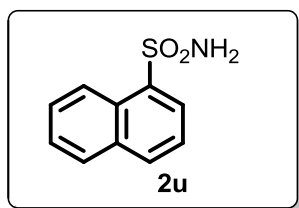
3,4,5-Trimethoxybenzenesulfonamide (2s).

Prepared following general procedure using aryldiazonium salts **1s** (353.5 mg, 1.25 mmol), $\text{Na}_2\text{S}_2\text{O}_5$ (190.1 mg, 1.0 mmol), NaN_3 (32.5 mg, 0.5 mmol), PPh_3 (157.4 mg, 0.6 mmol), TBAB (241.7 mg, 0.75 mmol) and $\text{MeCN}/\text{H}_2\text{O} = 1/2$ (1 mL), the reaction was stirred at 80 °C for 12 h giving **2s** in 85% yield as a brown solid by column chromatography (PE/EA = 3/1 to 1/1). **^1H NMR** (400 MHz, d_6 -acetone) δ 7.19 (s, 2H), 6.51 (s, 2H), 3.87 (s, 6H), 3.78 (s, 3H); **^{13}C NMR** (100 MHz, d_6 -acetone) δ 154.2, 141.9, 140.1, 104.5, 60.7, 56.7; **IR** (KBr) ν 3361, 3263, 1590, 1409, 1314, 1232, 1128, 990, 931, 842, 619 cm^{-1} ; **HRMS** (EI) for $\text{C}_9\text{H}_{13}\text{NO}_5\text{S}$ Calculated: 247.0514, found: 247.0515.

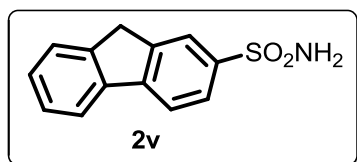


2,4,6-Trimethylbenzenesulfonamide (2t). Prepared following general procedure using aryldiazonium salts **1t** (292.5 mg, 1.25 mmol), $\text{Na}_2\text{S}_2\text{O}_5$ (190.1 mg, 1.0 mmol), NaN_3 (32.5 mg, 0.5 mmol), PPh_3 (157.4 mg,

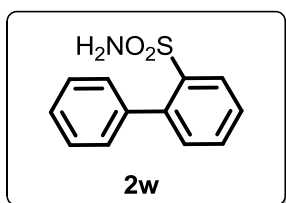
0.6 mmol), TBAB (241.7 mg, 0.75 mmol) and $\text{MeCN}/\text{H}_2\text{O} = 1/2$ (1 mL), the reaction was stirred at 80 °C for 12 h giving **2t** in 71% yield as a brown solid by column chromatography (PE/EA = 5/1 to 2/1). **^1H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 6.97 (s, 2H), 4.79 (s, 2H), 2.65 (s, 6H), 2.30 (s, 3H); **^{13}C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 142.2, 138.2, 135.9, 131.9, 22.9, 20.9; **IR** (KBr) ν 3342, 3202, 1384, 1010, 1005, 824, 764, 658 cm^{-1} ; **HRMS** (EI) for $\text{C}_9\text{H}_{13}\text{NO}_2\text{S}$ Calculated: 199.0667, found: 199.0670.



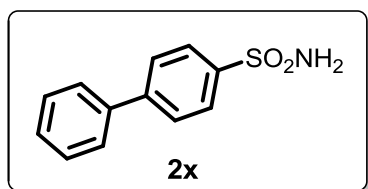
Naphthalene-1-sulfonamide (2u). Prepared following general procedure using aryldiazonium salts **1u** (302.4 mg, 1.25 mmol), Na₂S₂O₅ (190.1 mg, 1.0 mmol), NaN₃ (32.5 mg, 0.5 mmol), PPh₃ (157.4 mg, 0.6 mmol), TBAB (241.7 mg, 0.75 mmol) and MeCN/H₂O = 1/2 (1 mL), the reaction was stirred at 80 °C for 12 h giving **2u** in 58% yield as a white solid by column chromatography (PE/EA = 5/1 to 2/1). **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, *d*₆-acetone) δ 8.78 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 8.27 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 8.16 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 8.05 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.76 – 7.55 (m, 3H), 6.84 (s, 2H); **¹³C NMR** (100 MHz, *d*₆-acetone) δ 140.0, 135.1, 134.1, 129.7, 128.9, 128.4, 127.8, 127.5, 126.0, 125.1; **IR** (KBr) ν 3380, 3280, 1567, 1325, 1131, 979, 887, 767 cm⁻¹; **HRMS** (EI) for C₁₀H₉NO₂S Calculated: 207.0354, found: 207.0356.



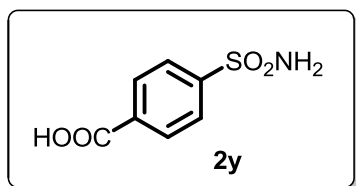
9H-Fluorene-2-sulfonamide (2v). Prepared following general procedure using aryldiazonium salts **1v** (350 mg, 1.25 mmol), Na₂S₂O₅ (190.1 mg, 1.0 mmol), NaN₃ (32.5 mg, 0.5 mmol), PPh₃ (157.4 mg, 0.6 mmol), TBAB (241.7 mg, 0.75 mmol) and MeCN/H₂O = 1/2 (1 mL), the reaction was stirred at 80 °C for 12 h giving **2v** in 65% yield as a brown solid by column chromatography (PE/EA = 5/1 to 2/1). **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, *d*₆-acetone) δ 8.08 (s, 1H), 8.03 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.98 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 7.93 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.65 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.48 – 7.37 (m, 2H), 4.03 (s, 2H); **¹³C NMR** (100 MHz, *d*₆-acetone) δ 145.8, 145.2, 144.6, 143.3, 140.9, 128.9, 127.9, 126.1, 125.9, 123.8, 121.6, 120.8, 37.4; **IR** (KBr) ν 3360, 3256, 1547, 1331, 1144, 1159, 1072, 771, 737, 586 cm⁻¹; **HRMS** (EI) for C₁₃H₁₁NO₂S Calculated: 245.0511, found: 245.0512.



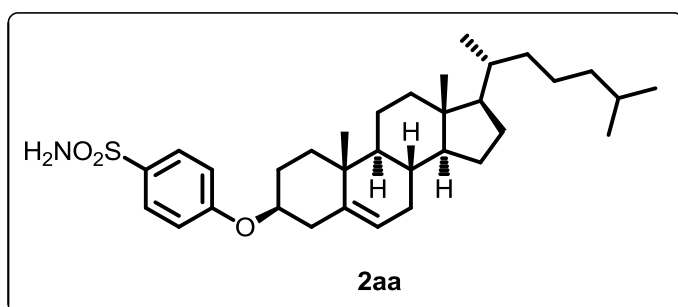
[1,1'-Biphenyl]-2-sulfonamide (2w). Prepared following general procedure using aryldiazonium salts **1w** (335 mg, 1.25 mmol), Na₂S₂O₅ (190.1 mg, 1.0 mmol), NaN₃ (32.5 mg, 0.5 mmol), PPh₃ (157.4 mg, 0.6 mmol), TBAB (241.7 mg, 0.75 mmol) and MeCN/H₂O = 1/2 (1 mL), the reaction was stirred at 80 °C for 12 h giving **2w** in 64% yield as a white solid by column chromatography (PE/EA = 5/1 to 2/1). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.13 (dd, *J* = 5.8, 4.8 Hz, 1H), 7.63 – 7.56 (m, 1H), 7.53 – 7.42 (m, 6H), 7.39 – 7.31 (m, 1H), 4.20 (s, 2H); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 140.7, 140.0, 138.9, 132.2(0), 132.1(6), 129.5, 128.5, 128.4, 127.8, 127.5; IR (KBr) ν 3349, 3267, 1588, 1295, 1171, 916, 820, 730, 656 cm⁻¹; HRMS (EI) for C₁₂H₁₁NO₂S Calculated: 233.0511, found: 233.0509.



[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-sulfonamide (2x). Prepared following general procedure using aryldiazonium salts **1x** (335 mg, 1.25 mmol), Na₂S₂O₅ (190.1 mg, 1.0 mmol), NaN₃ (32.5 mg, 0.5 mmol), PPh₃ (157.4 mg, 0.6 mmol), TBAB (241.7 mg, 0.75 mmol) and MeCN/H₂O = 1/2 (1 mL), the reaction was stirred at 80 °C for 12 h giving **2x** in 81% yield as a white solid by column chromatography (PE/EA = 5/1 to 2/1). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, *d*₆-acetone) δ 7.98 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.85 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.73 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 7.51 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.43 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, *d*₆-acetone) δ 145.3, 143.8, 140.2, 129.9, 129.1, 128.1, 128.0, 127.5; IR (KBr) ν 3345, 3257, 1536, 1295, 1159, 906, 840, 750, 691 cm⁻¹; HRMS (EI) for C₁₂H₁₁NO₂S Calculated: 233.0511, found: 233.0508.

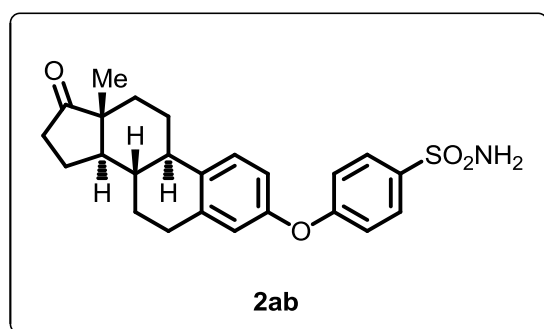


4-sulfamoylbenzoic acid (2y). Prepared following general procedure using aryldiazonium salts **1y** (294.9 mg, 1.25 mmol), Na₂S₂O₅ (190.1 mg, 1.0 mmol), NaN₃ (32.5 mg, 0.5 mmol), PPh₃ (157.4 mg, 0.6 mmol), TBAB (241.7 mg, 0.75 mmol) and MeCN/H₂O = 1/2 (1 mL), the reaction was stirred at 80 °C for 12 h giving **2y** in 60% yield as a white solid by column chromatography (DCM/MeOH = 20/1 to 10/1). **¹H NMR** (500 MHz, *d*₆-DMSO) δ 13.38 (s, 1H), 8.15 – 8.07 (m, 2H), 7.97 – 7.89 (m, 2H), 7.53 (s, 2H); **¹³C NMR** (125 MHz, *d*₆-DMSO) δ 166.3, 147.7, 133.6, 130.0, 125.9; **IR** (KBr) ν 3359, 3260, 1688, 1577, 1287, 1159, 864, 727, 688 cm⁻¹; **HRMS** (EI) for C₇H₇NO₄S Calculated: 201.0096, found: 201.0091.



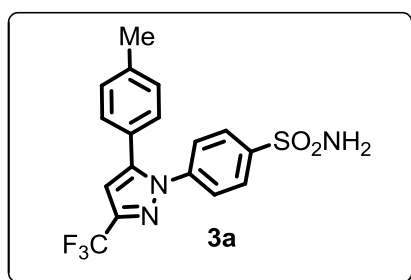
4-(((3S,8S,9S,10R,13R,14S,17R)-10,13-dimethyl-17-((R)-6-methylheptan-2-yl)-2,3,4,7,8,9,10,11,12,13,14,15,16,17-tetradecahydro-1H-cyclopenta[a]phenanthren-3-yl)oxy)benzenesulfonamide (2aa). Prepared following general procedure using aryldiazonium salts **1aa** (720.7 mg, 1.25 mmol), Na₂S₂O₅ (190.1 mg, 1.0 mmol), NaN₃ (32.5 mg, 0.5 mmol), PPh₃ (157.4 mg, 0.6 mmol), TBAB (241.7 mg, 0.75 mmol) and MeCN/H₂O = 1/2 (1 mL), the reaction was stirred at 80 °C for 12 h giving **2aa** in 72% yield as a white solid by column chromatography (PE/EA = 2/1 to 1/1). **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 6.75 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 6.62 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 5.36 (d, *J* = 4.7 Hz, 1H), 4.01 – 3.79 (m, 1H), 3.11 (s, 2H), 2.53 – 2.29 (m, 2H), 2.09 – 0.77 (m, 38H), 0.69 (s, 3H); **¹³C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 150.7, 140.6, 140.1, 122.0, 117.9, 116.4, 78.4, 56.8, 56.2, 50.2, 42.3, 39.8, 39.5, 38.9, 37.2, 36.8, 36.2, 35.8, 31.9, 31.9, 28.4, 28.2, 28.0, 24.3, 23.8, 22.8, 22.6, 21.1, 19.4, 18.7, 11.9; **HRMS** (EI) for C₃₃H₅₁NO₃S

Calculated: 541.3590, found: 541.3582.



4-(((8S,9R,13R,14R)-13-methyl-17-oxo-7,8,9,11,12,13,14,15,16,17-decahydro-6H-cyclopenta[a]phenanthren-3-yl)oxy)benzenesulfonamide (2ab). Prepared following general procedure using aryldiazonium salts

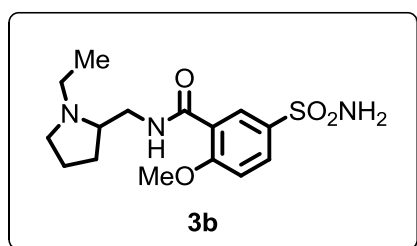
1ab (575.3 mg, 1.25 mmol), $\text{Na}_2\text{S}_2\text{O}_5$ (190.1 mg, 1.0 mmol), NaN_3 (32.5 mg, 0.5 mmol), PPh_3 (157.4 mg, 0.6 mmol), TBAB (241.7 mg, 0.75 mmol) and $\text{MeCN}/\text{H}_2\text{O} = 1/2$ (1 mL), the reaction was stirred at 80 °C for 12 h giving **2ab** in 78% yield as a white solid by column chromatography (PE/EA = 2/1 to 1/1). **^1H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.87 (dd, $J = 9.3, 2.2$ Hz, 2H), 7.32 (d, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.03 (dd, $J = 9.2, 2.2$ Hz, 2H), 6.86 (dd, $J = 8.5, 2.5$ Hz, 1H), 6.80 (d, $J = 6.5$ Hz, 1H), 5.19 (s, 2H), 2.92 (dd, $J = 10.4, 4.6$ Hz, 2H), 2.53 (dd, $J = 19.1, 8.6$ Hz, 1H), 2.49 – 2.39 (m, 1H), 2.32 (td, $J = 10.8, 3.7$ Hz, 1H), 2.23 – 2.13 (m, 1H), 2.07 (ddd, $J = 13.4, 10.7, 5.5$ Hz, 2H), 1.98 (dd, $J = 12.5, 3.3$ Hz, 1H), 1.72 – 1.41 (m, 6H), 0.95 (s, 3H); **^{13}C NMR** (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 161.7, 152.9, 138.8, 136.5, 135.4, 128.6, 127.0, 120.2, 117.5, 117.4, 50.3, 47.9, 44.1, 38.0, 35.8, 31.5, 29.4, 26.3, 25.8, 21.5, 13.8; **IR** (KBr) ν 3573, 3505, 2926, 1725, 1591, 1165, 1489, 1327, 1261, 1156, 921, 838, 543 cm^{-1} ; **HRMS** (EI) for $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{27}\text{NO}_4\text{S}$ Calculated: 425.1661, found: 425.1664.



Celecoxib (3a). Prepared following general procedure using aryldiazonium salts **1ba** (520.1 mg, 1.25 mmol), $\text{Na}_2\text{S}_2\text{O}_5$ (190.1 mg, 1.0 mmol), NaN_3 (32.5 mg, 0.5 mmol), PPh_3 (157.4 mg, 0.6 mmol), TBAB (241.7 mg,

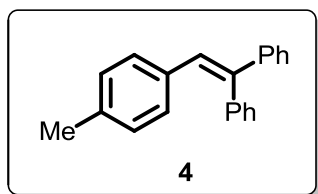
0.75 mmol) and $\text{MeCN}/\text{H}_2\text{O} = 1/2$ (1 mL), the reaction was stirred at 80 °C for

12 h giving **3a** in 72% yield as a white solid by column chromatography (DCM/MeOH = 30/1 to 20/1). **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, *d*₆-DMSO) δ 7.89 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.55 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 4H), 7.18 – 7.24 (m, 5H), 2.32 (s, 3H); **¹³C NMR** (100 MHz, *d*₆-DMSO) δ 145.3, 144.0, 142.2 (q, *J* = 37.7 Hz), 141.1, 139.1, 129.4, 128.8, 126.8, 126.0, 121.3 (q, *J* = 269.9 Hz), 106.1, 20.8; **¹⁹F NMR** (376 MHz, *d*₆-DMSO) δ -60.85; **IR** (KBr) ν 3341, 3233, 1348, 1274, 1165, 1135, 981, 845, 792, 633 cm⁻¹; **HRMS** (EI) for C₁₇H₁₄N₃O₂SF₃ Calculated: 381.0759, found: 381.0762.



Sulpiride (3b). Prepared following general procedure using aryldiazonium salts **1bb** (470.1 mg, 1.25 mmol), Na₂S₂O₅ (190.1 mg, 1.0 mmol), NaN₃ (32.5 mg, 0.5 mmol), PPh₃(157.4 mg, 0.6 mmol), TBAB (241.7 mg,

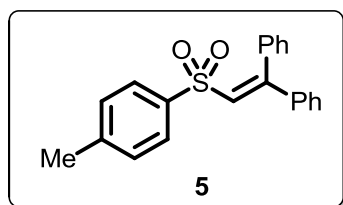
0.75 mmol) and MeCN/H₂O = 1/2 (1 mL), the reaction was stirred at 80 °C for 12 h giving **3b** in 60% yield as a white solid by column chromatography (DCM/MeOH = 20/1 to 10/1). **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, *d*₆-DMSO) δ 8.43 – 8.32 (m, 1H), 8.28 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 7.89 (dd, *J* = 8.7, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 7.38 – 7.25 (m, 3H), 3.97 (s, 3H), 3.60 – 3.44 (m, 1H), 3.24 – 3.04 (m, 2H), 2.82 (dq, *J* = 14.6, 7.3 Hz, 1H), 2.57 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 2.26 – 2.06 (m, 2H), 1.87 - 1.75 (m, 1H), 1.64 – 1.42 (m, 3H), 1.06 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H); **¹³C NMR** (100 MHz, *d*₆-DMSO) δ 163.5, 159.2, 136.4, 129.9, 128.7, 122.7, 112.6, 62.0, 56.6, 53.2, 47.6, 41.7, 28.2, 22.5, 14.1; **IR** (KBr) ν 3385, 3209, 2968, 1644, 1547, 1480, 1365, 1160, 1091, 933, 827, 575 cm⁻¹; **HRMS** (EI) for C₁₅H₂₃N₃O₄S Calculated: 341.1409, found: 341.1422.



(2-(p-Tolyl)ethene-1,1-diyl)dibenzene (4). Prepared

following general procedure using aryldiazonium salts **1a** (257.4 mg, 1.25 mmol), Na₂S₂O₅ (190.1 mg, 1.0 mmol), NaN₃ (32.5 mg, 0.5 mmol), PPh₃ (157.4

mg, 0.6 mmol), TBAB (241.7 mg, 0.75 mmol), 1,1-diphenylethylene (135.2 mg, 0.75 mmol) and MeCN/H₂O = 1/2 (1 mL), the reaction was stirred at 80 °C for 12 h giving **4** in 15% yield as an oil by column chromatography (PE to PE/EA = 50/1). **¹H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.38– 7.27 (m, 8H), 7.25 – 7.21 (m, 2H), 6.98 – 6.90 (m, 5H), 2.28 (s, 3H); **¹³C NMR** (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 143.5, 141.7, 140.6, 136.6, 134.5, 130.4, 129.4, 128.7, 128.6, 128.2, 128.1, 127.5, 127.3(2), 127.2(9), 21.2; **HRMS** (EI) for C₂₁H₁₈ Calculated: 270.1409, found: 270.1410.

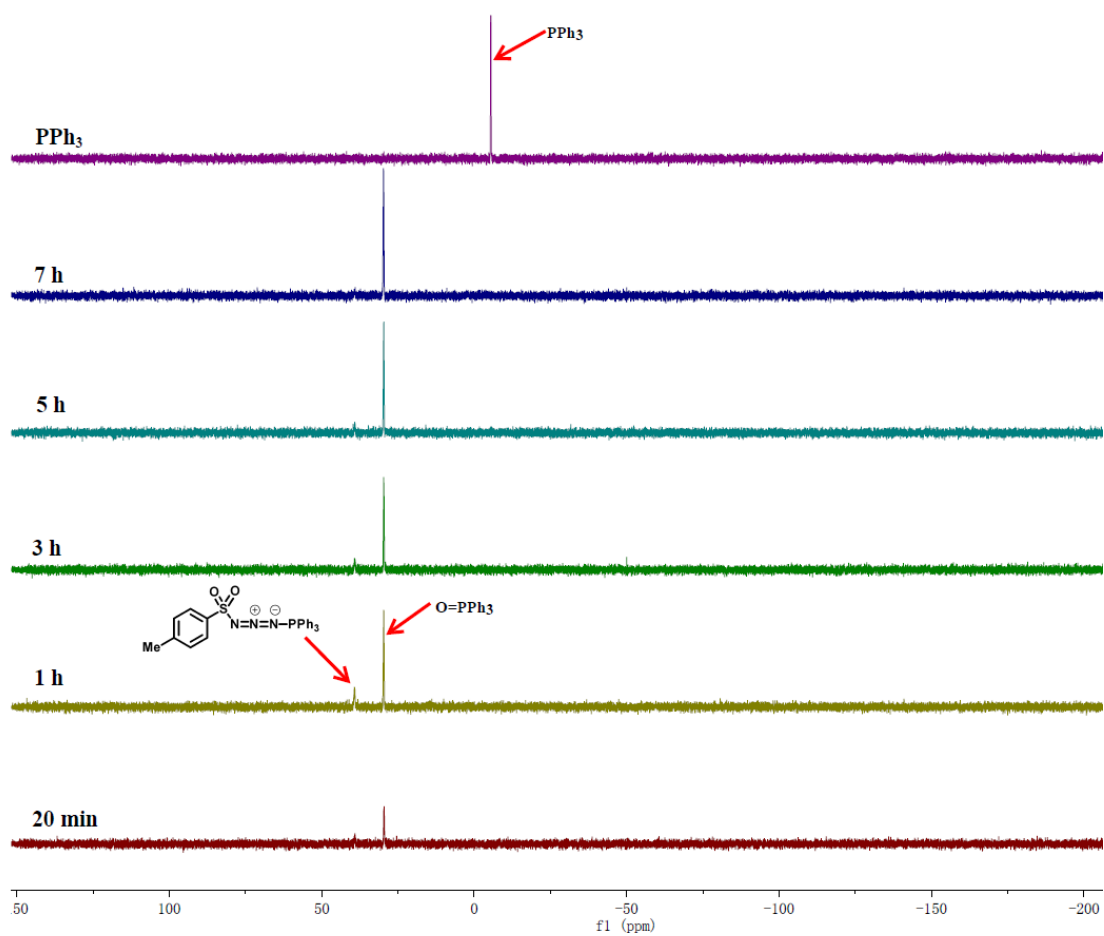


(2-Tosylethene-1,1-diyl)dibenzene (5). Following

the same procedure with compound **4** to give **5** in 8% yield as a brown oil by column chromatography (PE/EA = 20/1 to 10/1). **¹H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl₃)

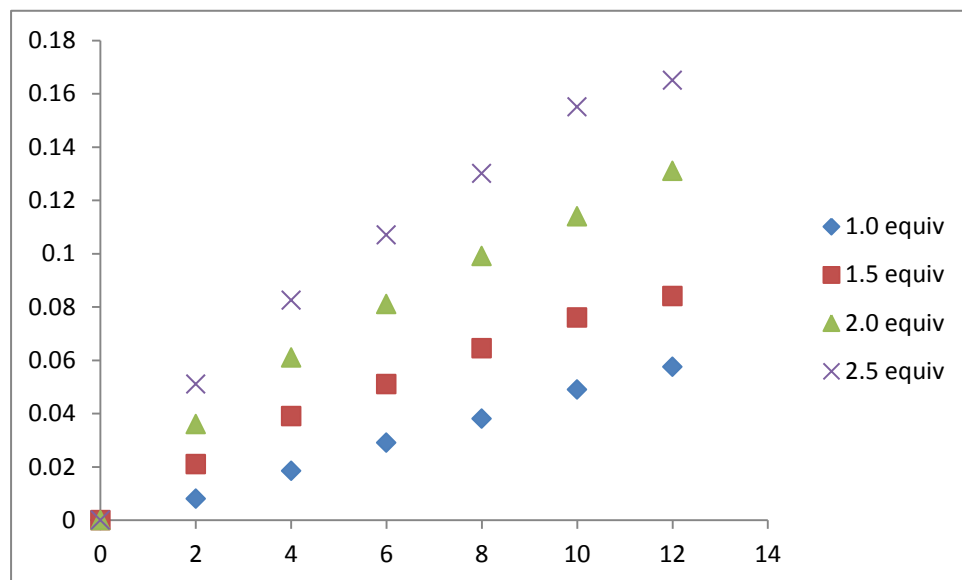
δ 7.48 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.37 (td, *J* = 7.2, 5.2 Hz, 2H), 7.30 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 4H), 7.20 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.15 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.10 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 6.99 (s, 1H), 2.38 (s, 3H); **¹³C NMR** (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 154.7, 143.7, 139.2, 138.6, 135.5, 130.2, 129.7, 129.3, 128.9, 128.8, 128.5, 128.2, 127.8, 127.7, 21.5. **HRMS** (EI) for C₂₁H₁₈O₂S Calculated: 334.1028, found: 334.1024.

IV. The ^{31}P NMR in different reaction times

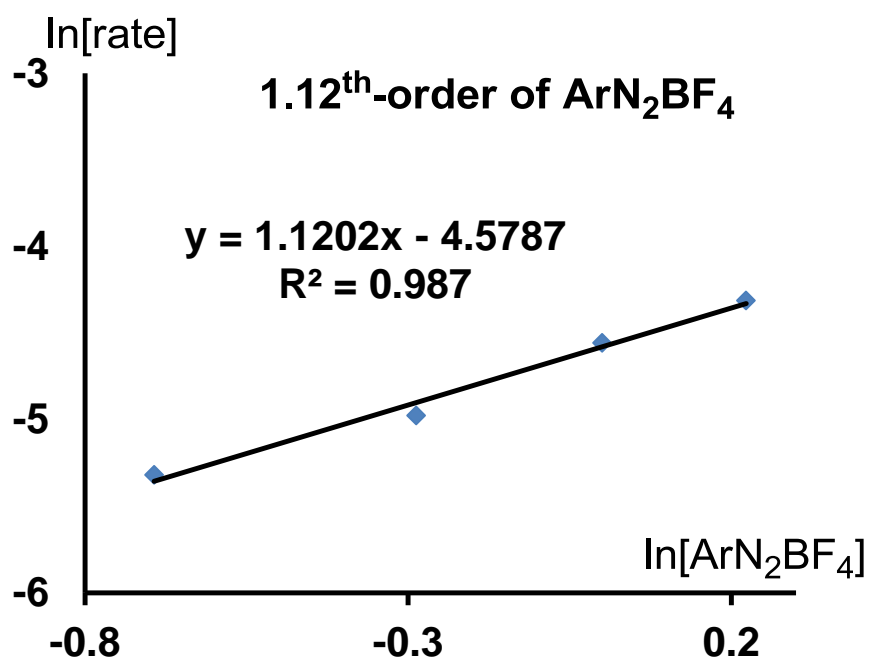


V. The kinetic studies

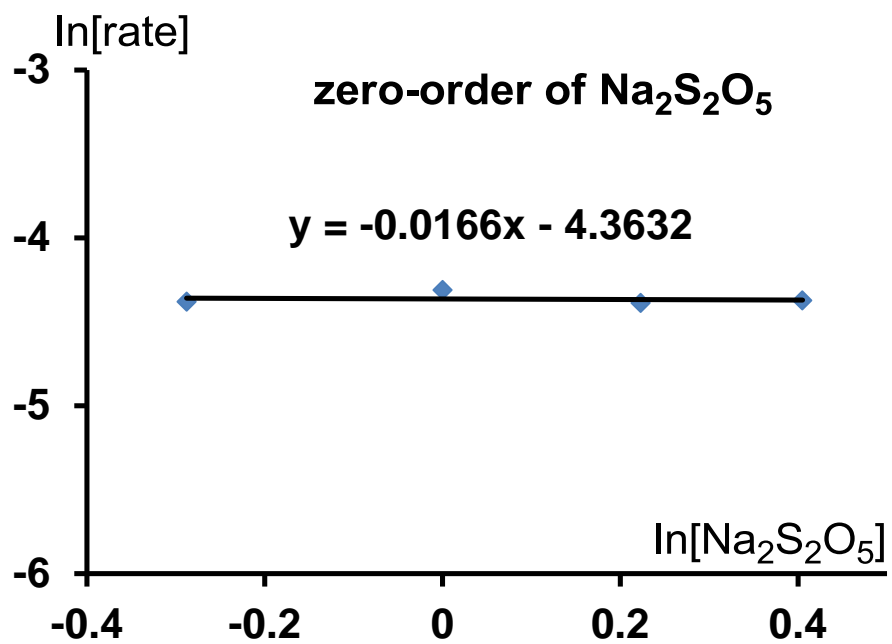
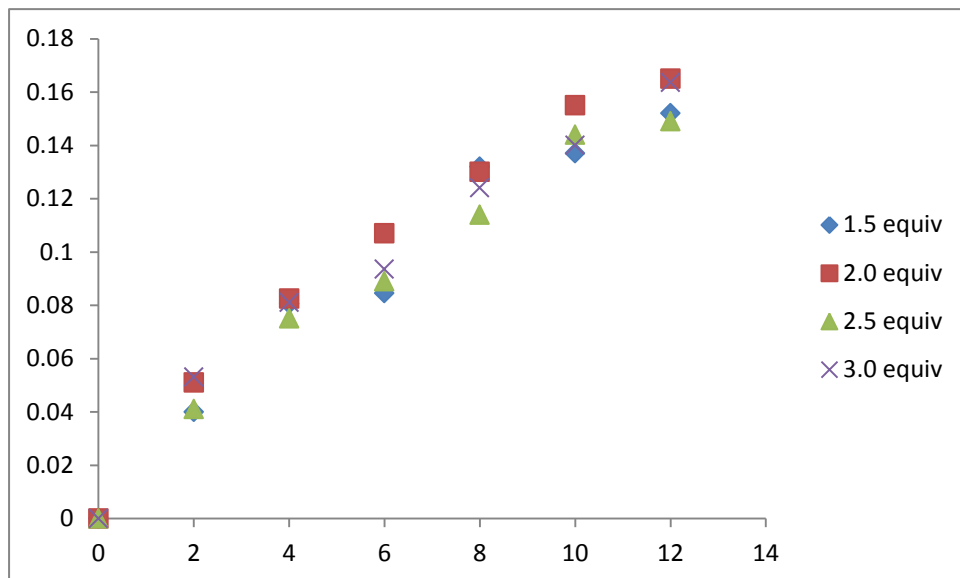
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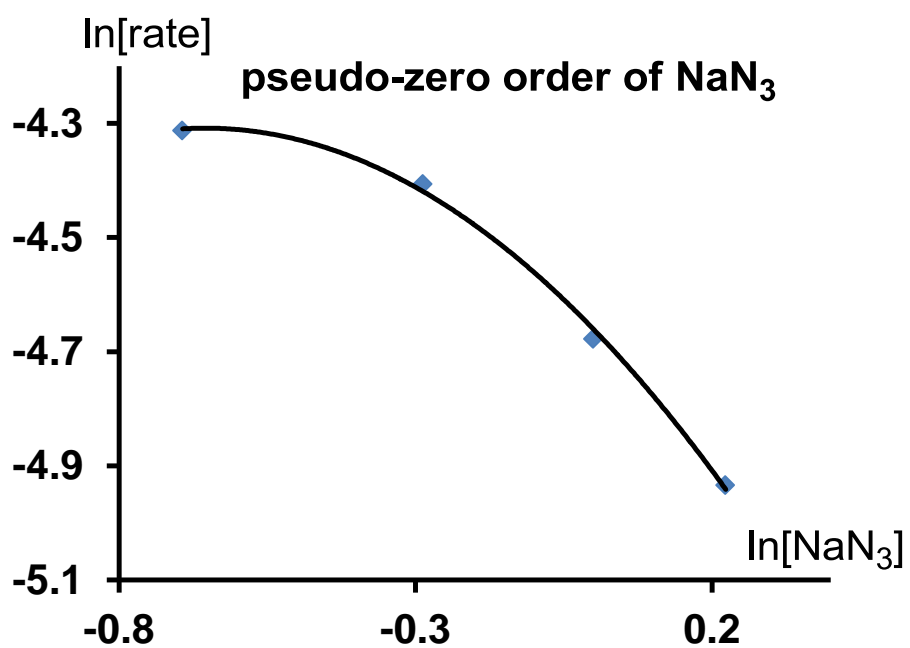
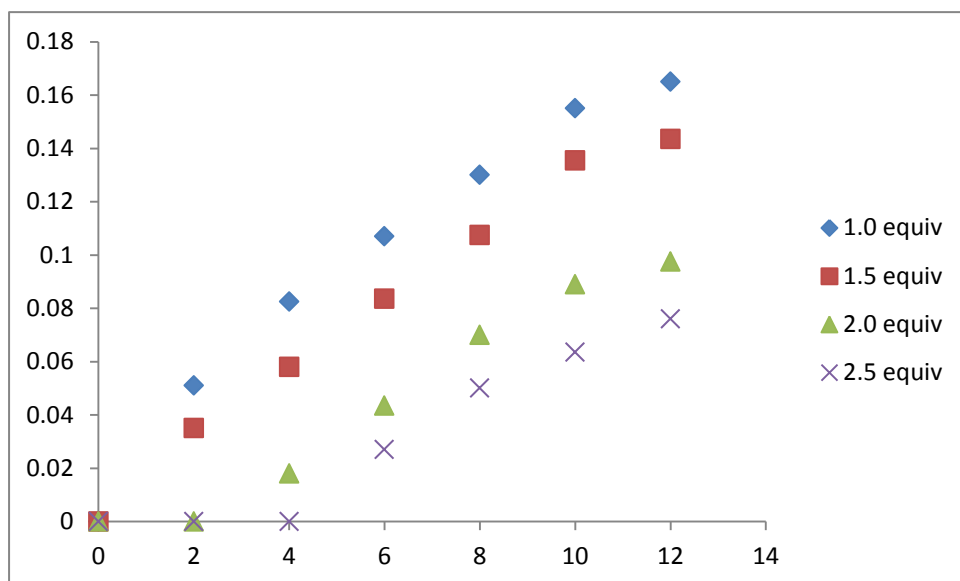
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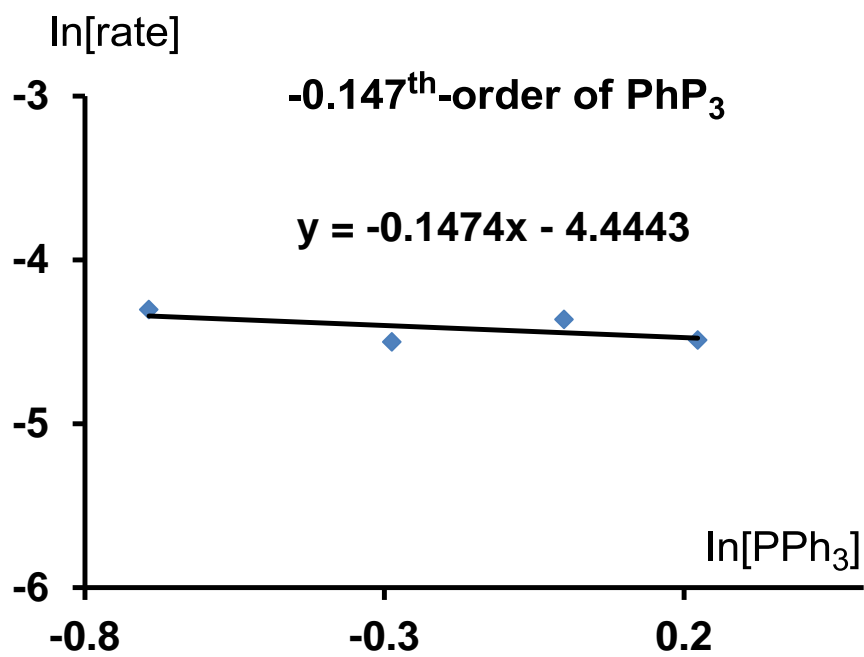
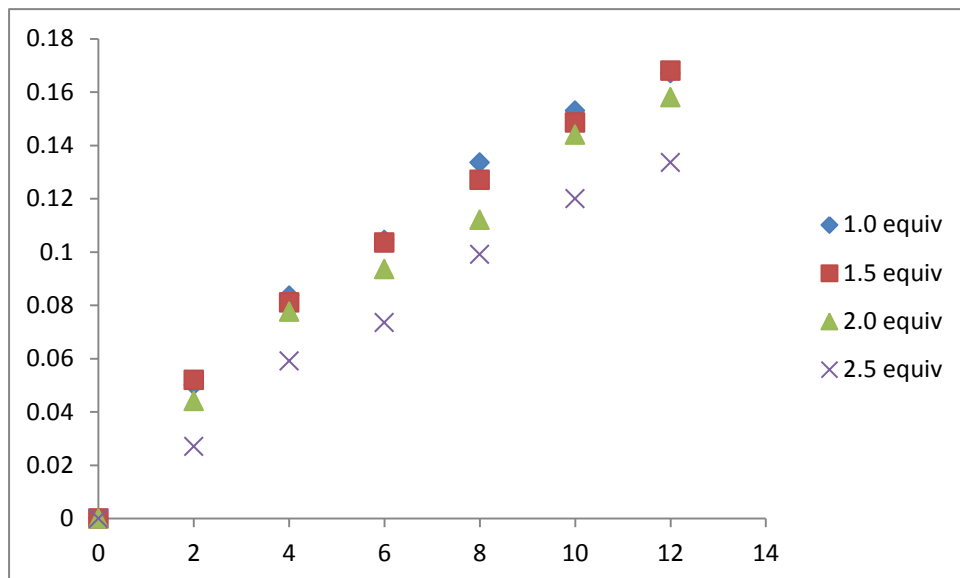
(2) Rates for varying $\text{Na}_2\text{S}_2\text{O}_5$



(3) Rates for varying NaN_3



(4) Rates for varying PPh₃



VI. X-Ray Crystal Structures

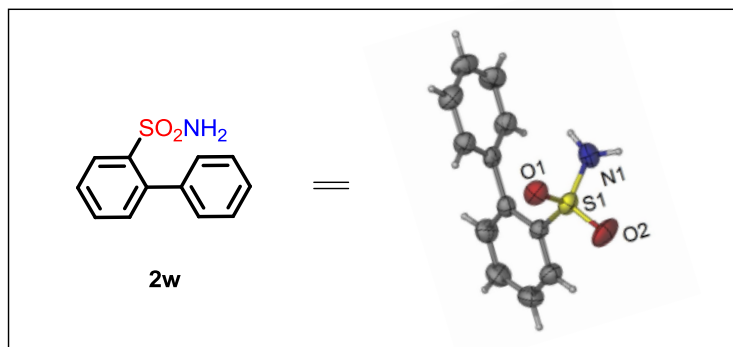
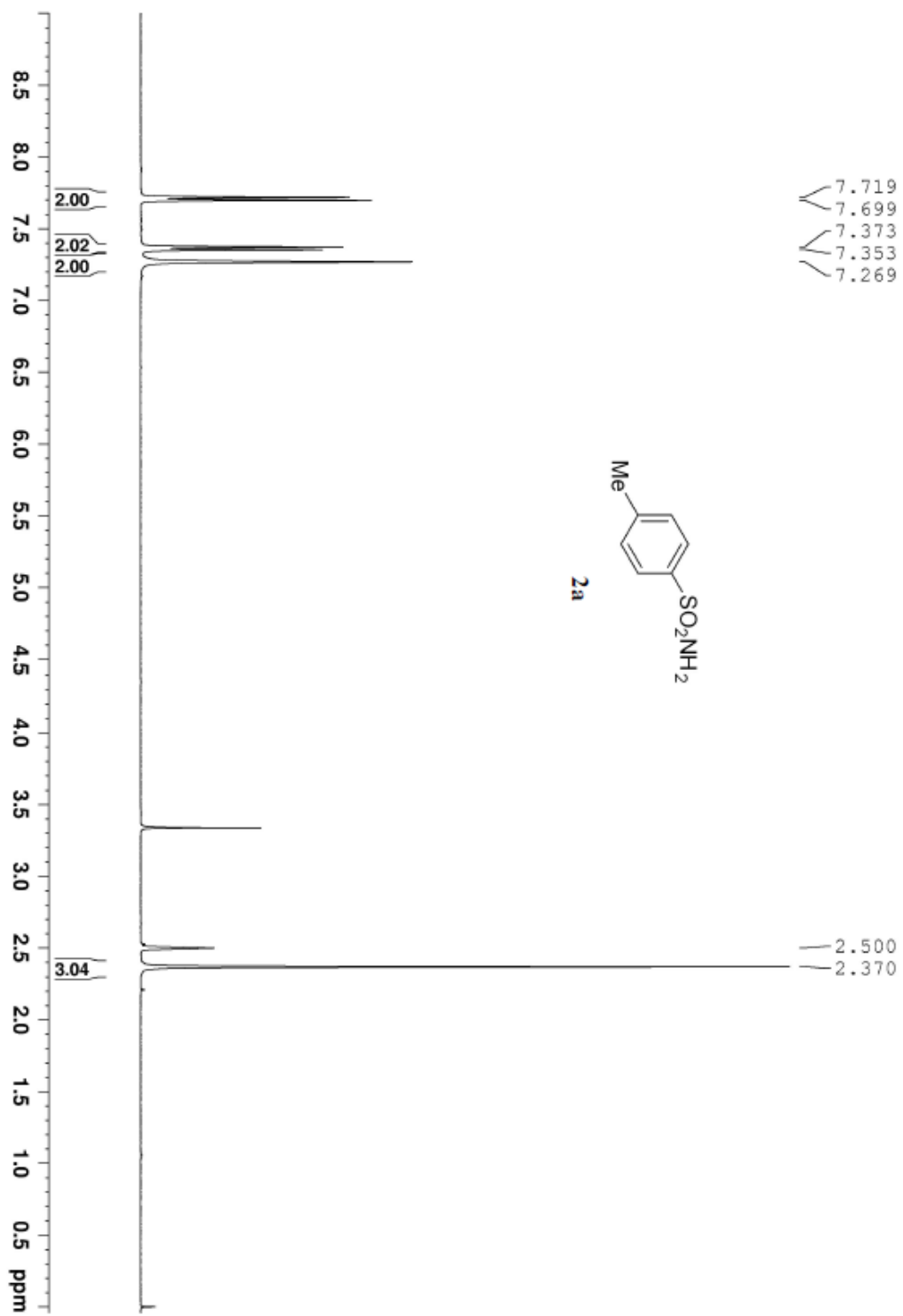


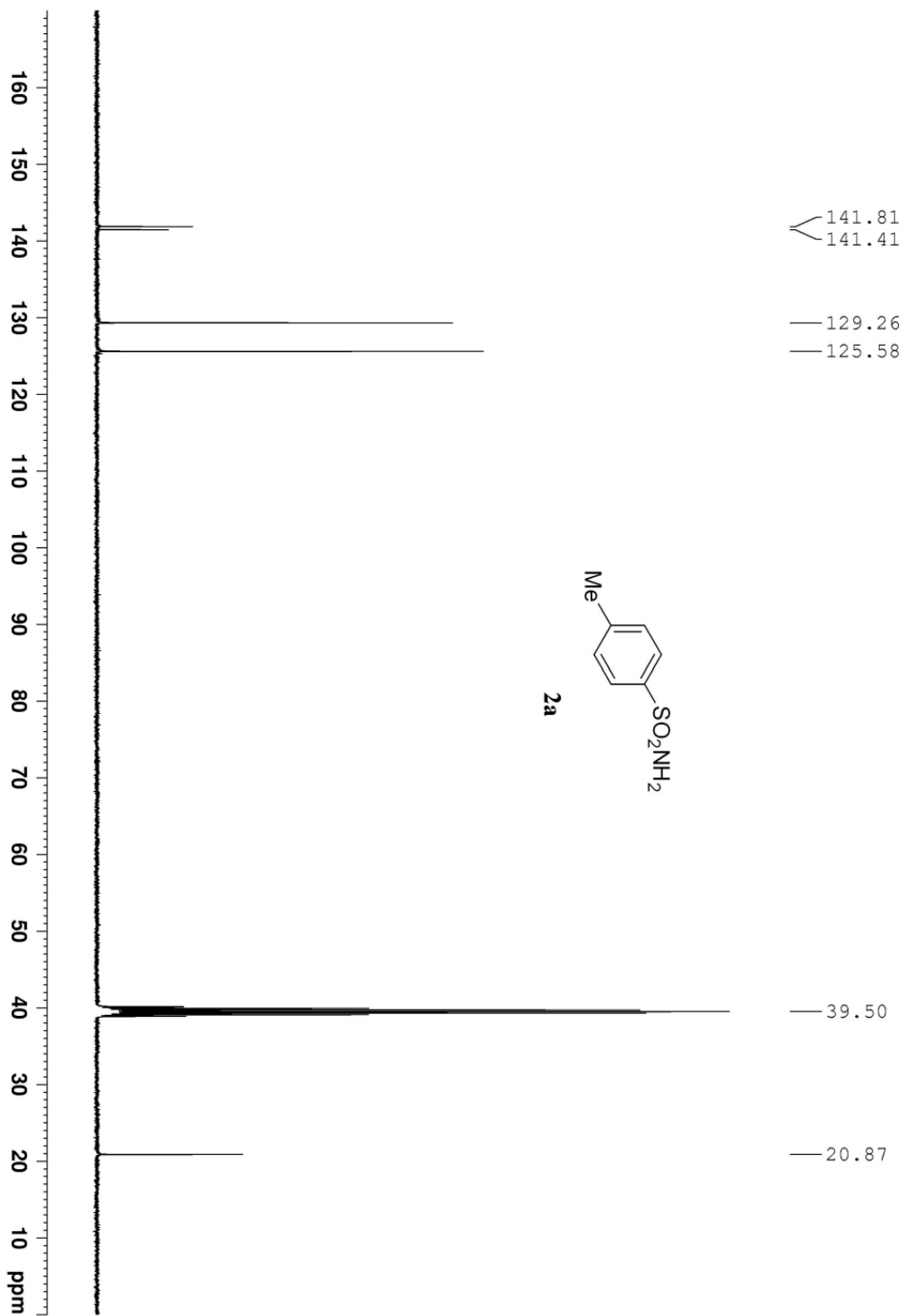
Table S2. Sample and crystal data for **2w** (CCDC 1868563).

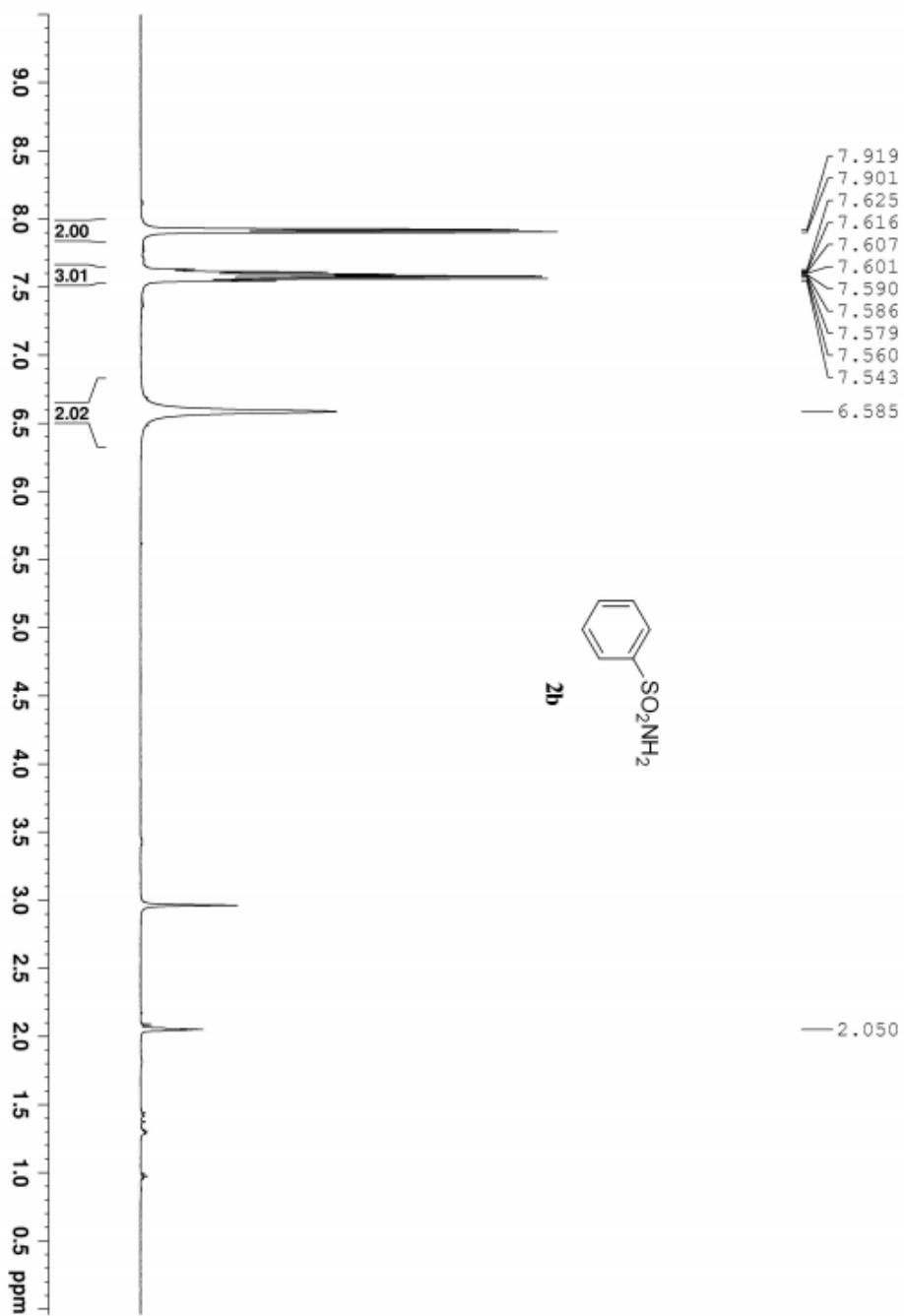
Bond precision	C-C = 0.0027 Å
	Wavelength = 1.54184
Cell	a = 11.1231 (2) α = 90° b = 11.9525(2) β = 99.993(2) c = 8.5577 (1) γ = 90°
Temperature	293 K
Volume	1120.48(3)
Space group	P 1 21/c 1
Sum formula	C ₁₂ H ₁₁ N O ₂ S
Mr	233.28
D _x , g cm ⁻³	1.383
Z	4
Mu (mm ⁻¹)	2.441
F ₀₀₀	488.0
h,k,l _{max}	13, 14, 10
N _{ref}	1960
T _{min} , T _{max}	0.276, 1.000
Correction method= # Reported T Limits	T _{min} = 0.276 T _{max} = 1.000
AbsCorr = MULTI-SCAN	
Data completeness	0.980
Theta(max)	67.062
R(reflections)	0.0395(1824)
wR ₂ (reflections)	0.1078 (1960)
S	1.041
N _{par}	146

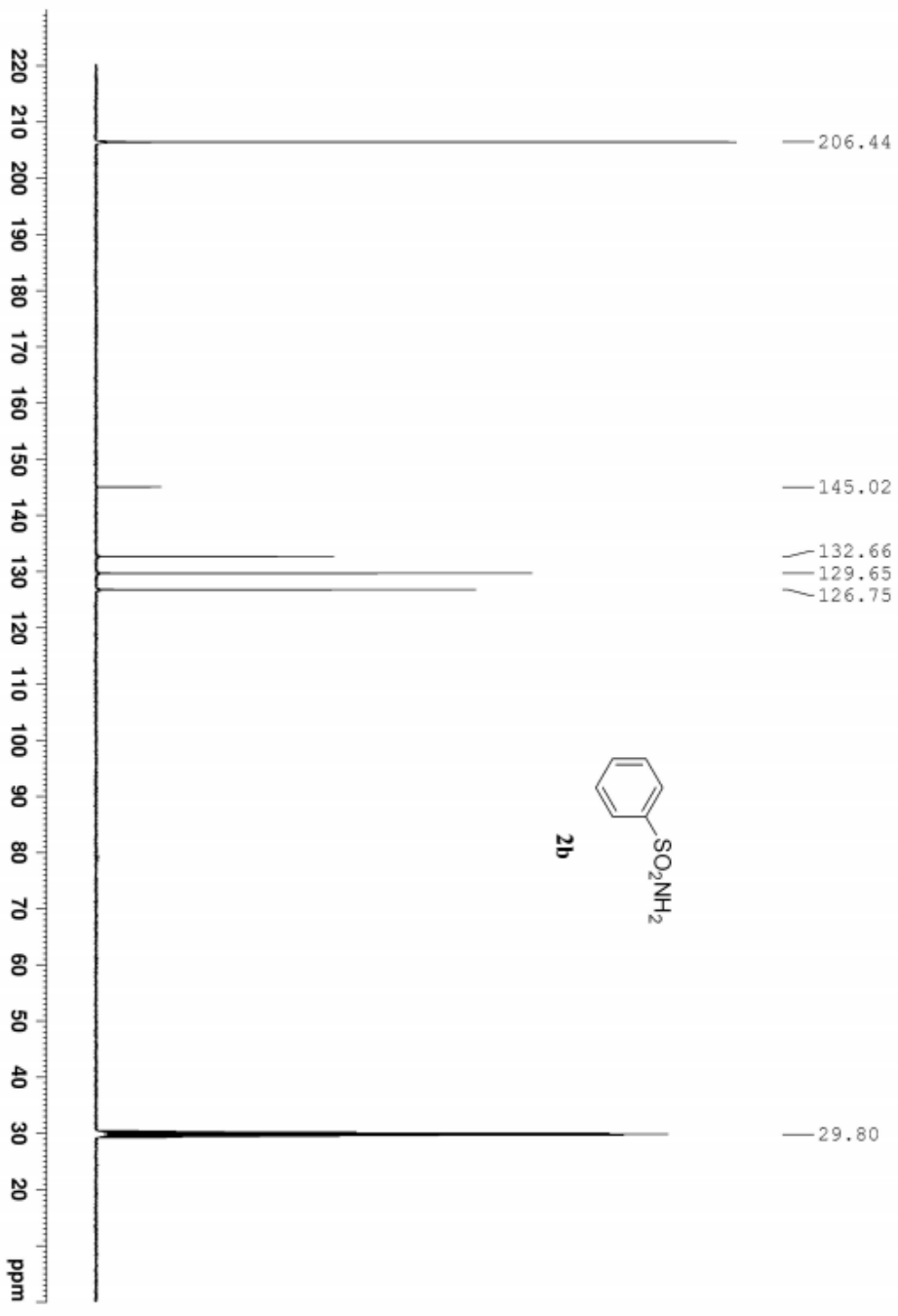
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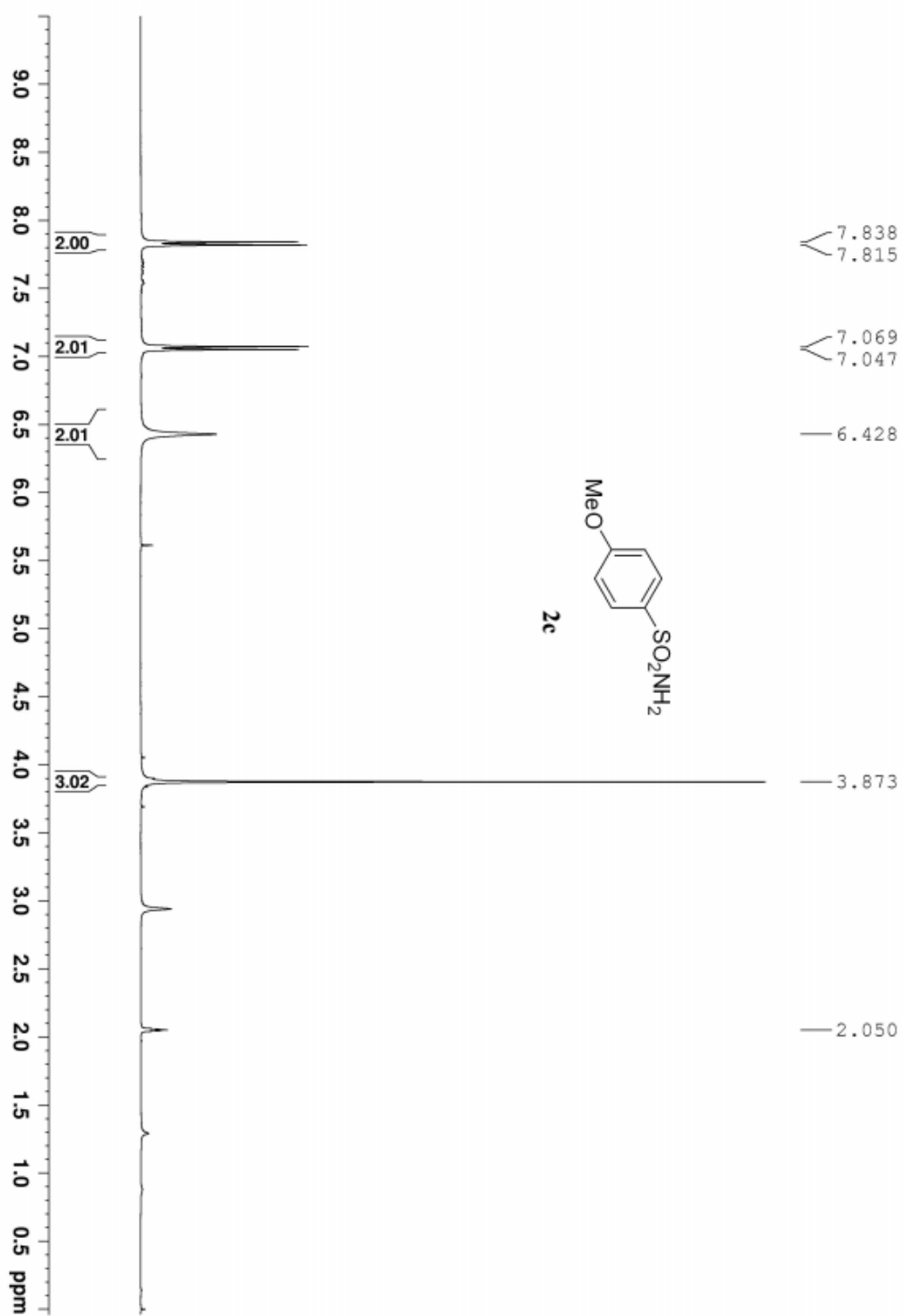
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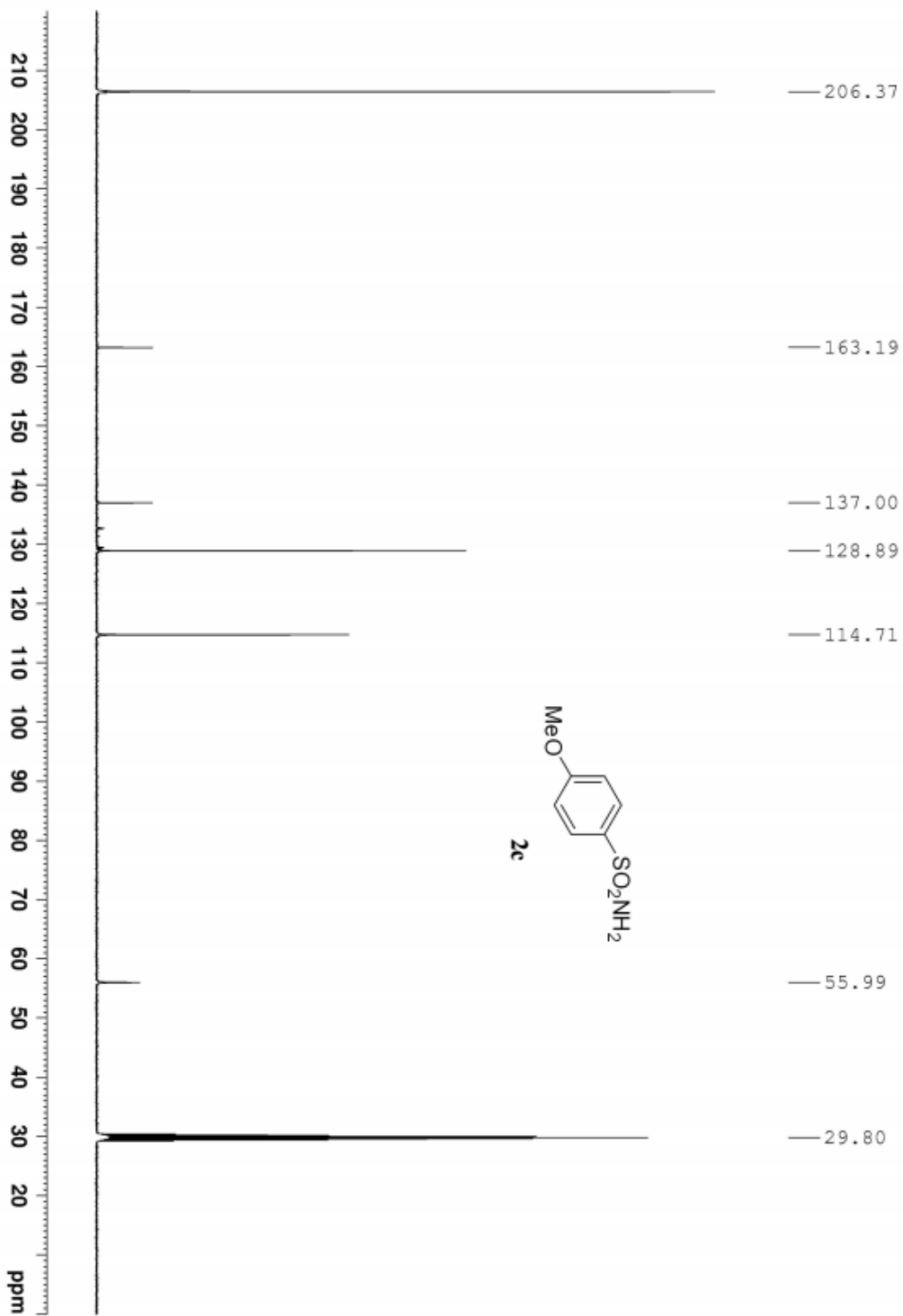


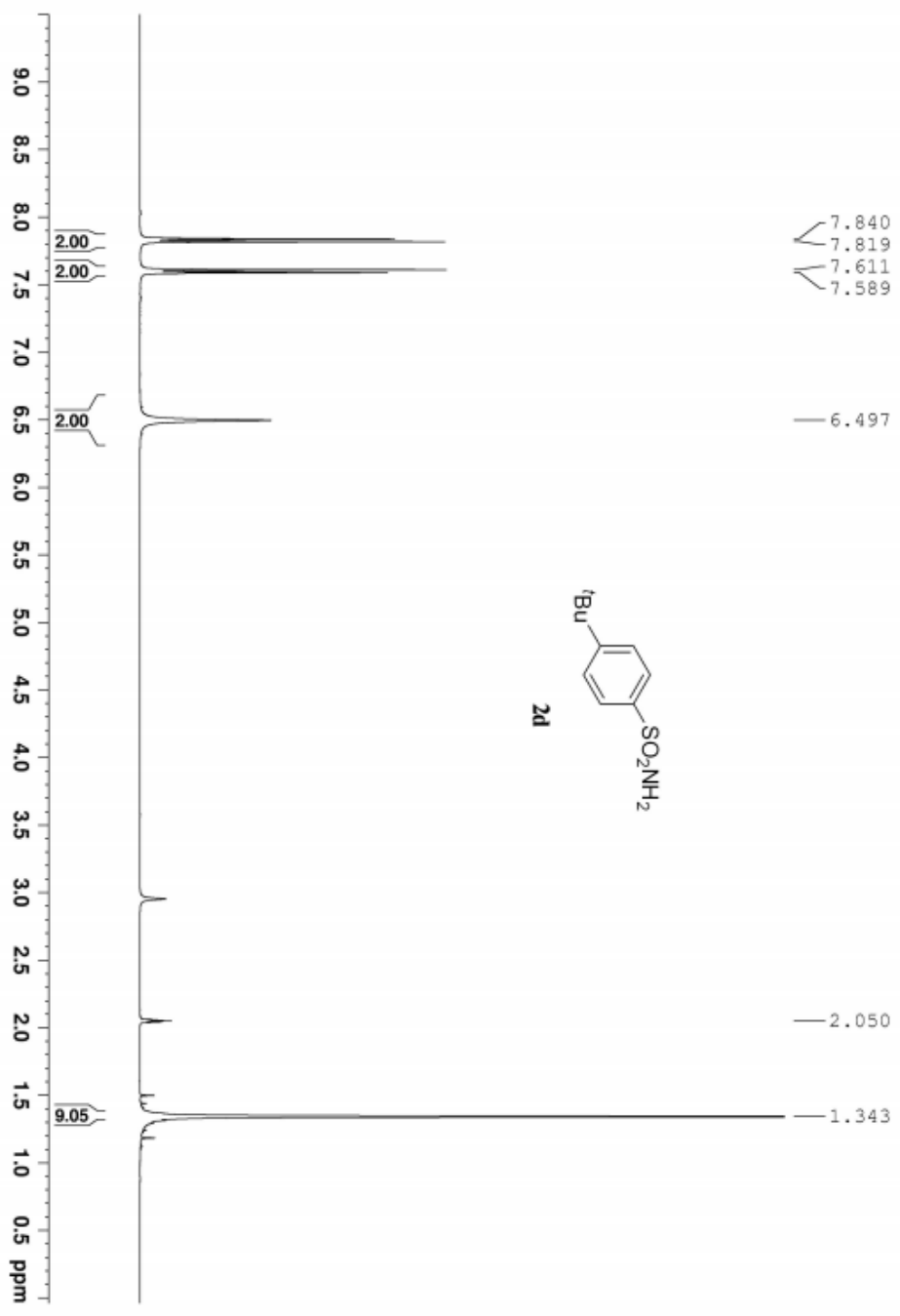


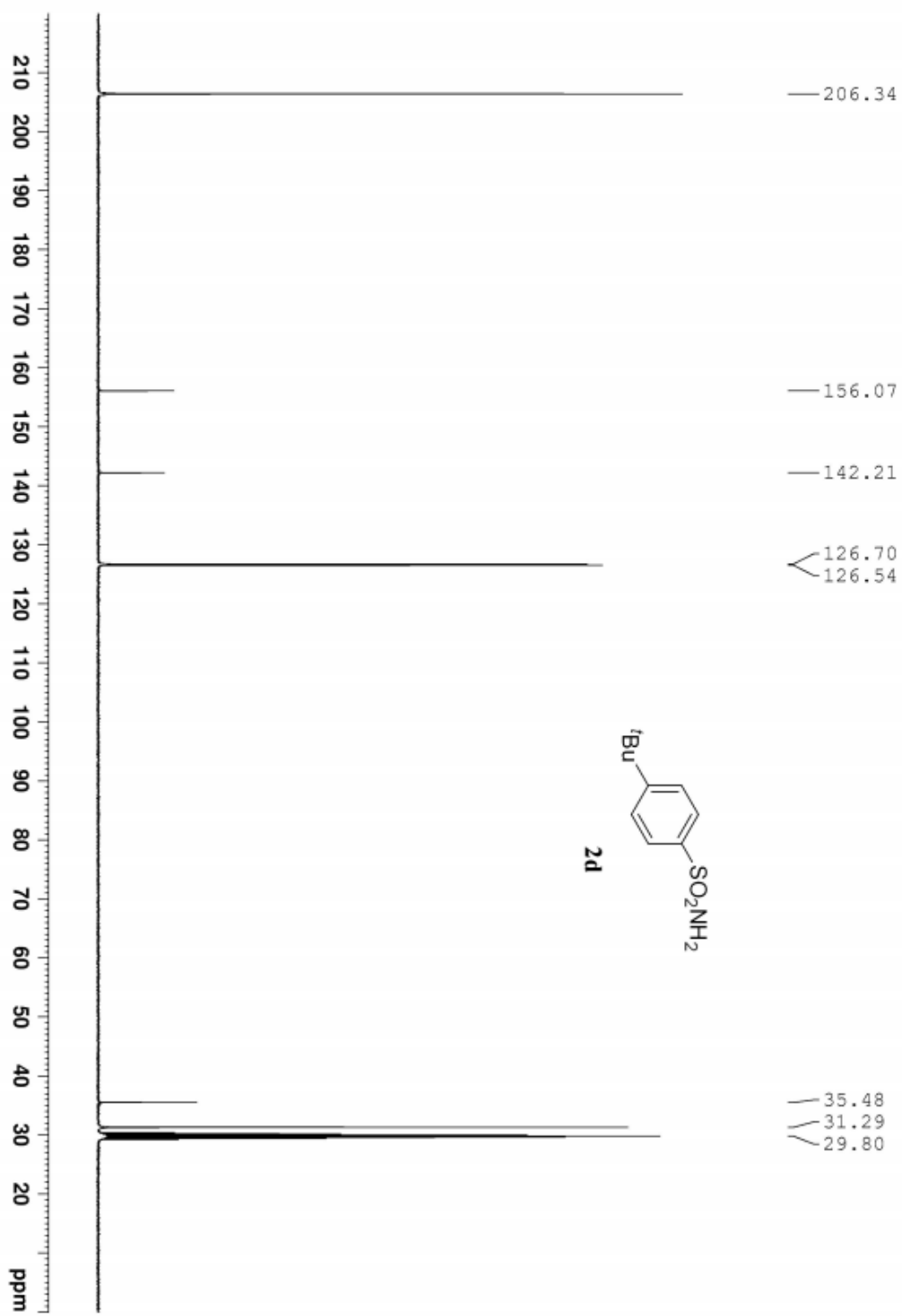


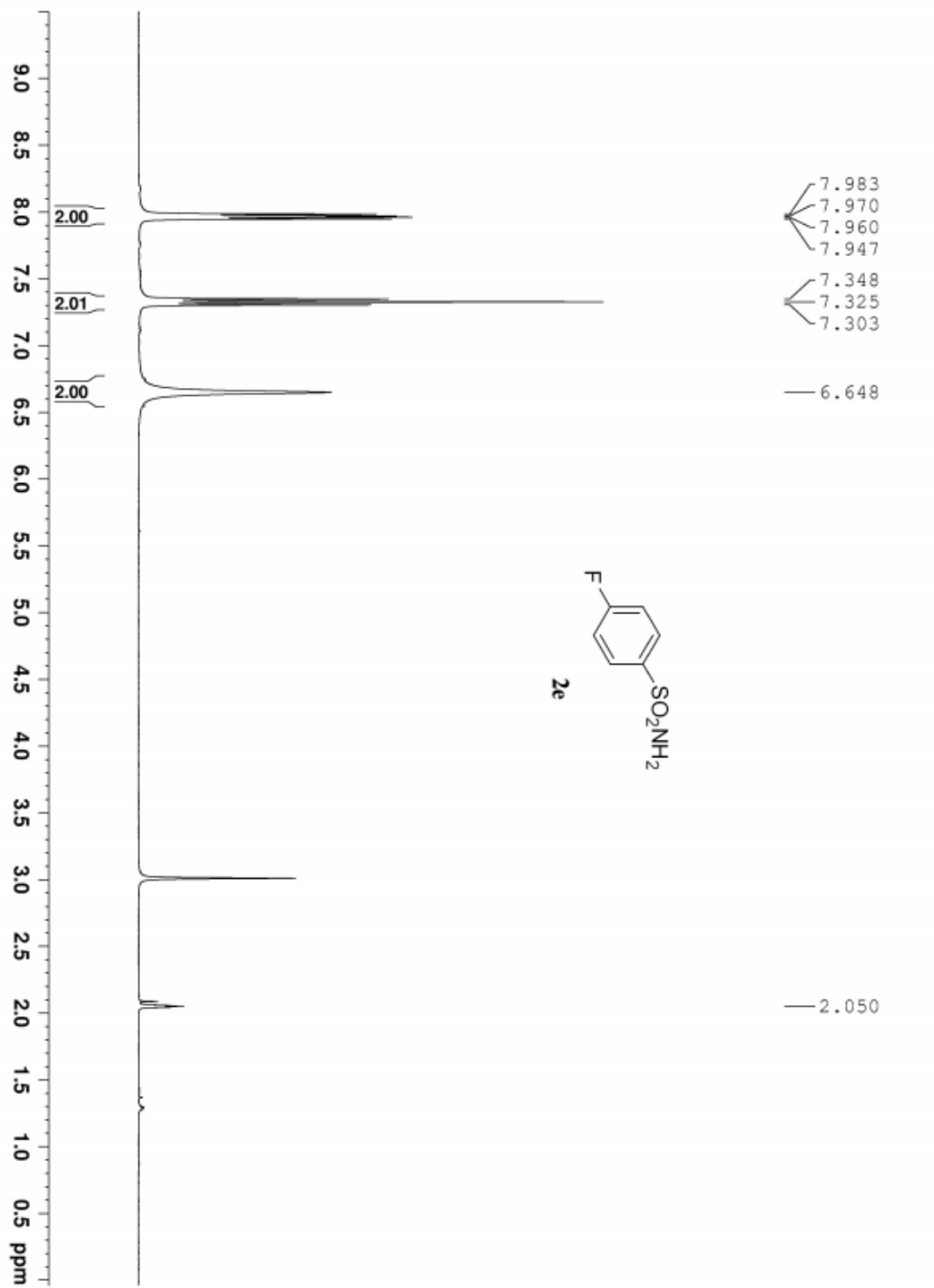


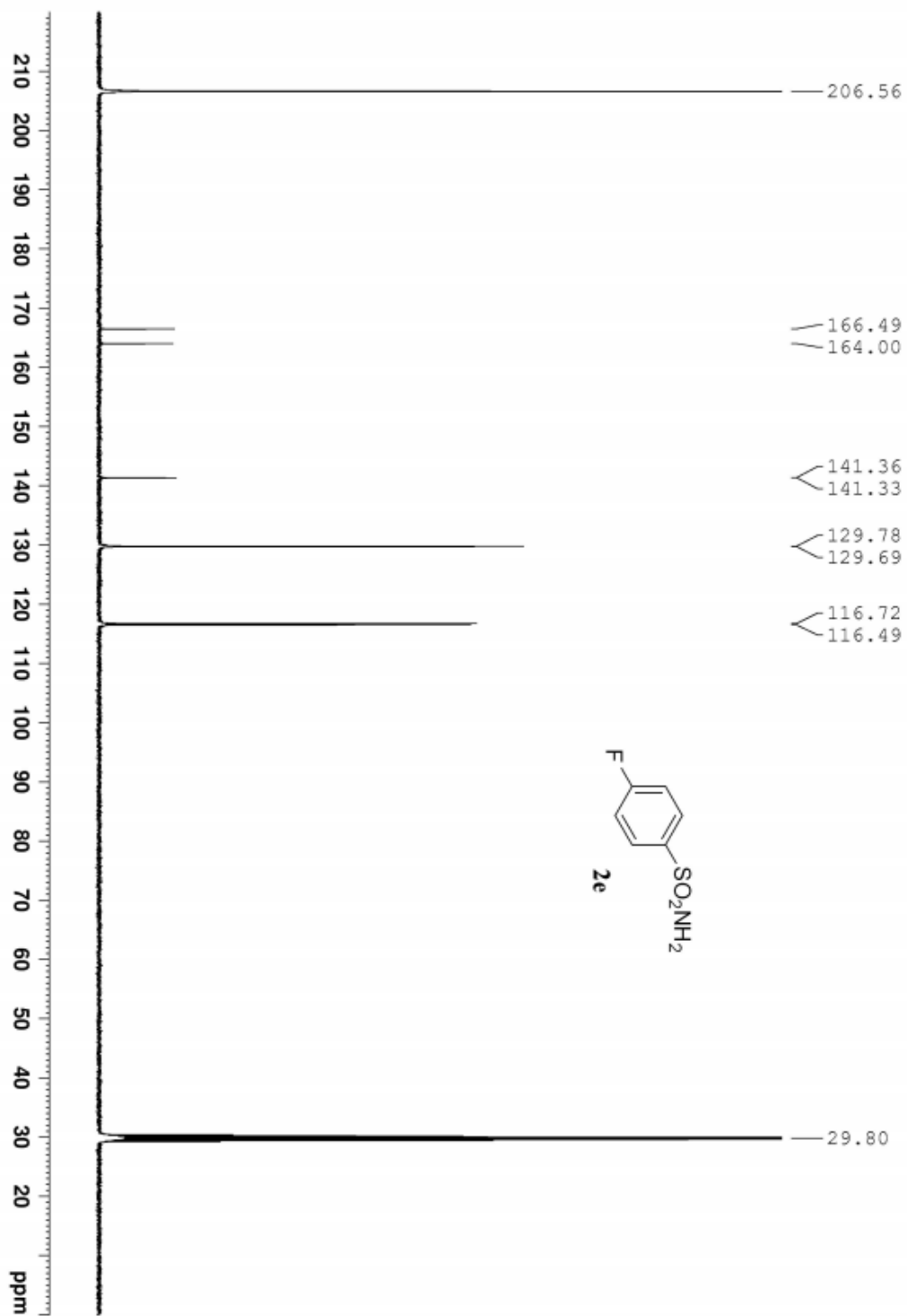


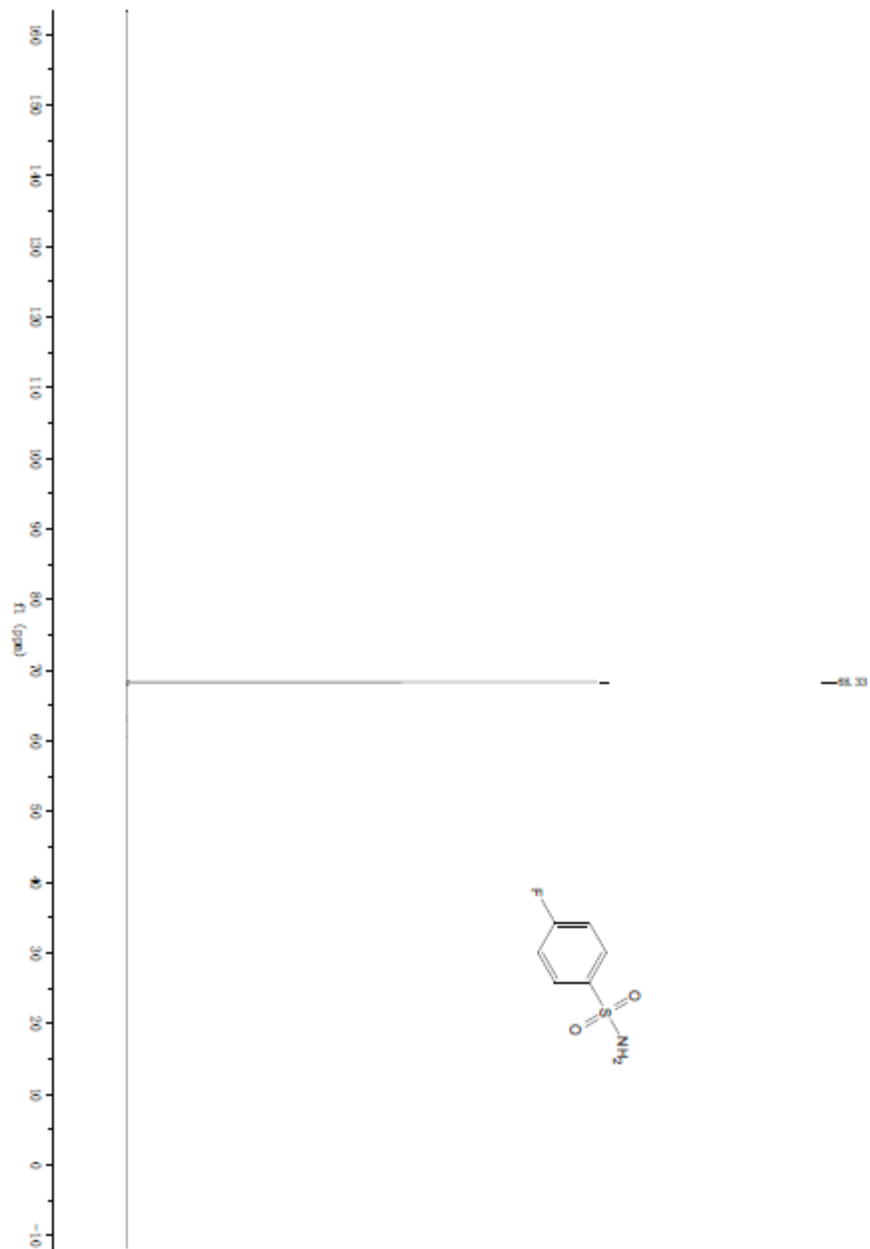


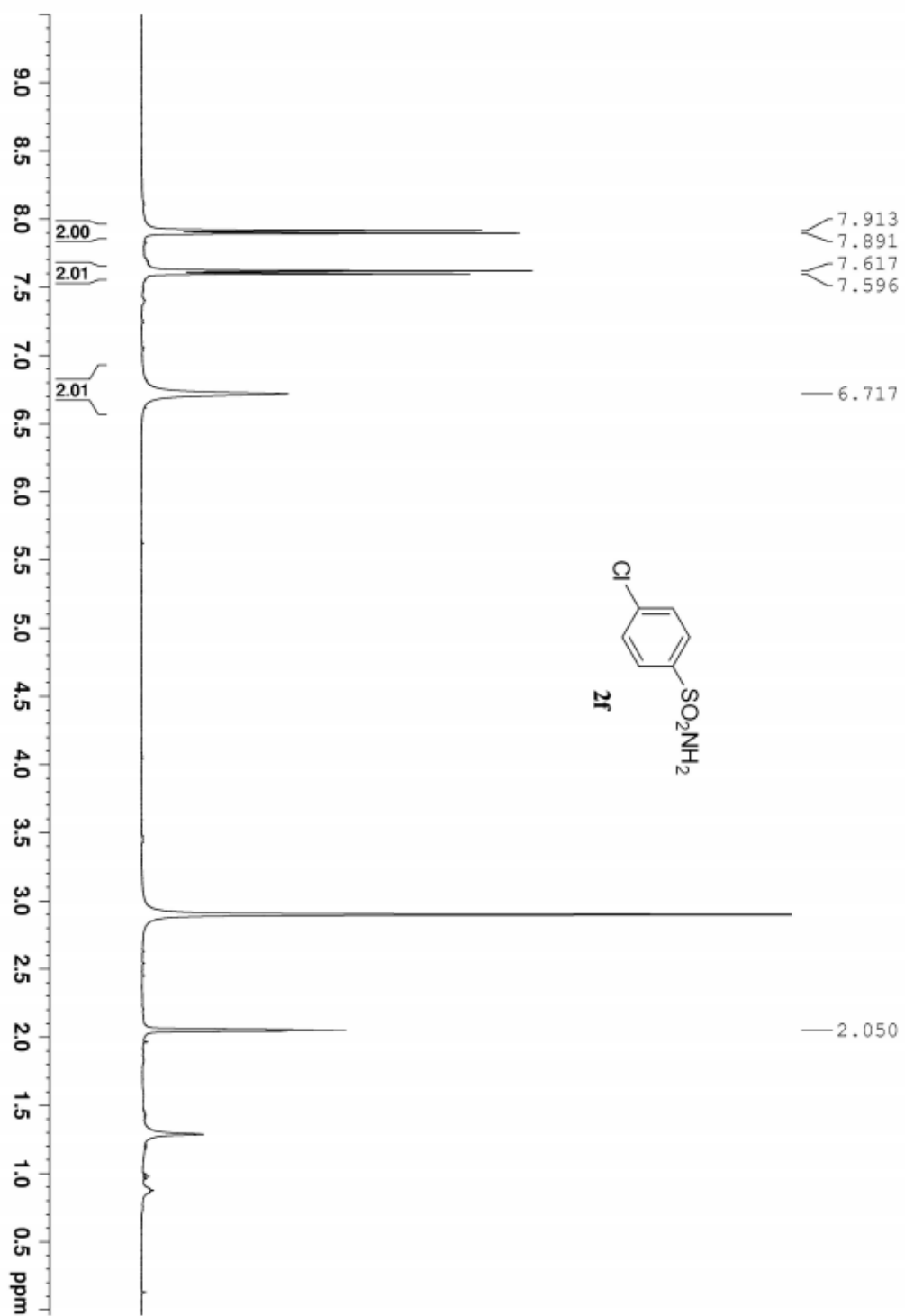


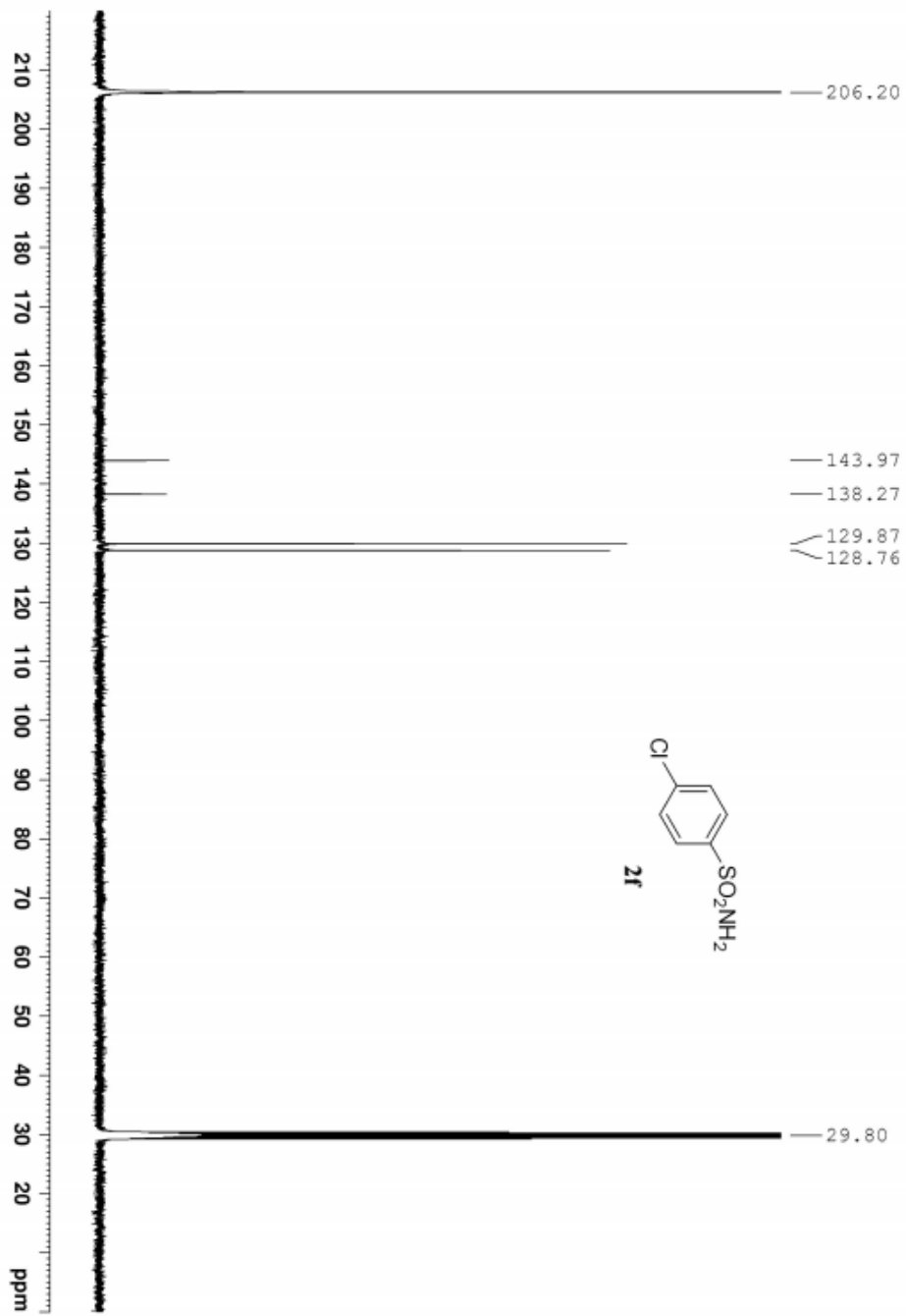


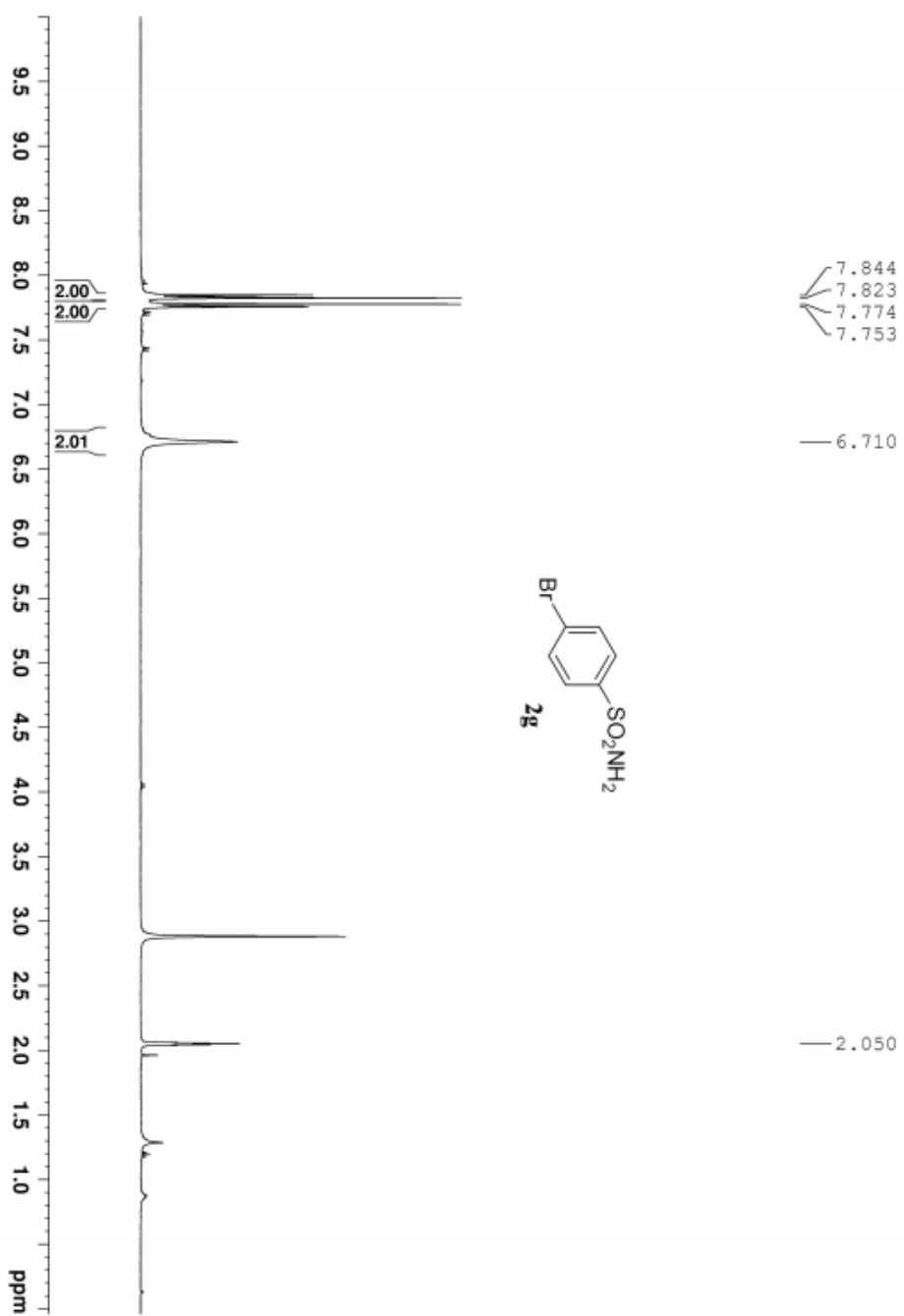


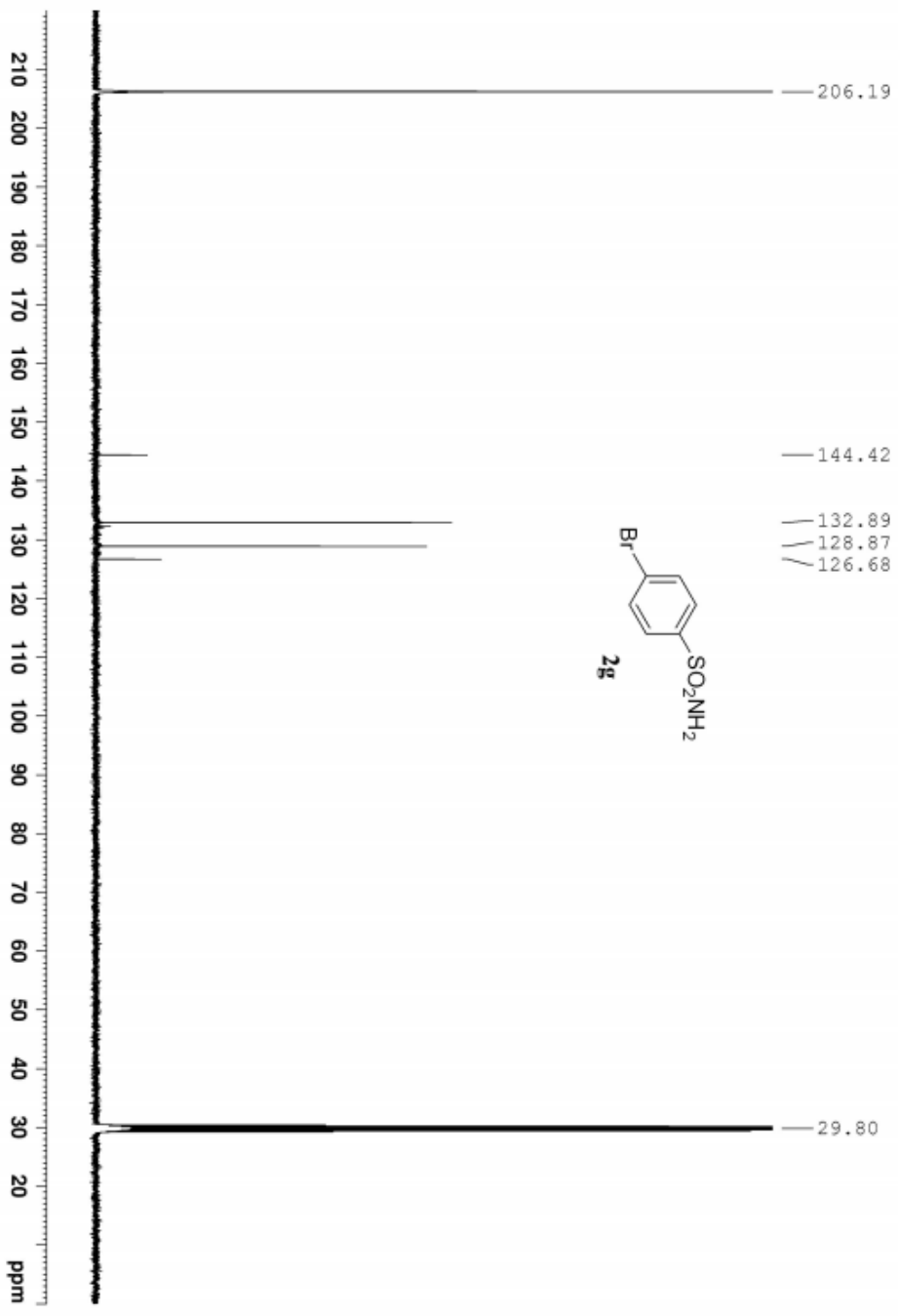


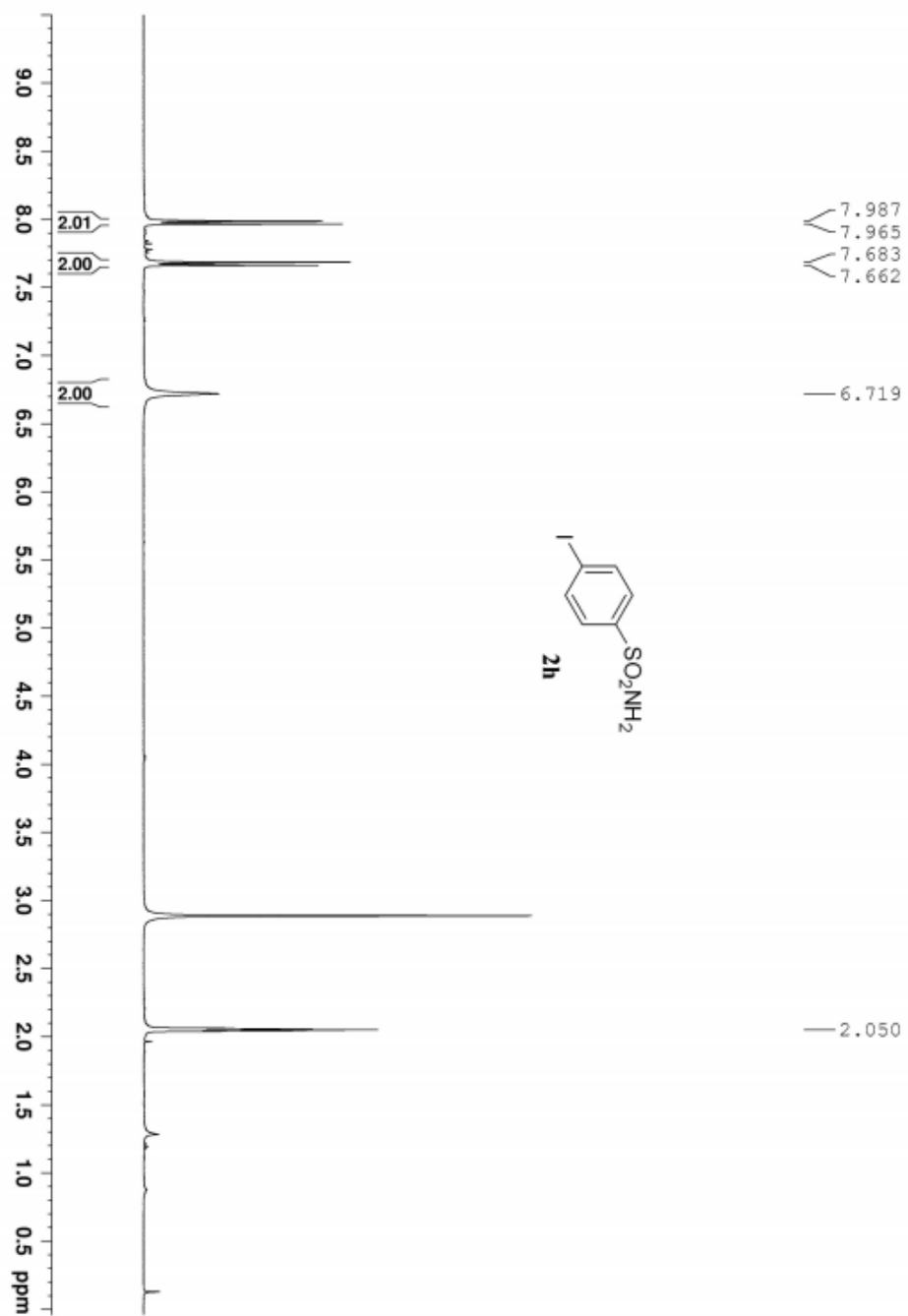


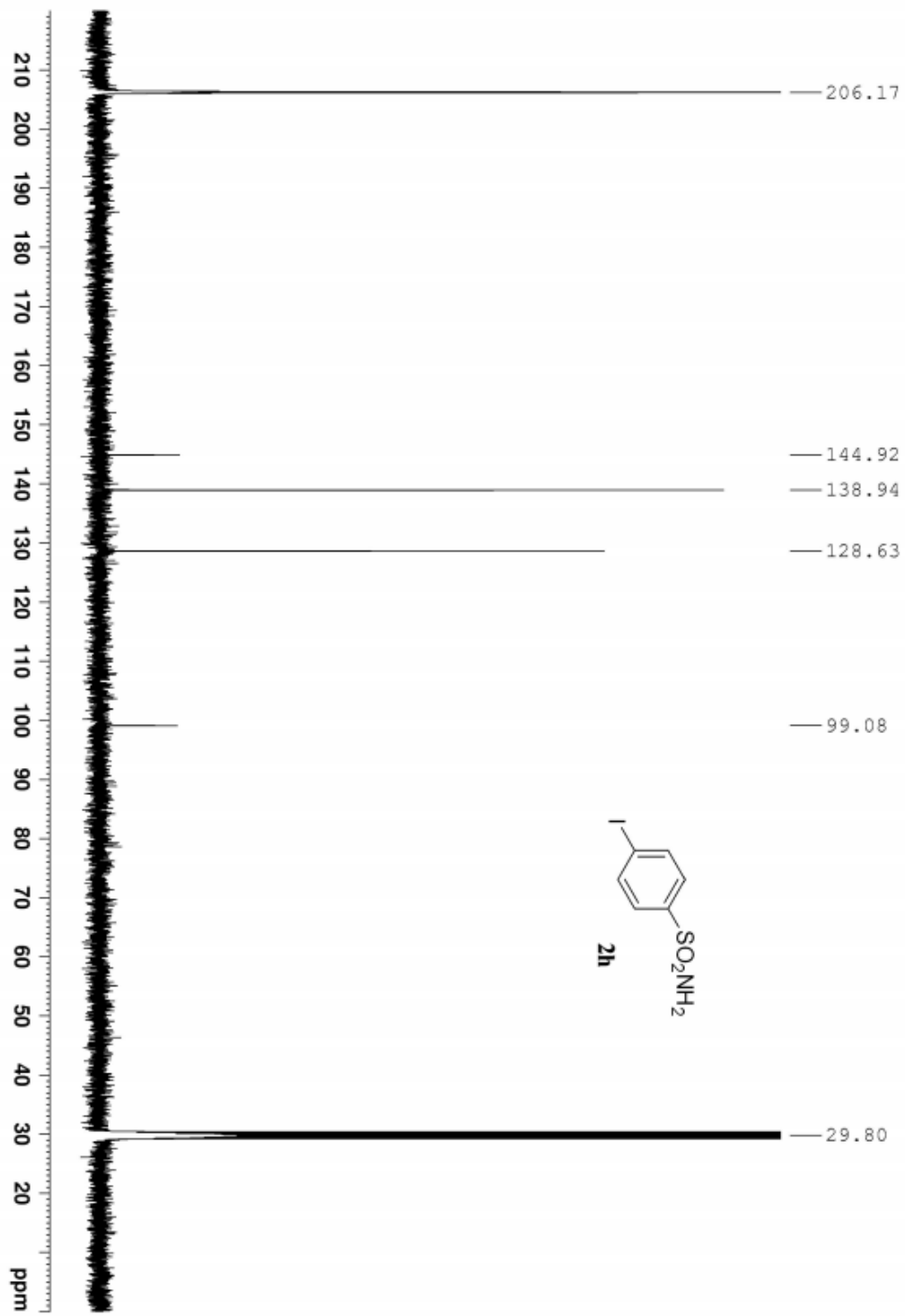


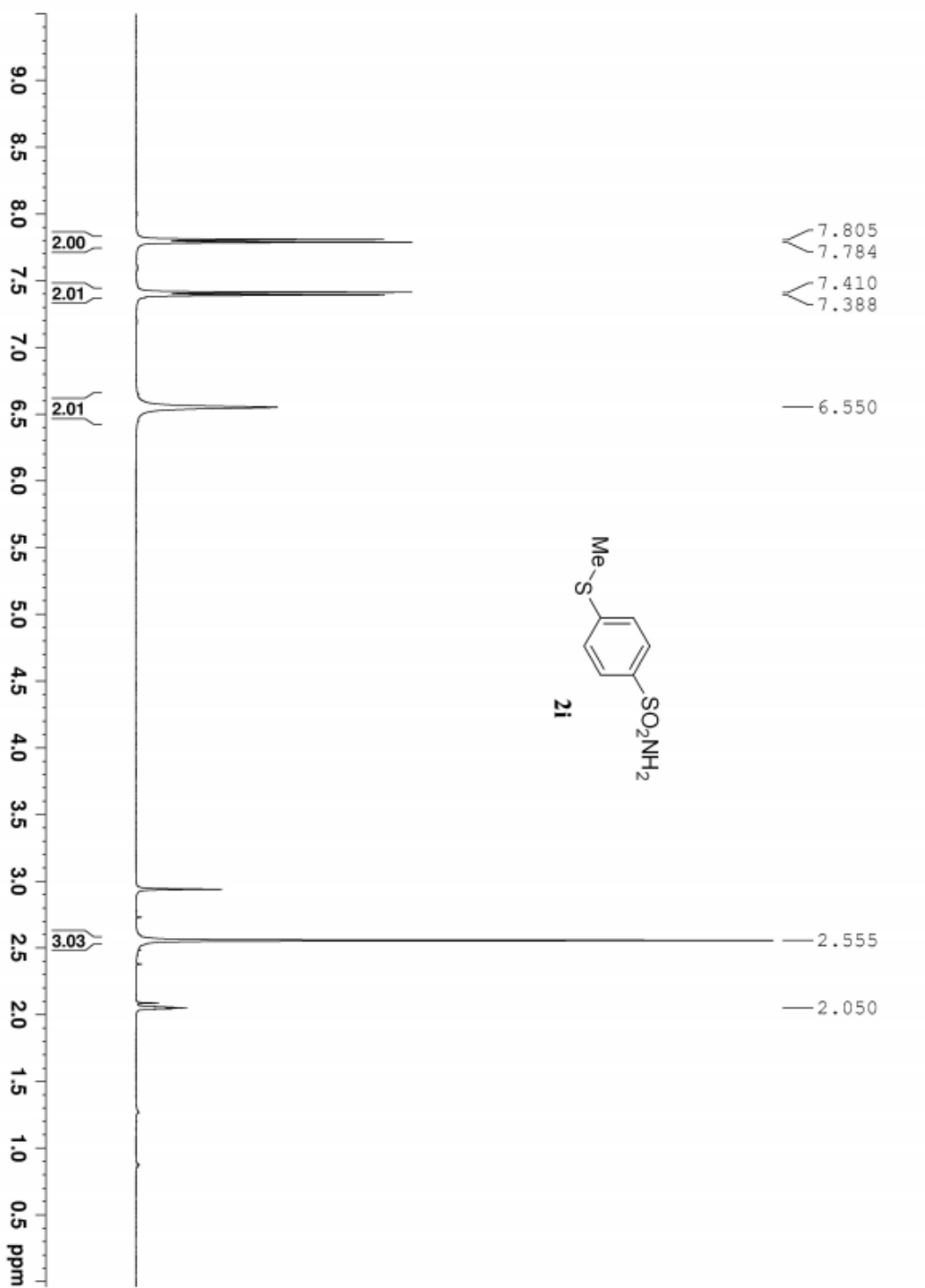


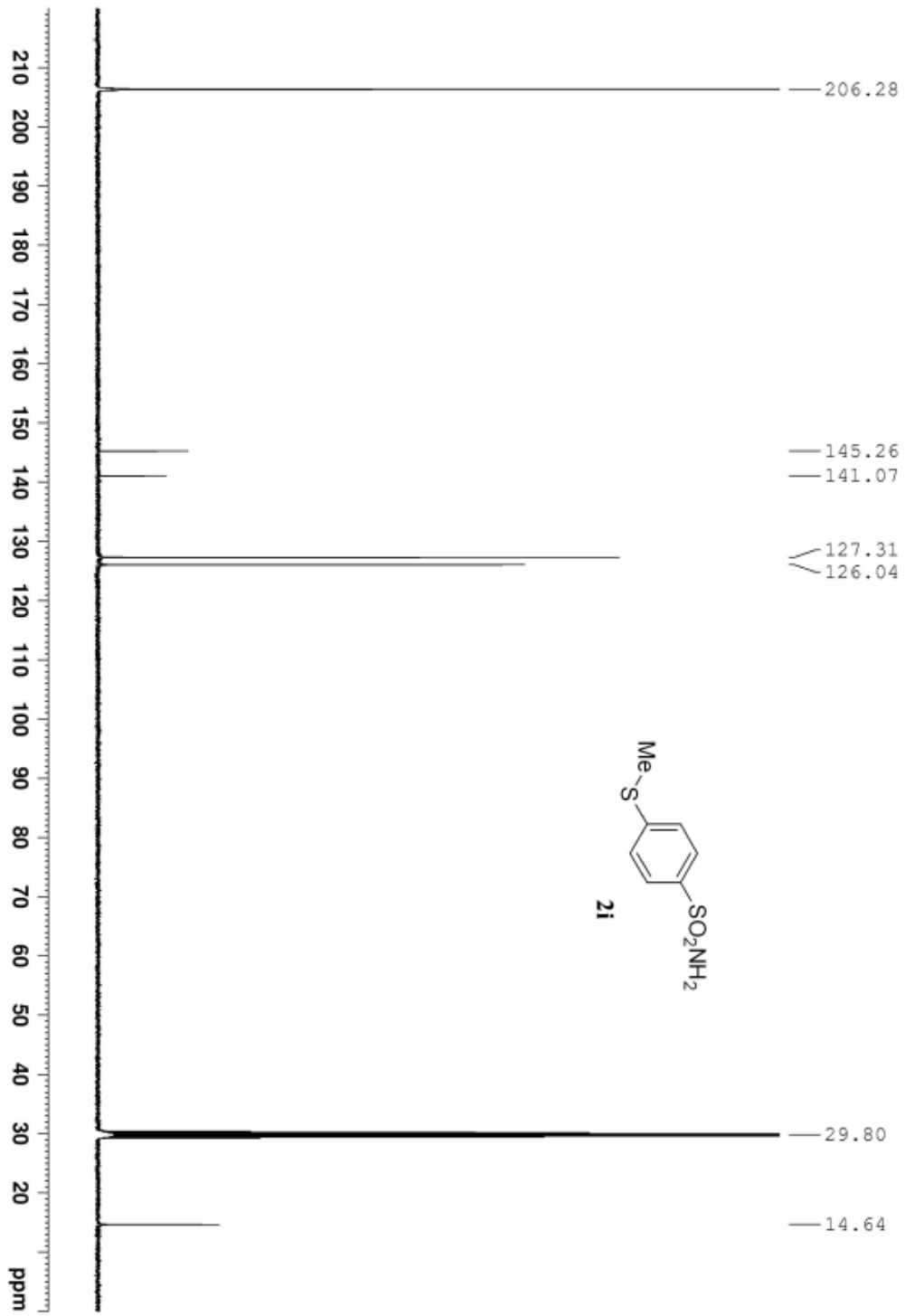


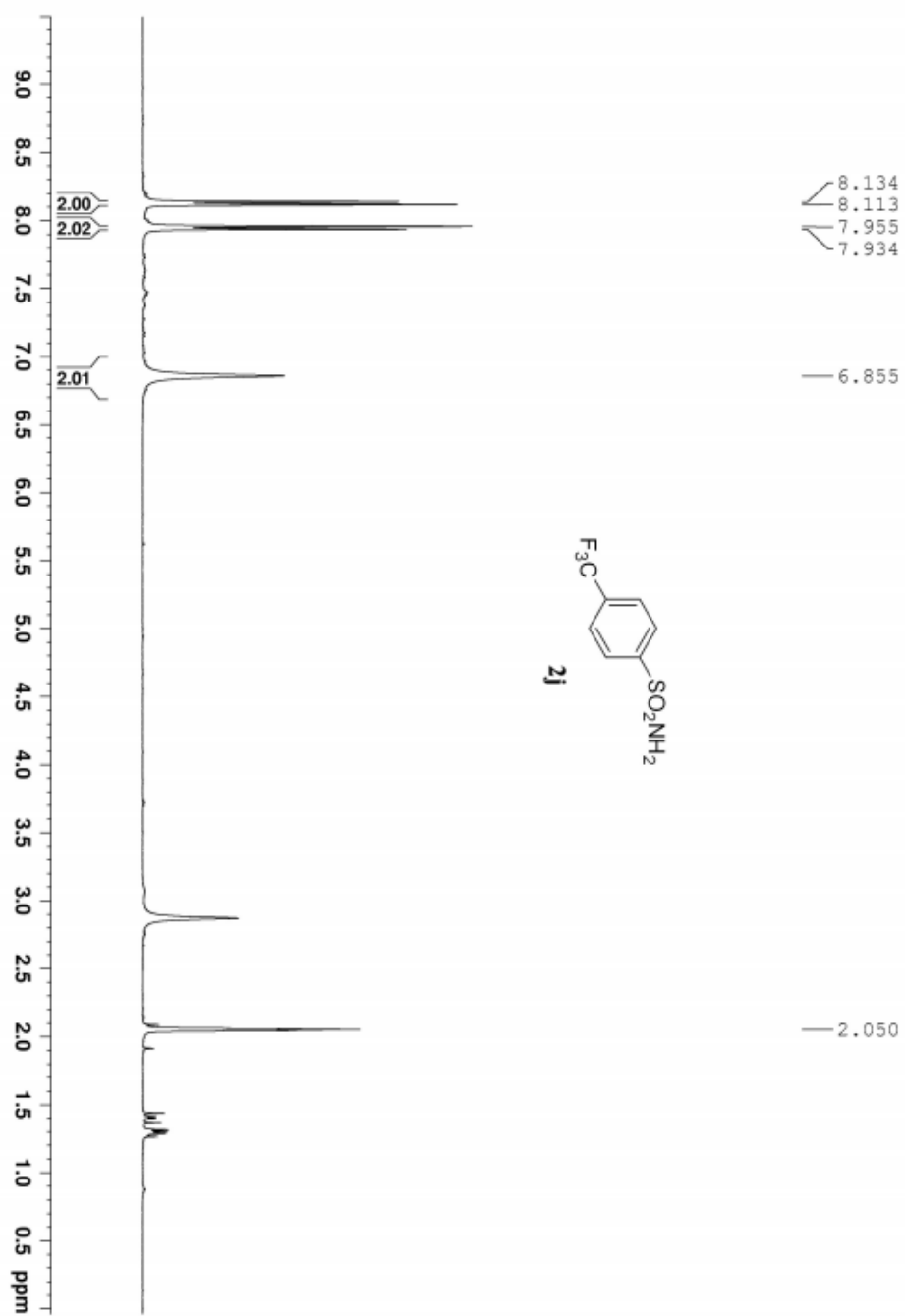


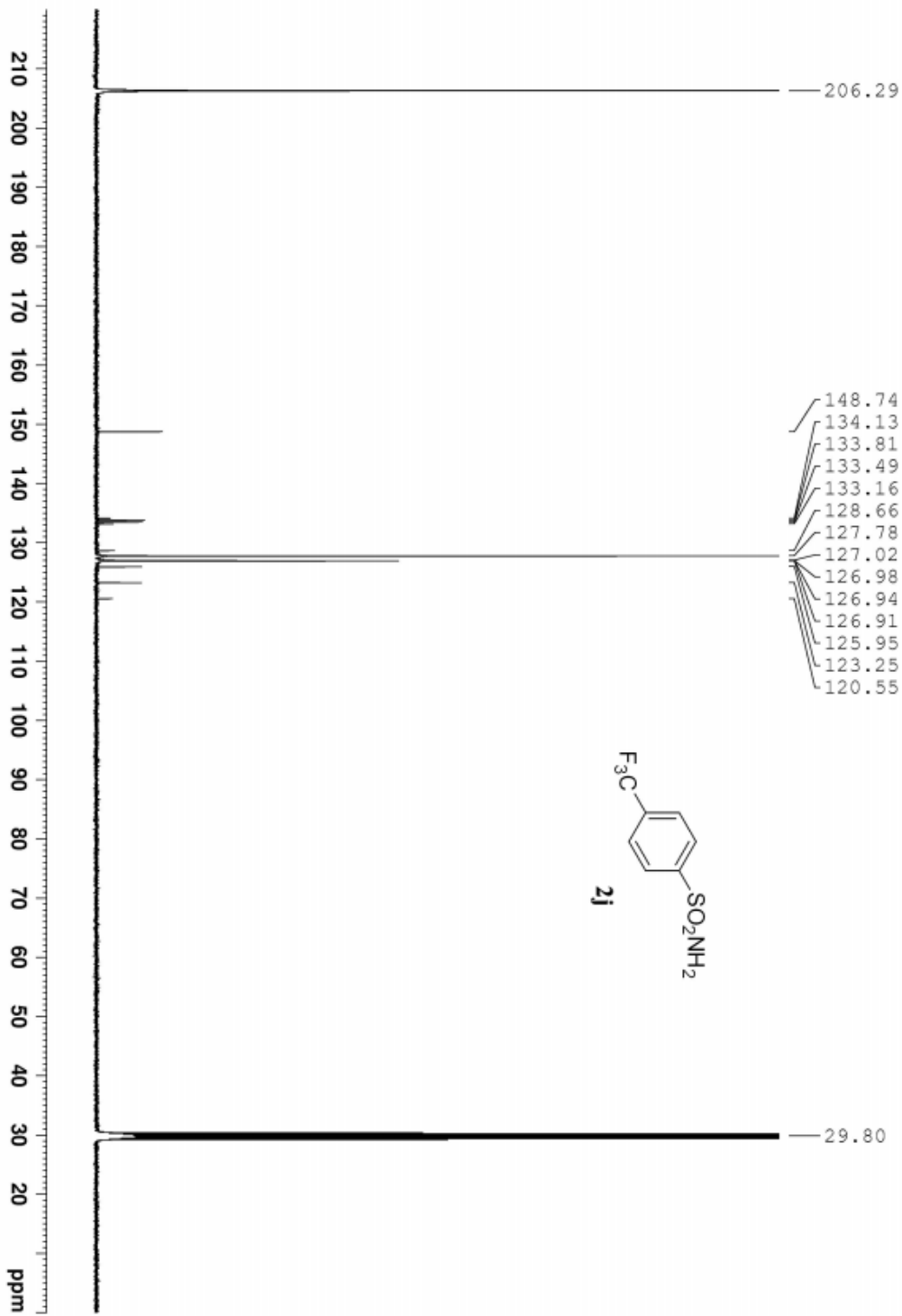


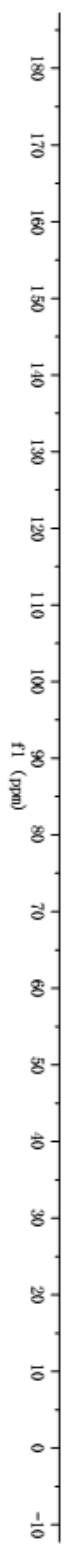












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