

Chiral Derivatives of 1,2-Benzenedisulfonimide as efficient Brønsted acid catalysts in Strecker reaction.

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1. Synthesis of 4-Iodonitroanilines **5**

ICl 1M in MeCOOH (20 ml) was added to a MeCOOH (5 ml) solution of nitroaniline **4** (5 mmol). The mixture was stirred at 30 °C for 3 h until GC and GC-MS analyses showed the complete disappearance of the starting compound and the complete formation of iodinate product **5**. The reaction mixture was poured into a cold 10% aqueous NaHCO₃ solution (15 ml). A precipitate was formed and was gathered on a Buchner funnel and washed with further NaHCO₃ solution (15 ml) in order to remove completely MeCOOH. The resulting solid was the virtually pure **5**.

4-Iodo-6-methyl-2-nitroaniline (5a). Brown solid (1.39 g; 100% yield). Mp 140–141 °C (EtOH; lit 139–140 °C). ¹H NMR (200 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 8.27 (s, 1H), 7.46 (s, 1H), 6.12 (br s, 2H), 2.15 (s, 3H); ¹H NMR data identical to that reported in the literature.¹⁵ ¹³C NMR (50 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 144.1, 143.1, 132.6, 131.7, 123.8, 75.7, 17.4. MS (EI) *m/z*: (%) 278 [M⁺] (100), 232 (35), 105 (35). IR (neat) *v* (cm⁻¹): 3508, 3504 (NH₂), 1585, 1312 (NO₂).

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4-Iodo-5,6-dimethyl-2-nitroaniline (5b). Brown solid (1.46 g; 100% yield). Mp 158–159 °C (from EtOH). Found: C 32.94; H 3.07; N 9.54. C₈H₉IN₂O₂ requires: C 32.90; H 3.11; N 9.59%. ¹H NMR (200 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 8.44 (s, 1H), 6.16 (br s, 2H), 2.42 (s, 3H), 2.16 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (50 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 146.2, 143.2, 141.7, 133.5, 123.6, 85.6, 26.9, 15.2. MS (EI) *m/z*: (%) 292 [M⁺] (100), 246 (25), 119 (25). IR (neat) *v* (cm⁻¹): 3510, 3500 (NH₂), 1535, 1350 (NO₂)

2. Synthesis of Diiodonitro derivatives (**7**)

First HBF₄Et₂O (54 %; 6 mmol, 0.97 g) and then *i*-pentyl nitrite (6 mmol, 0.70 g) were added to a cooled (5 °C) suspension of iodonitroaniline **5** (5 mmol) in MeCOOH (20 ml). A clear solution was obtained; it was stirred for about 30 min at rt. Then, anhydrous Et₂O (50 ml) was added to this solution, previously cooled (5 °C); a white precipitate was formed and it was gathered on a Buchner funnel. This solid was the corresponding diazonium tetrafluoroborate **6** and it was reacted immediately in the next step without further purification.

6 was added at rt to a stirred MeCN (20 mL) solution of tetra-*n*-butylammonium iodide (5.5 mmol, 2.03 g). Stirring was maintained for about 30 minutes until the complete disappearance of **6**. The reaction mixture was poured into Et₂O-H₂O (100 mL, 1:1). The aqueous layer was separated and extracted with Et₂O (100 mL). The combined organic extracts were washed with H₂O (50 mL),

dried over Na_2SO_4 and evaporated under reduced pressure. The obtained solid was the virtually pure **7**.

2,5-Diiodo-3-nitrotoluene (7a). Brown solid (1.78 g, 91% yield). Mp 93–94 °C (EtOH; lit 95 °C). ^1H NMR (200 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 7.68 (s, 1H), 7.66 (s, 1H), 2.47 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (50 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 147.2, 141.7, 130.5, 118.9, 92.7, 92.5, 29.2. MS (EI) m/z : (%) 389 [M^+] (100), 343 (15), 216 (35). IR (neat) ν (cm^{-1}): 1542, 1358 (NO_2)

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3,6-Diiodo-4-nitro-*o*-xylene (7b). Grey solid (1.90 g; 94% yield). Mp 117–118 °C (EtOH). Found: C 23.92; H 1.77; N 3.44. $\text{C}_8\text{H}_7\text{INO}_2$ requires: C 23.85; H 1.75; N 3.48%. ^1H NMR (200 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 7.84 (s, 1H), 2.64 (s, 3H), 2.57 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (50 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 144.2, 143.3, 141.8, 132.1, 101.0, 93.6, 29.0, 28.1. MS (EI) m/z : (%) 403 [M^+] (100), 357 (15), 230 (25), 103 (15). IR (neat) ν (cm^{-1}): 1522, 1351 (NO_2)

3. Synthesis of 4-nitro-3,6-bis(*o*-tolyl)-*o*-xylene (15)

o-Tolylboronic acid (4.5 mmol, 0.61 g) and then K_3PO_4 (12 mmol, 2.54 g) were added to a stirring mixture of 3,6-diiodo-4-nitro-*o*-xylene (**7b**, 2 mmol, 0.81 g), tris(dibenzylideneacetone)dipalladium ($\text{Pd}_2(\text{dba})_3$) as a catalyst (0.04 mmol; 37 mg and 2-dicyclohexylphosphino-2',6'-dimethoxybiphenyl (Sphos) as a ligand (0.32 mmol; 0.132 g) in anhydrous toluene (15 mL). The mixture was stirred at reflux until the disappearance of **7b** as monitored by TLC (PE/Et₂O 4:1). Then, the reaction mixture was poured into CH_2Cl_2 - H_2O (100 ml, 1:1). The aqueous layer was separated and extracted with CH_2Cl_2 (100 mL). The combined organic extracts were washed with H_2O (100 mL), dried over Na_2SO_4 and evaporated under reduced pressure. The crude residue, purified in a chromatography column (PE/Et₂O 4:1), afforded pure **15**.

4-Nitro-3,6-bis(*o*-tolyl)-*o*-xylene (15). Mixture of diastereomers. Yellow solid (0.63 g, 95% yield). Mp 124–125 °C (EtOH). Found: C 79.72; H 6.45; N 4.20. $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{21}\text{NO}_2$ requires: C 79.73; H 6.39; N 4.23%. ^1H NMR (200 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 7.53 (s, 1H), 7.26–6.97 (m, 8H), 2.08, 2.06, 2.05, 2.04, 1.95 (5s, 12H). ^{13}C NMR (50 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 147.8, 141.8, 140.8, 140.2, 138.1, 136.9, 136.7, 136.1, 136.0, 134.1, 130.3, 130.2, 129.5, 129.4, 128.5, 128.4, 128.2, 126.2, 122.3, 20.2, 20.1, 18.0, 17.6. MS (EI) m/z : (%) 331 [M^+] (90), 314 (100), 301 (95), 284 (100), 269 (85), 253 (85), 239 (55). IR (neat) ν (cm^{-1}): 1520, 1355 (NO_2).

We also performed the reaction using 1-naphthylboronic acid (4.5 mmol, 0.77 g). It was not possible to isolate 4-nitro-3,6-bis(1-naphthyl)-*o*-xylene in acceptable purity.

4. Synthesis of diiodoanilines **8**

Fe powder (15 mmol, 0.84 g) and CaCl₂ (5 mmol, 0.55 g; dissolved in 2 ml of H₂O) were added to a stirred EtOH solution (15 mL) of nitroderivative **7** (5 mmol). Stirring was maintained for about 6 hours until its complete disappearance. The crude residue was filtered on a Buchner funnel in order to remove the excess Fe and EtOH was evaporated under reduced pressure. The crude residue was poured into Et₂O/H₂O (100 mL, 1:1). The aqueous layer was separated and extracted with Et₂O (100 mL). The combined organic extracts were washed with H₂O (100 mL), dried over Na₂SO₄ and evaporated under reduced pressure. The obtained solid was the virtually pure **8**.

2,5-Diido-3-methylaniline (8a). Brown solid (1.65 g, 92% yield). Mp 84–85 °C (EtOH; lit 82 °C). ¹H NMR (200 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 6.91 (s, 1H), 6.84 (s, 1H), 6.13 (br s, 2H), 2.15 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (50 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 148.7, 144.4, 128.0, 120.3, 94.1, 90.9, 24.4. MS (EI) *m/z*: (%) 359 [M⁺] (100), 232 (15), 105 (20). IR (neat) ν (cm⁻¹): 3410, 3406 (NH₂).

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2,5-Diido-3,4-dimethylaniline (8b). Pale red waxy solid (1.55 g; 83% yield). Found: C 25.81; H 2.44; N 3.67. C₈H₉I₂N requires: C 25.76; H 2.43; N 3.76%. ¹H NMR (200 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 7.11 (s, 1H), 4.00 (br s, 2H), 2.47 (s, 3H), 2.40 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (50 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 151.8, 146.1, 141.8, 122.4, 102.7, 93.9, 28.5, 26.7. MS (EI) *m/z*: (%) 373 [M⁺] (100), 357 (15), 246 (25), 118 (15). IR (neat) ν (cm⁻¹): 3418, 3412 (NH₂).

5. Synthesis of 2,5-bis(*o*-tolyl)-3,4-dimethylaniline (**16**)

The same protocol as the synthesis of diiodoanilines **8** was used, starting from 4-nitro-3,6-bis(2-tolyl)benzene (**15**; 5 mmol, 1.65 g). The only difference was the use of Zn (15 mmol, 0.98 g) instead of Fe.

2,5-Bis(*o*-tolyl)-3,4-dimethylaniline (16**).** Mixture of diastereomers. Pale brown solid (1.35 g; 90% yield). Mp 158–159 °C (EtOH). Found: C 87.68; H 7.62; N 4.70. C₂₂H₂₃N requires: C 87.66; H

7.69; N 4.65%. ^1H NMR (200 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 7.32–7.07 (m, 9H), 6.51 (br s, 2H), 2.07, 2.05, 2.03, 2.03, 1.86, 1.84 (6s, 12H). ^{13}C NMR (50 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 143.0, 142.9, 141.5, 141.4, 140.9, 140.7, 138.6, 138.5, 137.5, 137.4, 136.3, 136.2, 135.4, 135.2, 130.6, 130.4, 130.3, 129.8, 129.7, 129.6, 127.7, 127.0, 126.7, 125.6, 124.6, 114.0, 20.2, 20.0, 19.8, 19.6, 17.5, 16.4. MS (EI) m/z : (%) 301 [M^+] (100), 286 (15), 271 (15). IR (neat) ν (cm^{-1}): 3416, 3410 (NH₂).

6. Synthesis of diiodoisatins **10**

10 were prepared, starting from diiodoanilines (**8**, 5 mmol), as described in the literature (V. Lisowski, M. Robba and S. Rault, *J. Org. Chem.*, 2000, **65**, 4193.) The intermediates *N*-(2,5-diido-3-methylphenyl)hydroxyiminoacetamide (**9a**), MS (EI) m/z : (%) 385 [$\text{M}^+ - \text{CH}_2=\text{NOH}$] (40), 359 (100), 232 (15), 105 (15) and *N*-(2,5-diido-3,4-dimethylphenyl)hydroxyiminoacetamide (**9b**), MS (EI) m/z : (%) 399 [$\text{M}^+ - \text{CH}_2=\text{NOH}$] (35), 373 (100), 246 (15) were converted into **10** upon heating to 35 °C in H_2SO_4 (15 ml) and were used without further purification. At higher temperatures the decomposition of these intermediates was observed.

4,7-Diido-5-methylisatin (10a). Red solid (1.60 g, 77% yield). Mp 159 °C (EtOH). Found: C 26.13; H 1.21; N 3.33. $\text{C}_9\text{H}_5\text{I}_2\text{NO}_2$ requires: C 26.18; H 1.22; N 3.39%. ^1H NMR (200 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 7.65 (br s, 1H), 7.44 (s, 1H), 2.40 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (50 MHz, DMSO-d6): δ = 183.2, 160.6, 156.1, 153.3, 134.6, 119.6, 93.2, 85.9, 28.5. MS (EI) m/z : (%) 413 [M^+] (65), 385(100), 258 (25), 230 (20). IR (neat) ν (cm^{-1}): 3298 (NH), 1731 (CO), 1578 (CONH).

4,7-Diido-5,6-dimethylisatin (10b). Red solid (0.55 g, 26% yield). Mp 233 °C (EtOH). Found: C 28.18; H 1.61; N 3.31. $\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_7\text{I}_2\text{NO}_2$ requires: C 28.13; H 1.65; N 3.28%. ^1H NMR (200 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 7.62 (br s, 1H), 2.58 (s, 3H), 2.52 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (50 MHz, DMSO-d6): δ = 183.5, 159.9, 154.5, 149.7, 135.3, 119.7, 101.2, 87.8, 28.7, 25.2. IR (neat) ν (cm^{-1}): 3305 (NH), 1729 (CO), 1576 (CONH).

7. Synthesis of 5,6-dimethyl-4,7-bis(*o*-tolyl)isatin (**11b**)

11b was prepared from 2,5-bis(*o*-tolyl)-3,4-dimethylaniline (**16**; 1.51 g, 5 mmol), as described in the literature (V. Lisowski, M. Robba and S. Rault, *J. Org. Chem.*, 2000, **65**, 4193).

The intermediate *N*-[2,5-bis(*o*-tolyl)-3,4-dimethylphenyl]hydroxyiminoacetamide (**17**), MS (EI) m/z : (%) 327 [$\text{M}^+ - \text{CH}_2=\text{NOH}$] (100), 312 (20), 298 (15), 284 (25) was converted into the title

compound upon heating to 50 °C in MeSO₃H (15 ml) and used without further purification. It was impossible to obtain **11b** using H₂SO₄.

5,6-Dimethyl-4,7-bis(*o*-tolyl)isatin (11b). Mixture of diastereomers. Orange solid (1.58 g; 89% yield). Mp 126–127 °C (EtOH). Found: C 81.03; H 6.00; N 3.93. C₂₄H₂₁NO₂ requires: C 81.10; H 5.96; N 3.94%. ¹H NMR (200 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 7.34–6.96 (m, 9H), 2.11, 2.09, 2.03, 2.00, 1.99, 1.88 (s, 12H). ¹³C NMR (50 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 181.8, 159.3, 147.4, 145.4, 140.6, 137.0, 136.9, 136.4, 135.6, 135.5, 133.8, 131.5, 131.1, 130.2, 129.9, 129.8, 129.2, 128.4, 128.3, 127.0, 126.1, 125.0, 113.9, 19.8, 19.7, 18.8, 16.1. MS (EI) *m/z*: (%) 355 [M⁺] (55), 340 (15), 327 (15), 312 (100), 297 (25). IR (neat) *v* (cm⁻¹): 3312 (NH), 1729 (CO), 1585 (CONH).

8. Synthesis of diarylisatins **11**

o-Tolylboronic acid (4.5 mmol, 0.61 g) or 1-naphthylboronic acid (4.5 mmol, 0.77 g) and then CsF (5 mmol, 0.76 g), dissolved in H₂O (8 mL), were added to a stirring mixture of diiodoisatine (**10**, 2 mmol), Pd(OAc)₂ (0.4 mmol; 48 mg) and 2-dicyclohexylphosphino-2',6'-dimethoxybiphenyl (Sphos) as a ligand (0.4 mmol; 0.16 g) in DME (10 mL). The mixture was stirred at reflux until the disappearance of **10**, as monitored by TLC (CH₂Cl₂/EtOAc, 9.8:0.2). The reaction mixture was then poured into CH₂Cl₂-H₂O (100 ml, 1:1). The aqueous layer was separated and extracted with CH₂Cl₂ (100 mL). The combined organic extracts were washed with H₂O (100 mL), dried over Na₂SO₄ and evaporated under reduced pressure. The crude residue, purified in a chromatography column (CH₂Cl₂/EtOAc, 98:2), afforded pure **11**.

5-Methyl-4,7-bis(*o*-tolyl)isatin (11a). Red solid (0.58 g, 85% yield). Mp 79–80 °C (EtOH). Found: C 80.99; H 5.55; N 4.13. C₂₃H₁₉NO₂ requires: C 80.92; H 5.61; N 4.10%. ¹H NMR (200 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 7.34–7.10 (m, 8H), 7.02 (br s, 1H), 6.82 (s, 1H), 2.15 (s, 3H), 2.11 (s, 3H), 2.07 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (50 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 181.6, 159.2, 148.3, 147.4, 141.5, 136.9, 136.7, 136.1, 133.0, 131.2, 130.3, 129.7, 129.1, 128.7, 127.5, 127.1, 125.8, 124.4, 114.0, 21.0, 19.9, 19.7. MS (EI) *m/z*: (%) 341 [M⁺] (85), 326(35), 313 (25), 298 (100), 283 (25), 270 (15), 254 (40). IR (neat) *v* (cm⁻¹): 3313 (NH), 1727 (CO), 1574 (CONH).

5,6-Dimethyl-4,7-bis(*o*-tolyl)isatin (11b). Orange solid (0.20 g, 28%).

11b was also prepared as reported above for the synthesis of **15**. We obtained 0.62 g (87% yield).

5,6-Dimethyl-4,7-bis(1-naphthyl)isatin (11c). Mixture of diastereomers. Red waxy solid (0.25 g; 29% yield). Found: C 84.24; H 4.94; N 3.31. $C_{30}H_{21}NO_2$ requires: C 84.29; H 4.95; N 3.28%. 1H NMR (200 MHz, $CDCl_3$): δ = 7.98–7.90 (m, 4H), 7.62–7.28 (m, 10H), 6.87 (br s, 1H), 2.05 (s, 3H), 1.89 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (50 MHz, $CDCl_3$): δ = 181.8, 159.1, 148.2, 146.6, 137.8, 137.6, 134.6, 134.2, 133.9, 133.8, 133.6, 132.5, 132.0, 131.8, 131.7, 129.5, 129.1, 128.7, 128.4, 128.1, 127.5, 127.1, 126.9, 126.7, 126.6, 126.1, 125.7, 125.4, 125.2, 125.1, 125.0, 124.1, 114.8, 19.2, 16.5. MS (ESI +) m/z : 428.26 ($M + H$)⁺. IR (neat) ν (cm⁻¹): 3308 (NH), 1726 (CO), 1582(CONH).

11c was also prepared as reported above for the synthesis of **15**. We obtained 0.77 g (89% yield).

9. Synthesis of 2-aminobenzoic acids **12**

A 30% hydrogen peroxide aqueous solution (10 mL) and 5% aqueous NaOH solution (10 mL) were slowly added to a stirred solution of isatin (**11**; 2 mmol) in 1,4-dioxane (5 mL) at 50 °C. The reaction mixture was stirred at 80 °C for 30 min and then was taken to rt, while stirring for other 30 min. The reaction mixture was filtered, and the resulting solution was acidified with 1M HCl until pH 3-4; the resulting solid, the virtually pure **12**, was collected by filtration on a Buchner funnel.

2-Amino-4-methyl-3,6-bis(*o*-tolyl)benzoic acid (12a**).** Mixture (1:1) of two diastereomers. The diastereomer ratio was determined by 1H NMR analysis. In particular, the ratio was deduced by comparing the integration area of the signal centred at 2.13 ppm (pertinent to one of the Me bonded to aromatic rings) of one diastereomer, with the signal centred at 2.11 ppm of the other diastereomer. Pale yellow solid. (0.59 g, 89% yield). Mp 201–202 °C (EtOH). Found: C 79.68; H 6.35; N 4.33. $C_{22}H_{21}NO_2$ requires: C 79.73; H 6.39; N 4.23%. 1H NMR (200 MHz, $CDCl_3$): δ = 7.28–7.09 (m, 8H), 6.35 (s, 1H), 2.13, 2.11, 2.05, 1.84 (4s, 9H). ^{13}C NMR (50 MHz, $CDCl_3$): δ = 173.4, 148.3, 143.7, 143.4, 141.3, 137.6, 137.4, 136.5, 135.5, 135.4, 130.9, 130.3, 130.2, 129.6, 128.5, 128.3, 127.1, 126.9, 126.7, 125.2, 121.7, 20.7, 20.3, 20.2, 19.4, 19.3. MS (ESI +) m/z : 332.29 ($M + H$)⁺. IR (neat) ν (cm⁻¹): 3408, 3403 (NH₂), 2911 (OH), 1702 (CO).

2-Amino-4,5-dimethyl-3,6-bis(*o*-tolyl)benzoic acid (12b**).** Mixture of diastereomers. Pale yellow solid (0.59 g; 86% yield). Mp 168–171 °C (EtOH). Found: C 79.98; H 6.65; N 4.03. $C_{23}H_{23}NO_2$ requires: C 79.97; H 6.71; N 4.05%. 1H NMR (200 MHz, $CDCl_3$): δ = 7.28–6.95 (m, 8H), 2.03, 2.02, 1.83, 1.71 (4s, 9H). ^{13}C NMR (50 MHz, $CDCl_3$): δ = 172.9, 144.7, 141.9, 140.5, 137.6, 136.5, 136.4, 131.2, 130.8, 130.4, 130.3, 129.6, 128.7, 128.6, 128.2, 127.5, 127.1, 125.7, 124.2, 120.8,

20.0, 19.9, 19.6, 19.4, 18.3, 16.5. MS (ESI +) m/z : 346.26 ($M + H$)⁺. IR (neat) ν (cm⁻¹): 3403, 3401 (NH₂), 2915 (OH), 1704 (CO).

2-Amino-4,5-dimethyl-3,6-bis(1-naphthyl)benzoic acid (12c). Mixture of diastereomers. Pale yellow waxy solid (0.74 g; 89% yield). Found: C 83.51; H 5.50; N 3.33. C₂₉H₂₃NO₂ requires: C 83.43; H 5.55; N 3.35%. ¹H NMR (200 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 7.91–7.71 (m, 5H), 7.59–7.32 (m, 9H), 1.80 (s, 3H), 1.66 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (50 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 173.4, 145.4, 145.3, 141.3, 140.7, 140.4, 136.0, 134.4, 133.5, 132.8, 132.2, 128.7, 128.5, 128.4, 128.3, 127.2, 126.9, 126.8, 126.6, 126.4, 126.3, 126.1, 125.7, 125.6, 125.5, 125.4, 18.7, 17.1. MS (ESI +) m/z : 418.46 ($M + H$)⁺. IR (neat) ν (cm⁻¹): 3407, 3404 (NH₂), 2911 (OH), 1702 (CO).

10. Synthesis of 1,3-benzodithioles 13

3-Methylbutyl nitrite (4.8 mmol, 0.56 g), 3-methylbutan-1-ol (4 mmol, 0.35 g) and CS₂ (33.2 mmol, 2.52 g) were dissolved in 1,2-dichloroethane (40 mL) and heated to reflux at 82 °C. 2-Amino-benzoic acid (**12**; 2 mmol) dissolved in 1,4-dioxane (12 mL) was added dropwise to the previously prepared mixture. The resulting mixture was stirred first at reflux for 45 min and then at rt for 1 h. The reaction mixture was poured into Et₂O/H₂O (100 mL, 1:1). The aqueous layer was separated and extracted with Et₂O (100 mL). The combined organic extracts were washed with H₂O (100 mL) and a saturated solution of Na₂CO₃ (50 mL), dried over Na₂SO₄ and evaporated under reduced pressure. The crude residue, purified by column chromatography (PE/Et₂O 95:5), afforded pure **13**.

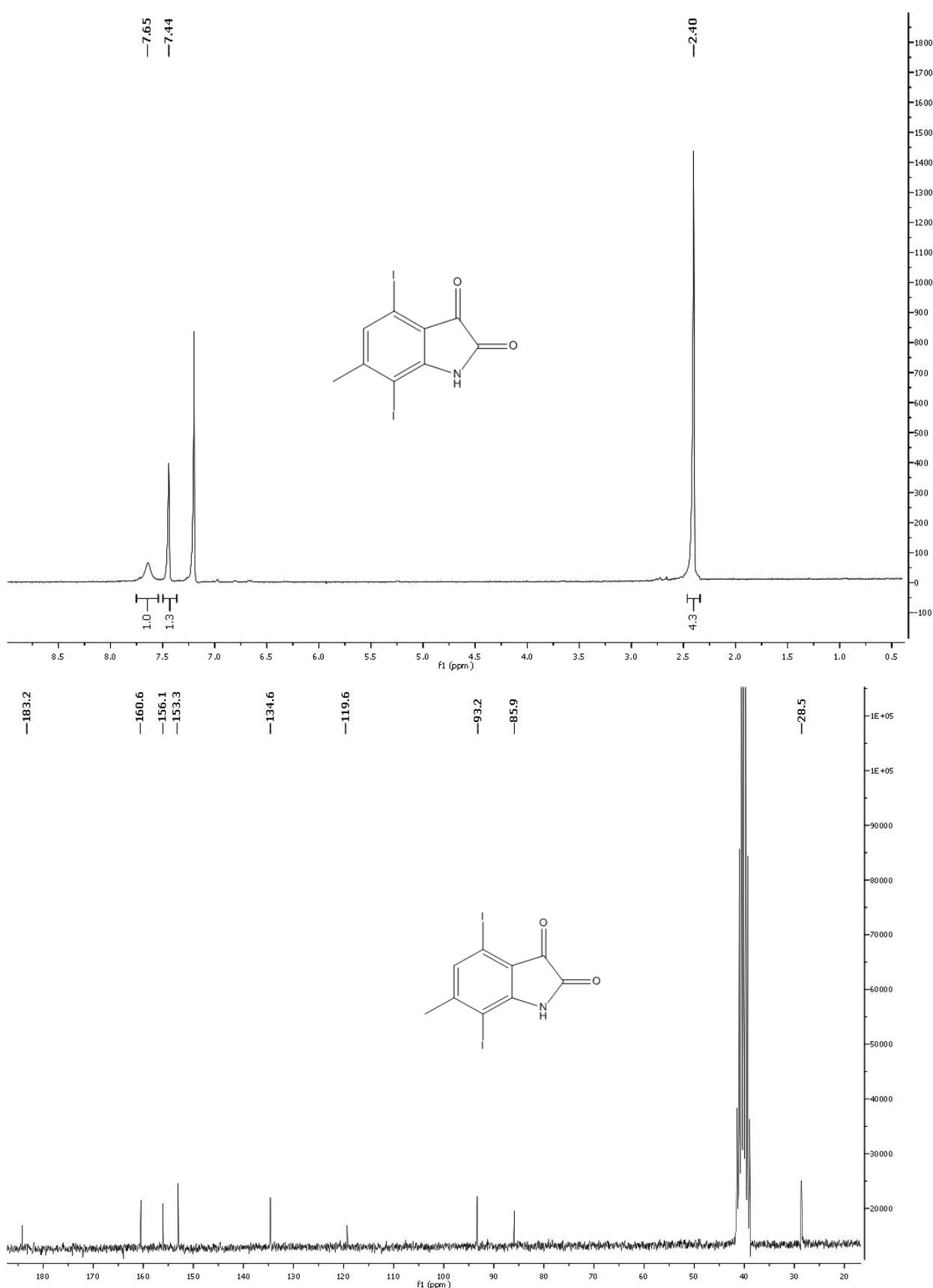
5-Methyl-2-(3-methylbutoxy)-4,7-bis(*o*-tolyl)-1,3-benzodithiole (13a). Mixture of two diastereomers. The diastereomer ratio was determined by ¹H NMR analysis. In particular, the ratio was deduced by comparing the integration area of the signal centred at 6.55 ppm (pertinent to the H of the C bound to two S) of one diastereomer, with the signal centred at 6.53 ppm of the other diastereomer. Viscous pale yellow oil (0.75 g, 86% yield). Found: C 74.57; H 6.95; S 14.83. C₂₇H₃₀OS₂ requires: C 74.61; H 6.96; S 14.75%. ¹H NMR (200 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 7.29–7.13 (m, 8H), 6.84 (s, 1H), 6.55 and 6.53 (2s, 1H), 3.37 (t, J = 6.7 Hz, 2H), 2.24–1.94 (m, 9H), 1.67–1.37 (m, 1H), 1.33–1.27 (m, 2H), 0.79–0.74 (m, 6H). ¹³C NMR (50 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 141.8, 141.1, 140.3, 136.2, 135.7, 135.6, 134.9, 134.8, 134.3, 133.6, 133.5, 130.5, 130.4, 129.3, 129.1, 129.0, 128.9, 128.6, 128.3, 128.2, 126.5, 126.0, 88.6, 88.5, 48.8, 38.8, 37.9, 25.3, 25.1, 24.9, 22.6, 20.2, 20.0, 19.5. MS (ESI +) m/z : 435.29 ($M + H$)⁺.

5,6-Dimethyl-2-(3-methylbutoxy)-4,7-bis(*o*-tolyl)-1,3-benzodithiole (13b). Complex mixture of diastereomers. Viscous pale yellow oil (0.78 g; 87% yield). Found: C 74.99; H 7.13; S 14.32. $C_{28}H_{32}OS_2$ requires: C 74.95; H 7.19; S 14.29%. 1H NMR (200 MHz, $CDCl_3$): δ = 7.29–7.22 and 7.08–7.04 (2m, 8H), 6.48 and 6.47 (2s, 1H), 3.40–3.32 (m, 2H), 2.12, 2.10, 2.04, 2.02, 1.89 (5s, 12H), 1.58–1.41 (m, 1H), 1.38–1.29 (m, 2H), 0.77–0.73 (m, 6H). ^{13}C NMR (50 MHz, $CDCl_3$): δ = 141.4, 136.3, 136.2, 135.9, 135.7, 134.5, 134.4, 134.1, 134.0, 132.6, 132.5, 130.5, 130.3, 130.1, 129.5, 129.2, 129.1, 128.9, 128.2, 127.4, 128.2, 126.6, 126.2, 125.8, 88.3, 88.2, 88.0, 41.6, 39.1, 38.1, 37.7, 25.5, 25.3, 25.2, 24.9, 22.9, 22.8, 20.1, 19.9, 19.7, 19.5, 17.1. MS (EI) m/z : (%) 377 [M $^+$ -71 (C_5H_{11})] (100). MS (ESI +) m/z : 449.51 (M + H) $^+$.

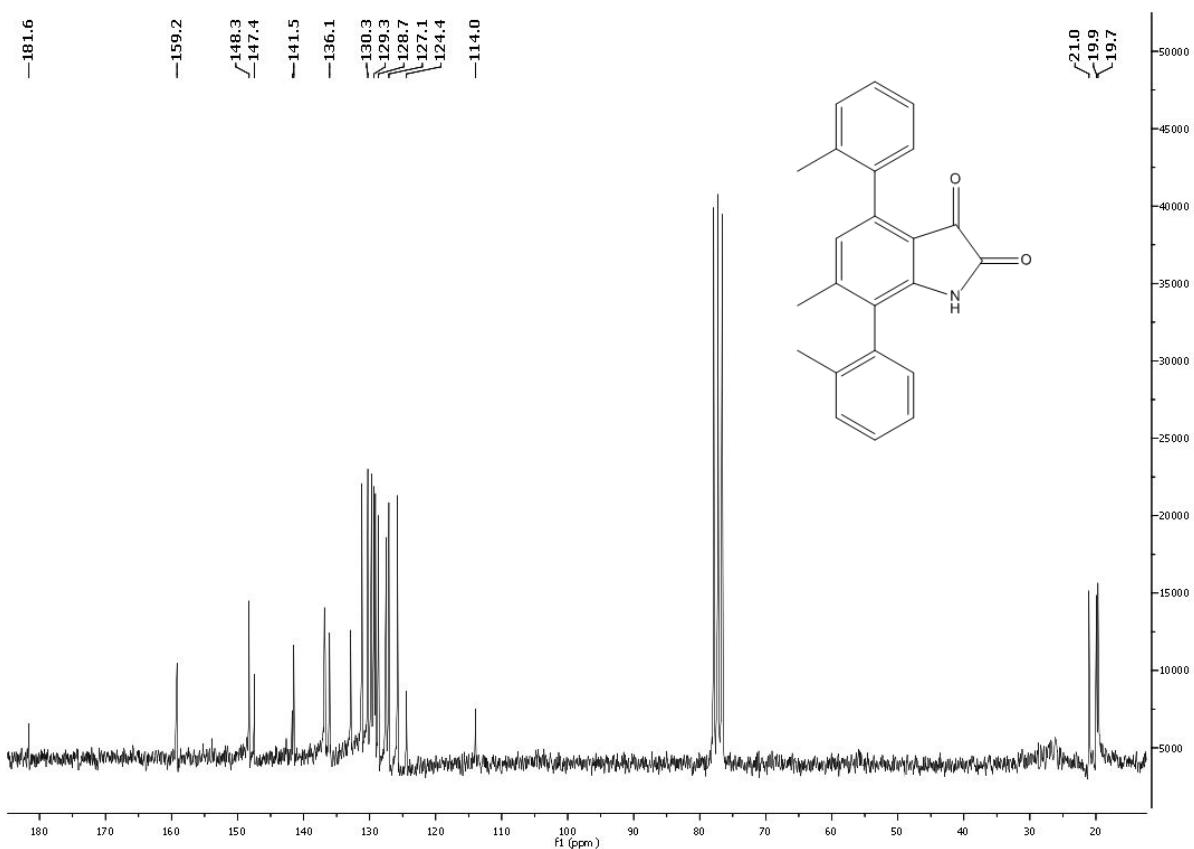
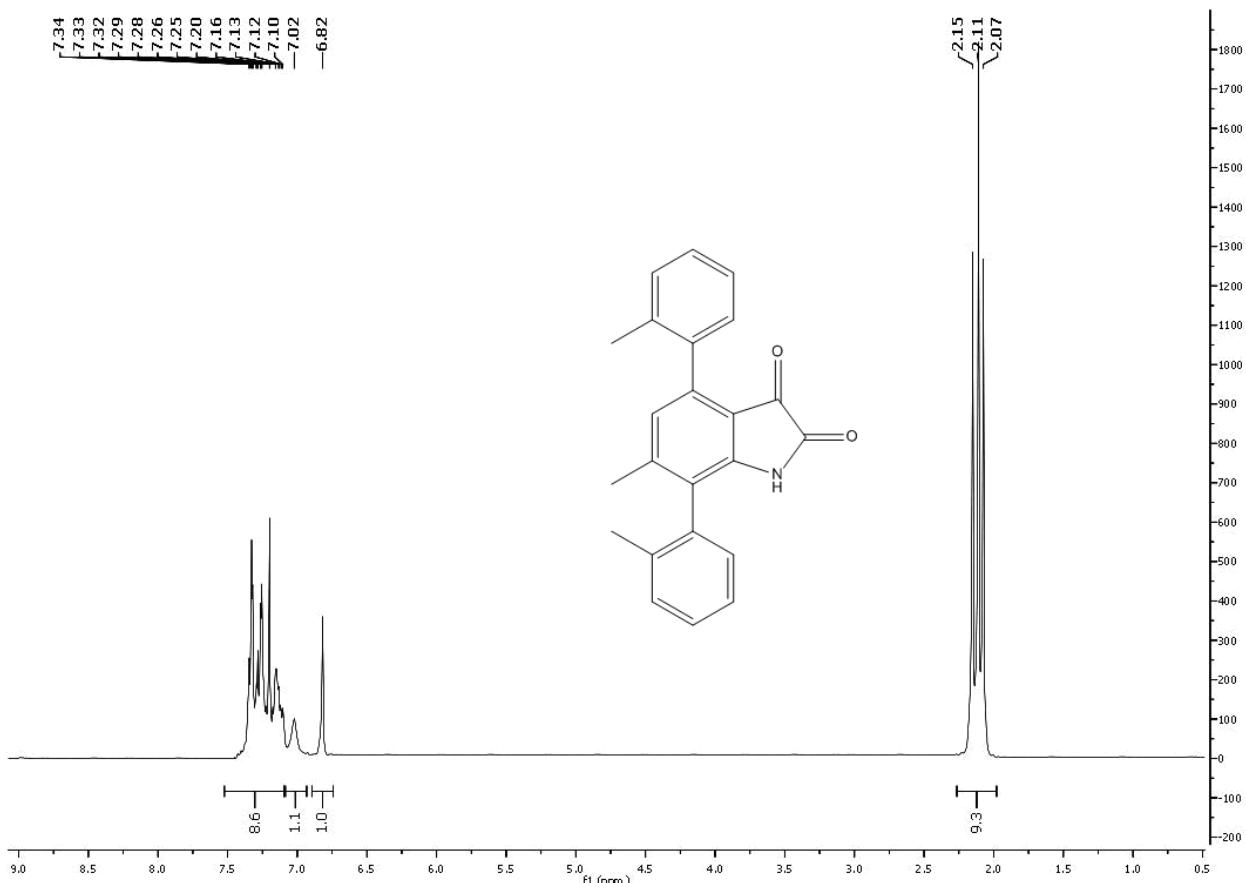
5,6-Dimethyl-2-(3-methylbutoxy)-4,7-bis(1-naphthyl)-1,3-benzodithiole (13c). Complex mixture of diastereomers. Viscous pale yellow oil (0.90 g; 87% yield) Found: C 78.45; H 6.09; S 12.35. $C_{34}H_{32}OS_2$ requires: C 78.42; H 6.19; S 12.31%. 1H NMR (200 MHz, $CDCl_3$): δ = 7.92–7.90 (m, 4H), 7.56–7.38 (2m, 10H), 6.45, 6.41 and 6.37 (3s, 1H) 3.51–3.25 (m, 2H), 1.94 (s, 3H), 1.93 (s, 3H), 1.56–1.14 (m, 3H), 0.89–0.71 (m, 6H). ^{13}C NMR (50 MHz, $CDCl_3$): δ = 139.4, 139.2, 135.1, 135.0, 134.9, 133.9, 133.8, 133.6, 133.5, 133.2, 131.3, 130.9, 128.6, 128.5, 128.2, 128.1, 126.8, 126.7, 126.4, 126.1, 125.7, 125.6, 125.4, 125.3, 125.1, 88.3, 87.8, 87.4, 37.7, 37.5, 28.5, 24.9, 22.5, 17.2. MS (ESI +) m/z : 521.31 (M + H) $^+$.

11. ^1H NMR and ^{13}C NMR spectra of unknown products.

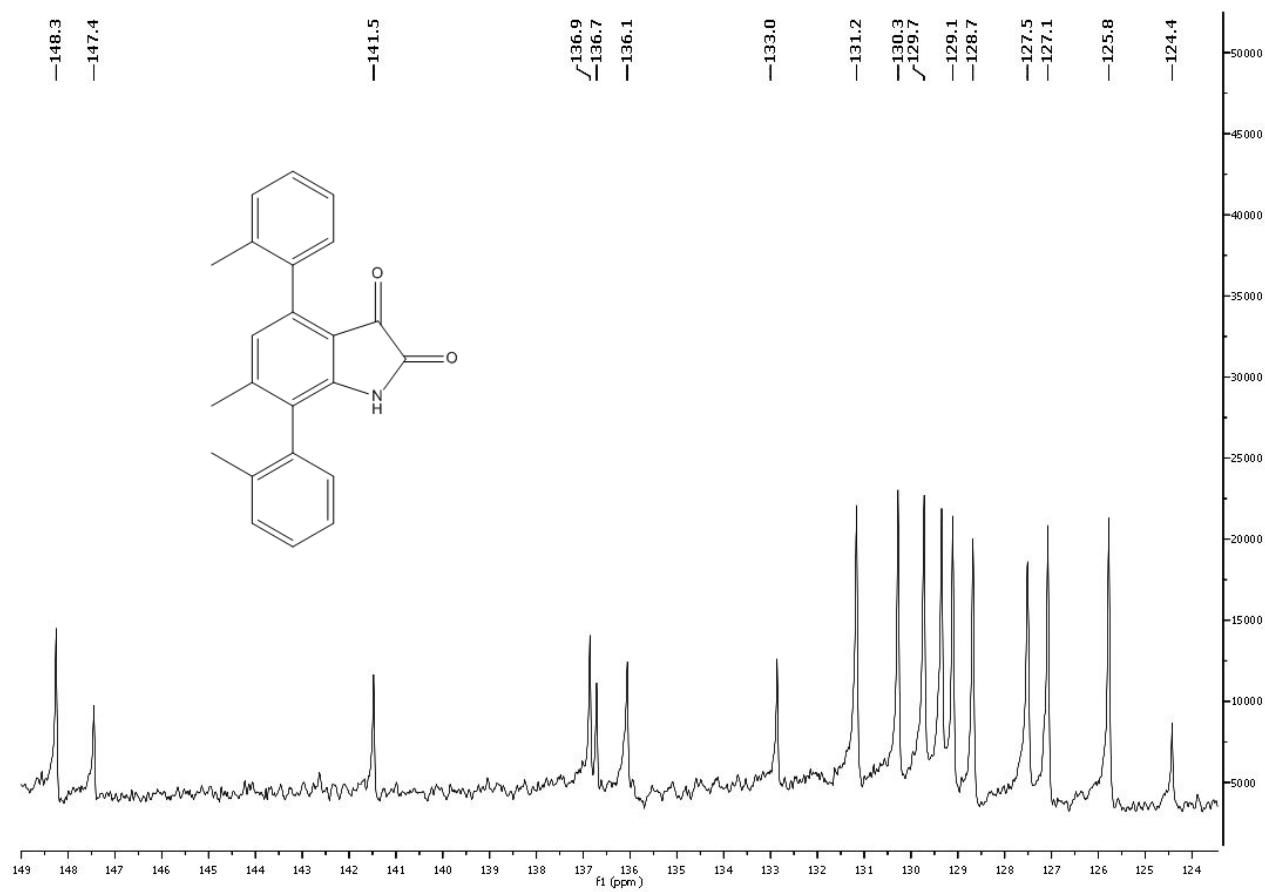
11.1 4,7-Diiodo-5-methylsatin (10a)



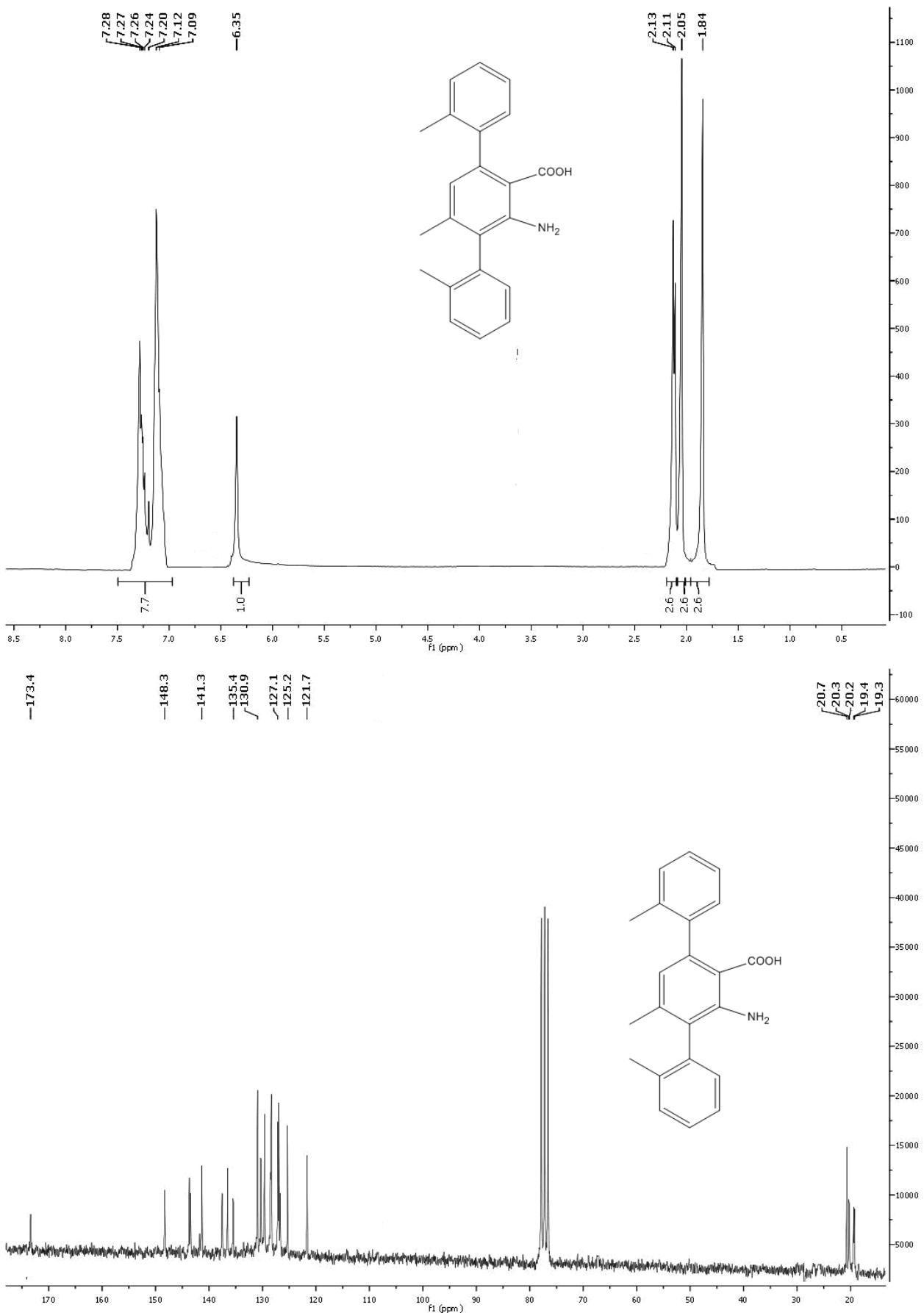
11.2 5-Methyl-4,7-bis(*o*-tolyl)isatin (11a)



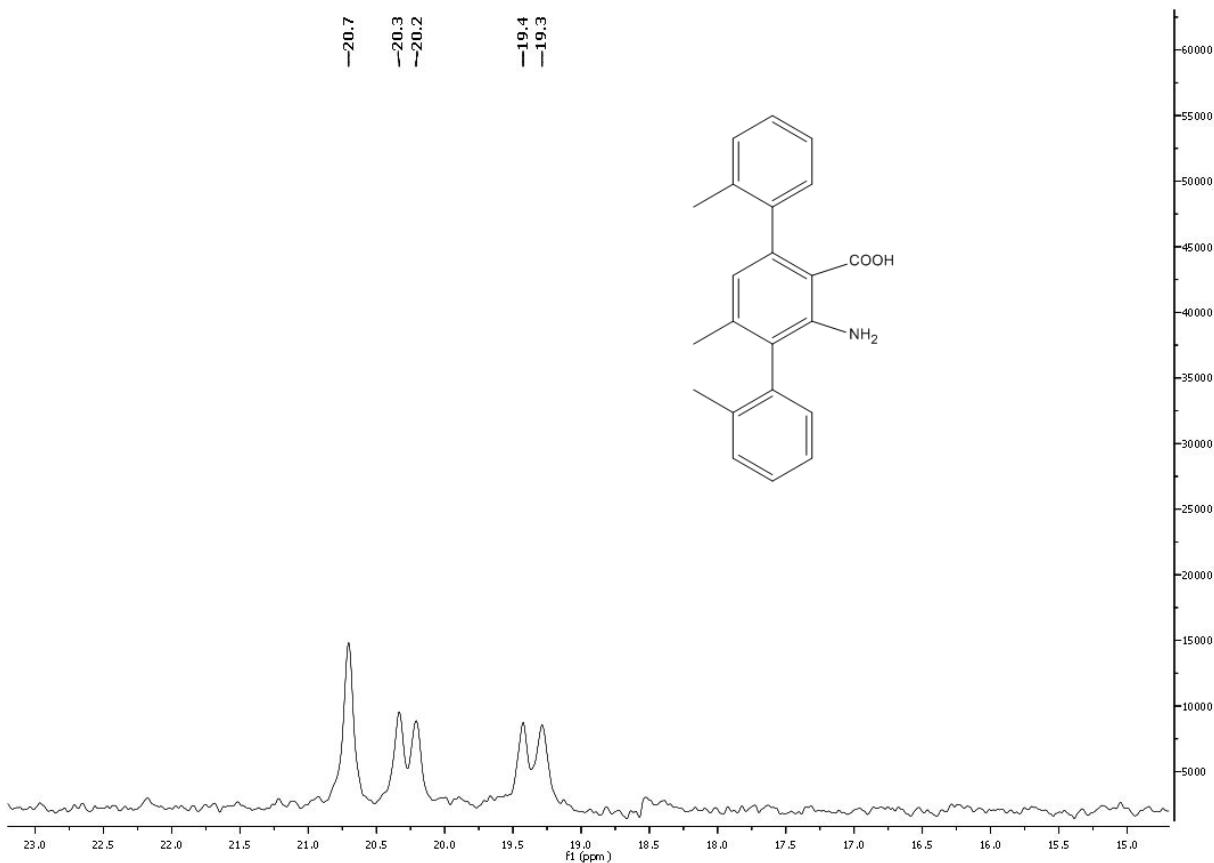
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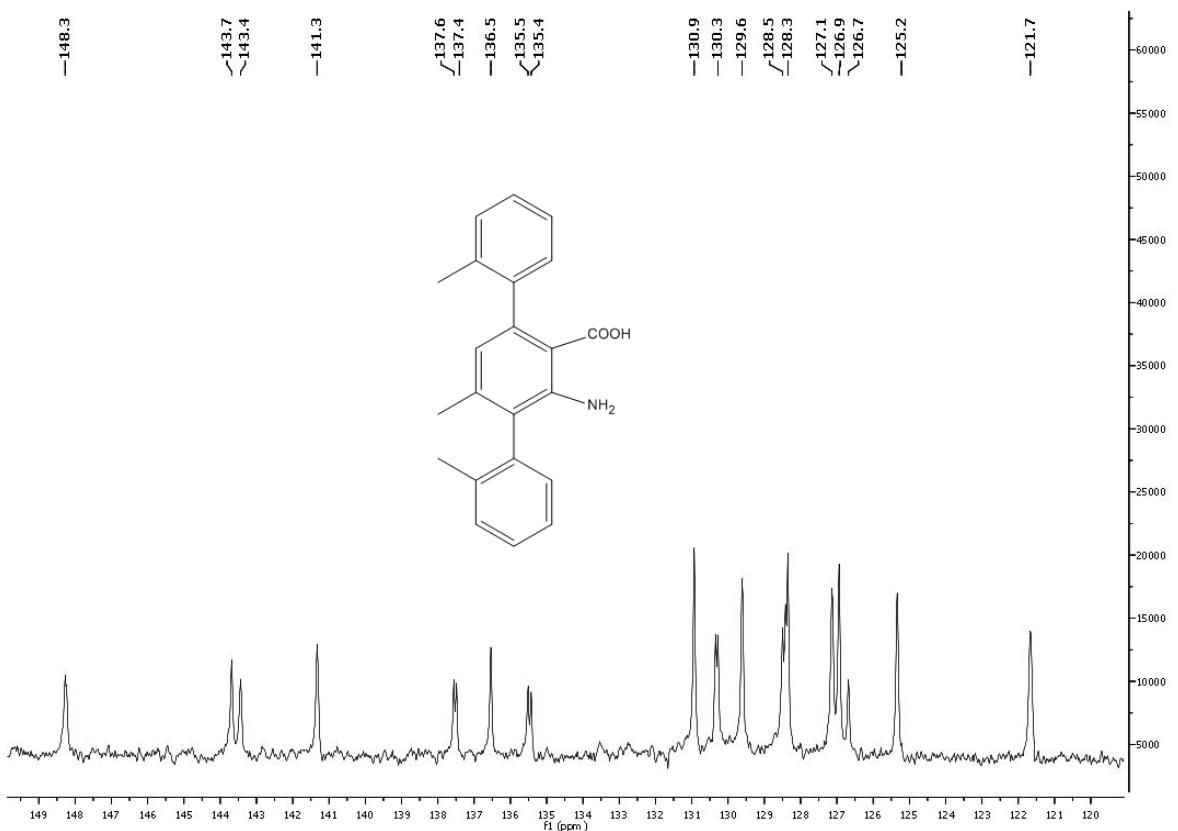
11.3 2-Amino-4-methyl-3,6-bis(*o*-tolyl)benzoic acid (12a)



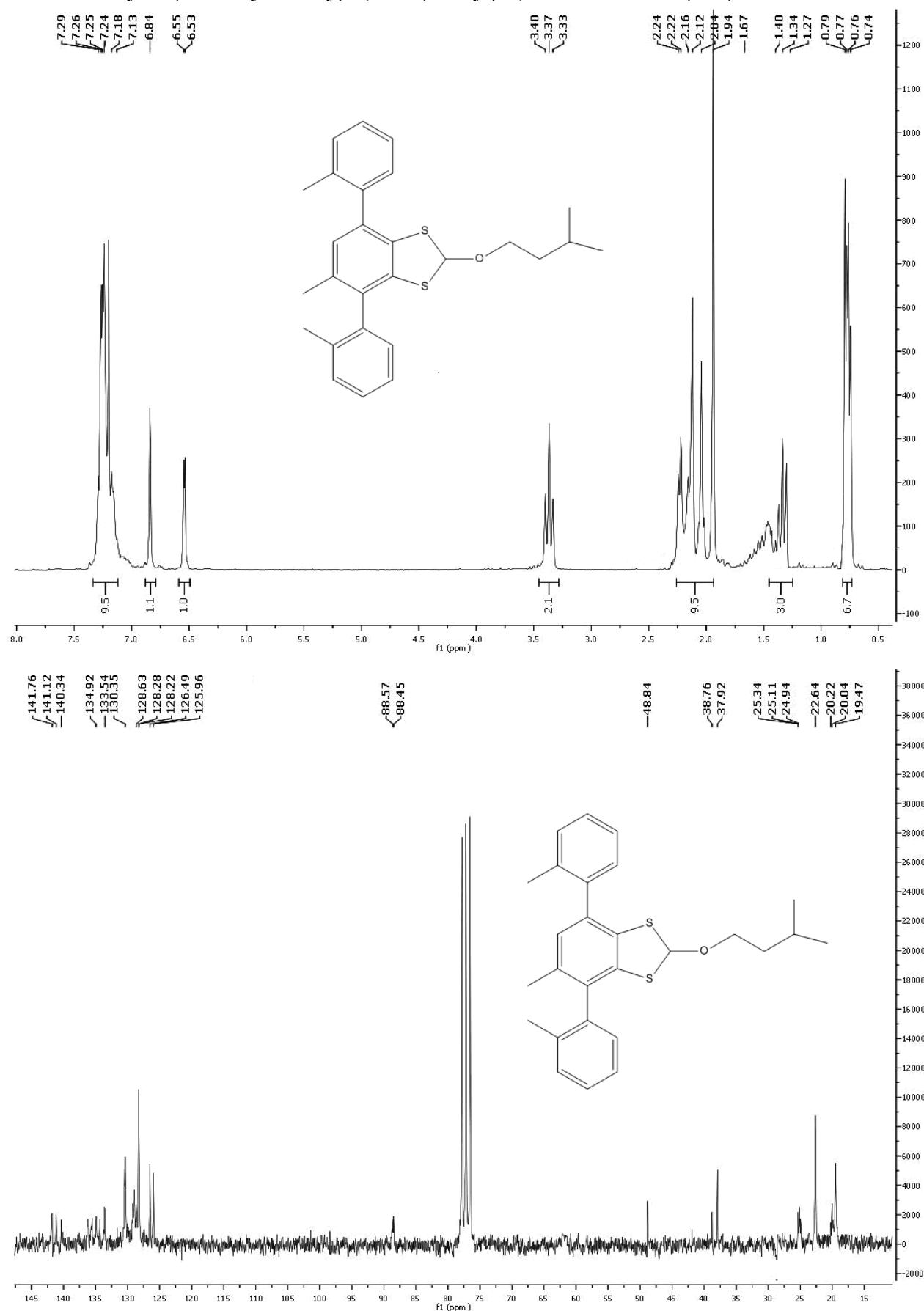
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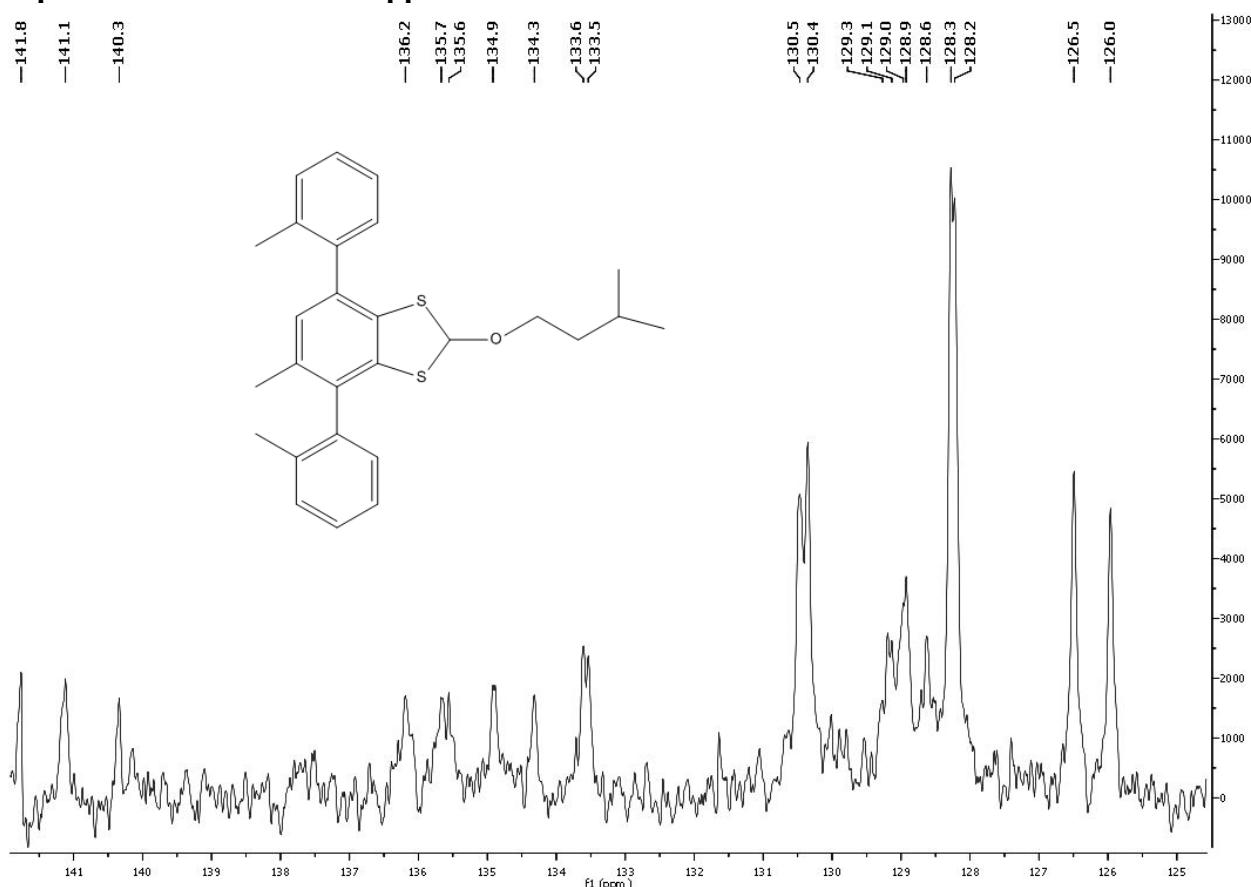
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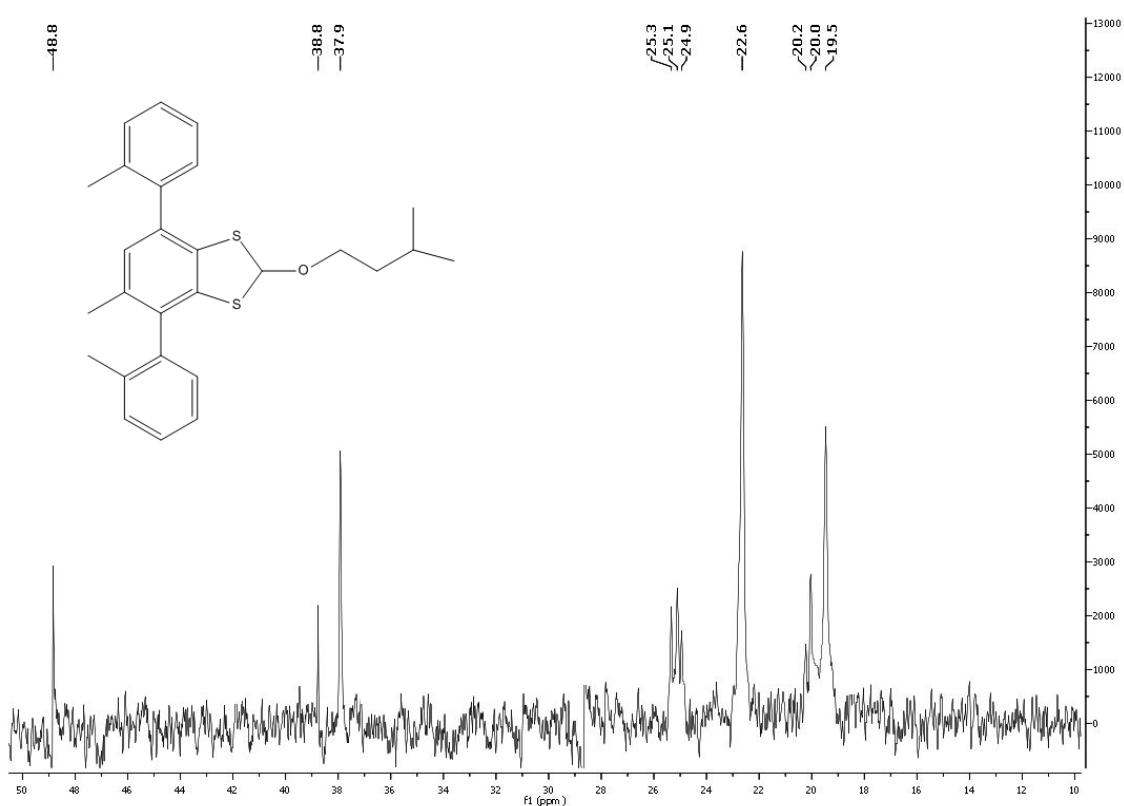
11.4 5-Methyl-2-(3-methylbutoxy)-4,7-bis(*o*-tolyl)-1,3-benzodithiole (13a)



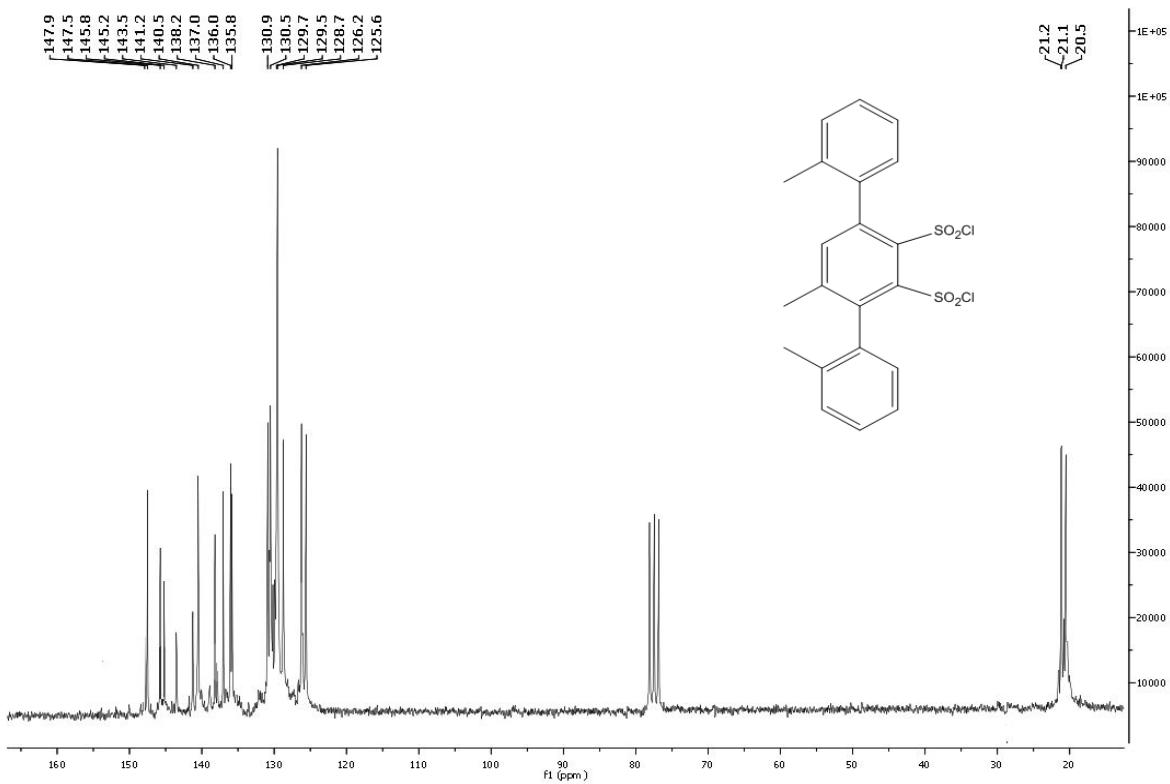
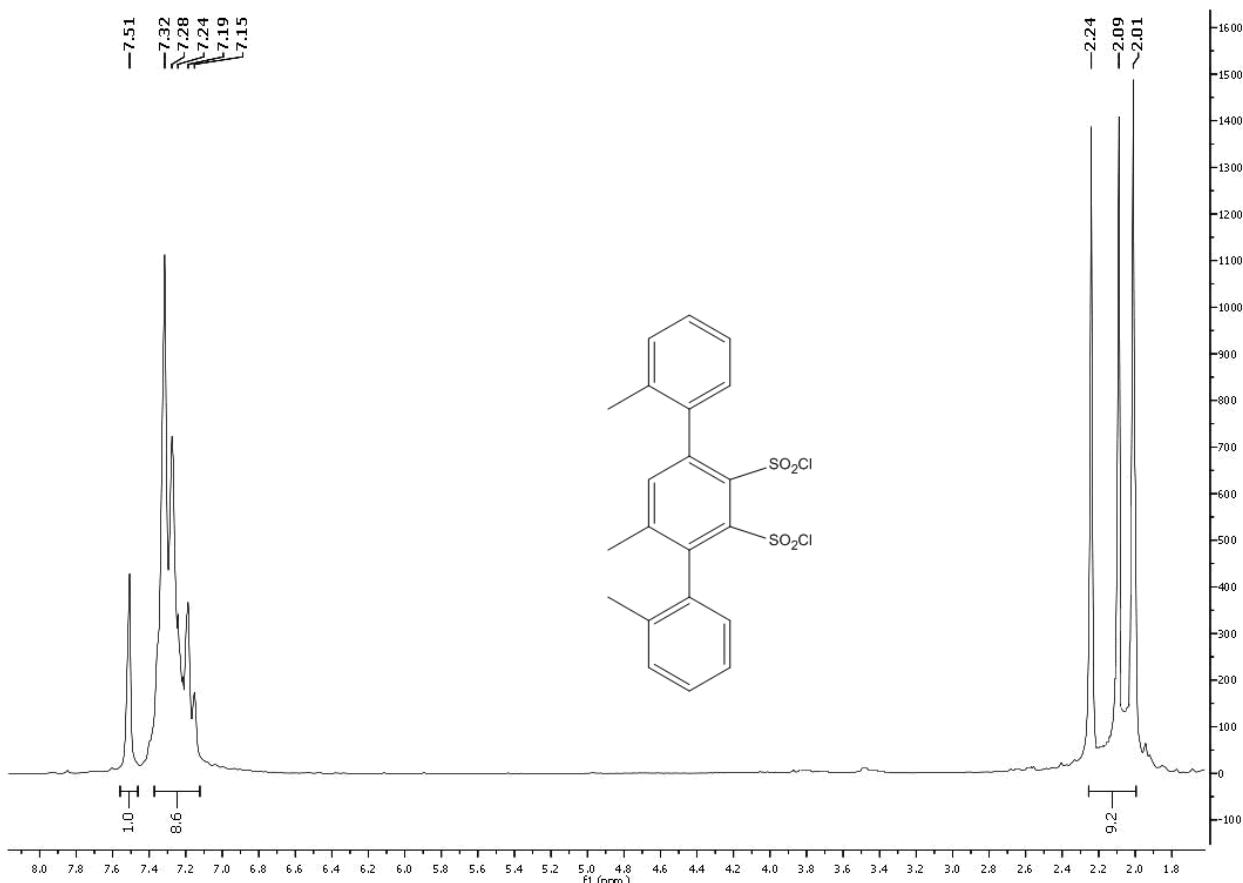
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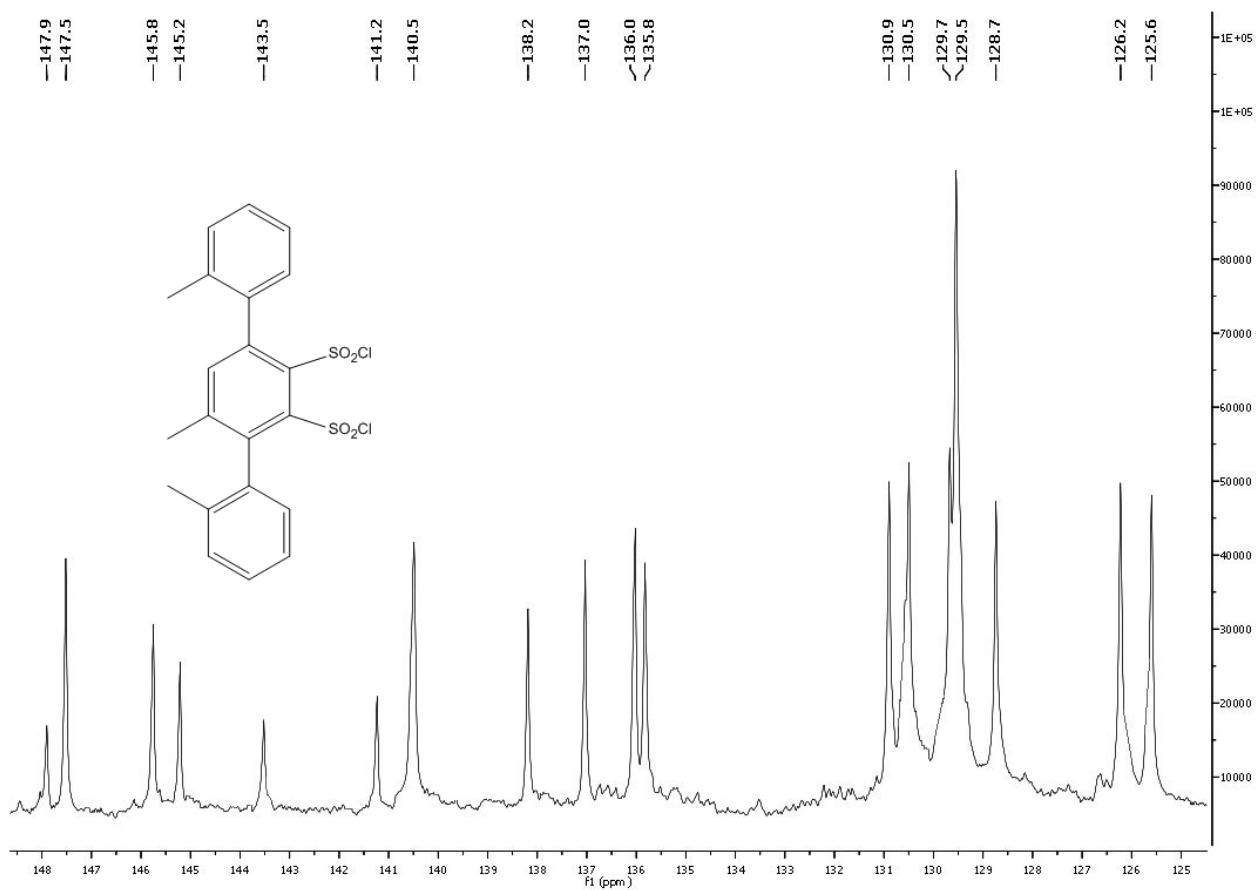
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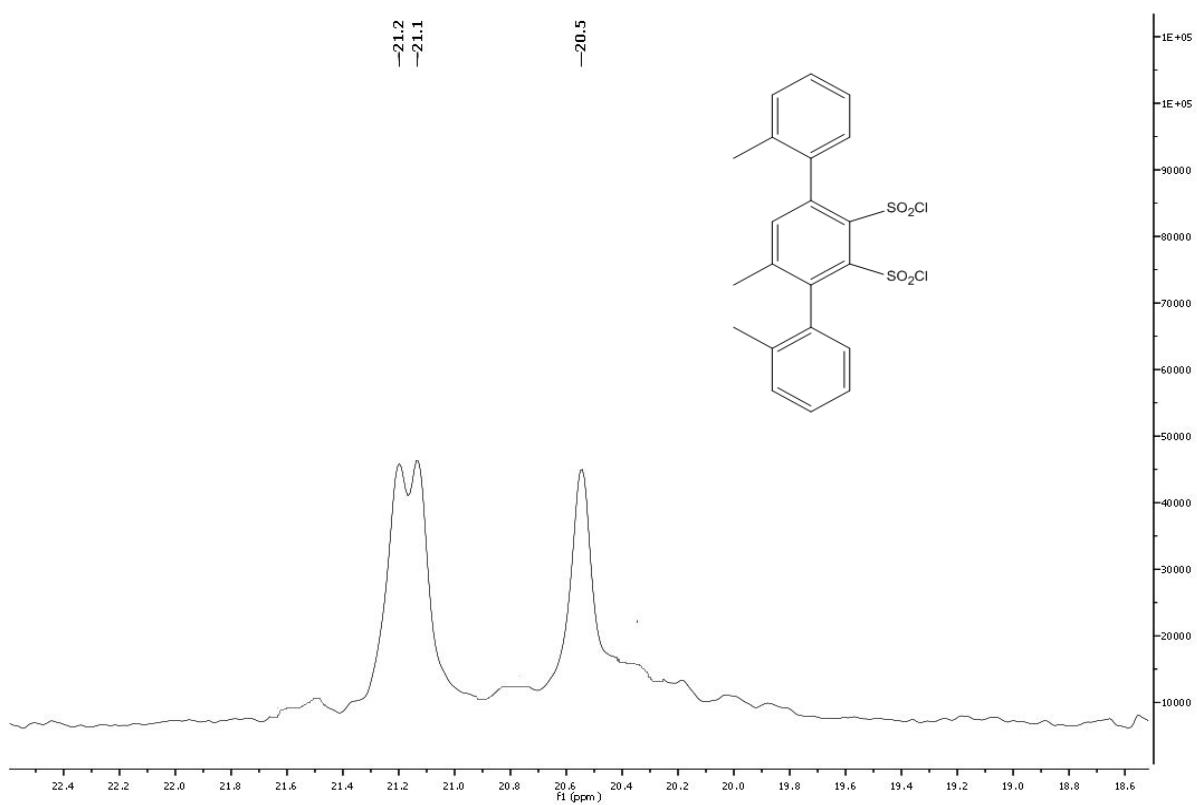
11.5 4-Methyl-3,6-bis(*o*-tolyl)-1,2-benzenedisulfonyl chloride (racemic mixture; 14a)



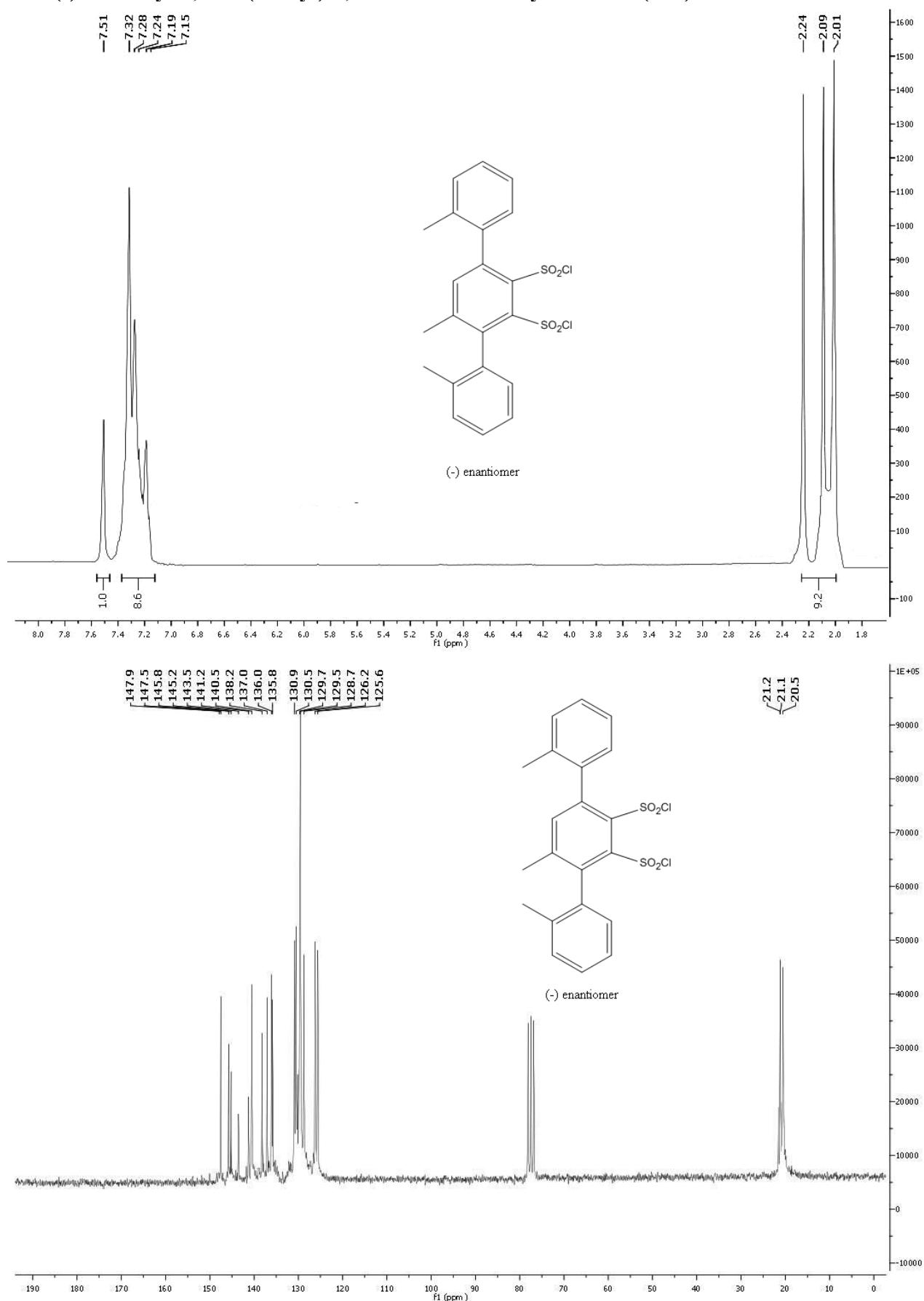
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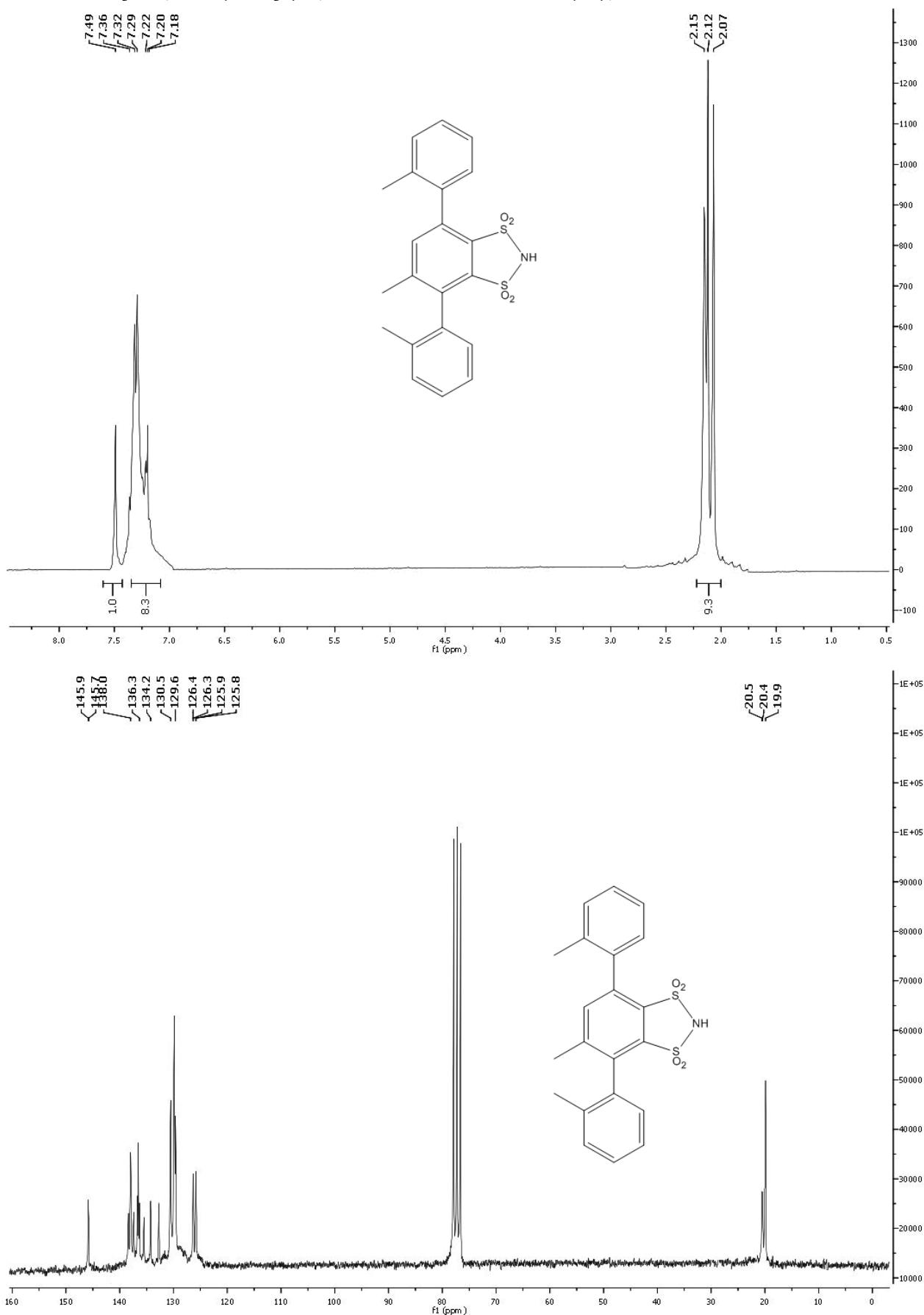
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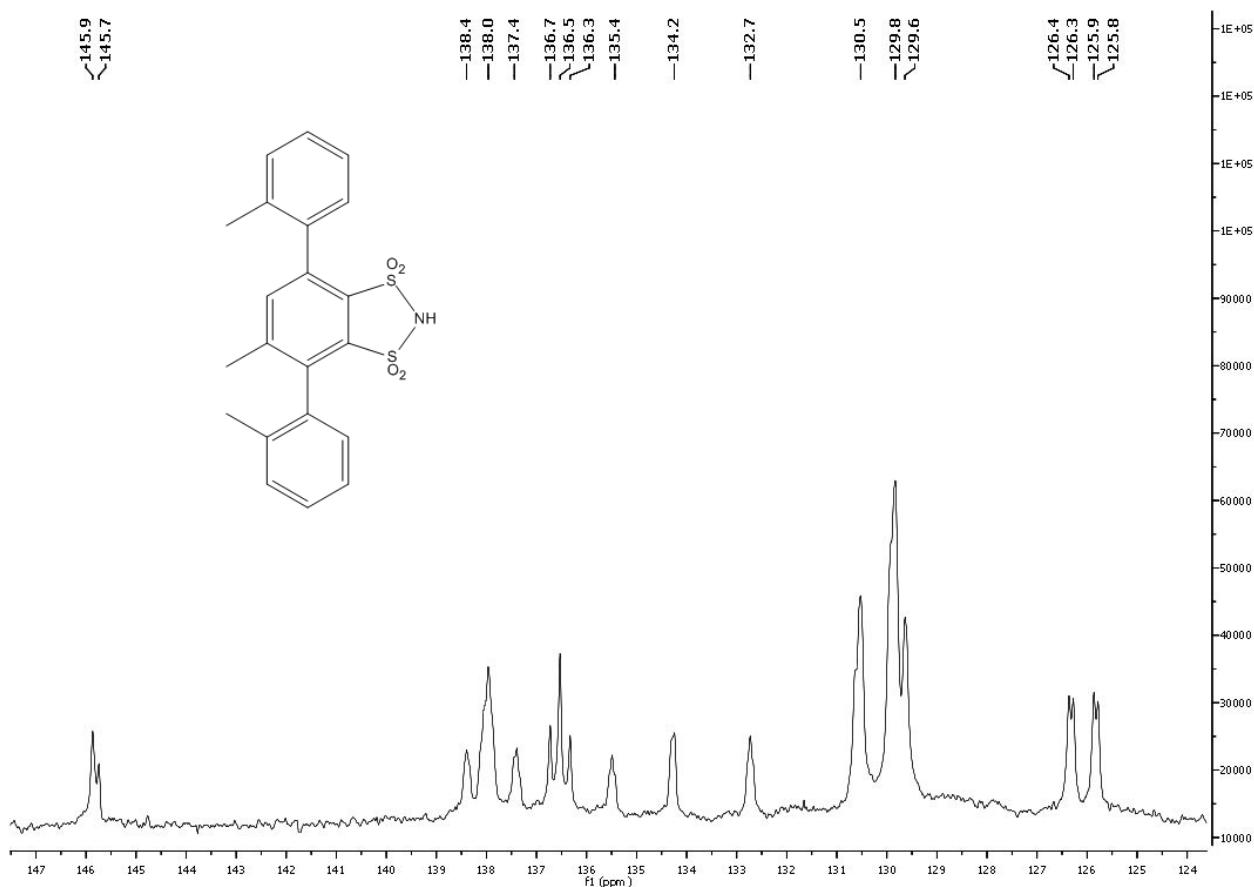
11.6 (-) 4-Methyl-3,6-bis(*o*-tolyl)-1,2-benzenedisulfonyl chloride (14a)



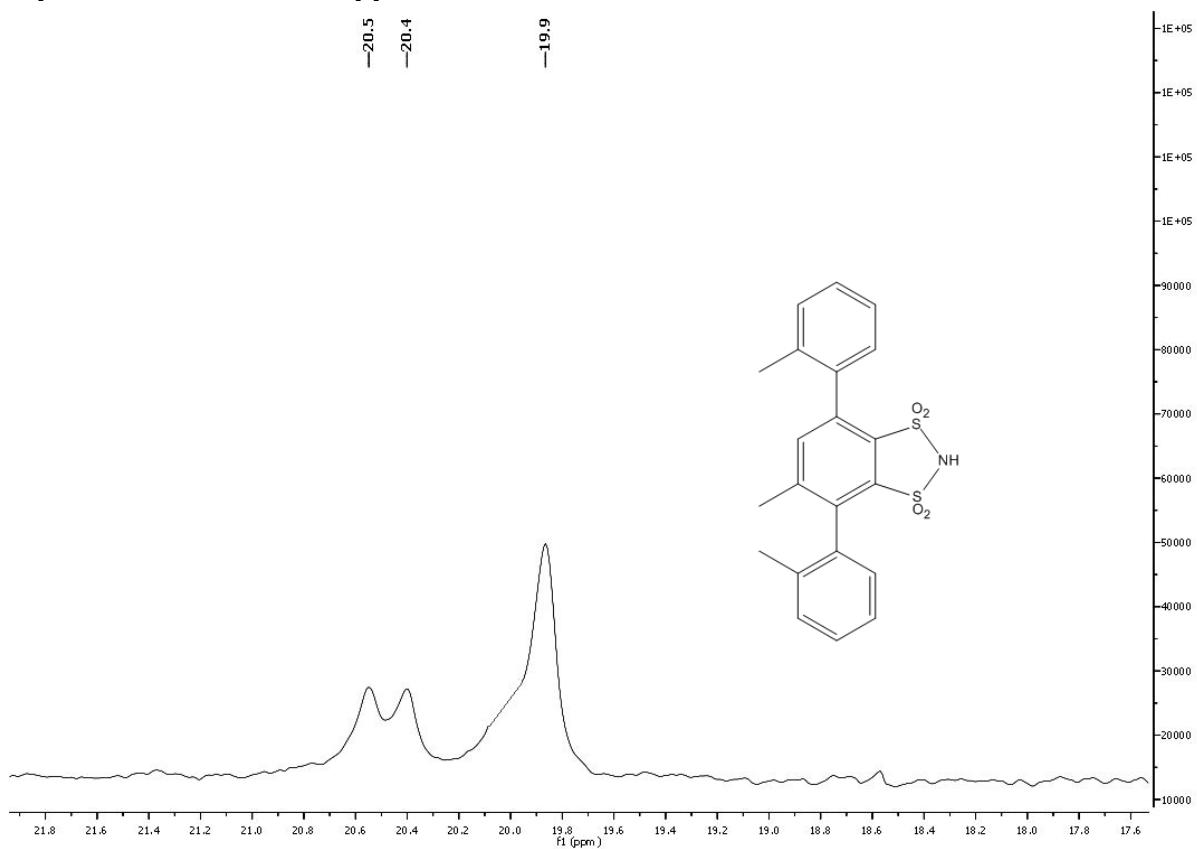
11.7 4-Methyl- 3,6-bis(*o*-tolyl)-1,2-benzenedisulfonimide (3a); racemic mixture



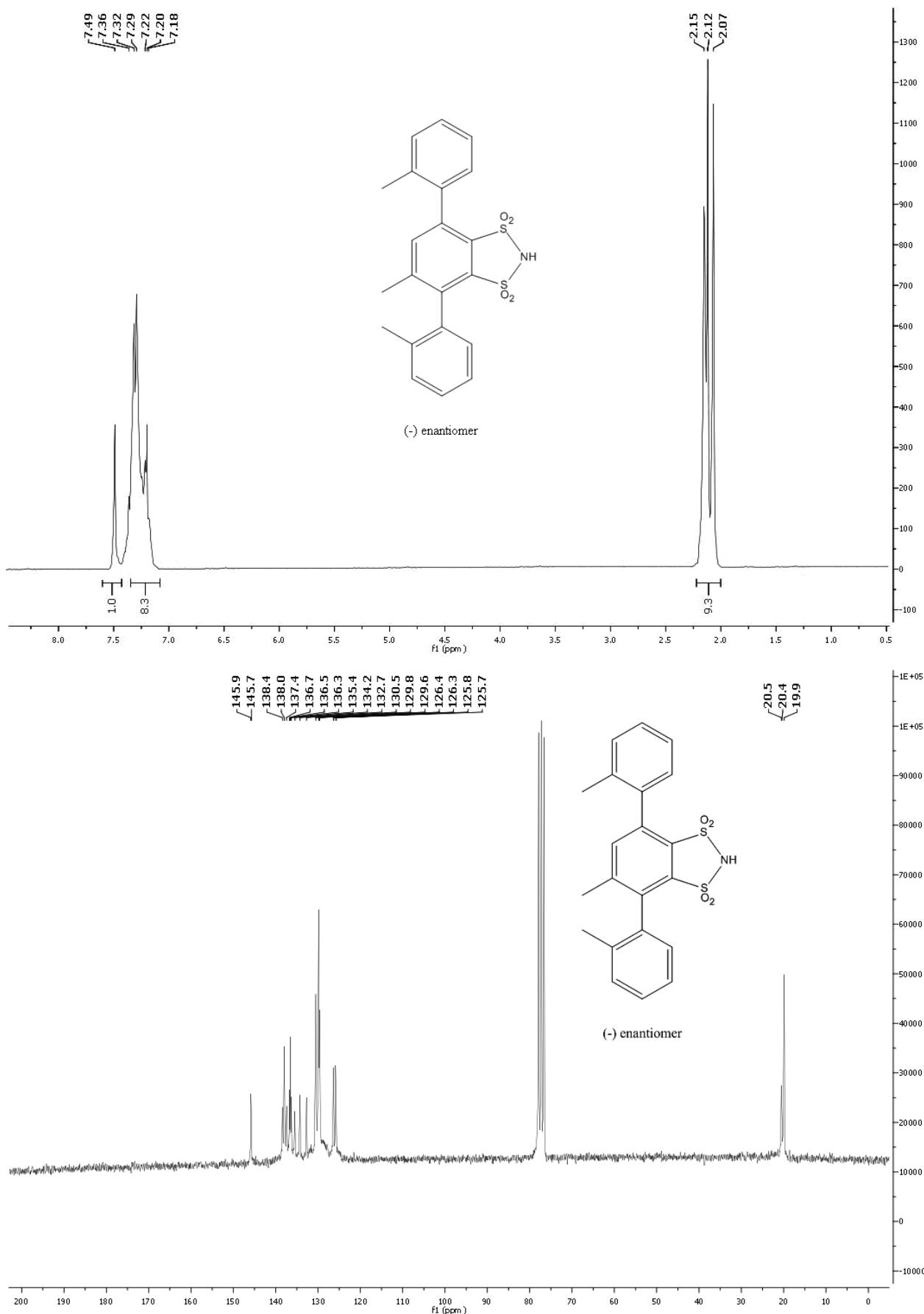
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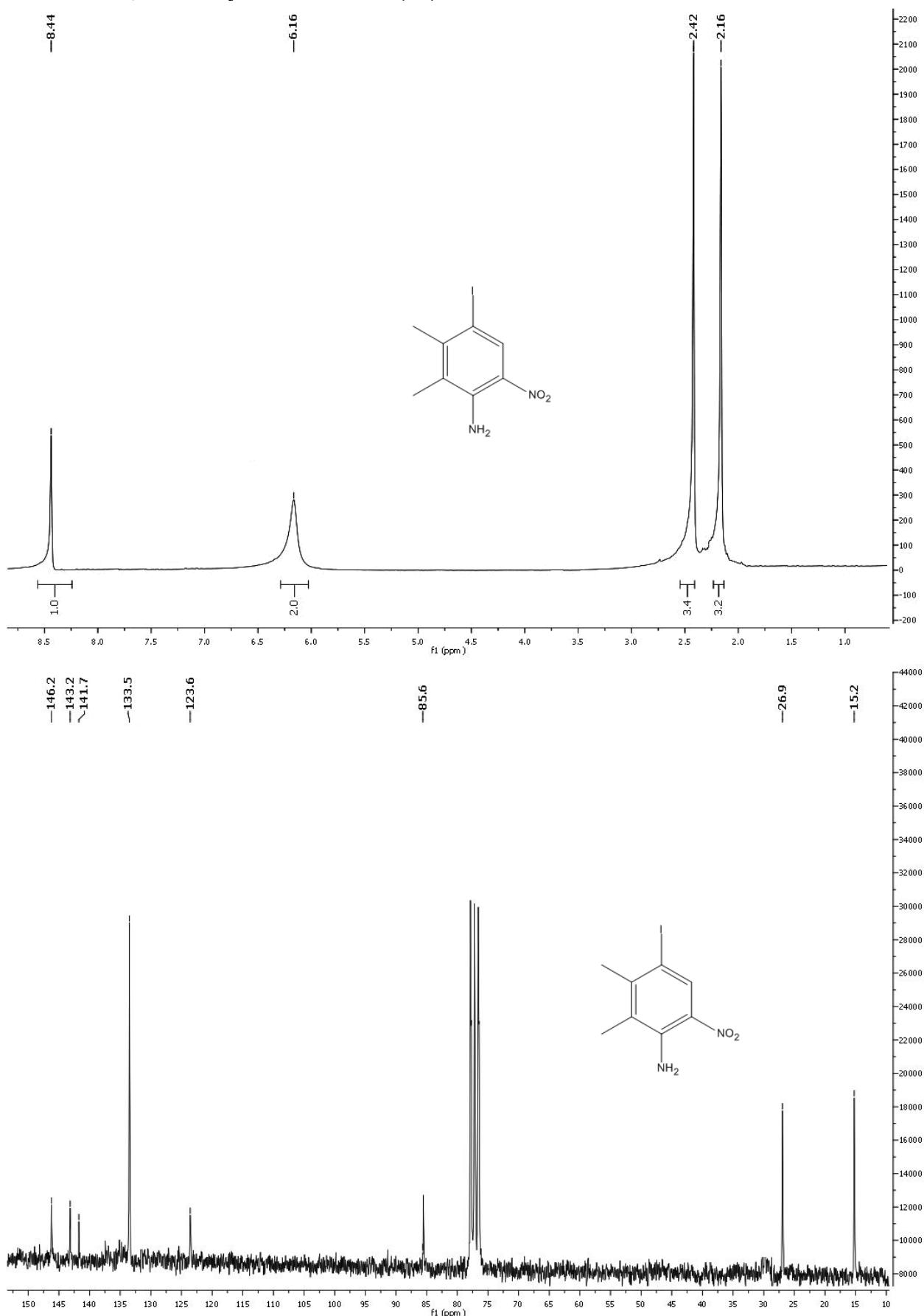
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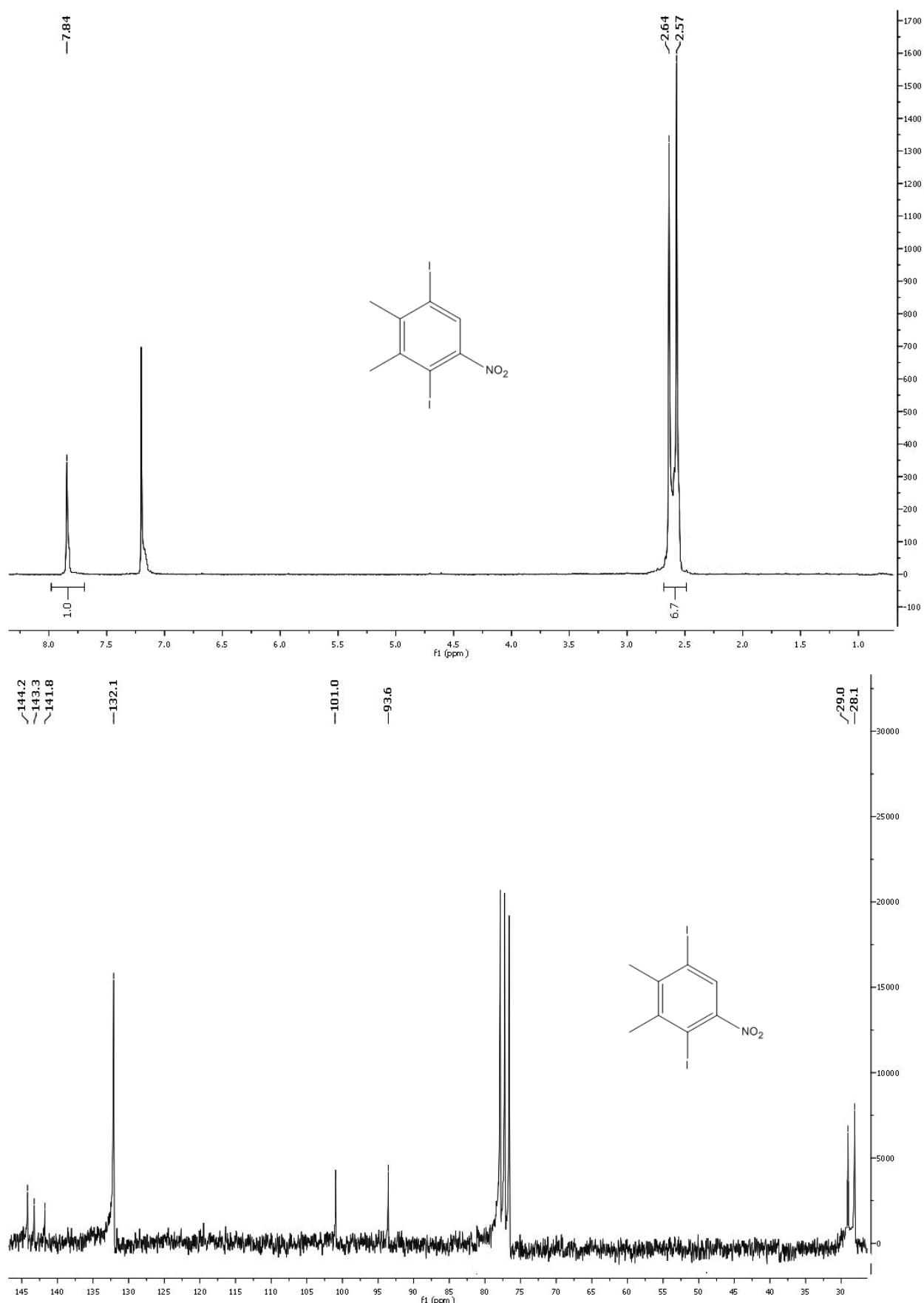
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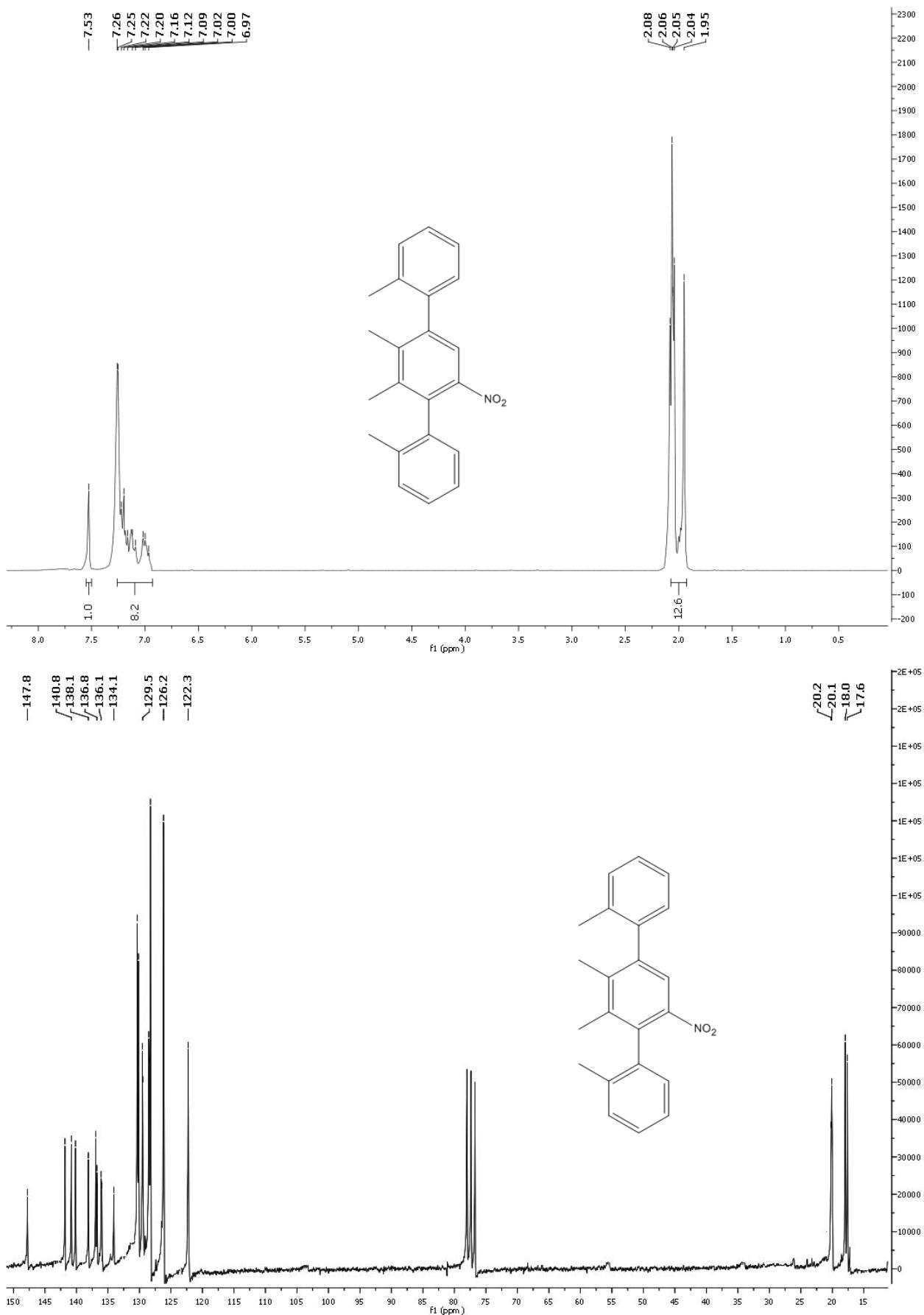
11.9 4-Iodo-5,6-dimethyl-2-nitroaniline (5b)



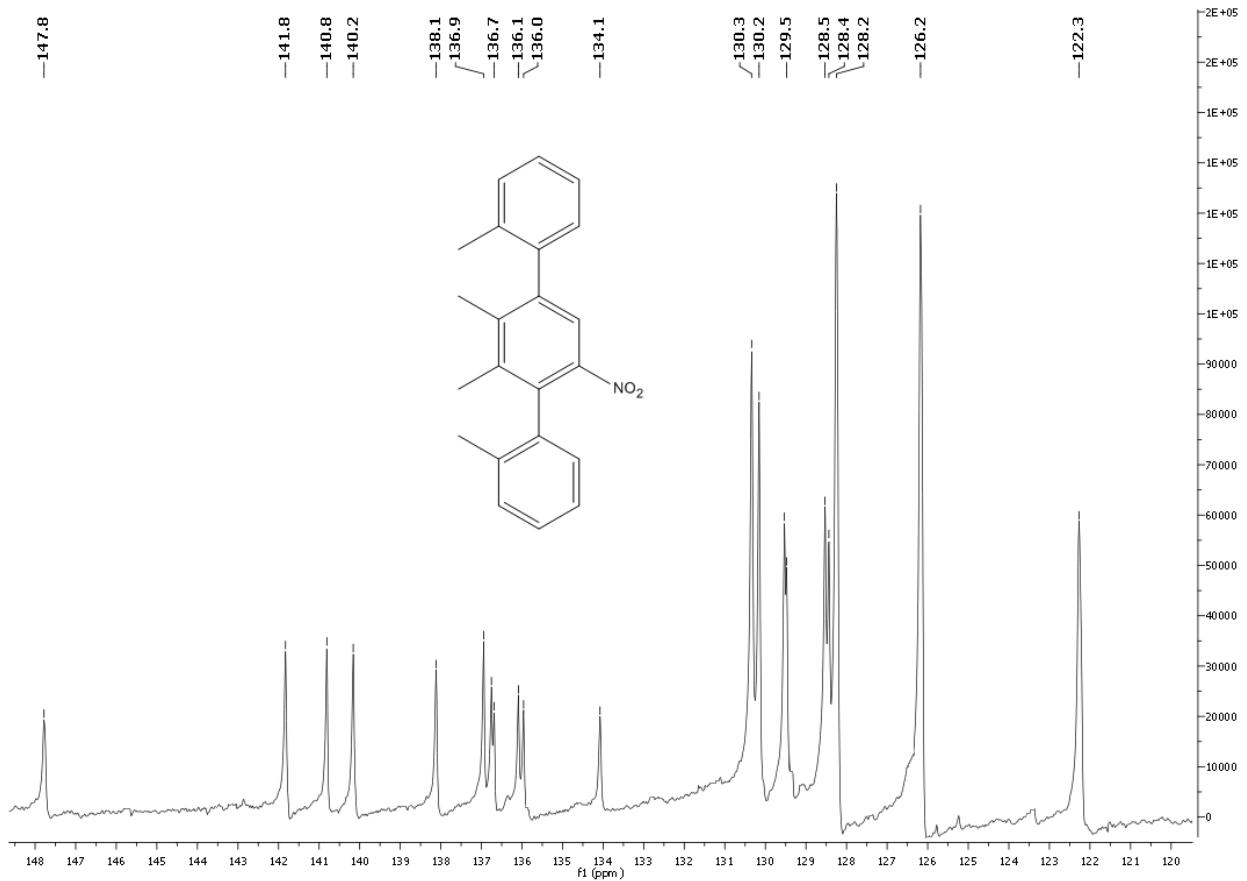
11.10 3,6-Diiodo-4-nitro-*o*-xylene (7b)



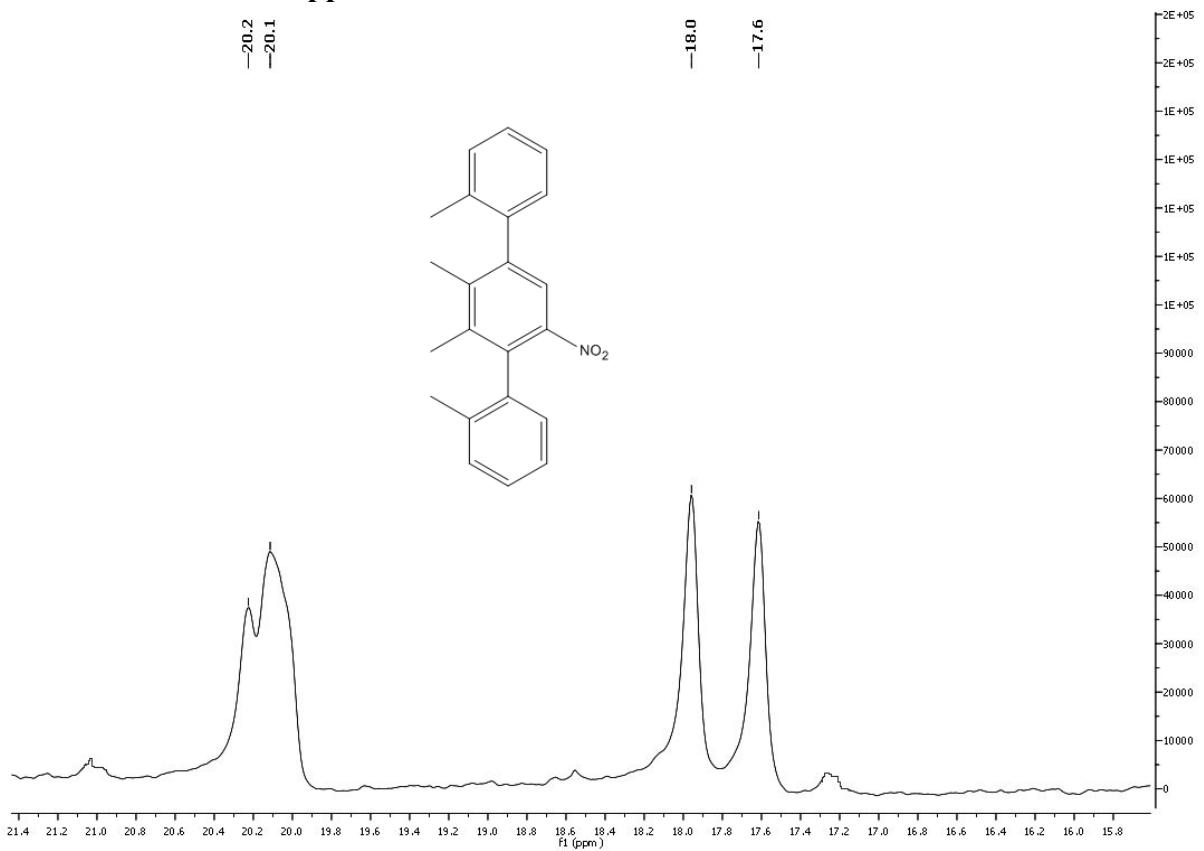
11.11 4-Nitro-3,6-bis(*o*-tolyl)benzene (15)



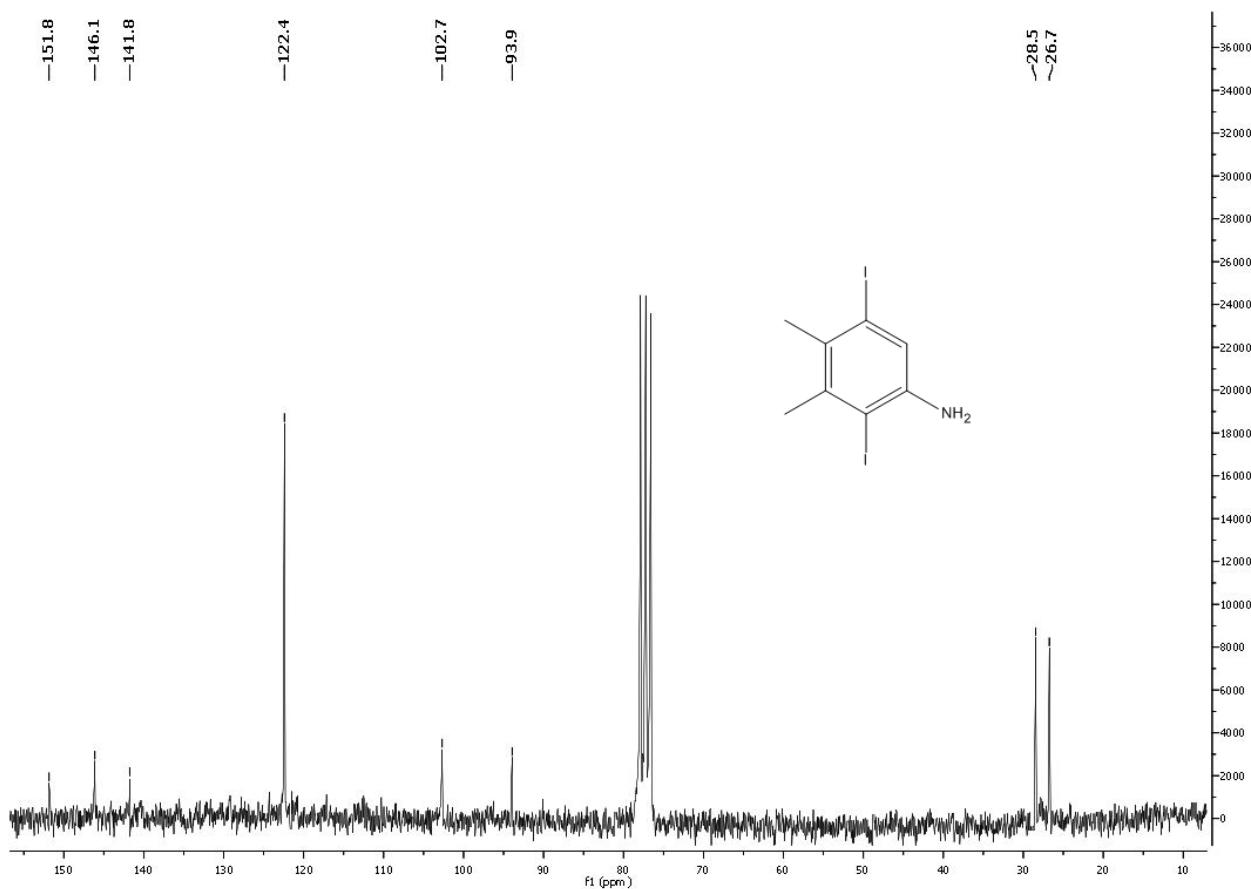
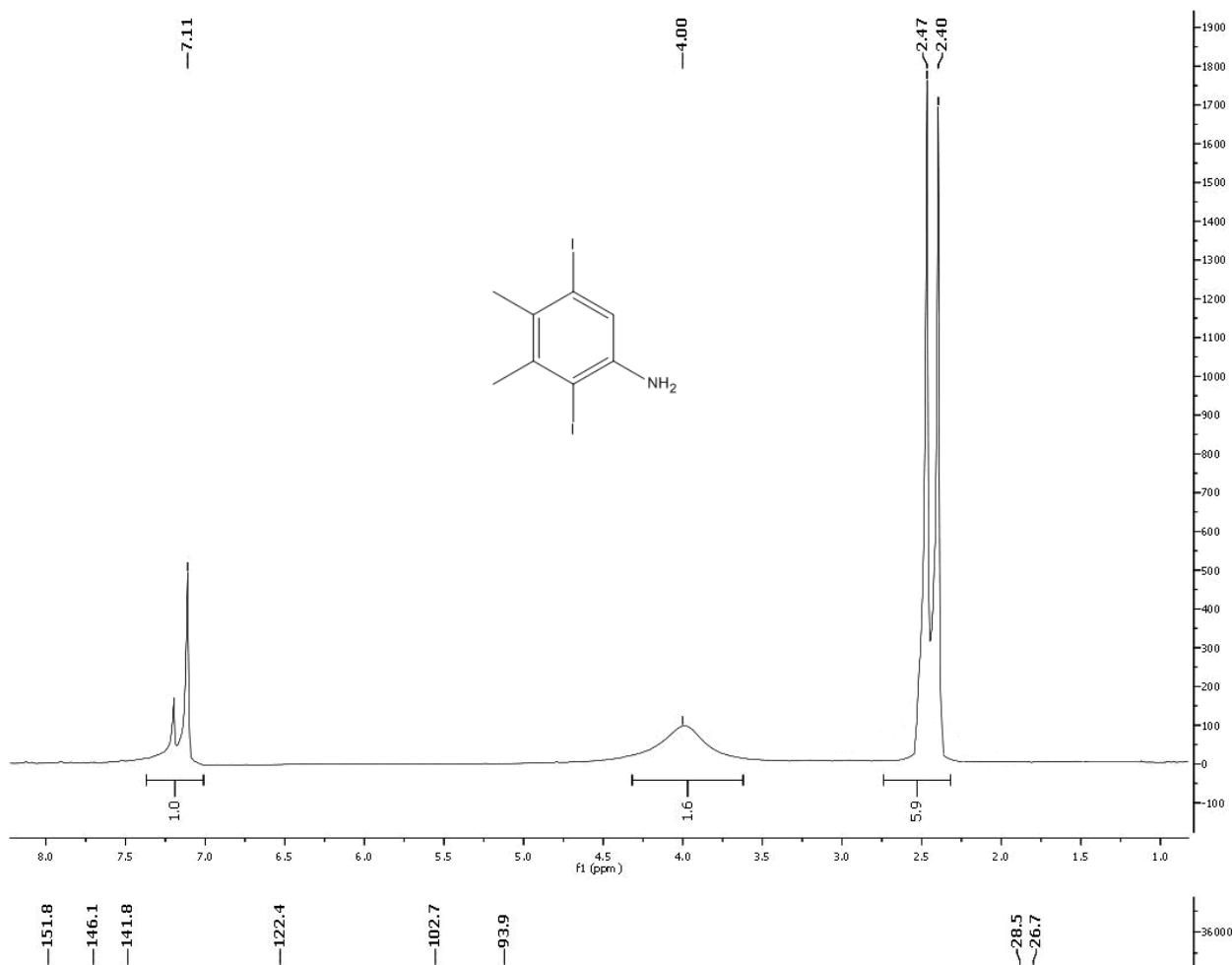
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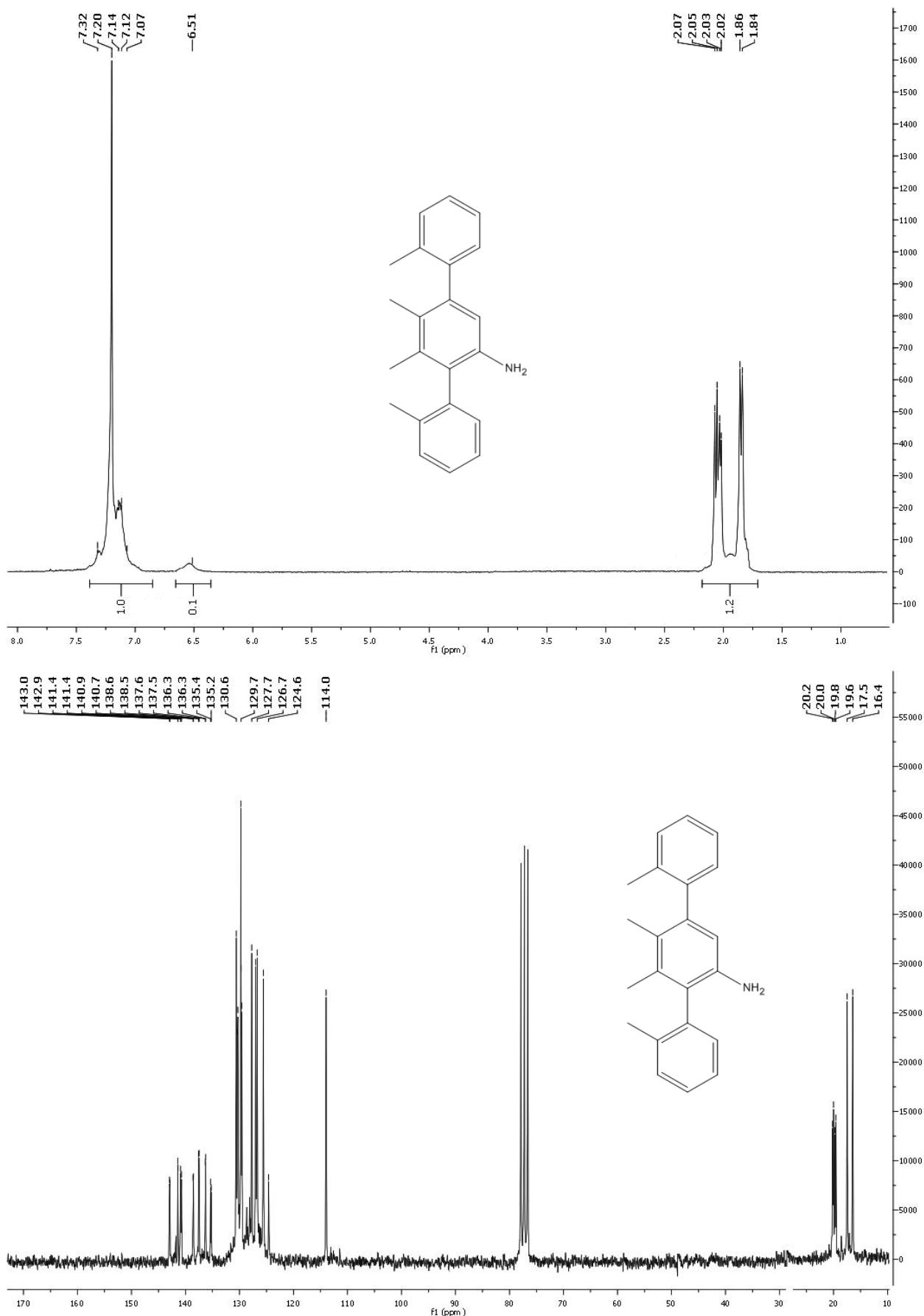
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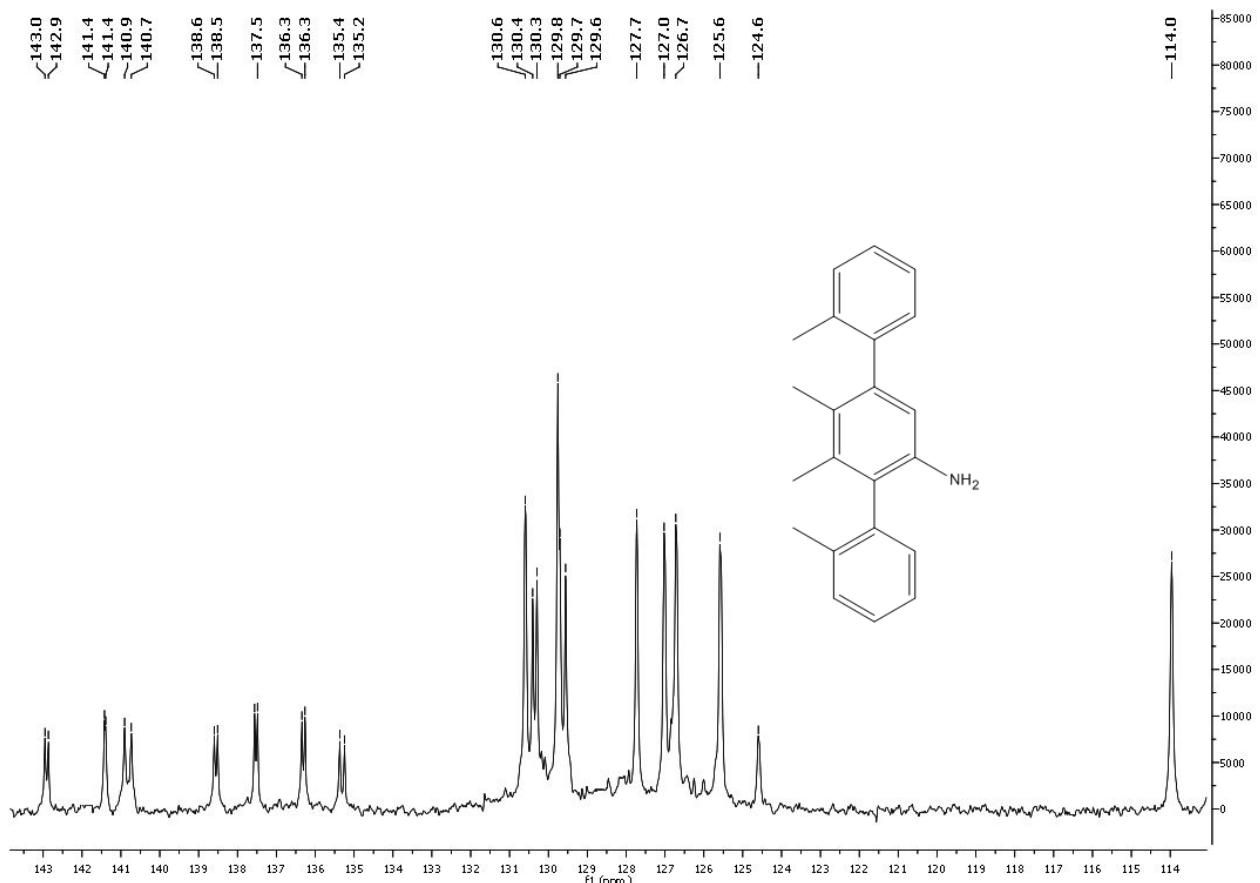
11.12 2,5-Diiodo-3,4-dimethylaniline (8b)



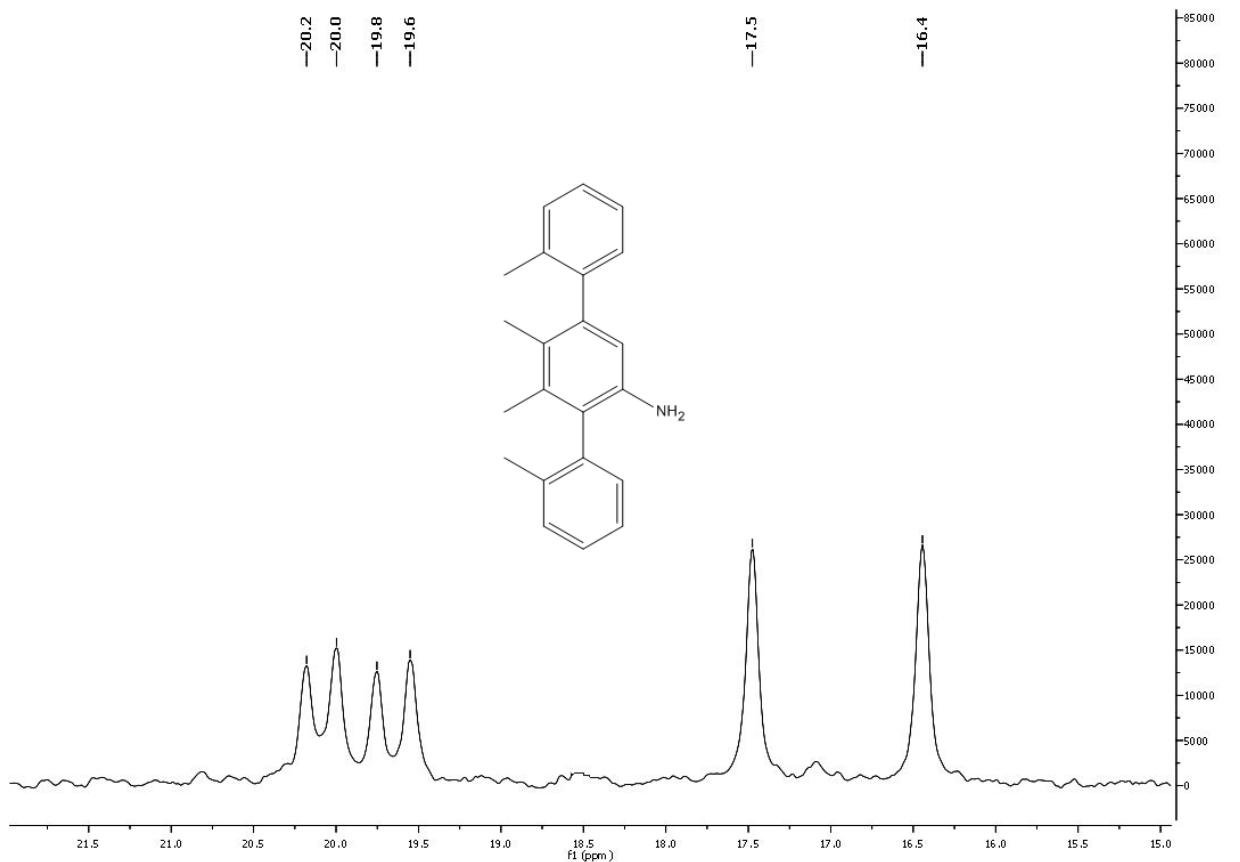
11.13 2,5-Bis(*o*-tolyl)-3,4-dimethylaniline (16)



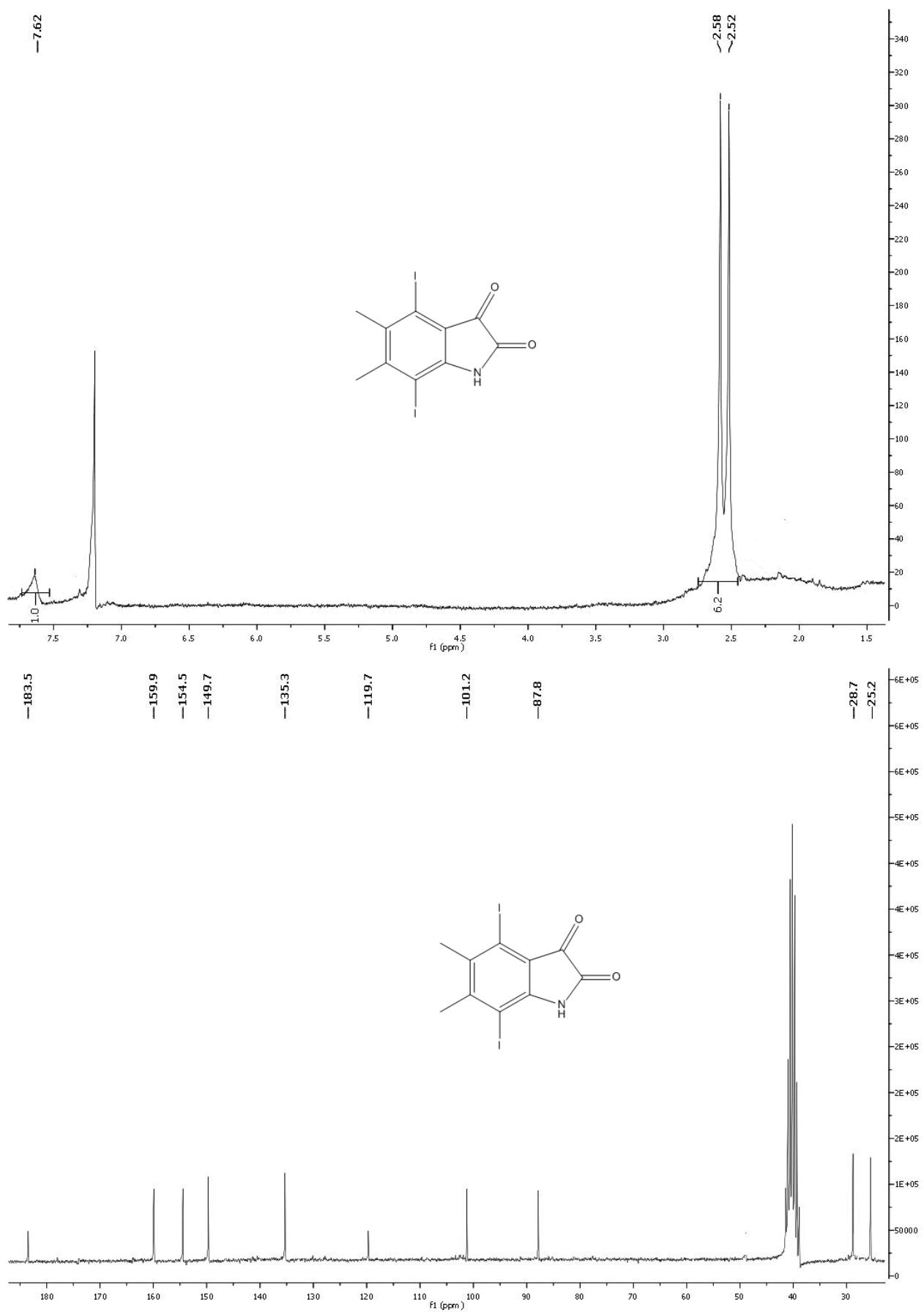
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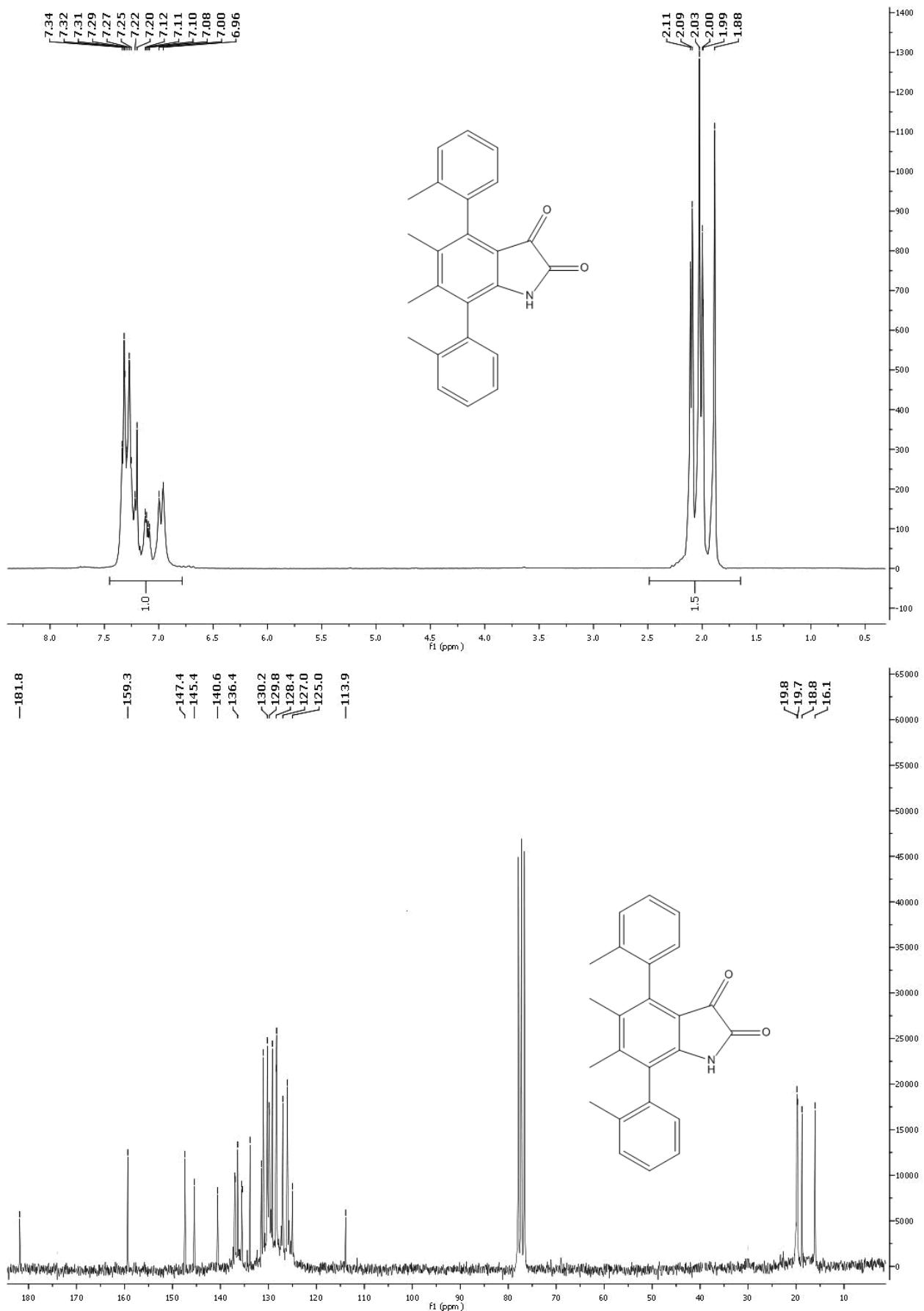
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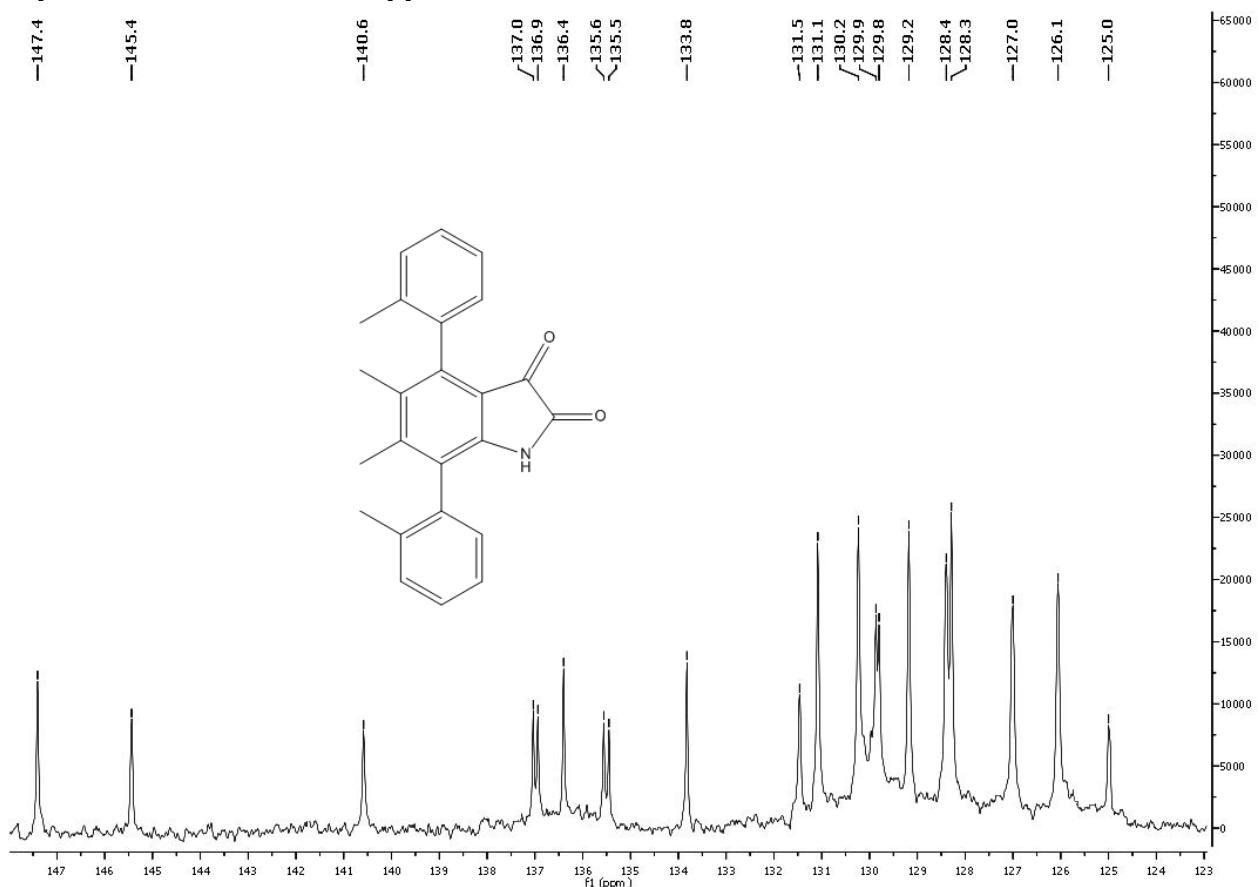
11.14 4,7-Diiodo-5,6-dimethylsatin (10b)



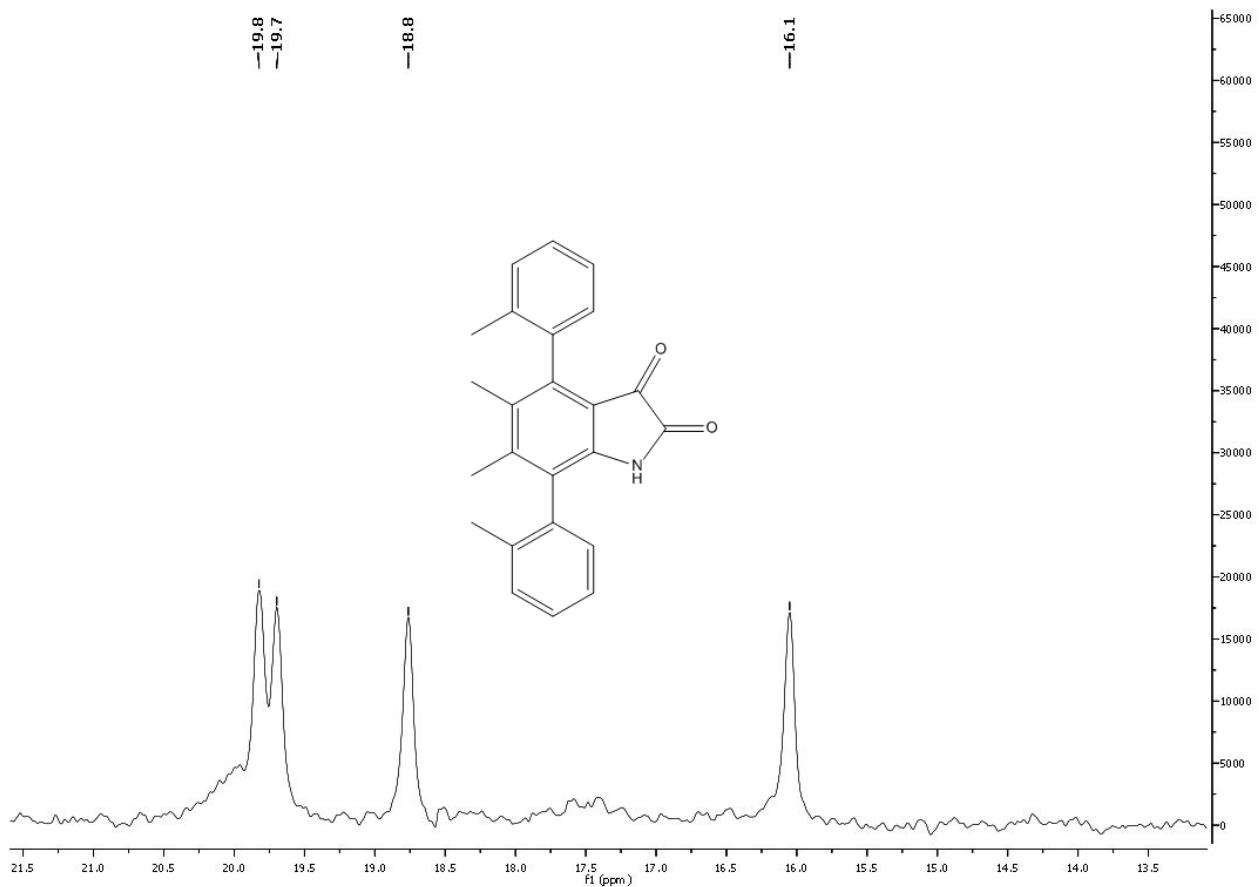
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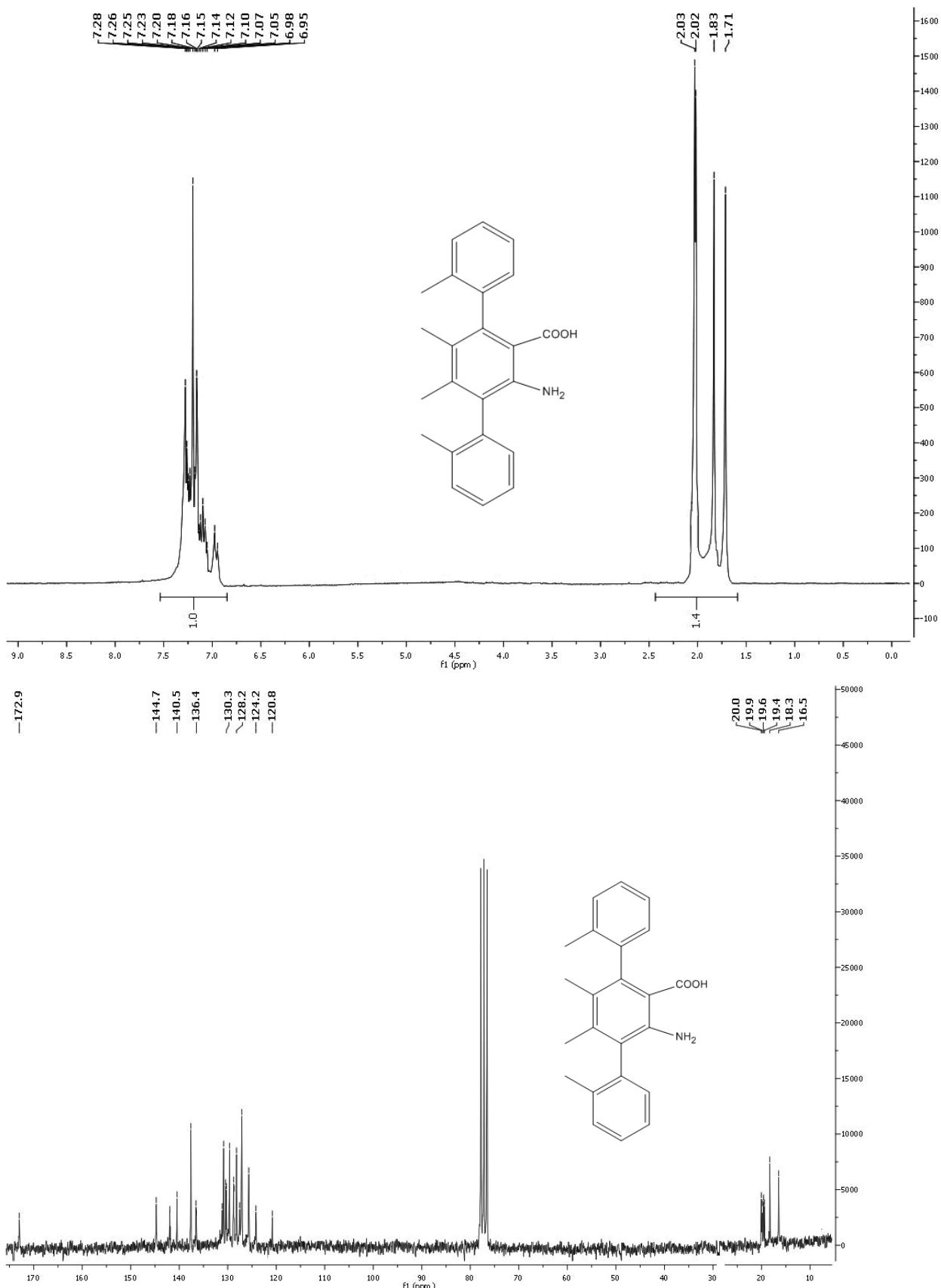
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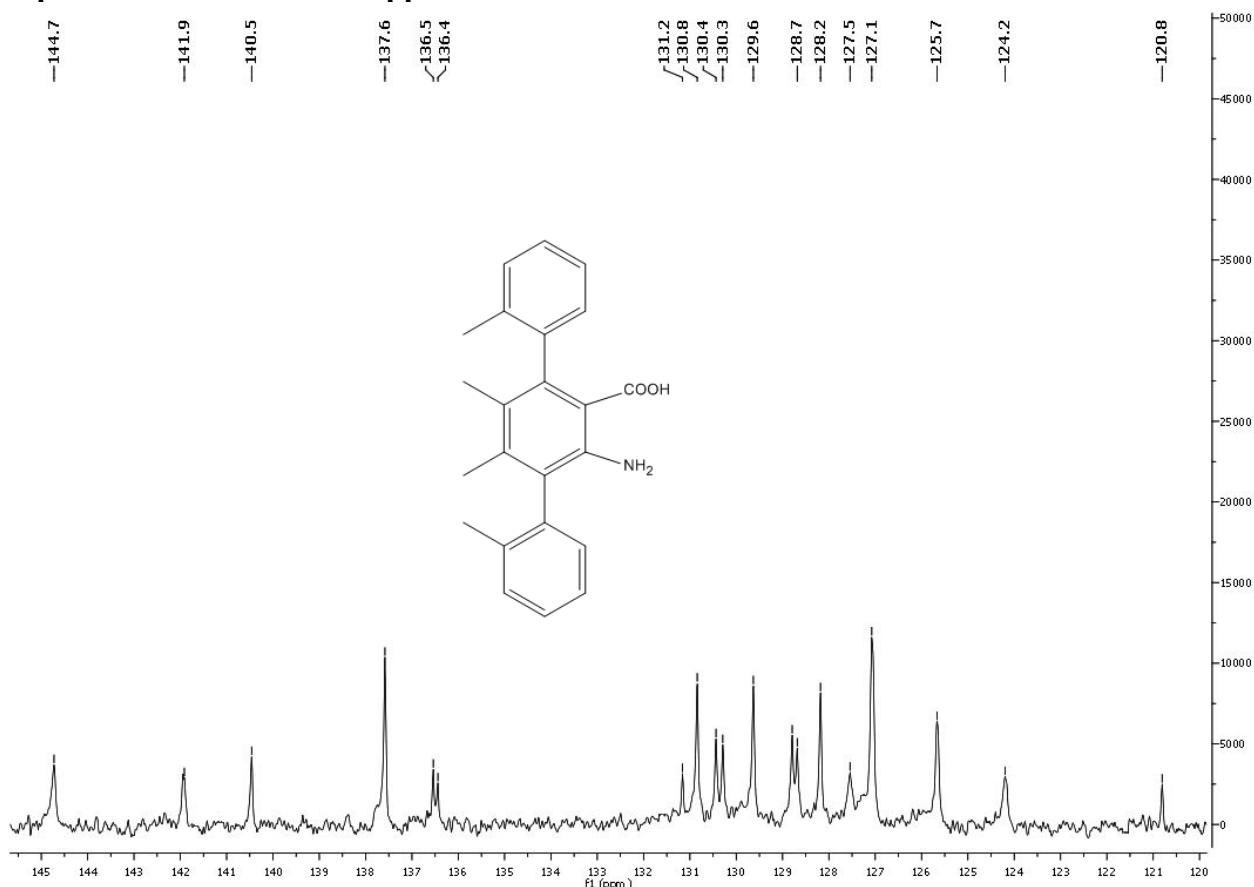
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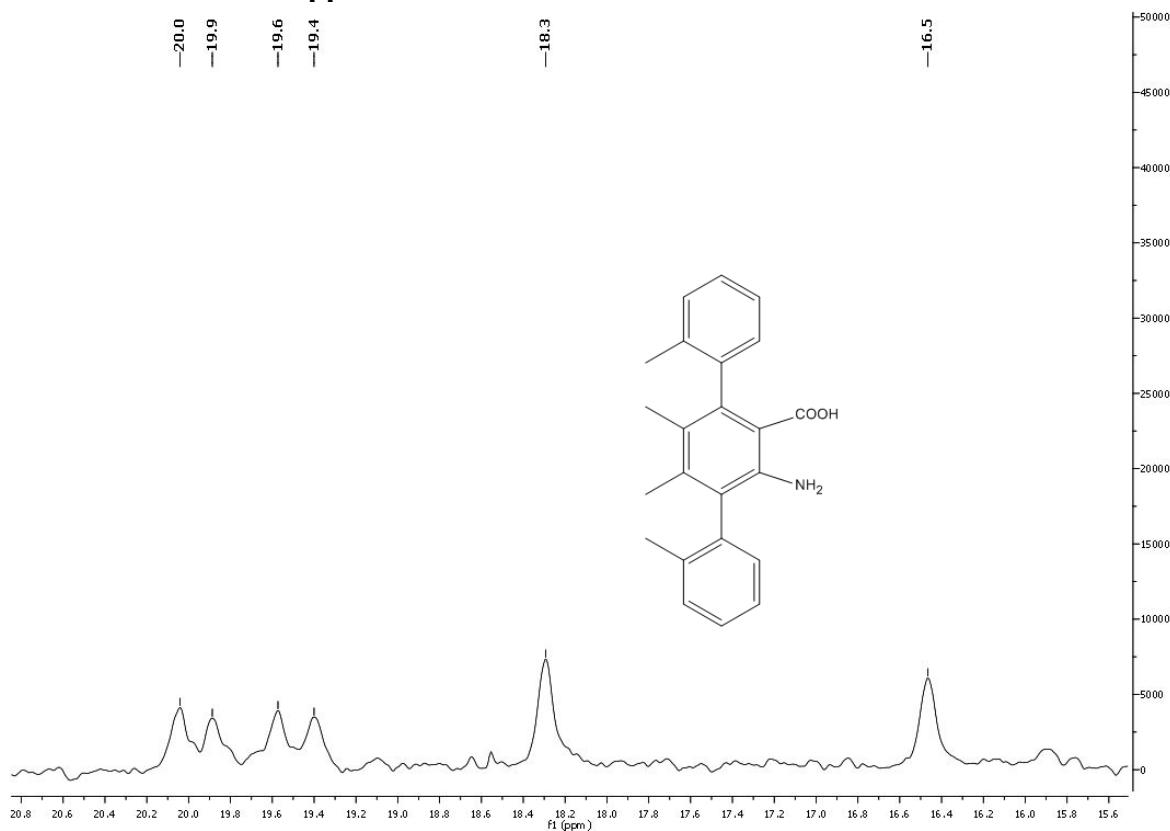
11.16 2-Amino-4,5-dimethyl-3,6-bis(*o*-tolyl)benzoic acid (12b)



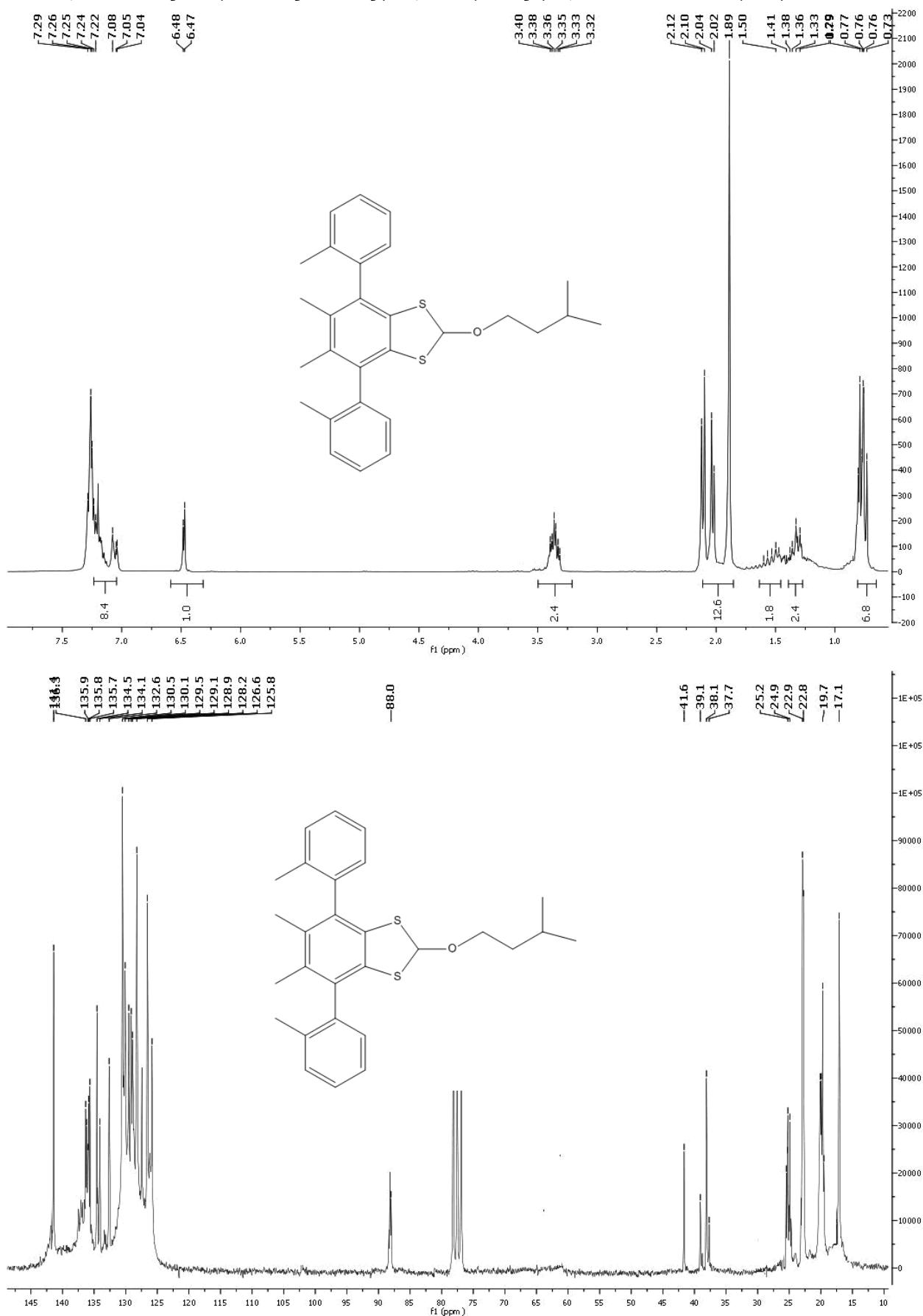
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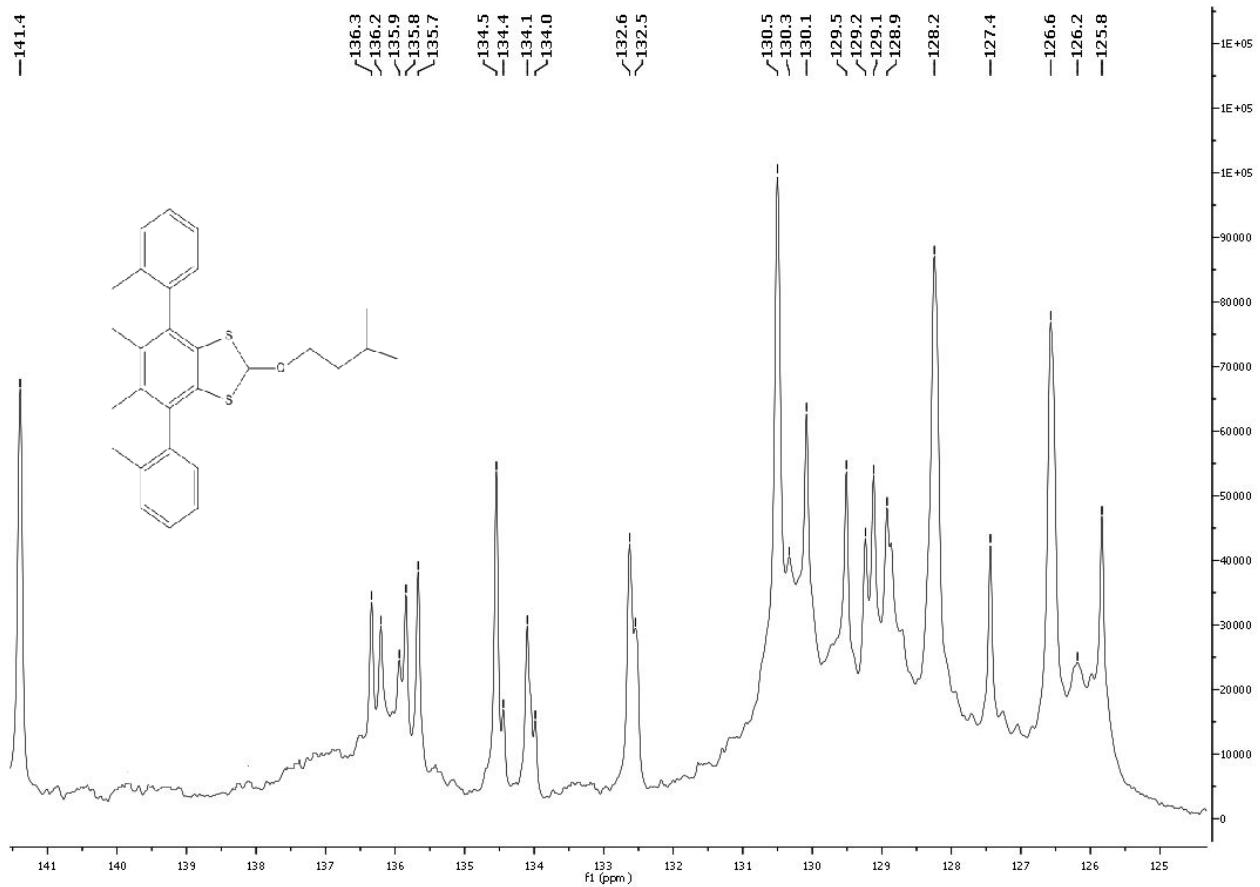
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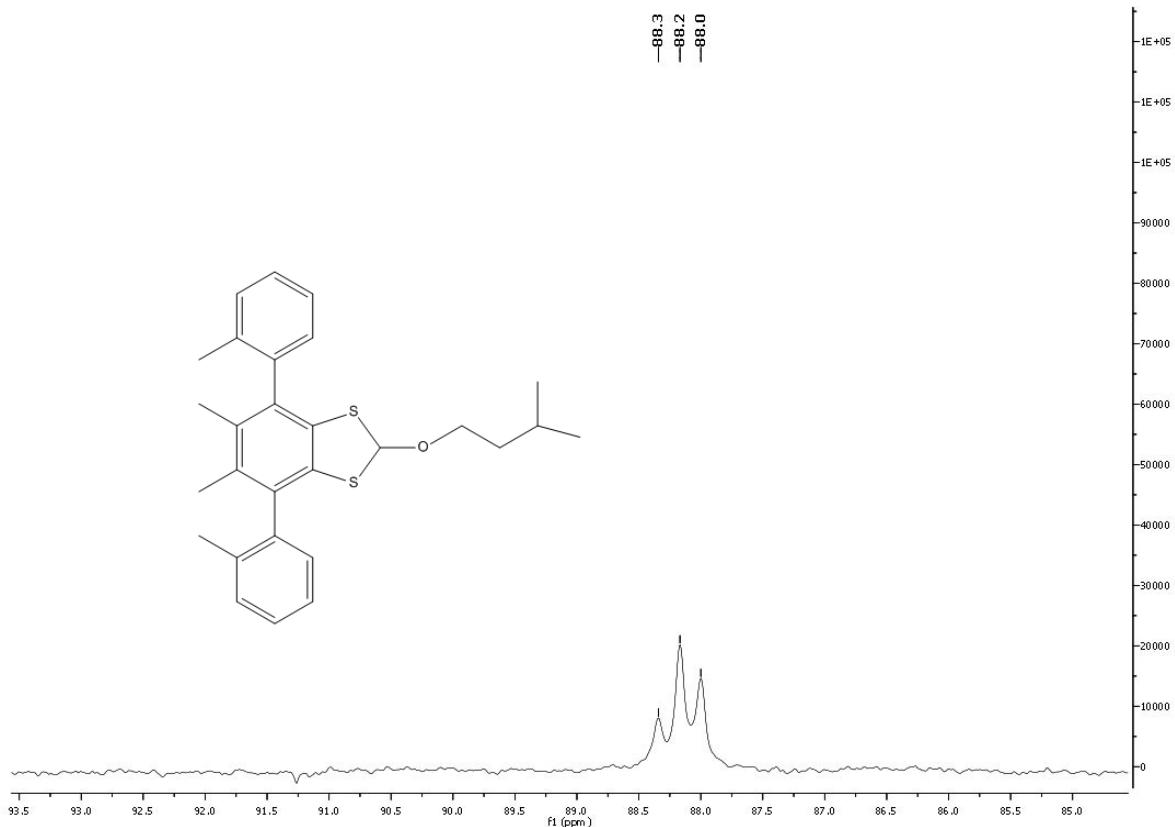
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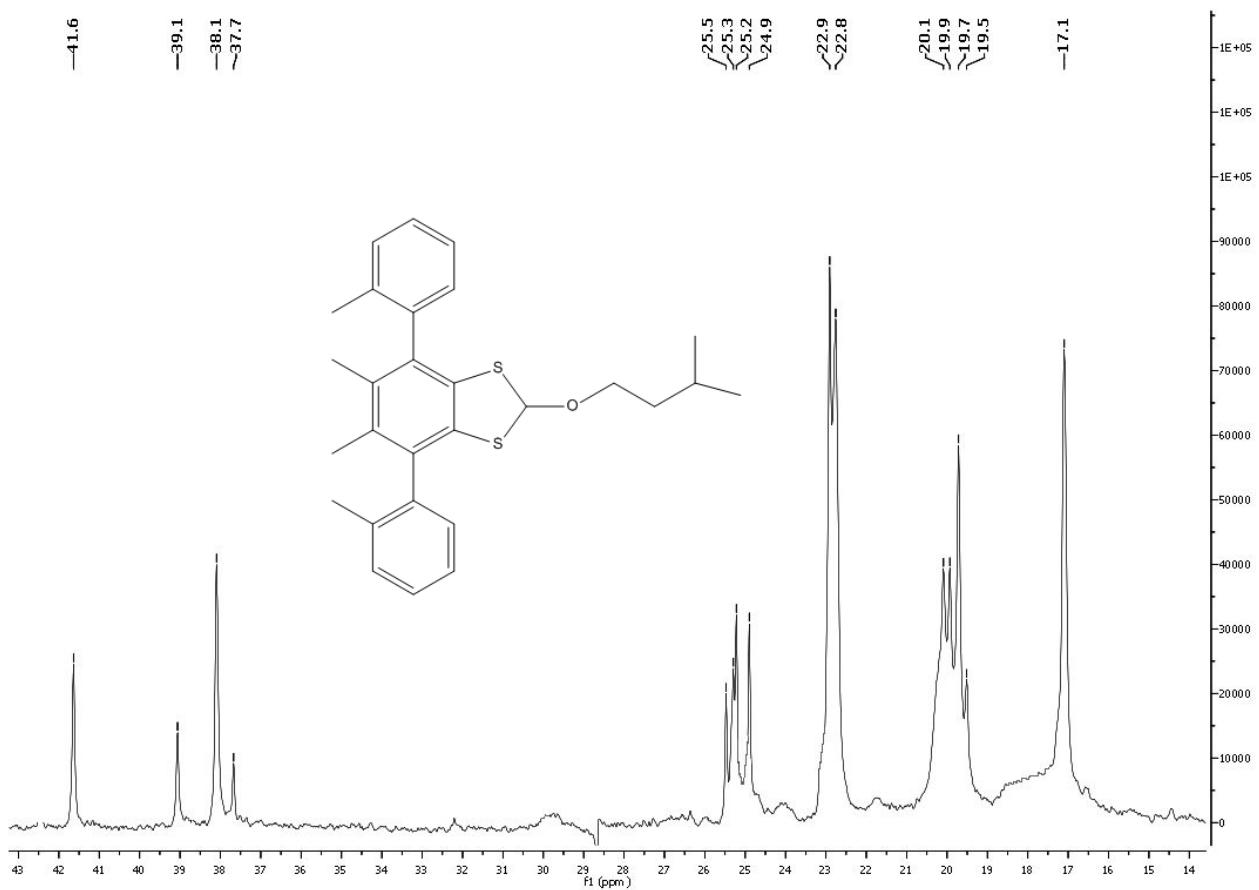
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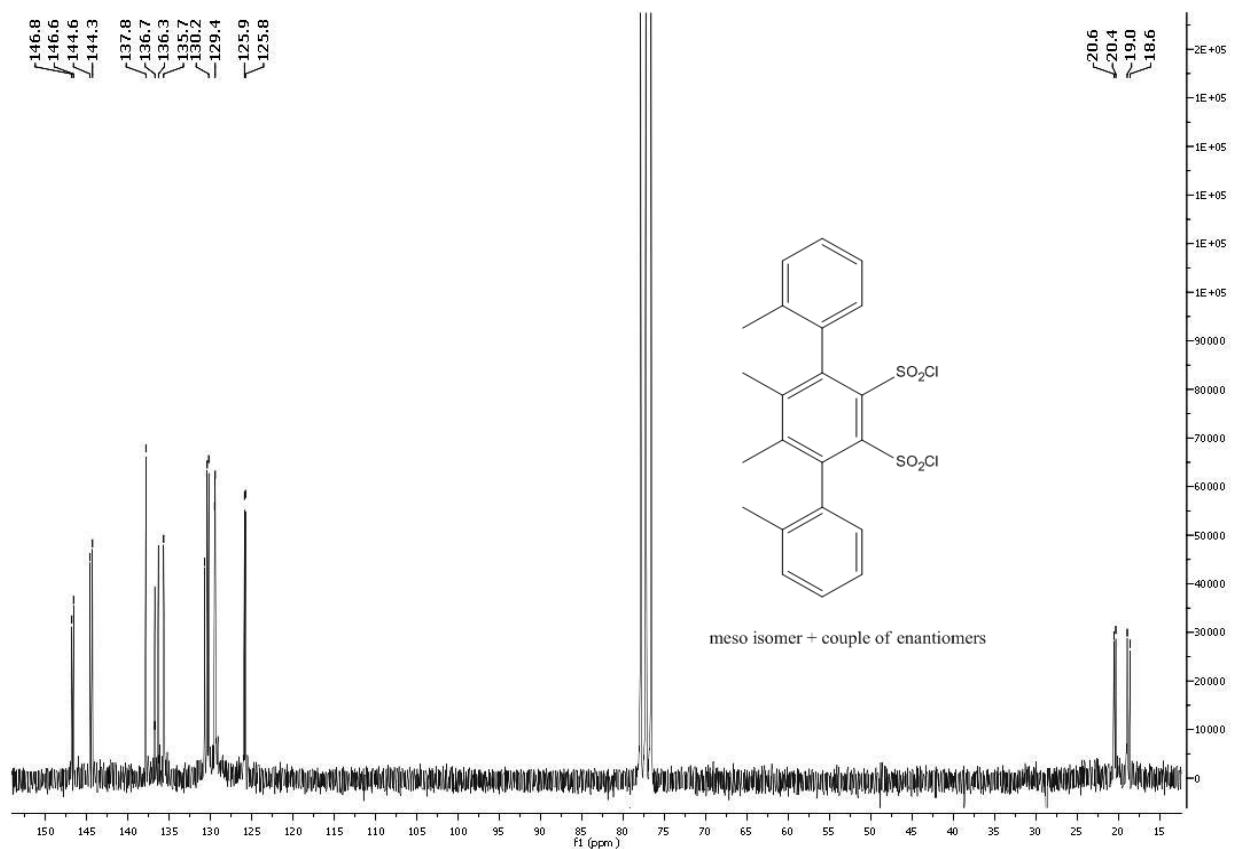
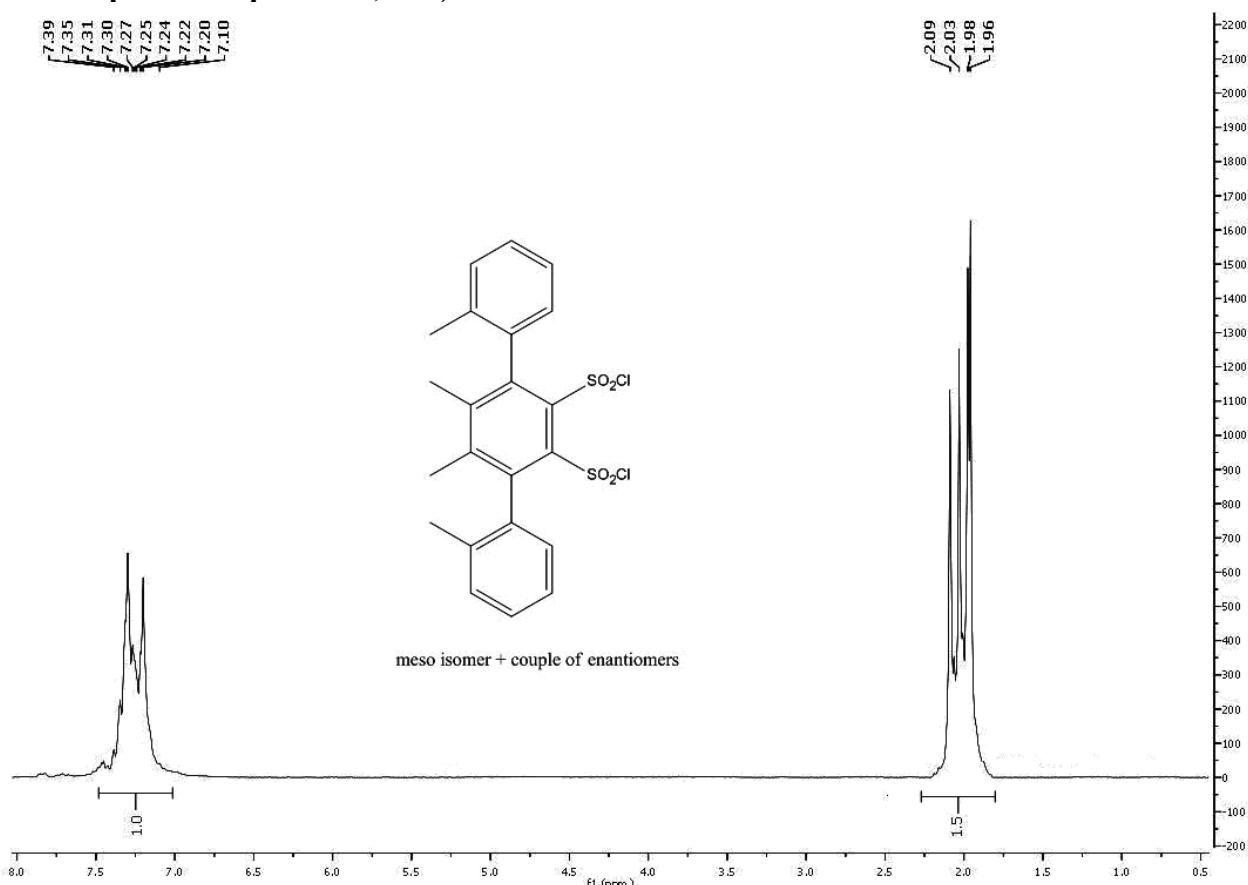
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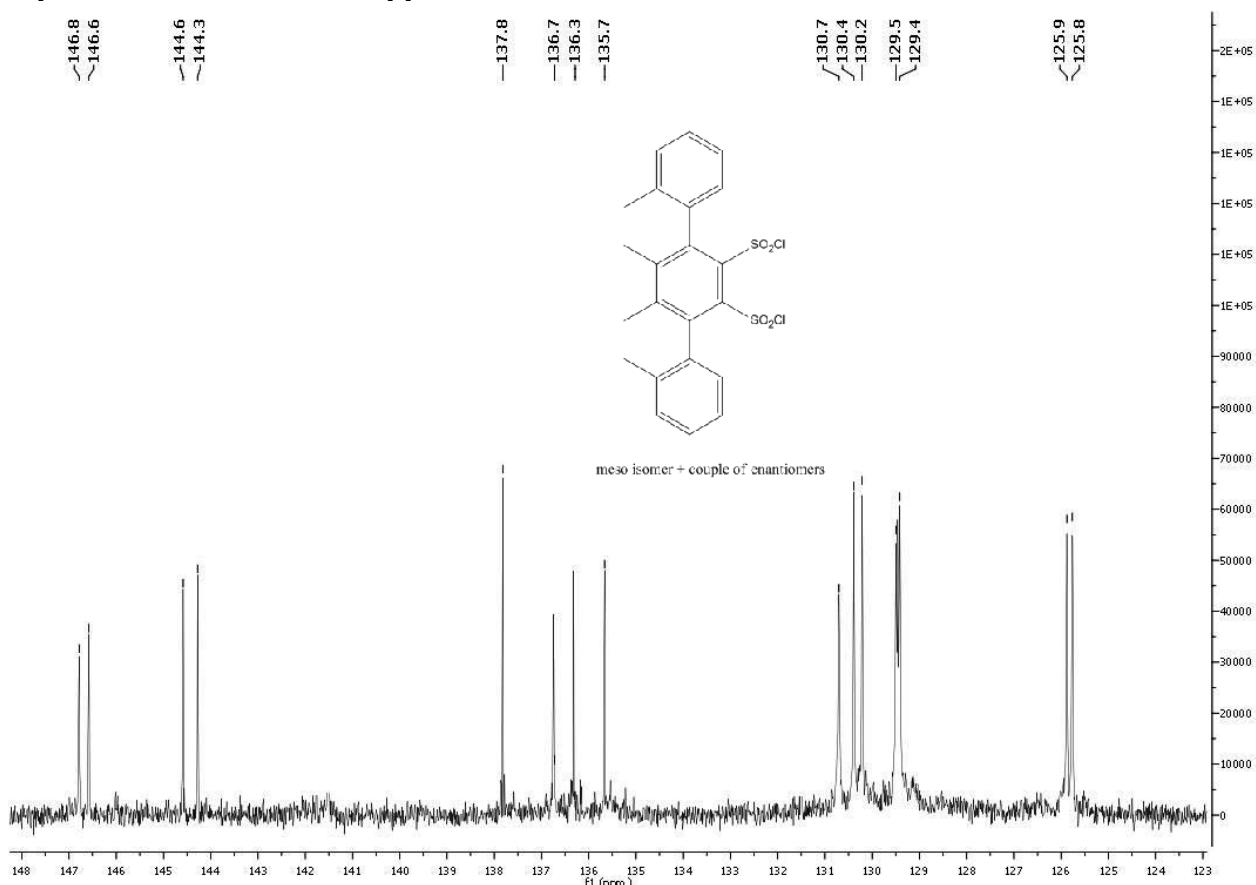
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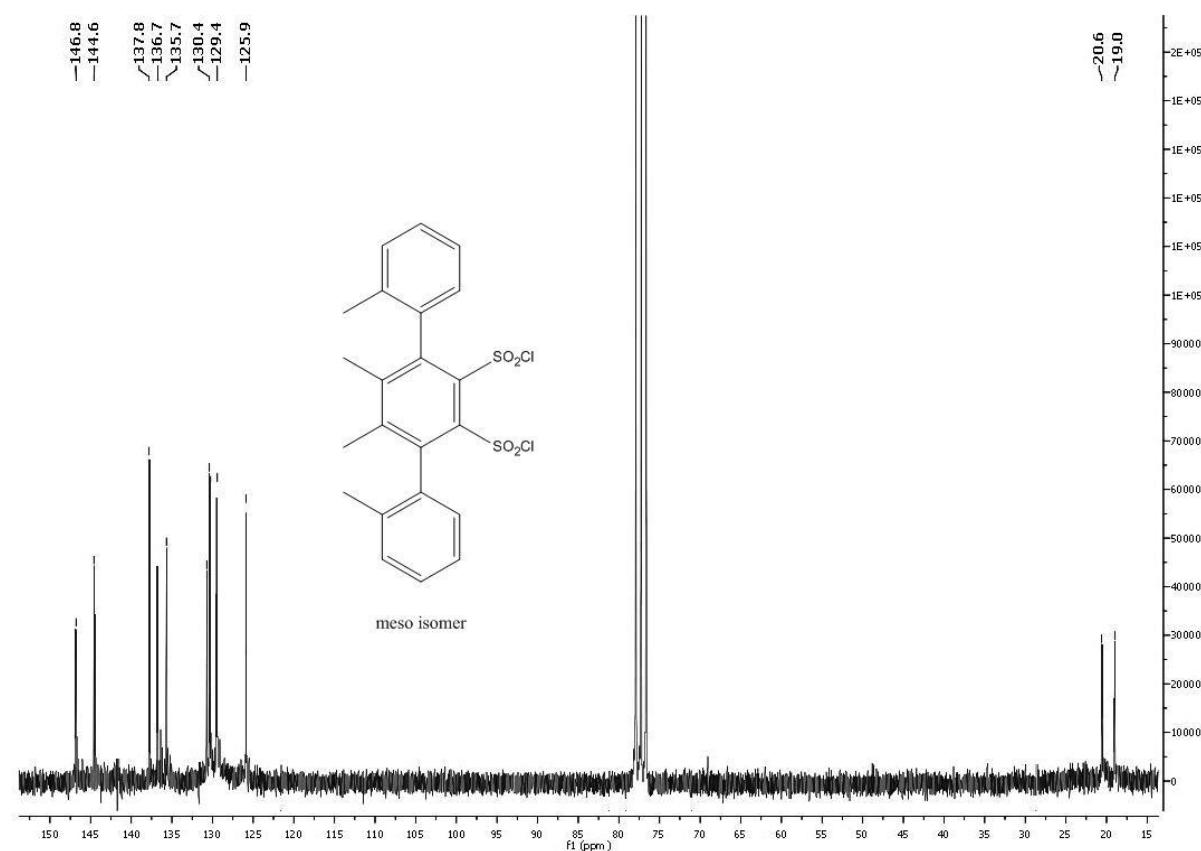
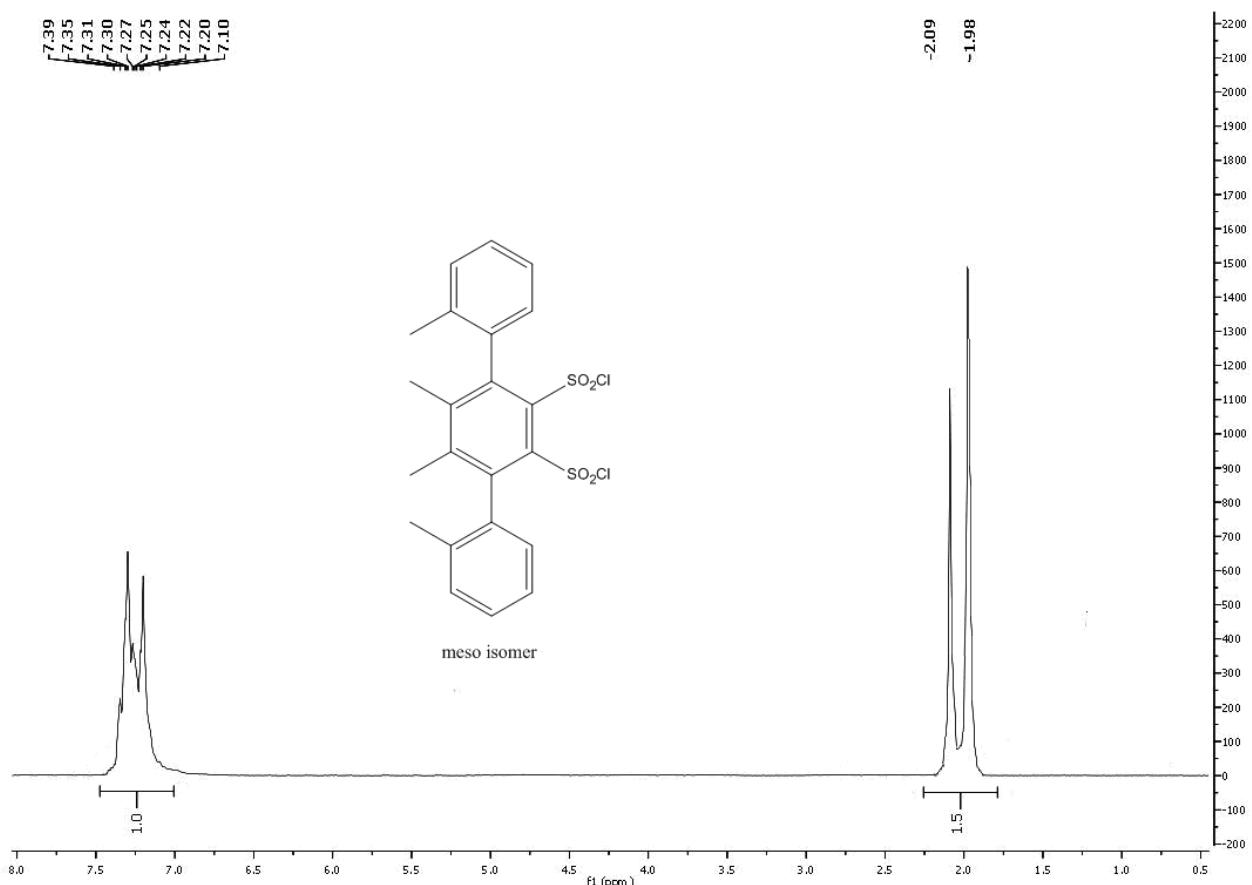
11.18 4,5-Dimethyl-3,6-bis(*o*-tolyl)-1,2-benzenedisulfonyl chloride (mixture of meso form and couple of atropisomers; 14b)



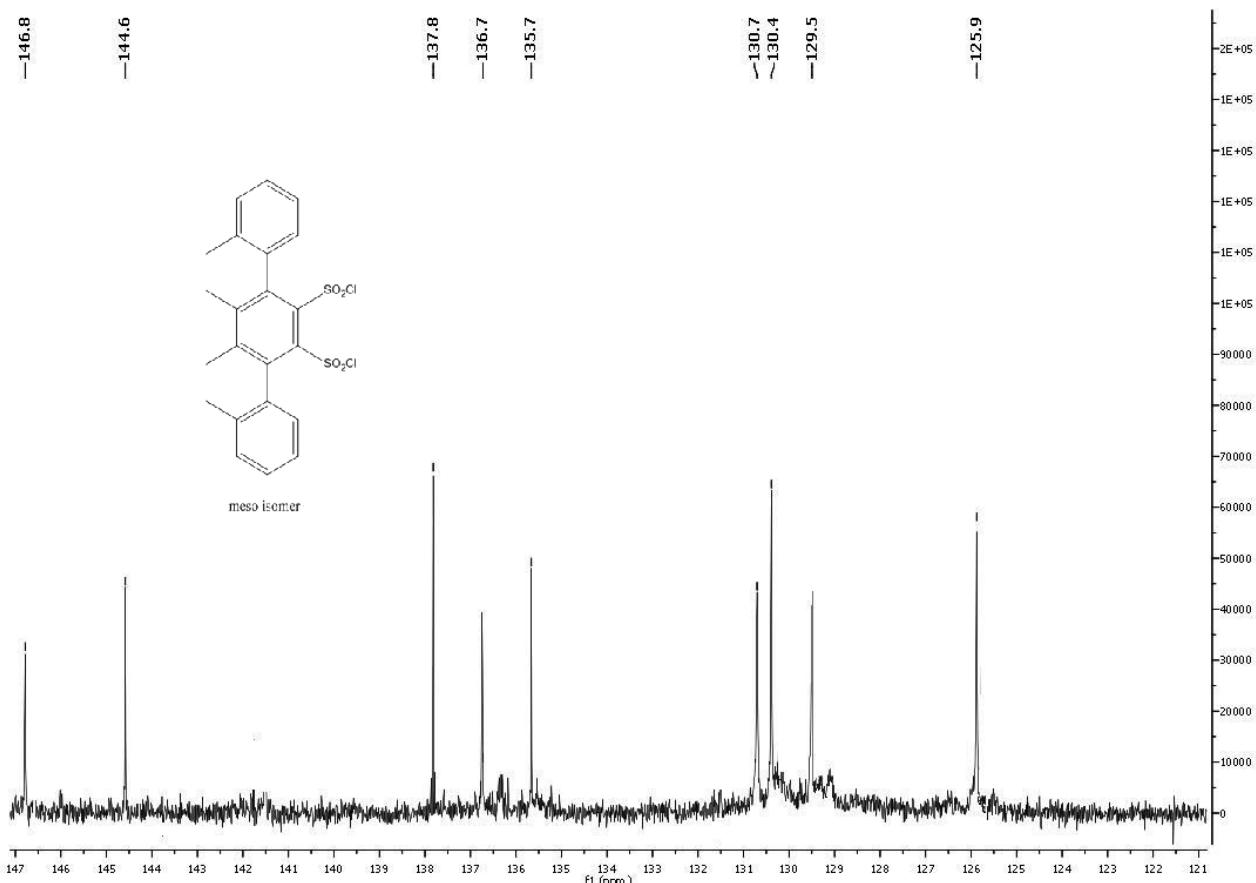
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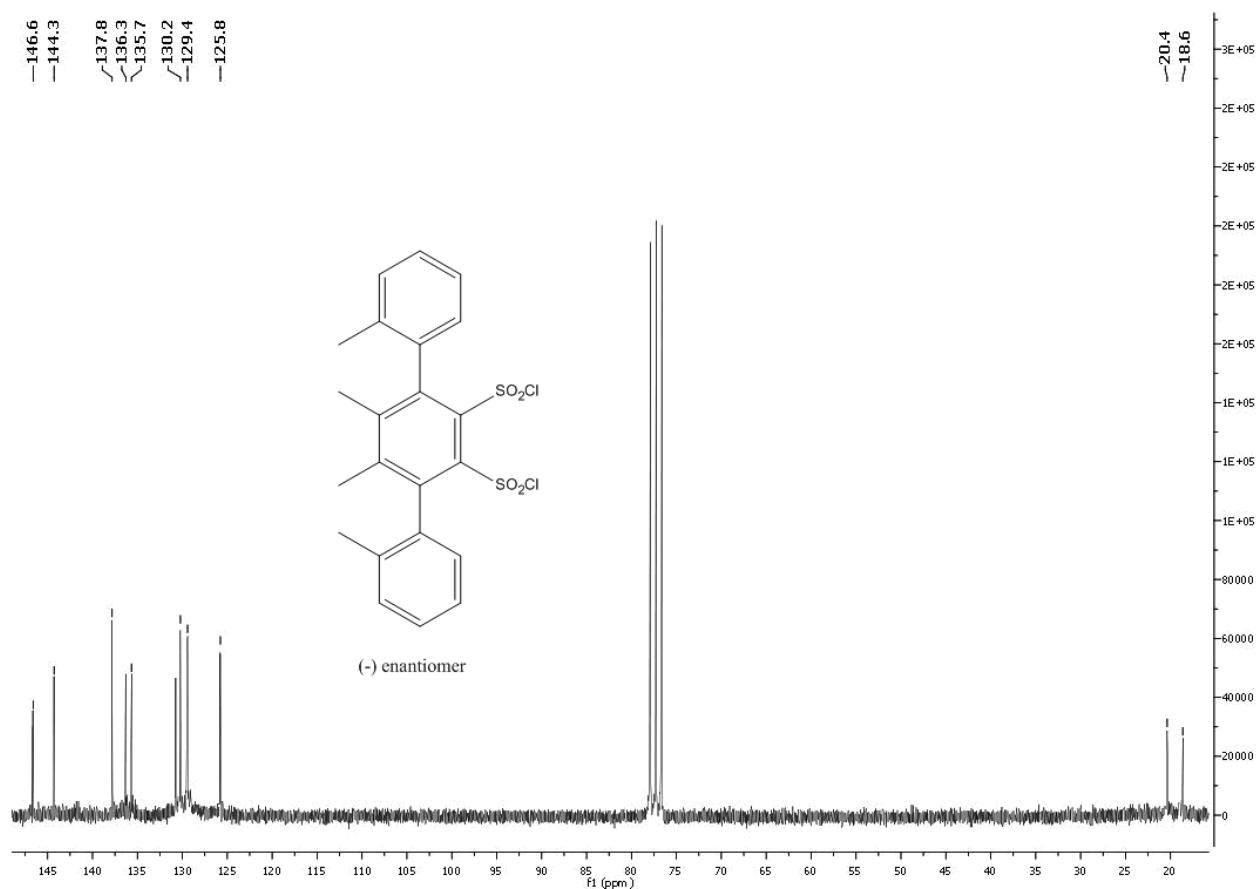
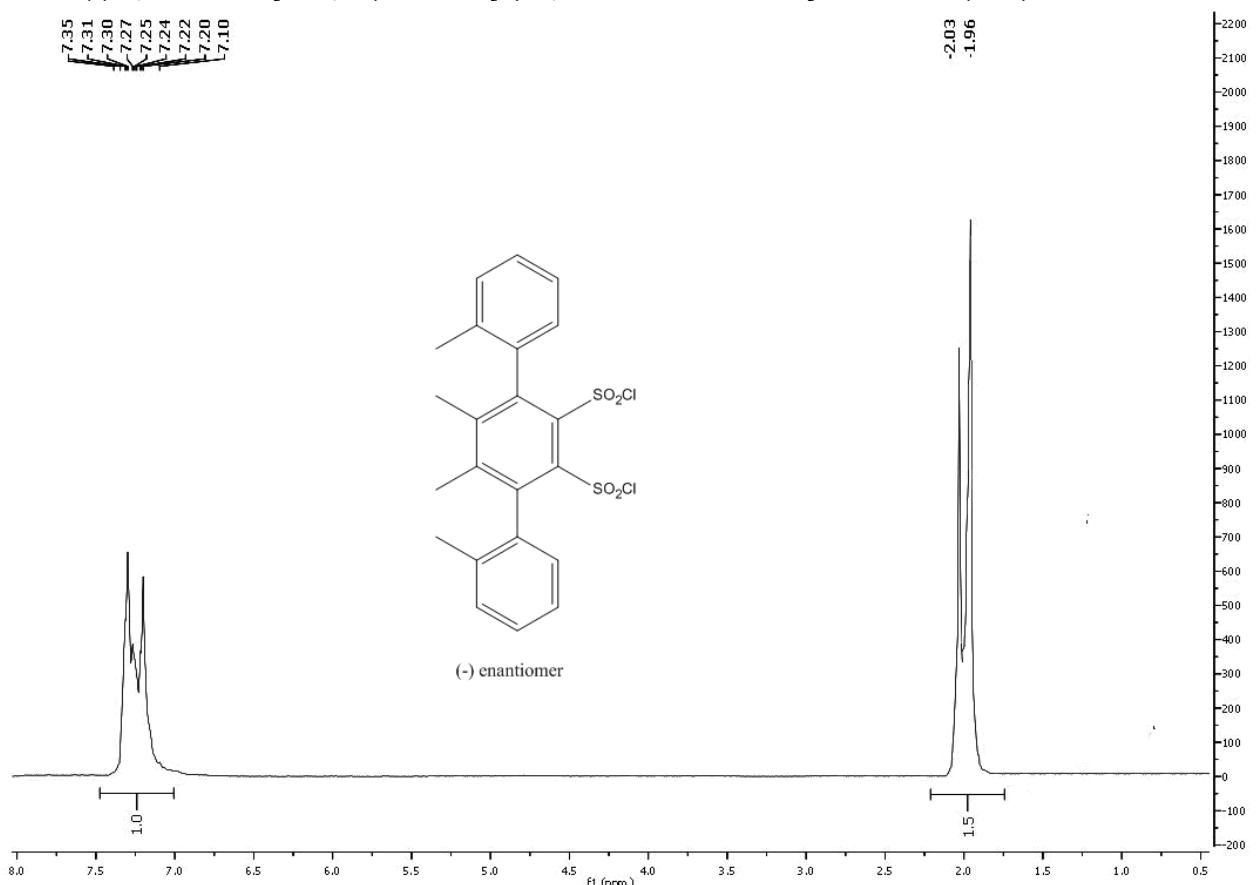
11.19 meso 4,5-Dimethyl-3,6-bis(*o*-tolyl)-1,2-benzenedisulfonyl chloride (14b)



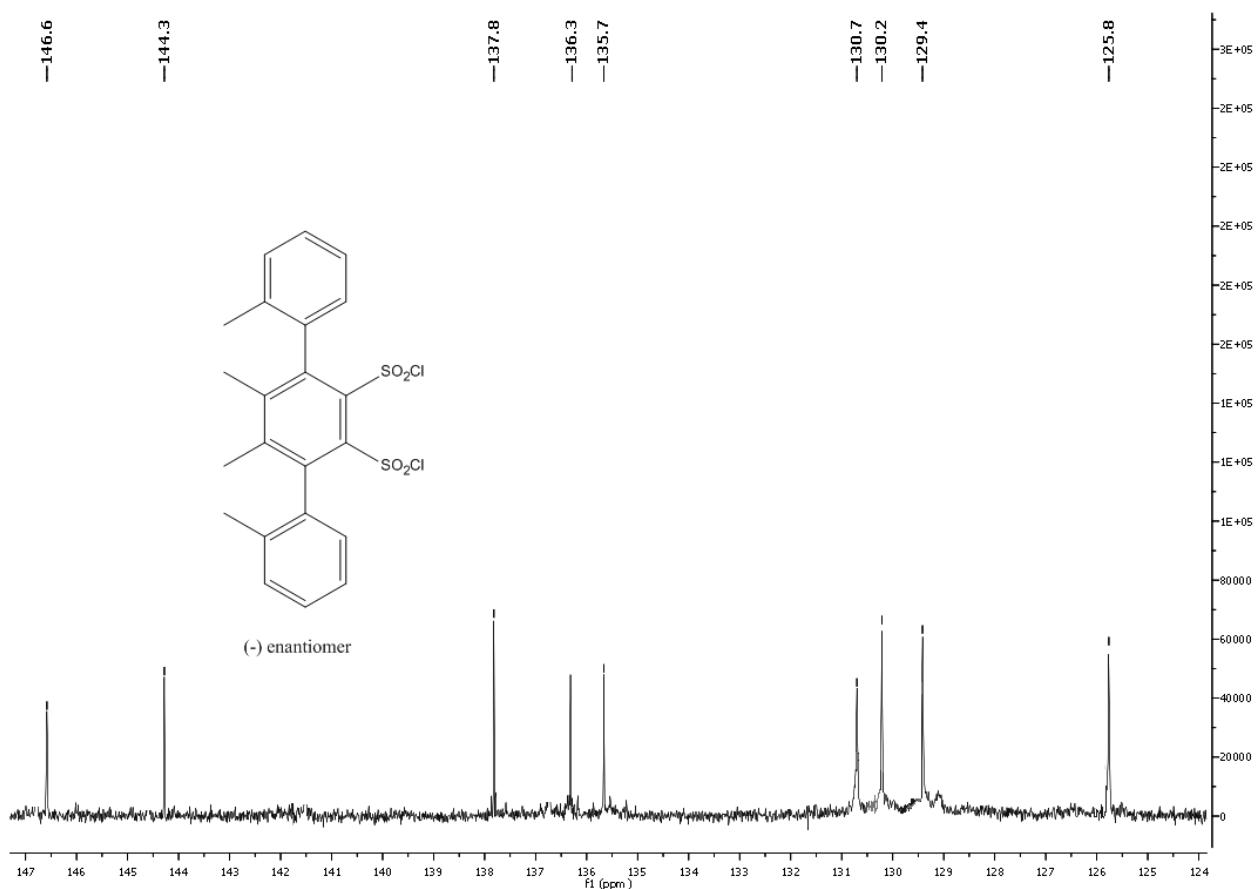
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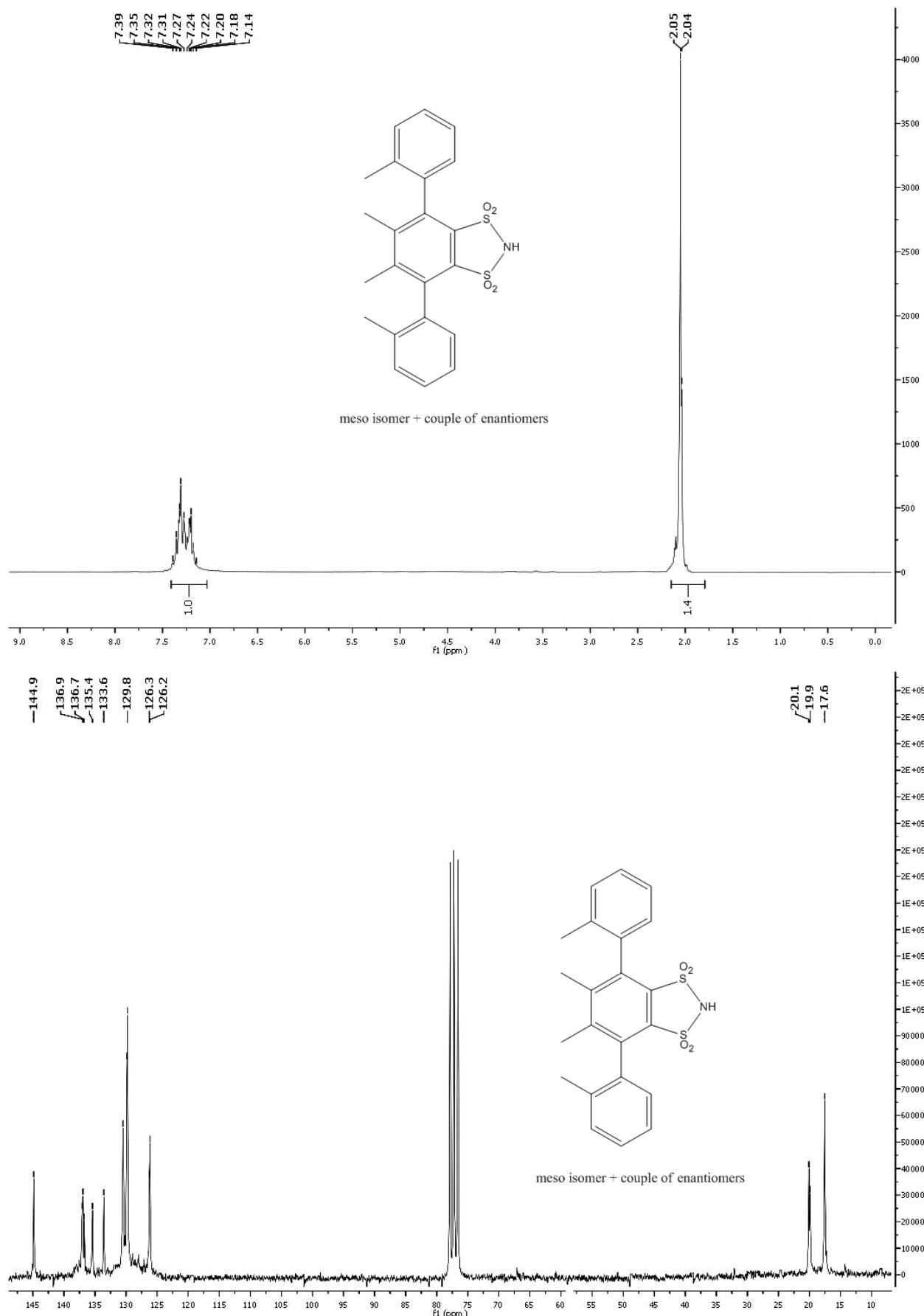
11.20 (-) 4,5-Dimethyl- 3,6-(bis-2-tolyl)-1,2-benzenedisulfonyl chloride (14b)



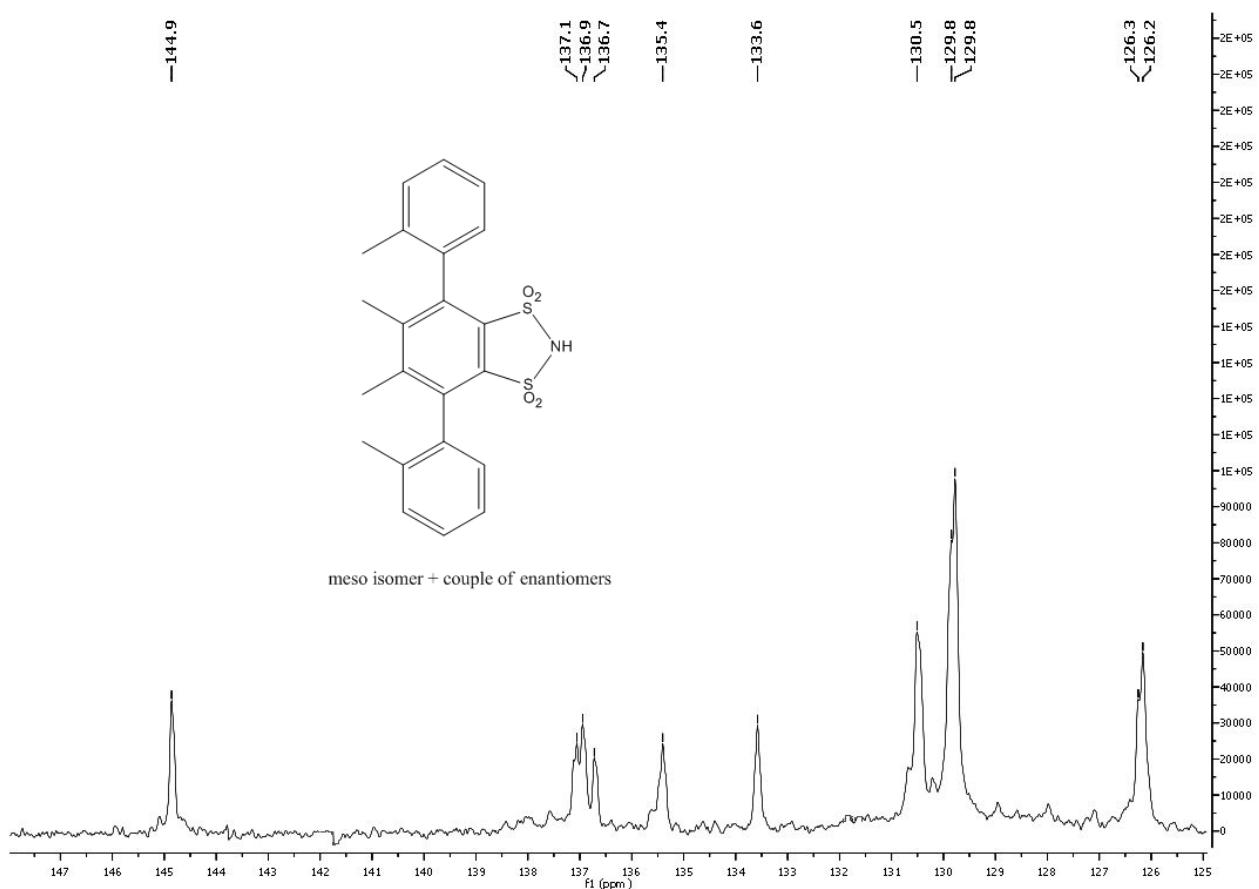
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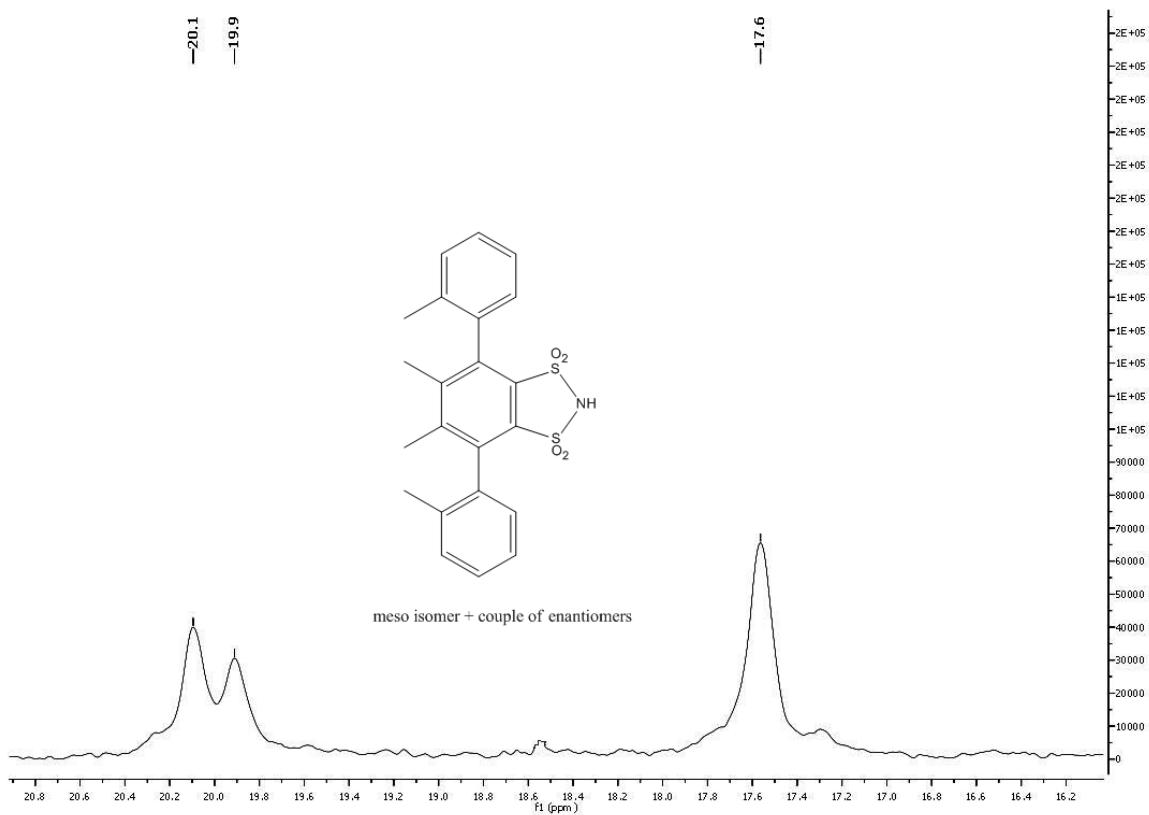
11.21 4,5-Dimethyl- 3,6-bis(*o*-tolyl)-1,2-benzenedisulfonimide (mixture of meso form and couple of atropisomers (3b))



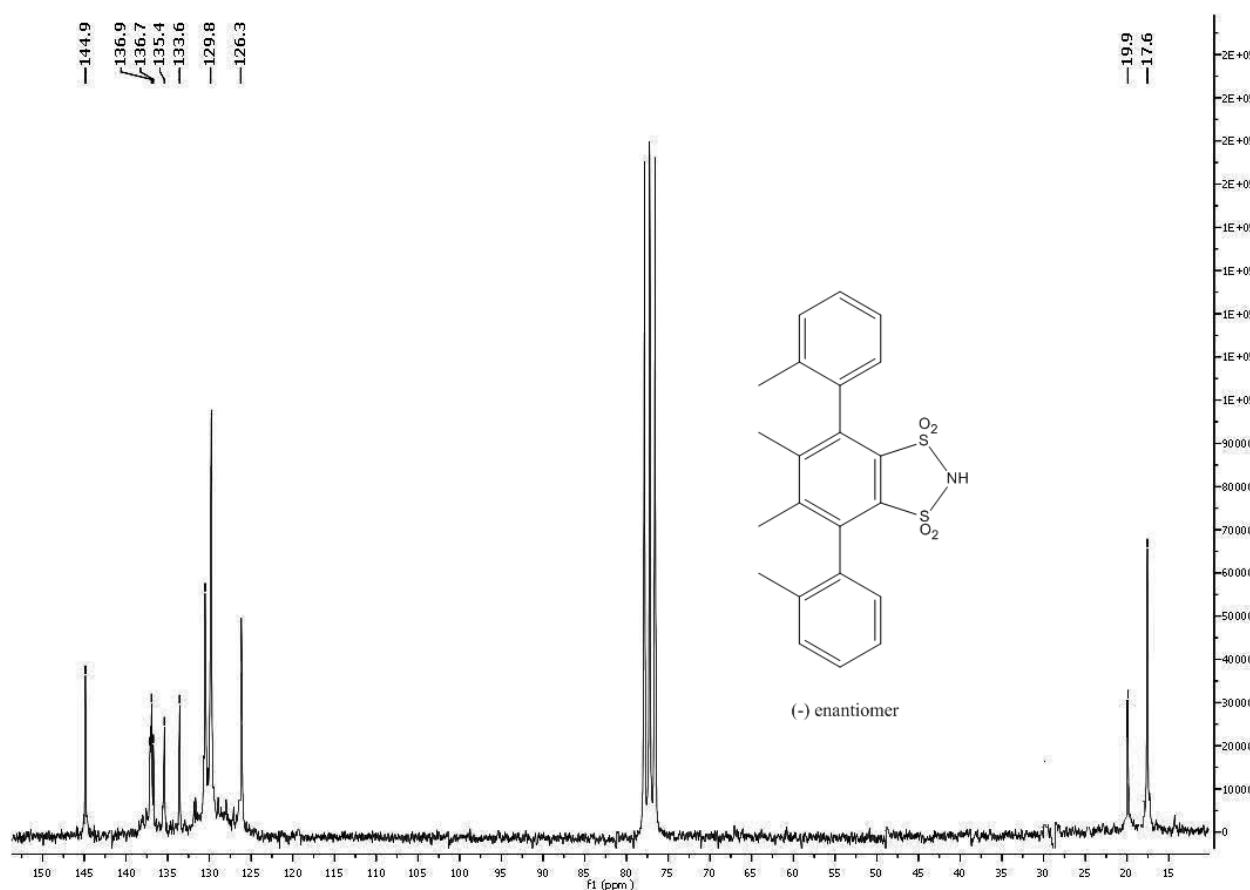
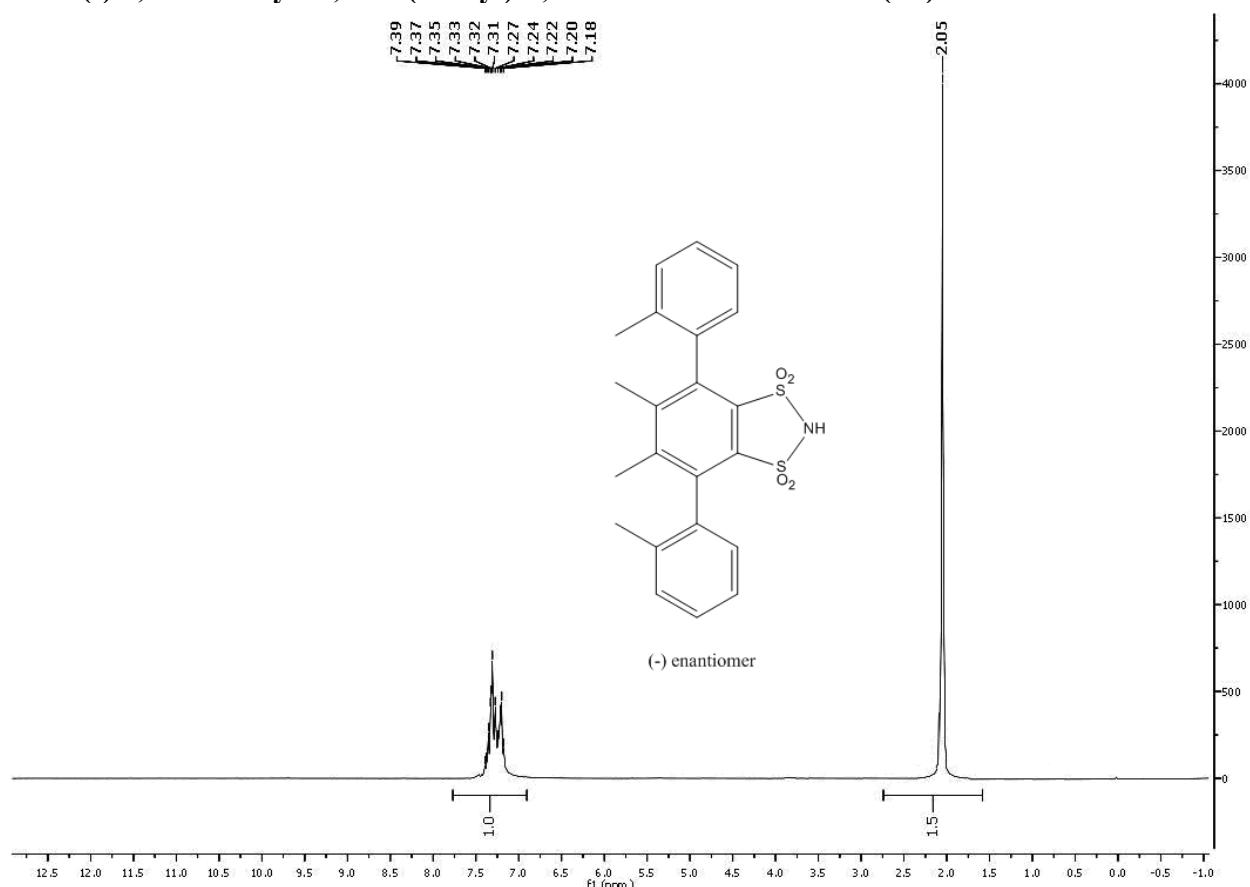
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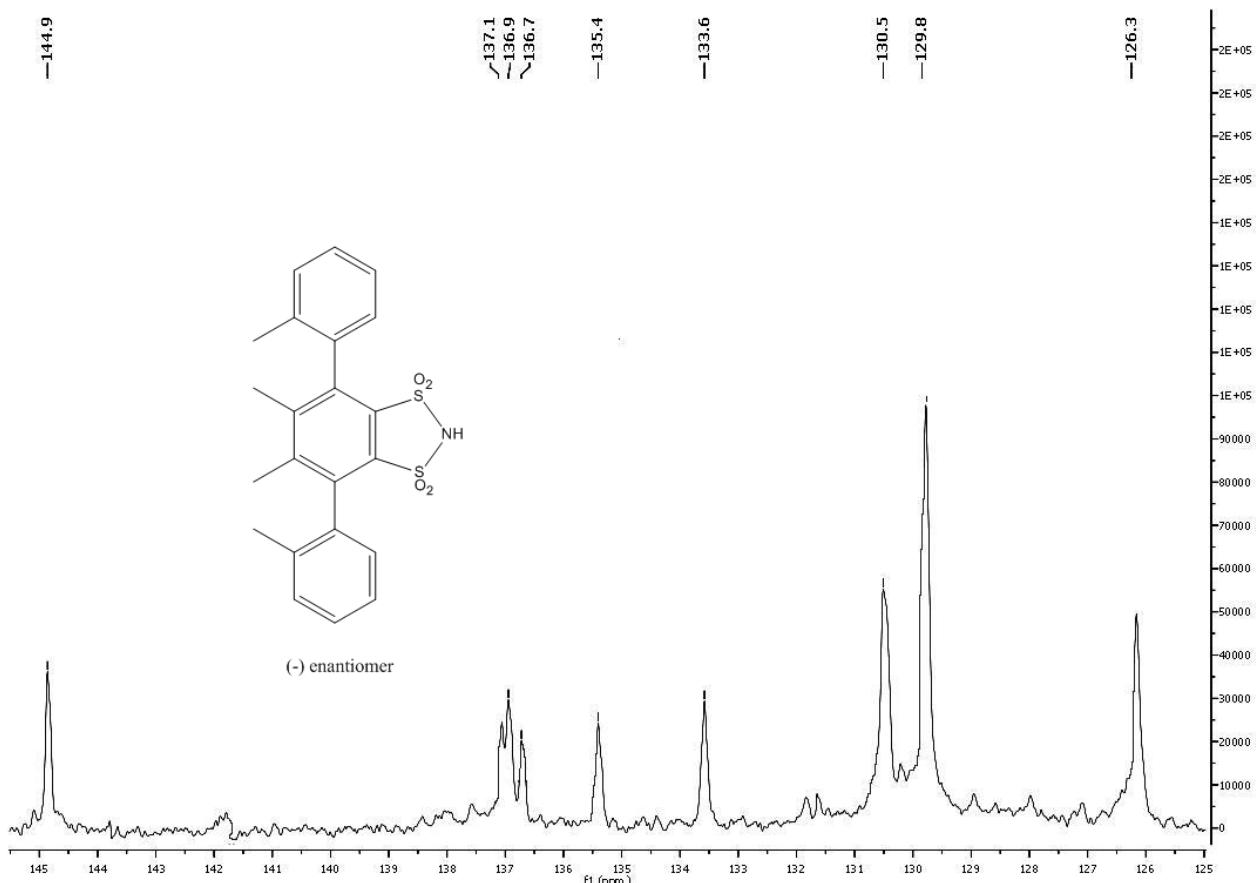
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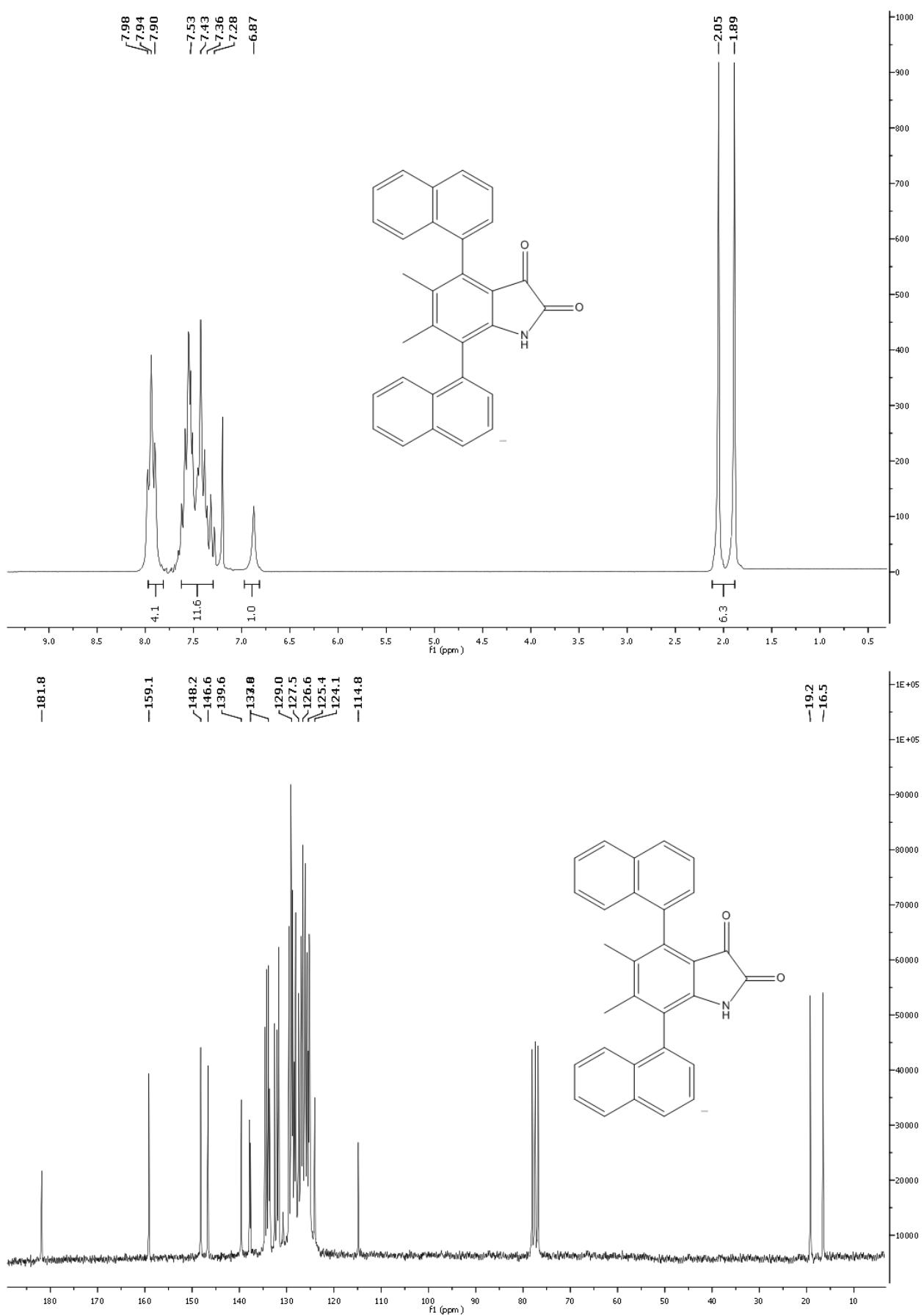
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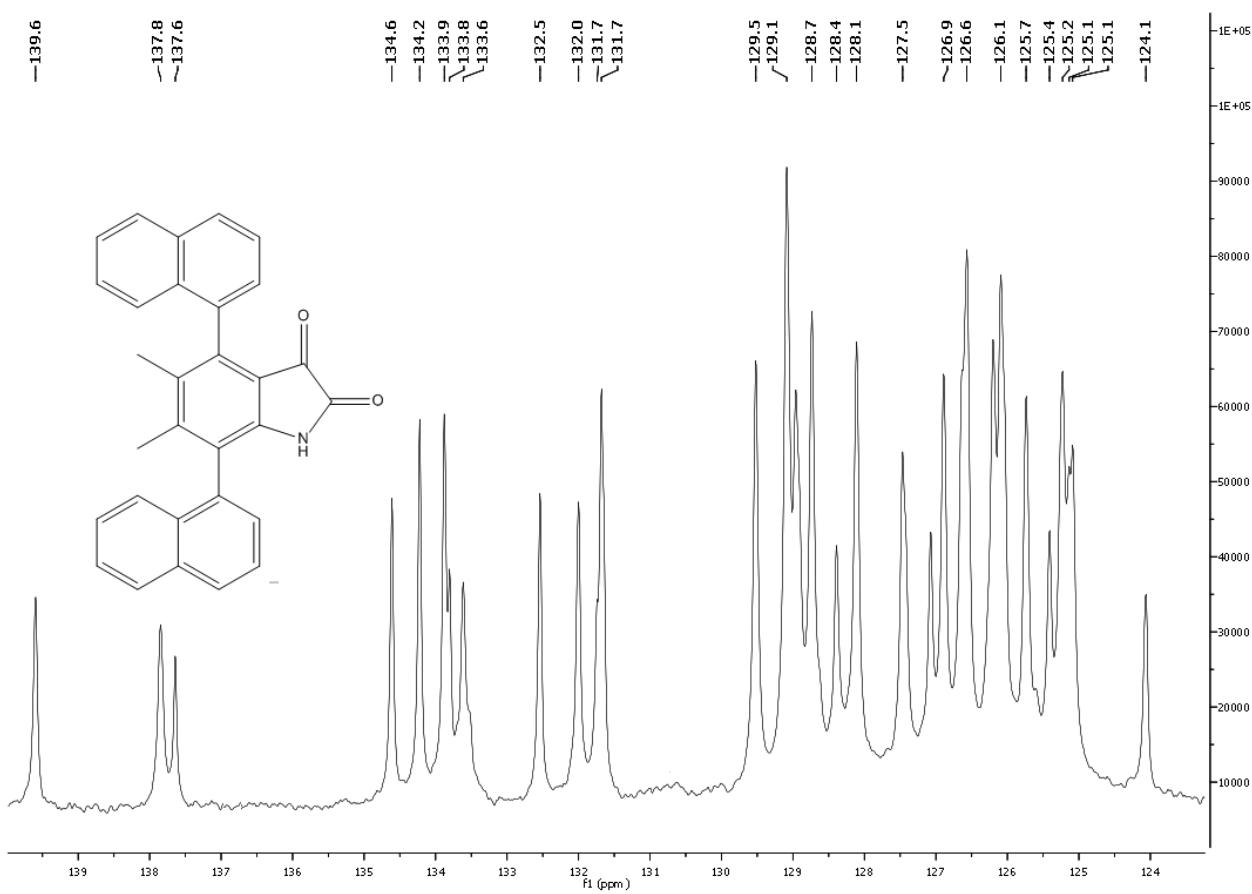
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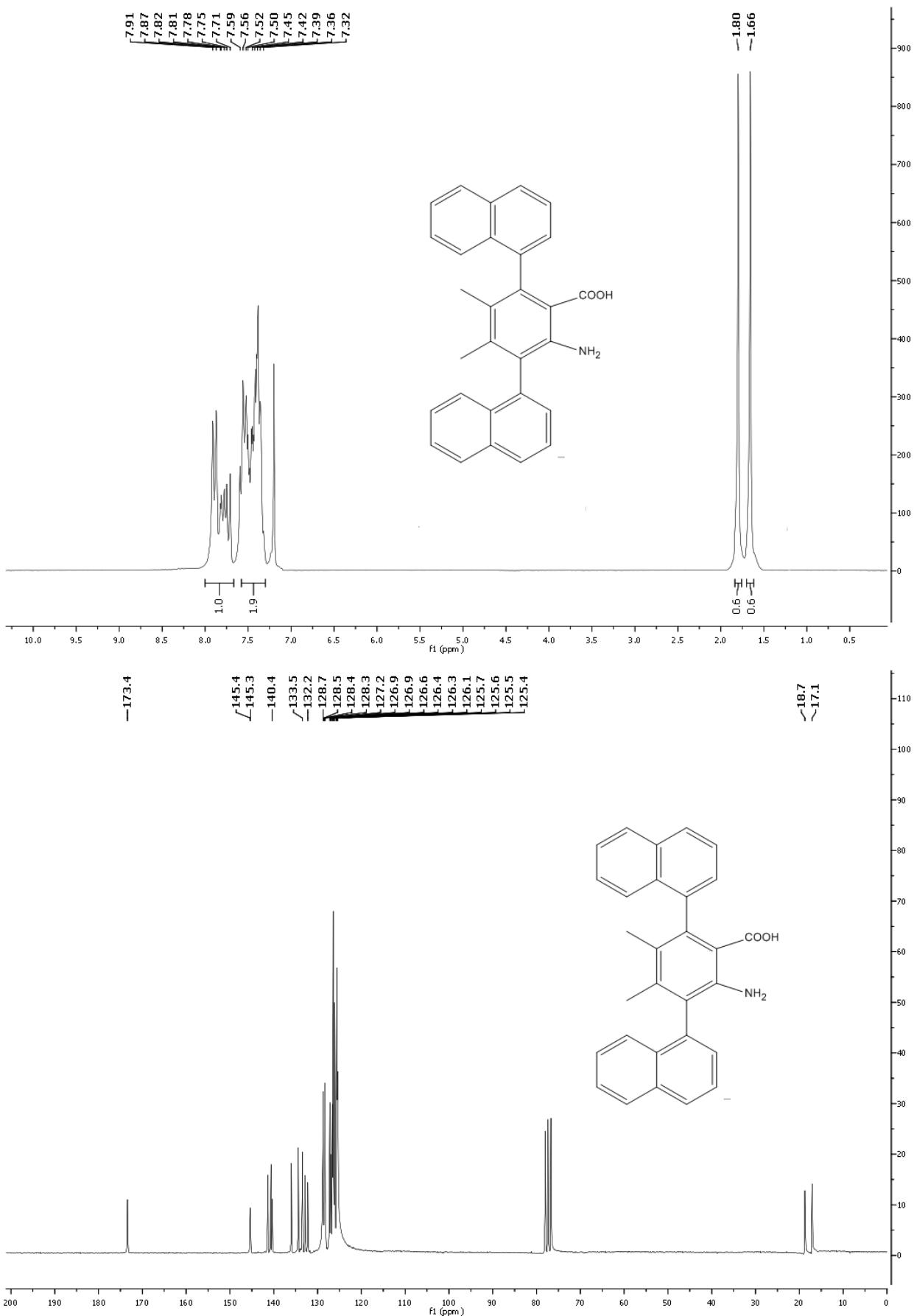
11.23 5,6-Dimethyl-4,7-bis(1-naphthyl)isatine (11c)



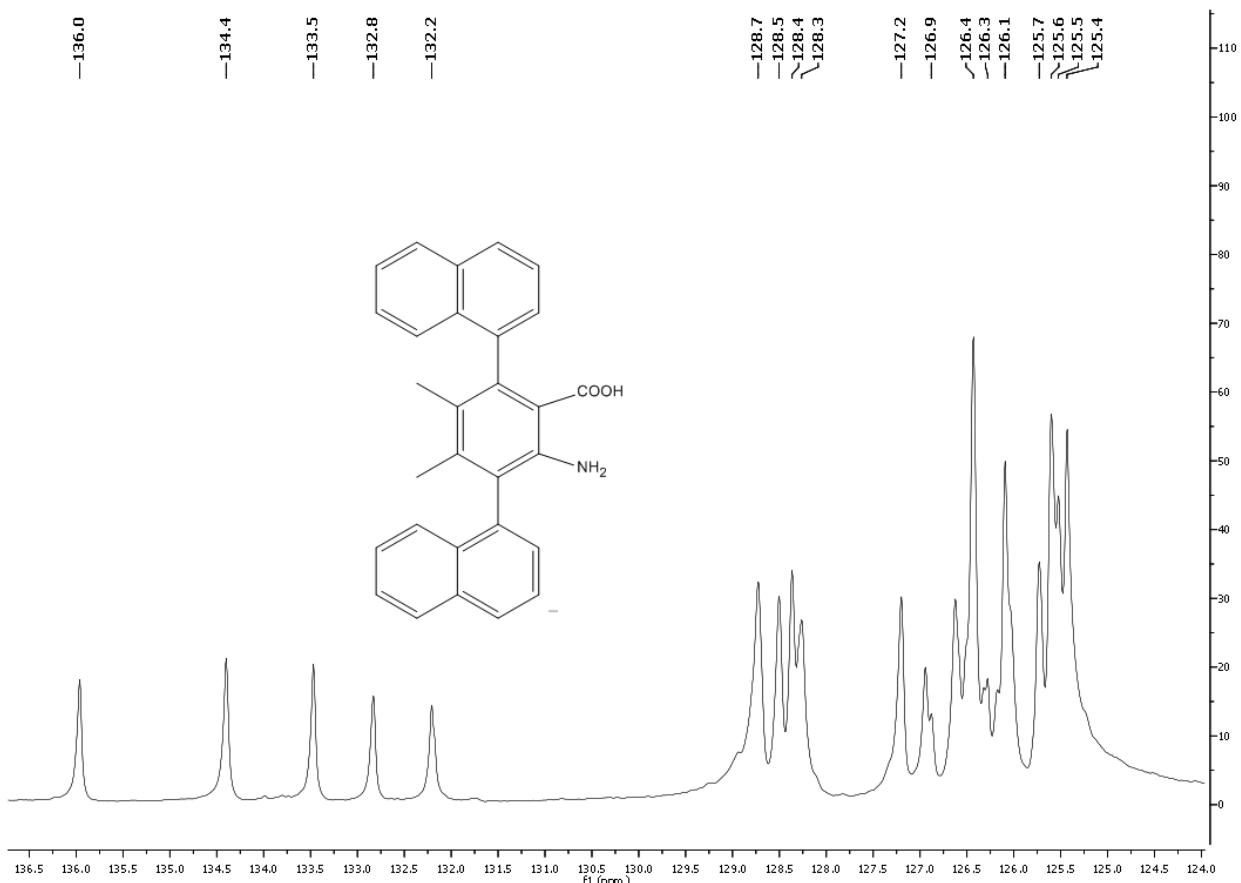
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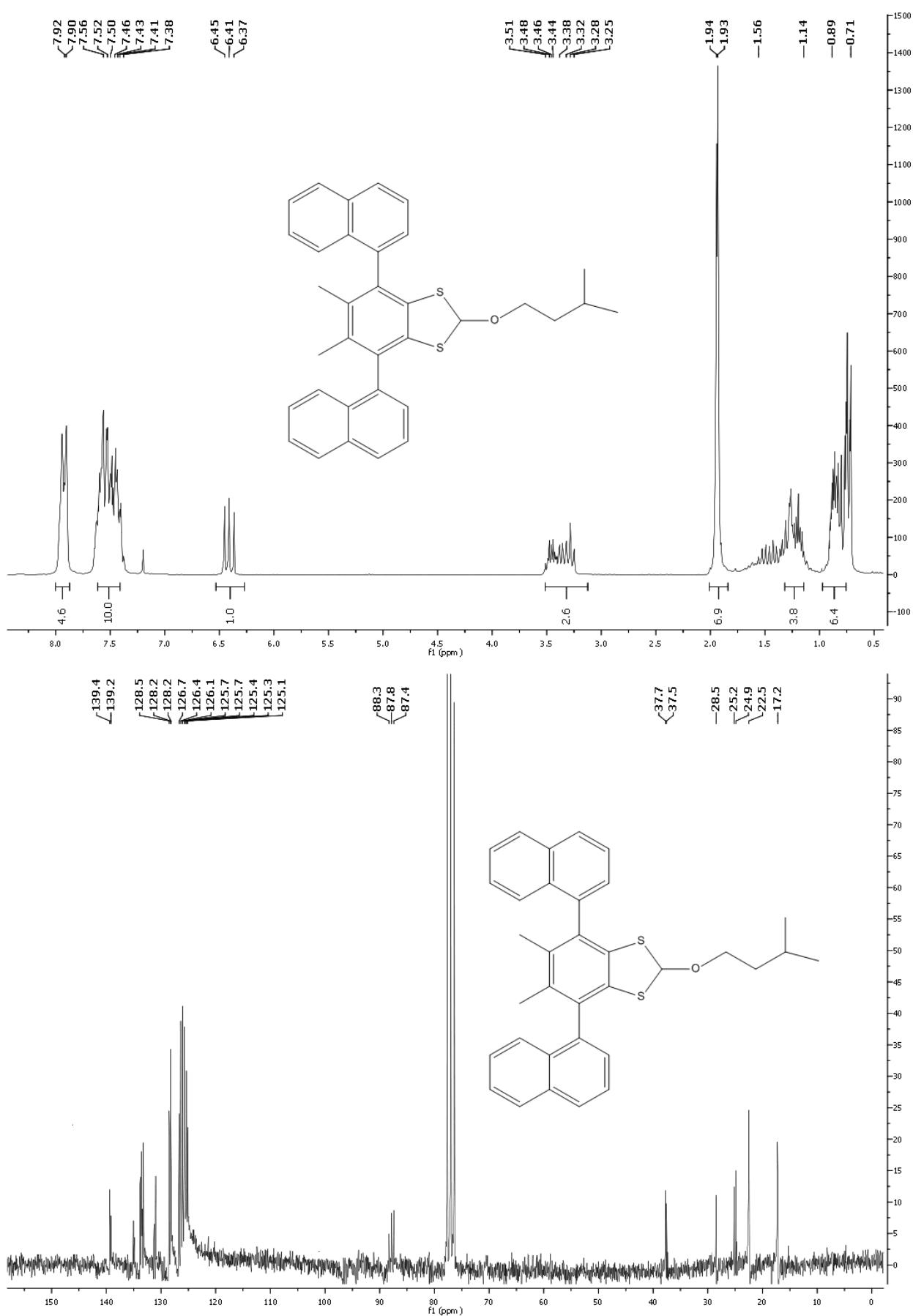
11.24 2-Amino-4,5-dimethyl-3,6-bis(1-naphthyl)benzoic acid (12c)



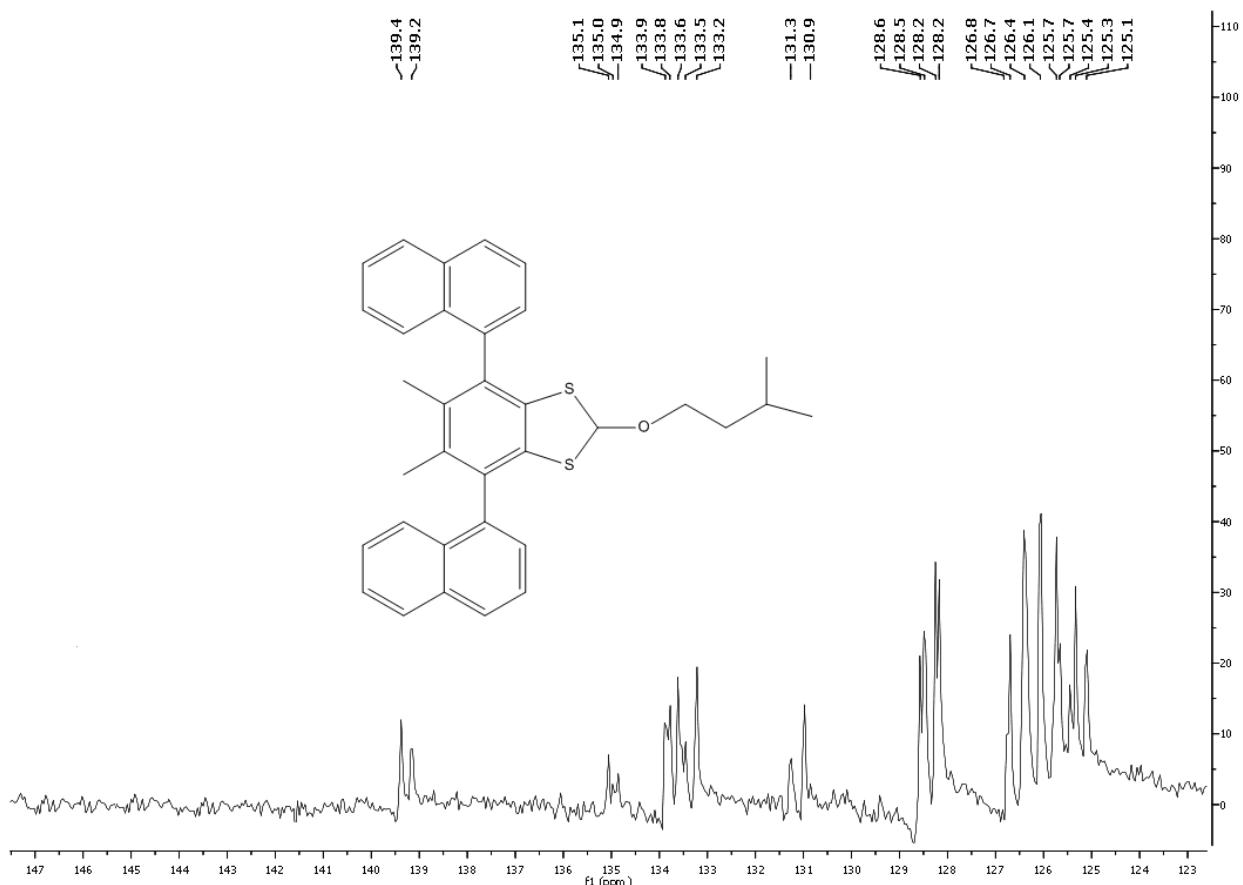
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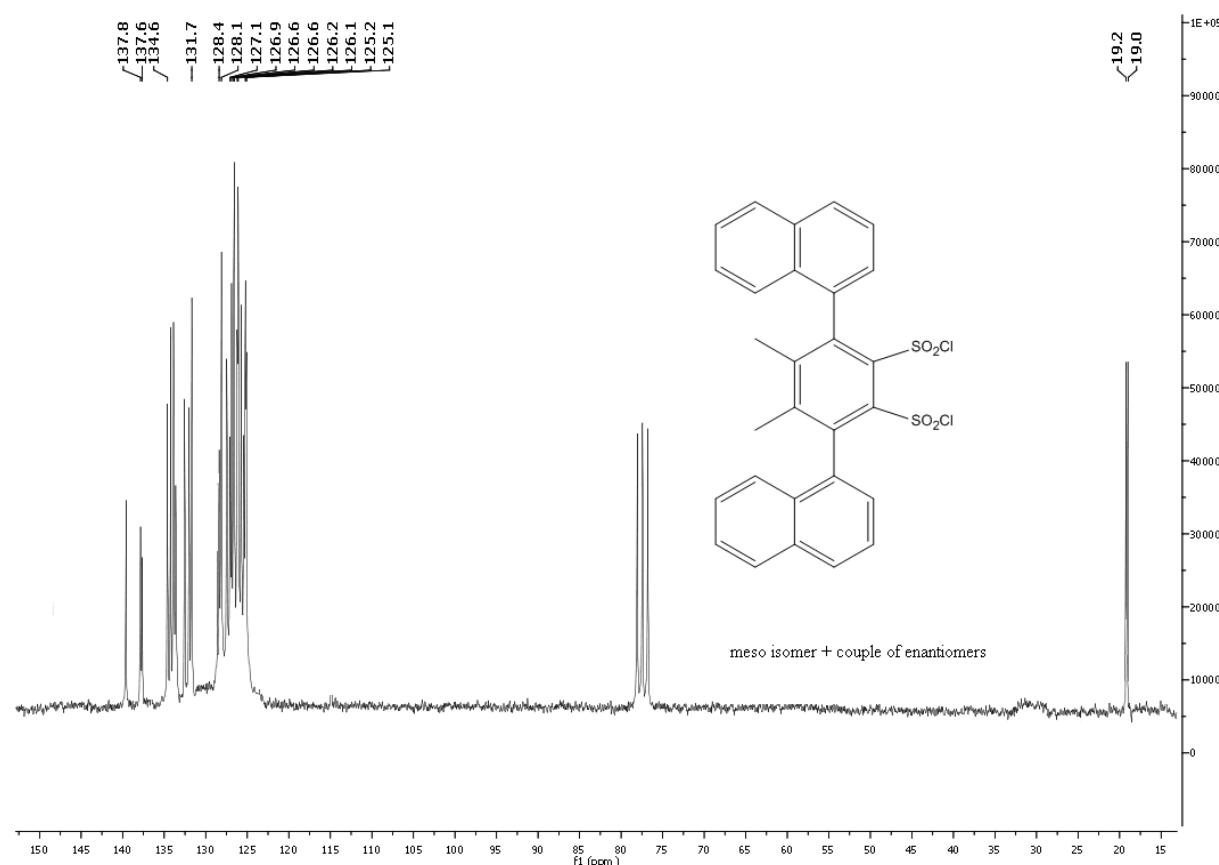
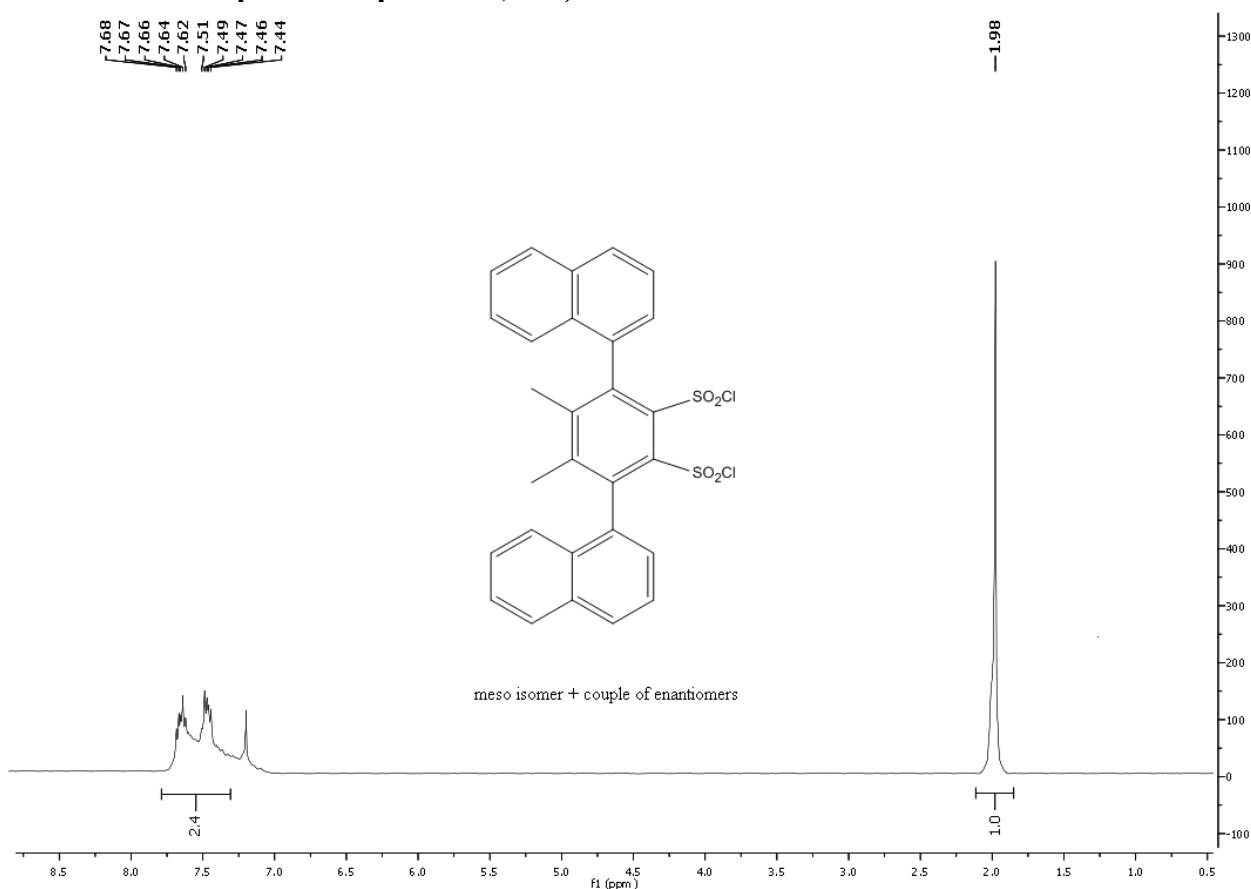
11.25 5,6-Dimethyl-2-(3-methylbutoxy)- 4,7-bis(1-naphthyl)-1,3-benzodithiole (13c)



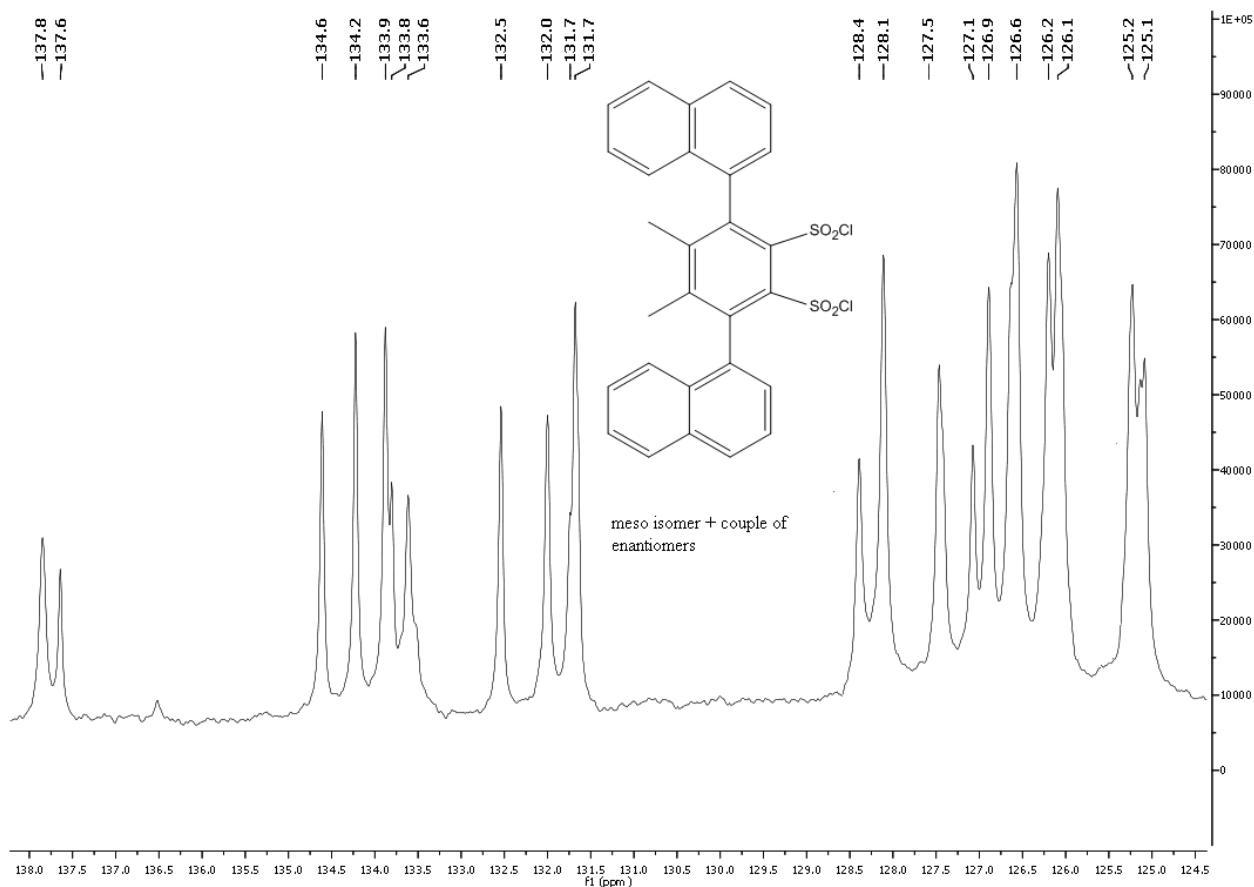
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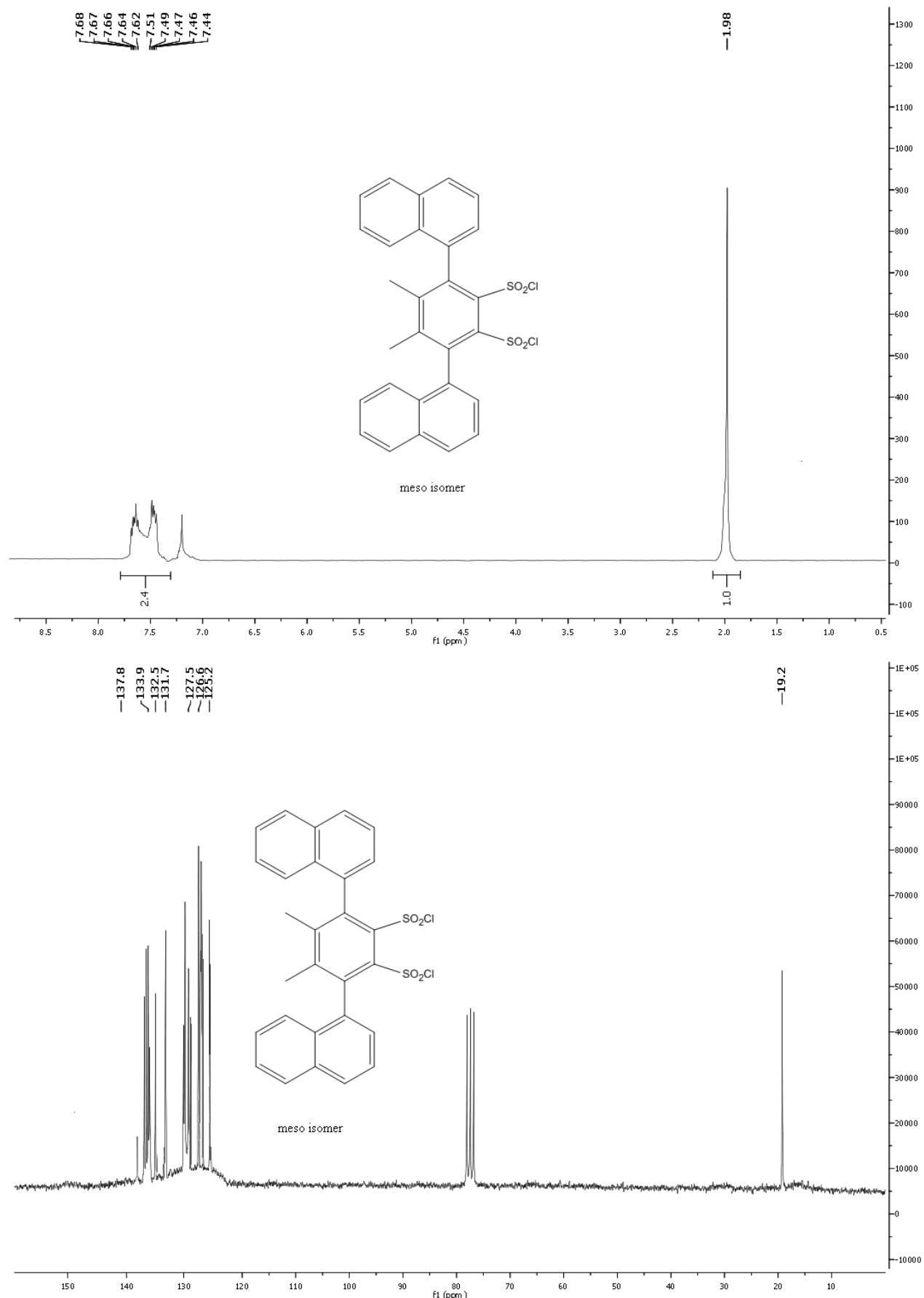
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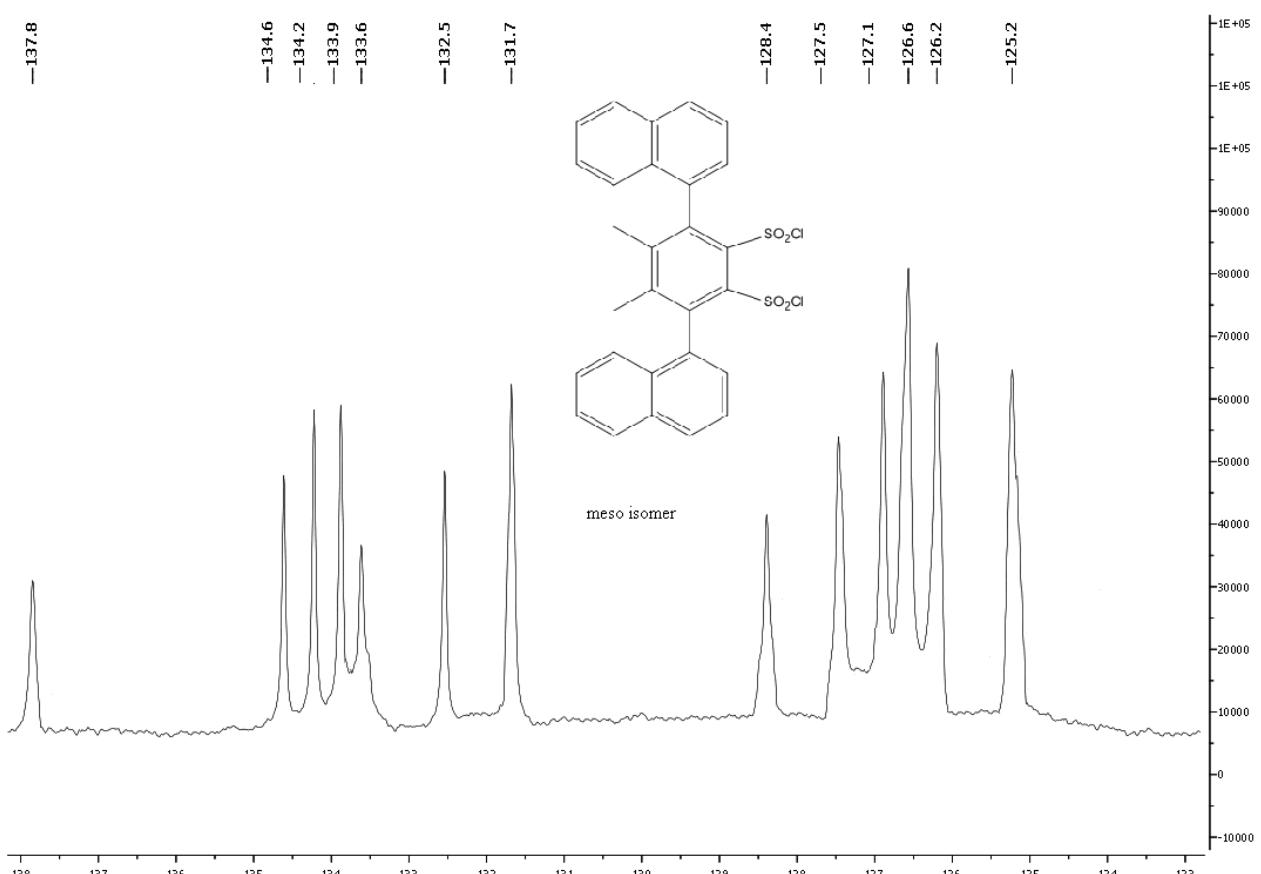
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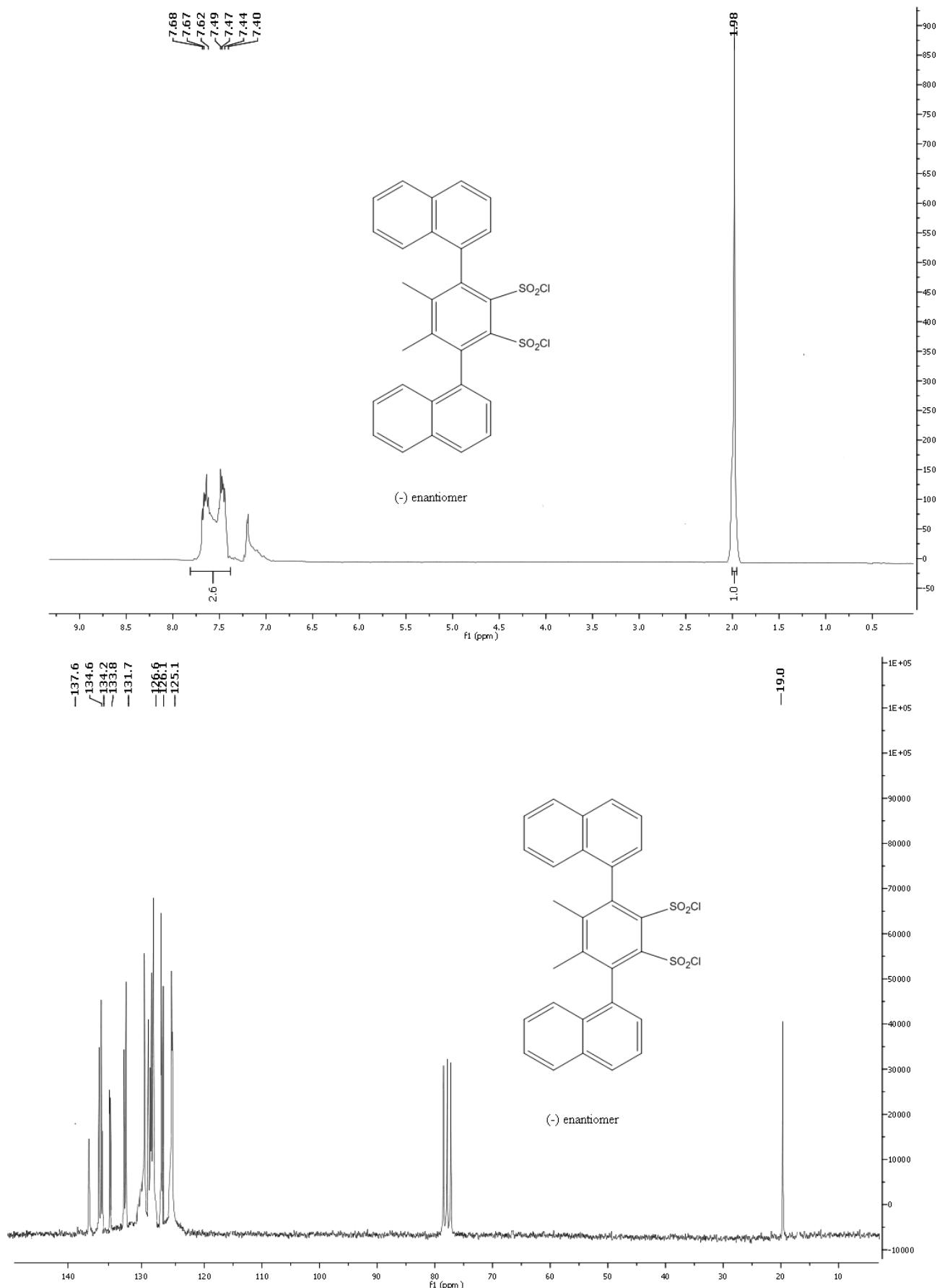
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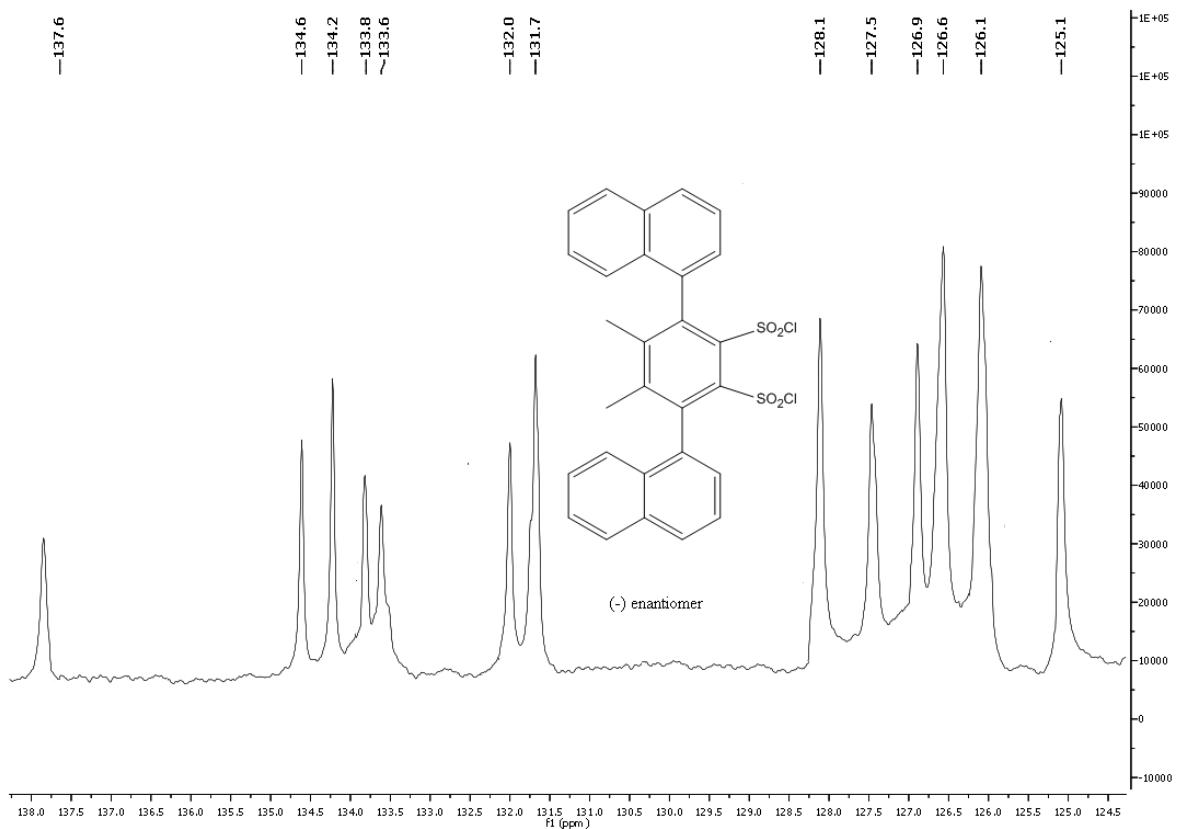
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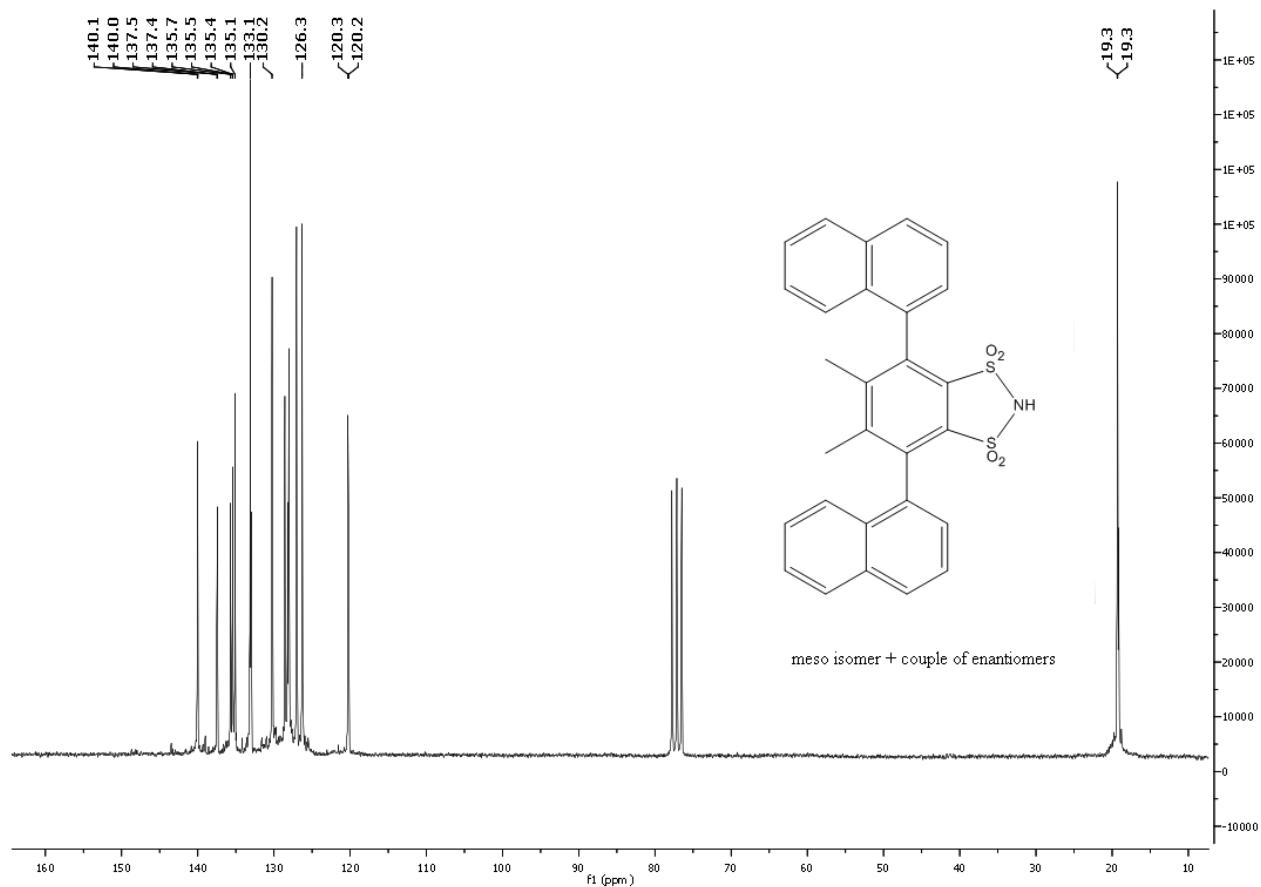
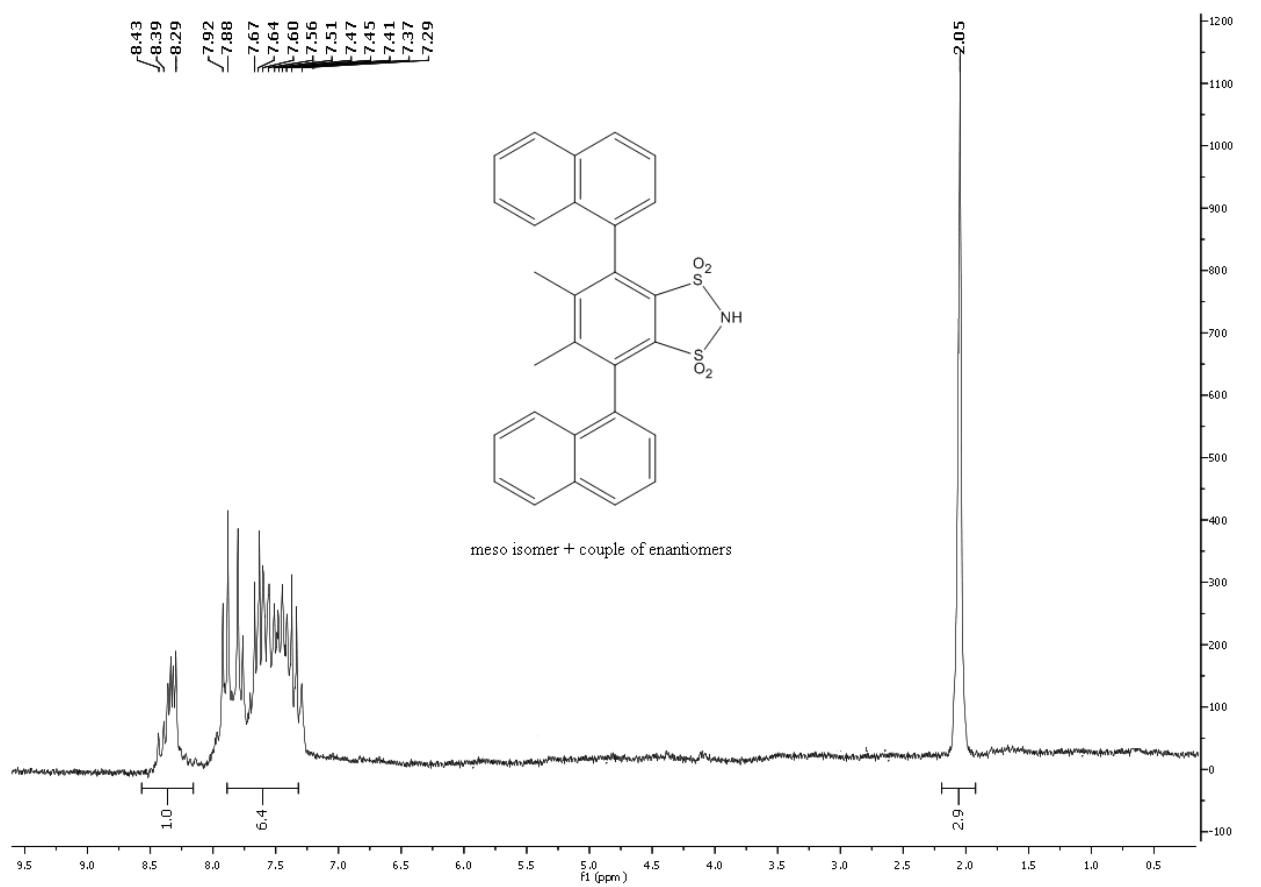
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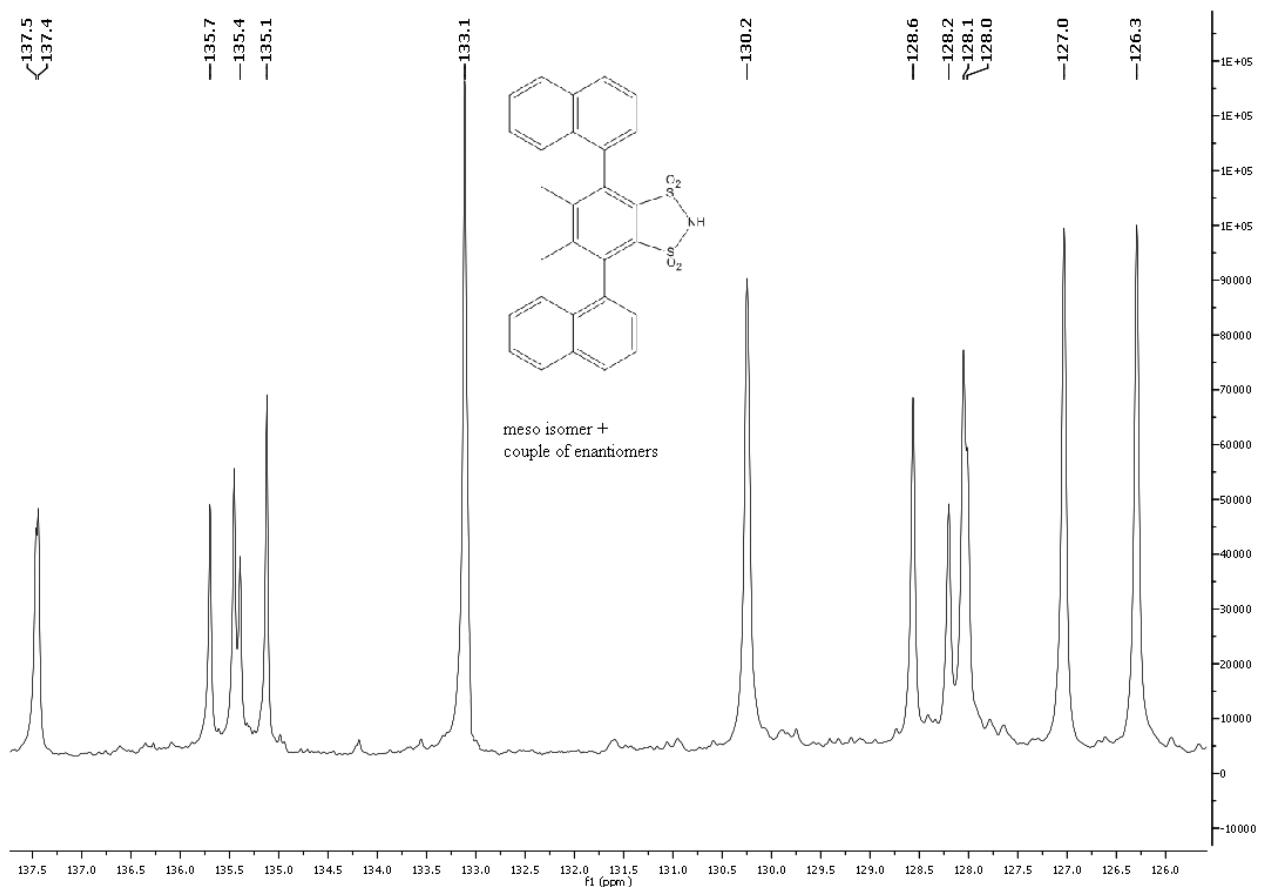
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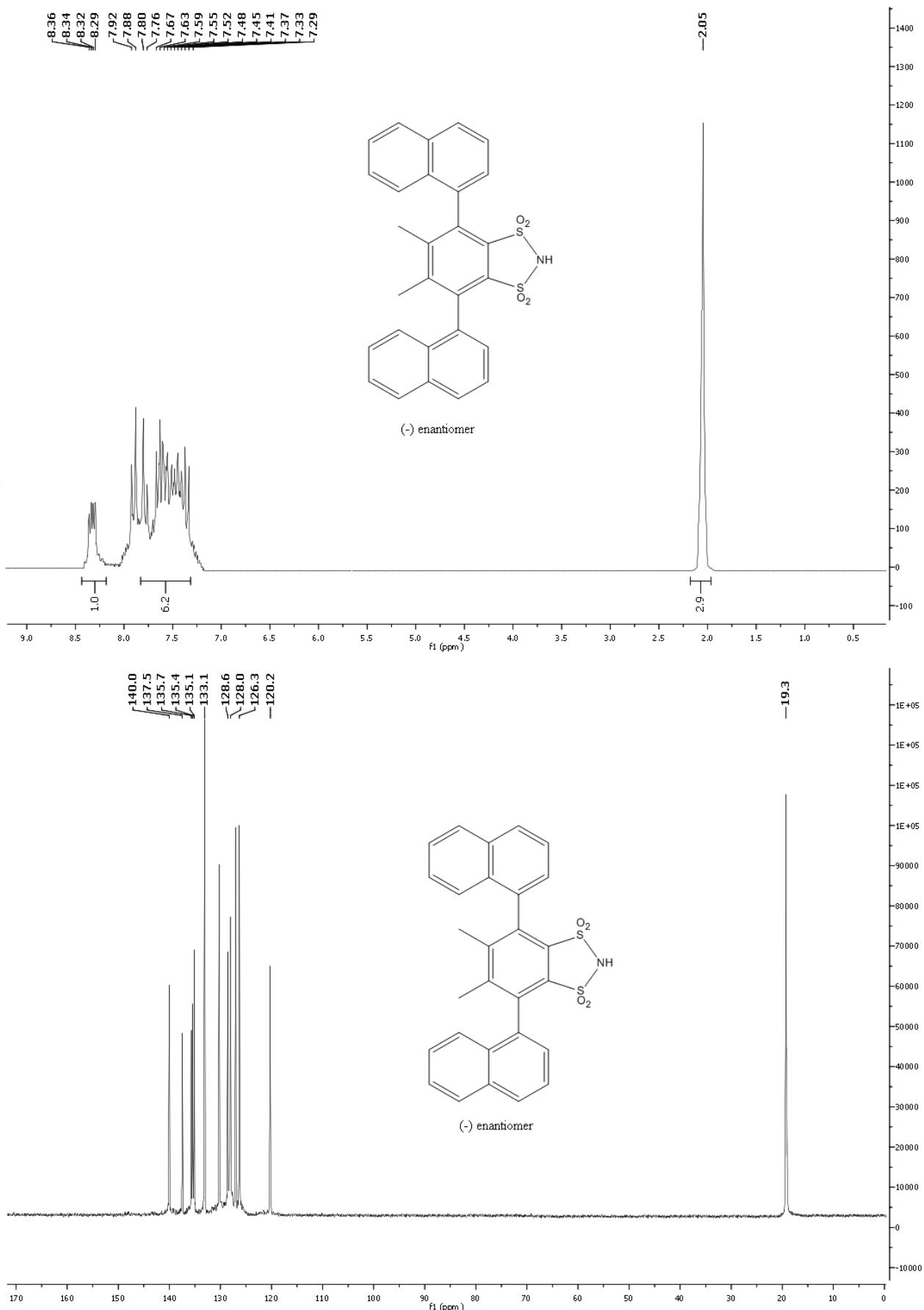
11.29 4,5-Dimethyl- 3,6-bis(1-naphthyl)-1,2-benzenedisulfonimide (mixture of meso form and couple of atropisomers; 3c)



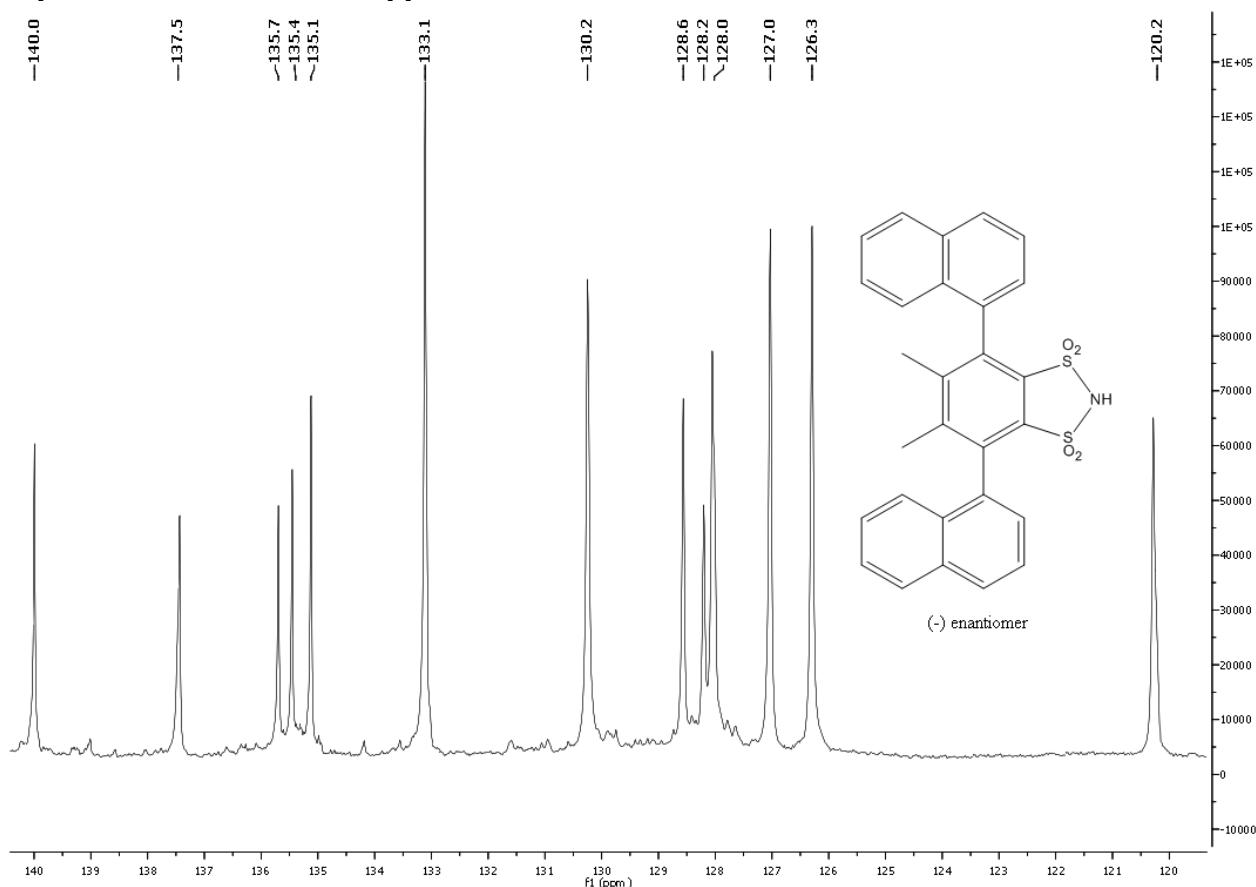
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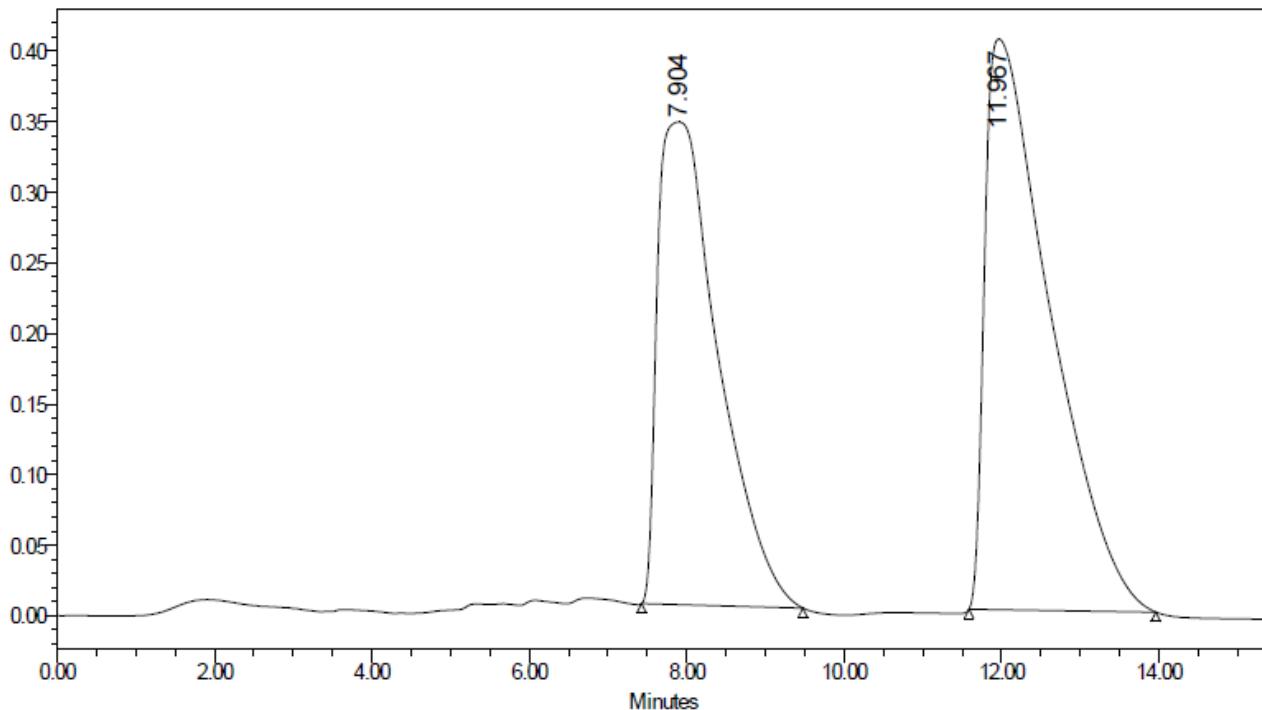
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12. HPLC spectra of sulfonyl chlorides 14.

12.1 Atropisomers of 14a

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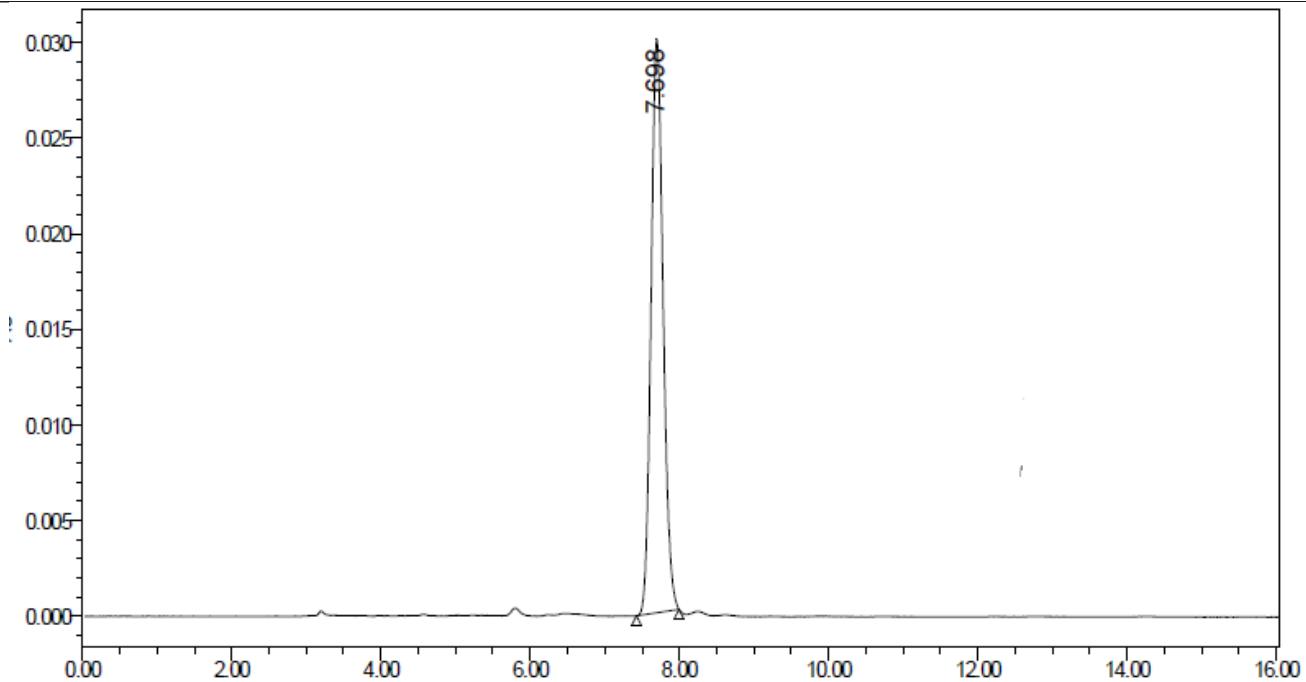


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1	7.904	Atrop 1	18315282	44.01	87770	BB	1670	7.428	9.477
2	11.967	Atrop 2	23301643	55.99	43695	BB	3141	11.588	13.962

12.2 Atropisomer (-)14a

SAMPLE INFORMATION

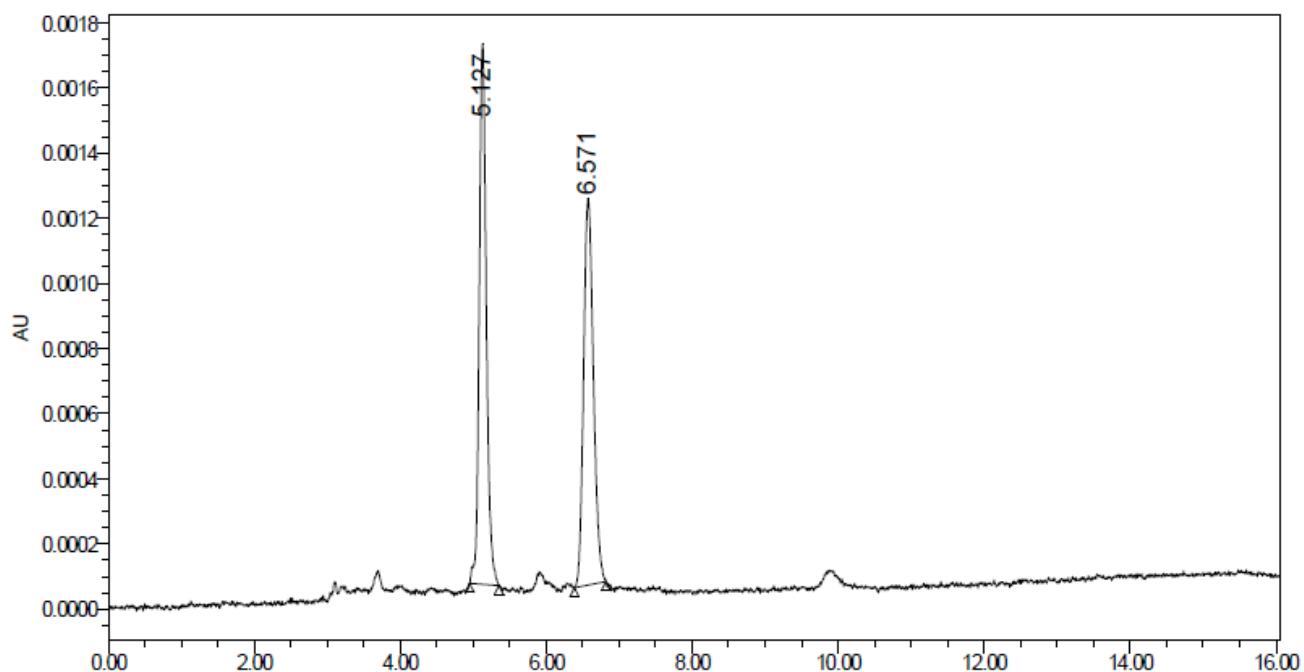
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	RT(min)	Peak Type	Area ($\mu\text{V}^*\text{sec}$)	Area %	Height (μV)	Integration Type	Points Across Peaks	Start Time (min)	End Time (min)
1	7.698	(-)14a	337038	100.0	29981	BB	342	7.425	7.995

12.3 Mixture of meso isomer and couple of atropisomers of 14b

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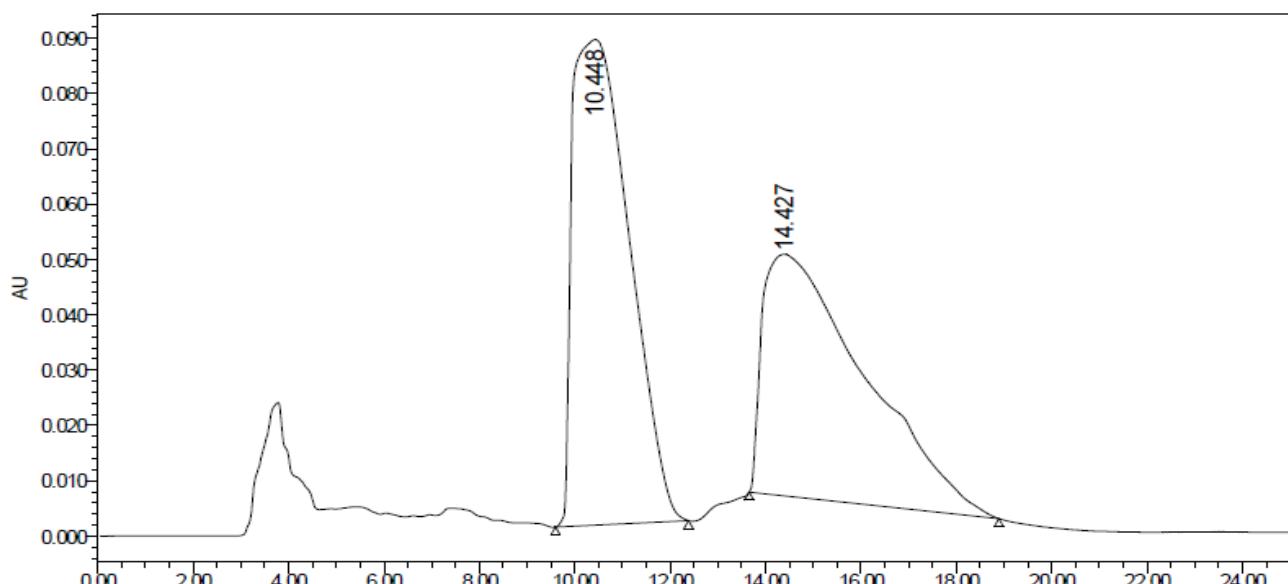


	RT(min)	Peak Type	Area ($\mu\text{V}*\text{sec}$)	% Area	Height (μV)	Integration Type	Points Across Peaks	Start Time (min)	End Time (min)
1	5.127	Forma meso	11174	50.34	1659	BB	240	4.952	5.352
2	6.571	Atrop	11020	49.66	1187	BB	259	6.387	6.818

12.4 Atropisomers of 14b

SAMPLE INFORMATION

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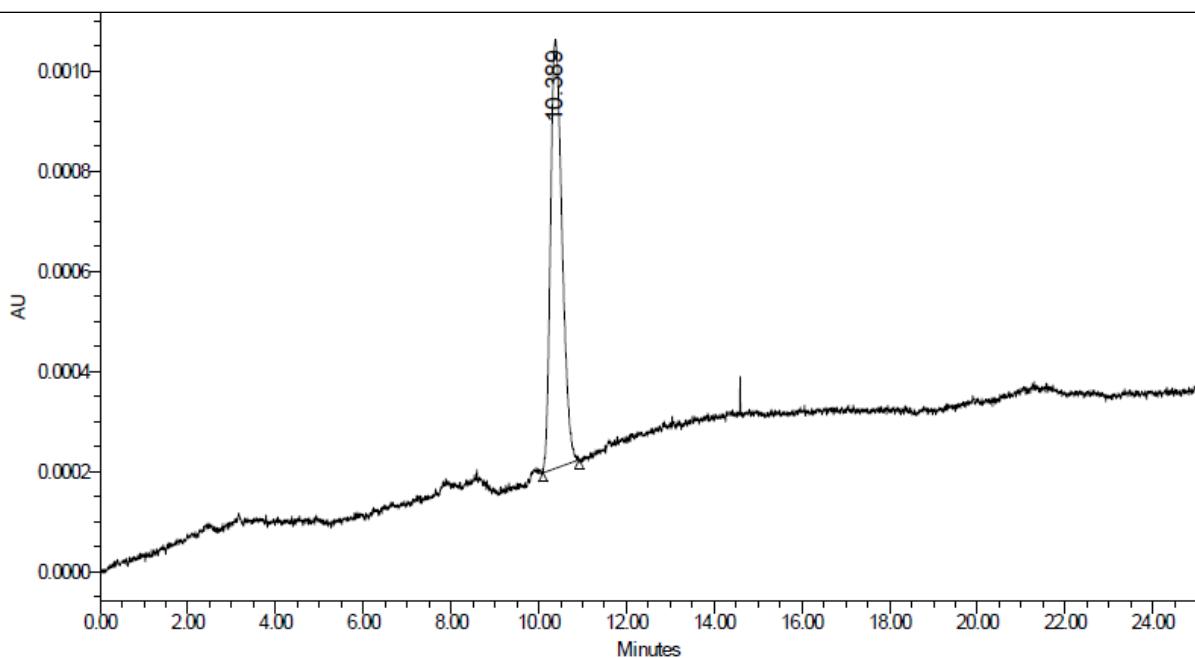


	RT(min)	Peak Type	Area ($\mu\text{V}*\text{sec}$)	% Area	Height (μV)	Integration Type	Points Across Peaks	Start Time (min)	End Time (min)
1	10.448	Atrop 1	7277304	52.72	87770	BB	1670	9.568	12.382
2	14.427	Atrop 2	6527146	47.28	43695	BB	3141	13.665	18.890

12.5 Atropisomer (-)14b

SAMPLE INFORMATION

Sample name: **Enantiomeri solfocloruro** Acquired by: Breeze
Sample type: Unknown Date acquired: 3/10/2014 08:12:37 AM CEST
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Injection: # Processed by: Breeze
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Sampling rate: 10.00 per sec Channel desc: 2998 Ch1 254nm@1.2nm



	RT(min)	Peak Type	Area ($\mu\text{V}*\text{sec}$)	% Area	Height (μV)	Integration Type	Points Across Peaks	Start Time (min)	End Time (min)
1	10.389	(-)14b	15651	100.0	856	BB	495	10.100	10.925

12.6 Mixture of meso isomer and couple of atropisomers of 14c

SAMPLE INFORMATION

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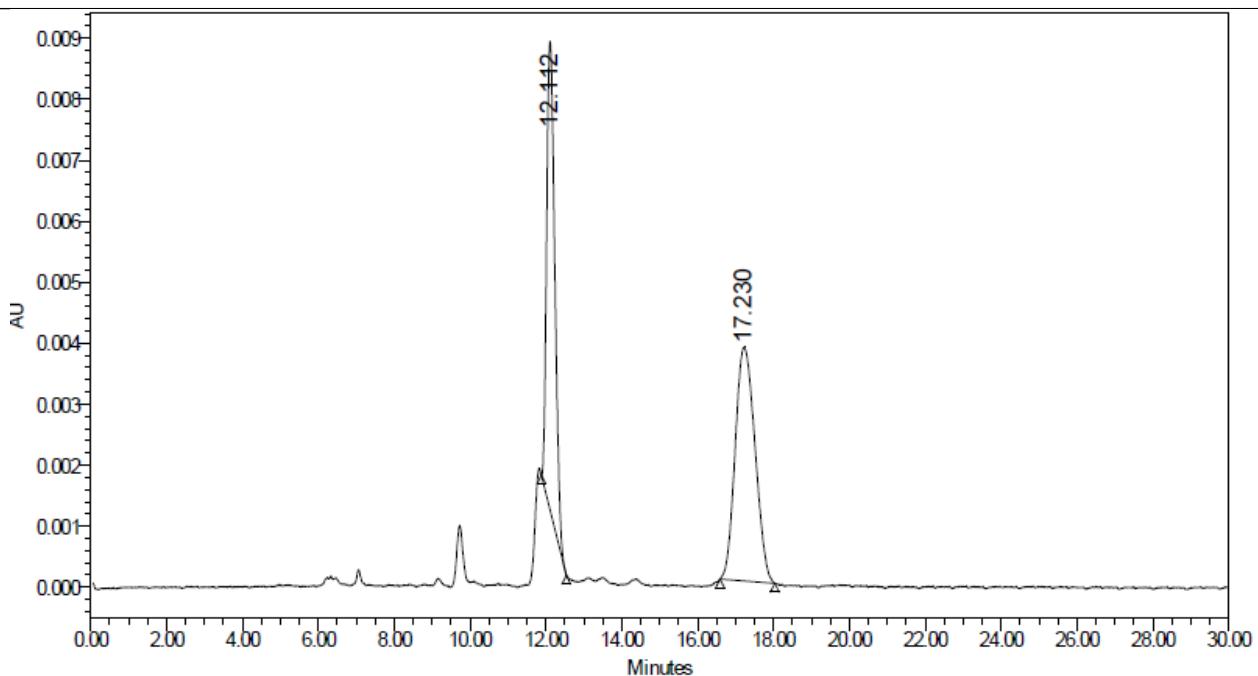
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Injection volume: 6.00 ul Date processed: 12/11/2013 10:14:59 AM CEST

Run time: 25 minutes Channel name: 2998 Ch1 254nm@1.2nm

Sampling rate: 12.00 per sec Channel desc: 2998 Ch1 254nm@1.2nm



	RT(min)	Peak Type	Area ($\mu\text{V}*\text{sec}$)	% Area	Height (μV)	Integration Type	Points Across Peaks	Start Time (min)	End Time (min)
1	12.112	Forma meso	133710	49.01	7687	BB	393	11.883	12.538
2	17.230	RS + SR	139105	50.99	3837	BB	869	16.587	18.035

12.7 Atropisomers of 14c

SAMPLE INFORMATION

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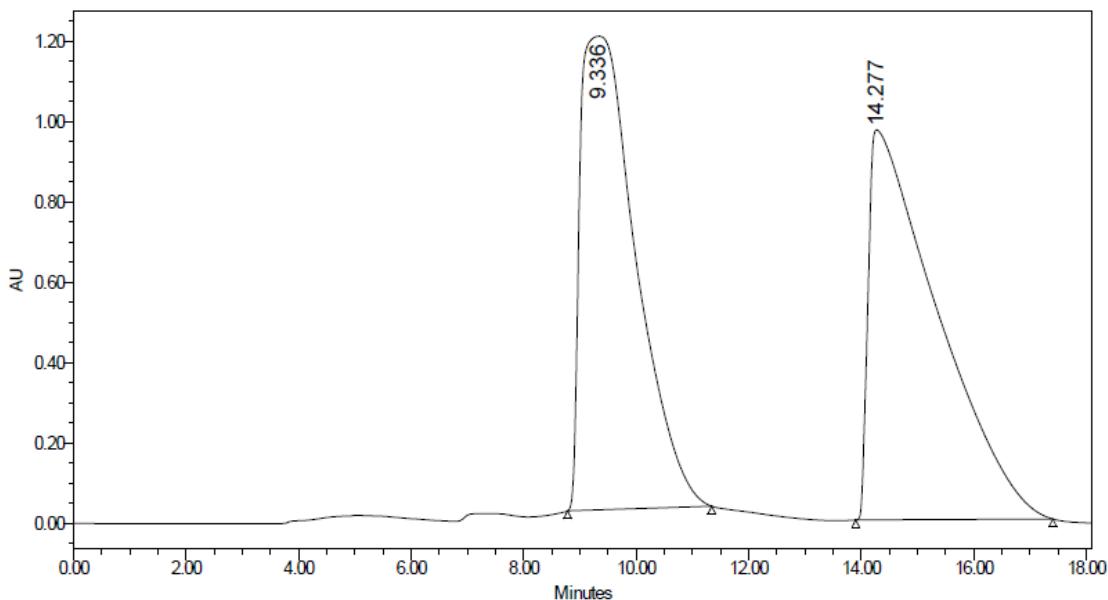
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Injection: # Processed by: Breeze

Injection volume: 6.00 ul Date processed: 12/18/2013 16:22:00 AM CEST

Run time: 25 minutes Channel name: 2998 Ch1 254nm@1.2nm

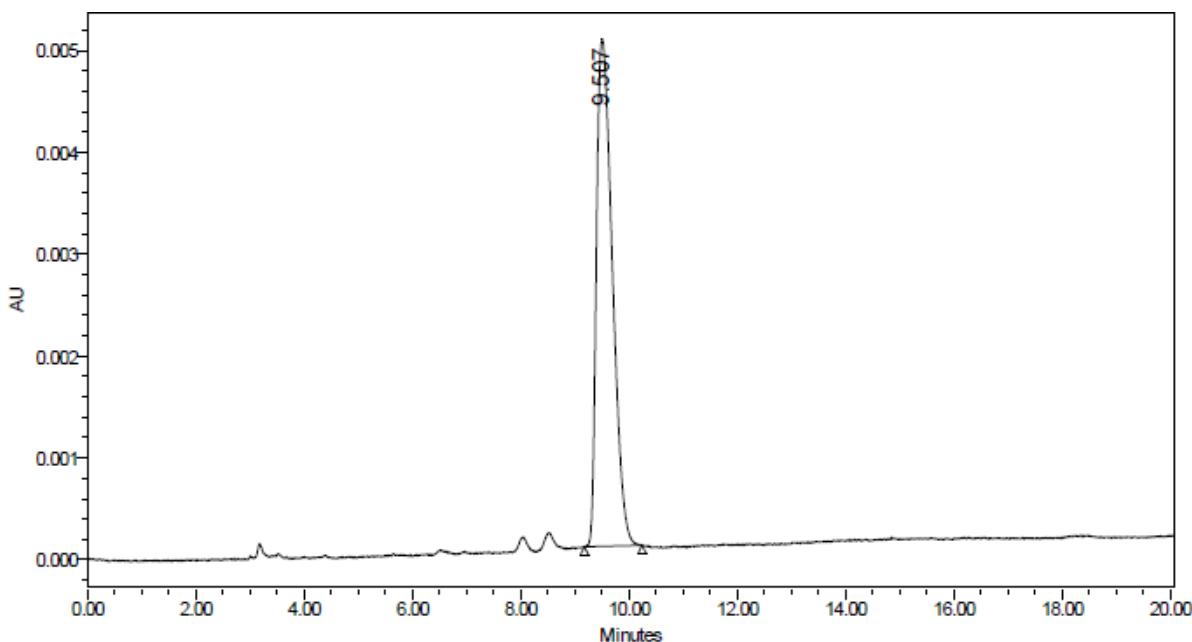
Sampling rate: 6.00 per sec Channel desc: 2998 Ch1 254nm@1.2nm



	RT(min)	Peak Type	Area ($\mu\text{V}^*\text{sec}$)	% Area	Height (μV)	Integration Type	Points Across Peaks	Start Time (min)	End Time (min)
1	9.336	atrop	8089847	49.42	1178	BB	1536	8.783	11.343
2	14.277	atrop	8279335	50.58	9704	BB	2102	13.903	17.407

12. 8 Atropisomer (-)14c

SAMPLE INFORMATION	
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Sample type: Unknown	Date acquired: 03/07/2014 15:36:40 AM CEST
Vial: 1	Acq.Method: solfocloruro naftile
Injection: #	Processed by: Breeze
Injection volume: 6.00 ul	Date processed: 03/07/2014 16:44:55 AM CEST
Run time: 25 minutes	Channel name: 2998 Ch1 254nm@1.2nm
Sampling rate: 6.00 per sec	Channel desc: 2998 Ch1 254nm@1.2nm



	RT(min)	Peak Type	Area (μ V*sec)	% Area	Height (μ V)	Integration Type	Points Across Peaks	Start Time (min)	End Time (min)
1	9.507	(-)14c	101312	100.0	4986	BB	639	9.175	10.240

13. Spectral and physical data of nitriles 21.

13.1 2-Phenyl-2-phenylaminopropanenitrile (21a). White solid; mp 140–141 °C (EtOH; lit.¹⁵ 139–140 °C). ¹H NMR (200 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 1.88 (s, 3H), 4.28 (br s, 1 H), 6.51 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 6.72 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.03–7.11 (m, 2H), 7.33–7.36 (m, 3H), 7.59 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H). ¹³C NMR (50 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 33.5, 57.3, 115.9, 120.1, 121.0, 125.1, 128.8, 129.2, 129.4, 140.1, 143.7. MS (EI) *m/z*: (%) 222 [M⁺](10), 195 (50), 180 (100), 77 (45). IR (CHCl₃) *v* (cm⁻¹): 3419 (NH), 2254 (CN).

13.2 2-(4-Methoxyphenylamino)-2-phenylpropanenitrile (21b). Pale brown solid; mp 102–103 °C (EtOH; lit.¹⁶ 101–102 °C). ¹H NMR (200 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 1.94 (s, 3H), 3.65 (s, 3H), 6.46–6.51 (m, 2H), 6.62–6.67 (m, 2H), 7.31–7.36 (m, 3H), 7.56 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (50 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 33.1, 55.7, 58.4, 114.6, 118.5, 121.3, 125.3, 128.8, 129.4, 137.5, 140.4, 154.2. MS (EI) *m/z*: (%) 225 [M⁺-HCN](65), 210 (100). IR (CHCl₃) *v* (cm⁻¹): 3425 (NH), 2251 (CN).

13.3 2-(4-Nitrophenylamino)-2-phenylpropanenitrile (21c). Yellow solid; mp 134–135 °C (EtOH; lit.^{10b} 134–135 °C). ¹H NMR (200 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 1.95 (s, 3H), 5.21 (br s, 1H), 6.50 (d, *J* = 9.2 Hz, 2H), 7.33–7.52 (m, 5H), 7.95 (d, *J* = 9.2 Hz, 2H). ¹³C NMR (50 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 33.1, 56.7, 115.8, 120.0, 120.7, 124.8, 126.4, 129.3, 142.9, 147.3, 148.3. MS (EI) *m/z*: (%) 240 [M⁺-HCN](72), 225 (100), 179 (60). IR (CHCl₃) *v* (cm⁻¹): 3429 (NH), 2248 (CN).

13.4 2-(4-Bromophenylamino)-2-phenylpropanenitrile (21d). Brown solid; 1.10 g (yield 73 %); mp 122–123 °C (EtOH; lit.^{10b} 122–123 °C). ¹H NMR (200 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 1.86 (s, 3H), 4.49 (br s 1H), 6.36 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.13 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.31–7.40 (m, 3H), 7.51–7.55 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR δ (50 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 33.4, 57.3, 112.2, 117.5, 120.7, 125.0, 129.0, 129.6, 132.0, 139.4, 142.8. MS (EI) *m/z*: (%) 273 [M⁺+2-HCN](65), 273 [M⁺-HCN](65), 260 (100), 258 (100). IR (CHCl₃) *v* (cm⁻¹): 3433 (NH), 2254 (CN).

13.5 2-(4-Fluorophenylamino)-2-phenylpropanenitrile (21e). Pale grey solid; 1.10 g (yield 92%); mp 125–126 °C (EtOH; lit.^{10b} 125–126 °C). ¹H NMR (200 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 1.86 (s, 3H), 6.41–6.48 (m, 2H), 6.72–6.81 (m, 2H), 7.30–7.40 (m, 3H), 7.54–7.58 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (50 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 33.3, 57.9, 115.6, 116.0, 117.6 (d, *J*₂ = 7.6 Hz), 120.8, 125.1, 128.9, 129.5, 139.8, 157.5 (d, *J*₁ = 236.5 Hz). MS (EI) *m/z*: (%) 213 [M⁺-HCN](65), 198 (100). IR (CHCl₃) *v* (cm⁻¹): 3431 (NH), 2256 (CN).

13.6 2-(2-Methoxyphenylamino)-2-phenylpropanenitrile (21f). Pale brown solid; mp 80–81 °C (EtOH; lit.^{10b} 80–81 °C). ¹H NMR (200 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 1.93 (s, 3H), 3.86 (s, 3H), 4.90 (br s, 1H), 6.19–6.23 (m, 1H), 6.56–6.79 (m, 3H), 7.29–7.38 (m, 3H), 7.55–7.60 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (50 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 33.6, 55.7, 57.1, 109.8, 114.3, 119.4, 120.9, 125.1, 128.7, 129.4, 133.5, 140.4, 147.5. MS (EI) *m/z*: (%) 225 [M⁺ -HCN](45), 210 (100). IR (CHCl₃) ν (cm⁻¹): 3430 (NH), 2258 (CN).

13.7 2-(3-Methoxyphenylamino)-2-phenylpropanenitrile (21g). Pale brown solid; 1.06 g (yield 84 %); mp 105 °C (EtOH; lit.¹⁶ 102–105 °C). ¹H NMR (200 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 1.86 (s, 3H), 3.58 (s, 3H), 6.08–6.11 (m, 2H), 6.30–6.35 (m, 1H), 6.97 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.28–7.35 (m, 3H), 7.57–7.61 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (50 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 33.4, 55.2, 57.4, 102.0, 105.5, 108.7, 121.0, 125.0, 128.8, 129.5, 130.0, 140.3, 145.3, 160.5. MS (EI) *m/z*: (%) 225 [M⁺ -HCN](60), 210 (100). IR (CHCl₃) ν (cm⁻¹): 3440 (NH), 2251 (CN).

13.8 2-Phenylamino-2-(4-tolyl)propanenitrile (21h): pale grey solid; 1.04 g (yield 88 %); mp 129–130 °C (EtOH; lit.¹⁷ 126–128 °C). ¹H NMR (200 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 1.87 (s, 3H), 2.32 (s, 3H), 4.29 (br s, 1H), 6.53 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 6.72 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.04–7.18 (m, 4H), 7.47 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H). ¹³C NMR (50 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 21.3, 33.6, 57.1, 115.9, 120.0, 125.0, 128.7, 129.2, 130.1, 137.2, 138.6, 143.9. MS (EI) *m/z*: (%) 209 [M⁺ -HCN](85), 194 (100), 77 (35). IR (CHCl₃) ν (cm⁻¹): 3428 (NH), 2242 (CN).

13.9 2-(4-Nitrophenylamino)-2-(4-tolyl)propanenitrile (21i). Yellow solid; 1.15 g (yield 82 %); mp 102–103 °C (EtOH; lit.^{10b} 102–103 °C). ¹H NMR (200 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 1.93 (s, 3H), 2.30 (s, 3H), 3.93 (br s, 1H), 6.50 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 7.16 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.37 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.95 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 2H). ¹³C NMR (50 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 21.2, 33.2, 56.7, 113.6, 114.5, 124.7, 125.8, 126.6, 130.4, 135.7, 139.3, 149.4. MS (EI) *m/z*: (%) 254 [M⁺ -HCN](75), 239 (100), 193 (50). IR (CHCl₃) ν (cm⁻¹): 3421 (NH), 2255 (CN).

13.10 2-(4-Methoxyphenylamino)-2-(4-tolyl)propanenitrile (21j). Pale grey solid; 1.13 g (yield 85%); mp 88–89 °C (EtOH; lit.^{10b} 88–89 °C). ¹H NMR (200 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 1.83 (s, 3H), 2.32 (s, 3H), 3.64 (s, 3H), 4.05 (br s, 1H), 6.50 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 6.66 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 7.16 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.47 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H). ¹³C NMR (50 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 21.3, 33.4, 55.7, 58.1, 114.6, 115.0, 118.4, 125.2, 128.7, 129.5, 130.0, 138.6, 154.1. MS (EI) *m/z*: (%) 239 [M⁺ -HCN](70), 225 (100). IR (CHCl₃) ν (cm⁻¹): 3438 (NH), 2241 (CN).

13.11 2-(4-Methoxyphenylamino)-2-(4-nitrophenyl)propanenitrile (21k). Pale yellow solid; 1.25 g (yield 84 %); mp 109–111 °C (EtOH; lit.¹⁶ 107 –109 °C). ¹H NMR (200 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 1.86 (s, 3H), 3.63 (s, 3H), 4.24 (br s, 1H), 6.43 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 6.64 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.77 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 8.19 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H). ¹³C NMR (50 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 32.8, 55.7, 57.9, 114.8, 118.3, 120.3, 124.7, 126.6, 136.7, 147.6, 148.2 154.5. MS (EI) *m/z*: (%) 270 [M⁺ -HCN](100), 255 (100), 209 (40). IR (CHCl₃) *v* (cm⁻¹): 3424 (NH), 2251 (CN).

13.12 2-Phenyl-2-phenylaminoacetonitrile (21m). White solid; mp 79 °C (EtOH; lit.¹⁸ 76–78 °C). ¹H NMR (200 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 4.09 (br s, 1H), 5.37 (s, 1H), 6.72–6.75 (m, 2H), 6.88 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.21–7.29 (m, 2H), 7.34–7.41 (m, 3H), 7.54–7.56 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (50 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 50.3, 114.4, 118.6, 120.4, 127.5, 129.6, 129.7, 129.8, 134.2, 145.0. MS (EI) *m/z*: (%) 208 [M⁺] (15), 181 (90), 180 (100), 116 (15), 77 (20). IR (CHCl₃) *v* (cm⁻¹): 3415 (NH), 2240 (CN).

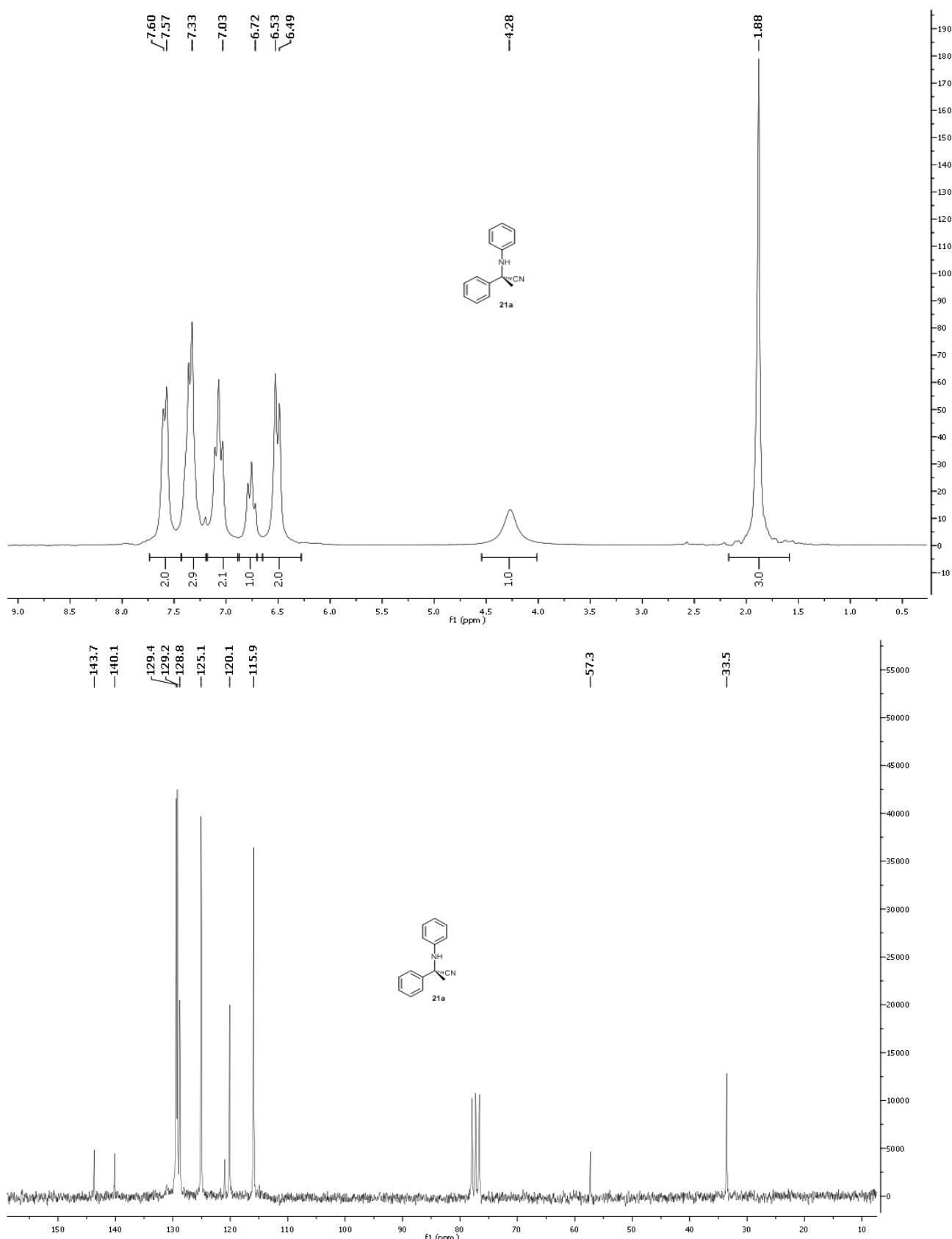
13.13 2-(4-Nitrophenyl)-2-phenylaminoacetonitrile (21n). Pale brown waxy solid. ¹H NMR (200 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 4.18 (br s, 1H), 5.53 (s, 1H), 6.71 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 6.85–6.92 (m, 1H), 7.20–7.26 (m, 2H), 7.77 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 8.25 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H). ¹³C NMR (50 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 49.9, 114.7, 117.6, 127.3, 128.4, 129.6, 129.8, 130.7, 141.1, 144.3. MS (EI) *m/z*: (%) 253 [M⁺] (10), 226 (90), 225 (100), 77(20). IR (CHCl₃) *v* (cm⁻¹): 3419 (NH), 2238 (CN).

13.14 2-Phenylamino-2-(4-tolyl)acetonitrile (21o). White solid; mp 77–78 °C ((EtOH; lit.²⁰ 76–78 °C). ¹H NMR (200 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 2.36 (s, 3H), 4.09 (br s, 1H), 5.33 (s, 1H), 6.73 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.86 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.20–7.28 (m, 4H), 7.44 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H). ¹³C NMR (50 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 21.1, 50.1, 114.4, 118.7, 120.4, 127.4, 129.4, 130.2, 131.2, 139.8, 145.0. MS (EI) *m/z*: (%) 222 [M⁺] (10), 195 (85), 194 (100), 77 (20). IR (CHCl₃) *v* (cm⁻¹): 3416 (NH), 2231 (CN).

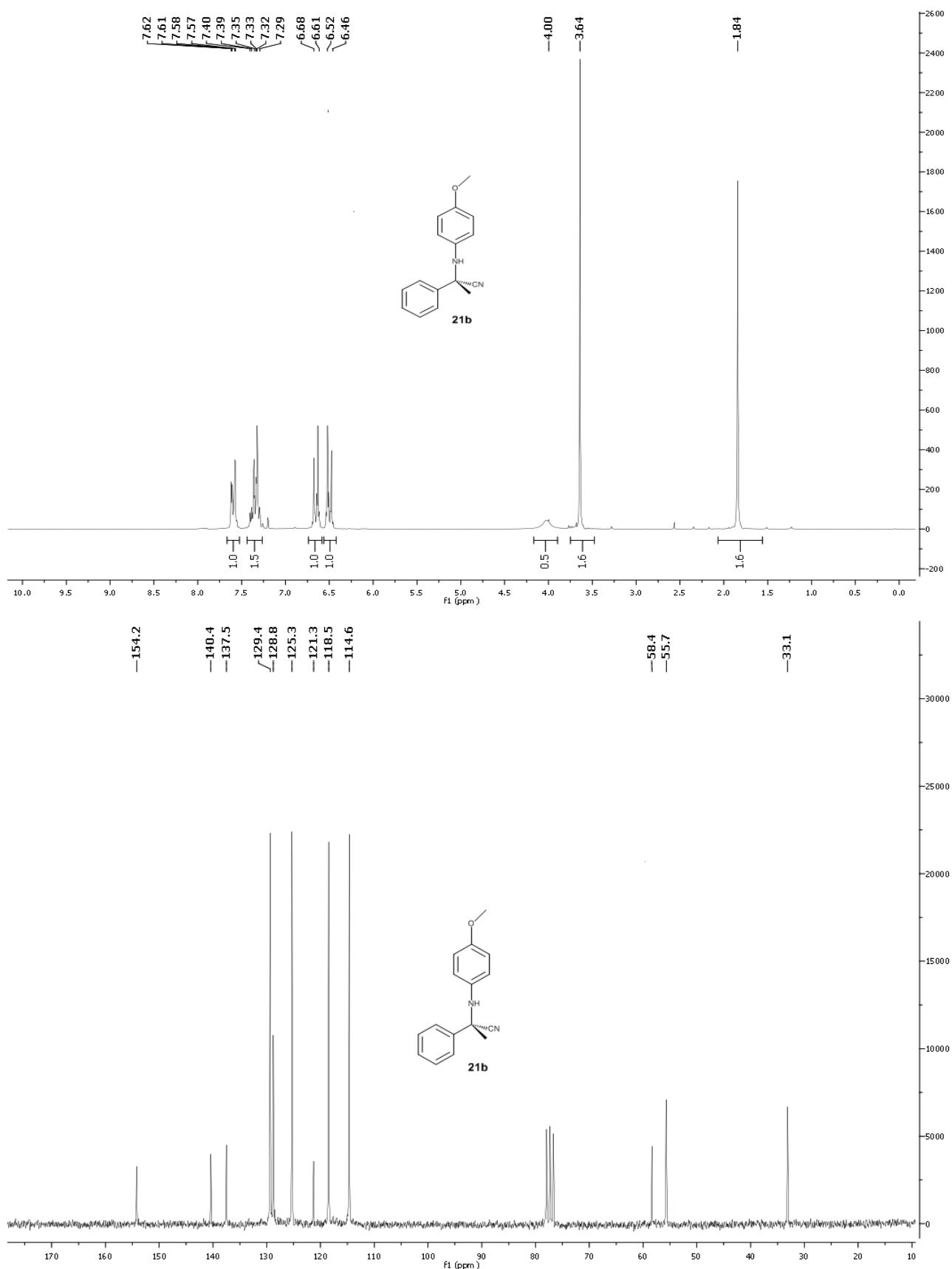
13.15 2-Phenylamino-2-(2-thienyl)acetonitrile (21p). Pale yellow solid; mp 101–102 °C (EtOH; lit.²¹ 100–102 °C). ¹H NMR (200 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 4.08 (br s, 1H), 5.59 (s, 1H), 6.73–6.77 (m, 2H), 6.84–6.92 (m, 1H), 6.97–7.02 (m, 1H), 7.20–7.34 (m, 4H). ¹³C NMR (50 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 46.4, 114.9, 117.7, 121.0, 127.3, 127.4, 127.5, 129.8, 136.9, 144.2. MS (EI) *m/z*: (%) 214 [M⁺] (5), 187 (90), 186 (100), 77 (10). IR (CHCl₃) *v* (cm⁻¹): 3411 (NH), 2232 (CN).

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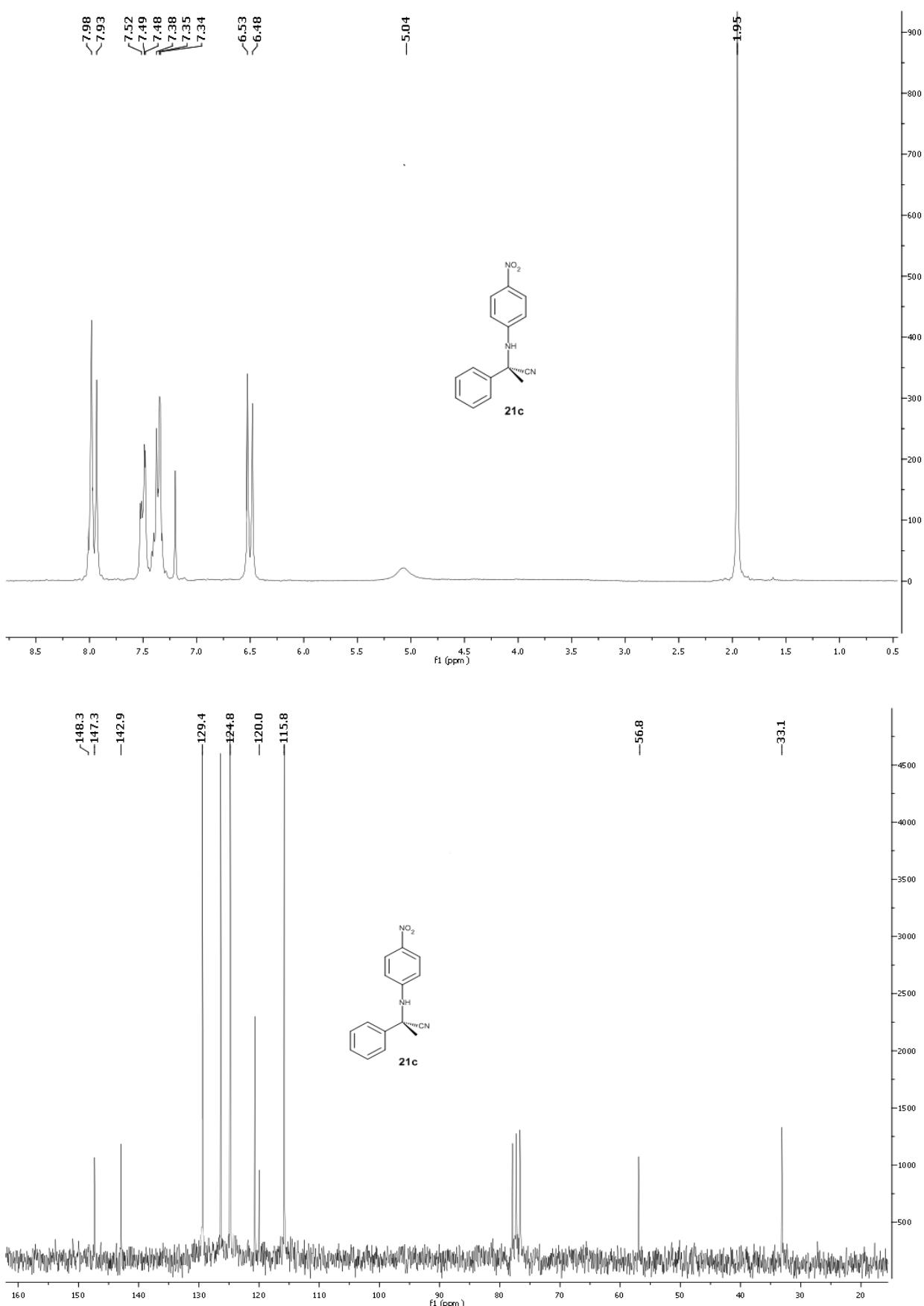
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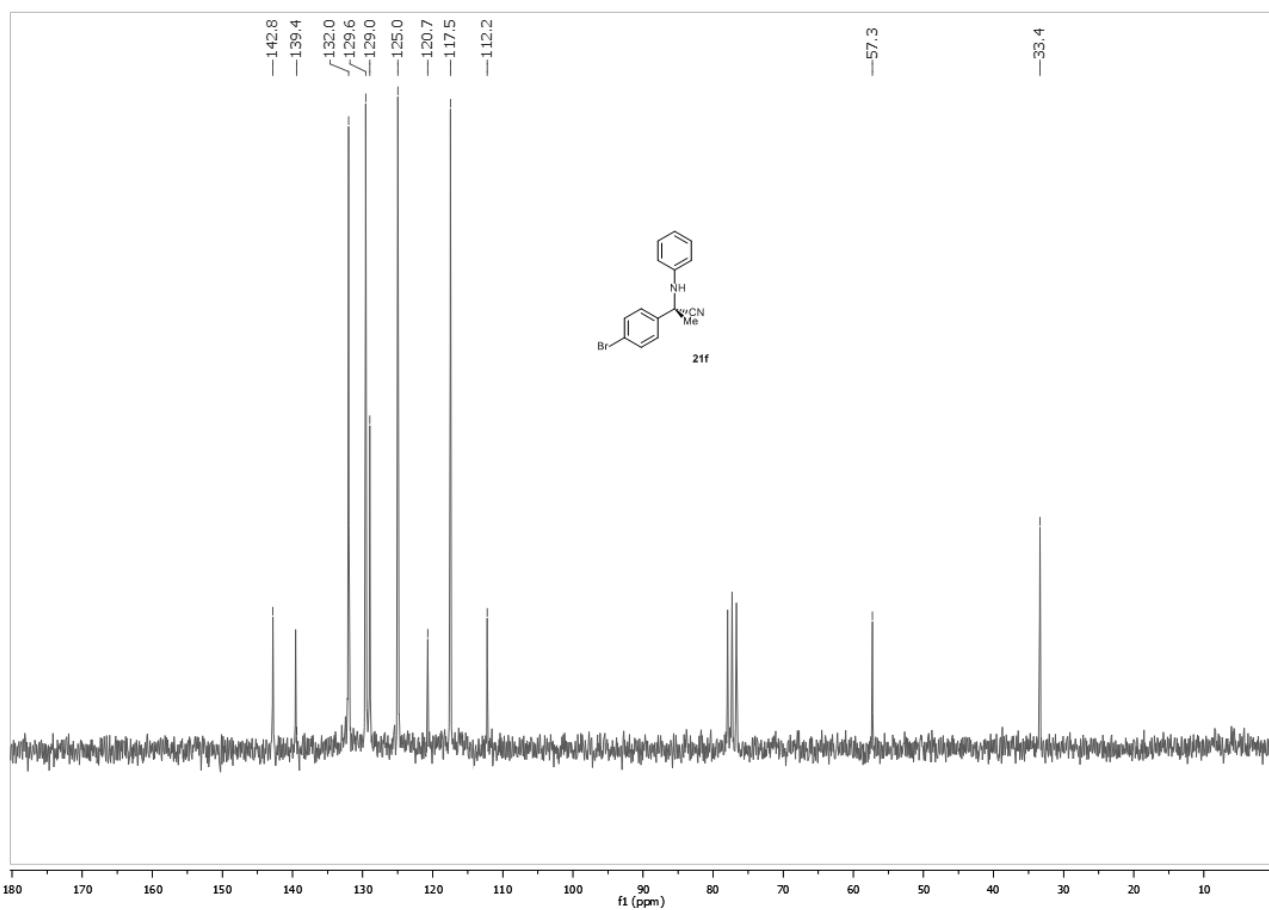
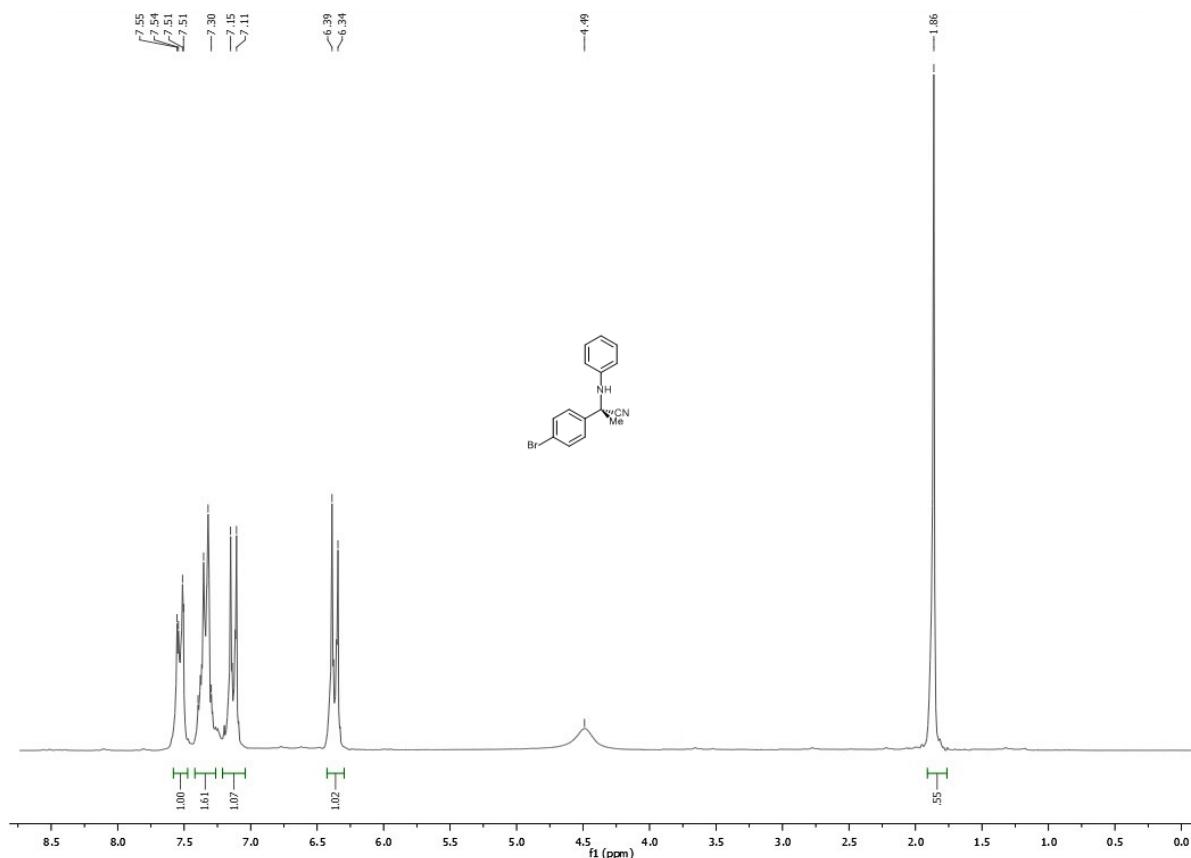
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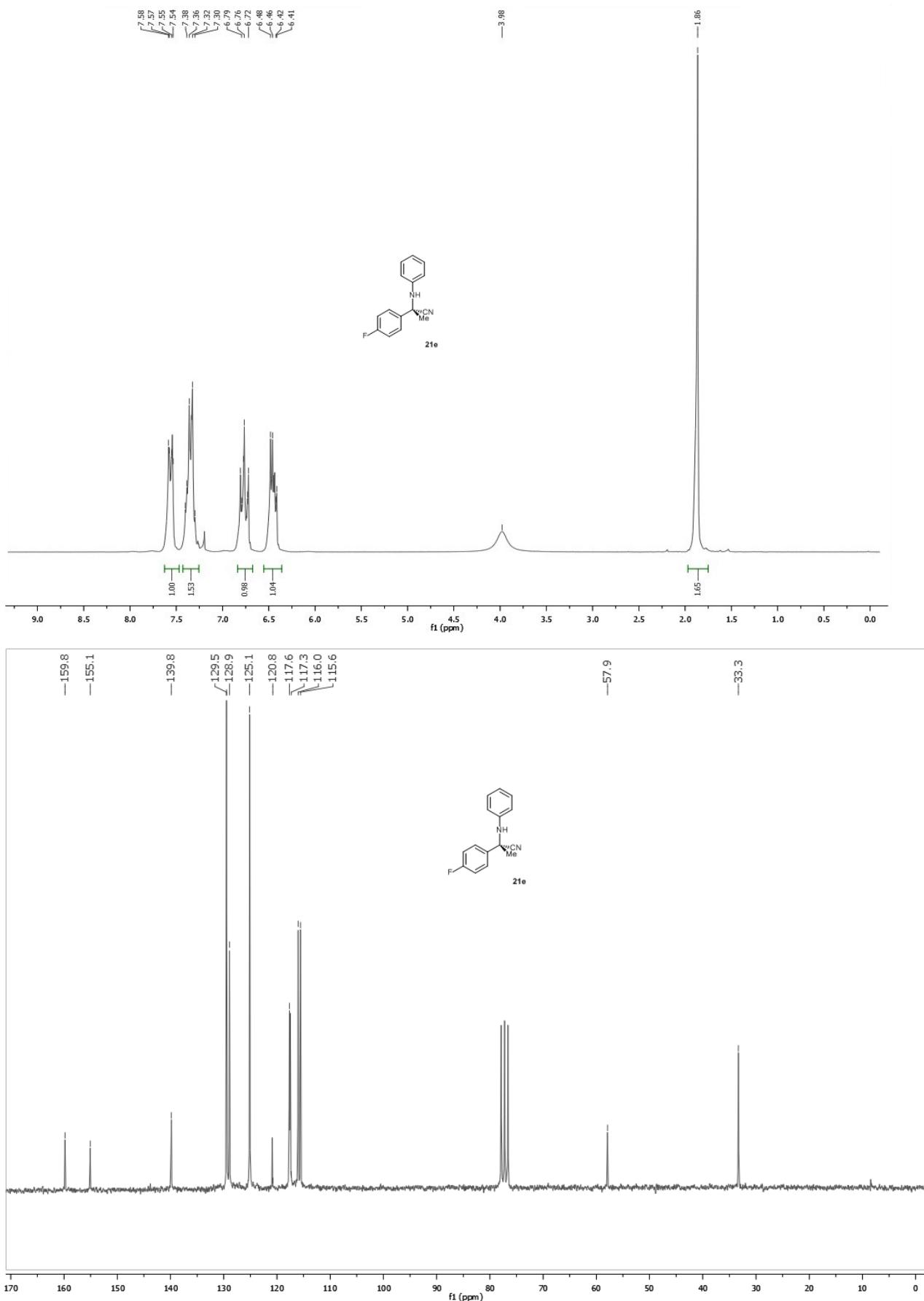
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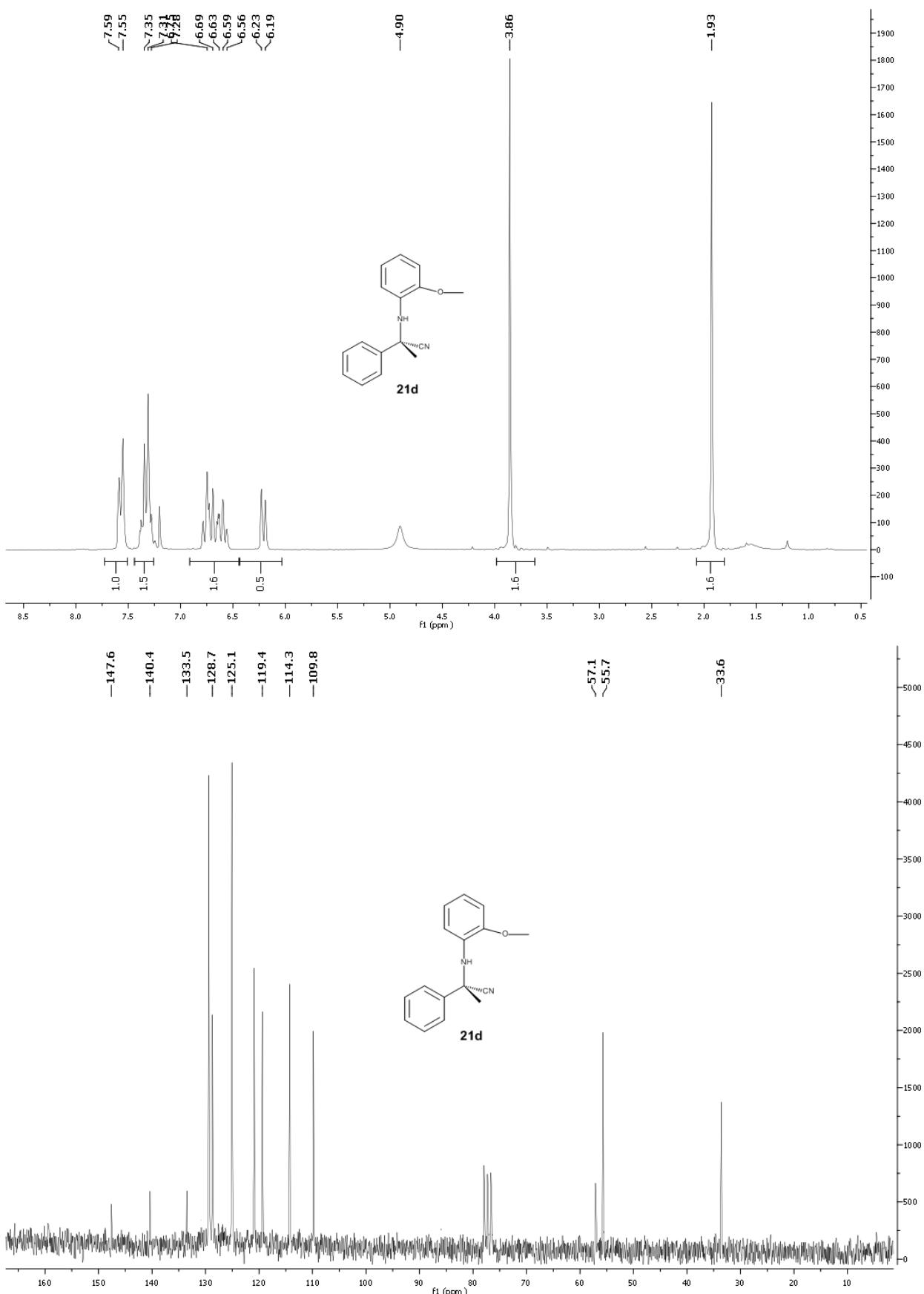
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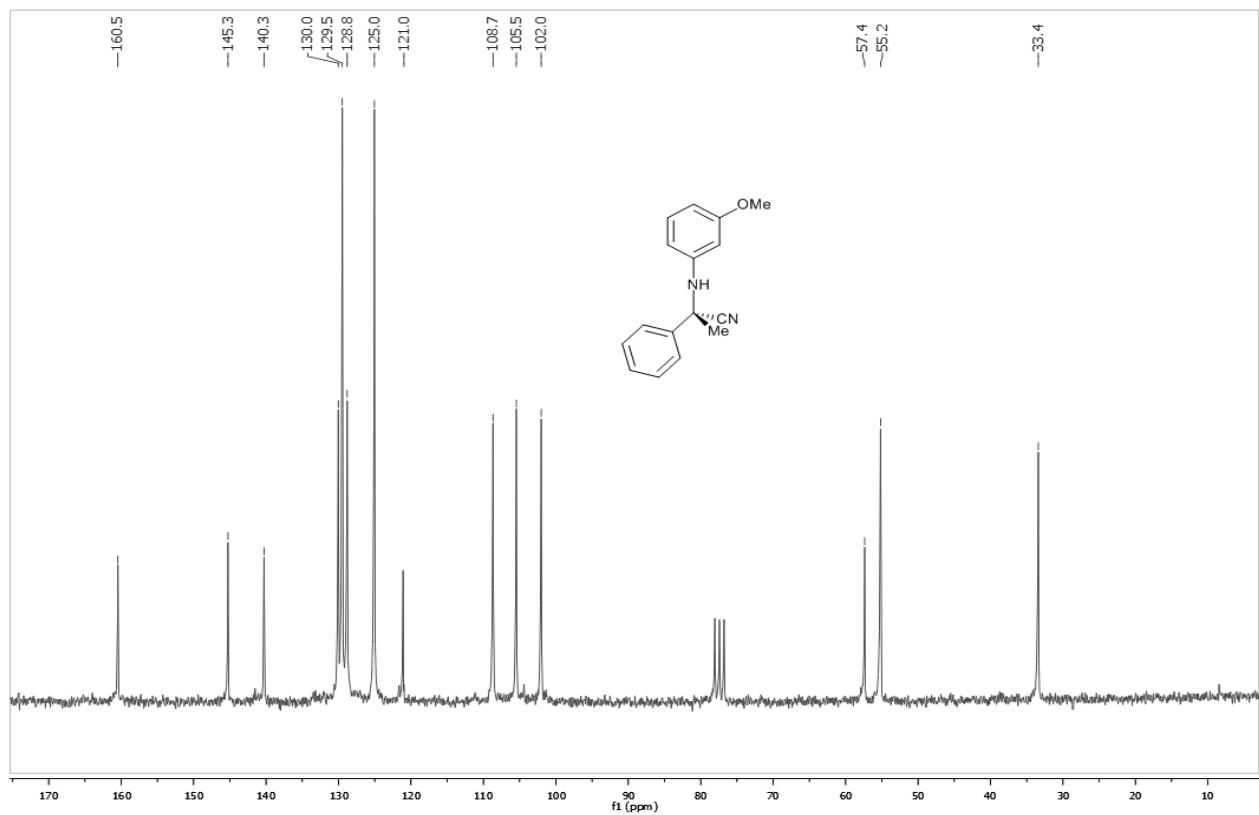
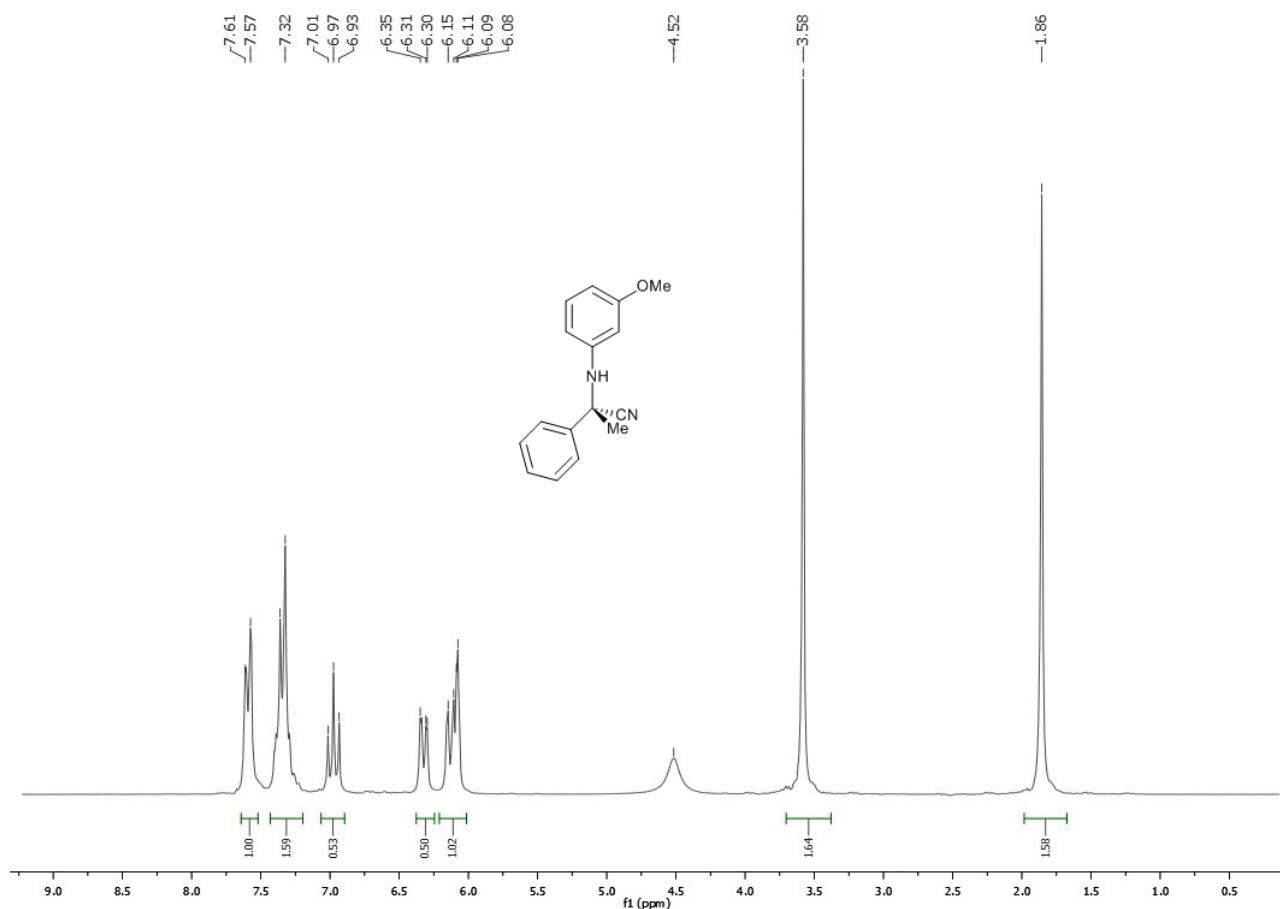
14.5 2-(4-Fluorophenylamino)-2-phenylpropanenitrile (21e).



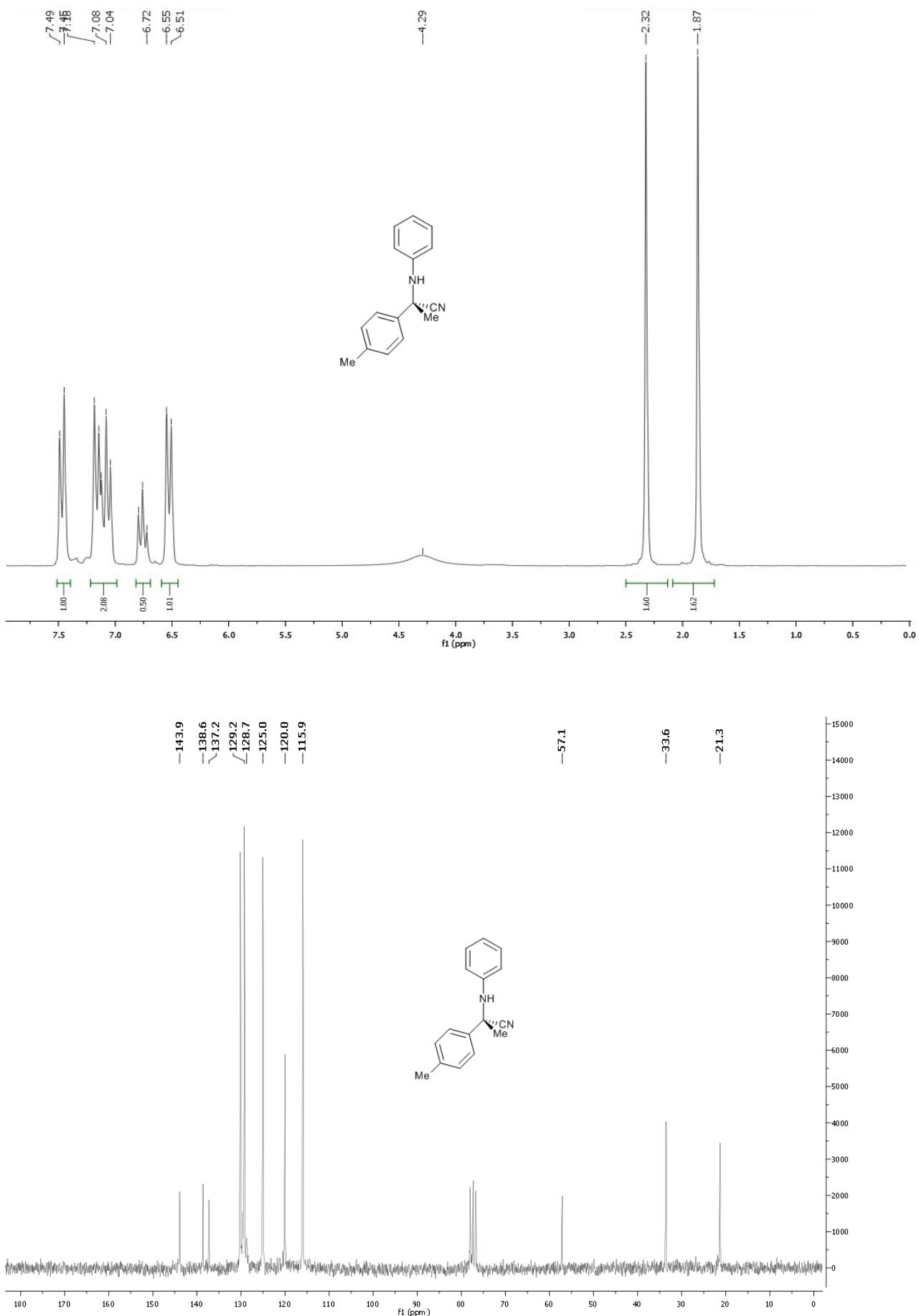
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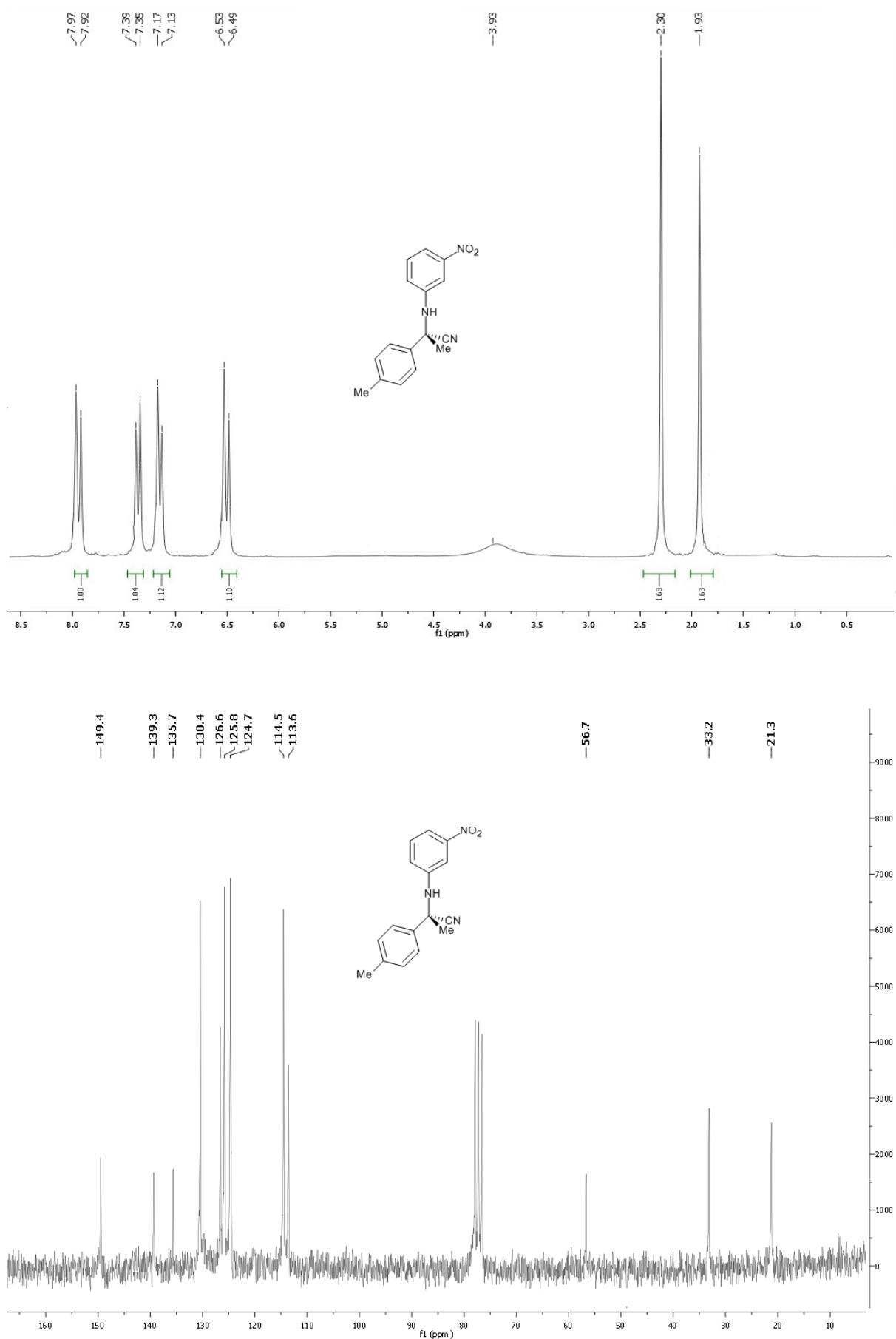
14.7 2-(3-Methoxyphenylamino)-2-phenylpropanenitrile (21g)



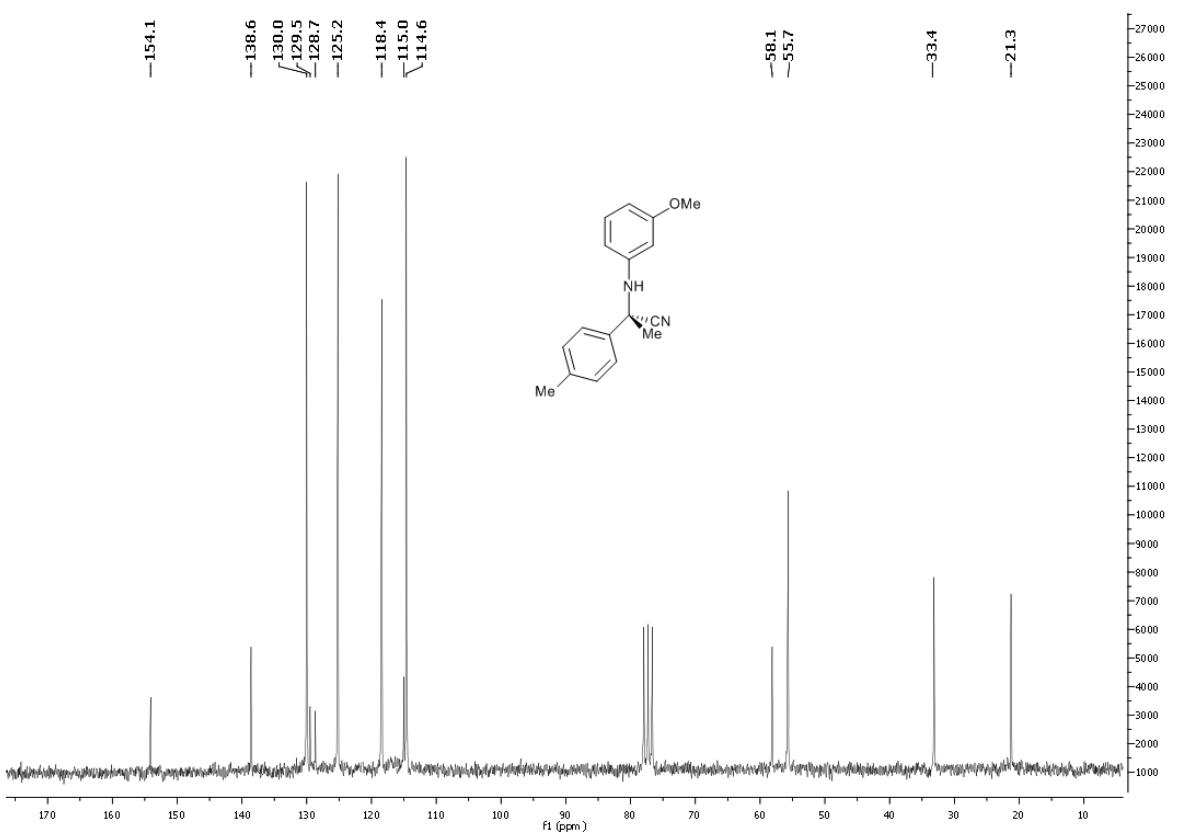
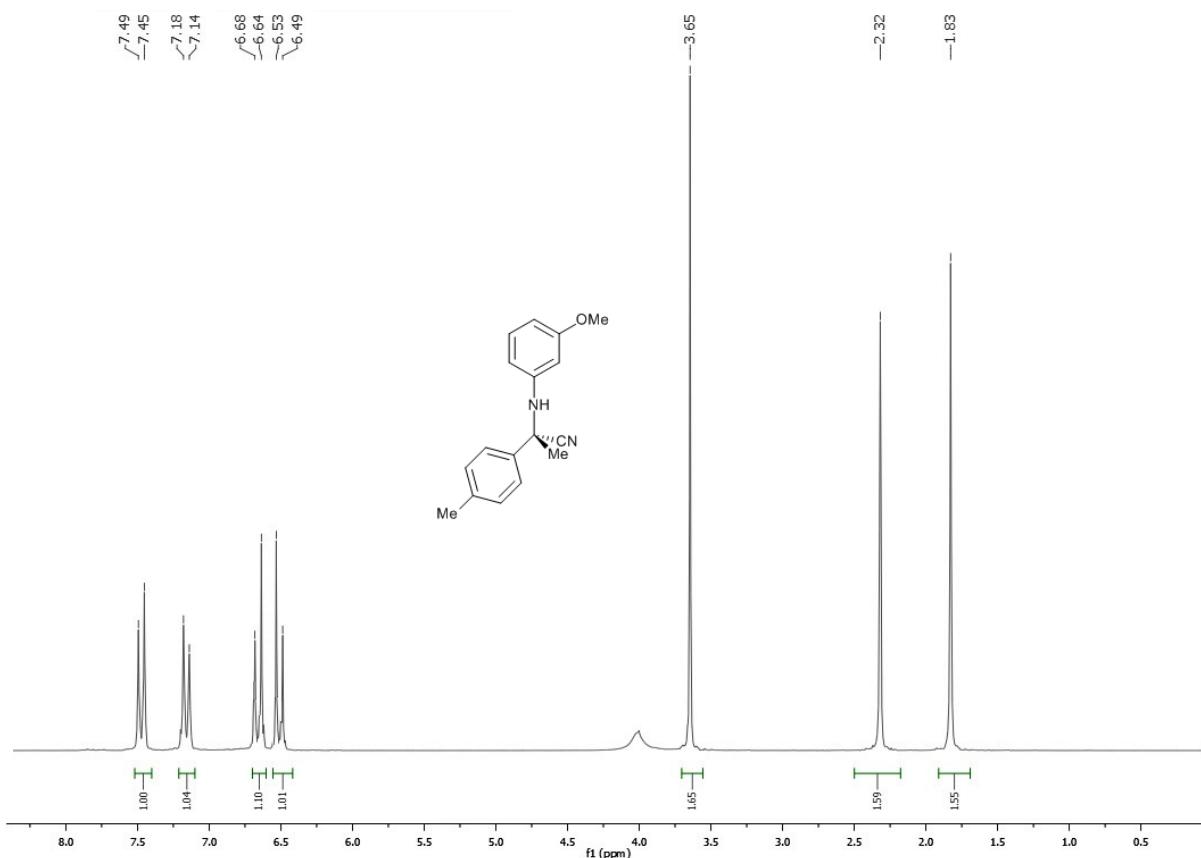
14.8 2-Phenylamino-2-(4-tolyl)propanenitrile (21h)



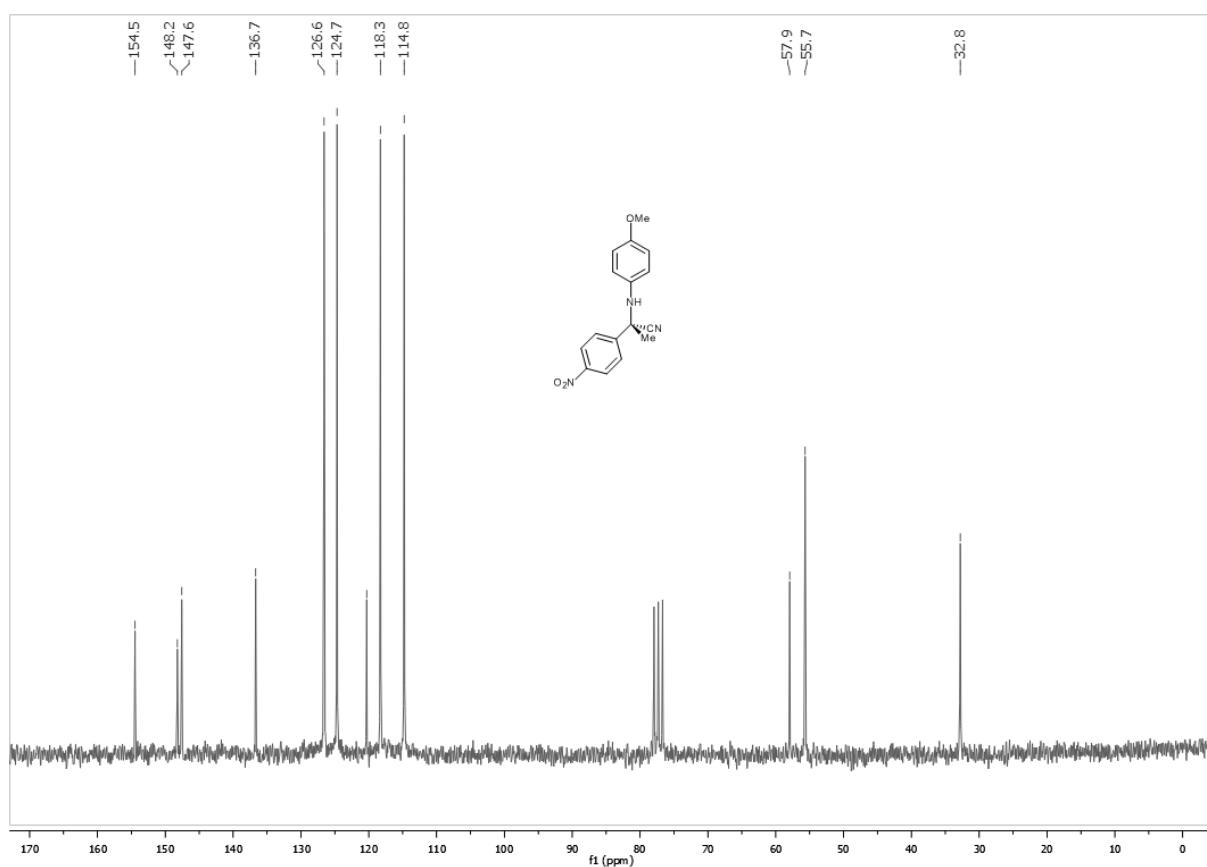
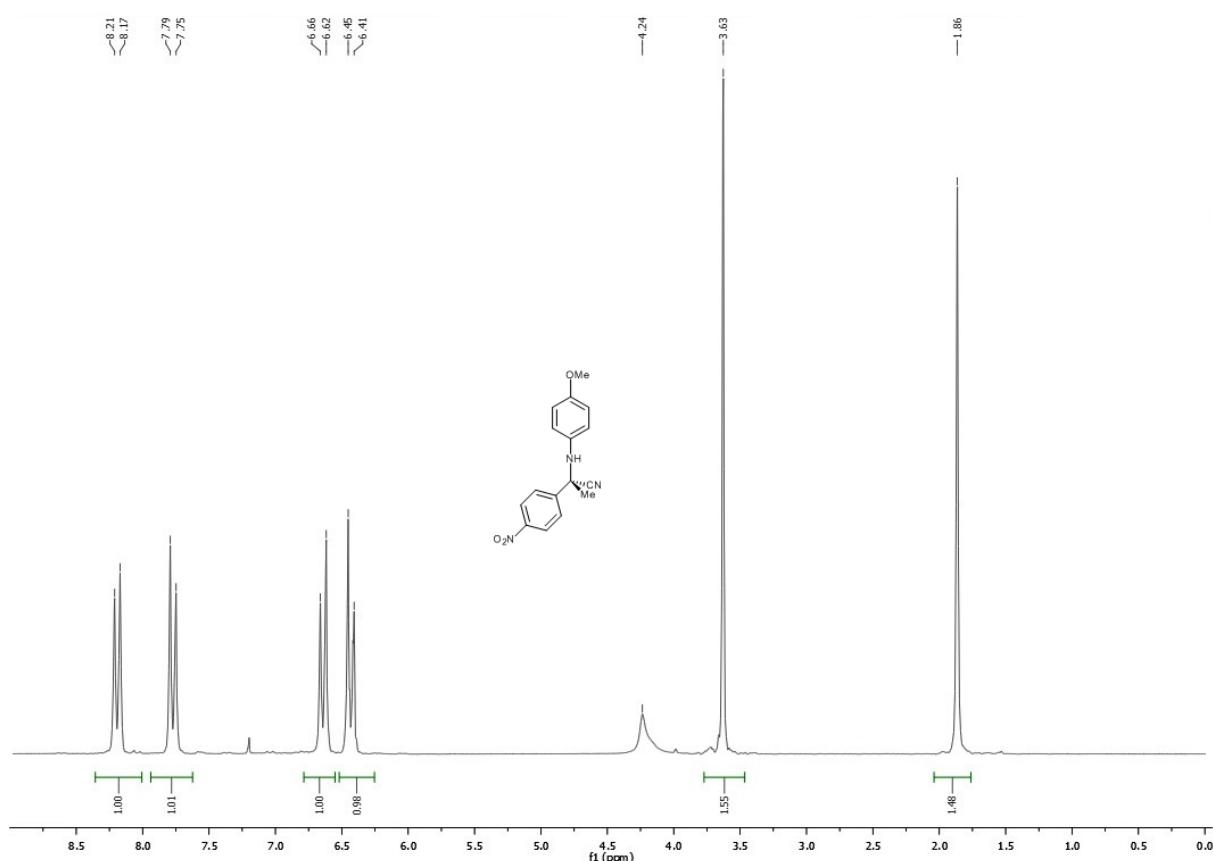
14.9 2-(4-Nitrophenylamino)-2-(4-tolyl)propanenitrile (21i)



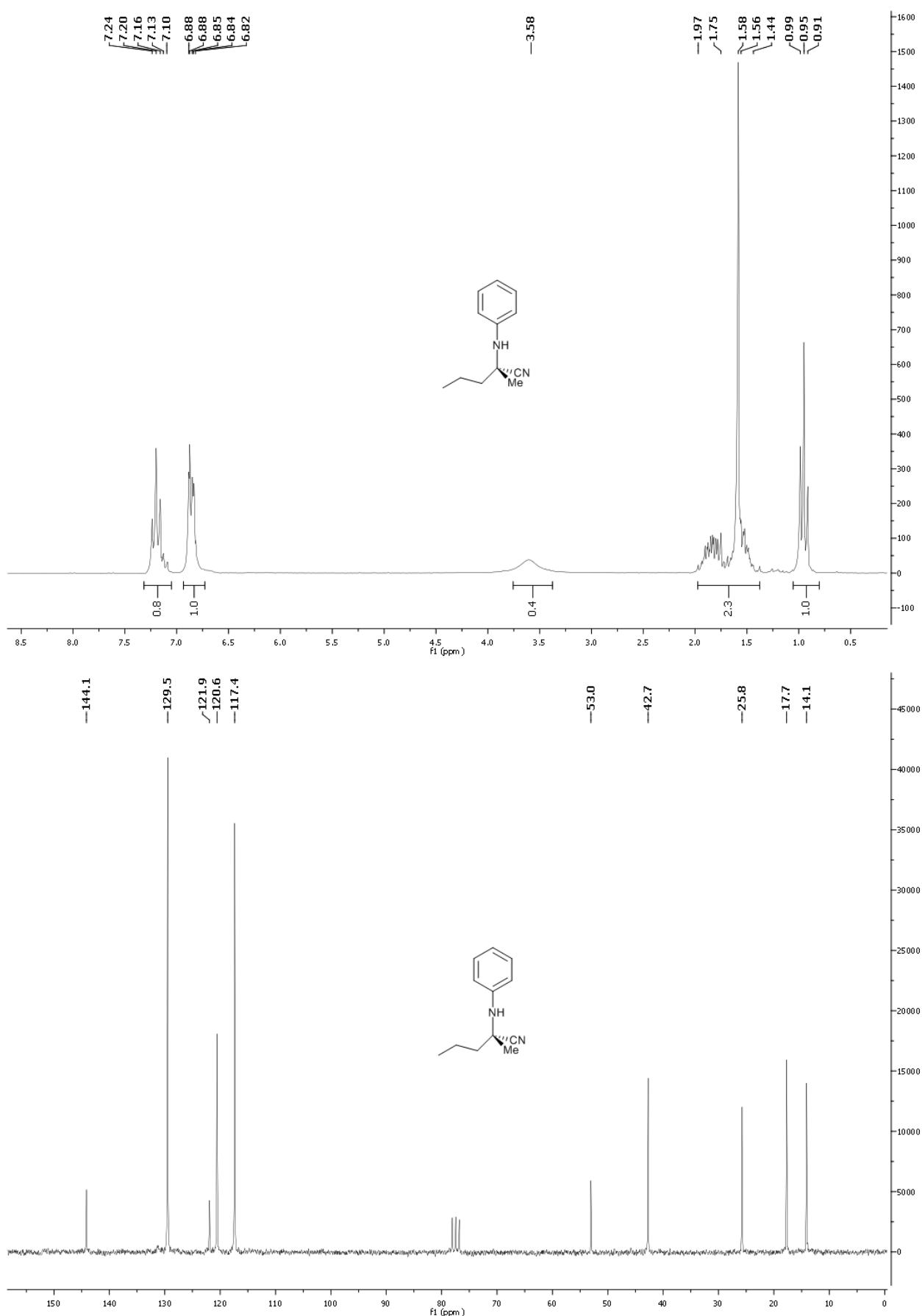
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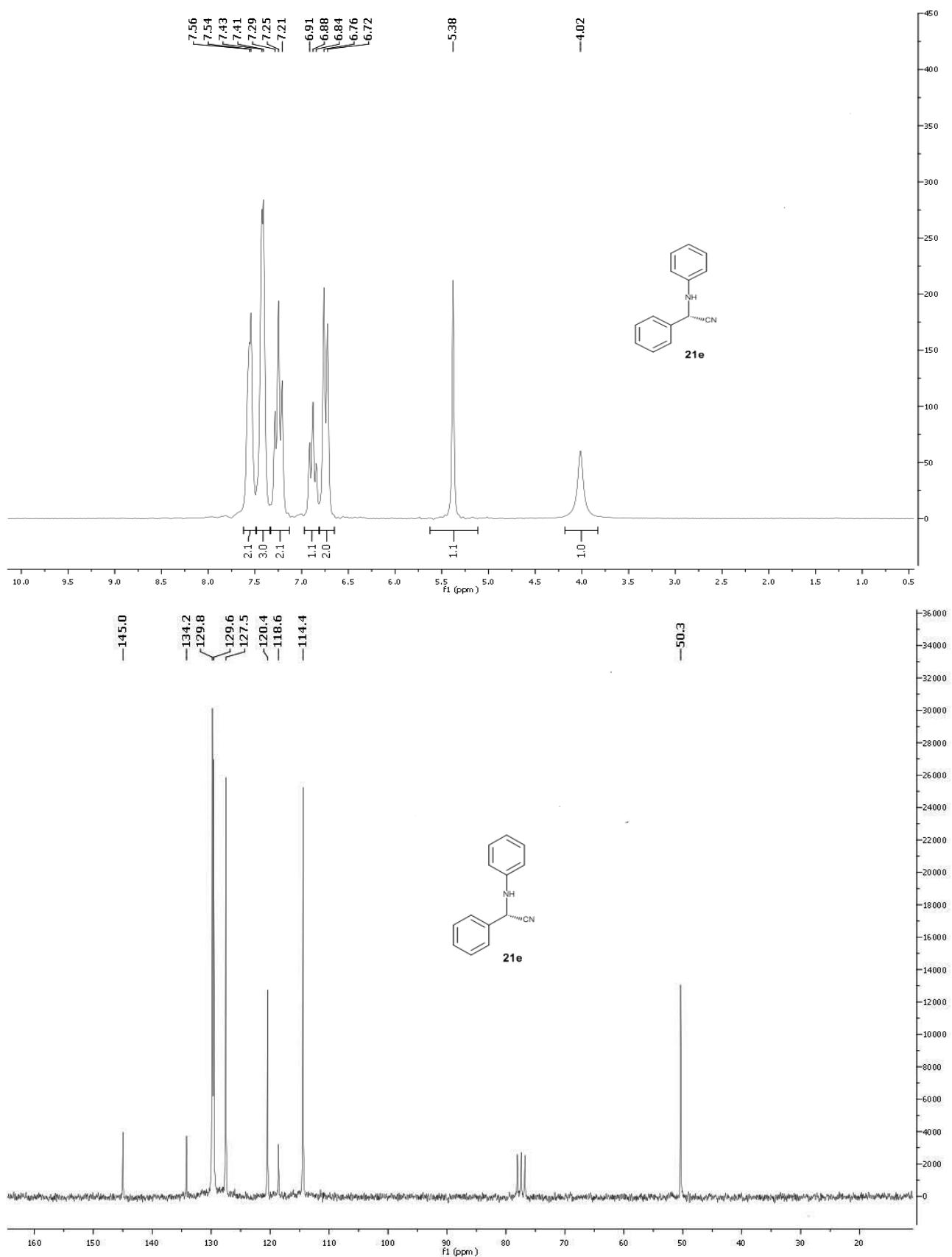
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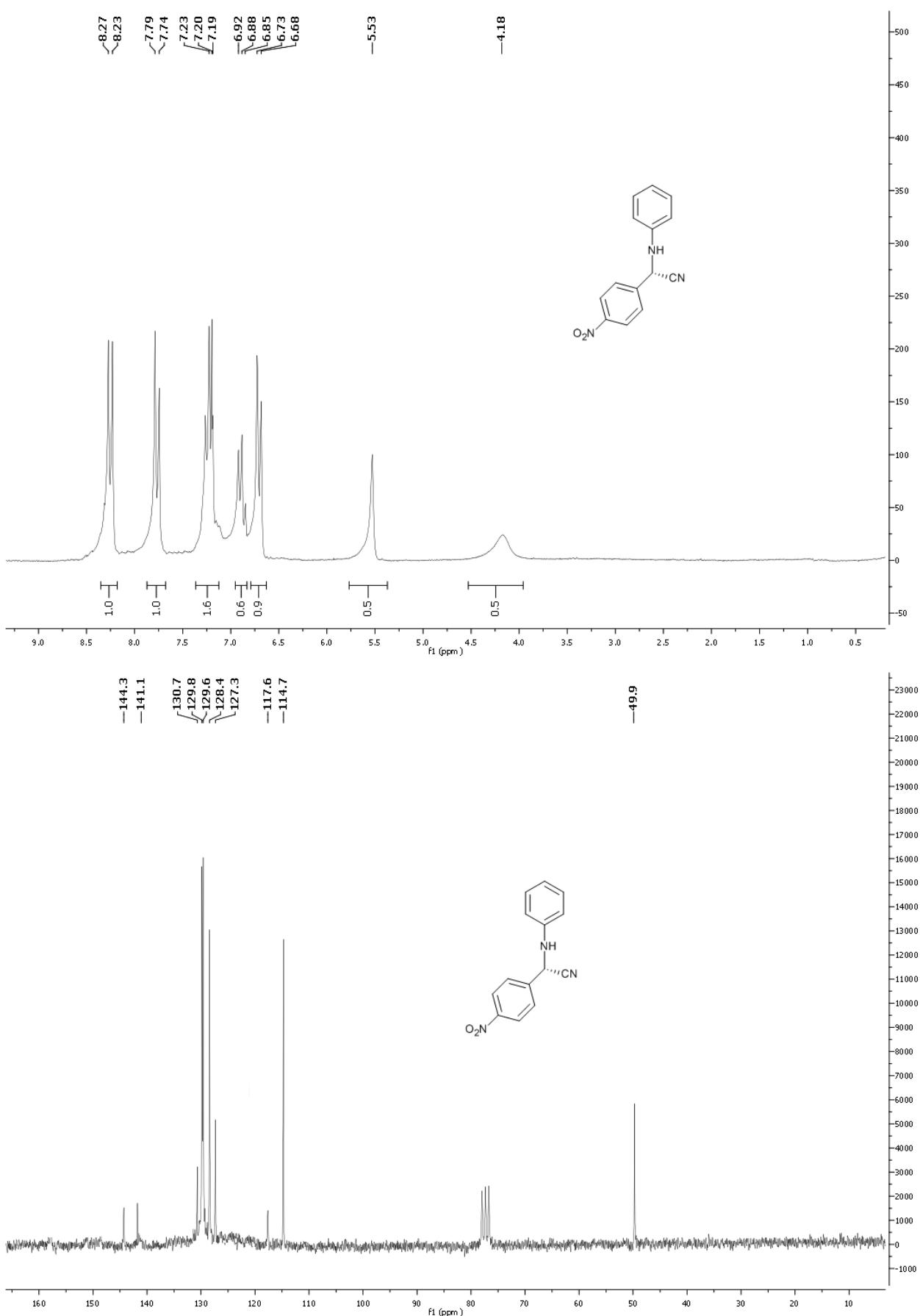
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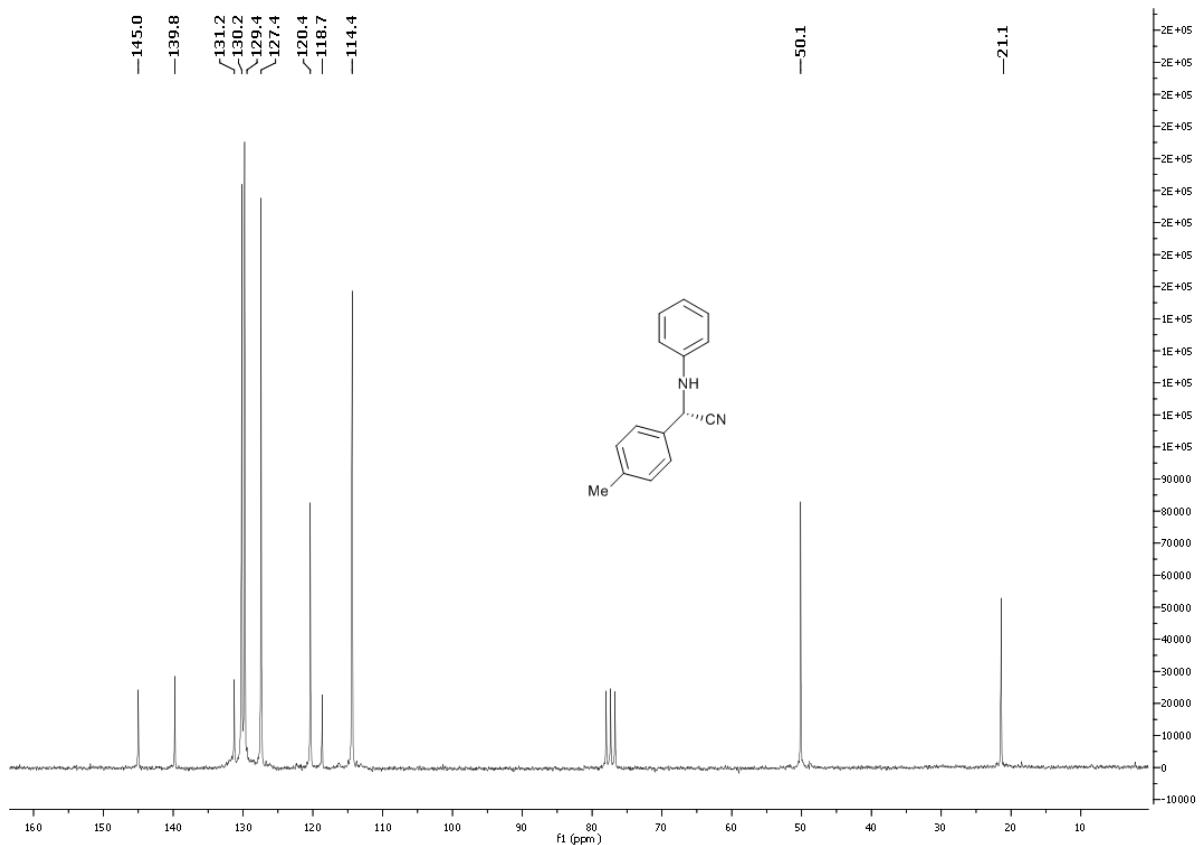
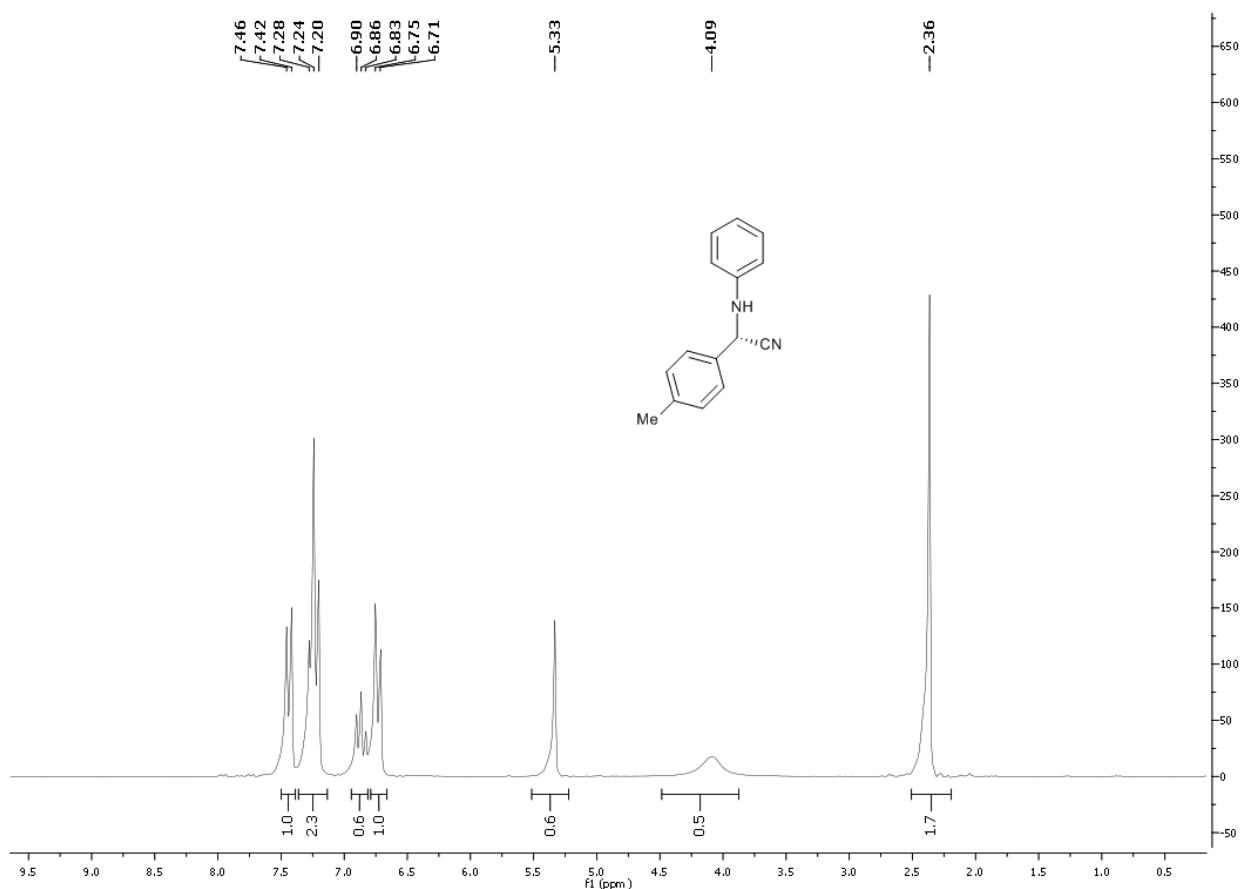
14.13 2-Phenyl-2-phenylaminoacetonitrile (21m).



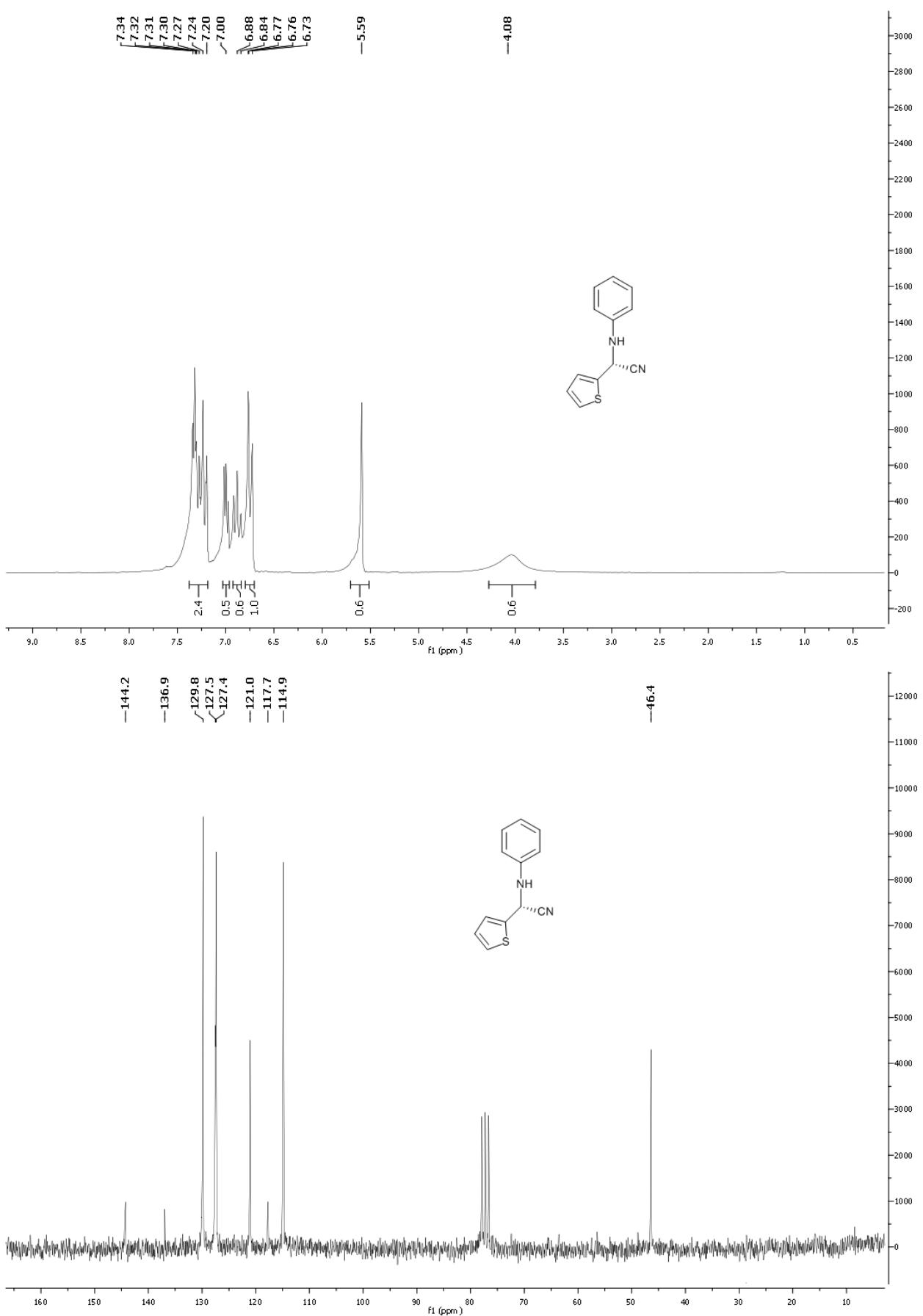
14.14 2-(4-Nitrophenyl)-2-phenylaminoacetonitrile (21n)



14.15 2-Phenylamino-2-(4-tolyl)acetonitrile (21o)

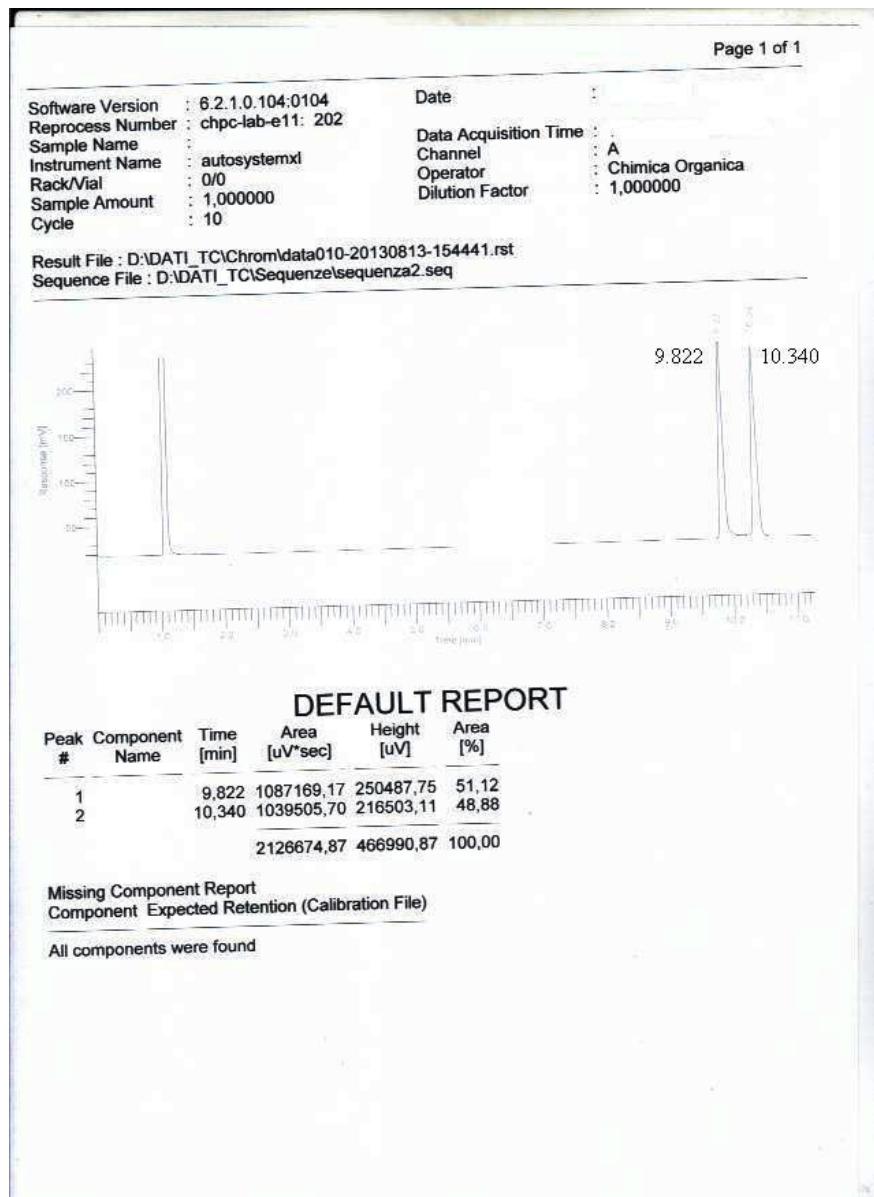


14.16 2-Phenylamino-2-(2-thienyl)acetonitrile (21o)



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15.1 Enantiomers of 2-phenyl-2-phenylaminopropanenitrile (21a)

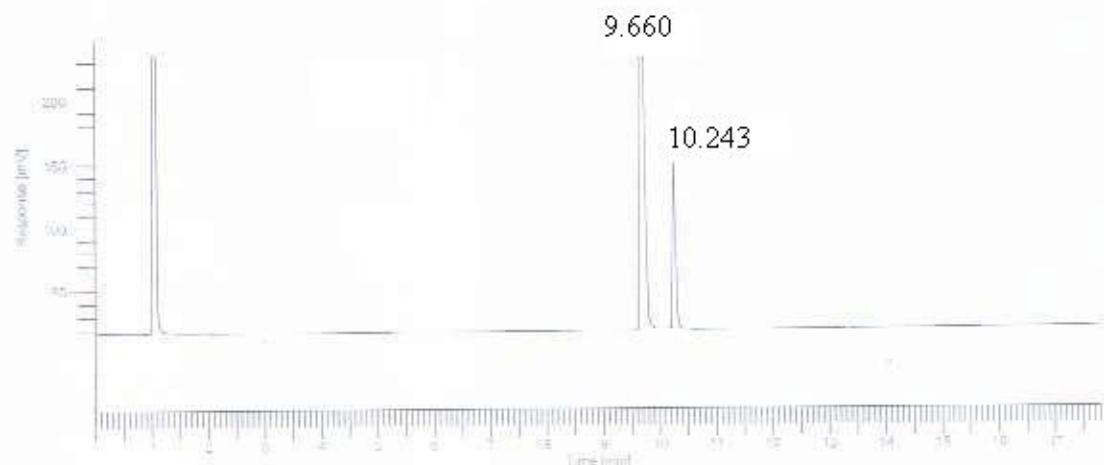


15.2 2-Phenyl-2-phenylaminopropanenitrile (21a), obtained at 0°C in the presence of catalyst 3a

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Sample Name : Sample :
Instrument Name : autosystemxl Channel : A
Rack/Vial : 0/0 Operator : Chimica Organica
Sample Amount : 1,000000 Dilution Factor : 1,000000
Cycle : 2

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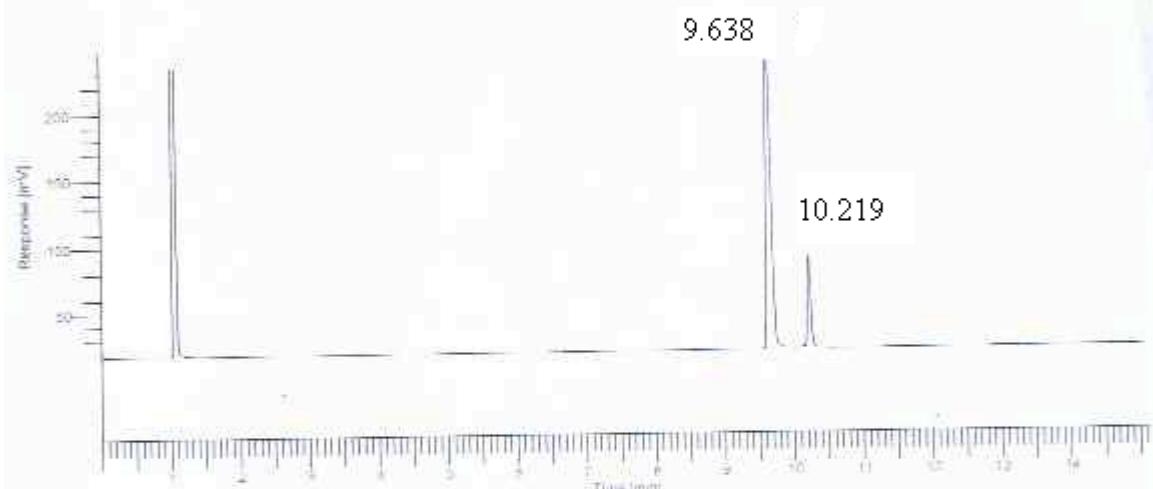
15.3 2-Phenyl-2-phenylaminopropanenitrile (21a), obtained at -20°C in the presence of catalyst 3b

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Sample Name		Channel	: A
Instrument Name	: autosystemxd	Operator	: Chimica Organica
Rack/Vial	: 0/0	Dilution Factor	: 1,000000
Sample Amount	: 1,000000		
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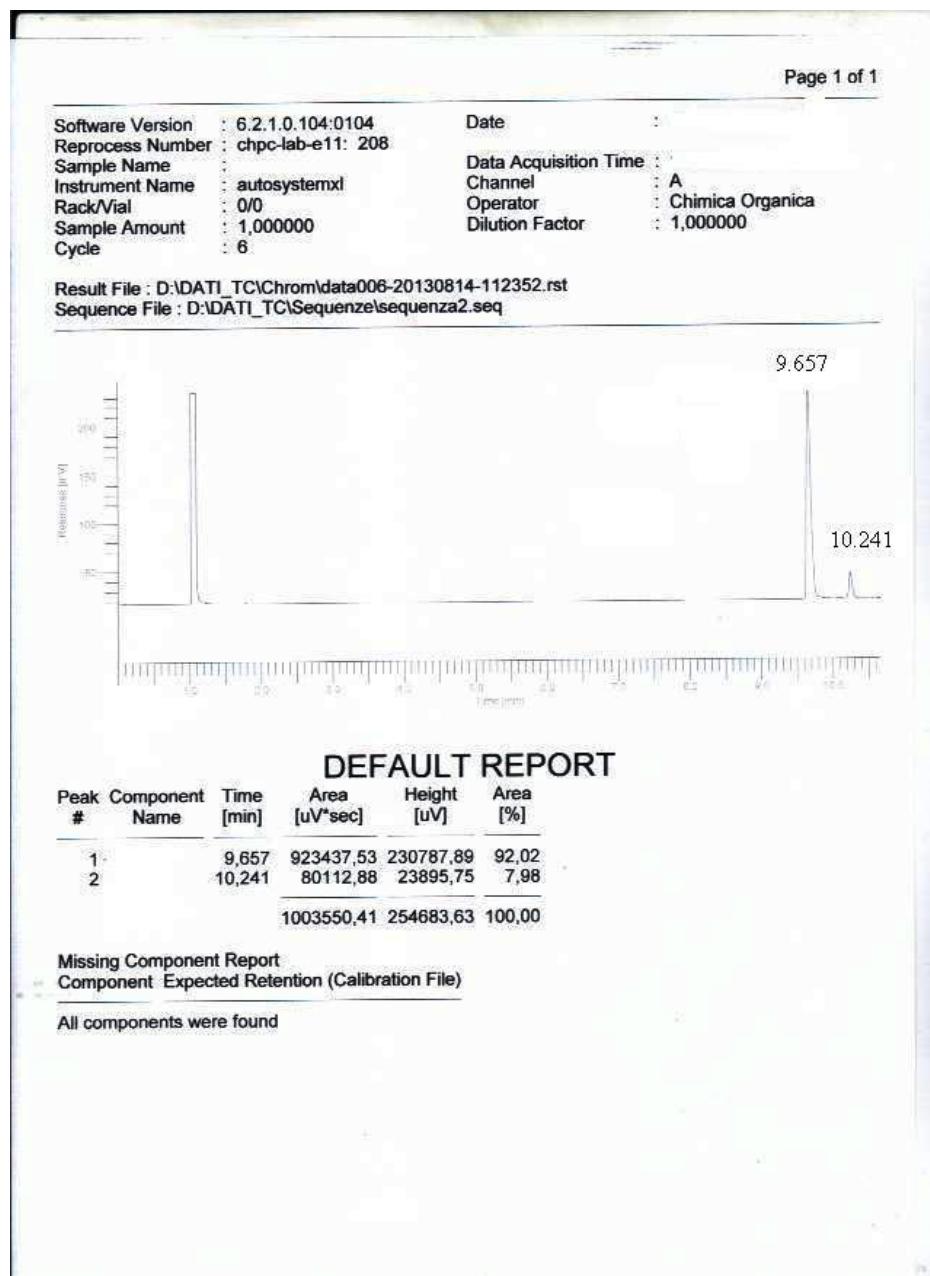
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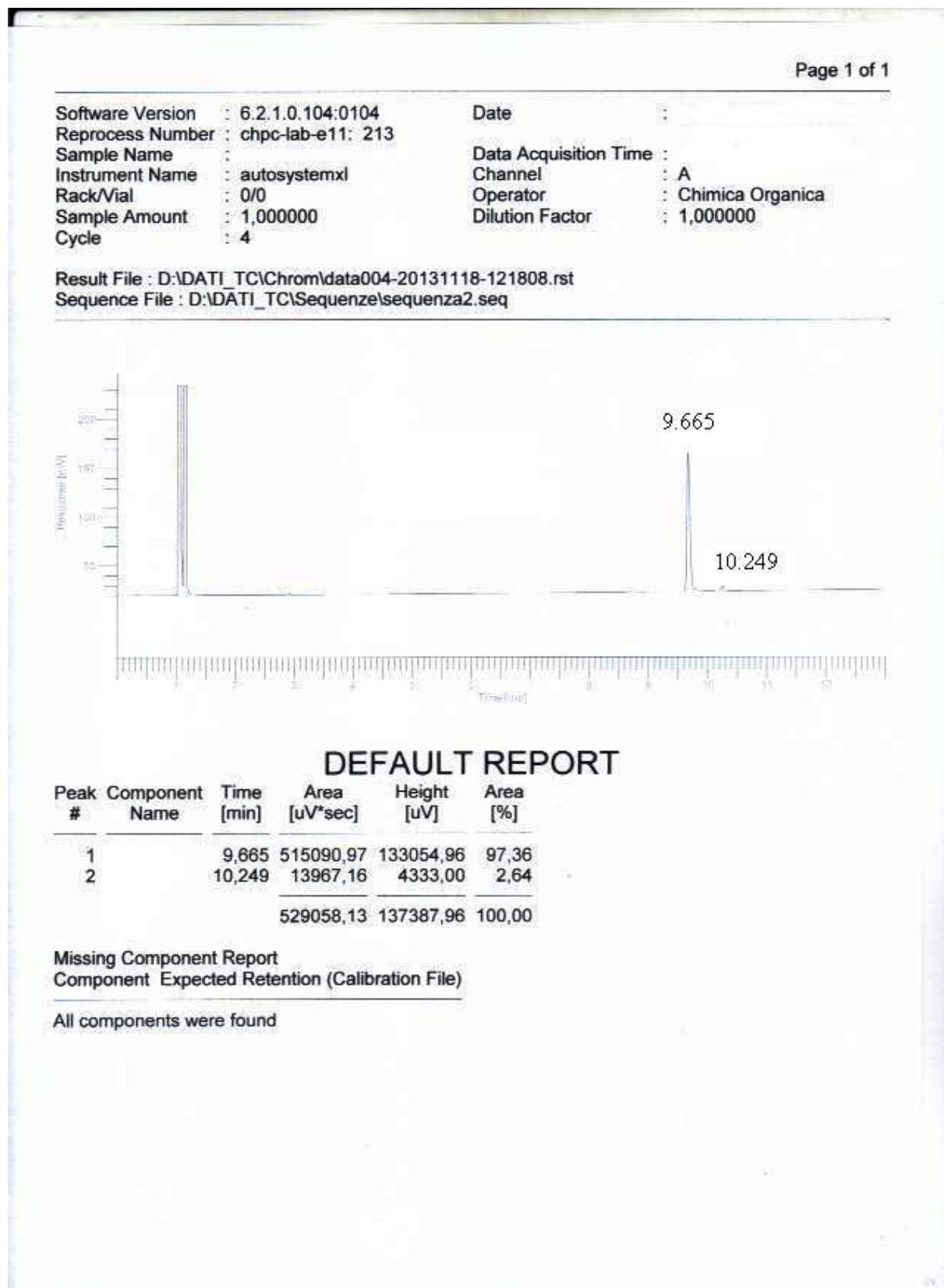
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15.4 2-Phenyl-2-phenylaminopropanenitrile (21a), obtained at 0°C in the presence of catalyst 3b



15.5 2-Phenyl-2-phenylaminopropanenitrile (21a), obtained at -20 °C in the presence of catalyst 3b



15.6 2-(4-Methoxyphenylamino)-2-phenylpropanenitrile (21b), obtained at -20°C in the presence of catalyst 3b

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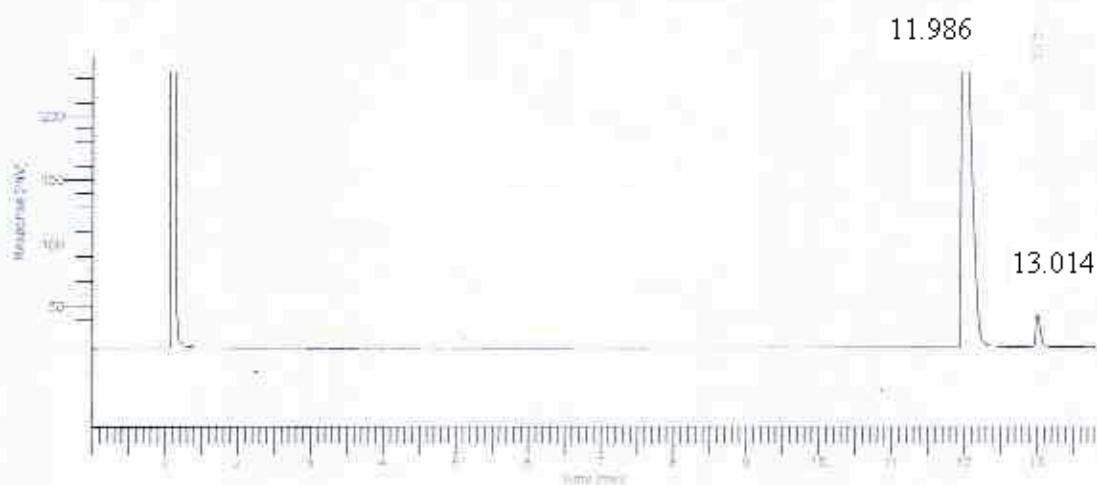
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15.7 2-(4-Nitrophenylamino)-2-phenylpropanenitrile (21c), obtained at -20°C in the presence of catalyst 3b

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Sample Amount : 1,000000 Dilution Factor : 1,000000
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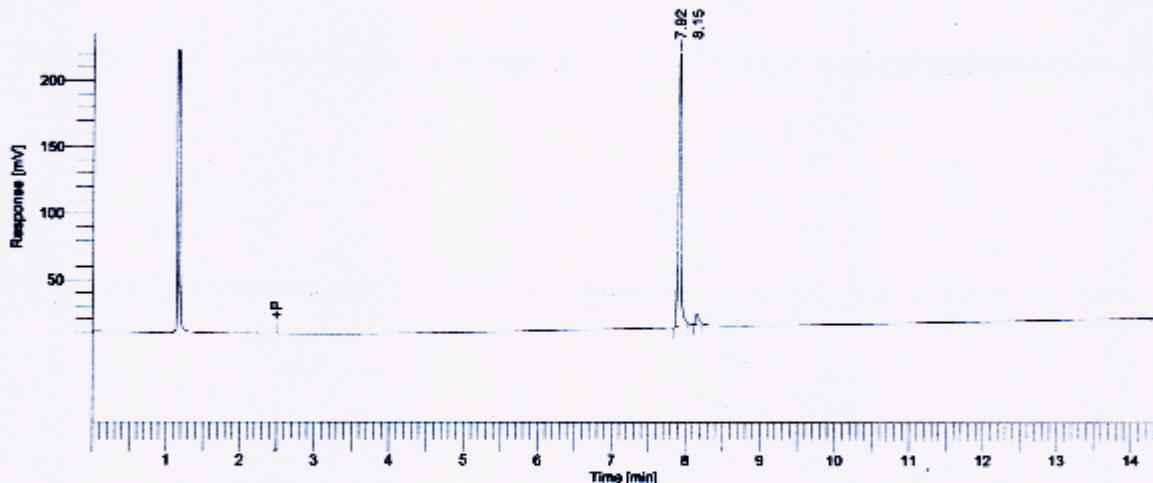
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15.8 2-(4-Bromophenylamino)-2-phenylpropanenitrile (21d), obtained at -20°C in the presence of catalyst 3b

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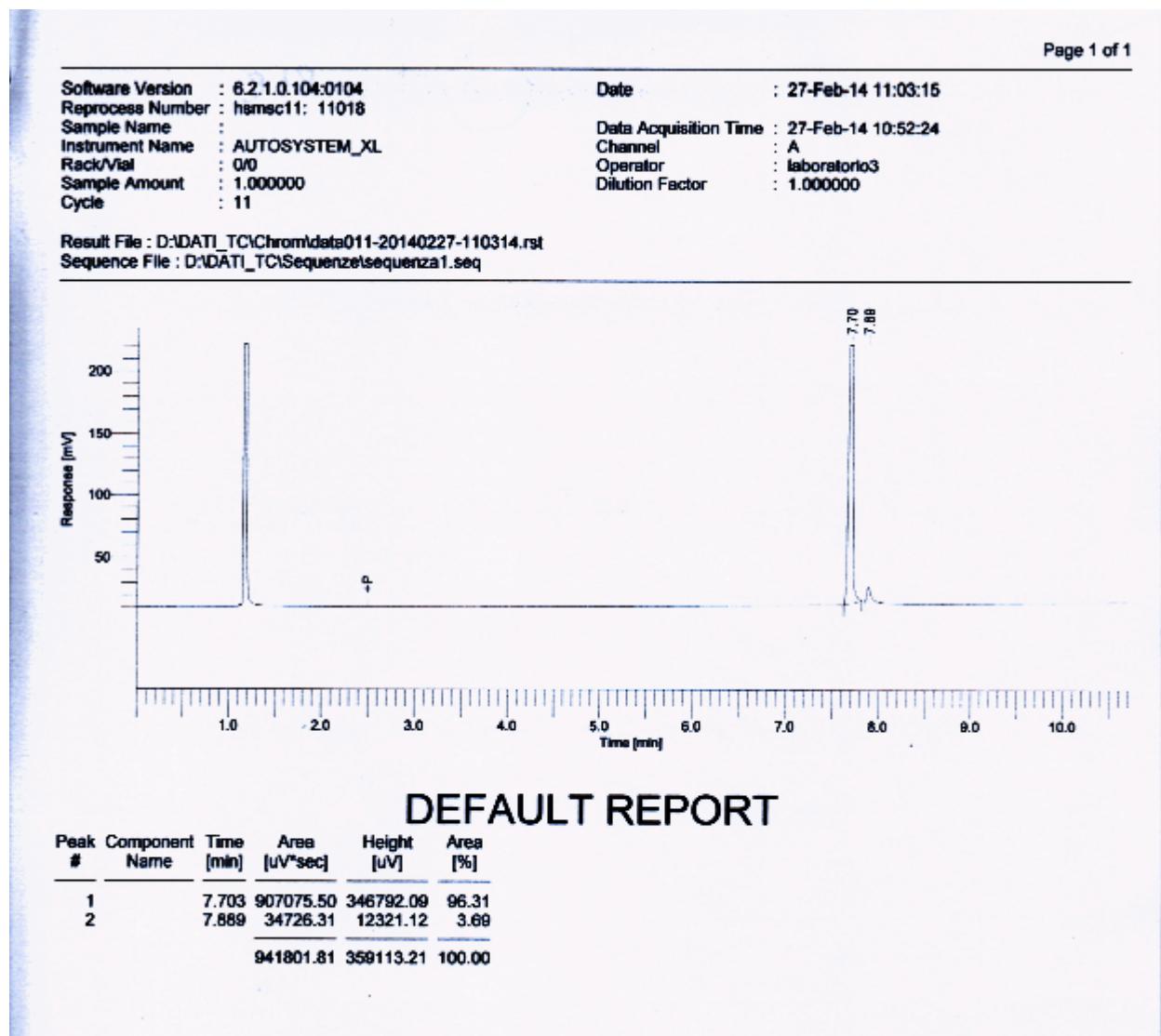
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2		8.147	23564.60	7765.61	4.13
		570246.38	214585.14		100.00

15.9 2-(4-Fluorophenylamino)-2-phenylpropanenitrile (21e), obtained at -20°C in the presence of catalyst 3b



15.10 2-(2-Methoxyphenylamino)-2-phenylpropanenitrile (21f), obtained at -20°C in the presence of catalyst 3b

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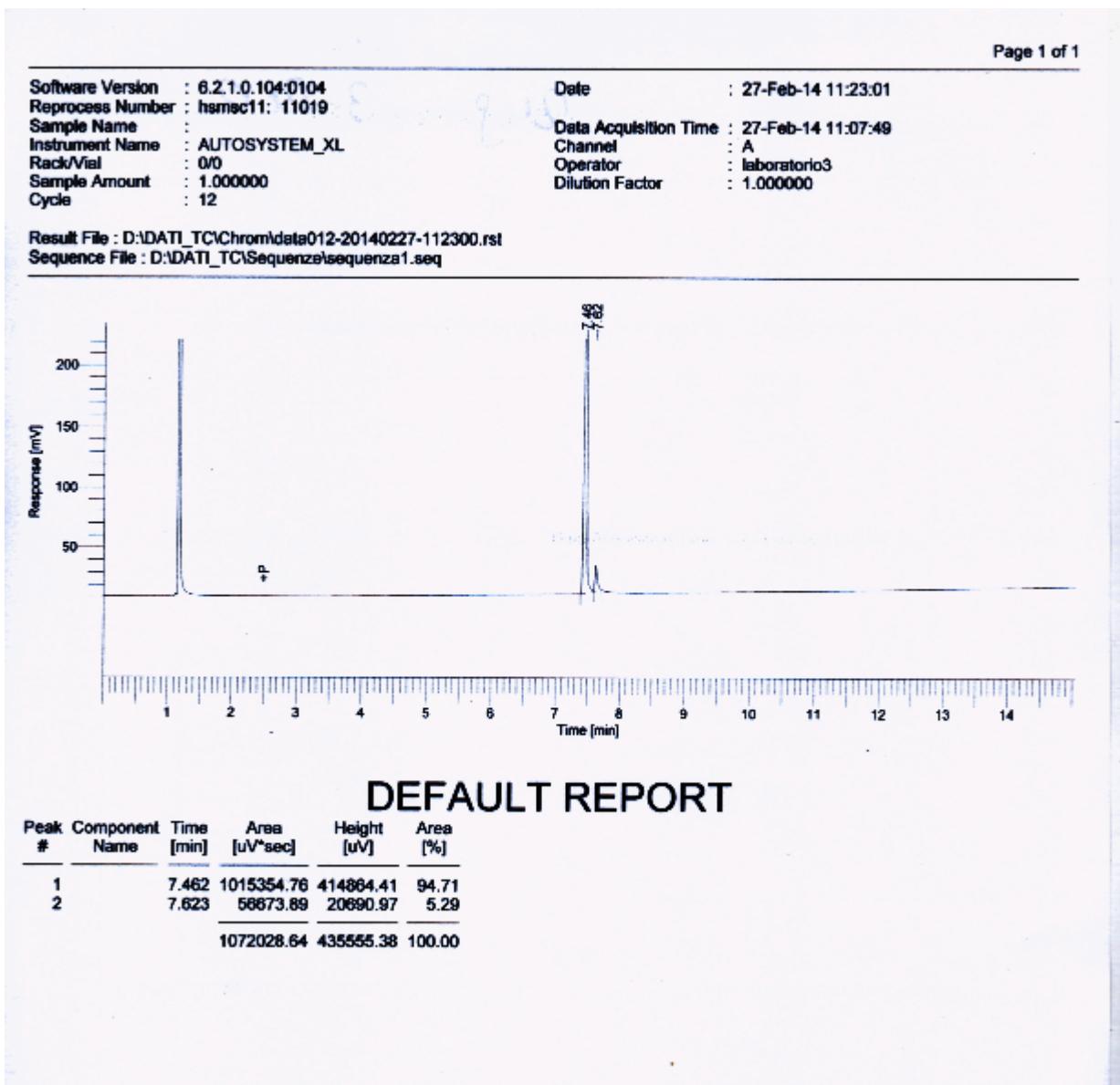
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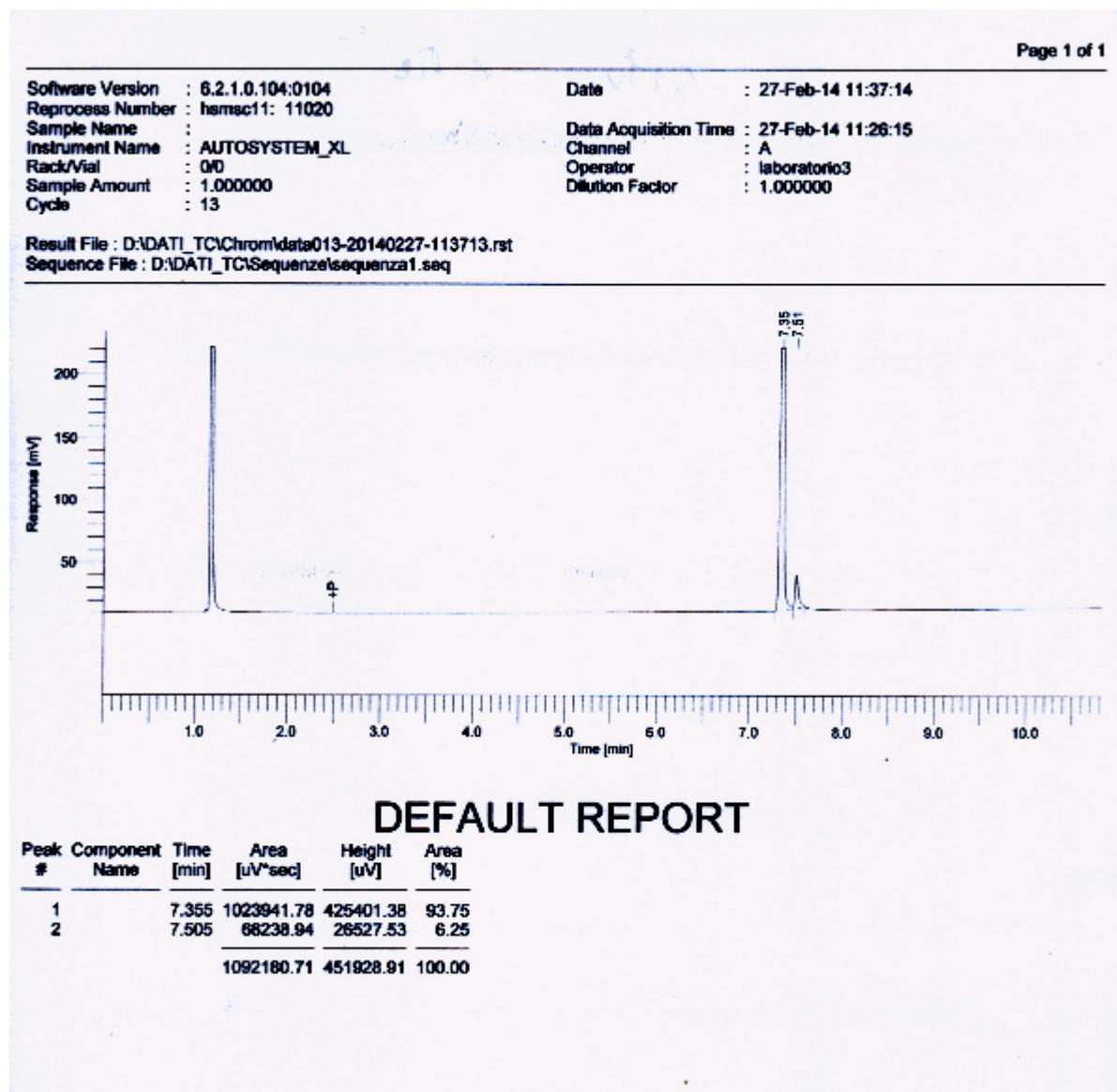
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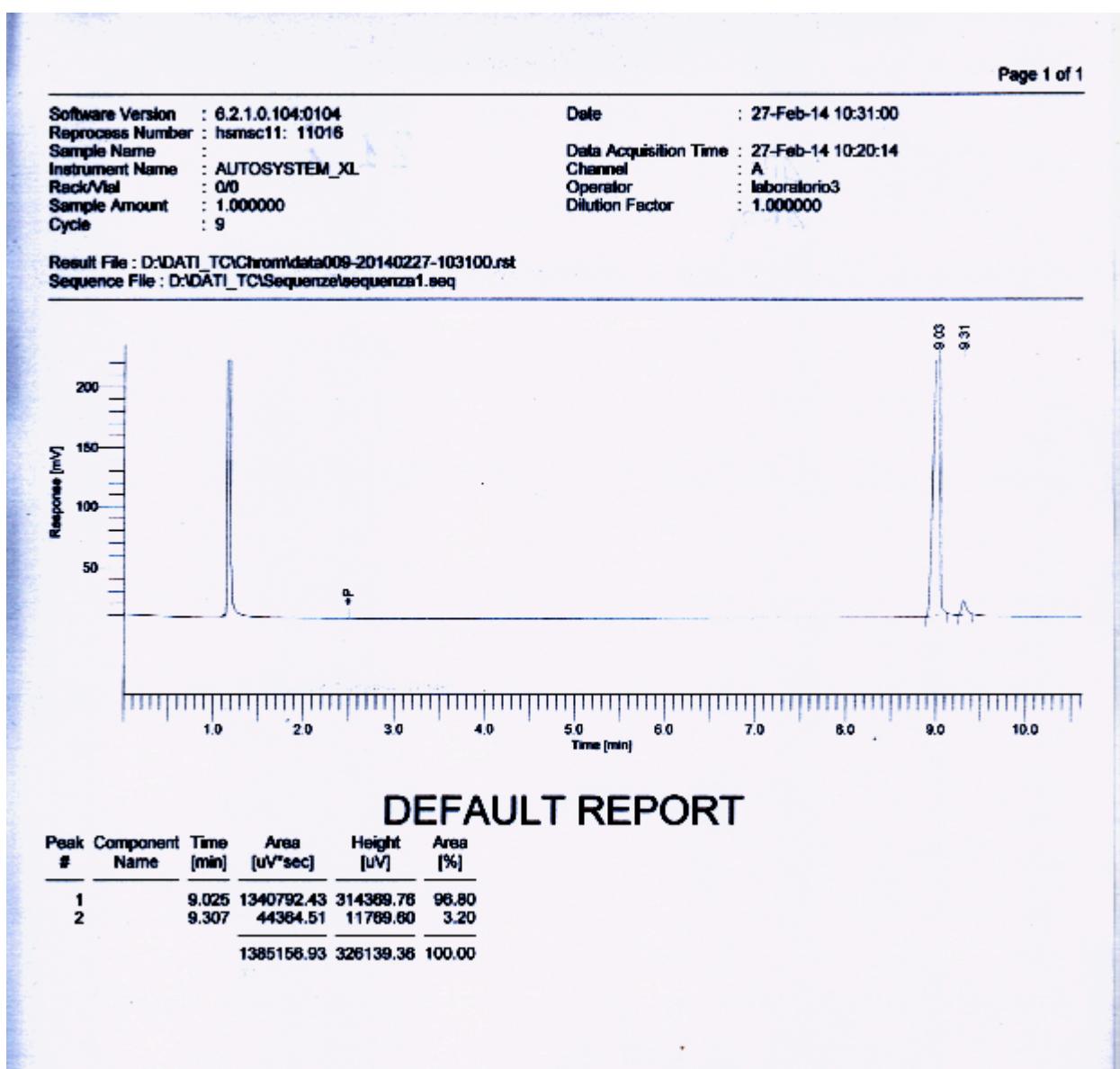
15.11 2-(3-Methoxyphenylamino)-2-phenylpropanenitrile (21g), obtained at -20°C in the presence of catalyst 3b



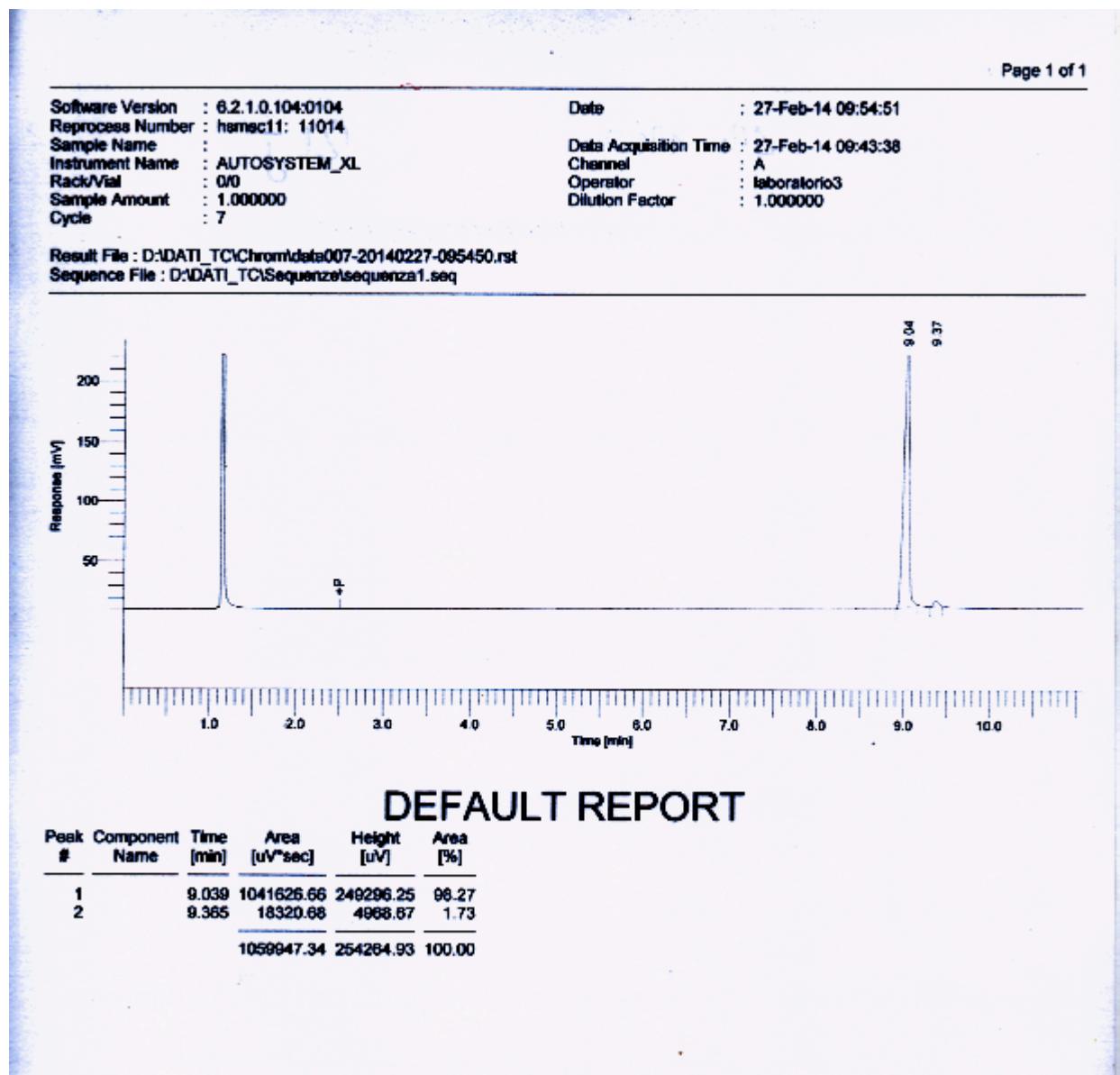
15.12 2-Phenylamino-2-(4-tolyl)propanenitrile (21h), obtained at -20°C in the presence of catalyst 3b



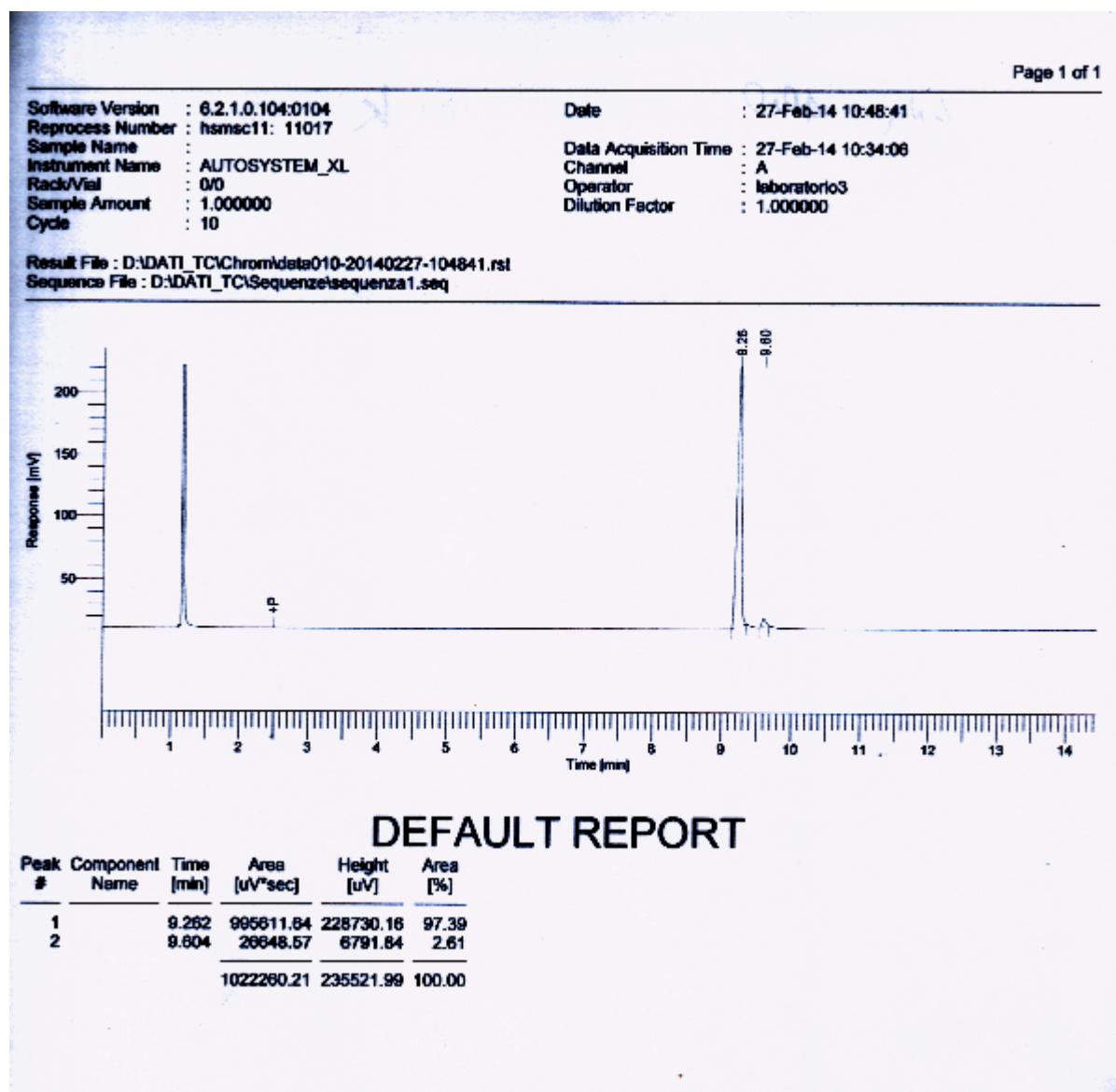
15.13 2-(4-Nitrophenylamino)-2-(4-tolyl)propanenitrile (21i), obtained at -20°C in the presence of catalyst 3b



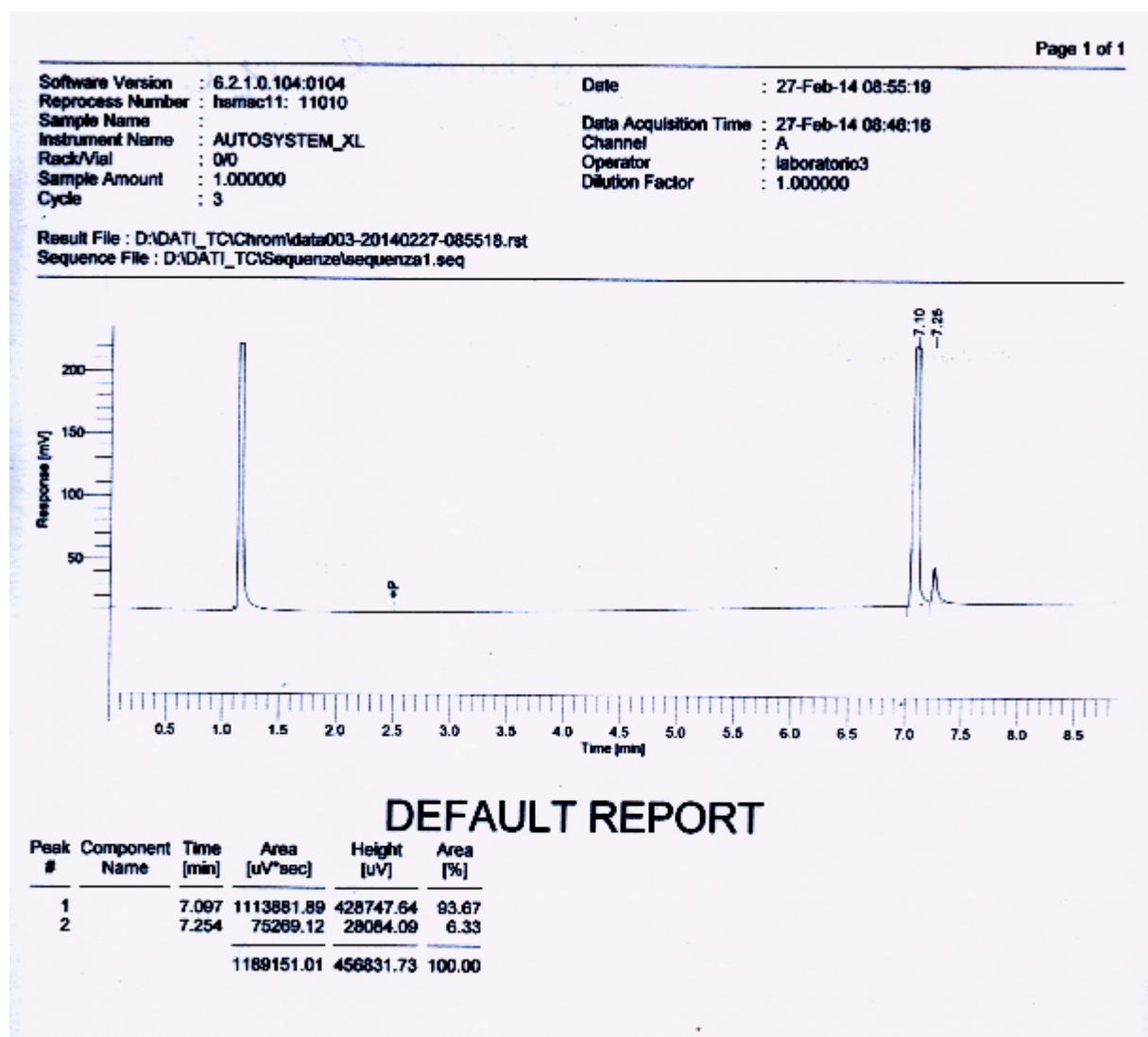
15.14 2-(4-Methoxyphenylamino)-2-(4-tolyl)propanenitrile (21j), obtained at -20°C in the presence of catalyst 3b



15.15 2-(4-Methoxyphenylamino)-2-(4-nitrophenyl)propanenitrile (21k), obtained at -20°C in the presence of catalyst 3b



15.16 2-Methyl-2-(phenylamino)pentanenitrile (21l), obtained at -20°C in the presence of catalyst 3b

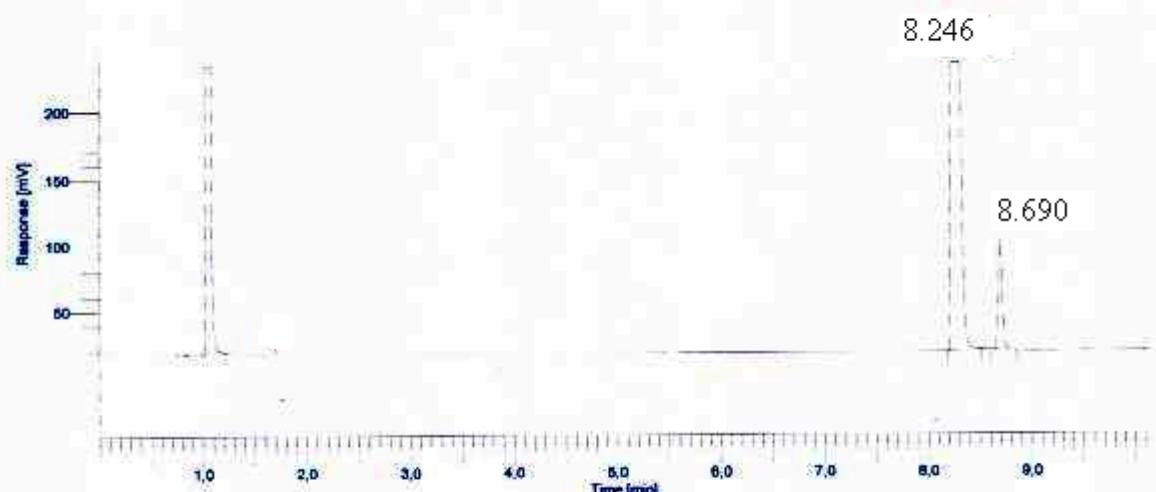


15.17 2-Phenyl-2-phenylaminoacetonitrile (21m), obtained at -20°C in the presence of catalyst 3b

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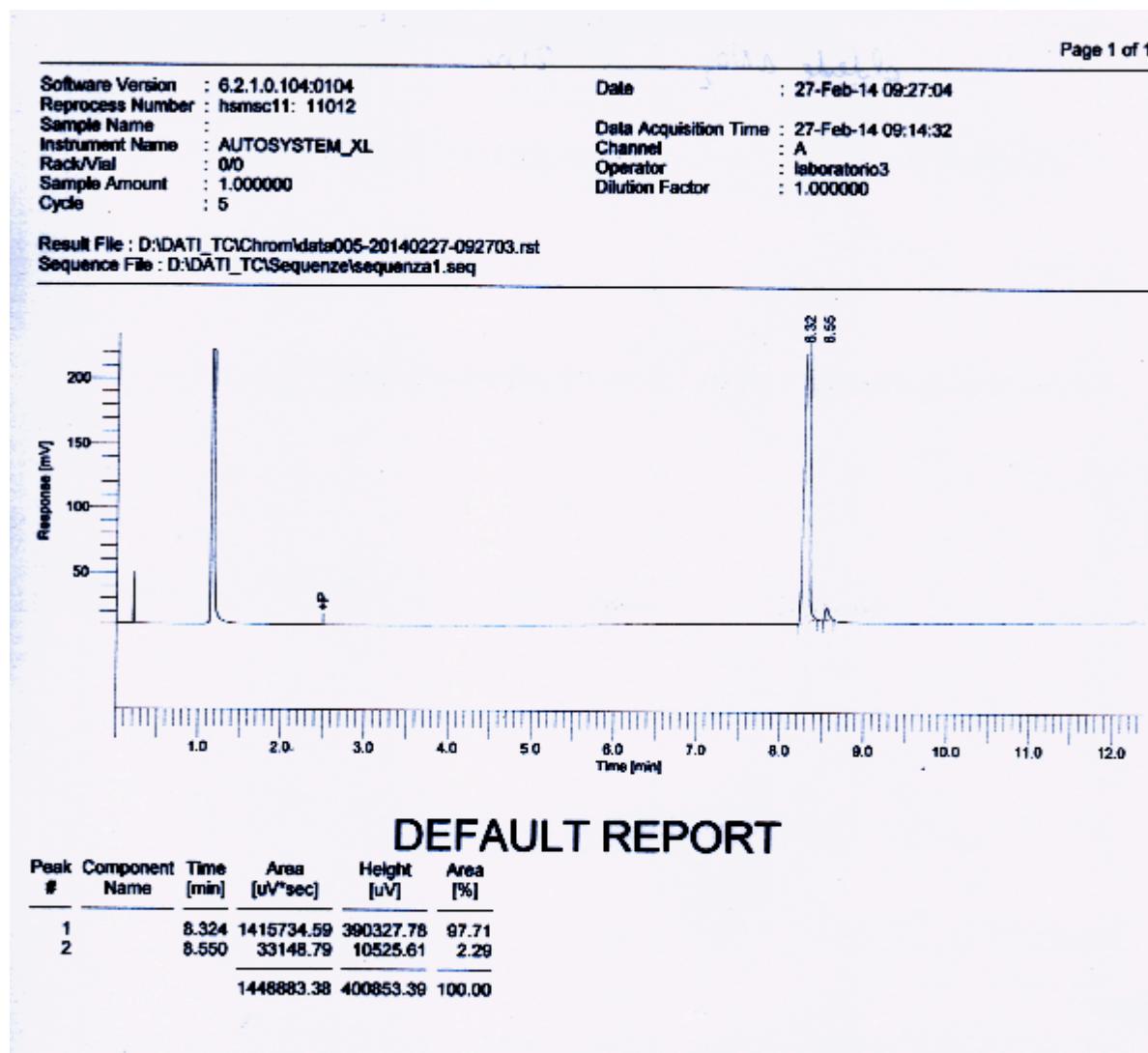
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15.18 2-(4-Nitrophenyl)-2-phenylaminoacetonitrile (21n), obtained at -20°C in the presence of catalyst 3b

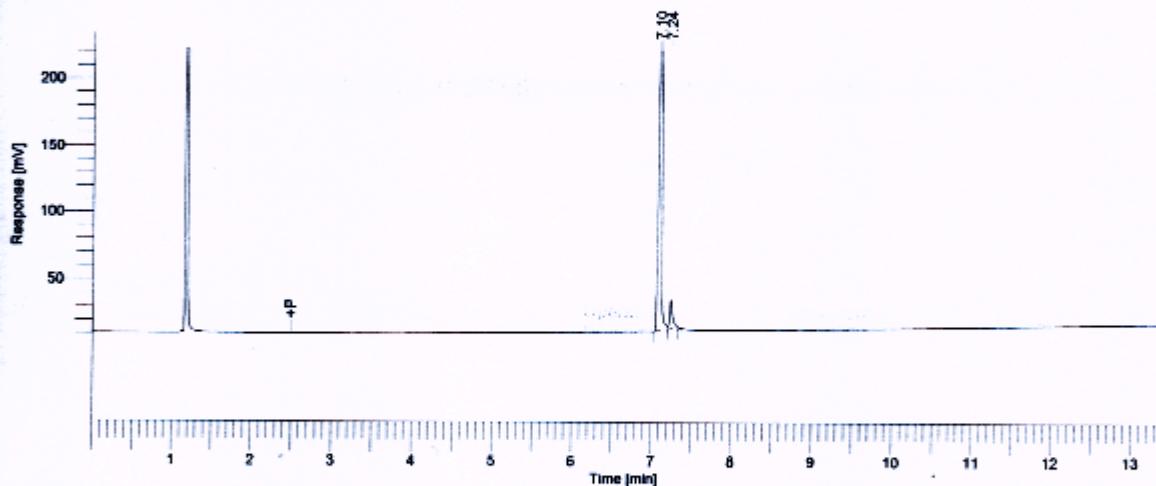


15.19 2-Phenylamino-2-(4-tolyl)acetonitrile (21o), obtained at -20°C in the presence of catalyst 3b

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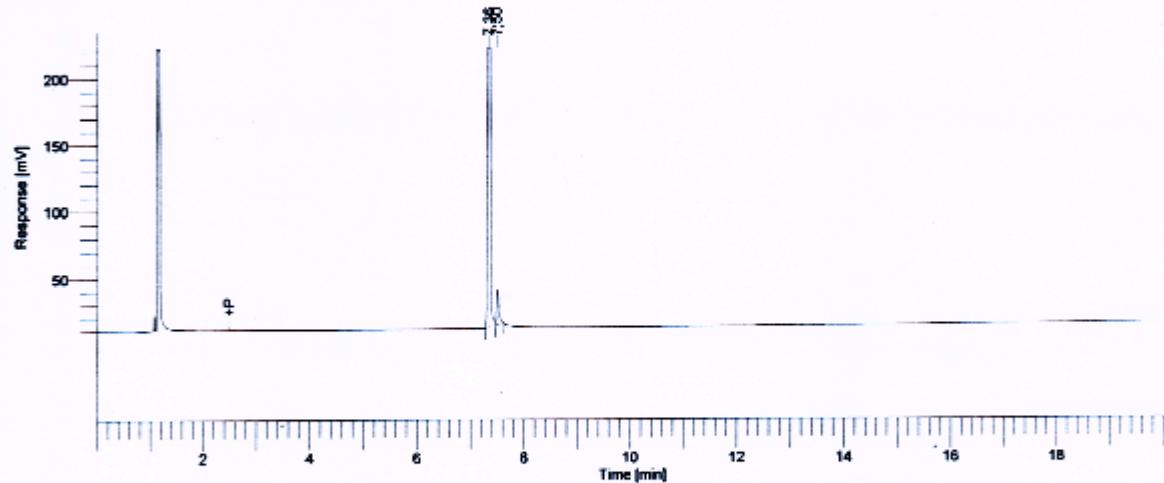
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			965780.35	452633.32	100.00

15.20 2-Phenylamino-2-thienylacetonitrile (21p), obtained at -20°C in the presence of catalyst 3b

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Reprocess Number : hsmsc11: 11024
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			1447108,92	544224,98	100,00