

Supporting Information

***O*-Benzoyl Pyridine Aldoxime and Amidoxime Derivatives: Novel Efficient DNA Photo-Cleavage Agents**

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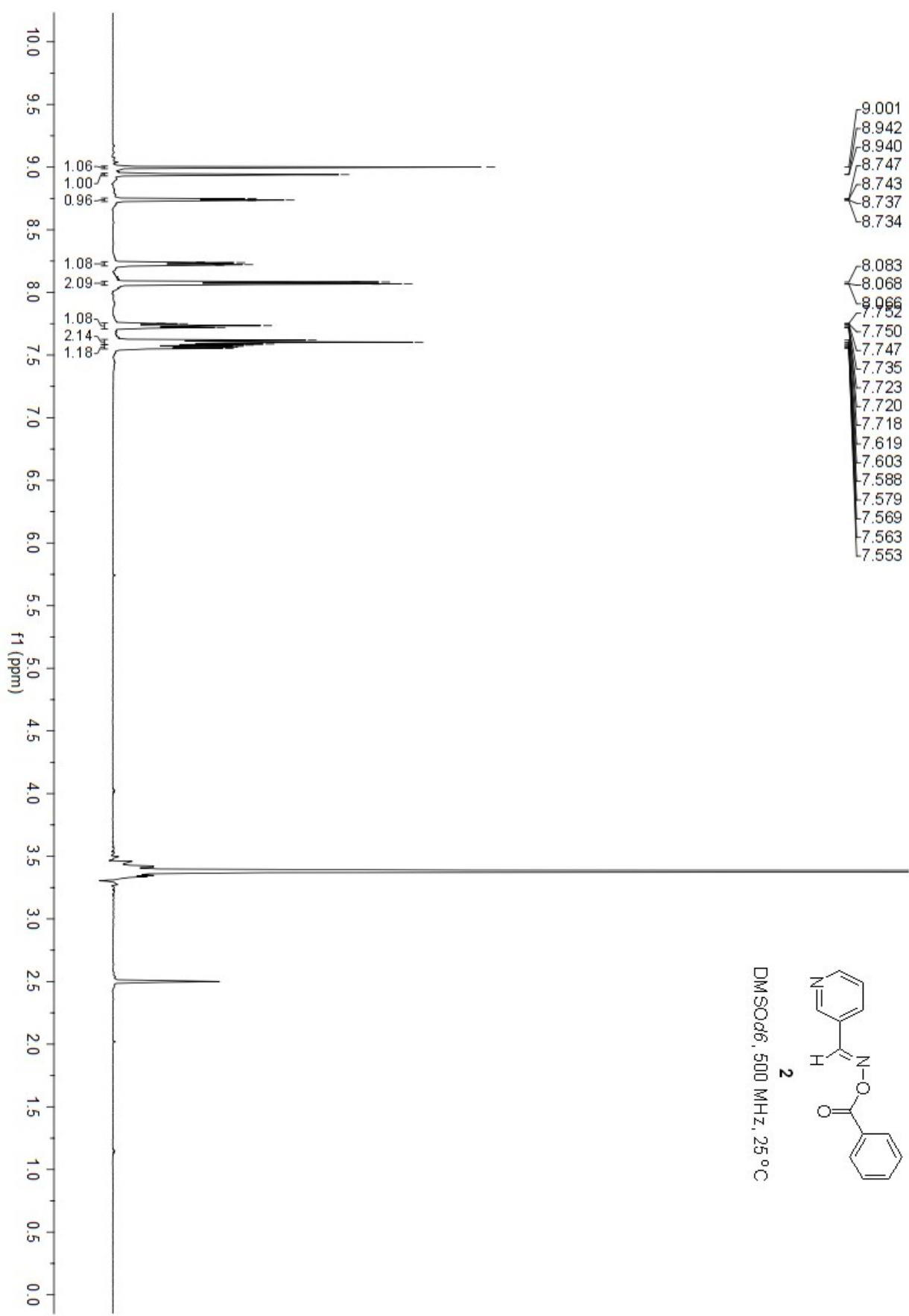
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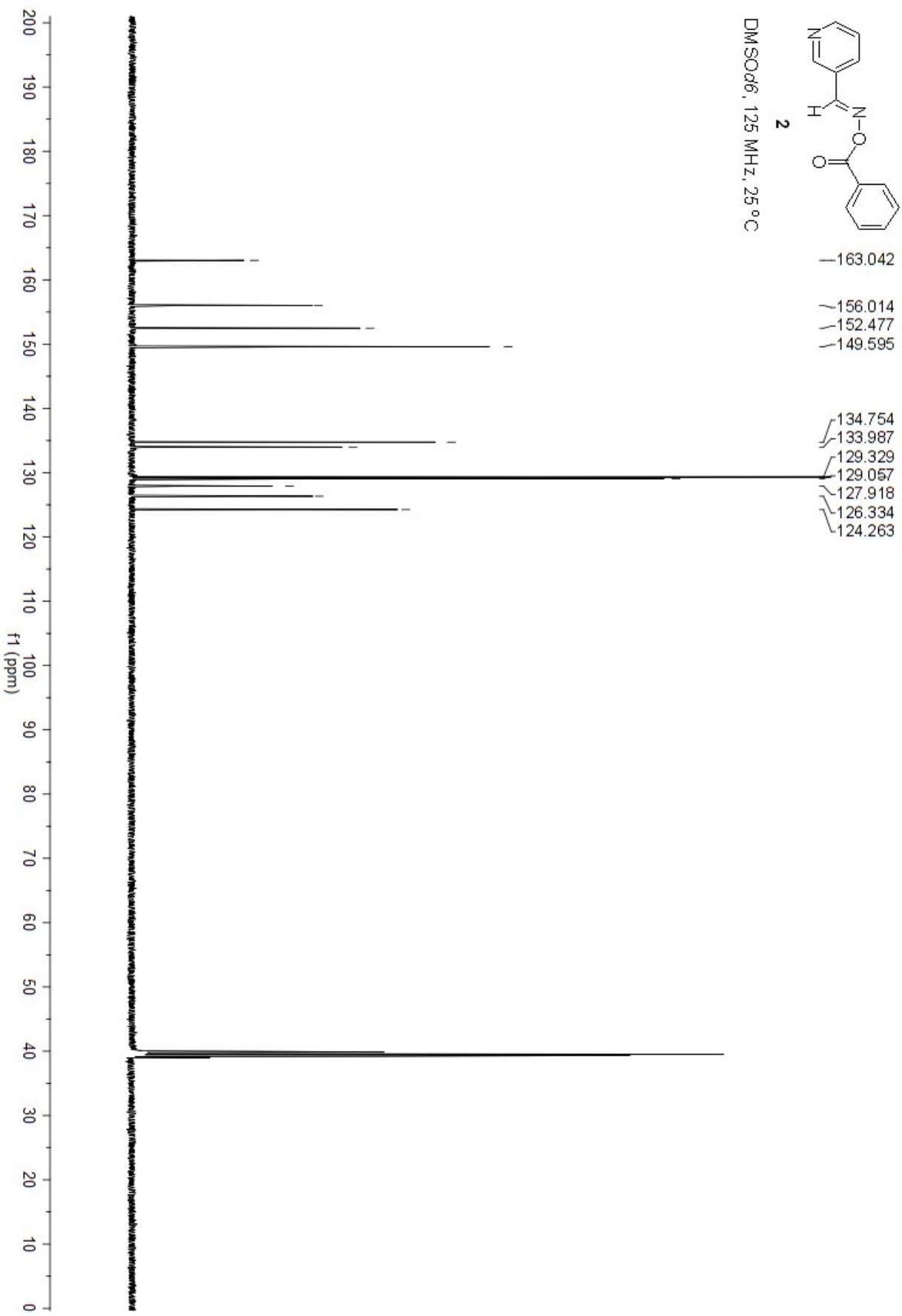
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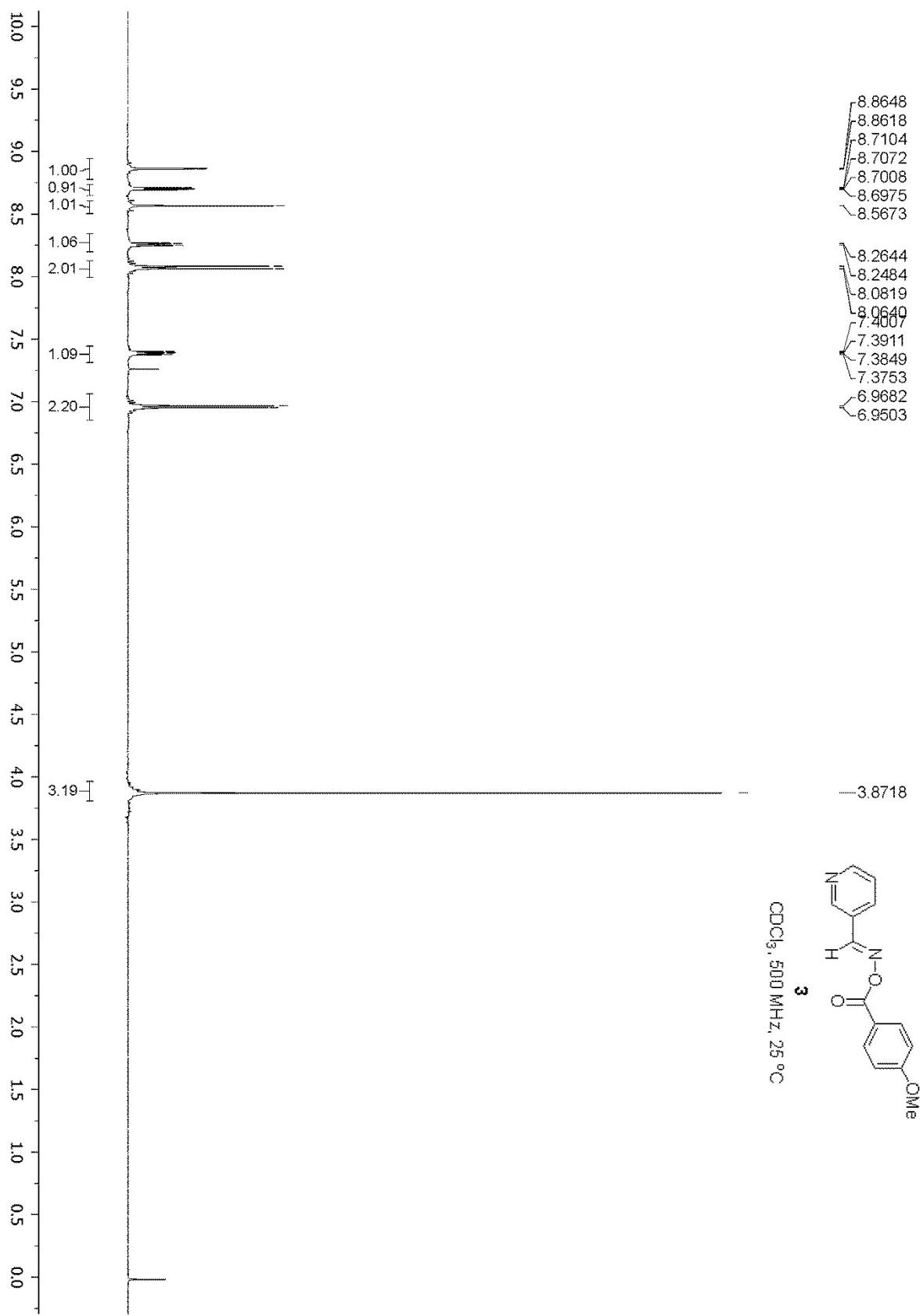
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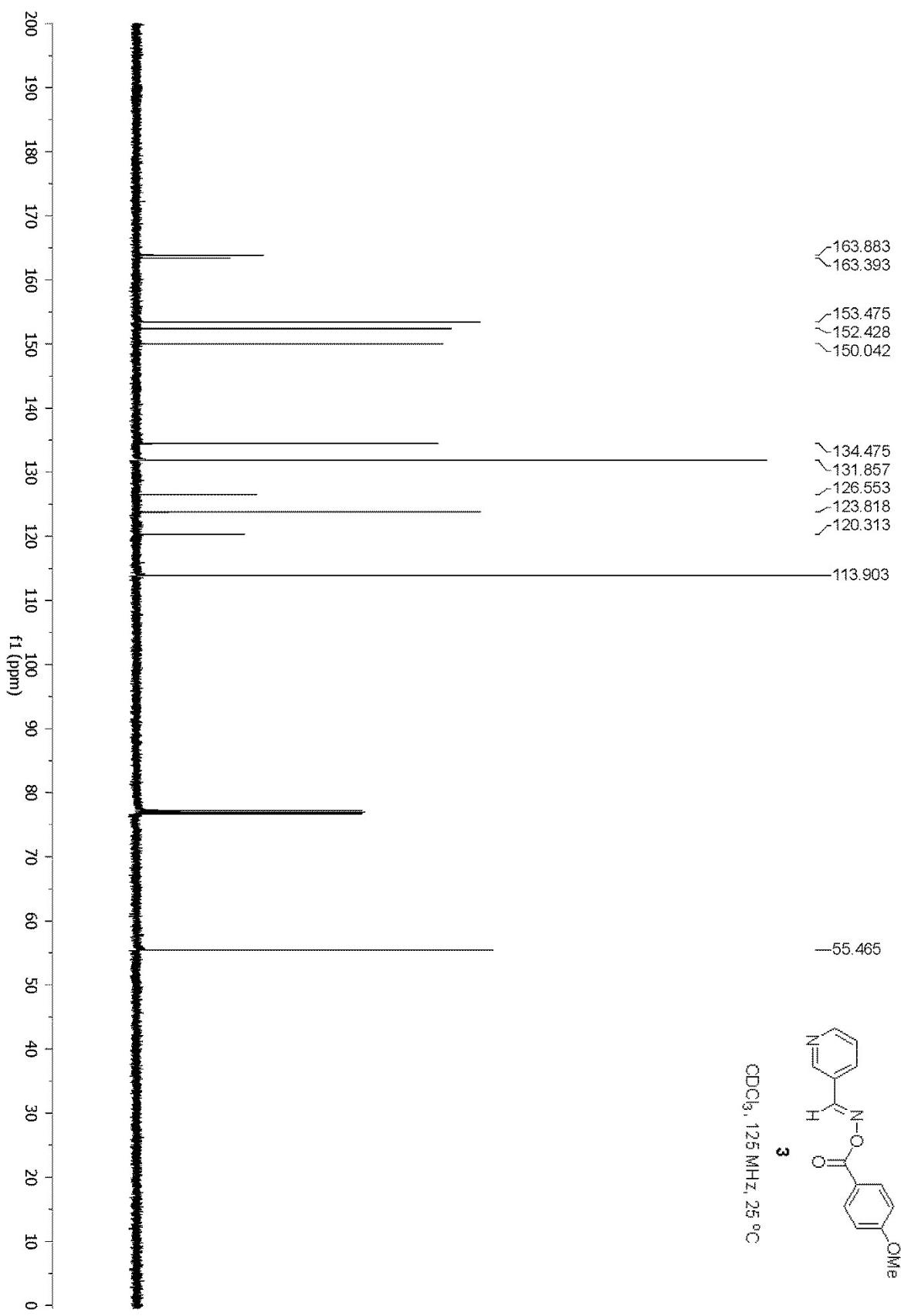
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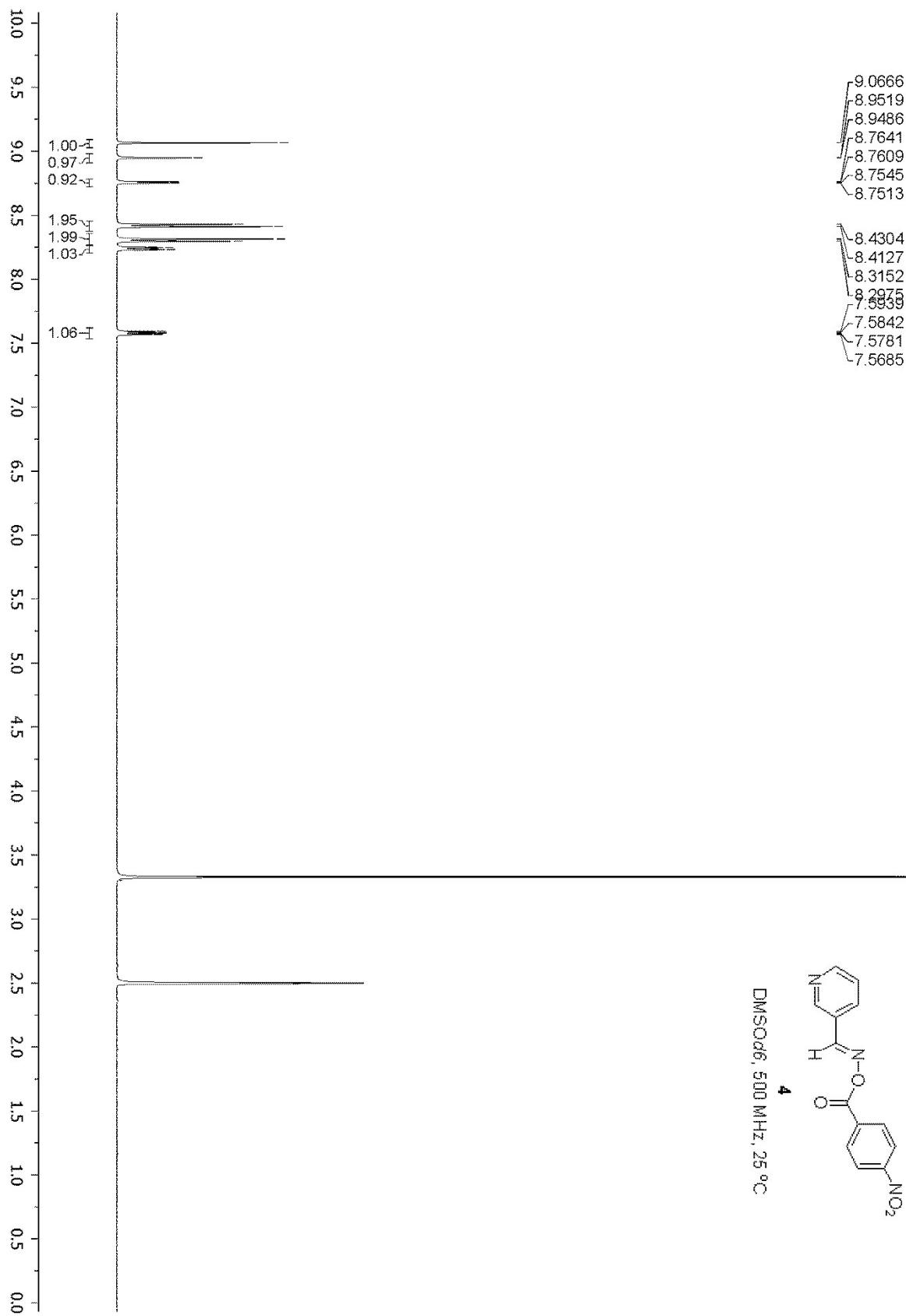
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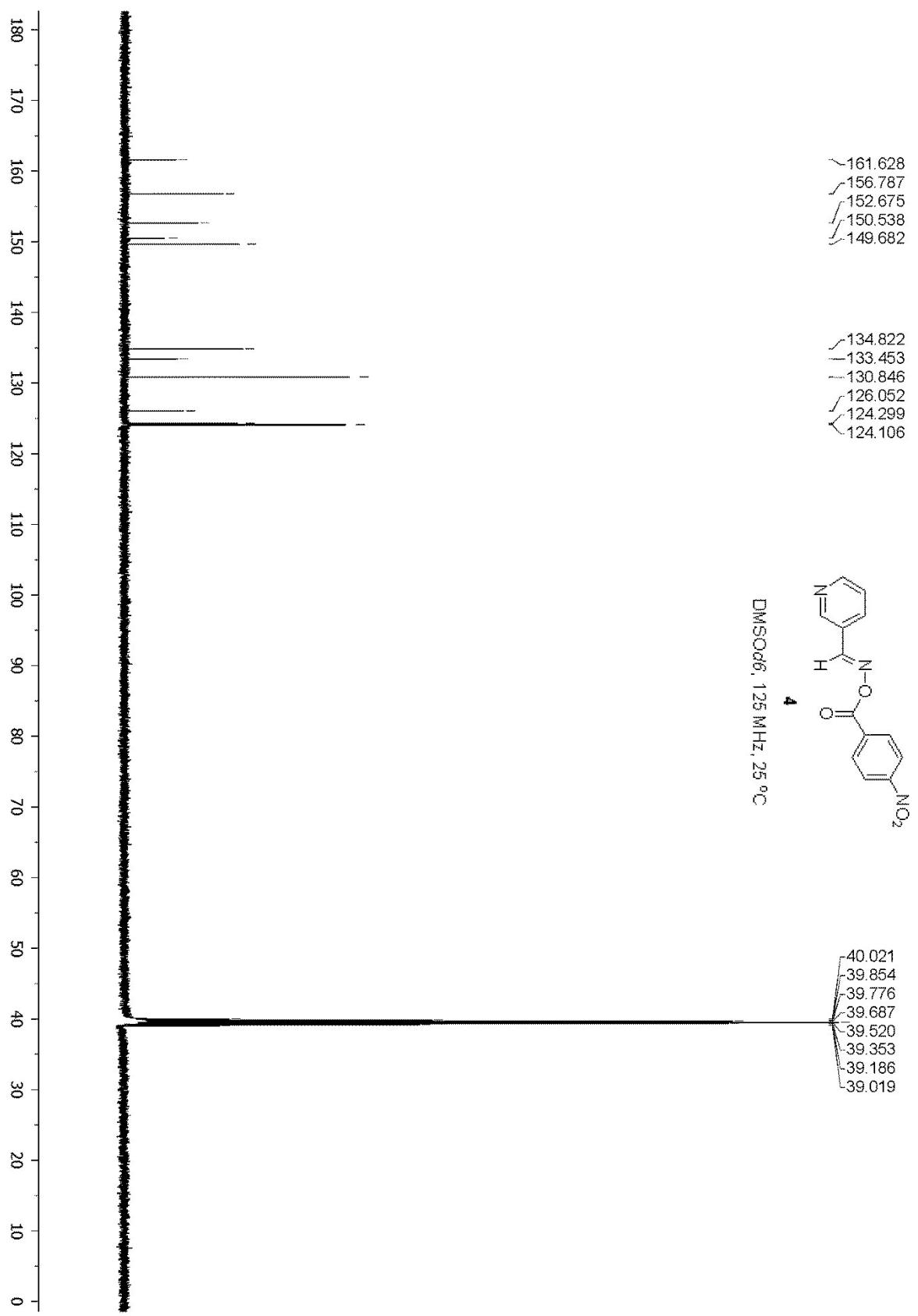


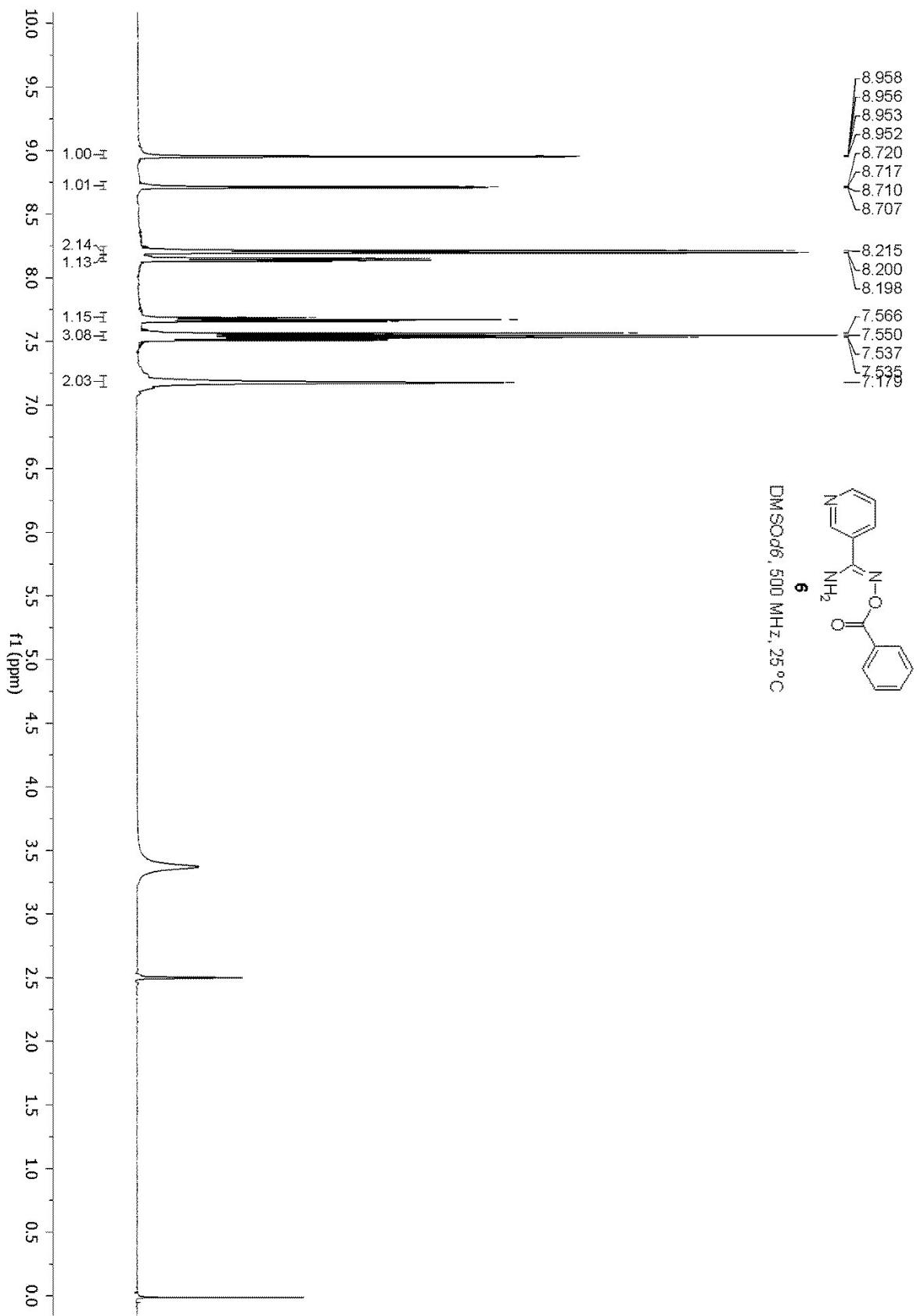


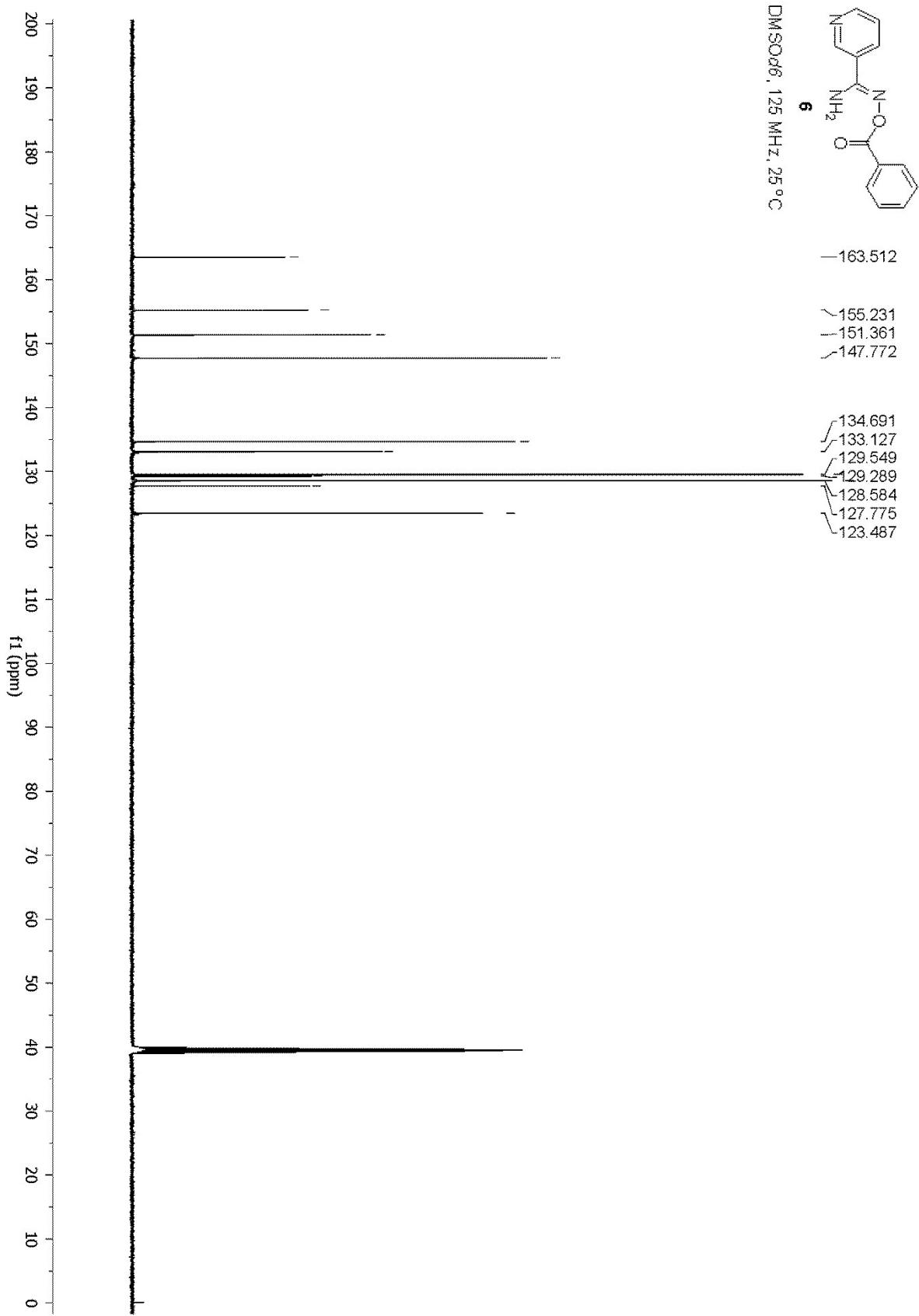


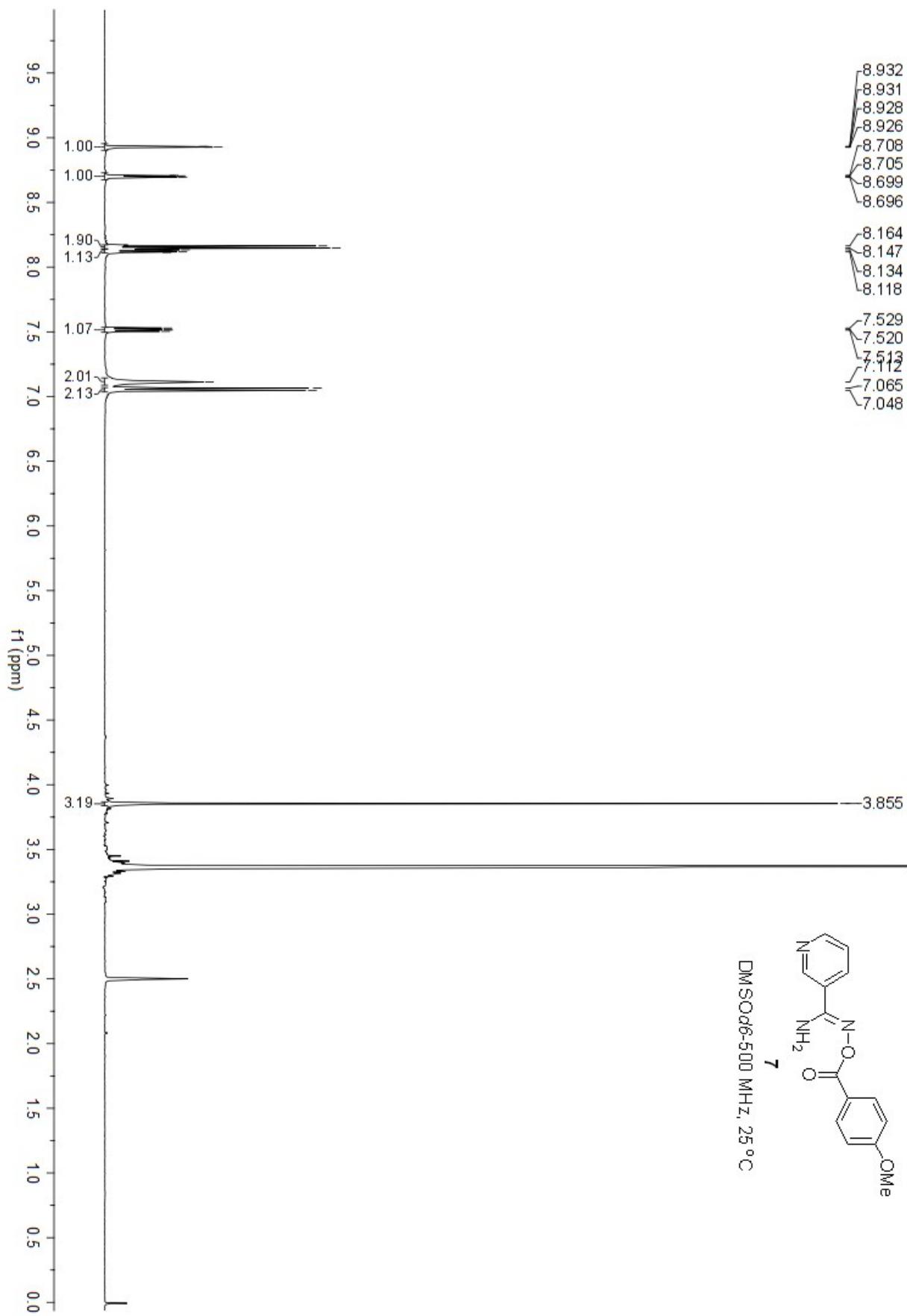


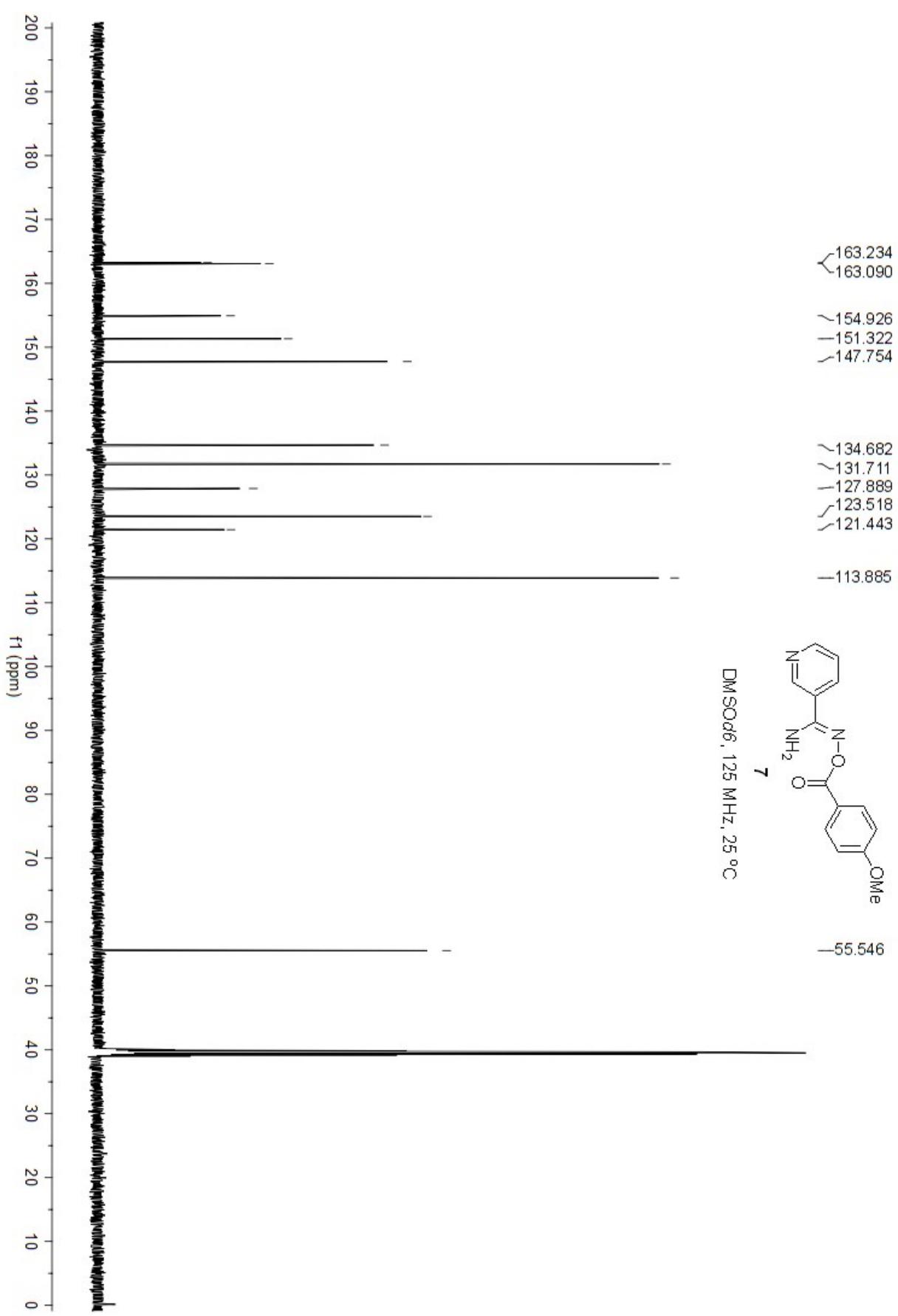


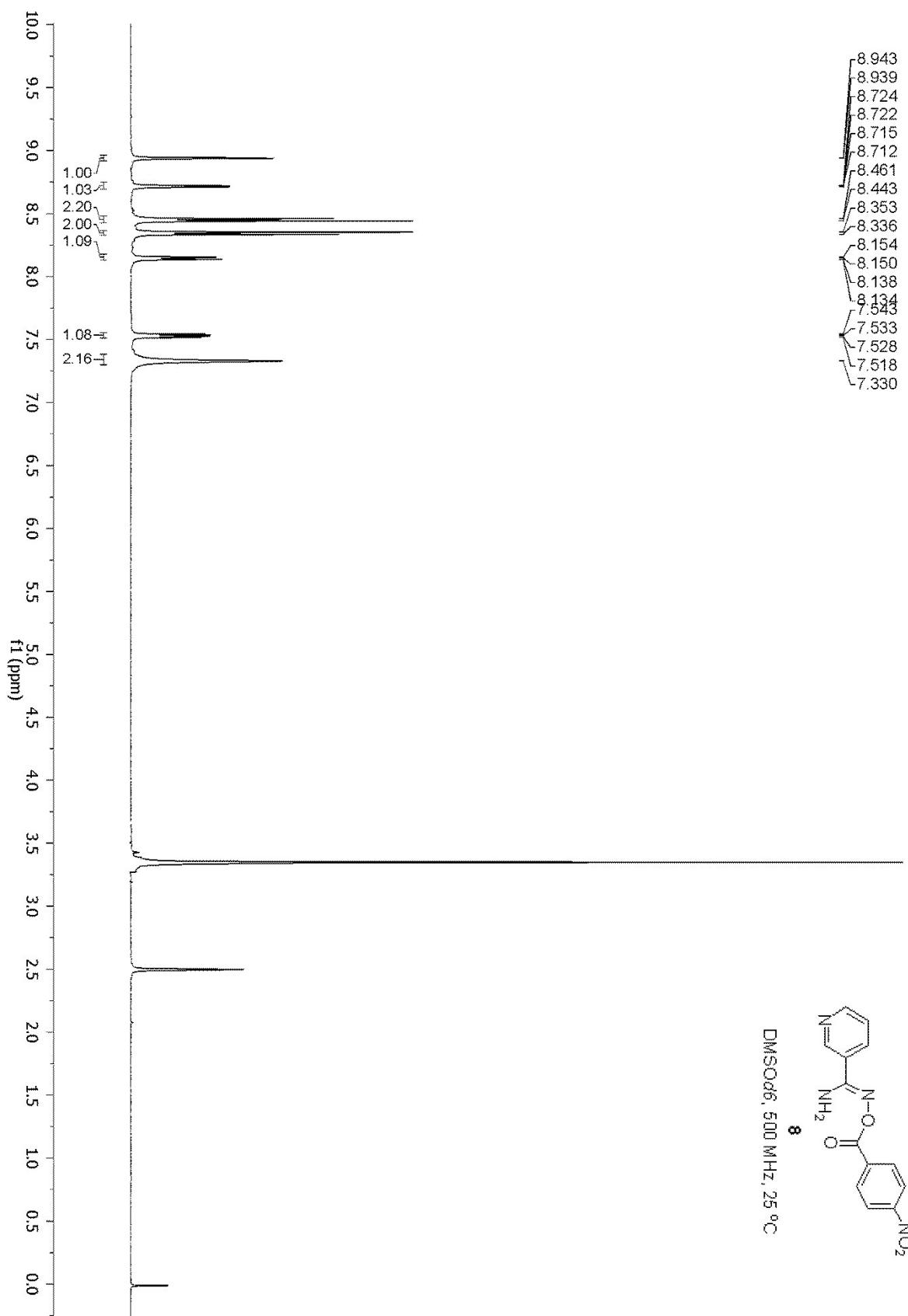


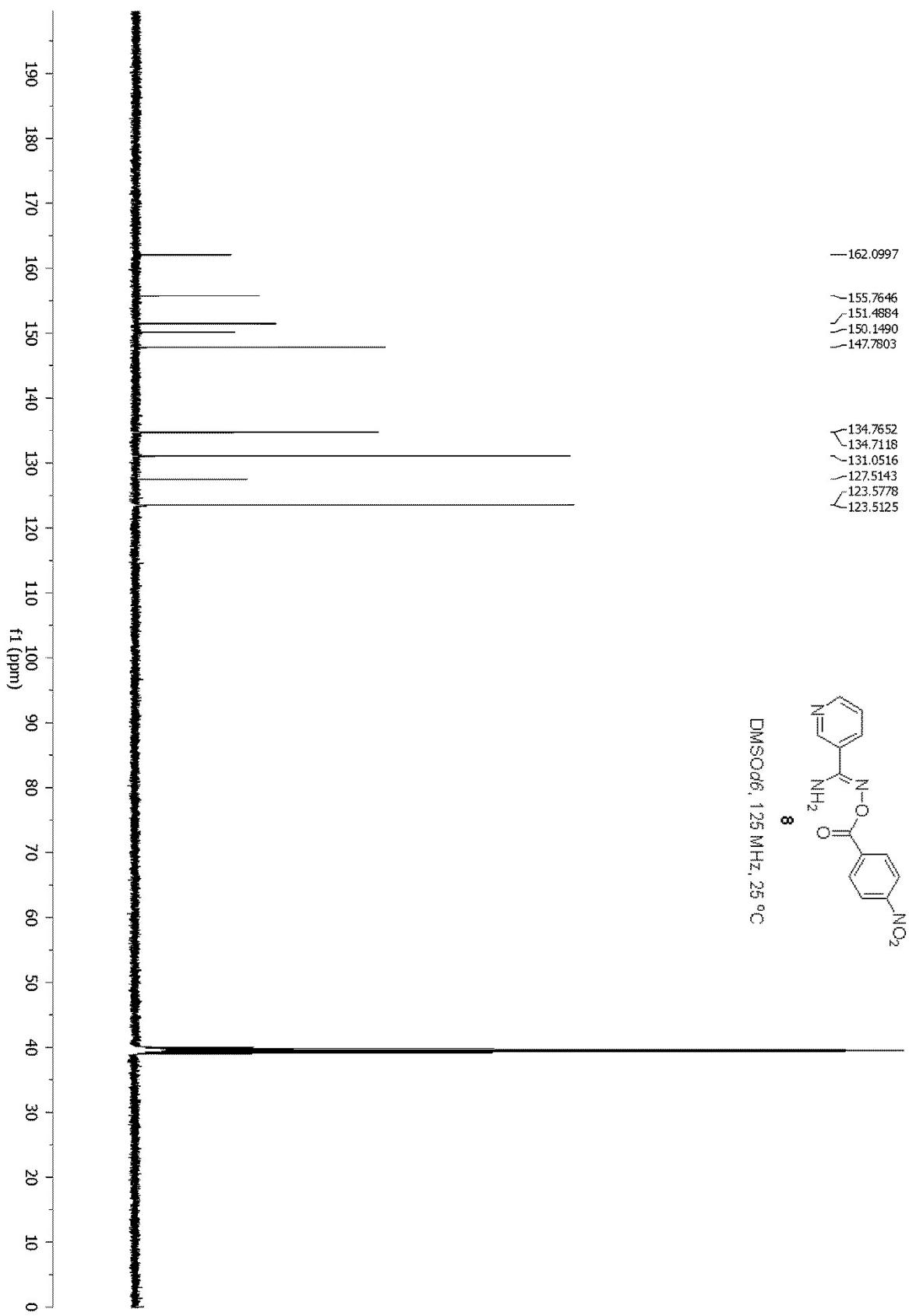


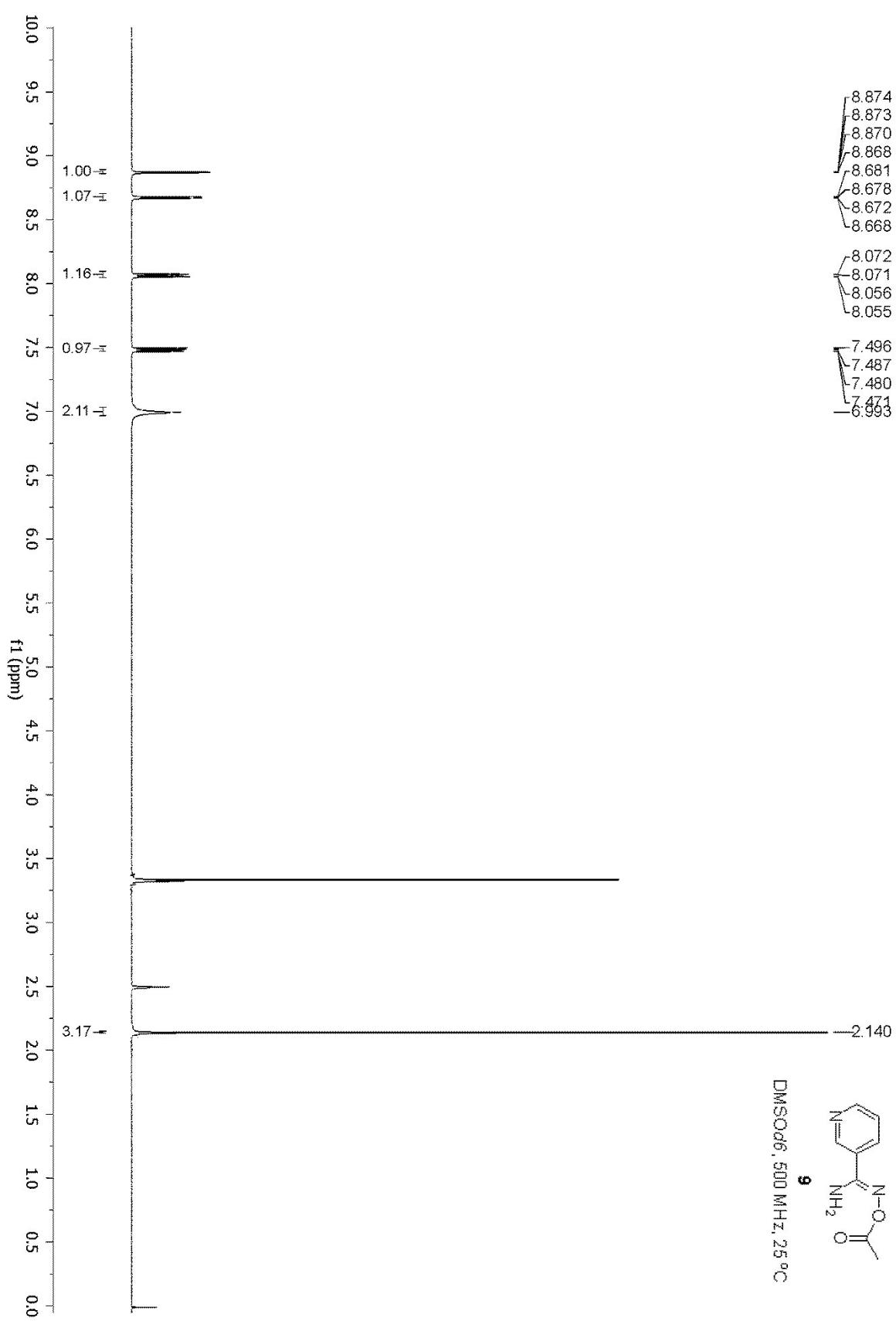


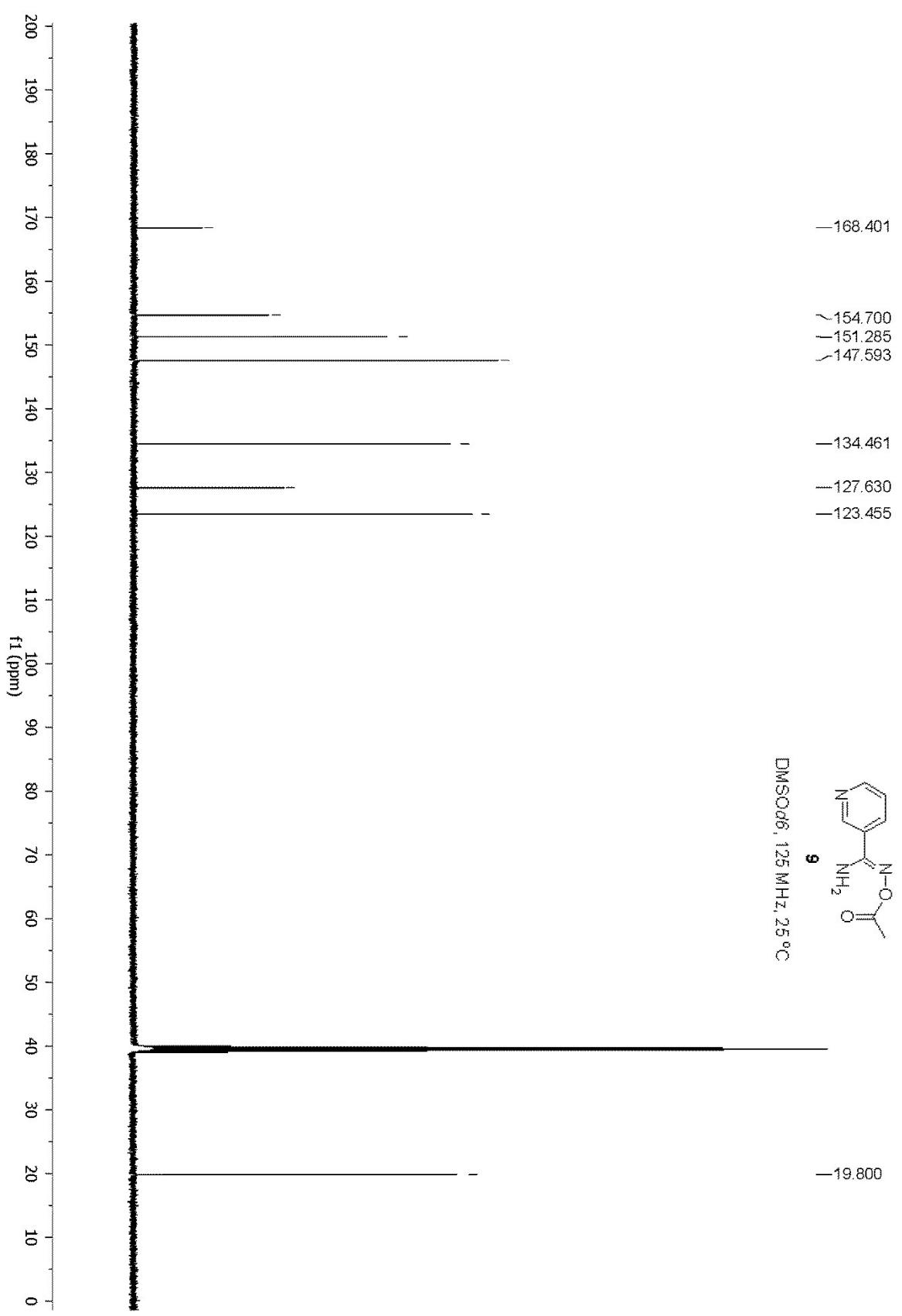


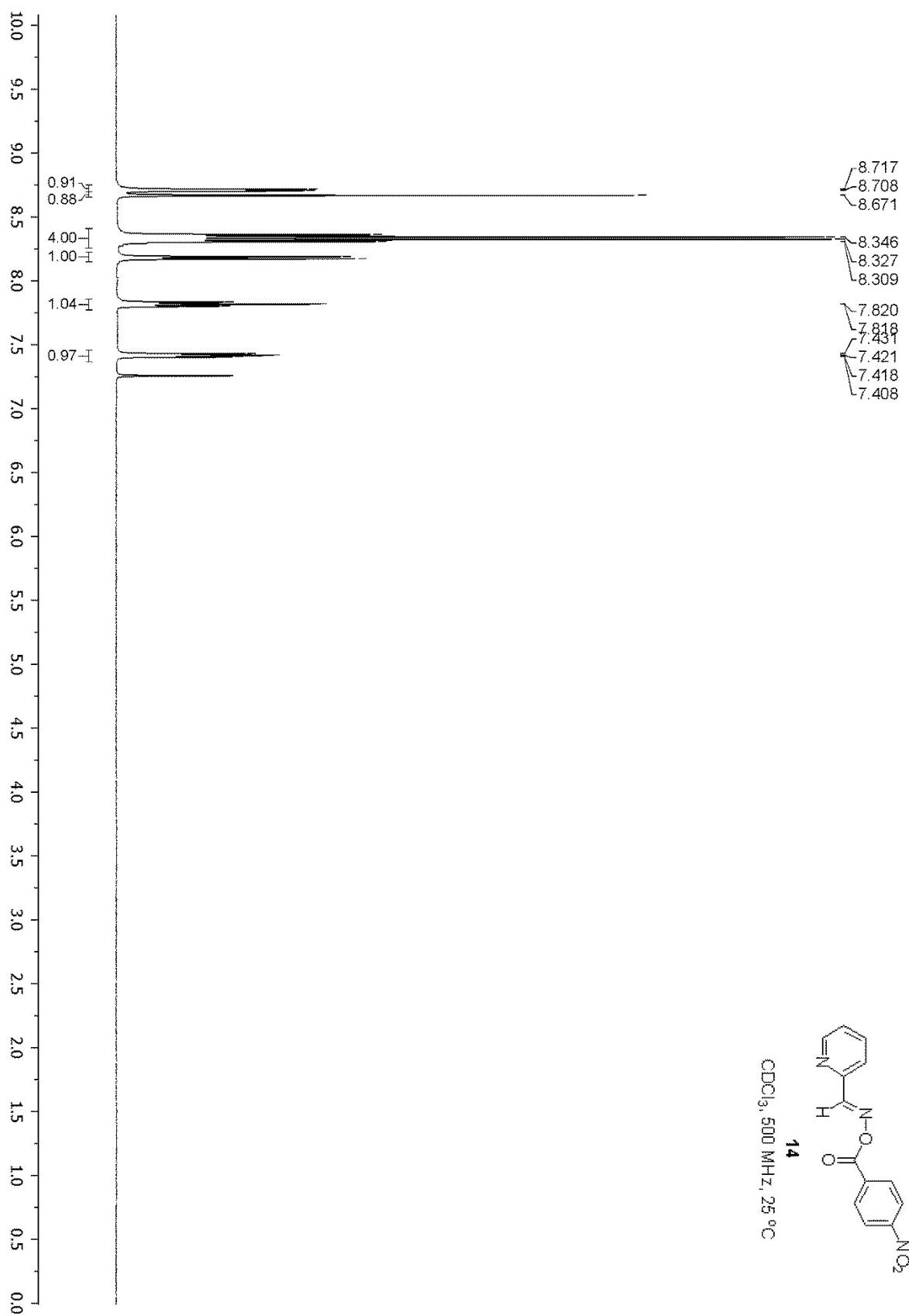


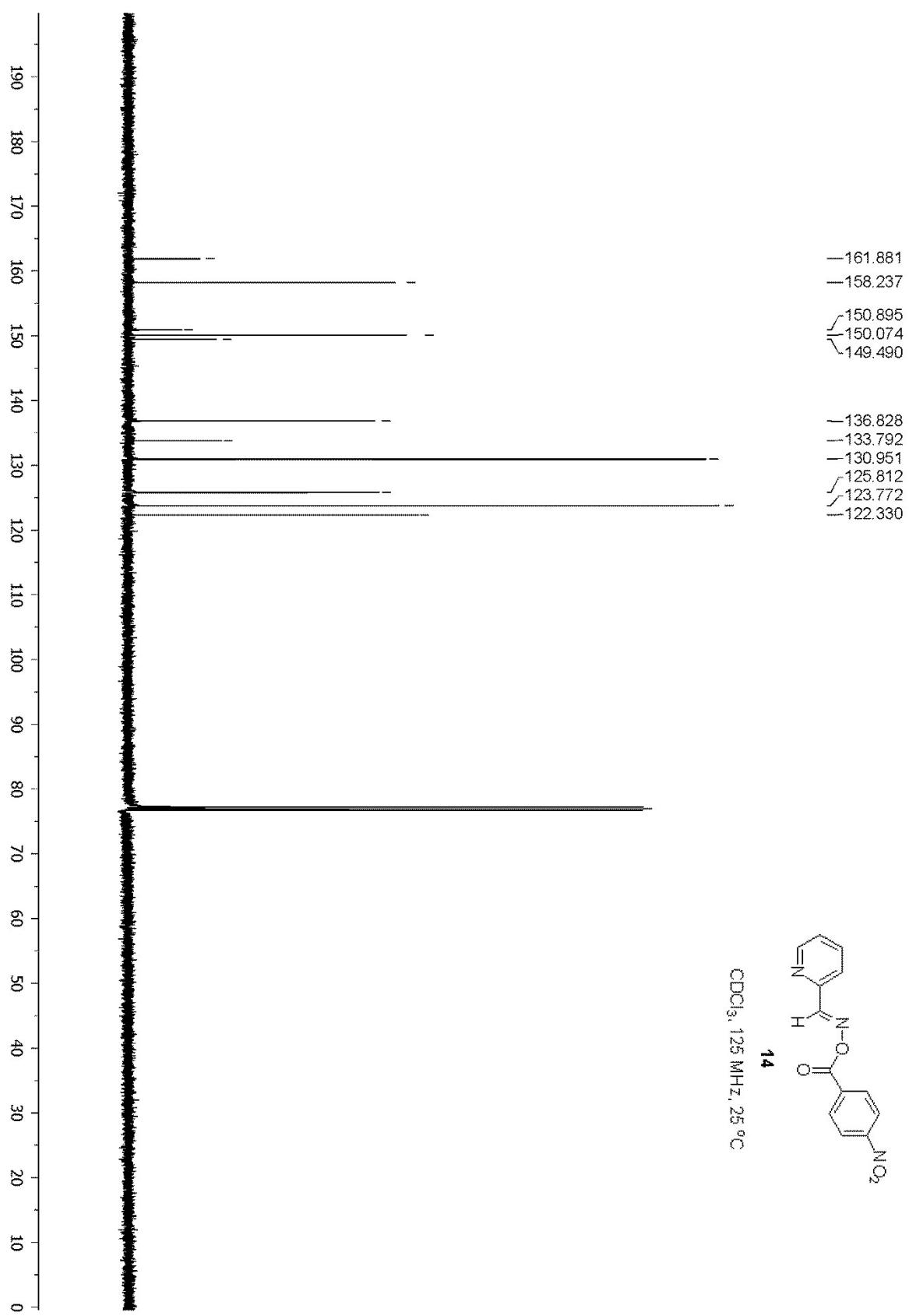


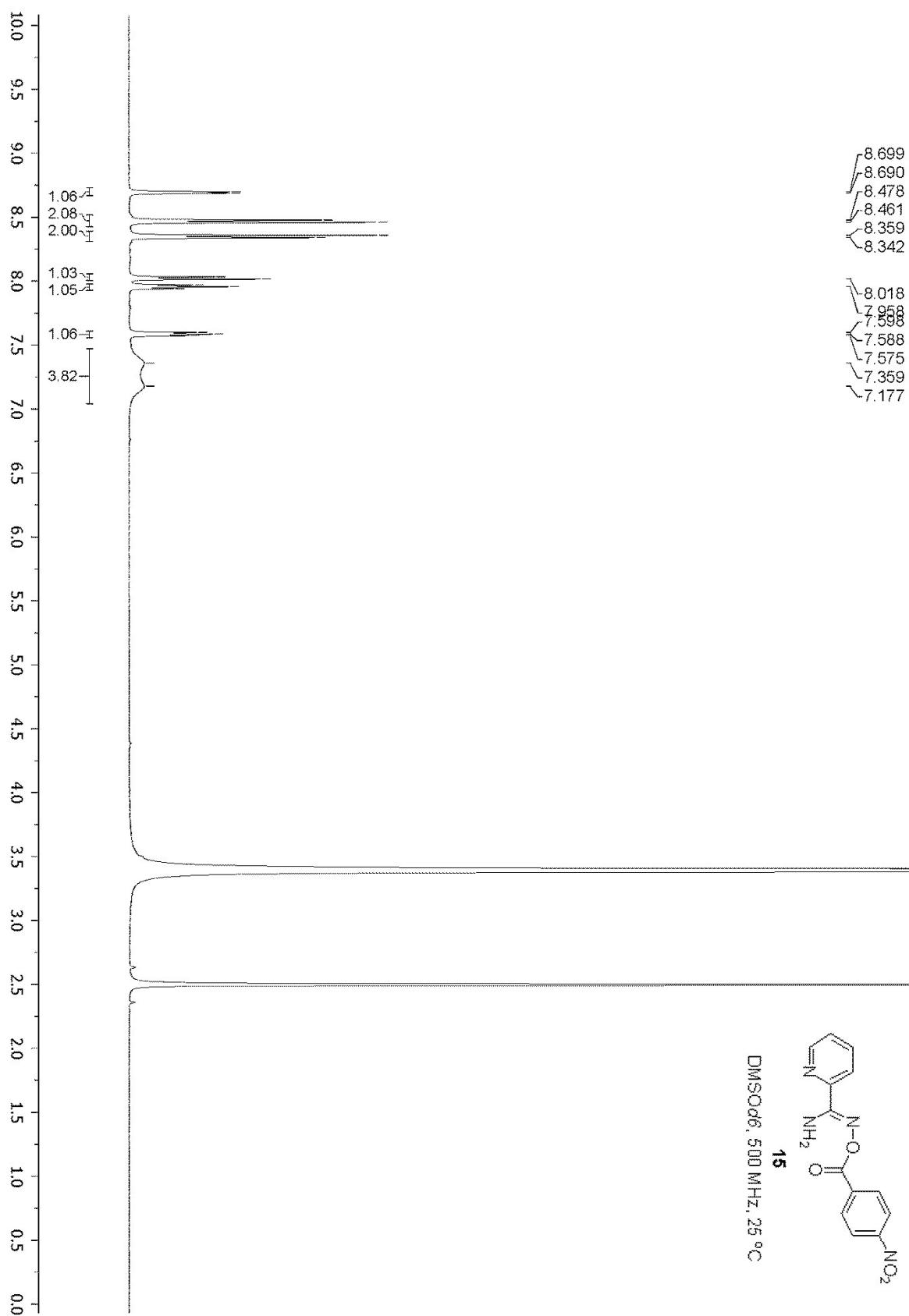


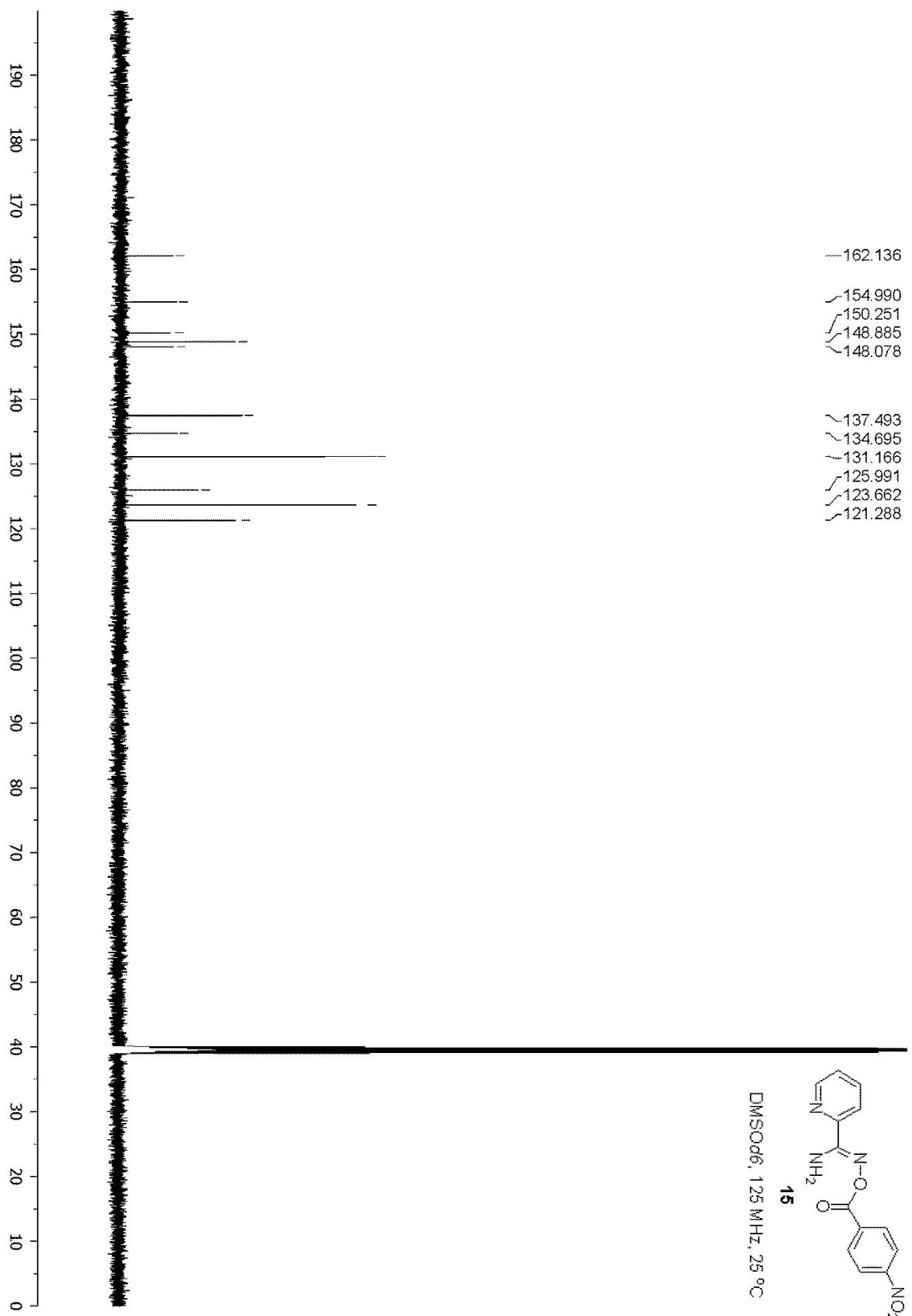


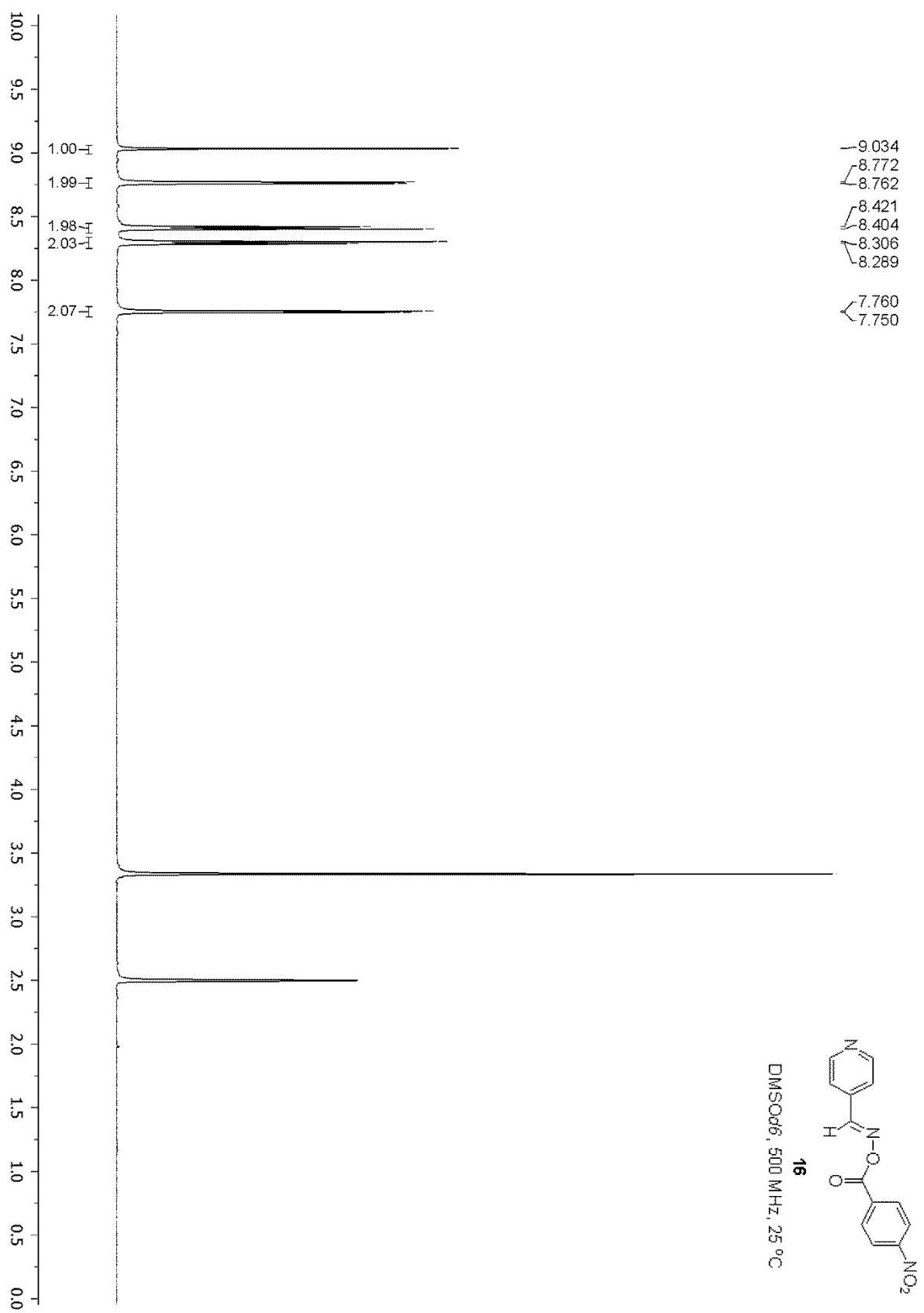


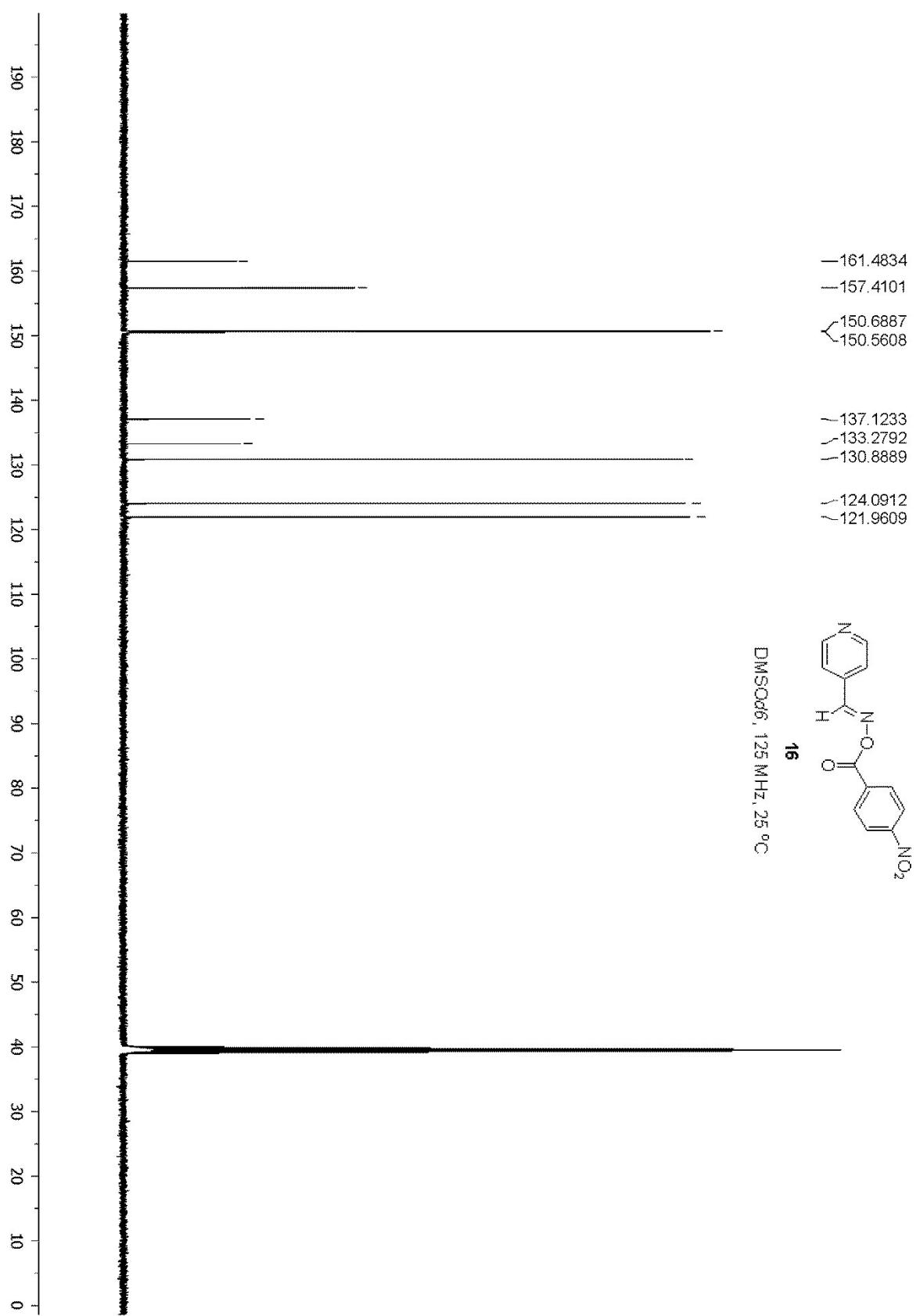


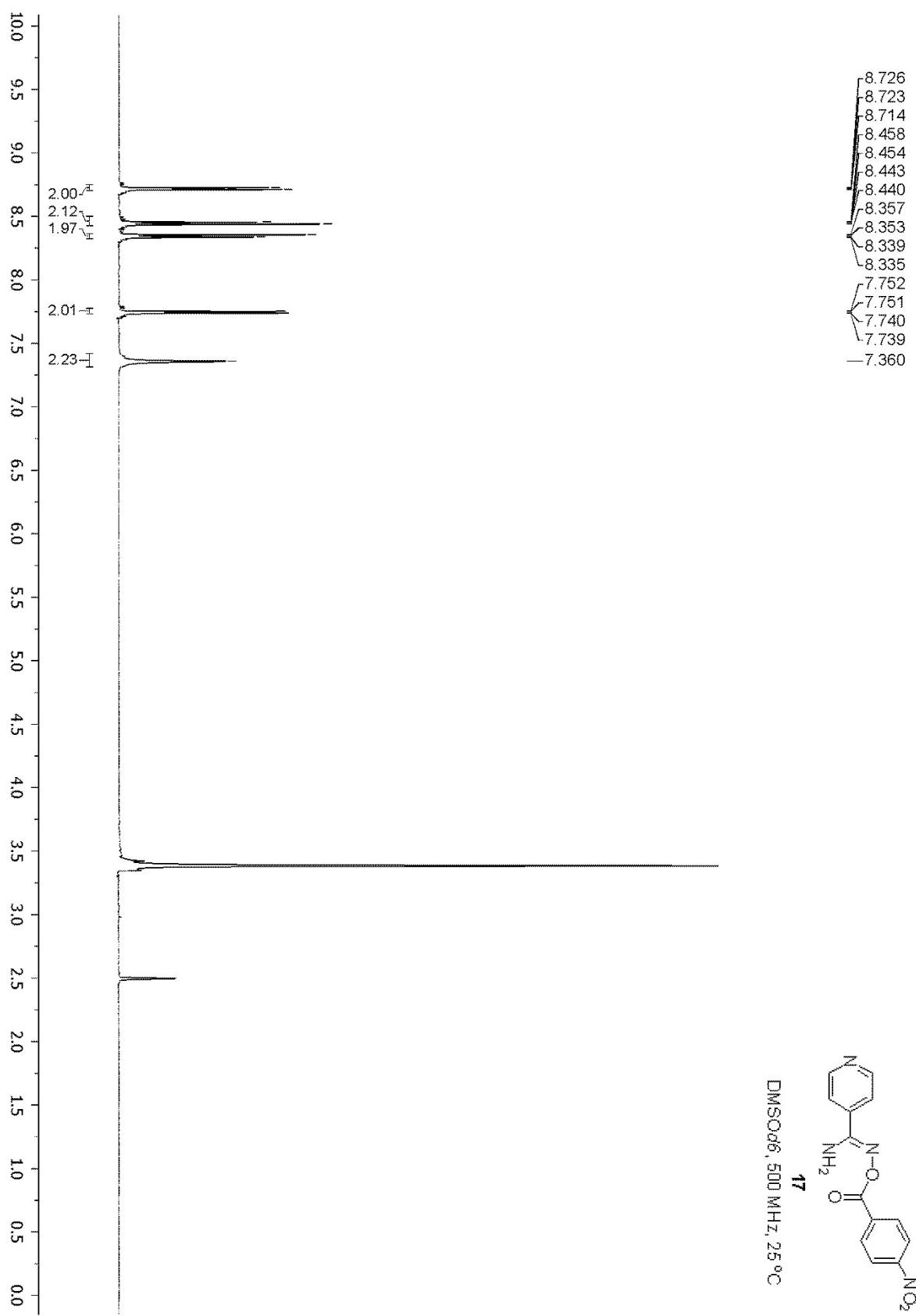


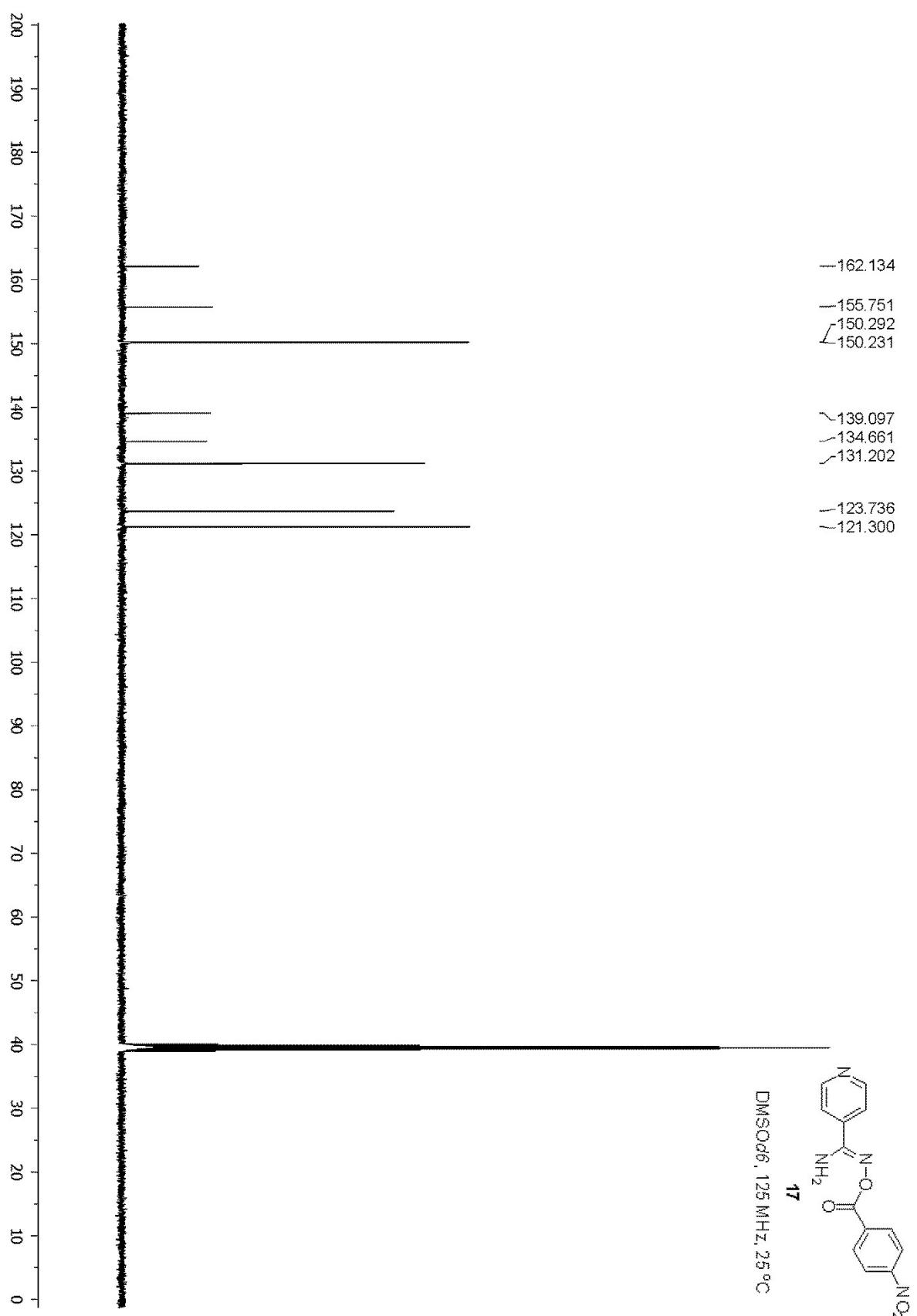










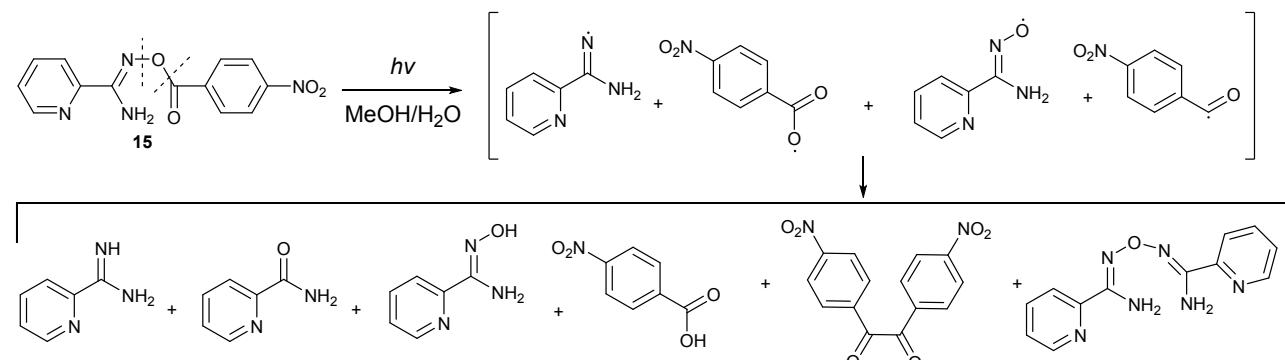


Photochemistry

Irradiation of derivative **15** under various conditions at 312 nm.

1. Irradiation of *N'*-((4-nitrobenzoyl)oxy)picolinimidamide (**15**) in MeOH/H₂O 9:1.

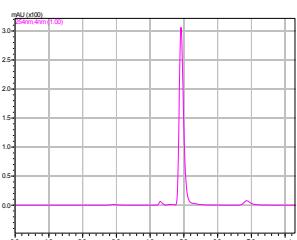
N'-((4-nitrobenzoyl)oxy)picolinimidamide **15** (13 mg) was placed into a quartz tube containing a mixture of MeOH/H₂O 9:1 (2 mL). The resulting heterogeneous mixture was degassed for 1 h and then irradiated at 312 nm for 5 h. The floating solid was removed by filtration to give 9 mg of unreacted starting material. Samples of the solid and the filtrate were analyzed with LC-MS.



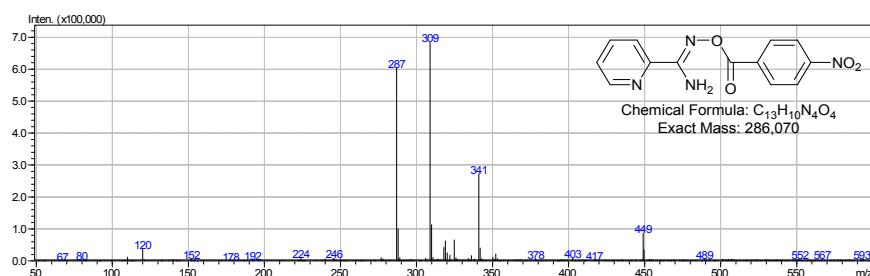
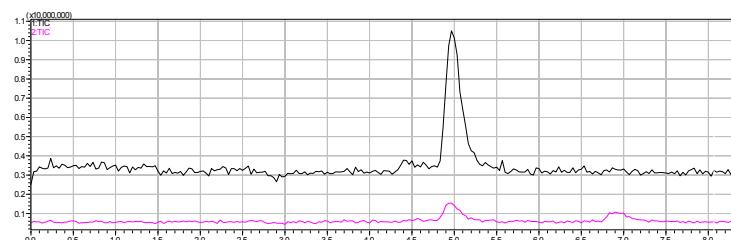
Scheme 1. Proposed structures for the products obtained by the irradiation *N'*-((4-nitrobenzoyl)oxy)picolinimidamide **15** in MeOH/H₂O 9:1. The assignment is based on the fragments observed by the analysis of the LC-MS.

Solid

UV detection



MS detection



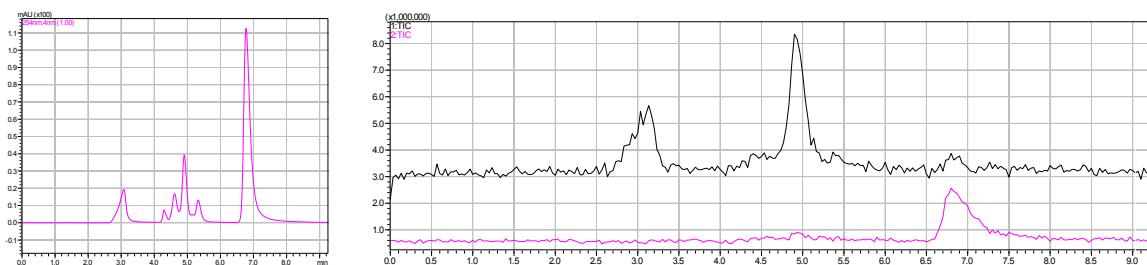
Time 4.9 min

Positive: 287 [M+H]⁺, 309 [M+Na]⁺, 341 [M+Na+MeOH]⁺.

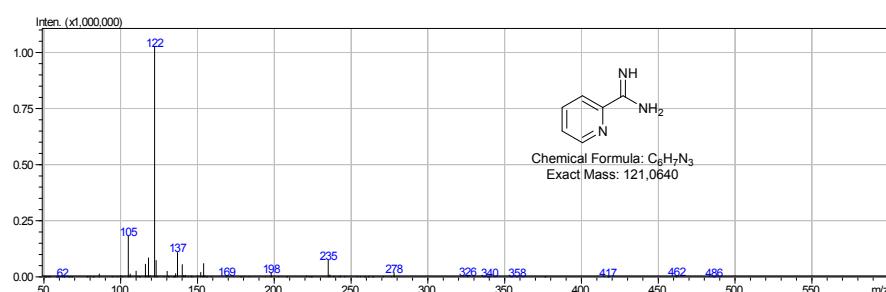
Filtrate

UV detection

MS detection

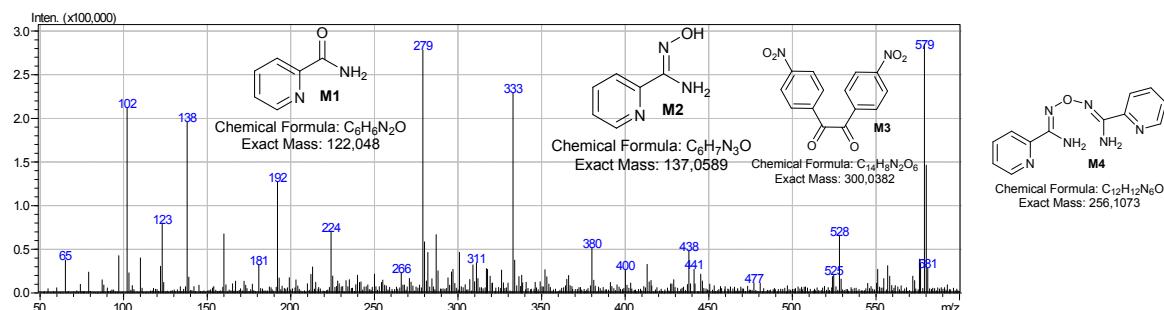


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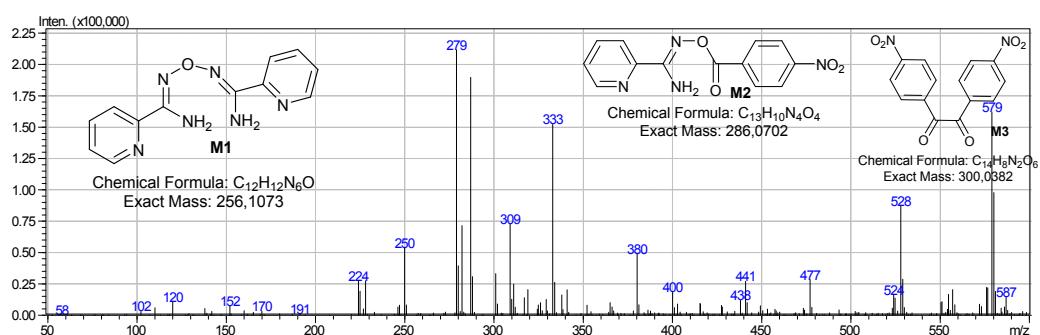


Positive: 122 $[M+H]^+$.

Time 4.9 min

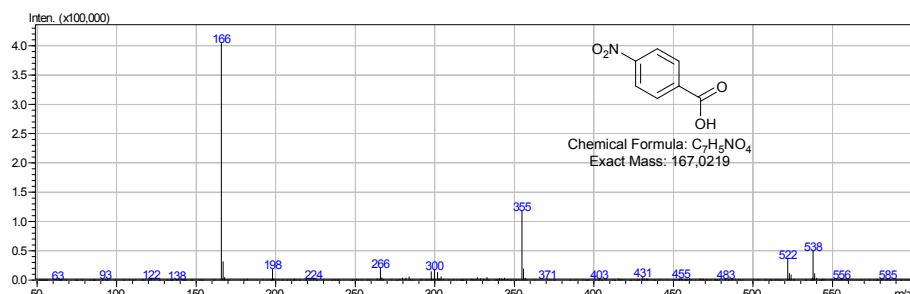


Positive: 123 $[M1+H]^+$, 138 $[M2+H]^+$, 279 $[M4+Na]^+$, 333 $[M3+H+MeOH]^+$.



Positive: 279 $[M1+Na]^+$, 287 $[M2+H]^+$, 309 $[M2+Na]^+$, 333 $[M3+H+MeOH]^+$.

Time 6.8 min

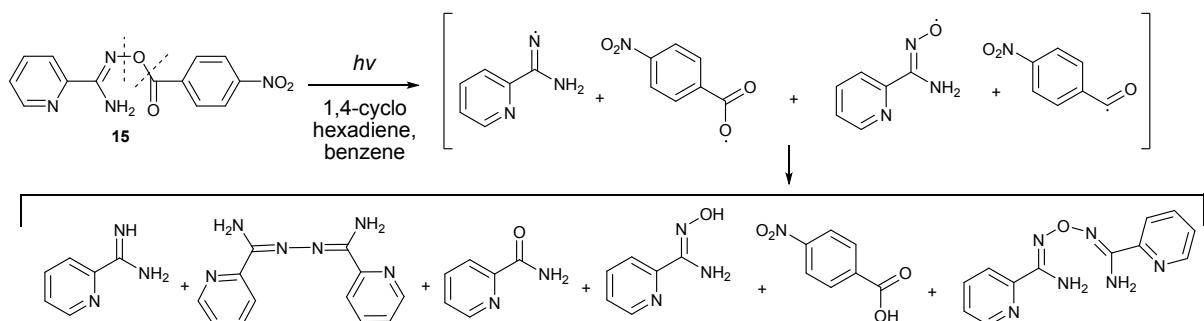


Negative: 166 [M-H]⁻.

The starting material **15** is highly insoluble in the reaction solvent. From the integration of the UV detection of the filtrate it seems that the N-O cleavage dominates, as fragment with m/z 166 appears in high percentage. Amidine is consumed in side reactions.

2. Irradiation of *N'*-(4-nitrobenzoyl)oxy)picolinimidamide (**15**) in benzene.

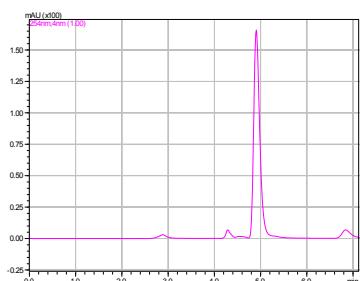
N'-(4-nitrobenzoyl)oxy)picolinimidamide **15** (13 mg) was placed into a quartz tube containing benzene (2 mL). The resulting heterogeneous mixture was degassed for 1 h, 1,4-cyclohexadiene (10 eq) was added and then irradiated at 312 nm for 5 h. The floating solid was removed by filtration to give 8 mg of unreacted starting material. Samples of the solid and the filtrate were analyzed with LC-MS.



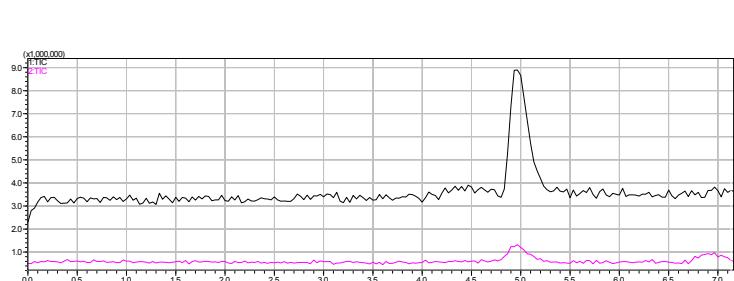
Scheme 2. Proposed structures for the products obtained by the irradiation *N'*-(4-nitrobenzoyl)oxy)picolinimidamide **15** in benzene. The assignment is based on the fragments observed by the analysis of the LC-MS.

Solid

UV detection



MS detection

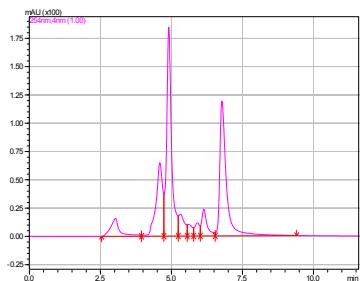


Time 4.9 min

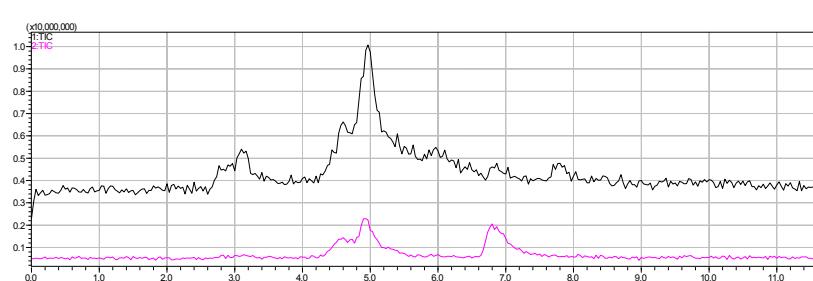
Same as before for solid.

Filtrate

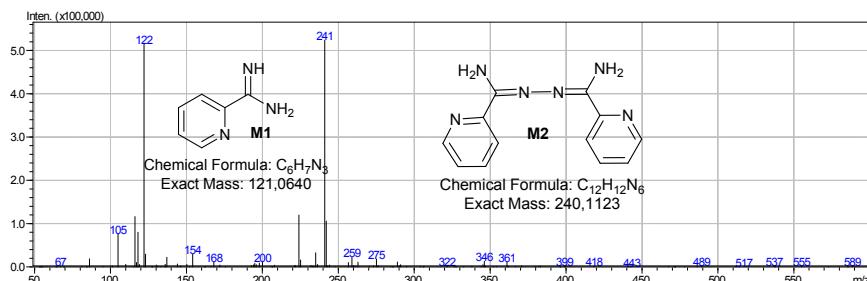
UV detection



MS detection

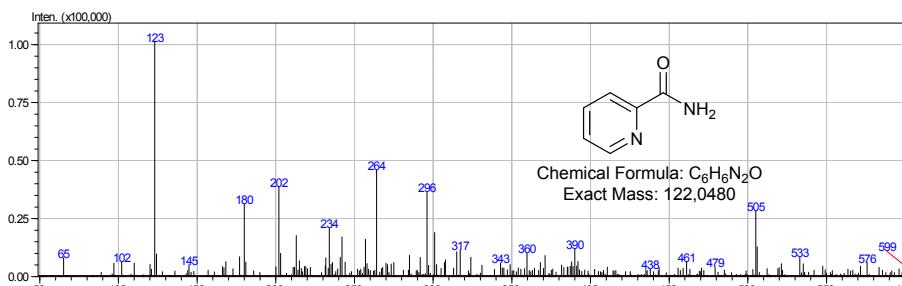


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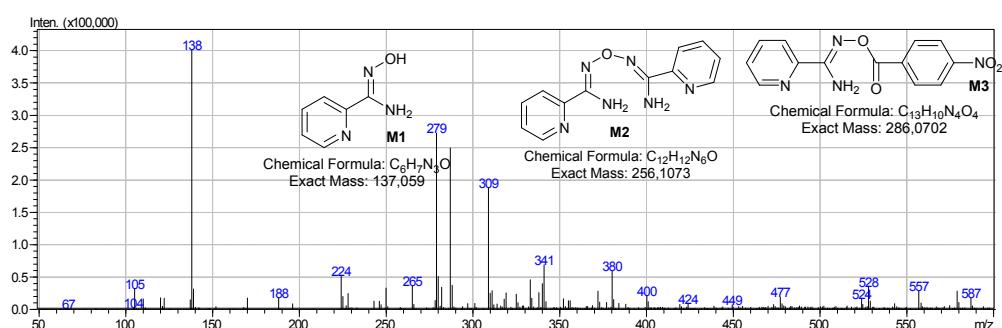
Positive: 122 [M1+H]⁺, 241 [M2+H]⁺.

Time 4.6 min



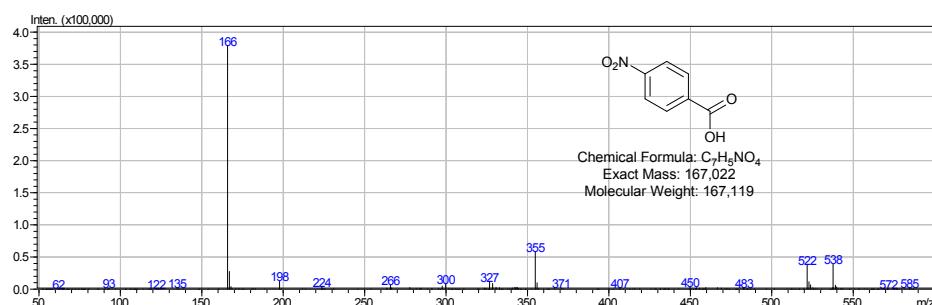
Positive: 123 [M+H]⁺.

Time 4.9 min



Positive: 138 [$\mathbf{M1+H}]^+$, 279 [$\mathbf{M2+Na}]^+$, 309 [$\mathbf{M3+Na}]^+$.

Time 6.8 min



Negative: 166 [$\mathbf{M-H}]^-$.

The starting material **15** is highly insoluble in the reaction solvent. From the integration of the UV detection of the filtrate it seems that the N-O cleavage dominates, as fragment with m/z 166 appears in high percentage. Amidine is consumed in side reactions.

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Gel electrophoresis of plasmid with or without *N'*-(4-nitrobenzoyl)oxyisonicotinimidamide (17**) at various pHs**



- 1** Plasmid + tris buffer pH 4
- 2** Plasmid + **17** (500 μ M) – tris buffer pH 4 + UV
- 3** Plasmid + tris buffer pH 5
- 4** Plasmid + **17** (500 μ M) – tris buffer pH 5 + UV
- 5** Plasmid + tris buffer pH 6
- 6** Plasmid + **17** (500 μ M) – tris buffer pH 6 + UV
- 7** Plasmid + tris buffer pH 7
- 8** Plasmid + **17** (500 μ M) – tris buffer pH 7 + UV
- 9** Plasmid + tris buffer pH 8
- 10** Plasmid + **17** (500 μ M) – tris buffer pH 8 + UV
- 11** Plasmid + tris buffer pH 9
- 12** Plasmid + **17** (500 μ M) – tris buffer pH 9 + UV
- 13** Plasmid + tris buffer pH 10
- 14** Plasmid + **17** (500 μ M) – tris buffer pH 10 + UV

UV-Vis spectra of compounds **4, **8**, **14-17** in DMSO**

