

# Supporting Information

## Enantioselective Friedel–Crafts Reaction between Phenols and *N*-Tosylaldimines Catalyzed by Leucine-Derived Bifunctional Catalyst

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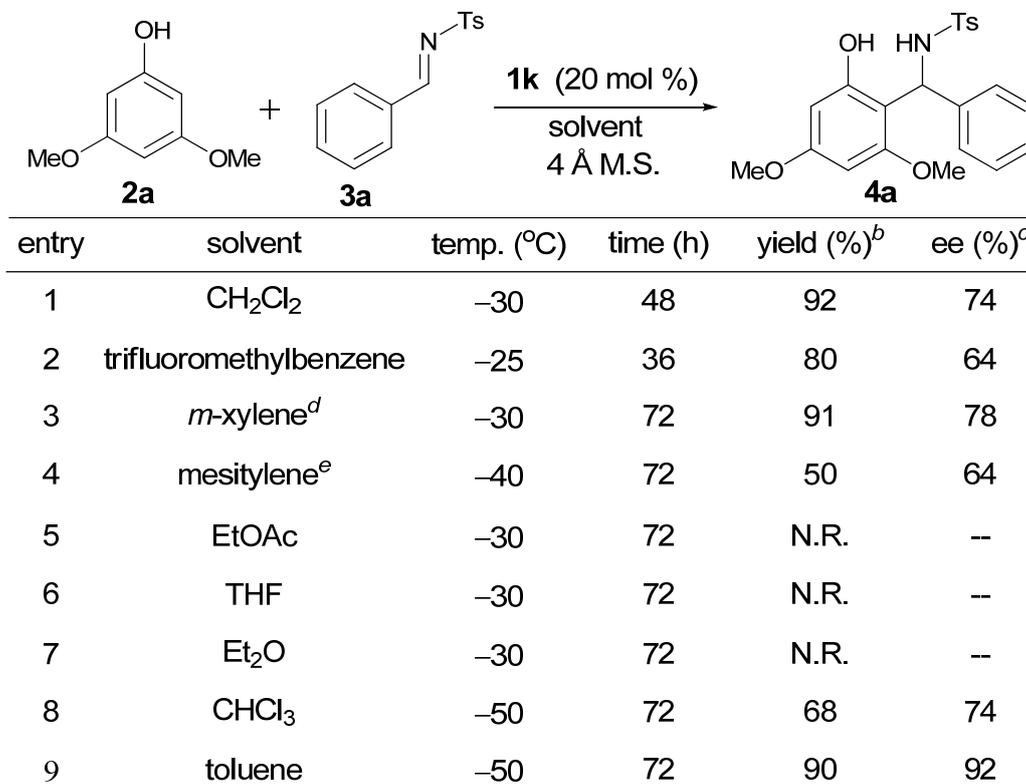
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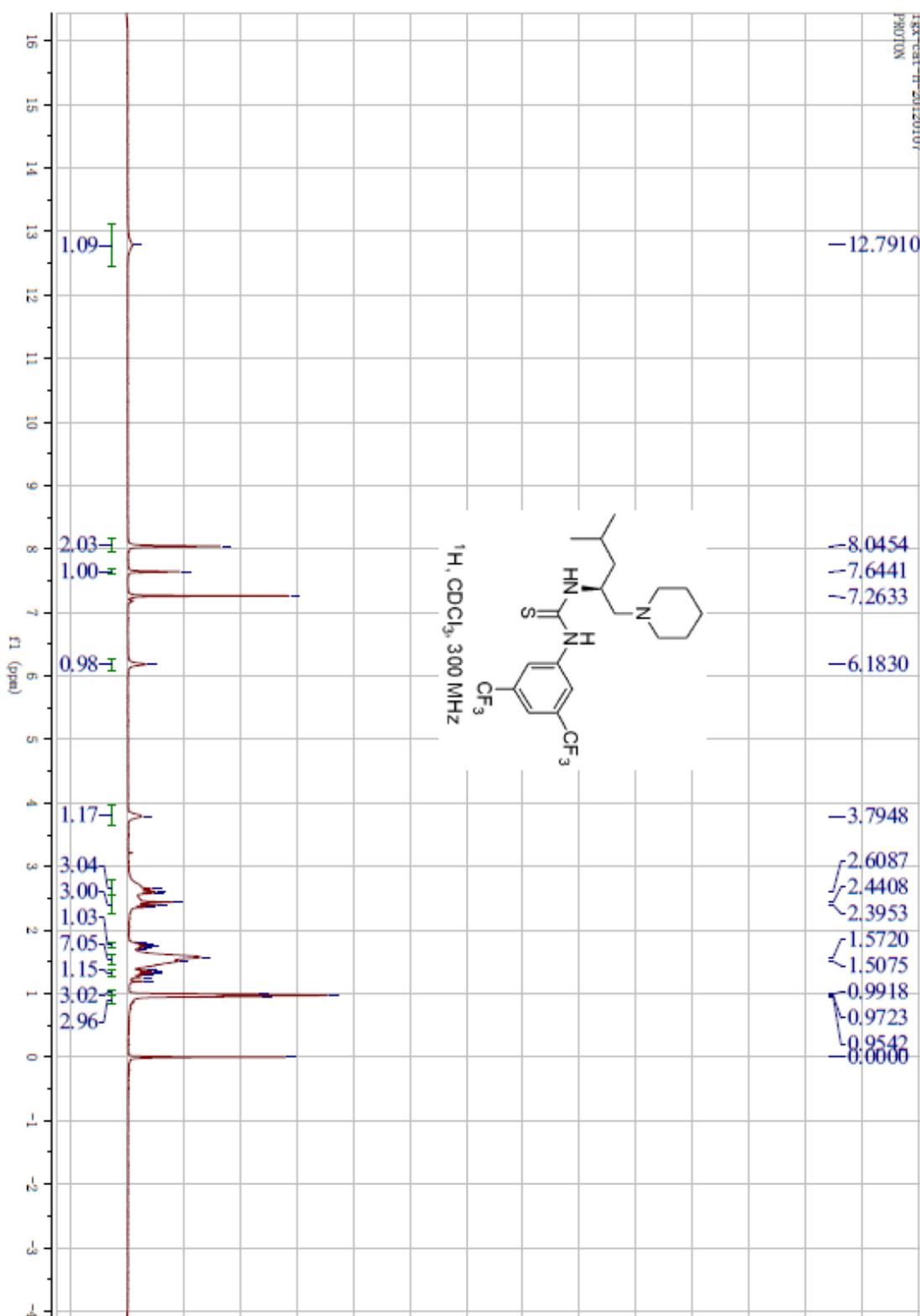
**General information:** All reagents were used as received without further purification. Solvents were purified according to the reported literature. Flash column chromatographies were performed using the indicated solvent system on Merck<sup>®</sup> silica gel (230–400 mesh). <sup>1</sup>H NMR and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra were recorded on a 300 MHz or a 400 MHz NMR spectrometer. Peaks recorded are relative to internal standards: TMS ( $\delta = 0.00$ ) for <sup>1</sup>H and CDCl<sub>3</sub> ( $\delta = 77.00$ ) for <sup>13</sup>C spectra. High performance liquid chromatography (HPLC) analysis were conducted using Shimadzu LC–20AT with a UV detector SPD–20A and chiral column of Daicel CHIRALPAK AD–H (4.6 mm × 25 cm), CHIRALCEL OD–H (4.6 mm × 25 cm). Optical rotations were measured on Polarimeter Autopol IV-T Six Wavelength.

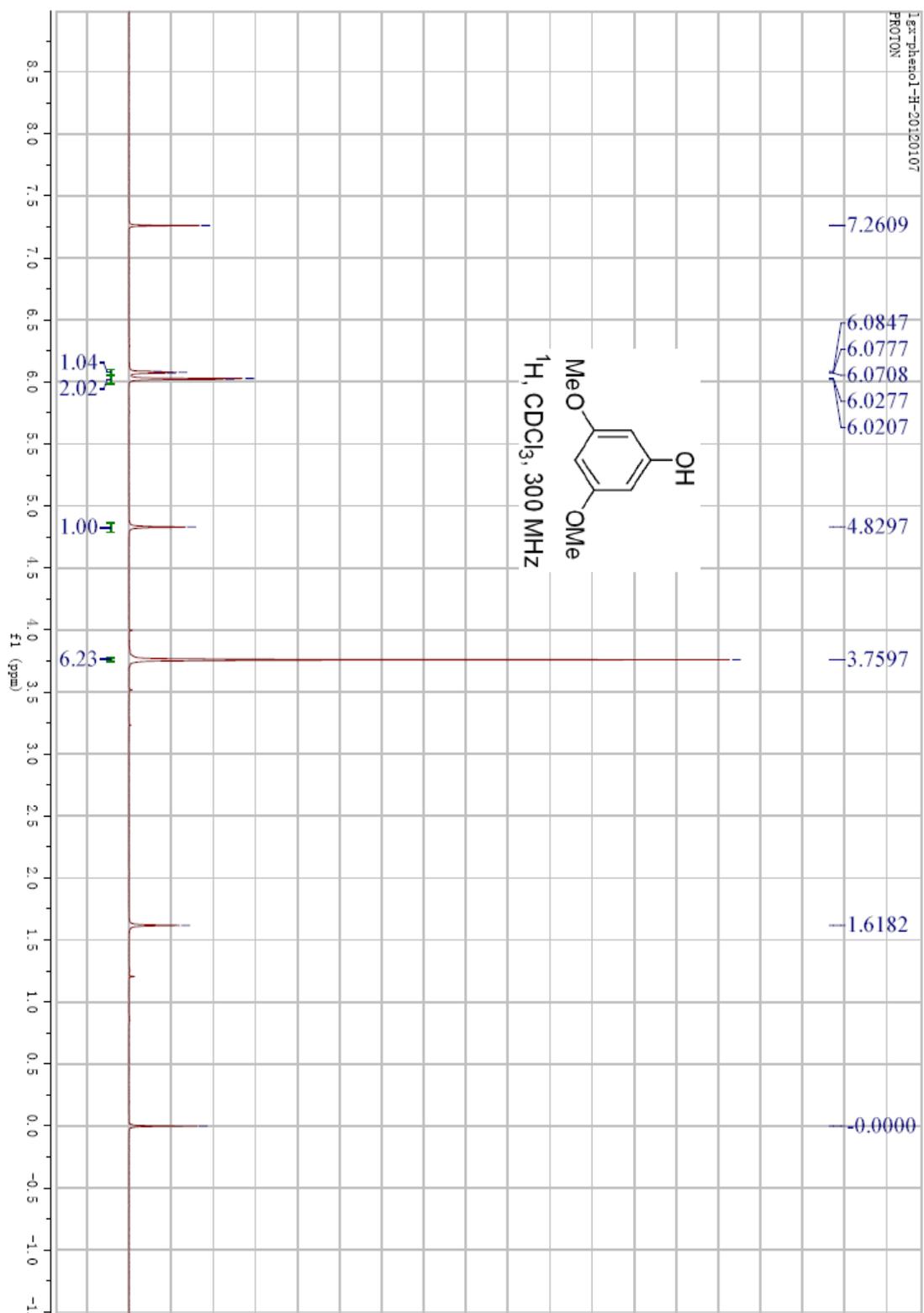
## Condition Optimization for the Enantioselective Friedel–Crafts Reaction between **2a** and **3a** catalyzed by **1k**<sup>a</sup>

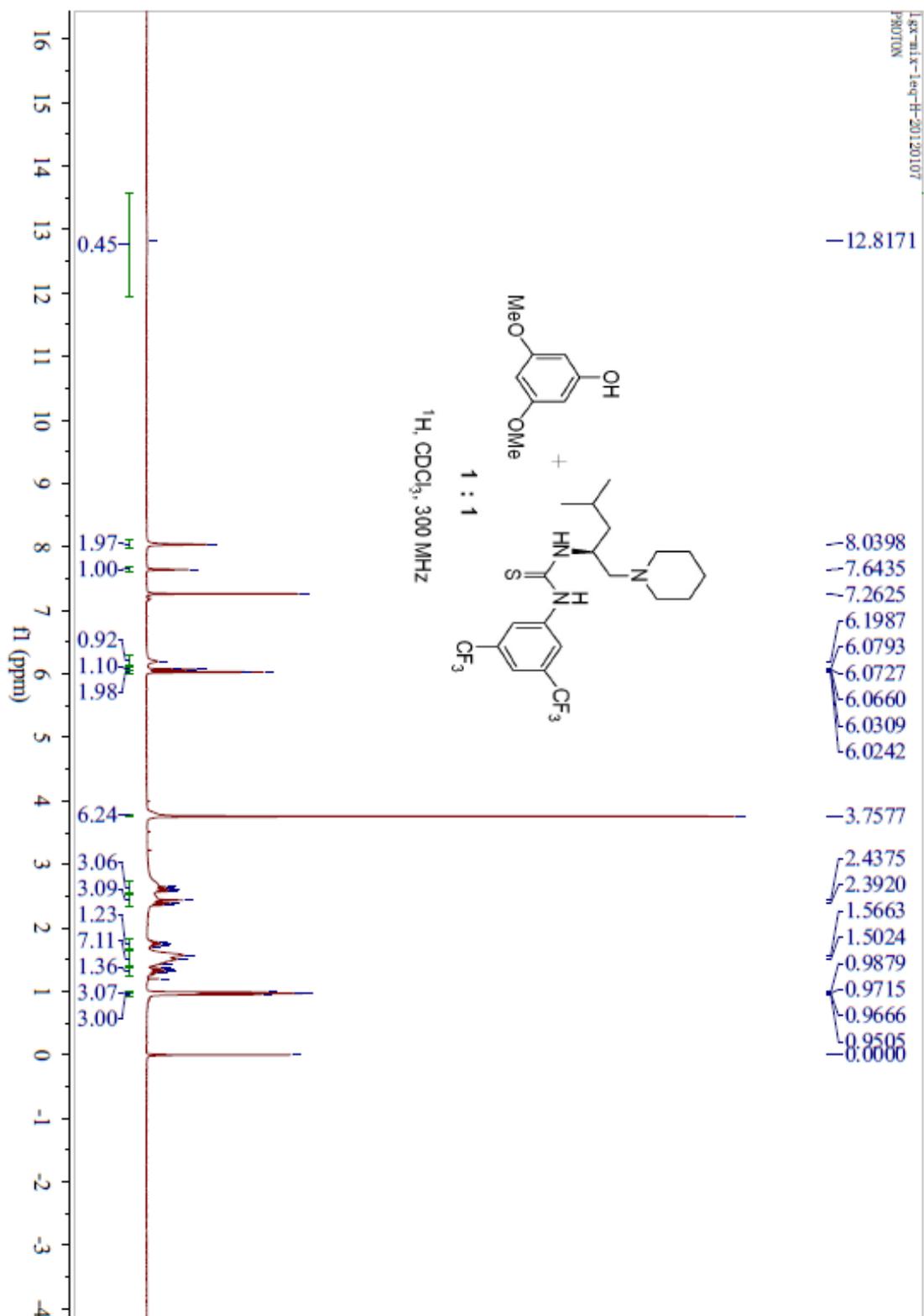


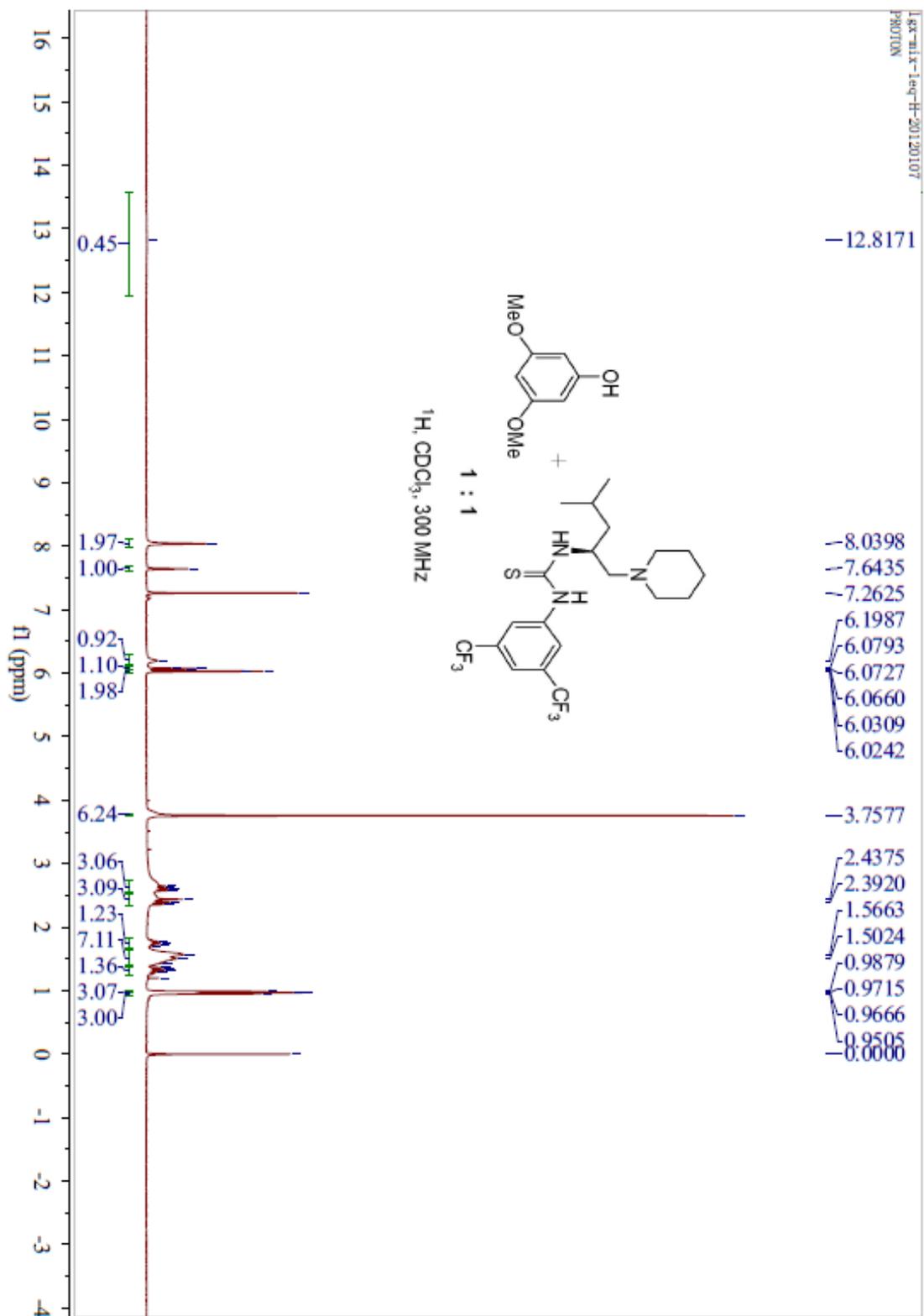
<sup>a</sup> Unless otherwise noted, reaction condition was: solution of **2a** (0.1 mmol) in 0.2 mL solvent was added dropwisely into the 1.0 mL of solution of **3a** (0.15 mmol) and catalyst **1k** (20 mol %). <sup>b</sup> Isolated yields. <sup>c</sup> Determined by HPLC analysis. <sup>d</sup> *m*-xylene: 1,3-dimethylbenzene. <sup>e</sup> mesitylene: 1,3,5-trimethylbenzene.

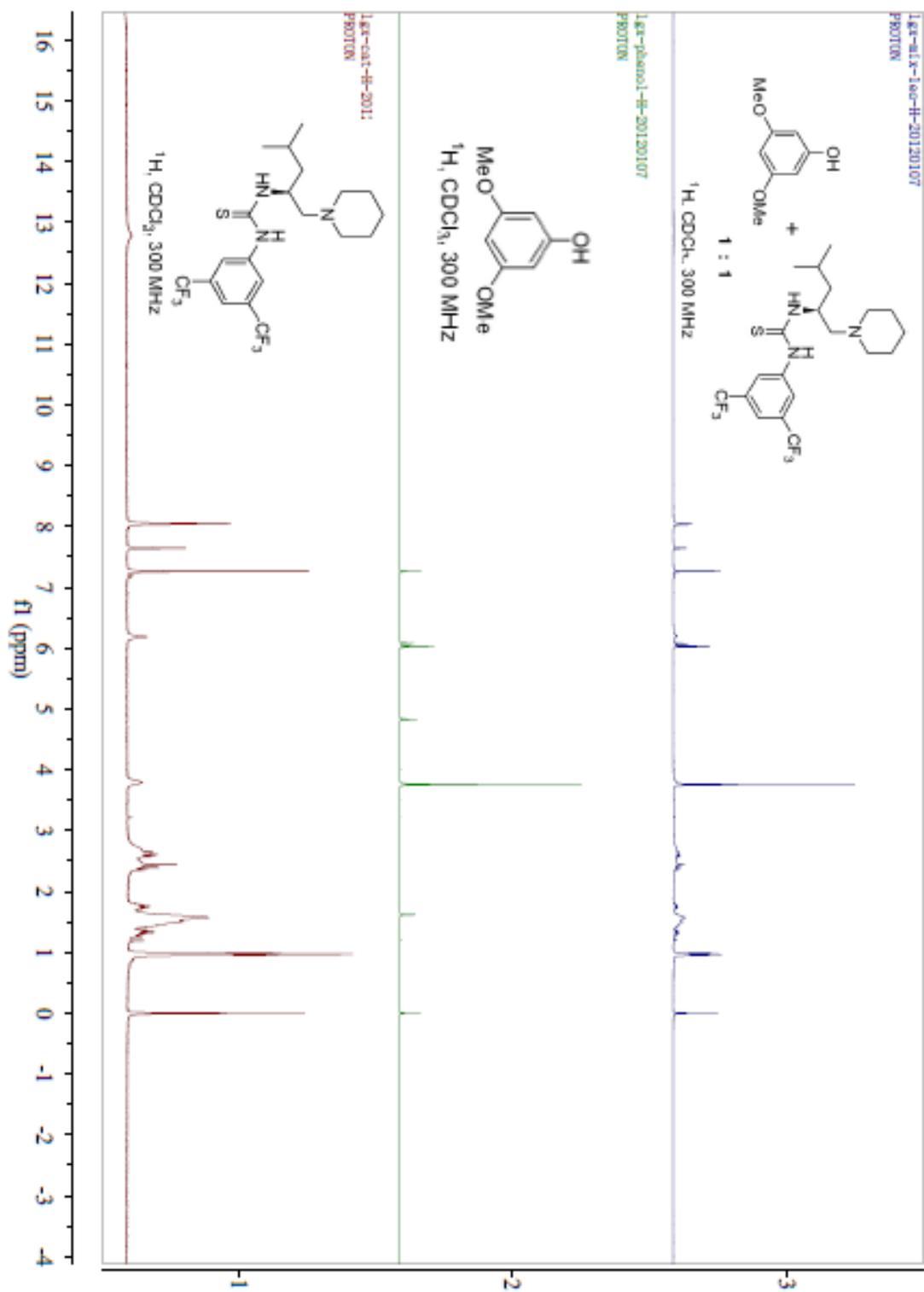
**<sup>1</sup>H NMR study of the interaction between catalyst **1k** and **2a**:** No significant difference was found when the <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of 1:1 mixture of catalyst **1k** and **2a** (in CDCl<sub>3</sub>) was compared with the <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra of **1k** or **2a** (in CDCl<sub>3</sub>).

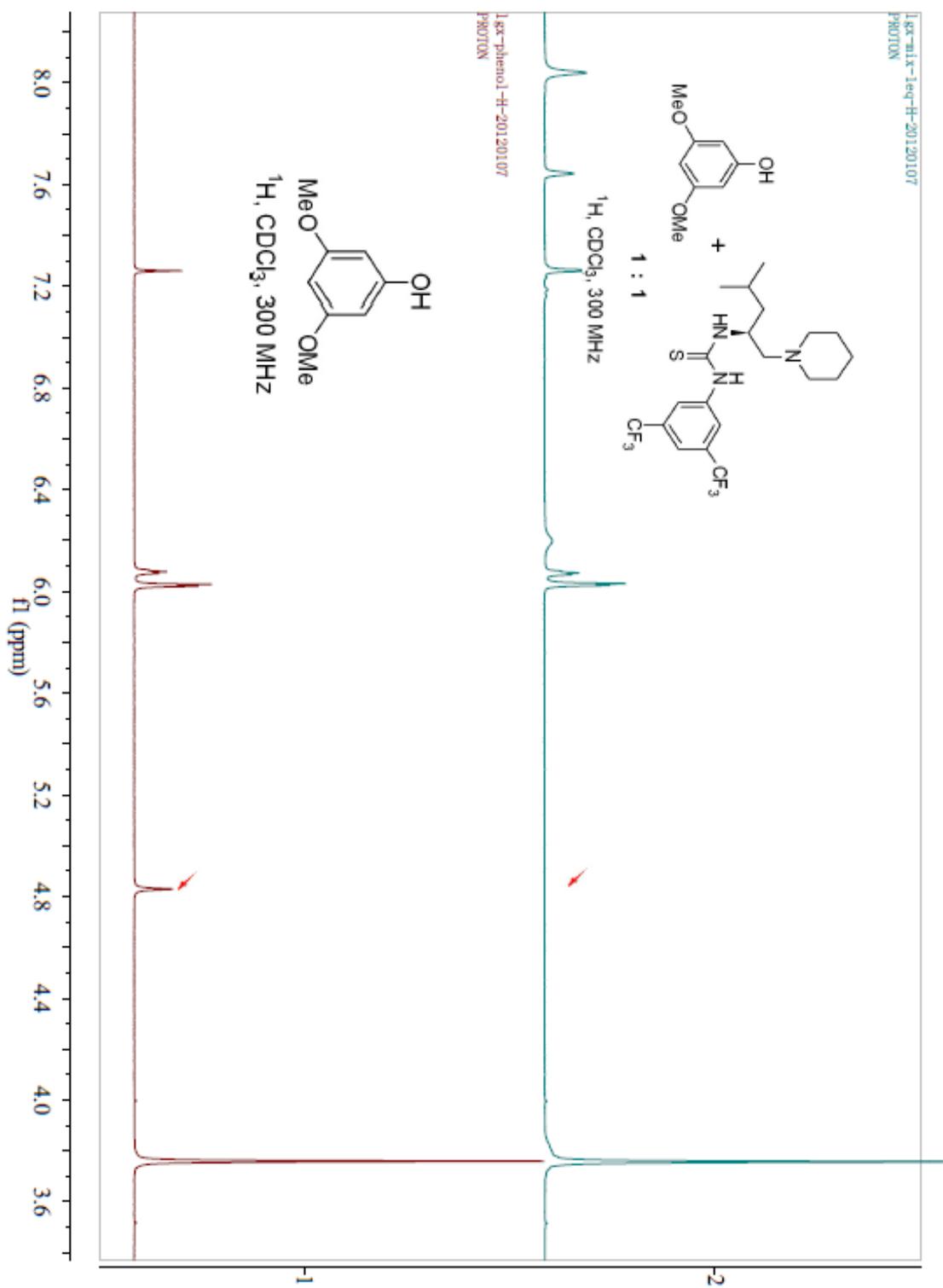


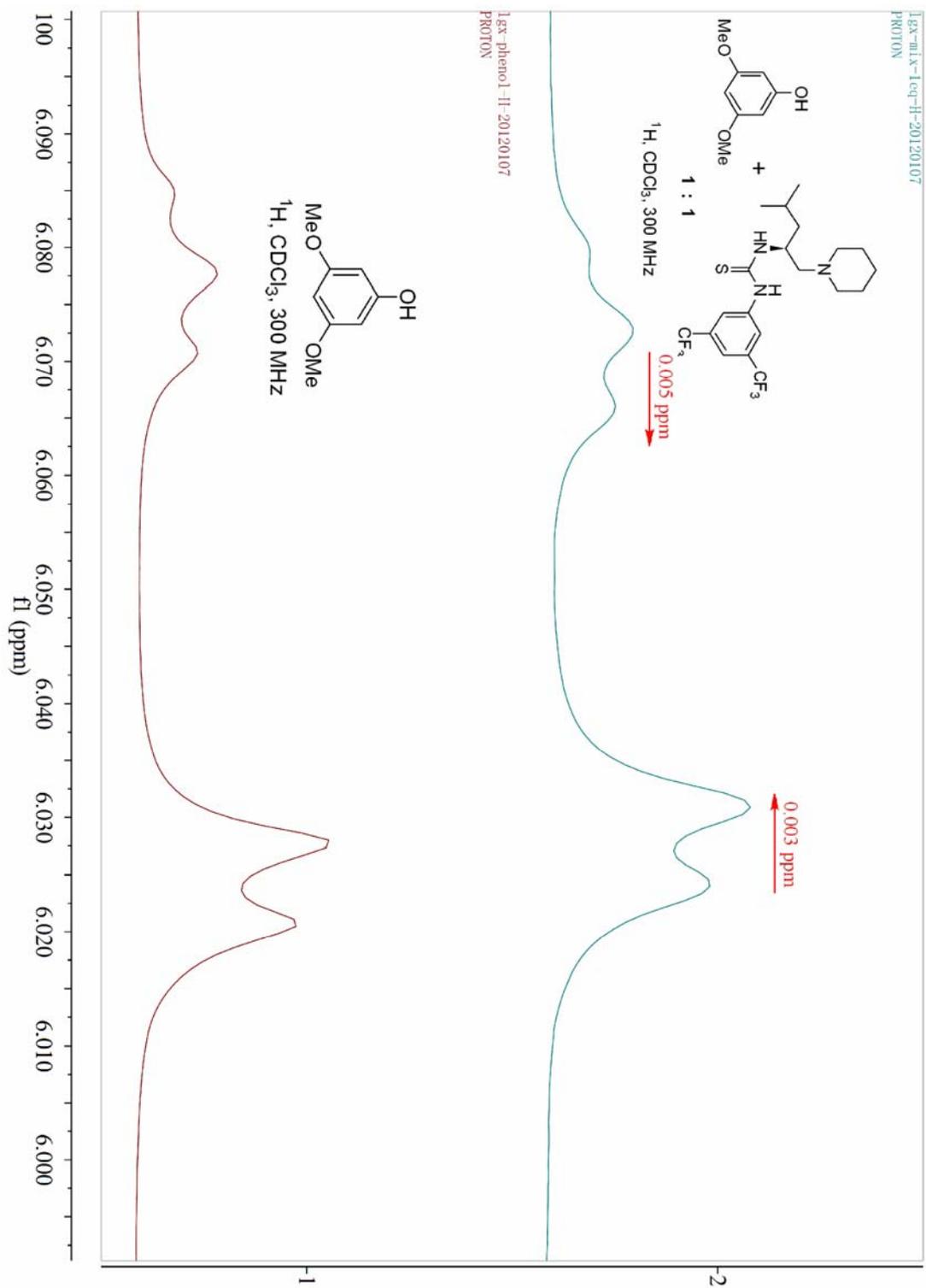












### Preparation and characterization data of catalysts 1a–1t:

Catalysts **1a**,<sup>1</sup> **1b**,<sup>2</sup> **1c**,<sup>1</sup> **1d**,<sup>1</sup> and **1e**<sup>3</sup> were prepared according to the literature procedure.

**Catalyst 1a.** White solid; m.p. 125–126 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 8.71 (d, *J* = 4.5 Hz, 1H), 8.04 (d, *J* = 9.3 Hz, 1H), 7.89 (s, 2H), 7.70–7.61 (m, 1H), 7.67 (s, 1H), 7.42 (dd, *J* = 9.2, 2.6 Hz, 1H), 7.31 (d, *J* = 4.5 Hz, 1H), 6.07–5.88 (m, 1H), 5.75–5.64 (m, 1H), 5.07 (d, *J* = 4.8 Hz, 1H), 5.03 (s, 1H), 3.98 (s, 3H), 3.54–3.44 (m, 2H), 3.25 (dd, *J* = 13.6, 10.3 Hz, 1H), 2.99–2.81 (m, 2H), 2.44–2.42 (m, 1H), 1.80–1.68 (m, 3H), 1.53–1.44 (m, 1H), 1.03–0.94 (m, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 180.5, 158.1, 147.1, 144.2, 140.1, 139.6, 132.1 (d, *J* = 33.6 Hz), 130.8, 128.0, 123.4, 122.9 (q, *J* = 271.4 Hz), 122.2, 118.3, 115.5, 102.2, 60.4, 55.8, 54.5, 41.8, 38.4, 26.9, 26.8, 25.4.

**Catalyst 1b.** White solid; m.p. 139–141 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 8.70 (d, *J* = 3.9 Hz, 1H), 8.04 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 7.85 (s, 2H), 7.69 (s, 1H), 7.51 (br s, 1H), 7.42 (dd, *J* = 9.2, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 7.25 (s, 1H), 5.91–5.79 (m, 1H), 5.75–5.61 (m, 1H), 5.16 (d, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 1H), 5.12 (s, 1H), 3.97 (s, 3H), 3.31–3.14 (m, 1H), 3.04 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 2.98–2.86 (m, 2H), 2.41–2.34 (m, 1H), 1.74–1.67 (m, 1H), 1.65–1.56 (m, 2H), 1.29–1.20 (m, 1H), 1.06–0.96 (m, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 180.6, 157.9, 147.0, 144.2, 140.2, 139.8, 132.3 (d, *J* = 33.6 Hz), 130.8, 128.1, 123.4, 122.8 (q, *J* = 271.4 Hz), 122.3, 118.4, 115.0, 101.8, 60.7, 55.6, 48.4, 47.2, 38.6, 27.0, 26.0, 25.1.

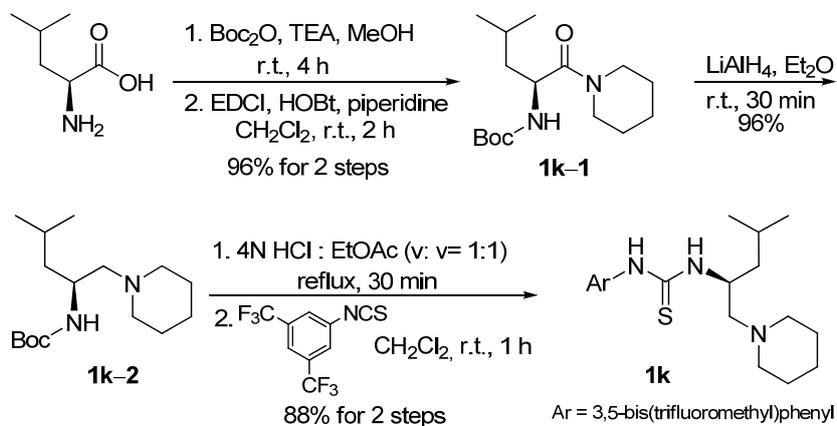
**Catalyst 1c.** White solid; m.p. 125–126 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 8.78 (d, *J* = 3.6 Hz, 1H), 8.36 (br s, 1H), 8.13 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.80 (s, 2H), 7.77–7.71 (m, 1H), 7.70 (s, 1H), 7.66–7.61 (m, 1H), 7.25 (br s, 1H), 5.82–5.75 (m, 1H), 5.73–5.61 (m, 1H), 5.00 (d, *J* = 9.9 Hz, 1H), 4.95 (s, 1H), 3.33–3.23 (m, 2H), 3.15 (dd, *J* = 12.5, 10.5 Hz, 1H), 2.81–2.72 (m, 2H), 2.42–2.26 (m, 1H), 1.75–1.56 (m, 3H), 1.37–1.30 (m, 1H), 1.01–0.86 (m, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 180.4, 149.6, 148.0, 140.6, 139.9, 132.3 (q, *J* = 33.4 Hz), 129.6, 129.4, 126.9, 123.7, 123.6, 122.8 (q, *J* = 271.2 Hz), 118.6, 114.8, 60.8, 54.6, 41.2, 39.0, 27.3, 27.0, 25.5.

**Catalyst 1d.** White solid; m.p. 124–126 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 8.87 (d, *J* = 3.0 Hz,

1H), 8.25 (br s, 1H), 8.17 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 1H), 7.87 (s, 2H), 7.80–7.75 (m, 1H), 7.71–7.60 (m, 2H), 7.32 (d,  $J = 3.3$  Hz, 1H), 5.85–5.64 (m, 2H), 5.16–5.09 (m, 2H), 3.37–3.15 (m, 1H), 3.08–2.92 (m, 2H), 3.01 (d,  $J = 9.0$  Hz, 2H), 2.45–2.27 (m, 1H), 1.73–1.46 (m, 3H), 1.25–1.13 (m, 1H), 1.00–0.92 (m, 1H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  180.7, 149.7, 148.0, 140.0, 139.3, 132.2 (q,  $J = 33.7$  Hz), 129.7, 129.4, 126.9, 126.8, 123.6, 123.4, 122.8 (q,  $J = 271.3$  Hz), 118.4, 115.2, 61.1, 48.3, 46.9, 38.7, 27.0, 25.8, 24.7.

**Catalyst 1e.** White solid; m.p. 94–96 °C;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  7.84 (s, 2H), 7.62 (s, 1H), 3.88 (br s, 1H), 2.78–2.00 (m, 7H), 2.47 (td,  $J = 10.8, 3.0$  Hz, 1H), 1.93 (d,  $J = 11.6$  Hz, 1H), 1.85 (d,  $J = 11.6$  Hz, 1H), 1.75 (d,  $J = 11.6$  Hz, 1H), 1.31–1.14 (m, 4H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  179.2, 139.7, 132.1 (q,  $J = 33.7$  Hz), 123.4, 122.8 (q,  $J = 271.0$  Hz), 118.2, 66.5, 55.7, 39.8, 32.6, 24.6, 24.4, 21.1.

**General procedure for the preparation of catalysts 1f–1p and 1t from amino acids:**



*(S)*-*tert*-Butyl 4-methyl-1-oxo-1-(piperidin-1-yl)pentan-2-ylcarbamate (**1k-1**)<sup>4</sup>

To the solution of *L*-leucine (3.93 g, 30 mmol) in 80 mL of MeOH in a 150 mL flask was added triethylamine (3.03 g, 30 mmol). After stirring at room temperature for 15 min, Boc anhydride ( $\text{Boc}_2\text{O}$ , 13.08 g, 60 mmol) was added into the flask and was stirred for another 4 hours. The solvent was evaporated in *vacuo* and 80 mL of water and 20 mL of dichloromethane were added into the flask, and then followed by NaOH (1.60 g, 40 mmol) under stirring. The aqueous phase was separated and washed with dichloromethane (20 mL  $\times$  2). The aqueous phase and 50 mL of ethyl acetate were added into a 150 mL flask, acidified the aqueous phase with 0.5 N HCl (aq.) to

pH = 4.0–5.0 under vigorously stirring. The organic phase was separated and the aqueous phase was extracted with 100 mL of ethyl acetate for three times. The organic phase was combined and dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. The solvent was evaporated in *vacuo* to get the product (6.93 g, 100% yield). The crude product was dissolved in 50 mL of CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> in a 100 mL flask, HOBt (4.46 g, 33 mmol) and EDCI (6.30 g, 33 mmol) were added into the solution under stirring at 0 °C. After stirring at 0 °C for 15 min., piperidine (2.81 g, 33 mmol) was added into the flask dropwisely. The reaction was quenched with 0.5 mL of water after stirring for 2 hours. Evaporated the solvent in *vacuo* and the residue was dissolved in 100 mL of ethyl acetate. The organic phase was washed with 10 mL of 5% KHSO<sub>4</sub> (aq.), saturated aqueous NaHCO<sub>3</sub>, water, and brine. The organic phase was dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and evaporated in *vacuo*. After flash column chromatography on silica gel (petrol ether/ethyl acetate (4:1)), the desired product was obtained as a colorless oil (8.58 g, 96% yield). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 5.35 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 4.67 (td, *J* = 5.2, 3.6 Hz, 1H), 3.55 (t, *J* = 5.6 Hz, 2H), 3.50–3.41 (m, 2H), 1.78–1.69 (m, 1H), 1.69–1.60 (m, 4H), 1.58–1.52 (m, 3H), 1.43 (s, 9H), 1.39–1.32 (m, 1H), 1.00 (d, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 3H), 0.92 (d, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 170.8, 155.4, 79.0, 48.2, 46.2, 43.0, 42.9, 28.2, 26.2, 25.3, 24.4, 24.3, 23.3, 21.7..

(*S*)-*tert*-Butyl 4-methyl-1-(piperidin-1-yl)pentan-2-ylcarbamate (**1k-2**)<sup>4</sup>

**1k-1** (7.45 g, 25 mmol) was dissolved in 100 mL of ethyl ether in a 150 mL flask, then LiAlH<sub>4</sub> (1.90 g, 50 mmol) was added into the solution portionly at 0 °C and stirred for another 30 min. at room temperature. Water (1 mL) was added carefully into the reaction solution at 0 °C to quench the reaction. Then 20 mL of saturated NH<sub>4</sub>Cl (aq.) was added into the solution. The product was extracted from aqueous phase with 50 mL of ethyl ether for 3 times. The combined organic phase was dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. The solvent was evaporated in *vacuo* to get the product as a colorless oil (6.82 g, 96% yield). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 4.53 (br s, 1H), 3.78–3.72 (m, 1H), 2.55–2.42 (m, 2H), 2.36–2.31 (m, 2H), 2.28–2.25 (m, 2H), 1.76–1.66 (m, 1H), 1.59–1.52 (m, 4H), 1.47 (s, 9H), 1.44–1.41 (m, 2H), 1.33 (t, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 0.94 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 155.8, 78.6, 63.6, 54.8, 46.4, 43.4, 28.4, 26.0, 24.7, 24.3, 23.1, 22.3.

(*S*)-1-(3,5-Bis(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)-3-(4-methyl-1-(piperidin-1-yl)pentan-2-yl)thiourea  
(catalyst **1k**)

To the solution of **1k-2** (5.68 g, 20.0 mmol) in 50 mL of EtOAc in a 200 mL flask was added 50 mL of 4 N HCl (aq.). The reaction mixture was heated to reflux for 30 min. and then cooled to room temperature. Excessive concentrated aqueous ammonia was added into the mixture and separated the organic phase. The product was extracted with EtOAc (50 mL × 2) from the aqueous phase. The organic phase was combined and dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. The organic phase was removed under reduced pressure and the product was used without further purification. To the solution of primary amine in 25 mL of dried CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> was added 1-isothiocyanato-3,5-bis(trifluoromethyl)benzene (5.42 g, 20 mmol). The solution was stirred at room temperature for 1 hour. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure and the residue was underwent flash column chromatography on silica gel with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/MeOH (96:4) to afford the desired product as a colorless oil (8.02 g, 88% yield).  $[\alpha]_D^{25} = -30.8$  ( $c = 1.0$  in CHCl<sub>3</sub>); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 12.77 (br s, 1H), 8.05 (s, 2H), 7.63 (s, 1H), 6.54 (br s, 1H), 3.81 (br s, 1H), 2.85–2.58 (m, 3H), 2.58–2.29 (m, 3H), 1.84–1.70 (m, 1H), 1.59–1.46 (m, 7H), 1.36–1.26 (m, 1H), 0.98 (d,  $J = 6.2$  Hz, 3H), 0.96 (d,  $J = 6.2$  Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 182.9, 141.8, 131.3 (q,  $J = 33.4$  Hz), 124.4, 123.0 (q,  $J = 270.9$  Hz), 117.6, 66.9, 54.8, 52.8, 42.1, 25.3, 24.6, 23.1, 22.4, 21.6; HRMS (ESI) for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>27</sub>F<sub>6</sub>N<sub>3</sub>S: calcd  $[M + H]^+$   $m/z$  456.1903, found 456.1910.

**(S)-1-(3,5-Bis(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)-3-(1-(dibutylamino)-3-phenylpropan-2-yl)thiourea (catalyst 1f).**

Overall yield of 5 steps: 85%; colorless oil;  $[\alpha]_D^{25} = -48.0$  ( $c = 1.0$  in CHCl<sub>3</sub>); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 13.20 (br s, 1H), 7.99 (s, 2H), 7.60 (s, 1H), 7.37–7.33 (m, 2H), 7.29 (d,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 1H), 7.22 (d,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 2H), 6.73 (br s, 1H), 4.20–3.83 (m, 1H), 3.02 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1H), 2.82–2.59 (m, 5H), 2.56–2.44 (m, 2H), 2.39–2.32 (m, 2H), 1.47–1.23 (m, 4H), 1.22–1.15 (m, 4H), 0.82 (t,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 182.2, 141.8, 136.5, 131.3 (q,  $J = 32.7$  Hz), 129.0, 128.6, 126.9, 123.3, 123.0 (q,  $J = 271.1$  Hz), 117.3, 60.3, 57.1, 54.1, 39.3, 27.7, 20.3, 13.4; HRMS (ESI) for C<sub>26</sub>H<sub>33</sub>F<sub>6</sub>N<sub>3</sub>S: calcd  $[M + H]^+$   $m/z$  534.2372, found 534.2379.

**(S)-1-(3,5-Bis(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)-3-(1-(dibutylamino)-3-methylbutan-2-yl)thiourea (catalyst 1g).**

Overall yield of 5 steps: 82%; colorless oil;  $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{25} = -17.0$  ( $c = 1.0$  in  $\text{CHCl}_3$ );  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  13.15 (br s, 1H), 8.00 (s, 2H), 7.60 (s, 1H), 6.22 (br s, 1H), 3.60–3.56 (m, 1H), 2.74–2.64 (m, 3H), 2.58 (d,  $J = 13.6$  Hz, 1H), 2.46 (td,  $J = 8.4, 4.0$  Hz, 2H), 1.97–1.89 (m, 1H), 1.60–1.49 (m, 2H), 1.43–1.33 (m, 2H), 1.32–1.23 (m, 4H), 1.05 (d,  $J = 2.4$  Hz, 3H), 1.03 (d,  $J = 2.4$  Hz, 3H), 0.88 (t,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 6H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  182.6, 141.7, 131.0 (q,  $J = 33.1$  Hz), 123.2, 122.8 (q,  $J = 271.0$  Hz), 116.8, 60.6, 59.2, 54.1, 31.0, 27.8, 20.2, 18.0, 17.9, 13.2; HRMS (ESI) for  $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{33}\text{F}_6\text{N}_3\text{S}$ : calcd  $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+ m/z$  486.2372, found 486.2381.

**(S)-1-(3,5-Bis(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)-3-(1-(dibutylamino)-4-methylpentan-2-yl)thiourea (catalyst 1h).**

Overall yield of 5 steps: 86%; colorless oil;  $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{25} = -70.6$  ( $c = 0.5$  in  $\text{CHCl}_3$ );  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  13.16 (br s, 1H), 8.00 (s, 2H), 7.60 (s, 1H), 6.15 (d,  $J = 3.2$  Hz, 1H), 3.81–3.74 (m, 1H), 2.74–2.63 (m, 3H), 2.53–2.46 (m, 3H), 1.82–1.71 (m, 1H), 1.59–1.49 (m, 2H), 1.46–1.37 (m, 2H), 1.34–1.24 (m, 6H), 0.98 (d,  $J = 6.4$  Hz, 3H), 0.96 (d,  $J = 6.4$  Hz, 3H), 0.89 (t,  $J = 7.4$  Hz, 6H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  182.3, 141.8, 131.3 (q,  $J = 33.1$  Hz), 112.9 (q,  $J = 270.9$  Hz), 122.8, 116.6, 62.8, 54.7, 54.3, 41.5, 28.0, 24.4, 22.2, 21.1, 20.2, 13.2; HRMS (ESI) for  $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{35}\text{F}_6\text{N}_3\text{S}$ : calcd  $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+ m/z$  500.2529, found 500.2535.

**(S)-1-(3,5-Bis(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)-3-(1-(dibutylamino)-4,4-dimethylpentan-2-yl)thiourea (catalyst 1i).**

Overall yield of 5 steps: 89%; white solid; m.p. 88–89 °C;  $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{25} = -33.2$  ( $c = 1.0$  in  $\text{CHCl}_3$ );  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  13.09 (br s, 1H), 8.00 (s, 2H), 7.59 (s, 1H), 6.10 (d,  $J = 4.0$  Hz, 1H), 3.86–3.82 (m, 1H), 2.78 (dd,  $J = 13.8, 10.4$  Hz, 1H), 2.66 (td,  $J = 11.6, 4.8$  Hz, 2H), 2.54 (td,  $J = 12.1, 4.8$  Hz, 2H), 2.47 (d,  $J = 14.0$  Hz, 1H), 1.58–1.49 (m, 2H), 1.47–1.36 (m, 4H), 1.33–1.24 (m, 4H), 1.02 (s, 9H), 0.89 (t,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 6H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  182.6, 141.9, 131.4 (q,  $J = 33.2$  Hz), 123.1 (q,  $J = 271.0$  Hz), 123.0, 117.1, 64.4, 55.3, 54.4, 47.1, 30.5, 29.7, 28.3, 20.5, 13.6; HRMS (ESI) for  $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{37}\text{F}_6\text{N}_3\text{S}$ : calcd  $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+ m/z$  514.2685, found 514.2690.

**(S)-1-(3,5-Bis(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)-3-(4-methyl-1-(pyrrolidin-1-yl)pentan-2-yl)thio-urea (catalyst 1j).**

Overall yield of 5 steps: 85%; colorless oil;  $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{25} = -16.8$  ( $c = 1.0$  in  $\text{CHCl}_3$ );  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  13.34 (br s, 1H), 8.03 (s, 2H), 7.62 (s, 1H), 6.23 (br s, 1H), 3.82–3.79 (m, 1H), 2.99 (dd,  $J = 13.2, 9.2$  Hz, 1H), 2.95–2.80 (m, 2H), 2.79–2.63 (m, 2H), 2.58 (d,  $J = 13.2$  Hz, 1H), 1.96–1.85 (m, 4H), 1.84–1.74 (m, 1H), 1.52–1.45 (m, 1H), 1.41–1.34 (m, 1H), 1.01 (d,  $J = 6.4$  Hz, 3H), 0.99 (d,  $J = 6.4$  Hz, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  182.9, 142.2, 131.6 (q,  $J = 33.4$  Hz), 123.2 ( $J = 271.0$  Hz), 122.9, 117.4, 64.2, 54.4, 54.0, 42.6, 29.6, 24.9, 23.5, 22.6, 22.0; HRMS (ESI) for  $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{25}\text{F}_6\text{N}_3\text{S}$ : calcd  $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+ m/z$  442.1746, found 442.1752.

**(S)-1-(3,5-Bis(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)-3-(4-methyl-1-morpholinopentan-2-yl)thiourea (catalyst 1l).**

Overall yield of 5 steps: 80%; white solid; m.p. 135–136 °C;  $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{25} = -11.8$  ( $c = 1.0$  in  $\text{CHCl}_3$ );  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  13.31 (br s, 1H), 8.00 (s, 2H), 7.59 (s, 1H), 6.17 (br s, 1H), 3.80–3.73 (m, 1H), 2.96 (dd,  $J = 13.2, 9.2$  Hz, 1H), 2.92–2.78 (m, 2H), 2.77–2.60 (m, 2H), 2.55 (d,  $J = 13.2$  Hz, 1H), 1.94–1.82 (m, 4H), 1.80–1.73 (m, 1H), 1.49–1.42 (m, 1H), 1.38–1.31 (m, 1H), 0.98 (d,  $J = 6.4$  Hz, 3H), 0.96 (d,  $J = 6.4$  Hz, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  182.8, 141.2, 131.9 (q,  $J = 30.0$  Hz), 124.6, 122.9 (q,  $J = 271.0$  Hz), 118.3, 66.4, 53.9, 52.4, 42.4, 24.7, 22.4, 21.8; HRMS (ESI) for  $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{25}\text{F}_6\text{N}_3\text{OS}$ : calcd  $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+ m/z$  458.1695, found 458.1698.

**1-(3,5-Bis(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)-3-((2S)-1-(3,5-dimethylpiperidin-1-yl)-4-methylpentan-2-yl)thiourea (catalyst 1m).**

Overall yield of 5 steps: 85%; colorless oil;  $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{25} = -26.6$  ( $c = 1.0$  in  $\text{CHCl}_3$ );  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  12.68 (br s, 1H), 7.99 (s, 2H), 7.64 (s, 1H), 6.28 (br s, 1H), 3.88–3.69 (m, 1H), 3.03 (d,  $J = 6.0$  Hz, 1H), 2.92 (d,  $J = 11.2$  Hz, 1H), 2.65 (dd,  $J = 13.0, 8.8$  Hz, 1H), 2.40 (d,  $J = 13.6$  Hz, 1H), 1.81–1.73 (m, 3H), 1.71–1.59 (m, 1H), 1.57–1.42 (m, 3H), 1.35–1.28 (m, 1H), 0.99 (d,  $J = 6.4$  Hz, 3H), 0.97 (d,  $J = 2.8$  Hz, 3H), 0.88 (d,  $J = 6.4$  Hz, 3H), 0.86 (d,  $J = 2.4$  Hz, 3H), 0.63–0.54 (m, 1H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  183.2, 141.8, 131.4 (q,  $J = 32.8$  Hz), 124.6, 123.1 (q,  $J = 271.0$  Hz), 117.9, 66.6, 62.5, 61.1, 53.0, 42.4, 41.1, 31.1, 30.9, 24.7, 22.6, 21.8, 19.3, 19.2; HRMS (ESI) for  $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{31}\text{F}_6\text{N}_3\text{S}$ : calcd  $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+ m/z$  484.2216, found 484.2222.

**(S)-1-(1-(Azocan-1-yl)-4-methylpentan-2-yl)-3-(3,5-bis(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)thiourea**

**(catalyst 1n).**

Overall yield of 5 steps: 86%; white solid; m.p. 126–127 °C;  $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{25} = -36.2$  ( $c = 1.0$  in  $\text{CHCl}_3$ );  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  13.12 (br s, 1H), 7.99 (s, 2H), 7.63 (s, 1H), 6.17 (d,  $J = 3.2$  Hz, 1H), 3.82–3.79 (m, 1H), 3.15–2.79 (m, 4H), 2.77–2.64 (m, 2H), 1.81–1.70 (m, 1H), 1.68–1.42 (m, 11H), 1.36–1.28 (m, 1H), 0.98 (d,  $J = 6.0$  Hz, 3H), 0.96 (d,  $J = 6.4$  Hz, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  182.6, 141.9, 131.5 (q,  $J = 30.0$  Hz), 123.8, 123.0 (q,  $J = 271.0$  Hz), 117.7, 63.4, 53.2, 51.5, 42.3, 27.1, 25.0, 24.8, 24.5, 22.5, 21.8; HRMS (ESI) for  $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{31}\text{F}_6\text{N}_3\text{S}$ : calcd  $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+ m/z$  484.2224, found 484.2225.

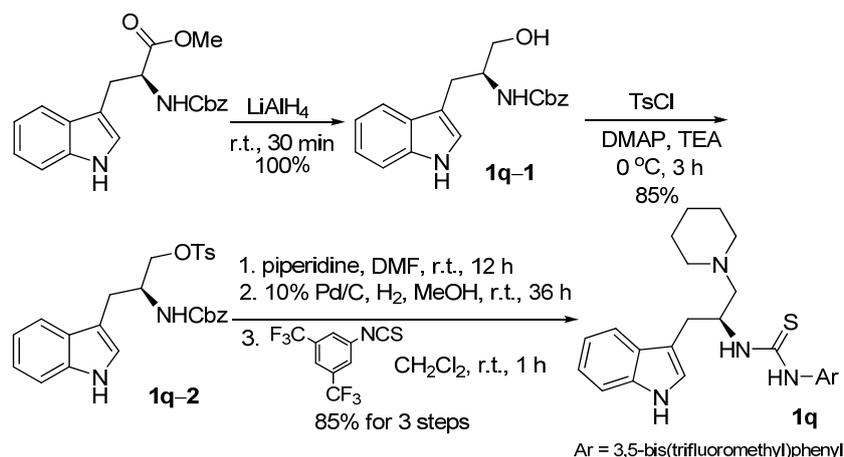
**1-(3,5-Bis(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)-3-((S)-1-(adamantanamino)-4-methylpentan-2-yl)thiourea (catalyst 1o).**

Overall yield of 5 steps: 81%; white solid; m.p. 56–58 °C;  $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{25} = -31.6$  ( $c = 1.0$  in  $\text{CHCl}_3$ );  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  8.03 (s, 2H), 7.59 (s, 1H), 6.40 (br s, 1H), 3.83–3.67 (m, 1H), 2.90 (d,  $J = 12.6$  Hz, 1H), 2.79–2.71 (m, 2H), 1.92–1.62 (m, 16H), 1.55–1.44 (m, 1H), 1.35–1.28 (m, 1H), 0.98 (d,  $J = 6.8$  Hz, 3H), 0.95 (d,  $J = 6.4$  Hz, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  183.4, 141.8, 131.5 (q,  $J = 33.2$  Hz), 123.5, 123.2 (q,  $J = 270.2$  Hz), 117.7, 62.8, 56.5, 54.0, 42.3, 37.4, 31.9, 31.4, 31.1, 27.3, 27.1, 24.9, 22.8, 21.9; HRMS (ESI) for  $\text{C}_{25}\text{H}_{33}\text{F}_6\text{N}_3\text{S}$ : calcd  $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+ m/z$  522.2372, found 522.2378.

**(S)-1-(3,5-Bis(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)-3-(1-(isoindolin-2-yl)-4-methylpentan-2-yl)thio-urea (catalyst 1p).**

Overall yield of 5 steps: 80%; colorless oil;  $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{25} = -20.6$  ( $c = 1.0$  in  $\text{CHCl}_3$ );  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  13.21 (br s, 1H), 7.55 (s, 2H), 7.39 (s, 1H), 7.31–7.20 (m, 4H), 6.57 (br s, 1H), 4.23 (d,  $J = 12.0$  Hz, 2H), 4.08 (d,  $J = 11.2$  Hz, 2H), 3.92–3.78 (m, 1H), 2.99–2.91 (m, 2H), 1.82–1.72 (m, 1H), 1.50–1.45 (m, 1H), 1.37–1.30 (m, 1H), 0.96 (d,  $J = 6.4$  Hz, 6H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  182.6, 141.8, 137.7, 131.3 (q,  $J = 33.3$  Hz), 127.9, 122.8 (q,  $J = 271.0$  Hz), 122.3, 121.9, 116.8, 62.7, 59.1, 54.2, 41.7, 29.6, 24.8, 22.1, 22.0; HRMS (ESI) for  $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{25}\text{F}_6\text{N}_3\text{S}$ : calcd  $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+ m/z$  490.1746, found 490.1753.

**Preparation for Catalyst 1q**



### (S)-Benzyl 1-hydroxy-3-(1H-indol-3-yl)propan-2-ylcarbamate (**1q-1**)<sup>5</sup>

To the solution of (S)-methyl 2-(benzyloxycarbonylamino)-3-(1H-indol-3-yl)propanoate (750 mg, 2.13 mmol) in 20 mL of dry ethyl ether was added LiAlH<sub>4</sub> (162 mg, 4.26 mmol) portionwisely under stirring at 0 °C. The reaction mixture was stirred for another 30 min, then quenched the reaction with water carefully until no gas released. Another 20 mL of saturated NH<sub>4</sub>Cl (aq.) was added into the flask. The product was extracted from the aqueous phase with ethyl ether (20 mL × 3). The organic phase was washed with brine (10 mL) and dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure to get the product as a colorless oil without further purification (690 mg, 100% yield). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 8.14 (br s, 1H), 7.62 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 7.39–7.23 (m, 7H), 7.17 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.11–7.06 (m, 1H), 6.91 (br s, 1H), 5.17 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 5.06 (s, 2H), 4.03–4.01 (m, 1H), 3.64–3.51 (m, 2H), 2.96 (d, *J* = 6.3 Hz, 2H), 2.65 (br s, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 156.7, 136.3, 136.2, 128.5, 128.1, 128.0, 127.5, 122.8, 122.1, 119.5, 118.7, 111.4, 111.2, 66.8, 64.2, 53.3, 26.8; HRMS (ESI) for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>20</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>: calcd [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> *m/z* 347.1366, found 347.1368.

### (S)-2-(Benzyloxycarbonylamino)-3-(1H-indol-3-yl)propyl 4-methylbenzenesulfonate (**1q-2**)

Compound **1q-1** (690 mg, 2.13 mmol) was dissolved in 10 mL of dried CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, then DMAP (28 mg, 0.23 mmol), TEA (697 mg, 6.9 mmol), and TsCl (477 mg, 2.5 mmol) were added into the flask under stirring at 0 °C. The reaction mixture was stirred for 3 hours. Another 10 mL of CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> was added into the flask to dilute the reaction mixture. The solution was washed with water (10 mL × 3) and brine. The organic phase was dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. The solvent was evaporated in *vacuo*. The product was obtained as a colorless oil (796 mg, 85% yield) by flash

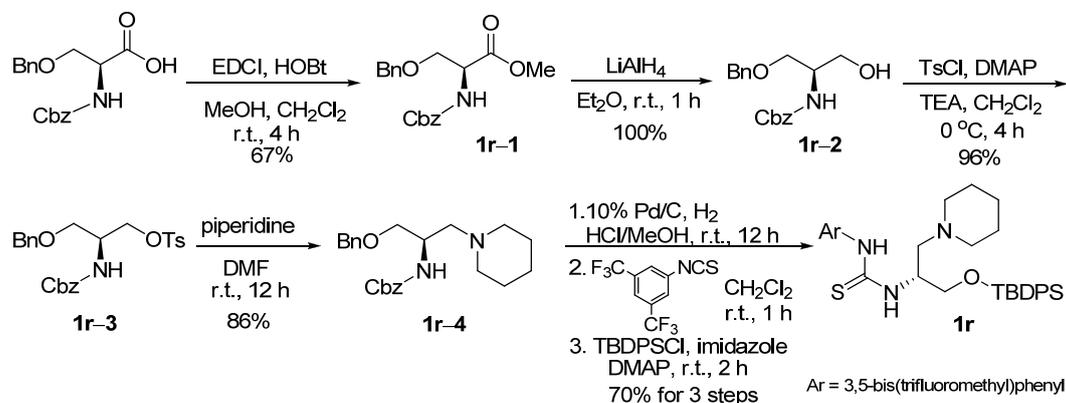
column chromatography on silica gel with petrol ether/ethyl acetate (4:1) as eluent.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  8.11 (br s, 1H), 7.73 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 2H), 7.58 (d,  $J = 7.5$  Hz, 1H), 7.37–7.31 (m, 6H), 7.27–7.22 (m, 2H), 7.17 (t,  $J = 7.4$  Hz, 1H), 7.12–7.05 (m, 1H), 6.92 (br s, 1H), 5.04 (s, 2H), 5.01 (br s, 1H), 4.17 (br s, 1H), 4.00 (d,  $J = 3.0$  Hz, 2H), 3.07–2.92 (m, 2H), 2.40 (s, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (75 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  155.7, 145.0, 136.2, 132.5, 129.9, 128.5, 128.1, 128.0, 127.9, 127.2, 123.1, 122.2, 119.6, 118.6, 111.2, 110.3, 69.9, 66.8, 50.3, 26.7, 21.6; HRMS (ESI) for  $\text{C}_{26}\text{H}_{26}\text{N}_2\text{O}_5\text{S}$ : calcd  $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+ m/z$  501.1455, found 501.1458.

**(S)-1-(1-(1H-indol-3-yl)-3-(piperidin-1-yl)propan-2-yl)-3-(3,5-bis(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)thio urea (catalyst 1q)**

To the solution of compound **1q-2** (630 mg, 1.3 mmol) in 6 mL of dried DMF was added piperidine (553 mg, 6.5 mmol). The reaction mixture was stirred for 12 hours. The solution was diluted with 50 mL of brine. The product was extracted with ethyl ether (10 mL  $\times$  5). The organic phase was combined and dried over  $\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_4$ . The solvent was removed under reduced pressure to afford the crude chiral amine as a colorless oil (514 mg) which was used without further purification. 10% palladium on charcoal (60 mg, 100% w/w) was placed in a 10 mL flask. AcOH (2 mL) was added into the flask carefully under nitrogen atmosphere. The solution of the chiral amine (200 mg, 0.5 mmol) in 4 mL methanol was added dropwisely by a syringe. The flask was recharged with hydrogen. The reaction was stirred at room temperature for 36 hours. The reaction mixture was then filtered through a celite pad and the filtrate was evaporated to get the crude product which was used without further purification. To the solution of primary amine in 5 mL of dried  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  was added 1-isothiocyanato-3,5-bis(trifluoromethyl)benzene (163 mg, 0.6 mmol). The solution was stirred at room temperature for 1 hour. The solvent was evaporated and the residue was underwent flash column chromatography on silica gel with  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ /methanol (95:5) as the eluent to get **1q** as a white solid (230 mg, 85% yield for 3 steps). m.p. 72–73 °C;  $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{25} = -37.4$  ( $c = 1.0$  in  $\text{CHCl}_3$ );  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  12.89 (br s, 1H), 8.38 (s, 1H), 7.97 (s, 2H), 7.61–7.56 (m, 2H), 7.37 (d,  $J = 8.1$  Hz, 1H), 7.23–7.12 (m, 2H), 7.06 (br s, 1H), 6.55 (br s, 1H), 4.11 (br s, 1H), 2.98 (d,  $J = 5.1$  Hz, 2H), 2.74–2.57 (m, 4H), 2.45–2.22 (m, 2H), 1.56–1.34 (m, 6H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  183.1, 141.6, 136.4, 131.5 (q,  $J = 33.2$  Hz), 126.9, 125.0, 123.1 (q,  $J = 271.0$  Hz), 123.0, 122.4, 119.8, 118.2, 111.6, 110.1, 66.0, 54.7, 54.0, 29.6, 25.4, 23.3;

HRMS (ESI) for C<sub>25</sub>H<sub>26</sub>F<sub>6</sub>N<sub>4</sub>S: calcd [M + H]<sup>+</sup> *m/z* 529.1855, found 529.1862.

### Preparation of catalyst 1r



### (*S*)-Methyl 3-(benzyloxy)-2-(benzyloxycarbonylamino)propanoate (1r-1)<sup>6</sup>

To the solution of (*S*)-3-(benzyloxy)-2-(benzyloxycarbonylamino)propanoic acid (2.30 g, 7 mmol) in 30 mL of dried CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> were added HOBT (1.04 g, 7.7 mmol) and EDCI (1.47 g, 7.7 mmol). The reaction mixture was stirred for 15 min. at 0 °C, then MeOH (336 mg, 10.5 mmol) was added dropwisely into the reaction mixture by a syringe. The reaction was stirred for another 4 hours at room temperature, then quenched with 0.5 mL of water. 50 mL of CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> was added into the flask. The organic phase was washed with water (20 mL), brine, and dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. The solvent was evaporated in *vacuo*. The desired product was obtained as a colorless oil (1.61 g, 67% yield) by flash column chromatography on silica gel with petrol ether/ethyl acetate (4:1) as eluent. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 7.38–7.31 (m, 7H), 7.28–7.23 (m, 3H), 5.73–5.56 (m, 1H), 5.12 (s, 2H), 4.55–4.46 (m, 3H), 3.88 (d, *J* = 9.2 Hz, 1H), 3.74 (s, 3H), 3.70 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 170.8, 156.0, 137.4, 136.2, 128.5, 128.4, 128.1, 128.0, 127.8, 127.6, 73.2, 69.7, 67.0, 54.4, 52.5.

### (*R*)-Benzyl 1-(benzyloxy)-3-hydroxypropan-2-ylcarbamate (1r-2)<sup>7</sup>

To the solution of (*S*)-methyl 3-(benzyloxy)-2-(benzyloxycarbonylamino)propanoate (1.50 g, 4.7 mmol) in 100 mL of dry ethyl ether was added LiAlH<sub>4</sub> (266 mg, 7.0 mmol) portionwisely at 0 °C. The reaction was stirred at room temperature for another 1 hour. Then the reaction was quenched with 1 mL of water carefully until no gas released. 50 mL of 0.5 N HCl was added into

the flask. The product was extracted from aqueous phase with ethyl ether (50 mL × 3). The organic phase was combined and dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. The solvent was evaporated in *vacuo* to get the product as a colorless oil (1.48 g, 100% yield). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 7.37–7.27 (m, 10H), 5.44 (br s, 1H), 5.10 (s, 2H), 4.50 (s, 2H), 3.88–3.80 (m, 2H), 3.74–3.58 (m, 3H), 2.59 (br s, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 156.4, 137.5, 136.3, 128.5, 128.1, 128.0, 127.9, 127.6, 73.5, 70.5, 66.8, 63.6, 52.0.

**(S)-3-(Benzyloxy)-2-(benzyloxycarbonylamino)propyl 4-methylbenzenesulfonate (1r-3)**

To the solution of (*R*)-benzyl 1-(benzyloxy)-3-hydroxypropan-2-ylcarbamate **1r-2** (1.10 g, 3.5 mmol) in 50 mL of dry CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, DMAP (43 mg, 0.35 mmol), TEA (1.06 g, 10.5 mmol), and TsCl (724 mg, 3.8 mmol) were added at 0 °C. The reaction mixture was stirred for 4 hours. The reaction mixture was washed with water (10 mL), brine and dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure. The residue was underwent flash column chromatography on silica gel with petrol ether/ethyl acetate (5:1) as the eluent to get **1r-3** as a colorless oil (1.57 g, 96% yield). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 7.76 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.37–7.29 (m, 10H), 7.22 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 5.06 (s, 2H), 5.10–5.02 (m, 1H), 4.42 (s, 2H), 4.16–4.09 (m, 2H), 4.09–4.00 (m, 1H), 3.58 (dd, *J* = 9.2, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 3.47 (dd, *J* = 8.8, 6.0 Hz, 1H), 2.41 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 155.6, 145.0, 137.4, 136.1, 132.6, 129.9, 128.5, 128.4, 128.2, 128.1, 127.9, 127.8, 127.6, 73.3, 67.9, 67.7, 67.0, 49.5, 21.6.

**(R)-Benzyl 1-(benzyloxy)-3-(piperidin-1-yl)propan-2-ylcarbamate (1r-4).**

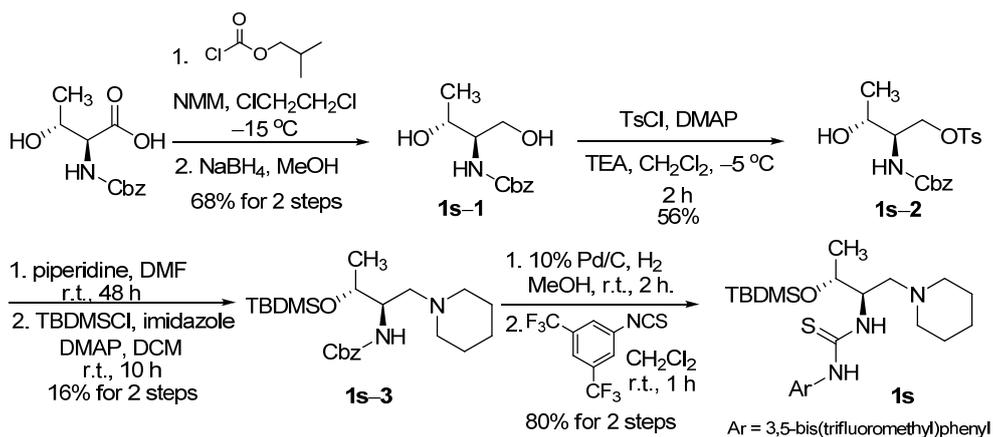
To the solution of compound **1r-3** (900 mg, 1.9 mmol) in 5 mL of dried DMF was added piperidine (816 mg, 9.6 mmol). The reaction mixture was stirred for 12 hours. 50 mL of brine was added into the reaction solution. The product was extracted with ethyl ether (5 mL × 5). The organic phase was combined and dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure and the residue was underwent flash column chromatography on silica gel with petrol ether/ethyl acetate (3:2) as the eluent to get **1r-4** as a colorless oil (625 mg, 86% yield). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 7.36–7.25 (m, 10H), 5.26 (br s, 1H), 5.10 (s, 2H), 4.55–4.46 (m, 2H), 3.86 (br s, 1H), 3.65 (d, *J* = 9.2 Hz, 1H), 3.54 (dd, *J* = 9.2, 4.0 Hz, 1H), 2.43 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 2.41–2.29 (m, 4H), 1.53–1.47 (m, 4H), 1.41–1.37 (m, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 156.2,

138.2, 136.6, 128.4, 128.3, 128.0, 127.6, 127.5, 73.2, 70.1, 66.5, 59.3, 54.9, 48.6, 26.0, 24.3;  
HRMS (ESI) for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>30</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>: calcd [M + H]<sup>+</sup> *m/z* 383.2329, found 383.2328.

**(R)-1-(3,5-Bis(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)-3-(1-(tert-butyldiphenylsilyloxy)-3-(piperidin-1-yl)propan-2-yl)thiourea (catalyst 1r).**

10% Palladium on charcoal (400 mg, 100% w/w) was placed in a 50 ml flask. **1r-4** (390 mg, 1.02 mmol) dissolved in methanol (10 mL) was added to the reaction flask followed by the addition of 10% HCl in methanol (3 mL). The flask was recharged with H<sub>2</sub> with a hydrogen balloon. The reaction was stirred at room temperature for 12 hours. The reaction mixture was then filtered through a celite pad and the filtrate was evaporated to get the primary amine as its hydrochloride salt. The residue was dissolved in 20 mL of CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, then 1-isothiocyanato-3,5-bis(trifluoromethyl)benzene (271 mg, 1.00 mmol) and TEA (404 mg, 4.00 mmol) were added into the solution. The reaction mixture was stirred for 1 hour at room temperature. The solvent was evaporated and the residue was dissolved in 50 mL of EtOAc. The organic phase was washed with water (10 mL), brine and dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. The solvent was removed to get the crude alcohol product as a colorless oil (372 mg) which was dissolved in 15 mL of CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>. To the solution were added TBDPSCl (330 mg, 1.2 mmol), imidazole (102 mg, 1.5 mmol), and DMAP (6.0 mg, 0.05 mmol). The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 2 hour. 30 mL of CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> was added into the reaction mixture, then the organic phase was washed with water (10 mL), brine and dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure. The residue was underwent flash column chromatography on silica gel with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/MeOH (97:3) to afford **1r** as a colorless oil (471 mg, 70% yield for 3 steps). [α]<sub>D</sub><sup>25</sup> = -19.4 (*c* = 1.0 in CHCl<sub>3</sub>); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 12.55 (br s, 1H), 8.02 (s, 2H), 7.67–7.64 (m, 5H), 7.49–7.39 (m, 6H), 6.75 (br s, 1H), 3.83–3.52 (m, 3H), 2.70–2.49 (m, 3H), 2.47–2.22 (m, 3H), 1.60–1.40 (m, 6H), 1.10 (s, 9H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 183.6, 141.6, 135.5, 132.4, 132.2, 131.6 (q, *J* = 34.0 Hz), 130.1, 128.0, 124.9, 123.1 (q, *J* = 271.0 Hz), 118.3, 64.3, 63.3, 55.2, 54.8, 29.6, 26.8, 25.4, 23.4, 19.1; HRMS (ESI) for C<sub>33</sub>H<sub>39</sub>F<sub>6</sub>N<sub>3</sub>OSSi: calcd [M + H]<sup>+</sup> *m/z* 668.2560, found 668.2562.

**Preparation of catalyst 1s**



### Benzyl (2*R*,3*R*)-1,3-dihydroxybutan-2-ylcarbamate (**1s-1**)<sup>8</sup>

Yield: 68% for 2 steps, <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  7.36–7.29 (m, 5H), 5.62 (d,  $J = 8.8$  Hz, 1H), 5.09 (s, 2H), 4.14–4.09 (m, 1H), 3.76 (d,  $J = 4.0$  Hz, 2H), 3.57–3.55 (m, 1H), 3.25–2.96 (br s, 2H), 1.18 (d,  $J = 6.0$  Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  157.1, 136.2, 128.5, 128.2, 128.0, 68.5, 66.9, 64.6, 56.2, 20.2.

### (2*R*,3*R*)-2-(Benzyloxycarbonylamino)-3-hydroxybutyl 4-methylbenzenesulfonate (**1s-2**)<sup>9</sup>

To the solution of **1s-1** (1.57 g, 6.57 mmol) in 50 mL of dried  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  were added DMAP (81 mg, 0.66 mmol), TEA (1.99 g, 19.7 mmol), and TsCl (1.38 g, 7.22 mmol) at 0 °C. The reaction mixture was stirred for 2 hours. The reaction mixture was washed with water (10 mL) and brine. The organic phase was dried over  $\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_4$ . Removed the solvent under reduced pressure and the residue was underwent flash column chromatography on silica gel with petrol ether/ethyl acetate (1:1) as the eluent to get **1s-2** as a colorless oil (1.45 g, 56% yield). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  7.77 (d,  $J = 8.1$  Hz, 2H), 7.39–7.29 (m, 7H), 5.19 (d,  $J = 8.7$  Hz, 1H), 5.06 (s, 2H), 4.13–4.01 (m, 3H), 3.80–3.72 (m, 1H), 2.44 (s, 3H), 2.29 (s, 1H), 1.18 (d,  $J = 6.6$  Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  156.4, 145.2, 136.1, 132.5, 130.0, 128.5, 128.2, 128.0, 127.9, 68.6, 67.1, 65.4, 54.5, 21.6, 19.9.

### Benzyl (2*R*,3*R*)-3-(*tert*-butyldimethylsilyloxy)-1-(piperidin-1-yl)butan-2-ylcarbamate (**1s-3**).

To the solution of compound **1s-2** (750 mg, 1.91 mmol) in 10 mL of dried DMF was added piperidine (808 mg, 9.5 mmol) at room temperature. The reaction mixture was stirred for 48 hours. Brine (50 mL) was added into the reaction solution, then extracted the product with ethyl ether (5

mL × 5). Combined the organic phase and dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. Removed the solvent under reduced pressure to get the crude chiral amine (269 mg) as a colorless oil which was dissolved in 15 mL of CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>. To the solution were added TBDMSCl (154 mg, 1.02 mmol), imidazole (88 mg, 1.3 mmol), and DMAP (10 mg, 0.085 mmol). The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 10 hours. 30 mL of CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> was added into the reaction mixture, the organic phase was then washed with water (10 mL) and brine. The organic phase was dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. Removed the solvent under reduced pressure and the residue was underwent flash column chromatography on silica gel with petrol ether/ethyl acetate (7:3) to afford **1s** as a colorless oil (128 mg, 16% yield for 2 steps). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 7.38–7.31 (m, 5H), 5.15–5.07 (m, 2H), 5.01 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 4.18–4.13 (m, 1H), 3.68–3.62 (m, 1H), 2.44–2.30 (m, 5H), 2.25 (dd, *J* = 12.0, 6.4 Hz, 1H), 1.55–1.46 (m, 4H), 1.45–1.34 (m, 2H), 1.13 (d, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 3H), 0.87 (s, 9H), 0.063 (s, 3H), 0.058 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 156.5, 136.8, 128.5, 128.1, 128.0, 66.8, 66.6, 60.2, 54.8, 53.6, 26.1, 25.9, 24.4, 20.9, 18.0, –4.2, –5.0; HRMS (ESI) for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>40</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>Si: calcd [M + H]<sup>+</sup> *m/z* 421.2881, found 421.2887.

**1-(3,5-Bis(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)-3-((2*R*,3*R*)-3-(tert-butyldimethylsilyloxy)-1-(piperidin-1-yl)butan-2-yl)thiourea (catalyst **1s**).**

10% palladium on charcoal (100 mg, 100% w/w) was placed in a 25 ml flask. **1s-3** (110 mg, 0.26 mmol) dissolved in methanol (10 mL) was added to the reaction flask. The flask was recharged with H<sub>2</sub> with a hydrogen balloon. The reaction was stirred at room temperature for 2 hours. The reaction mixture was then filtered through a celite pad and the filtrate was evaporated. The residue was dissolved in 10 mL of dried CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, then 1-isothiocyanato-3,5-bis(trifluoromethyl)benzene (79 mg, 0.29 mmol) was added into the flask. The reaction was stirred for 1 hour at room temperature. Removed the solvent under reduced pressure and the residue was underwent flash column chromatography on silica gel with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/MeOH (97:3) to afford **1s** as a white solid (117 mg, 80% yield for 2 steps). m.p. 153–154 °C; [α]<sub>D</sub><sup>25</sup> = –13.0 (*c* = 1.0 in CHCl<sub>3</sub>); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 12.43 (br s, 1H), 8.05 (s, 2H), 7.63 (s, 1H), 6.67 (d, *J* = 3.9 Hz, 1H), 3.97–3.90 (m, 1H), 3.64–3.59 (m, 1H), 2.85–2.63 (m, 3H), 2.53–2.41 (m, 3H), 1.62–1.45 (m, 6H), 1.28 (d, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 3H), 0.91 (s, 9H), 0.11 (s, 3H), 0.10 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 184.0, 141.8, 131.5 (q, *J* = 33.0 Hz), 124.5, 123.2 (q, *J* = 270.0 Hz), 118.0, 69.5, 65.4,

59.7, 55.2, 25.7, 25.6, 23.4, 21.2, 17.9, -4.2, -5.0; HRMS (ESI) for C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>37</sub>F<sub>6</sub>N<sub>3</sub>OSSi: calcd [M + H]<sup>+</sup> *m/z* 558.2404, found 558.2411.

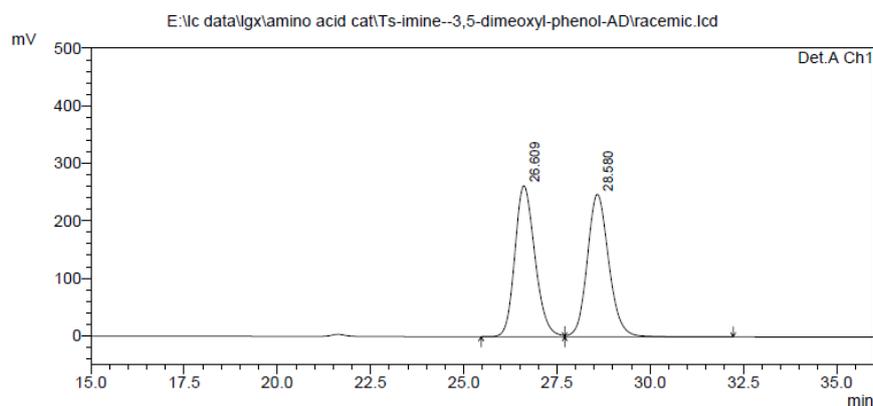
**1-(3,5-bis(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)-3-((S)-3-methyl-2-((piperidin-1-yl)methyl)butyl)thiourea (catalyst 1t)**

Overall yield of 5 steps: 80%; white solid; m.p. 100–102 °C; [α]<sub>D</sub><sup>25</sup> = +12.0 (*c* = 1.0 in CHCl<sub>3</sub>); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>OD): δ 8.11 (s, 2H), 7.67 (s, 1H), 4.03–3.78 (m, 1H), 3.53–3.38 (m, 1H), 2.73–2.46 (m, 2H), 2.44–2.22 (m, 4H), 1.97–1.65 (m, 2H), 1.61–1.37 (m, 6H), 1.00 (s, 3H), 0.98 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>OD): δ 182.6, 143.3, 133.0 (q, *J* = 32.0 Hz), 127.4, 124.7 (q, *J* = 270.3 Hz), 117.8, 62.4, 56.1, 40.9, 30.2, 26.7, 25.2, 19.9; HRMS (ESI) for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>27</sub>F<sub>6</sub>N<sub>3</sub>S: calcd [M + H]<sup>+</sup> *m/z* 456.1903, found 456.1908.

**General Procedure for the Asymmetric Friedel–Crafts Reactions.**

***N*-((2-Hydroxy-4,6-dimethoxyphenyl)(phenyl)methyl)-4-methylbenzenesulfonamide (4a).** To a dry 5 mL flask was added catalyst **1k** (9 mg, 0.02 mmol), *N*-Ts-aldimine **3a** (39 mg, 0.15 mmol), 1.0 mL of dried toluene, and 4 Å M.S. (20 mg). The flask was cooled to -50°C and stirred for 30 minutes. The solution of 3,5-dimethoxyphenol (**2a**) (15 mg, 0.10 mmol) in 0.2 mL of toluene was added into the flask with a syringe dropwisely within 15 minutes. The reaction mixture was stirred at -50°C for 72 hours. The reaction mixture was subjected to silica gel column chromatography with petrol ether/ethyl acetate (3:1) as the eluent to give the **4a** as a white solid (37 mg, yield 90%); m.p. 59–61°C; [α]<sub>D</sub><sup>25</sup> = +11.7 (*c* = 0.5 in CHCl<sub>3</sub>) for 92% ee; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 7.56 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.28–7.26 (m, 2H), 7.23–7.15 (m, 3H), 7.02 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.31 (d, *J* = 10.0 Hz, 1H), 6.13 (s, 1H), 6.08 (d, *J* = 10.0 Hz, 1H), 5.85 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 5.81 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 3.66 (s, 3H), 3.58 (s, 3H), 2.30 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 160.6, 158.0, 154.6, 142.8, 141.0, 136.9, 128.9, 128.0, 126.8, 126.7, 126.5, 107.3, 93.9, 91.2, 55.4, 55.2, 52.0, 21.3; HRMS (ESI) for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>23</sub>NO<sub>5</sub>S: calcd [M + H]<sup>+</sup> *m/z* 414.1370, found 414.1375; HPLC analysis (Daicel Chiralpak AD-H, hexane/2-propanol = 85:15, flow rate = 0.5 mL/min, λ = 220 nm): *t*<sub>1</sub> = 26.5 min (minor), *t*<sub>2</sub> = 28.5 min (major).

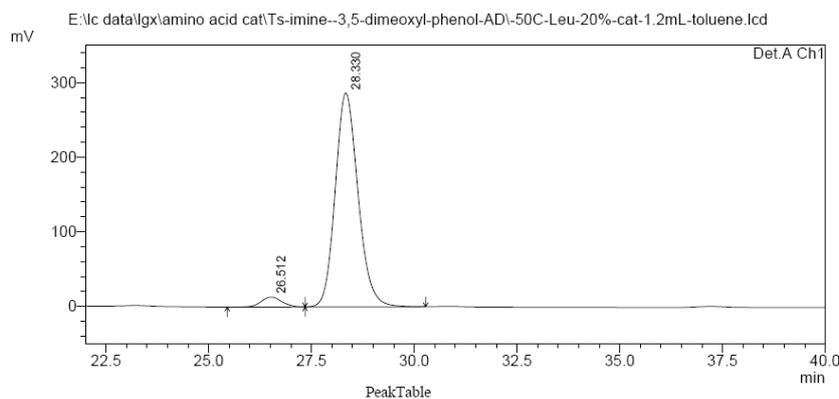
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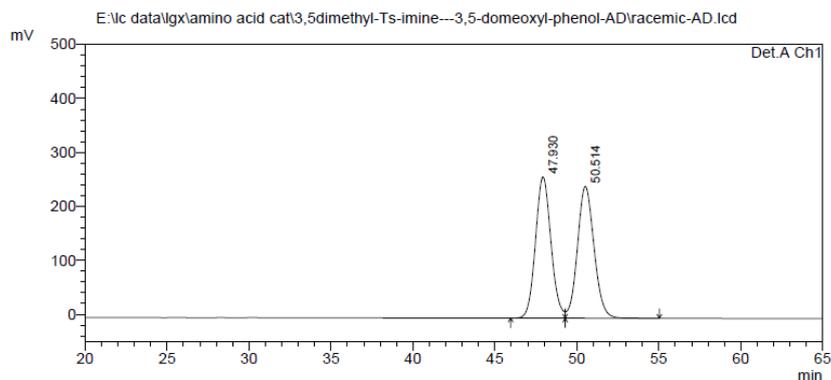
## Characterization of Products 4b–4l.

*N*-((3,5-Dimethylphenyl)(2-hydroxy-4,6-dimethoxyphenyl)methyl)-4-methylbenzenesulfonamide (4b) (Table 3, entry 2)

Yield: 95%; white solid; m.p. 72–74 °C;  $[\alpha]_D^{25} = +4.9$  ( $c = 0.5$  in  $\text{CHCl}_3$ ) for 85% ee;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  7.55 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2H), 7.03 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2H), 6.85 (s, 2H), 6.81 (s, 1H), 6.16 (d,  $J = 10.0$  Hz, 1H), 6.01 (d,  $J = 9.6$  Hz, 1H), 5.86 (br s, 1H), 5.85 (d,  $J = 2.0$  Hz, 1H), 5.82 (d,  $J = 2.0$  Hz, 1H), 3.68 (s, 3H), 3.59 (s, 3H), 2.31 (s, 3H), 2.20 (s, 6H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  160.4, 157.8, 154.6, 142.8, 140.6, 137.4, 136.7, 128.8, 128.5, 126.7, 124.3, 107.0, 93.7, 91.0, 55.4, 55.1, 52.0, 21.2; HRMS (ESI) for  $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{27}\text{NO}_5\text{S}$ : calcd  $[\text{M} - \text{H}]^- m/z$  440.1537, found

440.1545; HPLC analysis (Daicel Chiralpak AD-H, hexane/2-propanol = 92:8, flow rate = 0.50 mL/min,  $\lambda = 220$  nm):  $t_1 = 47.1$  min (*R*, major),  $t_2 = 49.7$  min (*S*, minor).

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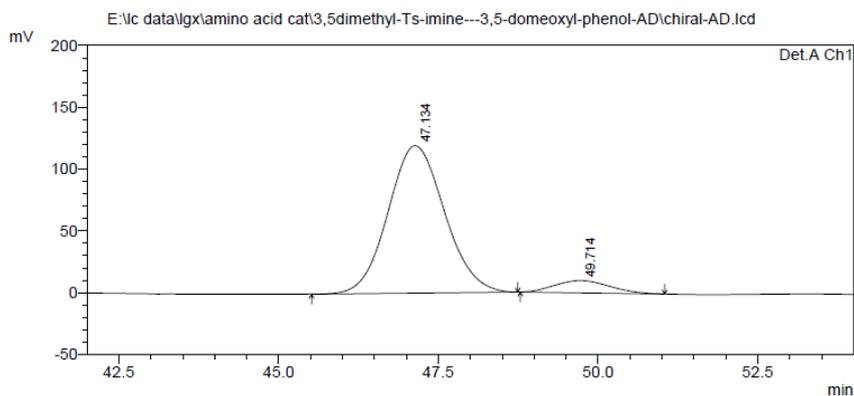
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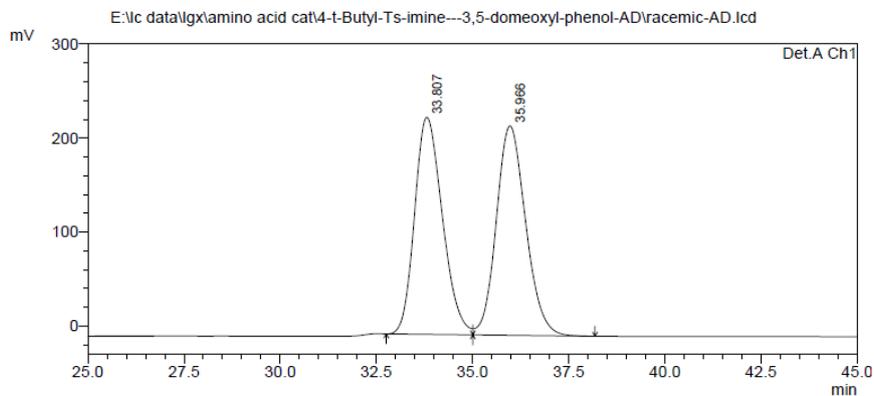
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*N*-((4-*tert*-Butylphenyl)(2-hydroxy-4,6-dimethoxyphenyl)methyl)-4-methylbenzenesulfonamide  
**(4c)** (Table 3, entry 3)

Yield: 94%; white solid; m.p. 62–65 °C;  $[\alpha]_D^{25} = +1.4$  ( $c = 0.5$  in  $\text{CHCl}_3$ ) for 84% ee;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  7.55 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2H), 7.24–7.18 (m, 4H), 7.02 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2H), 6.30 (d,  $J = 10.0$  Hz, 1H), 6.18 (br s, 1H), 6.04 (d,  $J = 9.2$  Hz, 1H), 5.86 (d,  $J = 1.6$  Hz, 1H), 5.82 (d,  $J = 1.6$  Hz, 1H), 3.66 (s, 3H), 3.59 (s, 3H), 2.30 (s, 3H), 1.26 (s, 9H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (75 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  160.5, 158.0, 154.6, 149.6, 142.7, 137.8, 137.1, 128.9, 126.9, 126.3, 125.0, 107.5, 94.1, 91.3, 55.5, 55.2, 52.0, 34.3, 31.3, 21.3; HRMS (ESI) for  $\text{C}_{26}\text{H}_{31}\text{NO}_5\text{S}$ : calcd  $[\text{M} - \text{H}]^- m/z$  468.1850, found

468.1847; HPLC analysis (Daicel Chiralpak AD-H, hexane/2-propanol = 90:10, flow rate = 0.50 mL/min,  $\lambda = 220$  nm):  $t_1 = 34.8$  min (minor),  $t_2 = 37.0$  min (major).

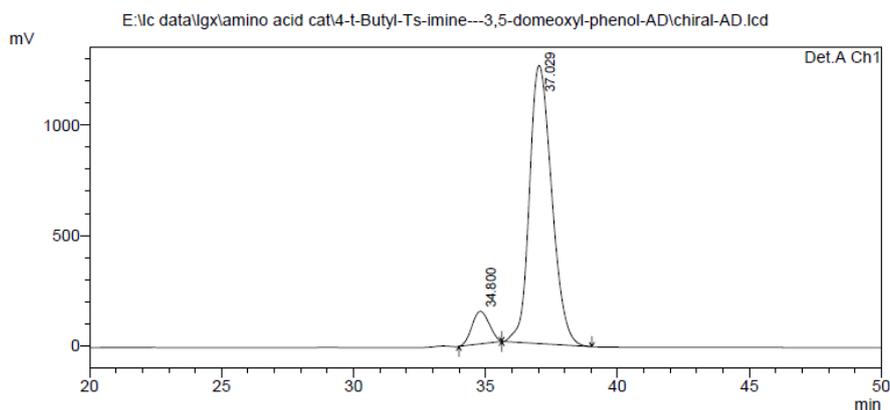
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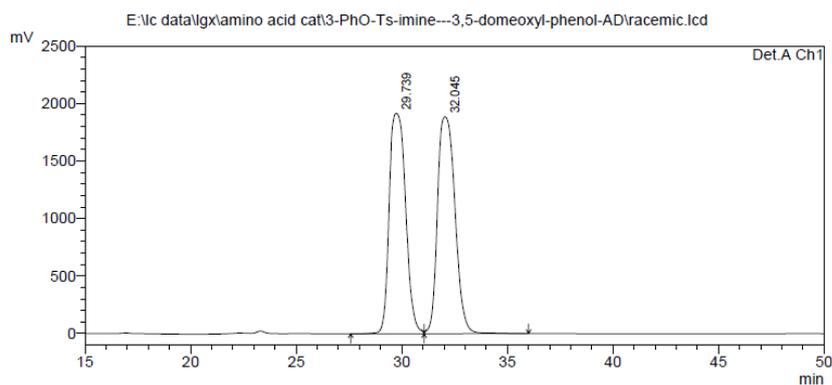
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*N*-((2-Hydroxy-4,6-dimethoxyphenyl)(3-phenoxyphenyl)methyl)-4-methylbenzenesulfonamide  
(**4d**) (Table 3, entry 4)

Yield: 97%; white solid; m.p. 50–52 °C;  $[\alpha]_D^{25} = +12.0$  ( $c = 0.5$  in  $\text{CHCl}_3$ ) for 84% ee;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  7.56 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 2H), 7.32–7.27 (m, 2H), 7.17 (t,  $J = 7.8$  Hz, 1H), 7.09–7.03 (m, 4H), 6.96–6.94 (m, 1H), 6.94–6.92 (m, 1H), 6.92–6.90 (m, 1H), 6.77 (dd,  $J = 8.0, 2.4$  Hz, 1H), 6.17 (d,  $J = 10.0$  Hz, 1H), 6.06 (d,  $J = 10.0$  Hz, 1H), 5.84 (d,  $J = 2.4$  Hz, 1H), 5.81 (d,  $J = 2.4$  Hz, 1H), 5.40 (br s, 1H), 3.68 (s, 3H), 3.59 (s, 3H), 2.31 (s, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  160.6, 157.8, 157.1, 156.8, 154.5, 143.4, 142.9, 136.8, 129.6, 129.2, 128.9, 126.8, 123.0,

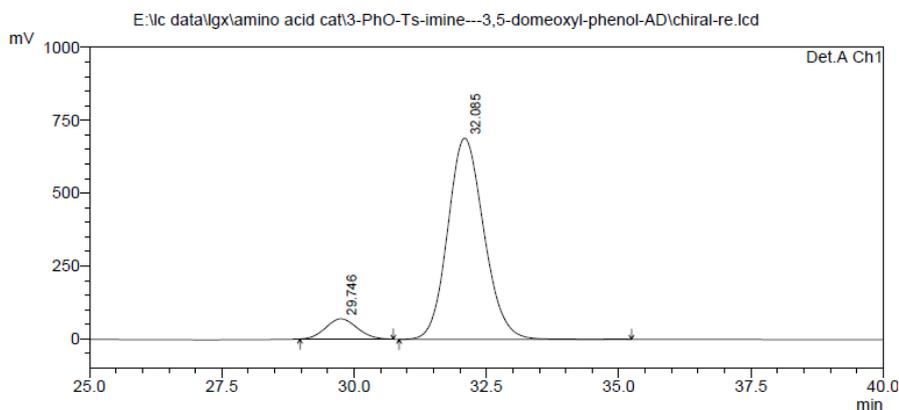
121.6, 118.6, 117.4, 117.0, 107.2, 93.8, 91.2, 55.4, 55.2, 51.8, 21.3; HRMS (ESI) for  $C_{28}H_{27}NO_6S$ :  
calcd  $[M - H]^- m/z$  504.1486, found 504.1484; HPLC analysis (Daicel Chiralpak AD-H,  
hexane/2-propanol = 85:15, flow rate = 0.50 mL/min,  $\lambda$  = 220 nm):  $t_1$  = 29.7 min (minor),  $t_2$  =  
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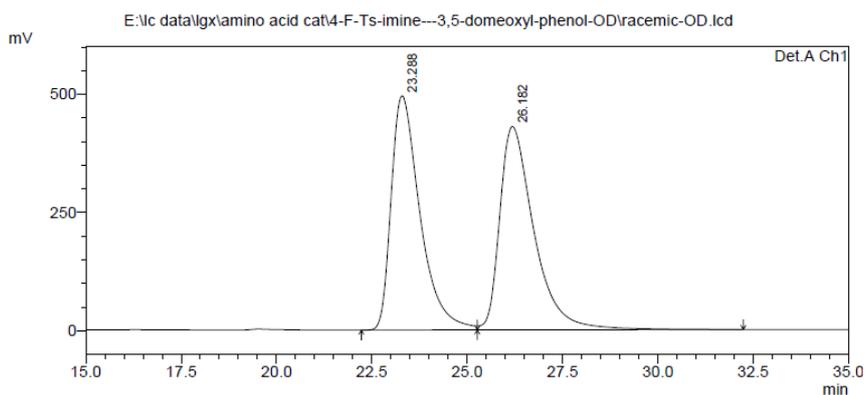
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*N*-((4-Fluorophenyl)(2-hydroxy-4,6-dimethoxyphenyl)methyl)-4-methylbenzenesulfonamide (**4e**)  
(Table 3, entry 5)

Yield: 90%; white solid, m.p. 47–49 °C;  $[\alpha]_D^{25} = +14.1$  ( $c = 0.5$  in  $CHCl_3$ ) for 92% ee;  $^1H$  NMR  
(400 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ ):  $\delta$  7.54 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2H), 7.22 (dd,  $J = 8.4, 5.6$  Hz, 2H), 7.01 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz,  
2H), 6.89–6.84 (m, 2H), 6.42 (br s, 1H), 6.40 (br s, 1H), 6.03 (d,  $J = 10.0$  Hz, 1H), 5.88 (d,  $J = 2.0$

Hz, 1H), 5.80 (d,  $J = 2.0$  Hz, 1H), 3.66 (s, 3H), 3.58 (s, 3H), 2.30 (s, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  161.7 (d,  $J = 243.1$  Hz), 160.7, 157.9, 154.4, 143.0, 136.8, 136.7 (d,  $J = 2.9$  Hz), 128.9, 128.2 (d,  $J = 7.9$  Hz), 126.8, 114.7 (d,  $J = 21.3$  Hz), 107.1, 93.9, 91.2, 55.5, 55.2, 51.4, 21.4; HRMS (ESI) for  $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{22}\text{FNO}_5\text{S}$ : calcd  $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+ m/z$  454.1095, found 454.1097; HPLC analysis (Daicel Chiralcel OD-H, hexane/2-propanol = 90:10, flow rate = 0.50 mL/min,  $\lambda = 220$  nm):  $t_1 = 23.0$  min (major),  $t_2 = 26.1$  min (minor).

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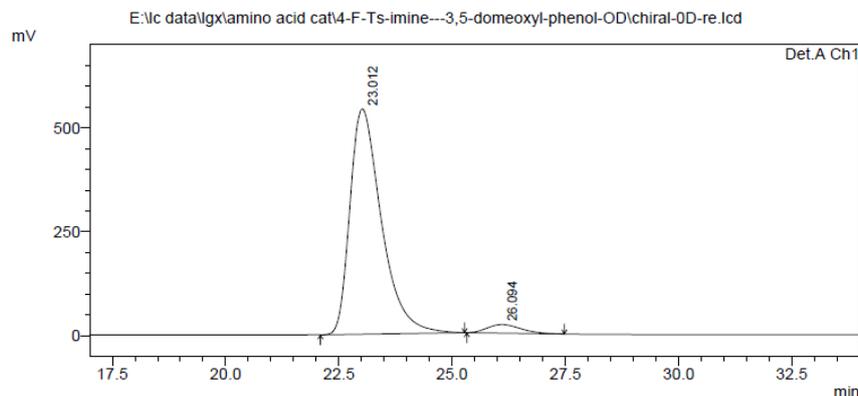
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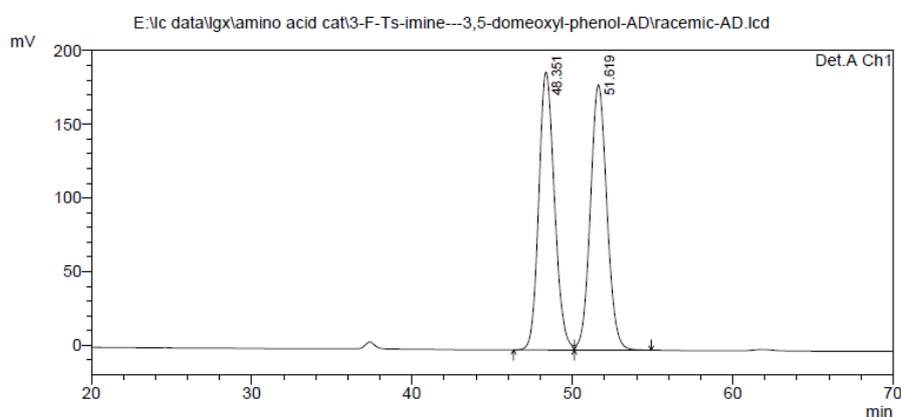
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*N*-((3-Fluorophenyl)(2-hydroxy-4,6-dimethoxyphenyl)methyl)-4-methylbenzenesulfonamide (**4f**)  
 (Table 3, entry 6)

Yield: 90%; white solid; m.p. 47–50 °C;  $[\alpha]_D^{25} = +20.2$  ( $c = 0.5$  in  $\text{CHCl}_3$ ) for 92% ee;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  7.55 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 2H), 7.18–7.12 (m, 1H), 7.06 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1H), 7.02

(d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2H), 6.97 (d,  $J = 10.4$  Hz, 1H), 6.84 (td,  $J = 8.0, 1.6$  Hz, 1H), 6.43 (d,  $J = 10.4$  Hz, 1H), 6.36 (s, 1H), 6.05 (d,  $J = 10.4$  Hz, 1H), 5.88 (d,  $J = 1.6$  Hz, 1H), 5.80 (d,  $J = 1.6$  Hz, 1H), 3.65 (s, 3H), 3.58 (s, 3H), 2.30 (s, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  162.7 (d,  $J = 243.5$  Hz), 160.8, 157.9, 154.3, 143.9 (d,  $J = 7.1$  Hz), 143.0, 136.8, 129.4 (d,  $J = 8.1$  Hz), 129.0, 126.8, 122.1 (d,  $J = 2.5$  Hz), 113.6 (d,  $J = 6.1$  Hz), 113.4 (d,  $J = 7.4$  Hz), 106.9, 93.8, 91.3, 55.5, 55.3, 51.5, 21.3; HRMS (ESI) for  $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{22}\text{FNO}_5\text{S}$ : calcd  $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+ m/z$  432.1275, found 432.1281; HPLC analysis (Daicel Chiralpak AD-H, hexane/2-propanol = 90:10, flow rate = 0.50 mL/min,  $\lambda = 220$  nm):  $t_1 = 47.7$  min (minor),  $t_2 = 50.9$  min (major).

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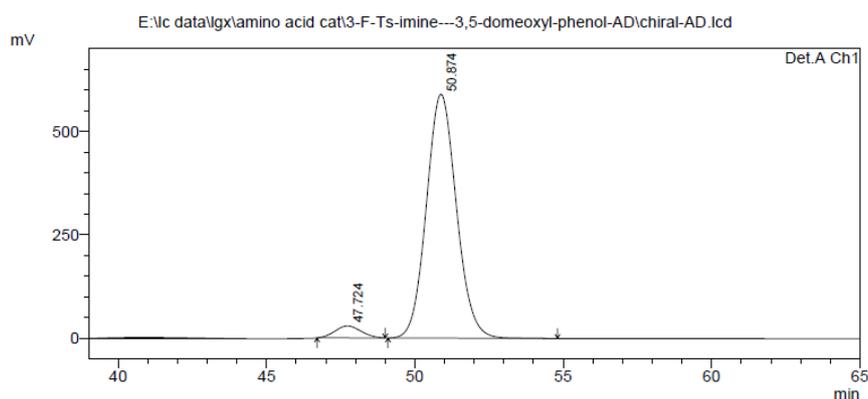
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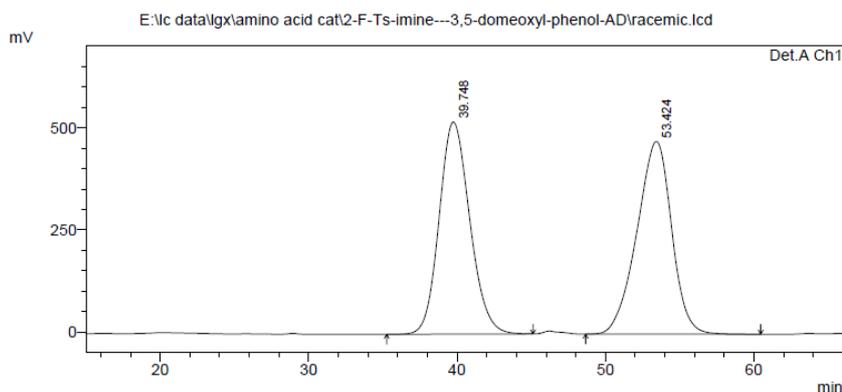
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*N*-((2-Fluorophenyl)(2-hydroxy-4,6-dimethoxyphenyl)methyl)-4-methylbenzenesulfonamide (**4g**)  
 (Table 3, entry 7)

Yield: 93%; white solid; m.p. 152–154 °C;  $[\alpha]_D^{25} = +3.5$  ( $c = 0.5$  in  $\text{CHCl}_3$ ) for 91% ee;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  7.60 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 2H), 7.33 (td,  $J = 7.8, 1.6$  Hz, 1H), 7.18–7.12 (m, 1H), 7.07 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2H), 6.98–6.94 (m, 1H), 6.93–6.89 (m, 1H), 6.43 (br s, 1H), 6.31 (d,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 1H), 6.25 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 1H), 5.90 (d,  $J = 2.4$  Hz, 1H), 5.84 (d,  $J = 2.0$  Hz, 1H), 3.66 (s, 3H), 3.63 (s, 3H), 2.32 (s, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  160.7, 160.0 (d,  $J = 246.9$  Hz), 158.0, 154.8, 143.0, 136.6, 129.0 (d,  $J = 5.2$  Hz), 128.98, 128.8 (d,  $J = 8.2$  Hz), 127.6 (d,  $J = 13.1$  Hz), 127.0, 123.6, 115.3 (d,  $J = 21.8$  Hz), 106.1, 93.9, 91.4, 55.5, 55.2, 47.4, 21.4; HRMS (ESI) for  $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{22}\text{FNO}_5\text{S}$ : calcd  $[\text{M} - \text{H}]^- m/z$  430.1130, found 430.1135; HPLC analysis (Daicel Chiralpak AD-H, hexane/2-propanol = 92:8, flow rate = 0.50 mL/min,  $\lambda = 220$  nm):  $t_1 = 44.8$  min ( $R$ , minor),  $t_2 = 57.1$  min ( $S$ , major).

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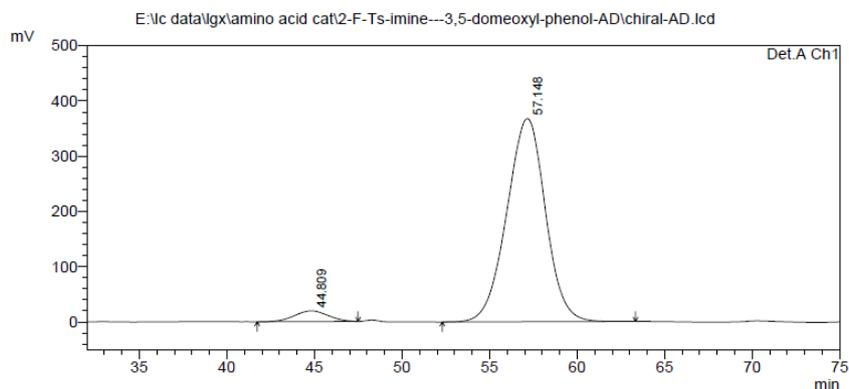


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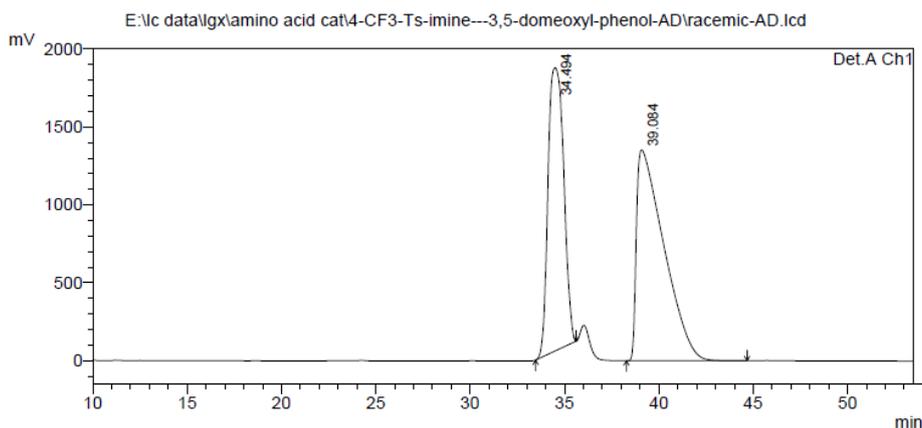
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*N*-((2-Hydroxy-4,6-dimethoxyphenyl)(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)methyl)-4-methylbenzenesulfonamide (**4h**) (Table 3, entry 8)

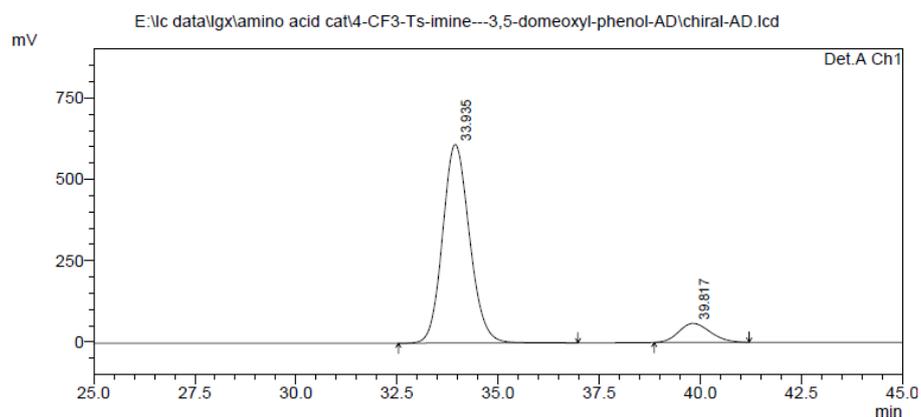
Yield: 94%; white solid; m.p. 92–94 °C;  $[\alpha]_D^{25} = +11.0$  ( $c = 0.5$  in  $\text{CHCl}_3$ ) for 80% ee;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  7.56 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2H), 7.44 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2H), 7.38 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 2H), 7.04 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 2H), 6.34 (d,  $J = 10.4$  Hz, 1H), 6.11 (d,  $J = 10.4$  Hz, 1H), 5.86 (br s, 1H), 5.85 (s, 1H), 5.75 (br s, 1H), 3.69 (s, 3H), 3.61 (s, 3H), 2.31 (s, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  160.9, 157.8, 154.3, 145.2, 143.1, 136.8, 129.0, 128.3 (q,  $J = 17.0$  Hz), 128.2, 126.8, 124.9 (q,  $J = 3.5$  Hz), 124.2 (q,  $J = 270.4$  Hz), 106.8, 93.9, 91.2, 55.5, 55.3, 51.6, 21.3; HRMS (ESI) for  $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{22}\text{F}_3\text{NO}_5\text{S}$ : calcd  $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+ m/z$  482.1244, found 482.1240; HPLC analysis (Daicel Chiralpak AD-H, hexane/2-propanol = 90:10, flow rate = 0.50 mL/min,  $\lambda = 220$  nm):  $t_1 = 33.9$  min (major),  $t_2 = 39.8$  min (minor).

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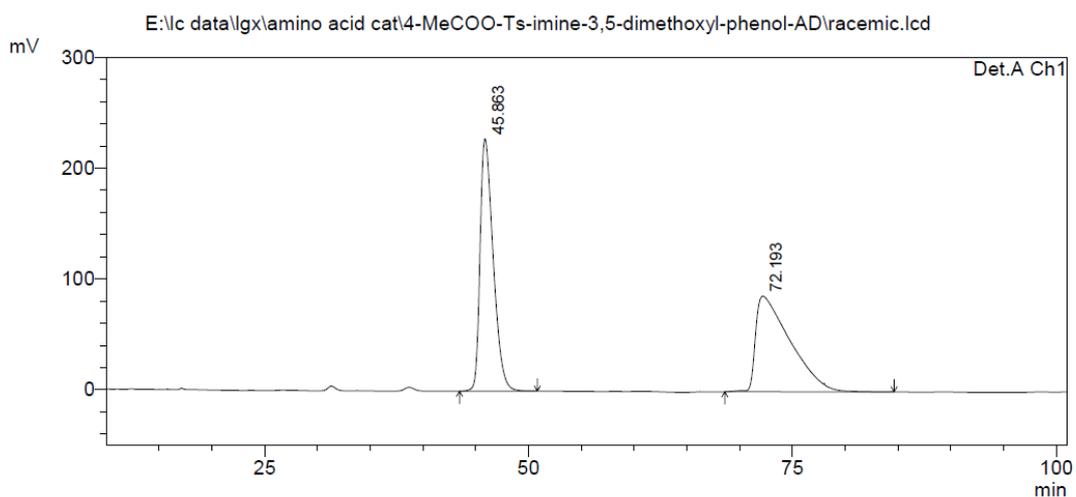
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Methyl 4-((2-hydroxy-4,6-dimethoxyphenyl)(4-methylphenylsulfonamido)methyl)benzoate (**4i**)  
(Table 3, entry 9)

Yield: 81%; white solid; m.p. 75–77 °C; 70% *ee*; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 7.83 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.53 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.34 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.00 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 6.89 (s, 1H), 6.45 (d, *J* = 10.5 Hz, 1H), 6.10 (d, *J* = 10.5 Hz, 1H), 5.90 (d, *J* = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 5.79 (d, *J* = 1.8, 1H), 3.88 (s, 3H), 3.63 (s, 3H), 3.57 (s, 3H), 2.28 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 167.4, 160.8, 154.6, 146.8, 142.9, 136.9, 129.3, 128.9, 128.3, 126.8, 126.5, 107.0, 93.9, 91.1, 55.5, 51.7, 21.3; HPLC analysis (Daicel Chiralpak AD-H, hexane/2-propanol = 85:15, flow rate = 0.50 mL/min, λ = 220 nm): *t*<sub>1</sub> = 45.1 min (major), *t*<sub>2</sub> = 73.0 min (minor).

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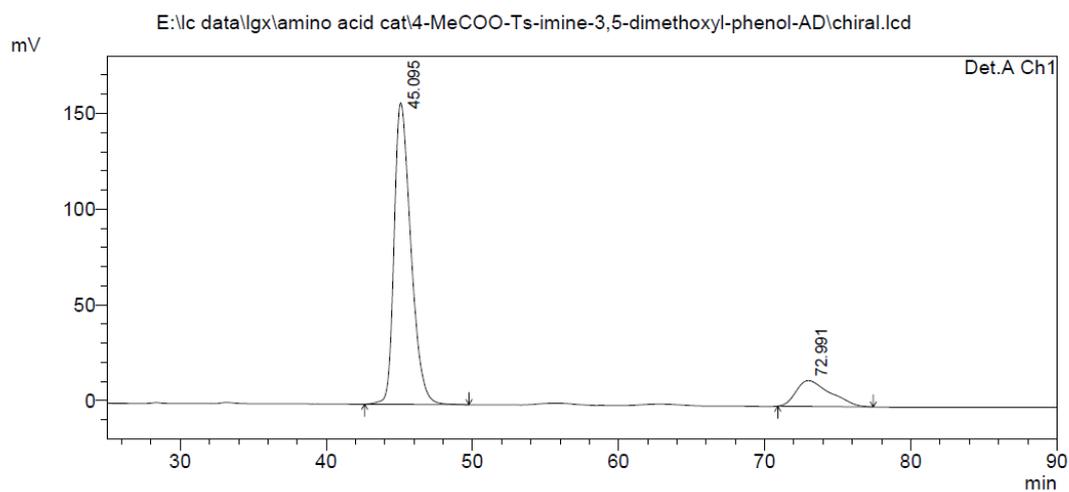


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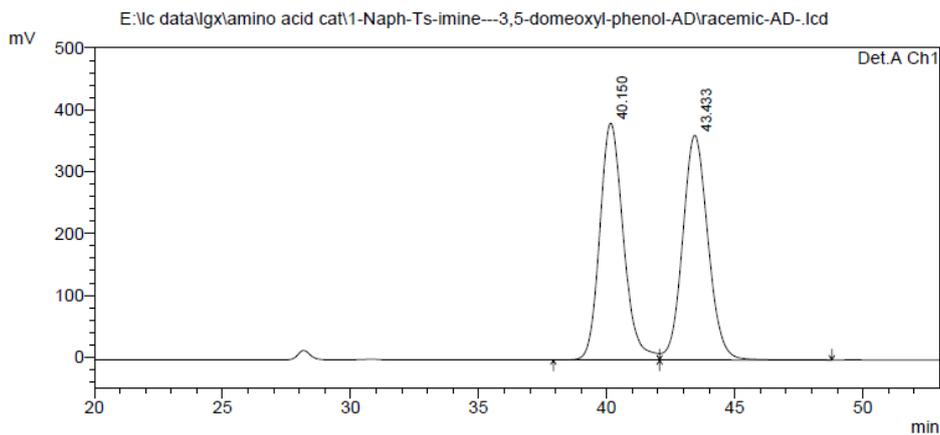
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*N*-((2-Hydroxy-4,6-dimethoxyphenyl)(naphthalen-1-yl)methyl)-4-methylbenzenesulfonamide (**4j**)  
 (Table 3, entry10)

Yield: 84%; white solid; m.p. 185–187 °C;  $[\alpha]_D^{25} = -124.8$  ( $c = 0.5$  in  $\text{CHCl}_3$ ) for 95% ee;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  8.41 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 2H), 7.84 (d,  $J = 7.8$  Hz, 1H), 7.76–7.73 (m, 1H), 7.58 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 2H), 7.56–7.46 (m, 2H), 7.28 (s, 1H), 7.04 (d,  $J = 7.8$  Hz, 2H), 6.83 (d,  $J = 8.1$  Hz, 1H), 6.15 (br s, 1H), 5.84 (d,  $J = 2.1$  Hz, 1H), 5.82 (d,  $J = 2.1$  Hz, 1H), 5.79 (br s, 1H), 3.68 (s,

3H), 3.60 (s, 3H), 2.33 (s, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (75 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  160.8, 158.2, 155.3, 143.1, 136.4, 134.4, 134.0, 131.2, 128.9, 128.7, 128.6, 127.0, 126.5, 125.8, 125.6, 125.0, 124.2, 105.7, 94.2, 91.5, 55.5, 55.2, 50.7, 21.3; HRMS (ESI) for  $\text{C}_{26}\text{H}_{25}\text{NO}_5\text{S}$ : calcd  $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$   $m/z$  486.1346, found 486.1351; HPLC analysis (Daicel Chiralpak AD-H, hexane/2-propanol = 87:13, flow rate = 0.50 mL/min,  $\lambda$  = 220 nm):  $t_1$  = 39.3 min (minor),  $t_2$  = 41.9 min (major).

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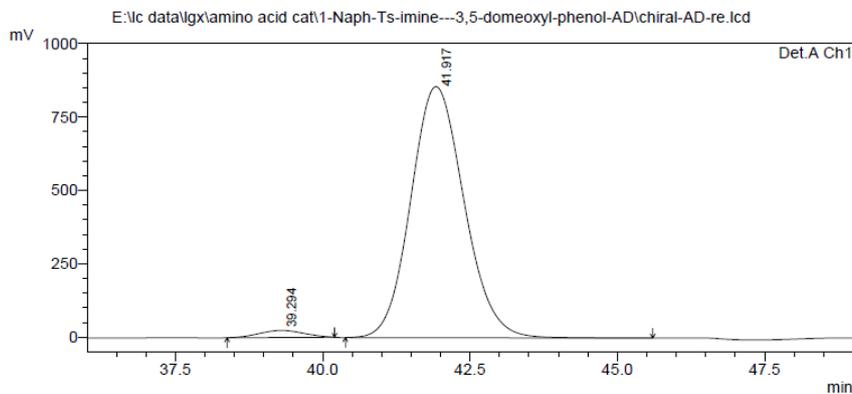


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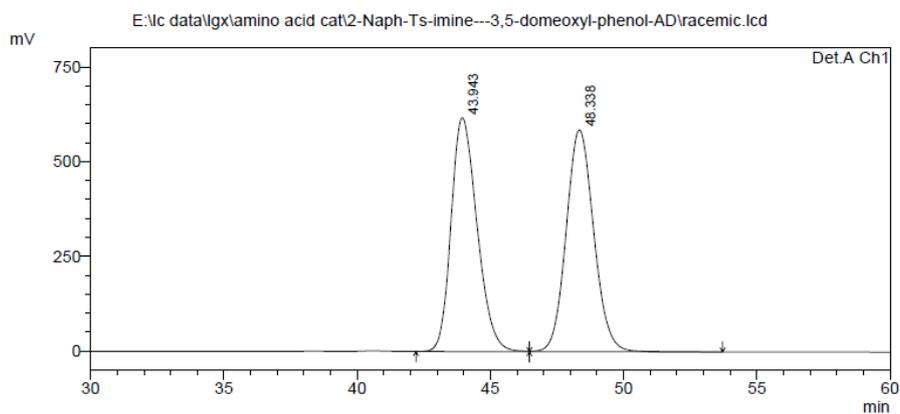
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*N*-((2-Hydroxy-4,6-dimethoxyphenyl)(naphthalen-2-yl)methyl)-4-methylbenzenesulfonamide (**4k**)  
 (Table 3, entry 11)

Yield: 91%; white solid; m.p. 152–154 °C;  $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{25} = +18.2$  ( $c = 0.5$  in  $\text{CHCl}_3$ ) for 80% ee;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  7.74–7.72 (m, 1H), 7.68–7.60 (m, 3H), 7.54 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2H), 7.42

(d,  $J = 8.8$  Hz, 1H), 7.39–7.35 (m, 2H), 6.92 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2H), 6.53 (d,  $J = 10.4$  Hz, 1H), 6.49 (s, 1H), 6.22 (d,  $J = 10.4$  Hz, 1H), 5.90 (d,  $J = 2.0$  Hz, 1H), 5.80 (d,  $J = 2.0$  Hz, 1H), 3.64 (s, 3H), 3.55 (s, 3H), 2.21 (s, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  160.6, 158.0, 154.6, 142.9, 138.3, 136.8, 133.0, 132.4, 128.9, 128.0, 127.8, 127.4, 126.8, 125.8, 125.6, 125.2, 124.8, 107.1, 93.8, 91.2, 55.5, 55.2, 52.1, 21.3; HRMS (ESI) for  $\text{C}_{26}\text{H}_{25}\text{NO}_5\text{S}$ : calcd  $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+ m/z$  486.1346, found 486.1349; HPLC analysis (Daicel Chiralpak AD-H, hexane/2-propanol = 87:13, flow rate = 0.50 mL/min,  $\lambda = 220$  nm):  $t_1 = 39.3$  min (minor),  $t_2 = 41.9$  min (major).

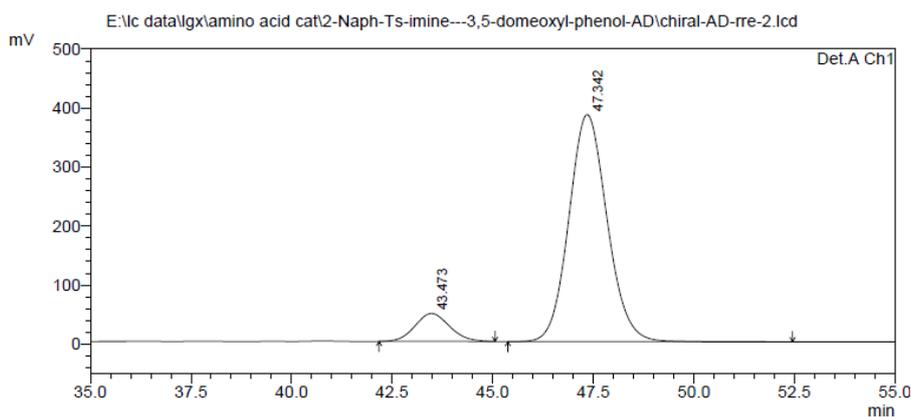
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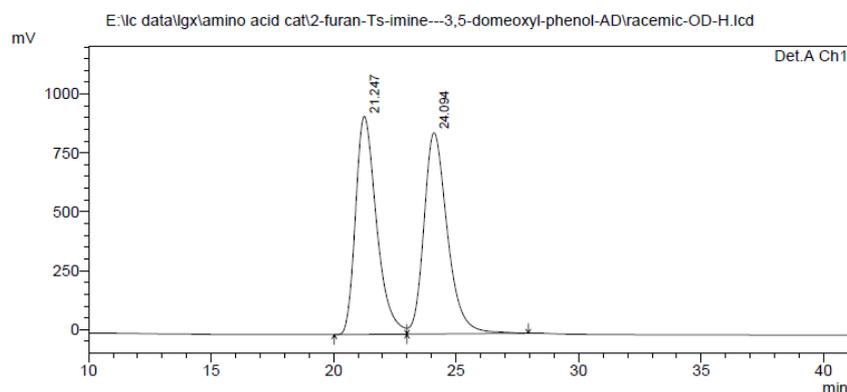
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*N*-(Furan-2-yl(2-hydroxy-4,6-dimethoxyphenyl)methyl)-4-methylbenzenesulfonamide (**41**) (Table 3, entry 12)

Yield: 93%; white solid; m.p. 46–48 °C;  $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{25} = -15.2$  ( $c = 0.5$  in  $\text{CHCl}_3$ ) for 88% ee;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR

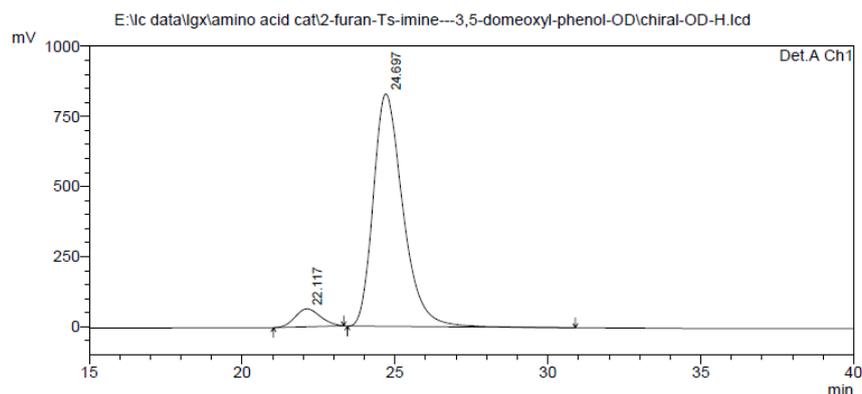
(400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.59 (d,  $J$  = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.23 (s, 1H), 7.07 (d,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.60 (br s, 1H), 6.30 (d,  $J$  = 9.6 Hz, 1H), 6.19 (br s, 1H), 6.10 (d,  $J$  = 9.6 Hz, 1H), 6.00 (d,  $J$  = 2.8 Hz, 1H), 5.91 (d,  $J$  = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 5.83 (d,  $J$  = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 3.66 (s, 3H), 3.63 (s, 3H), 2.32 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  160.8, 158.1, 155.0, 153.0, 143.0, 141.8, 136.8, 129.0, 126.9, 110.2, 106.9, 105.0, 93.9, 91.3, 55.6, 55.2, 47.2, 21.4; HRMS (ESI) for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>21</sub>NO<sub>6</sub>S: calcd [M – H]<sup>–</sup>  $m/z$  402.1017, found 402.1012; HPLC analysis (Daicel Chiralcel OD-H, hexane/2-propanol = 86:14, flow rate = 0.50 mL/min,  $\lambda$  = 220 nm):  $t_1$  = 22.1 min (minor),  $t_2$  = 24.7 min (major).

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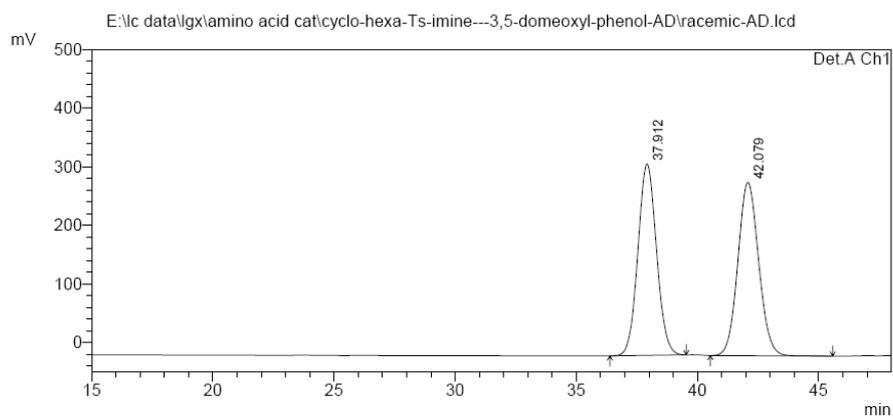
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(Table 3, entry 13)

Yield: 69%; white solid; m.p. 110–112 °C; [ $\alpha$ ]<sub>D</sub><sup>25</sup> = –0.4 ( $c$  = 0.5 in CHCl<sub>3</sub>) for 72% ee; <sup>1</sup>H

NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 7.48 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 6.99 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 5.81 (br s, 1H), 5.75 (s, 2H), 4.45 (dd, *J* = 9.9, 9.6 Hz, 1H), 3.67 (s, 3H), 3.59 (s, 3H), 2.28 (s, 3H), 2.21–2.13 (m, 1H), 1.88–1.70 (m, 2H), 1.64–1.55 (m, 2H), 1.24–0.98 (m, 5H), 0.94–0.82 (m, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 160.0, 154.6, 142.5, 128.8, 128.6, 126.8, 126.4, 107.0, 93.7, 90.3, 55.3, 55.2, 41.6, 30.4, 29.6, 26.4, 26.1, 26.0, 21.3; HRMS (ESI) for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>29</sub>NO<sub>5</sub>S: calcd [M – H]<sup>–</sup> *m/z* 418.1694, found 418.1693; HPLC analysis (Daicel Chiralcel OD-H, hexane/2-propanol = 92:8, flow rate = 0.50 mL/min, λ = 220 nm): *t*<sub>1</sub> = 37.6 min (major), *t*<sub>2</sub> = 42.1 min (minor).

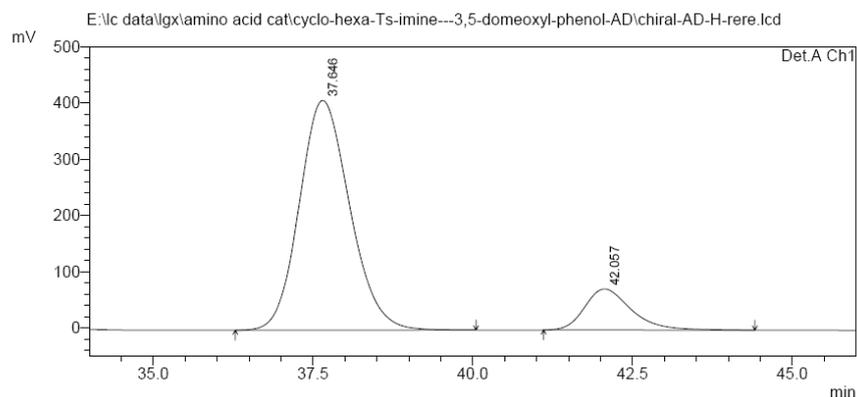
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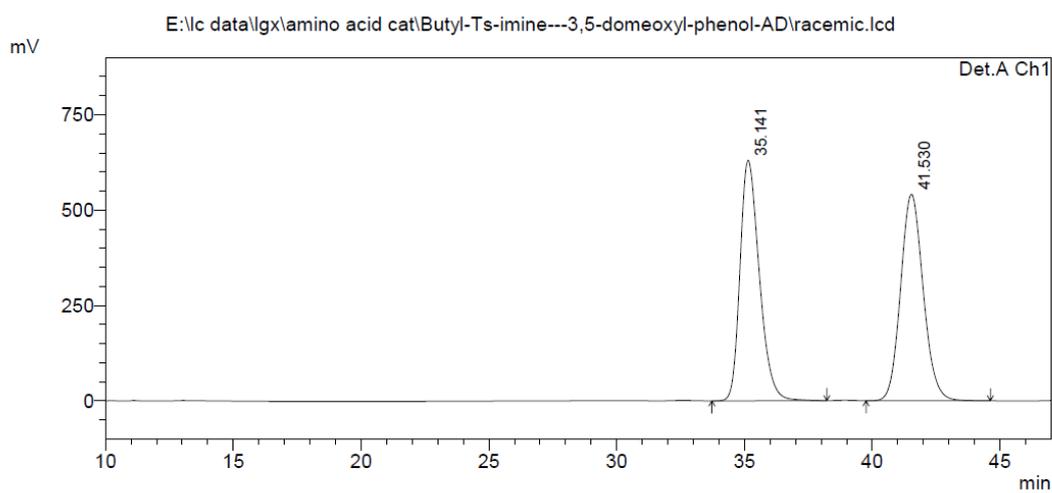
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*N*-(1-(2-Hydroxy-4,6-dimethoxyphenyl)pentyl)-4-methylbenzenesulfonamide (**4n**) (Table 3, entry 14)

Yield: 61%; white solid; m.p. 81–83 °C; *ee*: 53%; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 7.53 (d, *J* =

8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.02 (d,  $J = 8.1$  Hz, 2H), 5.90 (br s, 1H), 5.82 (br s, 1H), 5.80 (d,  $J = 2.4$  Hz, 1H), 5.77 (d,  $J = 2.4$  Hz, 1H), 4.81–4.73 (m, 1H), 3.66 (s, 3H), 3.64 (s, 3H), 2.30 (s, 3H), 1.86–1.73 (m, 1H), 1.72–1.59 (m, 1H), 1.38–1.09 (m, 4H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (75 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  159.9, 157.8, 154.6, 142.6, 137.0, 129.6, 128.7, 126.6, 126.3, 107.6, 93.6, 90.8, 55.2, 55.1, 49.8, 35.1, 28.2, 22.2, 21.2, 13.9; HPLC analysis (Daicel Chiralpak AD-H, hexane/2-propanol = 92:8, flow rate = 0.50 mL/min,  $\lambda = 220$  nm):  $t_1 = 34.9$  min (minor),  $t_2 = 40.9$  min (major).

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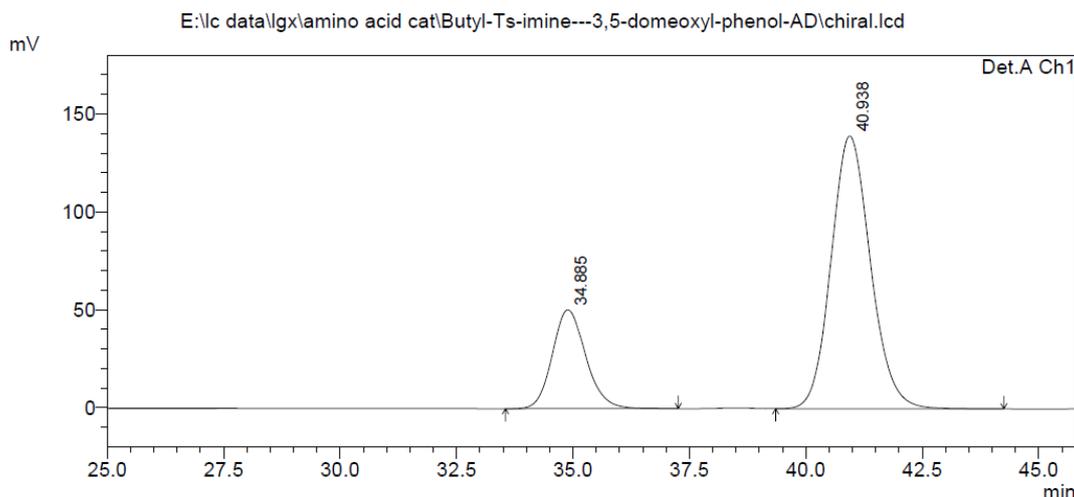
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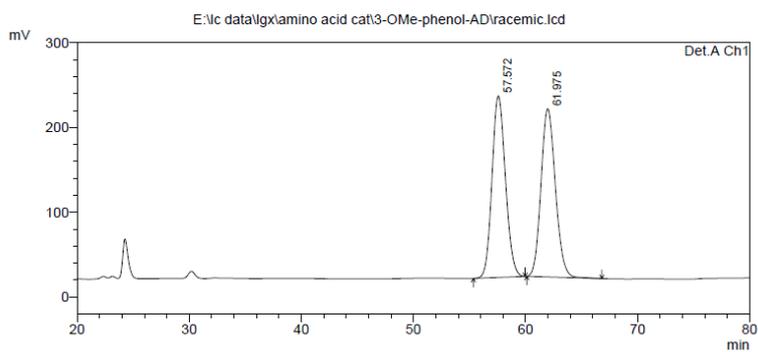
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**Preparation of *N*-((2-hydroxy-4-methoxyphenyl)(phenyl)methyl)-4-methylbenzenesulfonamide (**5a**)** (Table 3, entry 15)

To a dry 5 mL flask was added catalyst **1k** (9 mg, 0.02 mmol) and *N*-benzylidene-4-methylbenzenesulfonamide (52 mg, 0.2 mmol). Then 1.0 mL of dried toluene and 4 Å M.S. (20 mg) were added into the flask and the flask was cooled to 0 °C under stirring with a magnetic bar. After stirring for 30 minutes, the solution of 3-methoxyphenol (12 mg, 0.10 mmol) in 0.2 mL of toluene was added into the flask with a syringe dropwisely within 15 minutes. The reaction was stirred at 0 °C for 96 hours. The mixture was subjected to column chromatography on silica gel with petrol ether/ethyl acetate (4:1) as the eluent to give the desired product **5a** as a white solid (22 mg, 58%). m.p. 111–112 °C;  $[\alpha]_D^{25} = +10.4$  ( $c = 0.5$  in  $\text{CHCl}_3$ ) for 66% ee;  $^1\text{H NMR}$  (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  7.54 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 2H), 7.21–7.15 (m, 5H), 7.07 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2H), 6.71 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1H), 6.29–6.26 (m, 2H), 6.00 (br s, 1H), 5.69 (d,  $J = 6.4$  Hz, 1H), 5.60 (d,  $J = 5.2$  Hz, 1H), 3.70 (s, 3H), 2.33 (s, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C NMR}$  (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  160.5, 154.3, 143.2, 139.8, 136.8, 130.2, 129.2, 128.3, 127.3, 127.1, 126.9, 118.5, 106.0, 102.6, 58.4, 55.3, 21.4; HRMS (ESI) for  $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{21}\text{NO}_4\text{S}$ : calcd  $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+ m/z$  384.1264, found 384.1270; HPLC analysis (Daicel Chiralpak AD-H, hexane/2-propanol = 85:15, flow rate = 0.50 mL/min,  $\lambda = 210$  nm):  $t_1 = 62.5$  min (major),  $t_2 = 69.1$  min (minor).

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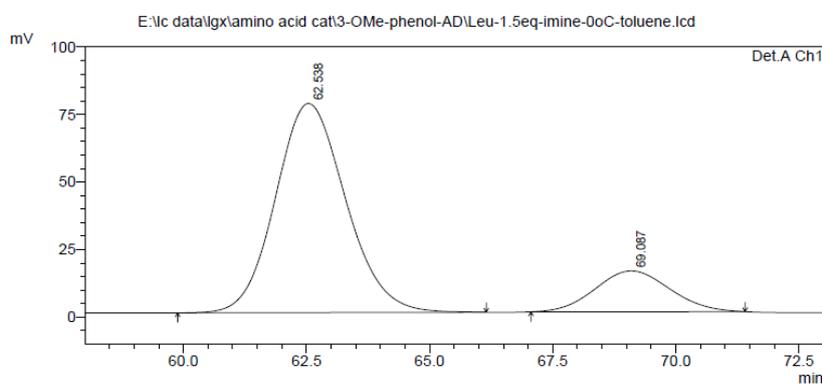


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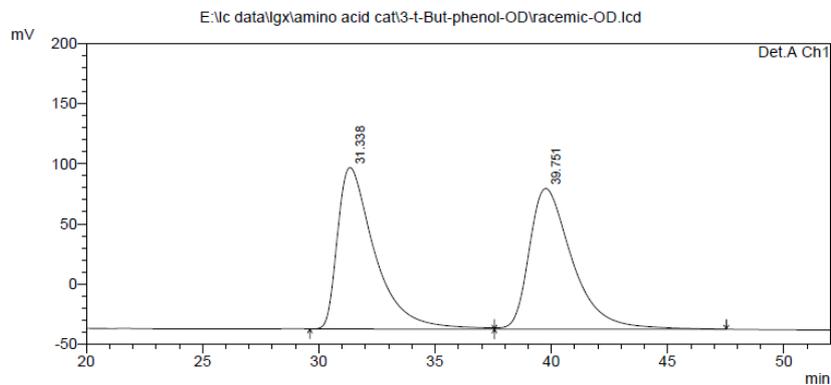
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### Preparation of *N*-((4-*tert*-butyl-2-hydroxyphenyl)(phenyl)methyl)-4-methylbenzenesulfonamide (**5b**) (Table 3, entry 16)

To a dry 5 mL flask was added catalyst **1k** (27 mg, 0.06 mmol), 3-*tert*-butylphenol (90 mg, 0.60 mmol), *N*-benzylidene-4-methylbenzenesulfonamide (78 mg, 0.30 mmol). Then 0.5 mL of dried toluene was added into the flask. The reaction was stirred for 48 hours at 10 °C. The mixture was subjected to column chromatography on silica gel with petrol-ether/ethyl acetate (4:1) as the eluent to give the desired product **5b** as a white solid (104 mg, 85%). m.p. 126–129 °C;  $[\alpha]_D^{25} = -0.9$  ( $c = 0.5$  in  $\text{CHCl}_3$ ) for 28% ee;  $^1\text{H NMR}$  (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  7.48 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2H), 7.25–7.11 (m, 5H), 6.97 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2H), 6.71–6.65 (m, 3H), 6.15 (s, 1H), 6.11 (d,  $J = 9.2$  Hz, 1H), 5.58 (d,  $J = 9.2$  Hz, 1H), 2.27 (s, 3H), 1.19 (s, 9H);  $^{13}\text{C NMR}$  (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  152.7, 152.6, 142.8, 139.9, 136.8, 129.11, 129.07, 128.2, 127.2, 127.0, 126.9, 122.4, 117.4, 113.6, 59.1, 34.3, 31.1, 21.4. HRMS (ESI) for  $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{27}\text{NO}_3\text{S}$ : calcd  $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+ m/z$  410.1784, found 410.1786;

HPLC analysis (Daicel Chiralpak AD-H, hexane/2-propanol = 95:5, flow rate = 0.50 mL/min,  $\lambda$  = 220 nm):  $t_1$  = 34.6 min (minor),  $t_2$  = 43.0 min (major).

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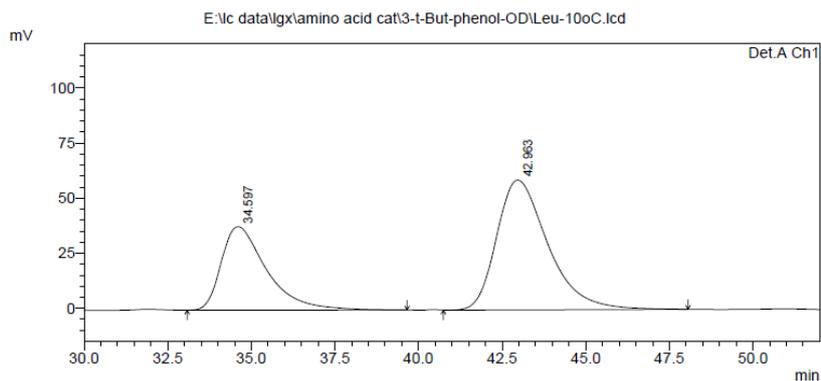


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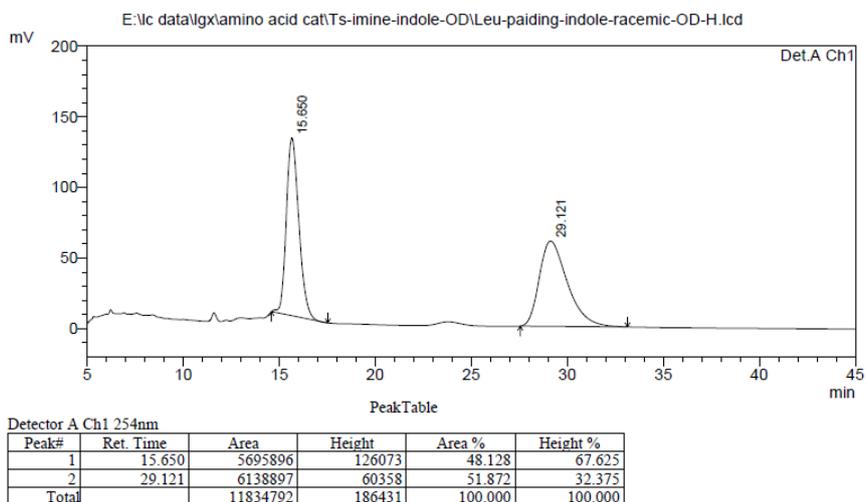
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### Preparation of *N*-((1*H*-indol-3-yl)(phenyl)methyl)-4-methylbenzenesulfonamide

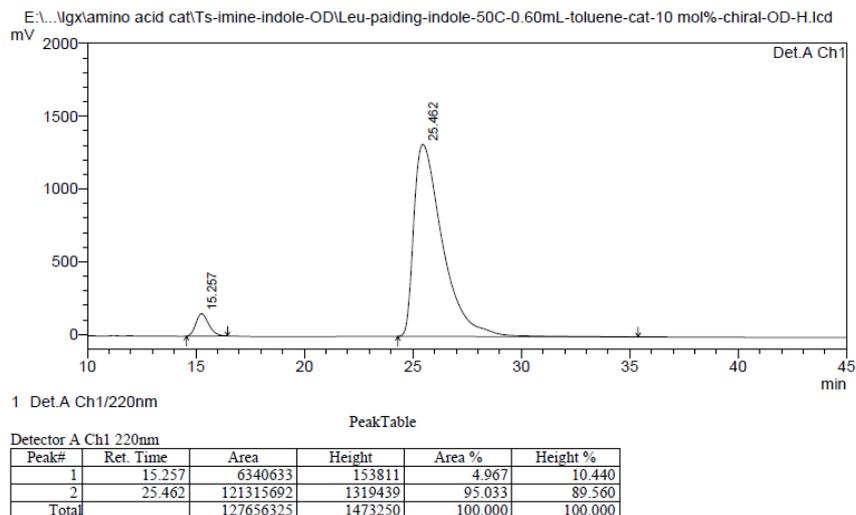
To a dry 5 mL flask was added catalyst **1k** (41 mg, 0.09 mmol), indole (211 mg, 1.8 mmol), *N*-benzylidene-4-methylbenzenesulfonamide (210 mg, 0.90 mmol). Then 0.6 mL of dried toluene was added into the flask and the flask was heated to 50 °C (oil bath). The reaction was stirred for 48 hours. The mixture was subjected to column chromatography on silica gel with petrol ether/ethyl acetate (4:1) as the eluent to give the desired product as a white solid (301 mg, 89%). m.p. 73–75 °C;  $[\alpha]_D^{25} = -21.2$  ( $c = 1.0$  in  $\text{CHCl}_3$ ) for 90% ee;  $^1\text{H NMR}$  (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  8.06 (s, 1H), 7.50 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 2H), 7.23 (d,  $J = 8.7$  Hz, 2H), 7.19–7.08 (m, 6H), 7.03 (d,  $J = 8.1$  Hz, 2H), 6.98–6.93 (m, 1H), 6.57 (d,  $J = 1.5$  Hz, 1H), 5.81 (d,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 1H), 5.33 (br s, 1H), 2.32 (s,

3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (75 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  142.9, 140.2, 137.3, 136.5, 129.2, 128.2, 127.2, 127.1, 127.0, 125.3, 123.9, 122.3, 119.7, 119.1, 116.1, 111.3, 55.0, 21.4; HPLC analysis (Daicel Chiralcel OD-H, hexane/2-propanol = 70:30, flow rate = 0.60 mL/min,  $\lambda$  = 254 nm):  $t_1$  = 15.2 min (minor),  $t_2$  = 25.5 min (major).

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### General procedure for the preparation of *N*-Ts-aldimines:

**Method A:** To a 200 mL flask was added 80 mL of 1,2-dichloroethane, followed by 10 mmol of aldehyde and 10 mmol of 4-methylbenzenesulfonamide. The reaction mixture was heated to reflux when 1.2 mL of  $\text{TiCl}_4$  was added into the flask dropwisely. Triethylamine (20 mmol) was added dropwisely at last. The reaction mixture was stirred at refluxing temperature for 10 minutes and then was cooled down to room temperature. The reaction mixture was diluted with 100 mL of

CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>. The organic phase was washed with diluted HCl (0.2 N, 2 x 20 mL), saturated NaHCO<sub>3</sub>, water and brine, then dried over anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. The organic solvent was evaporated in *vacuo* and the crude product was recrystallized in EtOAc/P.E. or benzene/P.E. to give pure aldimine as a solid.

**Method B:** To a 200 mL flask was added 80 mL of 1,2-dichloroethane, followed by 10 mmol of aldehyde and 10 mmol of 4-methylbenzenesulfonamide. The reaction mixture was heated when 1.2 mL of TiCl<sub>4</sub> was added into the flask dropwisely. Triethylamine (40 mmol) was added dropwisely at last. The reaction mixture was stirred at refluxing for 10 minutes and then was cooled to room temperature. The reaction mixture was diluted with 100 mL of CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>. The organic phase was washed with diluted HCl (0.2 N, 1 x 20 mL), saturated NaHCO<sub>3</sub>, water and brine, then dried over anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. Evaporate the organic solvent in *vacuo*. The crude product was recrystallized in EtOAc/P.E. or benzene/P.E. to give pure aldimine as a solid.

*N*-Benzylidene-4-methylbenzenesulfonamide (**3a**)<sup>10</sup>

**Method A**, yield: 50%; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 9.03 (s, 1H), 7.93–7.88 (m, 4H), 7.63–7.58 (m, 1H), 7.43 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.34 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 2.42 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 170.0, 144.5, 135.0, 134.9, 132.2, 131.2, 129.7, 129.0, 128.0, 21.5.

*N*-(3,5-Dimethylbenzylidene)-4-methylbenzenesulfonamide (**3b**)

**Method A**, yield: 52%; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 8.96 (s, 1H), 7.88 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.54 (s, 2H), 7.34 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.24 (s, 1H), 2.44 (s, 3H), 2.35 (s, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 170.4, 144.4, 138.8, 136.7, 135.1, 132.2, 129.7, 129.0, 127.9, 21.5, 20.9; HRMS calcd (M + H<sup>+</sup>) for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>17</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>S, 288.1053; found 288.1049.

*N*-(4-*tert*-Butylbenzylidene)-4-methylbenzenesulfonamide (**3c**)<sup>11</sup>

**Method A**, yield: 52%; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 9.01 (s, 1H), 7.89–7.85 (m, 4H), 7.50 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.34 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 2.43 (s, 3H), 1.33 (s, 9H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 169.9, 159.2, 144.3, 135.4, 131.2, 129.7, 127.9, 126.1, 35.4, 30.9, 21.5.

4-Methyl-*N*-(3-phenoxybenzylidene)benzenesulfonamide (**3d**)<sup>12</sup>

**Method A**, yield: 51%;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  8.96 (s, 1H), 7.87 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2H), 7.63 (dt,  $J = 7.6, 1.2$  Hz, 1H), 7.57–7.51 (m, 1H), 7.44 (t,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1H), 7.39–7.37 (m, 2H), 7.34 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2H), 7.28–7.23 (m, 1H), 7.20–7.13 (m, 1H), 7.00 (m, 2H), 2.44 (s, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  169.4, 158.0, 156.0, 144.6, 134.8, 133.9, 130.4, 130.0, 129.7, 128.0, 126.2, 124.9, 124.1, 119.7, 119.2, 21.5.

*N*-(4-Fluorobenzylidene)-4-methylbenzenesulfonamide (**3e**)<sup>13</sup>

**Method B**, yield: 51%;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  9.00 (s, 1H), 7.99–7.92 (m, 2H), 7.89 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 2H), 7.35 (d,  $J = 8.1$  Hz, 2H), 7.21–7.14 (m, 2H), 2.44 (s, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (75 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  168.5, 166.8 (d,  $J = 257.1$  Hz), 144.6, 135.0, 133.7 (d,  $J = 9.7$  Hz), 129.8, 128.7 (d,  $J = 2.6$  Hz), 128.0, 116.6 (d,  $J = 22.3$  Hz), 21.6.

*N*-(3-Fluorobenzylidene)-4-methylbenzenesulfonamide (**3f**)<sup>14</sup>

**Method B**, yield: 36%;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  9.00 (s, 1H), 7.89 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 2H), 7.69–7.63 (m, 2H), 7.51–7.44 (m, 1H), 7.36 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 2H), 7.30–7.27 (m, 1H), 2.44 (s, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (75 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  168.6 (d,  $J = 2.3$  Hz), 162.7 (d,  $J = 247.7$  Hz), 144.8, 134.5 (d,  $J = 14.1$  Hz), 130.8 (d,  $J = 7.8$  Hz), 129.8, 128.1, 127.8 (d,  $J = 2.2$  Hz), 121.8 (d,  $J = 21.5$  Hz), 116.4 (d,  $J = 22.4$  Hz), 21.5.

*N*-(2-Fluorobenzylidene)-4-methylbenzenesulfonamide (**3g**)<sup>15</sup>

**Method B**, yield: 58%;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  9.36 (s, 1H), 8.10–8.06 (m, 1H), 7.90 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2H), 7.64–7.58 (m, 1H), 7.36 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2H), 7.25–7.22 (m, 1H), 7.19–7.15 (m, 1H), 2.45 (s, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  164.1 (d,  $J = 258.1$  Hz), 163.4 (d,  $J = 1.1$  Hz), 144.7, 137.0 (d,  $J = 9.2$  Hz), 134.6, 129.7, 129.1, 128.0, 124.7 (d,  $J = 3.3$  Hz), 120.2 (d,  $J = 8.7$  Hz), 116.2 (d,  $J = 20.5$  Hz), 21.5.

4-Methyl-*N*-(4-(trifluoromethyl)benzylidene)benzenesulfonamide (**3h**)<sup>16</sup>

**Method B**, yield: 54%;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  9.08 (s, 1H), 8.05 (d,  $J = 8.1$  Hz, 2H), 7.90 (d,  $J = 8.1$  Hz, 2H), 7.74 (d,  $J = 8.1$  Hz, 2H), 7.37 (d,  $J = 8.1$  Hz, 2H), 2.45 (s, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (75 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  168.4, 145.0, 135.7 (q,  $J = 32.8$  Hz), 135.3, 134.4, 131.3, 129.9, 128.2,

126.0 (q,  $J = 3.8$  Hz), 123.3 (q,  $J = 271.3$  Hz), 21.6.

Methyl 4-((tosylimino)methyl)benzoate (**3i**)<sup>17</sup>

This compound was prepared according to the reported literature. Yield: 35%; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 9.07 (s, 1H), 8.18 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 2H), 7.99 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 2H), 7.90 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 2H), 7.36 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 2H), 3.95 (s, 3H), 2.45 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 168.8, 165.8, 144.9, 135.9, 135.3, 134.6, 131.0, 130.1, 129.9, 128.2, 52.6, 21.6.

*N*-(Tosylmethylene)naphthalen-1-amine (**3j**)<sup>18</sup>

**Method A**, yield: 66%; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 9.59 (s, 1H), 8.97 (d,  $J = 8.8$  Hz, 1H), 8.12 (d,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 1H), 8.07 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1H), 7.95 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 2H), 7.89 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1H), 7.67–7.63 (m, 1H), 7.59–7.53 (m, 2H), 7.34 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2H), 2.42 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 169.7, 144.5, 136.1, 135.4, 135.1, 133.7, 131.7, 129.8, 129.0, 128.8, 128.0, 127.5, 126.9, 125.0, 124.2, 21.6.

4-Methyl-*N*-(naphthalen-2-ylmethylene)benzenesulfonamide (**3k**)<sup>19</sup>

**Method A**, yield: 68%; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 9.16 (s, 1H), 8.30 (s, 1H), 8.02 (dd,  $J = 8.7$ , 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.94–7.91 (m, 3H), 7.85 (d,  $J = 8.7$  Hz, 2H), 7.62 (td,  $J = 7.4$ , 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.58–7.53 (m, 1H), 7.34 (d,  $J = 7.8$  Hz, 2H), 2.42 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 170.0, 144.5, 136.4, 136.1, 135.2, 132.5, 130.0, 129.8, 129.4, 129.1, 128.04, 127.98, 127.2, 124.0, 21.6.

*N*-(Furan-2-ylmethylene)-4-methylbenzenesulfonamide (**3l**)<sup>20</sup>

**Method B**, yield: 36%; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 8.82 (s, 1H), 7.88 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2H), 7.75 (s, 1H), 7.34 (d,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 2H), 7.33 (s, 1H), 6.65 (dd,  $J = 2.0$ , 1.2 Hz, 1H), 2.43 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 155.5, 149.7, 148.9, 144.5, 135.0, 129.7, 127.9, 124.9, 113.7, 21.5.

*N*-(Cyclohexylmethylene)-4-methylbenzenesulfonamide (**3m**)<sup>21</sup>

This compound was prepared according to the reported literature. Yield: 38%; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 8.48 (d,  $J = 4.5$  Hz, 1H), 7.80 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 2H), 7.33 (d,  $J = 8.1$  Hz, 2H), 2.44 (br s, 4H), 1.89–1.85 (m, 2H), 1.80–1.75 (m, 2H), 1.69–1.65 (m, 1H), 1.38–1.16 (m, 5H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75

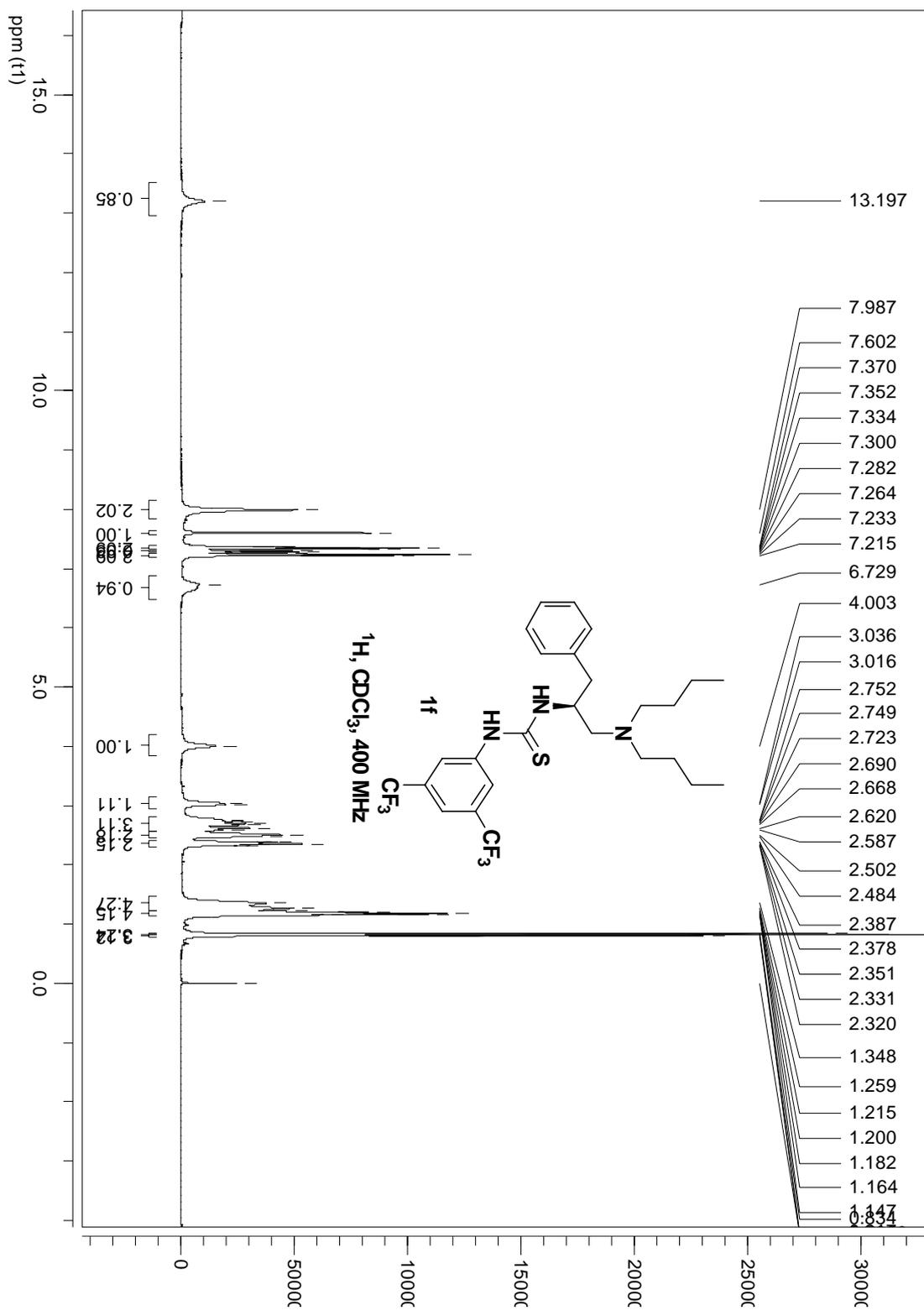
MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 181.0, 144.5, 134.8, 129.7, 128.0, 43.6, 28.3, 25.5, 25.0, 21.6.

4-Methyl-*N*-pentylidenebenzenesulfonamide (**3n**)<sup>21</sup>

This compound was prepared according to the reported literature. Yield: 89%; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 8.60 (t, *J* = 4.5 Hz, 1H), 7.81 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.34 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 2.54–2.48 (m, 2H), 1.65–1.55 (m, 2H), 1.41–1.29 (m, 2H), 0.90 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 178.5, 144.5, 134.3, 129.6, 127.8, 35.3, 26.3, 21.9, 21.3, 13.4.

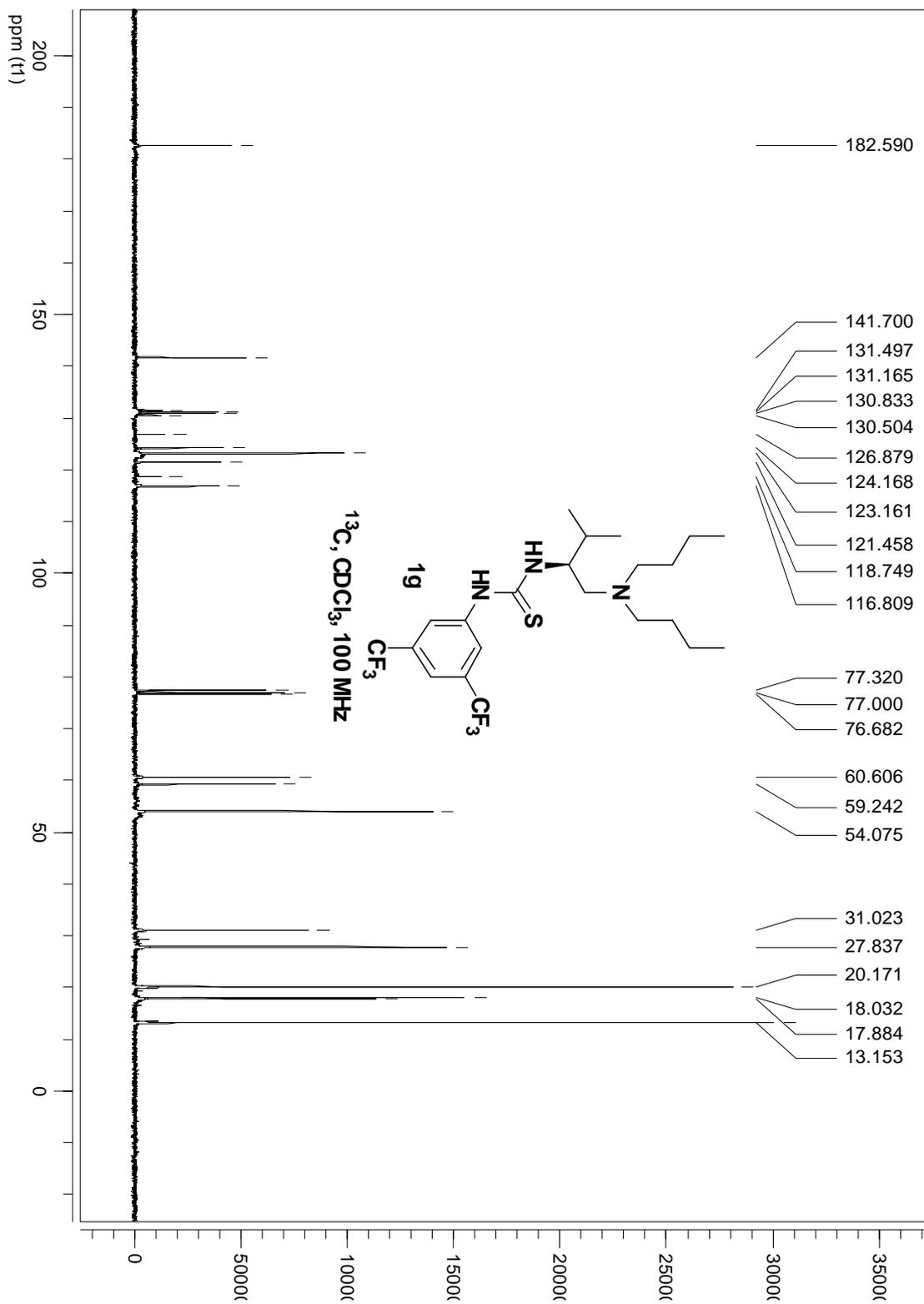
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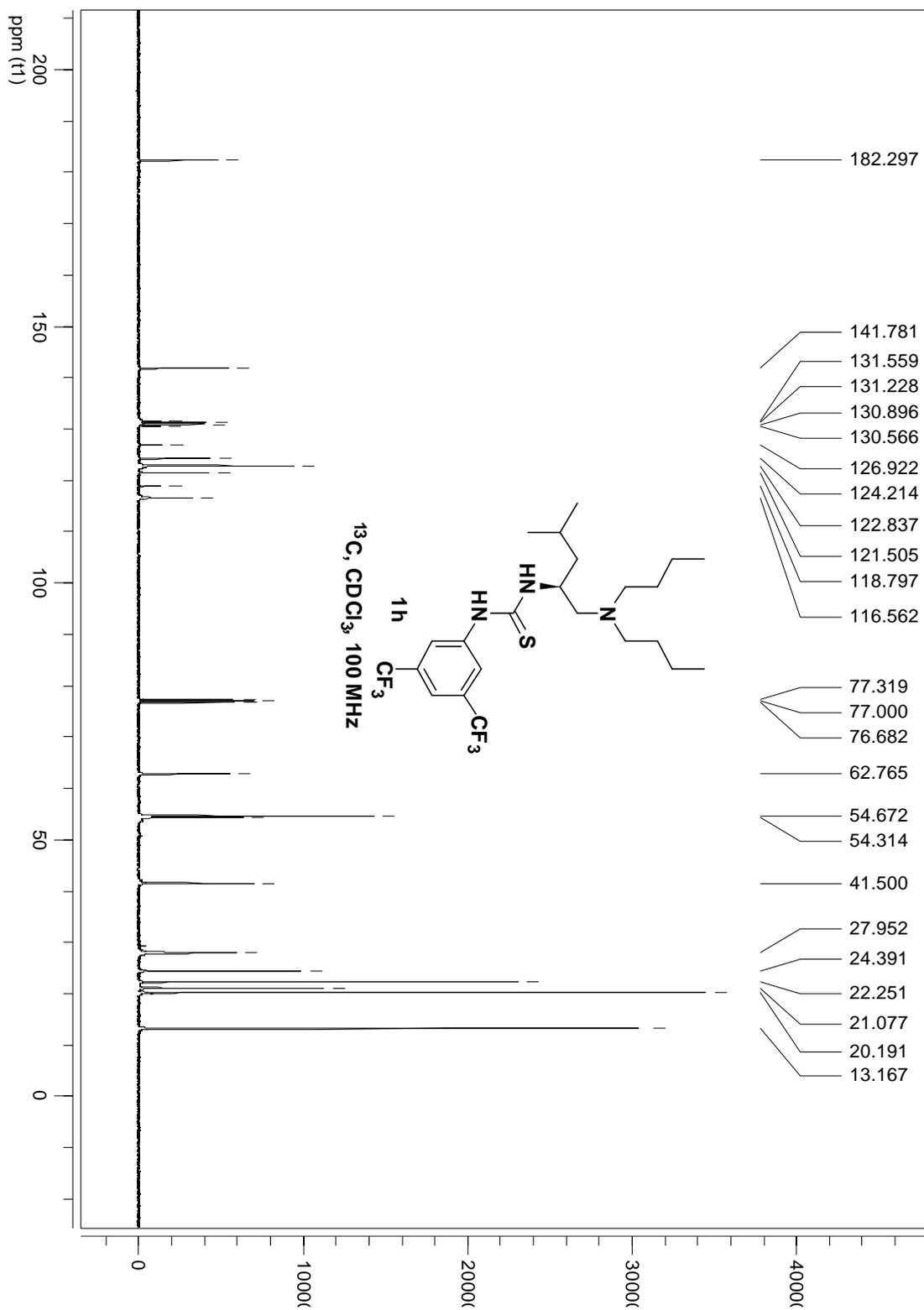




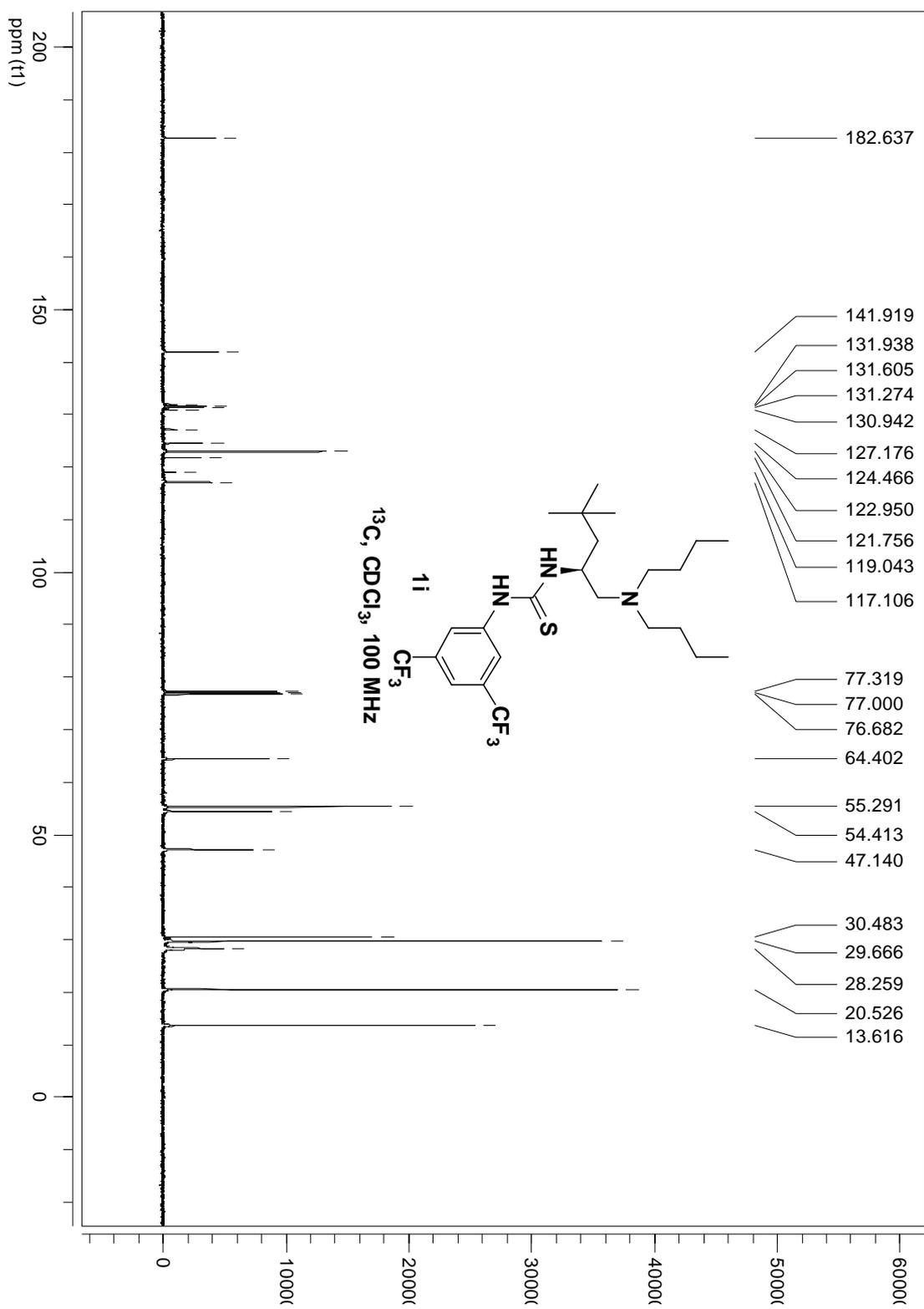


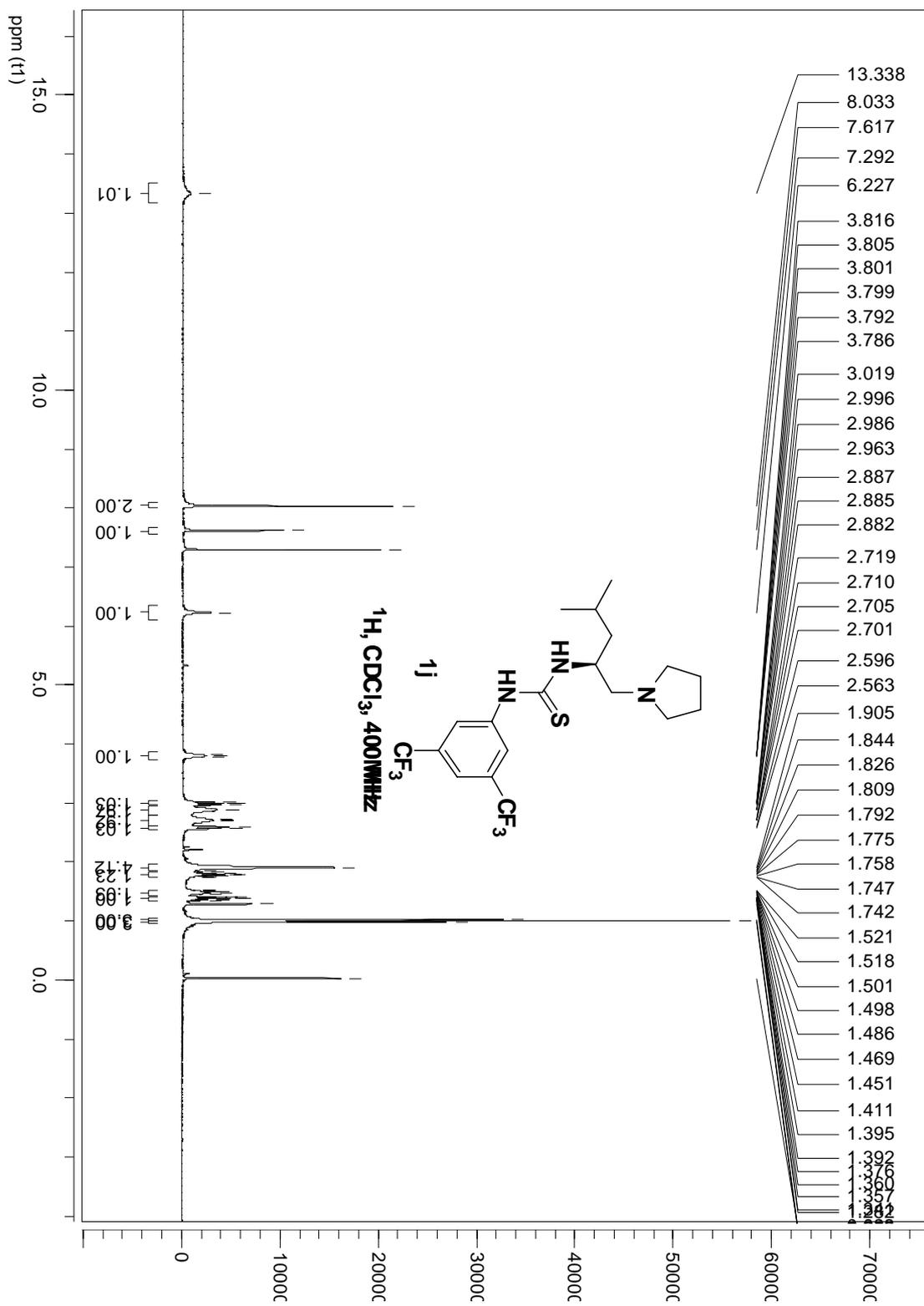


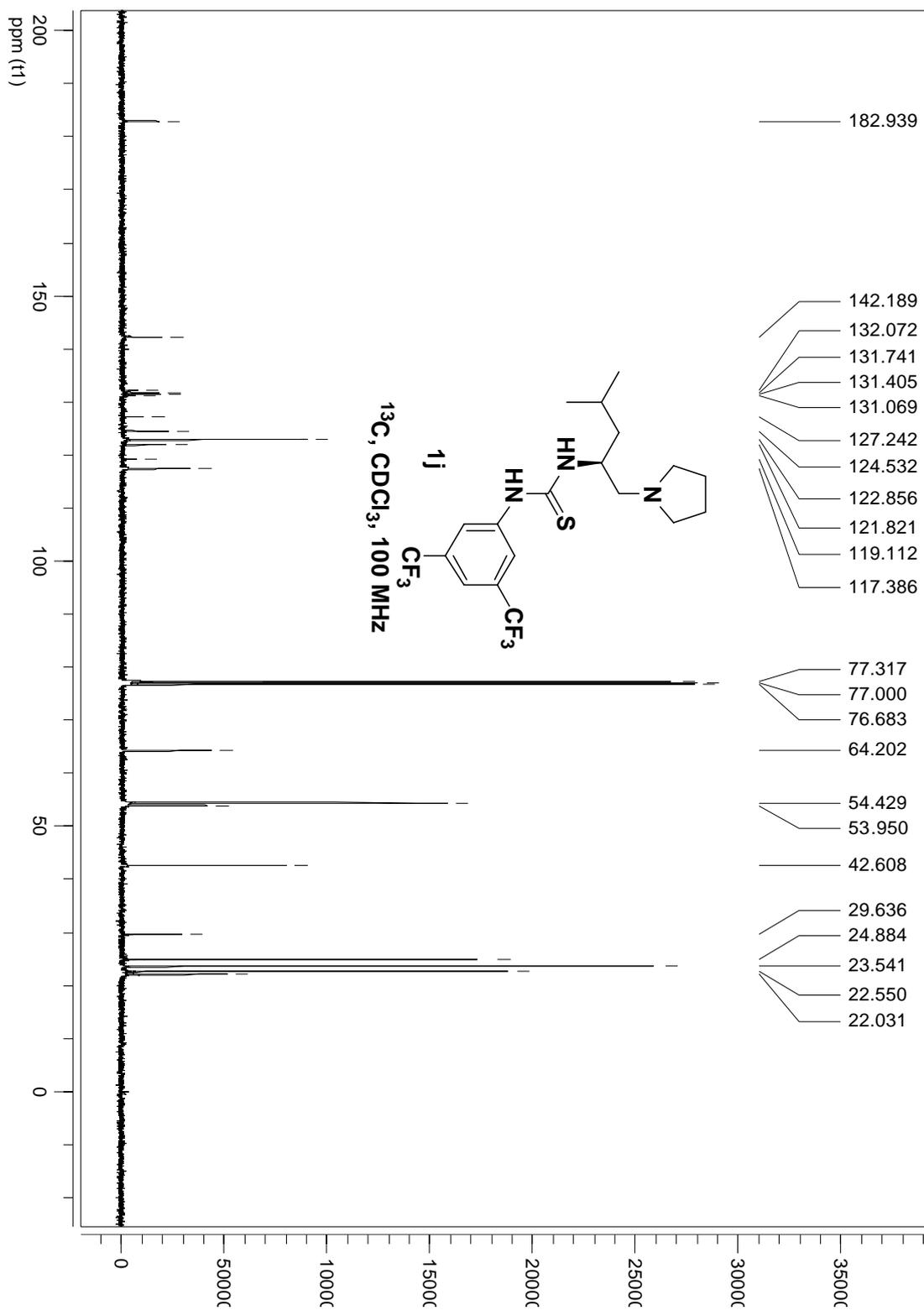


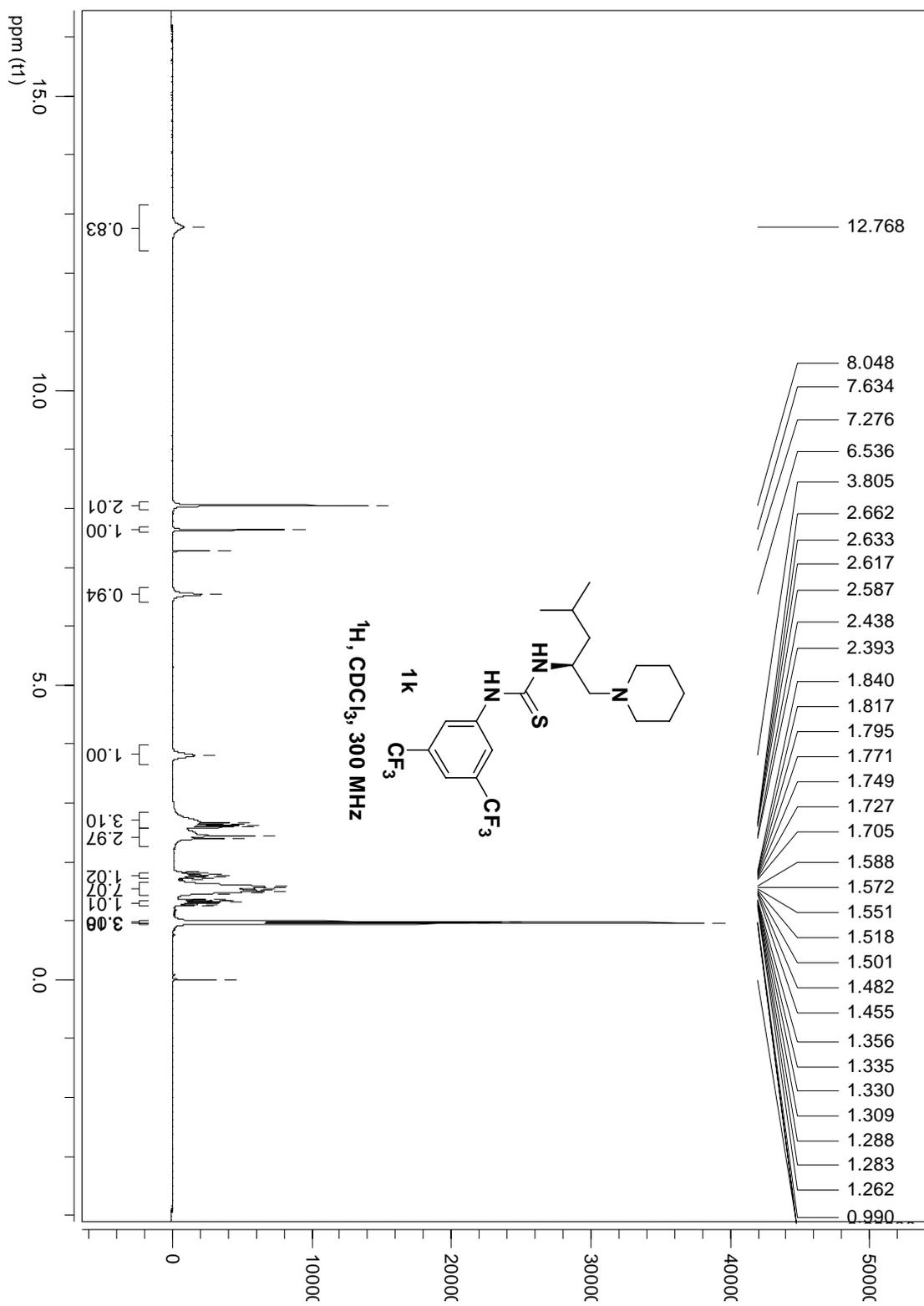


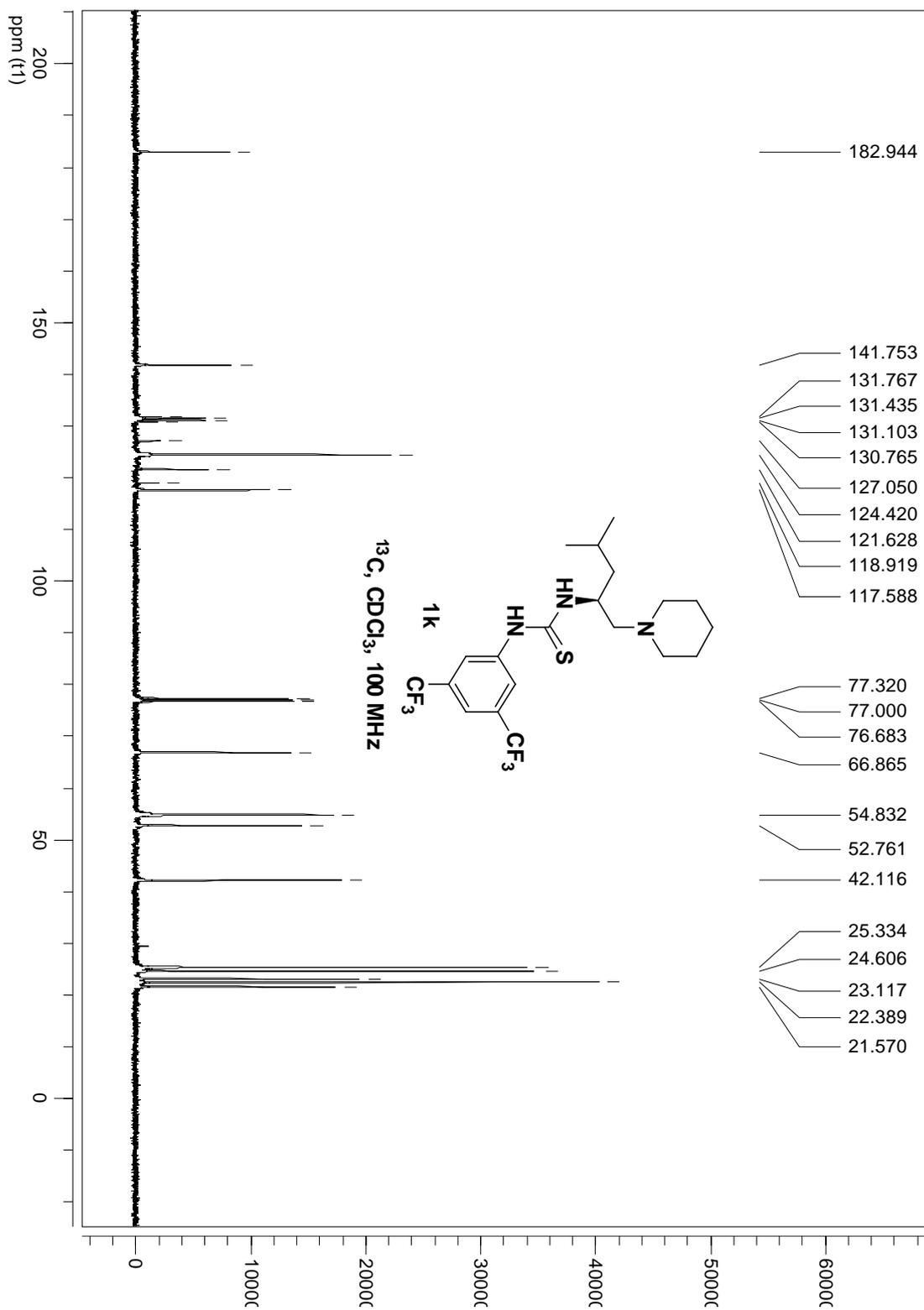


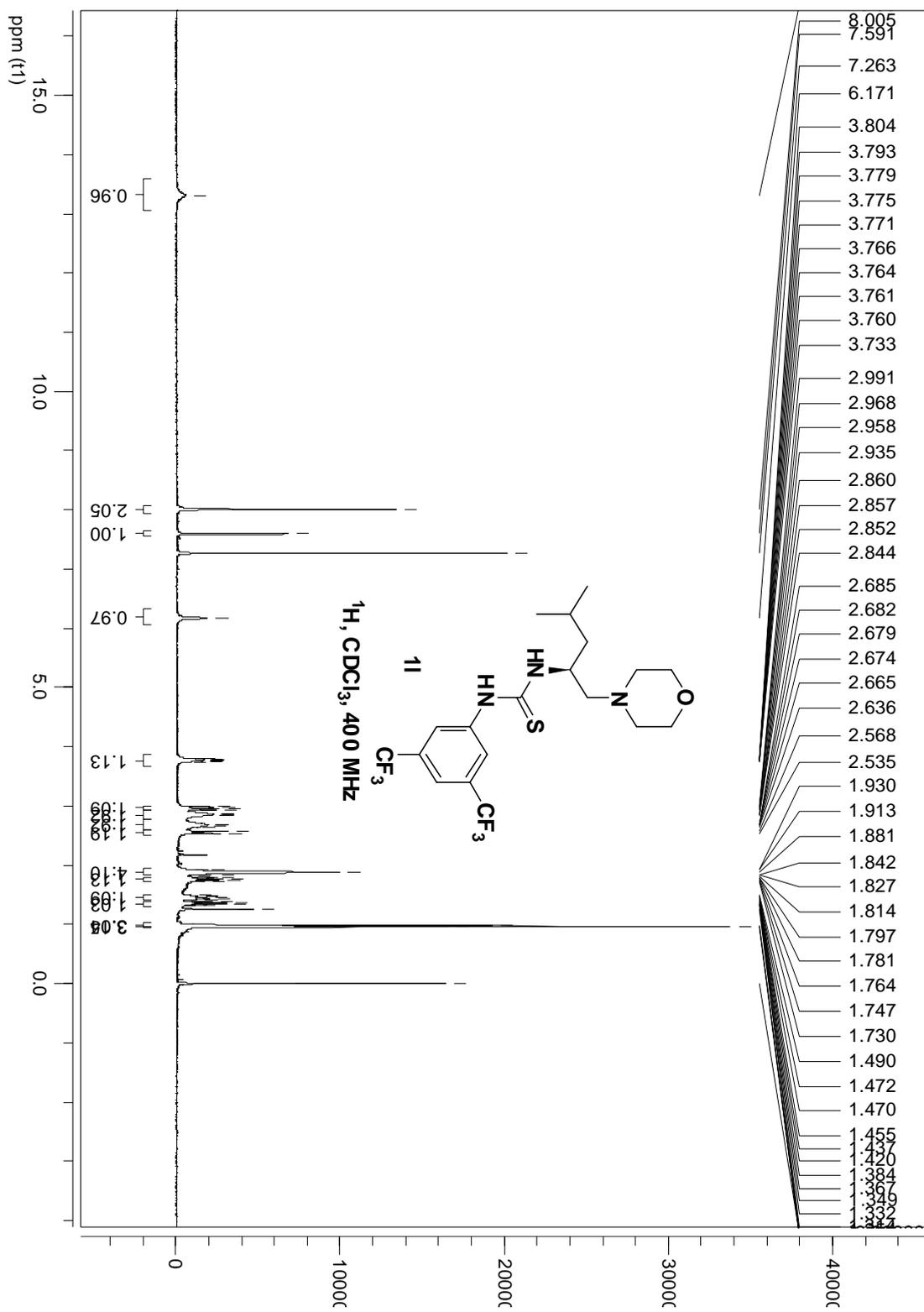


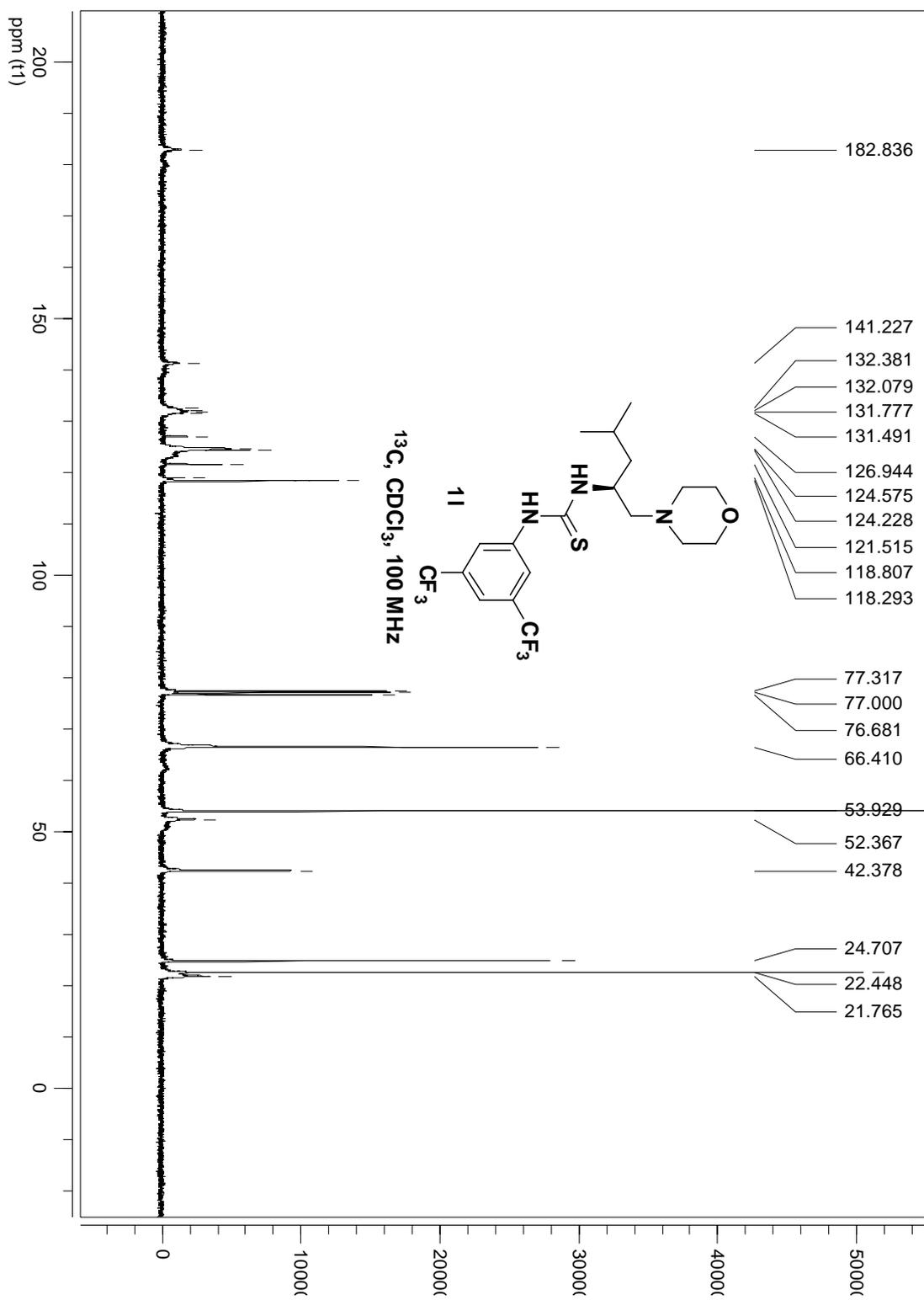


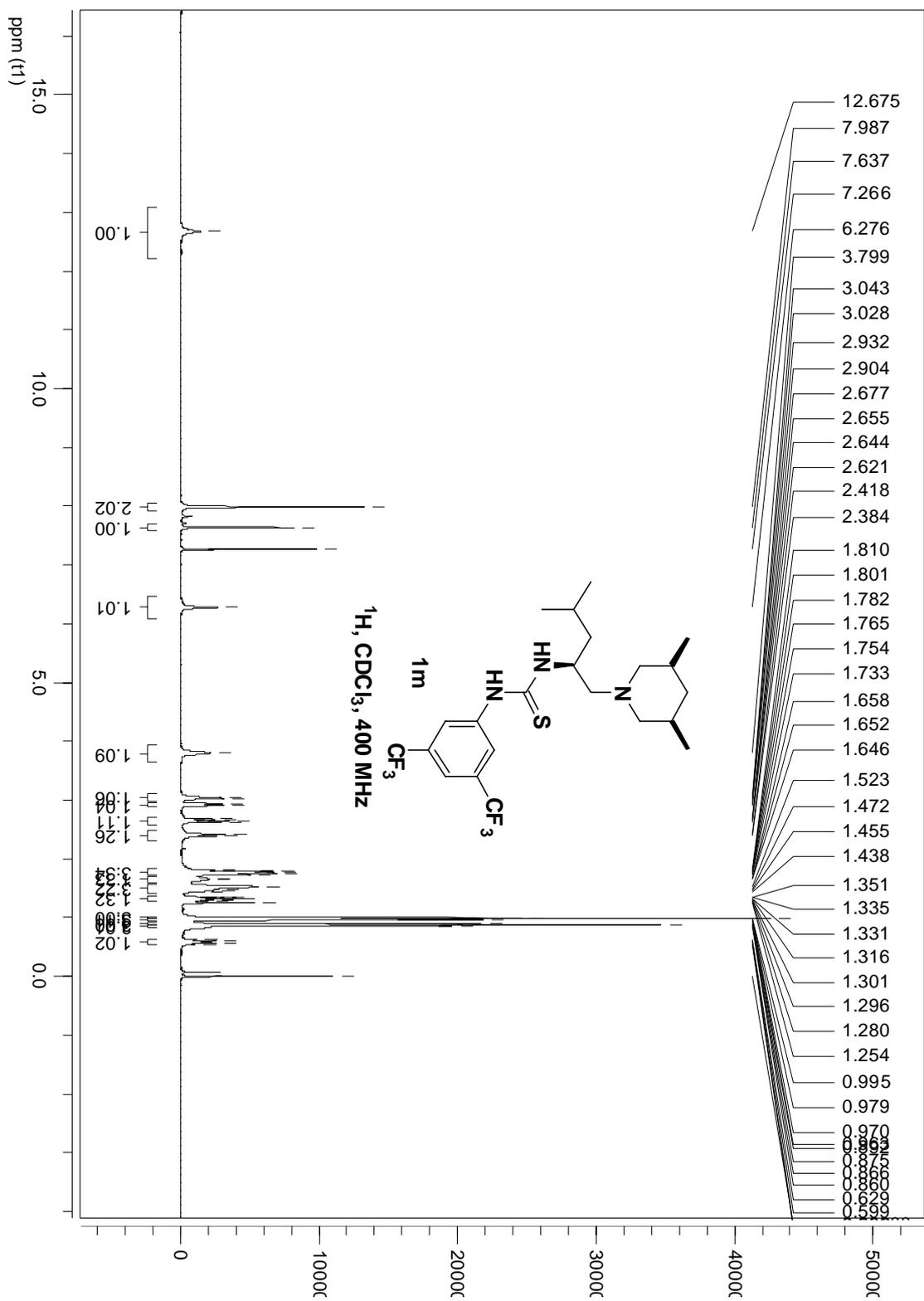


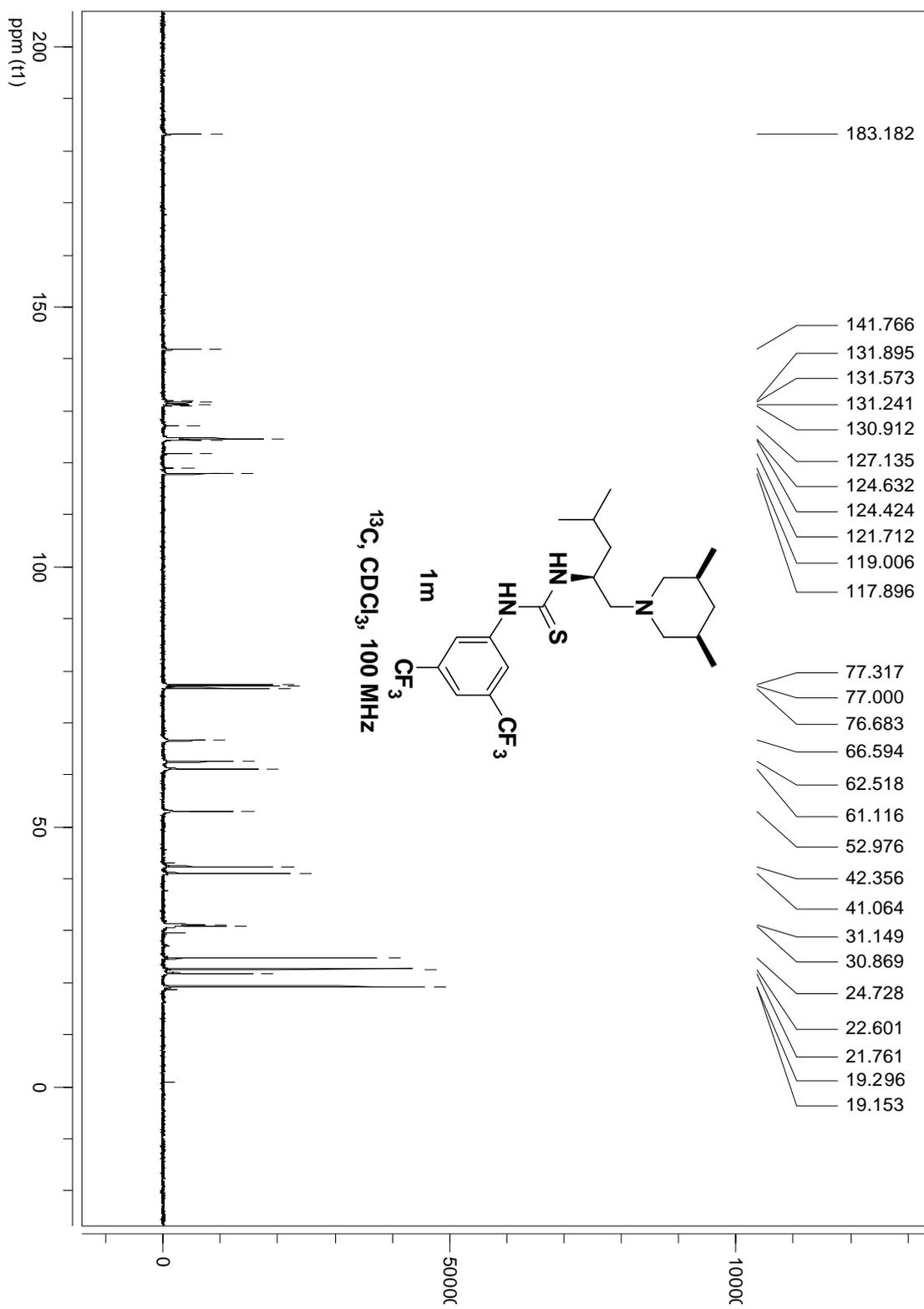


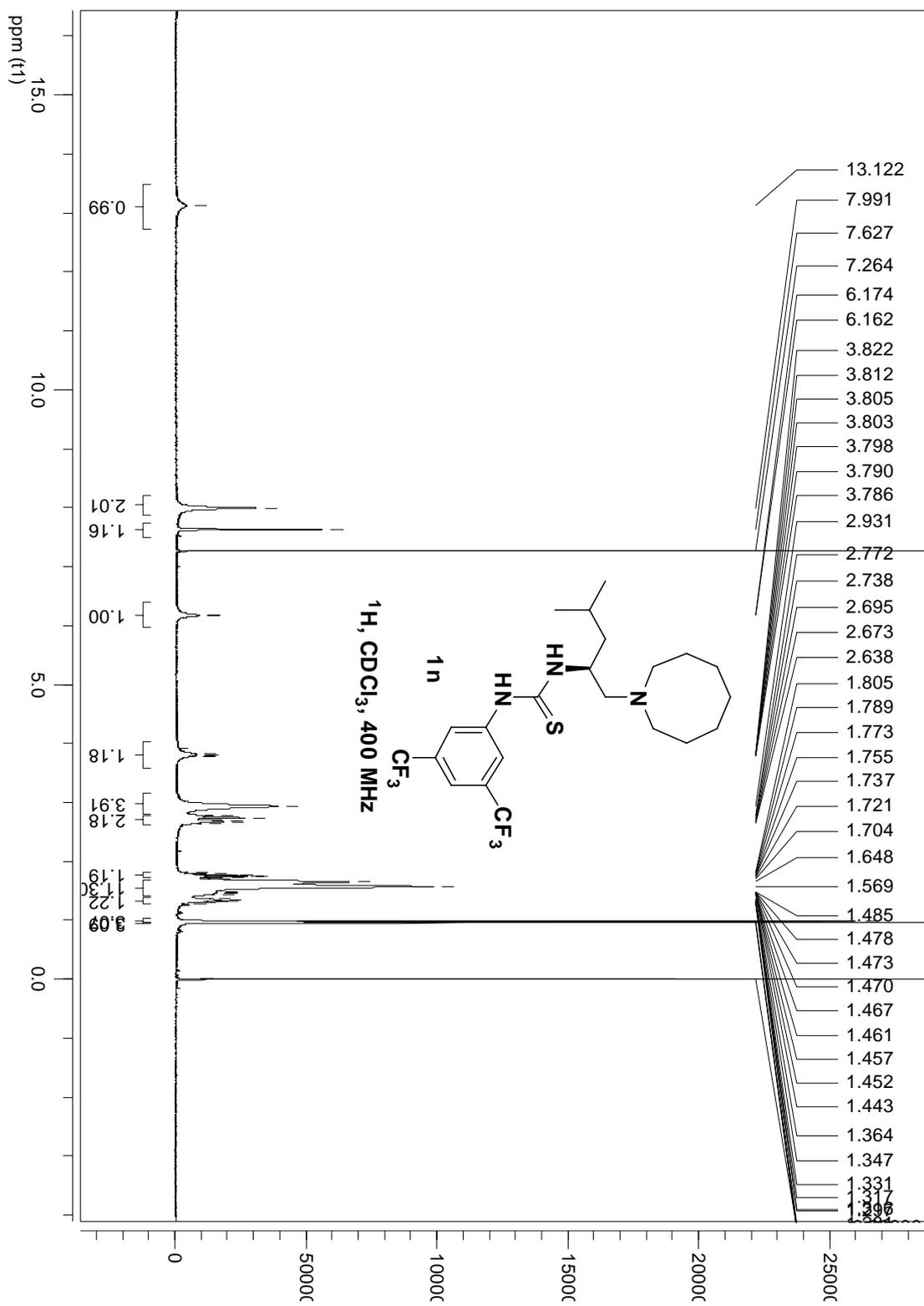


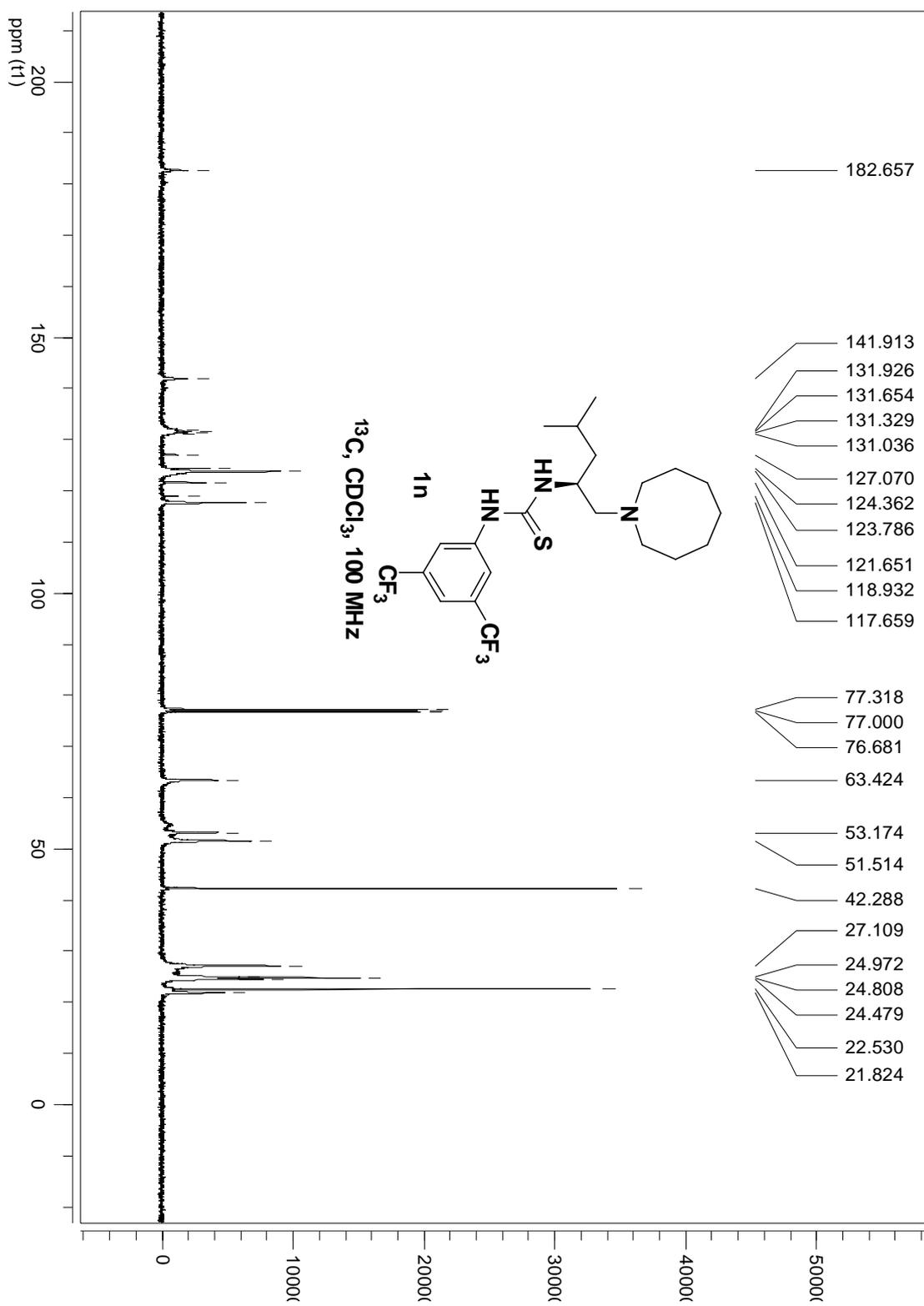




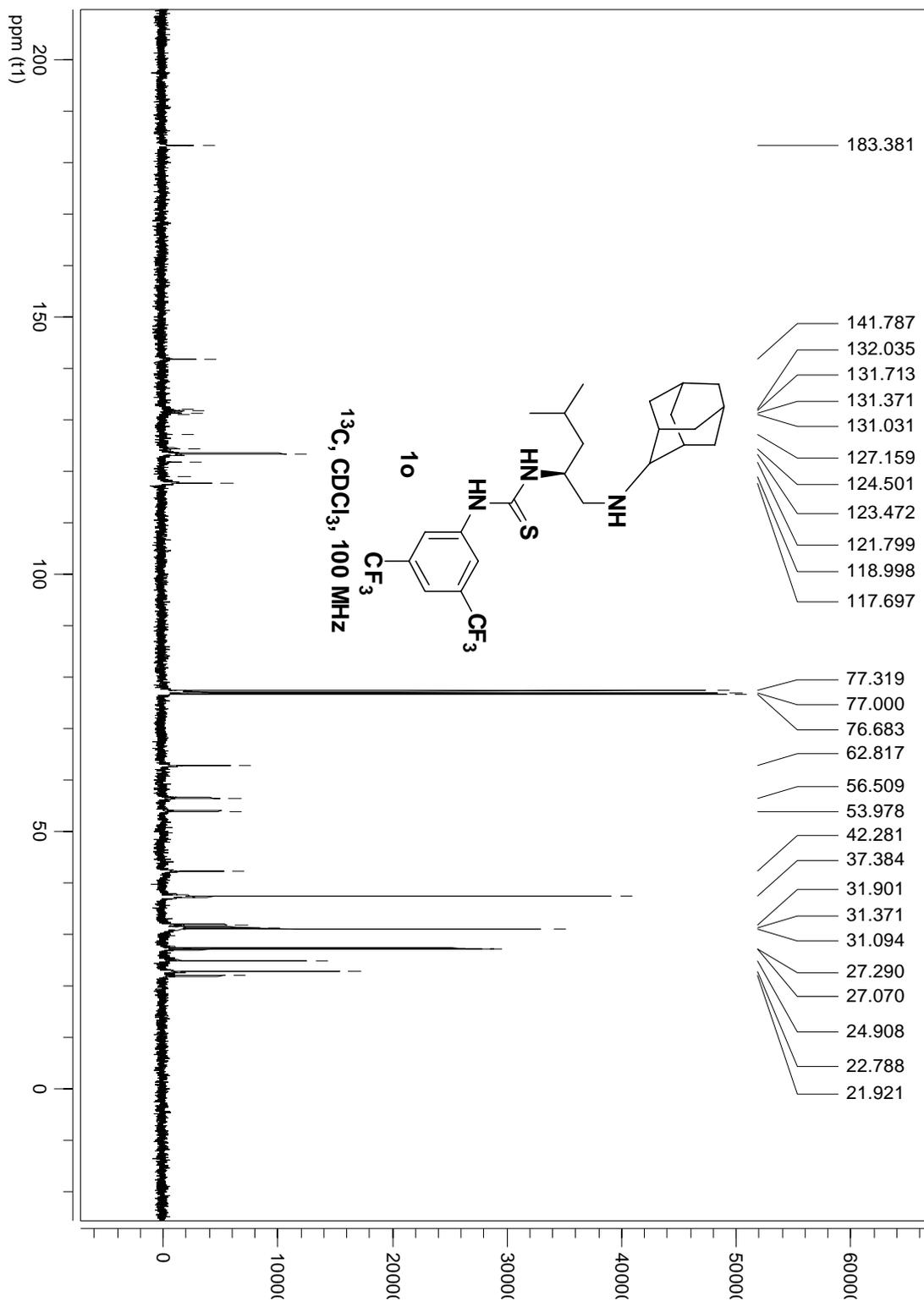




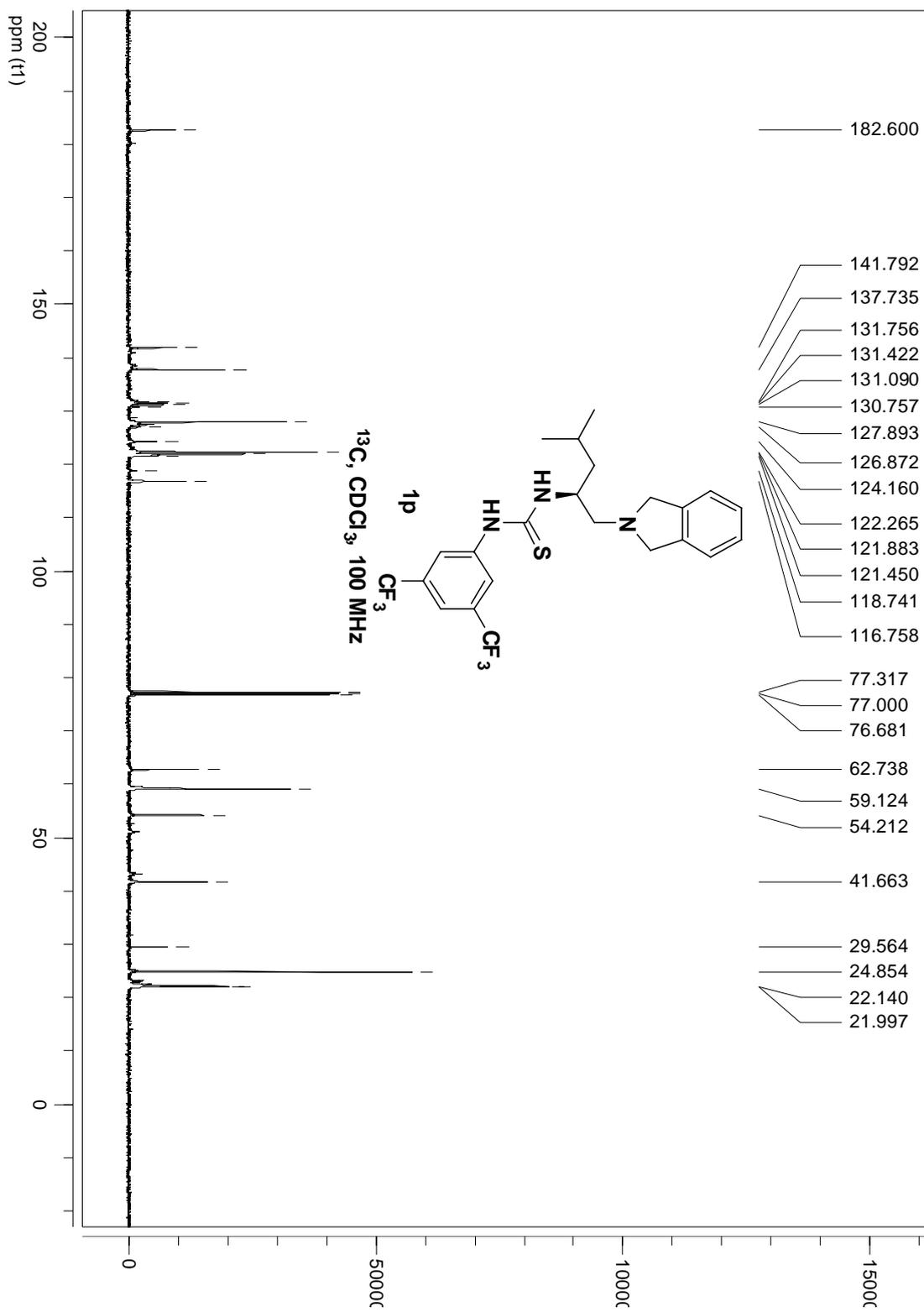


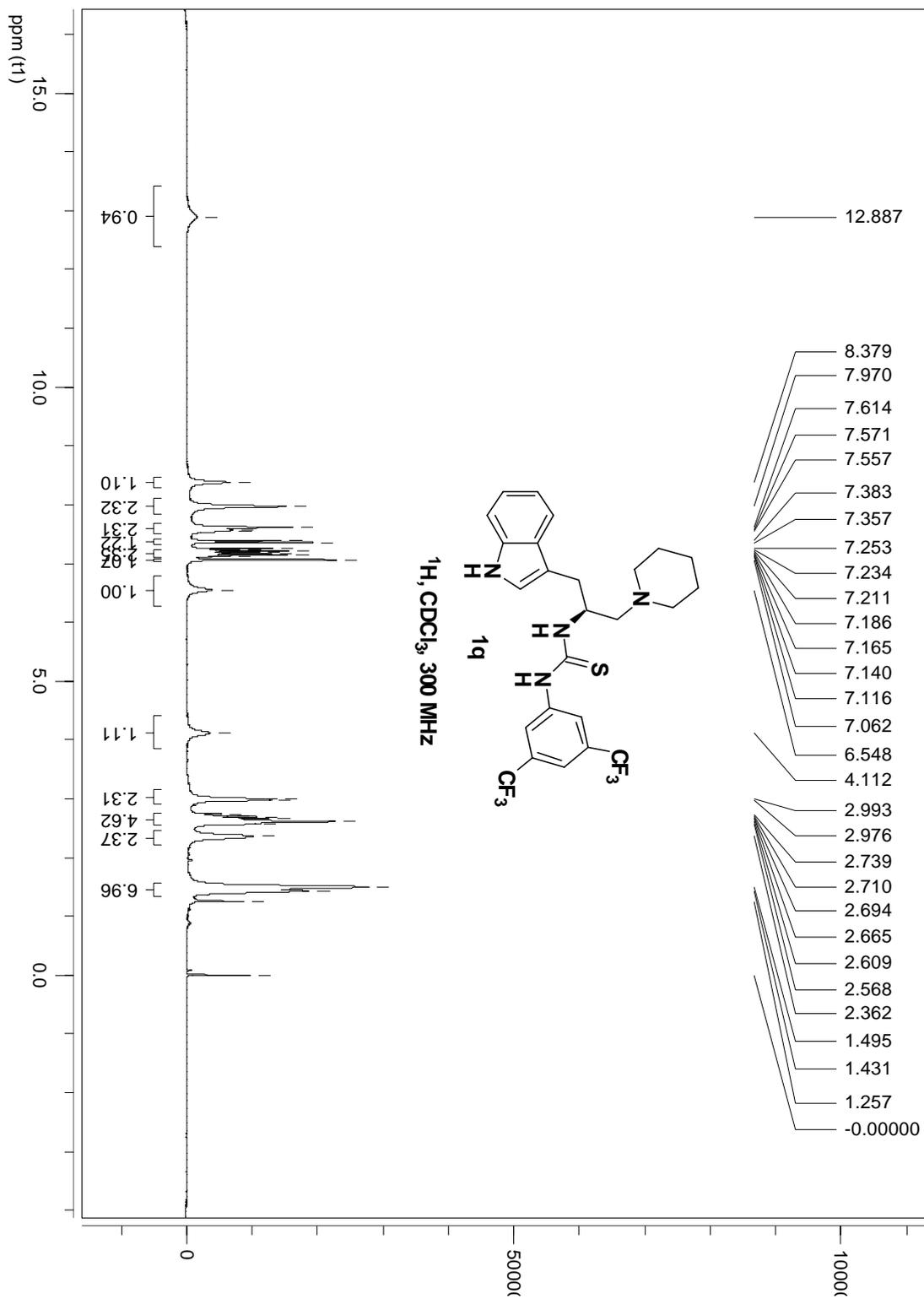


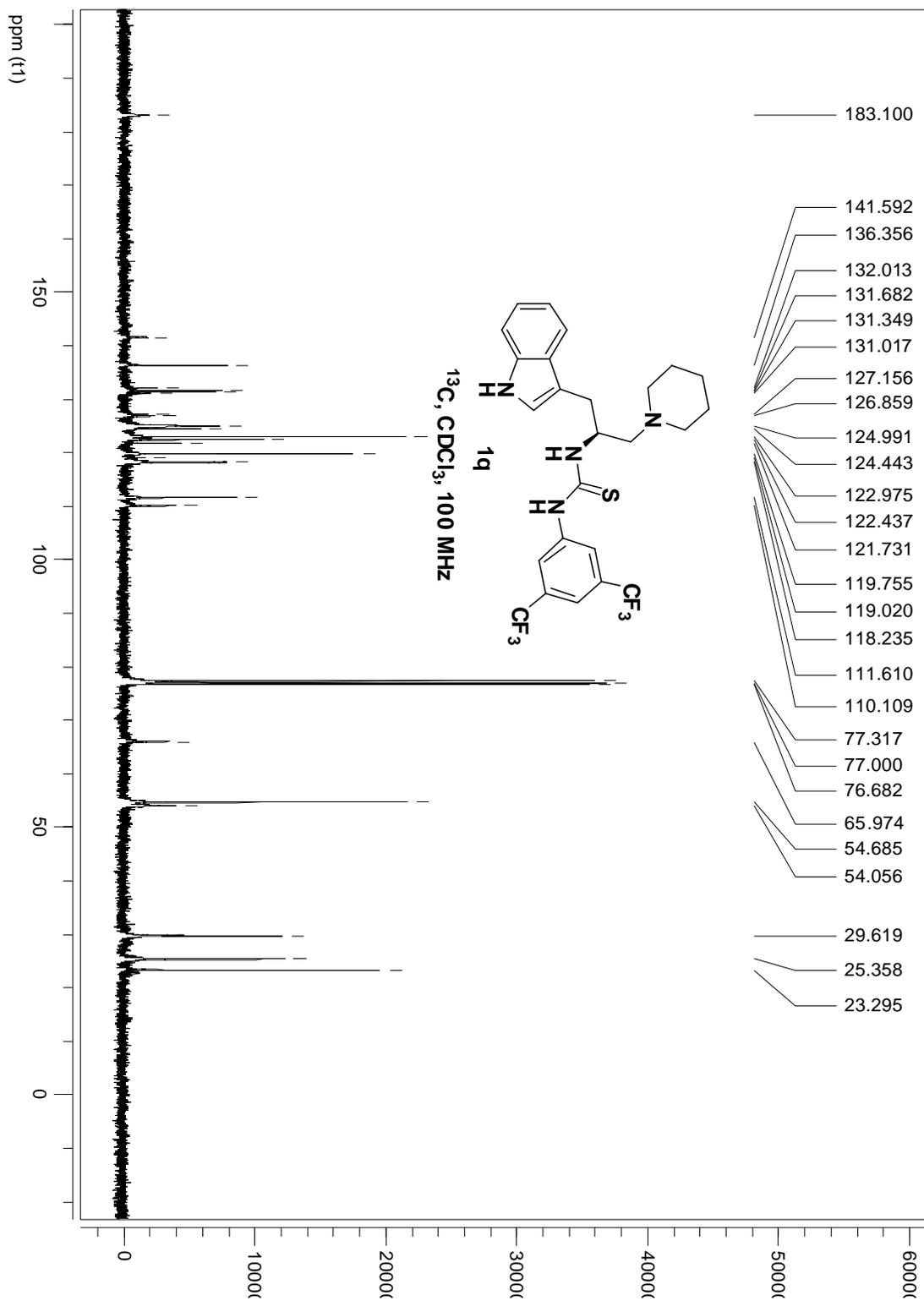




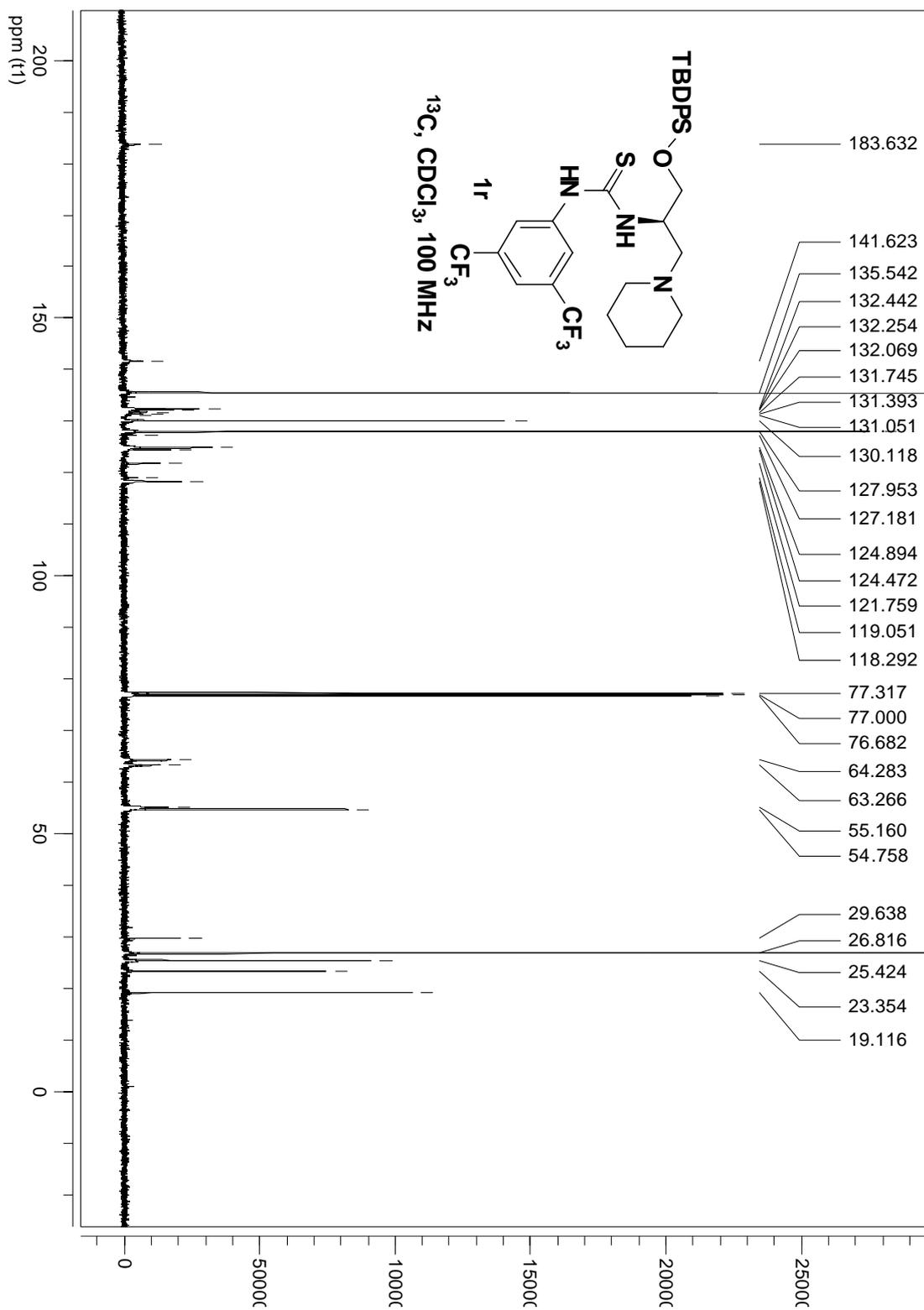


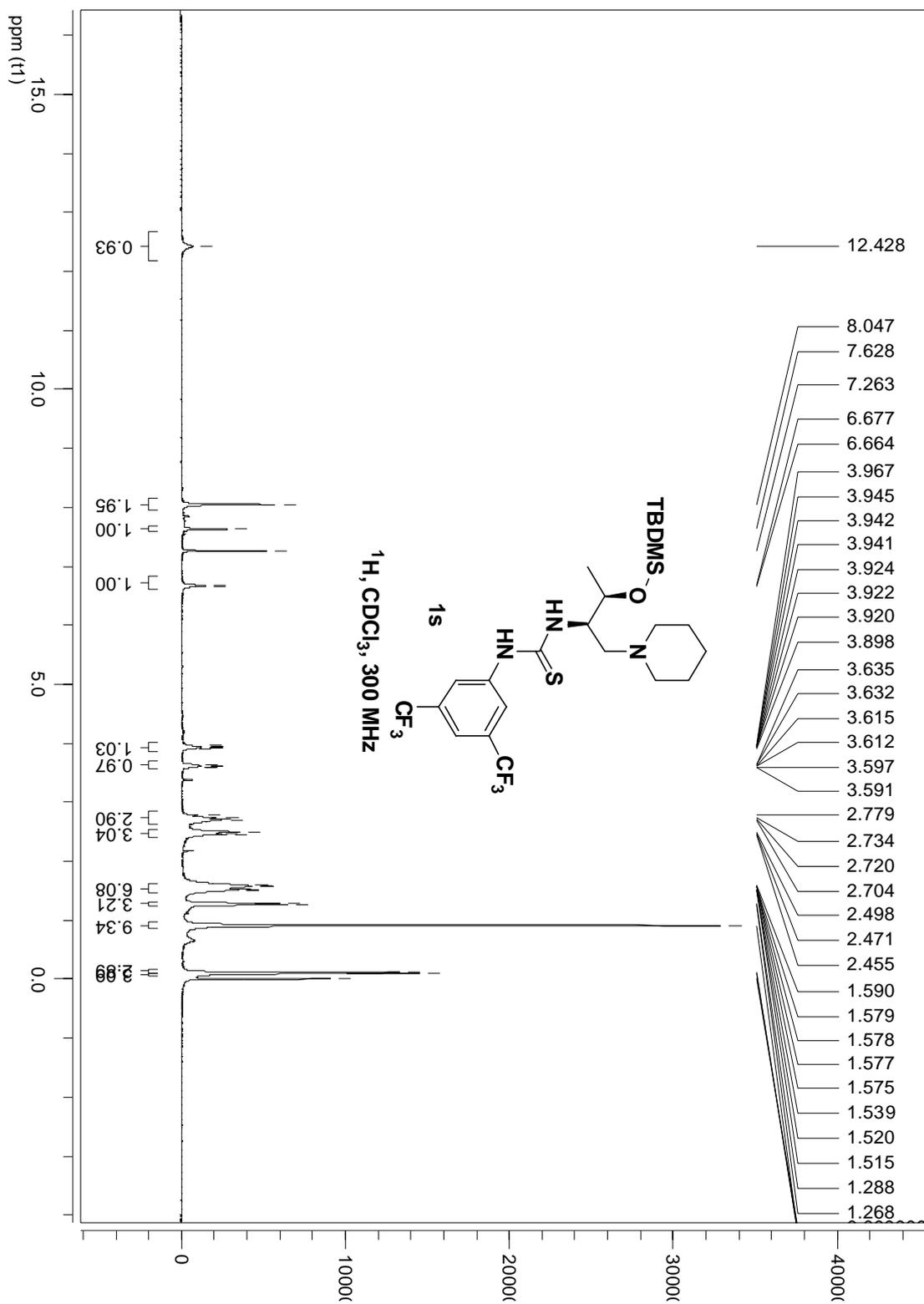


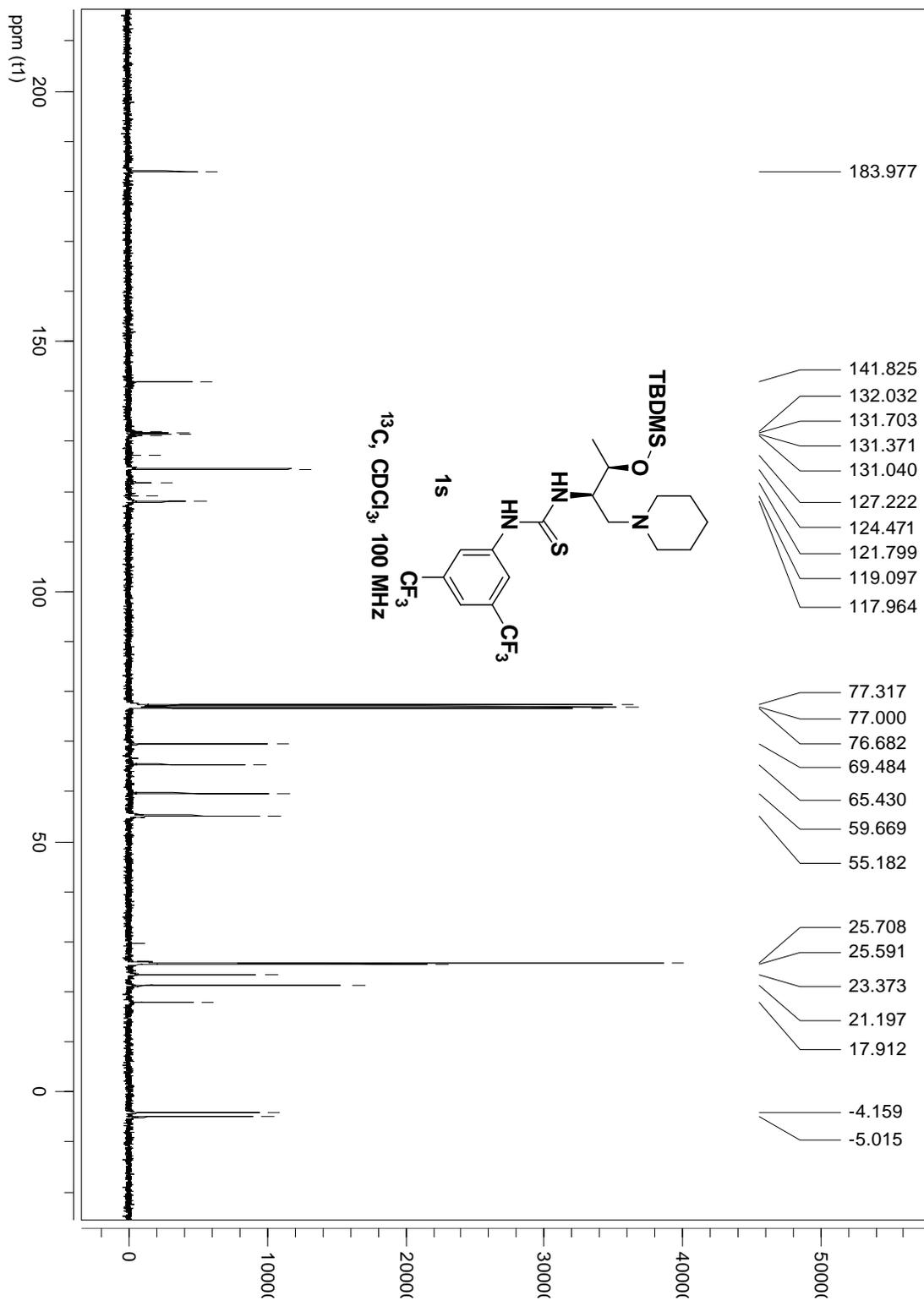


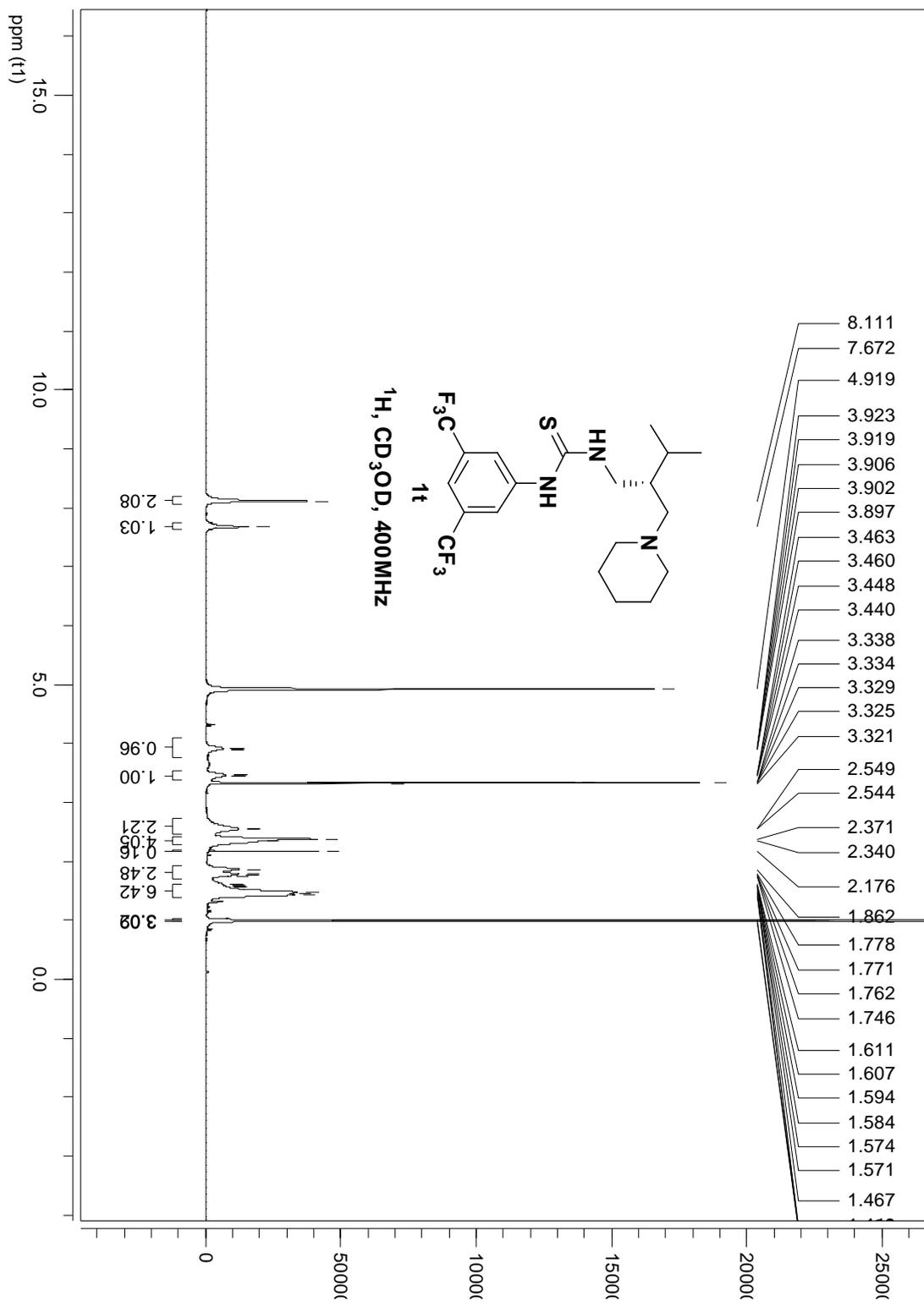


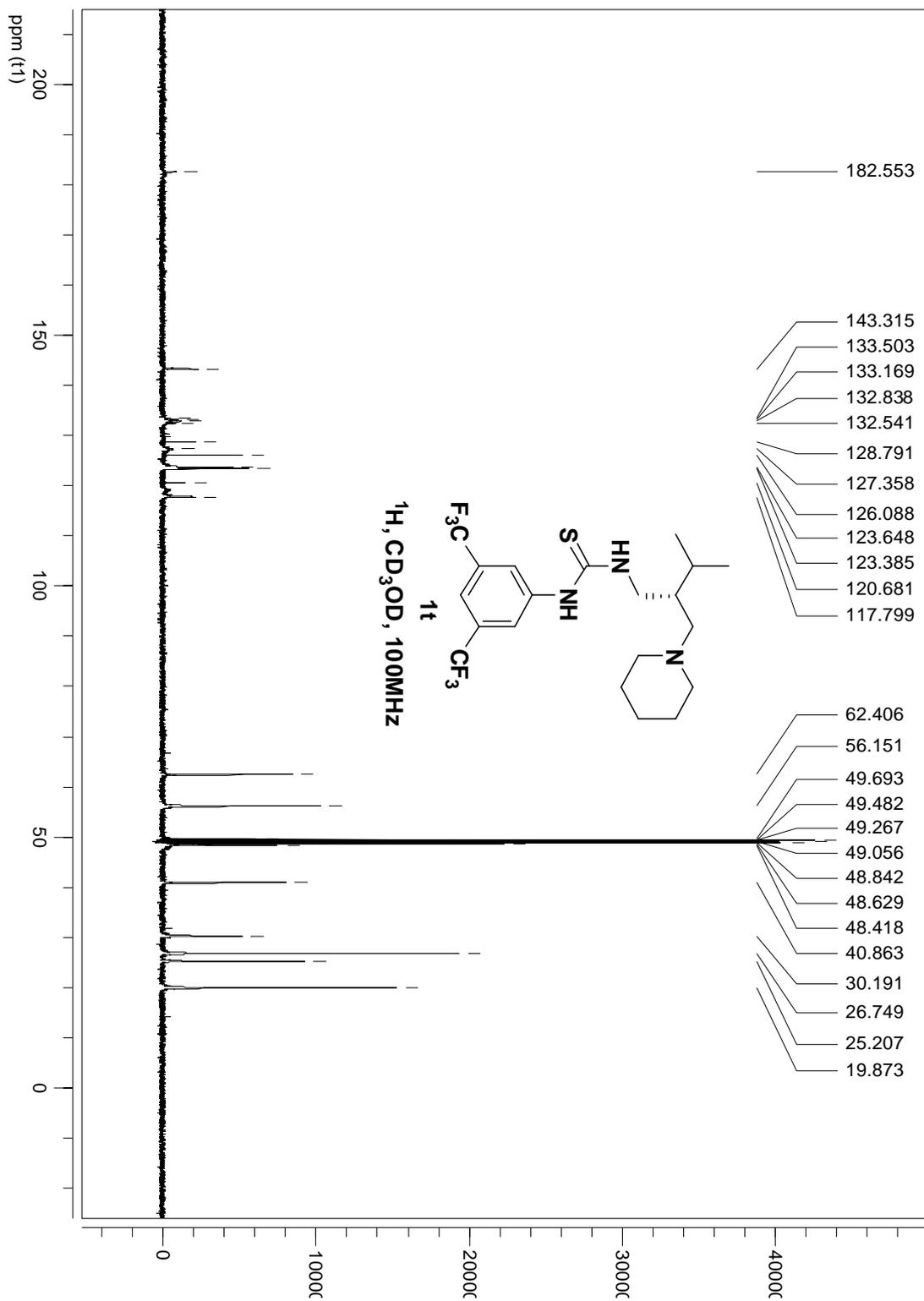


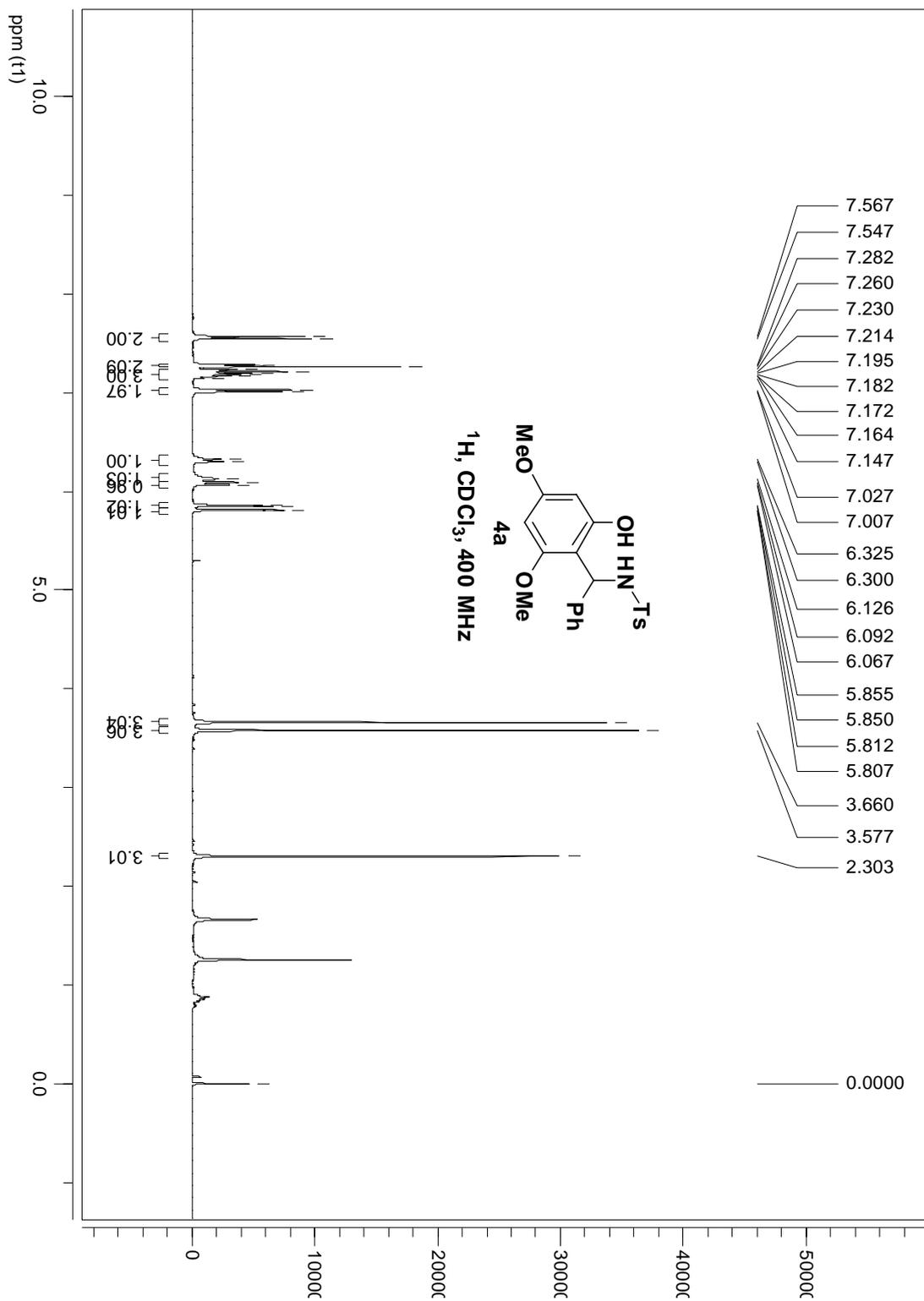


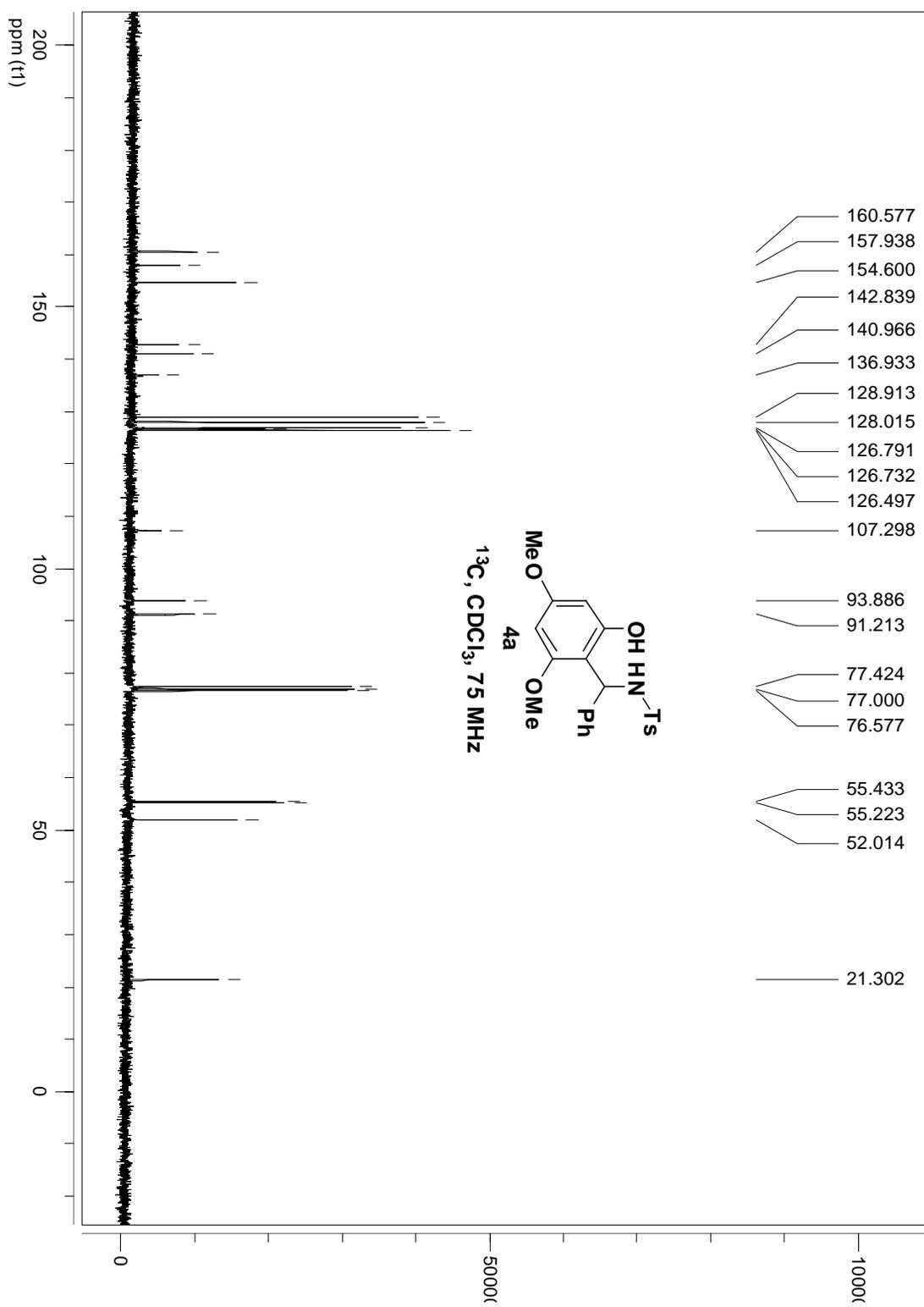


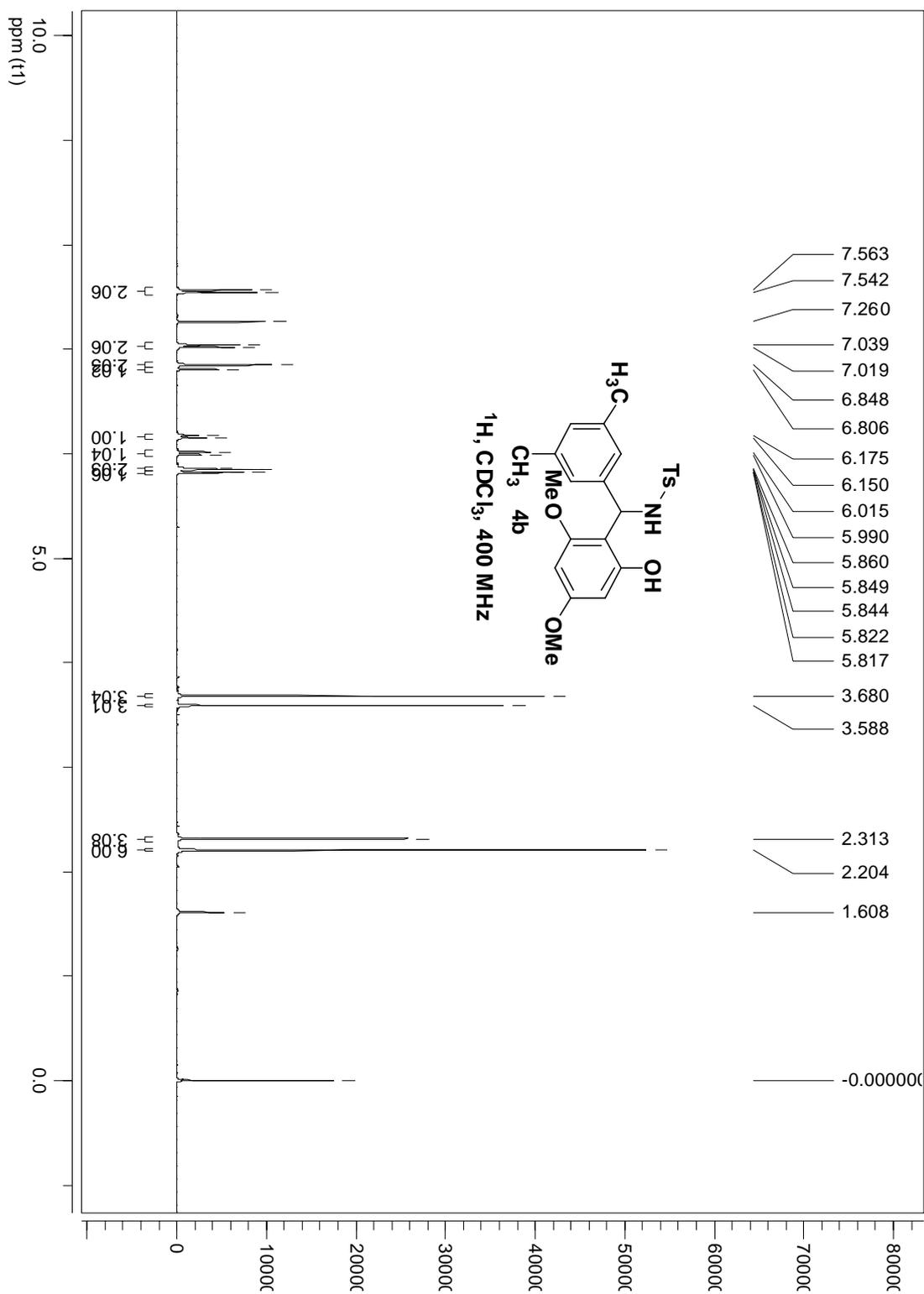


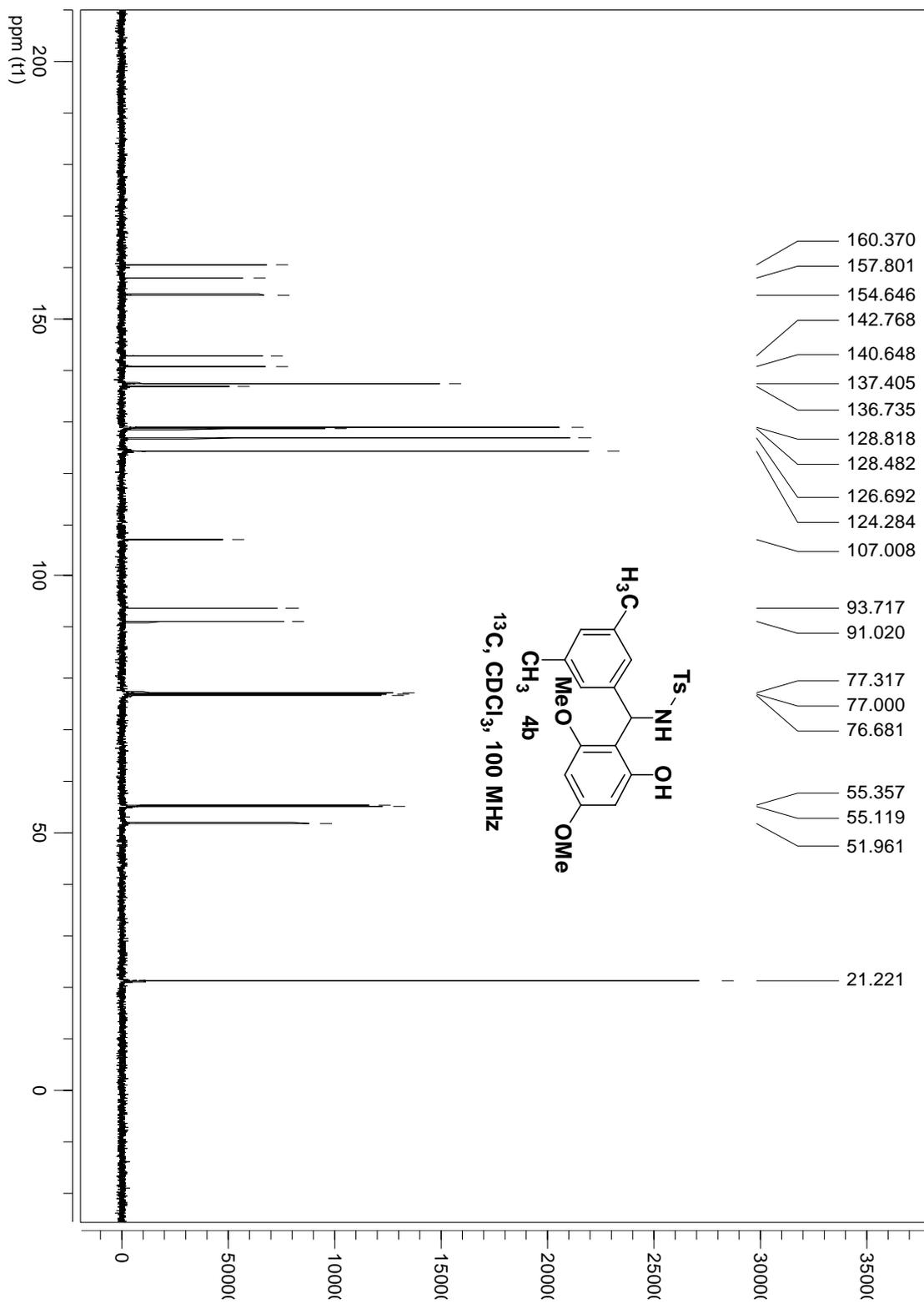


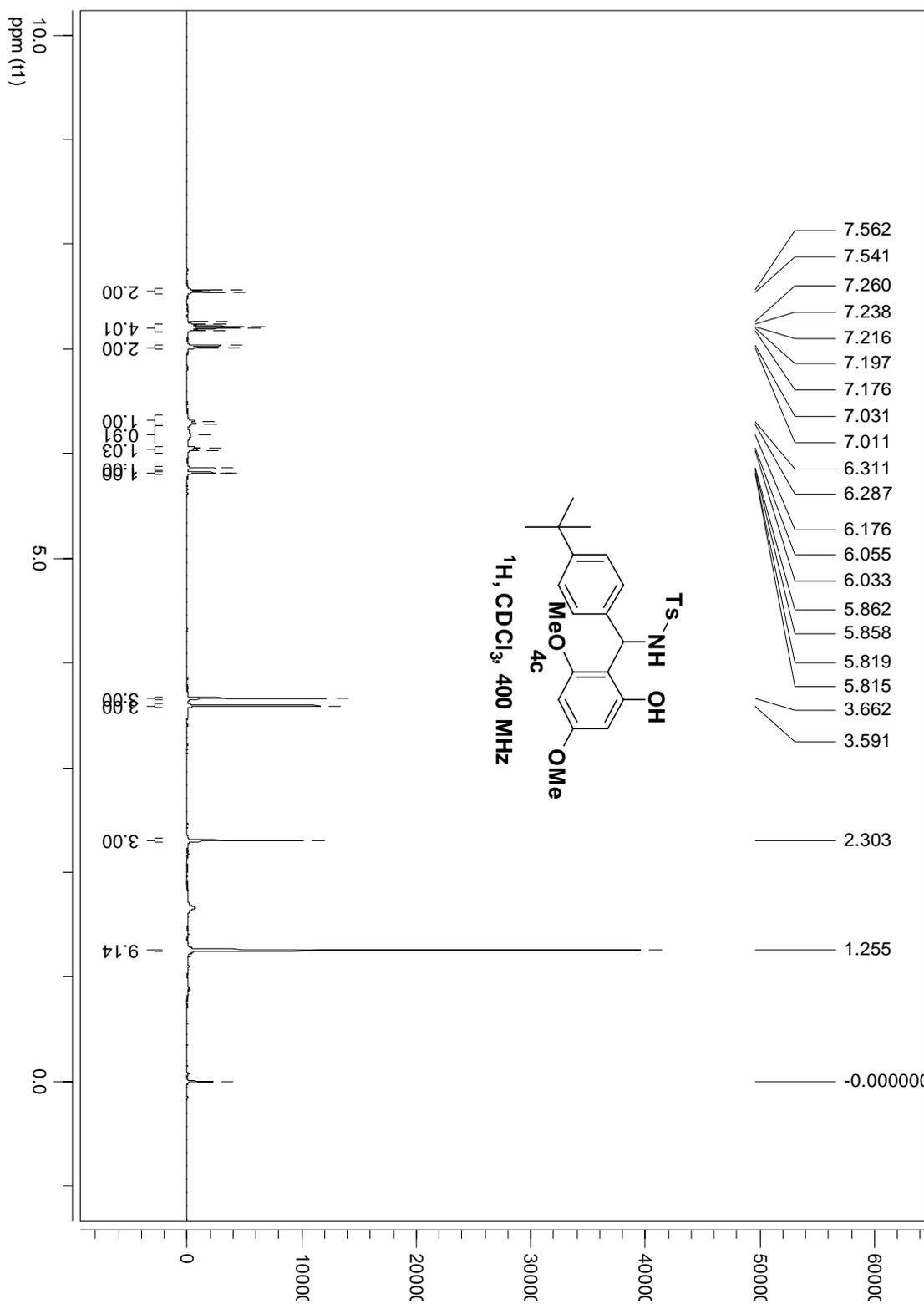


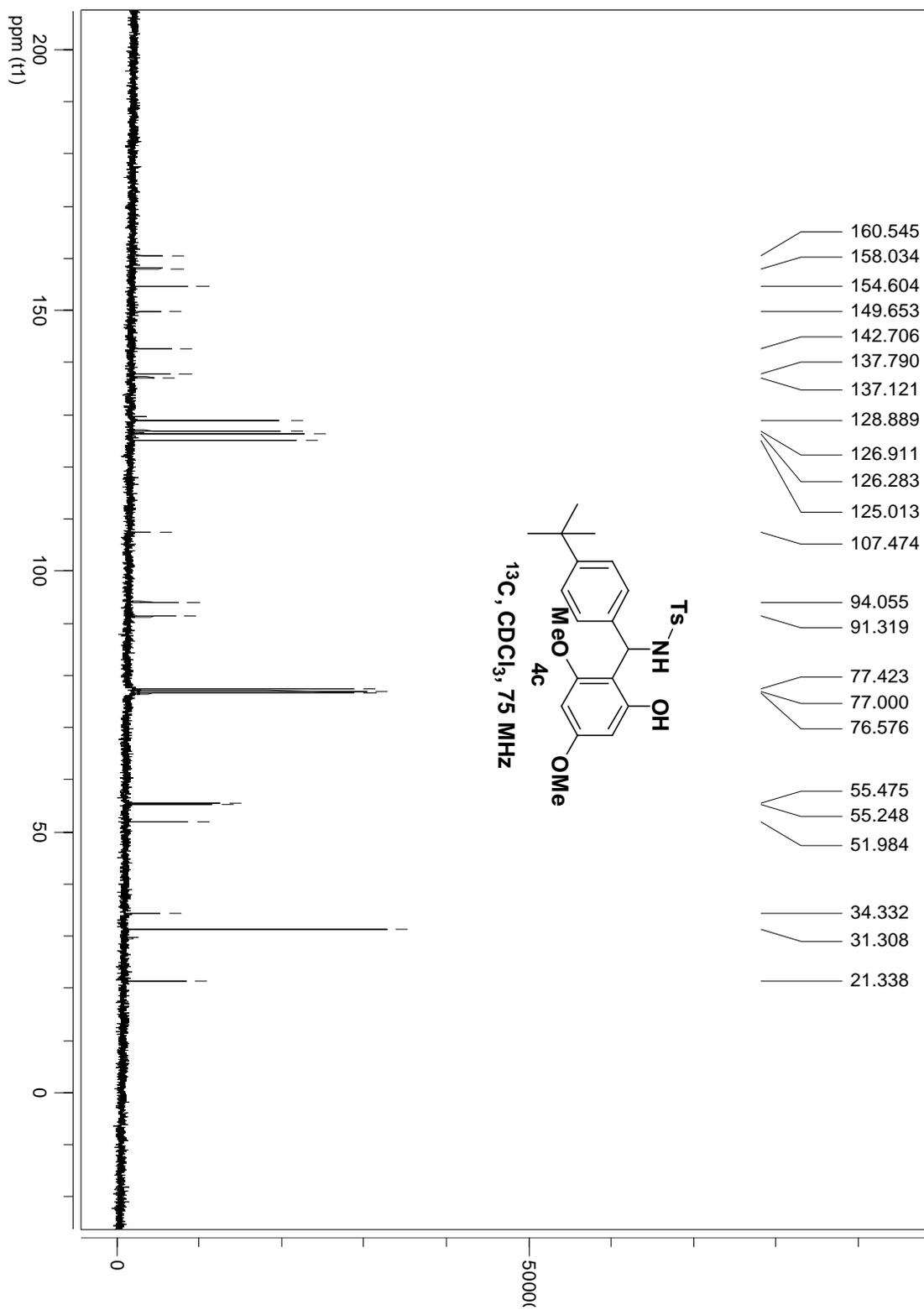




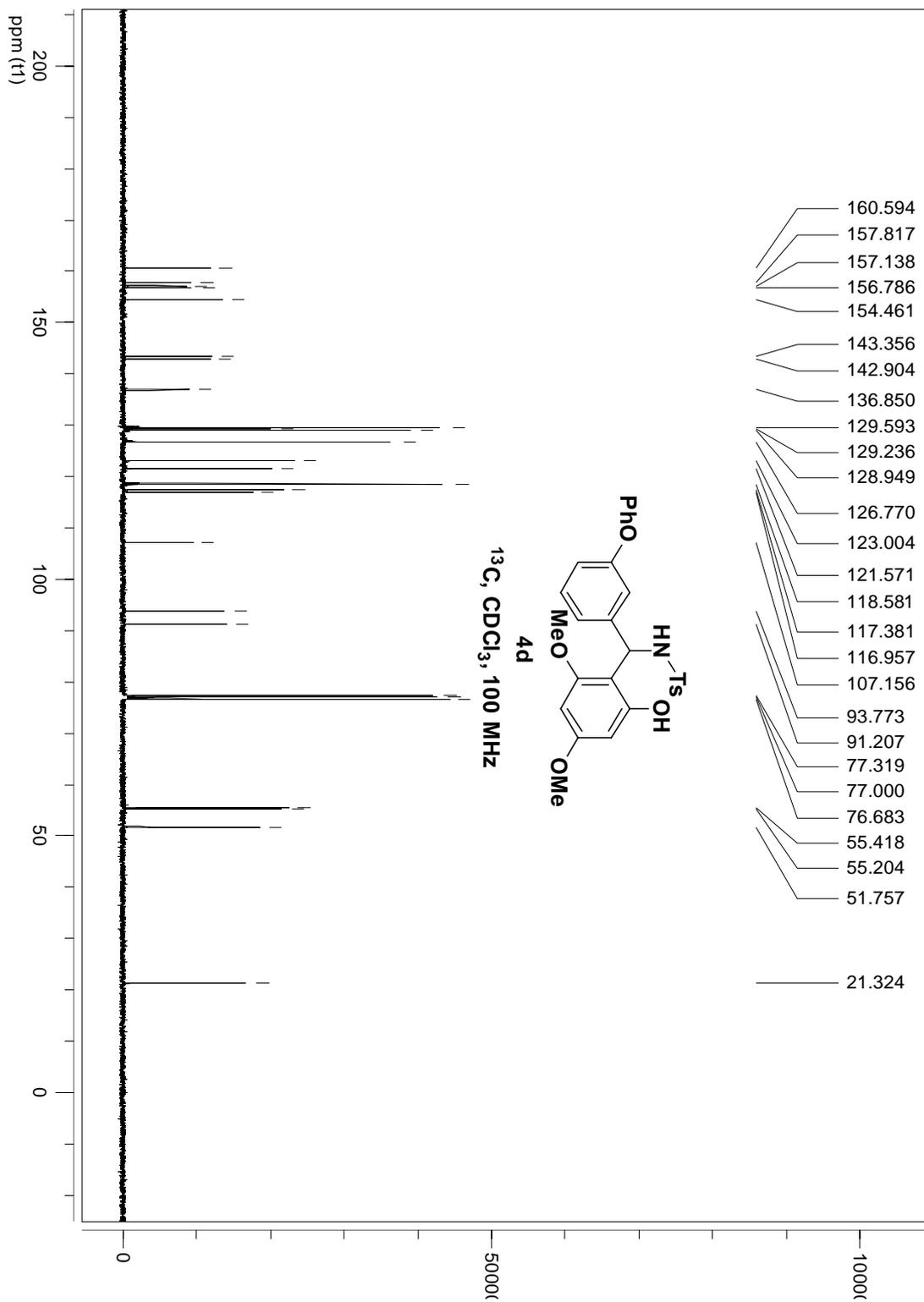


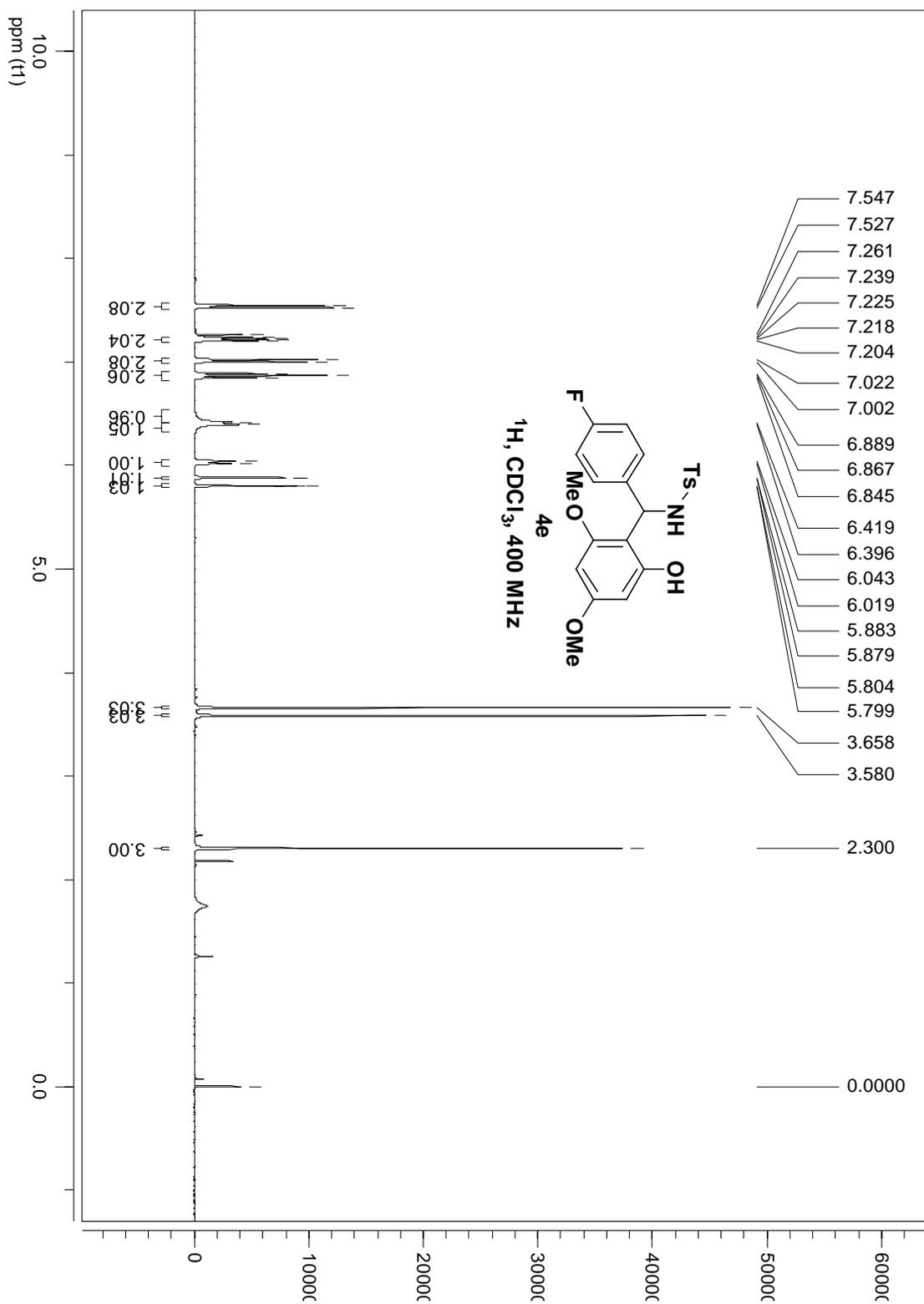


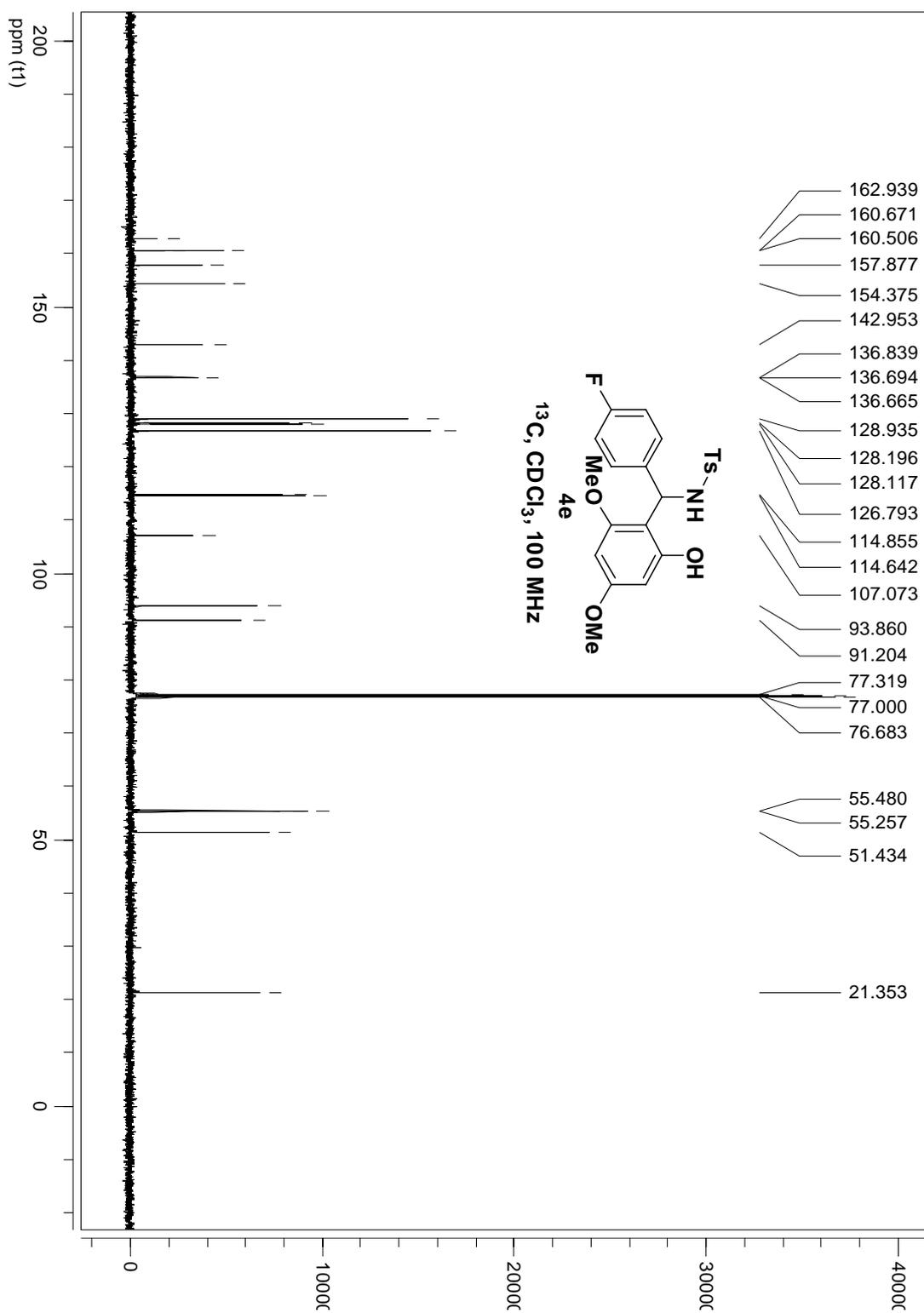


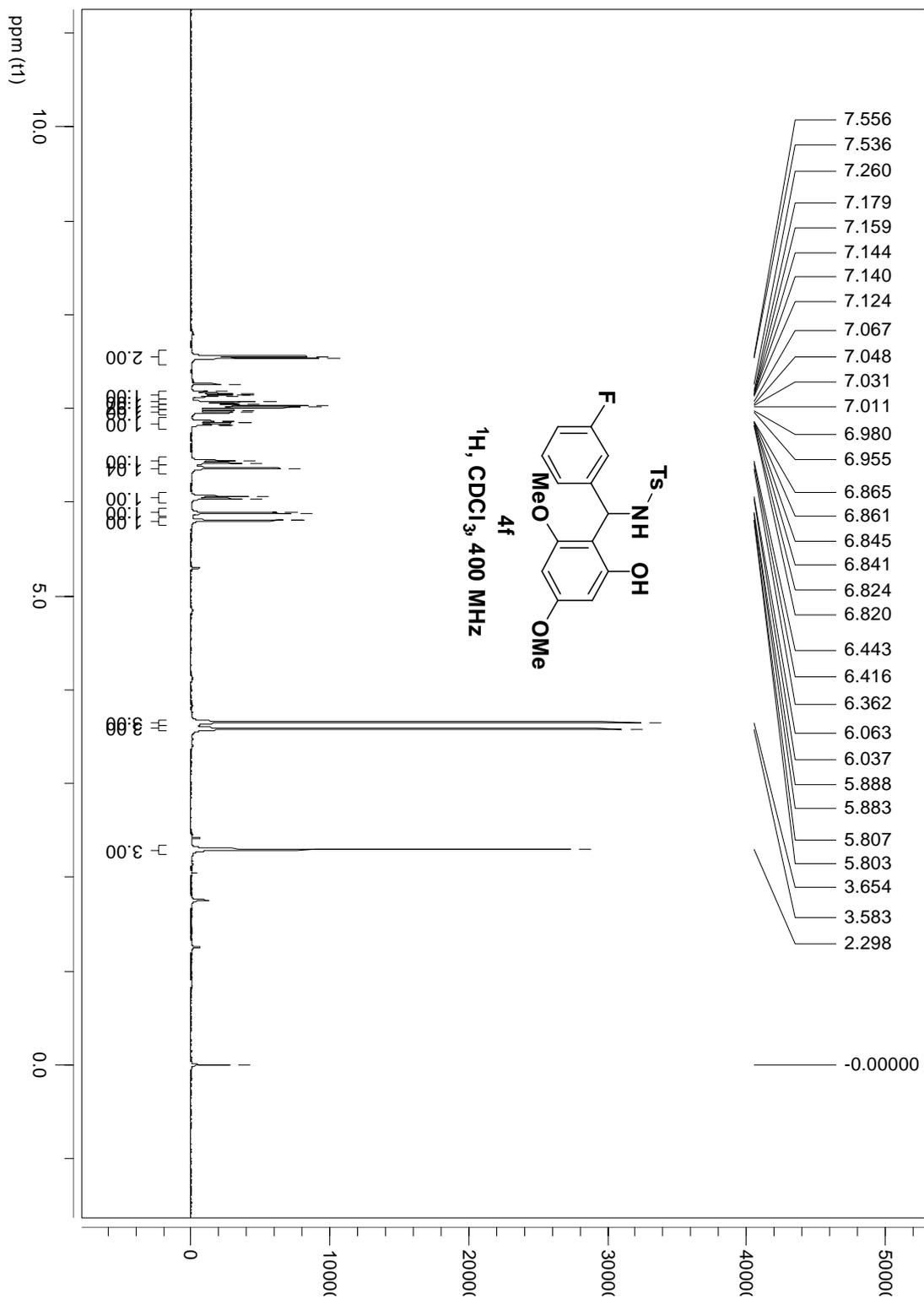


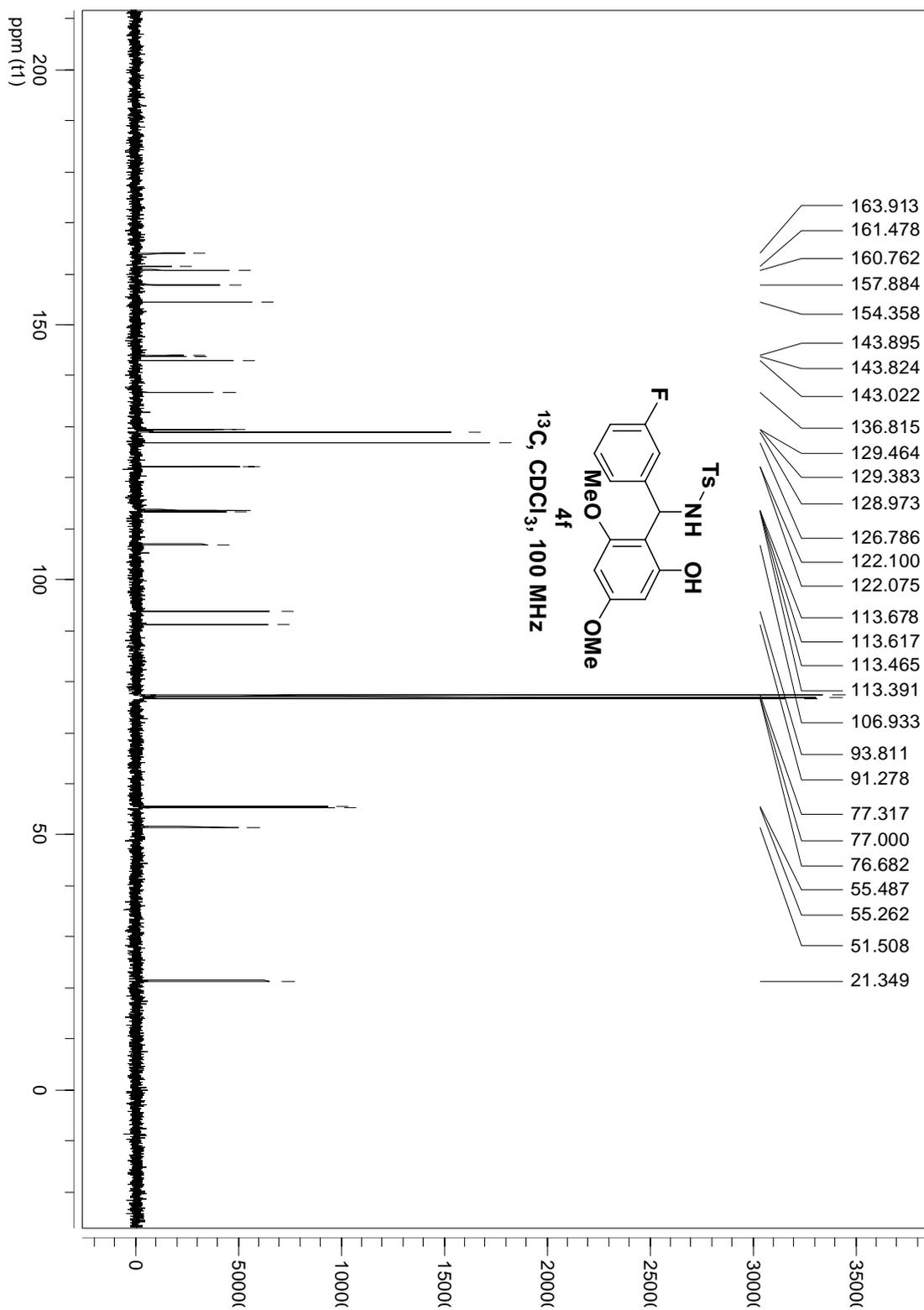


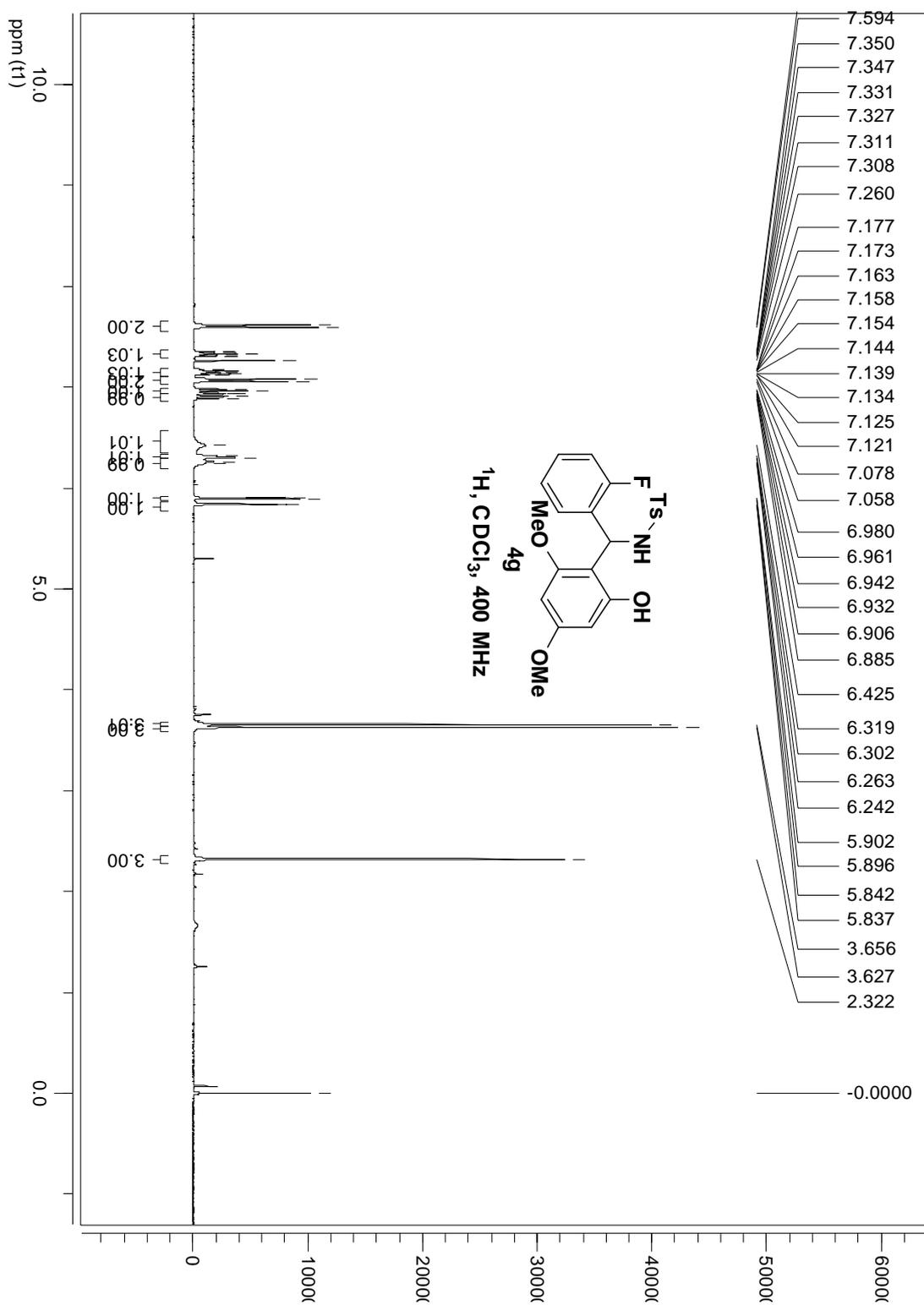


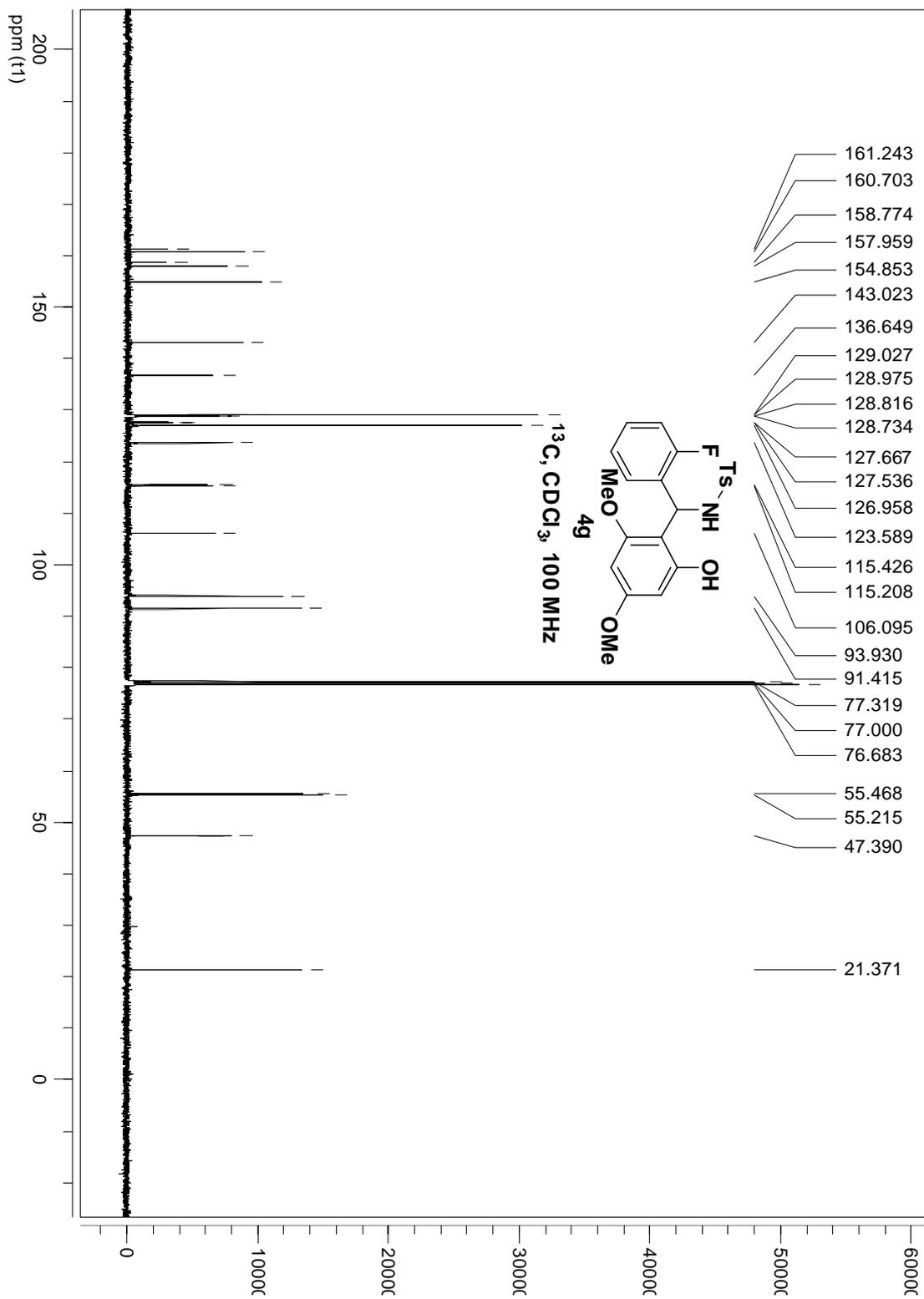


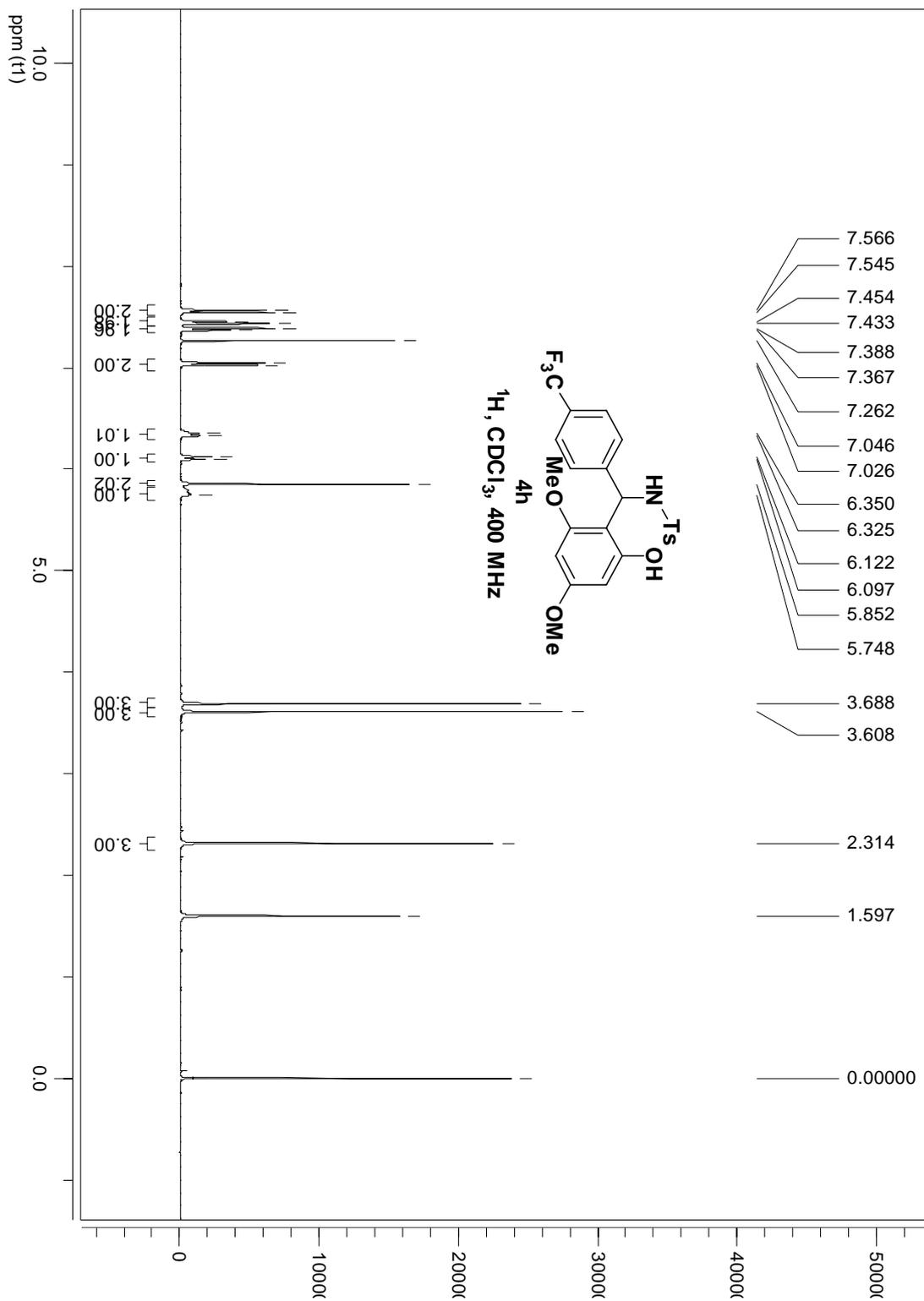


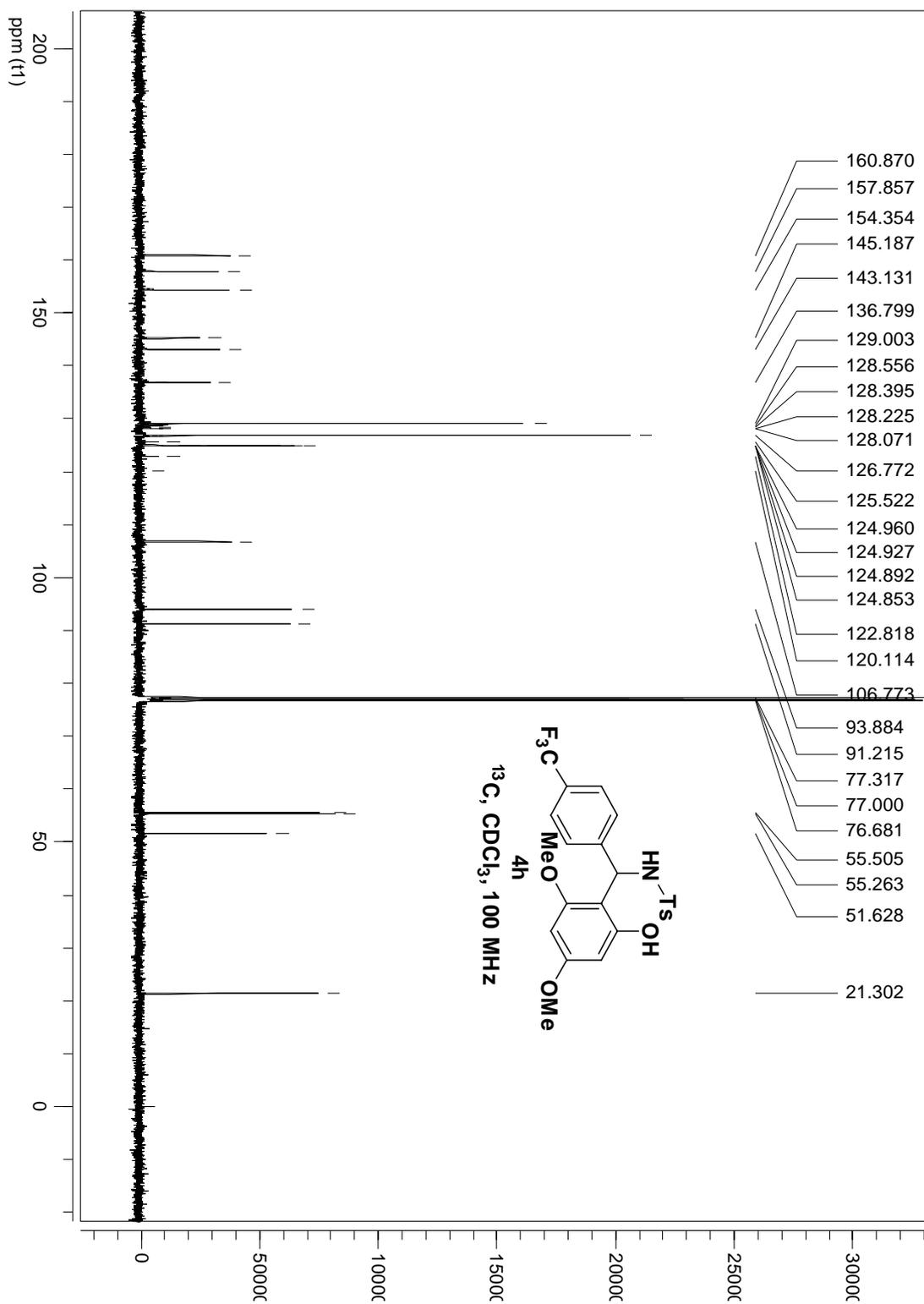


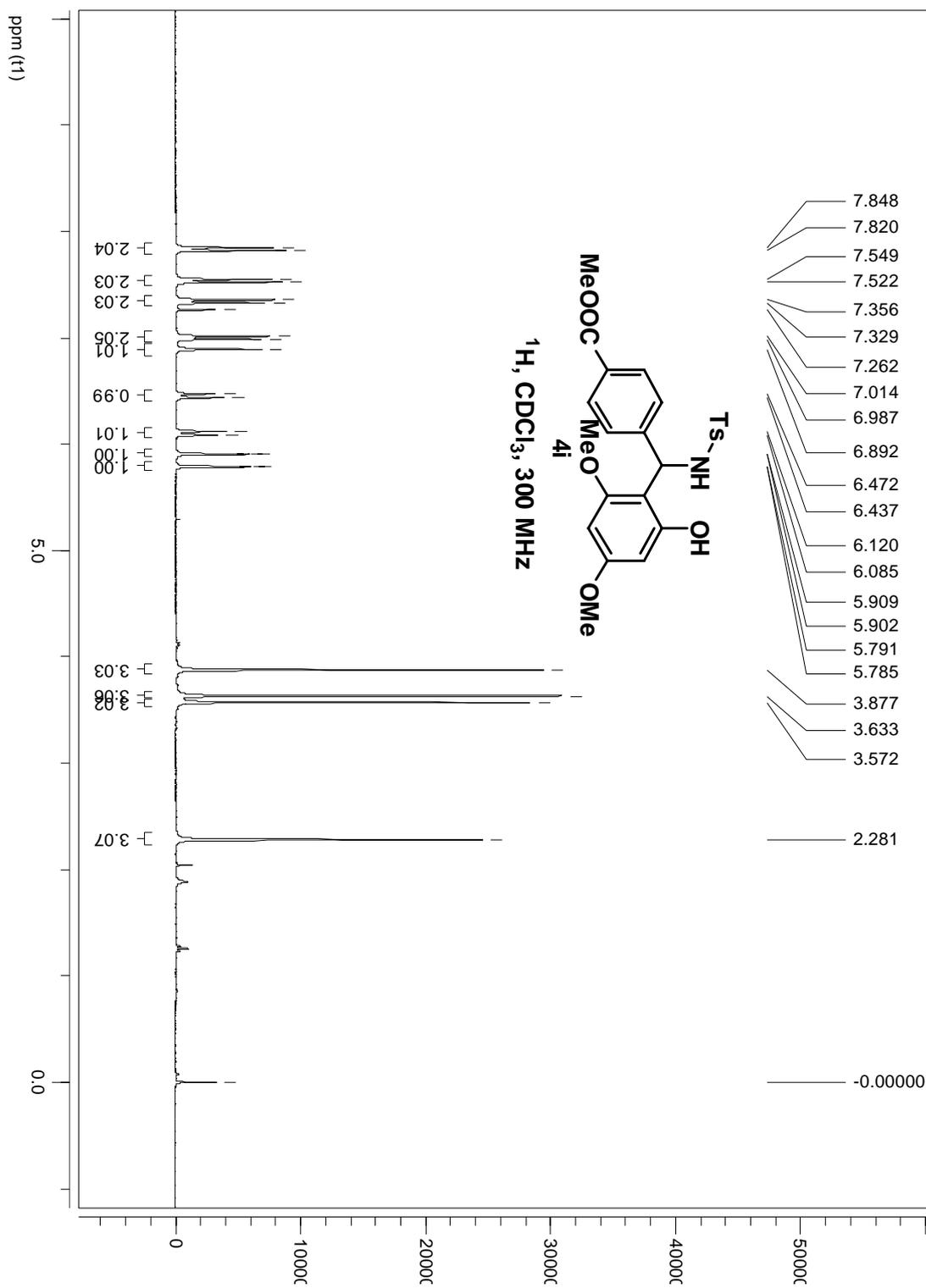


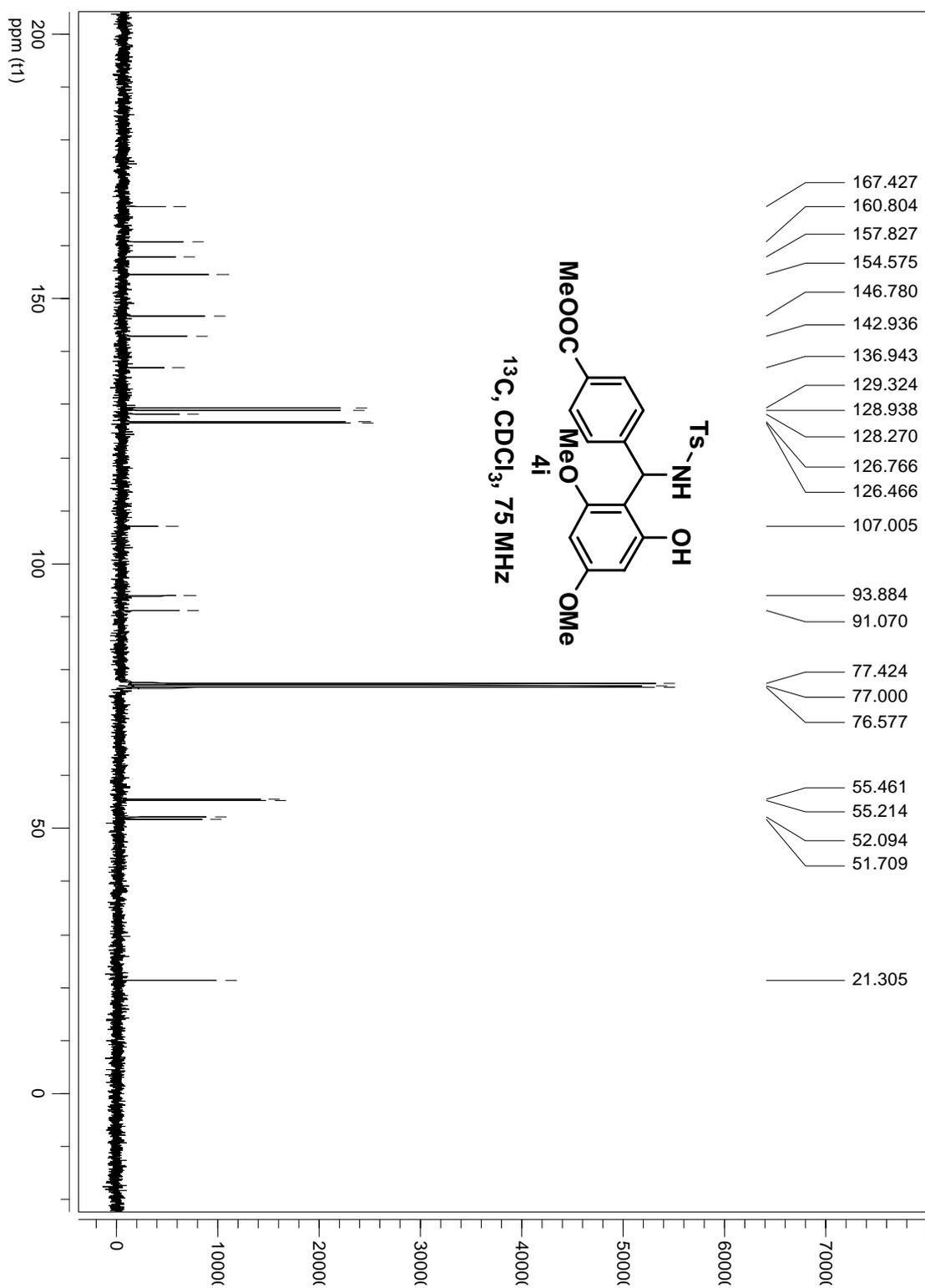


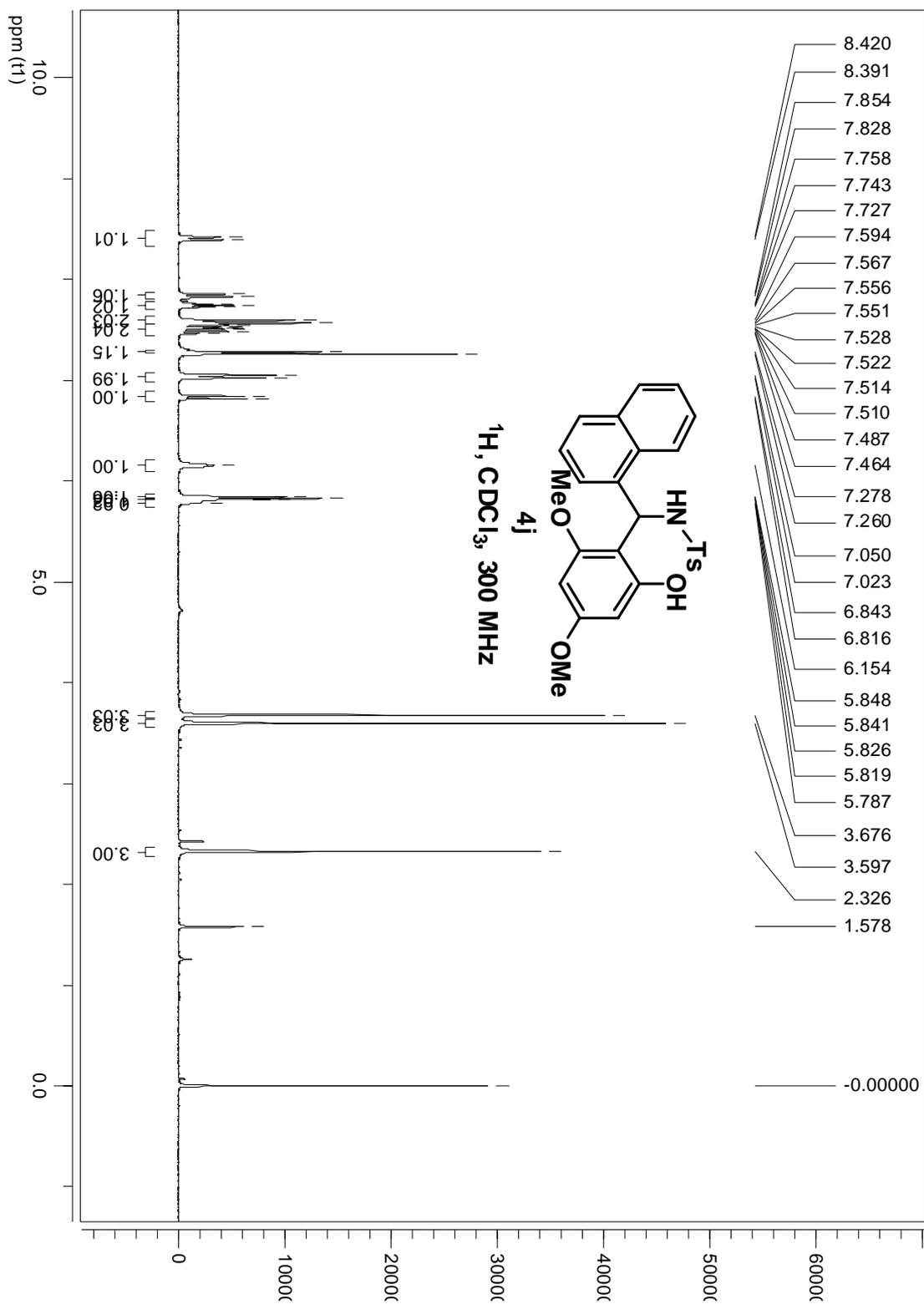


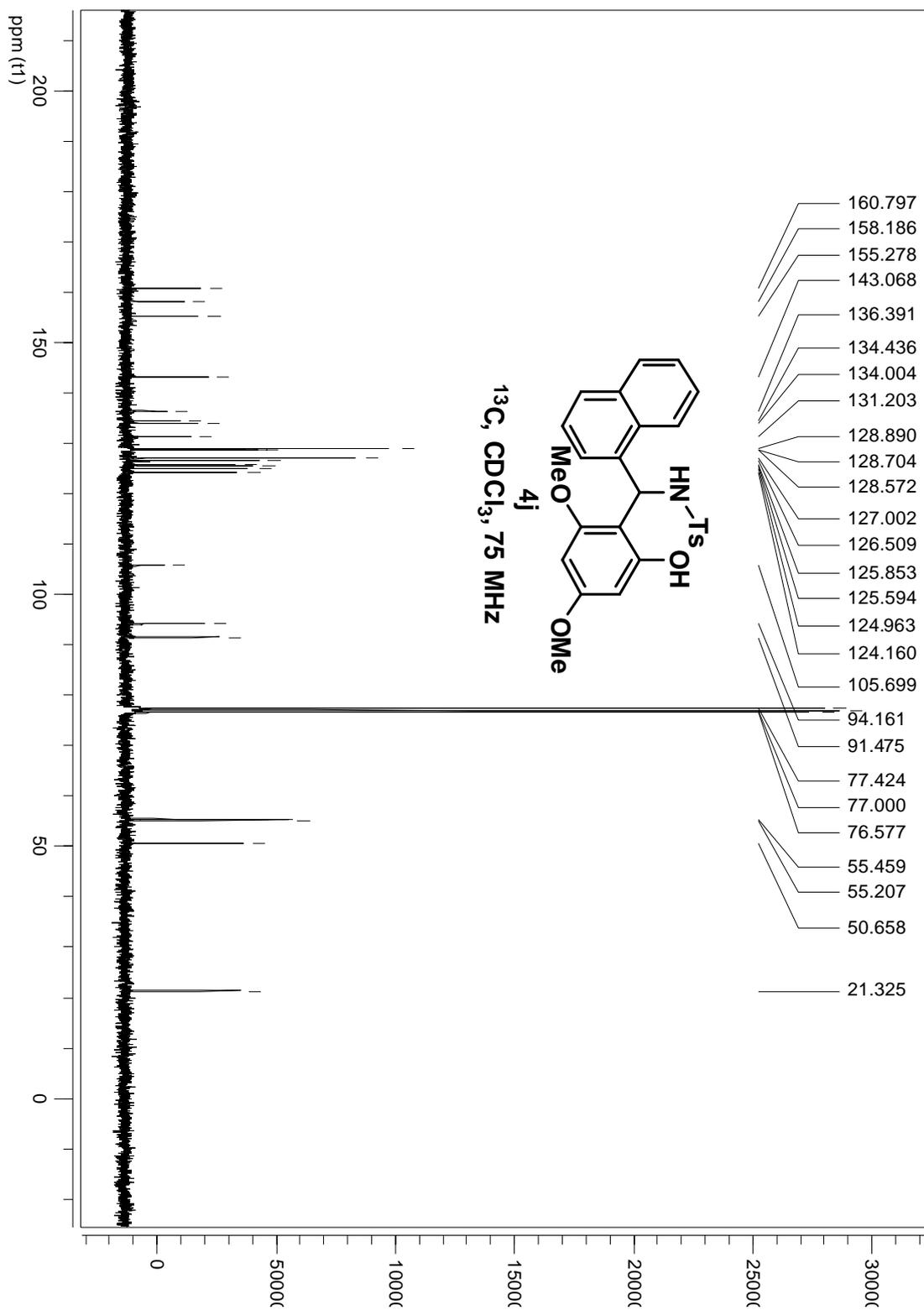




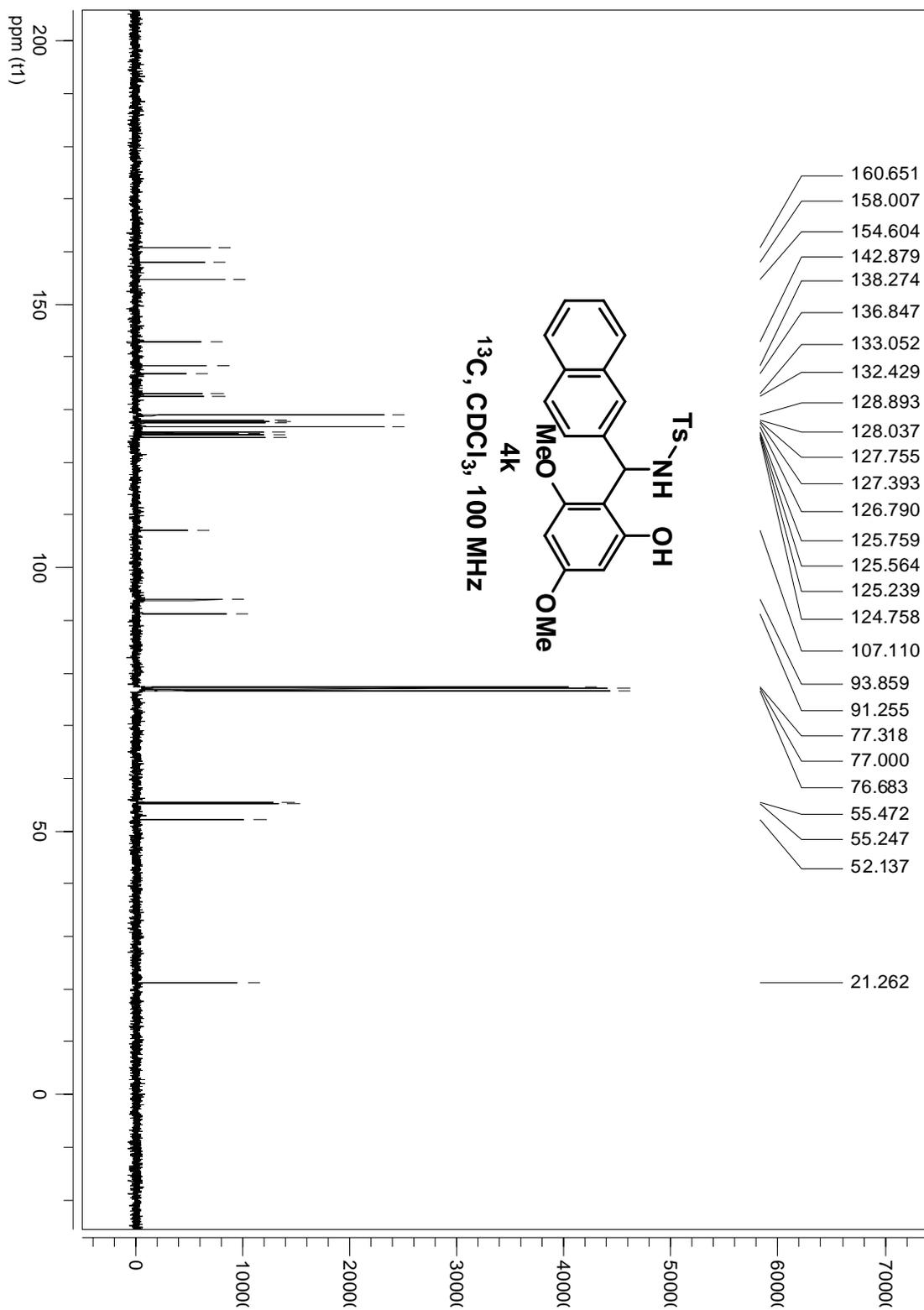


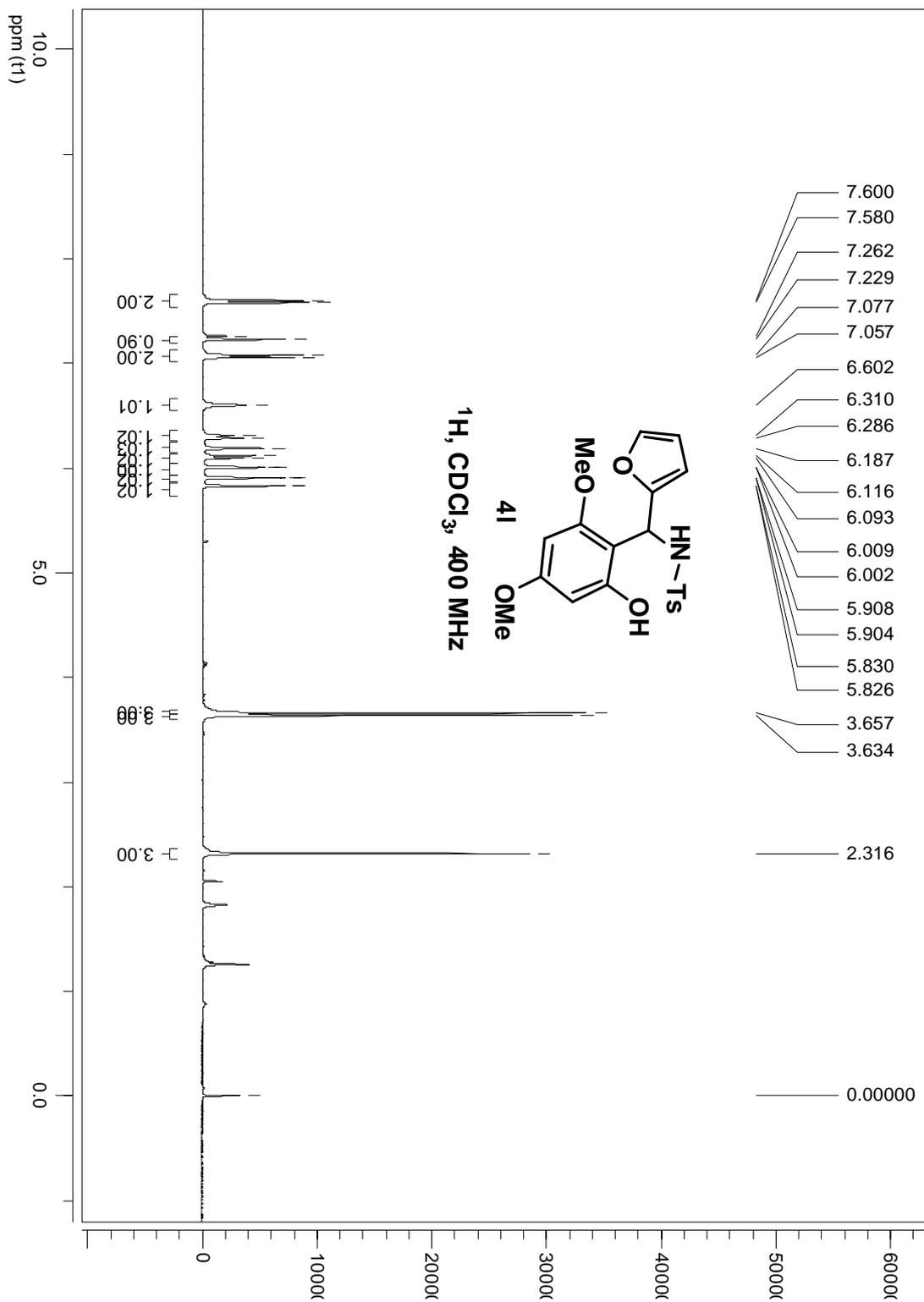


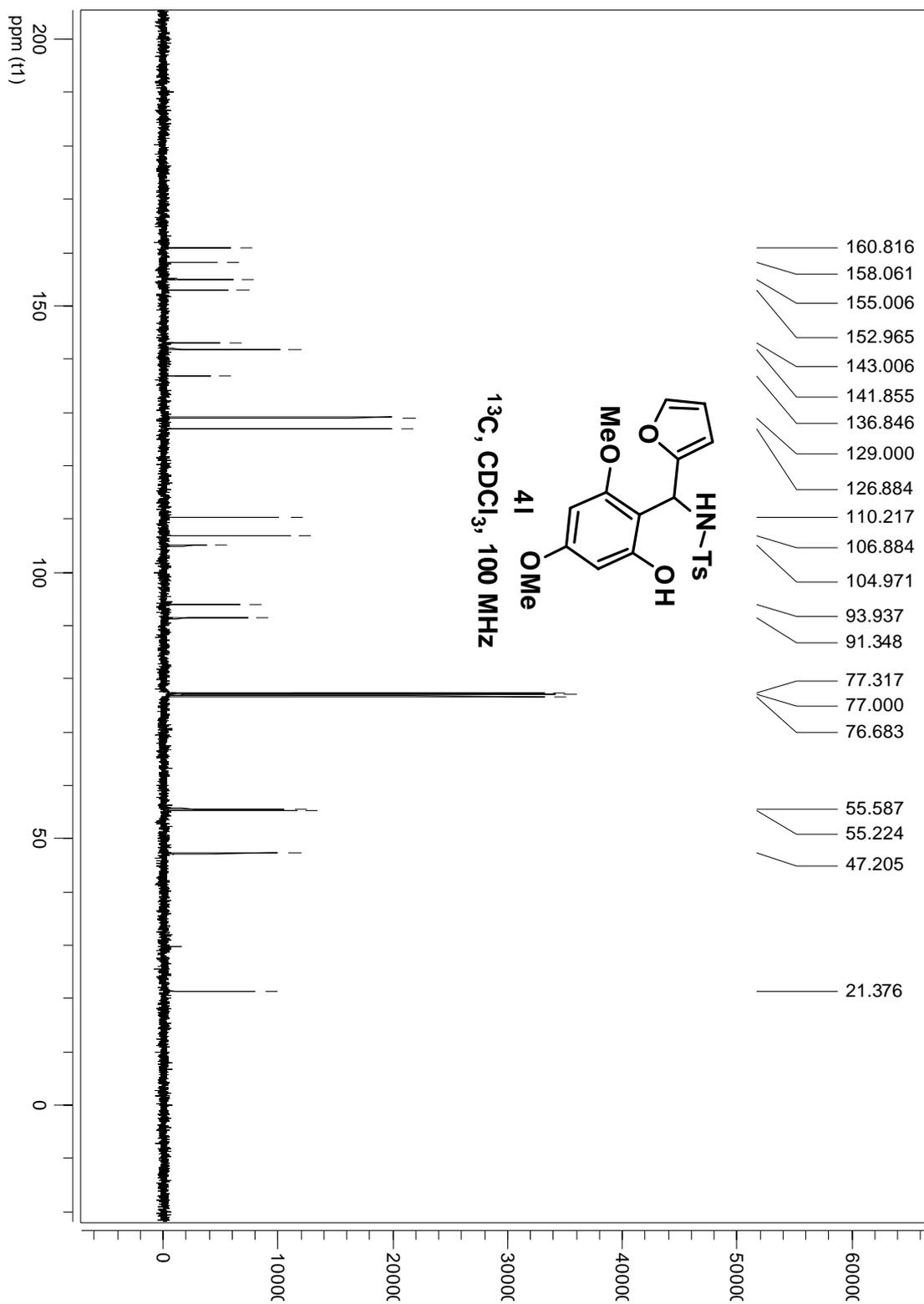


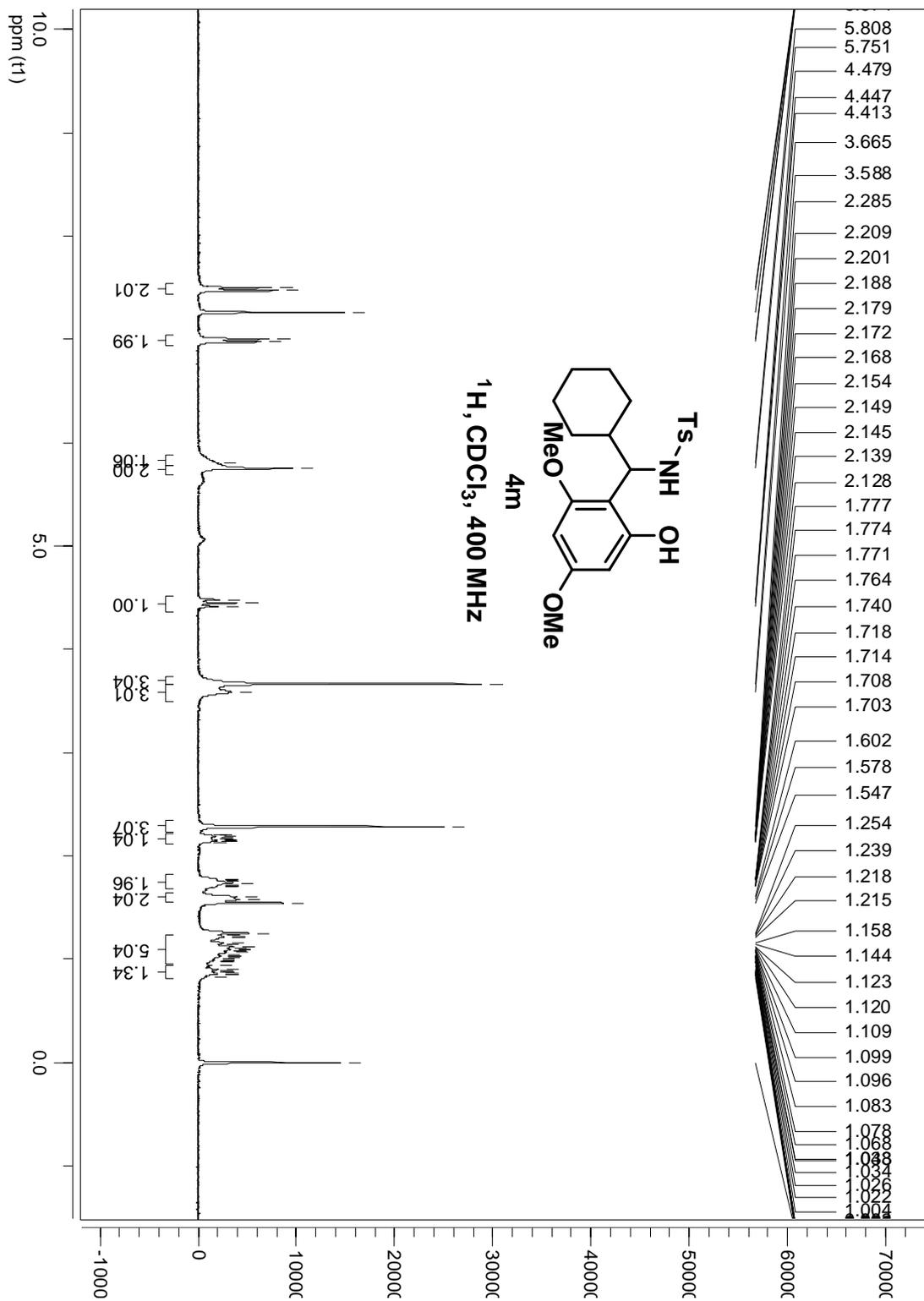


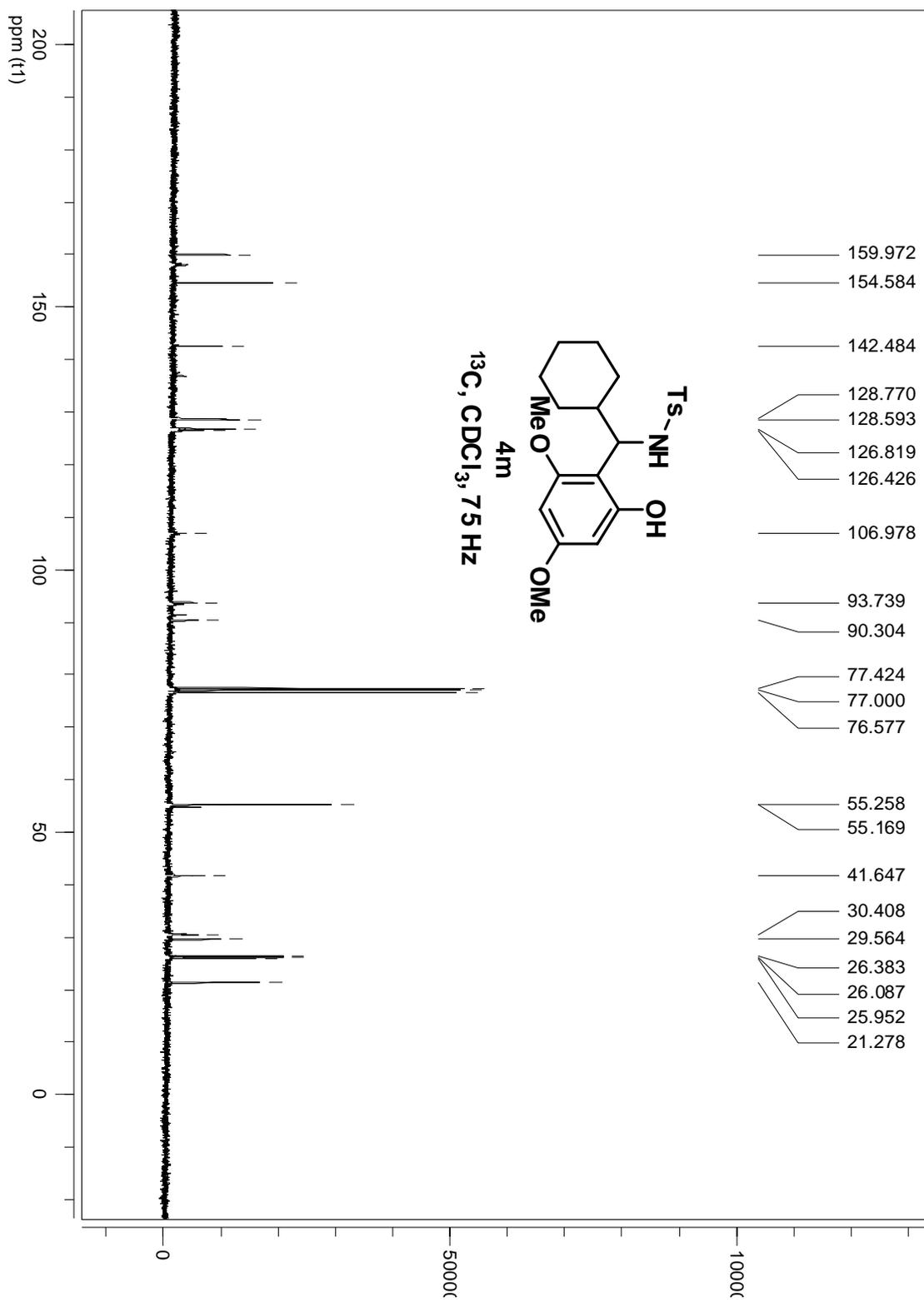


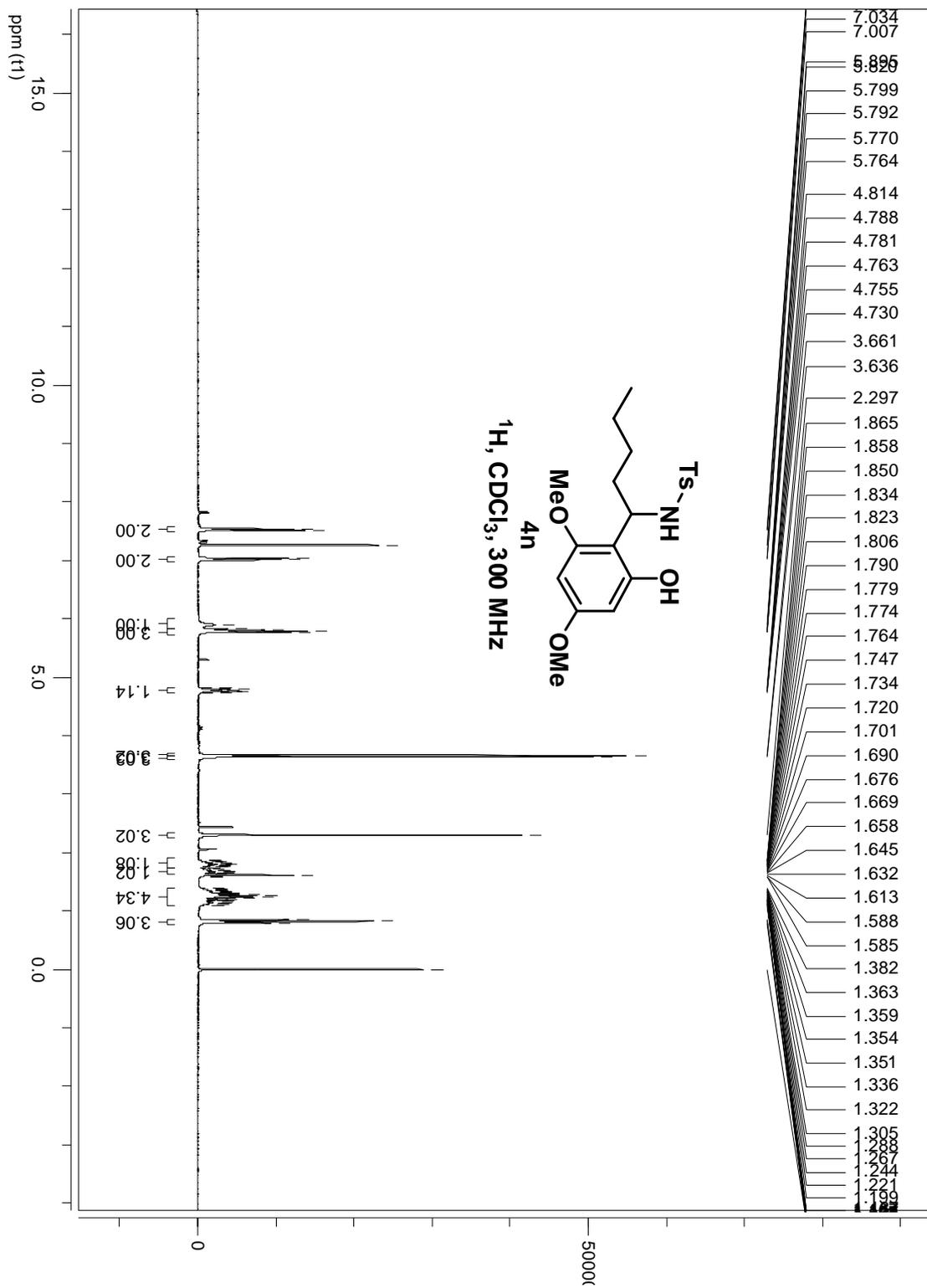


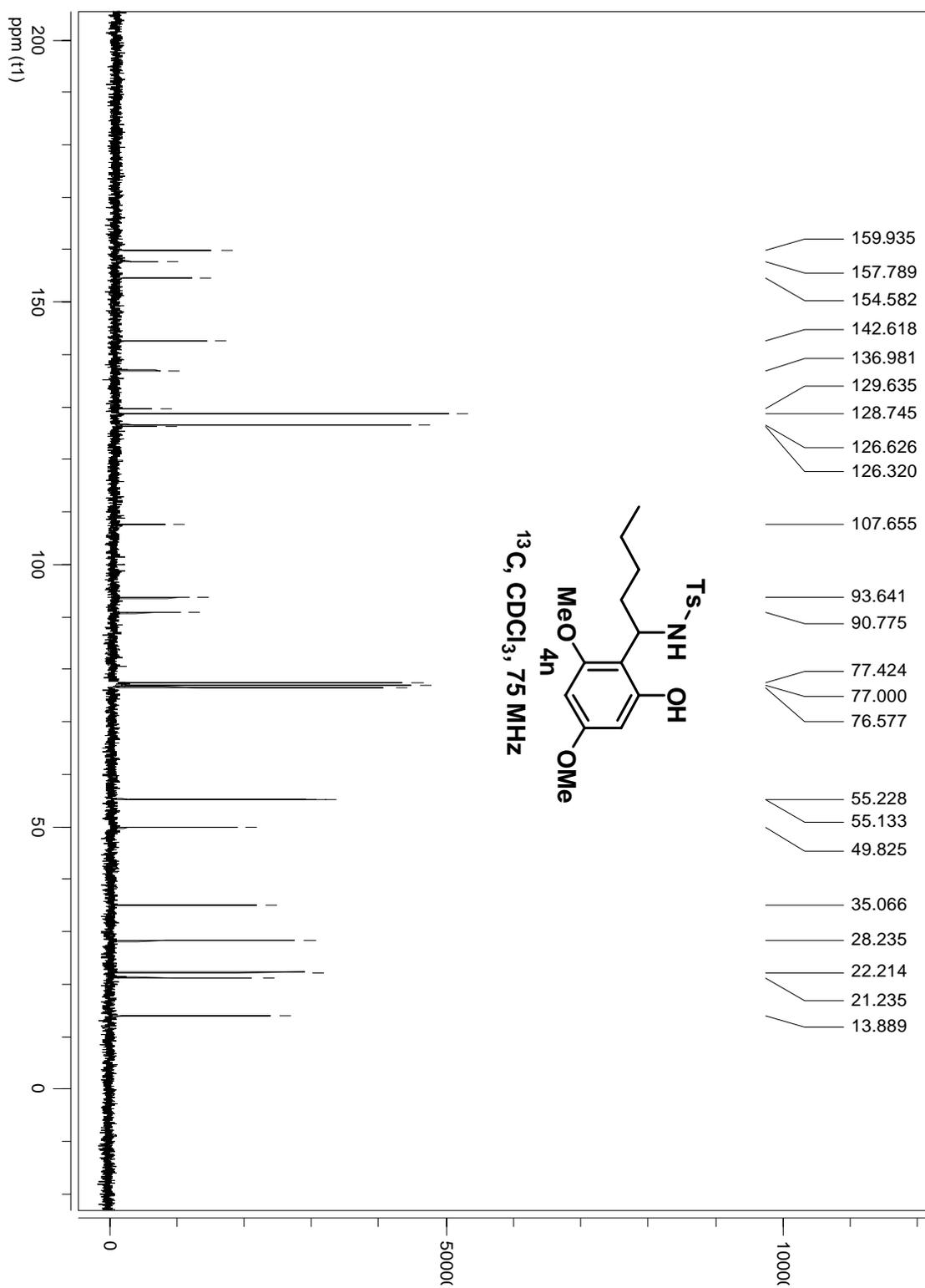


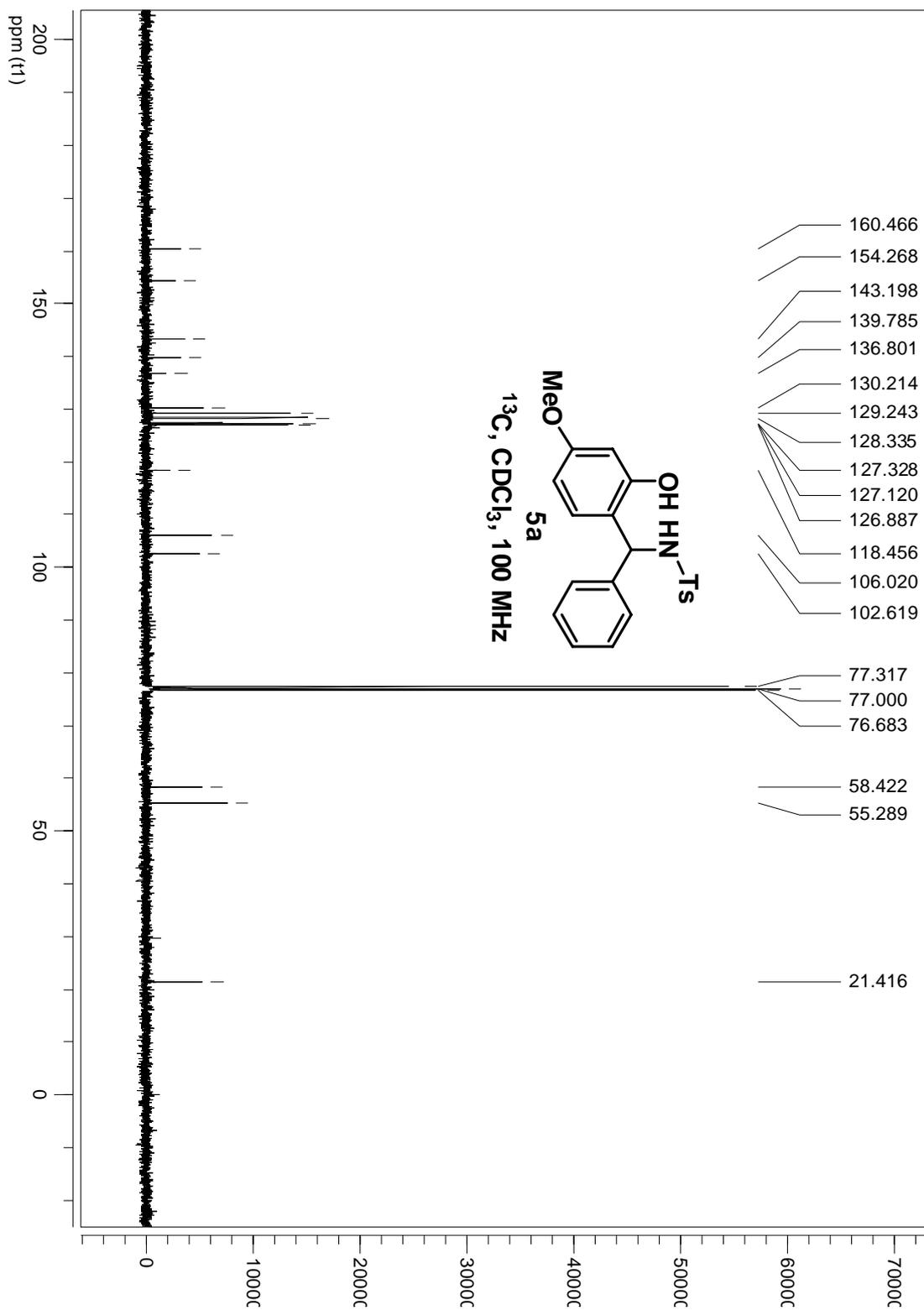


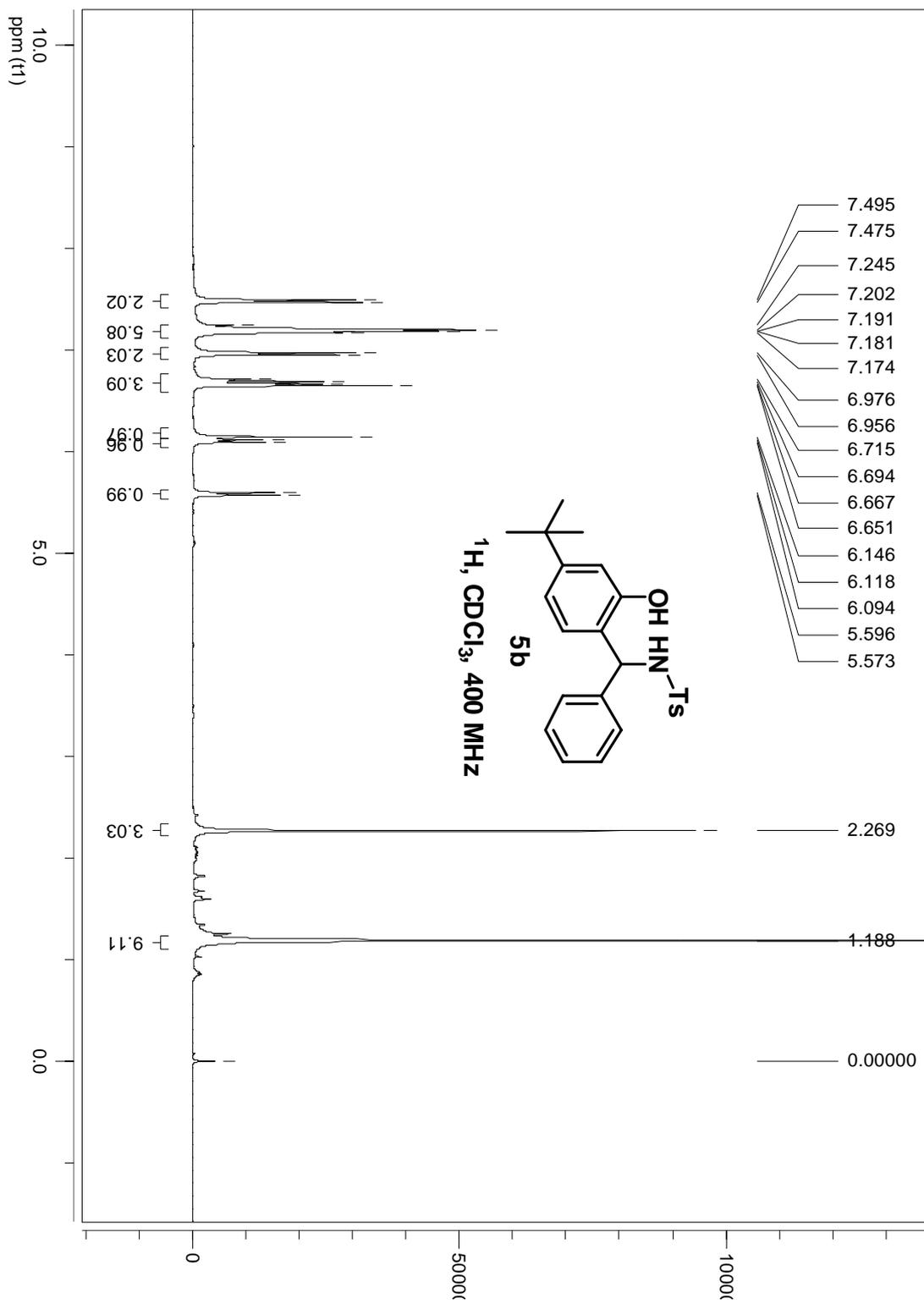


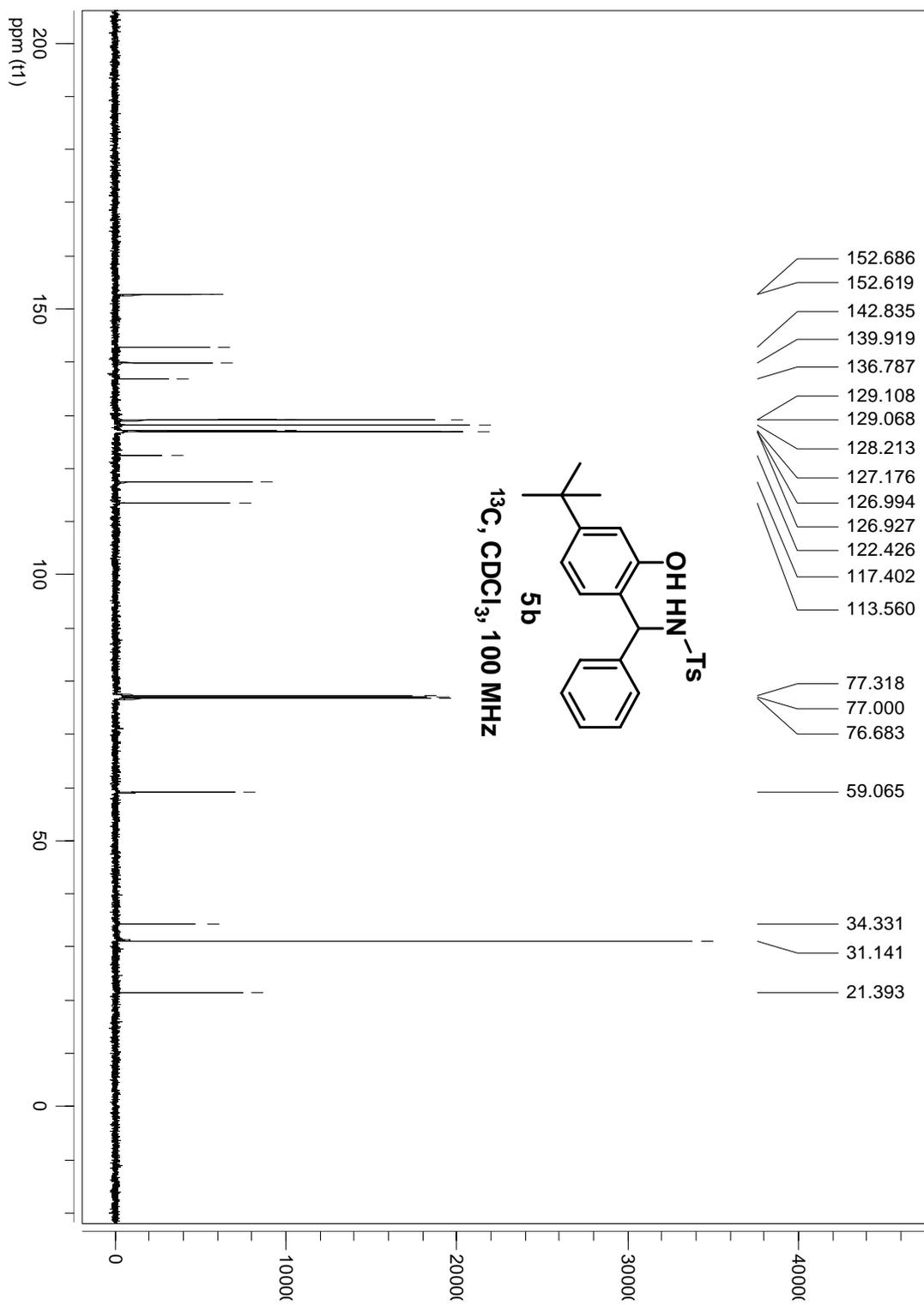






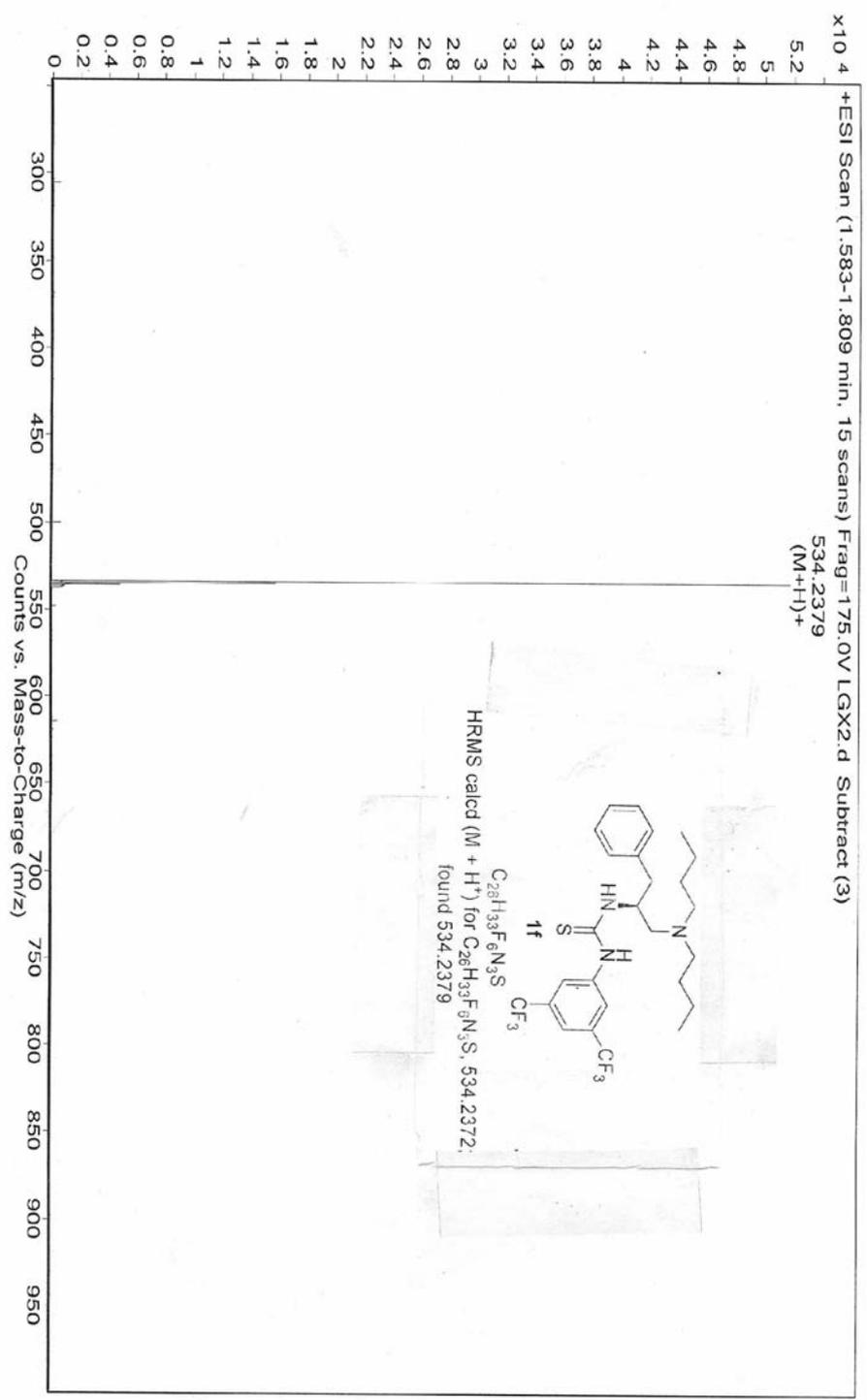






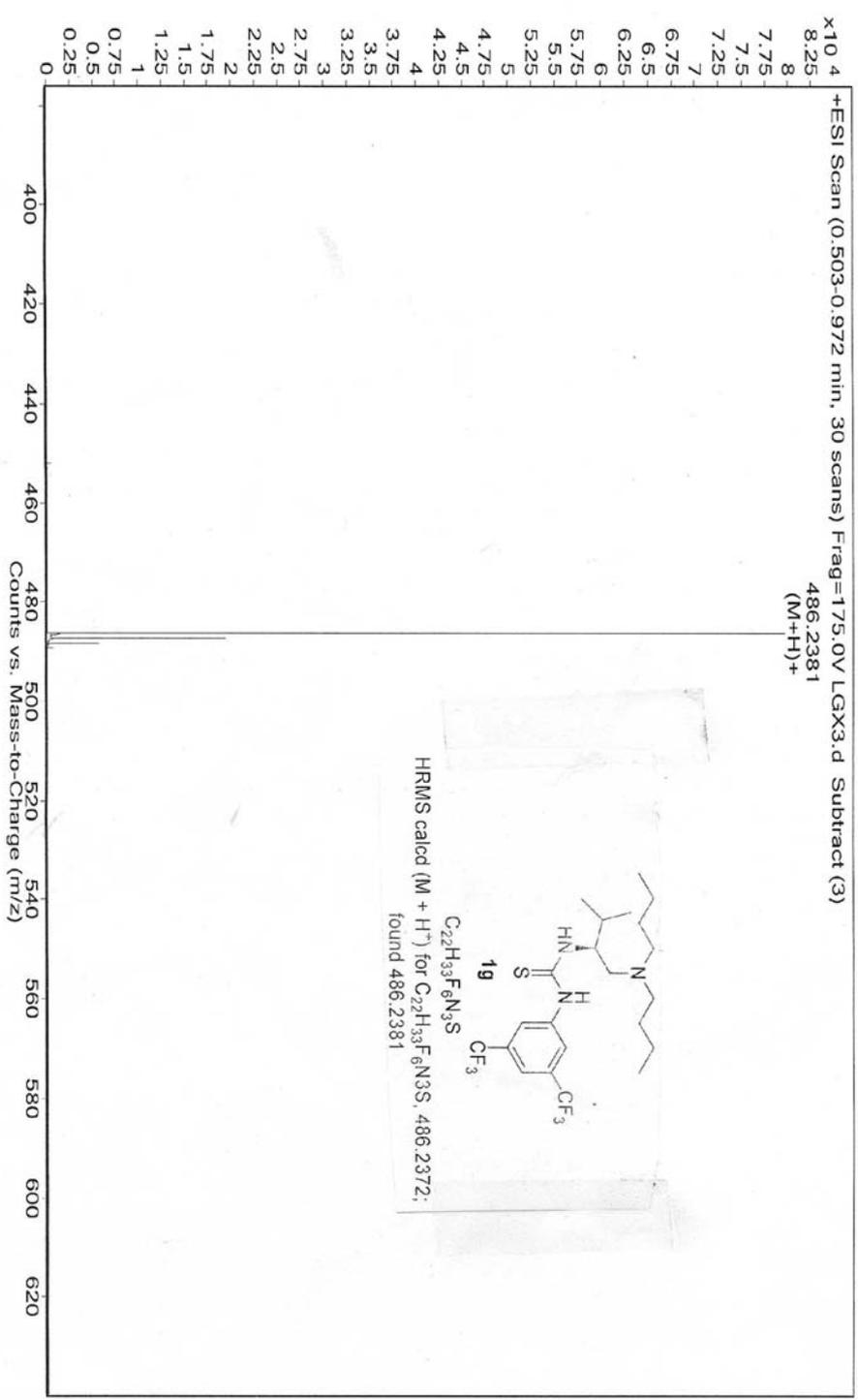
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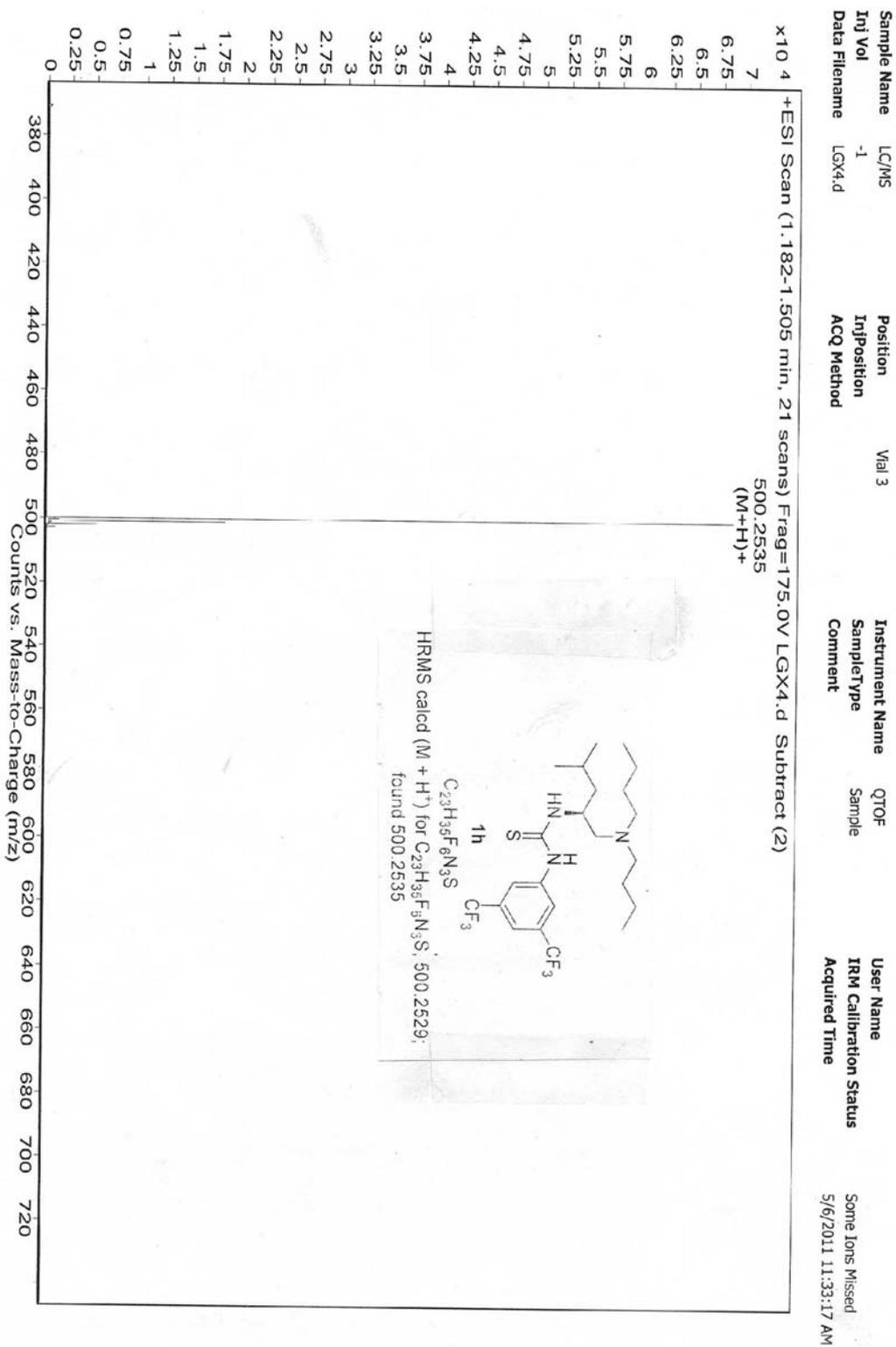
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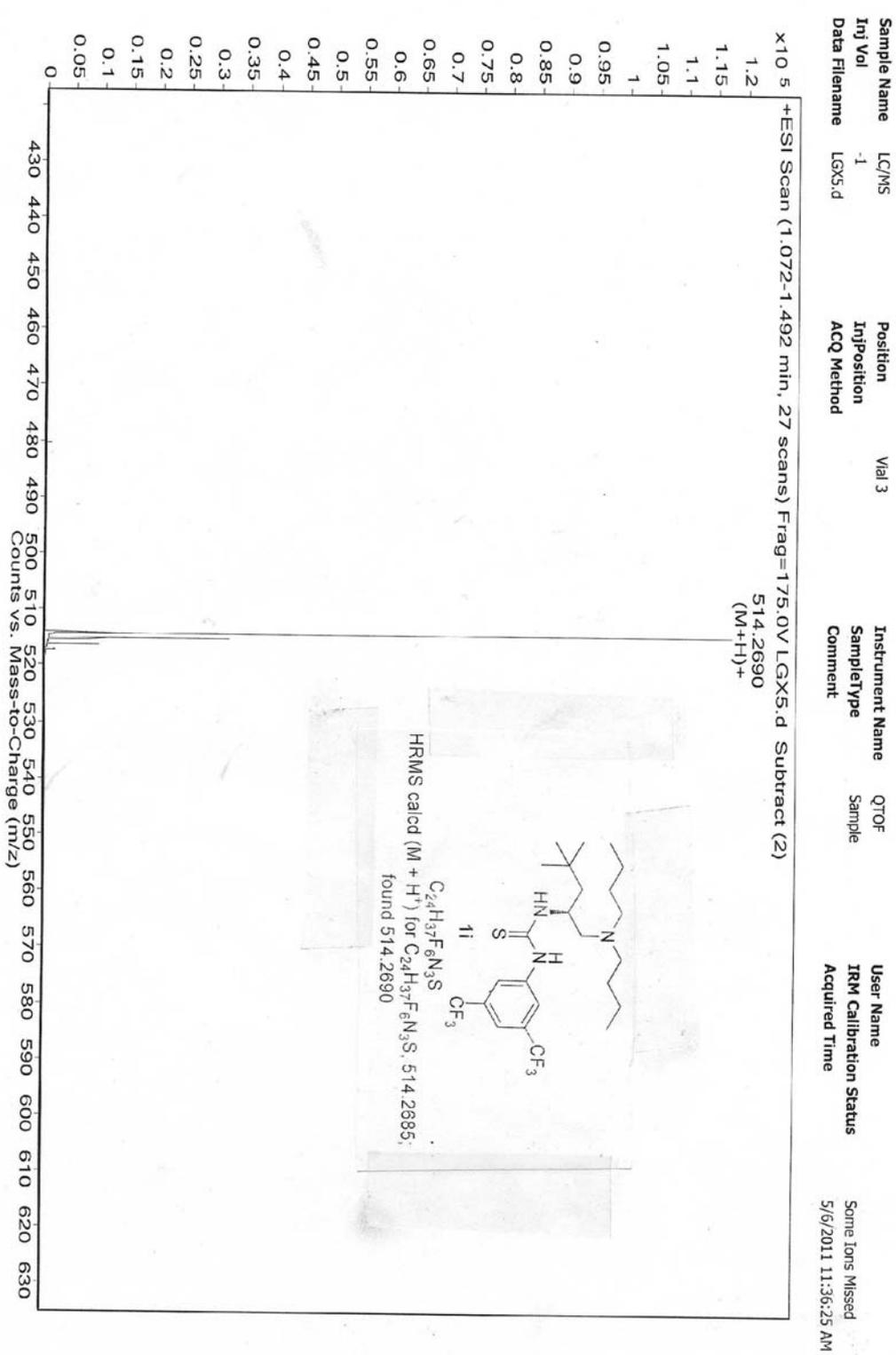
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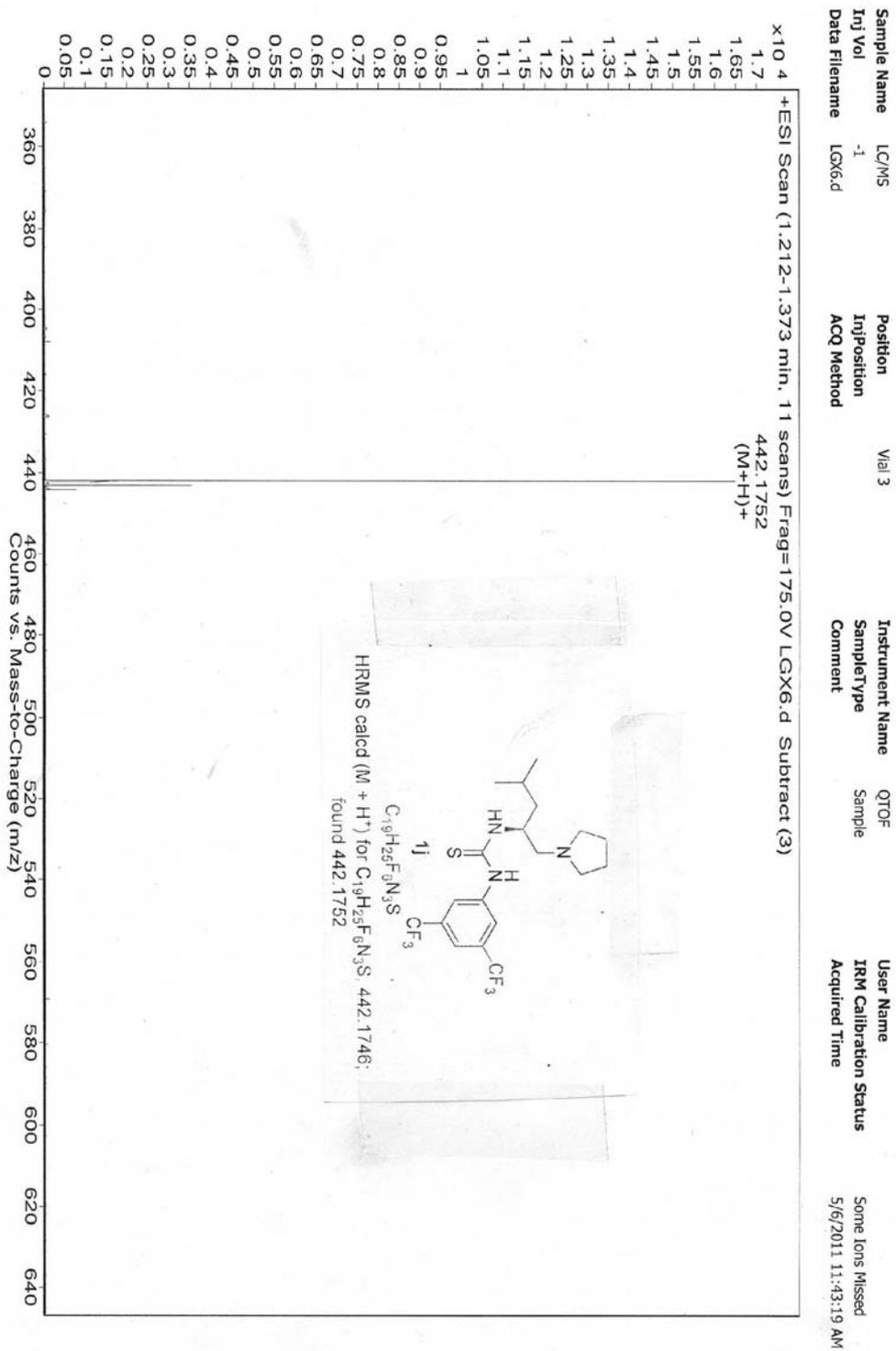




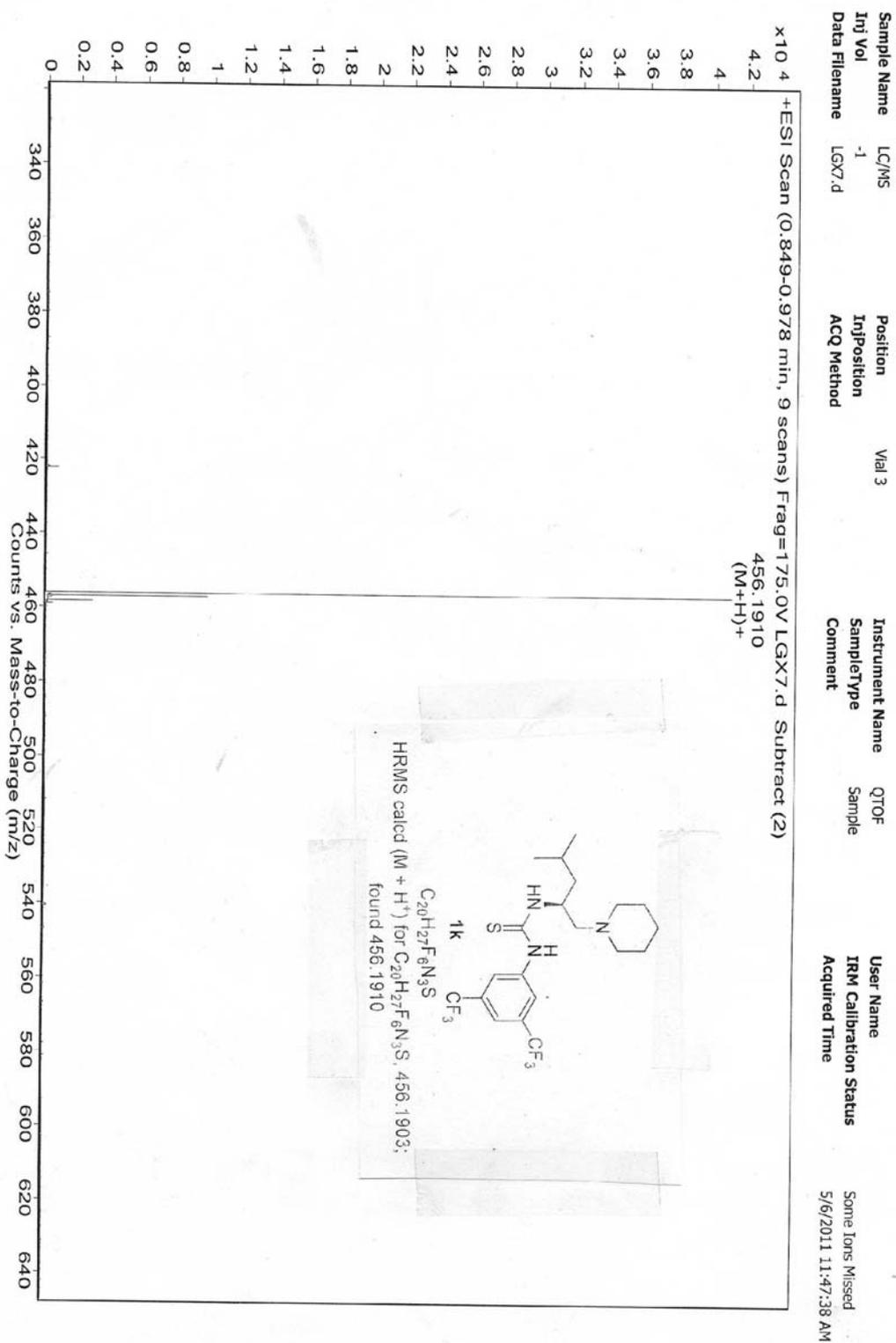
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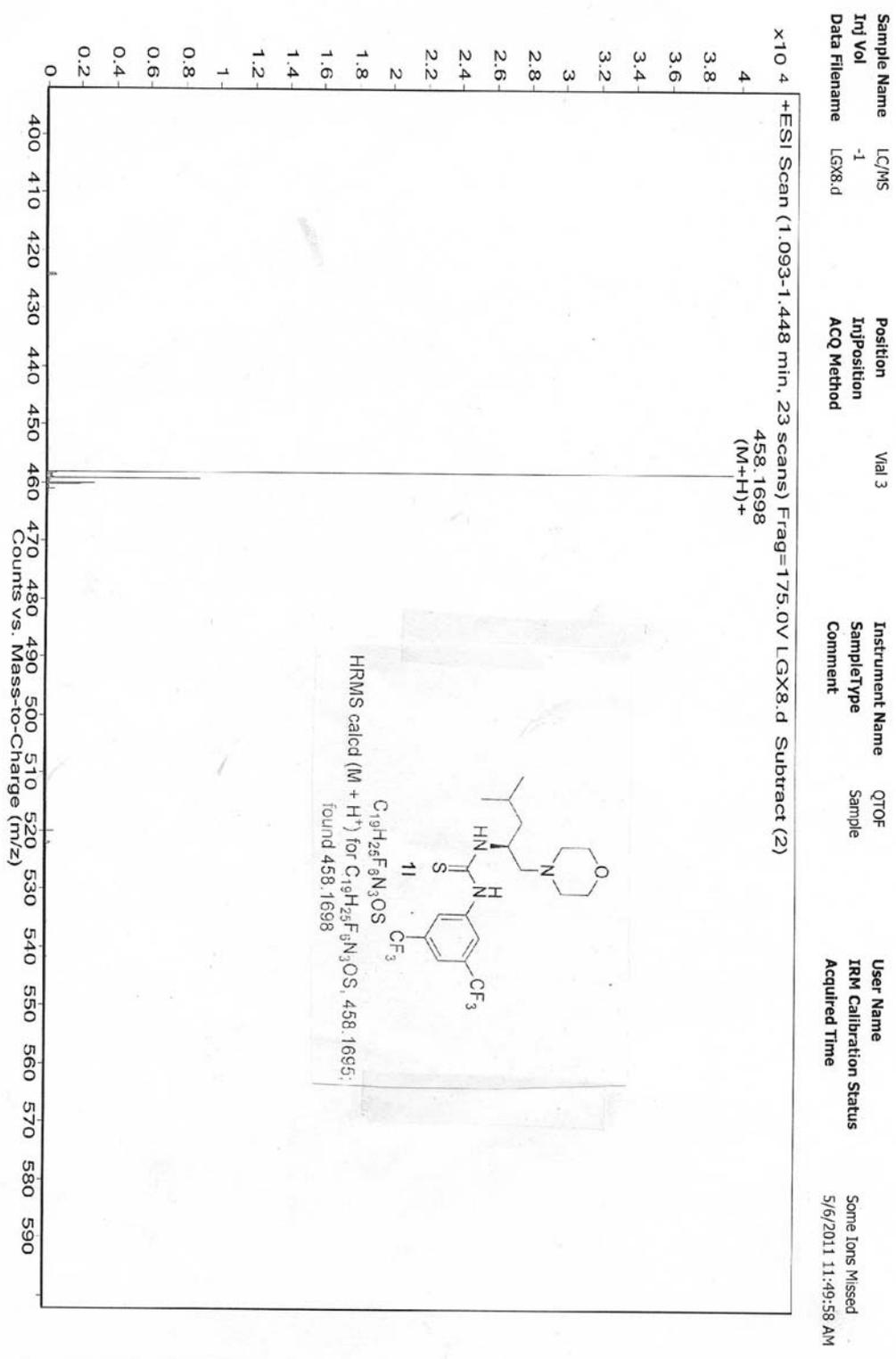
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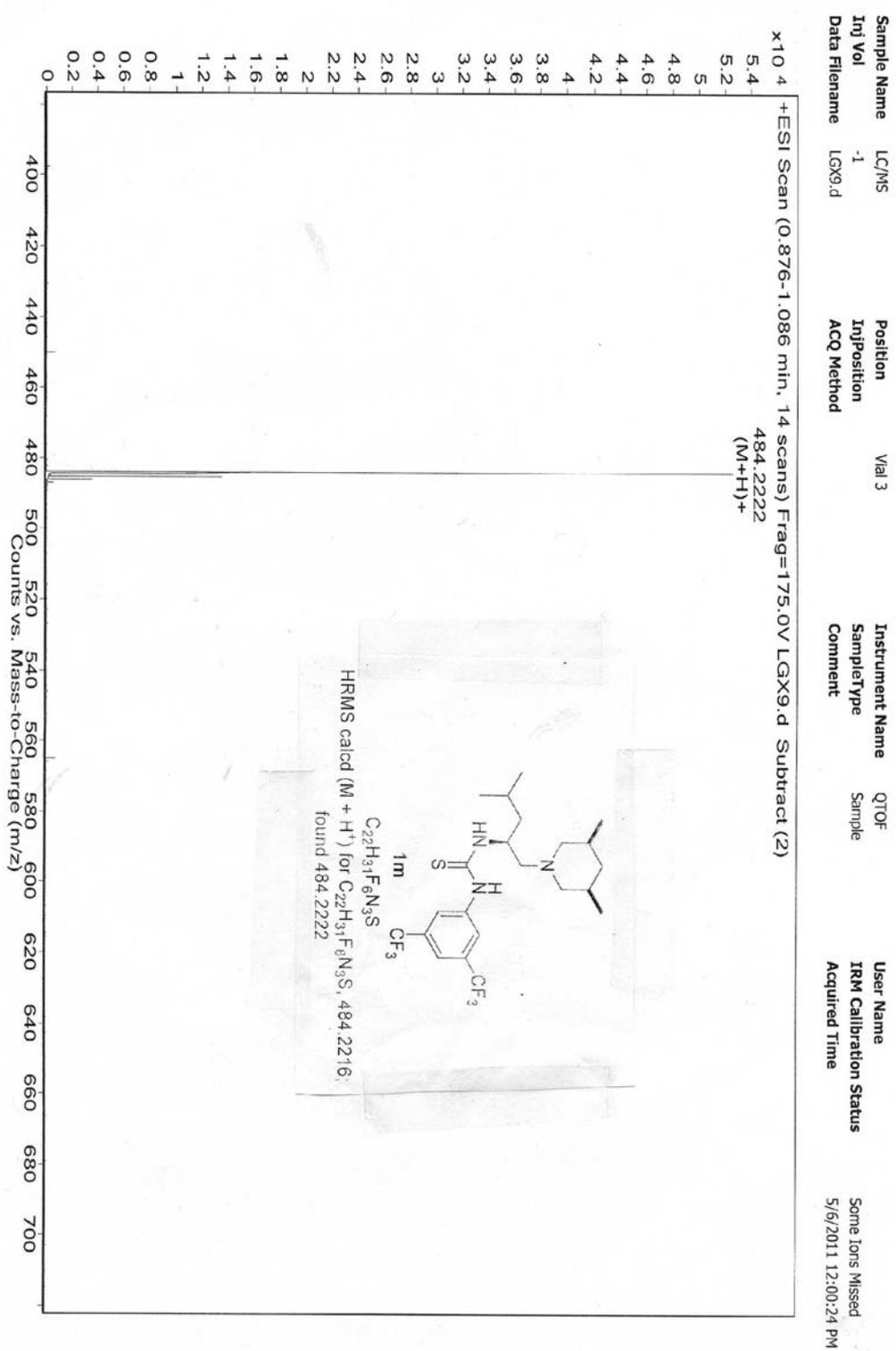


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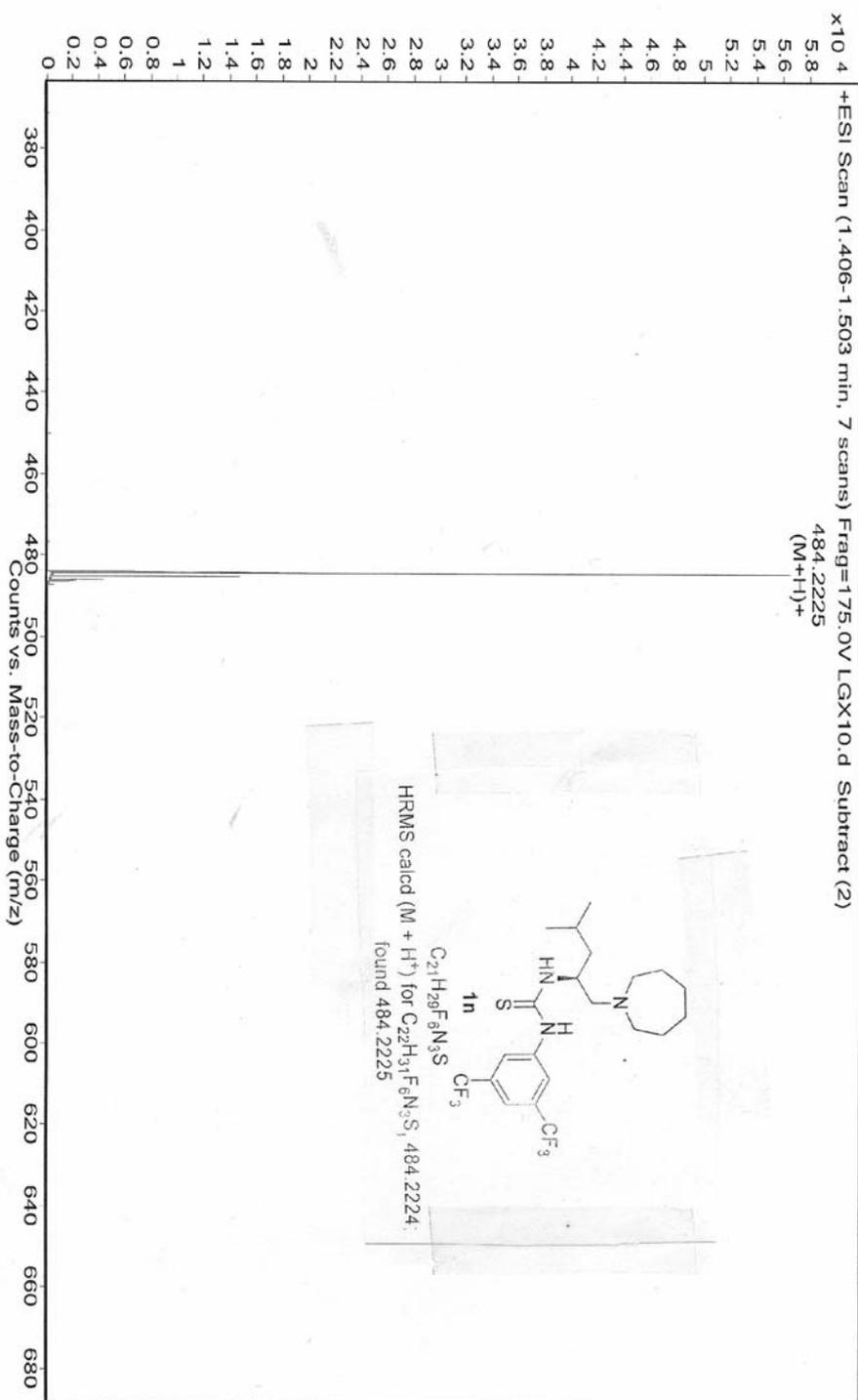




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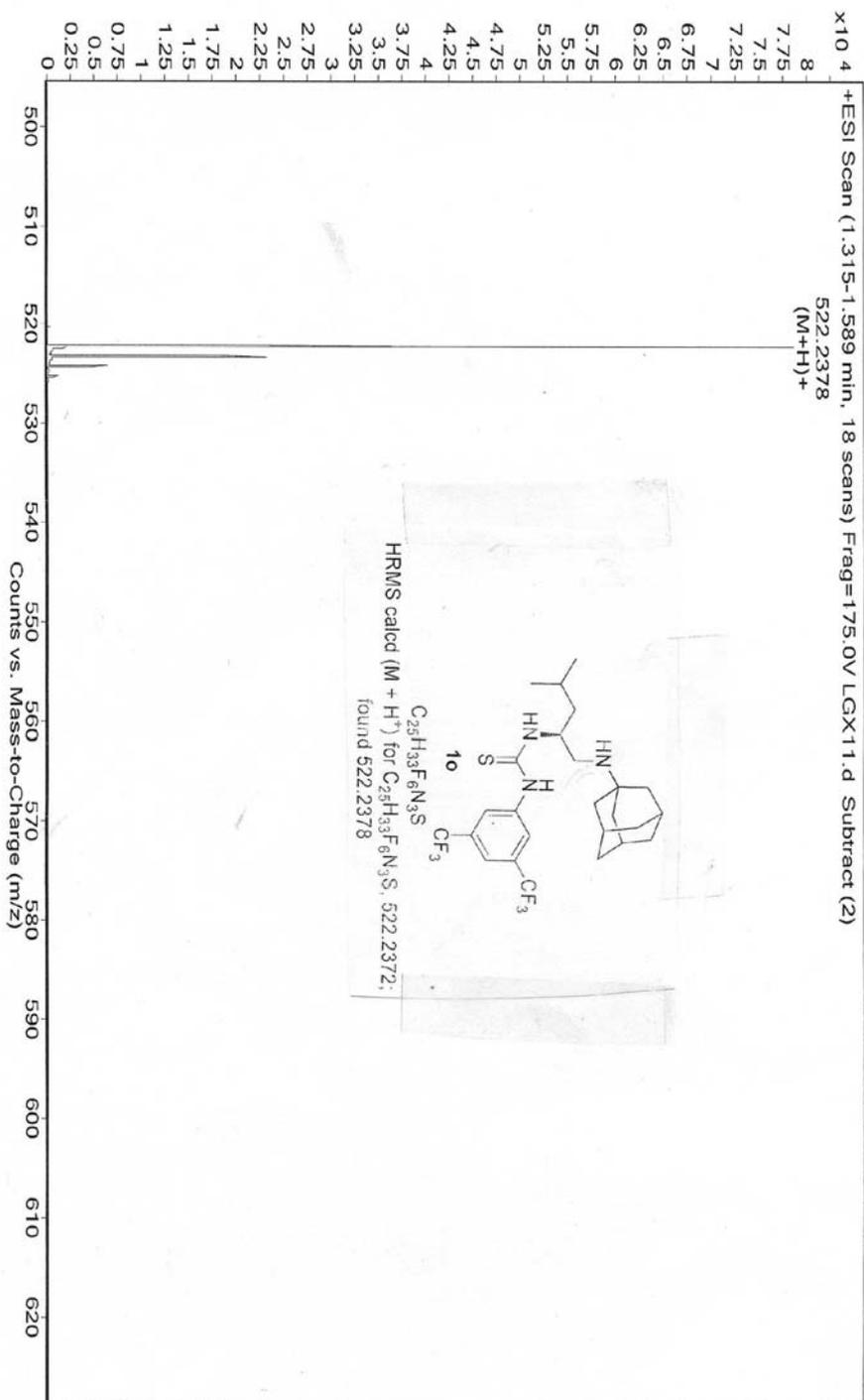
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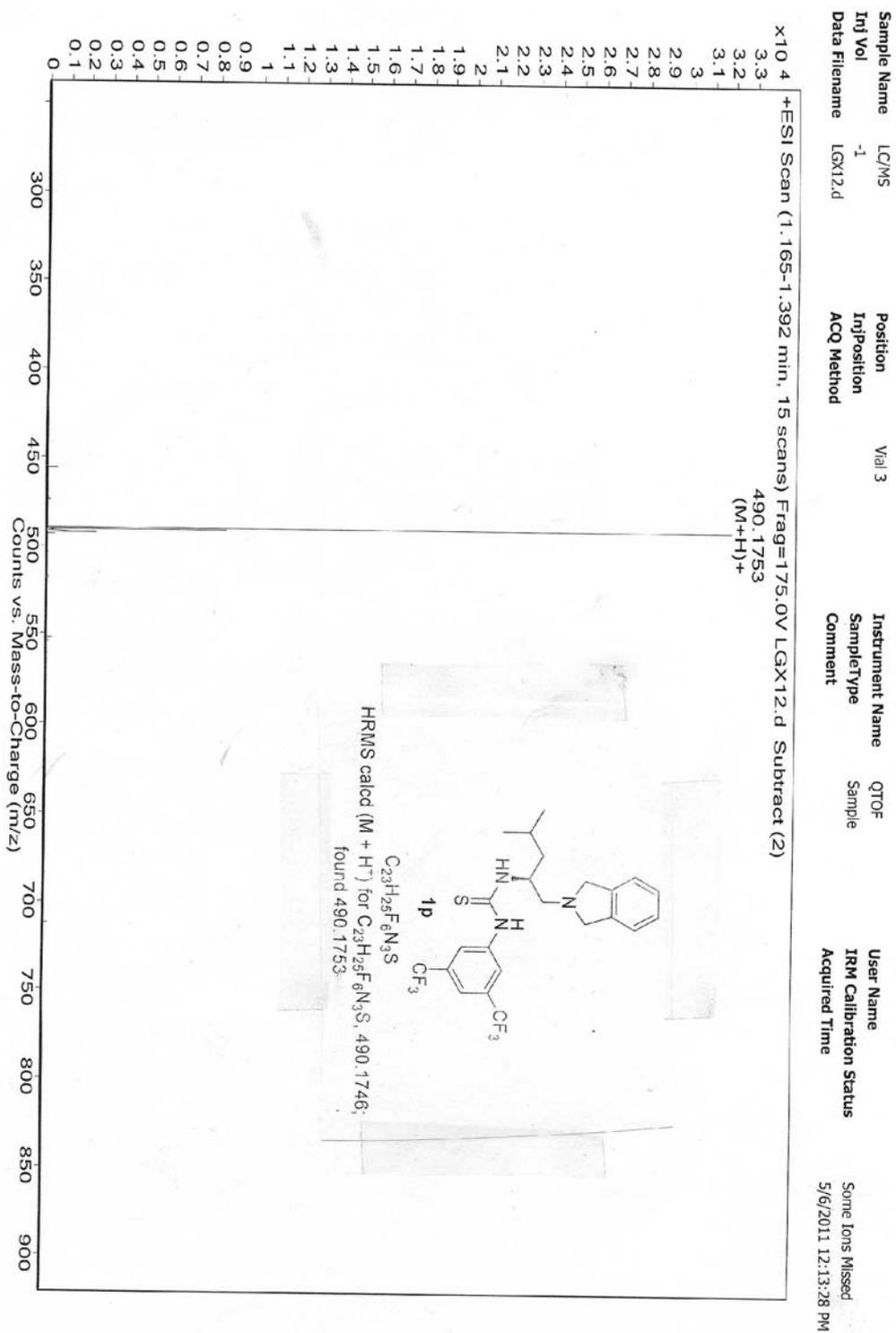
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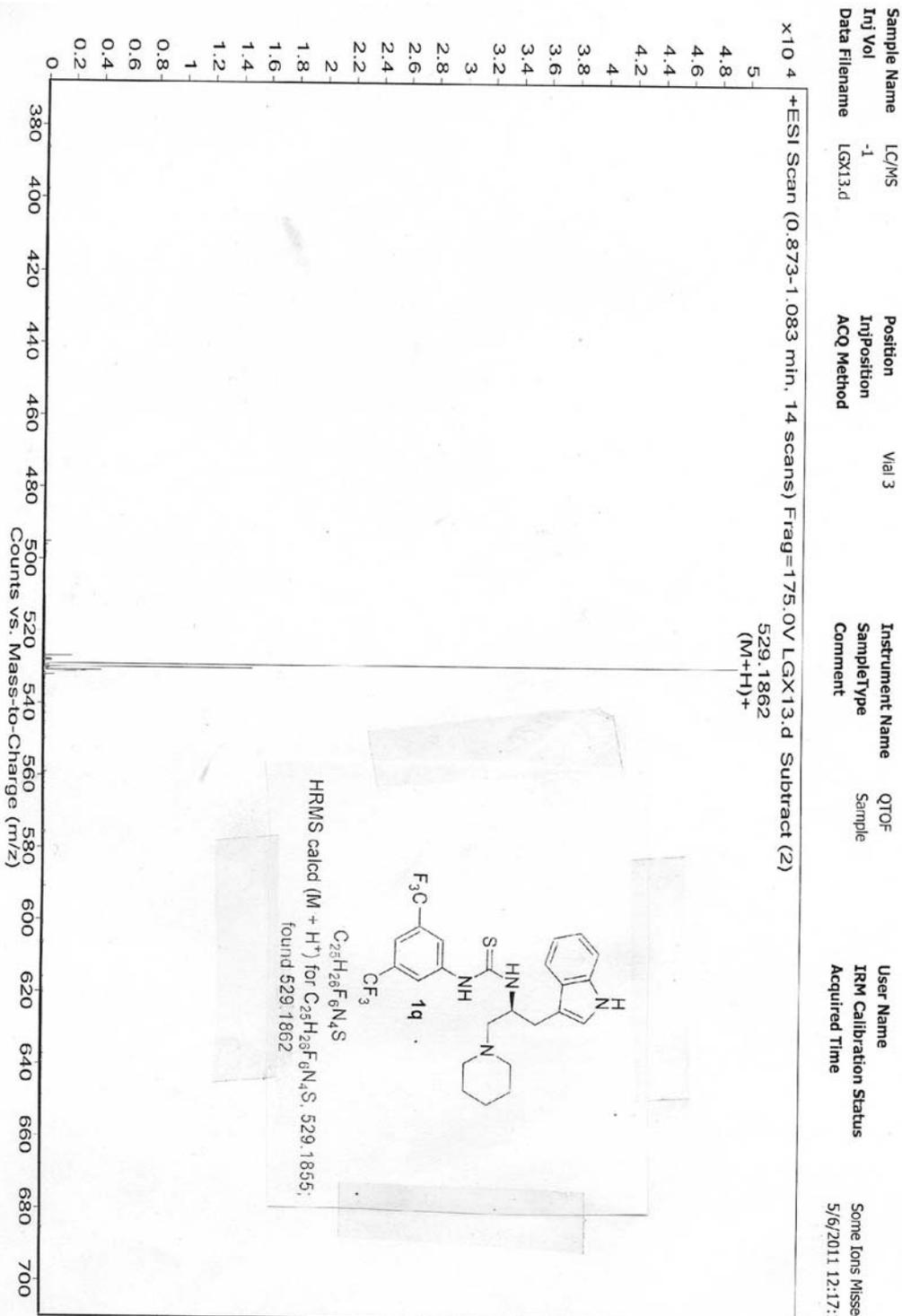
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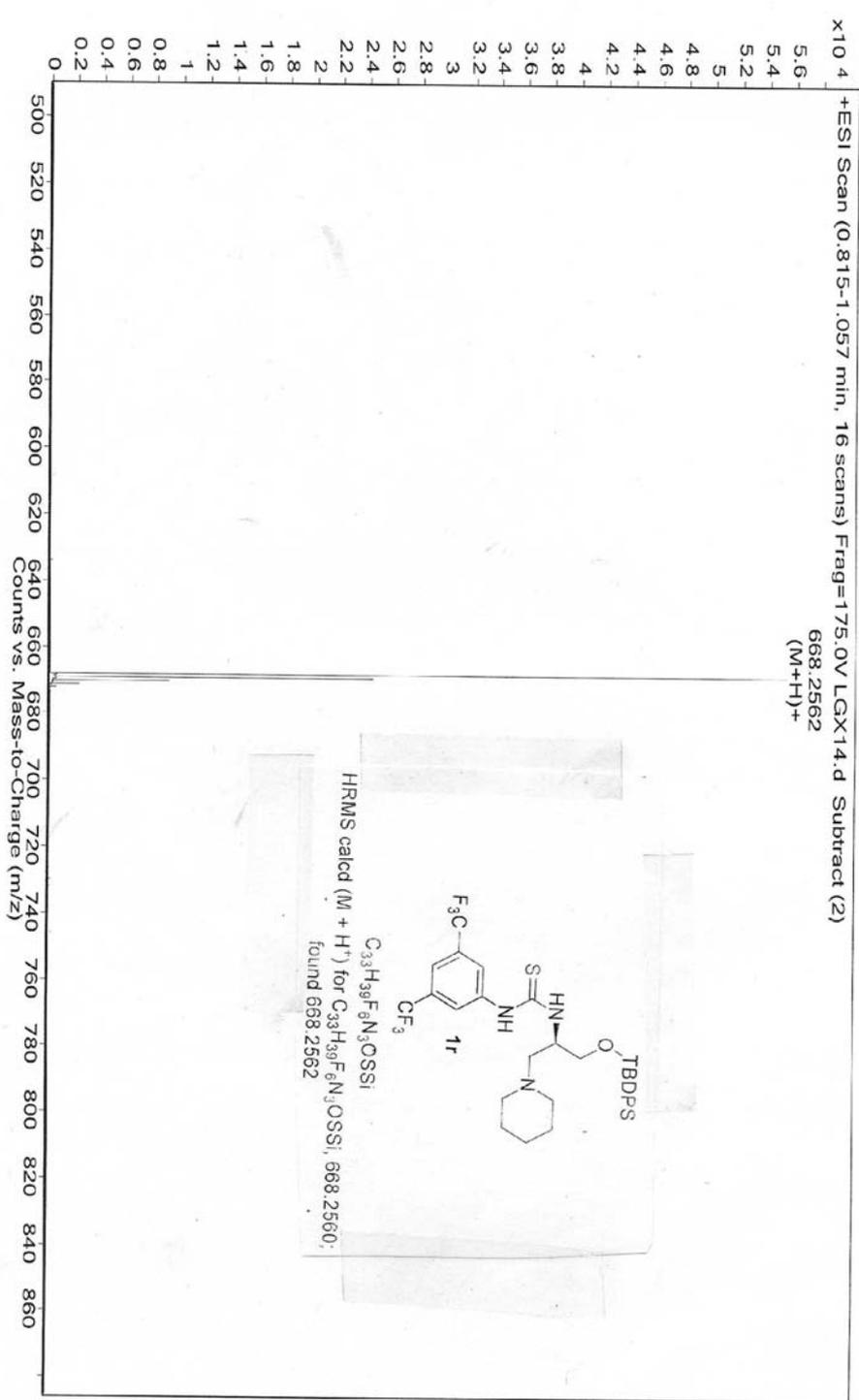




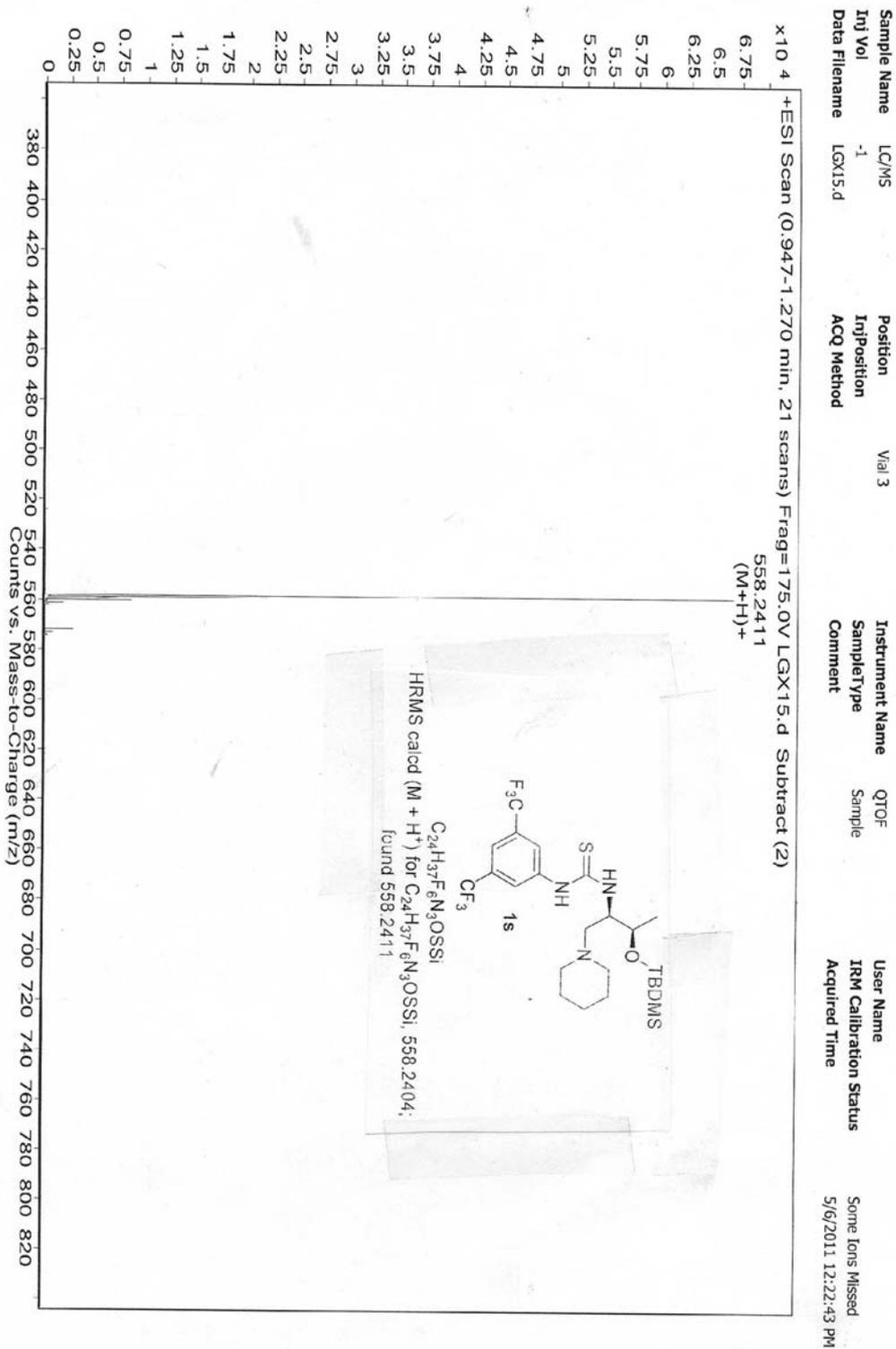
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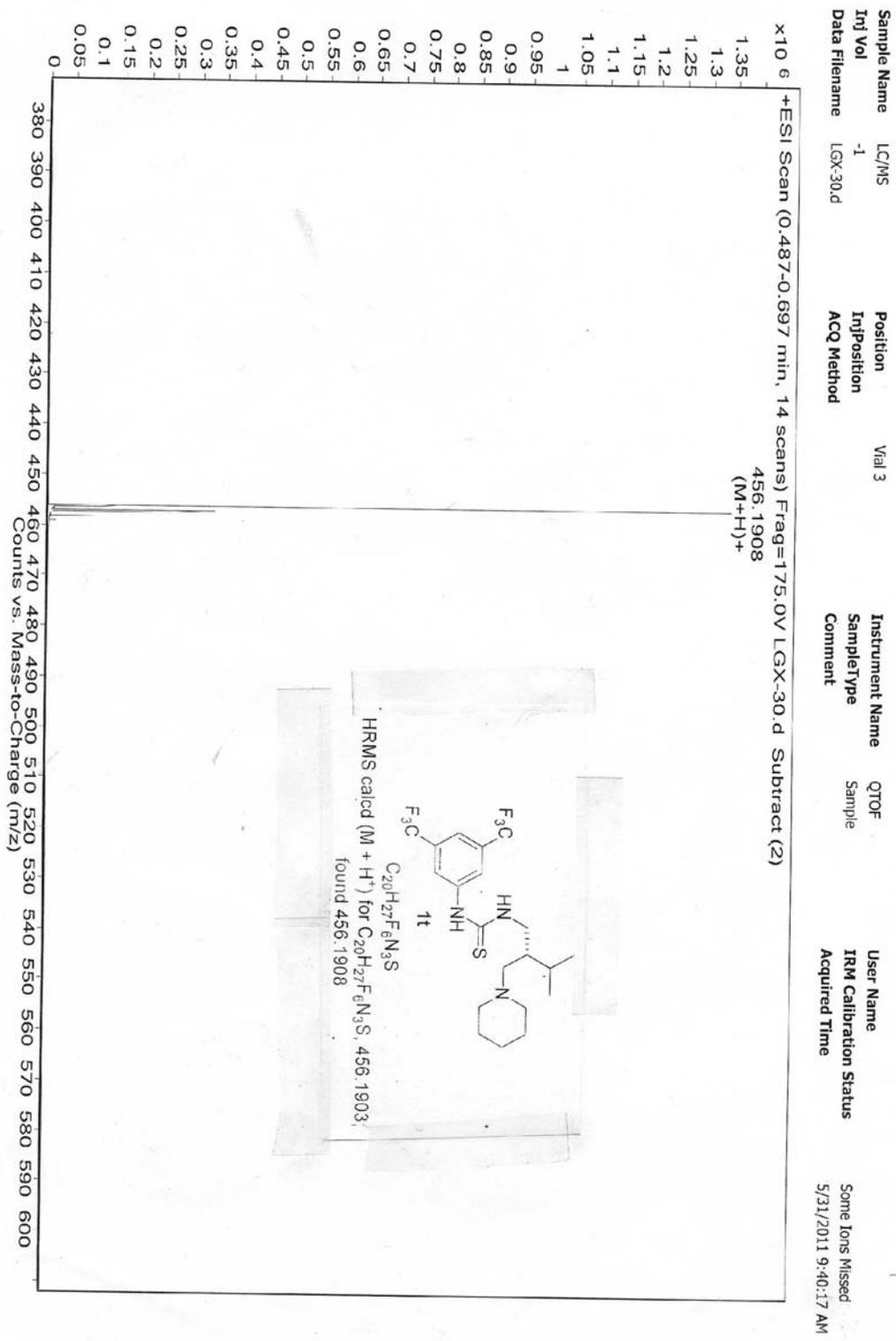
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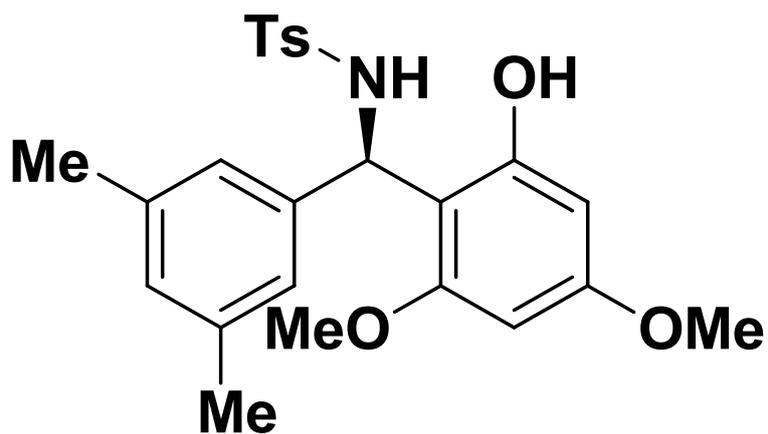
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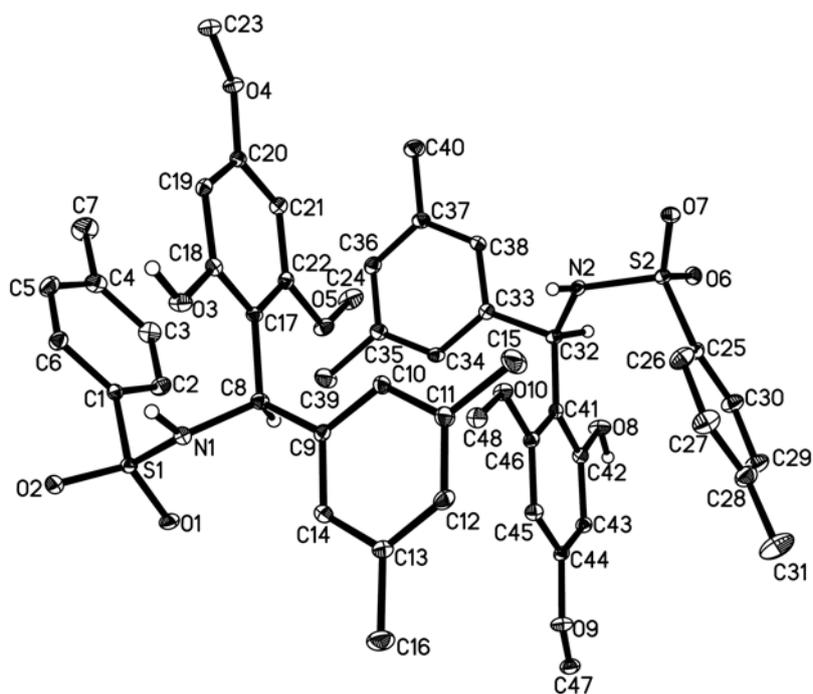
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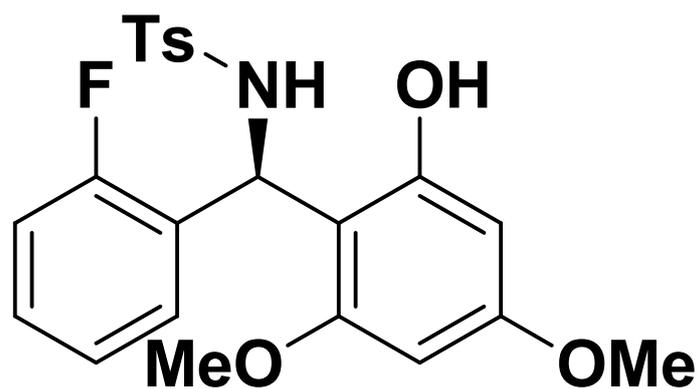
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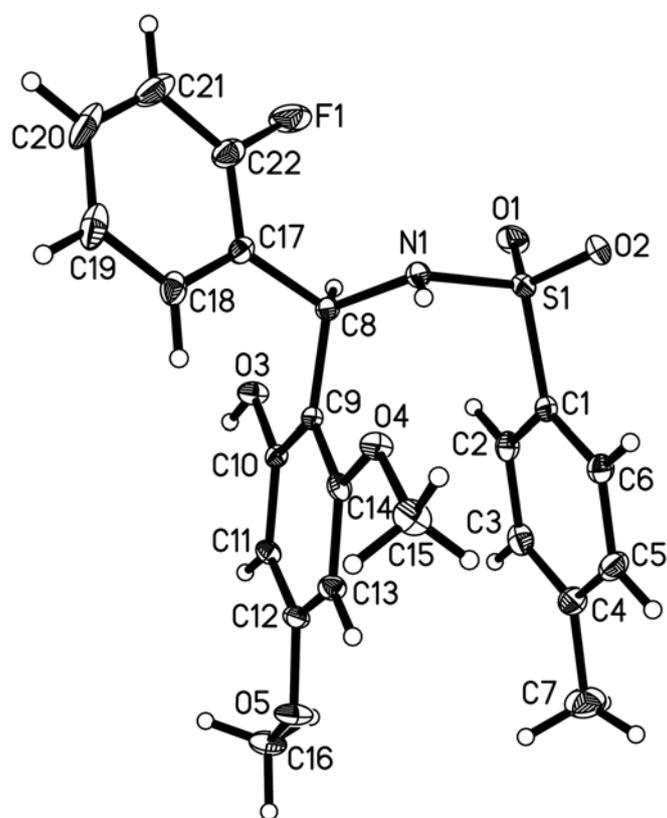
Product (*R*)-4b



X-ray structure of product (*R*)-4b (partial H atoms are omitted for clarity, 20% probability)



Product (S)-4g



X-ray structure of product (S)-4g (30% probability)