

# Dabco as an Inexpensive and Highly Efficient Ligand for Palladium-Catalyzed Suzuki-Miyaura Cross-Coupling Reaction

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### **(A) General**

$^1\text{H}$  and  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectra were recorded on an INOVA-400 (Varian) spectrometer.

### **(B) Materials**

All reagents were directly used as obtained commercially. All products are known.<sup>1-6</sup>

### **(C) Typical experimental procedures**

#### **(1) Typical experimental procedure for the palladium-catalyzed Suzuki-Miyaura cross-coupling reaction (Tables 1 and 2)**

A mixture of aryl halide **1** (0.5 mmol), arylboronic acid **2** (0.7 mmol),  $\text{Pd}(\text{OAc})_2$  (3 mol%), Dabco (6 mol%),  $\text{K}_2\text{CO}_3$  (3 equiv), and acetone (5 mL) was added to a sealed tube, and stirred at 110 °C for desired time which monitored by TLC. After usual workup, the residue was purified by flash column chromatography to afford **3** (hexane/ethyl acetate).

*Caution: Be careful because the reaction proceeded at higher boiling point with higher pressure*

#### **(2) Typical experimental procedure for 0.0001 mol% of Pd and 0.0002 mol% of Dabco-catalyzed coupling of 1-iodo-4-nitro-benzene (**1a**) with phenylboronic acid (**2a**) (Entry 4 in Table 3)**

Firstly,  $\text{Pd}(\text{OAc})_2$  (4.5 mg, 0.02 mmol) was dissolved in 200 mL of acetone, and Dabco (4.5 mg, 0.04 mmol) was also dissolved in another 200 mL of acetone. Then 50  $\mu\text{L}$  of  $\text{Pd}(\text{OAc})_2$  acetone solution and 50  $\mu\text{L}$  of Dabco acetone solution were added to a mixture of 1-iodo-4-nitro-benzene **1a** (5 mmol), phenylboronic acid **2a** (7 mmol), and  $\text{K}_2\text{CO}_3$  (3 equiv), and acetone (about 50 mL) in a sealed tube, respectively (by syringe). The mixture was stirred at 110 °C for 48 h, which monitored by TLC. After usual workup, the residue was purified by flash column chromatography (hexane) to afford 90% yield of **3a** (about 89 mg, TONs: 900 000).

**(3) Typical experimental procedure for 0.0001 mol% of Pd and 0.0002 mol% of Dabco-catalyzed coupling of iodobenzene (1d) with *p*-chlorophenylboronic acid (2d) (Entry 5 in Table 3)**

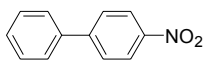
Firstly, Pd(OAc)<sub>2</sub> (4.5 mg, 0.02 mmol) was dissolved in 200 mL of acetone, and Dabco (4.5 mg, 0.04 mmol) was also dissolved in another 200 mL of acetone. Then 5 μL of Pd(OAc)<sub>2</sub> acetone solution and 5 μL of Dabco acetone solution were added to a mixture of iodobenzene **1d** (0.5 mmol), *p*-chlorophenylboronic acid **2d** (0.7 mmol), and K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (3 equiv), and acetone (about 5 mL) in a sealed tube, respectively (by syringe). The mixture was stirred at 110 °C for 14 h, which monitored by TLC. After usual workup, the residue was purified by flash column chromatography (hexane) to afford 95% yield of **3f** (about 89 mg, TONs: 950 000).

**(4) Typical experimental procedure for 0.001 mol% of Pd and 0.002 mol% of Dabco-catalyzed coupling of 1-bromo-4-methoxybenzene (1h) with phenylboronic acid (2a) (Entry 14 in Table 3)**

Firstly, Pd(OAc)<sub>2</sub> (4.5 mg, 0.02 mmol) was dissolved in 200 mL of acetone, and Dabco (4.5 mg, 0.04 mmol) was also dissolved in another 200 mL of acetone. Then 50 μL of Pd(OAc)<sub>2</sub> acetone solution and 50 μL of Dabco acetone solution were added to a mixture of 1-bromo-4-methoxybenzene **1h** (0.5 mmol), phenylboronic acid **2a** (0.7 mmol), and K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (3 equiv), and acetone (about 5 mL) in a sealed tube, respectively (by syringe). The mixture was stirred at 110 °C for 48 h, which monitored by TLC. After usual workup, the residue was purified by flash column chromatography (hexane/ethyl acetate) to afford 9% yield of **3g** (about 8 mg, TONs: 9 000), and >85% of 1-bromo-4-methoxybenzene **1h** was recovered.

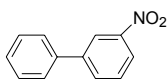
### (D) Analytical data for 3

#### 4-Nitro-biphenyl (3a)<sup>1-3</sup>



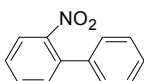
Pale yellow solid; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 8.31 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.75 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.64 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.53—7.46 (m, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ: 147.6, 147.1, 138.8, 129.2, 128.91, 127.8, 127.4, 124.1.

#### 3-Nitro-biphenyl (3b)<sup>2</sup>



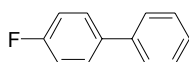
White solid; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 8.47 (s, 1H), 8.21 (d, *J* = 8 Hz, 1H), 7.91 (d, *J* = 8 Hz, 1H), 7.65—7.60 (m, 3H), 7.51 (t, *J* = 8 Hz, 2H), 7.44 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 137.5, 129.0, 128.9, 127.9, 126.8.

#### 2-Nitro-biphenyl (3c)<sup>1</sup>



Pale yellow oil; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 7.86 (d, *J* = 8 Hz, 1H), 7.62 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.51—7.40 (m, 5H), 7.34—7.31 (m, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 163.7, 140.3, 137.3, 128.8, 128.7, 128.6, 127.3, 127.0, 115.7, 115.5.

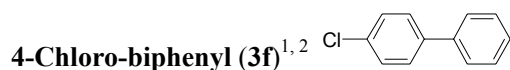
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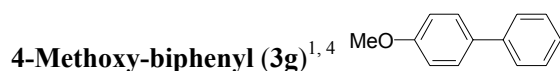
White solid; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 7.57—7.53 (m, 4H), 7.44 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.35 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.13 (t, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 162.5 (d, *J* = 244.9 Hz), 161.2, 140.2, 137.3, 128.8, 127.2, 115.6 (d, *J* = 21.8 Hz).



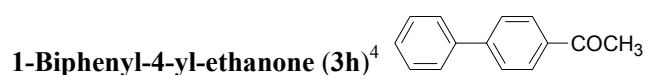
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White solid; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 7.57—7.49 (m, 4H), 7.46—7.34 (m, 5H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 140.0, 139.6, 133.3, 129.0, 128.9, 128.4, 127.6, 127.0.



White solid; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 7.55 (t, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 4H), 7.42 (t, *J* = 8 Hz, 2H), 7.31 (t, *J* = 7.2, 1H), 6.99 (d, *J* = 12, 2H), 1.57 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 159.1, 140.7, 133.7, 128.7, 128.1, 126.7, 126.6, 114.2, 55.3.

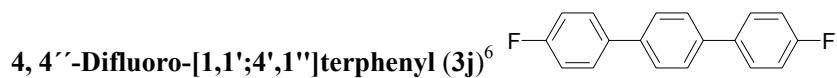


White solid; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 8.04 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.69 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.64 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.48 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.41 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 197.8, 145.8, 139.9, 135.8, 128.9, 128.9, 128.2, 127.3, 127.2, 26.7.



White solid; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 8.03 (d, *J* = 8 Hz, 2H), 7.64 (d, *J* = 8 Hz, 2H), 7.60—7.58 (m, 2H), 7.17 (t, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 2.65 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 197.7,

163.0 ( $J = 306.9$  Hz), 144.7, 135.9, 135.8, 129.0, 128.9, 127.1, 116.0 (d,  $J = 21.1$  Hz), 26.7.



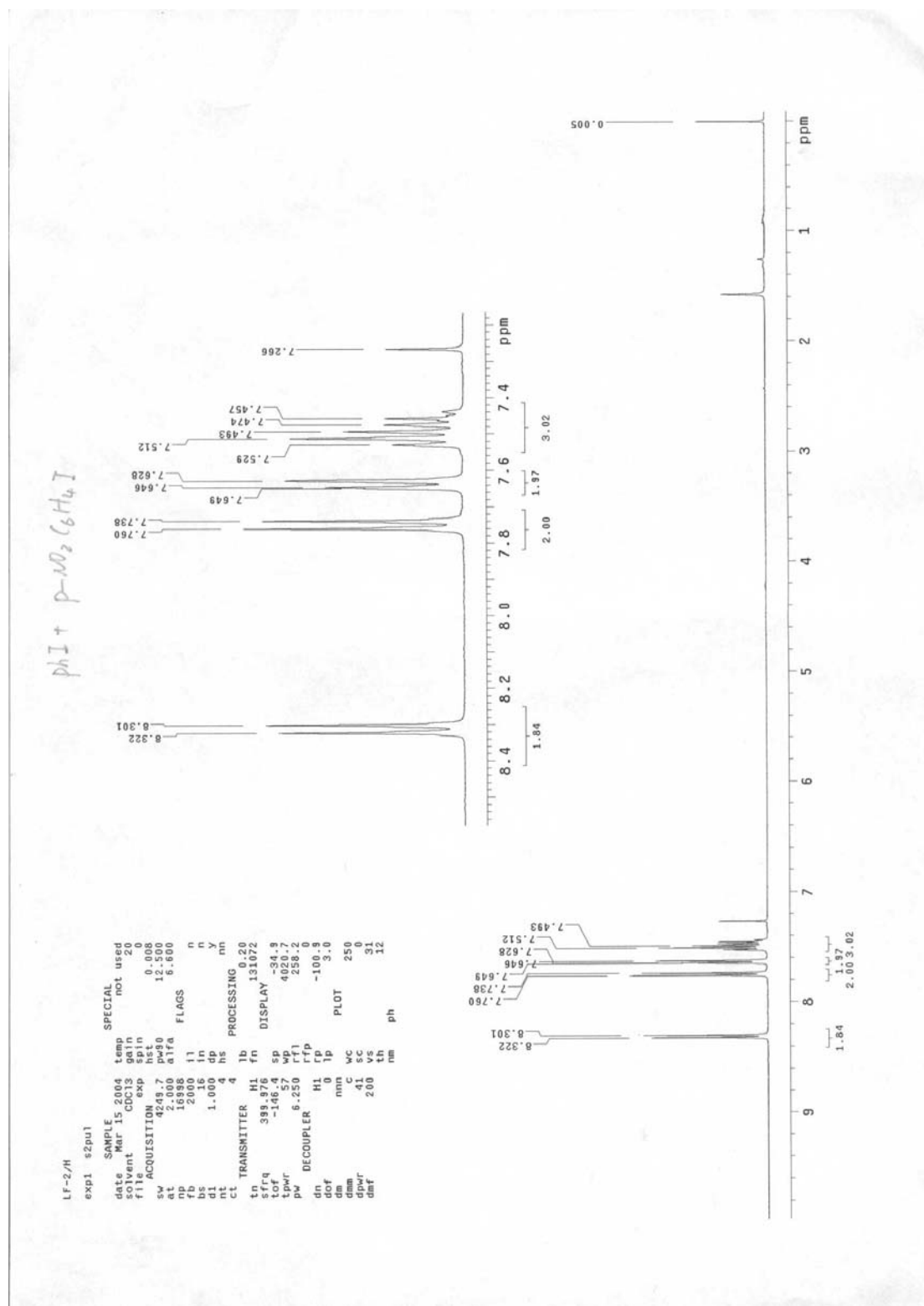
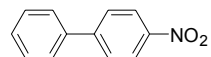
White solid;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  7.51—7.48 (m, 6H), 7.14—7.10 (m, 6H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  162.4 (d,  $J = 244.7$  Hz), 136.4, 131.9, 128.6, 128.5, 115.7 (d,  $J = 21.8$  Hz).

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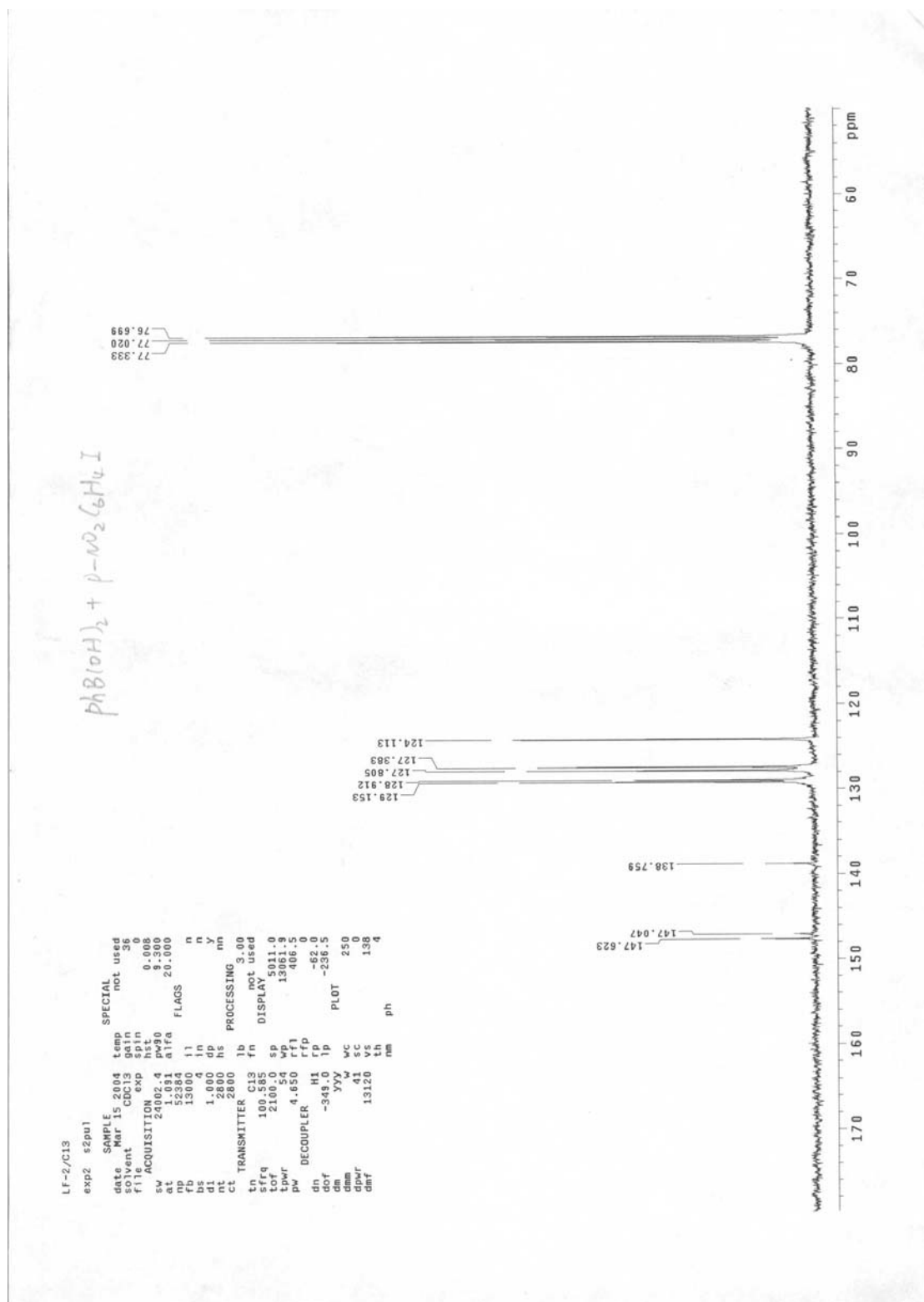
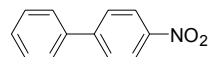
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### (F) NMR spectra

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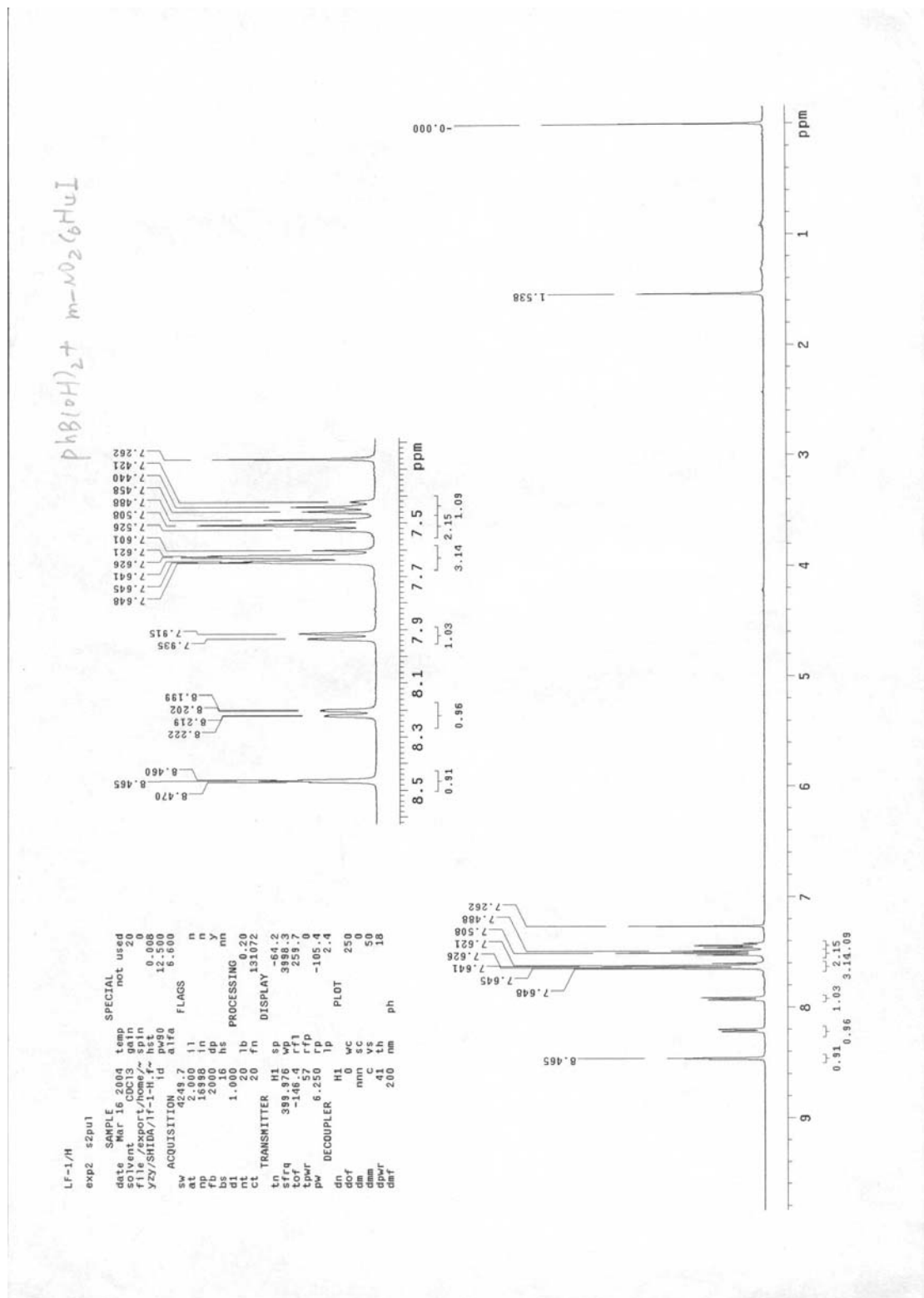
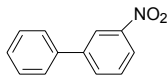


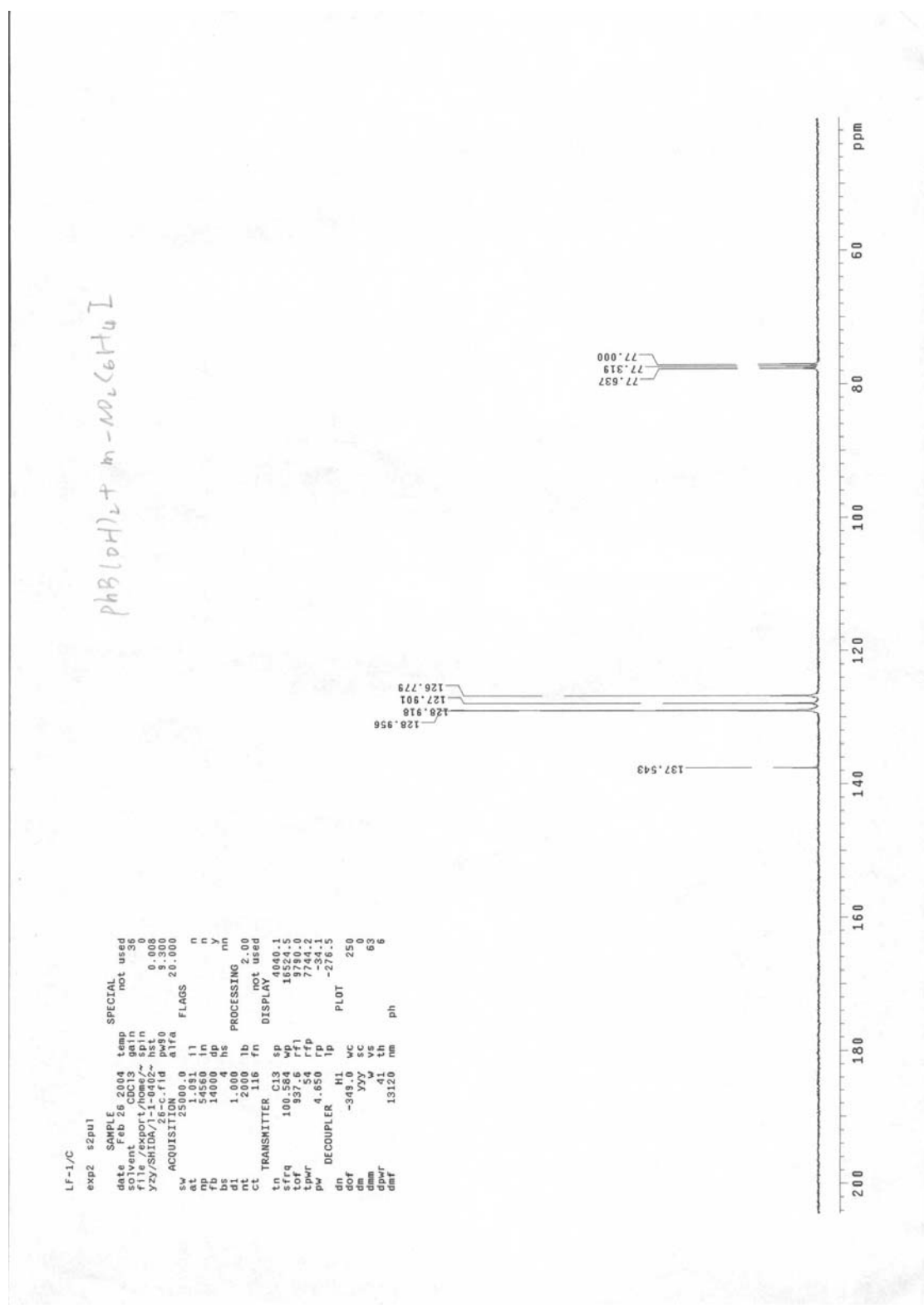
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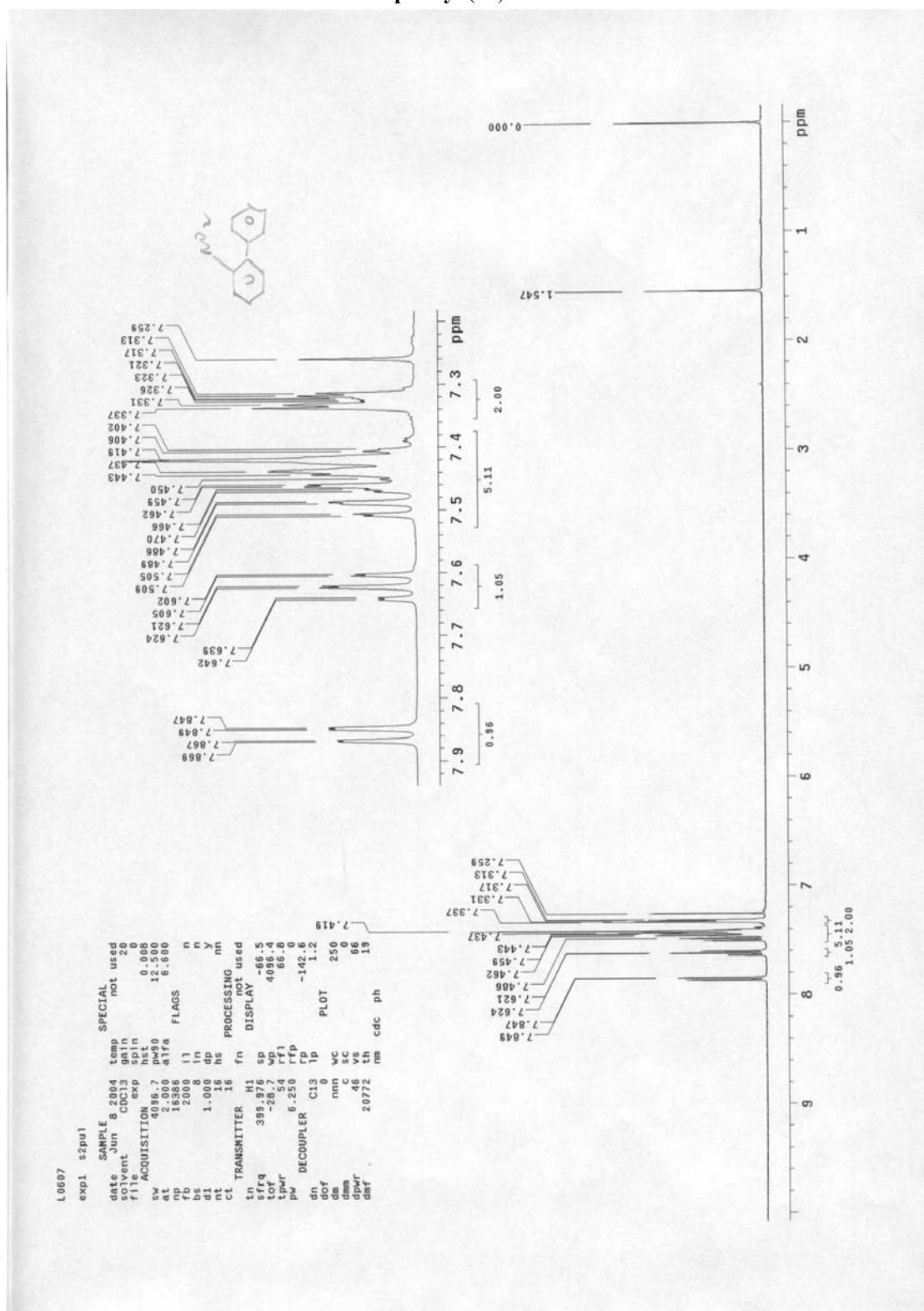


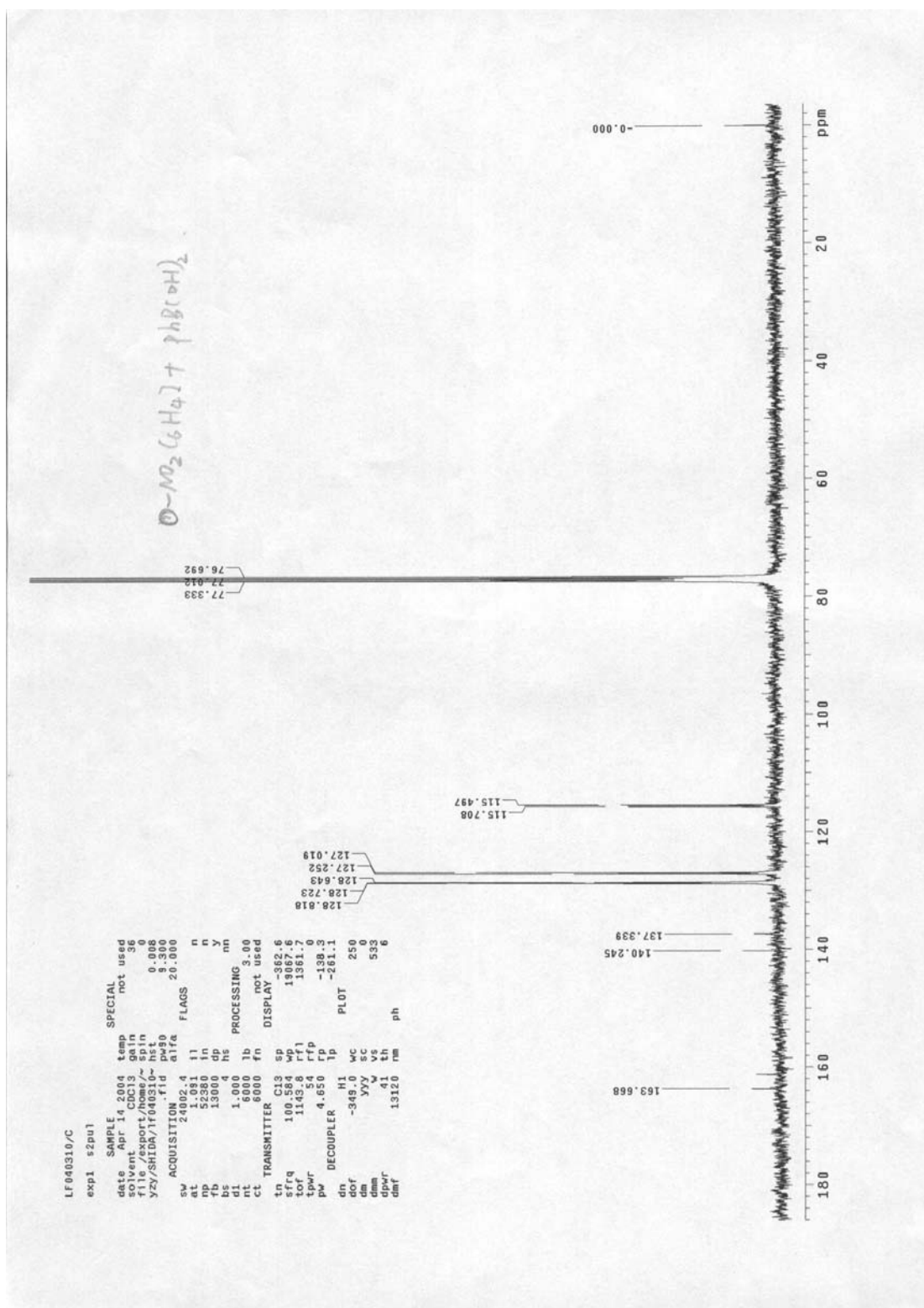
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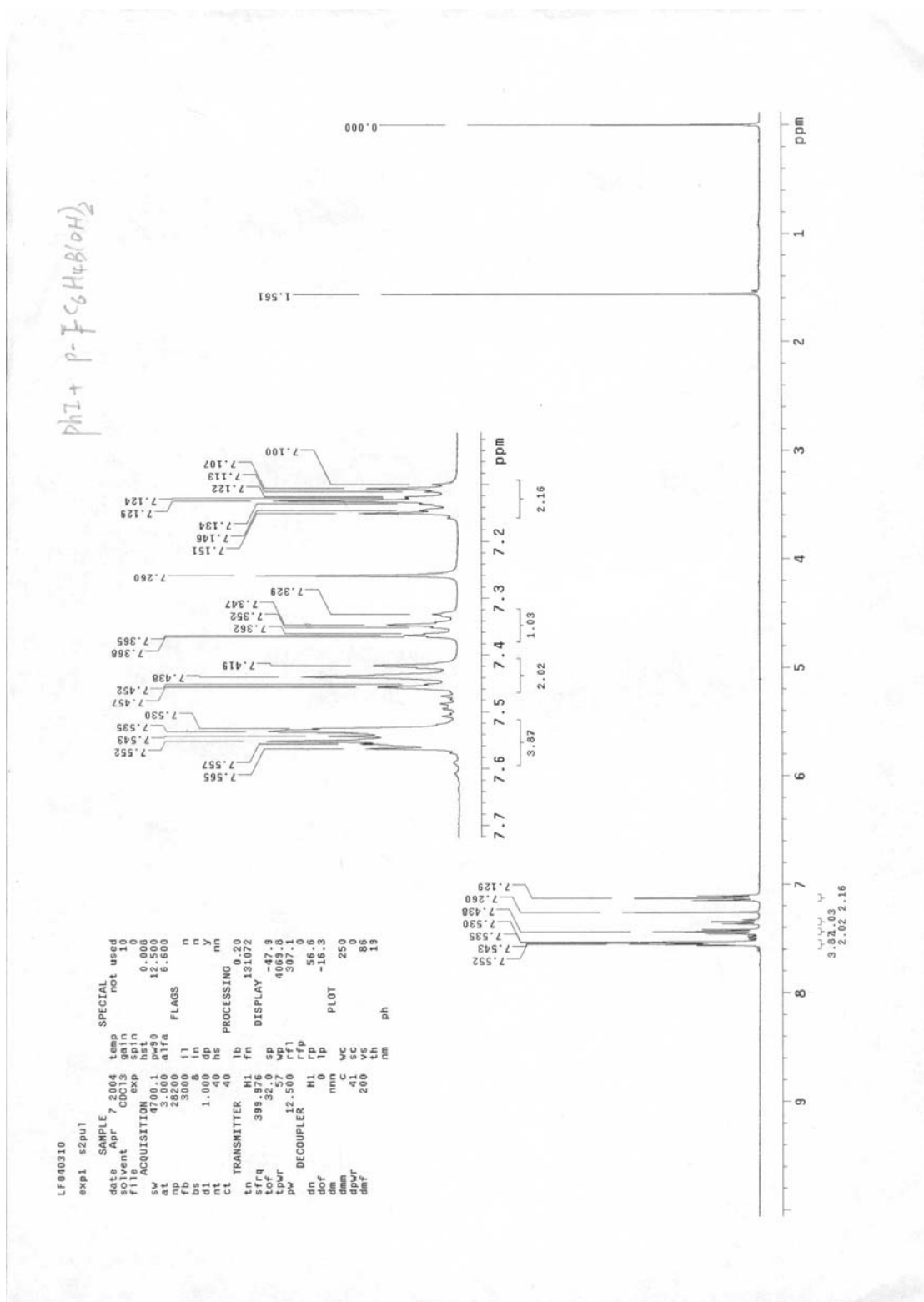


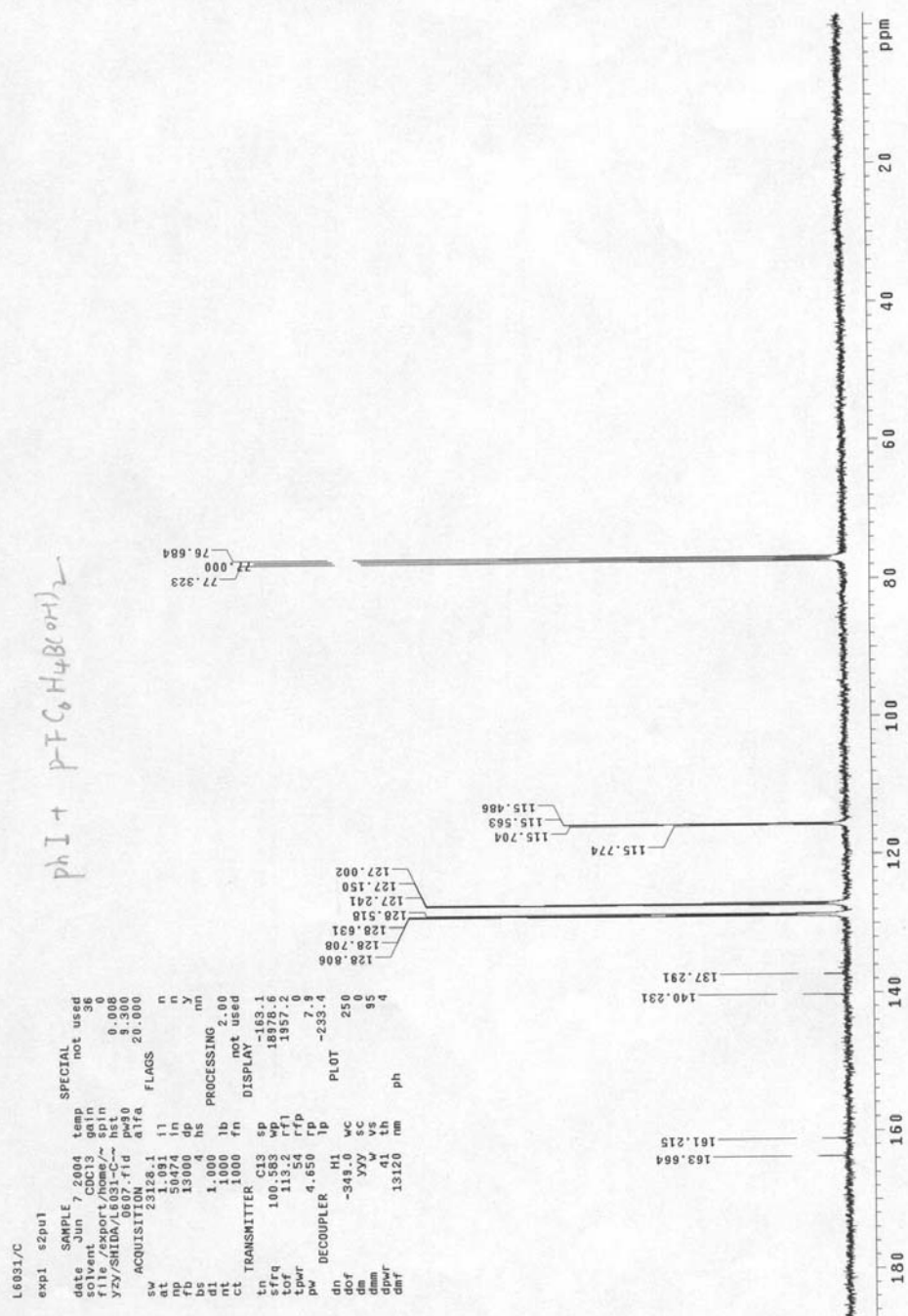
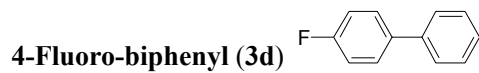
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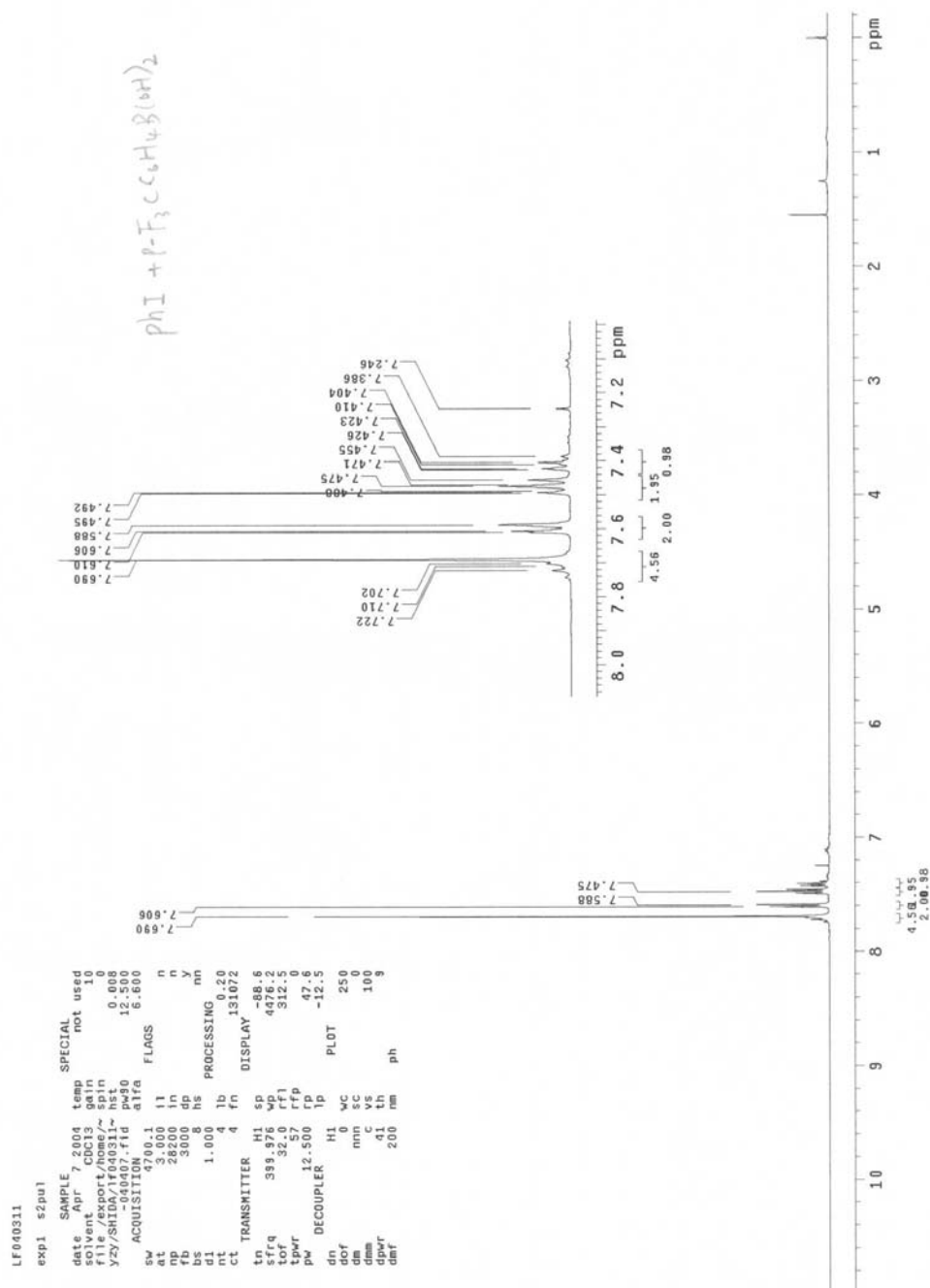


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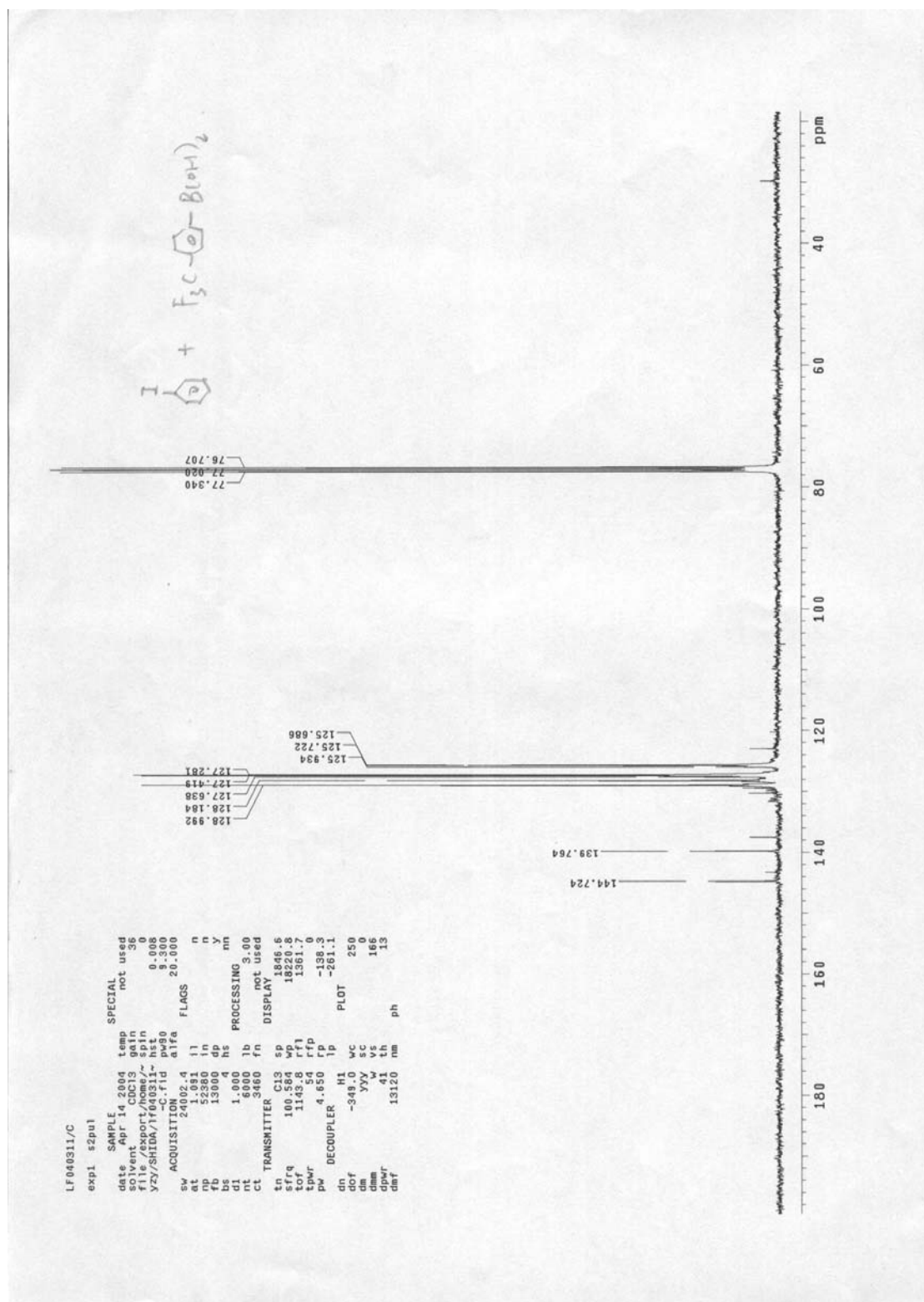




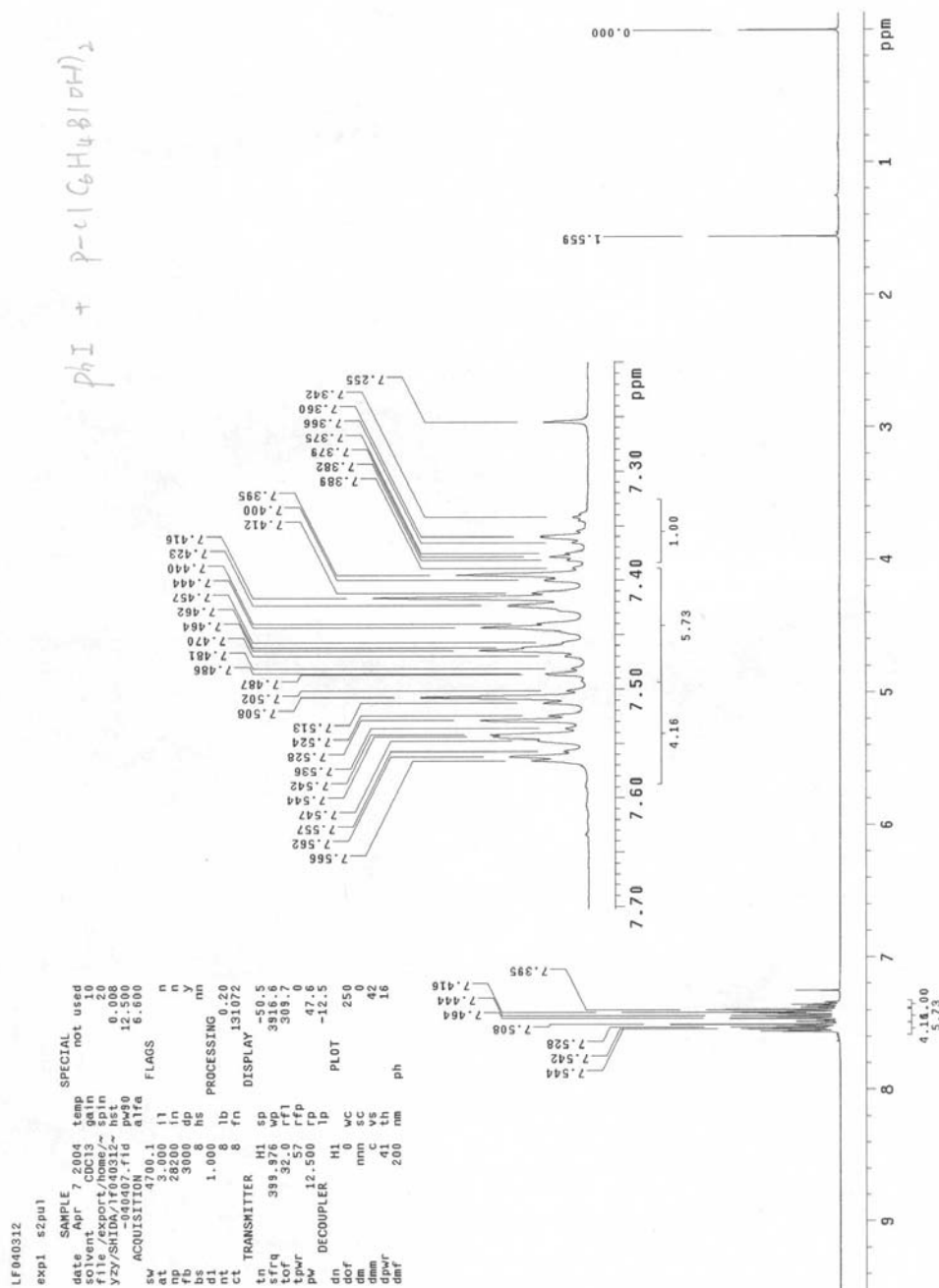
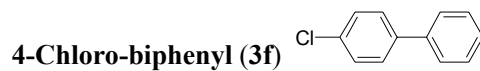
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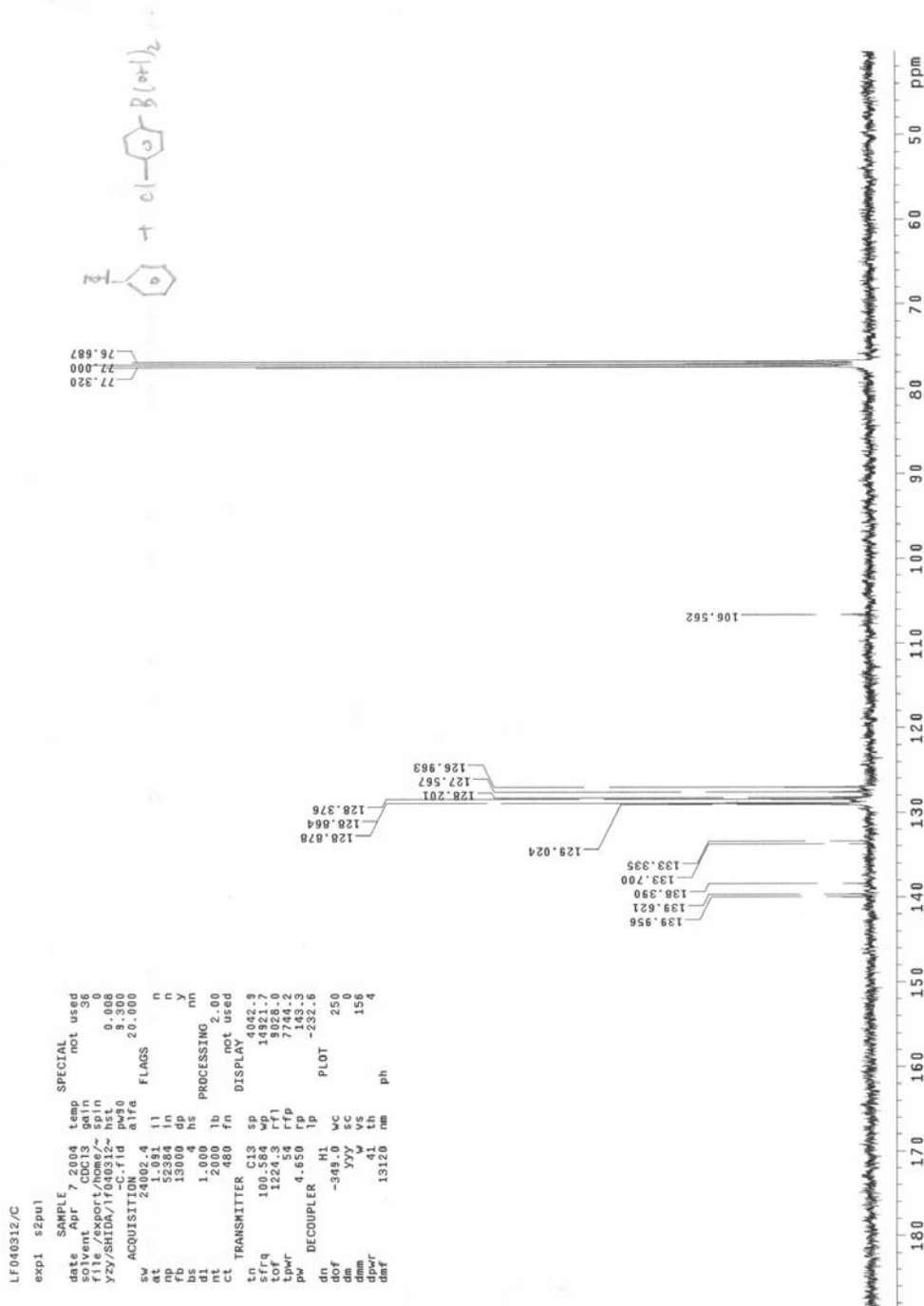
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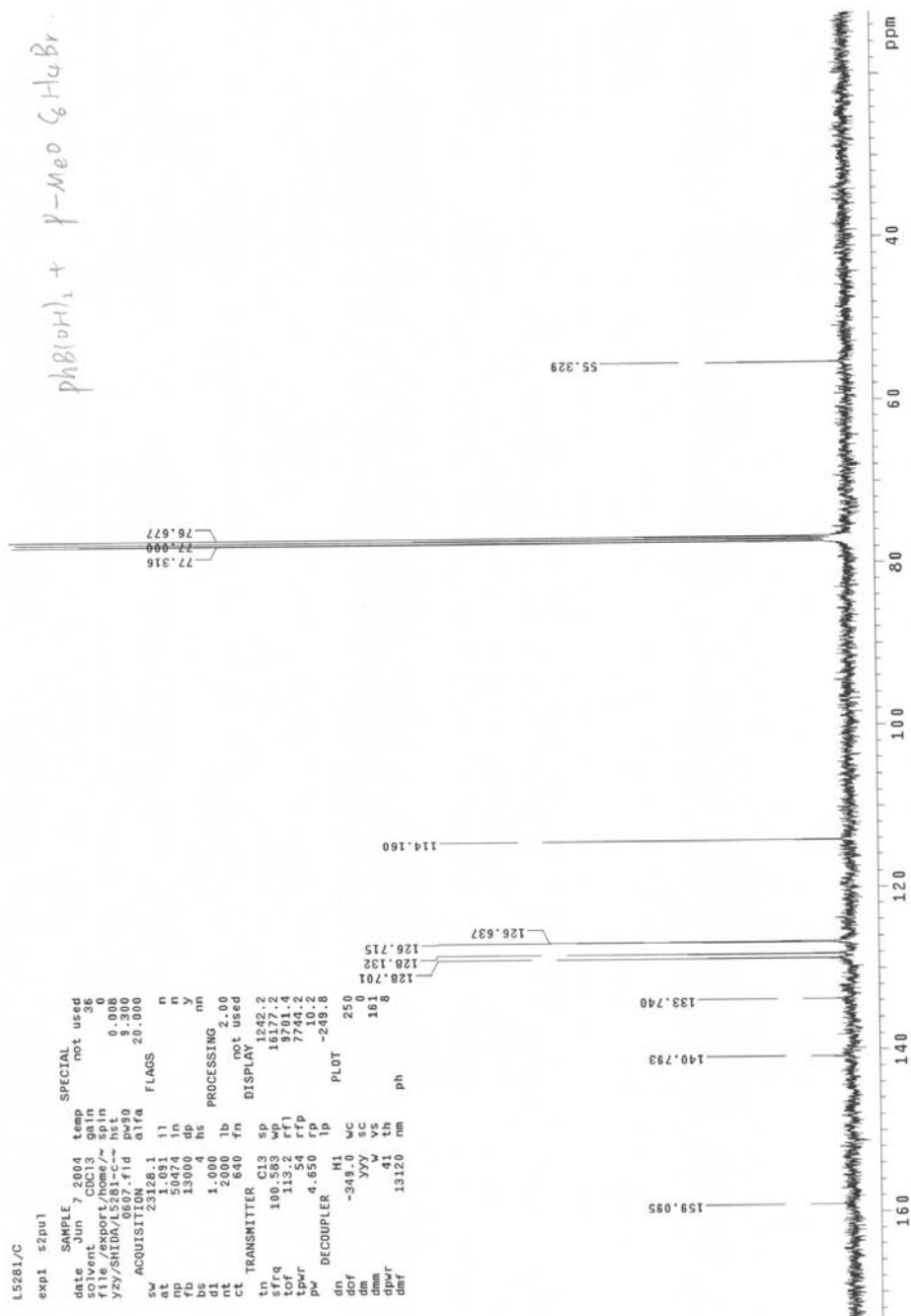
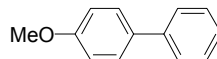
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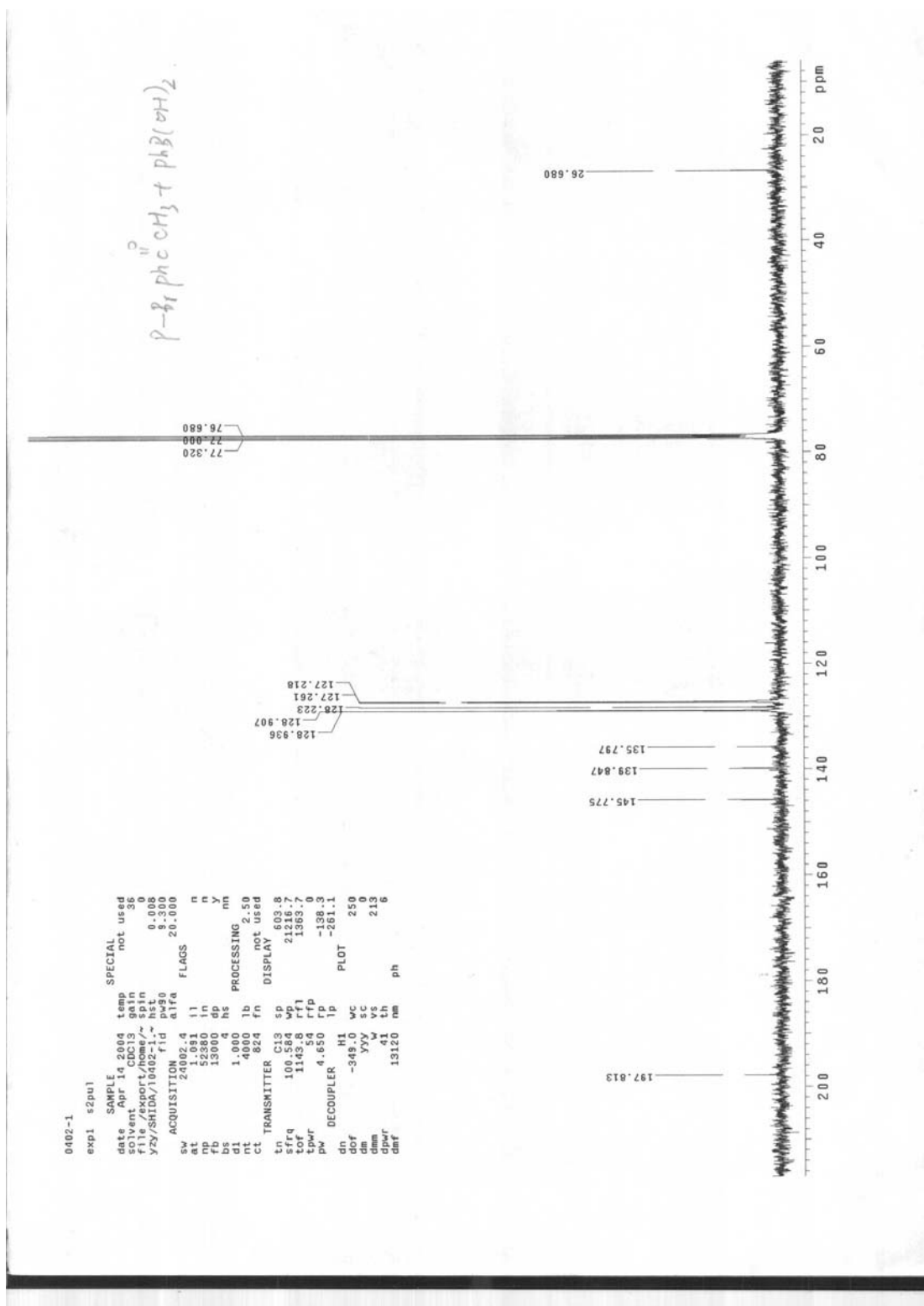


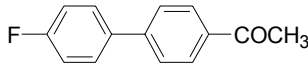
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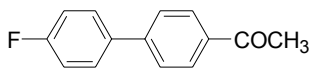




1-Biphenyl-4-yl-ethanone (3h) CC(=O)c1ccc(cc1)-c2ccccc2











(4,4')-Difluoro-[1,1';4',1'']Terphenyl (3j)

