

Lithium pipecolinate as a facile and efficient ligand for copper-catalyzed hydroxylation of aryl halides in water

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1. General Methods:

Analytical thin layer chromatography (TLC) was performed using Merck silica gel GF254 plates. Column chromatography was performed using silica gel (200-300mesh) eluting with ethyl acetate and petroleum ether or with chloroform and methanol. All products were characterized by their NMR. ^1H NMR spectra were recorded at 400 MHz and ^{13}C NMR spectra were recorded at 100 MHz (Bruker DPX) with CDCl_3 or $\text{DMSO}-d_6$ as solvent. Chemical shifts are reported in ppm using TMS as internal standard. Gas chromatography - mass spectra (GC/MS) were recorded on an Agilent Technologies 6890 N instrument with an Agilent 5973 N mass detector (EI) and a HP5-MS 30 m \times 0.25 mm capillary apolar column (Stationary phase: 5% diphenyldimethylpolysiloxane film, 0.25 μm). GC/MS method: Initial temperature: 100 °C; Initial time: 1 min; Ramp: about 6.7 °C/min until 200 °C then 20 min.

Unless otherwise noted, all reagents were purchased from commercial suppliers and used without further purification. 1-Iodo-4-nitrobenzene¹, 1-Iodo-2-nitrobenzene¹ and 1-Chloro-4-iodobenzene² were prepared according to the reported procedures. Ligands were prepared according to literature procedure.³

2. General procedure for direct hydroxylation of aryl halides:

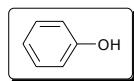
The aryl halide (1.0 mmol), NaOH (3.0 mmol), CuI (0.1 mmol), Lithium

pipecolinate **L4** (0.2 mmol), (*n*-Bu)₄NF (0.2 mmol) and water (3 mL) were put into a Teflon septum screw-capped tube and then sealed in the air. The reaction mixture was stirred at 130 °C for 24 h, then cooled to room temperature and carefully acidified with 1M HCl. After the solvent (H₂O) being removed under reduced pressure, the residue was purified by silica-gel column chromatography to afford the corresponding product. All the products were confirmed by ¹H NMR and ¹³C NMR spectroscopic analysis.

3. Experimental procedures and characterization of products:

Phenol⁴ (2a)

Following the general procedure using iodobenzene (112 µL, 1 mmol) provided 80 mg (85% yield) of the desired product as a white solid after purification by flash chromatography (eluent: ethyl acetate/petrol ether = 1/15 – 1/4).



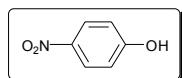
¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 5.52 (s, 1H), 6.83 (d, 2H), 6.90-6.94 (m, 1H), 7.19-7.23 (m, 2H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): 155.16, 129.74, 120.92, 115.39.

MS (EI, M/Z): 94 [M⁺].

4-Nitrophenol⁵ (2b)

Following the general procedure using 1-Iodo-4-nitrobenzene (249 mg, 1 mmol) provided 125 mg (90% yield) of the desired product as a yellow solid after purification by flash chromatography (eluent: ethyl acetate/petrol ether = 1/15 – 1/4).



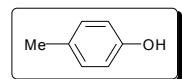
^1H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ 11.08 (br, 1H), 8.14 (d, 2H), 6.96 (d, 2H).

^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO- d_6): 164.21, 139.93, 126.36, 116.00.

MS (EI, M/Z): 139 [M $^+$].

p-Cresol⁴ (**2c**)

Following the general procedure using 4-iodotoluene (218 mg, 1 mmol) provided 85 mg (79% yield) of the desired product as a white solid after purification by flash chromatography (eluent: ethyl acetate/petrol ether = 1/15 – 1/4).



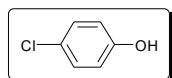
^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 6.98-7.00 (d, 2H), 6.71-6.73 (d, 2H), 5.79 (s, 1H), 2.24 (s, 3H).

^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): 152.84, 130.19, 130.18, 115.29, 20.46.

MS (EI, M/Z): 108 [M $^+$].

4-Chlorophenol⁴ (**2d**)

Following the general procedure using 1-Chloro-4-iodobenzene (238 mg, 1 mmol) provided 92 mg (72% yield) of the desired product as a white solid after purification by flash chromatography (eluent: ethyl acetate/petrol ether = 1/15 – 1/8).



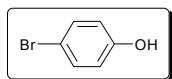
^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.17-7.20 (d, 2H), 6.75-6.77 (d, 2H), 5.40 (s, 1H).

^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): 153.65, 129.57, 125.83, 116.67.

MS (EI, M/Z): 128 [M $^+$].

4-Bromophenol⁴ (2e)

Following the general procedure using 4-iodobromobenzene (282 mg, 1 mmol) provided 138 mg (80% yield) of the desired product as a brown solid after purification by flash chromatography (eluent: ethyl acetate/petrol ether = 1/15 – 1/4).



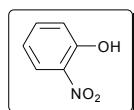
^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.32-7.34 (d, 2H), 6.71-6.73 (d, 2H), 5.13 (s, 1H).

^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): 154.16, 132.51, 117.19, 113.11.

MS (EI, M/Z): 173 [M $^+$].

o-Nitrophenol^{6,7} (2f)

Following the general procedure using 1-Iodo-2-nitrobenzene (249 mg, 1 mmol) provided 118 mg (85% yield) of the desired product as a yellow solid after purification by flash chromatography (eluent: ethyl acetate/petrol ether = 1/15 – 1/4).

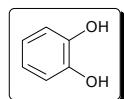


^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 10.59 (s, 1H), 8.10-8.12 (m, 1H), 7.57-7.61 (m, 1H), 7.15-7.18 (m, 1H), 6.98-7.02 (m, 1H).
 ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): 154.99, 137.46, 133.55, 124.94, 120.12, 119.84.

MS (EI, M/Z): 139 [M $^+$].

Catechol^{8,9} (**2g**)

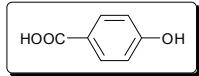
Following the general procedure using 2-Iodophenol (220 mg, 1 mmol) provided 84 mg (76% yield) of the desired product as a white solid after purification by flash chromatography (eluent: ethyl acetate/petrol ether = 1/15-1/2).



^1H NMR (400 MHz, $\text{DMSO}-d_6$): δ 8.80 (s, 2H), 6.72-6.76 (m, 2H), 6.59-6.63 (m, 2H).
 ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, $\text{DMSO}-d_6$): 145.19, 119.48, 115.75.
MS (EI, M/Z): 110 [M $^+$].

4-Hydroxybenzoic acid¹⁰ (**2h**)

Following the general procedure using 4-Iodobenzoic acid (248 mg, 1 mmol) provided 99 mg (72% yield) of the desired product as a white solid after purification by flash chromatography (eluent: chloroform/methanol = 20/1-5/1).

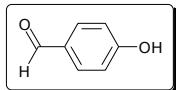


¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ 12.44 (br, 1H), 10.23 (s, 1H), 7.81-7.83 (d, 2H), 6.83-6.86 (d, 2H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): 167.21, 161.56, 131.54, 121.35, 115.09.
MS (EI, M/Z): 138 [M⁺].

4-Hydroxybenzaldehyde¹¹ (**2i**)

Following the general procedure using 4-Iodobenzaldehyde (232 mg, 1 mmol) provided 85 mg (70% yield) of the desired product as a white yellow solid after purification by flash chromatography (eluent: ethyl acetate/petrol ether = 1/15-1/4).

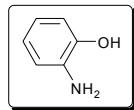


¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ 10.61 (s, 1H), 9.80 (s, 1H), 7.76-7.79 (d, 2H), 6.94-6.96 (s, 2H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): 190.77, 163.28, 132.02, 128.40, 115.79.
MS (EI, M/Z): 122 [M⁺].

2-Aminophenol^{12,13} (**2j**)

Following the general procedure using 2-Iodoaniline (219 mg, 1 mmol) provided 81 mg (74% yield) of the desired product as a white solid after purification by flash chromatography (eluent: ethyl acetate/petrol ether = 1/15-1/2).



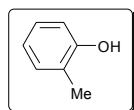
¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ 8.92 (s, 1H), 6.62-6.64 (m, 1H), 6.51-6.59 (m, 2H), 6.36-6.40 (m, 1H), 4.45 (s, 2H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): 144.36, 136.84, 119.91, 116.89, 114.87, 114.78.

MS (EI, M/Z): 109 [M⁺].

o-Cresol⁴ (**2k**)

Following the general procedure using o-bromotoluene (120 μL, 1 mmol) provided 65 mg (60% yield) of the desired product as a white solid after purification by flash chromatography (eluent: ethyl acetate/petrol ether = 1/15 – 1/4).



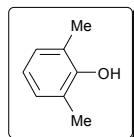
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¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): 153.62, 131.06, 127.11, 123.89, 120.81, 114.95, 15.73.

MS (EI, M/Z): 108 [M⁺].

2,6-Dimethylphenol^{14,15} (**2l**)

Following the general procedure using 2-bromo-m-xylene (133 µL, 1 mmol) provided 55 mg (45% yield) of the desired product as a white solid after purification by flash chromatography (eluent: ethyl acetate/petrol ether = 1/15 – 1/4).



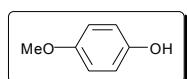
¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 6.97-6.98 (d, 2H), 6.74-6.77 (t, 1H), 4.59 (s, 1H), 2.25 (s, 6H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): 152.13, 128.60, 123.03, 120.23, 15.82.

MS (EI, M/Z): 122 [M⁺].

4-Methoxyphenol⁴ (**2m**)

Following the general procedure using 4-bromoanisole (125 µL, 1 mmol) provided 77 mg (62% yield) of the desired product as a white solid after purification by flash chromatography (eluent: ethyl acetate/petrol ether = 1/15 – 1/4).



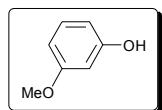
¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 6.76 (d, 4H), 6.00 (s, 1H), 3.74 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): 153.41, 149.46, 116.13, 114.97, 55.88.

MS (EI, M/Z): 124 [M⁺].

m-Methoxyphenol⁴ (2n)

Following the general procedure using 3-bromoanisole (127 μL, 1 mmol) provided 74 mg (60% yield) of the desired product as an oil after purification by flash chromatography (eluent: ethyl acetate/petrol ether = 1/15 – 1/4).



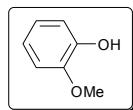
¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.08-7.12 (m, 1H), 6.41-6.50 (m, 3H), 6.29 (s, 1H), 3.72 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): 160.56, 156.58, 130.35, 108.21, 106.63, 101.67, 55.32.

MS (EI, M/Z): 124 [M⁺].

2-Methoxyphenol^{14,15} (2o)

Following the general procedure using 2-bromoanisole (125 μL, 1 mmol) provided 62 mg (50% yield) of the desired product as a white solid after purification by flash chromatography (eluent: ethyl acetate/petrol ether = 1/15 – 1/4).



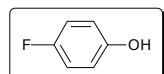
^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 6.92-6.94 (m, 1H), 6.84-6.89 (m, 3H), 5.69 (s, 1H), 3.86 (s, 3H).

^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): 146.64, 145.65, 121.43, 120.17, 114.63, 110.82, 55.79.

MS (EI, M/Z): 124 [M $^+$].

4-Fluorophenol⁴ (2p)

Following the general procedure using 1-bromo-4-fluorobenzene (110 μL , 1 mmol) provided 73 mg (65% yield) of the desired product as a white solid after purification by flash chromatography (eluent: ethyl acetate/petrol ether = 1/15 – 1/4).



^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 6.90-6.94 (m, 2H), 6.75-6.79 (m, 2H), 5.48 (s, 1H).

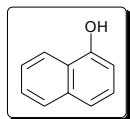
^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): 158.56, 156.19, 150.89, 116.36, 116.28, 116.18, 115.95.

MS (EI, M/Z): 112 [M $^+$].

1-Naphthol¹⁵ (2q)

Following the general procedure using 1-bromonaphthalene (139 μL , 1 mmol) provided 89 mg (62% yield) of the desired product as a white

solid after purification by flash chromatography (eluent: ethyl acetate/petrol ether = 1/15 – 1/4).



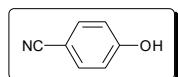
^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 8.15-8.18 (m, 1H), 7.79-7.81 (m, 1H), 7.42-7.49 (m, 3H), 7.27-7.30 (m, 1H), 6.77-6.79 (m, 1H), 5.29 (s, 1H).

^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): 151.21, 134.77, 127.75, 126.51, 125.90, 125.39, 124.37, 121.51, 120.83, 108.83.

MS (EI, M/Z): 144 [M $^+$].

4-Hydroxybenzonitrile⁵ (2r)

Following the general procedure using 4-bromobenzonitrile (182 mg, 1.0 mmol) provided 95 mg (80% yield) of the desired product as a white solid after purification by flash chromatography (eluent: ethyl acetate/petrol ether = 1/15 – 1/4).



^1H NMR (400 MHz, $\text{DMSO}-d_6$): δ 10.64 (s, 1H), 7.64-7.66 (d, 2H), 6.91-6.93 (d, 2H).

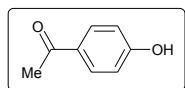
^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, $\text{DMSO}-d_6$): 161.95, 134.50, 119.85, 116.72, 101.38.

MS (EI, M/Z): 119 [M $^+$].

4'-Hydroxyacetophenone⁵ (2s)

Following the general procedure using 4'-bromoacetophenone (199 mg, 1

mmol) provided 102 mg (75% yield) of the desired product as a white solid after purification by flash chromatography (eluent: ethyl acetate/petrol ether = 1/15 – 1/4).



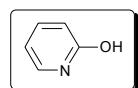
¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.12 (s, 1H), 7.91-7.93 (d, 2H), 6.95-6.97 (d, 2H), 2.60 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): 199.13, 161.73, 131.26, 129.19, 115.57, 26.19.

MS (EI, M/Z): 136 [M⁺].

2-Hydroxypyridine^{16,17} (**2t**)

Following the general procedure using 2-bromopyridine (97 µL, 1 mmol) provided 71 mg (75% yield) of the desired product as a white solid after purification by flash chromatography (eluent: chloroform/methanol = 20/1).



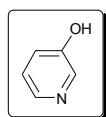
¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d₆): δ 7.37-7.42 (m, 1H), 7.33-7.35 (m, 1H), 6.28-6.31 (m, 1H), 6.12-6.15 (m, 1H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-d₆): 162.97, 141.42, 135.83, 120.33, 105.39.

MS (EI, M/Z): 95 [M⁺].

3-Hydroxypyridine^{16,18} (**2u**)

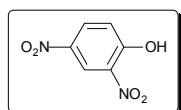
Following the general procedure using 3-bromopyridine (96 µL, 1 mmol) provided 70 mg (74% yield) of the desired product as a pale yellow after purification by flash chromatography (eluent: chloroform/methanol = 20/1).



¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ 9.89 (s, 1H), 8.14-8.15 (dd, 1H), 8.02-8.04 (dd, 1H), 7.14-7.22 (m, 2H).
¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): 154.08, 140.54, 138.32, 124.46, 122.42.
MS (EI, M/Z): 95 [M⁺].

2,4-Dinitrophenol¹⁹ (**2v**)

Following the general procedure using 2,4-dinitrochlorobenzene (203 mg, 1 mmol) provided 129 mg (70% yield) of the desired product as a light yellow solid after purification by flash chromatography (eluent: ethyl acetate/petrol ether = 1/15 – 1/4).



¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 11.04 (s, 1H), 9.08 (d, 1H), 8.46-8.49 (dd, 1H), 7.34-7.37 (d, 1H).
¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): 158.96, 140.17, 132.50, 131.57, 121.81, 121.18.

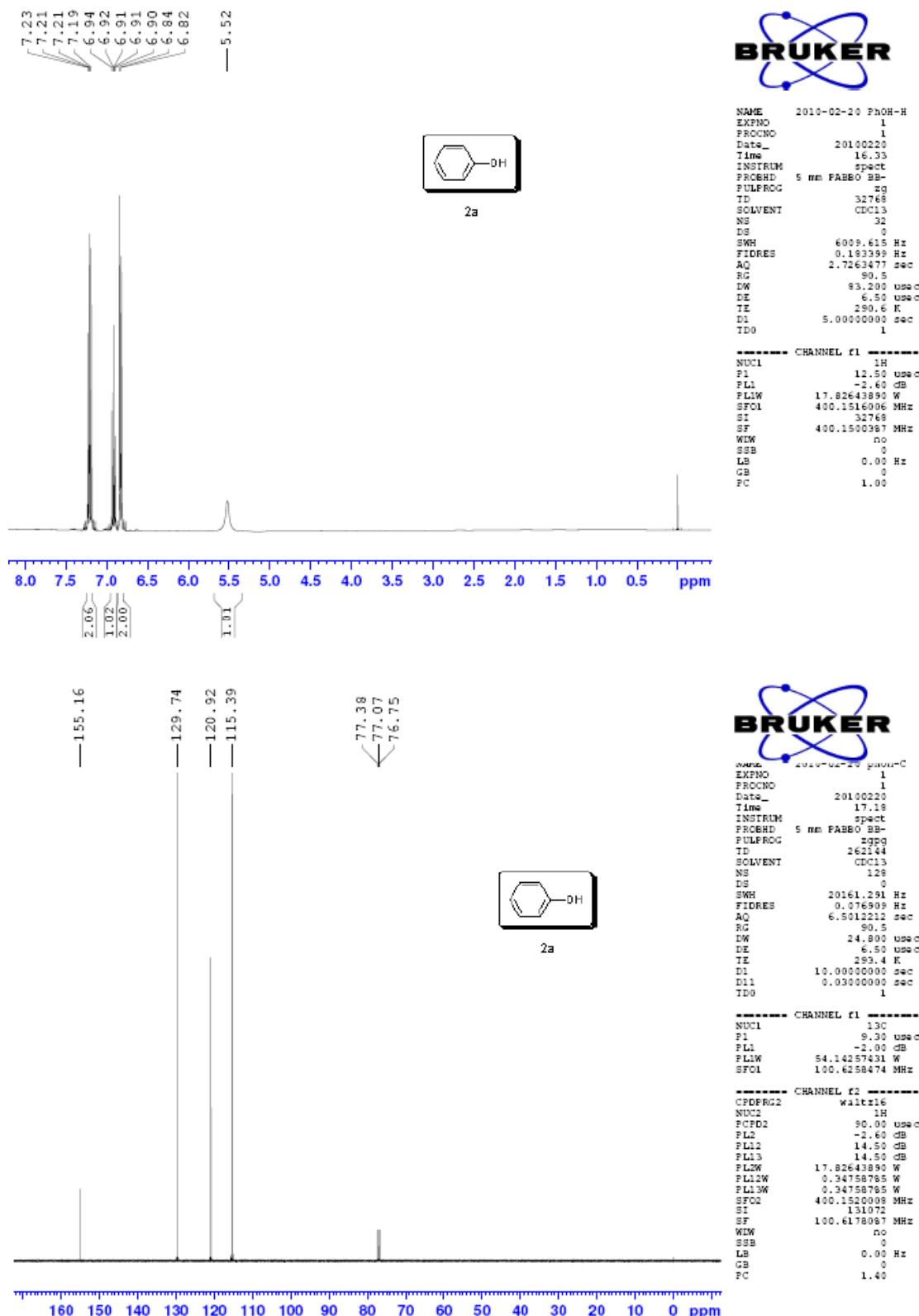
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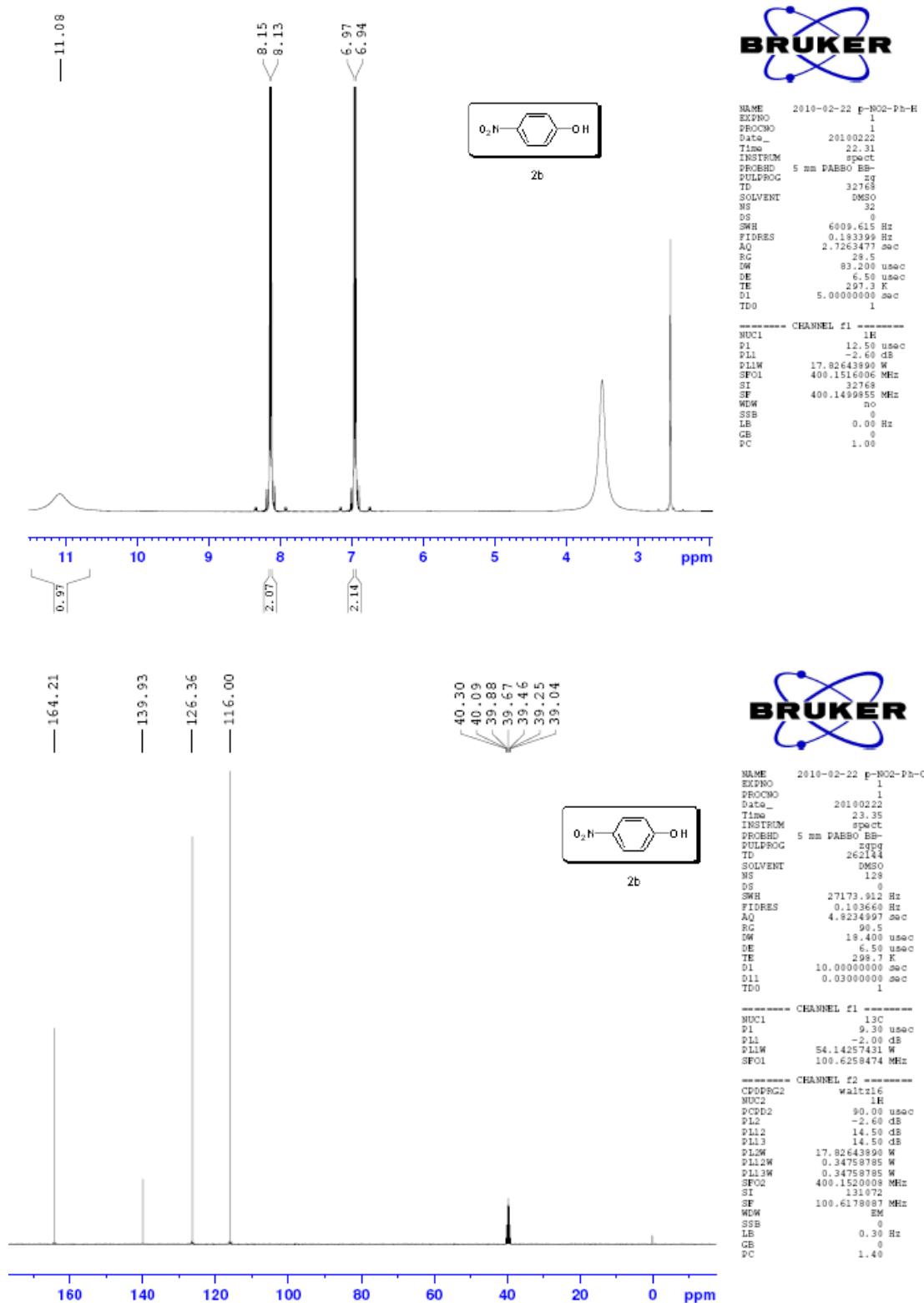
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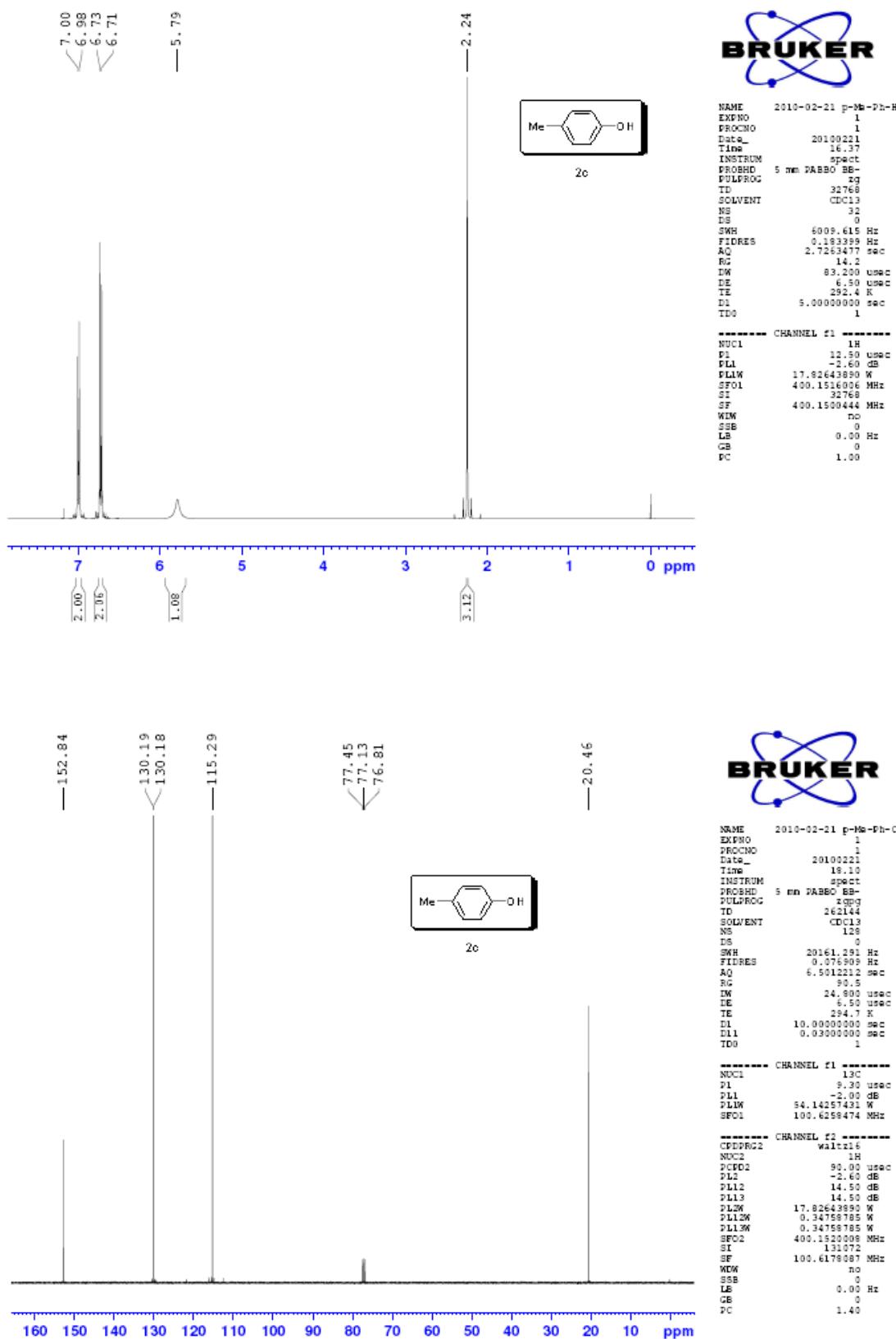
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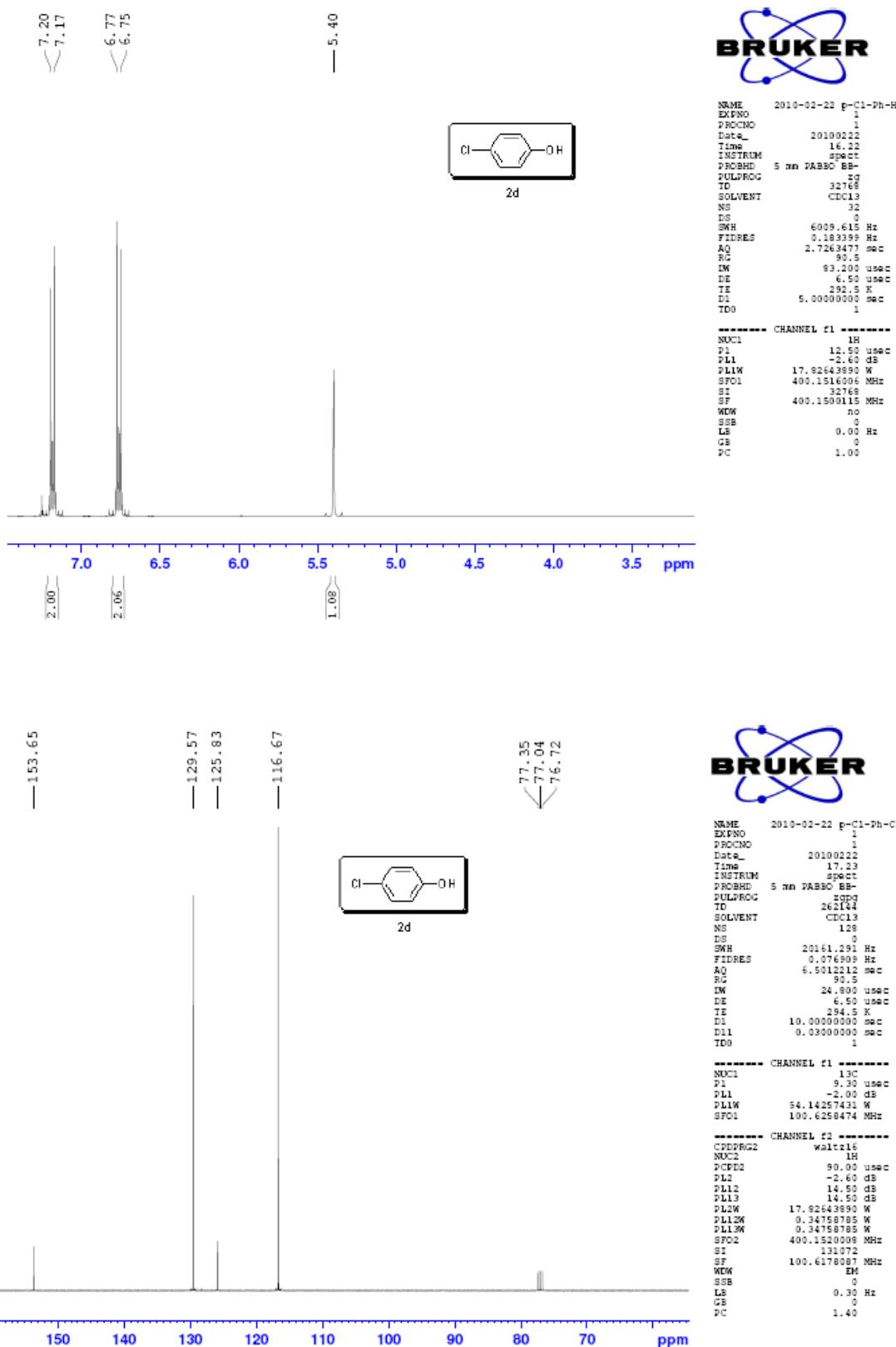
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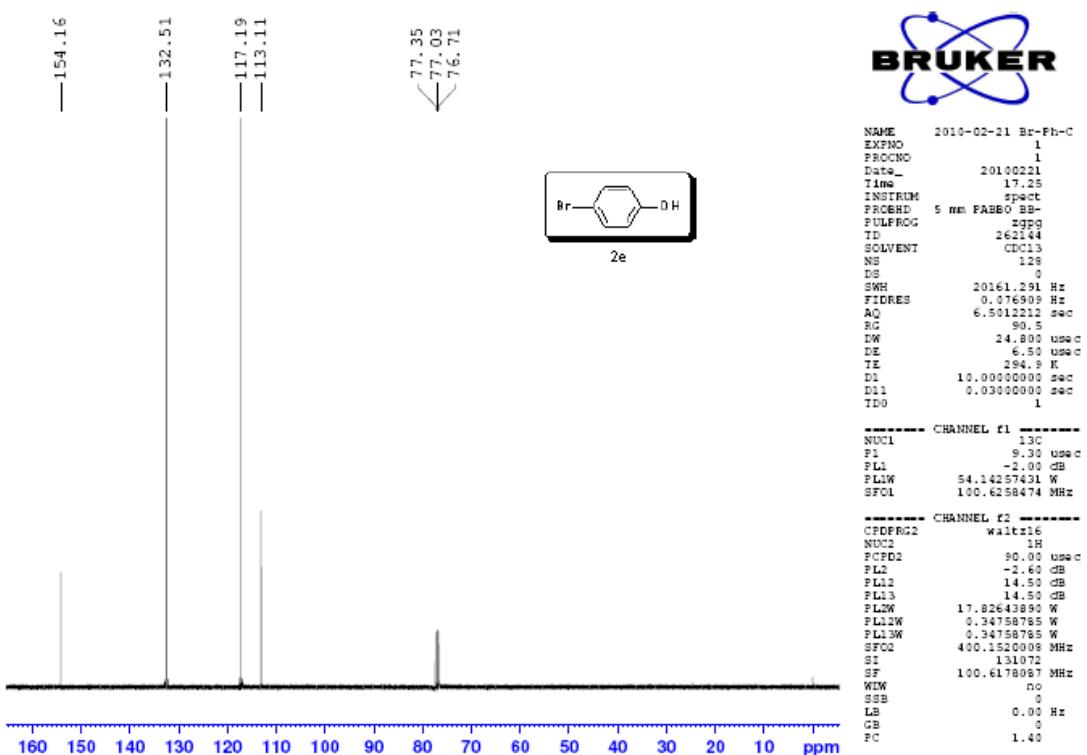
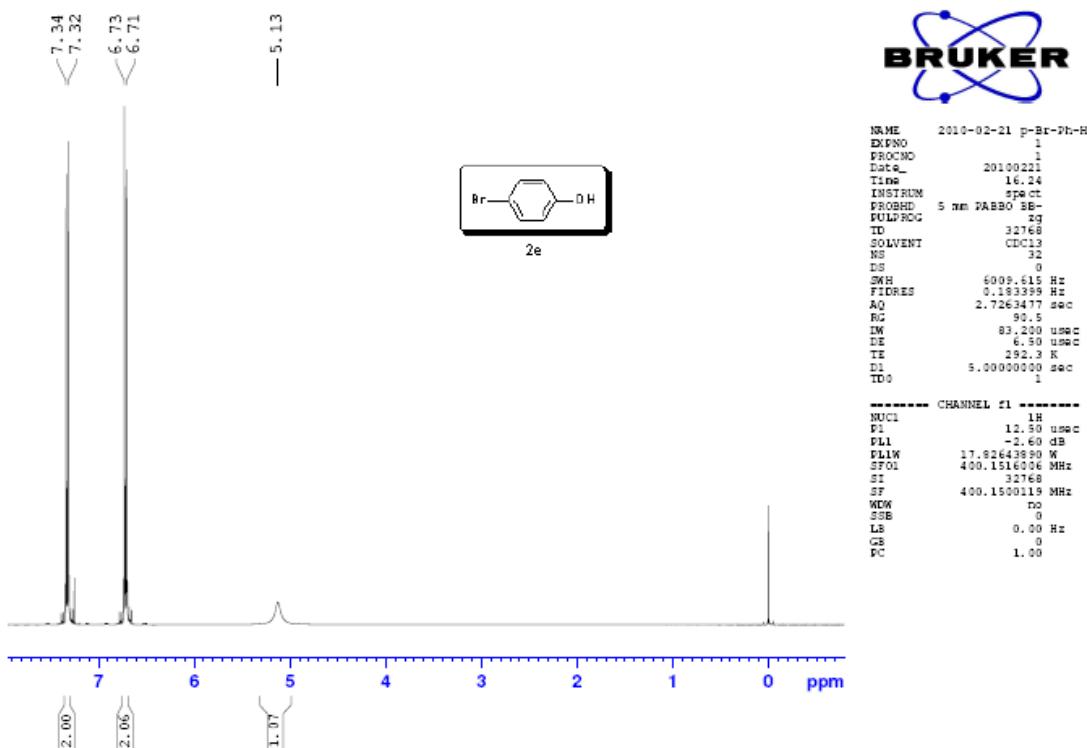
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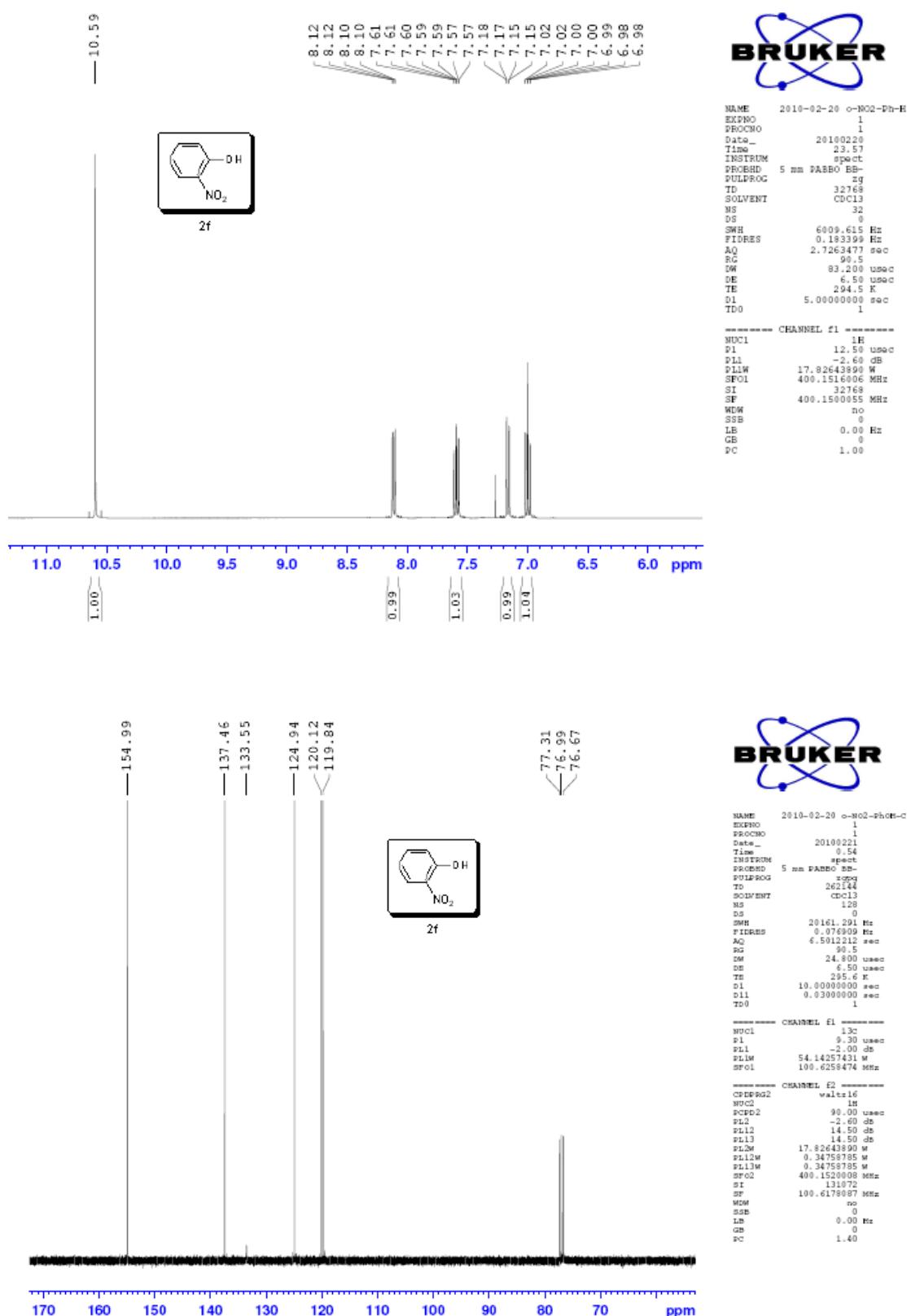
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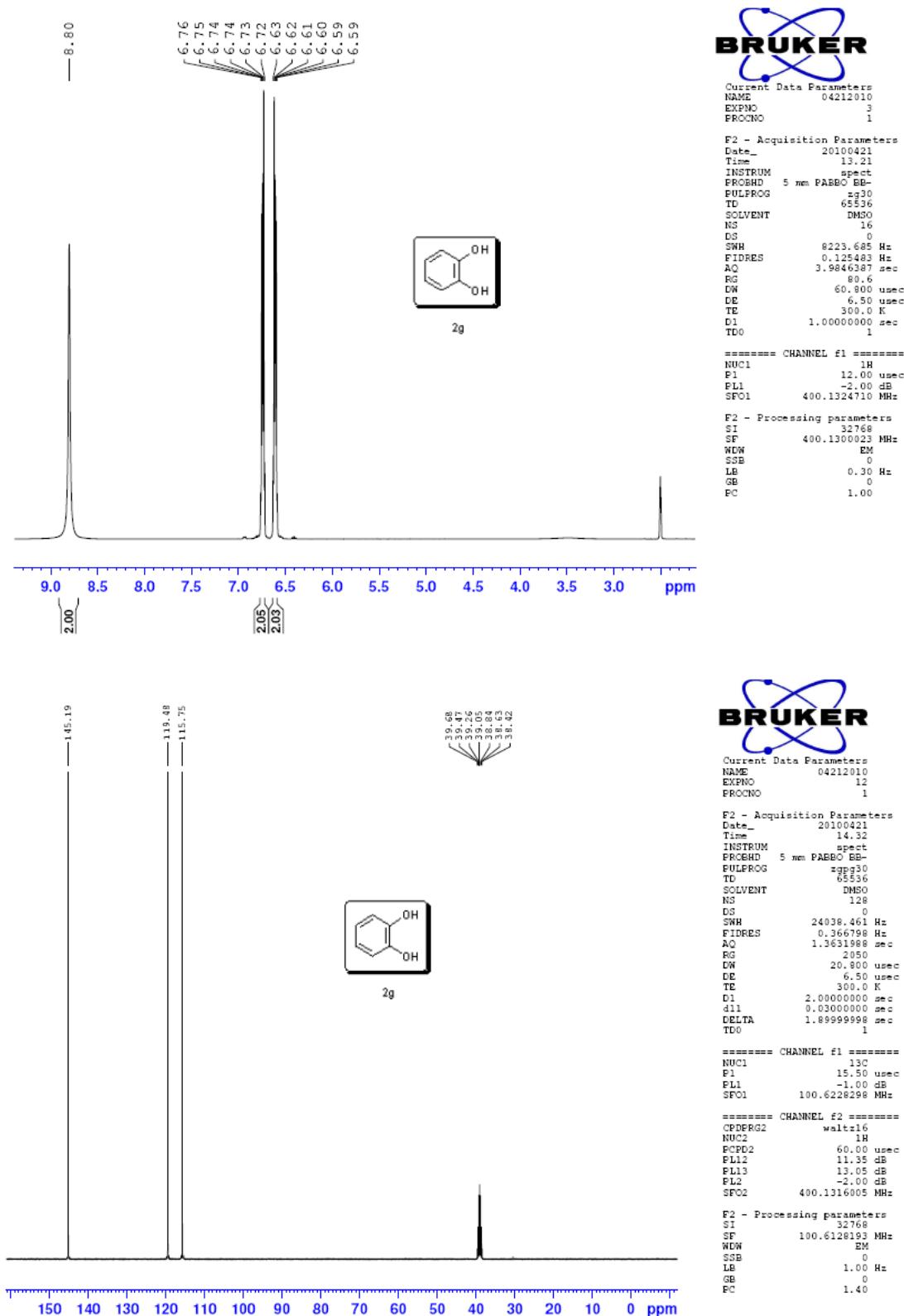


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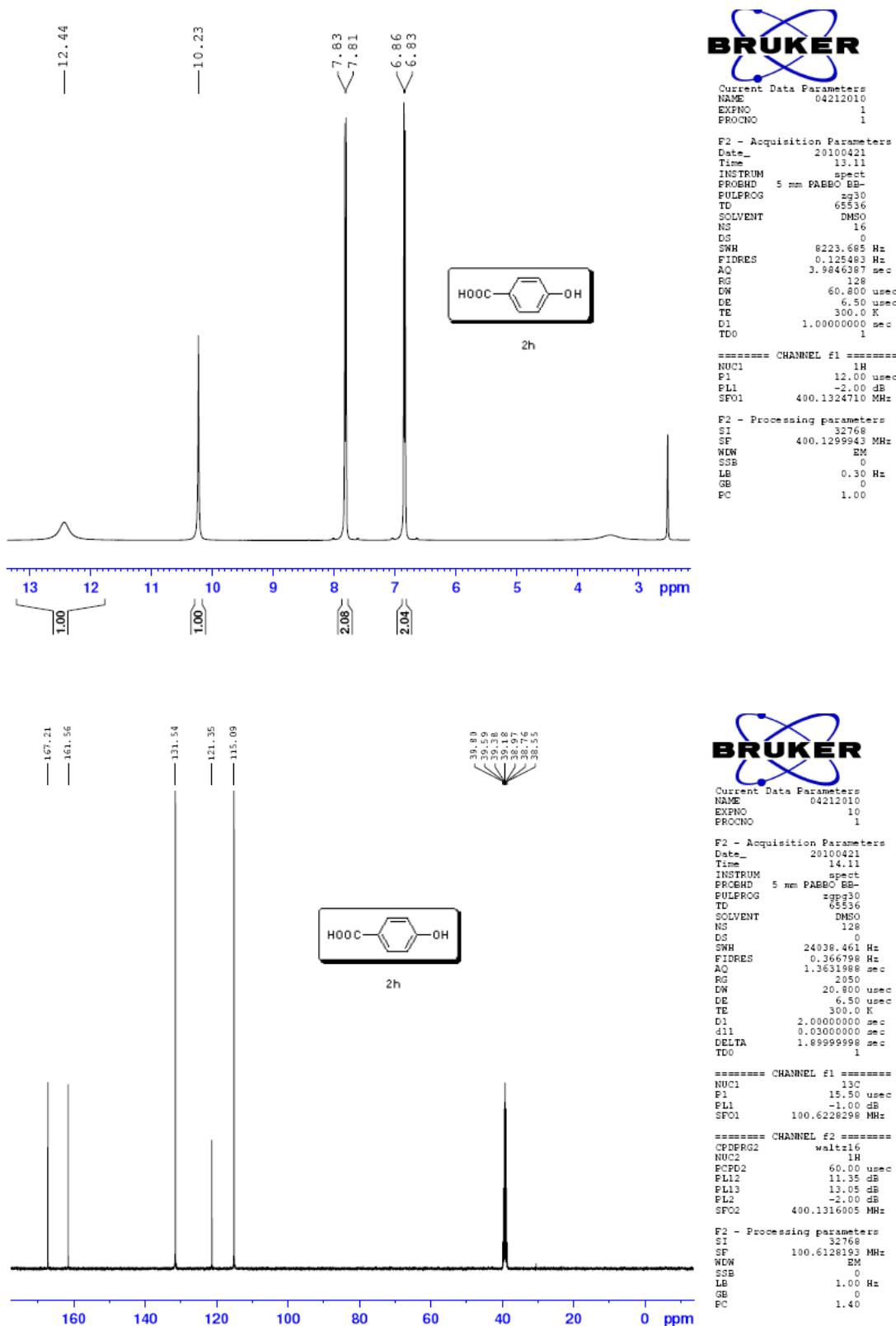


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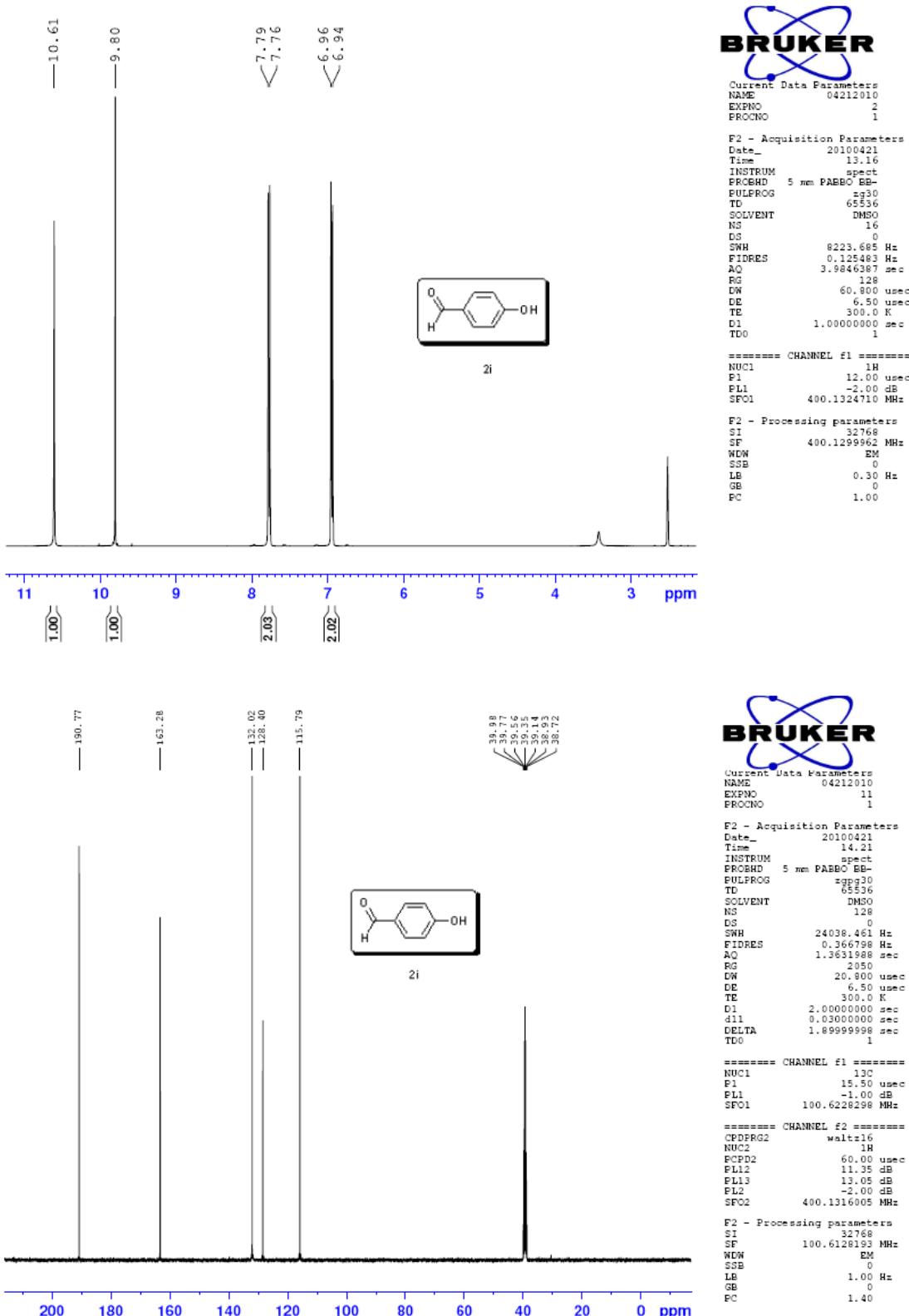




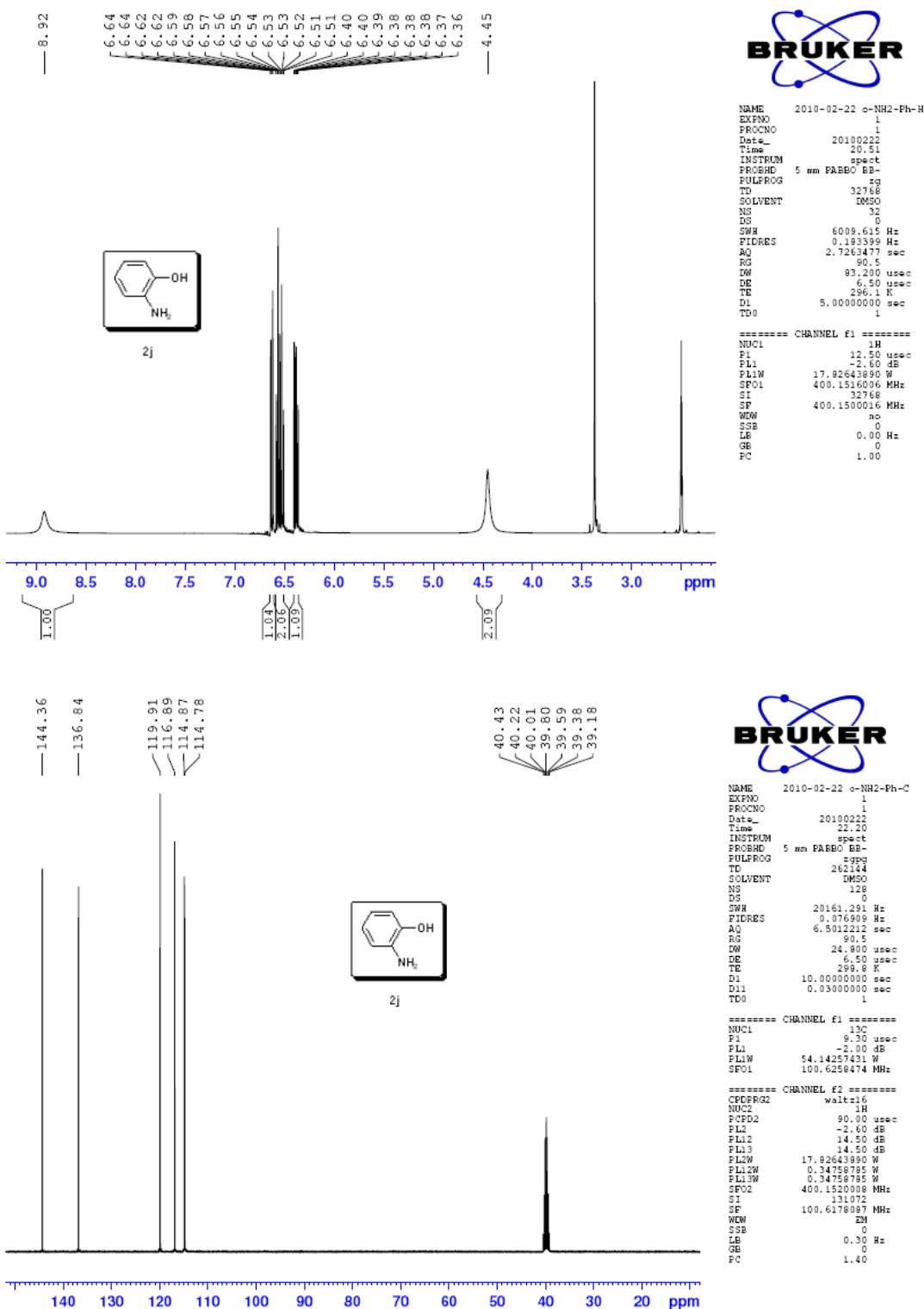
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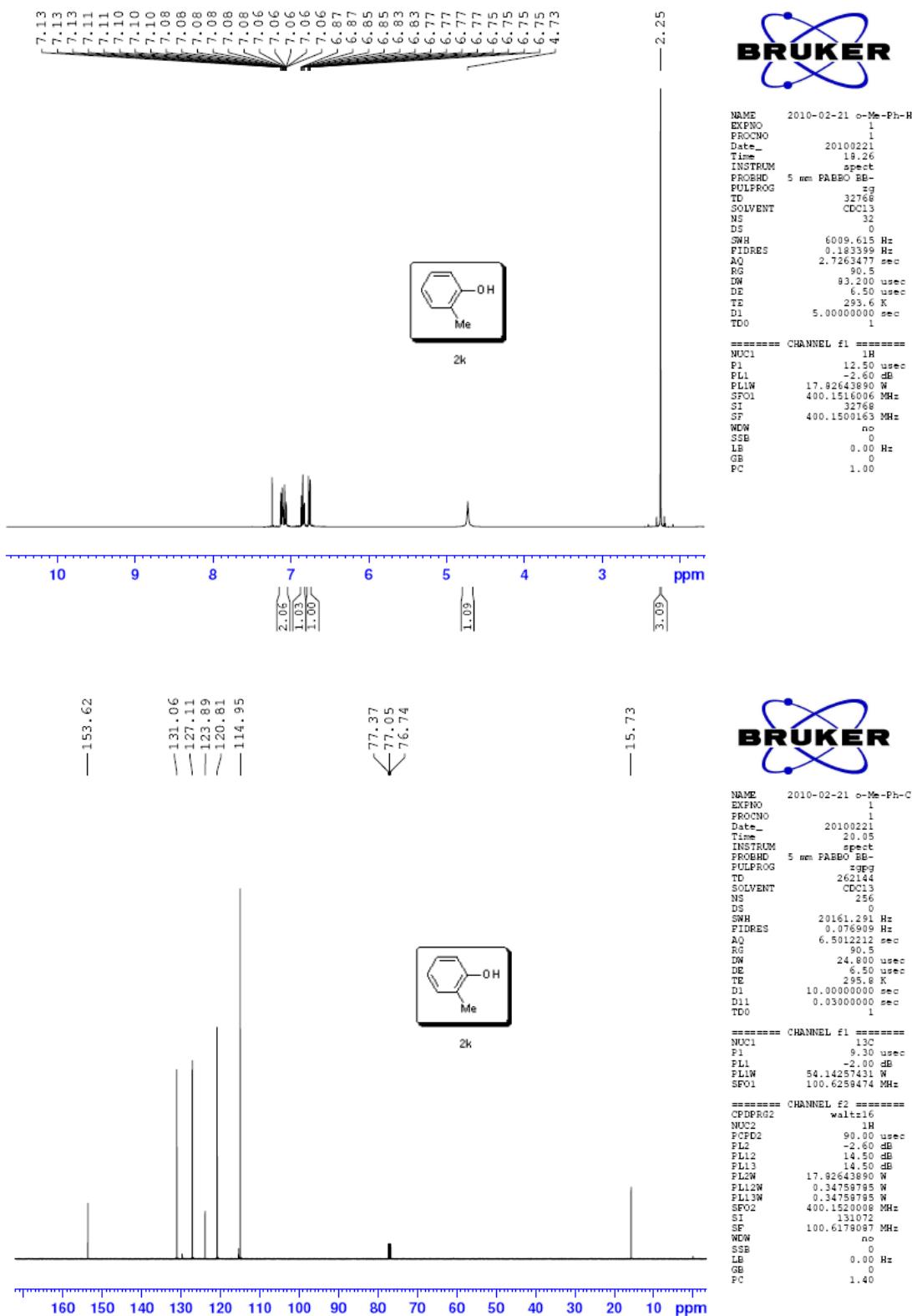
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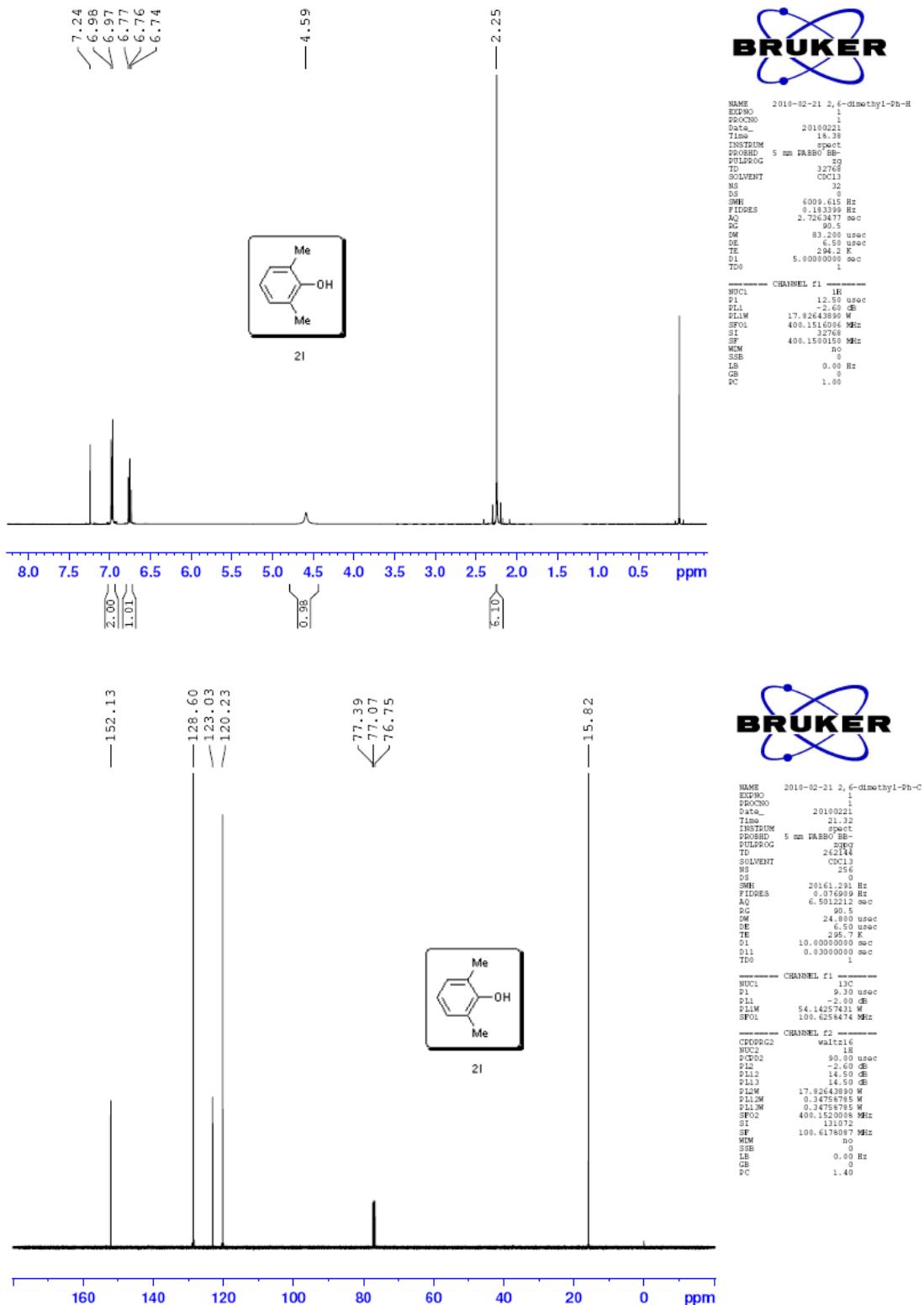
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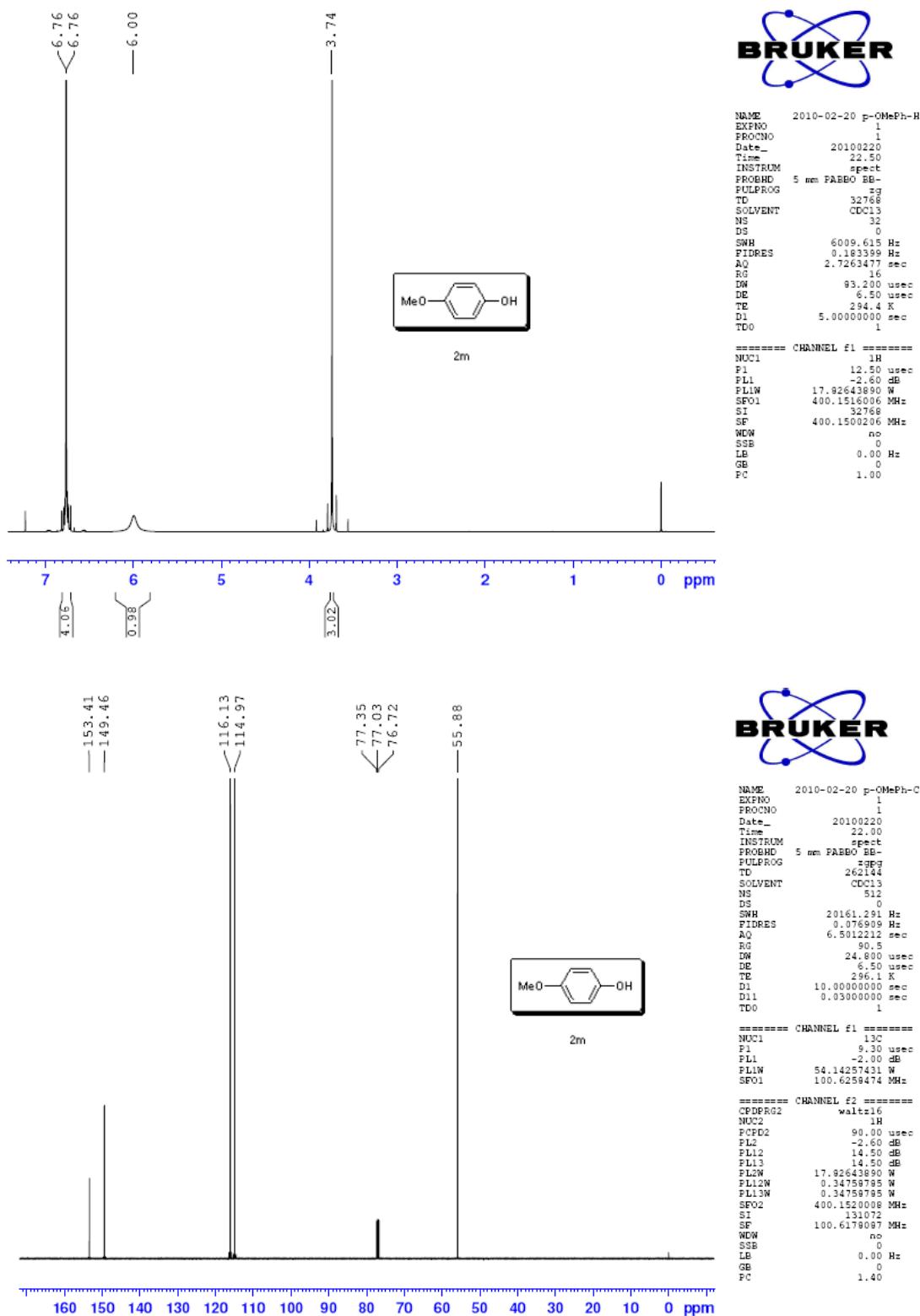
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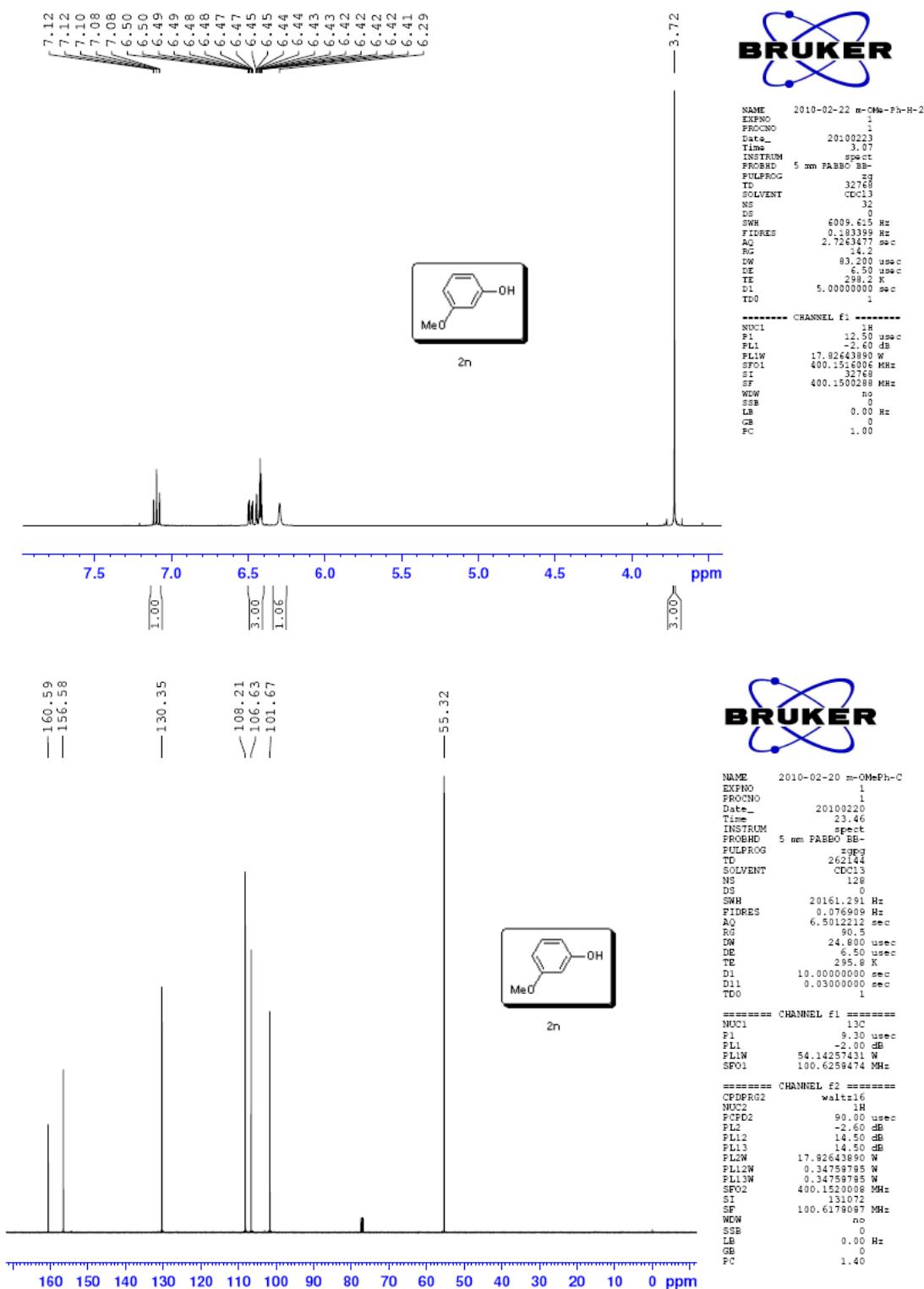
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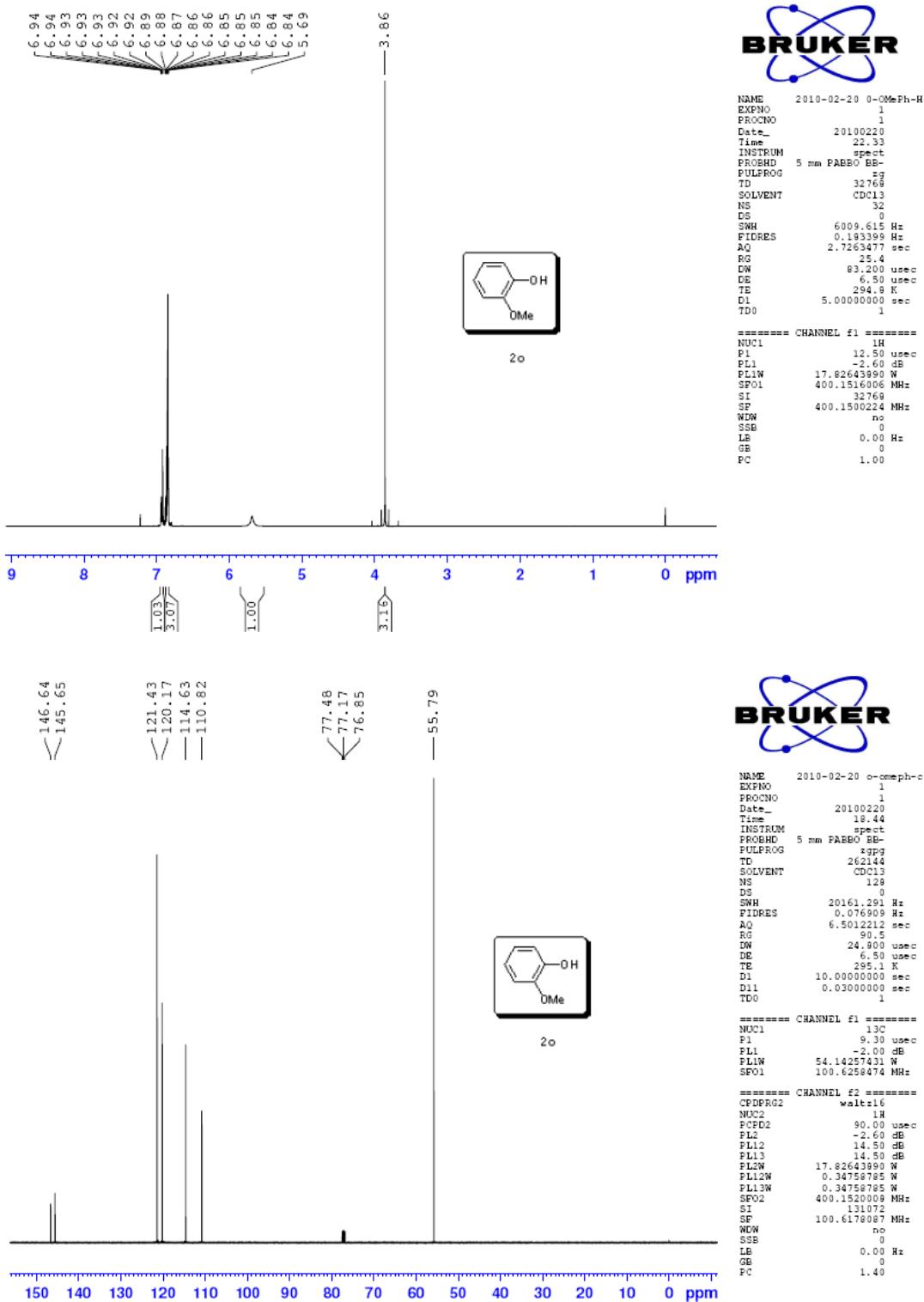
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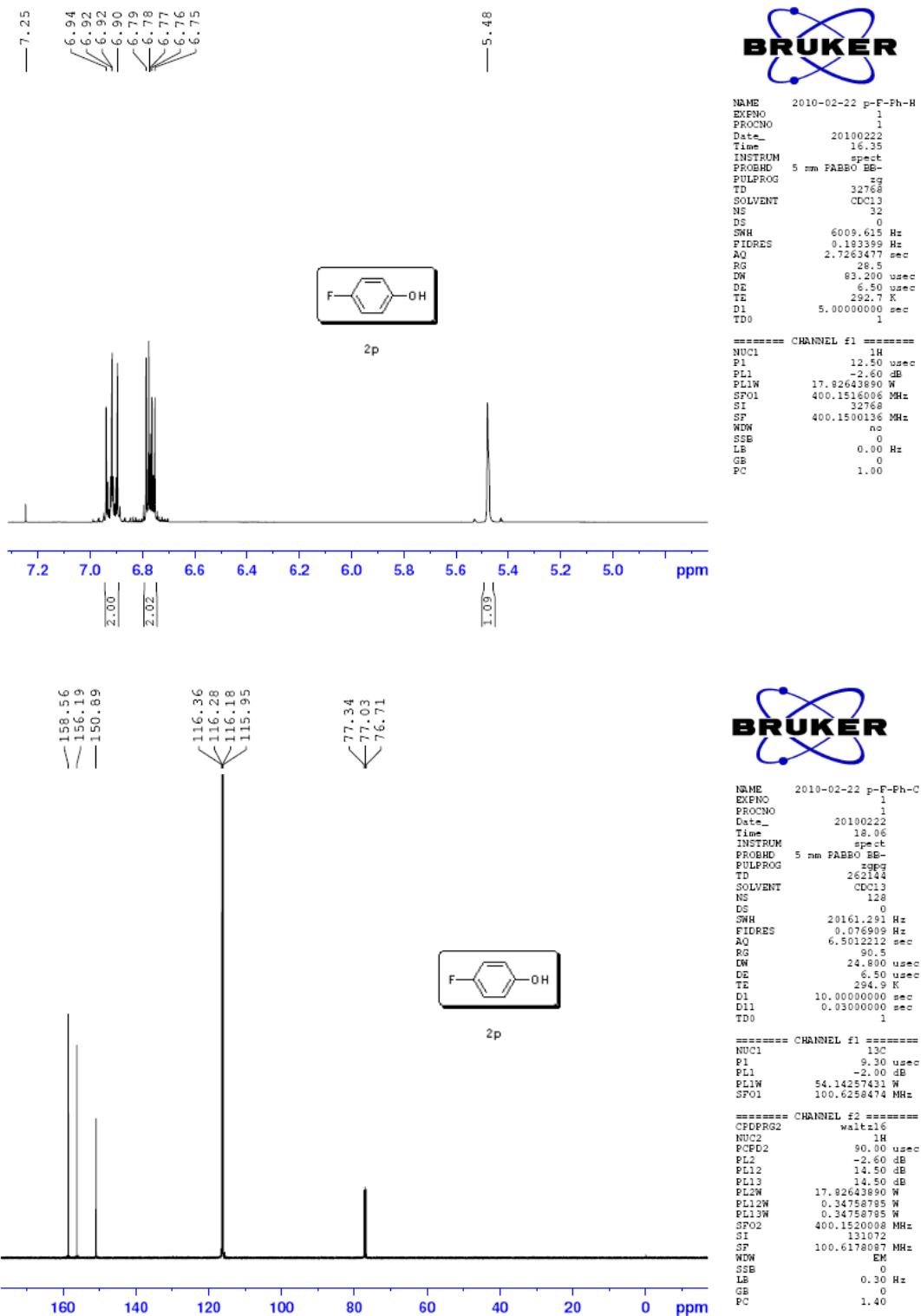
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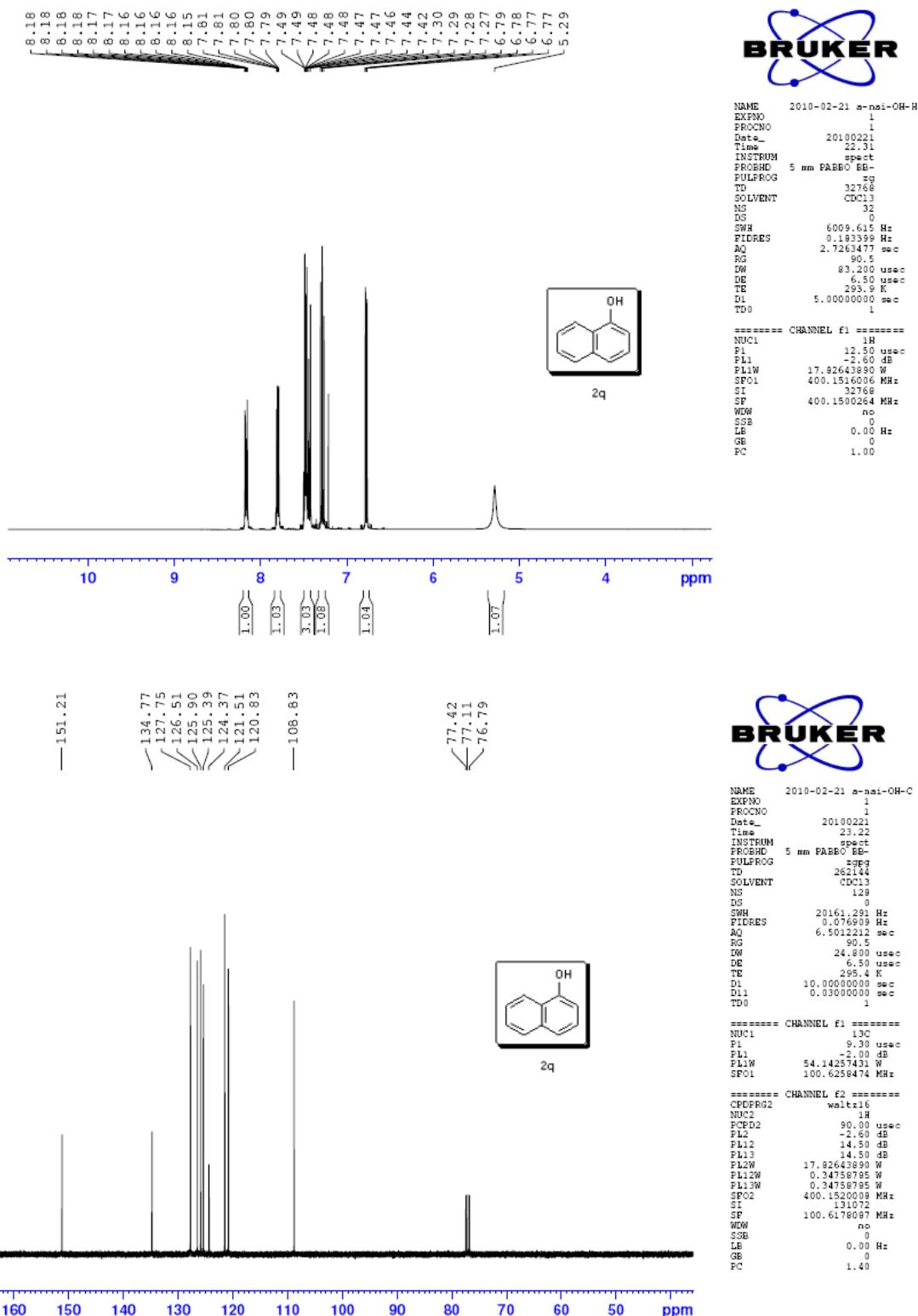
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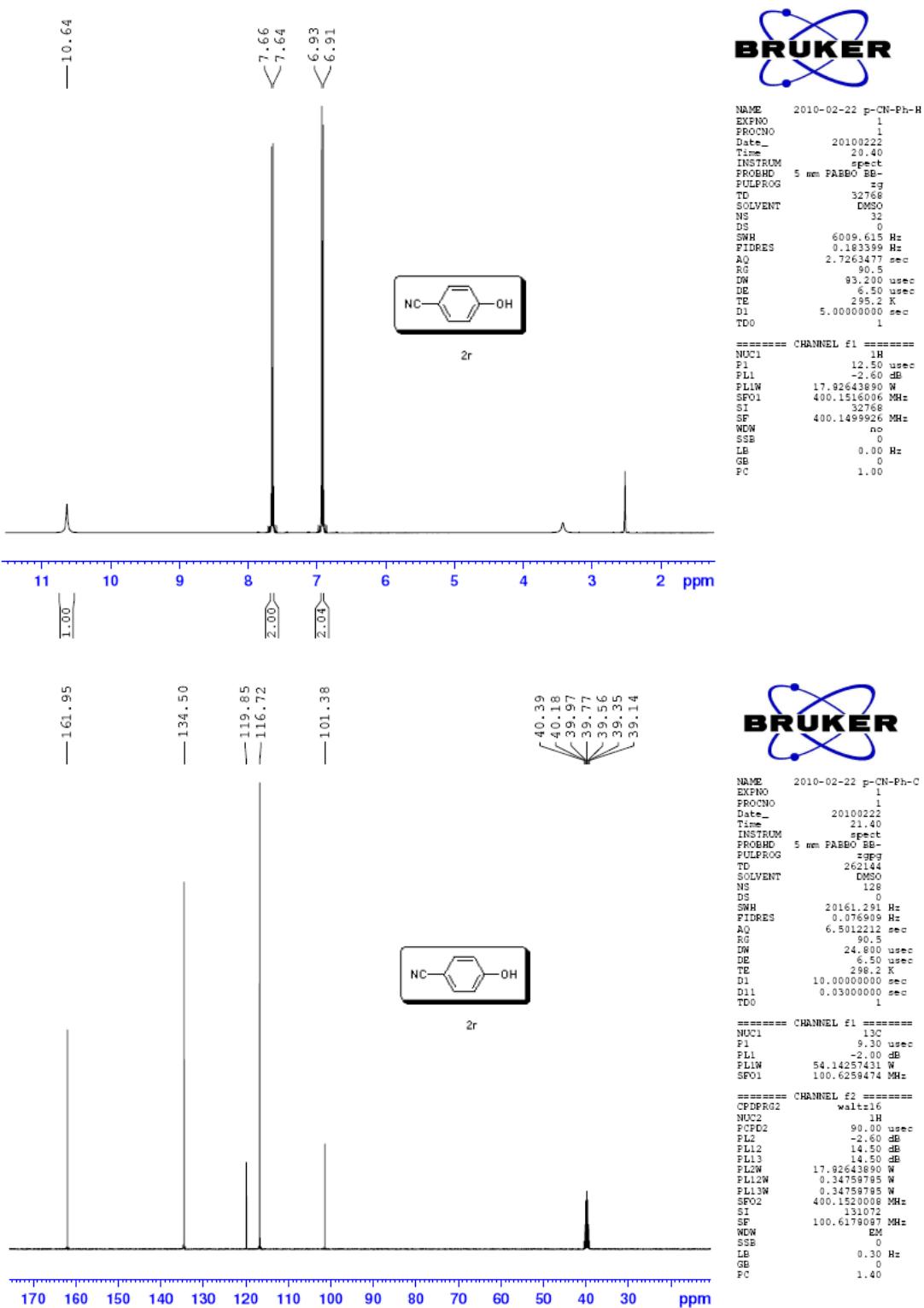
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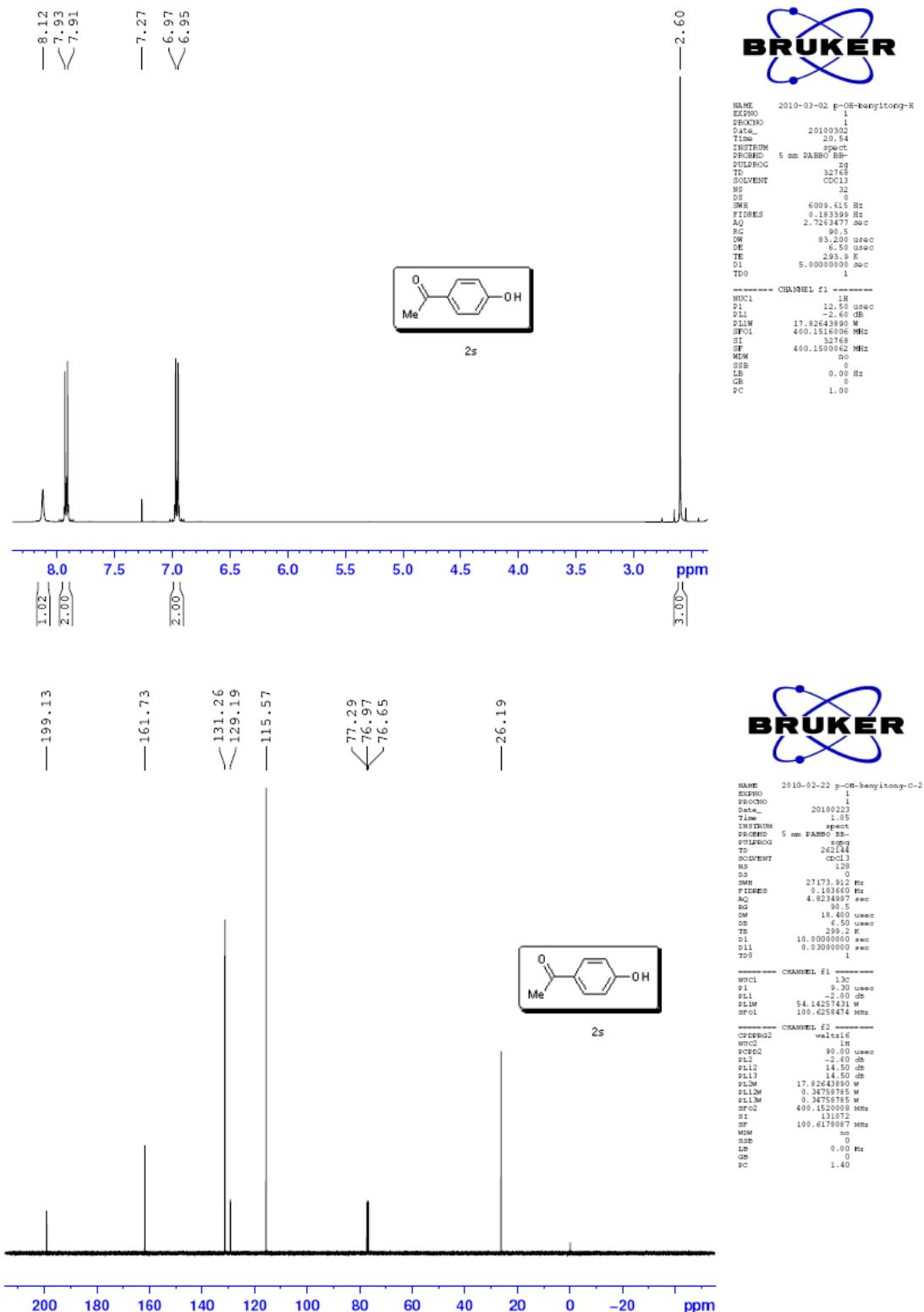
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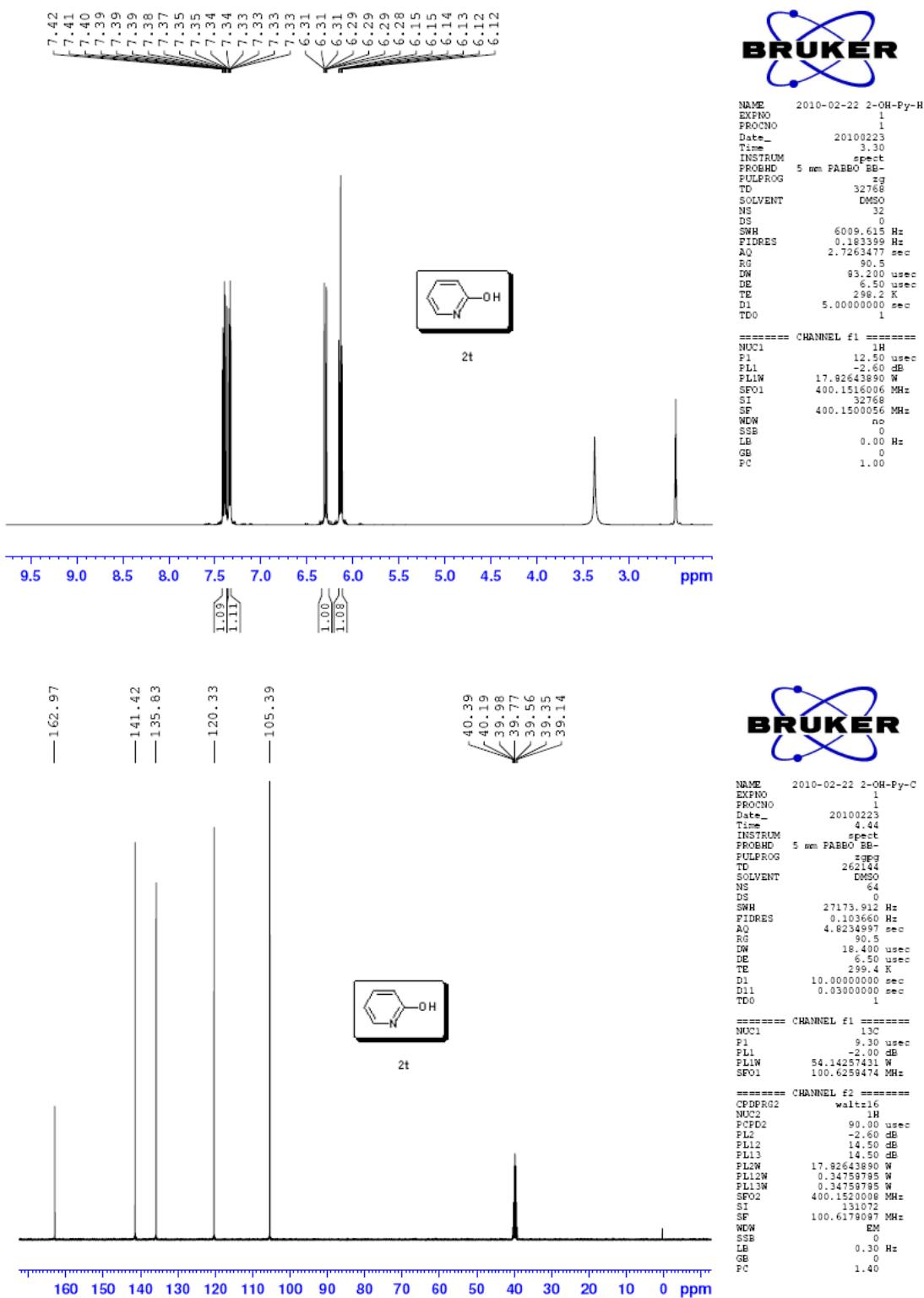
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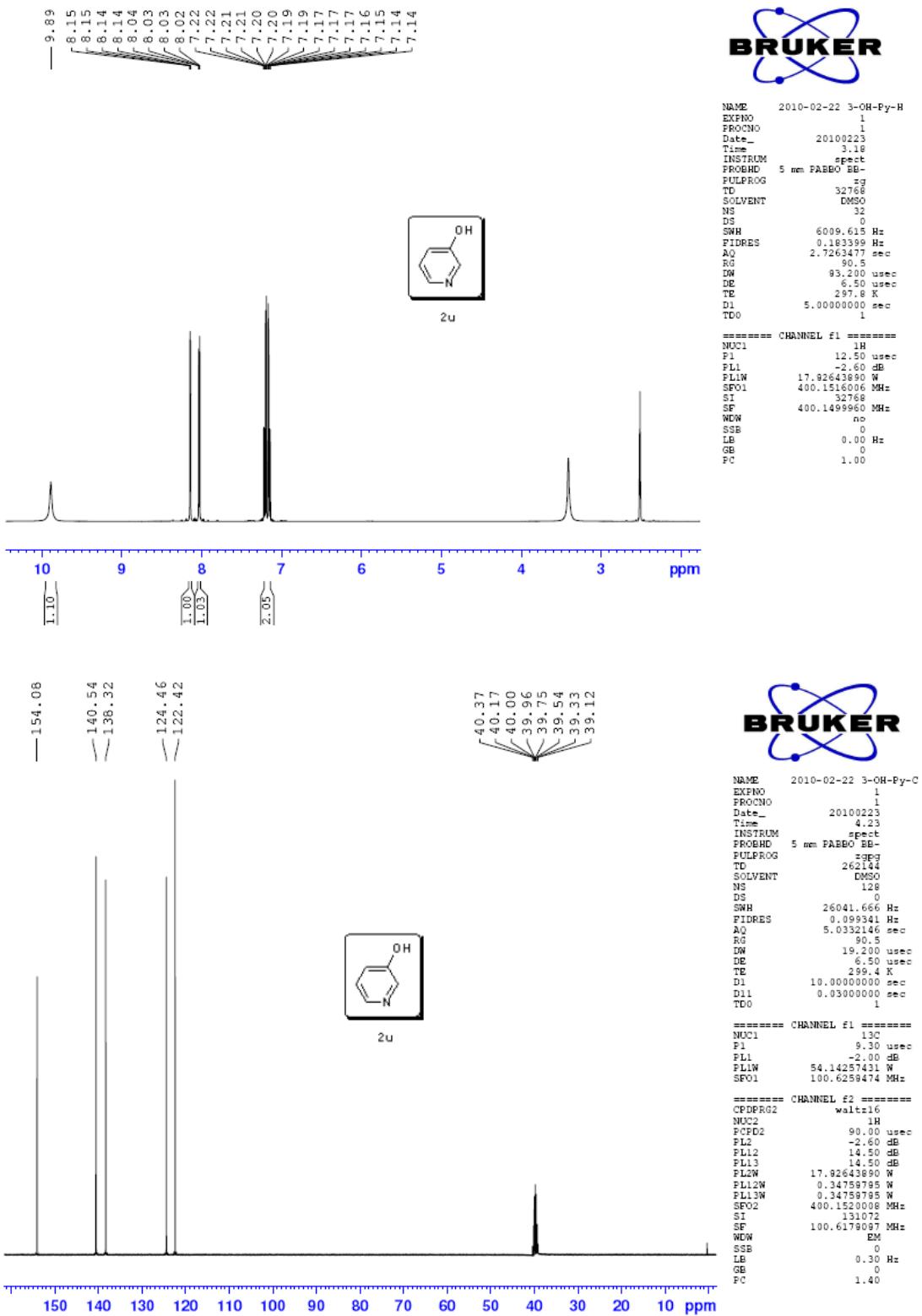
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