

Electronic Supplementary Information for

Metal-Free Tandem Reaction in Water:

An Efficient and Regioselective Synthesis of 3-Hydroxyisoindolin-1-ones

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X-ray crystallographic structure of compound 9Aa

Bond precision: C-C = 0.0046 Å Wavelength=0.71073

Cell: a=9.2376(10) b=14.5788(16) c=14.9383(17)
alpha=66.775(2) beta=74.994(2) gamma=74.785(2)

Temperature: 293 K

	Calculated	Reported
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Space group	P -1	P-1
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Mr	329.38	329.38
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Z	4	4
Mu (mm ⁻¹)	0.080	0.080
F ₀₀₀	696.0	696.0
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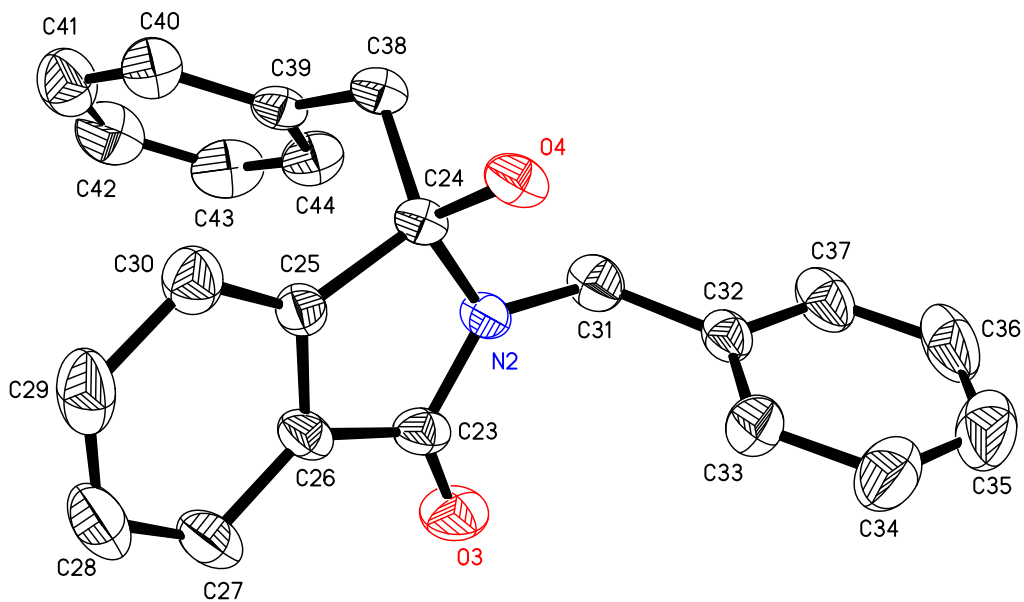
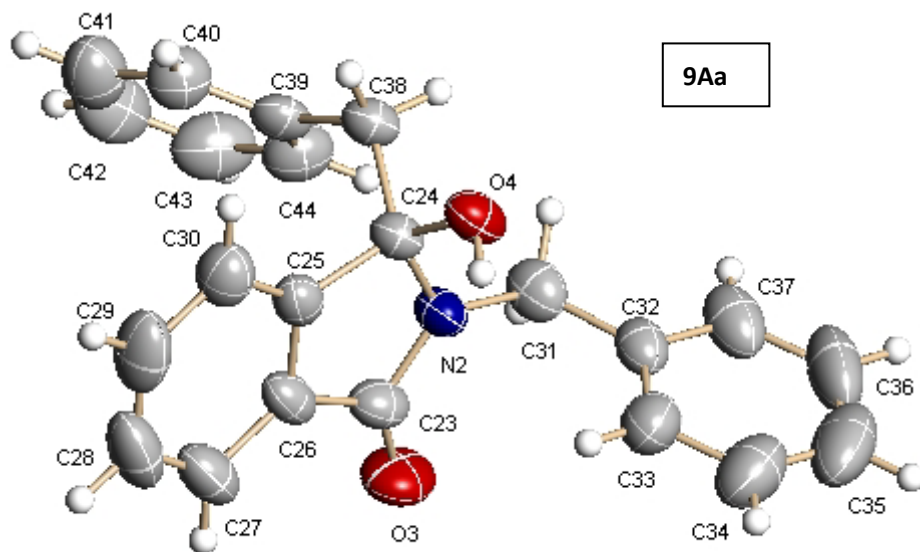
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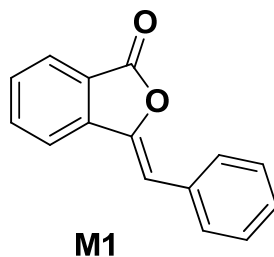
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S = 0.844 Npar= 453

CCDC 755262 contains the supplementary crystallographic data for this paper. These data can be also obtained free of charge from The Cambridge Crystallographic Data Centre via www.ccdc.cam.ac.uk/data_request/cif.

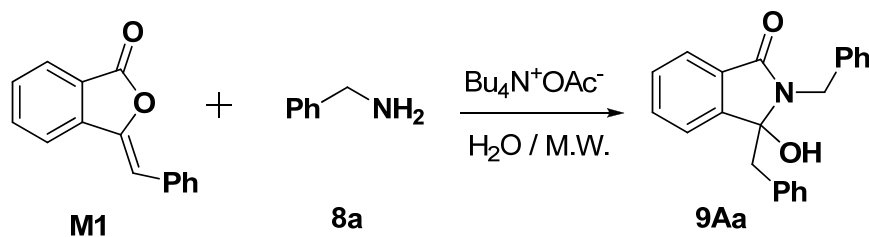


General Procedure for Synthesis of Intermediate M1



To a suspension solution of 2-(phenylethynyl)benzoic acid (**7A**, 0.1 mmol) in H₂O (3 mL) were added Bu₄N⁺OAc⁻ (5 mol%). Subsequently, the reaction vial was sealed under Ar protection and the mixture was heated to 100 °C for 20 min under the participation of microwave irradiation. The cold mixture was concentrated in vacuum, and the resulting residue was purified by flash column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 10/1) to afford the expected enol lactone intermediate 3-benzylideneisobenzofuran-1(3H)-one (**M1**). The characterization data obtained are as follows: ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz) δ 7.95 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.86 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.75 (m, 2H), 7.55 (t, 1H), 7.42 (t, 2H), 7.32 (m, 1H), 6.43 (s, 1H); LRMS (EI) *m/z* 222 (M⁺). HRMS (EI) *m/z* calcd C₁₅H₁₀O₂ (M)⁺ 222.0681, found 222.0690. These spectral data are consistent with previous reports.^[S1]

Synthesis of the target product 9Aa from intermediate M1

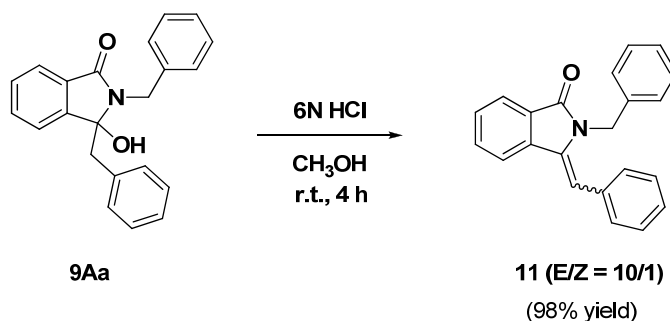


To a suspension solution of **M1** (0.1 mmol) in H₂O (3 mL) was added Bu₄N⁺OAc⁻ (5 mol%). After the mixture was stirred at room temperature for 10 min in the presence of Ar protection, benzylamine (**8a**, 0.2 mmol) was added. Subsequently, the resulting mixture was subjected to microwave irradiation at 100 °C under Ar protection for 10 min. And then, the cold mixture was concentrated in vacuum, the resulting residue was purified by flash chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 4/1, v/v) to afford the expected product **9Aa** with 95% yield.

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Dehydration Reaction Study for Compound 9Aa



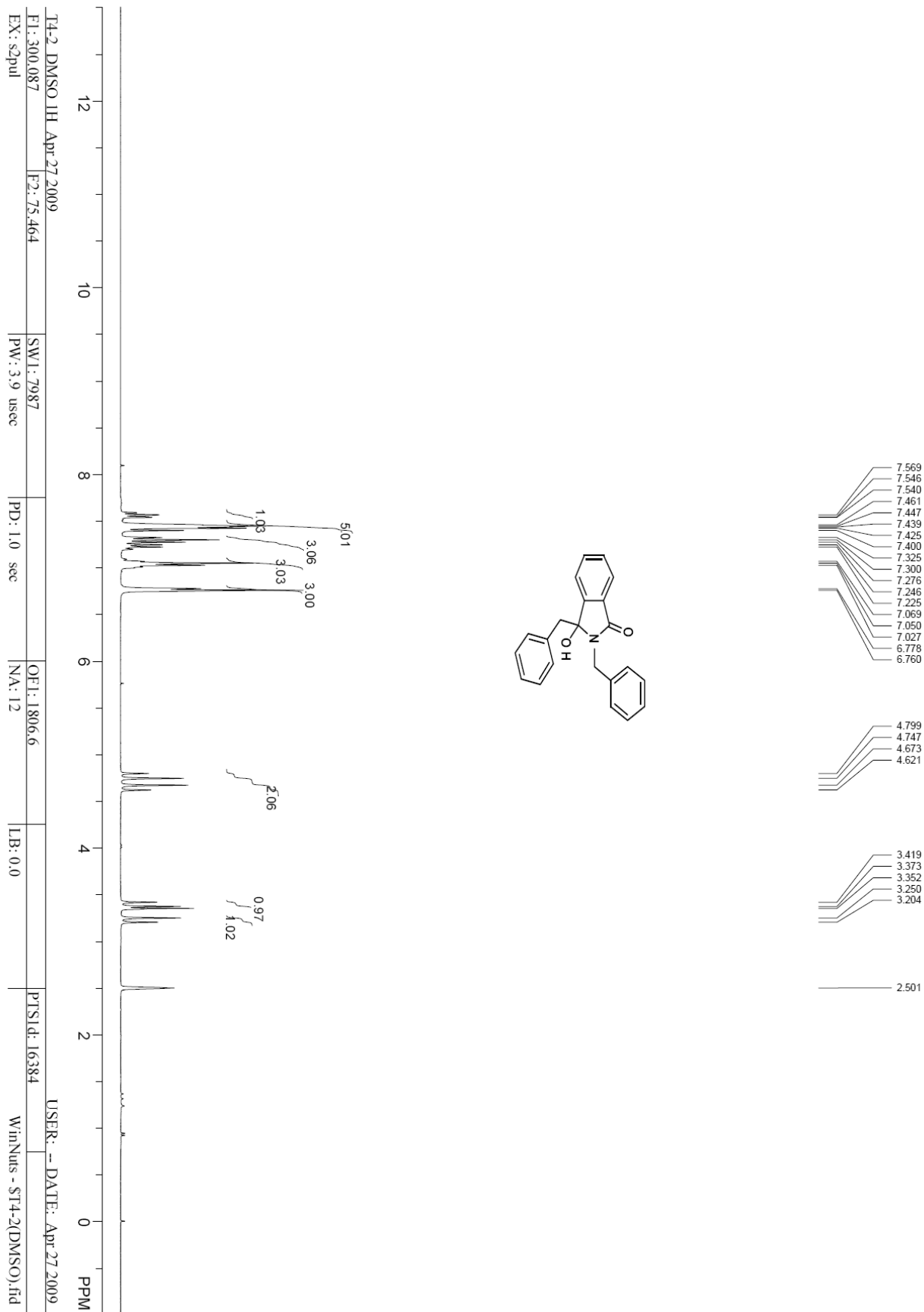
A solution of **9Aa** (0.5 mmol) in 6N hydrochloric acid solution (2 mL) and methanol (20 mL) was stirred at room temperature for 4 h. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure, and the residue was purified by a flash chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 25/1, v/v, as an eluent) to product (*E*)-**11** (as major product) and (*Z*)-**11**, respectively, and the E/Z-isomers were determined by comparing the ¹H NMR with the reported spectrum data.^[S2]

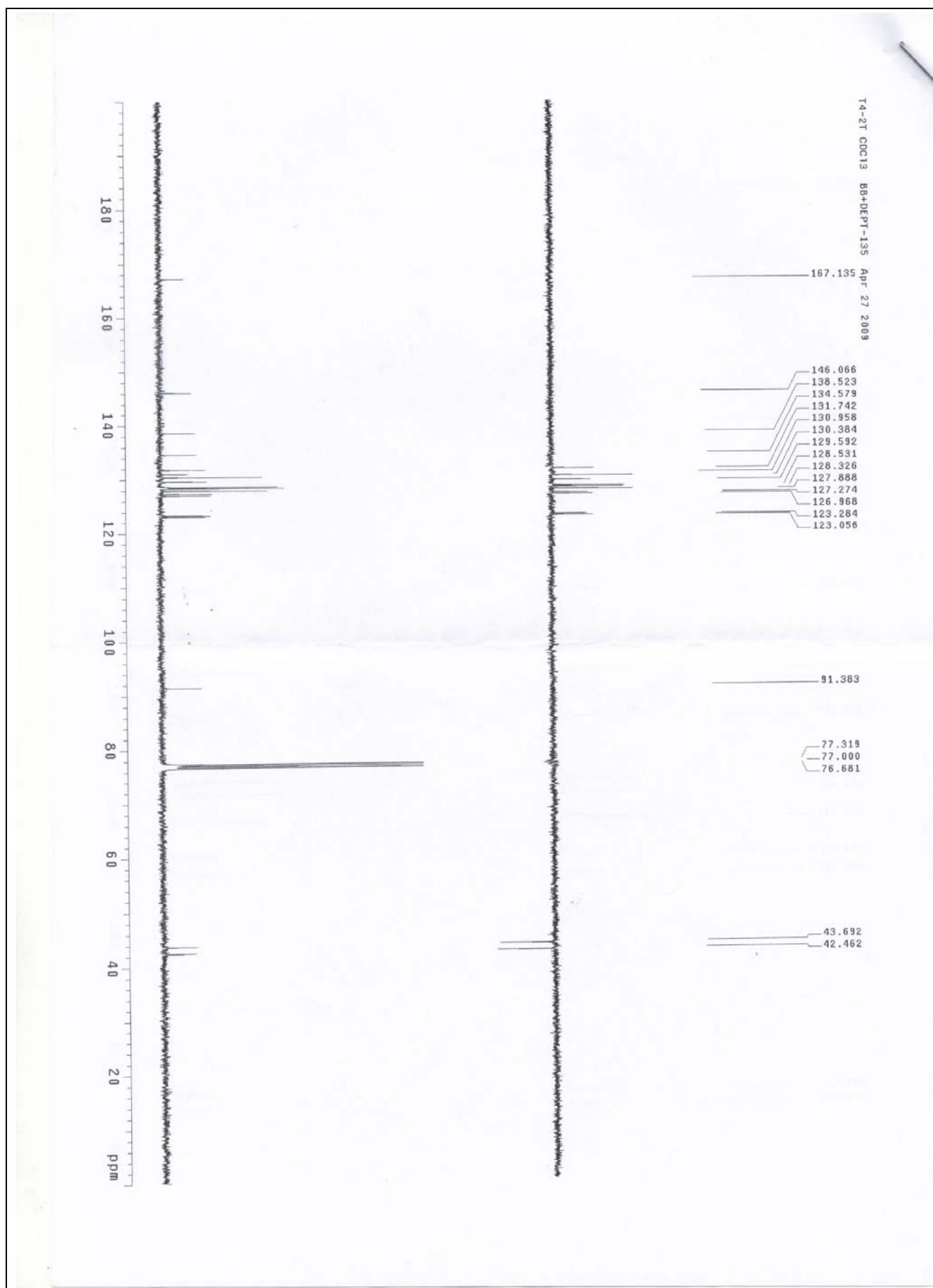
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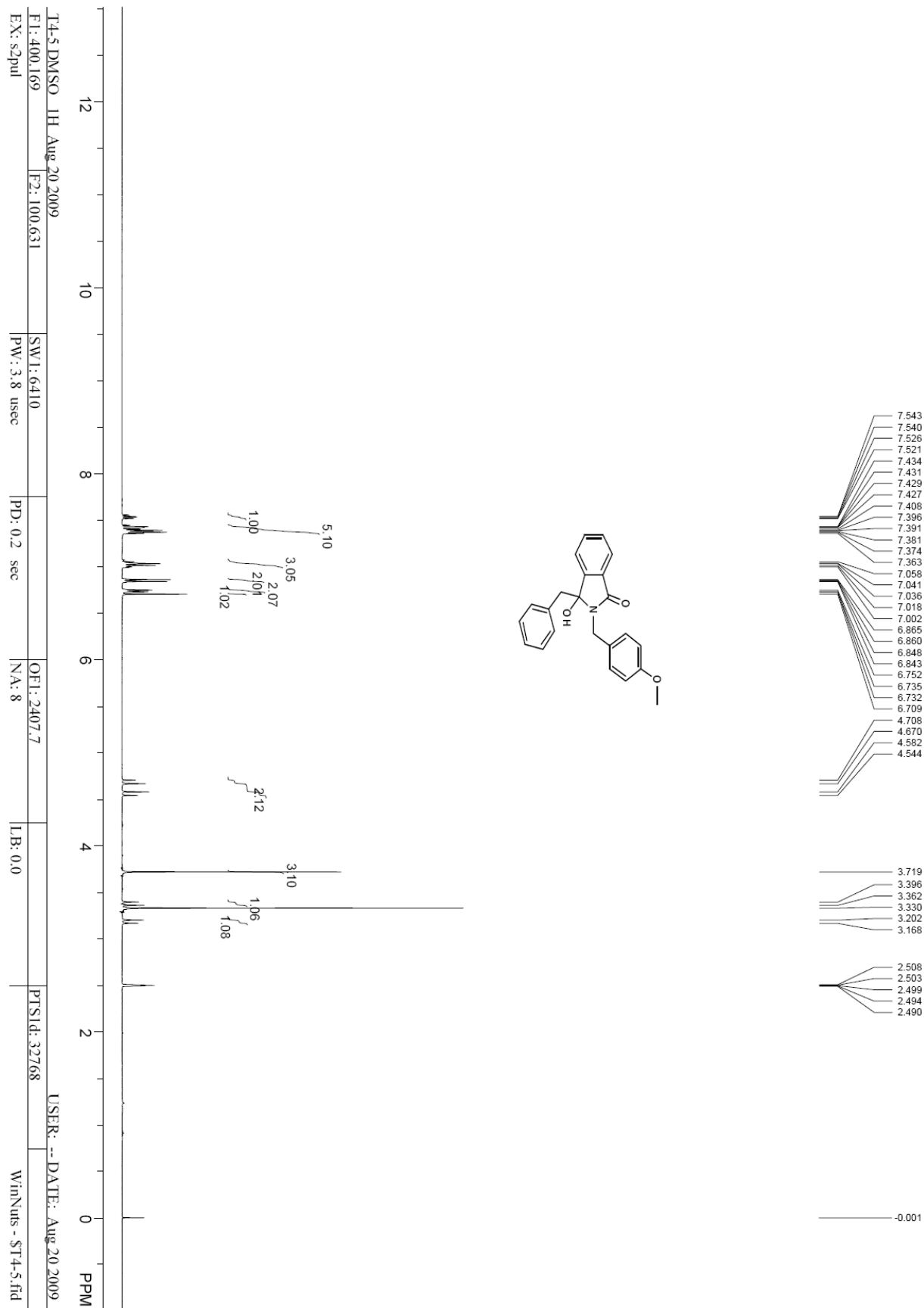
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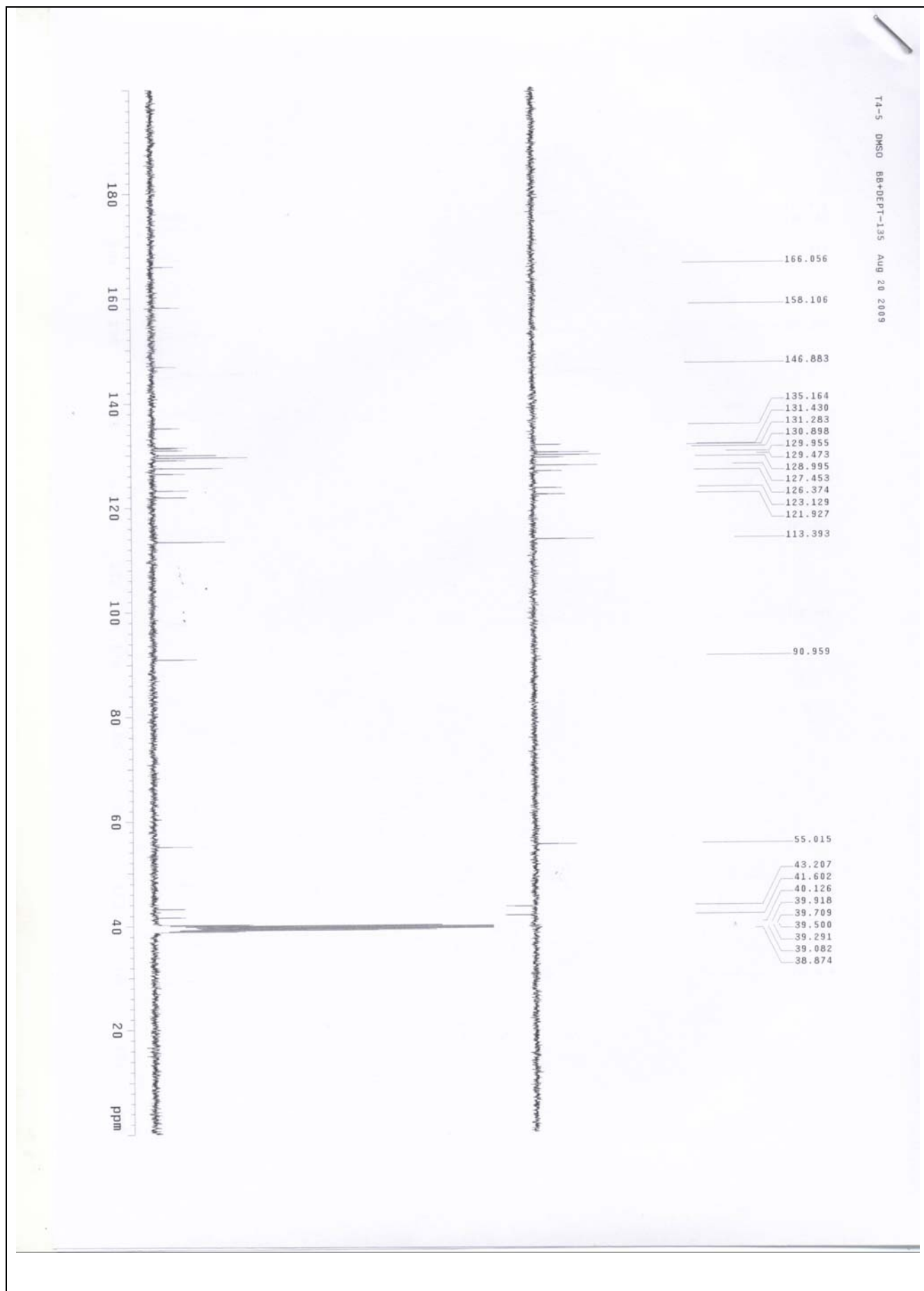
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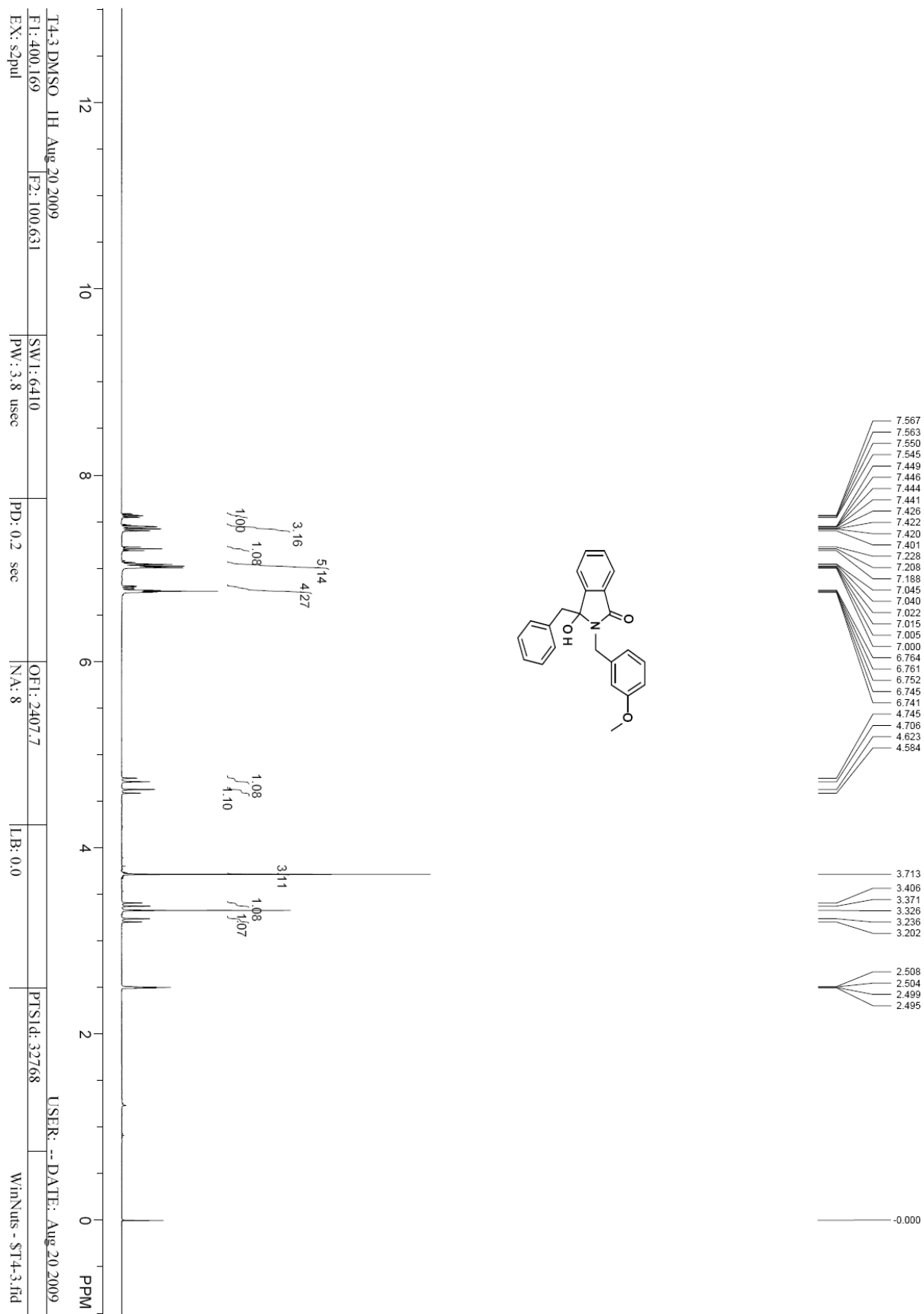


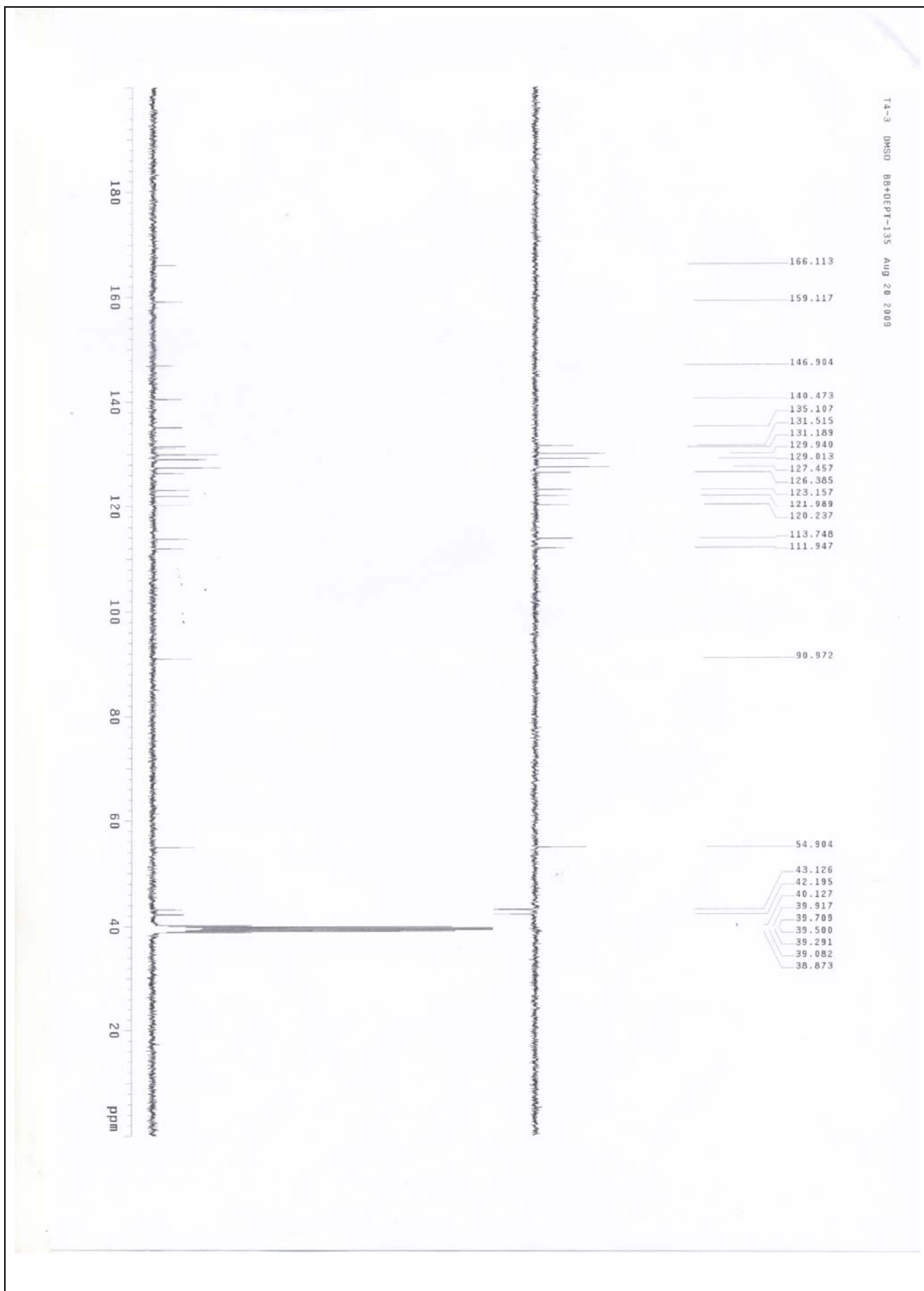
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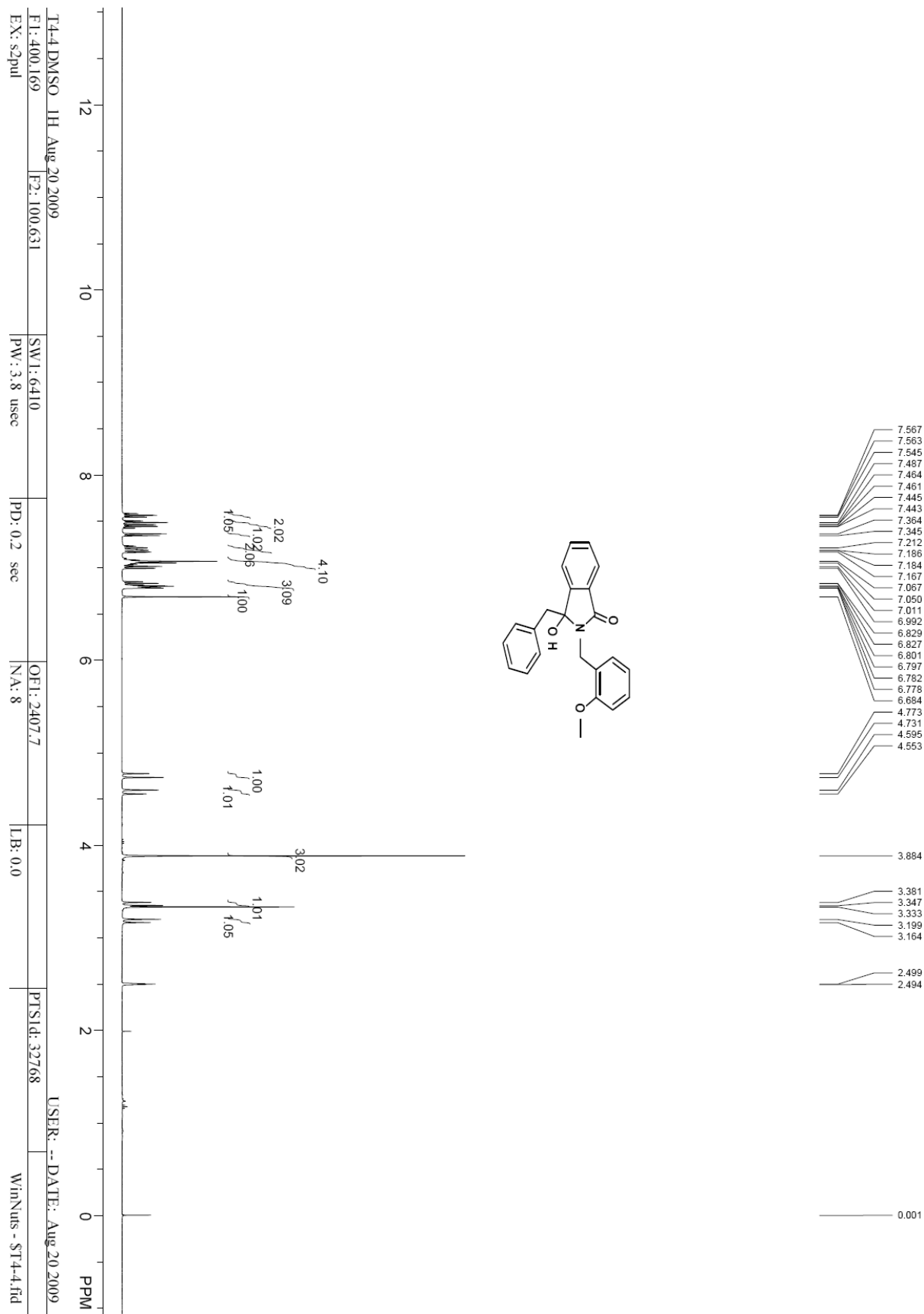


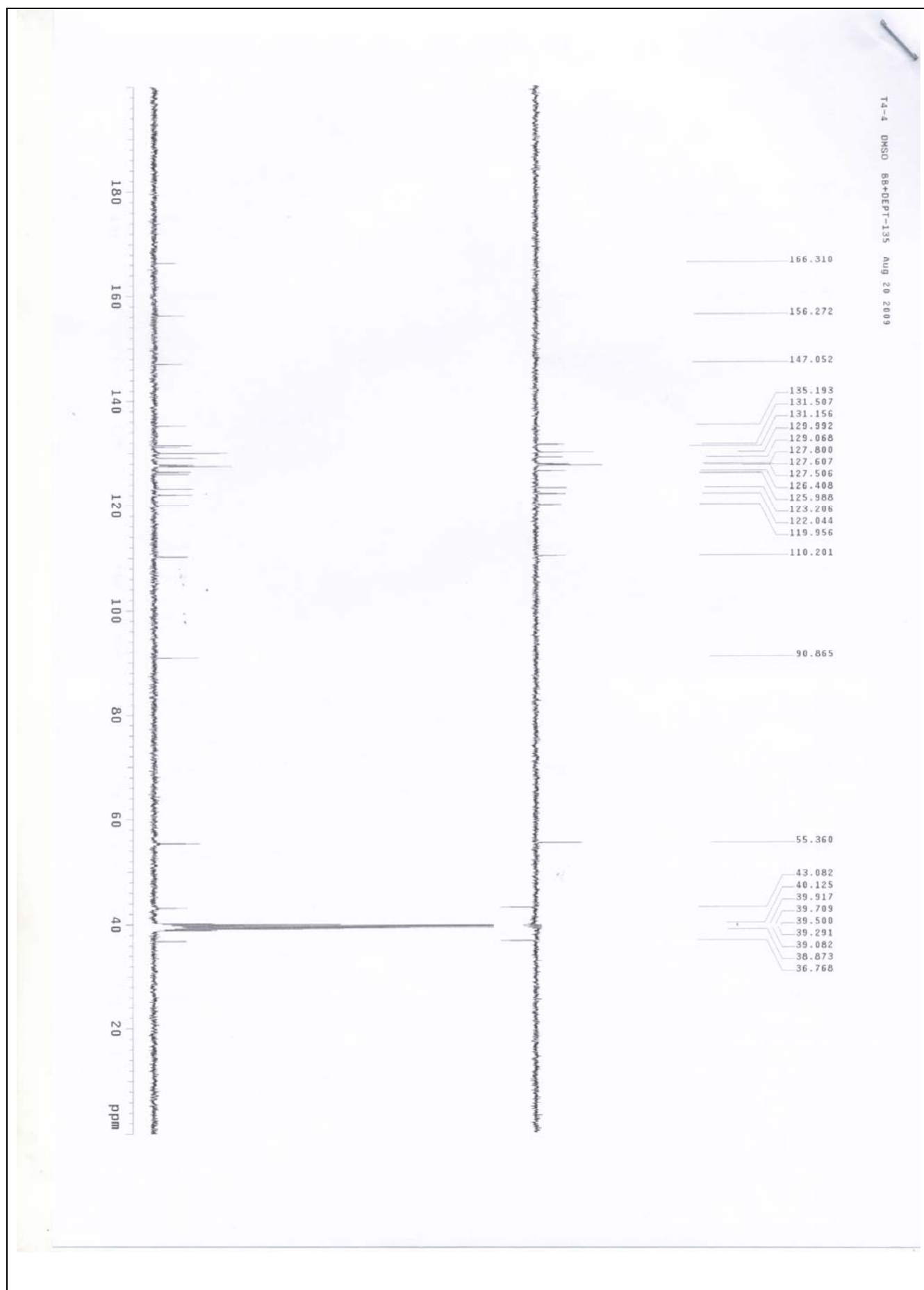
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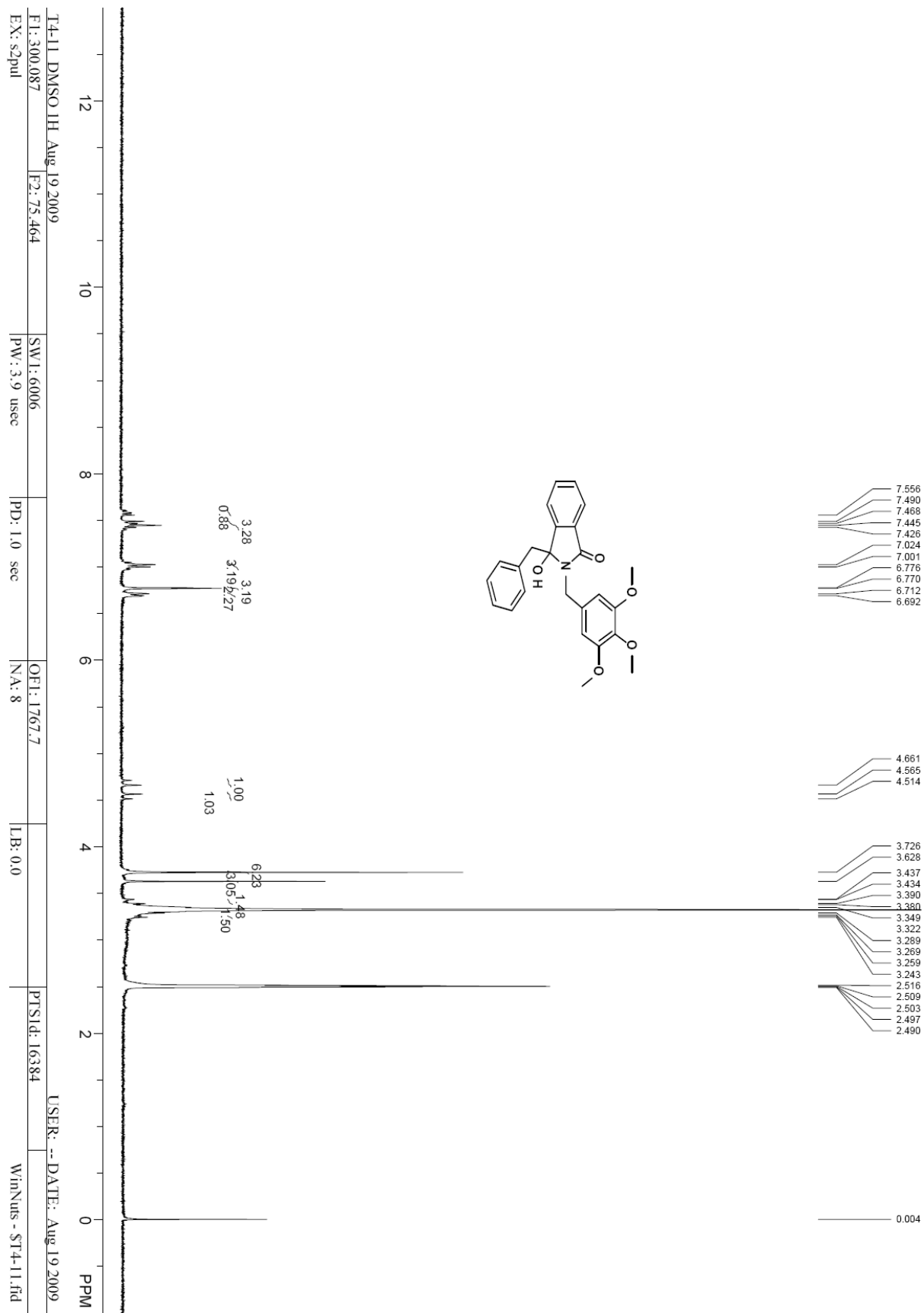


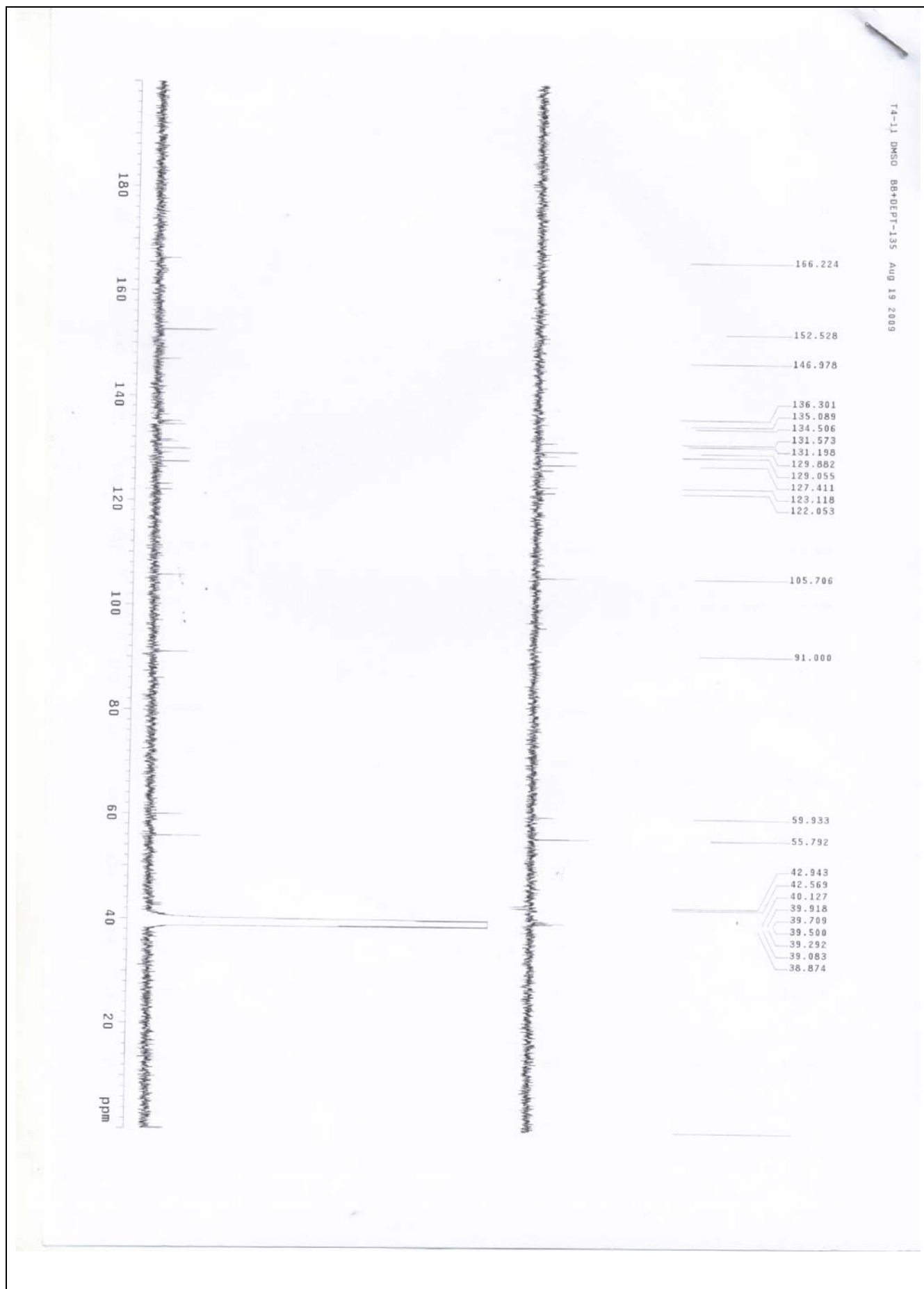
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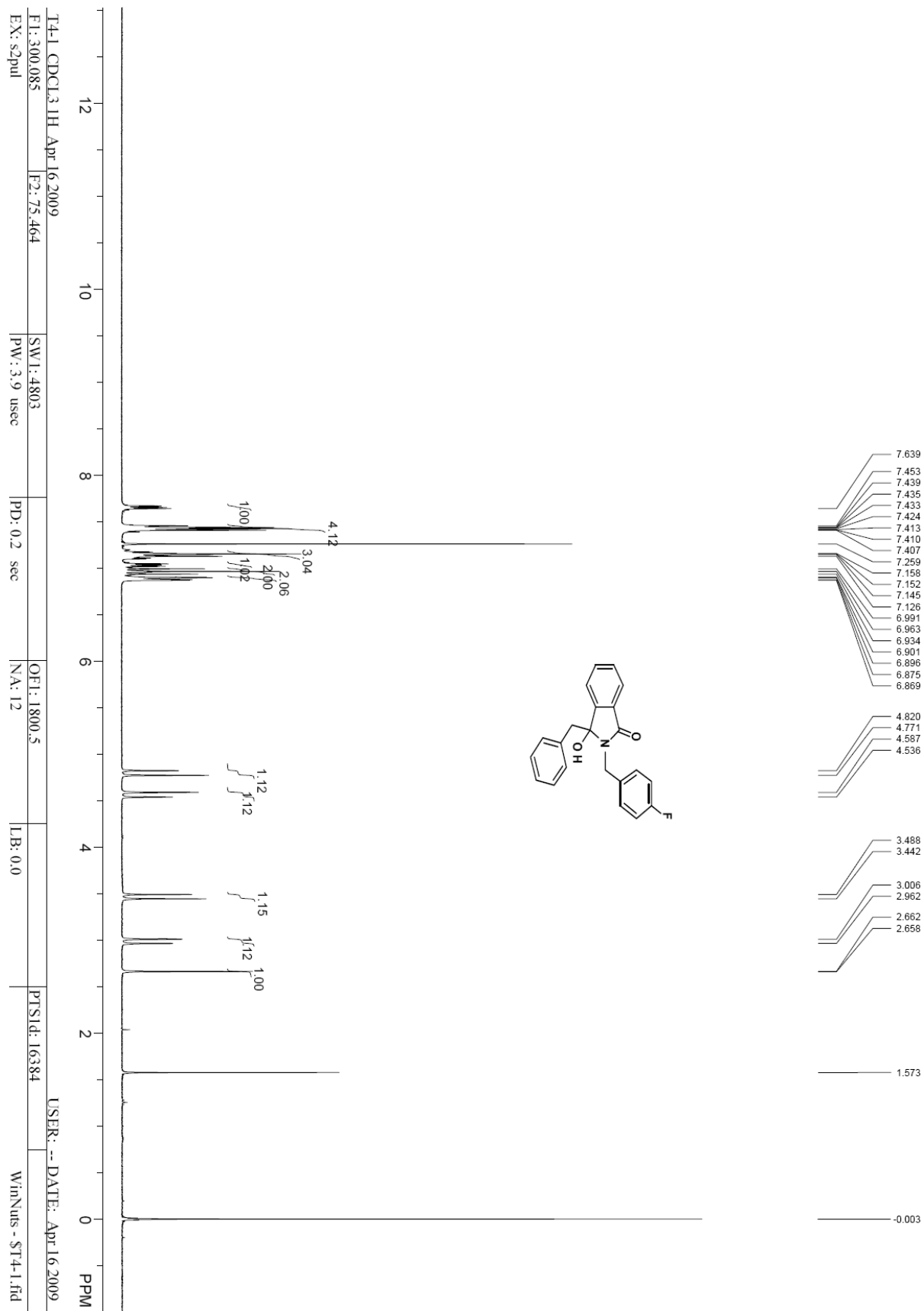


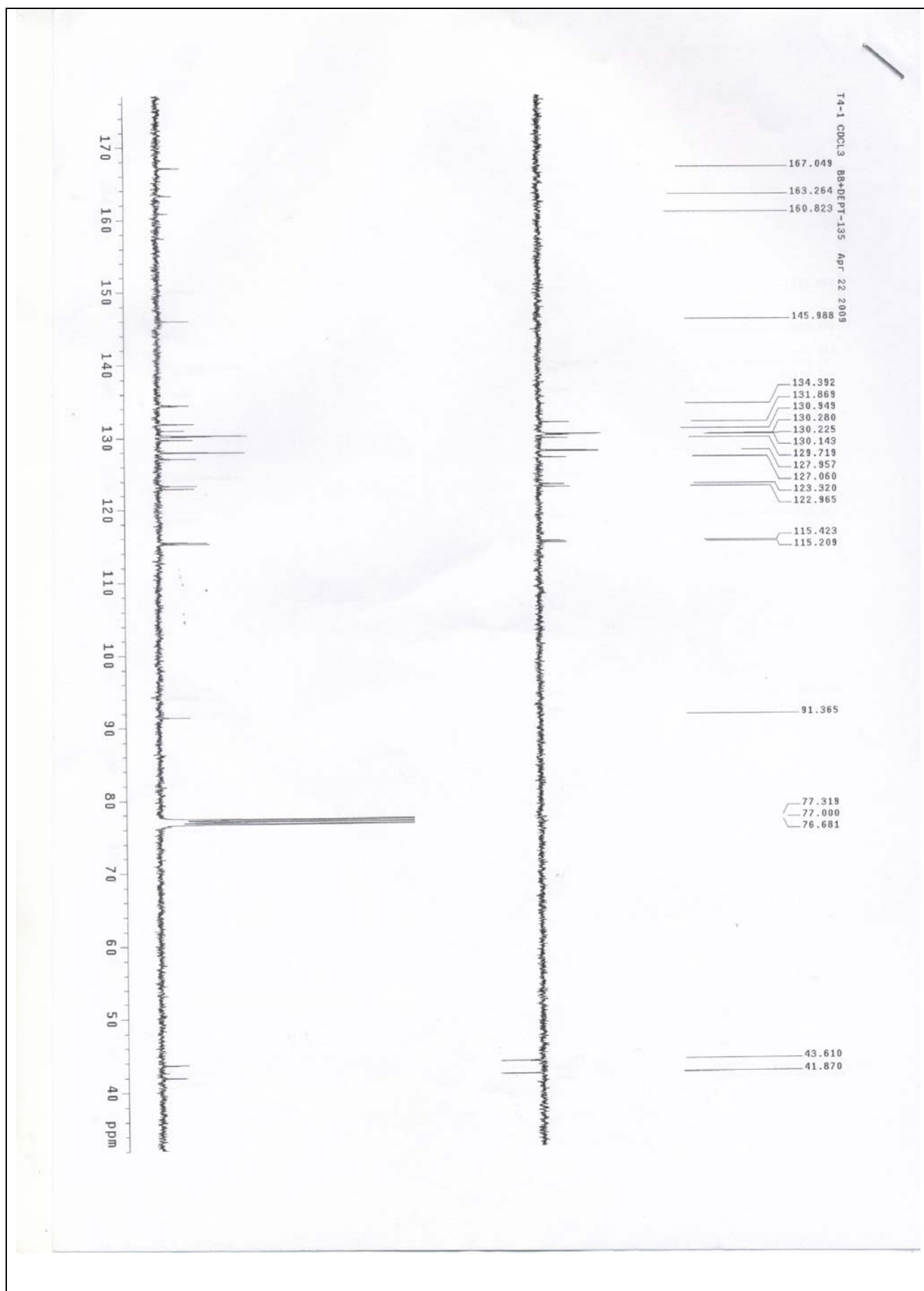
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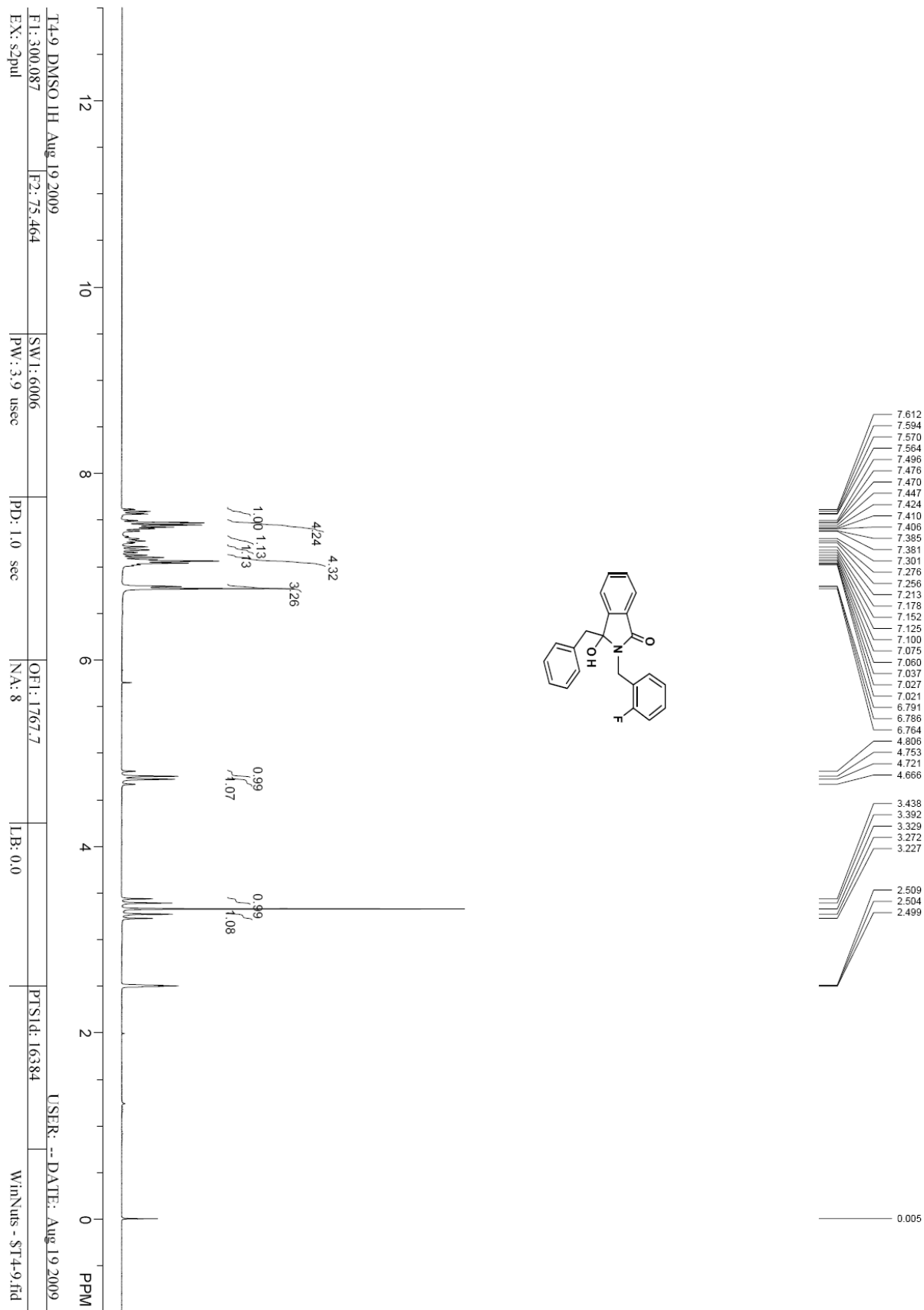


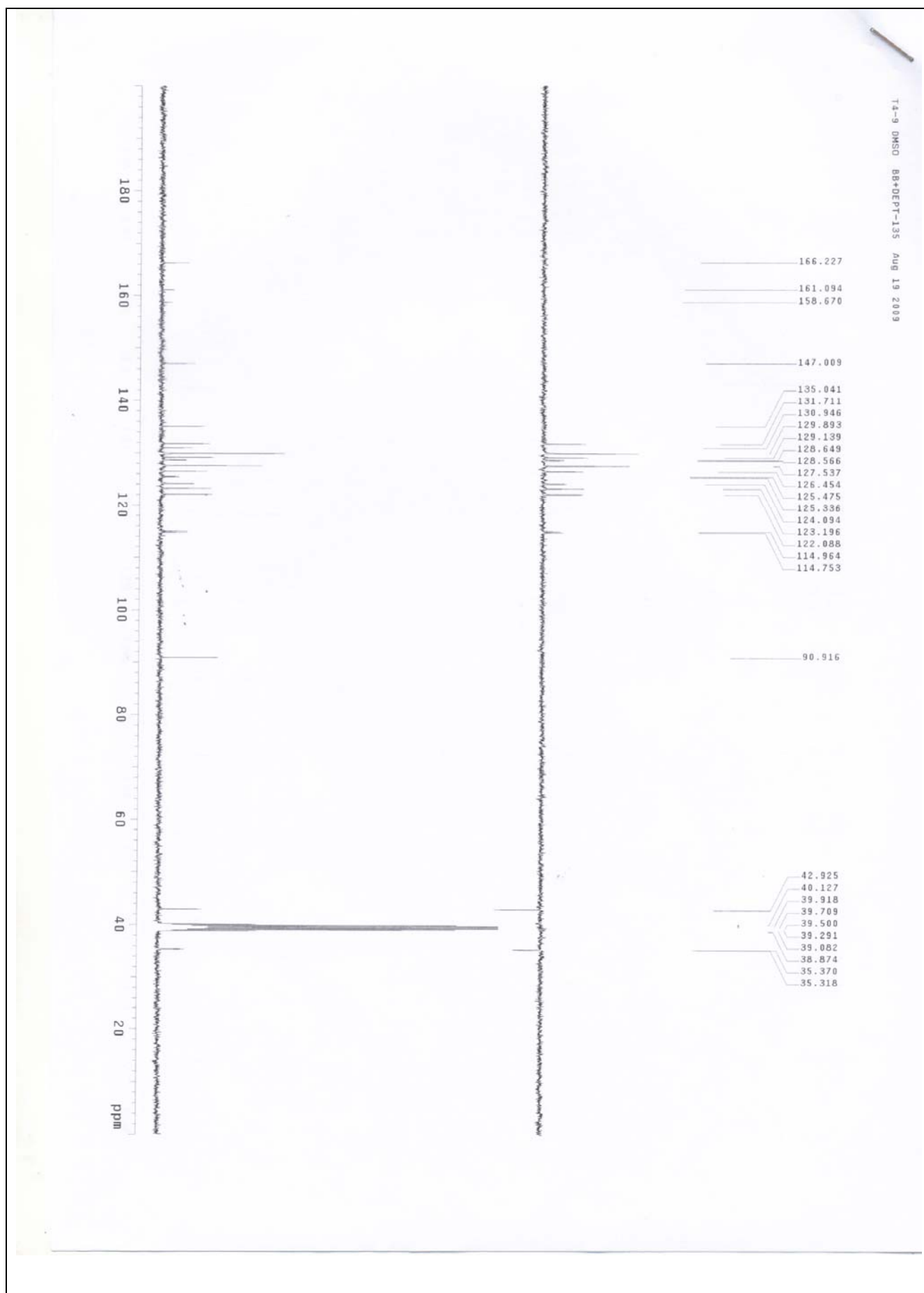
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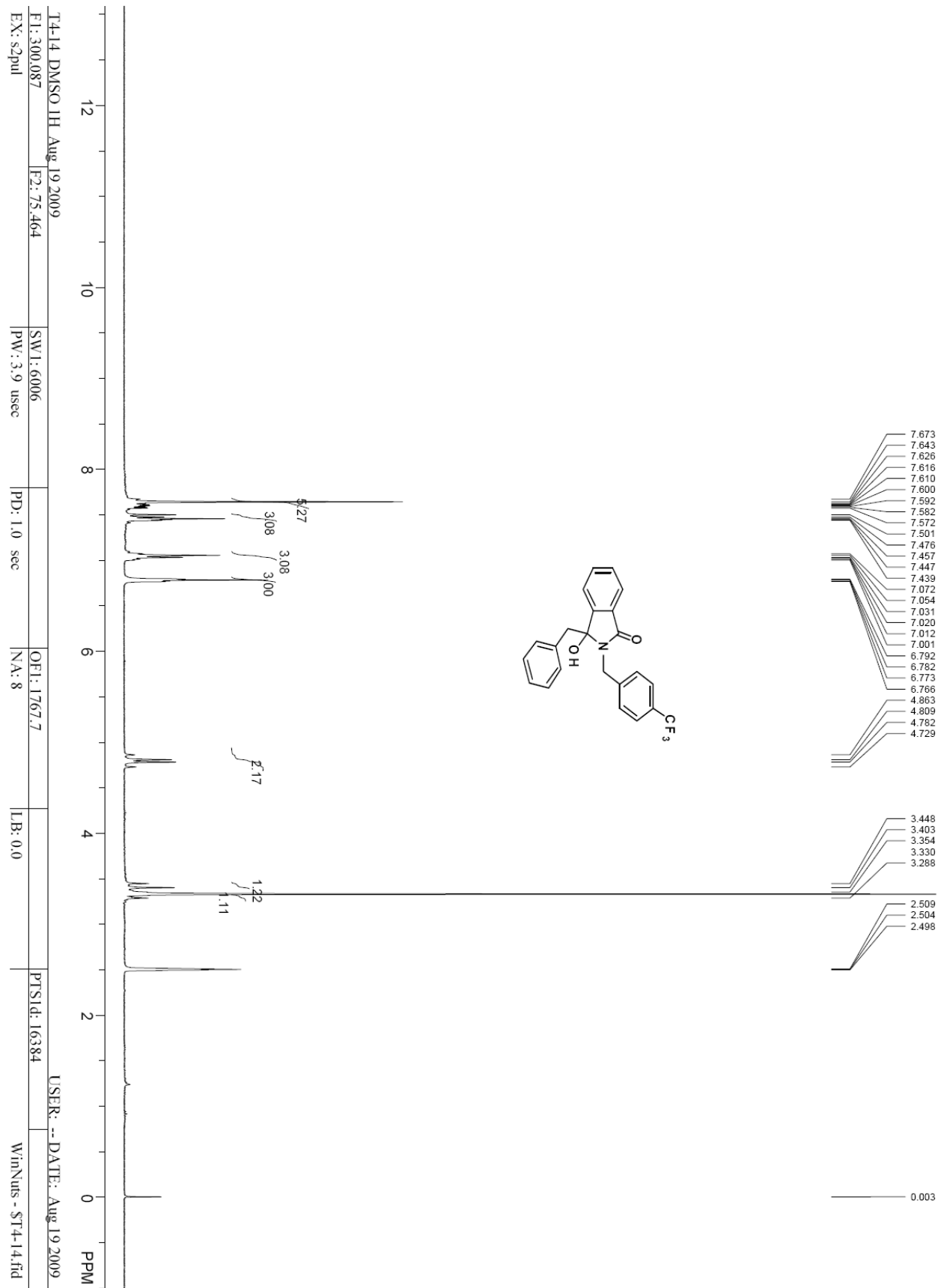


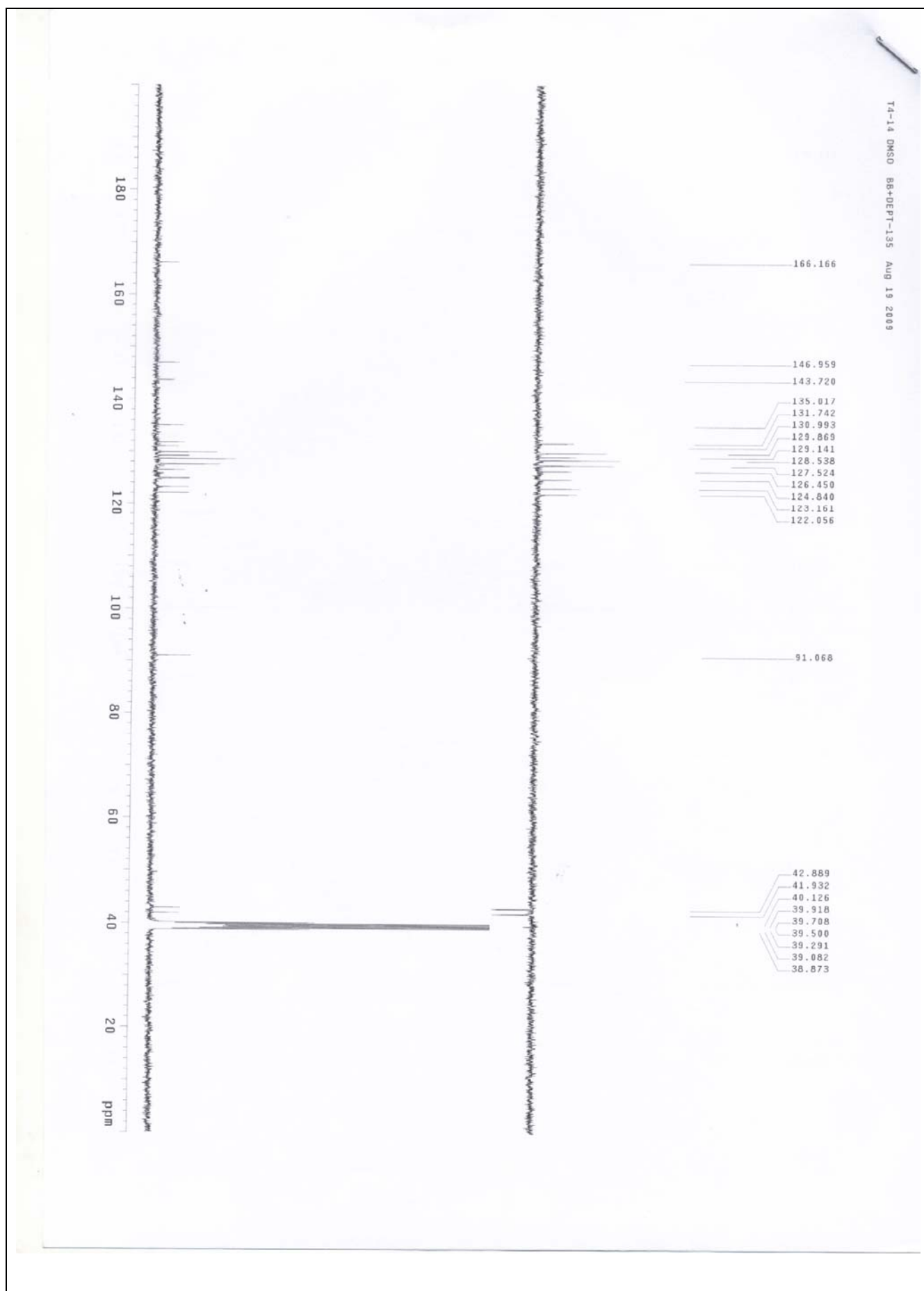
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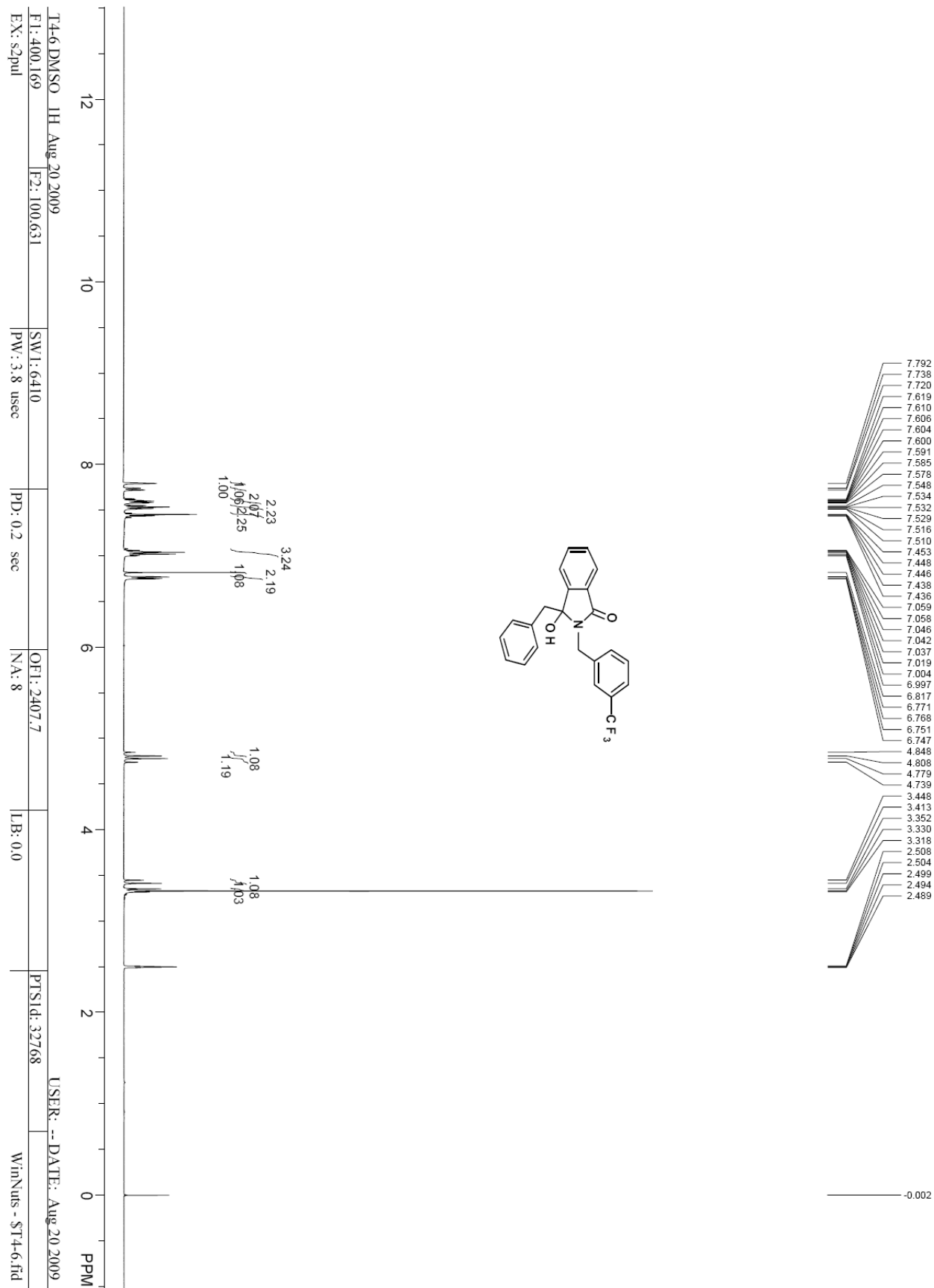


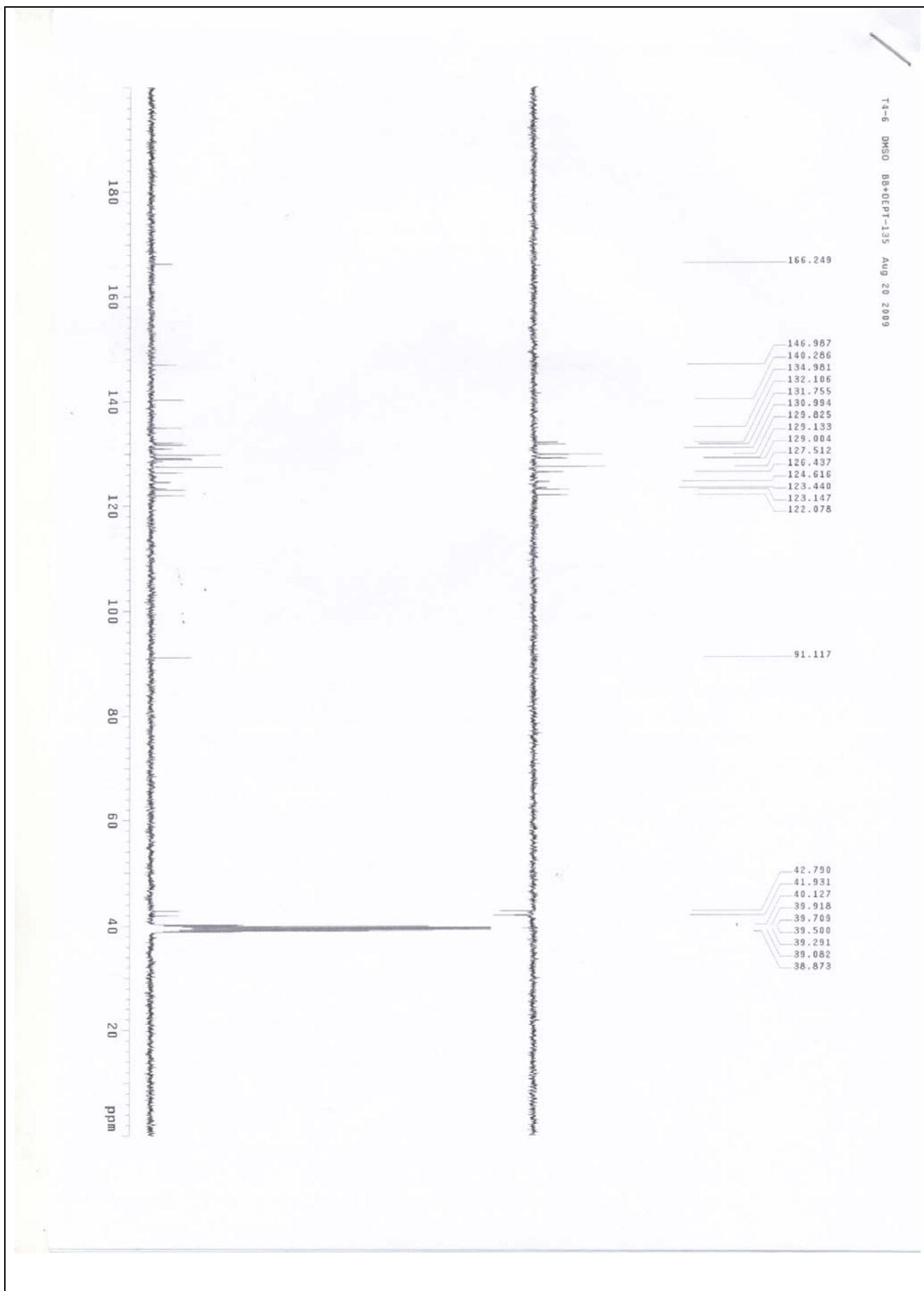
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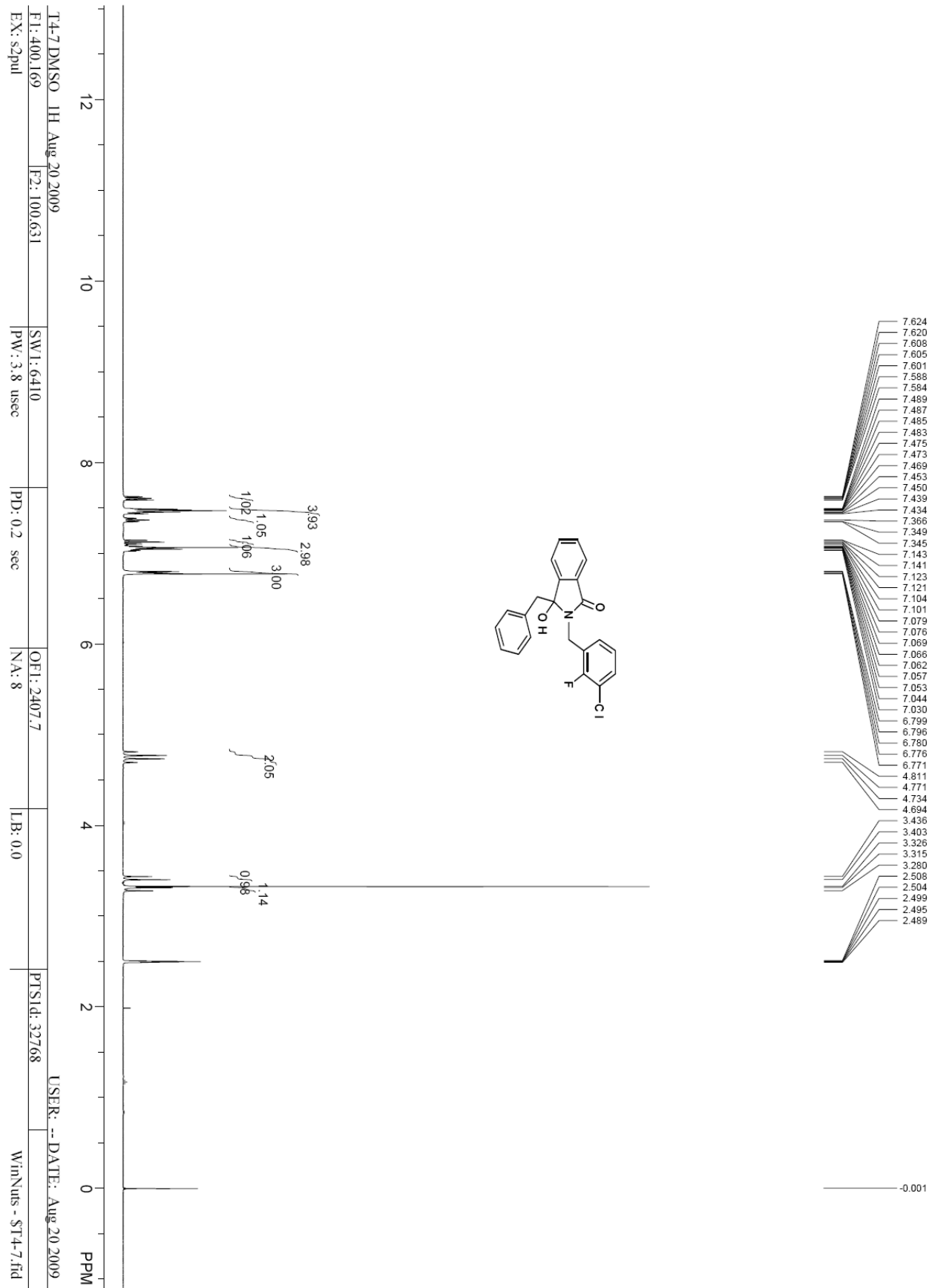


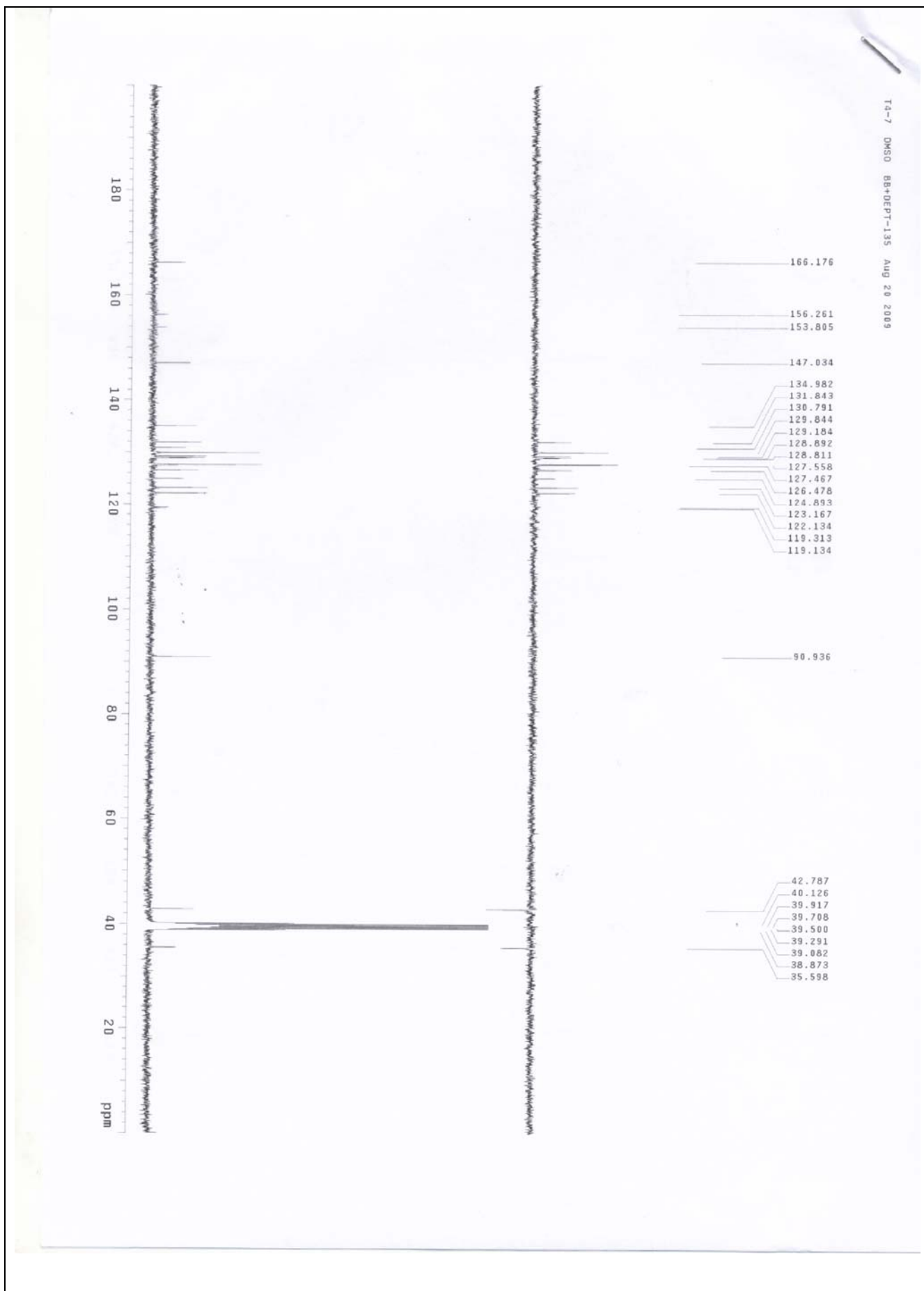
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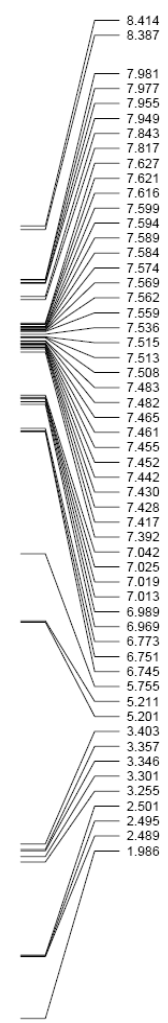
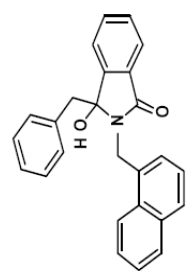
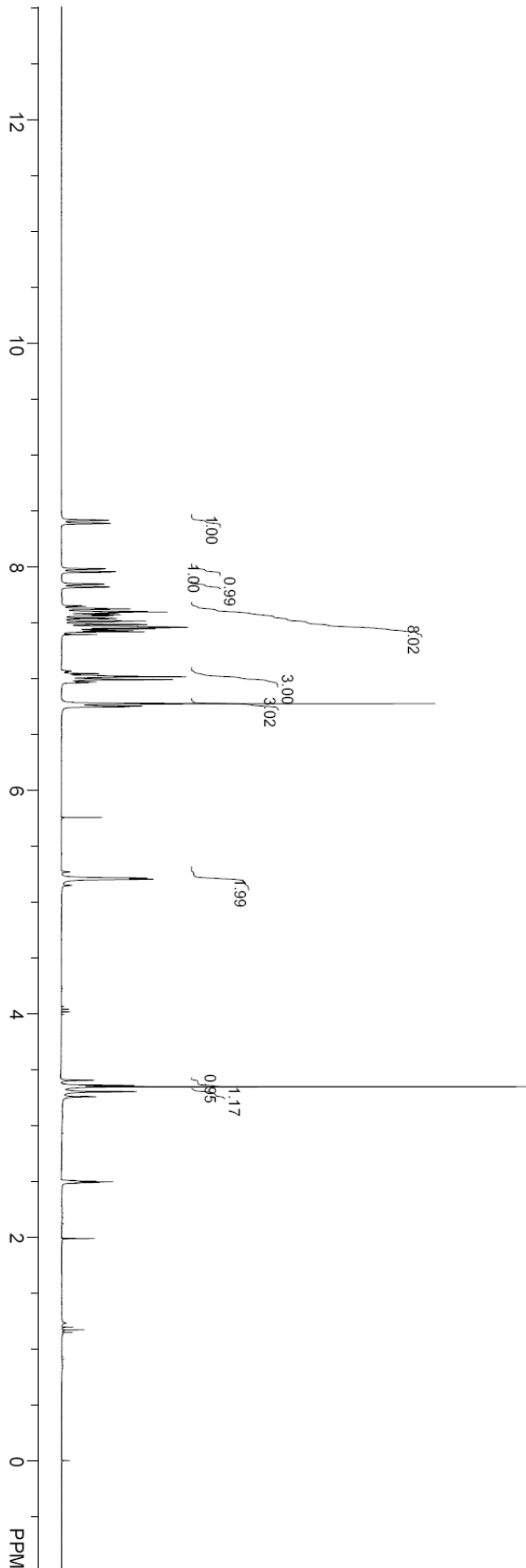
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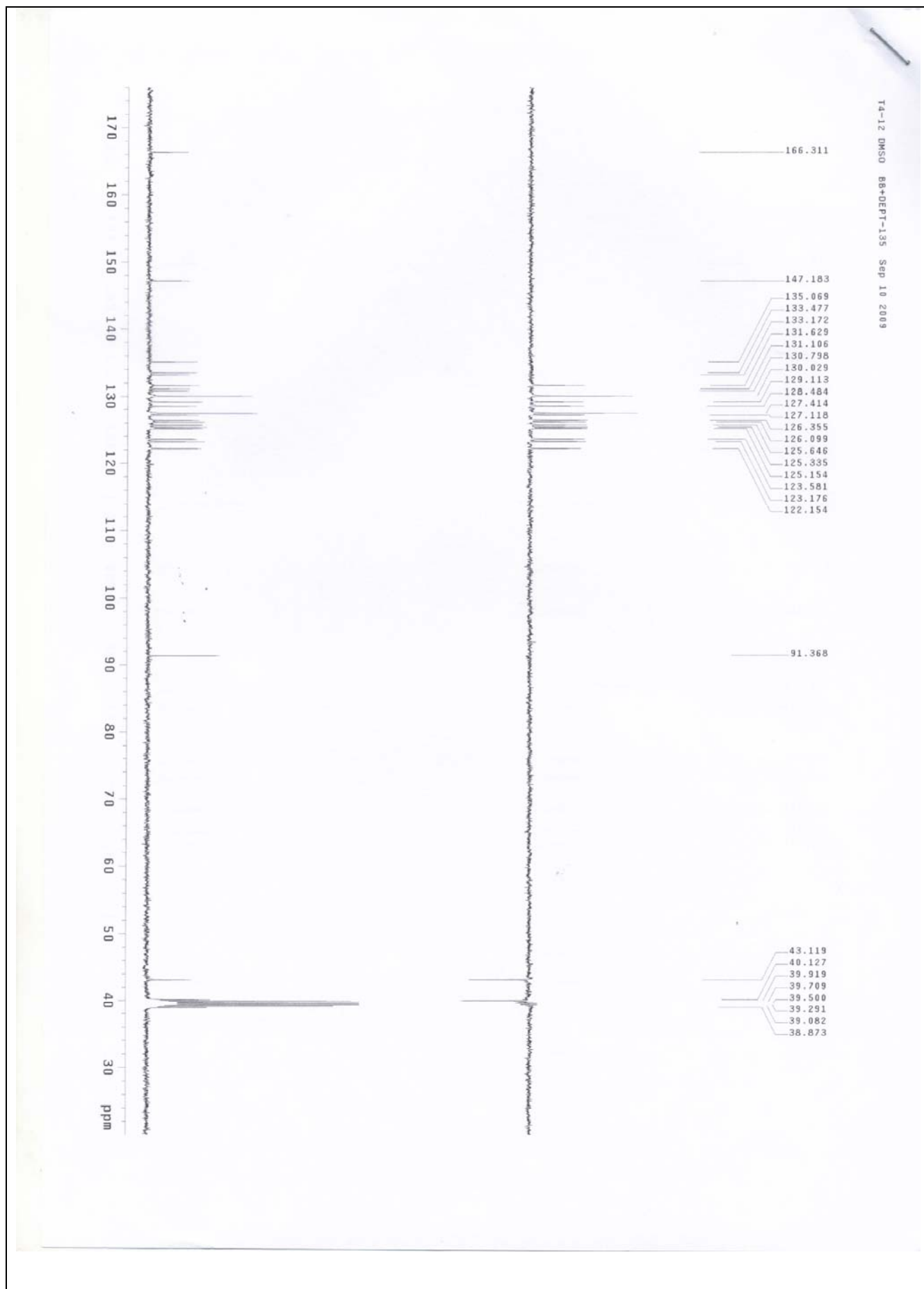




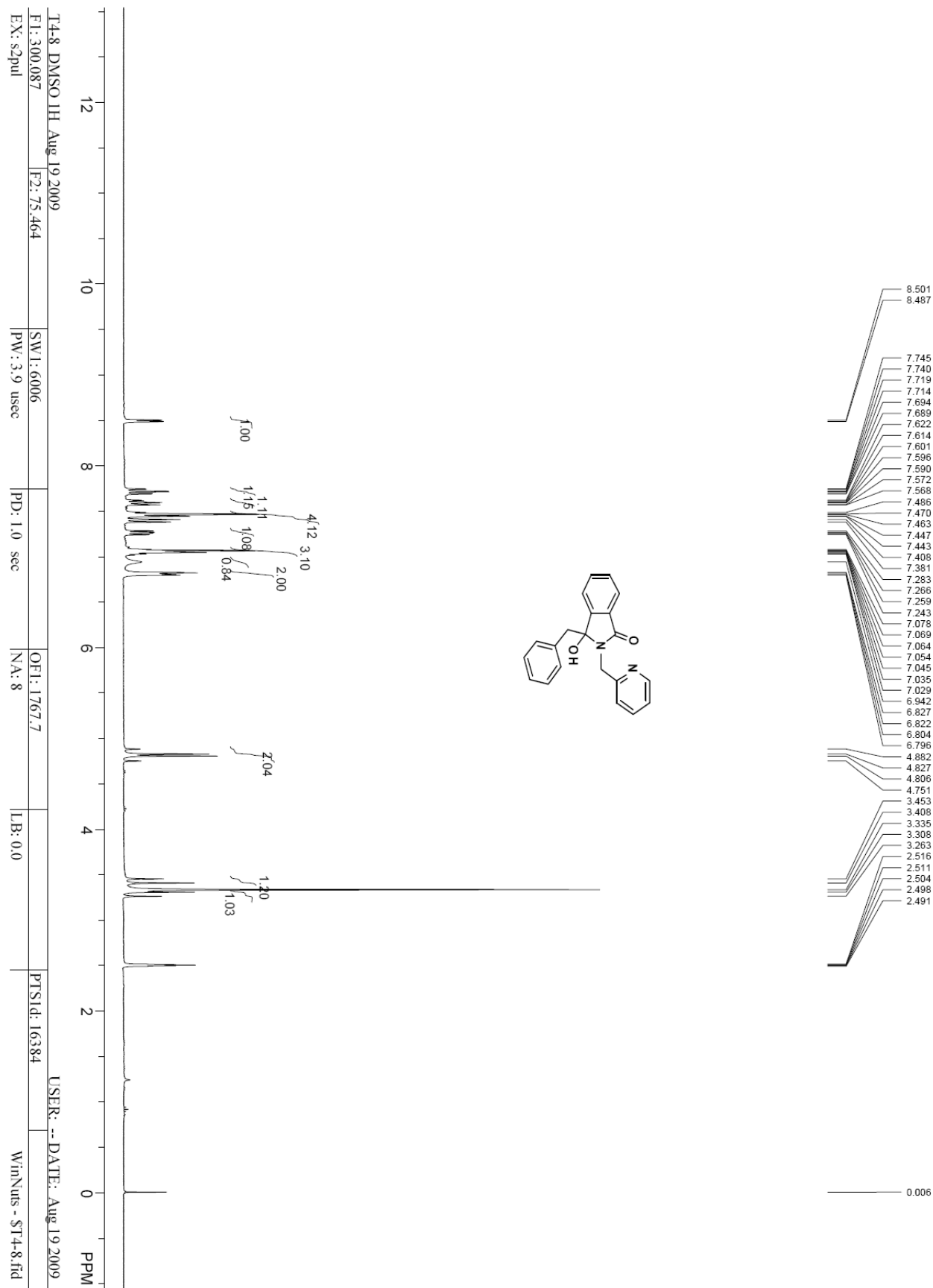
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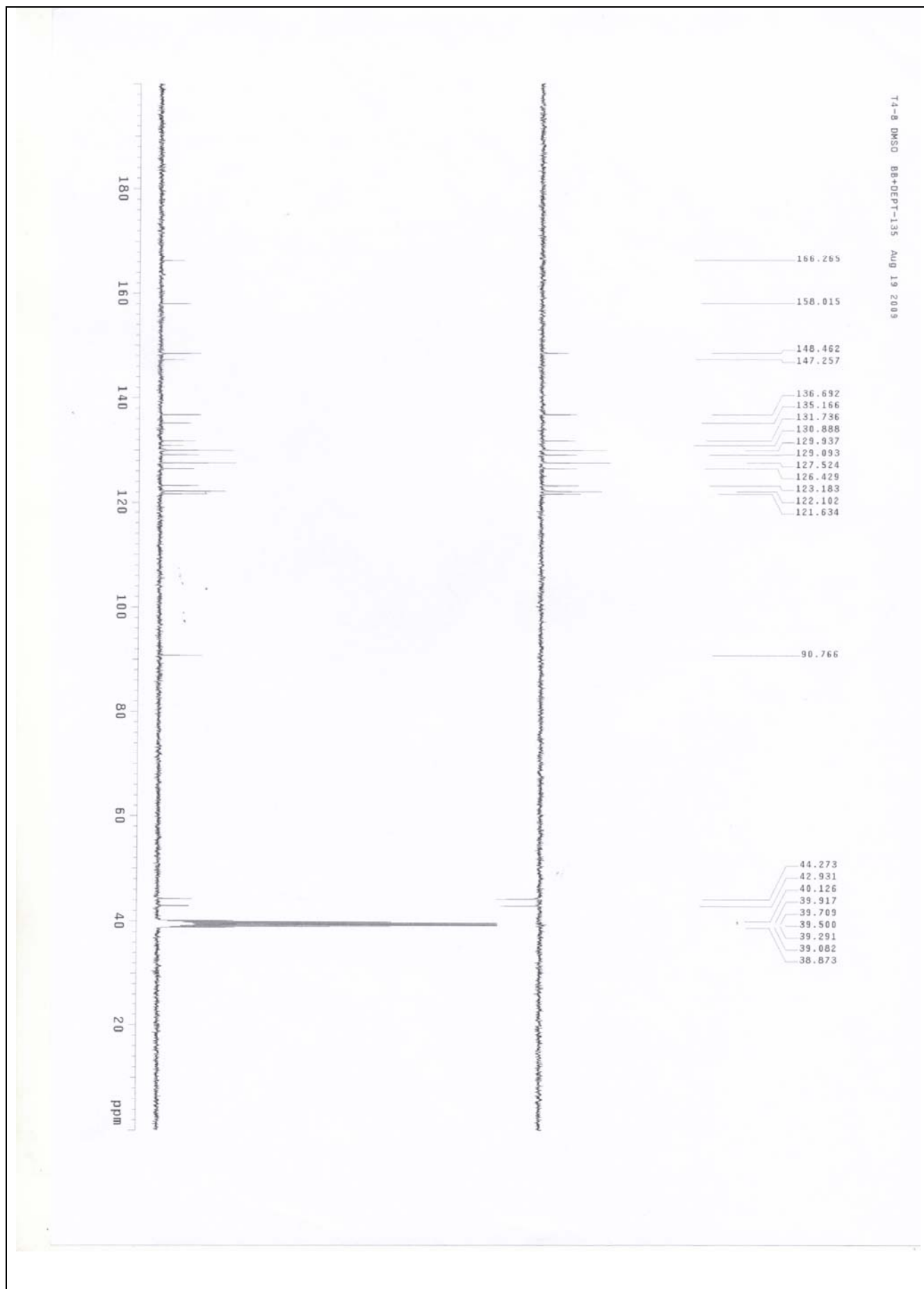
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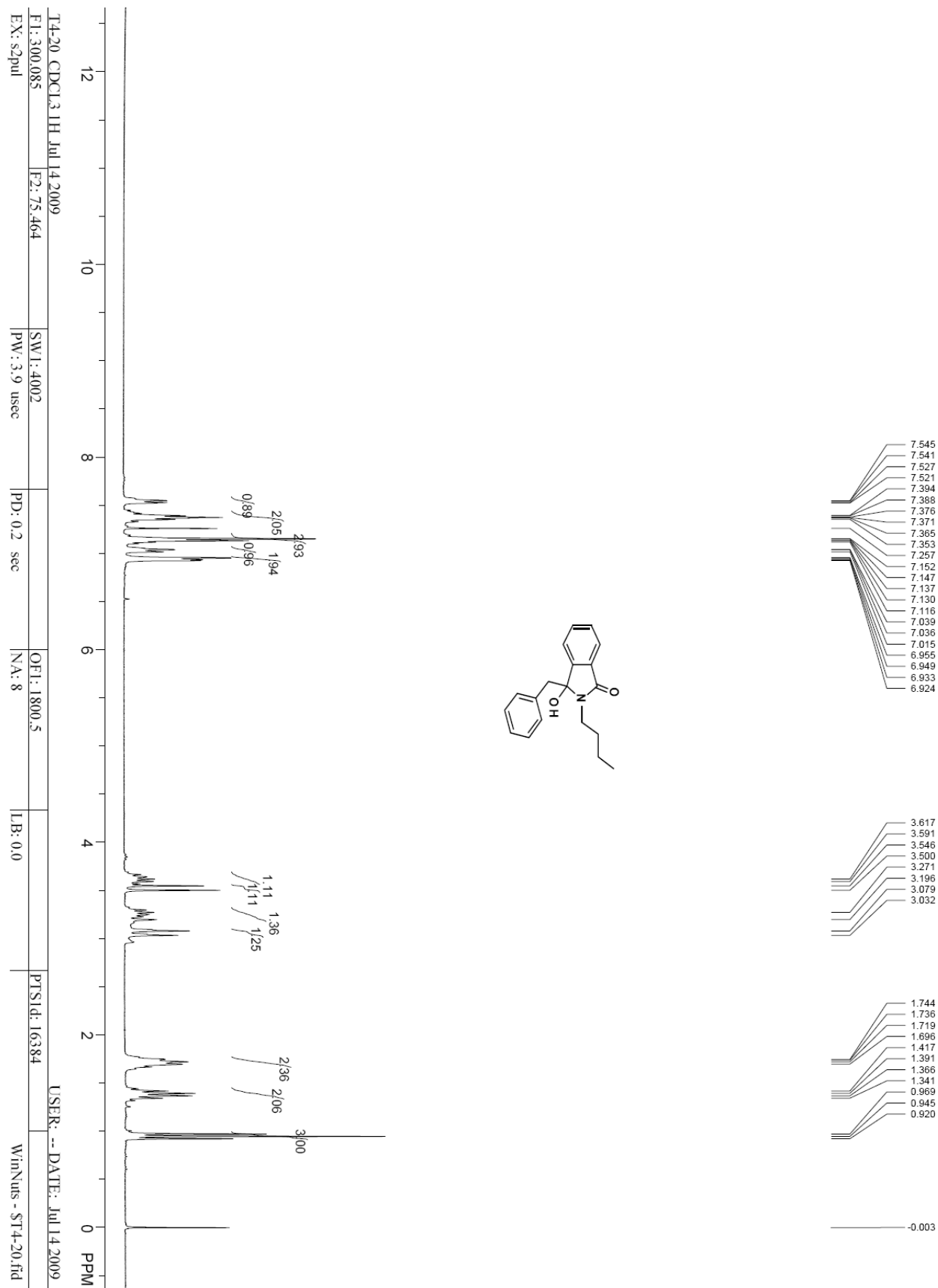


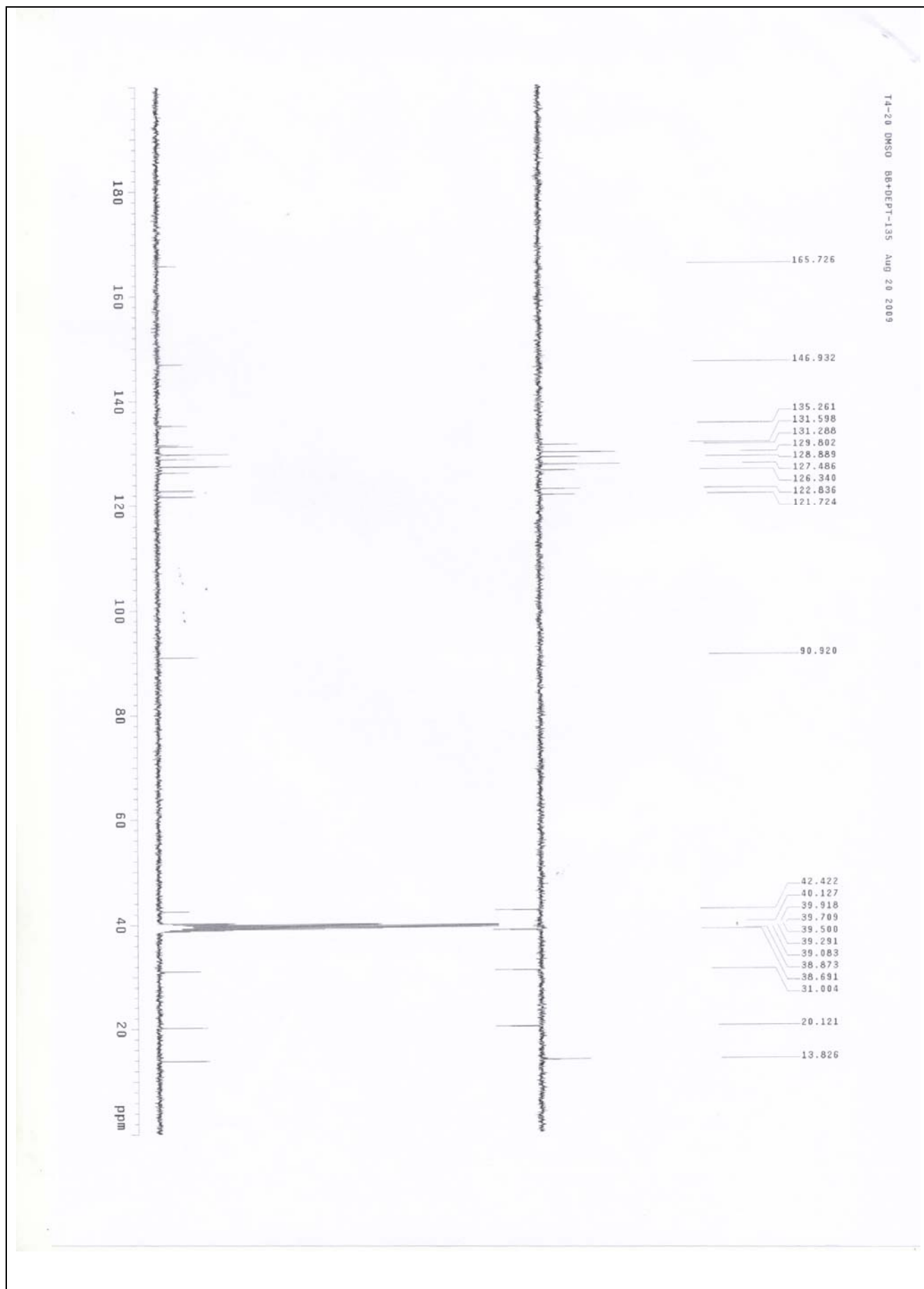
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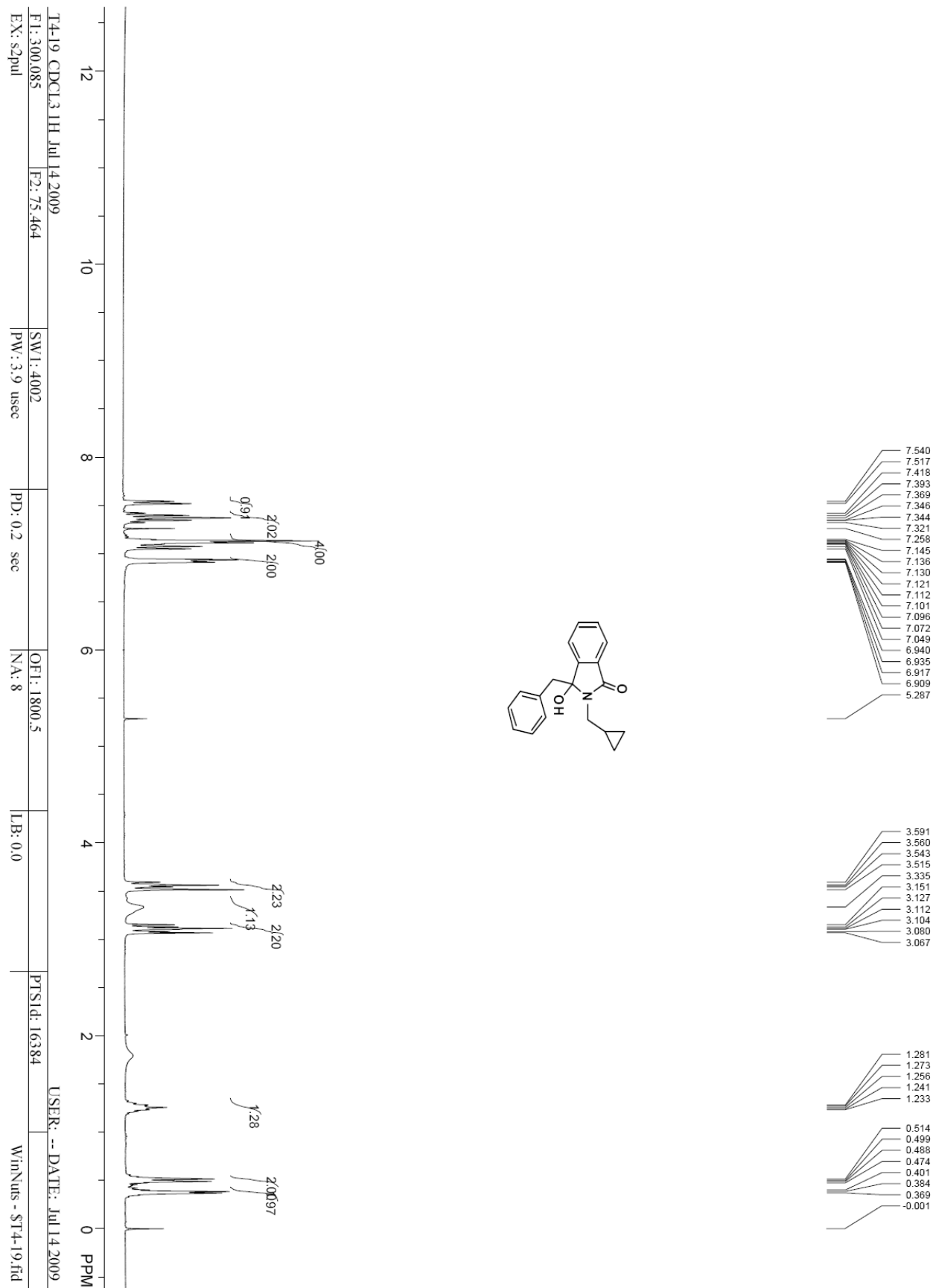


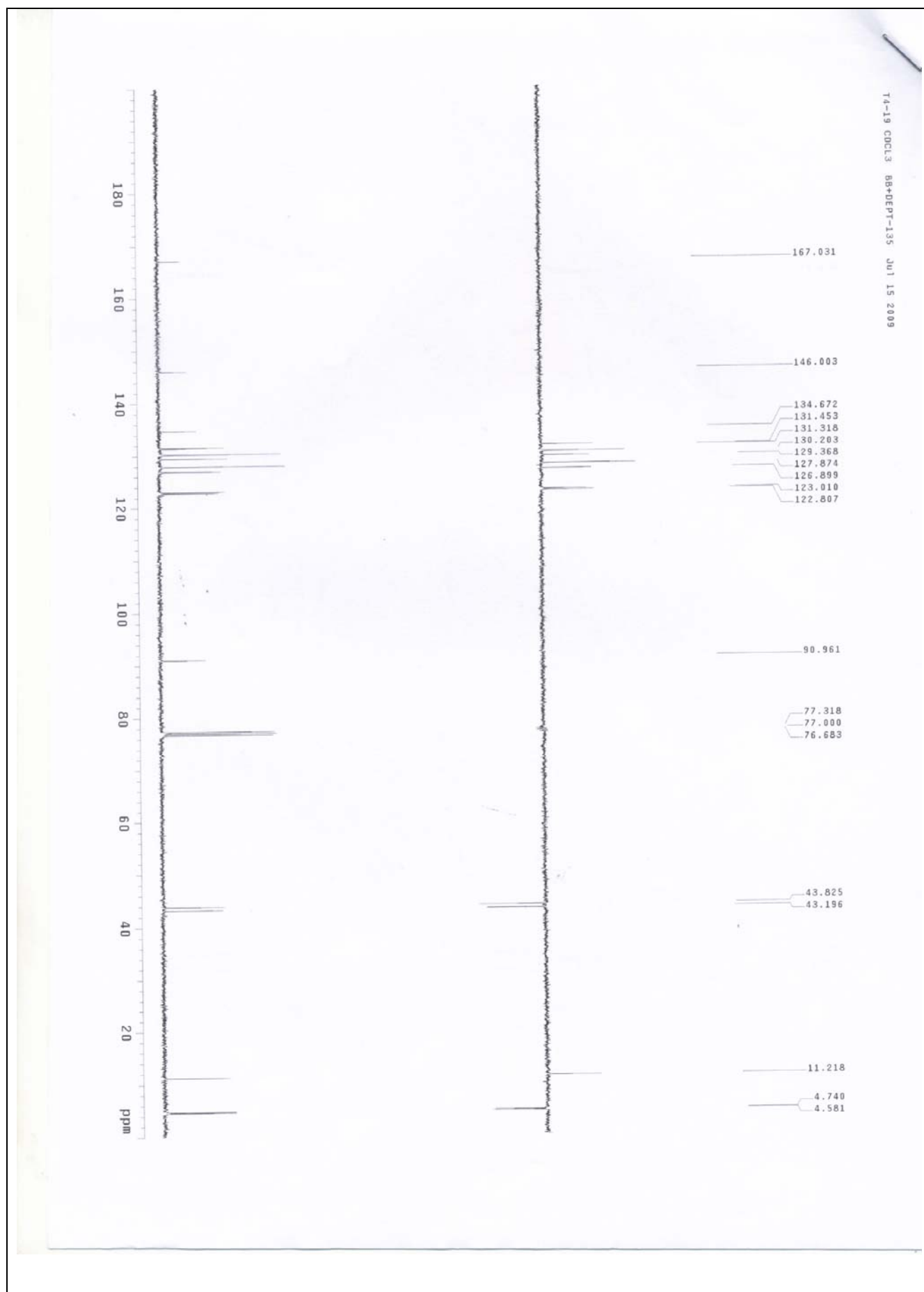
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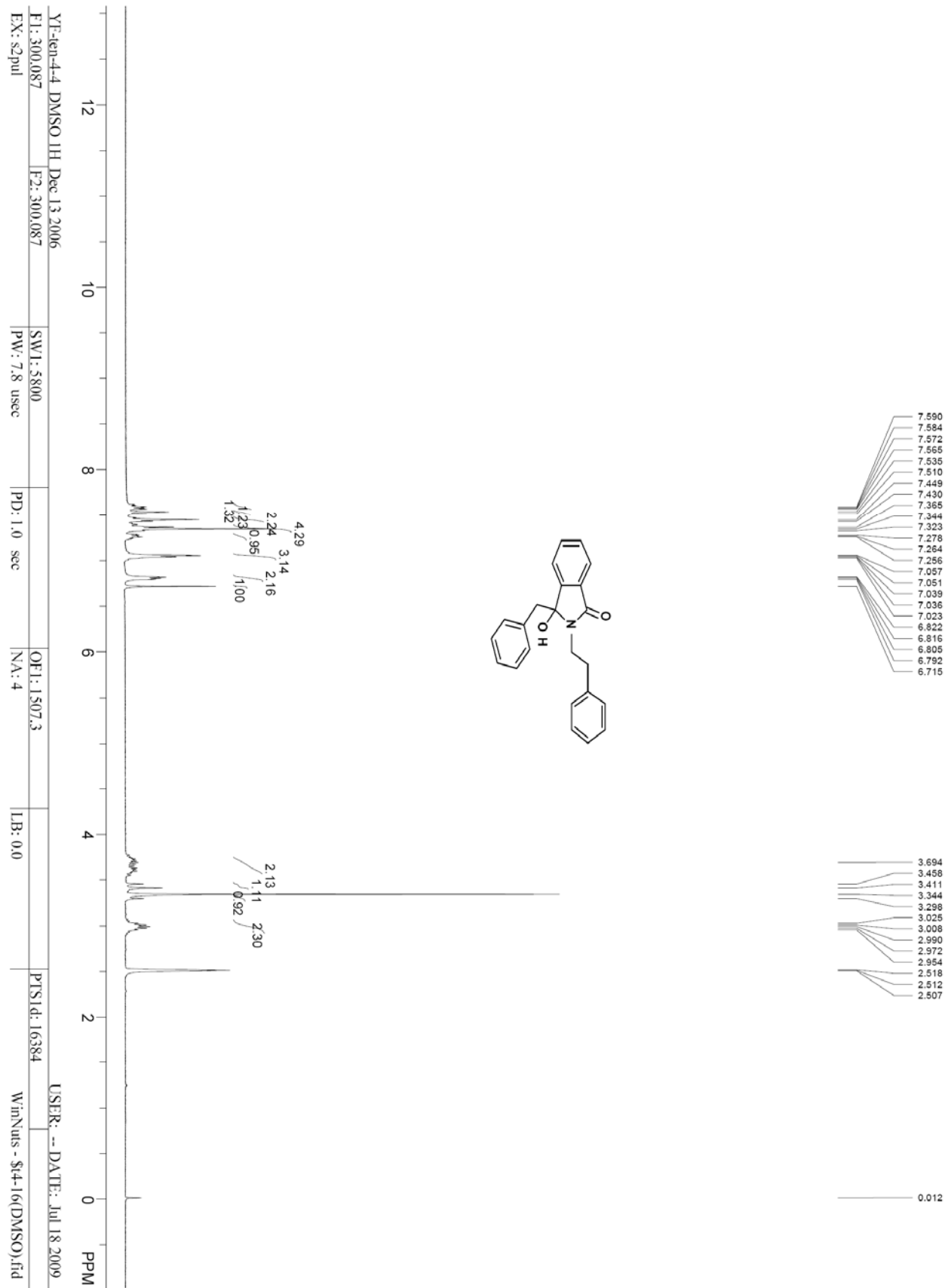


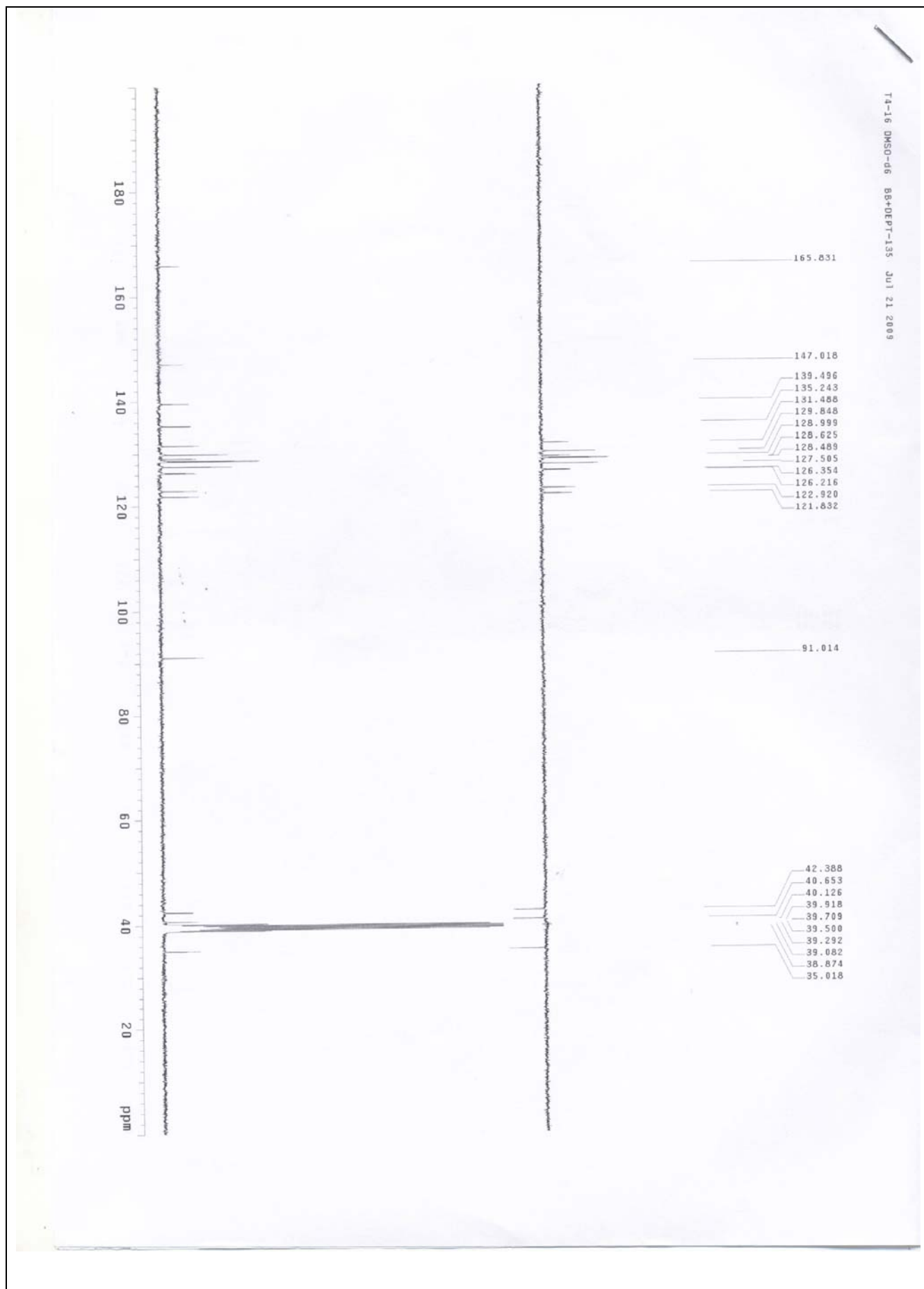
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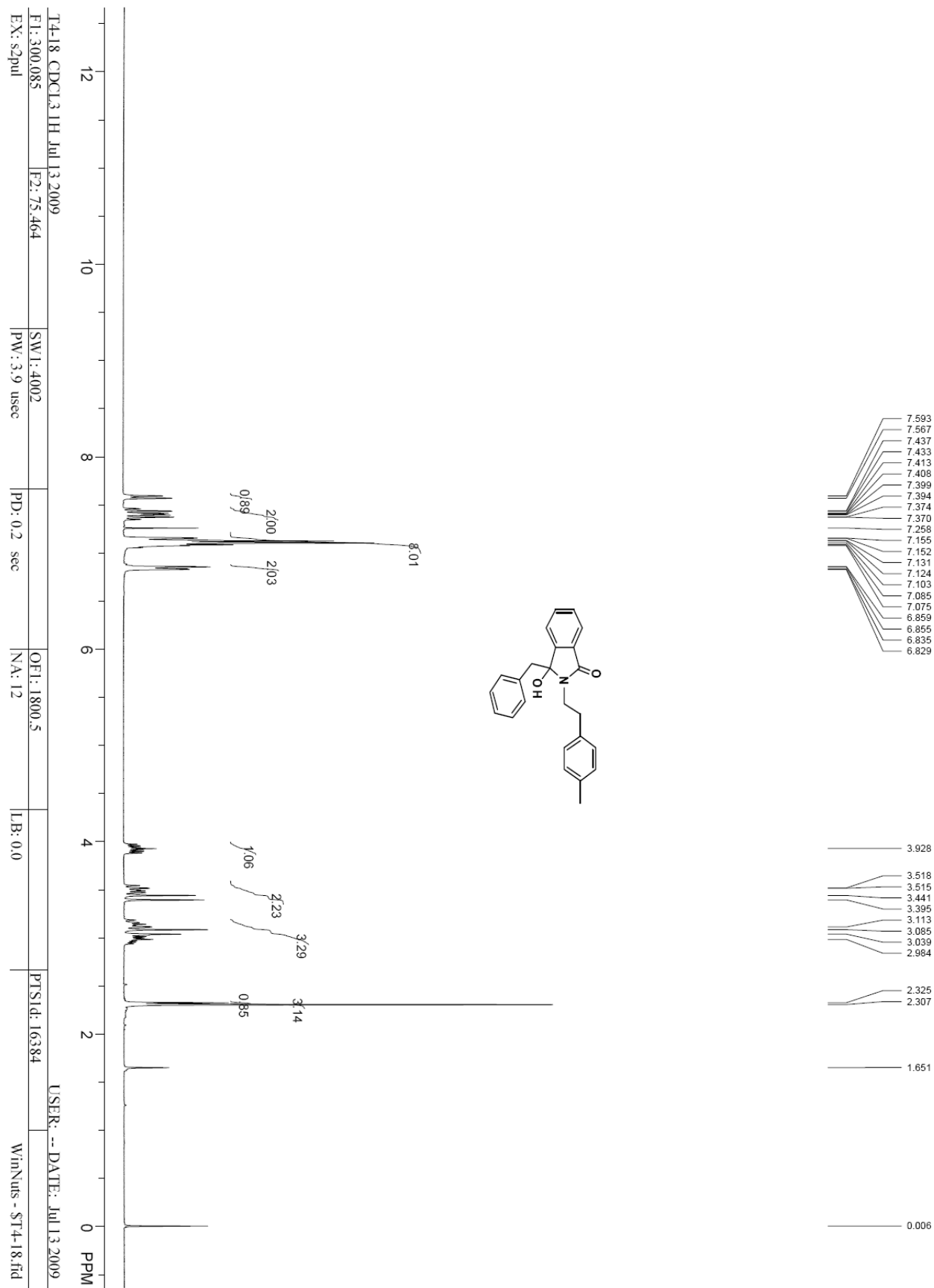


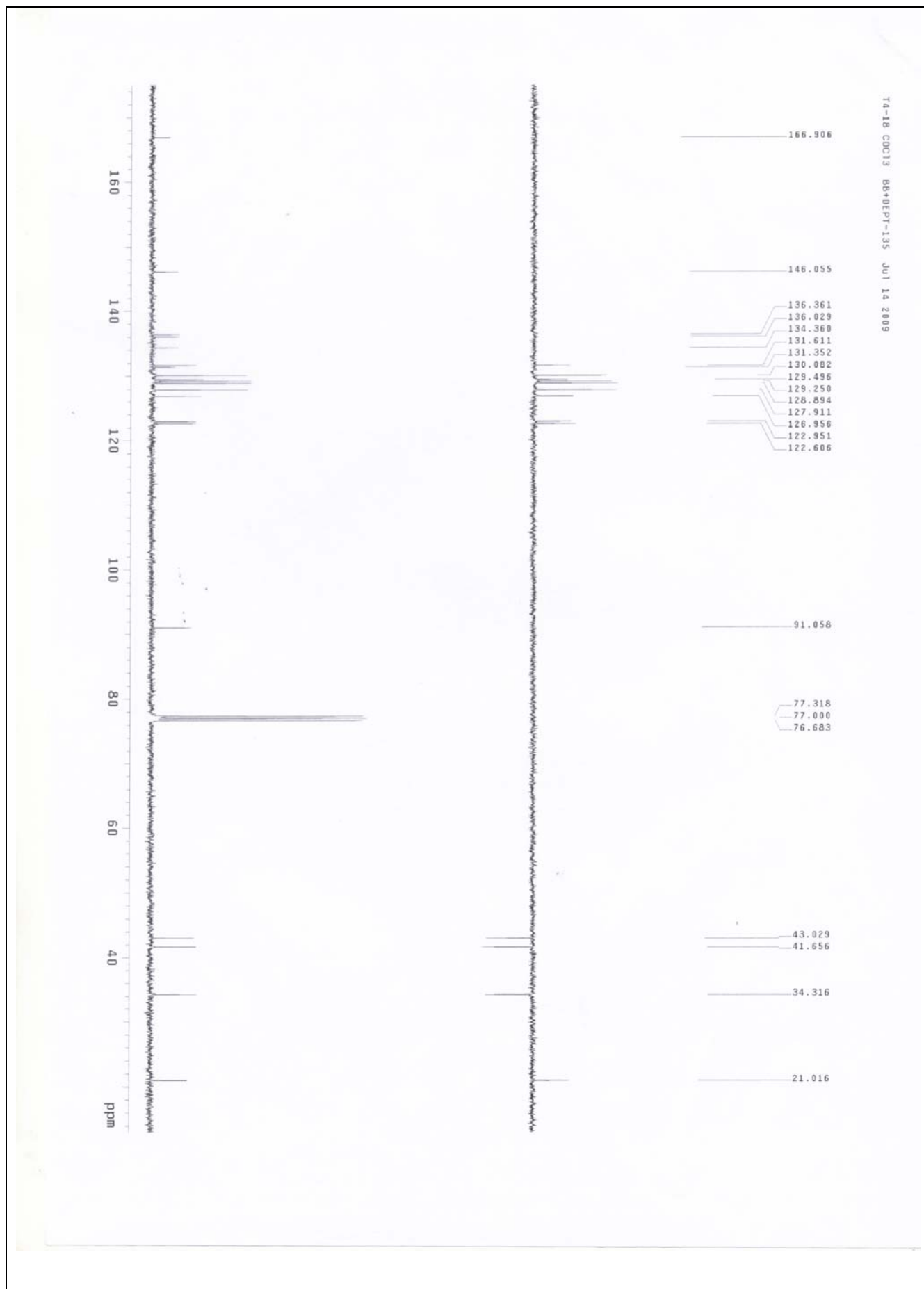
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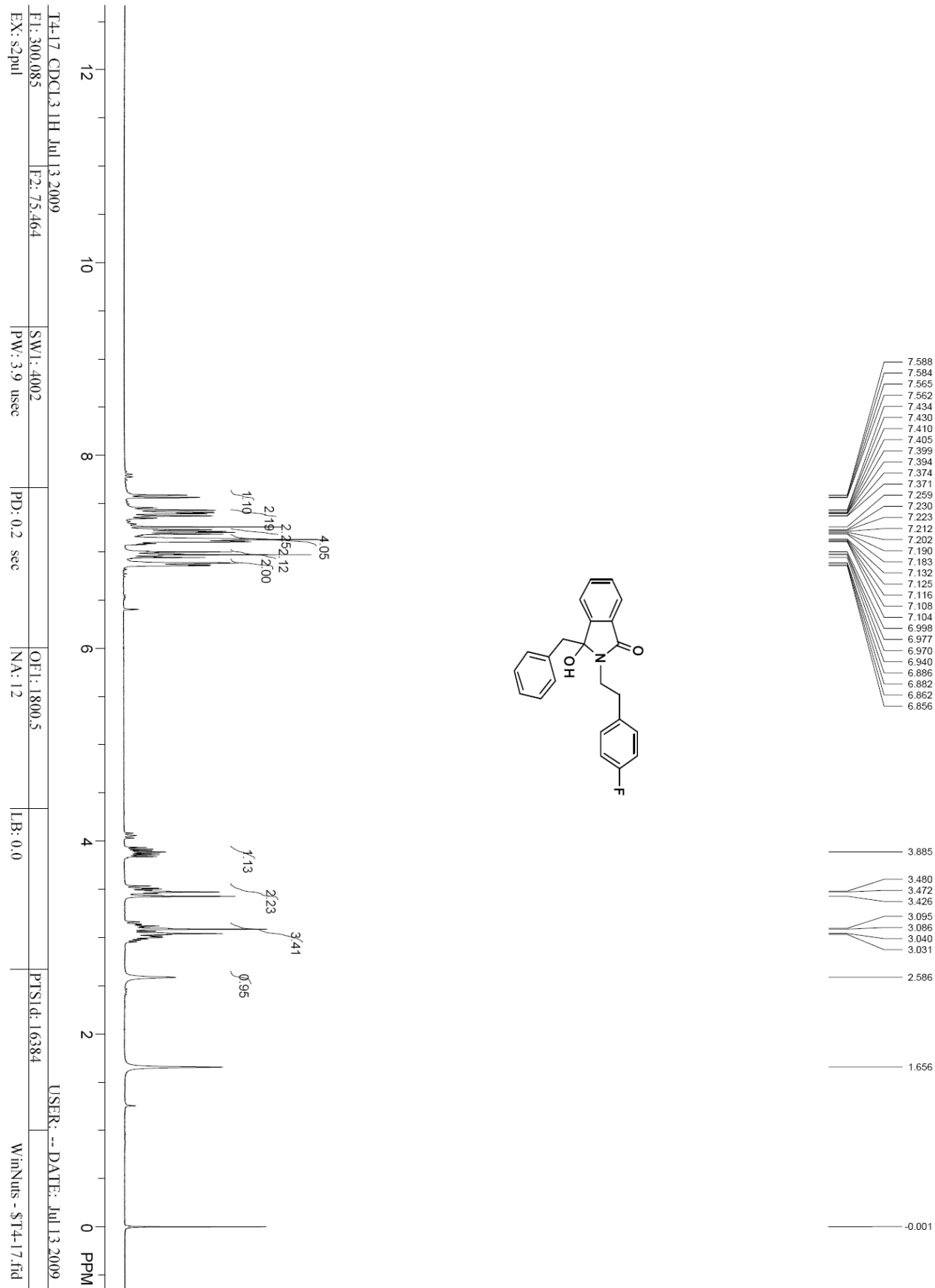


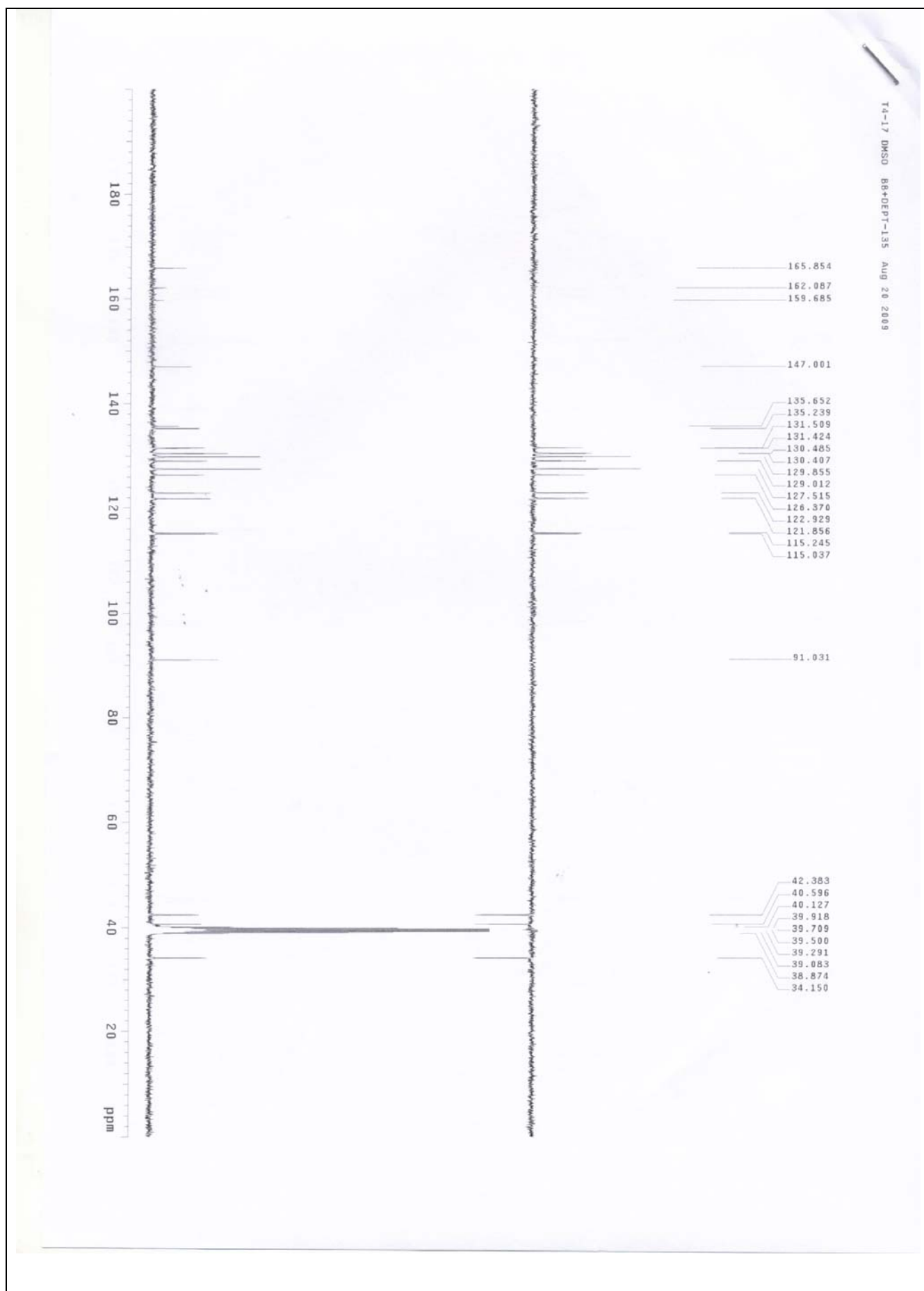
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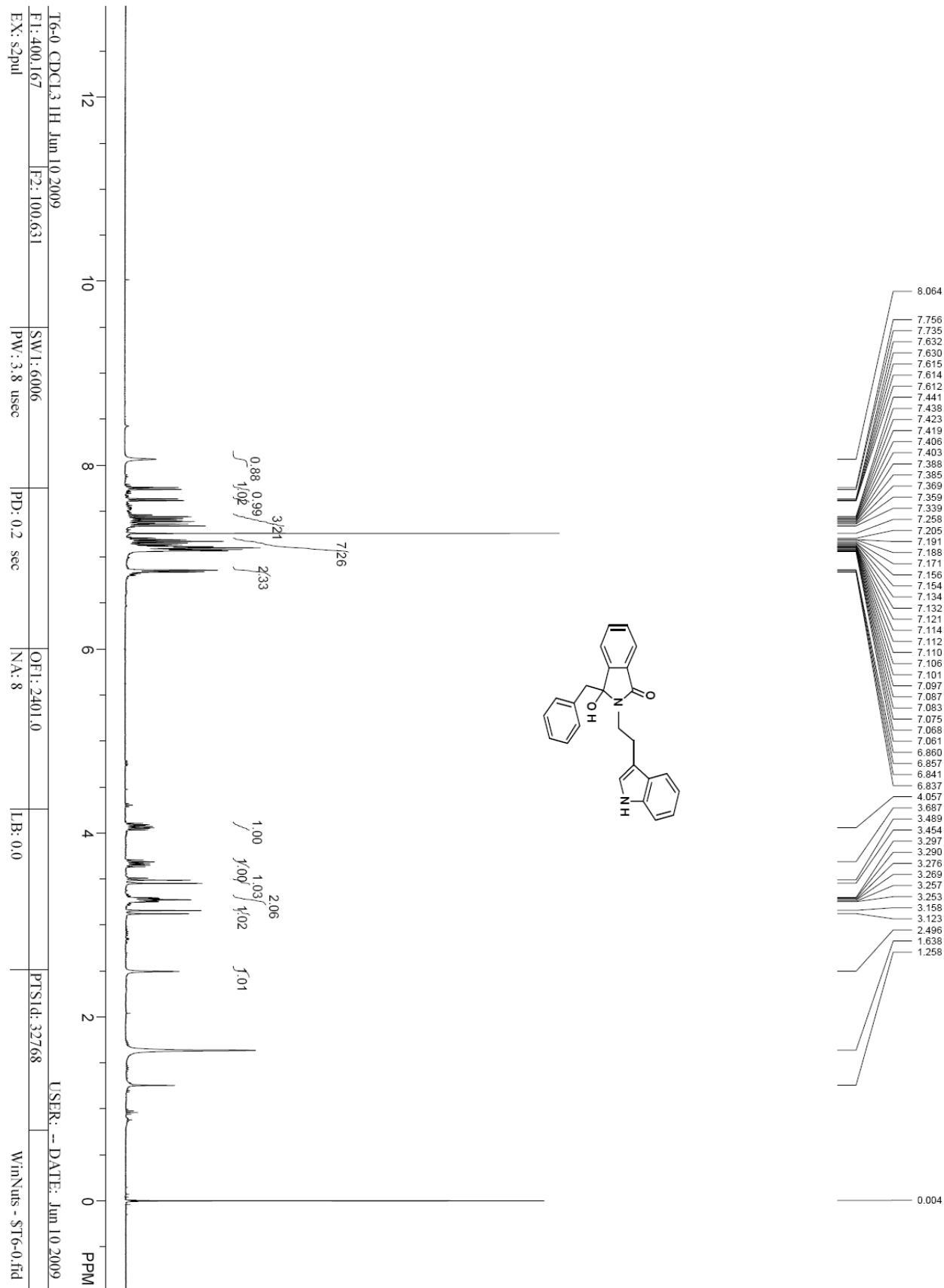


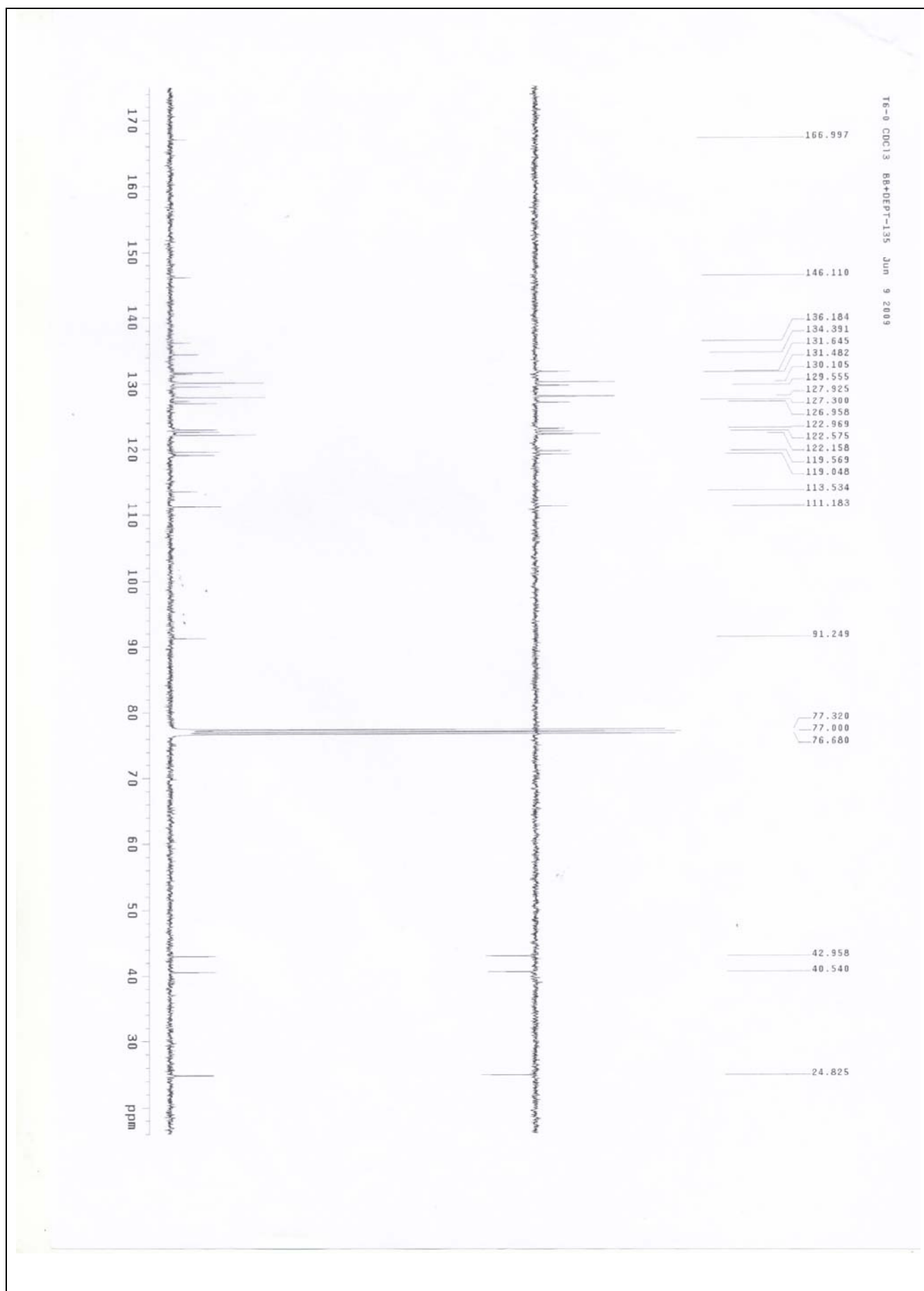
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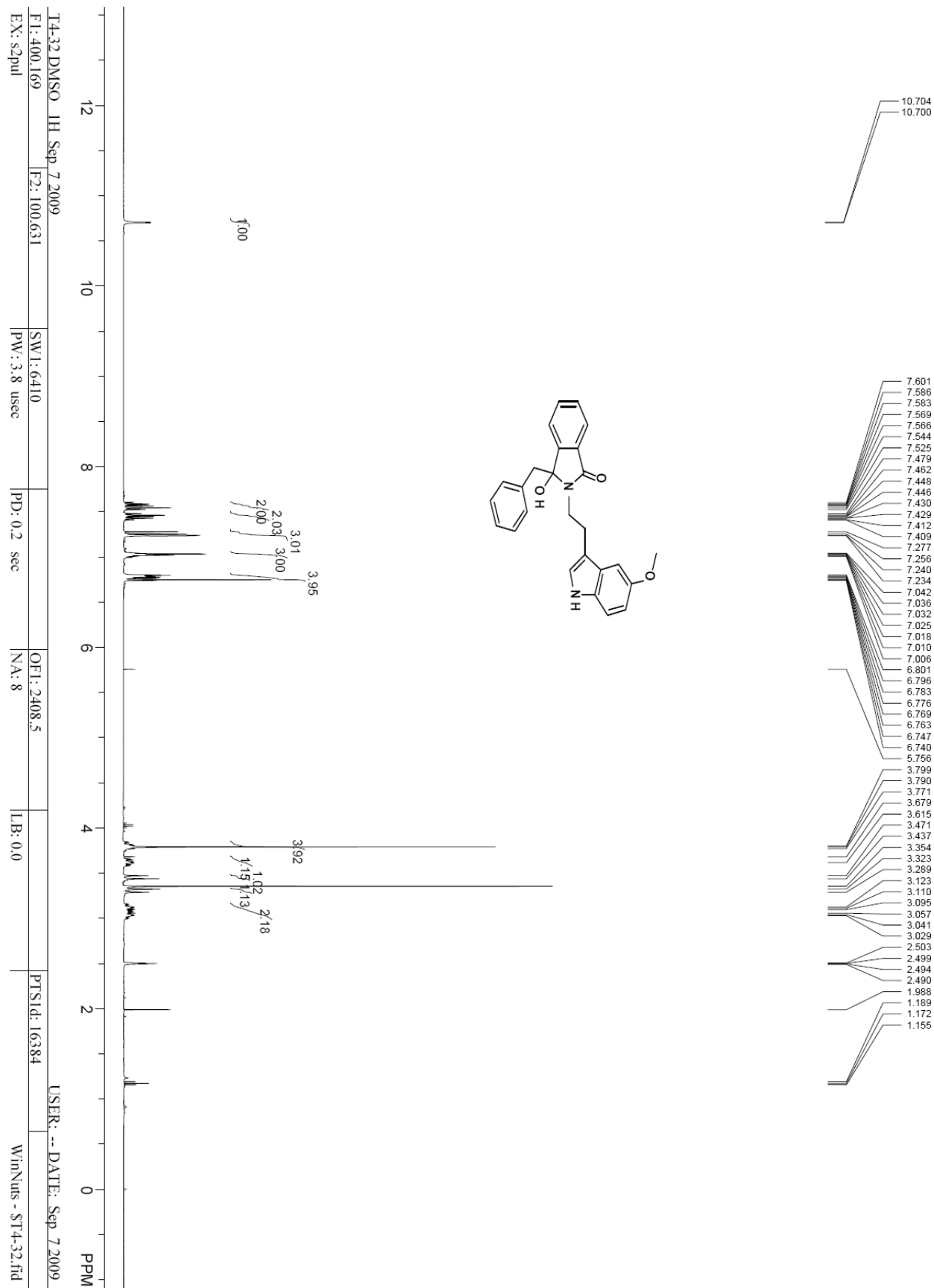


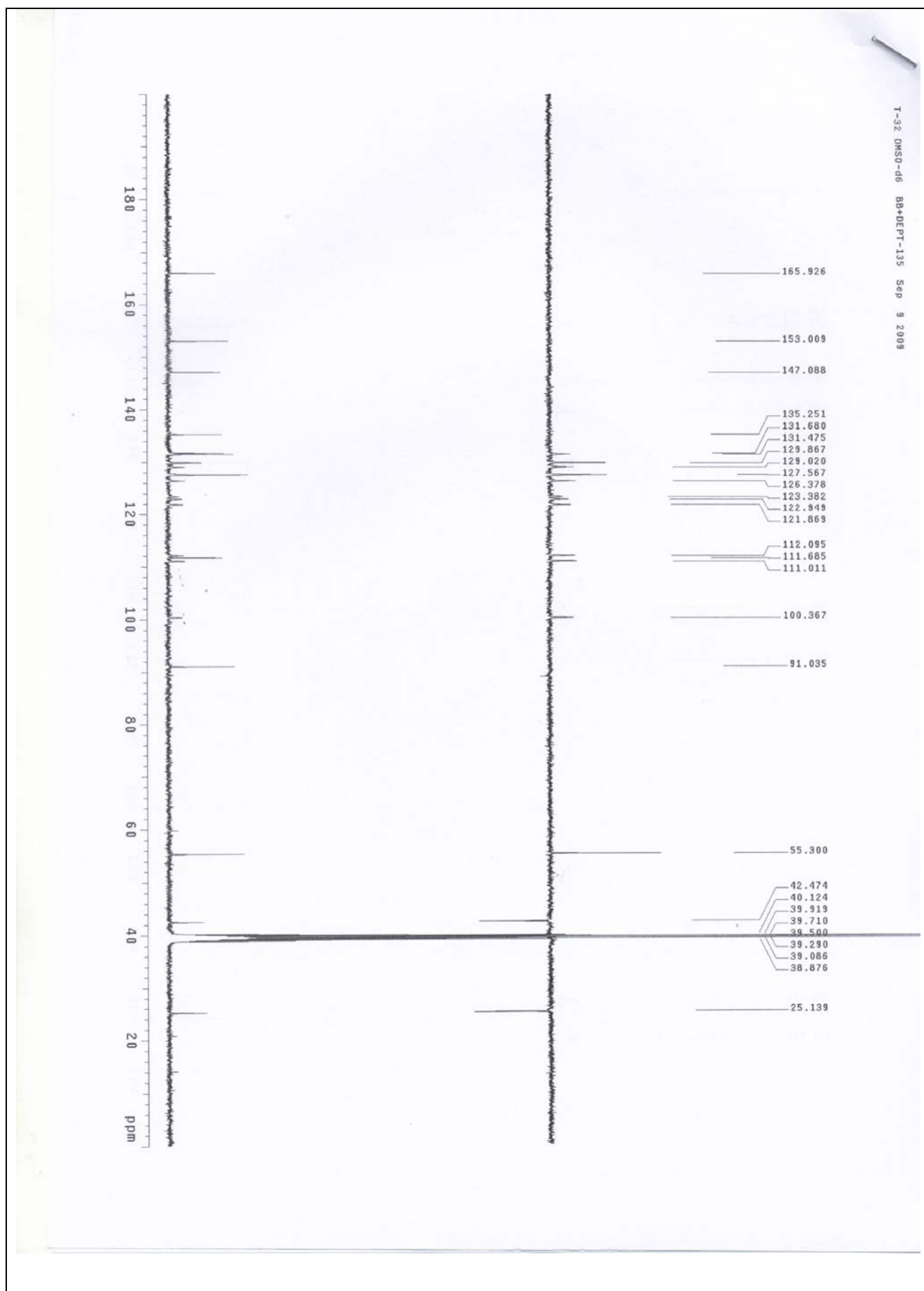
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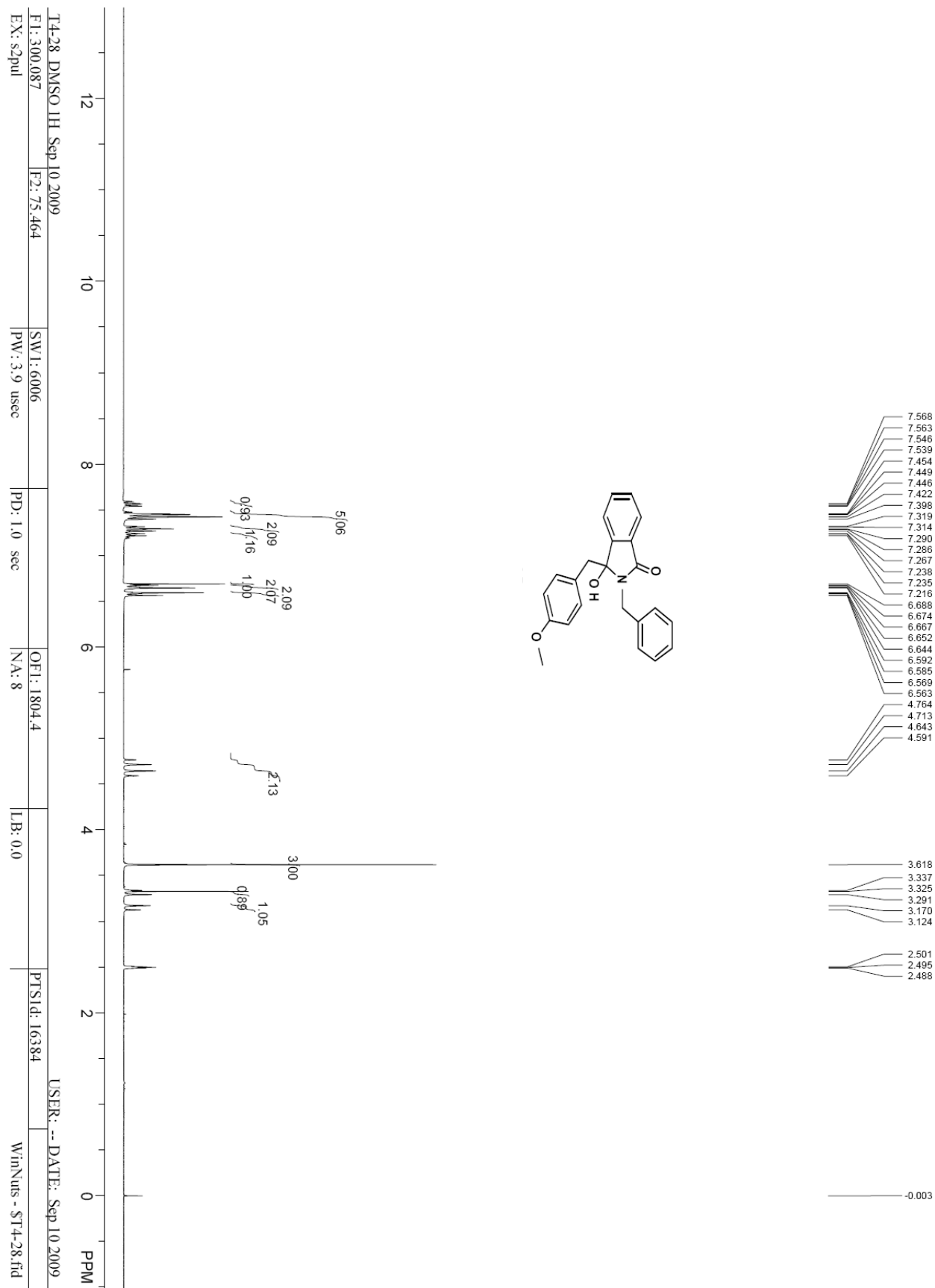


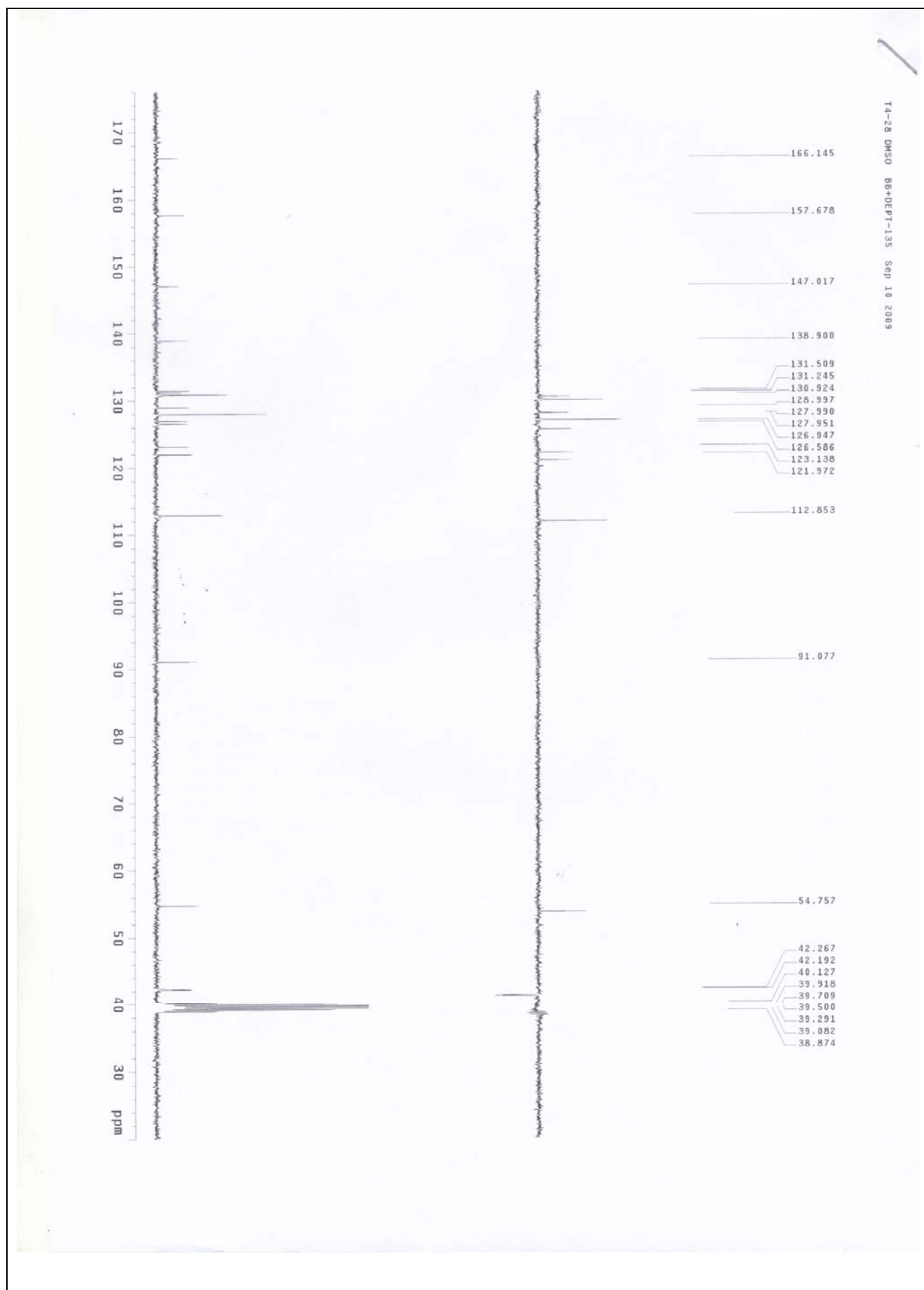
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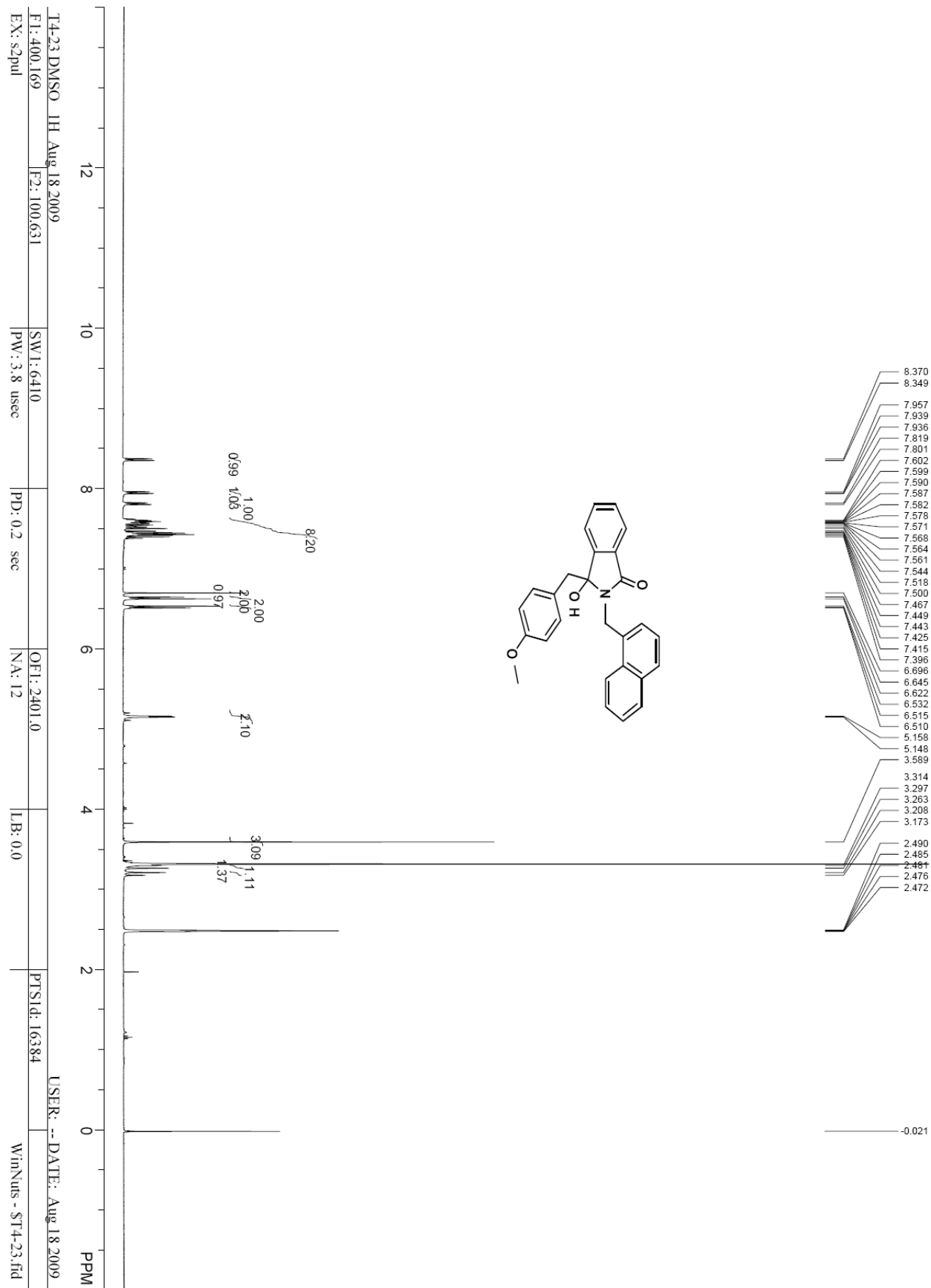


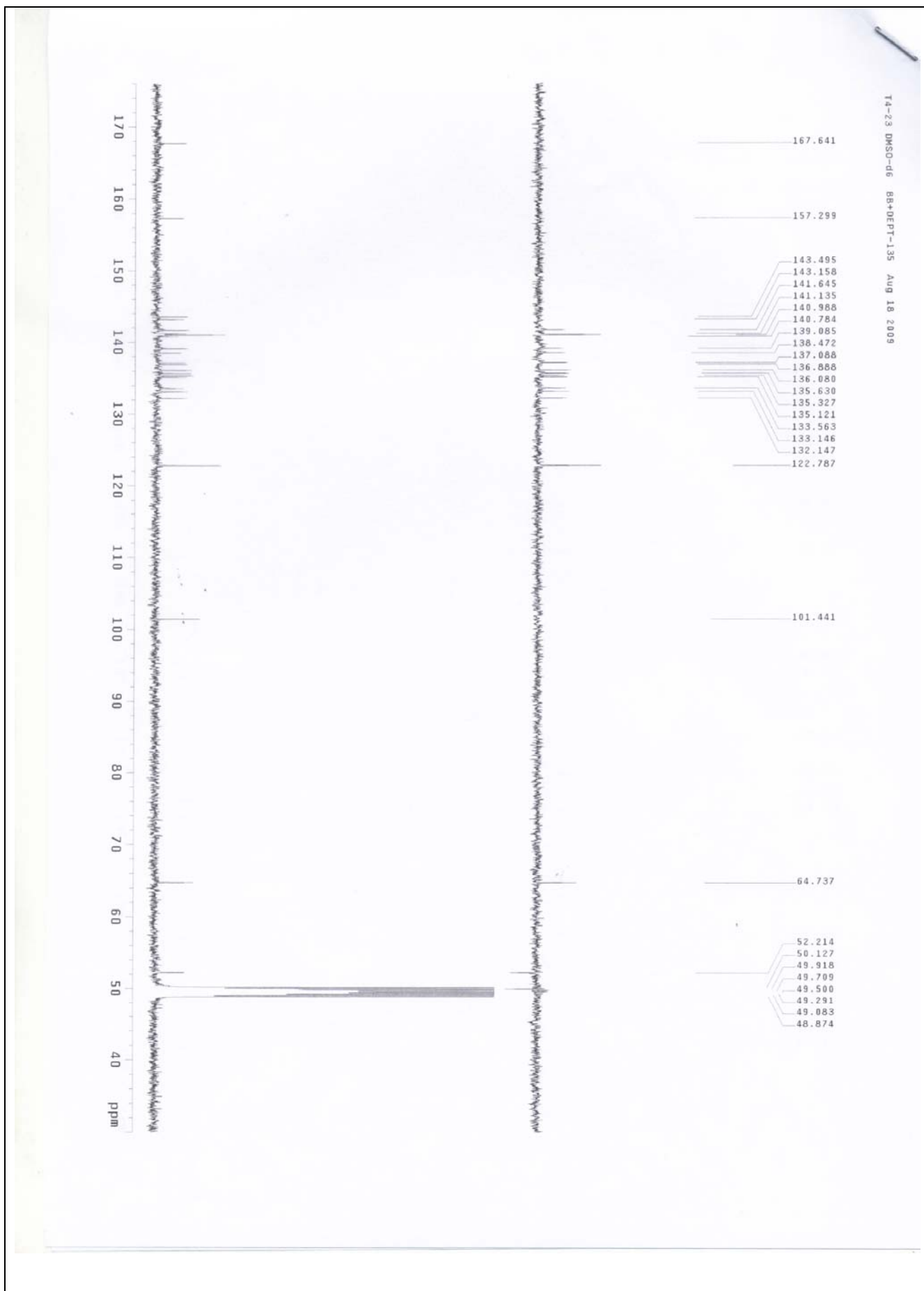
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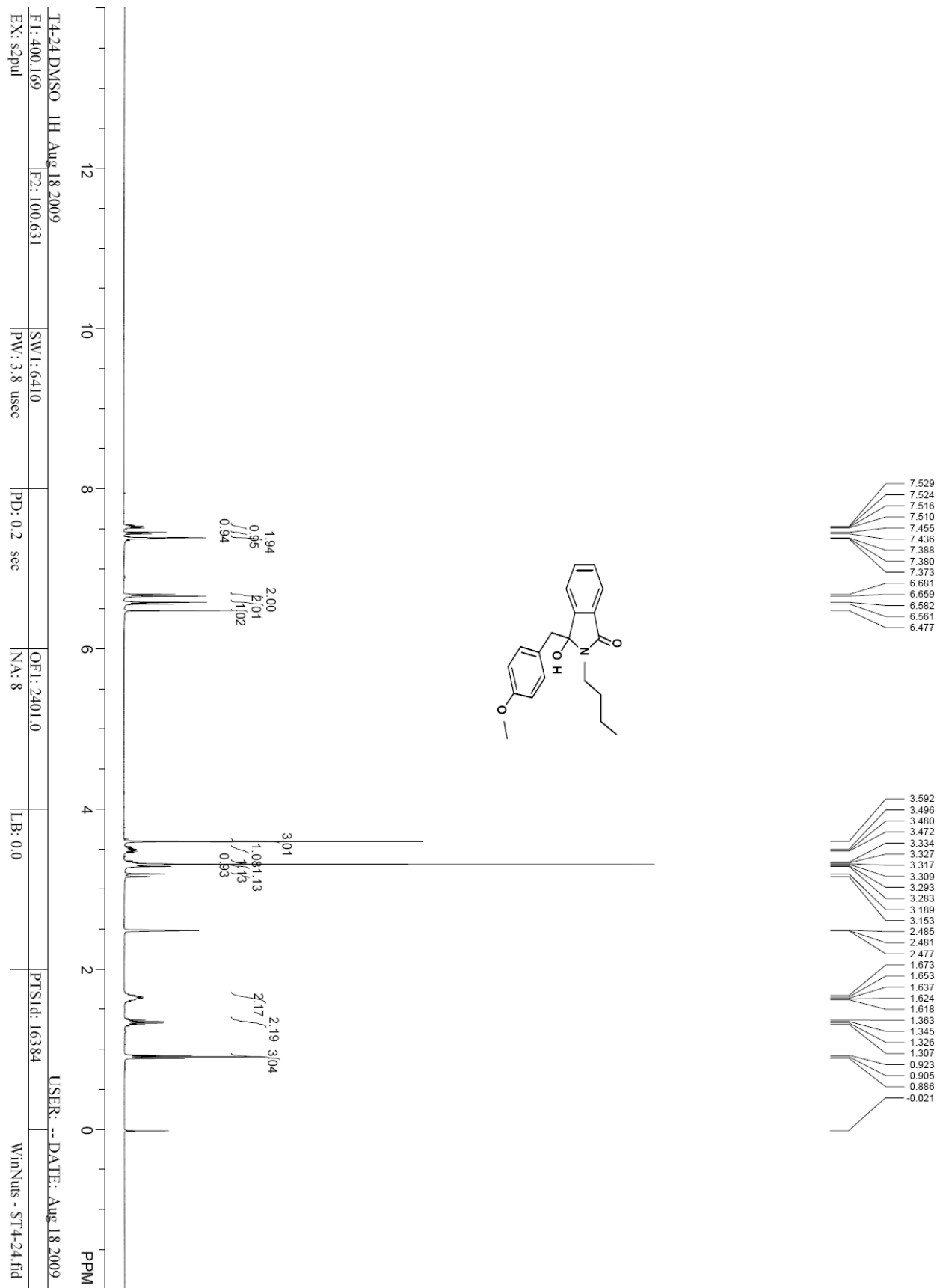


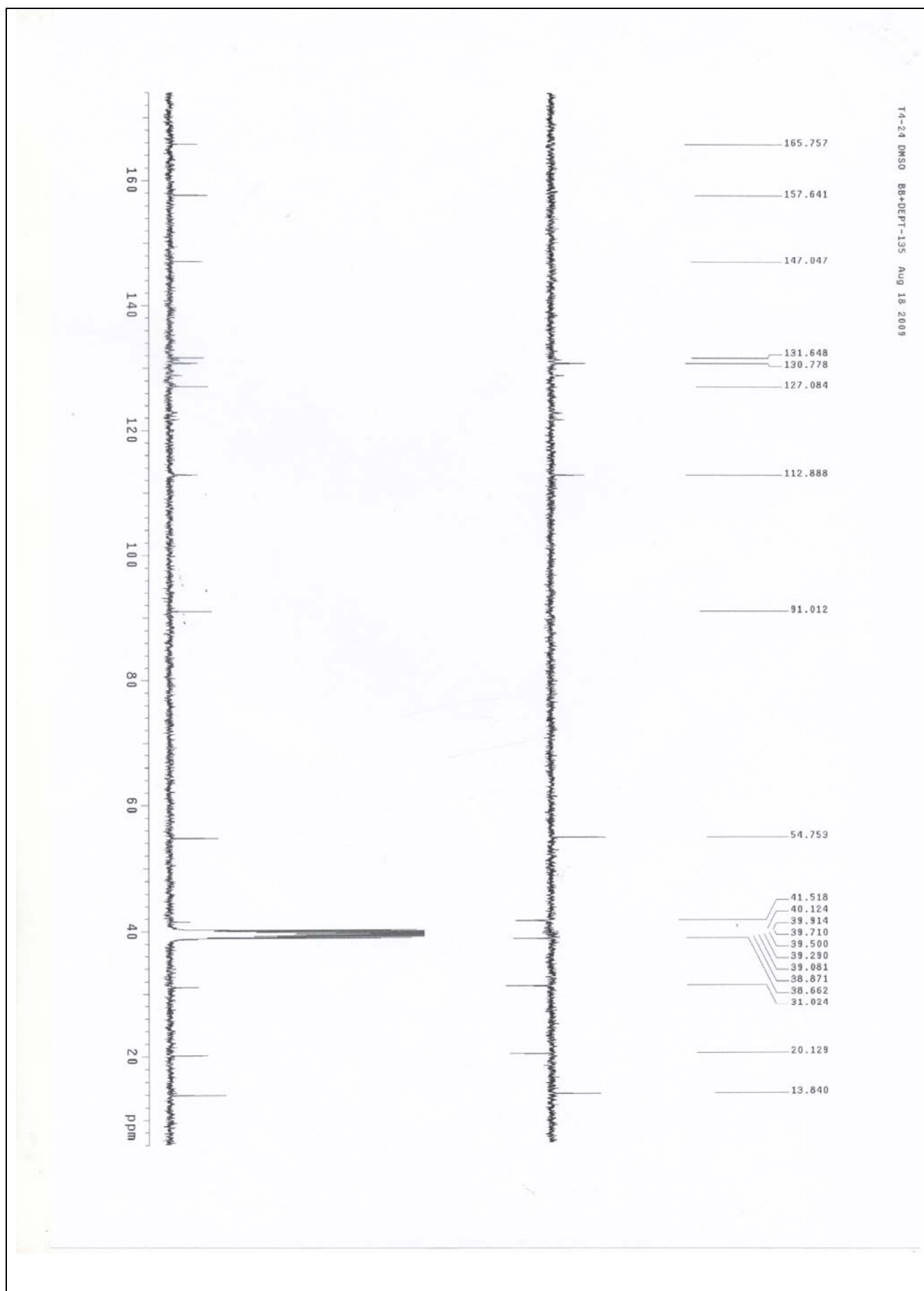
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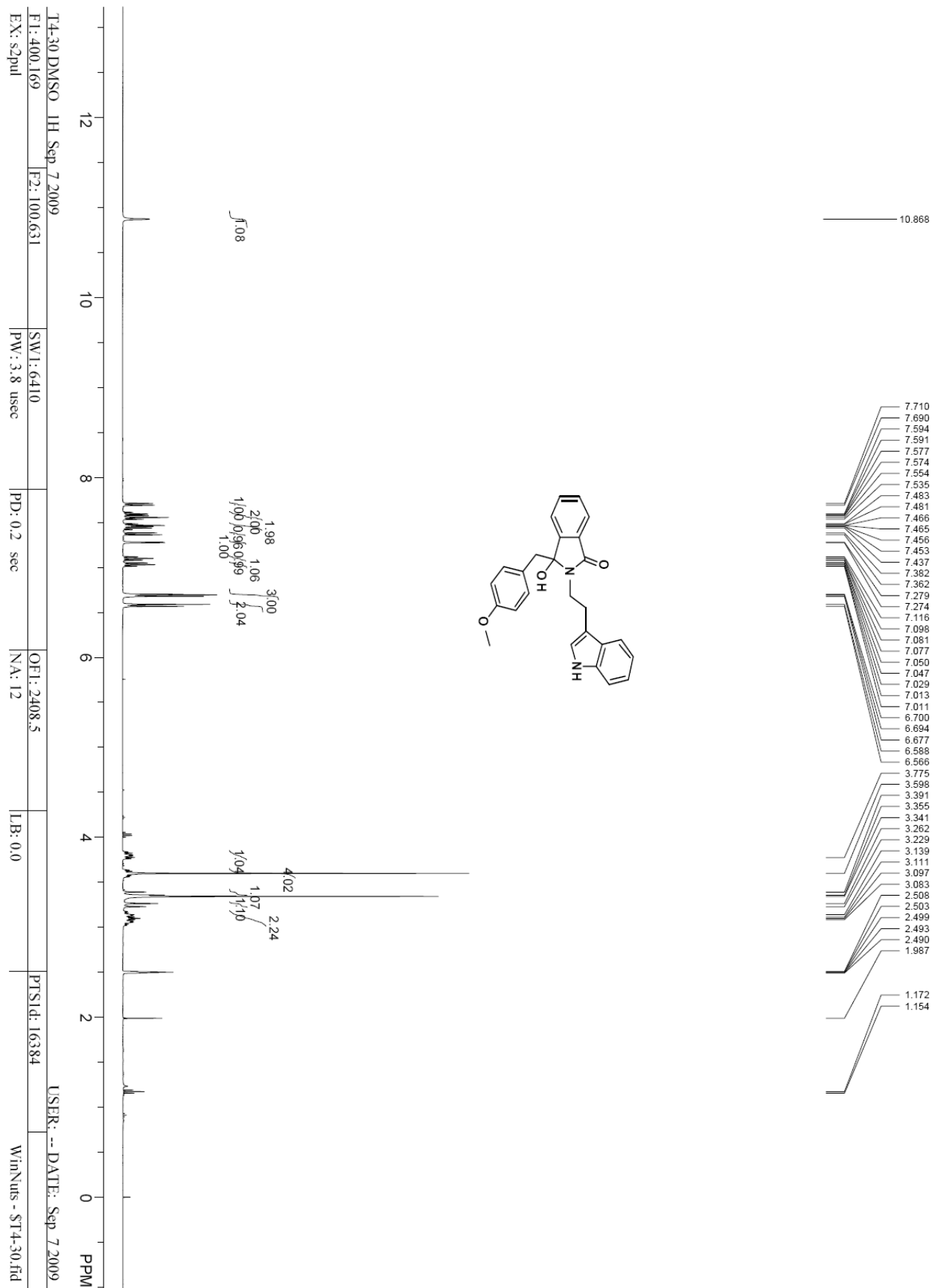


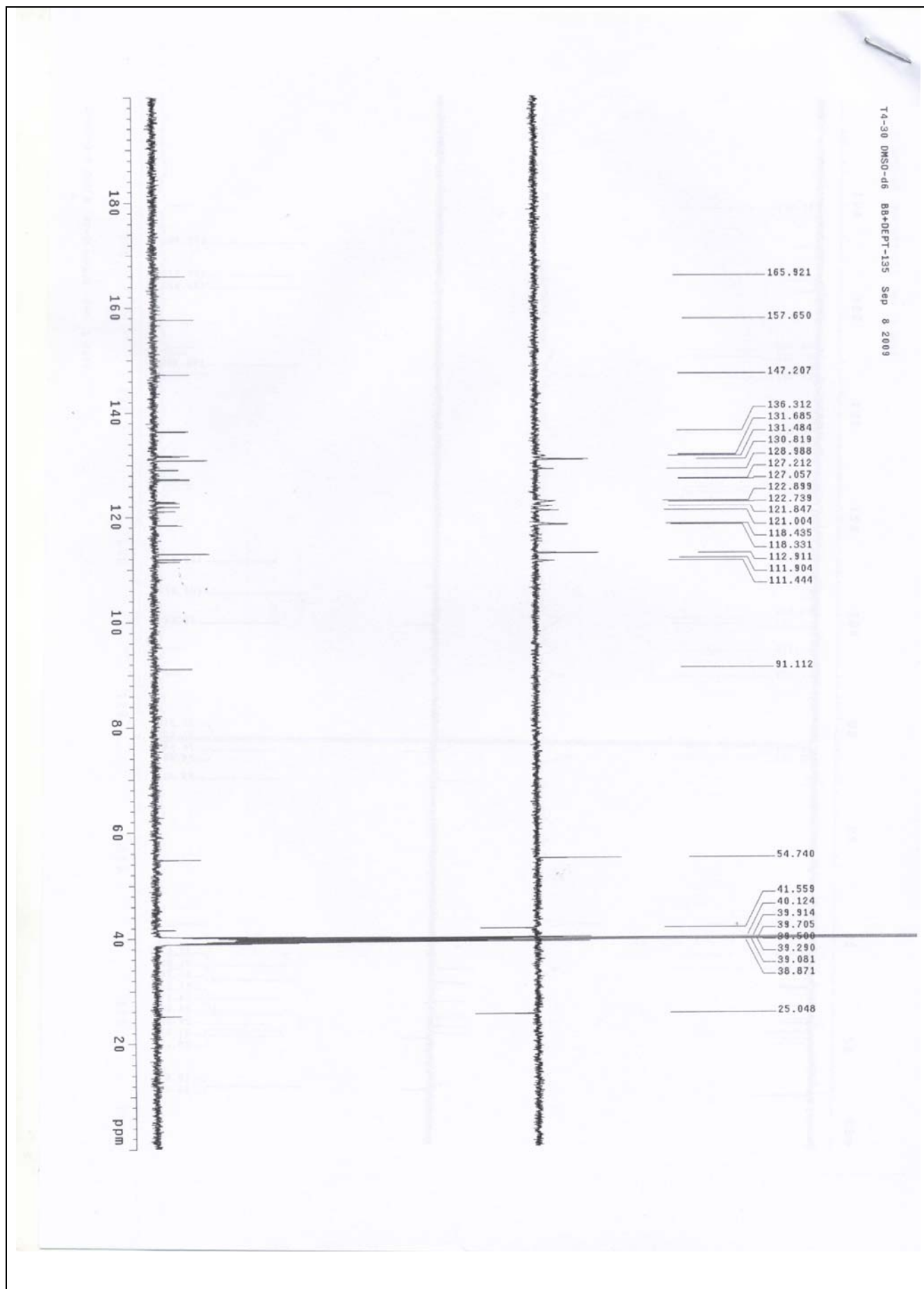
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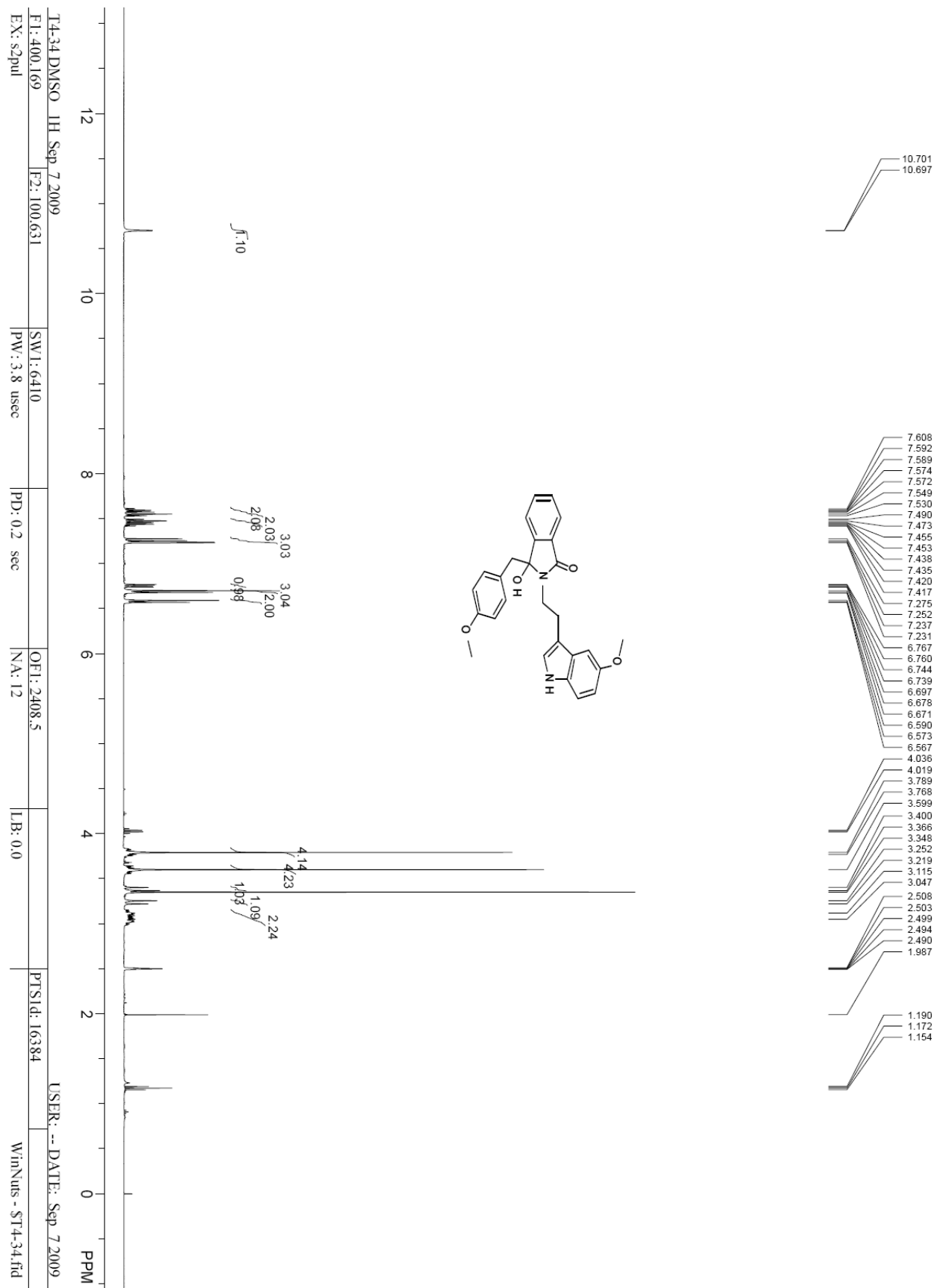


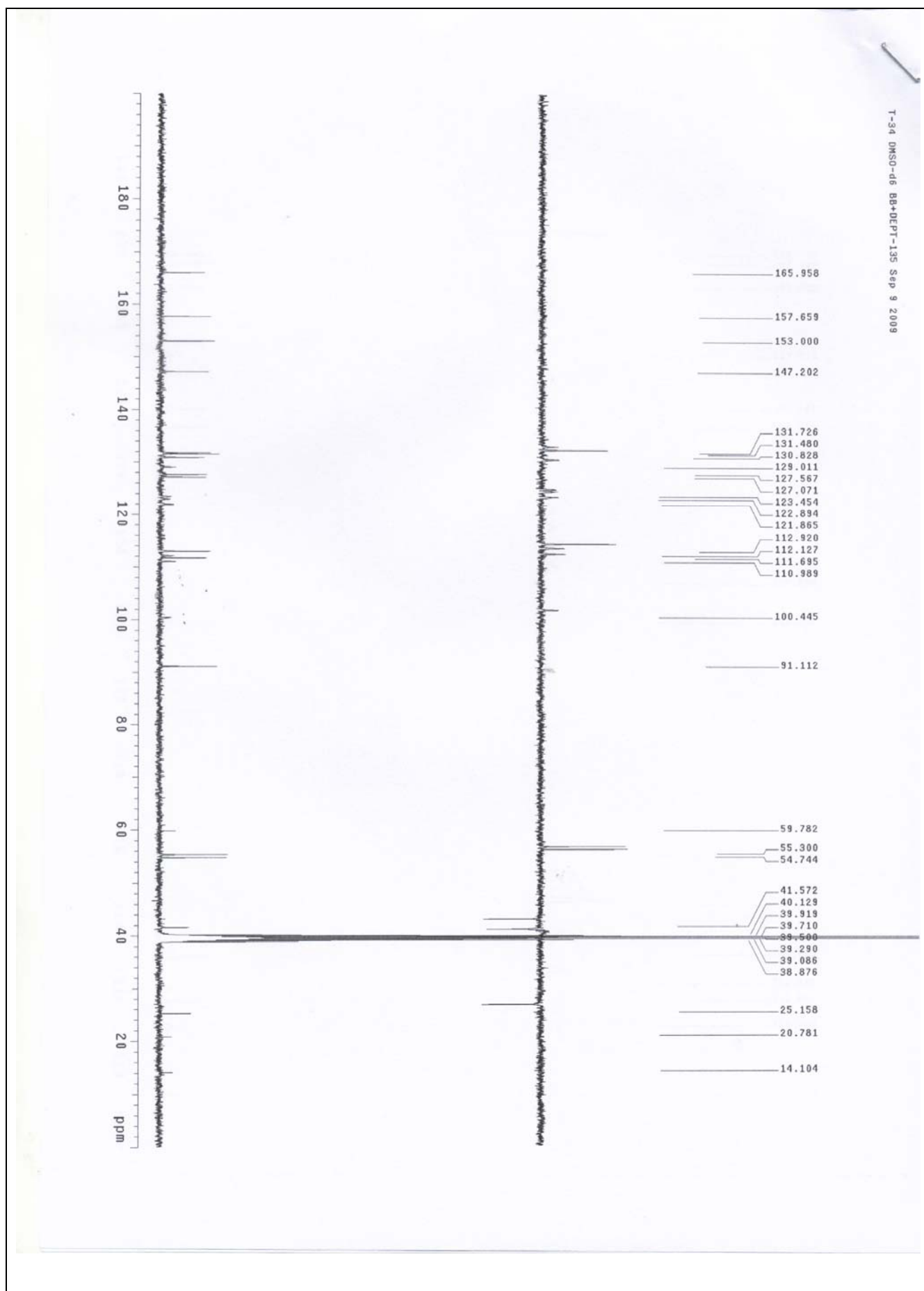
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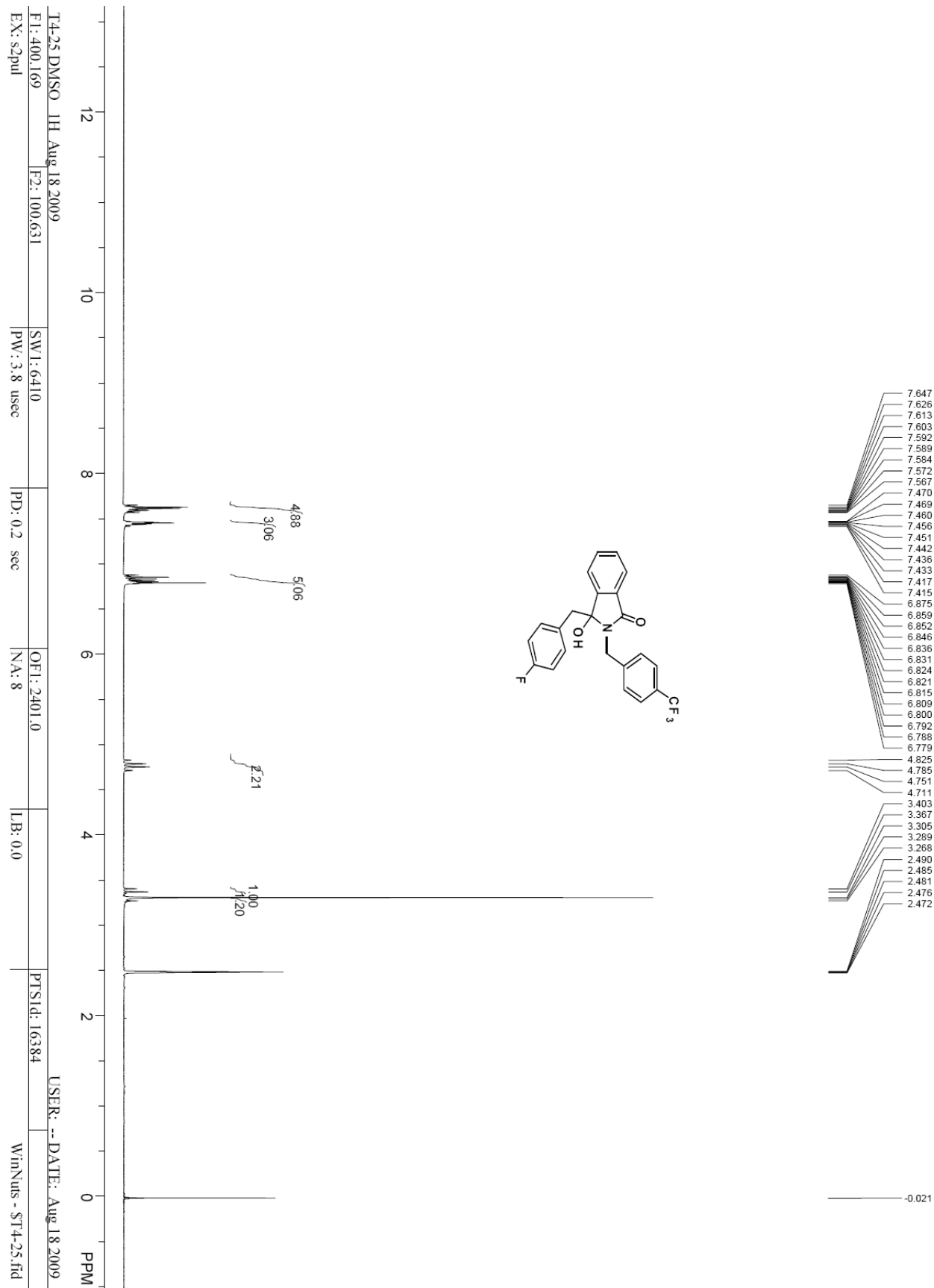


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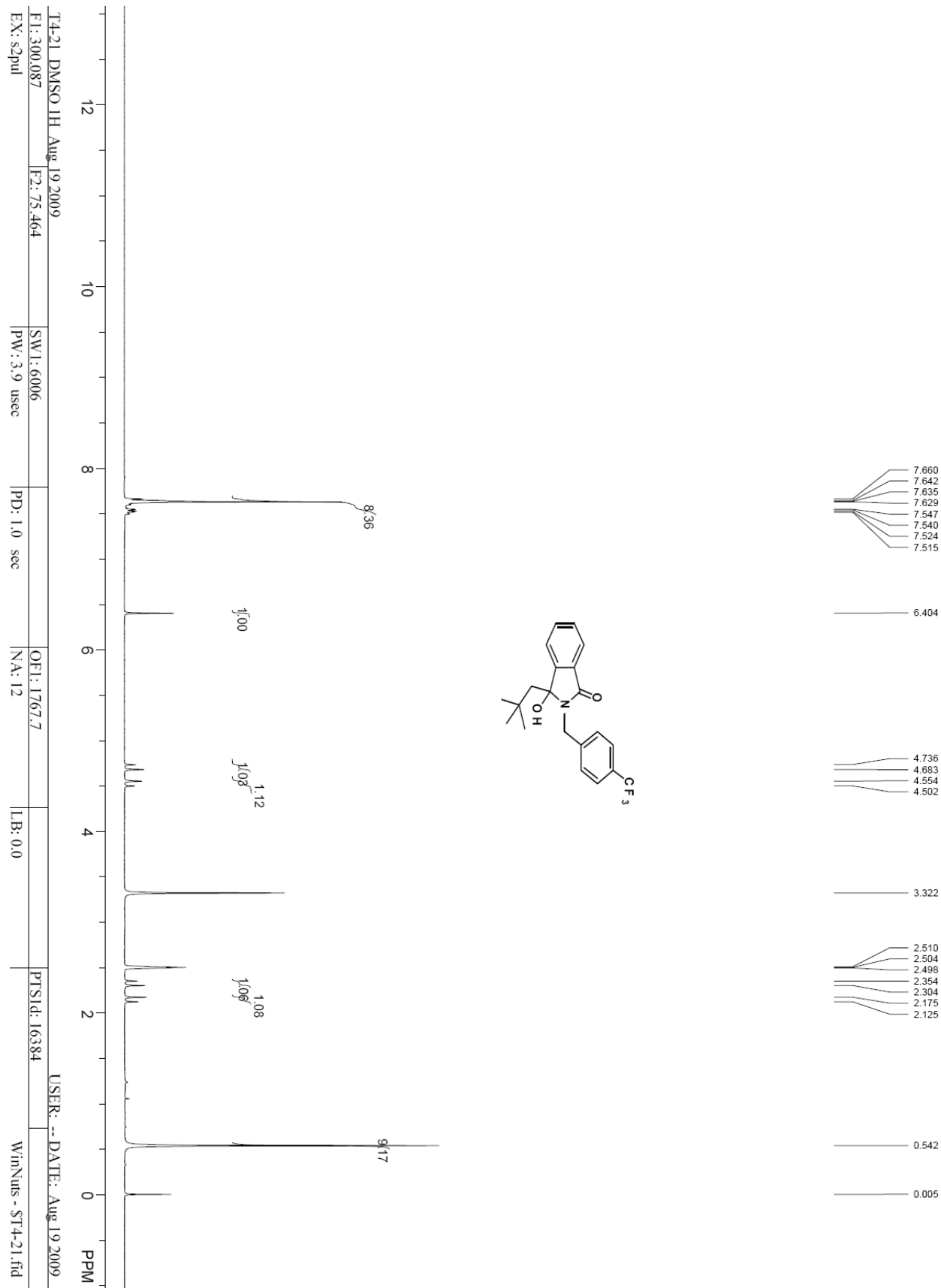


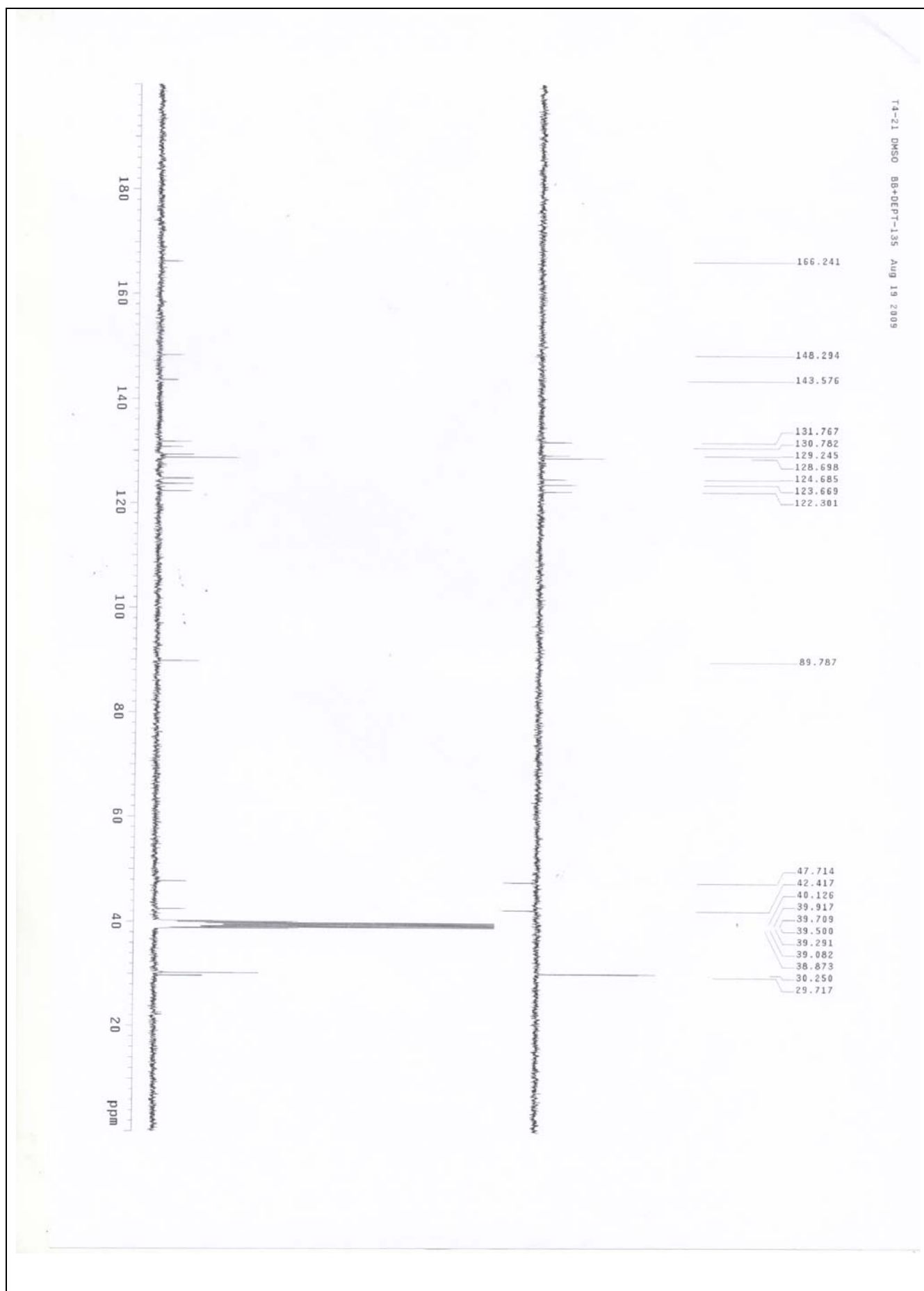
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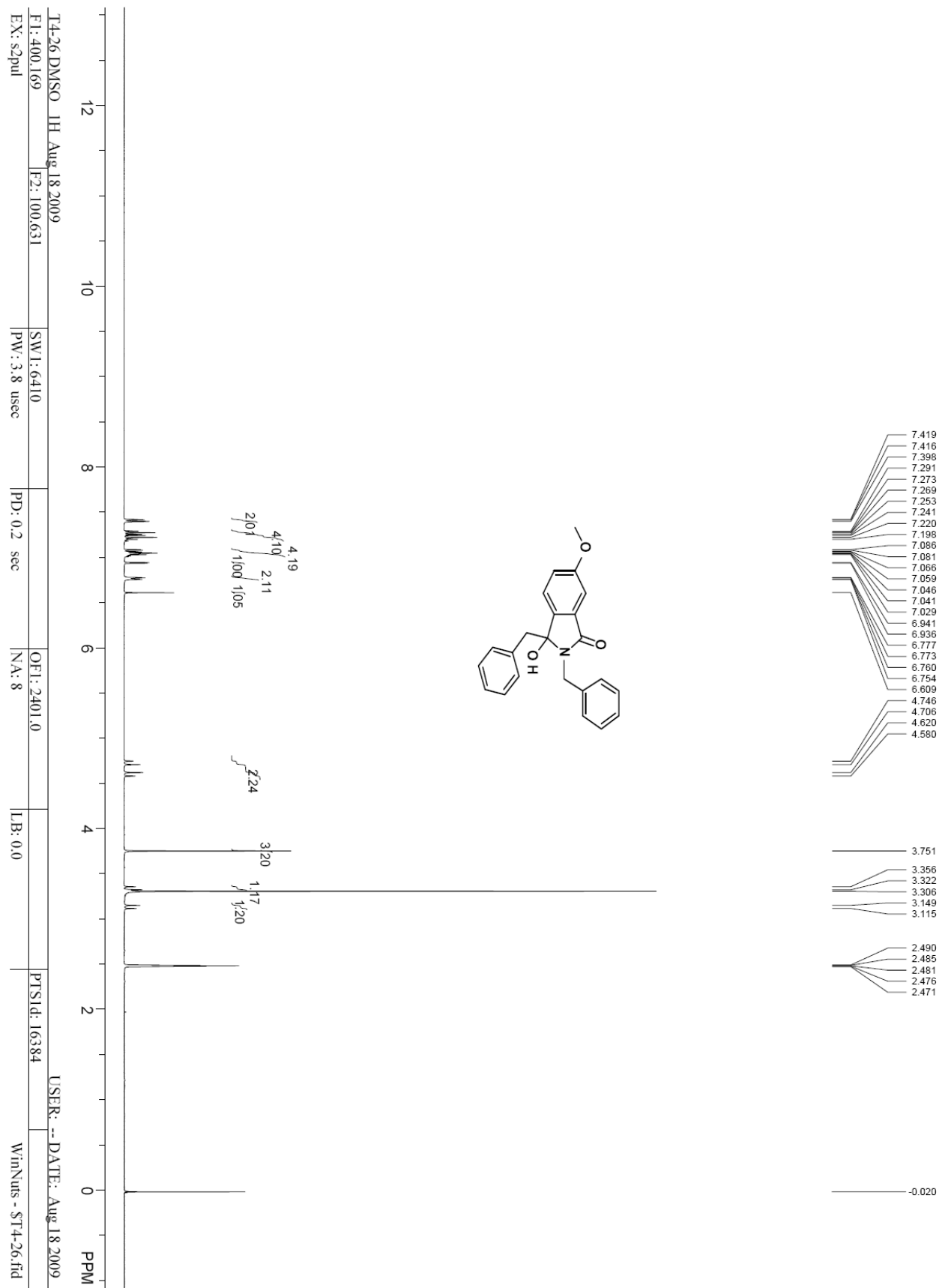


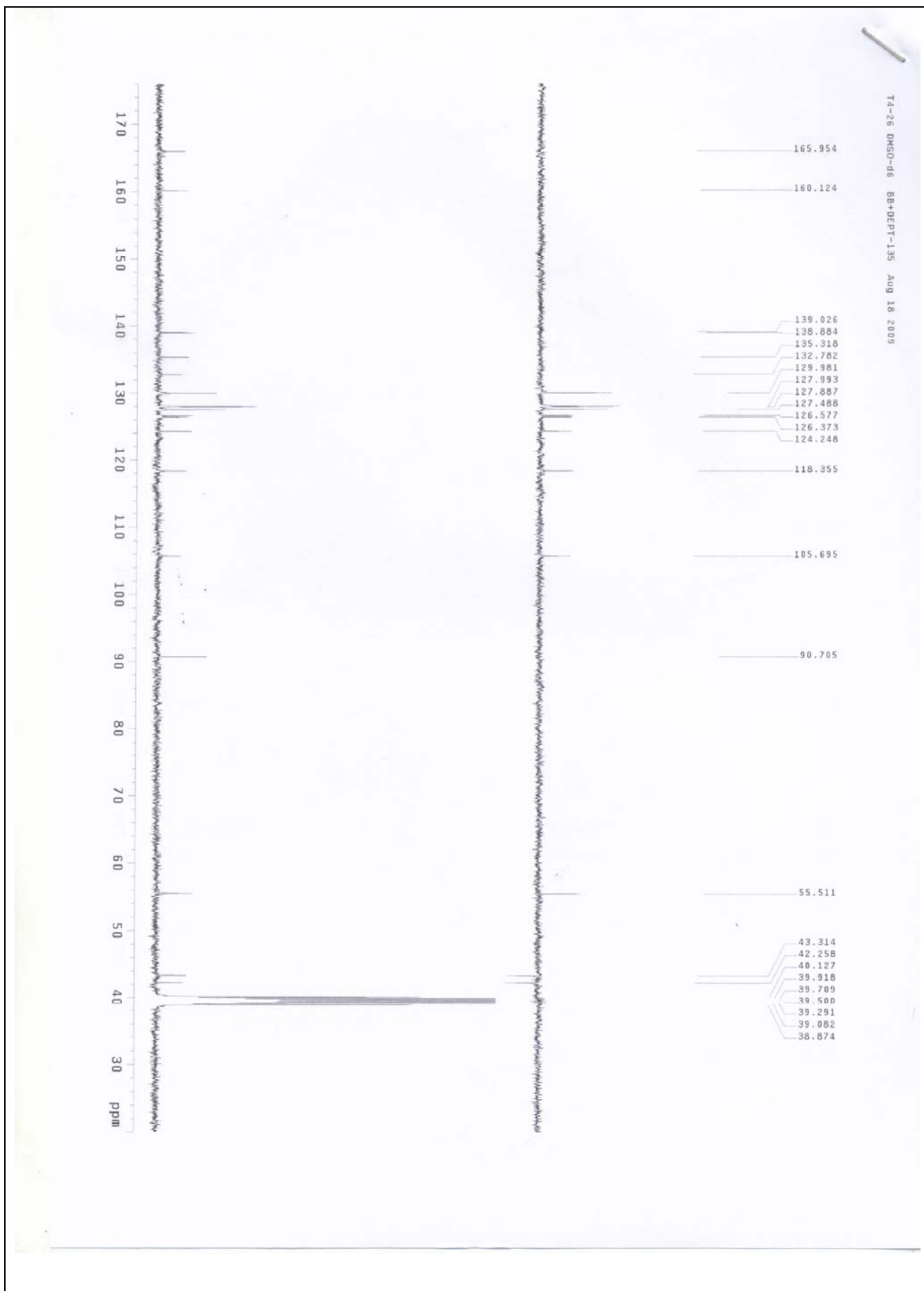
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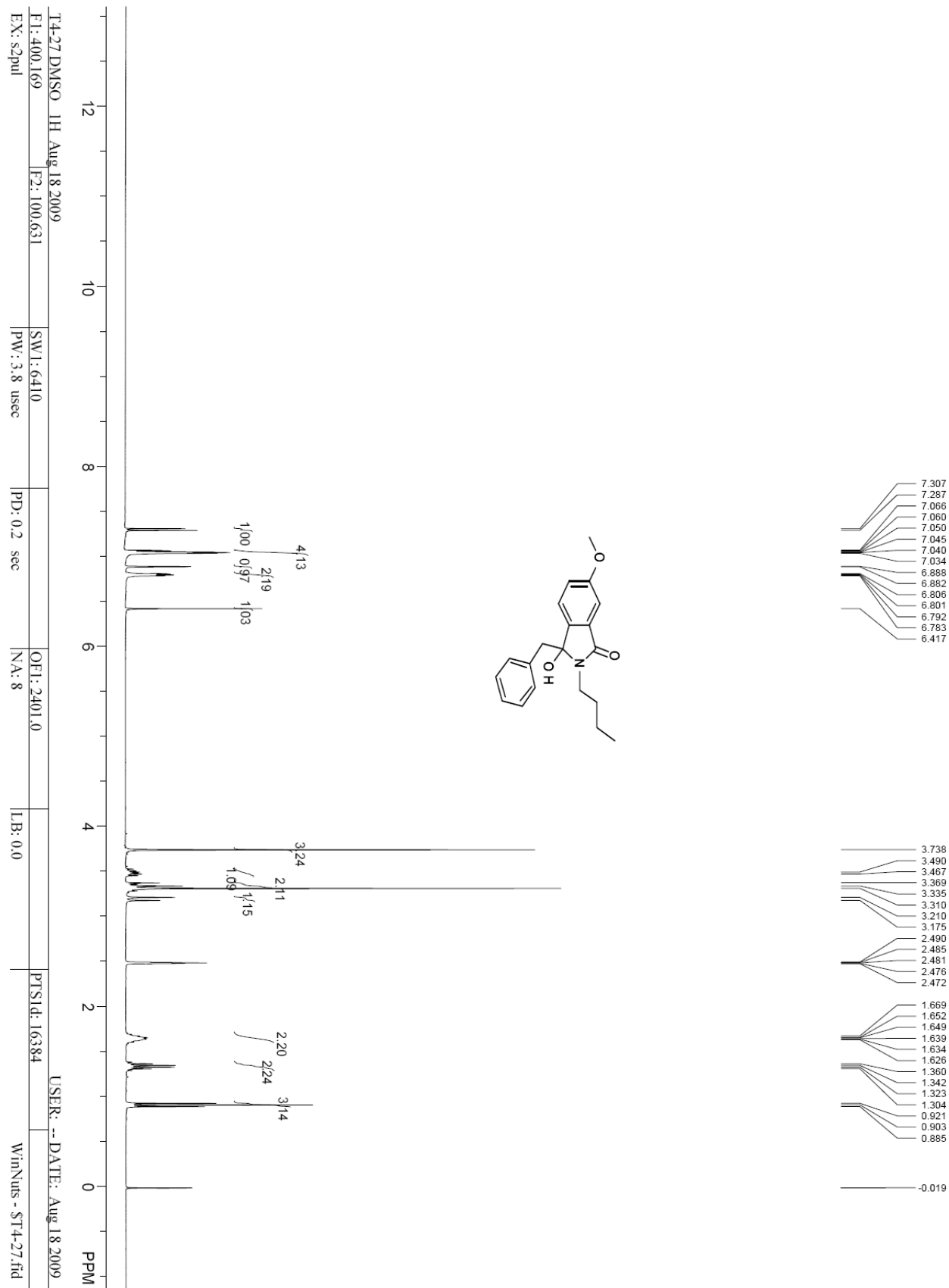


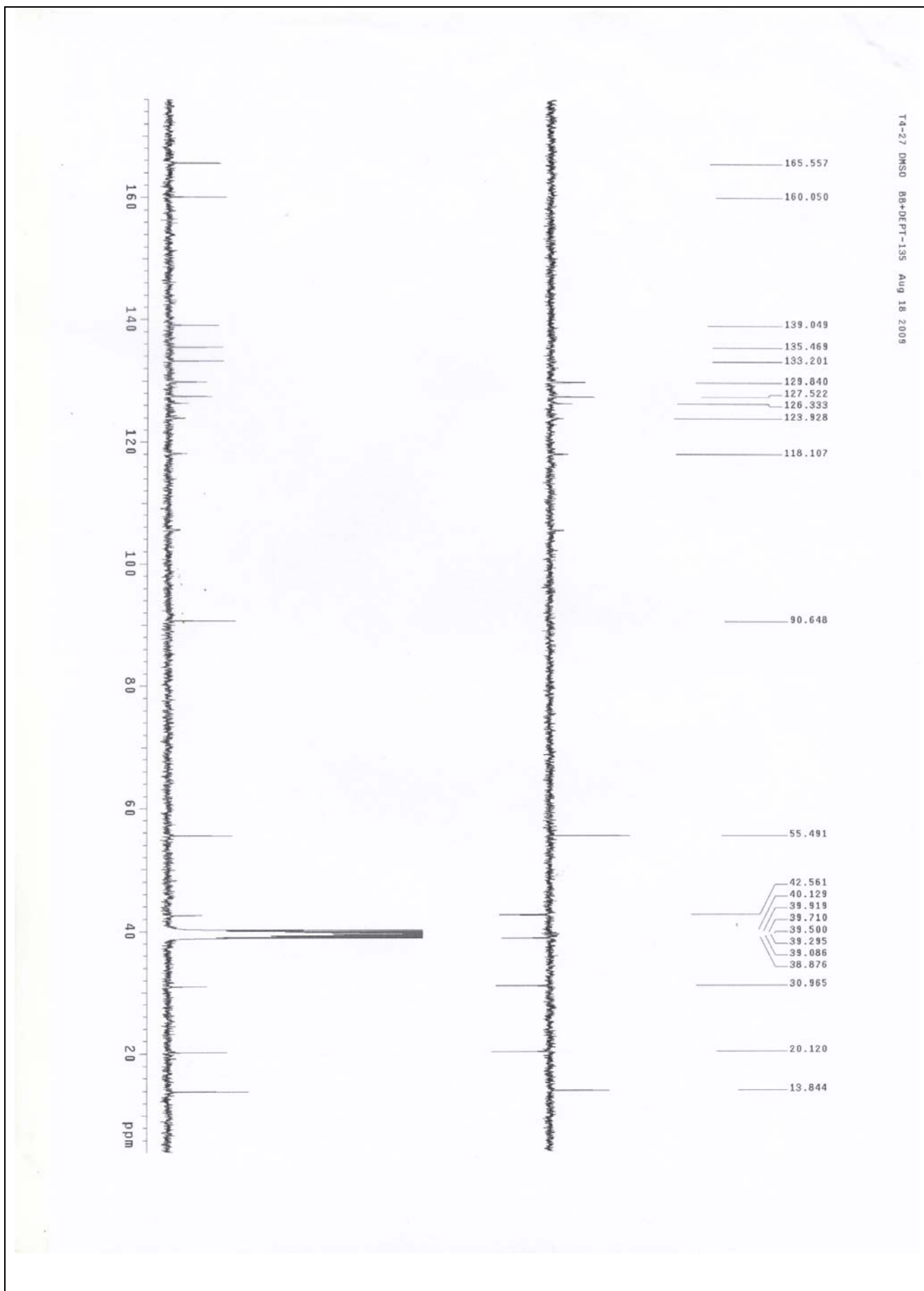
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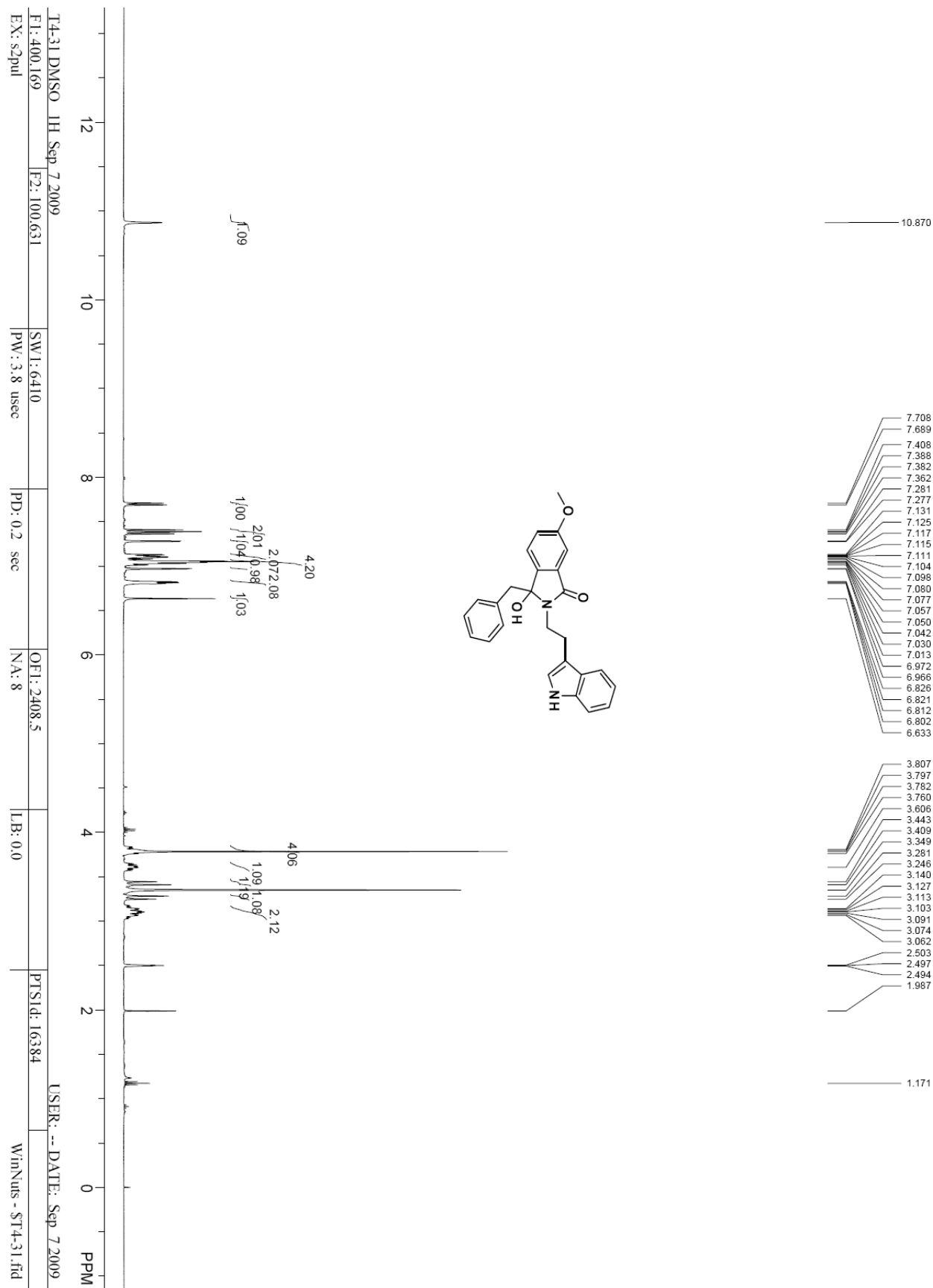


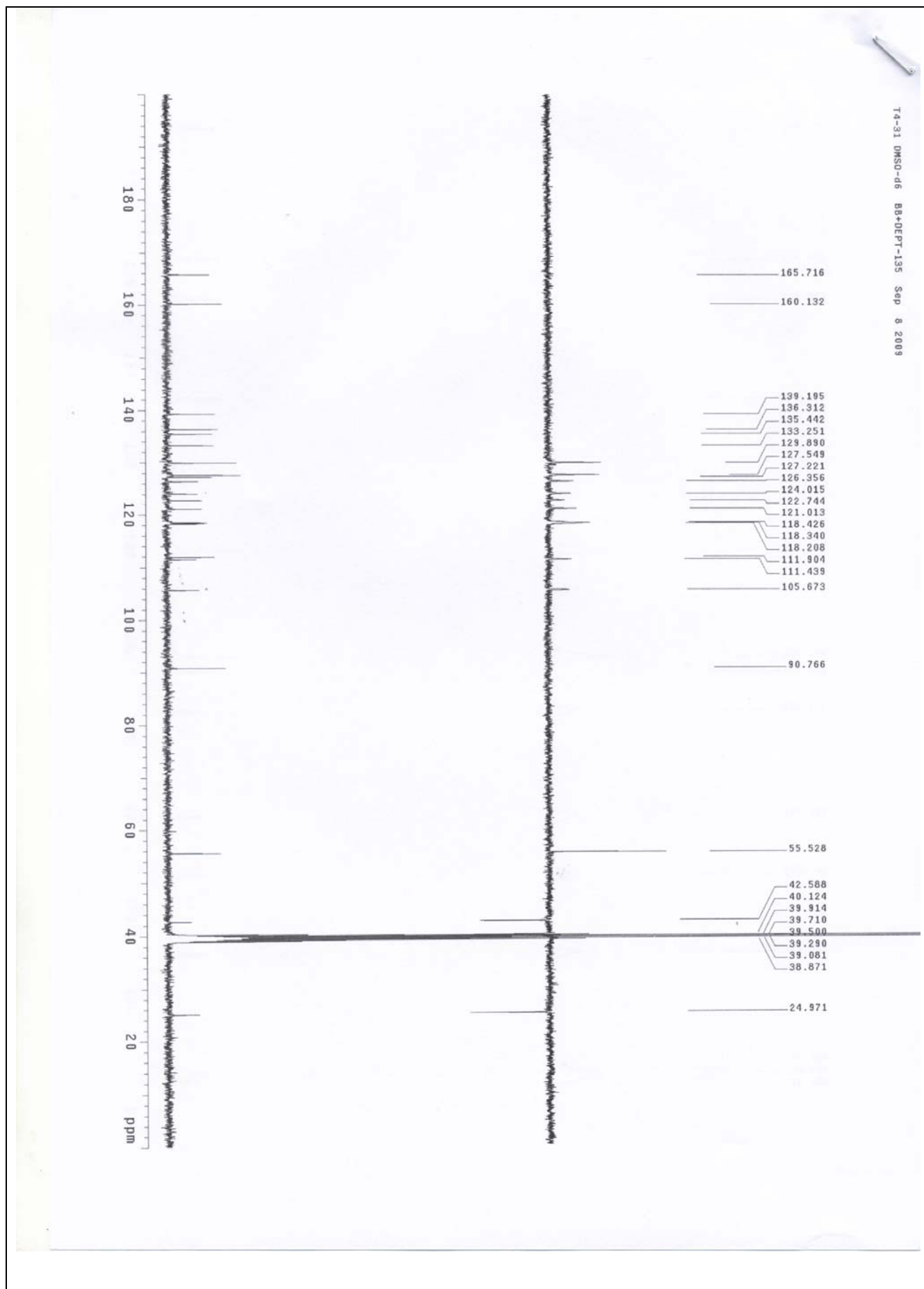
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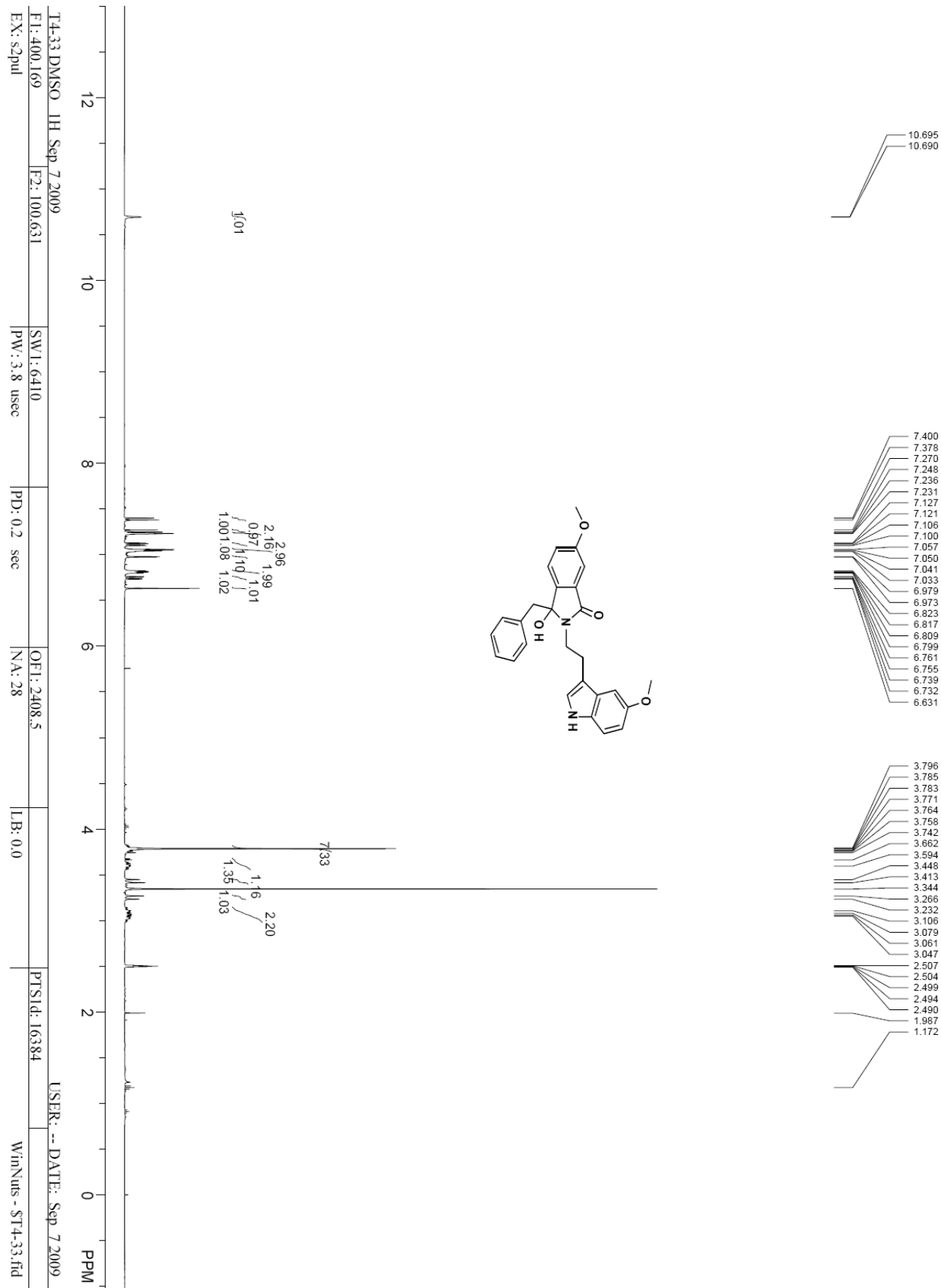


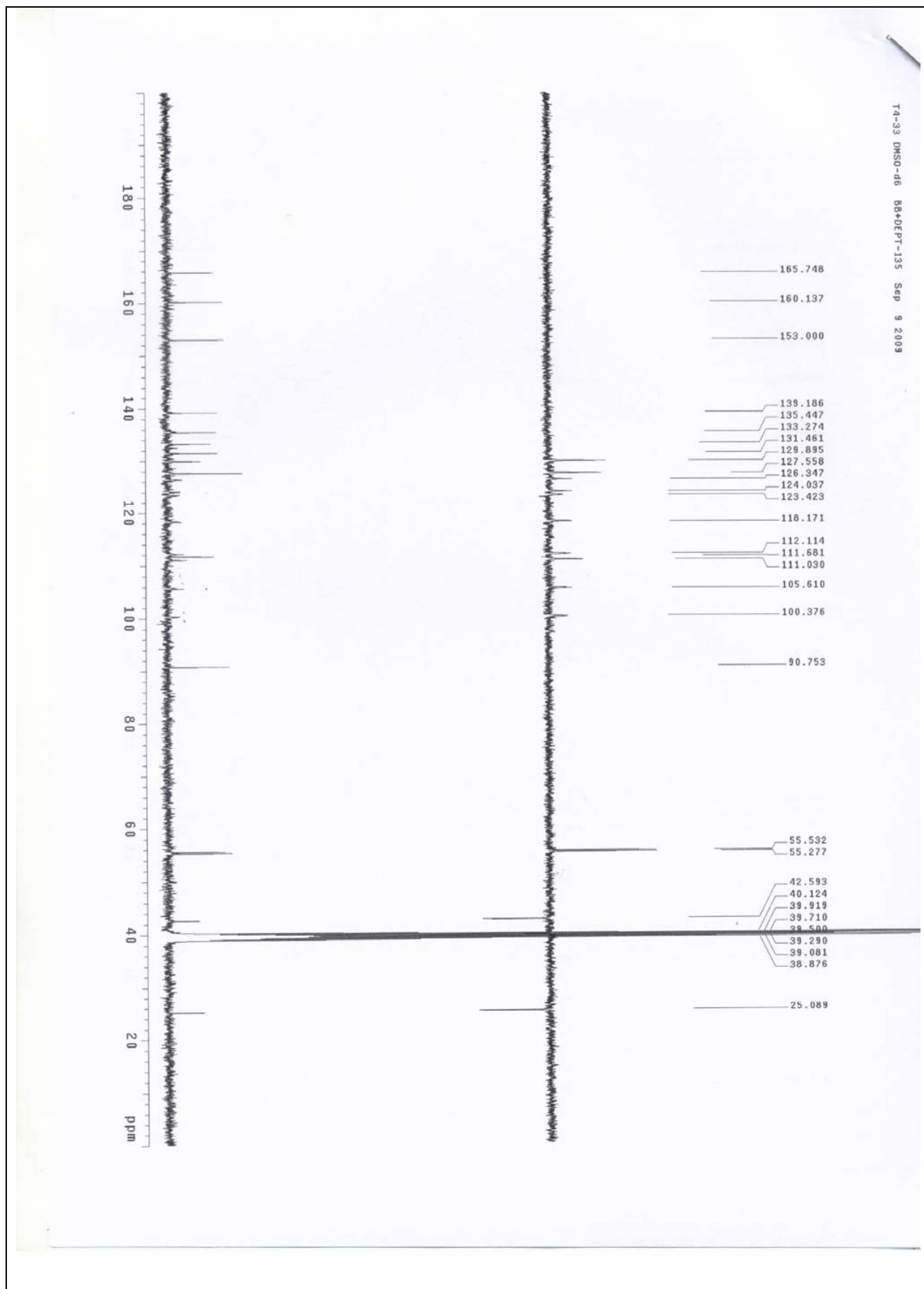
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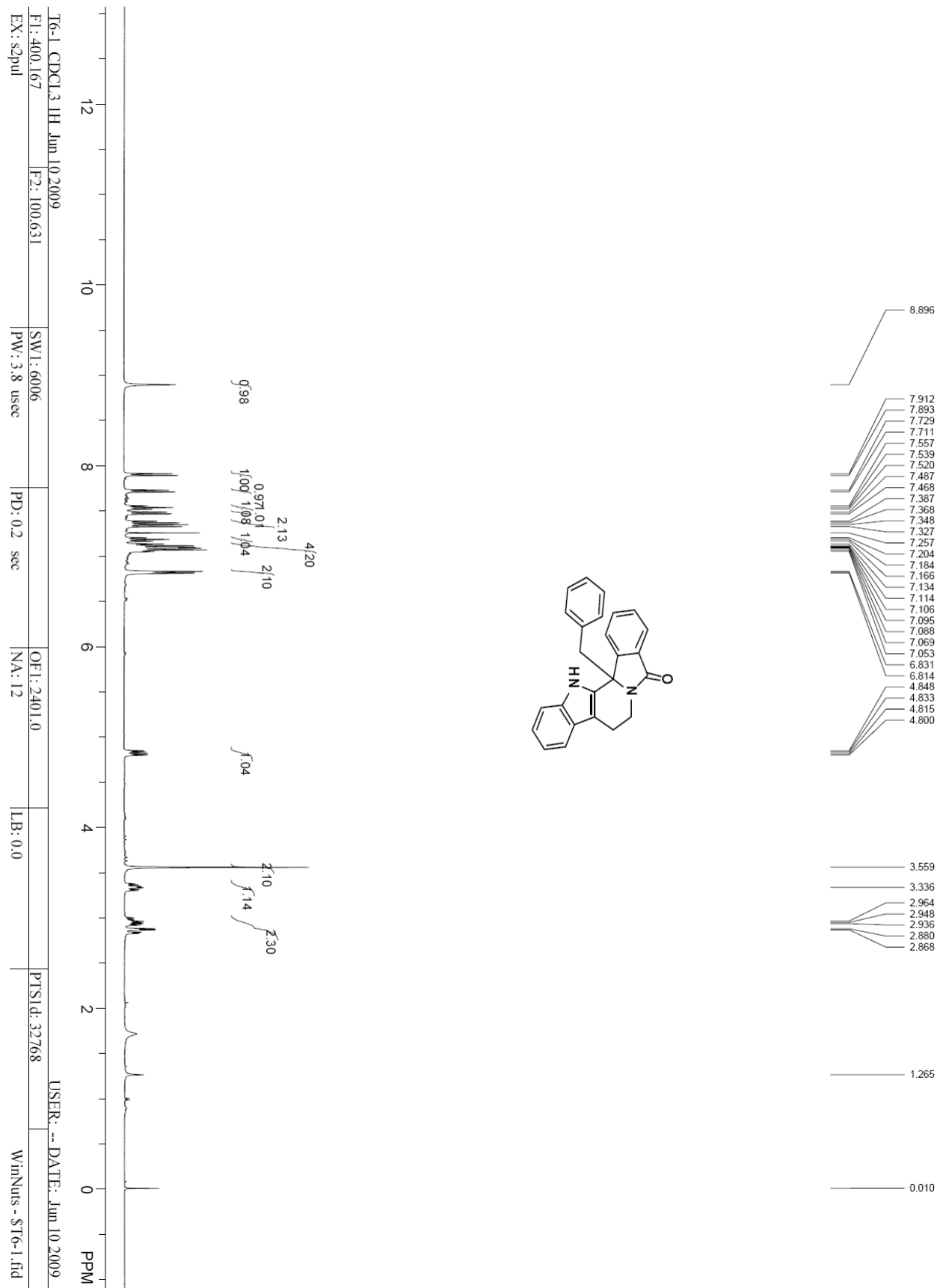


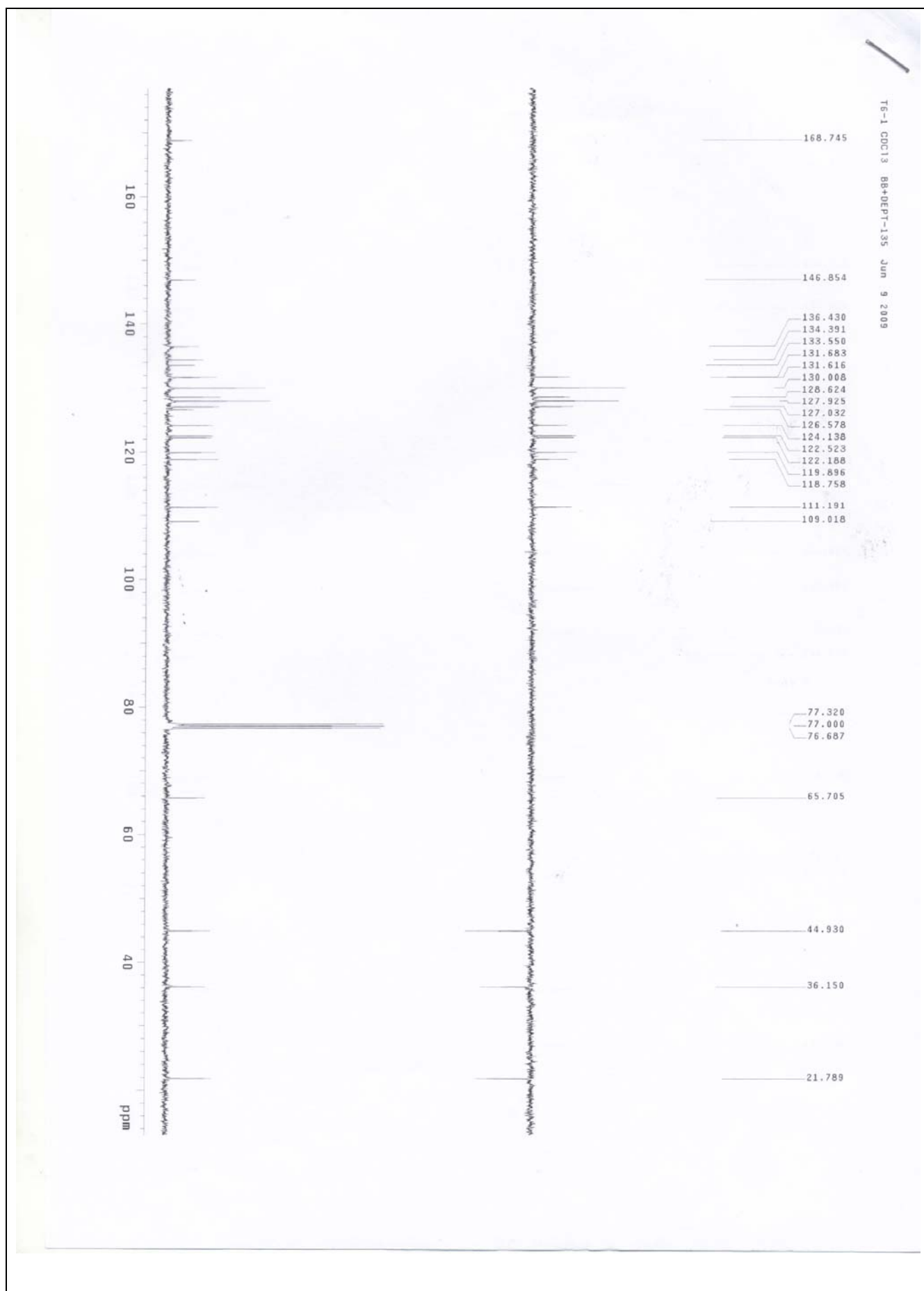
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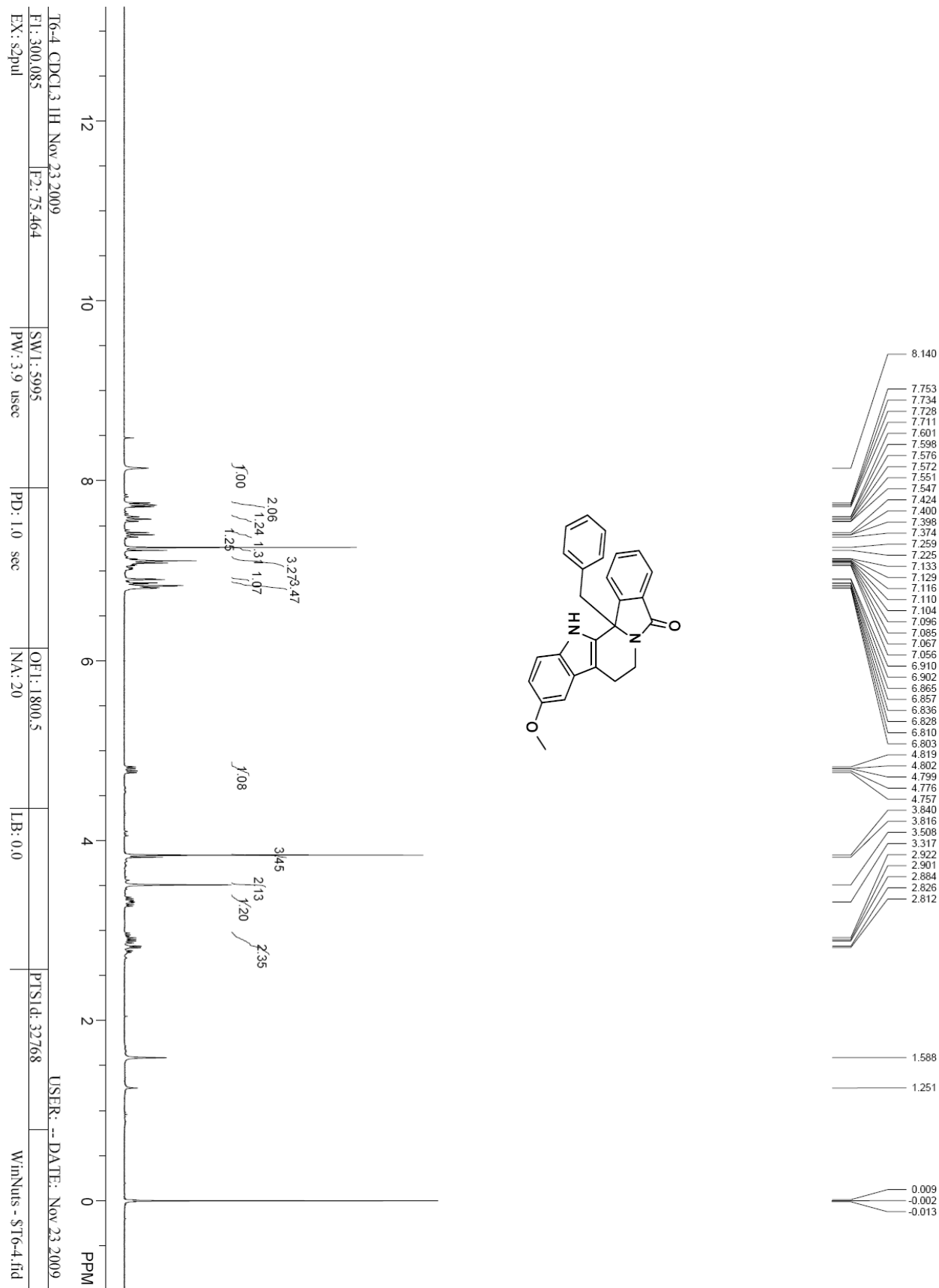


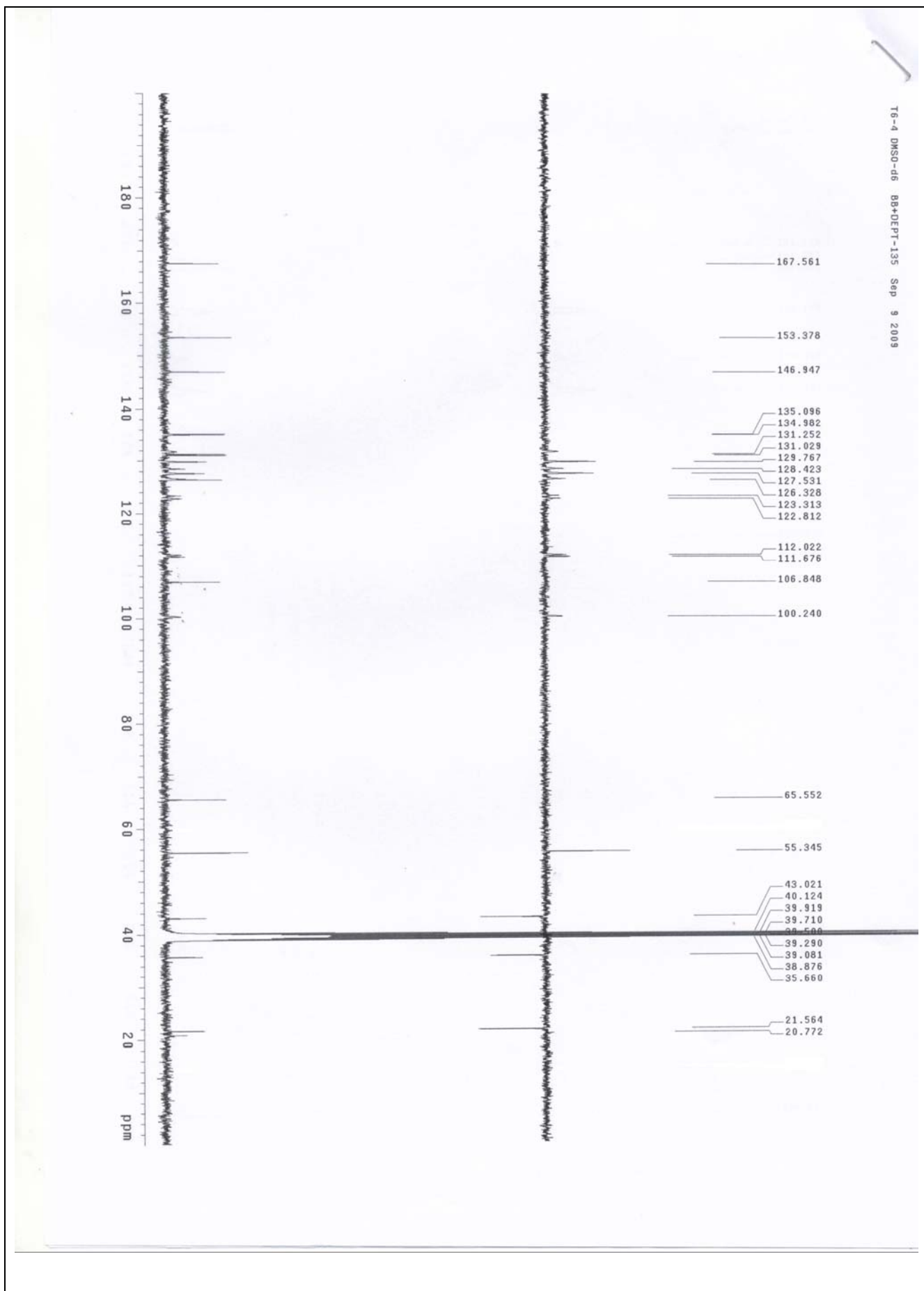
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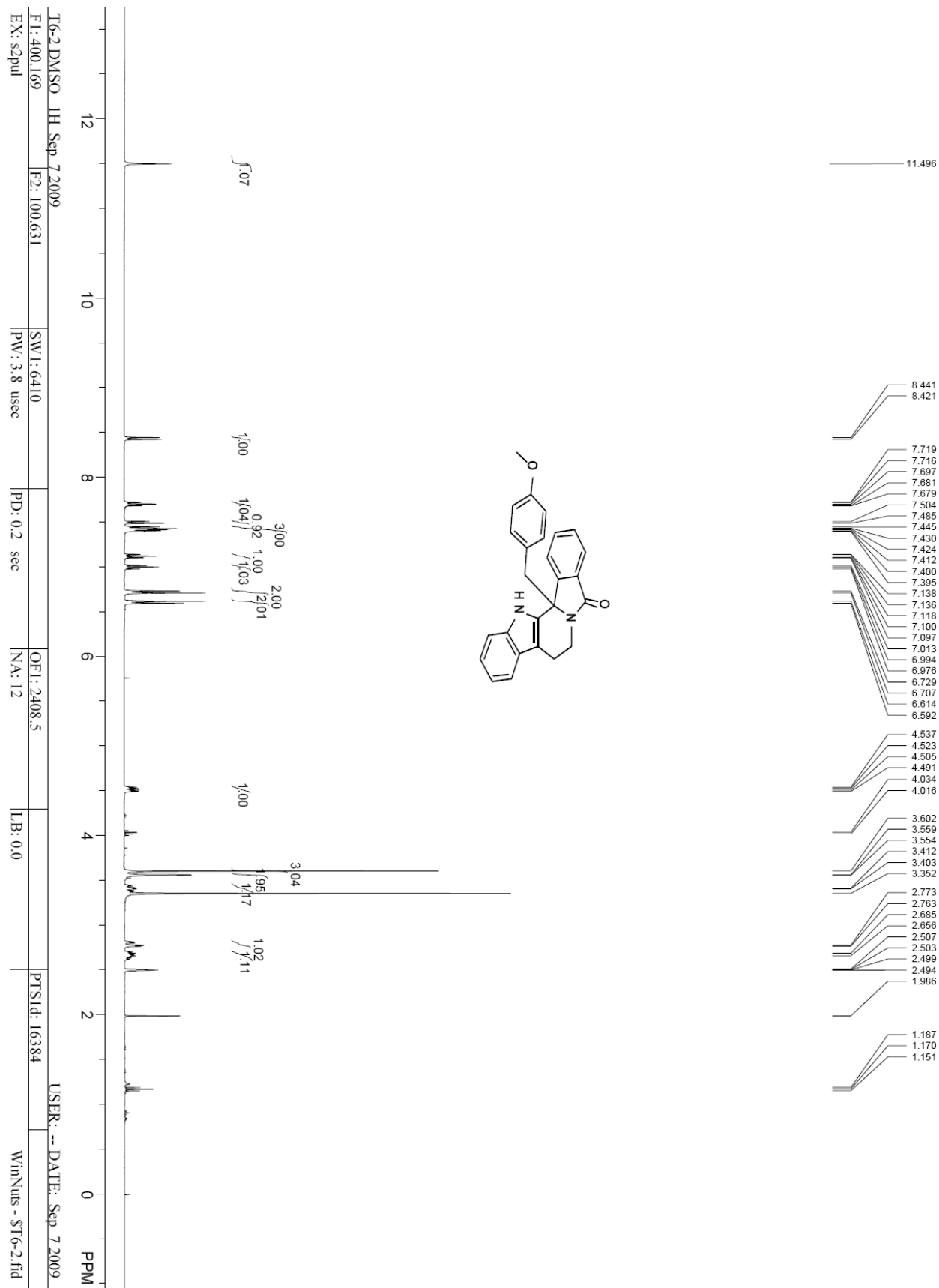


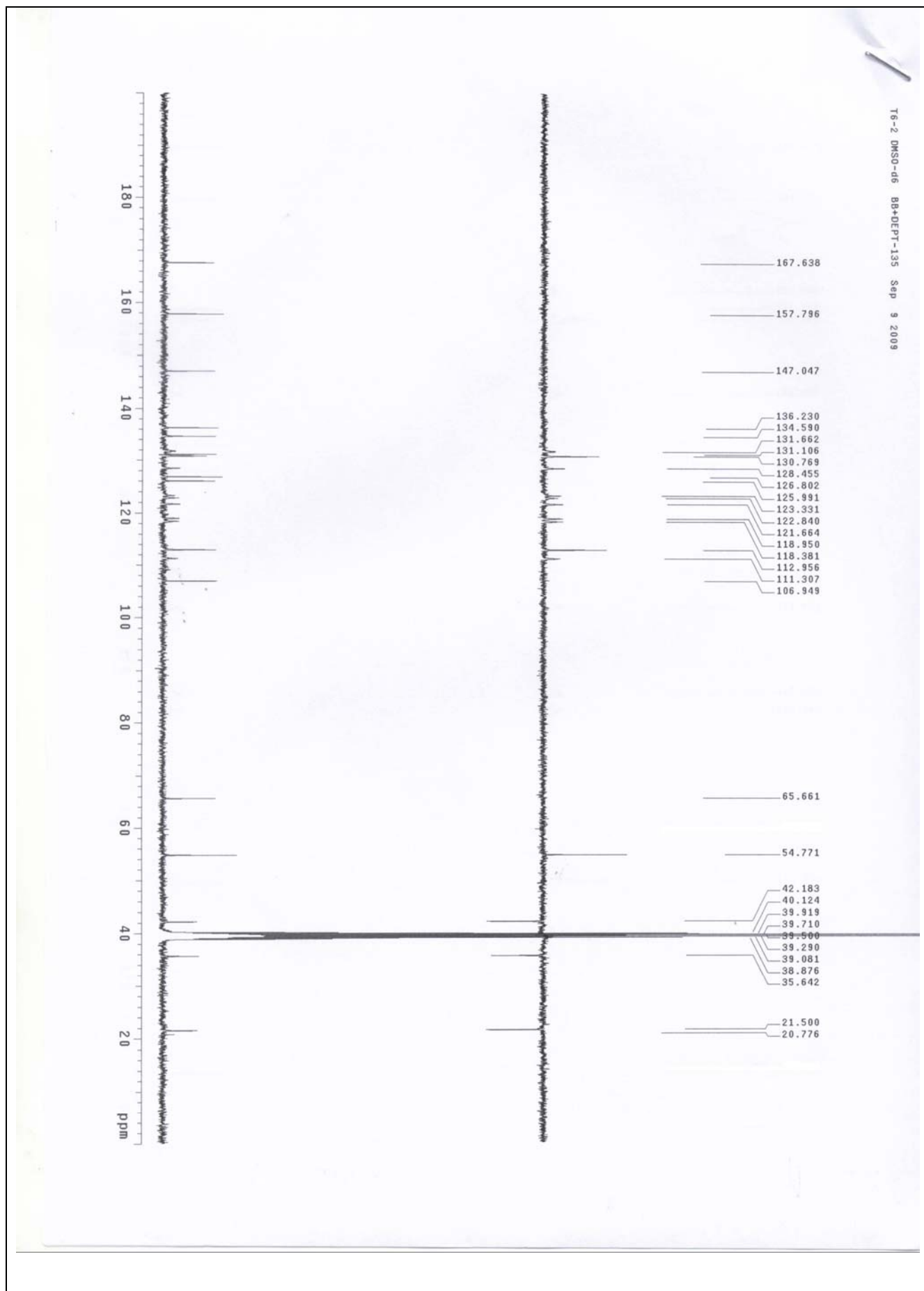
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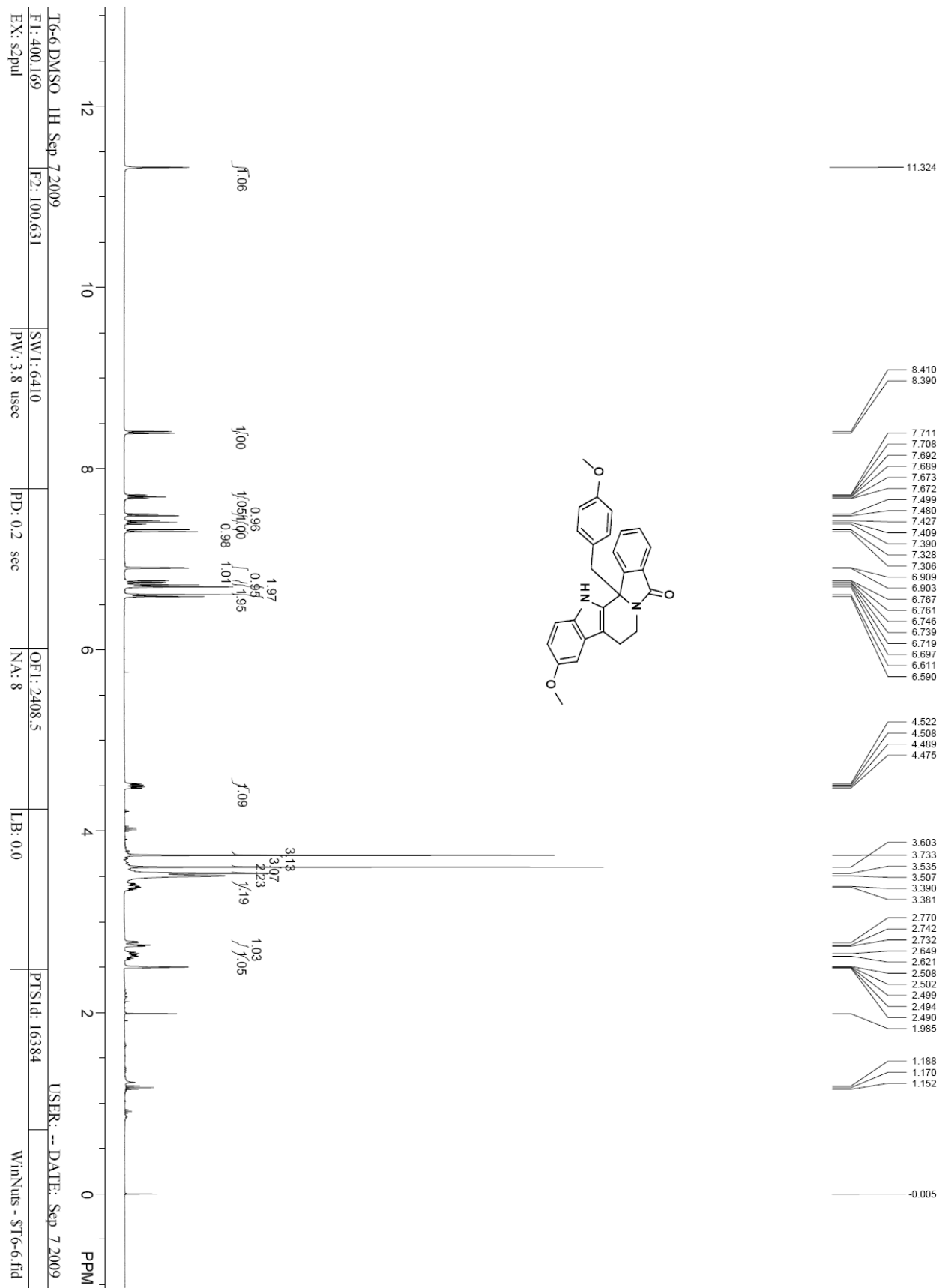


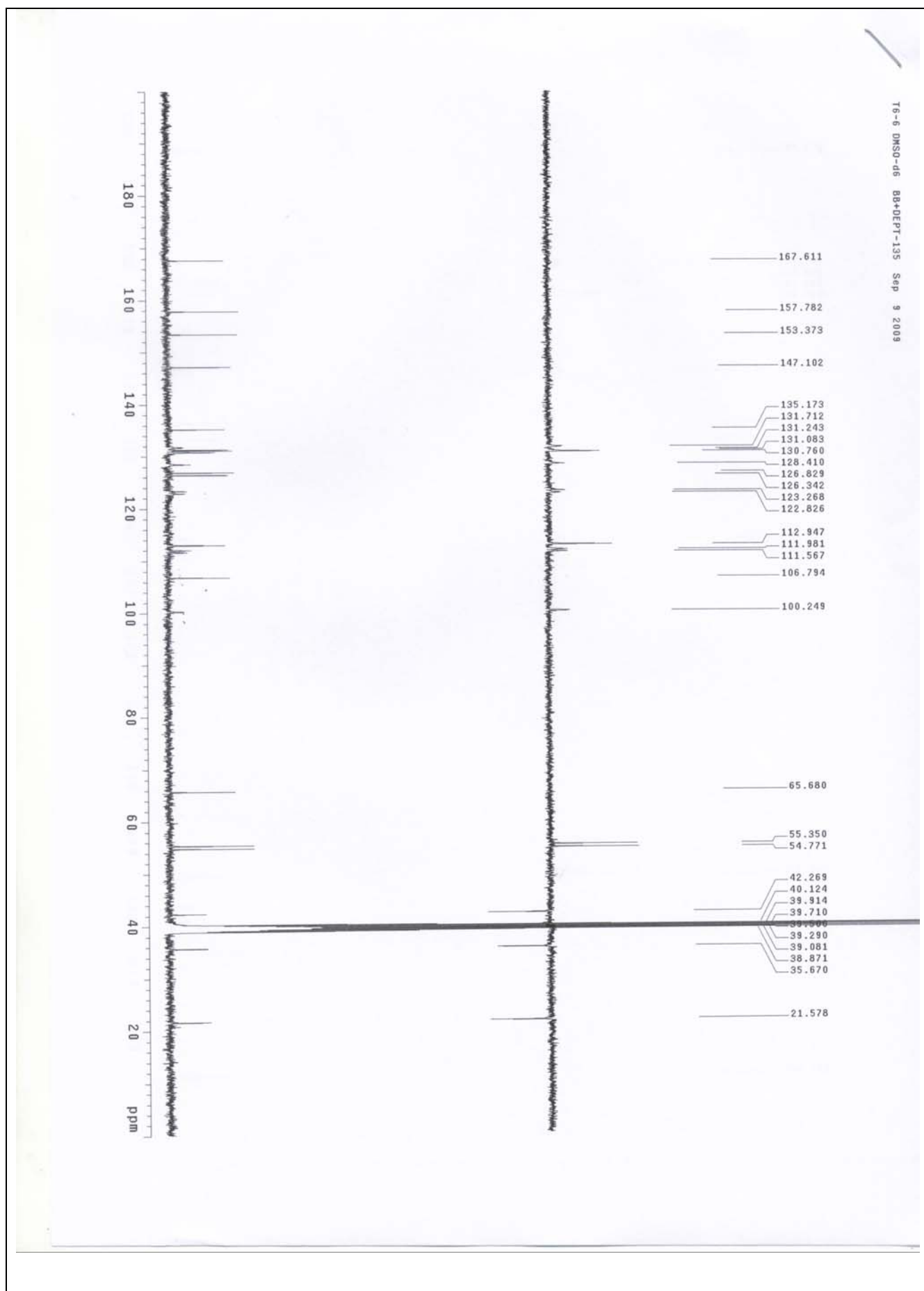
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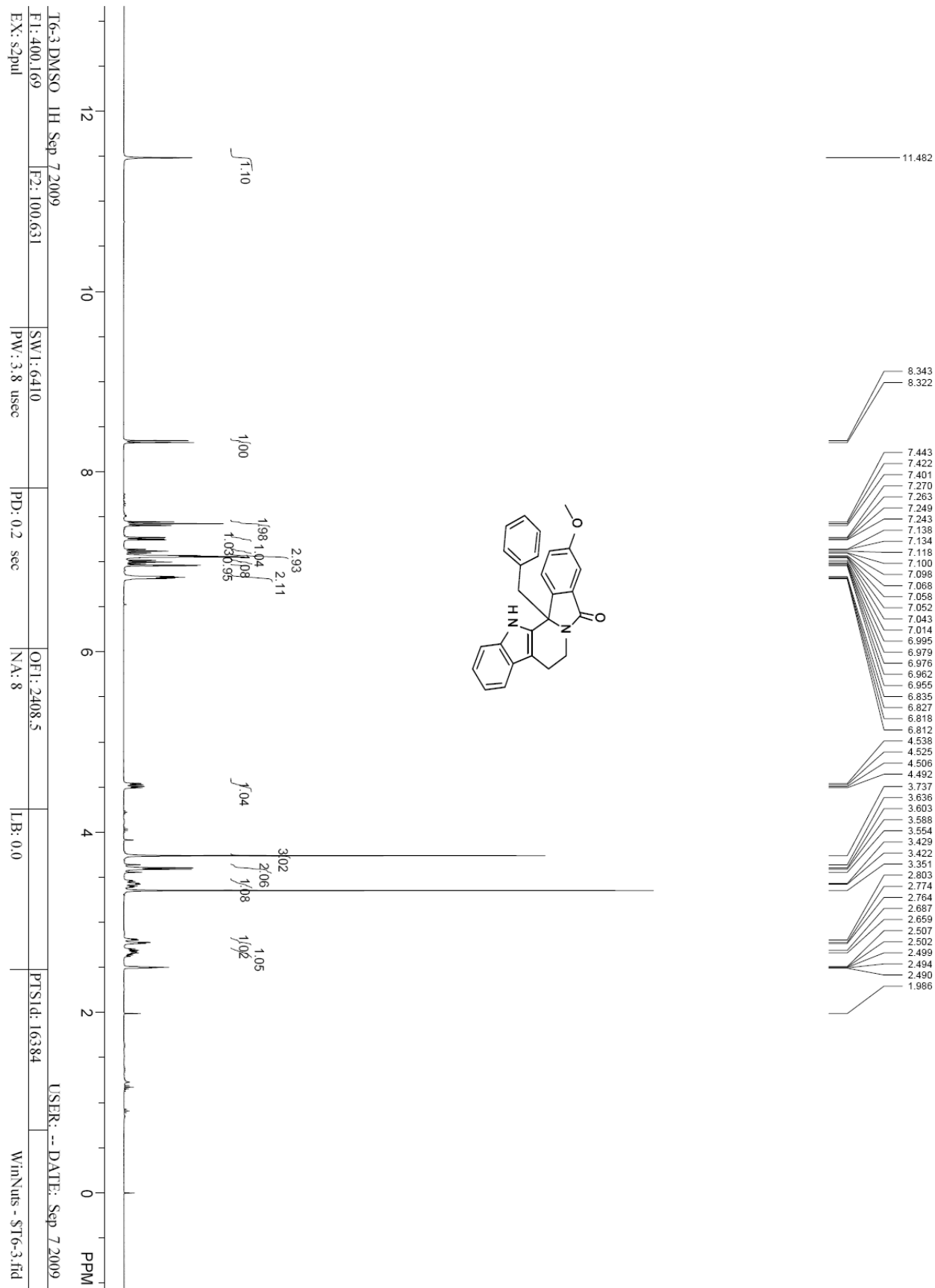


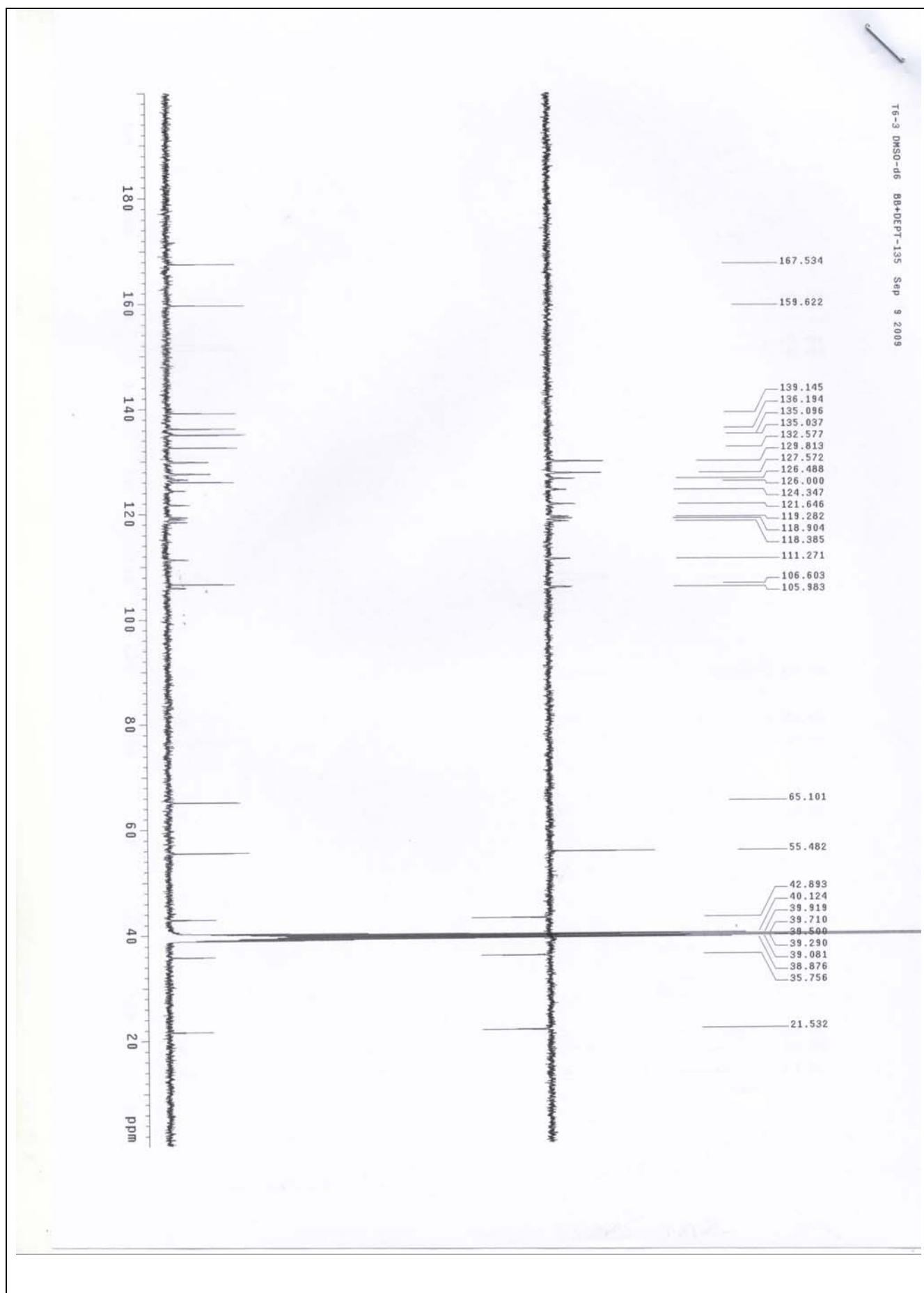
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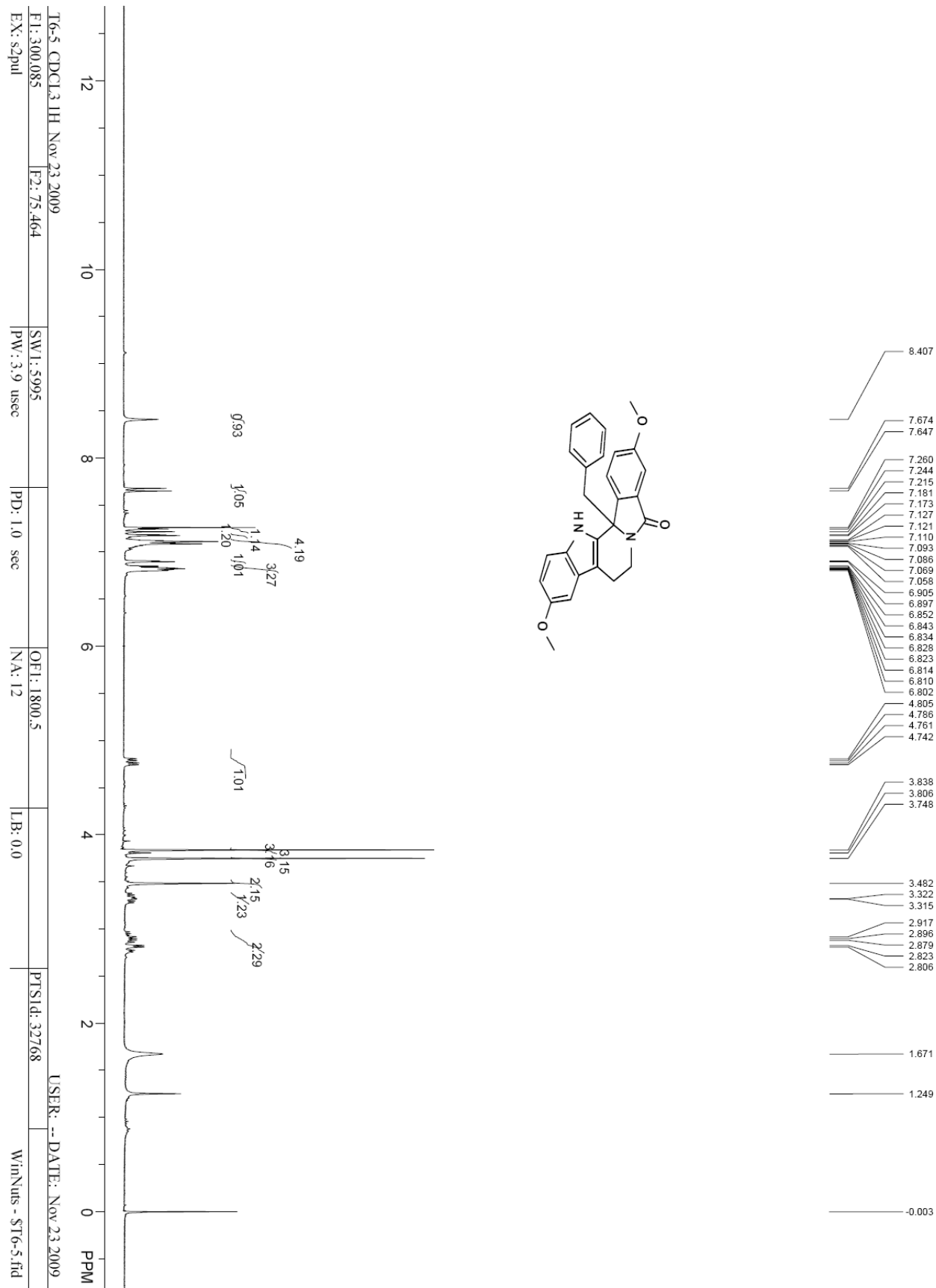


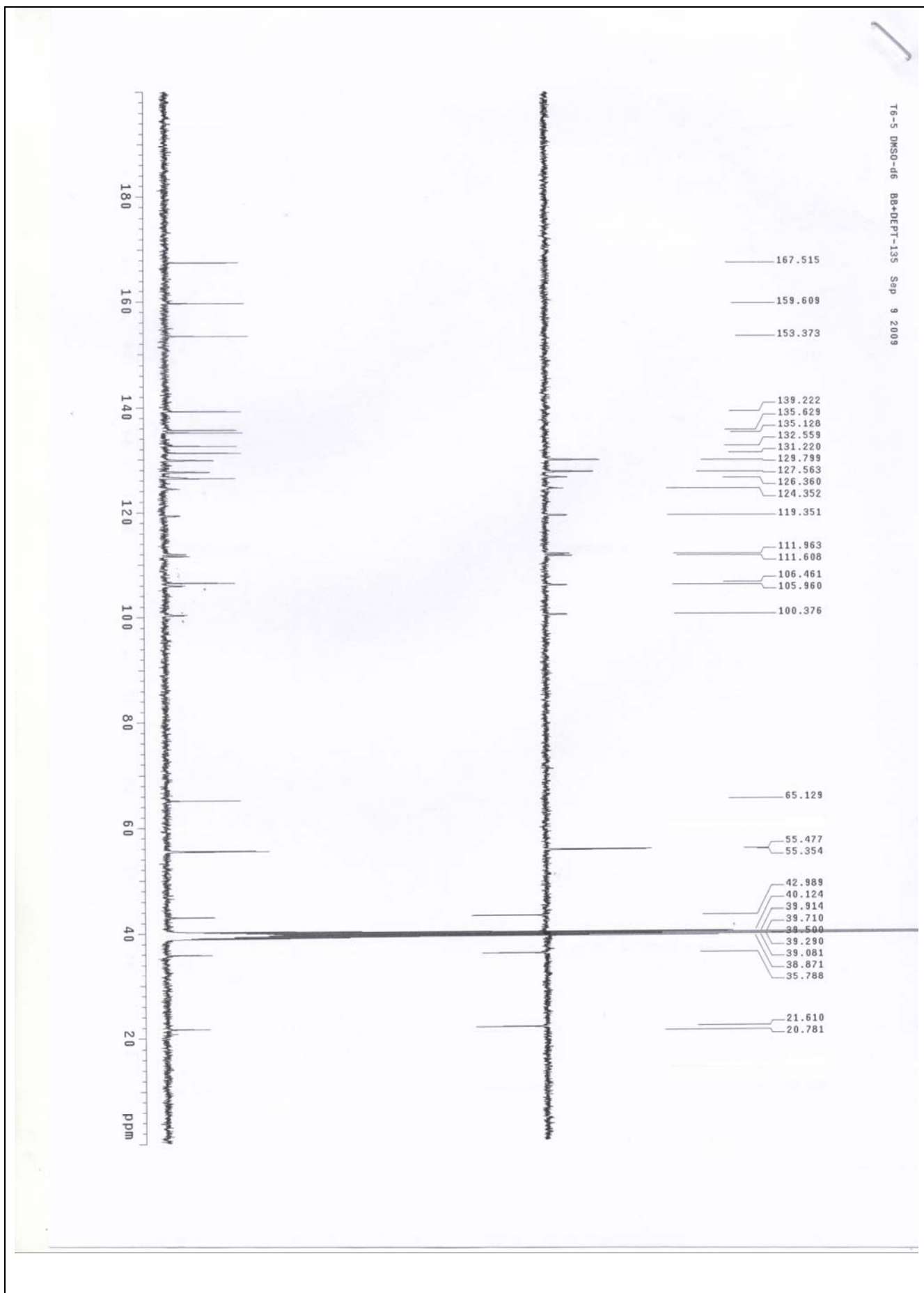
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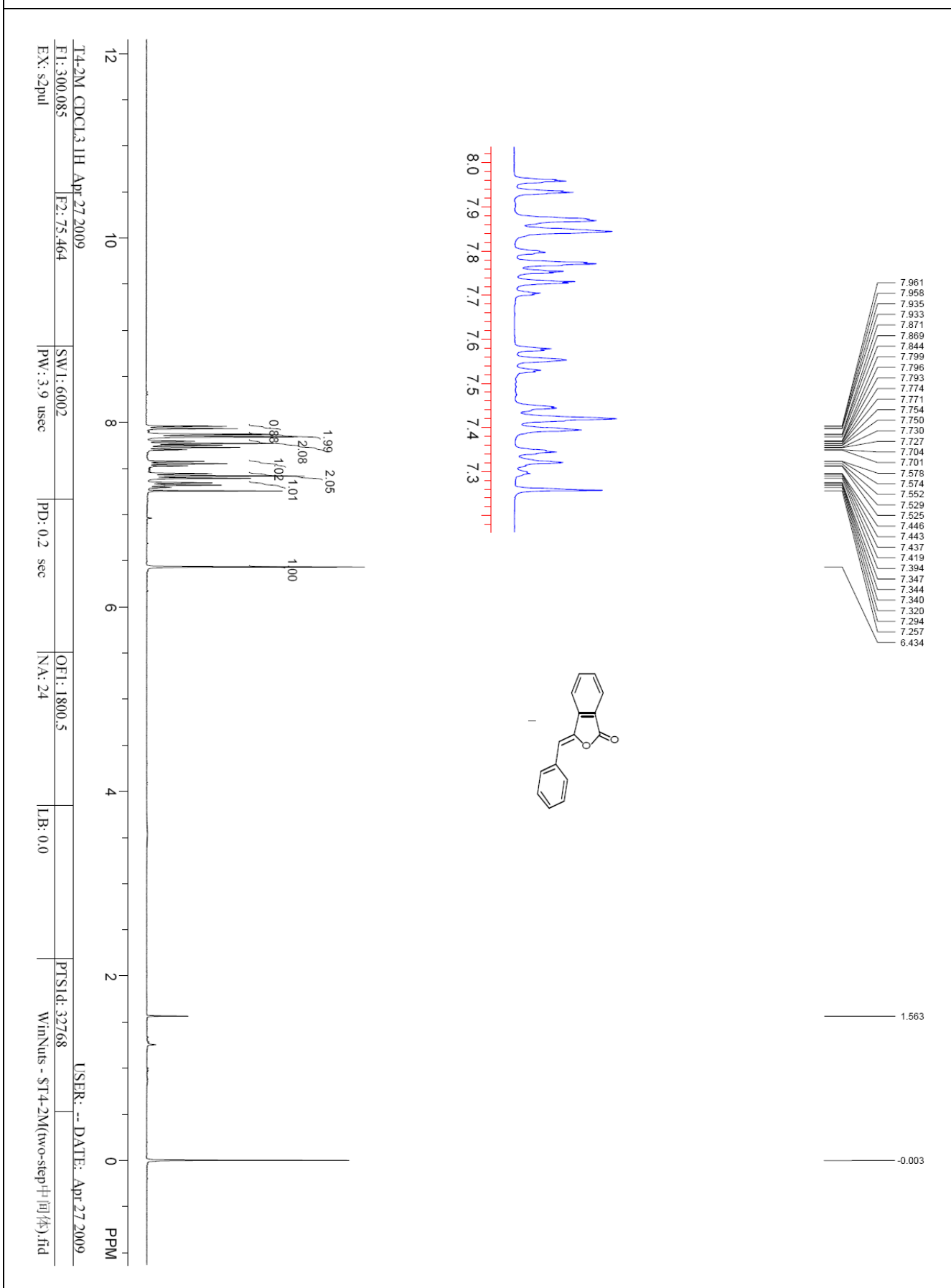


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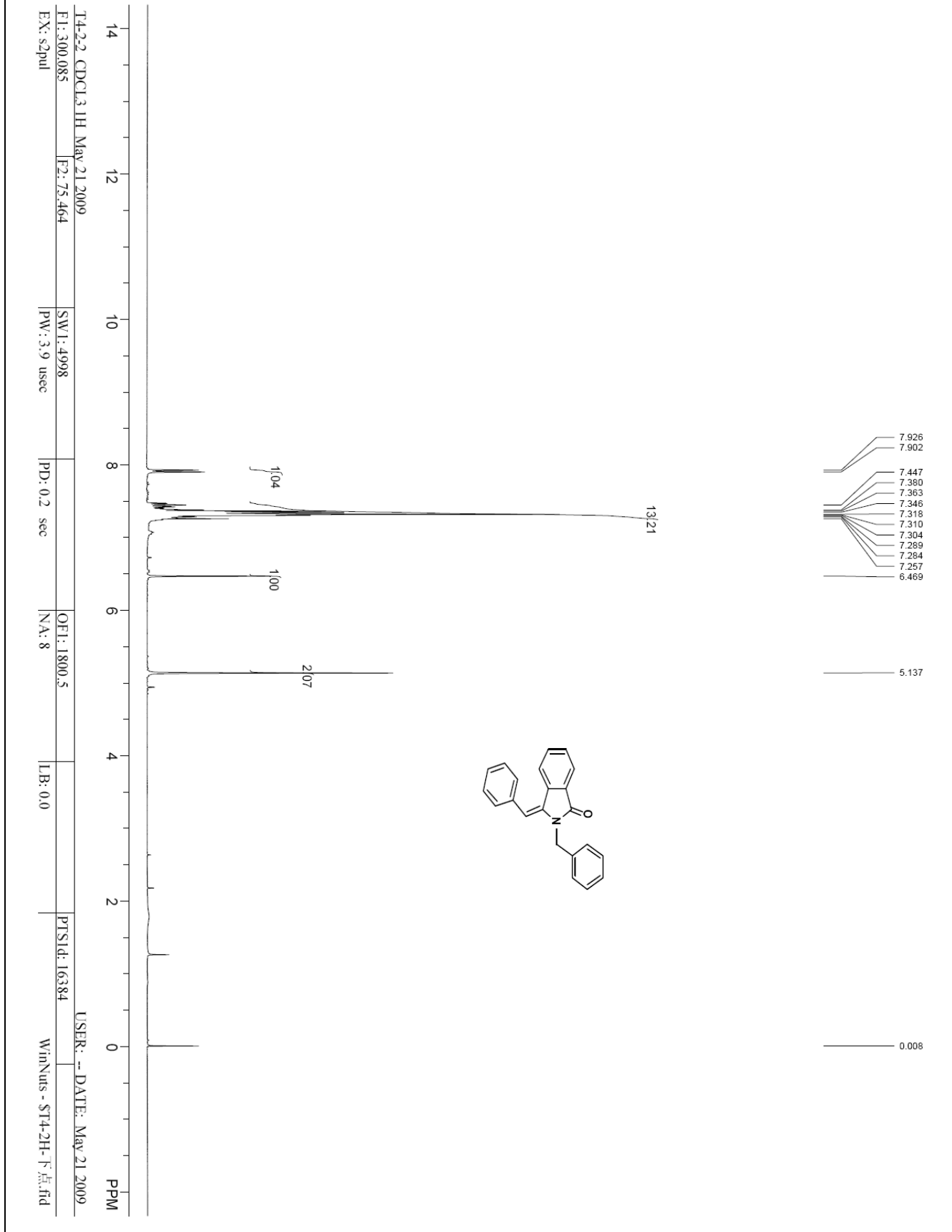




Intermediate M1



Dehydration product (*E*)-11



Dehydration product (Z)-11

