

Copper-Catalyzed Cross Dehydrogenative Coupling

Reactions of Tertiary Amines with Ketones or Indoles

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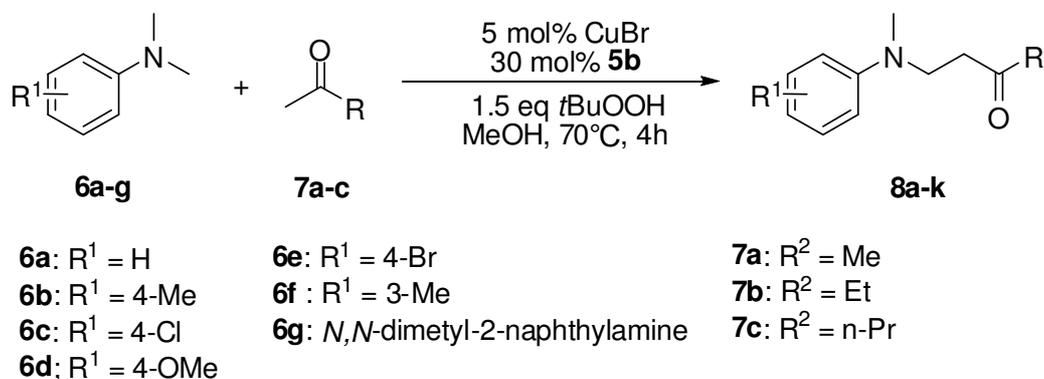
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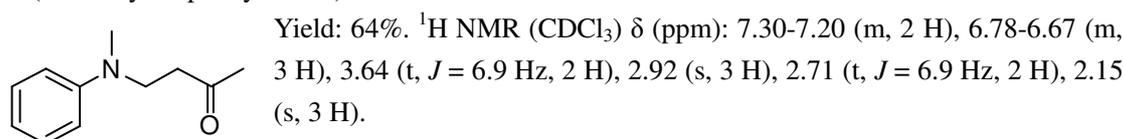
2. The CDC Reactions of *N,N*-dimethylanilines with ketones or indoles

(1) The CDC reaction by cooperative copper and aminocatalysis for the synthesis of β -arylamino ketones **8a-k**.

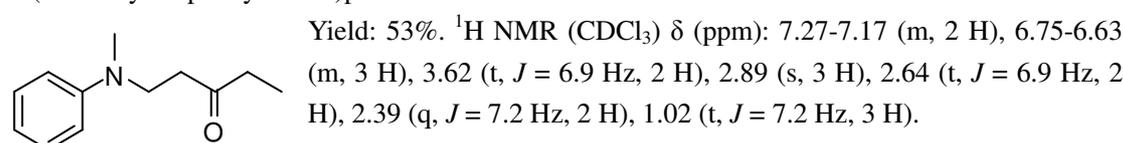


General procedure: A solution of ketone **7a-c** (5.0 mmol), pyrrolidine benzoate **5b** (29.0 mg, 0.15 mmol, 30 mol%) in MeOH (0.2 mL) was stirred at room temperature for 15 min. To the mixture were added *N,N*-dimethylaniline **6a-g** (0.5 mmol) and CuBr (3.6 mg, 0.025 mmol), and then the solution of 5.5 M TBHP in decane (136 μ L, 0.75 mmol) was added dropwise. The reaction mixture was stirred in a sealed vial at 70°C for 4 -8 h. After the reaction was completed, the mixture was purified by preparative TLC (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 20:1 as eluent) to afford the desired β -arylamino ketones **8a-k**.

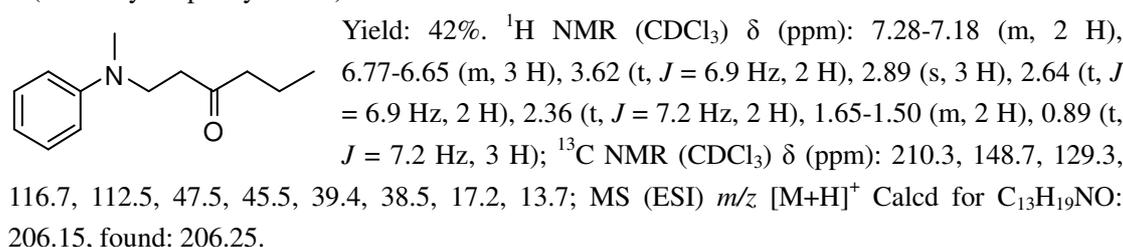
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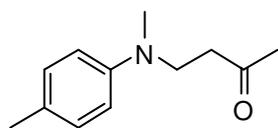
1-(*N*-Methyl-*N*-phenylamino)pentan-3-one **8b**³



1-(*N*-Methyl-*N*-phenylamino)hexan-3-one **8c**

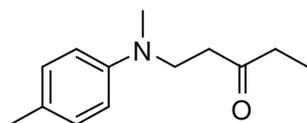


4-(*N*-Methyl-*N*-(4-methylphenyl)amino)butan-2-one **8d**⁴



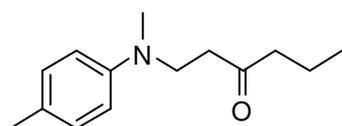
Yield: 73%. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 7.05 (d, *J* = 8.1, 2 H), 6.65 (d, *J* = 8.1, 2 H), 3.59 (t, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 2 H), 2.88 (s, 3 H), 2.69 (t, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 2 H), 2.25 (s, 3 H), 2.14 (s, 3 H).

1-(*N*-Methyl-*N*-(4-methylphenyl)amino)pentan-3-one **8e**



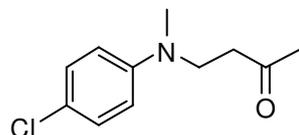
Yield: 56%. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 7.02 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2 H), 6.61 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2 H), 3.59 (t, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 2 H), 2.85 (s, 3 H), 2.62 (t, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 2 H), 2.39 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2 H), 2.24 (s, 3 H), 1.02 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3 H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 210.7, 146.6, 129.7, 125.9, 112.9, 47.8, 38.8, 38.6, 36.6, 20.2, 7.6; MS (ESI) *m/z* [M+H]⁺ Calcd for C₁₃H₁₉NO: 206.15, found: 206.17.

1-(*N*-Methyl-*N*-(4-methylphenyl)amino)hexan-3-one **8f**



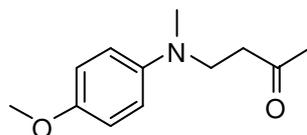
Yield: 44%. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 7.03 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2 H), 6.62 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2 H), 3.58 (t, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 2 H), 2.85 (s, 3 H), 2.60 (t, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 2 H), 2.34 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2 H), 2.24 (s, 3 H), 1.63-1.48 (m, 2 H), 0.88 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 3 H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 210.3, 146.6, 129.7, 125.8, 112.9, 47.7, 45.4, 39.1, 38.6, 20.2, 17.1, 13.7; MS (ESI) *m/z* [M+H]⁺ Calcd for C₁₄H₂₁NO: 220.17, found: 220.17.

4-(*N*-(4-chlorophenyl)-*N*-methylamino)butan-2-one **8g**⁵



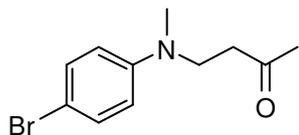
Yield: 57%. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 7.16 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 2 H), 6.61 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 2 H), 3.61 (t, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 2 H), 2.90 (s, 3 H), 2.69 (t, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 2 H), 2.16 (s, 3 H).

4-(*N*-(4-Methoxyphenyl)-*N*-methylamino)butan-2-one **8h**



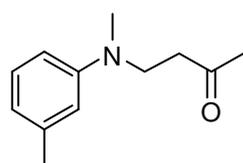
Yield: 58%. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 6.88-6.80 (m, 2 H), 6.76-6.68 (m, 2 H), 3.76 (s, 3 H), 3.54 (t, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 2 H), 2.84 (s, 3 H), 2.66 (t, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 2 H), 2.14 (s, 3 H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 208.1, 152.0, 143.6, 115.0, 114.7, 55.6, 48.5, 40.1, 39.1, 30.5; MS (ESI) *m/z* [M+H]⁺ Calcd for C₁₂H₁₇NO₂: 208.13, found: 208.17.

4-(*N*-(4-Bromophenyl)-*N*-methylamino)butan-2-one **8i**



Yield: 52%. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 7.29 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 2 H), 6.56 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 2 H), 3.60 (t, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 2 H), 2.89 (s, 3 H), 2.68 (t, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 2 H), 2.15 (s, 3 H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 207.6, 147.6, 131.9, 114.0, 108.4, 47.2, 40.1, 38.5, 30.6; MS (ESI) *m/z* [M+H]⁺ Calcd for C₁₁H₁₄BrNO (M+H): 256.03, found: 256.17.

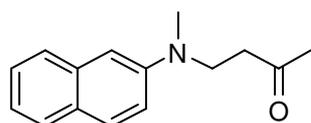
4-(*N*-Methyl-*N*-(3-methylphenyl)amino)butan-2-one **8j**



Yield: 68%. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 7.17-7.08 (m, 1 H), 6.59-6.47 (m,

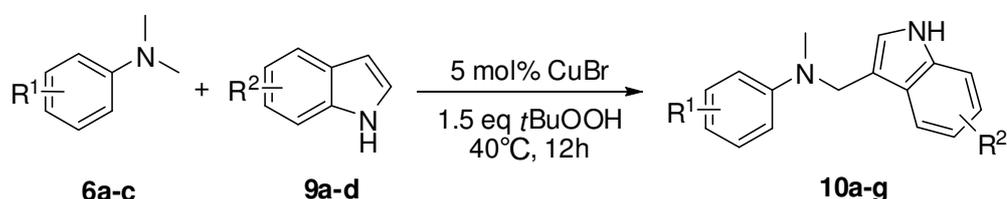
3 H), 3.62 (t, $J = 6.9$ Hz, 2 H), 2.90 (s, 3 H), 2.69 (t, $J = 6.9$ Hz, 2 H), 2.31 (s, 3 H), 2.14 (s, 3 H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3) δ (ppm): 208.1, 148.8, 139.0, 129.2, 117.7, 113.3, 109.7, 47.3, 40.4, 38.6, 30.6, 22.0; MS (ESI) m/z Calcd for $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{17}\text{NO}$ (M+H): 192.14, found: 192.17.

4-(*N*-Methyl-*N*-(naphthalen-2-yl)amino)butan-2-one **8k**



Yield: 55%. ^1H NMR (CDCl_3) δ (ppm): 7.72-7.58 (m, 3 H), 7.38-7.30 (m, 1 H), 7.23-7.15 (m, 1 H), 7.13-7.07 (m, 1 H), 6.86 (d, $J = 2.7$ Hz, 1 H), 3.70 (t, $J = 6.9$ Hz, 2 H), 2.97 (s, 3 H), 2.68 (t, $J = 6.9$ Hz, 2 H), 2.10 (s, 3 H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3) δ (ppm): 208.0, 146.7, 135.0, 129.0, 127.5, 126.9, 126.3, 126.2, 122.2, 116.2, 106.6, 47.6, 40.4, 38.7, 30.6; MS (ESI) m/z [M+H] $^+$ Calcd for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{17}\text{NO}$: 228.14, found: 228.17.

(2) The CDC reaction of *N,N*-dimethylanilines with indoles for the synthesis of alkylated indole derivatives **10a-g**.



6a: $\text{R}^1 = \text{H}$

6b: $\text{R}^1 = 4\text{-Me}$

6c: $\text{R}^1 = 4\text{-Cl}$

9a: $\text{R}^2 = \text{H}$

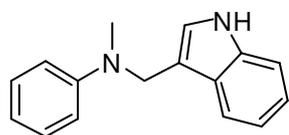
9b: $\text{R}^2 = 5\text{-Br}$

9c: $\text{R}^2 = 5\text{-NO}_2$

9d: $\text{R}^2 = 6\text{-COOCH}_3$

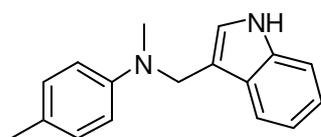
General procedure: To the mixture of *N,N*-dimethylanilines **6a-c** (1.0 mmol), indoles **9a-d** (0.50 mmol) and CuBr (3.6 mg, 0.025 mmol) was added the solution of 5.5 M TBHP in decane (136 μL , 0.75 mmol) dropwise at room temperature. The reaction mixture was stirred at 40 $^\circ\text{C}$ for 3 h. After the reaction was finished, the mixture was purified by preparative TLC (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 8:1 as eluent) to afford the alkylated indole derivatives **10a-g**.

N-((1*H*-Indol-3-yl)methyl)-*N*-methylbenzenamine **10a**⁶



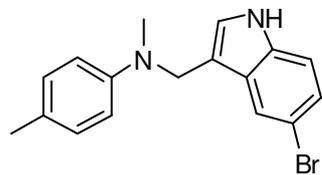
Yield: 52%. ^1H NMR (CDCl_3) δ (ppm): 7.82 (s, 1 H), 7.57 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1 H), 7.32-7.05 (m, 5 H), 6.92-6.83 (m, 3 H), 6.73 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1 H), 4.64 (s, 2 H), 2.94 (s, 3 H).

N-((1*H*-Indol-3-yl)methyl)-*N*,4-dimethylbenzenamine **10b**



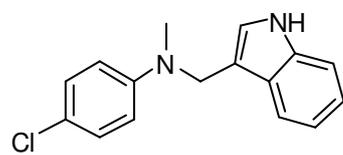
Yield: 72%. ^1H NMR (CDCl_3) δ (ppm): 7.84 (s, 1 H), 7.56 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1 H), 7.28-7.02 (m, 5 H), 6.90-6.85 (m, 1 H), 6.78 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2 H), 4.58 (s, 2 H), 2.89 (s, 3 H), 2.25 (s, 3 H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3) δ (ppm): 148.3, 136.4, 129.8, 126.9, 126.1, 122.8, 122.0, 119.5, 119.1, 113.8, 113.0, 111.3, 49.1, 38.2, 20.4; MS (ESI) m/z [M+H] $^+$ Calcd for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{18}\text{N}_2$: 251.15, found: 251.25.

N-((5-Bromo-1*H*-indol-3-yl)methyl)-*N*, 4-methylbenzenamine **10c**



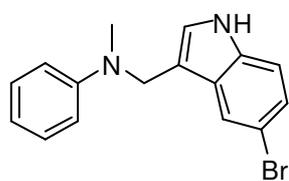
Yield: 76%. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 7.91 (s, 1 H), 7.65 (d, *J* = 1.8 Hz, 1 H), 7.25-7.18 (m, 1 H), 7.12-6.98 (m, 3 H), 6.87-6.82 (m, 1 H), 6.77 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2 H), 4.49 (s, 2 H), 2.85 (s, 3 H), 2.25 (s, 3 H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 148.2, 138.0, 129.8, 128.7, 126.6, 125.0, 124.0, 121.7, 114.1, 113.0, 112.8, 112.7, 49.2, 38.4, 20.4; MS (ESI) *m/z* [M+H]⁺ Calcd for C₁₇H₁₇BrN₂: 329.06, found: 329.00.

N-((1*H*-Indol-3-yl)methyl)-4-chloro-*N*-methylbenzenamine **10d**



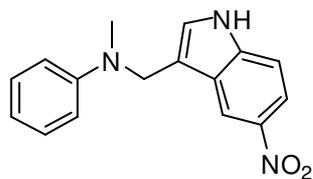
Yield: 67%. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 7.87 (s, 1 H), 7.52 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1 H), 7.29 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1 H), 7.23-7.05 (m, 4 H), 6.90-6.85 (m, 1 H), 6.72 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2 H), 4.60 (s, 2 H), 2.91 (s, 3 H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 148.6, 136.5, 129.0, 126.8, 122.7, 122.4, 119.8, 119.0, 114.3, 113.5, 112.7, 111.4, 48.9, 38.3; MS (EI) *m/z* [M]⁺ Calcd for C₁₆H₁₅ClN₂: 270.1, found: 270.1.

N-((5-Bromo-1*H*-indol-3-yl)methyl)-*N*-methylbenzenamine **10e**



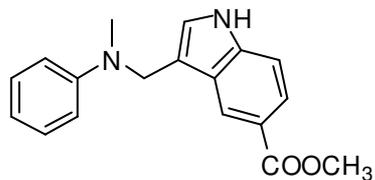
Yield: 69%. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 7.82 (s, 1 H), 7.69 (d, *J* = 1.2 Hz, 1 H), 7.28-7.18 (m, 3 H), 7.08 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1 H), 6.87-6.78 (m, 3 H), 6.74 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1 H), 4.53 (s, 2 H), 2.90 (s, 3 H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 150.1, 135.1, 129.3, 128.6, 125.0, 123.9, 121.7, 117.1, 113.4, 113.0, 112.9, 112.8, 48.7, 38.2; MS (ESI) *m/z* [M+H]⁺ Calcd for C₁₅H₁₅BrN₂: 315.05, found: 315.00.

N-Methyl-*N*-((5-nitro-1*H*-indol-3-yl)methyl)benzenamine **10f**



Yield: 78%. ¹H NMR (DMSO) δ (ppm): 11.66 (s, 1 H), 8.50 (d, *J* = 1.8 Hz, 1 H), 7.97 (dd, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 2.1 Hz, 1 H), 7.51 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 1 H), 7.41 (d, *J* = 2.1 Hz, 1 H), 7.22-7.10 (m, 2 H), 6.85 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2 H), 6.63 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1 H), 4.69 (s, 2 H), 2.90 (s, 3 H); ¹³C NMR (DMSO) δ (ppm): 150.3, 141.2, 140.4, 129.8 (2 C), 128.4, 126.8, 117.4, 117.2, 117.0, 115.5, 113.9, 112.8, 48.1, 38.7; MS (ESI) *m/z* [M+H]⁺ Calcd for C₁₆H₁₅N₃O₂: 282.12, found: 282.08.

Methyl 3-((*N*-methyl-*N*-phenylamino)methyl)-1*H*-indole-5-carboxylate **10g**



Yield: 64%. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 8.53 (s, 1 H), 8.09 (d, *J* = 0.6 Hz, 1 H), 7.78 (dd, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1.2 Hz, 1 H), 7.56 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1 H), 7.30-7.20 (m, 2 H), 7.12-7.06 (m, 1 H), 6.85 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2 H), 6.74 (t, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 1 H), 4.63 (s, 2 H), 3.91 (s, 3 H), 2.93 (s, 3 H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 168.4, 150.0, 135.9, 130.5, 129.3, 126.3, 123.7, 120.6, 118.7, 117.1, 113.8, 113.6, 113.4, 52.1, 48.7, 38.2; MS

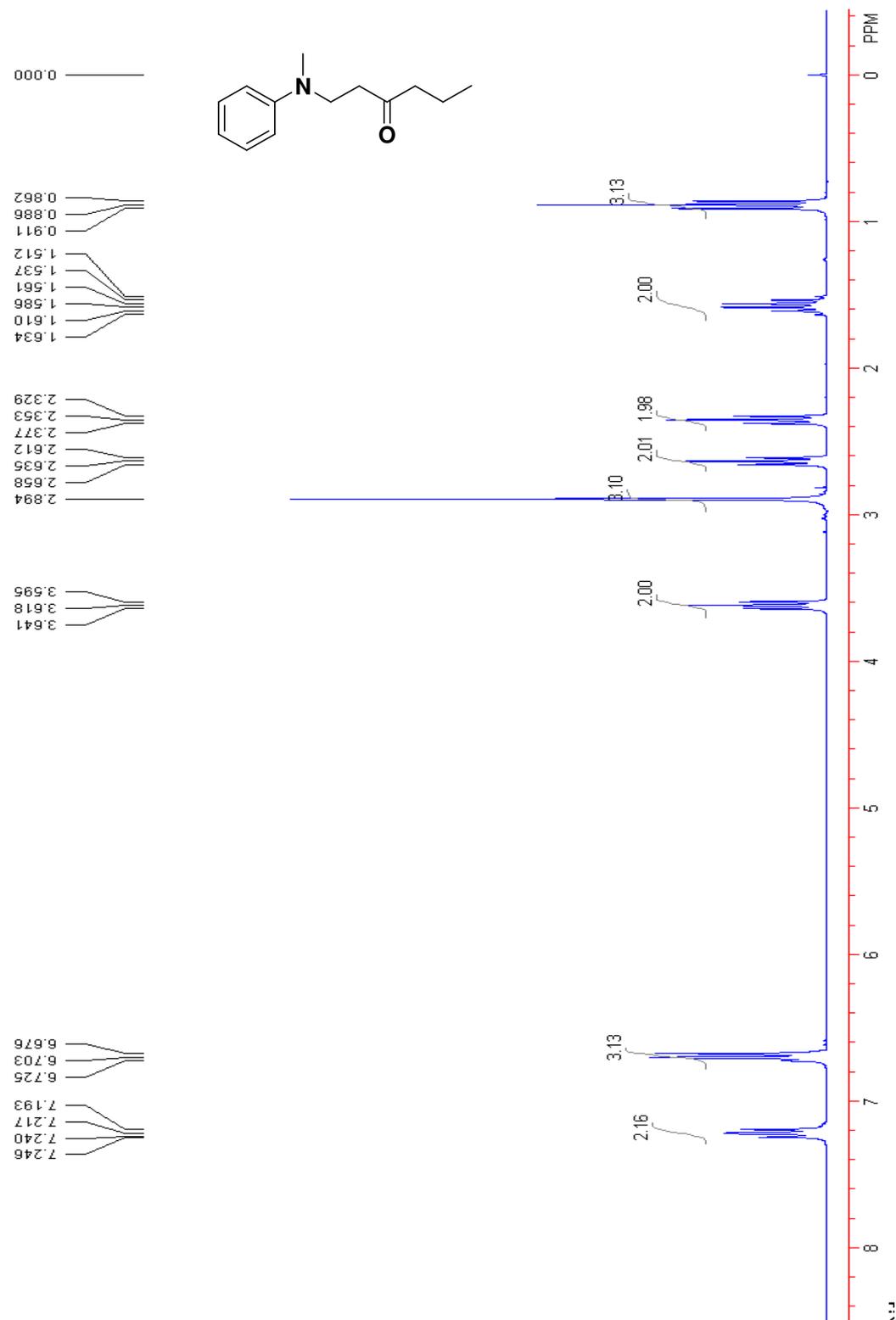
(EI) m/z $[M]^+$ Calcd for $C_{18}H_{18}N_2O_2$: 294.1, found: 294.1.

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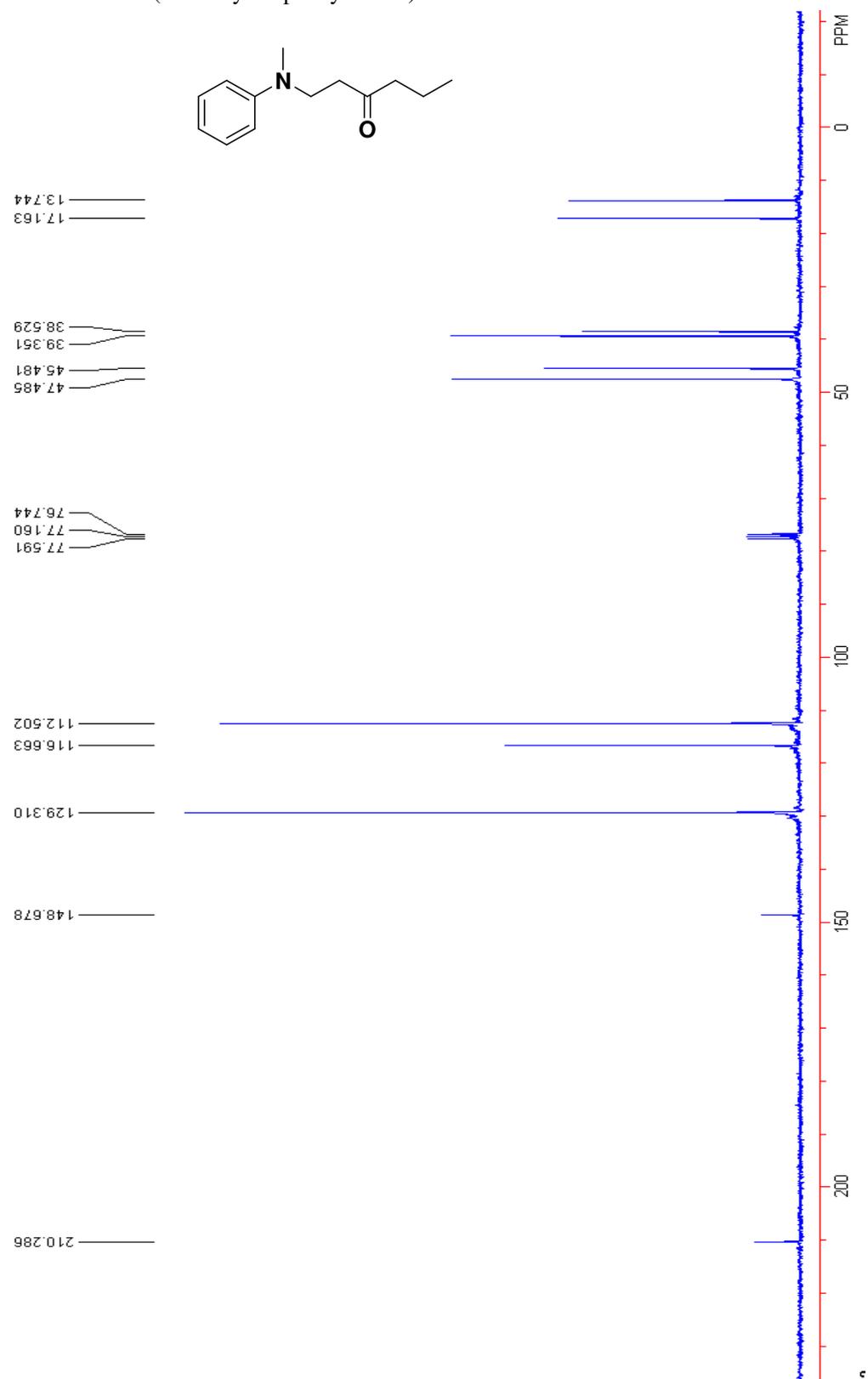
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3. Spectra of ^1H NMR, ^{13}C NMR and MS

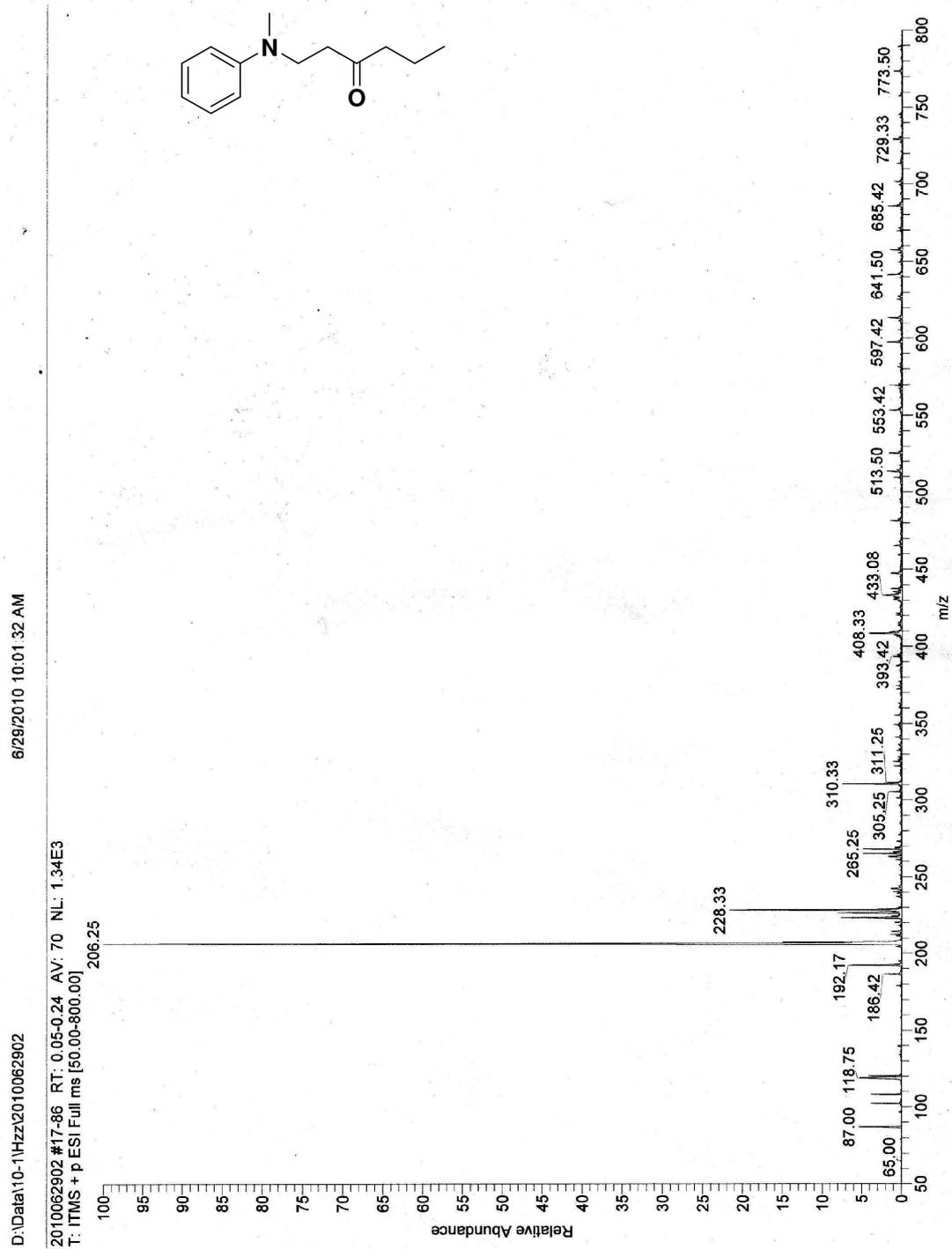
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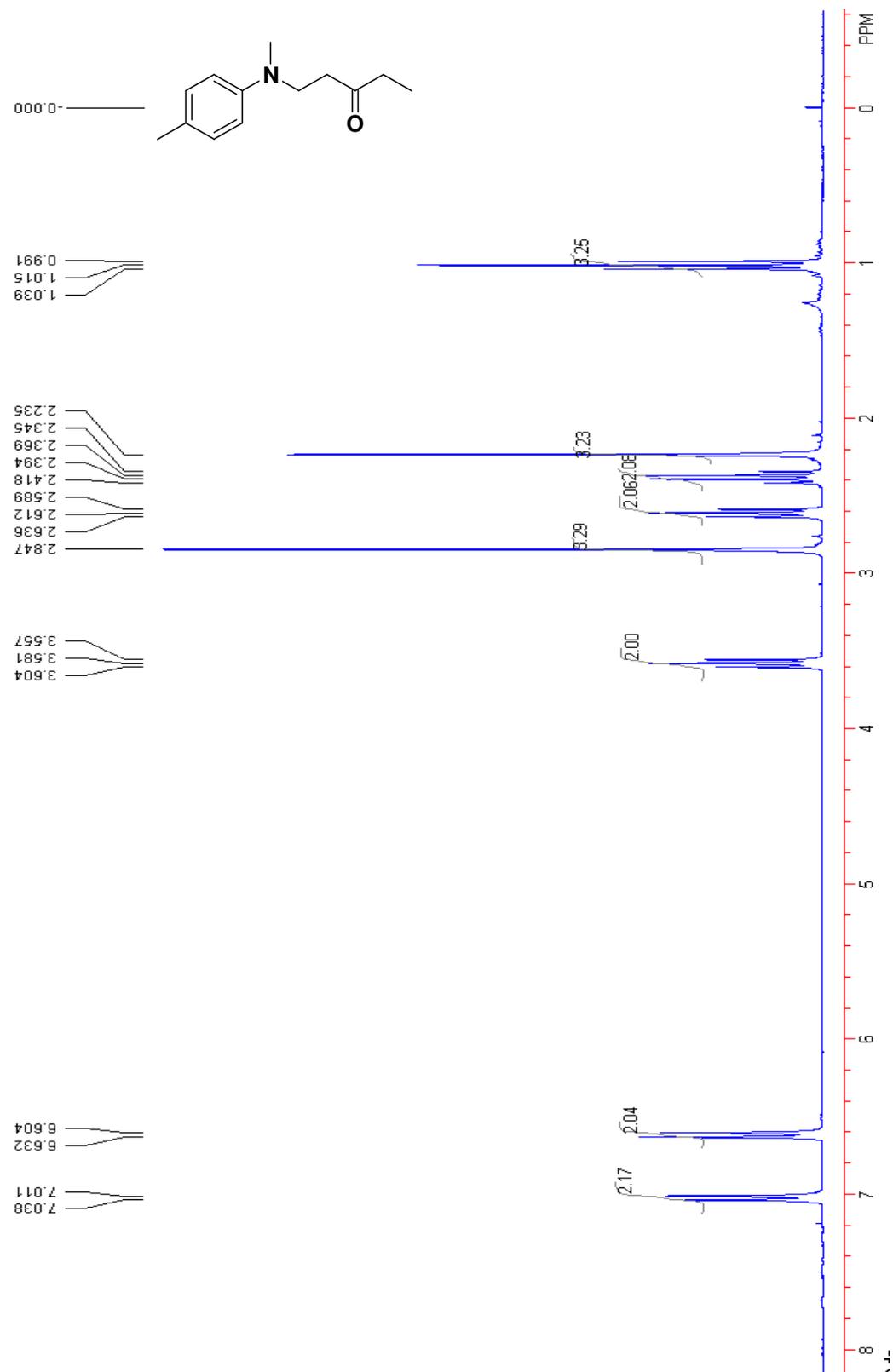
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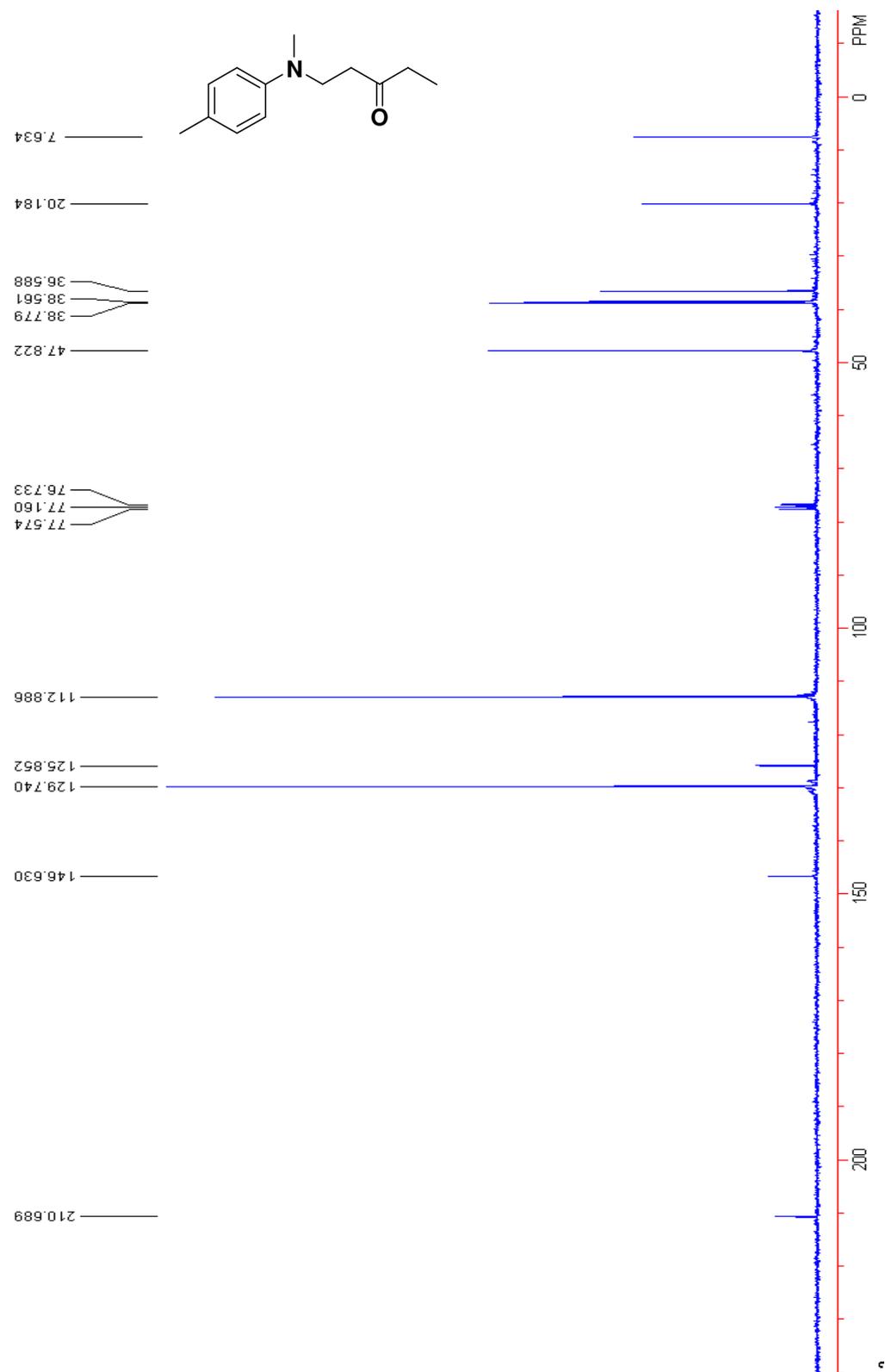
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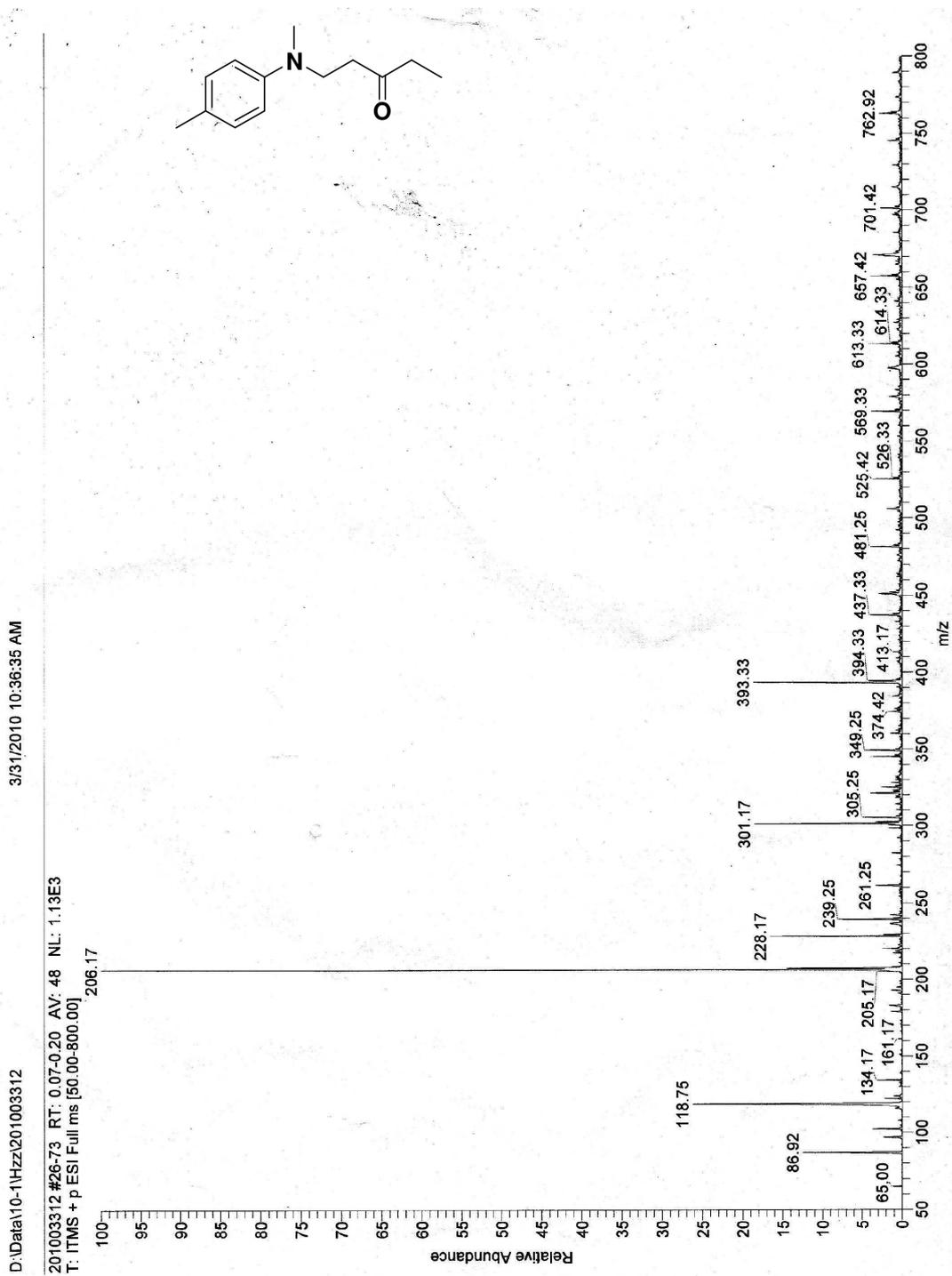
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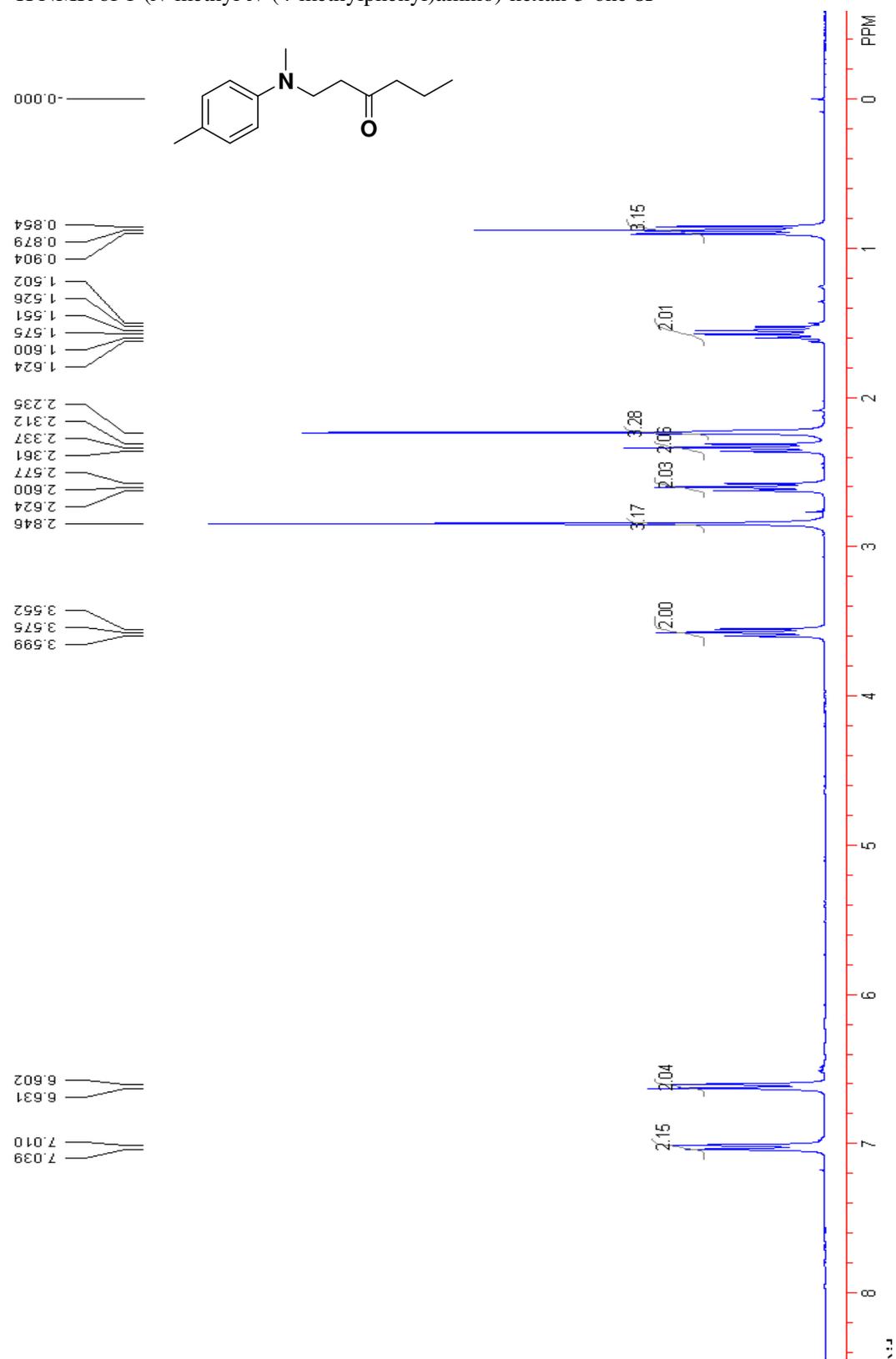
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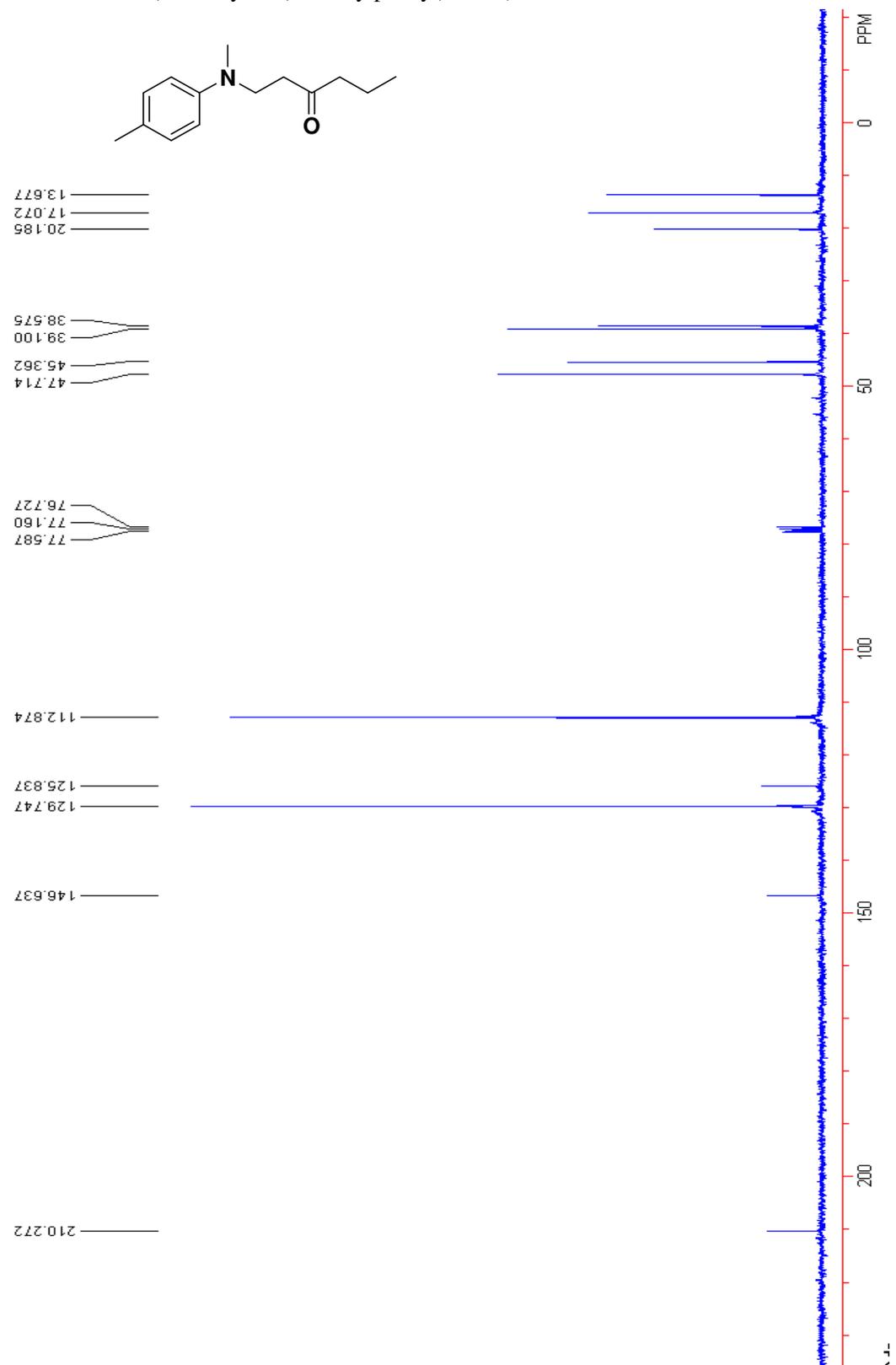
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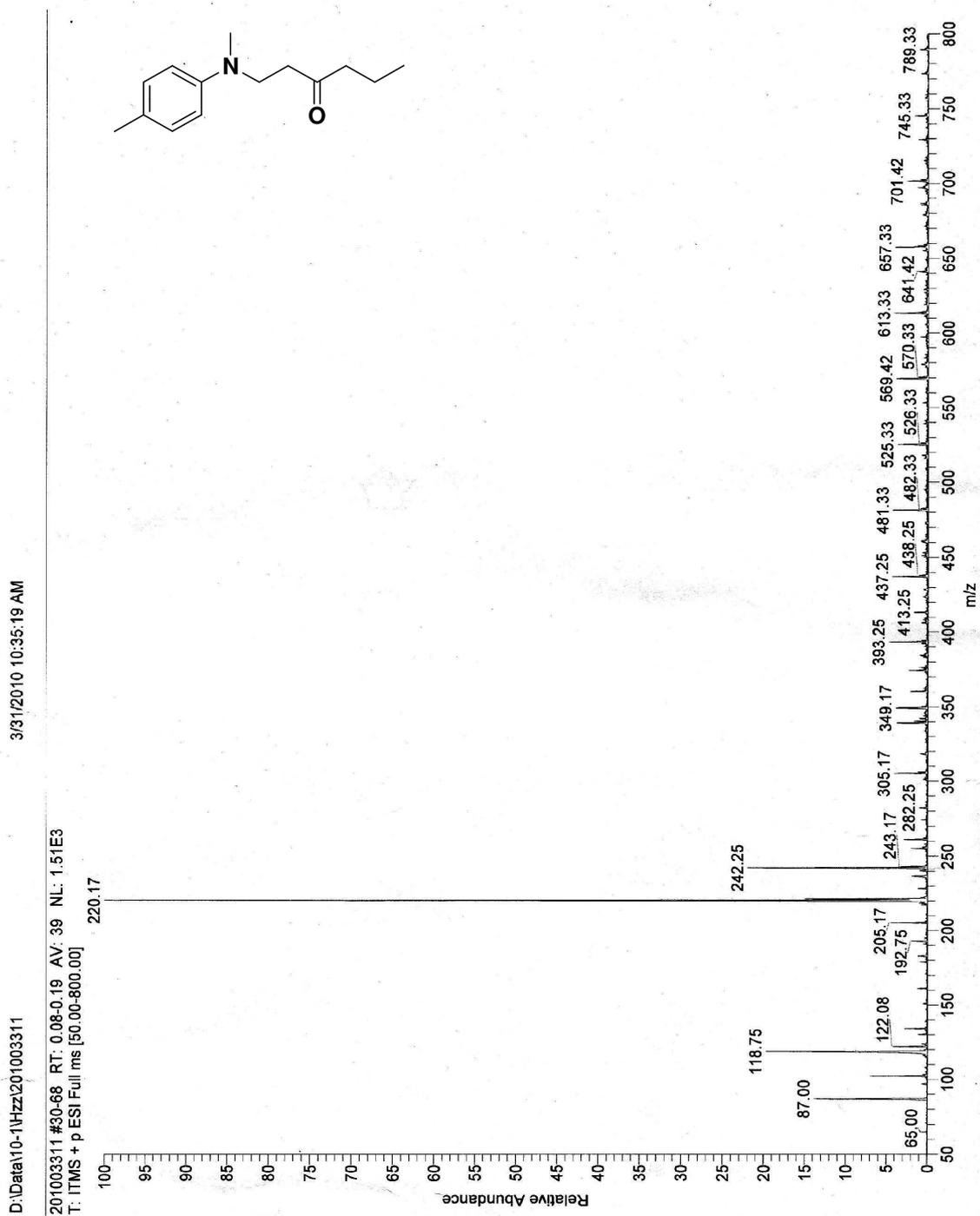
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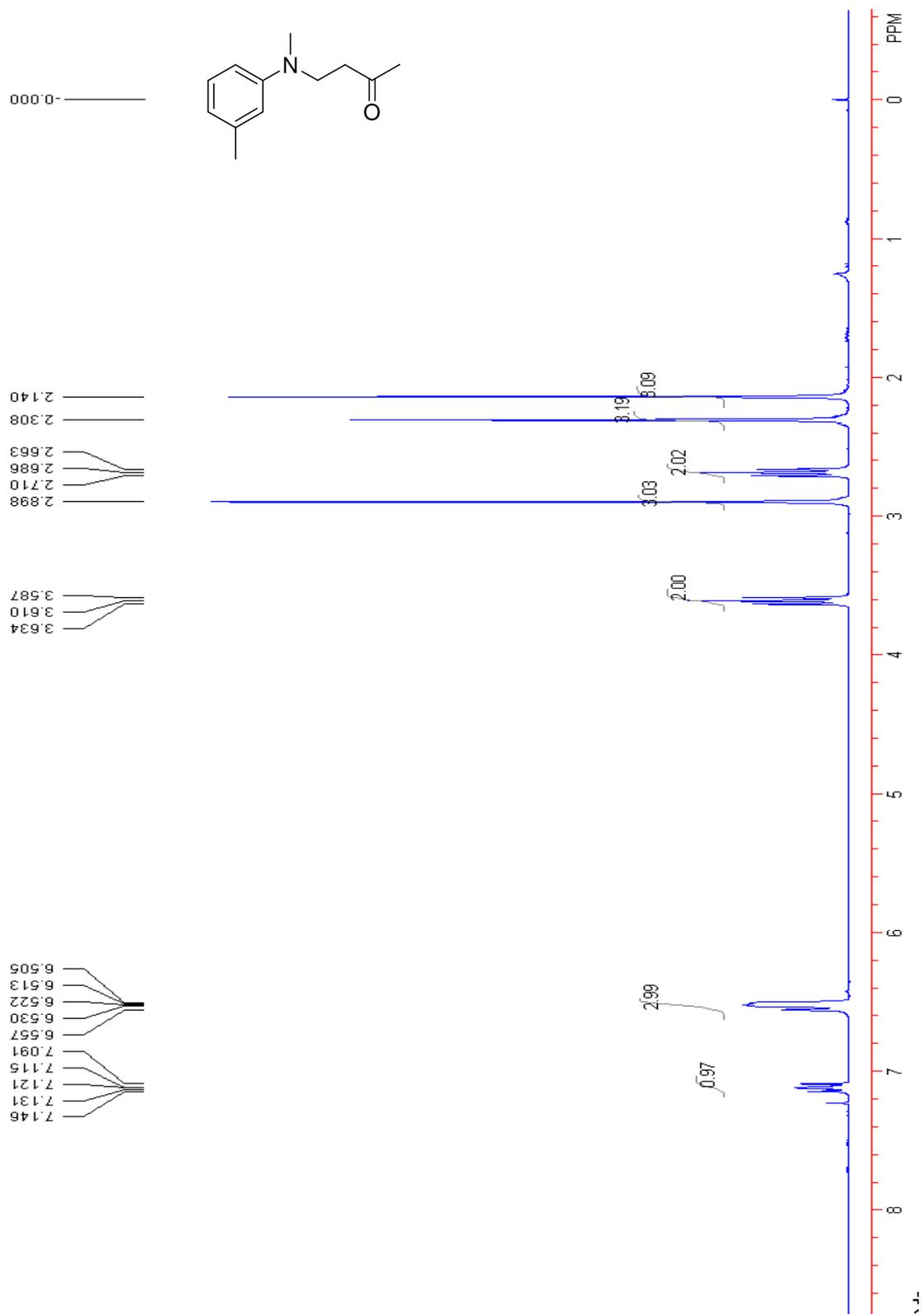
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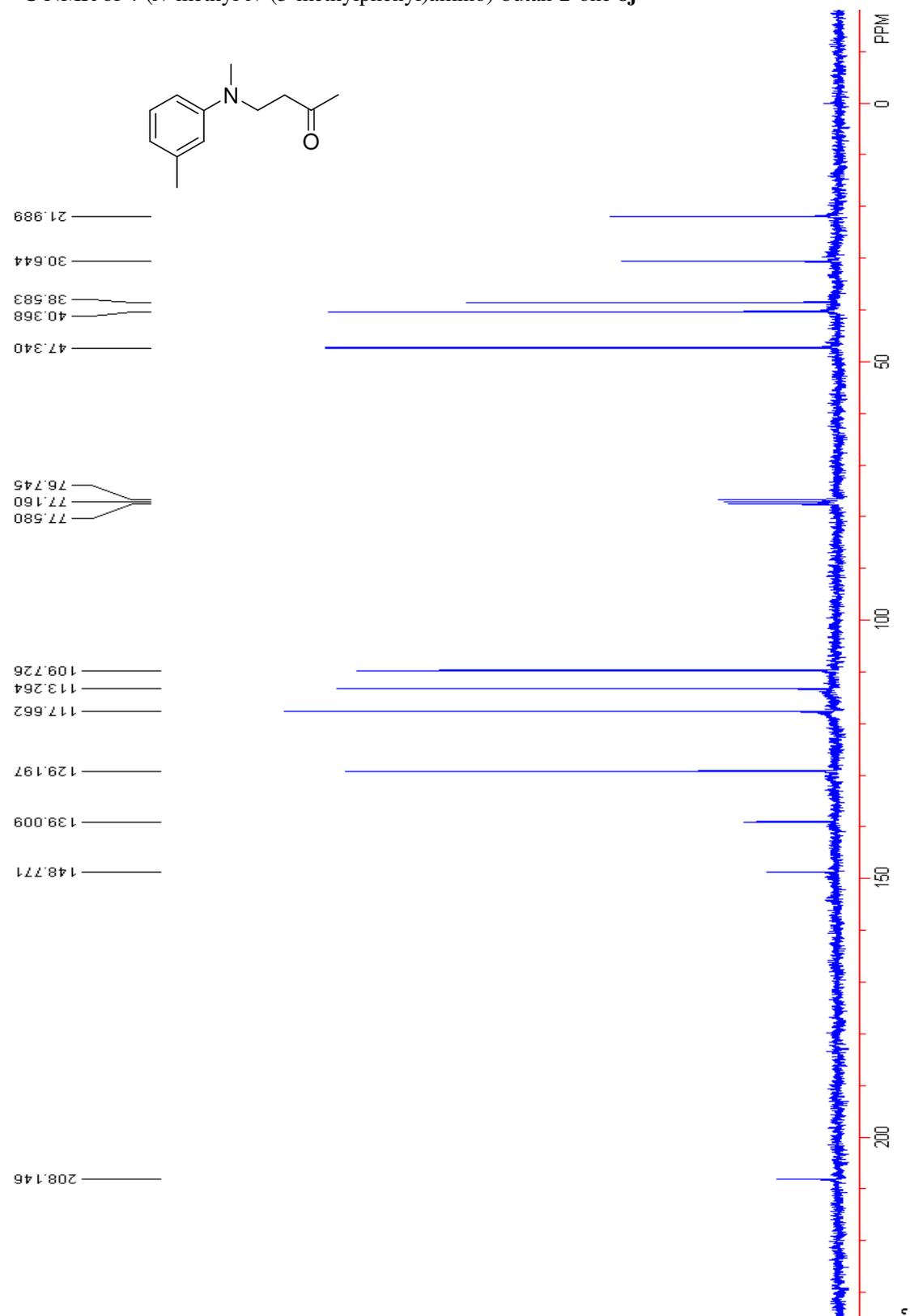
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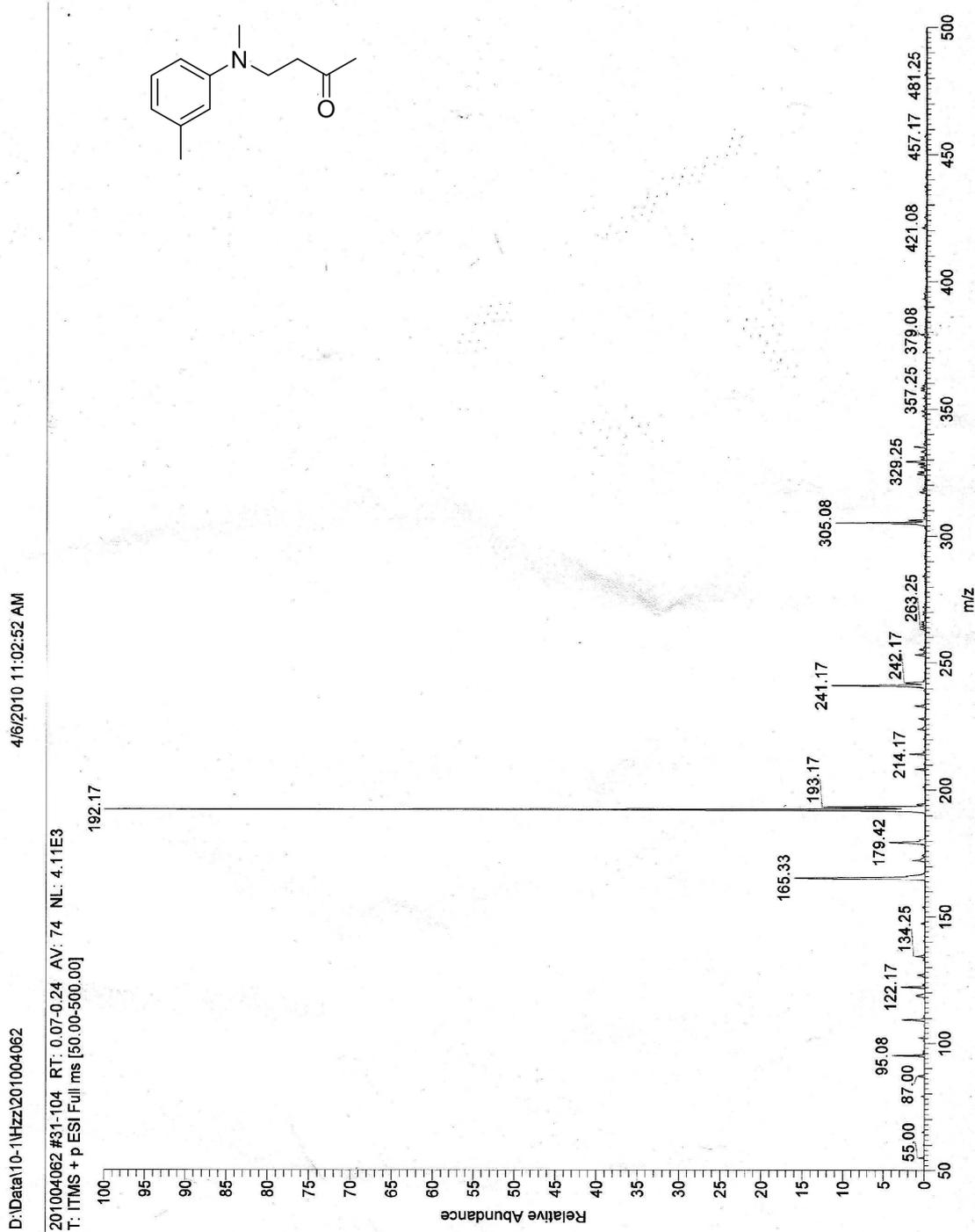
¹H NMR of 4-(*N*-methyl-*N*-(3-methylphenyl)amino)-butan-2-one **8j**



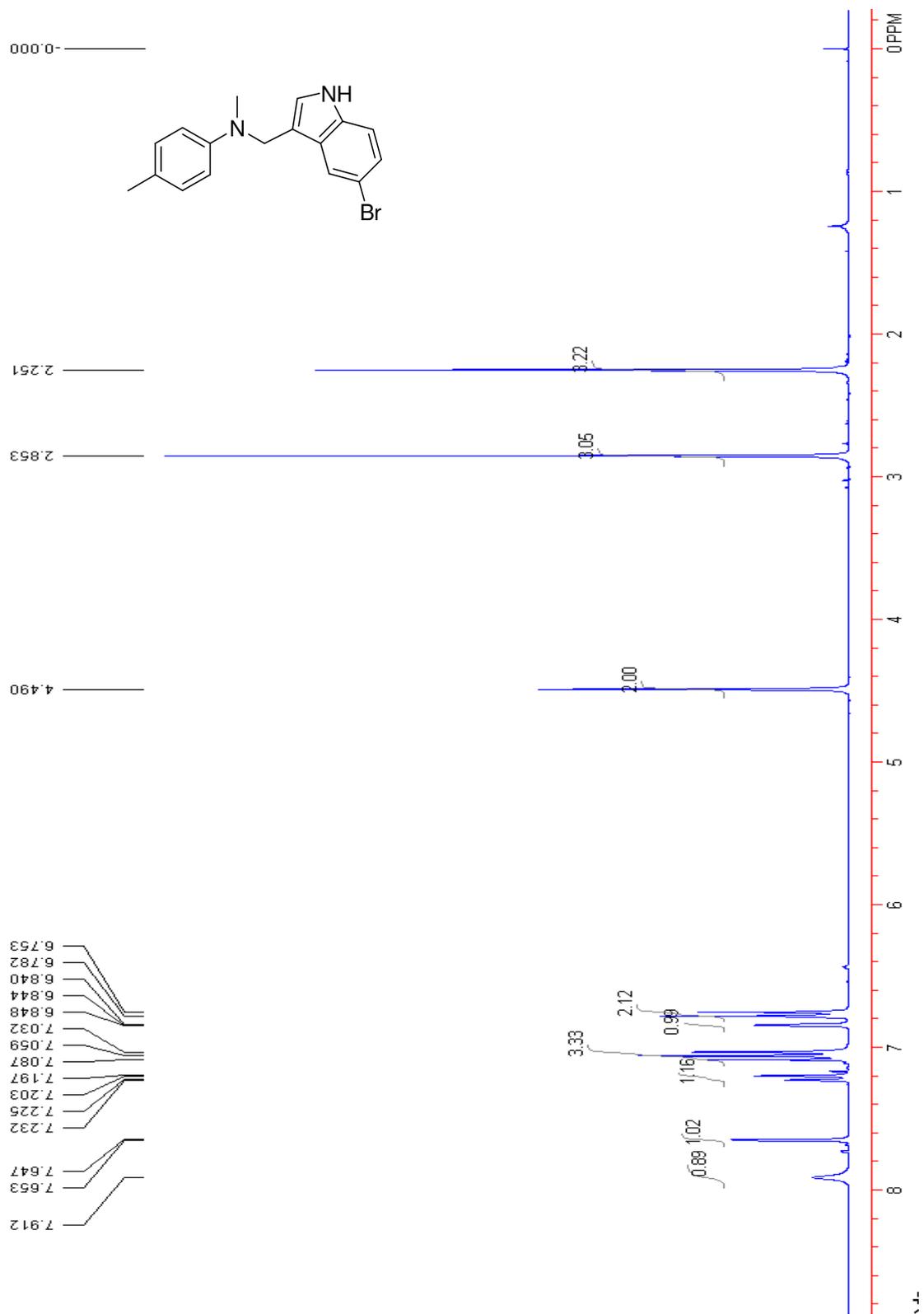
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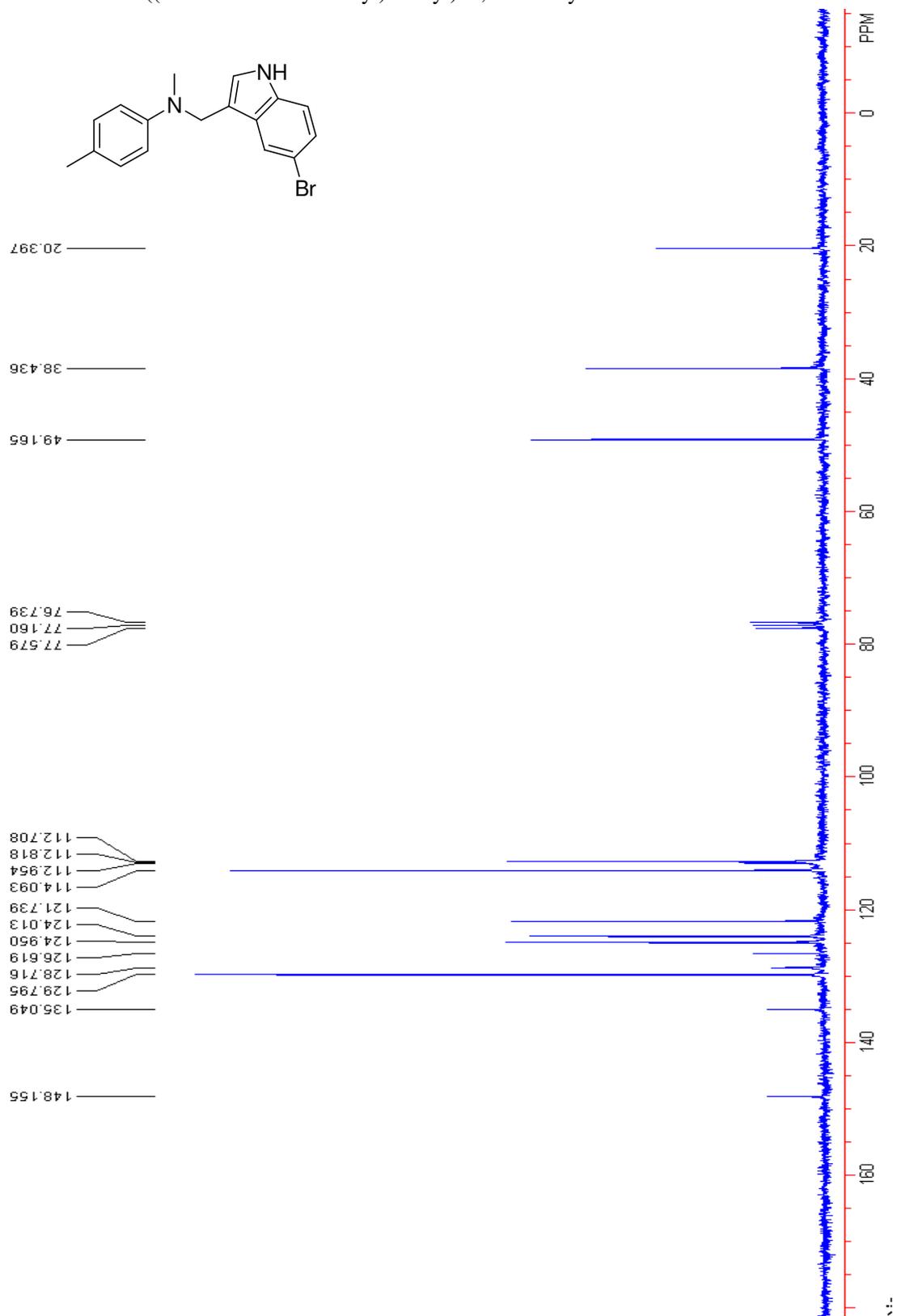
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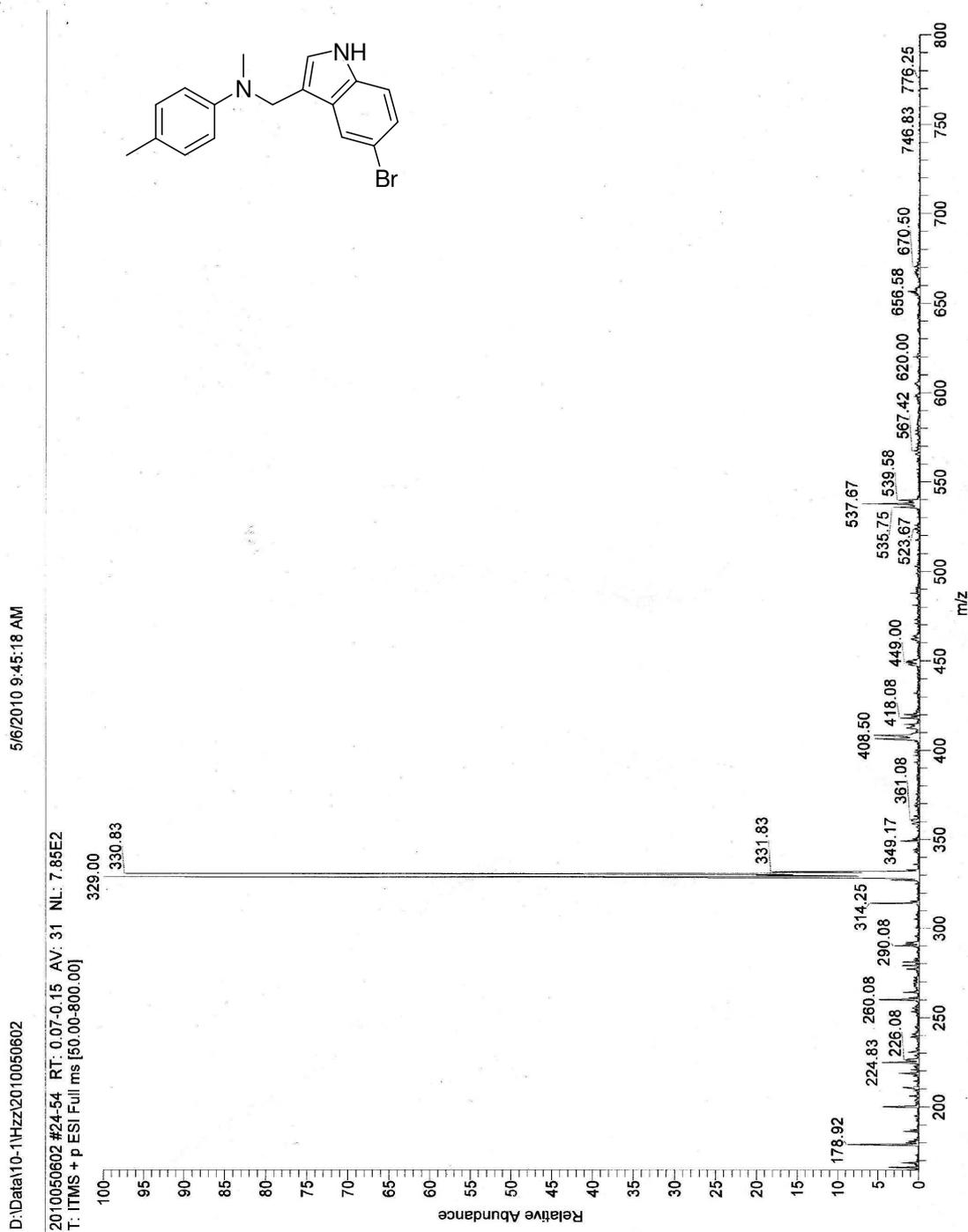
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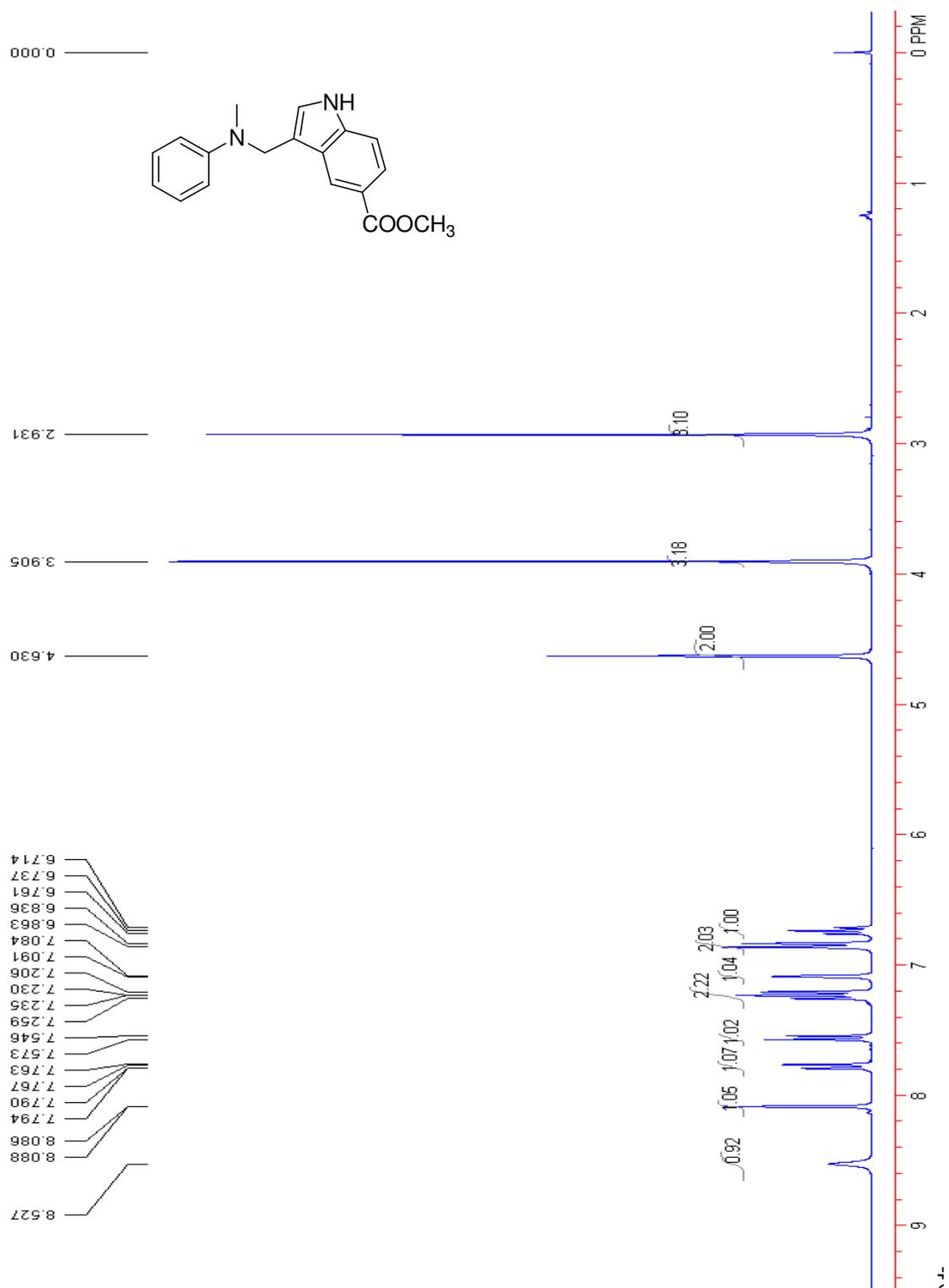
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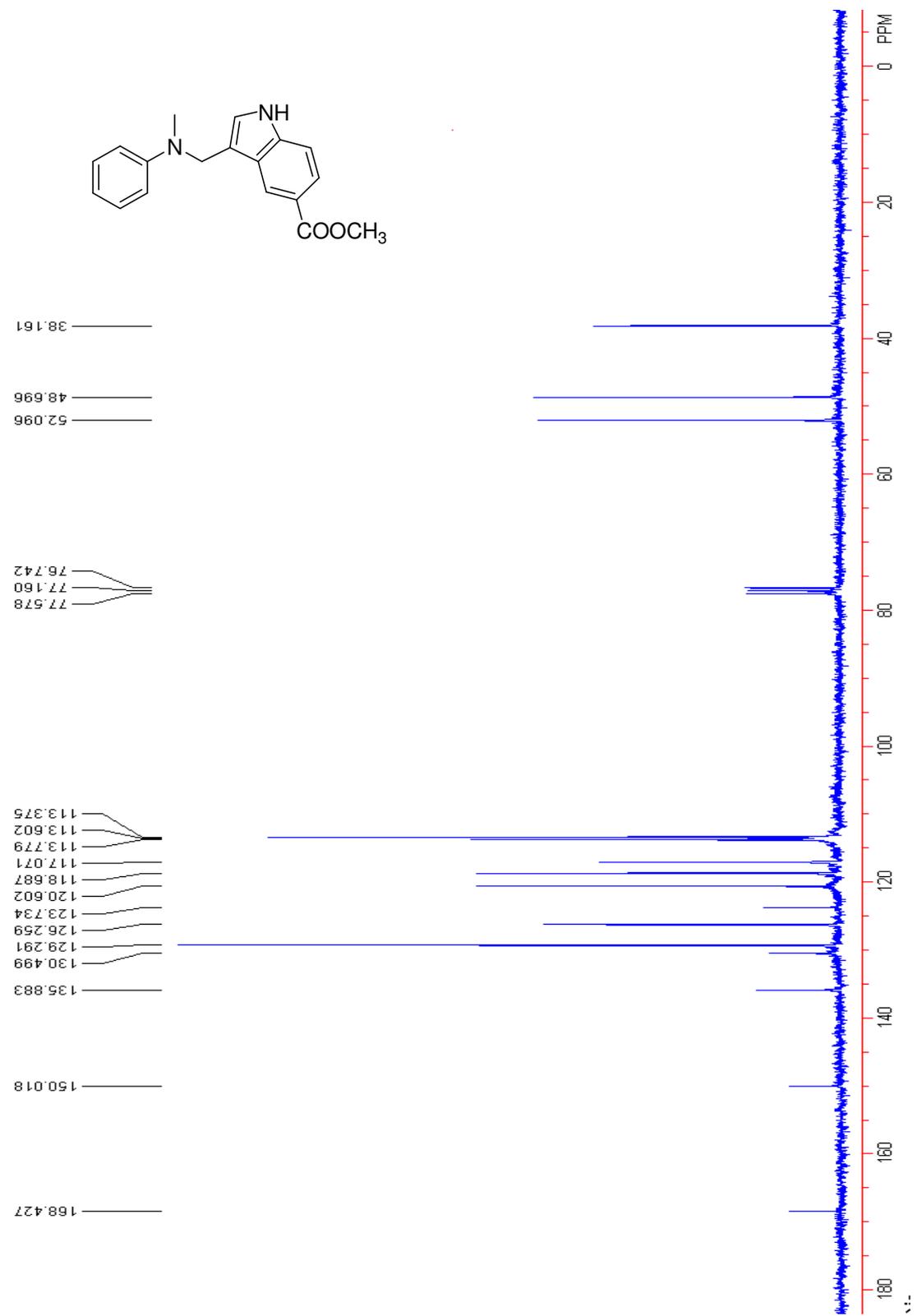
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¹H NMR of 3-((*N*-methyl-*N*-phenylamino)methyl)-1*H*-indole-5-carboxylic acid methyl ester **10g**



¹³C NMR of 3-((*N*-methyl-*N*-phenylamino)methyl)-1*H*-indole-5-carboxylic acid methyl ester **10g**



MS (EI) of 3-((*N*-methyl-*N*-phenylamino)methyl)-1*H*-indole-5-carboxylic acid methyl ester **10g**

