

*Supporting Information for:*

**Cobalt(III) Porphyrin Catalyzed Aza-Diels–Alder Reaction**

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## Instrumentation and Chemicals

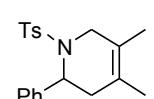
All manipulations of oxygen- and moisture-sensitive materials were conducted in a dry box or with a standard Schlenk technique under a purified argon atmosphere. Nuclear magnetic resonance spectra were taken on Varian UNITY INOVA 500 ( $^1\text{H}$ , 500 MHz;  $^{13}\text{C}$ , 125.7 MHz) spectrometer using tetramethylsilane ( $^1\text{H}$ ) as an internal standard.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR data are reported as follows: chemical shift, multiplicity (s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, m = multiplet), coupling constants (Hz), integration, and identification. High-resolution mass spectra were obtained with a Thermo Fisher SCIENTIFIC EXACTIVE spectrometer. X-Ray data were taken on a Bruker Smart APEX X-Ray diffractometer equipped with a large area CCD detector. Preparative recycling gel permeation chromatography (GPC) was performed with JAI LC-908 equipped with JAIGEL-1H and -2H columns (toluene as an eluent). Infrared spectra (IR) spectra were determined on a SHIMADZU IR Affinity-1 spectrometer. Melting points were determined using a YANAKO MP-500D. TLC analyses were performed by means of Merck Kieselgel 60 F<sub>254</sub> (0.25 mm) Plates. Visualization was accomplished with UV light (254 nm) and/or an aqueous alkaline KMnO<sub>4</sub> solution followed by heating. Flash column chromatography was carried out using Kanto Chemical silica gel (spherical, 40–50  $\mu\text{m}$ ). Toluene and cobalt(II) acetate were purchased from Wako Pure Chemical Co.<sup>1,3</sup> Free base *meso*-tetraphenylporphine and AgSbF<sub>6</sub> were purchased from Strem chemicals. Dienes were purchased from TCI. Aldimines were prepared according to the reported procedure.<sup>4,5</sup> Unless otherwise noted, commercially available reagents were used without purification.

## Experimental Procedure and Characterization Data for Products.

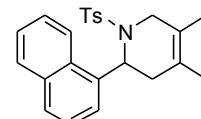
**Preparation of [Co(TPP)]SbF<sub>6</sub>.**<sup>1-3</sup> Cobalt(II) porphyrin ([Co(TPP)]) was prepared with free base tetraphenyl porphyrin (TPP) and cobalt(II) acetate by refluxing in DMF. The [Co(TPP)] was then oxidized by air with hydrogen chloride solution of MeOH to afford [Co(TPP)]Cl, which was purified with recrystallization in chloroform. X-Ray single crystal analysis was performed to confirm the formation of [Co(TPP)]Cl. The cationic cobalt complex was prepared following reported procedure: [Co(TPP)]Cl (311 mg, 0.44 mmol) and AgSbF<sub>6</sub> (137 mg, 0.4 mmol) was dissolved in dry CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (10 ml) and stirred for 6 h in dry box. The reaction mixture was filtered and concentrated to dryness. The complex was used without further purification. Other cobalt complexes were also prepared by this procedure.

**General procedure.** The reaction was performed in a 15 mL sealed tube equipped with a Teflon-coated magnetic stirrer bar. A diene (0.8 mmol) were added to a solution of imine (0.4 mmol) and [Co(TPP)]SbF<sub>6</sub> (3.6 mg, 4.0 µmol) in toluene (4 mL) in a dry box. The flask was taken outside the dry box and stirred at ambient temperature for the indicated time under argon atmosphere. The resulting reaction mixture was filtered through a silica gel pad, concentrated *in vacuo*. The residue was purified by flash silica gel column chromatography (20 g, 2x15 cm, hexane/ethyl acetate = 5:1) to give the corresponding product.

### 4,5-Dimethyl-2-phenyl-1-tosyl-1,2,3,6-tetrahydropyridine (**3aa**).

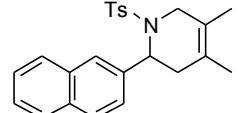
 Yield: 92%. Mp. 87–89 °C (ethyl acetate). TLC: R<sub>f</sub> = 0.37 (hexane/ethyl acetate = 7:1). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.65 (dt, J = 7.0, 2.0 Hz, 2H), 7.20–7.28 (m, 7H), 5.23 (d, J = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 3.86 (d, J = 17.5 Hz, 1H), 3.21–3.25 (m, 1H), 2.40 (s, 3H), 2.31–2.37 (m, 1H), 2.19 (d, J = 17.5 Hz, 1H), 1.57 (s, 3H), 1.52 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 143.14, 139.95, 137.98, 129.58, 128.55, 127.56, 127.54, 127.27, 123.44, 122.50, 53.75, 45.16, 32.78, 21.69, 18.82, 16.21. IR (KBr): 2919, 1927, 1596, 1522, 1517, 1352, 1330, 1279, 1162, 1090, 1009, 856, 814 cm<sup>-1</sup>. HRMS (ESI<sup>+</sup>) found 342.1512, calcd for [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 342.1522.

### 4,5-Dimethyl-2-(naphthalen-1-yl)-1-tosyl-1,2,3,6-tetrahydropyridine (**3ba**).

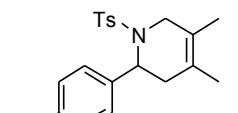
 Yield: 89%. Mp. 155–157 °C (ethyl acetate). TLC: R<sub>f</sub> = 0.36 (hexane/ethyl acetate = 7:1). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.66 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.85 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.78 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.72 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.62 (t, J = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.51 (t, J = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.32 (t, J = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.19–7.24 (m, 3H), 6.06 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 3.77 (d, J = 18.0 Hz, 1H), 3.17 (d, J = 18.0 Hz, 1H), 2.49–2.54 (m, 1H), 2.40 (s, 3H), 2.22 (d, J = 18.0 Hz, 1H), 1.53 (s, 3H), 1.50 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 143.33, 137.50, 135.09, 134.16, 131.86, 129.30, 128.96, 128.74, 127.60, 126.82, 125.90, 124.87, 124.59,

124.43, 124.30, 122.59, 50.71, 45.49, 32.84, 21.62, 18.40, 16.40. IR (KBr): 3065, 2908, 2882, 1598, 1511, 1442, 1338, 1303, 1183, 1163, 1139, 1054, 919, 815 cm<sup>-1</sup>. HRMS (ESI<sup>+</sup>) found 392.1666, calcd for [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 392.1679.

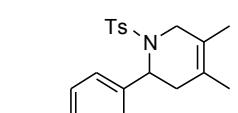
**4,5-Dimethyl-2-(naphthalen-2-yl)-1-tosyl-1,2,3,6-tetrahydropyridine (3ca).**

 Yield: 83%. Mp. 100–102 °C (ethyl acetate). TLC: R<sub>f</sub> = 0.41 (hexane/ethyl acetate = 5:1) <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.71–7.81 (m, 3H), 7.68–7.70 (m, 2H), 7.56 (s, 1H), 7.44–7.47 (m, 3H), 7.20–7.22 (m, 2H), 5.39 (d, J = 6.5 Hz, 1H), 3.93 (d J = 18.5 Hz, 1H), 3.27 (d, J = 18.5 Hz, 1H), 2.32–2.43 (m, 2H), 2.39 (s, 3H), 1.62 (s, 3H), 1.52 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 143.19, 137.95, 137.20, 133.25, 132.86, 129.58, 128.32, 128.25, 127.68, 127.22, 126.16, 126.13, 126.04, 125.95, 123.34, 122.58, 53.88, 45.29, 32.57, 21.64, 18.84, 16.22. IR (KBr): 2978, 2880, 1596, 1507, 1493, 1457, 1437, 1386, 1378, 1339, 1320, 1292, 1107, 949, 841 cm<sup>-1</sup>. HRMS (ESI<sup>+</sup>) found 392.1666, calcd for [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 392.1679.

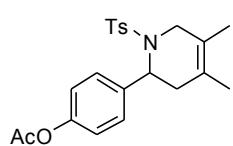
**2-(4-Chlorophenyl)-4,5-dimethyl-1-tosyl-1,2,3,6-tetrahydropyridine (3da).**

 Yield: 90%. Mp. 110–112 °C (ethyl acetate). TLC: R<sub>f</sub> = 0.41 (hexane/ethyl acetate = 7:1) <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.64 (dt, J = 8.5, 2.0 Hz, 2H), 7.20–7.24 (m, 4H), 7.15–7.18 (m, 2H), 5.18 (d, J = 6.5 Hz, 1H), 3.86 (d, J = 17.5 Hz, 1H), 3.19–3.23 (m, 1H), 2.40 (s, 3H), 2.30–2.36 (m, 1H), 2.14 (d, J = 17.5 Hz, 1H), 1.56 (s, 3H), 1.52 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 143.43, 138.44, 137.74, 133.36, 129.65, 128.93, 128.66, 127.18, 123.18, 122.59, 53.14, 45.10, 32.68, 21.68, 18.81, 16.18. IR (KBr): 2922, 2856, 1595, 1492, 1447, 1325, 1292, 1159, 1089, 1011, 922, 816, 715 cm<sup>-1</sup>. HRMS (ESI<sup>+</sup>) found 342.1512, calcd for [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 342.1522. HRMS (ESI<sup>+</sup>) found 376.1121, calcd for [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 342.1133.

**4,5-Dimethyl-1-tosyl-2-(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)-1,2,3,6-tetrahydropyridine (3ea).**

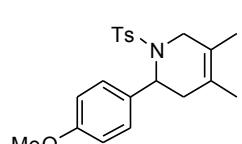
 Yield: 85%. Mp. 93–95 °C (ethyl acetate). TLC: R<sub>f</sub> = 0.29 (hexane/ethyl acetate/triethylamine = 20:1:0.02) <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.63 (dt, J = 8.0, 1.5 Hz, 2H), 7.50 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.33–7.35 (m, 2H), 7.21–7.24 (m, 2H), 5.25 (d, J = 6.5 Hz, 1H), 3.89 (d, J = 17.5 Hz, 1H), 3.21–3.26 (m, 1H), 2.40 (s, 3H), 2.36–2.39 (m, 1H), 2.19 (d, J = 17.5 Hz, 1H), 1.58 (s, 3H), 1.53 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 144.09, 143.47, 137.53, 129.68, 129.67 (q, J = 32.2 Hz), 127.84, 127.19, 125.50 (q, J = 3.8 Hz), 124.29 (q, J = 272.1), 123.13, 122.66, 53.46, 45.30, 32.83, 21.65, 18.84, 16.20. IR (KBr): 2920, 2880, 2858, 1620, 1437, 1413, 1342, 1322, 1183, 1141, 1114, 1107, 1063, 1038, 922, 814 cm<sup>-1</sup>. HRMS (ESI<sup>+</sup>) found 410.1382, calcd for [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 410.1396.

**4-(4,5-Dimethyl-1-tosyl-1,2,3,6-tetrahydropyridin-2-yl)phenyl acetate (**3fa**).**



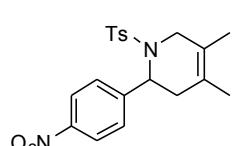
Yield: 85%. Mp. 125–127 °C (ethyl acetate). TLC:  $R_f = 0.30$  (hexane/ethyl acetate = 3:1)  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.64 (dt,  $J = 8.5, 2.0$  Hz, 2H), 7.21–7.25 (m, 4H), 6.97 (dt,  $J = 8.5, 2.0$  Hz, 2H), 5.20 (d,  $J = 6.5$  Hz, 1H), 3.86 (d,  $J = 17.5$  Hz, 1H), 3.23 (d,  $J = 17.5$  Hz, 1H), 2.30–2.36 (m, 1H), 2.28 (s, 3H), 2.15 (d,  $J = 17.5$  Hz, 1H), 1.56 (s, 3H), 1.52 (s, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  169.50, 150.04, 143.23, 137.75, 137.43, 129.60, 128.62, 127.17, 123.22, 122.52, 121.54, 53.20, 45.04, 32.76, 21.64, 21.28, 18.76, 16.19. IR (KBr): 2923, 2860, 1754, 1597, 1508, 1447, 1322, 1220, 1209, 1156, 1066, 1012, 912, 805  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . HRMS (ESI $^+$ ) found 400.1563, calcd for  $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$  400.1577.

**2-(4-Methoxyphenyl)-4,5-dimethyl-1-tosyl-1,2,3,6-tetrahydropyridine (**3ga**).**



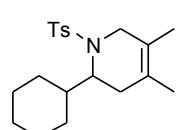
Yield: 83%. Mp. 120–122 °C (ethyl acetate). TLC:  $R_f = 0.37$  (hexane/ethyl acetate = 5:1)  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.63–7.65 (m, 2H), 7.22 (d,  $J = 8.5$  Hz, 2H), 7.16 (dt,  $J = 8.5, 2.0$  Hz, 2H), 6.78 (dt,  $J = 8.5, 2.0$  Hz, 2H), 5.18 (d,  $J = 7.0$  Hz, 1H), 3.84 (d,  $J = 17.5$  Hz, 1H), 3.77 (s, 3H), 3.18–3.22 (m, 1H), 2.40 (s, 3H), 2.30–2.36 (m, 1H), 2.14 (d,  $J = 17.5$  Hz, 1H), 1.57 (s, 3H), 1.52 (s, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  158.99, 143.09, 137.98, 131.94, 129.55, 128.76, 127.22, 123.43, 122.45, 113.82, 55.42, 53.19, 44.98, 32.86, 21.68, 18.78, 16.21. IR (KBr): 2906, 2842, 1609, 1513, 1442, 1379, 1333, 1302, 1254, 1167, 1138, 1088, 1031, 916, 816  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . HRMS (ESI $^+$ ) found 372.1616, calcd for  $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$  372.1628.

**4,5-Dimethyl-2-(4-nitrophenyl)-1-tosyl-1,2,3,6-tetrahydropyridine (**3ha**).**



Yield: 77%. Mp. 141–143 °C (ethyl acetate). TLC:  $R_f = 0.35$  (hexane/ethyl acetate = 3:1)  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.12 (dt,  $J = 8.5, 2.0$  Hz, 2H), 7.66 (dt,  $J = 8.5, 2.0$  Hz, 2H), 7.40–7.43 (m, 2H), 7.25–7.26 (m, 2H), 5.29 (d,  $J = 6.5$  Hz, 1H), 3.89 (d,  $J = 17.5$  Hz, 1H), 3.21–3.26 (m, 1H), 2.42 (s, 3H), 2.38–2.40 (m, 1H), 2.20 (d,  $J = 17.5$  Hz, 1H), 1.59 (s, 3H), 1.53 (s, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  147.51, 147.43, 143.70, 137.44, 129.82, 128.39, 127.18, 123.81, 123.01, 122.88, 53.33, 45.33, 32.74, 21.72, 18.91, 16.22. IR (KBr): 2919, 1927, 1596, 1522, 1517, 1352, 1330, 1279, 1162, 1090, 1009, 856, 814  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . HRMS (ESI $^+$ ) found 387.1361, calcd for  $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$  387.1373.

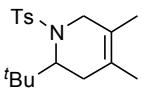
**2-Cyclohexyl-4,5-dimethyl-1-tosyl-1,2,3,6-tetrahydropyridine (**3ia**).**



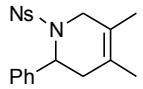
Yield: 87%. Mp. 133–135 °C (ethyl acetate). TLC:  $R_f = 0.42$  (hexane/ethyl acetate = 7:1)  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.62–7.64 (m, 2H), 7.21–7.23 (m, 2H),

3.86 (d,  $J = 18.0$  Hz, 1H), 3.63 (td,  $J = 4.5, 2.5$  Hz, 1H), 3.43 (d,  $J = 18.0$ , 1H), 2.39 (s, 3H), 1.70–1.86 (m, 5H), 1.59–1.64 (m, 2H), 1.53 (s, 3H), 1.44 (s, 3H), 1.31–1.39 (m, 1H), 1.12–1.25 (m, 3H), 0.96–1.04 (m, 1H), 0.86–0.92 (m, 1H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  142.81, 138.73, 129.53, 126.99, 123.21, 121.20, 56.56, 45.56, 37.64, 31.05, 30.54, 30.36, 26.53, 26.35, 26.26, 21.67, 19.07, 15.98. IR (KBr): 2926, 2856, 2848, 1595, 1452, 1437, 1327, 1266, 1163, 1080, 1005, 925, 816  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . HRMS (ESI $^+$ ) found 348.1980, calcd for [M+H] $^+$  348.1992.

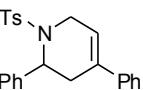
### 2-*tert*-Butyl-4,5-dimethyl-1-tosyl-1,2,3,6-tetrahydropyridine (**3ja**).

 Yield: 83%. Mp. 104–106 °C (ethyl acetate). TLC:  $R_f = 0.33$  (hexane/ethyl acetate = 10:1)  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.61–7.64 (m, 2H), 7.21–7.23 (m, 2H), 3.95 (d,  $J = 18.5$  Hz, 1H), 3.74 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1H), 3.59 (d,  $J = 18.5$ , 1H), 2.39 (s, 3H), 1.72–1.84 (m, 2H), 1.48 (s, 3H), 1.44 (s, 3H), 0.93 (s, 9H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  142.87, 138.27, 129.55, 127.04, 124.08, 120.78, 58.35, 46.81, 36.34, 29.12, 28.15, 21.68, 18.67, 15.97. IR (KBr): 2972, 2935, 2865, 1595, 1476, 1400, 1328, 1182, 1160, 1142, 1089, 1011, 920, 817, 732  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . HRMS (ESI $^+$ ) found 322.1824, calcd for [M+H] $^+$  322.1835.

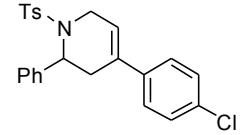
### 4,5-Dimethyl-1-(2-nitrophenylsulfonyl)-2-phenyl-1,2,3,6-tetrahydropyridine (**3ka**).

 Yield: 64%. TLC:  $R_f = 0.41$  (hexane/ethyl acetate = 2:1)  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.98 (dd,  $J = 7.5, 1.0$  Hz, 1H), 7.60–7.69 (m, 3H), 7.21–7.28 (m, 5H), 5.26 (d,  $J = 6.5$  Hz, 1H), 3.83 (d,  $J = 18.0$  Hz, 1H), 3.36 (d,  $J = 18.0$  Hz, 1H), 2.62–2.68 (m, 1H), 2.34 (d,  $J = 17.5$  Hz, 1H), 1.68 (s, 3H), 1.57 (s, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  139.25, 133.47, 131.83, 130.84, 128.68, 127.82, 127.47, 124.50, 123.61, 122.59, 109.98, 54.30, 45.41, 33.34, 18.90, 16.15. (One signal emerged.) IR (neat): 2916, 2856, 1547, 1538, 1451, 1372, 1346, 1173, 1068, 1012, 777  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . HRMS (ESI $^+$ ) found 373.1205, calcd for [M+H] $^+$  373.1217.

### 2,4-Diphenyl-1-tosyl-1,2,3,6-tetrahydropyridine (**3ab**).

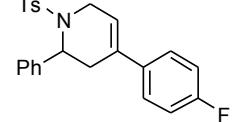
 Yield: 91%. Mp. 33–35 °C (ethyl acetate). TLC:  $R_f = 0.26$  (hexane/ethyl acetate = 7:1)  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.73 (dd,  $J = 8.0, 1.0$  Hz, 2H), 7.30–7.35 (m, 4H), 7.21–7.27 (m, 8H), 5.90 (t,  $J = 2.0$  Hz, 1H), 5.47 (d,  $J = 6.0$  Hz, 1H), 4.33 (d,  $J = 19.0$  Hz, 1H), 3.55 (dd,  $J = 19.0, 2.0$  Hz, 1H), 2.81 (d,  $J = 17.5$  Hz, 1H), 2.67–2.72 (m, 1H), 2.37 (s, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  143.36, 140.44, 139.16, 137.76, 134.40, 129.72, 128.62, 128.56, 127.74, 127.68, 127.44, 127.17, 125.16, 120.21, 53.37, 41.49, 28.72, 21.58. IR (KBr): 3060, 3030, 2923, 1598, 1494, 1446, 1372, 1345, 1324, 1304, 1289, 1155, 1090, 927, 820  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . HRMS (ESI $^+$ ) found 390.1507, calcd for [M+H] $^+$  390.1522.

**4-(4-Chlorophenyl)-2-phenyl-1-tosyl-1,2,3,6-tetrahydropyridine (**3ac**).**



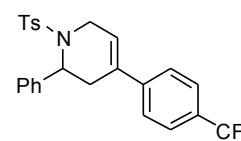
Yield: 87%. Mp. 47–49 °C (ethyl acetate). TLC:  $R_f = 0.37$  (hexane/ethyl acetate = 5:1)  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.73 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2H), 7.22–7.31 (m, 9H), 7.16–7.19 (m, 2H), 5.90–5.92 (m, 1H), 5.46 (d,  $J = 6.5$  Hz, 1H), 4.30–4.35 (m, 1H), 3.52–3.57 (m, 1H), 2.77 (d,  $J = 17.5$  Hz, 1H), 2.65–2.72 (m, 1H), 2.39 (s, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  143.50, 139.05, 138.90, 137.75, 133.62, 133.49, 129.79, 128.83, 128.68, 127.82, 127.42, 127.27, 126.49, 120.85, 53.35, 41.48, 28.79, 21.67. IR (KBr): 3029, 2853, 1595, 1496, 1407, 1338, 1333, 1283, 1161, 1155, 1090, 927, 820, 737  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . HRMS (ESI $^+$ ) found 424.1119, calcd for [M+H] $^+$  424.1133.

**4-(4-Fluorophenyl)-2-phenyl-1-tosyl-1,2,3,6-tetrahydropyridine (**3ad**).**



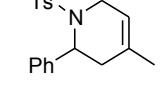
Yield: 90%. Mp. 129–131 °C (ethyl acetate). TLC:  $R_f = 0.36$  (hexane/ethyl acetate = 5:1)  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.71–7.74 (m, 2H), 7.19–7.33 (m, 9H), 6.98–7.03 (m, 2H), 5.85–5.87 (m, 1H), 5.46 (d,  $J = 6.5$  Hz, 1H), 4.32–4.38 (m, 1H), 3.52–3.57 (m, 1H), 2.78 (d,  $J = 17.0$  Hz, 1H), 2.66–2.73 (m, 1H), 2.39 (s, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  162.52 (d,  $J = 245.8$  Hz), 143.46, 139.15, 137.79, 136.65 (d,  $J = 3.4$  Hz), 133.60, 129.78, 128.66, 127.80, 127.44, 127.28, 126.83 (d,  $J = 7.6$  Hz), 120.23, 115.53 (d,  $J = 21.5$  Hz), 53.40, 41.46, 29.06, 21.66. IR (KBr): 2885, 2852, 1596, 1512, 1495, 1460, 1334, 1282, 1220, 1156, 1100, 1045, 930, 727  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . HRMS (ESI $^+$ ) found 408.1416, calcd for [M+H] $^+$  408.1428.

**2-Phenyl-1-tosyl-4-(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)-1,2,3,6-tetrahydropyridine (**3ae**).**



Yield: 83%. Mp. 45–47 °C (ethyl acetate). TLC:  $R_f = 0.41$  (hexane/ethyl acetate = 5:1)  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.71–7.73 (m, 2H), 7.56 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2H), 7.34 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2H), 7.22–7.29 (m, 7H), 5.99–6.01 (m, 1H), 5.47 (d,  $J = 5.5$  Hz, 1H), 4.32–4.38 (m, 1H), 3.53–3.59 (m, 1H), 2.80 (d,  $J = 17.5$  Hz, 1H), 2.69–2.76 (m, 1H), 2.38 (s, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  143.91, 143.60, 138.92, 137.70, 133.55, 130.27 (q,  $J = 24.4$  Hz), 129.83, 128.72, 127.88, 127.36, 127.27, 125.67 (q,  $J = 2.6$  Hz), 125.51, 124.29 (q,  $J = 272.1$  Hz), 122.48, 53.32, 41.51, 28.72, 21.65. IR (KBr): 3063, 3032, 2926, 1682, 1598, 1494, 1466, 1410, 1306, 1287, 1262, 1215, 1069, 1016, 906, 845  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . HRMS (ESI $^+$ ) found 458.1381, calcd for [M+H] $^+$  458.1396.

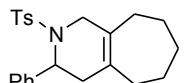
**4-Methyl-2-phenyl-1-tosyl-1,2,3,6-tetrahydropyridine (**3af**).**



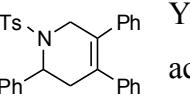
Yield: 71%. Mp. 101–103 °C (ethyl acetate). TLC:  $R_f = 0.40$  (hexane/ethyl acetate = 5:1)  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.65 (dt,  $J = 8.5, 2.0$  Hz, 2H), 7.20–7.27 (m, 7H), 5.27–5.28 (m, 2H), 4.02–4.07 (m, 1H), 3.28–3.35 (m, 1H), 2.39 (s, 3H), 2.29–2.35 (m,

1H), 2.21 (d,  $J$  = 17.0 Hz, 1H), 1.64 (s, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  143.18, 139.68, 137.97, 131.65, 129.64, 128.56, 127.63, 127.51, 127.28, 117.72, 53.40, 41.06, 31.55, 23.43, 21.69. IR (KBr): 3027, 2851, 1595, 1493, 1451, 1368, 1324, 1258, 1147, 1093, 1030, 923, 815  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . HRMS (ESI $^+$ ) found 328.1354, calcd for  $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$  328.1366.

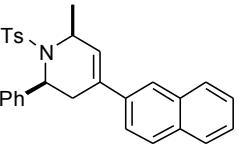
**3-Phenyl-2-tosyl-2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9-octahydro-1H-cyclohepta[c]pyridine (3ag).**

 Yield: 88%. Mp. 88–89 °C (ethyl acetate). TLC:  $R_f$  = 0.53 (hexane/ethyl acetate = 5:1)  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.69 (d,  $J$  = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.23–7.33 (m, 7H), 5.22 (d,  $J$  = 6.5 Hz, 1H), 3.92 (d,  $J$  = 18.5 Hz, 1H), 3.27 (d,  $J$  = 18.5 Hz, 1H), 2.42 (s, 3H), 2.37–2.39 (m, 1H), 2.21 (d,  $J$  = 18.0 Hz, 1H), 2.09–2.15 (m, 1H), 1.88–1.93 (m, 3H), 1.61–1.75 (m, 2H), 1.27–1.45 (m, 3H), 1.15–1.22 (m, 1H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  143.15, 139.85, 137.93, 131.08, 130.18, 129.56, 128.46, 127.58, 127.53, 127.27, 53.30, 44.95, 34.79, 32.61, 32.27, 31.87, 26.12, 26.09, 21.66. IR (neat): 2915, 2845, 1597, 1451, 1343, 1329, 1165, 1156, 1101, 1087, 816  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . HRMS (ESI $^+$ ) found 382.1822, calcd for  $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$  382.1835.

**2,4,5-Triphenyl-1-tosyl-1,2,3,6-tetrahydropyridine (3ah).**

 Yield: 50%. Mp. 134–136 °C (ethyl acetate). TLC:  $R_f$  = 0.39 (hexane/ethyl acetate = 5:1)  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.80 (d,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.47 (d,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.35 (t,  $J$  = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 7.28–7.31 (m, 3H), 7.08–7.12 (m, 6H), 6.84–6.86 (m, 2H), 6.75–6.77 (m, 2H) 5.46 (t,  $J$  = 4.0 Hz, 1H), 4.48 (d,  $J$  = 18.5 Hz, 1H), 3.68 (dt,  $J$  = 18.5, 3.0 Hz, 1H), 2.74–2.76 (m, 2H), 2.43 (s, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  143.60, 141.37, 139.52, 139.31, 137.80, 132.33, 131.75, 129.80, 128.92, 128.79, 128.67, 128.25, 128.16, 127.94, 127.56, 127.45, 127.14, 126.88, 53.83, 45.17, 32.41, 21.71. IR (KBr): 3049, 2922, 1598, 1493, 1344, 1165, 1094, 1070, 981, 912, 812  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . HRMS (ESI $^+$ ) found 466.1820, calcd for  $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$  466.1835.

**(2*S*<sup>\*</sup>,6*S*<sup>\*</sup>)-6-Methyl-4-(naphthalen-2-yl)-2-phenyl-1-tosyl-1,2,3,6-tetrahydropyridine (3ai).**

 Yield: 70%. Mp. 67–69 °C (ethyl acetate). TLC:  $R_f$  = 0.38 (hexane/ethyl acetate = 5:1)  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.79–7.83 (m, 5H), 7.75 (s, 1H), 7.44–7.54 (m, 5H), 7.30 (d,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.21–7.26 (m, 3H), 6.06 (dd,  $J$  = 3.0 Hz, 1H), 5.53 (d,  $J$  = 6.0 Hz, 1H), 4.63–4.69 (m, 1H), 3.04 (d,  $J$  = 17.0 Hz, 1H), 2.45 (dd,  $J$  = 17.0, 6.0, 3.0, 3.0 Hz, 1H), 2.41 (s, 3H), 0.93 (d,  $J$  = 6.5 Hz, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  143.47, 140.74, 138.33, 137.29, 133.60, 133.04, 132.45, 130.09, 128.40, 128.33, 128.31, 127.81, 127.58, 127.03, 126.69, 126.34, 123.82, 123.46, 52.13, 50.65, 26.51, 22.69, 21.75. (Two signals emerged.) IR (KBr): 3058, 2928, 1597, 1495, 1451, 1381, 1329, 1281, 1160, 1100, 995, 815  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . HRMS (ESI $^+$ ) found 454.1822, calcd for  $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$  454.1835.

(2*S*<sup>\*</sup>,6*R*<sup>\*</sup>)-6-Methyl-4-(naphthalen-2-yl)-2-phenyl-1-tosyl-1,2,3,6-tetrahydropyridine (**3ai'**).

Yield: 13%. Mp. 46–48 °C (ethyl acetate). TLC:  $R_f = 0.32$  (hexane/ethyl acetate = 5:1) <sup>1</sup>H NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.75–7.79 (m, 3H), 7.68–7.69 (m, 1H), 7.40–7.47 (m, 5H), 7.28–7.30 (m, 2H), 7.14–7.17 (m, 3H), 7.08 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2H), 6.20 (dd,  $J = 4.0, 2.0$  Hz, 1H), 5.35 (dd,  $J = 5.5$  Hz, 1H), 4.70–4.75 (m, 1H), 3.22 (ddd,  $J = 16.5, 5.5, 1.0$  Hz, 1H), 3.11 (dddd,  $J = 16.5, 5.5, 2.0, 2.0$  Hz, 1H), 2.35 (s, 3H), 1.54 (d,  $J = 7.0$  Hz, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  142.64, 139.93, 139.66, 137.71, 134.45, 133.58, 133.01, 129.26, 128.40, 128.30, 128.25, 128.16, 128.00, 127.76, 127.46, 127.14, 126.52, 126.17, 124.06, 123.68, 56.82, 51.52, 32.55, 21.87, 21.62. IR (KBr): 3029, 2926, 1597, 1452, 1382, 1324, 1159, 1094, 1009, 848 cm<sup>-1</sup>. HRMS (ESI<sup>+</sup>) found 454.1820, calcd for [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 454.1835.

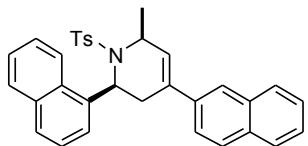
(*IR*<sup>\*</sup>,*3R*<sup>\*</sup>,*4S*<sup>\*</sup>)-3-Phenyl-2-tosyl-2-azabicyclo[2.2.2]oct-5-ene (**3aj**).

Yield: 55%. Mp. 186–188 °C (ethyl acetate). TLC:  $R_f = 0.39$  (hexane/ethyl acetate = 5:1) <sup>1</sup>H NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.62 (dt,  $J = 8.0, 2.0$  Hz, 2H), 7.44 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2H), 7.35 (t,  $J = 7.0$ , 2H), 7.24–7.26 (m, 2H), 6.61 (ddd,  $J = 8.0, 7.0, 1.0$  Hz, 1H), 5.92 (ddd,  $J = 8.0, 5.5, 1.0$  Hz, 1H), 4.60–4.63 (m, 1H), 4.18 (s, 1H), 2.57–2.59 (m, 1H), 2.42 (s, 3H), 2.16–2.22 (m, 1H), 1.46 (ddt,  $J = 12.0, 10.0, 4.0$ , 1H), 1.39 (ddt,  $J = 12.0, 12.0, 4.0$  Hz, 1H), 0.85–0.91 (m, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  143.48, 141.02, 135.63, 134.09, 131.80, 129.57, 128.42, 128.40, 127.12, 126.62, 62.23, 49.77, 38.59, 26.75, 21.75, 15.89. IR (KBr): 3062, 3023, 2965, 1599, 1493, 1366, 1344, 1304, 1164, 1096, 1053, 1015, 922, 816 cm<sup>-1</sup>. HRMS (ESI<sup>+</sup>) found 340.1353, calcd for [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 340.1366.

(*IR*<sup>\*</sup>,*3S*<sup>\*</sup>,*4S*<sup>\*</sup>)-3-Phenyl-2-tosyl-2-azabicyclo[2.2.2]oct-5-ene (**3aj'**).

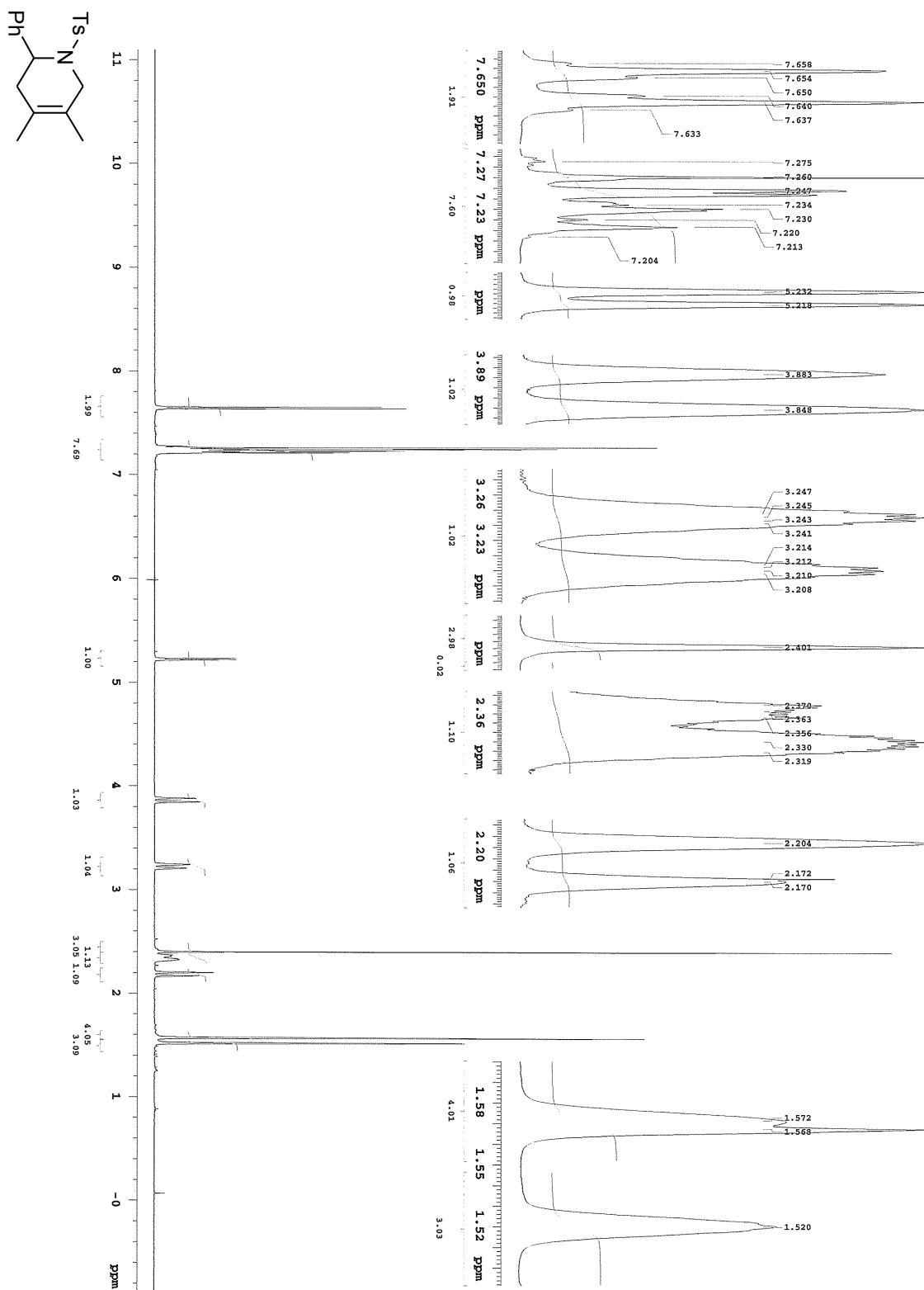
Yield: 8%. Mp. 174–176 °C (ethyl acetate). TLC:  $R_f = 0.45$  (hexane/ethyl acetate = 5:1) <sup>1</sup>H NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.58 (dt,  $J = 8.5, 2.0$  Hz, 2H), 7.09–7.17 (m, 7H), 6.61 (ddd,  $J = 8.0, 6.5, 1.5$  Hz, 1H), 5.96 (dd,  $J = 6.5$  Hz, 1H), 4.67–4.69 (m, 2H), 2.77–2.81 (m, 1H), 2.37 (s, 3H), 1.94 (ddt,  $J = 13.0, 9.5, 3.5$  Hz, 1H), 1.58–1.68 (m, 1H), 1.39 (ddt,  $J = 12.5, 12.5, 3.5$  Hz, 1H), 1.19–1.25 (m, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  143.12, 142.35, 137.96, 134.35, 132.48, 129.40, 127.77, 127.64, 127.06, 126.93, 62.77, 49.33, 39.65, 25.38, 22.55, 21.65. IR (KBr): 3060, 2961, 2874, 1598, 1447, 1373, 1344, 1323, 1159, 1099, 1063, 962, 923, 763 cm<sup>-1</sup>. HRMS (ESI<sup>+</sup>) found 340.1353, calcd for [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 340.1366.

(*2S\*,6S\**)-6-Methyl-2-(naphthalen-1-yl)-4-(naphthalen-2-yl)-1-tosyl-1,2,3,6-tetrahydropyridine (**3bi**). Yield: 59%. Mp. 226–228 °C (chloroform). TLC:  $R_f$  0.30 (hexane/ethyl acetate = 7:1)  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  9.01 (d,  $J$  = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.82–7.90 (m, 6H), 7.76–7.84 (m, 2H), 7.69–7.72 (m, 1H), 7.47–7.57 (m, 4H), 7.40 (d,  $J$  = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 7.25–7.28 (m, 3H), 6.39 (d,  $J$  = 6.5 Hz, 1H), 6.06 (dd,  $J$  = 4.0, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 4.55 (m, 1H), 3.12 (d,  $J$  = 17.5 Hz, 1H), 2.99–3.05 (m, 1H), 2.37 (s, 3H), 0.46 (d,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  143.87, 137.57, 137.35, 135.92, 134.25, 134.16, 133.63, 133.09, 132.56, 129.85, 129.20, 128.79, 128.39, 128.34, 128.08, 127.82, 126.82, 126.66, 126.31, 126.05, 125.80, 125.78, 125.19, 124.77, 124.01, 123.70, 50.75, 49.75, 28.89, 21.73, 19.96. IR (KBr): 3105, 3020, 2960, 2853, 1597, 1510, 1448, 1381, 1335, 1323, 1282, 1163, 1099, 981, 816  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . HRMS (ESI $^+$ ) found 504.1980, calcd for [M+H] $^+$  504.1992.

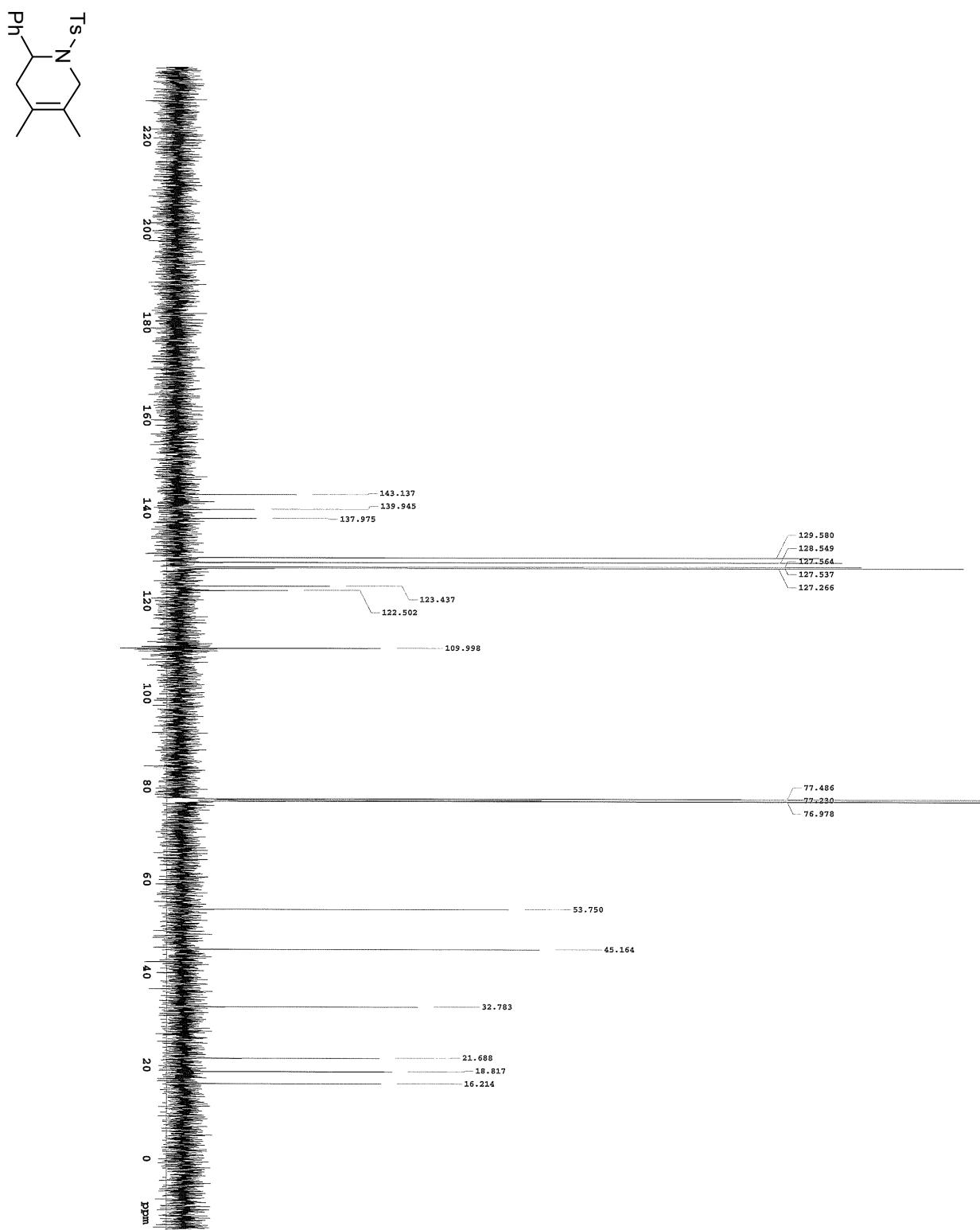


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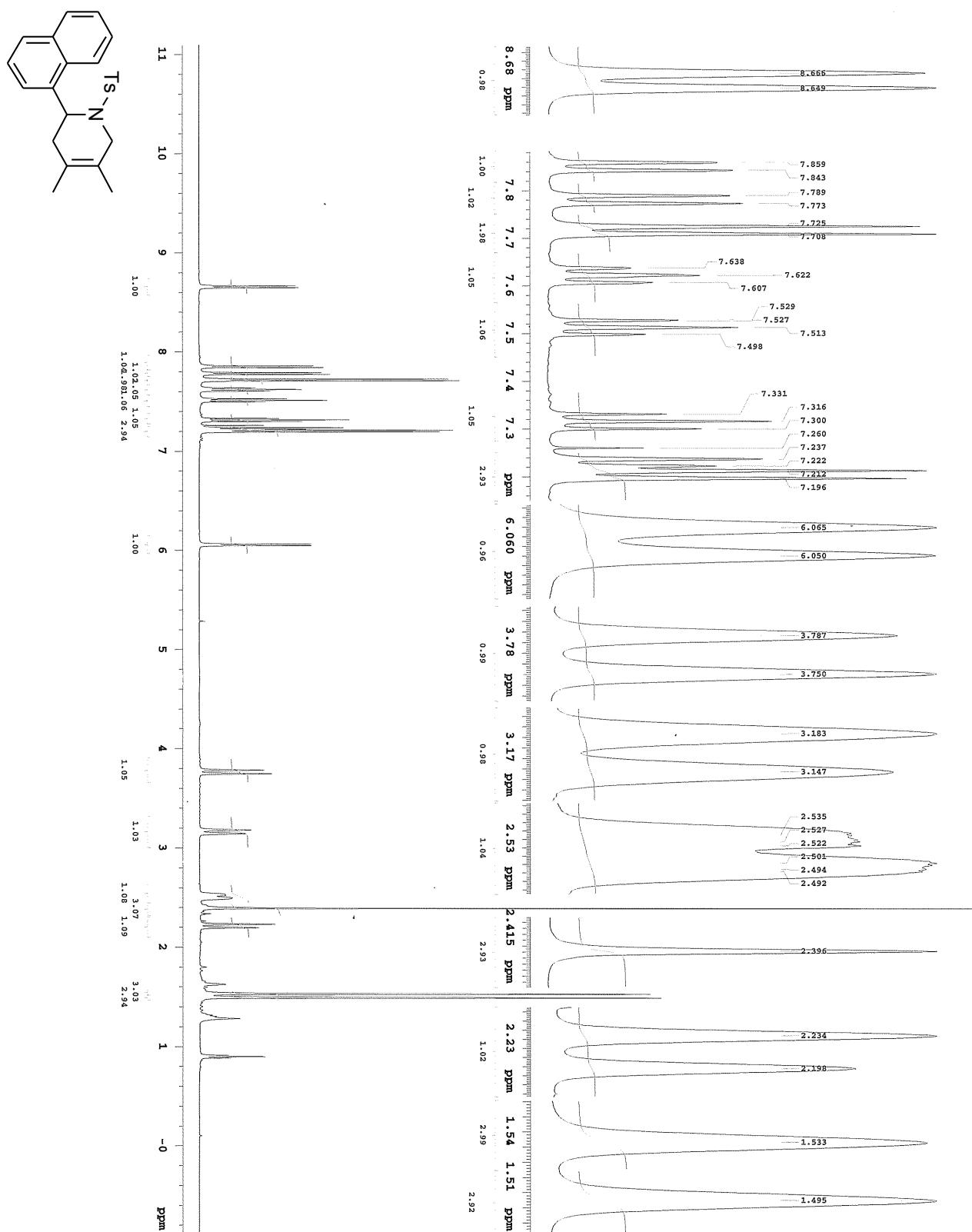
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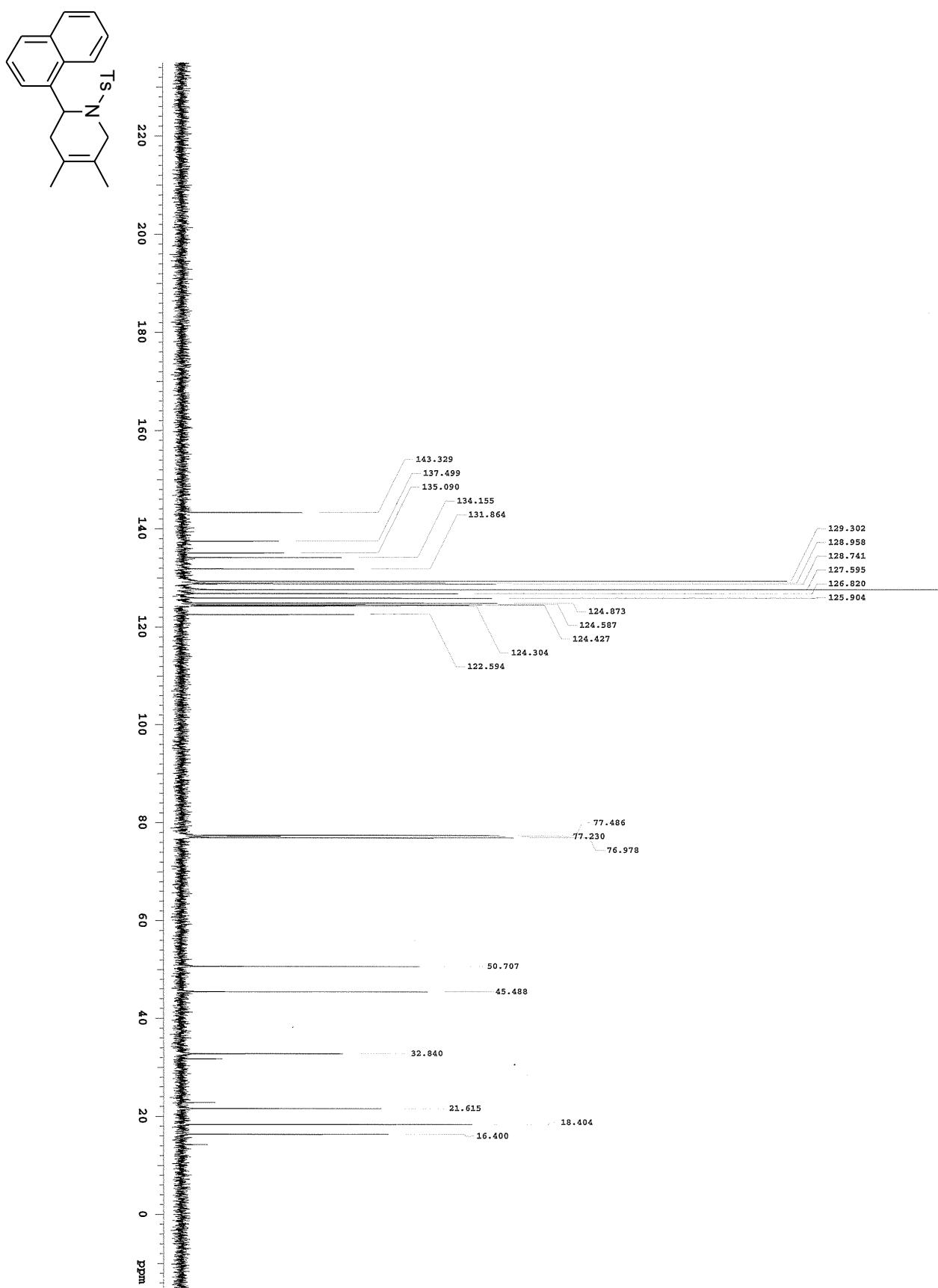
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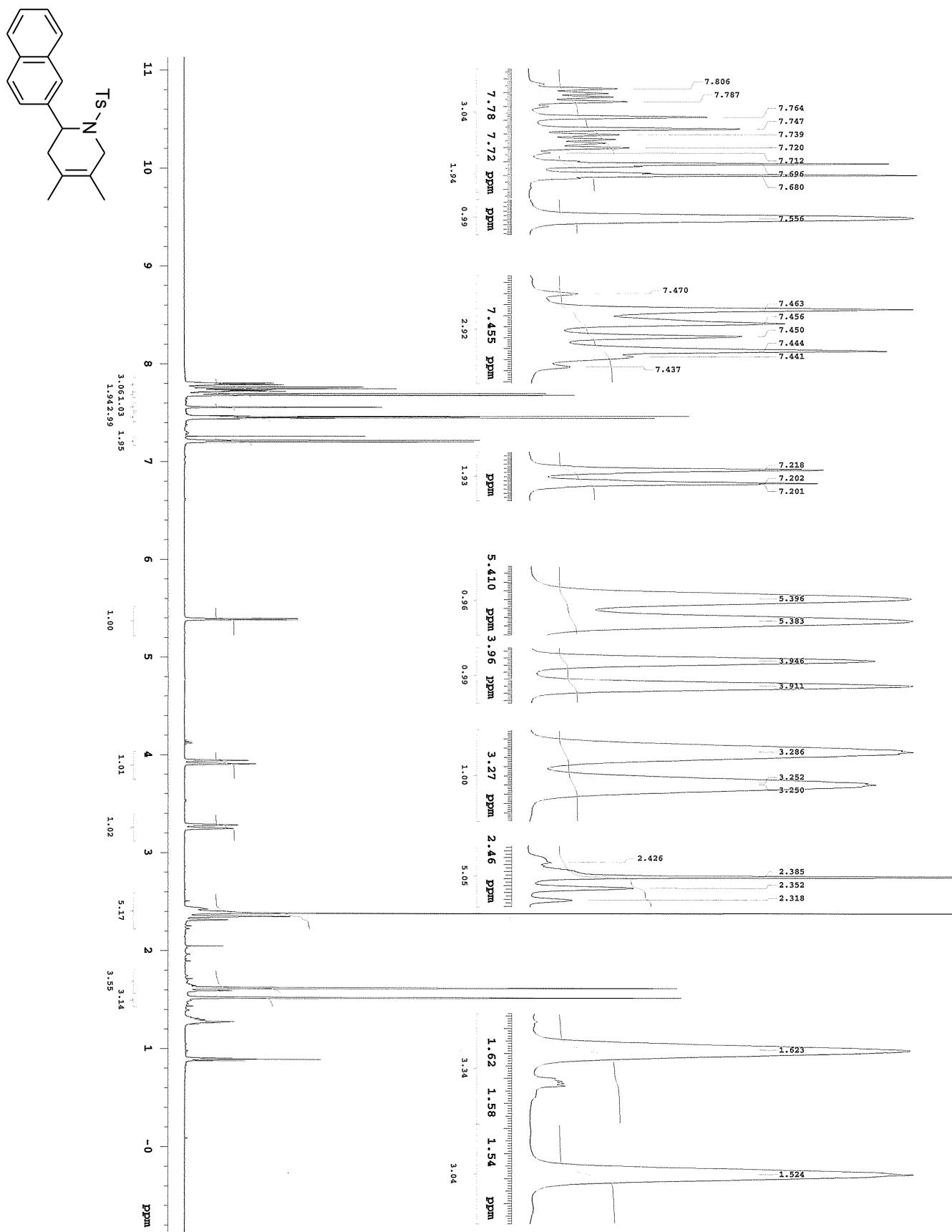
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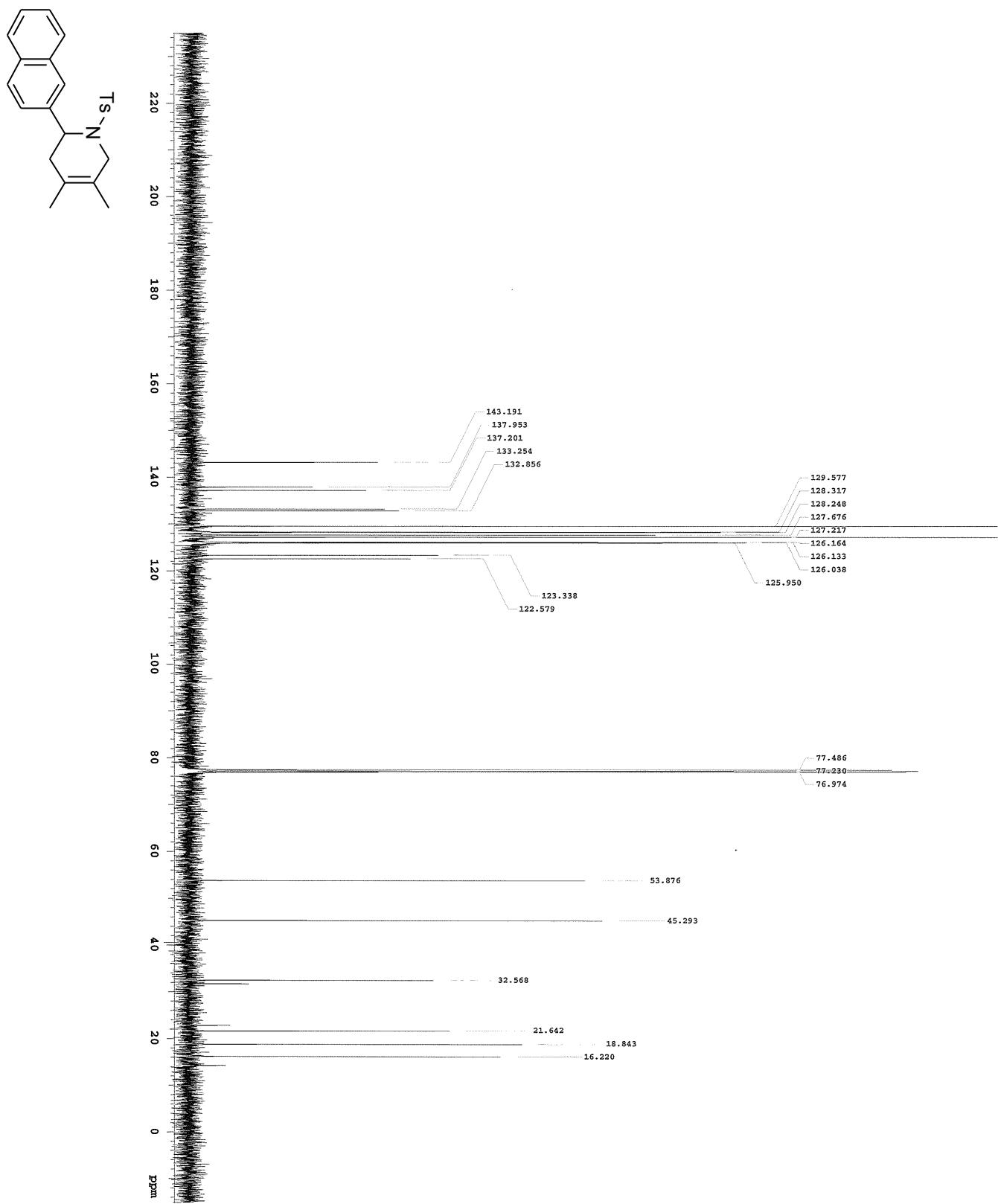
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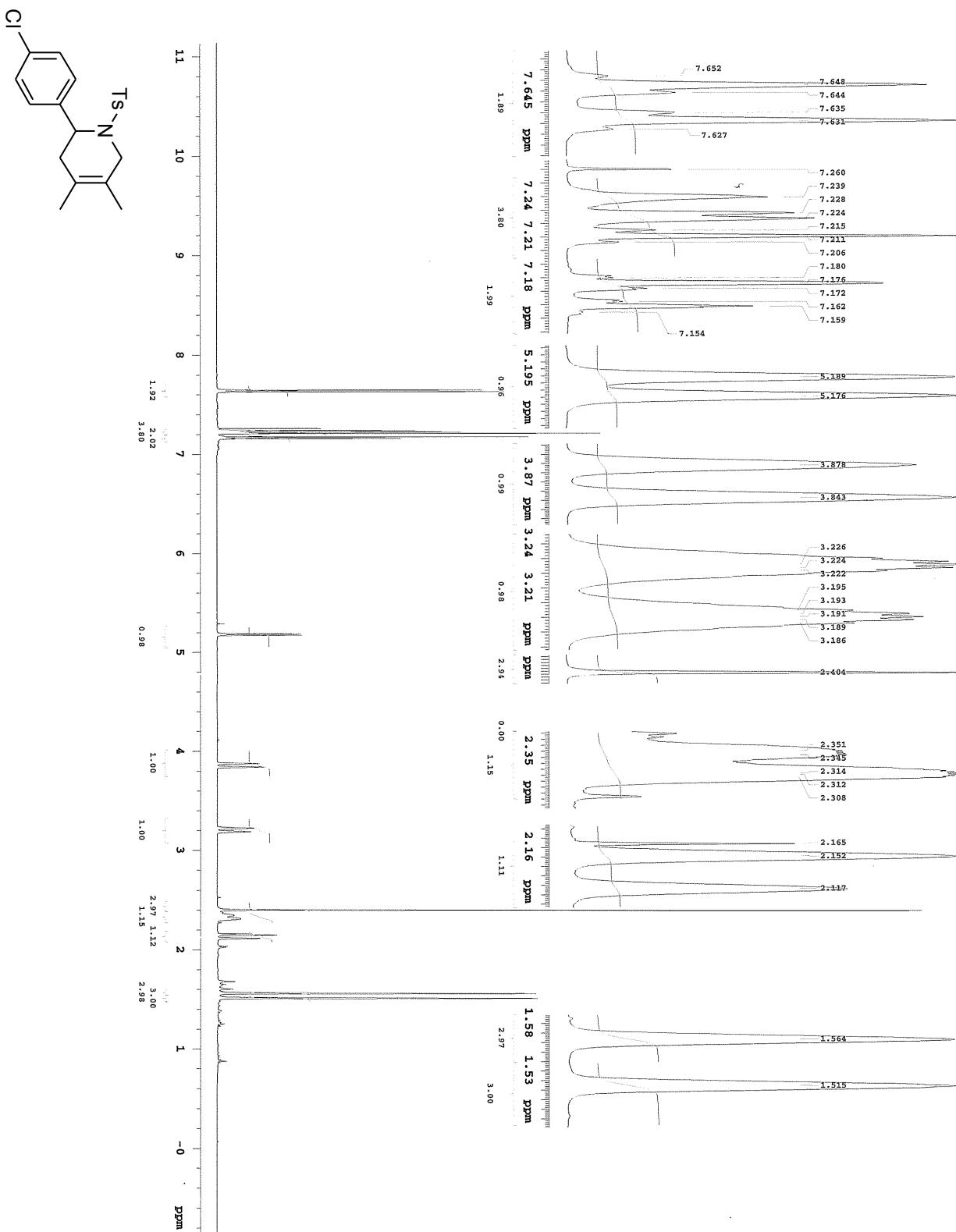
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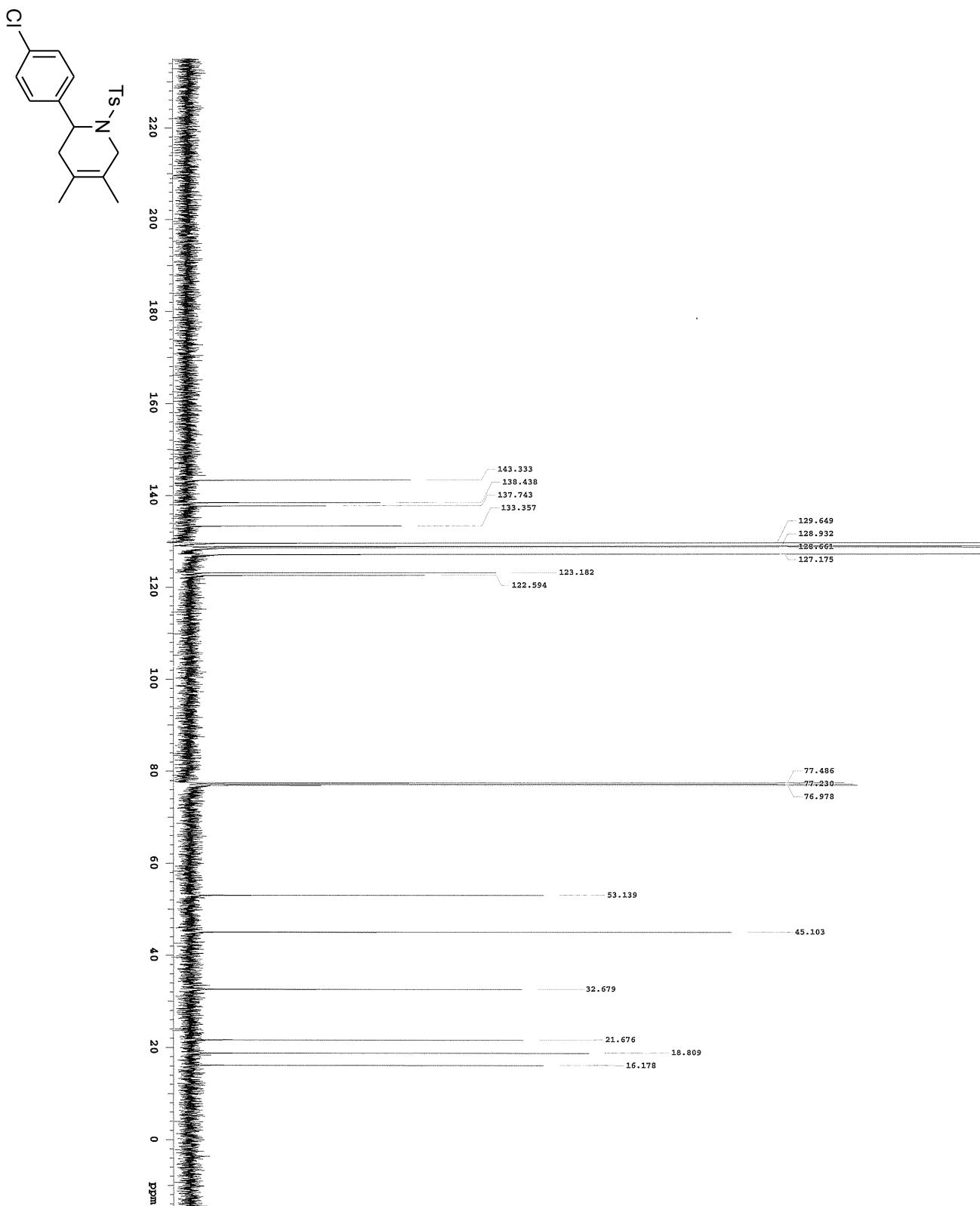
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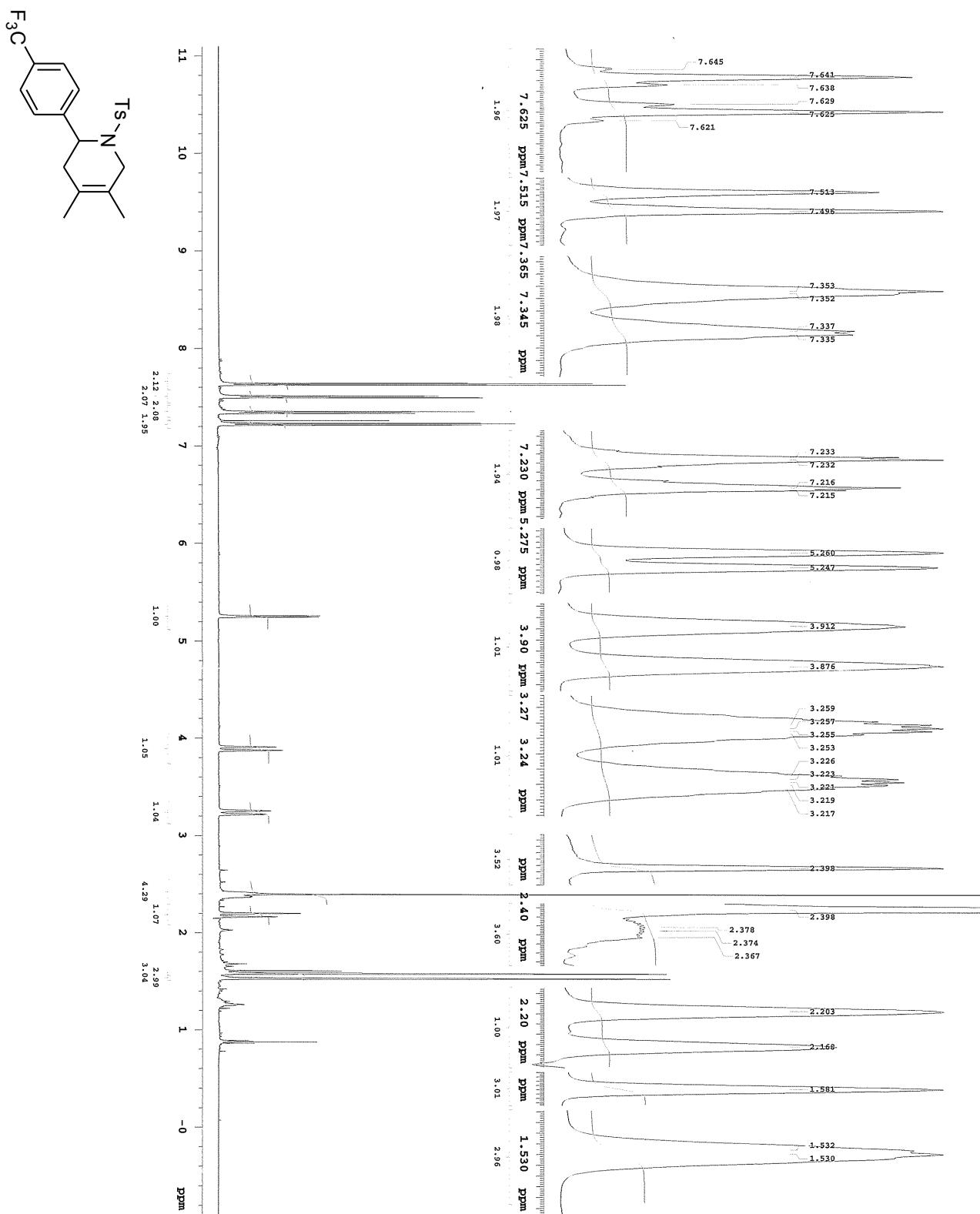
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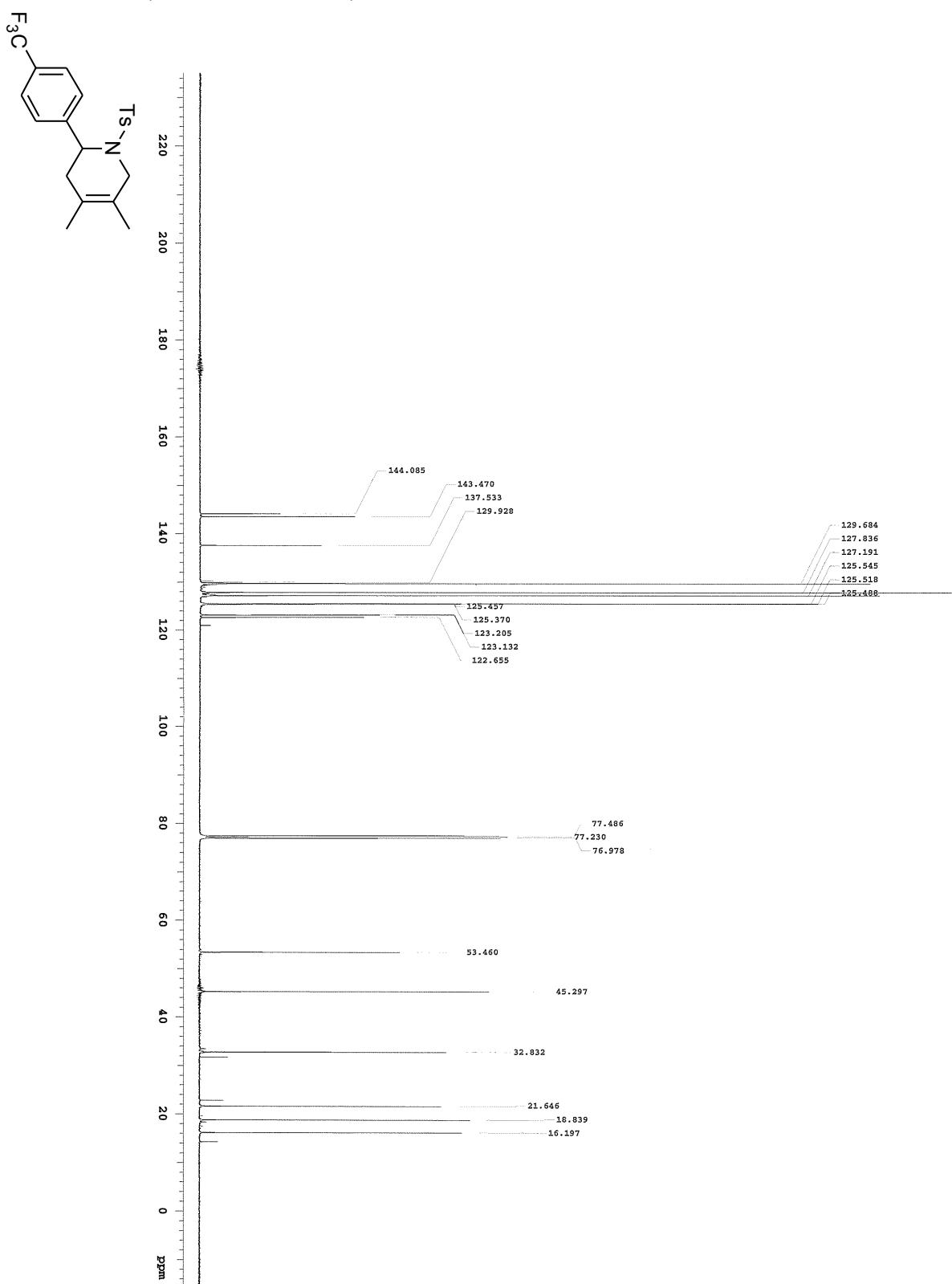
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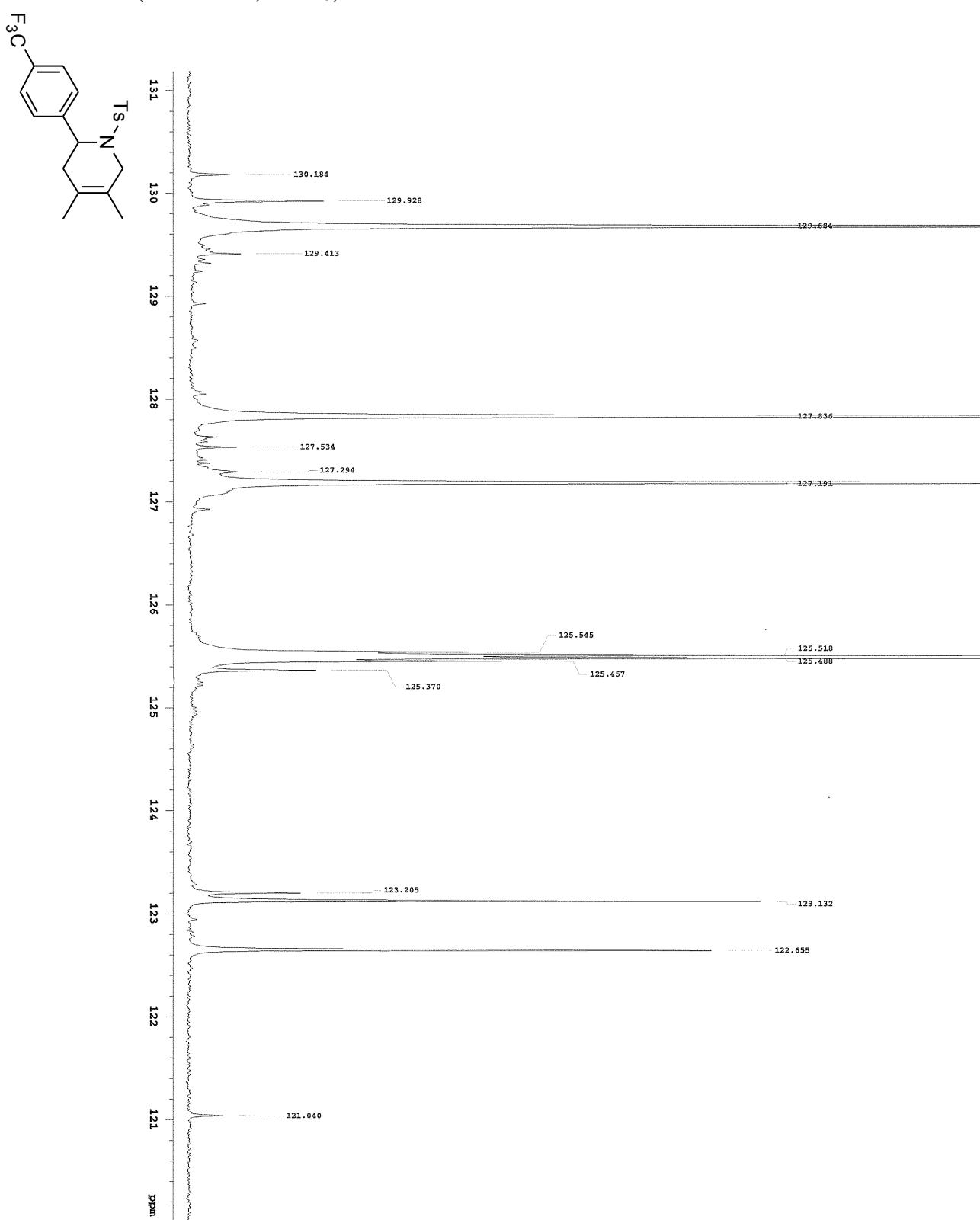
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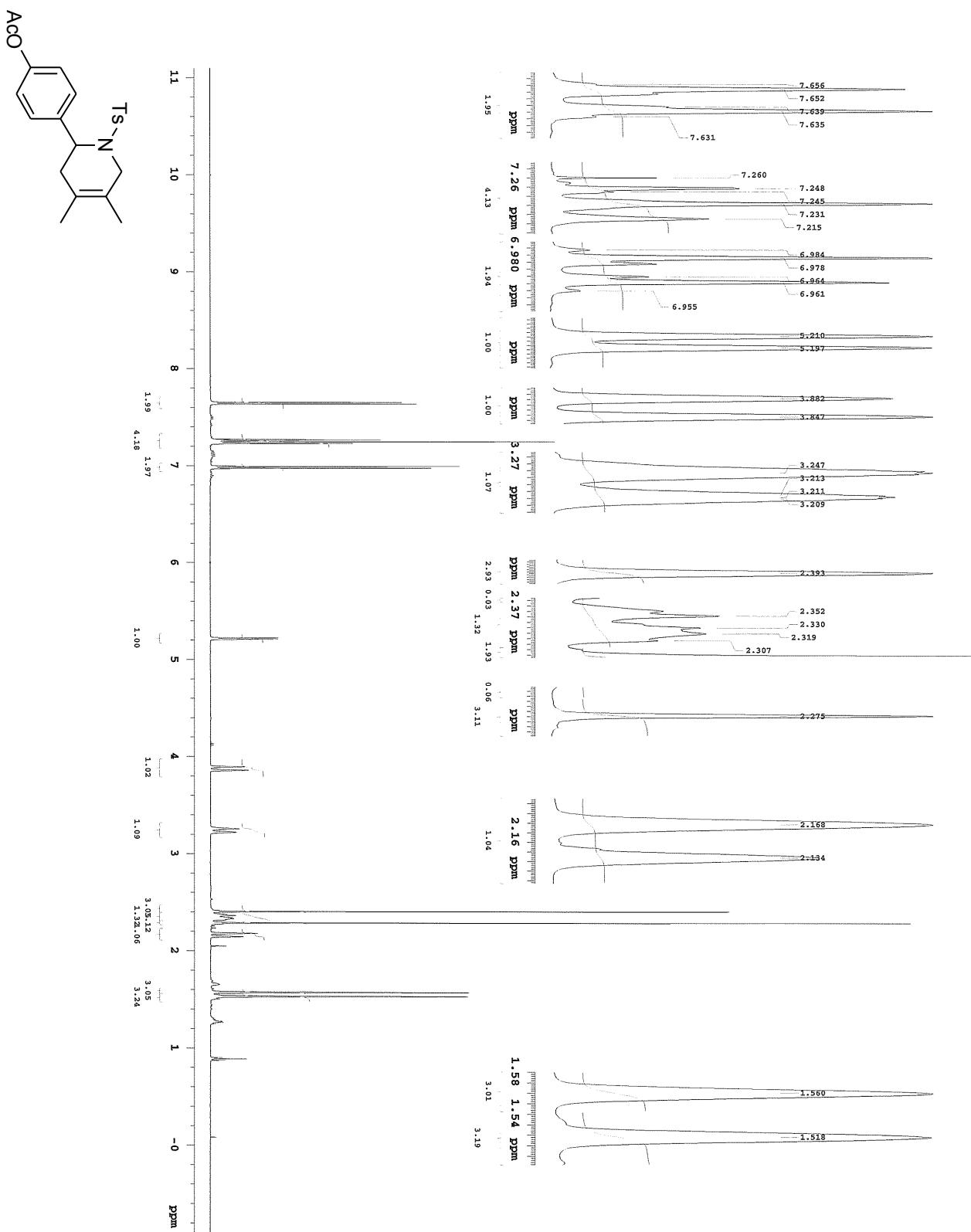
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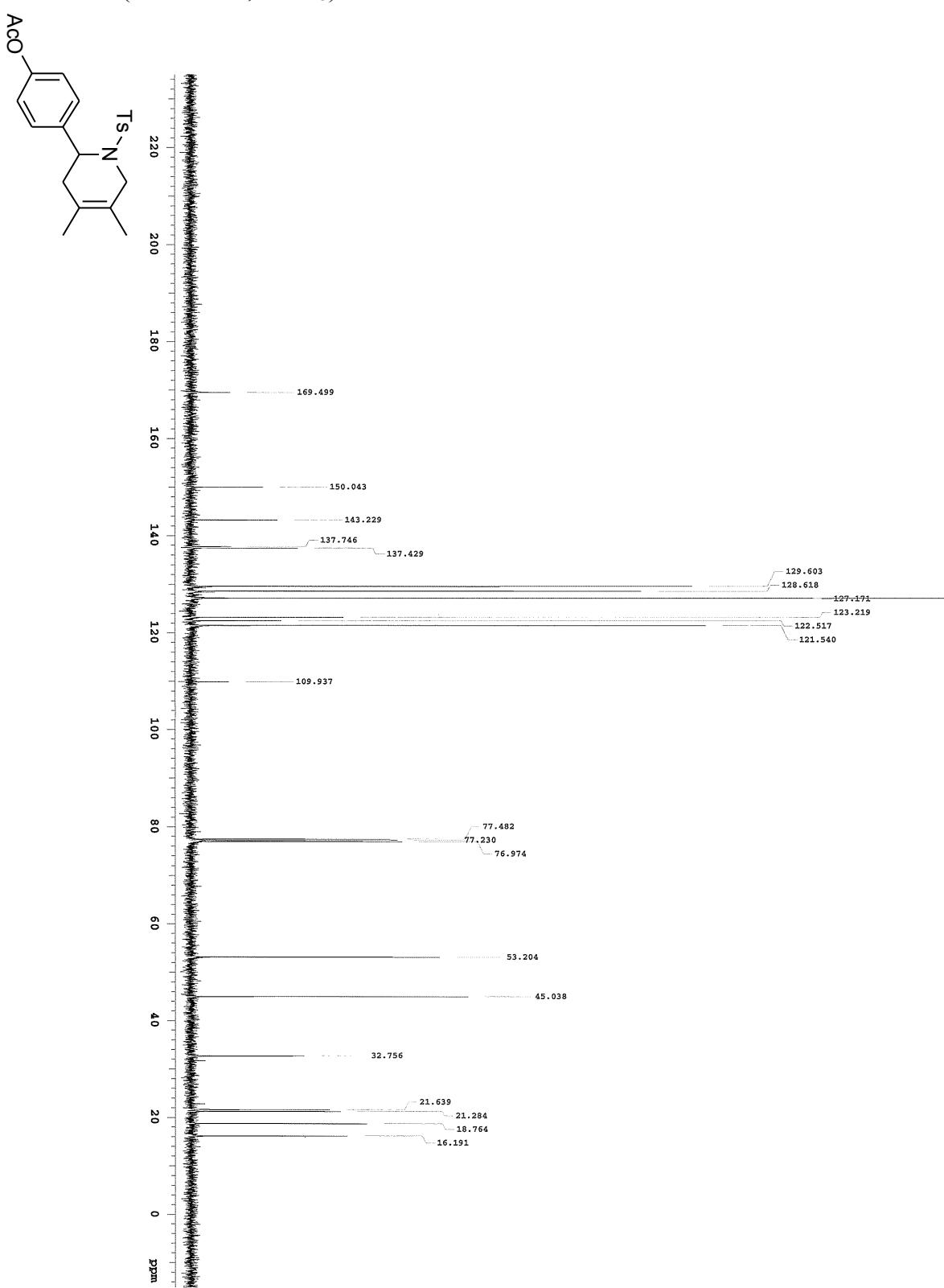
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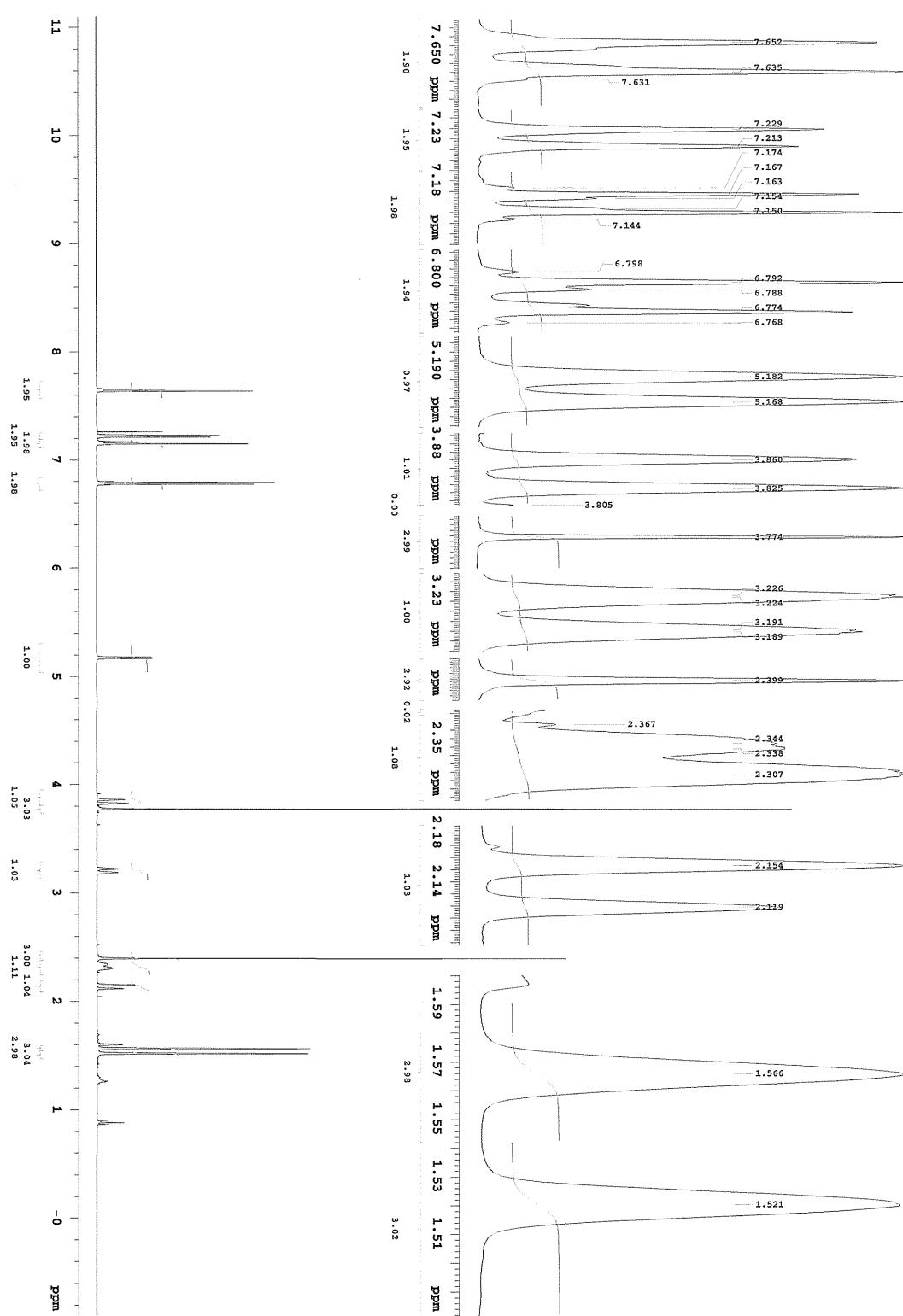
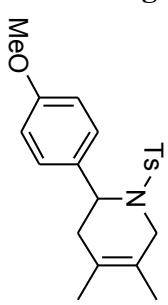
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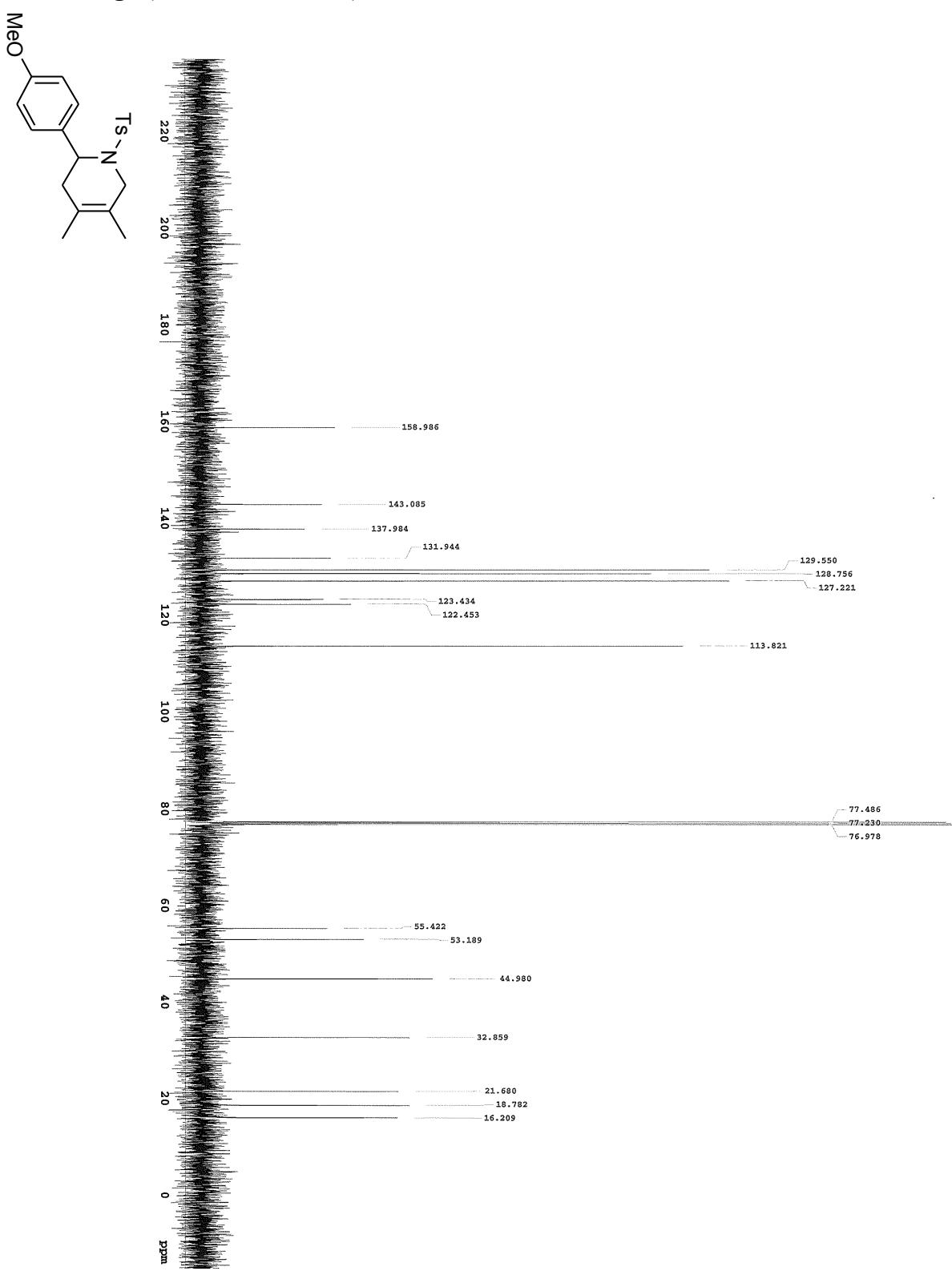
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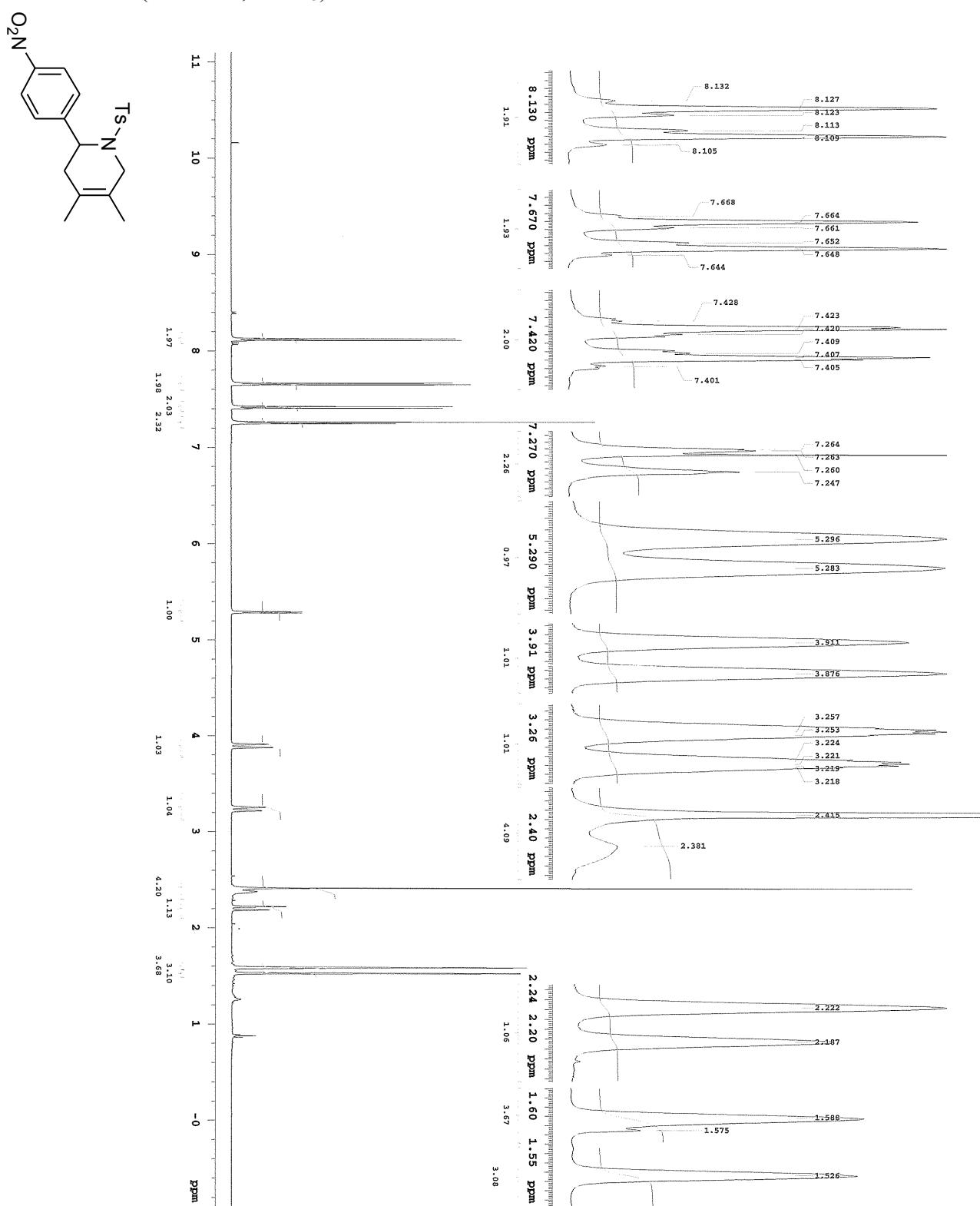
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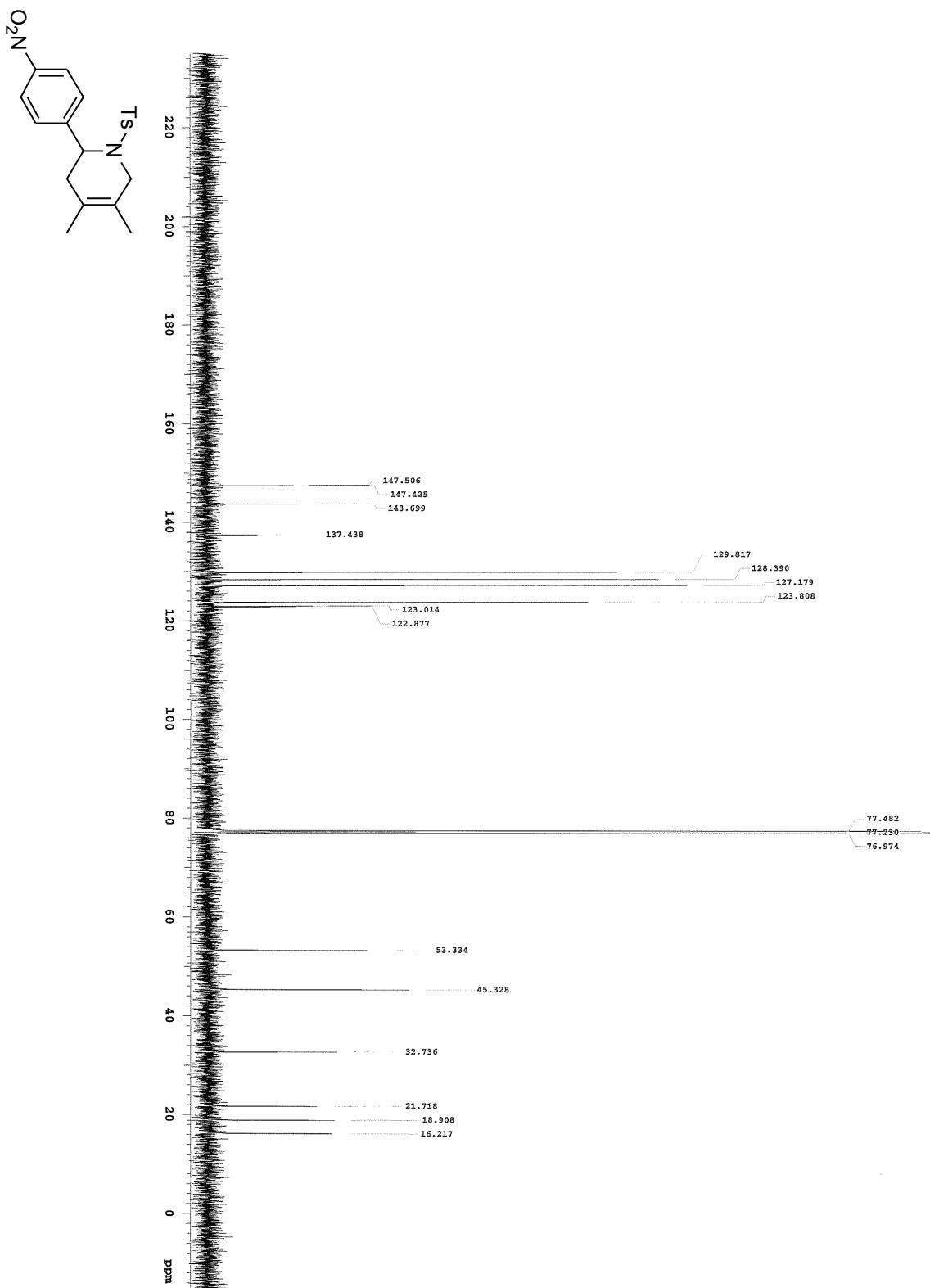
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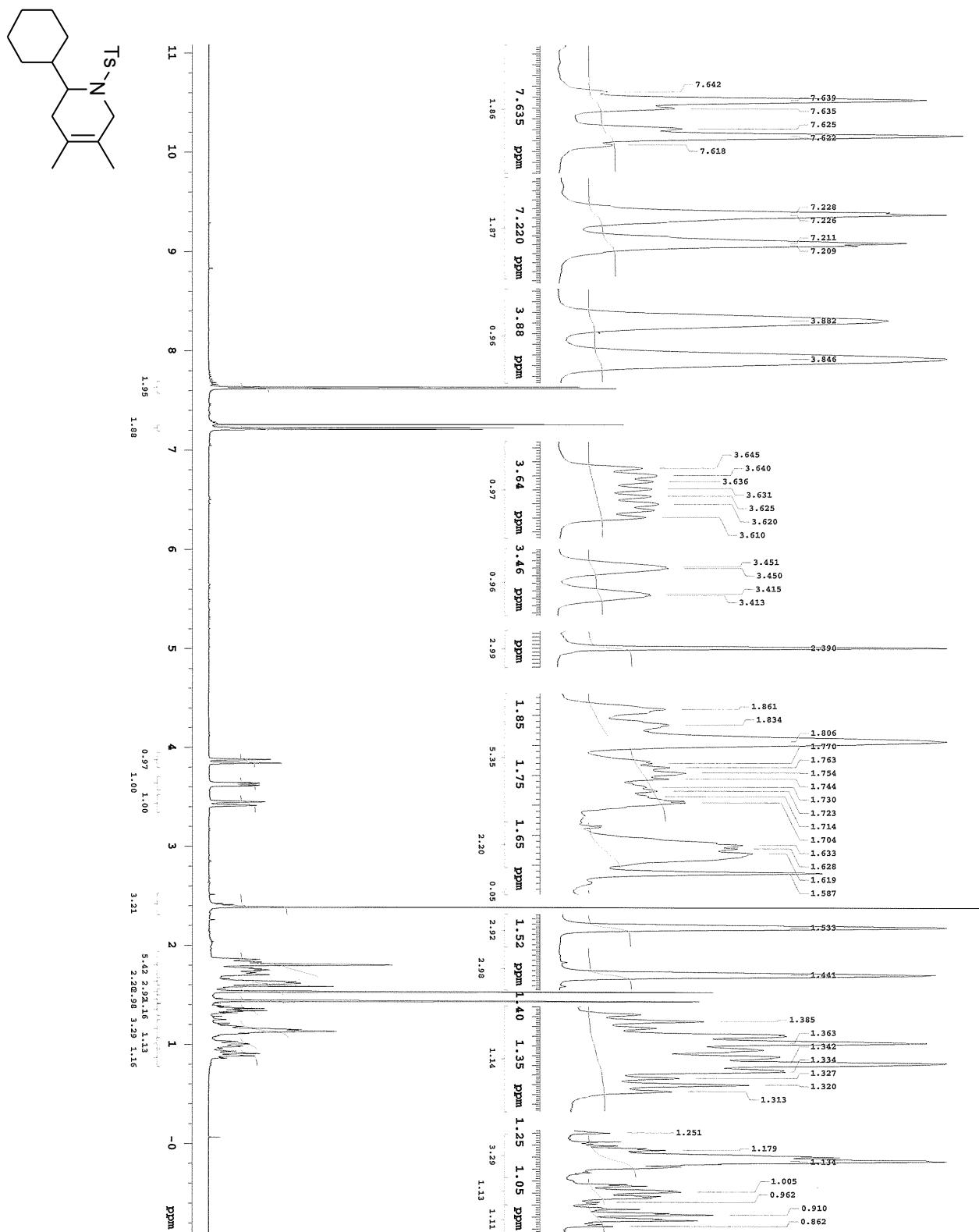
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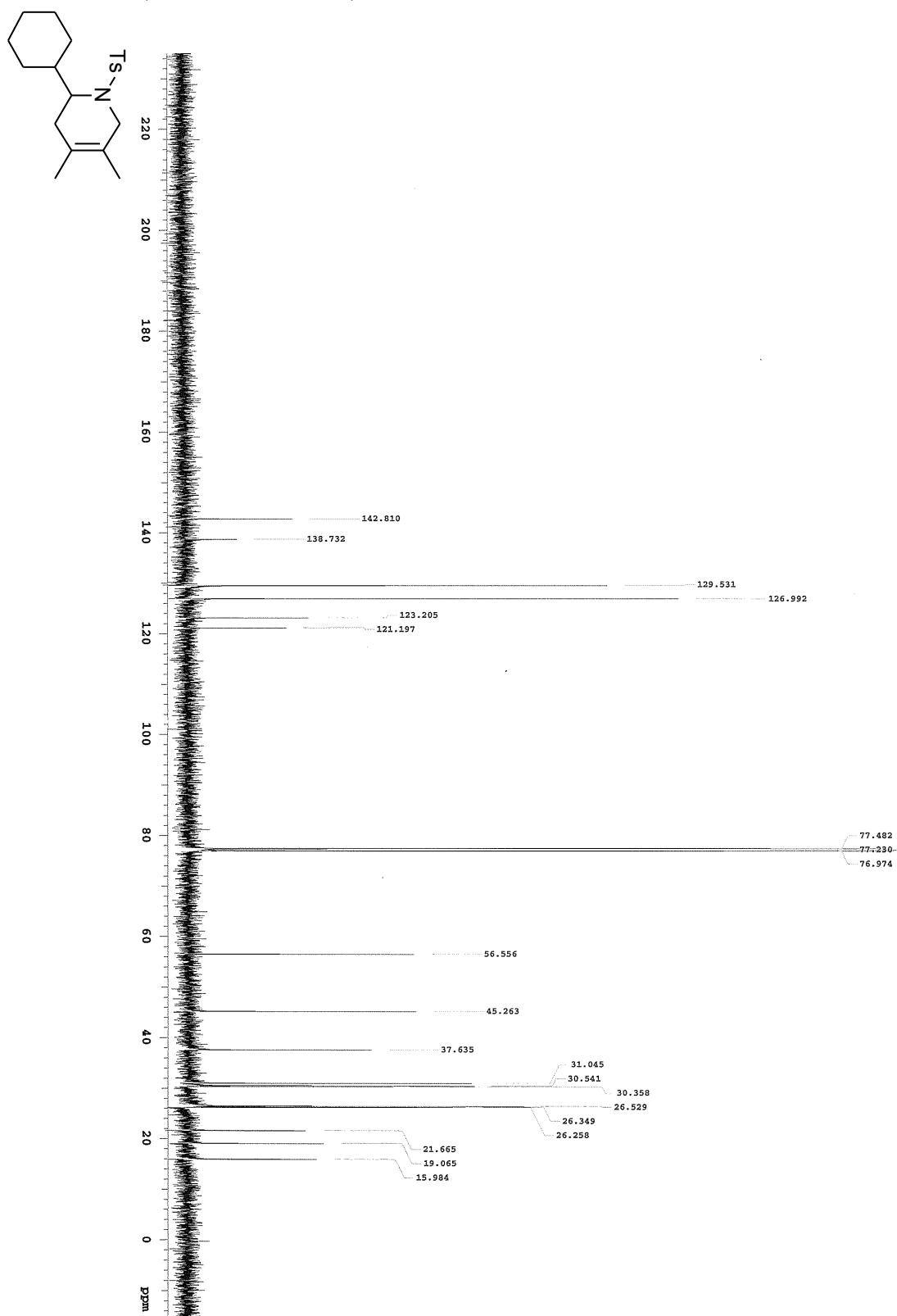
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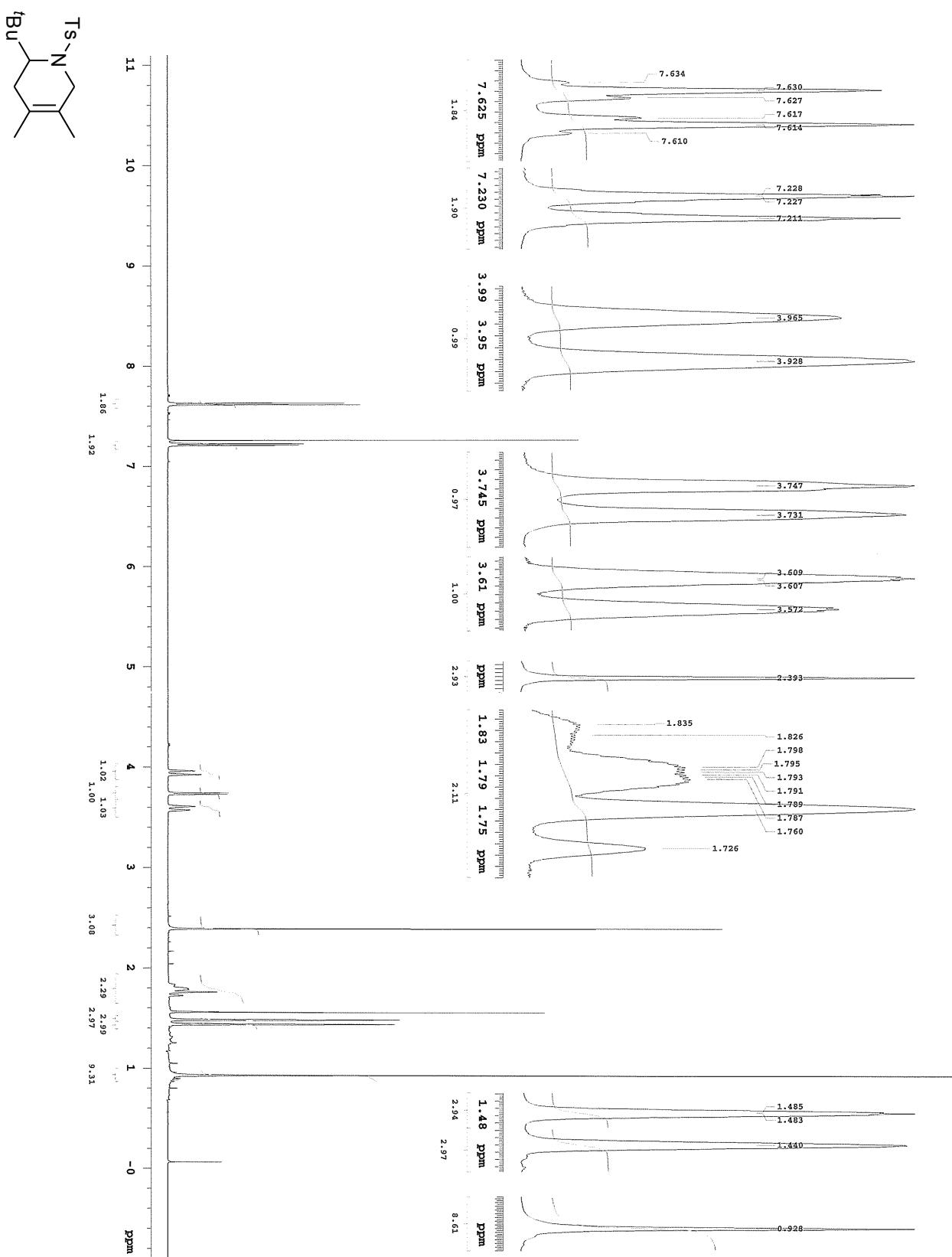
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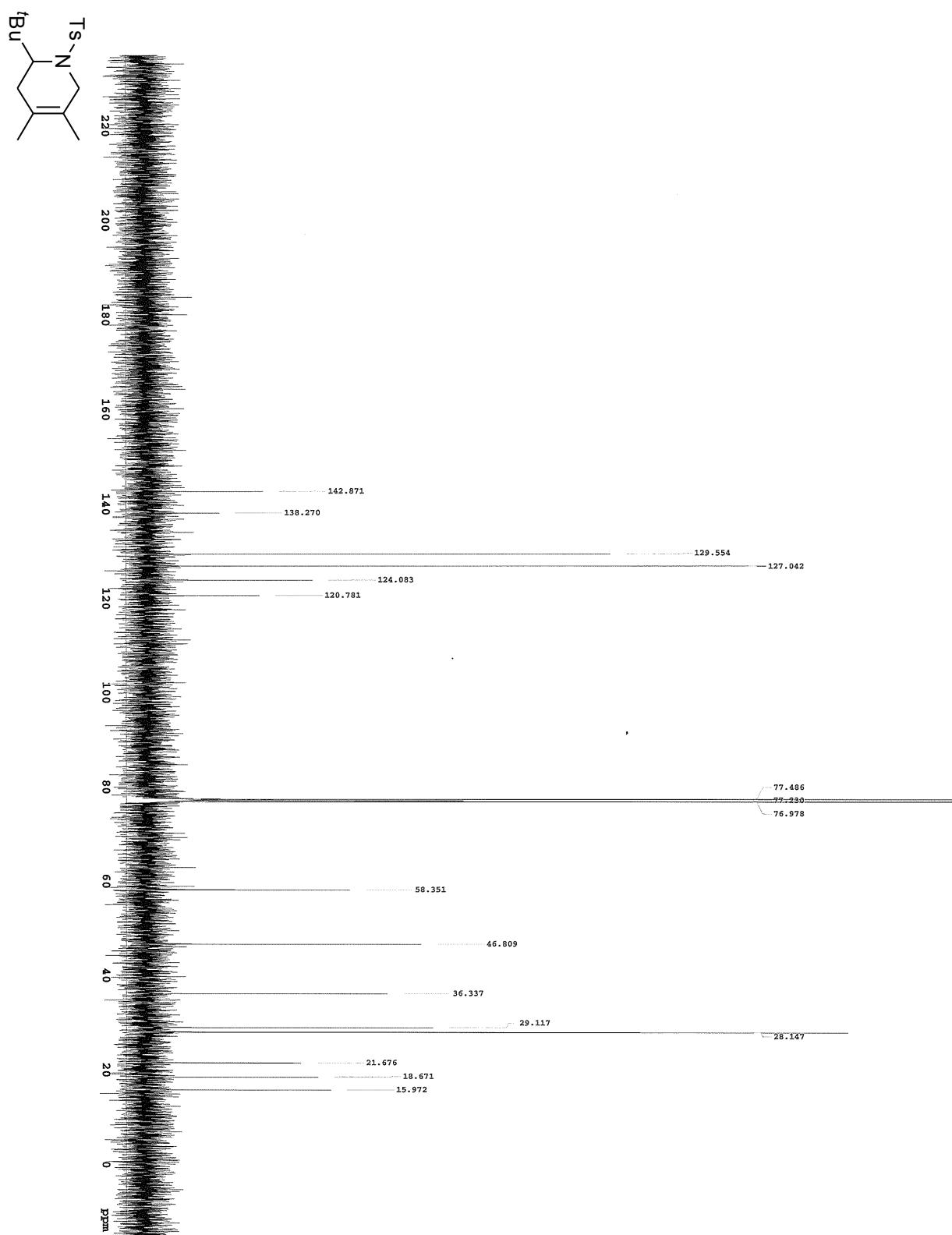
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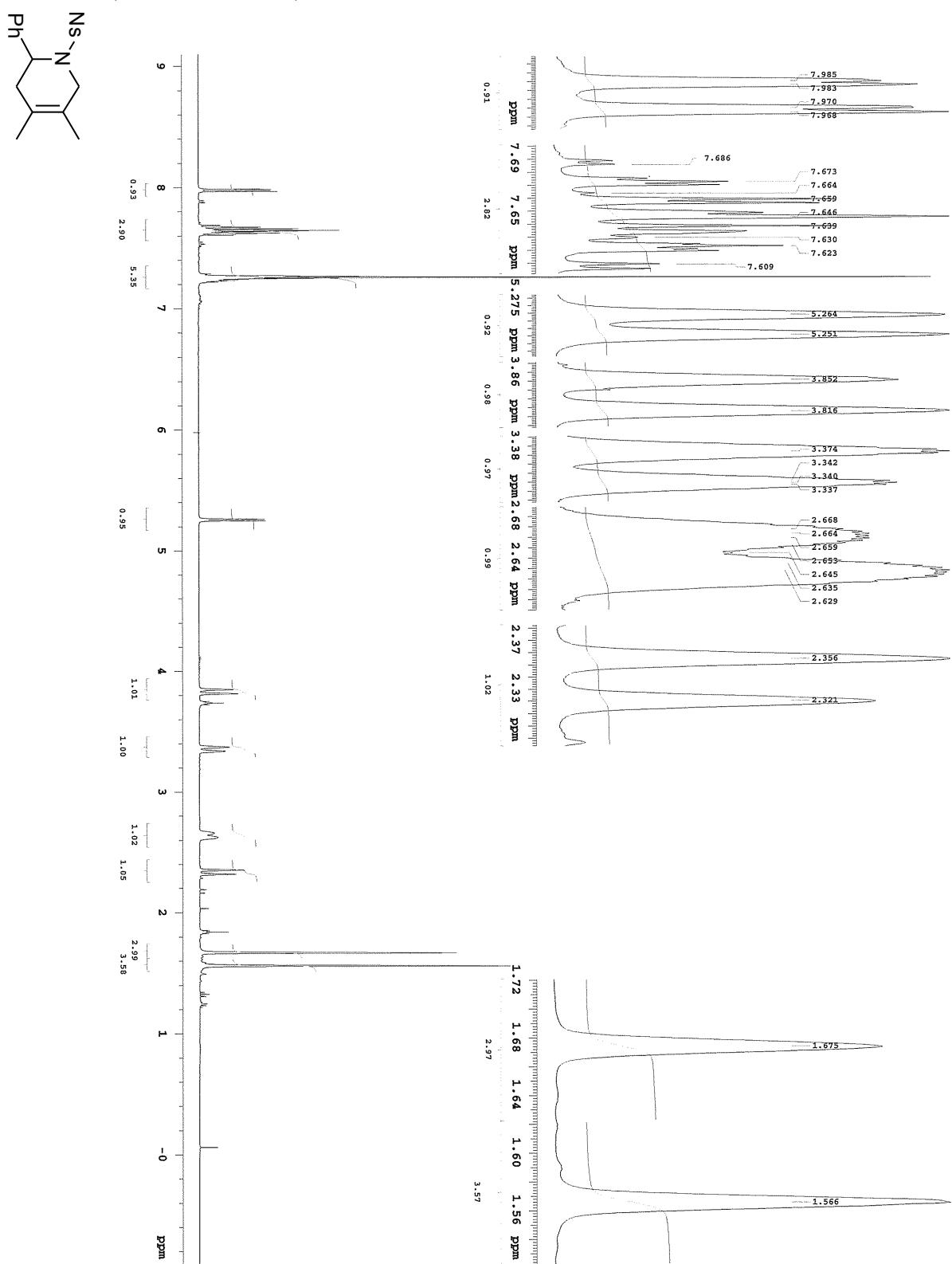
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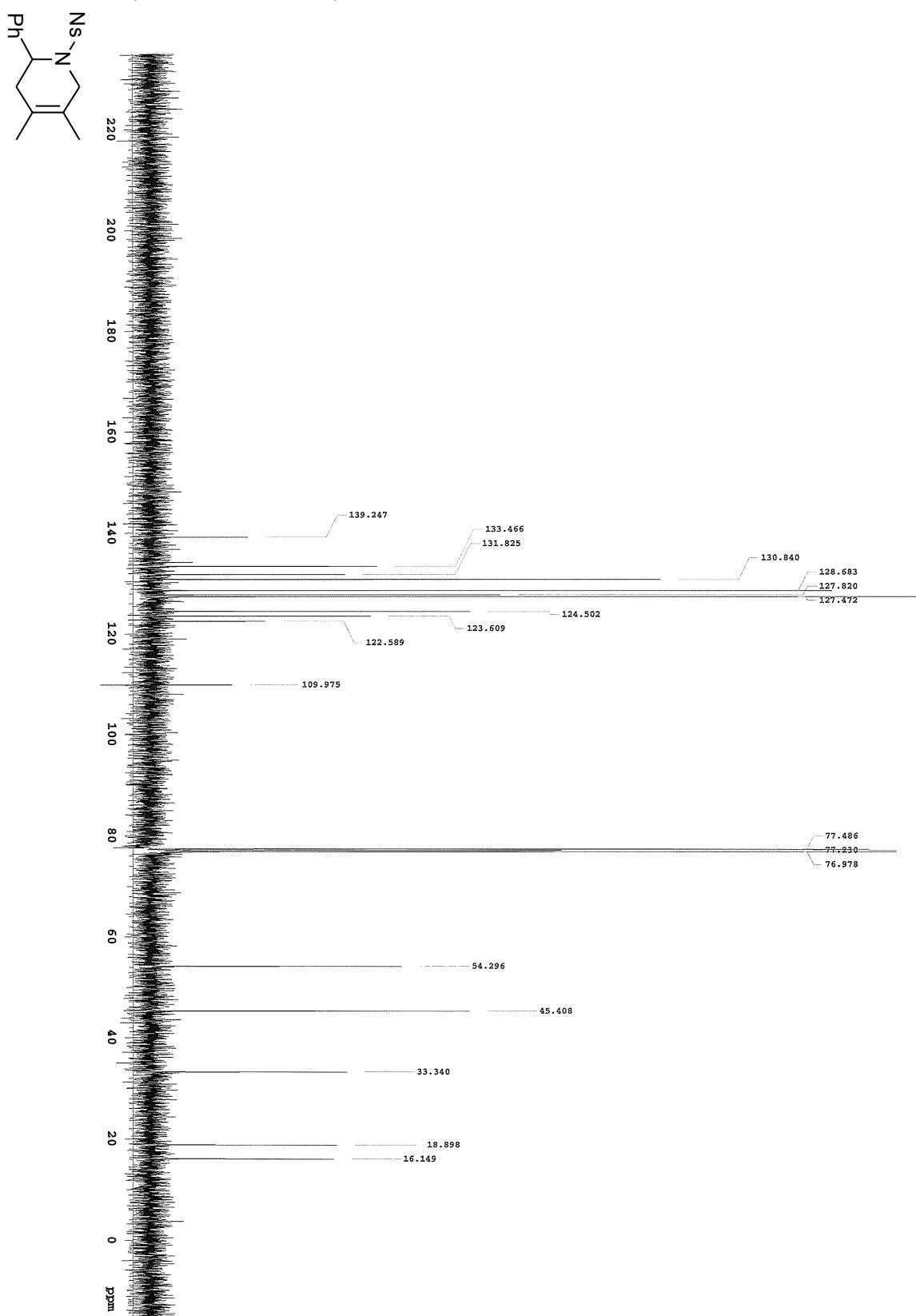
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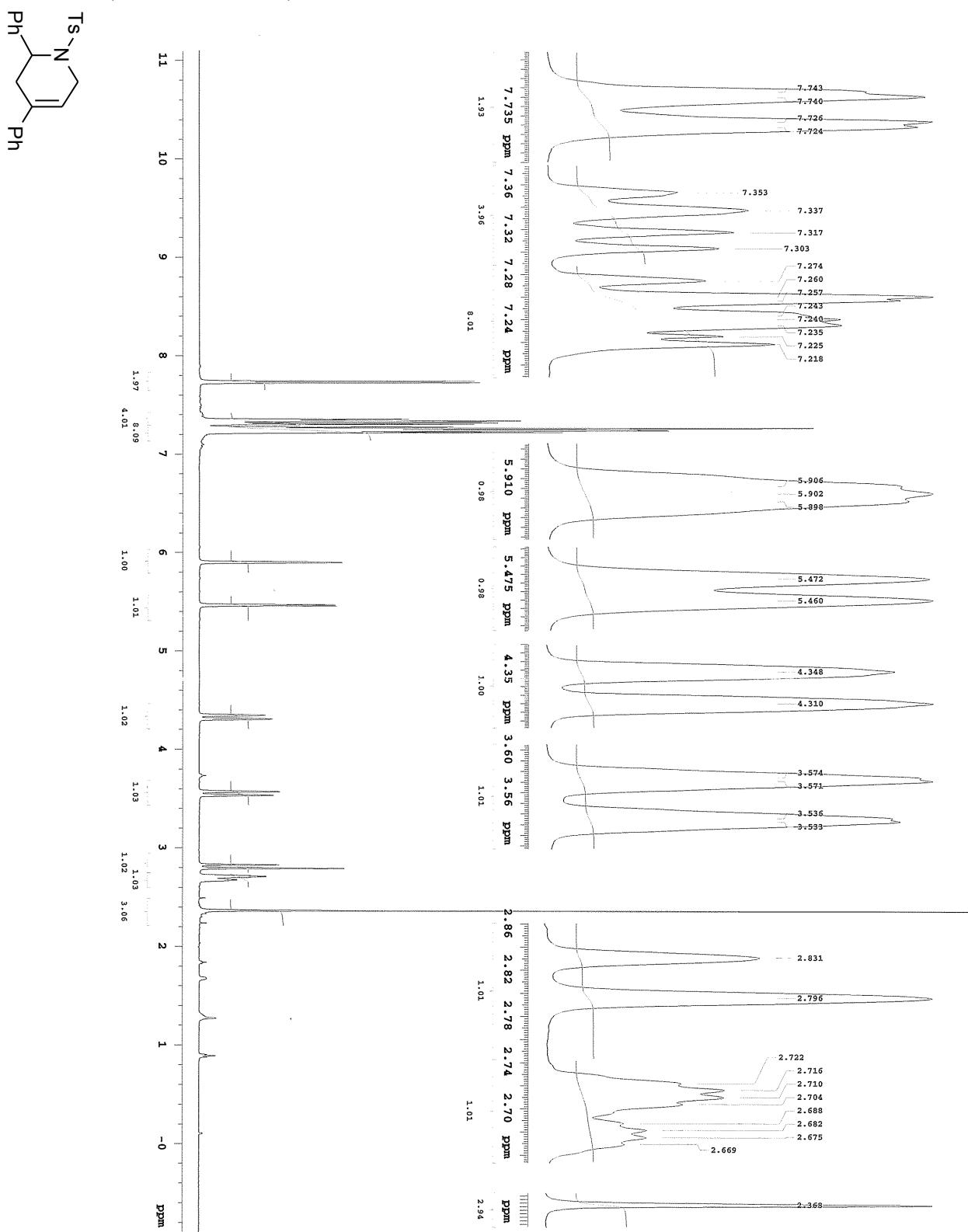
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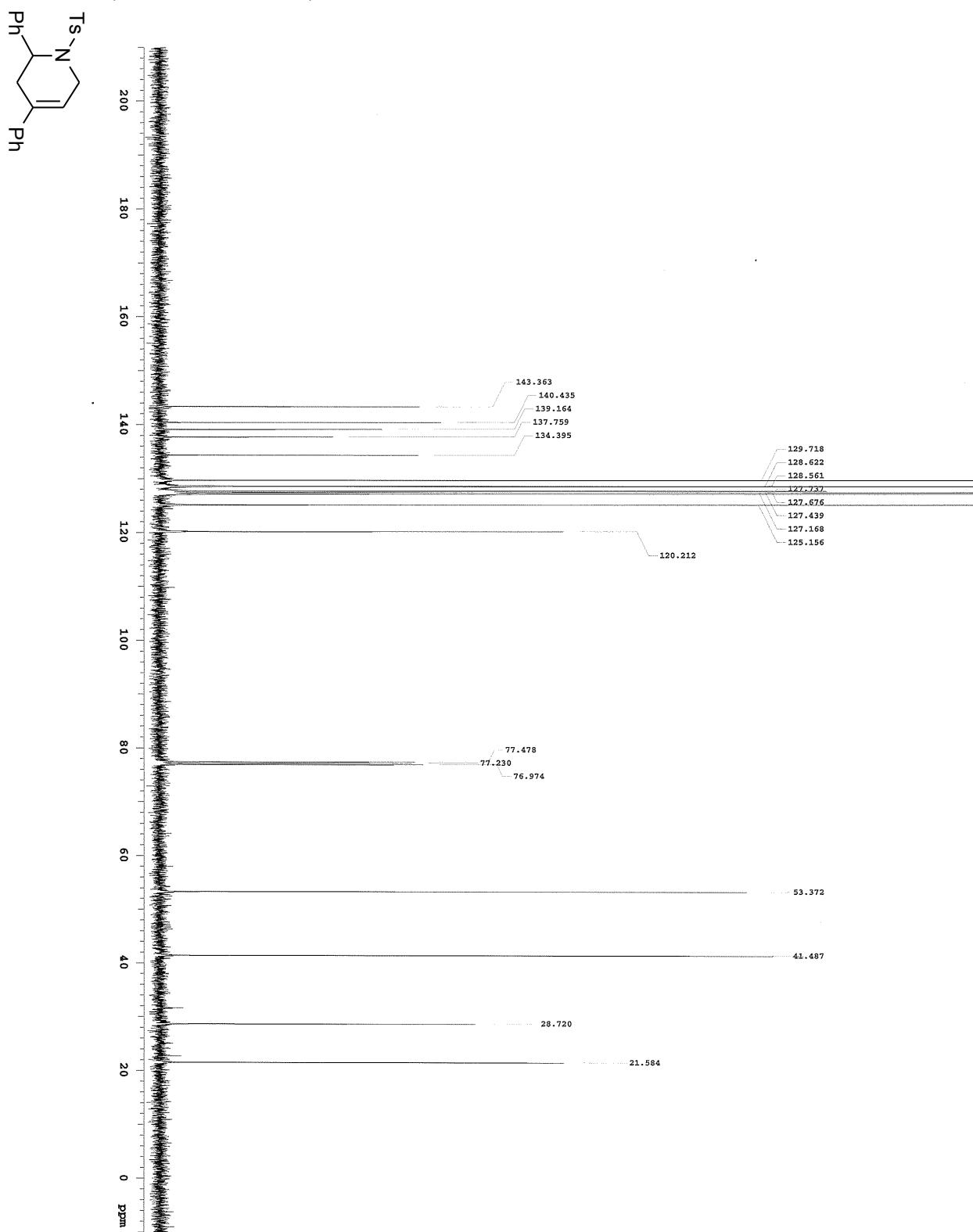
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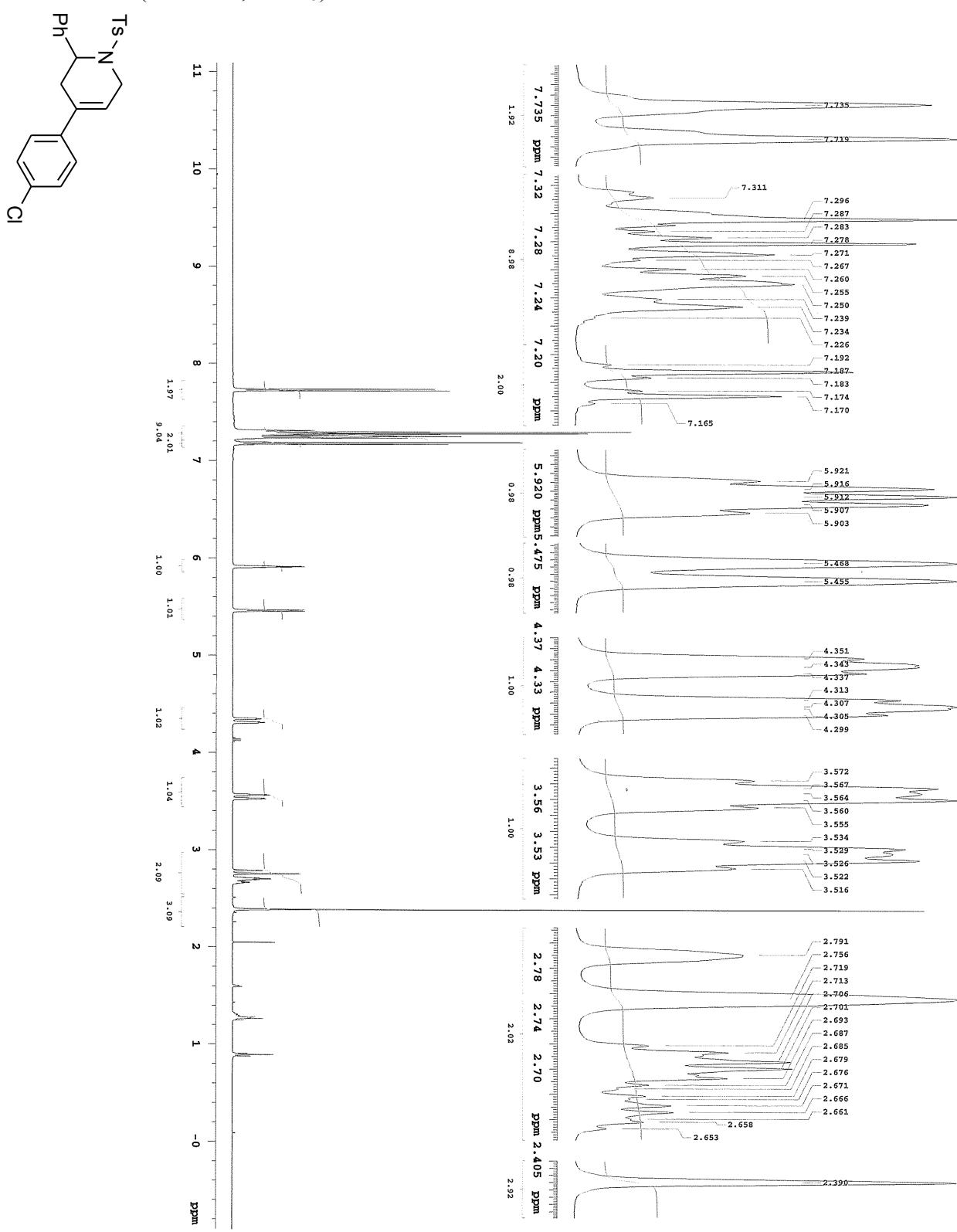
**3ab** (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)



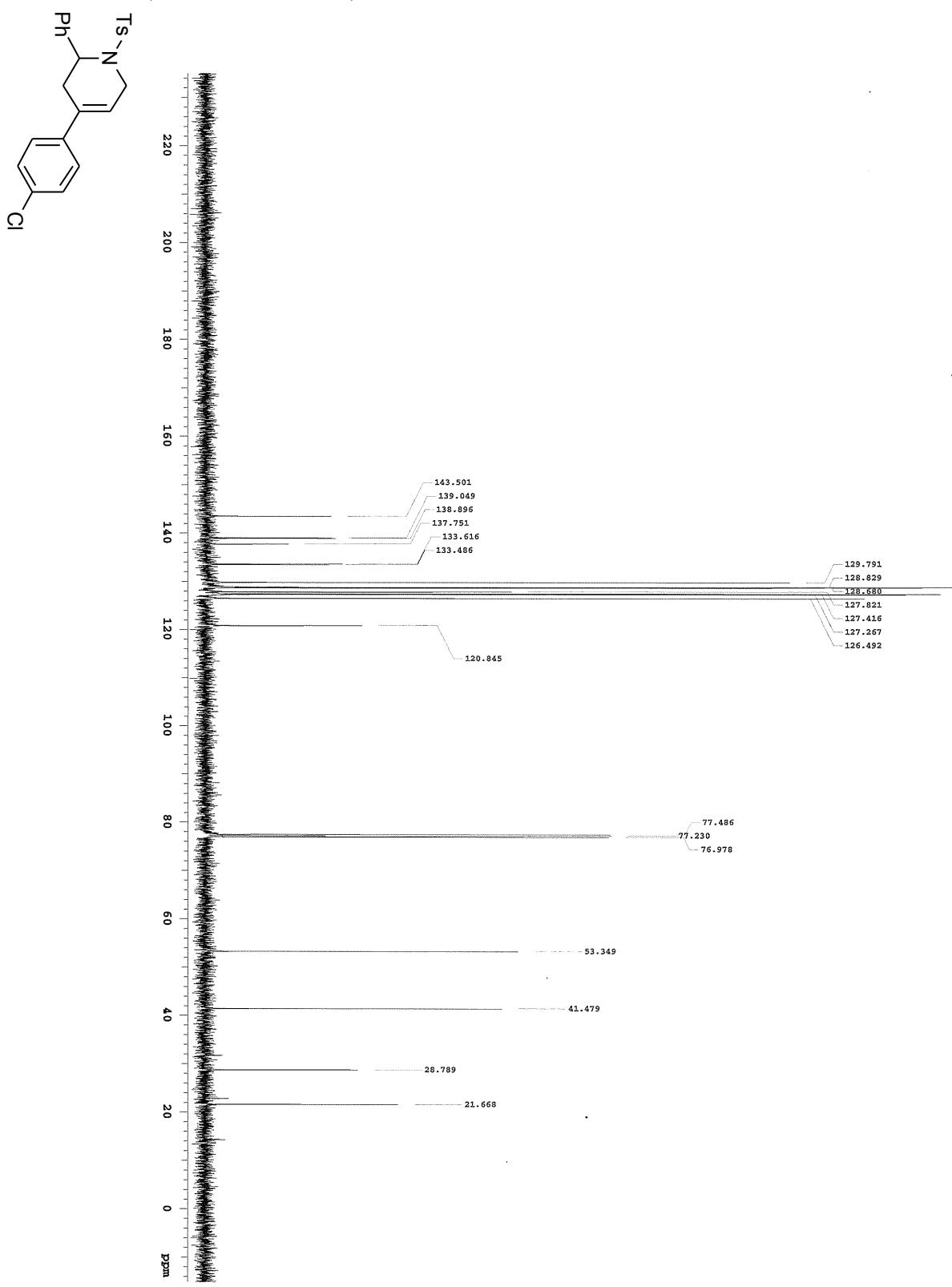
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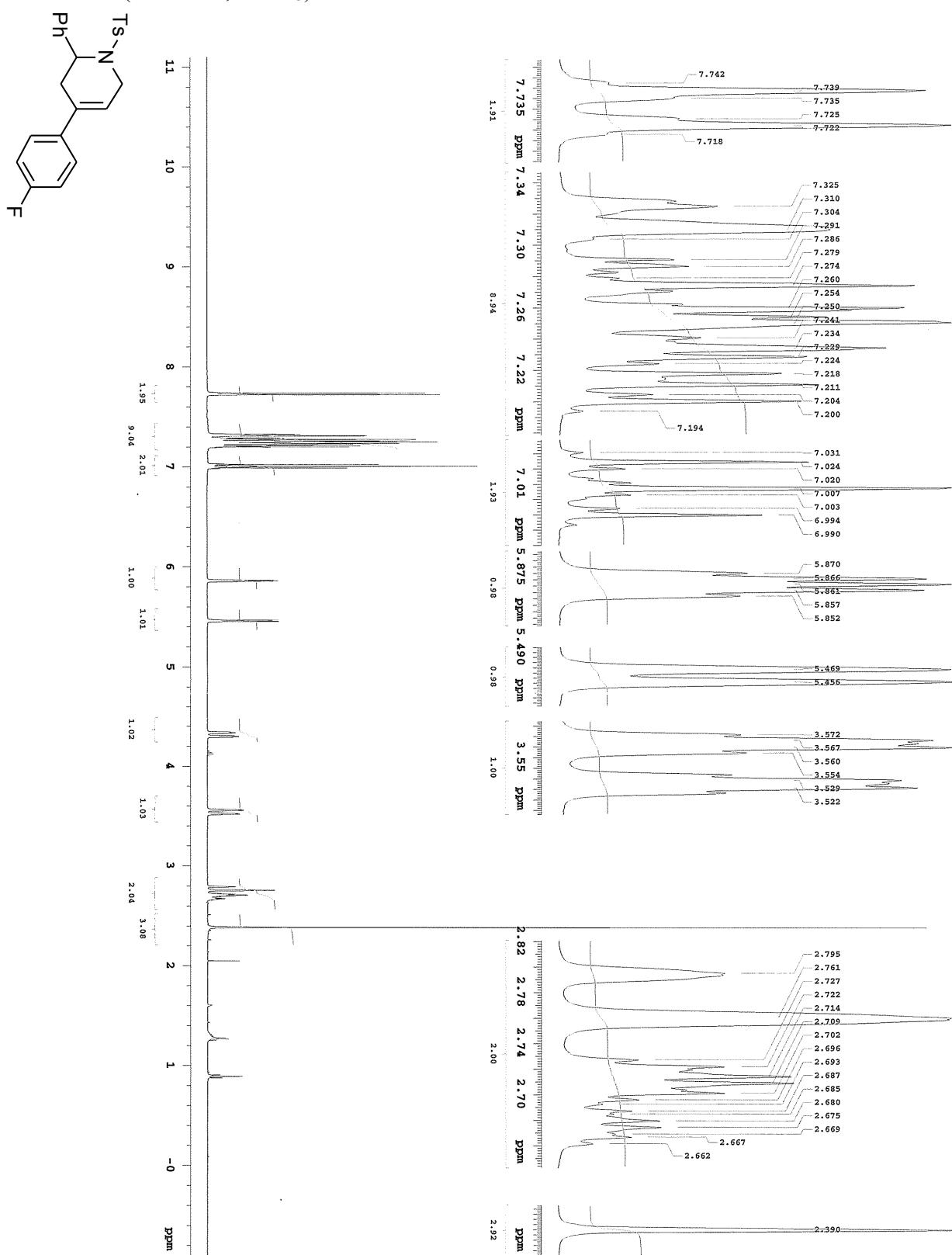
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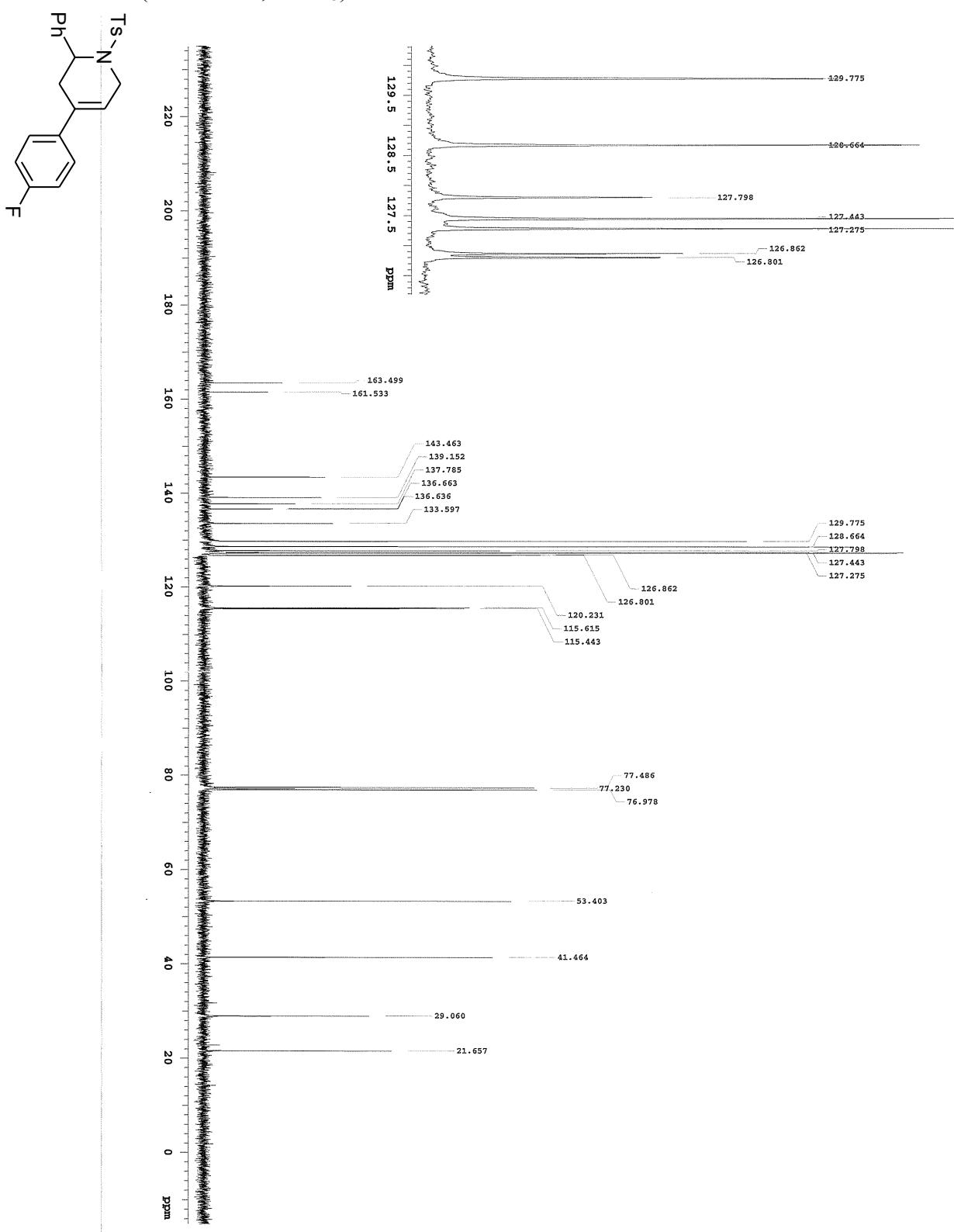
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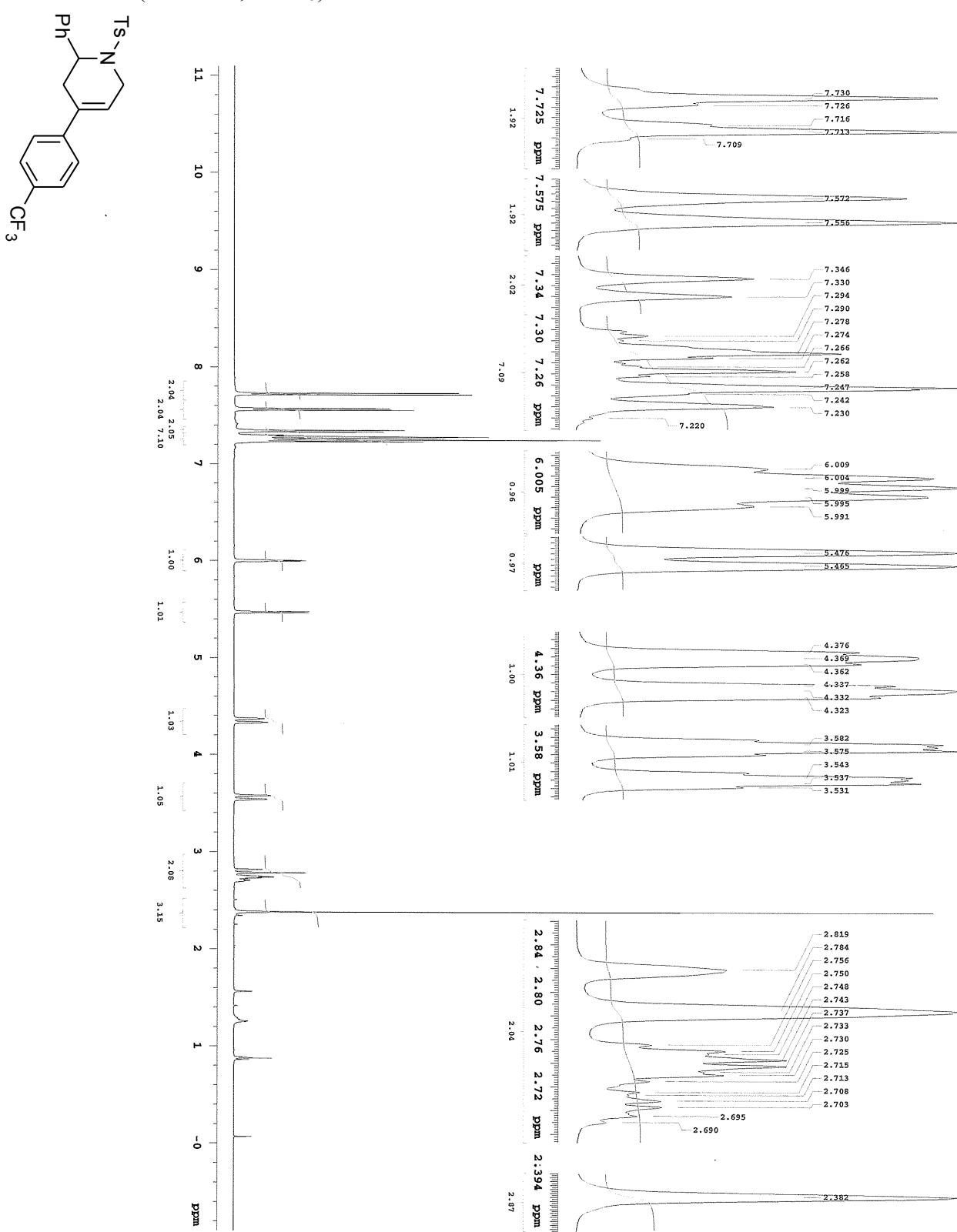
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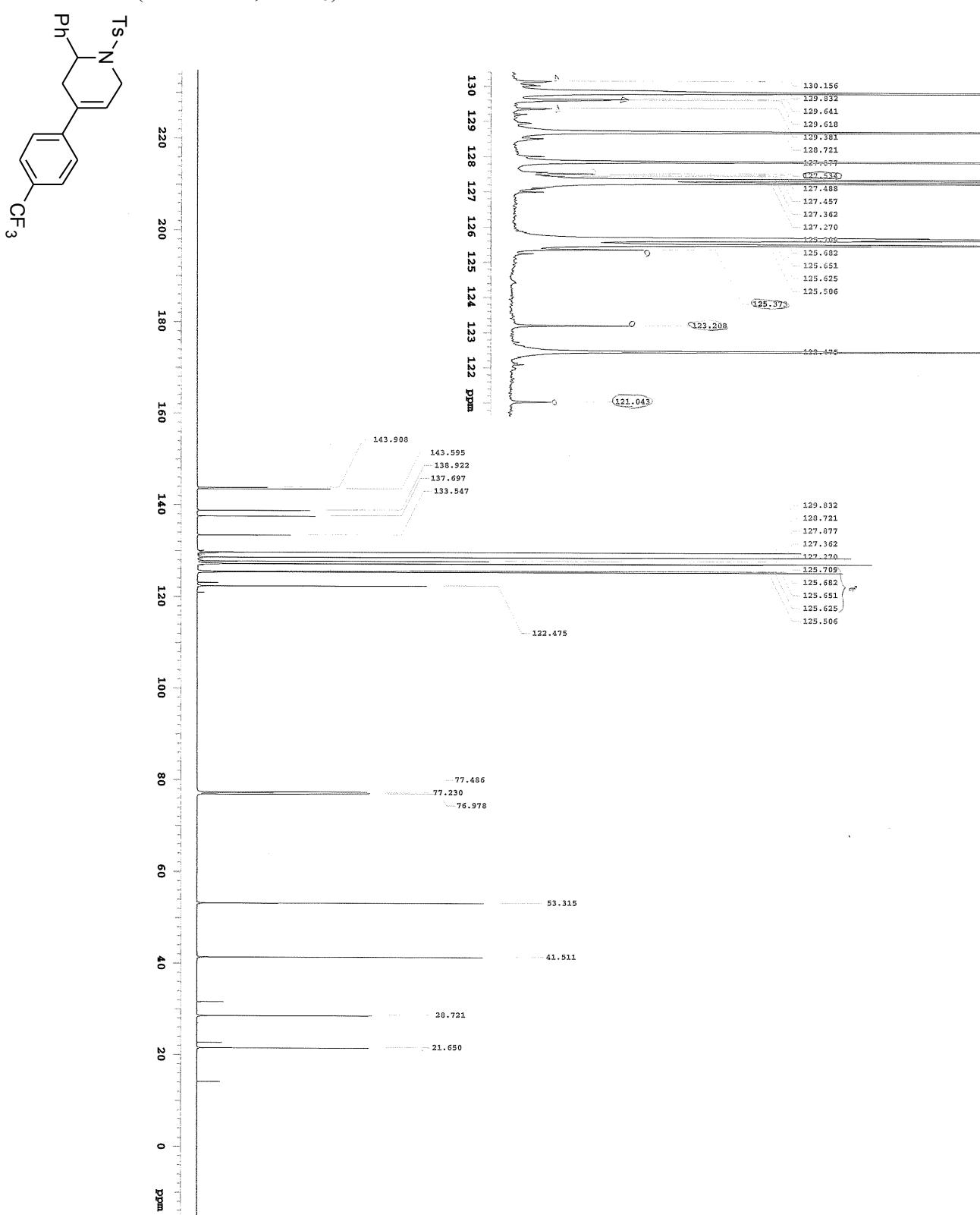
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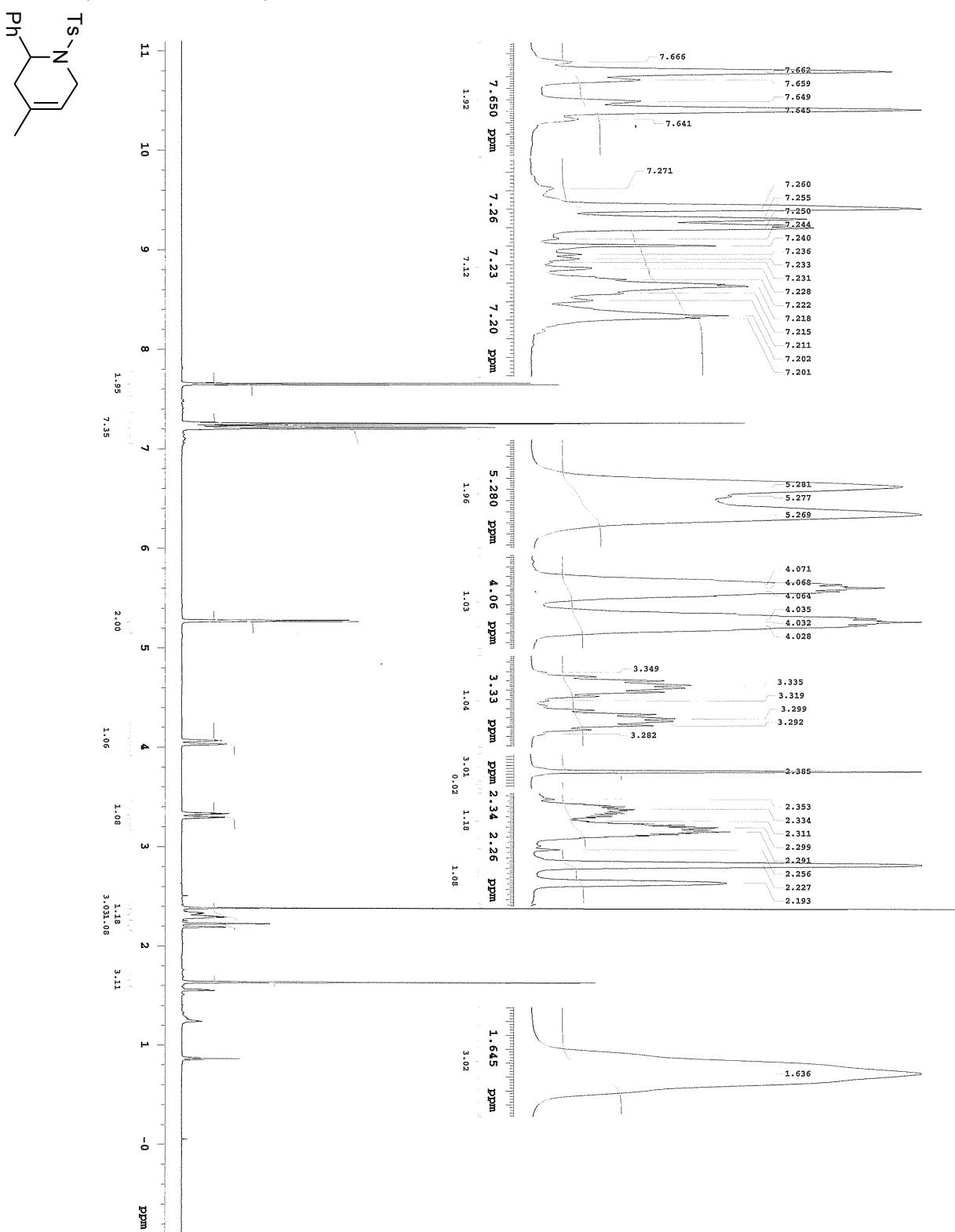
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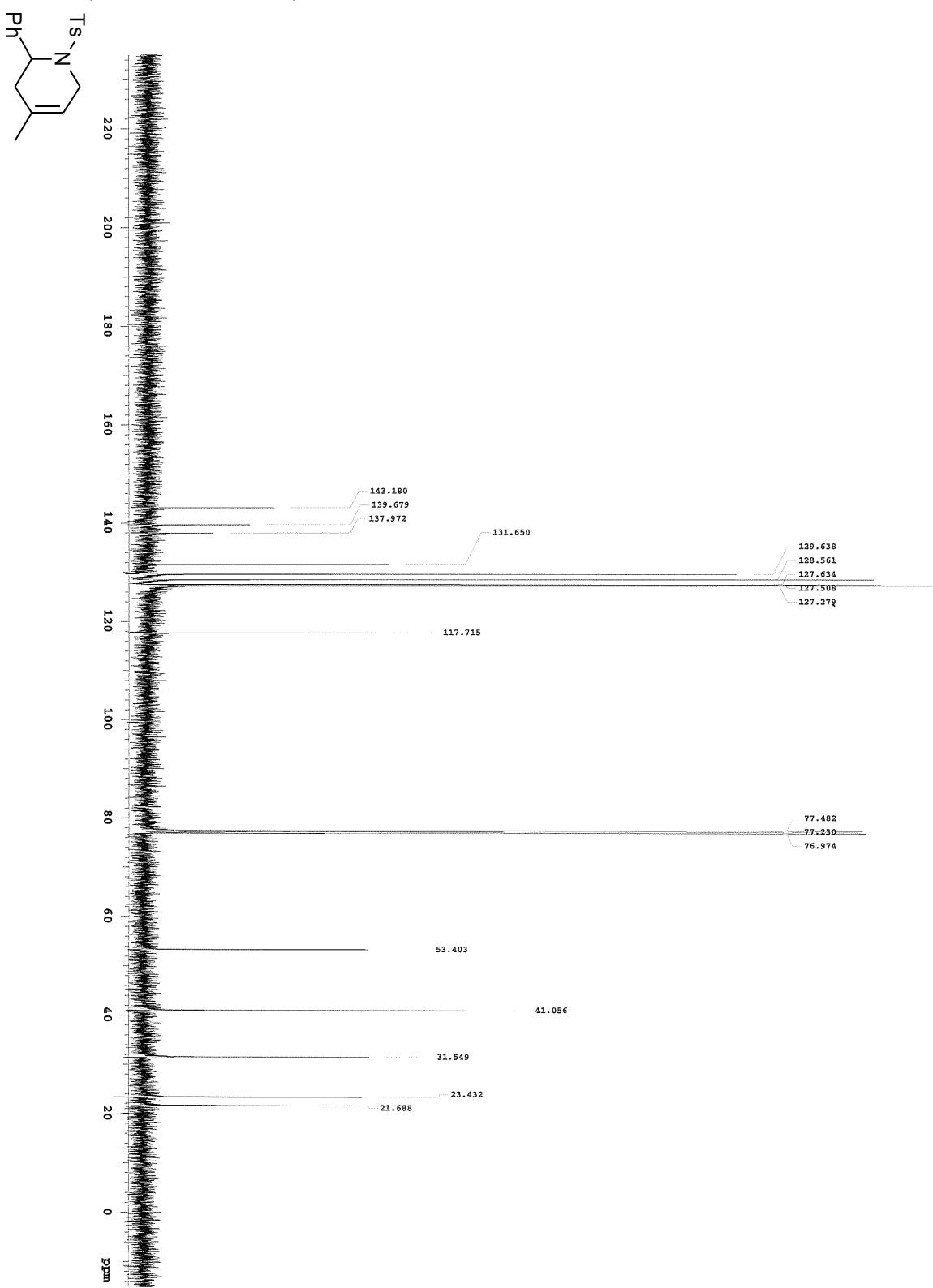
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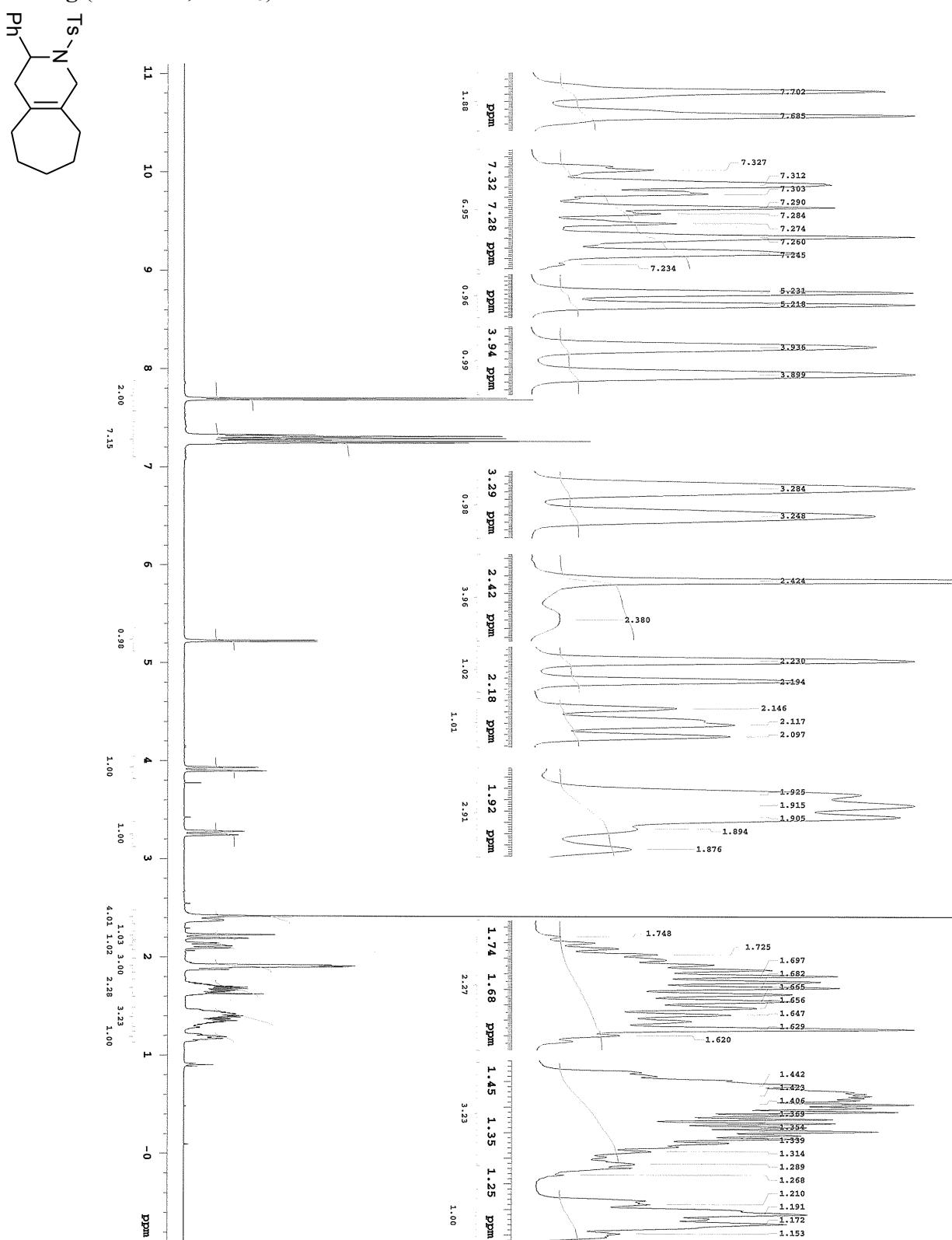
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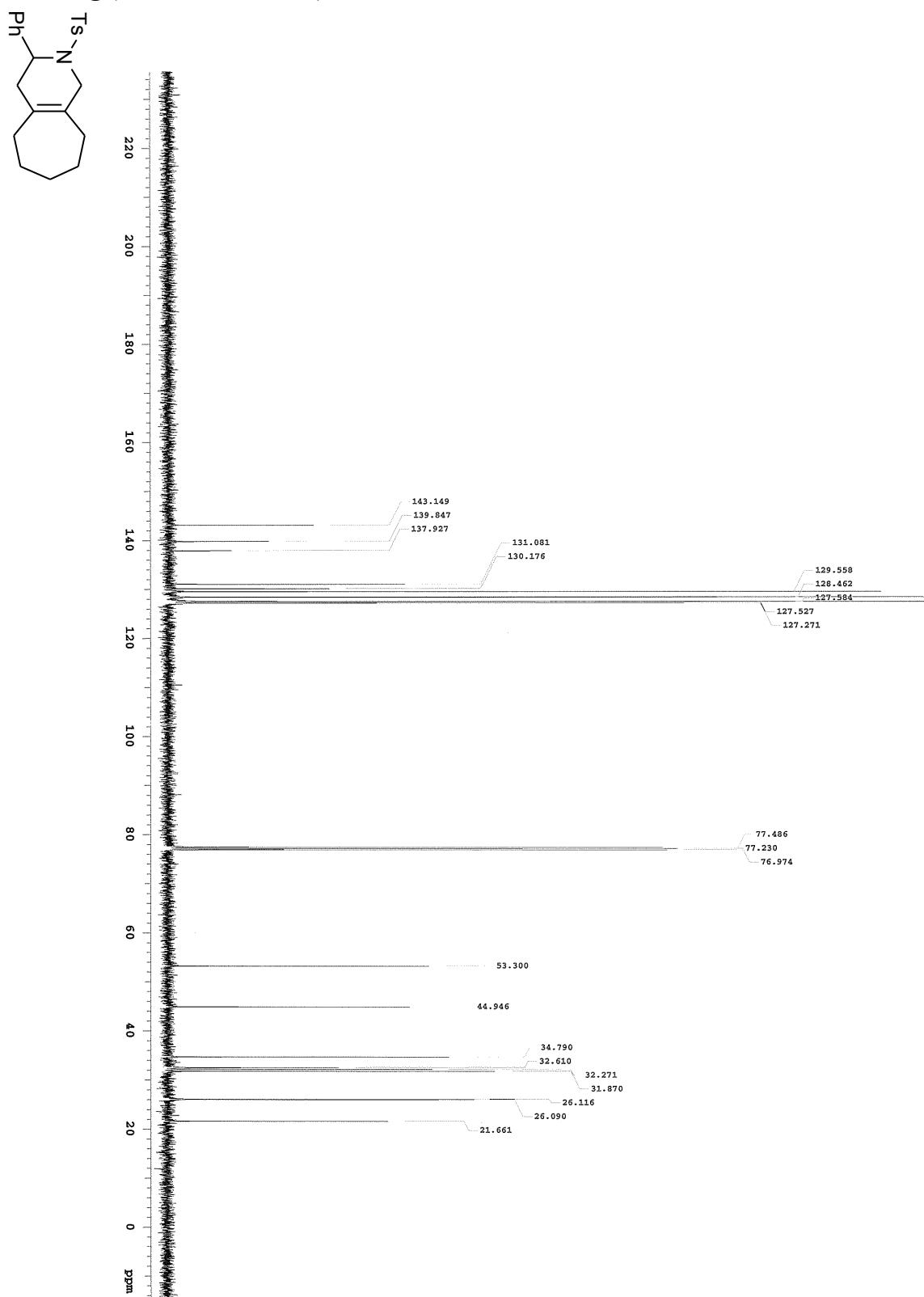
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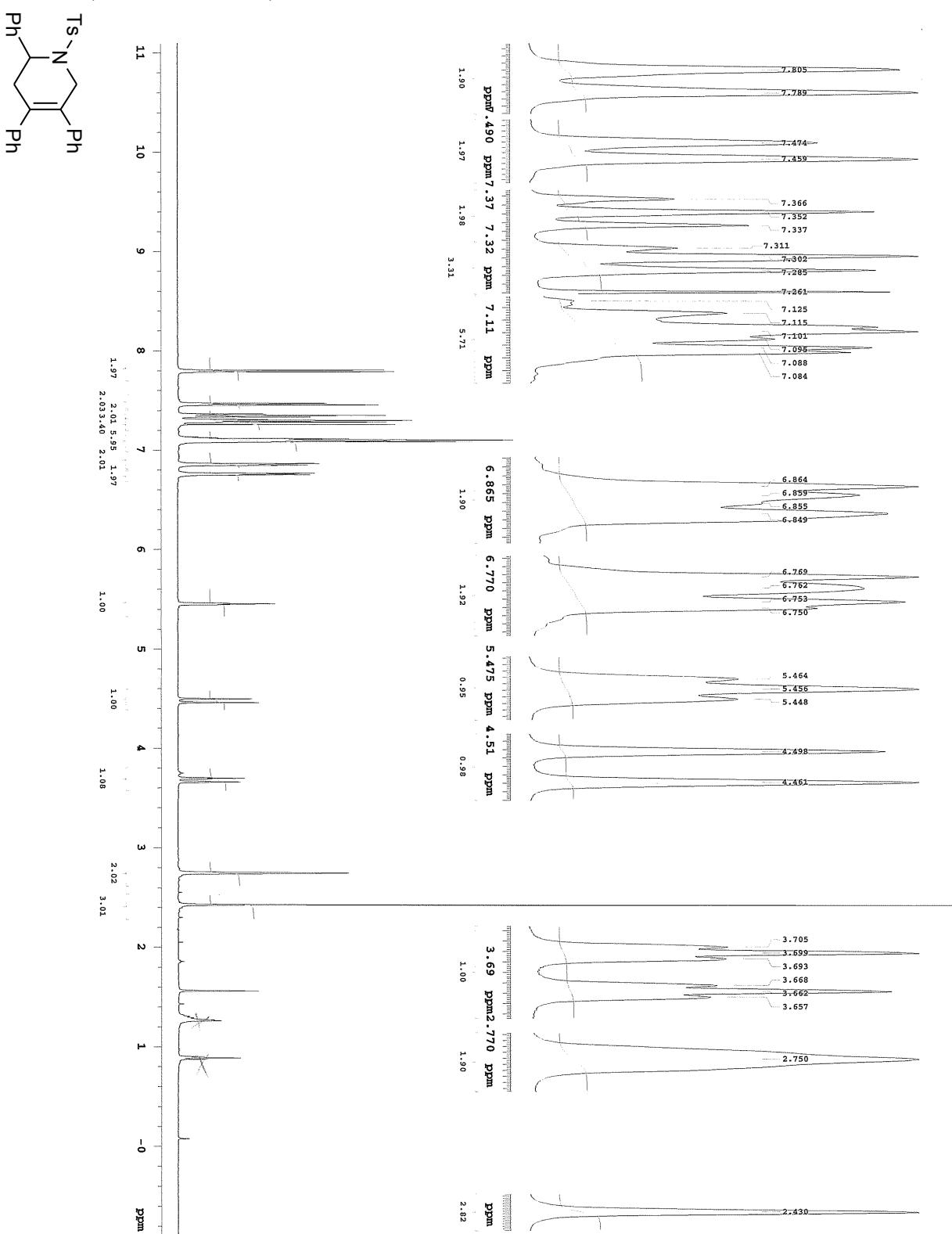
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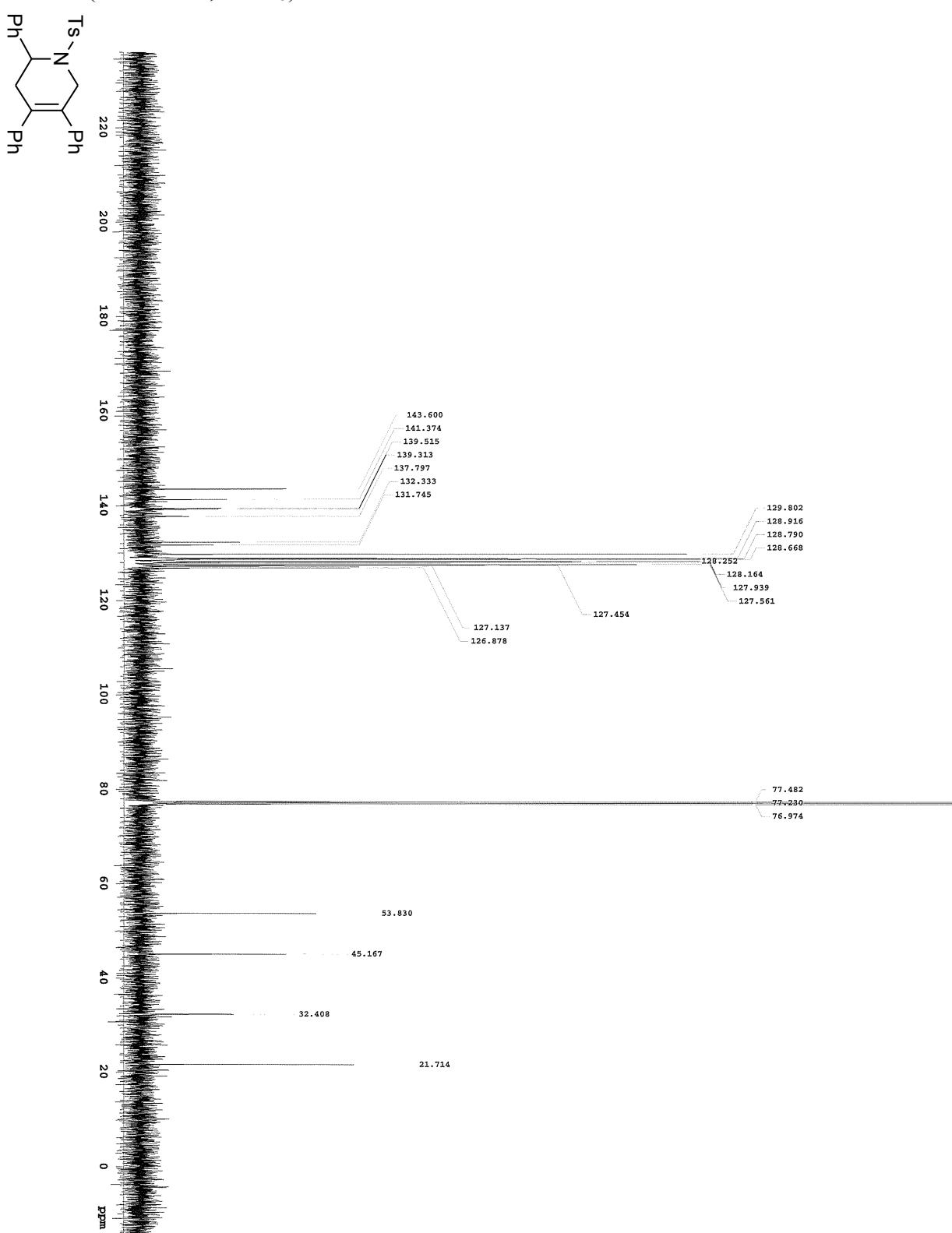
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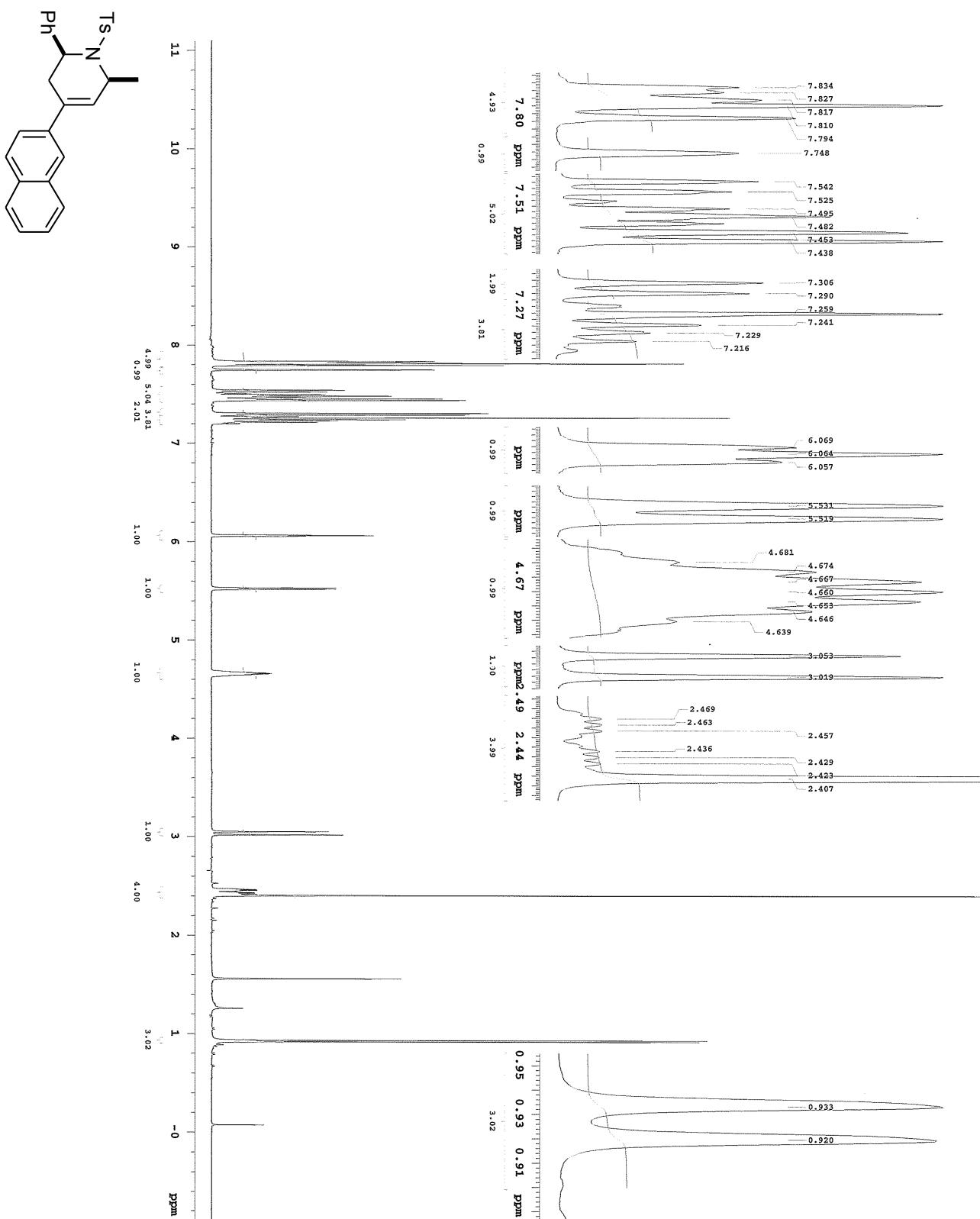
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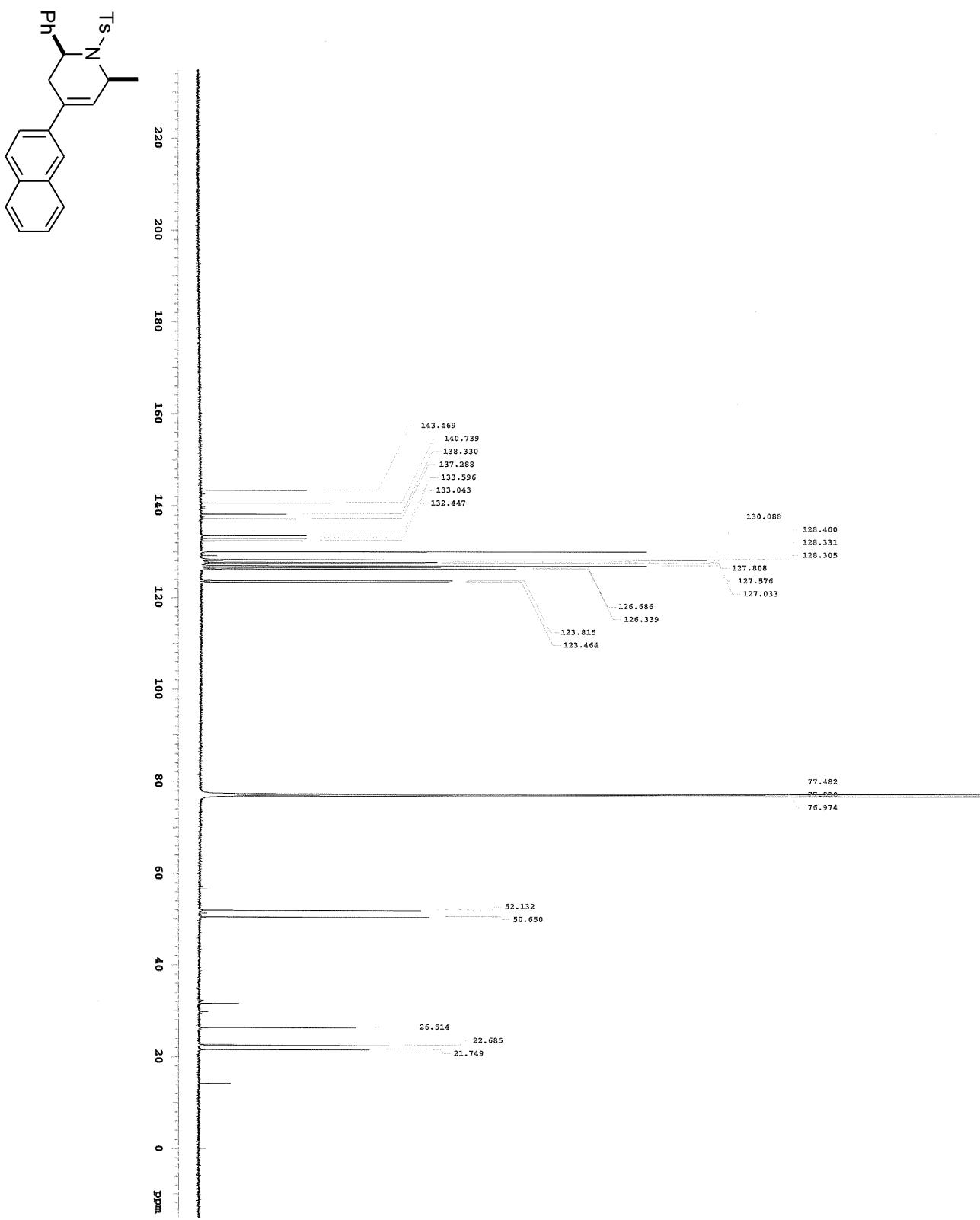
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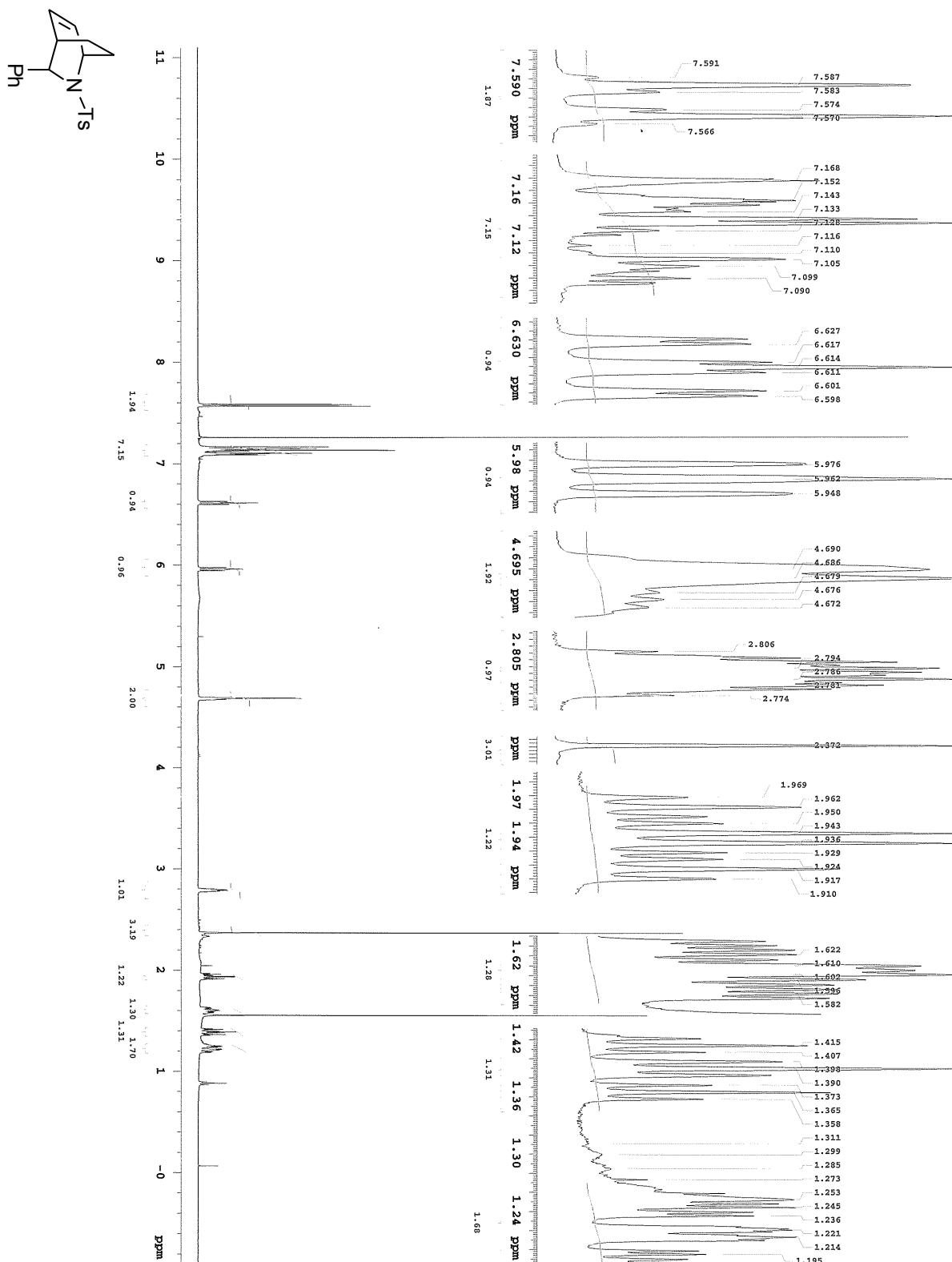
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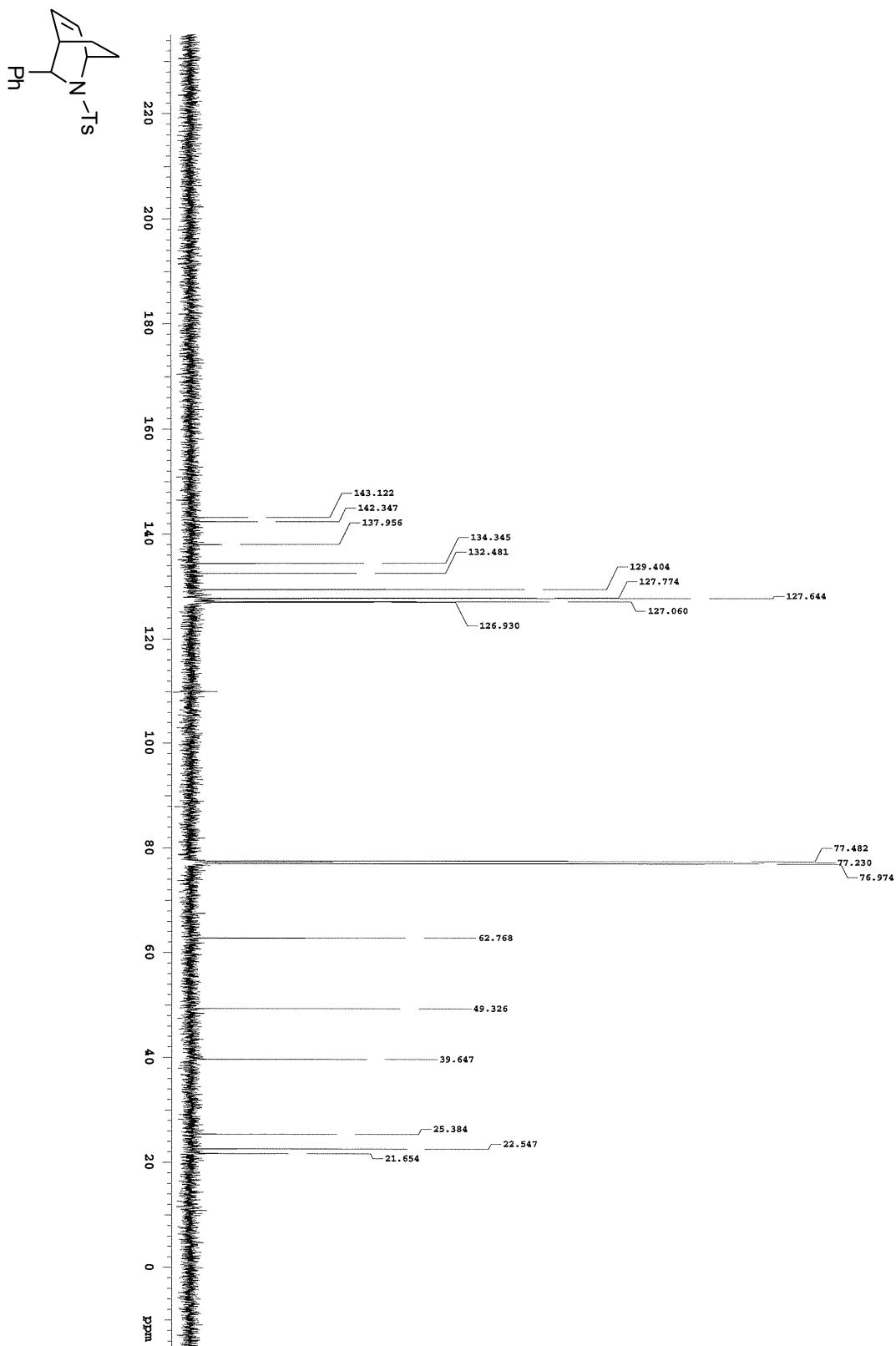
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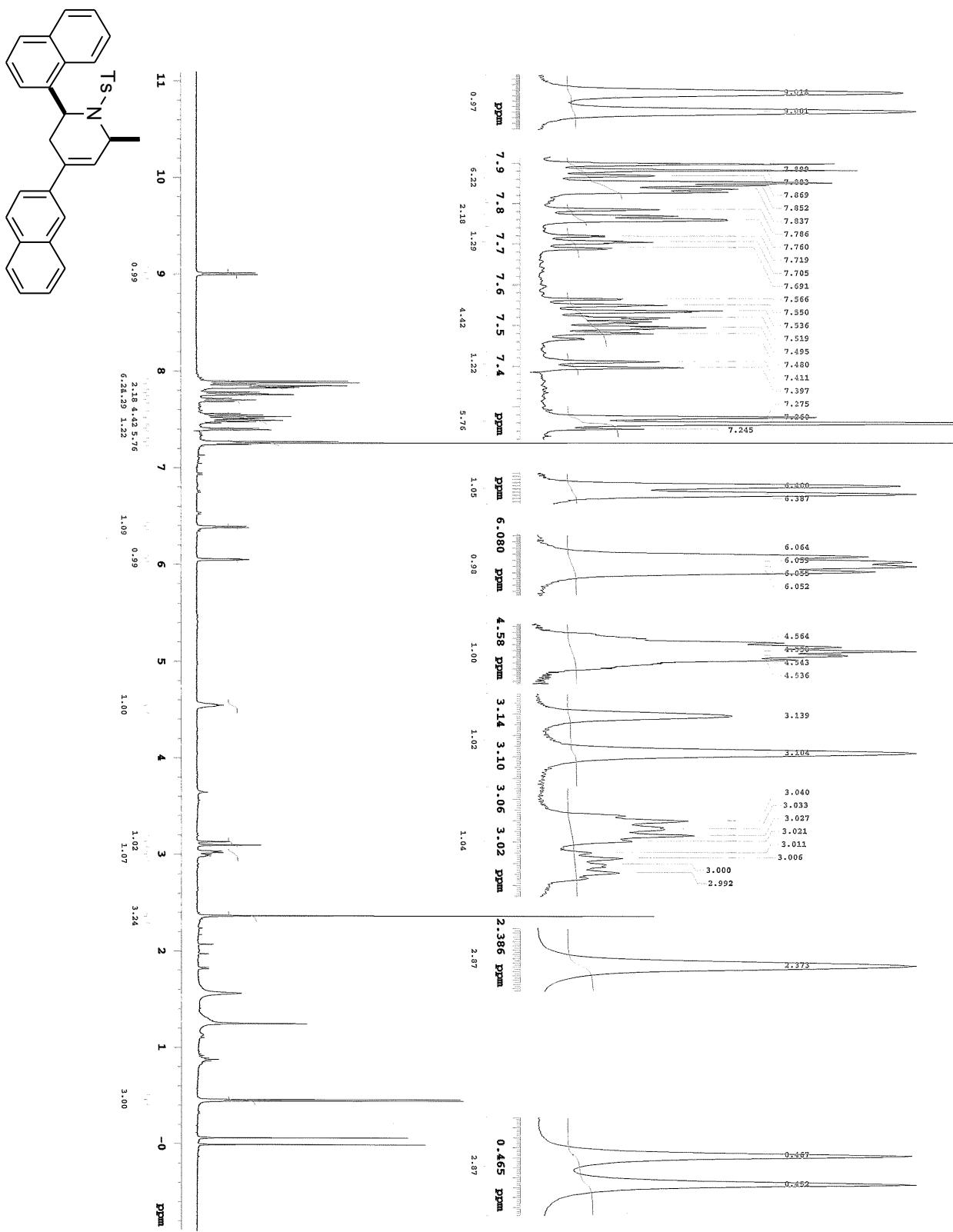
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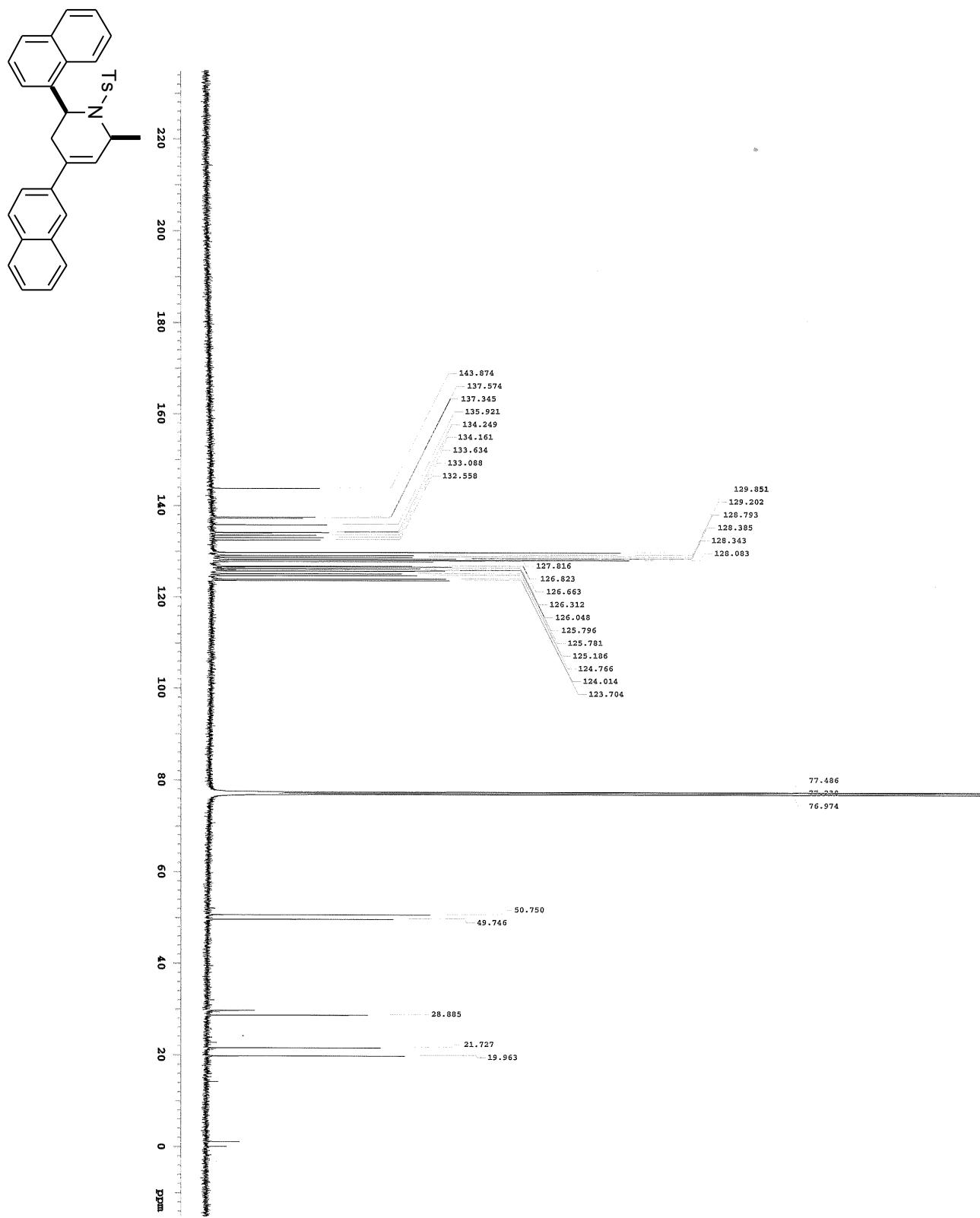
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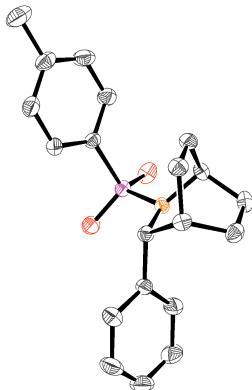
**3bi** (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)



**3bi** (125.7 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)



## ORTEP Drawing of 3aj



Identification code

**3aj**

Empirical formula

C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>21</sub>N O<sub>2</sub>S

Formula weight

339.44

Temperature

298(2) K

Wavelength

0.71073 Å

Crystal system

Monoclinic

Space group

P2(1)

Unit cell dimensions

a = 7.819(3) Å       $\alpha = 90^\circ$

b = 11.480(4) Å       $\beta = 105.707(6)^\circ$

c = 9.859(4) Å       $\gamma = 90^\circ$

Volume

851.8(5) Å<sup>3</sup>

Z

2

Density (calculated)

1.323 Mg/m<sup>3</sup>

Absorption coefficient

0.202 mm<sup>-1</sup>

F(000)

360

Crystal size

0.10 x 0.10 x 0.10 mm<sup>3</sup>

Theta range for data collection

2.15 to 26.82°.

Index ranges

-9 <= h <= 7, -14 <= k <= 13, -12 <= l <= 9

Reflections collected

5118

Independent reflections

3275 [R(int) = 0.0170]

Completeness to theta = 26.82°

98.5 %

Absorption correction

None

Max. and min. transmission

0.9801 and 0.9801

Refinement method

Full-matrix least-squares on F<sup>2</sup>

Data / restraints / parameters

3275 / 1 / 218

Goodness-of-fit on F<sup>2</sup>

1.035

Final R indices [I>2sigma(I)]

R1 = 0.0369, wR2 = 0.0960

R indices (all data)

R1 = 0.0385, wR2 = 0.0973

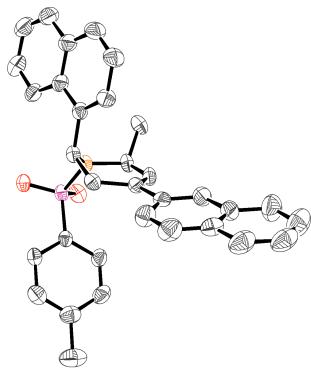
Absolute structure parameter

0.62(6)

Largest diff. peak and hole

0.361 and -0.196 e.Å<sup>-3</sup>

## ORTEP Drawing of 3bi



Identification code

**3bi**

Empirical formula

C34 H30 Cl3 N O2 S

Formula weight

623.00

Temperature

298(2) K

Wavelength

0.71073 Å

Crystal system

Triclinic

Space group

P-1

Unit cell dimensions

a = 10.6082(17) Å       $\alpha = 72.785(3)^\circ$ .

b = 11.0420(19) Å       $\beta = 75.236(3)^\circ$ .

c = 14.459(2) Å       $\gamma = 79.948(3)^\circ$ .

Volume

1555.4(4) Å<sup>3</sup>

Z

2

Density (calculated)

1.330 Mg/m<sup>3</sup>

Absorption coefficient

0.394 mm<sup>-1</sup>

F(000)

648

Crystal size

0.10 x 0.10 x 0.10 mm<sup>3</sup>

Theta range for data collection

1.51 to 27.01°.

Index ranges

-13≤h≤12, -12≤k≤14, -13≤l≤18

Reflections collected

9537

Independent reflections

6581 [R(int) = 0.0179]

Completeness to theta = 27.01°

96.8 %

Absorption correction

None

Max. and min. transmission

0.9617 and 0.9617

Refinement method

Full-matrix least-squares on F<sup>2</sup>

Data / restraints / parameters

6581 / 0 / 372

Goodness-of-fit on F<sup>2</sup>

1.041

Final R indices [I>2sigma(I)]

R1 = 0.0895, wR2 = 0.2530

R indices (all data)

R1 = 0.1245, wR2 = 0.2867

Largest diff. peak and hole

0.783 and -0.374 e.Å<sup>-3</sup>

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