

Synthesis of 2-Aminobenzothiazole *via* FeCl₃-Catalyzed Tandem Reaction of 2-Iodoaniline with Isothiocyanate in Water

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General experimental methods:

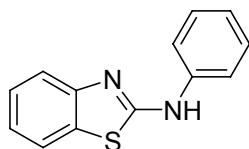
All reactions were performed in test tubes. Flash column chromatography was performed using silica gel (200–300 mesh). Analytical thin-layer chromatography was performed using glass plates pre-coated with 0.25 mm 230–400 mesh silica gel impregnated with a fluorescent indicator (254 nm). Thin layer chromatography plates were visualized by exposure to ultraviolet light. Organic solutions were concentrated on rotary evaporators at 25–35 °C. Commercial reagents and solvents were used as received. Proton (^1H NMR) and carbon (^{13}C NMR) nuclear magnetic resonance spectra were recorded on Bruker AV 400 at 400 MHz respectively 100 MHz at 293 K. The chemical shifts are given in parts per million (ppm) on the delta scale (δ) and are referenced to tetramethylsilane (0 ppm).

General procedure for FeCl_3 -catalyzed tandem reaction of 2-iodoaniline **1** with isothiocyanate **2** in water:

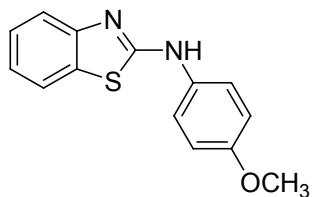


A mixture of 2-iodoaniline **1** (0.3 mmol), isothiocyanate **2** (0.45 mmol, 1.5 equiv.), DABCO (0.6 mmol, 2.0 equiv.), FeCl₃ (0.015 mmol, 5 mol %), and 1,10-phenanthroline **L-1** (0.015 mmol, 5 mol %), and octadecyltrimethylammonium chloride **PTC-4** (0.03 mmol, 10 mol%) was stirred in water (3 mL) at 80 °C. After completion of the reaction as indicated by TLC, the mixture was cooled to room

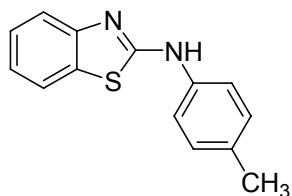
temperature. The mixture was washed with saturated brine, and extracted with ethyl acetate. The organic layers were dried with anhydrous MgSO₄ and evaporated the solvent under vacuum, and the residue was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel to provide the corresponding pure product **3**.



N-phenylbenzo[*d*]thiazol-amine (**3a**)¹ white solid, mp 158-160 °C (lit. mp 157.2-159.4 °C); IR (prism, KBr, cm⁻¹) 3468, 1627; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.13-7.19 (m, 2H), 7.32 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.41 (t, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.50 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.56 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.63 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 118.7, 119.9, 120.4, 121.9, 123.9, 125.6, 129.1, 129.3, 139.4, 150.7, 164.5.

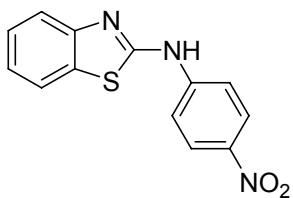


N-(4-methoxyphenyl)benzo[*d*]thiazol-2-amine (**3b**)² white solid, mp 153-155 °C (lit. mp 154-155 °C); IR (prism, KBr, cm⁻¹) 3428, 1621; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 3.84 (s, 3H), 6.96 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.09 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.27 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.38-7.44 (m, 3H), 7.57 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 55.5, 114.8, 118.8, 120.8, 121.9, 124.2, 126.0, 129.7, 133.0, 151.6, 157.4, 167.3.

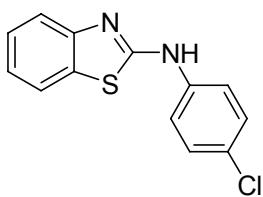


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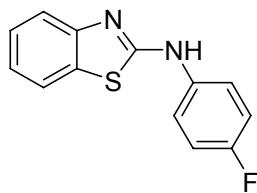
[°]C); IR (prism, KBr, cm⁻¹) 3430, 1625; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 2.37 (s, 3H), 7.12 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.21 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.30 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.37 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.51 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.60 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 20.9, 119.1, 120.8, 121.2, 122.1, 126.0, 129.8, 130.1, 134.6, 137.4, 151.5, 165.9.



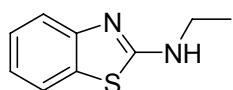
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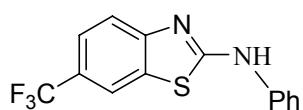
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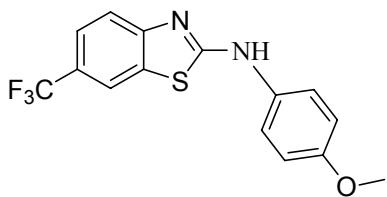
N-(4-fluorophenyl)benzo[*d*]thiazol-2-amine (**3f**)⁵ white solid, mp 216-217 °C; IR (prism, KBr, cm⁻¹) 3467, 1626; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO) δ 7.14-7.22 (m, 3H), 7.33 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.59 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.77-7.82 (m, 3H), 10.40(br, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO) δ 115.5 (d, ²*J*_{CF} = 22 Hz), 119.1 (d, ²*J*_{CF} = 18 Hz), 119.2, 121.0, 122.3, 125.9, 129.9, 136.9, 151.9, 157.3 (d, ¹*J*_{CF} = 237 Hz), 161.5.



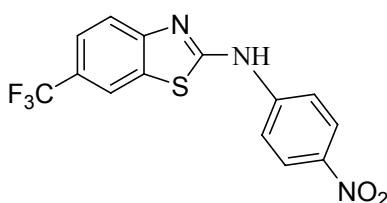
N-ethylbenzo[*d*]thiazol-2-amine (**3g**)⁶ white solid, mp 114-116 °C IR (prism, KBr, cm⁻¹) 3436, 1611; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 1.33 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H), 3.46 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 5.85 (br, 1H), 7.08 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.29 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.53 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.59 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 14.9, 40.4, 118.7, 120.8, 121.4, 126.0, 130.2, 152.3, 167.7.



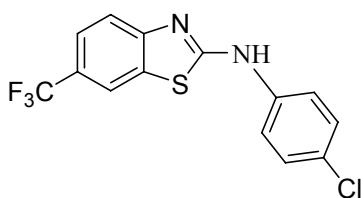
N-phenyl-6-(trifluoromethyl)benzo[*d*]thiazol-2-amine (**3h**)⁶ white solid, mp 163-165 °C IR (prism, KBr, cm⁻¹) 3440, 1624; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.24 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.44 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.50 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.54 (s, 2H), 7.86 (s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 118.3, 118.9, 121.0, 123.4 (q, ²*J*_{CF} = 31.5 Hz), 125.7 (q, ¹*J*_{CF} = 270.8 Hz), 125.8, 129.8, 129.9, 139.3, 153.9, 167.4, 139.2, 153.9.



N-(4-methoxyphenyl)-6-(trifluoromethyl)benzo[*d*]thiazol-2-amine (**3i**)⁴ white solid, mp 200-201 °C IR (prism, KBr, cm⁻¹) 3419, 1628; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 3.86 (s, 3H), 6.99 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.41 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.43 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.51 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.82 (s, 2H), 9.47 (br, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 55.5, 115.0, 118.3, 118.6, 123.7, 124.3 (q, ²J_{CF} = 32 Hz), 124.6, 125.8 (q, ¹J_{CF} = 270 Hz), 130.0, 132.1, 154.3, 158.0, 169.3.

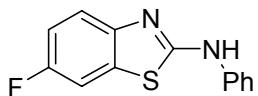


N-(4-nitrophenyl)-6-(trifluoromethyl)benzo[*d*]thiazol-2-amine (**3j**)⁶ yellow solid, mp 253-254 °C IR (prism, KBr, cm⁻¹) 3437, 1619; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO) δ 7.70 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.86 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 8.03 (d, *J* = 9.2 Hz, 2H), 8.29 (d, *J* = 9.2 Hz, 2H), 8.36 (s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO) δ 118.0, 119.6, 120.6, 123.8 (q, ²J_{CF} = 33 Hz), 125.1 (q, ¹J_{CF} = 270 Hz), 125.8, 131.4, 141.8, 146.2, 154.7, 163.9.

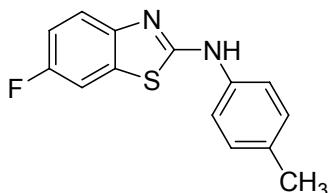


N-(4-chlorophenyl)-6-(trifluoromethyl)benzo[*d*]thiazol-2-amine (**3k**)⁴ white solid, mp 193-194 °C (lit. mp 191-192 °C); IR (prism, KBr, cm⁻¹) 3435, 1623; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO) δ 7.45 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.65 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.77 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.86 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 8.30 (s, 1H), 10.93 (br, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz,

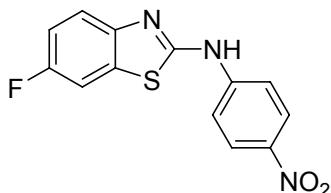
DMSO) δ 119.3, 119.8, 120.0, 123.3 (q, $J_{CF} = 20$ Hz), 125.4 (q, $^1J_{CF} = 270$ Hz), 126.4, 126.6, 129.3, 131.1, 139.3, 155.2, 164.4.



6-fluoro-*N*-phenylbenzo[*d*]thiazol-2-amine (**3l**)⁷ white solid, mp 158-160 °C (lit. mp 152-157 °C); IR (prism, KBr, cm⁻¹) 3437, 1630; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.01 (dt, $J = 2.4, 8.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.21 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 7.29 (dd, $J = 2.4, 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.35 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2H), 7.41 (dd, $J = 4.8, 8.8$ Hz, 1H), 9.08 (br, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 107.6 (d, $^2J_{C-F} = 27$ Hz), 113.8 (d, $^2J_{C-F} = 24$ Hz), 119.6, 121.2, 130.2, 130.6, 134.7, 137.1, 148.0, 158.6 (d, $^1J_{C-F} = 239$ Hz), 162.1.

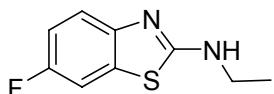


6-fluoro-*N*-p-tolylbenzo[*d*]thiazol-2-amine (**3m**)⁴ white solid, mp 168-169 °C (lit. mp 174-175 °C); IR (prism, KBr, cm⁻¹) 3437, 1627; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 2.37 (s, 3H), 7.10 (dt, $J = 2.4, 8.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.22 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 7.30 (dd, $J = 2.4, 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.35 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2H), 7.40 (dd, $J = 4.8, 8.8$ Hz, 1H), 9.08 (br, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 20.9, 107.5 (d, $^2J_{C-F} = 27$ Hz), 113.8 (d, $^2J_{C-F} = 24$ Hz), 119.6, 121.1, 130.2, 130.6, 134.7, 137.1, 148.0, 158.6 (d, $^1J_{C-F} = 240$ Hz), 162.5.

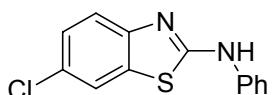


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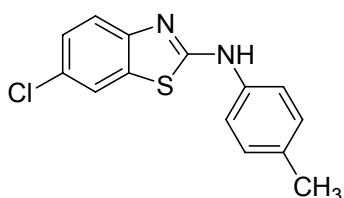
(lit. mp 259-260 °C); IR (prism, KBr, cm^{-1}) 3337, 1613; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO) δ 7.21-7.25 (m, 1H), 7.71 (dd, $J = 4.8, 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.77 (dd, $J = 2.4, 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.98 (d, $J = 9.2$ Hz, 2H), 8.26 (d, $J = 9.2$ Hz, 2H), 11.12 (br, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO) δ 108.2 (d, $^2J_{\text{CF}} = 27$ Hz), 113.9 (d, $^2J_{\text{CF}} = 24$ Hz), 117.0, 120.9, 125.4, 131.4, 140.9, 146.1, 148.0, 158.4 (d, $^1J_{\text{CF}} = 237$ Hz), 160.4.



6-fluoro-*N*-phenylbenzo[*d*]thiazol-2-amine (**3o**) IR (prism, KBr, cm^{-1}) 3437, 1622; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 1.32 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 3H), 3.44 (q, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 5.70 (br, 1H) 6.97-7.03 (m, 1H), 7.26-7.30 (m, 1H), 7.43 (dd, $J = 4.8, 8.8$ Hz, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 14.8, 40.3. 107.6 (d, $^2J_{\text{CF}} = 27$ Hz), 113.5 (d, $^2J_{\text{CF}} = 24$ Hz), 119.0, 130.9, 143.7, 158.1(d, $^1J_{\text{CF}} = 239$ Hz), 167.2; HRMS calcd for $\text{C}_9\text{H}_{10}\text{FN}_2\text{S}^+$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: 197.0500; Found: 197.0546.

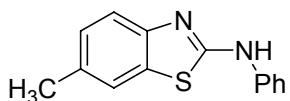


6-chloro-*N*-phenylbenzo[*d*]thiazol-2-amine (**3p**)⁷ white solid, mp 187-189 °C (lit. mp 188-189 °C); IR (prism, KBr, cm^{-1}) 3445, 1624; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.11 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.20 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.34 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 2H), 7.41 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 3H), 7.51 (s, 1H), 8.20 (br, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 120.2, 120.5, 124.6, 126.7, 127.7, 129.6, 131.3, 139.4, 150.3, 164.4.

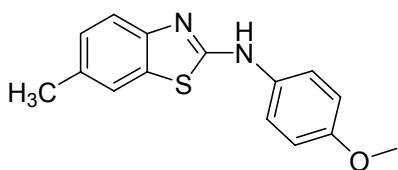


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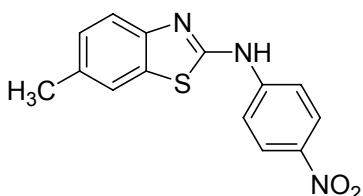
209-211 °C); IR (prism, KBr, cm⁻¹) 3434, 1627; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO) δ 2.37 (s, 3H), 7.10 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.22 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.25 (s, 1H), 7.35 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.41 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 8.50 (br, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO) δ 20.8, 118.5, 118.6, 120.4, 121.1, 126.3, 126.4, 129.8, 131.9, 132.1, 138.2, 151.5, 162.8.



6-methyl-*N*-phenylbenzo[*d*]thiazol-2-amine (**3r**)⁷ white solid, mp 165-167 °C; IR (prism, KBr, cm⁻¹) 3436, 1626; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 2.41 (s, 1H), 7.14 (t, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.37-7.49 (m, 6H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 21.3, 118.9, 120.2, 120.9, 124.2, 127.4, 129.5, 129.9, 132.2, 140.1, 149.1, 164.2.

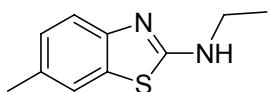


N-(4-methoxyphenyl)-6-methylbenzo[*d*]thiazol-2-amine (**3s**)⁶ white solid, mp 154-156 °C; IR (prism, KBr, cm⁻¹) 3442, 1611; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 2.38 (s, 3H), 3.84 (s, 3H), 6.94 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.07 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.32 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.36-7.40 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 21.3, 55.6, 114.8, 118.4, 120.9, 124.4, 127.2, 129.8, 131.7, 133.2, 149.5, 157.2, 166.5.



6-methyl-*N*-(4-nitrophenyl)benzo[*d*]thiazol-2-amine (**3t**)⁶ yellow solid, mp 271-273 °C; IR (prism, KBr, cm⁻¹) 3440, 1611; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO) δ 2.36 (s, 3H),

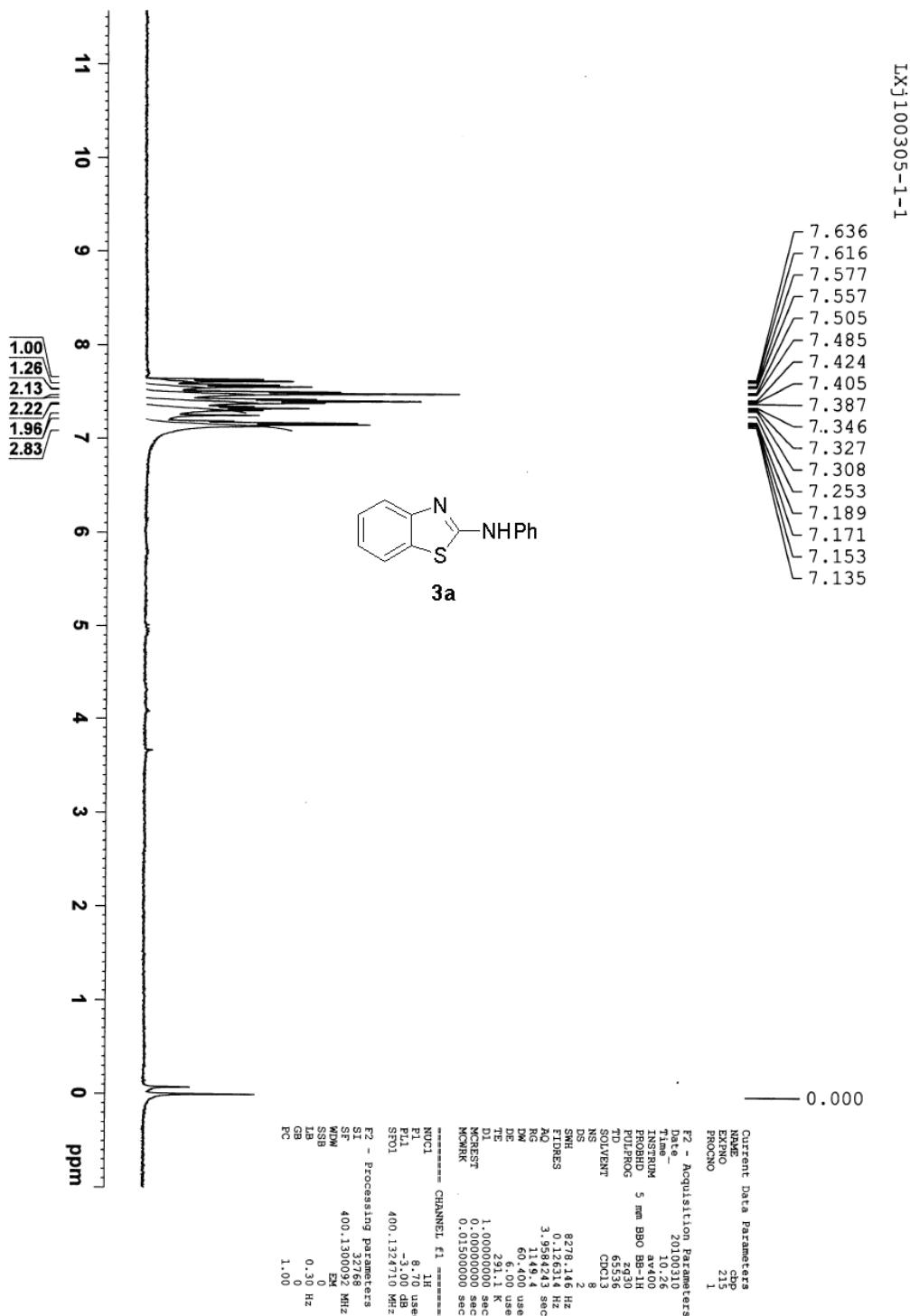
7.19 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 7.58 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.65 (s, 1H), 7.97 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 8.24 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO) δ 20.8, 117.0, 119.6, 121.0, 125.2, 127.3, 130.4, 132.7, 140.9, 146.4, 149.3, 159.7.

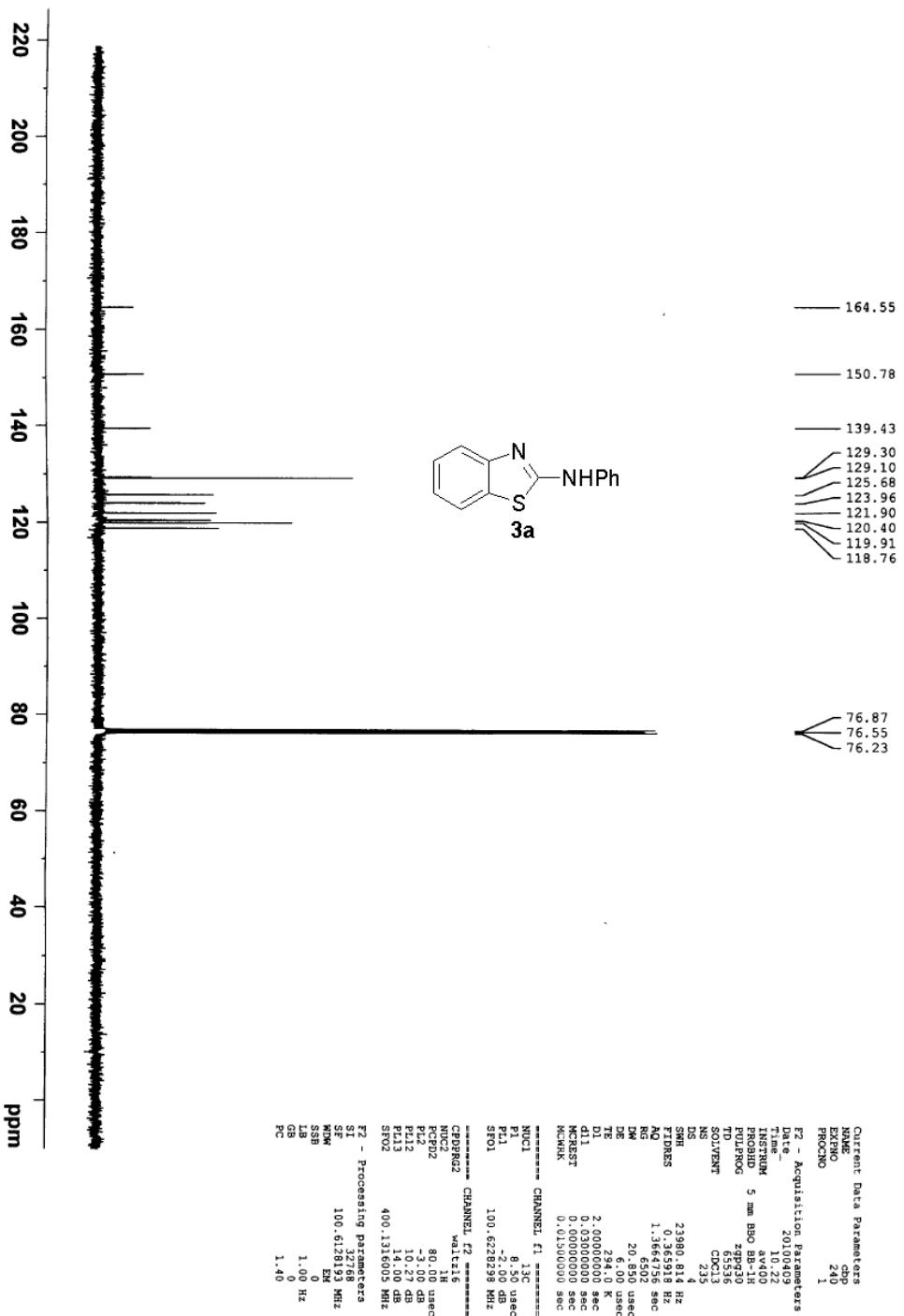


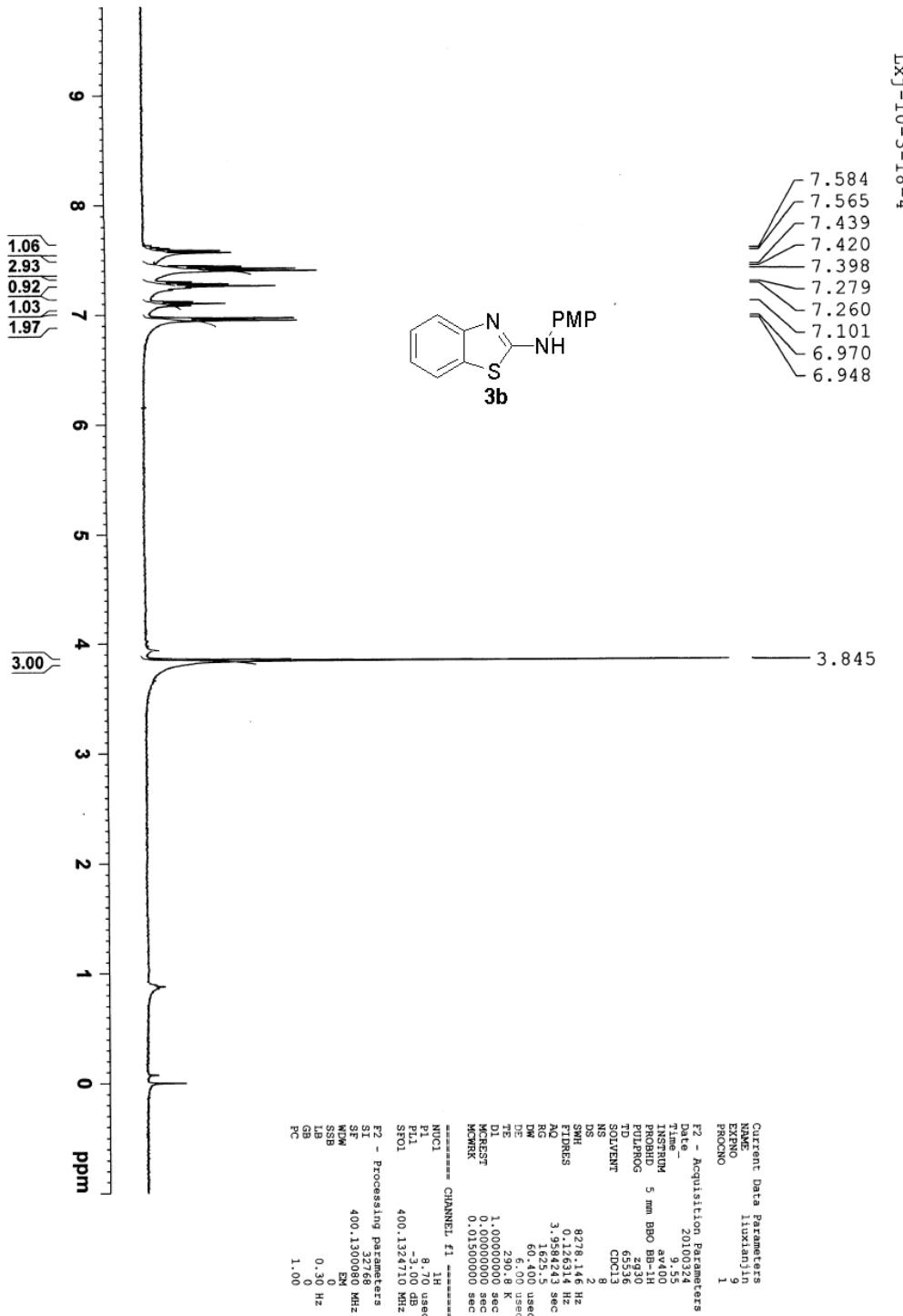
N-ethyl-6-methylbenzo[*d*]thiazol-2-amine (**3u**)⁶ white solid, mp 104-106 °C; IR (prism, KBr, cm⁻¹) 3436, 1627; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 1.31 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 3H), 2.38 (s, 1H), 3.41-3.46 (q, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 5.78 (br, 1H), 7.09 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.38 (s, 1H), 7.40 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 14.9, 21.2, 40.3, 118.2, 120.9, 127.1, 130.1, 131.2, 150.0, 167.0.

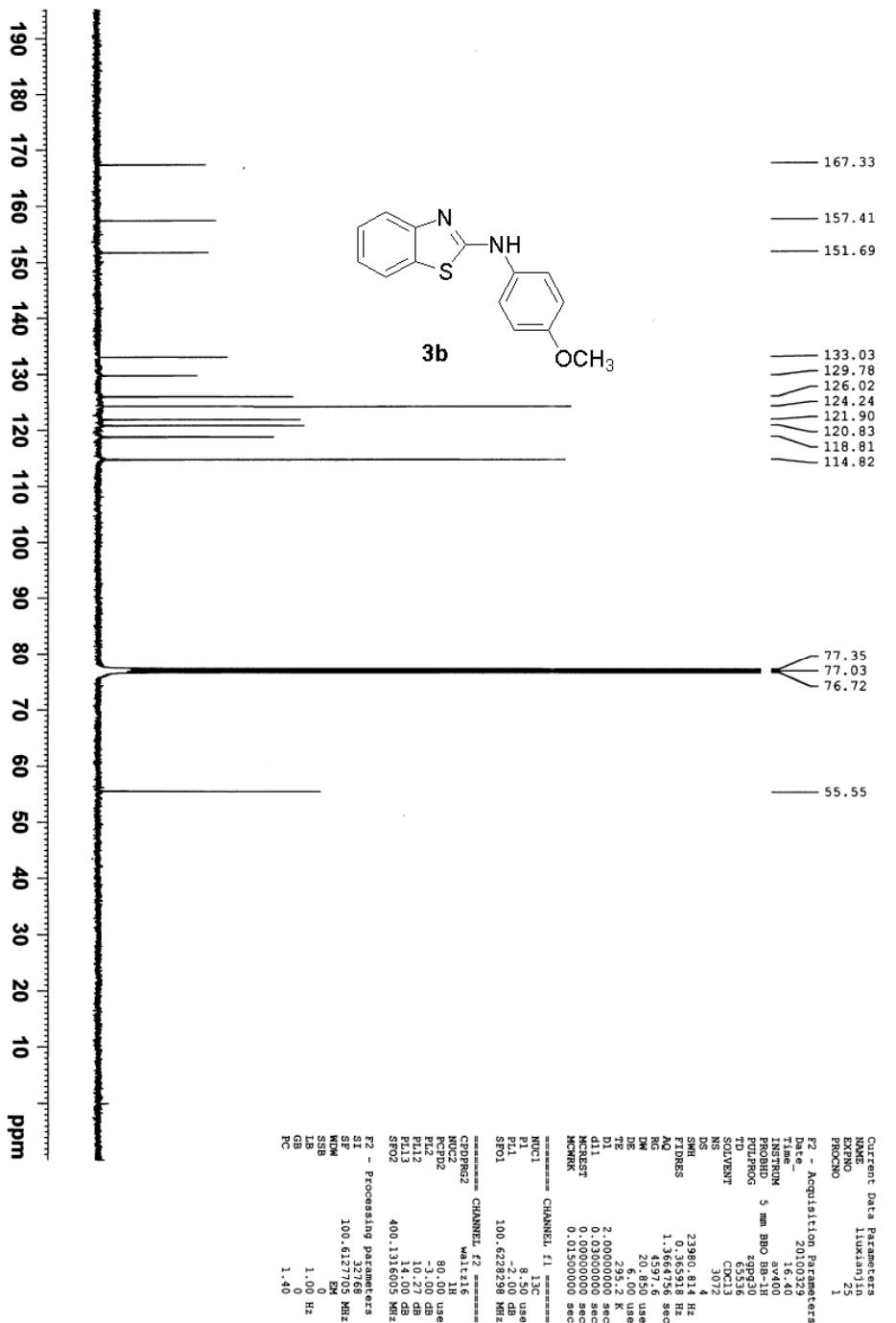
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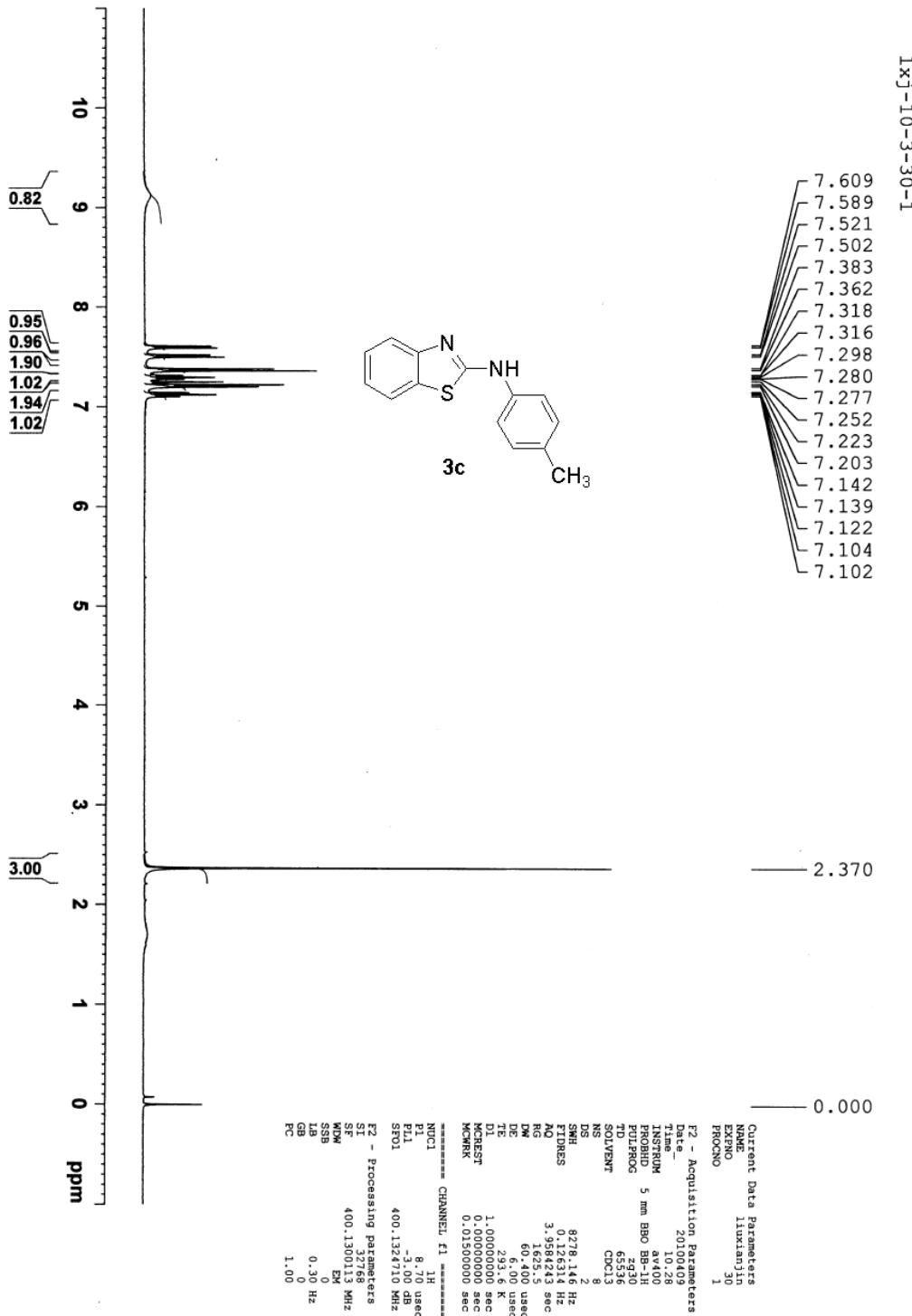
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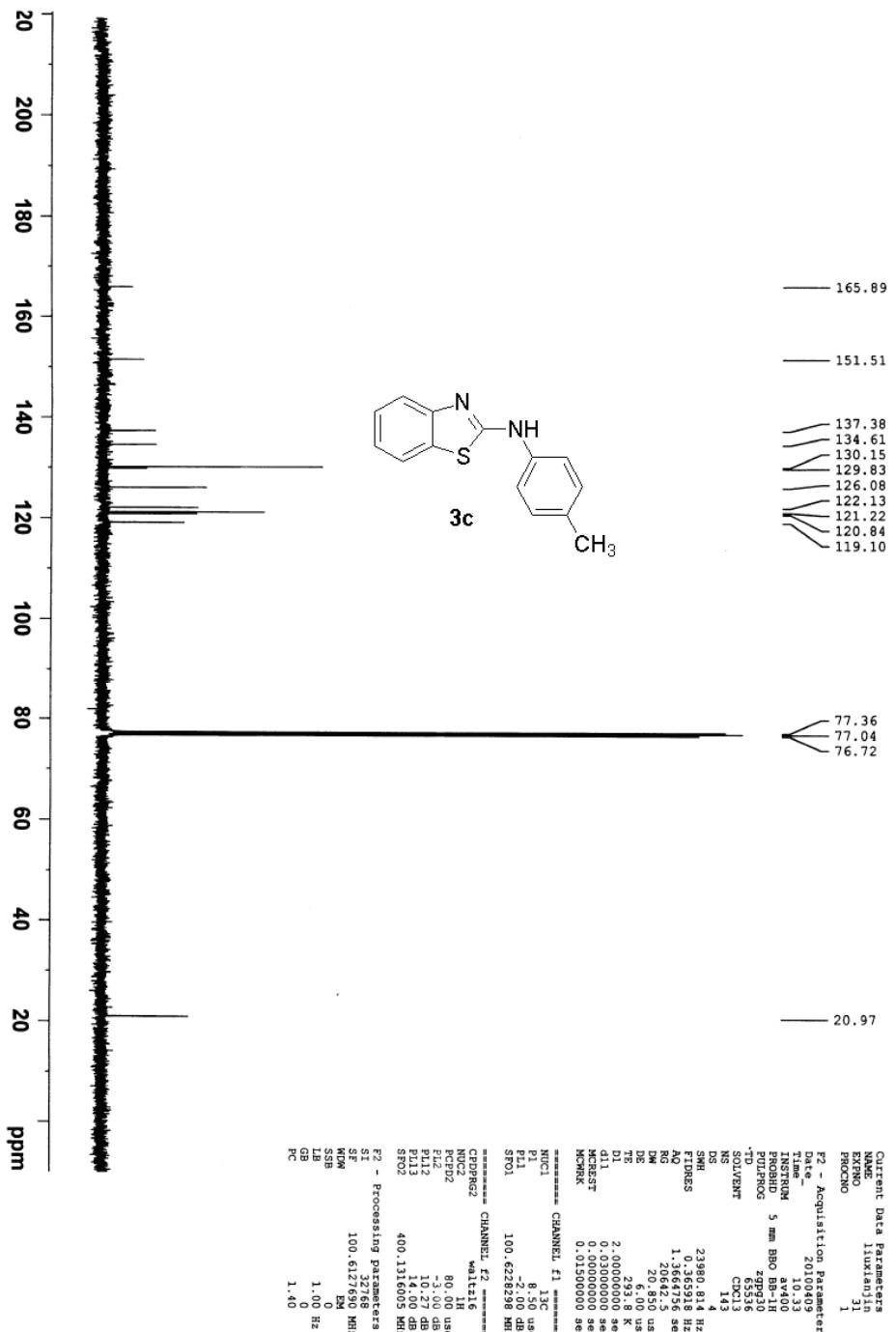


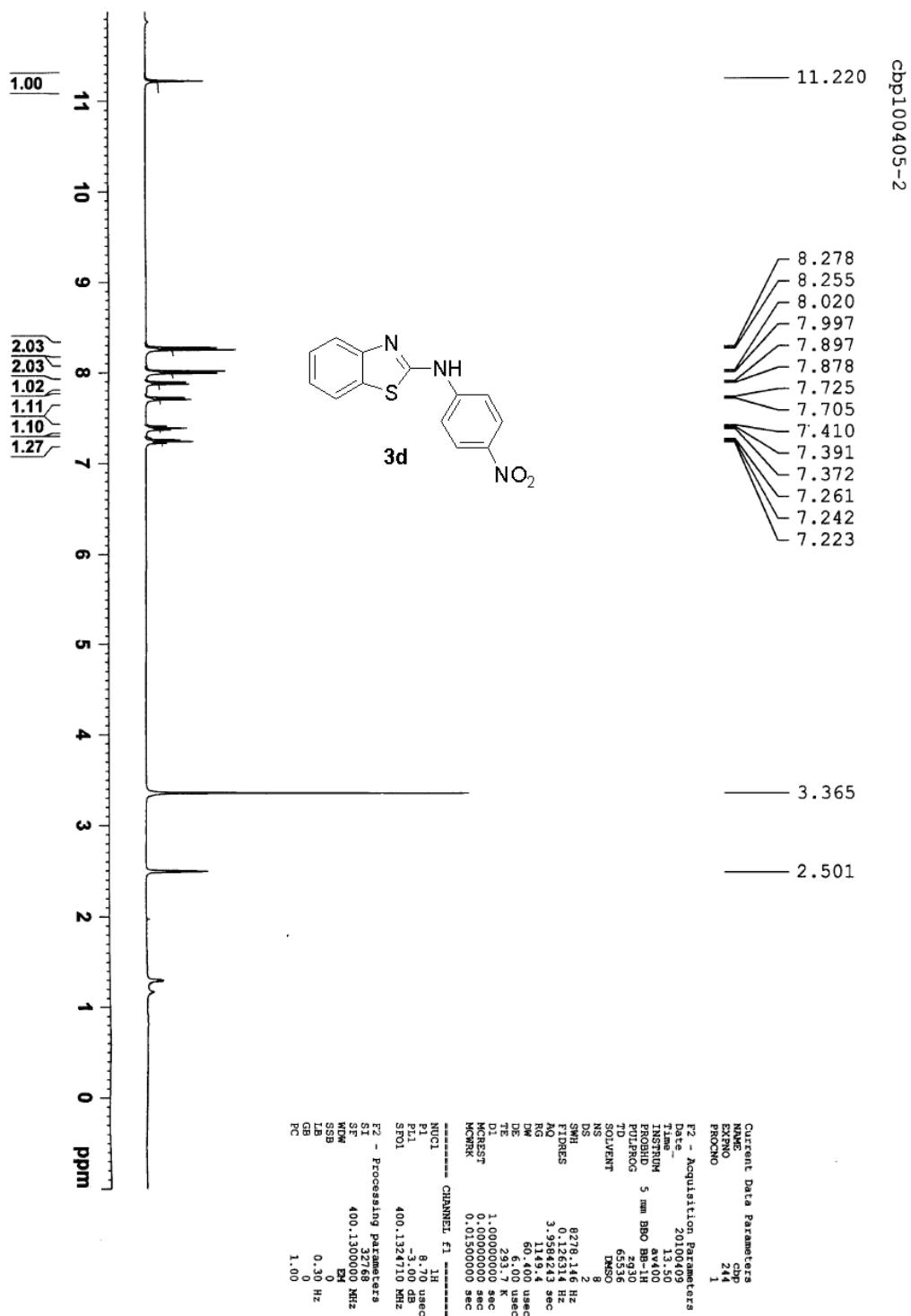




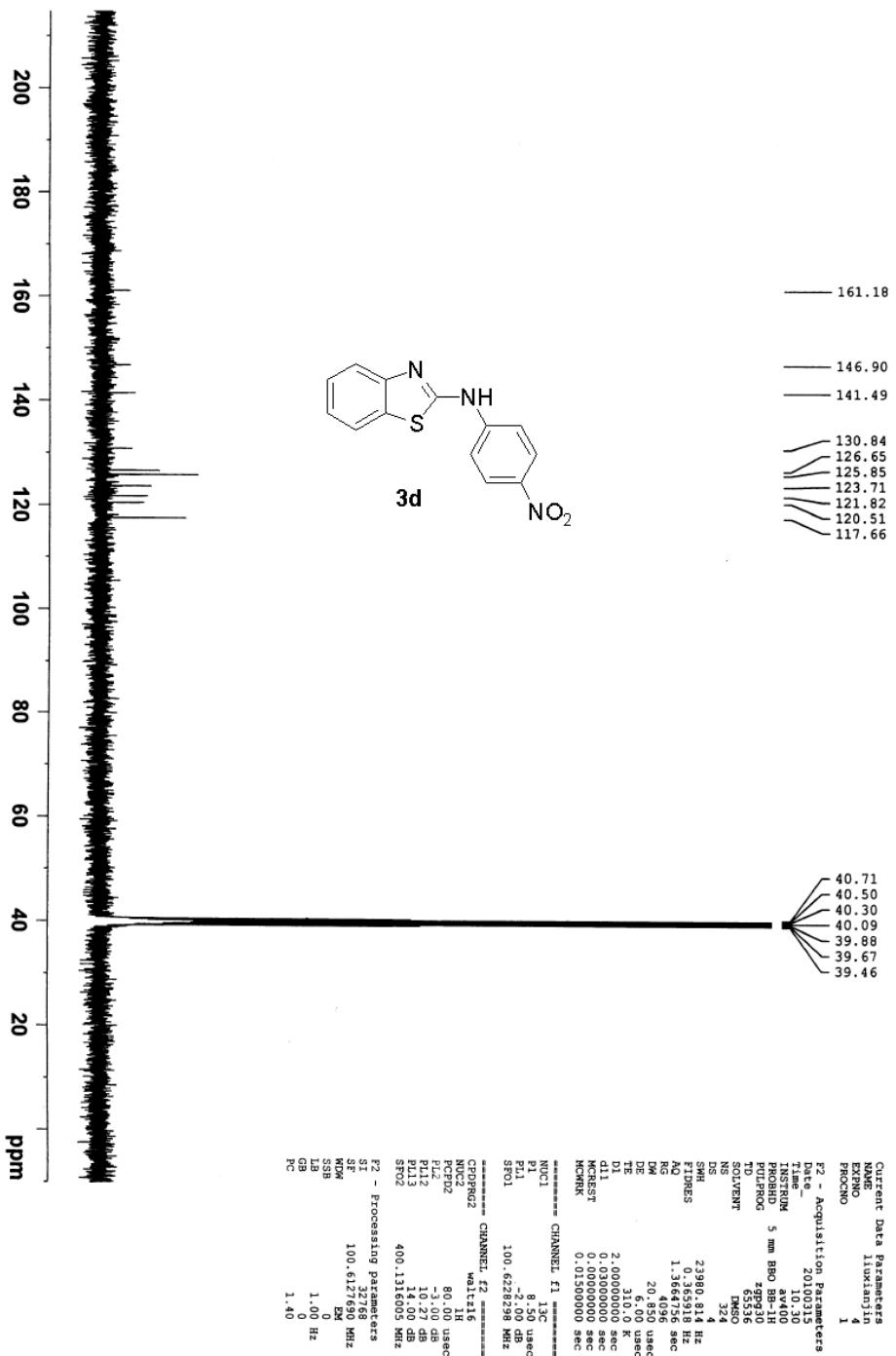


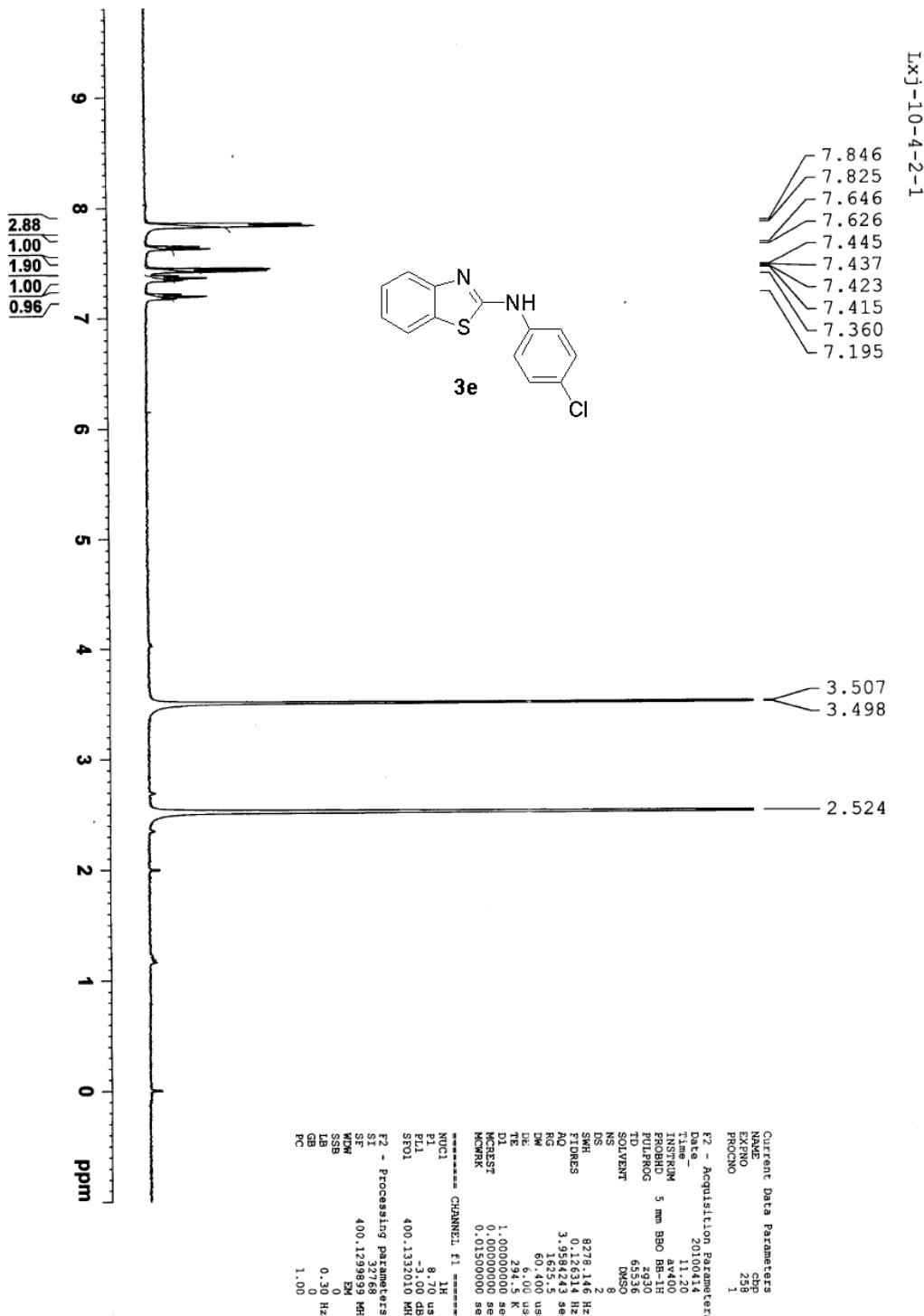


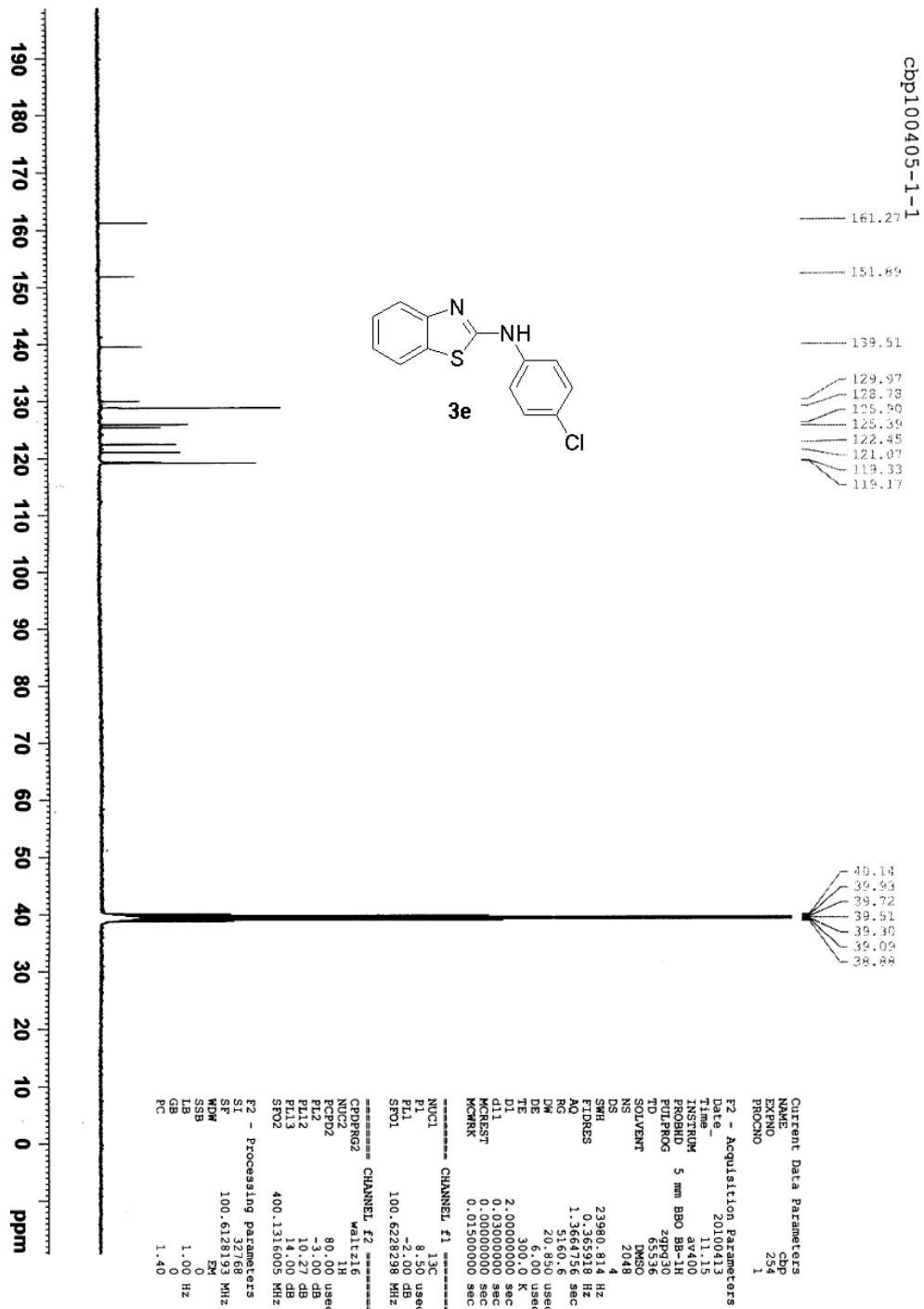


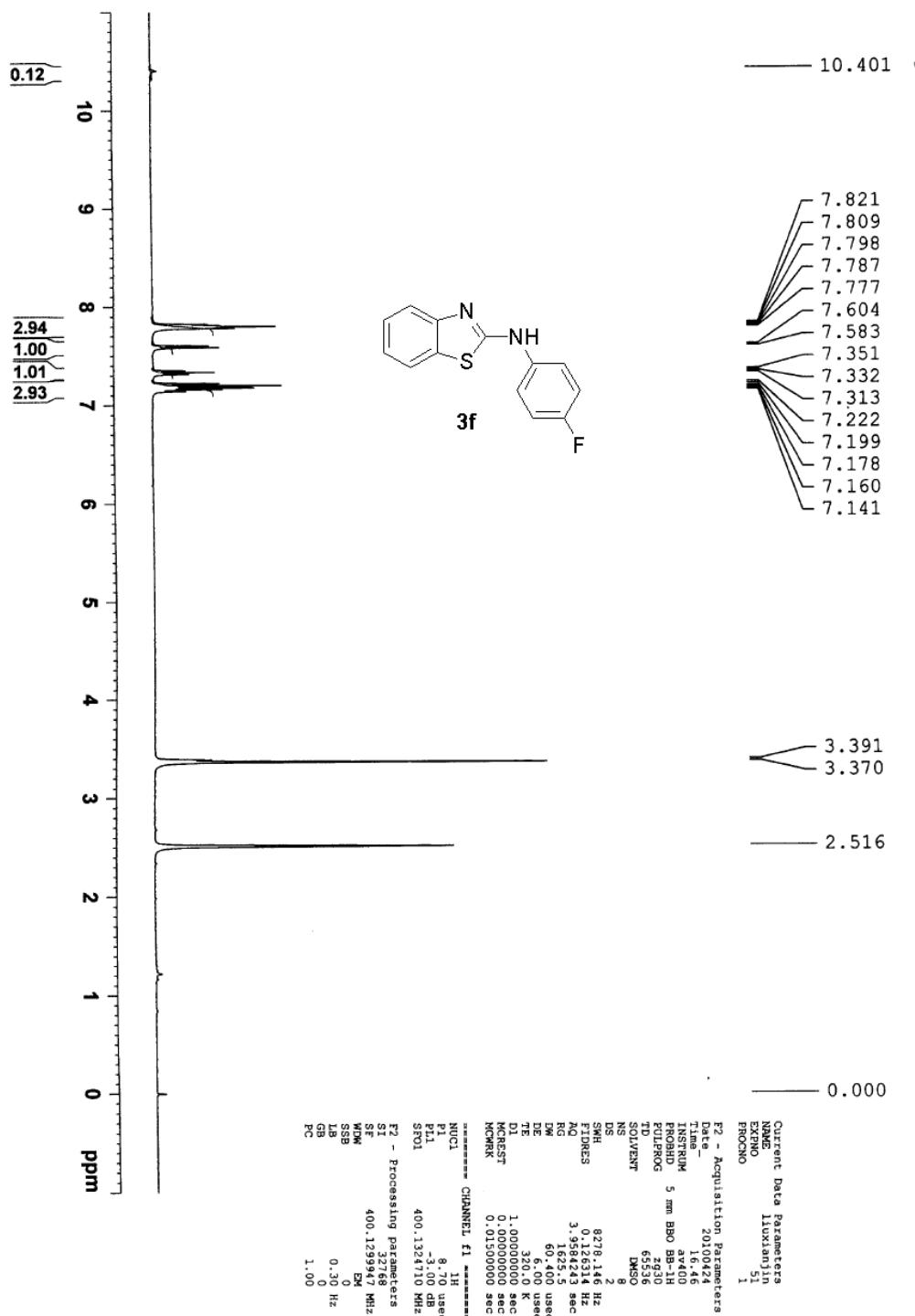


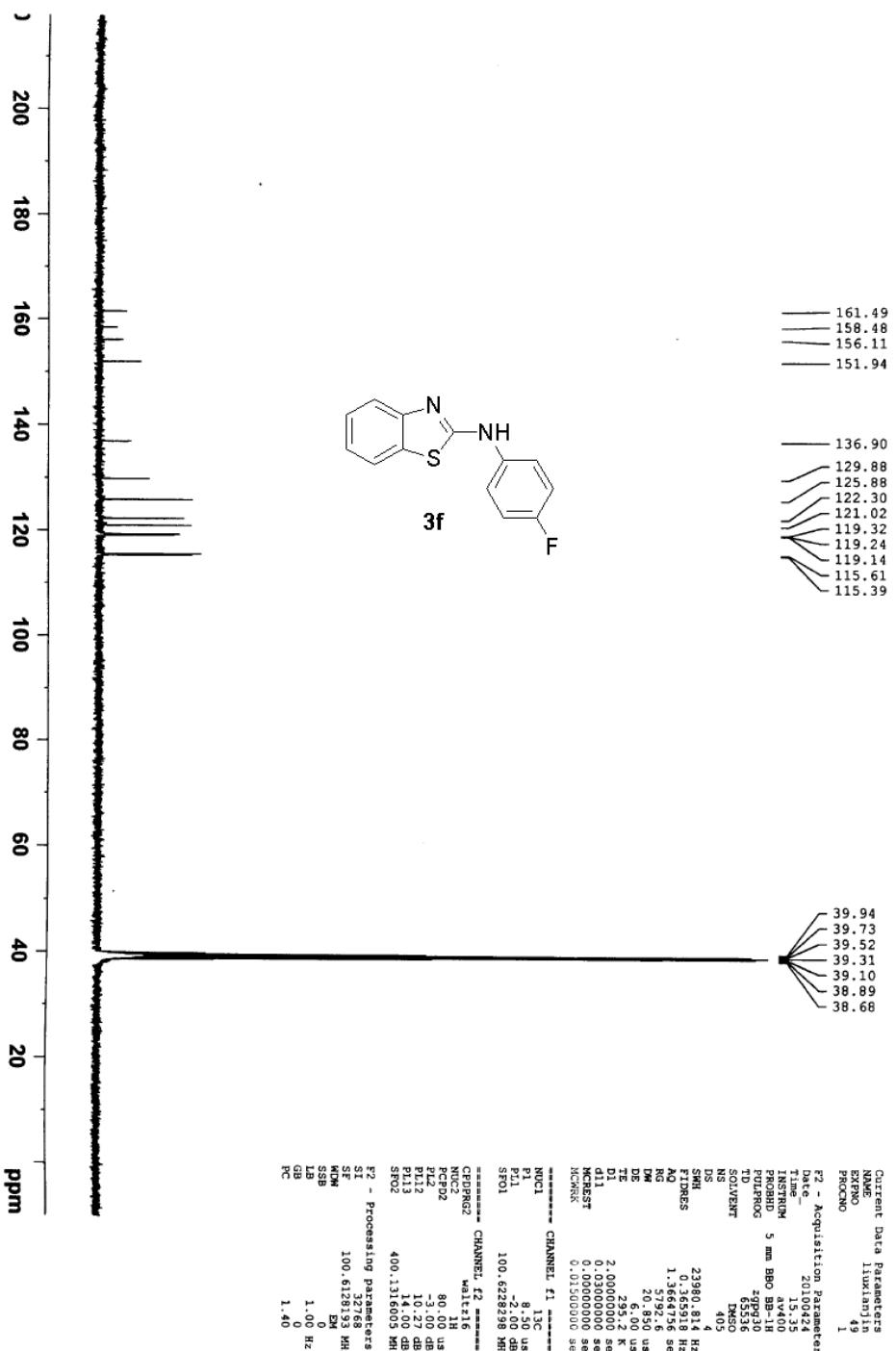
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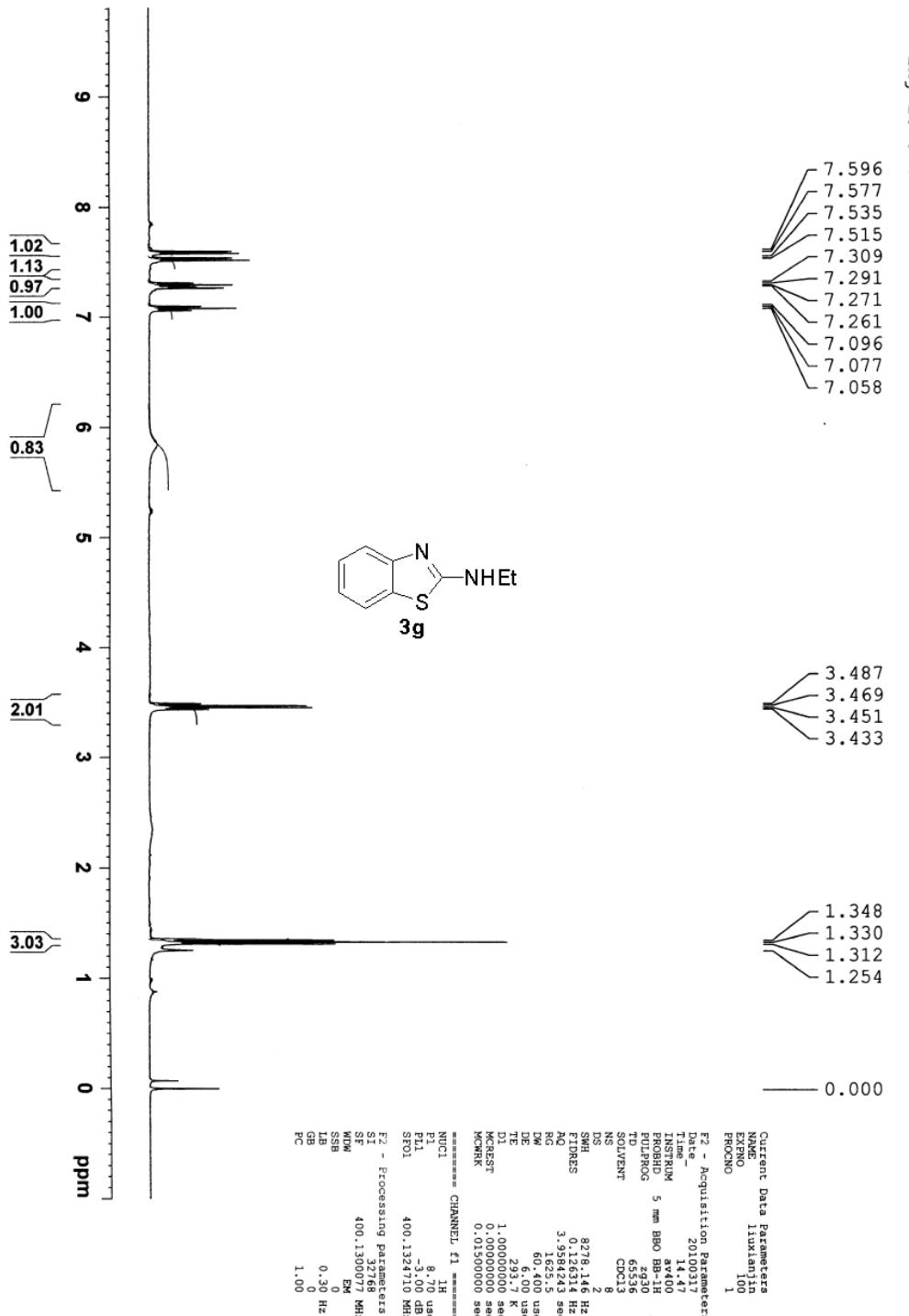


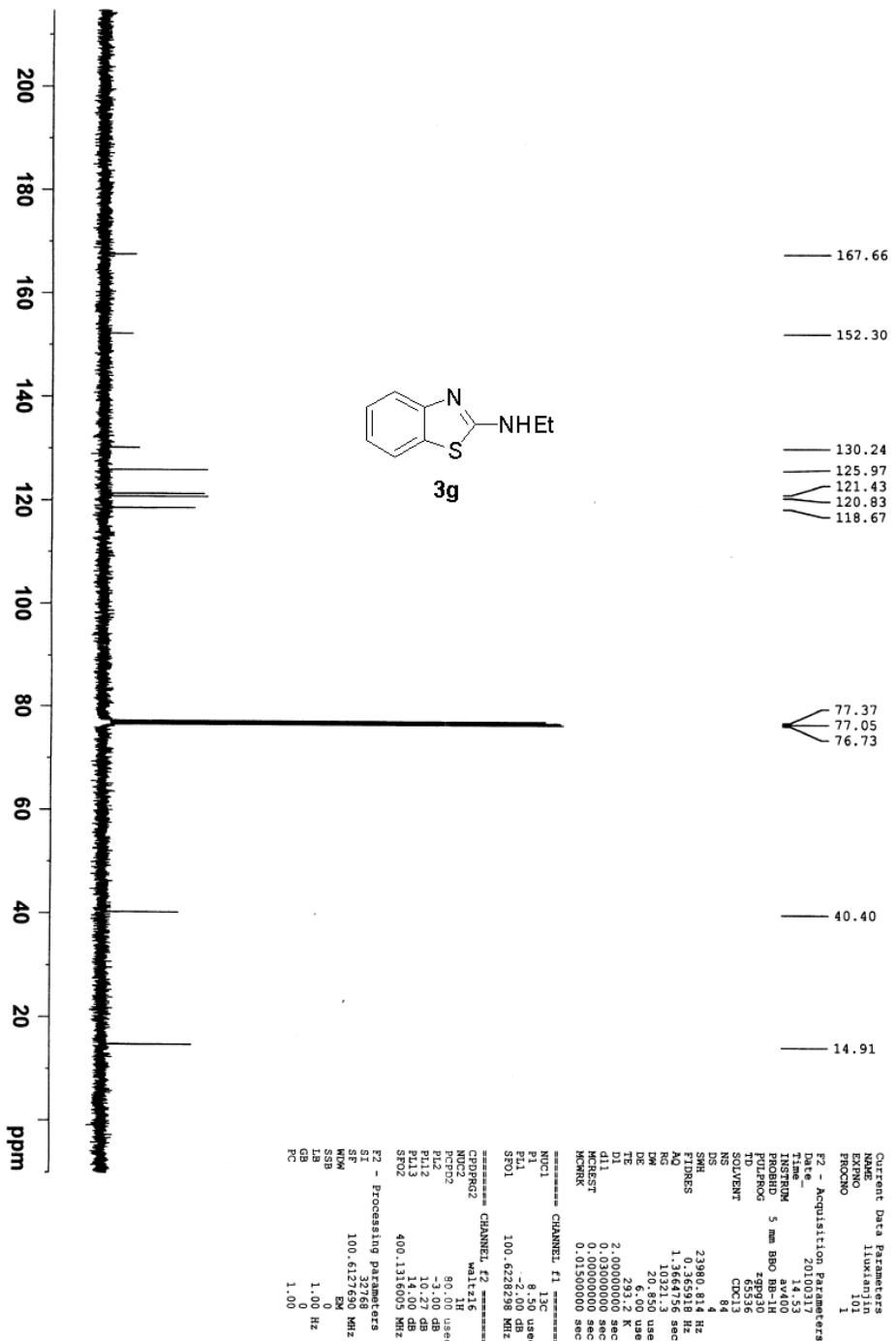




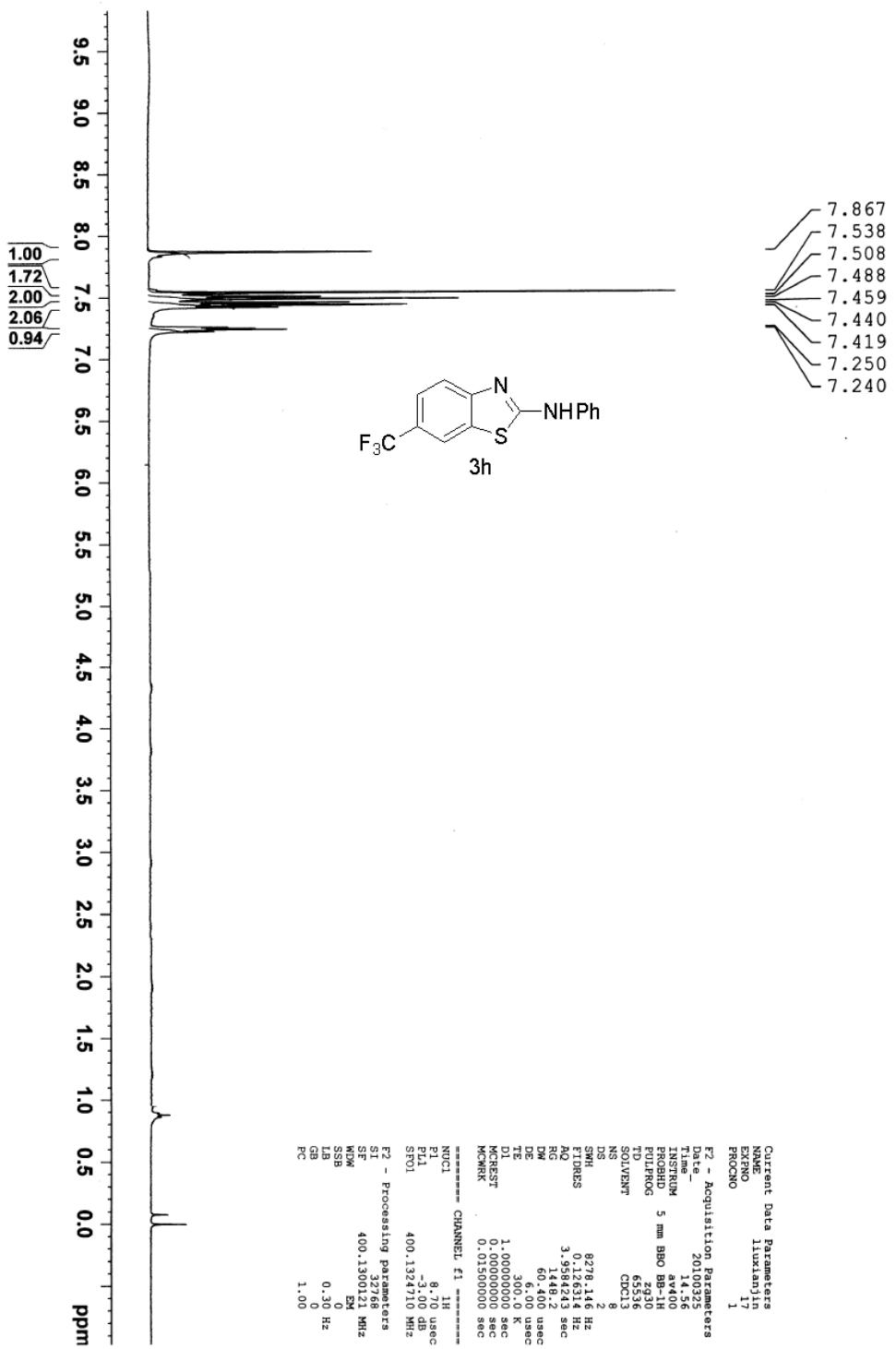




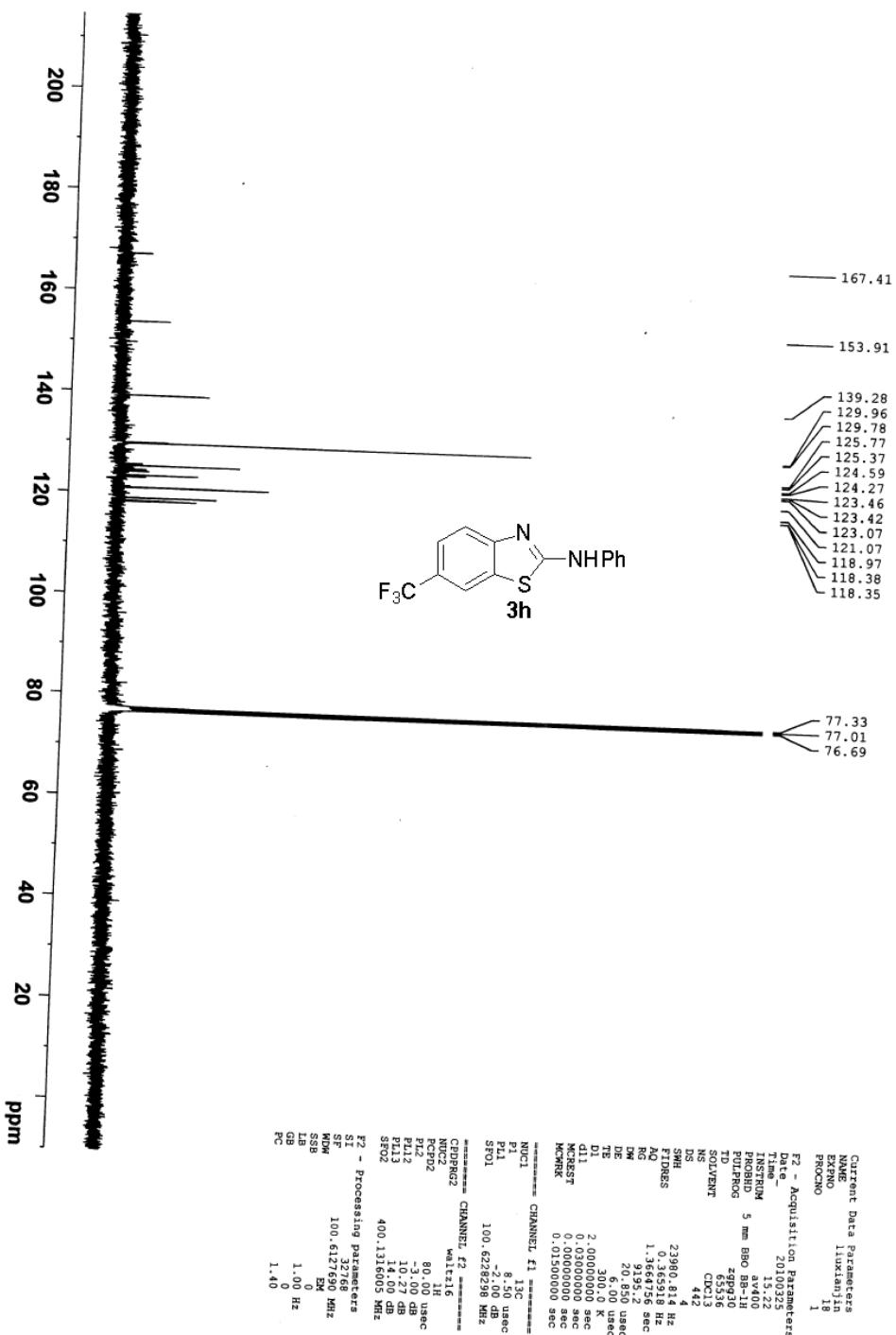


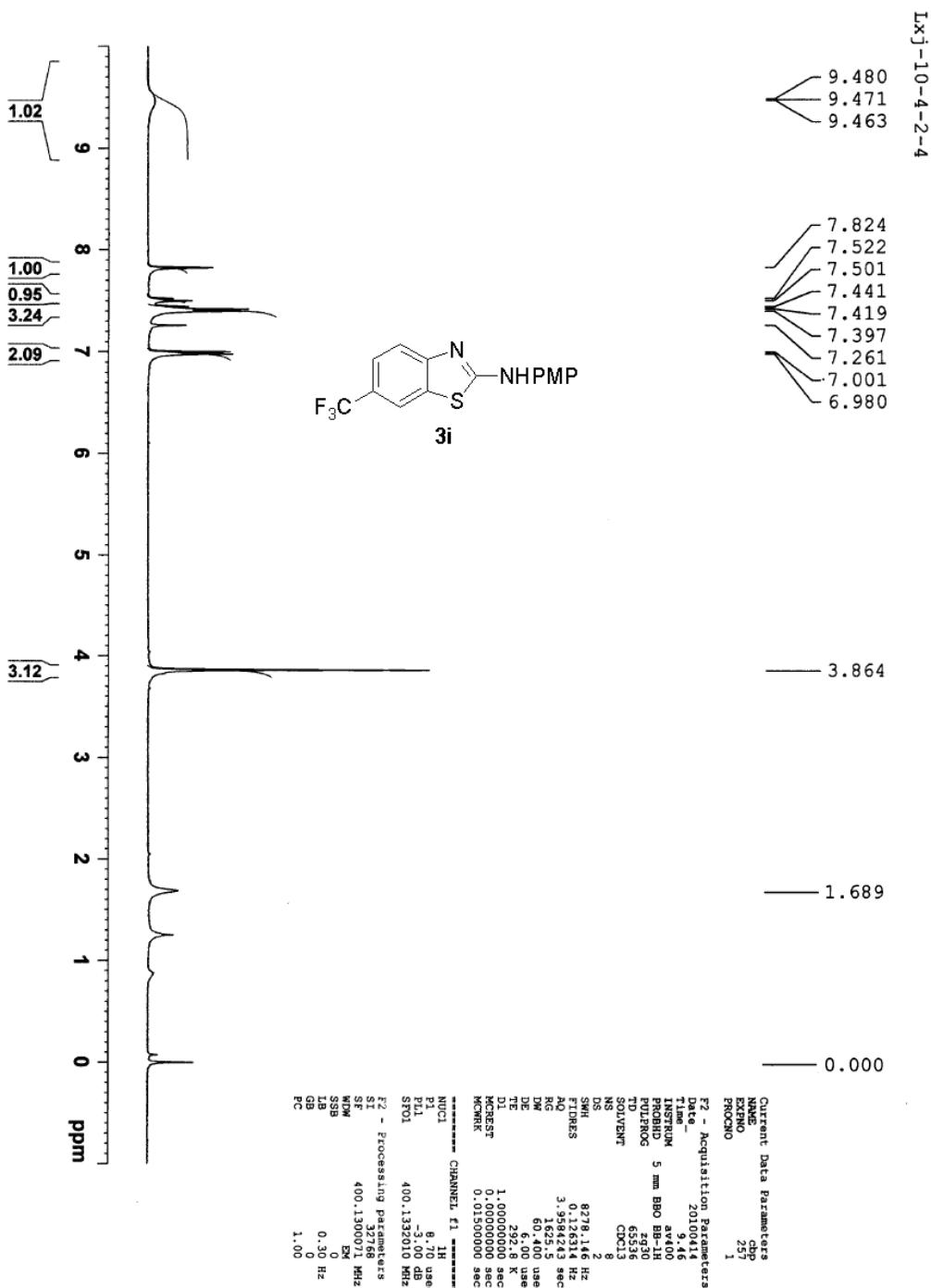


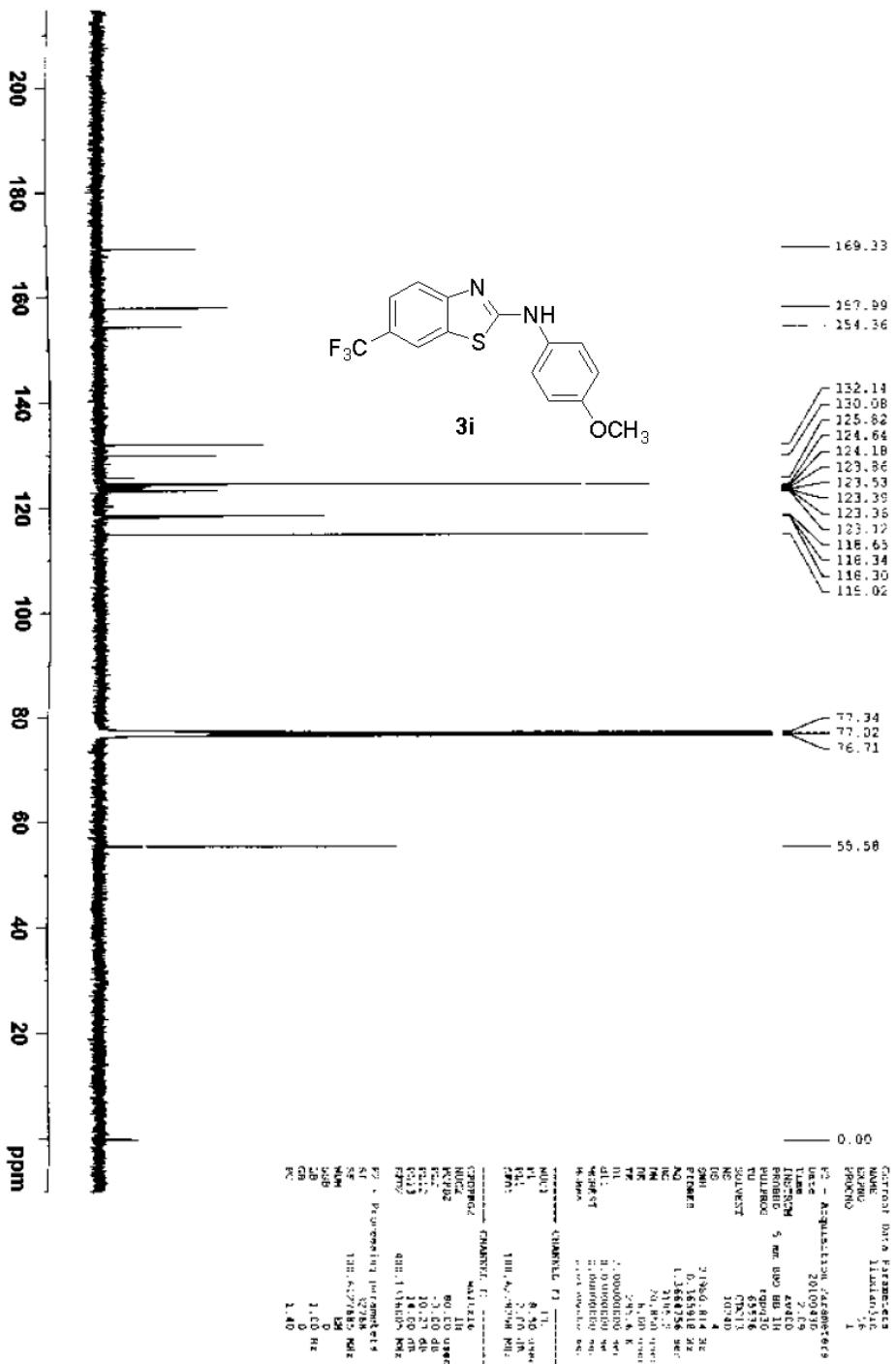
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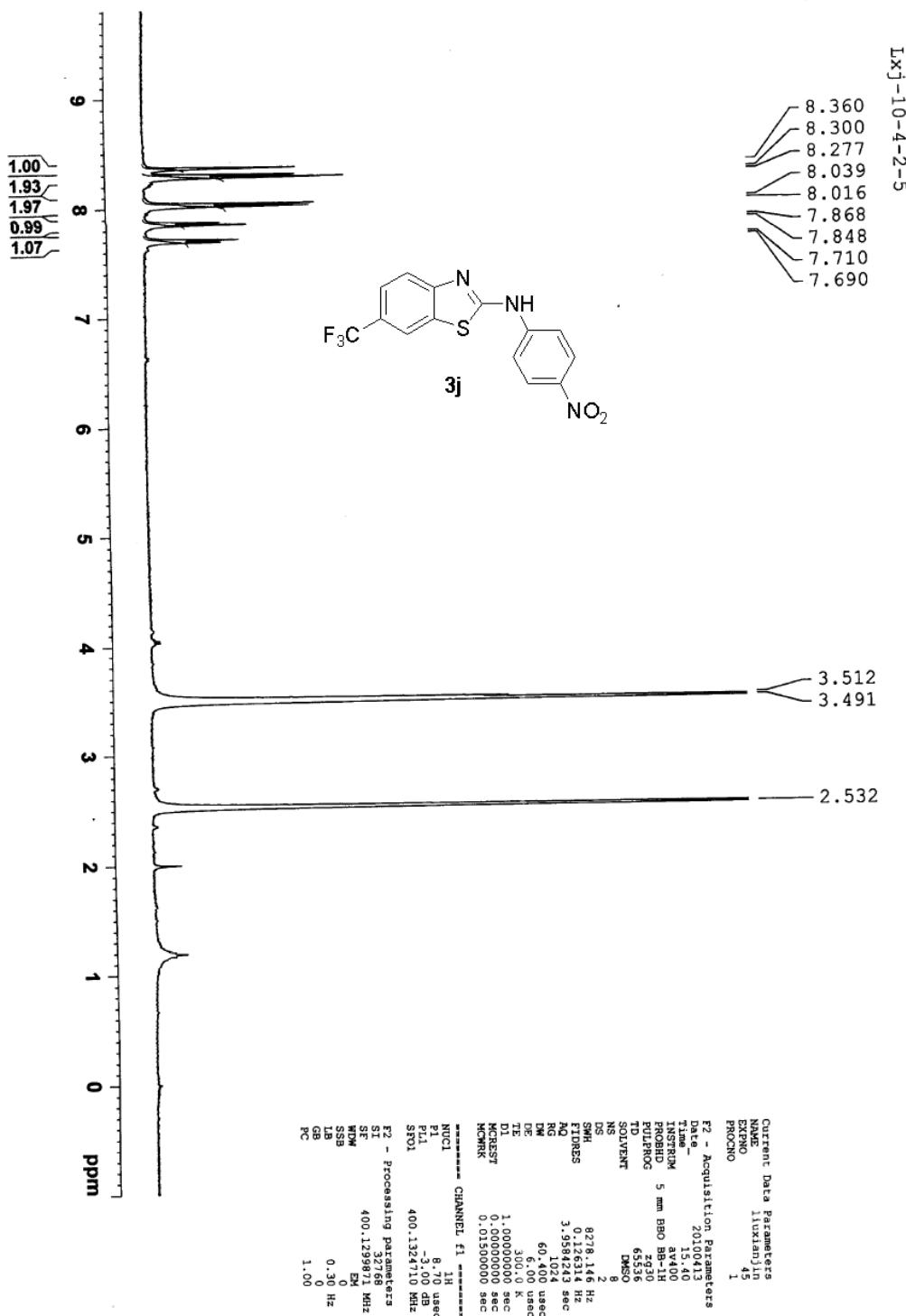


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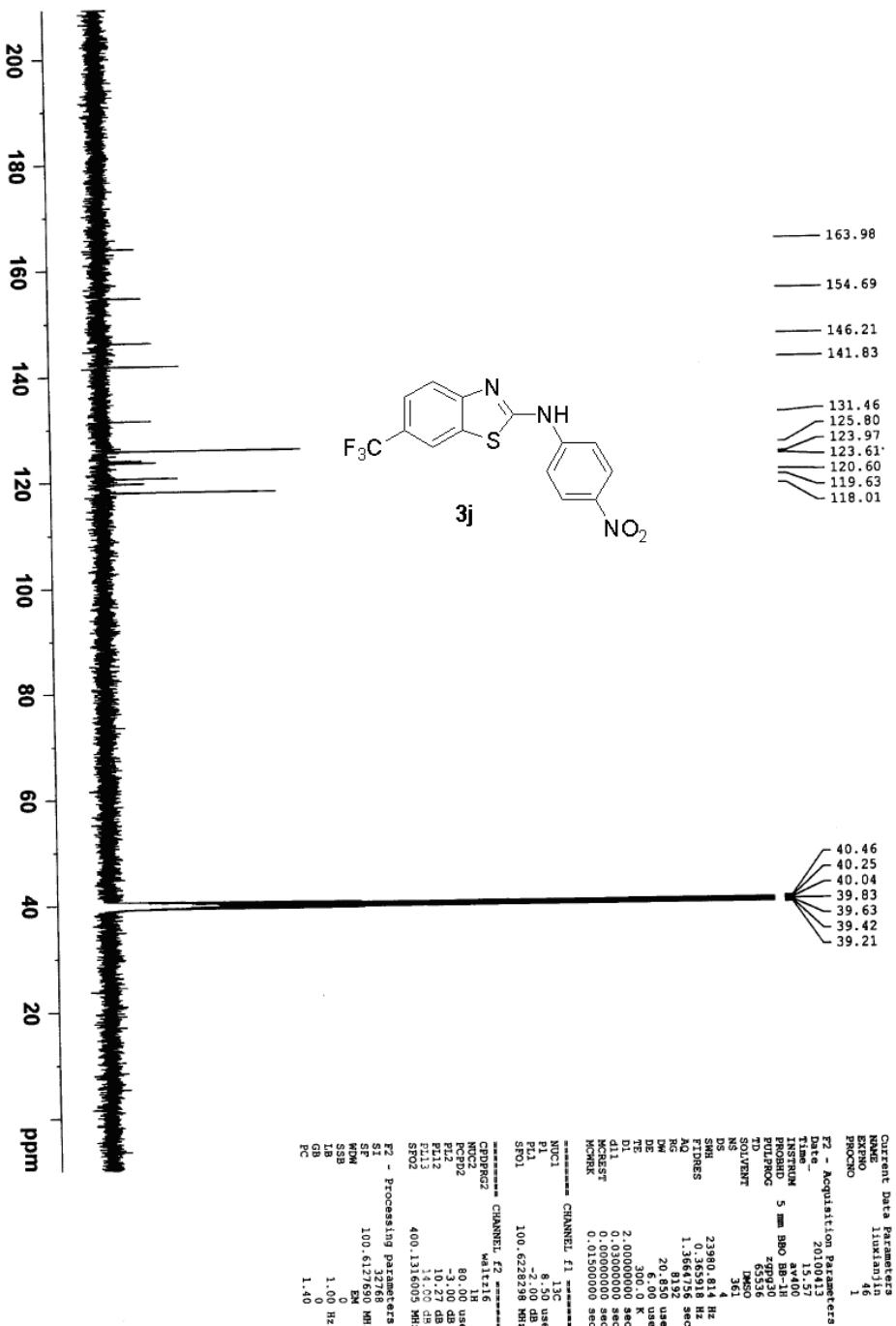


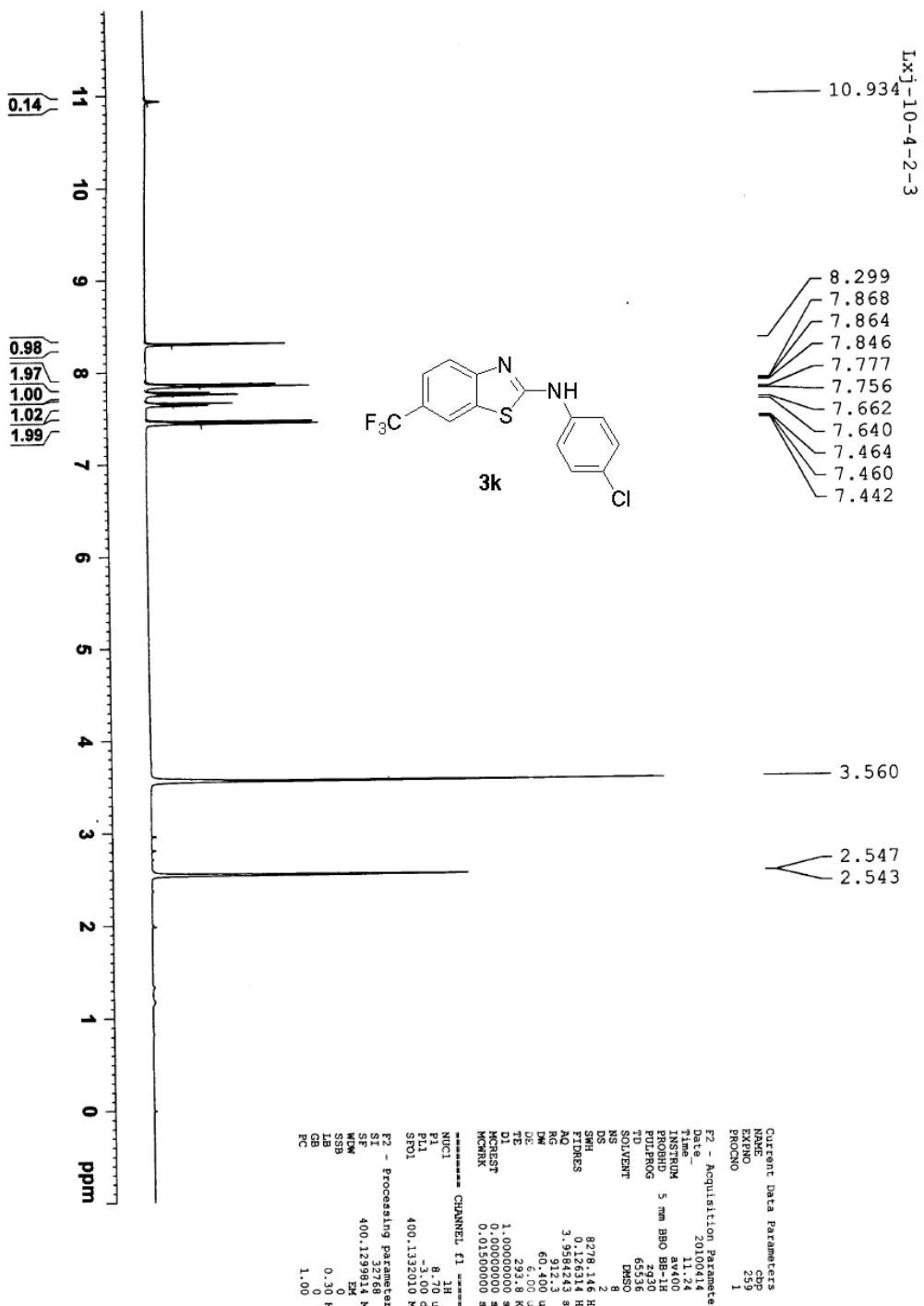


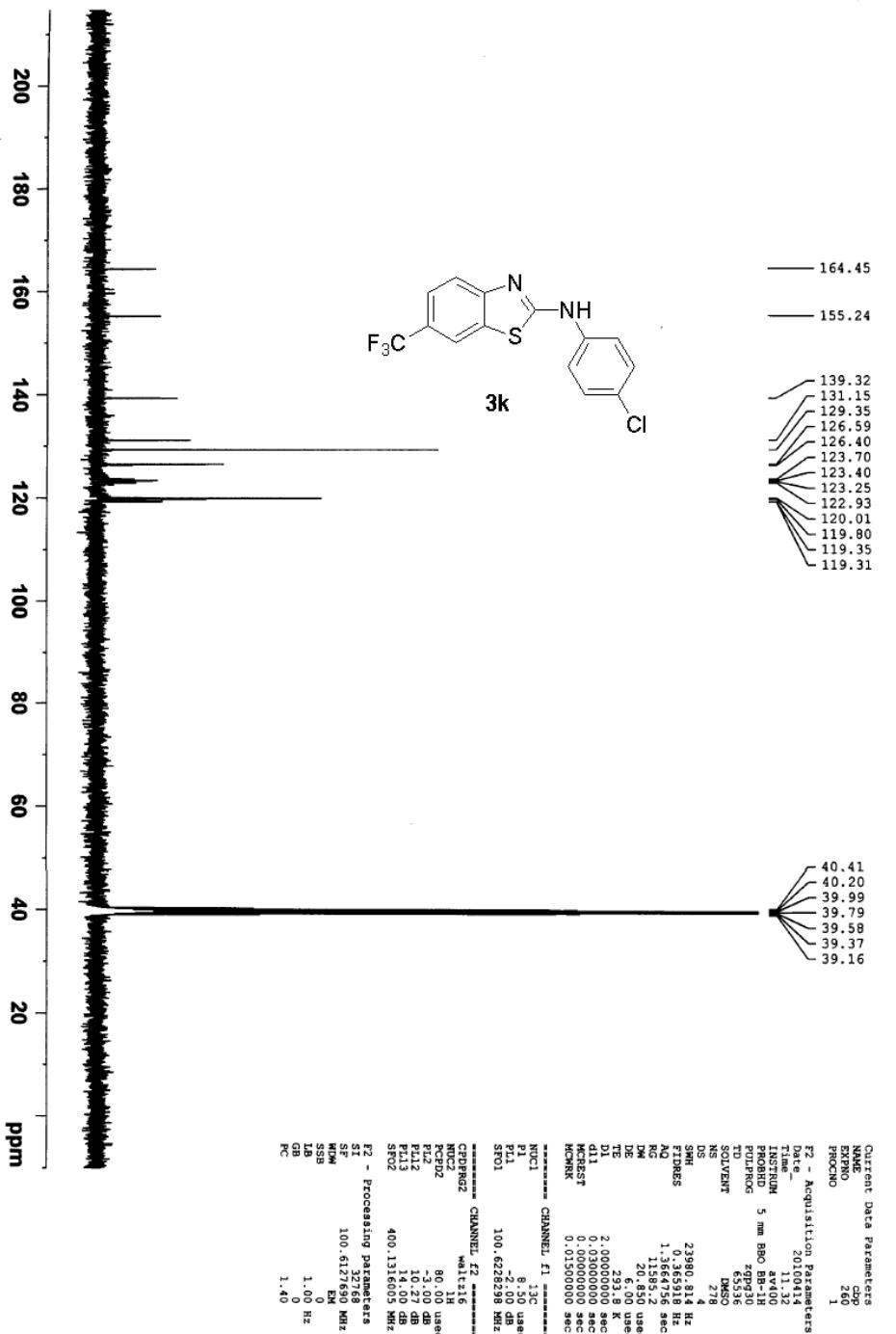


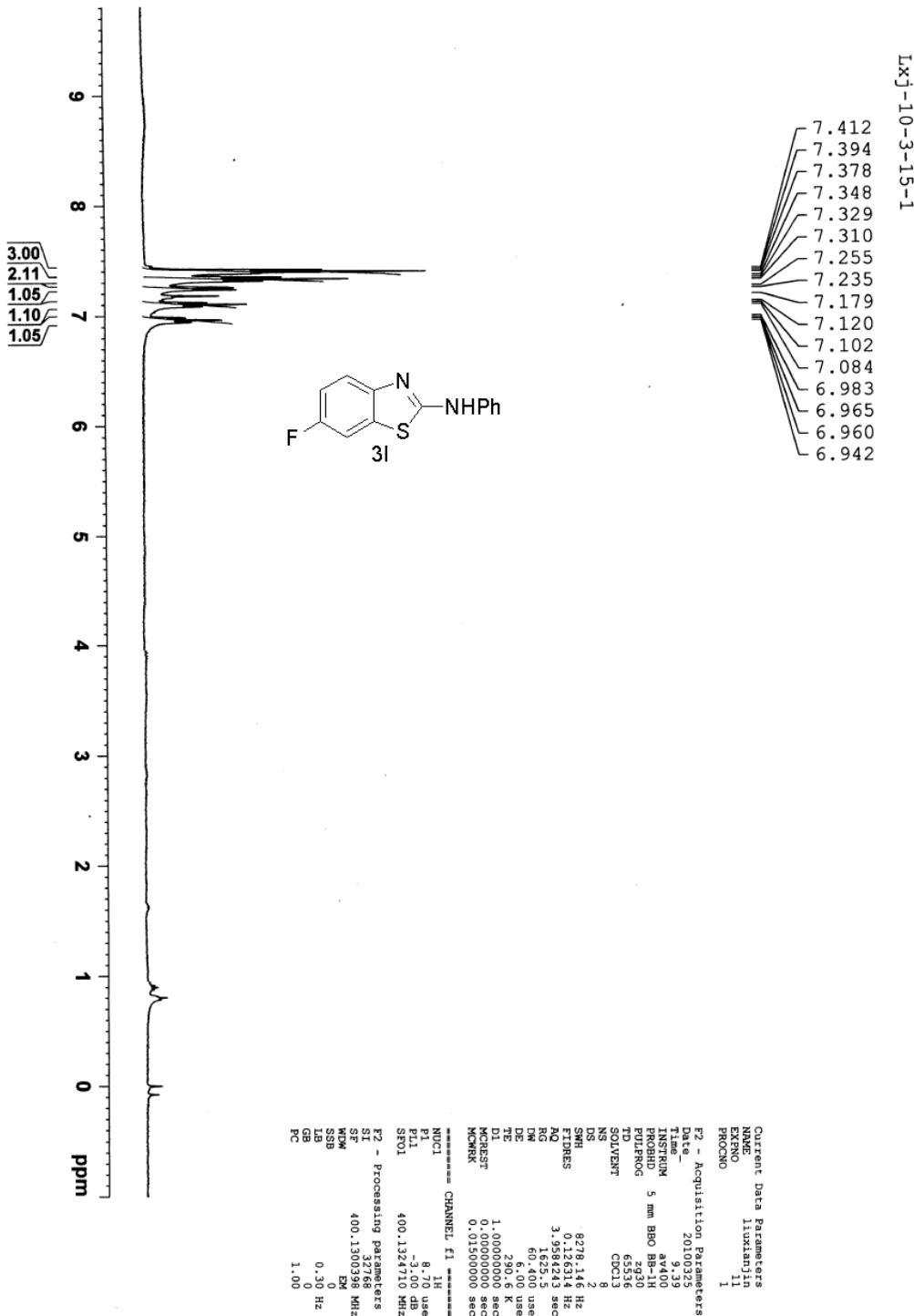


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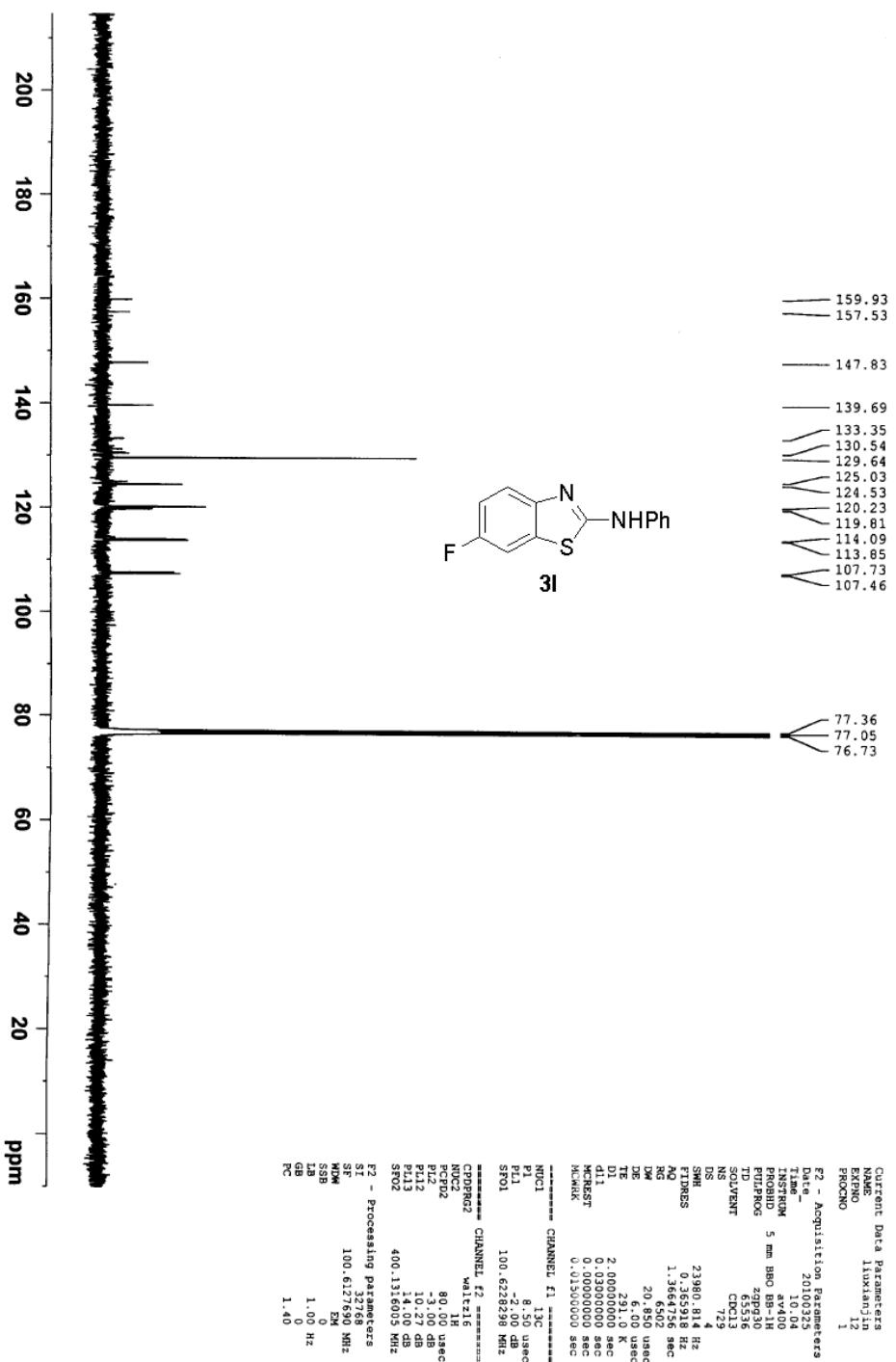


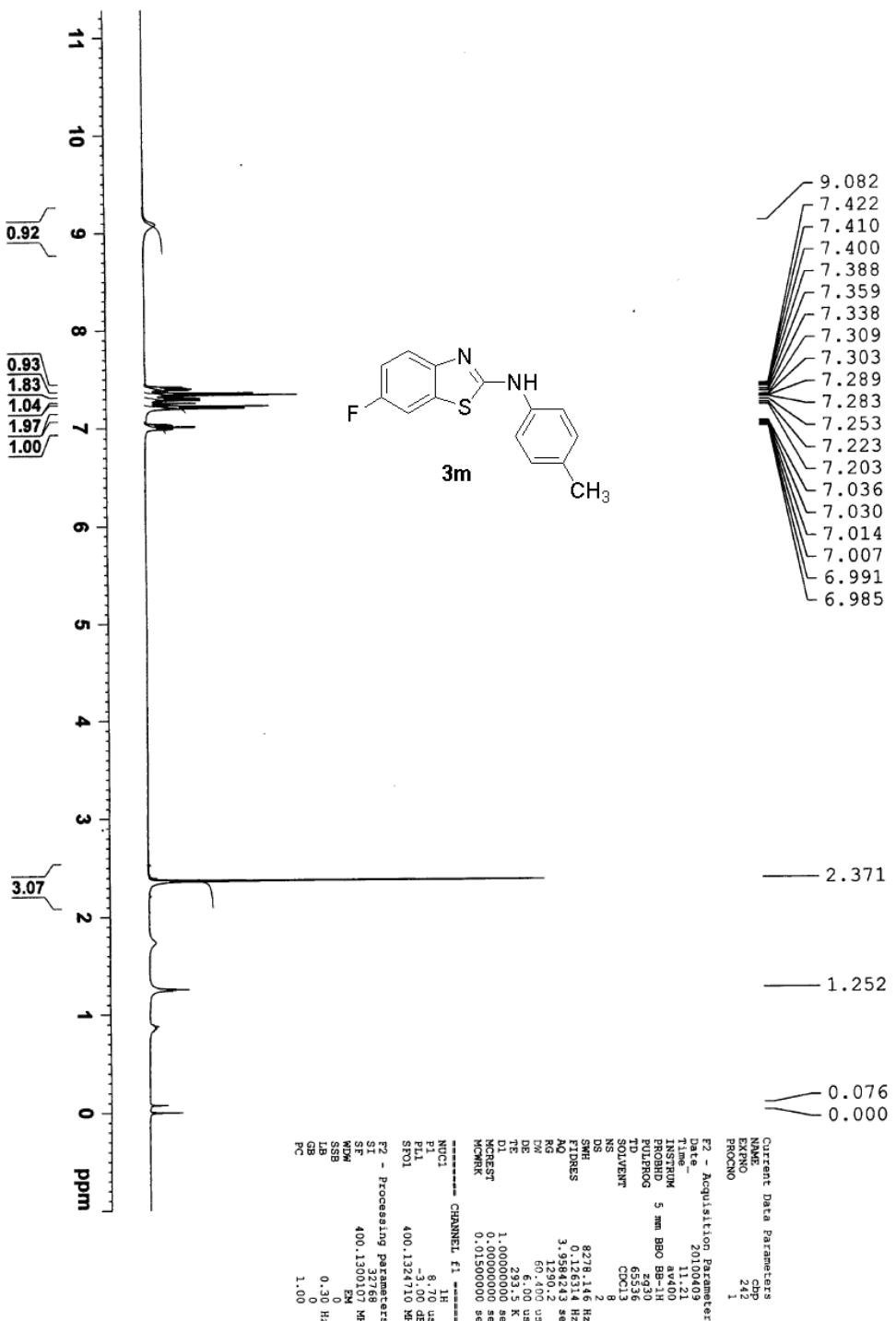


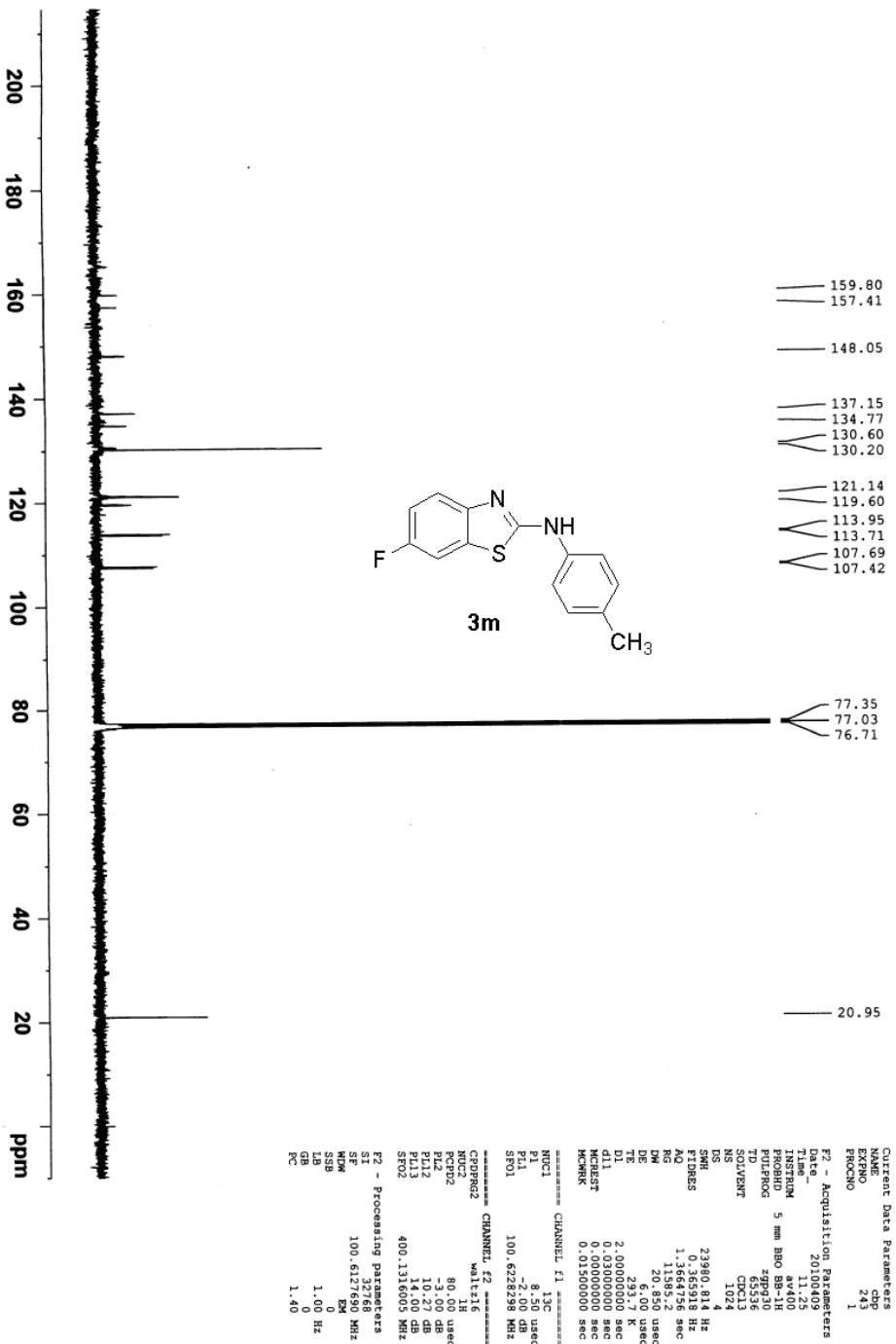


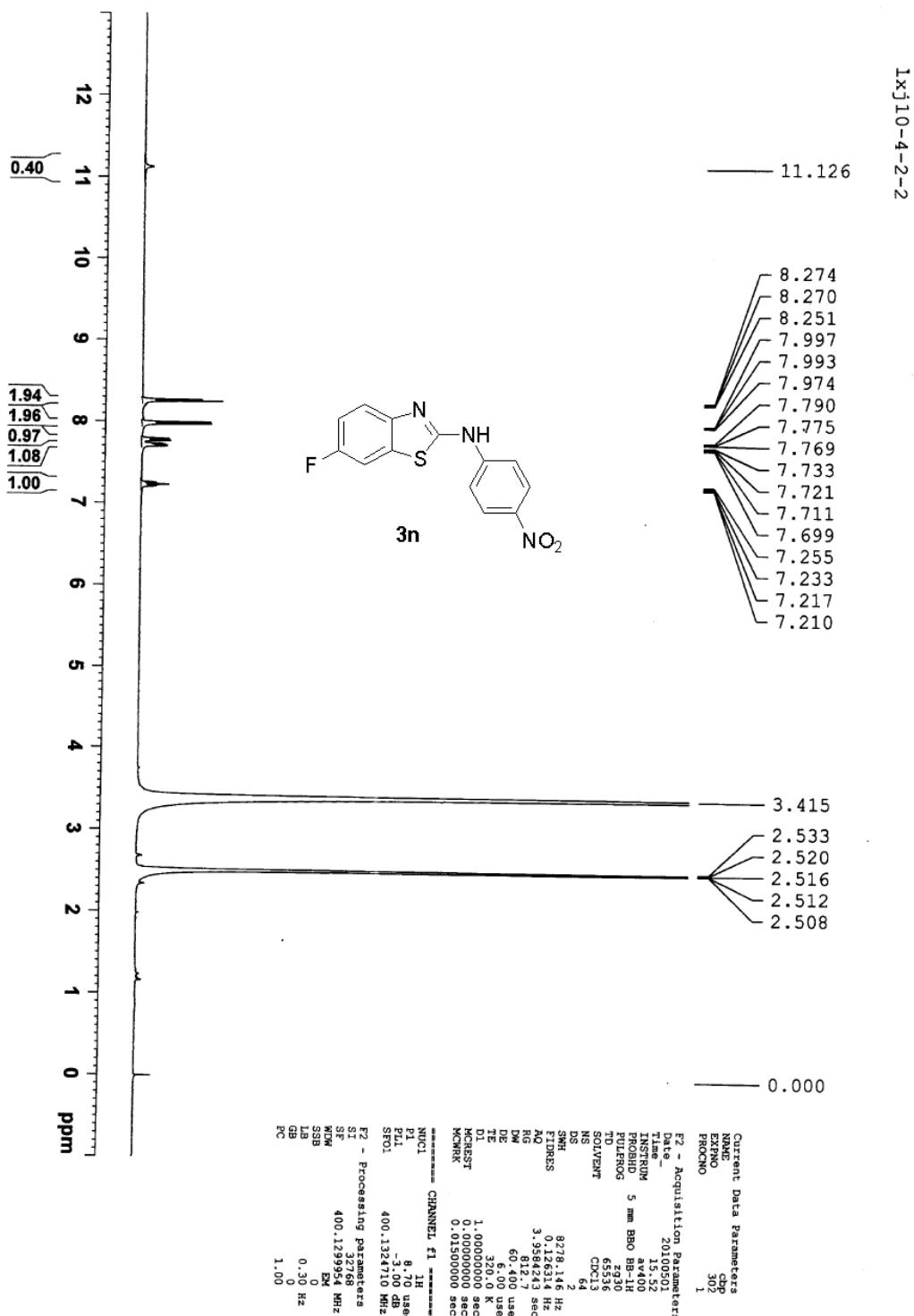


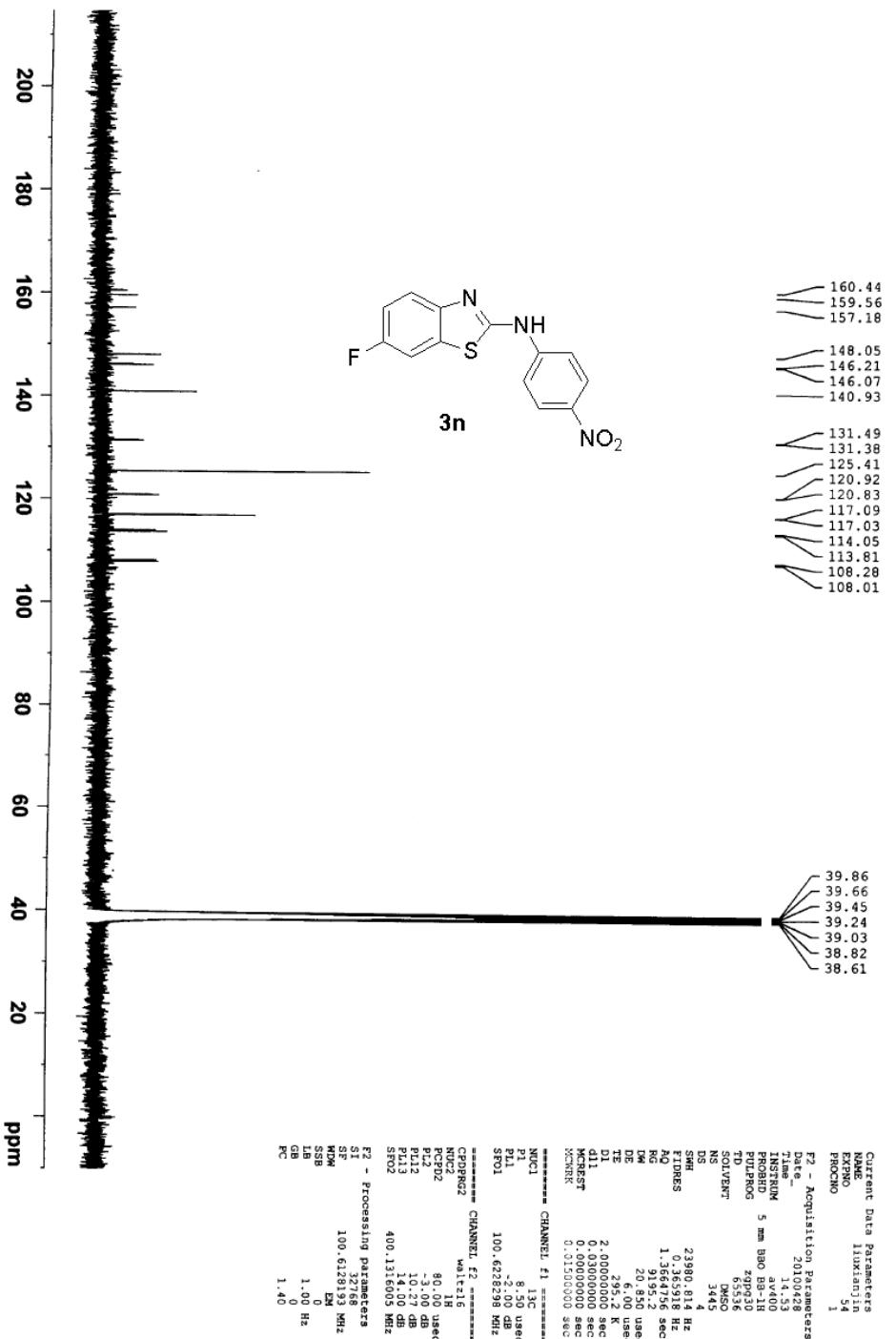
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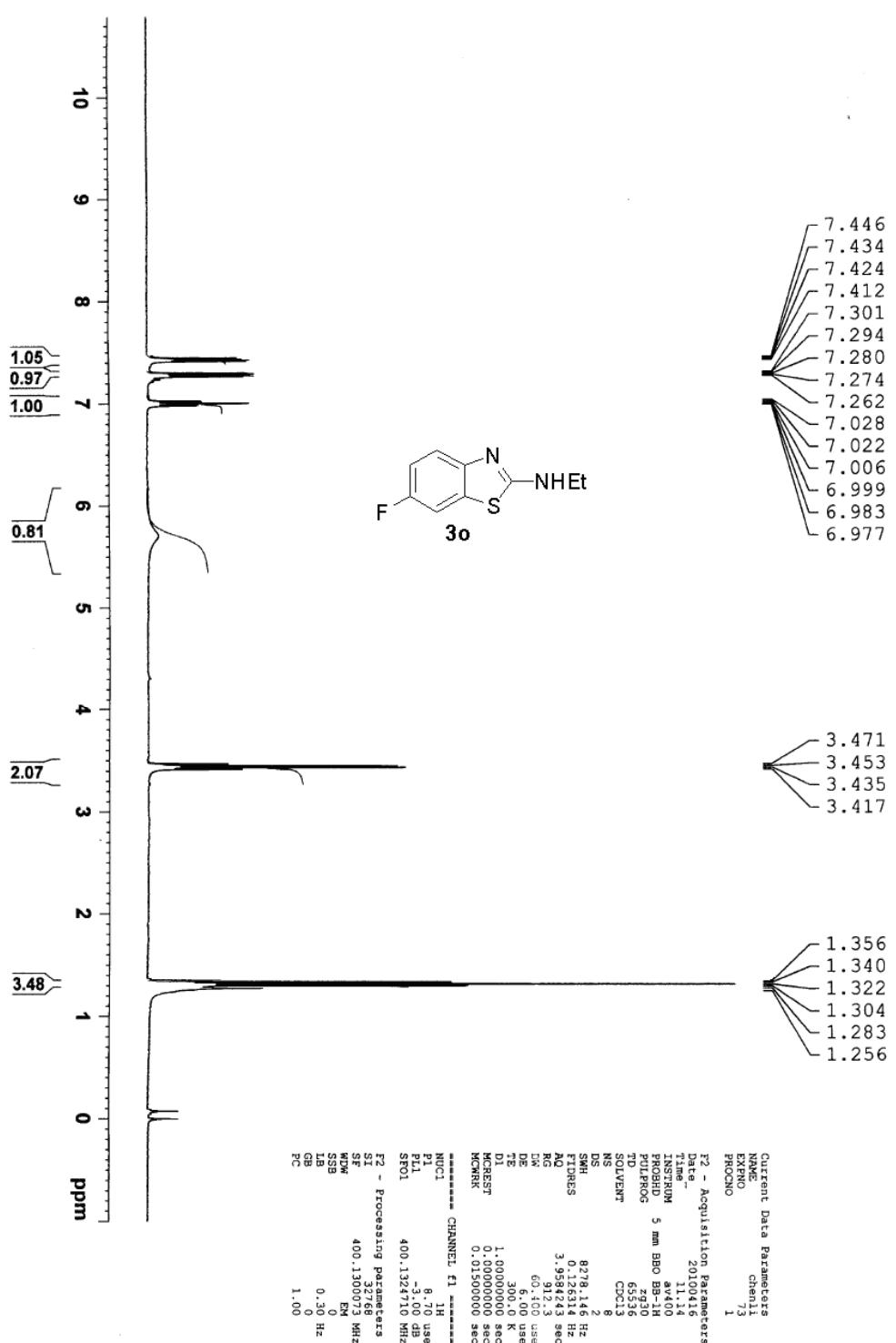


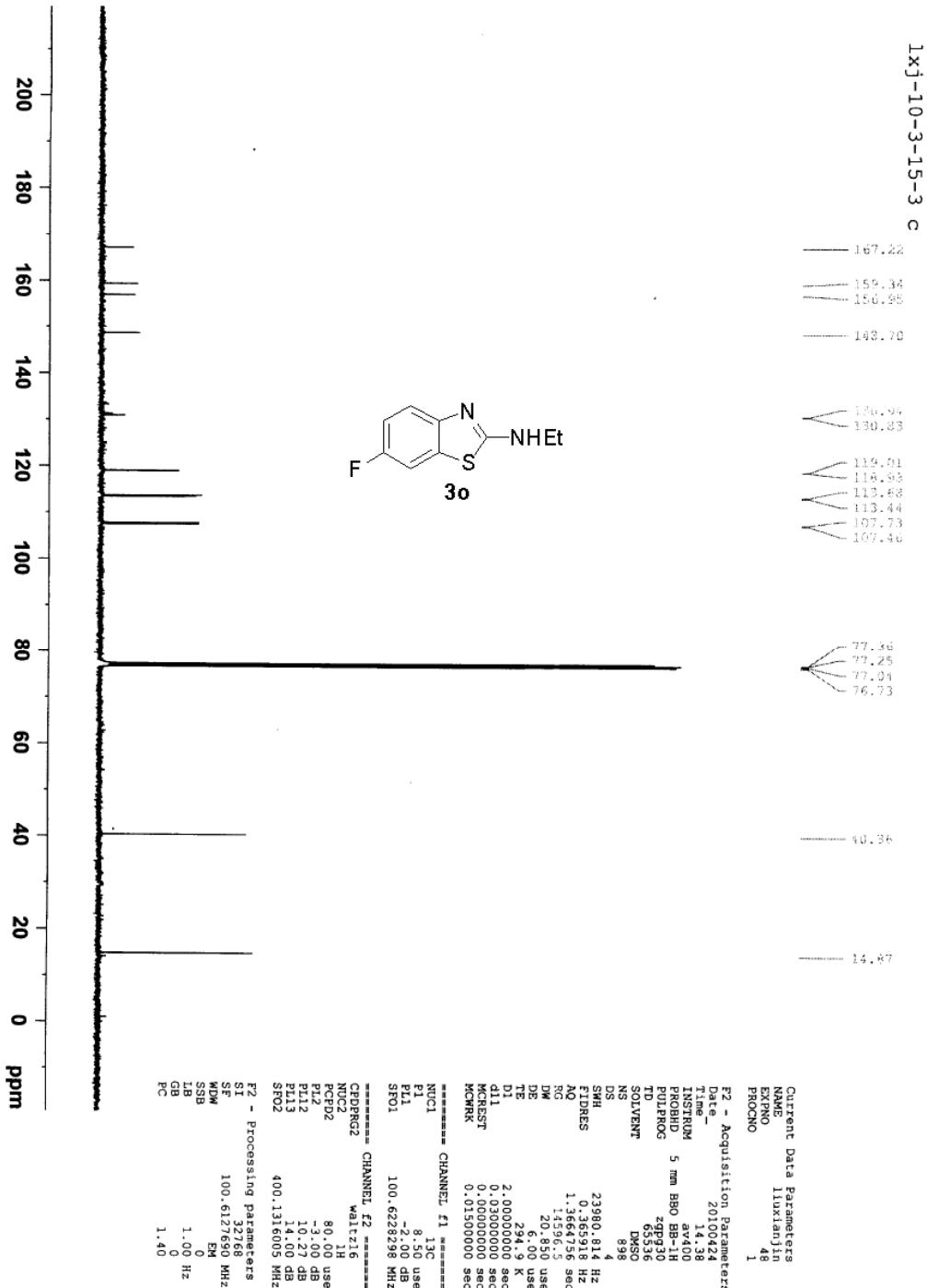




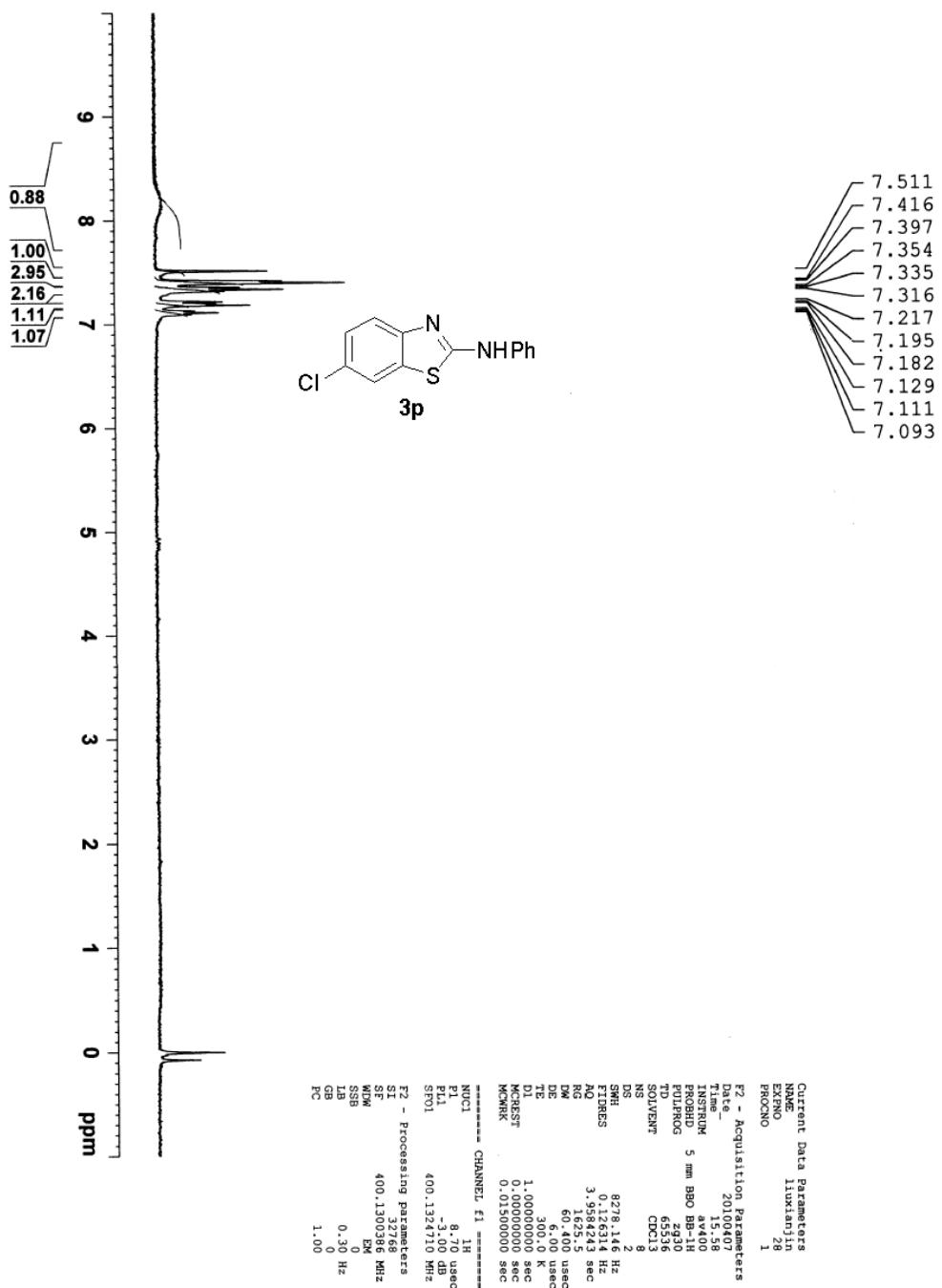


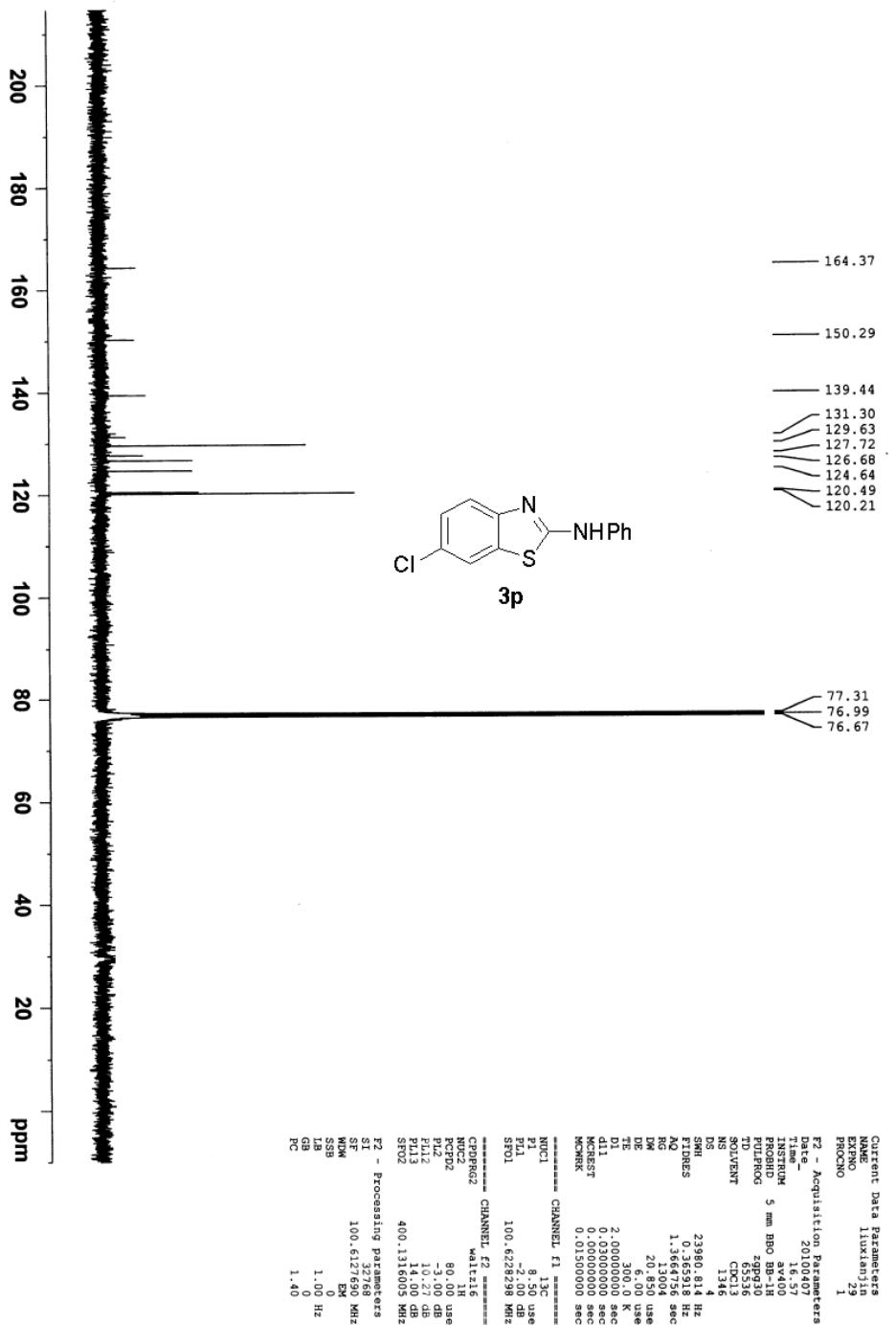
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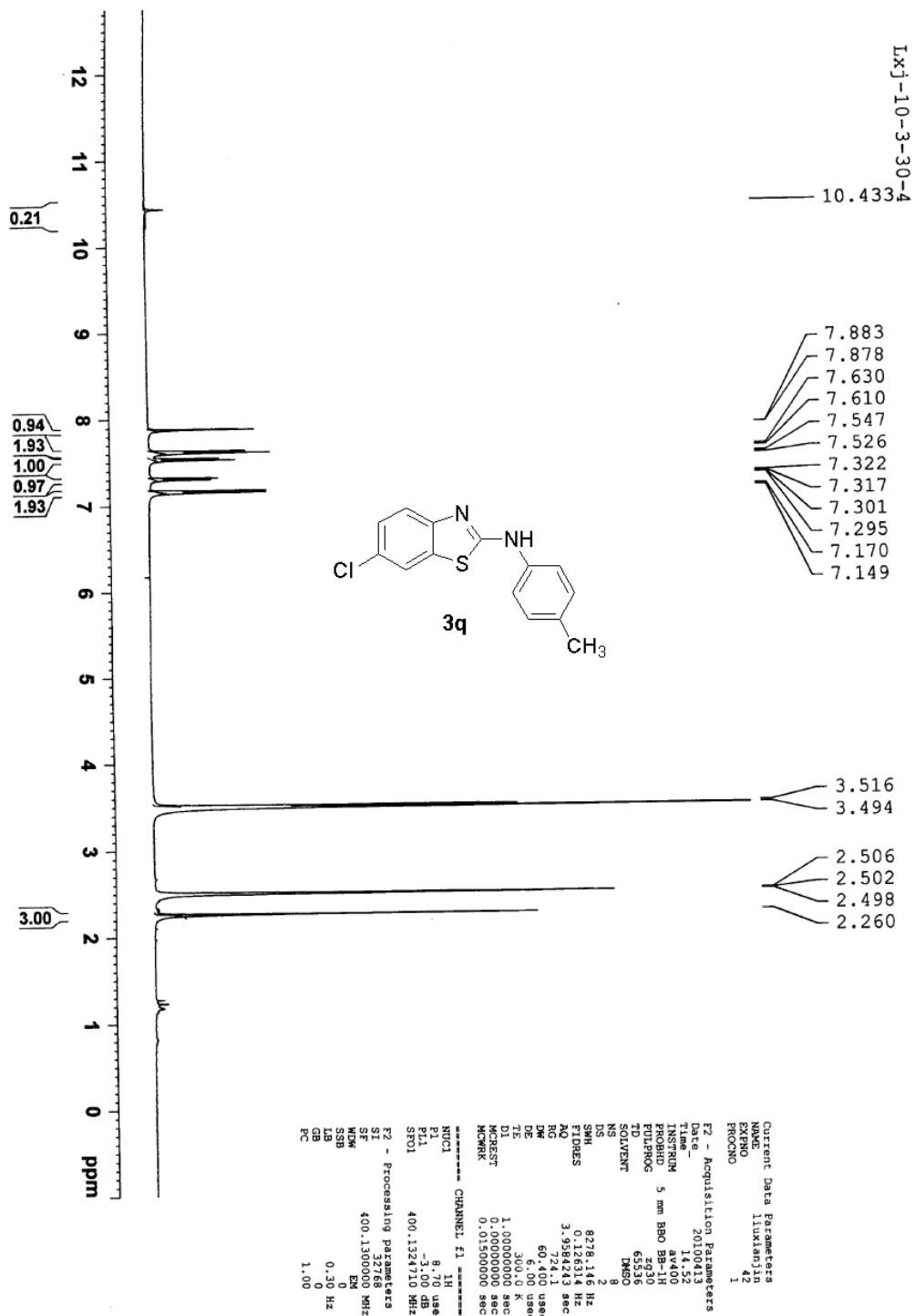


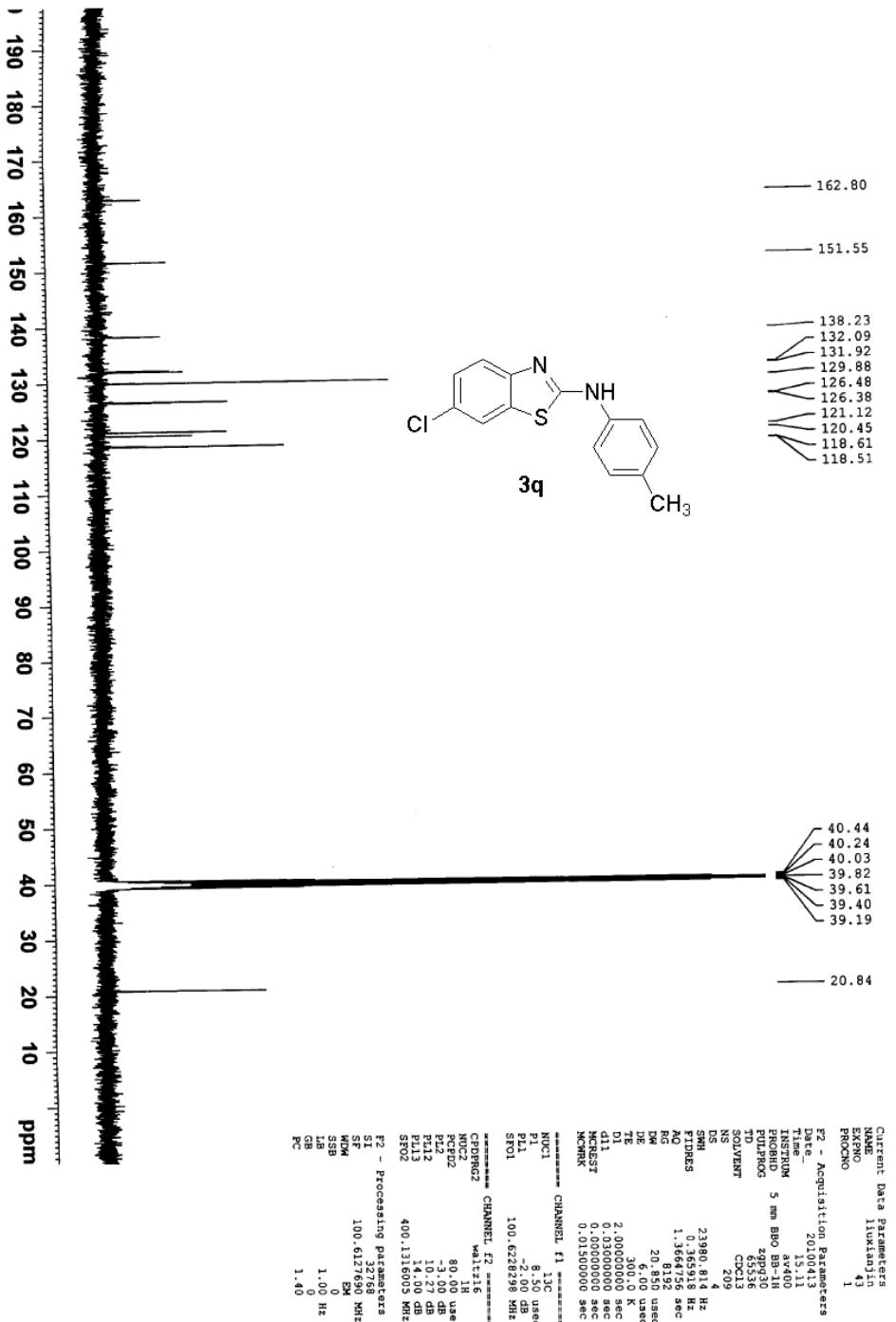


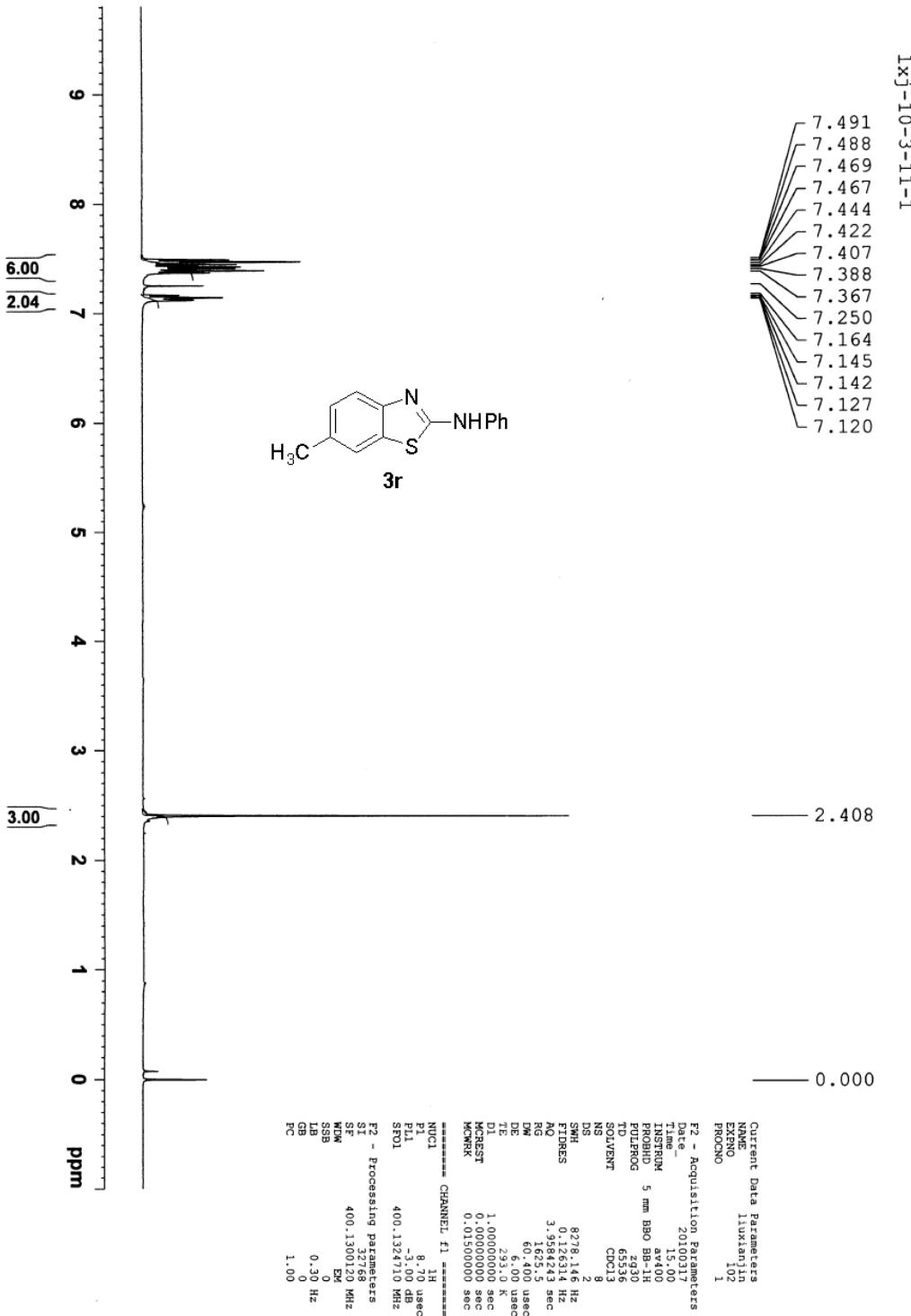
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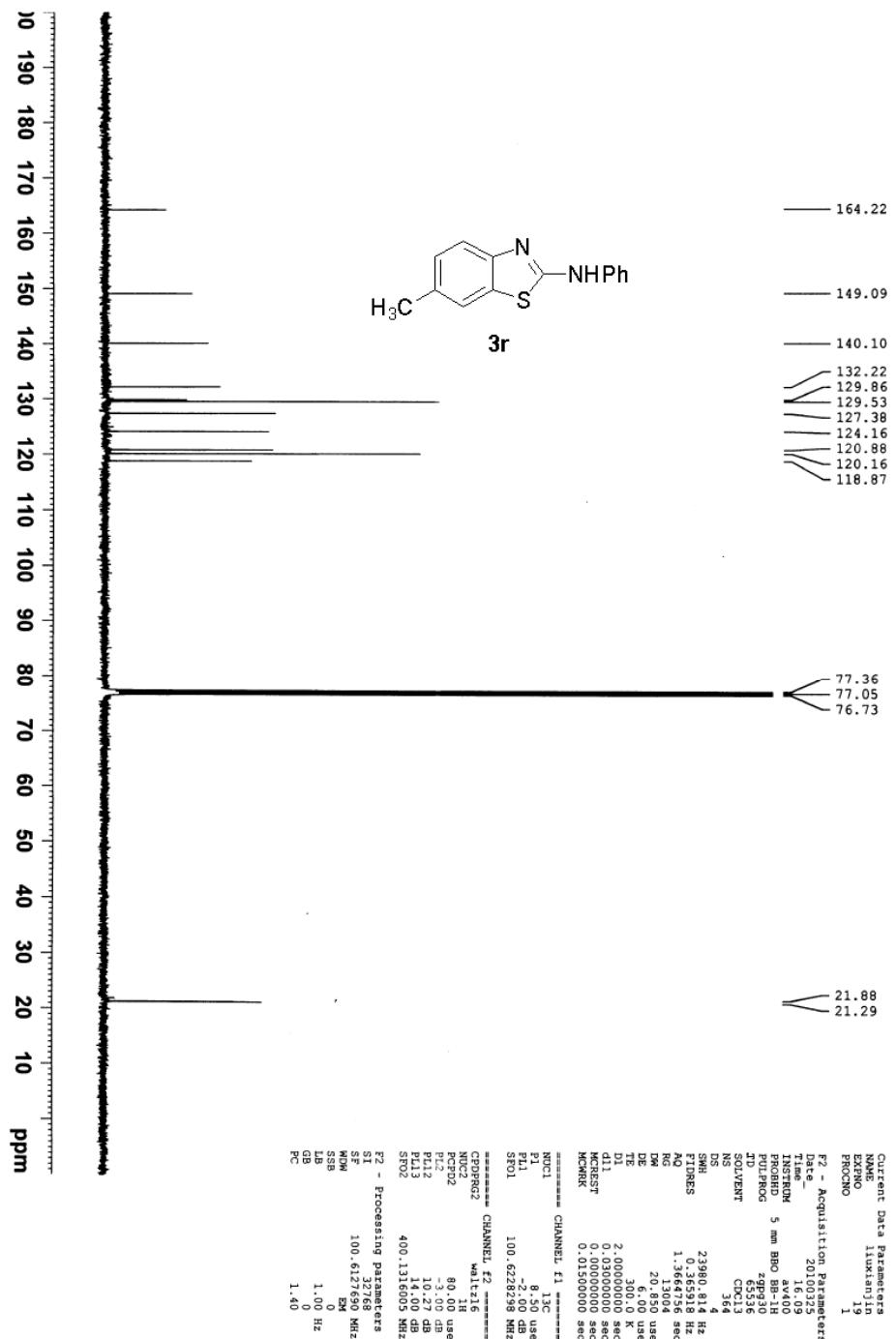




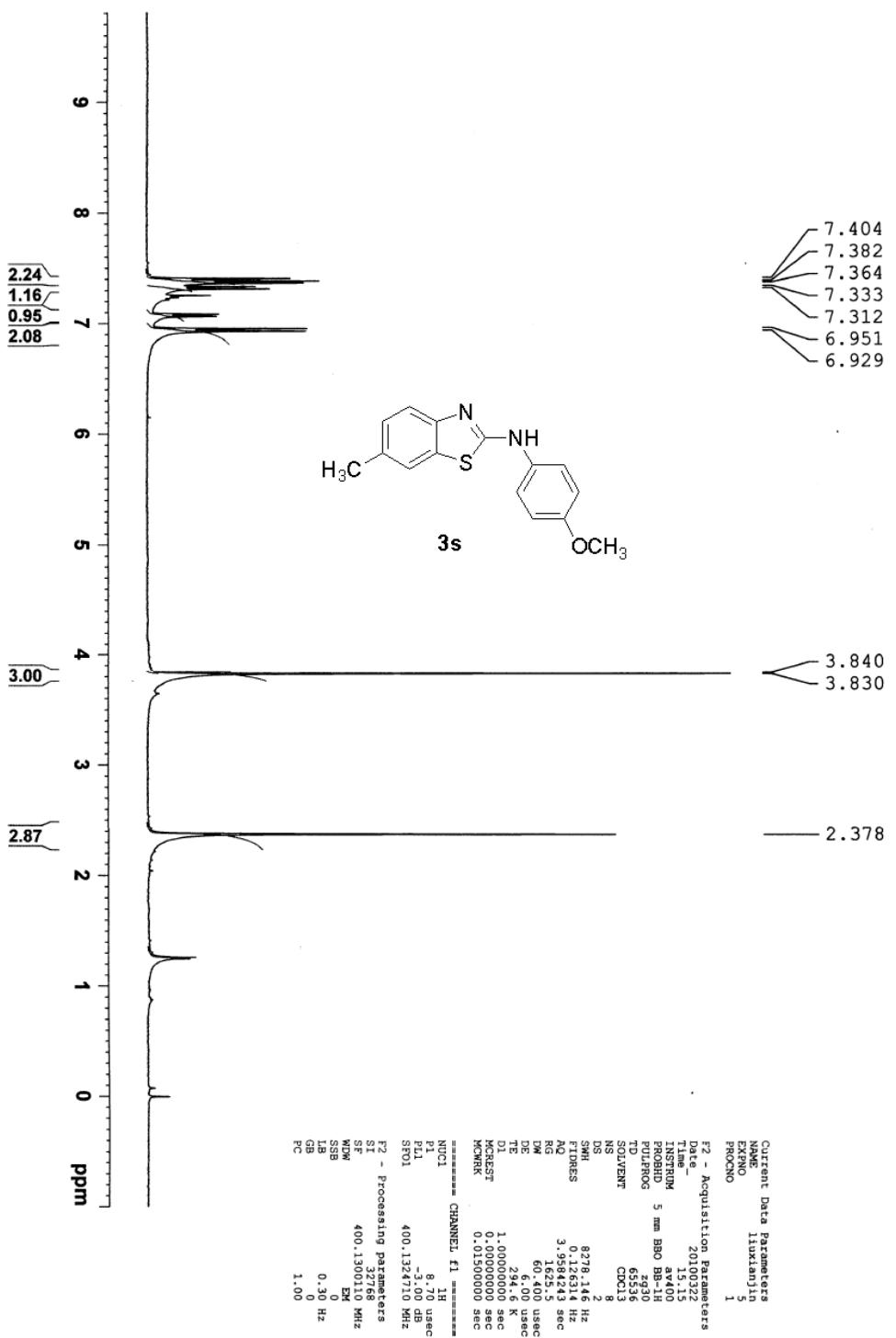


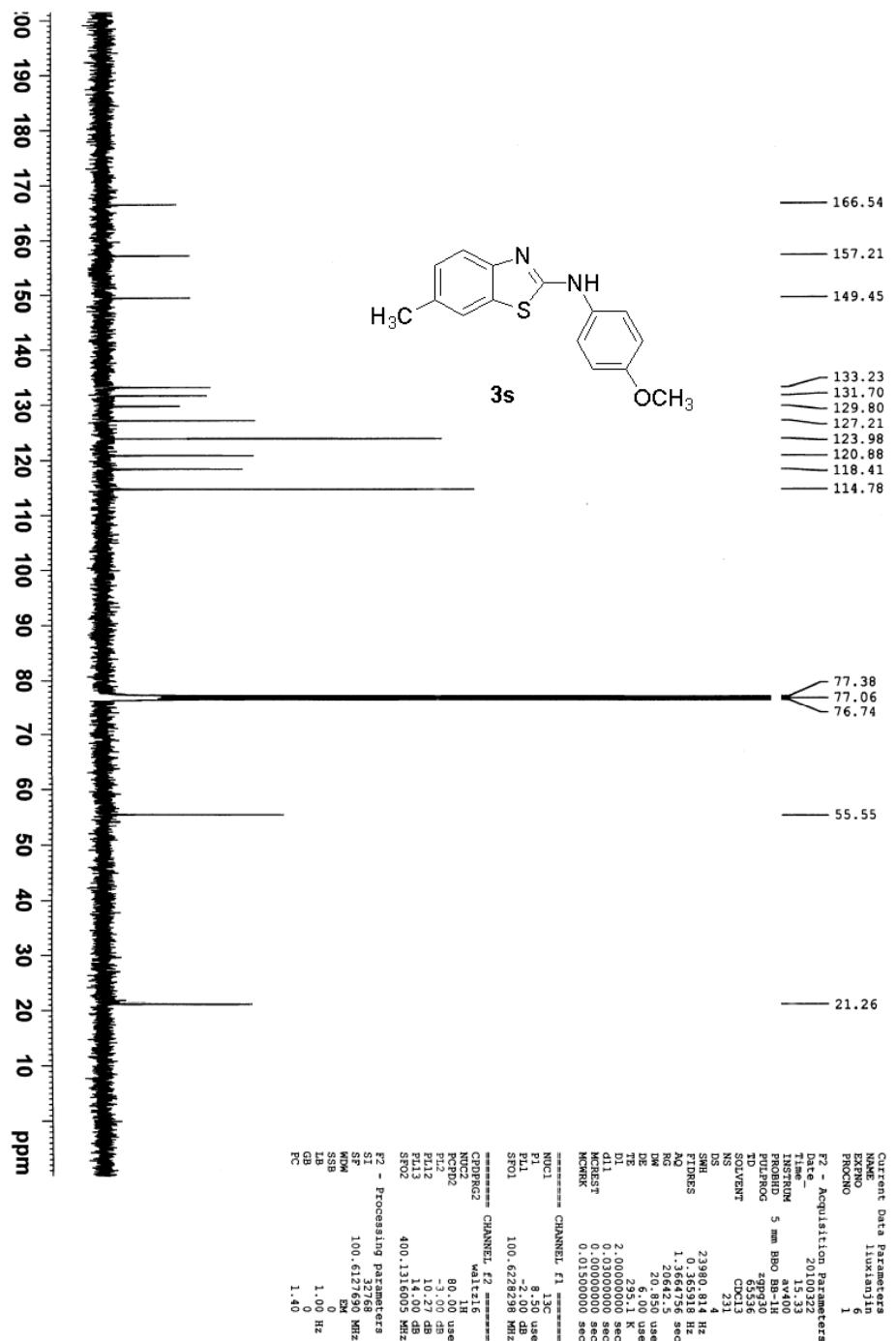




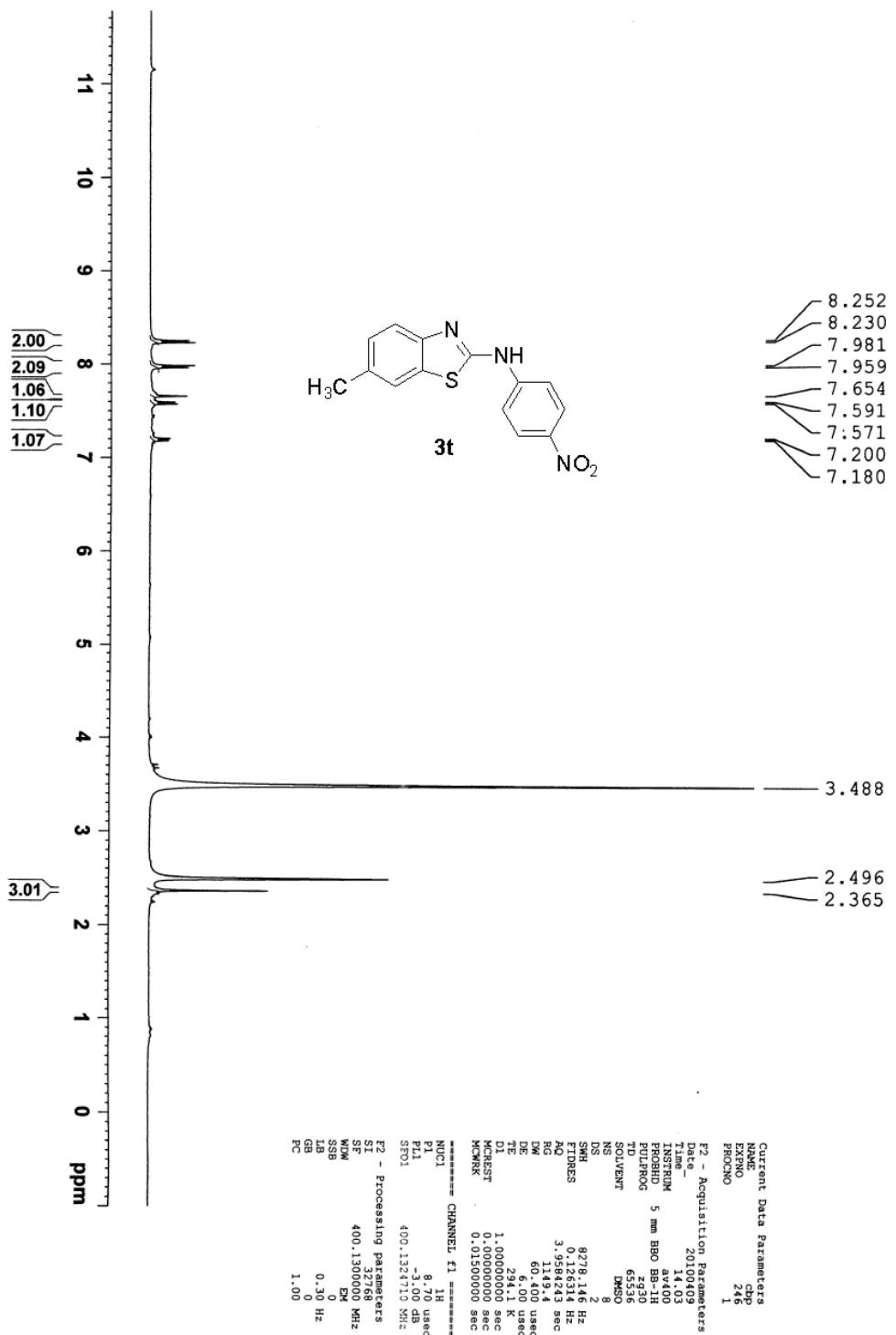


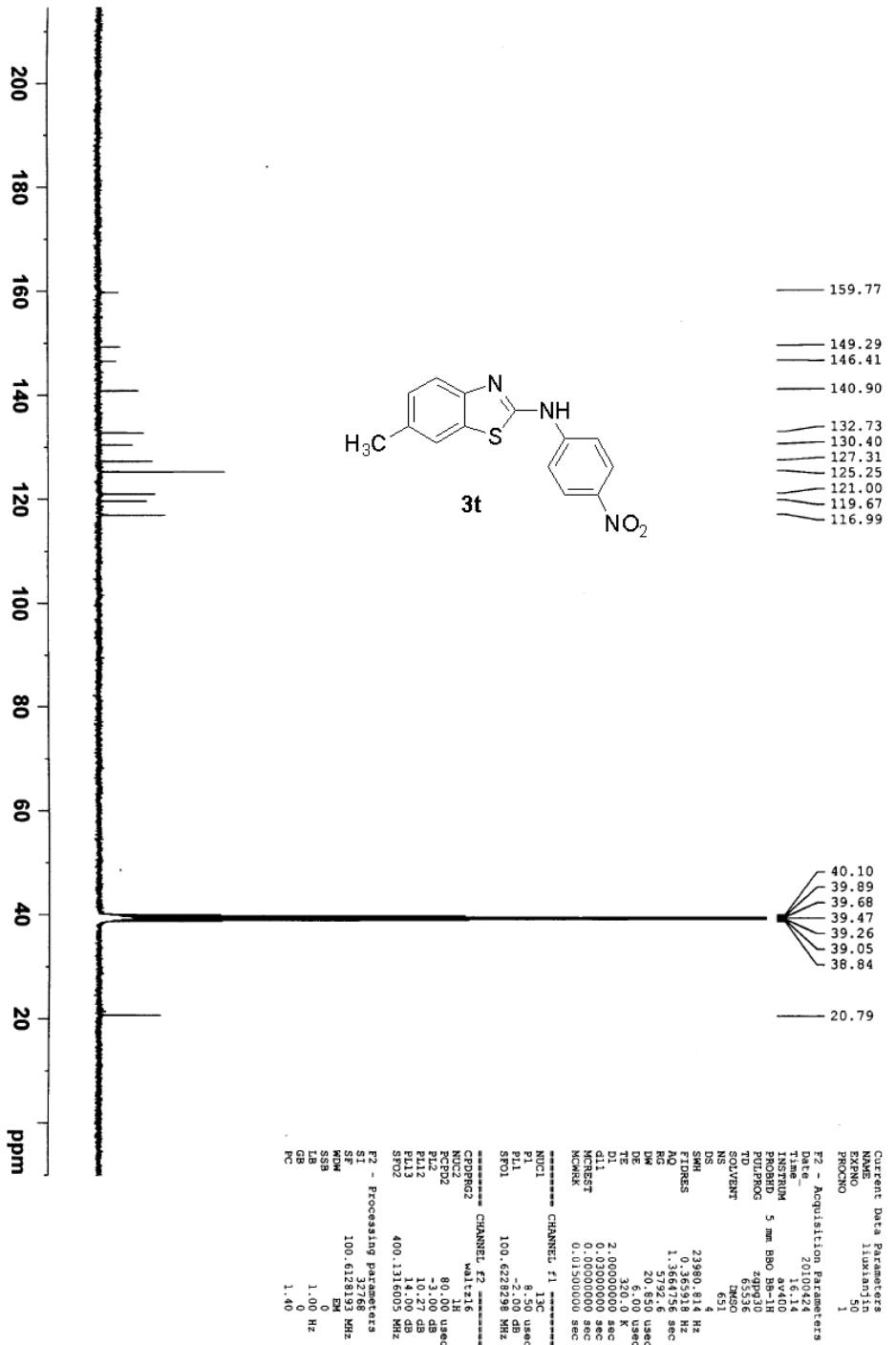
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