

An Unexpected Silver Triflate-Catalyzed Tandem Reaction of *N'*-(2-Alkynylbenzylidene)hydrazide with Ketene

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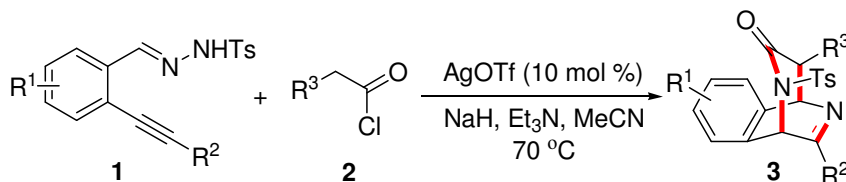
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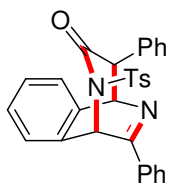
General experimental methods:

Unless otherwise stated, all commercial reagents were used as received. All solvents were dried and distilled according to standard procedures. Flash column chromatography was performed using silica gel (60-Å pore size, 32–63µm, standard grade). Analytical thin-layer chromatography was performed using glass plates pre-coated with 0.25 mm 230–400 mesh silica gel impregnated with a fluorescent indicator (254 nm). Thin layer chromatography plates were visualized by exposure to ultraviolet light. Organic solutions were concentrated on rotary evaporators at ~20 Torr at 25–35°C. Nuclear magnetic resonance (NMR) spectra are recorded in parts per million from internal tetramethylsilane on the δ scale. ^1H and ^{13}C NMR spectra were recorded in CDCl_3 on a Bruker DRX-400 spectrometer operating at 400 MHz and 100 MHz, respectively. High resolution mass spectrometry (HRMS) spectra were obtained on a micrOTOF II Instrument.

General experimental procedure for silver triflate-catalyzed tandem reaction of N'-(2-alkynylbenzylidene)hydrazide with ketene.

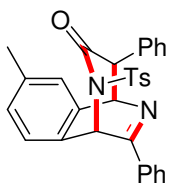


Silver triflate (0.03 mmol, 7.7 mg) was added to a solution of *N'*-(2-alkynylbenzylidene)hydrazide **1** (0.3 mmol) in MeCN (1.0 mL), and the solution was stirred at 70 °C under N₂ for 1 hour. Subsequently, NaH (0.45 mmol, 10.8 mg) with Et₃N (0.045 mmol, 4.6 mg) in MeCN (0.5 mL), and ketene **2** (0.45 mmol) in MeCN (0.5 mL) were added. The reaction was stirred at 70 °C under N₂. After completion of reaction as indicated by TLC, the mixture was diluted with ethyl acetate (5.0 mL) and quenched with water (5.0 mL). The organic layer was washed with brine, dried over Na₂SO₄, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by flash column chromatograph (eluting with PE/EA = 4/1) to give the desired product **3**.



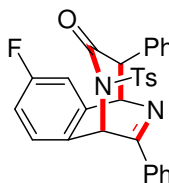
Compound 3a

White solid. Melting point: 191-192 °C. Yield: 90% (132.9 mg). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 8.15 (d, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 7.70-7.65 (m, 3H), 7.58-7.51 (m, 3H), 7.49-7.45 (m, 1H), 7.43-7.35 (m, 2H), 7.21-7.13 (m, 6H), 6.98-6.95 (m, 2H), 5.53 (s, 1H), 4.09 (s, 1H), 2.33 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 170.5, 170.4, 144.9, 141.7, 138.2, 135.9, 134.8, 134.6, 131.6, 129.1, 129.0, 128.8, 128.5, 128.4, 128.2, 127.5, 127.4, 126.8, 125.5, 65.0, 60.9, 50.5, 21.6; HRMS calcd. for $\text{C}_{30}\text{H}_{25}\text{N}_2\text{O}_3\text{S}^+ [\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: 493.1580, found 493.1600.



Compound 3b

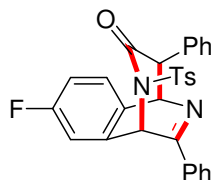
White solid. Melting point: 226-227 °C. Yield: 73% (110.9 mg). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 8.14 (d, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 2H), 7.70 (d, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 7.58-7.50 (m, 4H), 7.29-7.27 (m, 1H), 7.20-7.11 (m, 7H), 6.98-6.96 (m, 2H), 5.47 (s, 1H), 4.07 (s, 1H), 2.40 (s, 3H), 2.34 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 170.6, 170.6, 144.8, 141.8, 139.3, 138.4, 136.0, 131.6, 131.5, 129.1, 129.0, 128.8, 128.7, 128.5, 128.4, 127.4, 126.7, 126.2, 65.1, 61.1, 50.5, 21.7, 21.4; HRMS calcd. for $\text{C}_{31}\text{H}_{27}\text{N}_2\text{O}_3\text{S}^+ [\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: 507.1737, found 507.1721.



Compound 3c

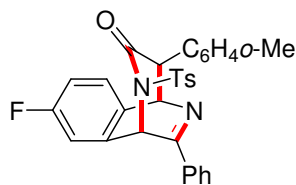
White solid. Melting point: 91-92 °C. Yield: 58% (88.8 mg). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 8.15-8.11 (m, 2H), 7.69 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2H), 7.58-7.52 (m, 3H), 7.46-7.39

(m, 2H), 7.21-7.19 (m, 3H), 7.16 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 7.11-7.10 (m, 1H), 7.08-7.06 (m, 1H), 6.96-6.94 (m, 2H), 5.53 (s, 1H), 4.07 (s, 1H), 2.34 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 170.3, 170.0, 162.3 (d, $^1J_{\text{CF}} = 251.9$ Hz), 145.2, 138.2, 137.6, 135.9, 134.7, 131.9, 129.3, 129.2, 129.0, 128.7, 128.5, 127.7, 127.5, 127.4, 127.3, 116.0 (d, $^2J_{\text{CF}} = 21.4$ Hz), 114.2 (d, $^2J_{\text{CF}} = 22.7$ Hz), 64.5, 61.2, 50.3, 21.7; HRMS calcd. for $\text{C}_{30}\text{H}_{24}\text{FN}_2\text{O}_3\text{S}^+$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: 511.1486, found 511.1481.



Compound 3d

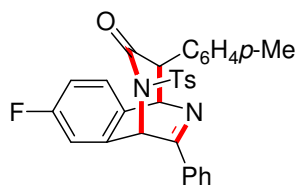
White solid. Melting point: 184-185 °C. Yield: 60% (91.8 mg). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 8.13 (d, $J = 6.4$ Hz, 2H), 7.70 (d, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 7.58-7.51 (m, 3H), 7.45-7.39 (m, 2H), 7.20-7.15 (m, 5H), 7.11-7.07 (m, 2H), 6.94 (m, 2H), 5.53 (s, 1H), 4.07 (s, 1H), 2.34 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 170.3, 170.0, 164.2 (d, $^1J_{\text{CF}} = 246.1$ Hz), 145.2, 138.2, 135.9, 134.7, 131.9, 129.3, 129.2, 129.0, 128.7, 128.5, 127.7, 127.6, 127.5, 127.4, 116.1 (d, $^2J_{\text{CF}} = 21.6$ Hz), 114.2 (d, $^2J_{\text{CF}} = 23.1$ Hz), 64.5, 61.2, 50.2, 21.7; HRMS calcd. for $\text{C}_{30}\text{H}_{24}\text{FN}_2\text{O}_3\text{S}^+$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: 511.1486, found 511.1472.



Compound 3e

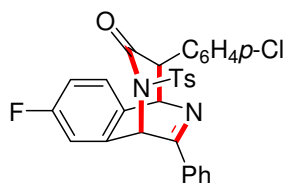
White solid. Melting point: 153-154 °C. Yield: 65% (102.3 mg). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 8.14 (d, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 2H), 7.69 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 7.59-7.54 (m, 3H), 7.43 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 2H), 7.16-7.07 (m, 6H), 6.88 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 6.40 (d, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 5.47 (s, 1H), 4.31 (s, 1H), 2.41 (s, 3H), 2.34 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 170.6, 169.8, 162.1 (d, $^1J_{\text{CF}} = 249.0$ Hz), 145.0, 137.6, 136.5, 136.5, 135.6, 135.2, 134.5, 131.7, 130.7, 129.1, 128.8, 128.1, 127.6, 127.3, 127.0, 126.9, 126.0, 115.9 (d, $^2J_{\text{CF}} = 21.7$ Hz), 114.1 (d, $^2J_{\text{CF}} = 22.7$ Hz), 62.5, 57.3, 50.0, 21.5, 19.4;

HRMS calcd. for $C_{31}H_{26}N_2O_3S^+$ $[M+H]^+$: 525.1643, found 525.1647.



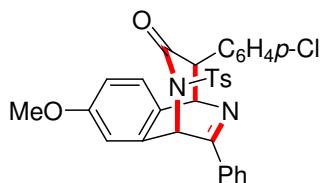
Compound 3f

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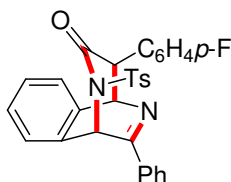
compound 3g

White solid. Melting point: 89-90 °C. Yield: 72% (117.6 mg). 1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$): δ 8.12 (d, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 2H), 7.68 (d, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 7.58-7.55 (m, 3H), 7.47-7.38 (m, 2H), 7.15 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 3H), 7.11-7.03 (m, 2H), 6.90 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 2H), 6.39 (d, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 5.49 (s, 1H), 4.04 (s, 1H), 2.35 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, $CDCl_3$): δ 170.5, 170.2, 162.2 (d, $^1J_{CF} = 257.4$ Hz), 145.2, 136.5, 135.6, 134.4, 133.5, 131.9, 130.7, 123.0, 129.8, 129.2, 128.9, 128.7, 128.6, 127.3, 127.1, 116.0 (d, $^2J_{CF} = 21.9$ Hz), 114.2 (d, $^2J_{CF} = 23.5$ Hz), 64.2, 57.3, 50.1, 21.6; HRMS calcd. for $C_{30}H_{23}ClFN_2O_3S^+$ $[M+H]^+$: 545.1096, found 545.1072.



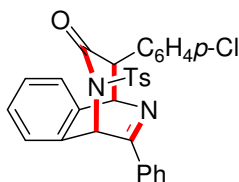
Compound 3i

White solid. Melting point: 90-91 °C. Yield: 54% (93.7 mg). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 8.12 (d, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 7.69 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 2H), 7.58-7.53 (m, 3H), 7.36 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.20-7.07 (m, 6H), 6.89 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 3H), 5.44 (s, 1H), 4.04 (s, 1H), 3.87 (s, 3H), 2.35 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 170.3, 170.2, 159.6, 145.0, 136.8, 135.8, 134.7, 133.3, 131.7, 130.8, 129.8, 128.8, 128.6, 127.3, 126.6, 114.6, 112.3, 64.2, 60.5, 55.7, 50.7, 21.6; HRMS calcd. for $\text{C}_{31}\text{H}_{25}\text{ClN}_2\text{NaO}_4\text{S}^+$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$: 579.1116, found 579.1096.



Compound 3j

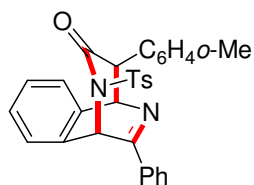
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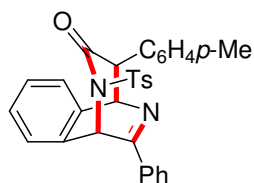
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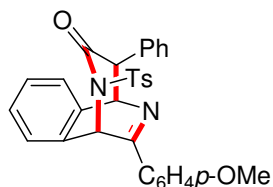
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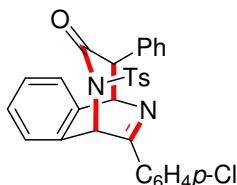
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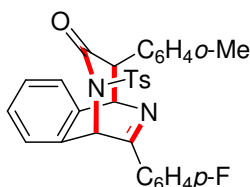
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(m, 2H), 7.20-7.15 (m, 6H), 7.04 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 2H), 6.97 (m, 2H), 5.47 (s, 1H), 4.07 (s, 1H), 3.89 (s, 3H), 2.33 (s, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 170.6, 169.4, 162.4, 144.8, 141.9, 138.4, 136.0, 134.7, 129.2, 129.1, 129.0, 128.8, 128.5, 128.4, 128.1, 127.5, 127.4, 126.8, 125.5, 114.3, 64.8, 61.0, 55.4, 50.4, 21.6; HRMS calcd. for $\text{C}_{31}\text{H}_{27}\text{N}_2\text{O}_4\text{S}^+$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: 523.1686, found 523.1660.



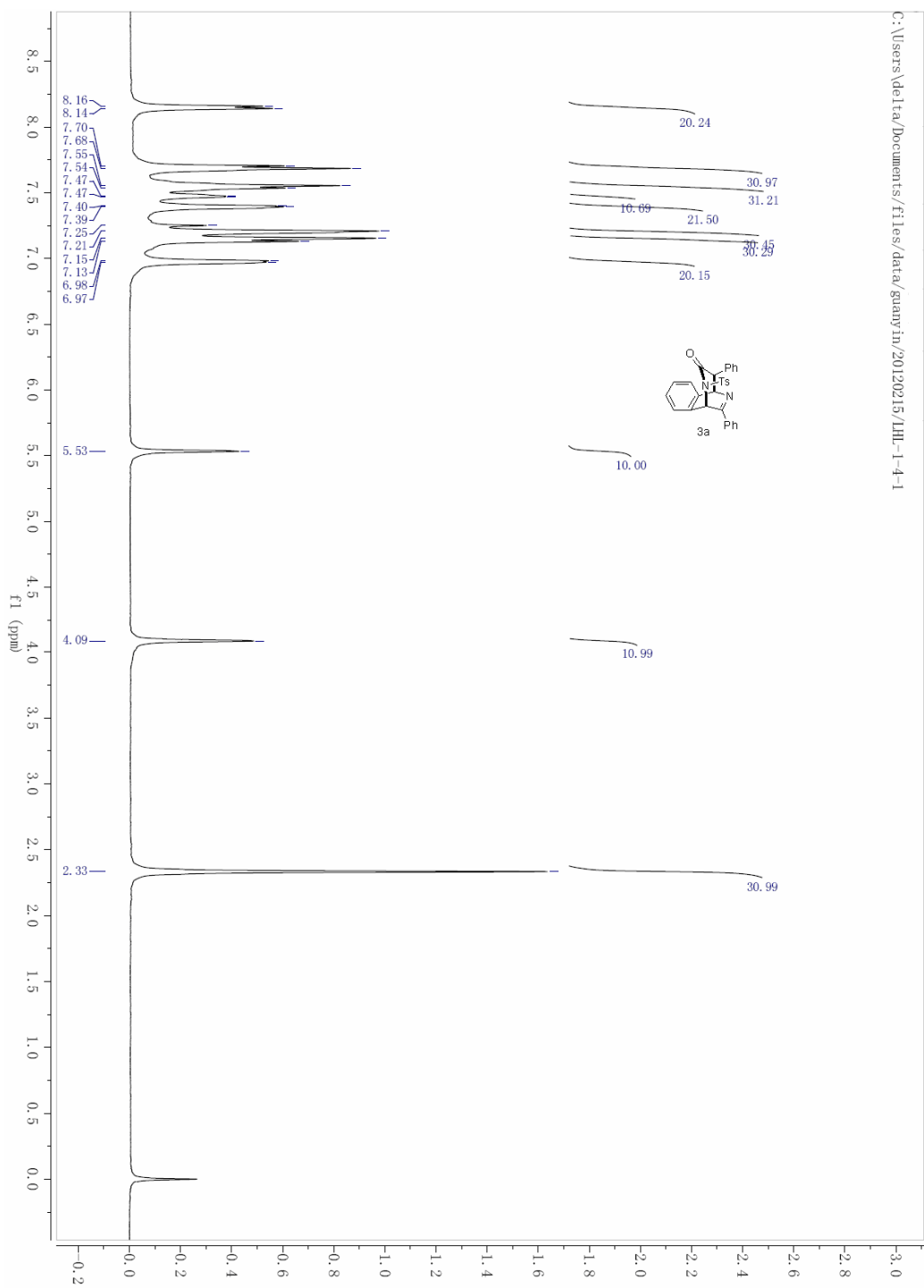
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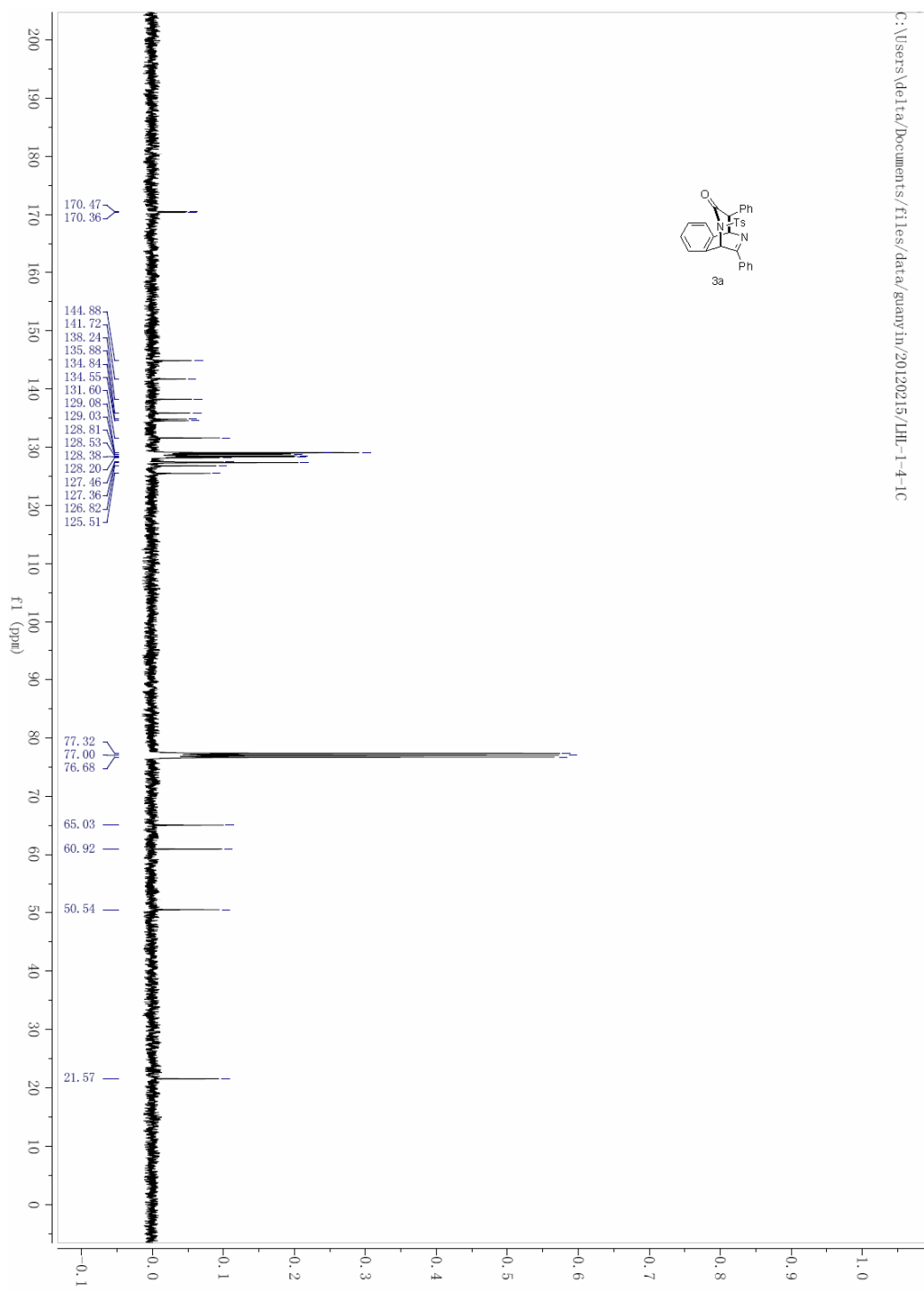
White solid. Melting point: 99-100 °C. Yield: 51% (80.5 mg). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 8.11 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 7.72-7.66 (m, 3H), 7.52-7.45 (m, 3H), 7.41-7.38 (m, 2H), 7.22-7.16 (m, 5H), 7.09-7.07 (m, 1H), 6.98-6.95 (m, 2H), 5.53 (s, 1H), 4.09 (s, 1H), 2.35 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 170.4, 169.3, 145.0, 141.6, 138.1, 138.0, 135.9, 134.4, 133.2, 129.3, 129.2, 128.8, 128.7, 128.6, 128.3, 127.6, 126.8, 125.6, 65.1, 60.9, 50.4, 21.6; $\text{C}_{30}\text{H}_{24}\text{ClN}_2\text{O}_3\text{S}^+$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: 527.1191, found 527.1179.

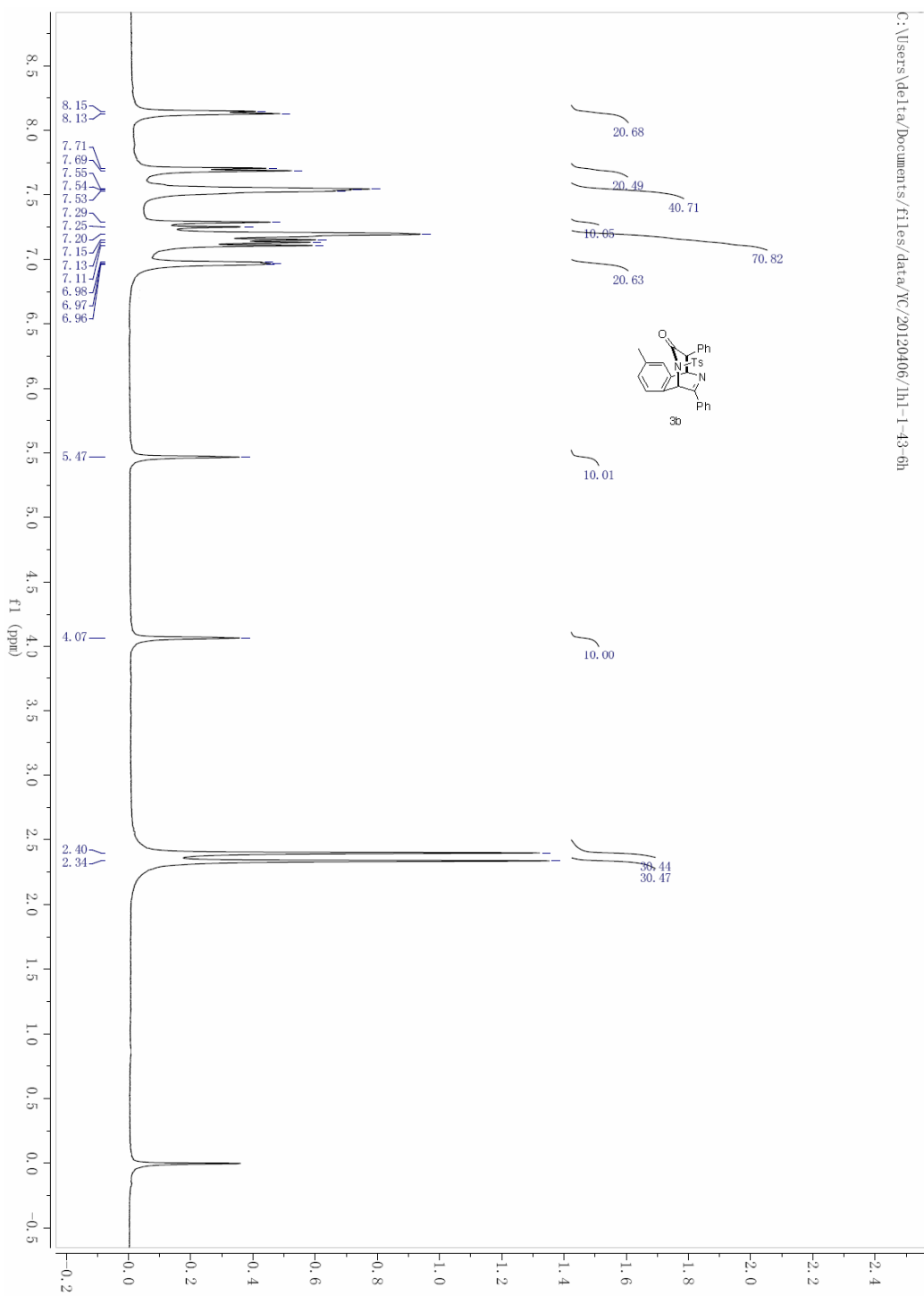


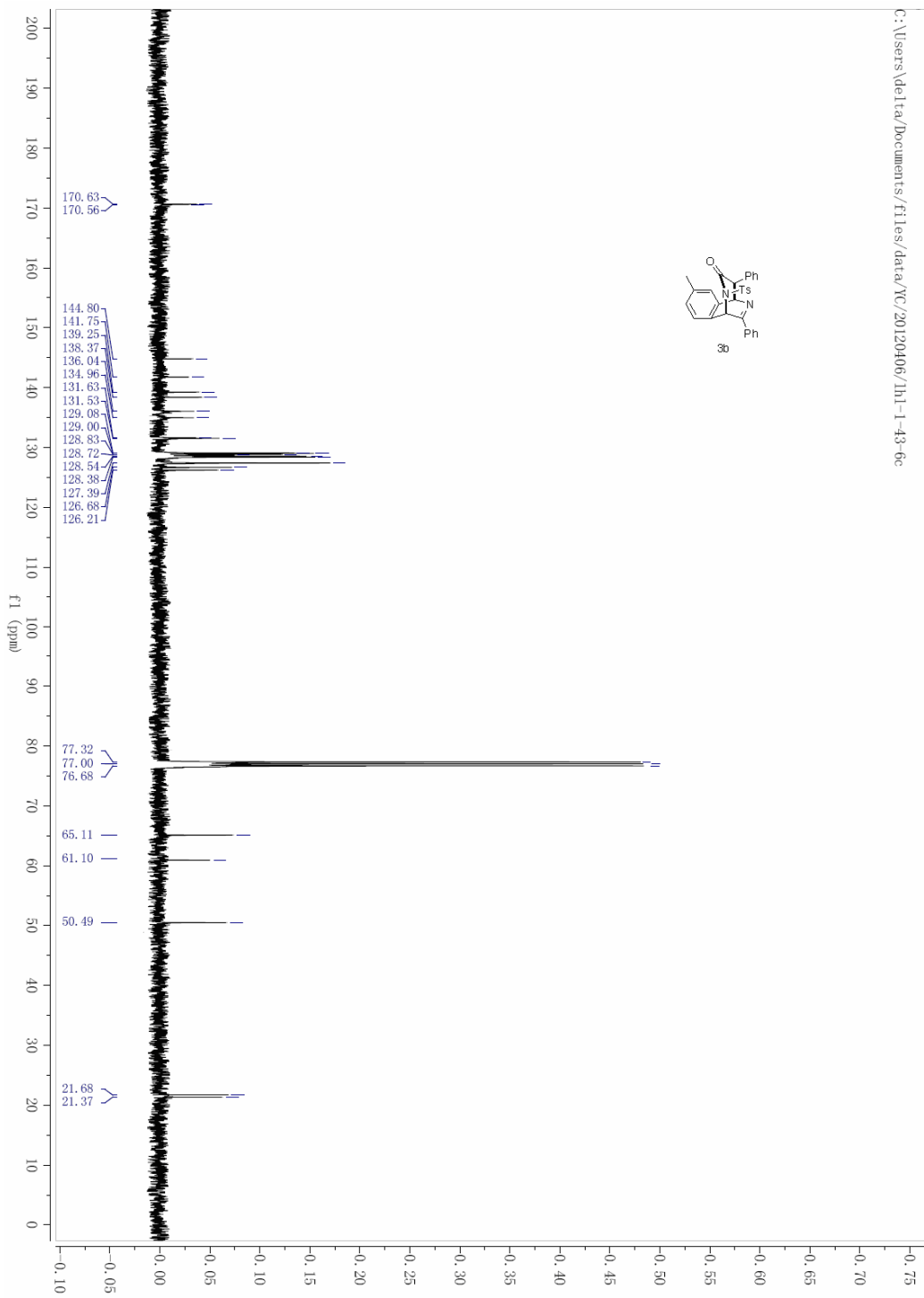
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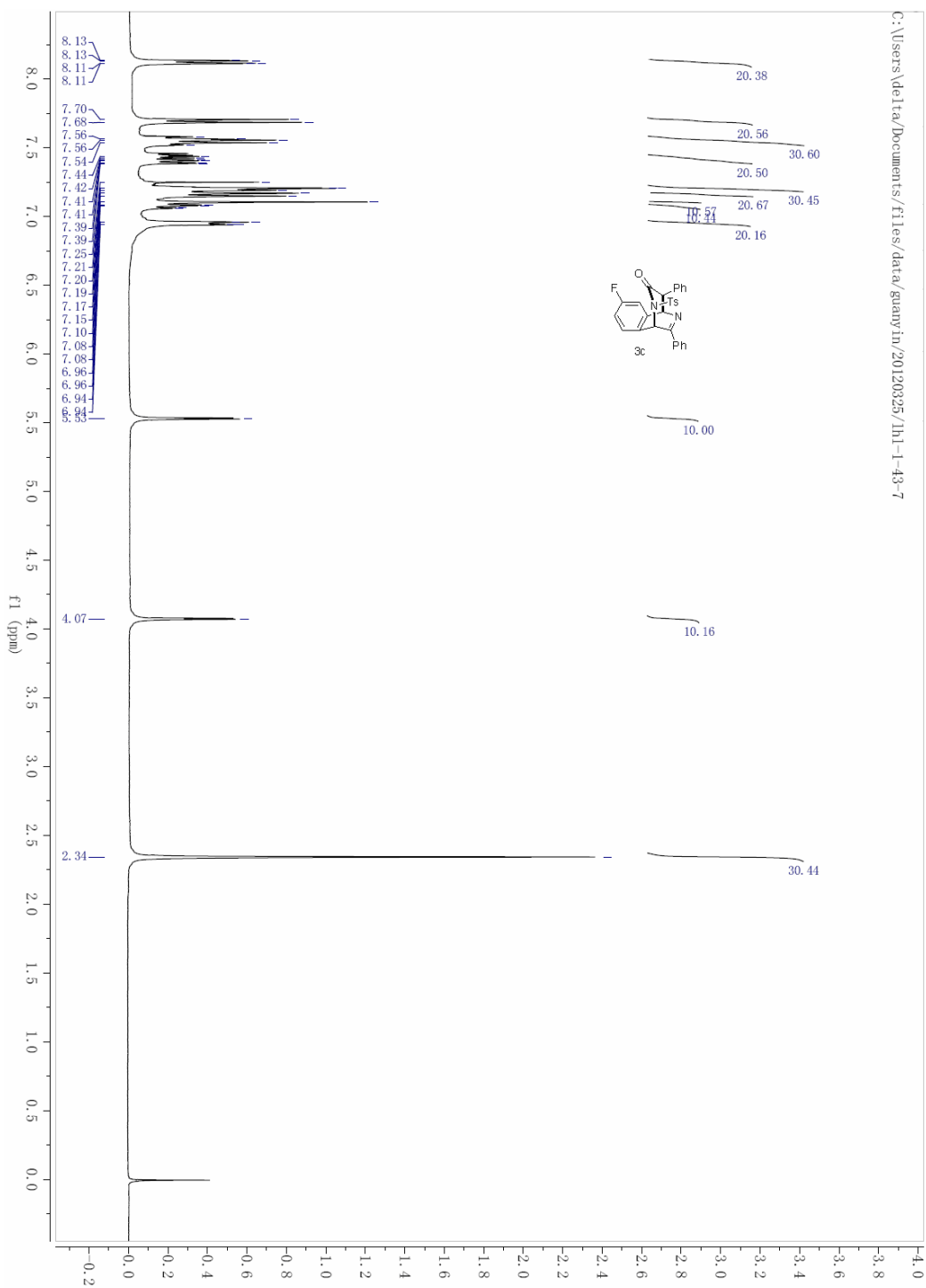
White solid. Melting point: 109-110 °C. Yield: 62% (97.5 mg). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 8.19-8.16 (m, 2H), 7.70 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 3H), 7.46-7.40 (m, 3H), 7.26-7.09 (m, 7H), 6.89 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 6.41 (d, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 5.44 (s, 1H), 4.31 (s, 1H), 2.41 (s, 3H), 2.34 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 171.1, 169.2, 162.7 (d, $^1J_{CF} = 239.7$ Hz), 145.1, 141.9, 136.8, 136.0, 135.3, 134.5, 130.9, 129.8, 129.7, 129.4, 129.2, 129.0, 128.4, 128.2, 127.7, 127.0, 126.2, 125.4, 116.3 (d, $^2J_{CF} = 21.9$ Hz), 63.2, 57.3, 50.5, 21.7, 19.6; HRMS calcd. for $\text{C}_{31}\text{H}_{26}\text{FN}_2\text{O}_3\text{S}^+$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: 525.1643, found 525.1617.

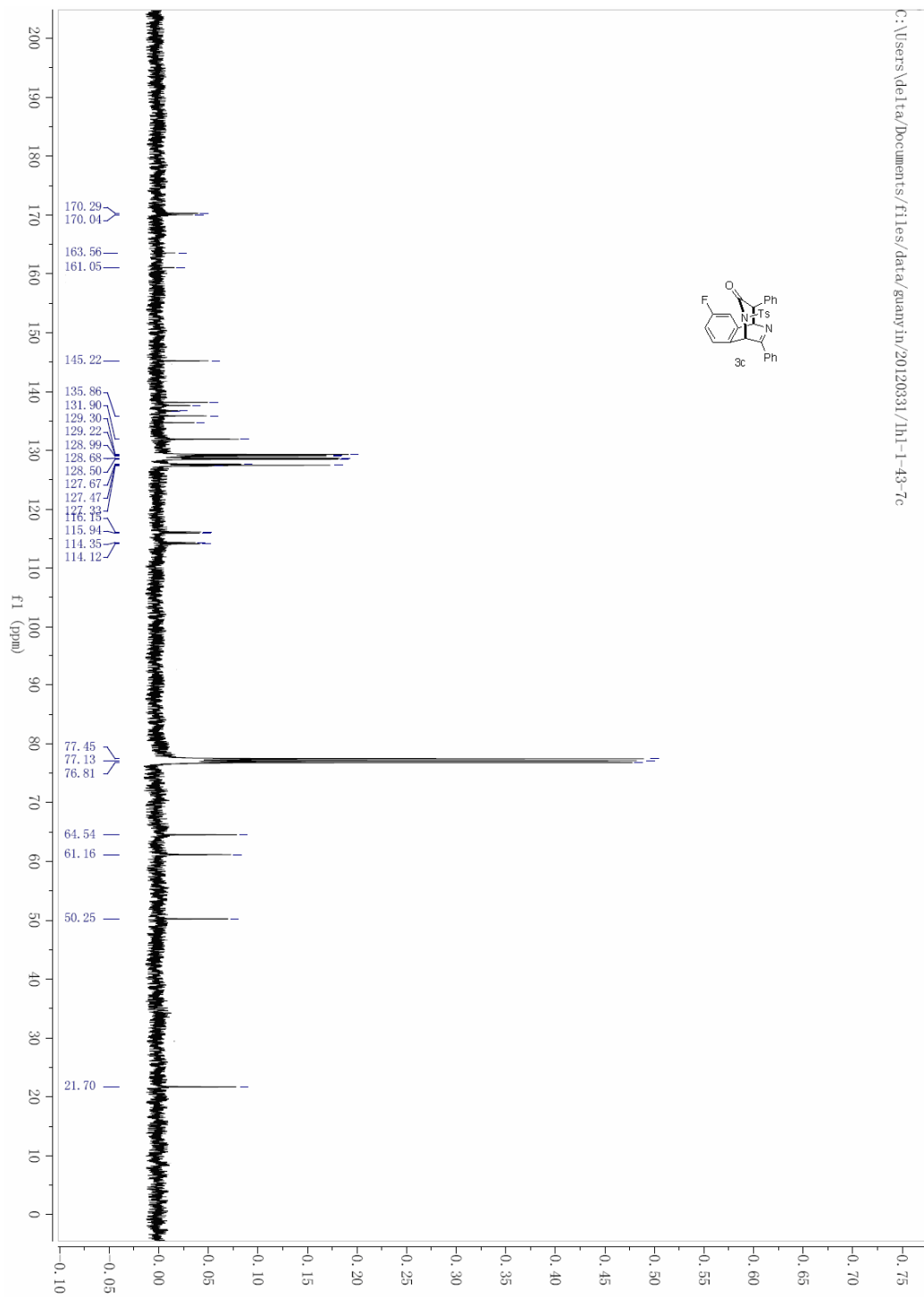


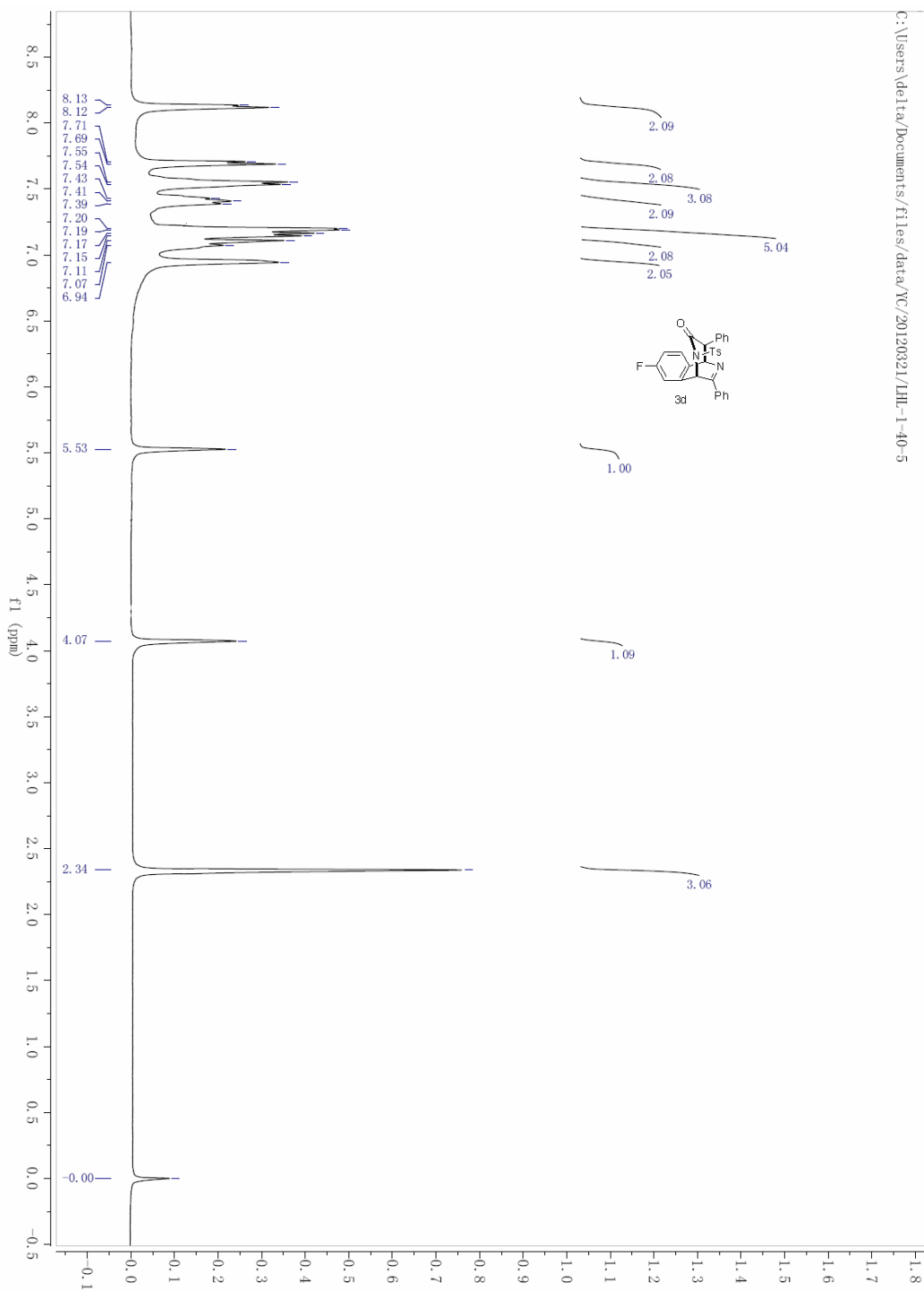


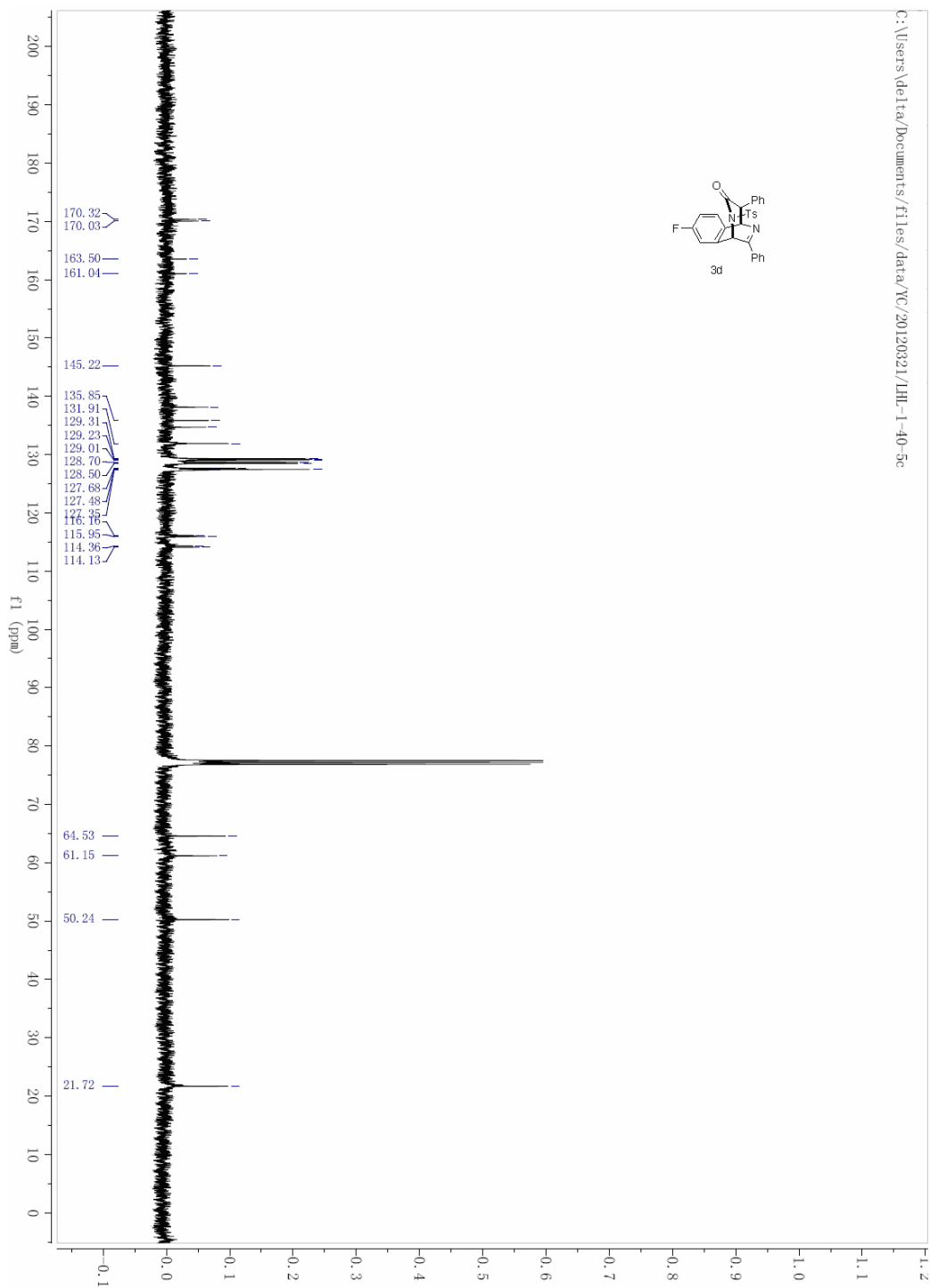




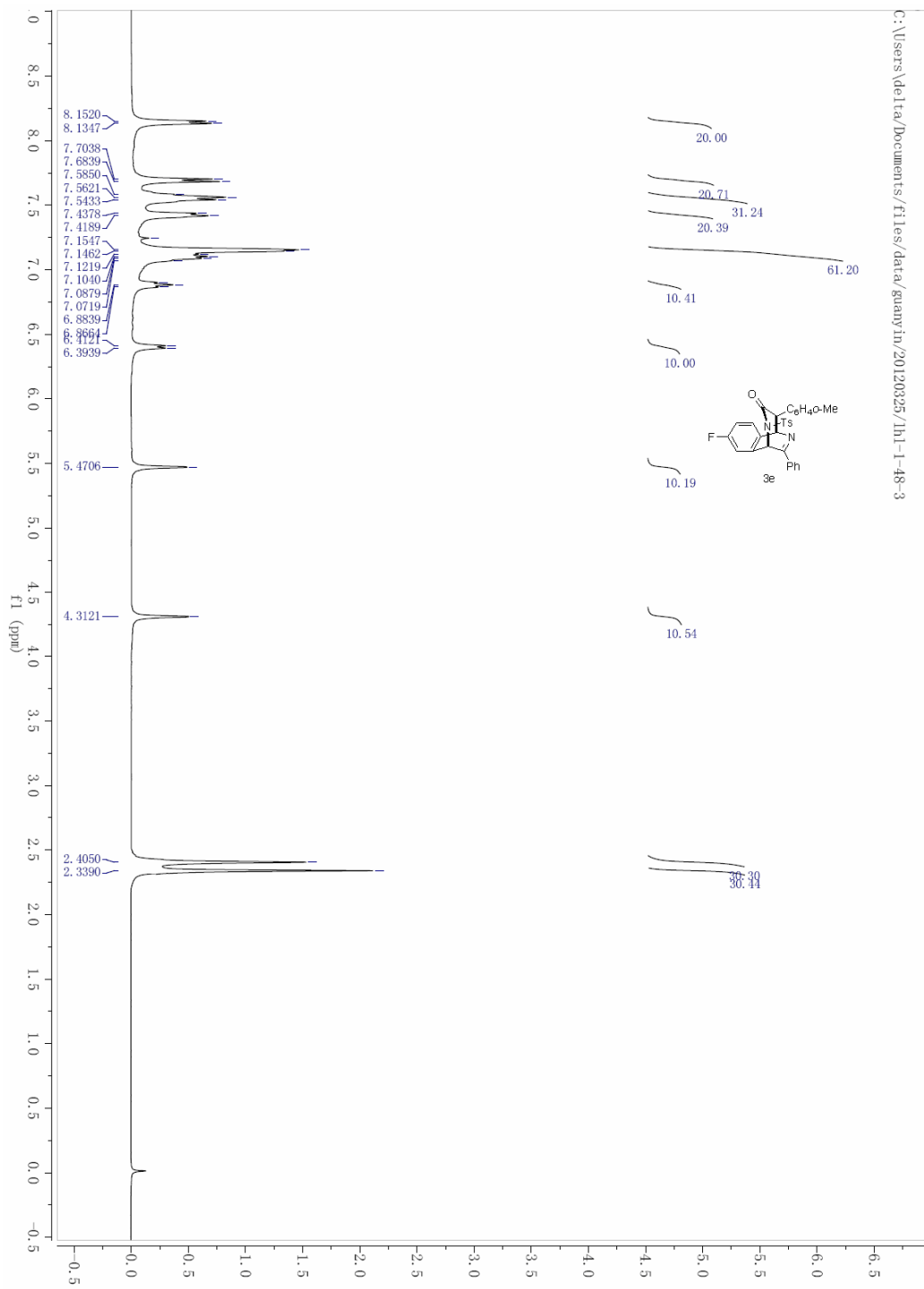


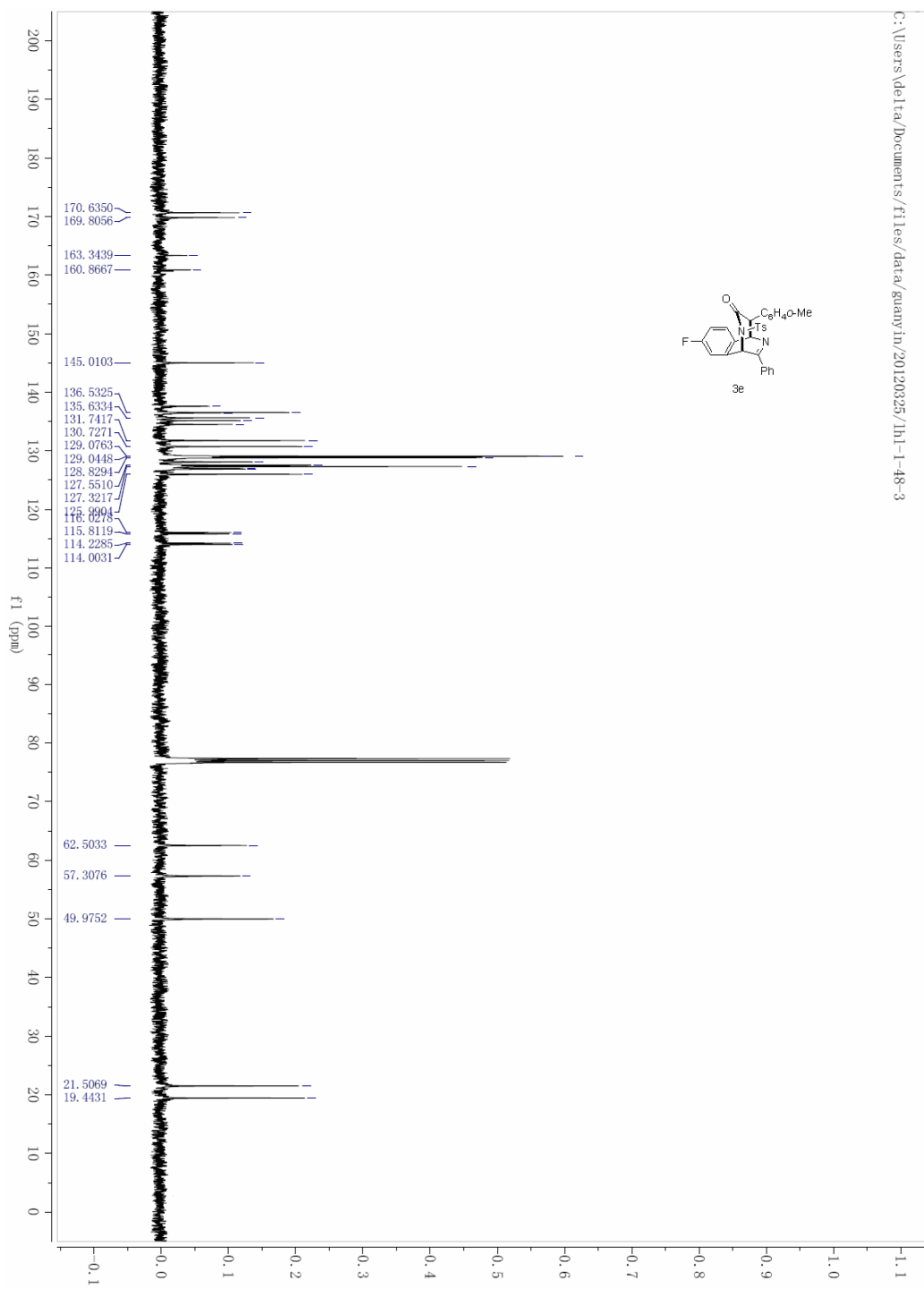


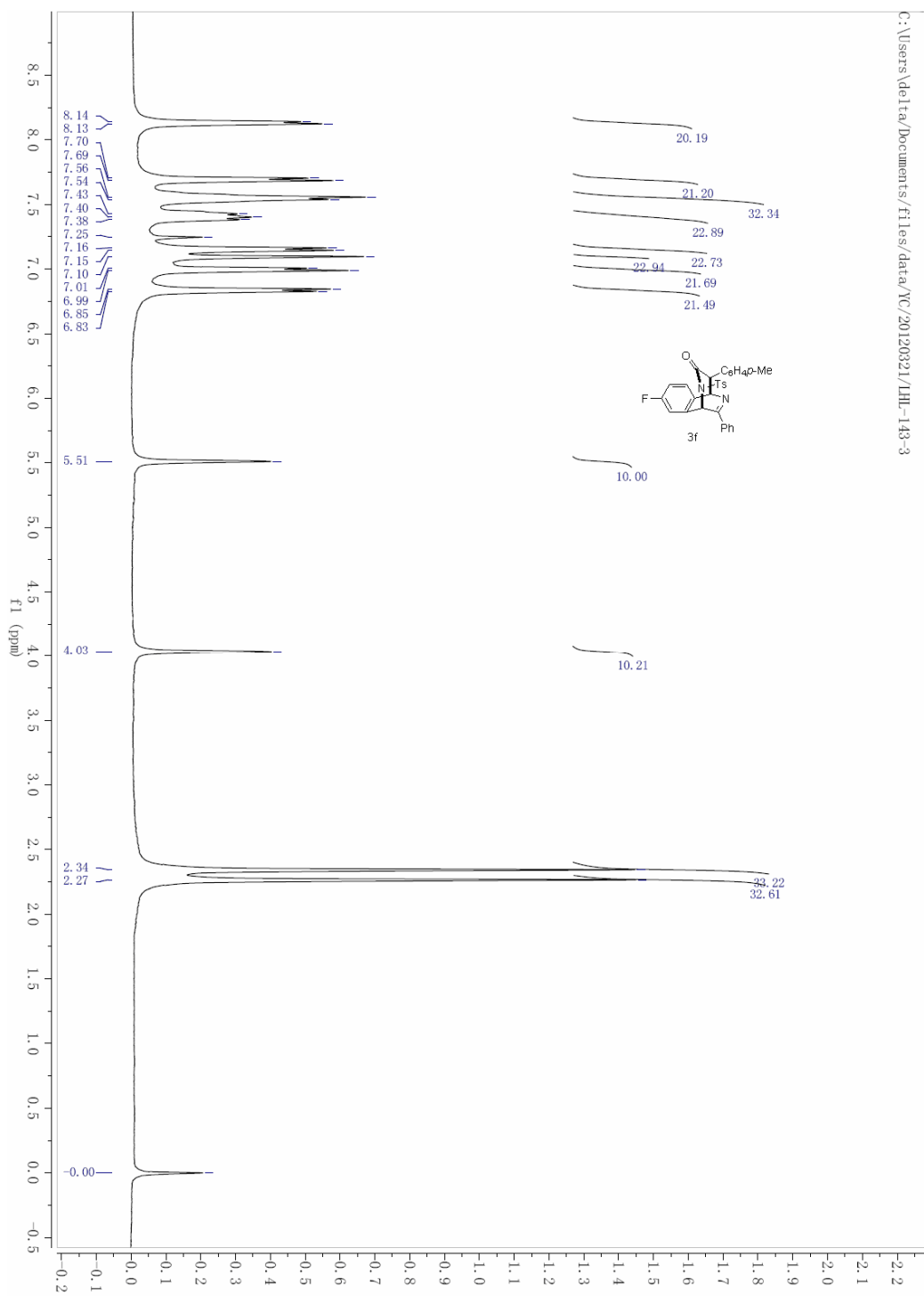


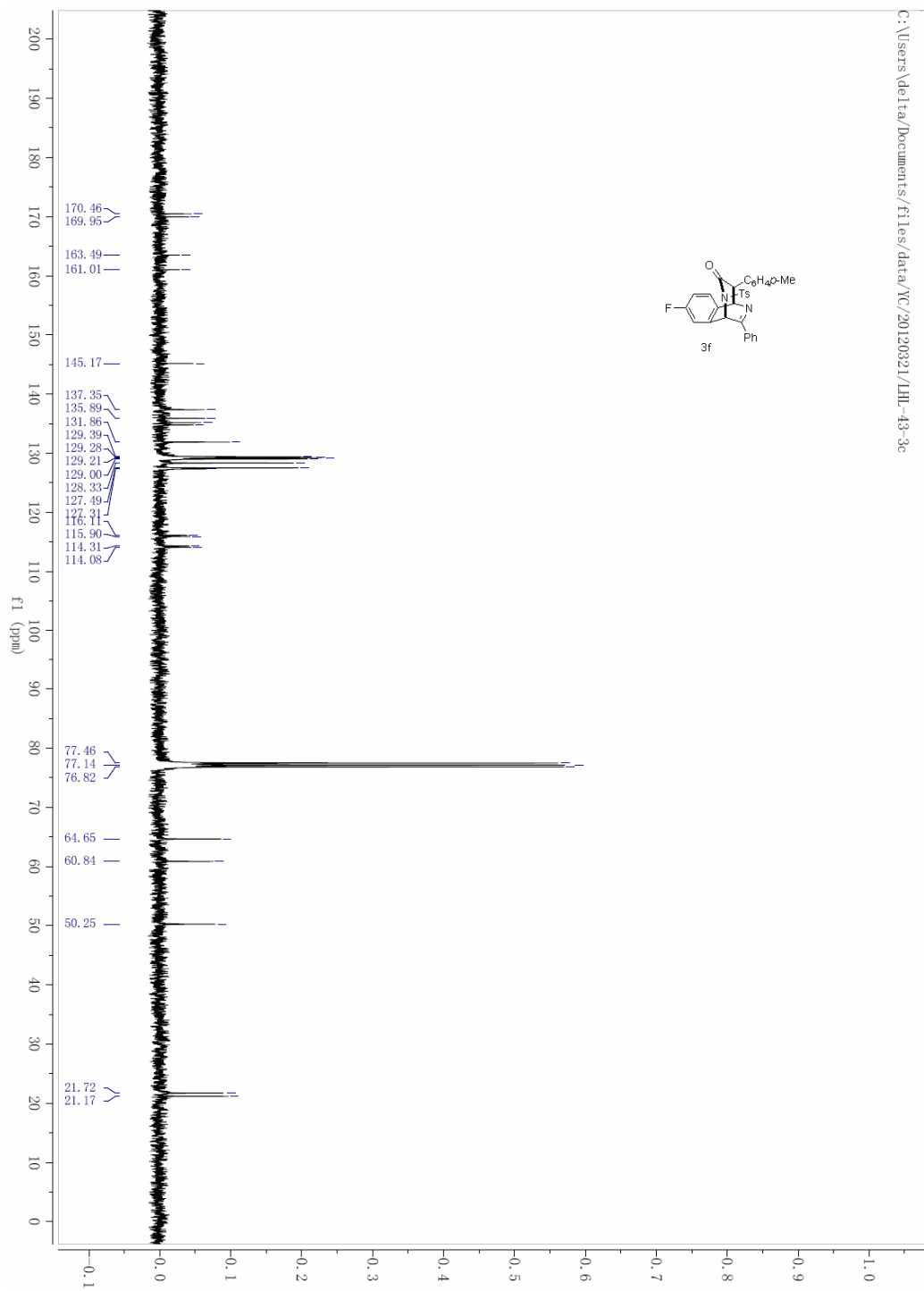


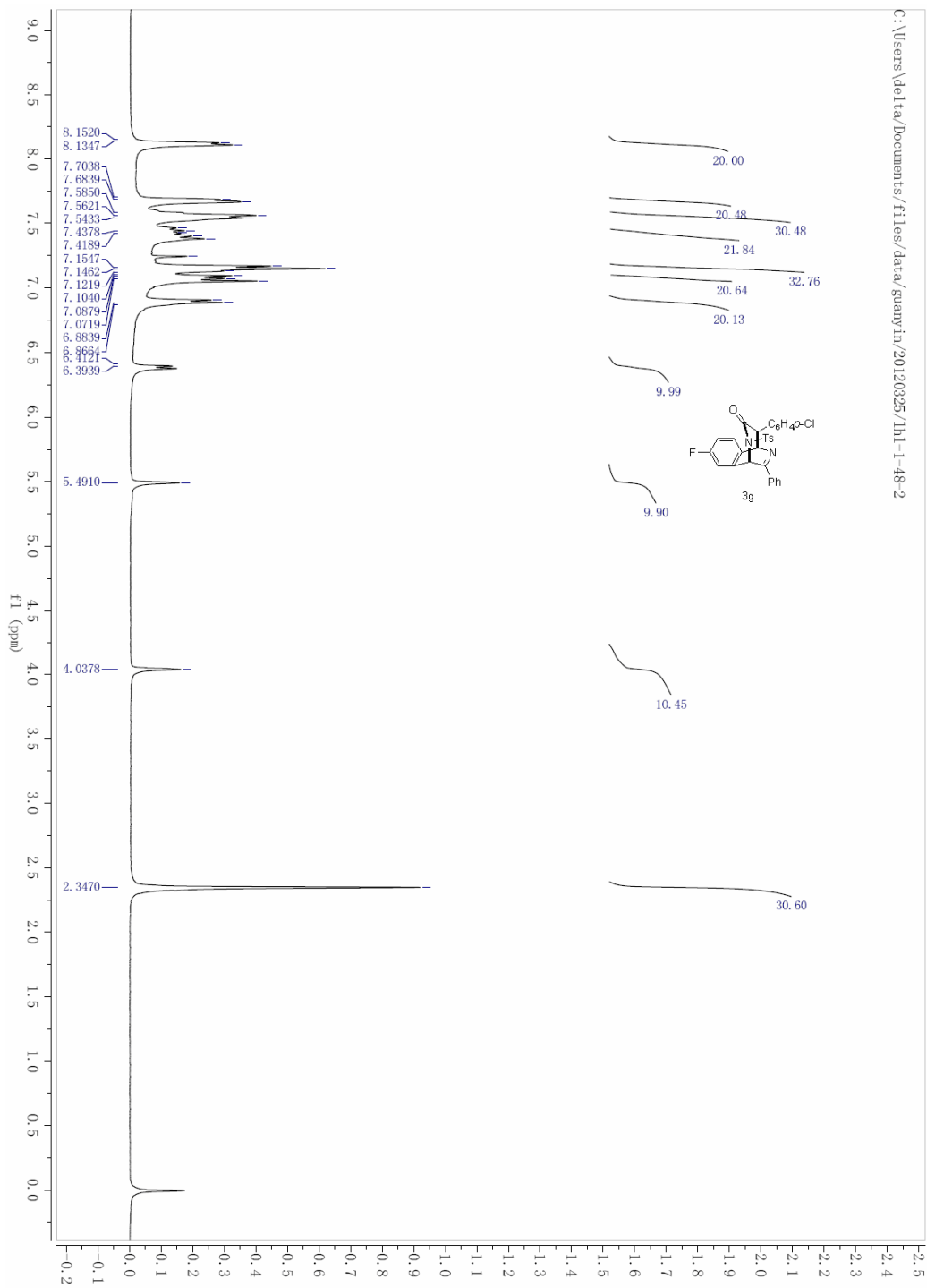
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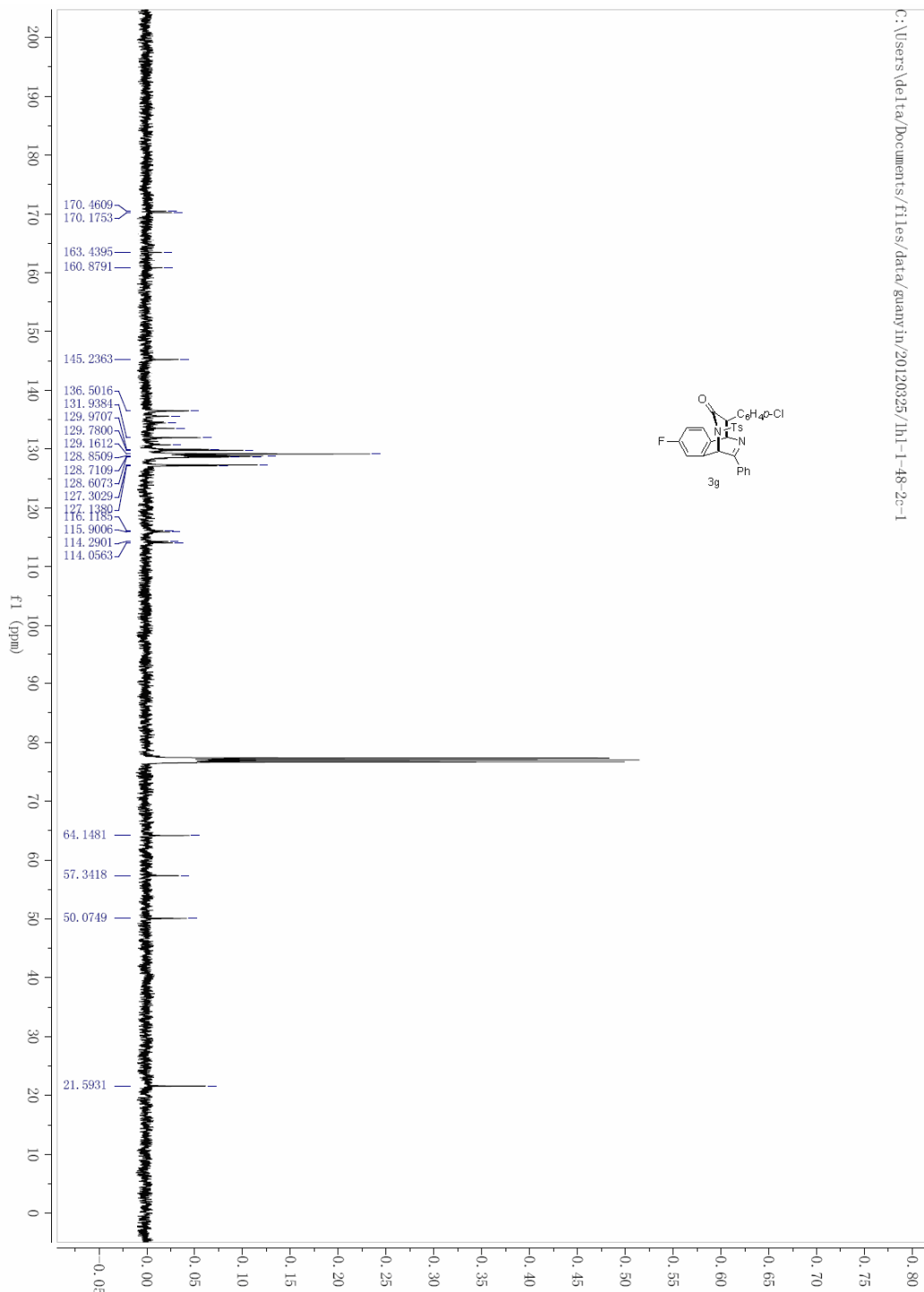




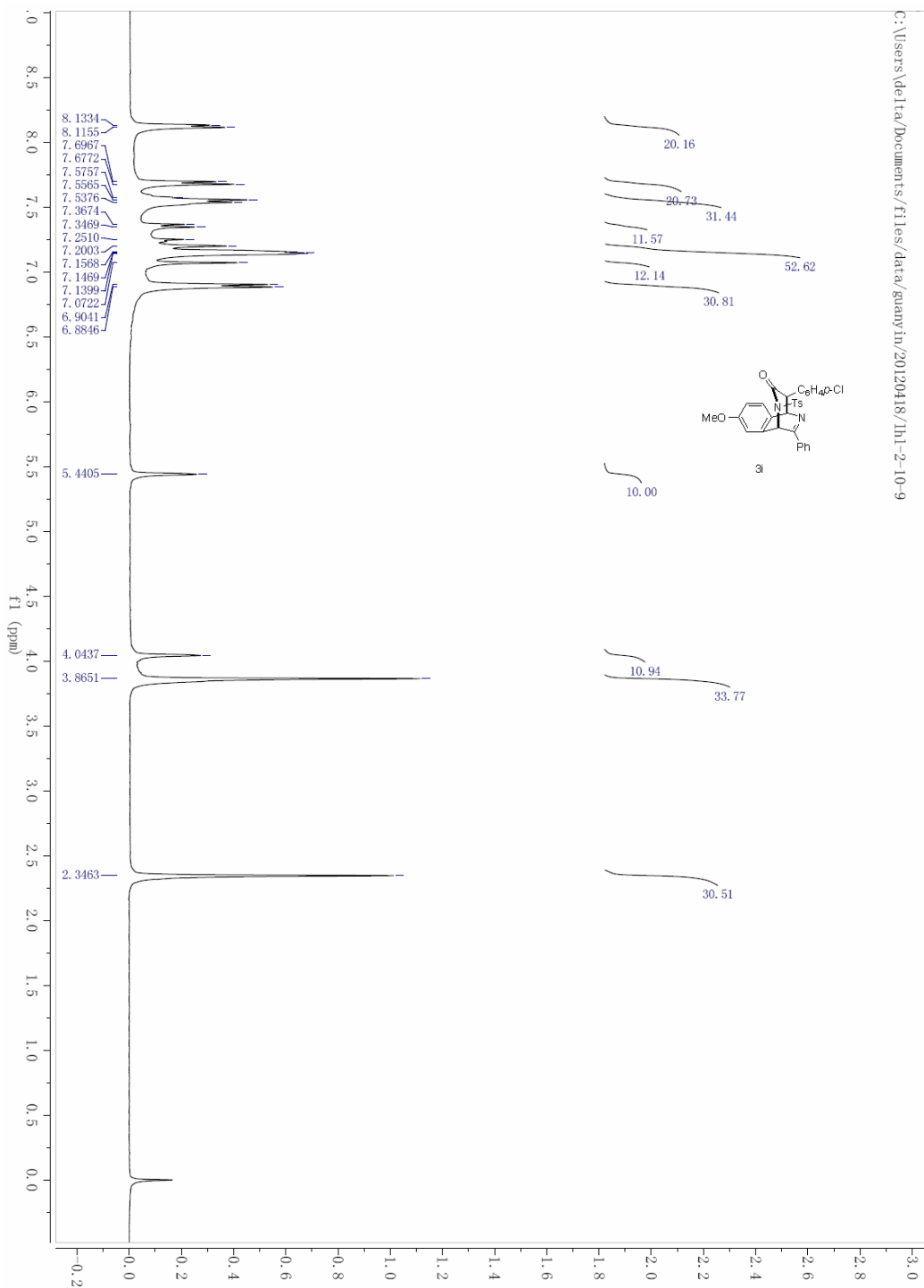


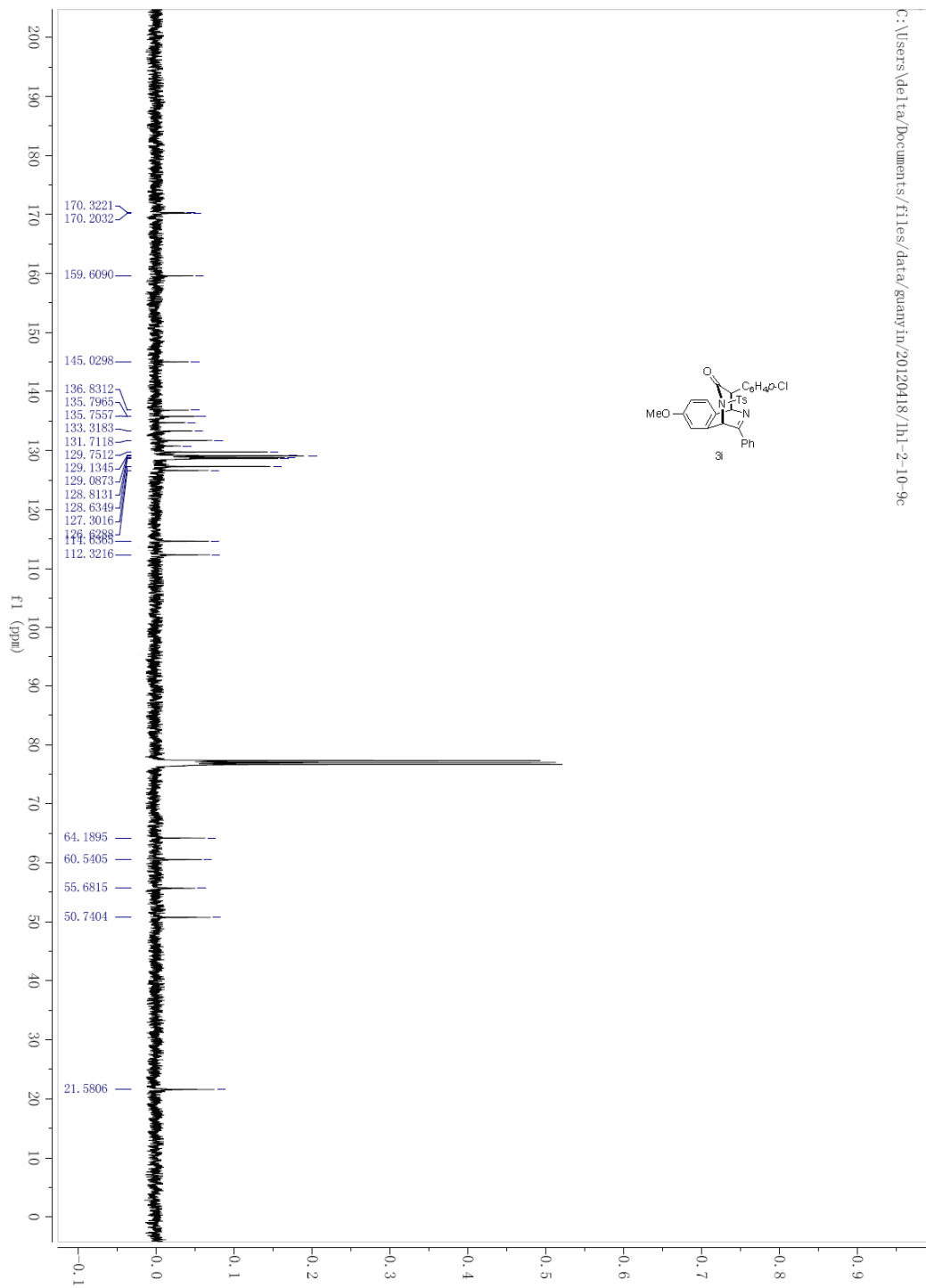




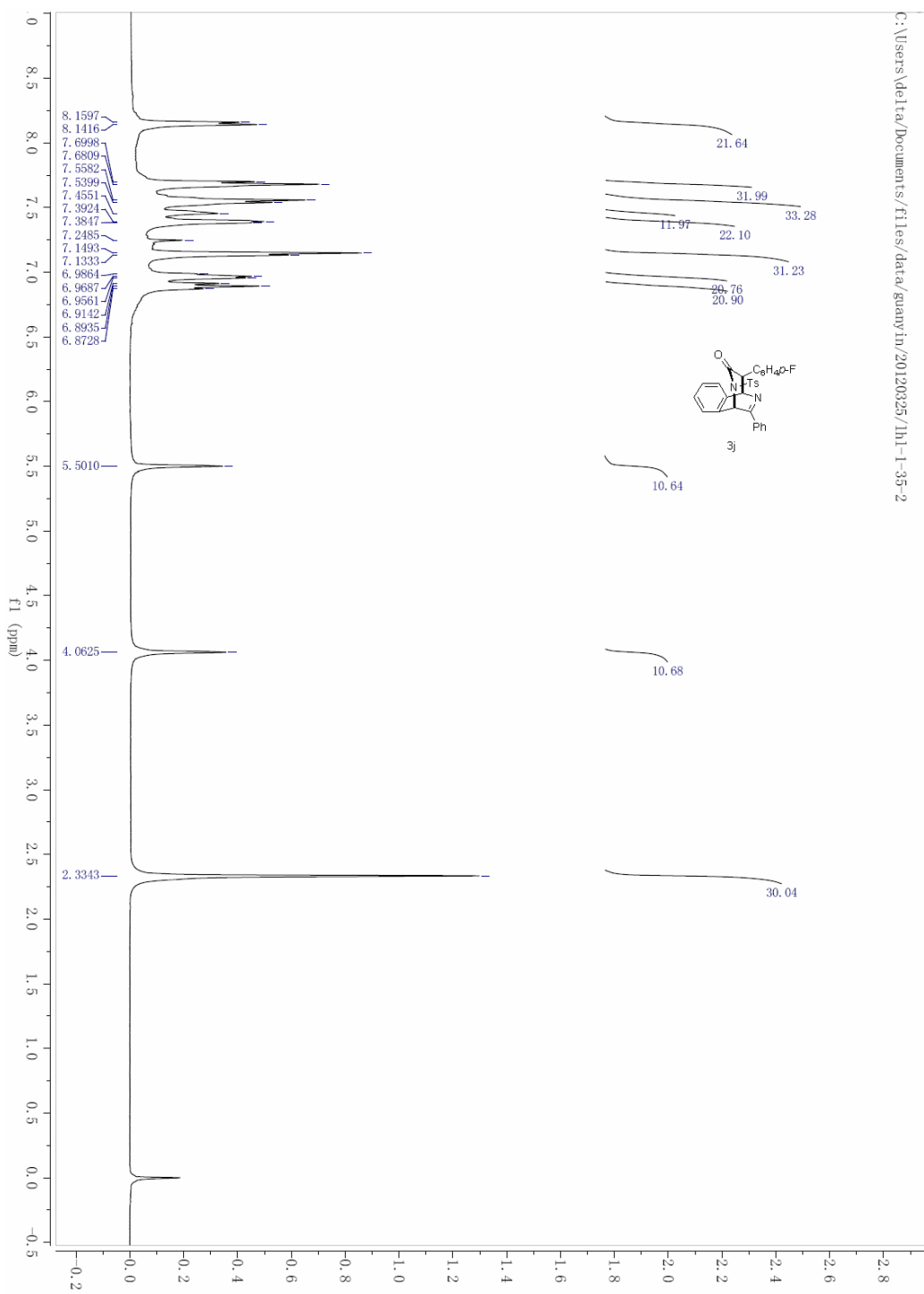


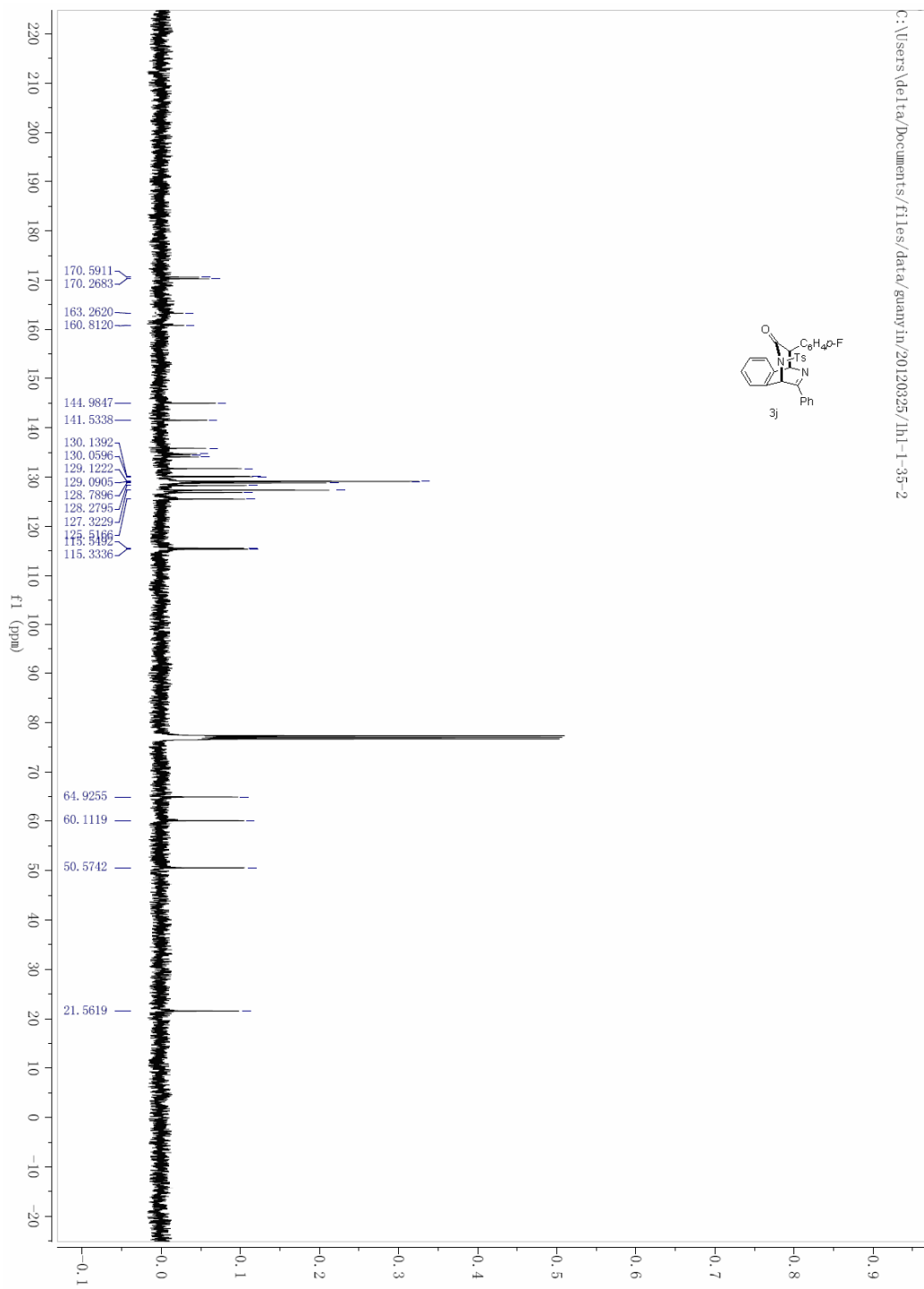
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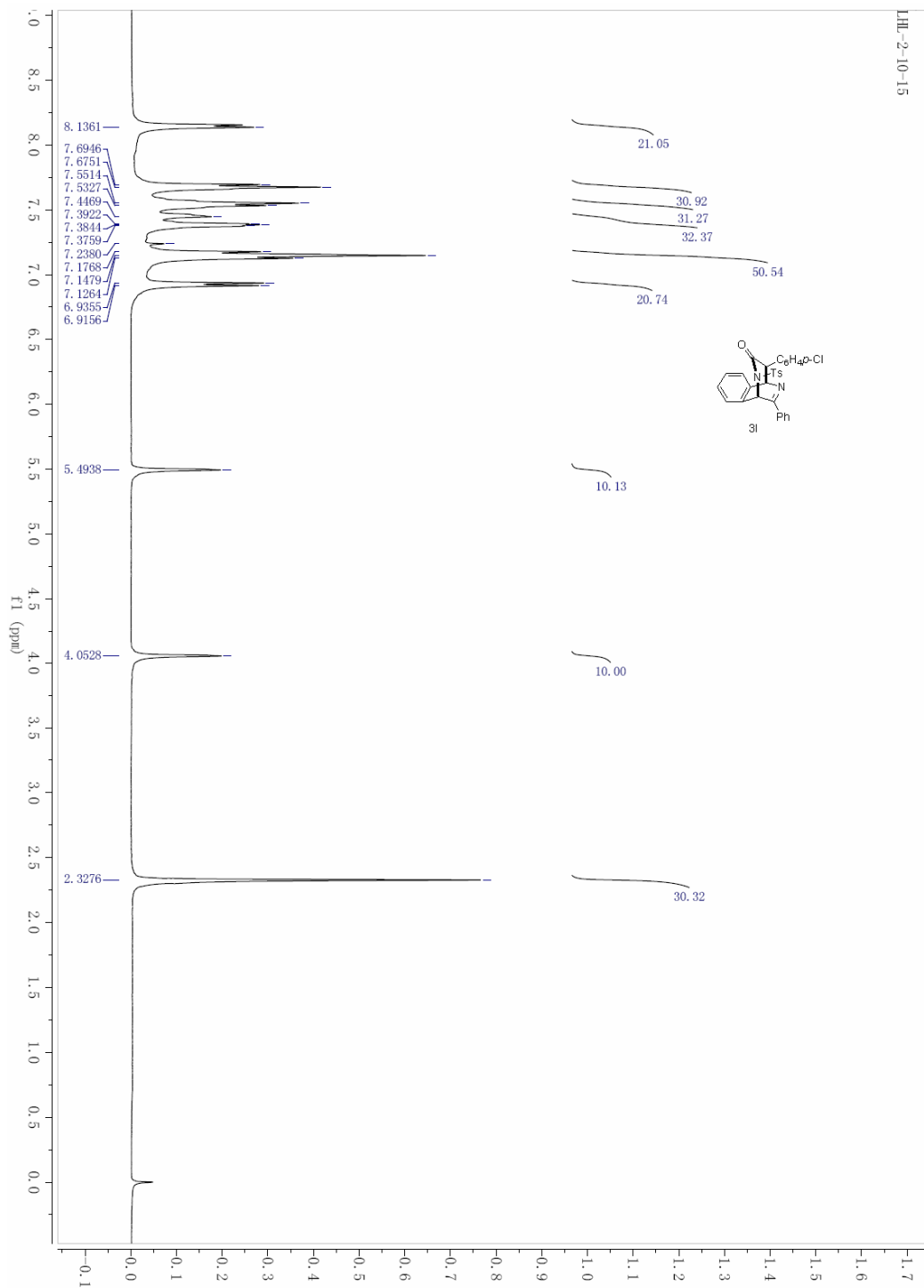


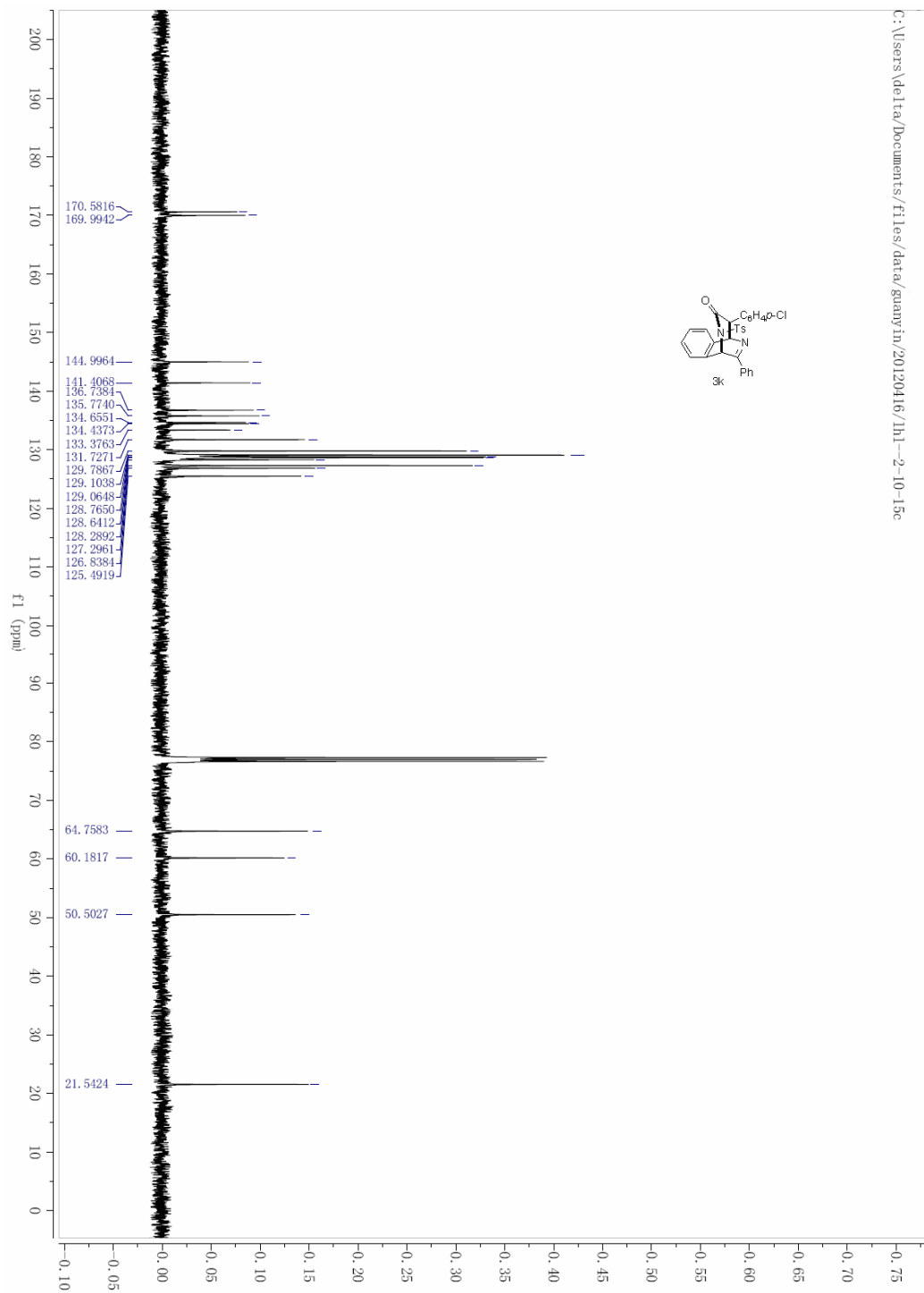
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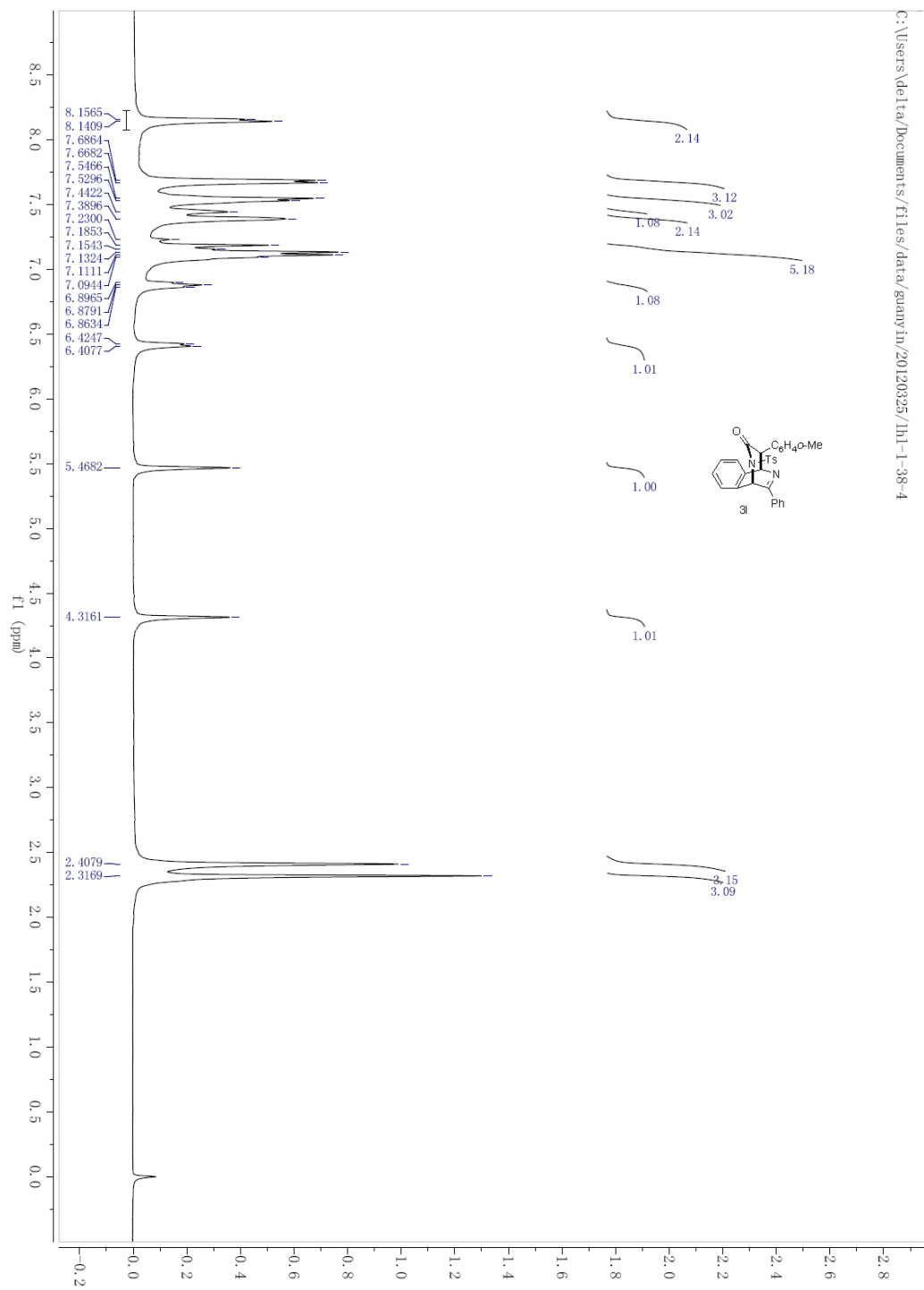


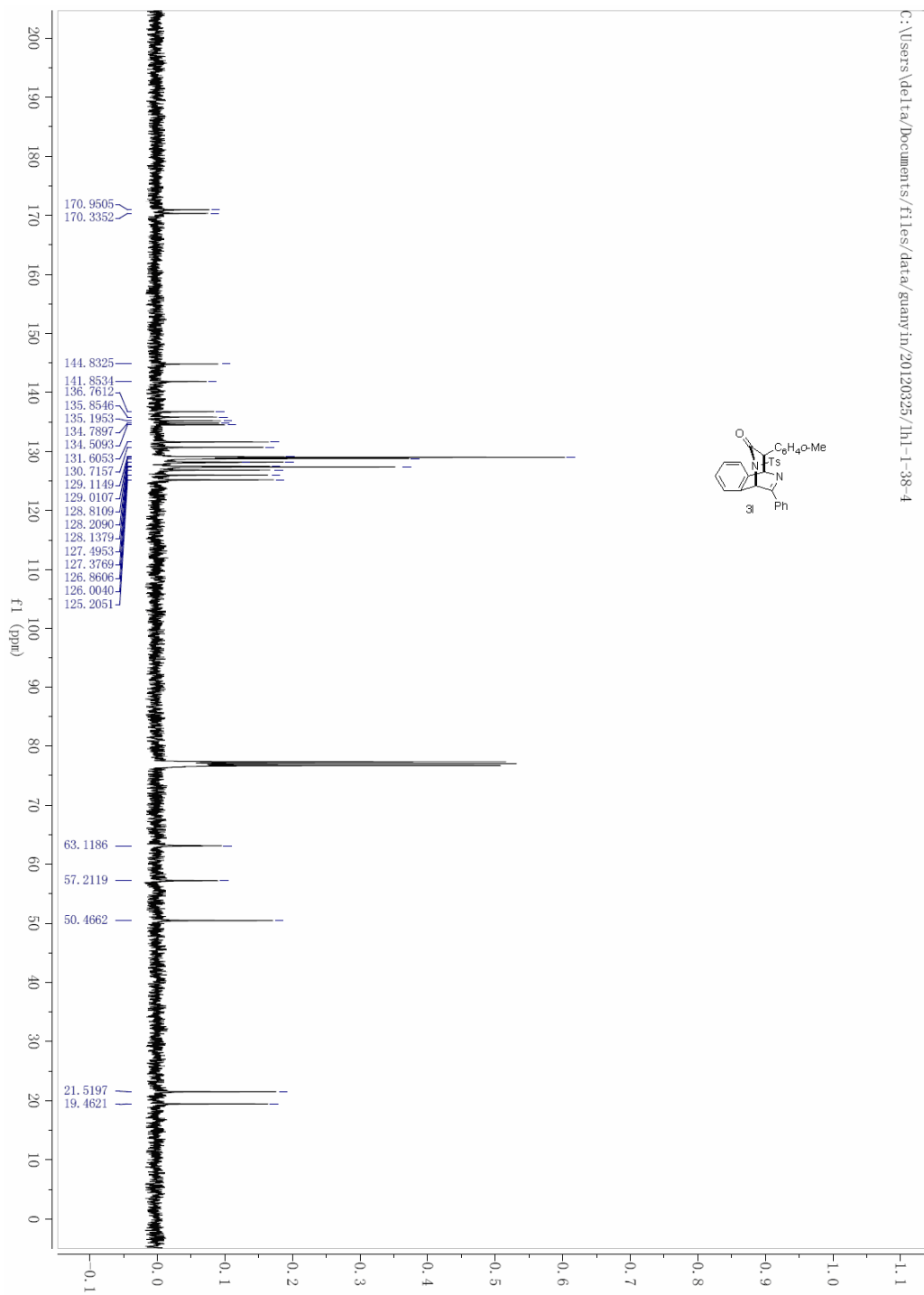


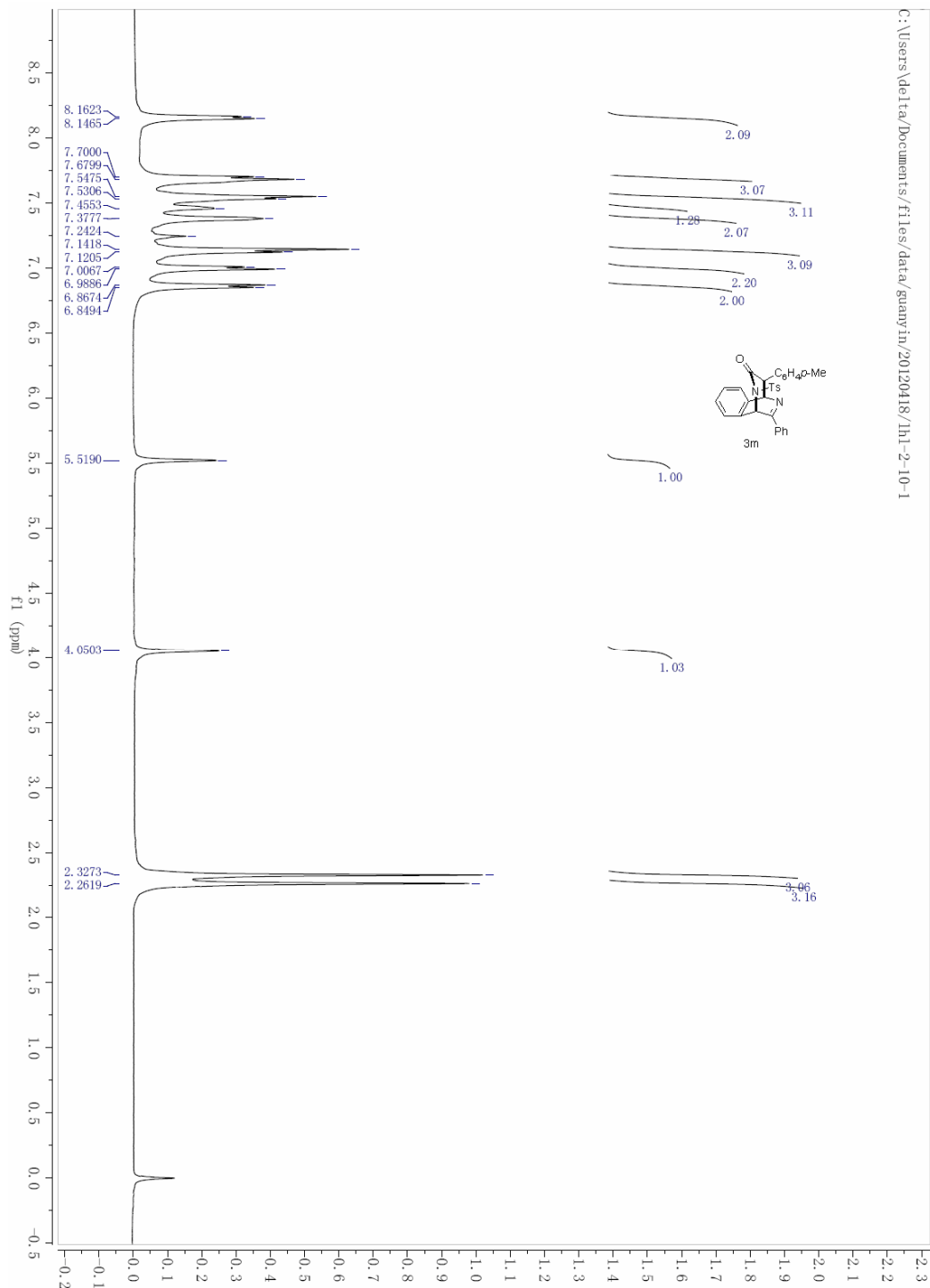
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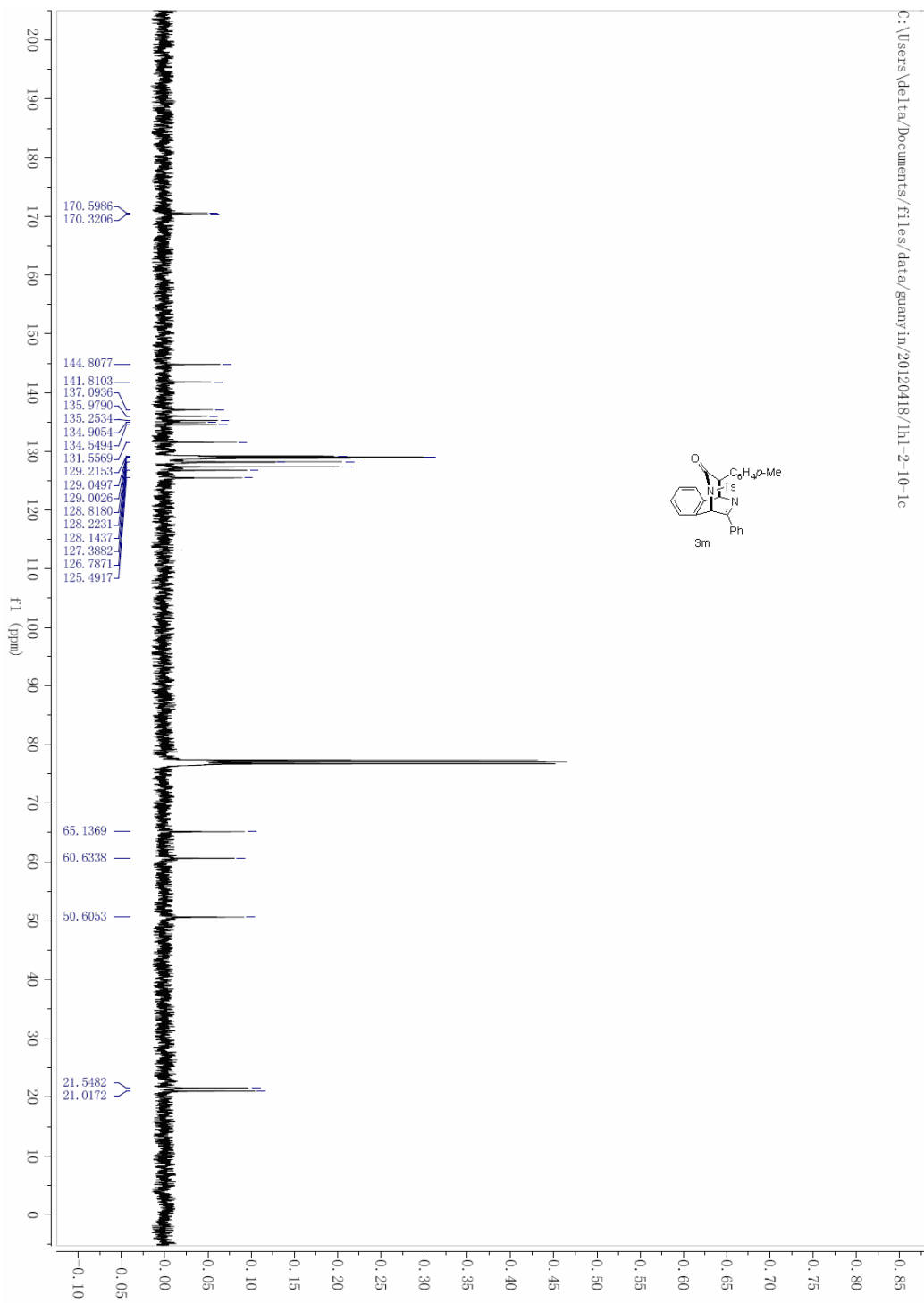




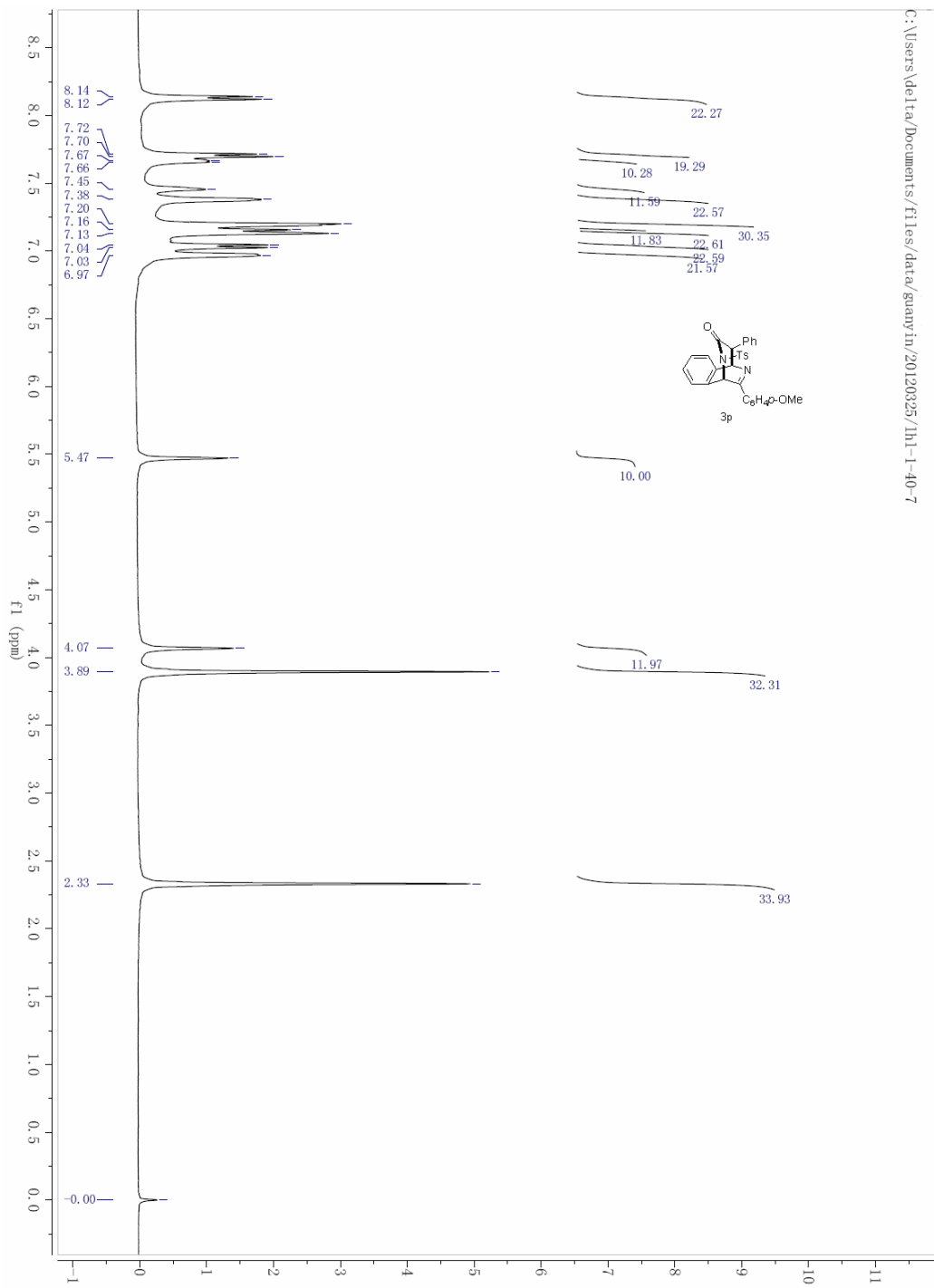


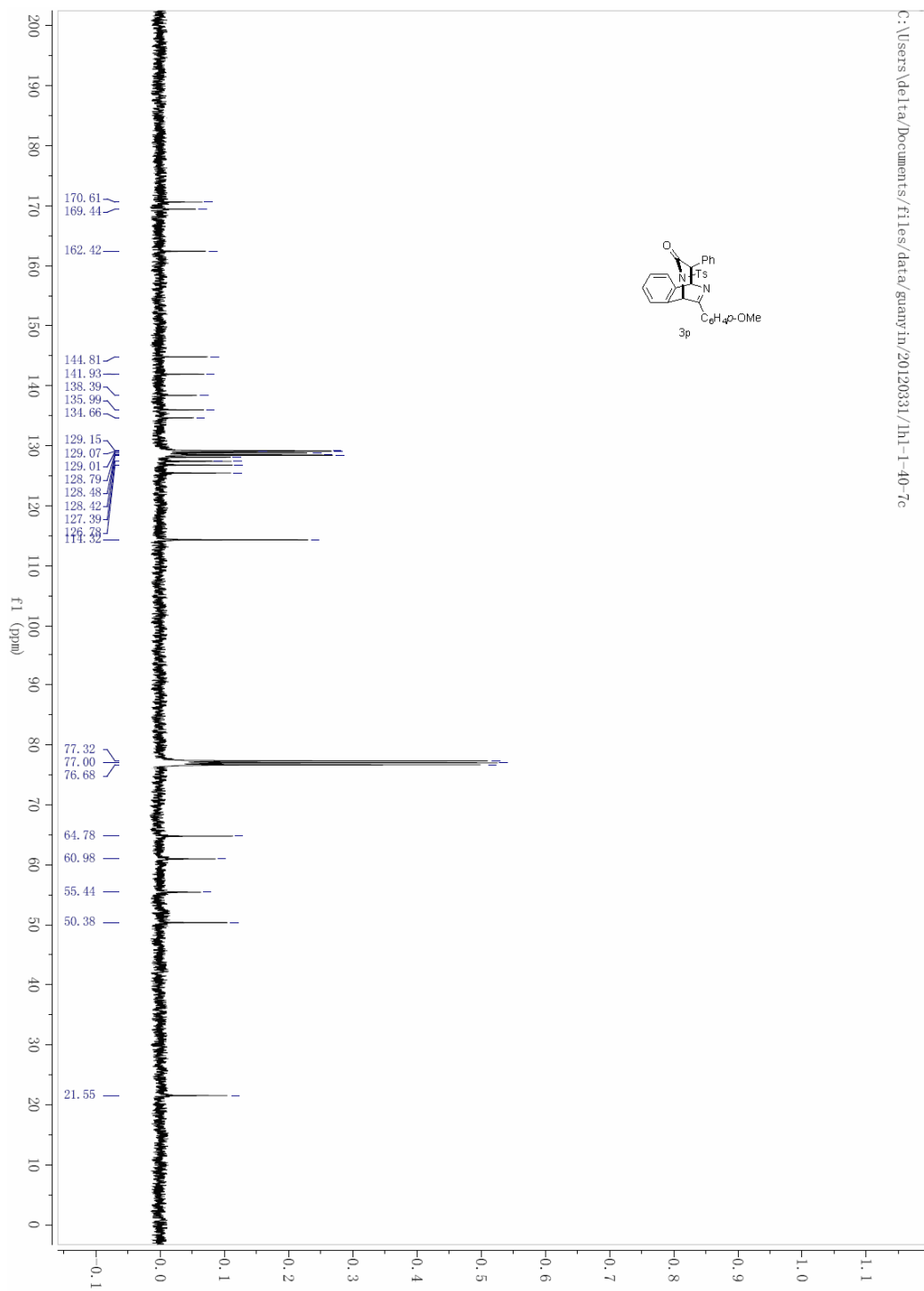




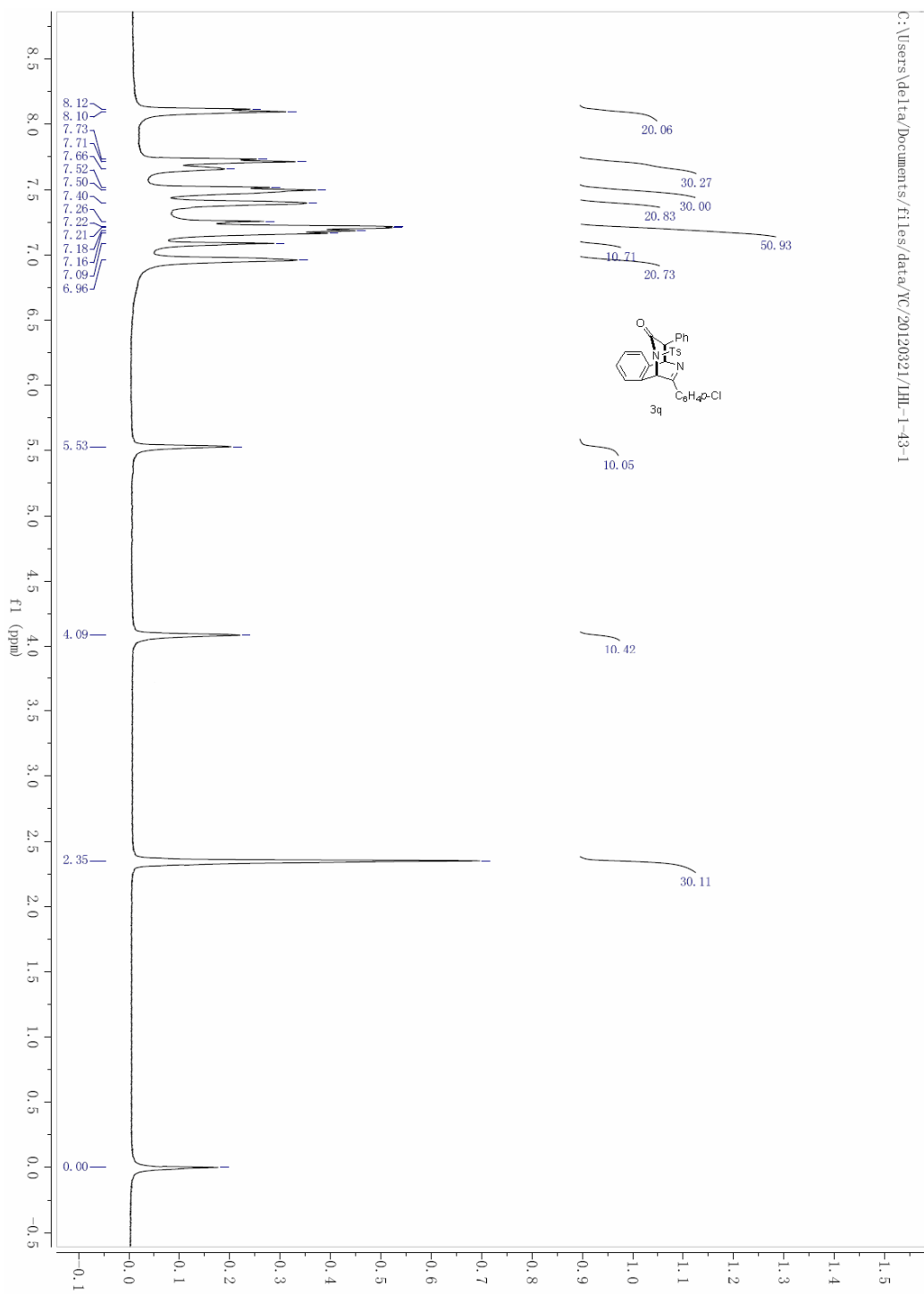


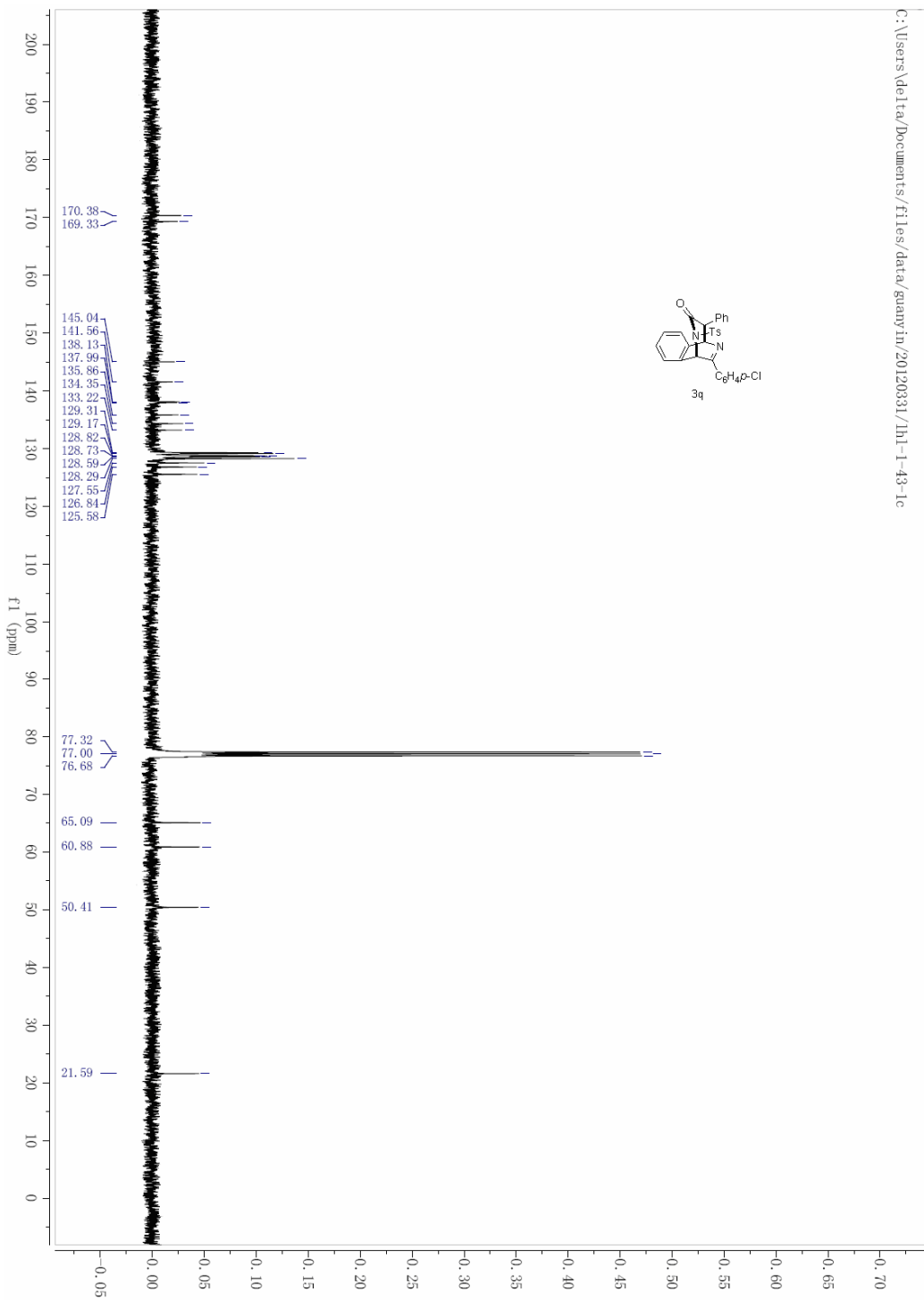
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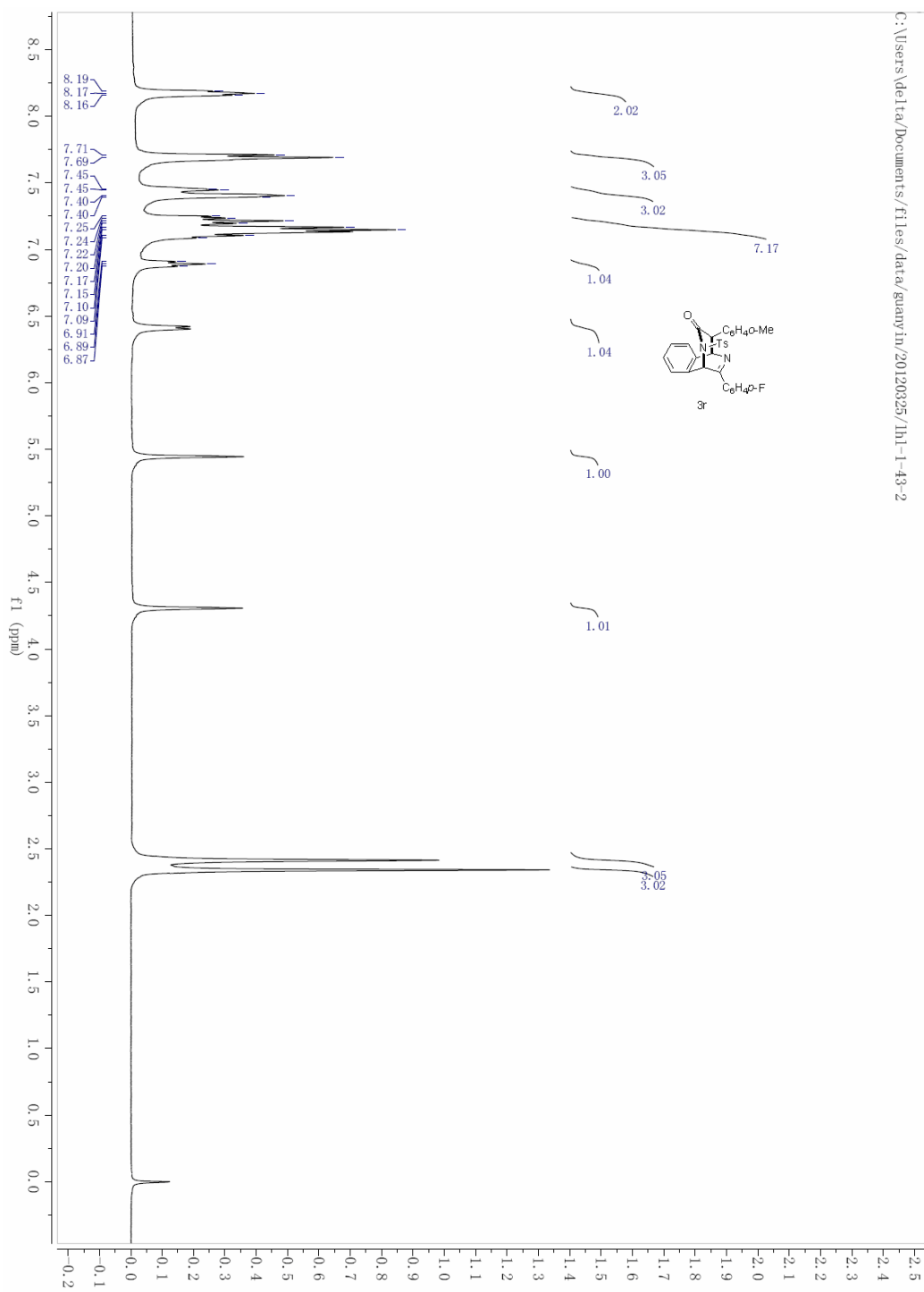


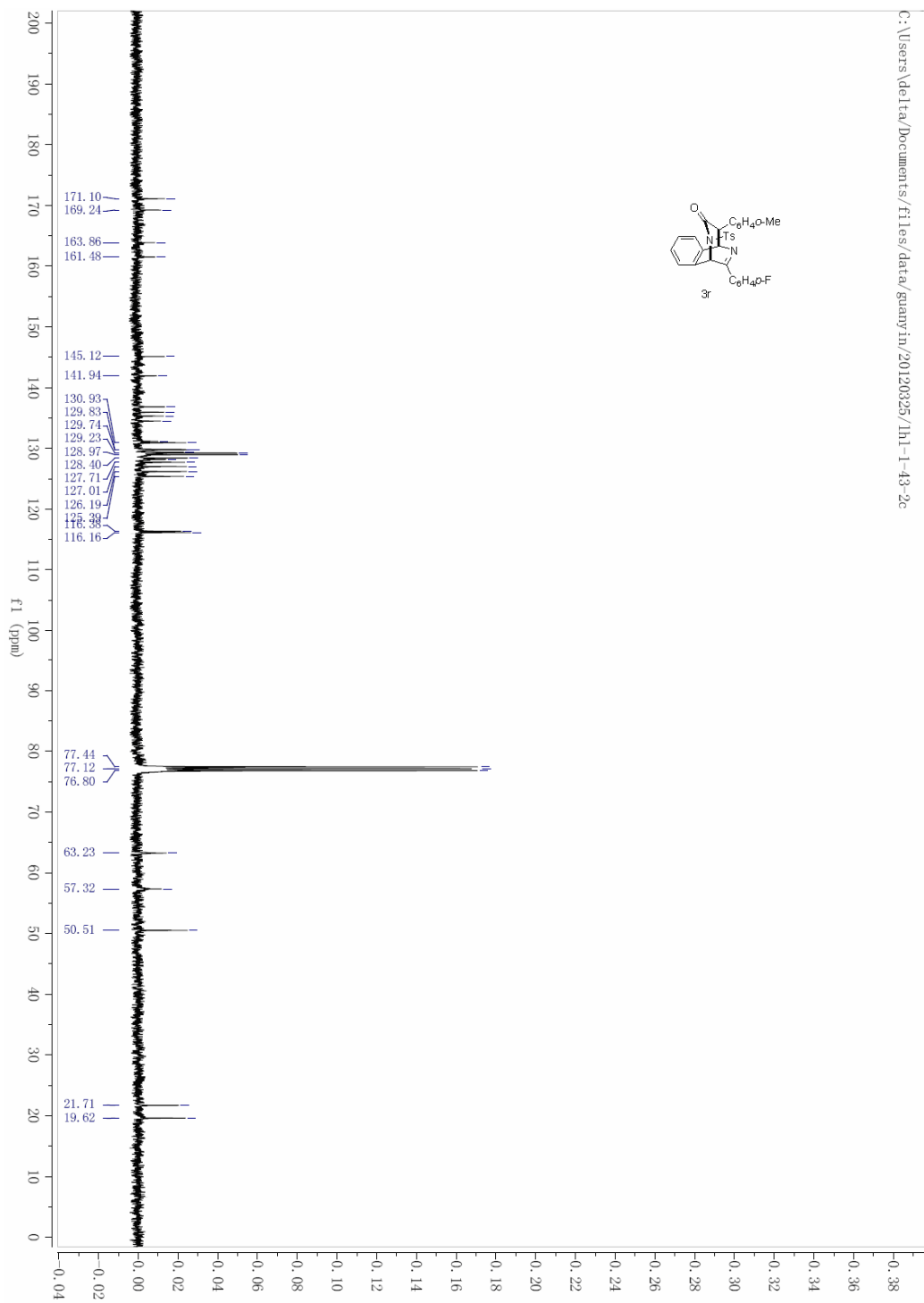


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checkCIF/PLATON report

You have not supplied any structure factors. As a result the full set of tests cannot be run.

No syntax errors found. CIF dictionary Interpreting this report

Datablock: a20309a

Bond precision: C-C = 0.0039 Å Wavelength=0.71073

Cell: a=14.328(7) b=11.798(6) c=16.315(8)
 alpha=90 beta=116.046(4) gamma=90

Temperature: 293 K

	Calculated	Reported
Volume	2478(2)	2478(2)
Space group	P 21/c	P2(1)/c
Hall group	-P 2ybc	?
Moiety formula	C30 H24 N2 O3 S	?
Sum formula	C30 H24 N2 O3 S	C30 H24 N2 O3 S
Mr	492.58	492.57
Dx, g cm ⁻³	1.320	1.320
Z	4	4
Mu (mm ⁻¹)	0.166	0.166
F000	1032.0	1032.0
F000'	1032.92	
h,k,lmax	17,14,19	17,14,19
Nref	4621	4593
Tmin,Tmax	0.971,0.980	0.967,0.980
Tmin'	0.967	

Correction method= MULTI-SCAN

Data completeness= 0.994 Theta(max)= 25.500

R(reflections)= 0.0742(3440) wR2(reflections)= 0.1825(4593)

S = 1.021 Npar= 326

The following ALERTS were generated. Each ALERT has the format
test-name_ALERT_alert-type_alert-level.
Click on the hyperlinks for more details of the test.

Alert level B

PLAT093_ALERT_1_B No su's on H-atoms, but refinement reported as . mixed

Alert level C

ABSTY02_ALERT_1_C An _exptl_absorpt_correction_type has been given without a literature citation. This should be contained in the _exptl_absorpt_process_details field.
Absorption correction given as multi-scan

● **Alert level G**

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PLAT200_ALERT_1_G	Check the Reported _diffrn_ambient_temperature	293 K
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PLAT793_ALERT_4_G	The Model has Chirality at C8 (Verify)	R
PLAT793_ALERT_4_G	The Model has Chirality at C15 (Verify)	S

0 **ALERT level A** = Most likely a serious problem - resolve or explain
1 **ALERT level B** = A potentially serious problem, consider carefully
1 **ALERT level C** = Check. Ensure it is not caused by an omission or oversight
7 **ALERT level G** = General information/check it is not something unexpected

4 **ALERT type 1** CIF construction/syntax error, inconsistent or missing data
1 **ALERT type 2** Indicator that the structure model may be wrong or deficient
0 **ALERT type 3** Indicator that the structure quality may be low
3 **ALERT type 4** Improvement, methodology, query or suggestion
1 **ALERT type 5** Informative message, check

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