

# Cobalt(III)-Catalyzed C-H Amidation of *N,N*-Dialkyl Thiobenzamides by Sulfur Coordination

## (Supporting Information)

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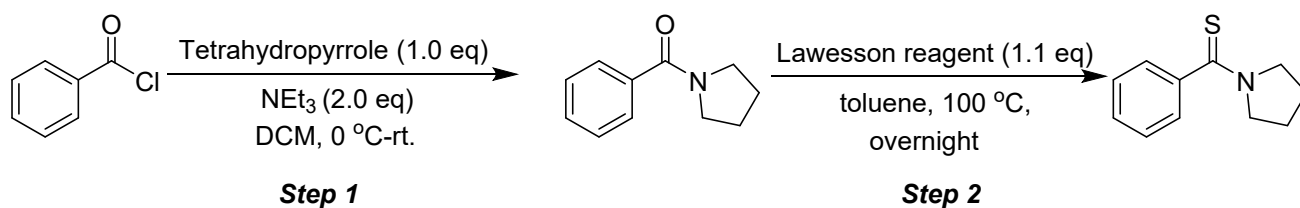
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## 1. General remarks

All manipulations were conducted with sealed tubes.  $^1\text{H}$ -NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker AVIII-400 spectrometers. Chemical shifts (in ppm) were calibrated with Chloroform-d.  $^{13}\text{C}$ -NMR spectra were obtained by using the same NMR spectrometers and were calibrated with Chloroform-d. Unless otherwise noted, materials obtained from commercial suppliers were used without further purification.

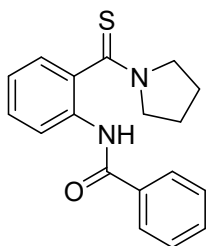
## 2. Preparation of substrates



**Step 1:** The solution of tetrahydropyrrole (10 mmol, 0.8 mL) and NEt<sub>3</sub> (20 mol, 2.8 mL) was dissolved in 50 mL dry DCM; and moved to an ice-bath, to this mixture was added the Benzoyl chloride slowly. After addition, the reaction was taken out of the ice-bath, and keeping stirring at 25 °C overnight. Then the reaction was quenched by the saturated sodium bicarbonate and extracted with DCM (50 mL × 2). The combined organic phase was washed with brine and dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and the solvent was removed under vacuum. The crude product can be used without further purification.<sup>[1]</sup>

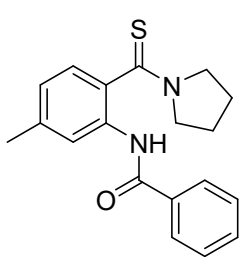
**Step 2:** The crude product and Lawesson reagent (11 mmol, 4.45 g) was dissolved in 50 mL toluene. Then the reaction was transformed to a preheated oil bath and stirring at 100 °C overnight. Cool down to r.t and concentrated in vacuum. The resulting oil was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (Petroleum ether /ethyl acetate = 20:1) affording **1** as yellow solid.<sup>[2]</sup>

### 3. Experimental procedure and characterization data



**3a**

1) *N*-(2-(pyrrolidine-1-carbonothioyl)phenyl)benzamide (**3a**). The reaction of phenyl(pyrrolidin-1-yl)methanethione (**1a**) (0.2 mmol, 38.3 mg), 3-phenyl-1,4,2-dioxazol-5-one (**2a**) (0.24 mmol, 39.1 mg), Cp\*Co(CO)I<sub>2</sub> (4.8 mg, 0.01 mmol), AgSbF<sub>6</sub> (13.8 mg, 0.04 mmol), PhCO<sub>2</sub>Na (7.2 mg, 0.04 mmol), and DCE (2 mL) were stirred at 40 °C for 12 h in Ar as monitored by TLC. The resulting mixture was concentrated and purified by flash chromatography on silica gel to **3a**; Yellow solid, 55.4 mg, yield: 89%. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 9.81 (s, 1H), 8.33 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.94 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.56 -7.37(m, 4H), 7.49 (dd, *J* = 13.2, 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.41-7.37 (m, 4H), 7.17-7.12 (m, 2H), 3.96 (t, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 3.53 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 3.34 (s, 1H), 2.07-1.87 (m, 4H) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 193.2, 165.1, 134.3, 133.6, 133.4, 132.0, 129.6, 128.8, 127.3, 124.9, 124.1, 123.4, 54.1, 53.1, 26.2, 24.4 ppm. HRMS *m/z* (ESI): calcd. for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>18</sub>N<sub>2</sub>OSNa [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> 333.1032, found: 333.1030.

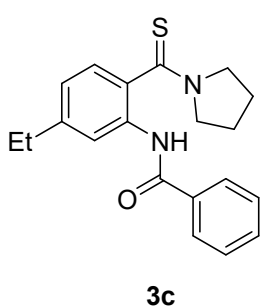


**3b**

2) *N*-(5-methyl-2-(pyrrolidine-1-carbonothioyl)phenyl)benzamide (**3b**). The reaction of pyrrolidin-1-yl(*p*-tolyl)methanethione (**1b**) (0.2 mmol, 41.1 mg), 3-phenyl-1,4,2-dioxazol-5-one (**2a**) (0.24 mmol, 39.1 mg), Cp\*Co(CO)I<sub>2</sub> (4.8 mg, 0.01 mmol), AgSbF<sub>6</sub> (13.8 mg, 0.04 mmol), PhCO<sub>2</sub>Na (7.2 mg, 0.04 mmol), and DCE (2 mL)

were stirred at 40 °C for 12 h in Ar as monitored by TLC. The resulting mixture was concentrated and purified by flash chromatography on silica gel to **3b**;

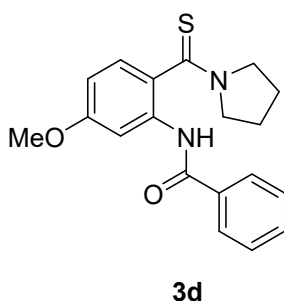
Yellow solid, 60.2 mg, yield: 91%.  $^1\text{H NMR}$  (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  9.92 (s, 1H), 8.19 (s, 1H), 7.95 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2H), 7.56-7.47 (m, 3H), 6.99 (d,  $J = 19.6, 7.6$  Hz, 2H), 3.96 (s, 2H), 3.55 (s, 1H), 3.39 (s, 1H), 2.39 (s, 3H), 2.06-1.88 (m, 4H) ppm.  $^{13}\text{C NMR}$  (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  193.4, 165.0, 140.0, 134.3, 133.4, 131.9, 130.7, 128.7, 127.3, 124.8, 124.8, 123.8, 54.1, 53.1, 26.2, 24.4, 21.5 ppm. **HRMS  $m/z$  (ESI):** calcd. for  $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{20}\text{N}_2\text{OSNa}$   $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$  347.1189, found: 347.1189.



**3) *N*-(5-ethyl-2-(pyrrolidine-1-carbonothioyl)phenyl)benzamide (3c).**

The reaction of (4-ethylphenyl)(pyrrolidin-1-yl)methanethione (**1c**) (0.2 mmol, 43.9 mg), 3-phenyl-1,4,2-dioxazol-5-one (**2a**) (0.24 mmol, 39.1 mg),  $\text{Cp}^*\text{Co}(\text{CO})\text{I}_2$  (4.8 mg, 0.01 mmol),

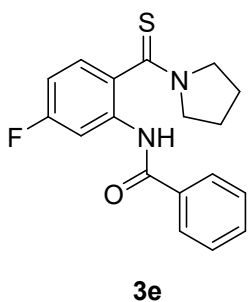
$\text{AgSbF}_6$  (13.8 mg, 0.04 mmol),  $\text{PhCO}_2\text{Na}$  (7.2 mg, 0.04 mmol), and DCE (2 mL) were stirred at 40 °C for 12 h in Ar as monitored by TLC. The resulting mixture was concentrated and purified by flash chromatography on silica gel to **3c**; Yellow oil, 39.7 mg, yield: 59%.  $^1\text{H NMR}$  (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  9.95 (s, 1H), 8.22 (s, 1H), 7.95 (t,  $J = 3.2$  Hz, 2H), 7.55-7.47 (m, 3H), 7.06-6.97 (m, 2H), 3.96 (t,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 2H), 3.56 (s, 1H), 3.40 (s, 1H), 2.69 (d,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 2H), 2.07-1.88 (m, 4H), 1.28-1.25 (m, 3H) ppm.  $^{13}\text{C NMR}$  (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  193.6, 165.1, 146.3, 134.4, 133.6, 131.9, 131.0, 128.8, 127.3, 124.9, 123.6, 122.8, 54.2, 53.1, 28.9, 26.2, 24.5, 15.3 ppm. **HRMS  $m/z$  (ESI):** calcd. for  $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{22}\text{N}_2\text{OSNa}$   $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$  361.1345, found: 361.1335.



**4) *N*-(5-methoxy-2-(pyrrolidine-1-carbonothioyl)phenyl)-**

### benzamide (3d).

The reaction of (4-methoxyphenyl)(pyrrolidin-1-yl) methanethione (**1d**) (0.2 mmol, 44.3 mg), 3-phenyl-1,4,2- dioxazol-5-one (**2a**) (0.24 mmol, 39.1 mg), Cp\*Co(CO)I<sub>2</sub> (4.8 mg, 0.01 mmol), AgSbF<sub>6</sub> (13.8 mg, 0.04 mmol), PhCO<sub>2</sub>Na (7.2 mg, 0.04 mmol), and DCE (2 mL) were stirred at 40 °C for 12 h in Ar as monitored by TLC. The resulting mixture was concentrated and purified by flash chromatography on silica gel to **3d**; Yellow oil, 18.7 mg, yield: 27%. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 10.29 (s, 1H), 8.09 (d, *J* = 2.8 Hz, 1H), 7.97 (d, *J* = 3.2 Hz, 2H), 7.57-7.47 (m, 3H), 7.04 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 6.68 (dd, *J* = 8.2, 5.6 Hz, 2H), 3.97 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 3.88 (d, *J* = 10 Hz, 3H), 3.56-3.45 (m, 2H), 3.07-1.94 (m, 4H) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 193.1, 165.2, 160.4, 135.7, 134.3, 132.0, 128.8, 127.3, 126.3, 125.2, 110.6, 107.3, 55.5, 54.4, 53.3, 26.2, 24.5 ppm. HRMS *m/z* (ESI): calcd. for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>20</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>SNa [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> 363.1138, found: 363.1132.

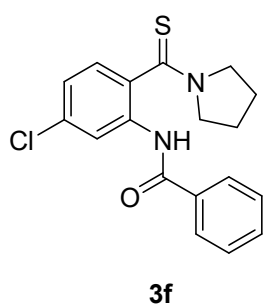


### 5) *N*-(5-fluoro-2-(pyrrolidine-1-carbonothioyl)phenyl)benz-

**amide (3e).** The reaction of (4-fluorophenyl) (pyrrolidin-1-yl) methanethione (**1e**) (0.2 mmol, 41.2 mg), 3-phenyl-1,4,2- dioxazol-5-one (**2a**) (0.24 mmol, 39.1 mg), Cp\*Co(CO)I<sub>2</sub> (4.8 mg, 0.01

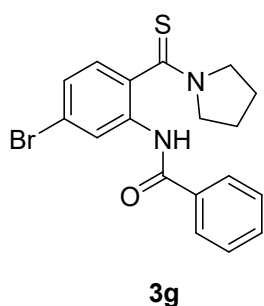
mmol), AgSbF<sub>6</sub> (13.8 mg, 0.04 mmol), PhCO<sub>2</sub>Na (7.2 mg, 0.04 mmol), and DCE (2 mL) were stirred at 40 °C for 12 h in Ar as monitored by TLC. The resulting mixture was concentrated and purified by flash chromatography on silica gel to **3e**; Yellow oil, 57.6 mg, yield: 88 %. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 10.08 (s, 1H), 8.26 (dd, *J* = 2.4, 9.2 Hz, 1H), 7.94 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.58-7.48 (m, 3H), 7.10 (dd, *J* = 6.4, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 6.87-6.82 (m, 1H), 3.98 (s, 2H), 3.55 (s, 1H), 3.37 (s,

1H), 2.08-1.91 (m, 4H) ppm.  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  192.4, 165.1, 162.7 (d,  $^1J_{\text{C-F}} = 246.5$  Hz), 135.8 (d,  $^3J_{\text{C-F}} = 11.7$  Hz), 134.0, 132.2, 128.8, 128.6 (d,  $^4J_{\text{C-F}} = 2.9$  Hz), 127.3, 126.4 (d,  $^3J_{\text{C-F}} = 9.4$  Hz), 110.7 (d,  $^2J_{\text{C-F}} = 22.2$  Hz), 110.2 (d,  $^2J_{\text{C-F}} = 27.0$  Hz), 54.3, 53.3, 26.2, 24.4 ppm.  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (377 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  -109.3 ppm (reference:  $\text{PhCF}_3$ ). HRMS m/z (ESI): calcd. for  $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{17}\text{N}_2\text{FOSNa}$   $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$  351.0938, found: 351.0938.



**6) N-(5-chloro-2-(pyrrolidine-1-carbonothioyl)phenyl)benzamide (3f).**

The reaction of (4-chlorophenyl) (pyrrolidin-1-yl) methanethione (**1f**) (0.2 mmol, 45.0 mg), 3-phenyl-1,4,2-dioxazol-5-one (**2a**) (0.24 mmol, 39.1 mg),  $\text{Cp}^*\text{Co}(\text{CO})\text{I}_2$  (4.8 mg, 0.01 mmol),  $\text{AgSbF}_6$  (13.8 mg, 0.04 mmol),  $\text{PhCO}_2\text{Na}$  (7.2 mg, 0.04 mmol), and DCE (2 mL) were stirred at 40 °C for 12 h in Ar as monitored by TLC. The resulting mixture was concentrated and purified by flash chromatography on silica gel to **3f**; Yellow oil, 55.3 mg, yield: 80 %.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  9.93 (s, 1H), 8.49 (s, 1H), 7.93 (dd,  $J = 3.6, 2.0$  Hz, 2H), 7.58-7.48 (m, 3H), 7.14-7.05 (m, 2H), 3.97 (s, 2H), 3.54 (s, 1H), 3.37 (s, 1H), 2.10-1.91 (m, 4H) ppm.  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  192.2, 165.0, 135.4, 134.9, 133.9, 132.2, 131.1, 128.9, 127.4, 125.9, 124.0, 123.1, 54.2, 53.2, 26.3, 24.4 ppm. HRMS m/z (ESI): calcd. for  $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{17}\text{N}_2\text{ClOSNa}$   $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$  367.0642, found: 367.0630.

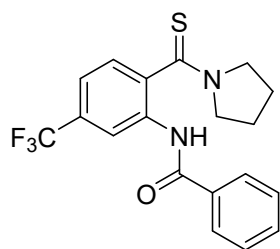


**7) N-(5-bromo-2-(pyrrolidine-1-carbonothioyl)phenyl)benzamide (3g).**

The reaction of (4-bromophenyl) (pyrrolidin-1-yl) methanethione (**1g**) (0.2 mmol, 54.0 mg), 3-phenyl-1,4,2-

dioxazol-5-one (**2a**) (0.24 mmol, 39.1 mg), Cp\*Co(CO)I<sub>2</sub> (4.8 mg, 0.01 mmol), AgSbF<sub>6</sub> (13.8 mg, 0.04 mmol), PhCO<sub>2</sub>Na (7.2 mg, 0.04 mmol), and DCE (2 mL) were stirred at 40 °C for 12 h in Ar as monitored by TLC. The resulting mixture was concentrated and purified by flash chromatography on silica gel to **3g**; Yellow oil, 44 mg, yield: 56%. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 9.90 (s, 1H), 8.64 (s, 1H), 7.93 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.58-7.48 (m, 3H), 7.28 (dd, *J* = 6.4, 1.3 Hz, 2H), 7.00 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 3.96 (s, 2H), 3.53 (s, 1H), 3.37 (s, 1H), 2.08-1.89 (m, 4H) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 192.0, 165.0, 134.9, 133.8, 132.2, 131.4, 128.8, 127.3, 127.0, 126.1, 125.9, 123.4, 54.2, 53.2, 26.2, 24.4 ppm. HRMS *m/z* (ESI): calcd. for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>18</sub>N<sub>2</sub>BrOS [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 389.0318, found: 389.0318.

#### 8) *N*-(2-(pyrrolidine-1-carbonothioyl)-5-



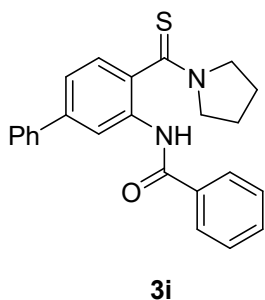
**3h**

(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)benzamide (**3h**). The reaction of pyrrolidin-1-yl (4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl) methanethione (**1h**) (0.2 mmol, 51.8 mg), 3-phenyl-1,4,2-dioxazol-5-one (**2a**) (0.24 mmol, 39.1 mg), Cp\*Co(CO)I<sub>2</sub> (4.8 mg, 0.01 mmol), AgSbF<sub>6</sub>

(13.8 mg, 0.04 mmol), PhCO<sub>2</sub>Na (7.2 mg, 0.04 mmol), and DCE (2 mL) were stirred at 40 °C for 12 h in Ar as monitored by TLC. The resulting mixture was concentrated and purified by flash chromatography on silica gel to **3h**; Yellow oil, 37.9 mg, yield: 50%. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 9.81 (s, 1H), 8.75 (s, 1H), 7.94 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.60-7.50 (m, 3H), 7.41 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.25 (s, 1H), 3.99 (dd, *J* = 12.4, 5.6 Hz, 2H), 3.54 (s, 1H), 3.34 (s, 1H), 2.12-1.90 (m, 4H) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 191.6, 165.2, 135.8, 134.2, 133.8, 132.3, 131.4, 128.9, 127.3, 125.4, 122.2, 120.8 (q, <sup>3</sup>*J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 3.7 Hz), 120.3 (q, <sup>3</sup>*J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 3.2 Hz), 54.1,



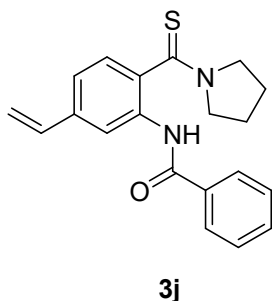
53.2, 26.3, 24.4 ppm.  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (377 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  -63.4 ppm (reference:  $\text{PhCF}_3$ ). HRMS  $m/z$  (ESI): calcd. For  $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{17}\text{N}_2\text{F}_3\text{BrOSNa}$   $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$  401.0906, found: 401.0904.



**9) *N*-(4-(pyrrolidine-1-carbonothioyl)-[1,1'-biphenyl]-3-yl)-**

**benzamide (3i).** The reaction of [1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl(pyrrolidin-1-yl) methanethione (**1i**) (0.2 mmol, 53.5 mg), 3-phenyl-1,4,2-dioxazol-5-one (**2a**) (0.24 mmol, 39.1 mg),  $\text{Cp}^*\text{Co}(\text{CO})\text{I}_2$  (4.8 mg, 0.01 mmol),  $\text{AgSbF}_6$  (13.8 mg, 0.04 mmol),  $\text{PhCO}_2\text{Na}$  (7.2 mg,

0.04 mmol), and DCE (2 mL) were stirred at 40 °C for 12 h in Ar as monitored by TLC. The resulting mixture was concentrated and purified by flash chromatography on silica gel to **3i**; Yellow oil, 50.2 mg, yield: 65%.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  9.98 (s, 1H), 8.65 (s, 1H), 7.88 (d,  $J = 6.8$  Hz, 2H), 7.67 (d,  $J = 1.2$  Hz, 2H), 7.58-7.35 (m, 7H), 7.20 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1H), 4.00 (d,  $J = 6.4$  Hz, 2H), 3.61 (s, 1H), 3.46 (s, 1H), 2.08-1.90 (m, 4H) ppm.  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  193.1, 165.1, 142.6, 140.0, 143.3, 134.0, 132.0, 128.8, 127.8, 127.3, 127.2, 125.4, 122.6, 122.0, 54.2, 53.1, 26.2, 24.4 ppm. HRMS  $m/z$  (ESI): calcd. for  $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{22}\text{N}_2\text{OS}$   $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$  387.1526, found: 387.1515.

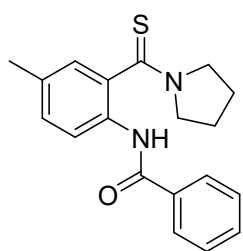


**10) *N*-(2-(pyrrolidine-1-carbonothioyl)-5-**

**vinylphenyl)benzamide (3j).** The reaction of pyrrolidin-1-yl (4-vinylphenyl) methanethione (**1j**) (0.2 mmol, 43.5 mg), 3-phenyl-1,4,2-dioxazol-5-one (**2a**) (0.24 mmol, 39.1 mg),

$\text{Cp}^*\text{Co}(\text{CO})\text{I}_2$  (4.8 mg, 0.01 mmol),  $\text{AgSbF}_6$  (13.8 mg, 0.04 mmol),  $\text{PhCO}_2\text{Na}$  (7.2 mg, 0.04 mmol), and DCE (2 mL) were stirred at 40 °C for 12 h in Ar as

monitored by TLC. The resulting mixture was concentrated and purified by flash chromatography on silica gel to **3j**; Yellow oil, 29.9 mg, yield: 44%. **<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)**  $\delta$  9.92 (s, 1H), 8.44 (s, 1H), 7.96 (d,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 2H), 7.57-7.48 (m, 3H), 7.20 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1H), 7.09 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1H), 6.77-6.70 (m, 1H), 5.84 (d,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 1H), 5.34 (d,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 1H), 3.97 (s, 2H), 3.56 (s, 1H), 3.40 (s, 1H), 2.07-1.89 (m, 4H) ppm. **<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)**  $\delta$  193.1, 165.1, 139.1, 136.0, 134.3, 134.0, 132.4, 132.0, 128.8, 127.3, 125.2, 121.7, 121.1, 115.6, 54.1, 53.1, 26.2, 24.4 ppm. **HRMS m/z (ESI)**: calcd. for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>21</sub>N<sub>2</sub>OS [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 337.1369, found: 337.1358.



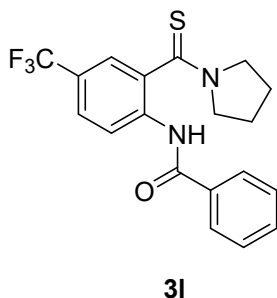
**3k**

**11) *N*-(4-methyl-2-(pyrrolidine-1-carbonothioyl)phenyl)benzamide(3k).**

The reaction of pyrrolidin-1-yl(m-tolyl)methanethione (**1k**) (0.2 mmol, 41.1 mg), 3-phenyl-1,4,2-dioxazol-5-one (**2a**) (0.24 mmol, 39.1 mg), Cp\*Co(CO)I<sub>2</sub> (4.8 mg, 0.01 mmol), AgSbF<sub>6</sub> (13.8

mg, 0.04 mmol), PhCO<sub>2</sub>Na (7.2 mg, 0.04 mmol), and DCE (2 mL) were stirred at 40 °C for 12 h in Ar as monitored by TLC. The resulting mixture was concentrated and purified by flash chromatography on silica gel to **3k**; Yellow oil, 48.7 mg, yield: 75%. **<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)**  $\delta$  9.56 (s, 1H), 8.16 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 1H), 7.93 (d,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 2H), 7.54-7.46 (m, 3H), 7.20 (d,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 1H), 6.94 (s, 1H), 3.96 (s, 2H), 3.54 (s, 1H), 3.37 (s, 1H), 2.33 (s, 3H), 2.08-1.87 (m, 4H) ppm. **<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)**  $\delta$  193.3, 165.0, 134.3, 134.1, 133.8, 131.9, 130.6, 130.3, 128.7, 127.2, 125.1, 123.6, 54.0, 53.0, 26.2, 24.4, 20.9 ppm. **HRMS m/z (ESI)**: calcd. for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>21</sub>N<sub>2</sub>OS [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 325.1369, found: 325.1360.

**12) *N*-(2-(pyrrolidine-1-carbonothioyl)-4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)benzamide (3l).**



The reaction of pyrrolidin-1-yl(3-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)

methanethione (**1l**) (0.2 mmol, 51.8 mg), 3-phenyl-1,4,2-

dioxazol-5-one (**2a**) (0.24 mmol, 39.1 mg), Cp\*Co(CO)I<sub>2</sub> (4.8

mg, 0.01 mmol), AgSbF<sub>6</sub> (13.8 mg, 0.04 mmol), PhCO<sub>2</sub>Na (7.2

mg, 0.04 mmol), and DCE (2 mL) were stirred at 40 °C for 12 h in Ar as monitored by TLC. The resulting mixture was concentrated and purified by flash

chromatography on silica gel to **3l**; Yellow oil, 14.4 mg, yield: 19%. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400

MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 9.90 (s, 1H), 8.64 (s, 1H), 7.94-7.92 (m, 2H), 7.58-7.48 (m, 3H),

7.30-7.26 (m, 1H), 7.00 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 3.96 (s, 2H), 3.53 (s, 1H), 3.36 (s, 1H),

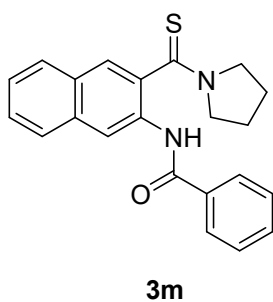
2.08-1.89 (m, 4H) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 192.1, 165.0, 134.9, 133.9,

132.2, 130.2 (q, <sup>1</sup>*J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 270.0 Hz), 126.7 (q, <sup>2</sup>*J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 35.2 Hz), 126.1, 126.0, 123.4,

54.2, 53.2, 26.2, 24.4 ppm. <sup>19</sup>F NMR (377 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ -62.6 ppm (reference:

PhCF<sub>3</sub>). HRMS *m/z* (ESI): calcd. for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>21</sub>N<sub>2</sub>OS [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 379.1086, found:

379.1082.



**13) N-(3-(pyrrolidine-1-carbonothioyl)naphthalen-2-yl)**

**-benzamide (3m)**. The reaction of naphthalen-2-yl (pyrrolidin-1-

yl) methanethione (**1m**) (0.2 mmol, 48.3 mg), 3-phenyl-1,4,2-

dioxazol-5-one (**2a**) (0.24 mmol, 39.1 mg), Cp\*Co(CO)I<sub>2</sub> (4.8

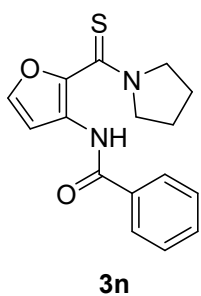
mg, 0.01 mmol), AgSbF<sub>6</sub> (13.8 mg, 0.04 mmol), PhCO<sub>2</sub>Na (7.2 mg, 0.04 mmol), and

DCE (2 mL) were stirred at 40 °C for 12 h in Ar as monitored by TLC. The resulting

mixture was concentrated and purified by flash chromatography on silica gel to **3m**;

Yellow solid, 53.8 mg, yield: 75%. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 9.87 (s, 1H),

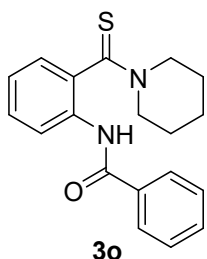
8.88 (s, 1H), 7.99 (d,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 2H), 7.86 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 1H), 7.74 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 1H), 7.61-7.48 (m, 4H), 7.43 (t,  $J = 14.8$  Hz, 1H), 4.06-3.99 (m, 2H), 3.59 (t,  $J = 16.4$  Hz, 1H), 3.37-3.33 (m, 1H), 2.12-1.85 (m, 4H) ppm.  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  193.1, 165.2, 134.4, 133.7, 133.3, 132.0, 130.5, 129.7, 128.8, 128.0, 127.6, 127.3, 125.9, 124.2, 120.6, 54.3, 53.2, 26.2, 24.5 ppm. HRMS  $m/z$  (ESI): calcd. for  $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{21}\text{N}_2\text{OS}$   $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$  361.1369, found: 361.1360.



**14) *N*-(2-(pyrrolidin-1-carbonothioyl)furan-3-yl)benzamide(3n).**

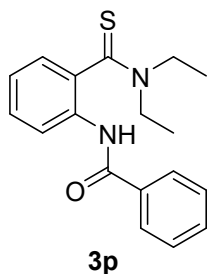
The reaction of furan-2-yl(pyrrolidin-1-yl)methanethione (**1n**) (0.2 mmol, 36.2 mg), 3-phenyl-1,4,2-dioxazol-5-one (**2a**) (0.24 mmol, 39.1 mg),  $\text{Cp}^*\text{Co}(\text{CO})\text{I}_2$  (4.8 mg, 0.01 mmol),

$\text{AgSbF}_6$  (13.8 mg, 0.04 mmol),  $\text{PhCO}_2\text{Na}$  (7.2 mg, 0.04 mmol), and DCE (2 mL) were stirred at 40 °C for 12 h in Ar as monitored by TLC. The resulting mixture was concentrated and purified by flash chromatography on silica gel to **3n**; Yellow oil, 25.0 mg, yield: 42%.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  12.59 (s, 1H), 8.09-8.07 (m, 2H), 7.74 (d,  $J = 2.0$  Hz, 1H), 7.56-7.39 (m, 3H), 7.39 (s, 1H), 4.11 (t,  $J = 18.0$  Hz, 2H), 4.01 (t,  $J = 17.6$  Hz, 2H), 2.10 (t,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 2H), 2.01 (t,  $J = 13.6$  Hz, 3H) ppm.  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  177.2, 165.4, 141.8, 135.0, 133.8, 132.0, 128.7, 127.8, 108.1, 54.1, 53.7, 26.8, 23.5 ppm. HRMS  $m/z$  (ESI): calcd. for  $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{16}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2\text{SNa}$   $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$  323.0825, found: 323.0814.



**15) 1-Phenyl-2-(2-(piperidine-1-carbonothioyl)phenyl)ethan-1-one (3o).** The reaction of phenyl(piperidin-1-yl)methanethione (**1o**) (0.2

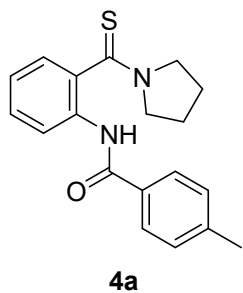
mmol, 41.0 mg), 3-phenyl-1,4,2-dioxazol-5-one (**2a**) (0.24 mmol, 39.1 mg), Cp\*Co(CO)I<sub>2</sub> (4.8 mg, 0.01 mmol), AgSbF<sub>6</sub> (13.8 mg, 0.04 mmol), PhCO<sub>2</sub>Na (7.2 mg, 0.04 mmol), and DCE (2 mL) were stirred at 40 °C for 12 h in Ar as monitored by TLC. The resulting mixture was concentrated and purified by flash chromatography on silica gel to **3o**; Yellow oil, 21.4 mg, yield: 33%. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 9.37 (s, 1H), 8.27 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.93 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.57-7.48 (m, 3H), 7.41-7.37 (m, 1H), 7.18-7.14 (m, 1H), 7.05 (dd, *J* = 6.4, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 4.42 (dd, *J* = 3.6, 2.8 Hz, 1H), 4.31 (s, 1H), 3.52-3.47 (m, 2H), 1.78-1.57 (m, 6H) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 195.3, 165.0, 134.2, 133.6, 133.2, 132.0, 129.2, 128.8, 127.2, 124.4, 124.4, 123.8, 53.5, 50.2, 27.0, 25.7, 24.0 ppm. HRMS *m/z* (ESI): calcd. for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>21</sub>N<sub>2</sub>OS [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 325.1369, found: 325.1369.



**16) *N,N*-diethyl-2-(2-oxo-2-phenylethyl)benzothioamide (**3p**).**

The reaction of *N,N*-diethylbenzothioamide (**1p**) (0.2 mmol, 38.7 mg), 3-phenyl-1,4,2-dioxazol-5-one (**2a**) (0.24 mmol, 39.1 mg), Cp\*Co(CO)I<sub>2</sub> (4.8 mg, 0.01 mmol), AgSbF<sub>6</sub> (13.8 mg, 0.04 mmol), PhCO<sub>2</sub>Na (7.2 mg, 0.04 mmol), and DCE (2 mL) were stirred at 40 °C for 12 h in Ar as monitored by TLC. The resulting mixture was concentrated and purified by flash chromatography on silica gel to **3o**; Yellow oil, 42.8 mg, yield: 69%. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 9.14 (s, 1H), 8.23 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.91 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.56-7.49 (m, 3H), 7.39 (m, 1H), 7.17 (m, 1H), 7.07 (s, 1H), 4.15-4.11 (m, 2H), 3.42 (t, *J* = 14.0, 7.2 Hz, 2H), 1.35-1.32 (m, 3H), 1.10-1.07 (m, 3H) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 196.4, 165.0, 134.3, 134.1, 132.6, 132.0, 129.1, 128.8, 127.1, 124.5, 124.3,

123.8, 48.3, 46.1, 13.6, 11.2 ppm. **HRMS m/z (ESI):** calcd. for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>20</sub>N<sub>2</sub>OSNa [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> 335.1189, found: 335.1183.



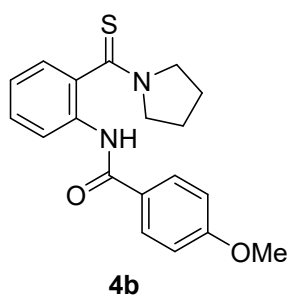
**4a**

**17) 4-Methyl-N-(2-(pyrrolidine-1-carbonothioyl)phenyl)benzamide (4a).**

The reaction of Phenyl(pyrrolidin-1-yl)methanethione (**1a**) (0.2 mmol, 38.3 mg), 3-(p-tolyl)-1,4,2-dioxazol-5-one (**2b**) (0.24 mmol, 42.5 mg), Cp\*Co(CO)I<sub>2</sub> (4.8 mg, 0.01 mmol), AgSbF<sub>6</sub>

(13.8 mg, 0.04 mmol), PhCO<sub>2</sub>Na (7.2 mg, 0.04 mmol), and DCE (2 mL) were stirred at 40 °C for 12 h in Ar as monitored by TLC. The resulting mixture was concentrated and purified by flash chromatography on silica gel to **4a**; Yellow oil, 43.5 mg, yield: 67%. **<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)** δ 9.72 (s, 1H), 8.32 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.83 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.40-7.36 (m, 1H), 7.28 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.15-7.11 (m, 2H), 3.95 (t, *J* = 8.0, 16.0 Hz, 2H), 3.53 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 3.34 (s, 1H), 2.41 (s, 3H), 2.07-1.85 (m, 4H) ppm. **<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)** δ 193.4, 165.1, 142.5, 133.6, 133.5, 131.5, 129.6, 129.5, 127.3, 124.9, 124.1, 123.5, 54.0, 53.0, 26.2, 24.4, 21.5 ppm.

**HRMS m/z (ESI):** calcd. for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>20</sub>N<sub>2</sub>OSNa [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> 347.1189, found: 347.1174.



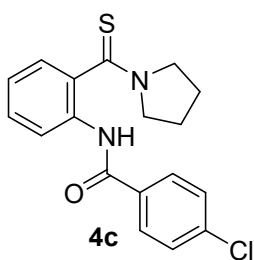
**4b**

**18) 4-Methoxy-N-(2-(pyrrolidine-1-carbonothioyl)phenyl)benzamide (4b).**

The reaction of phenyl(pyrrolidin-1-yl)methanethione (**1a**) (0.2 mmol, 38.3 mg), 3-(4-methoxyphenyl)-1,4,2-dioxazol-5-one (**2c**)

(0.24 mmol, 46.3 mg), Cp\*Co(CO)I<sub>2</sub> (4.8 mg, 0.01 mmol), AgSbF<sub>6</sub> (13.8 mg, 0.04 mmol), PhCO<sub>2</sub>Na (7.2 mg, 0.04 mmol), and DCE (2 mL) were stirred at 40 °C for 12 h in Ar as monitored by TLC. The resulting mixture was concentrated and purified by flash chromatography on silica gel to **4b**; Yellow oil, 61.0 mg, yield: 90%. **<sup>1</sup>H NMR**

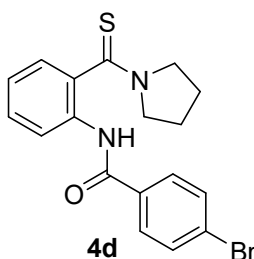
(400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  9.69 (s, 1H), 8.33 (d,  $J$  = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 9.70 (s, 1H), 8.31 (d,  $J$  = 9.2 Hz, 1H), 7.93-7.89 (d, 2H), 7.41-7.36 (m, 1H), 7.15-7.12 (m, 2H), 7.00-6.96 (m, 2H), 3.97 (dd,  $J$  = 12 Hz, 4.8, 2H), 3.88 (d,  $J$  = 8.8 Hz, 3H), 3.54 (d,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 3.55 (s, 1H), 2.10-1.86 (m, 4H) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  193.3, 164.7, 162.5, 133.5, 133.4, 129.5, 129.1, 126.5, 124.9, 123.8, 123.3, 113.9, 55.4, 54.0, 53.0, 26.2, 24.4 ppm. HRMS  $m/z$  (ESI): calcd. for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>21</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>S [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 341.1318, found: 341.1304.



**19) 4-Chloro-*N*-(2-(pyrrolidine-1-carbonothioyl)phenyl)benz**

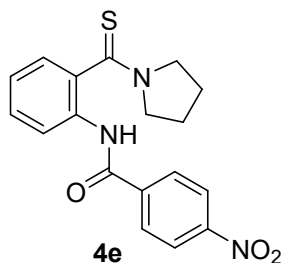
**-amide (4c).** The reaction of phenyl(pyrrolidin-1-yl)methanethione (**1a**) (0.2 mmol, 38.3 mg), 3-(4-chlorophenyl)-1,4,2-dioxazol-5-one (**2d**) (0.24 mmol, 47.4 mg), Cp\*Co(CO)I<sub>2</sub>

(4.8 mg, 0.01 mmol), AgSbF<sub>6</sub> (13.8 mg, 0.04 mmol), PhCO<sub>2</sub>Na (7.2 mg, 0.04 mmol), and DCE (2 mL) were stirred at 40 °C for 12 h in Ar as monitored by TLC. The resulting mixture was concentrated and purified by flash chromatography on silica gel to **4c**; Yellow oil, 25.8 mg, yield: 38%. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  9.92 (s, 1H), 8.32 (d,  $J$  = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.89 (d,  $J$  = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.47-7.38 (m, 3H), 7.18-7.12 (m, 2H), 3.96 (t,  $J$  = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 3.55 (s, 1H), 3.37(s, 1H), 2.08-1.87 (m, 4H) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  193.1, 164.0, 138.2, 133.4, 133.2, 132.7, 129.7, 128.7, 125.0, 124.2, 123.3, 54.2, 53.1, 26.2, 24.4 ppm. HRMS  $m/z$  (ESI): calcd. for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>17</sub>N<sub>2</sub>ClOSNa [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> 367.0642, found: 367.0623.



**20) 4-Bromo-*N*-(2-(pyrrolidine-1-carbonothioyl)phenyl)benz**

**-amide (4d).** The reaction of phenyl(pyrrolidin-1-yl)methanethione (**1a**) (0.2 mmol, 38.3 mg), 3-(4-bromophenyl)-1,4,2-dioxazol-5-one (**2e**) (0.24 mmol, 58.1 mg), Cp\*Co(CO)I<sub>2</sub> (4.8 mg, 0.01 mmol), AgSbF<sub>6</sub> (13.8 mg, 0.04 mmol), PhCO<sub>2</sub>Na (7.2 mg, 0.04 mmol), and DCE (2 mL) were stirred at 40 °C for 12 h in Ar as monitored by TLC. The resulting mixture was concentrated and purified by flash chromatography on silica gel to **4d**; Yellow oil, 54.1 mg, yield: 69%. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 9.93 (s, 1H), 8.32 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.81 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.62 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.42-7.38 (m, 1H), 7.17-7.12 (m, 2H), 3.96 (t, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 3.46 (d, *J* = 5.6 Hz, 1H), 3.36 (s, 1H), 2.07-1.89 (m, 4H) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 193.0, 164.1, 133.3, 133.2, 133.1, 132.0, 129.7, 128.9, 126.7, 125.0, 124.2, 123.3, 54.2, 53.1, 26.2, 24.4 ppm. HRMS *m/z* (ESI): calcd. for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>18</sub>BrN<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>S [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 389.0318, found: 389.0310.



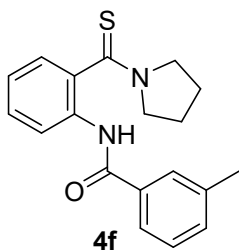
**21) 4-Nitro-N-(2-(pyrrolidin-1-carbonothioyl)phenyl)benz**

**-amide (4e).** The reaction of phenyl(pyrrolidin-1-yl)methanethione (**1a**) (0.2 mmol, 38.3 mg), 3-(4-nitrophenyl)-1,4,2-dioxazol-5-one (**2f**) (0.24 mmol, 49.9 mg), Cp\*Co(CO)I<sub>2</sub>

(4.8 mg, 0.01 mmol), AgSbF<sub>6</sub> (13.8 mg, 0.04 mmol), PhCO<sub>2</sub>Na (7.2 mg, 0.04 mmol), and DCE (2 mL) were stirred at 40 °C for 12 h in Ar as monitored by TLC. The resulting mixture was concentrated and purified by flash chromatography on silica gel to **4e**; Yellow oil, 62.5 mg, yield: 88%. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 10.2 (s, 1H), 8.34 (dd, *J* = 8.8, 2.0 Hz, 3H), 8.10 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.45-7.40 (m, 1H), 7.21-7.15 (m, 2H), 3.98 (d, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 2H), 3.36 (s, 1H), 3.34 (m, 1H), 2.07-1.89 (m, 4H) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 192.8, 163.0, 149.8, 139.9, 133.2, 133.0,



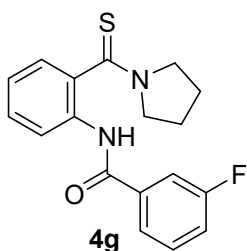
129.9, 128.5, 125.2, 124.6, 123.9, 123.3, 54.4, 53.3, 26.2, 24.4 ppm. **HRMS m/z (ESI)**: calcd. for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>18</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>3</sub>S [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 356.1063, found: 356.1052.



**22) 3-Methyl-N-(2-(pyrrolidine-1-carbonothioyl)phenyl)benz**

**-amide (4f)**. The reaction of phenyl(pyrrolidin-1-yl)methanethione (**1a**) (0.2 mmol, 38.3 mg), 3-(4-nitrophenyl)-1,4,2-dioxazol-5-one (**2g**) (0.24 mmol, 42.5 mg), Cp\*Co(CO)I<sub>2</sub> (4.8 mg, 0.01 mmol),

AgSbF<sub>6</sub> (13.8 mg, 0.04 mmol), PhCO<sub>2</sub>Na (7.2 mg, 0.04 mmol), and DCE (2 mL) were stirred at 40 °C for 12 h in Ar as monitored by TLC. The resulting mixture was concentrated and purified by flash chromatography on silica gel to **4f**; Yellow oil, 42.9 mg, yield: 66%. **<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)** δ 8.91 (s, 1H), 8.26 (d, *J* = 4.4 Hz, 1H), 7.53 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.45-7.40 (m, 1H), 7.21-7.34 (m, 2H), 7.26 (t, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 2H), 7.19-7.11 (m, 2H), 3.94 (t, *J* = 4.8 Hz, 2H), 3.50 (s, 1H), 3.41 (d, *J* = 4.0 Hz, 1H), 2.53 (s, 3H), 2.09-1.91 (m, 4H) ppm. **<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)** δ 193.2, 167.9, 136.7, 135.7, 134.5, 132.9, 131.4, 130.5, 129.4, 127.1, 126.1, 124.9, 124.6, 123.7, 53.8, 52.9, 26.3, 24.5, 20.2 ppm. **HRMS m/z (ESI)**: calcd. for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>20</sub>N<sub>2</sub>OSNa [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> 347.1189, found: 347.1178.

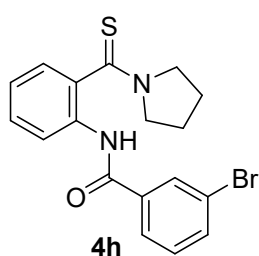


**23) 3-Fluoro-N-(2-(pyrrolidine-1-carbonothioyl)phenyl)benz**

**-amide(4g)**. The reaction of phenyl(pyrrolidin-1-yl)methanethione (**1a**) (0.2 mmol, 38.3 mg), 3-(3-fluorophenyl)-1,4,2-dioxazol-5-one (**2h**) (0.24 mmol, 43.5 mg), Cp\*Co(CO)I<sub>2</sub> (4.8 mg, 0.01 mmol),

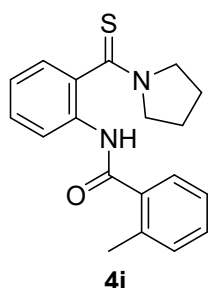
AgSbF<sub>6</sub> (13.8 mg, 0.04 mmol), PhCO<sub>2</sub>Na (7.2 mg, 0.04 mmol), and DCE (2 mL) were stirred at 40 °C for 12 h in Ar as monitored by TLC. The resulting mixture was concentrated and purified by flash chromatography on silica gel to **4g**; Yellow oil,

46.6 mg, yield: 71%.  $^1\text{H NMR}$  (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  9.92 (s, 1H), 8.33 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1H), 7.69 (d,  $J = 5.2$  Hz, 2H), 7.49-7.38 (m, 2H), 7.23 (d,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 1H), 7.15 (d,  $J = 6.0$  Hz, 2H), 3.97 (s, 2H), 3.56 (s, 1H), 3.37 (s, 1H), 2.08-1.89 (m, 4H) ppm.  $^{13}\text{C NMR}$  (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  193.0, 164.1, 163.8 (d,  $^4J_{\text{C-F}} = 2.4$  Hz), 161.6, 136.7, 136.6, 133.3, 130.5, 129.7, 125.0, 124.3, 123.4, 122.5 (d,  $^4J_{\text{C-F}} = 3.1$  Hz), 119.0 (d,  $^2J_{\text{C-F}} = 21.0$  Hz), 114.9 (d,  $^2J_{\text{C-F}} = 22.4$  Hz), 54.2, 53.1, 26.2, 24.4;  $^{19}\text{F NMR}$  (377 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  -111.9 ppm (reference:  $\text{PhCF}_3$ ). **HRMS m/z (ESI):** calcd. for  $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{18}\text{FN}_2\text{OS}$   $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$  339.1118, found: 339.1113.



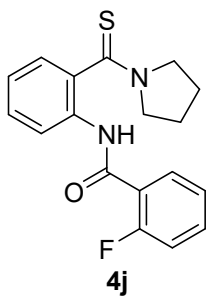
**24) 3-Chloro-N-(2-(pyrrolidine-1-carbonothioyl)phenyl)benzamide (4h).**

The reaction of phenyl(pyrrolidin-1-yl)methanethione (**1a**) (0.2 mmol, 38.3 mg), 3-(3-bromophenyl)-1,4,2-dioxazol-5-one (**2i**) (0.24 mmol, 47.4 mg),  $\text{Cp}^*\text{Co}(\text{CO})\text{I}_2$  (4.8 mg, 0.01 mmol),  $\text{AgSbF}_6$  (13.8 mg, 0.04 mmol),  $\text{PhCO}_2\text{Na}$  (7.2 mg, 0.04 mmol), and DCE (2 mL) were stirred at 40 °C for 12 h in Ar as monitored by TLC. The resulting mixture was concentrated and purified by flash chromatography on silica gel to **4h**; Yellow oil, 57.6 mg, yield: 74%.  $^1\text{H NMR}$  (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  9.92 (s, 1H), 8.31 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 1H), 7.81 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2H), 7.62 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2H), 7.39 (t,  $J = 6.8$  Hz, 1H), 7.15 (d,  $J = 6.4$  Hz, 2H), 3.97 (d,  $J = 6.0$  Hz, 2H), 3.55 (s, 1H), 3.36 (s, 1H), 2.07-1.89 (m, 4H) ppm.  $^{13}\text{C NMR}$  (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  193.0, 164.1, 133.3, 133.2, 133.1, 132.0, 129.7, 128.9, 126.7, 125.0, 124.2, 123.3, 54.2, 53.1, 26.2, 24.4 ppm. **HRMS m/z (ESI):** calcd. for  $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{17}\text{N}_2\text{BrOSNa}$   $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$  389.0318, found: 389.0313.



**25) 2-Methyl-N-(2-(pyrrolidine-1-carbonothioyl)phenyl)benzamide (4i).**

**-amide (4i).** The reaction of phenyl(pyrrolidin-1-yl)methanethione (**1a**) (0.2 mmol, 38.3 mg), 3-(*o*-tolyl)-1,4,2-dioxazol-5-one (**2j**) (0.24 mmol, 42.5 mg), Cp\*Co(CO)I<sub>2</sub> (4.8 mg, 0.01 mmol), AgSbF<sub>6</sub> (13.8 mg, 0.04 mmol), PhCO<sub>2</sub>Na (7.2 mg, 0.04 mmol), and DCE (2 mL) were stirred at 40 °C for 12 h in Ar as monitored by TLC. The resulting mixture was concentrated and purified by flash chromatography on silica gel to **4i**; Yellow oil, 48.8 mg, yield: 75%. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 9.71 (s, 1H), 8.32 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.77 (s, 1H), 7.71 (dd, *J* = 6.4, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.42-7.35 (m, 3H), 7.15-7.12 (m, 2H), 3.97 (dd, *J* = 4.8, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 3.53 (s, 1H), 3.36 (d, *J* = 4.8 Hz, 1H), 2.43 (s, 3H), 2.09-1.89 (s, 4H) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 193.3, 165.3, 138.7, 134.3, 133.7, 133.4, 132.7, 129.6, 128.7, 128.2, 124.9, 124.2, 124.1, 123.5, 54.0, 53.0, 26.2, 24.4, 21.4 ppm. HRMS *m/z* (ESI): calcd. for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>20</sub>N<sub>2</sub>OSNa [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> 347.1189, found: 347.1168.

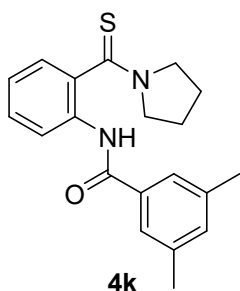


**26) 2-Fluoro-*N*-(2-(pyrrolidine-1-carbonothioyl)phenyl)**

**-benzamide(4j).** The reaction of phenyl(pyrrolidin-1-yl)methanethione (**1a**) (0.2 mmol, 38.3 mg), 3-(2-fluorophenyl)-1,4,2-dioxazol-5-one (**2k**) (0.24 mmol, 43.5 mg), Cp\*Co(CO)I<sub>2</sub> (4.8 mg,

0.01 mmol), AgSbF<sub>6</sub> (13.8 mg, 0.04 mmol), PhCO<sub>2</sub>Na (7.2 mg, 0.04 mmol), and DCE (2 mL) were stirred at 40 °C for 12 h in Ar as monitored by TLC. The resulting mixture was concentrated and purified by flash chromatography on silica gel to **4j**; Yellow oil, 21.7 mg, yield: 33%. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 9.09 (d, *J* = 11.2 Hz, 1H), 8.30 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 8.10 (t, *J* = 2.8 Hz, 1H), 7.50 (dd, *J* = 12.8, 6.8 Hz, 1H), 7.28 (dd, *J* = 8.0, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.30 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.21-7.14 (m, 3H), 4.00 (t, *J* = 2.8 Hz, 2H), 3.44 (t, *J* = 4.8 Hz, 1H), 3.35 (t, *J* = 5.6 Hz, 1H), 2.10-1.91 (m, 4H) ppm.

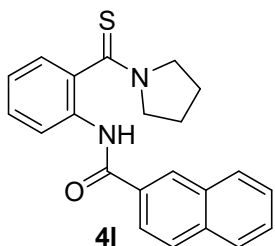
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**HRMS m/z (ESI):** calcd. for  $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{18}\text{FN}_2\text{OS}$   $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$  339.1118, found: 339.1110.



**27) 3,5-Dimethyl-N-(2-(pyrrolidine-1-carbonothioyl)phenyl)**

**-benzamide (4k).** The reaction of phenyl(pyrrolidin-1-yl)methanethione (**1a**) (0.2 mmol, 38.3 mg), 3-(3,5-dimethylphenyl)-1,4,2-dioxazol-5-one (**2l**) (0.24 mmol, 45.9 mg),

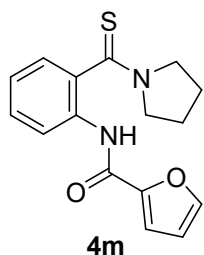
$\text{Cp}^*\text{Co}(\text{CO})\text{I}_2$  (4.8 mg, 0.01 mmol),  $\text{AgSbF}_6$  (13.8 mg, 0.04 mmol),  $\text{PhCO}_2\text{Na}$  (7.2 mg, 0.04 mmol), and DCE (2 mL) were stirred at 40 °C for 12 h in Ar as monitored by TLC. The resulting mixture was concentrated and purified by flash chromatography on silica gel to **4k**; Yellow oil, 50.9 mg, yield: 75%.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  9.62 (s, 1H), 8.30 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1H), 7.53 (s, 2H), 7.41-7.37 (m, 1H), 7.18 (s, 1H), 7.15-7.12 (m, 3H), 3.97 (dd,  $J = 12.4, 5.2$  Hz, 2H), 3.53 (d,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 1H), 3.35 (s, 1H), 2.39 (s, 6H), 2.01-1.87 (m, 4H) ppm.  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  193.3, 165.5, 138.4, 134.3, 133.7, 133.5, 133.3, 129.5, 125.0, 124.9, 124.0, 123.4, 53.9, 53.0, 26.2, 24.4, 21.2 ppm. **HRMS m/z (ESI):** calcd. for  $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{23}\text{N}_2\text{OS}$   $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$  339.1526, found: 339.1511.



**28) N-(2-(pyrrolidine-1-carbonothioyl)phenyl)-2-naphth**

**-amide (4l).** The reaction of Phenyl(pyrrolidin-1-yl)methanethione (**1a**) (0.2 mmol, 38.3 mg), 3-(naphthalen-2-yl)-1,4,2-dioxazol-5-one (**2m**) (0.24 mmol, 51.2 mg),  $\text{Cp}^*\text{Co}(\text{CO})\text{I}_2$

(4.8 mg, 0.01 mmol), AgSbF<sub>6</sub> (13.8 mg, 0.04 mmol), PhCO<sub>2</sub>Na (7.2 mg, 0.04 mmol), and DCE (2 mL) were stirred at 40 °C for 12 h in Ar as monitored by TLC. The resulting mixture was concentrated and purified by flash chromatography on silica gel to **4l**; Yellow oil, 67.0 mg, yield: 93%. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 9.96 (s, 1H), 8.48 (s, 1H), 8.38 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 8.01-7.88 (m, 4H), 7.61-7.54 (m, 2H), 7.44-7.40 (m, 1H), 7.16 (dd, *J* = 5.6, 3.2 Hz, 3.98 (t, *J* = 5.6 Hz, 2H), 3.56 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 3.39 (s, 1H), 2.06-1.86 (m, 4H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 193.3, 165.2, 135.0, 133.6, 133.5, 132.6, 131.5, 129.7, 129.3, 128.7, 128.2, 127.9, 127.7, 126.78, 125.0, 124.2, 123.6, 123.5, 54.1, 53.1, 24.2, 24.4 ppm. HRMS *m/z* (ESI): calcd. for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>20</sub>N<sub>2</sub>OSNa [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> 383.1189, found: 383.1170.



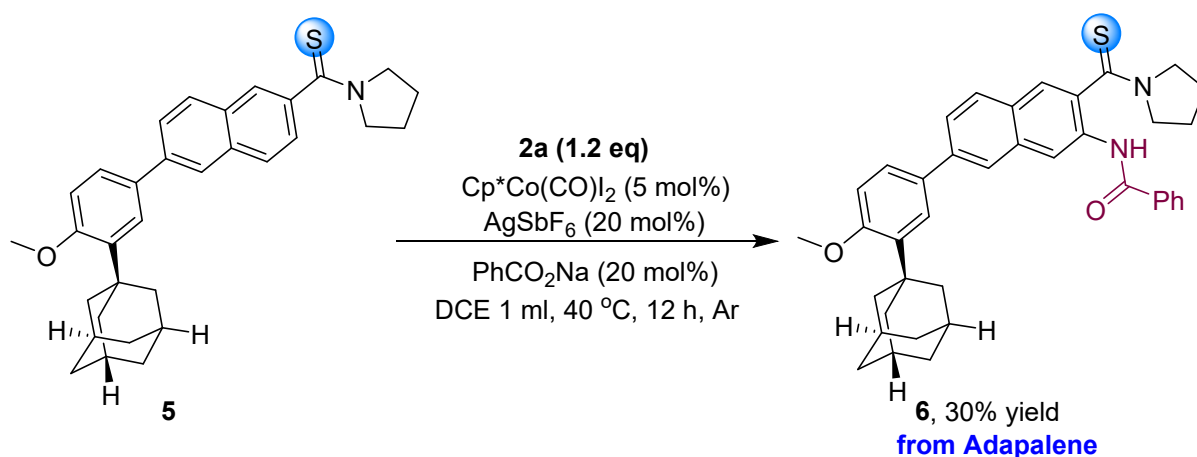
**29) N-(2-(pyrrolidine-1-carbonothioyl)phenyl)furan-2-car**

**-boxamide (4m).** The reaction of phenyl(pyrrolidin-1-yl)methanethione (**1a**) (0.2 mmol, 38.3 mg), 3-(furan-2-yl)-1,4,2-dioxazol-5-one (**2n**) (0.24 mmol, 36.7 mg), Cp\*Co(CO)I<sub>2</sub> (4.8 mg,

0.01 mmol), AgSbF<sub>6</sub> (13.8 mg, 0.04 mmol), PhCO<sub>2</sub>Na (7.2 mg, 0.04 mmol), and DCE (2 mL) were stirred at 40 °C for 12 h in Ar as monitored by TLC. The resulting mixture was concentrated and purified by flash chromatography on silica gel to **4m**; Yellow oil, 24.6 mg, yield: 41%. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 9.93 (s, 1H), 8.26 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.53 (s, 1H), 7.39-7.35 (m, 1H), 7.20 (d, *J* = 3.2 Hz, 1H), 7.14 (d, *J* = 4.0 Hz, 2H), 3.99 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 3.50 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 3.33 (d, *J* = 4.4 Hz, 1H), 2.10-1.89 (m, 4H) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 168.9, 165.1, 137.7, 134.5, 131.8, 128.7, 127.8, 127.2, 124.0, 122.6, 122.0, 50.4, 46.5, 26.4, 24.2 ppm. HRMS *m/z* (ESI): calcd. for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>17</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>S [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 301.1005, found: 301.0999.

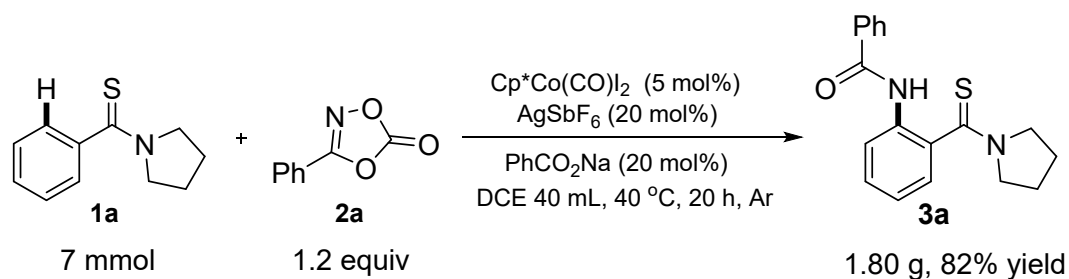


#### 4. Structural modification of Adapalene



The reaction of (6-(3-((3*R*,5*R*,7*R*)-adamantan-1-yl)-4-methoxyphenyl) naphthalen-2-yl) (pyrrolidin-1-yl)methanethione (**5**) (0.1 mmol, 41.2 mg), 1,4,2-dioxazol-5-one (**2b**) (0.12 mmol, 19.5 mg), Cp\*Co(CO)I<sub>2</sub> (2.4 mg, 0.005 mmol), AgSbF<sub>6</sub> (6.9 mg, 0.02 mmol), PhCO<sub>2</sub>Na (3.6 mg, 0.04 mmol), in 2 mL DCE at 40 °C under Ar for 12 h as monitored by TLC. The resulting mixture was concentrated and purified by flash chromatography on silica gel to afford 17.8 mg (30%) of **6** as solid. **<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)** δ 9.94 (s, 1H), 8.94 (s, 1H), 8.06-8.00 (dd, *J* = 17.2, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H), 7.79 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.71 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.62 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 2H), 7.57-7.50 (m, 4H), 7.00 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 4.08-4.12 (dd, *J* = 18.8 Hz, *J* = 11.2, 2H), 3.91 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 3H), 3.65 (d, *J* = 4.0 Hz, 1H), 3.40 (s, 1H), 2.22 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 6H), 2.11 (s, 4H), 2.01 (d, *J* = 4.8 Hz, 2H), 1.84 (s, 6H) ppm. **<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)** δ 193.2, 165.2, 158.8, 140.2, 138.9, 134.5, 134.1, 132.8, 132.5, 132.0, 130.8, 128.8, 128.4, 128.0, 127.3, 125.9, 125.6, 125.5, 124.9, 124.0, 120.6, 112.1, 55.1, 54.4, 53.3, 40.6, 37.2, 37.1, 29.7, 29.3, 29.1, 26.2, 24.5 ppm. **HRMS m/z (ESI):** calcd. for C<sub>39</sub>H<sub>40</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>SNa [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 623.2703, found: 623.2720.

#### 5. Gram-scale reaction



The reaction of phenyl(pyrrolidin-1-yl)methanethione (**1a**) (7 mmol, 1.34 g), 3-phenyl-1,4,2-dioxazol-5-one (**2a**) (8.4 mmol, 1.37 g), Cp\*Co(CO)I<sub>2</sub> (168 mg, 0.35 mmol), AgSbF<sub>6</sub> (483 mg, 1.4 mmol), PhCO<sub>2</sub>Na (252 mg, 1.4 mmol), and DCE (40 mL) were stirred at 40 °C for 20 h in Ar as monitored by TLC. The resulting mixture was concentrated and purified by flash chromatography on silica gel to **3a**; Yellow solid, 1.80 g, yield: 82%.

## 6. Transformation of amidated product



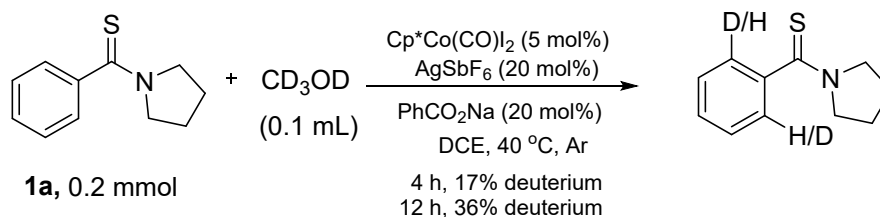
**Synthesis of 7:** **3a** (0.1 mmol), Ag<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (0.2 mmol) and DCM (2 mL) was added to a 50 mL Schlenk flask, the mixture was stirred at 25 °C for 12 h. Monitored by TLC until the reaction was complete. The product was purified by flash chromatography (petroleum ether /ethyl acetate =10:1) affording **7**, 58.8 mg, 90% yield. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 10.82 (s, 1H), 8.56 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.99 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 7.54-7.43 (m, 5H), 7.11 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 3.67 (t, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 2H), 3.54 (t, *J* = 5.6 Hz, 2H), 1.98 (t, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 2H), 1.87 (d, *J* = 5.6 Hz, 2H) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) □ 168.9, 165.1, 137.7, 134.5, 131.8, 128.7, 127.8, 127.2, 124.0, 122.6, 122.0,



50.4, 46.5, 26.4, 24.2 ppm.

## 7. Mechanistic studies

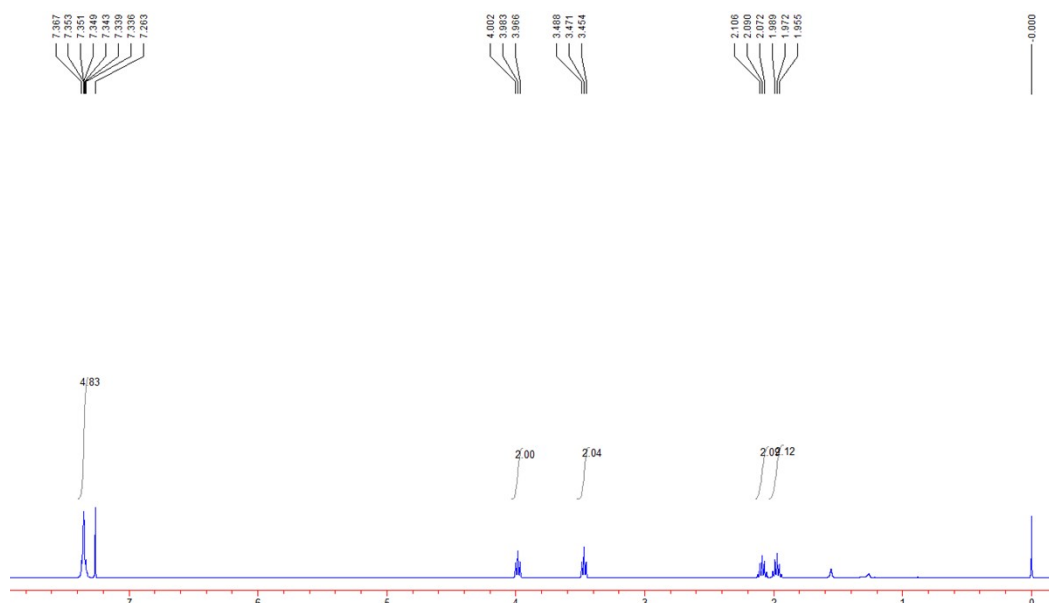
### H/D exchange experiments



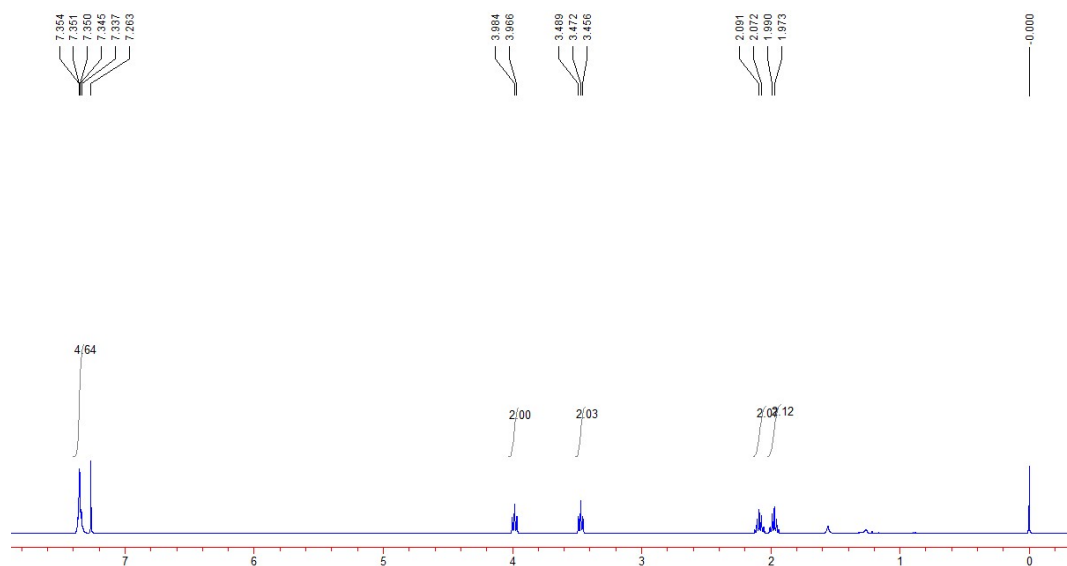
Scheme S1 H/D exchange experiment

To a 25 mL Schlenk tube was added **1a** (0.2 mmol),  $\text{CD}_3\text{OD}$  (0.1 mL),  $\text{Cp}^*\text{Co}(\text{CO})\text{I}_2$  (5 mol%),  $\text{AgSbF}_6$  (20 mol%),  $\text{PhCO}_2\text{Na}$  (20 mol%) and DCE (2 mL), were stirred at 40 °C for 4 h or 12 h in Ar. After cooling to room temperature, the solvent was removed under vacuum. The residue was purified by flash chromatography silica gel. The deuterium incorporation was estimated to be 17% for 4 h and 36% for 12 h.

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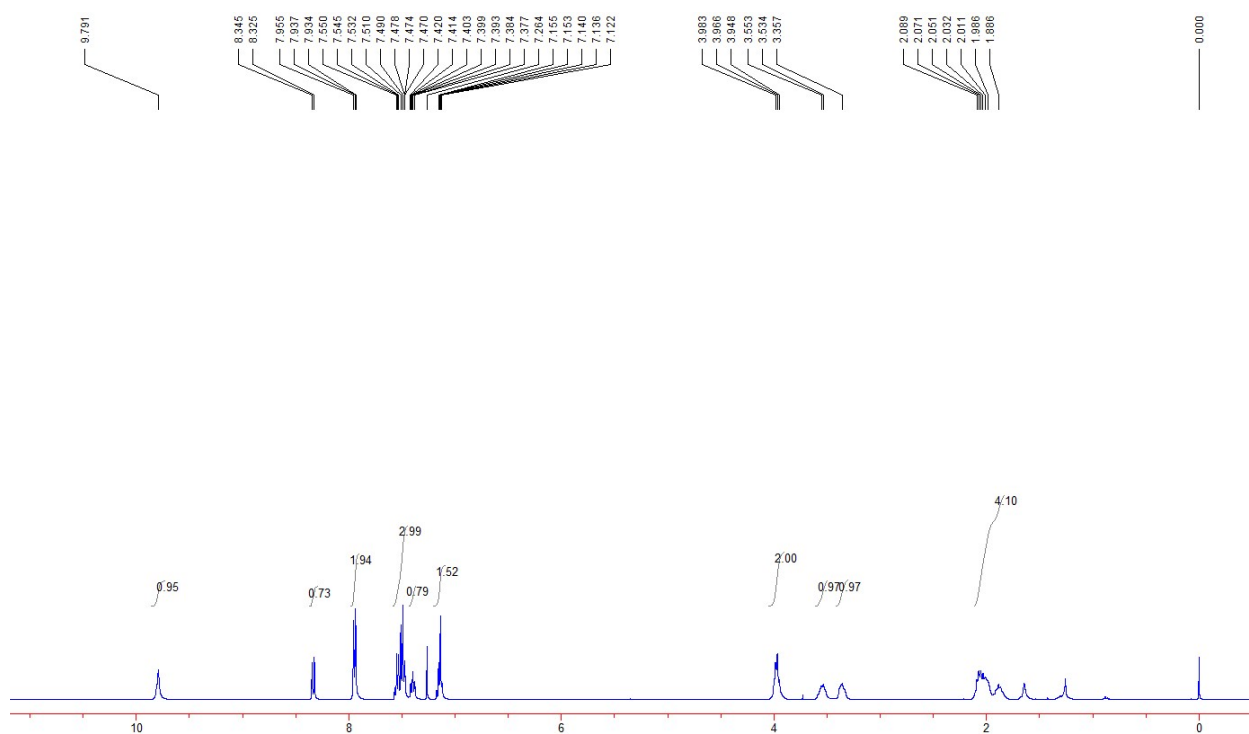


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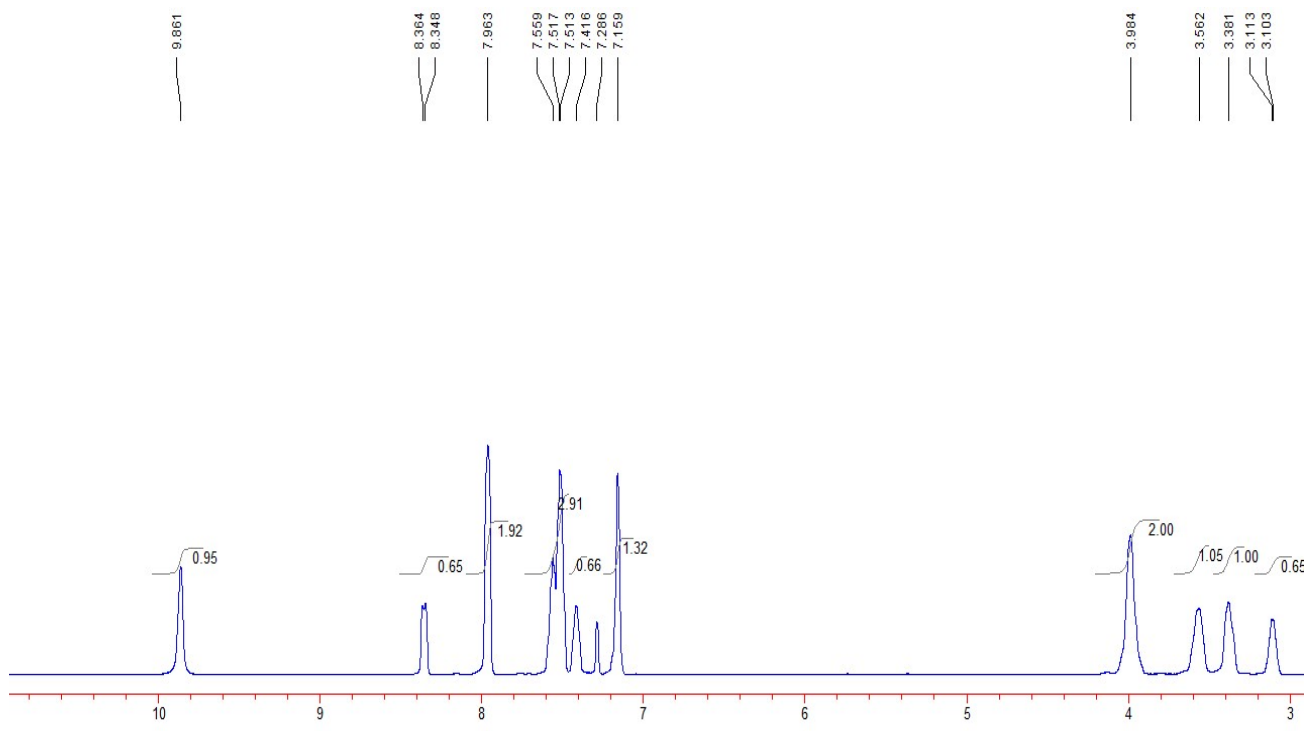


### KIE experiments

The reaction of **1a** (19.1 mg, 0.1 mmol) and **1a-d<sub>5</sub>** (19.6 mg, 0.1 mmol), Cp\*Co(CO)I<sub>2</sub> (5 mol%), AgSbF<sub>6</sub> (13.8 mg, 0.04 mmol), PhCO<sub>2</sub>Na (7.2 mg, 0.04 mmol), 3-phenyl-1,4,2-dioxazol-5-one (39.1 mg, 0.24 mmol) and DCE (2 mL) were stirred at 40 °C for 4 h in Ar. The volatiles were removed under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography. *KIE* value ( $K_H/K_D = 2.6$ ) was determined on the basis of <sup>1</sup>H NMR analysis.



A mixture of phenyl(pyrrolidin-1-yl)methanethione (**1a**) (0.20 mmol) or deuterium-labeled compound [D1]-**1a** (0.20 mmol), 3-phenyl-1,4,2-dioxazol-5-one (**2a**) (0.24 mmol, 39.1 mg), Cp\*Co(CO)I<sub>2</sub> (5 mol%), AgSbF<sub>6</sub> (20 mol%), PhCO<sub>2</sub>Na (20 mol%) and DCE (2 mL) were added into a dry sealed tube. The reactions were stirred at 40 °C in parallel for 4 h. After cooling to room temperature, these two reactions were combined and the solvent was removed under vacuum. The residue was purified by flash chromatography silica gel. 41% starting material was recovered. *KIE* value ( $K_H/K_D = 1.9$ ) was determined on the basis of <sup>1</sup>H NMR analysis.

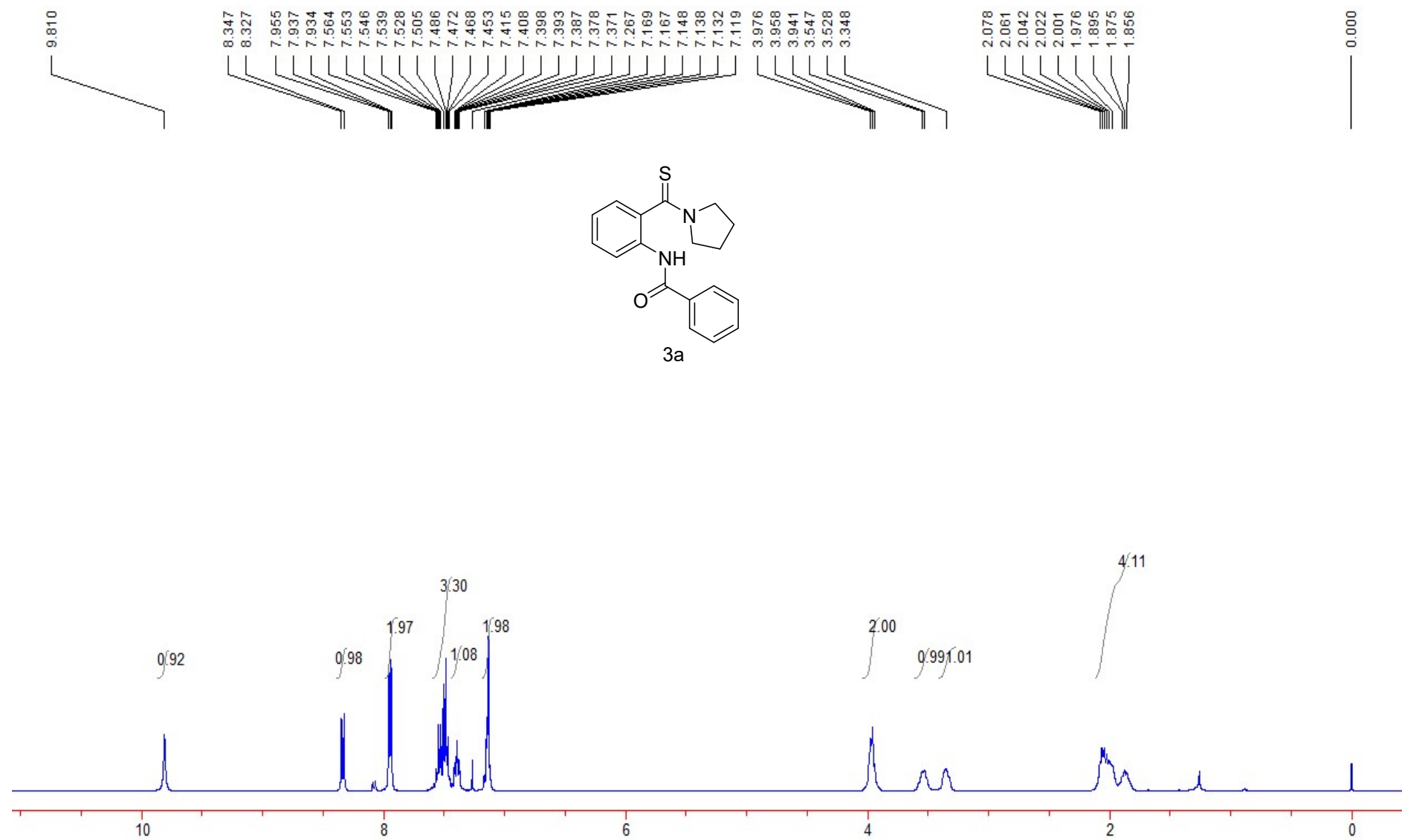


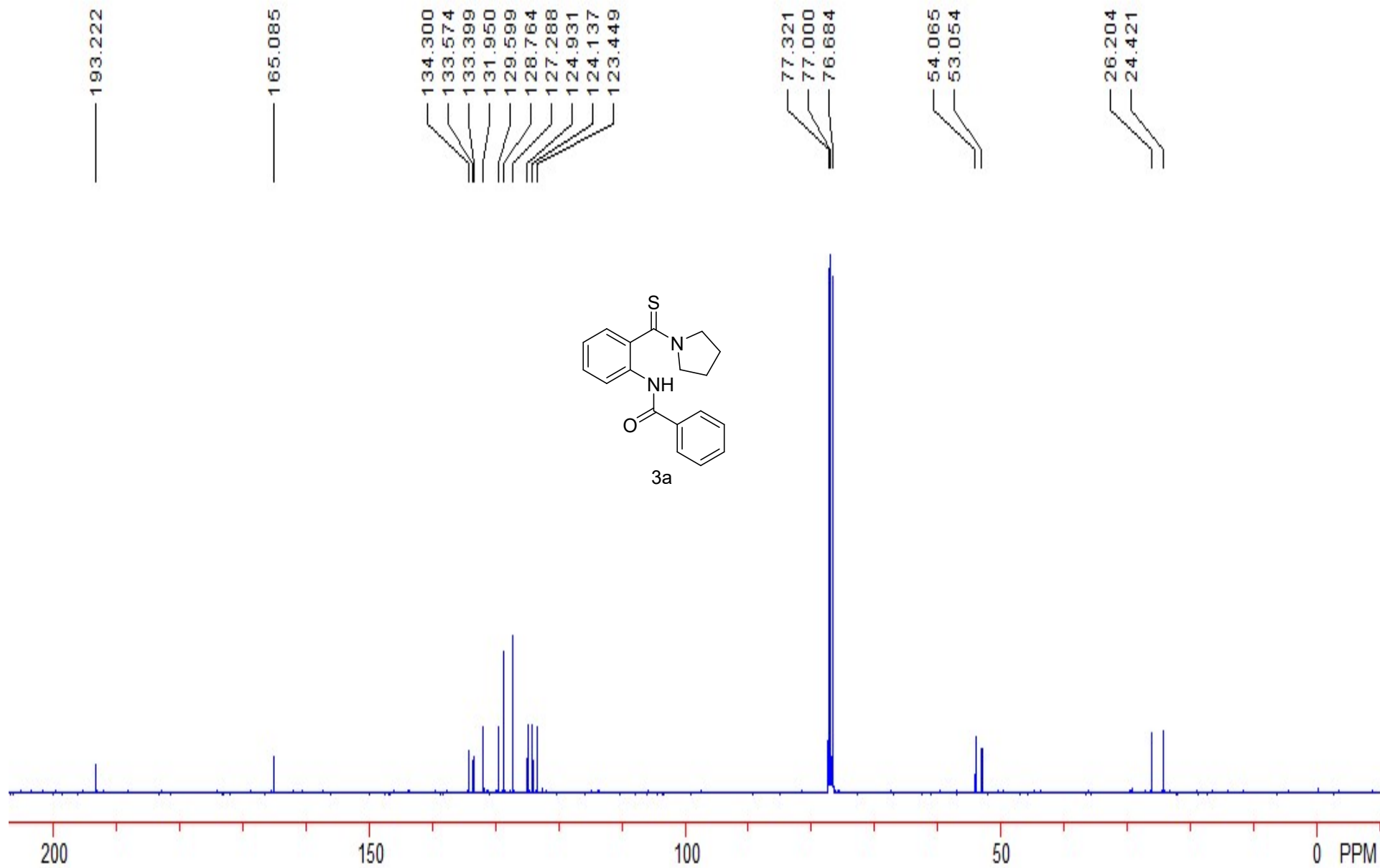
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## 9. $^1\text{H}$ NMR, $^{13}\text{C}$ NMR and $^{19}\text{F}$ NMR spectra for products







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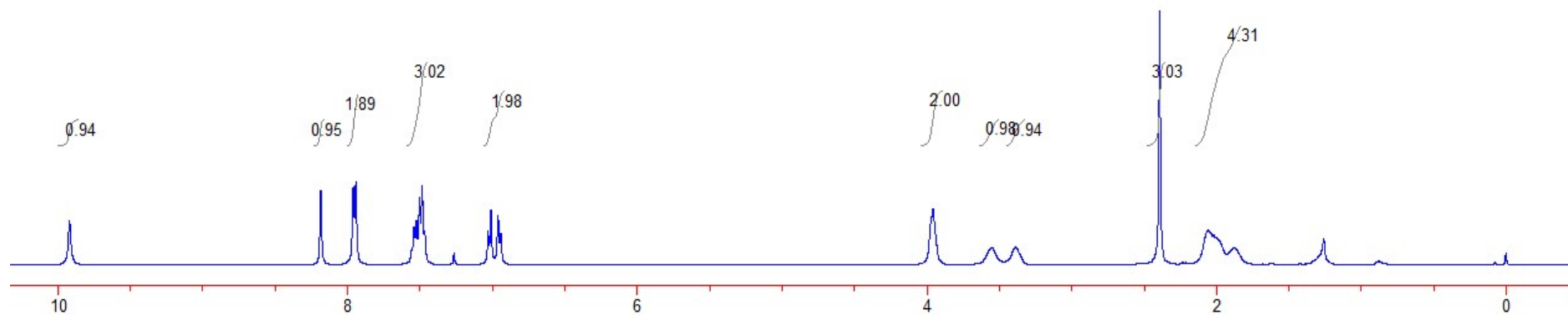
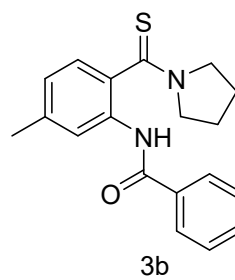
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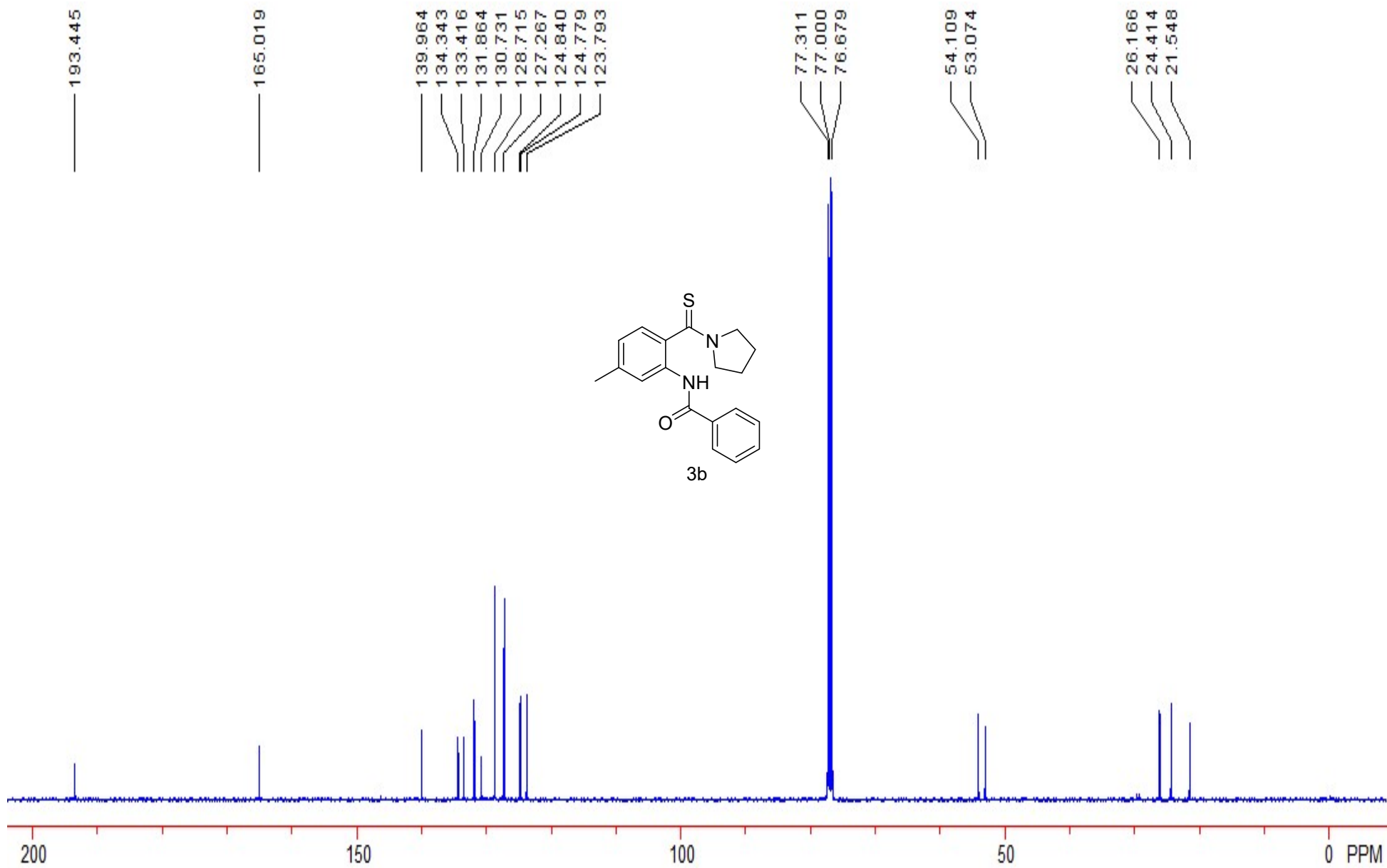
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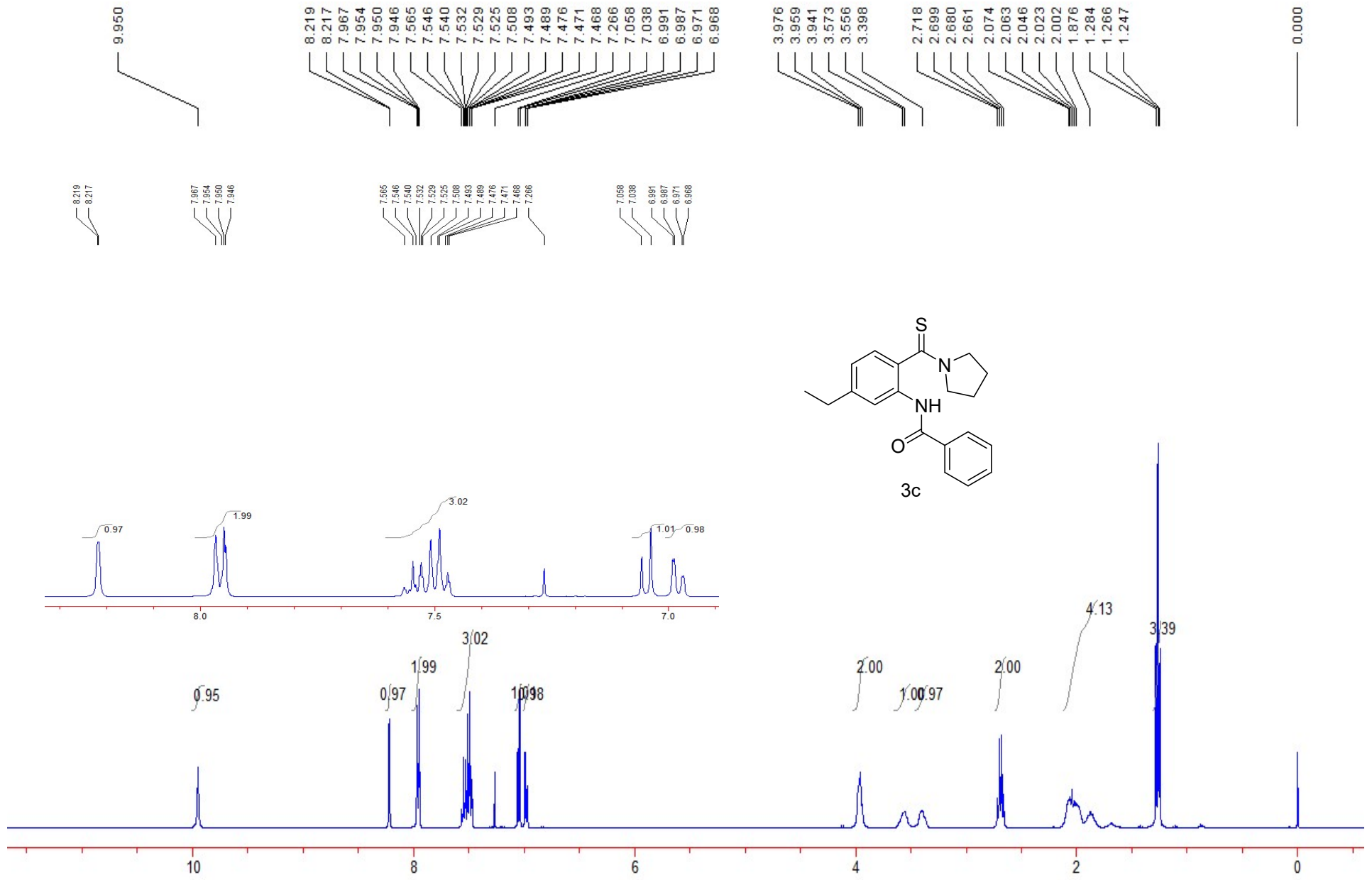
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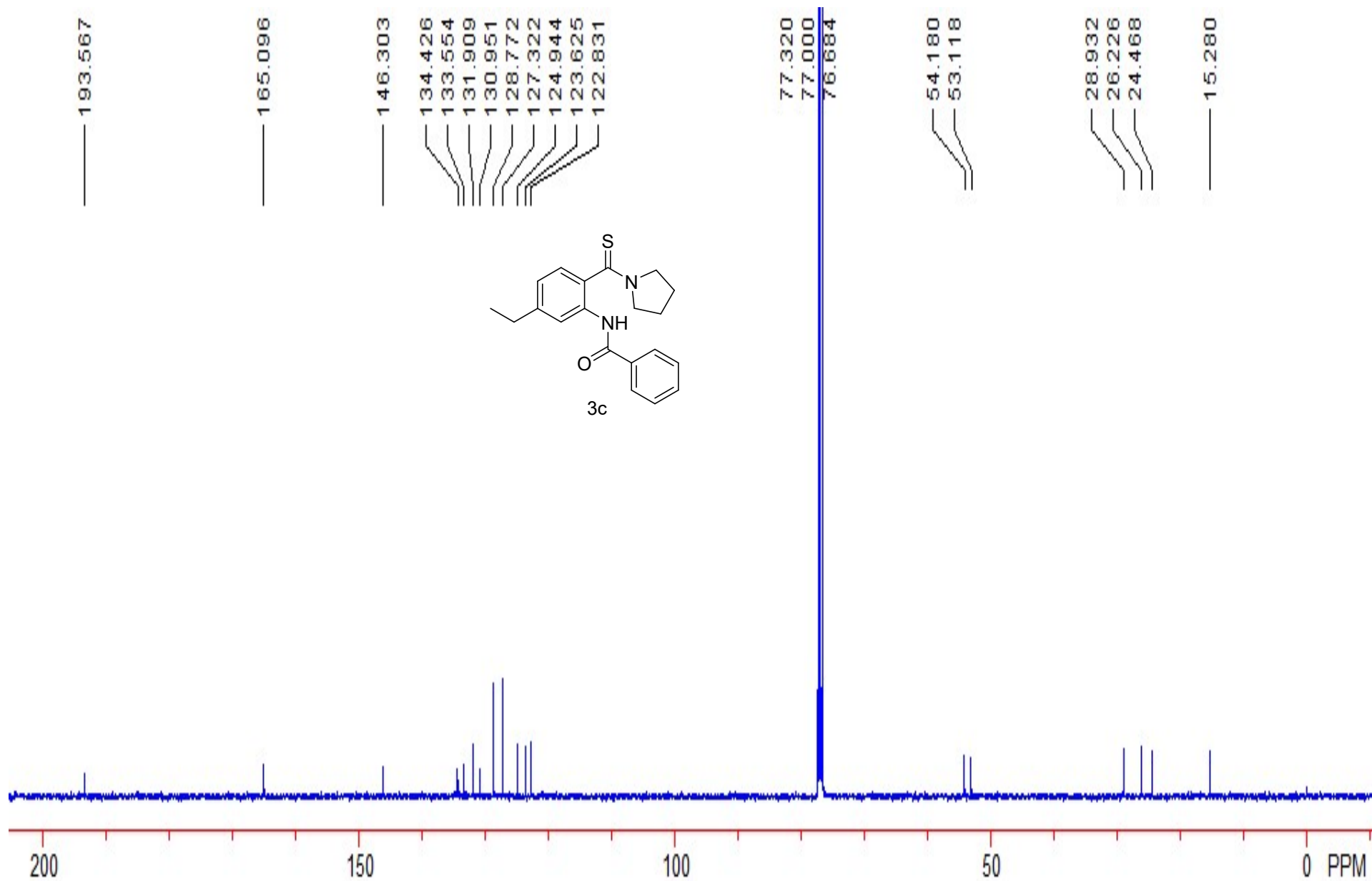
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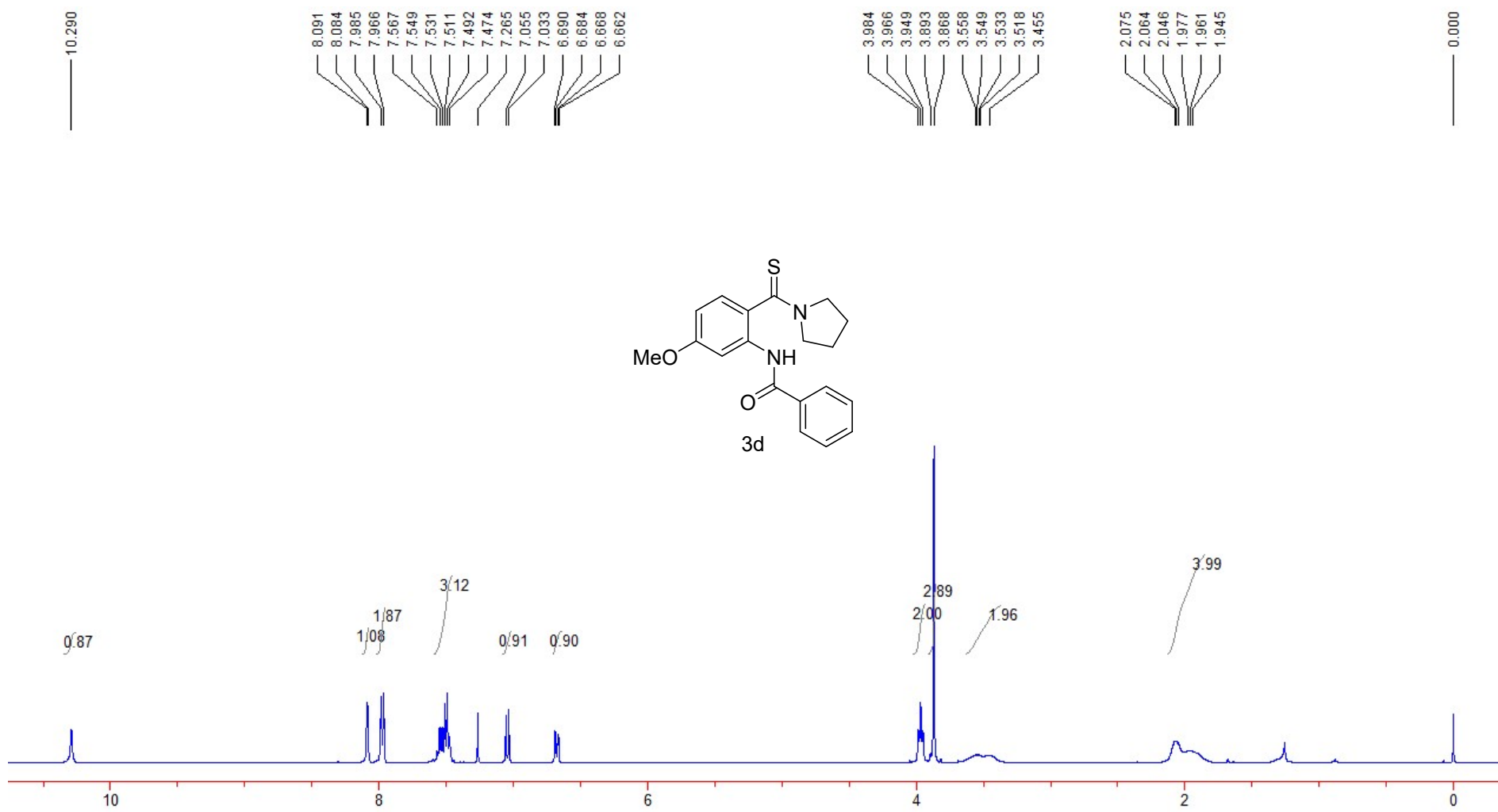
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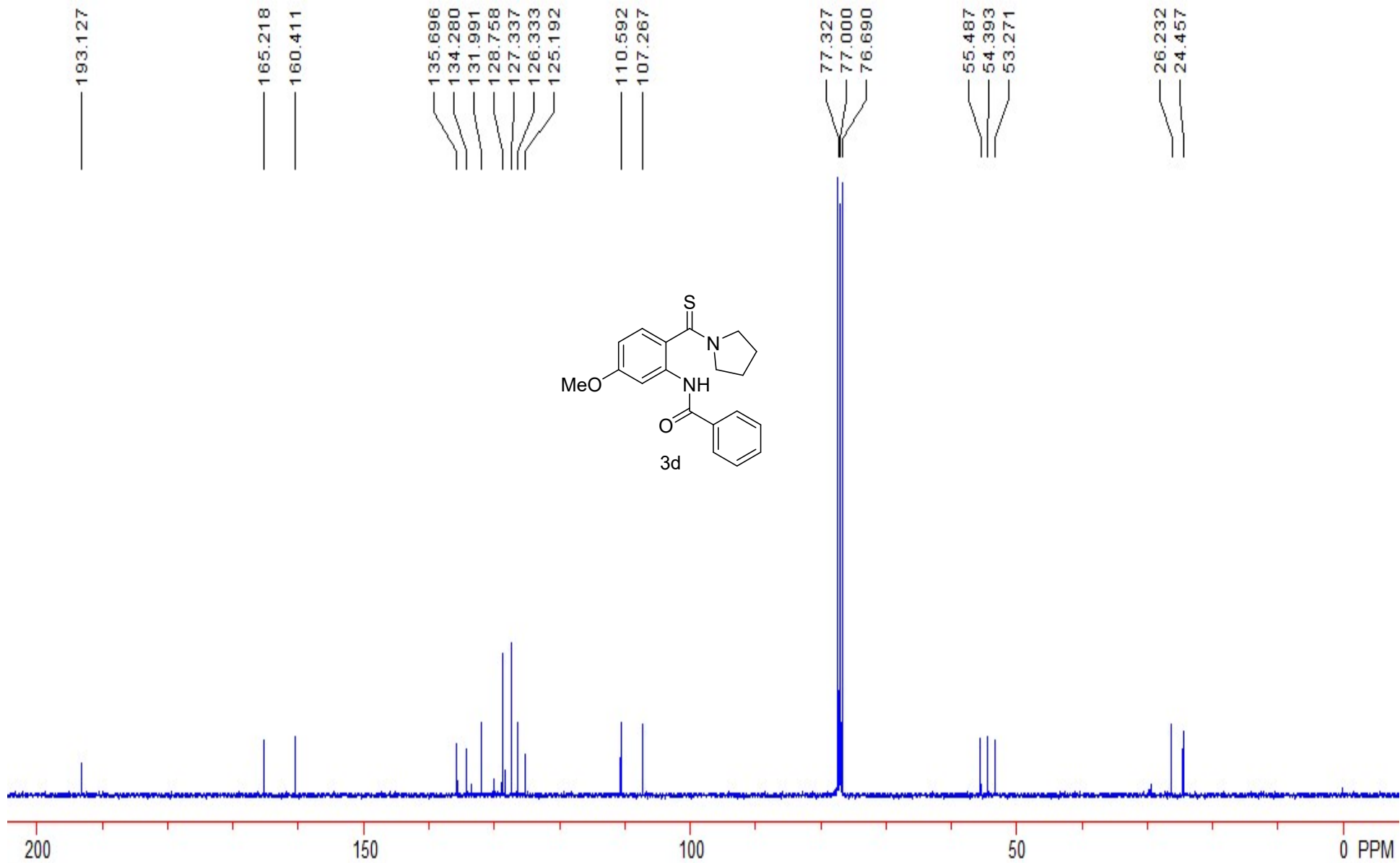


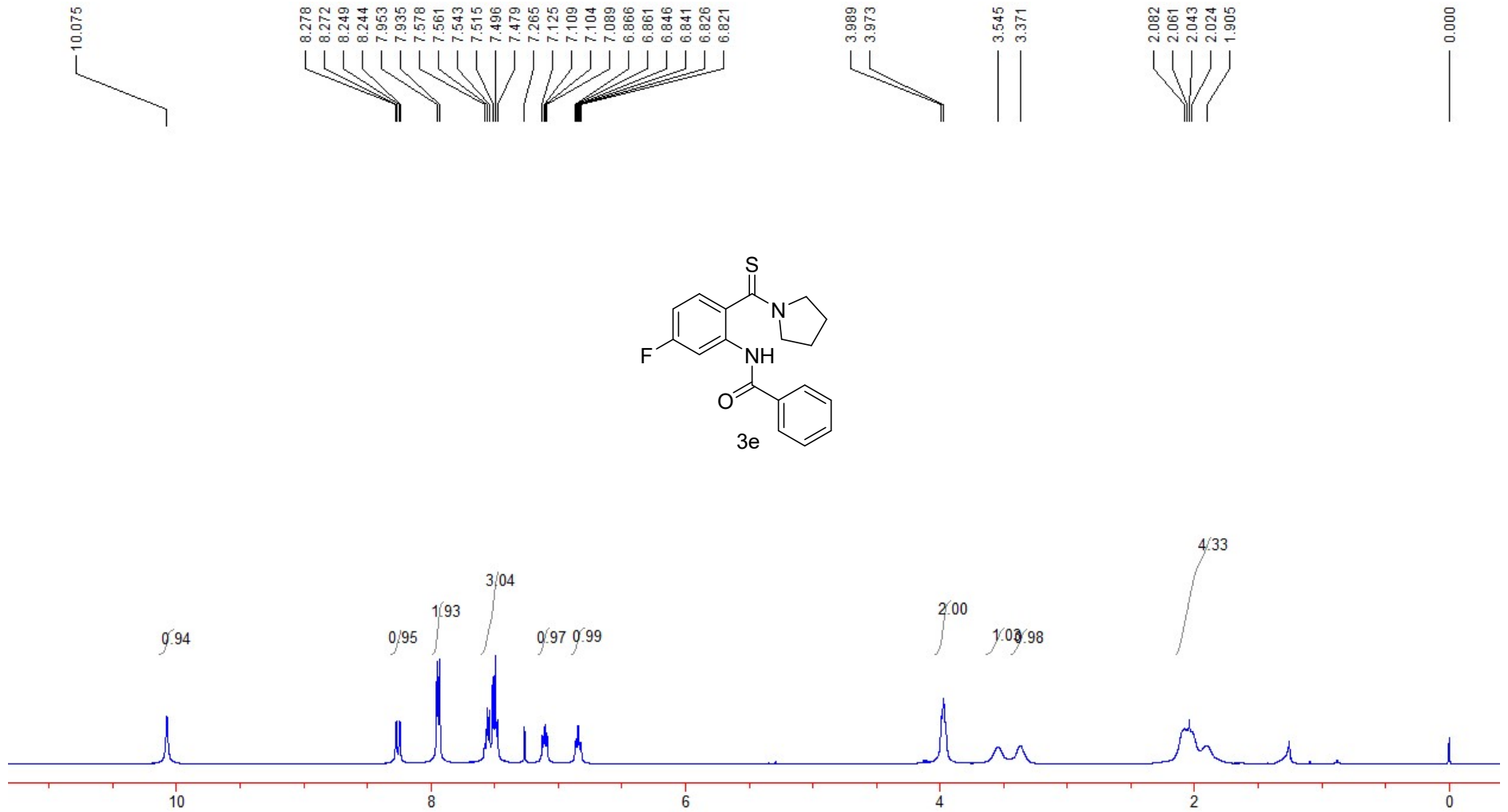


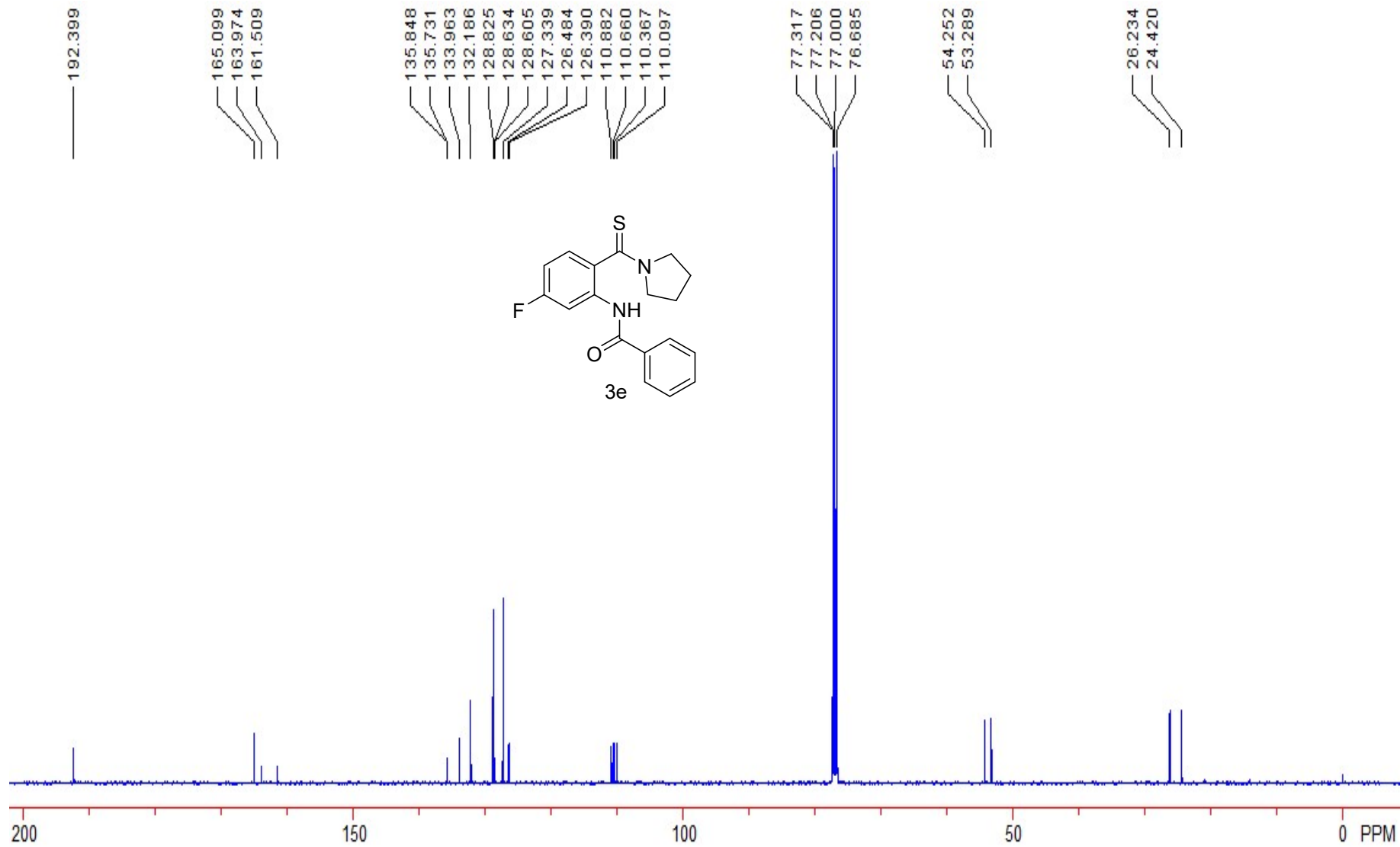










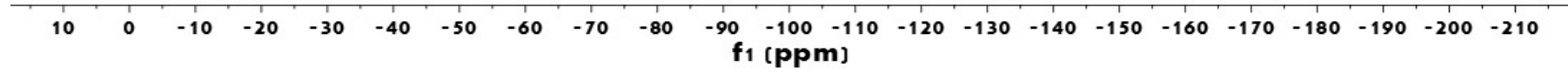
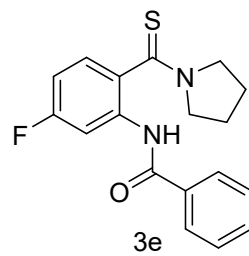


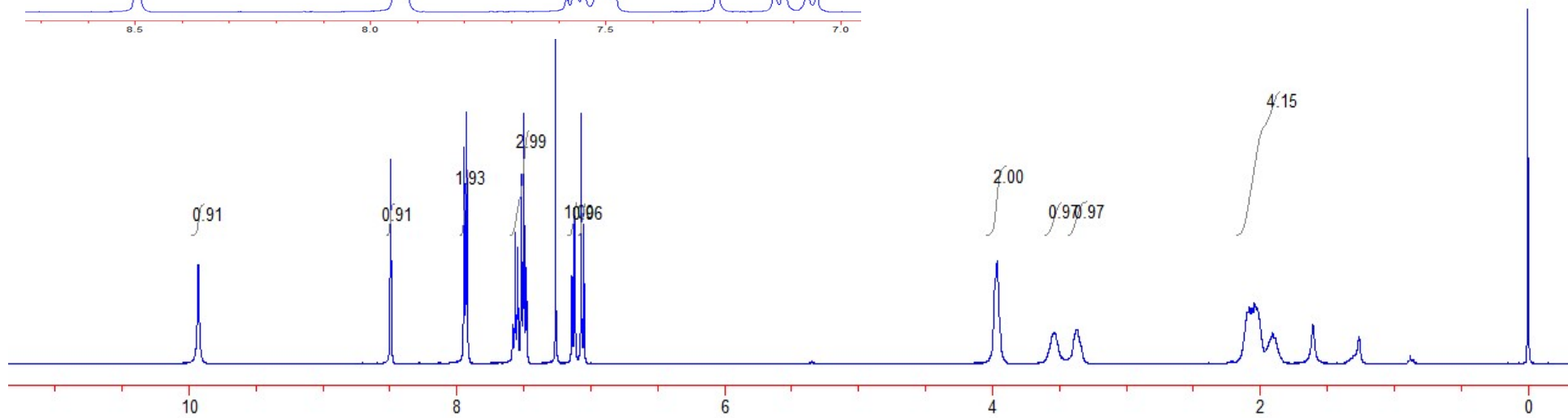
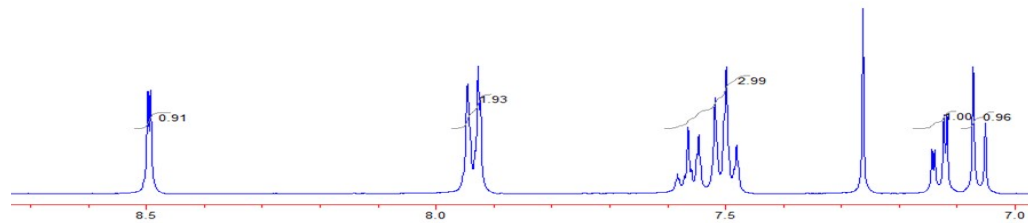
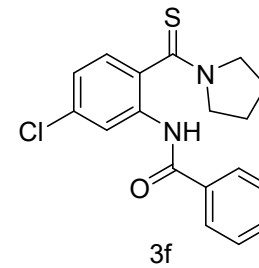
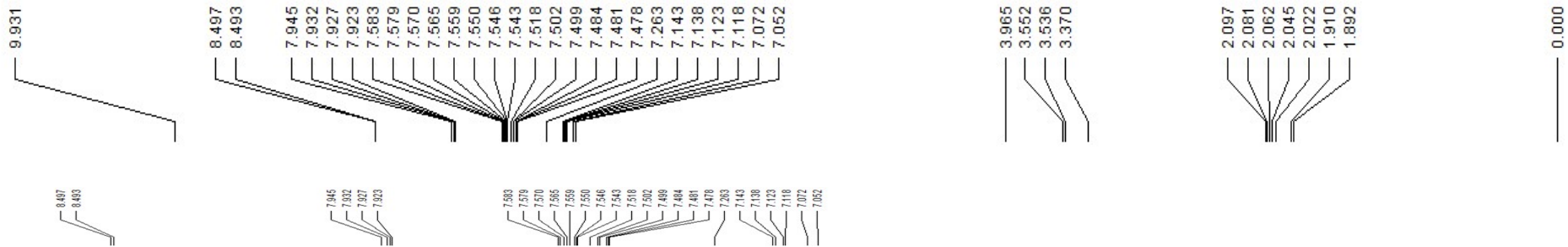


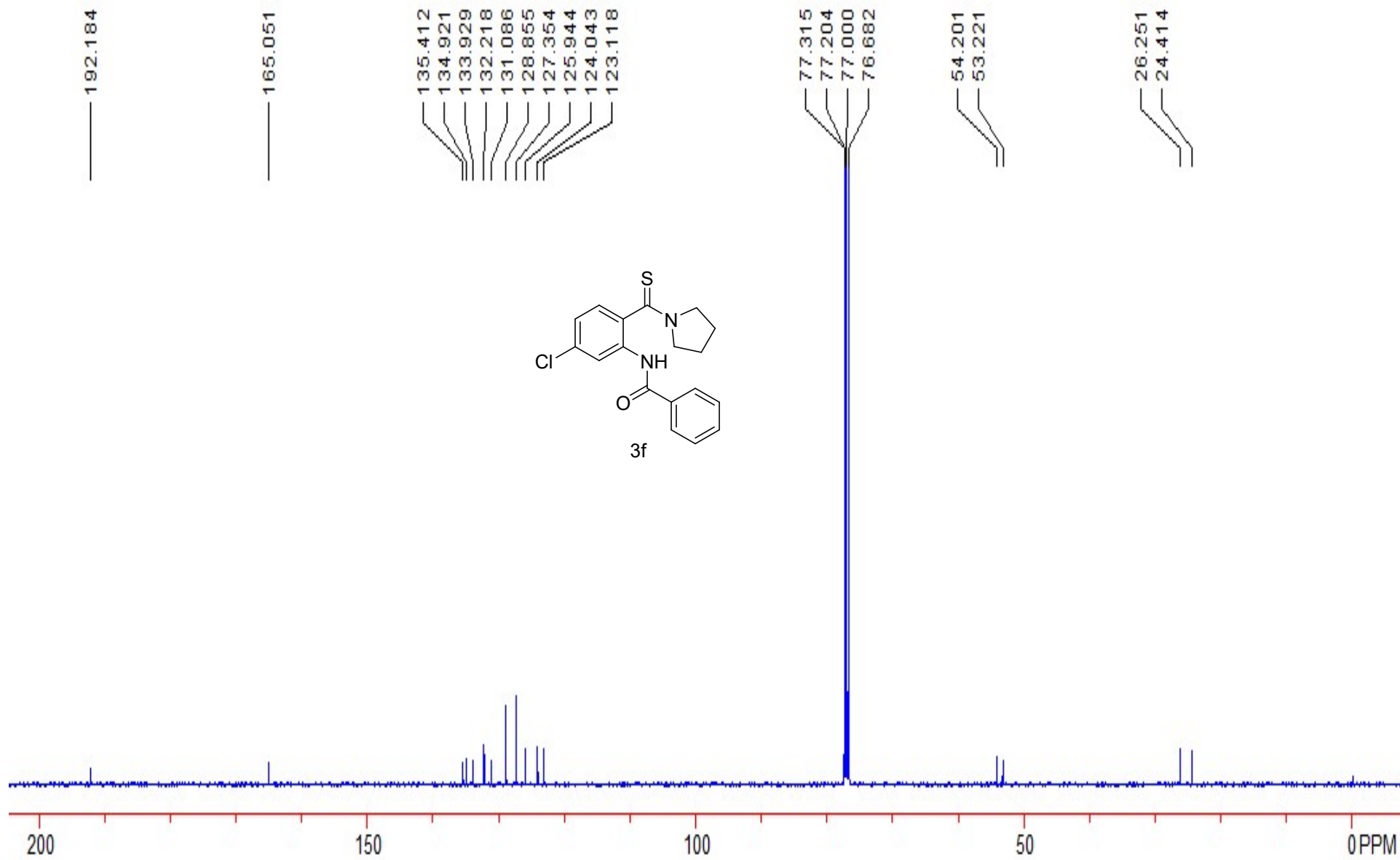
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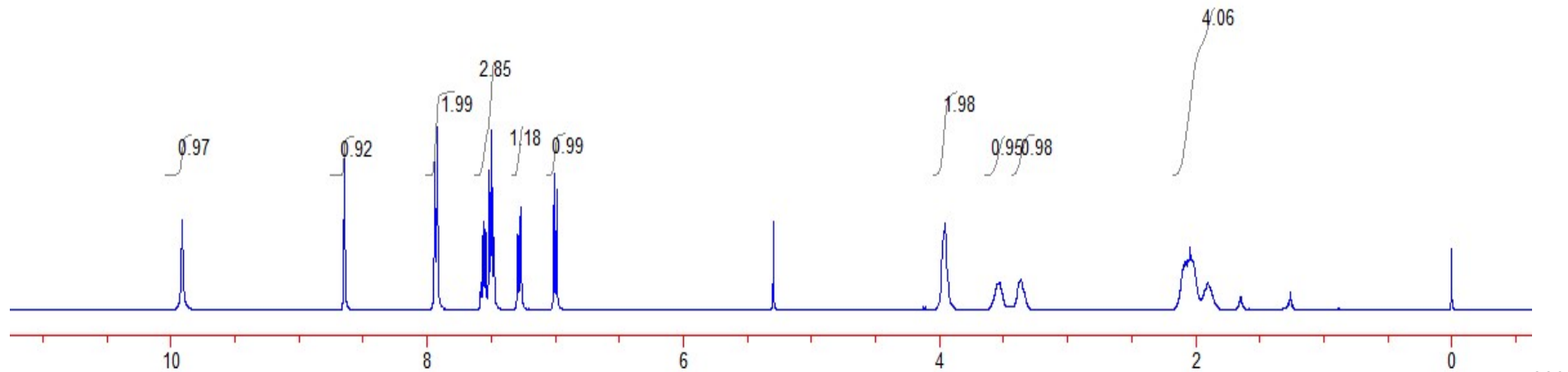
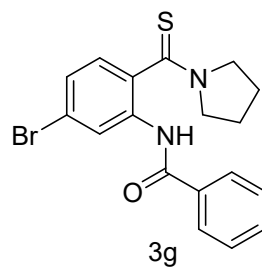
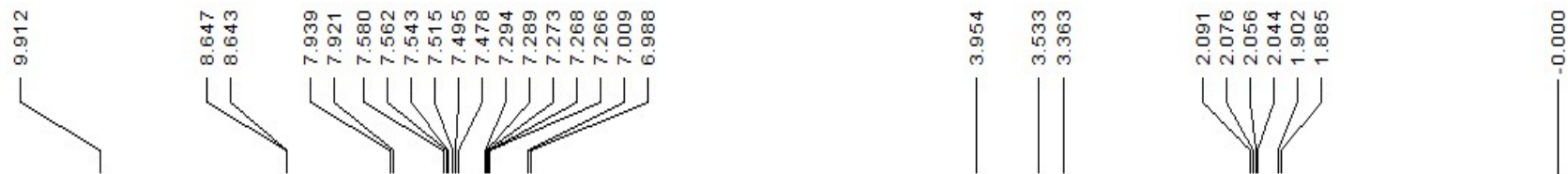
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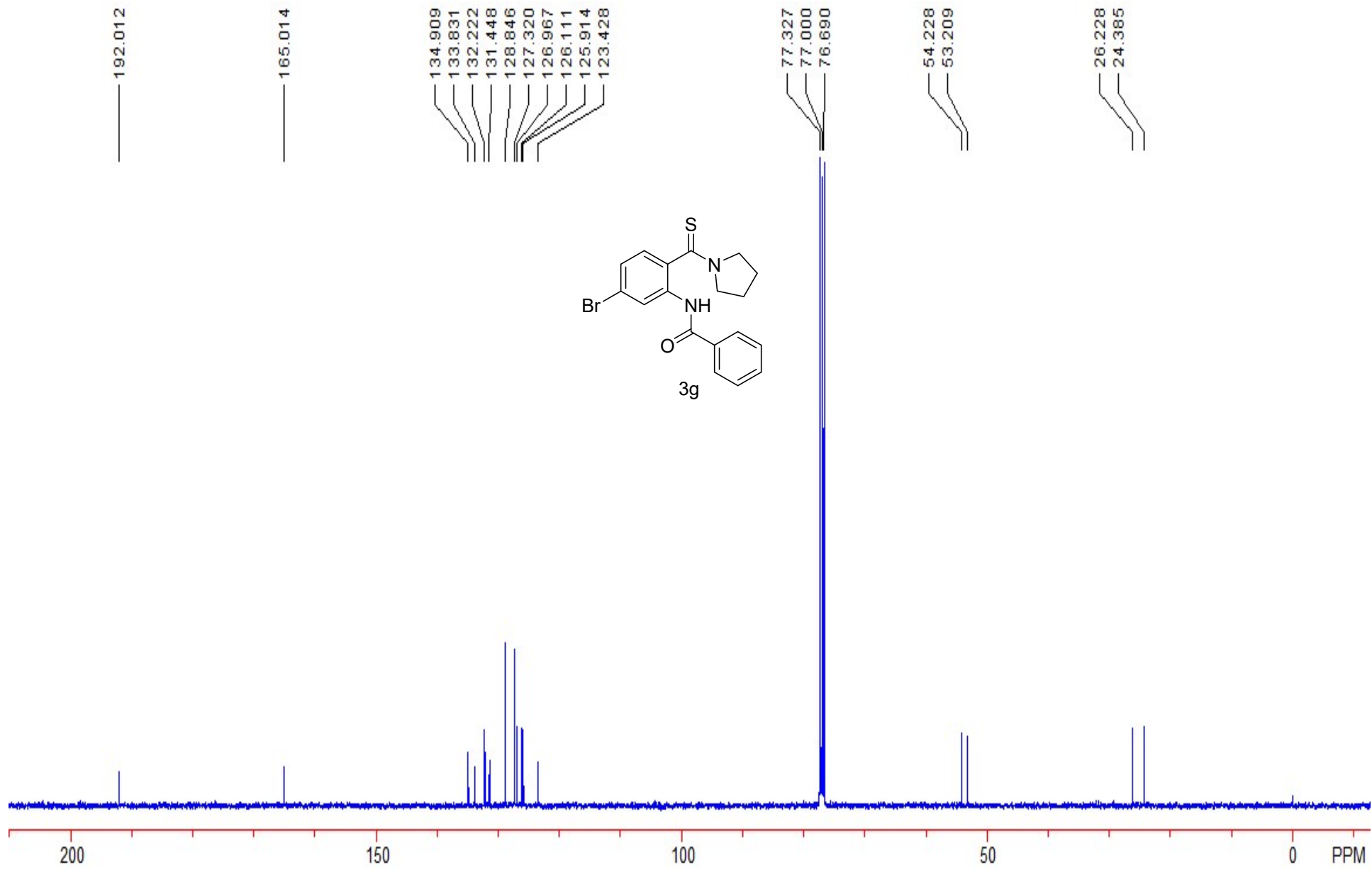




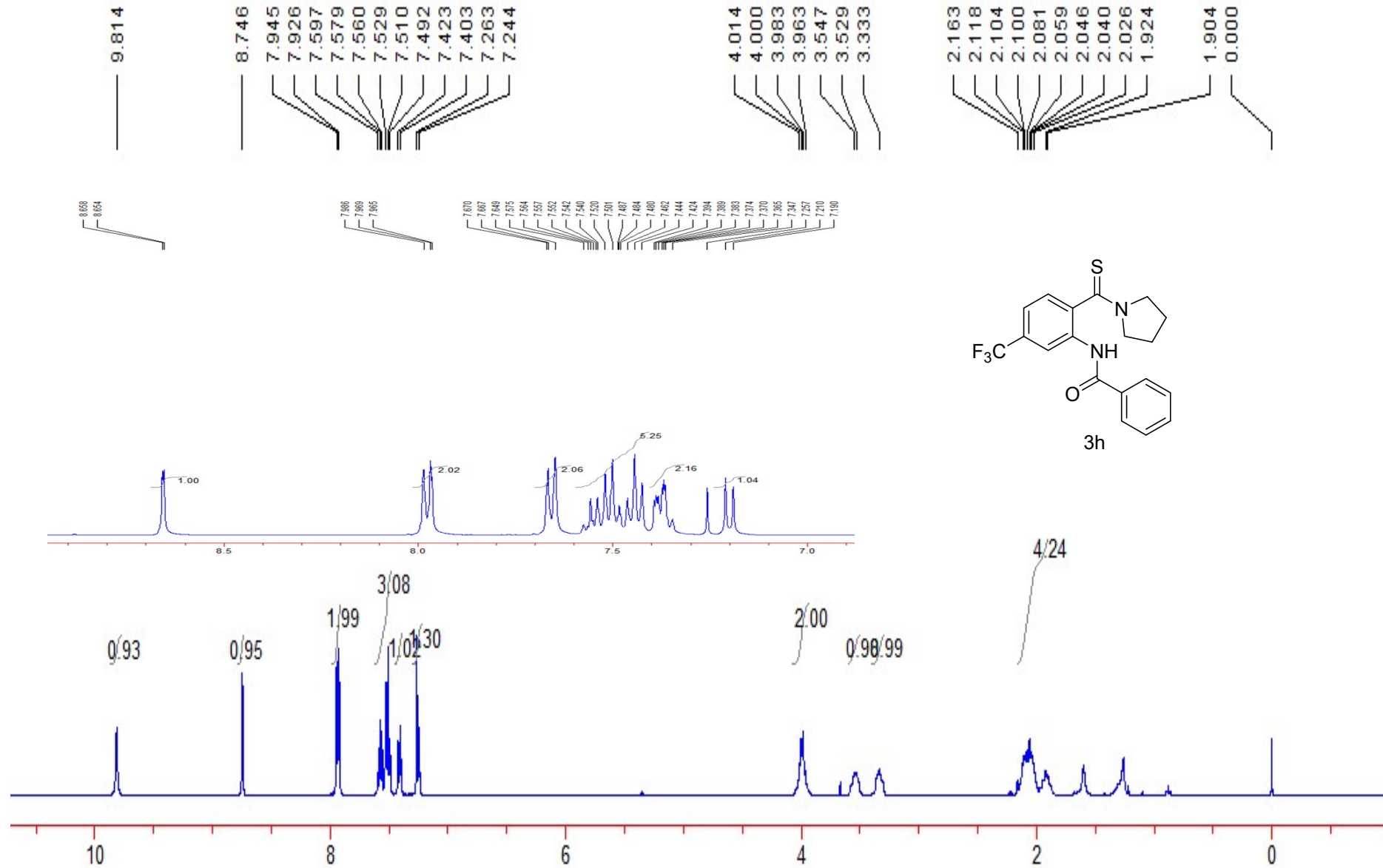


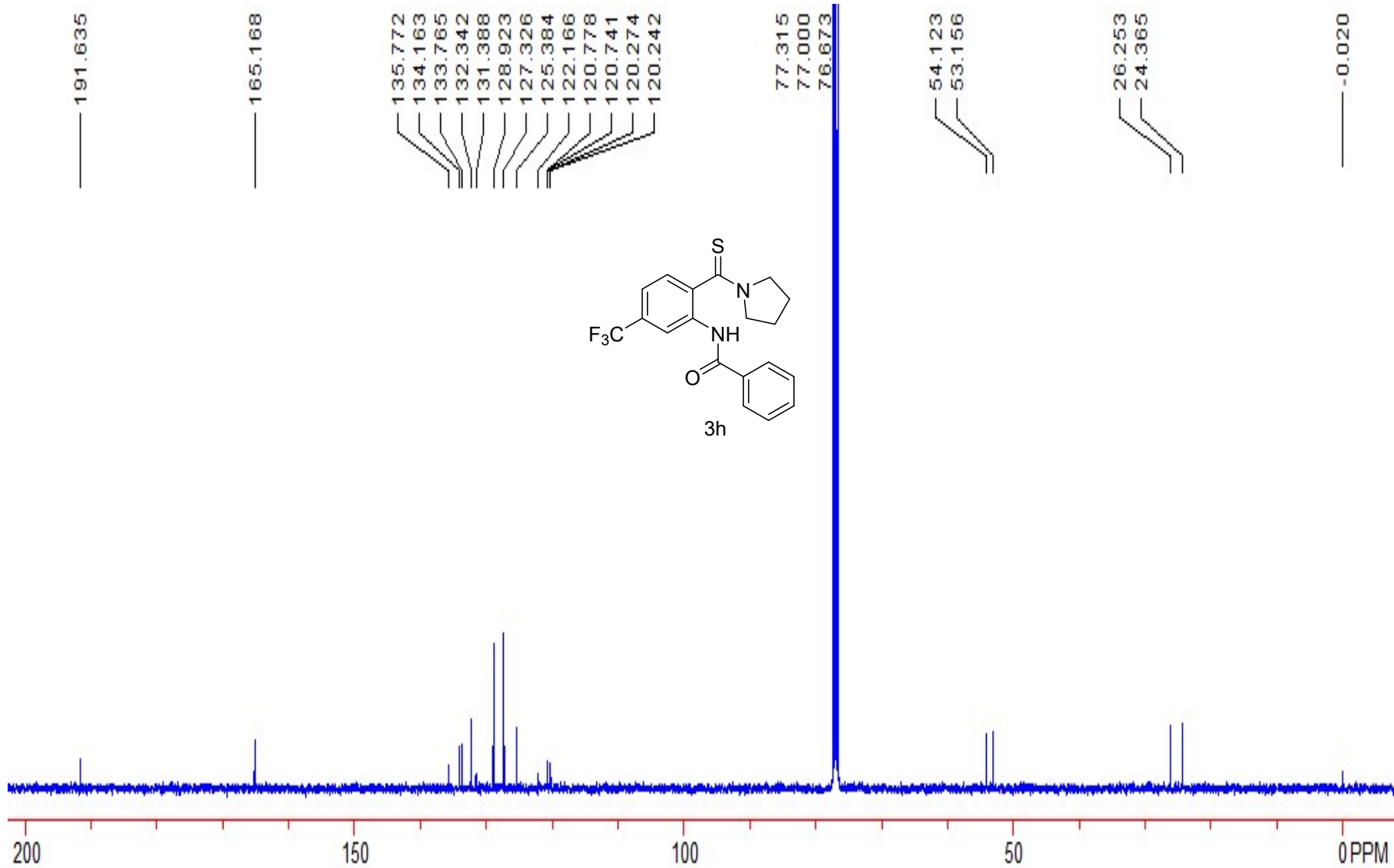


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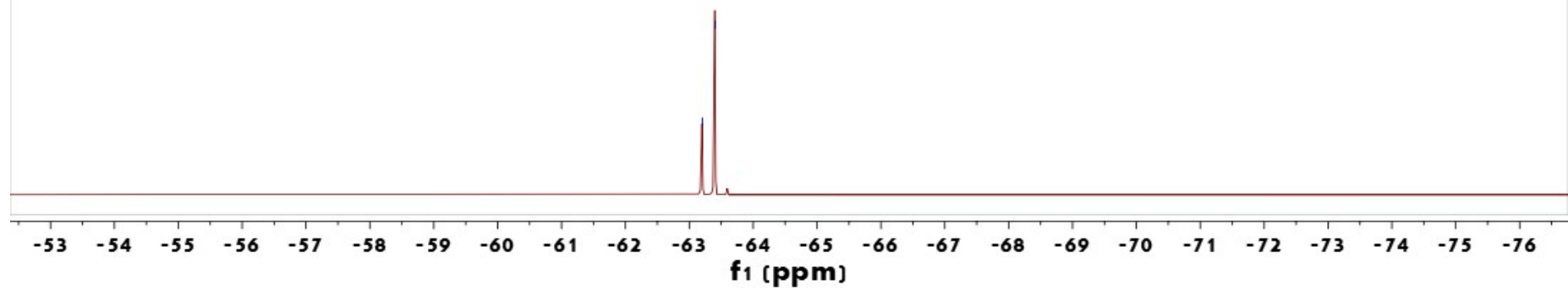
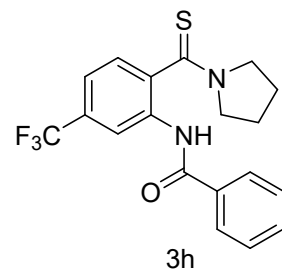
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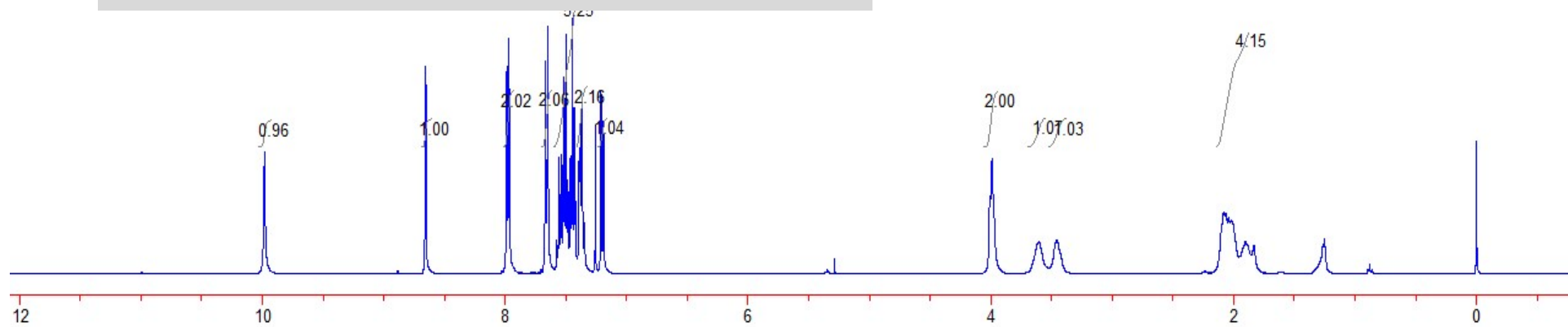
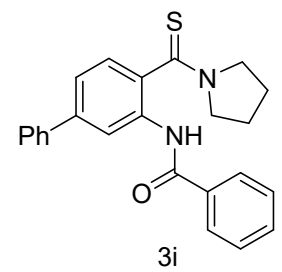
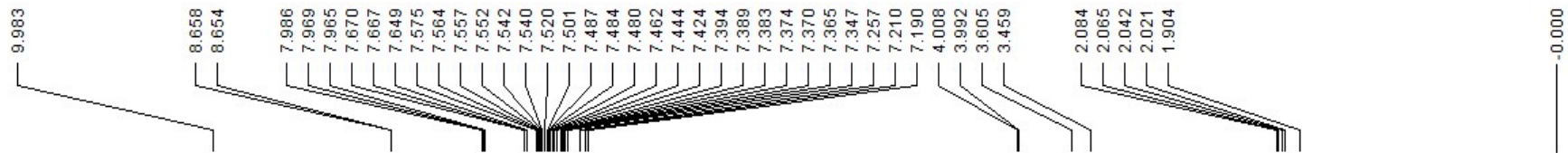


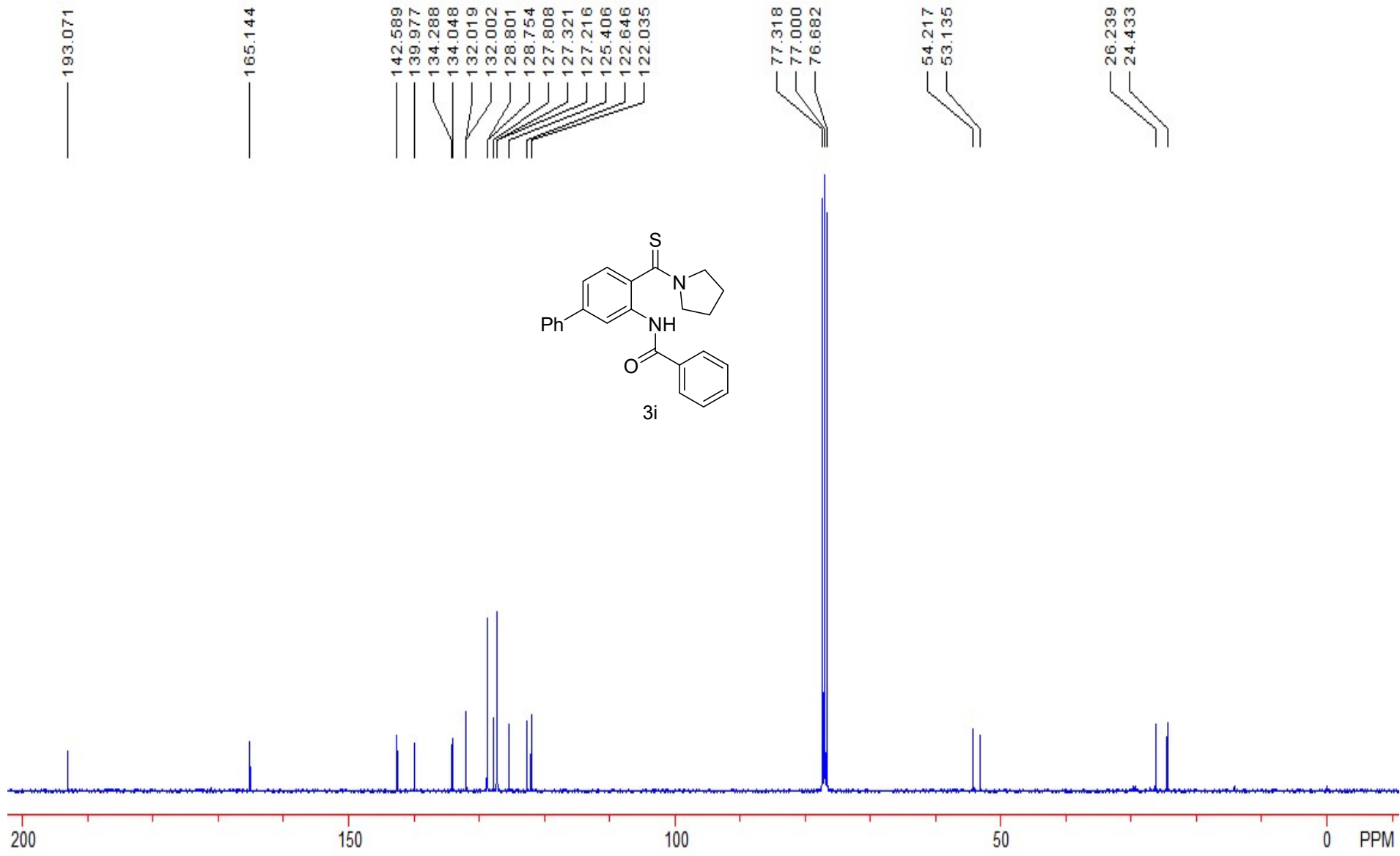
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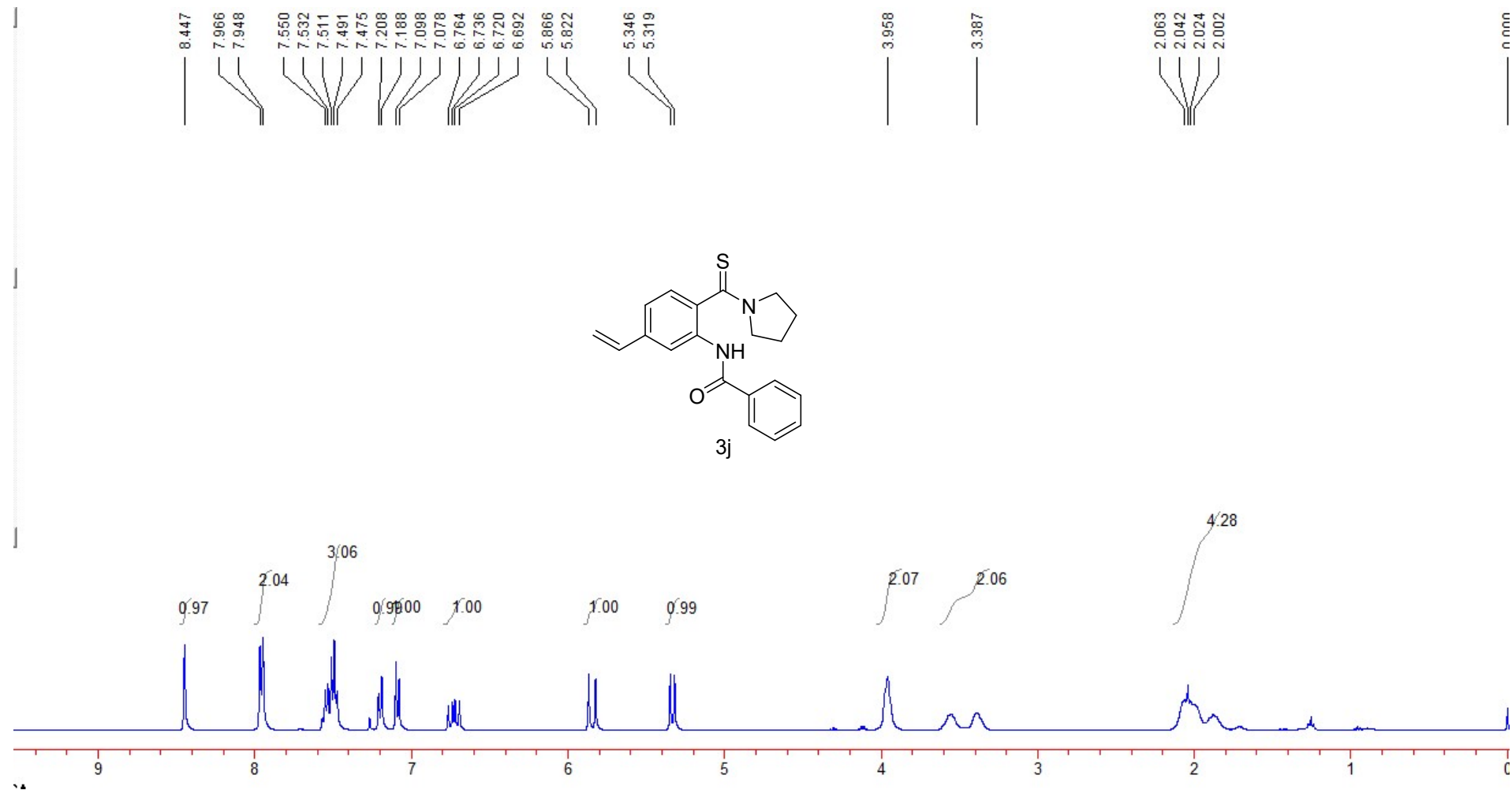
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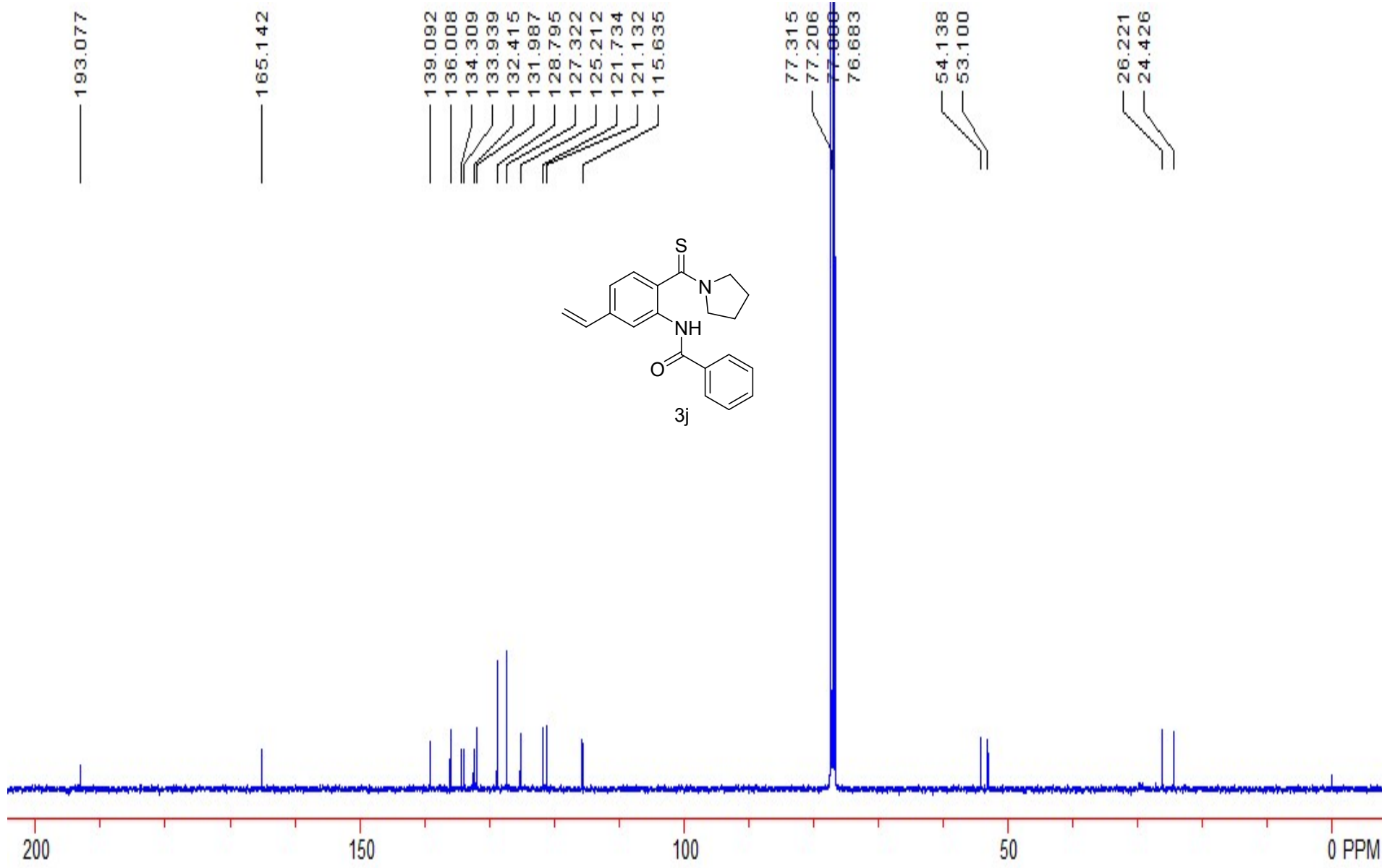












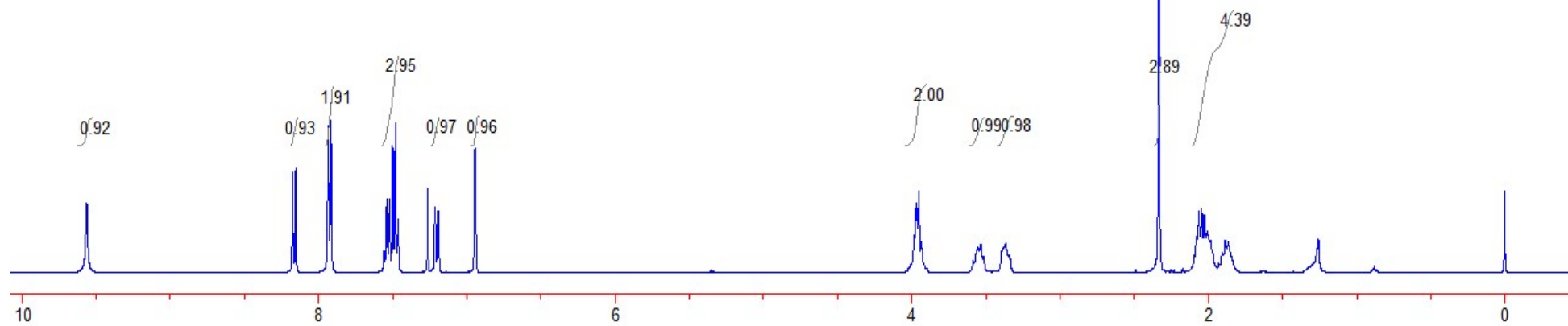
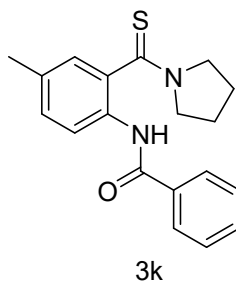
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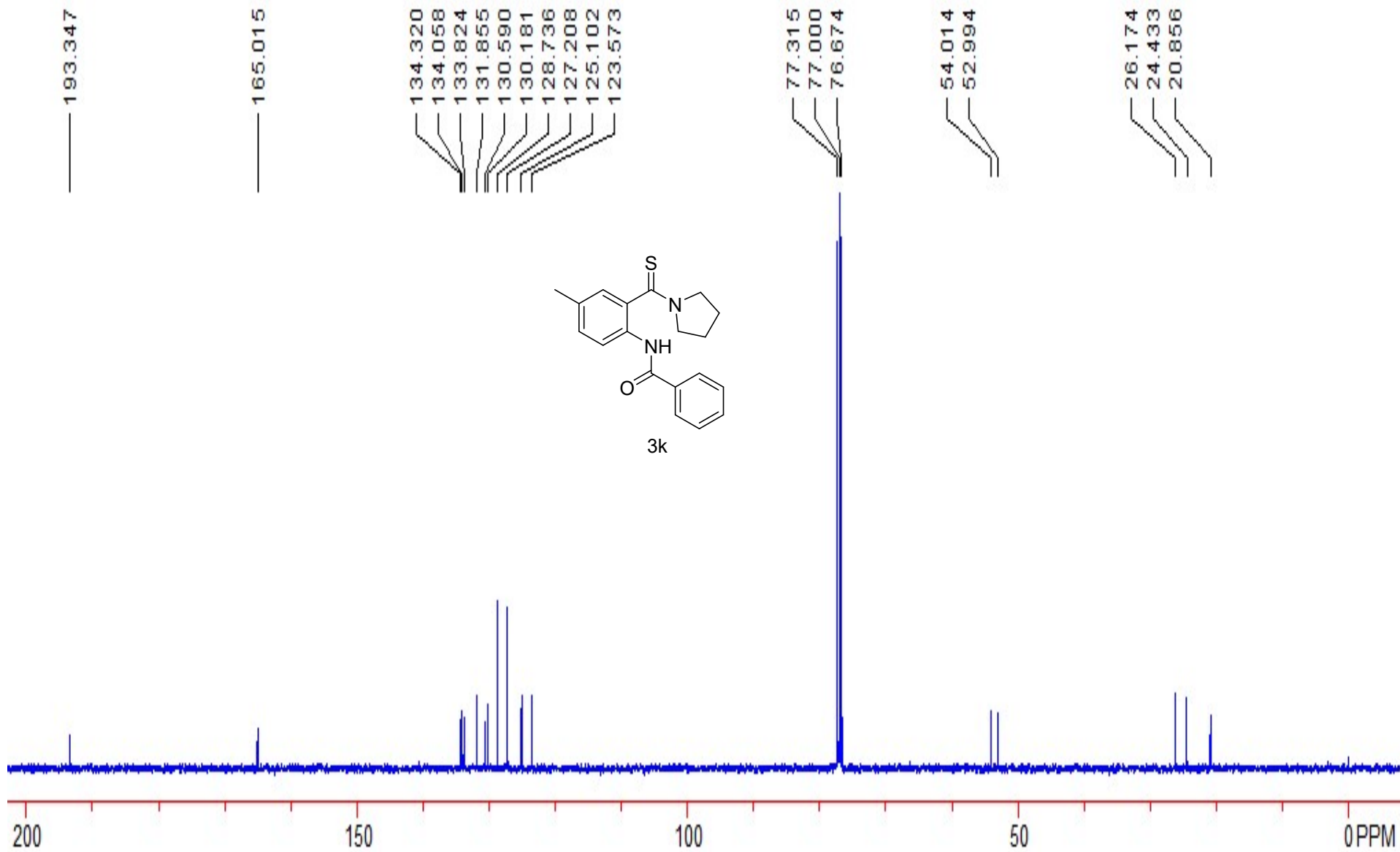
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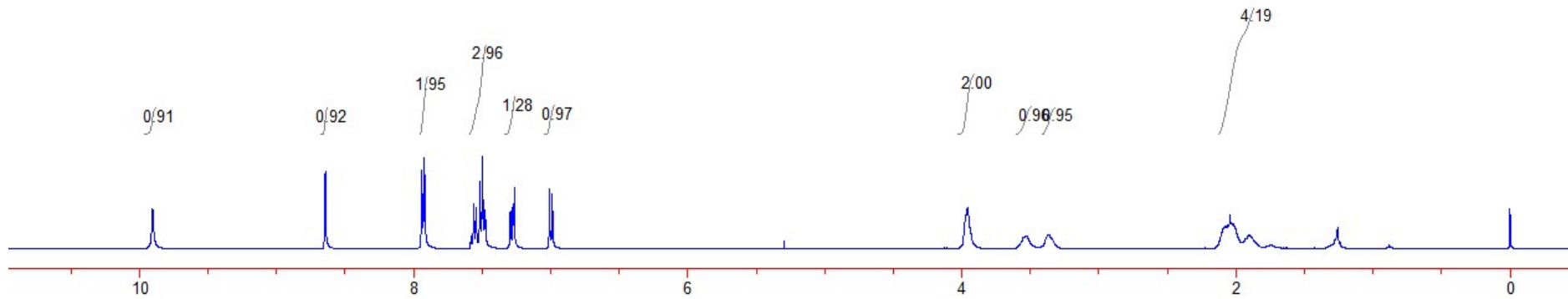
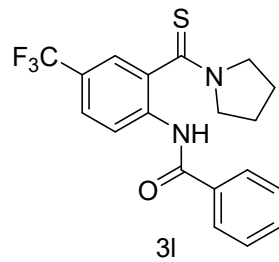
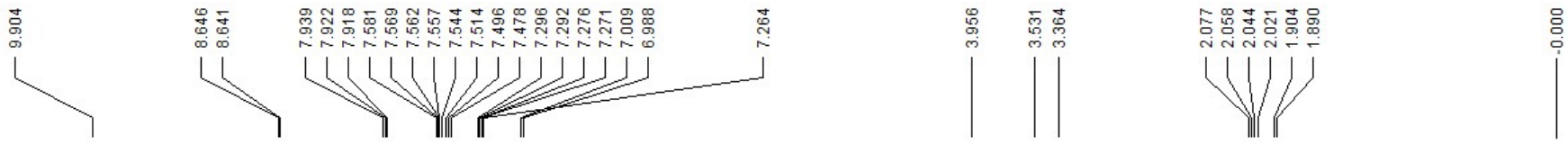
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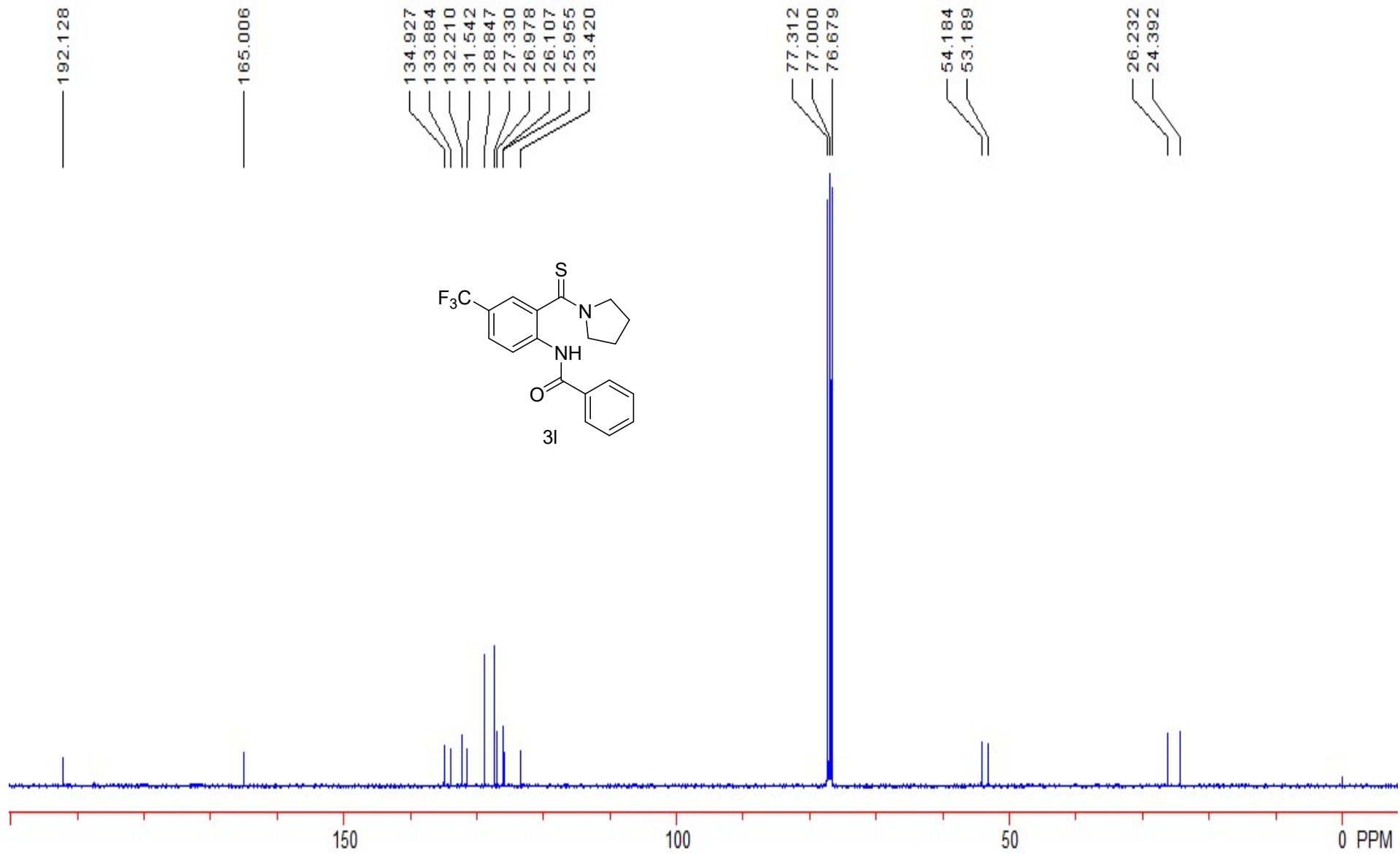
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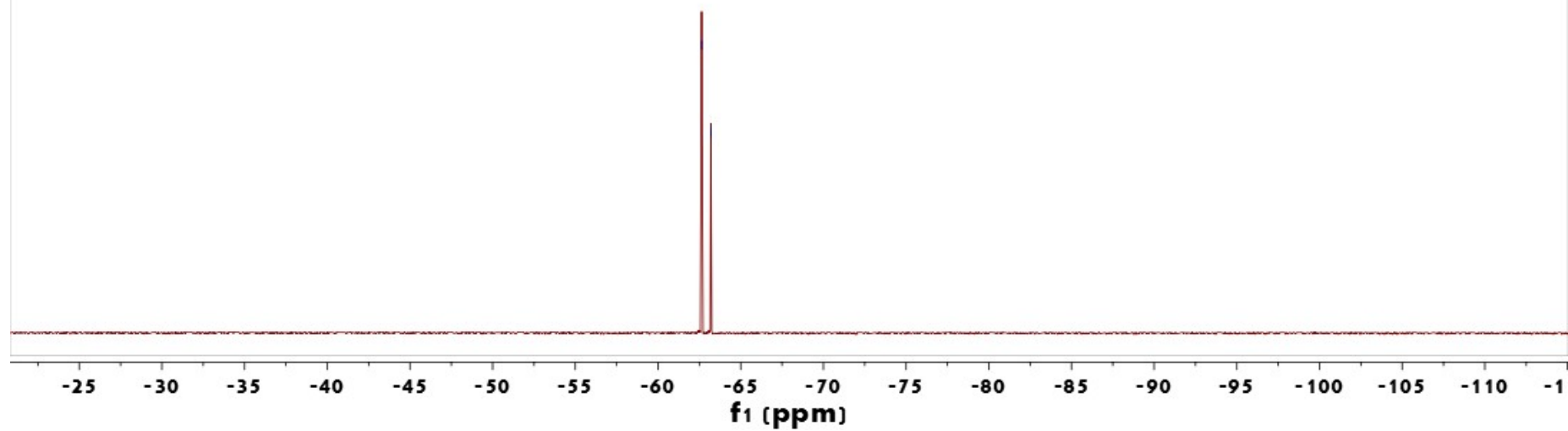
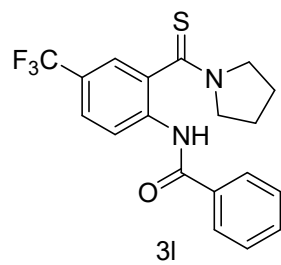


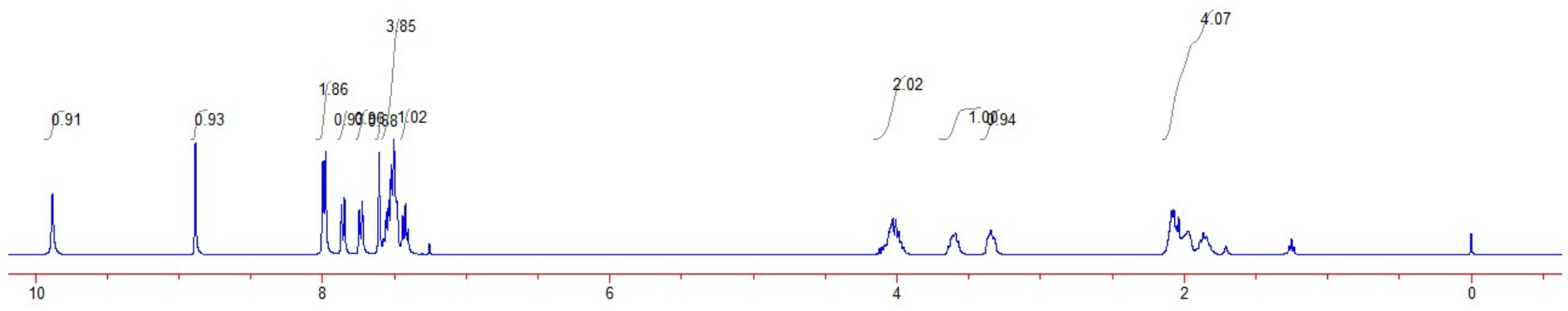
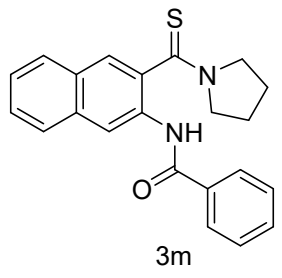
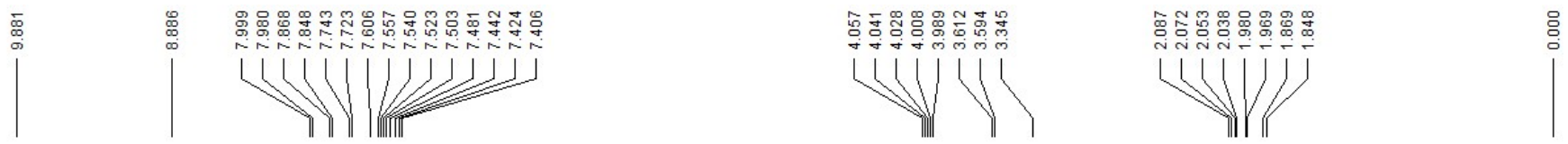


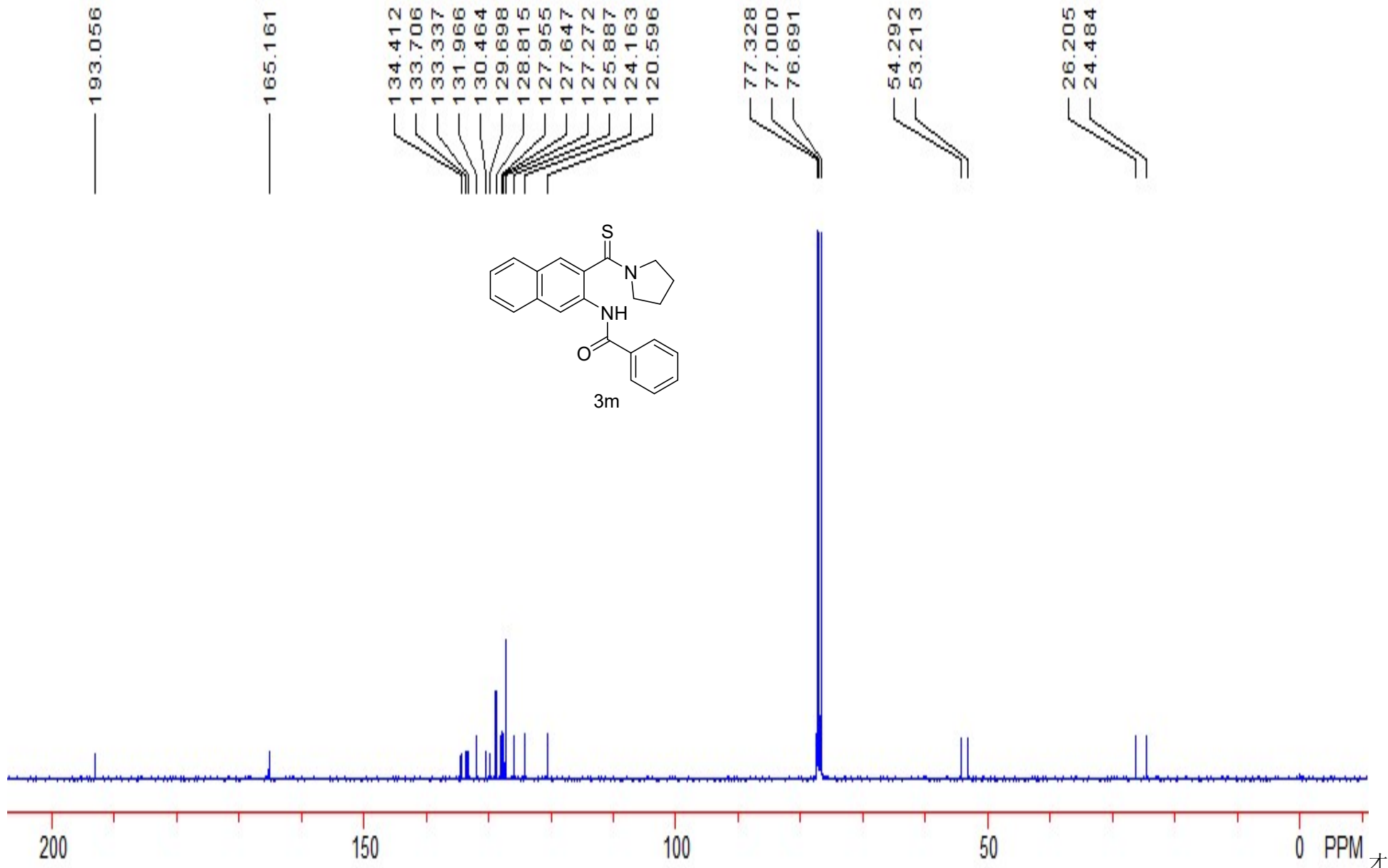


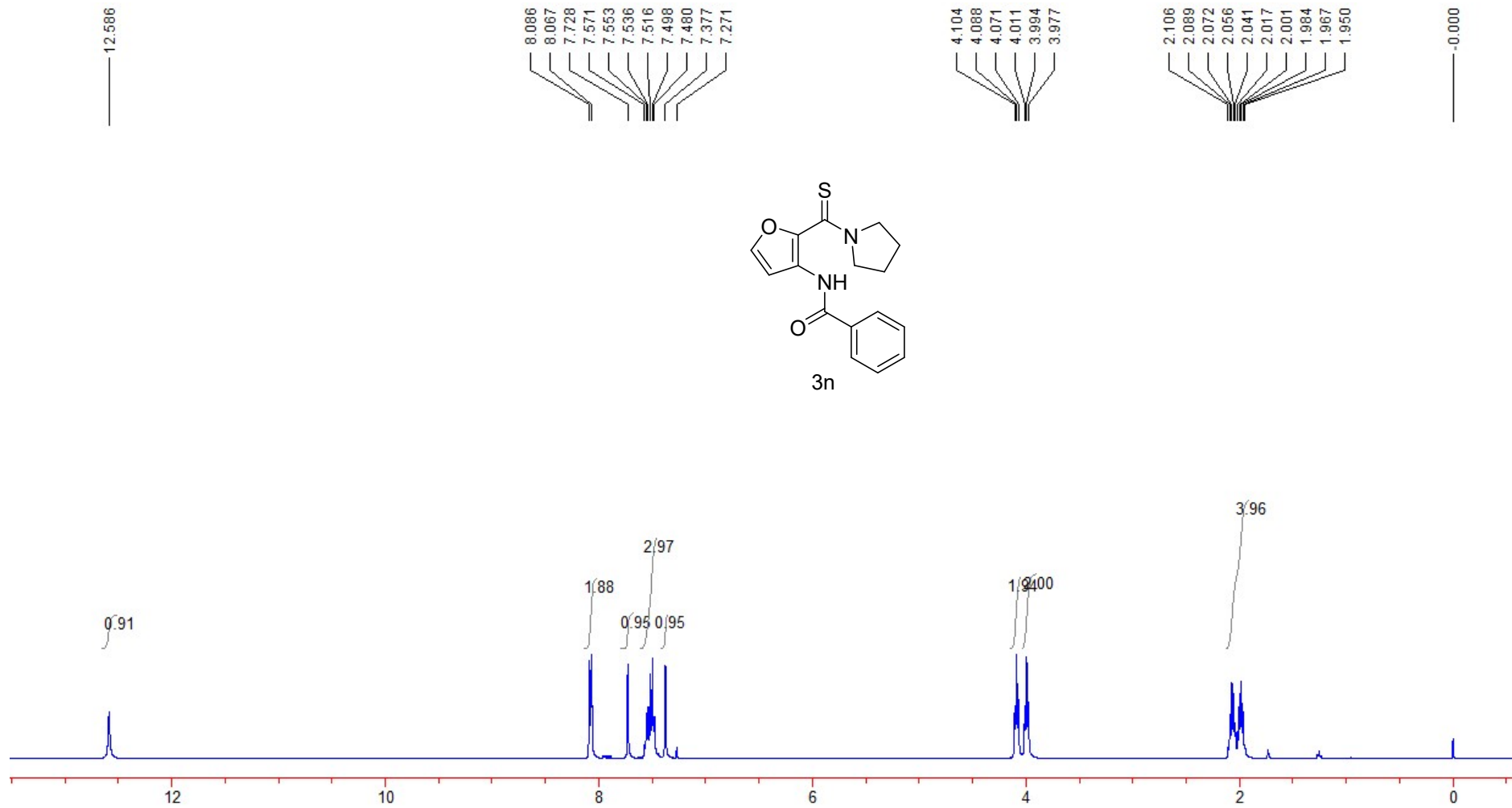
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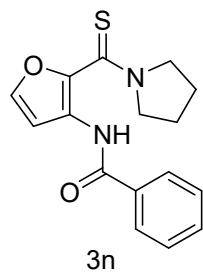
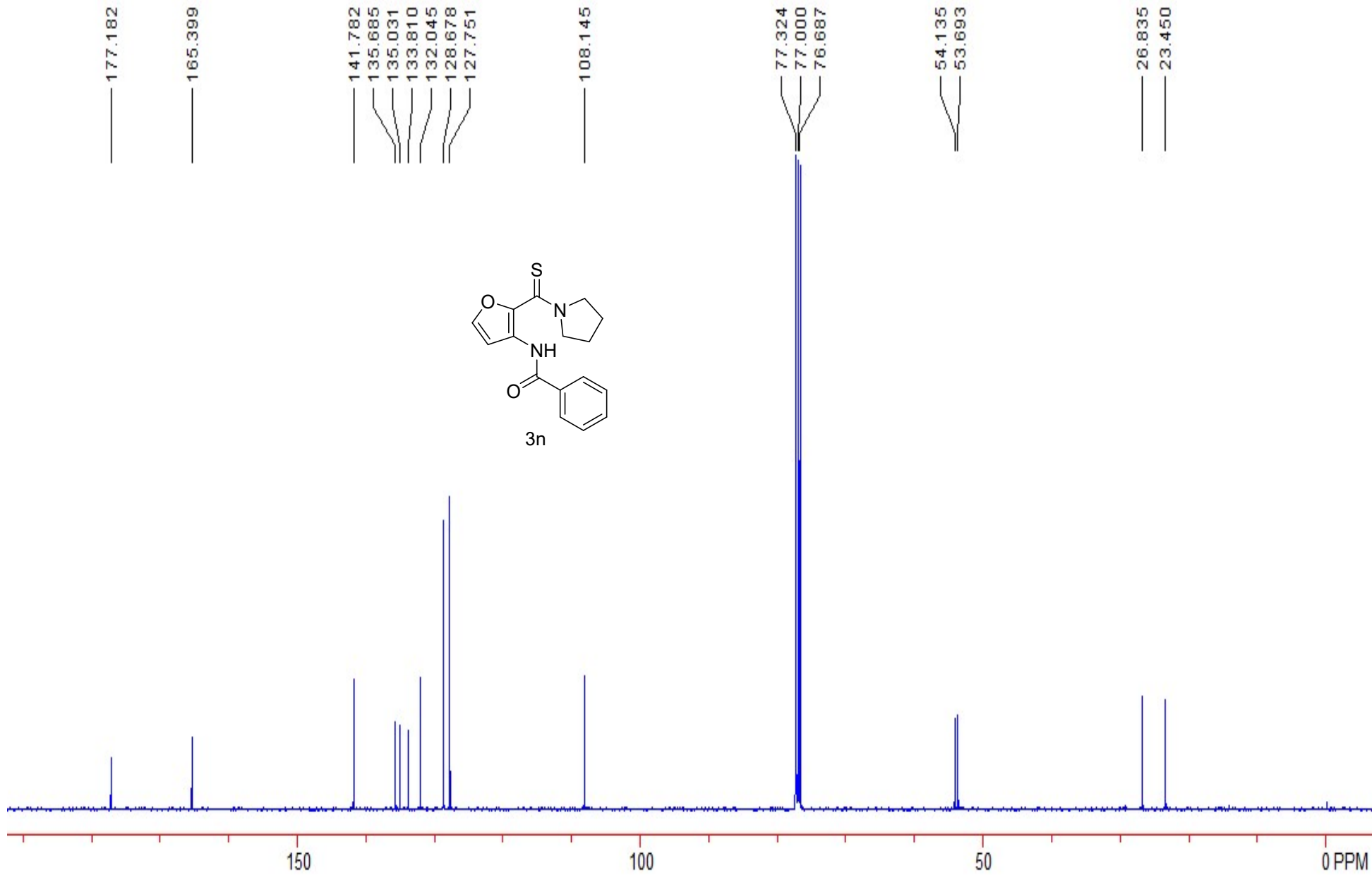
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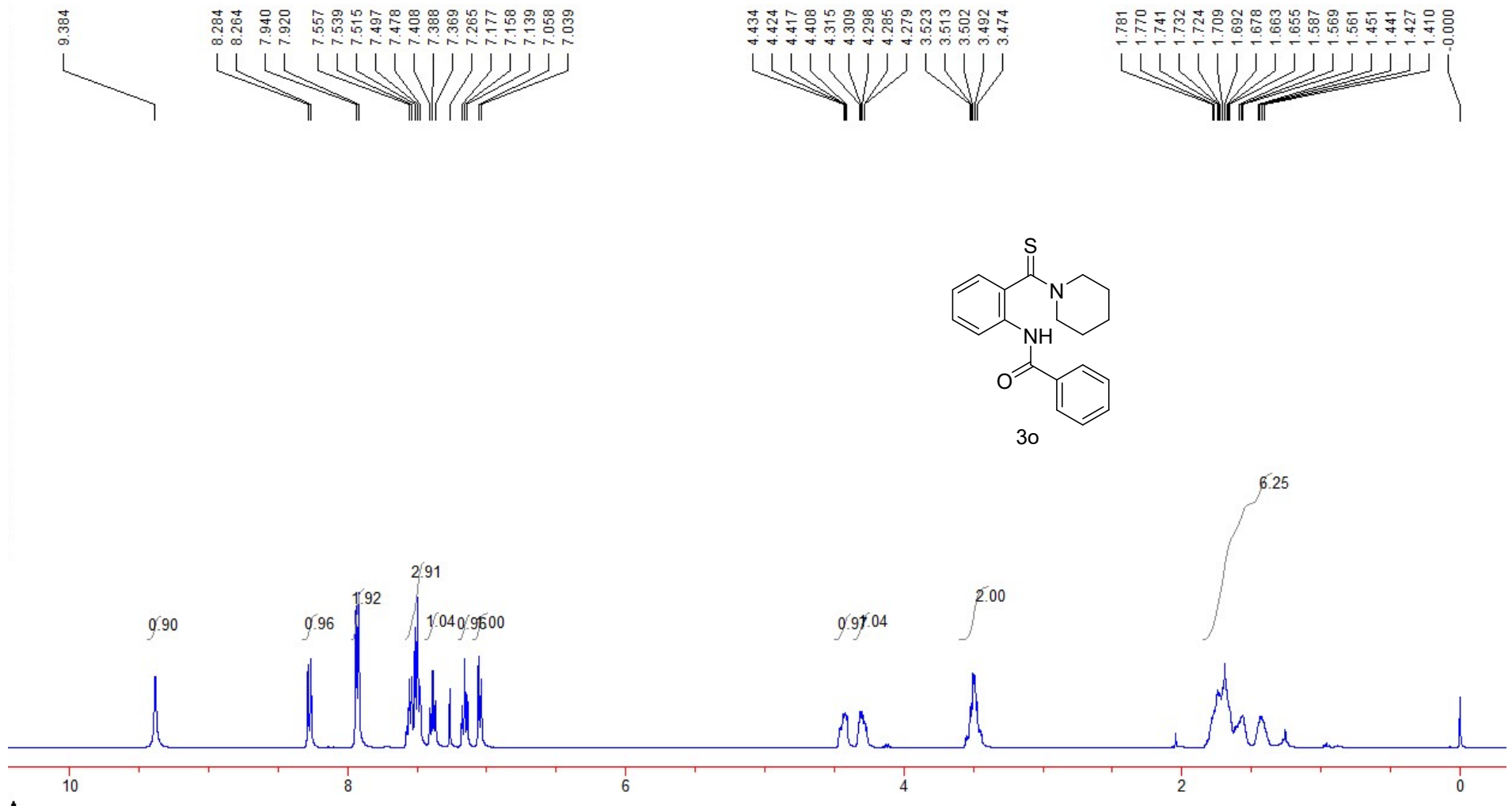


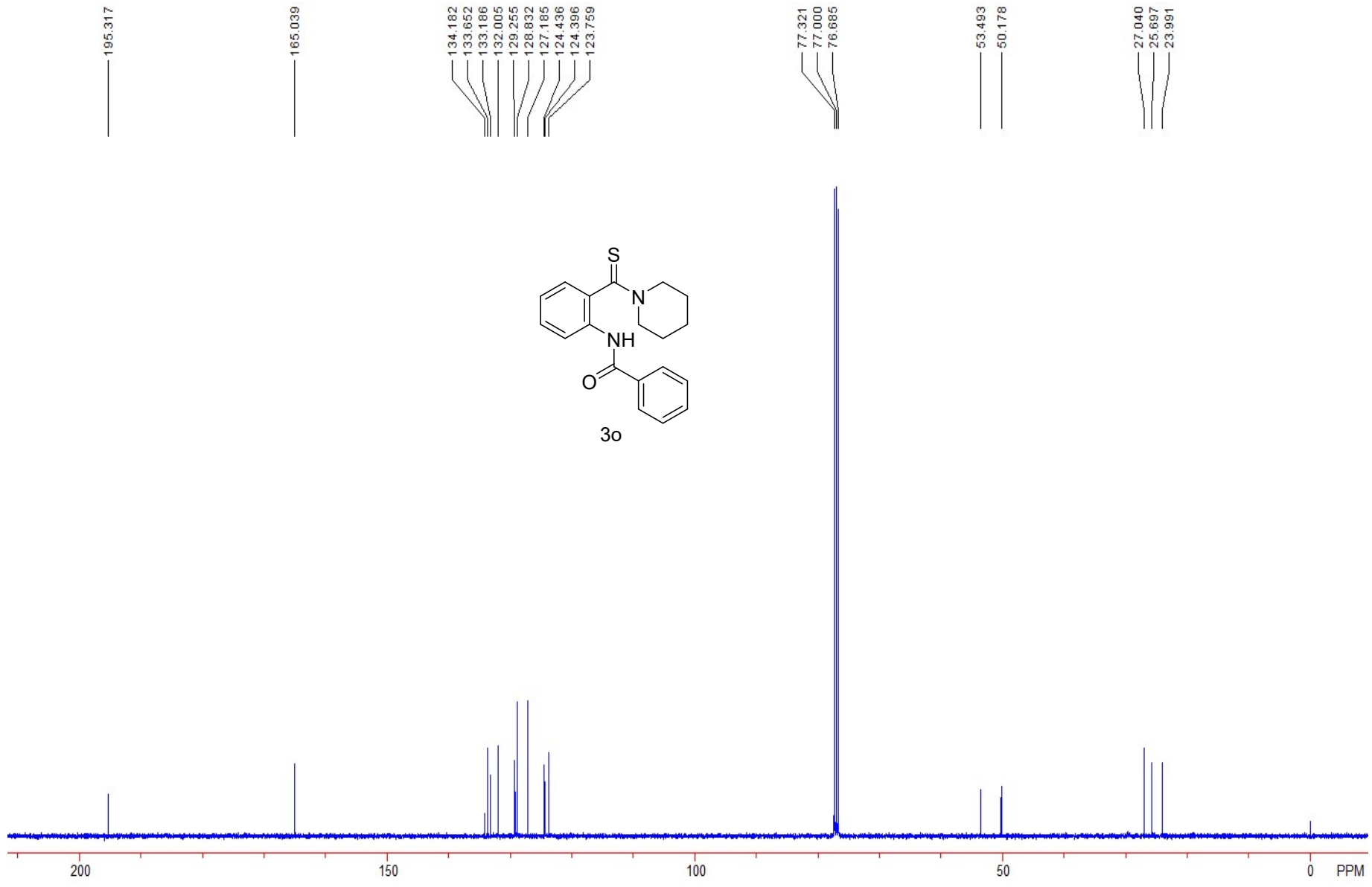


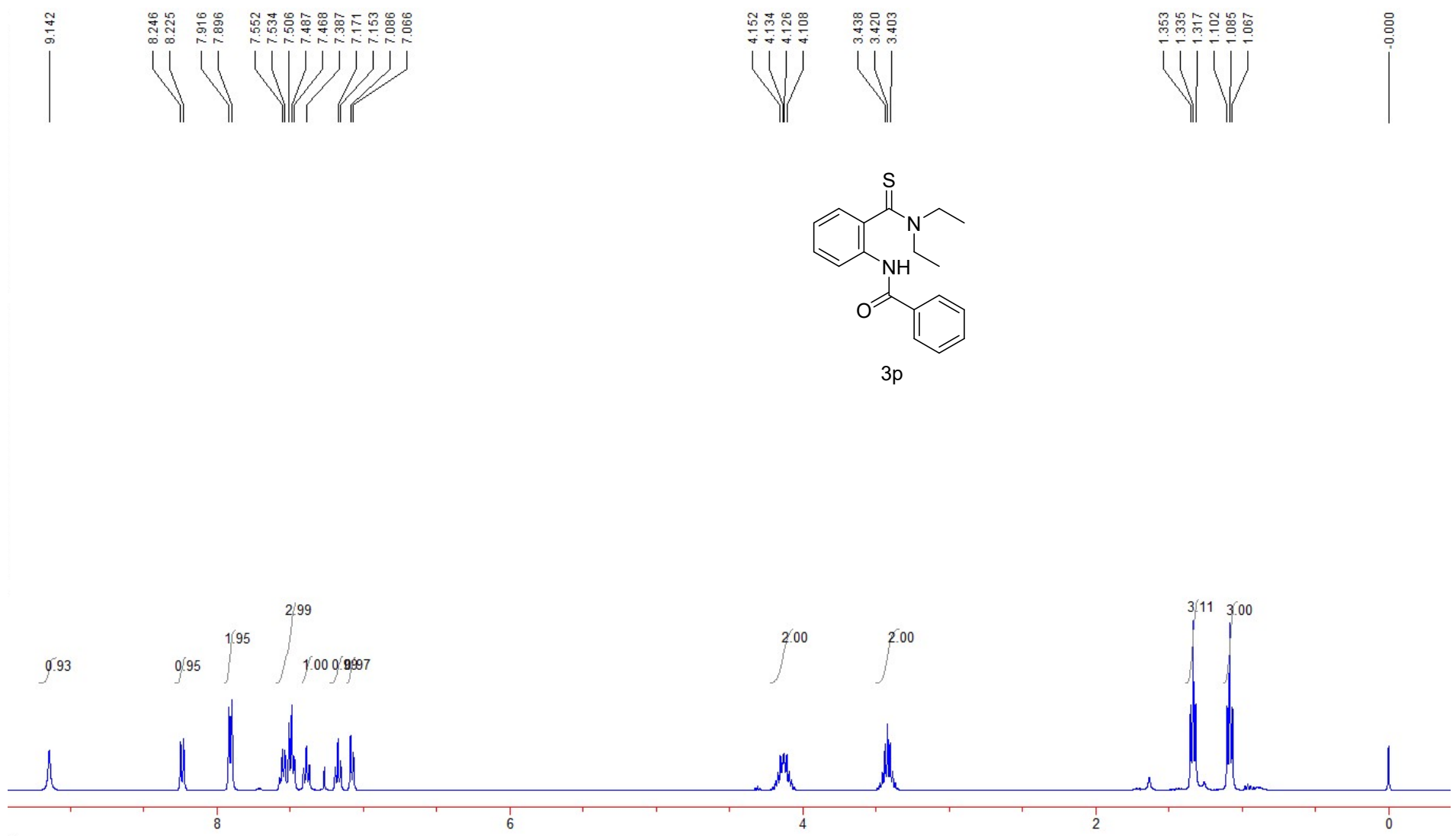




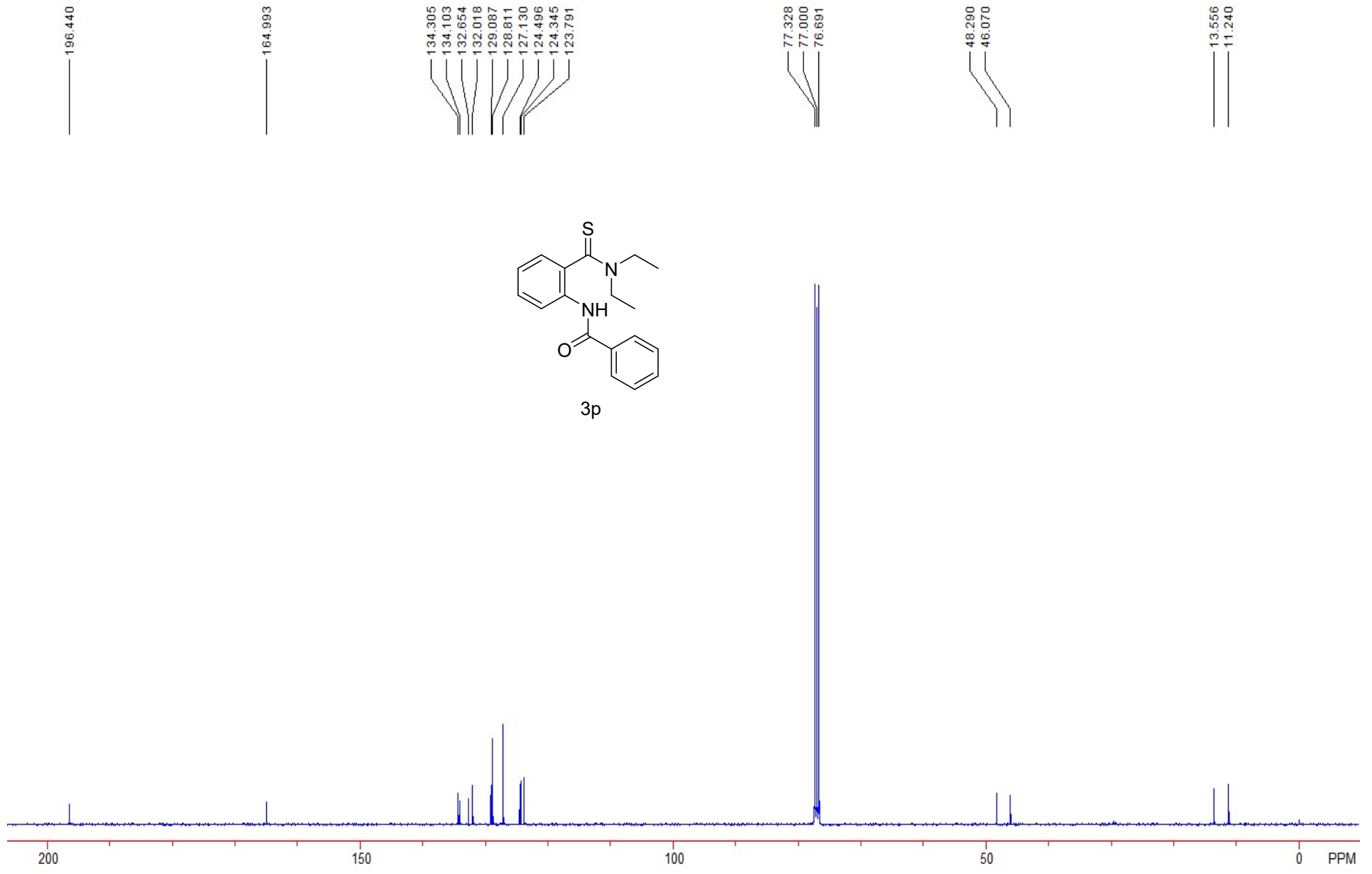


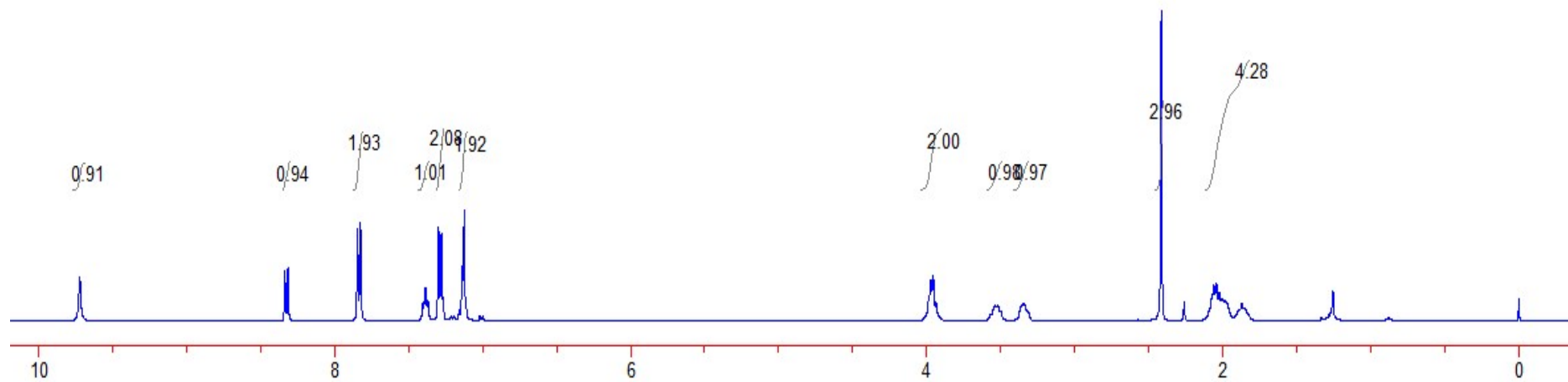
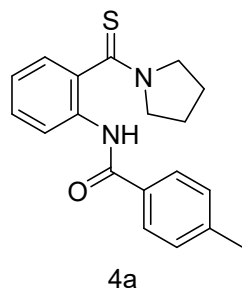
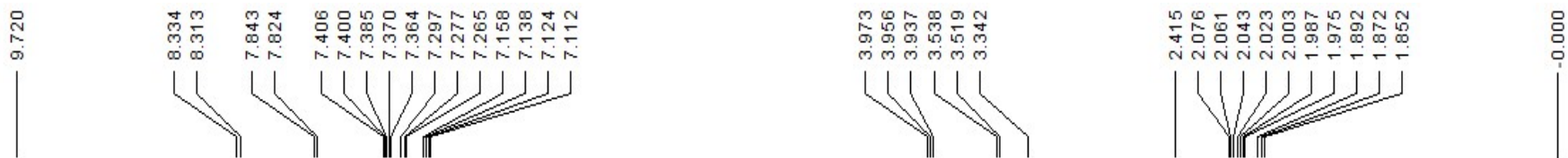


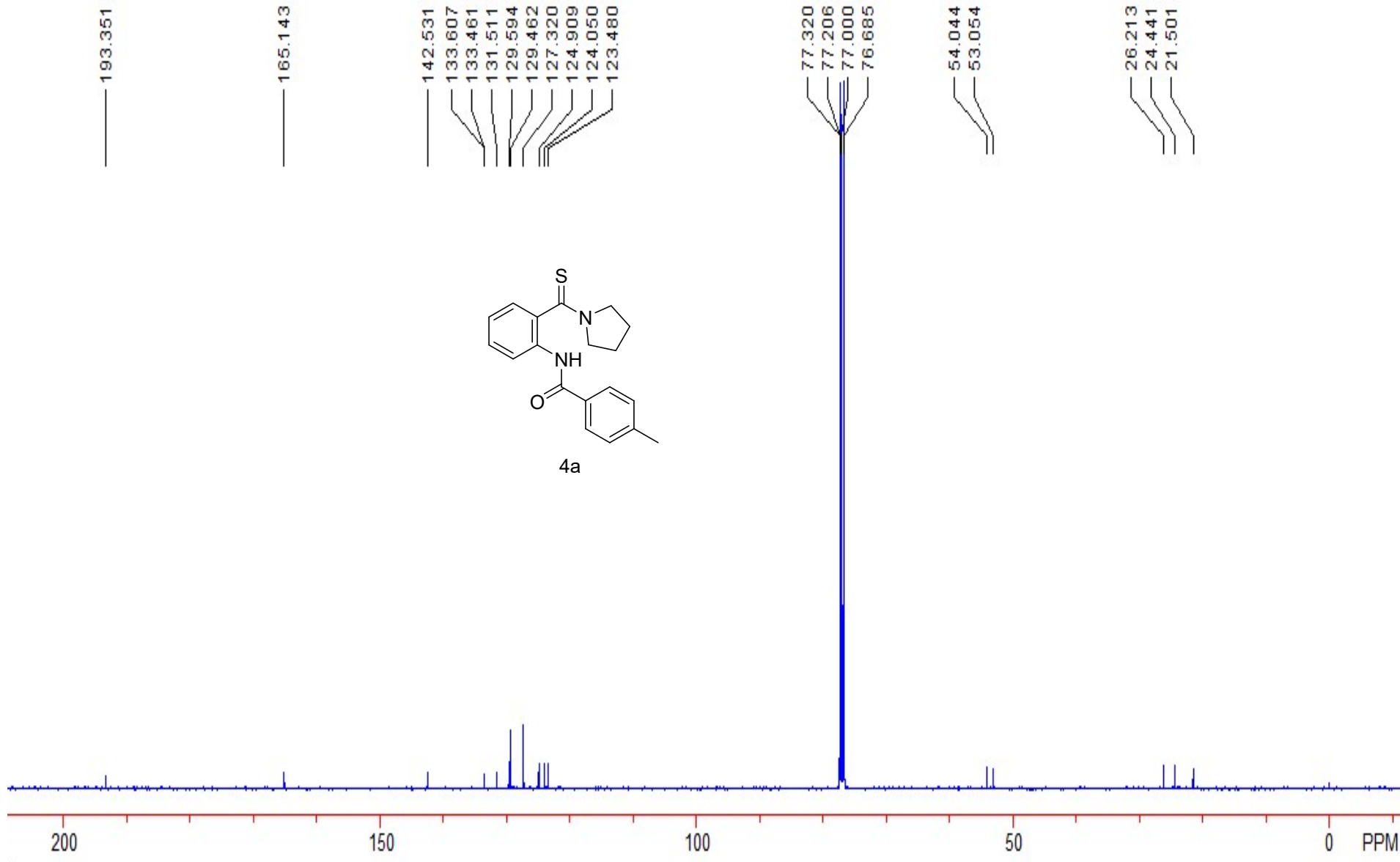


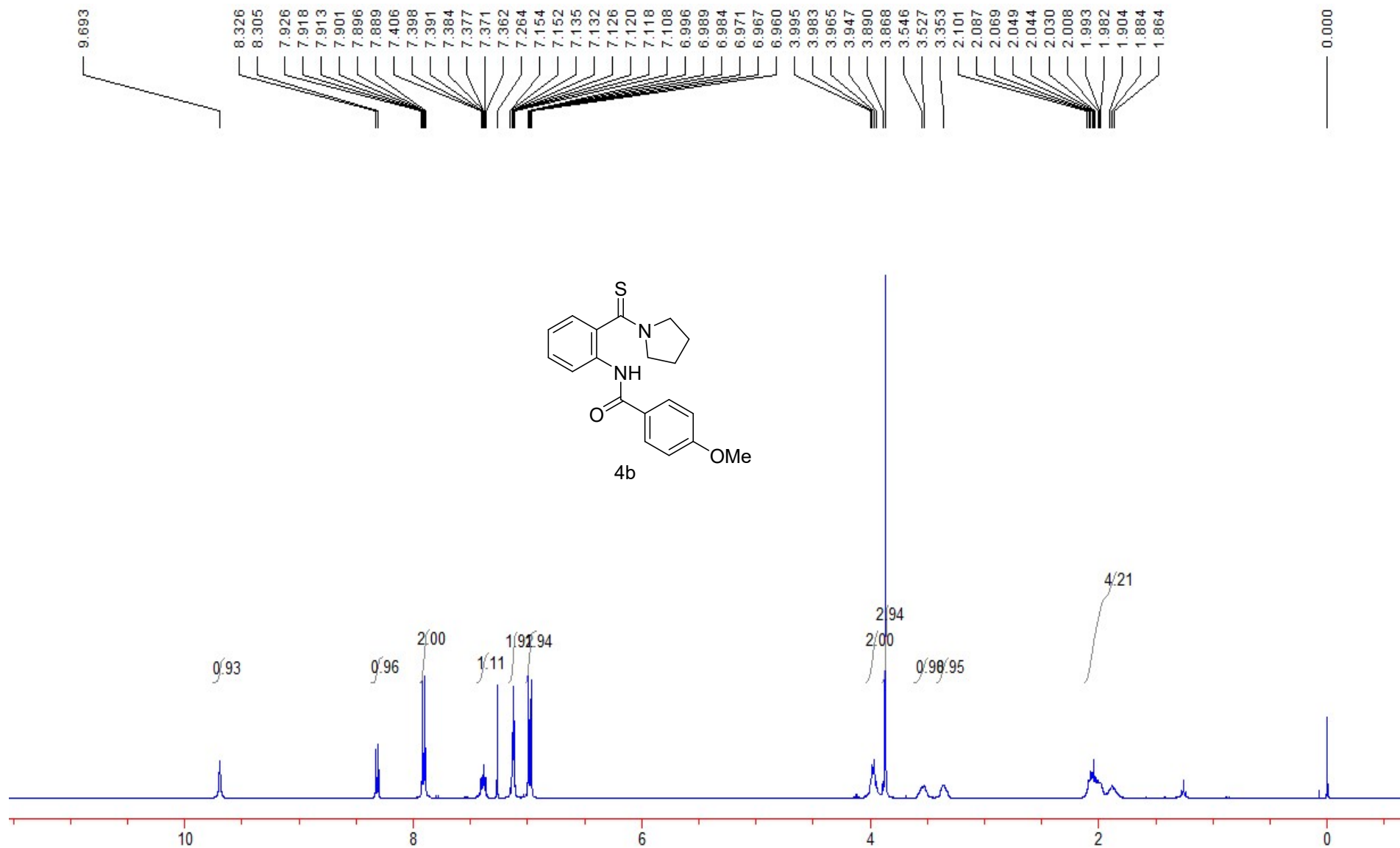


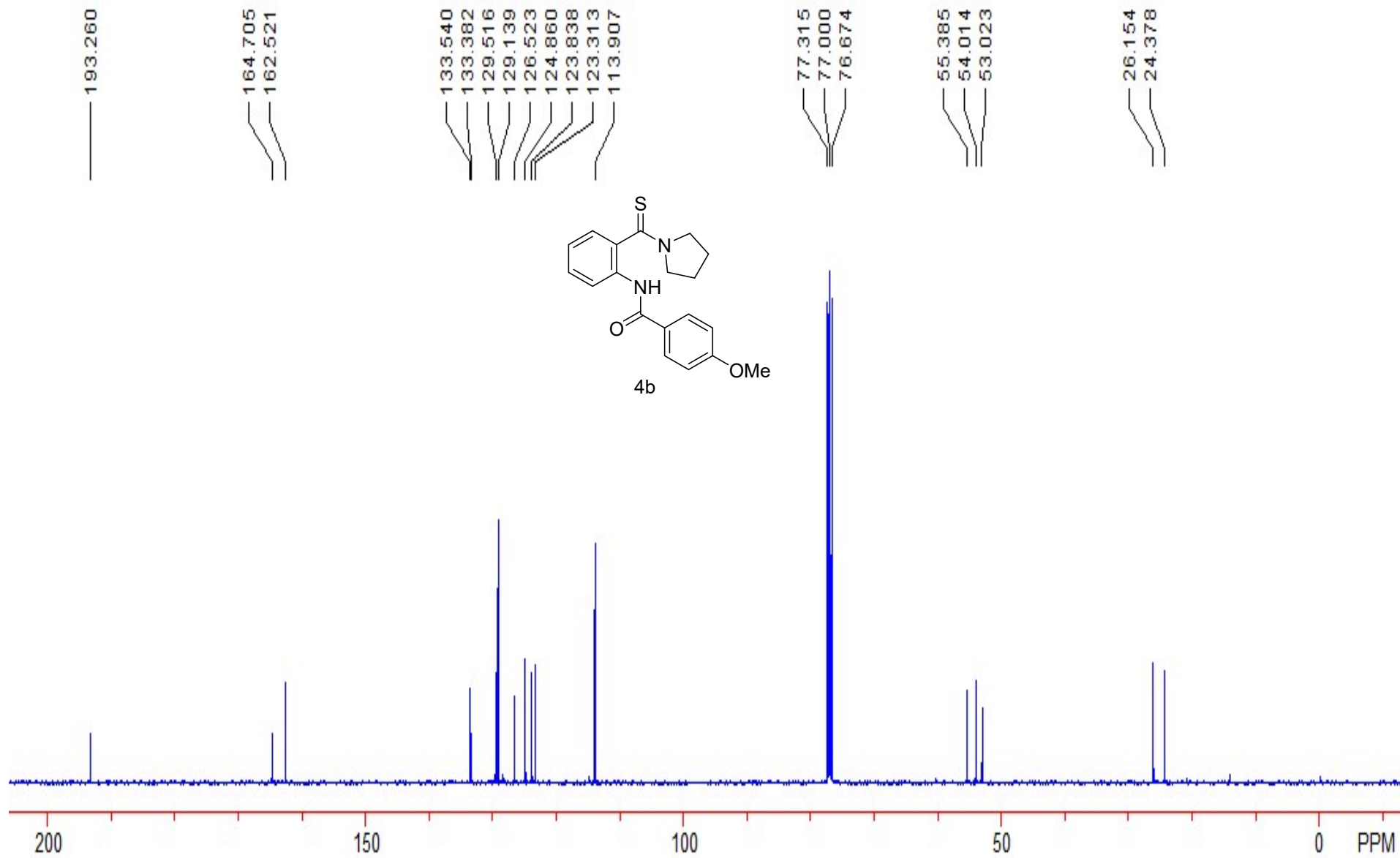


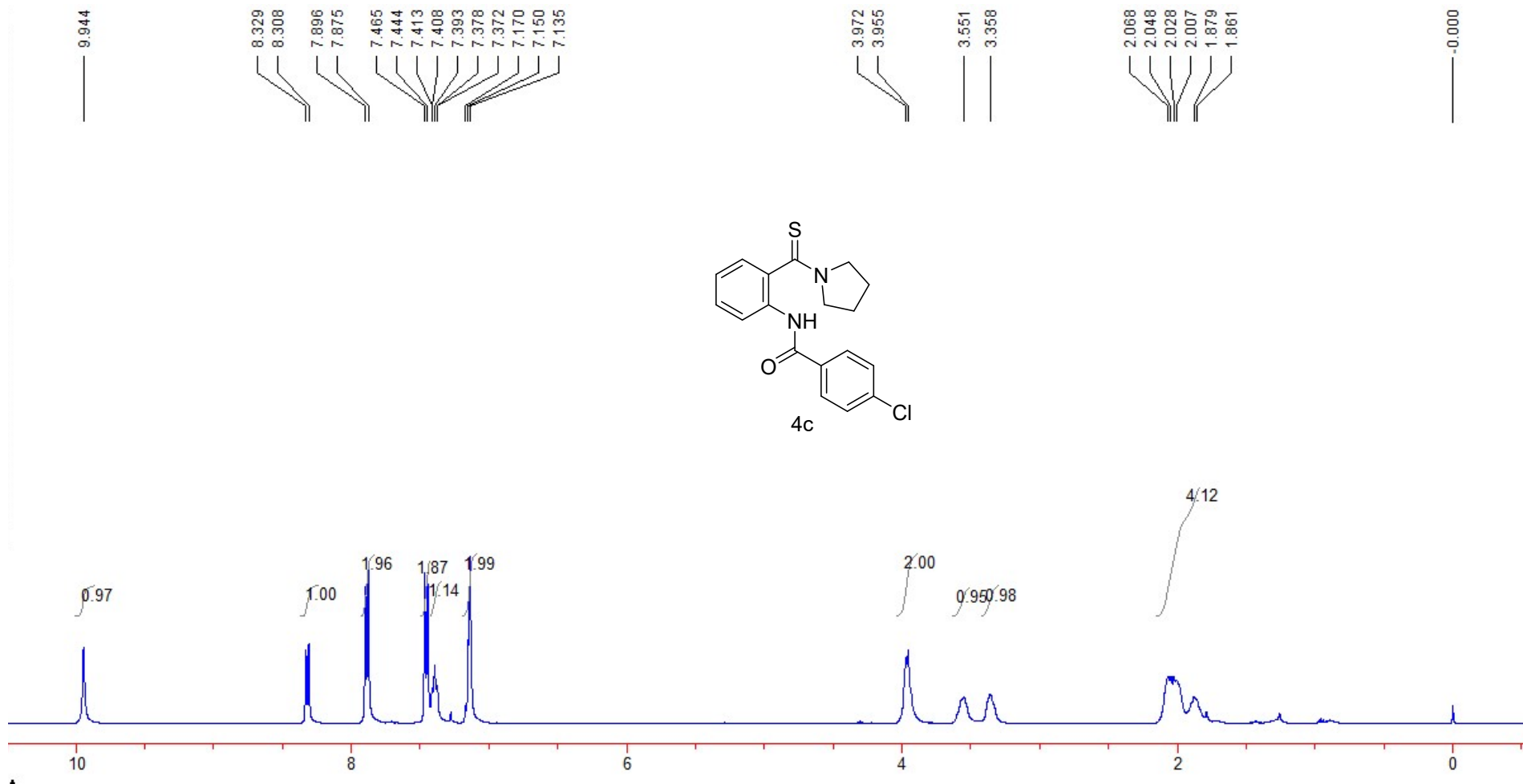


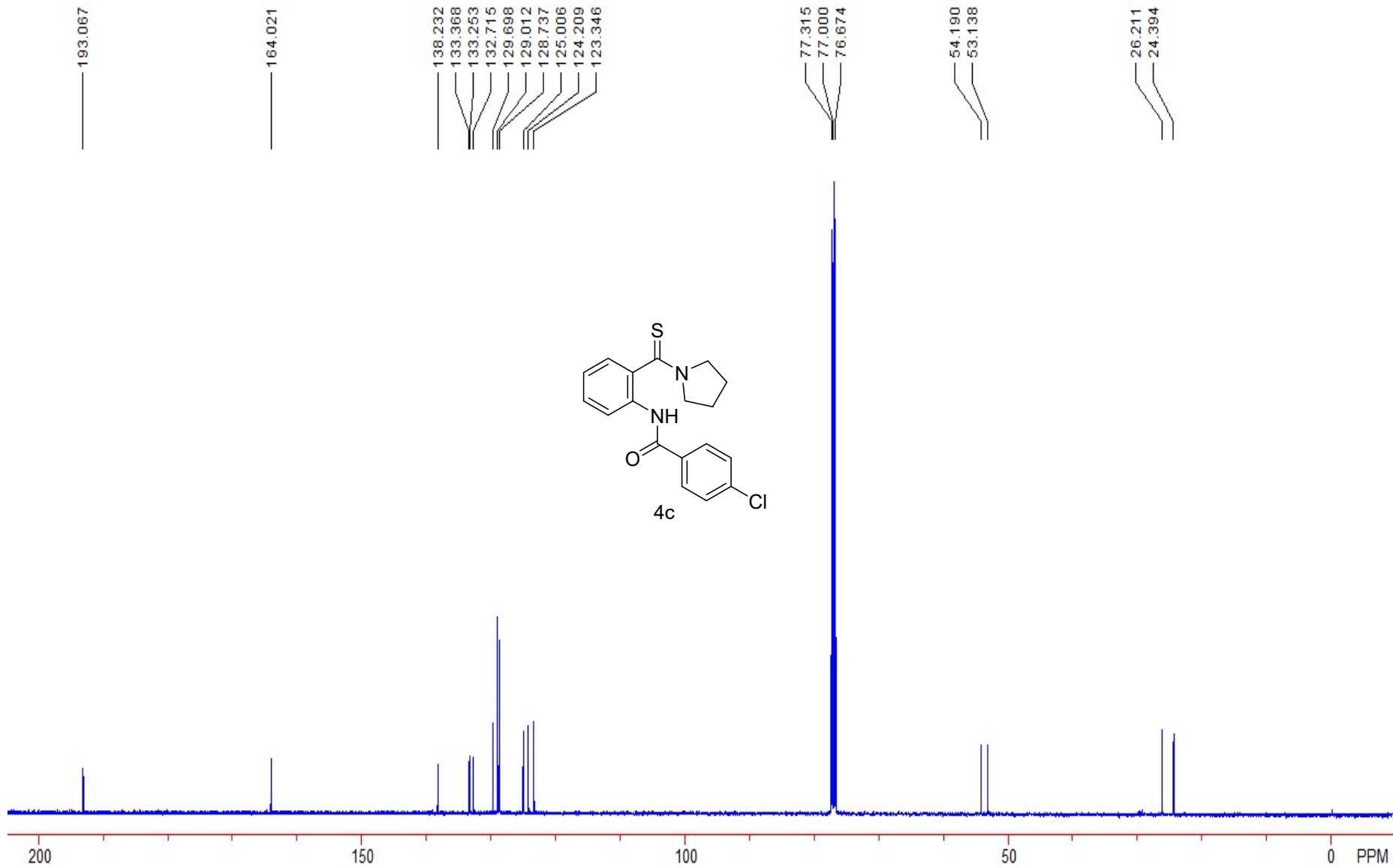


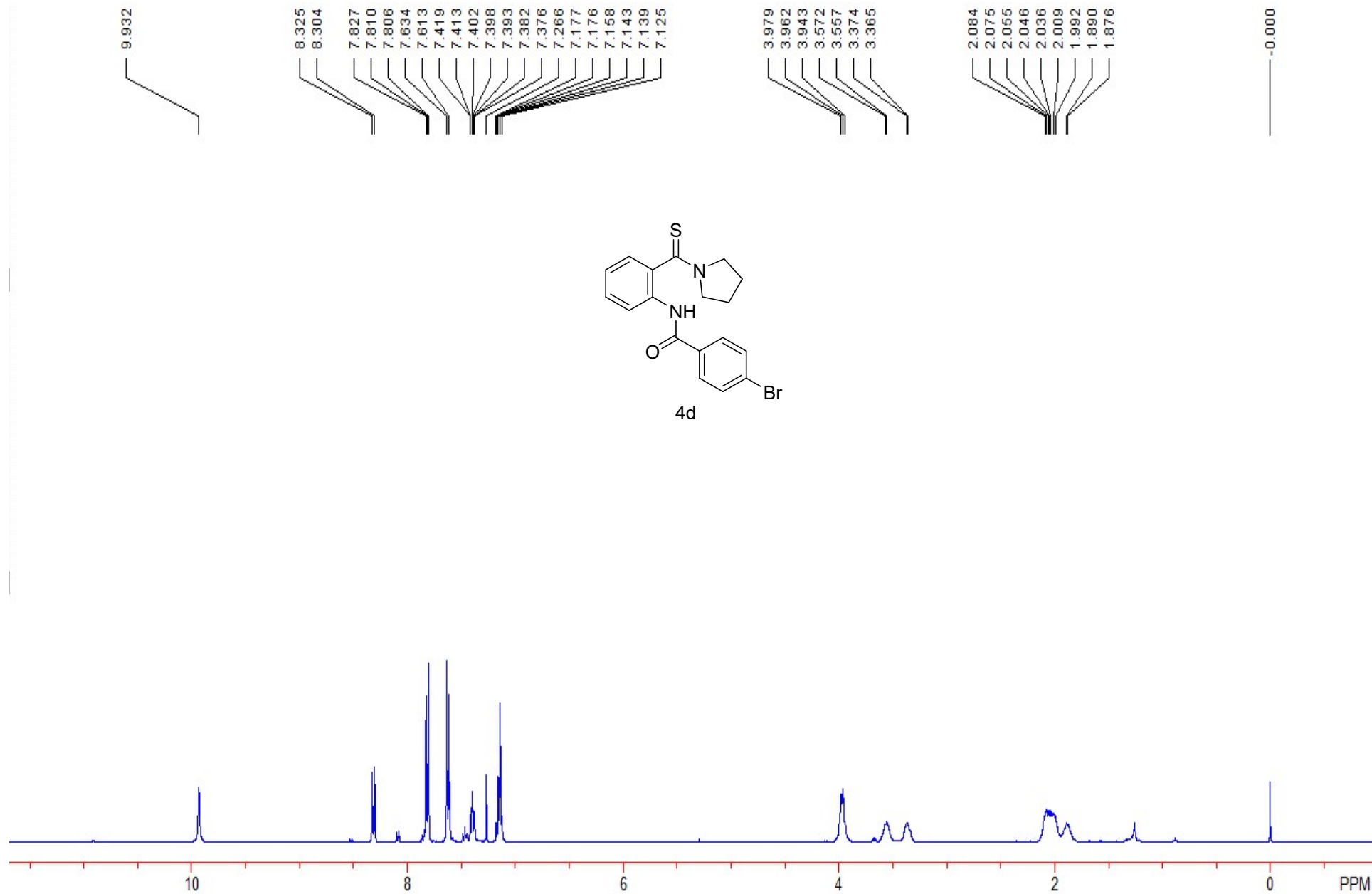




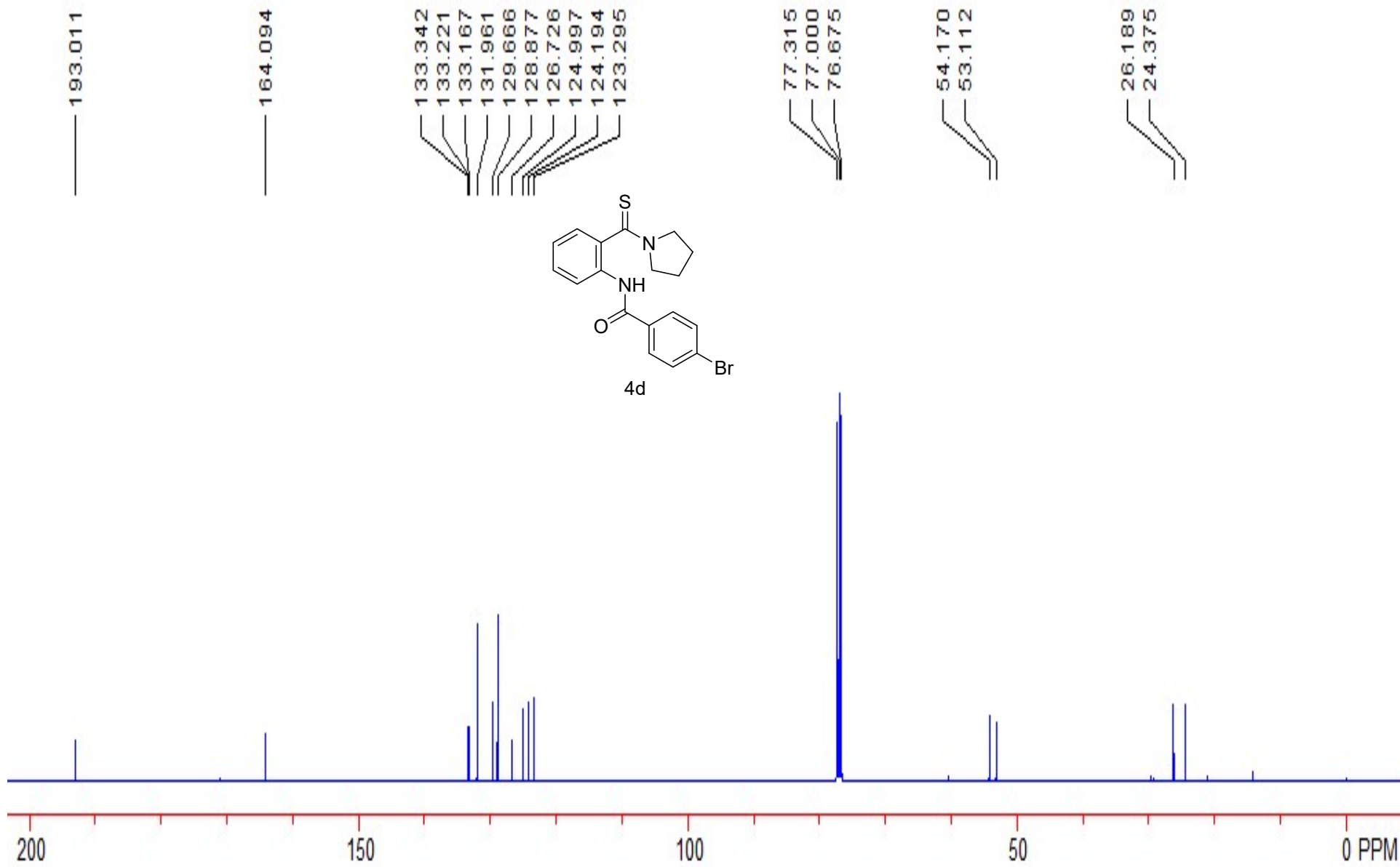


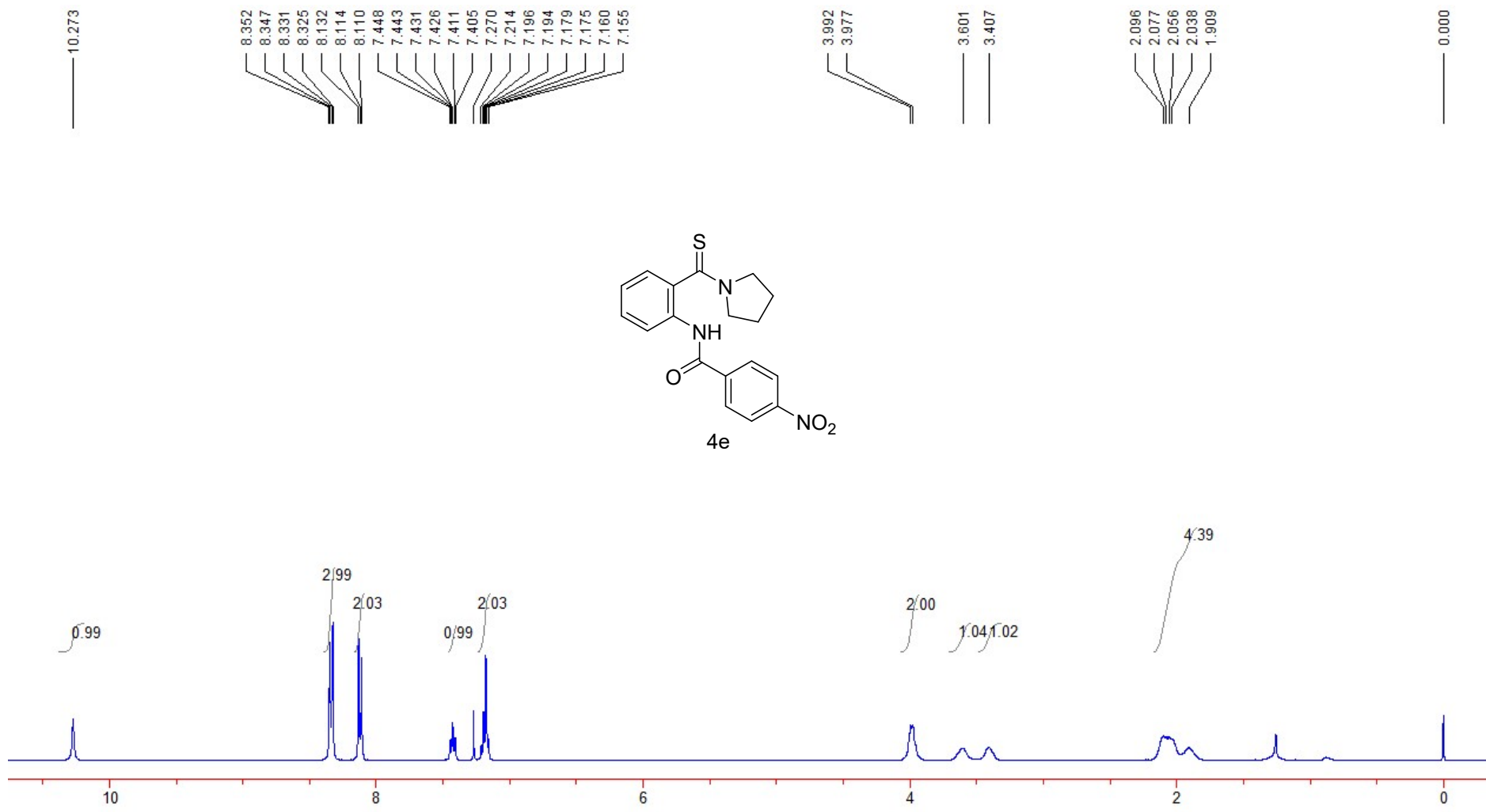


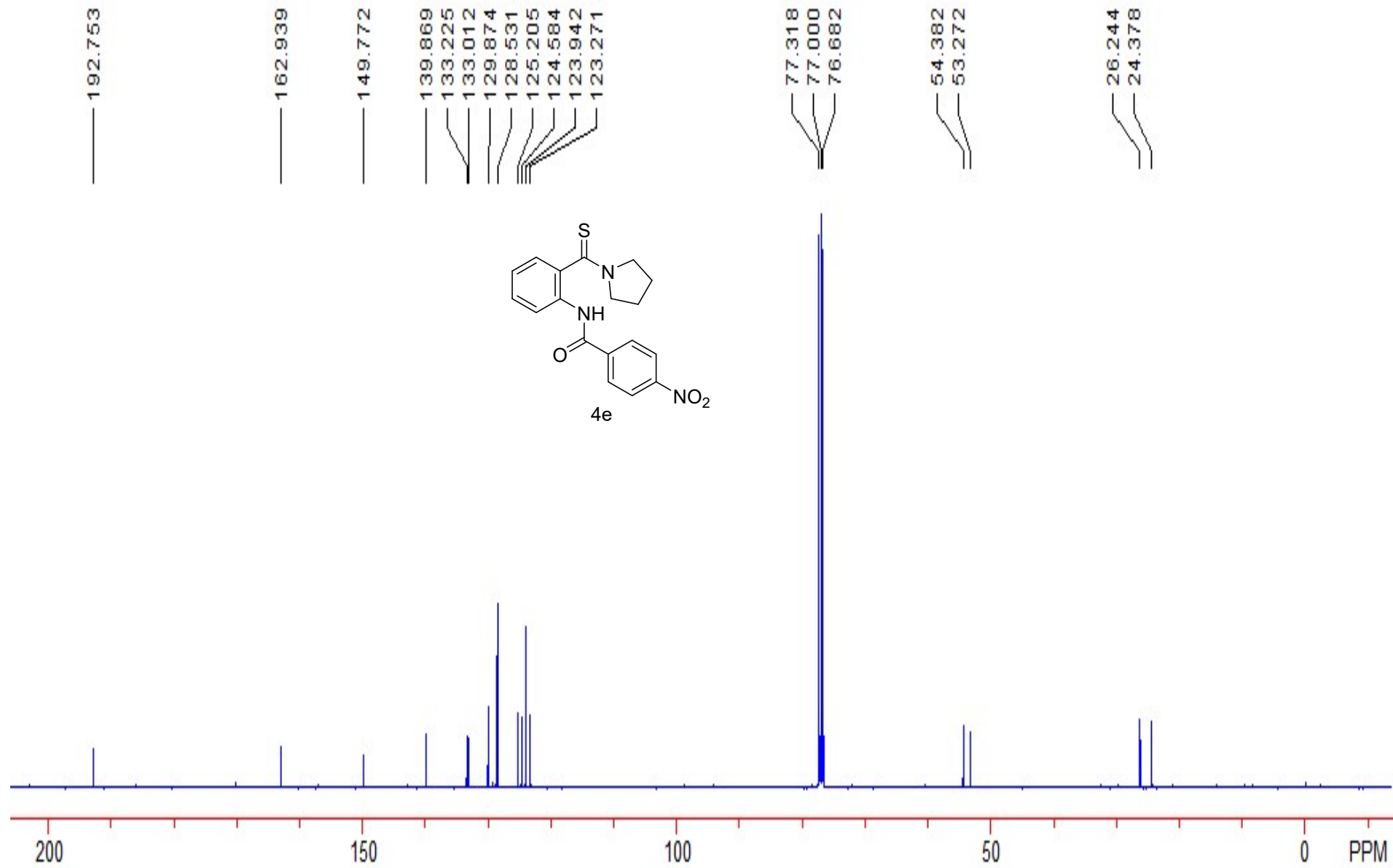


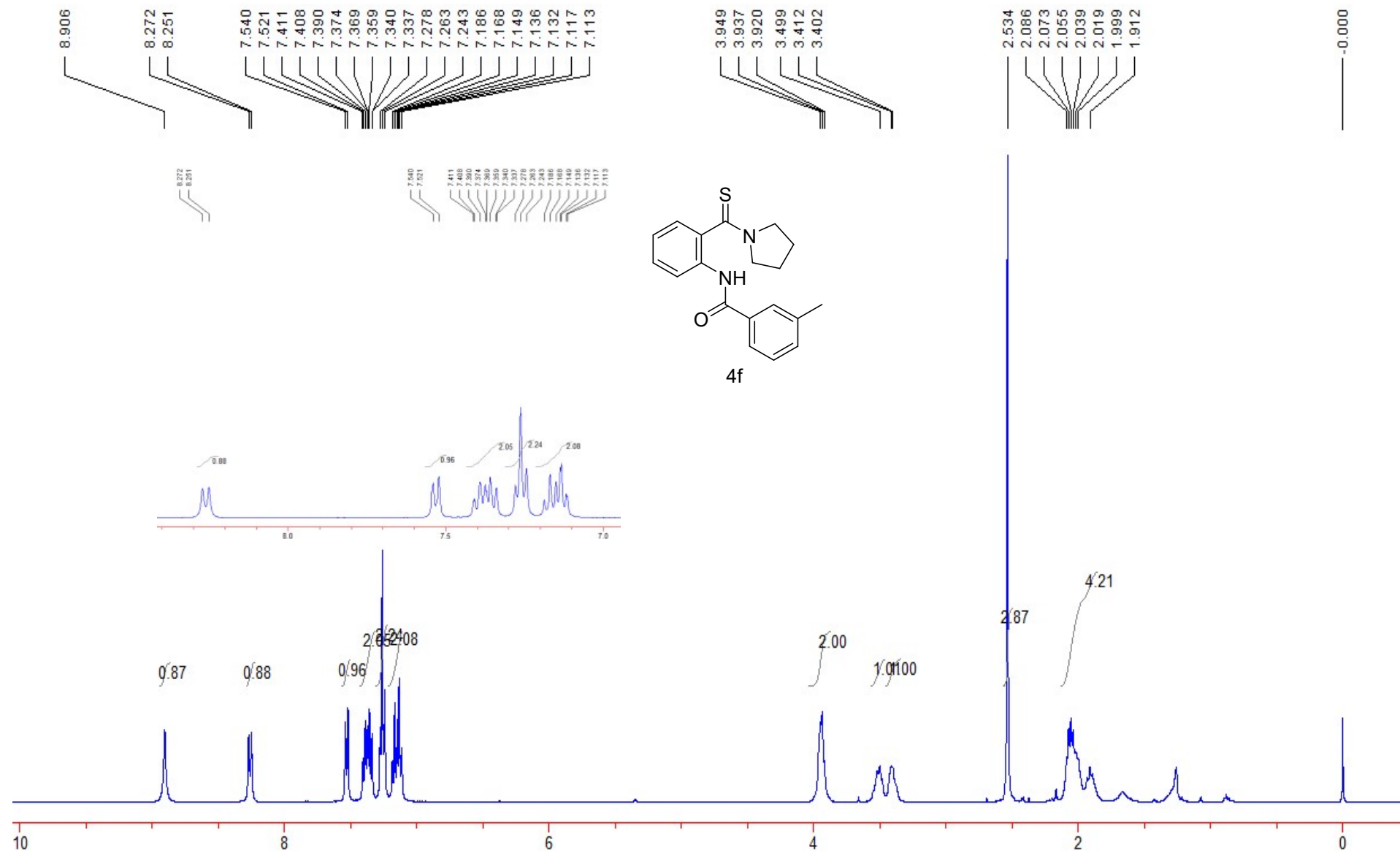


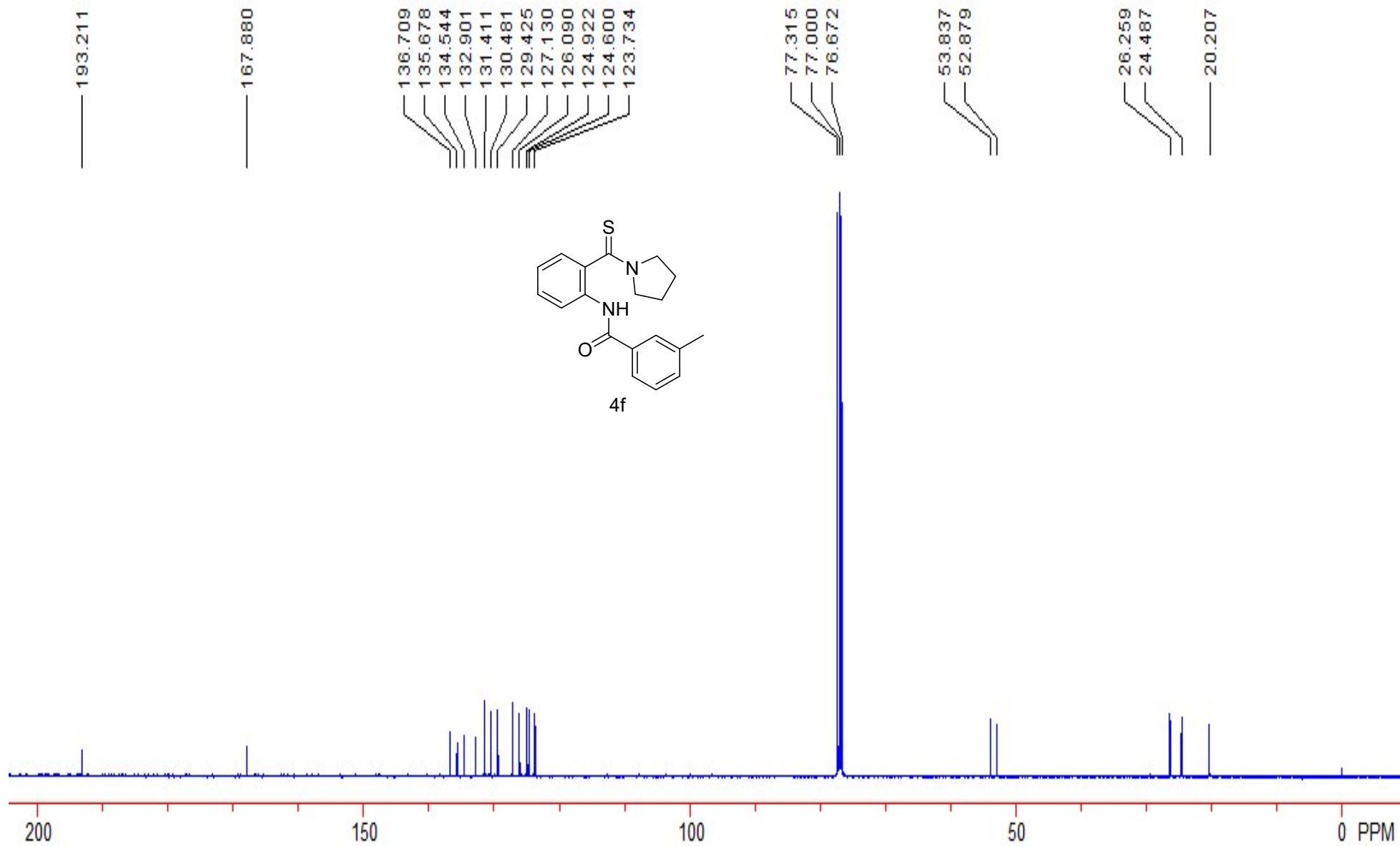


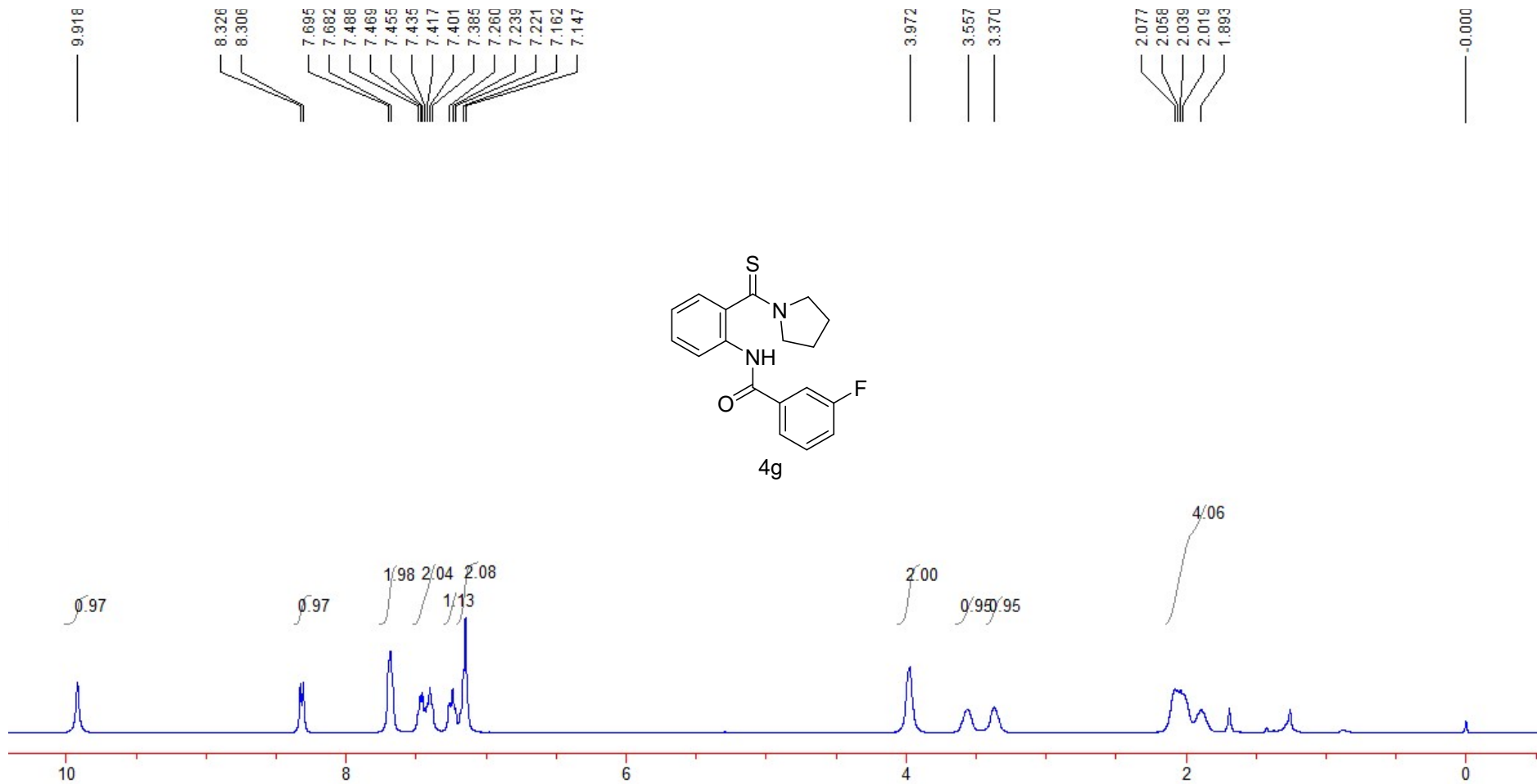


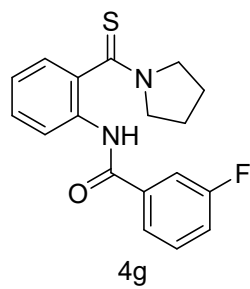
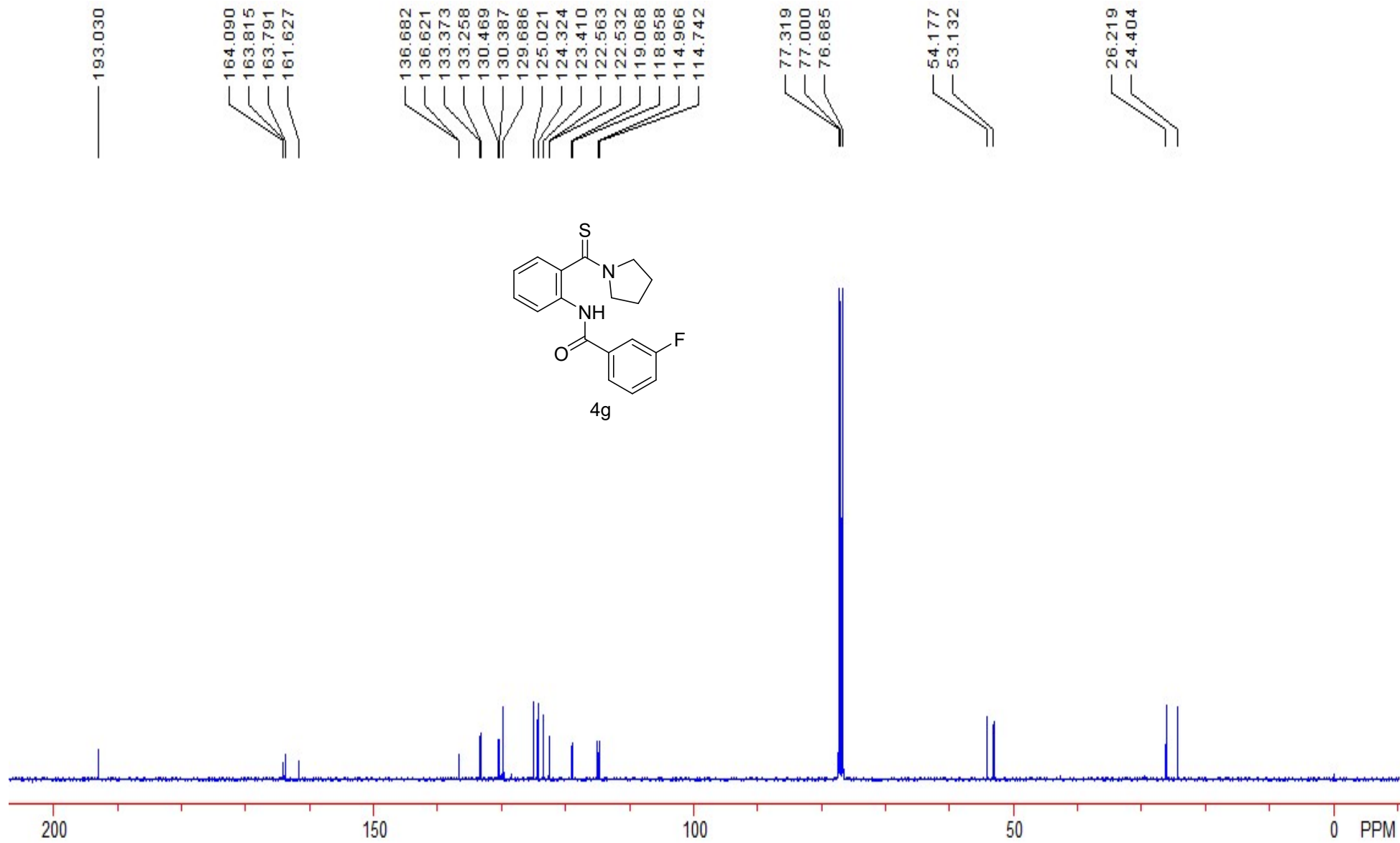








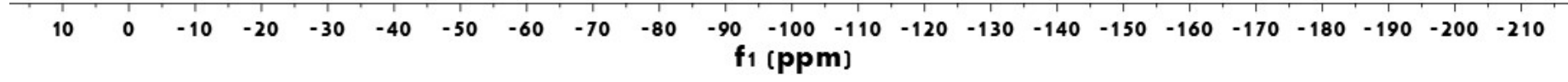
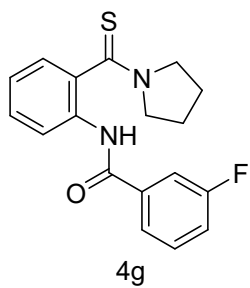




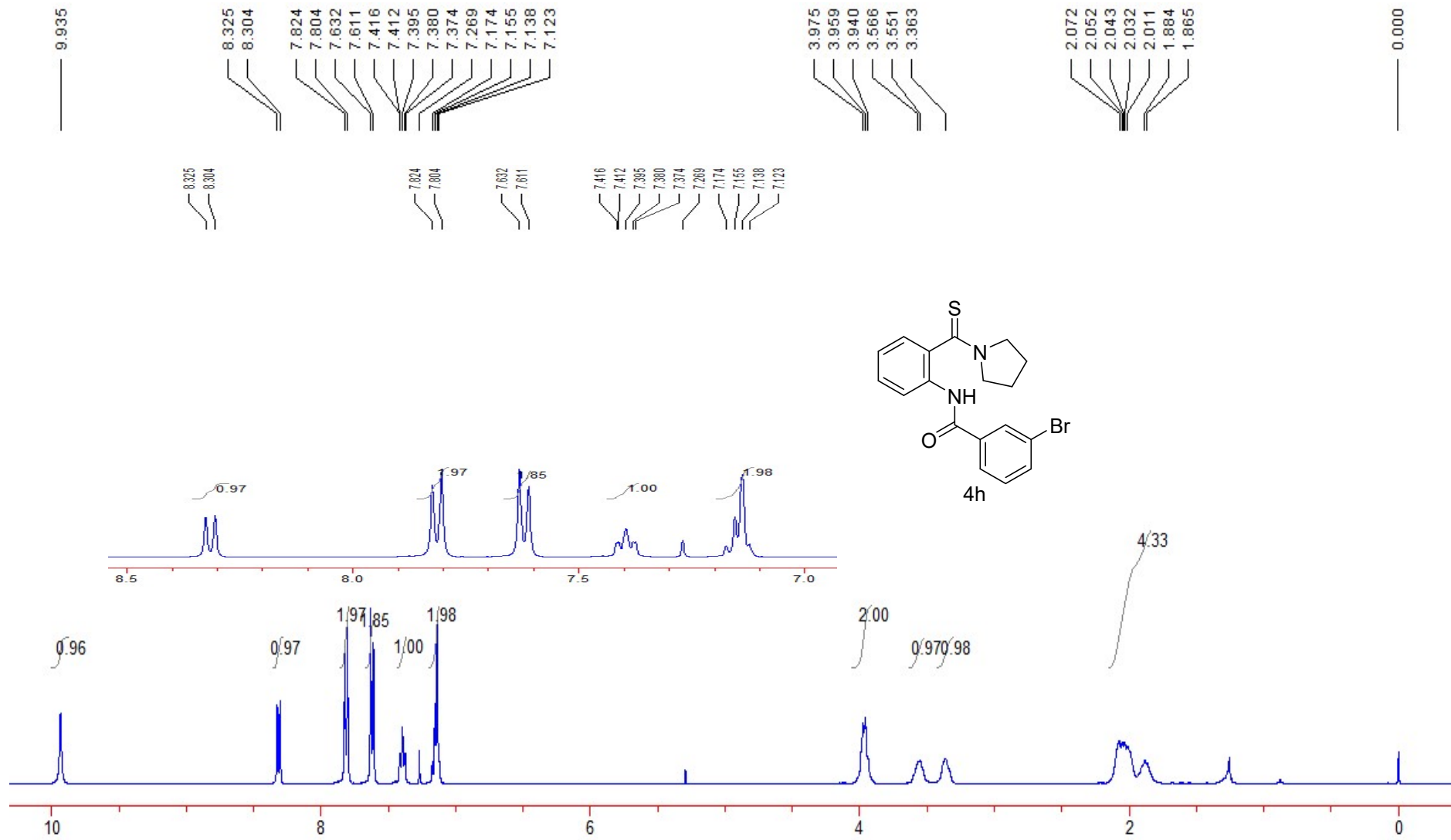
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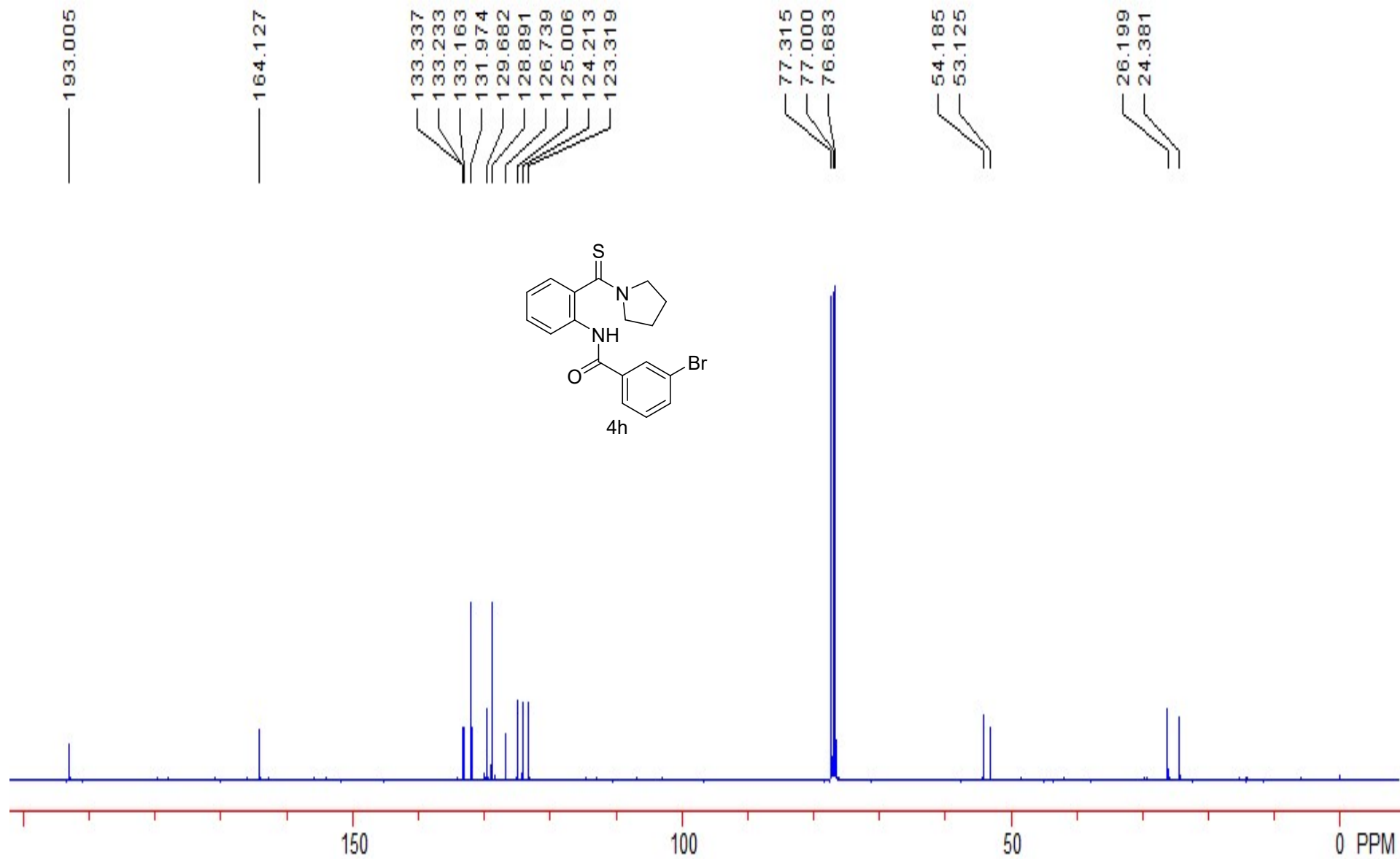
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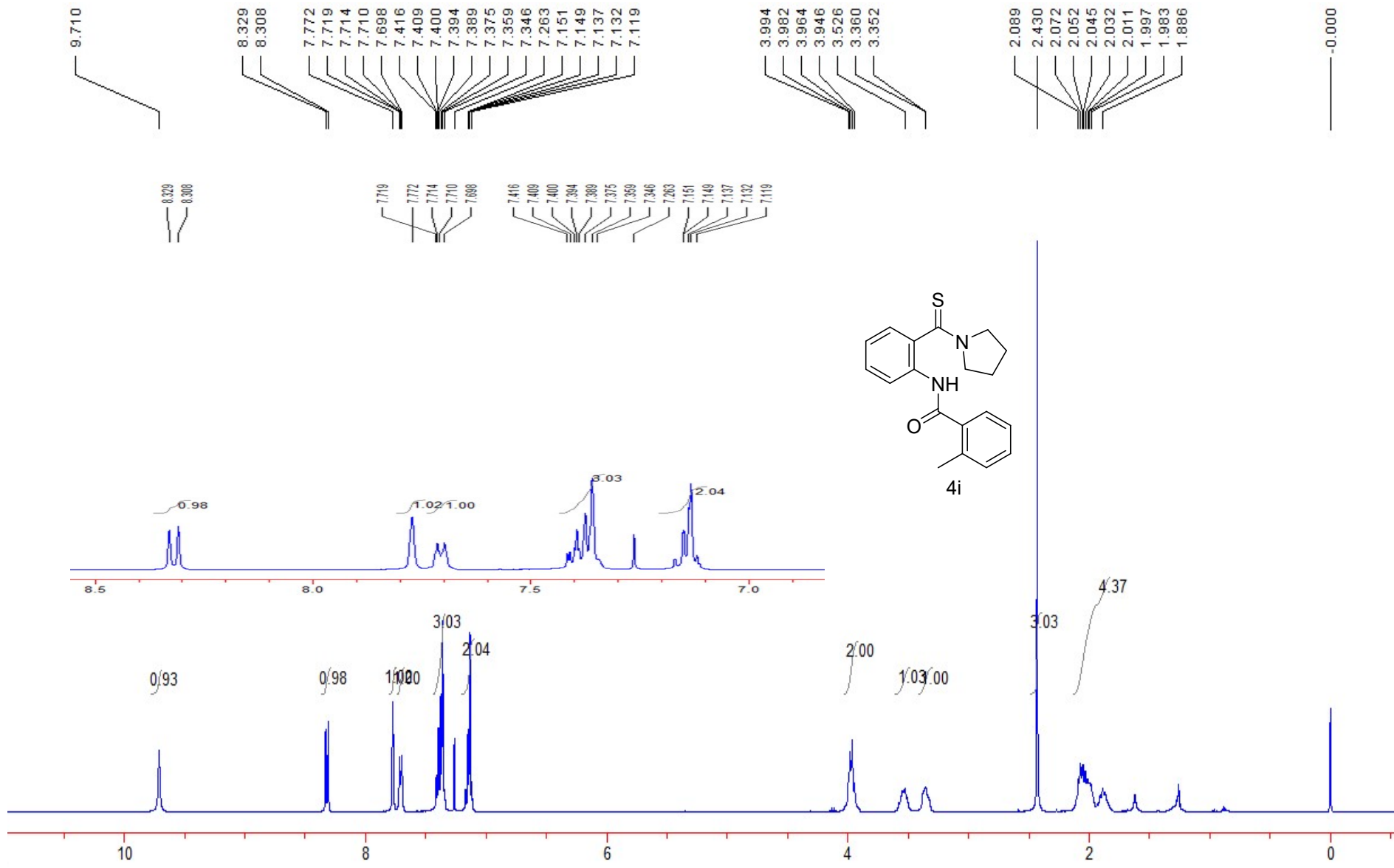
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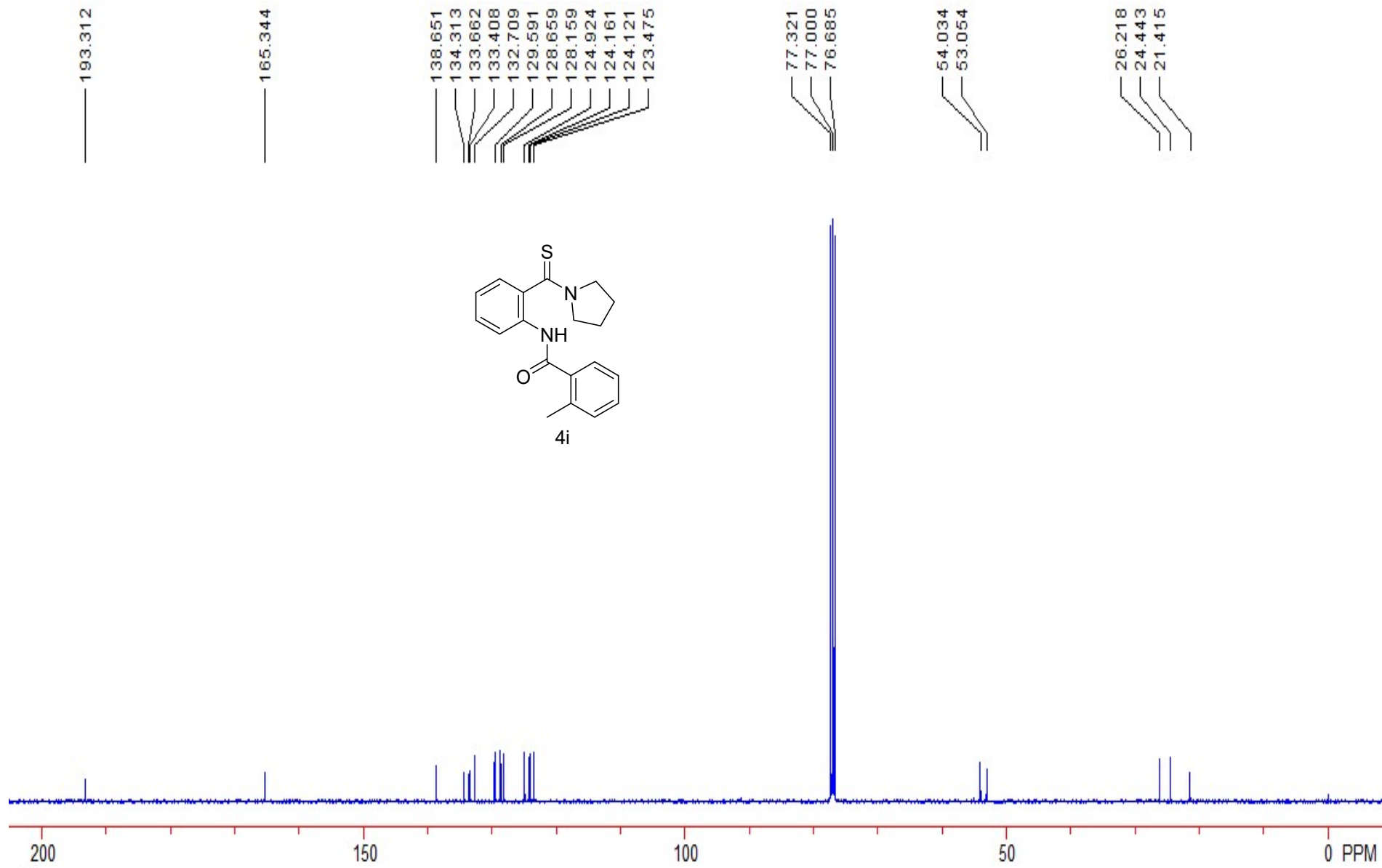


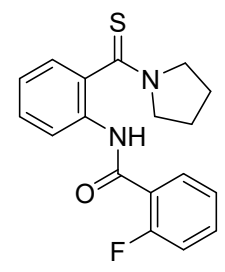
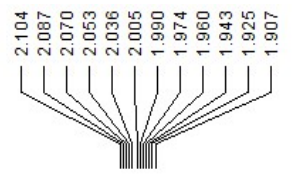
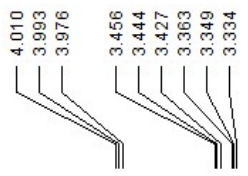
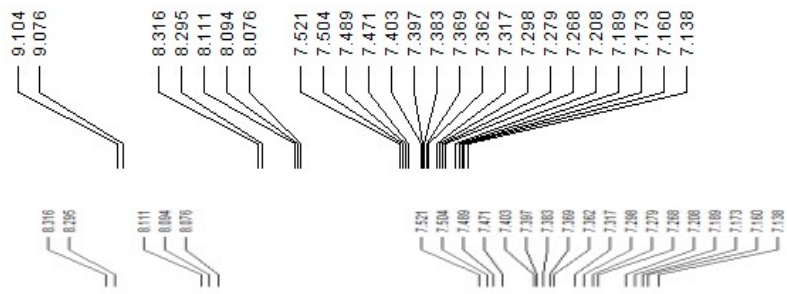




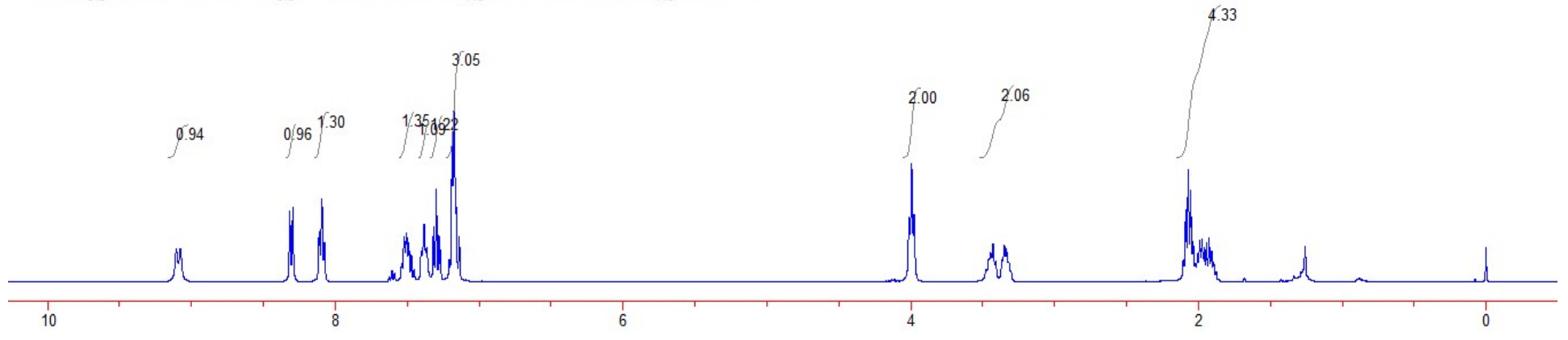
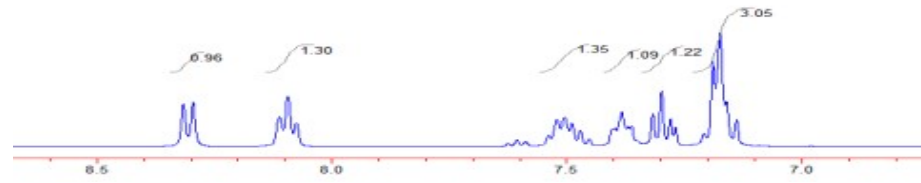


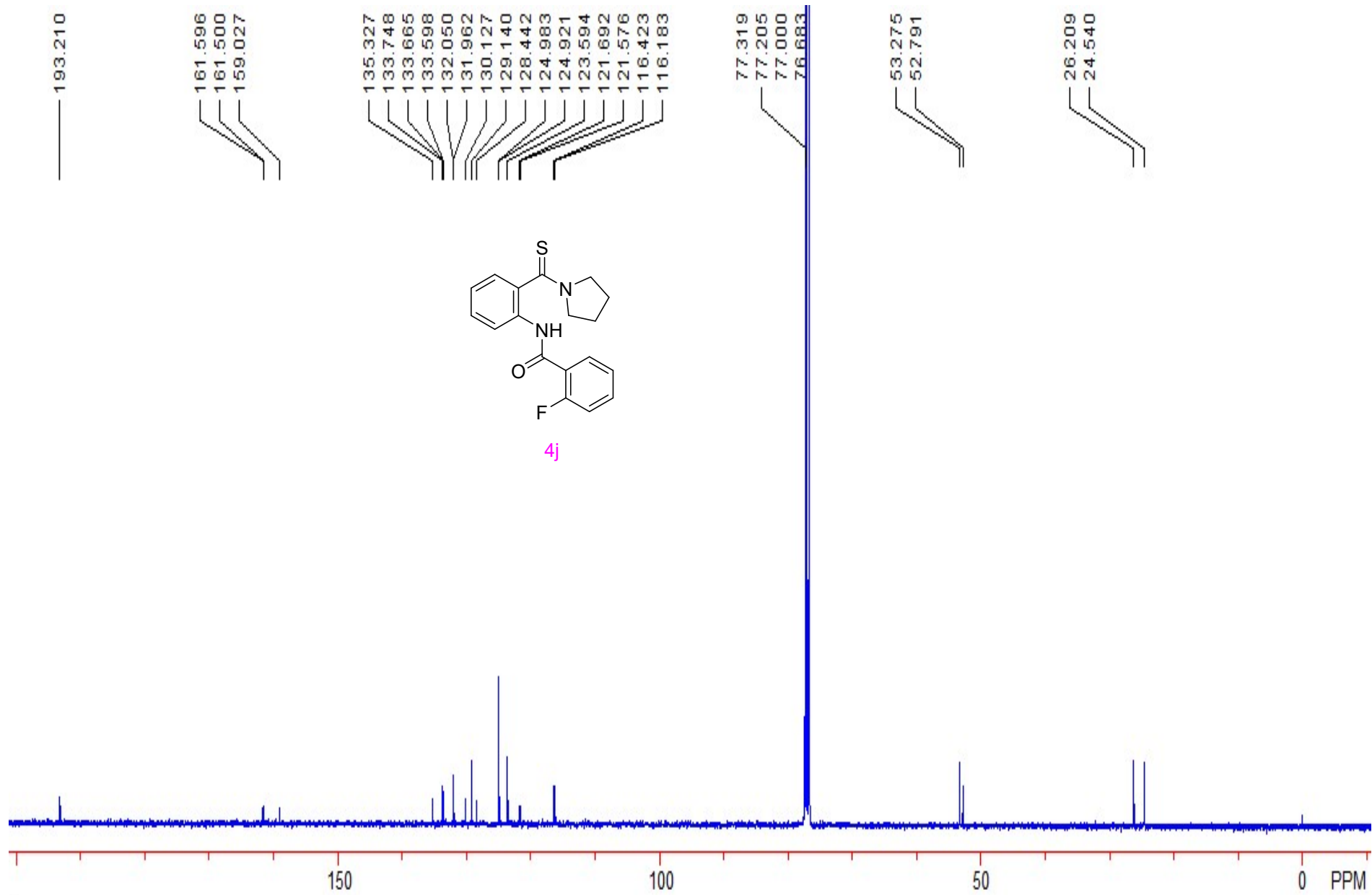






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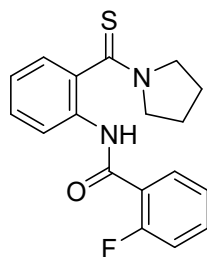




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