

Facile *O*-Arylation of Phenols and Carboxylic Acids

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Supporting Information

General. The ^1H and ^{13}C NMR spectra were recorded at 300 and 75.5 MHz or 400 and 100 MHz respectively. All melting points are uncorrected. High resolution mass spectra were recorded on a Kratos MS50TC double focusing magnetic sector mass spectrometer using EI at 70 eV. All reagents were used directly as obtained commercially unless otherwise noted. All yields reported in the publication represent an average of at least two independent runs. CsF, acetonitrile and silylaryl triflate **1a** were purchased from Sigma-Aldrich Co. The methoxy-substituted silylaryl triflate **1b**¹ and 4,5-dimethyl-substituted silylaryl triflate **1c**² was prepared according to a previous literature procedure.

General procedure for the *O*-arylation of phenols and carboxylic acids.

Procedure A: To a solution of MeCN (4 mL), the phenol (0.25 mmol) and the silylaryl triflate (0.375 mmol) was added CsF (0.75 mmol). The reaction mixture was allowed to stir at room temperature for 1 d and the resulting solution was washed with brine (20 mL) and extracted with diethyl ether (20 mL). The combined ether fractions were dried over Na_2SO_4 and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel to afford the desired product.

Procedure B: To a solution of MeCN (4 mL), the carboxylic acid (0.25 mmol) and the silylaryl triflate (0.5 mmol) was added CsF (1.0 mmol). The reaction mixture was allowed to stir at room temperature for 1 d and the resulting solution was washed with brine (20 mL) and extracted with diethyl ether (20 mL). The combined ether fractions were dried over Na_2SO_4 and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel to afford the desired product.

Diphenyl ether (entry 1, Table 1). Using procedure A, phenol (0.25 mmol, 24 mg), silylaryl triflate **1a** (0.375 mmol, 112 mg) and CsF (0.75 mmol, 114 mg) afforded the indicated compound (39 mg) in a 92 % yield as a colorless oil. The ^1H and ^{13}C NMR spectra match the literature data:³ ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.37-7.32 (m, 4H), 7.14-7.08 (m, 2H), 7.05-7.01 (m, 4H); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 157.4 (2C), 129.9 (2C), 123.4 (2C), 119.1 (2C).

4-Methoxyphenyl phenyl ether (entry 2, Table 1). Using procedure A, 4-methoxyphenol (0.25 mmol, 31 mg), silylaryl triflate **1a** (0.375 mmol, 112 mg) and CsF (0.75 mmol, 114 mg) afforded the indicated compound (49 mg) in a 98 % yield as a colorless oil. The ^1H and ^{13}C NMR spectra match the literature data:⁴ ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.34-7.29 (m, 2H), 7.08-6.88 (m, 7H), 3.82 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 158.7 (1C), 156.1 (1C), 150.3 (1C), 129.8 (2C), 122.6 (1C), 121.1 (2C), 117.8 (2C), 115.1 (2C), 55.8 (1C); IR (CDCl_3) 3040, 2952, 1589, 1225 cm^{-1} .

3,4-Dimethoxyphenyl 4-methoxyphenyl ether (entry 3, Table 1). Using procedure A, 4-methoxyphenol (0.25 mmol, 31 mg), silylaryl triflate **1c** (0.375 mmol, 122 mg) and CsF (0.75 mmol, 114 mg) afforded the indicated compound (54 mg) in a 96 % yield as a colorless oil. The ^1H and ^{13}C NMR spectra match the literature data:⁵ ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.04 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 6.95-6.81 (m, 4H), 6.77-6.65 (m, 2H), 3.76 (s, 3H), 2.20 (s, 6H); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 156.1 (1C), 155.4 (1C), 150.6 (1C), 137.9 (1C), 130.5 (1C), 130.1 (1C), 120.1 (2C), 119.1 (1C), 115.0 (1C), 114.7 (2C), 55.3 (1C), 19.7 (1C), 18.7 (1C); IR (CDCl_3) 2931, 2837, 1506, 1497, 1284, 1178 cm^{-1} .

4-Phenoxybenzaldehyde (entry 4, Table 1). Using procedure A, 4-hydroxybenzaldehyde (0.25 mmol, 31 mg), silylaryl triflate **1a** (0.375 mmol, 112 mg) and CsF (0.75 mmol, 114 mg) afforded the indicated compound (45 mg) in a 91 % yield as a colorless oil. The ^1H and ^{13}C NMR spectra match the literature data:⁶ ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 9.92 (s, 1H), 7.86-7.82 (m, 2H), 7.44-7.38 (m, 2H), 7.25-7.20 (m, 1H), 7.10-7.04 (m, 4H); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 190.9 (1C), 163.4 (1C), 155.3 (1C), 132.1 (2C), 131.5 (1C), 130.3 (2C), 125.1 (2C), 120.6 (2C), 117.8 (2C); IR (CDCl_3) 3061, 2827, 1694, 1584, 1488 cm^{-1} ; HRMS m/z 198.0683 (calcd $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{10}\text{O}_2$, 198.0680).

4-Nitrophenyl phenyl ether (entry 5, Table 1). Using procedure A, 4-nitrophenol (0.25 mmol, 35 mg), silylaryl triflate **1a** (0.375 mmol, 112 mg) and CsF (0.75 mmol, 114 mg)

afforded the indicated compound (52 mg) in a 96 % yield as a yellow solid: mp 58-59 °C (lit.⁷ mp 58-59 °C). The ¹H NMR spectrum matches the literature data:⁸ ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.21-8.18 (m, 2H), 7.46-7.41 (m, 2H), 7.28-7.25 (m, 1H), 7.11-7.07 (m, 2H), 7.02-6.99 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 163.6 (1C), 154.9 (1C), 142.8 (1C), 130.5 (2C), 126.2 (2C), 125.6 (1C), 120.7 (2C), 117.3 (2C); IR (CDCl₃) 3110, 3076, 1582, 1486, 1247 cm⁻¹; HRMS m/z 215.2042 (calcd C₁₂H₉NO₃, 215.2047).

3-Methoxyphenyl 4-nitrophenyl ether (entry 6, Table 1). Using procedure A, 4-nitrophenol (0.25 mmol, 35 mg), silylaryl triflate **1b** (0.375 mmol, 123 mg) and CsF (0.75 mmol, 114 mg) afforded the indicated compound (59 mg) in a 96 % yield as a white solid: mp 86-87 °C (lit.⁹ mp 85 °C); ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.21-8.17 (m, 2H), 7.32 (t, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.05-7.00 (m, 2H), 6.82-6.78 (m, 1H), 6.68-6.65 (m, 2H), 3.81 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 163.4 (1C), 161.5 (1C), 156.0 (1C), 142.9 (1C), 130.9 (1C), 126.1 (2C), 117.4 (2C), 112.7 (1C), 111.2 (1C), 106.7 (1C), 55.7 (1C); IR (CDCl₃) 3077, 2941, 1592, 1486, 1345 cm⁻¹; HRMS m/z 245.0691 (calcd C₁₃H₁₁NO₄, 245.0688).

4-Iodophenyl phenyl ether (entry 7, Table 1). Using procedure A, 4-iodophenol (0.25 mmol, 55 mg), silylaryl triflate **1a** (0.375 mmol, 112 mg) and CsF (0.75 mmol, 114 mg) afforded the indicated compound (70 mg) in a 95 % yield as a white solid: mp 47-48 °C (lit.¹⁰ mp 48 °C); ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.62-7.58 (m, 2H), 7.37-7.31 (m, 2H), 7.14-7.09 (m, 1H), 7.01-6.98 (m, 2H), 6.78-6.74 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 157.7 (1C), 156.7 (1C), 138.8 (2C), 130.1 (2C), 124.0 (1C), 121.1 (2C), 119.4 (2C), 86.1 (1C); IR (CDCl₃) 3040, 1571, 1477, 1239 cm⁻¹; HRMS m/z 295.9705 (calcd C₁₂H₉IO, 295.9698).

4-Iodophenyl 3-methoxyphenyl ether (entry 8, Table 1). Using procedure A, 4-iodophenol (0.25 mmol, 55 mg), silylaryl triflate **1b** (0.375 mmol, 123 mg) and CsF (0.75 mmol, 114 mg) afforded the indicated compound (76 mg) in a 94 % yield as a colorless oil: ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.62-7.59 (m, 2H), 7.25-7.20 (m, 1H), 6.79-6.76 (m, 2H), 6.69-6.65 (m, 1H), 6.59-6.55 (m, 2H), 3.77 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 161.2 (1C), 158.0 (1C), 157.4 (1C), 138.8 (2C), 130.5 (1C), 121.2 (2C), 111.4 (1C), 109.6 (1C), 105.3 (1C), 86.3 (1C), 55.6 (1C); IR (CDCl₃) 3062, 2956, 2833, 1580, 1479, 1272 cm⁻¹; HRMS m/z 325.9792 (calcd C₁₃H₁₁IO₂, 325.9803).

***o*-Diphenoxybenzene (entry 9, Table 1).** Using procedure A, 1,2-benzenediol (0.25 mmol, 28 mg), silylaryl triflate **1a** (0.75 mmol, 223 mg) and CsF (1.5 mmol, 228 mg) afforded the indicated compound (47 mg) in a 72 % yield as a white solid: mp 88-90 °C; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.29-7.23 (m, 4H), 7.13-7.00 (m, 6H), 6.92-6.88 (m, 4H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 157.7 (2C), 148.0 (2C), 129.7 (4C), 124.9 (2C), 123.0 (2C), 121.8 (2C), 117.8 (4C); IR (CDCl₃) 3063, 3038, 1583, 1487, 1262 cm⁻¹; HRMS m/z 262.0999 (calcd C₁₈H₁₄O₂, 262.0994).

Phenyl 2,4,6-trimethylphenyl ether (entry 10, Table 1). Using procedure A, 2,4,6-trimethylphenol (0.25 mmol, 34 mg), silylaryl triflate **1a** (0.375 mmol, 112 mg) and CsF (0.75 mmol, 114 mg) afforded the indicated compound (36 mg) in a 68 % yield as a colorless oil: ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.26-7.21 (m, 2H), 6.97-6.89 (m, 3H), 6.77-6.74 (m, 2H), 2.30 (s, 3H), 2.08 (s, 6H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 158.2 (1C), 149.0 (1C), 134.6 (1C), 131.3 (2C), 129.8 (2C), 129.7 (2C), 121.3 (1C), 114.8 (2C), 21.0 (1C), 16.4 (2C); IR (CDCl₃) 3025, 2919, 1594, 1482, 1223 cm⁻¹; HRMS m/z 212.1204 (calcd C₁₅H₁₆O, 212.1201).

Phenyl benzoate (entry 11, Table 1). Using procedure B, benzoic acid (0.25 mmol, 31 mg), silylaryl triflate **1a** (0.5 mmol, 149 mg) and CsF (1.0 mmol, 152 mg) afforded the indicated compound (40 mg) in an 81 % yield as a white solid: mp 69-70 °C (lit.¹¹ mp 68-70 °C). The ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra match the literature data:¹² ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.23-8.19 (m, 2H), 7.63 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.53-7.41 (m, 4H), 7.29-7.20 (m, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 165.4 (1C), 151.2 (1C), 133.8 (1C), 130.4 (2C), 129.8 (1C), 129.7 (2C), 128.8 (2C), 126.1 (1C), 121.9 (2C); IR (CDCl₃) 3068, 1730 cm⁻¹.

Phenyl 4-nitrobenzoate (entry 12, Table 1). Using procedure B, 4-nitrobenzoic acid (0.25 mmol, 42 mg), silylaryl triflate **1a** (0.5 mmol, 149 mg) and CsF (1.0 mmol, 152 mg) afforded the indicated compound (40 mg) in a 66 % yield as a white solid: mp 127-128 °C (lit.¹³ mp 128-129 °C); ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.40-8.33 (m, 4H), 7.48-7.43 (m, 2H), 7.34-7.22 (m, 3H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 163.5 (1C), 151.1 (1C), 150.7 (1C), 135.2 (1C), 131.5 (2C), 129.9 (2C), 126.6 (1C), 123.9 (2C), 121.6 (2C); IR (CDCl₃) 3111, 1740 cm⁻¹; HRMS m/z 243.0536 (calcd C₁₃H₉NO₄, 243.05316).

Phenyl 4-methoxybenzoate (entry 13, Table 1). Using procedure B, 4-methoxybenzoic acid (0.25 mmol, 38 mg), silylaryl triflate **1a** (0.5 mmol, 149 mg) and CsF (1.0 mmol,

152 mg) afforded the indicated compound (55 mg) in a 96 % yield as a white solid: mp 67-69 °C (lit.¹⁴ mp 67-69 °C). The ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra match the literature data:¹⁵ ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.17-8.13 (m, 2H), 7.43-7.39 (m, 2H), 7.27-7.18 (m, 3H), 6.99-6.95 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 165.1 (1C), 164.1 (1C), 151.3 (1C), 132.5 (2C), 129.6 (2C), 125.9 (1C), 122.1 (1C), 122.0 (2C), 114.0 (2C), 55.7 (1C); IR (CDCl₃) 3058, 2967, 2839, 1727, 1278 cm⁻¹; HRMS m/z 228.0789 (calcd C₁₄H₁₂O₃, 228.0786).

3-Methoxyphenyl 4-methoxybenzoate (entry 14, Table 1). Using procedure B, 4-methoxybenzoic acid (0.25 mmol, 38 mg), silylaryl triflate **1b** (0.5 mmol, 164 mg) and CsF (1.0 mmol, 152 mg) afforded the indicated compound (63 mg) in a 98 % yield as a white solid: mp 102-103 °C; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.16-8.12 (m, 2H), 7.30 (t, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 6.98-6.95 (m, 2H), 6.82-6.75 (m, 3H), 3.88 (s, 3H), 3.80 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 165.0 (1C), 164.1 (1C), 160.7 (1C), 152.3 (1C), 132.5 (2C), 130.0 (1C), 122.0 (1C), 114.2 (1C), 114.0 (2C), 111.9 (1C), 107.9 (1C), 55.7 (1C), 55.6 (1C); IR (CDCl₃) 3006, 2937, 2838, 1726, 1605, 1255 cm⁻¹; HRMS m/z 258.0895 (calcd C₁₅H₁₄O₄, 258.0892).

3-Methoxyphenyl 4-bromobenzoate (entry 15, Table 1). Using procedure B, 4-bromobenzoic acid (0.25 mmol, 50 mg), silylaryl triflate **1b** (0.5 mmol, 164 mg) and CsF (1.0 mmol, 152 mg) afforded the indicated compound (68 mg) in an 89 % yield as a white solid: mp 59-61 °C; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.07-8.03 (m, 2H), 7.67-7.63 (m, 2H), 7.32 (t, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 6.85-6.76 (m, 3H), 3.23 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 164.6 (1C), 160.8 (1C), 151.9 (1C), 132.2 (2C), 131.8 (2C), 130.1 (1C), 129.0 (1C), 128.7 (1C), 114.0 (1C), 112.2 (1C), 107.8 (1C), 55.7 (1C); IR (CDCl₃) 2933, 2834, 1729, 1585, 1254 cm⁻¹; HRMS m/z 305.9897 (calcd C₁₄H₁₁BrO₃, 305.9891).

Phenyl *o*-iodobenzoate (entry 16, Table 1). Using procedure B, 2-iodobenzoic acid (0.25 mmol, 62 mg), silylaryl triflate **1a** (0.5 mmol, 149 mg) and CsF (1.0 mmol, 152 mg) afforded the indicated compound (63 mg) in a 78 % yield as a colorless oil. The ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra match the literature data:¹⁶ ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.08-8.02 (m, 2H), 7.51-7.41 (m, 3H), 7.31-7.19 (m, 4H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 165.1 (1C), 150.9 (1C), 141.9 (1C), 134.4 (1C), 133.4 (1C), 131.7 (1C), 129.7 (2C), 128.3 (1C),

126.3 (1C), 121.8 (2C), 94.8 (1C); IR (CDCl₃) 3063, 1743 cm⁻¹; HRMS m/z 323.9653 (calcd C₁₃H₉IO₂, 323.9647).

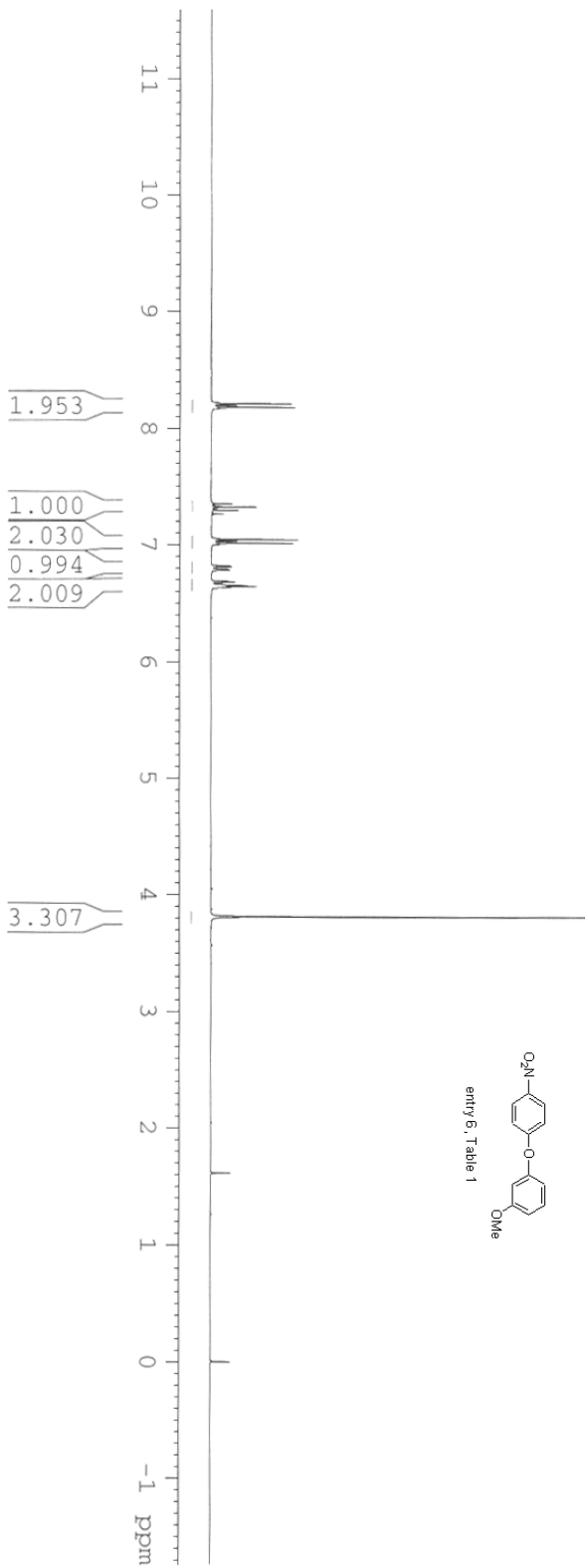
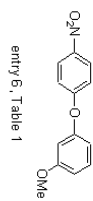
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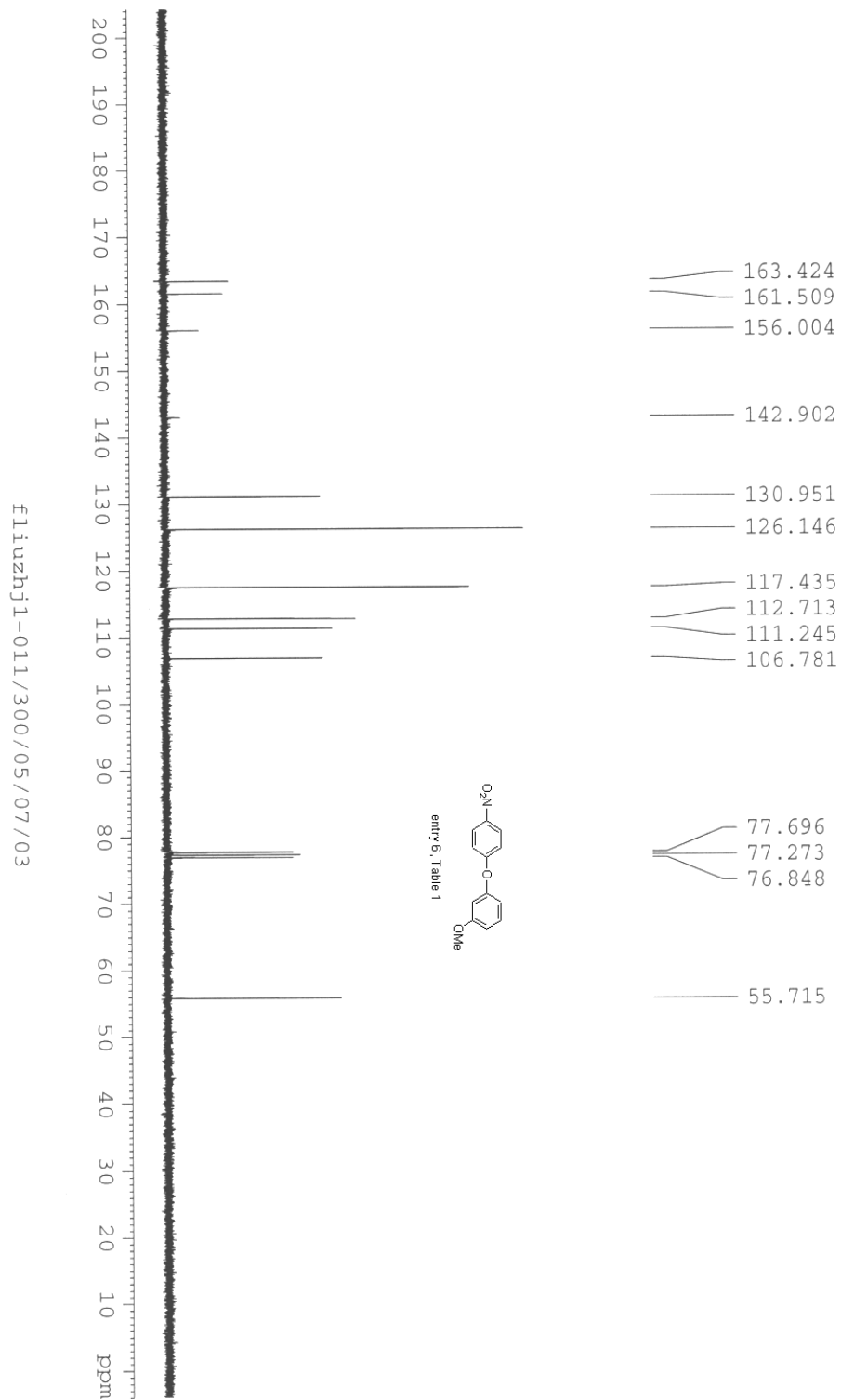
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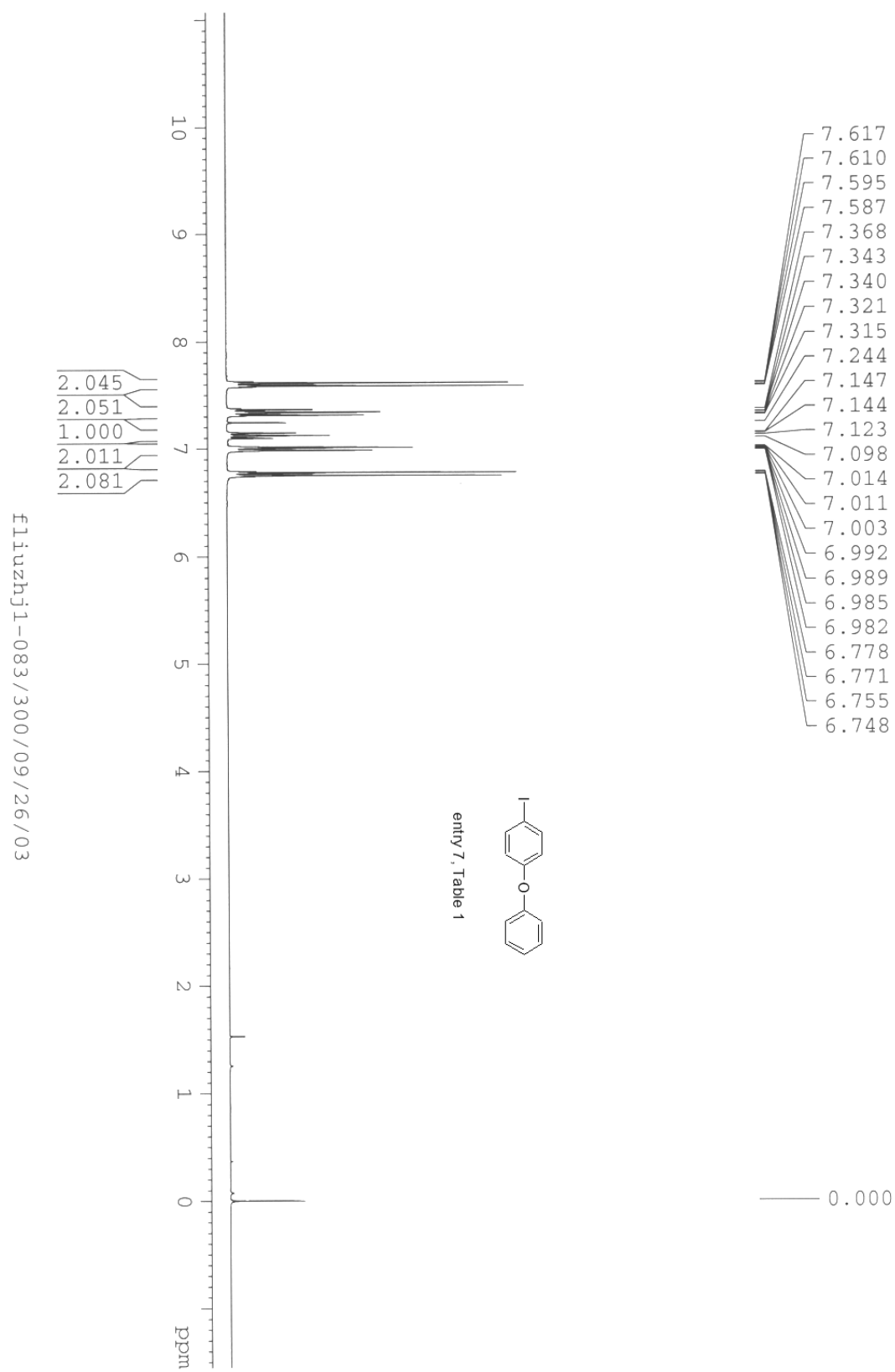
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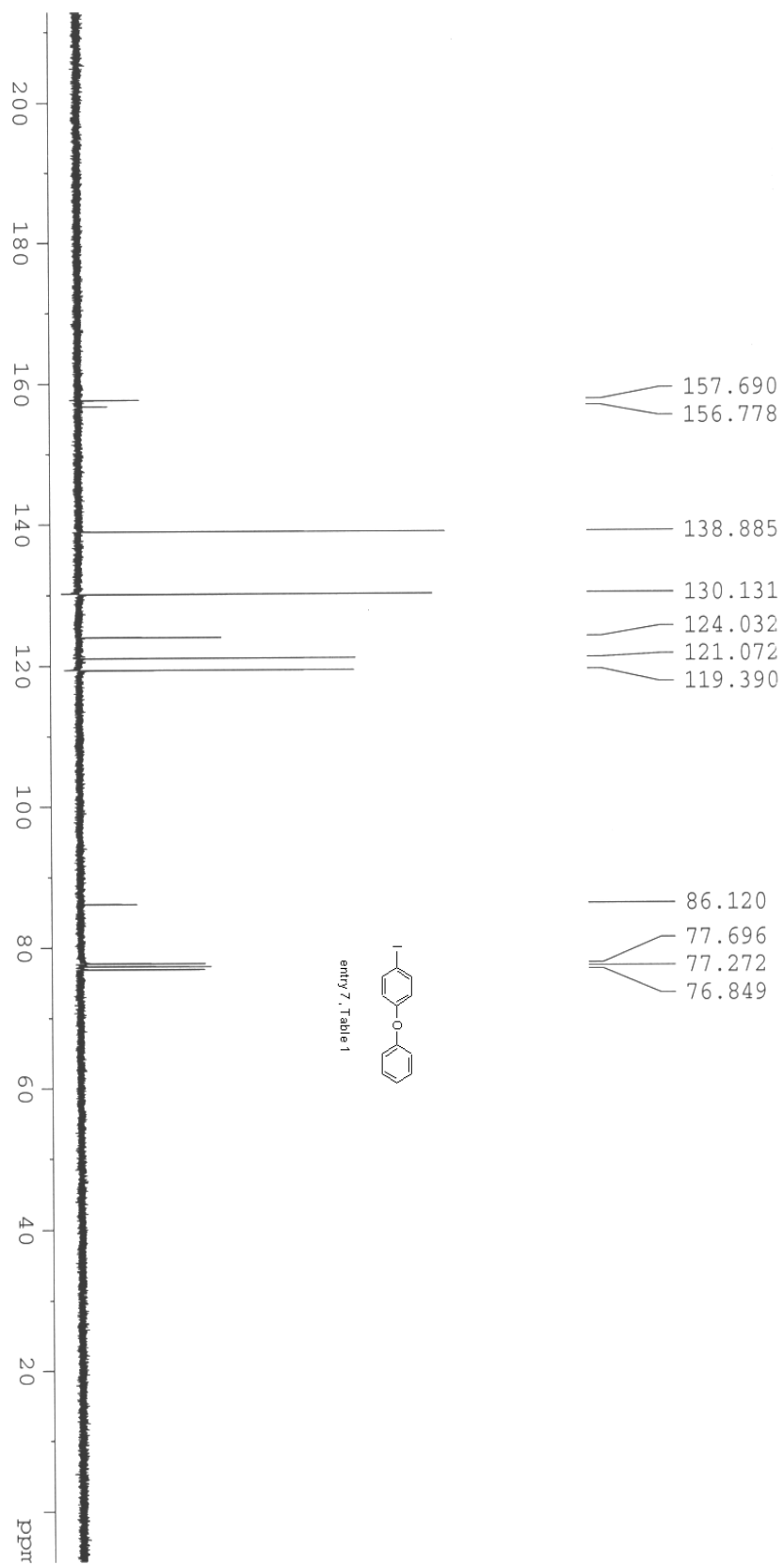


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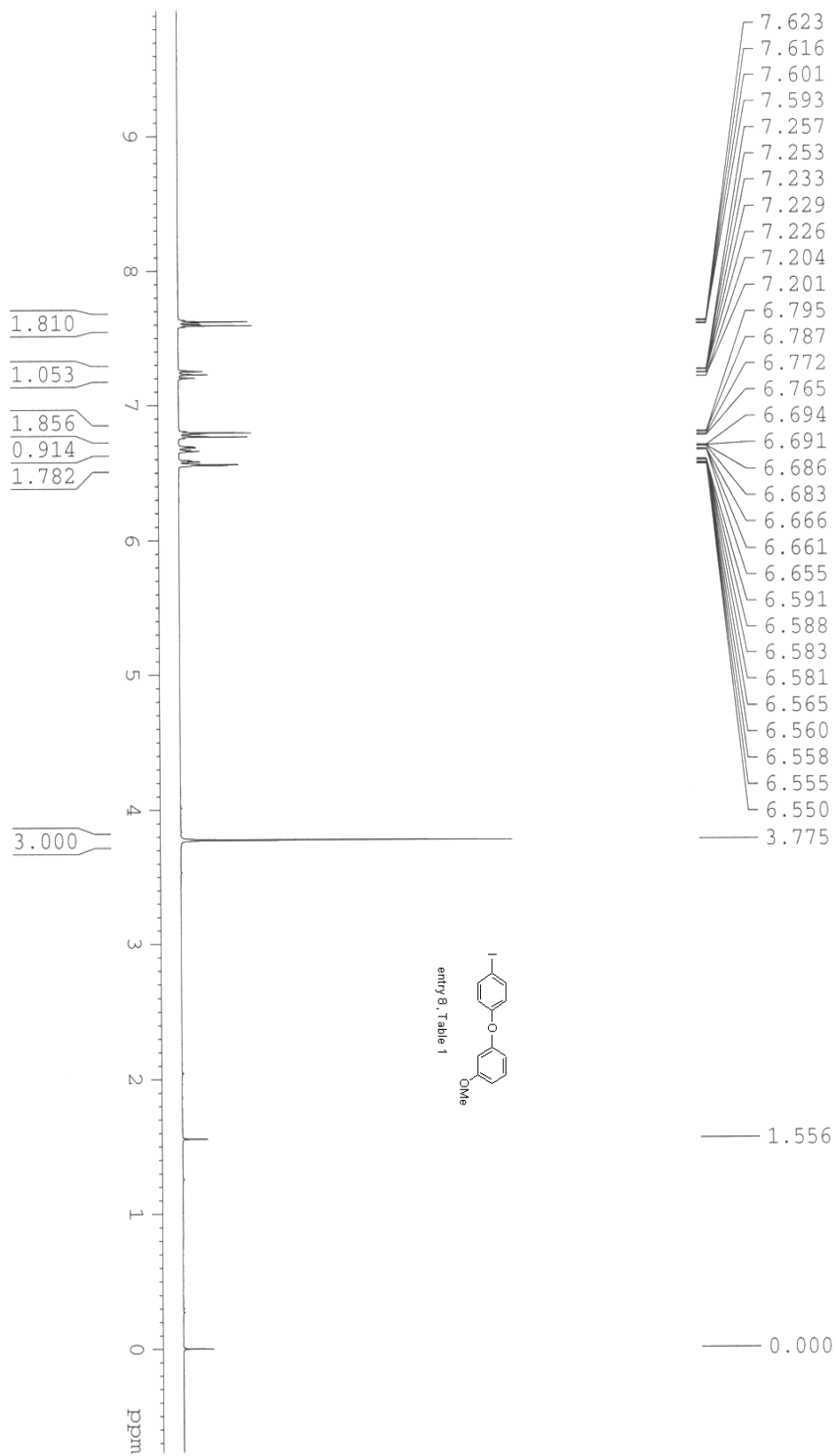


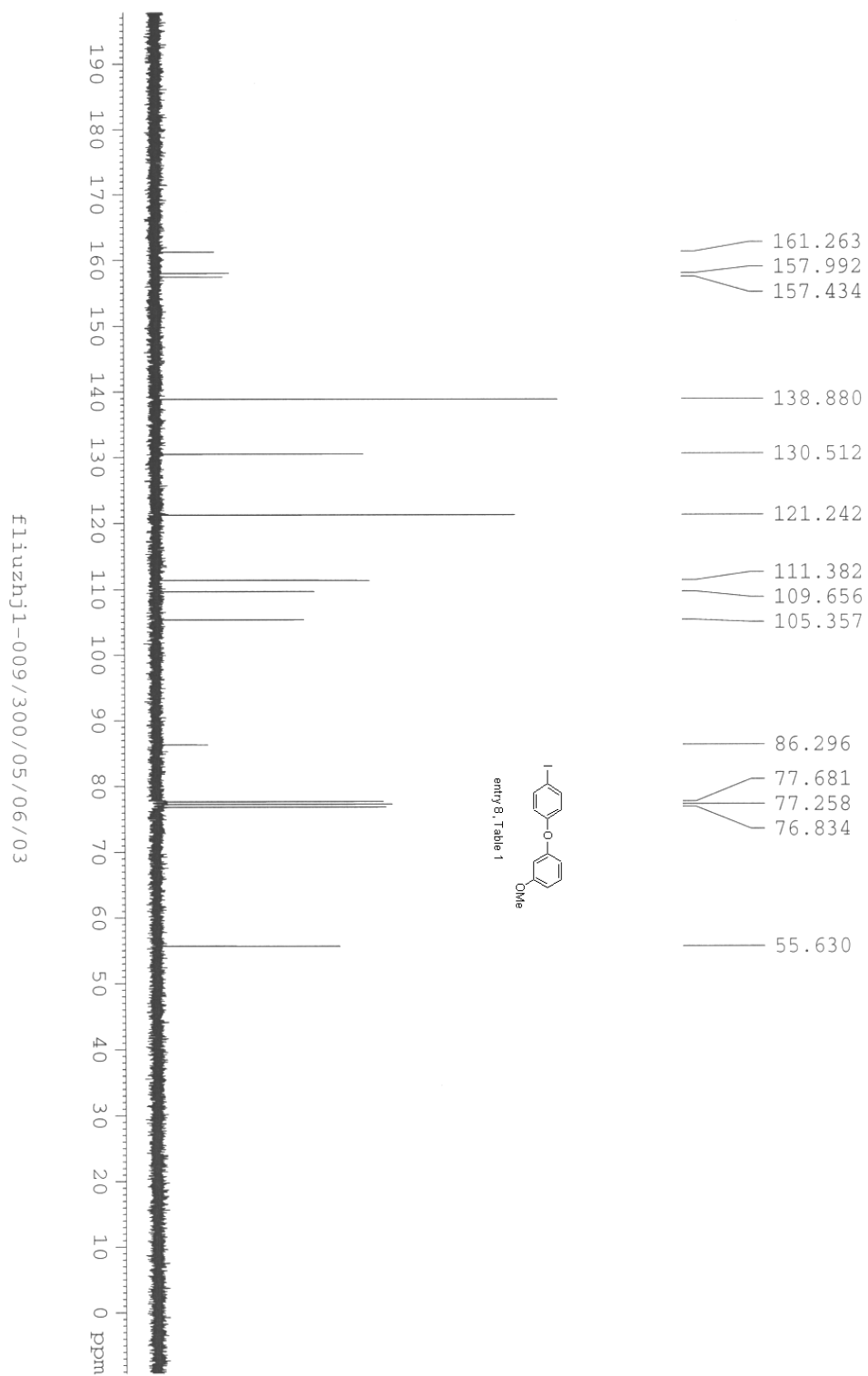


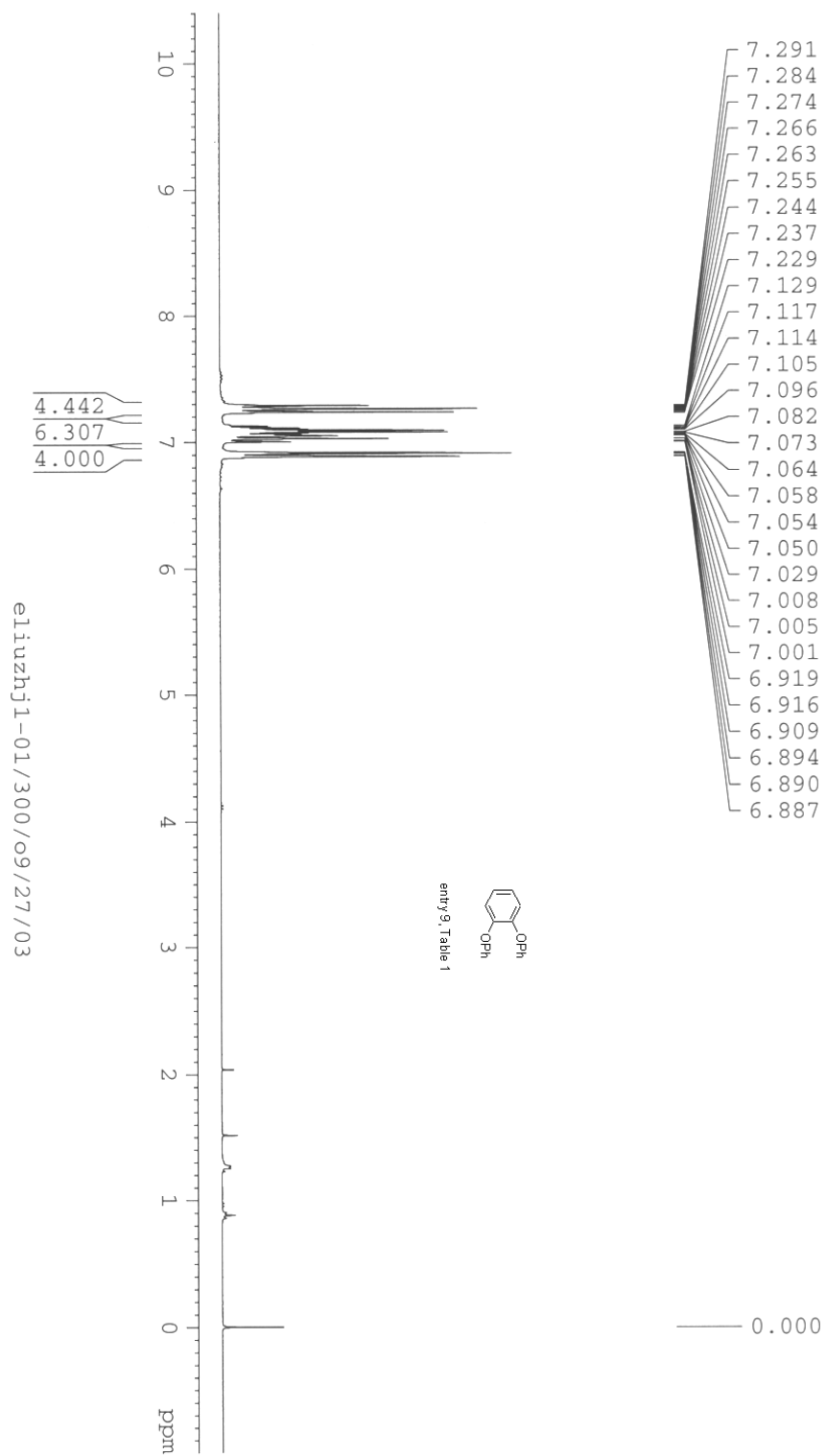
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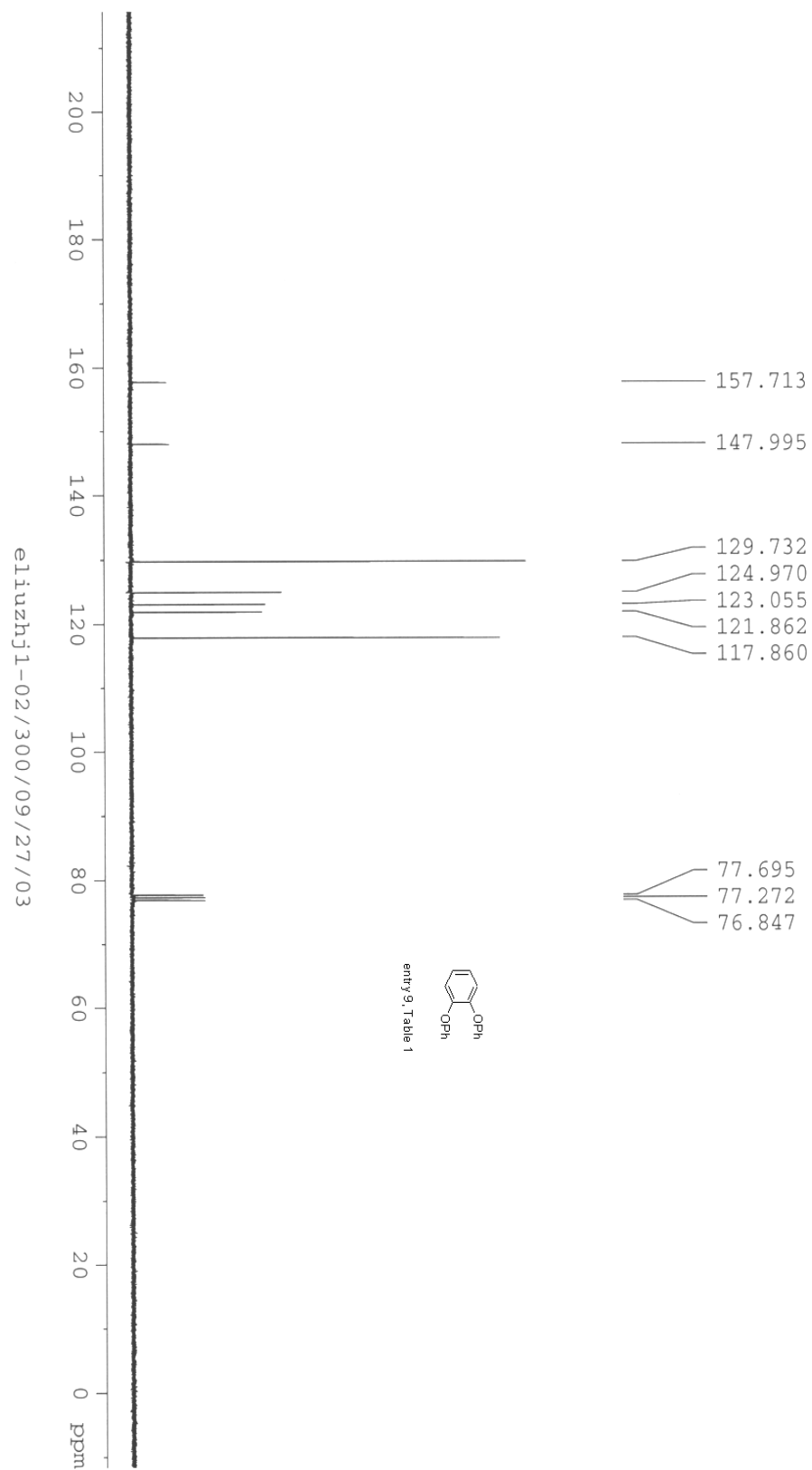


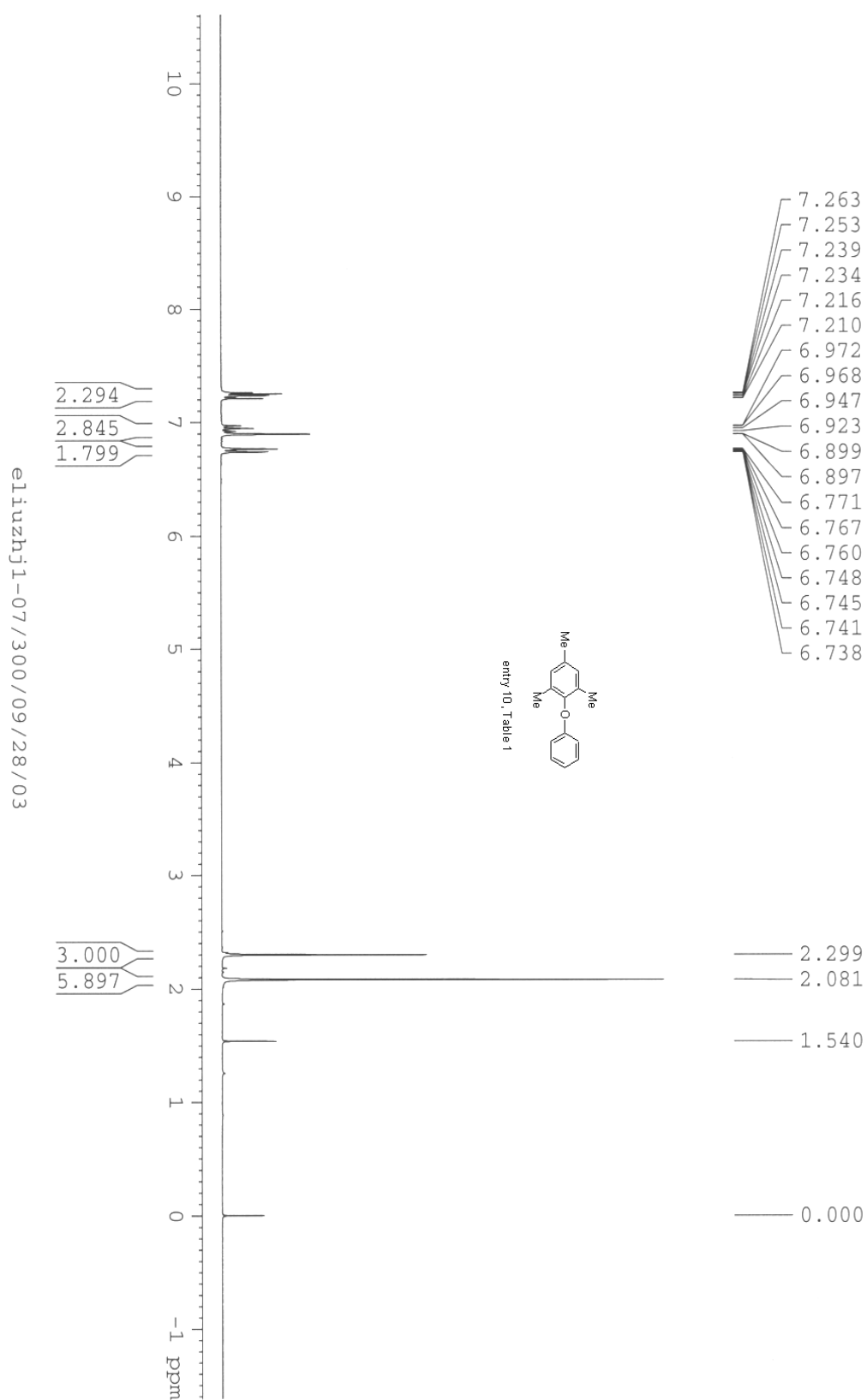
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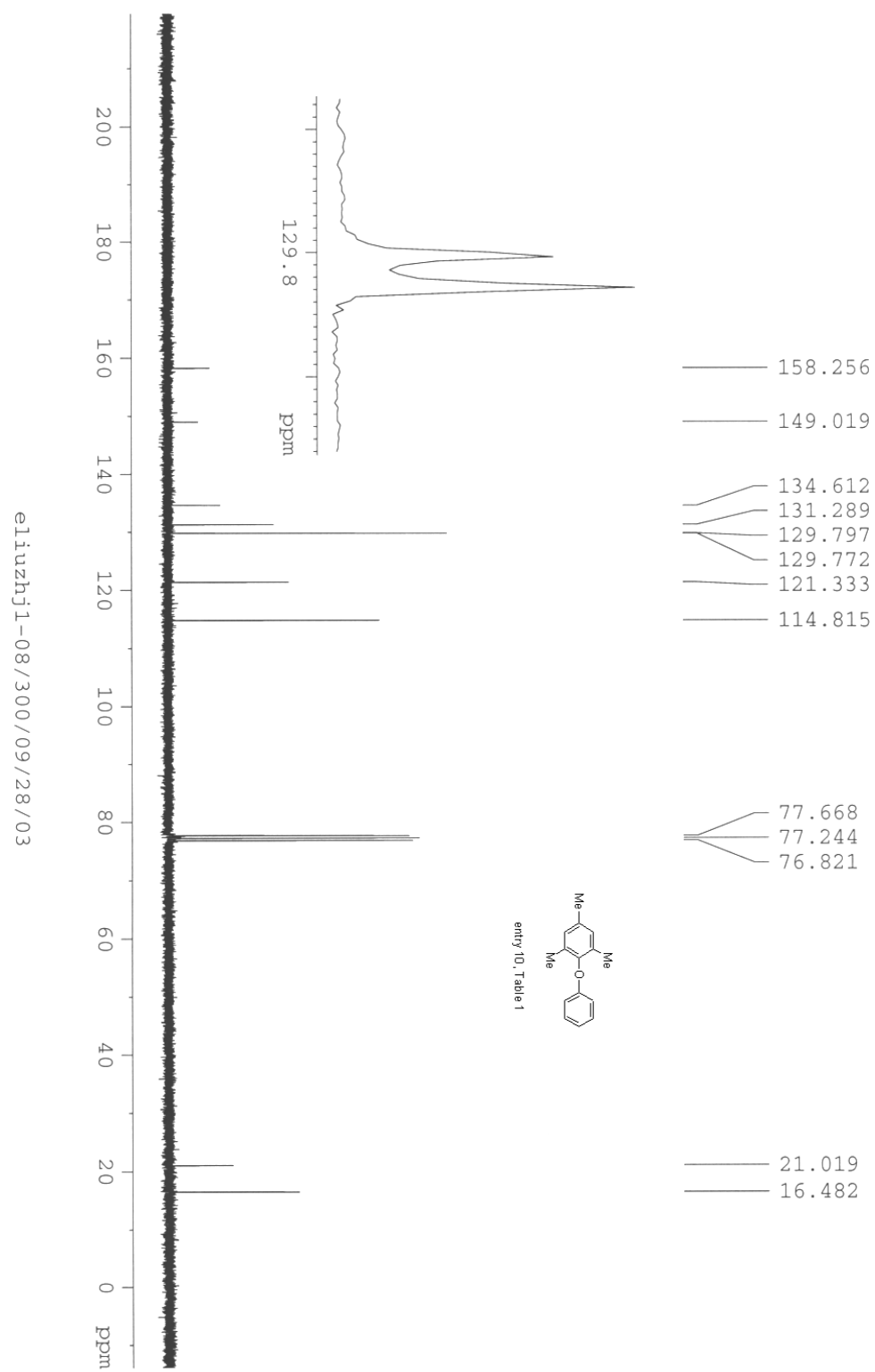


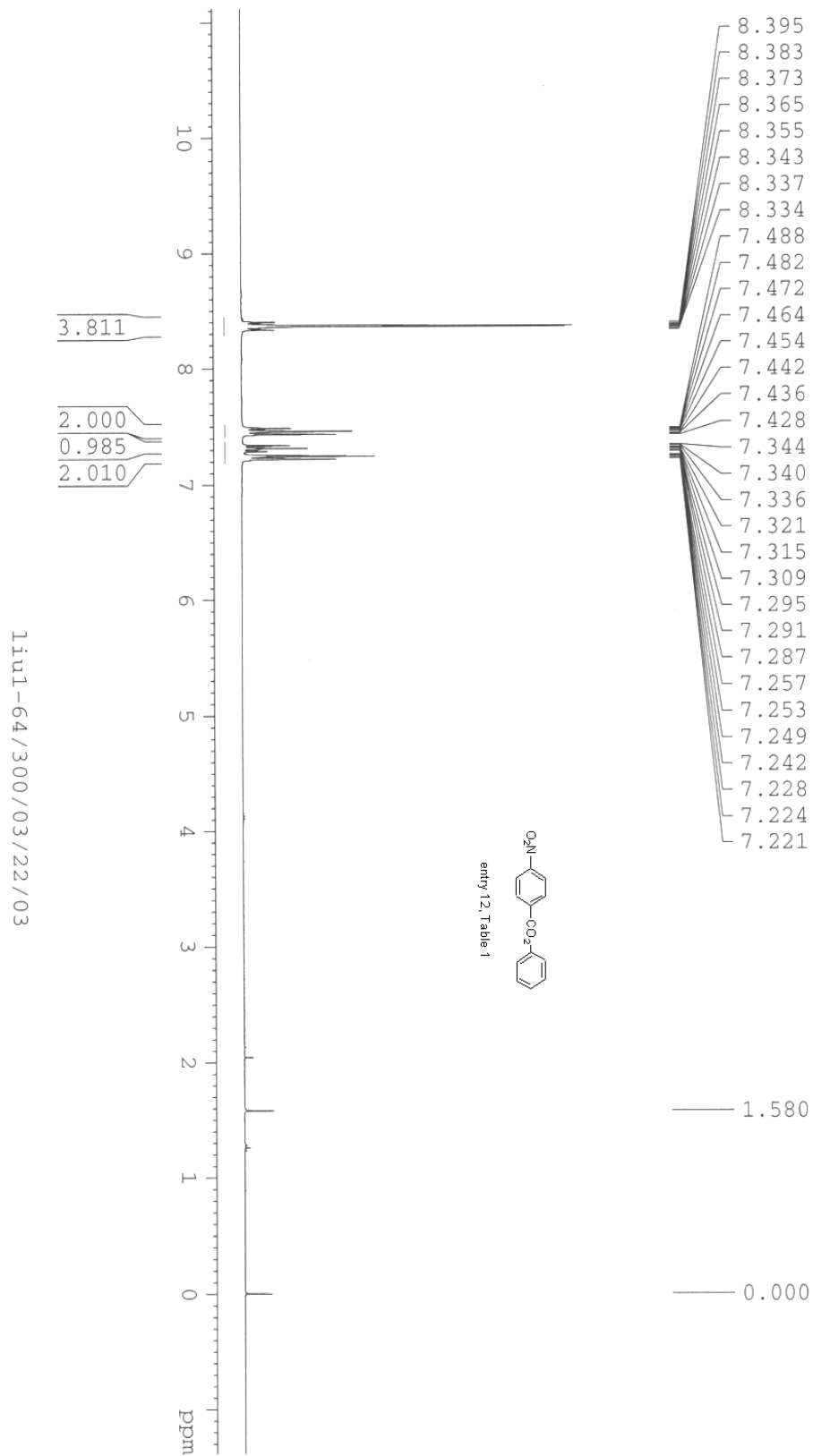




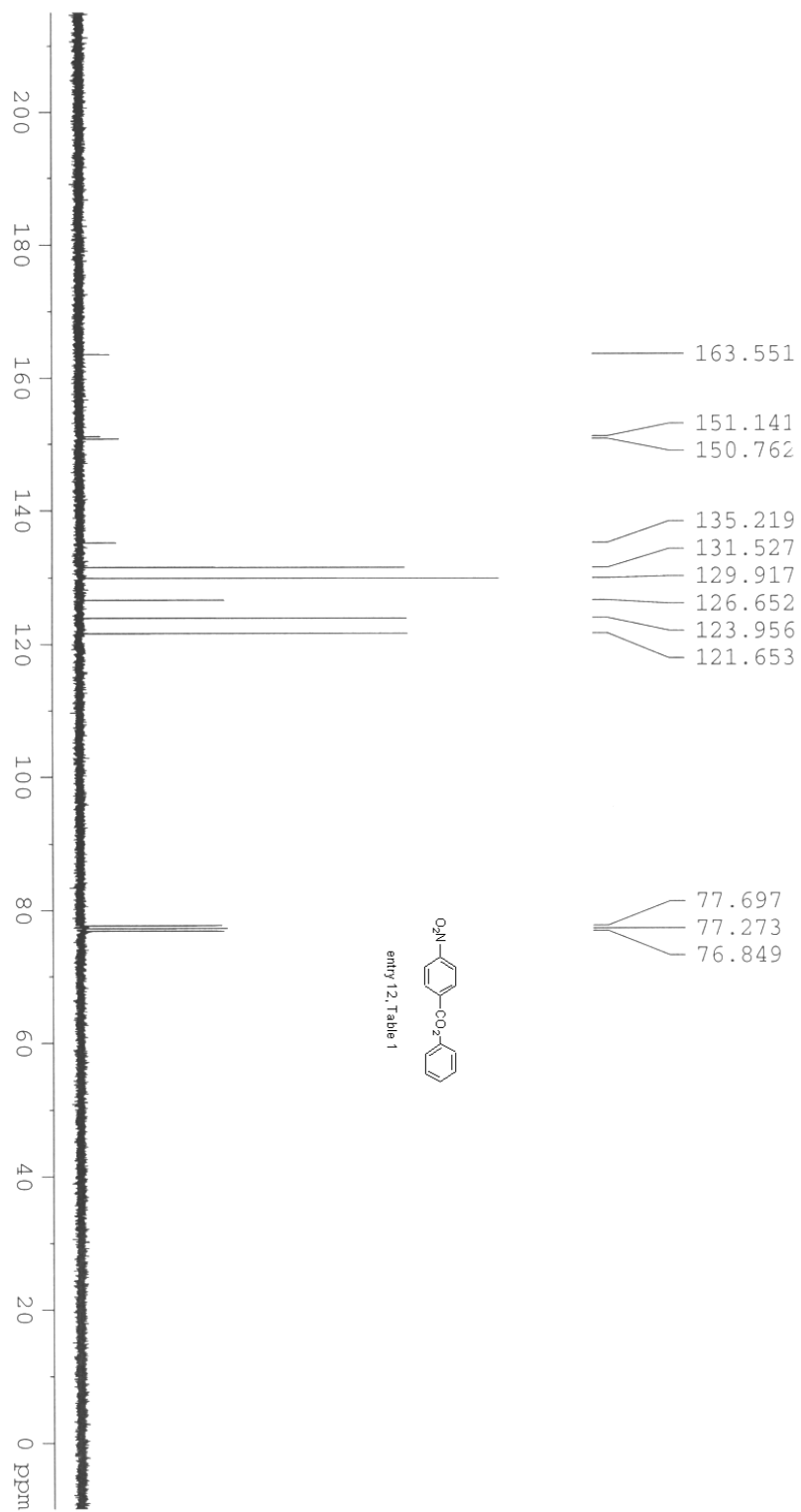








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