

Supporting Information**Practical Thiol Surrogates and Protective Groups for Arylthiols for
Suzuki-Miyaura Conditions**

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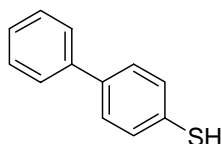
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General considerations.

All catalysts and reagents were used as received. Organic solvents were dried over 4Å molecular sieves and degassed prior to use. All reactions were performed under a dry nitrogen atmosphere in oven-dried glassware. HPLC was performed with basic reverse-phase column. Thin-layer chromatography was performed on silica gel with F-254 indicator. Visualization was accomplished by UV light or photomolybdc acid / ninhydrin solution. Column chromatography was performed with silica gel (0.04~0.63µm particle size). All yields reported represent an average of at least two independent runs. Characterization data for previously unknown compounds were determined from a single run with isolated yields. Compounds described in the literature were characterized by comparing their ^1H , ^{13}C NMR and HRMS to the previously reported data.

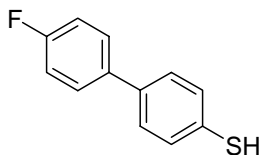
Characterization data for products shown in Table 1.**General procedure for palladium-catalyzed Suzuki-Miyaura reaction and deprotection.**

To a round-bottom-flask were added 3-(4-bromo-phenylsulfanyl)-propionic acid 2-ethylhexyl ester (373 mg, 1 mmol), arylboronic acid (2 mmol), Na_2CO_3 (212 mg, 2 mmol), toluene (7.5 mL) and water (2.1 mL). The mixture was degassed by three vacuum/ N_2 cycles. Catalyst $\text{Pd}(\text{PPh}_3)_4$ (58 mg, 5 mol%) was added and the mixture was degassed twice more. The mixture was heated to reflux for 15 h and HPLC confirmed the completion of the reaction. The mixture was cooled to ambient temperature then the aqueous layer was discarded. To the organic layer was added EtOH (5 mL) and NaOEt (21 wt% in denatured EtOH, 0.75 mL, 2 mmol) and then the mixture was aged at ambient temperature for 5 h. After checking the completion of the reaction by HPLC, the mixture was poured into EtOAc and water. The separated organic layer was concentrated to dryness and the product was purified by column chromatography on silica gel.

**Biphenyl-4-thiol¹ (Table 1. entry 1)**

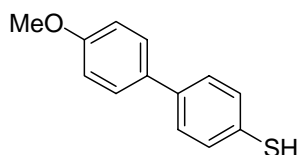
General procedure was followed (15 h). Biphenyl-4-thiol as slightly yellow solid was obtained in 85% yield. Column solvent; *n*-heptane / ethyl acetate = 5 : 1, R_f = 0.78 (*n*-heptane / ethyl acetate = 1 : 1). Melting point; 106-109°C. ^1H NMR (DMSO, 500 MHz) δ 7.63 (dt, 2H, J = 7.3, 0.9 Hz), 7.56 (d, 2H, J = 8.4 Hz), 7.45 (dt, 2H, J = 7.9, 7.5 Hz), 7.33-7.39 (m, 3H), 5.51 (s, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (DMSO, 125 MHz) δ 139.5, 136.7, 131.7, 128.9, 128.8, 127.3, 127.3, 126.3. IR (KBr, cm^{-1}) 3054,

2558, 1955, 1904, 1656, 1595, 1556, 1479, 1403, 1260, 1158, 1127, 1104, 1003, 915, 827, 692, 546, 473. HRMS m/z calcd for $C_{12}H_{10}S$ 186.0503; Found, 186.0498.



4'-Fluoro-biphenyl-4-thiol² (Table 1. entry 2)

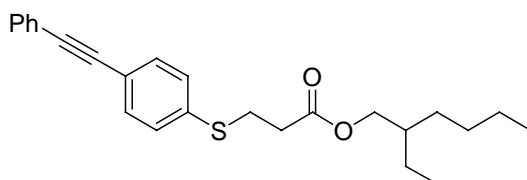
General procedure was followed (13 h). 4'-Fluoro-biphenyl-4-thiol as slightly yellow solid was obtained in 82% yield. Column chromatography solvent (*n*-heptane / ethyl acetate = 5 : 1). R_f = 0.70 (*n*-heptane / ethyl acetate = 1 : 1). Melting point; 72-75°C. 1H NMR (DMSO, 500 MHz) δ 7.62-7.71 (m, 4H), 7.54 (d, 1H, J = 8.3 Hz), 7.38 (d, 1H, J = 8.3 Hz), 7.25-7.30 (m, 2H), 5.51 (s, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (DMSO, 125 MHz) δ 128.8, 128.6, 128.6, 128.3, 128.2, 127.8, 127.6, 127.2, 115.9, 115.8, 115.7, 115.6. IR (KBr, cm^{-1}) 1897, 1659, 1600, 1481, 1393, 1243, 1161, 1107, 1003, 811, 739, 605. HRMS m/z calcd for $C_{12}H_9FS$ 204.0409; Found, 204.0427.



4'-Methoxy-biphenyl-4-thiol² (Table 1. entry 3)

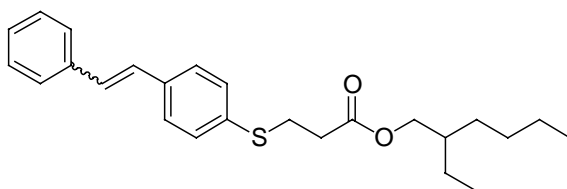
General procedure was followed (12 h). 4'-Methoxy-biphenyl-4-thiol as slightly yellow solid was obtained in 81% yield. Column chromatography solvent (*n*-heptane / ethyl acetate = 5 : 1). R_f = 0.66 (*n*-heptane / ethyl acetate = 1 : 1). Melting point; 132-134°C. 1H NMR (DMSO, 500 MHz) δ 7.57 (d, 2H, J = 8.7 Hz), 7.50 (d, 2H, J = 8.3 Hz), 7.34 (d, 2H, J = 8.3 Hz), 7.00 (d, 2H, J = 8.7 Hz), 5.44 (s, 1H), 3.79 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (DMSO, 125 MHz) δ 158.8, 136.5, 131.8, 130.5, 128.9, 127.4, 126.7, 114.3, 55.1. IR (KBr, cm^{-1}) 2958, 2839, 1605, 1523, 1485, 1398, 1287, 1252, 1204, 1182, 1107, 1038, 1012, 811, 497. HRMS m/z calcd for $C_{13}H_{12}OS$ 216.0609; Found, 216.0588.

Characterization data for products shown in Scheme 5.



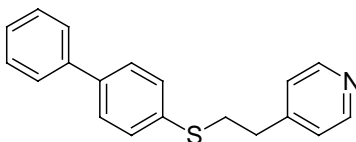
3-(4-Phenylethynyl-phenylsulfanyl)-propionic acid 2-ethylhexyl ester (6)

To a round-bottom-flask were added 3-(4-bromo-phenylsulfanyl)-propionic acid 2-ethylhexyl ester (747 mg, 2 mmol), alkyne (0.373 mL, 3.4 mmol), *i*-Pr₂NH (4 mL) and DMF (11 mL). The mixture was degassed by three vacuum/N₂ cycles. Catalyst CuI (57 mg, 0.3 mmol), Pd₂(dba)₃ (92 mg, 0.1 mmol), PPh₃ (262 mg, 1 mmol) was added and the mixture was degassed twice more. The mixture was heated to 80°C for 8 h and HPLC confirmed the completion of the reaction. The mixture was cooled to ambient temperature then poured into EtOAc and water. The separated organic layer was concentrated to dryness and the product was purified by column chromatography on silica gel to afford 3-(4-Phenylethynyl-phenylsulfanyl)-propionic acid 2-ethylhexyl ester (**6**) (718 mg, 91% yield) as oil. Column chromatography solvent (*n*-heptane / ethyl acetate = 20 : 1 to 10 : 1). *R_f* = 0.65 (*n*-heptane / ethyl acetate = 5 : 1). ¹H NMR (DMSO, 500 MHz) δ 7.54-7.7.56 (m, 2H), 7.49 (d, 2H, *J* = 8.3 Hz), 7.40-7.45 (m, 3H), 7.36 (d, 2H, *J* = 8.3 Hz), 3.95 (d, 2H, *J* = 5.7 Hz), 3.24 (t, 2H, *J* = 6.8 Hz), 2.66 (t, 2H, *J* = 6.8 Hz), 1.51-1.53 (m, 1H), 1.24-1.32 (m, 8H), 0.83-0.87 (m, 6H). ¹³C NMR (DMSO, 125 MHz) δ 171.1, 137.0, 131.9, 131.3, 129.0, 128.7, 127.7, 122.3, 119.3, 89.6, 89.0, 66.2, 38.1, 33.5, 29.76, 28.3, 27.1, 23.2, 22.4, 13.9, 10.8. IR (neat, cm⁻¹) 2958, 2859, 1734, 1590, 1496, 1463, 1382, 1349, 1243, 1176, 1090, 822, 756, 690, 541, 514. HRMS *m/z* calcd for C₂₅H₃₀O₂S 394.1966; Found, 394.1947.

**3-(4-Styryl-phenylsulfanyl)-propionic acid 2-ethylhexyl ester (7)**

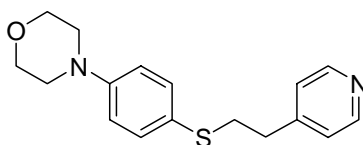
To a round-bottom-flask were added 3-(4-bromo-phenylsulfanyl)-propionic acid 2-ethylhexyl ester (1.12 g, 3 mmol), styrene (0.378 mL, 3.3 mmol), *i*-Pr₂NEt (0.627 mL, 3.6 mmol) and NMP (17 mL). The mixture was degassed by three vacuum/N₂ cycles. Catalyst Pd(PPh₃)₄ (347 mg, 0.3 mmol) was added and the mixture was degassed twice more. The mixture was heated to 130°C for 10 h and HPLC confirmed the completion of the reaction. The mixture was cooled to ambient temperature then poured into EtOAc and water. The separated organic layer was concentrated to dryness and the product was purified by column chromatography on silica gel to afford 3-(4-styryl-phenylsulfanyl)-propionic acid 2-ethylhexyl ester (**7**) (1.1 g, 92% yield) as oil. Column chromatography solvent (*n*-heptane / ethyl acetate = 5 : 1). *R_f* = 0.74 (*n*-heptane / ethyl acetate = 1 : 1). ¹H NMR (DMSO, 500 MHz) δ 7.56-7.62 (m, 2H), 7.21-7.40 (m, 8H), 3.94 (dt, 2H, *J*=5.4, 5.0

Hz), 3.33 (s, 1H), 3.15-3.21 (m, 2H), 2.60-2.65 (m, 2H), 1.51-1.53 (m, 1H), 1.24-1.33 (m, 8H), 0.83-0.88 (m, 6H). ^{13}C NMR (DMSO, 125 MHz) δ 171.1, 137.0, 135.3, 129.5, 129.1, 128.7, 128.7, 128.6, 128.4, 127.7, 127.6, 127.1, 126.4, 66.2, 66.1, 38.1, 33.7, 29.8, 28.3, 27.9, 23.2, 22.4, 13.9, 10.8. IR (neat, cm^{-1}) 2958, 2860, 1735, 1584, 1464, 1388, 1348, 1243, 1174, 963, 812, 741, 692, 541. HRMS m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{25}\text{H}_{32}\text{O}_2\text{S}$ 396.2123; Found, 396.2141.



4-[2-(Biphenyl-4-ylsulfanyl)-ethyl]-pyridine (8)

To a round-bottom-flask were added 4-[2-(4-bromo-phenylsulfanyl)-ethyl]-pyridine (883 mg, 3 mmol), toluene (13 mL), $\text{PhB}(\text{OH})_2$ (549 mg, 4.5 mmol), Na_2CO_3 (636 mg, 4 mmol) and water (6.4 mL). The mixture was degassed by three vacuum/ N_2 cycles. Catalyst $\text{Pd}(\text{PPh}_3)_4$ (173 mg, 0.15 mmol) was added and the mixture was degassed twice more. The mixture was heated to reflux for 15 h and HPLC confirmed the completion of the reaction. The mixture was cooled to ambient temperature then the aqueous layer was discarded. The separated organic layer was concentrated to dryness and the product was purified by column chromatography on silica gel to afford 4-[2-(Biphenyl-4-ylsulfanyl)-ethyl]-pyridine (8) (760 mg, 87% yield) as solid. Column chromatography solvent (*n*-heptane / ethyl acetate = 5 : 1). R_f = 0.25 (*n*-heptane / ethyl acetate = 1 : 1). ^1H NMR (DMSO, 500 MHz) δ 8.49 (d, 2H, J = 5.7 Hz), 7.66 (d, 2H, J = 7.4 Hz), 7.64 (d, 2H, J = 8.4 Hz), 7.44-7.48 (m, 4H), 7.36 (dt, 1H, J = 7.4 Hz), 7.31 (d, 2H, J = 5.7 Hz), 3.32 (t, 2H, J = 7.5 Hz), 2.93 (t, 2H, J = 7.5 Hz). ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 125 MHz) δ 149.5, 148.7, 139.4, 137.6, 135.1, 129.0, 128.6, 127.4, 127.3, 126.4, 124.1, 33.7, 32.0. IR (KBr, cm^{-1}) . HRMS m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{17}\text{NS}$ 291.1082; Found, 291.1075.

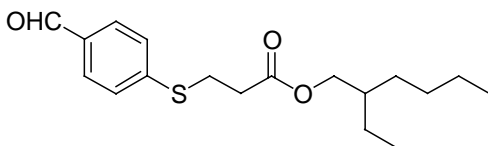


4-[4-(2-Pyridin-4-yl-ethylsulfanyl)-phenyl]-morpholine (9)

To a round-bottom-flask were added 4-[2-(4-bromo-phenylsulfanyl)-ethyl]-pyridine (588 mg, 2 mmol), toluene (8.8 mL), NaOt-Bu (211 mg, 2.2 mmol) and morpholine (0.262 mL, 3 mmol). The mixture was degassed by three vacuum/ N_2 cycles. Catalyst $\text{Pd}_2(\text{dba})_3$ (891 mg, 0.1 mmol) and D-t-BPF (95 mg, 0.2 mmol) were added and the mixture was degassed twice more. The mixture

was heated to reflux for 6 h and HPLC confirmed the completion of the reaction. The mixture was cooled to ambient temperature and was concentrated to dryness and then the product was purified by column chromatography on silica gel to afford 4-[4-(2-Pyridin-4-yl-ethylsulfanyl)-phenyl]-morpholine (**9**) (505 mg, 84% yield) as oil. Column chromatography solvent (*n*-heptane / ethyl acetate = 2 : 1). R_f = 0.09 (*n*-heptane / ethyl acetate = 2 : 1). ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 500 MHz) δ 8.49 (d, 2H, J = 5.7 Hz), 7.34 (d, 2H, J = 8.8 Hz), 7.09 (d, 2H, J = 5.7 Hz), 6.85 (d, 2H, J = 8.8 Hz), 3.86 (dt, 4H, J = 4.9, 4.7 Hz), 3.17 (dt, 4H, J = 4.9, 4.7 Hz), 3.05 (dt, 2H, J = 8.1, 7.3 Hz), 2.85 (dt, 2H, J = 8.1, 7.3 Hz). ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 125 MHz) δ 150.7, 149.8, 149.1, 133.5, 124.3, 123.9, 116.0, 66.8, 48.9, 36.1, 35.1. IR (neat, cm^{-1}) 2960, 2854, 1598, 1498, 1449, 1415, 1380, 1235, 1121, 1070, 1051, 928, 820, 671, 568, 532. HRMS m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{20}\text{N}_2\text{OS}$ 300.1296; Found, 300.1306.

Characterization data for product shown in Scheme 6.

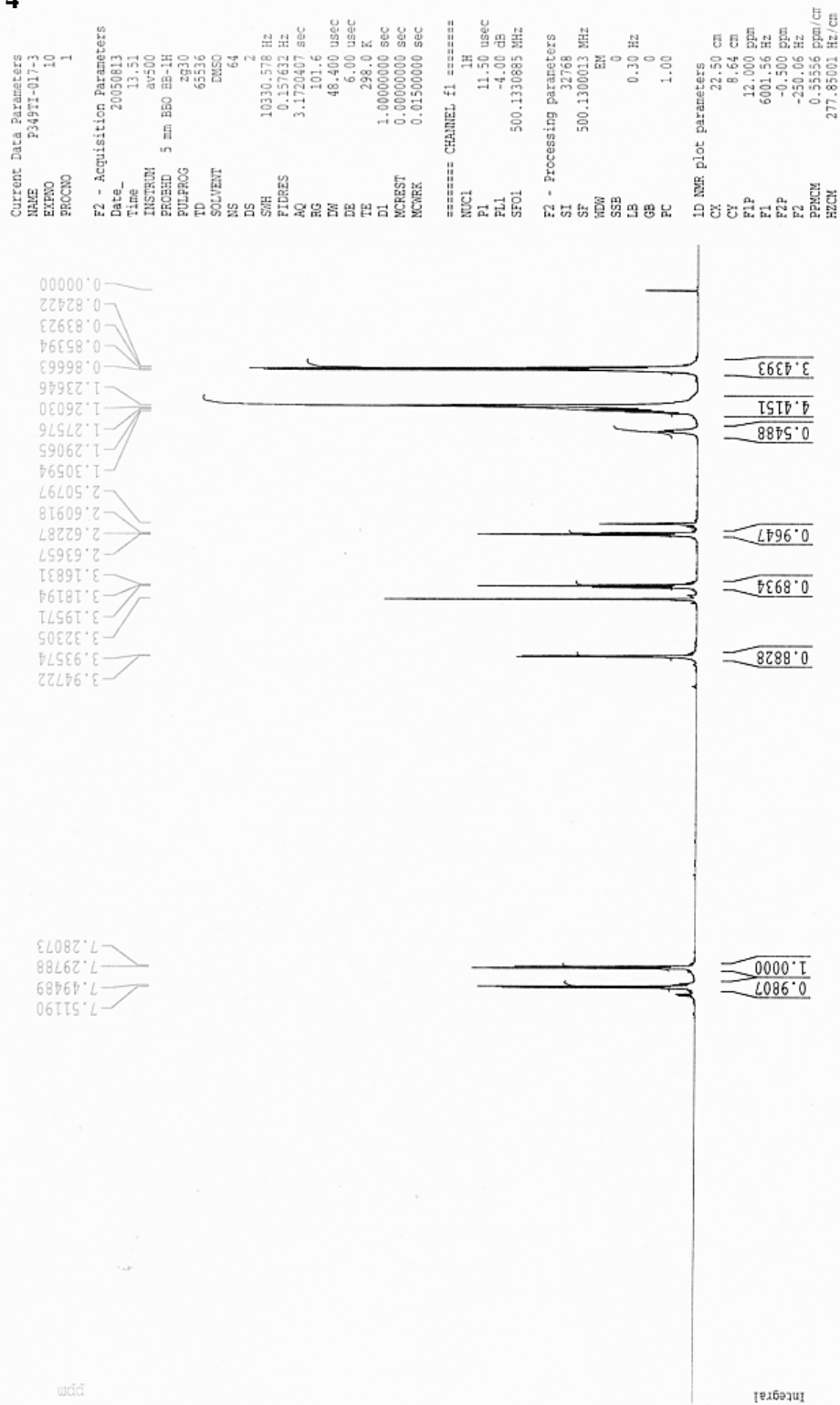
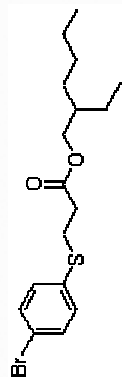


3-(4-Formyl-phenylsulfanyl)-propionic acid 2-ethylhexyl ester (10**)**

To a round-bottom-flask were added 3-(4-bromo-phenylsulfanyl)-propionic acid 2-ethylhexyl ester (747 mg, 2 mmol) and dry THF (7.5 mL). The mixture was degassed by three vacuum/ N_2 cycles then cooled to -78°C . To the mixture was added *n*-BuLi (1.5 mL, 2.25 mmol) at below -70°C during addition. After aging for 1 h at below -70°C , to the mixture was added DMF (0.194 mL, 2.5 mmol) at below -70°C . The mixture was aged for 1 h at -78°C and warmed to ambient temperature then aged for 1 h. The mixture was concentrated to dryness and then the product was purified by column chromatography on silica gel to afford 3-(4-Formyl-phenylsulfanyl)-propionic acid 2-ethylhexyl ester (**10**) (464 mg, 72% yield) as oil. Column chromatography solvent (*n*-heptane / ethyl acetate = 5 : 1). R_f = 0.63 (*n*-heptane / ethyl acetate = 1 : 1). ^1H NMR (DMSO, 500 MHz) δ 9.93 (s, 1H), 7.83 (d, 2H, J = 8.3 Hz), 7.49 (d, 2H, J = 8.3 Hz), 3.96 (d, 2H, J = 5.7 Hz), 3.31 (d, 2H, J = 6.8 Hz), 2.71 (t, 2H, J = 6.8 Hz), 1.52 (t, 1H, J = 5.9 Hz), 1.23-1.31 (m, 8H), 0.82-0.85 (m, 6H). ^{13}C NMR (DMSO, 125 MHz) δ 192.0, 171.0, 145.0, 133.2, 130.0, 126.4, 66.3, 38.1, 33.3, 29.8, 28.3, 26.2, 23.2, 22.4, 13.9, 10.8. IR (KBr, cm^{-1}) . HRMS m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{26}\text{O}_3\text{S}$ 322.1603; Found, 322.1587.

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Compound 4



Compound 5

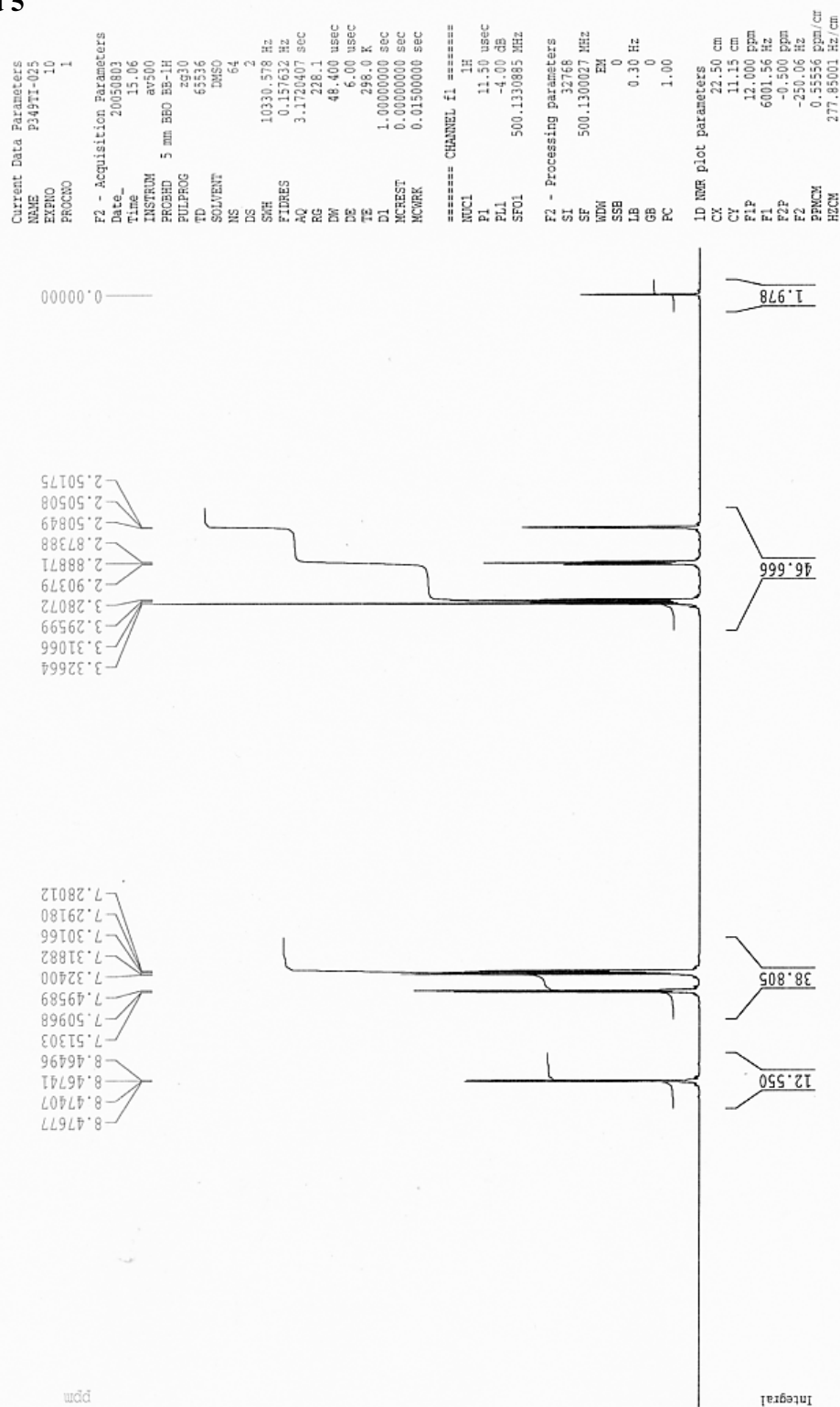


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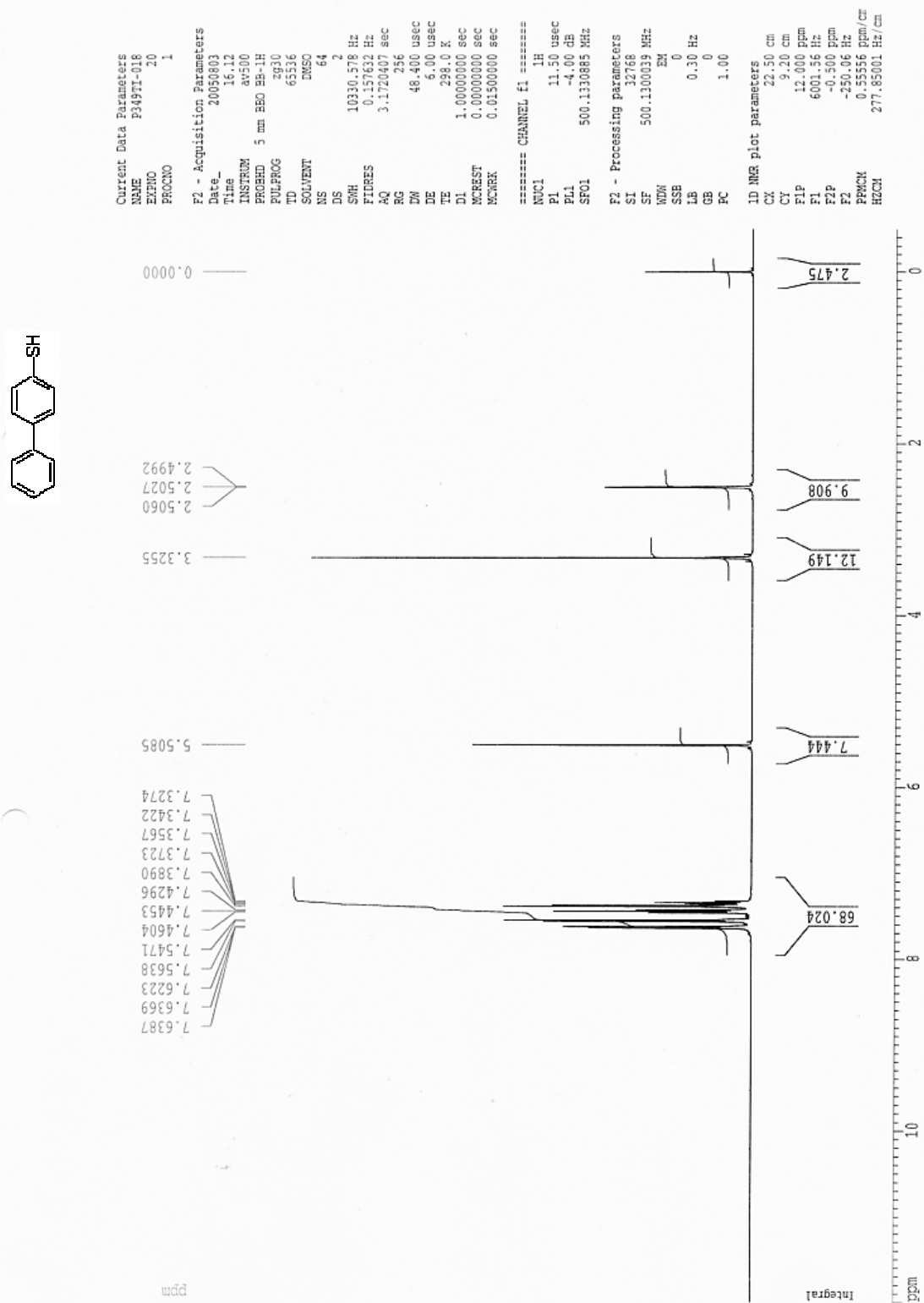


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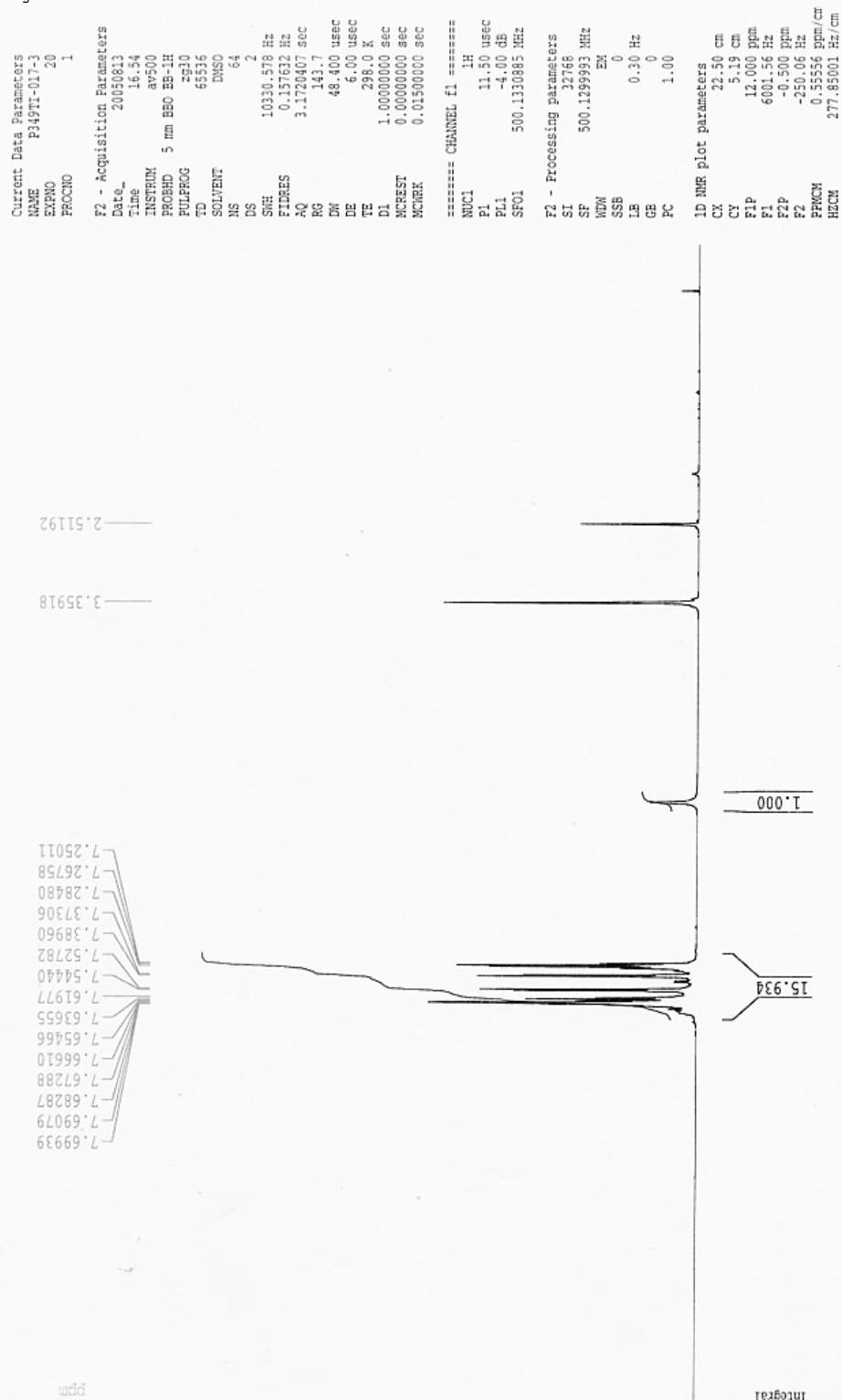
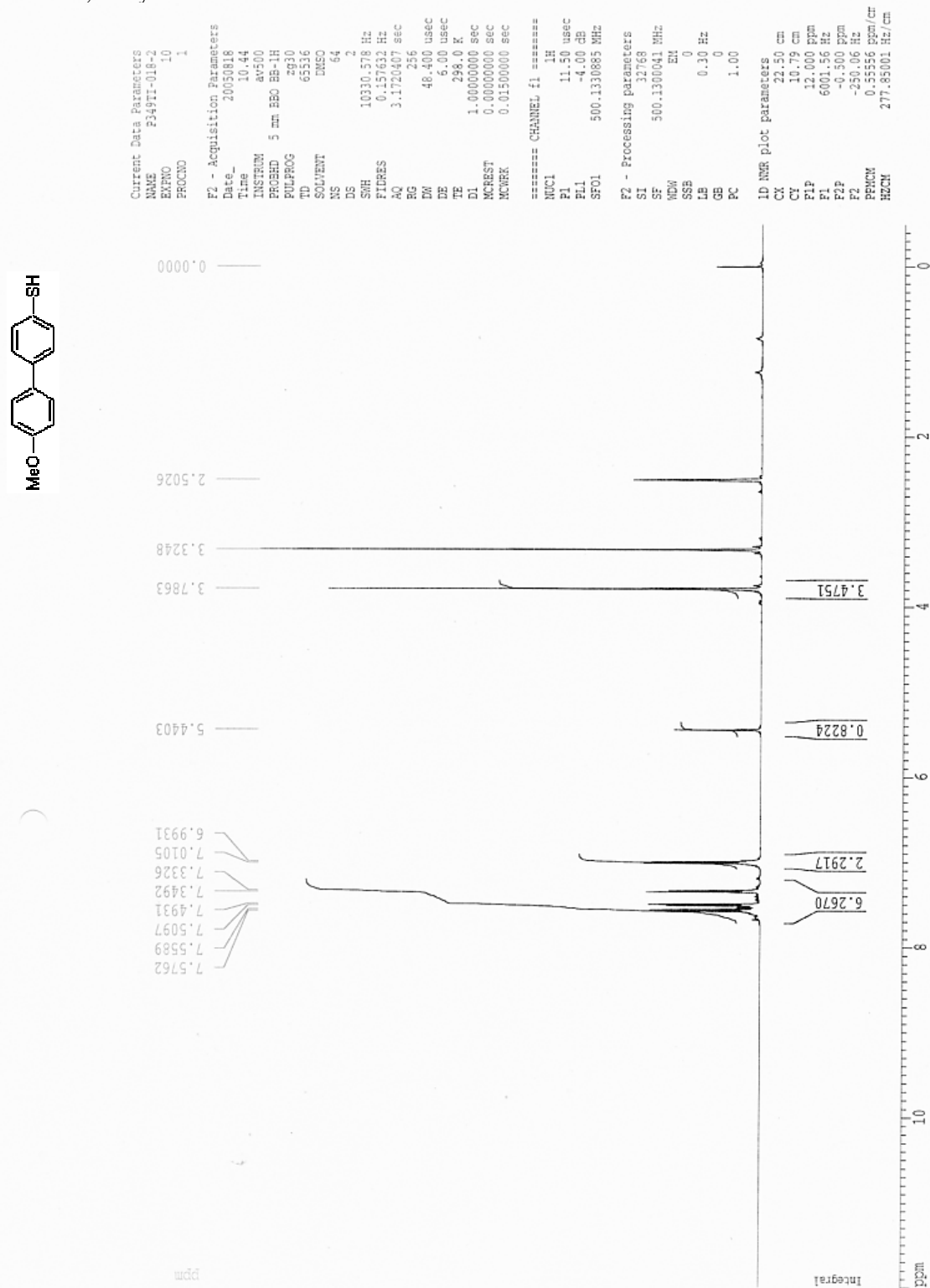
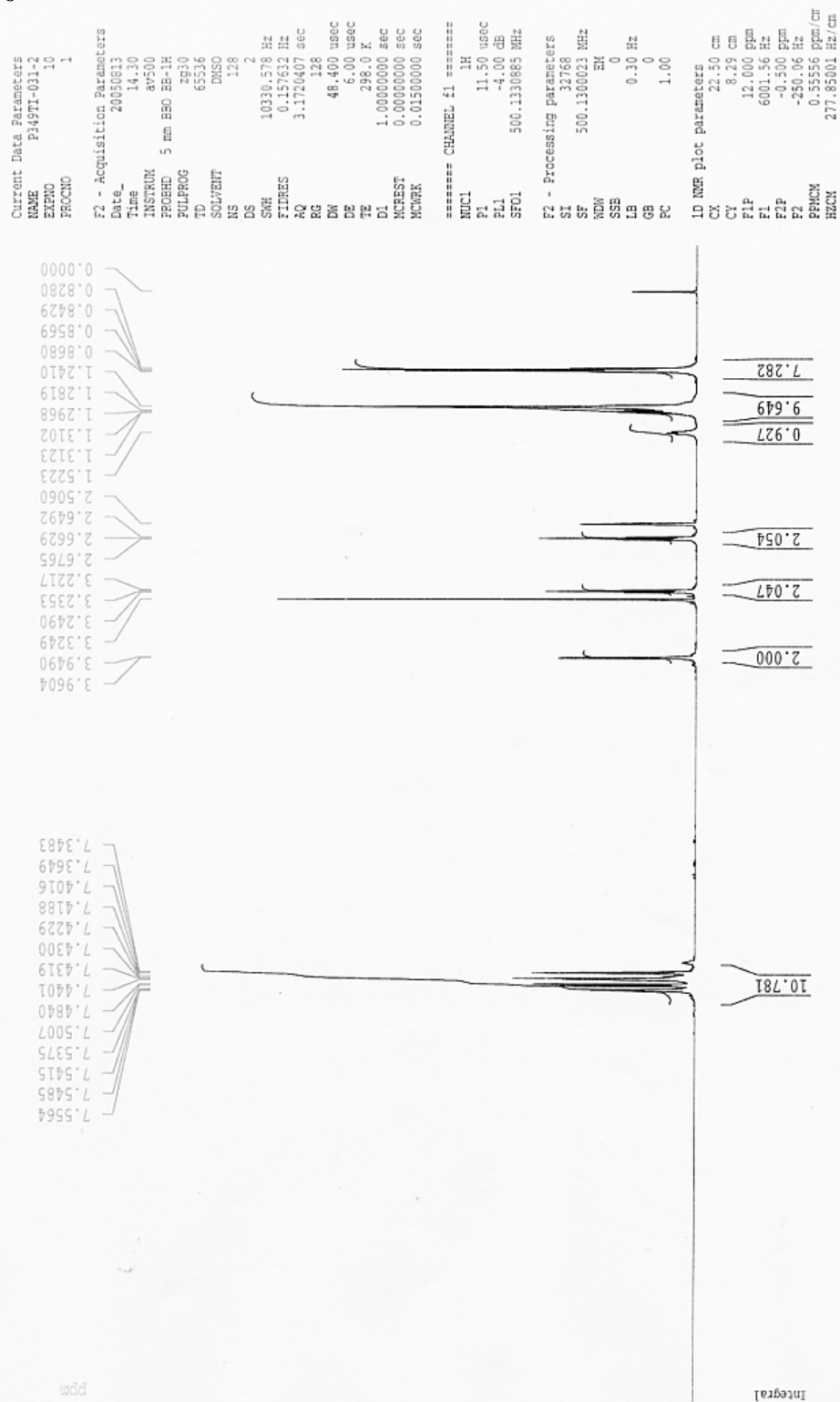
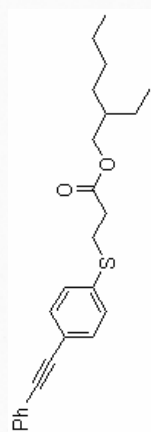


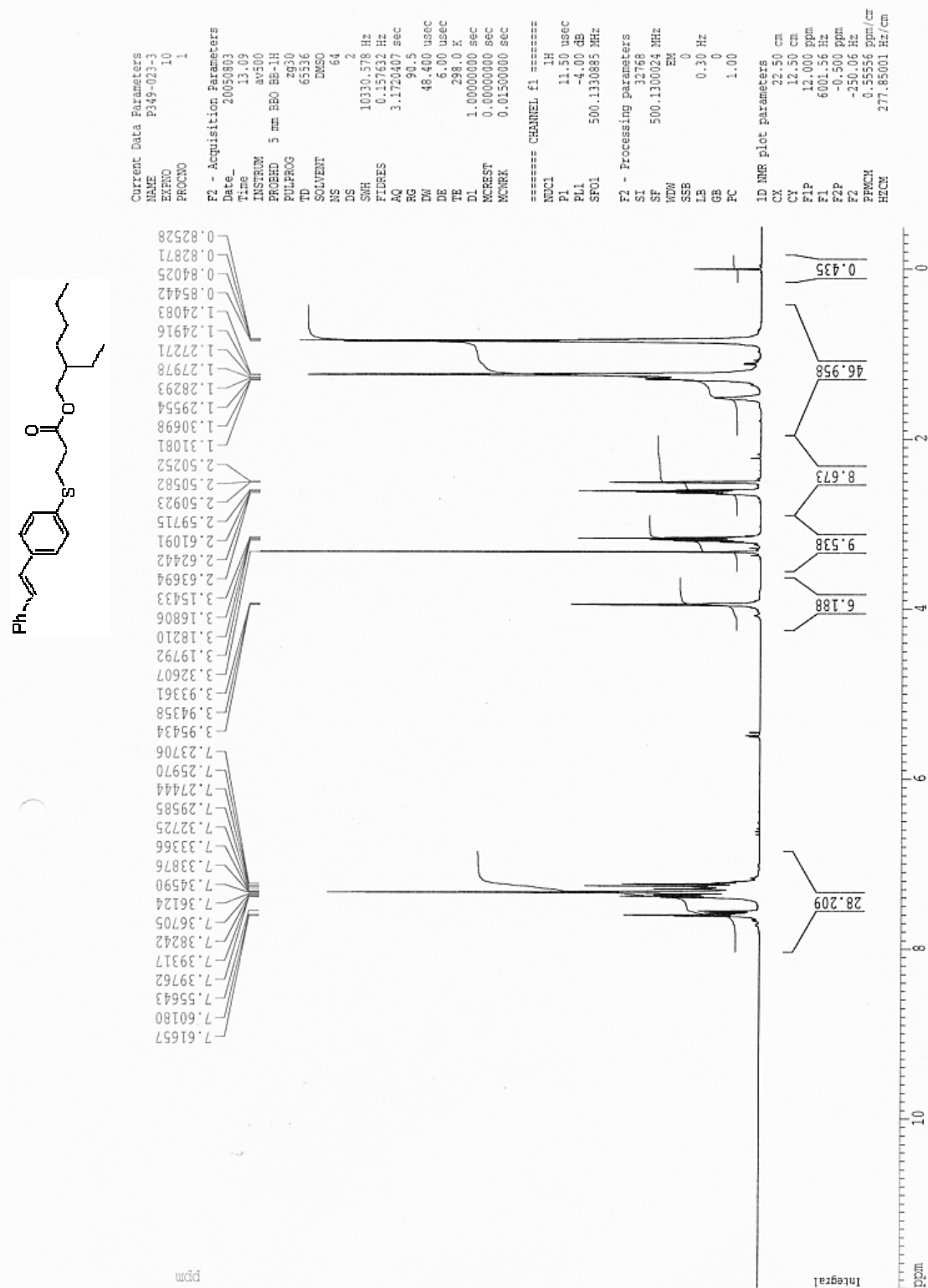
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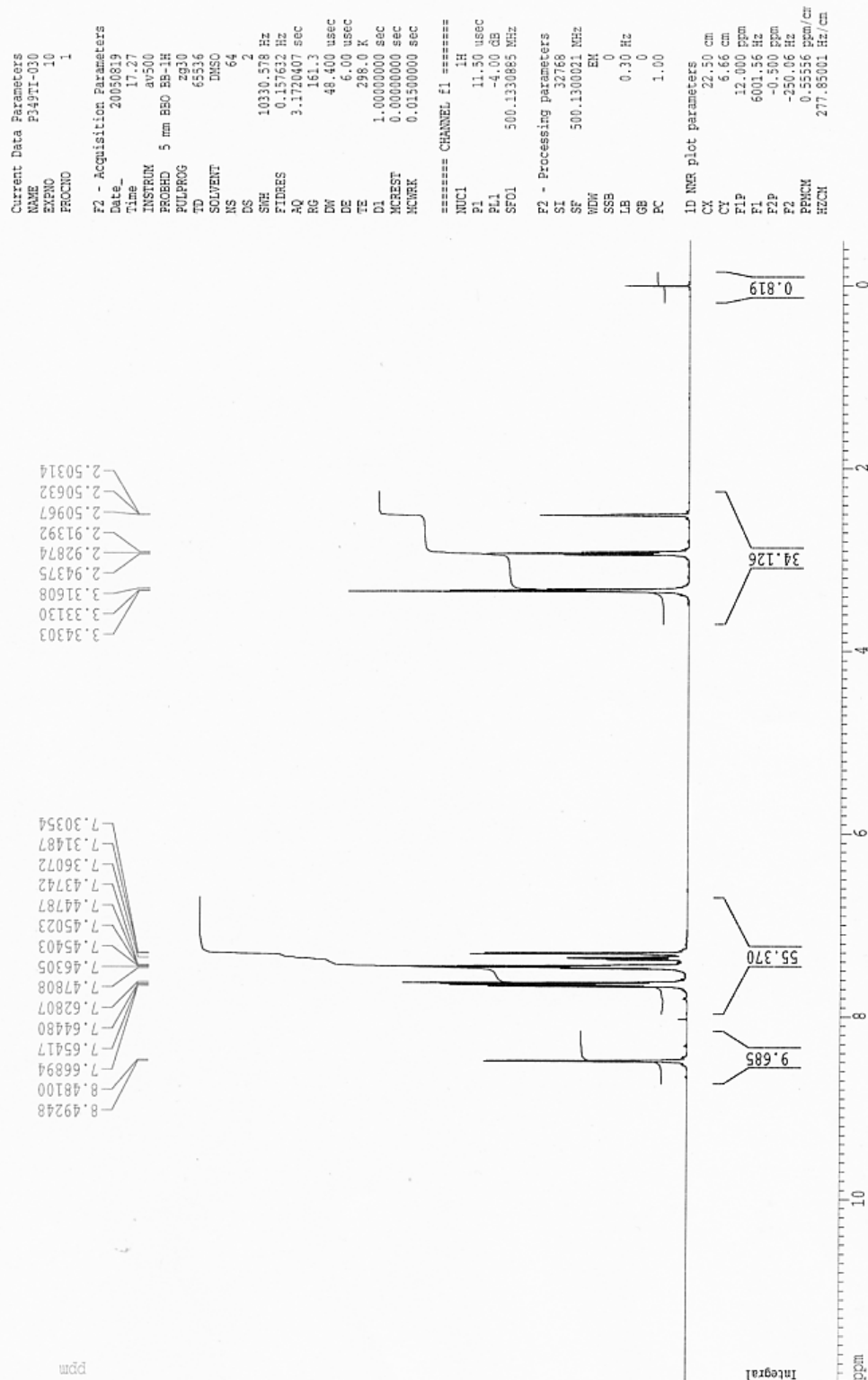
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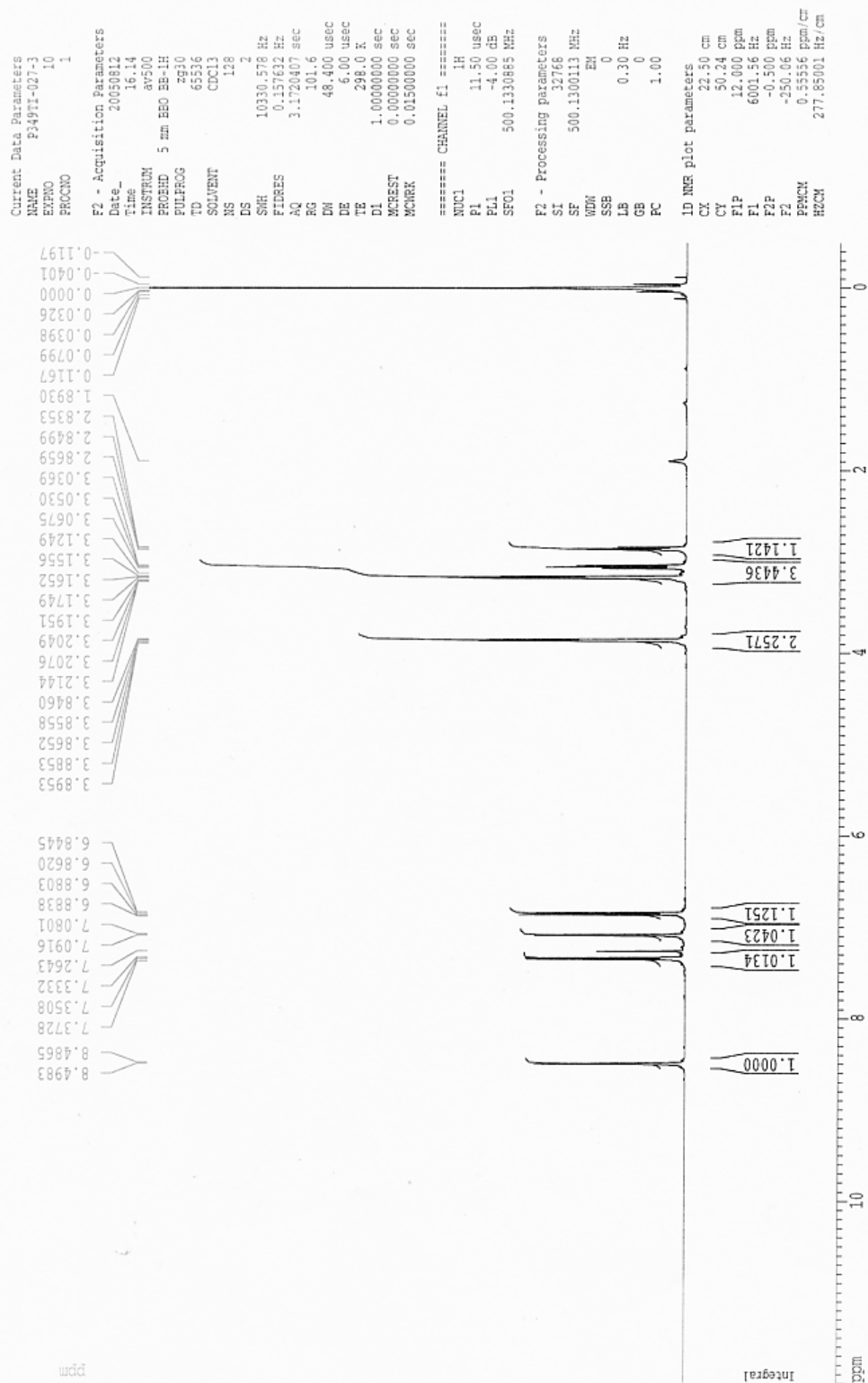
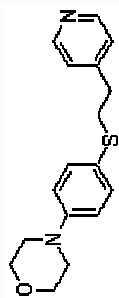
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Compound 8



Compound 9



Compound 10

