

Supporting Information

Copper-Mediated Methylthiolation of Aryl Halides with DMSO

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Experimental

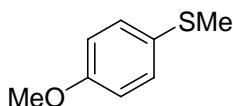
1. General experimental details

Chemicals were either purchased or purified by standard techniques without special instructions. ^1H NMR and ^{13}C NMR spectra were measured on a 500 MHz spectrometer (^1H 500 MHz, ^{13}C 125 MHz), using CDCl_3 as the solvent with tetramethylsilane (TMS) as the internal standard at room temperature. Chemical shifts (δ) are given in ppm relative to TMS, the coupling constants J are given in Hz.

General procedure for CuBr-catalyzed methylthiolation of aryl iodines with DMSO: Under air, a sealed tube was charged with aryl iodine (0.4 mmol), CuBr (5.8 mg, 10 mol %), ZnF_2 (0.8 mmol, 2 equiv.), and DMSO (2 mL). The reaction tube was kept stirring at 150 °C for 36 h. After the completion of the reaction, as monitored by TLC, brine was added (10 mL), and the reaction mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate (3×5 mL). The ethyl acetate extracts were concentrated in vacuo, and the residue was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel to give the product.

2. Experimental characterization data for compounds

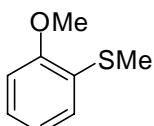
(4-methoxyphenyl)(methyl)sulfane (3a)¹



¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 500 MHz): δ 7.27 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 6.85 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 3.78 (s, 3H), 2.44 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 125 MHz): δ 158.2, 130.2, 128.8, 114.6, 55.4, 18.1.

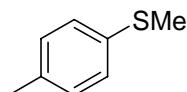
(2-methoxyphenyl)(methyl)sulfane (3b)²



¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 500 MHz): δ 7.16-7.12 (m, 2H), 6.97-6.94 (m, 1H), 6.83 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 3.88 (s, 3H), 2.42 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 125 MHz): δ 156.3, 126.8, 126.2, 125.9, 121.2, 110.1, 55.8, 14.7.

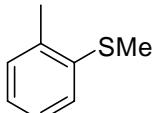
methyl(*p*-tolyl)sulfane (3c)³



¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 500 MHz): δ 7.18 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.09 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 2.46 (s, 3H), 2.31 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 125 MHz): δ 135.1, 134.7, 129.6, 127.4, 20.9, 16.6.

methyl(*o*-tolyl)sulfane (3d)⁴



¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 500 MHz): δ 7.22-7.12 (m, 3H), 7.07-7.03 (m, 1H), 2.45 (s, 3H), 2.33 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 125 MHz): δ 137.7, 135.8, 129.8, 126.5, 124.6, 19.9, 15.3.

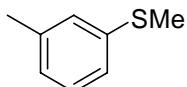
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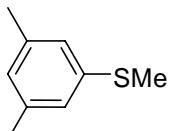
methyl(*m*-tolyl)sulfane (3e)⁵



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¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 125 MHz): δ 138.6, 138.2, 128.7, 127.3, 125.9, 123.7, 21.4, 15.9.

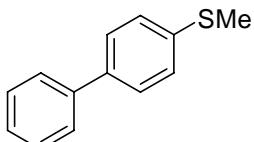
(3,5-dimethylphenyl)(methyl)sulfane (3f)⁶



¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 500 MHz): δ 6.88 (s, 2H), 6.77 (s, 1H), 2.45 (s, 3H), 2.28 (s, 6H).

¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 125 MHz): δ 138.4, 137.9, 127.0, 124.3, 21.2, 15.8.

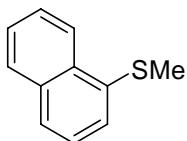
biphenyl-4-yl(methyl)sulfane (3g)⁷



¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 500 MHz): δ 7.58-7.56 (m, 2H), 7.54-7.52 (m, 2H), 7.45-7.42 (m, 2H), 7.35-7.32 (m, 3H), 2.53 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 125 MHz): δ 138.1, 137.6, 128.8, 127.5, 127.2, 126.9, 126.8, 15.9.

methyl(naphthalen-1-yl)sulfane (3h)⁸



¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 500 MHz): δ 8.27 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.82-7.80 (m, 1H), 7.64 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.54-7.47 (m, 2H), 7.42-7.35 (m, 2H), 2.54 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 125 MHz): δ 135.8, 133.7, 131.7, 128.6, 126.3, 126.2, 125.9, 125.7, 124.3, 123.7, 16.2.

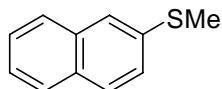
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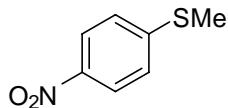
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methyl(naphthalen-2-yl)sulfane (3i)⁹



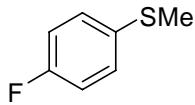
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¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 125 MHz): δ 136.1, 133.9, 131.3, 128.2, 127.7, 126.8, 126.6, 125.7, 125.2, 123.4, 15.8.

methyl(4-nitrophenyl)sulfane (3j)¹⁰



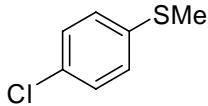
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¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 125 MHz): δ 148.9, 144.8, 125.0, 123.9, 14.8.

(4-fluorophenyl)(methyl)sulfane (3k)¹¹



¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 500 MHz): δ 7.26-7.24 (m, 2H), 7.01-6.98 (m, 2H), 2.46 (s, 3H).
¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 125 MHz): δ 161.1 (d, *J* = 243.4 Hz), 133.3 (d, *J* = 3.2 Hz), 129.3 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz), 115.9 (d, *J* = 21.9 Hz), 17.4.

(4-chlorophenyl)(methyl)sulfane (3l)¹²



¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 500 MHz): δ 7.26-7.24 (m, 2H), 7.19-7.16 (m, 2H), 2.47 (s, 3H).
¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 125 MHz): δ 137.0, 130.9, 128.9, 127.9, 16.1.

methyl(3-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)sulfane (3m)¹³

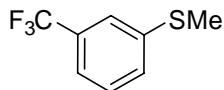
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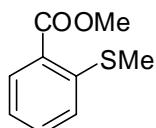
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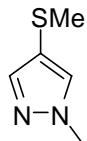
¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 500 MHz): δ 7.46 (s, 1H), 7.40-7.37 (m, 3H), 2.51 (s, 3H).
¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 125 MHz): δ 131.3 (q, *J* = 32.0 Hz), 129.4, 129.1, 123.9 (q, *J* = 270.9 Hz), 122.7 (q, *J* = 3.8 Hz), 121.6 (q, *J* = 3.7 Hz), 15.5.

methyl 2-(methylthio)benzoate (3n)¹⁴



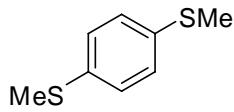
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¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 125 MHz): δ 166.9, 143.3, 132.5, 131.3, 126.8, 124.4, 123.4, 52.0, 15.6.

1-methyl-4-(methylthio)-1*H*-pyrazole (3o)



¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 500 MHz): δ 7.48 (s, 1H), 7.38 (s, 1H), 3.88 (s, 3H), 2.32 (s, 3H).
¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 125 MHz): δ 142.1, 132.4, 113.1, 39.1, 21.1.
IR (prism, cm⁻¹): 3055, 2950, 1669, 1519, 1436, 1266, 968.
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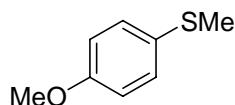


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¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 125 MHz): δ 135.2, 127.7, 16.4.

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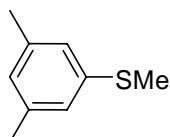
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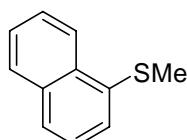
(3,5-dimethylphenyl)(methyl)sulfane (3f')⁶



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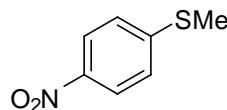
methyl(naphthalen-1-yl)sulfane (3h')⁸



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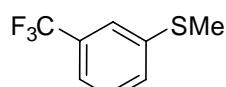
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¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 500 MHz): δ 8.13 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 7.29 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 2.56 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 125 MHz): δ 148.9, 144.7, 125.0, 123.9, 14.8.

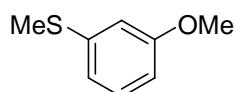
methyl(3-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)sulfane (3m')¹³



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¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 125 MHz): δ 131.3 (q, *J* = 32.0 Hz), 129.4, 129.1, 123.9 (q, *J* = 270.9 Hz), 122.7 (q, *J* = 3.8 Hz), 121.6 (q, *J* = 3.7 Hz), 15.5.

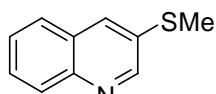
(3-methoxyphenyl)(methyl)sulfane (3q)¹⁶



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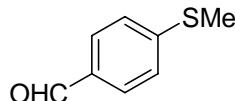
3-(methylthio)quinoline (3r')¹⁷



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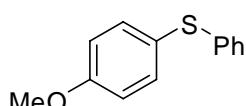
4-(methylthio)benzaldehyde (3s')¹⁸



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¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 125 MHz): δ 191.3, 147.9, 132.9, 130.0, 125.2, 14.7.

(4-methoxyphenyl)(phenyl)sulfane (5)¹⁹



¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 500 MHz): δ 7.42-7.40 (m, 2H), 7.25-7.21 (m, 2H), 7.17-7.12 (m, 3H), 6.89 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 3.82 (s, 3H).

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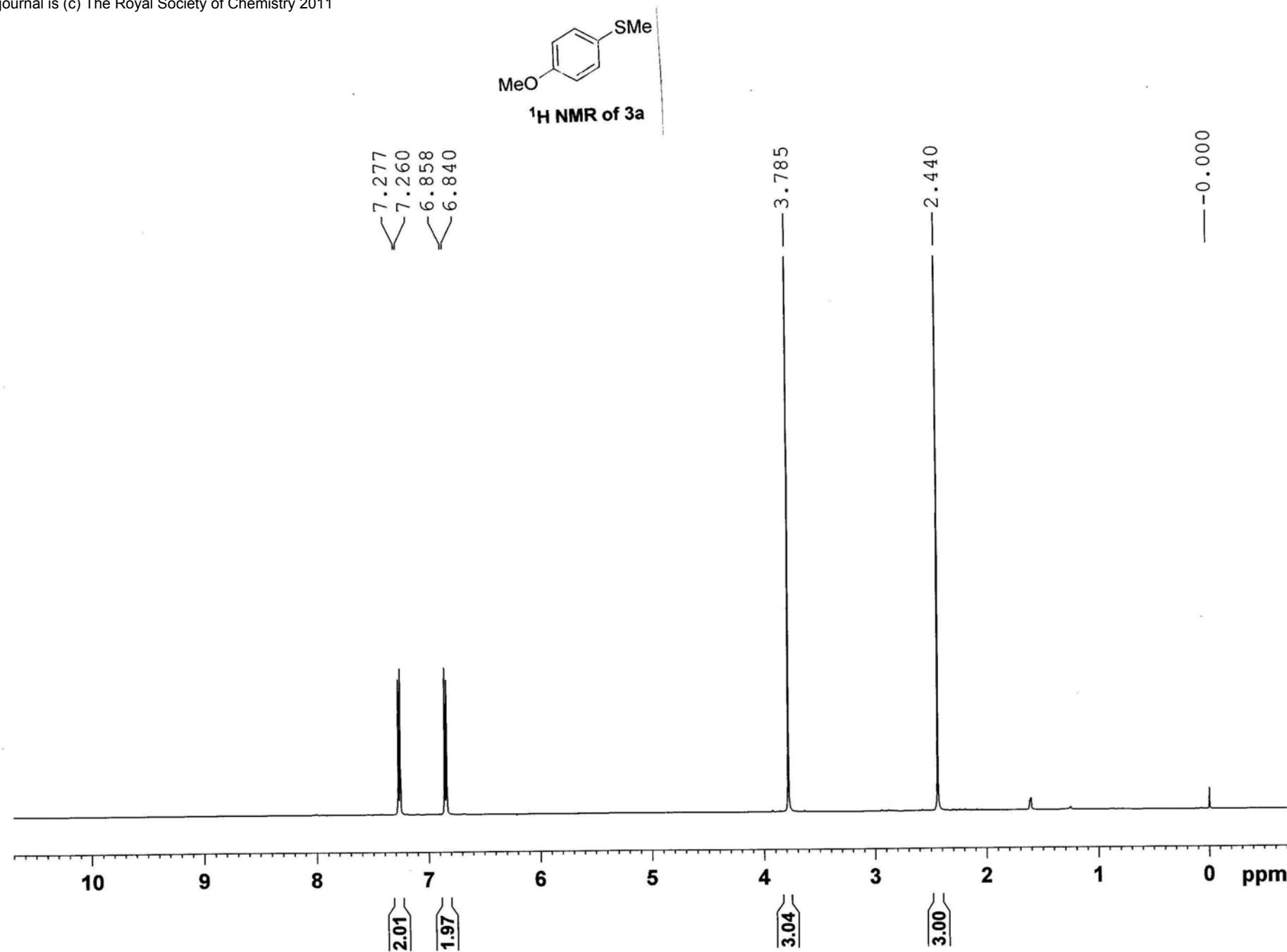
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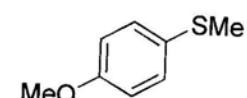
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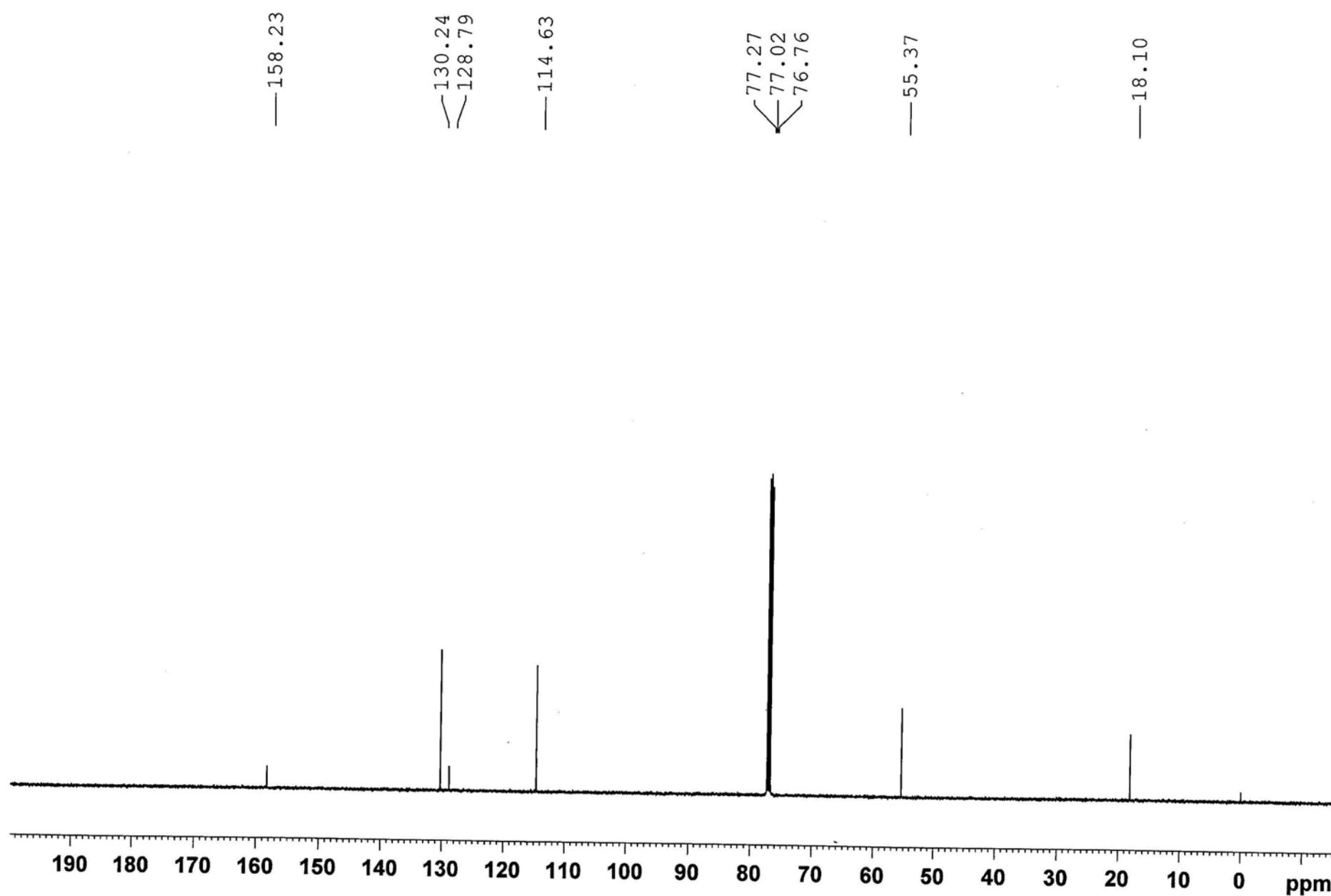
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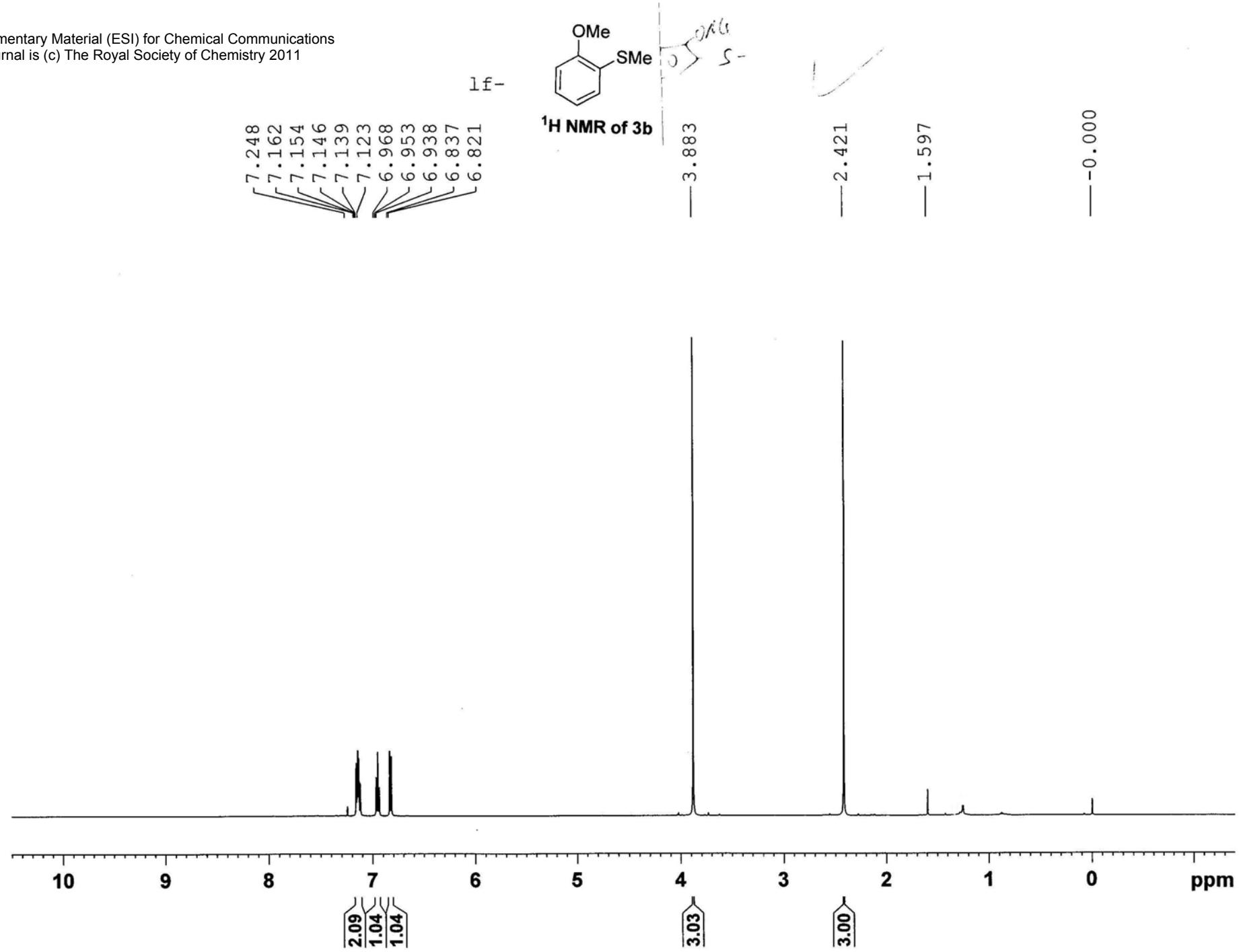
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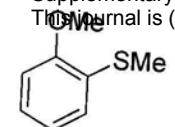




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**¹³C NMR of 3b**

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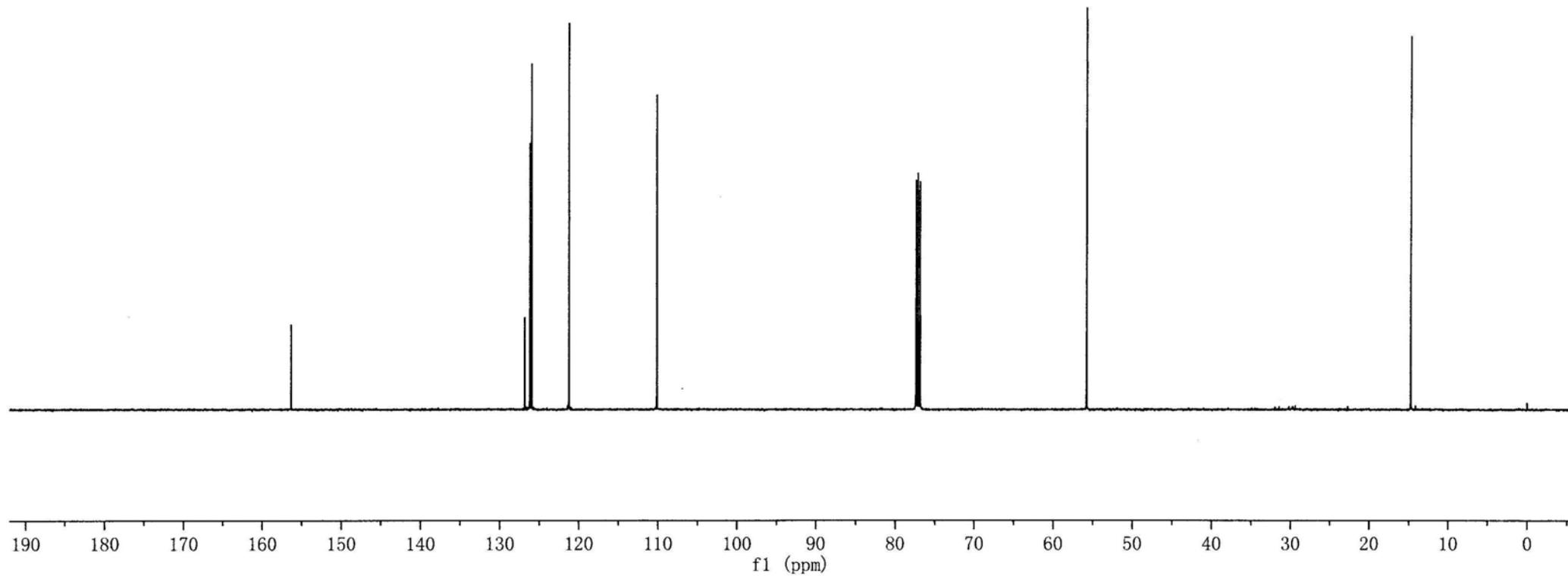
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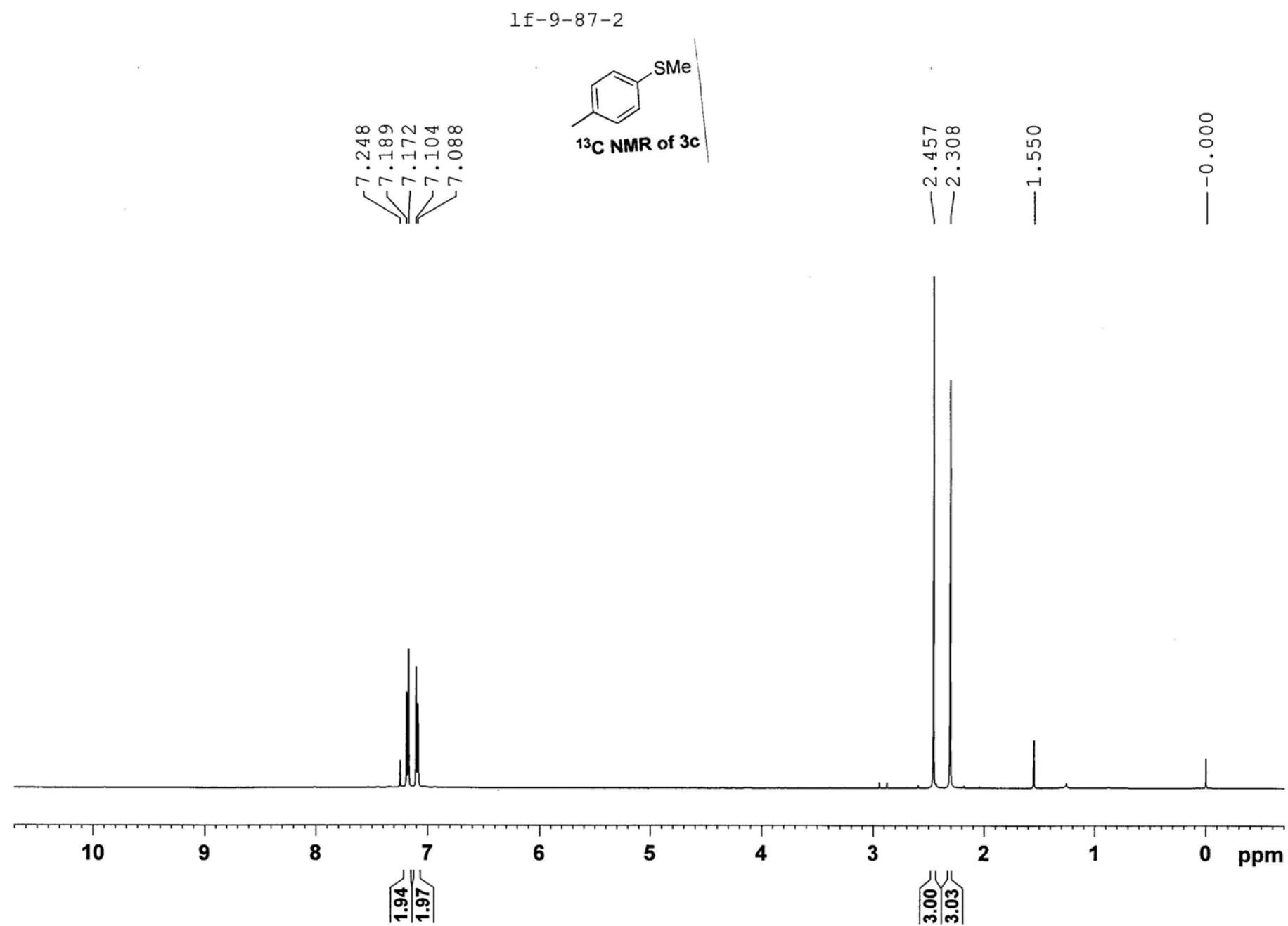
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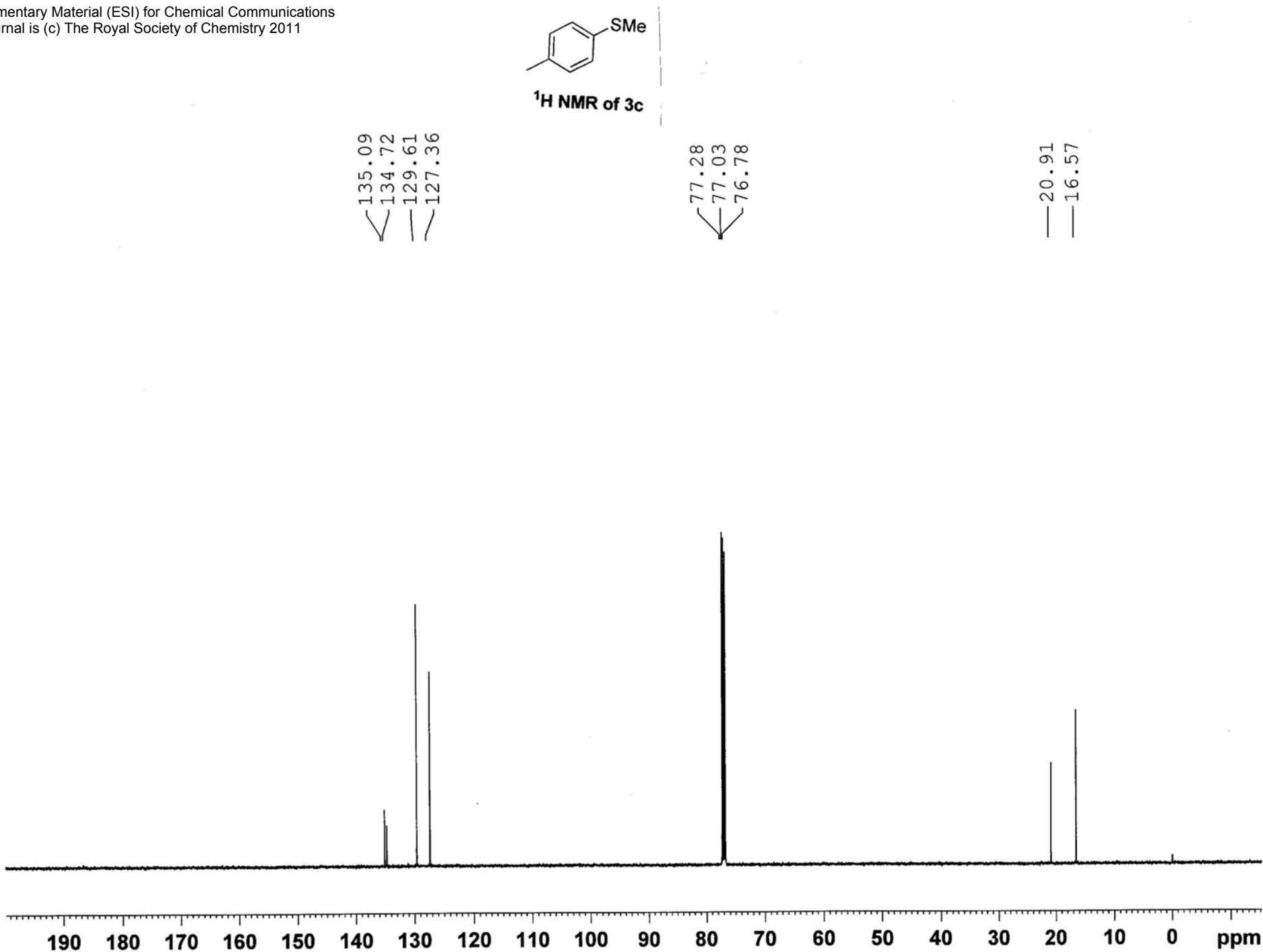
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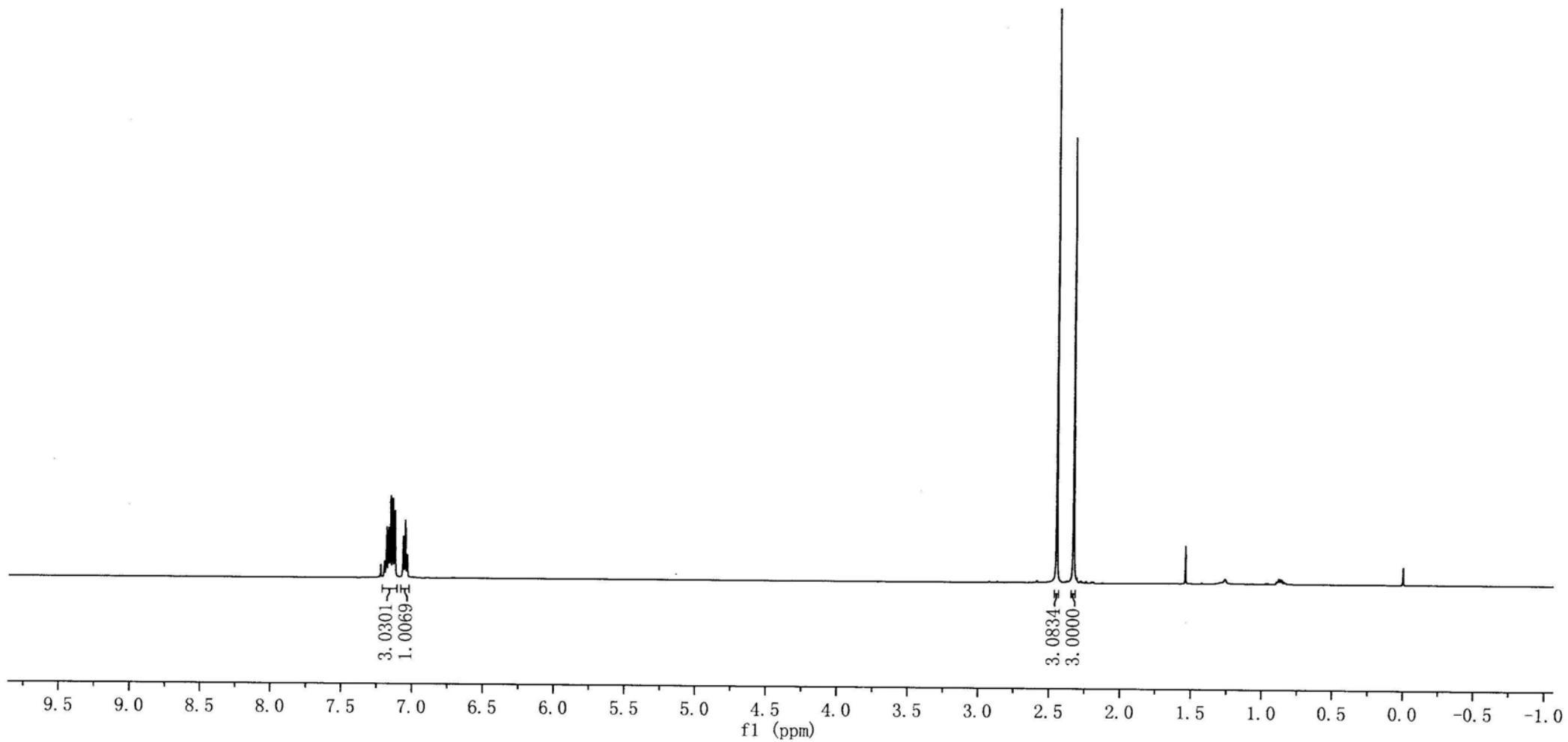
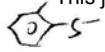
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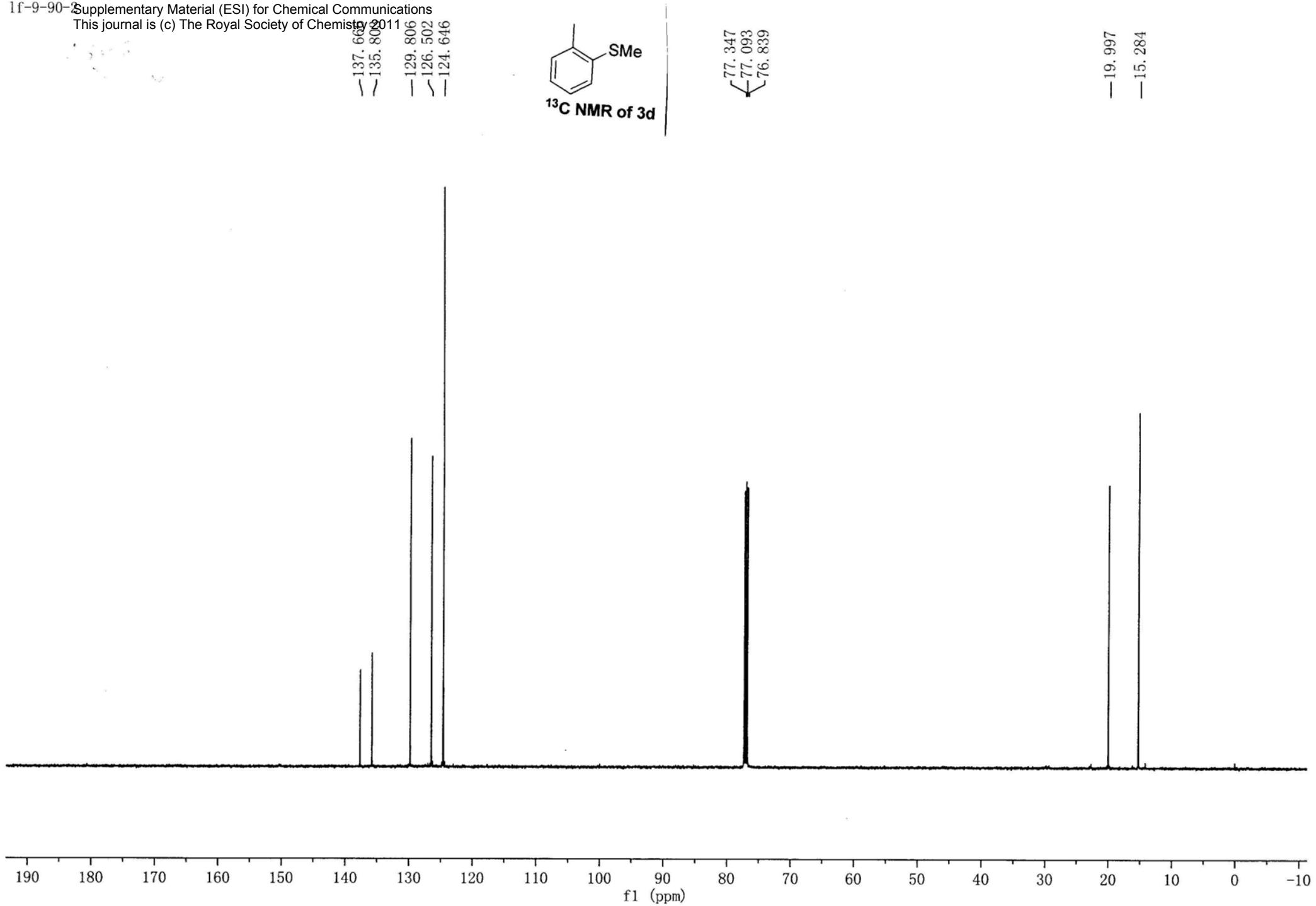
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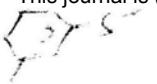




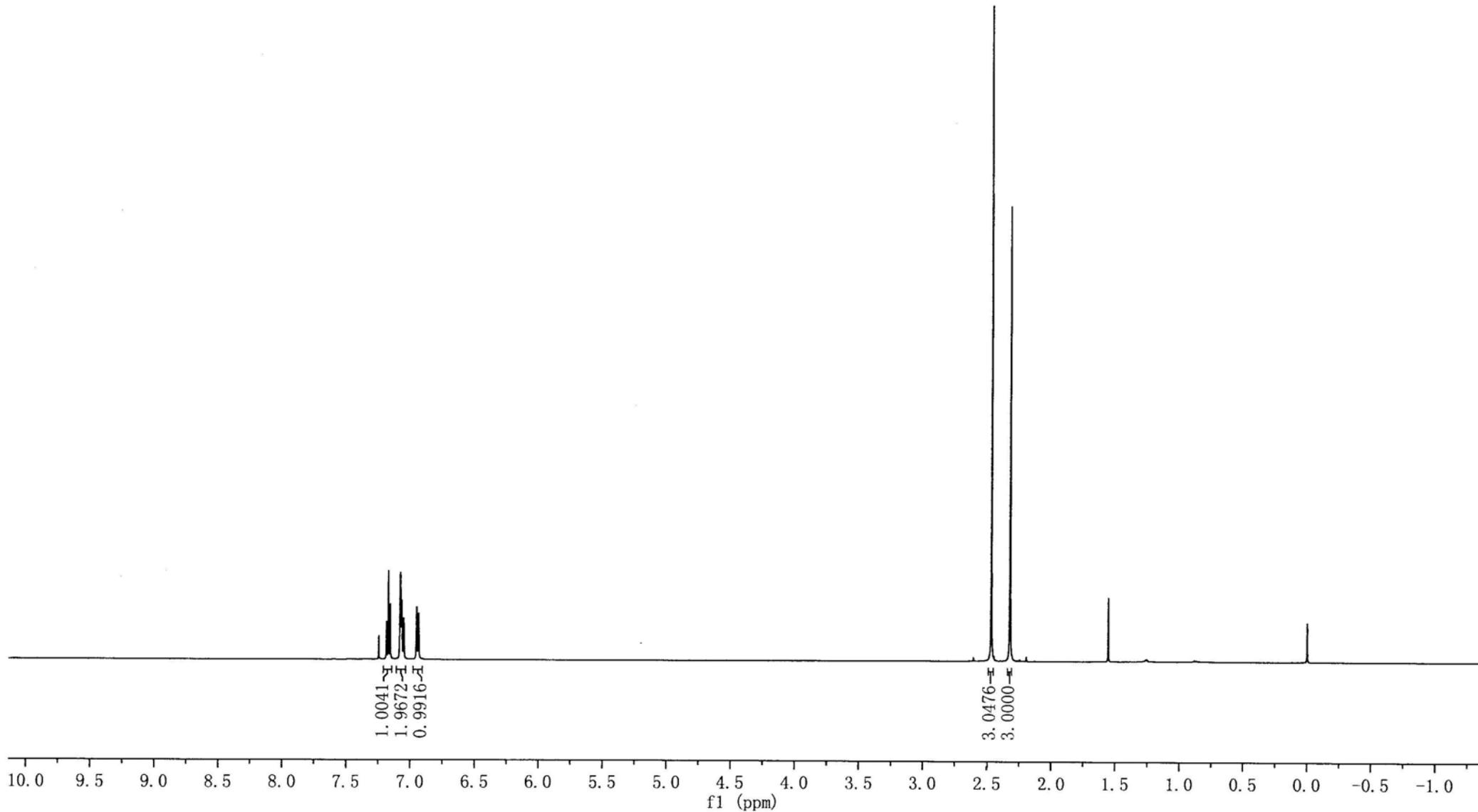




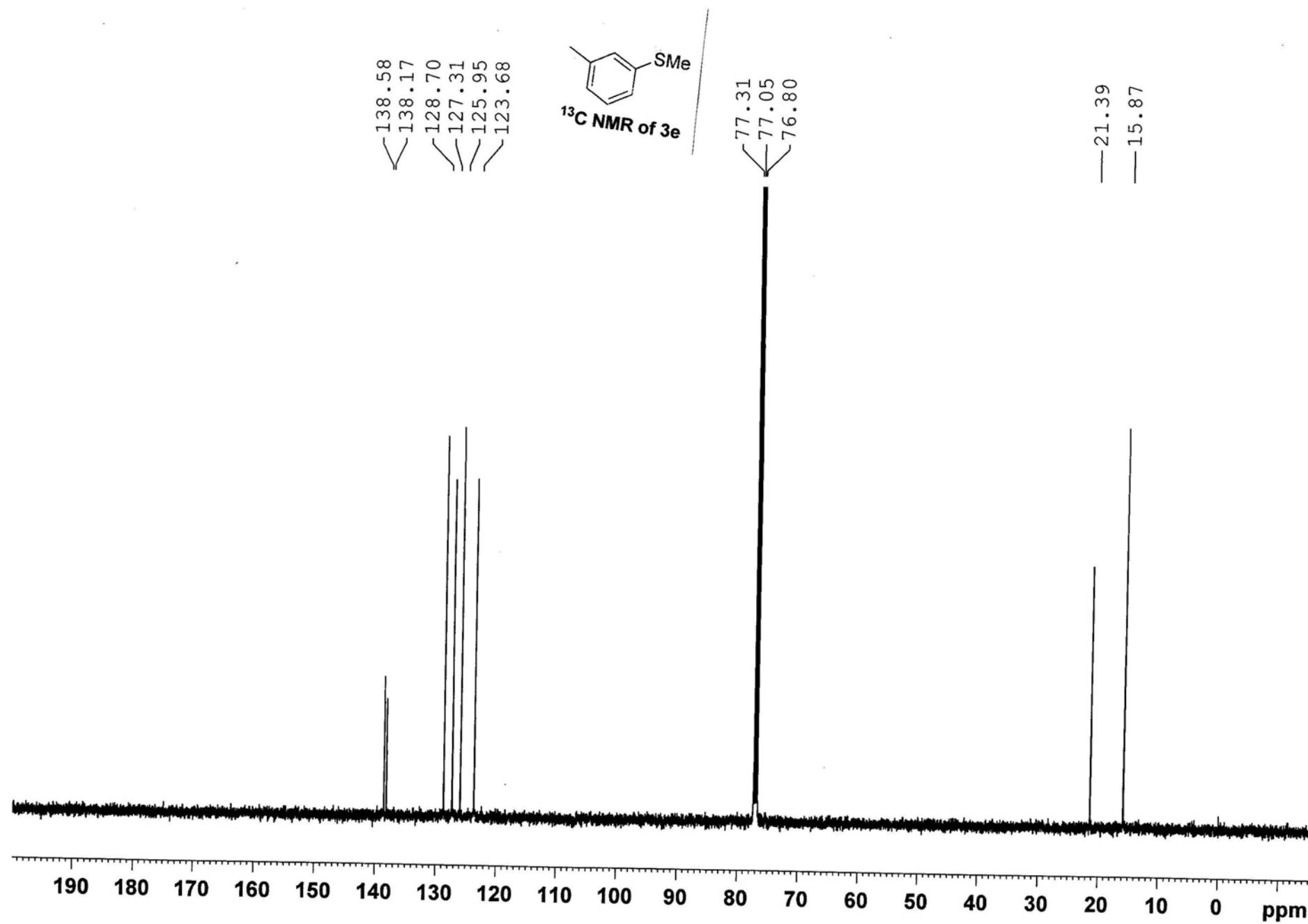


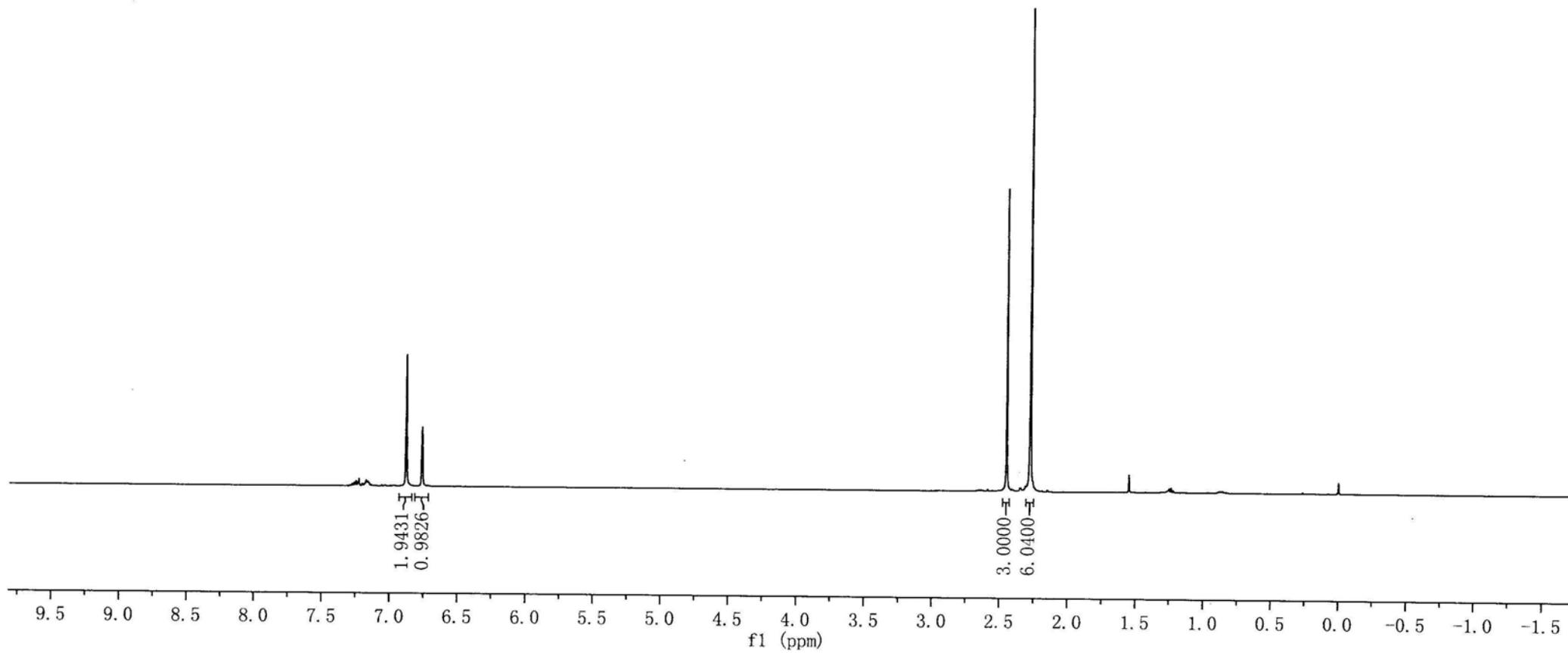
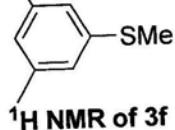


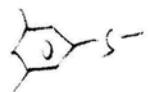
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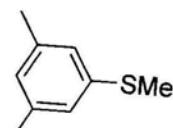






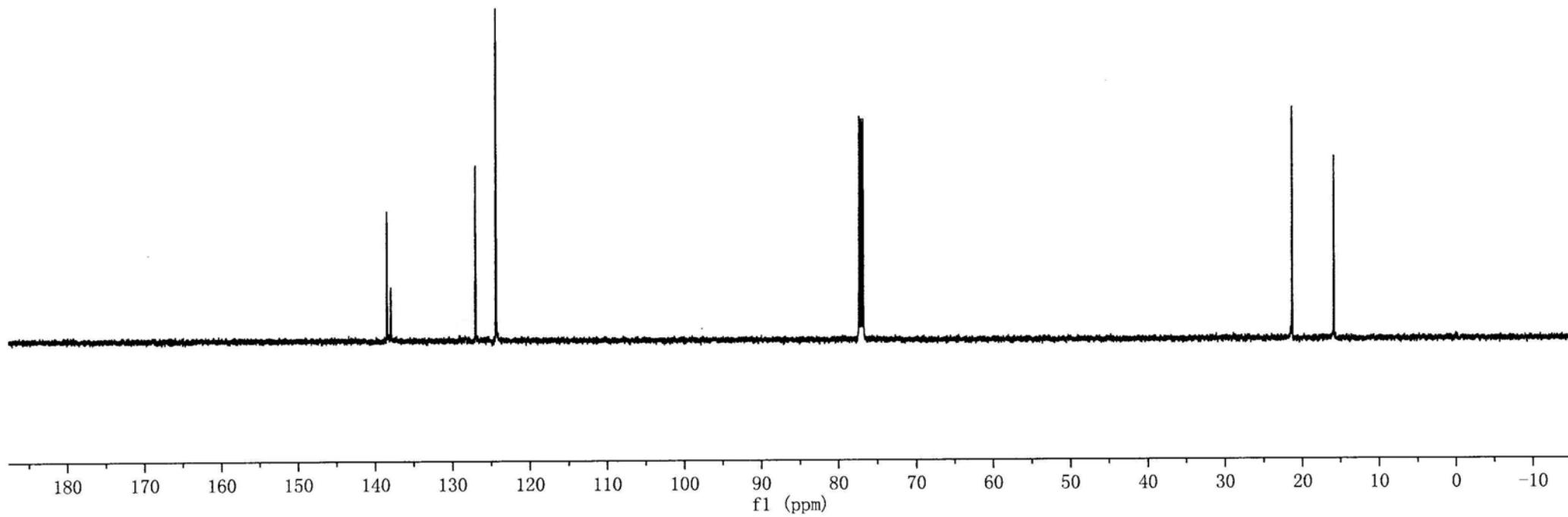
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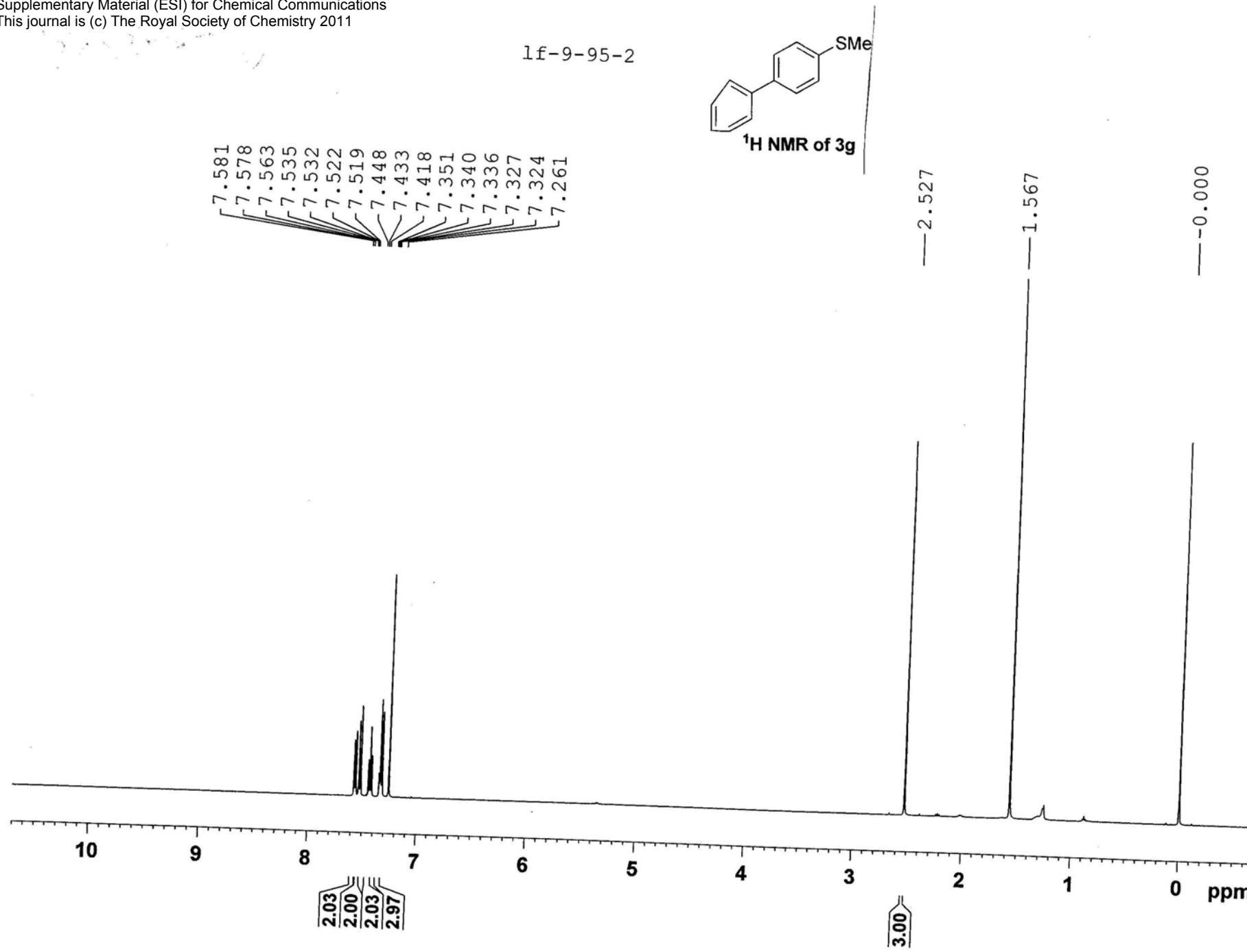
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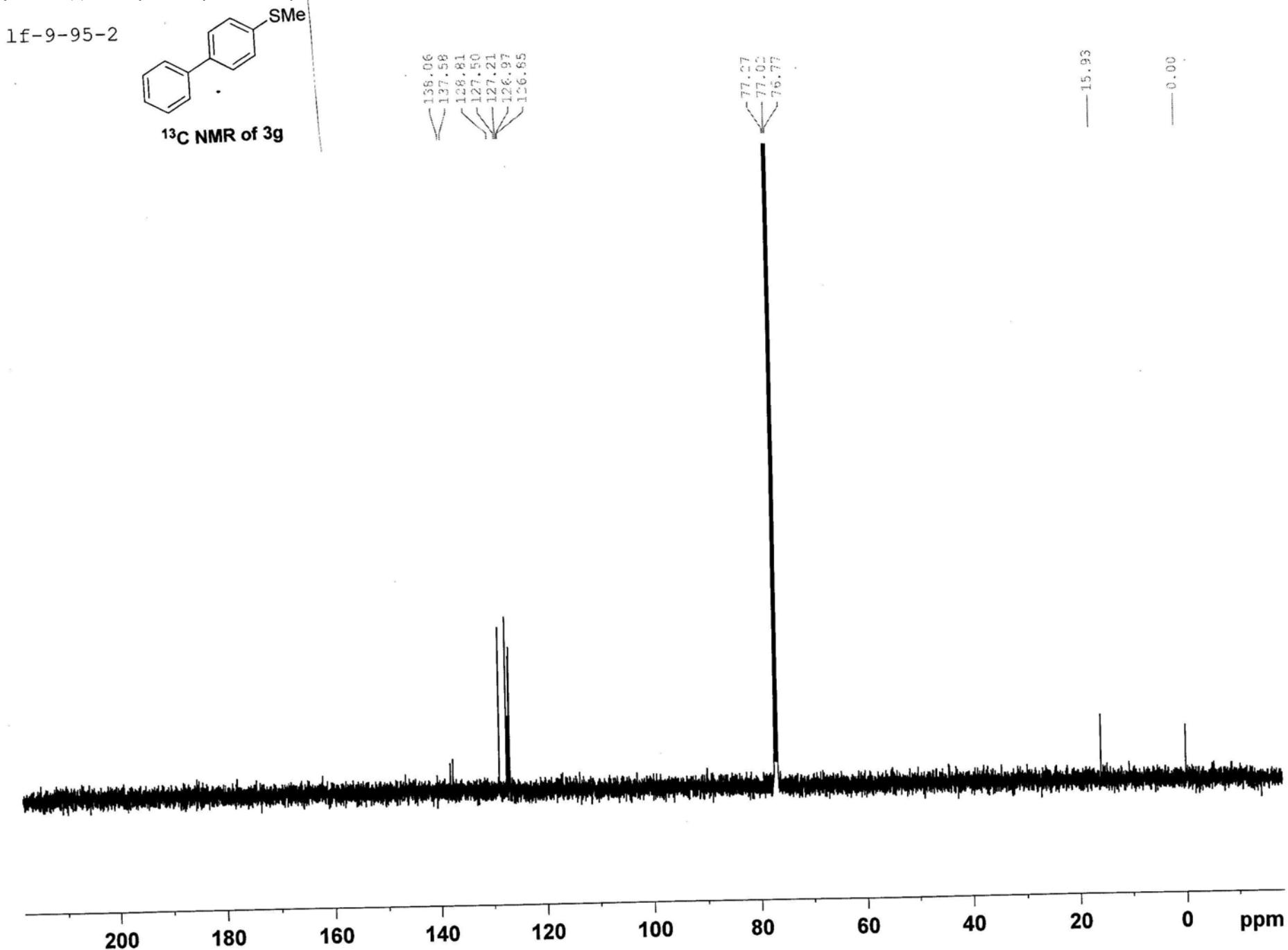


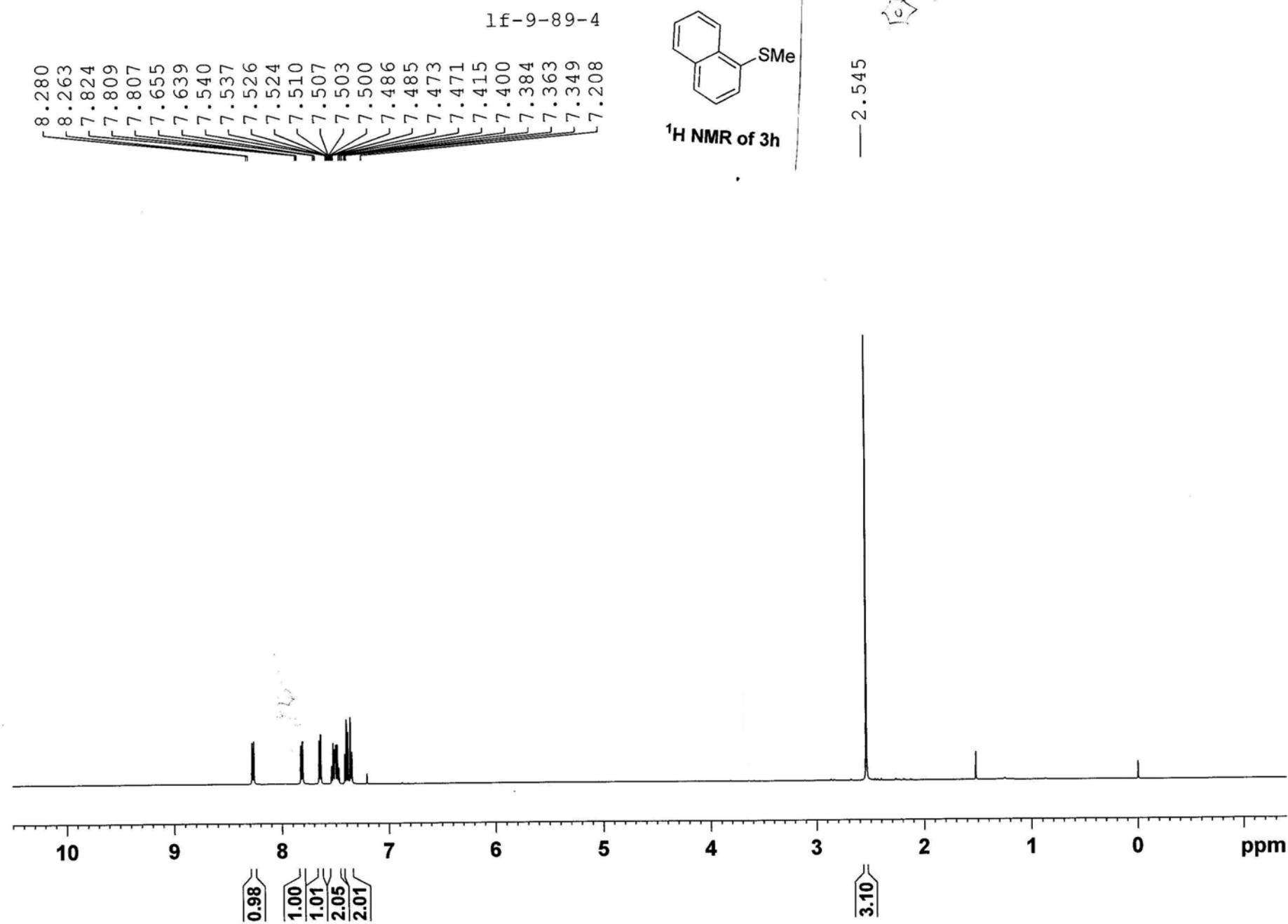
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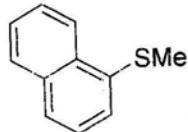
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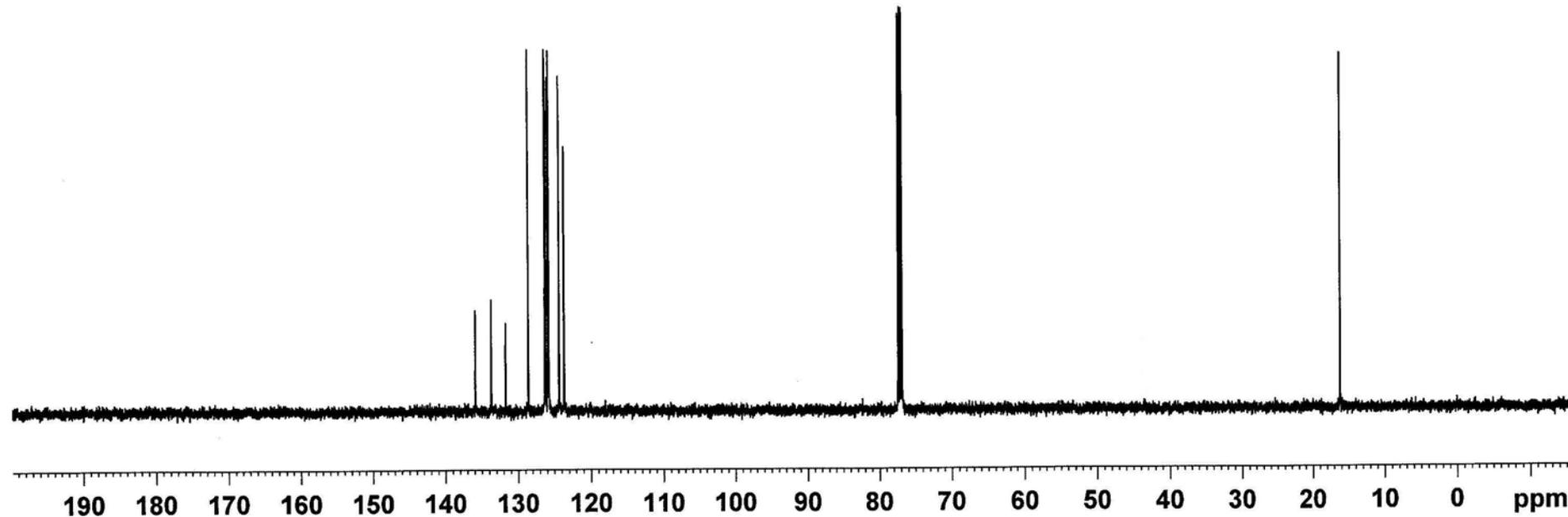


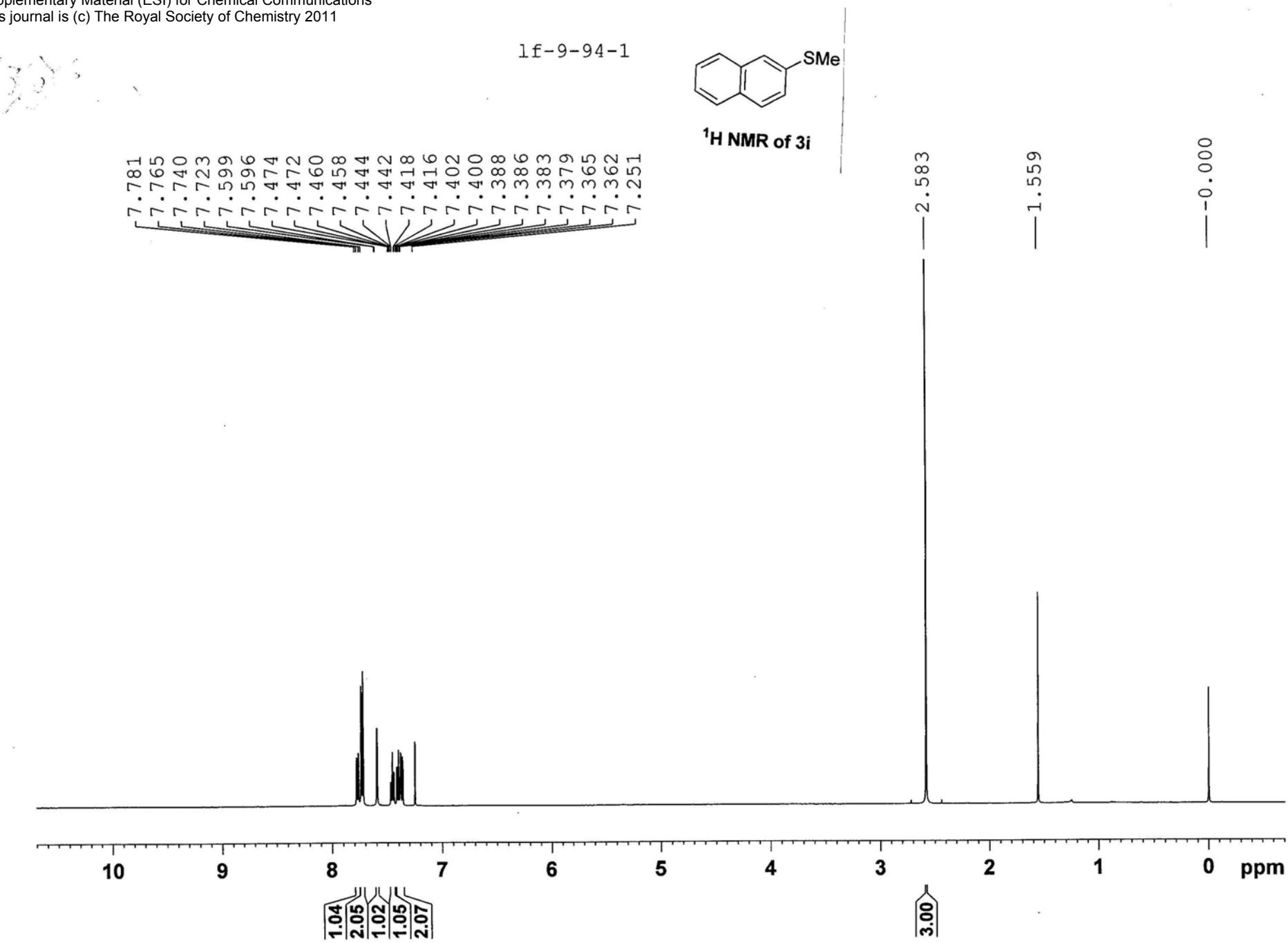
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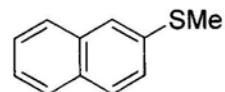
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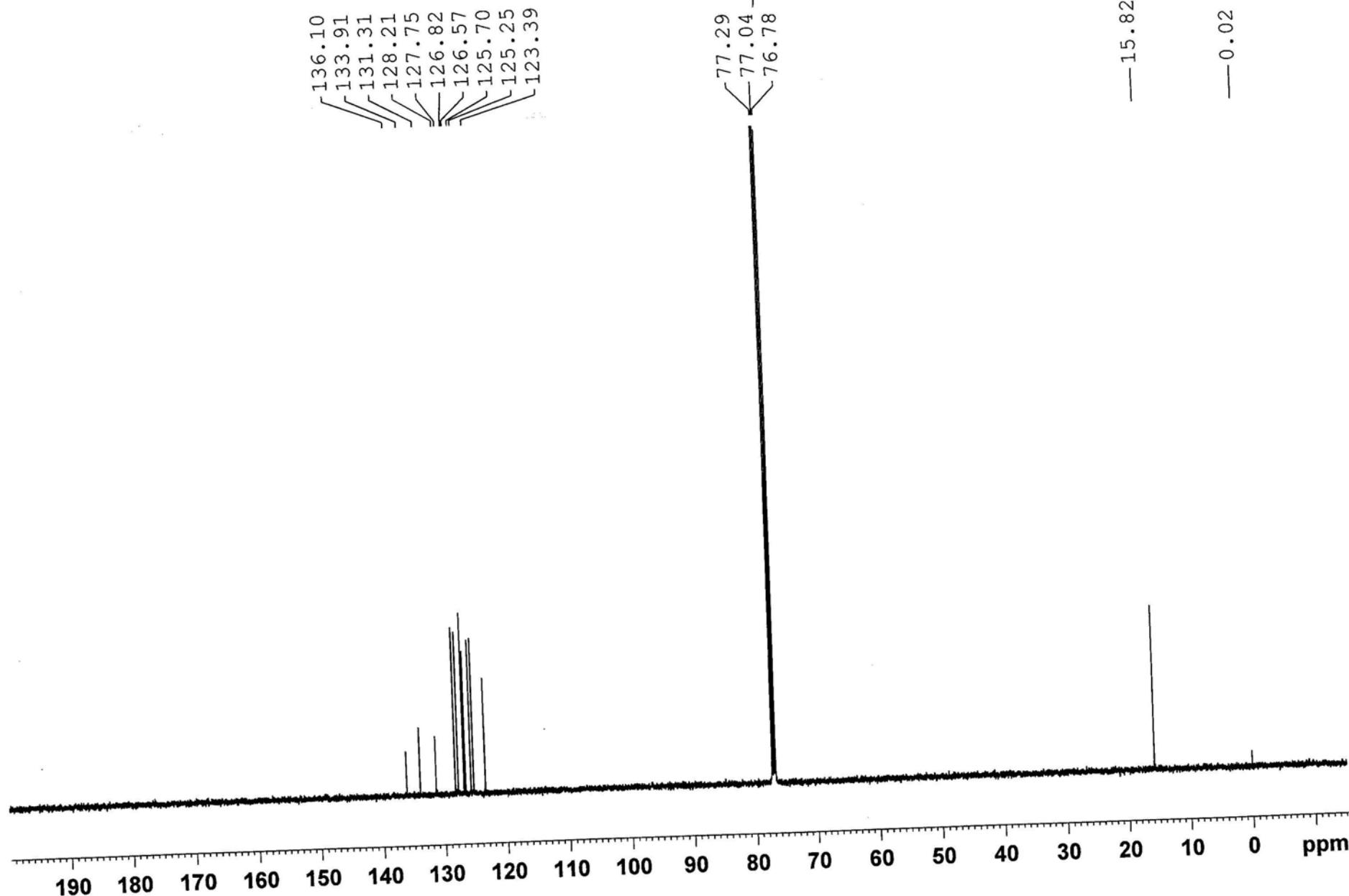
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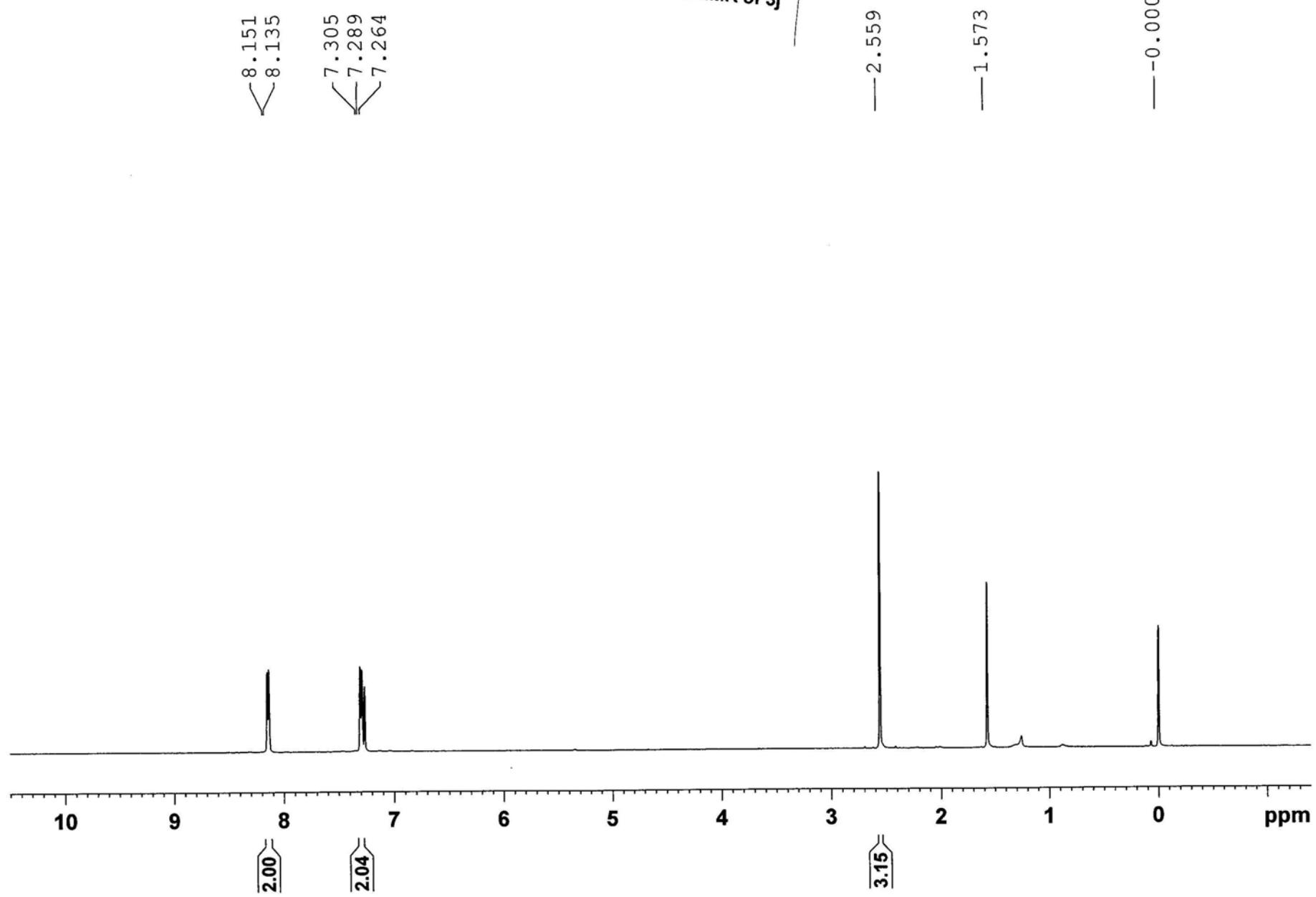
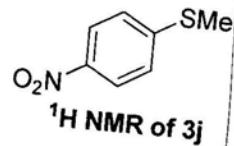


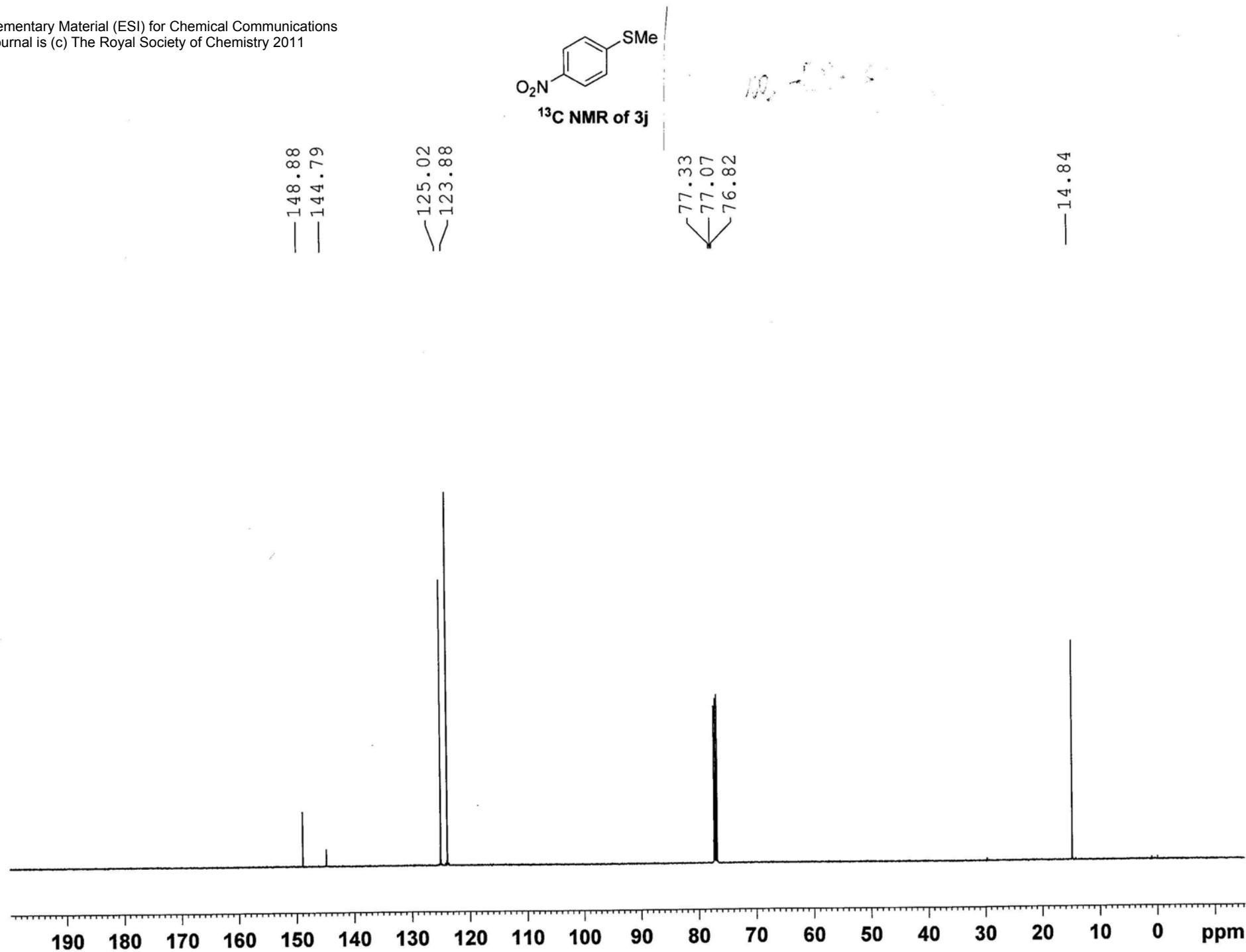


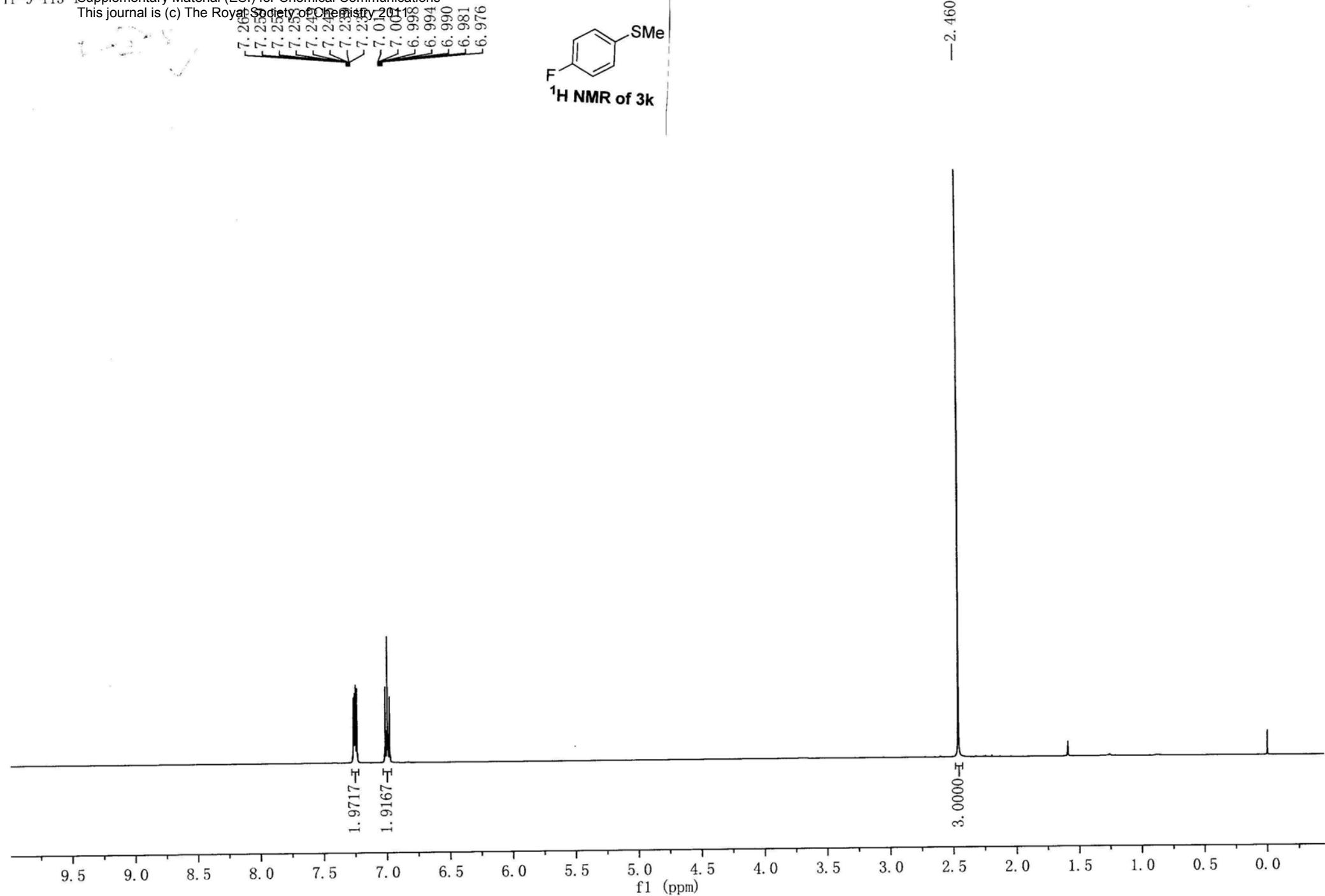
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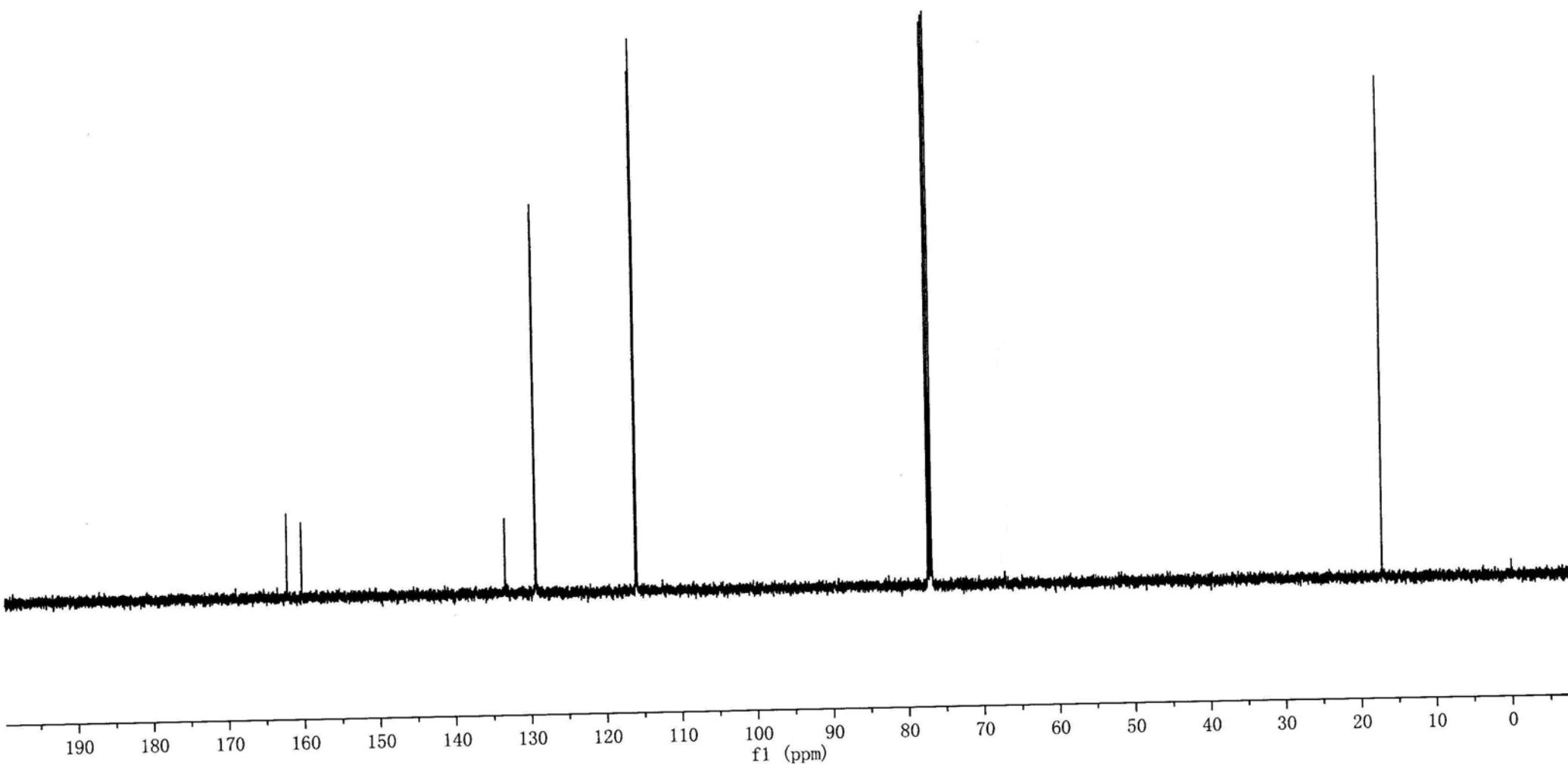
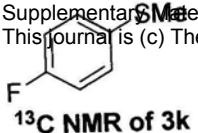


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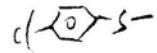




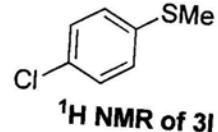
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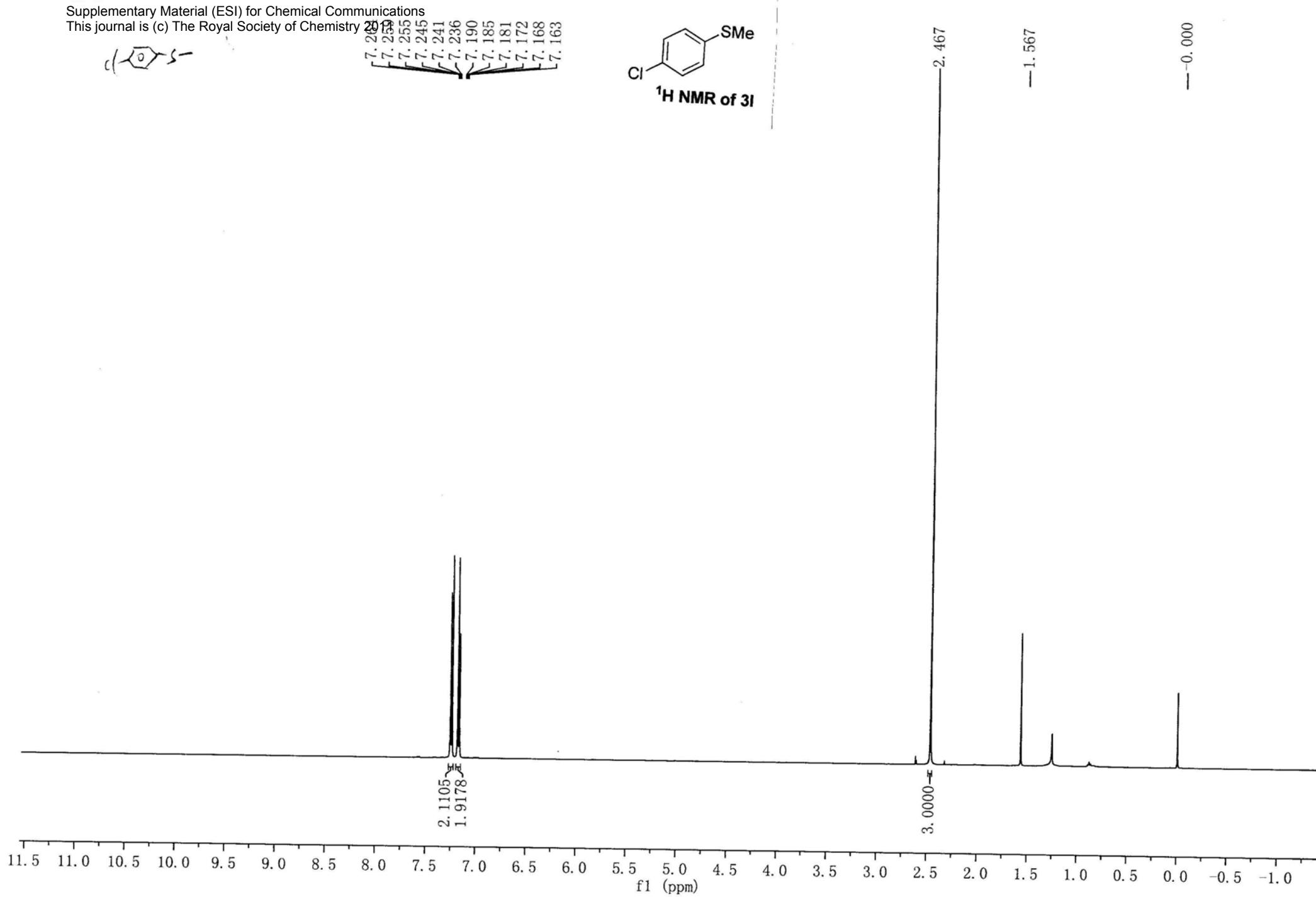
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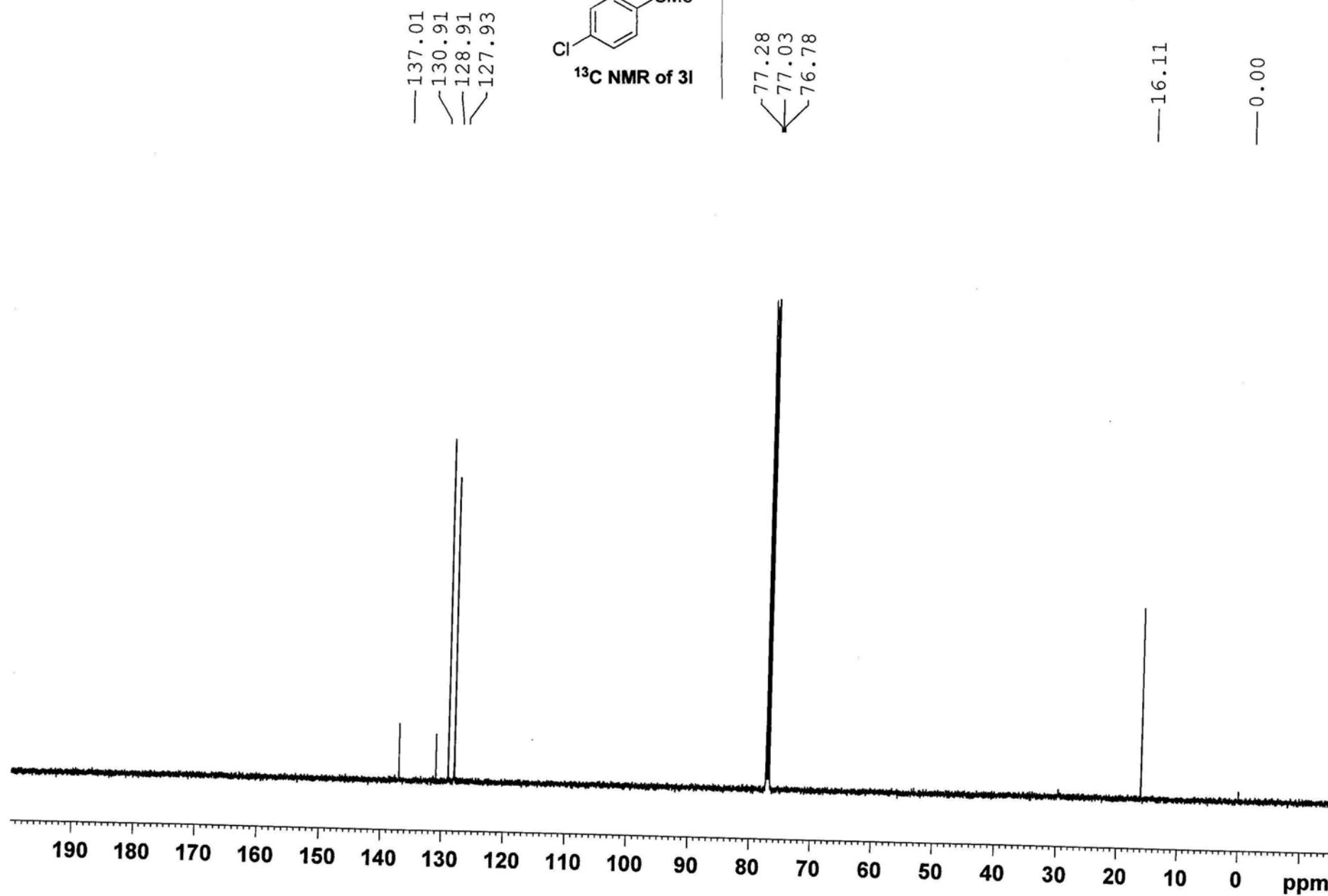
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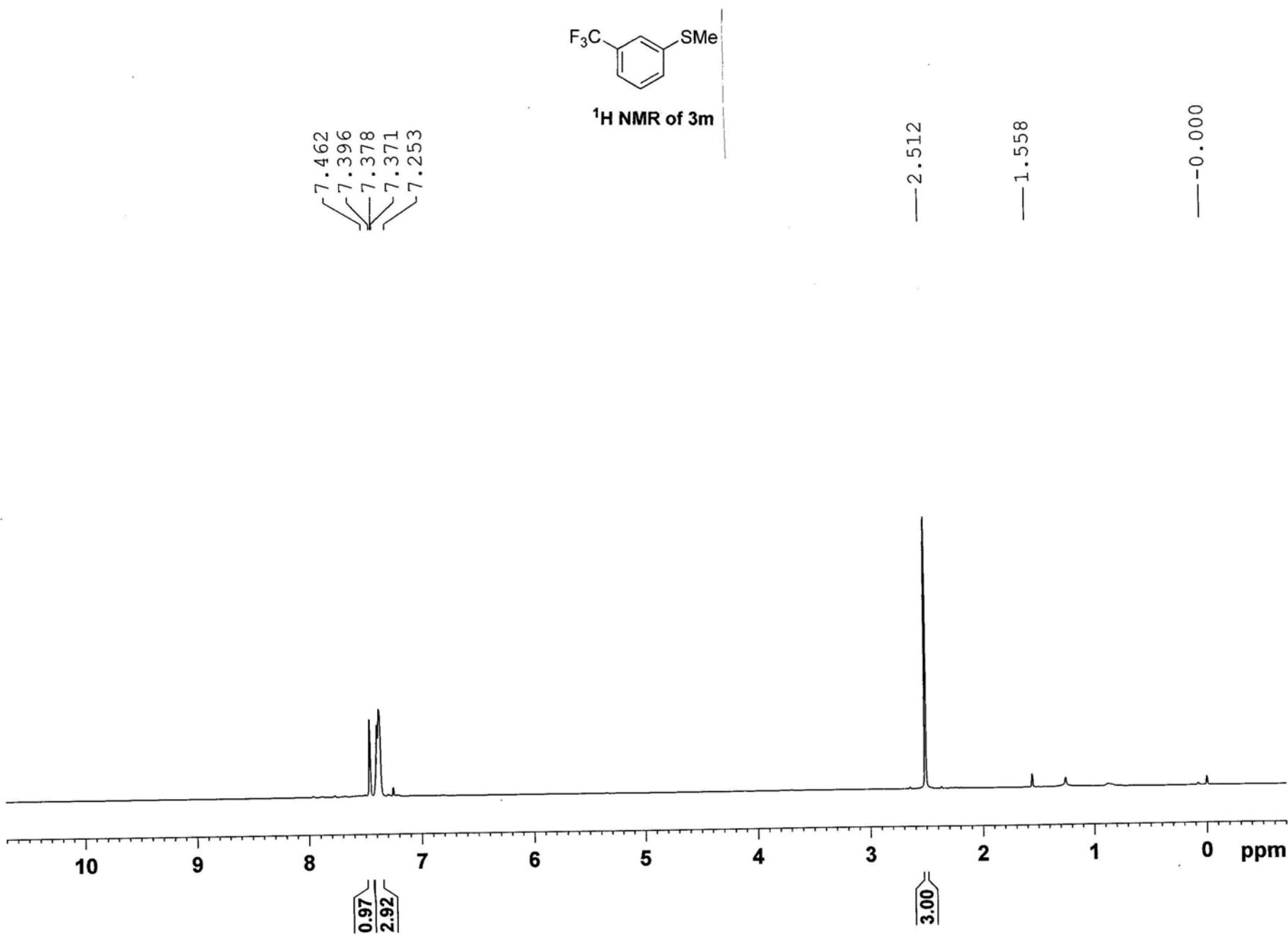


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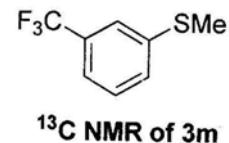
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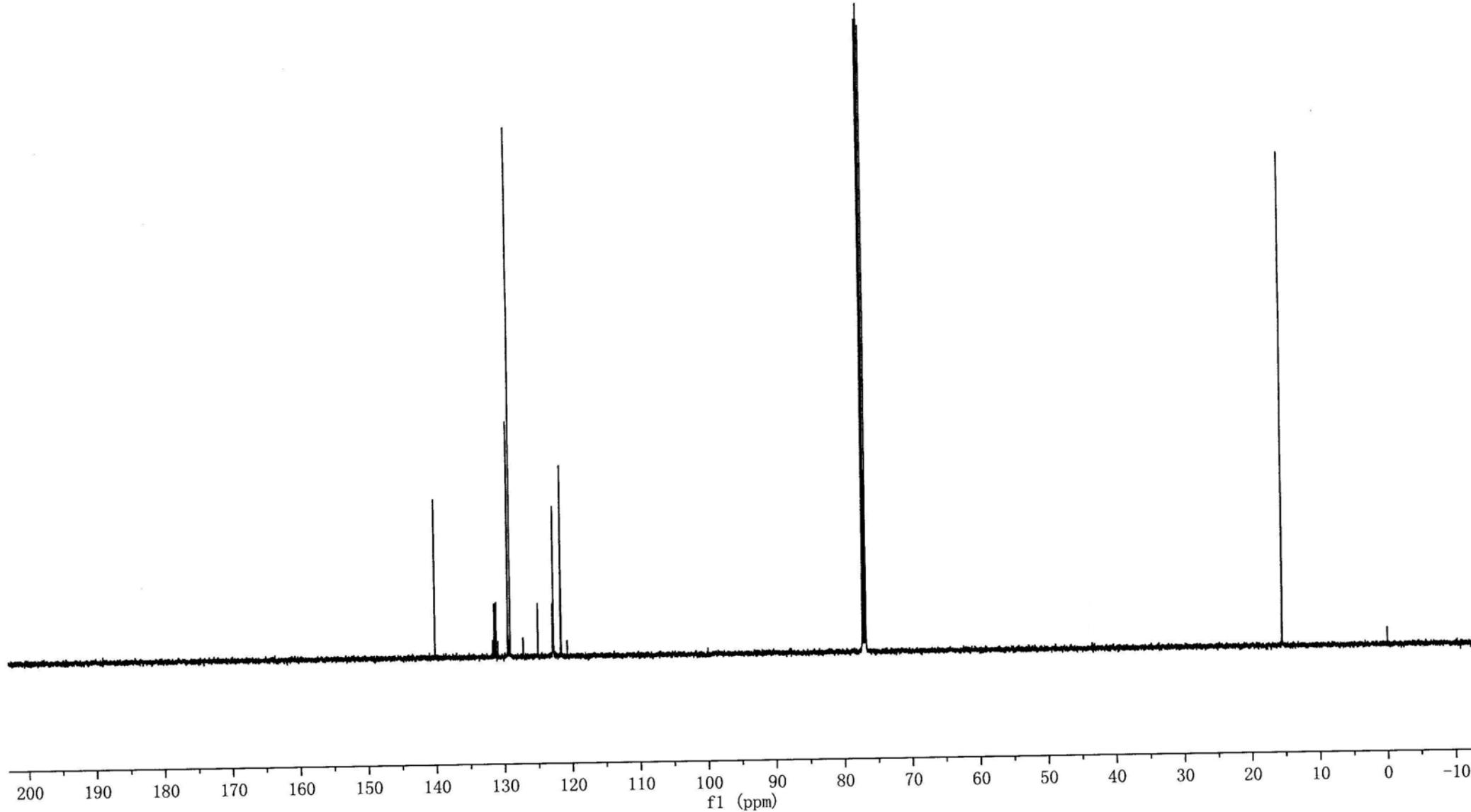
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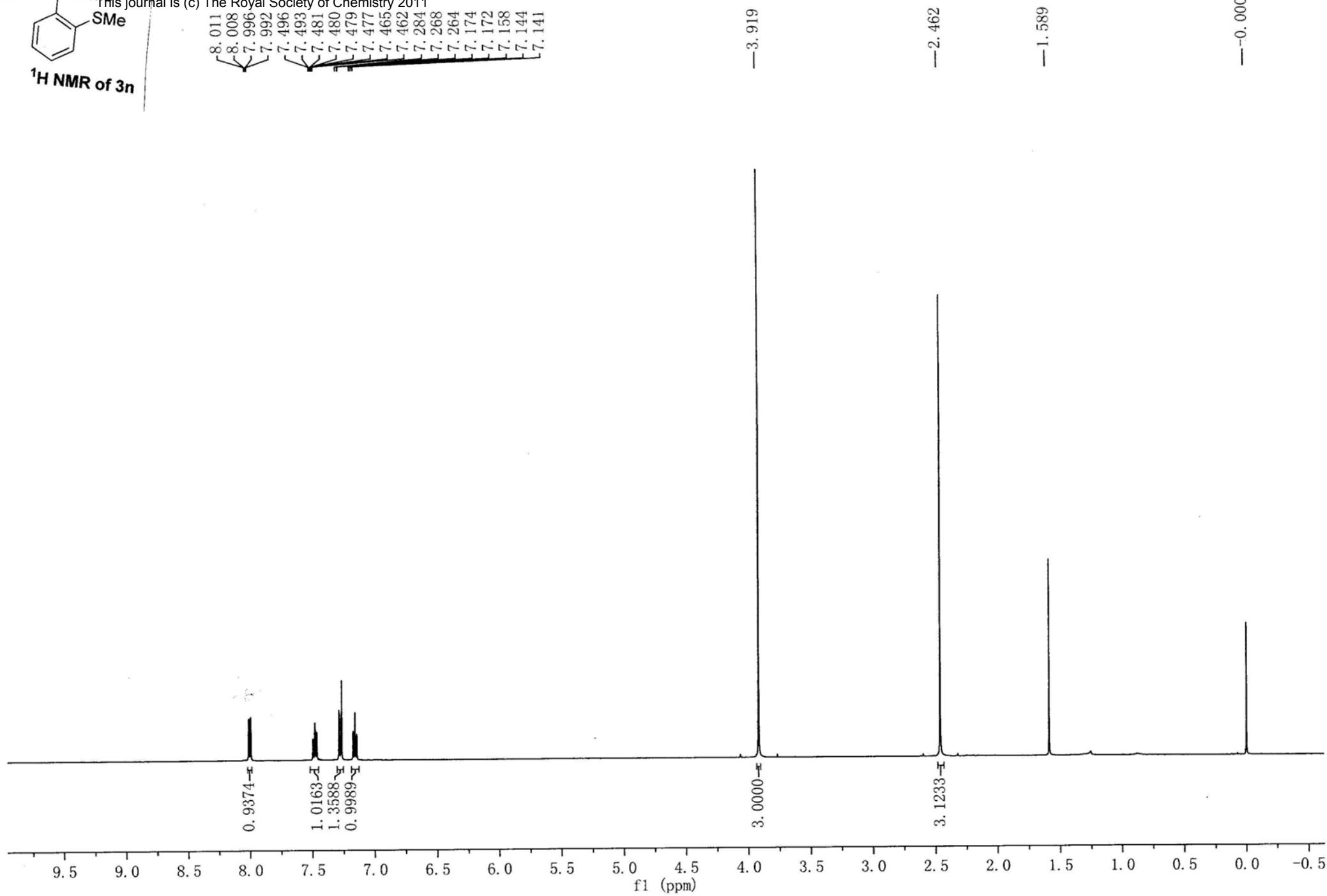


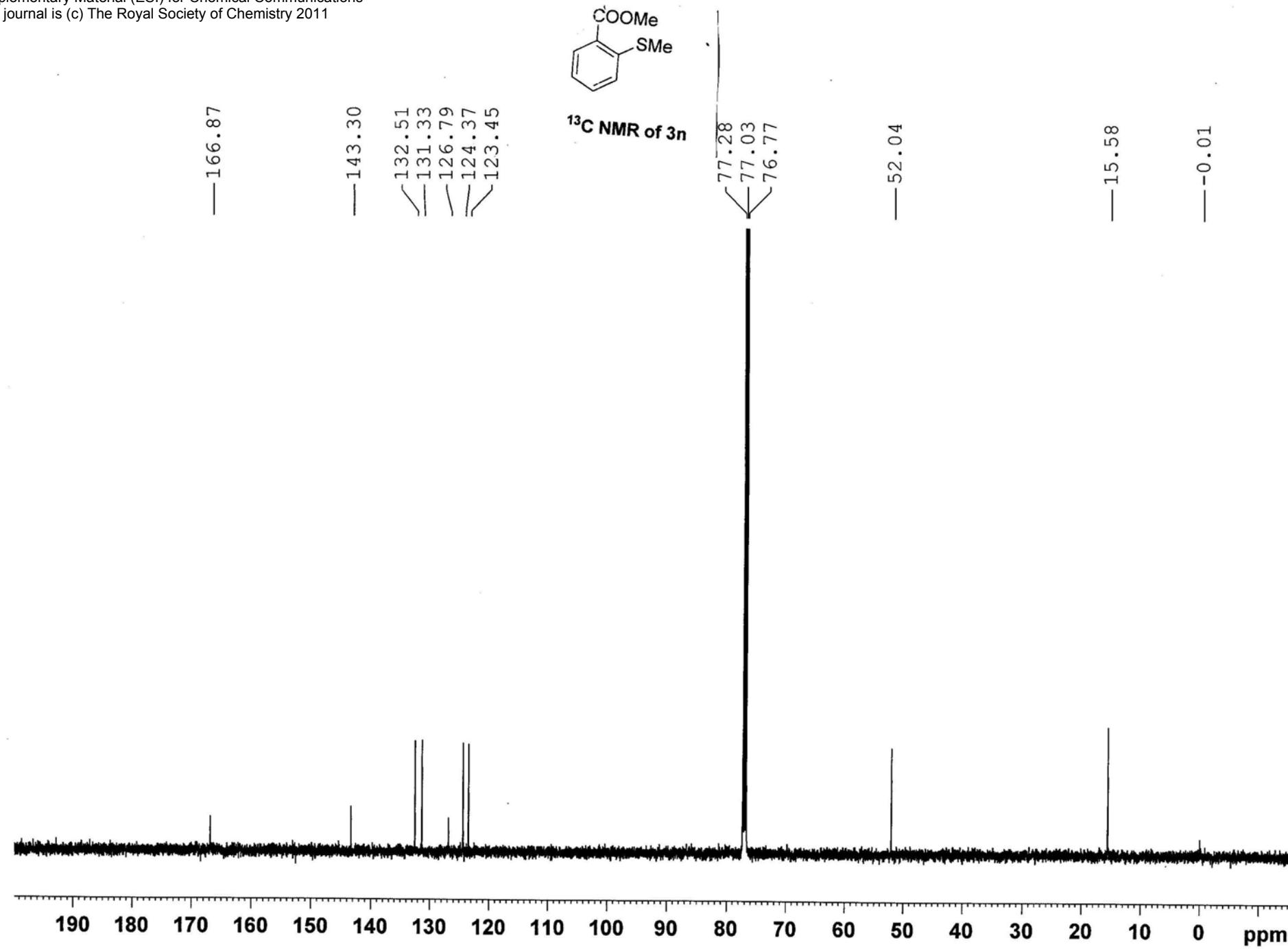
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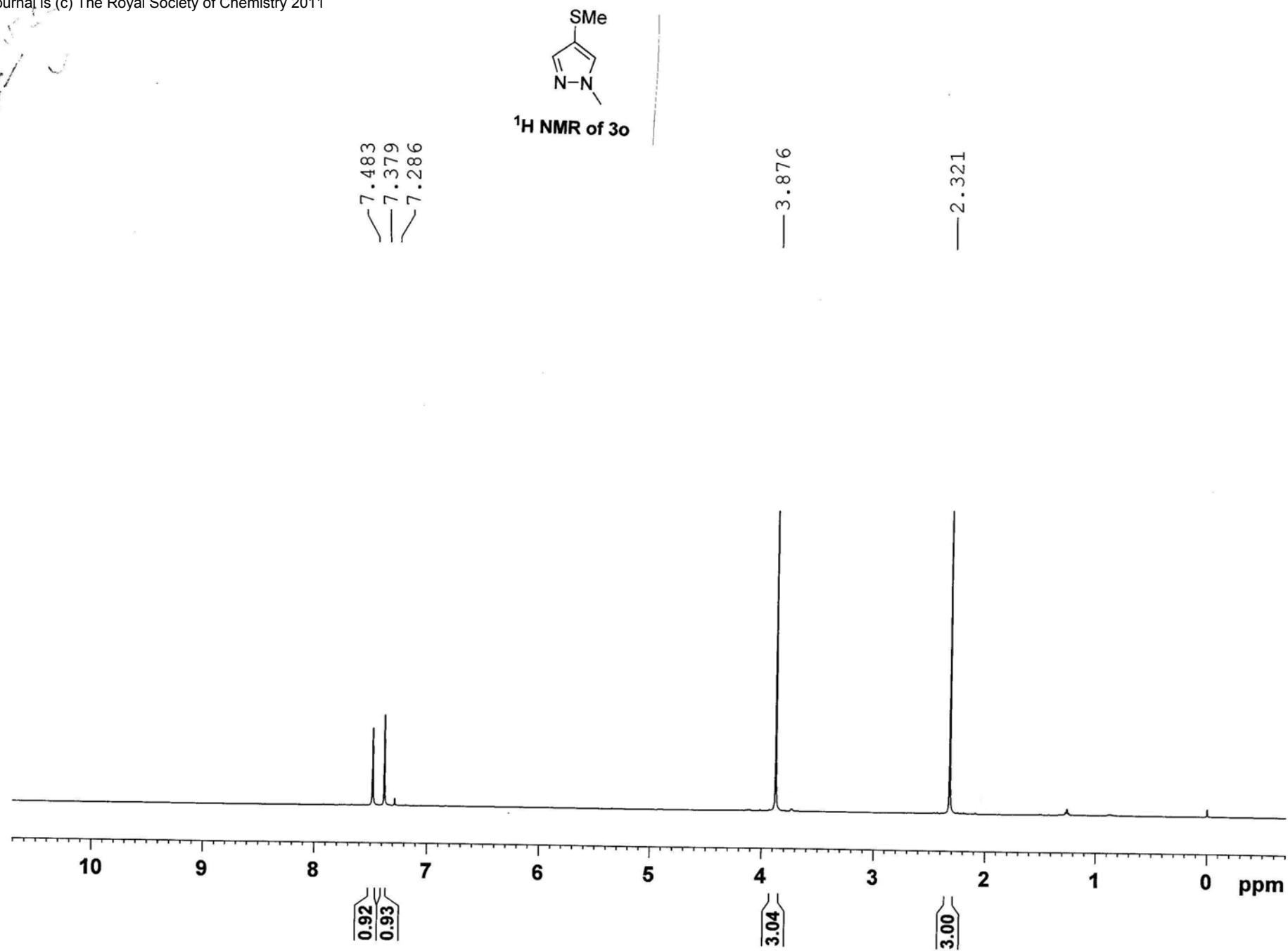
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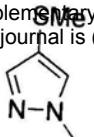
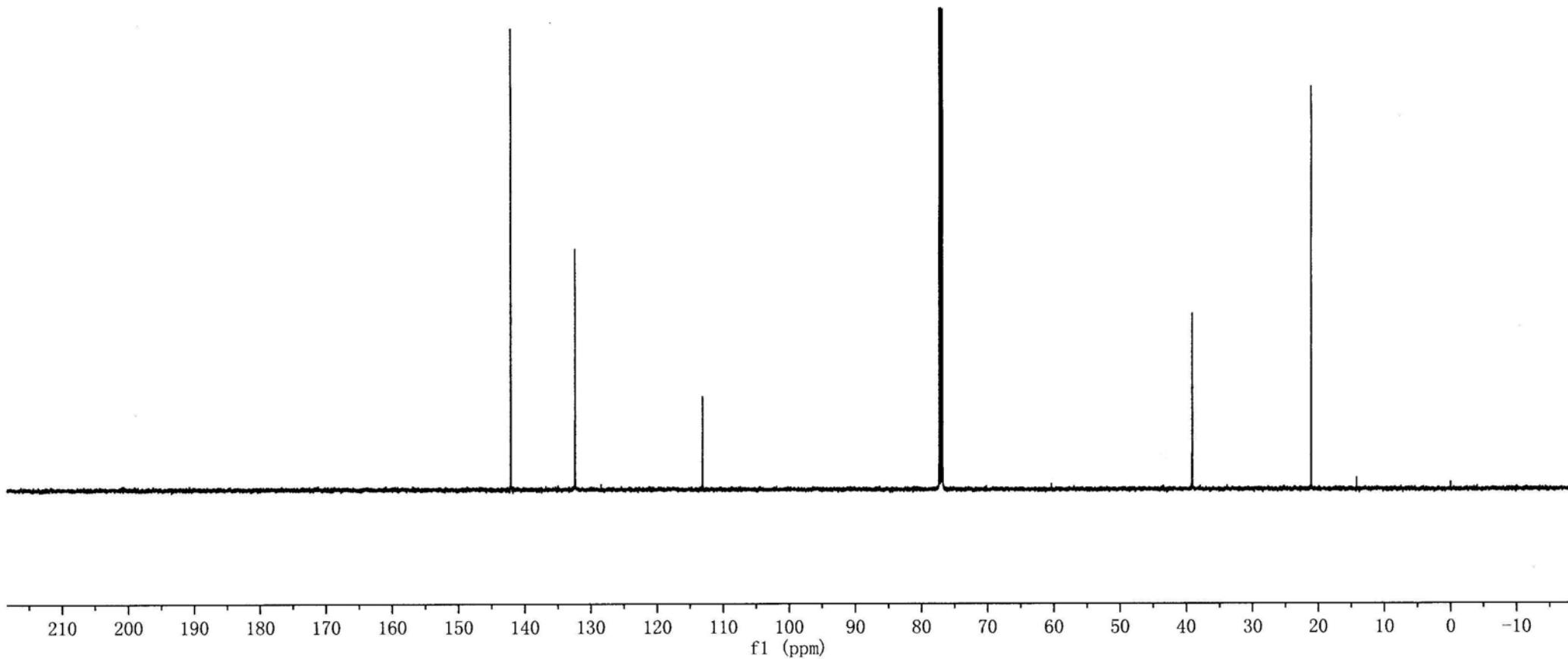


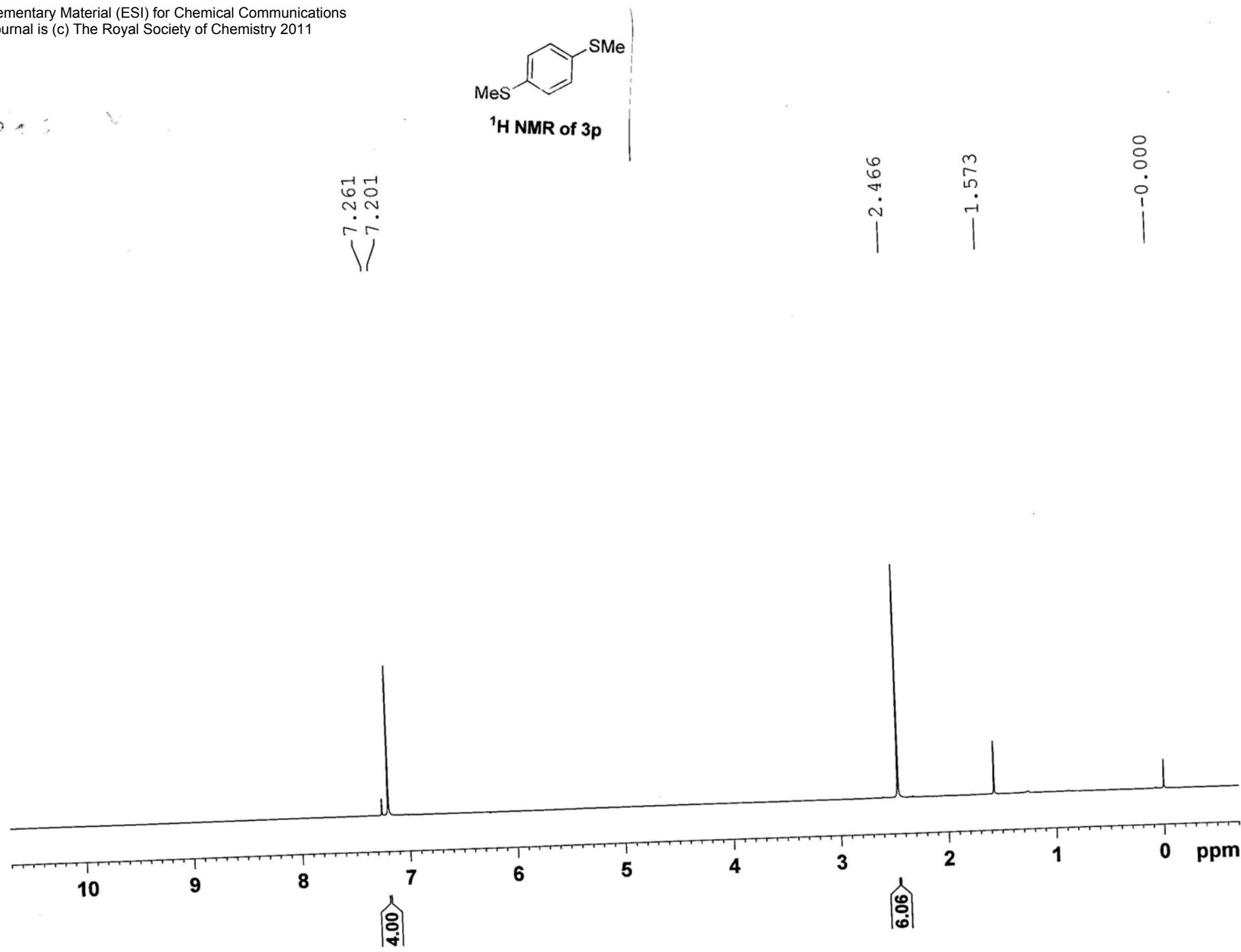
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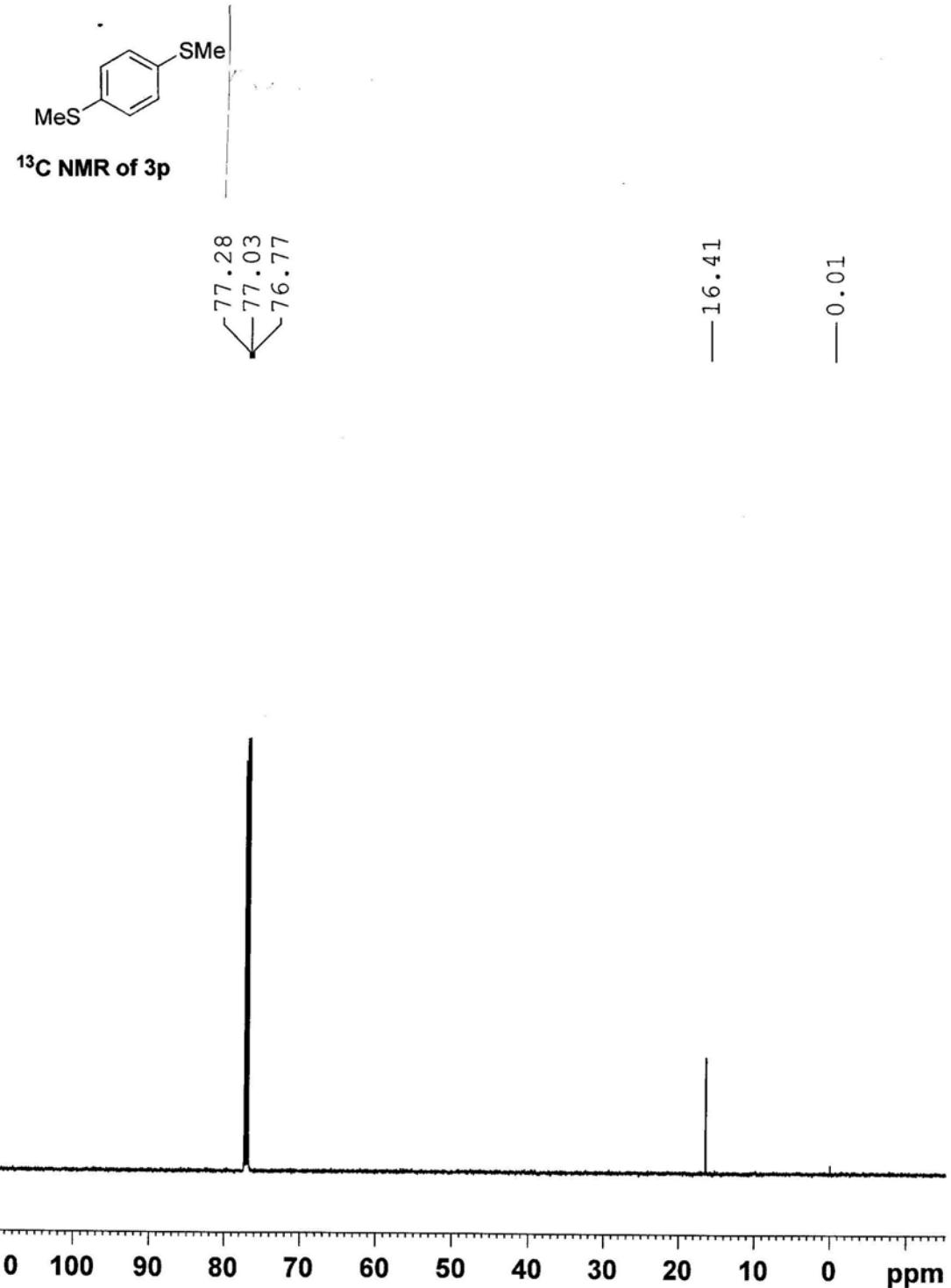


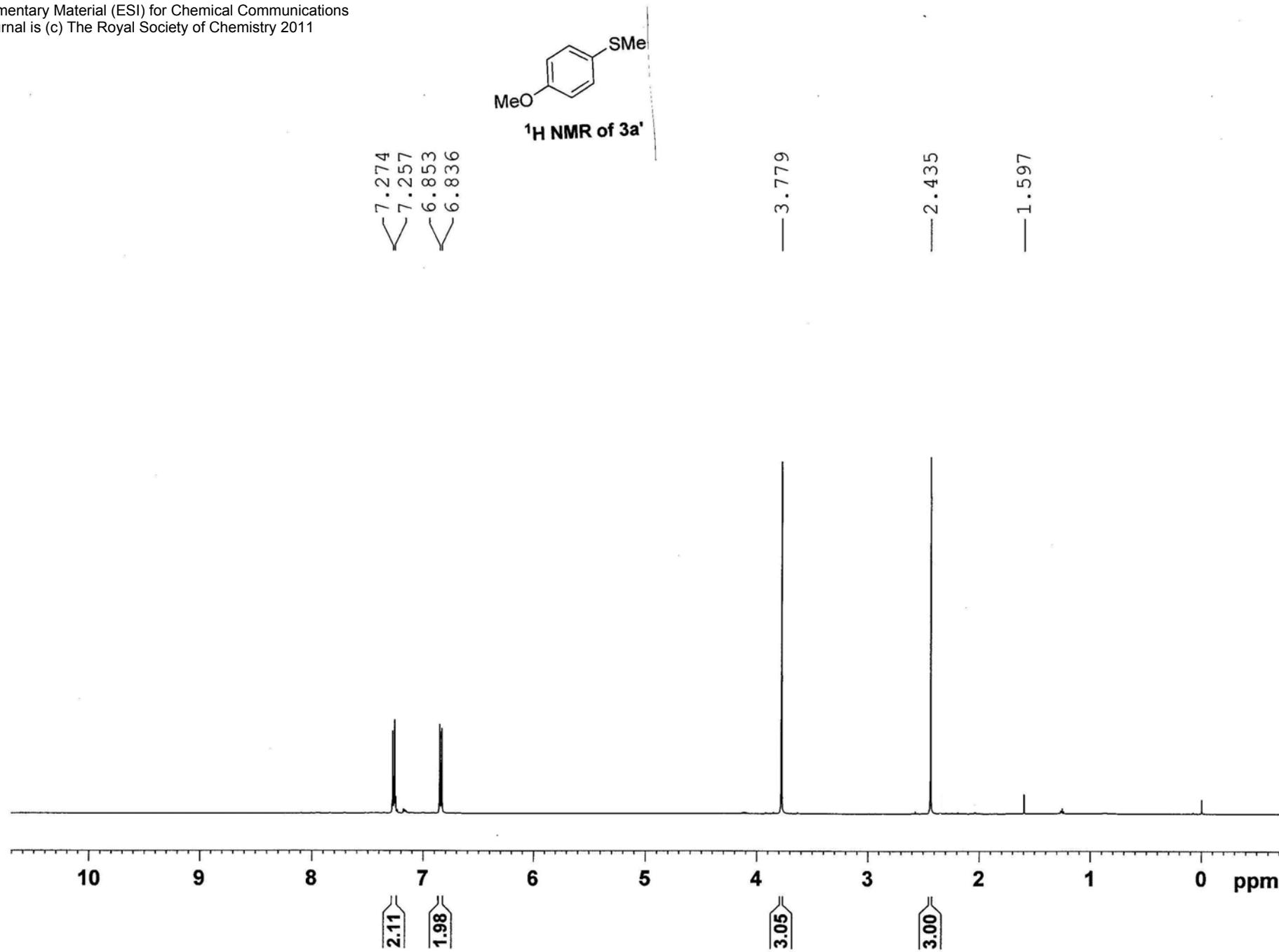


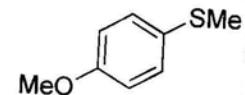


**¹³C NMR of 3o**

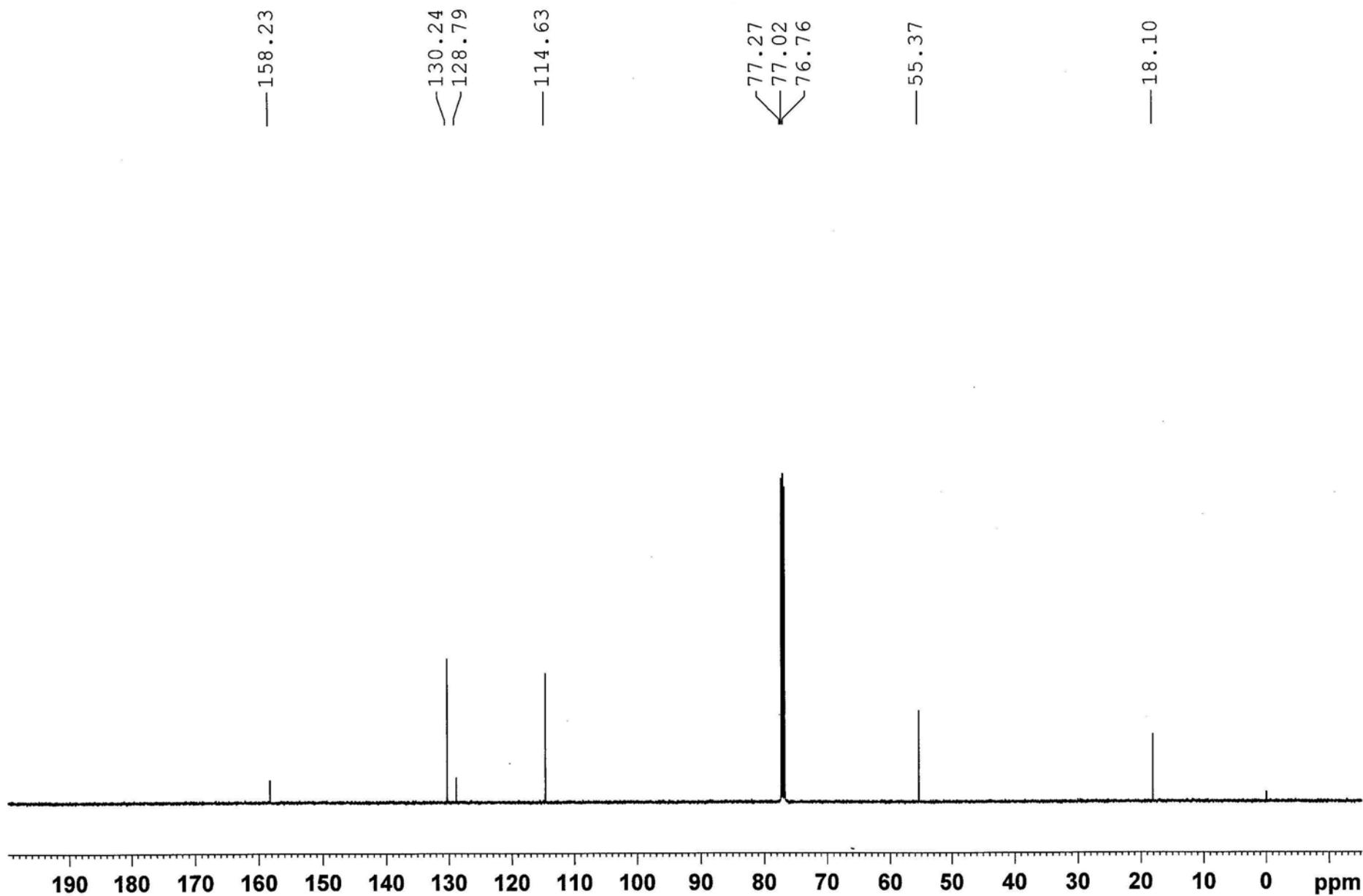




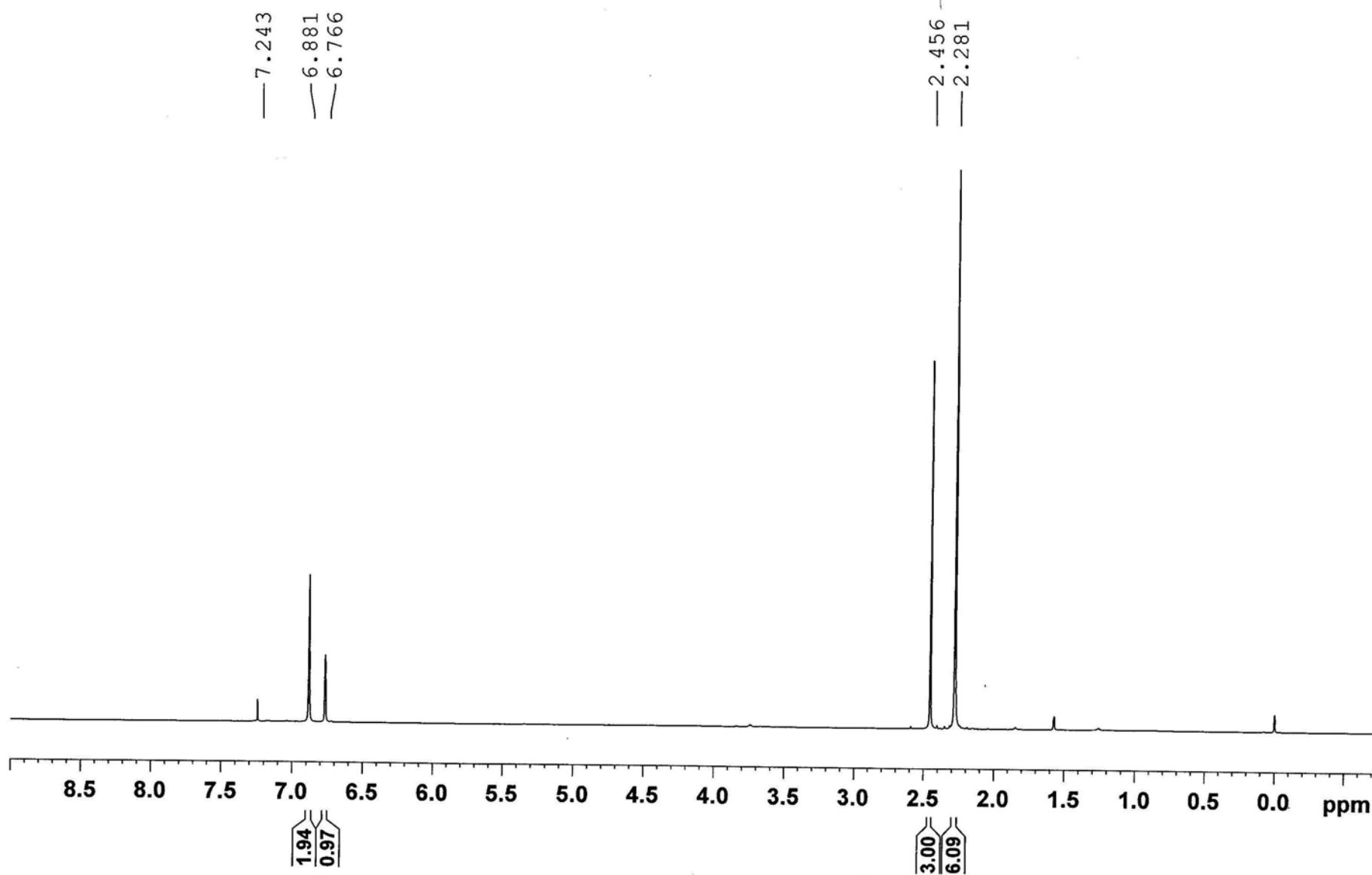
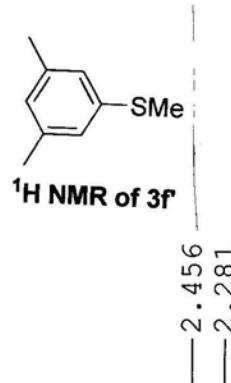




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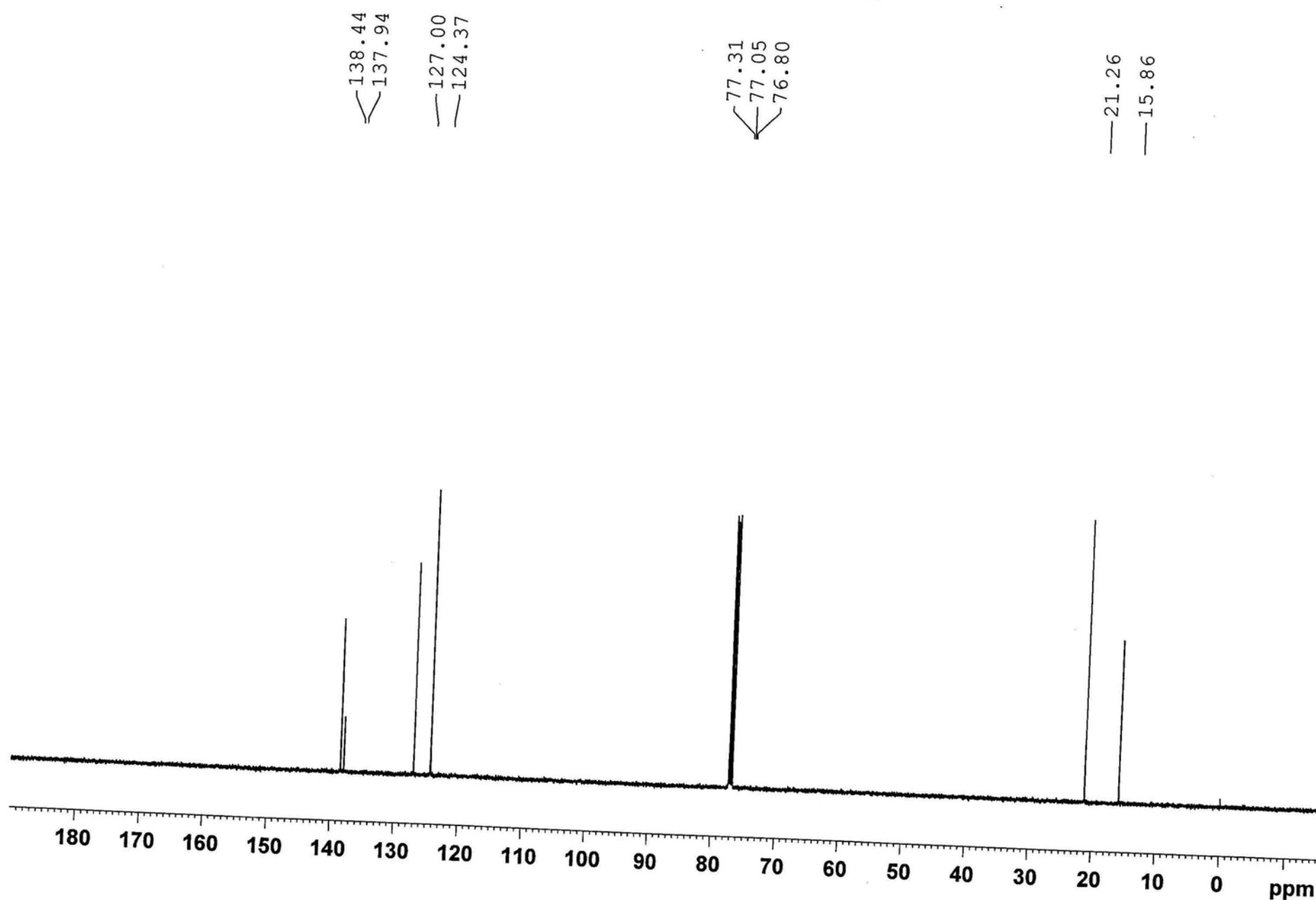
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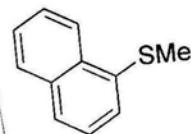
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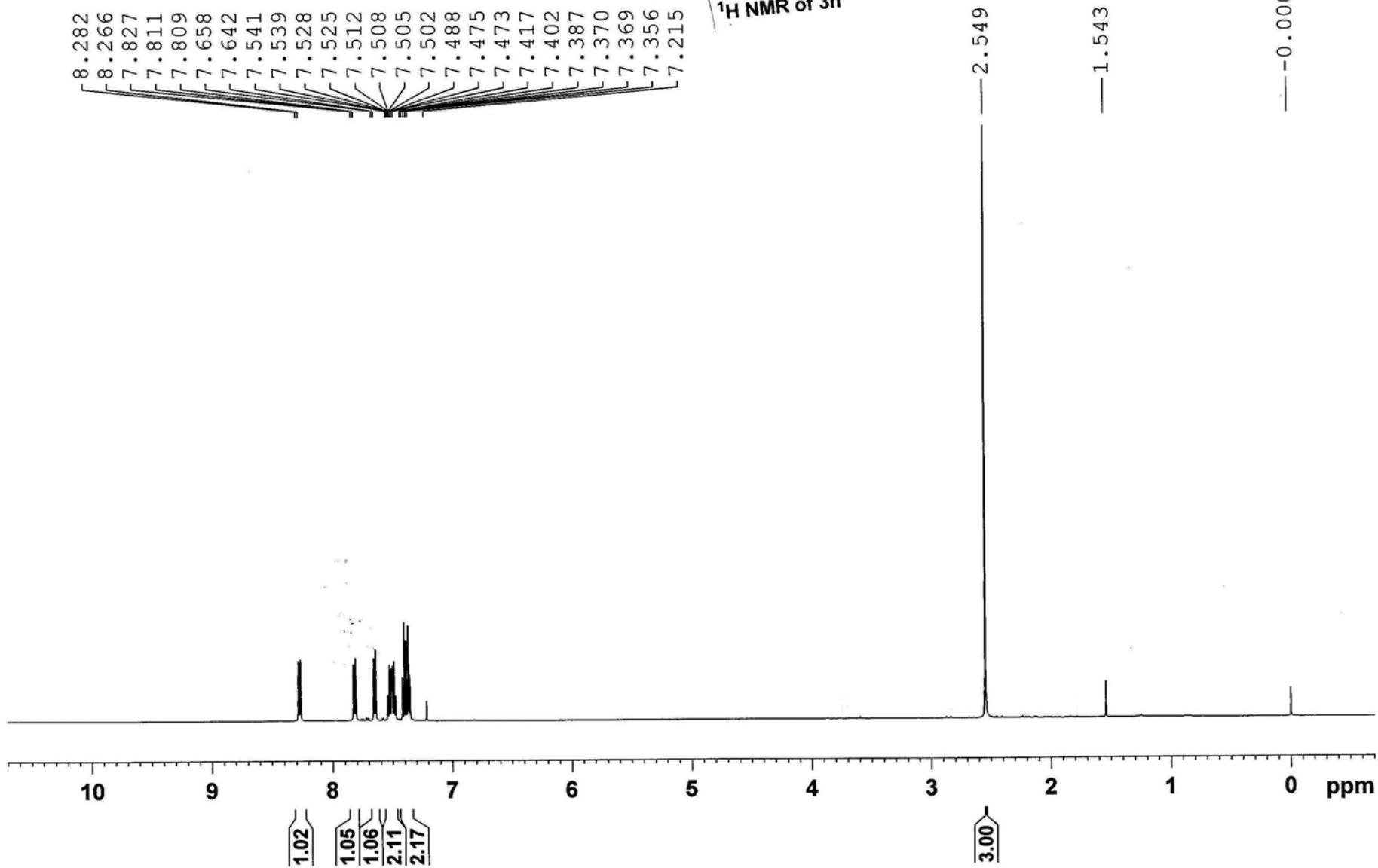
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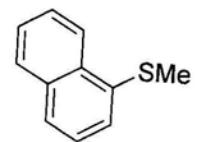
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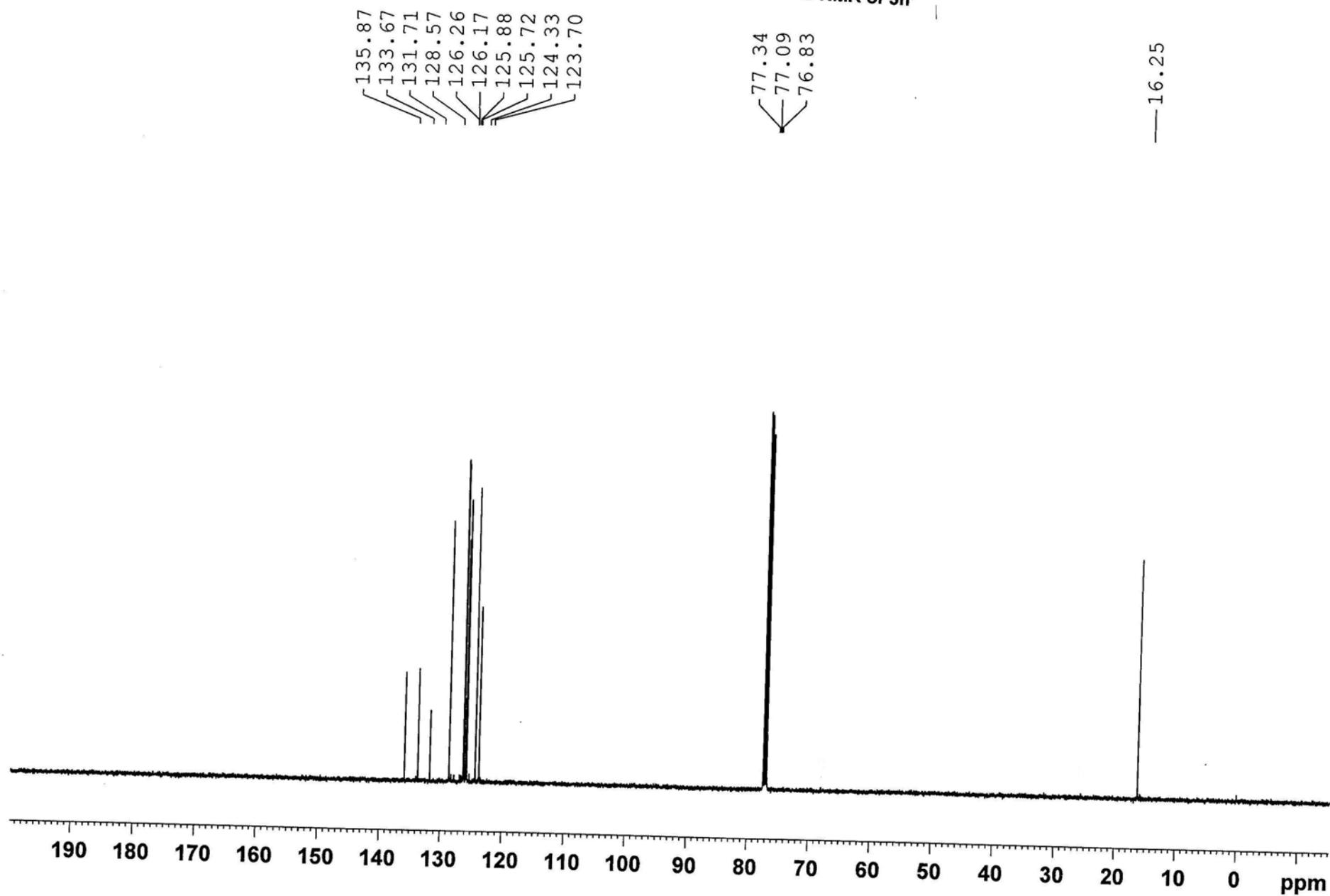
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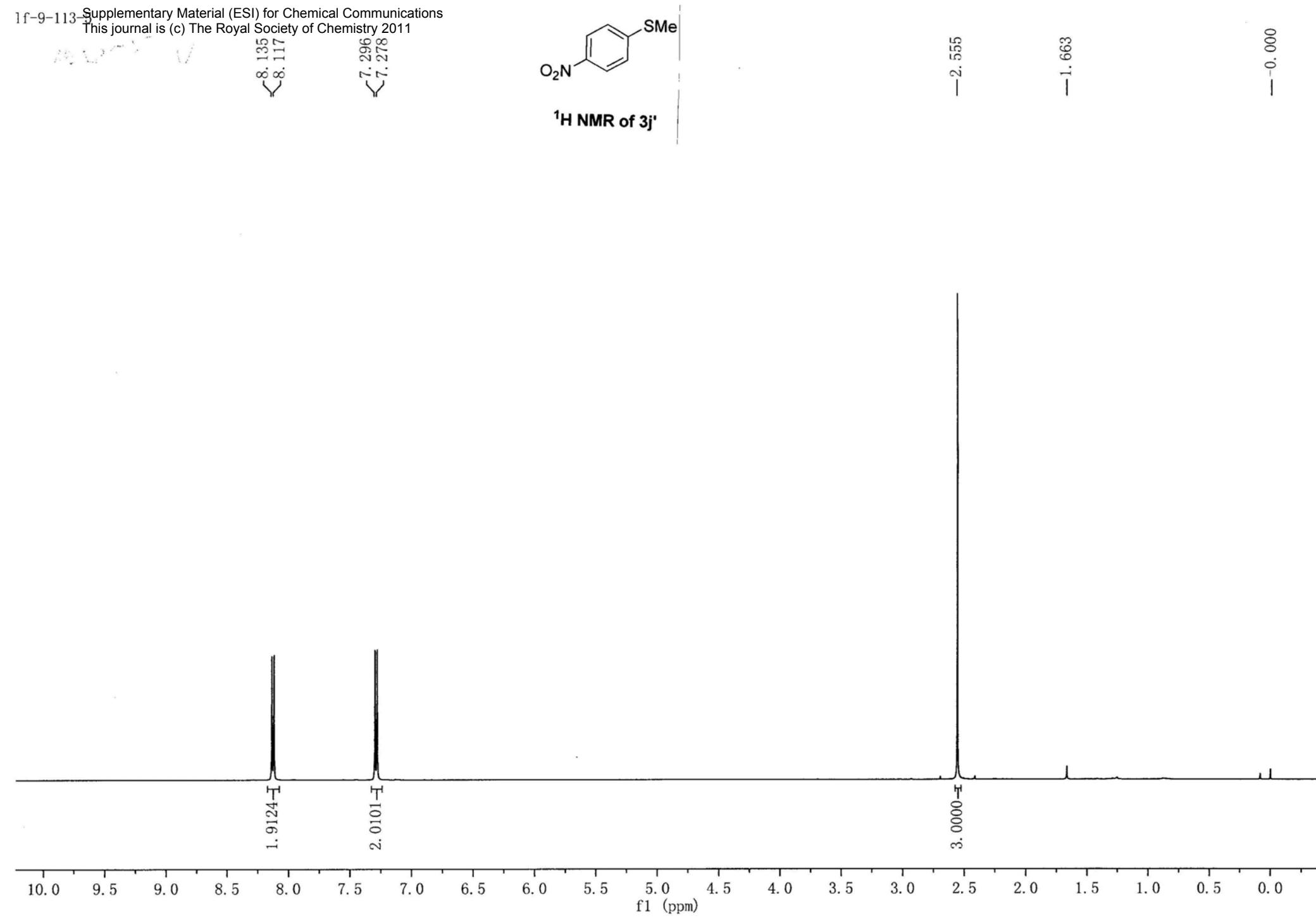


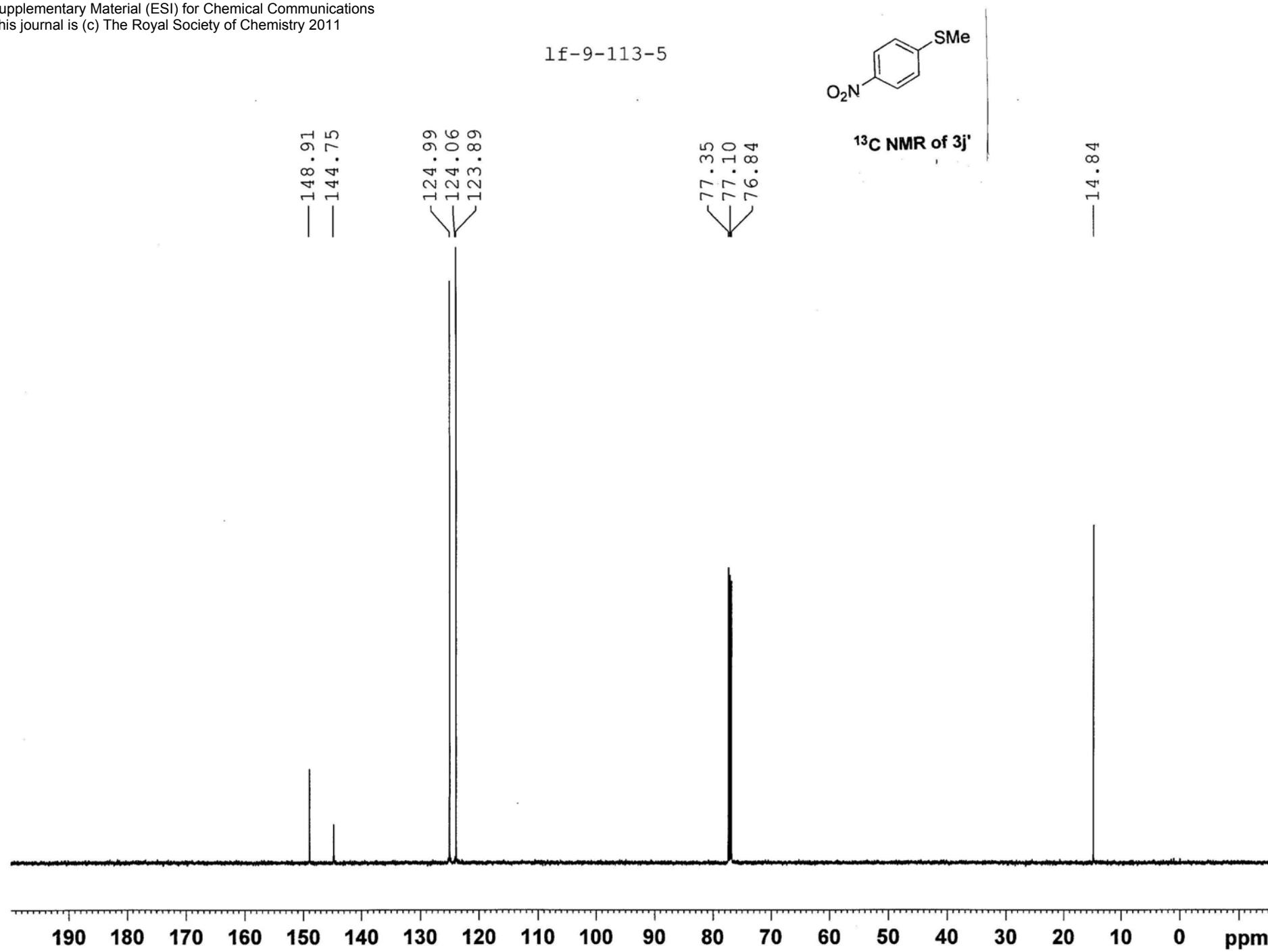
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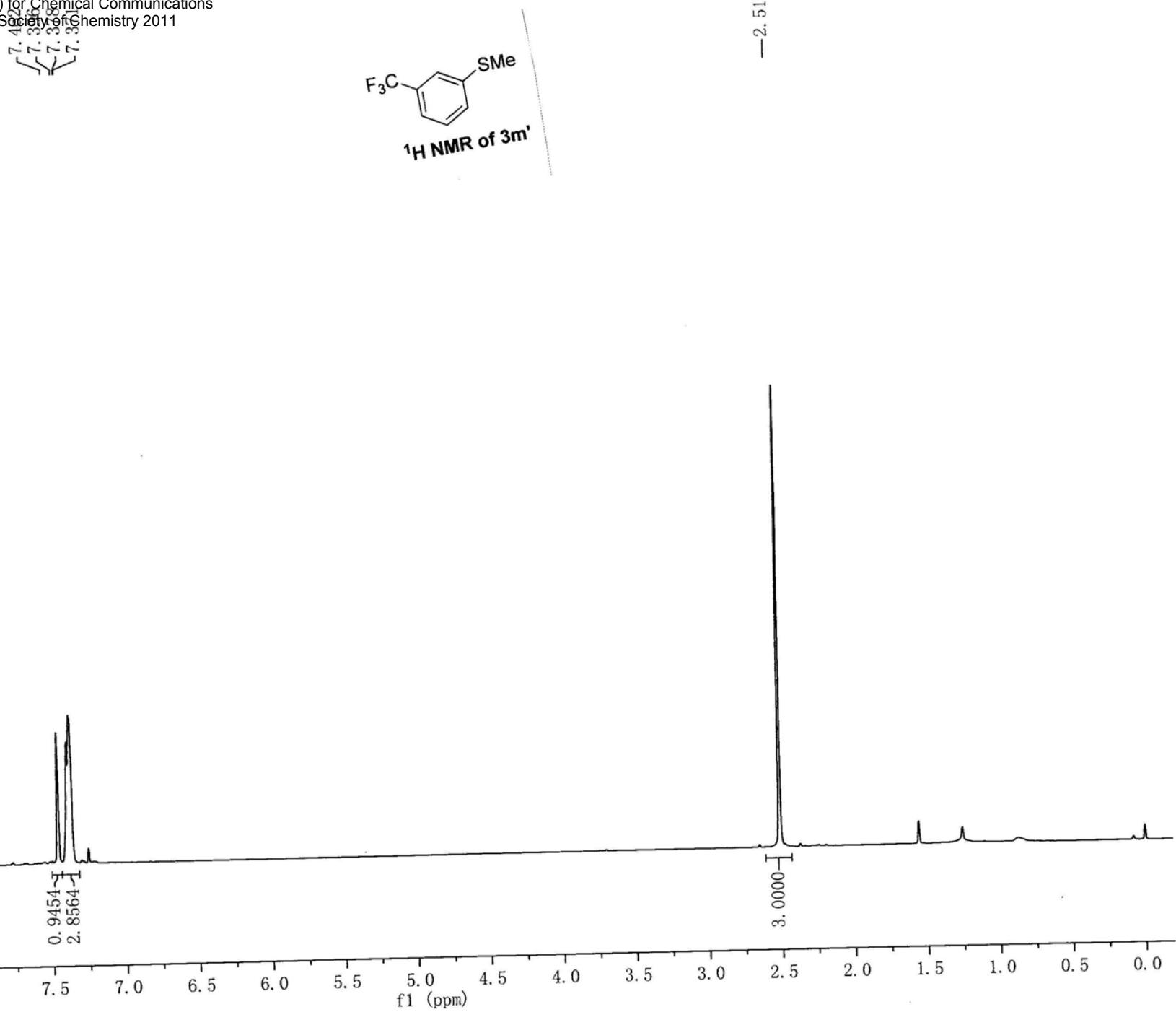


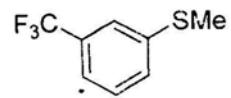
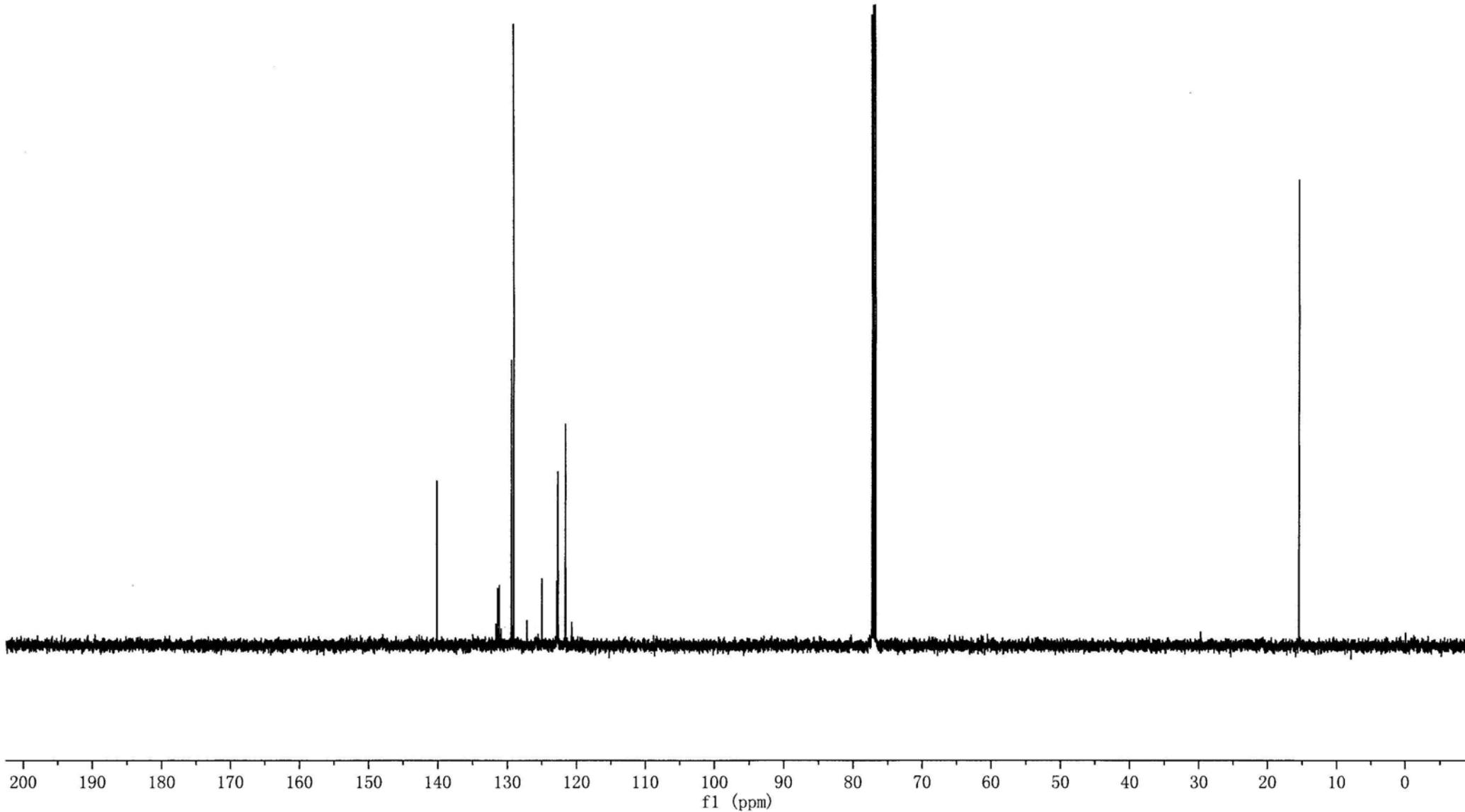
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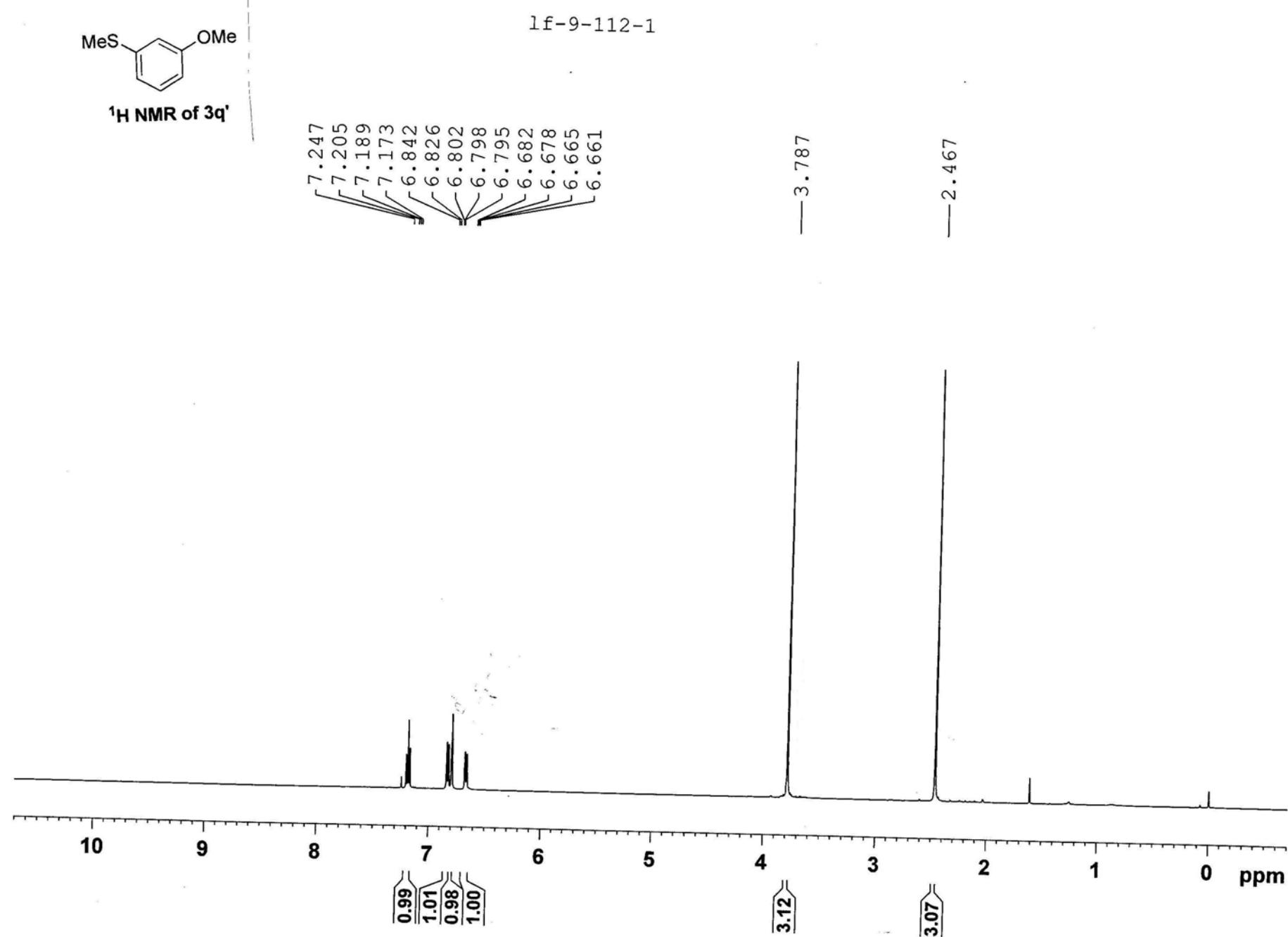


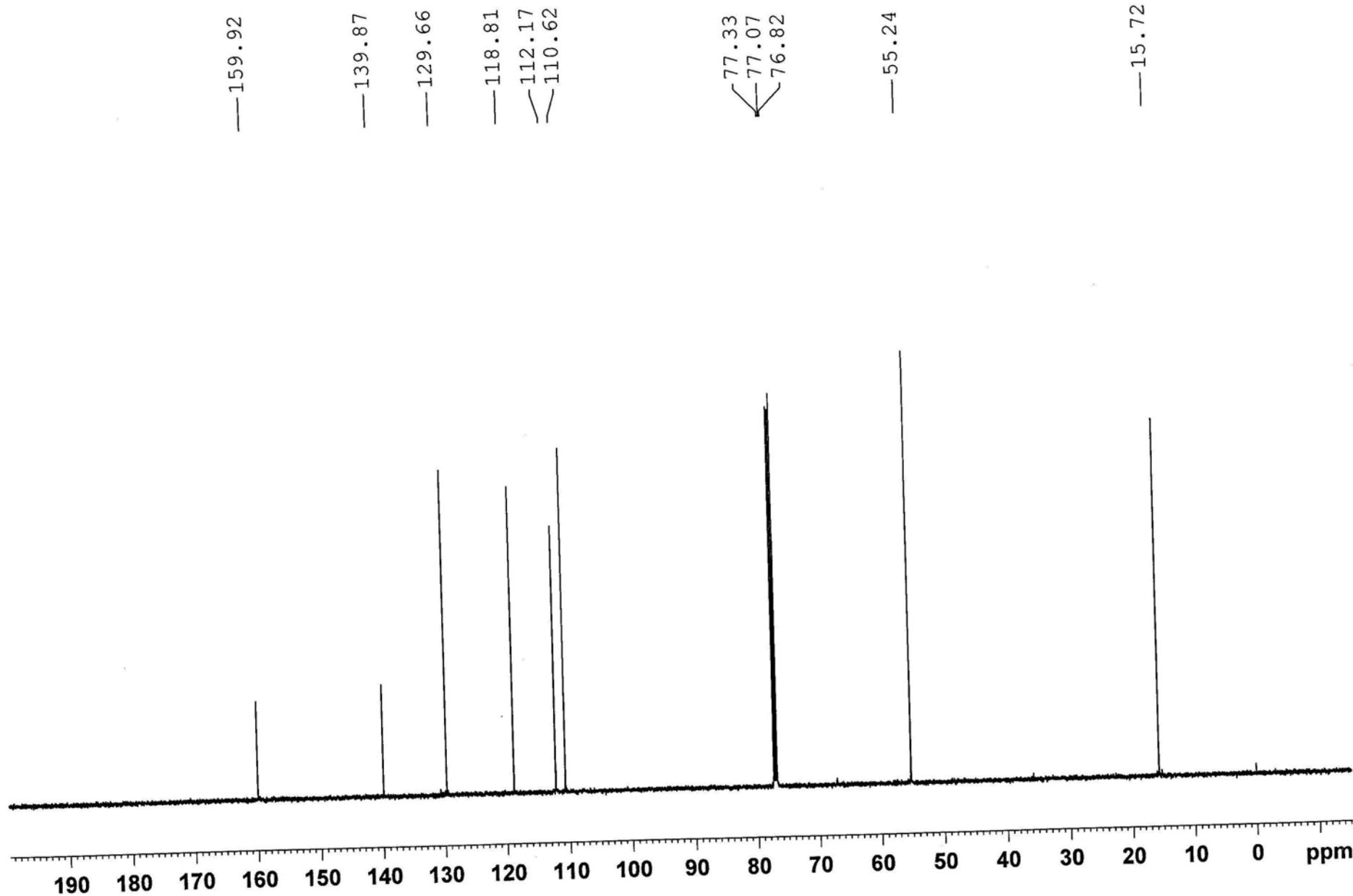
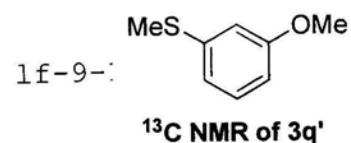


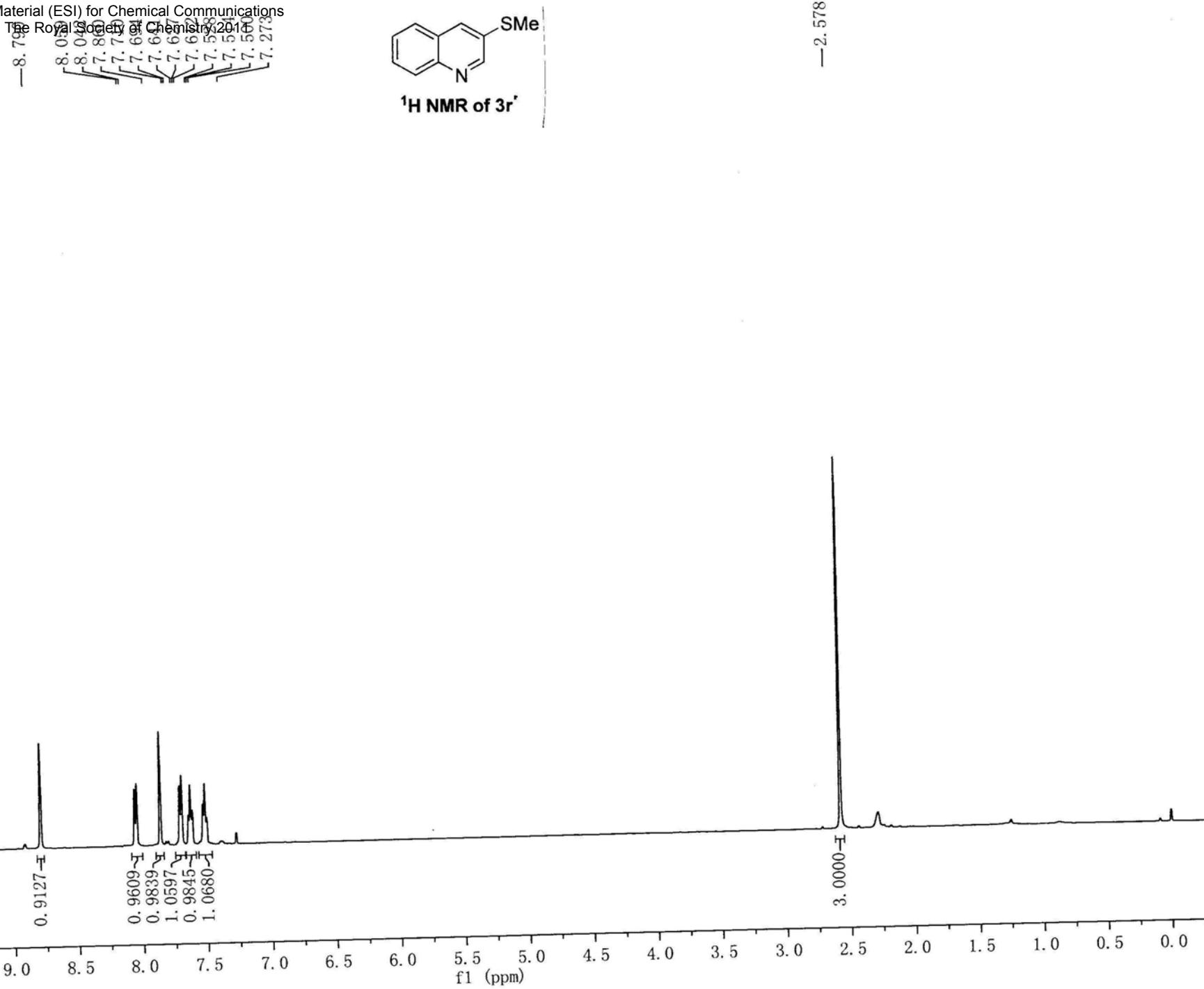


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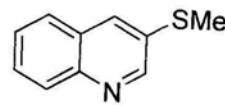
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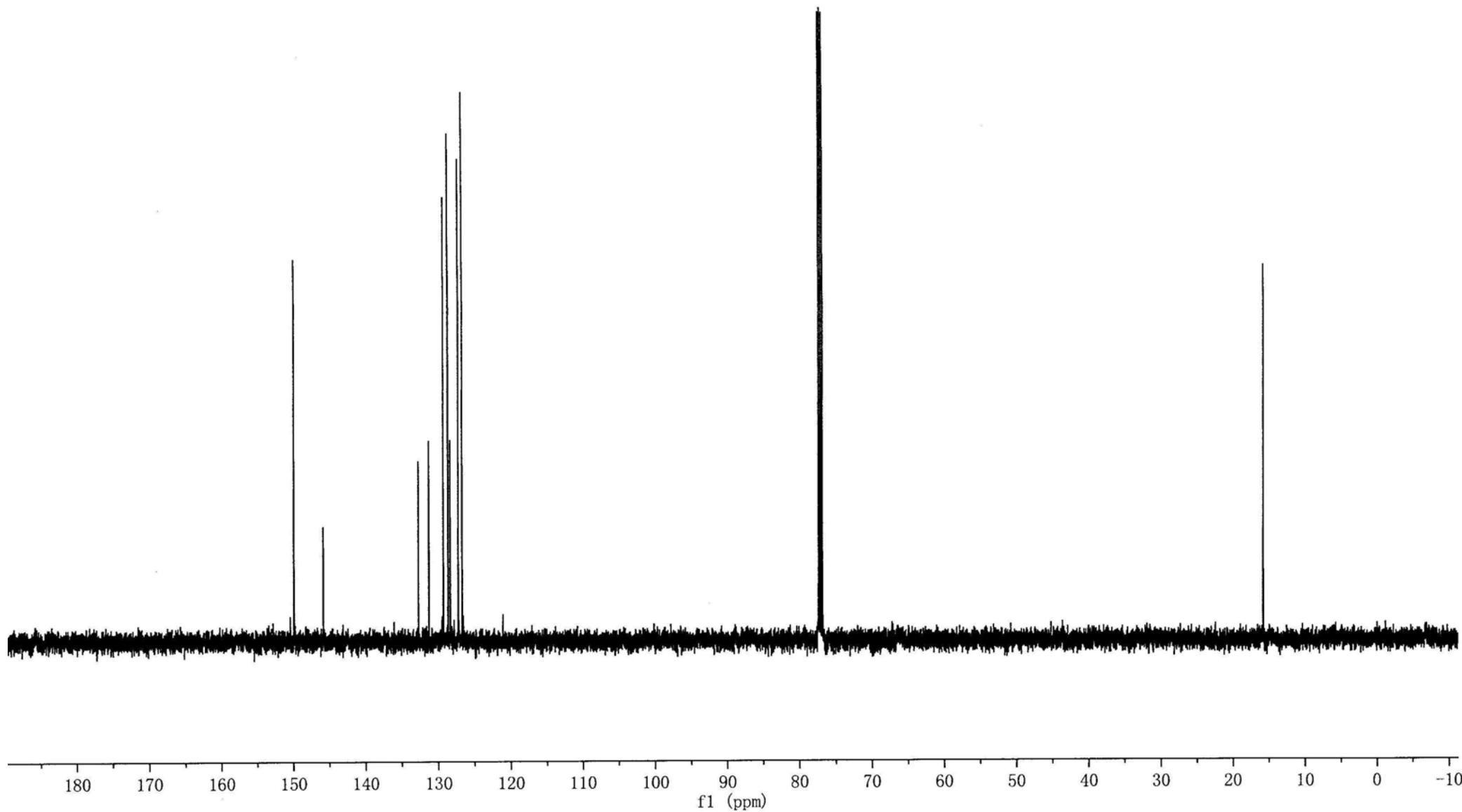
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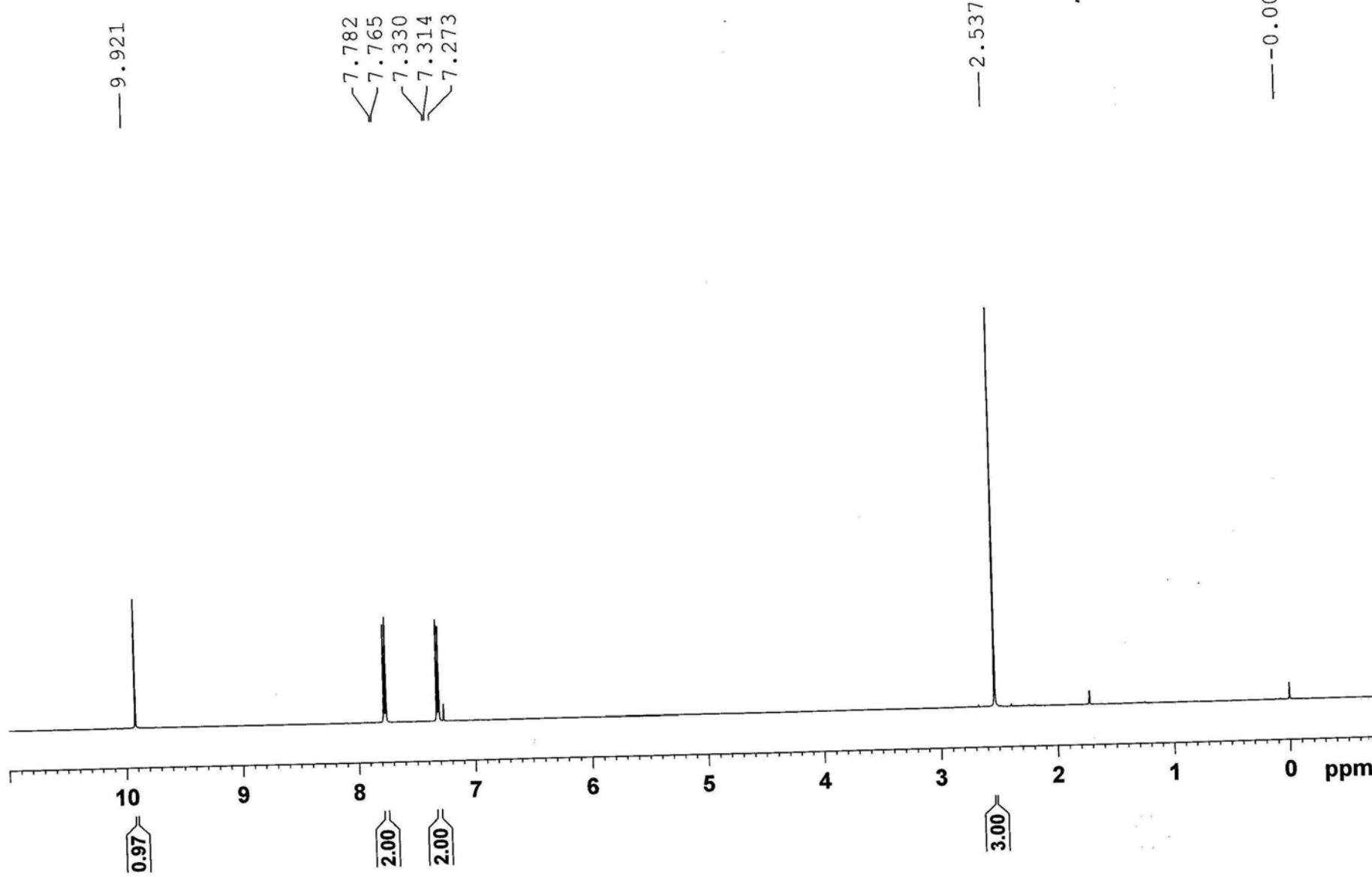
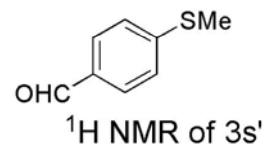


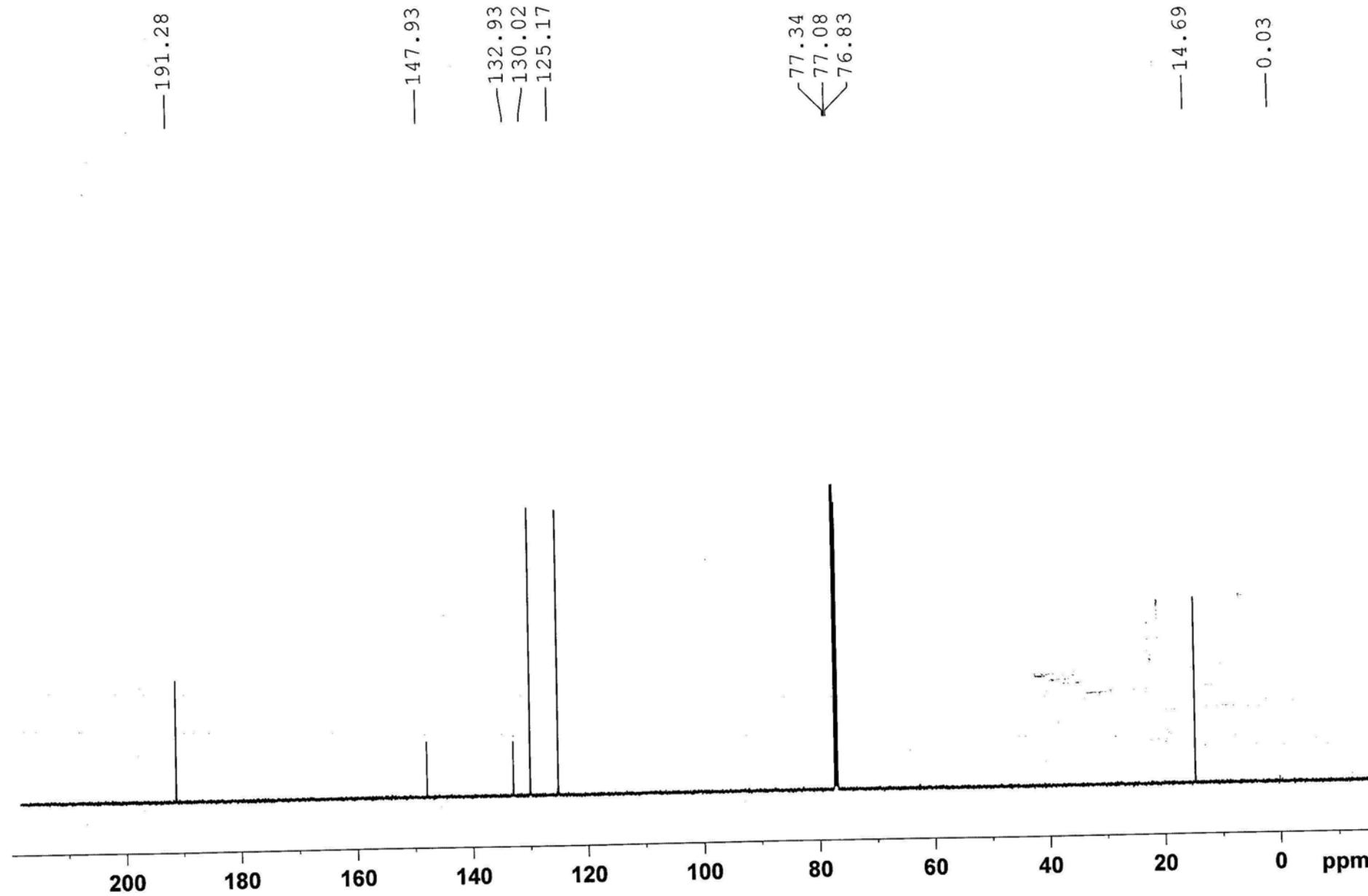
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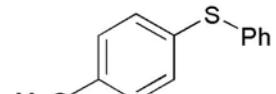
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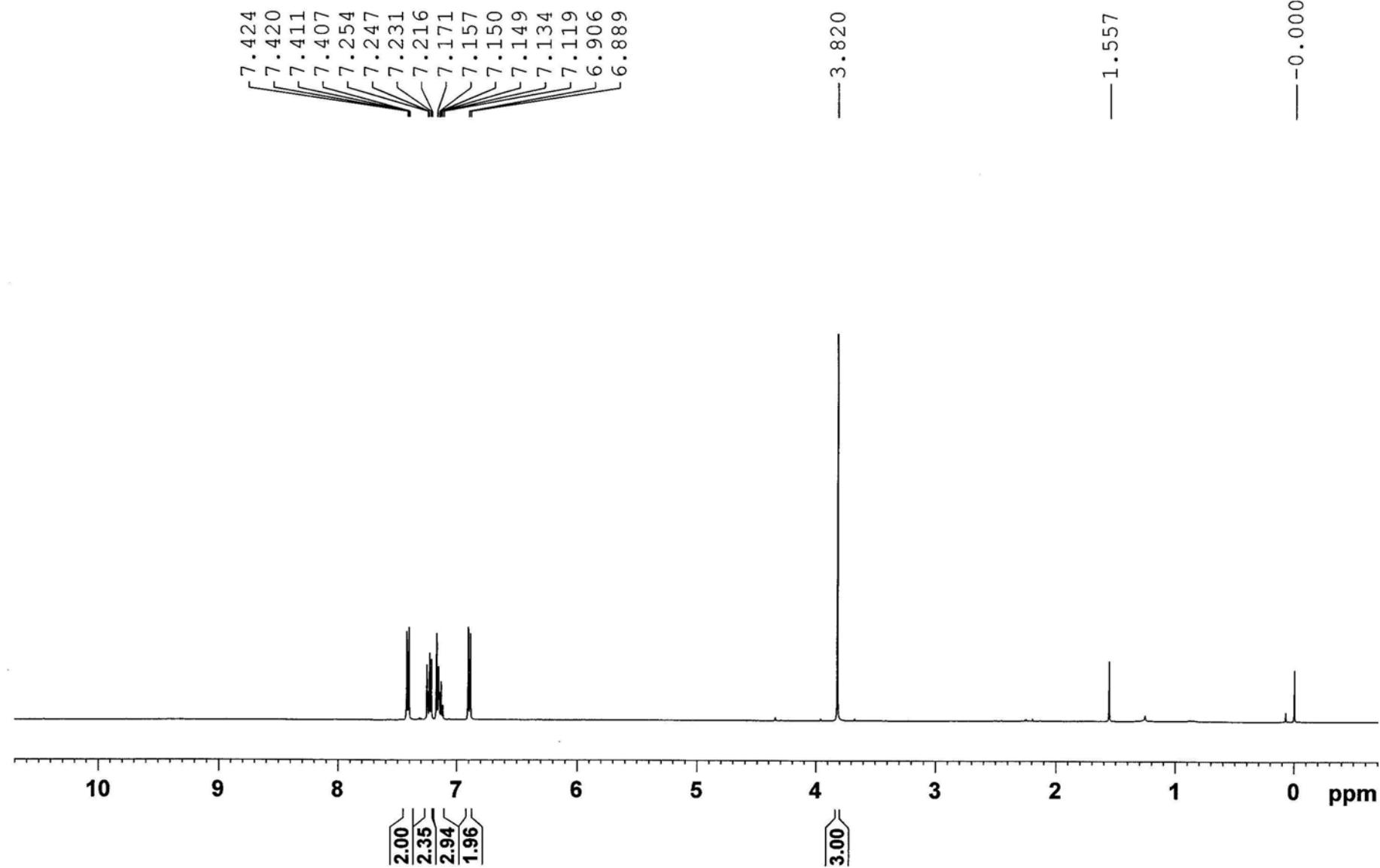




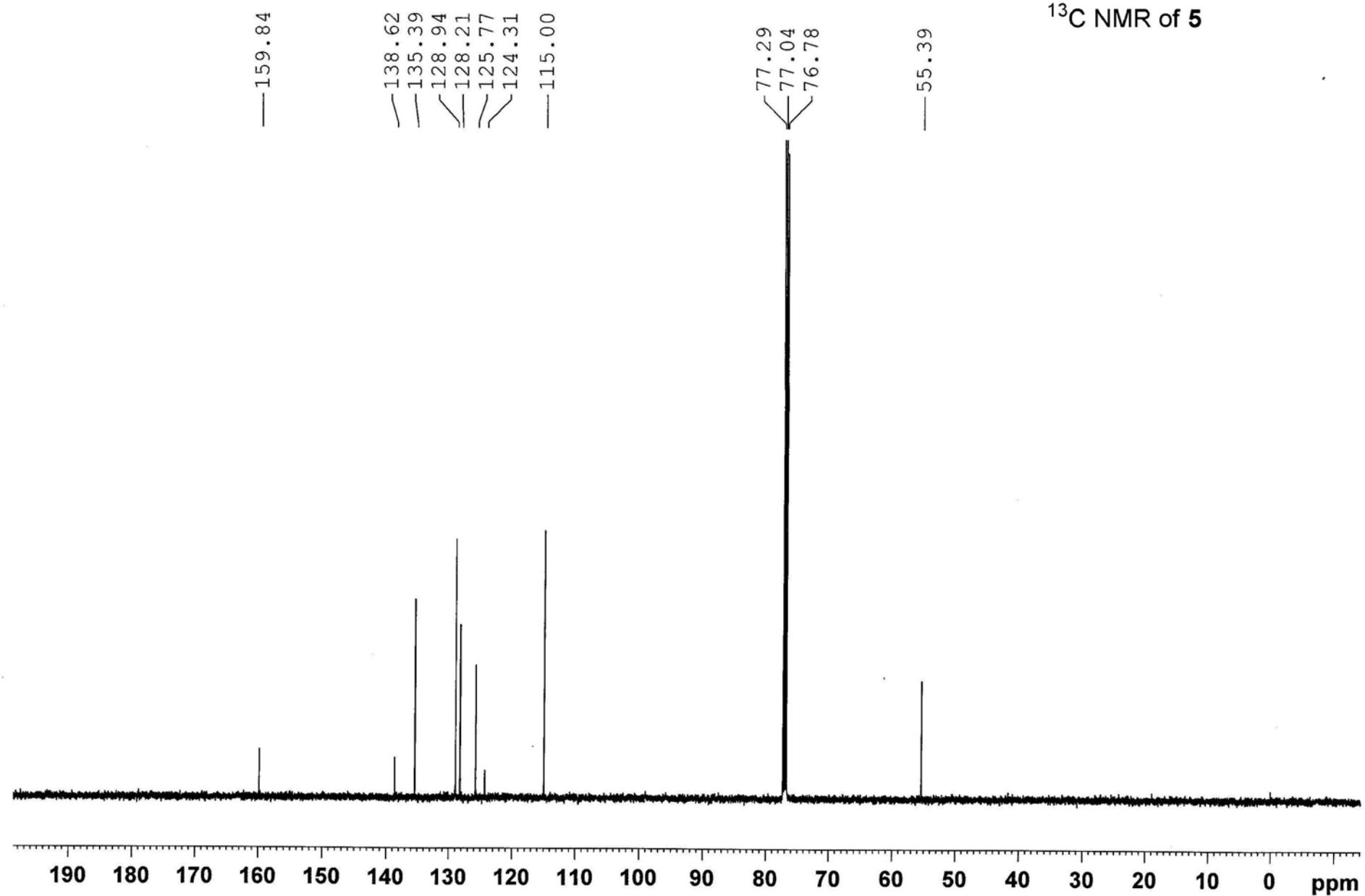
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