

Supporting Information

Direct Intermolecular C-H Arylation of Unactivated Arenes with Aryl Bromides Catalysed by 2-Pyridyl Carbinol

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1. General considerations

Unless otherwise noted, all reagents were purchased from commercial suppliers and used without purification. All the reactions were performed in Rotaflo®(England) resealable screw-cap Schlenk flask (approx. 20 mL volume) in the presence of Teflon coated magnetic stirrer bar (4 mm × 10 mm). Benzene and toluene were freshly distilled from sodium under nitrogen.¹ Thin layer chromatography was performed on precoated silica gel 60 F₂₅₄ plates. Silica gel (230-400 mesh) was used for column chromatography. ¹H NMR spectra were recorded on a 400 MHz spectrometer. Spectra were referenced internally to the residual proton resonance in CDCl₃ (δ 7.26 ppm), or with TMS (δ 0.00 ppm) as the internal standard. Chemical shifts (δ) were reported as part per million (ppm) in δ scale downfield from TMS. ¹³C NMR spectra were recorded on a 100 MHz spectrometer and the spectra were referenced to CDCl₃ (δ 77.0 ppm, the middle peak). Coupling constants (*J*) were reported in Hertz (Hz). Mass spectra (EI-MS and ES-MS) were recorded on a Mass Spectrometer. High-resolution mass spectra (HRMS) were obtained on a ESIMS mass spectrometer. GC-MS analysis was conducted on a GCD system. Products described in GC yield were accorded to the authentic samples/dodecane calibration standard from GC-FID system.

2. General procedures for reaction condition screenings

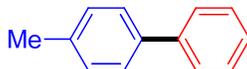
4-Bromotoluene (1.0 mmol), 2-pyridyl carbinol (as indicated in Table 1) and KO t -Bu (2.0 mmol) were loaded into a Schlenk tube equipped with a Teflon-coated magnetic stir bar under N₂ atmosphere. Benzene (8.0 mL) was then added into the tube. The tube was stirred at room temperature for 3-5 minutes and then placed into a preheated oil bath (80-120 °C) for 24 hours. After completion of reaction, the reaction tube was allowed to cool to room temperature. Ethyl acetate (~10 mL), dodecane (227 μL, internal standard) and water (~3 ml) were added. The organic layer was subjected to GC analysis. The GC yield obtained was previously calibrated by authentic sample/dodecane calibration curve.

3. General procedures for direct C-H bond arylation

Substituted aryl bromides (1.0 mmol), 2-pyridyl carbinol (10 mol%) and KO t -Bu (2.0 mmol) were loaded into a Schlenk tube equipped with a Teflon-coated magnetic stir bar. Unactivated arenes (8.0 mL or 80 *equiv.*) was added into the tube. The tube was stirred at room temperature for 3-5 minutes and then placed into a preheated oil bath at 80 °C for 24 hours. After completion of reaction as judged by GC analysis, the reaction tube was allowed to cool to room temperature and quenched with water and diluted with ethyl acetate. The organic layer was separated and the aqueous layer was washed with ethyl acetate. The filtrate was concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude products were purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (230-400 mesh) to afford the desired biaryl product.

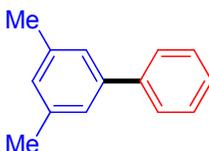
4. Characterization data

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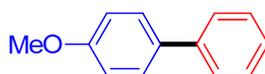
Eluents (Hexane, $R_f = 0.55$), ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.63–7.51 (m, 4H), 7.46–7.40 (m, 2H), 7.35–7.25 (m, 3H), 2.42 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 141.47, 138.36, 136.88, 128.81, 128.21, 126.85, 21.32.

3,5-Dimethyl-1,1'-biphenyl (Table 2, entry 3, compound 2)²



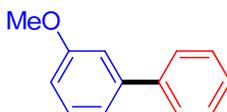
Eluents (Hexane, $R_f = 0.55$), ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.63 (d, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 2H), 7.47 (t, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 2H), 7.37 (t, $J = 7.3$ Hz, 1H), 7.27 (s, 2H), 7.05 (s, 1H), 2.44 (s, 6H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 141.54, 141.34, 138.29, 128.95, 128.69, 127.13, 125.17, 21.46.

4-Methoxy-1,1'-biphenyl (Table 2, entry 4, compound 3)²



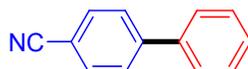
Eluents (Hexane, $R_f = 0.20$), ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.54 (t, $J = 8.3$ Hz, 4H), 7.41 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 2H), 7.30 (t, $J = 7.3$ Hz, 1H), 6.97 (d, $J = 8.6$ Hz, 2H), 3.85 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 159.22, 140.56, 133.63, 128.81, 128.21, 126.69, 114.28, 55.63.

3-Methoxy-1,1'-biphenyl (Table 2, entry 5, compound 4)²



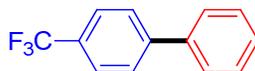
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[1,1'-Biphenyl]-4-carbonitrile (Table 2, entry 6, compound 5)²



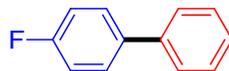
Eluents (EA/Hexane = 1:10, $R_f = 0.30$), ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.70 (dd, $J = 17.2$, 8.2 Hz, 4H), 7.59 (d, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 2H), 7.48 (t, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 2H), 7.46–7.35 (m, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 145.69, 139.19, 132.60, 129.13, 128.68, 127.75, 127.24, 118.94, 110.92.

4-(Trifluoromethyl)-1,1'-biphenyl (Table 2, entry 7, compound 6)³



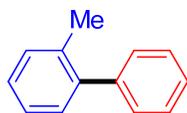
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4-(Trifluoromethyl)-1,1'-biphenyl (Table 2, entry 8, compound 7)²



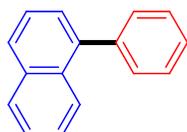
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2-Methyl-1,1'-biphenyl (Table 2, entry 9, compound 8)²



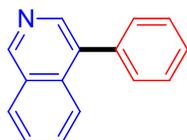
Eluents (Hexane, $R_f = 0.55$), ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.42 (t, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 2H), 7.35 (t, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 3H), 7.31–7.21 (m, 4H), 2.29 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 141.99, 135.36, 130.31, 129.81, 129.21, 128.07, 127.26, 126.77, 125.77, 20.48.

1-Phenyl-naphthalene (Table 2, entry 10, compound 9)²



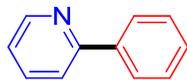
Eluents (Hexane, $R_f = 0.50$), ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.83 (m, 3H), 7.54 – 7.36 (m, 9H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 140.83, 140.32, 133.86, 131.69, 130.13, 128.31, 127.93, 127.68, 127.28, 127.22, 126.97, 126.08, 125.87, 125.43.

4-Phenylisoquinoline (Table 2, entry 11, compound 10)²



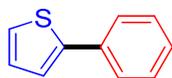
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2-Phenylpyridine (Table 2, entry 12, compound 11)³



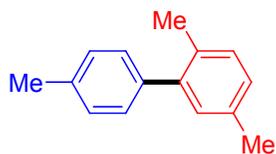
Eluents (EA/Hexane = 1:100, R_f = 0.40), ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.85 (s, 1H), 8.59 (d, J = 4.6 Hz, 1H), 7.87 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.58 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.48 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.44–7.30 (m, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 148.46, 148.34, 137.85, 136.67, 134.38, 129.09, 128.12, 127.17, 123.56.

2-Phenylthiophene (Table 2, entry 13, compound 12)⁴



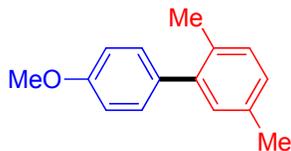
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2,4',5'-Trimethyl-1,1'-biphenyl (Table 3, entry 1, compound 14)³



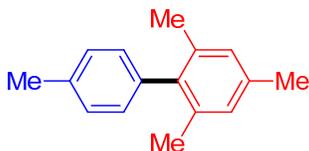
Eluents (Hexane, R_f = 0.35), ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.24 (s, 4H), 7.18 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.08 (d, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 2.44 (s, 3H), 2.36 (s, 3H), 2.27 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 141.73, 139.20, 136.29, 135.16, 132.24, 130.63, 130.24, 129.08, 128.76, 127.78, 126.74, 21.19, 20.94, 20.02.

4'-Methoxy-2,5-dimethyl-1,1'-biphenyl (Table 3, entry 2, compound 15)²



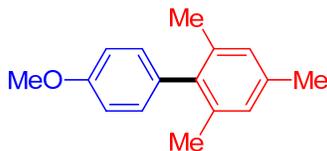
Eluents (EA/Hexane = 1:100, R_f = 0.35), ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.26 (d, J = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 7.15 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.11–7.03 (m, 3H), 6.95 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 3.85 (s, 3H), 2.35 (s, 3H), 2.24 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 158.47, 141.49, 135.12, 134.57, 132.30, 130.89, 130.65, 130.23, 127.67, 113.44, 55.40, 20.85, 20.03.

2,4,4',6-Tetramethyl-1,1'-biphenyl (Table 3, entry 3, compound 16)³



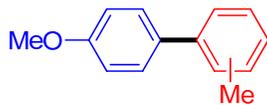
Eluents (Hexane, R_f = 0.45), ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.22 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 7.02 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 6.93 (s, 2H), 2.39 (s, 3H), 2.32 (s, 3H), 2.00 (s, 6H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 139.00, 138.00, 136.37, 136.11, 135.93, 129.14, 129.04, 128.00, 21.21, 20.99, 20.75.

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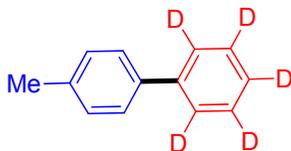
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Mixture of 4'-methoxy-2-methyl-1,1'-biphenyl, 4'-methoxy-3-methyl-1,1'-biphenyl, 4'-methoxy-4-methyl-1,1'-biphenyl (Table 3, entry 5, compound 18)²



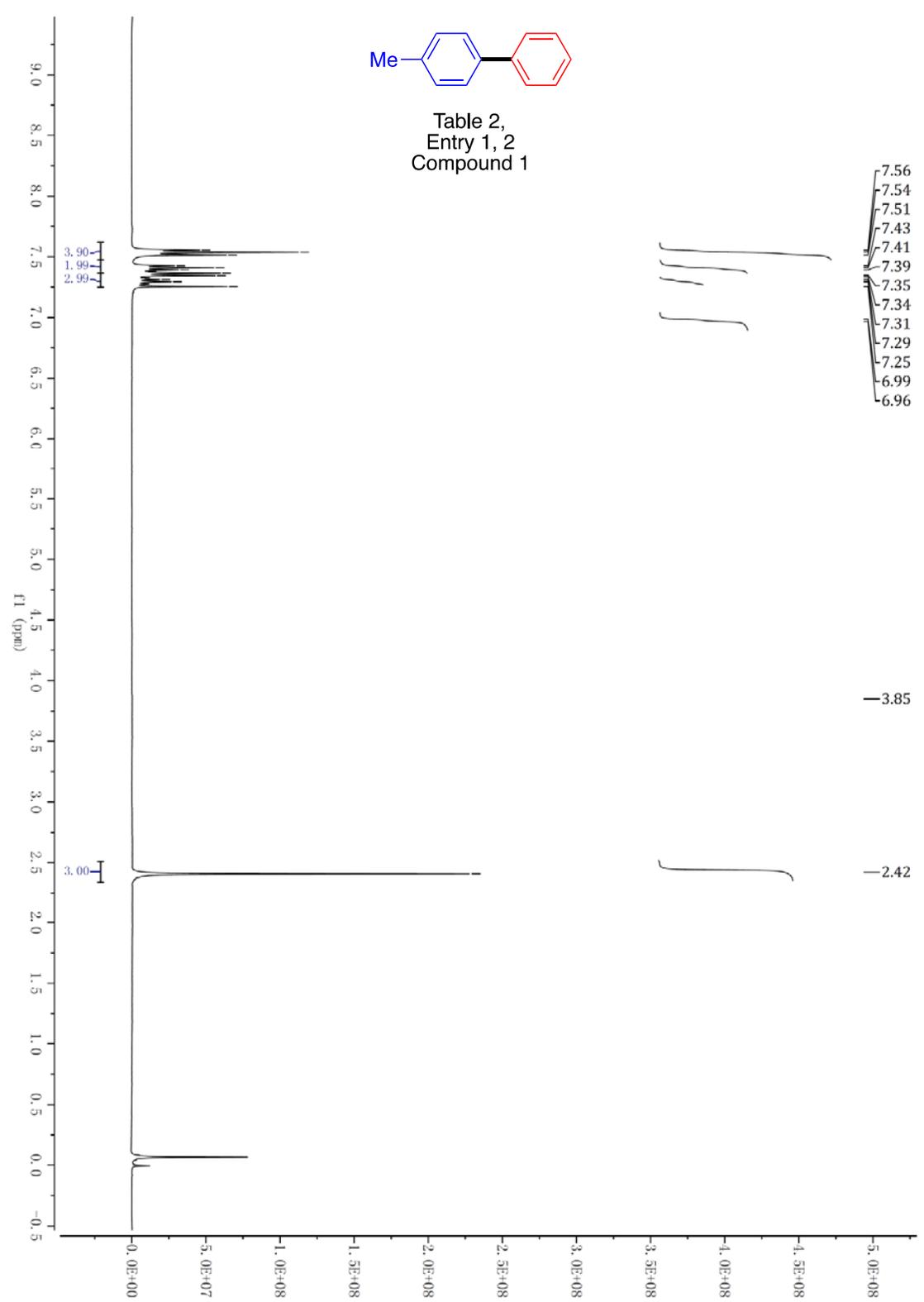
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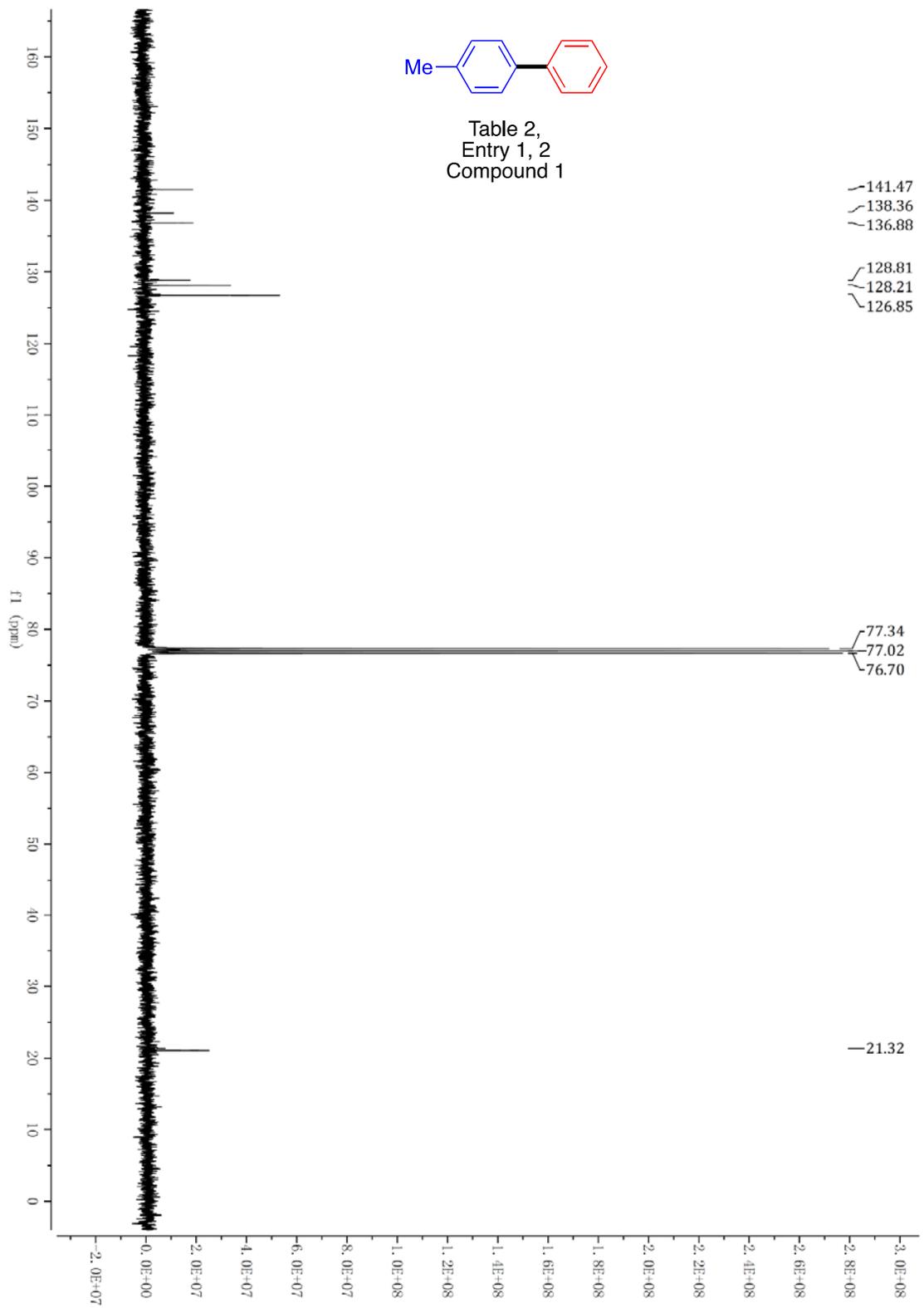
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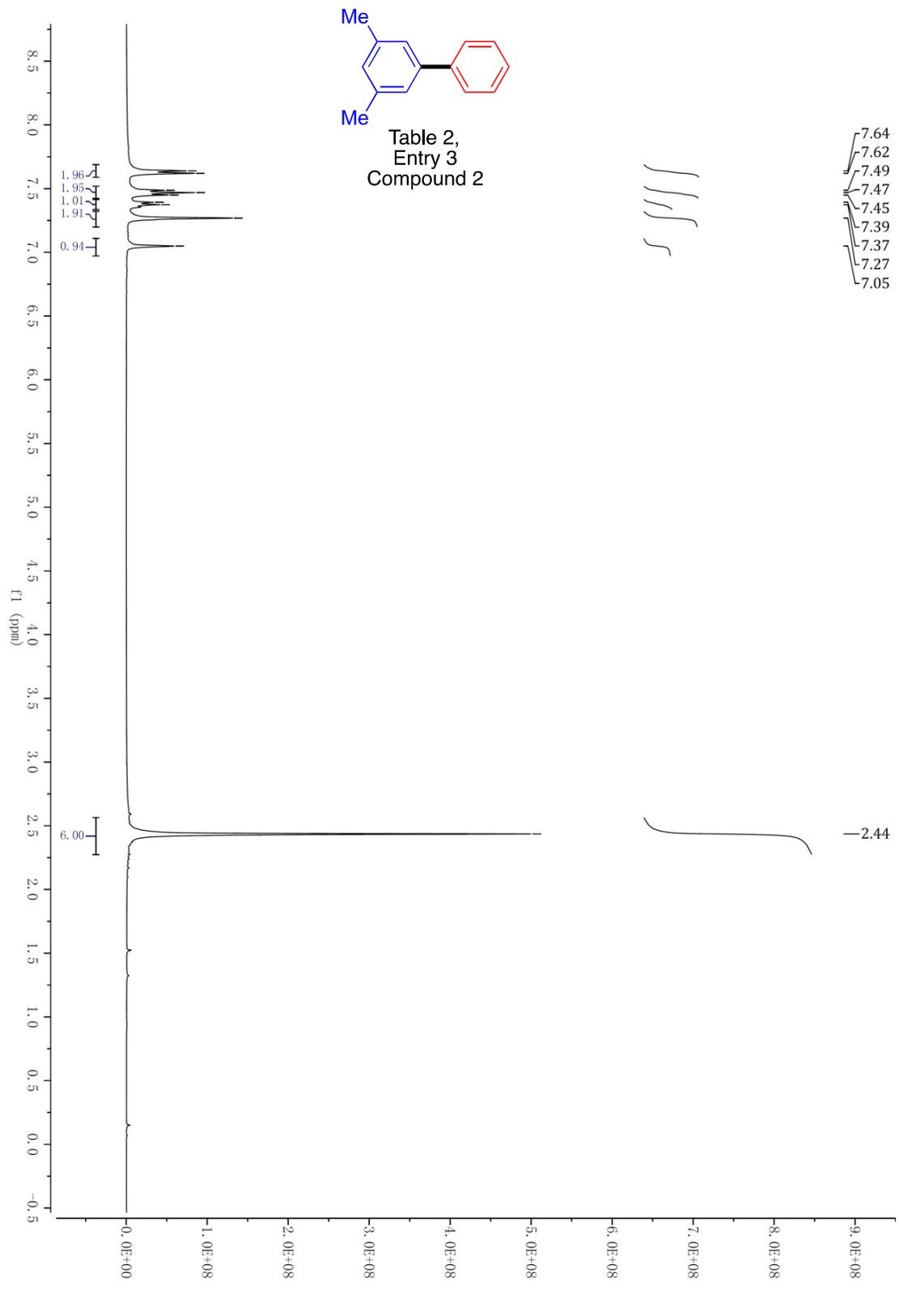


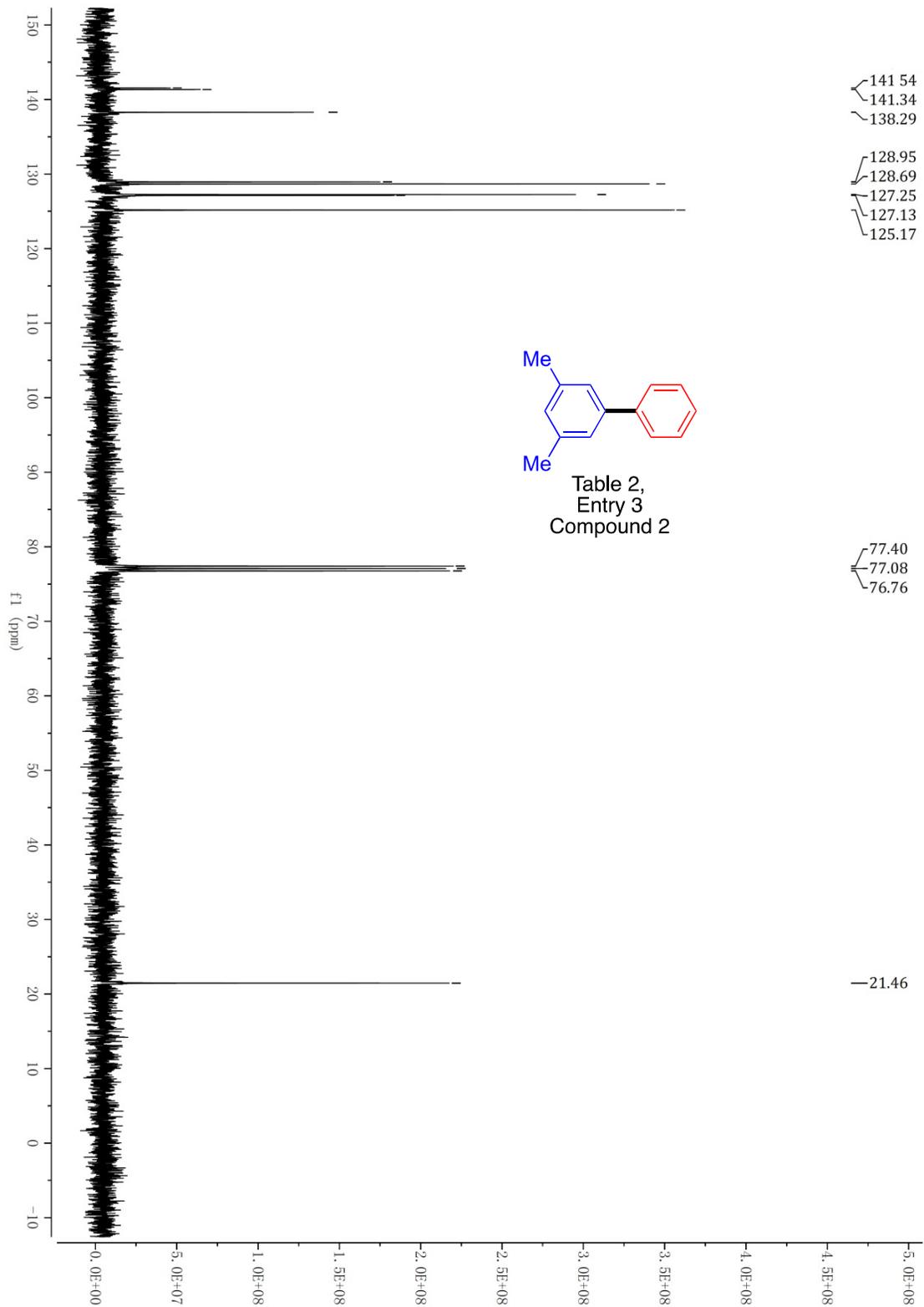
Eluents (Hexane, R_f = 0.55), ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.57 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.33 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 2.46 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 141.04, 138.36, 137.04, 129.53, 127.03, 21.14.

5. ^1H , ^{13}C spectra









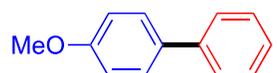
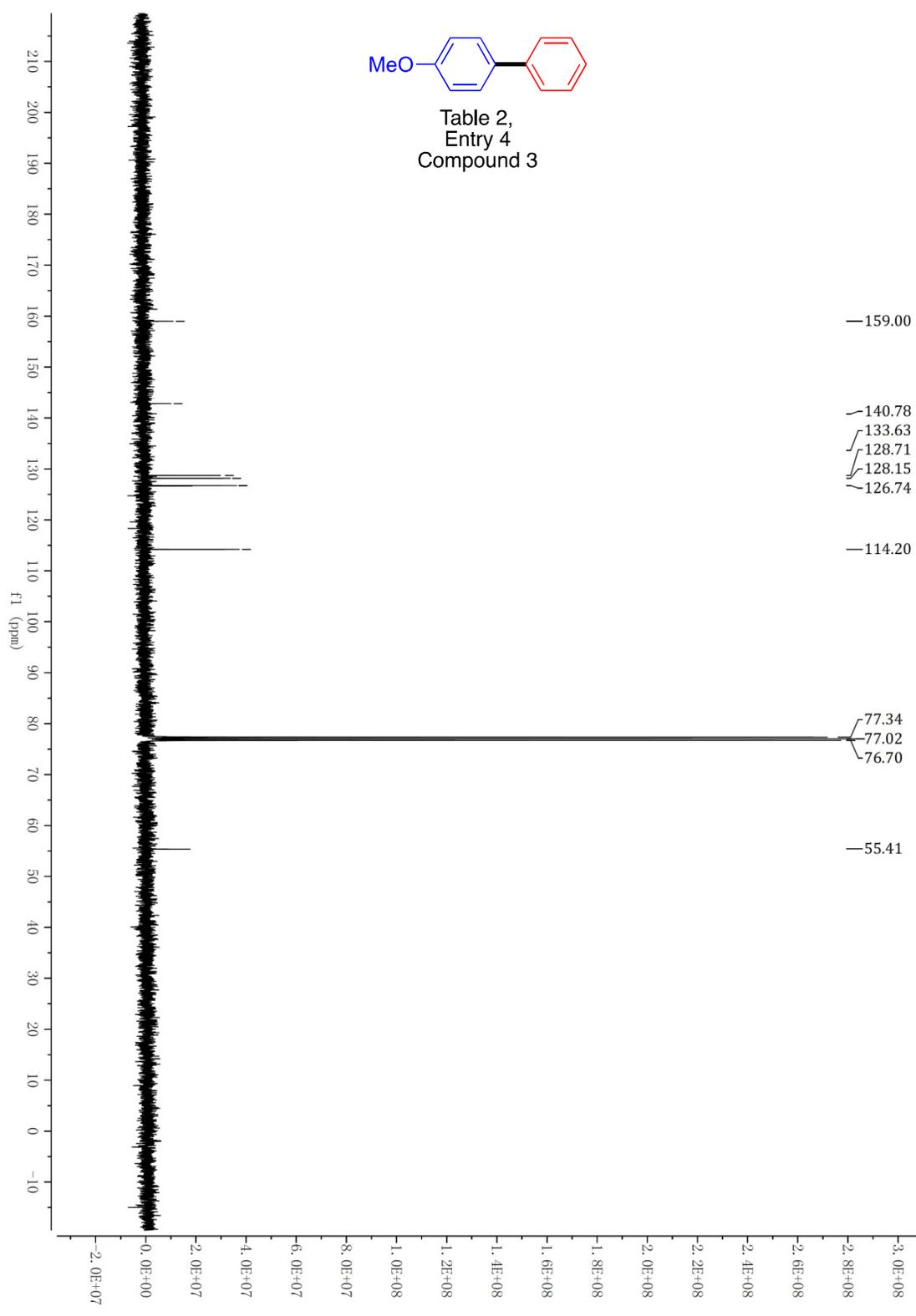
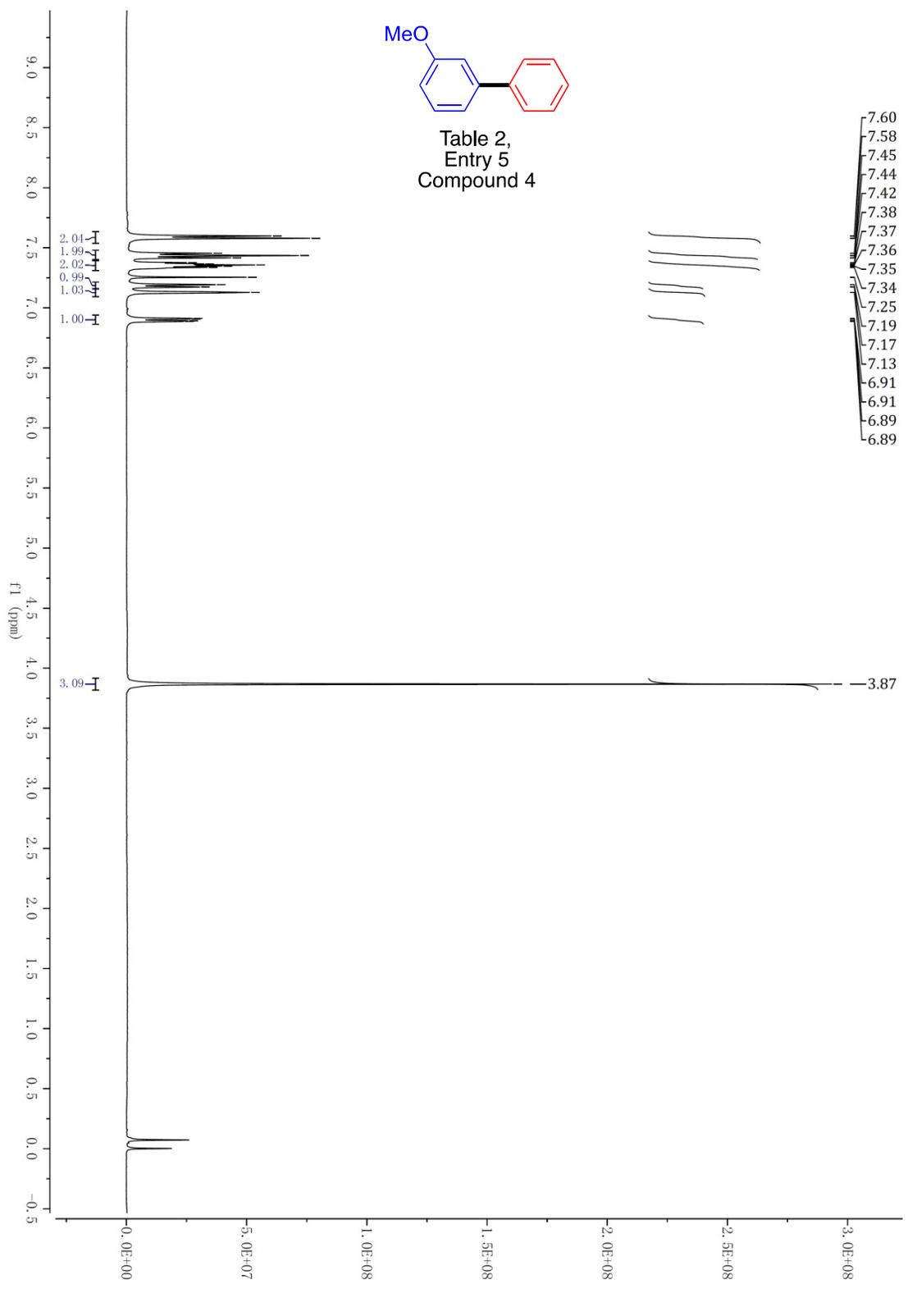
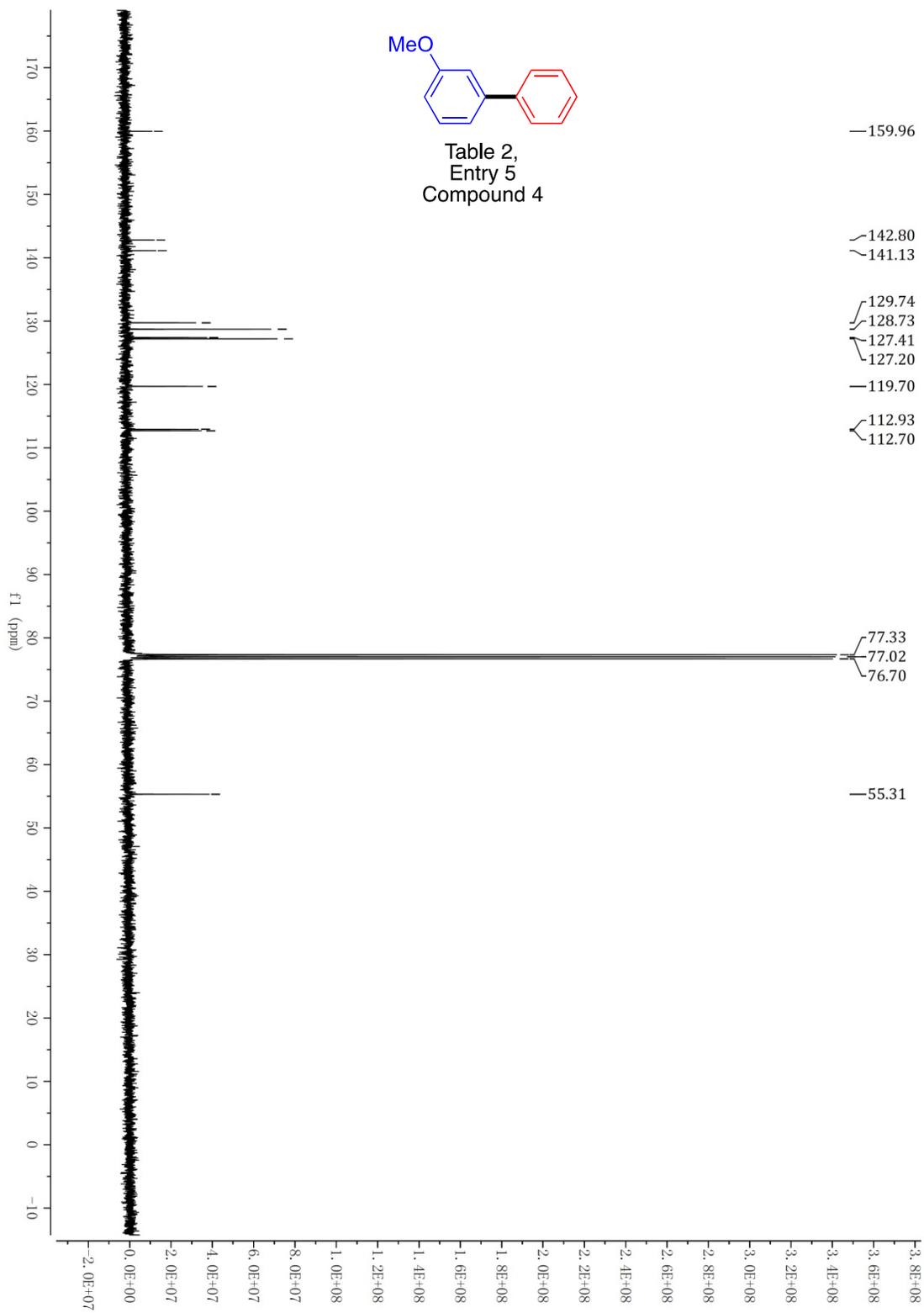
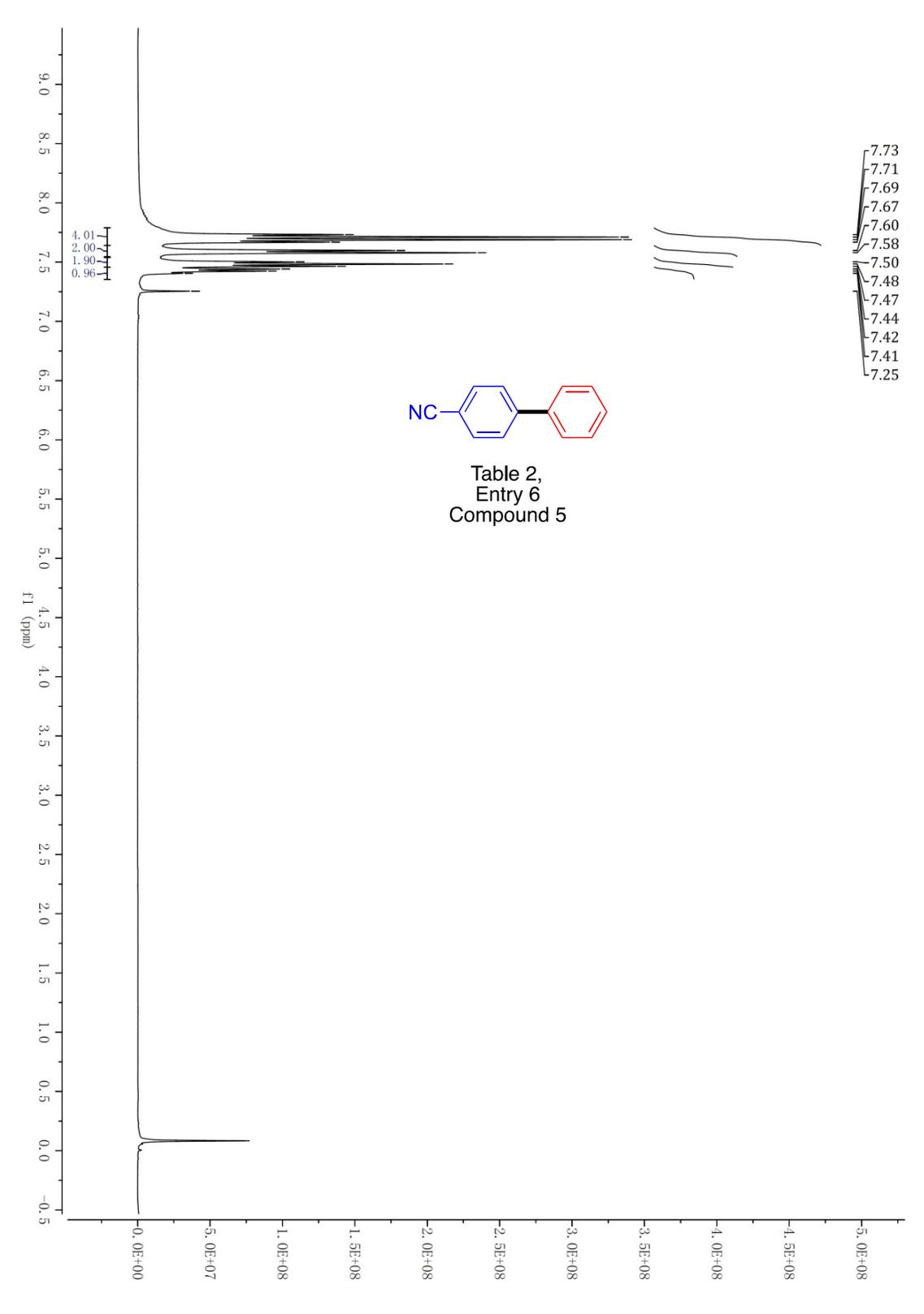


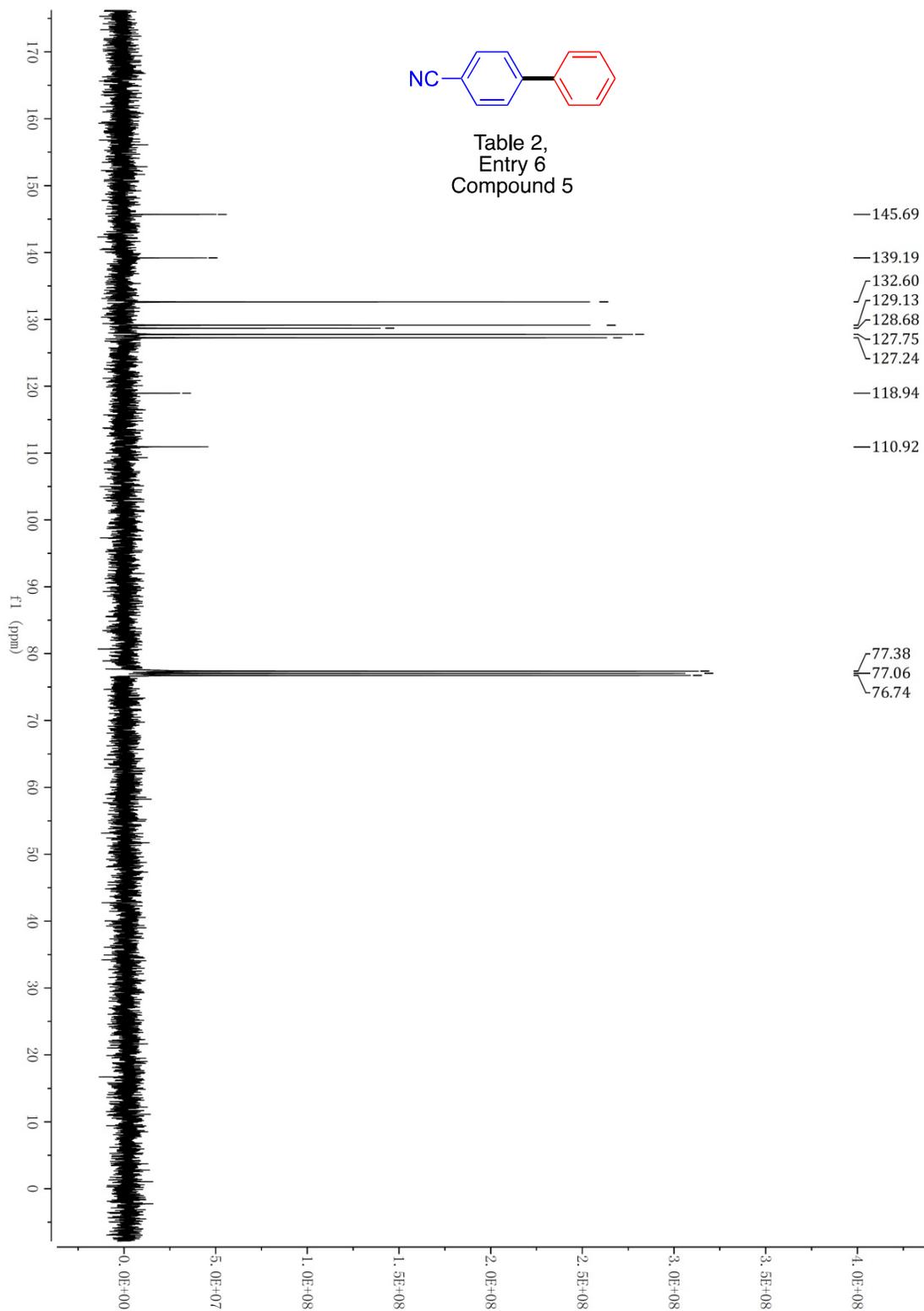
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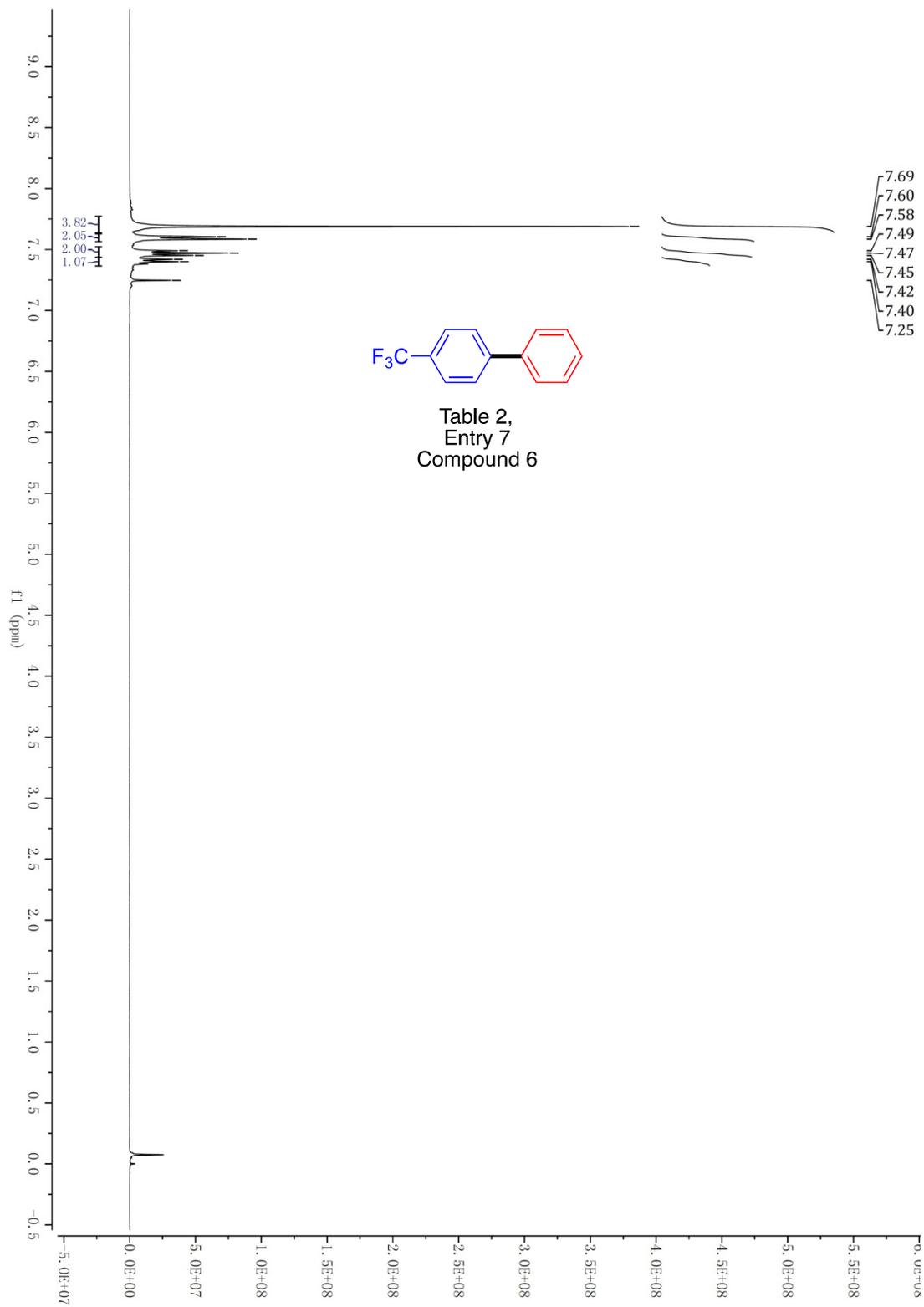


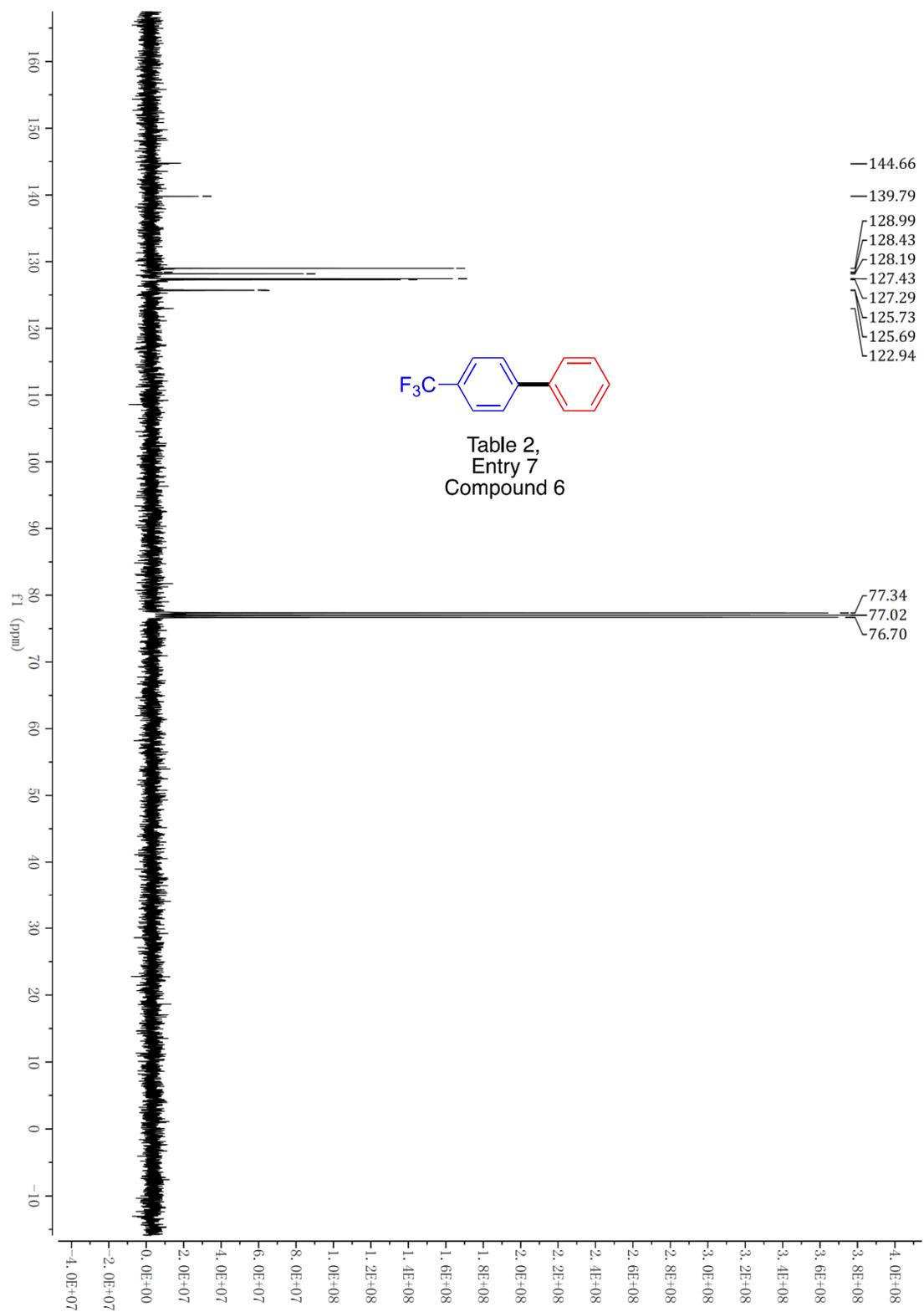


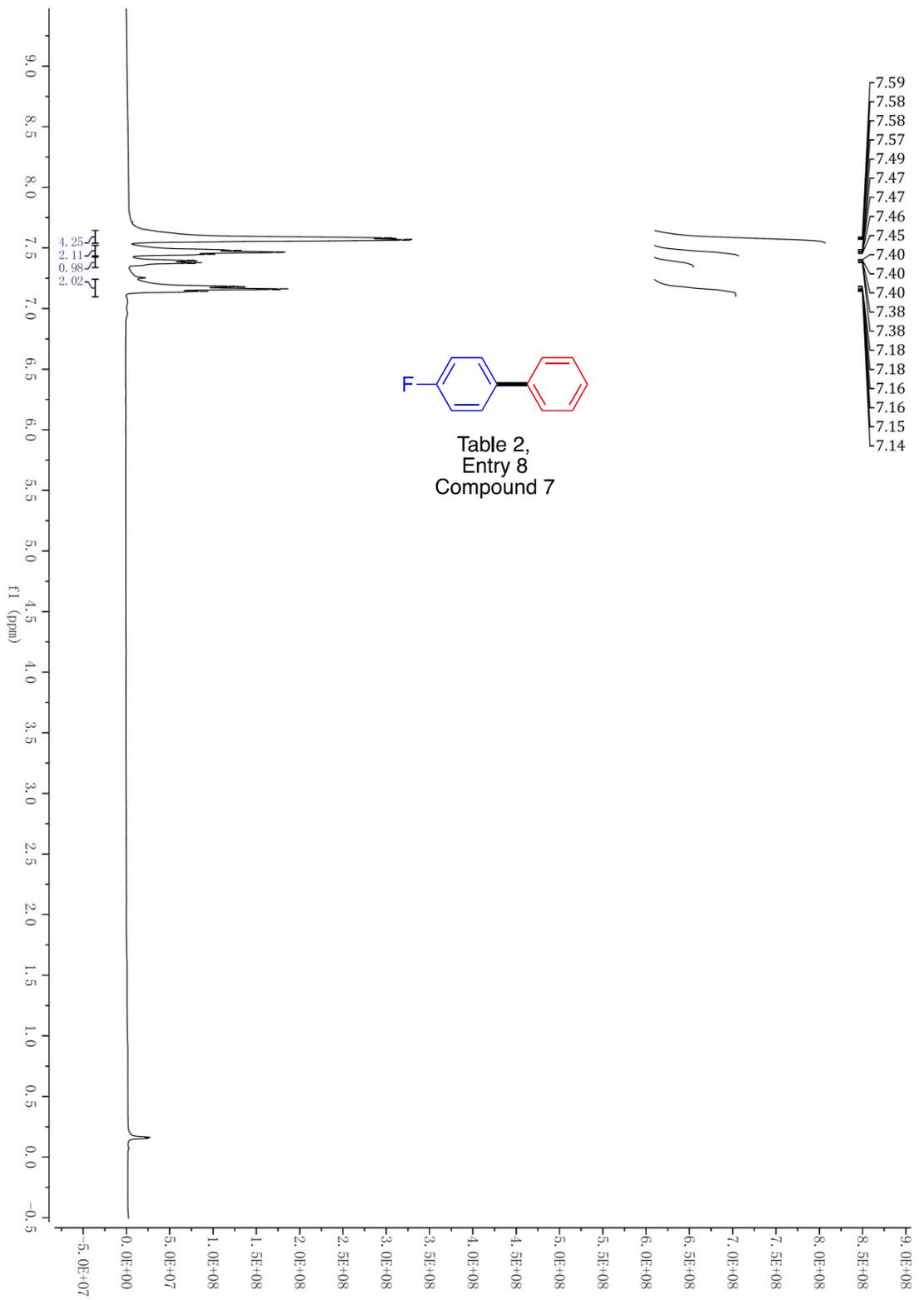


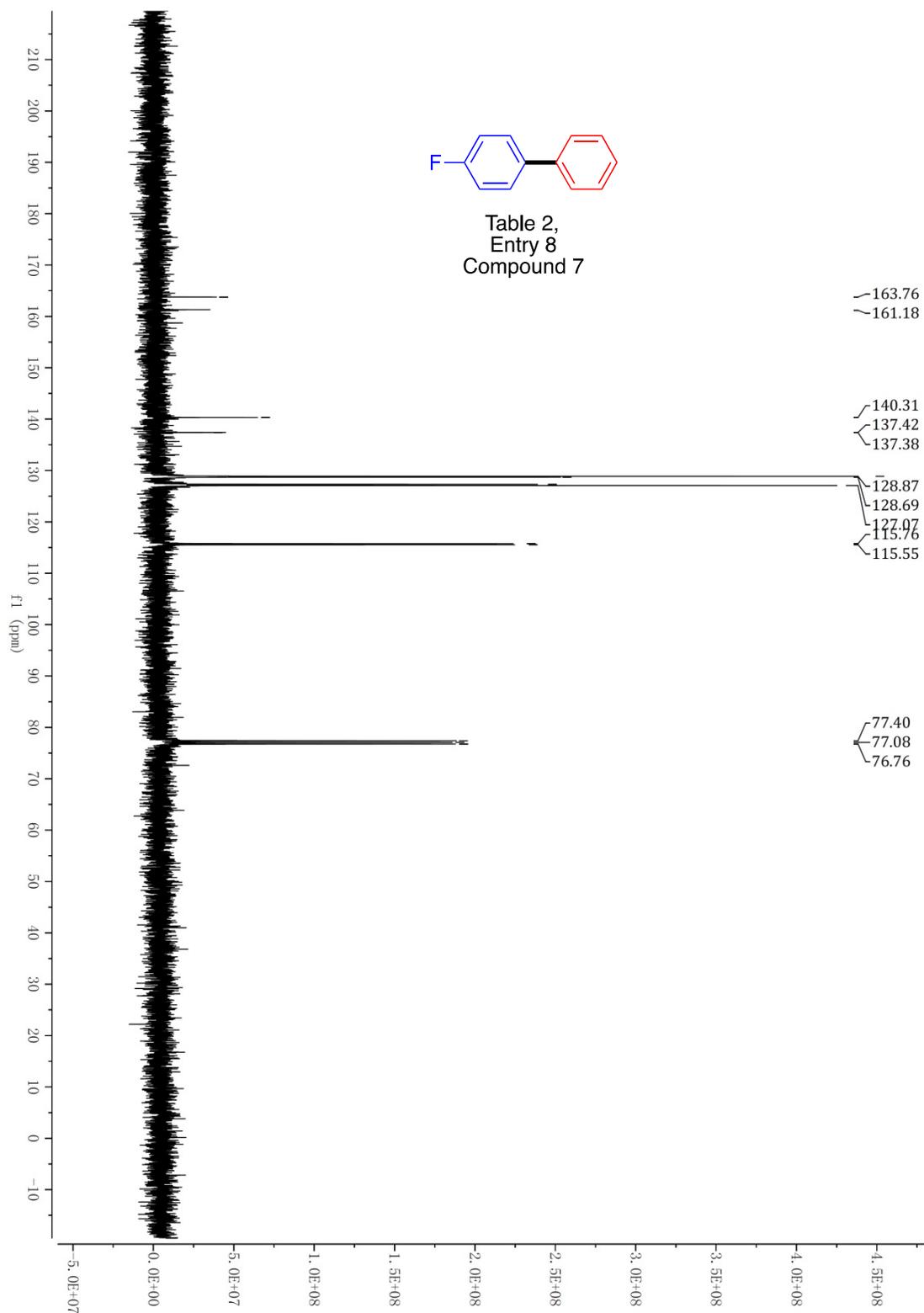


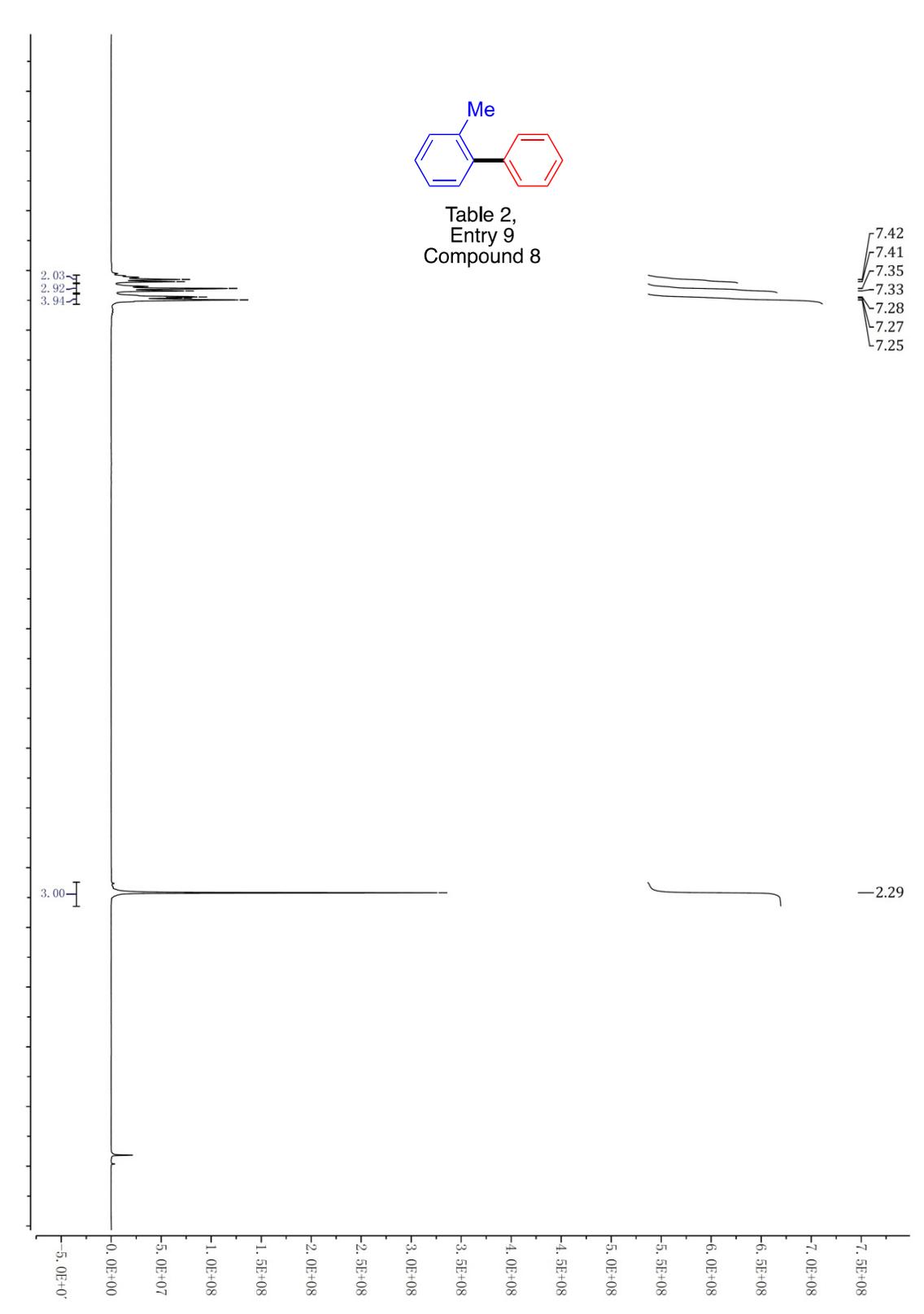












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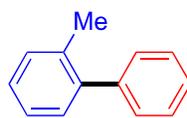
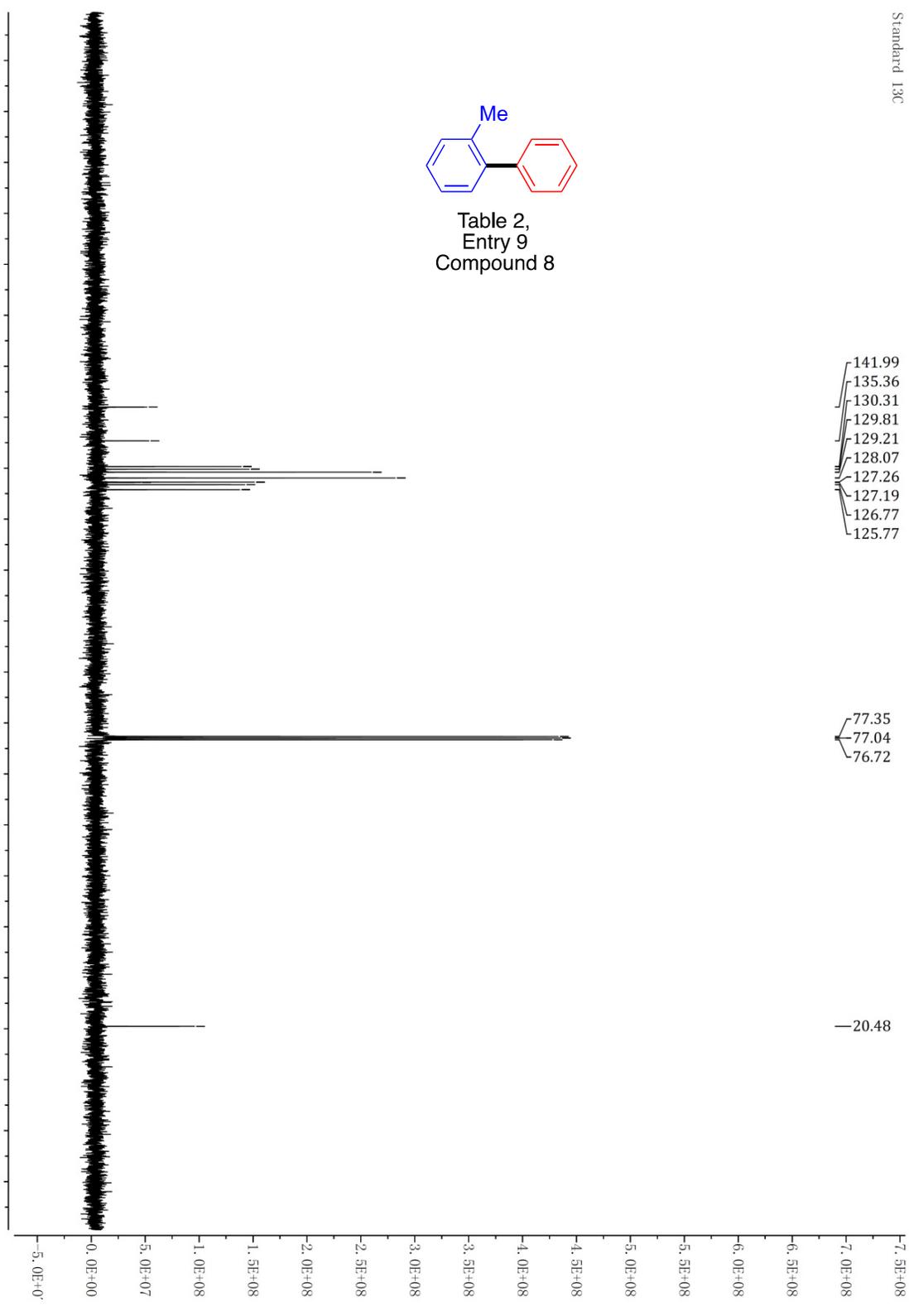
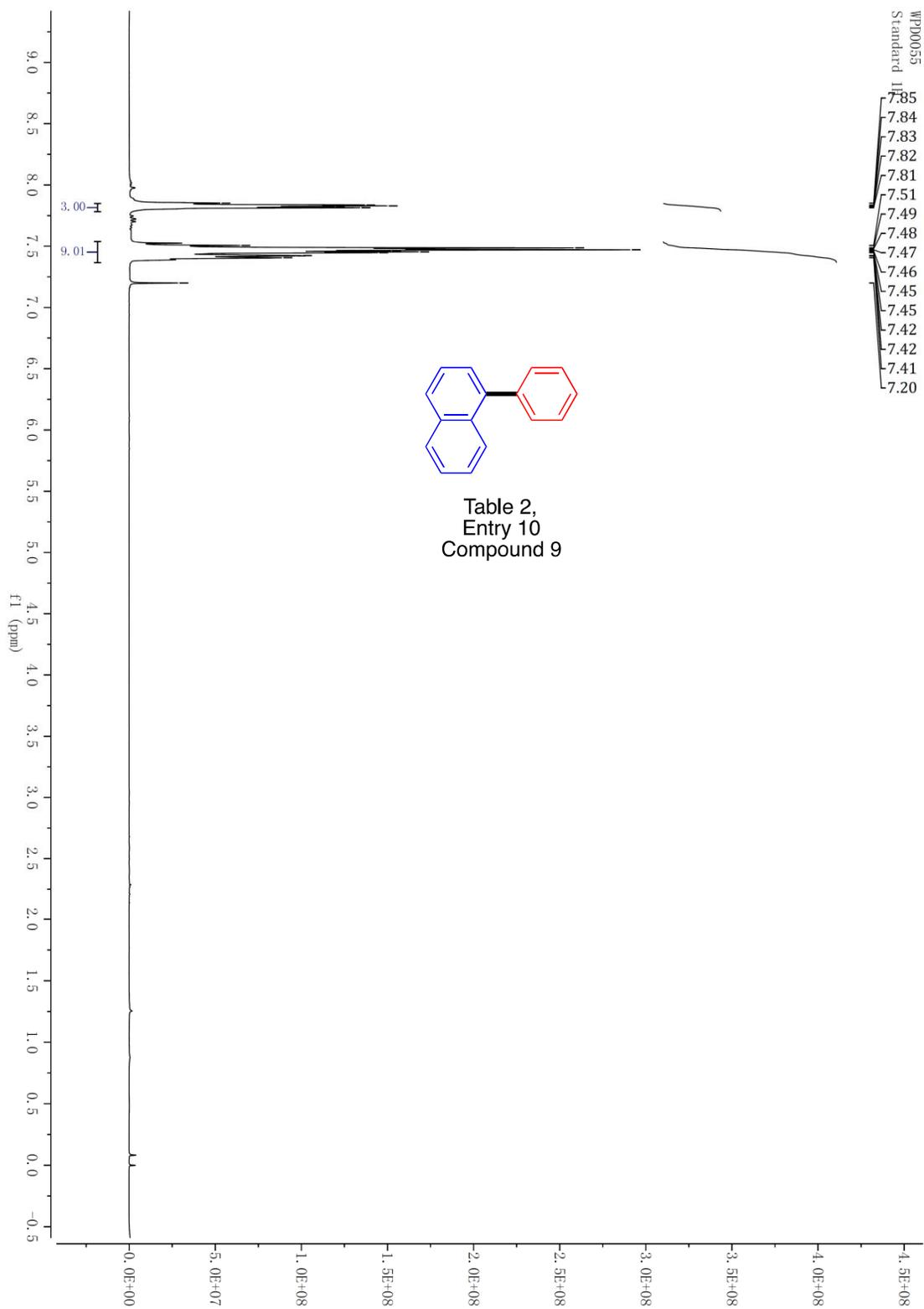
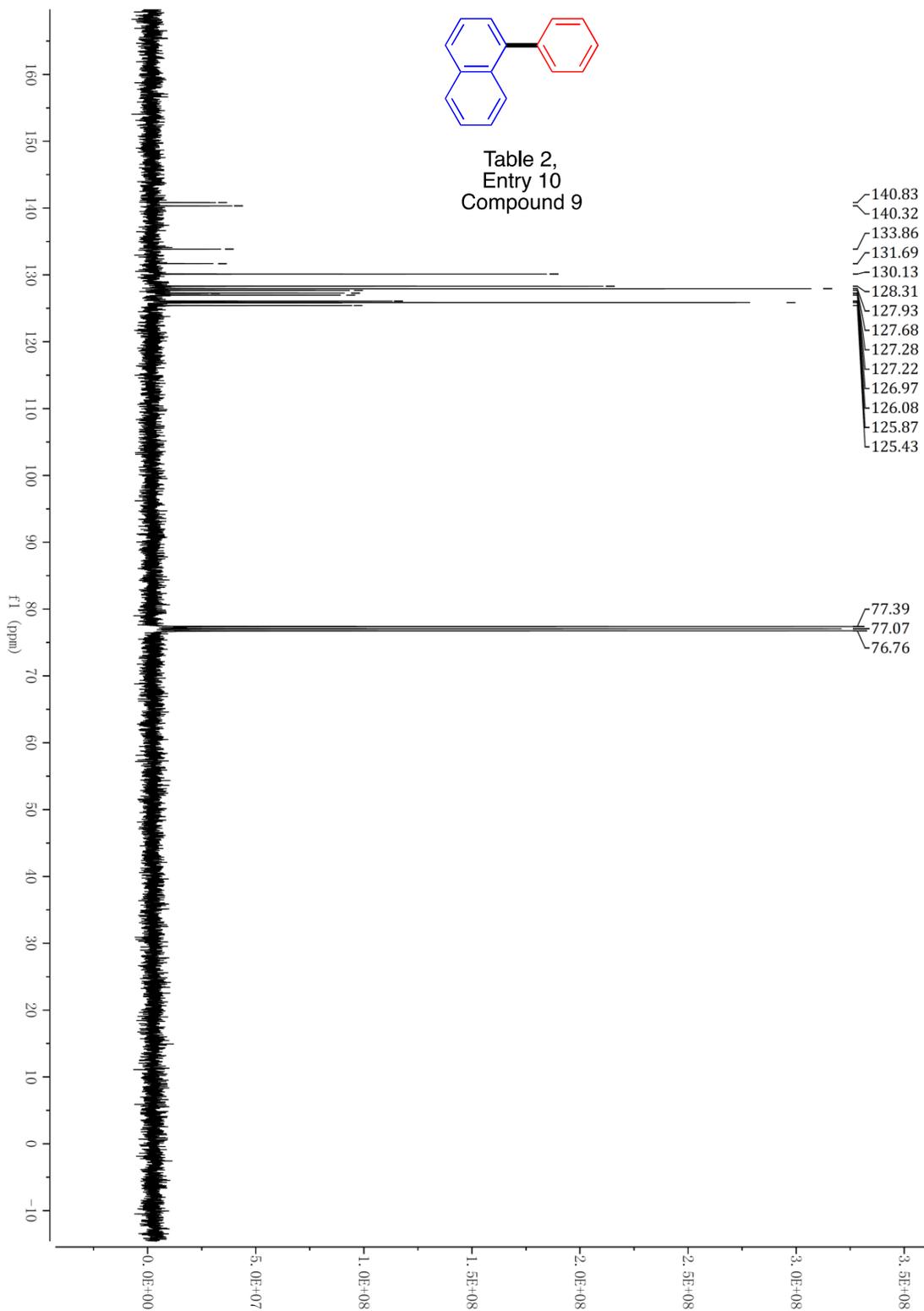
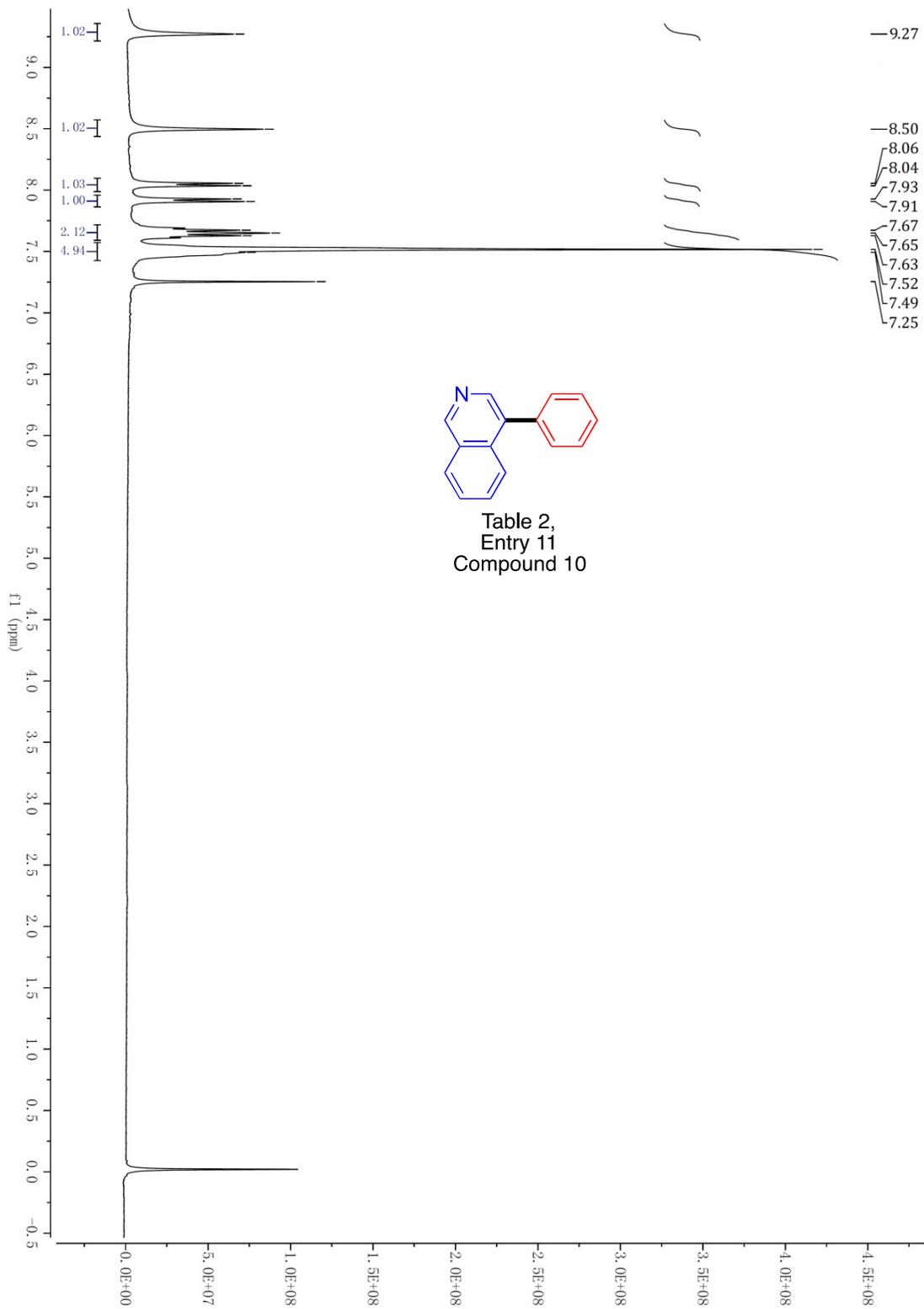


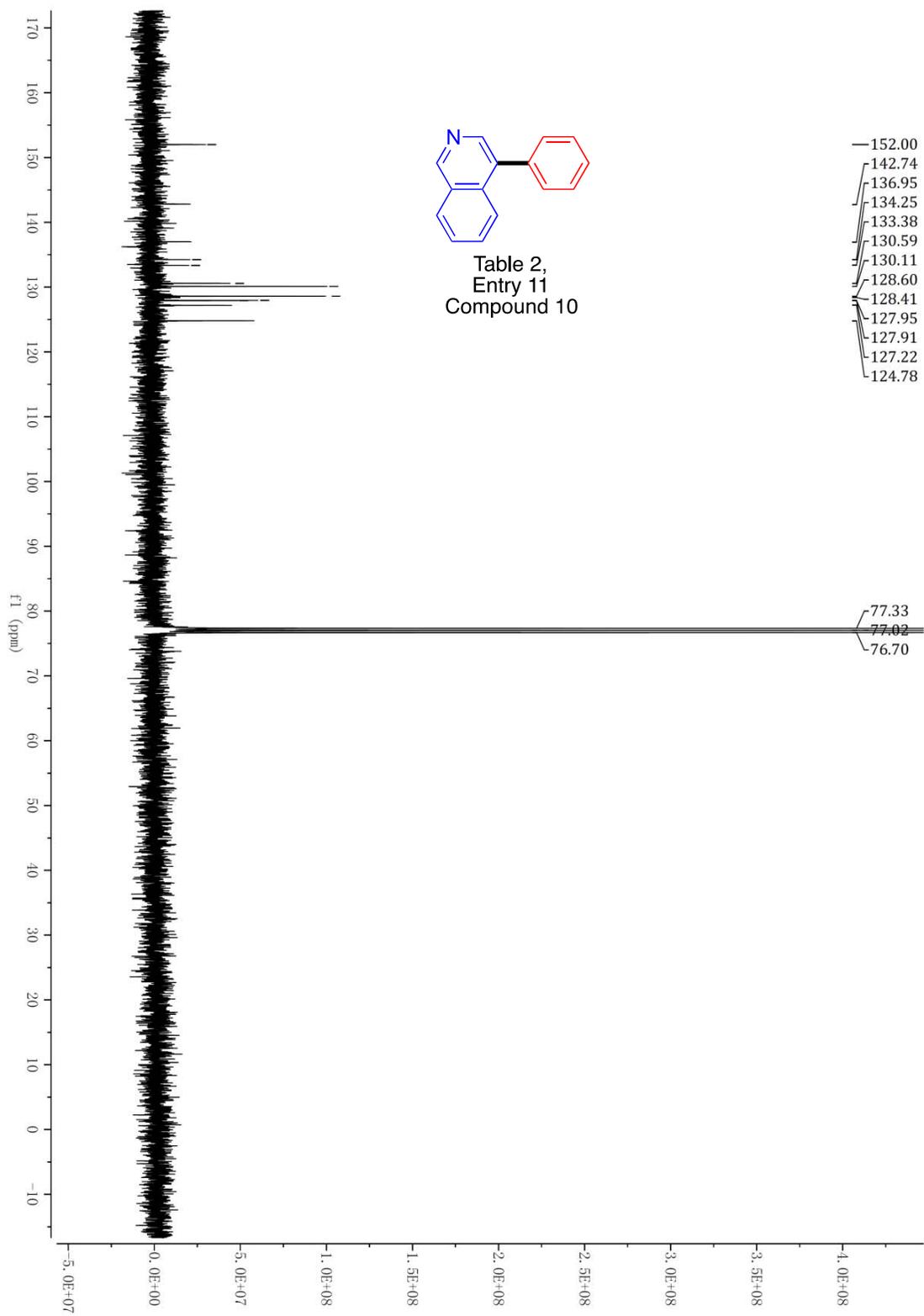
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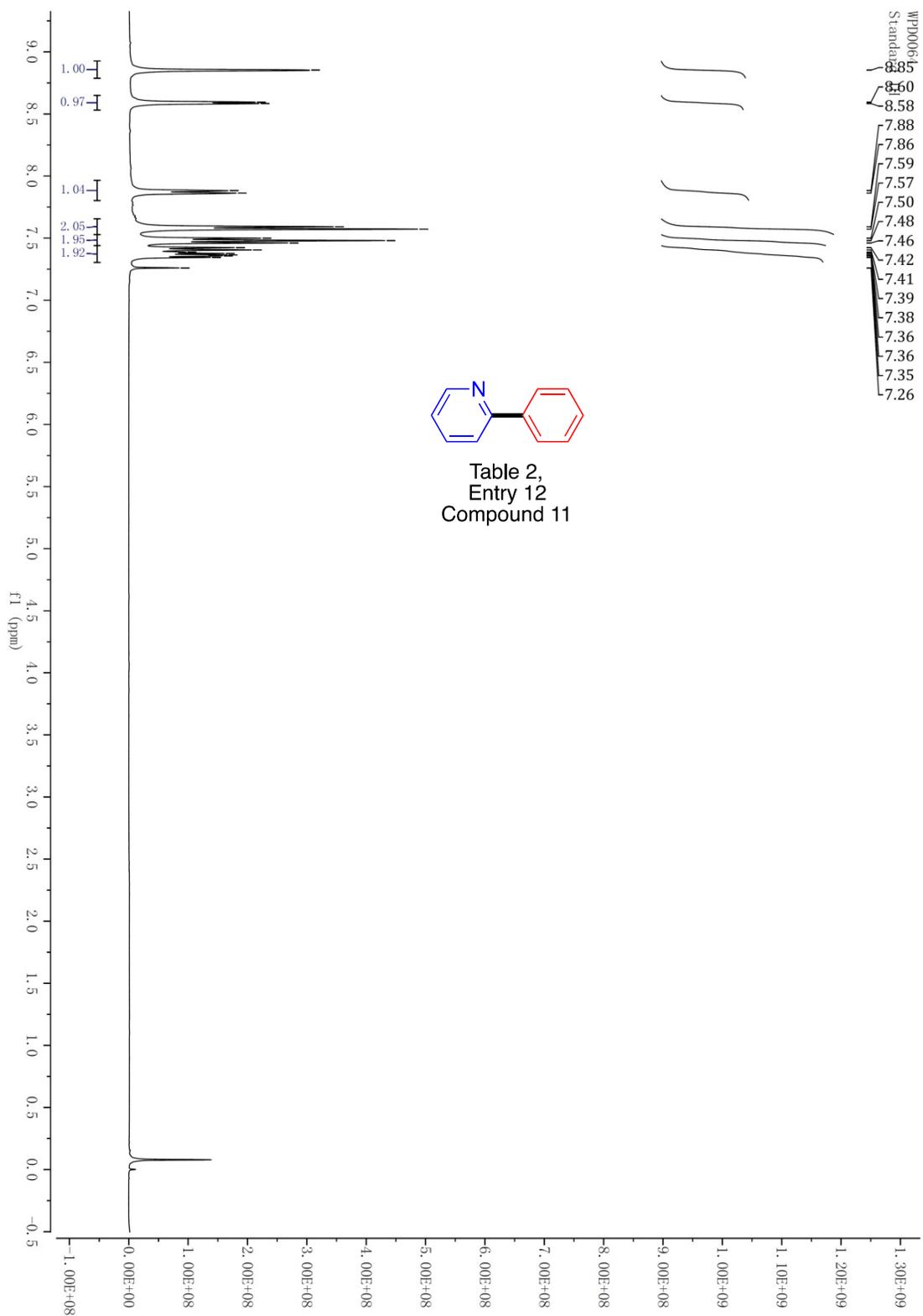


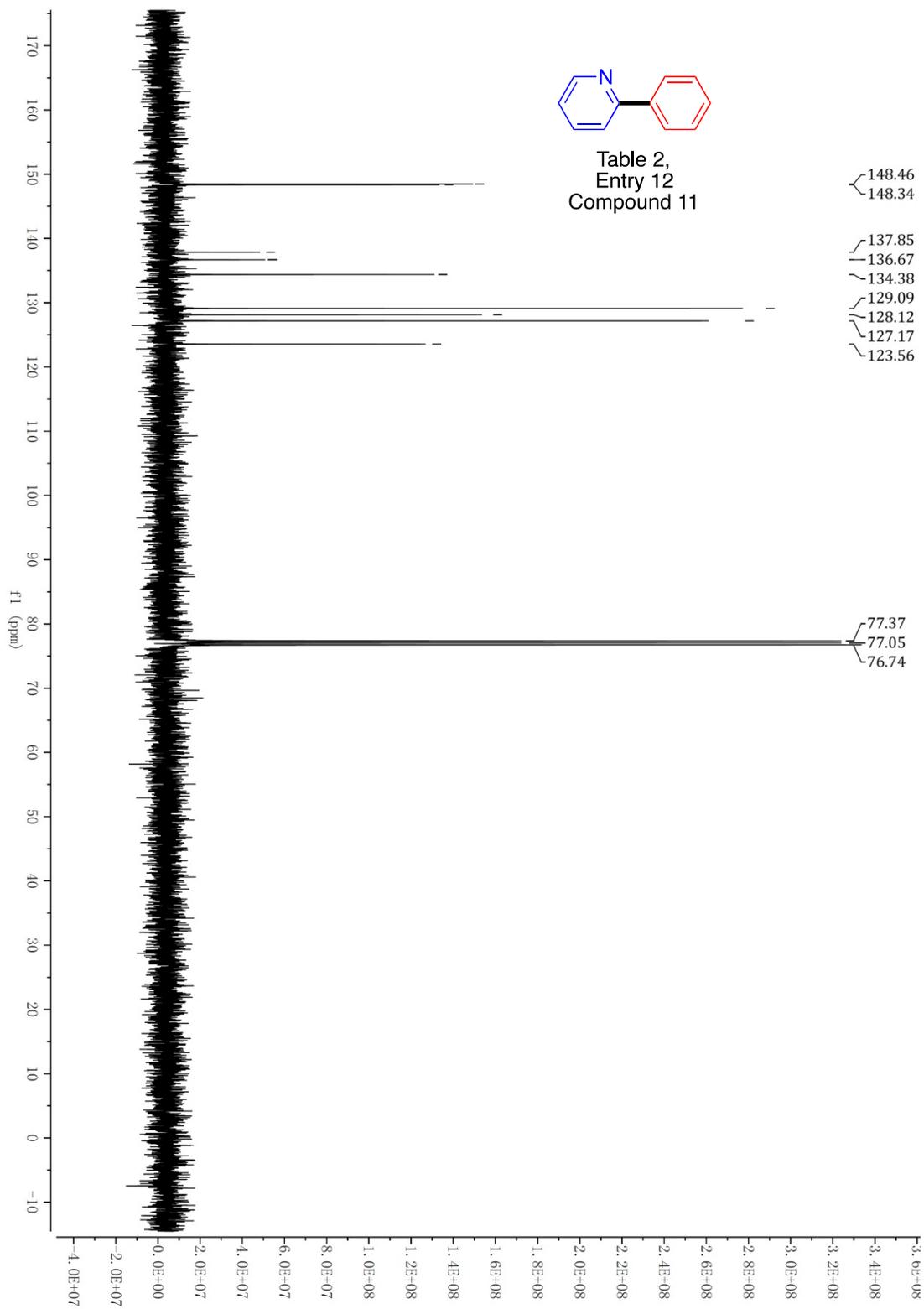


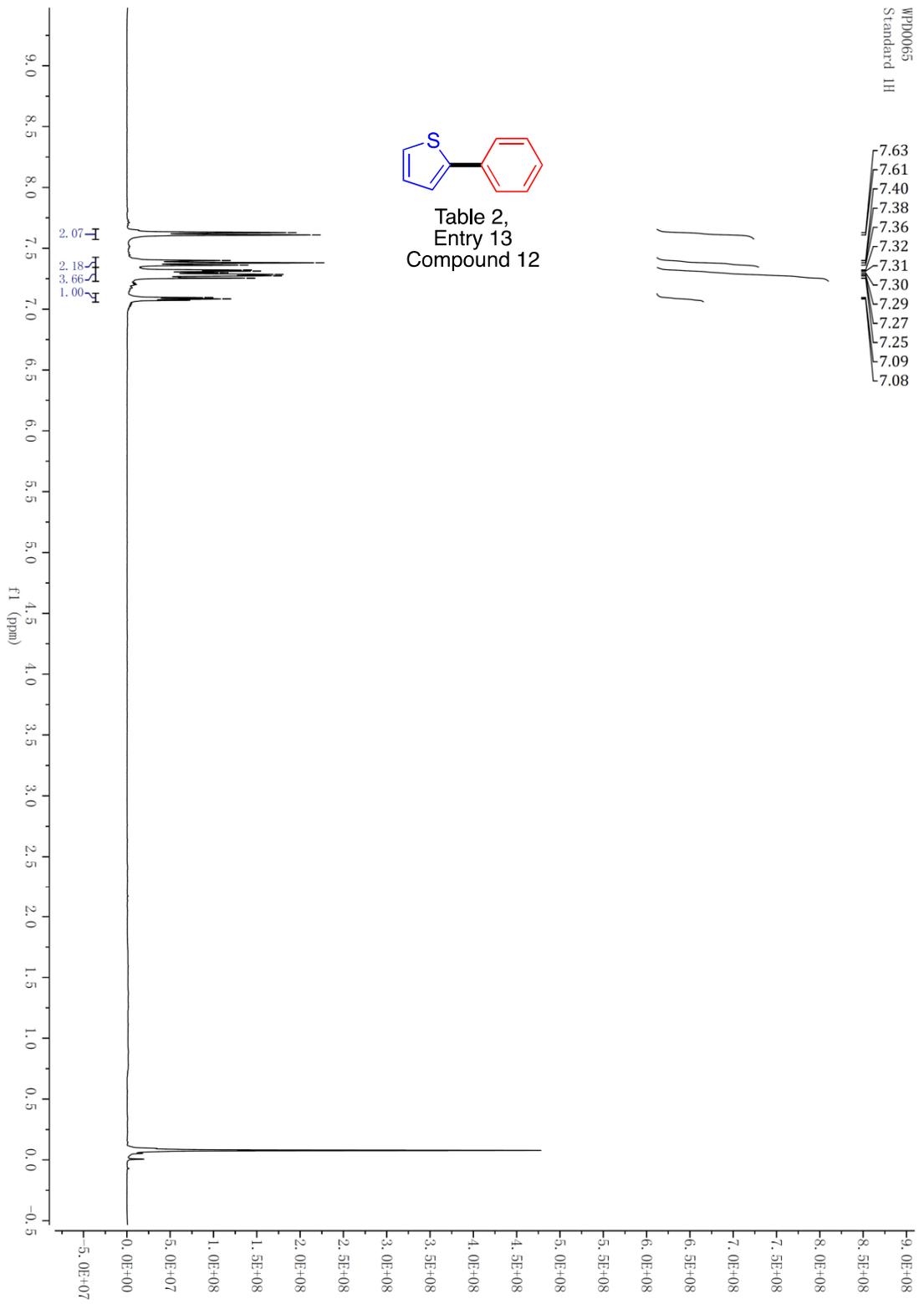


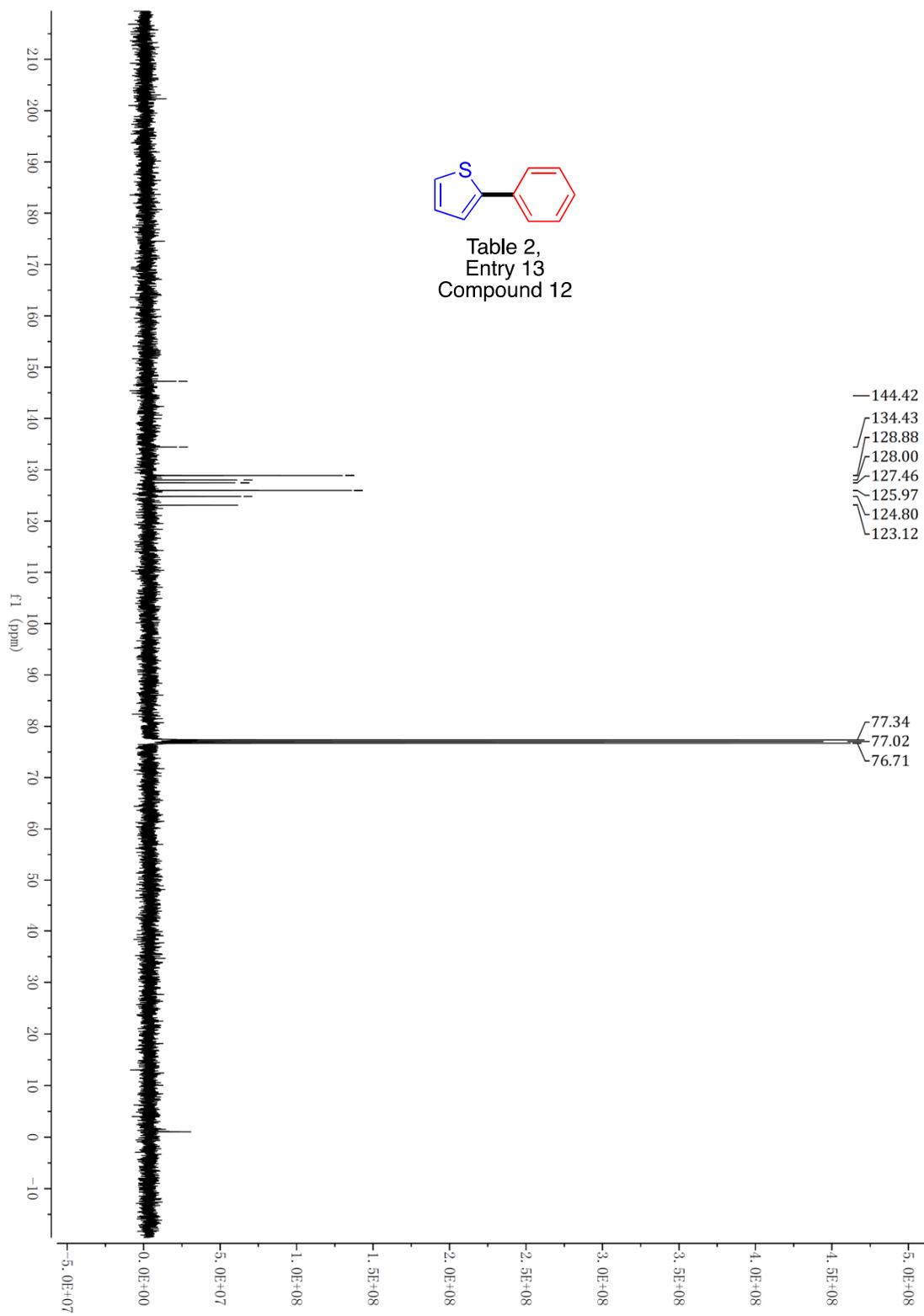


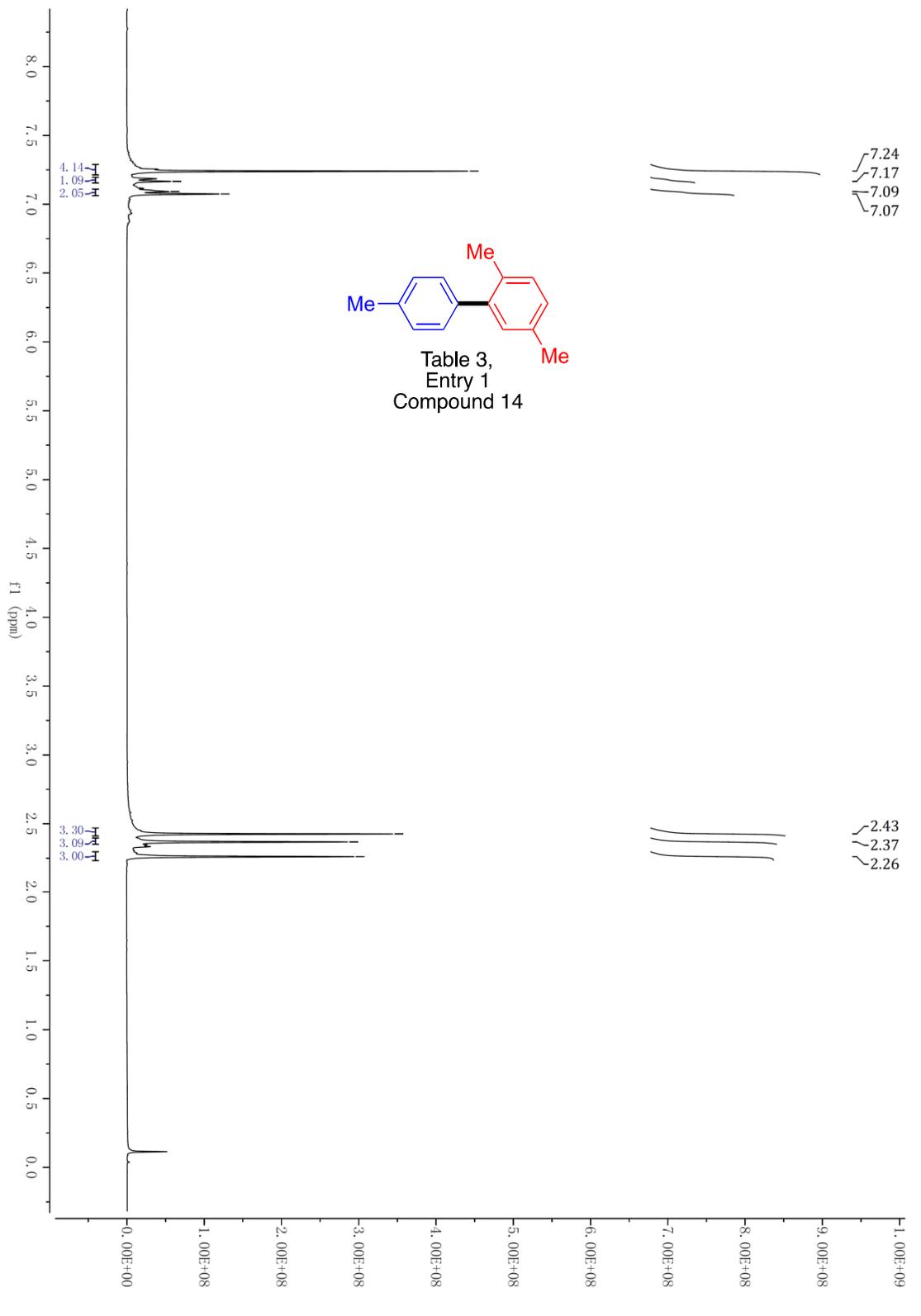


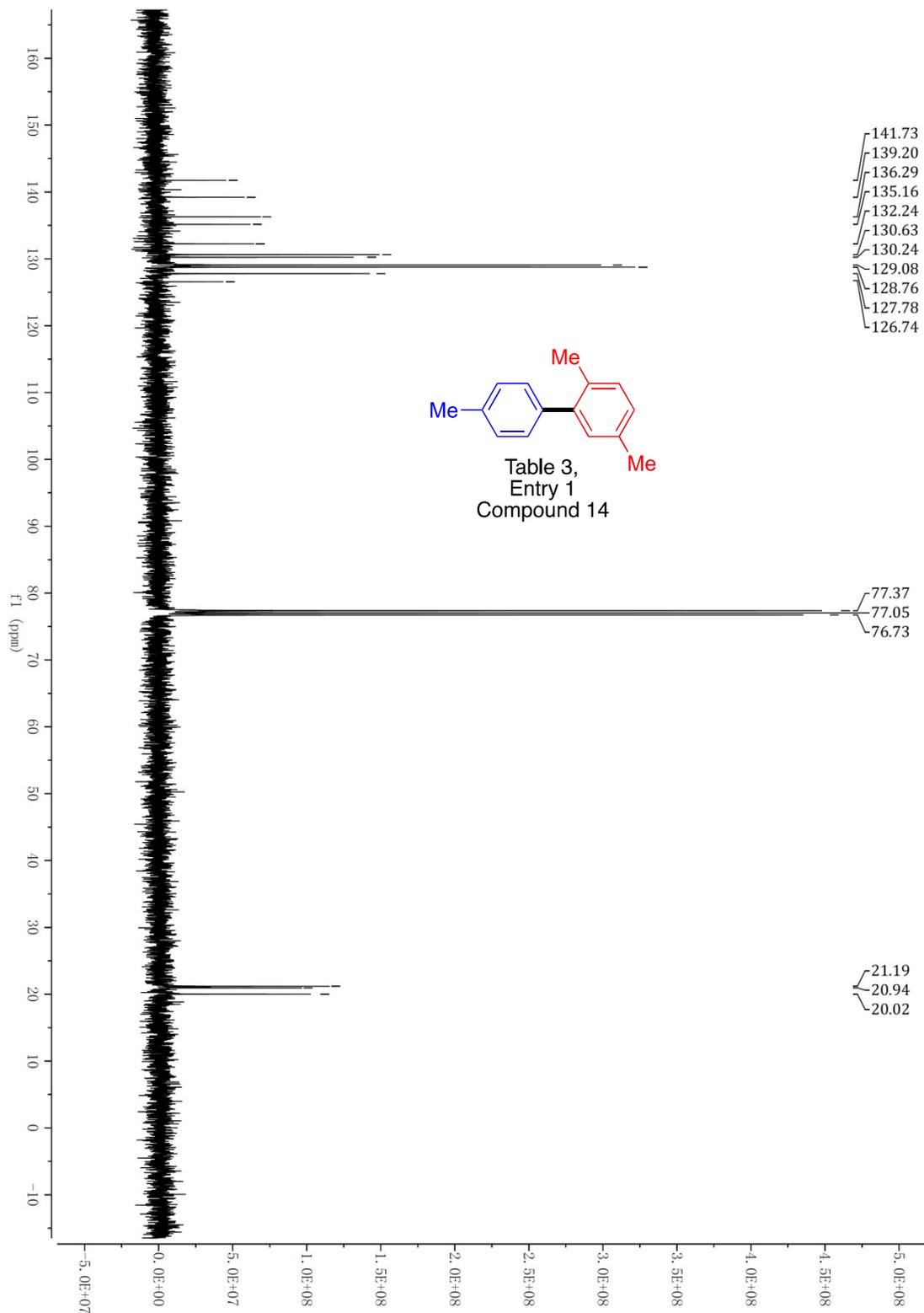


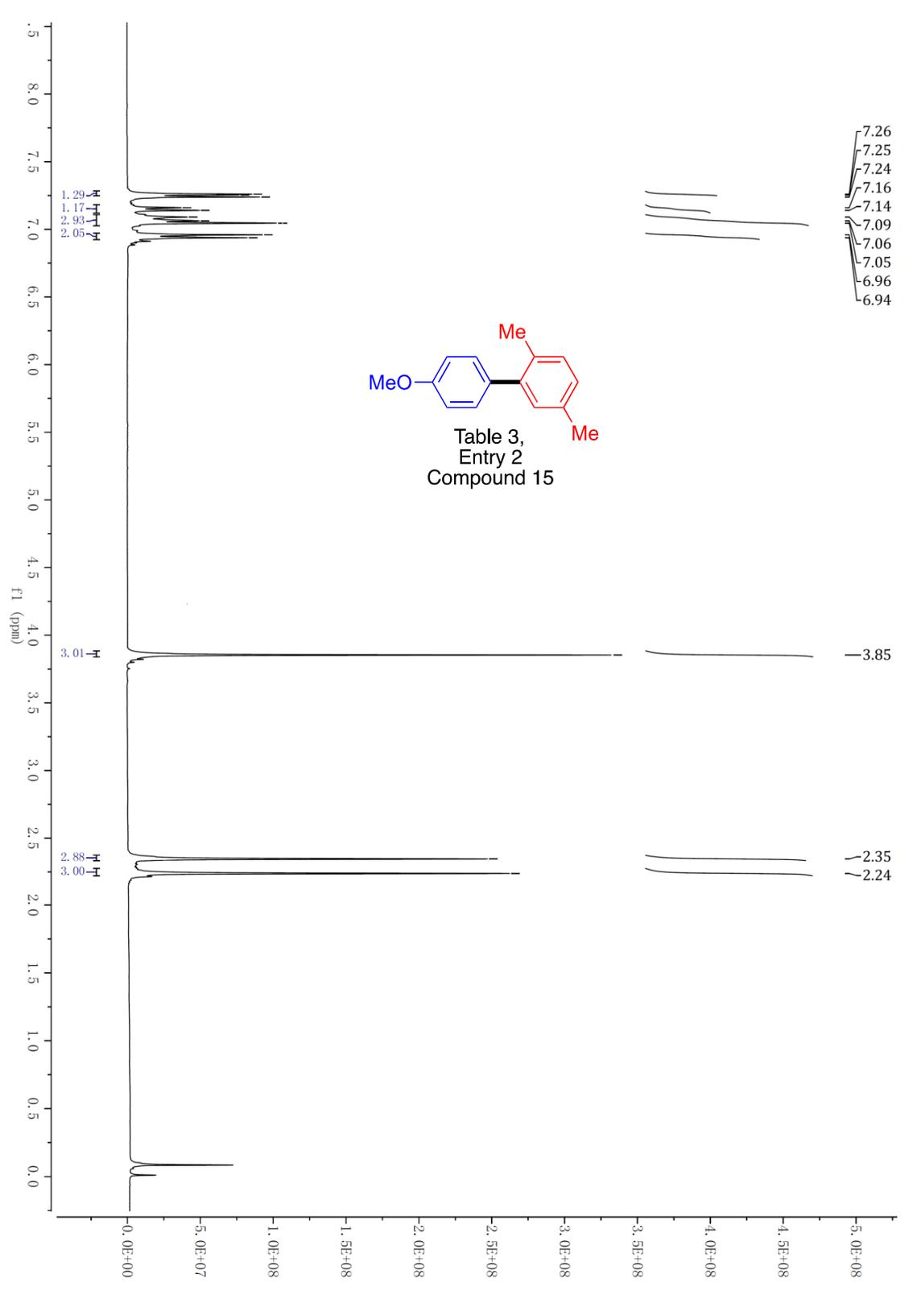


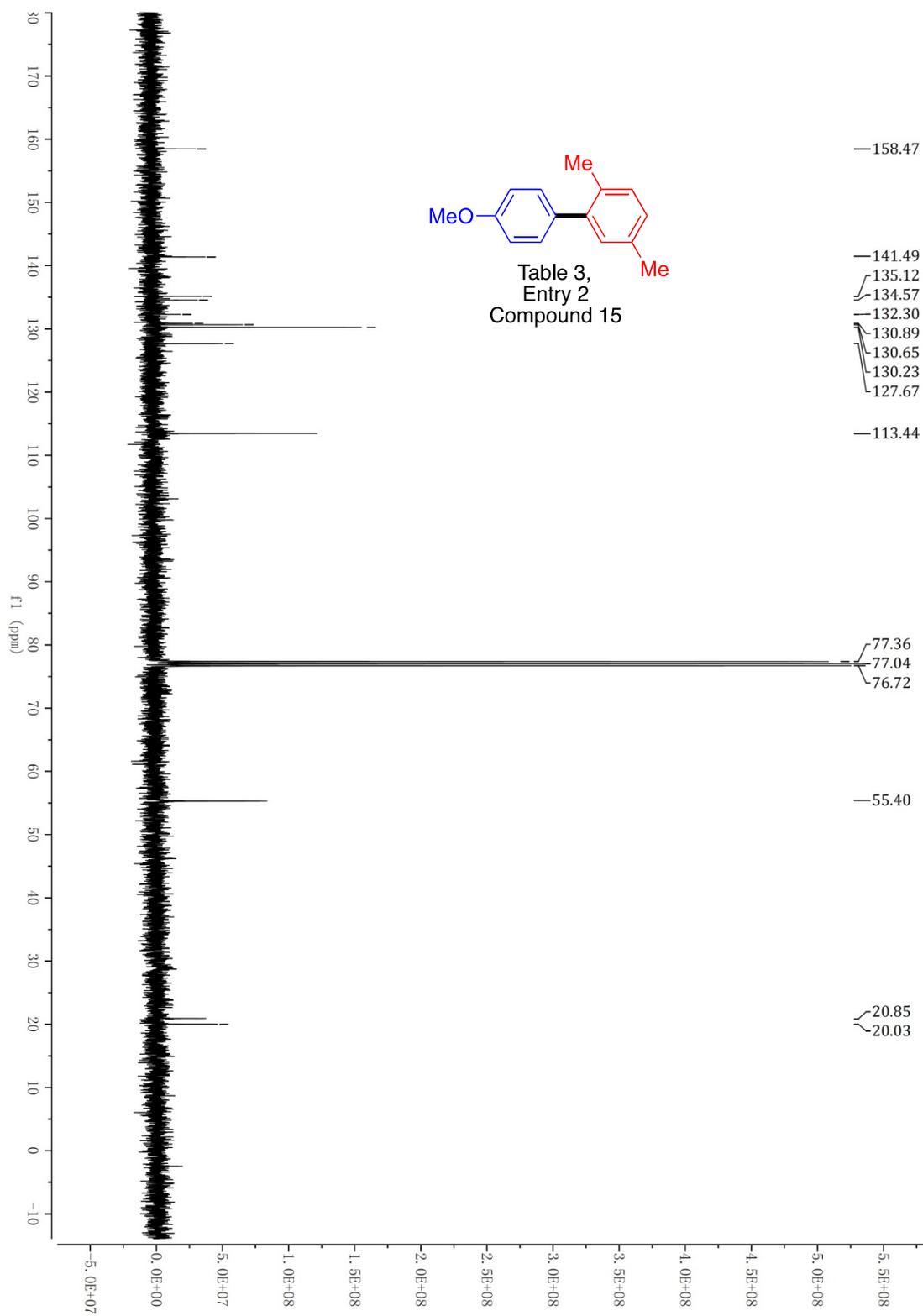


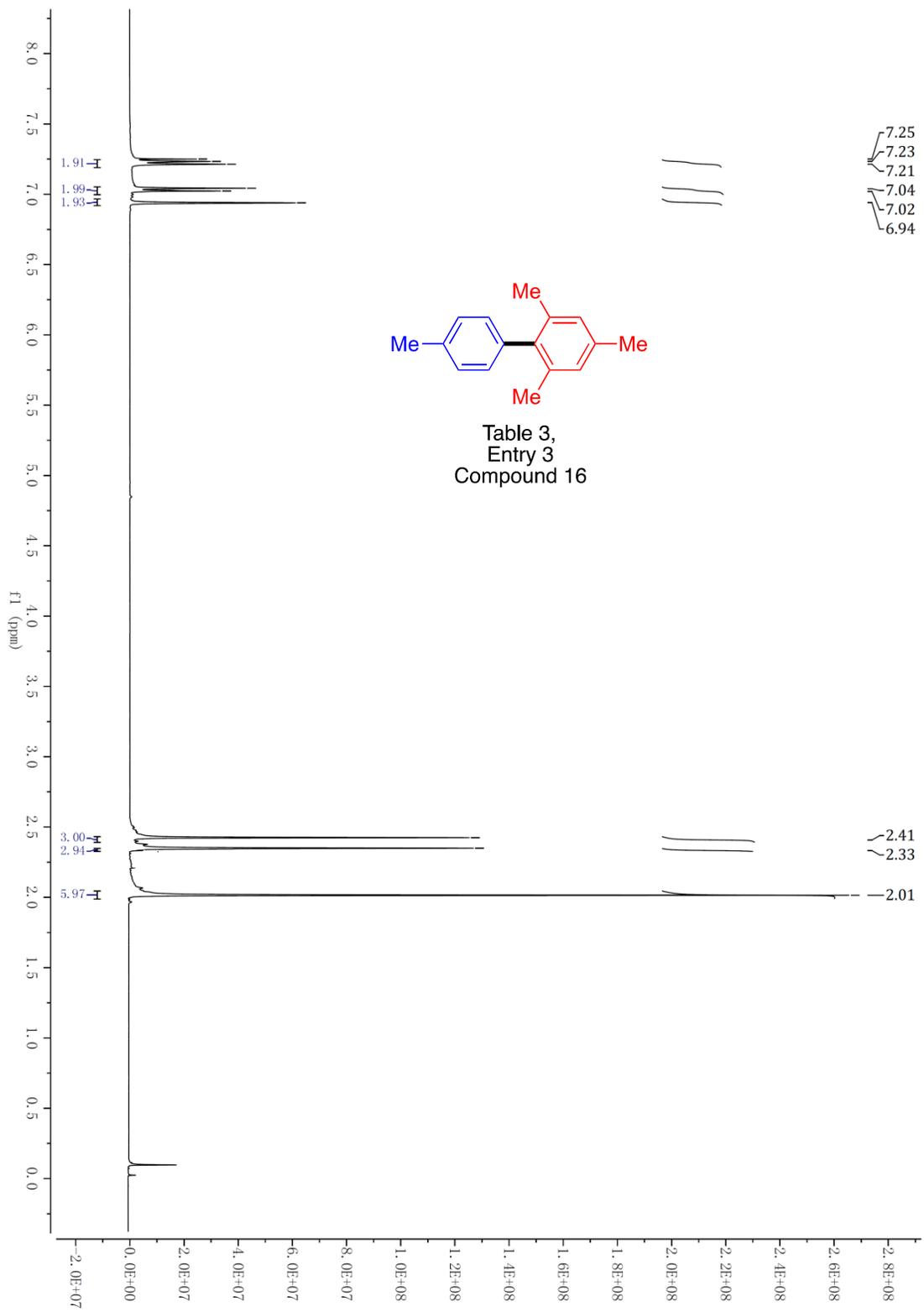


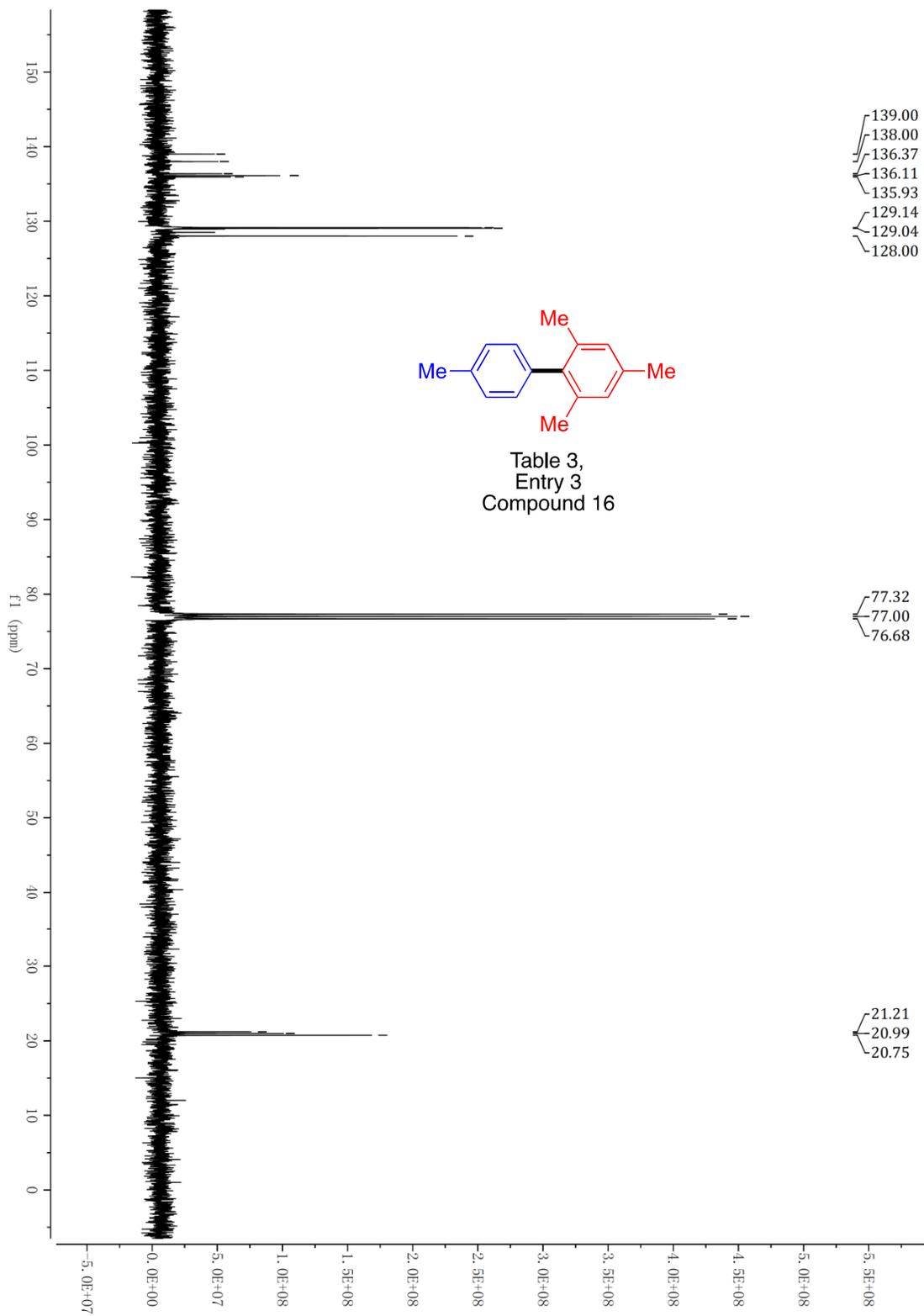


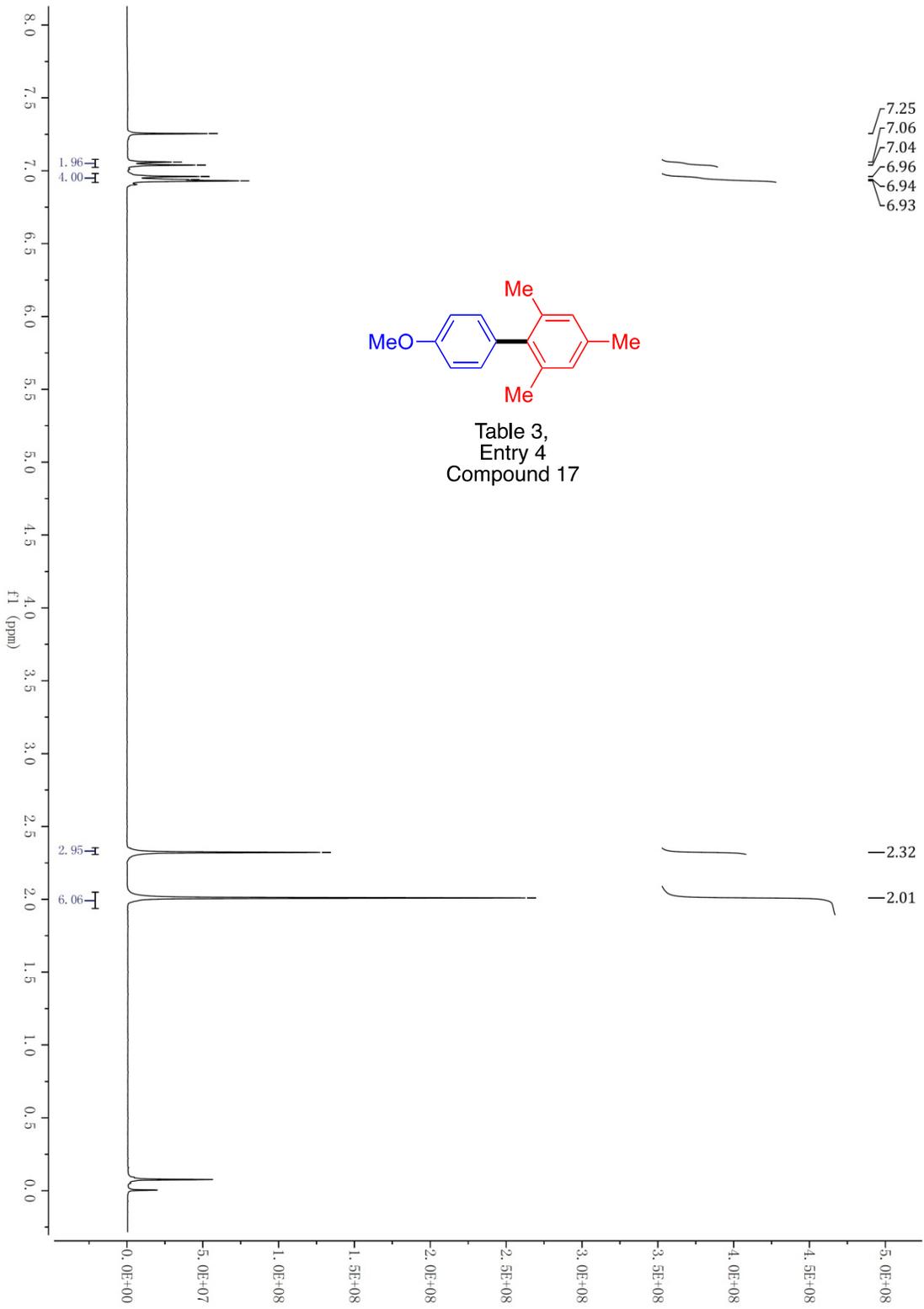


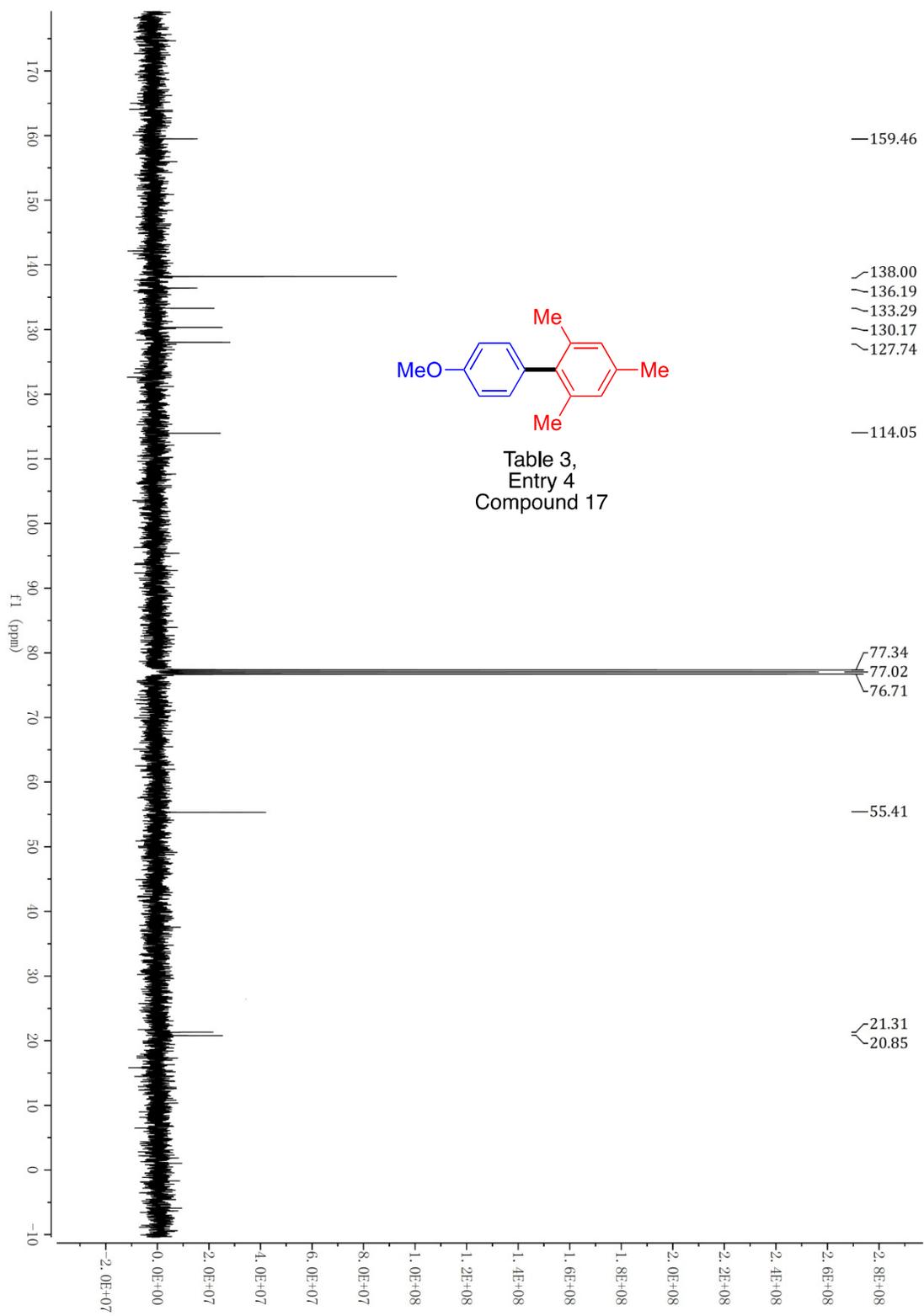


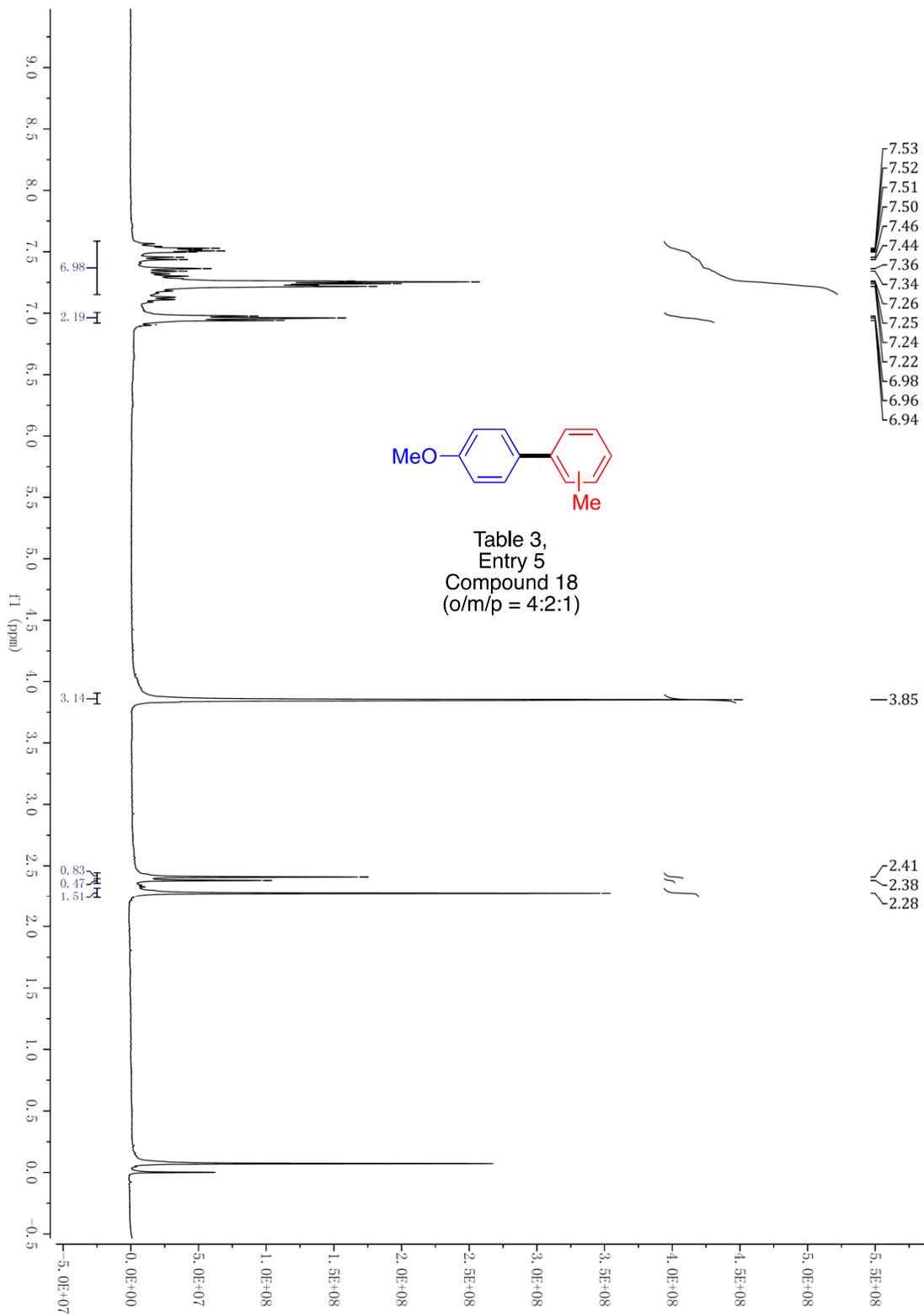












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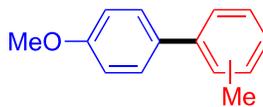
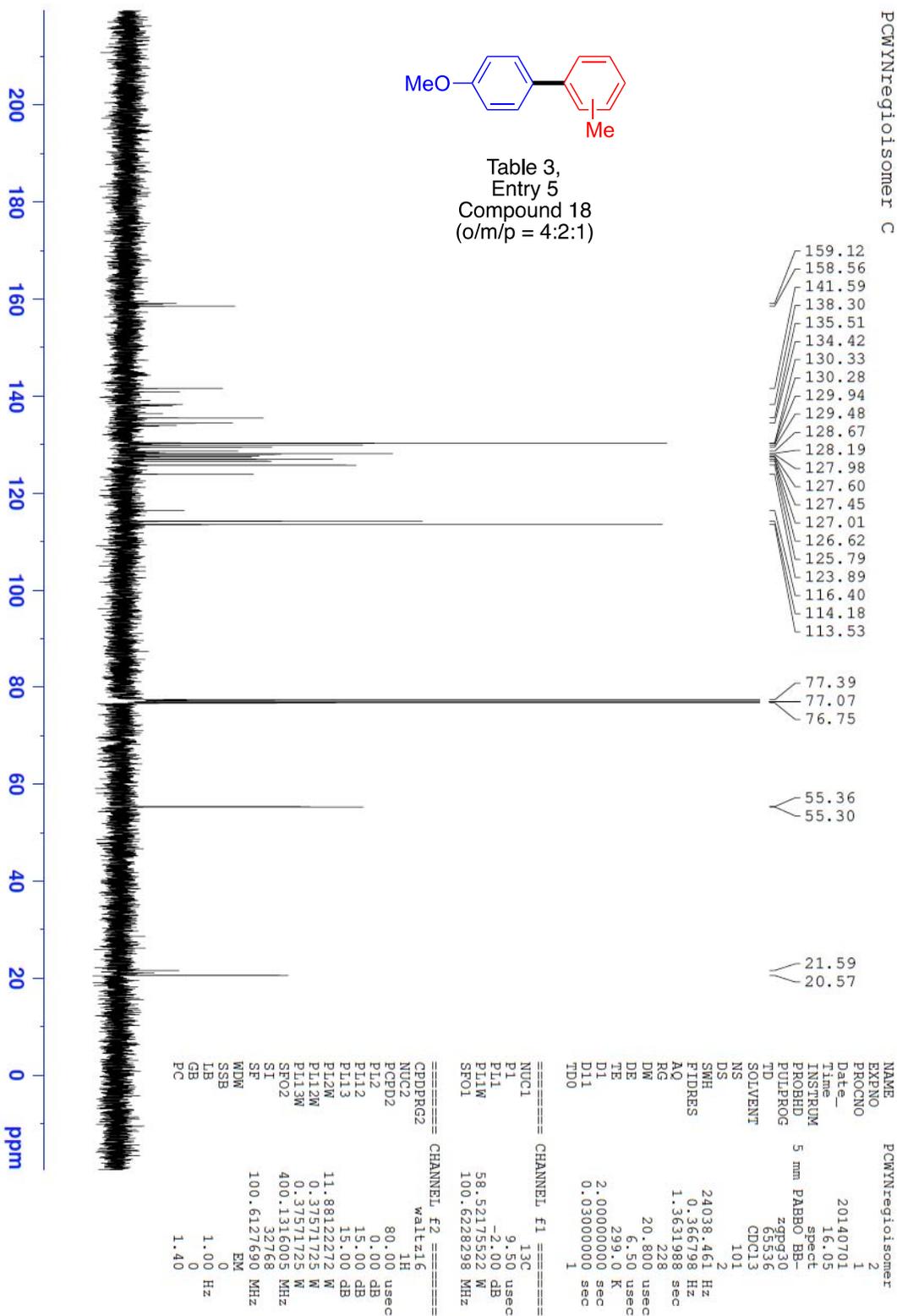
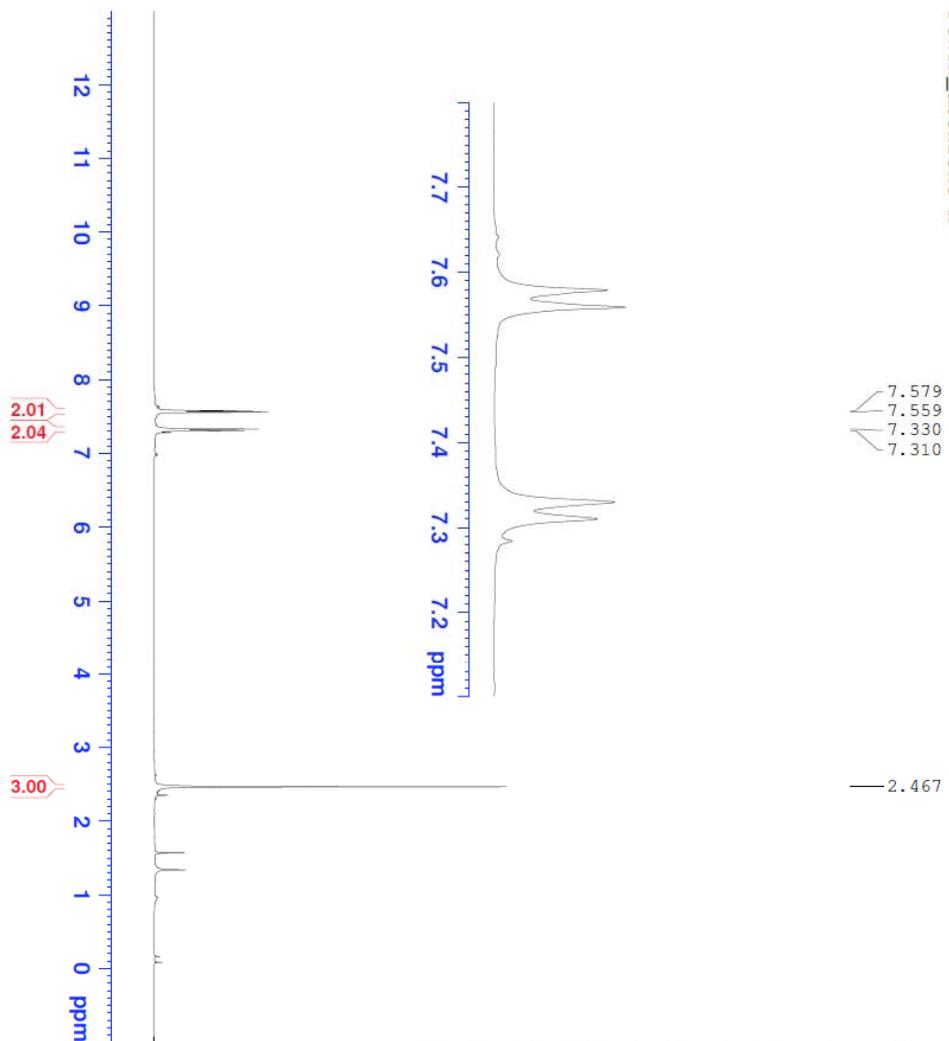


Table 3,
Entry 5
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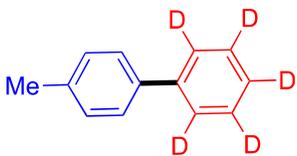


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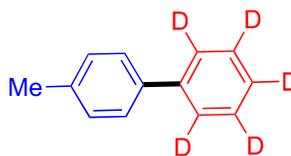
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TD 32768
SOLVENT CDCl3
NS 16
DS 2
SWH 5597.015 Hz
FIDRES 0.170807 Hz
AQ 2.9273248 sec
RG 90.5
DE 89.333 usec
TE 298.5 K
D1 1.0000000 sec
TD0 1

===== CHANNEL f1 =====
NUC1 1H
P1 14.70 usec
PL1 0.00 dB
PL1W 11.88122272 W
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Scheme 1
Compound 19

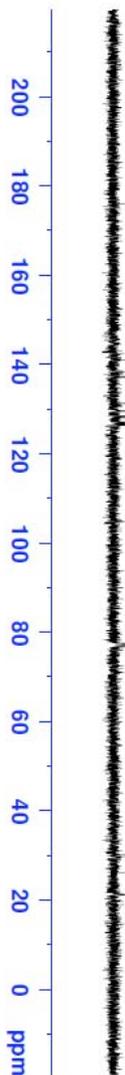
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Scheme 1
Compound 19

141.04
138.36
137.04
129.53
127.03

21.14



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DS            2
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FIDRES        0.365798 Hz
AQ            1.3631988 sec
RG            228
DW            20.800 usec
DE            6.50 usec
TE            298.0 K
D1            2.00000000 sec
D11           0.03000000 sec
TD0           1

===== CHANNEL f1 =====
NUC1          13C
P1            9.50 usec
PL1          -2.00 dB
PL1W         58.52175522 W
SFO1         100.628298 MHz

===== CHANNEL f2 =====
CPDPRG2      waltz16
NUC2          1H
PCPD2        80.00 usec
PL2           0.00 dB
PL12         15.00 dB
PL13         15.00 dB
PL1W         11.88122272 W
PL2W         0.37571725 W
PL12W        0.37571725 W
SFO2         400.131506 MHz
SE           29768
WDW           EM
SSB           0
LB            1.00 Hz
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