

Supporting Information

Silver-catalyzed intermolecular amination of fluoroarenes

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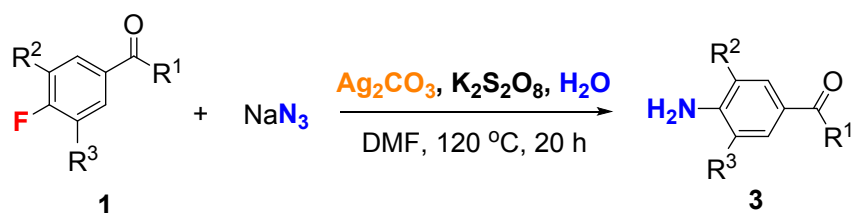
1. General information

Unless otherwise noted, all chemicals were purchased from commercial suppliers (Adamas, Aladdin, J&K etc) and used without further purification. ^1H NMR and ^{13}C NMR were recorded at ambient temperature on a 400 or 500 MHz spectrometer (100 or 125 MHz for ^{13}C NMR). NMR experiments are reported in δ units, parts per million (ppm), and were referenced to CDCl_3 (δ 7.26 or 77.0 ppm) as the internal standard. The coupling constants J are given in Hertz. Mass spectra were recorded on BRUKER AutoflexIII Smartbeam MS-spectrometer. High resolution mass spectra (HRMS) were recorded on Bruker microTof by using ESI method. Column chromatography was performed using EM silica gel 60 (300–400 mesh).

2. General procedures and characterization data for all reaction products

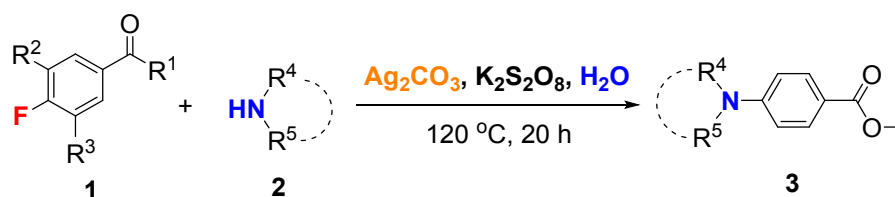
Synthesis of 4-acetylphenylsiluer

All experiments were carried out under dry, purified nitrogen using Schlenk-type glassware. Liquids were handled by syringe techniques. Solvents were purified, distilled under nitrogen, and stored under nitrogen over molecular sieves. Diphenylzinc was prepared as described by Knoche¹. 1.0 g (5.9 mmol) of finely ground AgNO_3 was added with stirring to a solution of 3.33 g (11.0 mmol) of $(4\text{-CH}_3\text{COPh})_2\text{Zn}$ in 40 ml of diethyl ether at 0°C . A part-orange, part-white precipitate formed immediately. The orange colour disappeared after 2 h stirring and the amount of white precipitate correspondingly increased. After decantation of the green supernatant liquid, the solid was washed five times with 25 ml of diethyl ether and dried in vacuo.²



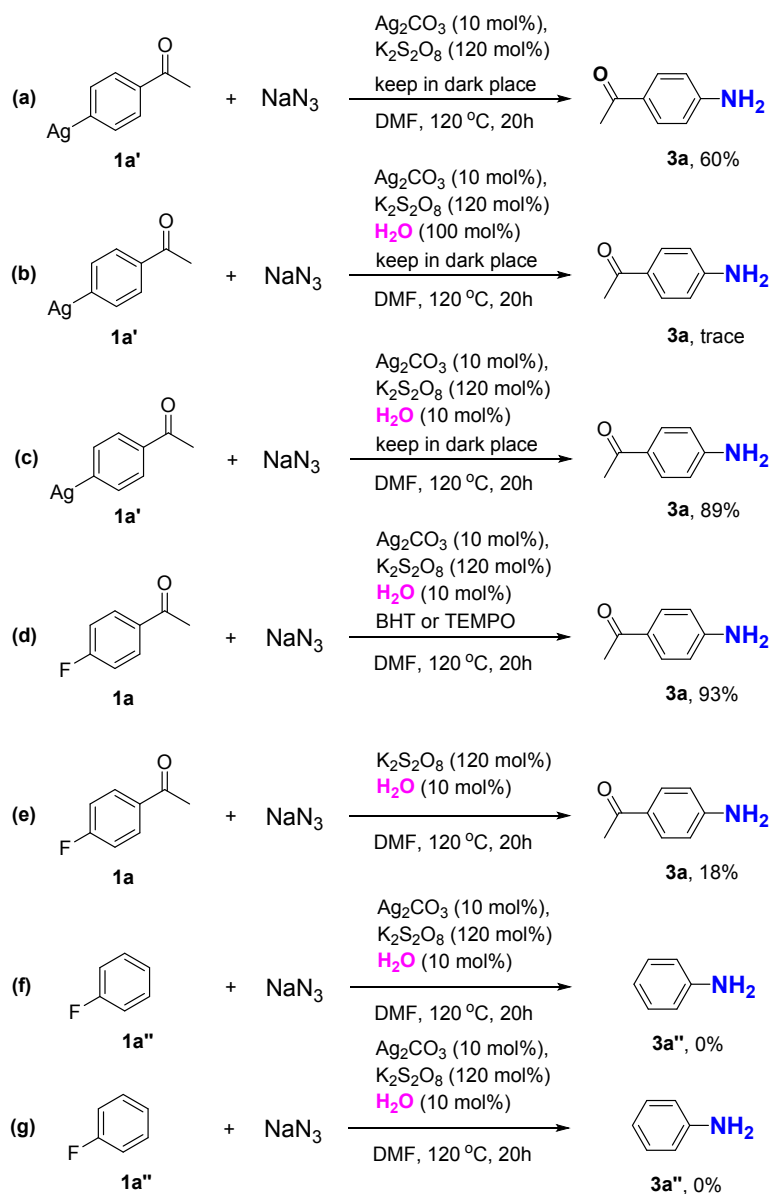
Scheme S1

The typical experimental procedure for synthesis of 4-aminoacetophenone **3a**: 4-fluoroacetophenone **1a** (0.4 mmol, 48.0μL), NaN₃ (1.2 mmol, 78.0 mg), Ag₂CO₃ (0.04 mmol, 11.0 mg), K₂S₂O₈ (0.48 mmol, 129.7 mg), H₂O (0.04 mmol, 7.2μL) and DMF (2 mL) were placed into a sealed dry tube (15 mL) with a magnetic stirrer bar. The reaction was heated under an air atmosphere at 120 °C for 20 h. After the reaction finished, the catalyst was separated by centrifugation and filtration to obtain the liquid phase. The pure product **3a** was obtained by flash column chromatography on silica gel by using petroleum ether (30-60 °C) and ethyl acetate as eluents (petroleum ether /ethyl acetate = 4/1).

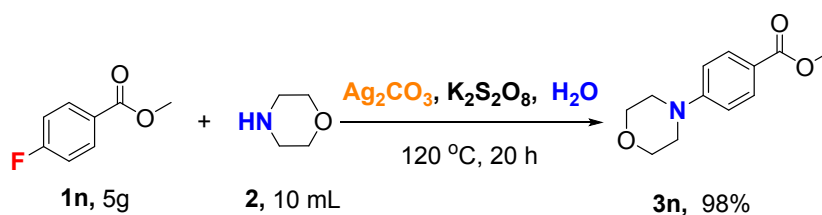


Scheme S2

The typical experimental procedure for synthesis of 4-aminoacetophenone **3m**: 4-fluoroacetophenone **1a** (0.4 mmol, 48.0μL), morpholine (0.5mL), Ag₂CO₃ (0.04 mmol, 11.0 mg), K₂S₂O₈ (0.48 mmol, 129.7 mg) and H₂O (0.04 mmol, 7.2 μL) were placed into a sealed dry tube (15 mL) with a magnetic stirrer bar. The reaction was heated under an air atmosphere at 120 °C for 20 h. After the reaction finished, the catalyst was separated by centrifugation and filtration to obtain the liquid phase. The pure product **3m** was obtained by flash column chromatography on silica gel by using petroleum ether (30-60 °C) and ethyl acetate as eluents (petroleum ether /ethyl acetate = 3/1).

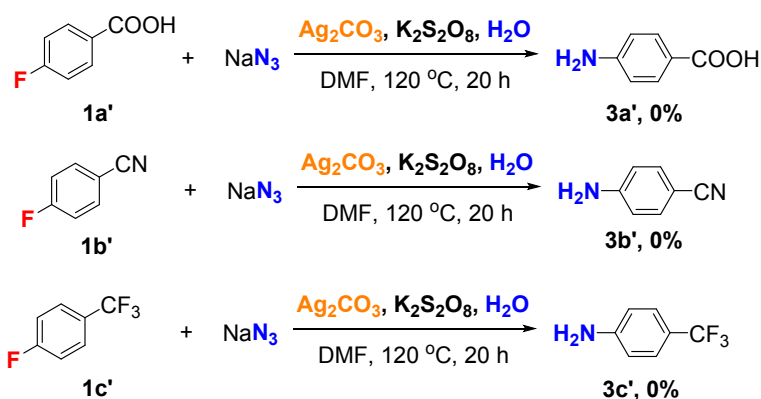


Scheme S3



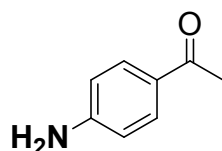
Scheme S4 Scale-up experiment.

Scale-up experiment: we examined the scalability of our catalytic system (Scheme S4). To demonstrate the utility of our environmentally benign, efficient and simple protocol, a gram scale reaction of **1n** with morpholine in the presence of Ag_2CO_3 (10 mol%), H_2O (10 mol%) and $\text{K}_2\text{S}_2\text{O}_8$ (120 mol%) was carried out. The gram-scale synthesis of the desired product **3n** was achieved successfully in 98% isolated yield.



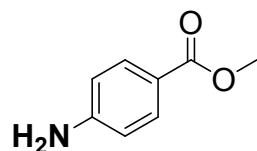
Scheme S5 Fluoroarenes with other electron withdrawing groups.

Analytical data



1-(4-aminophenyl)ethanone (3a)

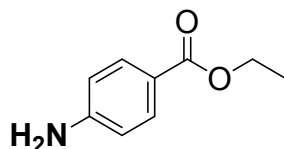
White Solid, m.p. 105-106°C; The pure product was obtained by flash column chromatography on silica gel by using petroleum ether (30-60 °C) and ethyl acetate as eluents (petroleum ether /ethyl acetate = 4/1); $^1\text{H NMR}$ (500 MHz, DMSO) δ 7.67 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 6.57 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 6.02 (s, 2H), 2.38 (s, 3H); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (125 MHz, DMSO) δ 194.9, 153.5, 130.5, 124.8, 112.4, 25.8; **HRMS** (ESI) Calcd. for $\text{C}_8\text{H}_{10}\text{NO}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$, 136.0762. Found: m/z 136.0764. The crude product was purified by flash column chromatography to afford **3a** as a white solid in 96% yield (51.9 mg).



Methyl 4-aminobenzoate (3b)

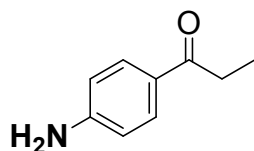
White Solid, m.p. 110-111°C; The pure product was obtained by flash column

chromatography on silica gel by using petroleum ether (30-60 °C) and ethyl acetate as eluents (petroleum ether /ethyl acetate = 4/1); **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, DMSO) δ 7.59 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 6.52 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 5.90 (s, 2H), 3.67 (s, 3H); **¹³C NMR** (100 MHz, DMSO) δ 166.3, 153.4, 131.0, 115.7, 112.6, 51.1; **HRMS** (ESI) Calcd. for C₈H₁₀NO₂ [M+H]⁺, 152.0712. Found: m/z 152.0713.



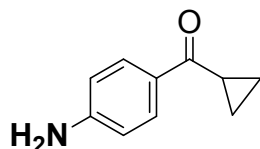
Ethyl 4-aminobenzoate (3c)

White Solid, m.p. 92-93°C; The pure product was obtained by flash column chromatography on silica gel by using petroleum ether (30-60 °C) and ethyl acetate as eluents (petroleum ether /ethyl acetate = 4/1); **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, DMSO) δ 7.60 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 6.52 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 5.89 (s, 2H), 4.17 (q, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 1.21 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H); **¹³C NMR** (100 MHz, DMSO) δ 166.3, 153.9, 131.4, 116.5, 113.1, 59.9, 14.8; **HRMS** (ESI) Calcd. for C₉H₁₂NO₂ [M+H]⁺, 166.0868. Found: m/z 166.0869.



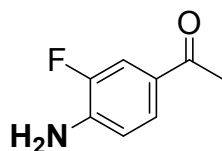
1-(4-aminophenyl)propan-1-one (3d)

White Solid, m.p. 136-137°C; The pure product was obtained by flash column chromatography on silica gel by using petroleum ether (30-60 °C) and ethyl acetate as eluents (petroleum ether /ethyl acetate = 4/1); **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, DMSO) δ 7.61 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 6.49 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 5.90 (s, 2H), 2.75 (q, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 0.96 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H); **¹³C NMR** (100 MHz, DMSO) δ 197.6, 153.4, 130.1, 124.4, 112.5, 30.1, 8.73; **HRMS** (ESI) Calcd. for C₉H₁₂NO [M+H]⁺, 150.0919. Found: m/z 150.0920.



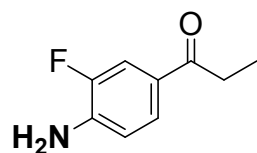
(4-aminophenyl)(cyclopropyl)methanone (3e)

White Solid, m.p. 115-116°C; The pure product was obtained by flash column chromatography on silica gel by using petroleum ether (30-60 °C) and ethyl acetate as eluents (petroleum ether /ethyl acetate = 4/1); **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, DMSO) δ 7.72 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 6.53 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 5.95 (s, 2H), 2.70-2.55 (m, 1H), 0.87-0.73 (m, 4H); **¹³C NMR** (100 MHz, DMSO) δ 196.5, 153.5, 130.2, 125.1, 112.5, 15.2, 9.9; **HRMS** (ESI) Calcd. for C₁₀H₁₂NO [M+H]⁺, 162.0919. Found: m/z 162.0923.



1-(4-amino-3-fluorophenyl)ethanone (3f)

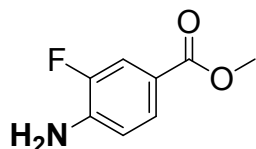
White Solid, m.p. 86-87°C; The pure product was obtained by flash column chromatography on silica gel by using petroleum ether (30-60 °C) and ethyl acetate as eluents (petroleum ether /ethyl acetate = 4/1); **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, DMSO) δ 7.52-7.43 (m, 2H), 6.71 (t, *J* = 9.2 Hz, 1H), 6.04 (s, 2H), 2.35 (s, 3H); **¹³C NMR** (100 MHz, DMSO) δ 194.7, 150.5 (d, *J* = 236.8 Hz), 141.9 (d, *J* = 13.1 Hz), 136.4 (d, *J* = 1.9 Hz), 124.9 (d, *J* = 4.7 Hz), 114.7 (d, *J* = 18.1 Hz), 114.4 (d, *J* = 4.9 Hz), 25.9; **¹⁹F NMR** (376.5 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 135.88; **HRMS** (ESI) Calcd. for C₈H₉FNO [M+H]⁺, 154.0668. Found: m/z 154.0669.



1-(4-amino-3-fluorophenyl)propan-1-one (3g)

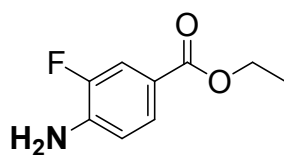
White Solid, m.p. 92-93°C; The pure product was obtained by flash column chromatography on silica gel by using petroleum ether (30-60 °C) and ethyl acetate as

eluents (petroleum ether /ethyl acetate = 4/1); **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, DMSO) δ 7.59-7.43 (m, 2H), 6.72 (t, J = 9.2 Hz, 1H), 6.00 (s, 2H), 2.81 (q, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 0.98 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H); **¹³C NMR** (100 MHz, DMSO) δ 197.8, 151.0 (d, J = 236.5 Hz), 142.1 (d, J = 13.2 Hz), 126.4 (d, J = 2.1 Hz), 125.0 (d, J = 4.5 Hz), 114.9, 114.8 (d, J = 14.1 Hz), 30.7, 8.98; **¹⁹F NMR**(376.5 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 135.855; **HRMS** (ESI) Calcd. for C₉H₁₁FNO [M+H]⁺, 168.0825. Found: m/z 168.0827.



Methyl 4-amino-3-fluorobenzoate (3h)

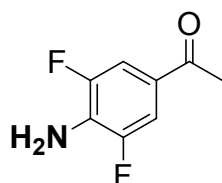
White Solid, m.p. 76-77°C; The pure product was obtained by flash column chromatography on silica gel by using petroleum ether (30-60 °C) and ethyl acetate as eluents (petroleum ether /ethyl acetate = 4/1); **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, DMSO) δ 7.53-7.36 (m, 2H), 6.73 (t, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 6.01 (s, 2H), 3.71 (s, 3H); **¹³C NMR** (100 MHz, DMSO) δ 165.6 (d, J = 2.8 Hz), 150.3 (d, J = 236.2 Hz), 141.7 (d, J = 12.8 Hz), 126.8 (d, J = 2.1 Hz), 116.0 (d, J = 6.0 Hz), 115.7 (d, J = 19.2 Hz), 114.7 (d, J = 4.9 Hz), 51.5; **¹⁹F NMR**(376.5 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 136.015; **HRMS** (ESI) Calcd. for C₈H₉FNO₂ [M+H]⁺, 170.0617. Found: m/z 170.0620.



Ethyl 4-amino-3-fluorobenzoate (3i)

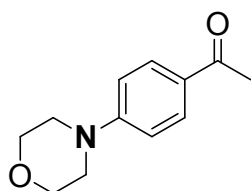
White Solid, m.p. 68-69°C; The pure product was obtained by flash column chromatography on silica gel by using petroleum ether (30-60 °C) and ethyl acetate as eluents (petroleum ether /ethyl acetate = 4/1); **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, DMSO) δ 7.55-7.41 (m, 2H), 6.76 (t, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 6.02 (s, 2H), 4.20 (q, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 1.25 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H); **¹³C NMR** (100 MHz, DMSO) δ 165.1 (d, J = 2.7 Hz), 150.3 (d, J = 236.1 Hz), 141.7 (d, J = 12.8 Hz), 126.7 (d, J = 2.2 Hz), 116.3 (d, J = 6.0 Hz), 115.6 (d, J = 19.2 Hz), 114.7 (d, J = 5.0 Hz), 59.9, 14.2; **¹⁹F NMR**(376.5 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 136.011; **HRMS** (ESI) Calcd. for C₉H₁₁FNO₂ [M+H]⁺,

184.0774. Found: m/z 184.0774.



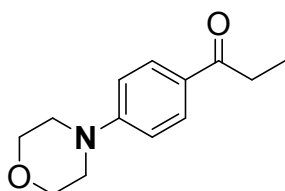
1-(4-amino-3,5-difluorophenyl)ethanone (3j)

White Solid, m.p. 85-86°C; The pure product was obtained by flash column chromatography on silica gel by using petroleum ether (30-60 °C) and ethyl acetate as eluents (petroleum ether /ethyl acetate = 4/1); **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.52-7.41 (m, 2H), 4.25 (s, 2H), 2.50 (s, 3H); **¹³C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 194.8, 151.9 (dd, *J* = 7.7, 240.1 Hz), 129.2 (t, *J* = 16.1 Hz), 125.7 (t, *J* = 6.5 Hz), 111.5 (m), 25.9; **¹⁹F NMR**(376.5 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 136.281; **HRMS** (ESI) Calcd. for C₈H₈F₂NO [M+H]⁺, 172.0574 . Found: m/z 172.0575.



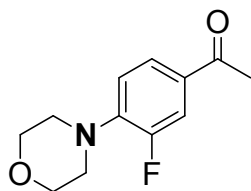
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White solid, m.p. 65-66 °C; The pure product was obtained by flash column chromatography on silica gel by using petroleum ether (30-60 °C) and ethyl acetate as eluents (petroleum ether /ethyl acetate = 3/1); **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.90 (d, *J* = 9.2 Hz, 2H), 6.88 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 3.86 (t, *J* = 4.8 Hz, 4H), 3.30 (t, *J* = 5.2 Hz, 4H), 2.53 (s, 3H); **¹³C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 196.5, 154.1, 130.3, 128.1, 113.2, 66.5, 47.4, 26.1; **HRMS** (ESI) Calcd. for C₁₂H₁₆NO₂ [M+H]⁺, 206.1181. Found: m/z 206.1182.



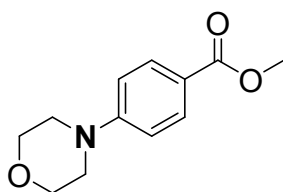
1-(4-morpholinophenyl)propan-1-one (3l)

White Solid, m.p. 83-84 °C; The pure product was obtained by flash column chromatography on silica gel by using petroleum ether (30-60 °C) and ethyl acetate as eluents (petroleum ether /ethyl acetate = 3/1); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.91 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 6.87 (d, *J* = 9.2 Hz, 2H), 3.85 (t, *J* = 5.2 Hz, 4H), 3.29 (t, *J* = 5.2 Hz, 4H), 2.93 (q, *J* = 7.2, 14.4 Hz, 2H), 1.20 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 199.2, 154.1, 129.9, 127.8, 113.3, 66.5, 47.5, 31.2, 8.6; HRMS (ESI) Calcd. for C₁₃H₁₈NO₂ [M+H]⁺, 220.1338. Found: m/z 220.1339.



1-(3-fluoro-4-morpholinophenyl)ethan-1-one (3m)

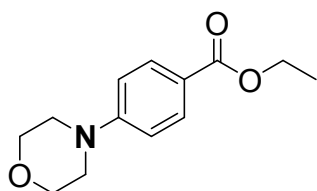
White Solid, m.p. 92-93 °C; The pure product was obtained by flash column chromatography on silica gel by using petroleum ether (30-60 °C) and ethyl acetate as eluents (petroleum ether /ethyl acetate = 3/1); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.71-7.60 (m, 2H), 6.92 (t, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 3.87 (t, *J* = 4.4 Hz, 4H), 3.21 (t, *J* = 4.8 Hz, 4H), 2.54 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 195.8 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz), 155.6, 153.2, 144.0 (d, *J* = 32.4 Hz), 131.0 (d, *J* = 24.4 Hz), 125.5 (d, *J* = 11.6 Hz), 117.3 (d, *J* = 13.2 Hz), 116.1 (d, *J* = 87.2 Hz), 66.7, 50.0 (d, *J* = 18.0 Hz), 26.2; ¹⁹F NMR (376.5 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 131.386; HRMS (ESI) Calcd. for C₁₂H₁₅FNO₂ [M+H]⁺, 224.1087. Found: m/z 224.1088.



methyl 4-morpholinobenzoate (3n)

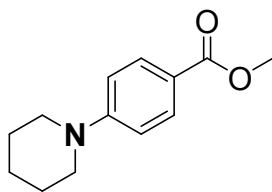
White Solid, m.p. 154-155°C; The pure product was obtained by flash column chromatography on silica gel by using petroleum ether (30-60 °C) and ethyl acetate as

eluents (petroleum ether /ethyl acetate = 3/1); **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.96-7.90 (m, 2H), 6.88-6.84 (m, 2H), 3.89-3.83 (m, 7H), 3.28 (t, *J* = 4.8 Hz, 4H); **¹³C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 167.0, 154.1, 131.2, 120.3, 113.4, 66.5, 51.6, 47.7; **HRMS** (ESI) Calcd. for C₁₂H₁₆NO₃ [M+H]⁺, 222.1130. Found: m/z 222.1133.



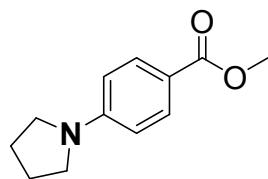
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White Solid, m.p. 83-84 °C; The pure product was obtained by flash column chromatography on silica gel by using petroleum ether (30-60 °C) and ethyl acetate as eluents (petroleum ether /ethyl acetate = 3/1); **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.95 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 6.86 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 4.33 (q, *J* = 7.2, 14.4 Hz, 2H), 3.84 (t, *J* = 5.2 Hz, 4H), 3.26 (t, *J* = 4.8 Hz, 4H), 1.38 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H); **¹³C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 166.4, 154.0, 131.0, 120.5, 113.3, 66.4, 60.2, 47.5, 14.3; **HRMS** (ESI) Calcd. for C₁₃H₁₈NO₃ [M+H]⁺, 236.1287. Found: m/z 236.1289.



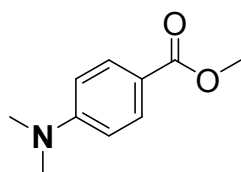
methyl 4-(piperidin-1-yl)benzoate (3p)

White Solid, m.p. 94-95 °C; The pure product was obtained by flash column chromatography on silica gel by using petroleum ether (30-60 °C) and ethyl acetate as eluents (petroleum ether /ethyl acetate = 3/1); **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.89 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 6.82 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 3.83 (s, 3H), 3.34-3.22 (m, 4H), 1.69-1.55 (m, 6H); **¹³C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 166.9, 154.2, 131.0, 118.3, 113.3, 51.3, 48.5, 25.1, 24.1; **HRMS** (ESI) Calcd. for C₁₃H₁₈NO₂ [M+H]⁺, 220.1338. Found: m/z 220.1339.



methyl 4-(pyrrolidin-1-yl)benzoate (3q)

White Solid, m.p. 67-68 °C; The pure product was obtained by flash column chromatography on silica gel by using petroleum ether (30-60 °C) and ethyl acetate as eluents (petroleum ether /ethyl acetate = 3/1); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.89 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 6.49 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 3.84 (s, 3H), 3.32 (t, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 4H), 2.05-1.95 (m, 4H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 167.5, 150.7, 131.2, 116.0, 110.5, 51.3, 47.3, 25.3; HRMS (ESI) Calcd. for C₁₂H₁₆NO₂ [M+H]⁺, 206.1181. Found: m/z 206.1182.



methyl 4-(dimethylamino)benzoate (3r)

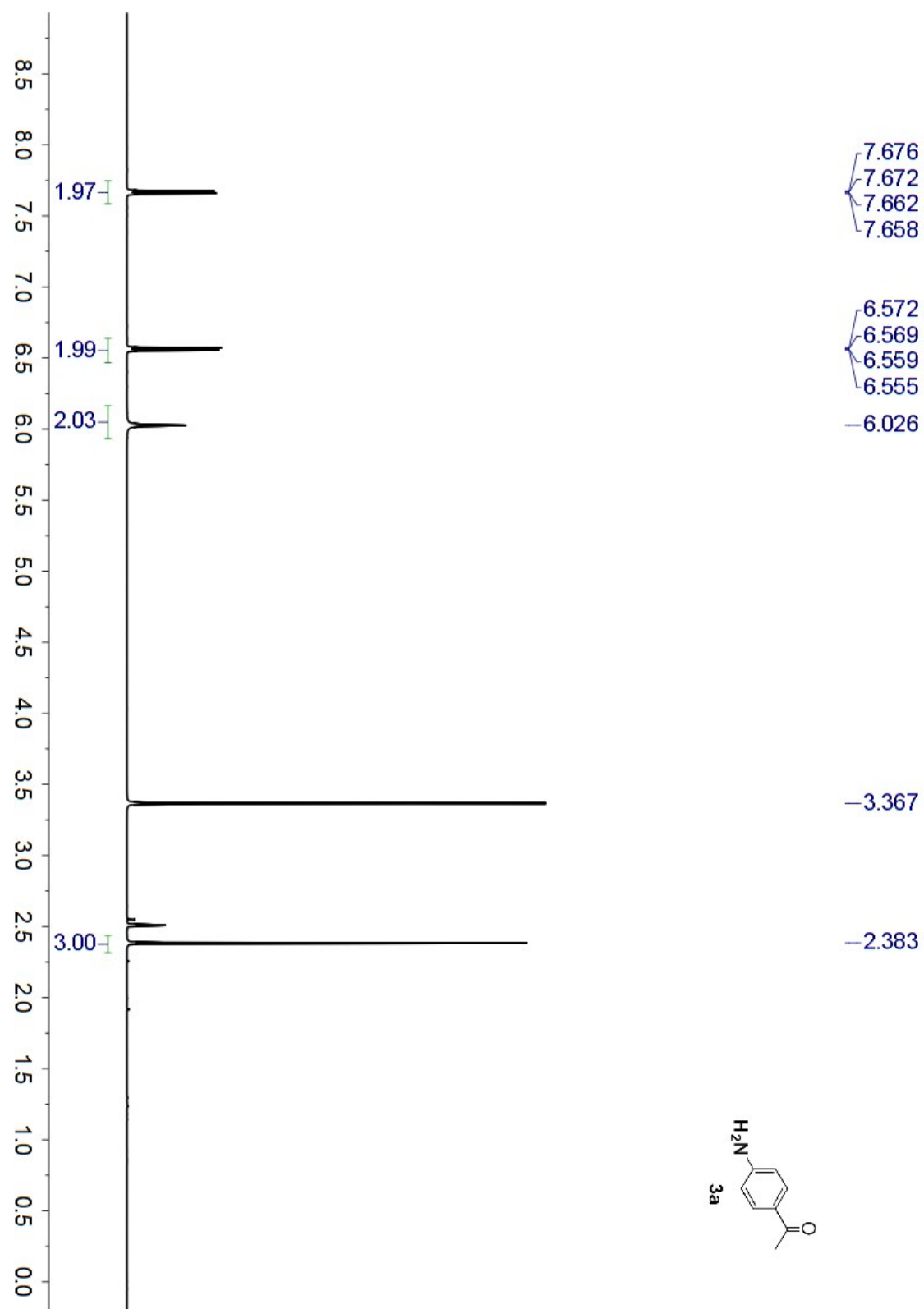
White Solid, m.p. 237-238 °C; The pure product was obtained by flash column chromatography on silica gel by using petroleum ether (30-60 °C) and ethyl acetate as eluents (petroleum ether /ethyl acetate = 4/1); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.91 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 6.65 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 3.85 (s, 3H), 3.03 (s, 6H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 167.4, 153.2, 131.2, 116.8, 110.6, 51.4, 40.0; HRMS (ESI) Calcd. for C₁₀H₁₄NO₂ [M+H]⁺, 180.1025. Found: m/z 180.1027.

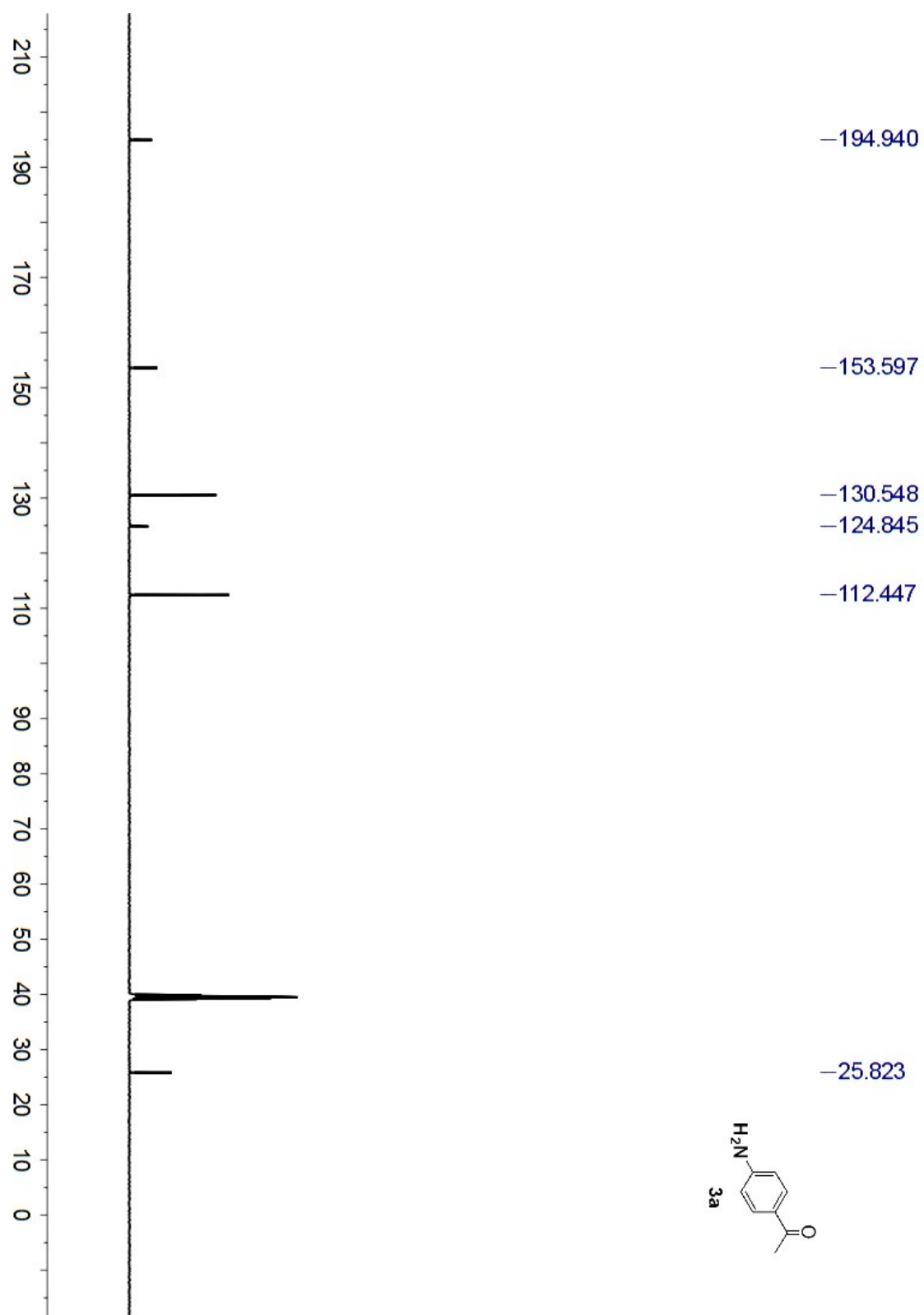
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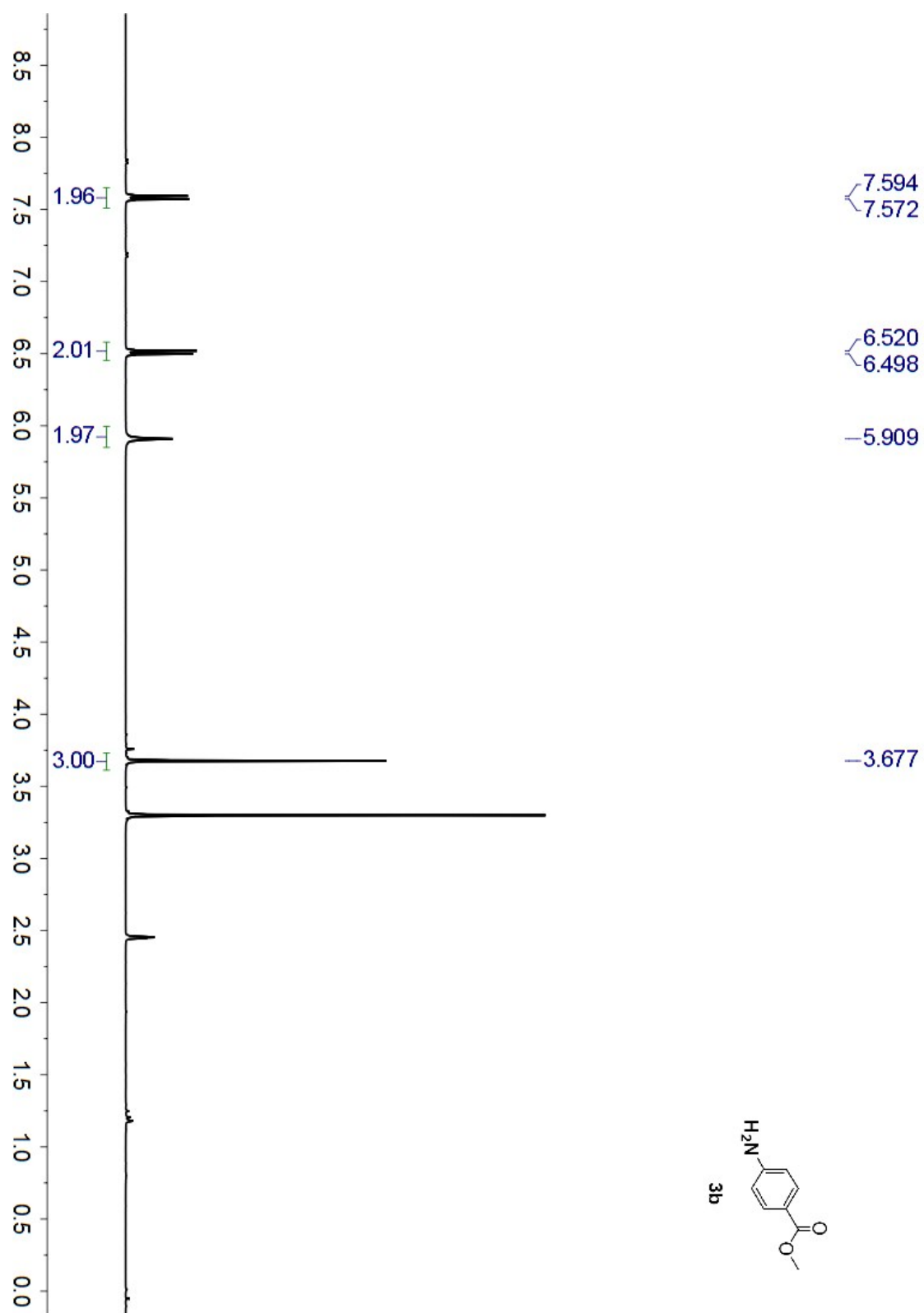
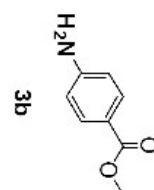
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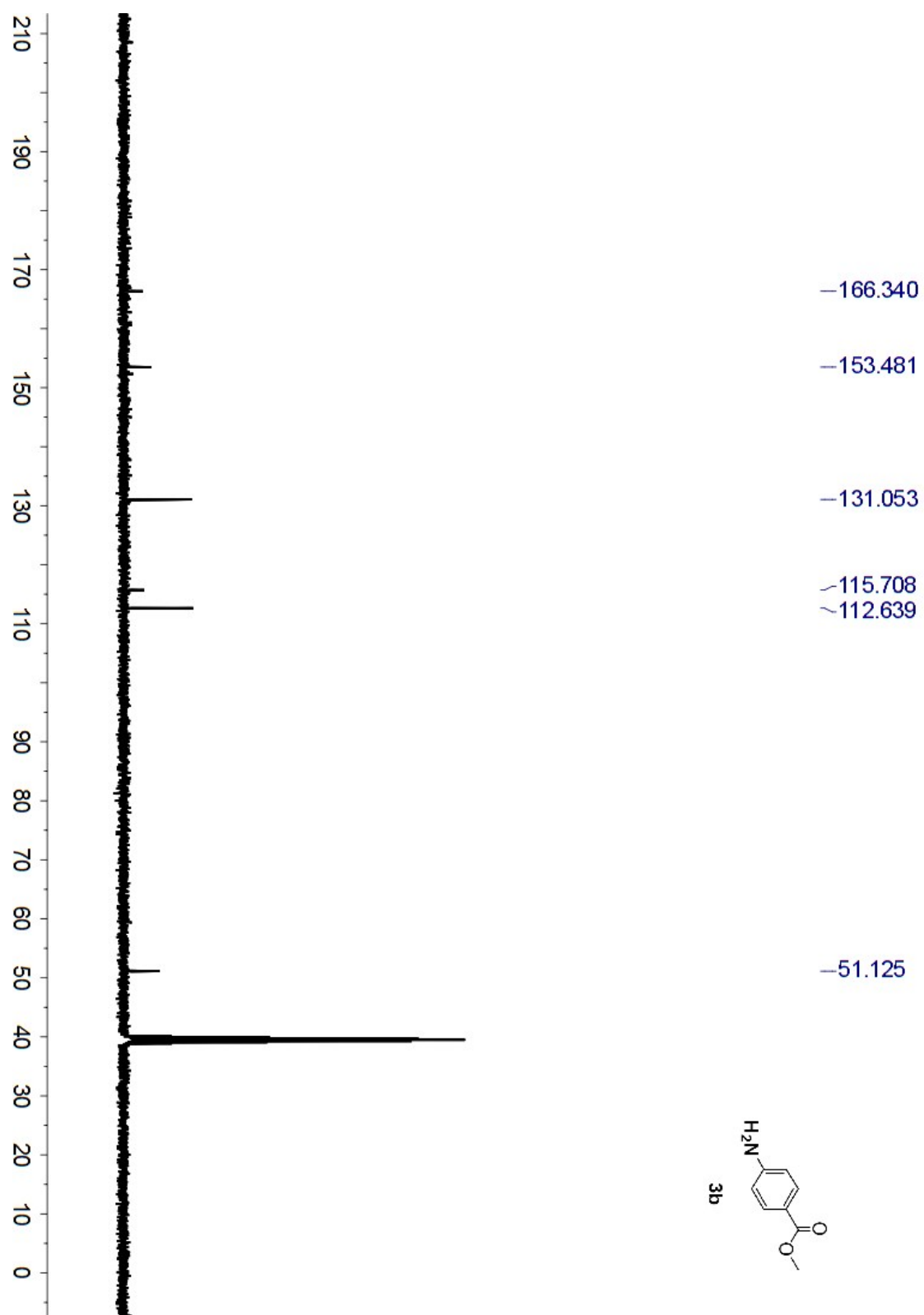
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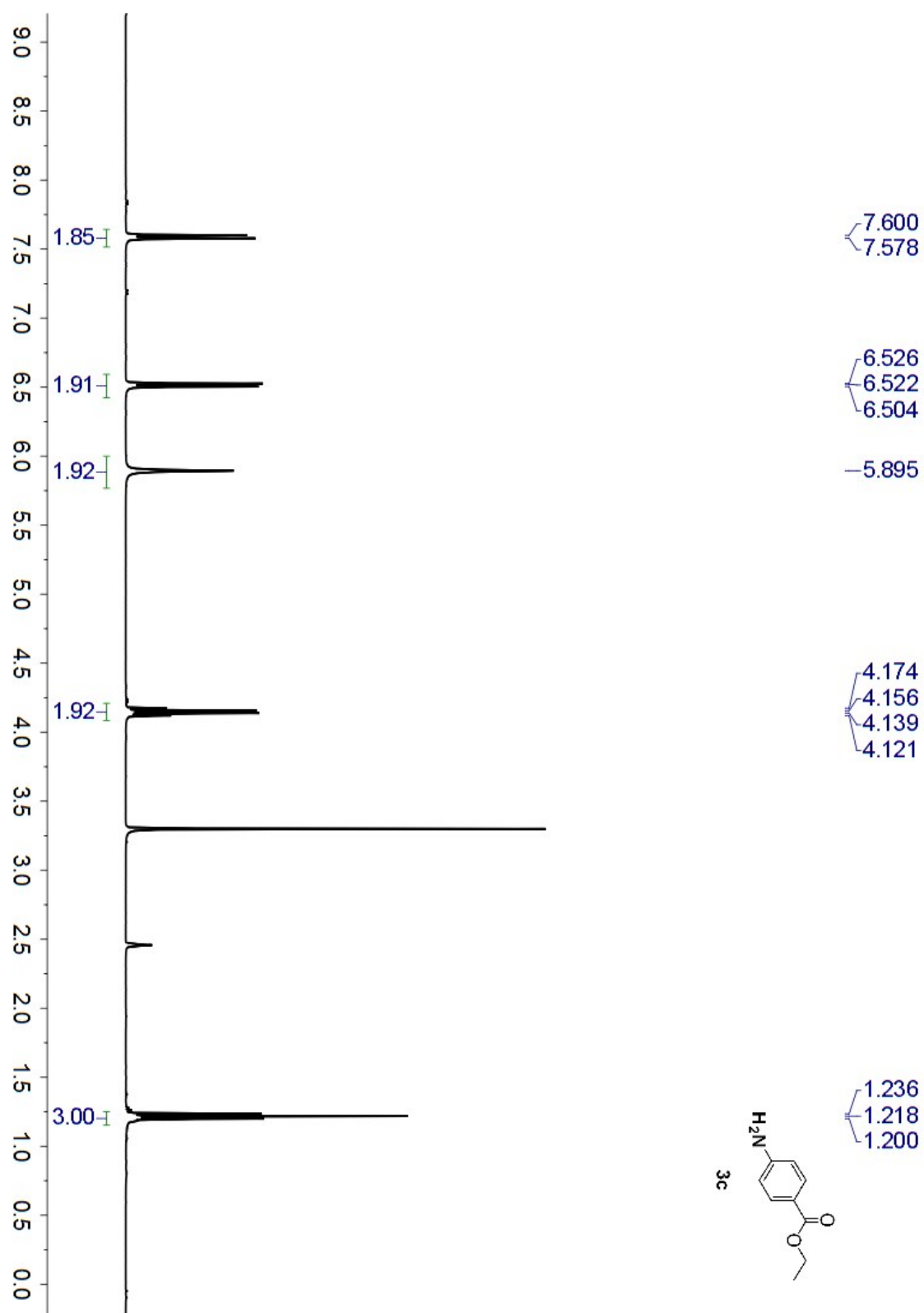
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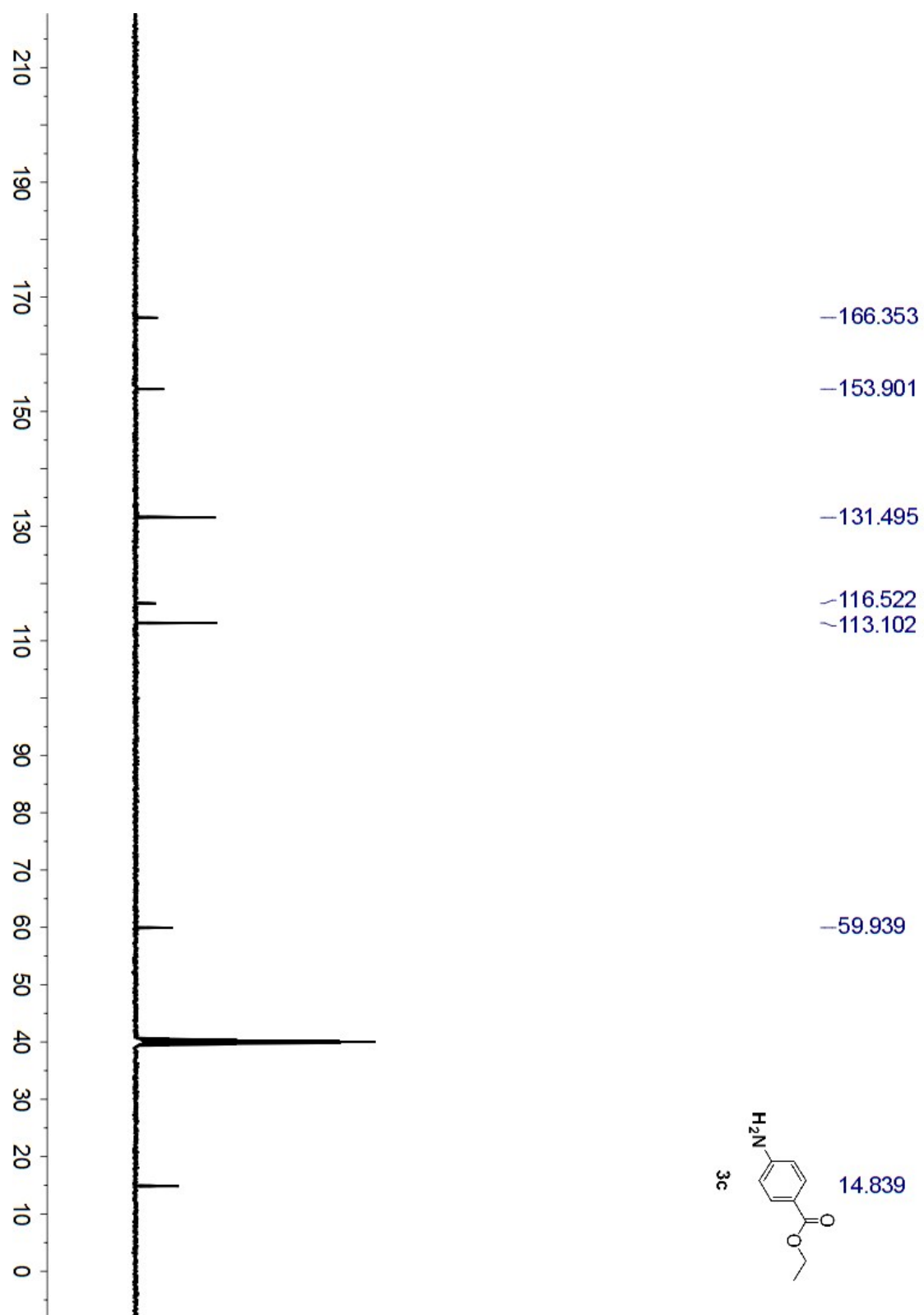


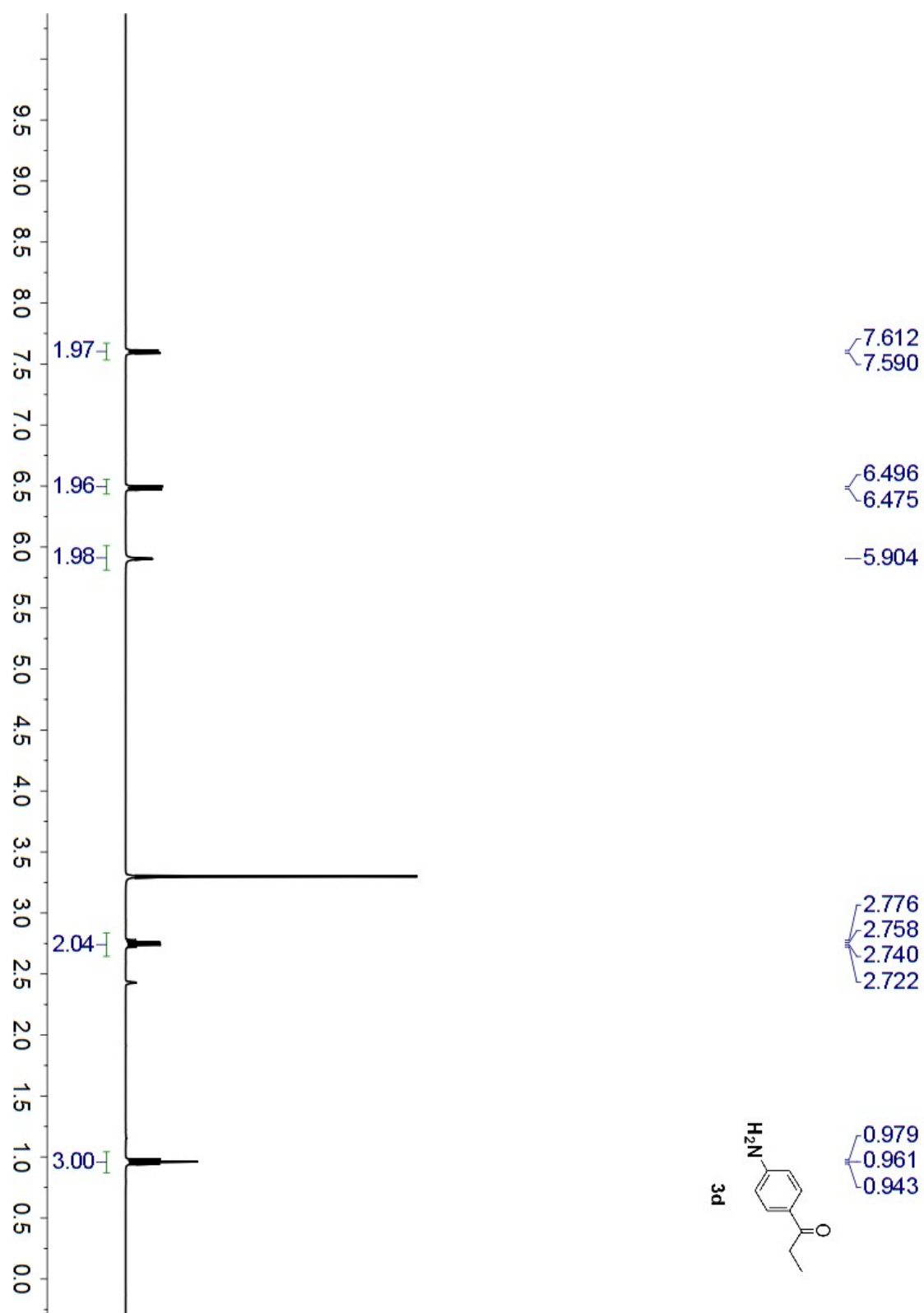


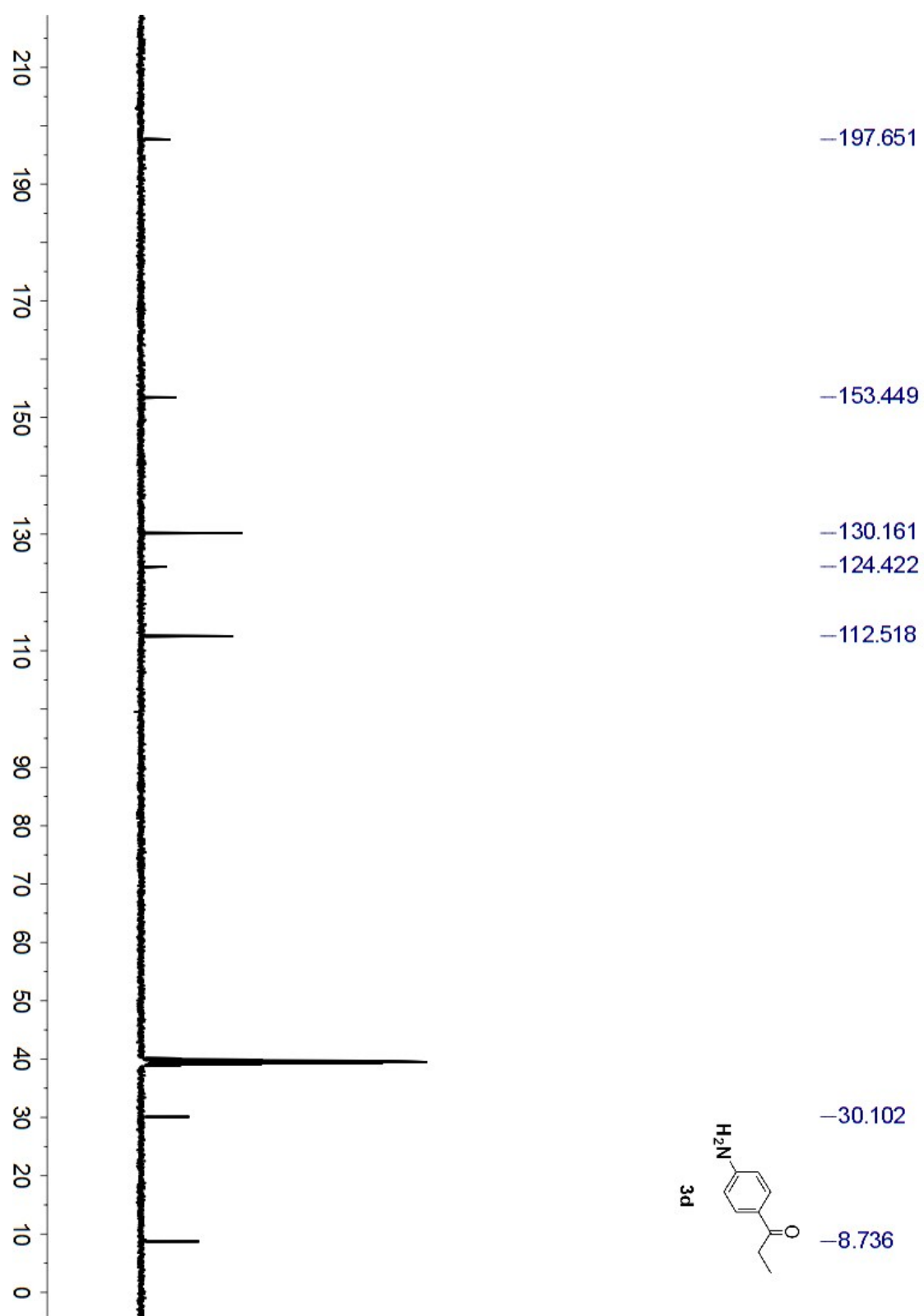


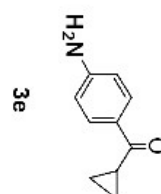












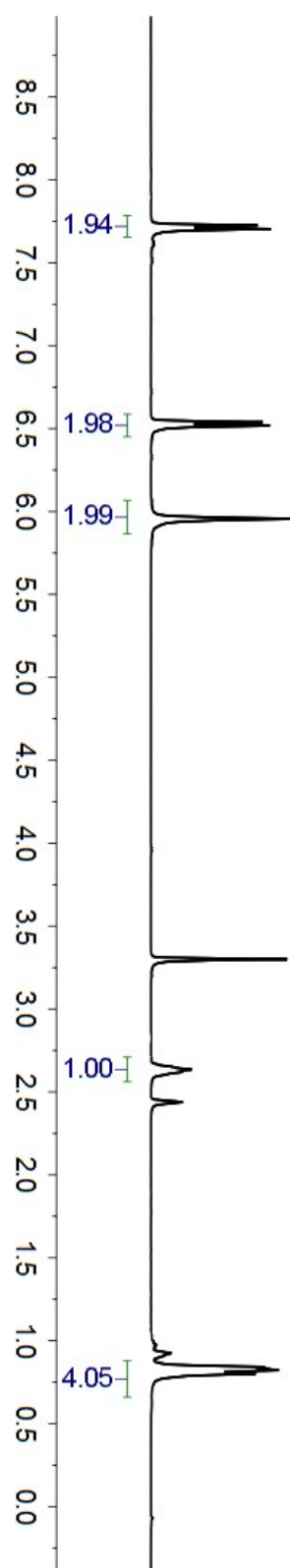
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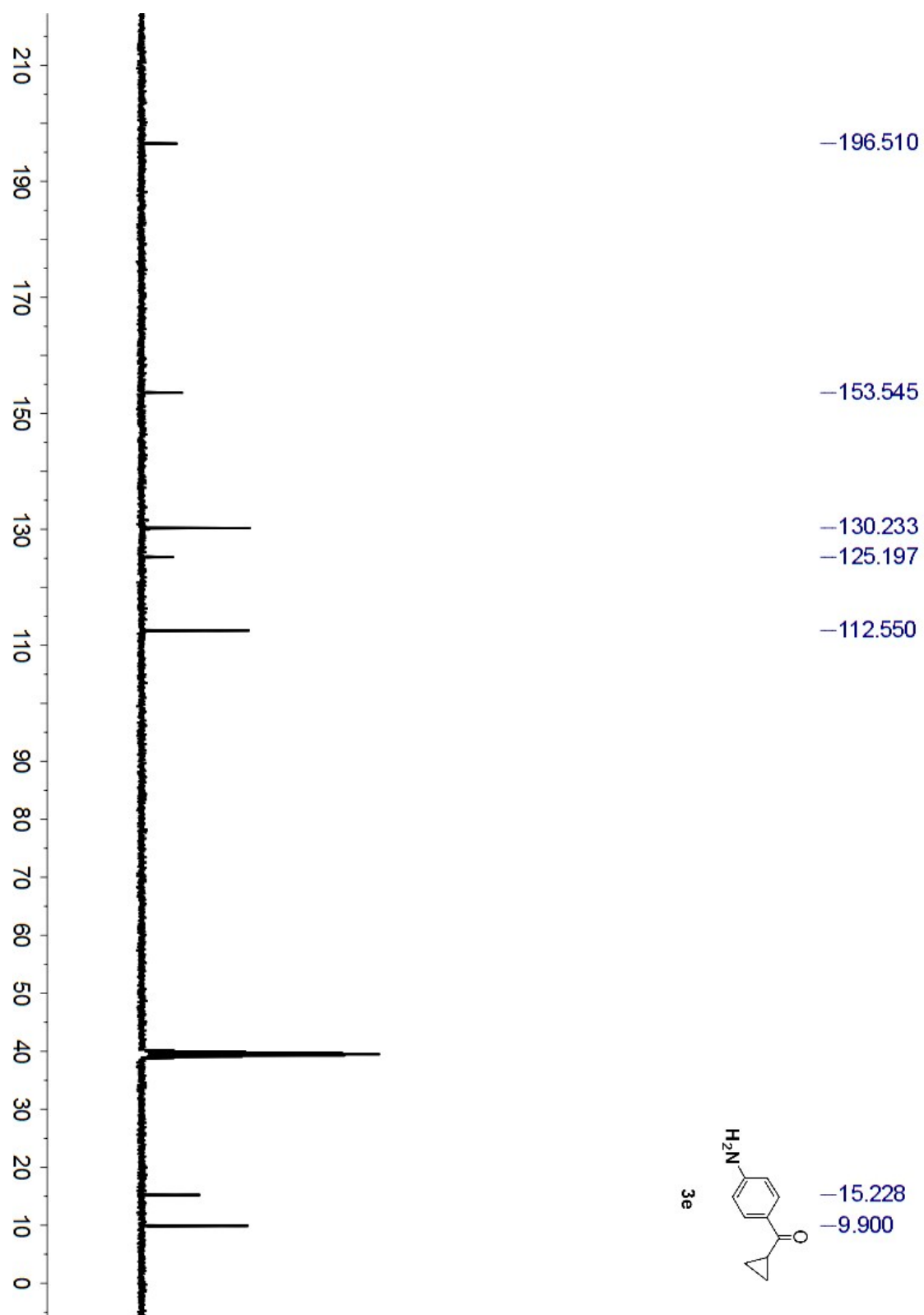
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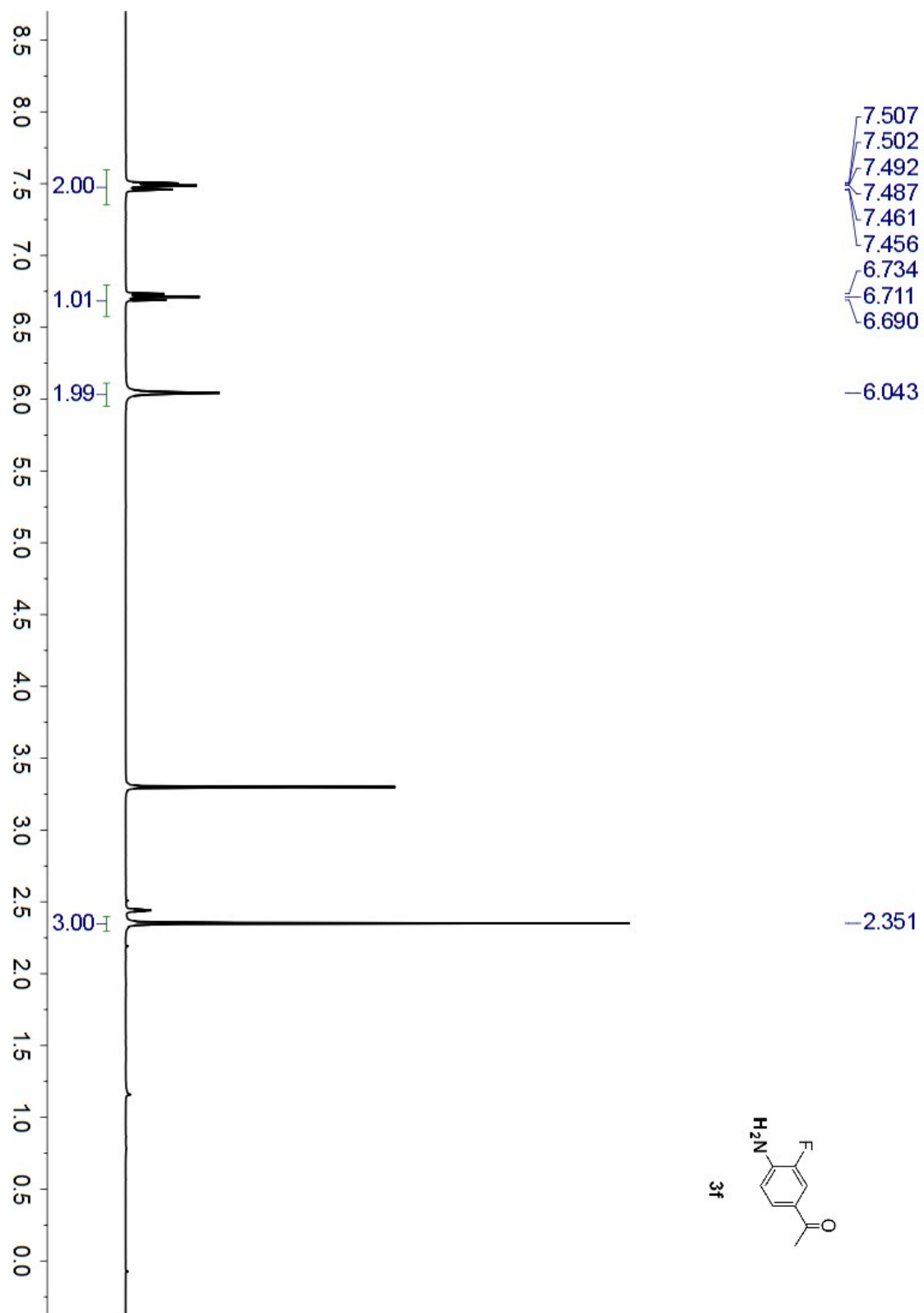
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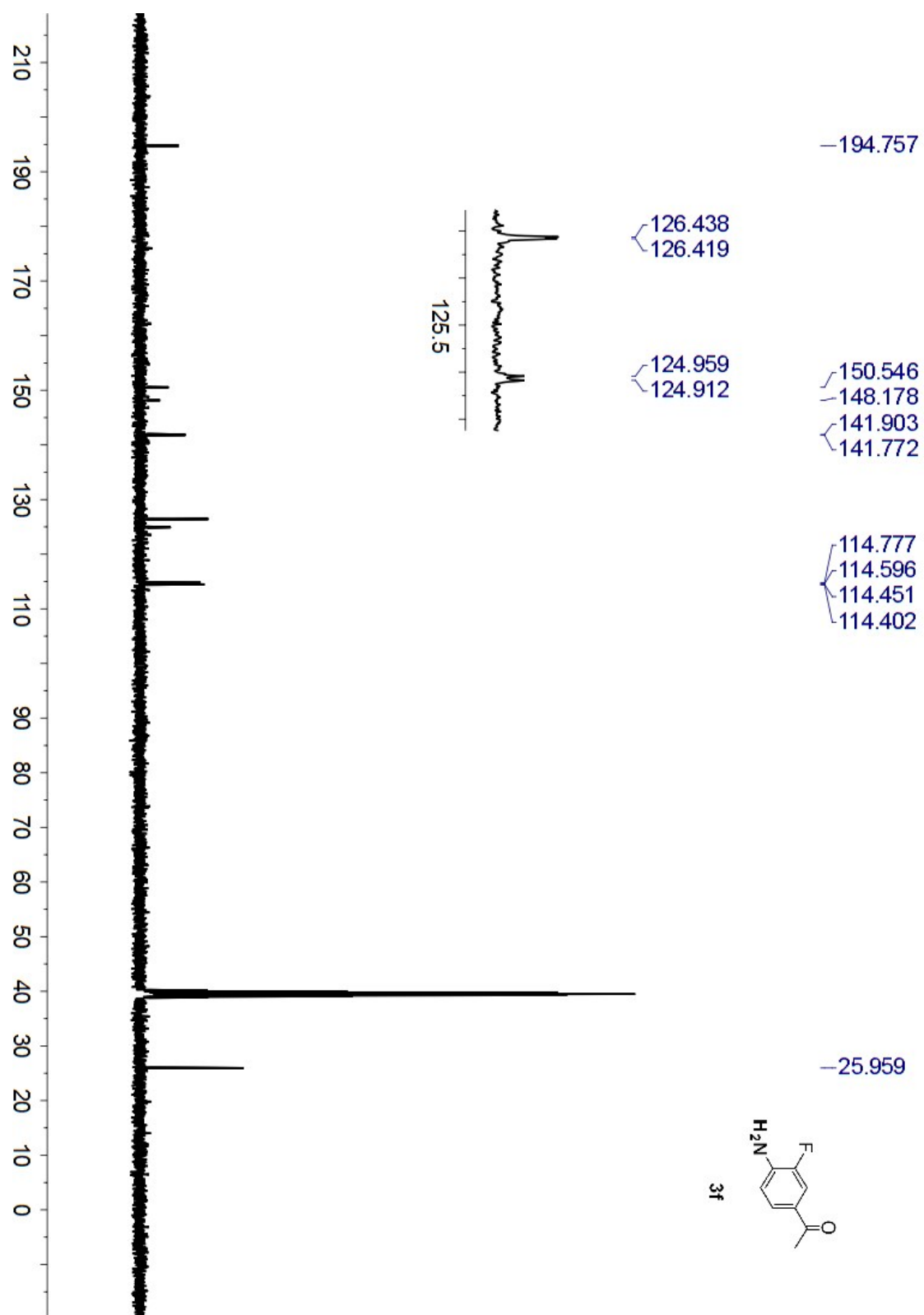
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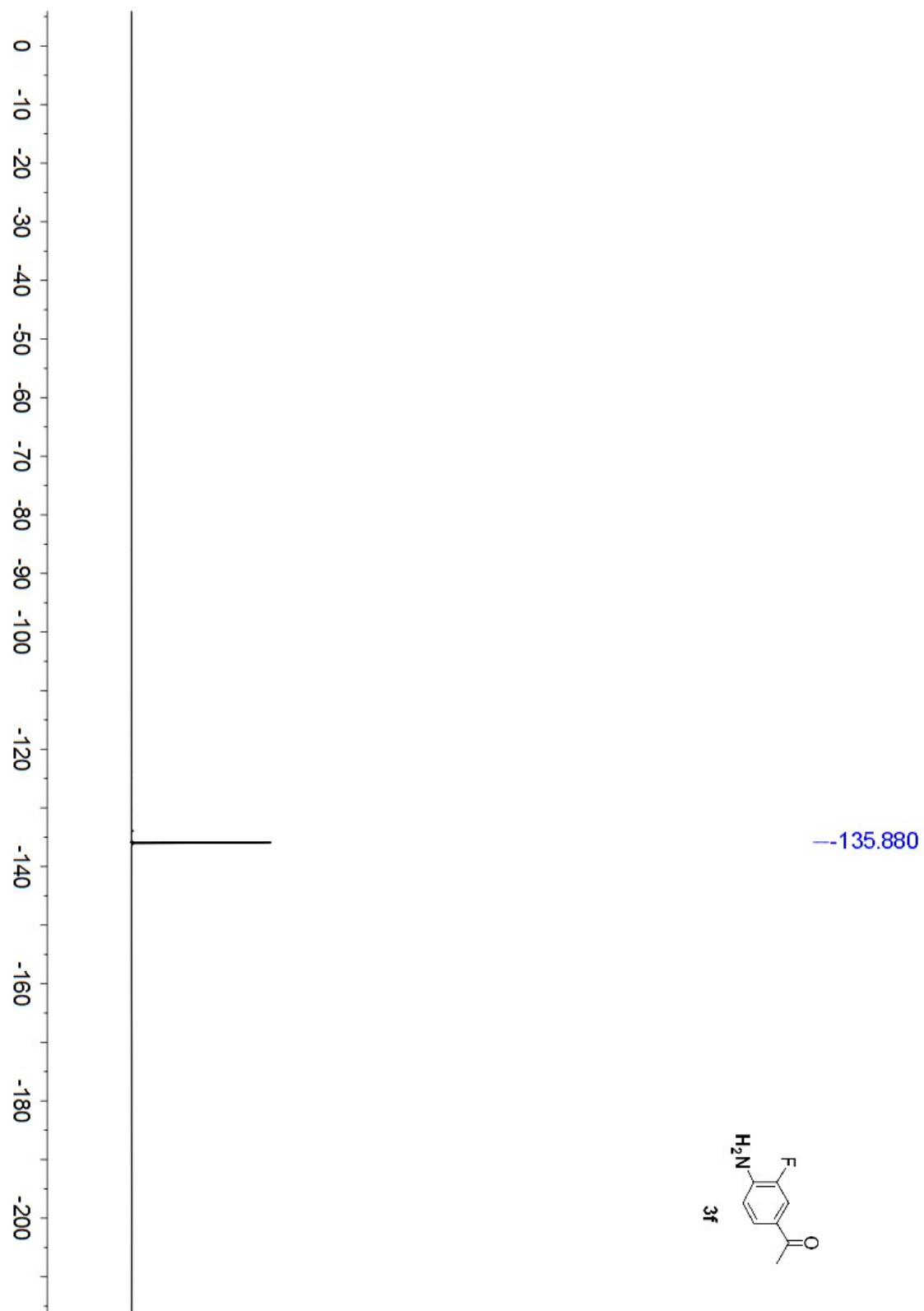
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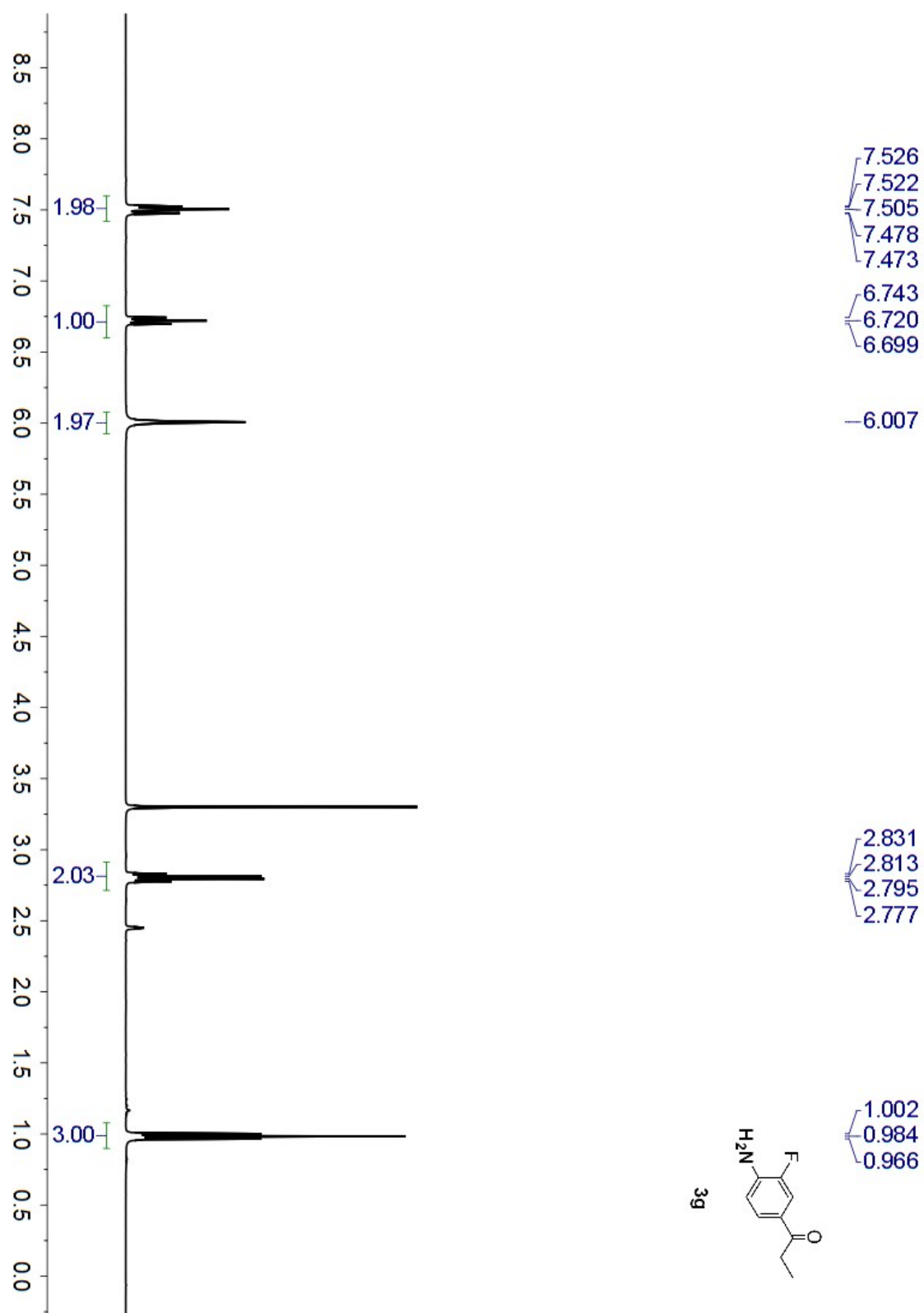


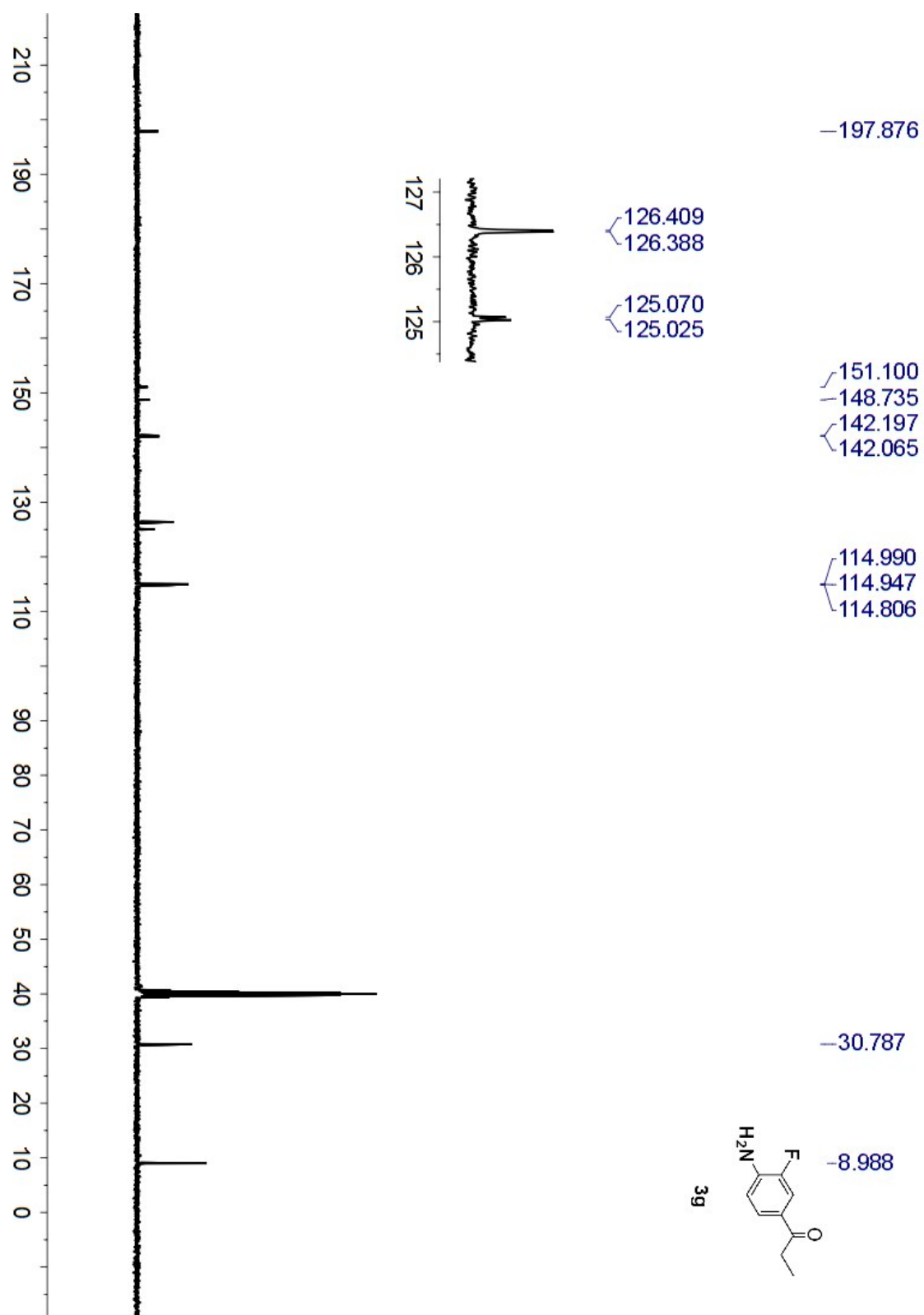


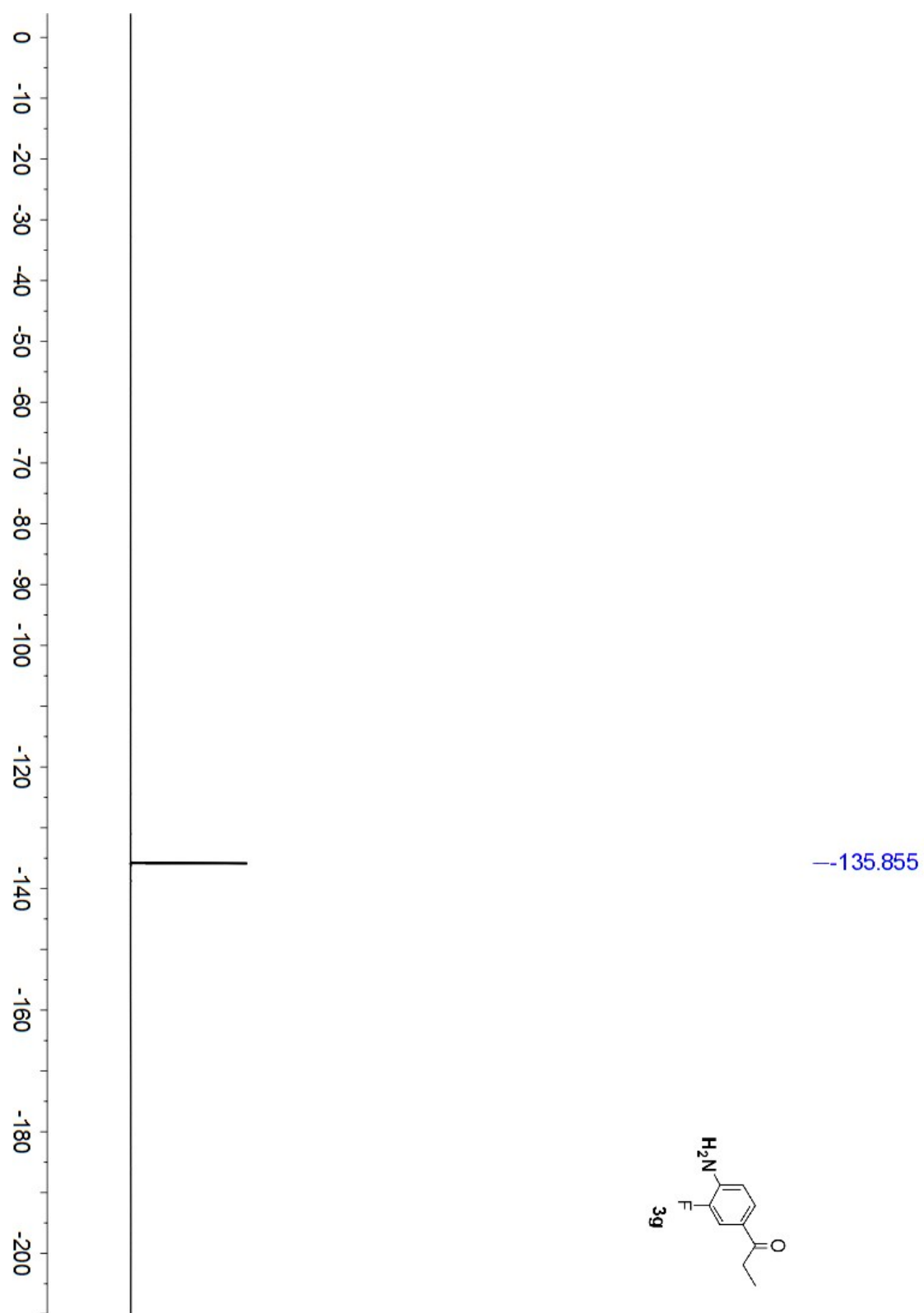


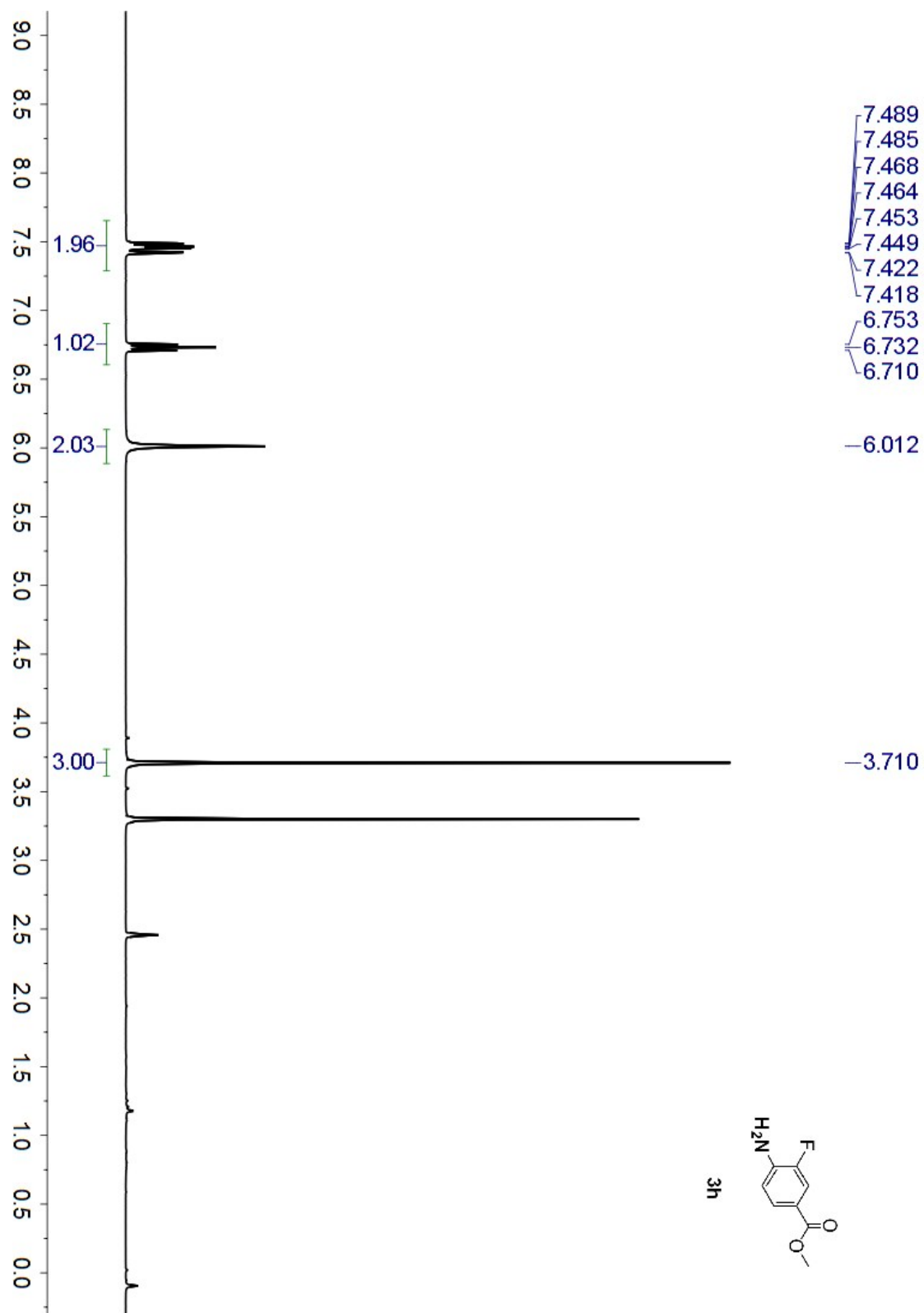


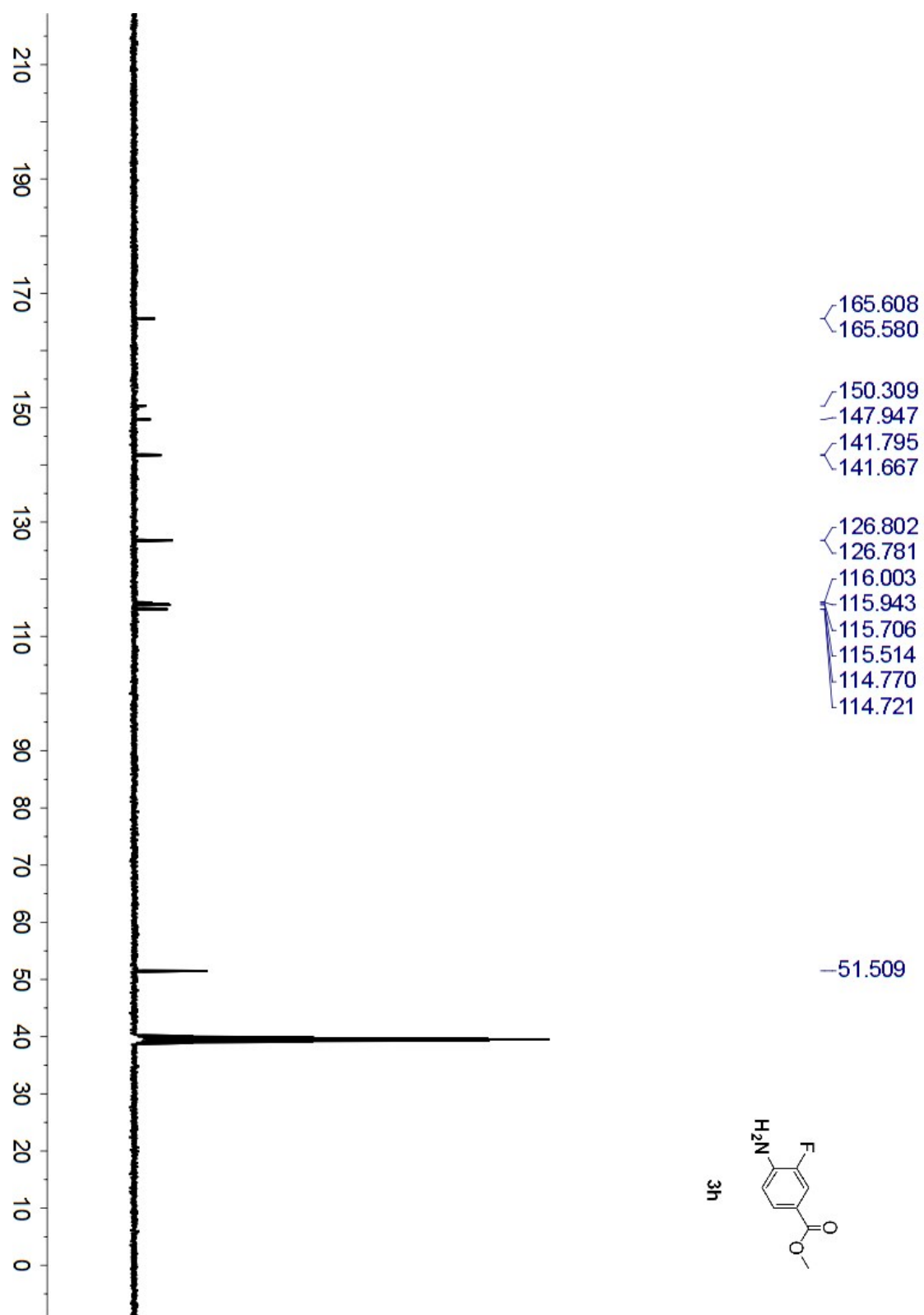




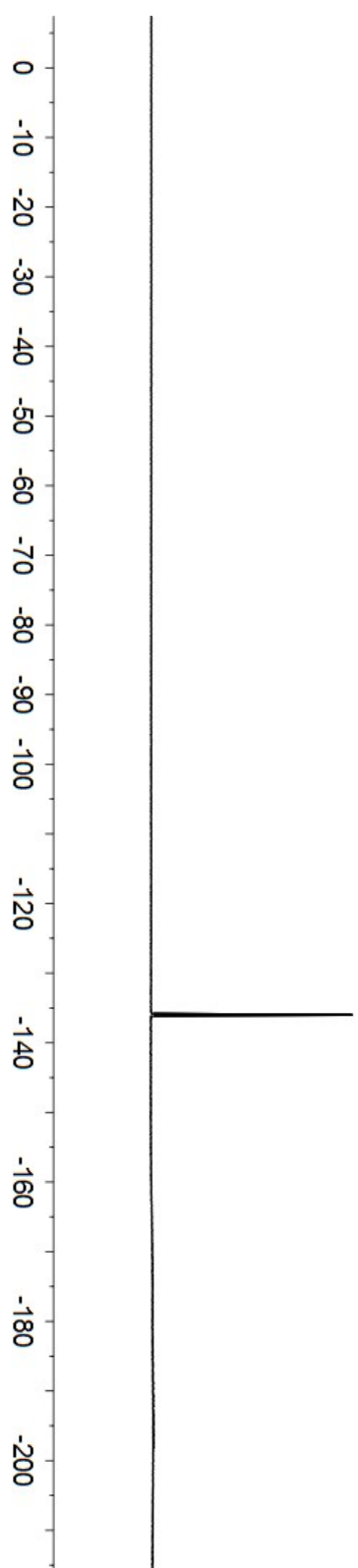
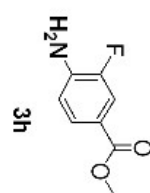


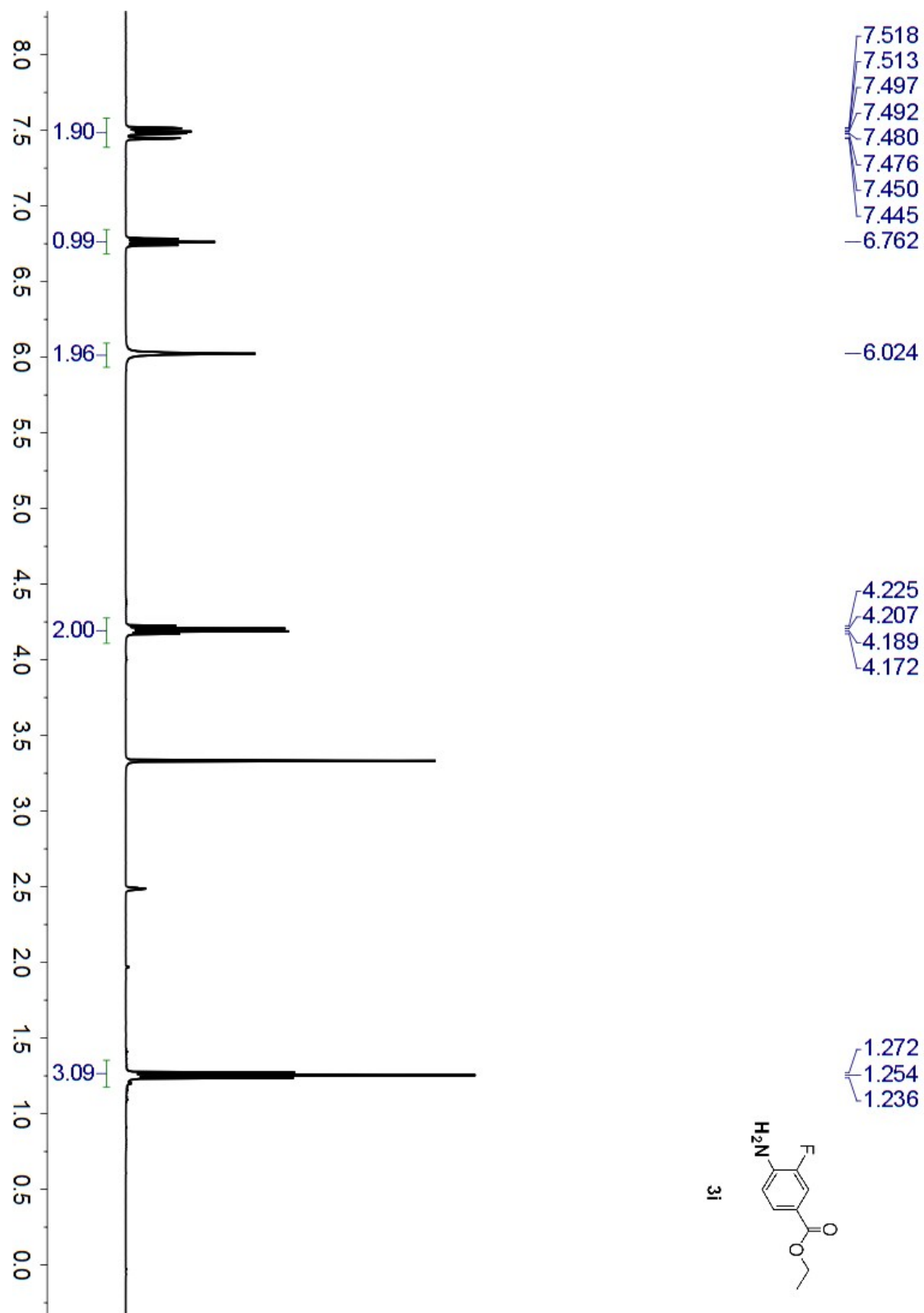


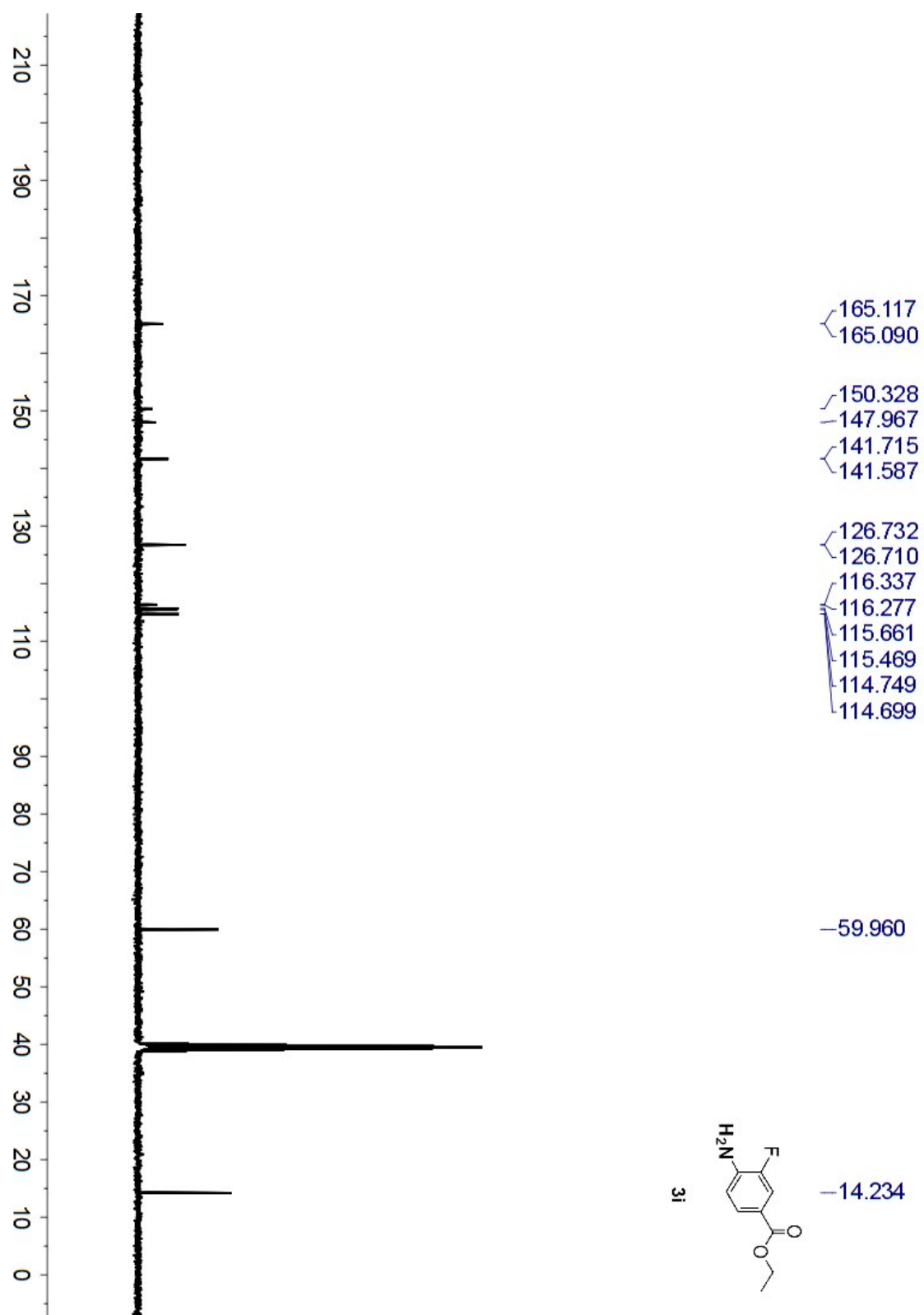


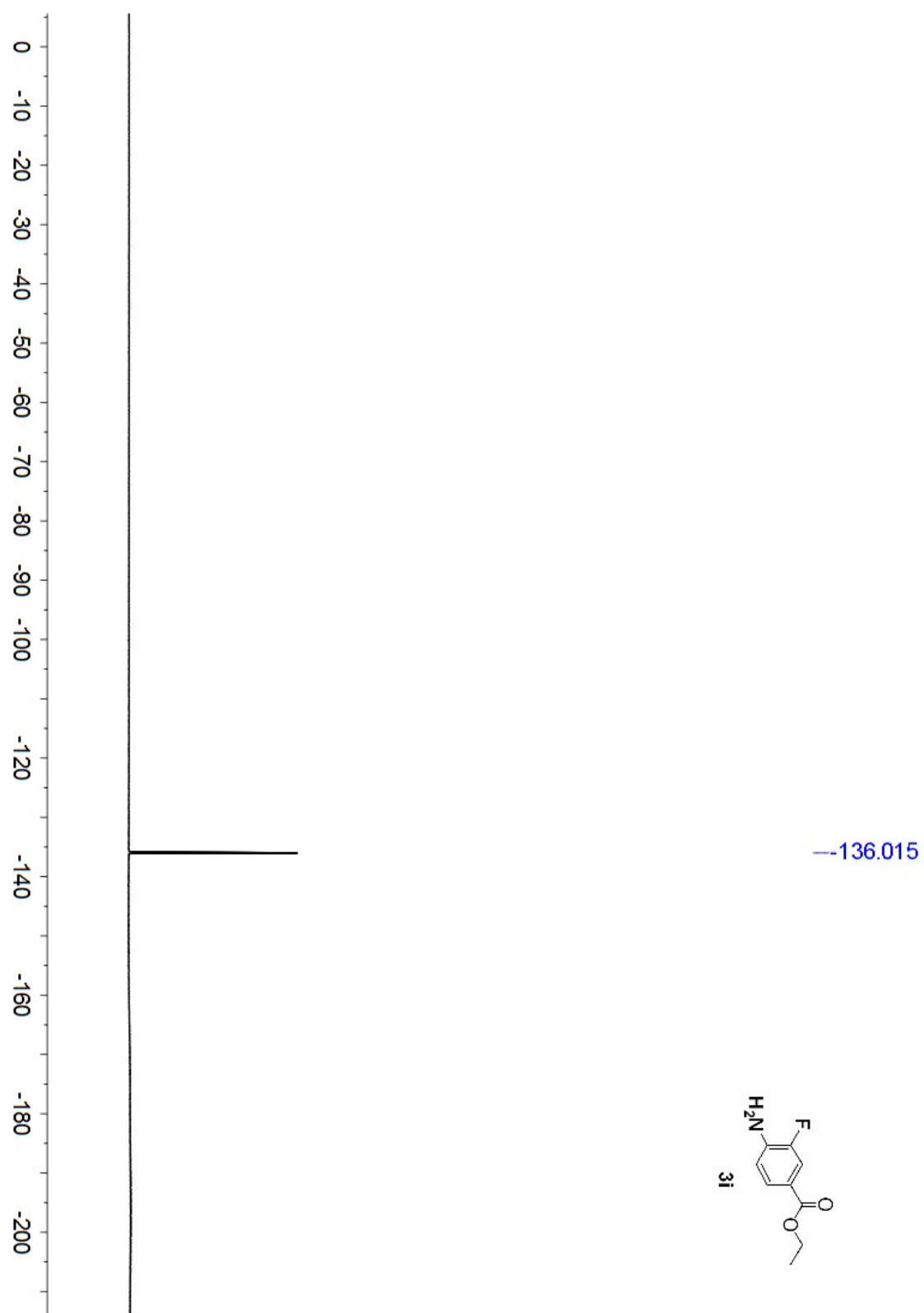


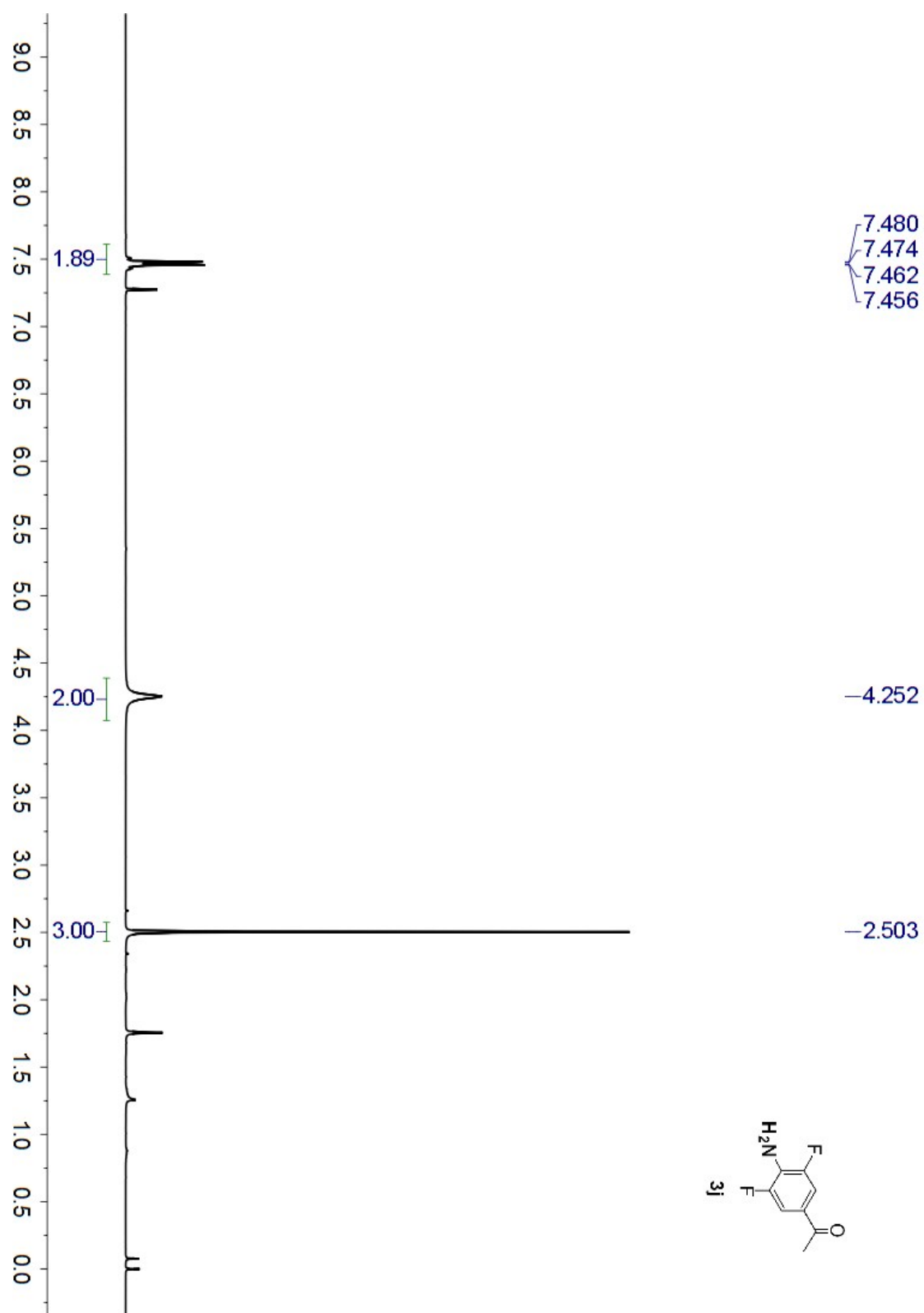
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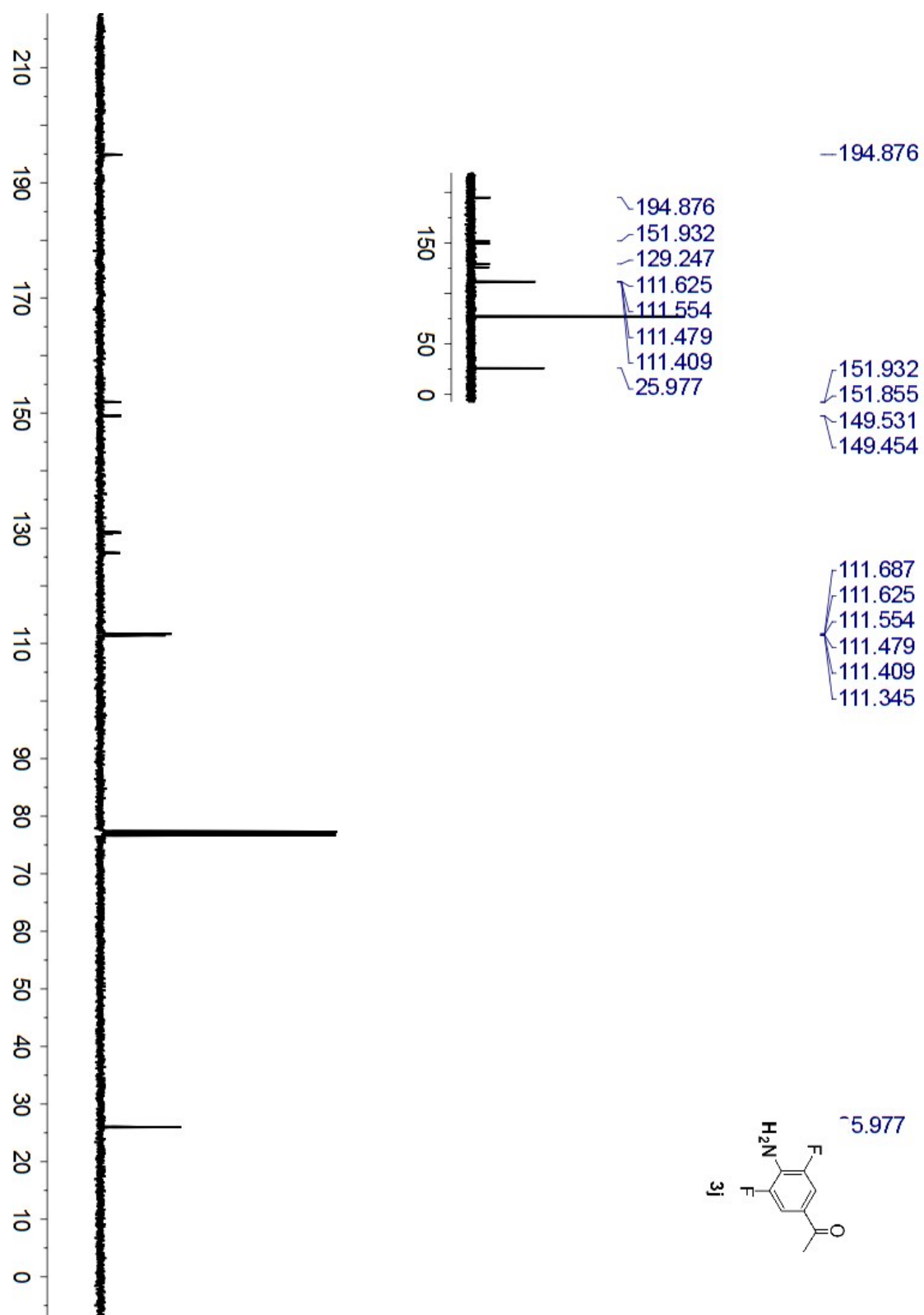












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