

Iron-Mediated Direct Arylation with Arylboronic Acids through an Aryl Radical Transfer Pathway

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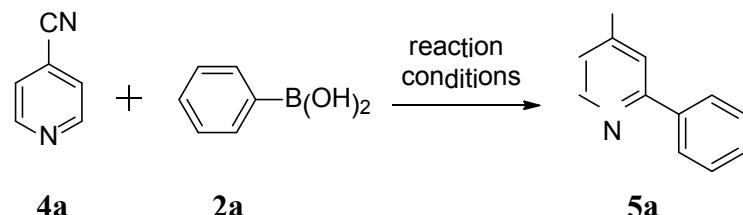
General information:

All reagents were purchased from commercial suppliers and used without further purification. ^1H -NMR, ^{13}C -NMR spectra were measured on a Bruker AM400 NMR spectrometer (400 MHz or 100MHz, respectively) with CDCl_3 as solvent and recorded in ppm relative to internal tetramethylsilane standard. Mass spectroscopy data of the product was collected on an Agilent 6890-5973N GCMS-EI instrument.

Optimization studies of direct arylation of pyridines

For initial optimization of the reaction conditions, we selected 4-cyanopyridine (**4a**) and benzeneboronic acid (**2a**) as model substrates, and the results are summarized in Table S1.

Table S1: Optimization of direct arylation of pyridines



Entry ^a	[Fe] (equiv)	Oxidant (equiv)	Additive (equiv)	Yield(%) ^b
1	FeS(1.0)	$\text{K}_2\text{S}_2\text{O}_8$ (3.0)	none	55.9
2	$\text{Fe}_2(\text{SO}_4)_3$ (1.0)	$\text{K}_2\text{S}_2\text{O}_8$ (3.0)	none	42.7
3	Fe_2O_3 (1.0)	$\text{K}_2\text{S}_2\text{O}_8$ (3.0)	none	13.7
4	Fe_3O_4 (1.0)	$\text{K}_2\text{S}_2\text{O}_8$ (3.0)	none	24.3
5	$\text{FeCl}_3 \cdot 6\text{H}_2\text{O}$ (1.0)	$\text{K}_2\text{S}_2\text{O}_8$ (3.0)	none	11.9
6	$\text{FeCl}_2 \cdot 4\text{H}_2\text{O}$ (1.0)	$\text{K}_2\text{S}_2\text{O}_8$ (3.0)	none	trace
7 ^c	$\text{Fe}(\text{C}_2\text{O}_4) \cdot 4\text{H}_2\text{O}$ (1.0)	$\text{K}_2\text{S}_2\text{O}_8$ (3.0)	none	68.2
8 ^{c,d}	$\text{Fe}(\text{C}_2\text{O}_4) \cdot 4\text{H}_2\text{O}$ (1.0)	$\text{K}_2\text{S}_2\text{O}_8$ (3.0)	none	56.3
9 ^{c,d}	$\text{Fe}(\text{C}_2\text{O}_4) \cdot 4\text{H}_2\text{O}$ (1.0)	$\text{K}_2\text{S}_2\text{O}_8$ (3.0)	TFA(1.0)	57.0
10	FeS(1.0)	$\text{K}_2\text{S}_2\text{O}_8$(3.0)	TFA(1.0)	68.6
11	FeS(1.0)	$\text{K}_2\text{S}_2\text{O}_8$ (3.0)	$(\text{COOH})_2$ (1.0)	47.6
12	FeS(1.0)	$\text{K}_2\text{S}_2\text{O}_8$ (3.0)	H_2SO_4 (1.0)	58.6
13	FeS(1.0)	$\text{K}_2\text{S}_2\text{O}_8$ (3.0)	HCl(1.0)	26.7
14	FeS (1.0)	$\text{K}_2\text{S}_2\text{O}_8$ (3.0)	$(\text{CH}_3)_3\text{CCO}_2\text{H}$ (1.0)	30.8
15	FeS (1.0)	$\text{K}_2\text{S}_2\text{O}_8$ (3.0)	$\text{Mn}(\text{OAc})_3$ (1.0)	0
16	FeS (1.0)	Oxone(3.0)	none	0

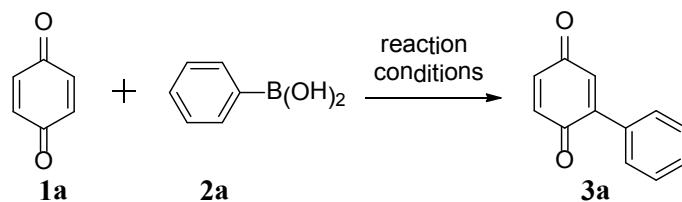
^a Reaction conditions: **4a**(0.5 mmol), **2a** (1.5 equiv), 4 mL of solvent (1:1, v/v), 25°C, 40 h. ^b

Yield of isolated of 2-arylation product. ^c Ultrapure iron salt (99.999%). ^d 20h.

Optimization studies of direct arylation of quinones

For initial optimization of the reaction conditions, we selected 1,4-benzoquinone (**1a**) and benzeneboronic acid (**2a**) as model substrates, and the results are summarized in Table S2.

Table S2: Optimization of direct arylation of quinones



Entry ^a	[Fe] (equiv)	Oxidant (equiv)	Solvent	Yield(%) ^b
1 ^c	Fe ₂ (SO ₄) ₃ (1.0)	K ₂ S ₂ O ₈ (3.0)	CH ₂ Cl ₂ /H ₂ O	57.6
2	Fe ₂ (SO ₄) ₃ (1.0)	K ₂ S ₂ O ₈ (3.0)	Acetone/H ₂ O	5.54
3	Fe ₂ (SO ₄) ₃ (1.0)	K ₂ S ₂ O ₈ (3.0)	EtOAc/H ₂ O	45.9
4	Fe ₂ (SO ₄) ₃ (1.0)	K ₂ S ₂ O ₈ (3.0)	H ₂ O	trace
5	Fe ₂ (SO ₄) ₃ (1.0)	K ₂ S ₂ O ₈ (3.0)	CH ₂ Cl ₂	0
6	none	K ₂ S ₂ O ₈ (3.0)	CH ₂ Cl ₂ /H ₂ O	trace
7 ^d	FeCl ₃ (1.0)	K ₂ S ₂ O ₈ (3.0)	CH ₂ Cl ₂ /H ₂ O	trace
8 ^d	FeCl ₃ ·6H ₂ O(1.0)	K ₂ S ₂ O ₈ (3.0)	CH ₂ Cl ₂ /H ₂ O	trace
9 ^d	FeSO ₄ ·7H ₂ O(1.0)	K ₂ S ₂ O ₈ (3.0)	CH ₂ Cl ₂ /H ₂ O	55.5
10 ^d	Fe(acac) ₃ (1.0)	K ₂ S ₂ O ₈ (3.0)	CH ₂ Cl ₂ /H ₂ O	27.5
11	Fe ₃ O ₄ (1.0)	K ₂ S ₂ O ₈ (3.0)	CH ₂ Cl ₂ /H ₂ O	17.6
12	FeS(1.0)	K ₂ S ₂ O ₈ (3.0)	CH ₂ Cl ₂ /H ₂ O	83.9
13	FeS(0.5)	K₂S₂O₈(3.0)	CH₂Cl₂/H₂O	81.5
14	FeS(0.25)	K ₂ S ₂ O ₈ (3.0)	CH ₂ Cl ₂ /H ₂ O	63.2
15 ^e	FeS(0.5)	K ₂ S ₂ O ₈ (2.0)	CH ₂ Cl ₂ /H ₂ O	71.6
16 ^e	FeS(0.5)	K ₂ S ₂ O ₈ (1.0)	CH ₂ Cl ₂ /H ₂ O	45.8
17 ^e	FeS(0.5)	Oxone(2.0)	CH ₂ Cl ₂ /H ₂ O	0
18 ^e	FeS(0.5)	H ₂ O ₂ (2.0)	CH ₂ Cl ₂ /H ₂ O	0
19 ^e	FeS(0.5)	TBHP(2.0)	CH ₂ Cl ₂ /H ₂ O	0
20 ^e	FeS(0.5)	DTBP(2.0)	CH ₂ Cl ₂ /H ₂ O	0
21	FeS(1.0)	none	CH ₂ Cl ₂ /H ₂ O	0

^a Reaction conditions (unless otherwise stated): **1a** (0.5 mmol), **2a** (1.5 equiv), 4 mL of solvent (1:1, v/v), 25°C, 24 h. ^b Yield of isolated. ^c 36 h. ^d 60 h. ^e 12 h.

Investigation of radical scavenger effect

Different equivalent amounts of TEMPO were mixed into reaction systems about the direct arylation of 1, 4-benzoquinone or 4-cyanopyridine with benzeneboronic acid, and the results are summarized in Table S3. Radical scavenger reduced the yield obviously.

Table S3: Investigation of radical scavenger effect

Entry	C-H Sources	TEMPO (equiv) ^[a]	General procedure	Yield(%)	Yield(%) ^[b]
1	1, 4-benzoquinone or 4-cyanopyridine	1.0	I or II	22.6 or 27.7	81.5 or 90.3
2	1, 4-benzoquinone or 4-cyanopyridine	1.5	I or II	21.4 or 21.3	81.5 or 90.3

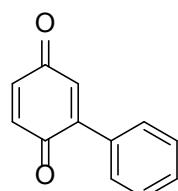
	4-cyanopyridine			
3	1, 4-benzoquinone or 2.0	I or II	21.3 or trace	81.5 or 90.3
	4-cyanopyridine			

[a] TEMPO = 2,2,6,6-Tetramethyl-1-piperidinyloxy. [b] No TEMPO was mixed.

General procedure for arylation of quinones with arylboronic acids (I)

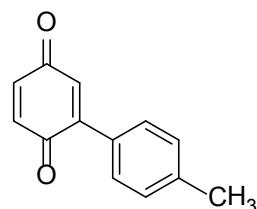
To a test tube equipped with magnetic stir bar was charged with quinone derivative (0.5 mmol, 1.0 equiv), FeS (0.25 mmol, 0.5 equiv), arylboronic acids (0.75 mmol, 1.5 equiv), K₂S₂O₈ (1.5 mmol, 3.0 equiv) in solvent (4 mL, 1:1 DCM:H₂O). The test tube was sealed with rubber septum, and stirred for 24 h at room temperature. The resulting solution was directly filtered through a pad of celite and washed with dichloromethane (15 mL). The filtrate was washed with a saturated solution of NaHCO₃ (3 x 15 mL) and the aqueous layer was extracted again with dichloromethane (3 x 15 mL). The combined organic layer was concentrated under reduced pressure after had been dried over Na₂SO₄. The crude product was purified by column chromatography using the indicated eluent. The identity and purity of the known product was confirmed by GC-MC, ¹H-NMR and ¹³C-NMR.

2-Phenyl-1, 4-benzoquinone (3a).



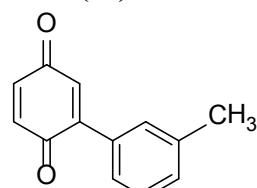
EtOAc/*n*-hexane (1:10); yellow solid (75.1mg, 81.5%); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ=7.47 (br, 5H), 6.89-6.83 (m, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ=187.5, 186.6, 145.9, 137.1, 136.3, 132.7, 130.1, 129.2, 128.6; MS (EI) *m/z* (%) 184 (M⁺,100), 156 (50), 128 (38), 102(32), 82(38).

2-(4-Methylphenyl)-1, 4-benzoquinone (3b).



EtOAc/*n*-hexane (1:10); yellow solid (90.3mg, 91.1%); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ=7.39 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.26 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.87-6.80 (m, 3H), 2.40 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ=187.7, 186.9, 145.9, 140.6, 137.1, 136.2, 132.0, 129.8, 129.3, 129.2, 21.4; MS (EI) *m/z* (%) 198 (M⁺,100), 183 (30), 170 (72), 155(20), 141(55), 115(78), 82(64).

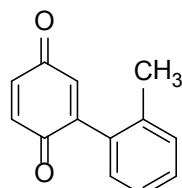
2-(3-Methylphenyl)-1, 4-benzoquinone (3c).



EtOAc/*n*-hexane (1:10); yellow solid (95.7mg, 96.6%); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃)

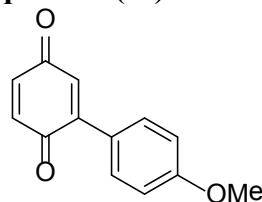
δ =7.36-7.26 (m, 4H), 6.88-6.82 (m, 3H), 2.41 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ =187.7, 186.7, 146.2, 138.3, 137.1, 136.2, 132.6, 131.0, 129.8, 128.5, 126.4, 21.4; MS (EI) m/z (%) 198 ($\text{M}^+, 100$), 183 (30), 170 (72), 155(25), 141(68), 115(72), 82(60).

2-(2-Methylphenyl)-1, 4-benzoquinone (3d).



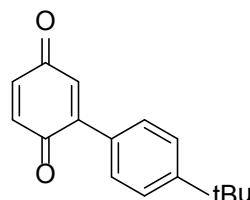
$\text{EtOAc}/n\text{-hexane}$ (1:10); yellow oil (95.8mg, 96.7%); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ =7.25 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.18-7.14 (m, 2H), 7.01 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.80-6.74 (m, 2H), 6.63 (d, J = 2.2 Hz, 1H), 2.10 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ =186.6, 185.2, 147.4, 135.8, 135.3, 135.1, 133.5, 132.0, 129.4, 128.5, 128.2, 124.8, 19.3; MS (EI) m/z (%) 198 ($\text{M}^+, 100$), 181 (10), 170 (51), 153(12), 141(43), 115(60).

2-(4-Methoxyphenyl)-1, 4-benzoquinone (3e).



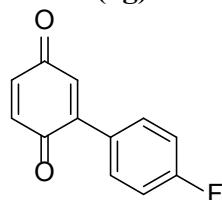
$\text{EtOAc}/n\text{-hexane}$ (1:10); red solid (40.6mg, 37.9%); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ =7.48 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 6.97 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 6.86-6.79 (m, 3H), 3.86 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ =187.7, 187.1, 161.4, 145.2, 137.0, 136.3, 131.1, 130.9, 125.0, 114.2, 55.4; MS (EI) m/z (%) 214 ($\text{M}^+, 100$), 186 (20), 132 (58), 115(20), 89(20).

2-(4-*tert*-Butylphenyl)-1, 4-benzoquinone (3f).



$\text{EtOAc}/n\text{-hexane}$ (1:10); yellow solid (110.7mg, 92.1%); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ =7.47 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.43 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 6.88-6.81 (m, 3H), 1.35 (s, 9H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ =187.7, 186.9, 153.7, 145.8, 137.1, 136.3, 132.1, 129.8, 127.4, 125.6, 34.9, 31.2; MS (EI) m/z (%) 240 ($\text{M}^+, 5$), 225 (95), 197 (27), 184(100).

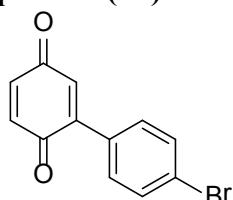
2-(4-Fluorophenyl)-1, 4-benzoquinone (3g).



$\text{EtOAc}/n\text{-hexane}$ (1:10); yellow solid (68.1mg, 67.4%); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ =7.51-7.48 (m, 2H), 7.17-7.13 (m, 2H), 6.89-6.83 (m, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ =187.4, 186.6, 165.2, 144.8, 137.0, 136.4, 132.5, 131.3 (d, J = 8.3Hz), 129.5, 115.8 (d, J =

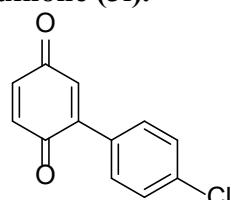
21.8 Hz); MS (EI) m/z (%) 202 (M^+ , 100), 174 (52), 146 (43), 120(42), 82(57).

2-(4-Bromophenyl)-1,4-benzoquinone (3h).



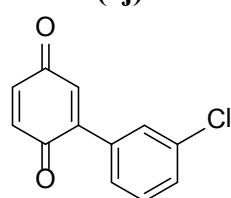
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2-(4-Chlorophenyl)-1,4-benzoquinone (3i).



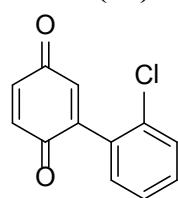
EtOAc/*n*-hexane (1:10); yellow solid (92.8mg, 84.9%); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ =7.44(brs, 4H), 6.90-6.83 (m, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ =187.4, 186.4, 144.8, 137.0, 136.6, 136.4, 132.7, 131.0, 130.6, 128.9; MS (EI) m/z (%) 218 (M^+ , 41), 183 (100), 155 (57), 136(48), 127(32), 101(29), 82(65).

2-(3-Chlorophenyl)-1,4-benzoquinone (3j).



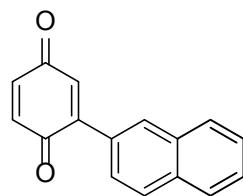
EtOAc/*n*-hexane (1:10); pale yellow solid (97.6mg, 89.3%); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ =7.48(s, 1H), 7.45 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.40 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.37 (t, J = 4.4 Hz, 1H), 6.90-6.84 (m, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ =187.3, 186.1, 144.6, 137.0, 136.4, 134.6, 134.3, 133.2, 130.2, 129.8, 129.3, 127.4; MS (EI) m/z (%) 218 (M^+ , 30), 183 (100), 155 (62), 136(39), 127(30), 101(25), 82(54).

2-(2-Chlorophenyl)-1,4-benzoquinone (3k).



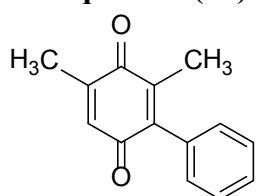
EtOAc/*n*-hexane (1:10); yellow oil (93.6mg, 85.6%); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ =7.46(d, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.41-7.32 (m, 2H), 7.24-7.21 (m, 1H), 6.92-6.85 (m, 2H), 6.80 (s, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ =187.2, 185.1, 146.1, 136.8, 136.5 (d, J = 11.8 Hz), 135.0, 133.1, 132.4, 130.8, 130.7, 129.8, 126.8; MS (EI) m/z (%) 218 (M^+ , 27), 183 (100), 155 (78), 136(47), 127(38), 101(35), 82(64).

2-(naphthalen-2-yl)-1,4-benzoquinone (3l).



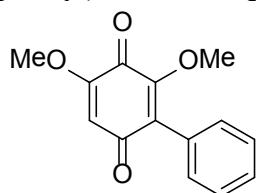
EtOAc/*n*-hexane (1:20); yellow solid (35.7mg, 30.5%); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ =8.05(s, 1H), 7.94-7.86 (m, 3H), 7.58-7.52 (m, 3H), 7.0 (d, J = 2.1 Hz, 1H), 6.93-6.85 (m, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ =187.6, 186.9, 145.9, 137.1, 136.3, 133.9, 132.9(2C), 130.1, 129.8, 128.8, 128.3, 127.7, 127.5, 126.7, 125.9; MS (EI) m/z (%) 234 (M^+ , 100), 206 (39), 178 (30), 152(80).

2,6-Dimethyl-3-phenyl-1,4-benzoquinone (3n).



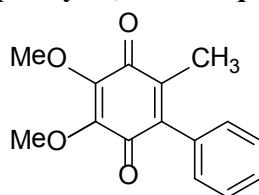
EtOAc/*n*-hexane (1:20); yellow solid (80.2mg, 75.6%); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ =7.45-7.39(m, 3H), 7.16 (d, J = 2.0Hz, 1H), 7.14 (d, J = 1.2Hz, 1H), 6.66 (d, J = 1.0 Hz, 1H), 2.11 (d, J = 1.4 Hz, 3H), 1.97 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ =188.6, 186.8, 145.6, 143.7, 141.6, 133.2, 132.9, 129.5, 128.5, 128.1, 16.0, 14.1; MS (EI) m/z (%) 212 (M^+ , 100), 197 (37), 183 (16), 169(42), 141(15), 115(32).

2,6-Dimethoxy-3-(4-methylphenyl)-1,4-benzoquinone (3o).



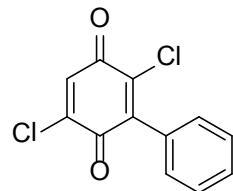
EtOAc/*n*-hexane (1:10); orange solid (105.7mg, 86.6%); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ =7.44-7.39 (m, 3H), 7.32-7.28 (m, 2H), 5.96(s, 1H), 3.85 (s, 3H), 3.74 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ =186.7, 178.6, 157.3, 153.9, 130.6, 130.1, 129.2, 128.8, 127.9, 107.2, 61.3, 56.5; MS (EI) m/z (%) 244 (M^+ , 100), 226 (85), 201(94), 145(93), 183 (47).

2,3-Dimethoxy-5-methyl-6-phenyl-1,4-benzoquinone (3q).



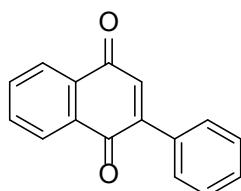
EtOAc/*n*-hexane (1:10); orange oil (42.6mg, 33.0%); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ =7.45-7.39 (m, 3H), 7.16-7.13 (m, 2H), 4.06 (s, 3H), 4.02 (s, 3H), 3.99 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ =184.8, 183.6, 144.9, 144.1, 141.8, 139.9, 131.3, 129.5, 128.6, 128.1, 61.3, 61.2, 13.8; MS (EI) m/z (%) 258 (M^+ , 100), 213 (66), 187 (30), 159(62), 115(57).

2,5-Dichloro-3-phenyl-1,4-benzoquinone (3r).



EtOAc/*n*-hexane (1:10); orange solid (73.7mg, 58.2%); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ =7.49-7.47 (m, 3H), 7.30-7.27 (m, 2H), 7.24 (s, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ =177.6, 177.2, 144.7, 144.5, 143.7, 133.0, 130.7, 129.9, 129.6, 128.3; MS (EI) m/z (%) 252 (M^+ , 74), 217 (100), 189 (89), 161(25), 136(23), 126(34).

2-phenyl-1,4-naphthoquinone (3s).

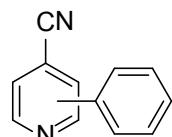


EtOAc/*n*-hexane (1:10); yellow solid (12.9mg, 11.0%); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ =8.21-8.18 (m, 1H), 8.14-8.12 (m, 1H), 7.80-7.78 (m, 2H), 7.59-7.57 (m, 2H), 7.49-7.47 (m, 3H), 7.09 (s, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ =185.2, 184.4, 148.2, 135.3, 133.9, 133.8, 133.4, 132.5, 132.1, 130.0, 129.4, 128.5, 127.1, 126.0; MS (EI) m/z (%) 234 (M^+ , 100), 206 (65), 178 (24), 104(30), 76(25).

General procedure for arylation of pyridines with arylboronic acids (II)

To a test tube equipped with magnetic stir bar was charged with pyridine derivative (0.5 mmol, 1.0 equiv), TFA(1.0 equiv), FeS (0.5 mmol, 1.0 equiv), arylboronic acids (0.75 mmol, 1.5 equiv), $\text{K}_2\text{S}_2\text{O}_8$ (1.5 mmol, 3.0 equiv) in solvent (4 mL, 1:1 DCM:H₂O). The test tube was sealed with rubber septum, and stirred for 40 h at room temperature. The resulting solution was directly filtered through a pad of celite and washed with dichloromethane (15 mL). The filtrate was washed with a saturated solution of NaHCO_3 (3 x 15 mL) and the aqueous layer was extracted again with dichloromethane (3 x 15 mL). The combined organic layer was concentrated under reduced pressure after had been dried over Na_2SO_4 . The crude product was purified by column chromatography using the indicated eluent. The identity and purity of the known product was confirmed by GC-MC, ^1H -NMR and ^{13}C -NMR.

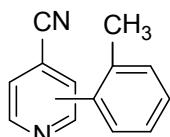
2-phenylisonicotinonitrile (5a-C2), 3-phenylisonicotinonitrile (5a-C3).



EtOAc/*n*-hexane (1:10); C2: pale yellow solid (68.6mg, 76.1%); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ =8.86 (dd, J = 4.8, 0.6 Hz, 1H), 8.01 (d, J = 1.9 Hz, 1H), 7.99 (d, J = 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.95 (s, 1H), 7.51 (d, J = 5.6 Hz, 1H), 7.50 (s, 2H), 7.45 (dd, J = 5.0, 1.4 Hz, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ =158.8, 150.6, 137.3, 130.2, 129.1, 127.0, 123.2, 122.1, 121.2, 116.7; MS (EI) m/z (%) 180 (M^+ , 100), 153 (16), 126 (10); C3: pale yellow solid (12.8mg, 14.2%); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ =8.86(s, 1H), 8.75 (d, J = 5.0 Hz, 1H), 7.63 (d, J = 5.0 Hz, 1H),

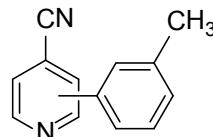
7.60-7.52 (m, 5H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) d=151.0, 148.7, 135.1, 134.4, 129.6, 129.2, 128.8, 126.1, 118.9, 116.3; MS (EI) m/z (%) 180 ($\text{M}^+, 100$), 153 (28), 126 (10).

2-(*o*-tolyl)isonicotinonitrile (5b-C2), 3-(*o*-tolyl)isonicotinonitrile (5b-C3).



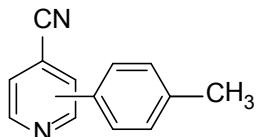
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2-(*m*-tolyl)isonicotinonitrile (5c-C2), 3-(*m*-tolyl)isonicotinonitrile (5c-C3).



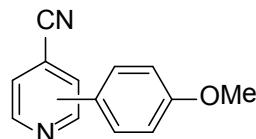
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2-(*p*-tolyl)isonicotinonitrile (5d-C2), 3-(*p*-tolyl)isonicotinonitrile (5d-C3).



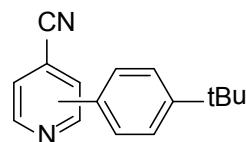
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2-(4-methoxyphenyl)isonicotinonitrile (5e-C2), 3-(4-methoxyphenyl)isonicotinonitrile (5e-C3).



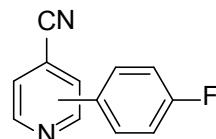
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2-(4-*tert*-butylphenyl)isonicotinonitrile (5f-C2), 3-(4-*tert*-butylphenyl)isonicotinonitrile (5f-C3).



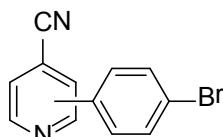
EtOAc/*n*-hexane (1:10); C2: pale yellow solid (85.1mg, 72.0%); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ=8.84 (d, *J* = 5.0 Hz, 1H), 7.95 (s, 1H), 7.93 (s, 2H), 7.53 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.41 (dd, *J* = 5.0, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 1.37 (s, 9H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ=158.7, 153.7, 150.6, 134.5, 126.7, 126.1, 122.8, 121.8, 121.1, 116.9, 34.8, 31.2; MS (EI) *m/z* (%) 236 (M⁺,24), 221 (100), 193 (19), 181 (15); C3: light yellow oil (29.8mg, 25.2%); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ=8.87(s, 1H), 8.72 (d, *J* = 5.0 Hz, 1H), 7.61 (d, *J* = 5.0 Hz, 1H), 7.58-7.53 (m, 4H), 1.38 (s, 9H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ=152.8, 151.0, 148.4, 138.6, 131.5, 128.5, 126.2, 126.1, 118.6, 116.6, 34.8, 31.2; MS (EI) *m/z* (%) 236 (M⁺,29), 221 (100), 205 (13), 193 (26).

2-(4-fluorophenyl)isonicotinonitrile (5g-C2), 3-(4-fluorophenyl)isonicotinonitrile (5g-C3).



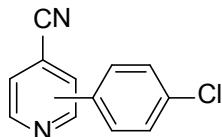
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2-(4-bromophenyl)isonicotinonitrile (5h-C2), 3-(4-bromophenyl)isonicotinonitrile (5h-C3).



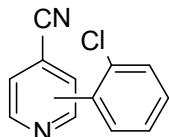
EtOAc/*n*-hexane (1:10); C2: pale yellow solid (19.5mg, 15.1%); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ=8.86 (dd, *J* = 5.0, 0.6 Hz, 1H), 7.92 (s, 1H), 7.89 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 7.65 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 7.47 (dd, *J* = 5.0, 1.3 Hz, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ=157.6, 150.8, 136.2, 132.3, 128.5, 125.0, 123.5, 121.8, 121.4, 116.5; MS (EI) *m/z* (%) 258 (M⁺,100), 179 (75), 152 (44), 125 (14); C3: pale yellow solid (33.5mg, 25.9%); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ=8.77 (s, 1H), 8.70 (d, *J* = 5.0 Hz, 1H), 7.62 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.56 (d, *J* = 5.0 Hz, 1H), 7.39 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ=150.7, 149.1, 137.6, 133.3, 132.5, 130.3, 126.1, 124.4, 118.8, 116.1; MS (EI) *m/z* (%) 260 (M⁺,100), 179 (100), 152 (70), 125 (23).

2-(4-chlorophenyl)isonicotinonitrile (5i-C2), 3-(4-chlorophenyl)isonicotinonitrile (5i-C3).



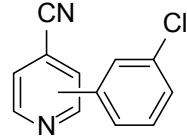
EtOAc/*n*-hexane (1:10); C2: pale yellow solid (30.5mg, 28.4%); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ=8.85 (dd, *J* = 4.9, 0.5 Hz, 1H), 7.94 (t, *J* = 9.7 Hz, 3H), 7.50-7.46 (m, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ=157.5, 150.7, 136.6, 135.7, 129.3, 128.2, 123.4, 121.8, 121.4, 116.6; MS (EI) *m/z* (%) 214 (M⁺,100), 179 (93), 152 (44); C3: pale yellow solid (29.7mg, 27.7%); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ=8.84(s, 1H), 8.77 (d, *J* = 5.0 Hz, 1H), 7.63 (d, *J* = 5.0 Hz, 1H), 7.54-7.51 (m, 4H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ=150.7, 149.1, 137.6, 136.1, 132.8, 130.1, 129.5, 126.1, 118.8, 116.1; MS (EI) *m/z* (%) 214 (M⁺,100), 179 (84), 152 (38).

2-(2-chlorophenyl)isonicotinonitrile (5j-C2), 3-(2-chlorophenyl)isonicotinonitrile (5j-C3).



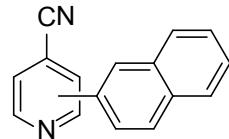
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2-(3-chlorophenyl)isonicotinonitrile (5k-C2), 3-(3-chlorophenyl)isonicotinonitrile (5k-C3).



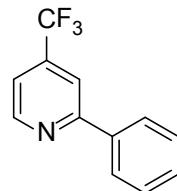
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2-(naphthalen-2-yl)isonicotinonitrile (5l-C2), 3-(naphthalen-2-yl)isonicotinonitrile (5l-C3),



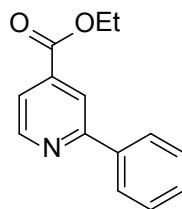
EtOAc/*n*-hexane (1:10); C2: pale yellow solid (28.9mg, 25.1%); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) d=8.90 (d, *J* = 4.9, 1H), 8.50 (s, 1H), 8.11 (dd, *J* = 8.6, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 8.09 (s, 1H), 7.99-7.96 (m, 2H), 7.89 (t, *J* = 4.3, 1H), 7.56-7.54 (m, 2H), 7.47(dd, *J* = 4.9, 1.2 Hz, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) d=158.7, 150.7, 134.5, 134.1, 133.3, 128.9 (2C), 127.8, 127.3, 127.0, 126.7, 123.9, 123.1, 122.3, 121.3, 116.8; MS (EI) *m/z* (%) 230 (M⁺,100), 201 (10), 175 (8); C3: pale yellow solid (26.4mg, 22.9%); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) d=8.97(s, 1H), 8.78 (d, *J* = 4.6 Hz, 1H), 8.07 (s, 1H), 8.02 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.96-7.91 (m, 2H), 7.69-7.65 (m, 2H), 7.59-7.57 (m, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) d=151.2, 148.7, 138.8, 133.4, 133.2, 131.8, 129.1, 128.7, 128.5, 127.8, 127.4, 127.0, 126.2, 125.8, 119.1, 116.4; MS (EI) *m/z* (%) 230 (M⁺,100), 201 (10), 175 (6).

4-trifluoromethyl-2-phenylpyridine (5m).



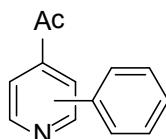
EtOAc/*n*-hexane (1:10); colorless oil (84.6mg, 75.9%); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) d=8.84 (d, *J* = 5.0 Hz, 1H), 8.02 (dd, *J* = 8.3, 1.6 Hz, 2H), 7.91 (s, 1H), 7.51-7.45 (m, 3H), 7.42 (d, *J* = 5.2 Hz, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) d=158.8, 150.6, 139.0, 138.0, 129.8, 129.0, 127.0, 117.5 (q, *J* = 3.2 Hz), 116.0 (d, *J* = 3.6 Hz); MS (EI) *m/z* (%) 223 (M⁺,100), 204 (50), 154 (90), 127(45).

ethyl 2-phenylisonicotinate (5n).



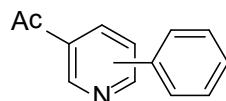
EtOAc/*n*-hexane (1:10); pale yellow oil (68.8mg, 60.6%); The spectroscopic data for these compounds were identical to those reported in the literature: Tetrahedron Letters, 2008, 49, 4349.

4-Acetyl -2-phenylpyridine (5o-C2), 4-Acetyl -3-phenylpyridine (5o-C3).



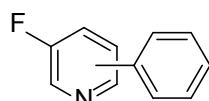
EtOAc/*n*-hexane (1:10); C2: white solid (60.6mg, 61.5%); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) d=8.87 (d, *J* = 5.0 Hz, 1H), 8.17 (s, 1H), 8.06-8.04 (m, 2H), 7.65 (dd, *J* = 5.0, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.53-7.45 (m, 3H), 2.68 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) d=197.5, 158.9, 150.1, 150.8, 143.7, 138.6, 129.5, 128.9, 127.0, 119.7, 118.0, 26.8; MS (EI) *m/z* (%) 197 (M⁺,100), 182 (100), 154 (96), 127(80); C3: trace.

3-Acetyl -2-phenylpyridine (5p-C2), 3-Acetyl -4-phenylpyridine(5p-C4), 3-Acetyl -6-phenylpyridine (5p-C6).



EtOAc/*n*-hexane (1:10); C6: white solid (26.4mg, 26.8%); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) d=9.24 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 8.30 (dd, *J* = 8.3, 2.3 Hz, 1H), 8.07 (dd, *J* = 8.2, 1.8 Hz, 2H), 7.85 (dd, *J* = 8.3, 0.6 Hz, 1H), 7.54-7.48 (m, 3H), 2.67(s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) d=196.5, 161.0, 150.1, 138.2, 136.4, 130.6, 130.1, 129.0, 127.4, 120.2, 26.8; MS (EI) *m/z* (%) 197 (M⁺,100), 182 (100), 154 (100), 127(90); C2 and C6 (3:1): light yellow oil (37.0mg, 37.5%); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) d=9.24 (d, *J* = 1.8 Hz, 0.3H), 8.77 (dd, *J* = 4.8, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 8.30 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 2.3 Hz, 0.3H), 8.07 (dd, *J* = 8.2, 1.8 Hz, 0.6H), 7.87 (dd, *J* = 7.7, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.74-7.71 (m, 1H), 7.59-7.56 (m, 2H), 7.54-7.52 (m, 1.3H), 7.49-7.47 (m, 2H), 7.37-7.34 (m, 1H), 2.67(s, 1H), 2.07(s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) d=203.7, 199.1, 157.2, 150.9, 150.2, 139.7, 138.2, 136.4, 136.2, 132.3, 130.9, 130.1, 129.4, 129.1, 129.0, 128.8 (2C), 127.4, 121.9, 120.2, 30.3, 26.8; MS (EI) *m/z* (%) 197 (M⁺,65), 182 (100), 154 (47), 127(35); C4:trace.

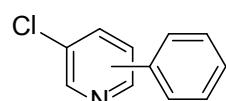
3-fluoro -2-phenylpyridine (5q-C2), 3-fluoro -4-phenylpyridine(5q-C4), 3-fluoro-6-phenylpyridine (5q-C6).



EtOAc/*n*-hexane (1:10); C2: pale yellow solid (18.8mg, 21.7%); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) d=8.54 (d, *J* = 2.6Hz, 1H), 8.47 (d, *J* = 4.9Hz, 1H), 7.62-7.60 (m, 2H), 7.52-7.46 (m, 3H), 7.42-7.39 (m, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) d=157.9, 155.4, 146.0 (d, *J* = 5.2Hz), 139.1 (d, *J* = 25.7Hz), 136.1 (d, *J* = 10.7Hz), 132.9, 129.3, 128.8 (d, *J* = 2.4Hz), 124.2; MS (EI) *m/z*

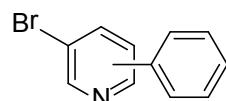
(%) 173 (M^+ ,100), 146 (26), 125 (13); C4 and C6 : light yellow oil (50.2mg, 58.0%); 1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) d=8.53-8.51 (m, 2H), 7.98-7.95 (m, 4H), 7.51-7.42 (m, 8H), 7.28-7.24 (m, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, $CDCl_3$) d=158.8, 156.2, 146.3, 146.2, 145.4 (d, J = 5.3Hz), 135.3 (d, J = 5.3Hz), 129.2, 128.8 (d, J = 5.5Hz), 128.5, 128.4, 127.3, 124.2, 124.0, 123.8, 123.5, 123.4; MS (EI) m/z (%) 173 (M^+ ,100), 154 (16), 140 (24), 125 (14); 173 (M^+ ,78), 154 (20), 146 (27), 125 (15).

3-chloro -2-phenylpyridine (5r-C2), 3-chloro -4-phenylpyridine(5r-C4), 3-chloro -6-phenylpyridine (5r-C6).



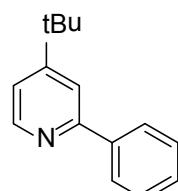
$EtOAc/n$ -hexane (1:10); C2: light yellow oil (24.4mg, 25.7%); 1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) d=8.60 (dd, J = 4.6, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.80 (dd, J = 4.6, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.74-7.72 (m, 2H), 7.50-7.43 (m, 3H), 7.24-7.21 (m, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, $CDCl_3$) d=156.6, 147.6, 138.2, 138.1, 130.2, 129.3, 128.8, 128.1, 123.1; MS (EI) m/z (%) 189 (M^+ ,95), 154 (100), 127 (70), 77 (38); C6 : pale yellow solid (36.5mg, 38.5%); 1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) d=8.57 (d, J = 2.3Hz, 1H), 7.89 (dd, J = 8.6, 1.6 Hz, 2H), 7.67-7.60 (m, 2H), 7.43-7.36 (m, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, $CDCl_3$) d=154.6, 147.5, 137.2, 135.4, 128.3, 129.6, 127.8, 125.8, 120.1; MS (EI) m/z (%) 189 (M^+ ,100), 154 (63), 127 (22), 77 (15). C4: trace.

3-bromo -2-phenylpyridine (5s-C2), 3-bromo -4-phenylpyridine(5s-C4), 3-chloro -6-phenylpyridine (5s-C6).



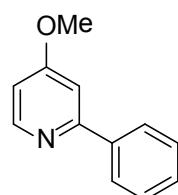
$EtOAc/n$ -hexane (1:10); C6: pale yellow solid (12.5mg, 10.7%); 1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) d=8.67 (s, 1H), 7.89 (d, J = 7.8Hz, 2H), 7.80 (dd, J = 8.5, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.56 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.43-7.36 (m, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, $CDCl_3$) d=155.2, 149.7, 138.3, 137.2, 128.3, 127.9, 125.7, 120.6, 118.3; MS (EI) m/z (%) 233 (M^+ ,100), 154 (57), 127 (43), 77 (28); C2 and C4 : light yellow oil (55.3mg, 47.2%); 1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) d=8.82 (s, 1H), 8.62 (dd, J = 4.6, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 8.54 (d, J = 4.9Hz, 1H), 7.99 (dd, J = 8.0, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 7.68 (dd, J = 7.9, 1.7 Hz, 2H), 7.49-7.43 (m, 8H), 7.26 (d, J = 2.3 Hz, 1H), 7.16-7.12 (m, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, $CDCl_3$) d=158.2, 152.5, 149.7, 148.3, 148.1, 141.3, 139.6, 138.2, 129.3, 128.8, 128.7, 128.4, 128.0, 125.7, 123.3, 120.9, 119.8; MS (EI) m/z (%) 233 (M^+ ,100), 154 (85), 127 (98), 77 (39); 233 (M^+ ,78), 154 (100), 127 (90), 77 (51).

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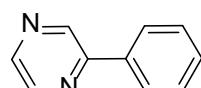
$EtOAc/n$ -hexane (1:10); light yellow oil (72.0mg, 68.2%); The spectroscopic data for these compounds were identical to those reported in the literature: J. Am. Chem. Soc. 2010, 132, 13194

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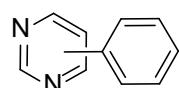
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2-phenylpyrazine (5v).



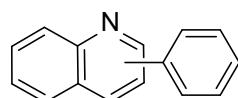
EtOAc/n-hexane (1:10); pale yellow solid (41.1mg, 52.6%); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ =9.04(d, J = 1.5 Hz, 1H), 8.65-8.64 (m, 1H), 8.52 (d, J = 2.5 Hz, 1H), 8.04-8.01 (m, 2H) 7.55-7.47; (m, 3H) ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ =152.9, 144.2, 142.9, 142.3, 136.4, 129.9, 129.1, 127.0; MS (EI) m/z (%) 156 (M^+ , 100), 129 (12), 103(54), 76(10).

2-phenylpyrimidine (5w-C2), 4-phenylpyrimidine (5w-C4).



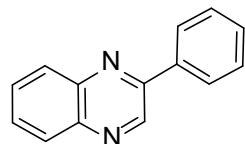
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2-phenylquinoline (5x -C2), 4-phenylquinoline (5x -C4).



EtOAc/n-hexane (1:10); C2: pale yellow solid (29.3mg, 28.6%); The spectroscopic data for these compounds were identical to those reported in the literature: Chem. Commun., 2011, 47, 12840. C4: pale yellow oil (21.7mg, 21.1%); The spectroscopic data for these compounds were identical to those reported in the literature: Eur. J. Org. Chem. 2006, 1917.

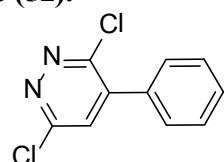
2-phenylquinoxaline (5y).



EtOAc/n-hexane (1:10); pale yellow solid (52.1mg, 50.5%); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ =9.34(s, 1H), 8.22-8.12 (m, 4H), 7.82-7.74 (m, 2H), 7.60-7.53 (m, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz,

CDCl₃) δ=151.9, 143.4, 142.3, 141.6, 136.8, 130.3, 130.2, 129.7, 129.6, 129.2, 129.1, 127.6; MS (EI) *m/z* (%) 206 (M⁺,100), 179 (100), 152(30), 103(50), 76(66), 50(35).

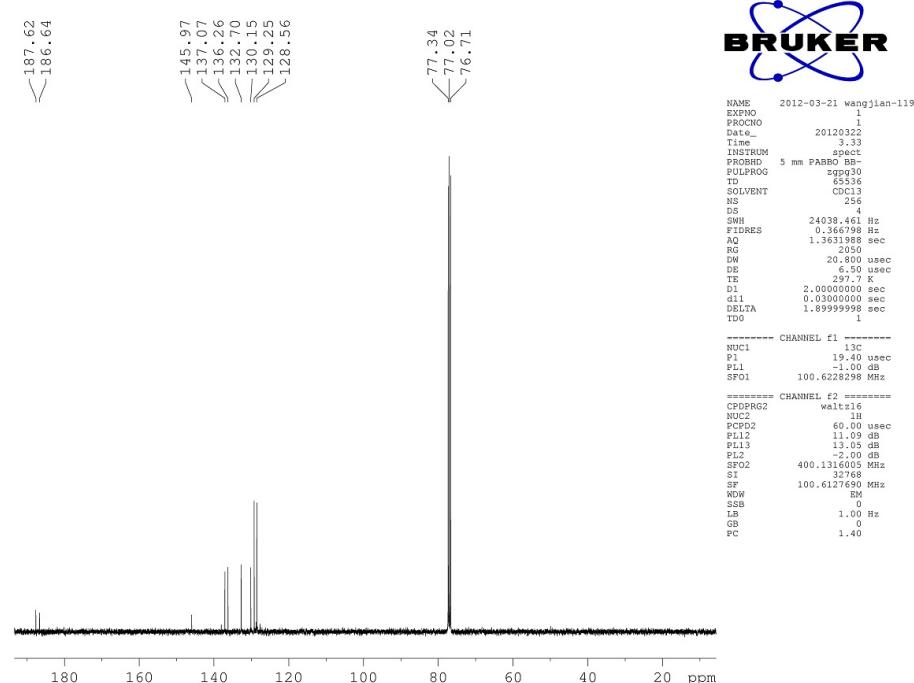
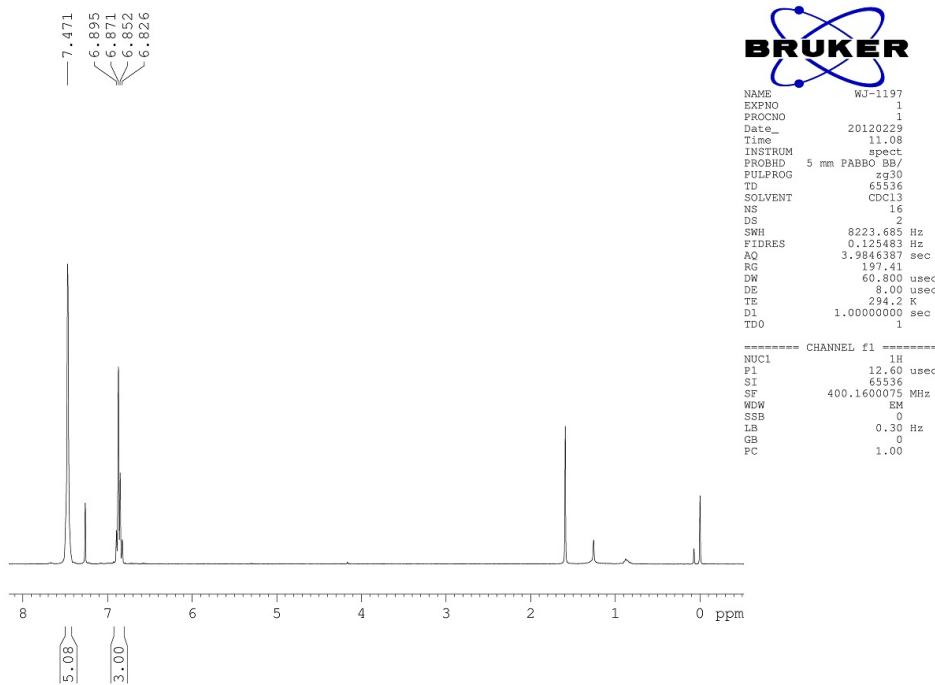
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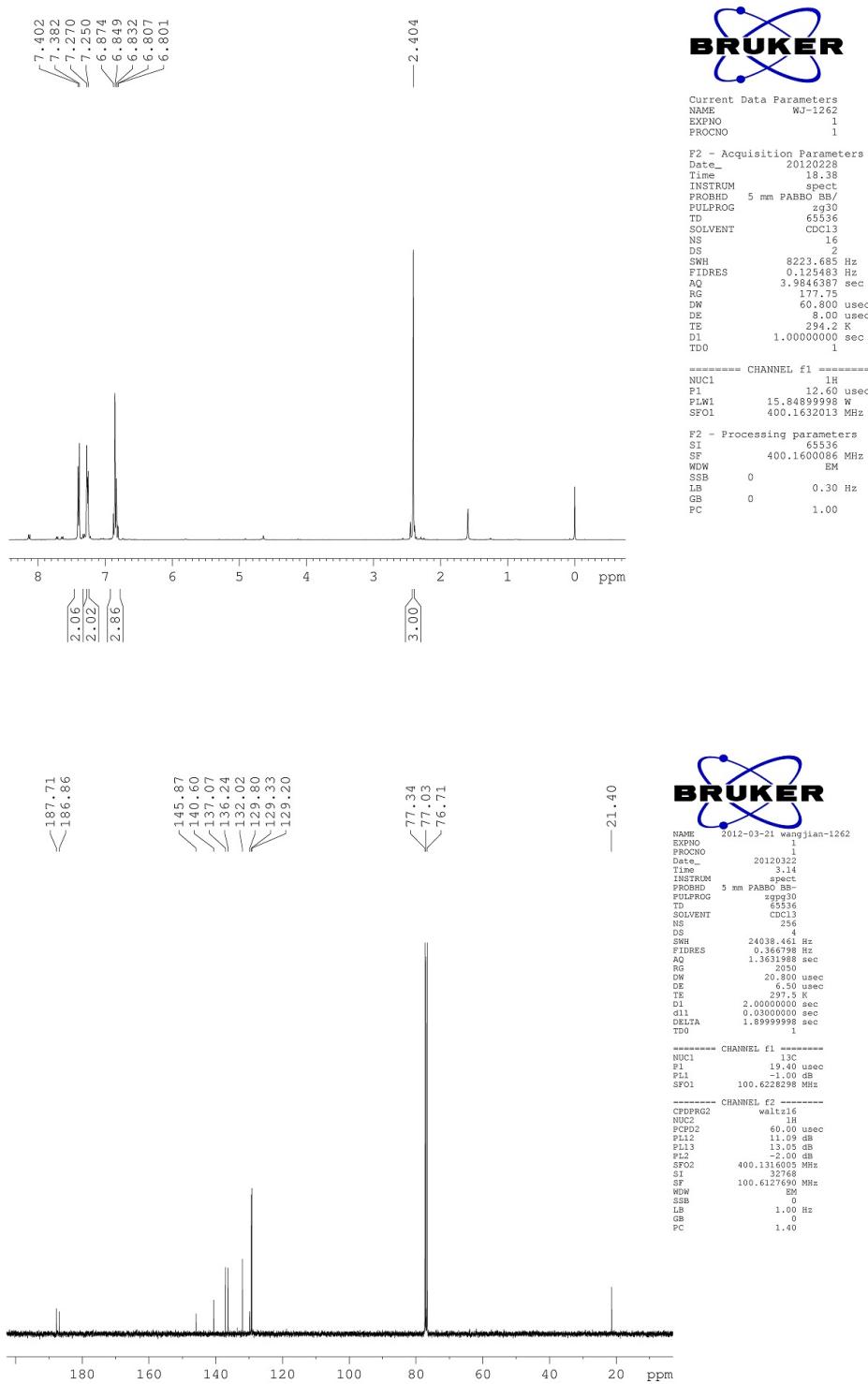
EtOAc/*n*-hexane (1:10); pale yellow solid (19.5mg, 17.3%); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ=7.55-7.50 (m, 6H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ=156.0, 154.9, 142.8, 133.2, 130.4, 129.6, 129.0, 128.9; MS (EI) *m/z* (%) 225(M⁺,84), 224 (100), 196(55), 161(53), 136(75), 126(70).

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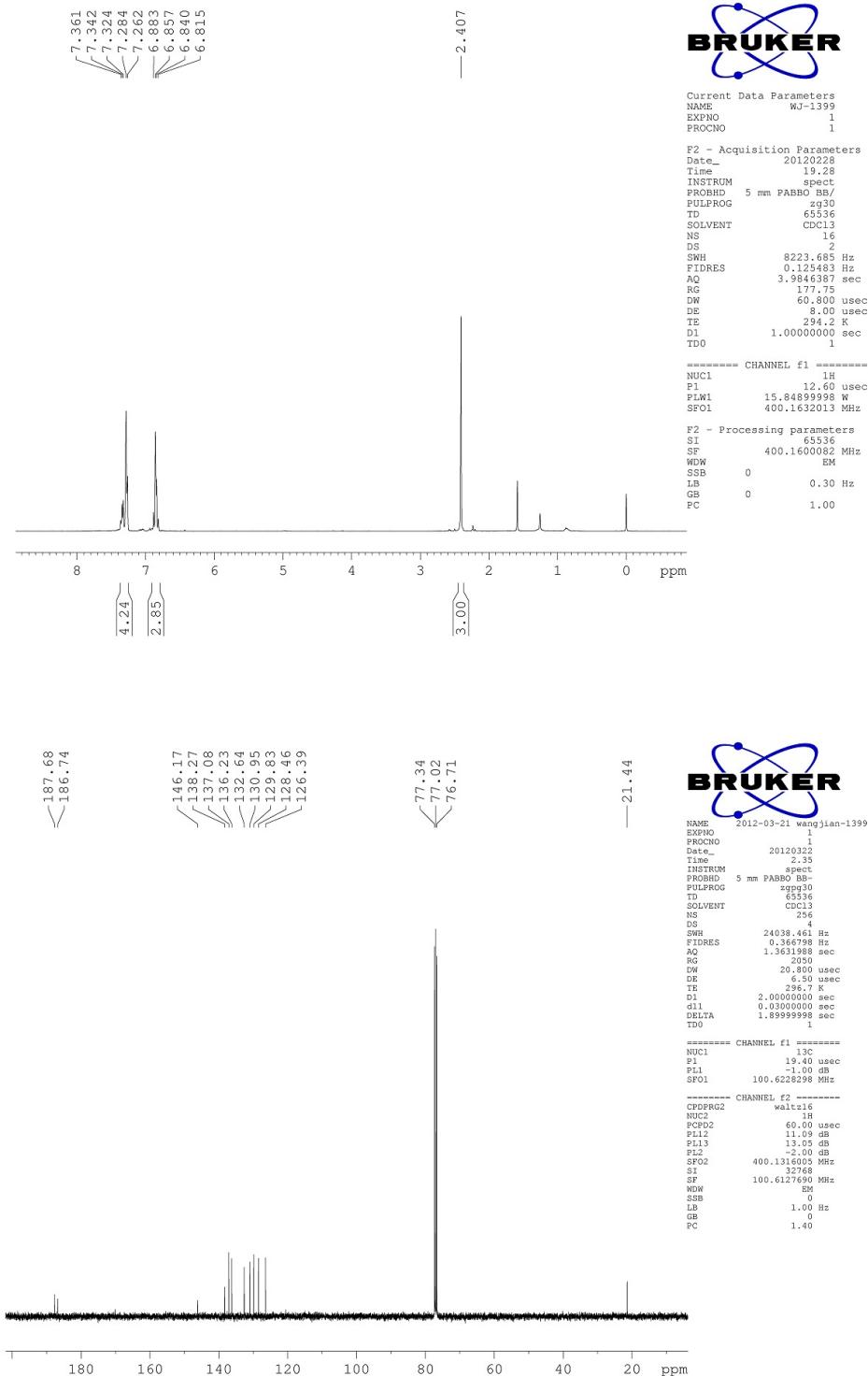
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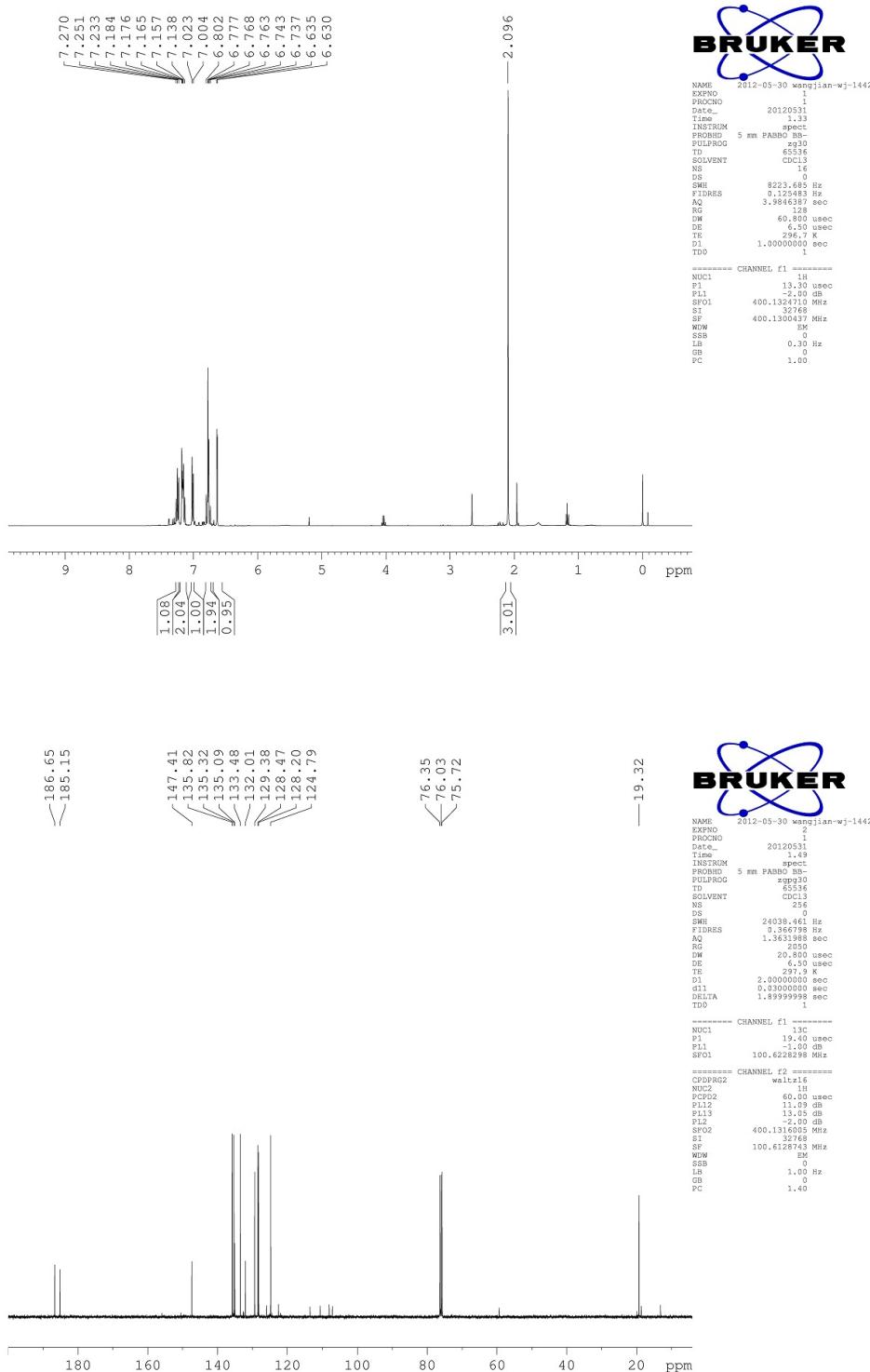
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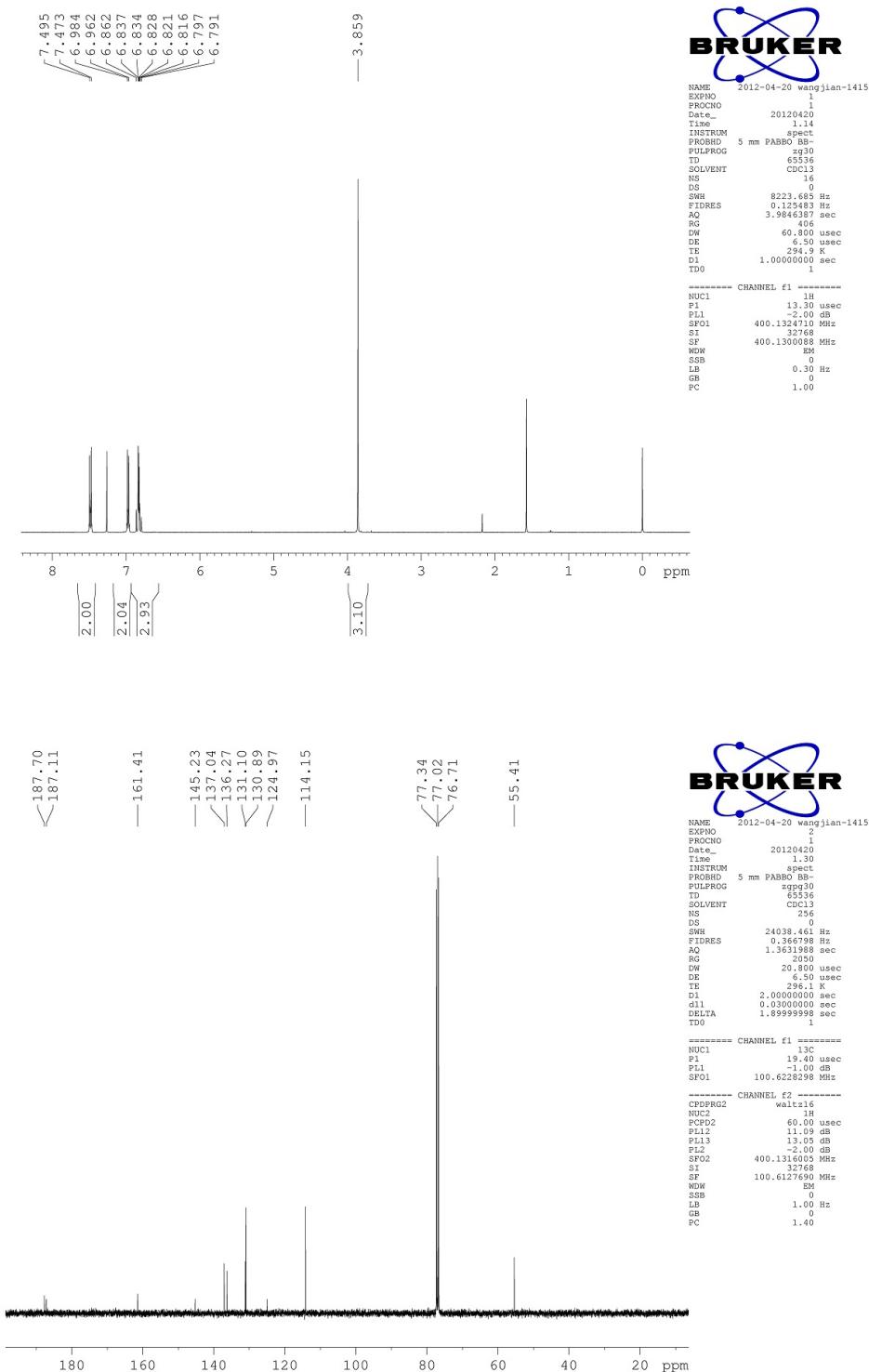
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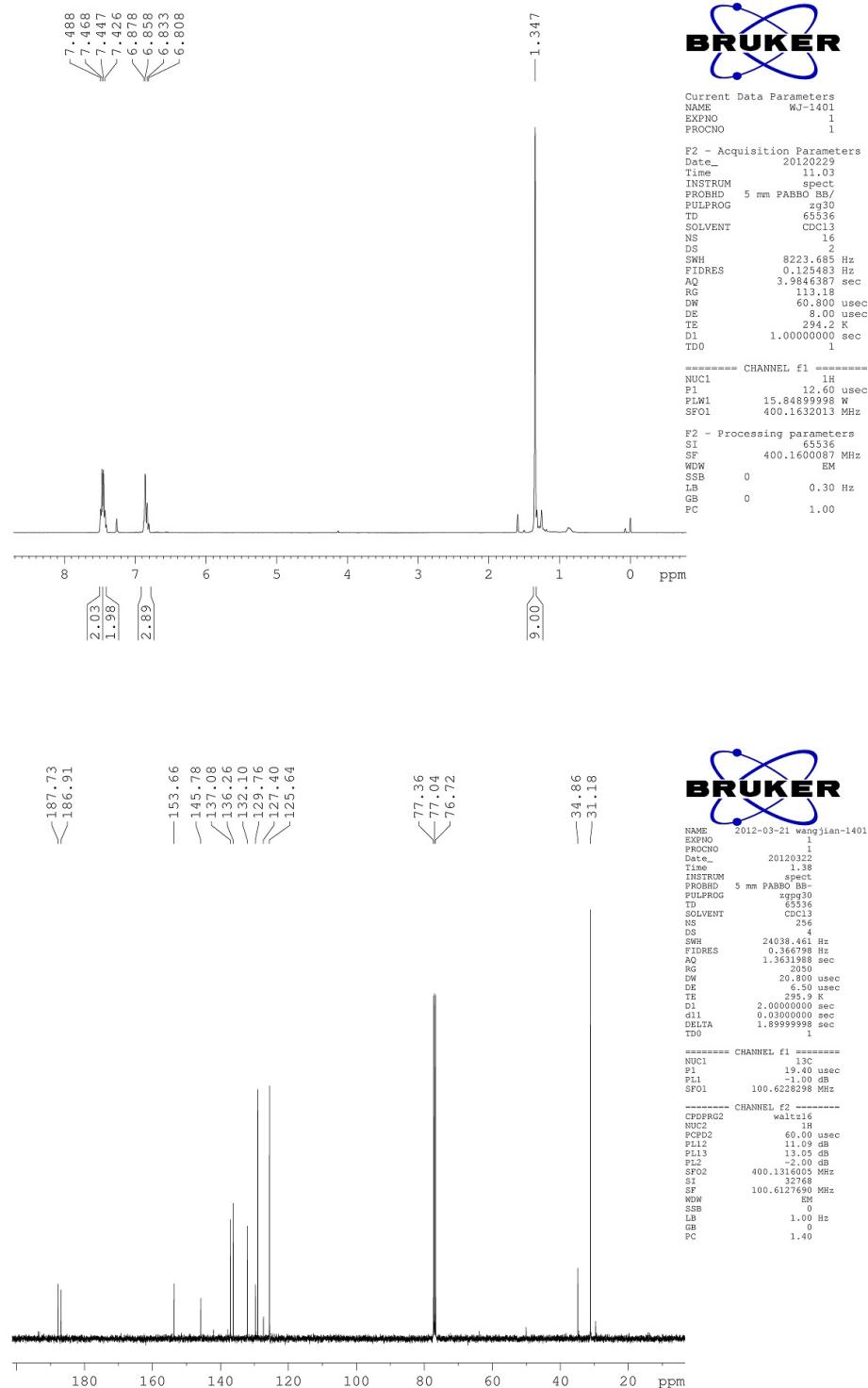
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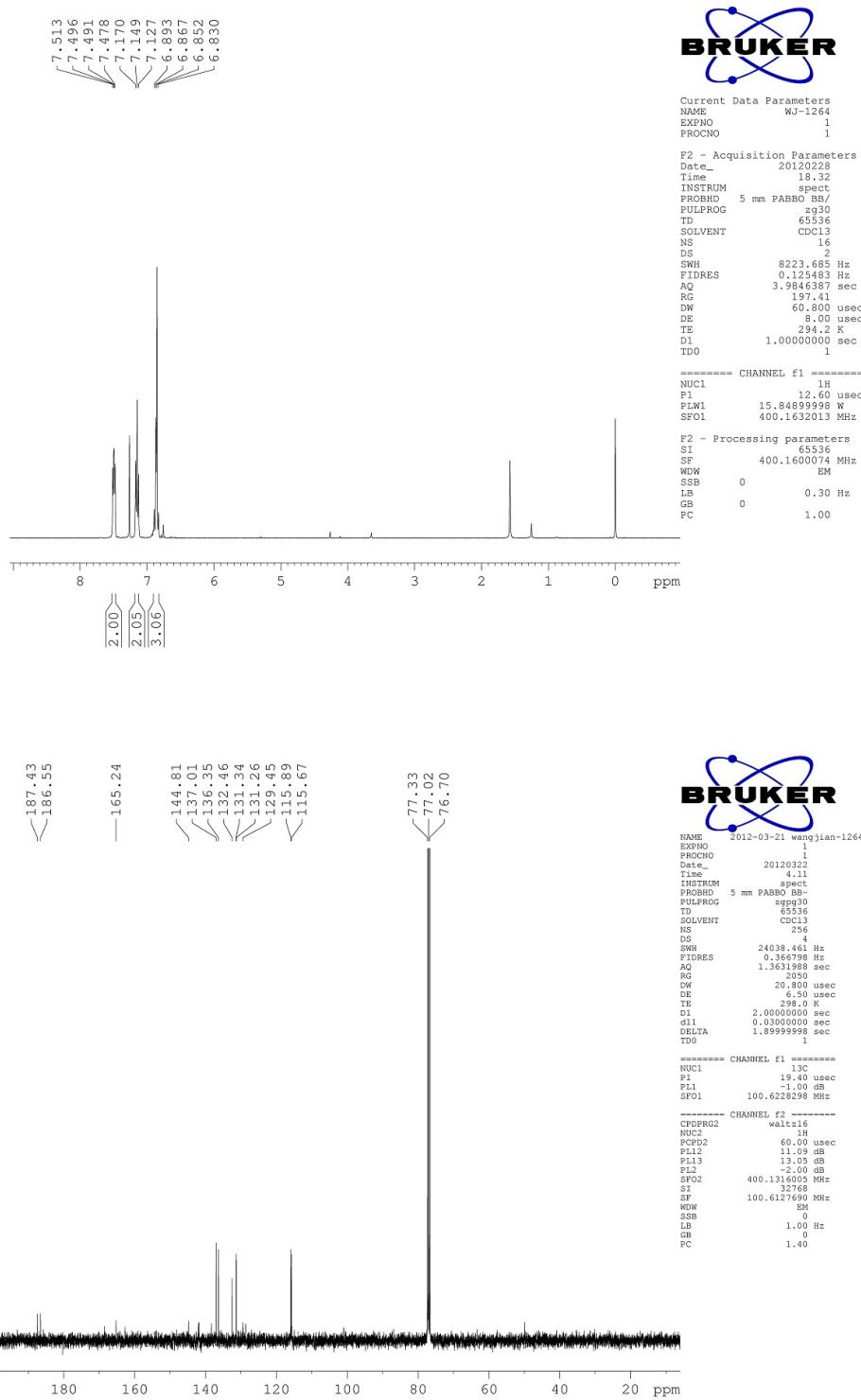
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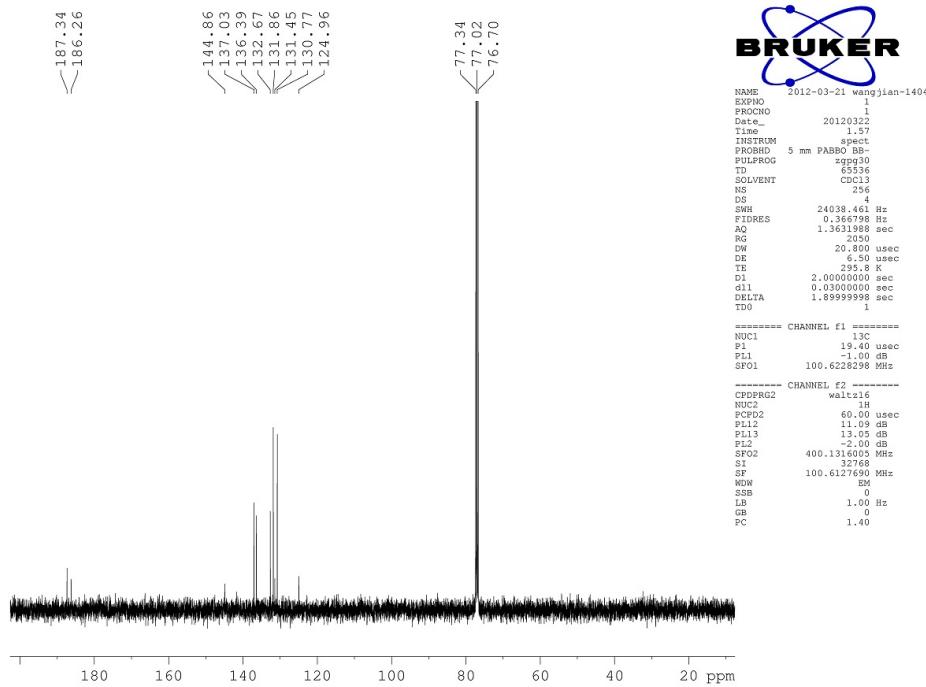
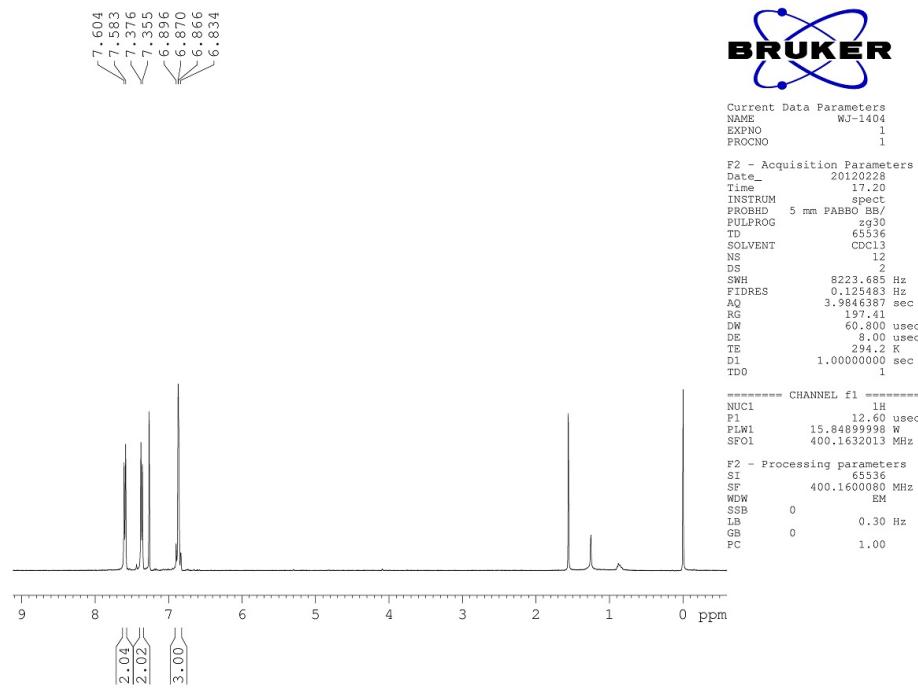
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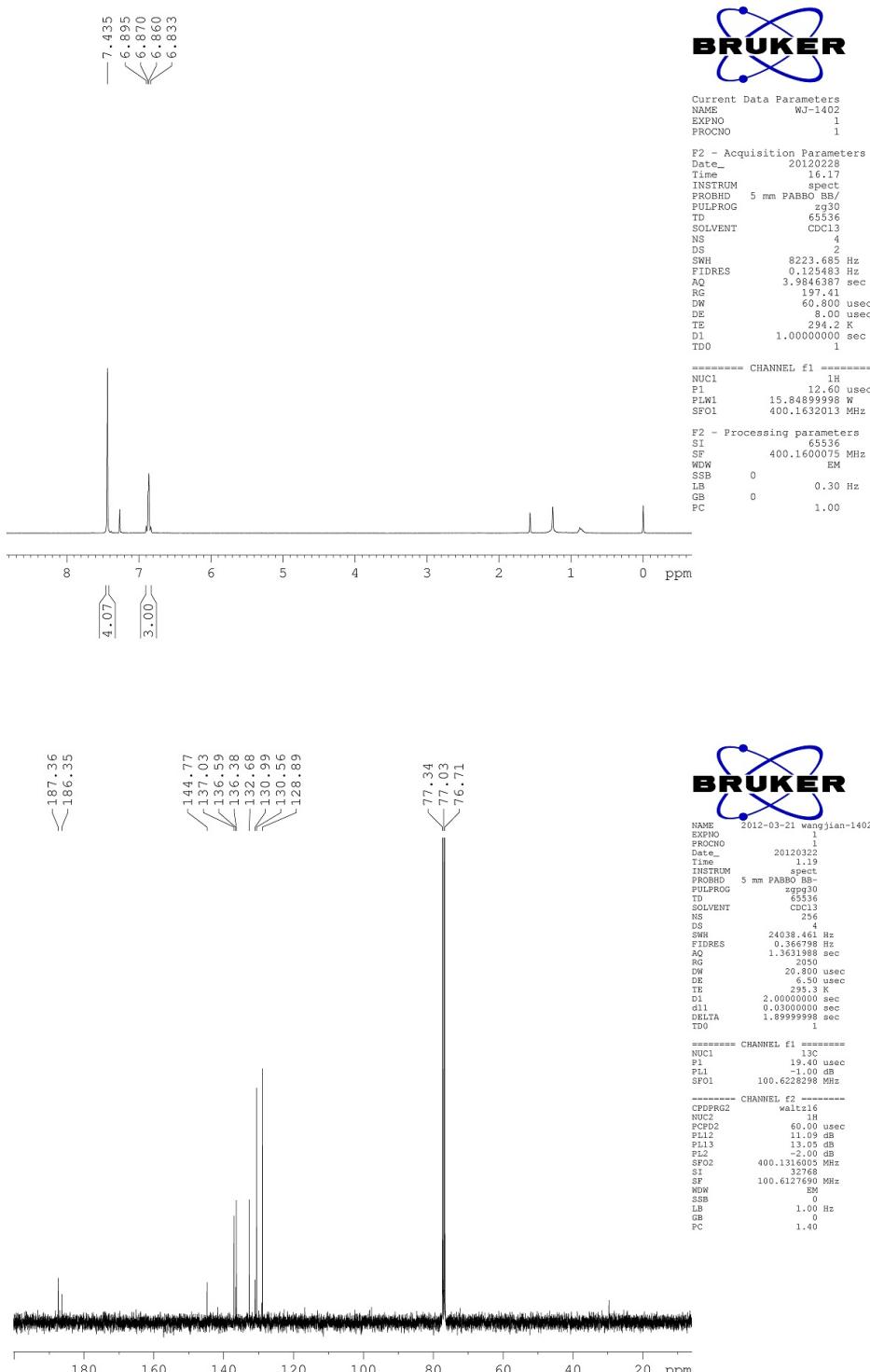
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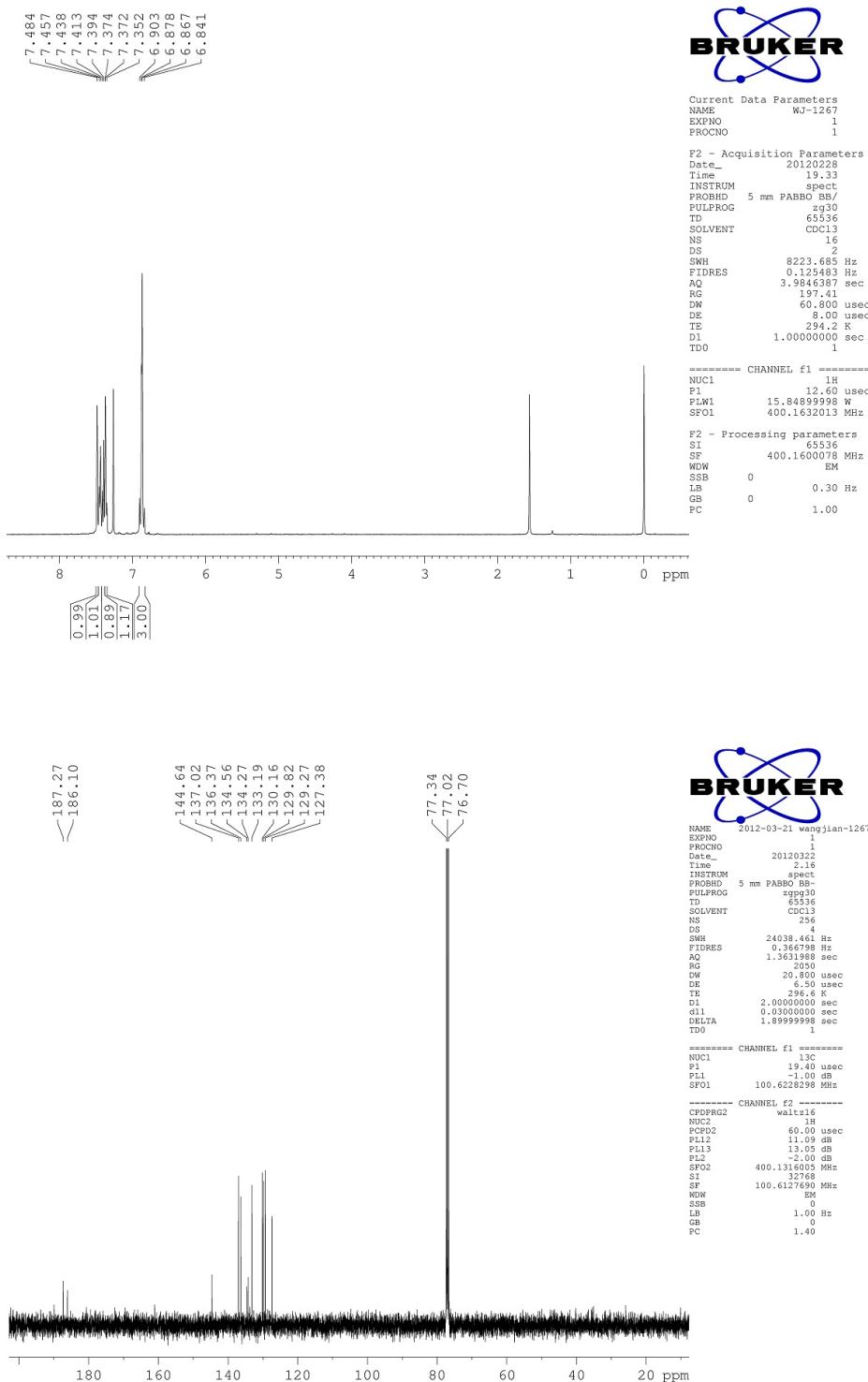
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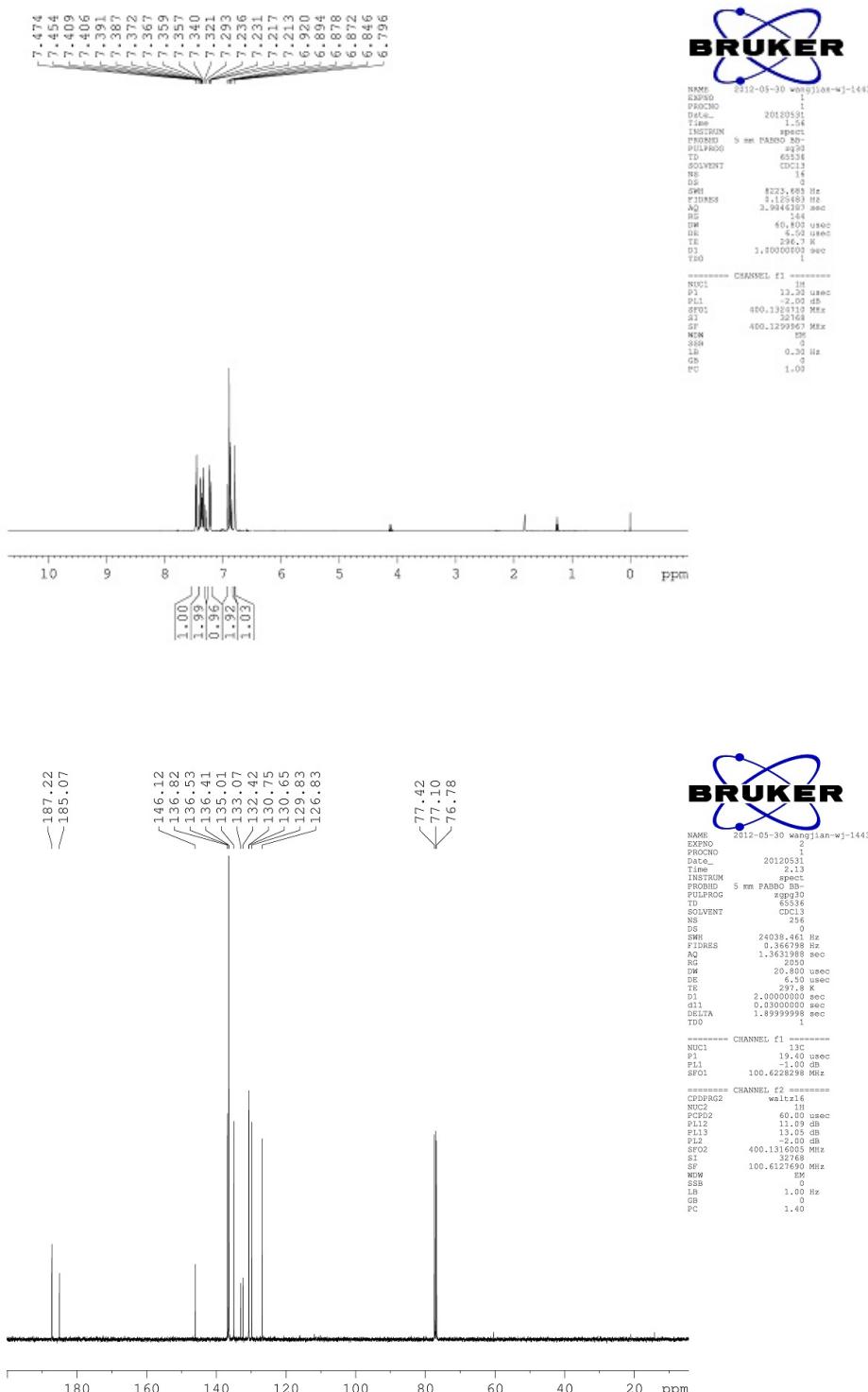
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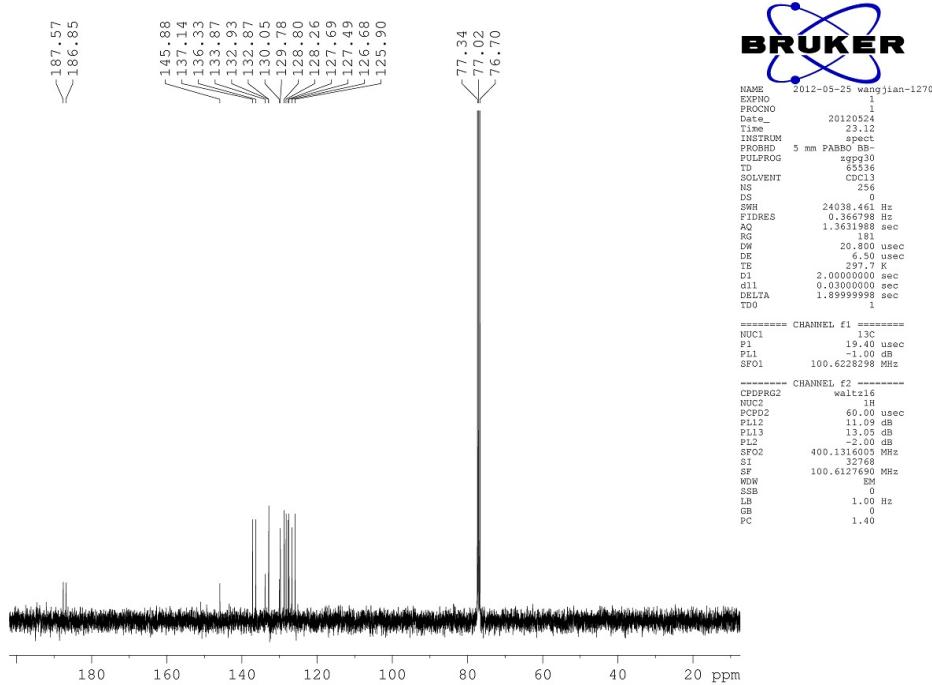
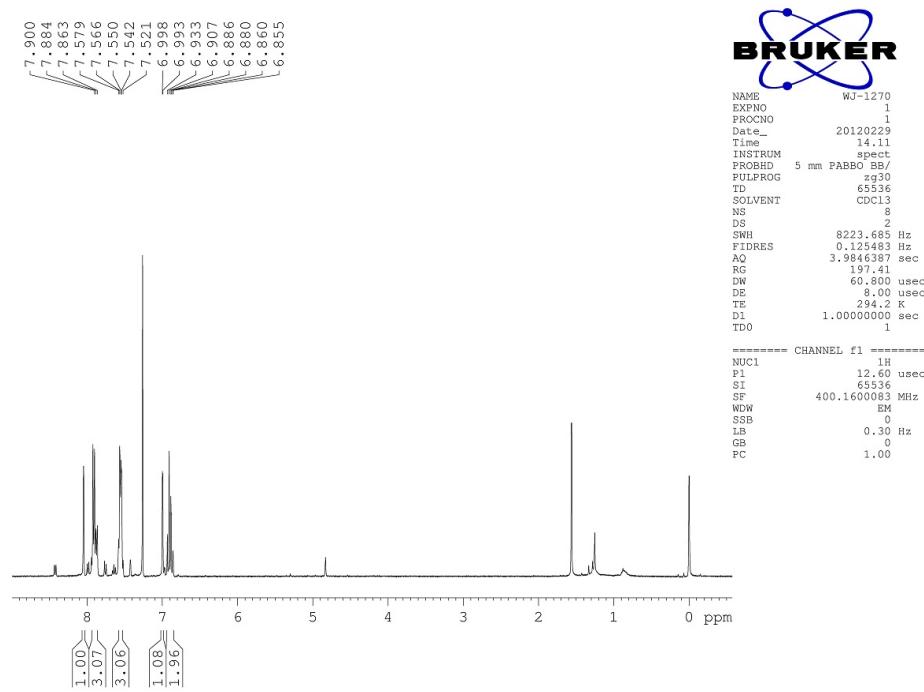
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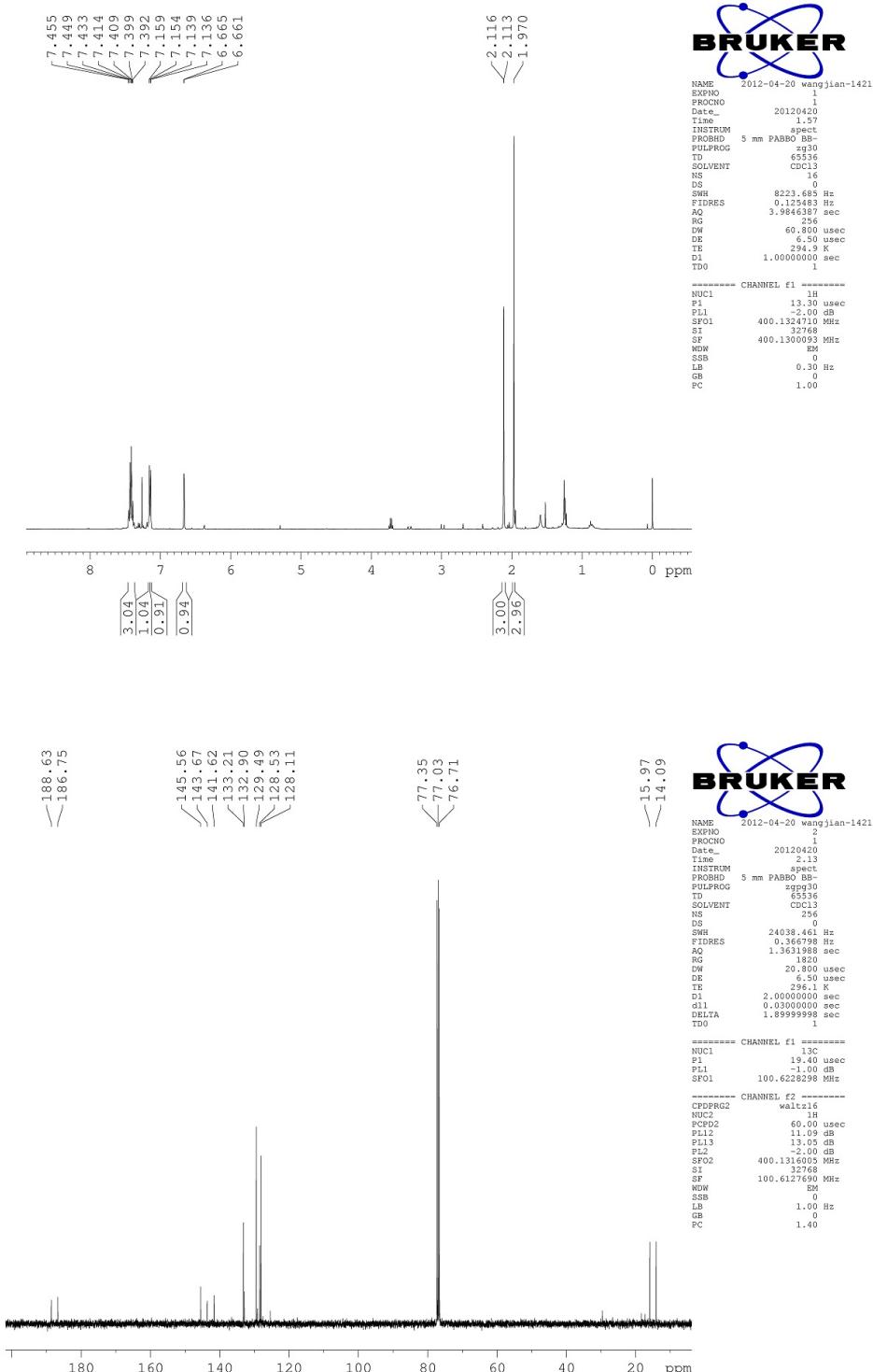
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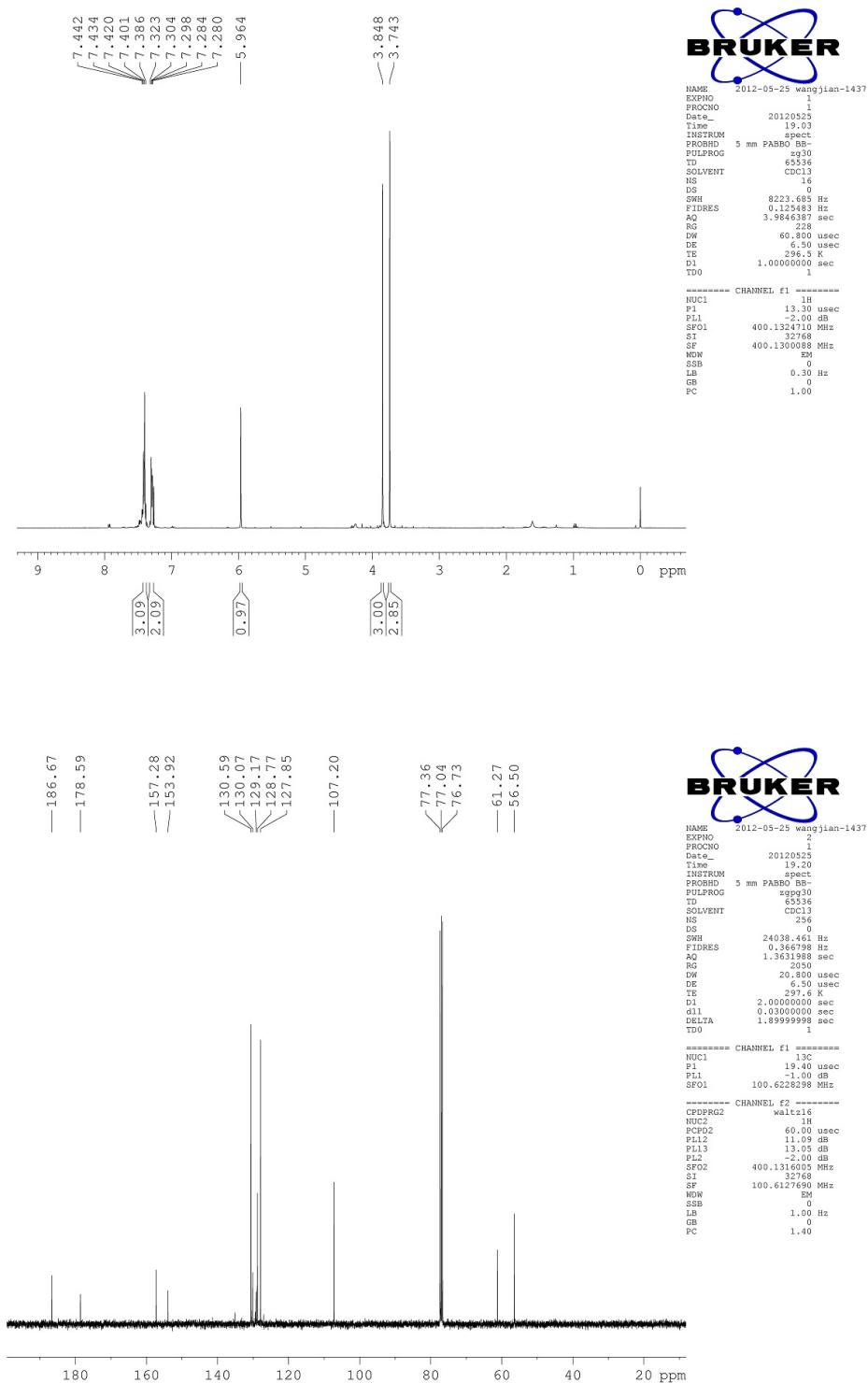
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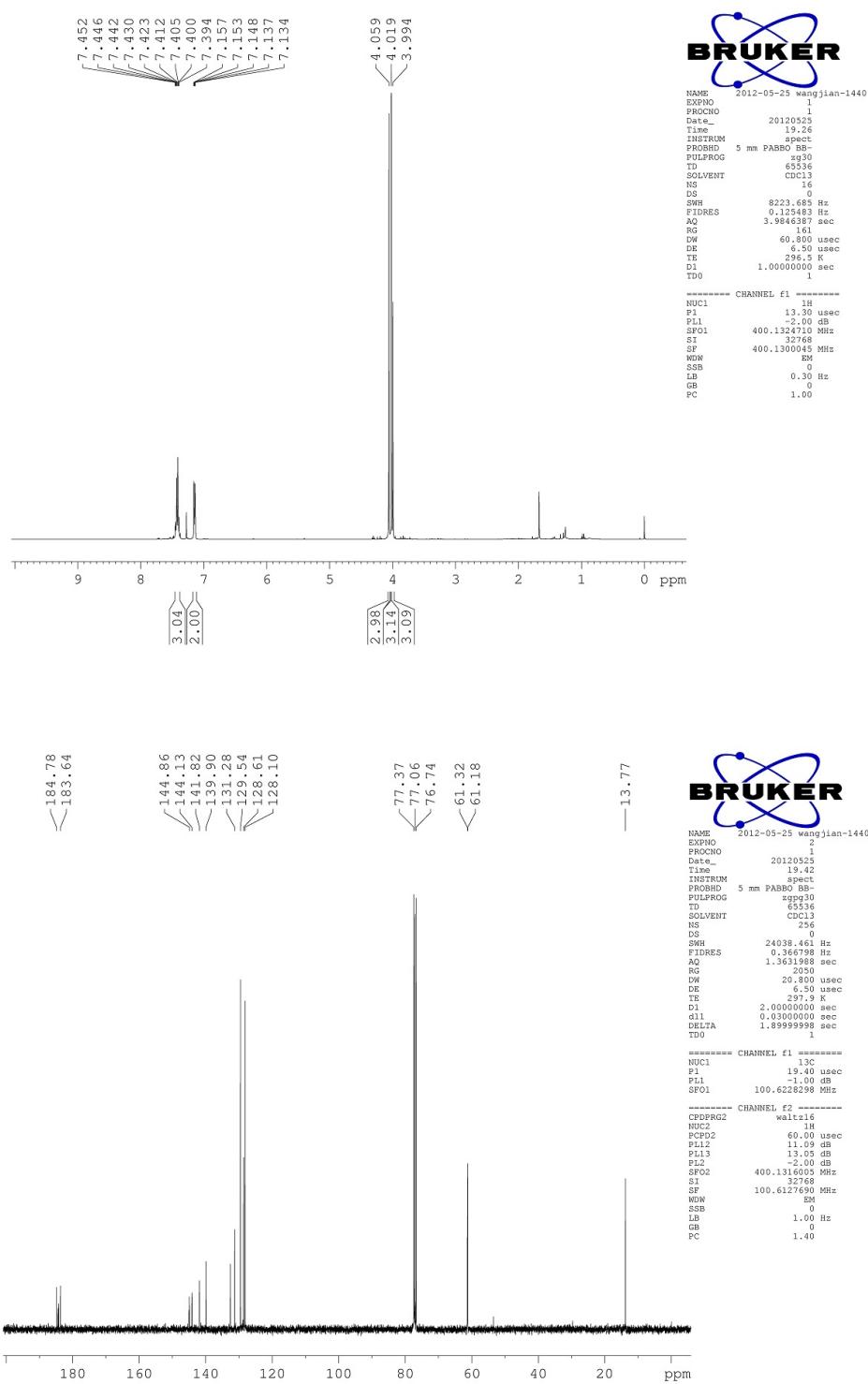
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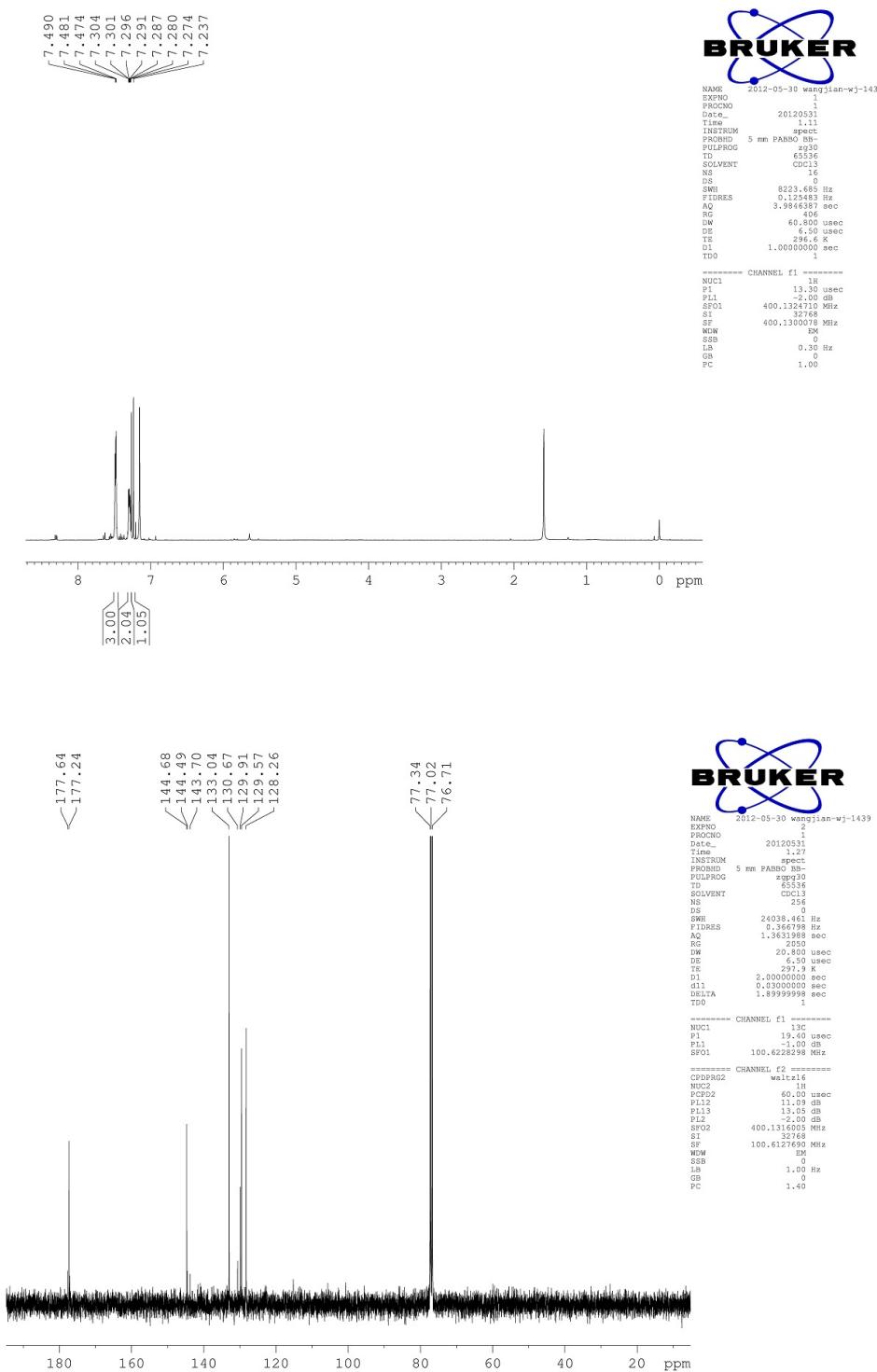
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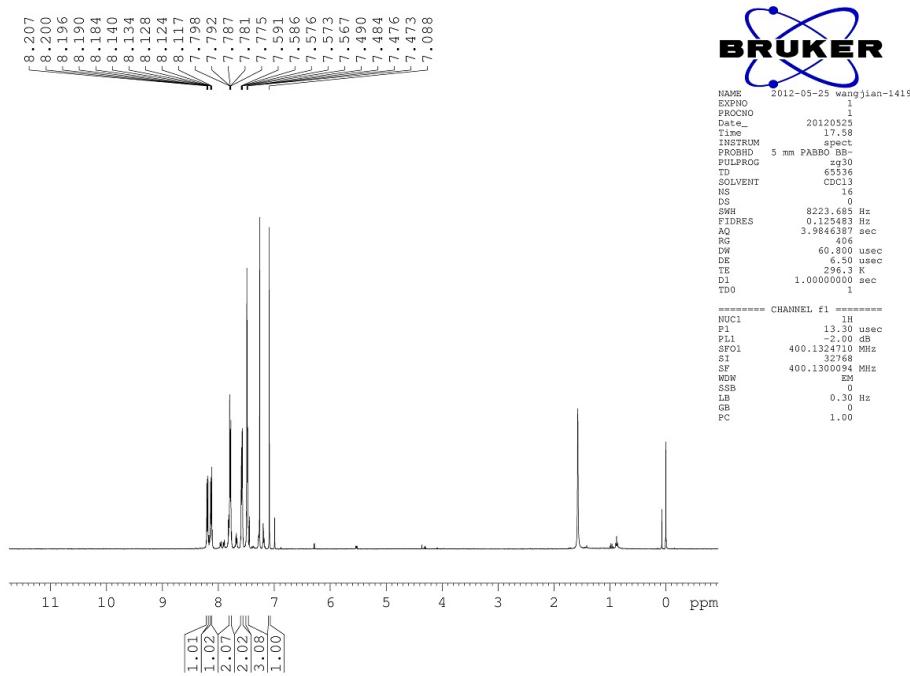
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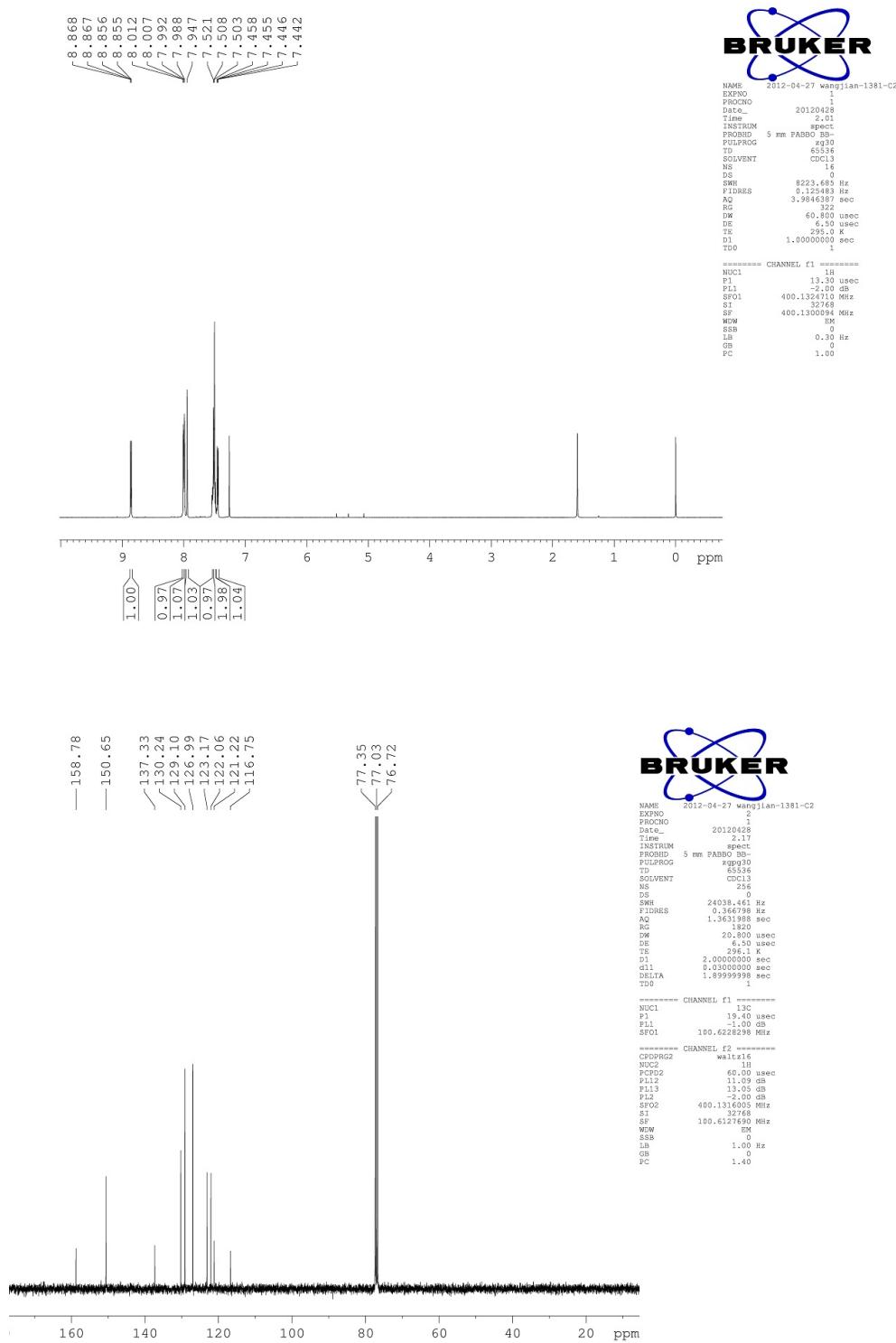
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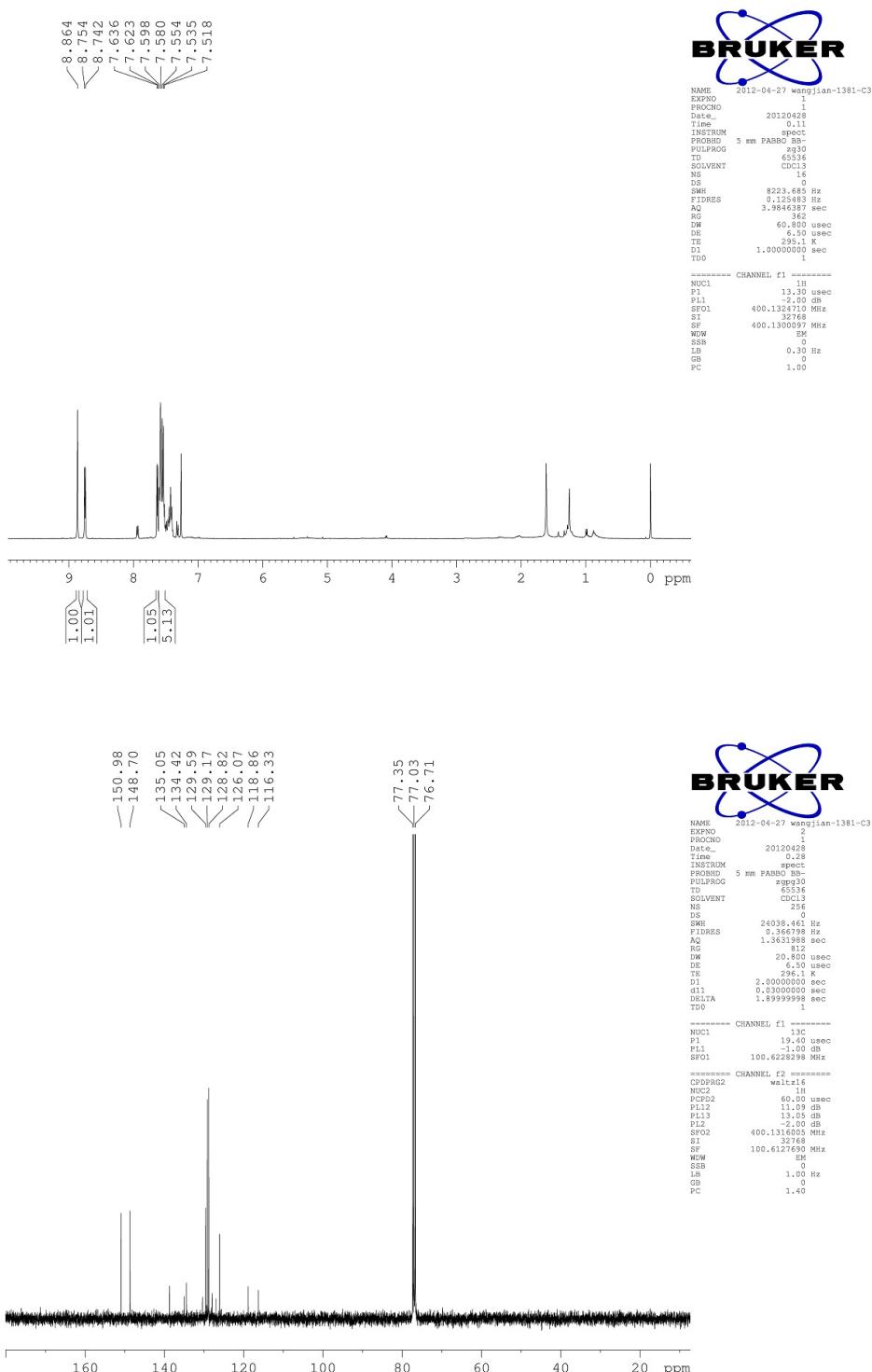
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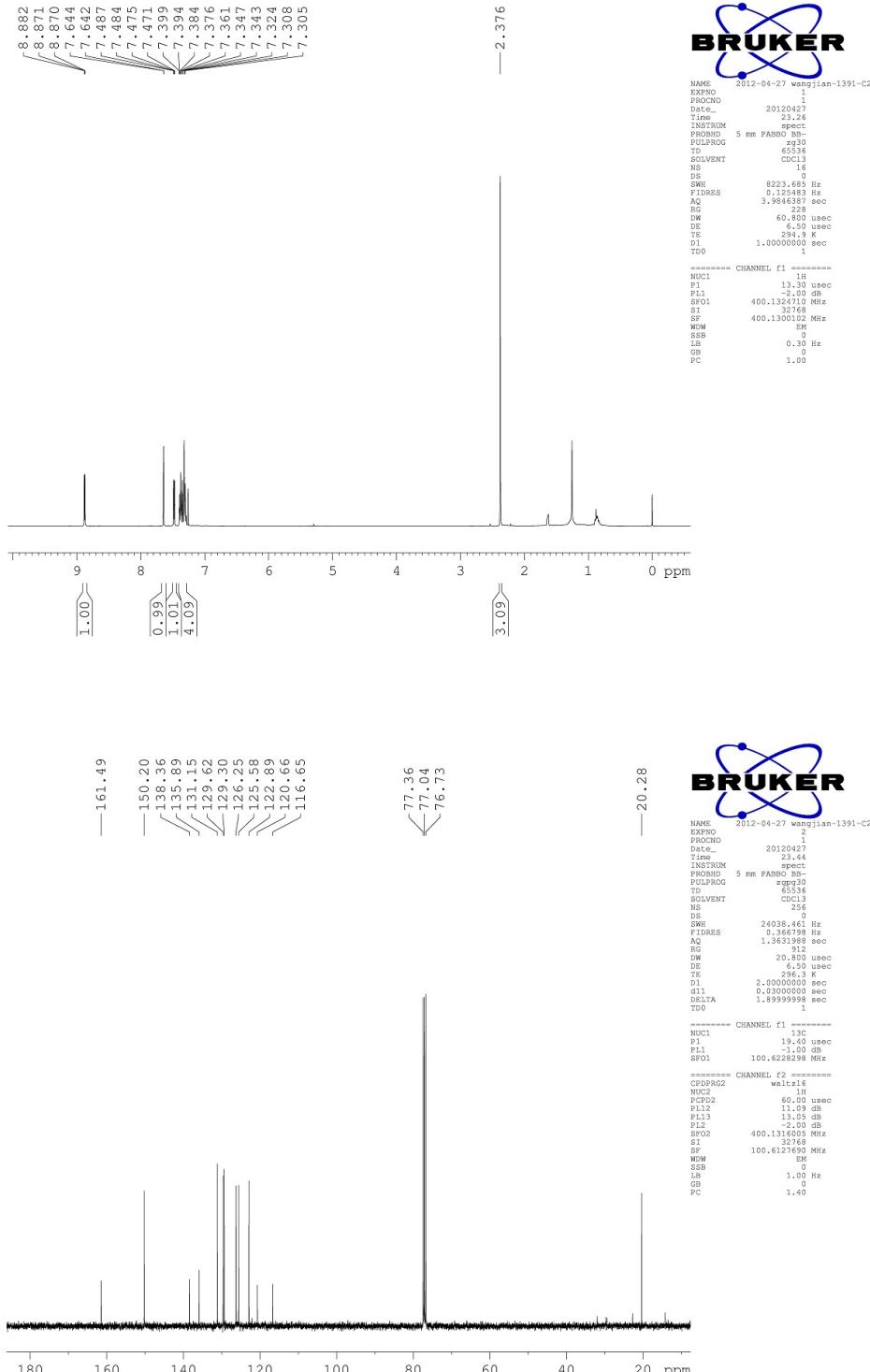
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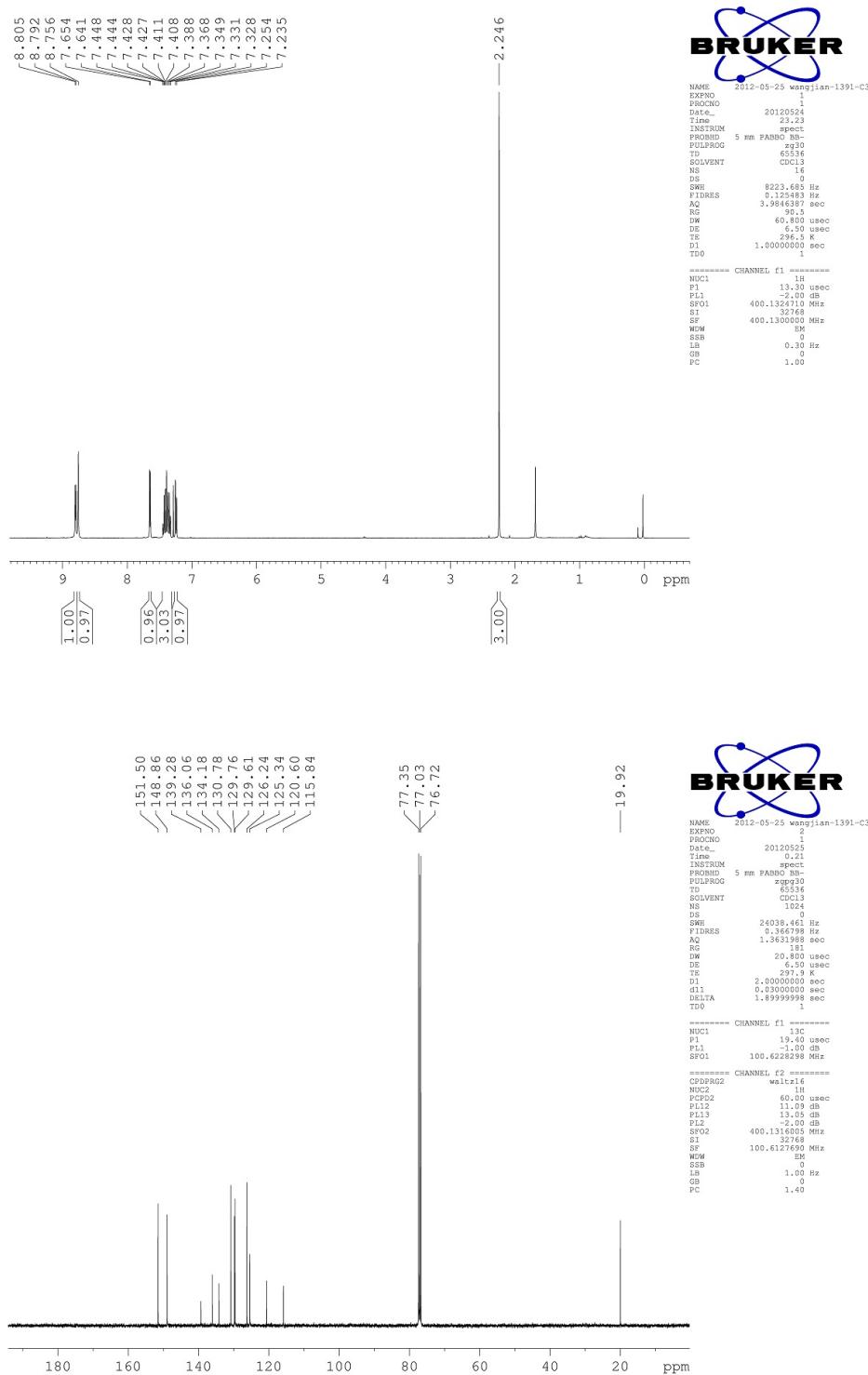
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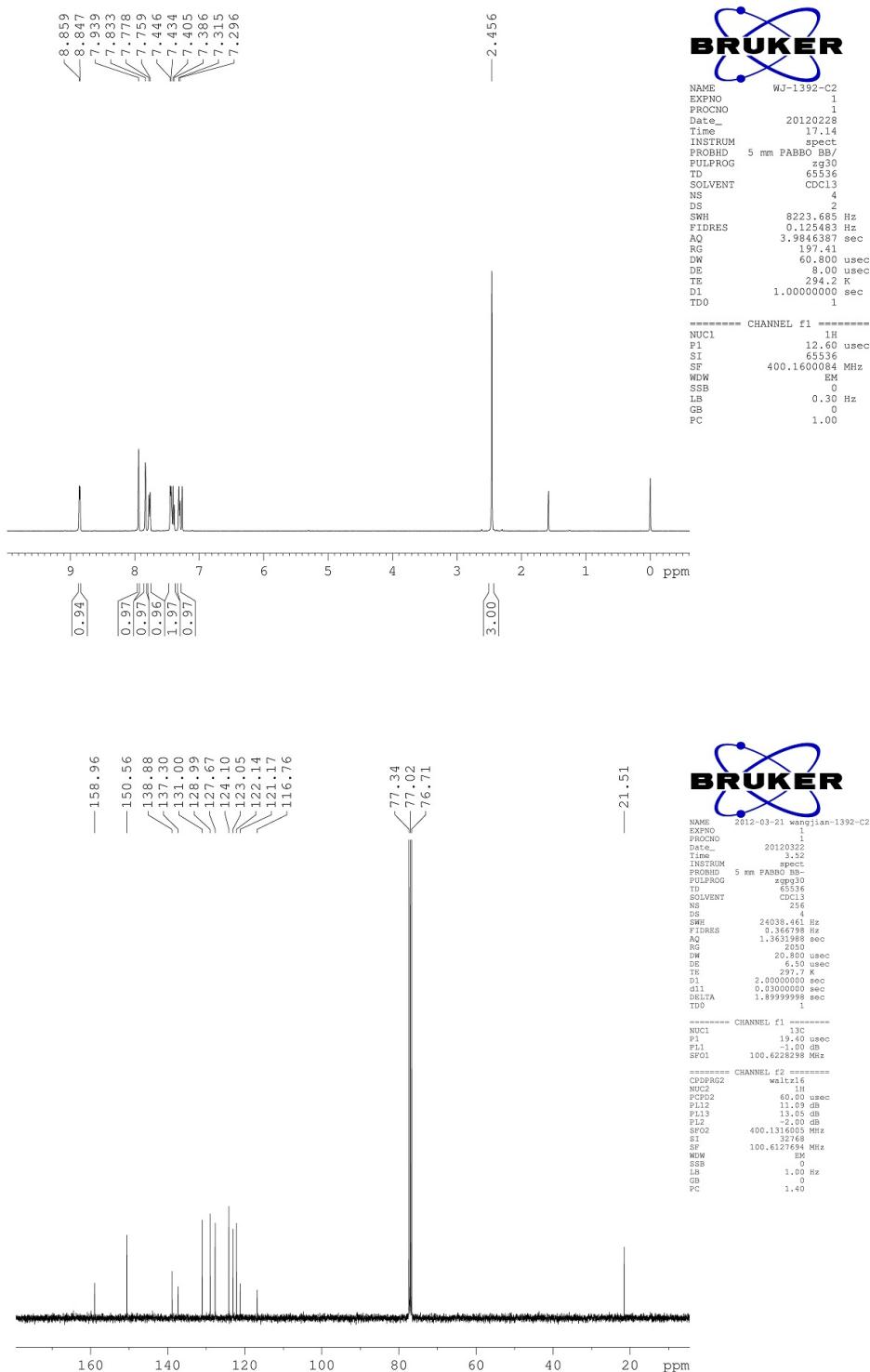
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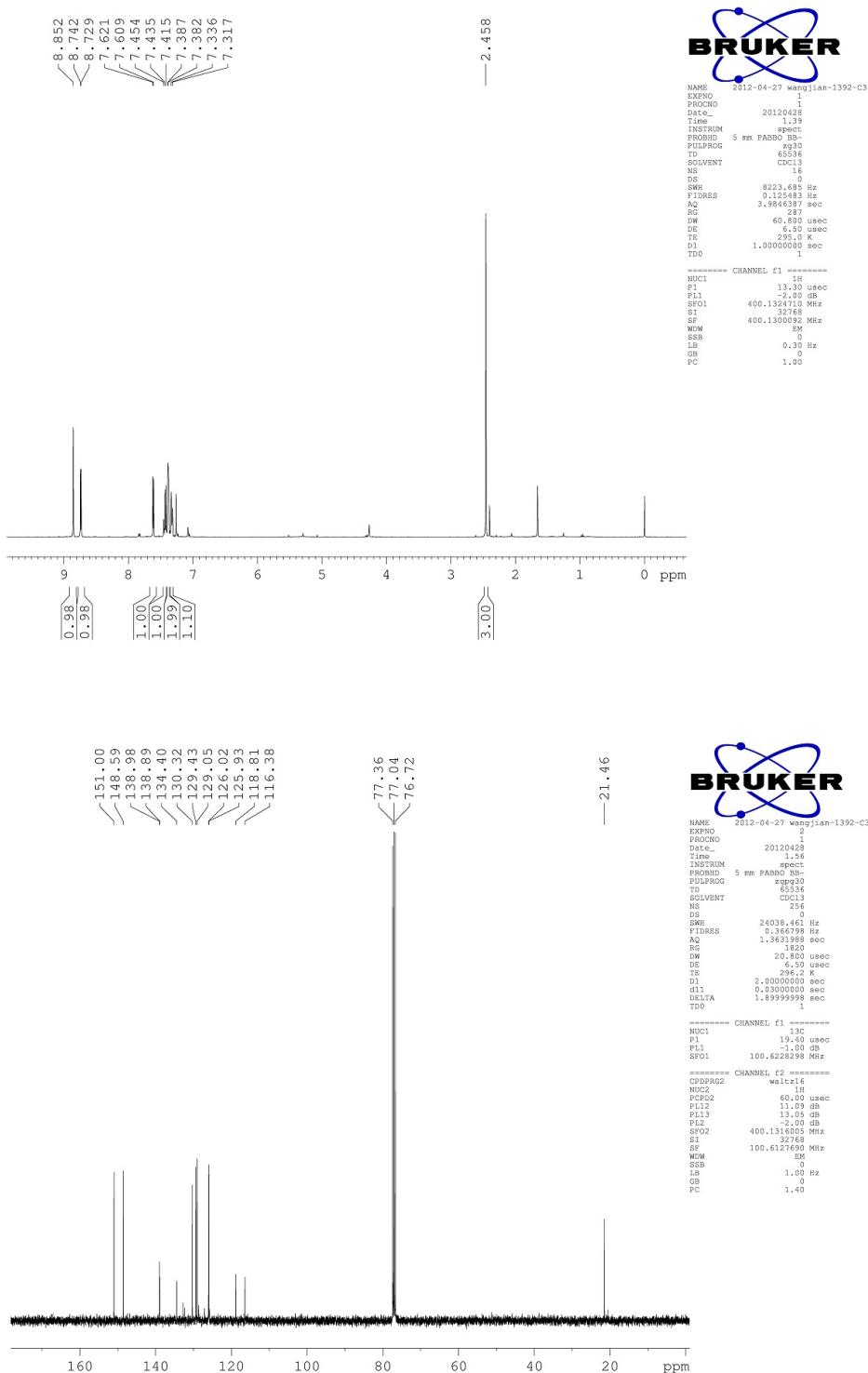
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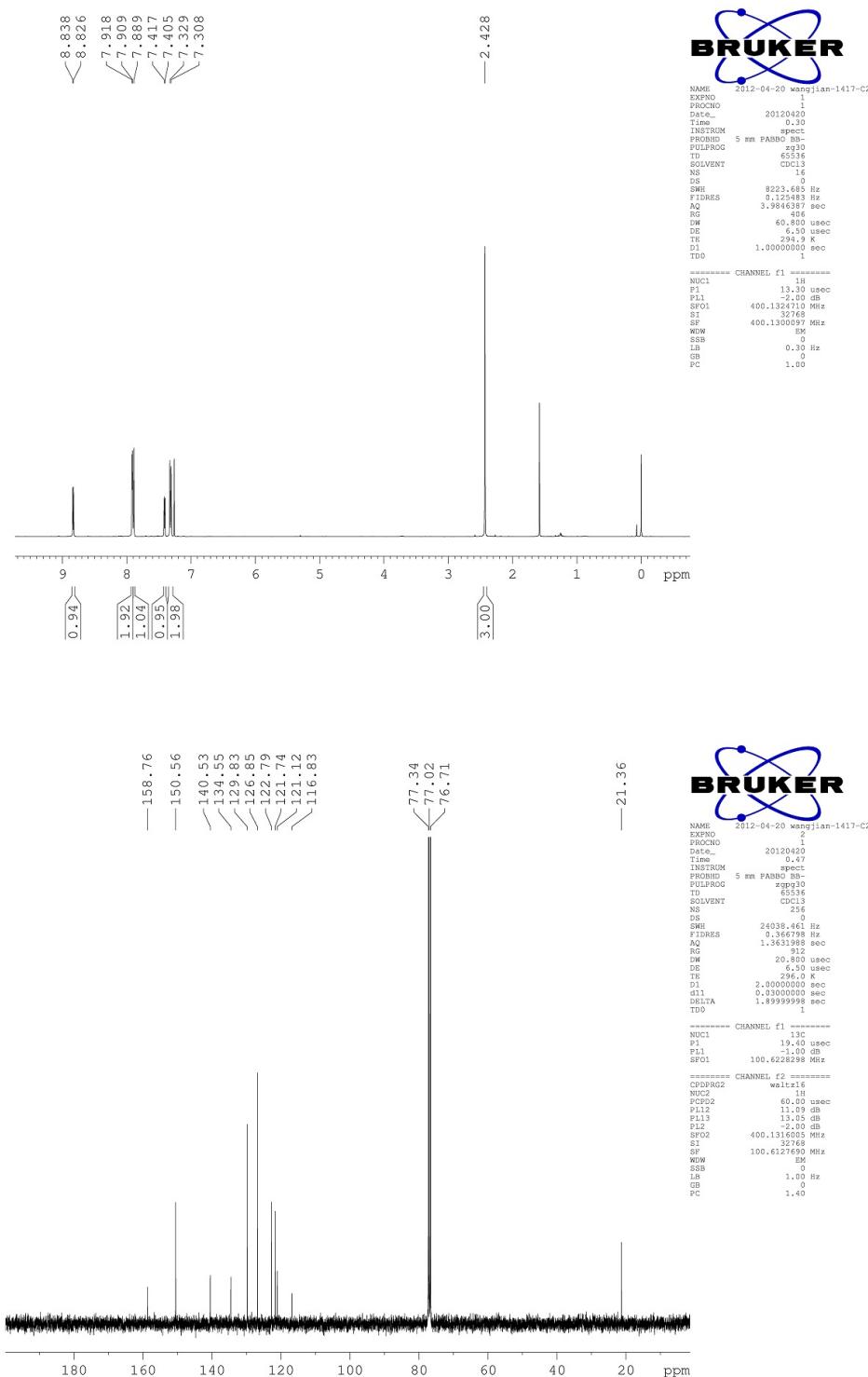
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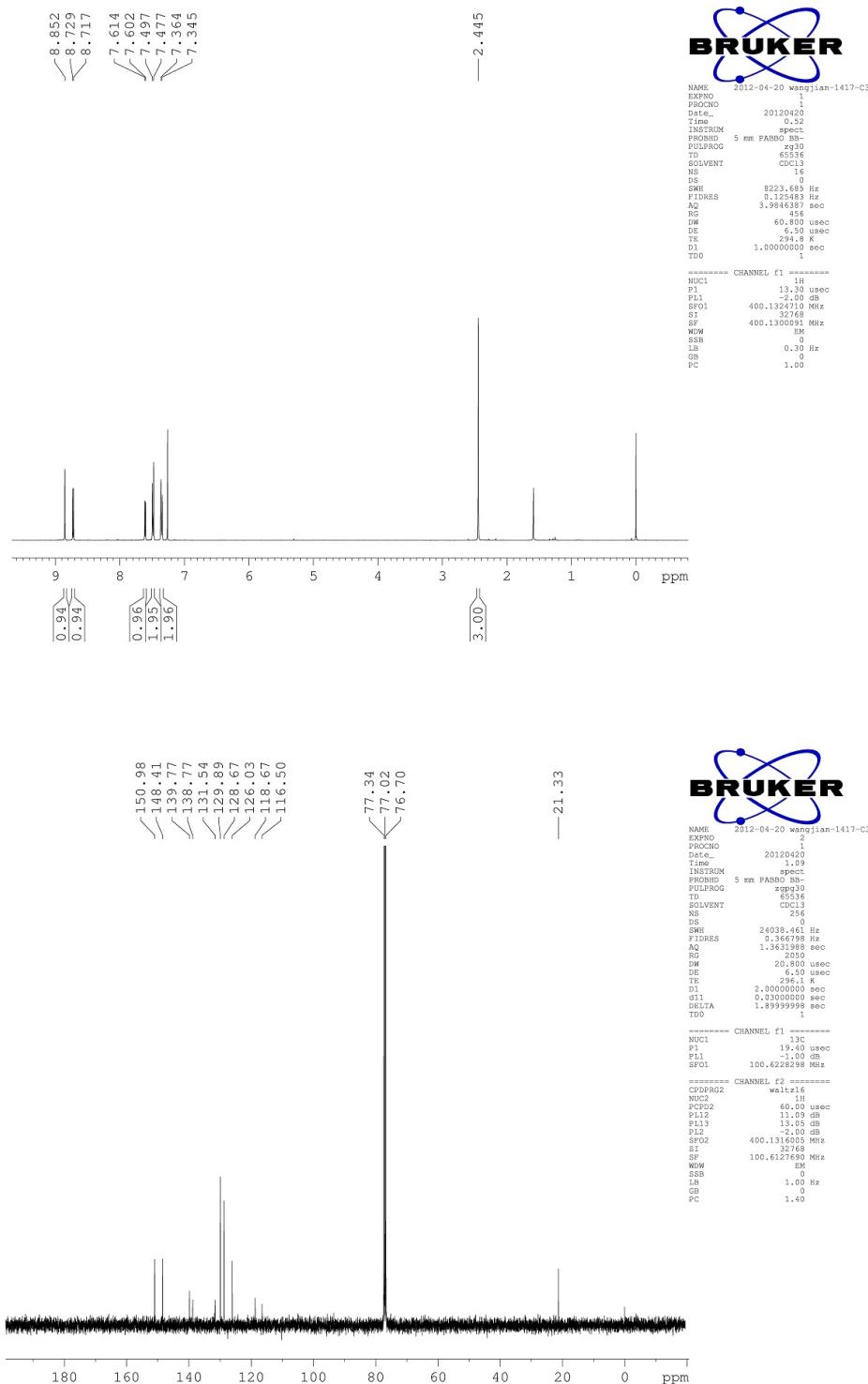
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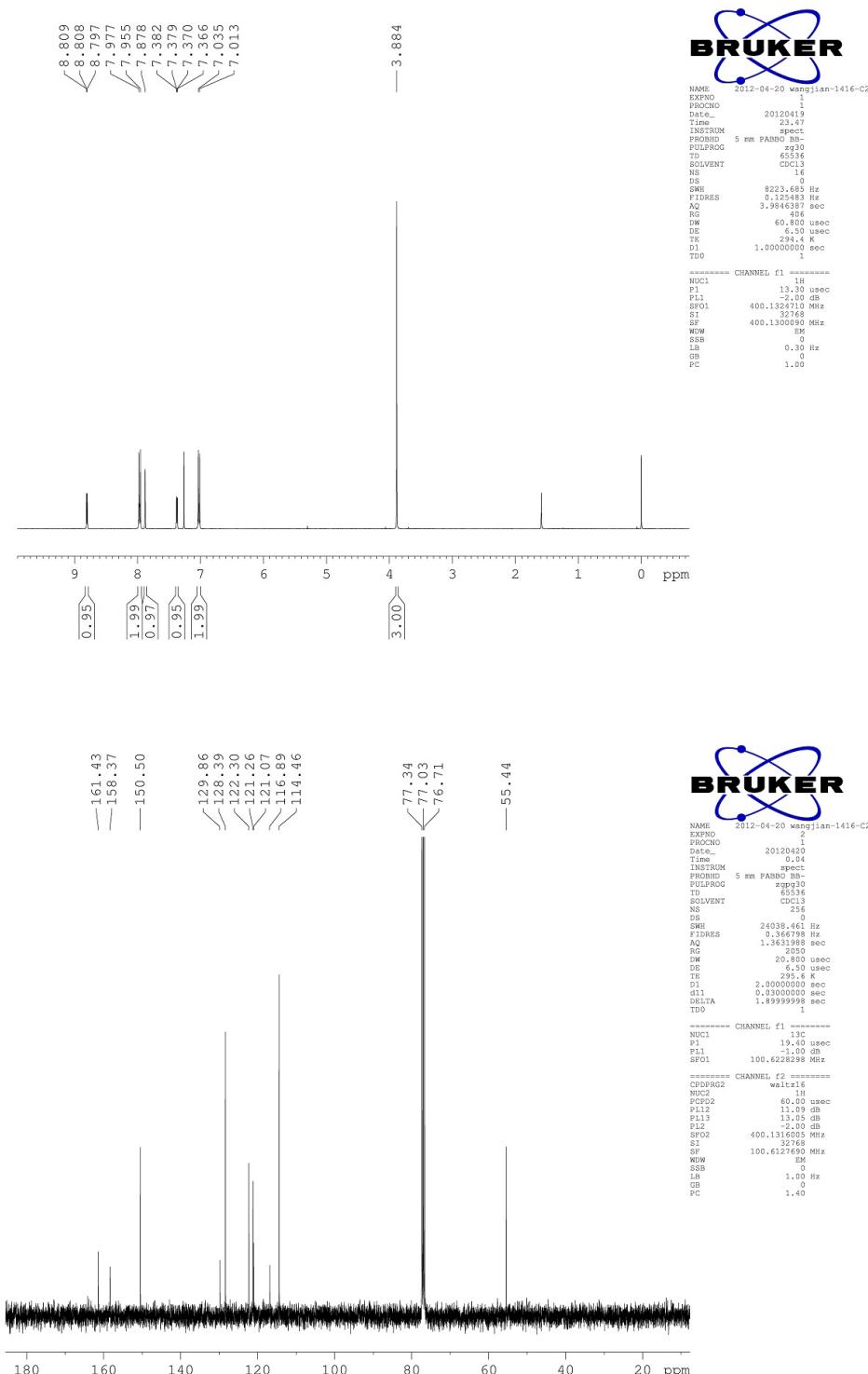
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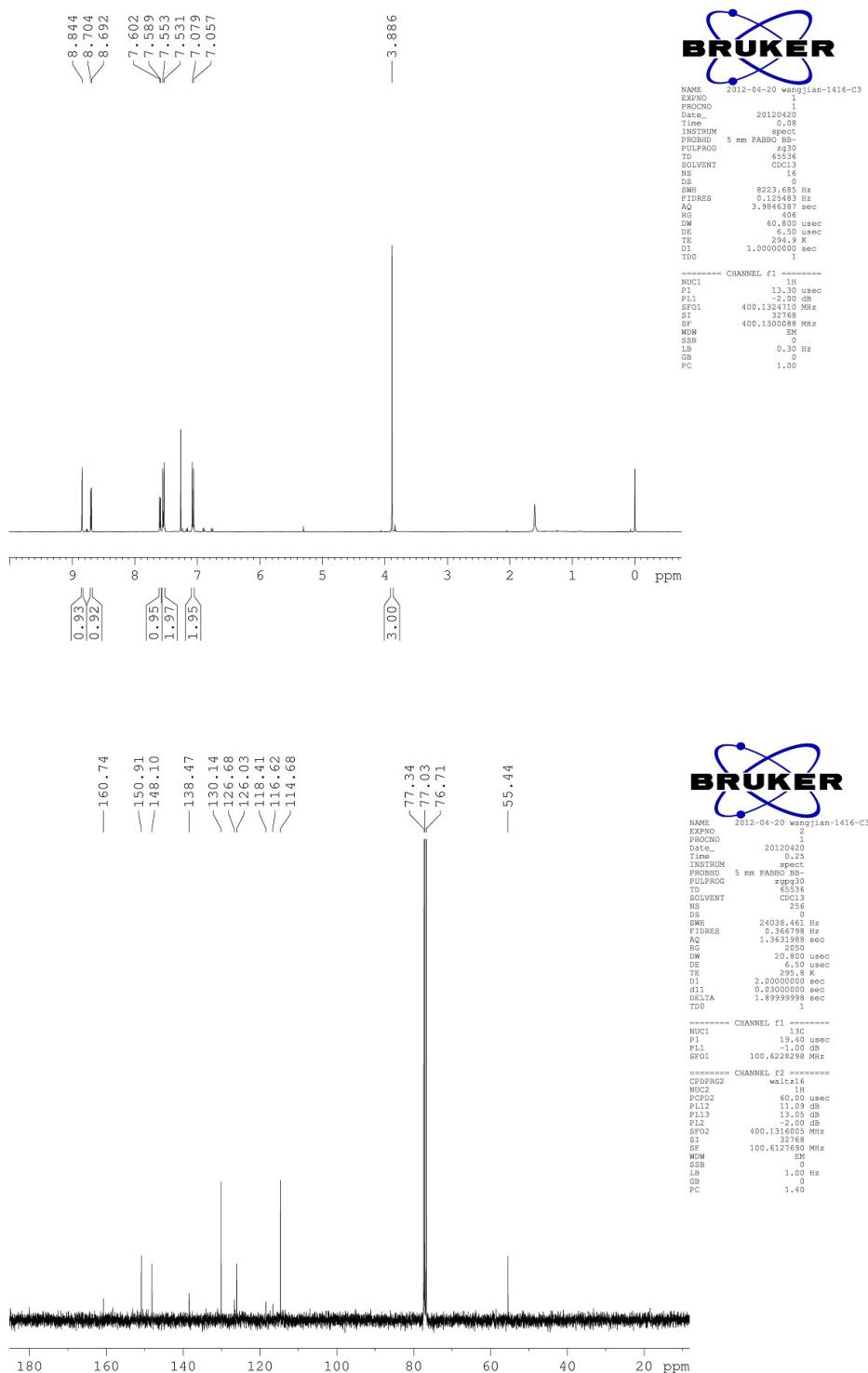
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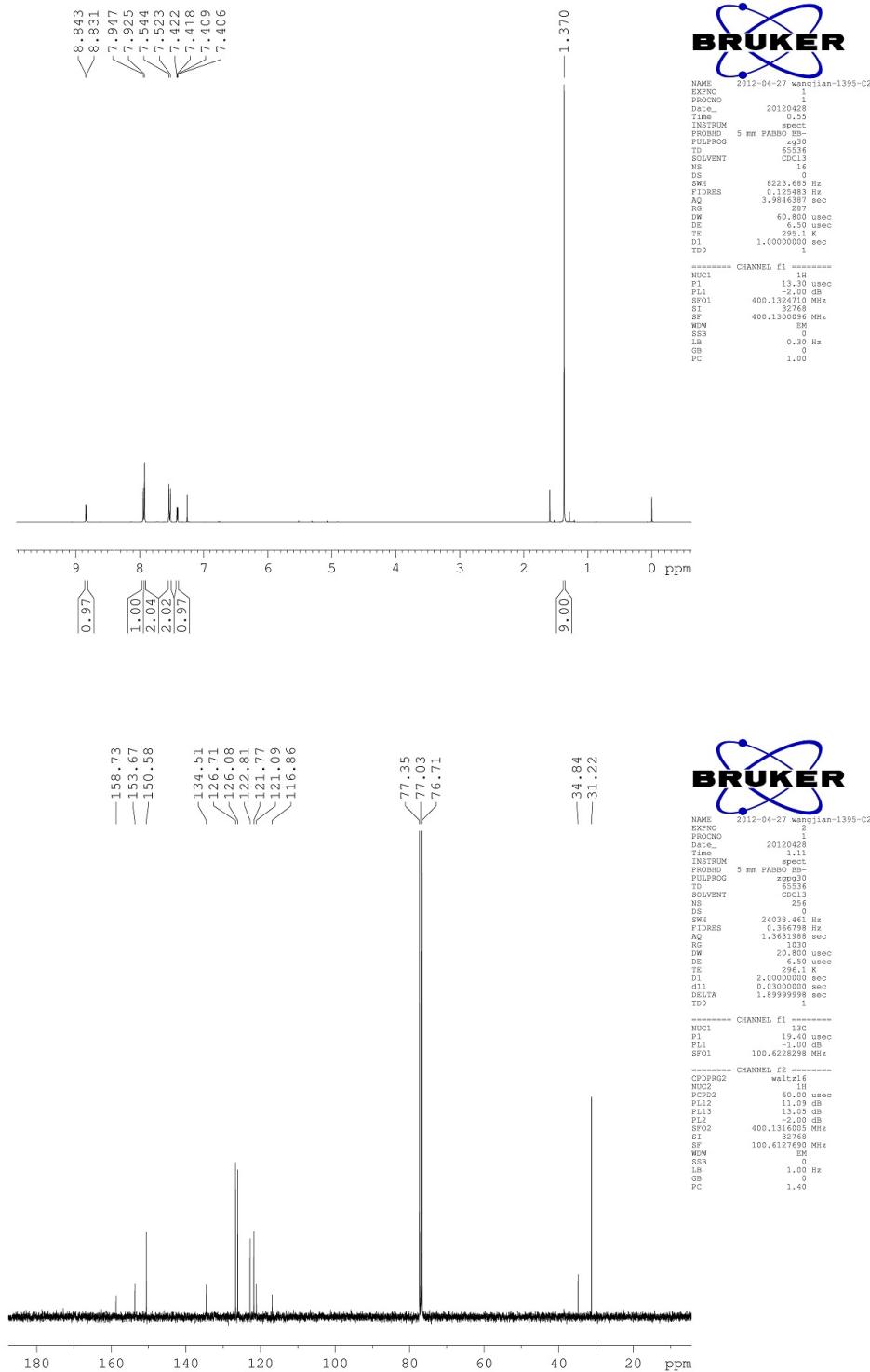
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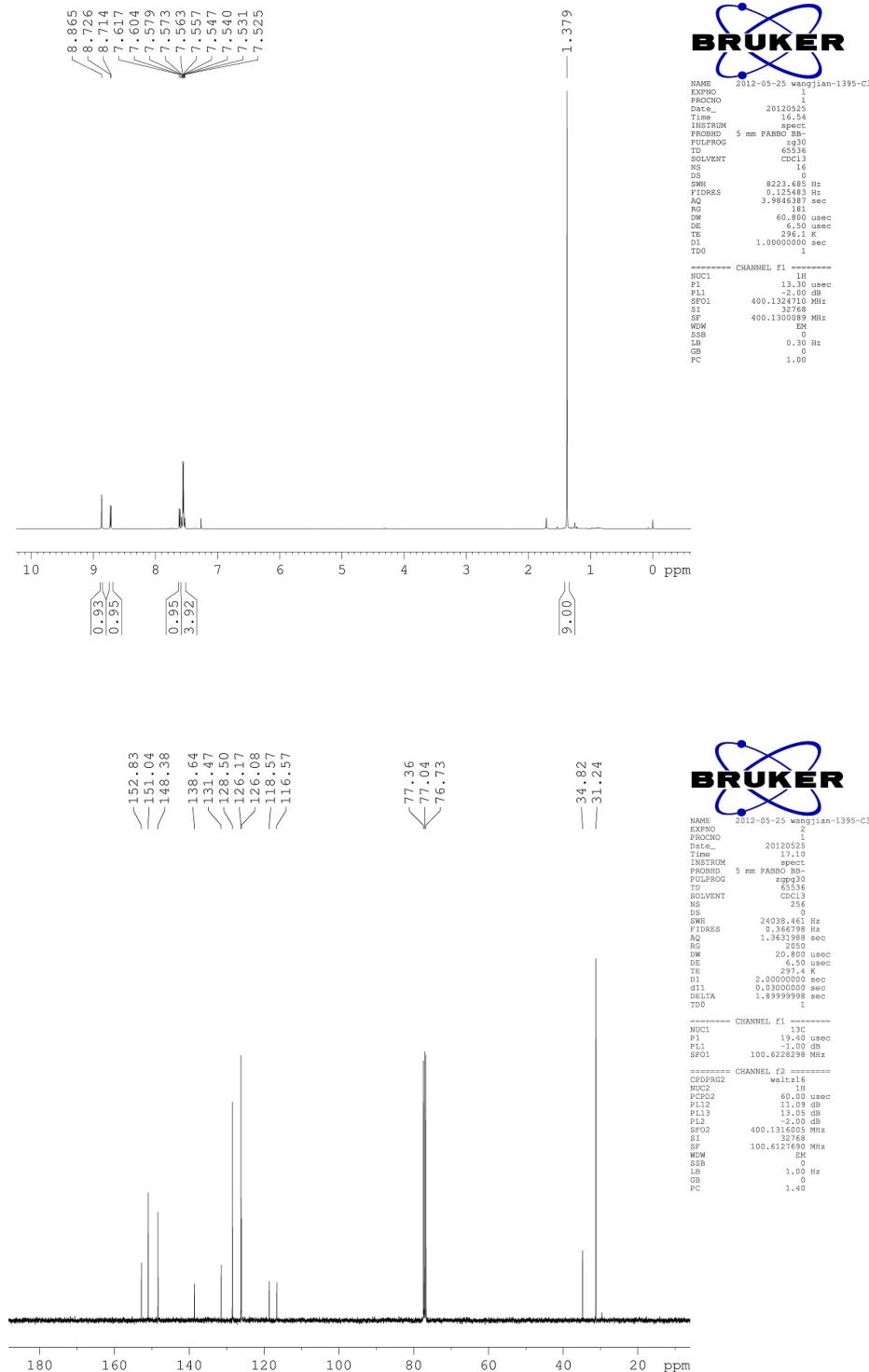
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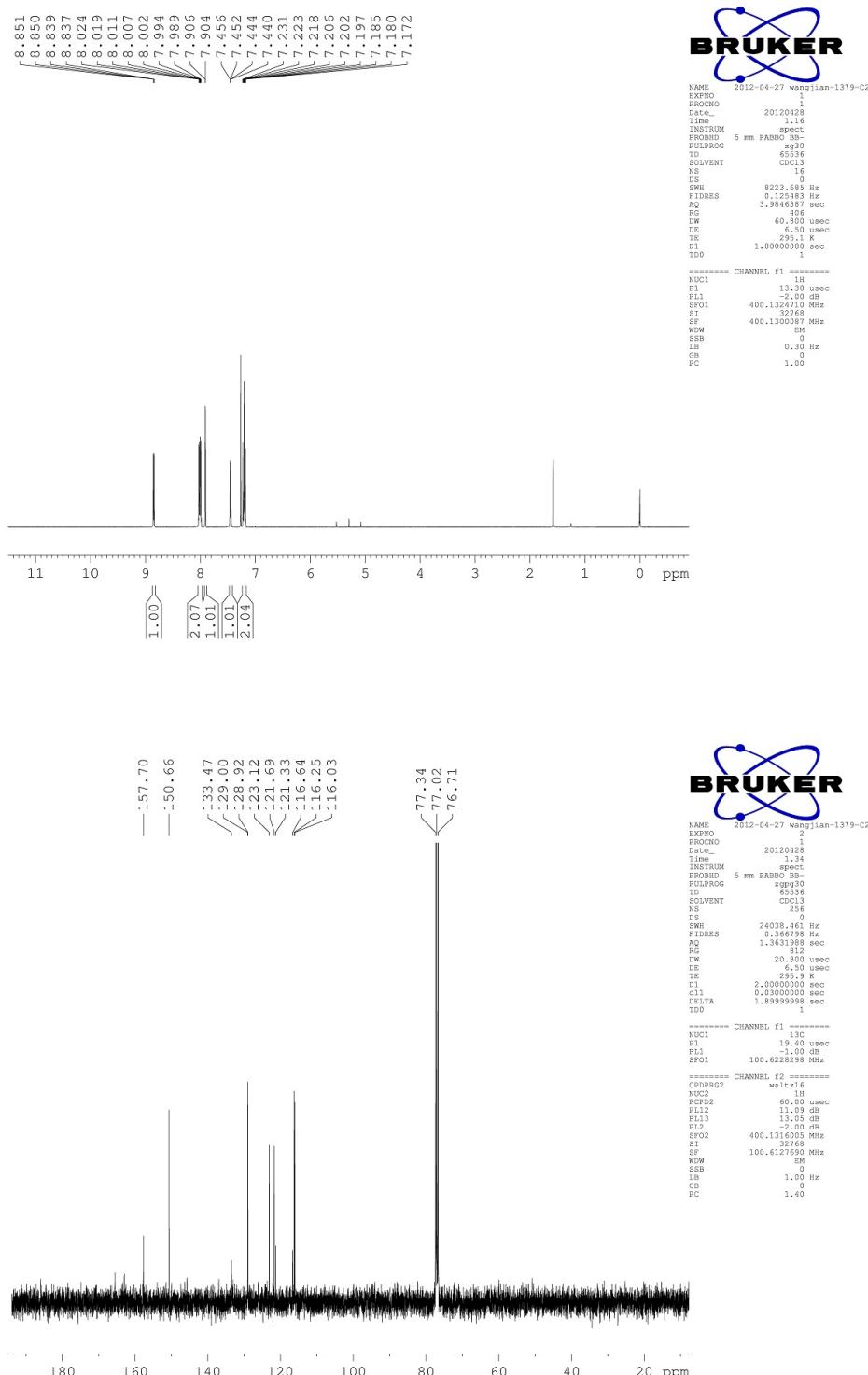
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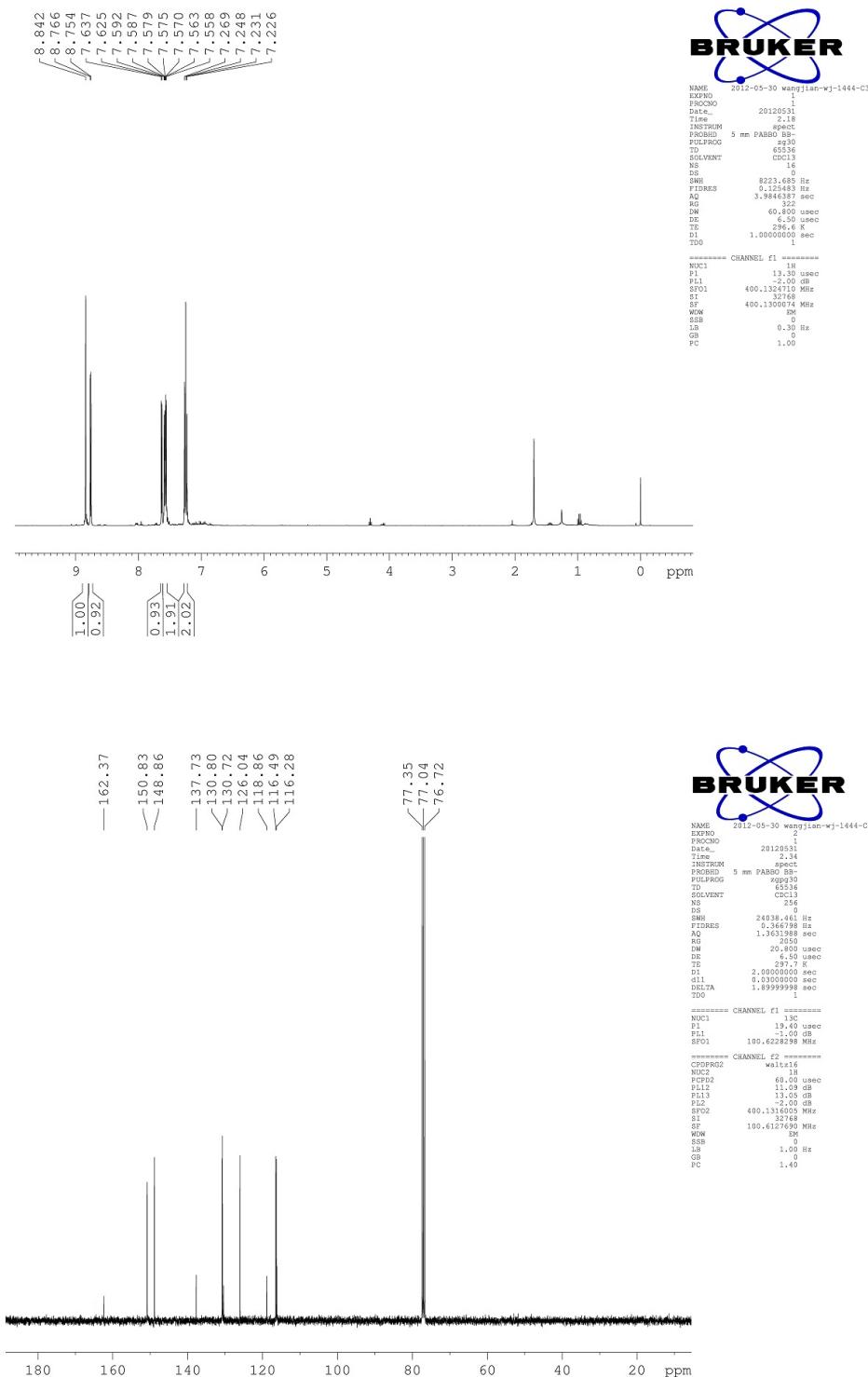
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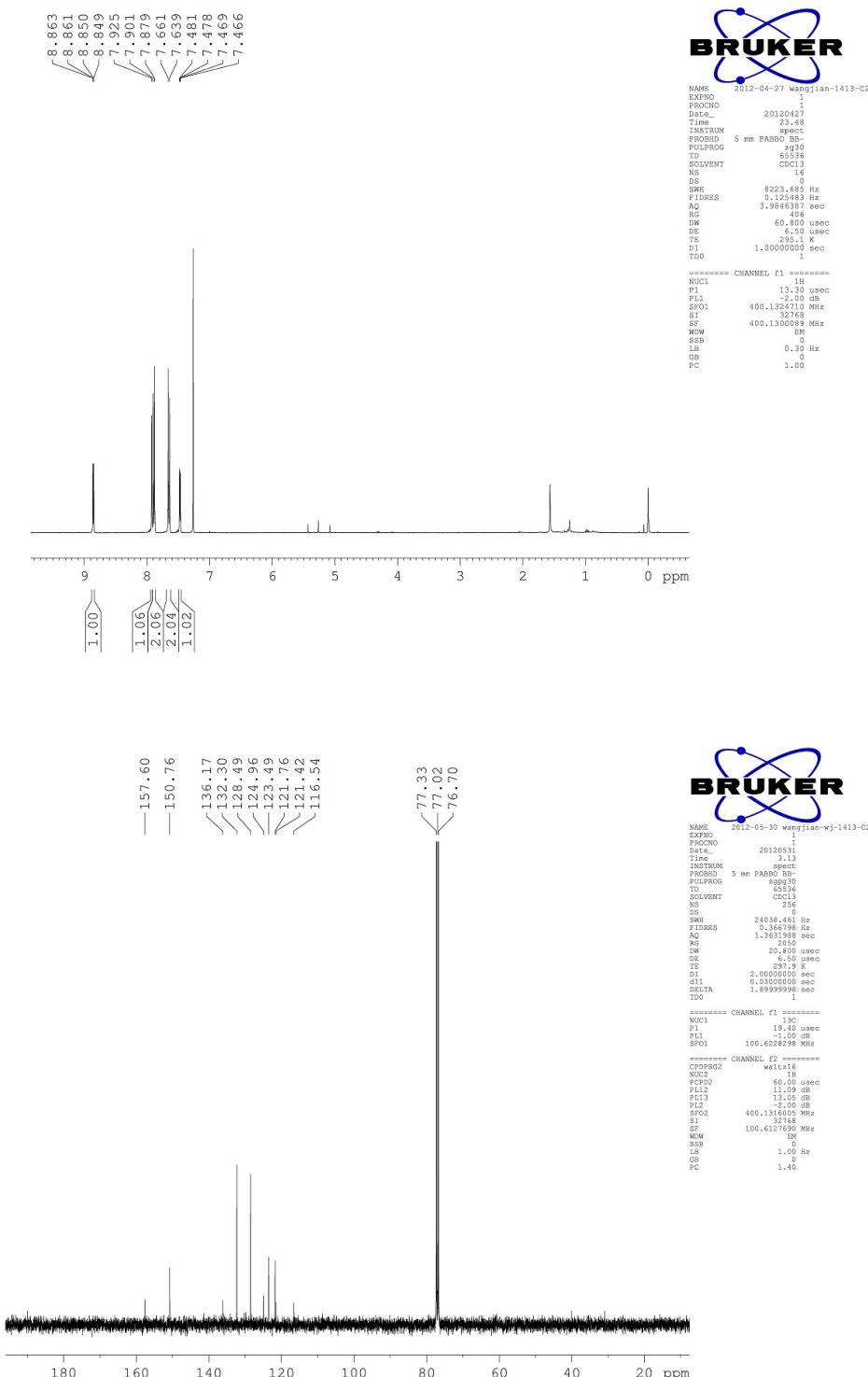
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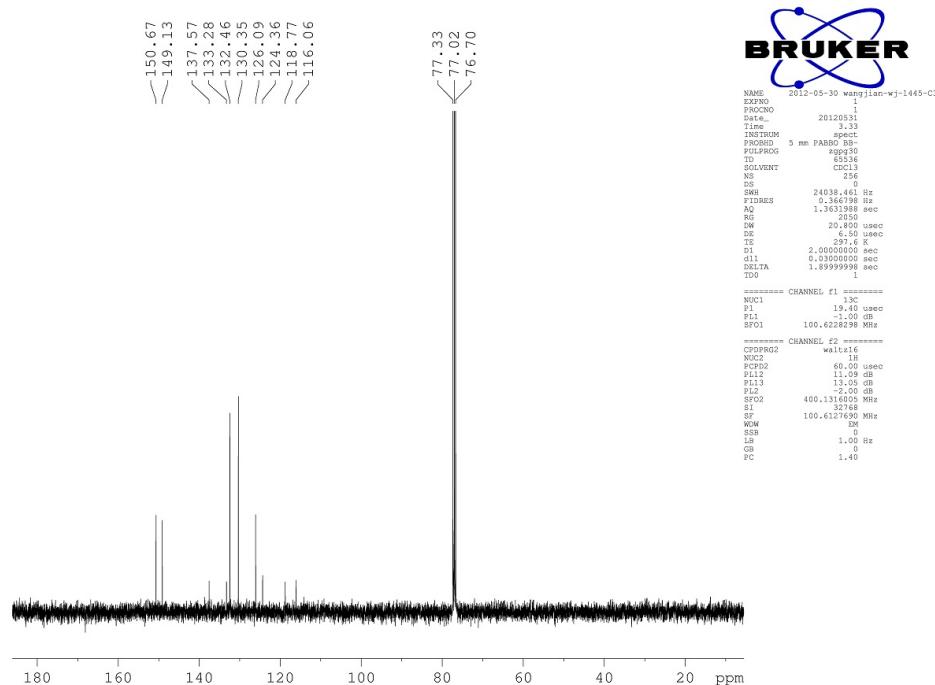
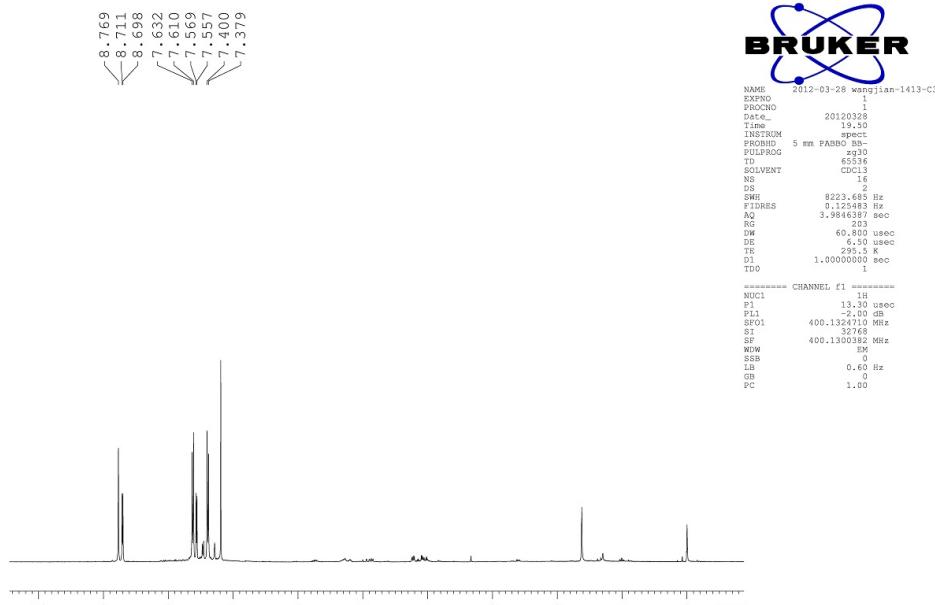
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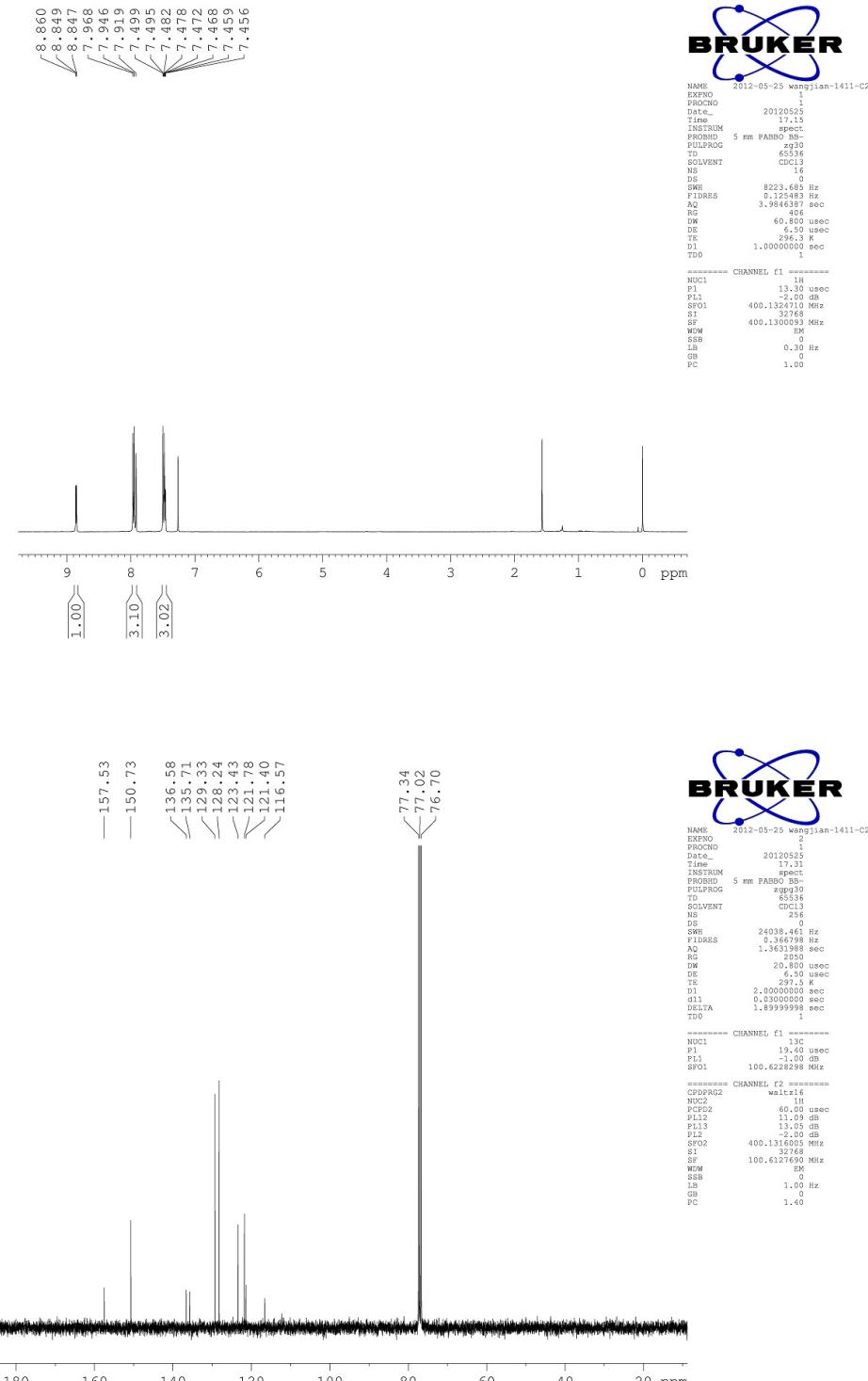
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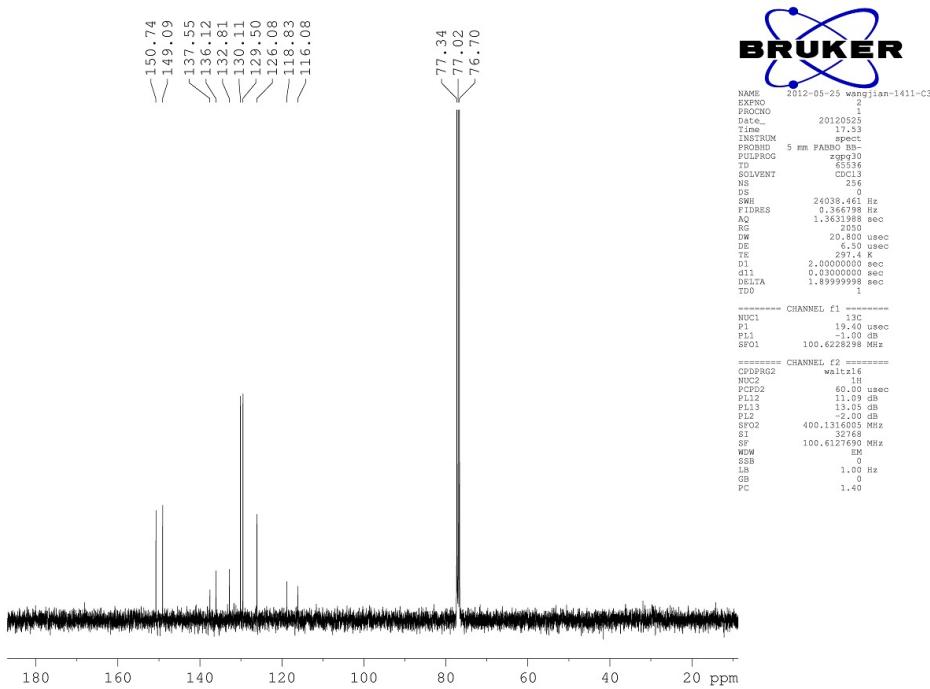
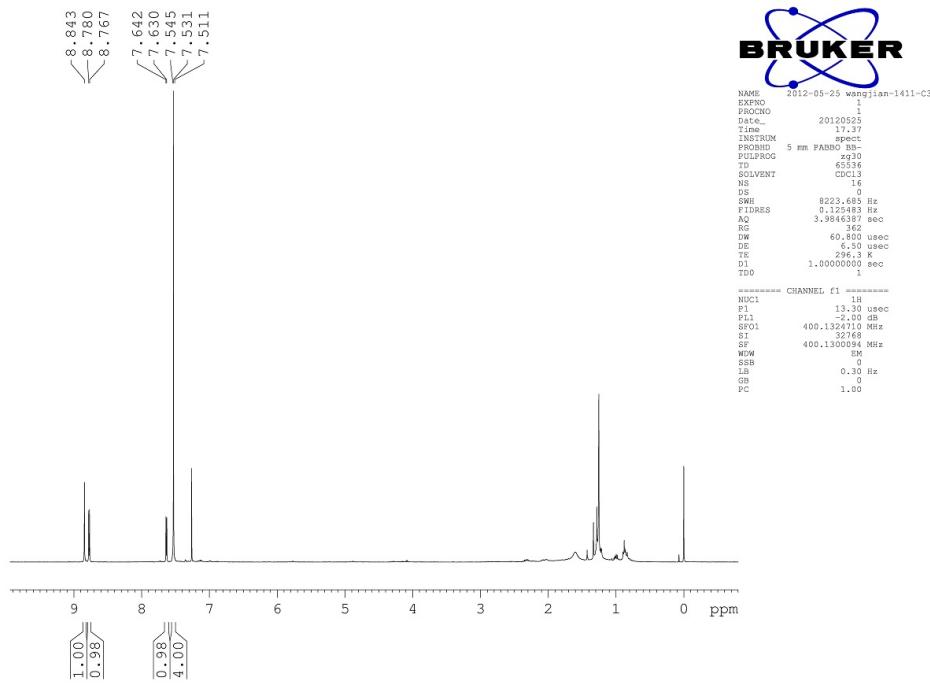
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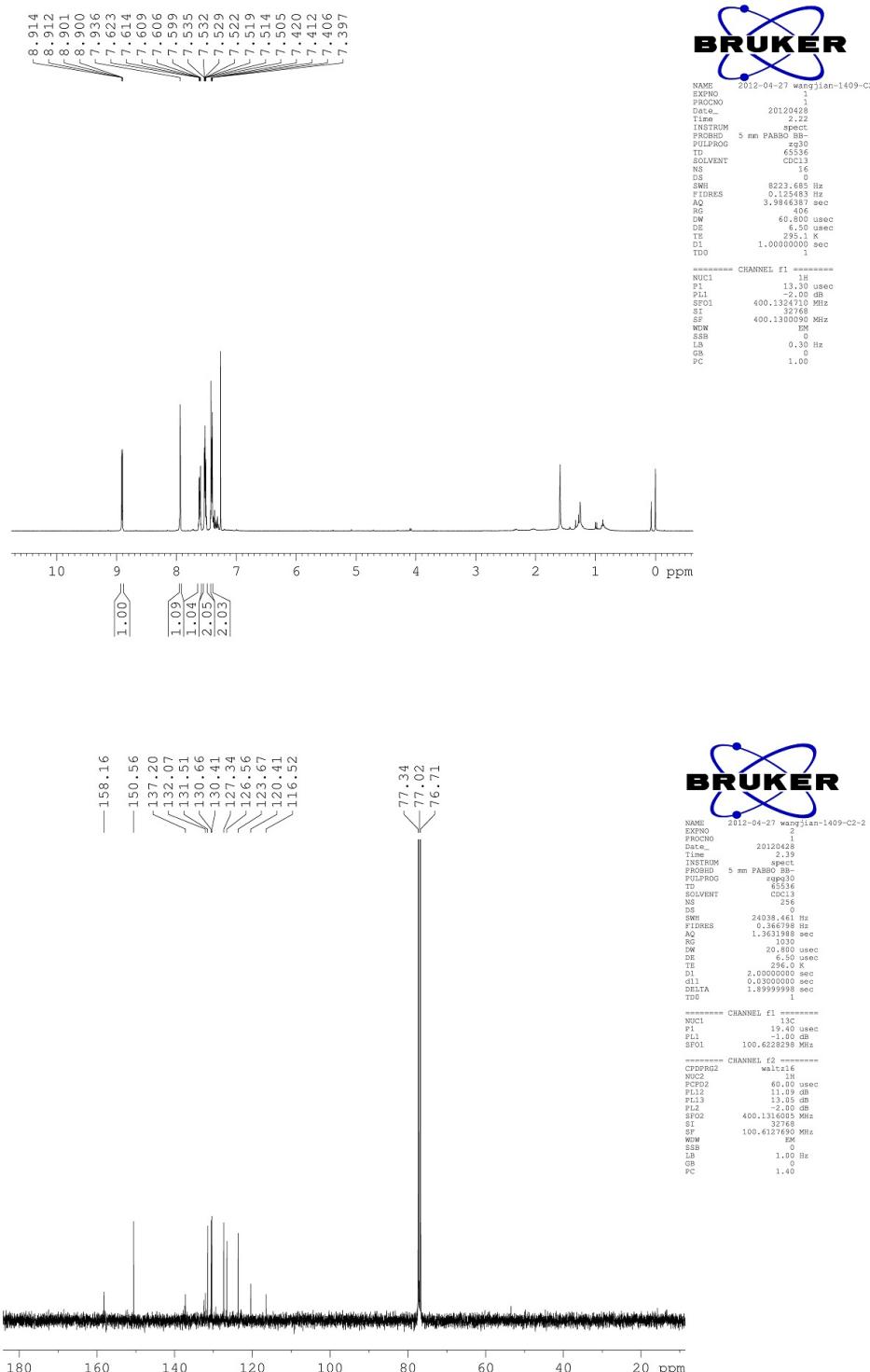
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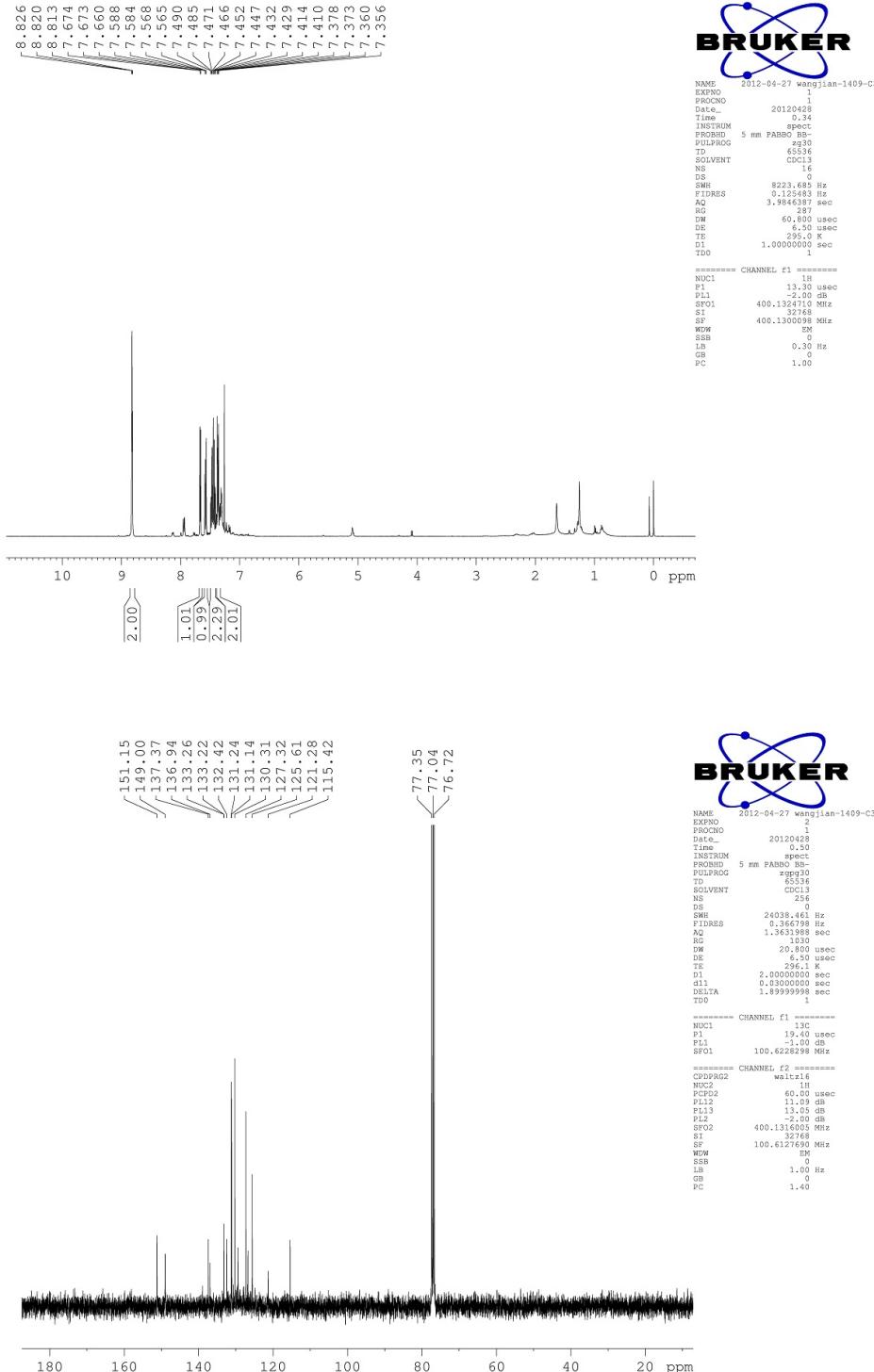
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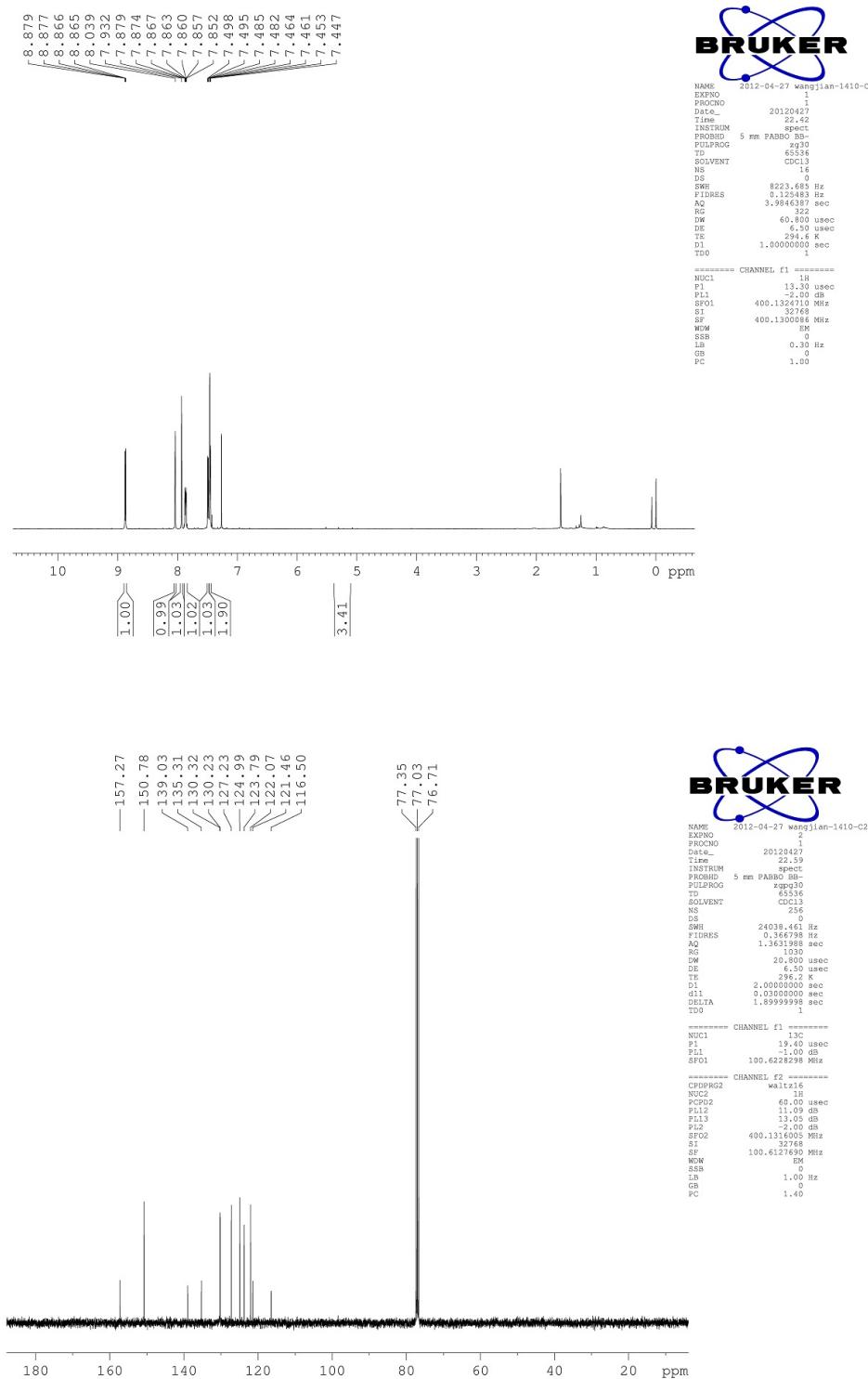
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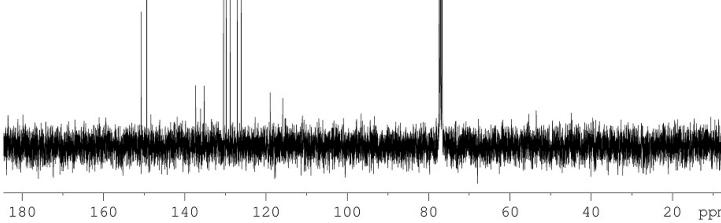
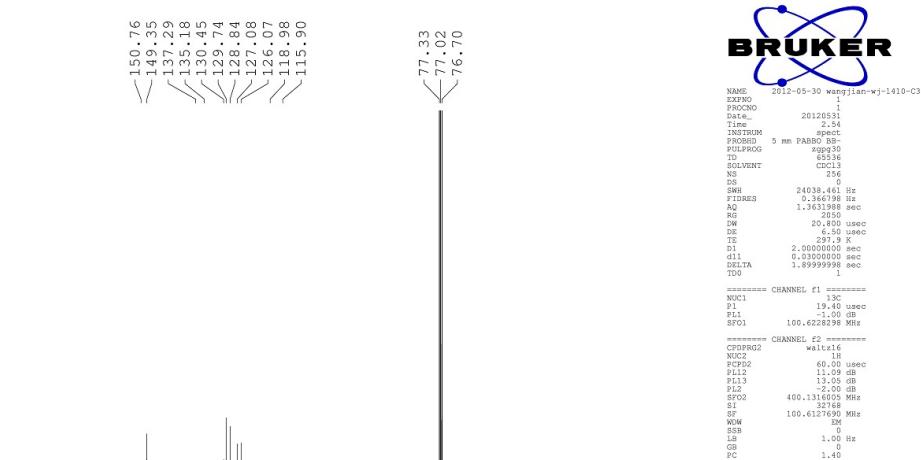
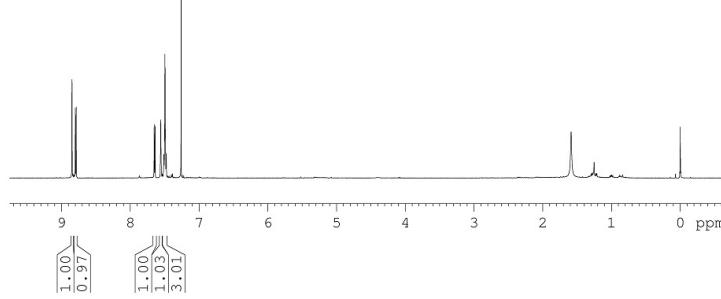
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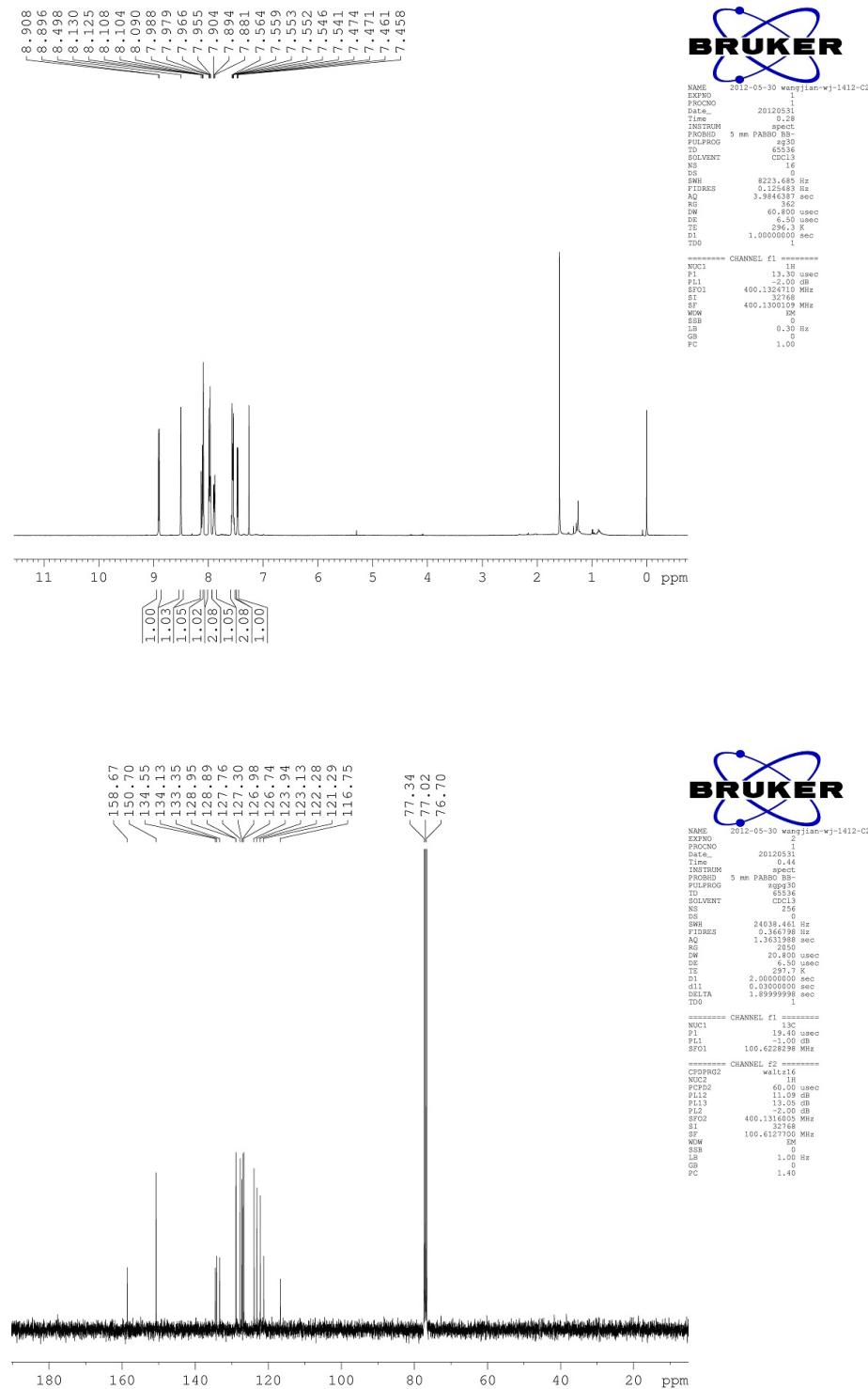
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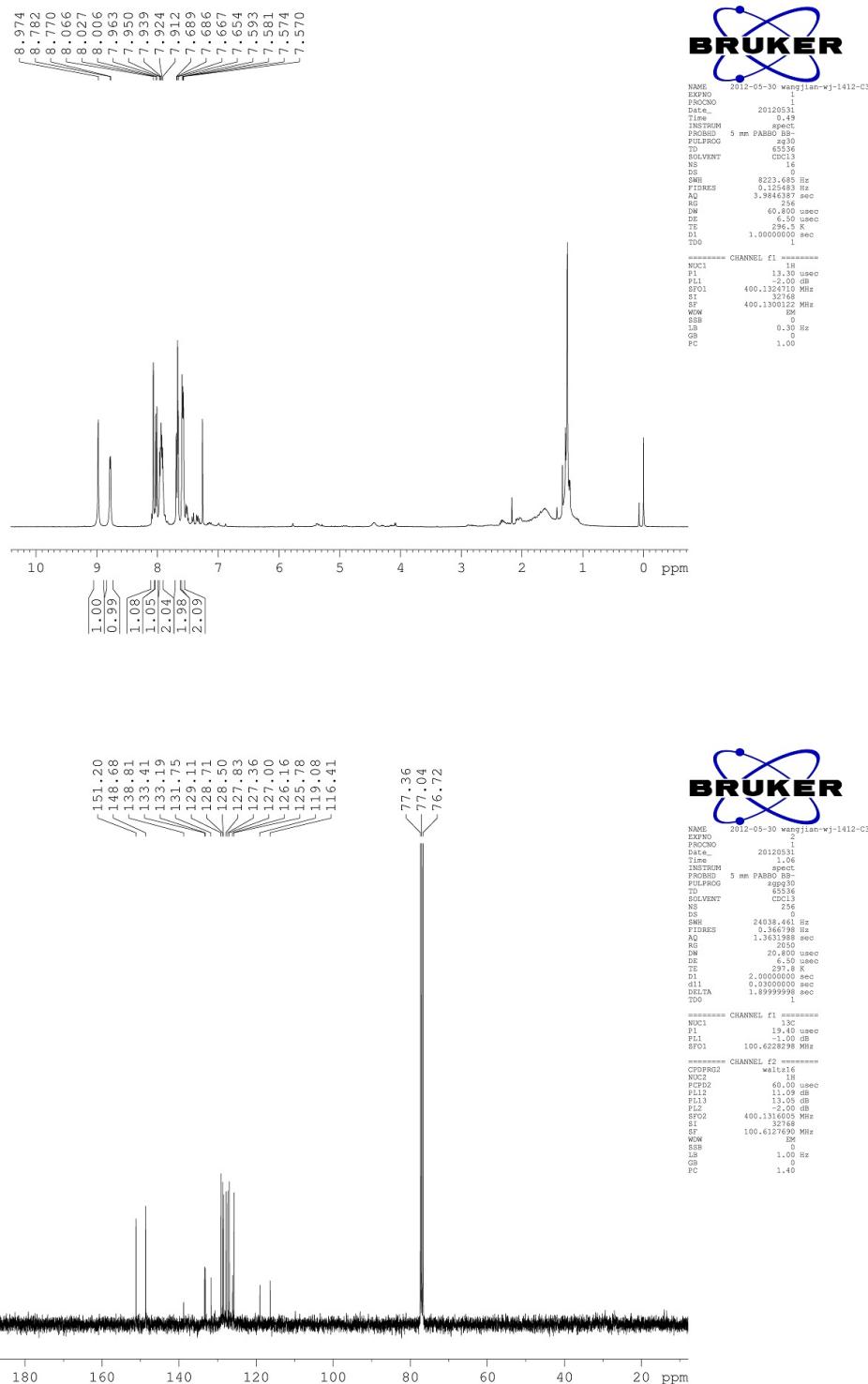
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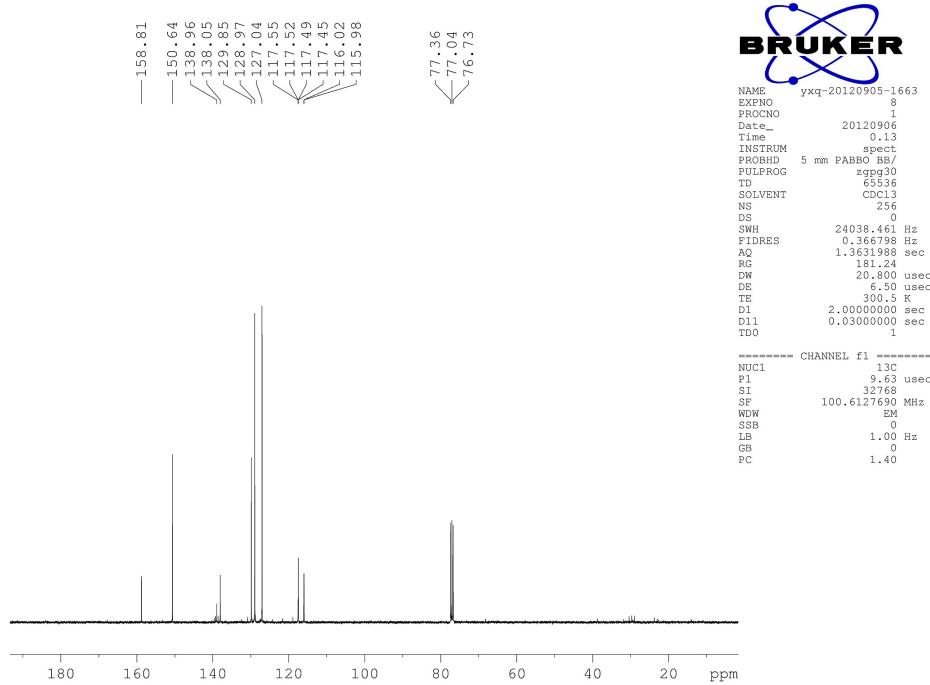
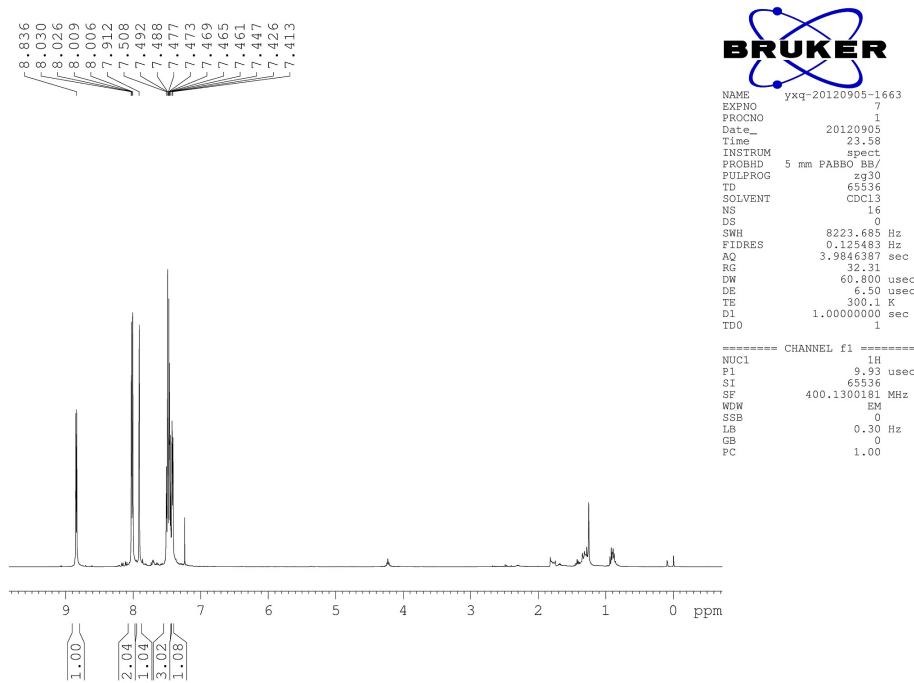
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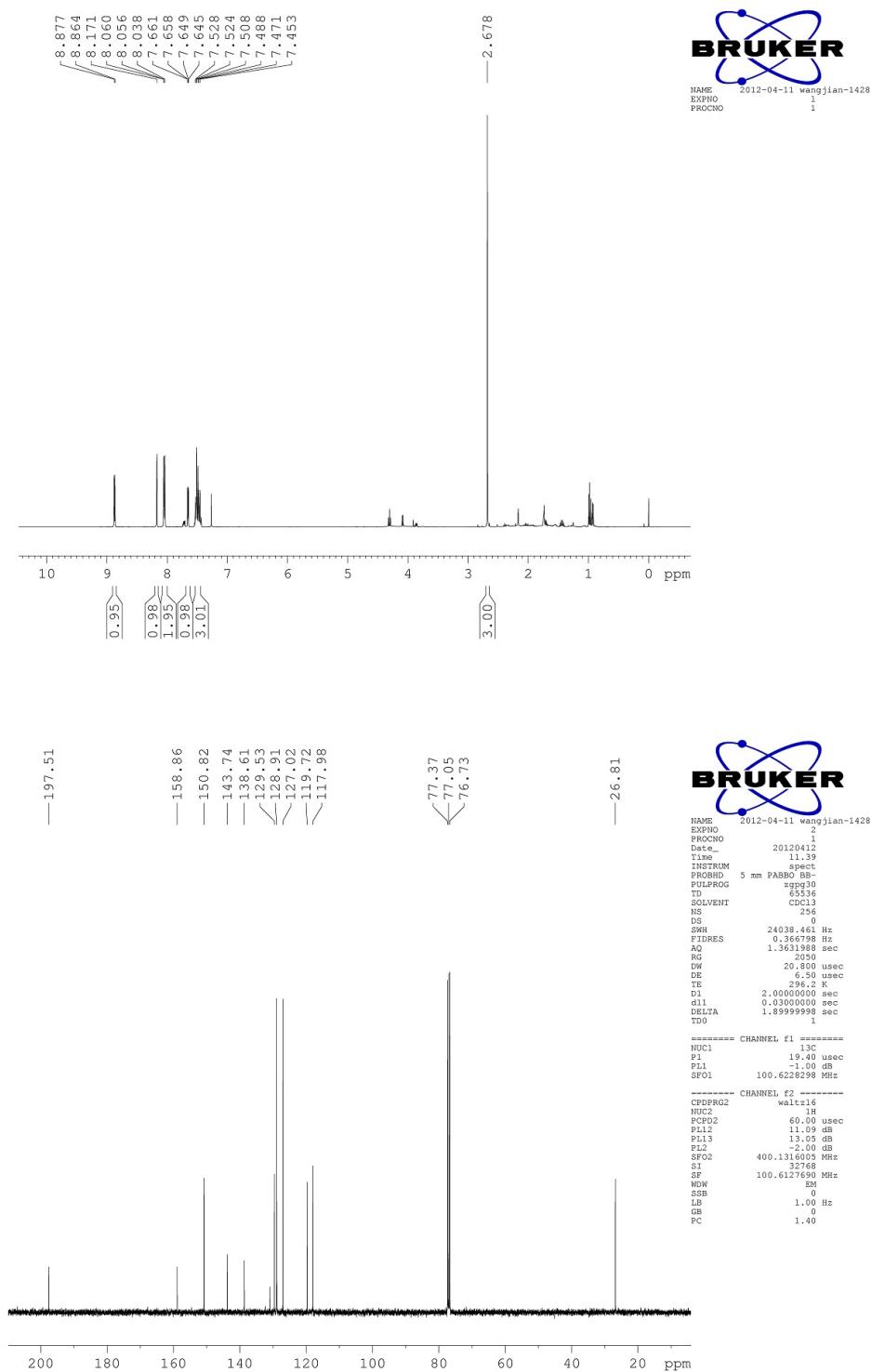
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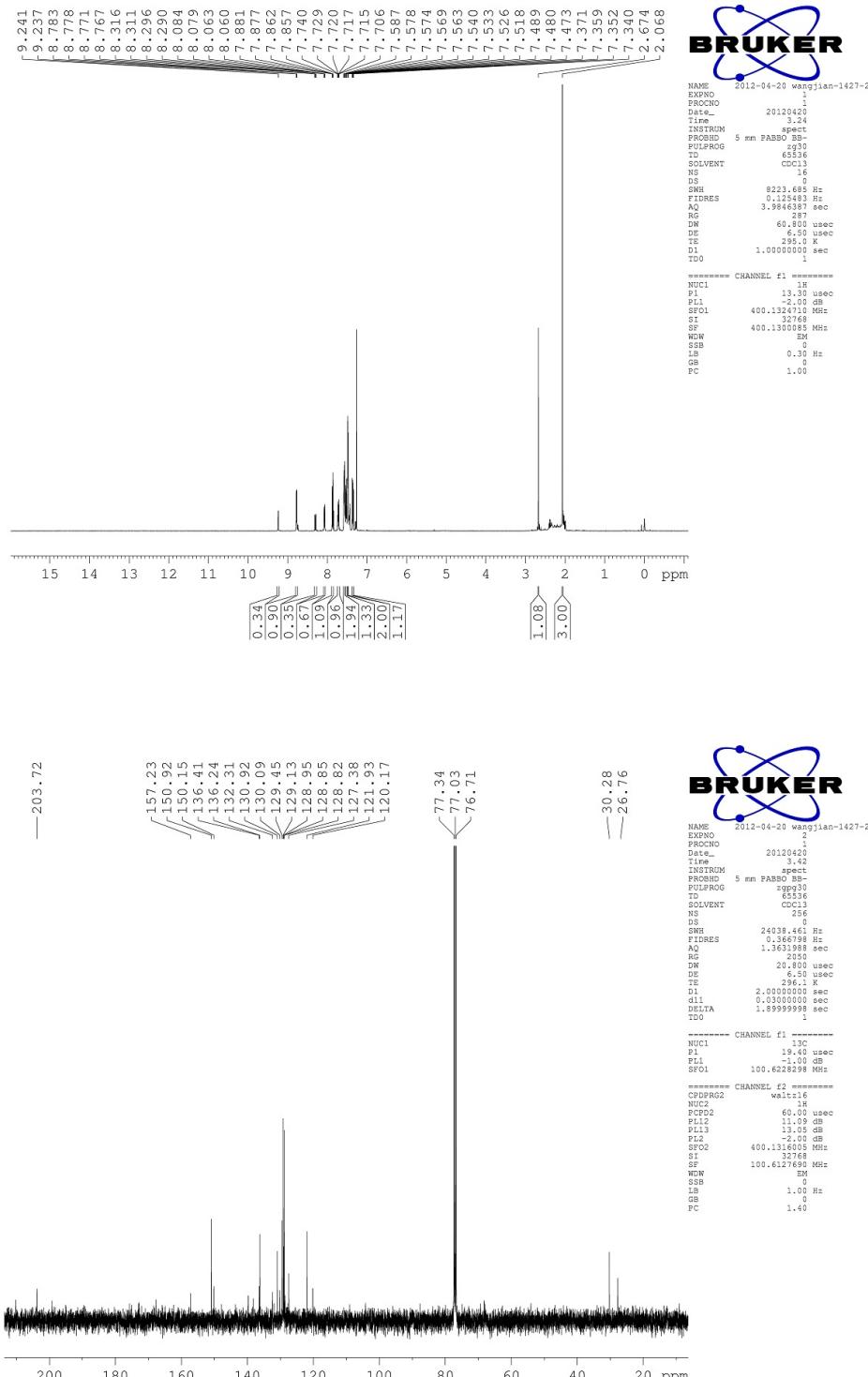
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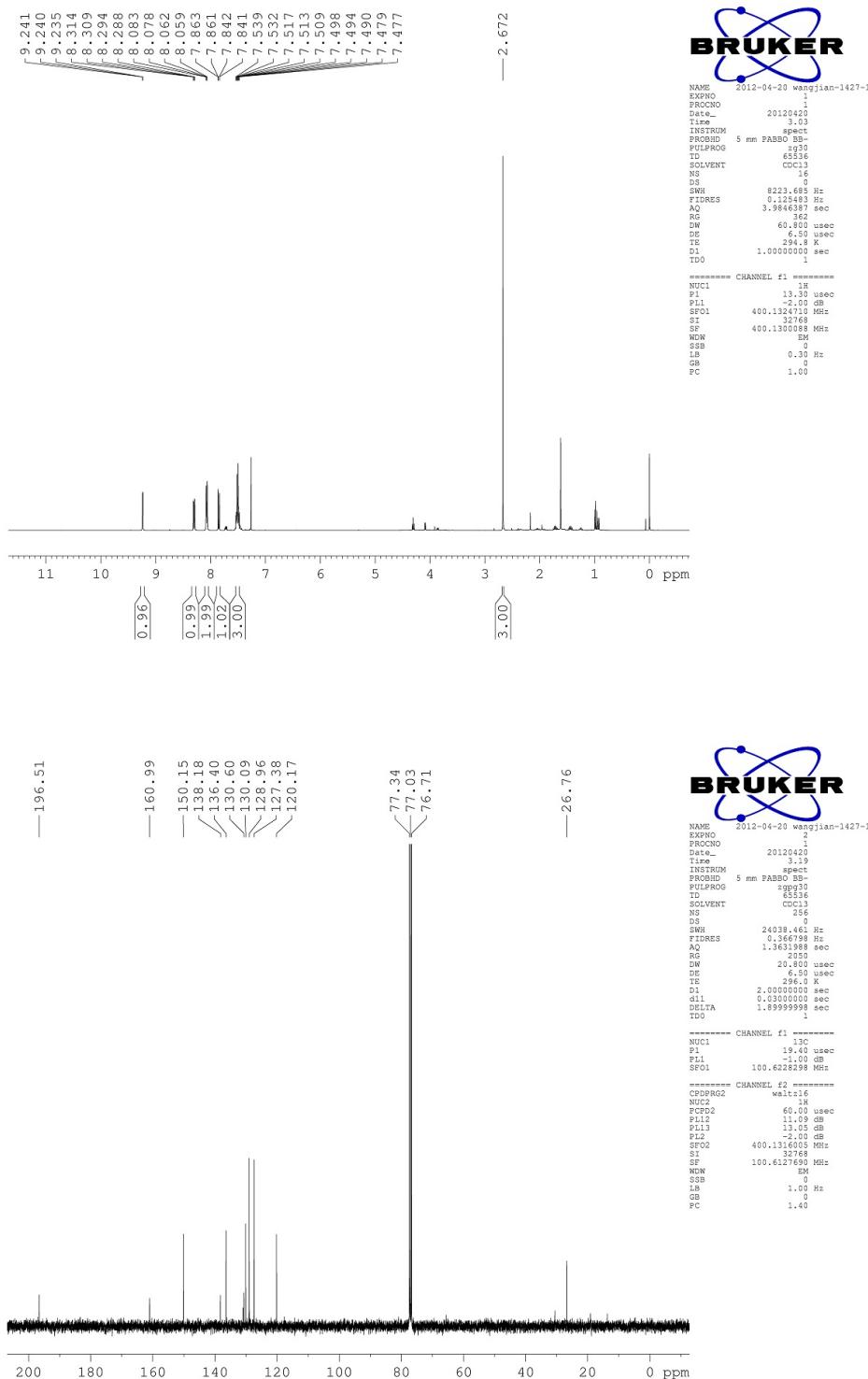
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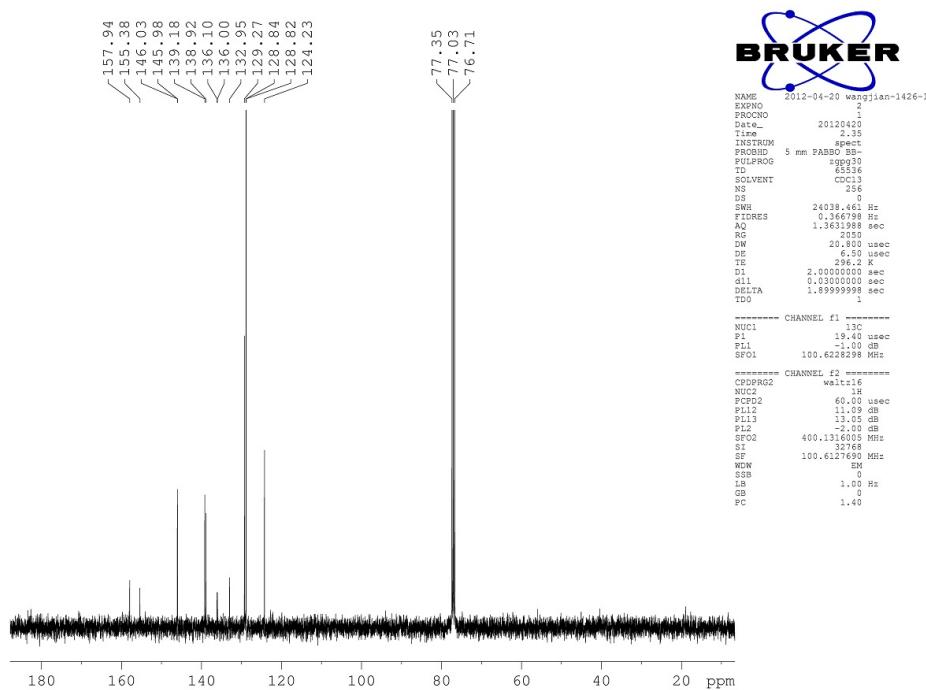
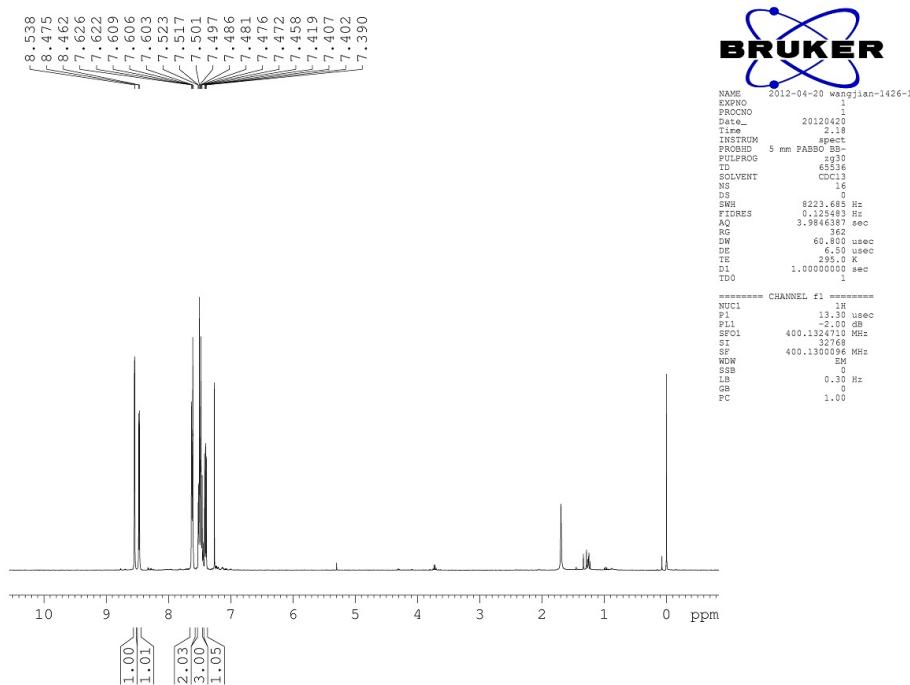
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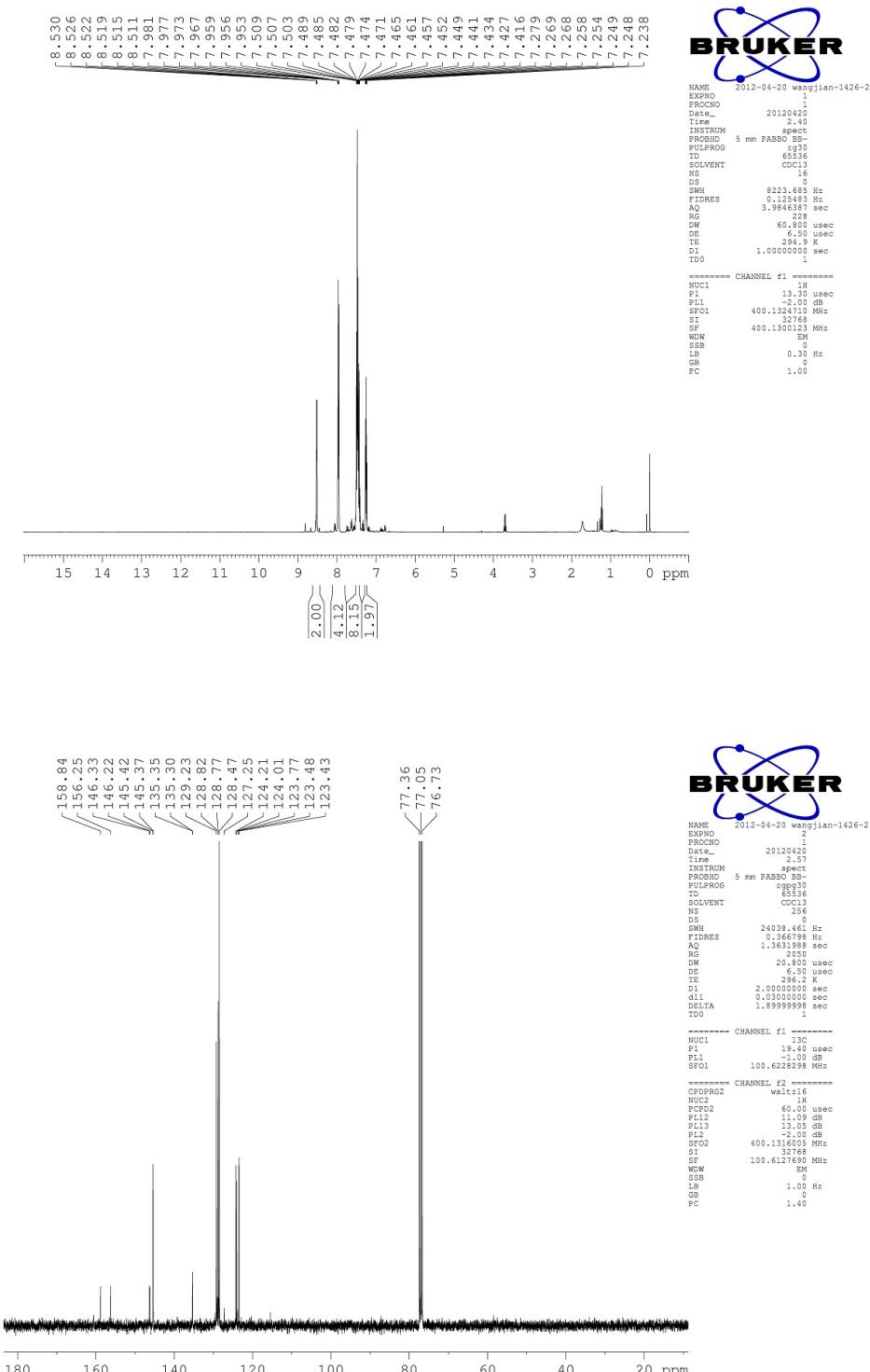
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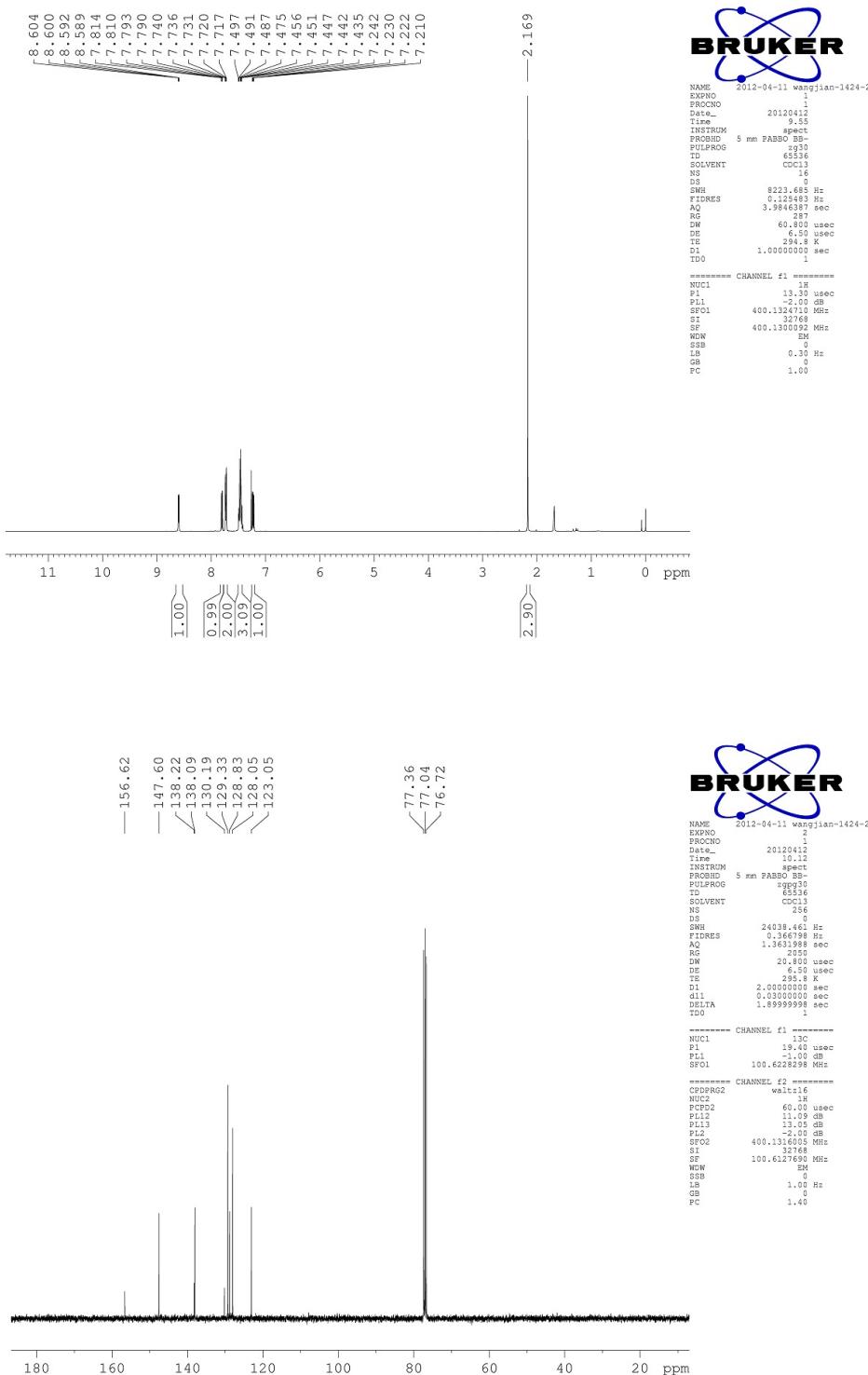
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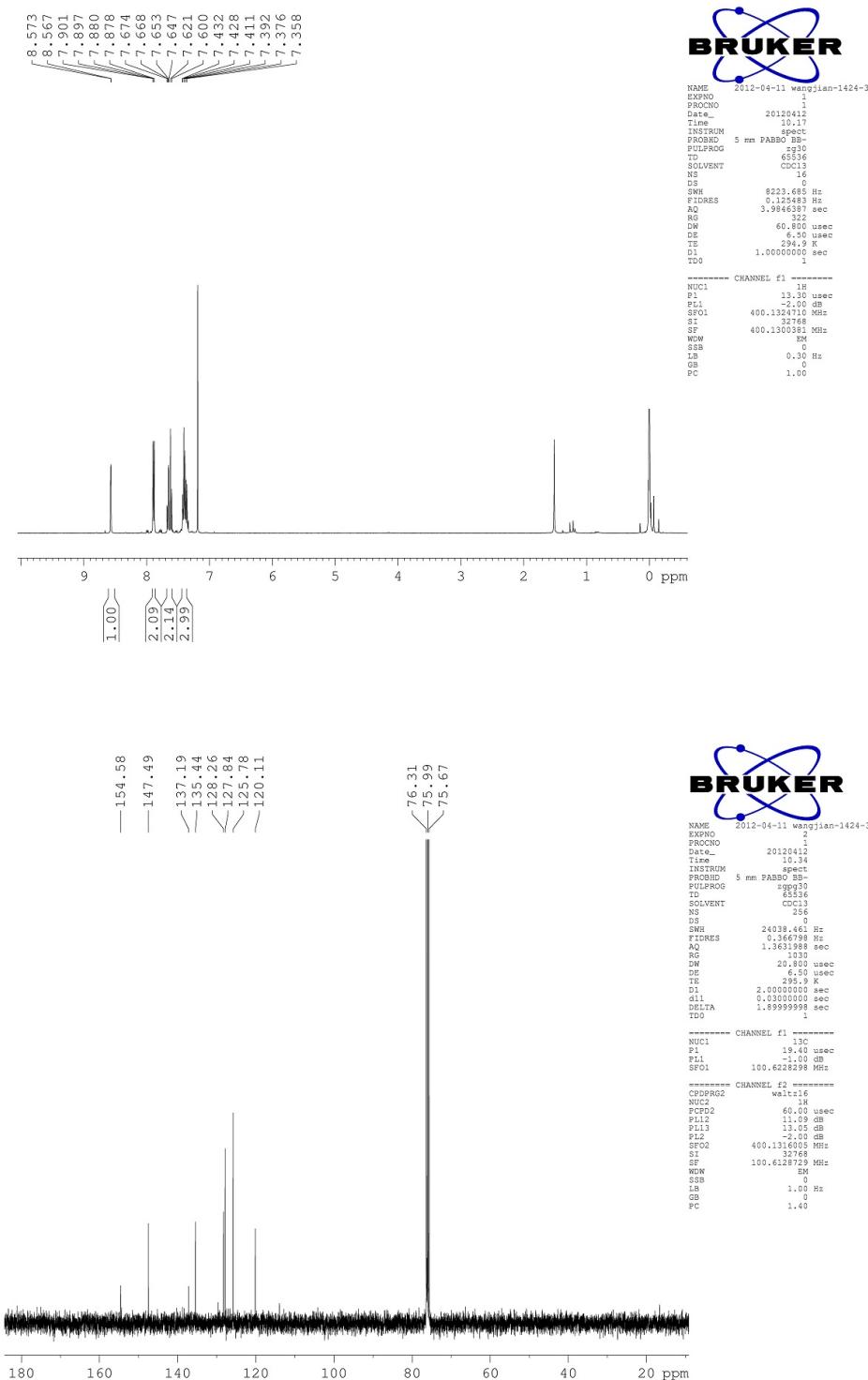
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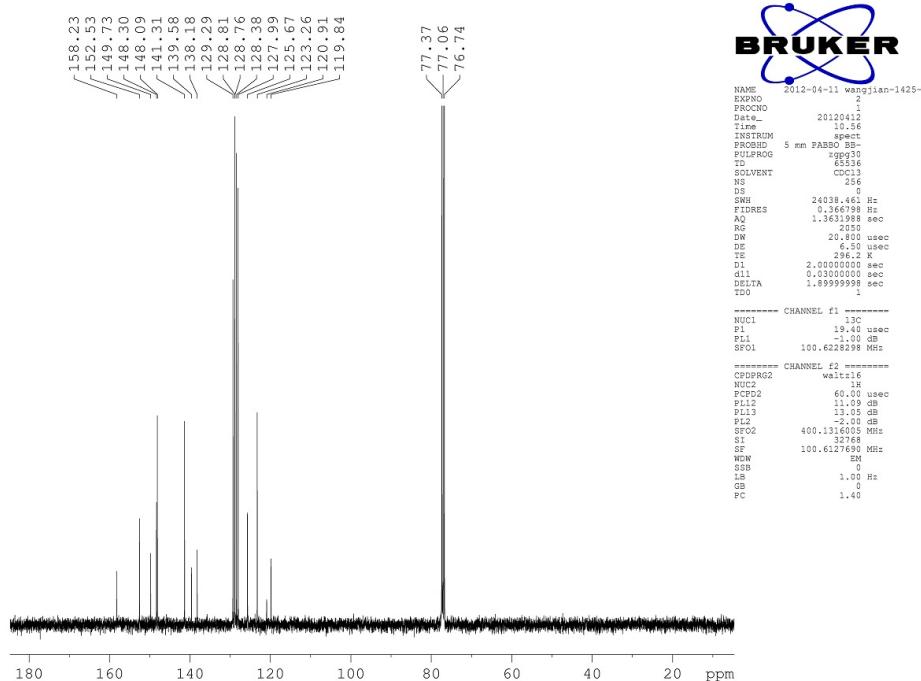
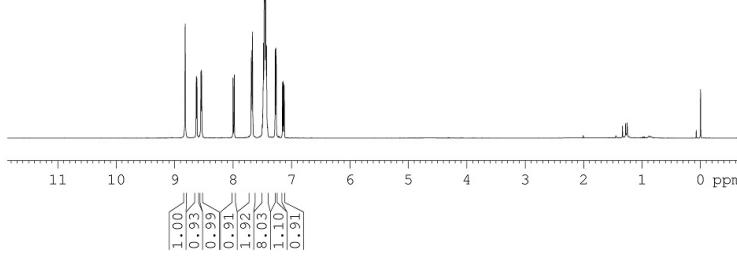
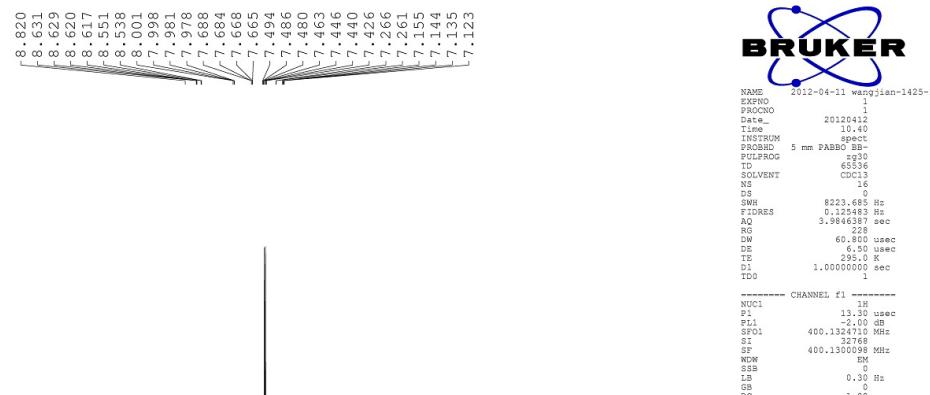
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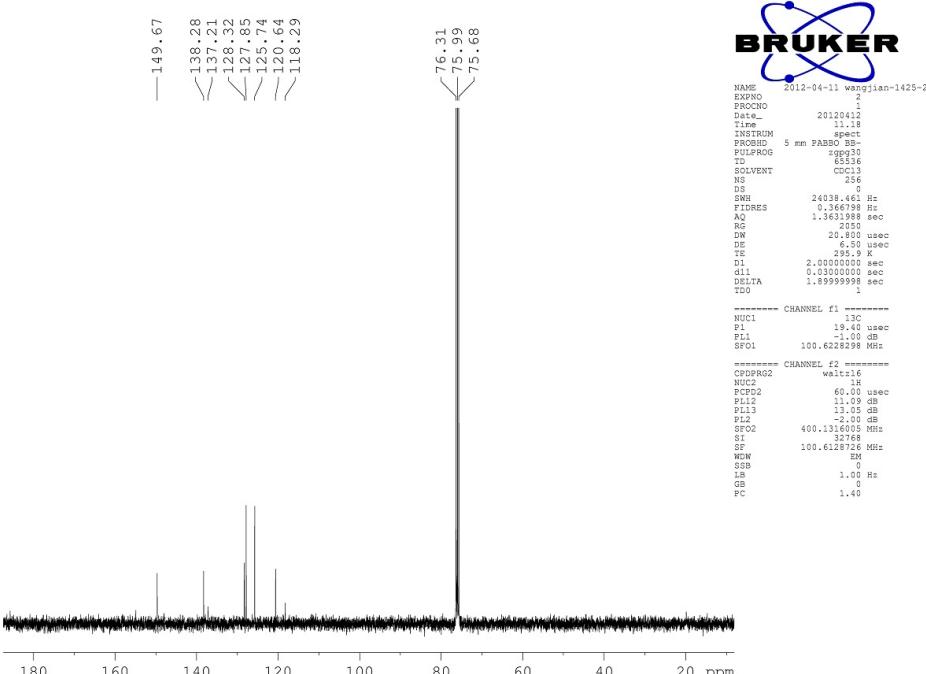
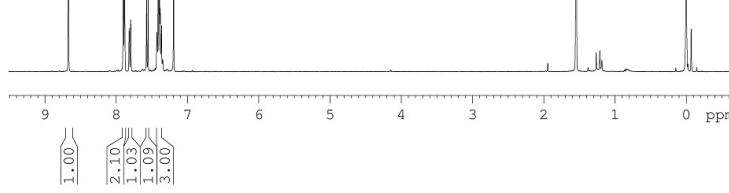
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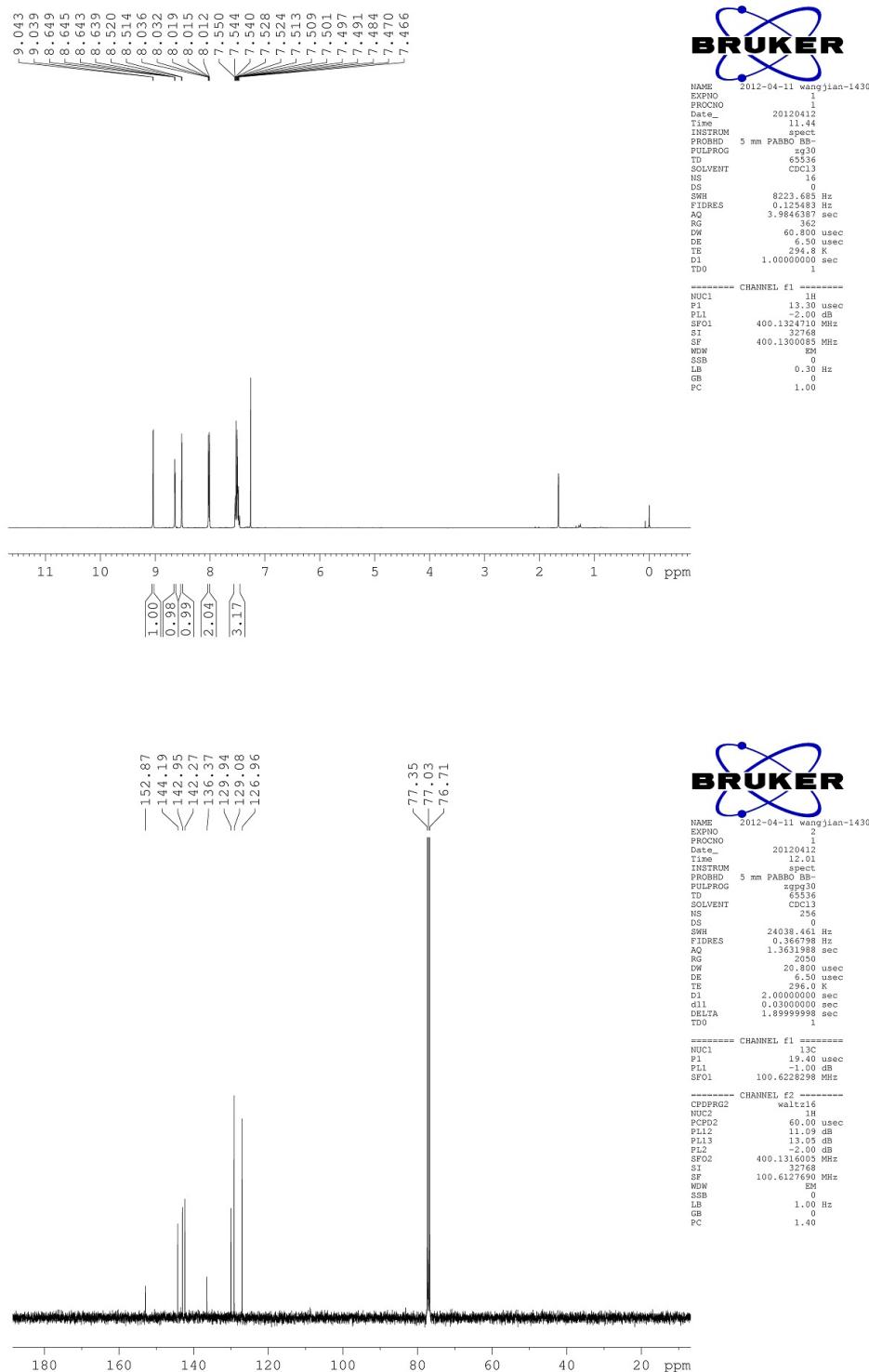
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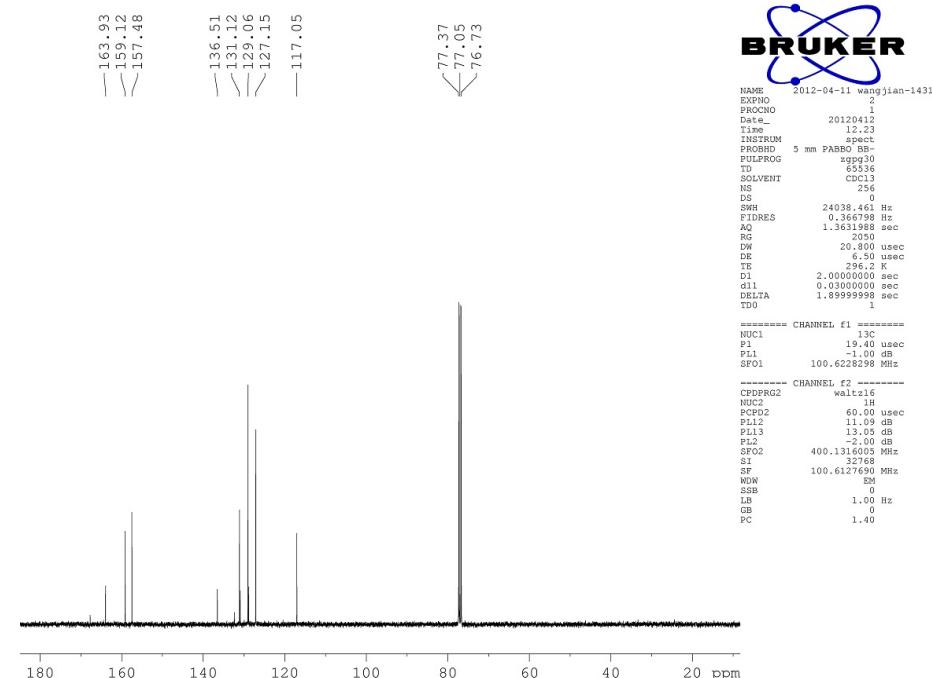
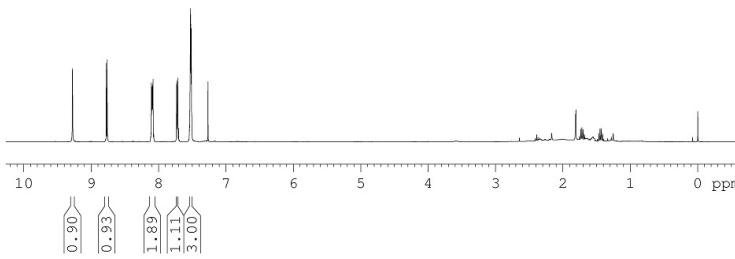
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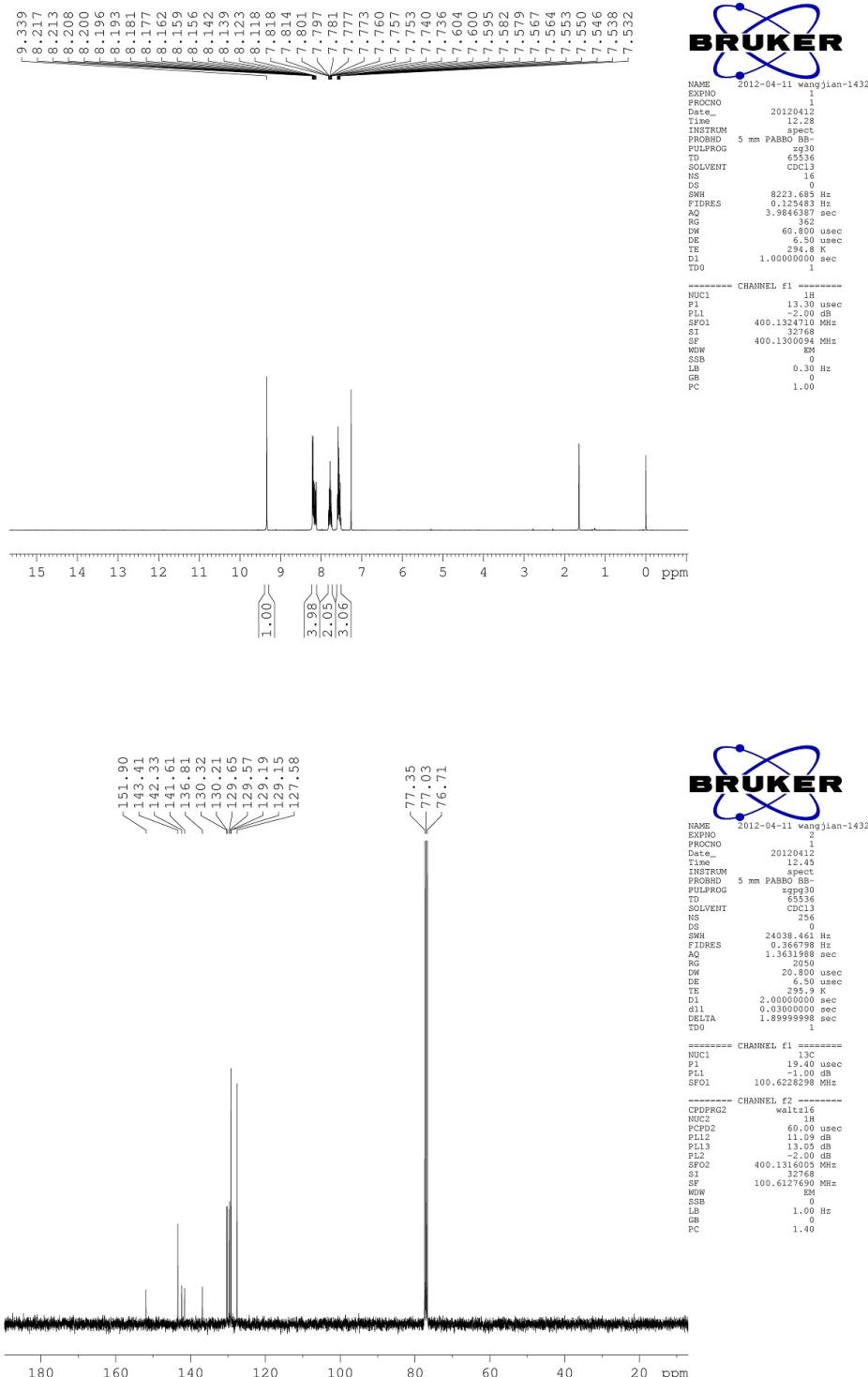
2-phenylpyrazine (5v)



4-phenylpyrimidine (5w-C4)



2-phenylquinoxaline (5y)



3, 6-dichloro-4-phenylpyridazine (5z)

