

One-Pot Synthesis of Diarylamines from Two Aromatic Amines via Oxidative Dearomatization-Imino Exchange-Reductive Aromatization

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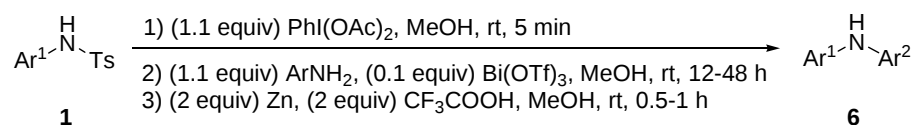
Supporting Information

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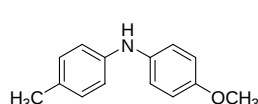
1. General Information

All reactions were performed in Schlenk tubes under nitrogen atmosphere. Flash column chromatography was performed using silica gel (60-Å pore size, 32–63 μm, standard grade). Analytical thin-layer chromatography was performed using glass plates pre-coated with 0.25 mm 230–400 mesh silica gel impregnated with a fluorescent indicator (254 nm). Thin layer chromatography plates were visualized by exposure to ultraviolet light. Organic solutions were concentrated on rotary evaporators at ~20 Torr (house vacuum) at 25–35 °C. Commercial reagents and solvents were used as received. Nuclear magnetic resonance (NMR) spectra are recorded in parts per million from internal tetramethylsilane on the δ scale.

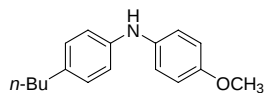
2. General Procedure and Spectral Data of Products



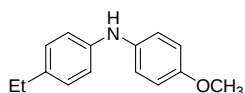
PhI(OAc)₂ (0.22 mmol) was added into the solution of compound **1** (0.2 mmol) in MeOH (2 mL) at 25 °C. After 5 min, aromatic amine **2** (0.22 mmol) and Bi(OTf)₃ (0.02 mmol) were added. The resulting reaction mixture was stirred at 25 °C until the consumption of *N*-sulfonyl cyclohexadienimine determined by TLC. The reaction mixture was treated with Zn dust (0.22 mmol) and CF₃COOH (0.22 mmol). Upon completion determined by TLC, The reaction mixture was passed through a short silica gel column and then concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (hexanes/ethyl acetate = 10:1) to afford the pure product **6**.



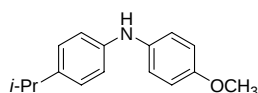
4-methoxy-N-(p-tolyl)aniline 6aa¹: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 6.96-7.05 (m, 4 H), 6.79-6.86 (m, 4 H), 5.38 (s, 1 H), 3.77 (s, 3 H), 2.27 (s, 3 H).



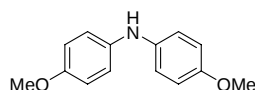
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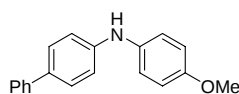
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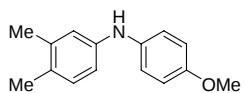
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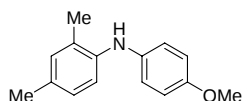
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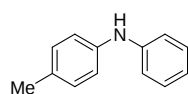
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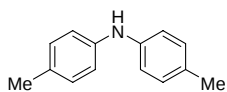
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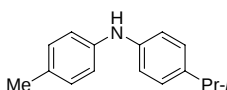
N-(4-methoxyphenyl)-2,4-dimethylaniline 6ha: brown oil; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 6.80-7.25 (m, 7 H), 5.12 (s, 1 H), 3.78 (s, 3 H), 2.15-2.30 (m, 6 H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 154.5, 140.4, 137.4, 131.6, 137.4, 130.2, 127.3, 120.8, 117.1, 114.7, 55.7, 20.6, 11.8; HRMS m/z calcd for C₁₅H₁₈NO ([M+H]⁺): 228.1383, found 228.1397.



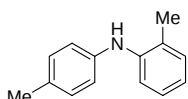
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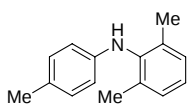
di-p-tolylamine 6ac⁸: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.05 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 4 H), 6.93 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 4 H), 5.47 (s, 1 H), 2.28 (s, 6 H).



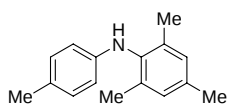
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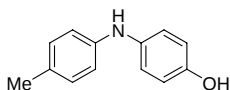
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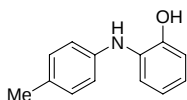
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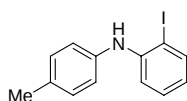
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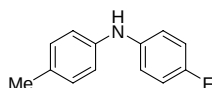
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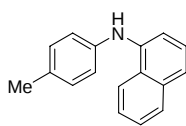
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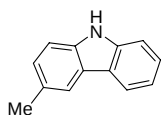
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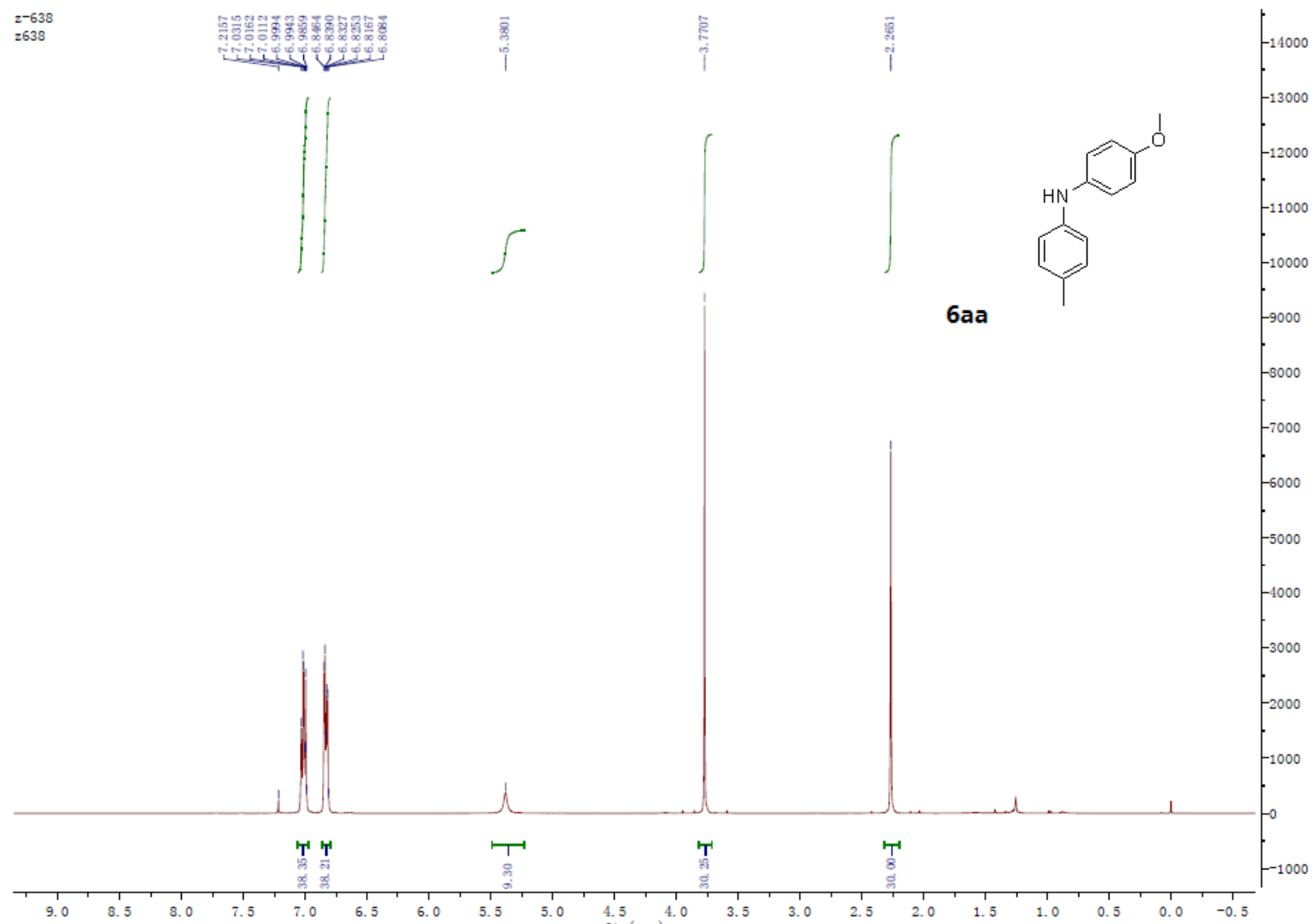
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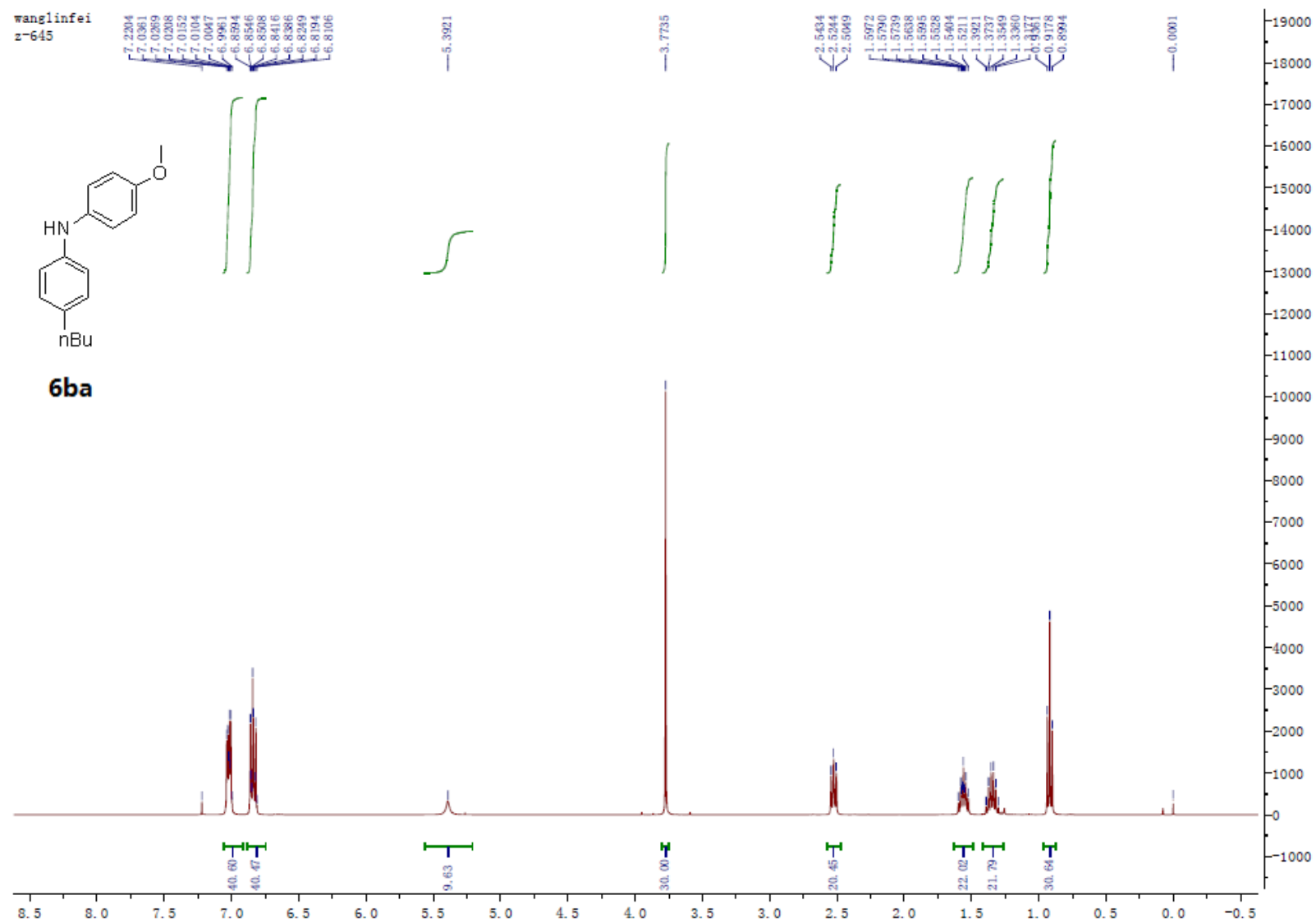


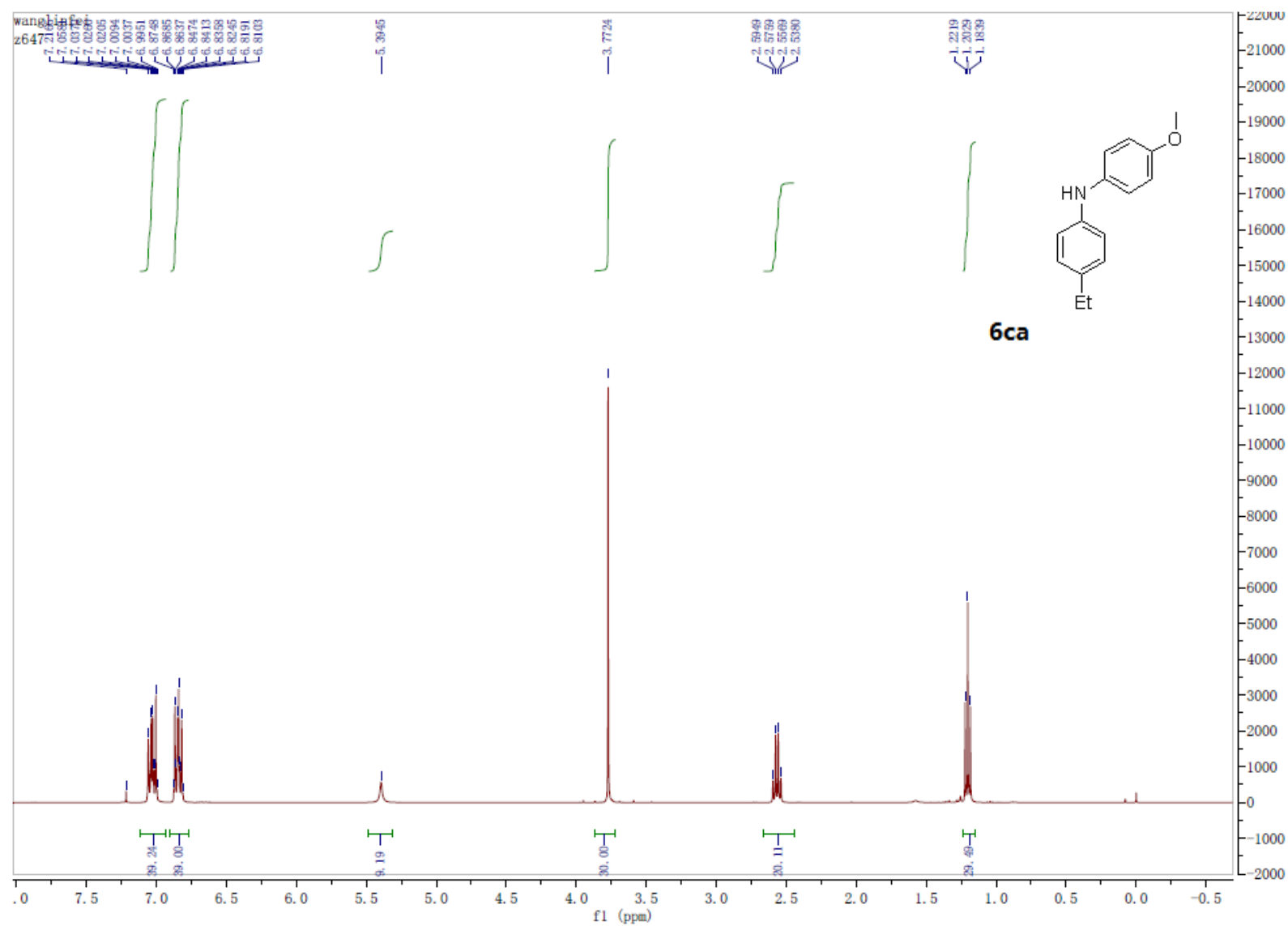
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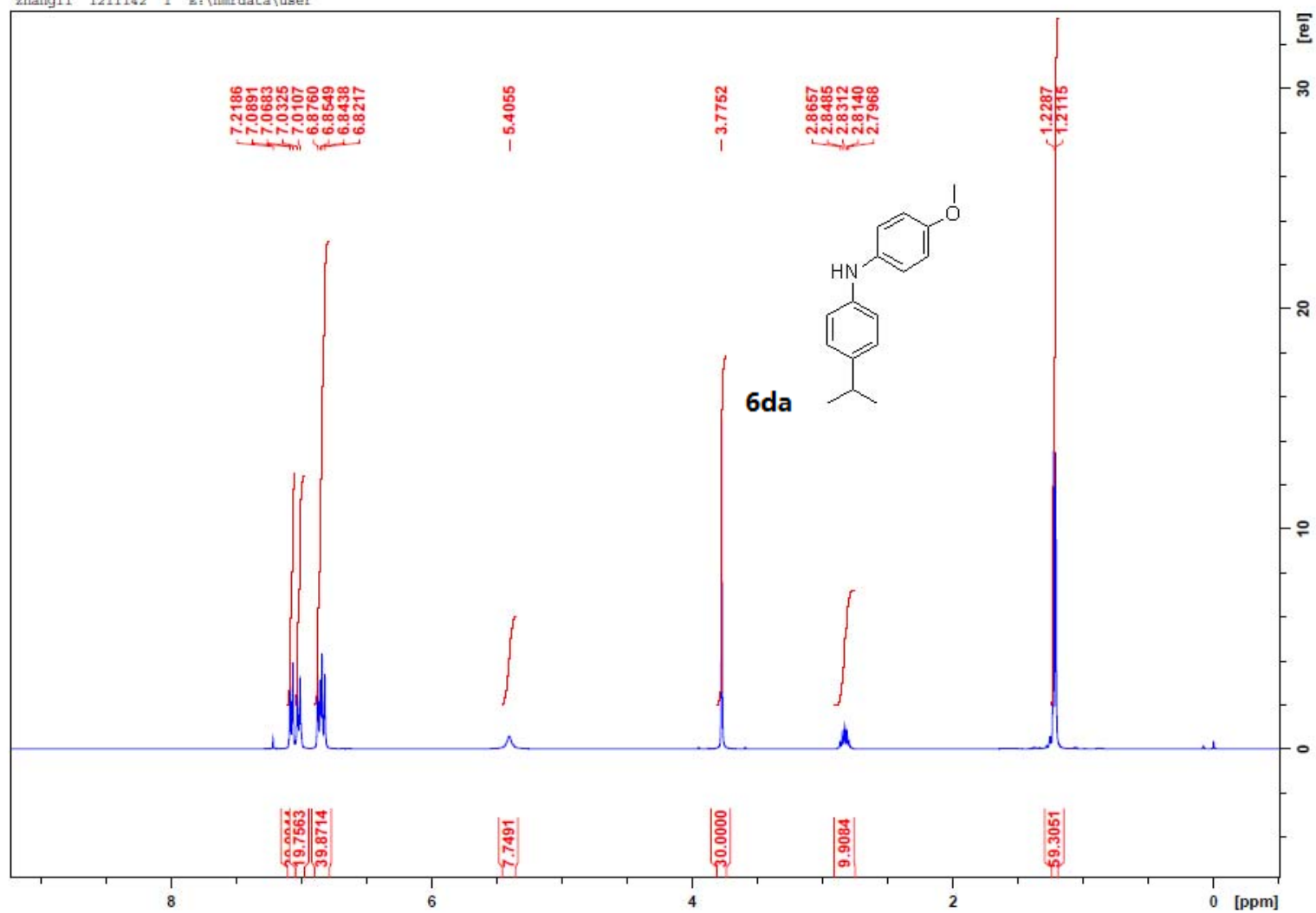
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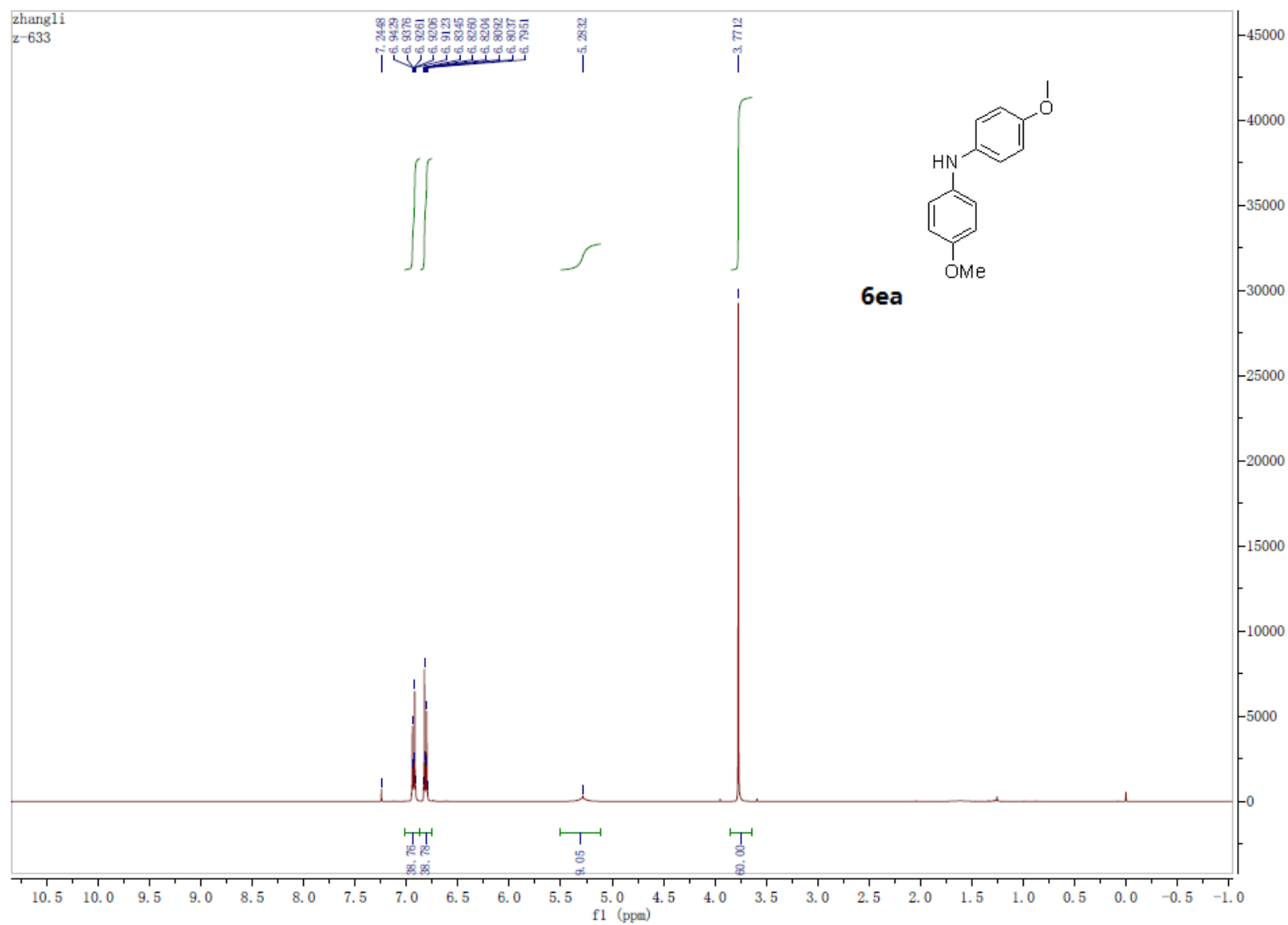


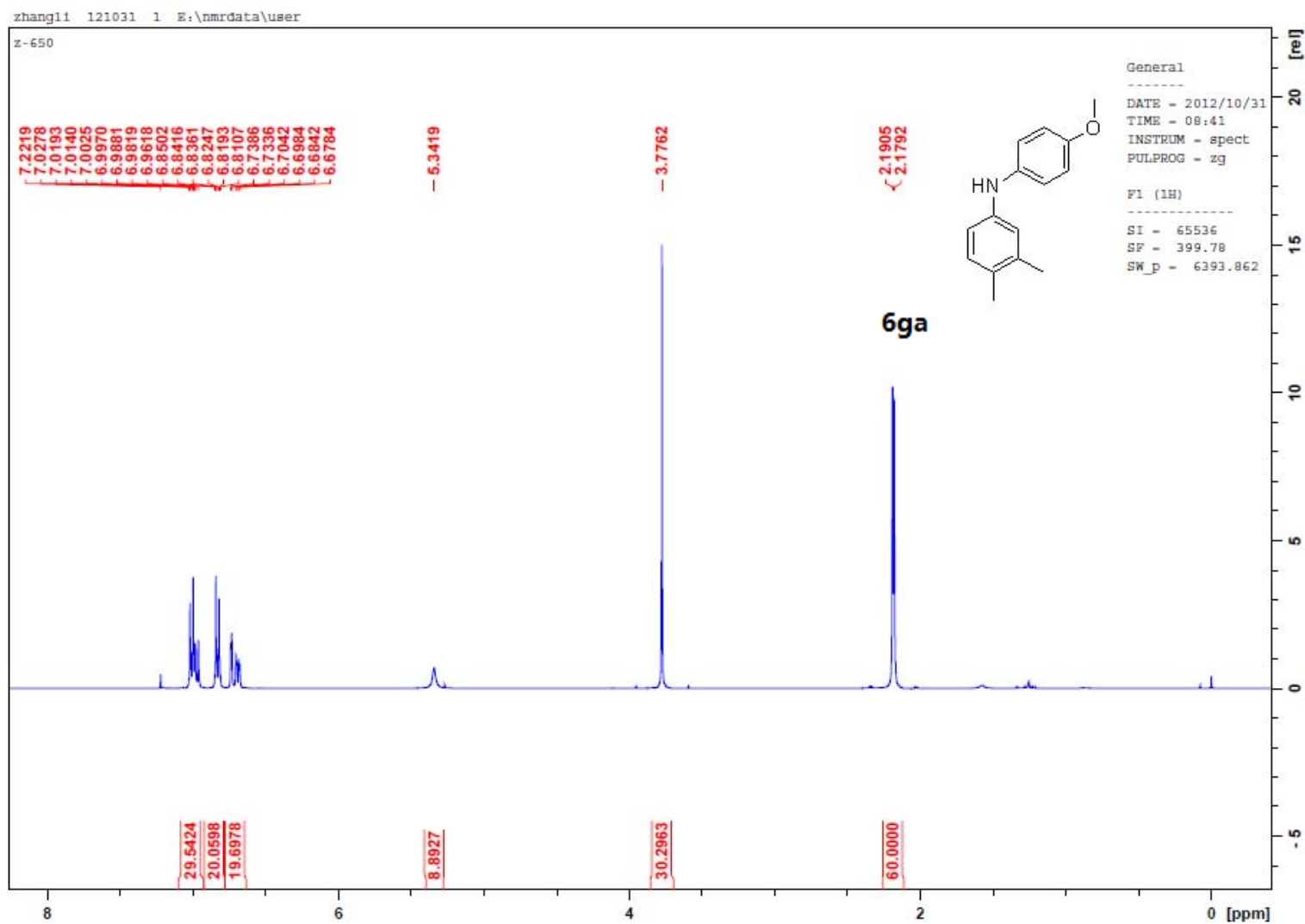


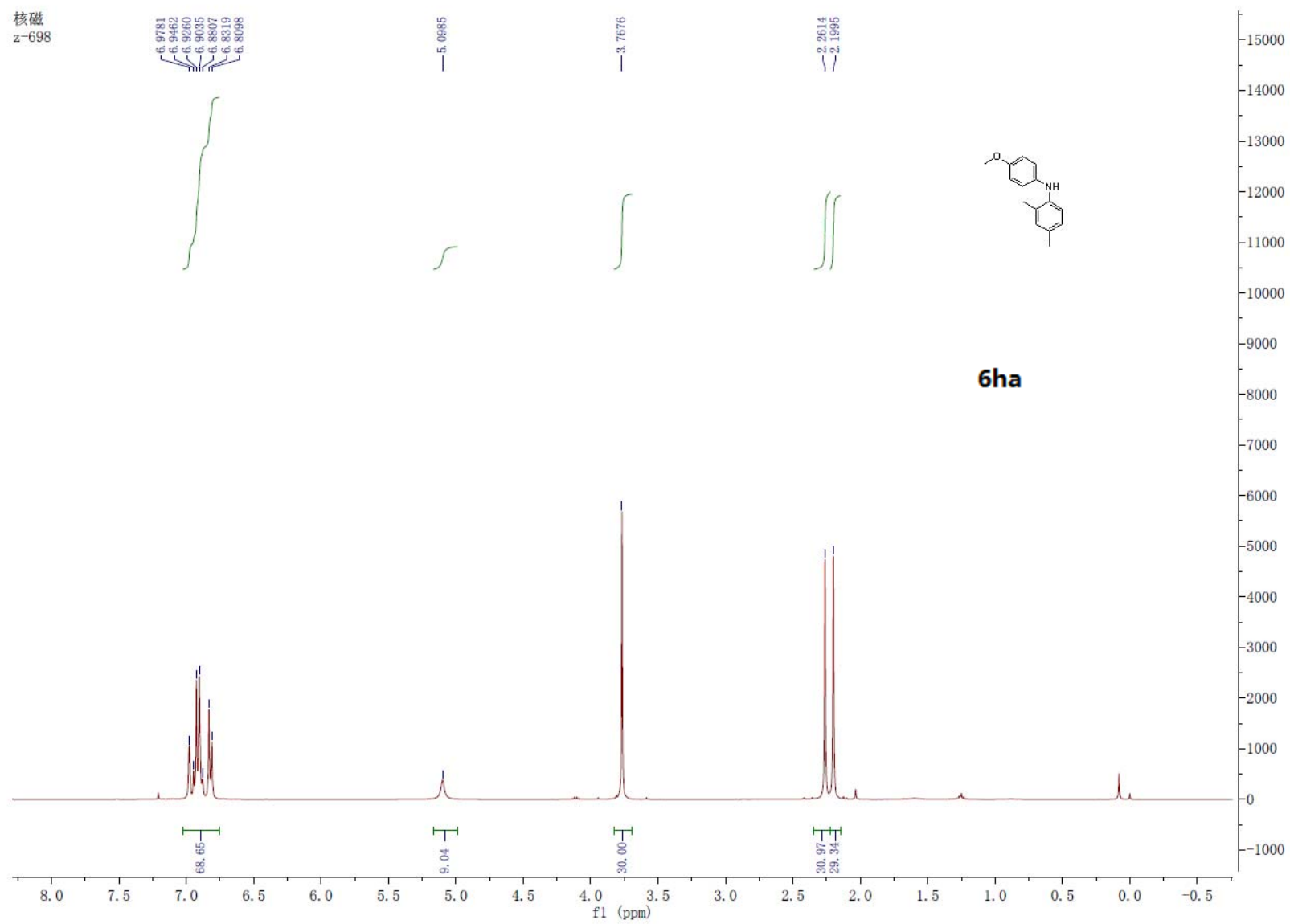


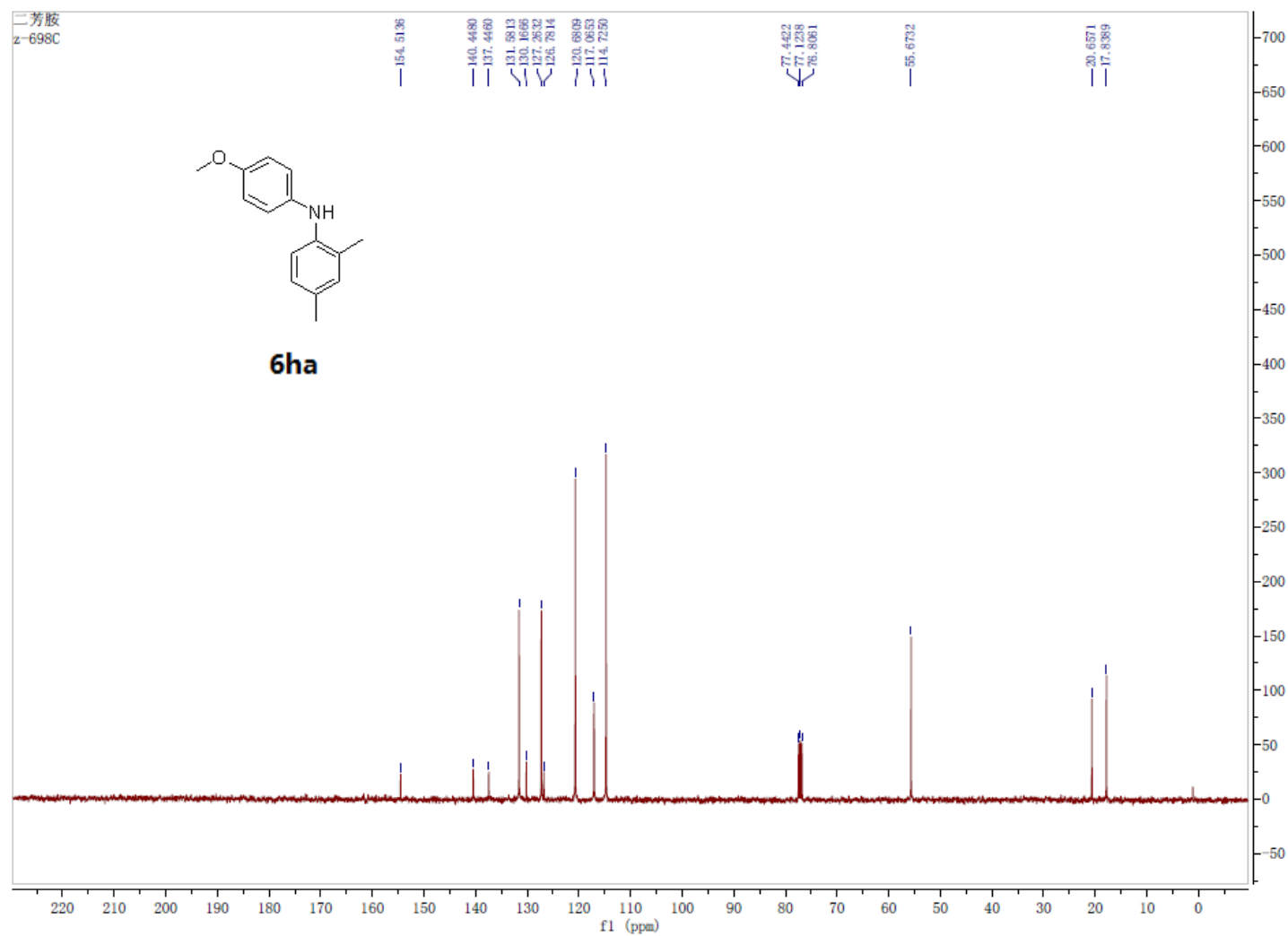
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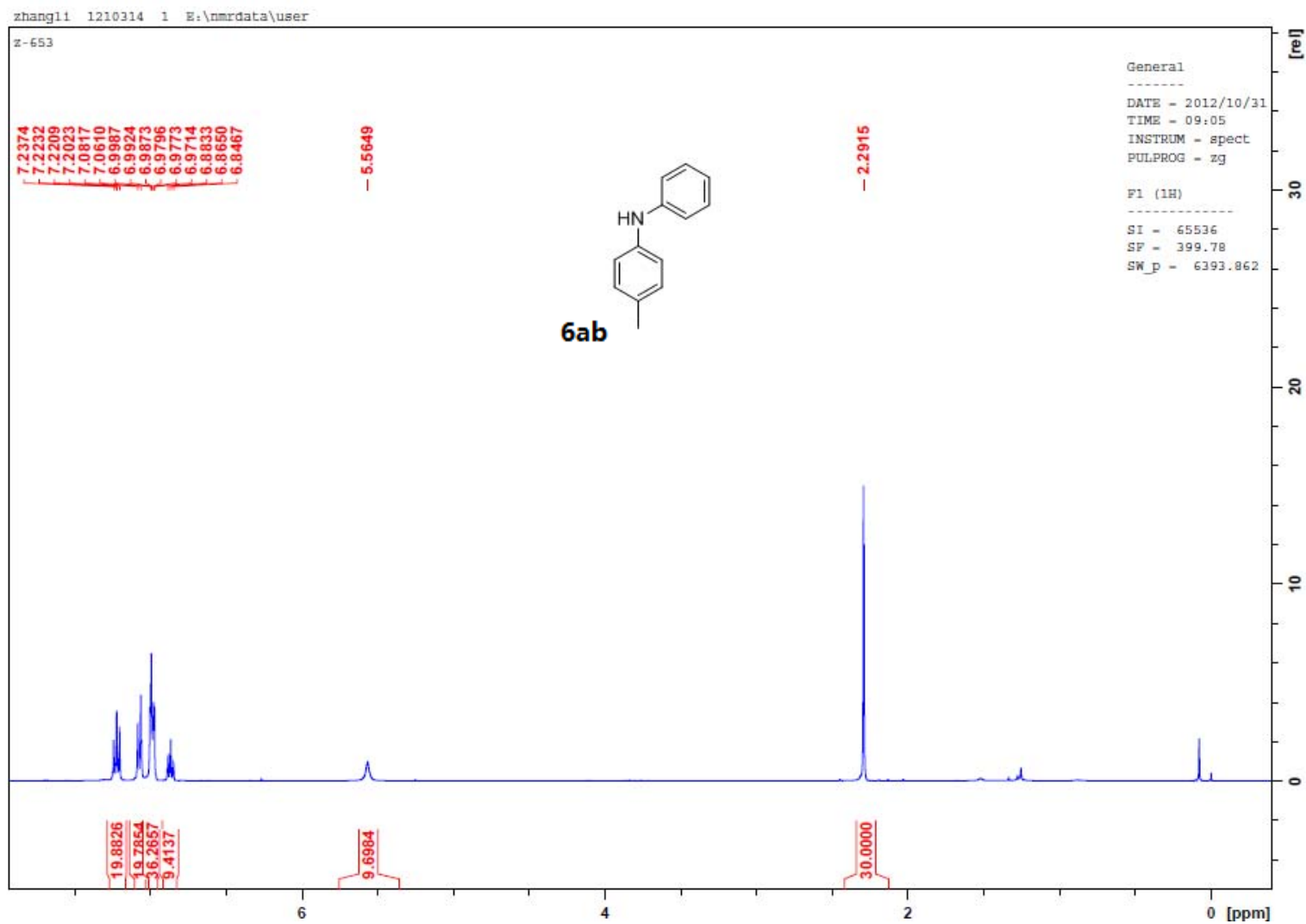


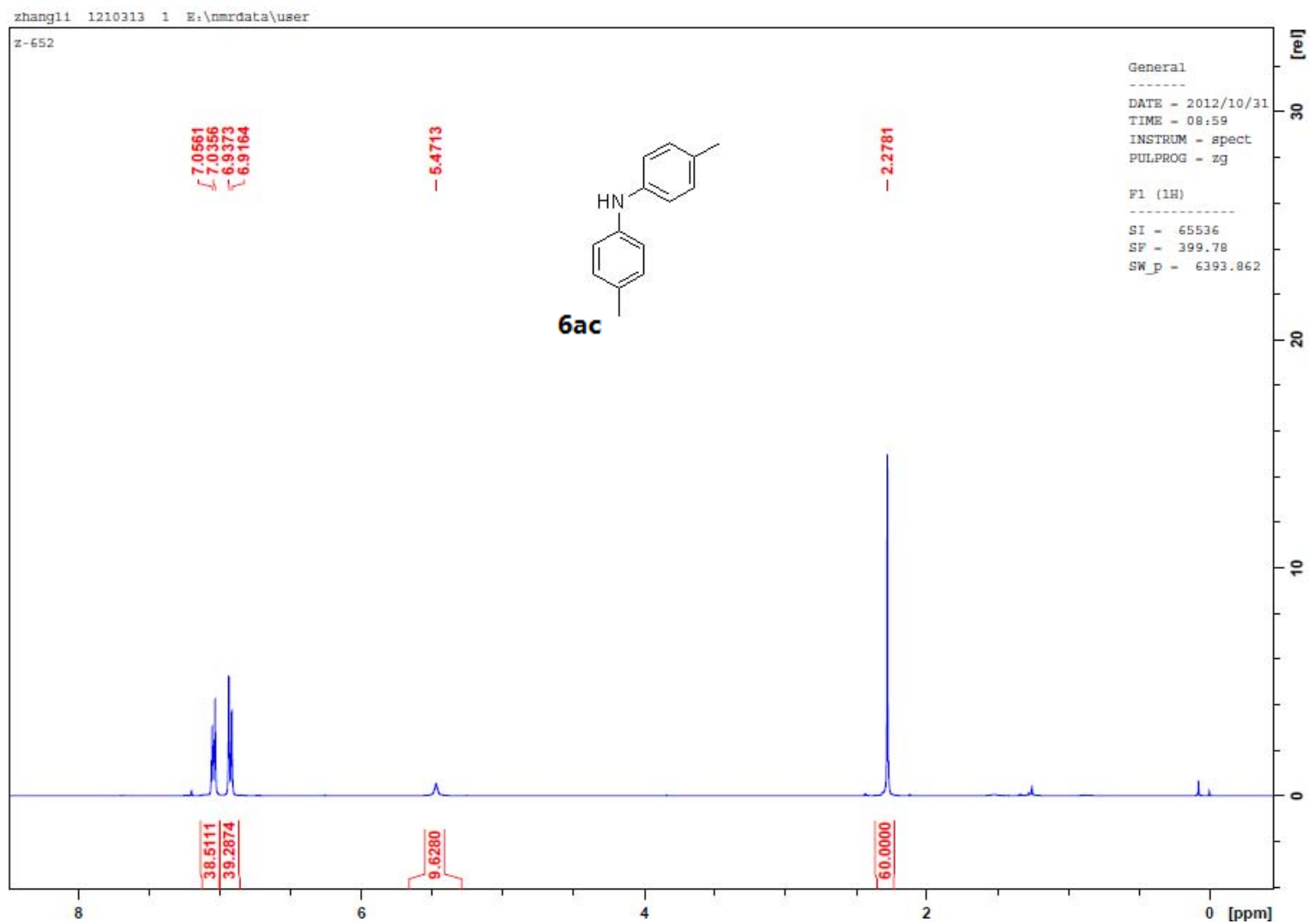




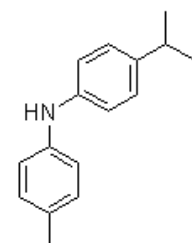




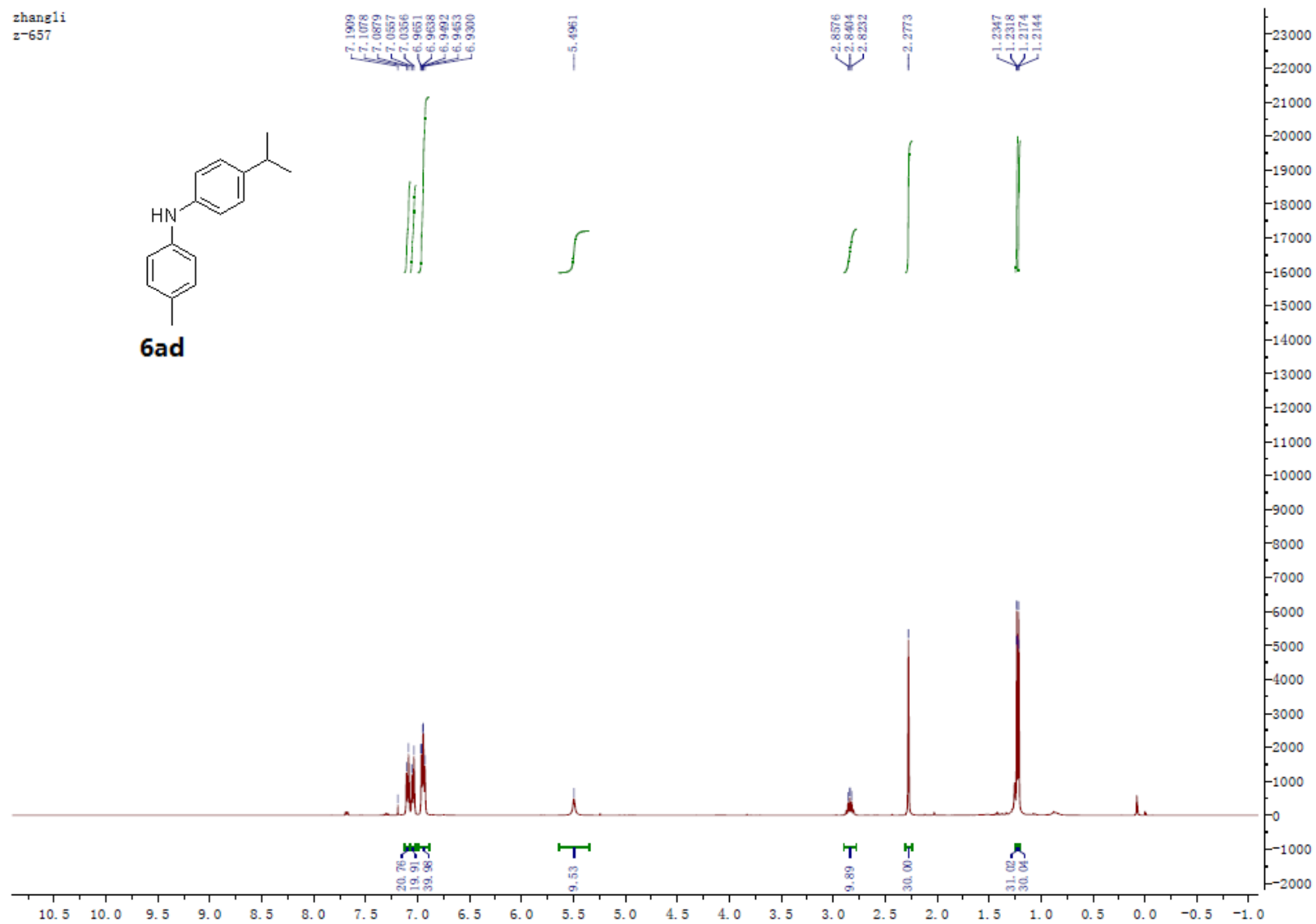




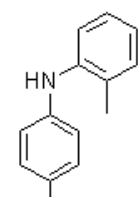
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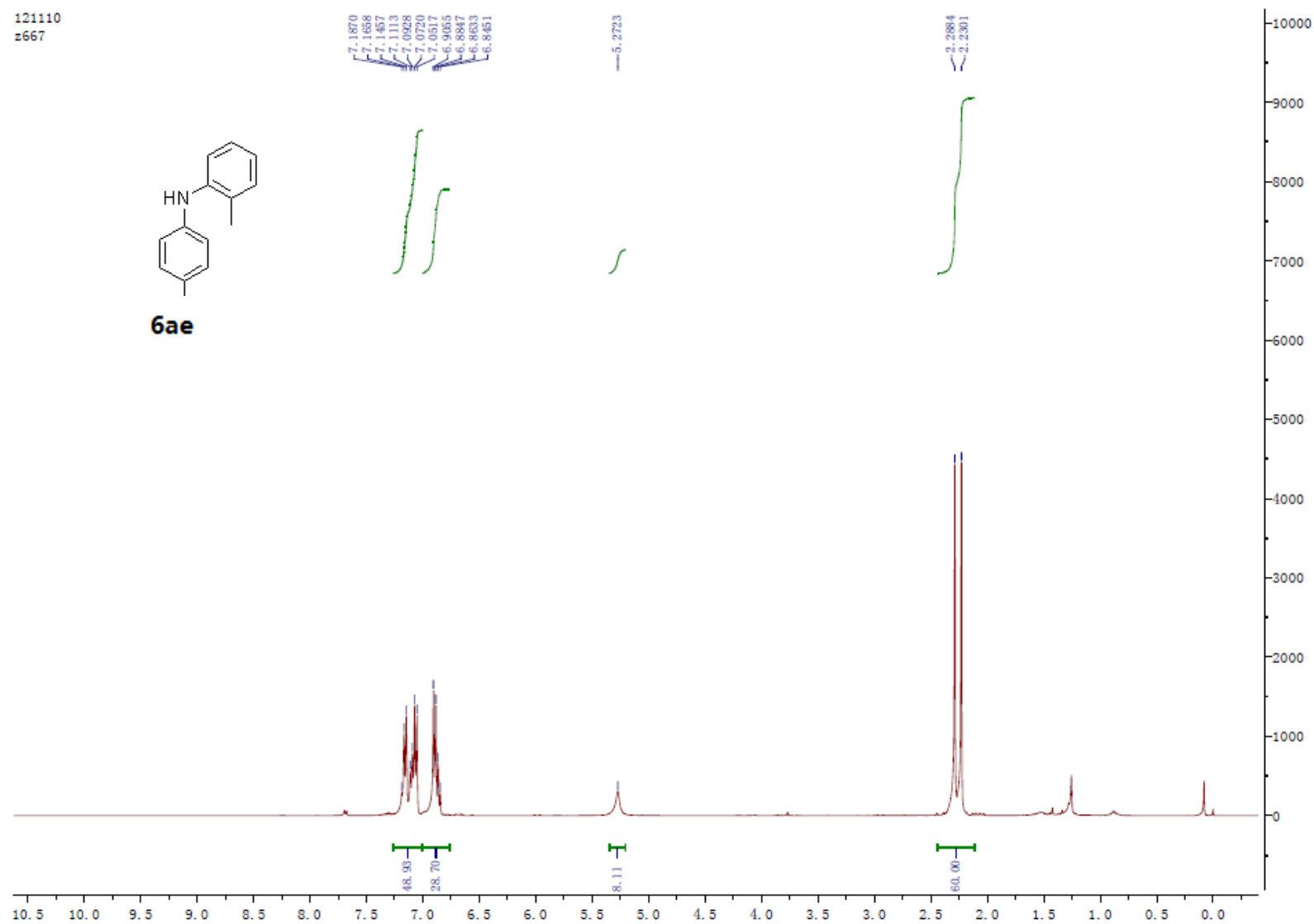
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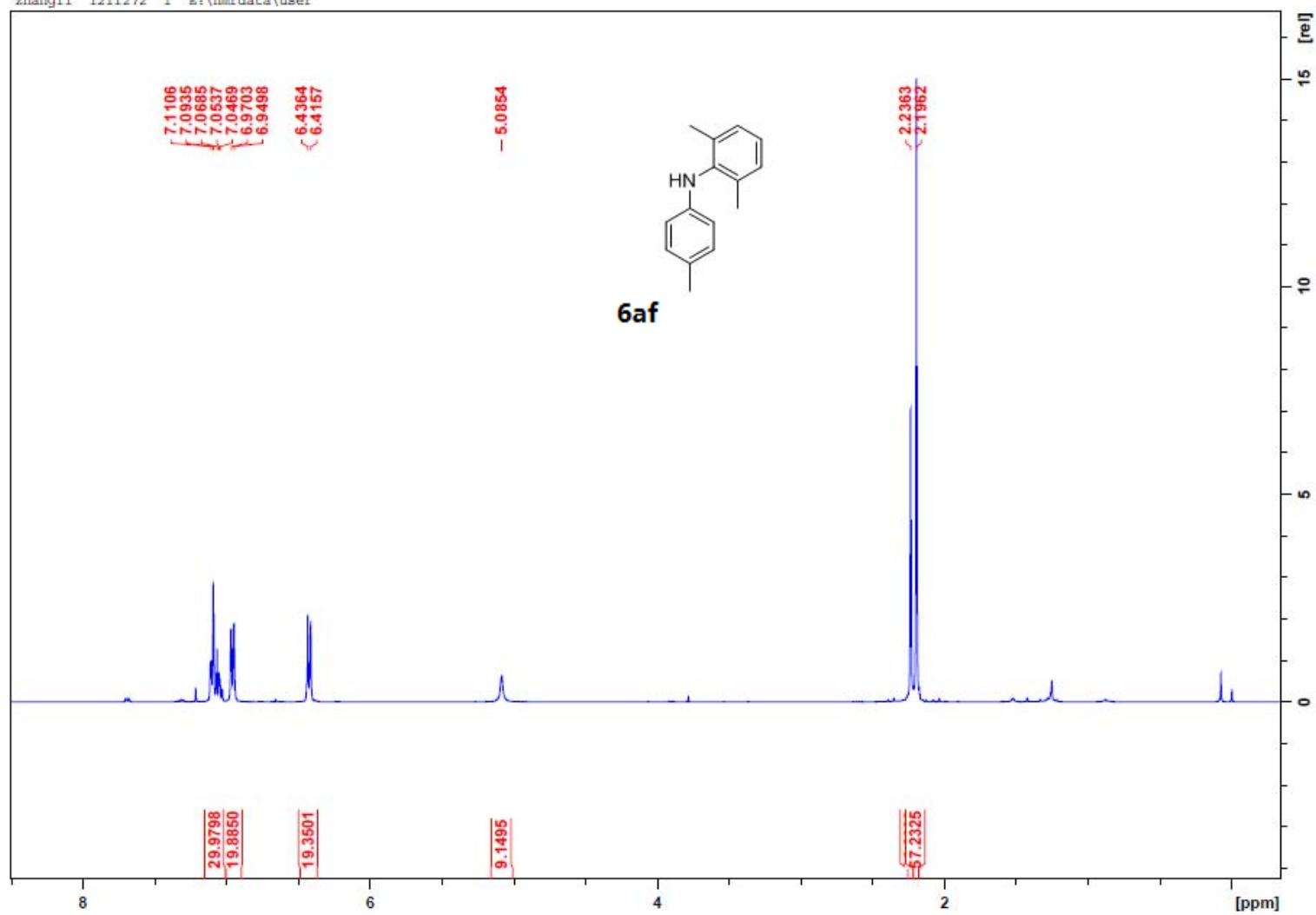
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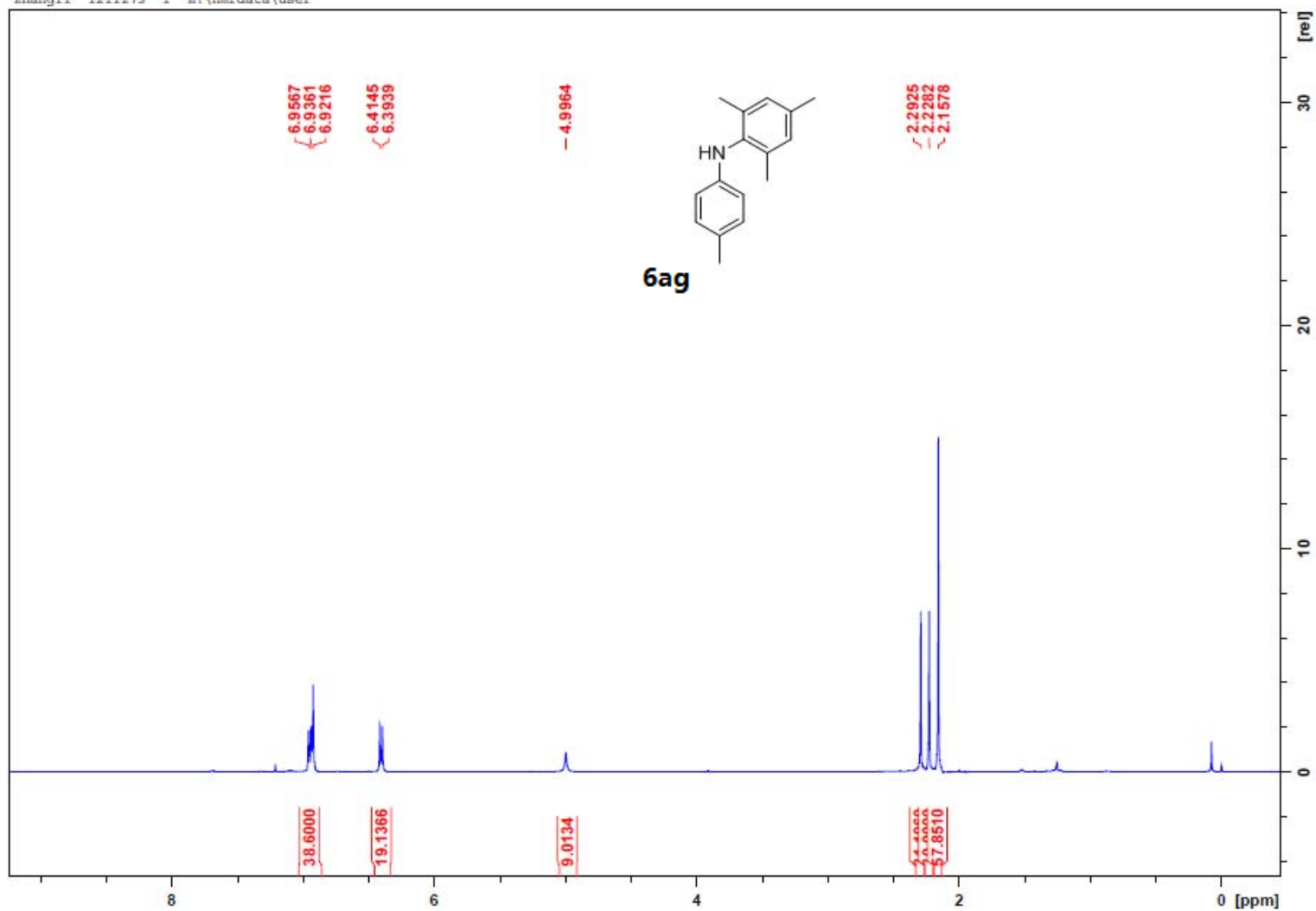
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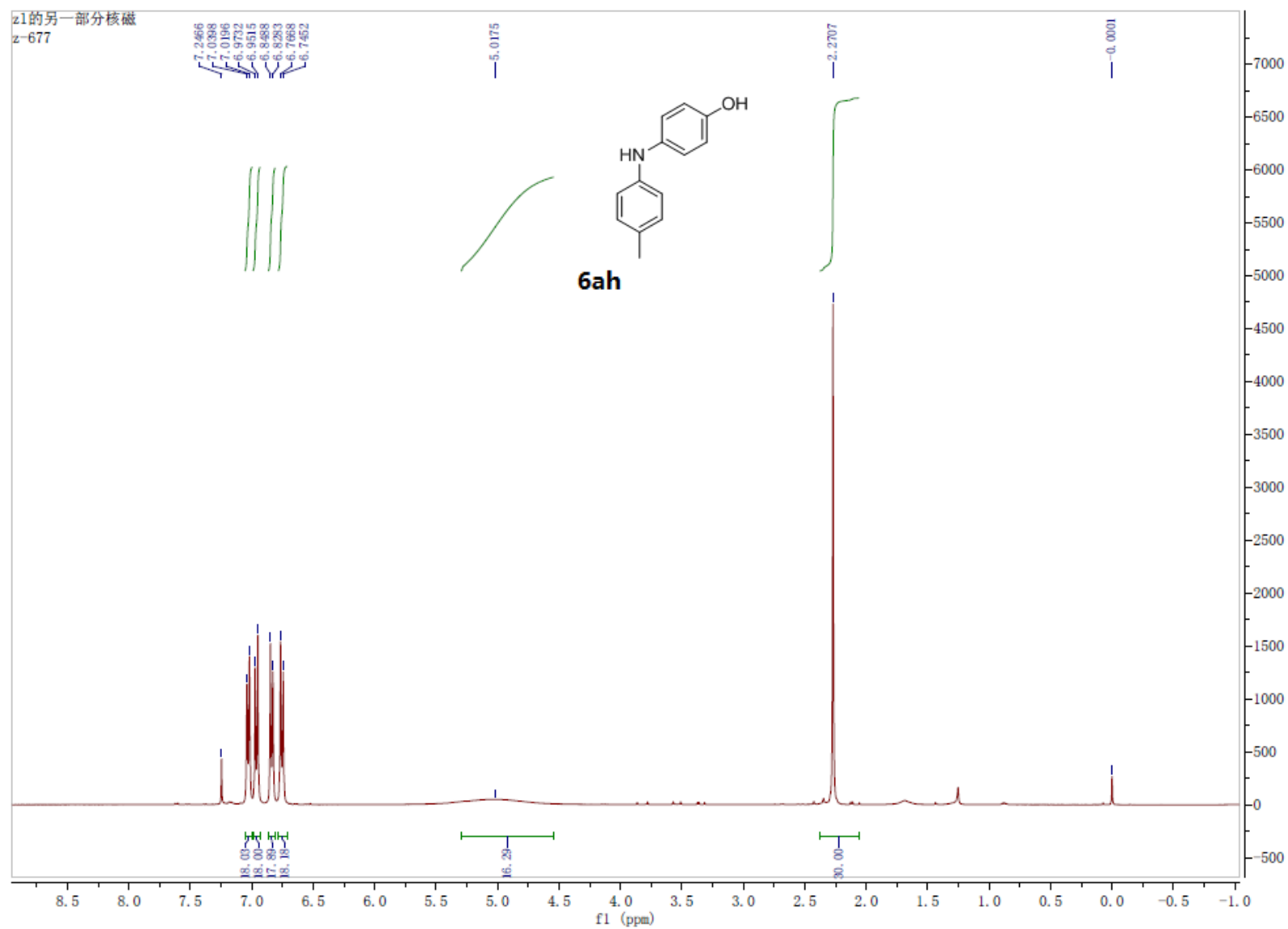


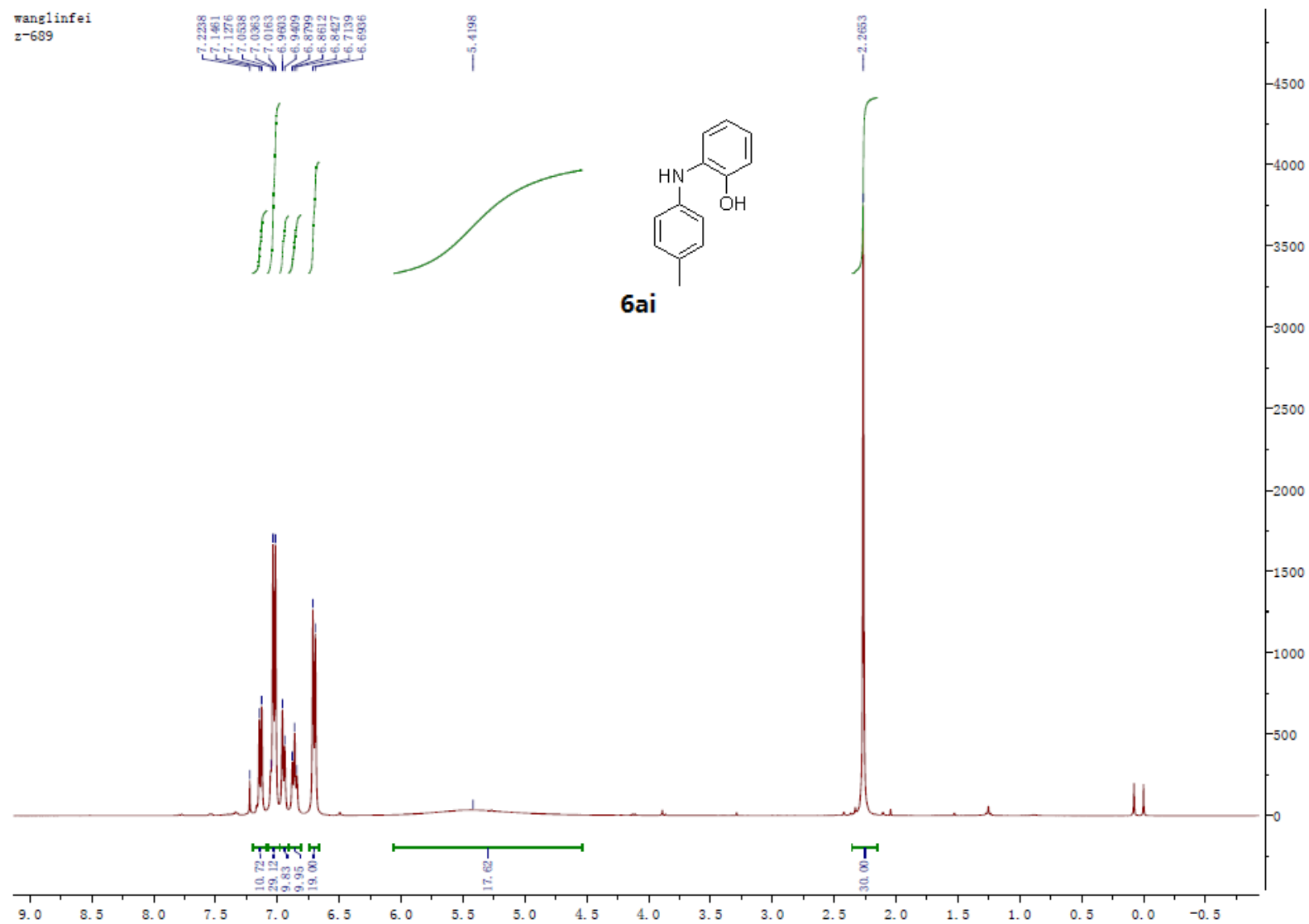
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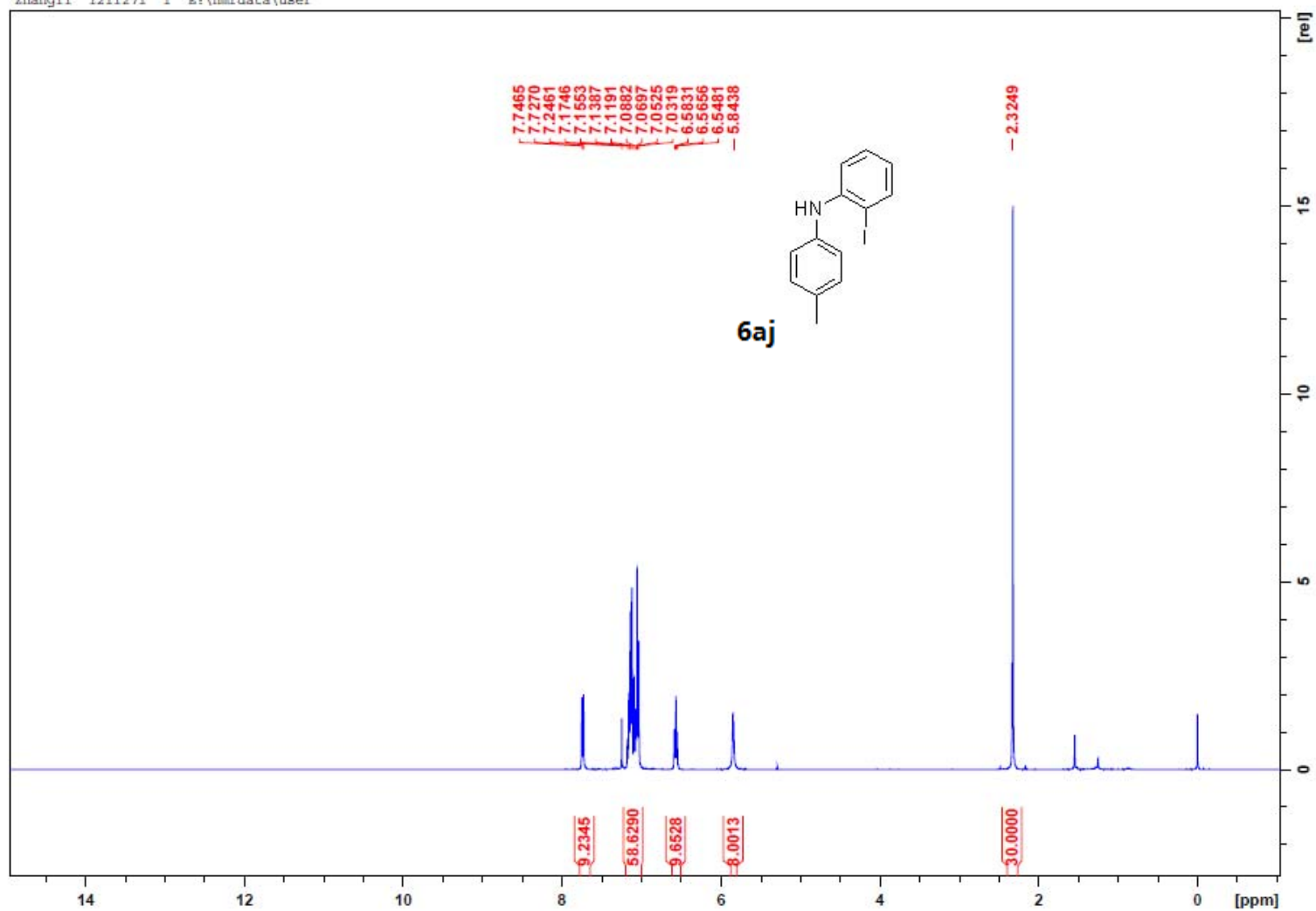
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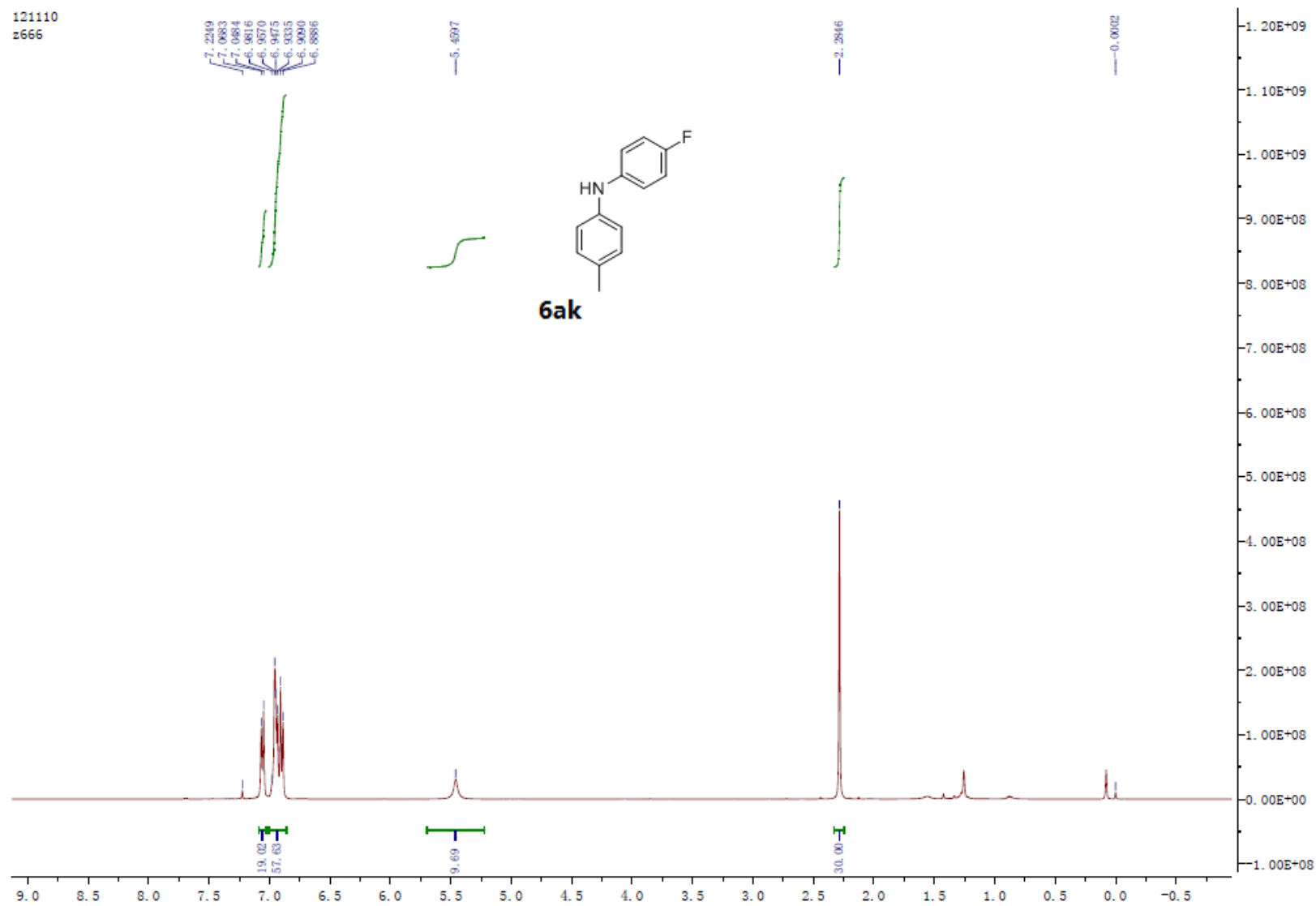


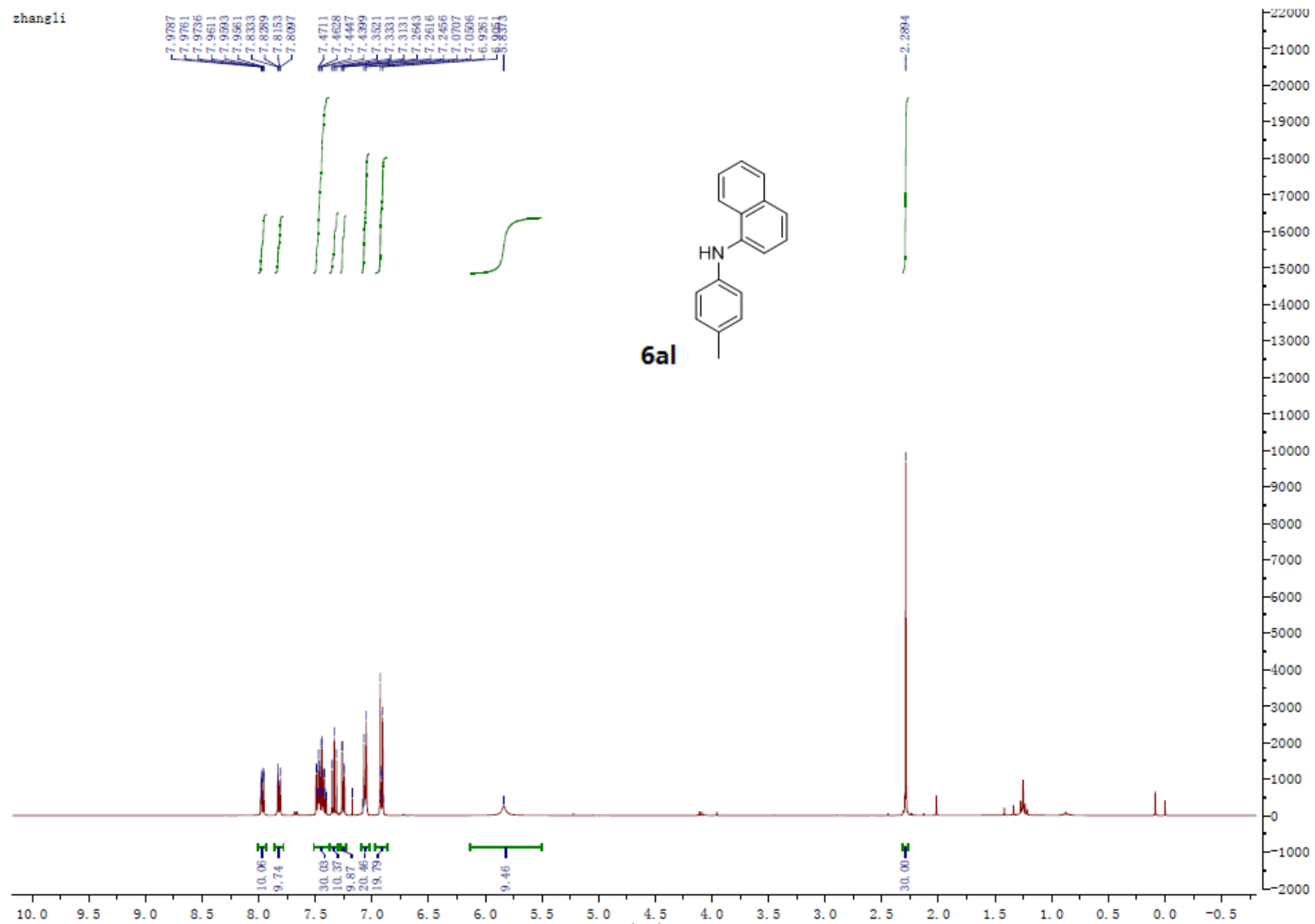




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