

## Supporting Information

### Exploration of the active site of $\beta$ 4GalT7: Modifications of the aglycon of aromatic xylosides

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## Mass analysis

Table S1. HRMS for all galactosylated products.

| Acceptor<br>substrate | Galactosylation<br>product<br>Chemical<br>formula | HRMS<br>calcd for<br>[M+H] <sup>+</sup> | HRMS<br>found |
|-----------------------|---------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|---------------|
| <b>1</b>              | C <sub>21</sub> H <sub>26</sub> O <sub>10</sub>   | 439.1599                                | 439.1598      |
| <b>2</b>              | C <sub>12</sub> H <sub>22</sub> O <sub>10</sub>   | 327.1286                                | 327.1287      |
| <b>3</b>              | C <sub>17</sub> H <sub>24</sub> O <sub>10</sub>   | 389.1442                                | 389.1441      |
| <b>4</b>              | C <sub>21</sub> H <sub>26</sub> O <sub>10</sub>   | 439.1599                                | 439.1598      |
| <b>5</b>              | C <sub>23</sub> H <sub>28</sub> O <sub>10</sub>   | 465.1755                                | 465.1755      |
| <b>6</b>              | C <sub>26</sub> H <sub>30</sub> O <sub>10</sub>   | 520.2177 <sup>a</sup>                   | 520.2179      |
| <b>7</b>              | C <sub>21</sub> H <sub>26</sub> O <sub>9</sub> S  | 455.1370                                | 455.1370      |
| <b>8</b>              | C <sub>21</sub> H <sub>26</sub> O <sub>11</sub> S | 487.1269                                | 487.1270      |
| <b>9</b>              | C <sub>22</sub> H <sub>28</sub> O <sub>9</sub>    | 437.1806                                | 437.1804      |
| <b>12</b>             | C <sub>22</sub> H <sub>28</sub> O <sub>10</sub>   | 453.1755                                | 453.1755      |
| <b>13</b>             | C <sub>23</sub> H <sub>30</sub> O <sub>11</sub>   | 483.1861                                | 483.1858      |
| <b>14</b>             | C <sub>25</sub> H <sub>34</sub> O <sub>12</sub>   | 527.2123                                | 527.2123      |
| <b>15</b>             | C <sub>27</sub> H <sub>38</sub> O <sub>13</sub>   | 571.2385                                | 571.2388      |
| <b>16</b>             | C <sub>22</sub> H <sub>28</sub> O <sub>11</sub>   | 486.1973 <sup>a</sup>                   | 486.1972      |
| <b>17</b>             | C <sub>21</sub> H <sub>26</sub> O <sub>11</sub>   | 455.1548                                | 455.1549      |
| <b>18</b>             | C <sub>23</sub> H <sub>28</sub> O <sub>12</sub>   | 497.1654                                | 497.1655      |
| <b>19</b>             | C <sub>22</sub> H <sub>25</sub> NO <sub>10</sub>  | 464.1551                                | 464.1550      |

<sup>a</sup> HRMS for [M+NH<sub>4</sub>]<sup>+</sup>

### Cloning, expression and purification of $\beta$ 4GALT7

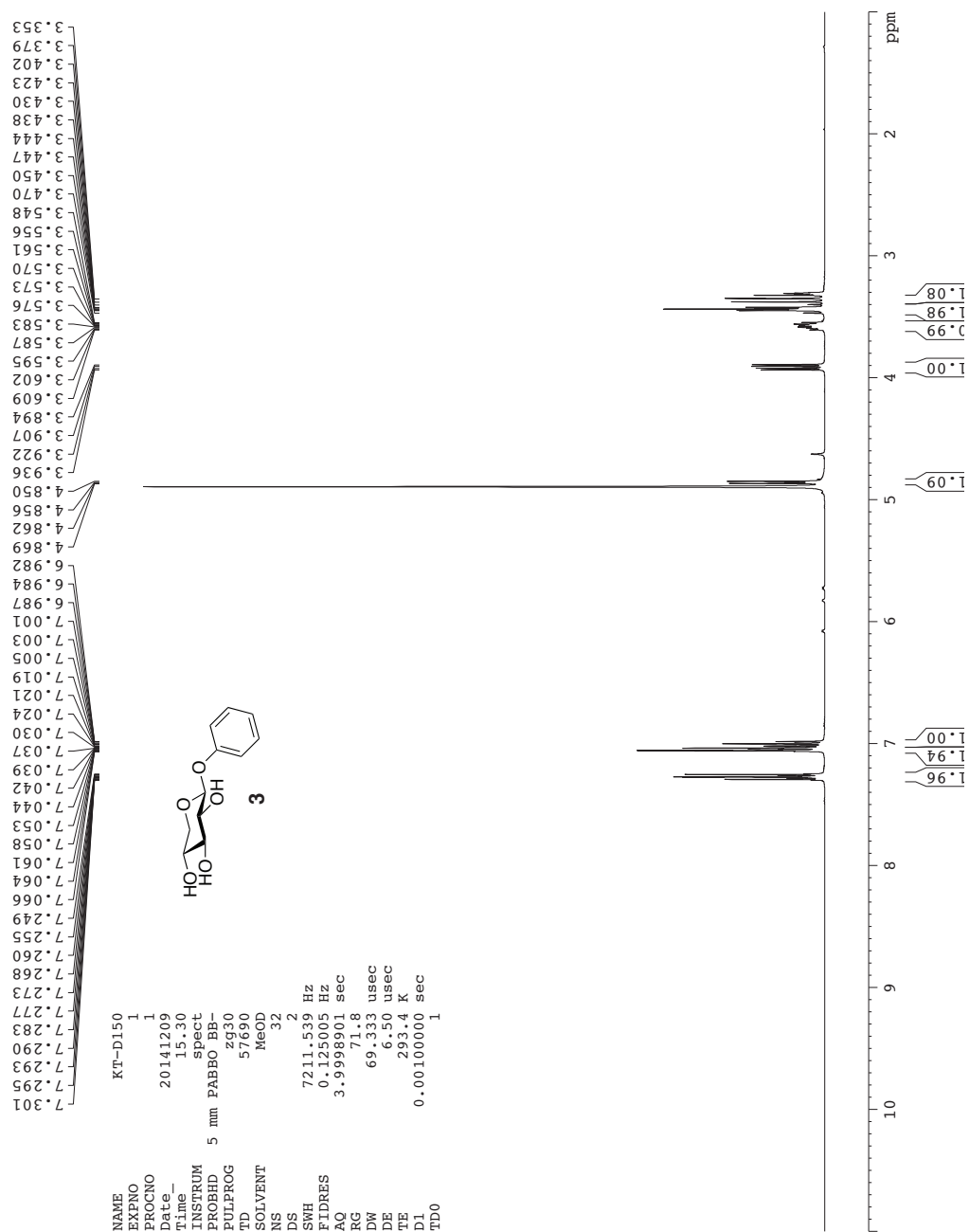
The part of the  $\beta$ 4GALT7 open reading frame (sequence harmonized for expression in *E. Coli*, Genewiz) corresponding to aa 82 to aa 327 was subcloned into the NcoI and NotI sites of a pET-41a(+) (Merck Millipore) expression vector using the following primers (Sigma): Forward (NcoI restriction site in bold letters)

aa 82: 5'-GCATCT**CCCATGG**AGCATTGGGAGGAAGATGCCAGTT-3'

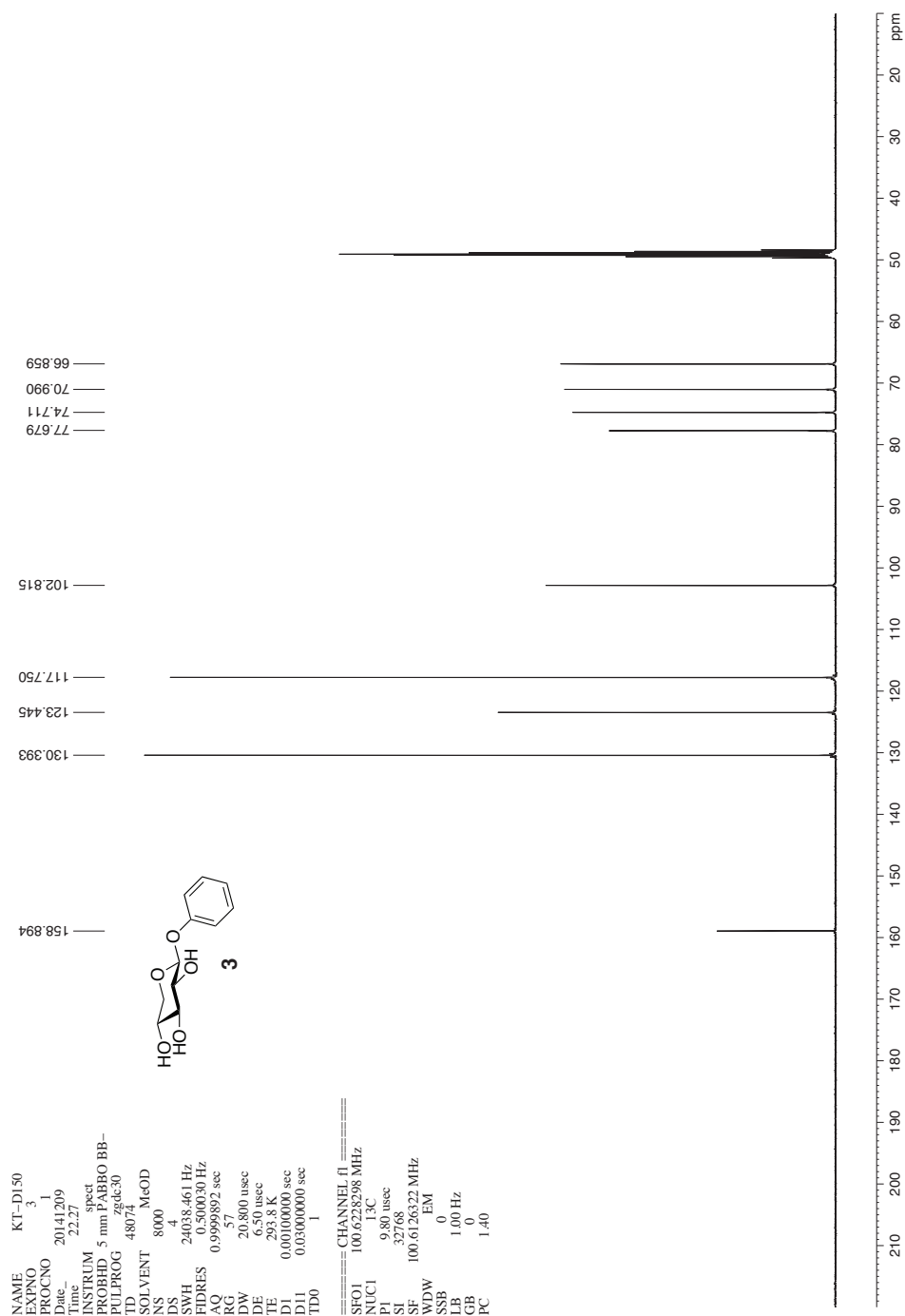
Reverse (NotI restriction site in bold letters) aa 327: 5'-GCATCT**GCGGCCG**CATTAGCTAAATGTACACCAAGGGGTTGC-3'

The plasmid product, pET-41a(+)- $\beta$ 4GALT7<sub>aa82</sub>, was amplified (Library Efficiency DH5 $\alpha$  bacteria, Invitrogen), purified (HiSpeed Plasmid Midi Kit, Qiagen) and sequenced (Eurofins MWG Operon). BL21(DE3) *E. Coli* bacteria (Merck Millipore) were transformed with pET-41a(+)- $\beta$ 4GALT7<sub>aa82</sub> and grown on LB agar containing kanamycin (30 mg/ml). A resistant colony was transferred to selective LB medium and grown at 37 °C with shaking at 250 rpm to OD<sub>600</sub>≈0.5. Expression was induced at 32 °C with IPTG (0.56 mM, Sigma) and culture was left shaking at 250 rpm over night. Cells were pelleted and then lysed with Cellytic (1X, Sigma) in Tris (20 mM, pH 7.6), NaCl (500 mM), Benzonase (50 U/ml, Sigma), lysozyme (0.2 mg/ml, Sigma) and PMSF (1 mM) for 20 min at 22 °C. Clarified lysate was applied to an equilibrated HisTrap HP column (GE Healthcare) at a flowrate of 1 ml/min. The column was washed with a phosphate buffer (20 mM, pH 7.4) containing NaCl (500 mM) and imidazole (40 mM), after which the protein was eluted by an imidazole gradient (40-250 mM). Protein purity for each eluted fraction was analyzed by SDS-PAGE on a Bis-Tris 4-12 % gel in MOPS buffer (Invitrogen), visualized by Brilliant Blue G colloidal (Sigma). Fractions containing pure protein were pooled and buffer exchanged into TBS (20 mM, pH 7.9) on PD-10 columns (GE Healthcare).

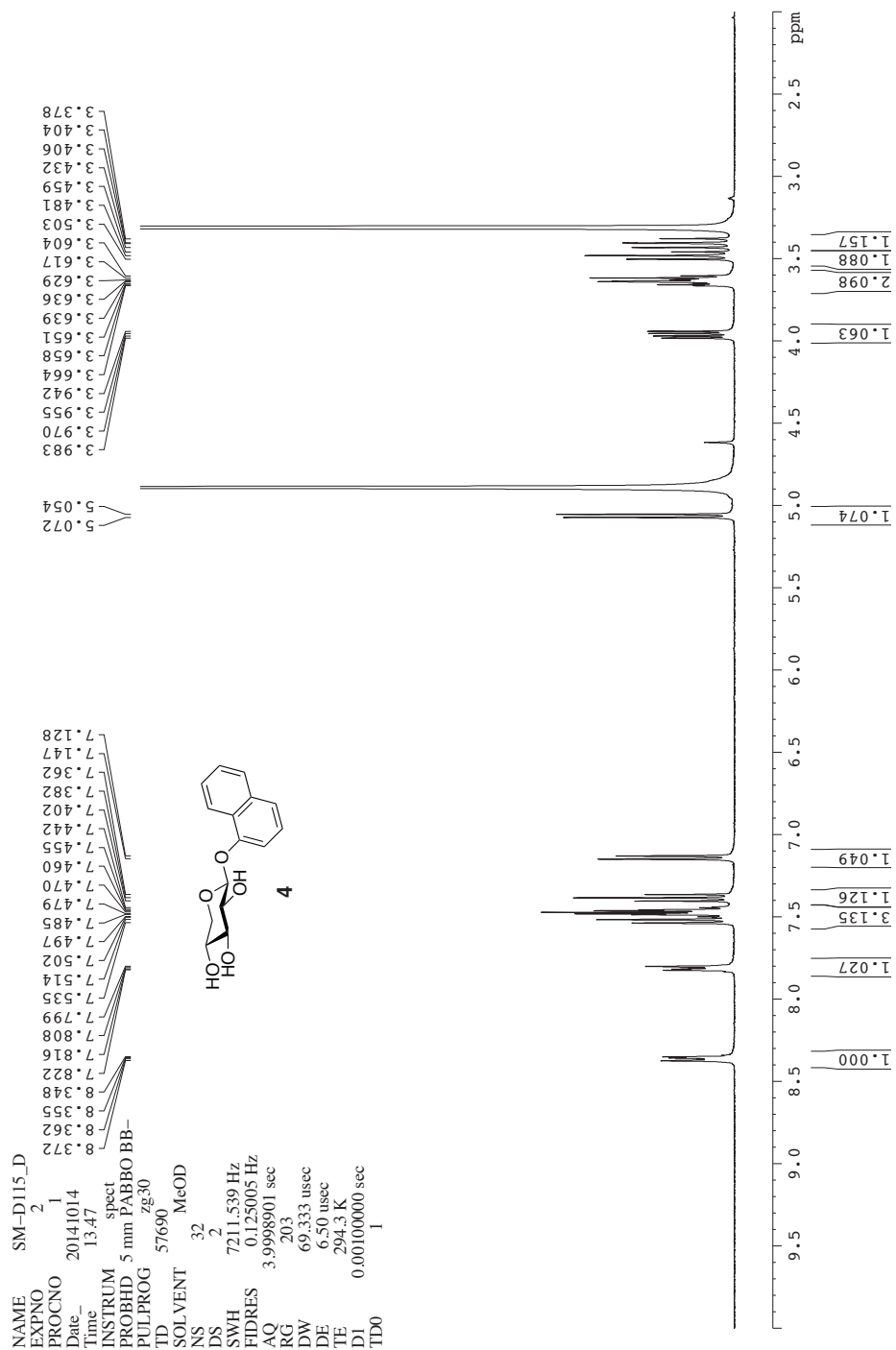
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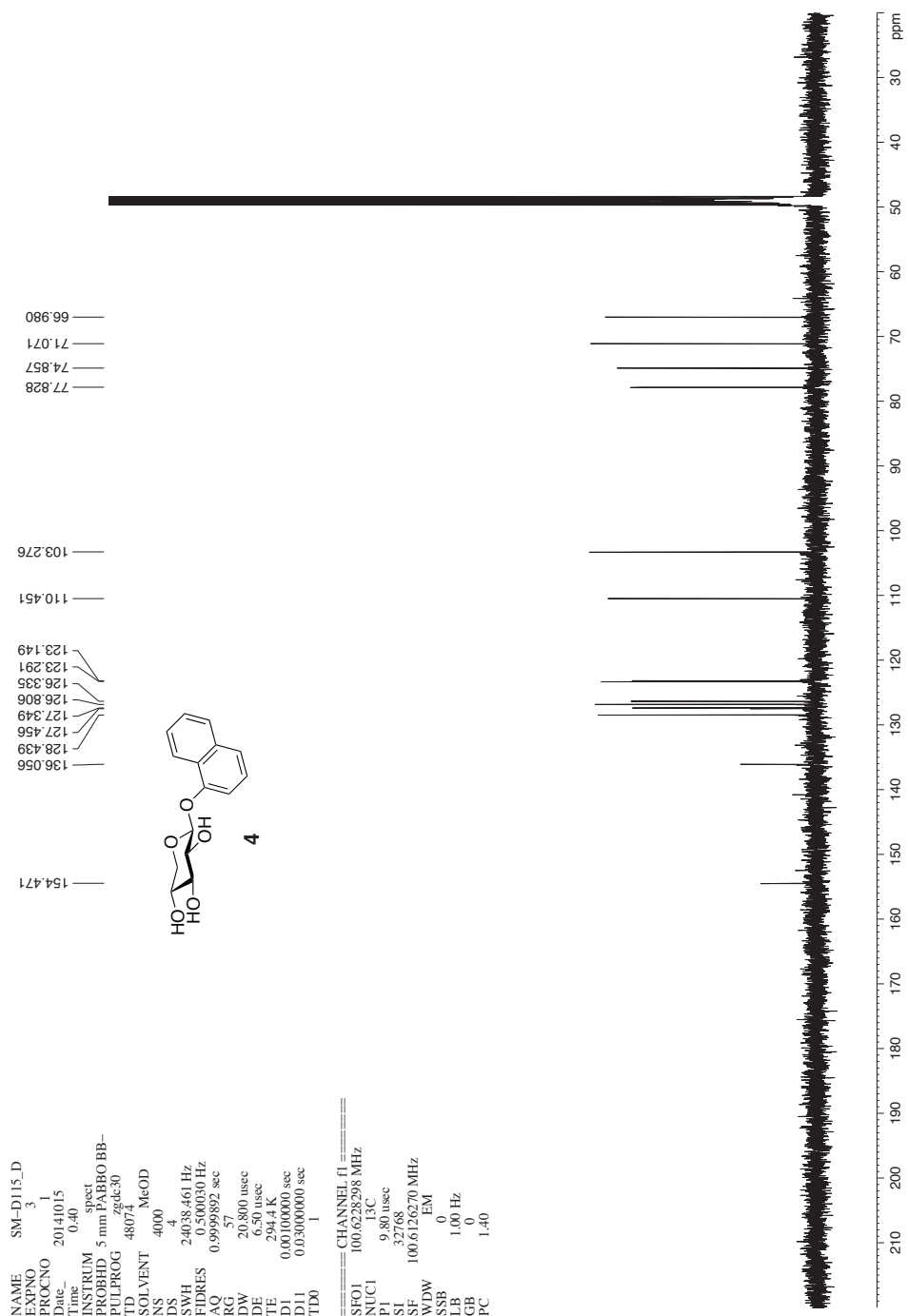
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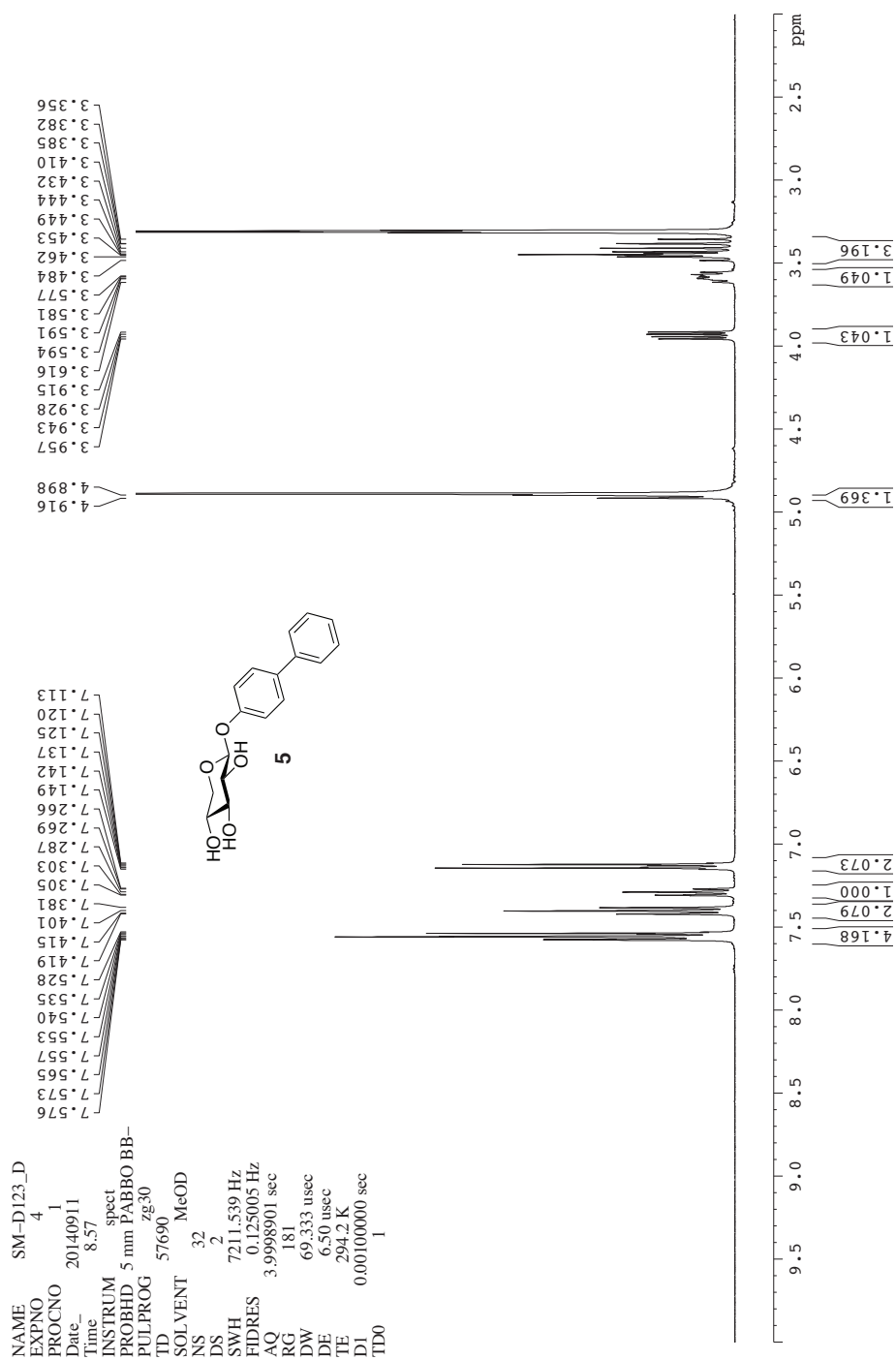
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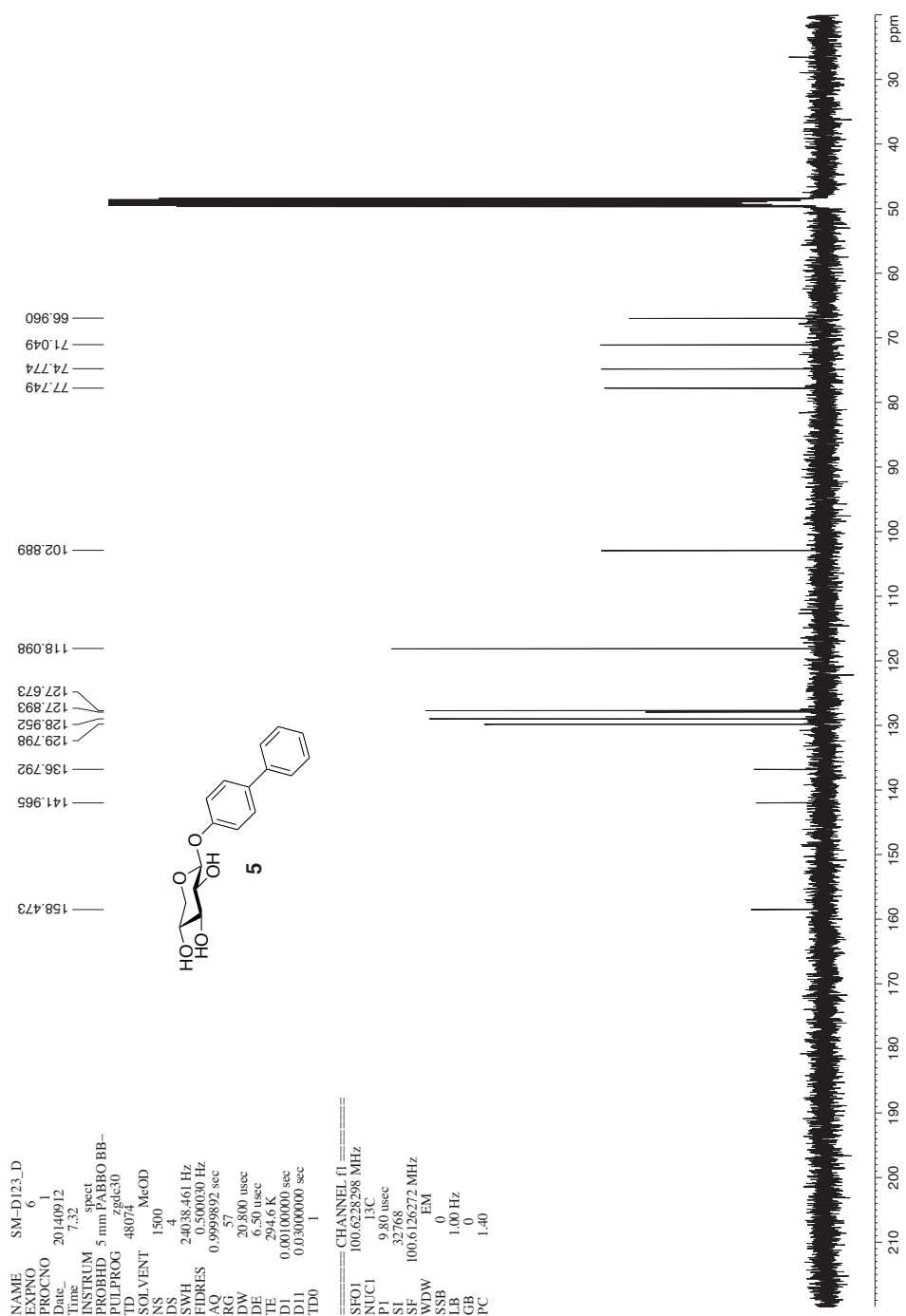
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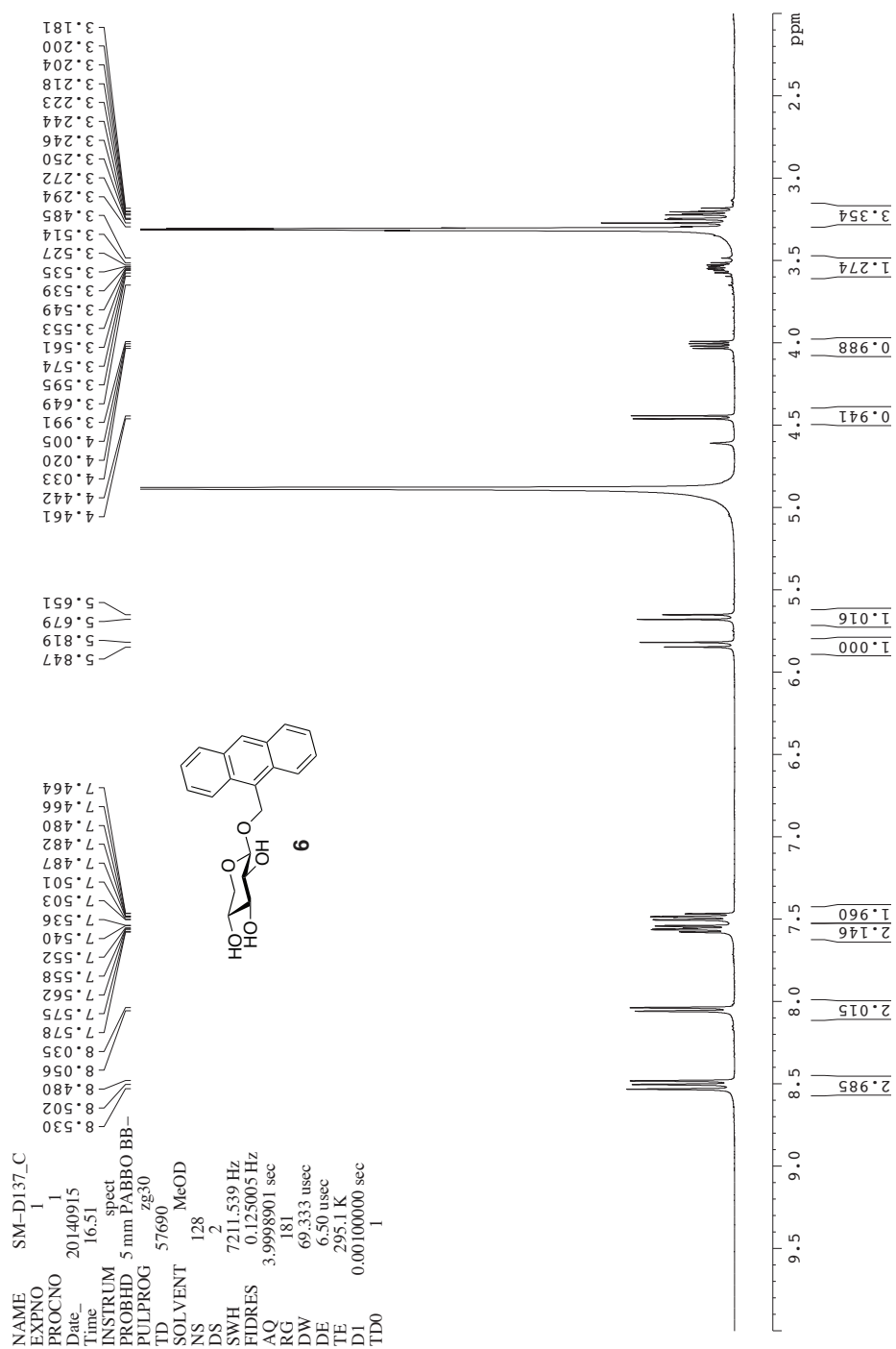
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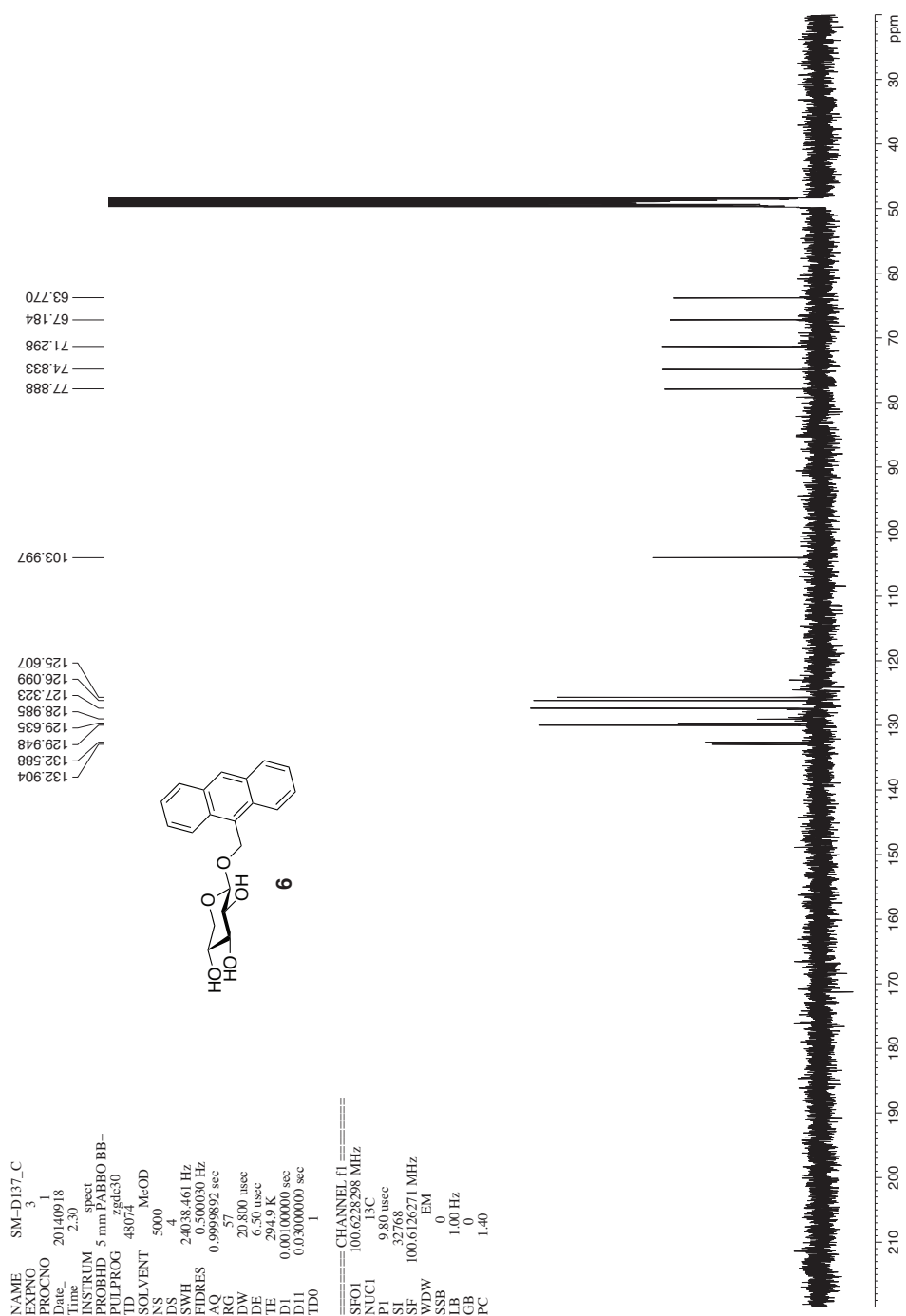
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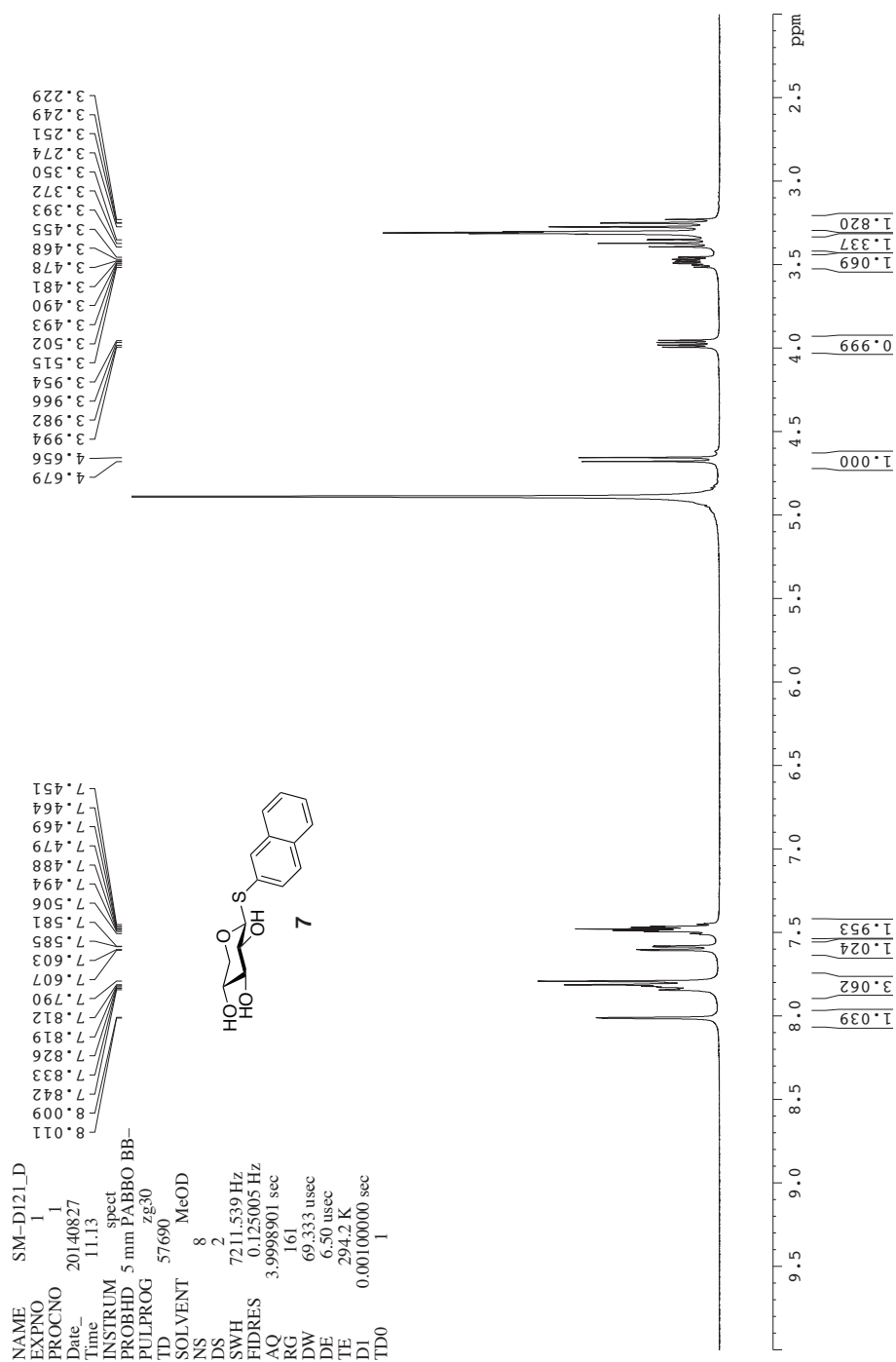
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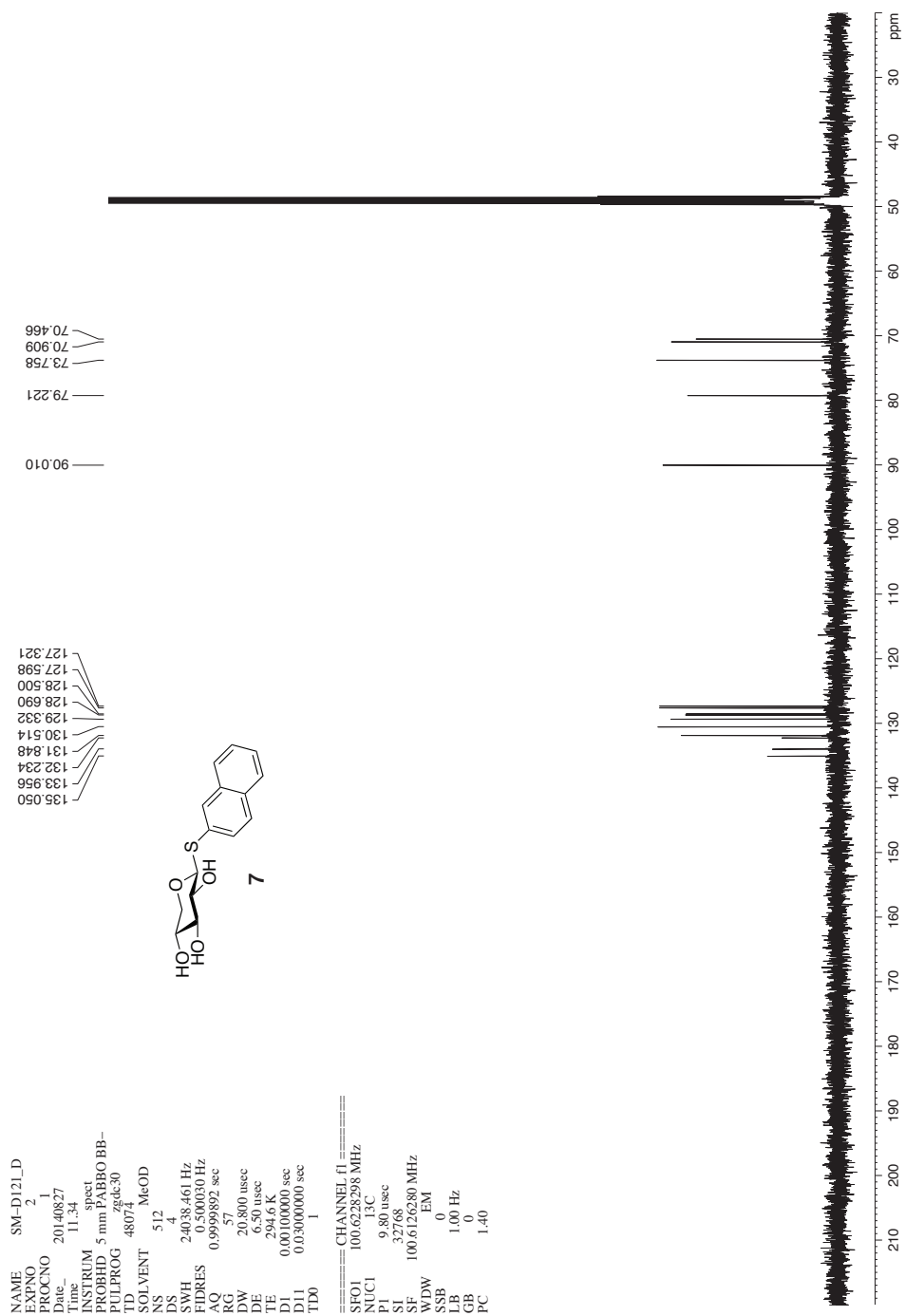
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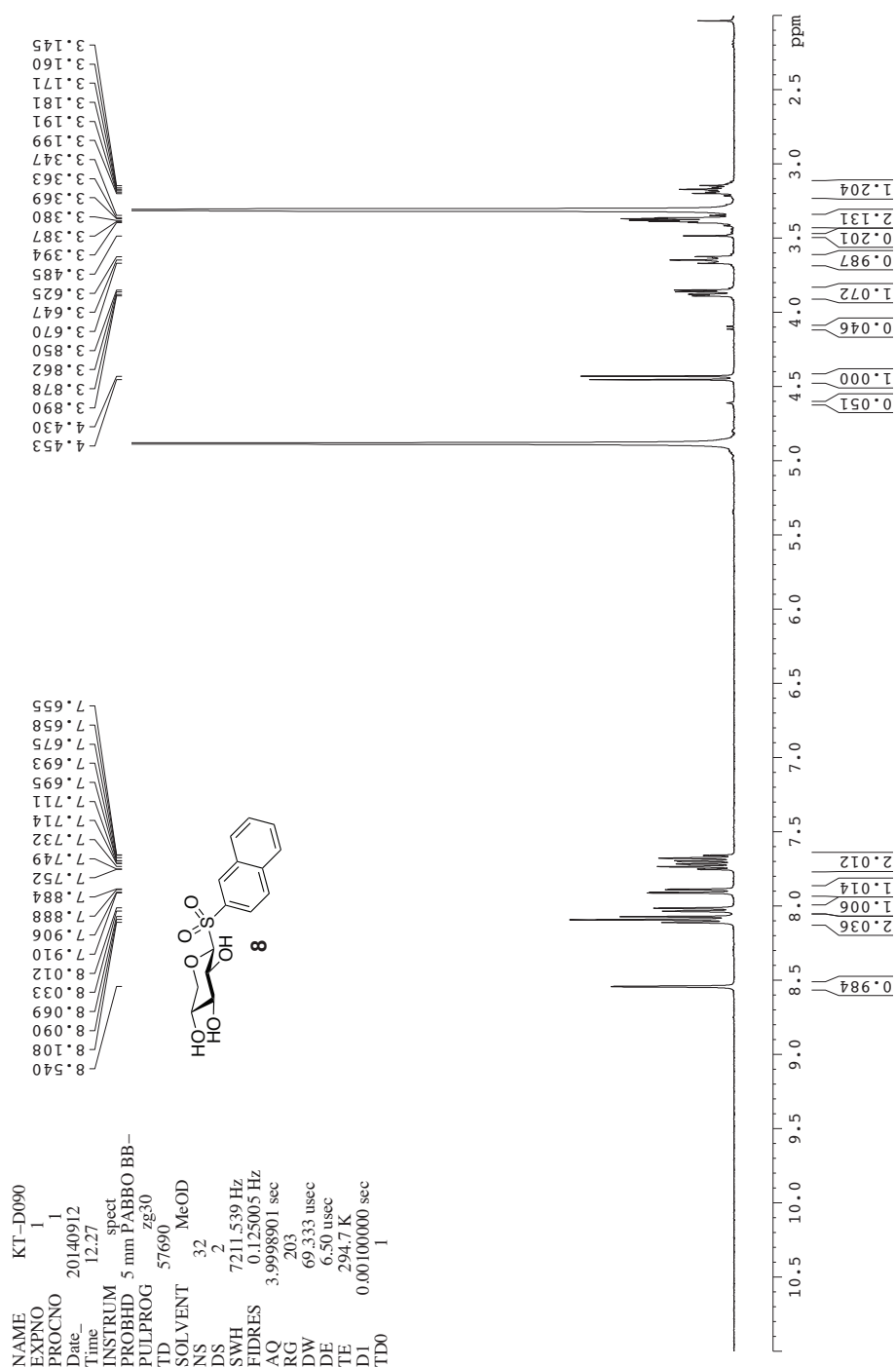
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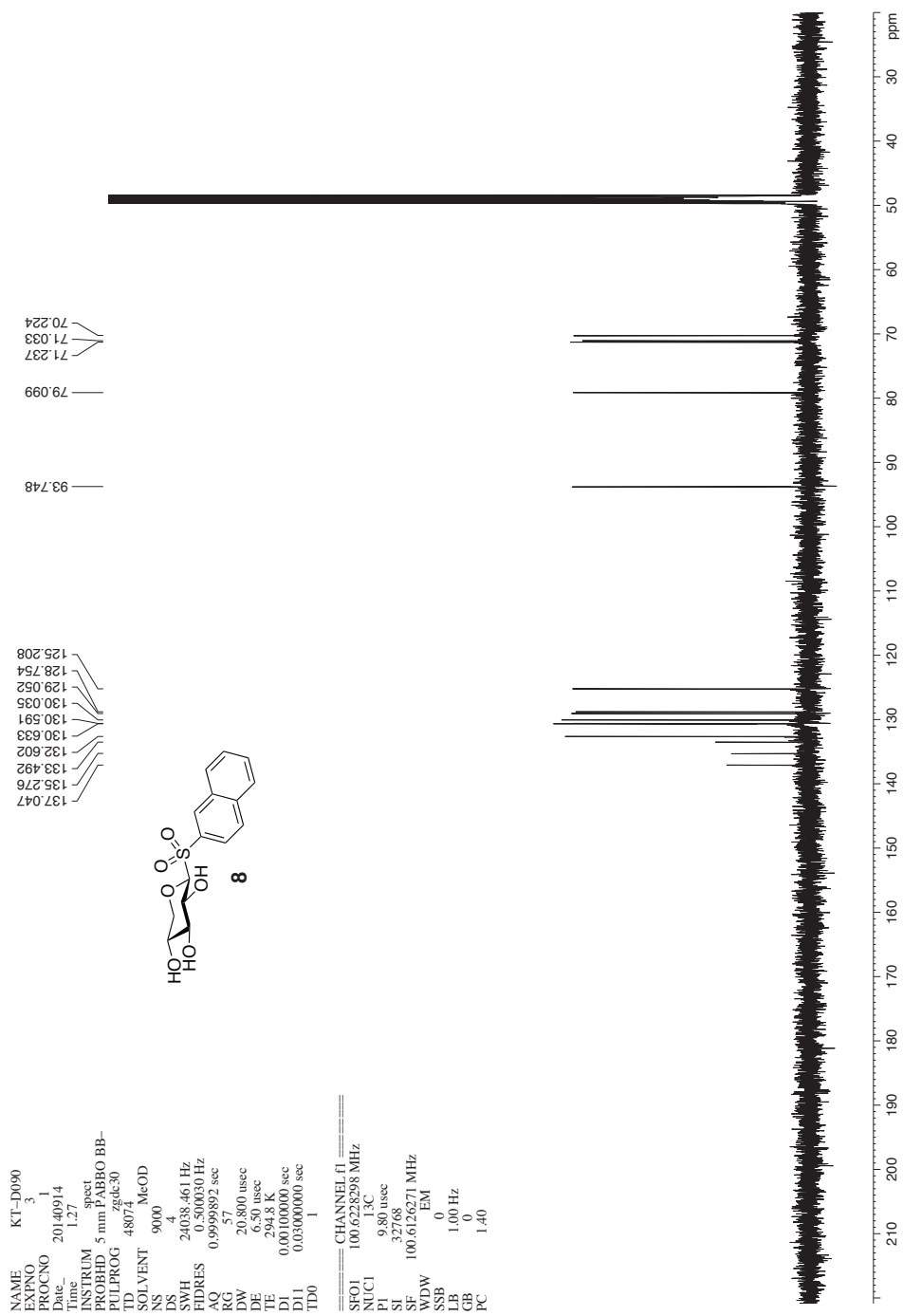
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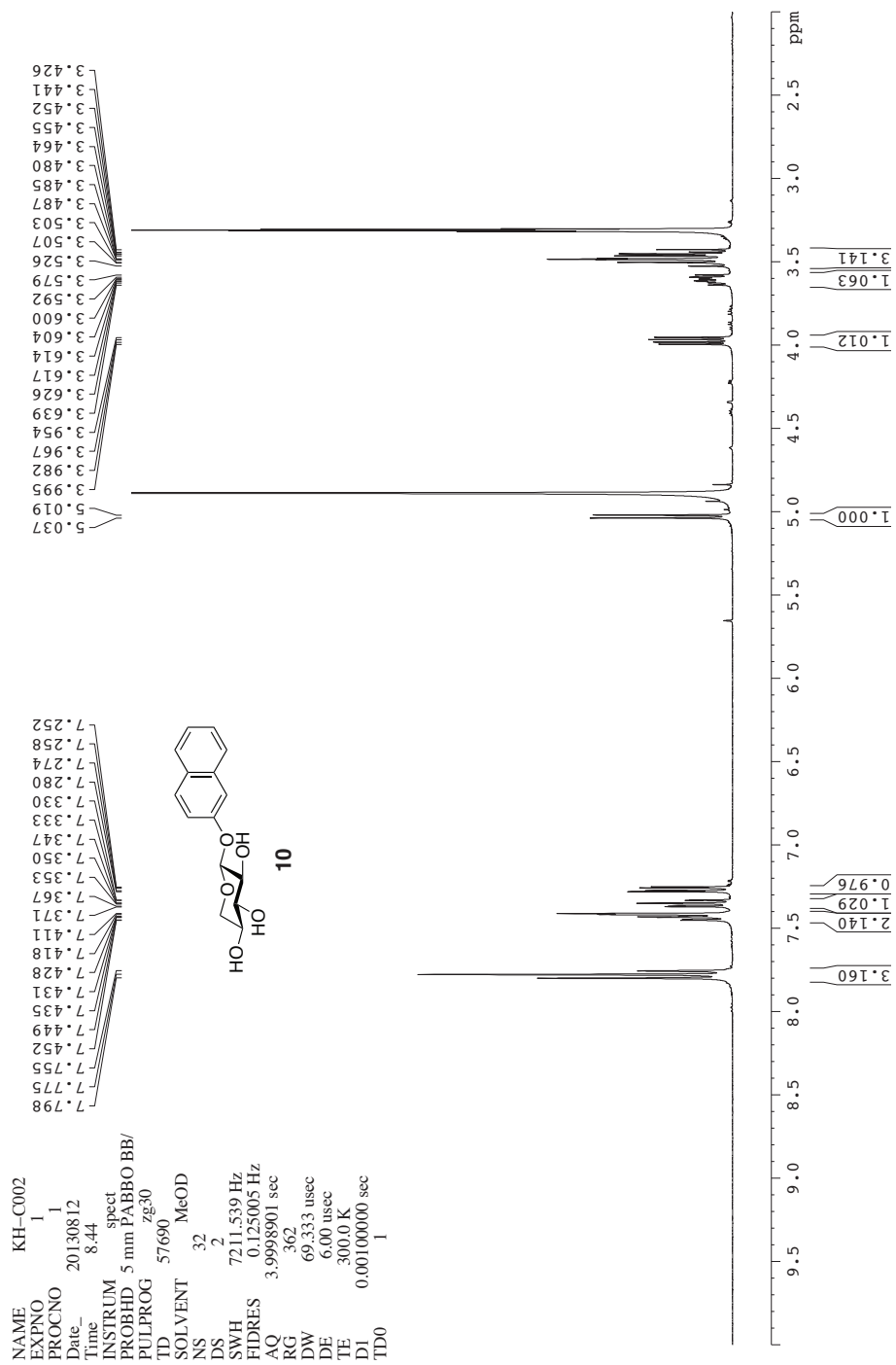
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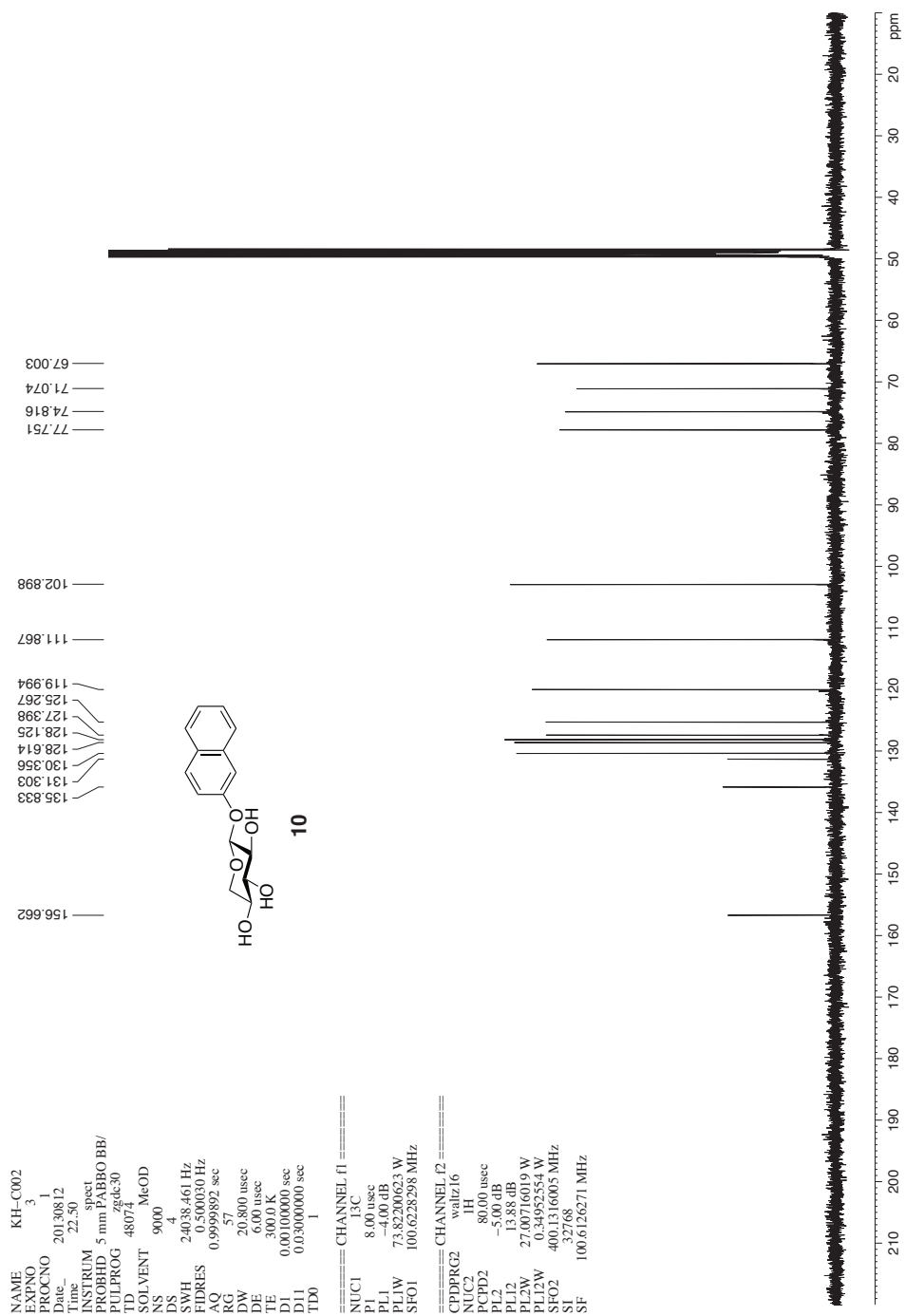
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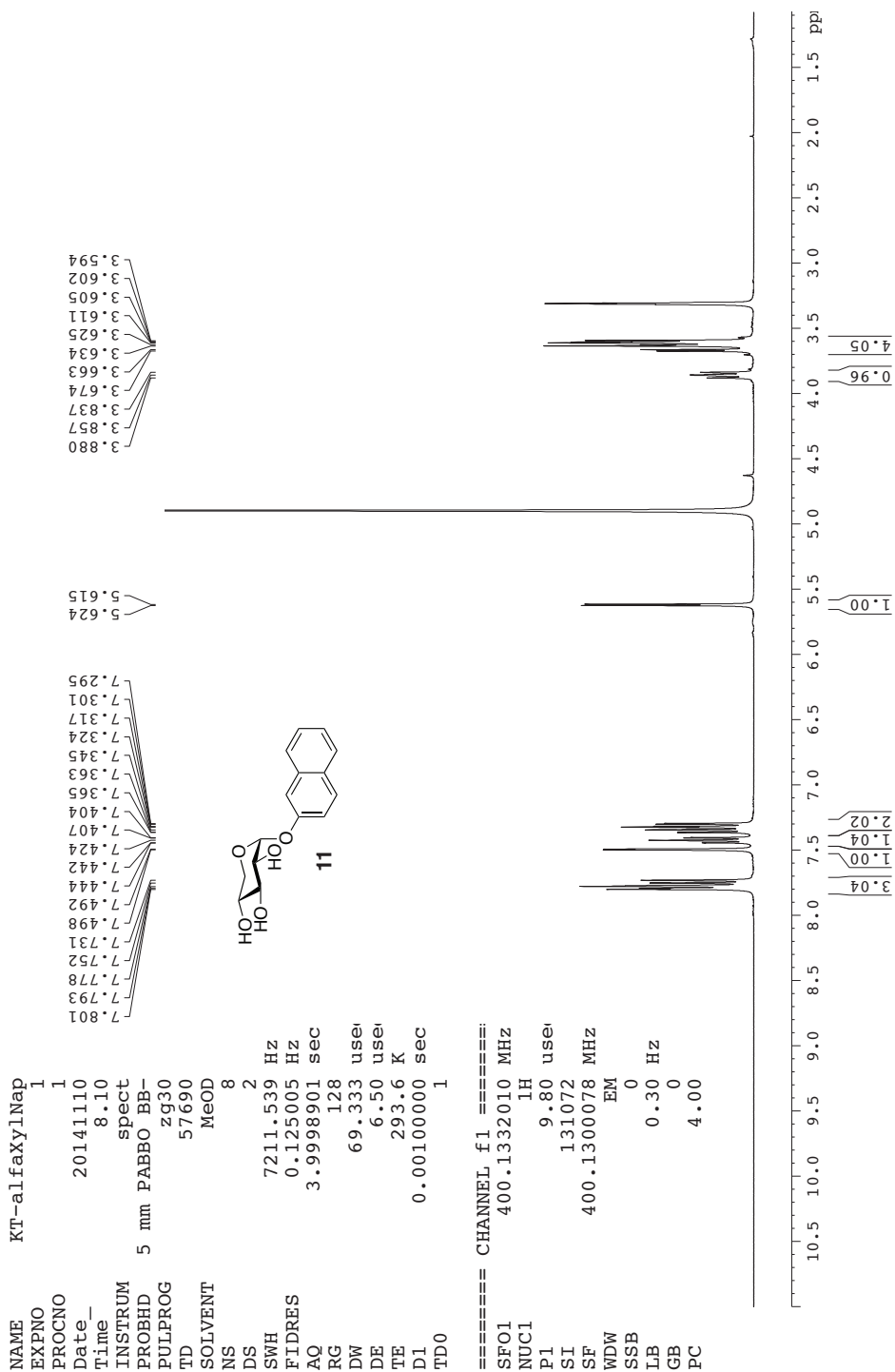
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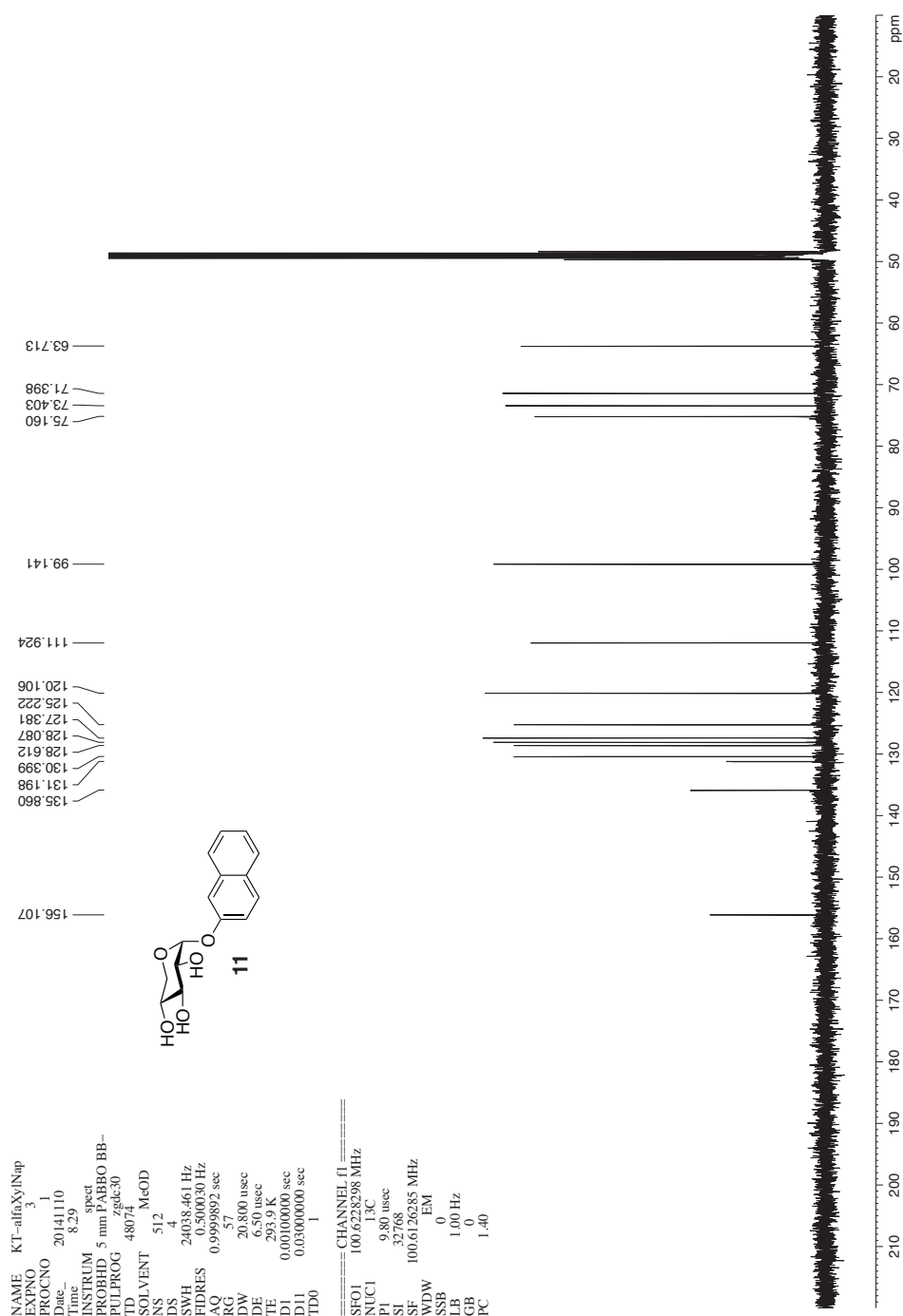
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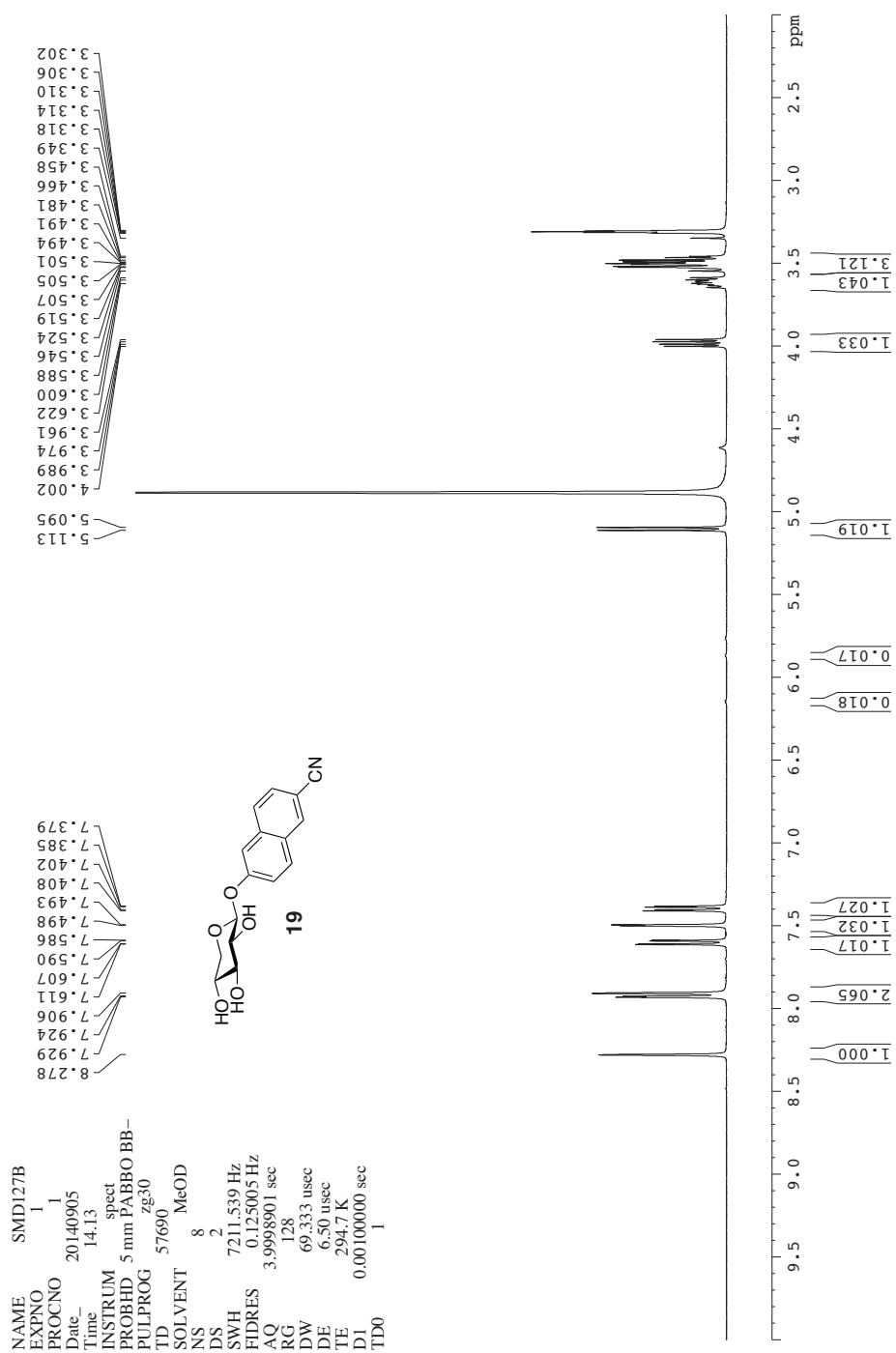
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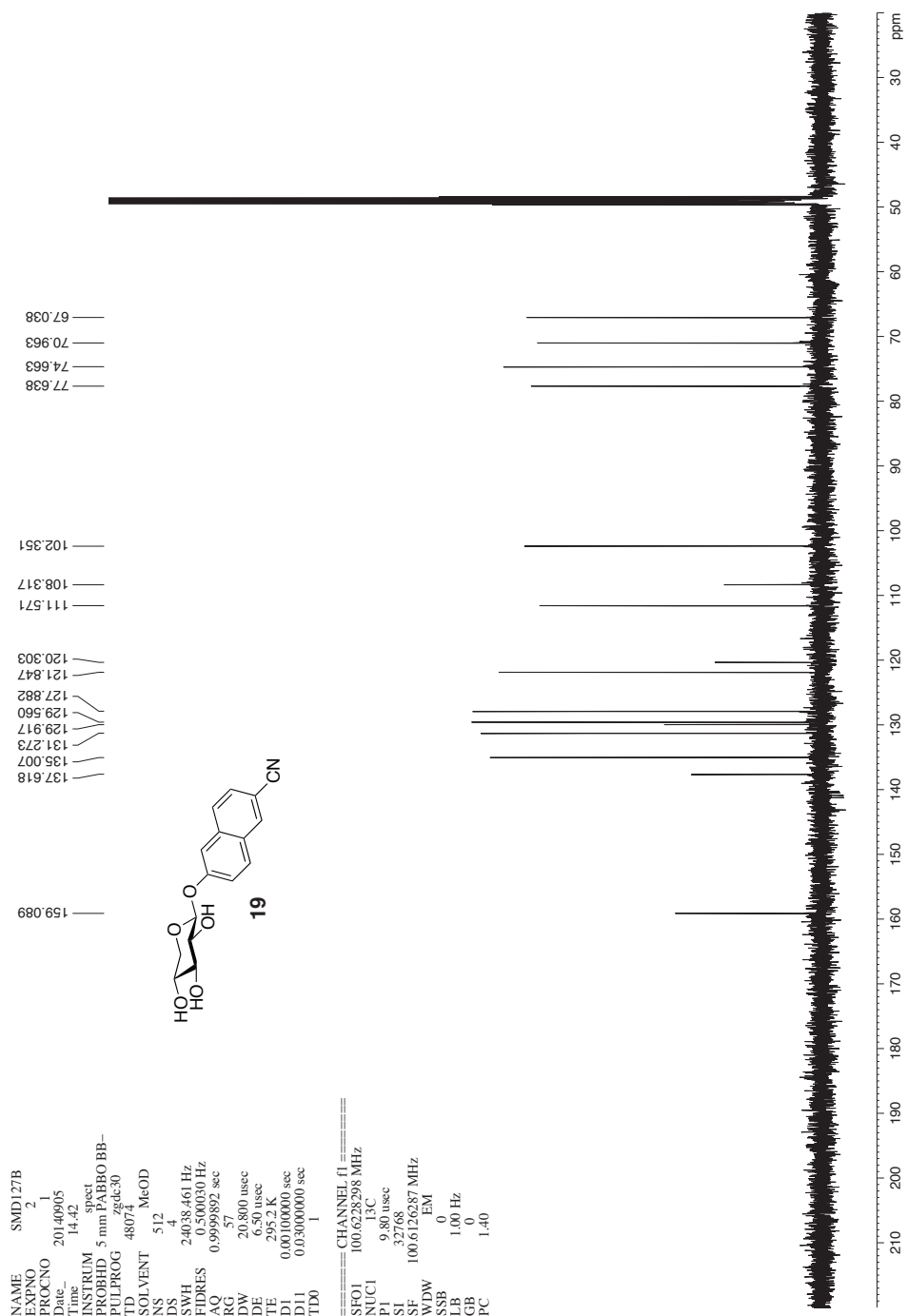
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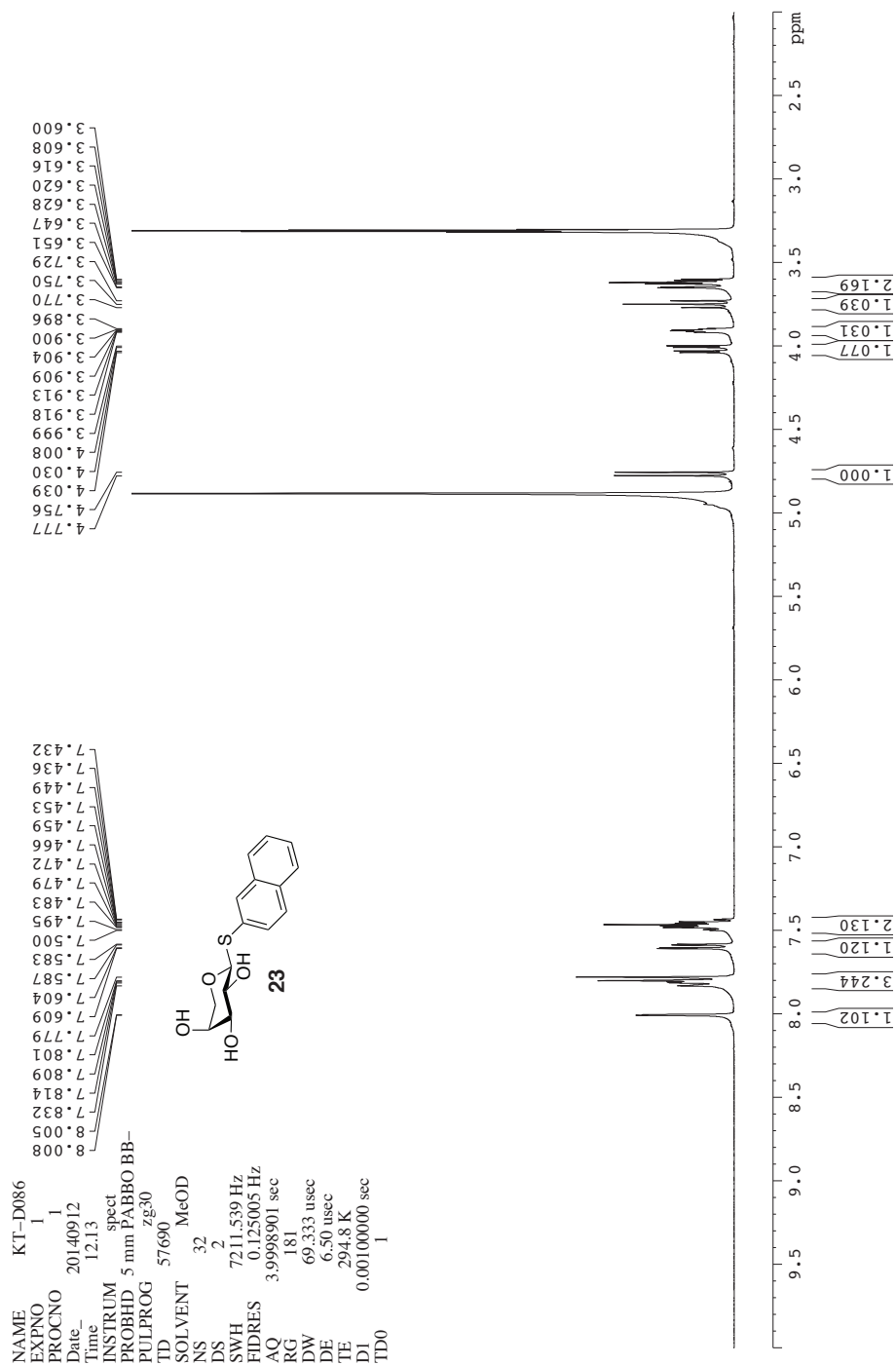
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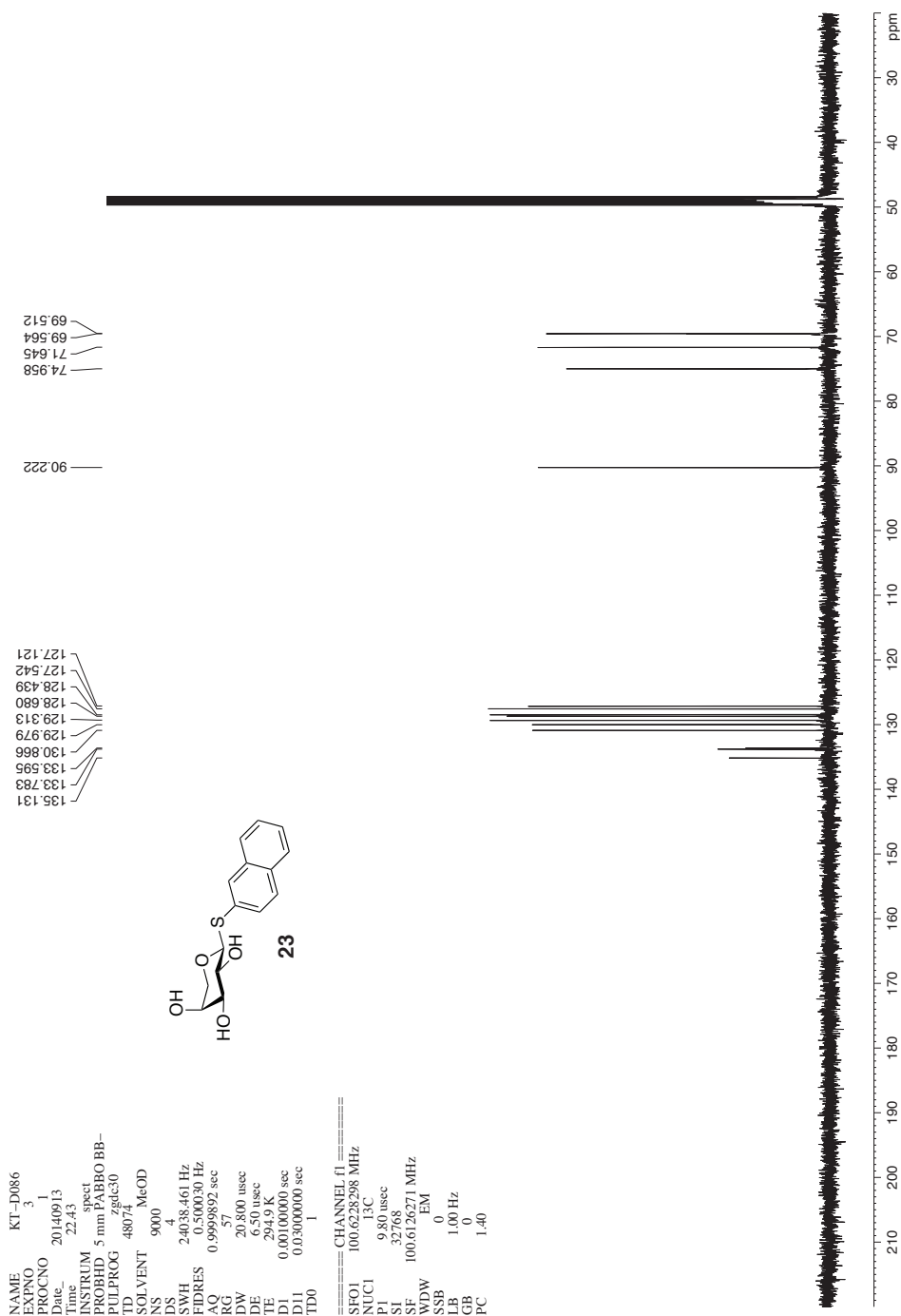
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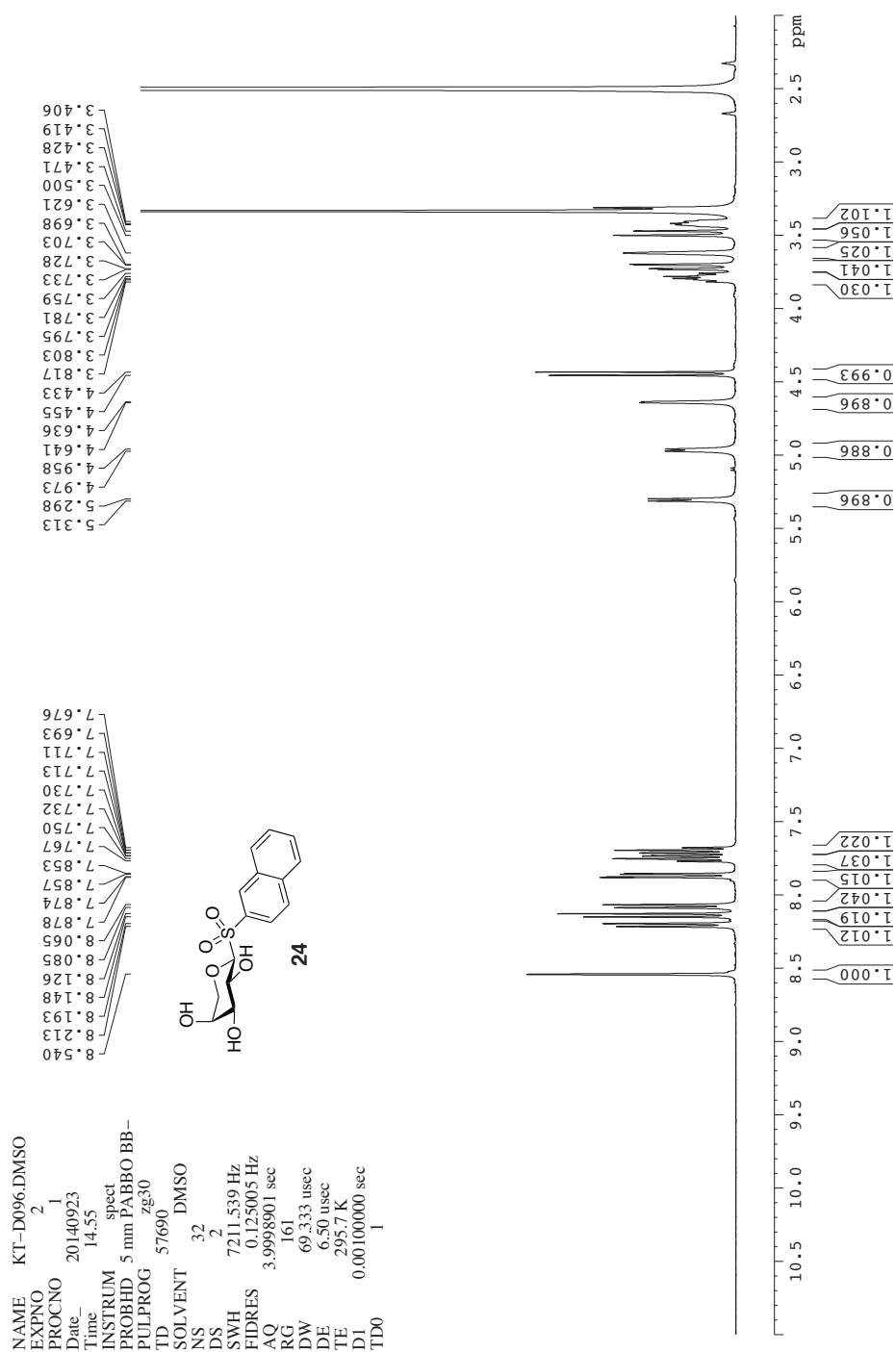
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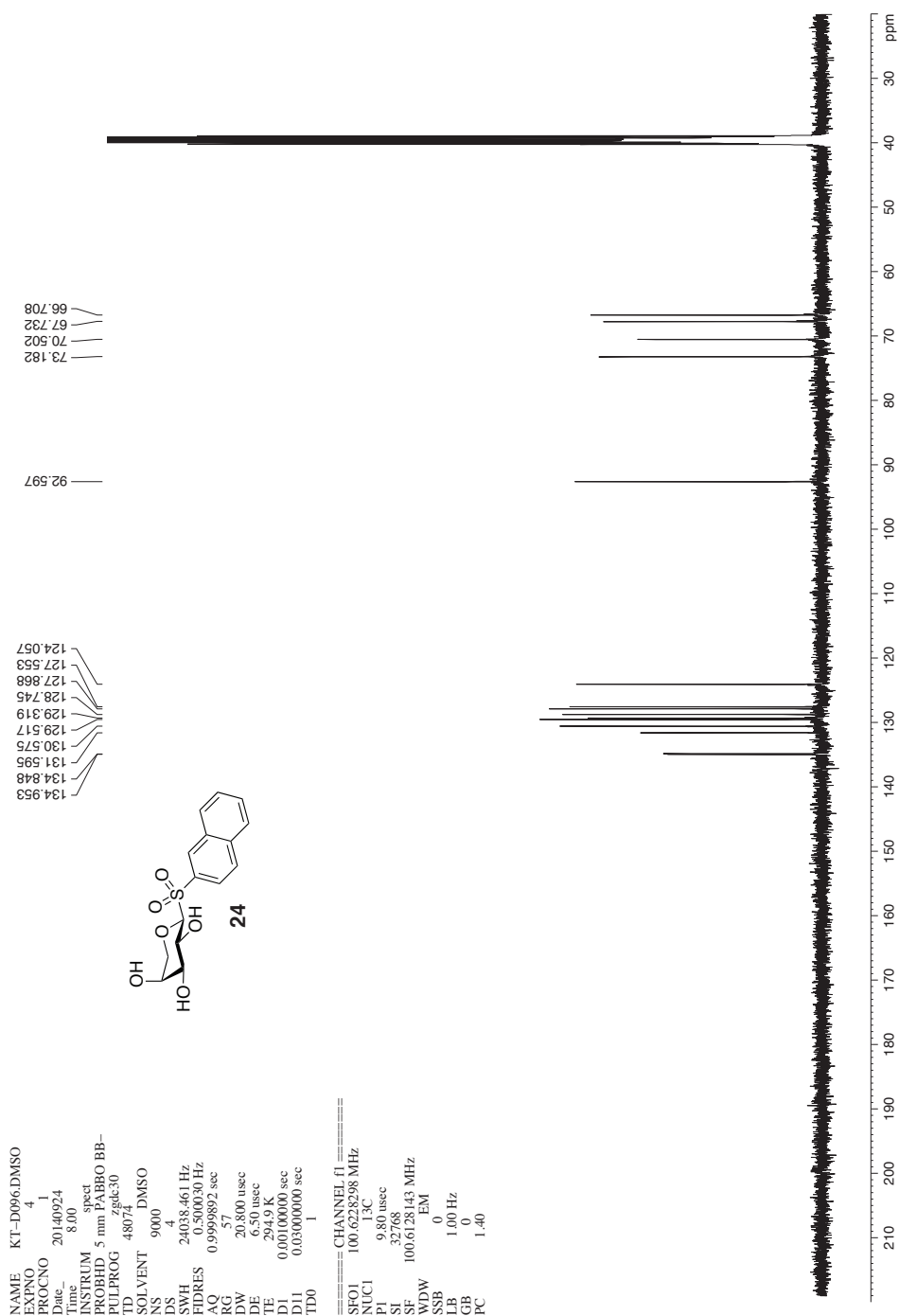
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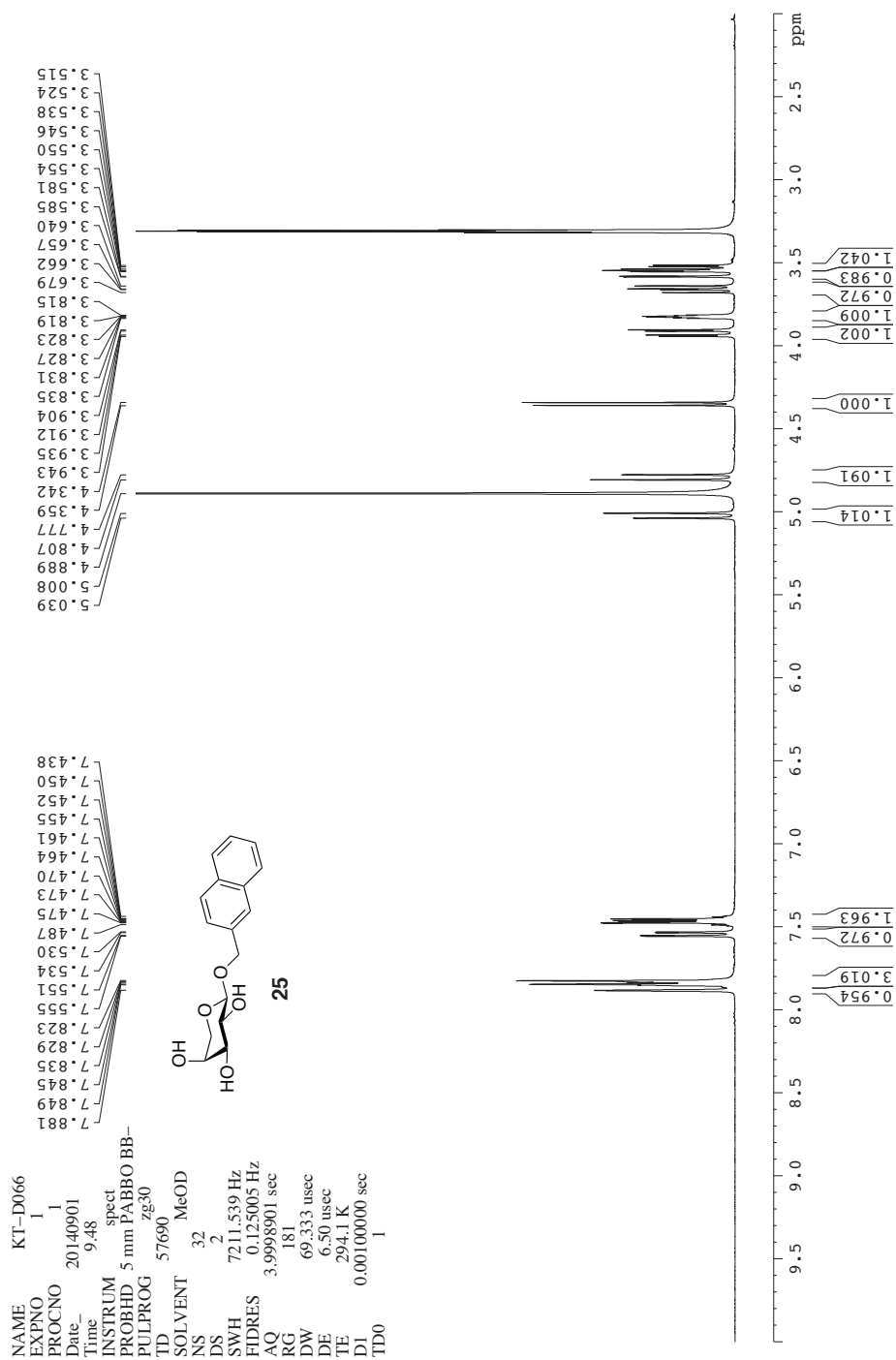
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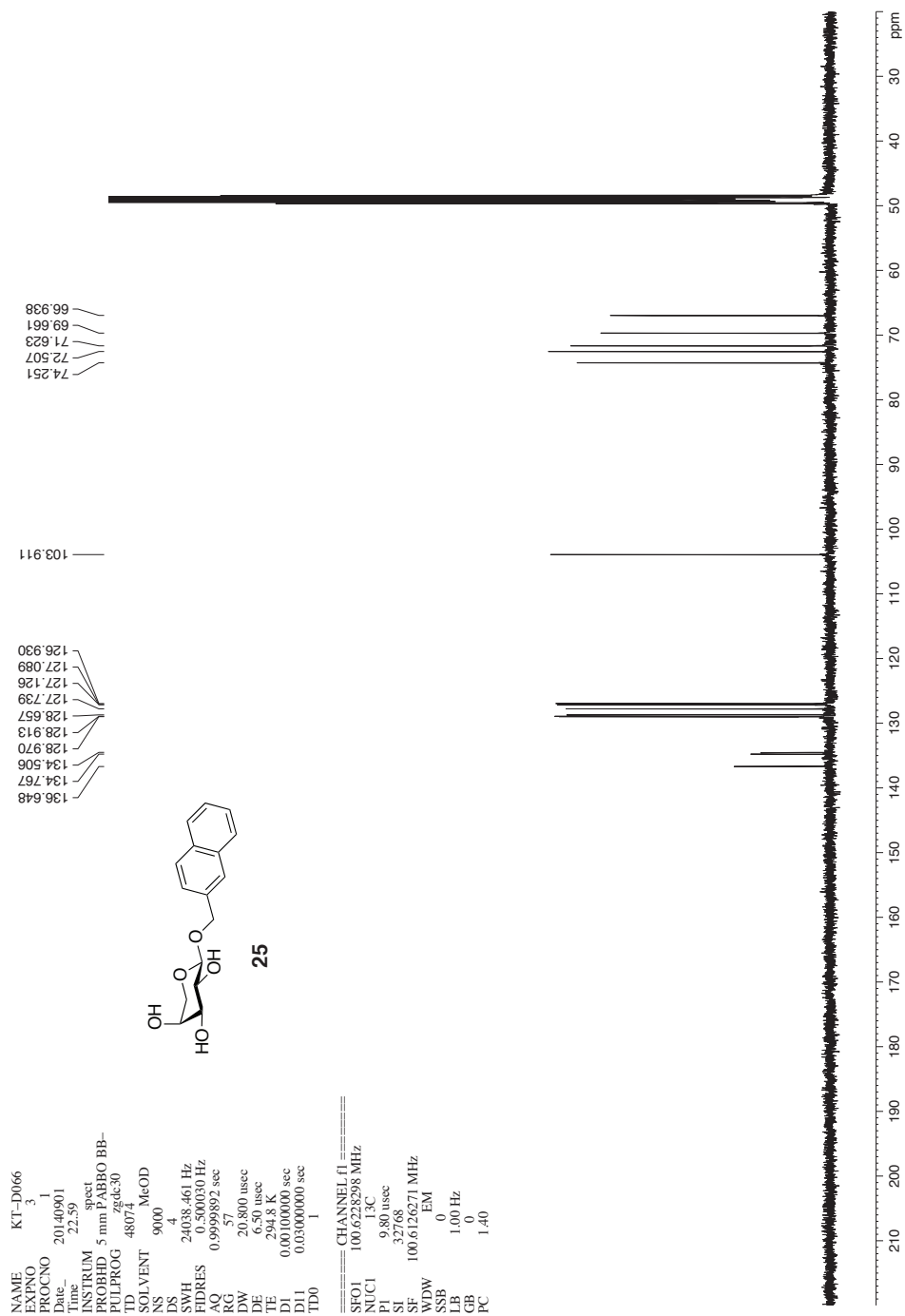
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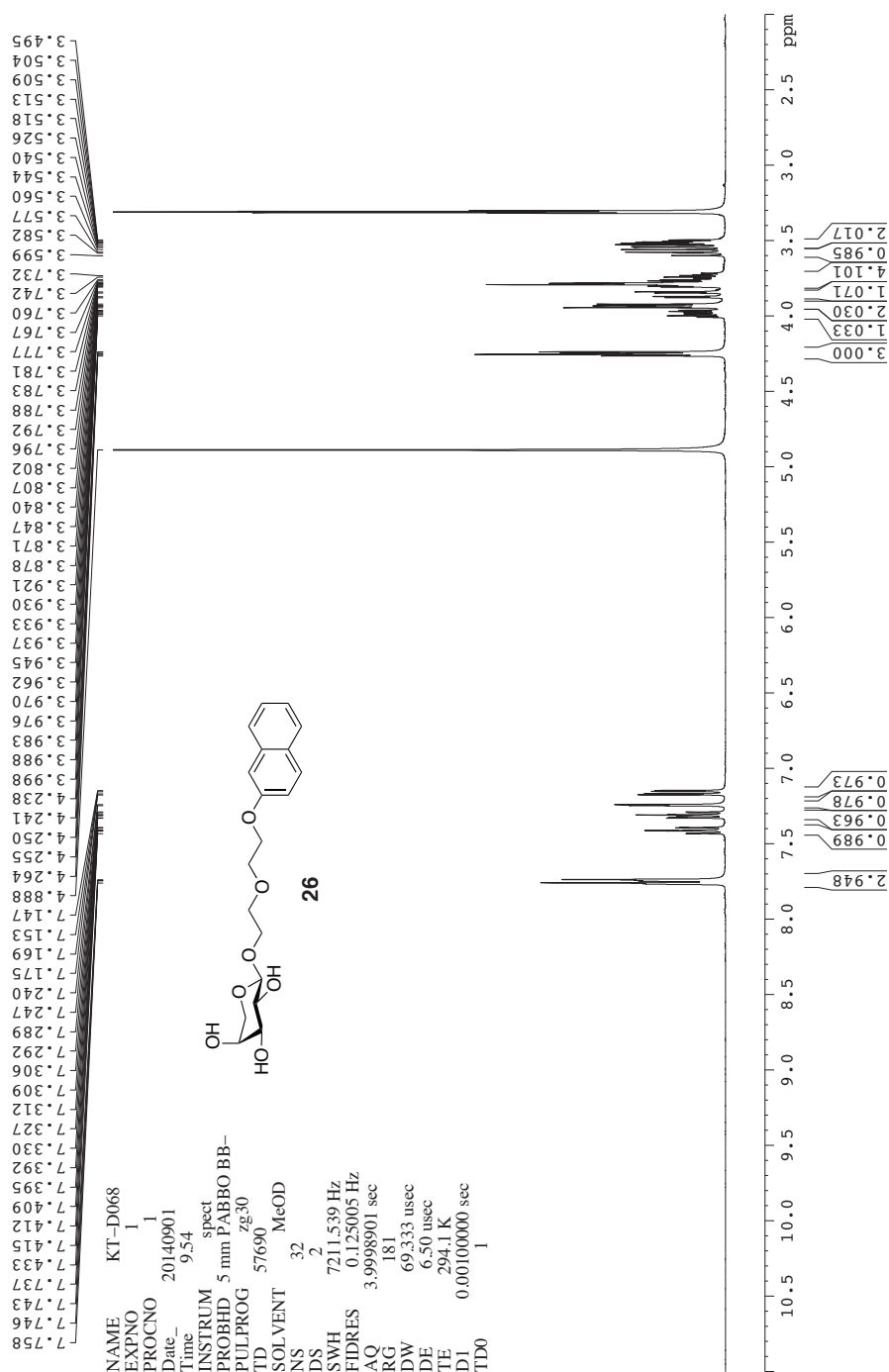
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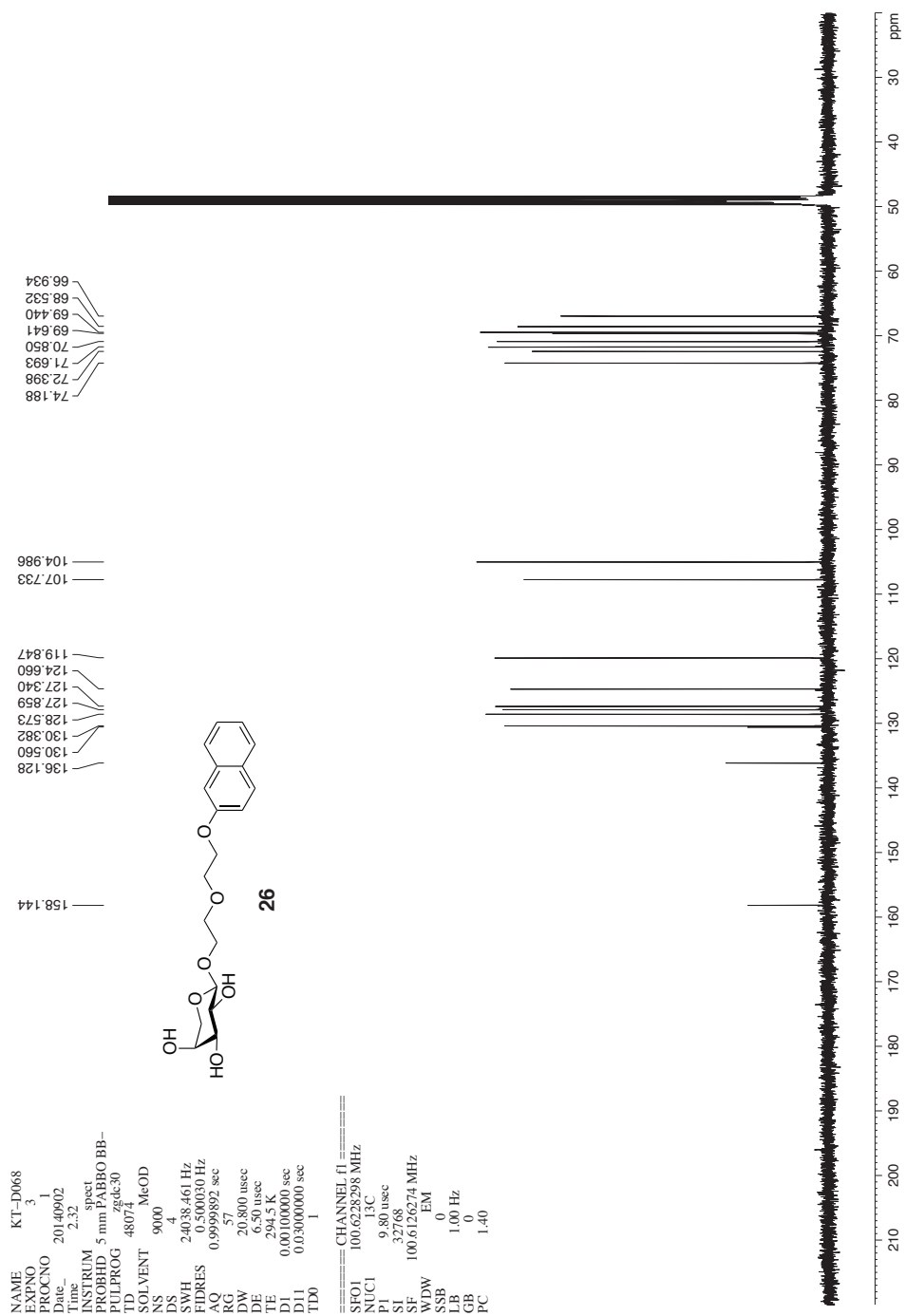
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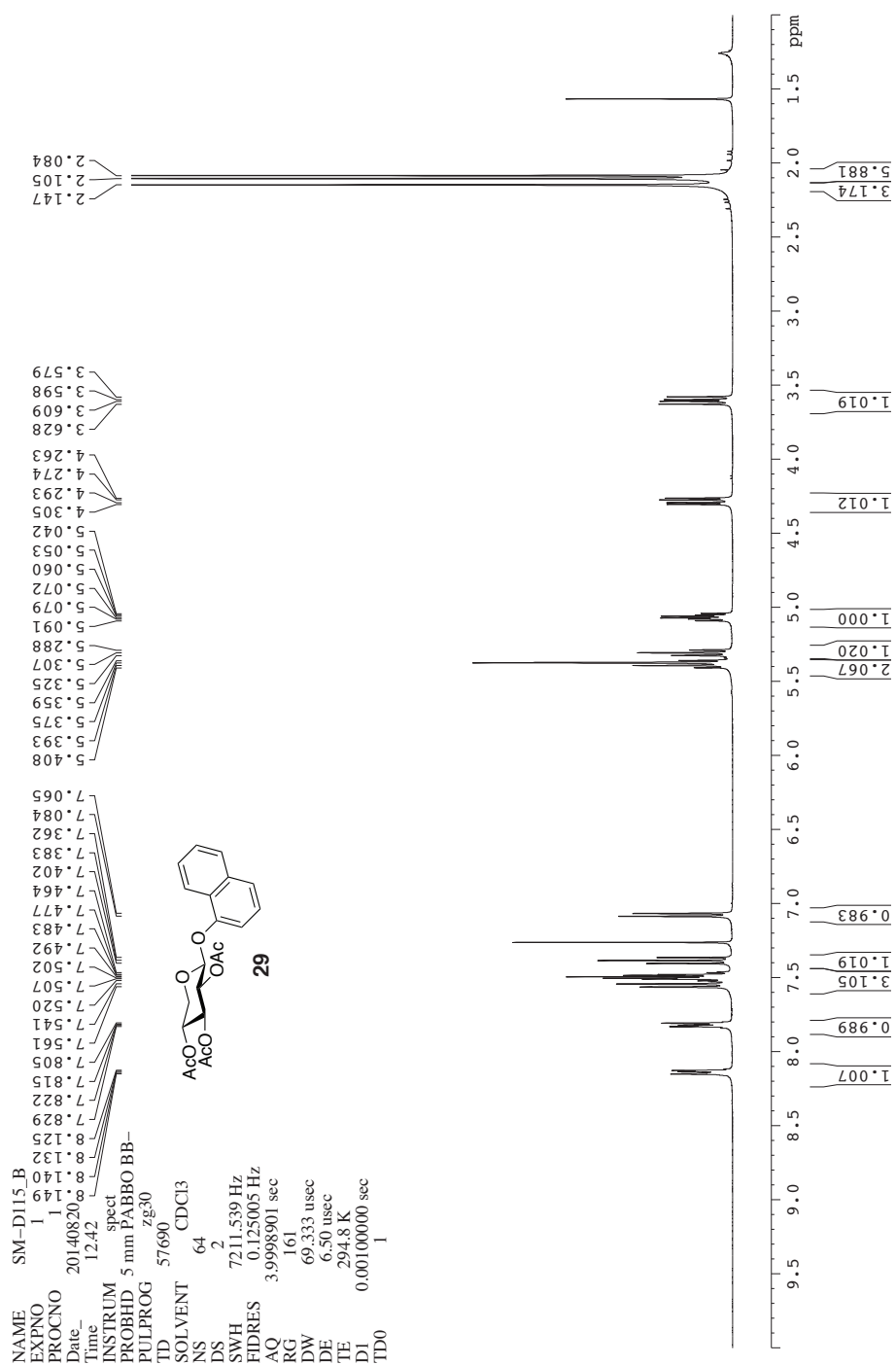
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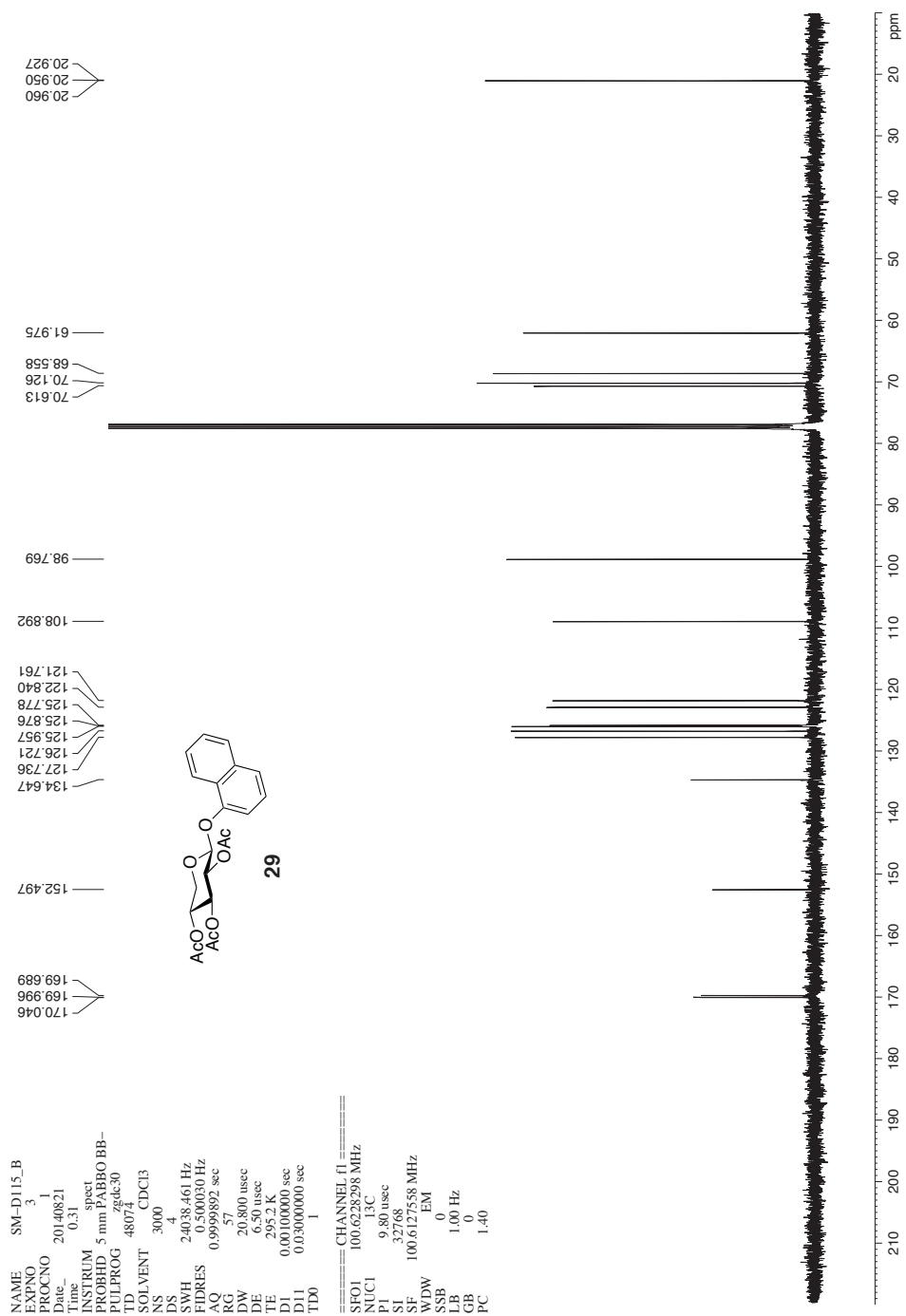
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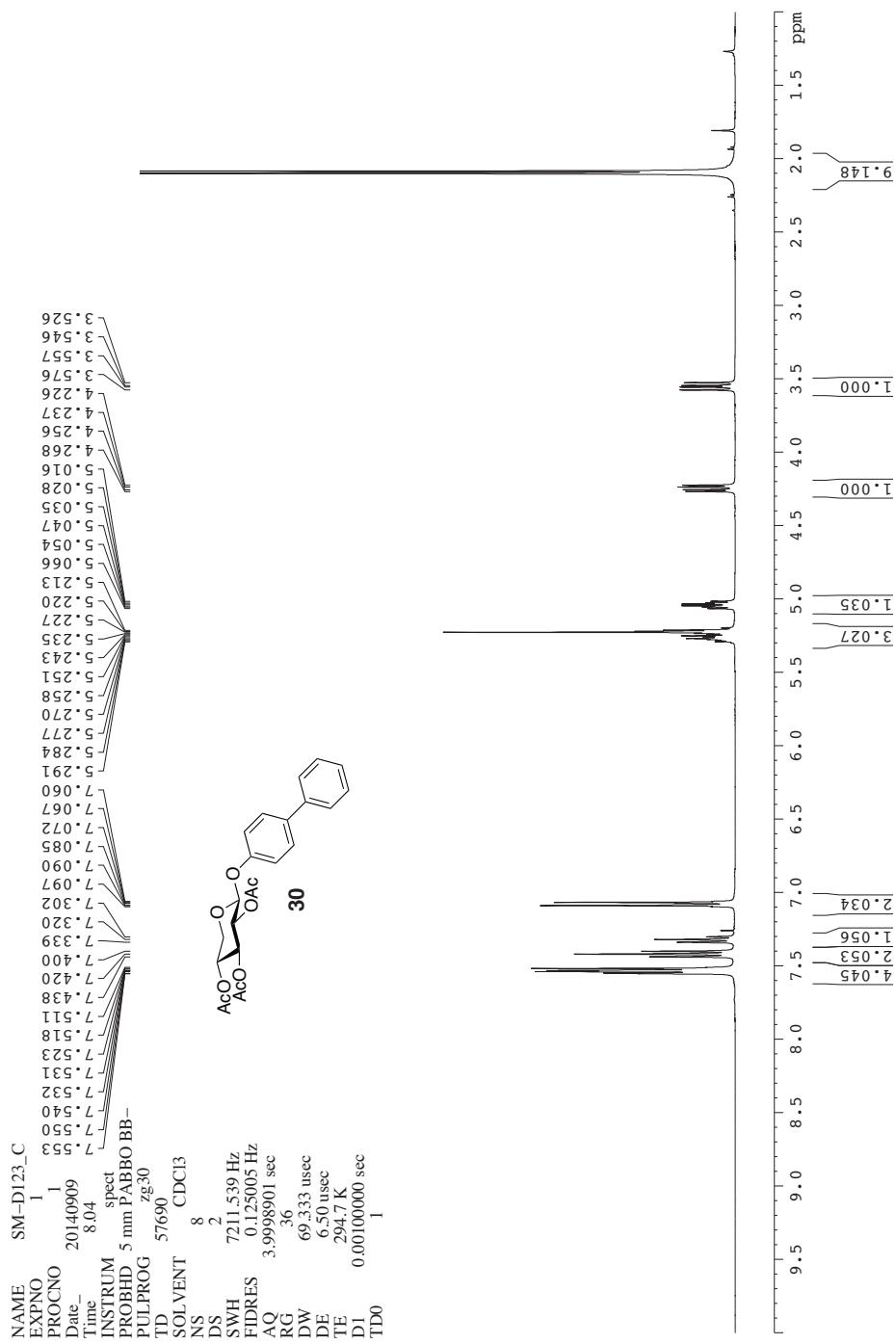
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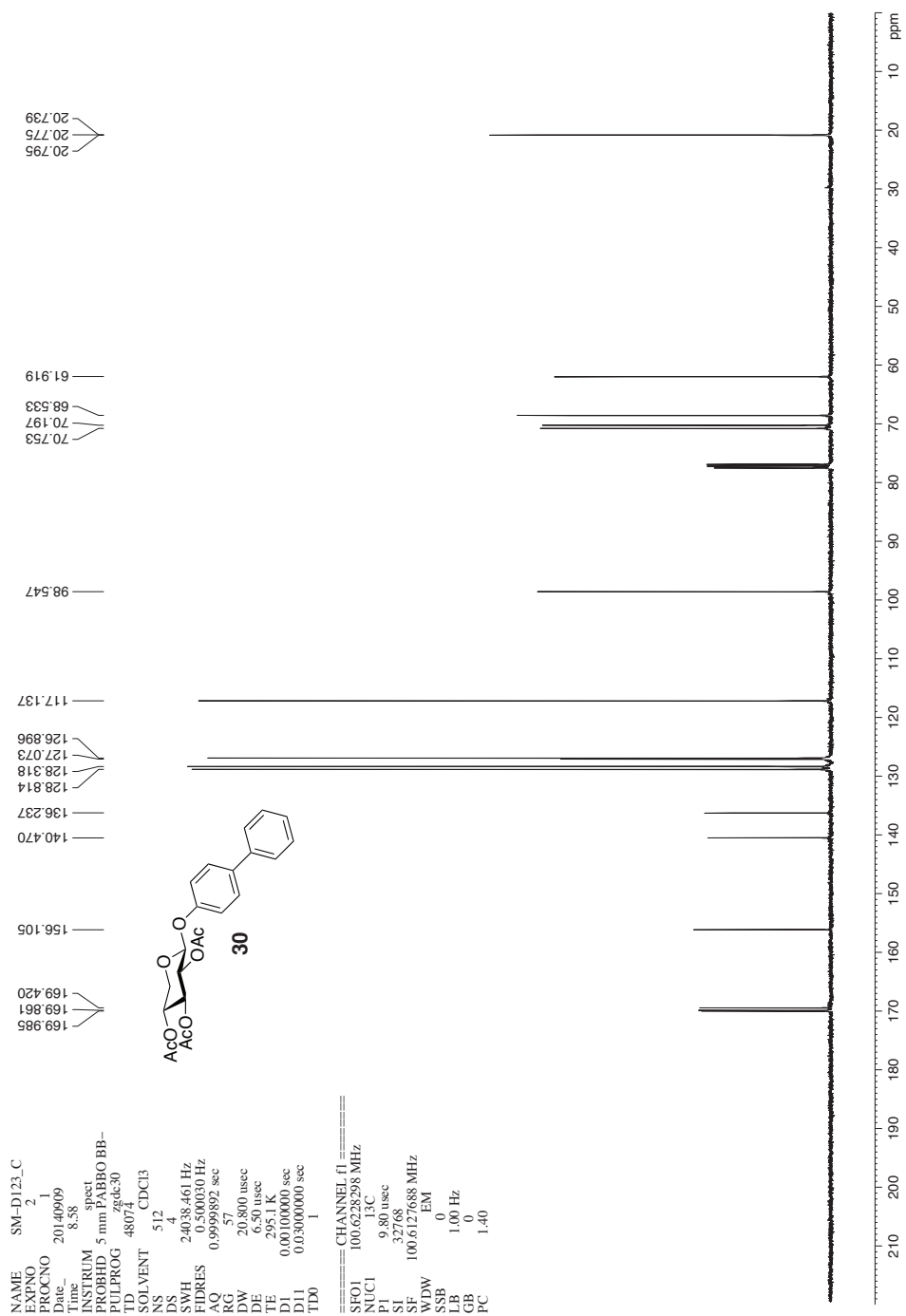
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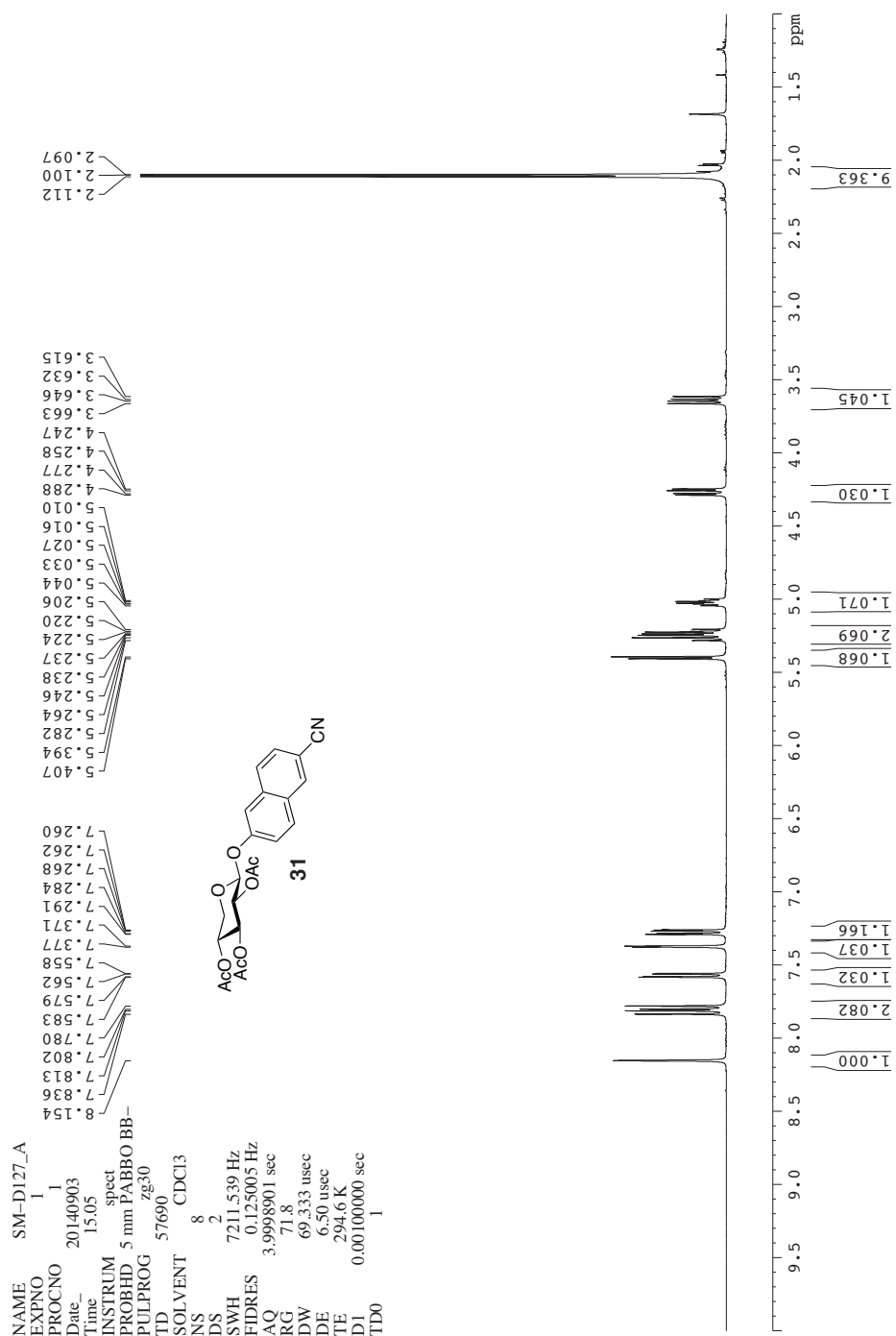
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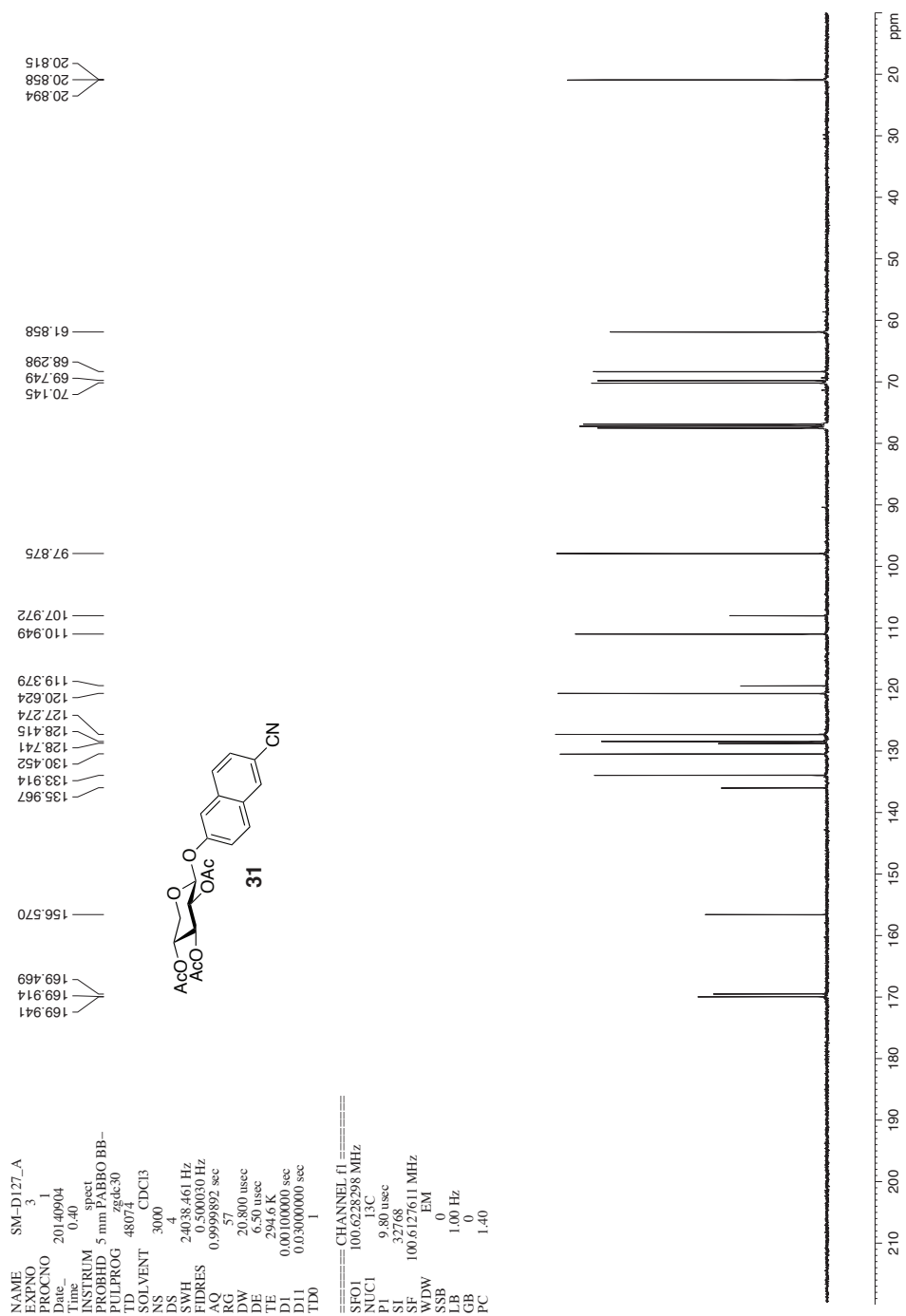
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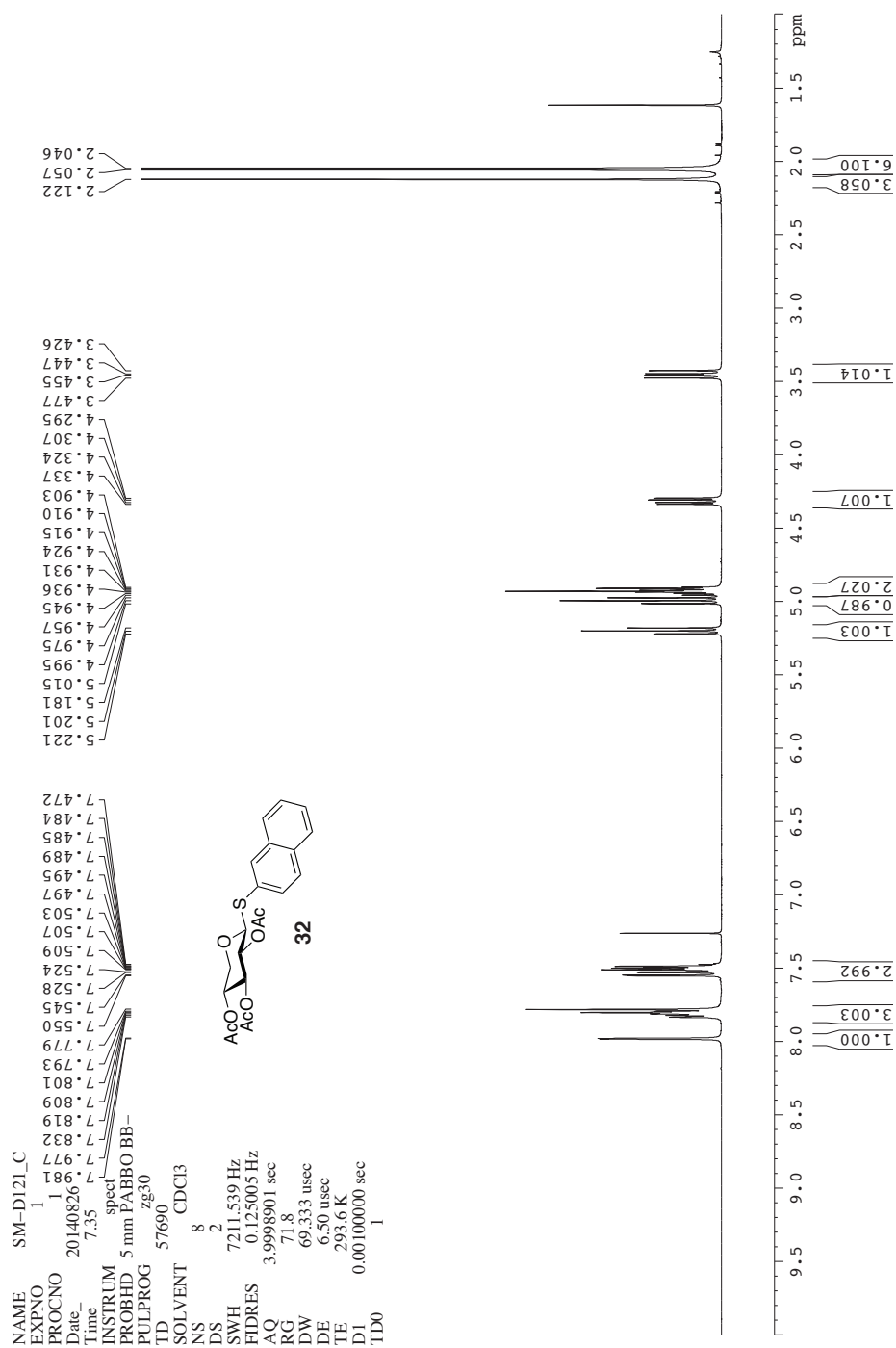
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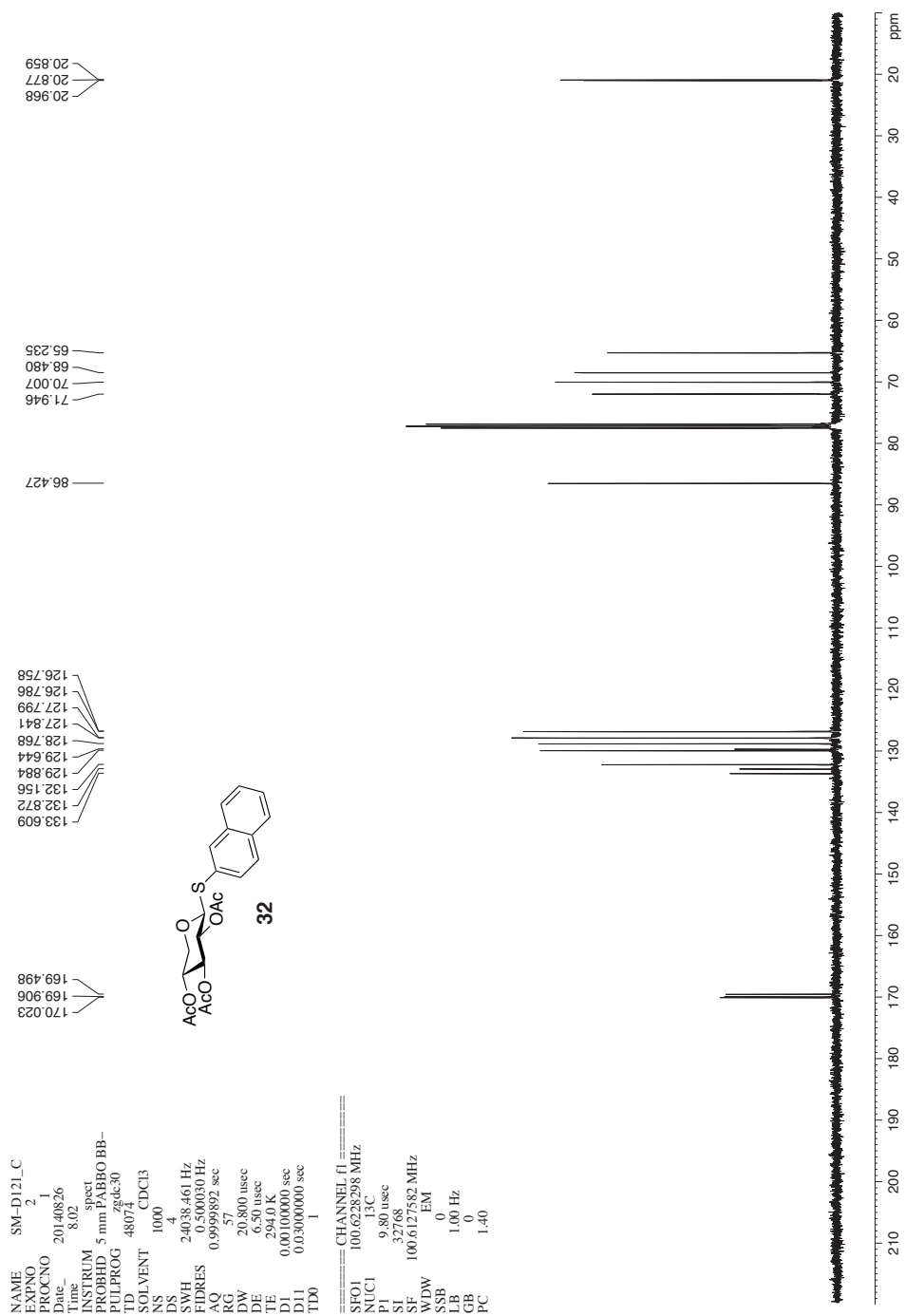
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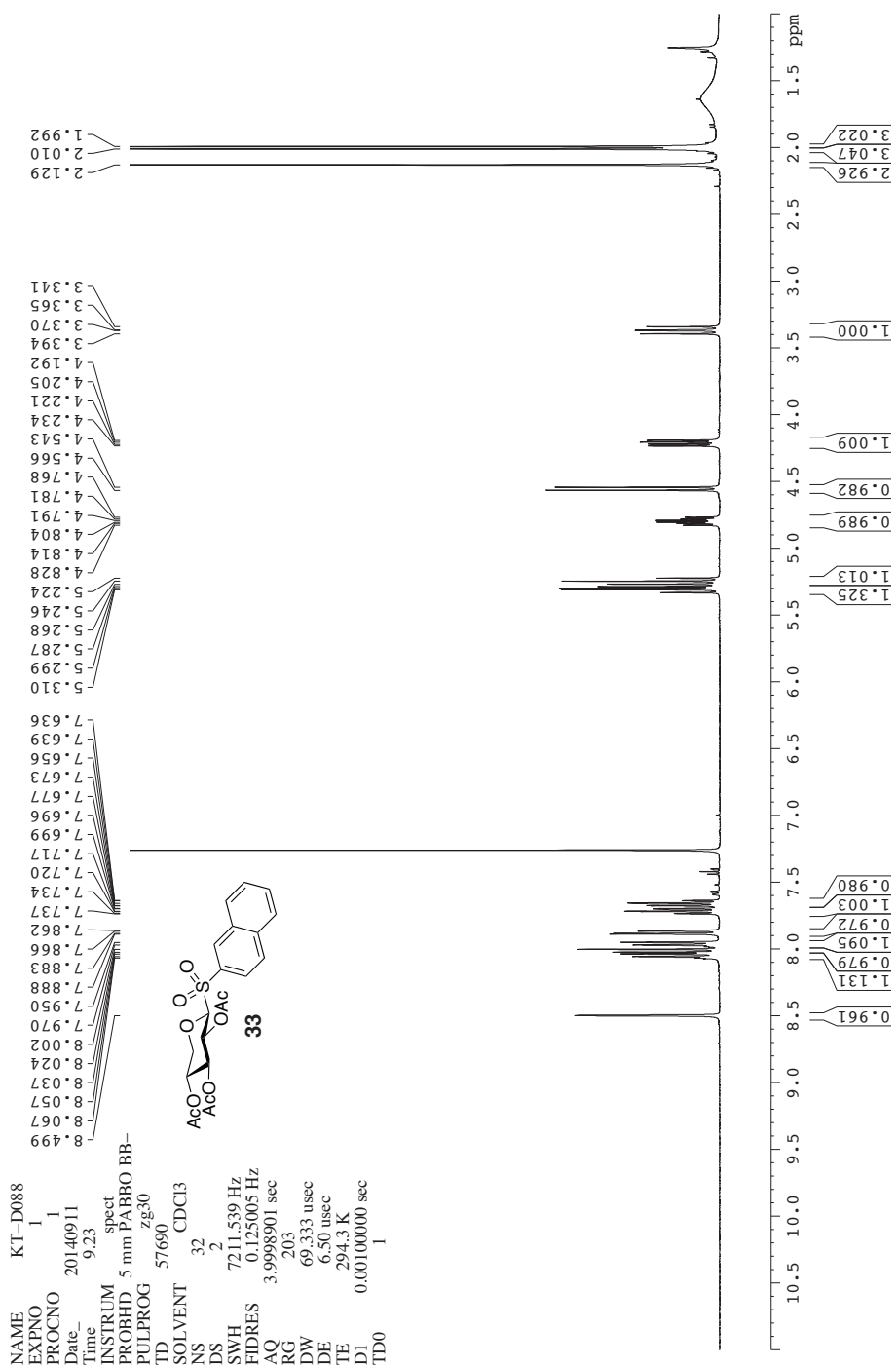
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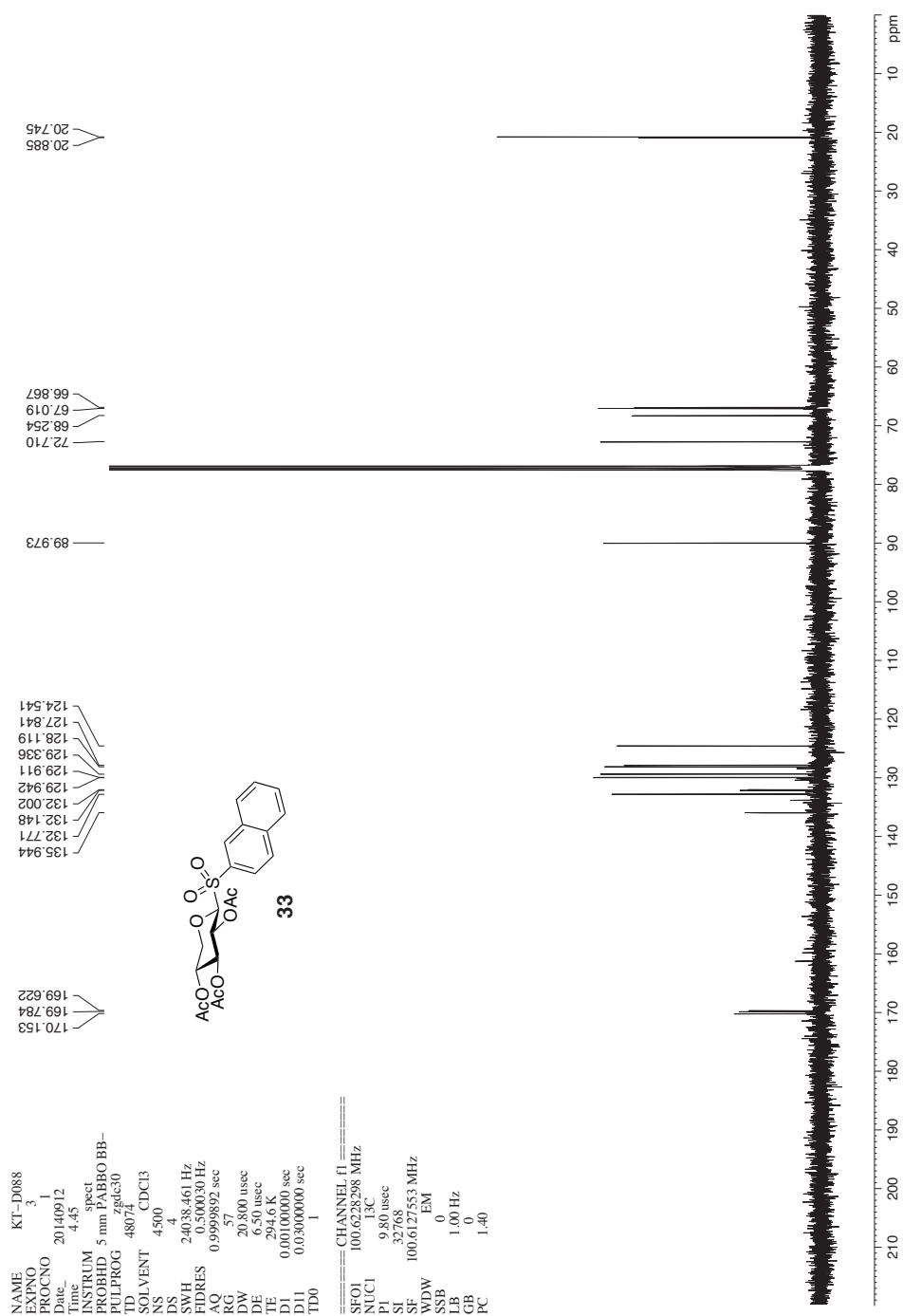
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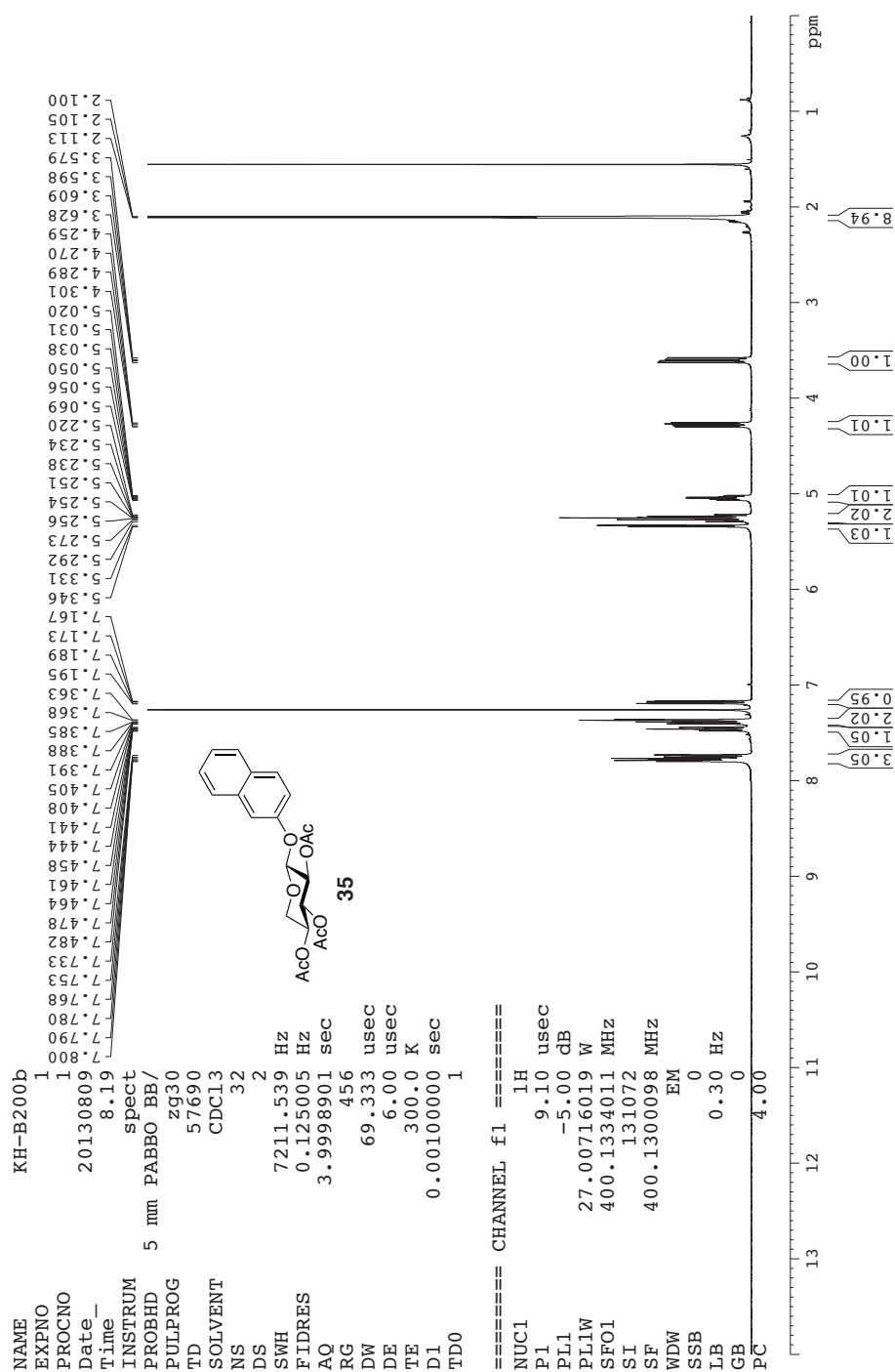
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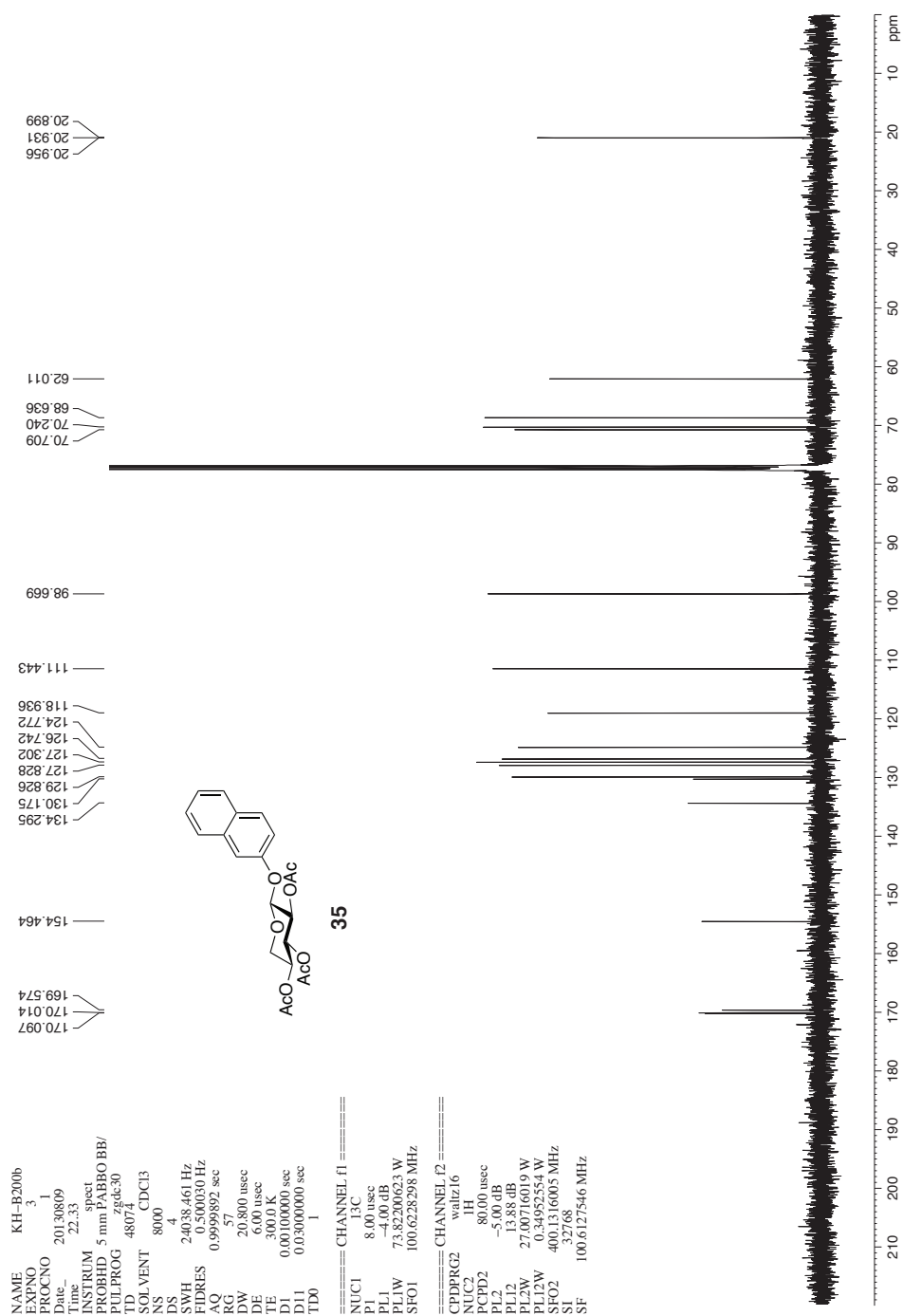
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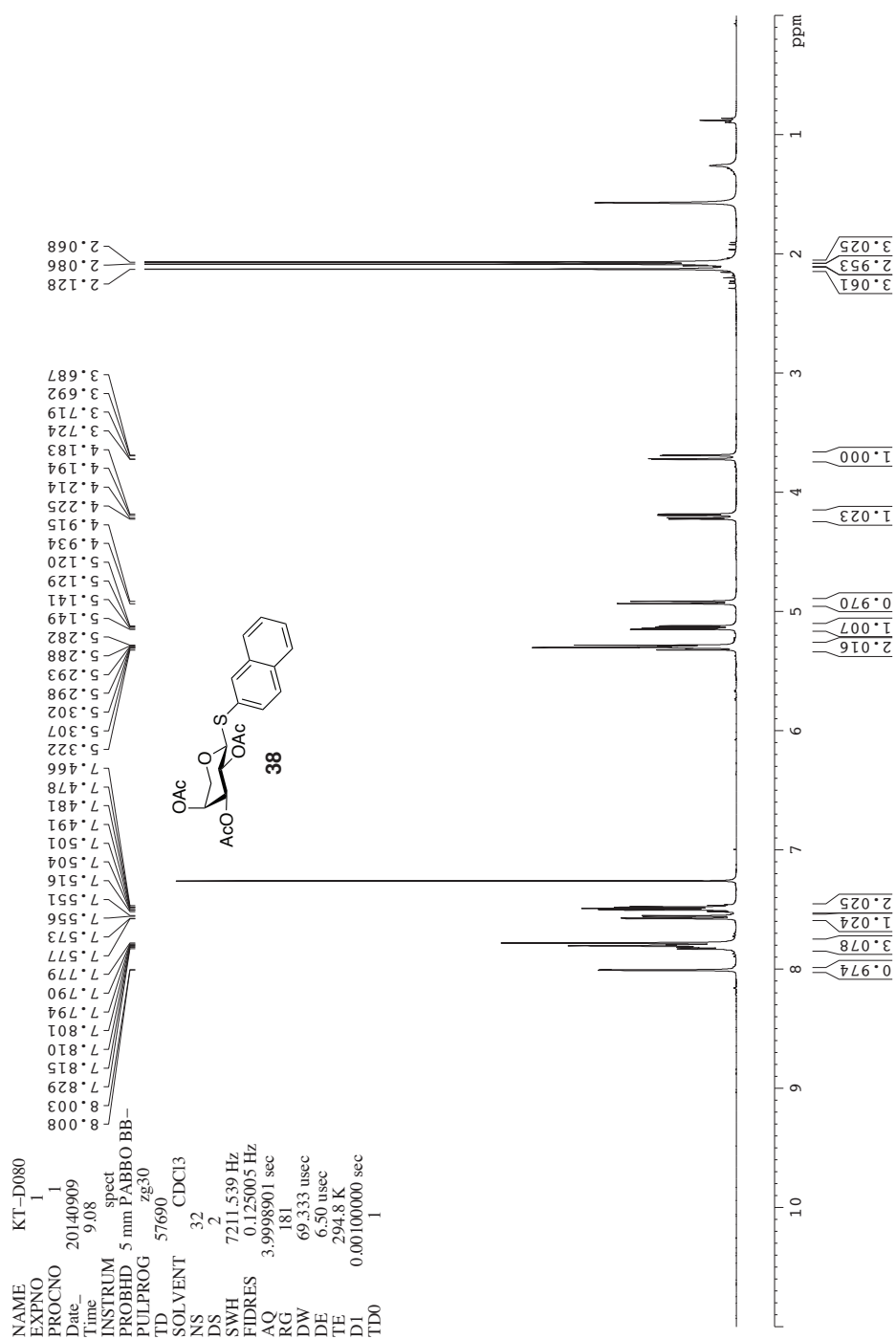
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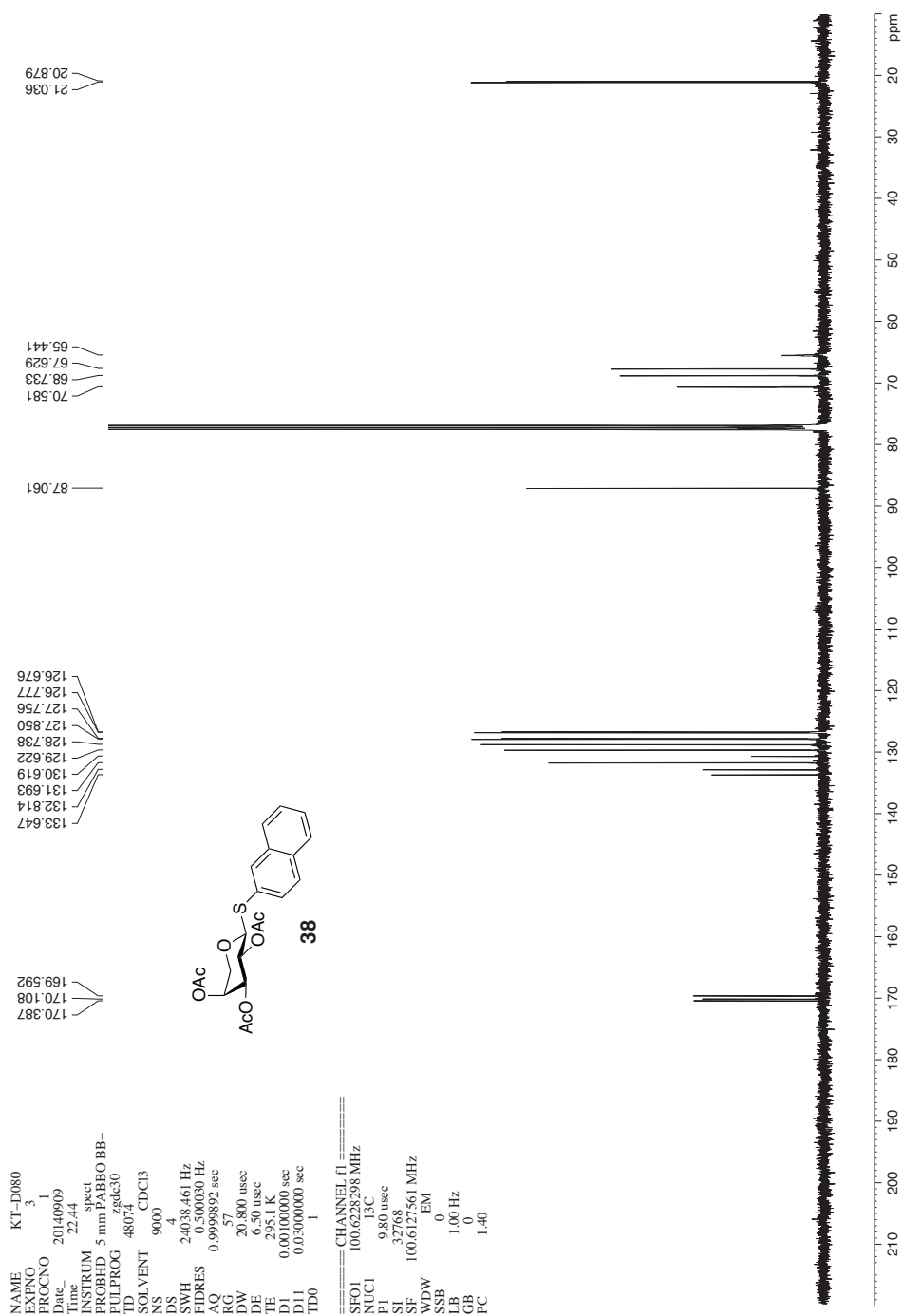
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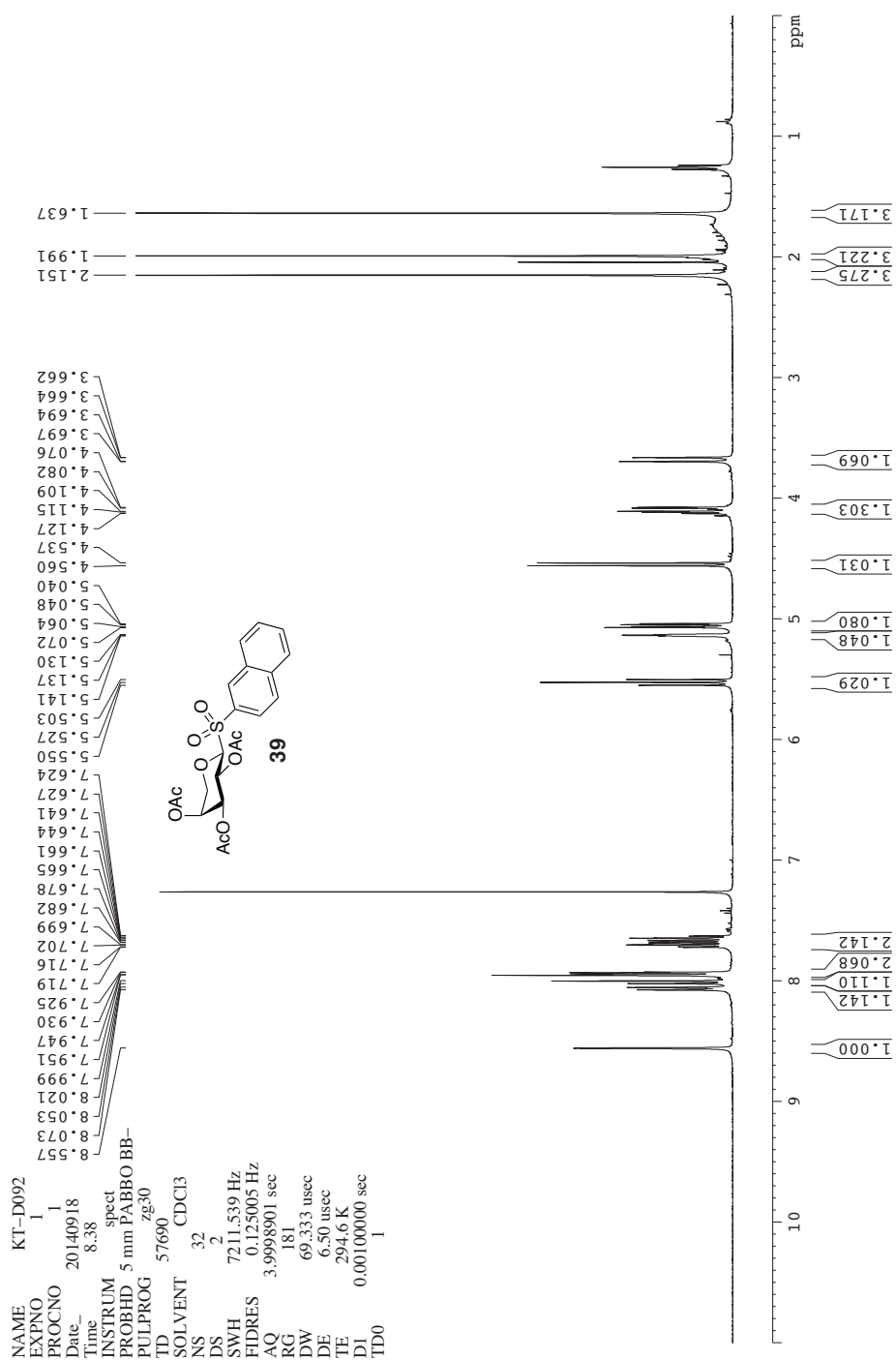
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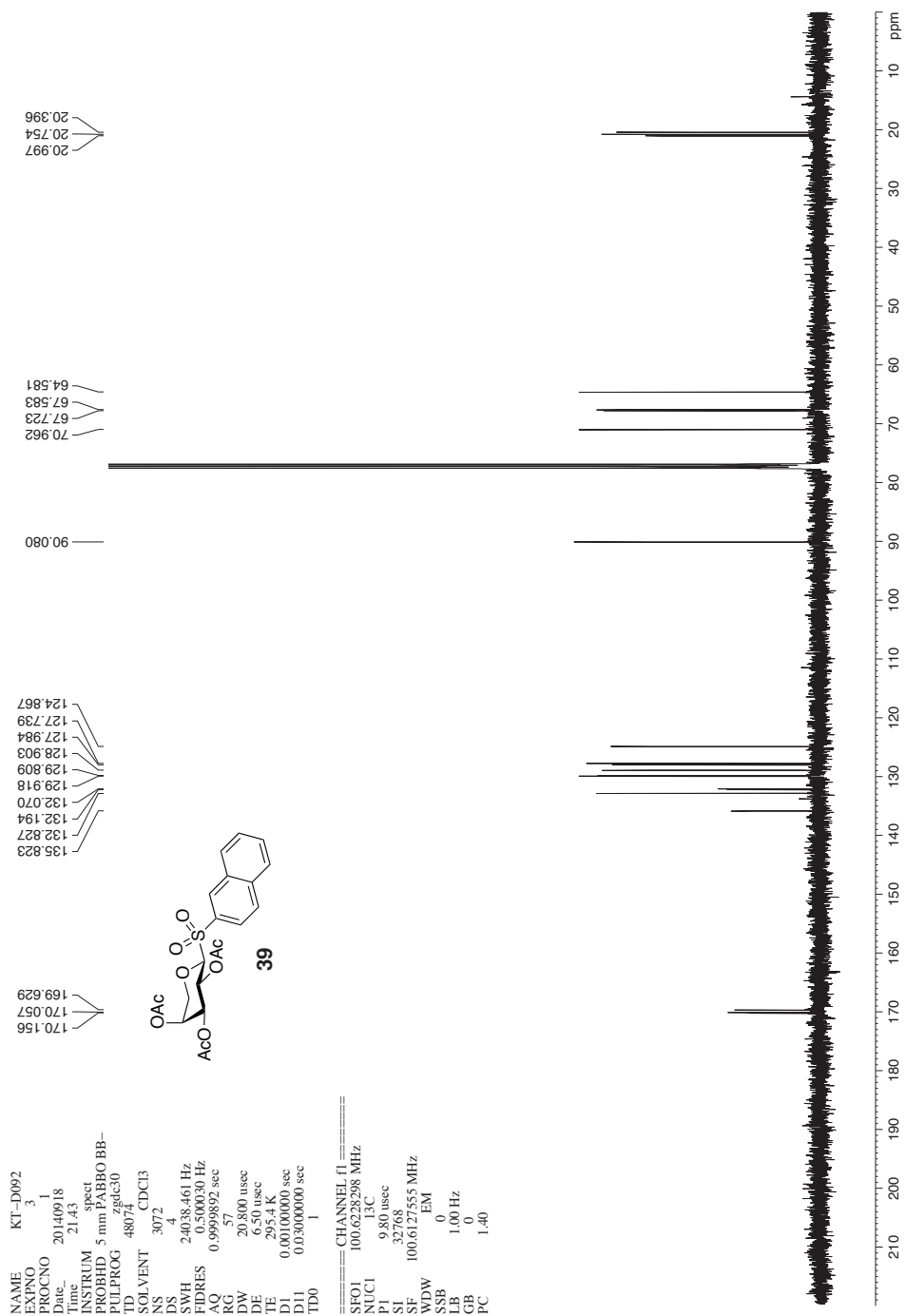
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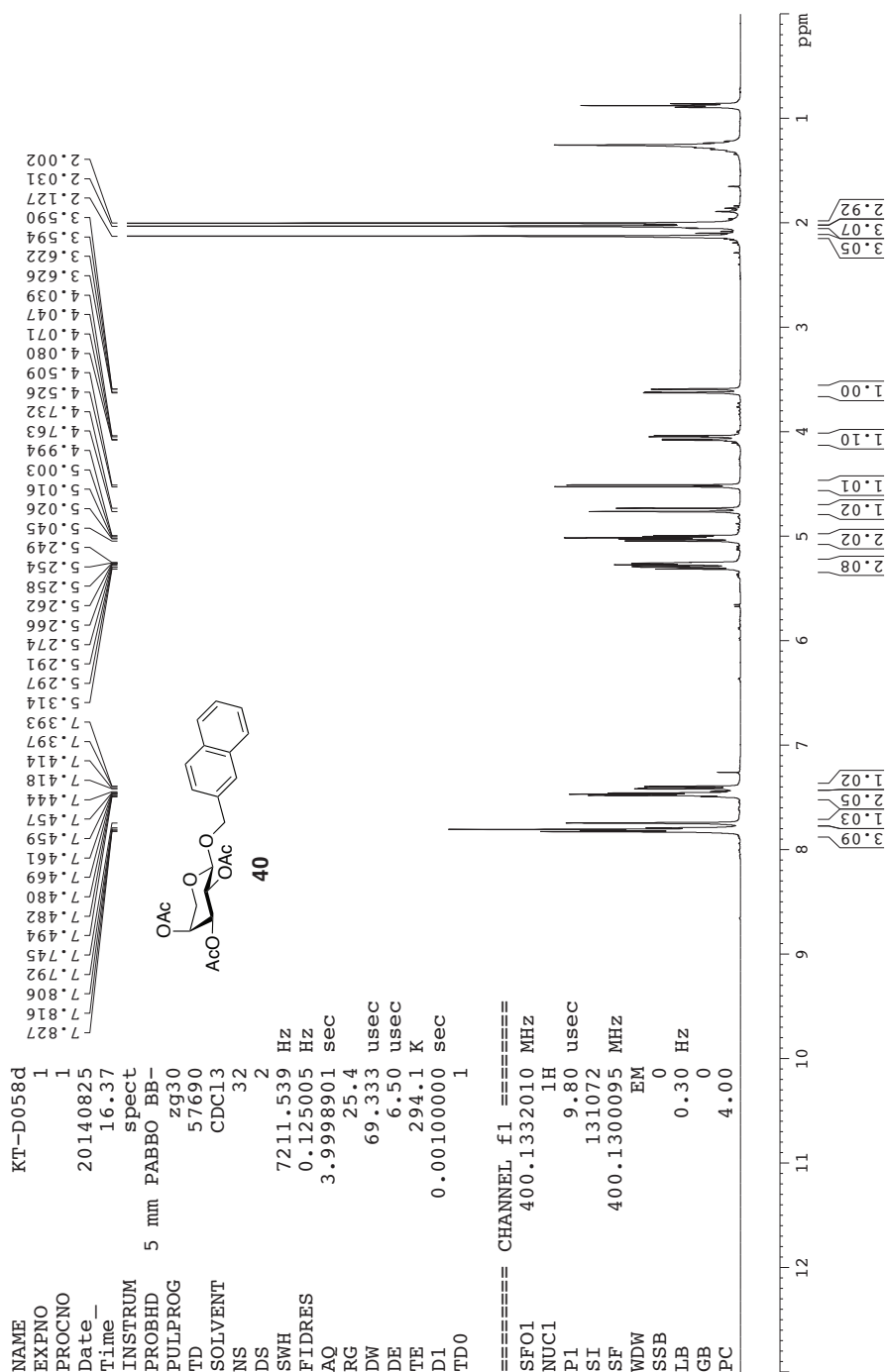
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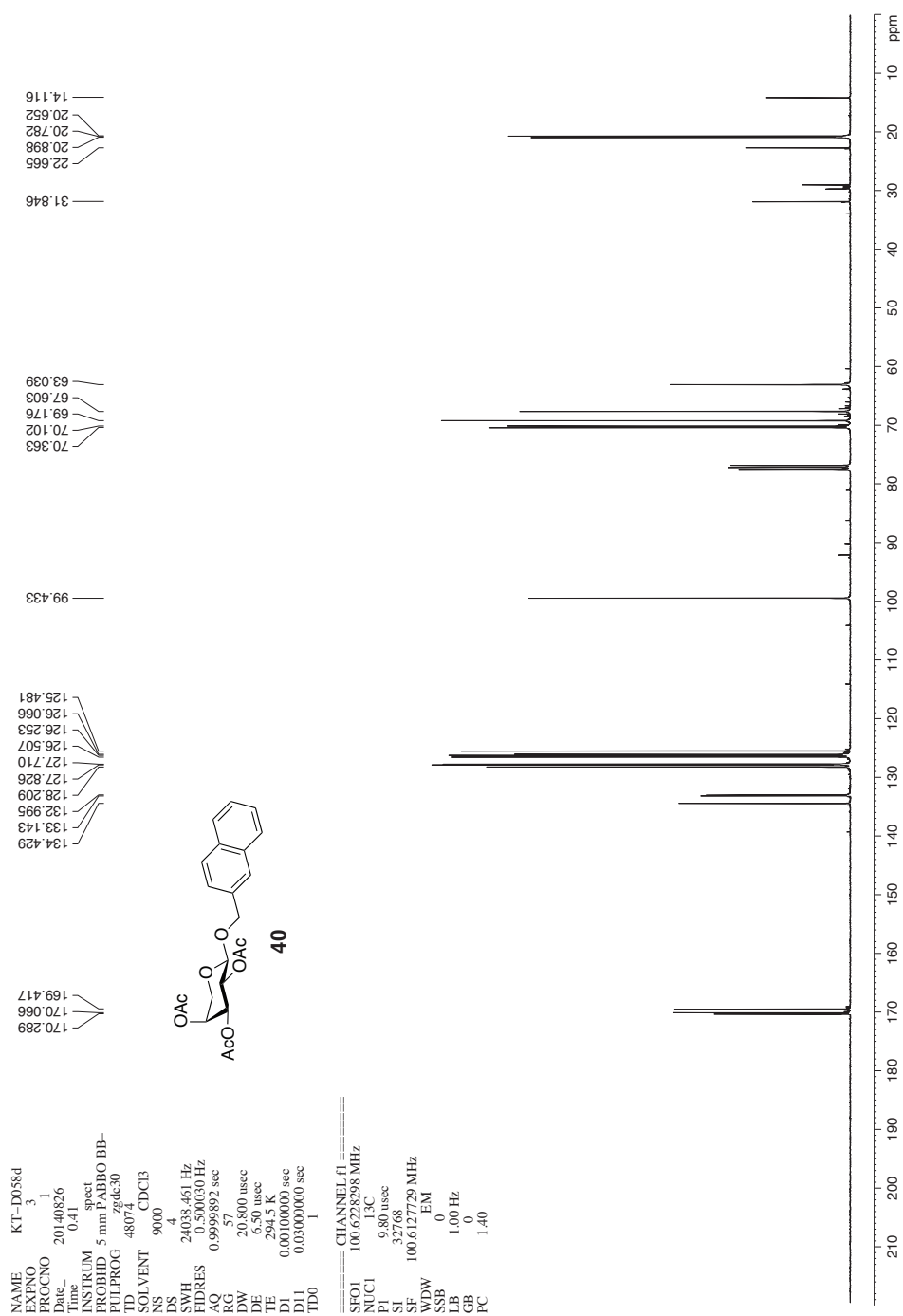
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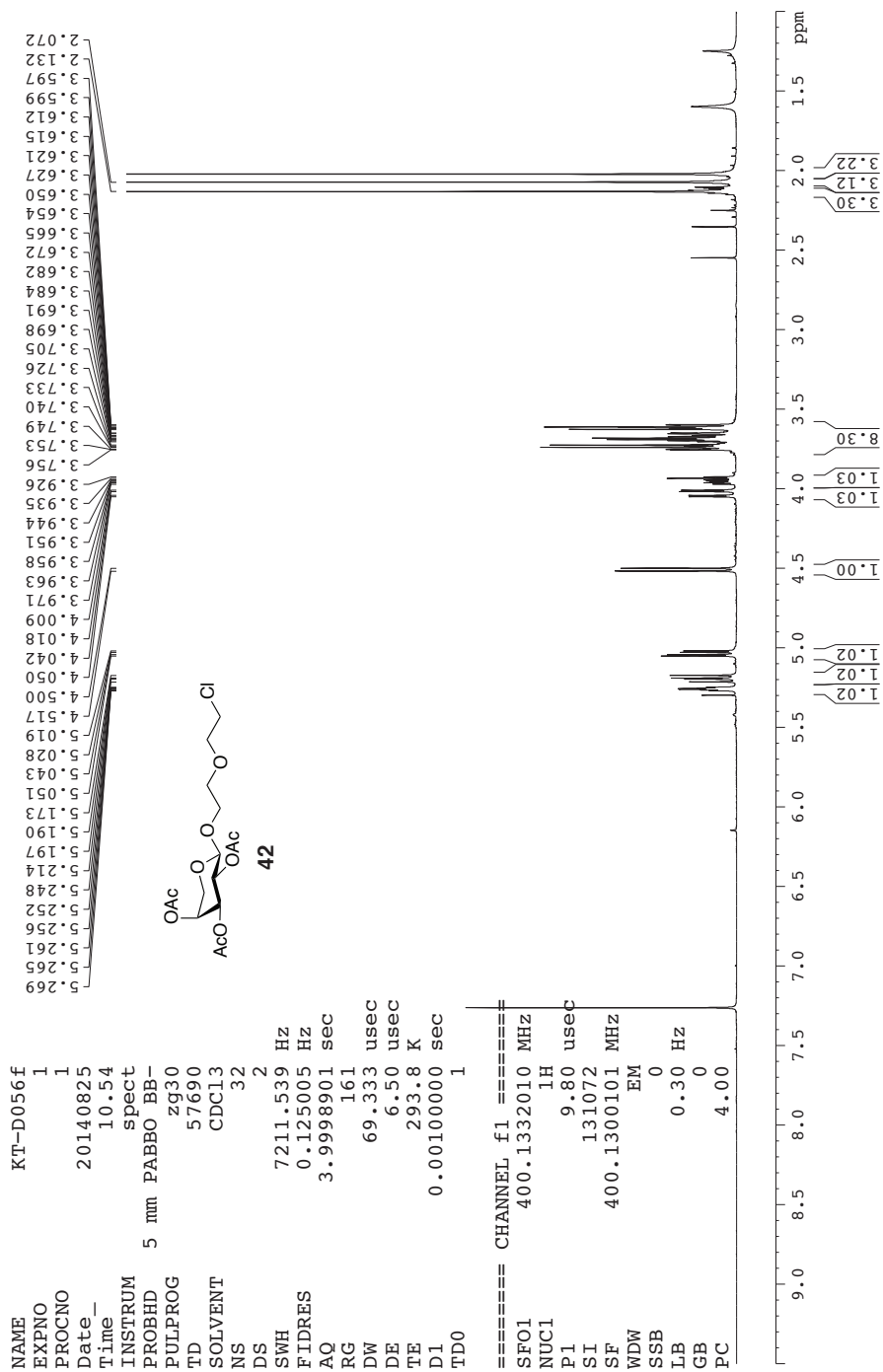
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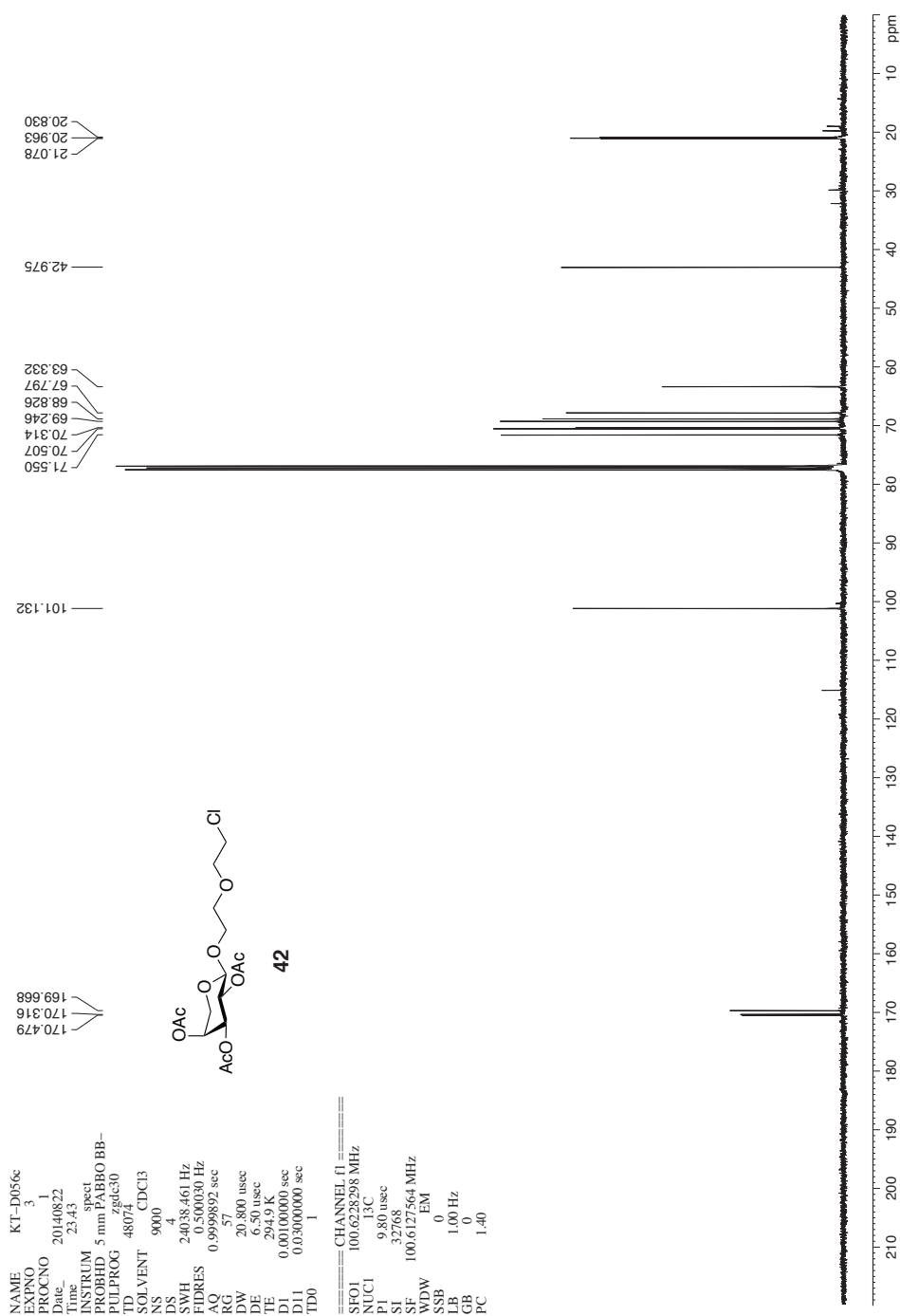
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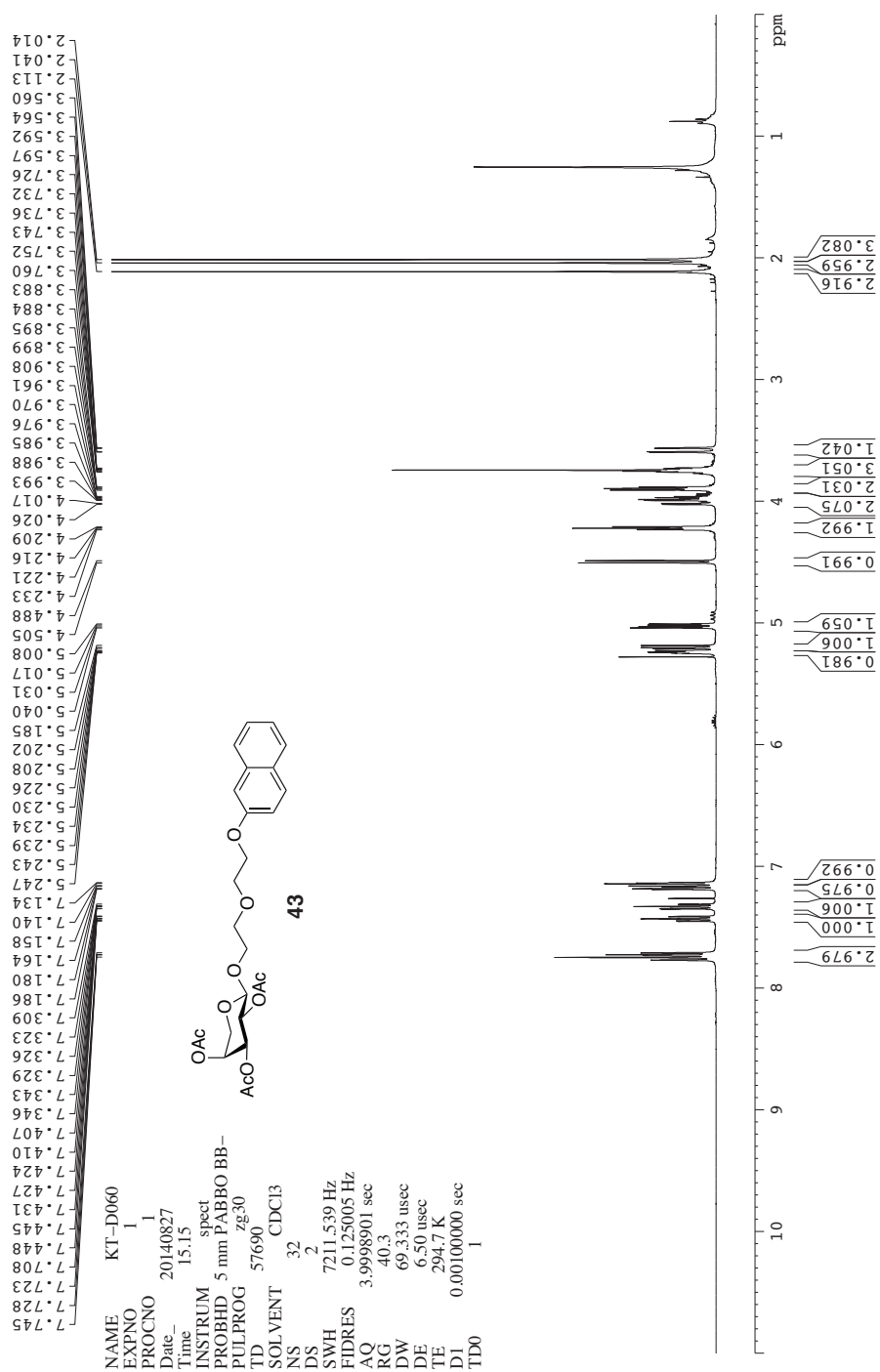
### <sup>1</sup>H-NMR 5-Chloro-3-oxo-1-pentyl 2,3,4-tri-*O*-acetyl- $\alpha$ -L-arabinopyranoside (**42**)



<sup>13</sup>C-NMR 5-Chloro-3-oxo-1-pentyl 2,3,4-tri-*O*-acetyl- $\alpha$ -L-arabinopyranoside (**42**)



**<sup>1</sup>H-NMR** 5-(2-Naphthoxy)-3-oxo-1-pentyl 2,3,4-tri-*O*-acetyl- $\alpha$ -L-arabinopyranoside (**43**)



<sup>13</sup>C-NMR 5-(2-Naphthoxy)-3-oxo-1-pentyl 2,3,4-tri-*O*-acetyl- $\alpha$ -L-arabinopyranoside (**43**)

