

Supporting Information

Palladium-Catalyzed Cyclocoupling of 2-Halobiaryls with Isocyanides via the Cleavage of Carbon-Hydrogen

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I. General Information.

¹H NMR and ¹³C NMR spectra were recorded in CDCl₃ with tetramethylsilane as an internal standard. Data are reported as follows: chemical shift in ppm (δ), multiplicity (s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, q = quartet, and m = multiplet), coupling constant (Hz), and integration. Infrared spectra (IR) were reported in reciprocal centimeters with the following relative intensities: s (strong), m (medium), or w (weak). Mass spectra were obtained with ionization voltages of 70 eV.

II. Materials.

Pd(OAc)₂ was purchased from Wako Chemicals and used as received. Cesium pivalate was prepared by the reaction of cesium carbonate and pivalic acid¹. Halides **1a**, **1b**, **1d**, and **15a** and isocyanides **2g**, **2h**, and **2i** were commercially available and used as received. Triflates **1c** (CAS [17763-65-4]), **16b** (CAS [24764-60-1]), **17** (CAS [4877-77-4]), **19** (CAS [120537-57-7]), **21** (CAS [137058-15-2]) were prepared by the treatment of the corresponding phenols or carbonyl compounds with Tf₂O and a base. Halides **1e** (CAS [154542-81-1]), **1f** (CAS [74447-76-0]), **1g** (CAS [255838-15-1]), **1h** (CAS [89900-97-0]), **1i** (CAS [198205-81-1]), **1j** (482377-55-9), **1k** (CAS [146534-36-3]), **1l** (CAS [154407-16-6]), **1m** (CAS [690260-40-3]), **1n** (CAS [74447-77-1]), **1o** (CAS [251320-87-3]), **5** (CAS [69907-27-3]), **7** (CAS [154407-13-3]), **9** (CAS [20608-83-7]), **11** (CAS [82080-39-5]), and **13** (CAS [101681-34-9]) were prepared by Suzuki-Miyaura cross-coupling reaction of 1-bromo-2-iodobenzene with the corresponding aryl boronic acids. Isocyanides **2a** (CAS [2008-61-9]), **2b** (CAS [2769-71-3]), **2c** (CAS [2980-92-9]), and **2d** (CAS [69847-28-5]) were known and prepared by the dehydration of the corresponding formamides by following a literature procedure². Iodide **23** was prepared by the reported method.³

III. Synthesis of Isocyanide.

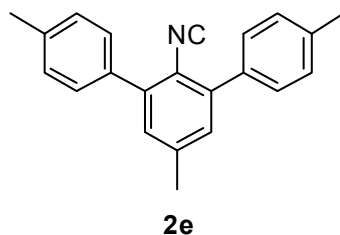
4-Methyl-2,6-di(4-tolyl)phenyl isocyanide (2e). To a flame-dried two-necked flask, 2,6-dibromo-4-methylaniline (8.7 g, 33 mmol), phenylboronic acid (10 g, 72 mmol), aqueous solution of K₂CO₃ (2M, 56 mL) and DME (70 mL) were added under gentle stream of nitrogen, and the mixture was stirred for 30 min at r.t. under N₂ atmosphere. To the stirred mixture, PdCl₂(PPh₃)₂ (913 mg, 1.3 mmol) was added at r.t., and the mixture was stirred for overnight at 80°C under N₂. The reaction mixture was then cooled to room temperature, diluted with diethyl ether. The organic layer was washed with brine and dried over MgSO₄. After removing the volatiles in vacuo, the residue was subjected to column chromatography on silica gel (hexane/EtOAc = 10/1) to afford 4-methy-2,6-di(4-tolyl)aniline (8.2 g, 40 %). Subsequent formylation and the dehydration² afforded the title compound. The compound was purified by recrystallization from CHCl₃/hexane (52 % over all yield).

¹ Campo, M. A.; Larock, R. C. *Org. Lett.* **2000**, *2*, 3675.

² Hoogenboom, B. E.; Oldenziel, O. H.; van Leusen, A. M. *Org. Synth., Coll. Vol. VI* **1988**, 987.

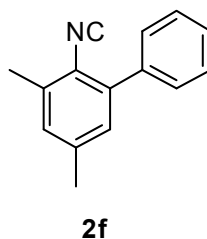
³ Zhou, C.; Dubrovsky, A. V.; Larock, R. C. *J. Org. Chem.* **2006**, *71*, 1626.

White solid. Mp= 141 °C. R_f = 0.43 (hexane/EtOAc = 4/1). ^1H NMR (CDCl_3) δ : 2.41 (brs, 9H), 7.12 (s, 2H), 7.26-7.29 (m, 4H), 7.41-7.44 (m, 4H). ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3) δ : 21.2, 21.3, 128.9, 129.1, 129.9, 134.8, 138.0, 139.2, 139.7, 168.0. IR (KBr): 3018 w, 2920 w, 2117 m, 1597 w, 1552 m, 1437 w, 1398 w, 1377 w, 1309 w, 1188 w, 1022 w, 870 m, 810 s, 758 w, 729 m, 579 w, 552 w, 515 m. MS, m/z (relative intensity, %): 298 (M^+ , 23), 297 (M^+-1 , 100), 296 (54), 295 (10), 283 (10), 282 (44), 281 (15), 280 (12), 141 (13), 140 (10), 134 (14). Exact Mass Calcd for $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{19}\text{N}$: 297.1517. Found: 297.1509.



2-Isocyano-3,5-dimethyl-1,1'-biphenyl (2f). To a flame-dried two-necked flask, 2-bromo-4,6-dimethylaniline (5.0 g, 25 mmol), phenylboronic acid (3.7 g, 30 mmol), aqueous solution of K_2CO_3 (2M, 56 mL) and DME (40 mL) were added under gentle stream of nitrogen, and the mixture was stirred for 30 min at r.t. under N_2 atmosphere. To stirred mixture, $\text{PdCl}_2(\text{PPh}_3)_2$ (351 mg, 0.5 mmol) was added at r.t., and the mixture was stirred for overnight at 80°C under N_2 . The reaction mixture was then cooled to room temperature, diluted with diethyl ether. The organic layer was washed with brine and dried over MgSO_4 . After removing the volatiles in vacuo, the residue was subjected to column chromatography on silica gel to afford 3,5-dimethylbiphenyl-2-amine (4.6 g, 93 %). Subsequent formylation and the dehydration² afforded the title compound.

Colorless oil. R_f = 0.4 (hexane/EtOAc = 4/1). ^1H NMR (CDCl_3) δ : 2.36 (s, 3H), 2.45 (s, 3H), 7.06 (d, J = 0.8 Hz, 8.9 Hz, 2H), 7.38-7.50 (m, 5H). ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3) δ : 19.2, 21.2, 128.0, 128.3, 128.5, 128.9, 129.9, 135.5, 137.6, 138.7, 139.1, 167.6. IR (neat): 3033 m, 2951 m, 2922 m, 2116 s, 1755 w, 1603 s, 1577 m, 1496 m, 1470 s, 1446 s, 1381 m, 1281 w, 1201 m, 1159 w, 1109 w, 1076 m, 1034 m, 918 w, 862 s, 771 s, 711 s, 700 s, 648 w, 611 m, 584 m, 559 w, 530 w, 486 w. MS, m/z (relative intensity, %): 208 (M^+ , 16), 207 (M^+-1 , 100), 206 (66), 204 (10), 193 (10), 192 (64), 191 (19), 190 (18), 179 (14), 178 (15), 165 (25), 102 (24), 96 (12), 89 (15), 88 (12), 77 (15), 76 (17), 63 (12), 51 (14). Exact Mass Calcd for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{13}\text{N}$: 207.1048. Found: 207.1041.

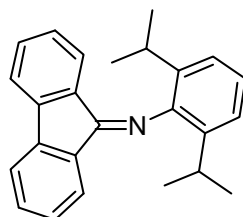


IV. General Procedure for the Palladium-Catalyzed Cyclocoupling of 2-Halobiaryls.

To a flame-dried 10 mL two-necked flask, 2-halobiaryl (0.25 mmol), isocyanide (0.3 mmol), Pd(OAc)₂ (0.0125 mmol), PPh₃ (0.025 mmol), CsOPiv (0.3 mmol), and DMF (2 mL) were added under a gentle stream of nitrogen. The mixture was stirred at 100°C for 5 h under N₂ atmosphere. The reaction mixture was then cooled to room temperature, diluted with diethyl ether and washed with brine. The organic layer was dried (MgSO₄). After removing the volatiles in vacuo, the residue was subjected to column chromatography on silica gel to afford the desired product.

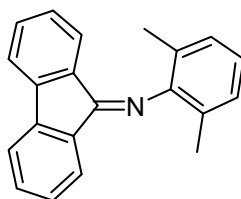
V. Spectroscopic Data of Products

***N*-(9*H*-Fluoren-9-ylidene)-2,6-diisopropylaniline (3aa).** Yellow solid. Mp = 101-102°C. *R*_f = 0.43 (hexane/EtOAc = 4/1). ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ: 0.94 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 6H), 1.17 (d, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 6H), 2.82-2.92 (m, 2H), 6.41 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.89 (td, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 0.8 Hz, 1H), 7.18-7.50 (m, 6H), 7.58 (t, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 8.03 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃) δ: 23.2, 23.3, 28.4, 119.5, 120.0, 123.1, 123.2, 123.9, 126.4, 127.8, 128.3, 131.57, 131.64, 135.2, 137.2, 141.8, 143.0, 147.0, 162.9. IR (KBr): 3060 m, 2962 s, 2868 m, 2360 w, 1651 s, 1606 m, 1450 s, 1382 m, 1361 m, 1328 m, 1306 s, 1253 m, 1190 m, 1144 m, 1103 m, 1059 w, 1043 w, 941 m, 908 m, 795 m, 771 m, 734 s, 656 m, 434 w. MS, *m/z* (relative intensity, %): 340 (M⁺, 28), 339 (M⁺-1, 100), 325 (14), 324 (54), 310 (20), 309 (70), 294 (24), 282 (27), 281 (26), 280 (40), 279 (12), 278 (21), 267 (16), 175 (13), 174 (89), 165 (46), 161 (25), 147 (13), 146 (46), 139 (11), 132 (50), 117 (11), 115 (10), 77 (10). Exact Mass Calcd for C₂₅H₂₅N: 339.1987. Found: 339.1991.



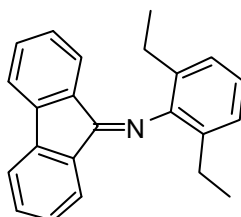
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***N*-(9*H*-Fluoren-9-ylidene)-2,6-dimethylaniline (3ab).** (CAS [75838-45-8]) ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ: 2.05 (s, 6H), 6.47 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.91-7.13 (m, 4H), 7.31-7.51 (m, 3H), 7.60 (t, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 8.05 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃) δ: 18.0, 119.7, 120.1, 123.4, 123.6, 125.2, 125.6, 128.2, 128.4, 128.5, 131.88, 131.91, 131.97, 132.04, 137.1, 141.9, 143.1, 163.2. Exact Mass Calcd for C₂₁H₁₇N: 283.1361. Found: 283.1355.



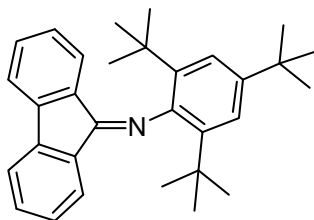
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2,6-Diethyl-N-(9H-fluoren-9-ylidene)aniline (3ac). Yellow oil. R_f = 0.6 (hexane/EtOAc = 4/1). ^1H NMR (CDCl_3) δ : 1.06 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 6H), 2.29-2.52 (m, 4H), 6.45 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.92 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.10-7.18 (m, 3H), 7.29-7.41 (m, 2H), 7.48 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.60 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 8.03 (d, J = 7.0 Hz, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3) δ : 13.7, 24.6, 119.6, 120.0, 123.2, 123.7, 126.0, 126.2, 128.2, 128.4, 130.7, 131.7, 131.8, 131.9, 137.3, 141.9, 143.1, 148.2, 162.9. IR (neat): 3060 w, 2966 m, 2931 m, 2871 m, 2360 w, 2341 w, 1718 w, 1650 s, 1606 m, 1591 m, 1450 s, 1373 w, 1306 m, 1261 w, 1192 w, 1144 w, 1103 m, 943 m, 873 w, 843 w, 795 m, 773 m, 758 m, 735 s, 656 m. MS, m/z (relative intensity, %): 312 (M^+ , 26), 311 ($\text{M}^+ - 1$, 100), 310 (43), 296 (27), 295 (12), 282 (18), 281 (13), 280 (24), 278 (15), 268 (18), 267 (55), 266 (16), 165 (18), 146 (81), 133 (13), 118 (31). Exact Mass Calcd for $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{21}\text{N}$: 311.1674. Found: 311.1678.



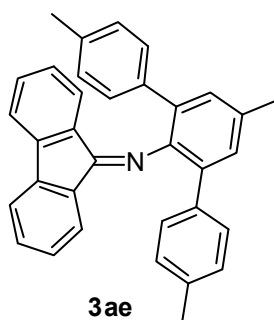
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2,4,6-Tri-tert-butyl-N-(9H-fluoren-9-ylidene)aniline (3ad). Yellow solid. Mp = 173 °C. R_f = 0.54 (hexane/EtOAc = 4/1). ^1H NMR (CDCl_3) δ : 1.20 (s, 18H), 1.41 (s, 9H), 5.63 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 6.80-6.82 (m, 1H), 7.24-7.57 (m, 7H), 8.04 (d, J = 6.2 Hz, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3) δ : 31.1, 31.9, 34.8, 36.1, 119.6, 119.8, 121.89, 121.93, 123.37, 123.43, 123.5, 126.8, 127.7, 128.3, 131.0, 131.4, 136.4, 144.6, 148.3, 150.6, 163.3. IR (KBr): 2964 s, 2904 m, 2868 m, 2360 m, 2339 m, 1639 m, 1599 m, 1477 m, 1448 m, 1421 m, 1392 m, 1362 m, 1306 w, 1263 w, 1217 m, 1196 w, 1149 w, 1117 w, 1103 w, 943 w, 908 w, 891 w, 877 w, 794 m, 735 s, 669 m, 644w. MS, m/z (relative intensity, %): 424 (M^+ , 15), 423 ($\text{M}^+ - 1$, 45), 409 (32), 408 (100), 230 (27), 165 (11), 57 (31). Exact Mass Calcd for $\text{C}_{31}\text{H}_{37}\text{N}$: 423.2926. Found: 423.2929.

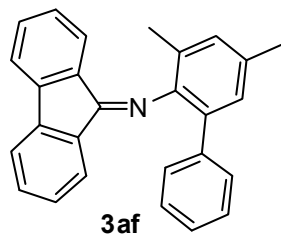


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***N*-(9*H*-Fluoren-9-ylidene)-4-methyl-2,6-di(4-tolyl)aniline (3ae).** Yellow solid. Mp = 211°C. *R*_f = 0.46 (hexane/EtOAc = 4/1). ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ: 2.08 (s, 6H), 2.39 (s, 3H), 6.63 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.82-6.89 (m, 5H), 7.11-7.27 (m, 11H), 7.66 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃) δ: 20.98, 21.00, 119.2, 119.7, 122.9, 126.0, 127.9, 128.0, 128.3, 129.1, 130.4, 131.0, 131.1, 131.3, 132.3, 133.5, 135.9, 137.0, 137.2, 141.6, 142.9, 144.6, 163.5. IR (KBr): 3043 w, 3019 m, 2916 m, 2859 w, 2359 w, 1651 s, 1601 m, 1512 m, 1448 m, 1304 m, 1207 w, 1182 w, 1138 w, 1101 m, 1038 w, 1020 w, 941 m, 872 w, 839 w, 822 m, 806 m, 791 m, 748 m, 723 s, 654 m, 553 m, 517 m. MS, *m/z* (relative intensity, %): 450 (*M*⁺, 35), 449 (*M*⁺-1, 100), 448 (46), 434 (42), 284 (49), 165 (28). Exact Mass Calcd for C₃₄H₂₇N: 449.2143. Found: 449.2141.

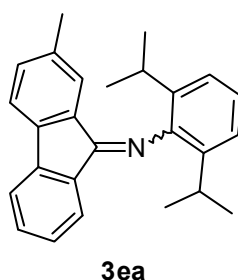


***N*-(9*H*-Fluoren-9-ylidene)-3,5-dimethylbiphenyl-2-amine (3af).** Yellow oil. *R*_f = 0.57 (hexane/EtOAc = 4/1). ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ: 2.05 (s, 3H), 2.42 (s, 3H), 6.64 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.97 (td, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 0.5 Hz, 1H), 7.04-7.52 (m, 12H), 7.88 (br, 1H). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃) δ: 18.2, 20.9, 119.4, 119.9, 123.1, 125.5, 125.8, 126.3, 127.6, 128.2, 128.3, 129.0, 129.2, 130.3, 130.6, 131.5, 131.6, 132.2, 133.1, 137.2, 140.0, 141.7, 143.1, 145.4, 163.4. IR (neat): 3057 w, 2968 w, 2860 w, 2360 s, 2341 m, 1716 m, 1653 m, 1604 m, 1469 m, 1450 m, 1306 m, 1194 w, 1142 w, 1111 w, 1034 w, 984 w, 943 w, 917 w, 862 w, 795 w, 781 w, 734 s, 700 m, 669 w, 654 w. MS, *m/z* (relative intensity, %): 359 (*M*⁺-1, 100), 58 (89), 165 (52). Exact Mass Calcd for C₂₇H₂₁N: 359.1674. Found: 359.1670

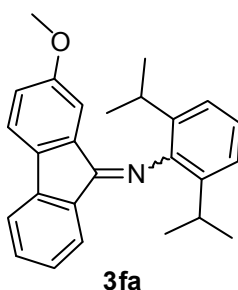


2,6-Diisopropyl-*N*-(2-methyl-9*H*-fluoren-9-ylidene)aniline (3ea). The title compound was obtained as a mixture of geometric isomers with respect to a C=N bond in a ratio of 64:36. Yellow oil. *R*_f = 0.60 (hexane/EtOAc = 4/1). ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ: 0.94 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 6H), 1.17 (d, 7.0 Hz, 6H), 2.04 (s, 1.1H, minor), 2.46 (s, 1.9H, major), 2.82-2.92 (m, 2H), 6.18 (s, 0.3H, minor), 6.37 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 0.6 H, major),

6.86 (t, $J = 7.3$ Hz, 0.6H, major), 7.10-7.58 (m, 7.4H), 7.85 (s, 0.6H, major), 8.00 (d, $J = 7.0$ Hz, 0.3H, minor). ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3) δ : 21.4, 21.5, 23.1, 23.3, 28.3, 119.3, 119.5, 119.8, 123.1, 123.16, 123.22, 123.3, 123.8, 123.9, 126.5, 127.35, 127.43, 127.9, 131.6, 131.7, 131.9, 132.1, 132.27, 132.28, 132.34, 135.38, 135.41, 137.5, 137.7, 138.5, 139.4, 140.6, 142.2, 143.4, 147.2, 163.3, 163.5. IR (neat): 3060 w, 2962 s, 2927 m, 2867 m, 1718 w, 1649 s, 1603 m, 1487 m, 1458 s, 1437 m, 1383 w, 1362 w, 1327 w, 1300 m, 1176 w, 860 w, 827 w, 766 m, 739 m. MS, m/z (relative intensity, %): 354 (M^+ , 29), 353 (M^+-1 , 100), 338 (54), 323 (72), 296 (23), 295 (21), 294 (34), 179 (31), 174 (87), 161 (22), 146 (33), 132 (44). Exact Mass Calcd for $\text{C}_{26}\text{H}_{27}\text{N}$: 353.2143. Found: 353.2137.

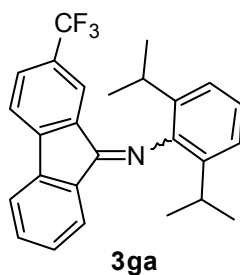


2,6-Diisopropyl-N-(2-methoxy-9H-fluoren-9-ylidene)aniline (3fa). The title compound was obtained as a mixture of geometric isomers with respect to a C=N bond in a ratio of 56:44. Yellow oil. $R_f = 0.54$ (hexane/EtOAc = 4/1). ^1H NMR (CDCl_3) δ : 0.93-0.98 (m, 6H), 1.18 (d, $J = 7.0$ Hz, 6H), 2.78-2.93 (m, 2H), 3.40 (s, 1.0H, minor), 3.93 (s, 1.3H, major), 5.93 (d, $J = 2.1$ Hz, 0.4H, minor), 6.35 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 0.6H, major), 6.44-8.29 (m, 9H). ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3) δ : 23.1, 23.3, 28.3, 55.0, 55.8, 107.7, 111.4, 118.2, 118.3, 118.9, 119.3, 119.8, 120.2, 120.7, 120.8, 123.1, 123.3, 123.4, 123.5, 124.1, 124.3, 126.5, 126.67, 126.72, 127.2, 129.1, 131.8, 131.9, 132.1, 133.2, 134.8, 135.2, 135.4, 135.9, 137.2, 142.3, 143.5, 159.4, 160.6. IR (neat): 3060 m, 2962 s, 2931 m, 2868 m, 2359 w, 1649 s, 1603 m, 1489 m, 1460 s, 1435 s, 1383 m, 1363 m, 1329 m, 1302 s, 1277 m, 1257 m, 1171 m, 1128 m, 1041 m, 972 w, 937 w, 862 m, 831 m, 768 m, 739 s. MS, m/z (relative intensity, %): 370 (M^+ , 28), 369 (M^+-1 , 100), 354 (49), 339 (68), 312 (21), 310 (21), 195 (20), 174 (81), 161 (21), 152 (12), 146 (28), 132 (40). Exact Mass Calcd for $\text{C}_{26}\text{H}_{27}\text{NO}$: 369.2093. Found: 369.2086.

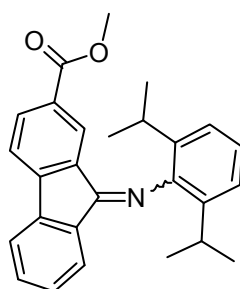


2,6-Diisopropyl-N-(2-(trifluoromethyl)-9H-fluoren-9-ylidene)aniline (3ga). The title compound

was obtained as a mixture of geometric isomers with respect to a C=N bond in a ratio of 67:33. Yellow solid. Mp = 145-146 °C. R_f = 0.43 (hexane/EtOAc = 4/1). ^1H NMR (CDCl_3) δ : 0.82-0.86 (m, 6H), 1.08-1.10 (m, 6H), 2.70-2.80 (m, 2H), 6.37 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 0.6H, major), 6.47 (s, 0.3H, minor), 6.91 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 0.6H, major), 7.13-7.15 (m, 3H), 7.24-7.31 (m, 1H), 7.24-7.51 (m, 1H), 7.56-7.69 (m, 2H), 8.04 (d, J = 7.0 Hz, 0.3H, minor), 8.22 (s, 0.6H, major). ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3) δ : 23.1, 23.2, 28.4, 119.9, 120.16, 120.22, 120.4, 120.8, 121.1, 122.2, 122.3, 123.1, 123.4, 123.5, 124.4, 124.7, 125.8, 126.2, 126.7, 128.3, 128.4, 128.57, 128.64, 128.70, 128.74, 129.6, 130.1, 130.3, 130.8, 131.8, 132.06, 132.11, 132.7, 135.1, 135.2, 135.6, 137.6, 137.7, 140.6, 141.7, 145.0, 146.2, 146.5, 146.7, 161.9, 161.8. IR (KBr): 3064 w, 2964 m, 2929 w, 2870 w, 1738 w, 1651 m, 1620 m, 1462 m, 1434 m, 1361 m, 1329 s, 1271 m, 1169 m, 1128 s, 1057 m, 916 w, 841 w, 768 w, 739 m. MS, m/z (relative intensity, %): 398 (M^+ , 28), 407 ($\text{M}^+ - 1$, 100), 393 (17), 392 (55), 378 (18), 377 (60), 362 (28), 350 (35), 349 (23), 348 (39), 346 (12), 335 (20), 233 (36), 175 (14), 174 (98), 161 (27), 146 (49), 144 (11), 132 (43), 118 (12), 117 (18), 115 (12), 91 (12). Exact Mass Calcd for $\text{C}_{26}\text{H}_{24}\text{F}_3\text{N}$: 407.1861. Found: 407.1859.

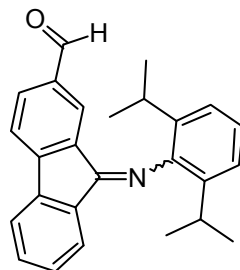


Methyl 9-(2,6-diisopropylphenylimino)-9H-fluorene-2-carboxylate (3ha). The title compound was obtained as a mixture of geometric isomers with respect to a C=N bond in a ratio of 71:29. Yellow solid. Mp = 145-146°C. R_f = 0.46 (hexane/EtOAc = 4/1). ^1H NMR (CDCl_3) δ : 0.93 (d, J = 7.0 Hz, 6H), 1.17 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 6H), 2.80-2.90 (m, 2H), 3.77 (s, 1H, minor), 3.98 (s, 2H, major), 6.45 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 0.7H, major), 6.96-7.72 (m, 7.3H), 8.02-8.09 (m, 0.6H, minor), 8.23 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 0.7H, major), 8.68 (s, 0.7H, major). ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3) δ : 23.07, 23.14, 23.2, 28.4, 52.0, 52.2, 119.5, 119.8, 120.5, 120.9, 123.3, 123.4, 123.9, 124.2, 124.3, 124.4, 126.6, 127.8, 129.0, 129.5, 129.6, 130.2, 131.6, 131.9, 132.0, 132.4, 133.3, 133.4, 135.2, 135.3, 137.3, 138.0, 140.8, 142.0, 146.0, 146.8, 147.1, 149.8, 162.2, 162.3, 166.1, 166.7. IR (KBr): 2960 m, 2925 m, 2866 w, 2362 w, 1712 s, 1664 m, 1618 m, 1462 2, 1435 m, 1292 m, 1265 s, 1219 m, 1147 w, 1117 w, 1095 w, 945 w, 854 w, 795 w, 752 m, 656 w. MS, m/z (relative intensity, %): 398 (M^+ , 30), 397 ($\text{M}^+ - 1$, 100), 382 (52), 368 (19), 367 (64), 338 (23), 174 (96), 161 (27), 146 (43), 132 (35). Exact Mass Calcd for $\text{C}_{27}\text{H}_{27}\text{NO}_2$: 397.2042. Found: 397.2037.



3ha

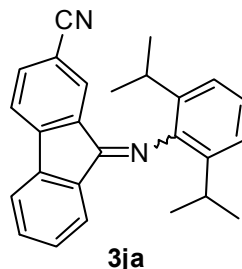
9-(2,6-Diisopropylphenylimino)-9H-fluorene-2-carbaldehyde (3ia). The title compound was obtained as a mixture of geometric isomers with respect to a C=N bond in a ratio of 65:35. Yellow solid. Mp =145-146°C. R_f = 0.34 (hexane/EtOAc = 4/1). ^1H NMR (CDCl_3) δ : 0.91-0.96 (m, 6H), 1.18 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 6H), 2.78-2.88 (m, 2H), 6.48 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 0.6H, major), 6.75 (s, 0.3H, minor), 7.03 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 0.6H, major), 7.22-8.12 (m, 7.6H), 8.53 (s, 0.6H, major), 9.57 (s, 0.3H, minor), 10.12 (s, 0.6H, major). ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3) δ : 23.16, 23.20, 28.5, 120.0, 120.5, 120.7, 121.2, 123.3, 123.4, 124.2, 124.6, 124.7, 126.5, 128.5, 129.4, 129.9, 131.9, 132.0, 132.4, 132.5, 132.9, 135.0, 135.1, 135.8, 136.6, 137.8, 138.1, 140.5, 141.6, 146.5, 146.6, 147.2, 148.5, 161.7, 161.8, 190.6, 191.2. IR (KBr): 3402 m, 2960 s, 2927 m, 2868 m, 2360 m, 1701 s, 1647 m, 1612 s, 1462 m, 1435 m, 1358 m, 1171 m, 1107 m, 980 w, 910 w, 837 m, 768 m, 741 s. MS, m/z (relative intensity, %): 368 (M^+ , 28), 367 (M^+-1 , 100), 352 (57), 337 (64), 322 (20), 308 (23), 280 (21), 174 (93), 161 (24), 146 (45), 132 (36). Exact Mass Calcd for $\text{C}_{26}\text{H}_{25}\text{NO}$: 367.1936. Found: 367.1943.



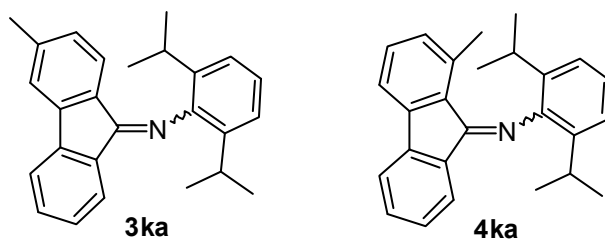
3ia

9-(2,6-Diisopropylphenylimino)-9H-fluorene-2-carbonitrile (3ja). The title compound was obtained as a mixture of geometric isomers with respect to a C=N bond in a ratio of 66:34. Yellow oil. R_f = 0.46 (hexane/EtOAc = 4/1). ^1H NMR (CDCl_3) δ : 0.94 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 6H), 1.17 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 6H), 2.73-2.83 (m, 2H), 6.47 (d, J = 7.3 Hz, 0.7H, major), 6.56 (s, 0.3H, minor), 7.04 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 0.7H, major), 7.22-7.81 (m, 7.3H), 8.10 (d, J = 7.3 Hz, 0.3H, minor), 8.30 (s, 0.7H, major). ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3) δ : 23.1, 23.2, 28.5, 28.7, 111.1, 111.7, 118.8, 120.2, 120.7(2C), 120.7, 121.1, 123.2, 123.4, 123.56, 123.6, 124.4, 125.0, 126.6, 126.7, 129.4, 129.6, 130.1, 130.2, 131.9, 132.2, 134.9, 134.9, 135.7, 137.4, 137.7, 141.2, 145.6, 146.0, 146.4, 146.8, 161.0, 161.2. IR (neat): 3062 w, 2962 s, 2927 m, 2867 m, 2359 m, 2339 m, 2227 m, 1649 m, 1612 m, 1456 m, 1435 m, 1383 m, 1362 m, 1327 w, 1257 w, 1159 w, 1113 m, 935 w, 910 w, 841 m, 791 m,

768 m, 739 m, 507 w. MS, m/z (relative intensity, %): 365 (M^+ , 28), 364 (M^+-1 , 94), 349 (66), 334 (59), 319 (29), 307 (41), 306 (22), 305 (41), 292 (21), 174 (100), 161 (28), 146 (50), 132 (43). Exact Mass Calcd for $C_{26}H_{24}N_2$: 364.1939. Found: 364.1942.

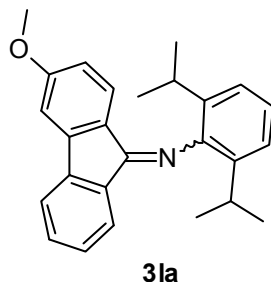


2,6-Diisopropyl-*N*-(3-methyl-9H-fluoren-9-ylidene)aniline (3ka). The cyclocoupling of **1k** under the standard conditions afforded a mixture of **3ka** and **4ka** in 88% yield in a ratio of 17:1. The major product **3ka** was obtained as a mixture of geometric isomers with respect to a C=N bond in a ratio of 59:41. Yellow solid. Mp=145-146°C. R_f = 0.6 (hexane/EtOAc = 4/1). 1H NMR ($CDCl_3$) δ : 0.94 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 6H), 1.16 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 6H), 2.33 (s, 1.8H, major), 2.48 (s, 1.2H, minor), 2.82-2.92 (m, 2H), 6.27 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 0.6H, major), 6.37 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 0.4H, minor), 6.71 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 0.6H, major), 6.89 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 0.4H, minor), 7.19-7.61 (m, 7H), 7.92 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 0.4H, minor), 8.02 (d, J = 7.0 Hz, 0.6H, major). ^{13}C NMR ($CDCl_3$) δ : 20.6, 20.8, 23.0, 23.2, 28.3, 120.1, 120.8, 122.1, 123.0, 123.1, 123.2, 123.3, 123.8, 124.1, 124.3, 126.4, 127.2, 127.6, 127.7, 128.0, 131.6, 131.7, 131.9, 132.0, 132.08, 132.14, 132.9, 133.3, 134.3, 134.4, 135.2, 137.7, 139.7, 141.1, 142.8, 144.2, 147.2, 162.9, 163.0. IR (KBr): 3059 w, 2960 s, 2924 m, 2866 m, 2360 m, 2341 m, 1707 w, 1643 m, 1610 m, 1452 m, 1432 m, 1381 w, 1360 w, 1327 m, 1304 m, 1257 m, 1190 w, 1113 m, 939 m, 831 m, 800 m, 766 m, 739 s, 656 m, 542 w. MS, m/z (relative intensity, %): 354 (M^+ , 30), 353 (M^+-1 , 100), 338 (50), 324 (21), 323 (71), 296 (20), 295 (22), 294 (33), 179 (33), 178 (21), 174 (88), (33), 132 (54). Exact Mass Calcd for $C_{26}H_{27}N$: 353.2143. Found: 353.2146.

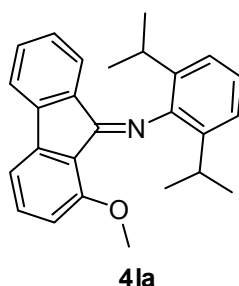


2,6-Diisopropyl-*N*-(3-methoxy-9H-fluoren-9-ylidene)aniline (3la). Compound **3la** was obtained by the cyclocoupling of **1n** as a mixture of geometric isomers with respect to a C=N bond in a ratio of 67:33. Yellow oil. R_f = 0.45 (hexane/EtOAc = 4/1). 1H NMR ($CDCl_3$) δ : 0.91-0.95 (m, 6H), 1.16 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 6H), 2.82-2.92 (m, 2H), 3.81 (s, 2H, major), 3.92 (s, 1H, minor), 6.23-6.41 (m, 1.7H), 6.87-6.92 (m, 0.7H,

major), 7.07-7.59 (m, 6.6H), 7.99 (br, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3) δ : 23.05, 23.09, 23.27, 23.33, 28.3, 55.4, 55.7, 105.7, 106.2, 112.4, 113.4, 119.5, 119.9, 122.3, 123.0, 123.2, 123.9, 124.02, 124.05, 124.3, 124.57, 124.64, 124.9, 126.4, 128.1, 128.4, 128.5, 128.6, 128.7, 131.4, 131.5, 132.7, 135.7, 138.3, 141.4, 142.5, 143.9, 145.5, 147.2, 162.3, 162.6. IR (neat): 3060 w, 2960 s, 2868 m, 2360 s, 2341 s, 1651 m, 1612 s, 1491 m, 1458 m, 1360 m, 1311 m, 1236 m, 1217 m, 1174 w, 1111 w, 1032 m, 941 w, 870 w, 766 m, 739 m, 658 m. MS, m/z (relative intensity, %): 370 (M^+ , 28), 369 (M^+-1 , 100), 354 (35), 340 (20), 339 (74), 195 (43), 174 (90), 146 (21), 132 (66). Exact Mass Calcd for $\text{C}_{26}\text{H}_{27}\text{NO}$: 369.2093. Found: 369.2086.

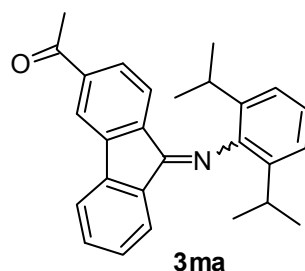


2,6-Diisopropyl-*N*-(1-methoxy-9*H*-fluoren-9-ylidene)aniline (4la). The cyclocoupling of **11** under the standard conditions afforded a mixture of **3la** and **4la** in 97% yield in a ratio of 2.1:1. Compound **4la** was obtained by the purification using GPC. Yellow oil. R_f = 0.39 (hexane/EtOAc = 4/1). ^1H NMR (CDCl_3) δ : 0.91 (d, J = 6.6 Hz, 6H), 1.19 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 6H), 2.86-2.96 (m, 2H), 4.03 (s, 3H), 6.32 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.86-7.30 (m, 7H), 7.45 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.57 (d, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3) δ : 23.0, 23.5, 28.3, 56.2, 108.1, 112.2, 112.7, 119.9, 123.3, 123.6, 123.7, 126.6, 128.0, 131.1, 132.0, 133.1, 134.9, 136.3, 143.2, 144.3, 158.7. IR (neat): 2960 m, 2868 w, 2360 s, 2339 s, 1641 m, 1593 s, 1489 m, 1456 m, 1435 m, 1382 w, 1302 w, 1265 m, 1186 w, 1126 m, 1018 w, 937 w, 802 w, 758 m, 669 w. MS, m/z (relative intensity, %): 370 (M^+ , 18), 369 (M^+-1 , 62), 354 (20), 340 (10), 339 (36), 326 (22), 312 (11), 311 (10), 310 (11), 296 (11), 280 (11), 195 (18), 176 (25), 175 (13), 174 (100), 146 (18), 132 (30). Exact Mass Calcd for $\text{C}_{26}\text{H}_{27}\text{NO}$: 369.2093. Found: 369.2097.

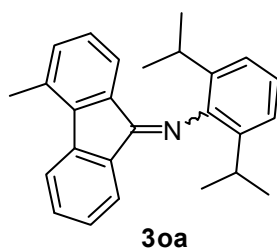


1-(9-(2,6-Diisopropylphenylimino)-9*H*-fluoren-3-yl)ethanone (3ma). The title compound was obtained as a mixture of geometric isomers with respect to a C=N bond in a ratio of 53:47. Yellow solid. Mp = 144-145 °C. R_f = 0.44 (hexane/EtOAc = 4/1). ^1H NMR (CDCl_3) δ : 0.92-0.96 (m, 6H), 1.17 (d, J =

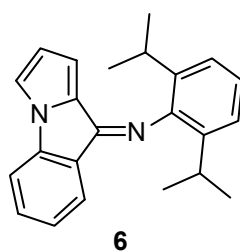
6.8 Hz, 6H), 2.59 (s, 1.4H, minor), 2.71 (s, 1.6H, major), 2.78-2.88 (m, 2H), 6.42-6.48 (m, 1H), 6.94-7.00 (m, 0.5H), 7.22-7.26 (m, 3H), 7.35-7.58 (m, 2H), 7.68-7.74 (m, 1H), 7.99-8.01 (m, 0.5H), 8.08-8.23 (m, 2H). ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3) δ : 23.00, 23.02, 23.1, 23.2, 26.8, 27.0, 28.39, 28.41, 119.1, 119.3, 120.2, 120.6, 123.3, 123.4, 123.5, 124.4, 126.3, 126.6, 128.56, 128.61, 128.61, 129.07, 131.8, 132.2, 132.3, 135.0, 135.2, 135.27, 135.29, 137.2, 139.4, 139.9, 141.0, 141.1, 142.28, 142.33, 143.7, 146.6, 162.48, 162.50, 197.4, 197.7 IR (KBr): 3060 w, 2962 m, 2925 m, 2866 m, 2362 w, 1684 s, 1660 s, 1587 m, 1466 m, 1446 m, 1417 s, 1382 w, 1358 m, 1296 m, 1277 m, 1238 m, 1196 m, 1144 w, 1113 w, 939m, 904 w, 849 m, 791 w, 661 m, 615 w. MS, m/z (relative intensity, %): 382 (M^+ , 30), 381 (M^+-1 , 100), 366 (48), 351 (60), 322 (20), 174 (83), 161 (23), 146 (38), 132 (34). Exact Mass Calcd for $\text{C}_{27}\text{H}_{27}\text{NO}$: 381.2093. Found: 381.2092.



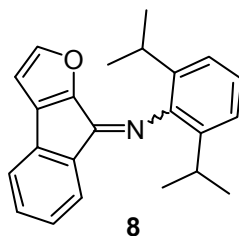
2,6-Diisopropyl-*N*-(4-methyl-9*H*-fluoren-9-ylidene)aniline (3oa). The title compound was obtained as a mixture of geometric isomers with respect to a $\text{C}=\text{N}$ bond in a ratio of 55:45. Yellow solid. Mp = 167-168 °C. R_f = 0.60 (hexane/EtOAc = 4/1). ^1H NMR (CDCl_3) δ : 0.94 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 6H), 1.16 (d, J = 6.6 Hz, 6H), 2.62 (s, 1.5H, minor), 2.65 (s, 1.5 H, major), 2.81-2.91 (m, 2H), 6.34 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 0.5H, minor), 6.48 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 0.5H, major), 6.78-6.93 (m, 1H), 7.07-7.52 (m, 6H), 7.74 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.94 (br, 0.5H, major), 8.08 (d, J = 7.0 Hz, 0.5H, minor). ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3) δ : 20.6, 20.8, 22.6, 23.0, 23.2, 23.6, 28.3, 28.5, 120.1, 120.8, 122.1, 123.0, 123.1, 123.2, 123.3, 123.8, 124.1, 124.3, 125.7, 126.4, 127.2, 127.6, 127.7, 128.0, 131.7, 131.9, 132.0, 132.1, 132.9, 133.3, 134.3, 134.4, 135.2, 135.6, 137.7, 139.7, 141.1, 142.8, 144.2, 147.1, 163.00, 163.04. IR (KBr): 3074 w, 2958 m, 2866 w, 2360 w, 2341 w, 1712 w, 1647 m, 1587 w, 1452 m, 1431 m, 1381 w, 1360 w, 1329 w, 1306 w, 1113 w, 1095 w, 960 w, 800 m, 768 w, 752 m, 733 s, 663 w. MS, m/z (relative intensity, %): 354 (M^+ , 28), 353 (M^+-1 , 100), 339 (21), 338 (74), 323 (49), 294 (28), 179 (37), 174 (91), 161 (20), 146 (30), 132 (49). Exact Mass Calcd for $\text{C}_{26}\text{H}_{27}\text{N}$: 353.2143. Found: 353.2152.



2,6-Diisopropyl-*N*-(9*H*-pyrrolo[1,2-*a*]indol-9-ylidene)aniline (6). Yellow solid. Mp =158 °C. *R*_f = 0.40 (hexane/EtOAc = 4/1). ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ: 0.99 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 6H), 1.16 (d, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 6H), 2.84-2.94 (m, 2H), 5.24 (d, *J* = 2.8 Hz, 1H), 6.05 (t, *J* = 2.8 Hz, 1H), 6.95 (s, 1H), 7.14-7.25 (m, 5H), 7.45 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.97 (br, 1H). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃) δ: 23.47, 23.53, 28.2, 110.0, 112.4, 114.7, 115.3, 123.3, 123.5, 123.7, 124.2, 124.7, 129.2, 131.7, 136.56, 136.62, 142.3, 154.4. IR (KBr): 3086 w, 2958 m, 2866 m, 2360 m, 1635 s, 1616 m, 1525 w, 1479 s, 1396 m, 1381 w, 1311 m, 1238 m, 1178 m, 1078 m, 1020 w, 930 w, 800 w, 752 s, 723 m. MS, *m/z* (relative intensity, %): 329 (M⁺, 24), 328 (M⁺-1, 100), 327 (21), 313 (46), 298 (39), 285 (20), 270 (20), 174 (31), 154 (56), 132 (39), Exact Mass Calcd for C₂₃H₂₄N₂: 328.1939. Found: 328.1932.

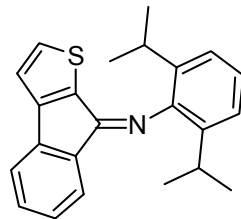


***N*-(8*H*-indeno[2,1-*b*]furan-8-ylidene)-2,6-diisopropylaniline (8).** The title compound was obtained as a mixture of geometric isomers with respect to a C=N bond in a ratio of 84:16. Yellow oil. *R*_f = 0.49 (hexane/EtOAc = 4/1). ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ: 0.98 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 6H), 1.17 (d, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 6H), 2.84-2.96 (m, 2H), 6.13 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 0.2H, minor), 6.47 (d, *J* = 1.6 Hz, 0.8H, major), 6.59 (s, 0.2H, minor), 6.73 (br, 0.2H, minor), 7.10-7.37 (m, 6.6H), 7.59 (s, 0.2H, minor), 7.82 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 0.8H, major). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃) δ: 23.1, 23.2, 23.3, 23.4, 28.1, 28.2, 105.8, 106.2, 119.7, 119.8, 122.8, 123.1, 123.5, 124.0, 124.3, 126.5, 126.7, 127.1, 131.06, 131.15, 132.7, 135.0, 135.6, 135.7, 136.9, 137.6, 137.9, 139.7, 146.0, 146.9, 149.8, 150.4, 152.4, 152.5, 152.7, 156.1. IR (neat): 3060 w, 2962 s, 28868 m, 1657 s, 1612 s, 1589 m, 1485 m, 1458 m, 1419 m, 1383 w, 1362 w, 1327w, 1255 m, 1159 m, 1111 m, 1159 m, 970 m, 920 m, 893 m, 798 m, 750 s, 592 w. MS, *m/z* (relative intensity, %): 330 (M⁺, 10), 329 (M⁺-1, 37), 328 (10), 315 (25), 314 (100), 312 (10), 296 (23), 286 (12), 271 (14), 270 (15), 254 (12), 174 (14), 127 (12), 115 (11). Exact Mass Calcd for C₂₃H₂₃NO: 329.1780. Found: 329.1776.



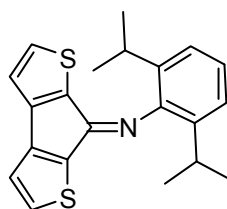
***N*-(8*H*-indeno[2,1-*b*]thiophen-8-ylidene)-2,6-diisopropylaniline (10).** Yellow solid. Mp = 140-141 °C. *R*_f = 0.6 (hexane/EtOAc = 4/1). ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ: 1.00 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 6H), 1.15 (d, *J* = 7.0

Hz, 6H), 2.79-2.89 (m, 2H), 7.06 (d, $J = 5.1$ Hz, 1H), 7.21-7.39 (m, 7H), 7.95 (d, $J = 7.3$ Hz, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3) δ : 23.1, 23.4, 28.4, 118.7, 119.3, 123.0, 123.7, 124.6, 126.8, 131.2, 132.0, 135.94, 135.96, 136.3, 136.3, 139.1, 140.0, 153.1. IR (KBr): 3051 w, 2958 m, 2864 m, 1637 s, 1606 m, 1483 m, 1454 m, 1415 m, 1381 w, 1323 w, 1294 w, 1255 w, 1144 m, 1101 w, 895 m, 796 m, 762 m, 735 s. MS, m/z (relative intensity, %): 346(M^+ , 19), 345 ($\text{M}^+ - 1$, 72), 331 (24), 330 (100), 315 (32), 312 (29), 296 (36), 285 (28), 174 (35), 171 (25), 132 (26). Exact Mass Calcd for $\text{C}_{26}\text{H}_{19}\text{N}$: 345.1551. Found: 345.1574.



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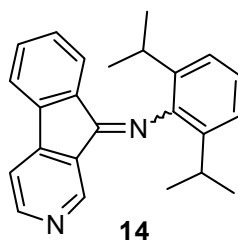
***N*-(7*H*-Cyclopenta[1,2-*b*;4,3-*b'*]dithiophen-7-ylidene)-2,6-diisopropylaniline (12).** Yellow solid. Mp = 136-137°C. R_f = 0.51 (hexane/EtOAc = 4/1). ^1H NMR (CDCl_3) δ : 1.04 (d, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 6H), 1.16 (d, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 6H), 2.83-2.93 (m, 2H), 6.84 (d, $J = 4.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.00 (d, $J = 4.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.12-7.26 (m, 4H), 7.45 (d, $J = 4.6$ Hz, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3) δ : 23.2, 23.4, 28.4, 118.3, 119.2, 123.8, 124.8, 130.8, 132.1, 134.1, 136.2, 138.9, 147.2, 147.8, 148.0, 156.2. IR (KBr): 3087 w, 2958 s, 2866 m, 1633 s, 1587 w, 1504 m, 1462 m, 1415 m, 1381 w, 1325 w, 1252 m, 1165 m, 1088 m, 937 w, 843 s, 789 m, 746 s, 677 m. MS, m/z (relative intensity, %): 352 (M^+ , 15), 351 ($\text{M}^+ - 1$, 55), 337 (25), 336 (100), 321 (27), 292 (32), 174 (20). Exact Mass Calcd for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{21}\text{NS}_2$: 351.1115. Found: 351.1122.



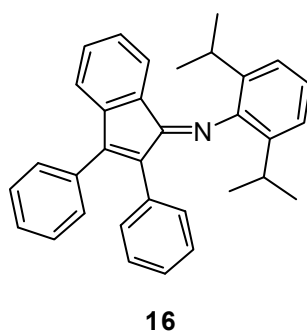
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***N*-(9*H*-indeno[2,1-*c*]pyridin-9-ylidene)-2,6-diisopropylaniline (14).** The title compound was obtained as a mixture of geometric isomers with respect to a C=N bond in a ratio of 50:50. Yellow oil. R_f = 0.51 (hexane/EtOAc = 1/1). ^1H NMR (CDCl_3) δ : 0.92-0.96 (m, 6H), 1.16-1.19 (m, 6H), 2.77-2.87 (m, 2H), 6.48 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 0.5H), 7.09 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 0.5H), 7.22-7.24 (m, 3H), 7.41 (t, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 0.5H), 7.54-7.76 (m, 2.5H), 7.73-7.76 (m, 1 H), 8.11-8.14 (m, 0.5H), 7.56 (d, $J = 4.9$ Hz, 0.5H), 8.77 (d, $J = 5.4$ Hz, 0.5H), 9.24 (s, 0.5 H). ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3) δ : 23.0, 23.05, 23.14, 27.2, 28.36, 28.37, 114.6, 115.1, 121.2, 121.7, 123.4, 123.5, 123.6, 124.4, 124.8, 126.7, 126.8, 130.4, 130.8, 131.7, 132.0, 132.1, 135.08, 135.12, 137.3, 139.5, 140.5, 144.4, 146.7, 146.8, 147.1, 149.3, 150.2, 152.4, 152.5, 161.8, 162.2. IR (neat): 3062 m, 2962 s, 2929 s,

2868 s, 1651 s, 1597 s, 1568 s, 1452 s, 1433 s, 1383 m, 1362 m, 1315 m, 1255 m, 1182 m, 1161 m, 1105 w, 1092 m, 1059 w, 1041 w, 937 s, 908 m, 839 m, 798 m, 774 m, 742 s, 646 w, 623 m, 571 w, 455 w, 434 m. MS, m/z (relative intensity, %): 341 (M^+ , 24), 340 (M^+-1 , 100), 326 (16), 325 (60), 311 (16), 310 (61), 295 (29), 283 (36), 282 (22), 281 (32), 280 (10), 279 (13), 268 (15), 181 (11), 180 (29), 174 (63), 167 (16), 166 (25), 146 (26), 132 (21), 117 (12), 115 (11), 91 (11), 77 (12). Exact Mass Calcd for $C_{24}H_{24}N_2$: 340.1939. Found: 340.1941.

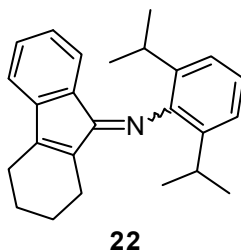


***N*-(2,3-Diphenyl-1*H*-inden-1-ylidene)-2,6-diisopropylaniline (16).** Yellow solid. Mp = 147-148 °C. R_f = 0.63 (hexane/EtOAc = 4/1). 1H NMR ($CDCl_3$) δ : 1.02 (d, J = 7.0 Hz, 6H), 1.14 (d, J = 7.0 Hz, 6H), 2.79-2.90 (m, 2H), 6.34 (d, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 6.85-6.91 (m, 1H), 7.12-7.40 (m, 15H). ^{13}C NMR ($CDCl_3$) δ : 23.1, 23.2, 28.4, 120.5, 123.1, 123.8, 125.2, 127.1, 127.3, 127.6, 128.2, 128.4, 128.7, 129.2, 130.7, 131.0, 132.9, 133.6, 134.5, 136.3, 144.7, 147.7, 148.3, 166.5. IR (KBr): 3060 m, 2958 s, 2925 m, 2866 m, 2360 w, 1631 s, 1589 m, 1456 m, 1439 m, 1379 w, 1358 m, 1326 m, 1252 w, 1196 m, 1176 m, 1092 m, 1029.8 w, 787 m, 771 m, 754 m, 700 s. MS, m/z (relative intensity, %): 442 (M^+ , 36), 441 (M^+-1 , 100), 440 (12), 427 (27), 426 (79), 364 (18), 265 (17), 252 (10), 174 (34), 132 (11), 91 (10). Exact Mass Calcd for $C_{33}H_{31}N$: 441.2457. Found: 441.2459.

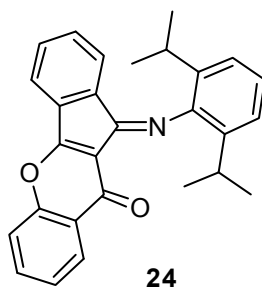


***N*-(3,4-Dihydro-1*H*-fluoren-9(2*H*)-ylidene)-2,6-diisopropylaniline (22).** The title compound was obtained as a mixture of geometric isomers with respect to a C=N bond in a ratio of ca. 5:1. Yellow oil. R_f = 0.63 (hexane/EtOAc = 4/1). 1H NMR ($CDCl_3$) δ : 0.95 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 6H), 1.09-1.17 (m, 6H), 1.88 (br, 3H), 2.47-4.57 (m, 3H), 2.79-2.85 (m, 2H), 6.09 (d, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 6.74 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.96 (d, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.09-7.16 (m, 4H). ^{13}C NMR ($CDCl_3$) δ : 21.0, 21.6, 22.3, 22.40, 22.43, 22.6, 22.8, 22.9, 23.3, 23.4,

28.18, 28.25, 116.0, 117.7, 117.8, 122.5, 123.0, 123.2, 123.3, 123.4, 123.7, 124.5, 124.6, 126.3, 126.9, 129.6, 130.4, 130.5, 130.6, 130.78, 130.83, 131.1, 135.4, 135.9, 143.7, 145.2, 147.3, 148.1, 155.2, 155.5, 166.8, 167.1. IR (KBr): 2962 s, 2931 m, 2870 m, 1674 m, 1643 m, 1599 w, 1460 s, 1435 m, 1257 w, 912 m, 766 m, 735 m. MS, m/z (relative intensity, %): 344 (M^+ , 16), 343 (M^+-1 , 55), 329 (27), 328 (100), 314 (11), 313 (11), 286 (10), 272 (10), 256 (10), 174 (27), 162 (19), 115 (12). Exact Mass Calcd for $C_{25}H_{29}N$: 343.2300. Found: 343.2291.

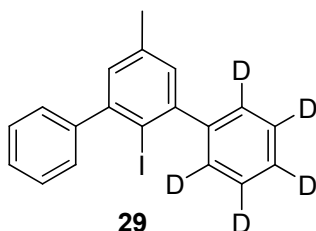


11-((2,6-Diisopropylphenyl)imino)indeno[1,2-b]chromen-10(11H)-one (24). Yellow solid. Mp = 165-166 °C. R_f = 0.29 (hexane/EtOAc = 4/1). 1H NMR ($CDCl_3$) δ : 0.89 (d, J = 7.0 Hz, 6H), 1.19 (d, J = 7.0 Hz, 6H), 2.87-2.95 (m, 2H), 6.32 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.15-7.27 (m, 4H), 7.41-7.53 (m, 2H), 7.63-7.77 (m, 3H), 8.45 (d, J = 7.0 Hz, 1H). ^{13}C NMR ($CDCl_3$) δ : 23.1, 23.5, 28.3, 113.4, 118.1, 120.6, 123.2, 124.2, 125.9, 126.4, 127.0, 130.0, 130.1, 131.2, 132.1, 133.4, 134.4, 135.0, 147.4, 155.5, 158.9, 171.9, 172.5. IR (KBr): 2962 m, 2927 m, 2868 w, 2237 w, 1670 s, 1620 m, 1587 w, 1552 m, 1477 s, 1462 s, 1429 s, 1327 w, 1284 w, 1203 w, 1105 w, 935 w, 910 m, 854 m, 760 s, 731 s, 712 m, 646 w. MS, m/z (relative intensity, %): 407 (M^+-1 , 27), 393 (29), 392 (100), 234 (24). Exact Mass Calcd for $C_{28}H_{25}NO_2$: 407.1885. Found: 407.1885.



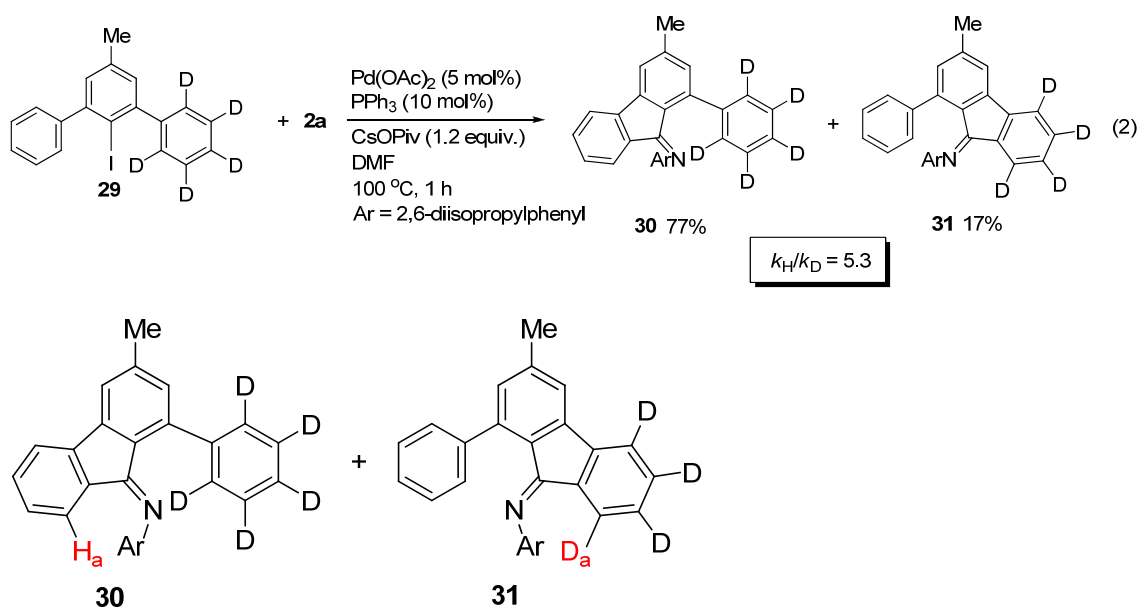
VI. Experiment for Intramolecular Kinetic Isotope Effect (eq 1).

Synthesis of 4-methyl-2-pentadeuteriophenyl-6-phenyl-1-iodobenzene (29). 4-Methyl-2-pentadeuterio phenyl-6-phenylaniline (CAS 1174572-61-2, 1.30 g, 4.9 mmol)⁴ was suspended in aqueous solution of HCl (6M, 50 mL). To this suspension, an aqueous solution (5 mL) of NaNO₂ (370 mg, 5.4 mmol) was added dropwise at 0 °C, and the mixture was stirred at 0 °C for 1 h. Then, an aqueous solution (13 mL) of KI (4.15 g, 25 mmol) was added dropwise at 0 °C, and the mixture was stirred at r.t. overnight. The mixture was extracted with Et₂O (10 mL x 3). The organic layer was washed with aqueous solution of Na₂S₂O₅ (10 mL x 2) and brine (10 mL x 1) and dried over MgSO₄. After removing the volatiles in vacuo, the residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (hexane:EtOAc = 20/1) to afford the title compound. White solid. Mp = 98 °C. *R*_f = 0.69 (hexane/EtOAc = 4/1). ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ: 2.35 (s, 3H), 7.10 (s, 2H), 7.35-7.43 (m, 5H). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃) δ: 20.7, 99.5, 127.4, 127.8, 129.4, 129.6, 137.4, 145.6, 147.7, 147.8. IR (KBr): 3028 w, 2920 w, 2264 w, 1558 w, 1493 m, 1442 m, 1396 m, 1383 m, 1313 w, 1178 w, 1070 w, 1028 m, 1005 m, 866 m, 839 m, 818 w, 789 w, 760 s, 733 w, 700 s, 654 w, 607 m, 584 m, 567 m, 540 s, 478 s, 424 w. MS, *m/z* (relative intensity, %): 249 (14), 248 (60), 246 (14), 245 (12), 244 (15), 243 (18), 234 (20), 233 (100), 232 (38), 231 (32), 230 (24), 229 (10), 188 (16), 170 (17), 169 (13), 166 (12), 165 (19), 123 (14), 122 (21), 121 (11), 117 (11), 116 (28), 114 (11), 110 (16), 109 (12), 103 (16), 96 (14), 95 (11). Exact Mass Calcd for C₁₉H₁₀D₅I: 375.0532. Found: 375.0533.

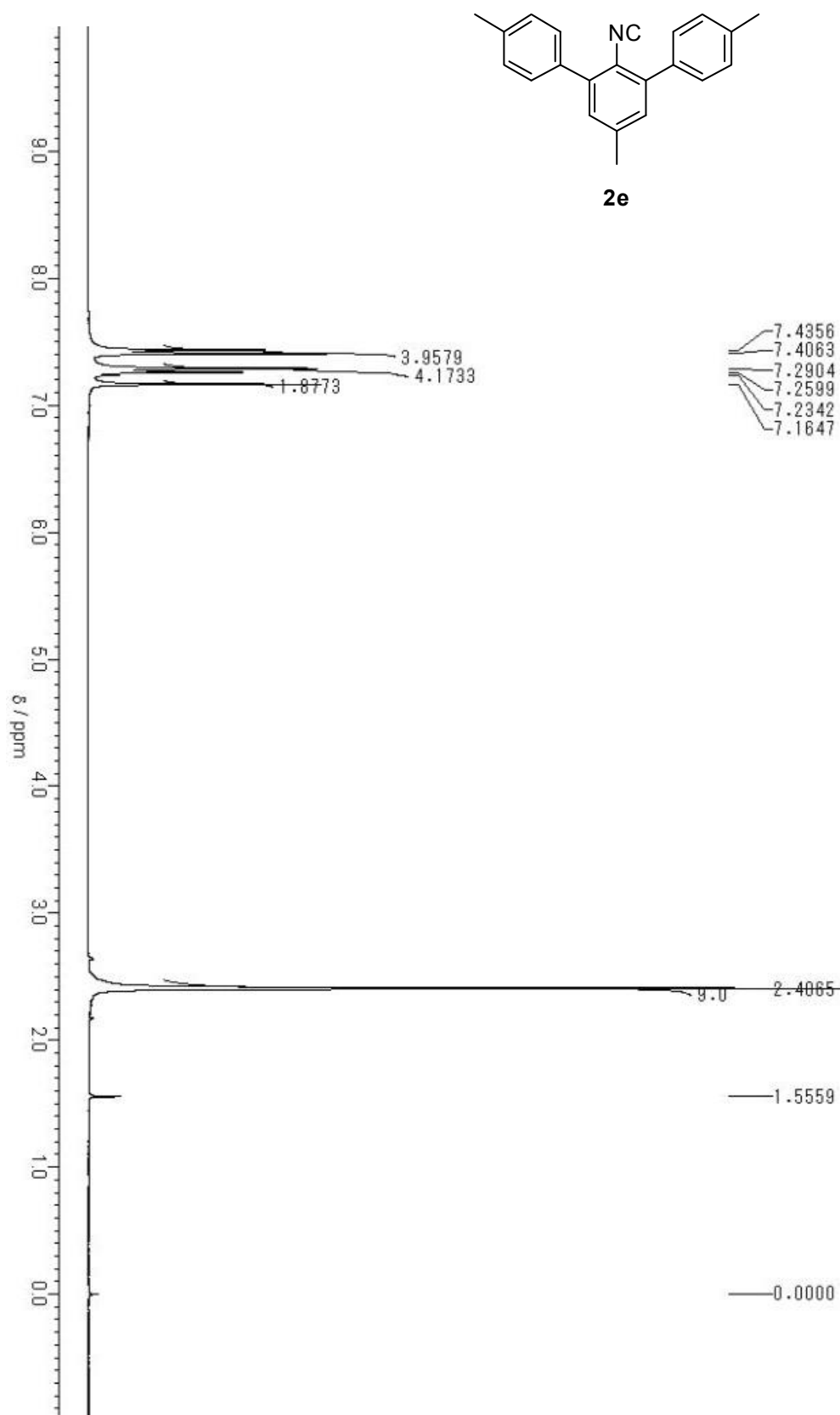


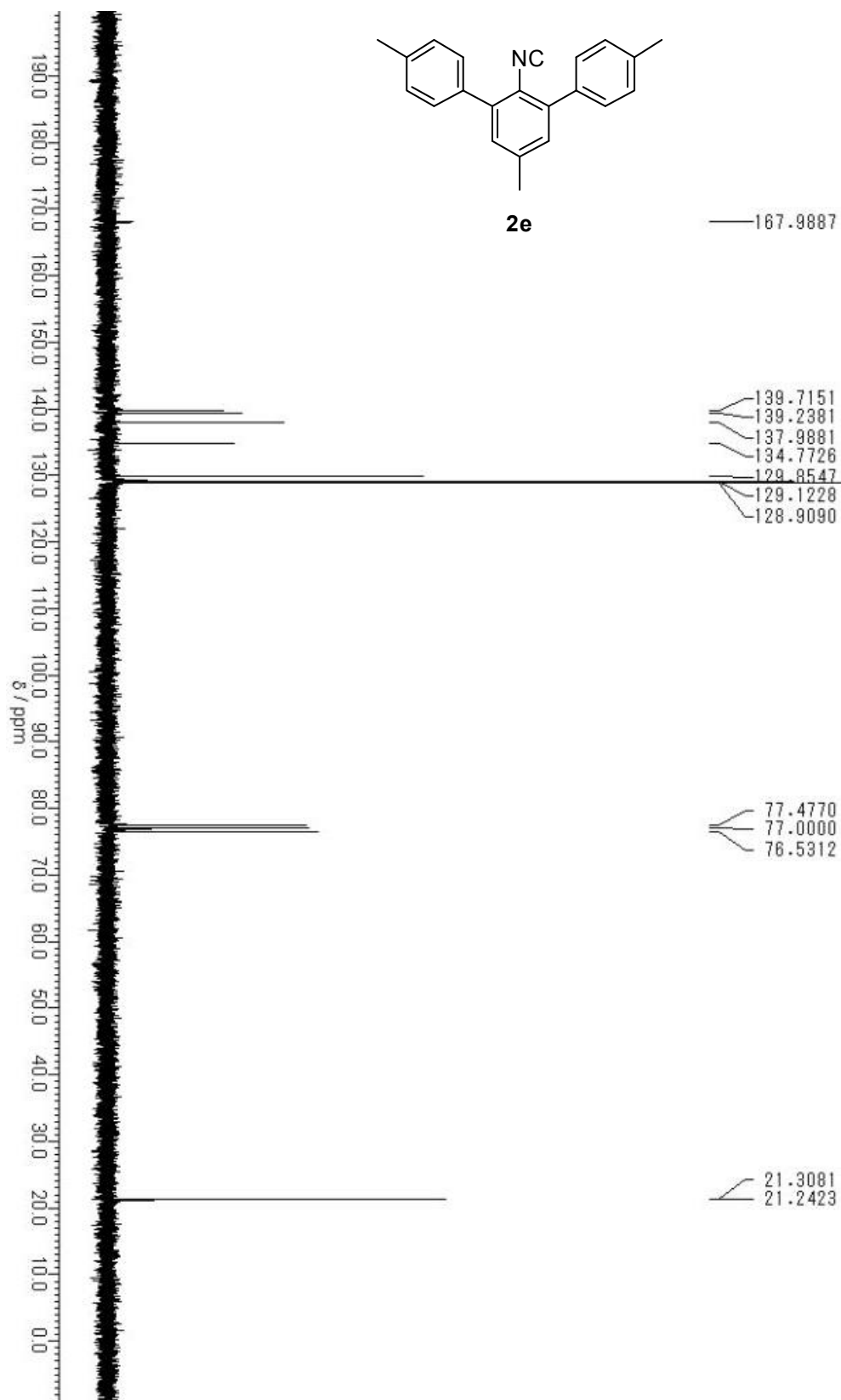
Pd-Catalyzed Cyclocoupling of 29 with 2a. The general procedure was followed using **29** as a substrate. Silica gel column chromatography (hexane:EtOAc = 20:1) of the crude reaction mixture afforded a mixture of **30** and **31** as a yellow solid (100 mg). Based on the ¹H-¹H COSY and NOESY measurements, the resonance appeared at 6.28 ppm was assigned to H_a (D_a). The ratio of **30** and **31** was determined by the integration value of H_a (D_a) appeared at 6.28 ppm (0.805H when the integration value of the methine group was adjusted as 2.0H). Based on the ¹H NMR spectra of the corresponding non-deuterated compound, the relative integration value of H_a was determined to be 0.959H when the integration value of the methine groups (2.60 ppm) was adjusted as 2.0H. Thus, the deuterium content at this position was estimated to be (0.959-0.805)/0.959 = 0.160. The *k_H*/*k_D* was estimated to be (1-0.160)/0.160 = 5.3.

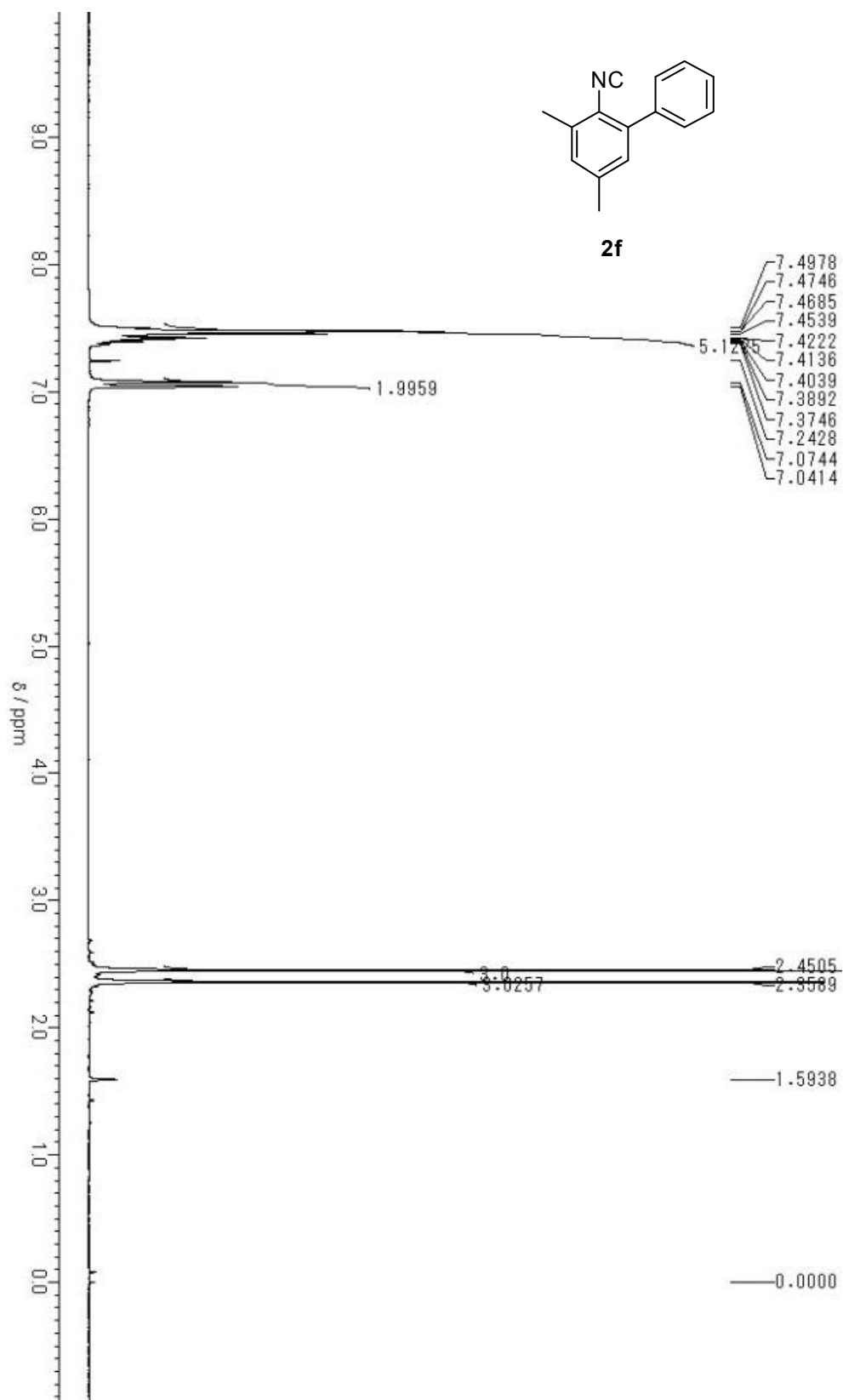
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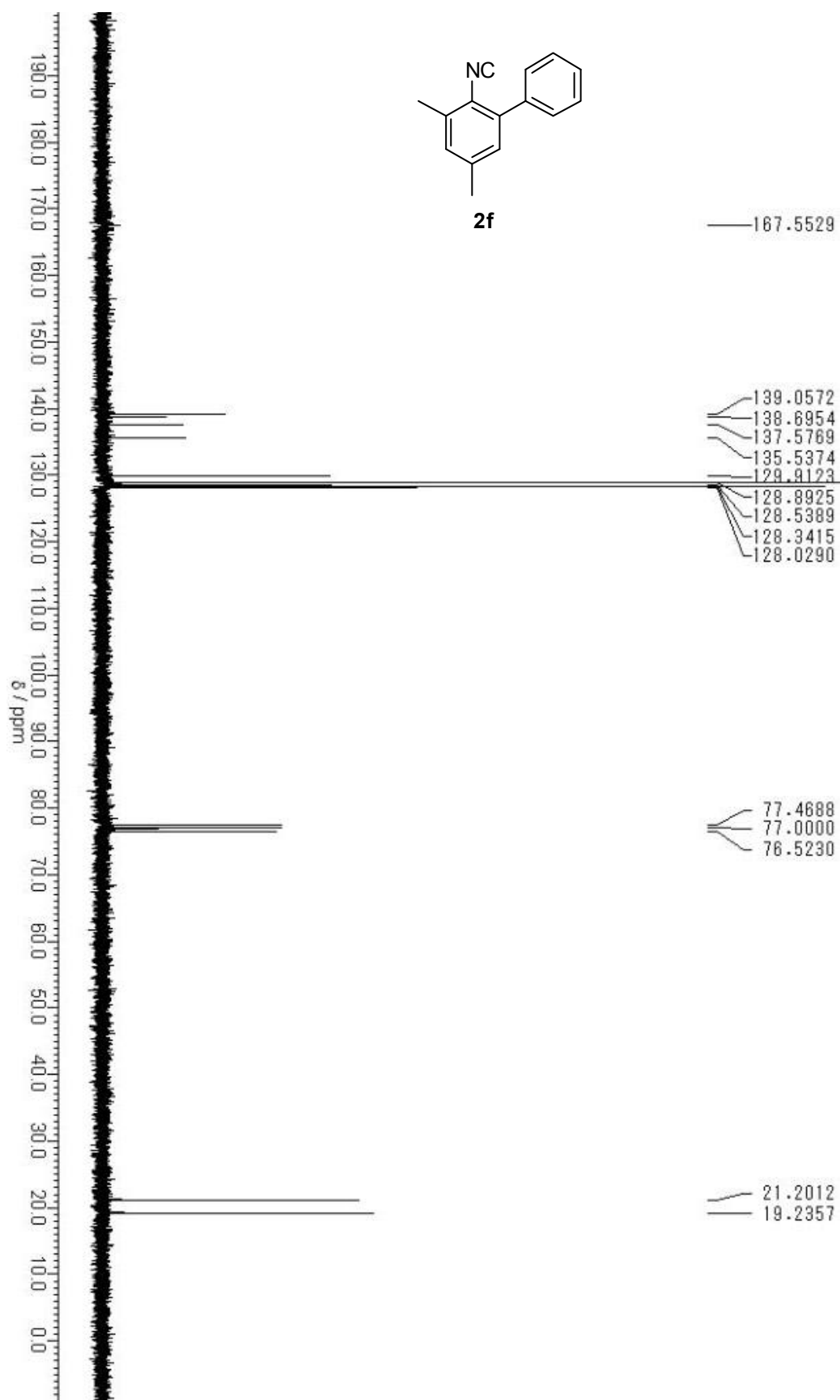


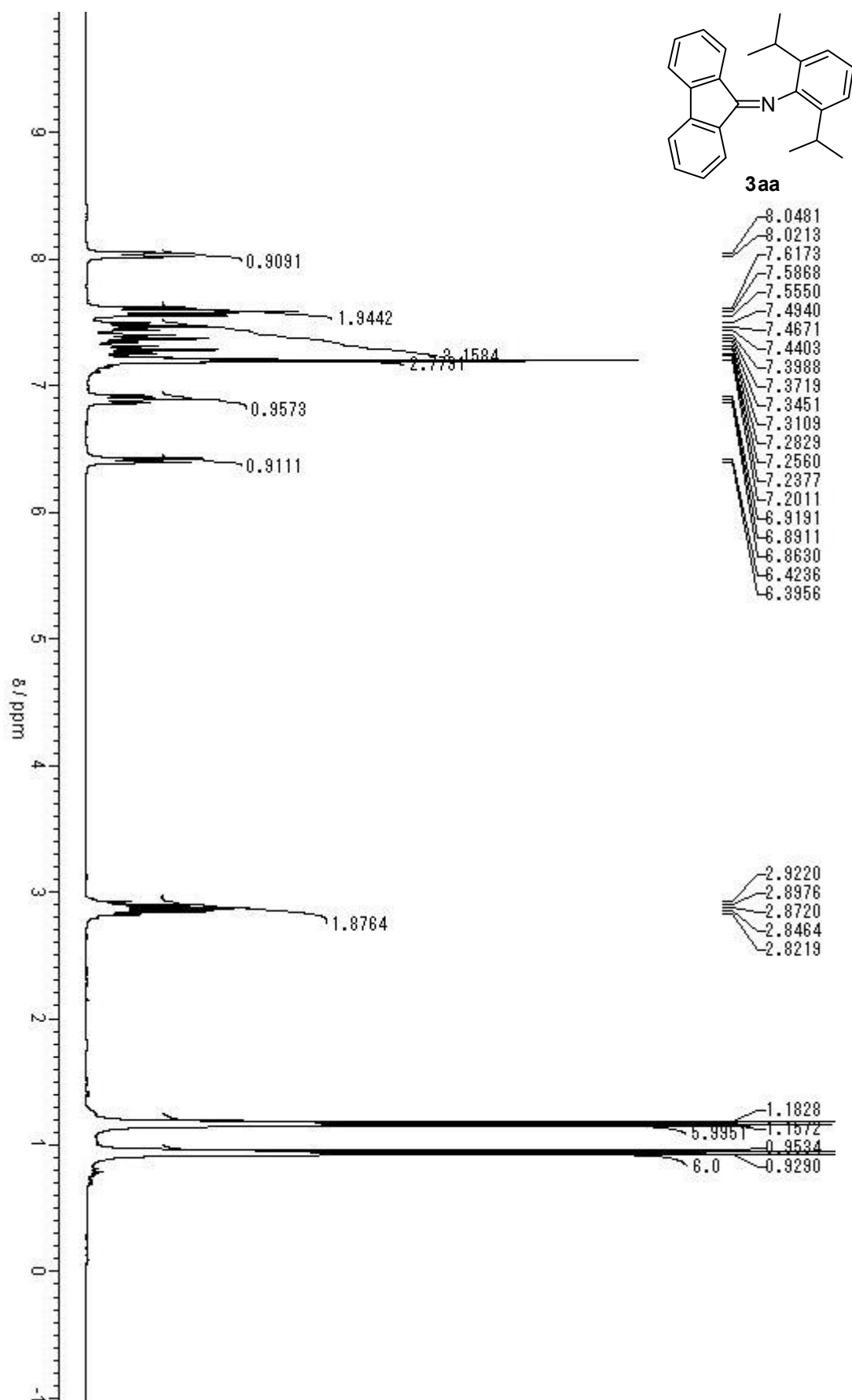
2,6-Diisopropyl-*N*-(3-methyl-1-pentadeuteriophenyl-9*H*-fluoren-9-ylidene)aniline (30) and 2,6-diisopropyl-*N*-(1,2,3,4-tetradeuterio-6-methyl-8-phenyl-9*H*-fluoren-9-ylidene)aniline (31). Yellow solid. $R_f = 0.66$ (hexane:EtOAc = 4/1). ^1H NMR (CDCl_3) δ : 0.86 (d, $J = 7.0$ Hz, 12H), 2.40 (s, 3H), 2.55-2.63 (m, 2H), 6.29 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 6.79 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 6.97-7.03 (m, 4H), 7.15-7.42 (m, 3H), 7.53 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3) δ : 21.7, 22.3, 23.0, 28.3, 119.4, 110.6, 122.9, 123.0, 126.1, 126.9, 127.2, 127.9, 129.1, 130.4, 131.3, 132.0, 132.9, 134.2, 139.7, 141.2, 142.4, 143.0, 147.5, 161.9. IR (KBr): 3057 w, 2960 s, 2866 m, 2476 w, 2266 w, 1637 s, 1610 s, 1583 s, 1460 m, 1431 s, 1398 w, 1381 w, 1360 m, 1329 w, 1292 m, 1252 m, 1184 m, 1161 m, 1111 m, 935 m, 899 w, 854 m, 795 m, 762 s, 741 s, 715 w, 698 w, 660 m, 528 s, 453 w, 318 w. MS, m/z (relative intensity, %): 435 (28), 434 (90), 433 (42), 432 (58), 420 (12), 419 (36), 404 (28), 403 (12), 391 (14), 376 (12), 375 (20), 374 (18), 373 (10), 359 (11), 275 (11), 260 (38), 259 (12), 175 (16), 174 (100), 161 (10), 146 (12), 132 (37). Exact Mass Calcd for $\text{C}_{25}\text{H}_{25}\text{N}$: 433.2708, 434.2770. Found: 433.2694, 434.2767.

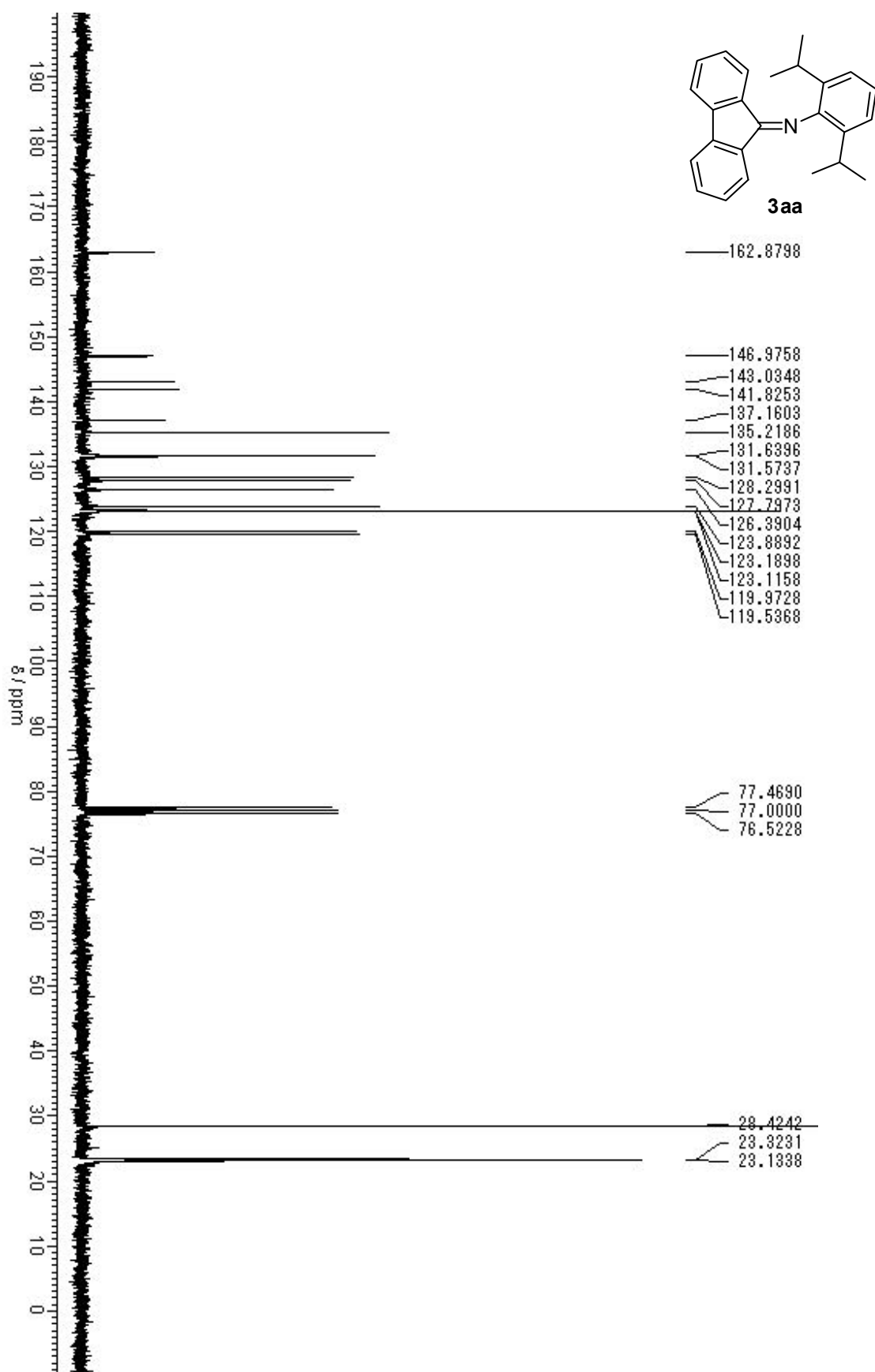


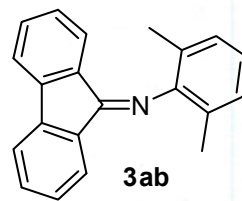
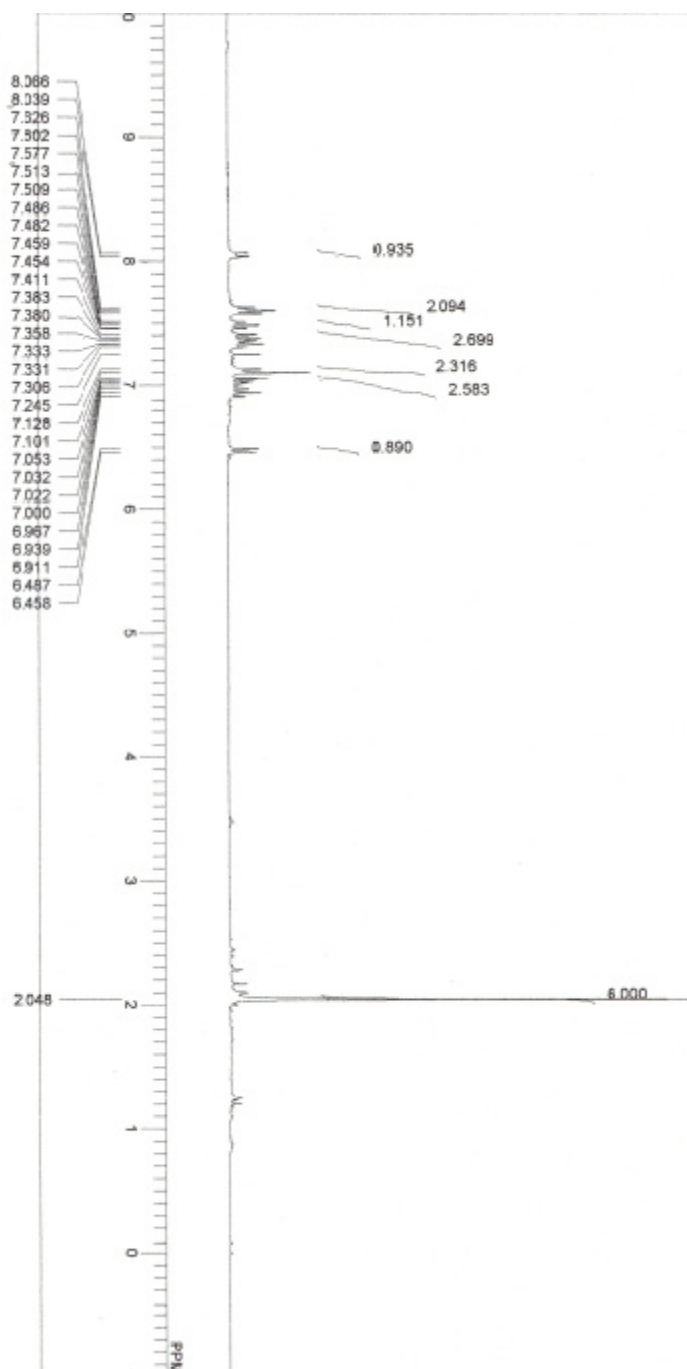


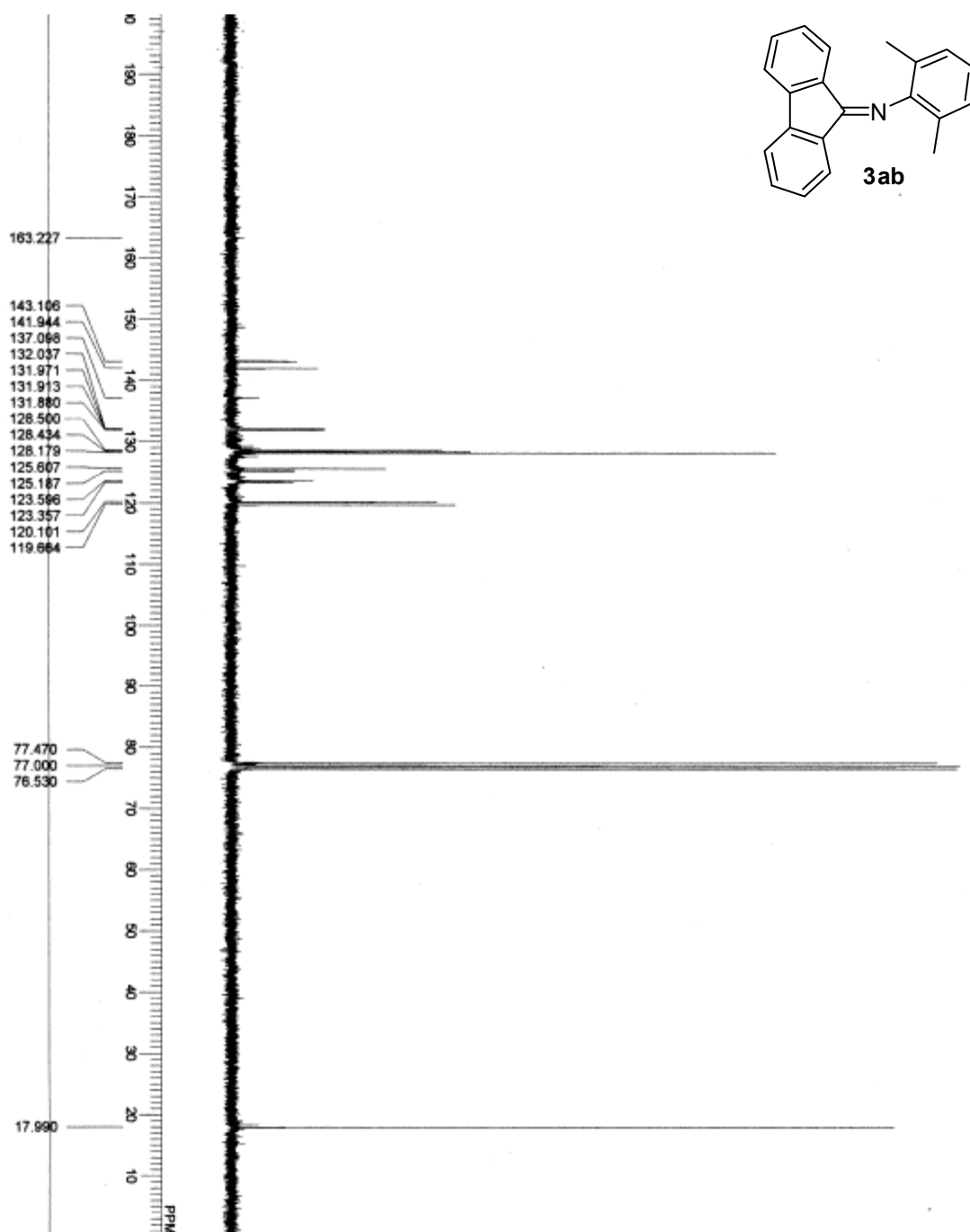


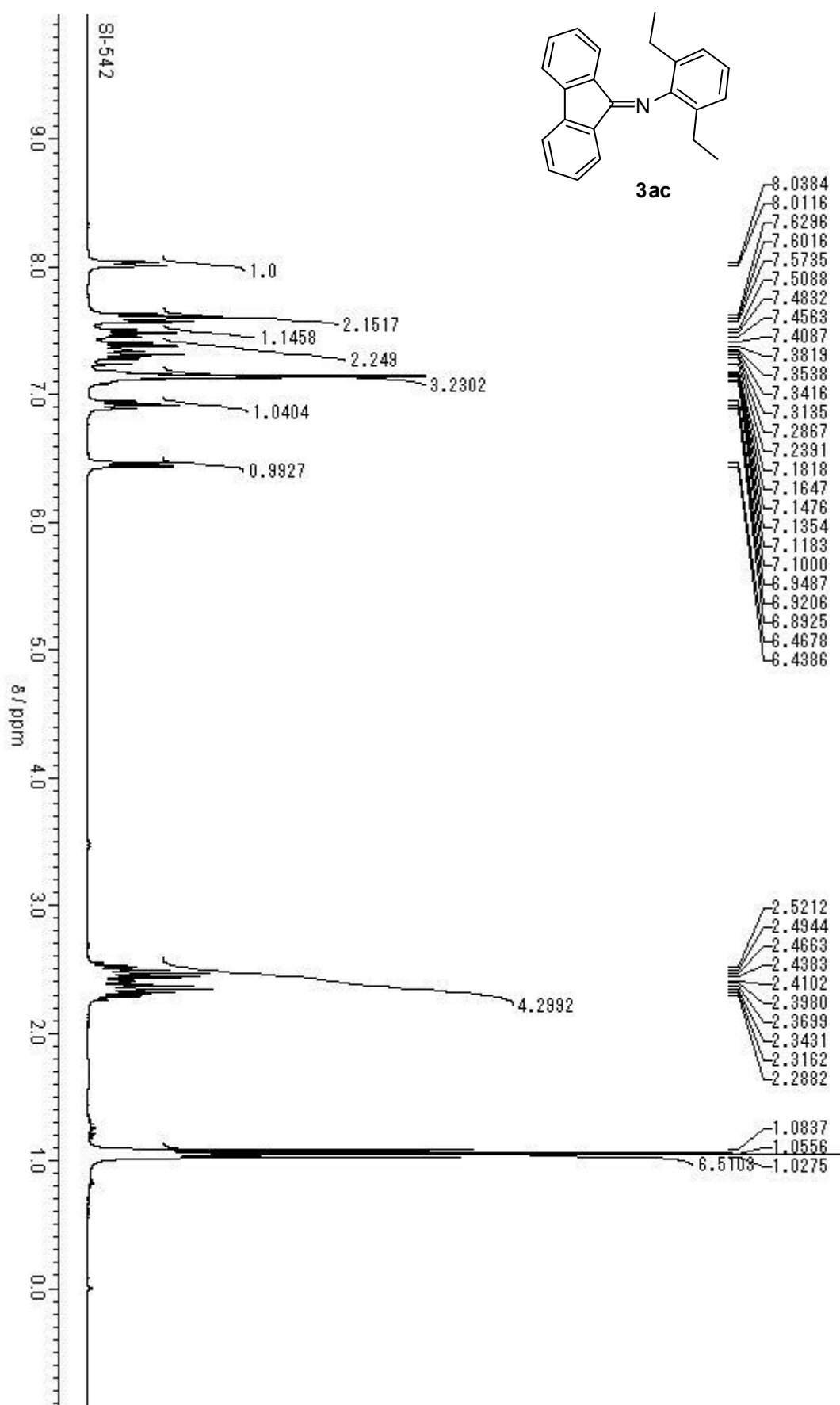


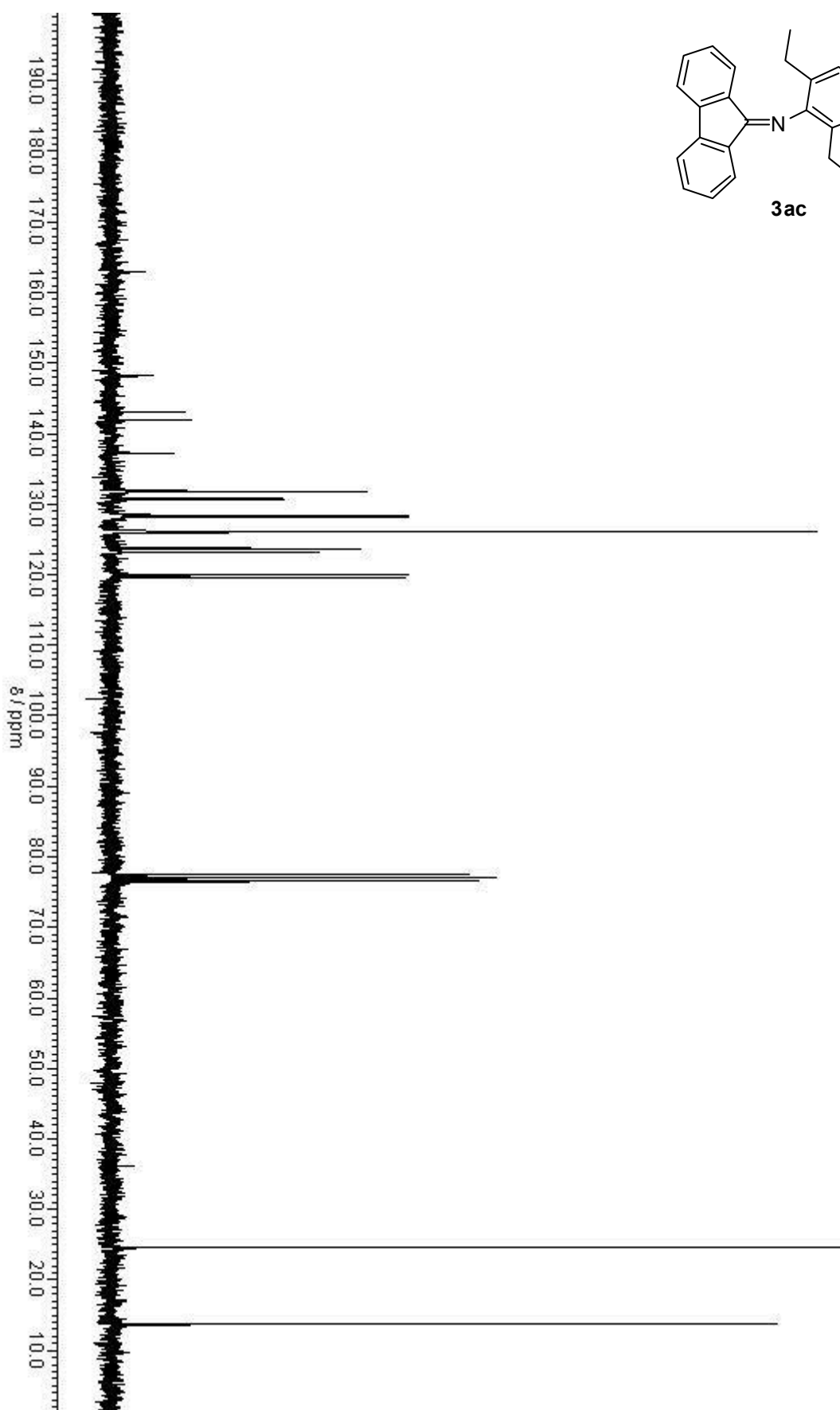
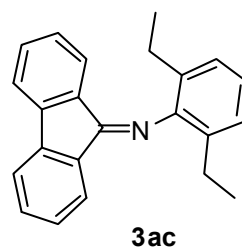


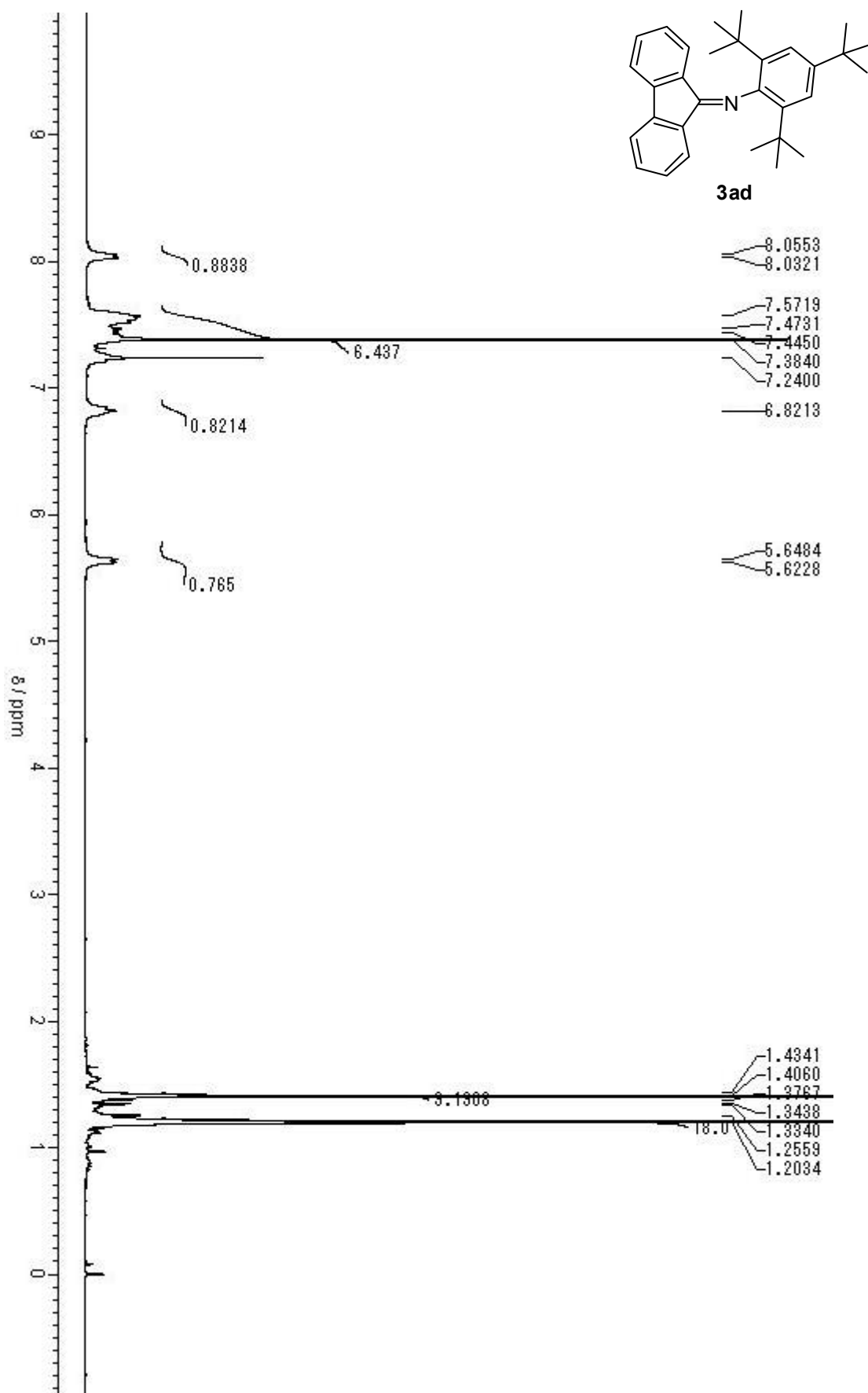


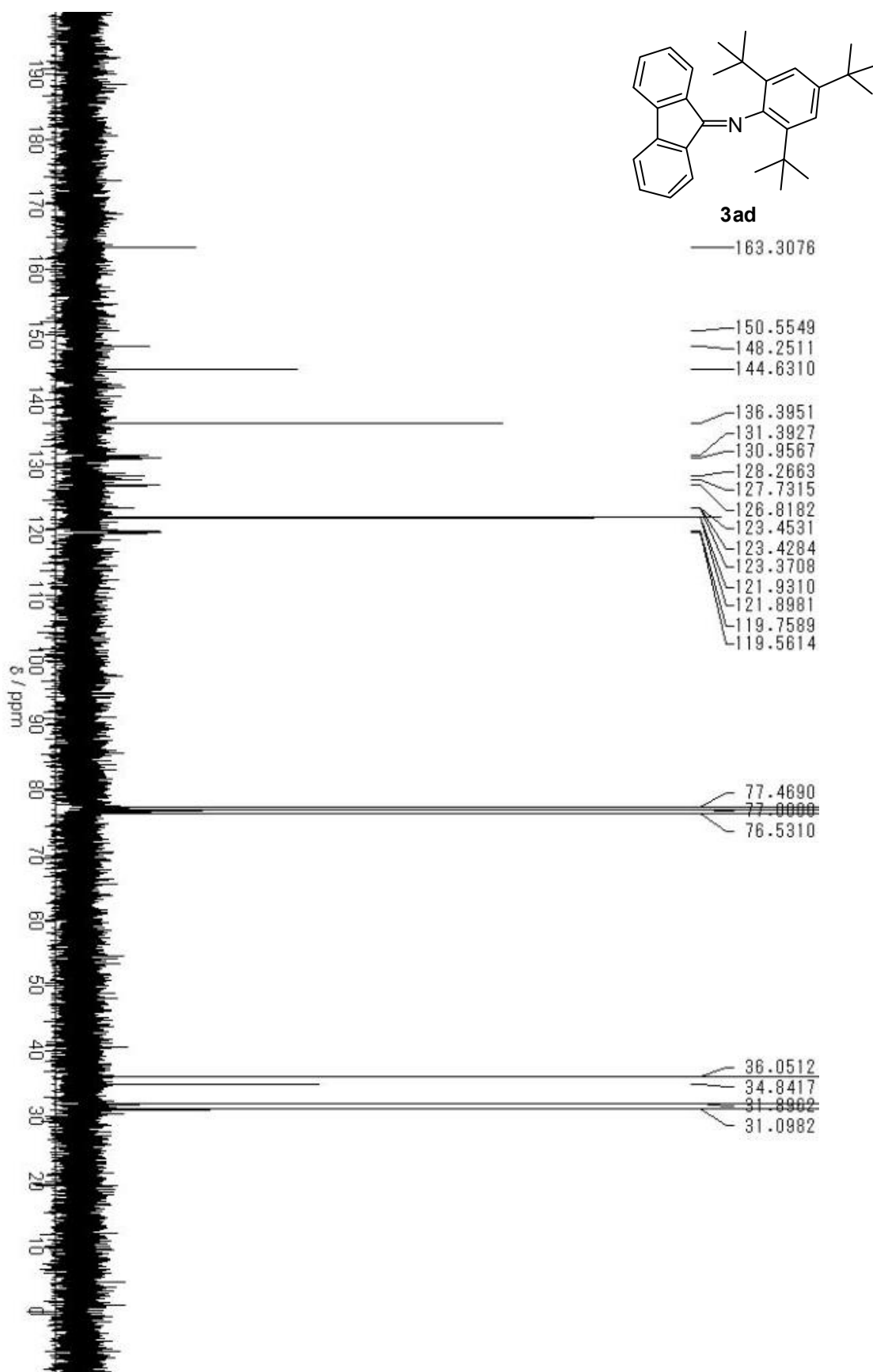


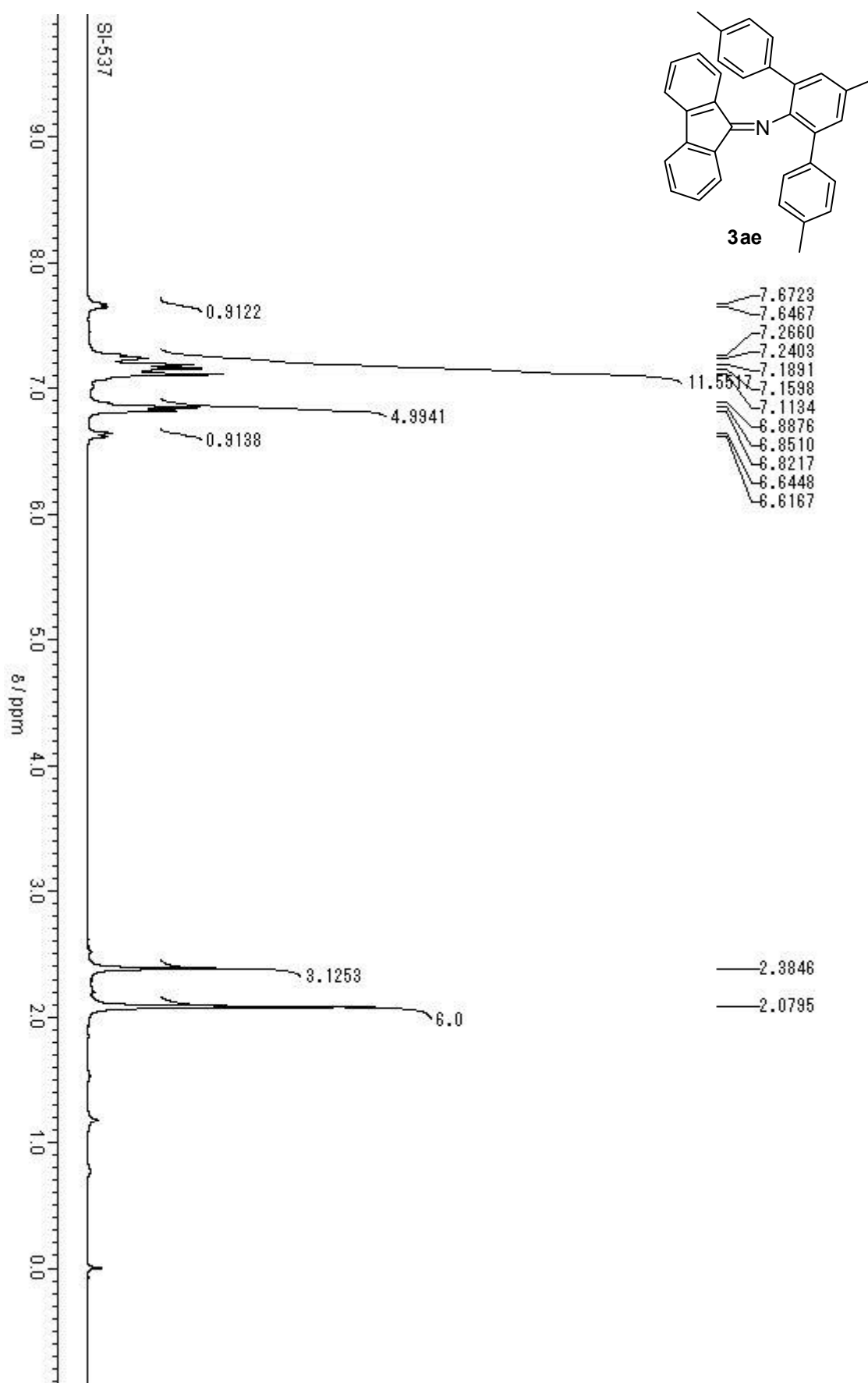


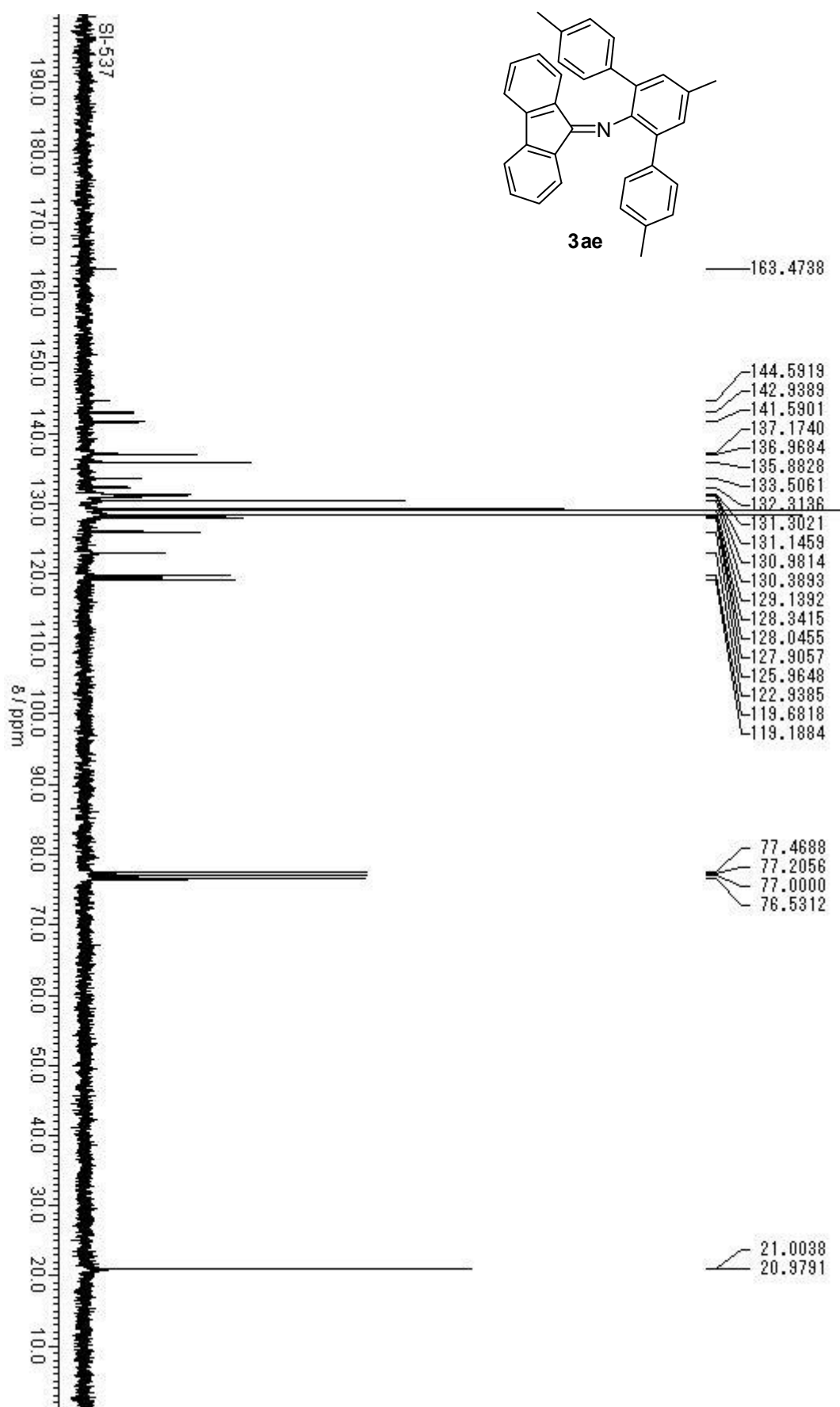


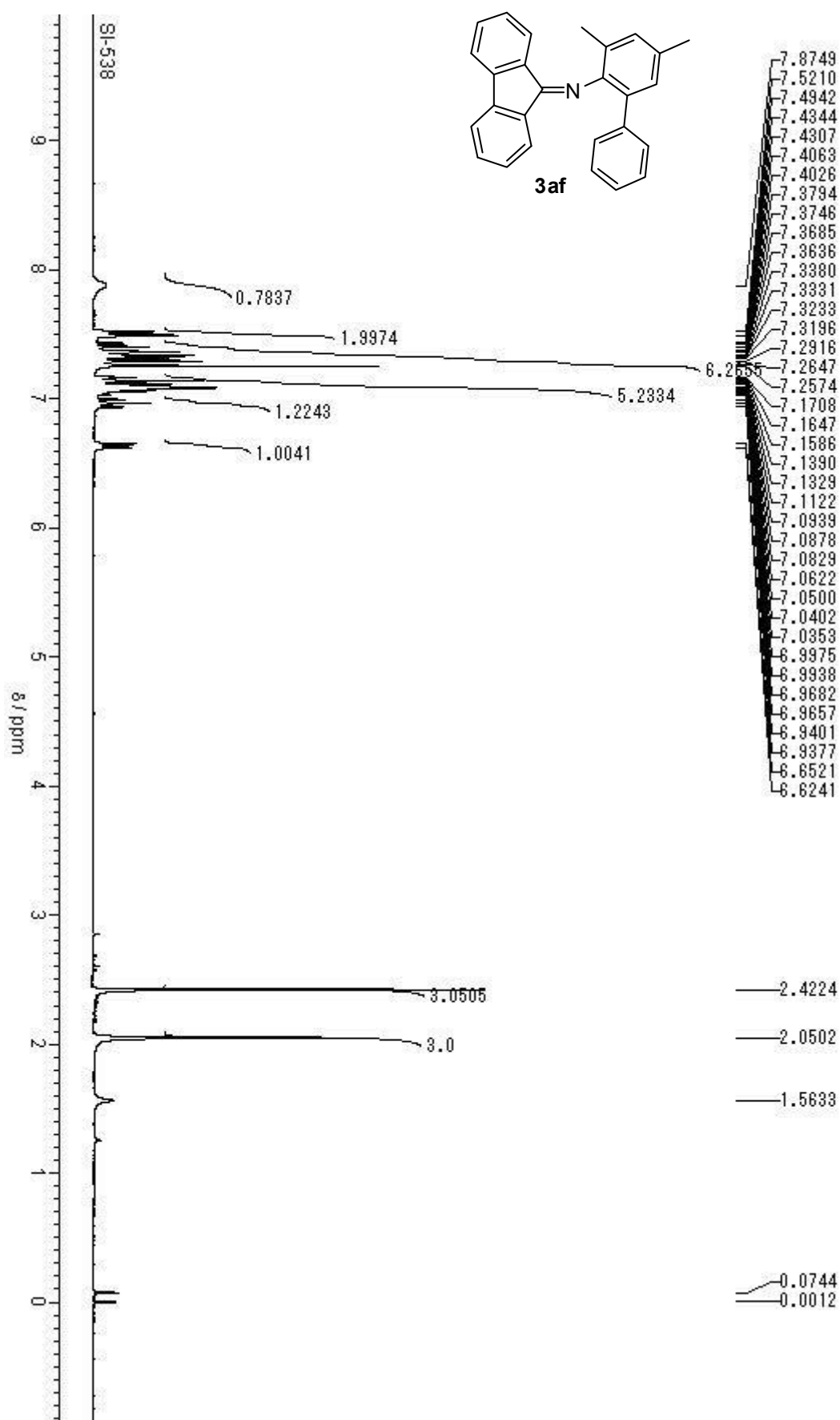


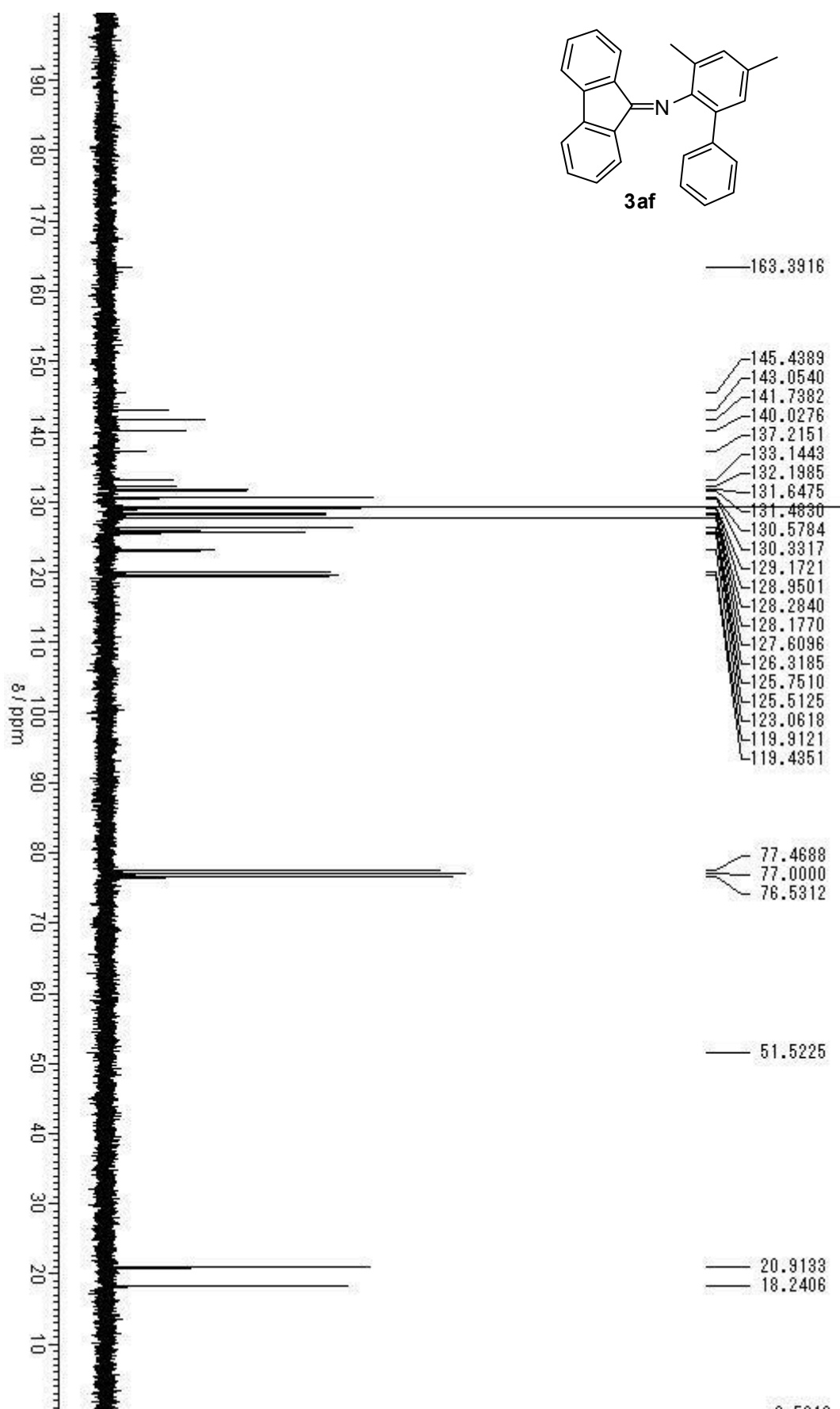


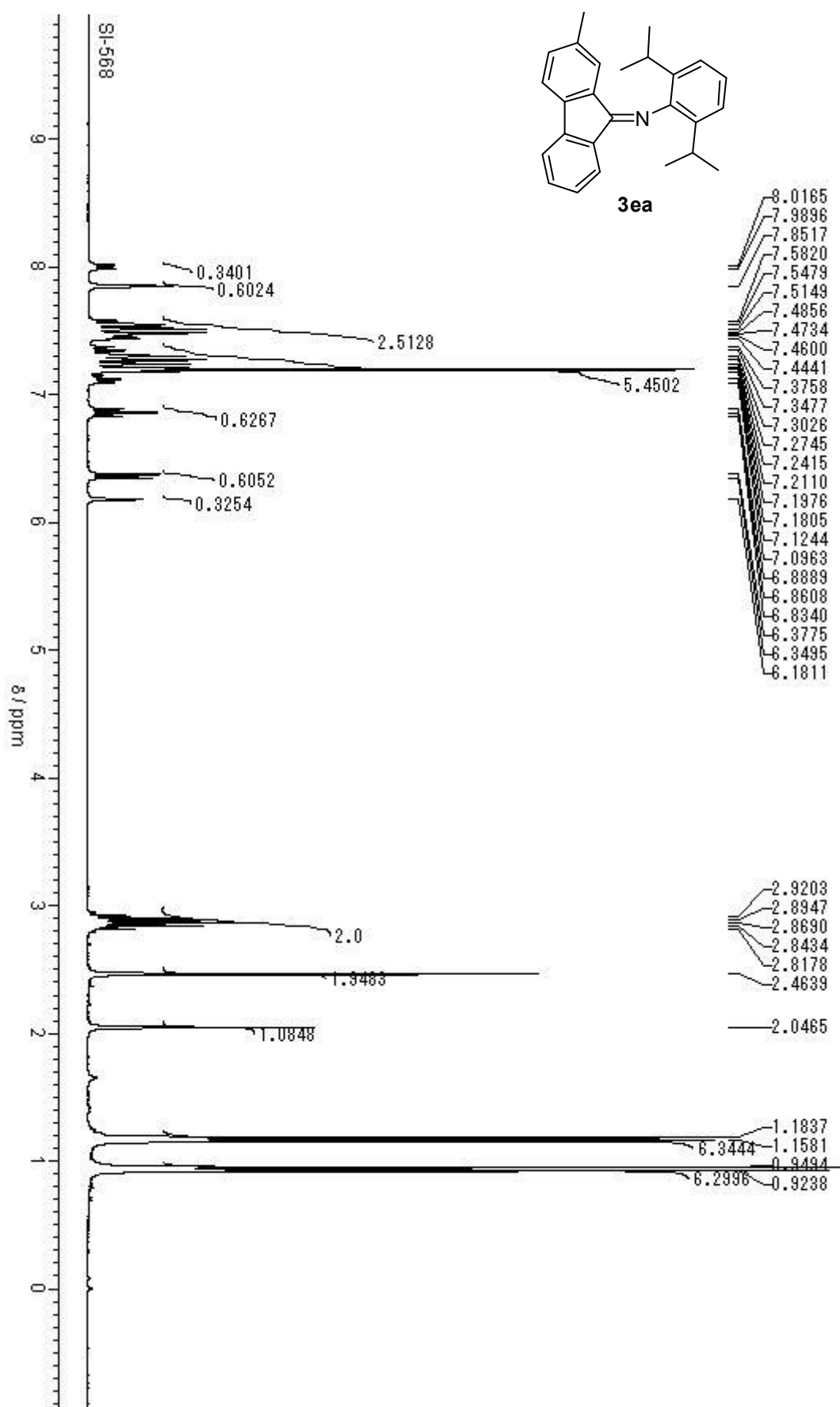


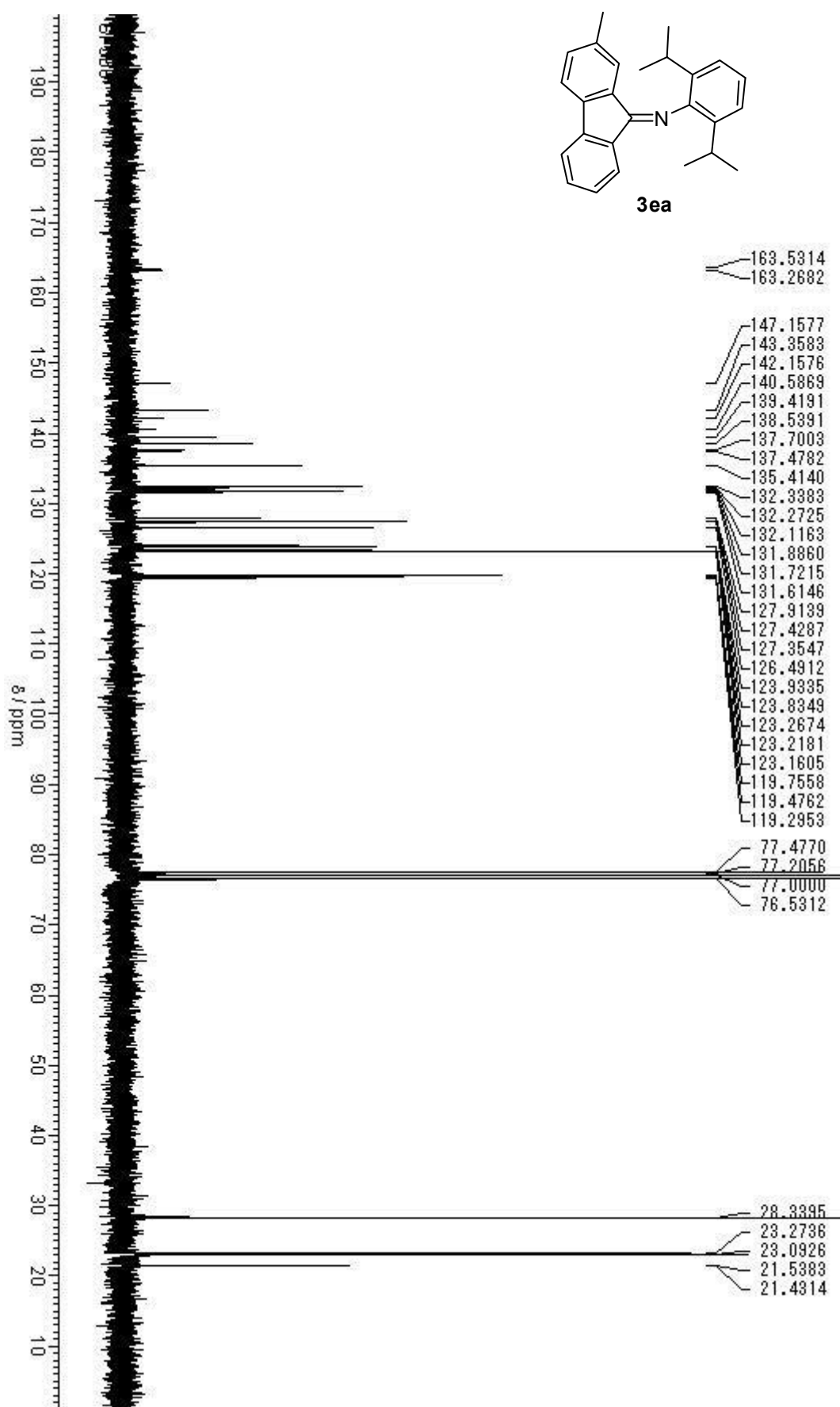


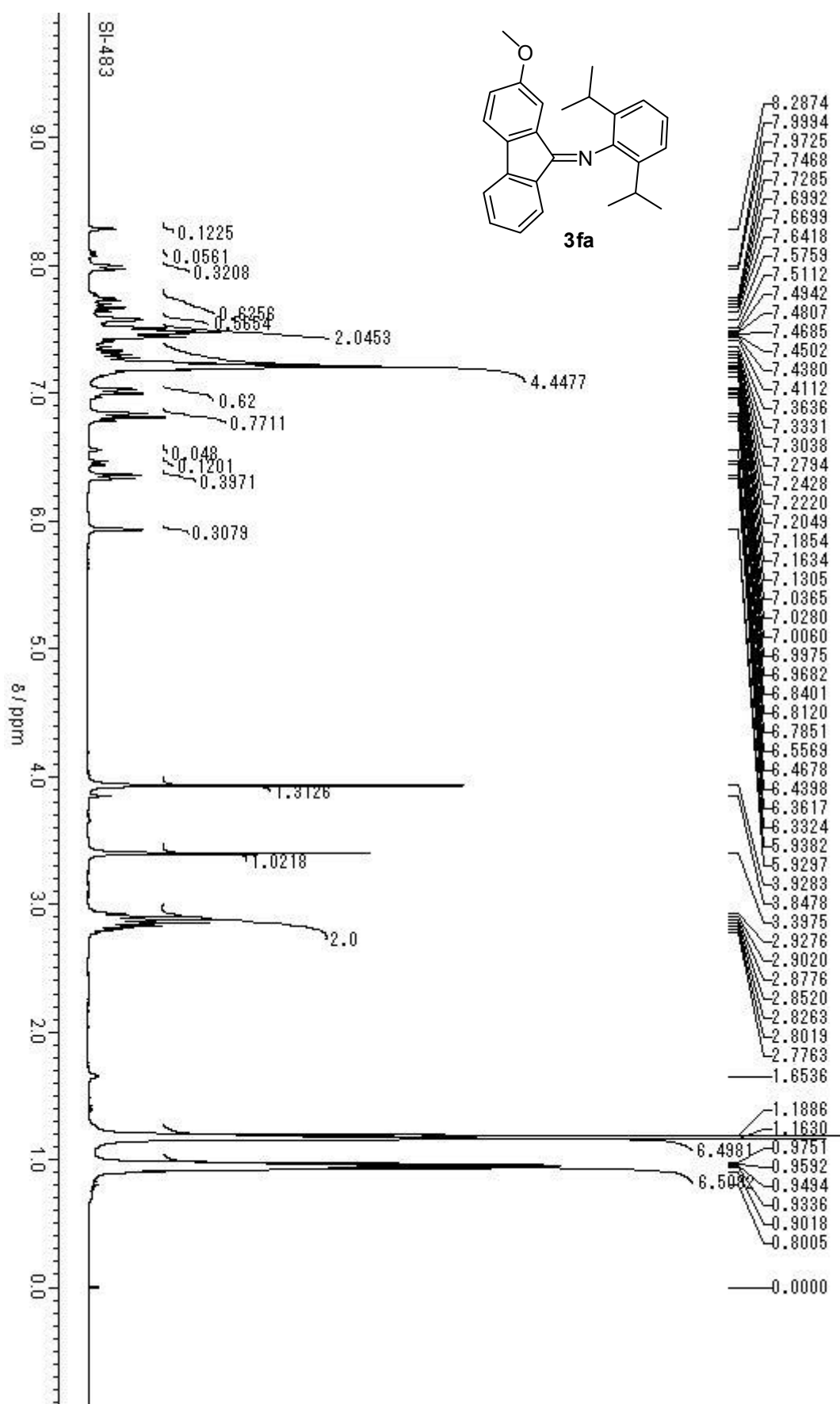


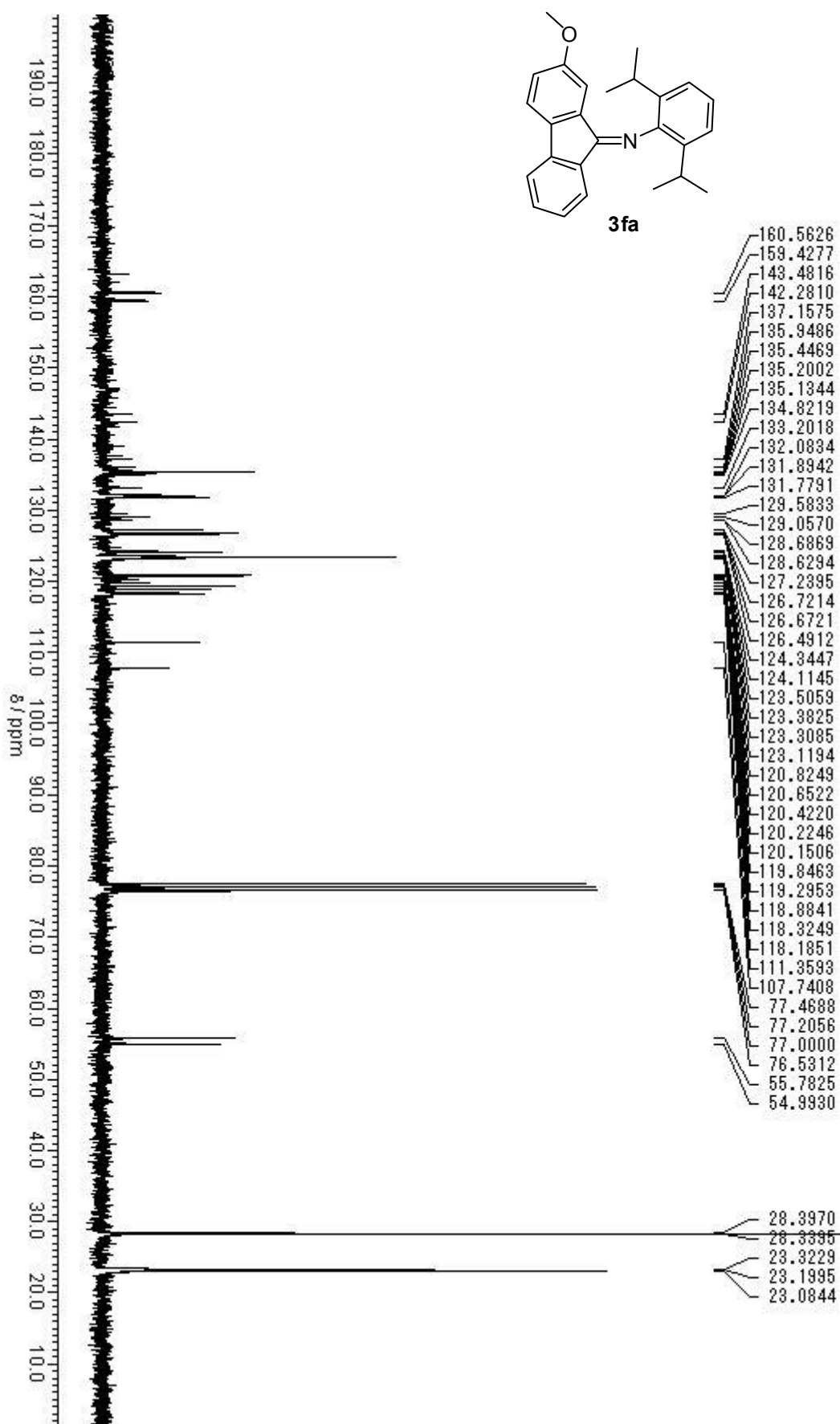
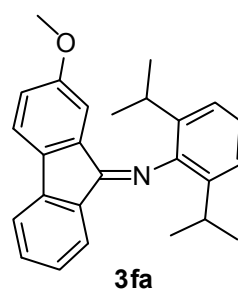


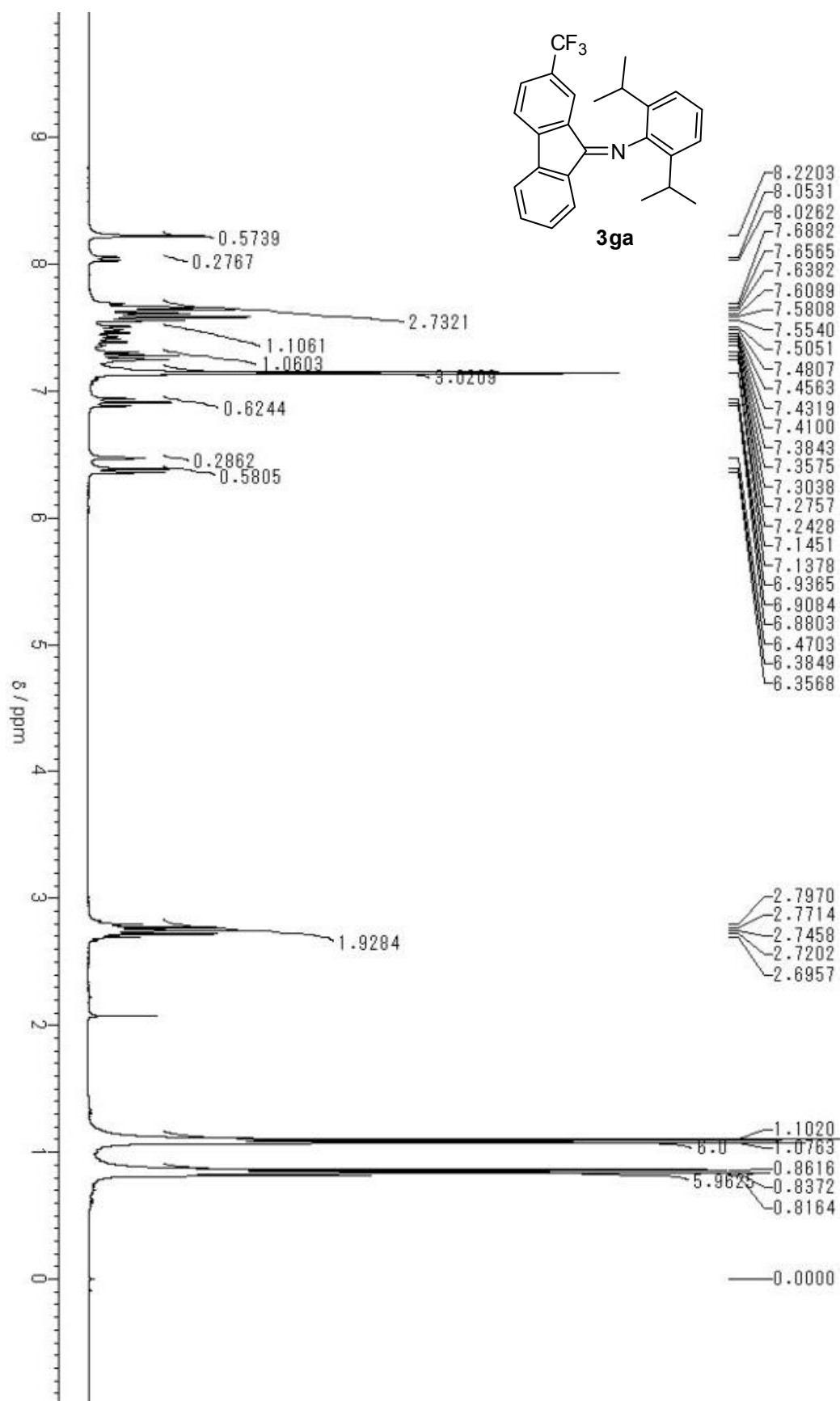


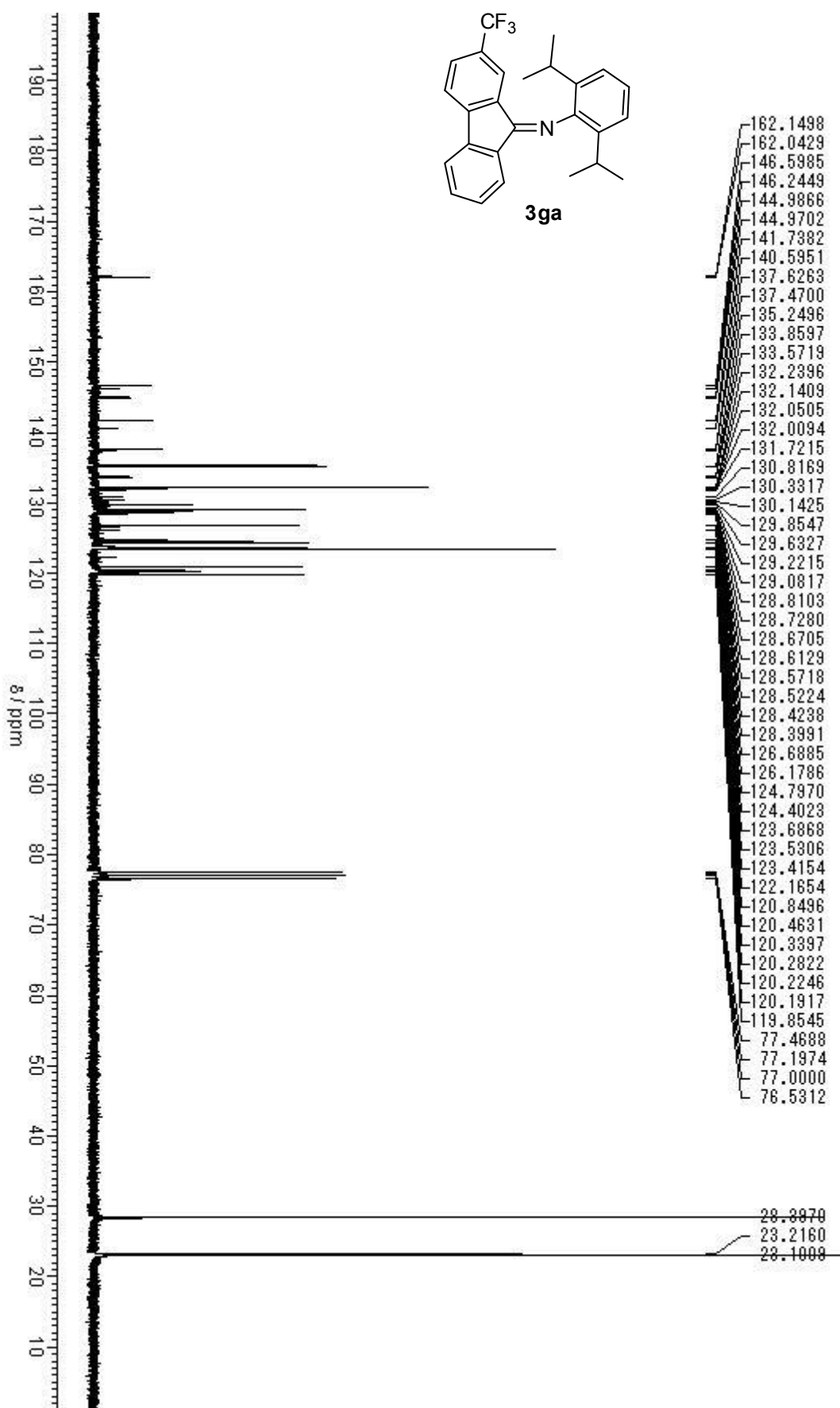


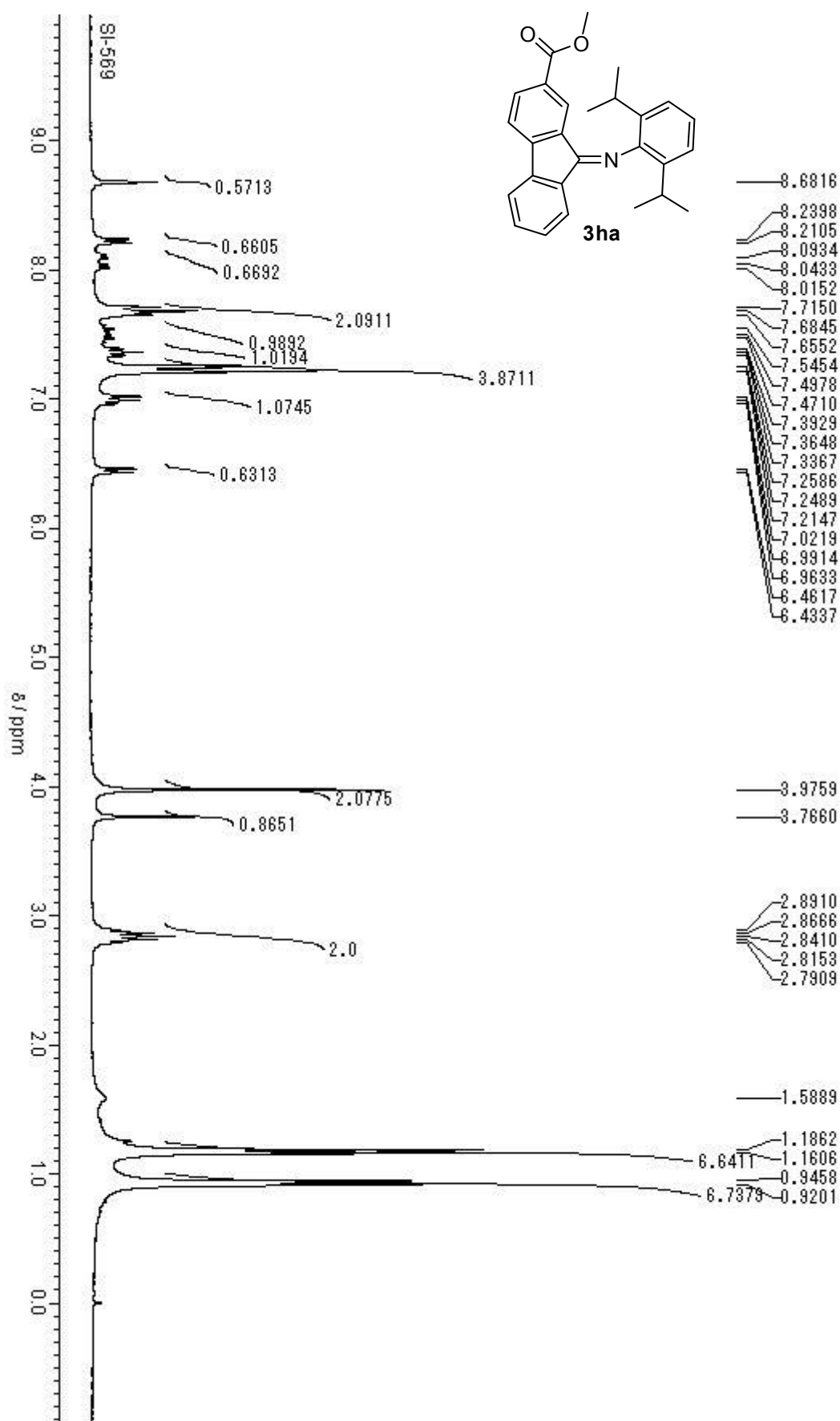


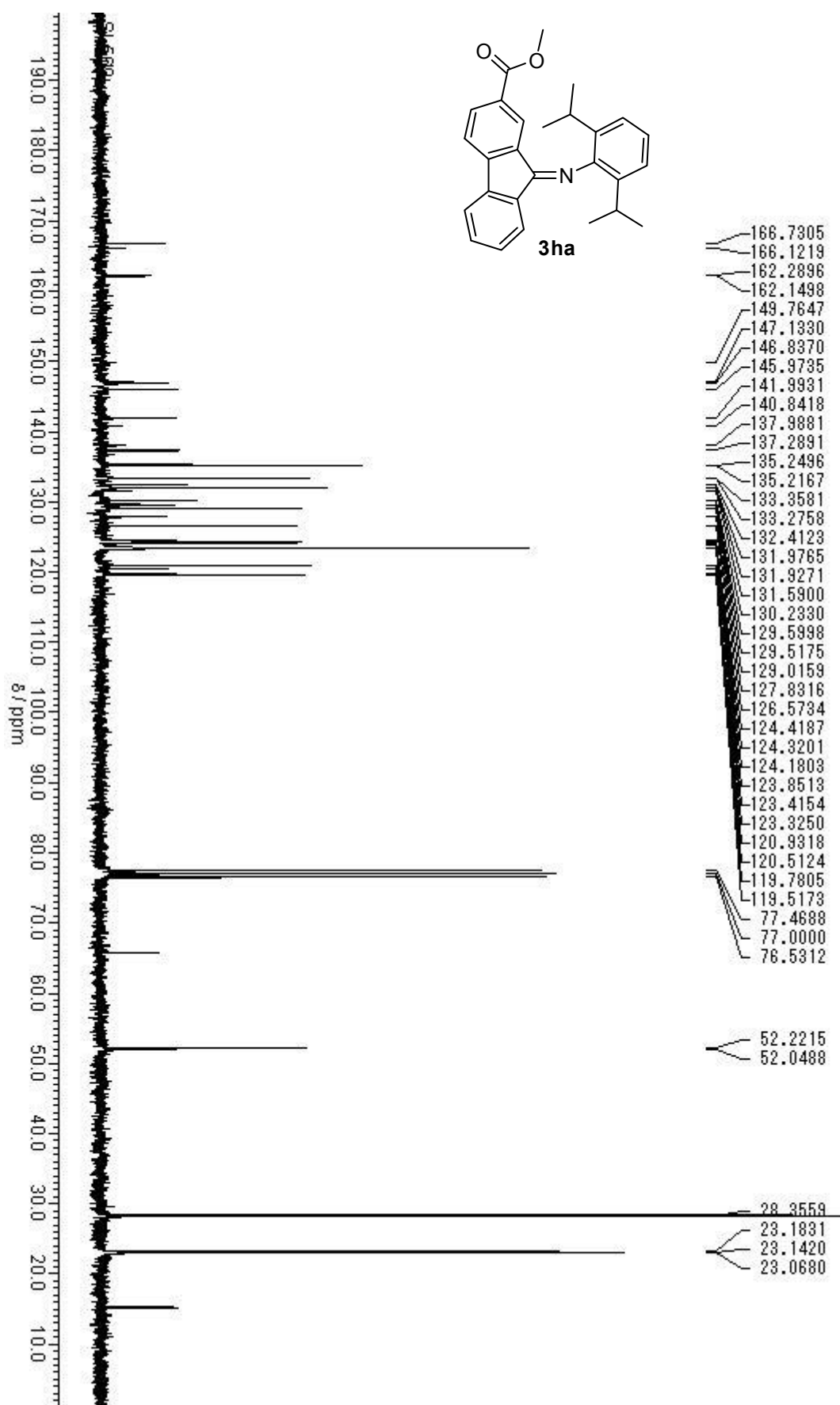


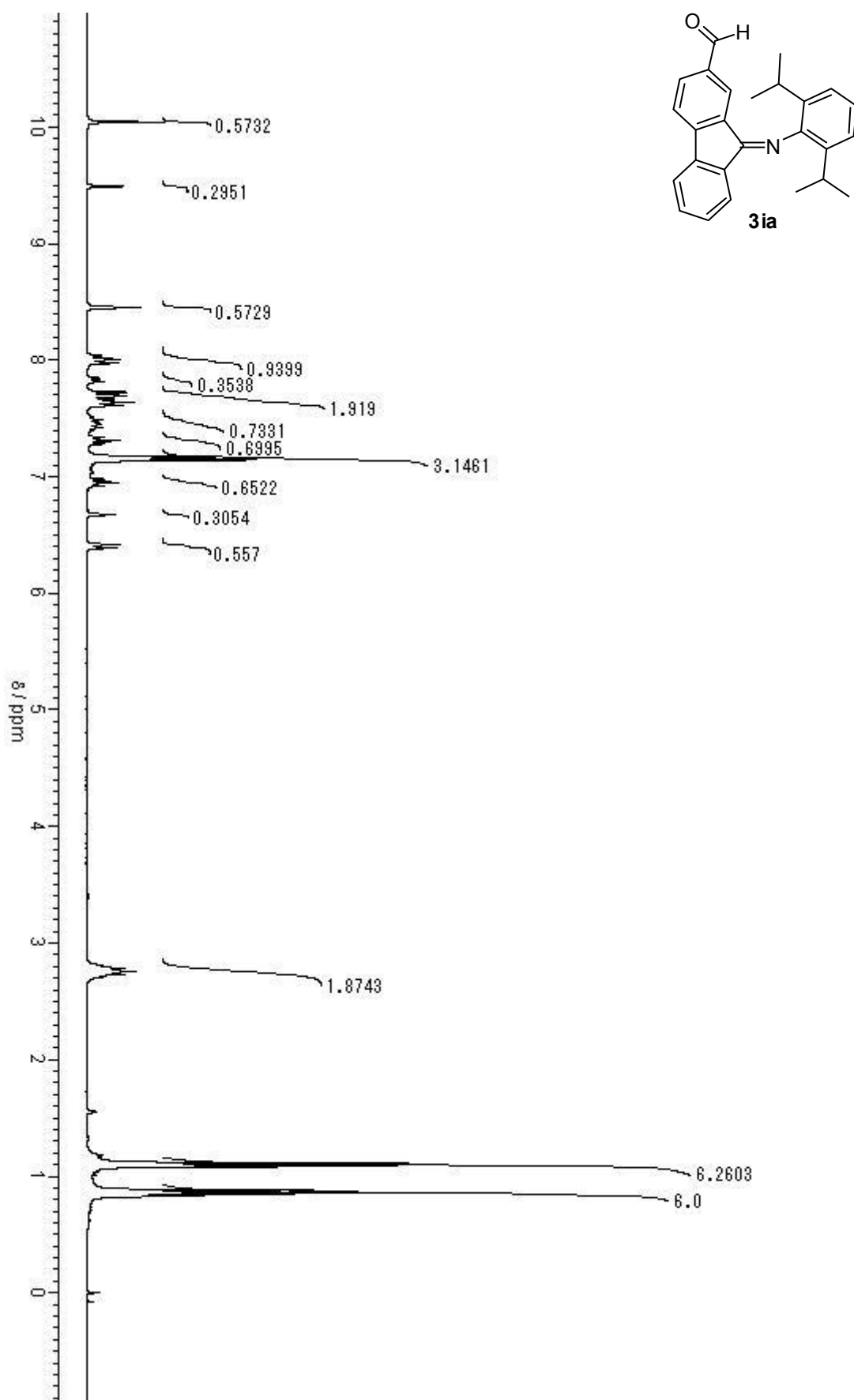


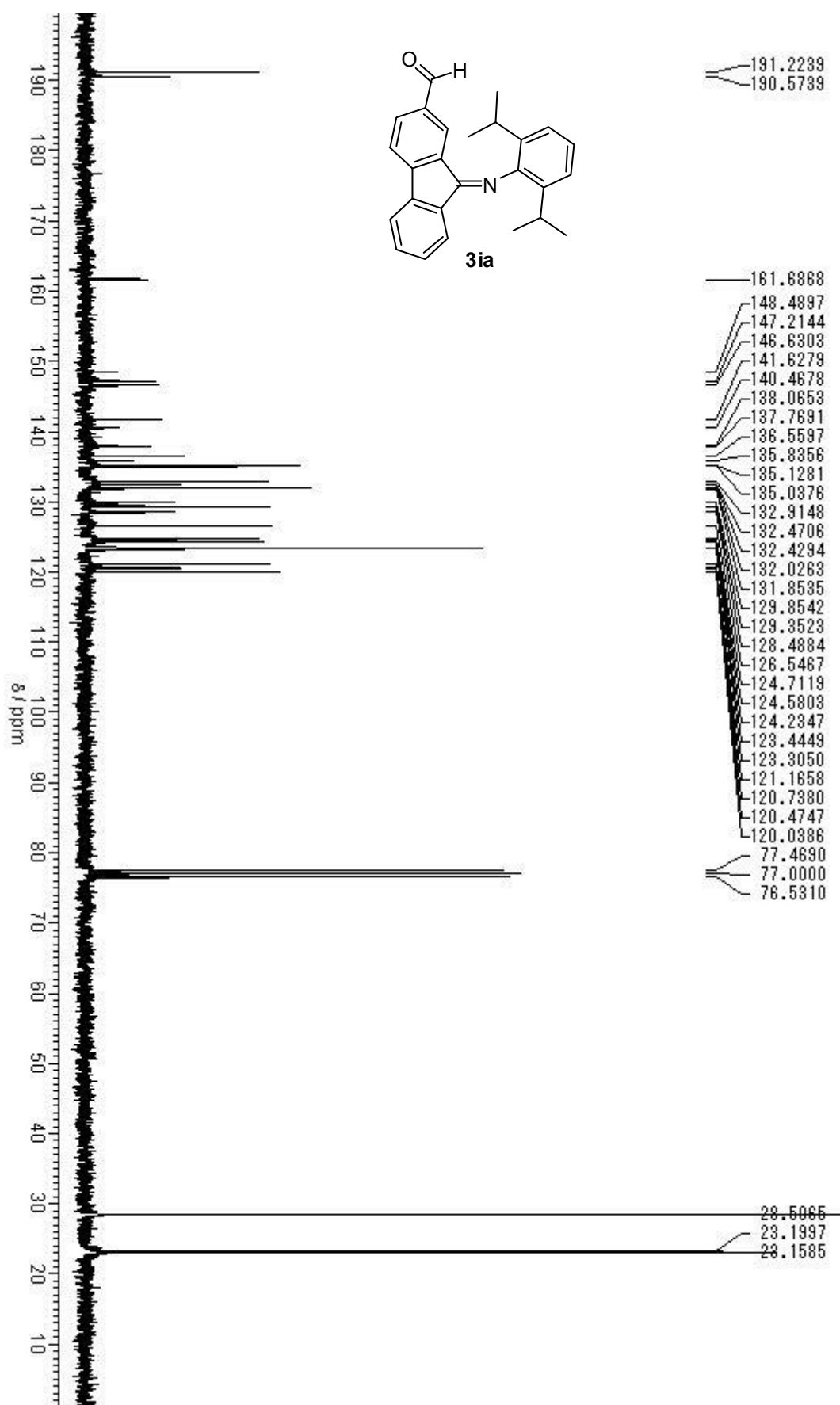


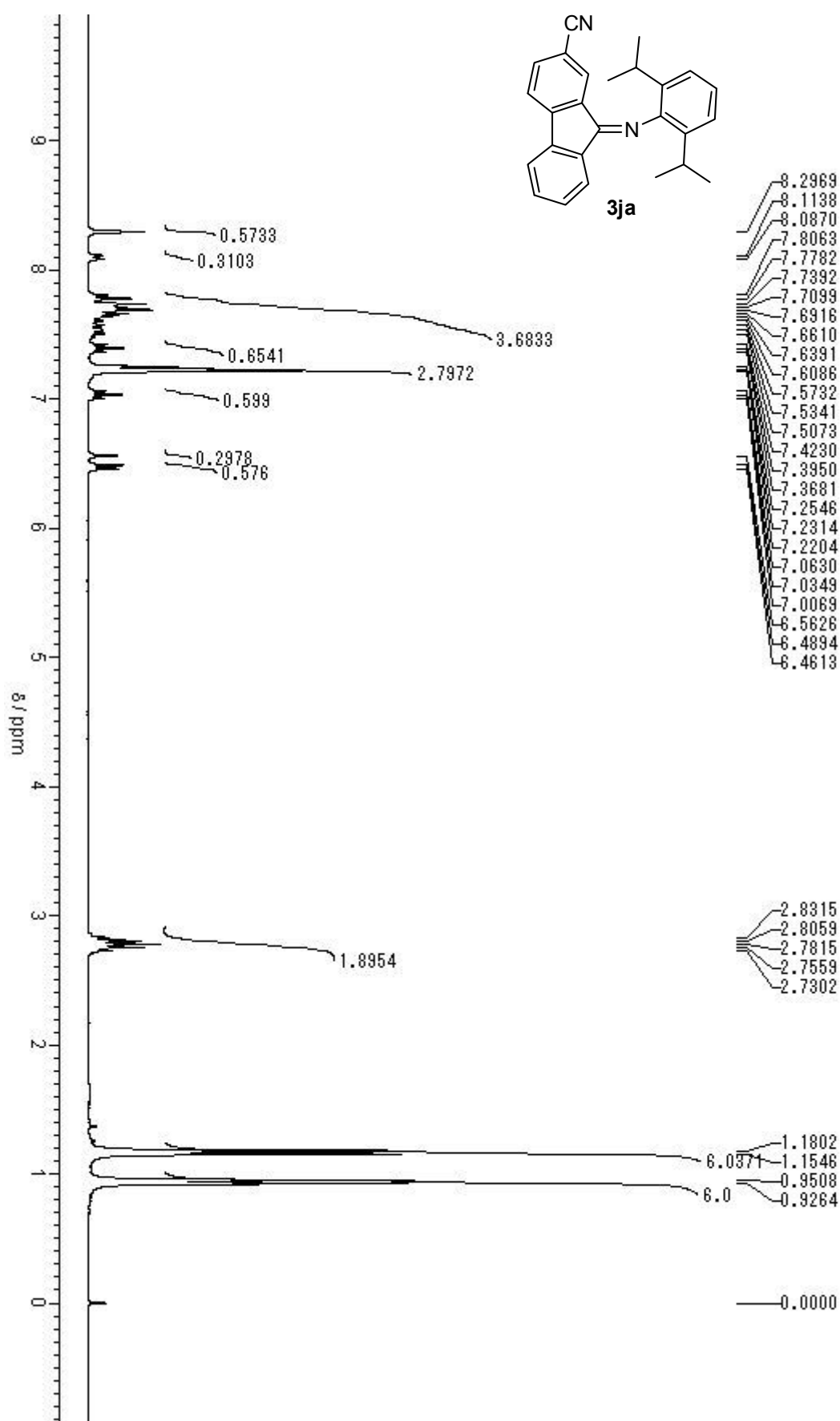


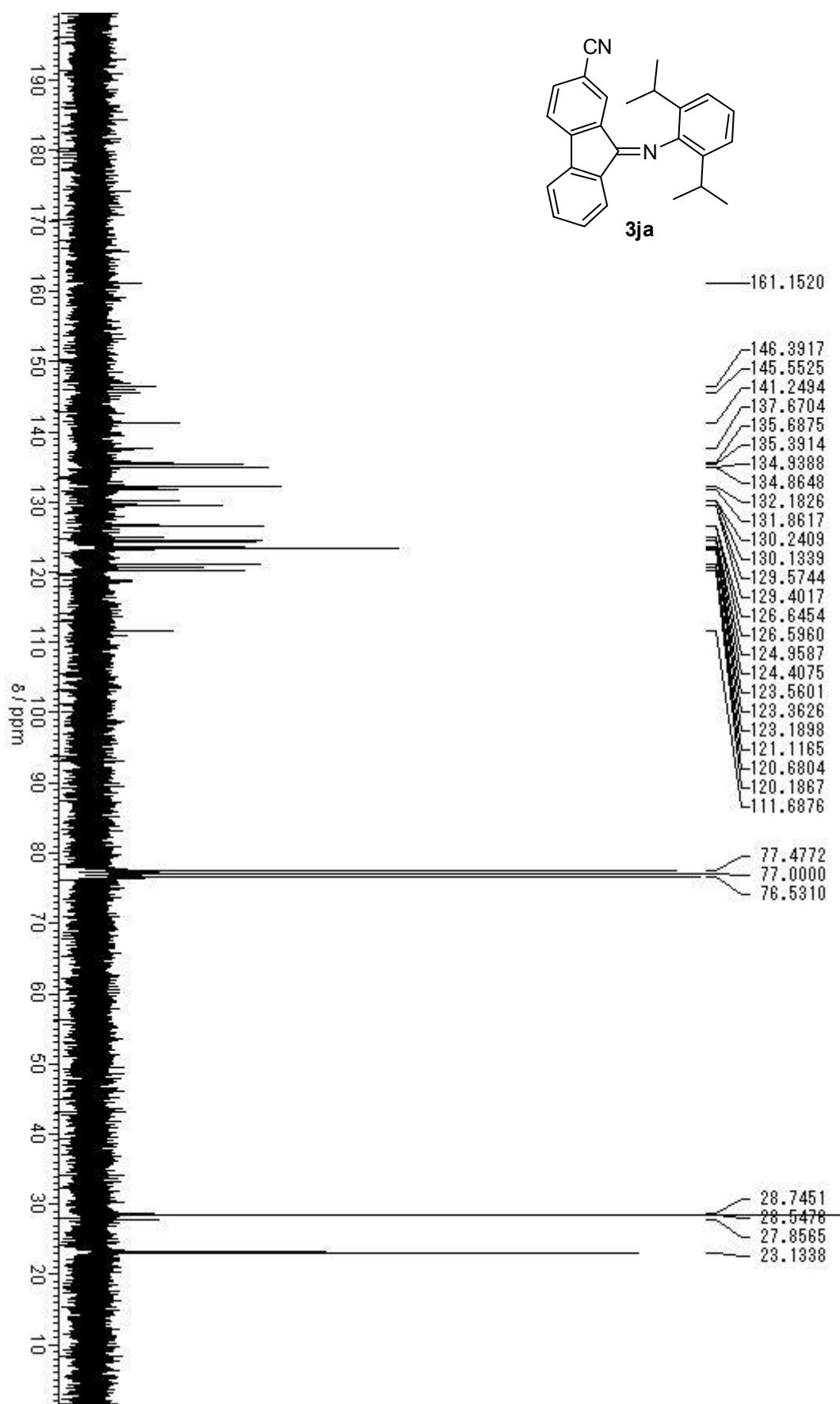


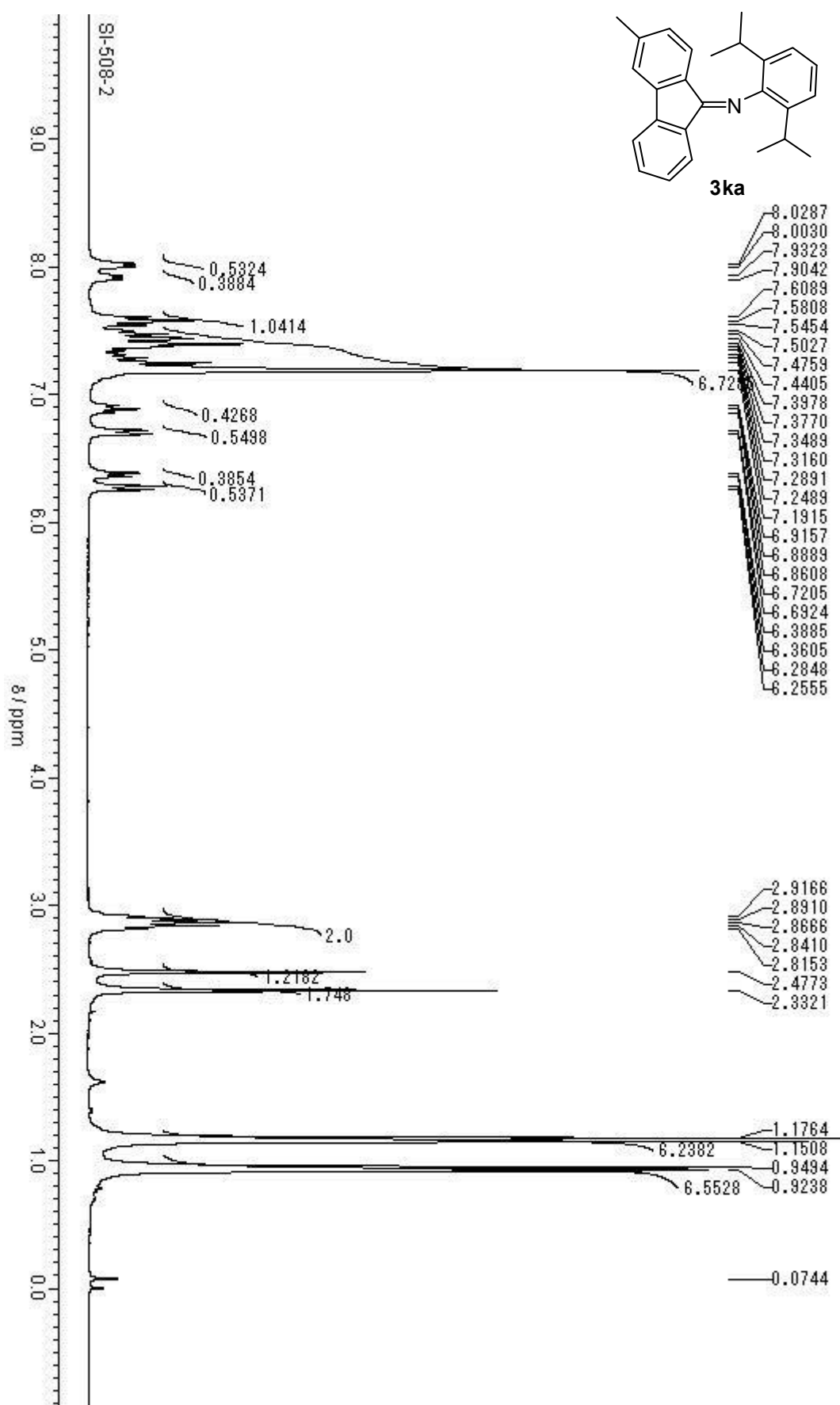


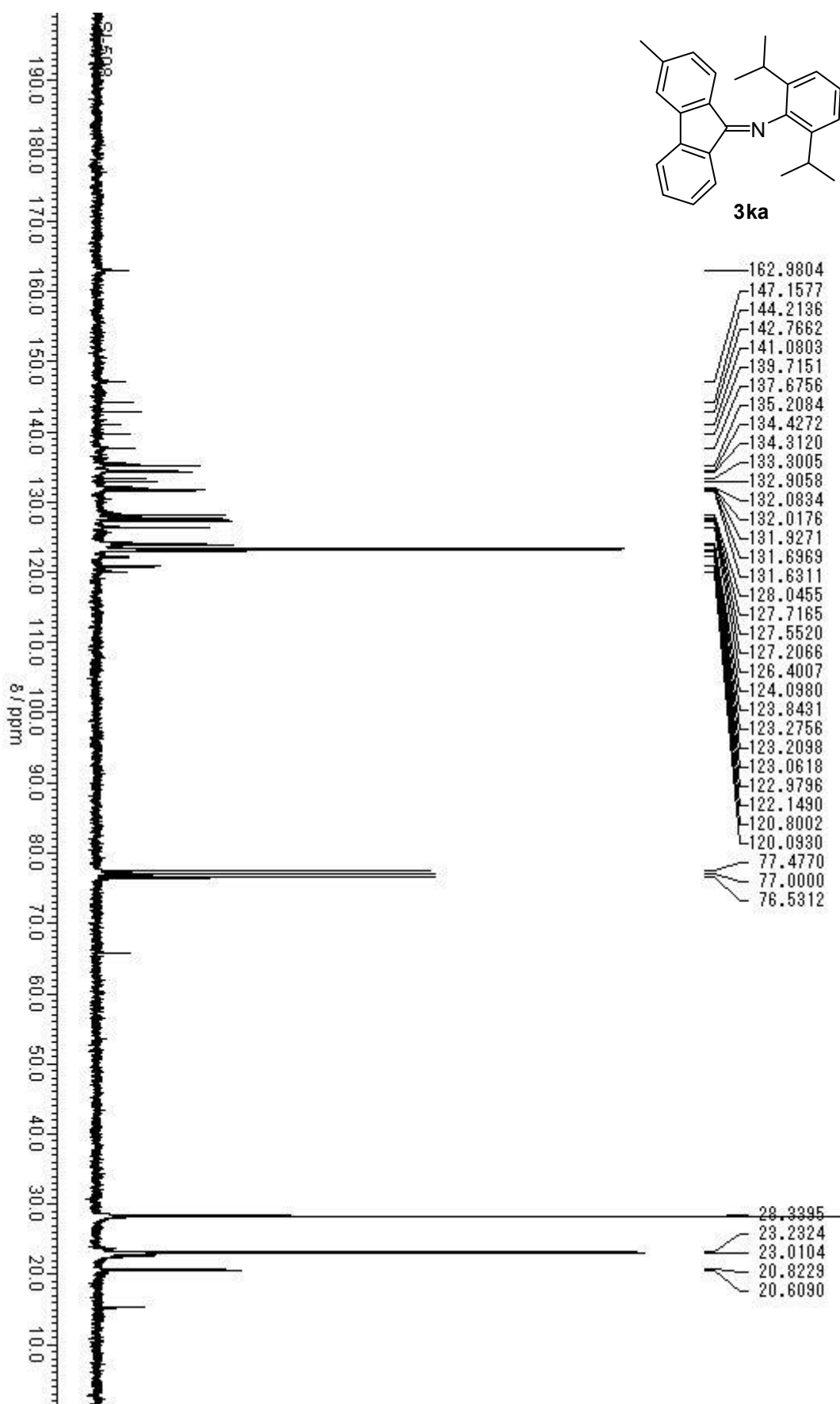
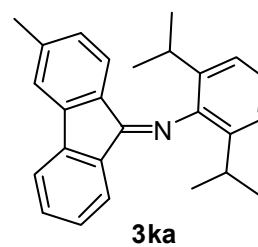


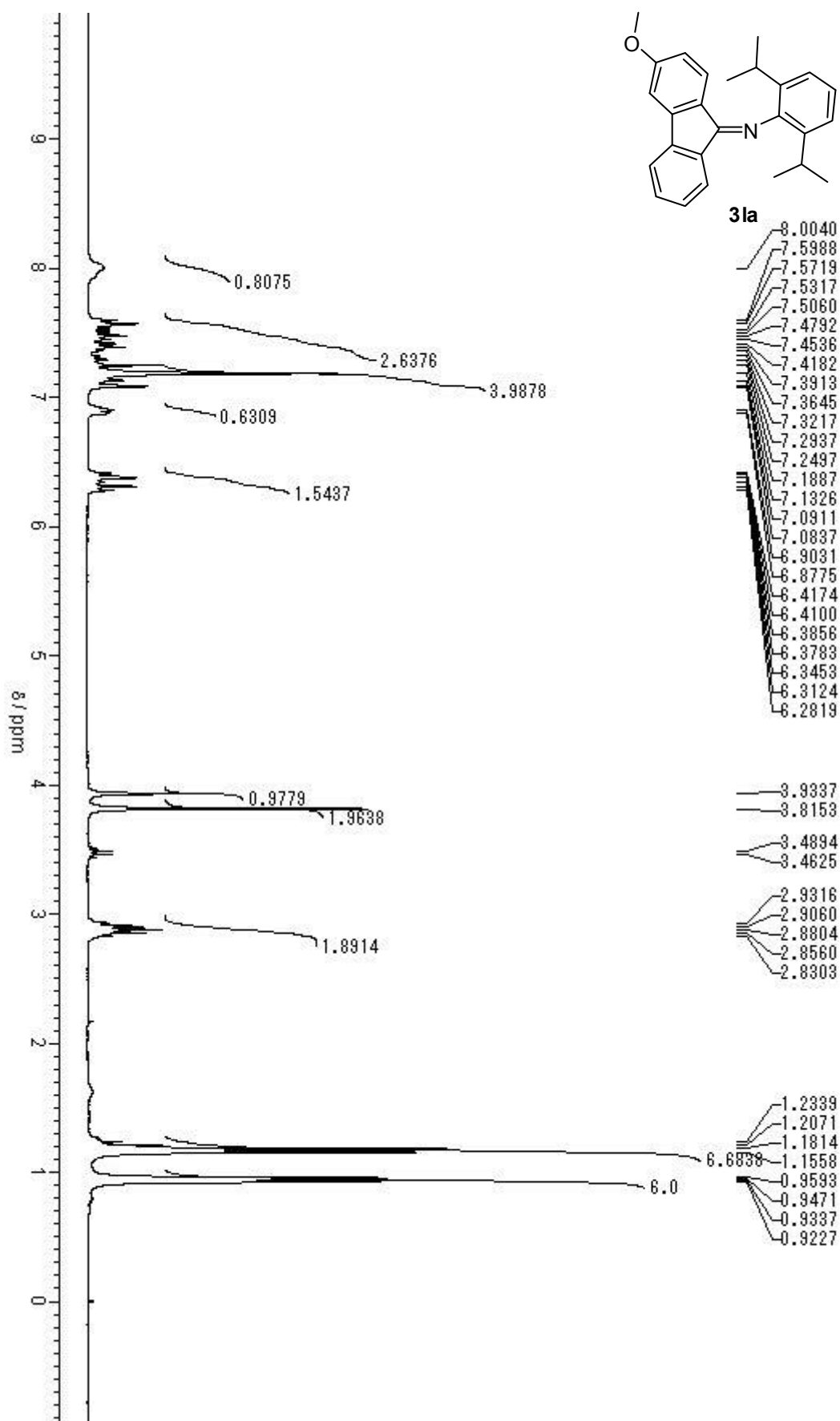


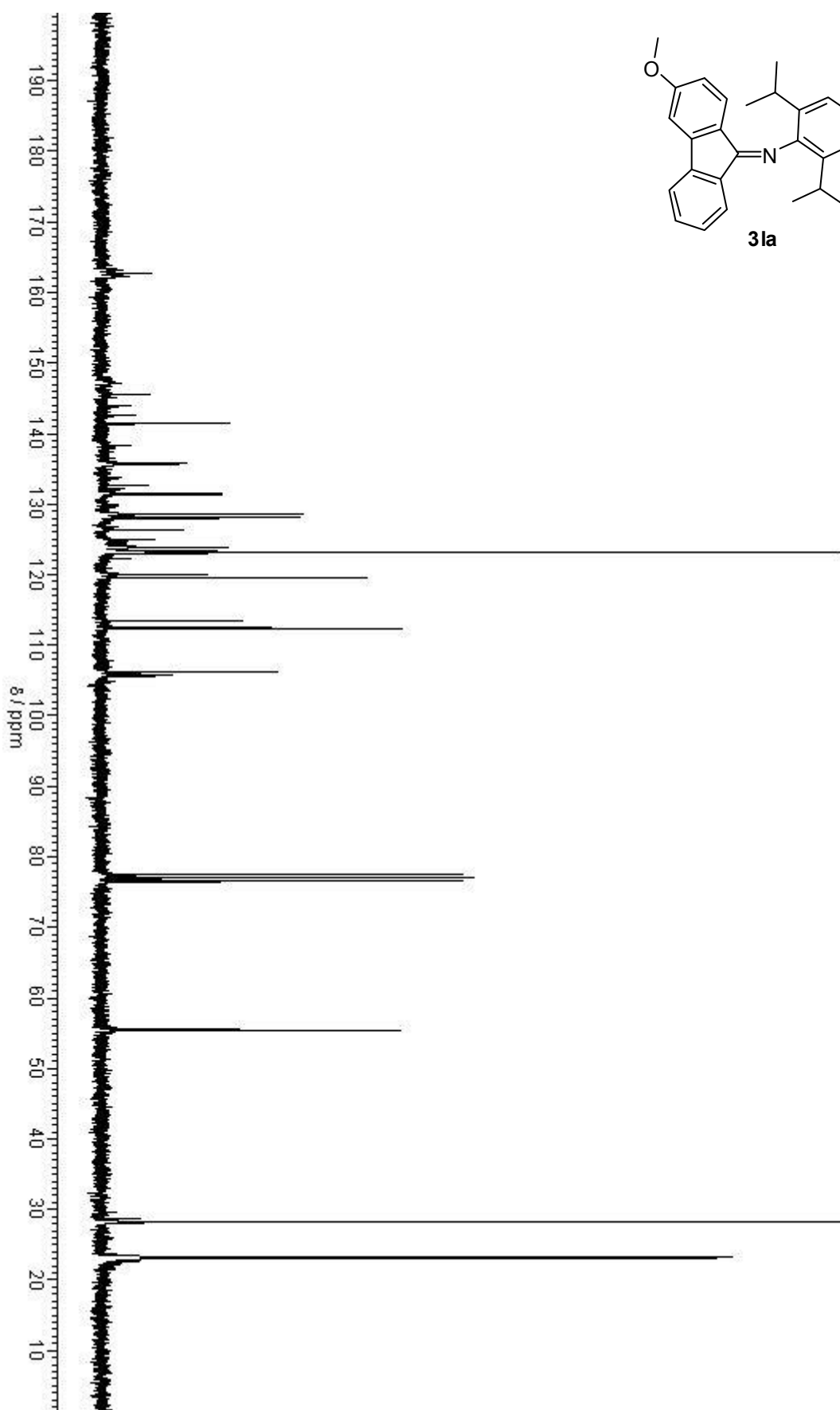
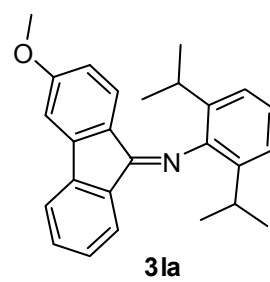


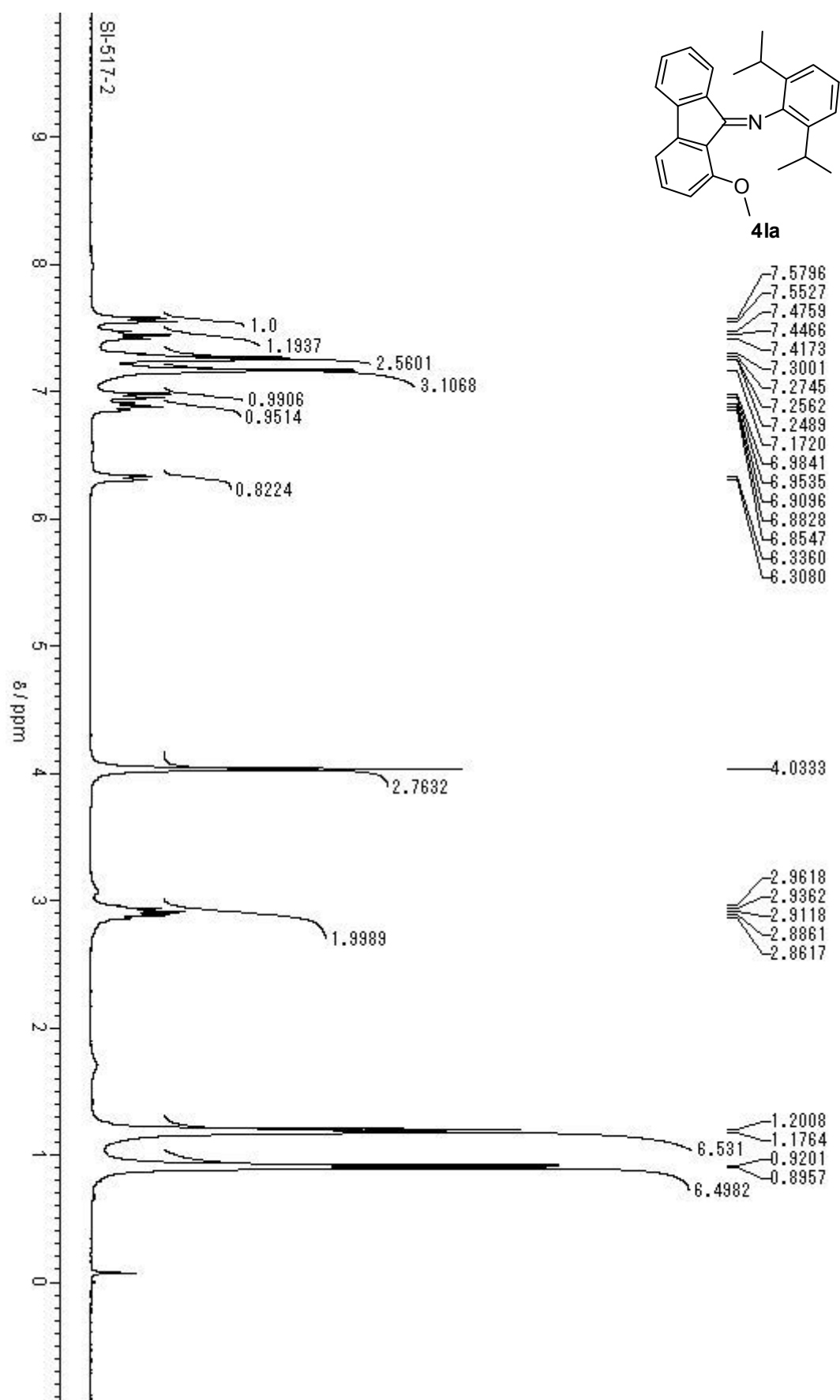


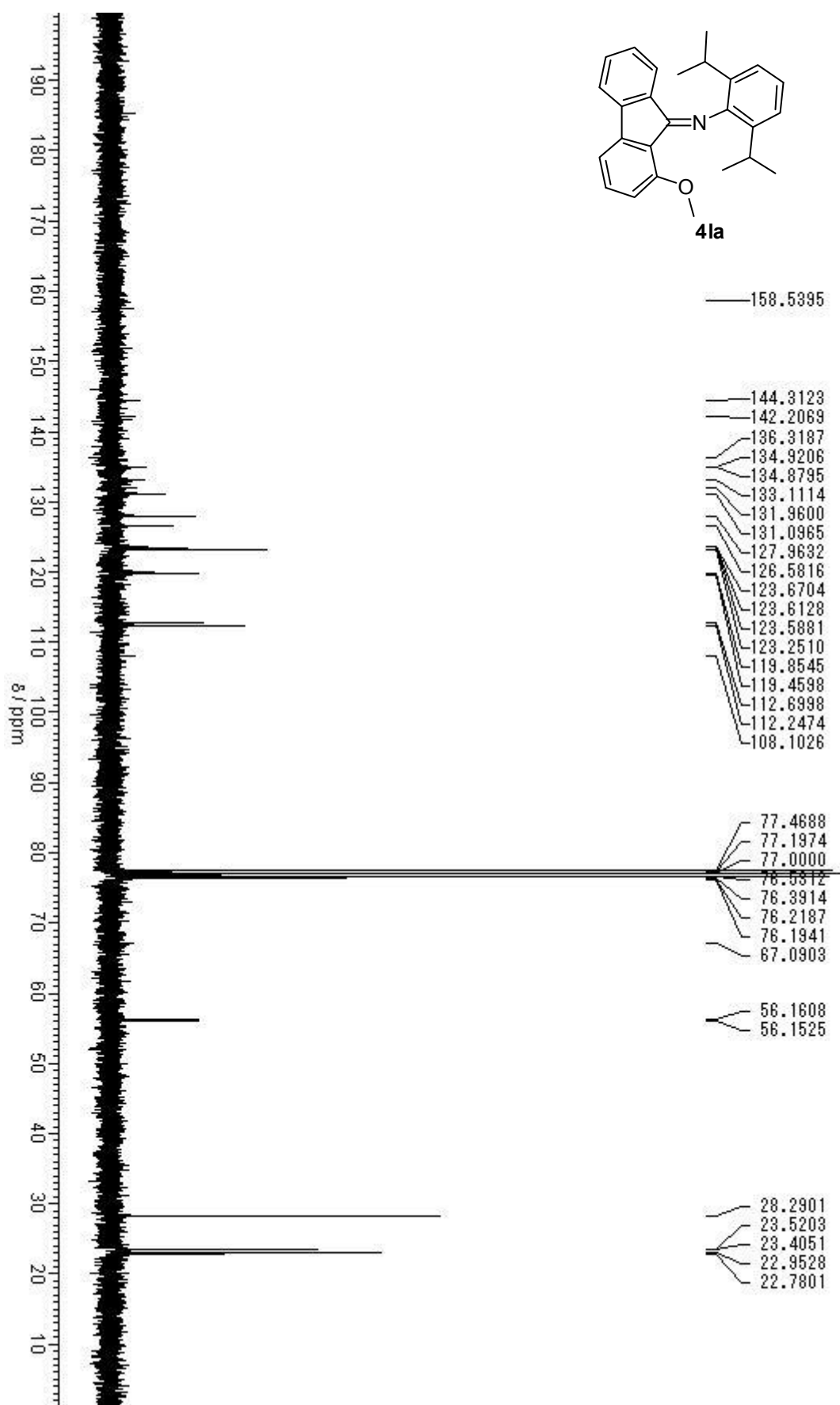


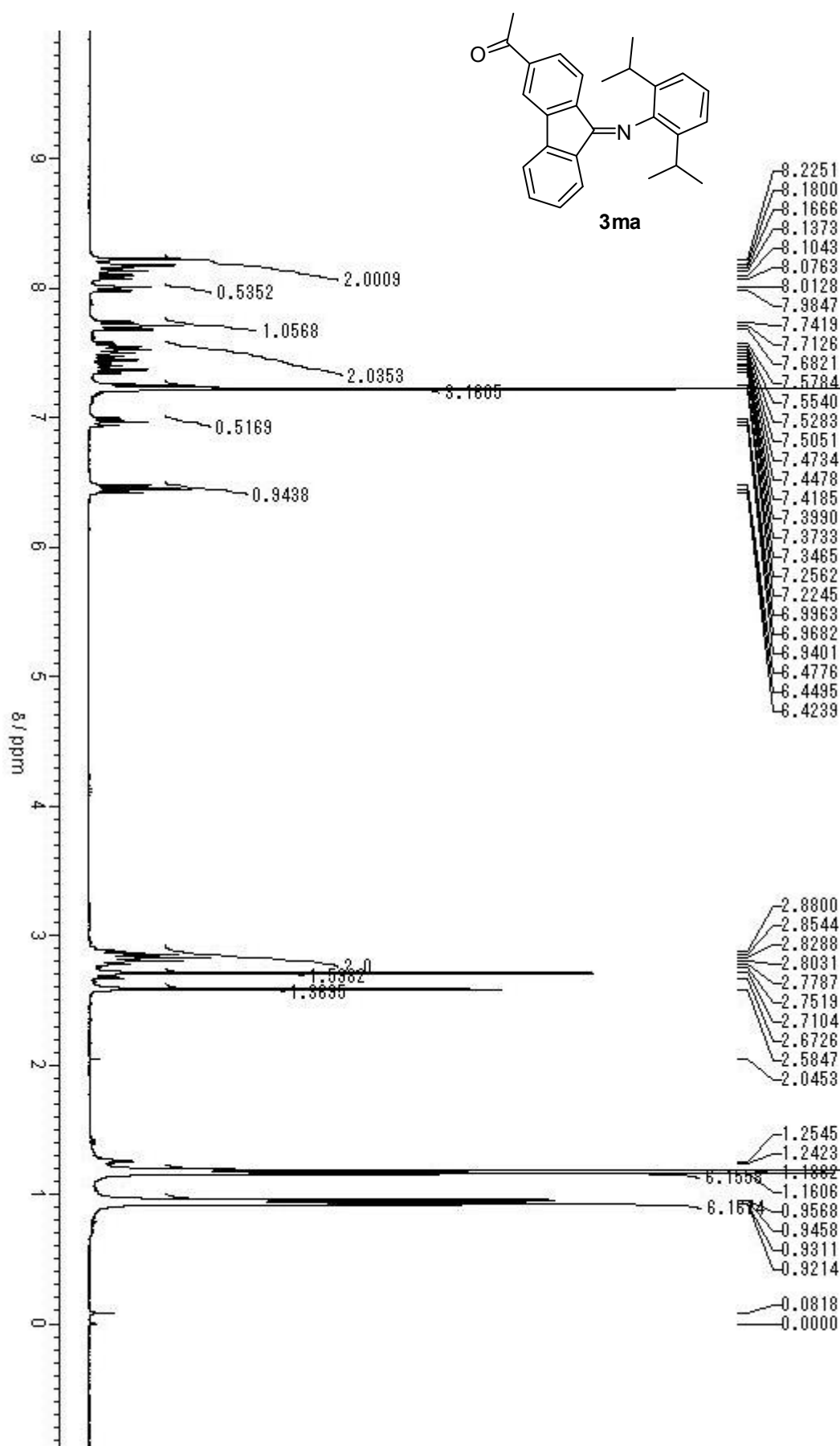


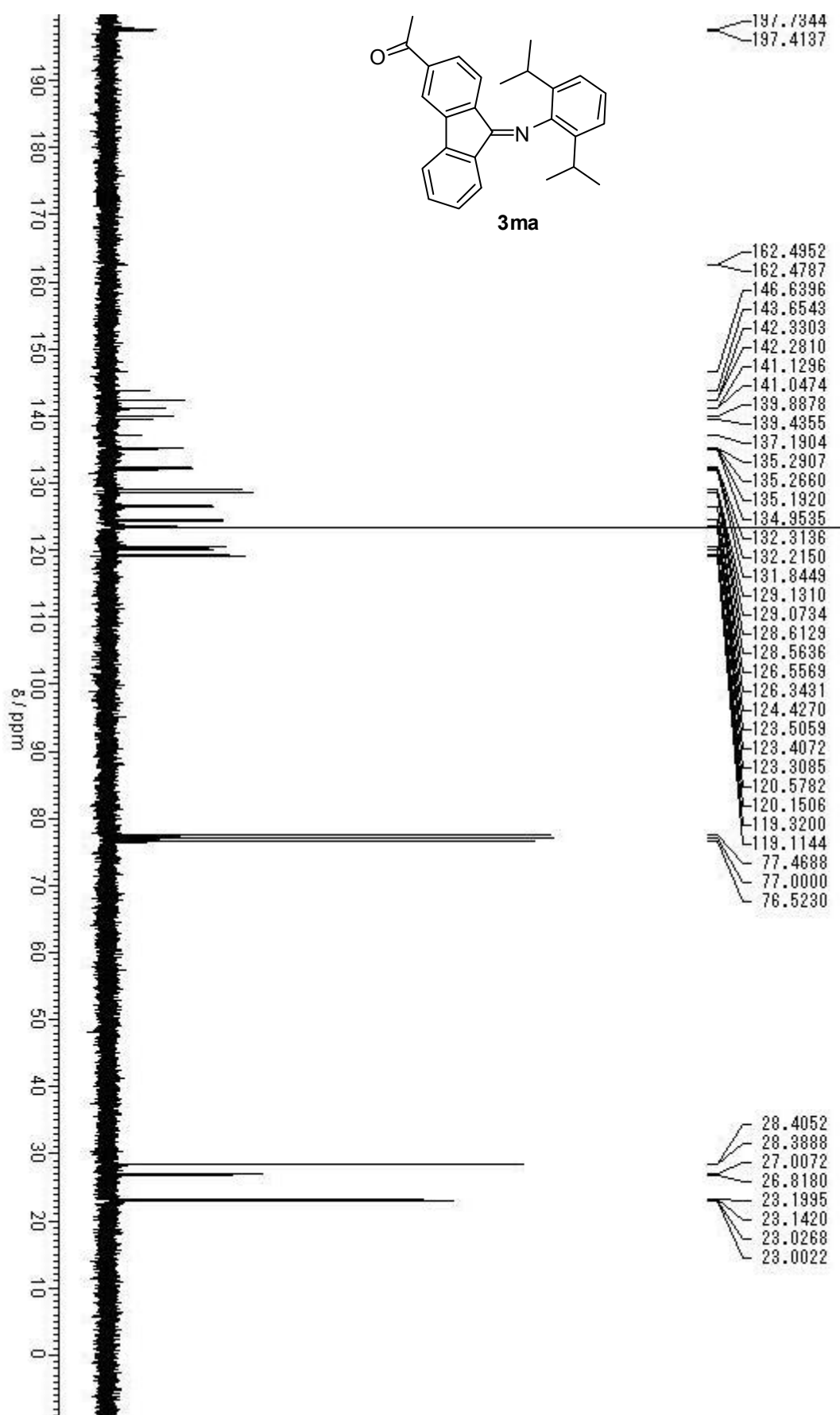


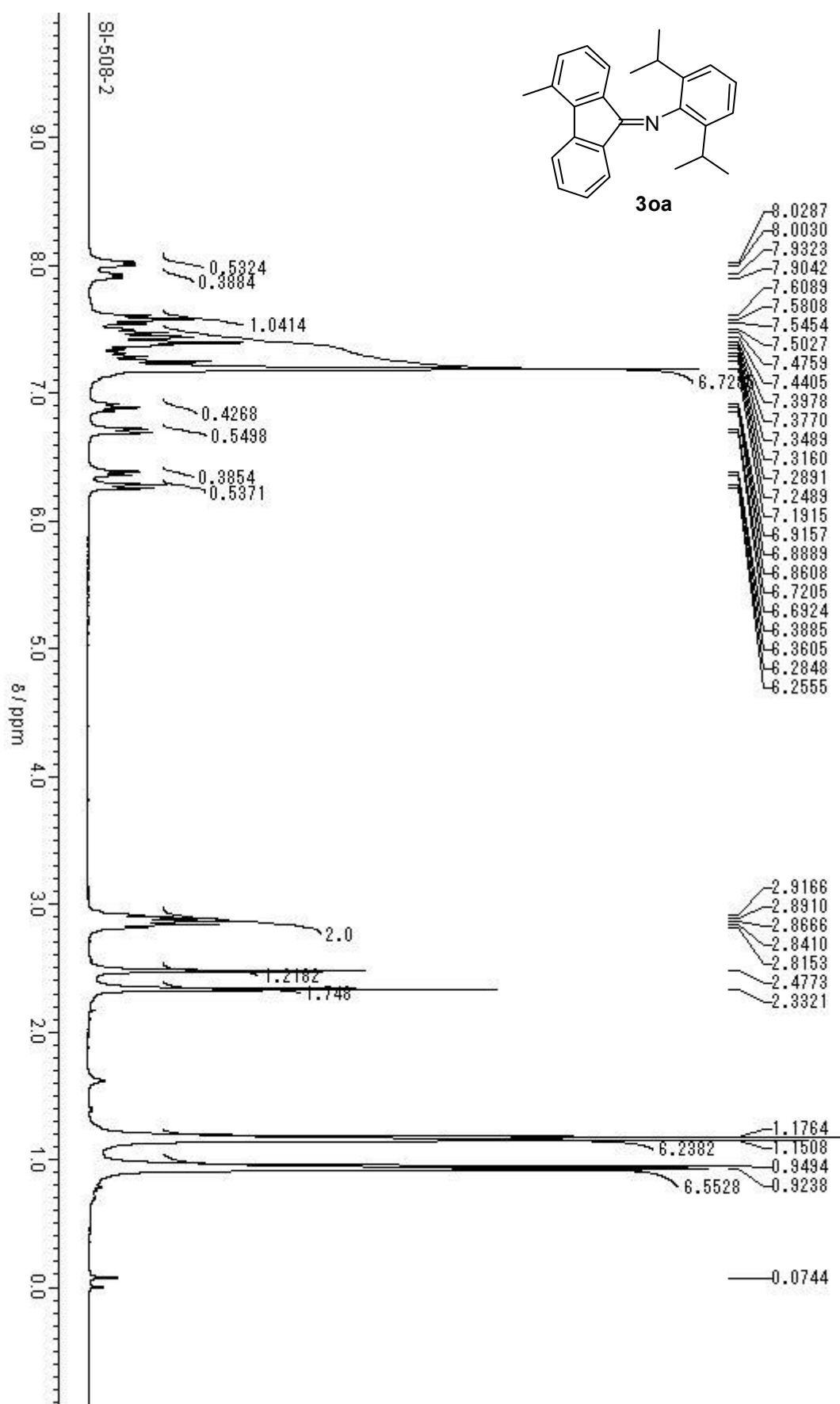


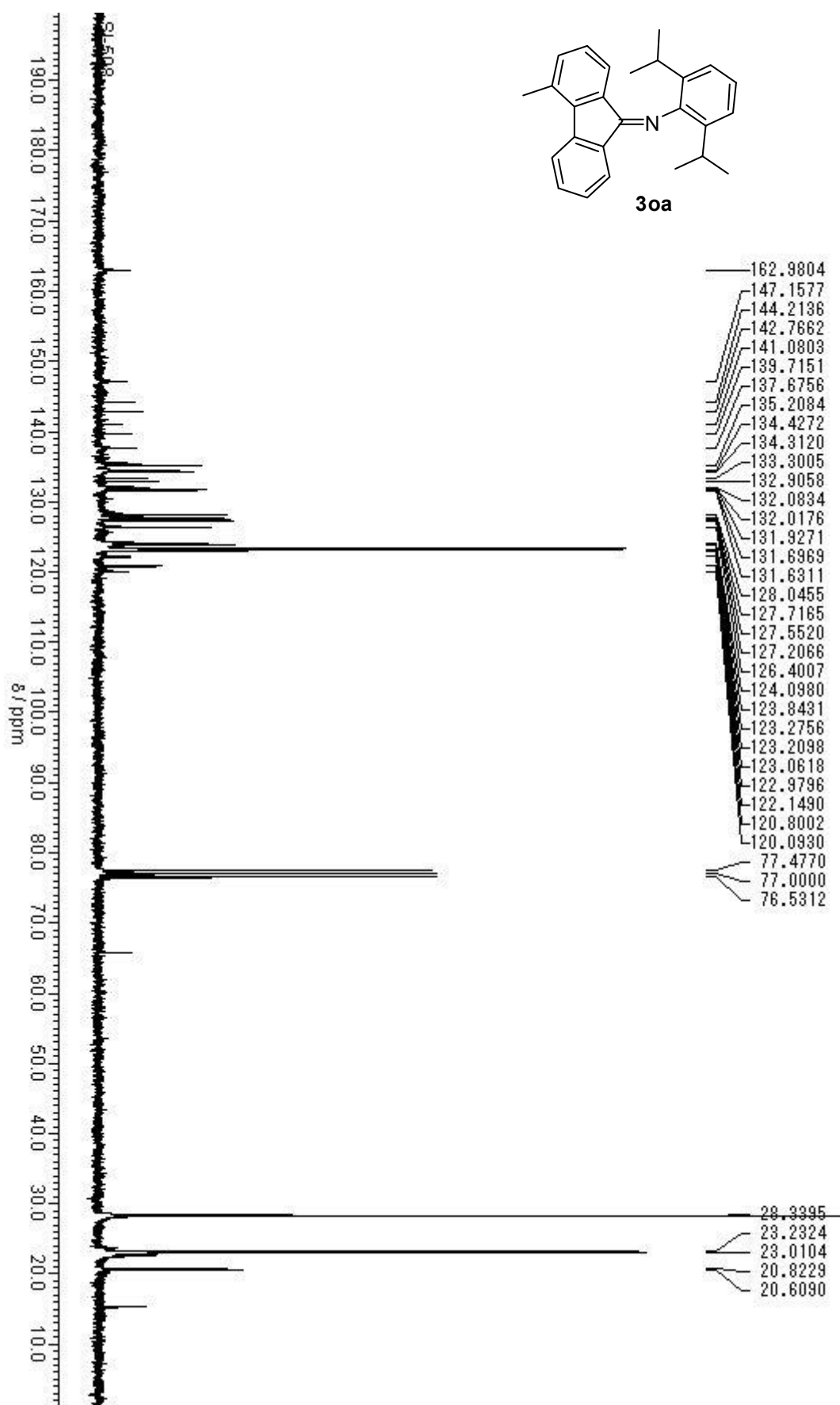


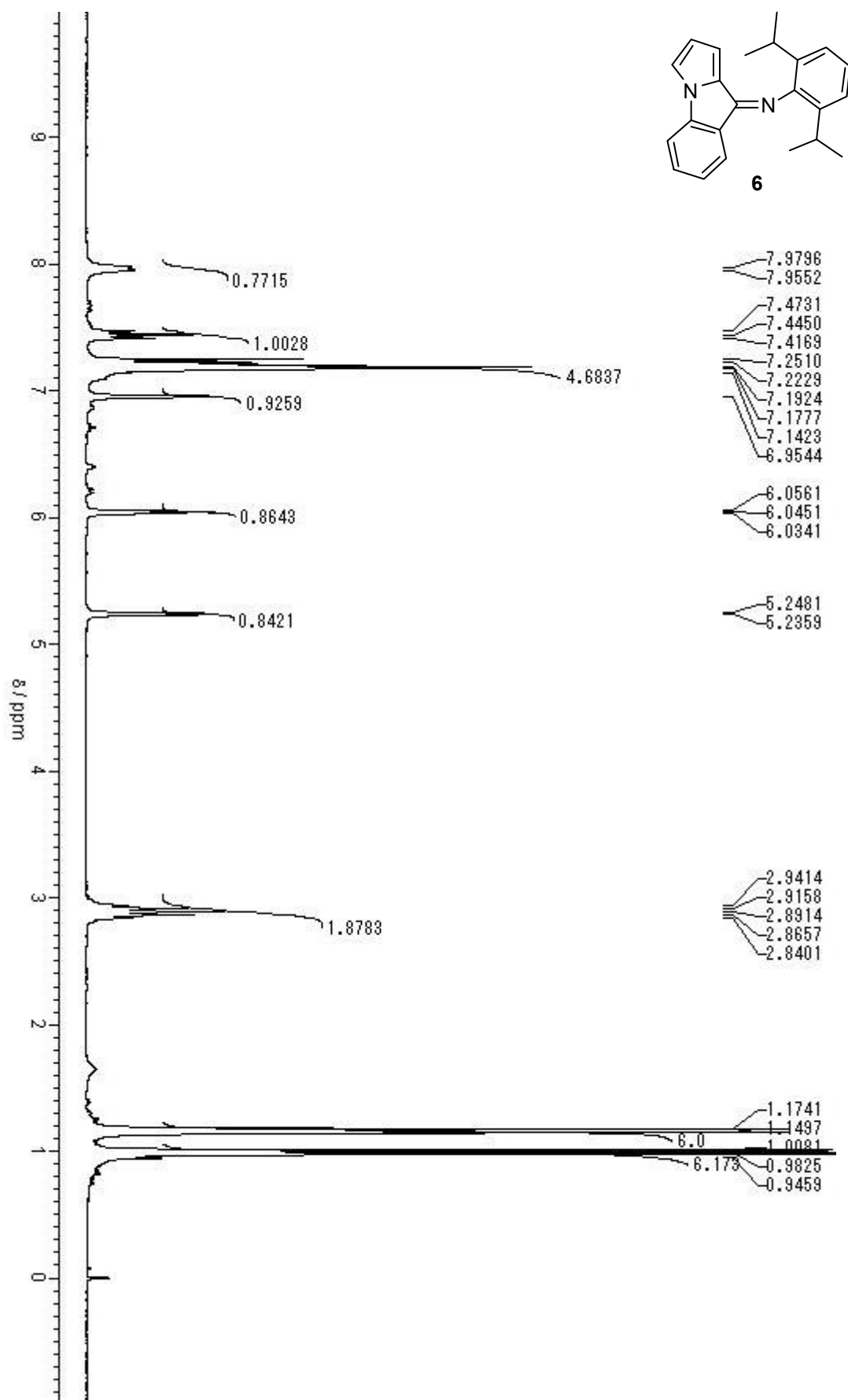


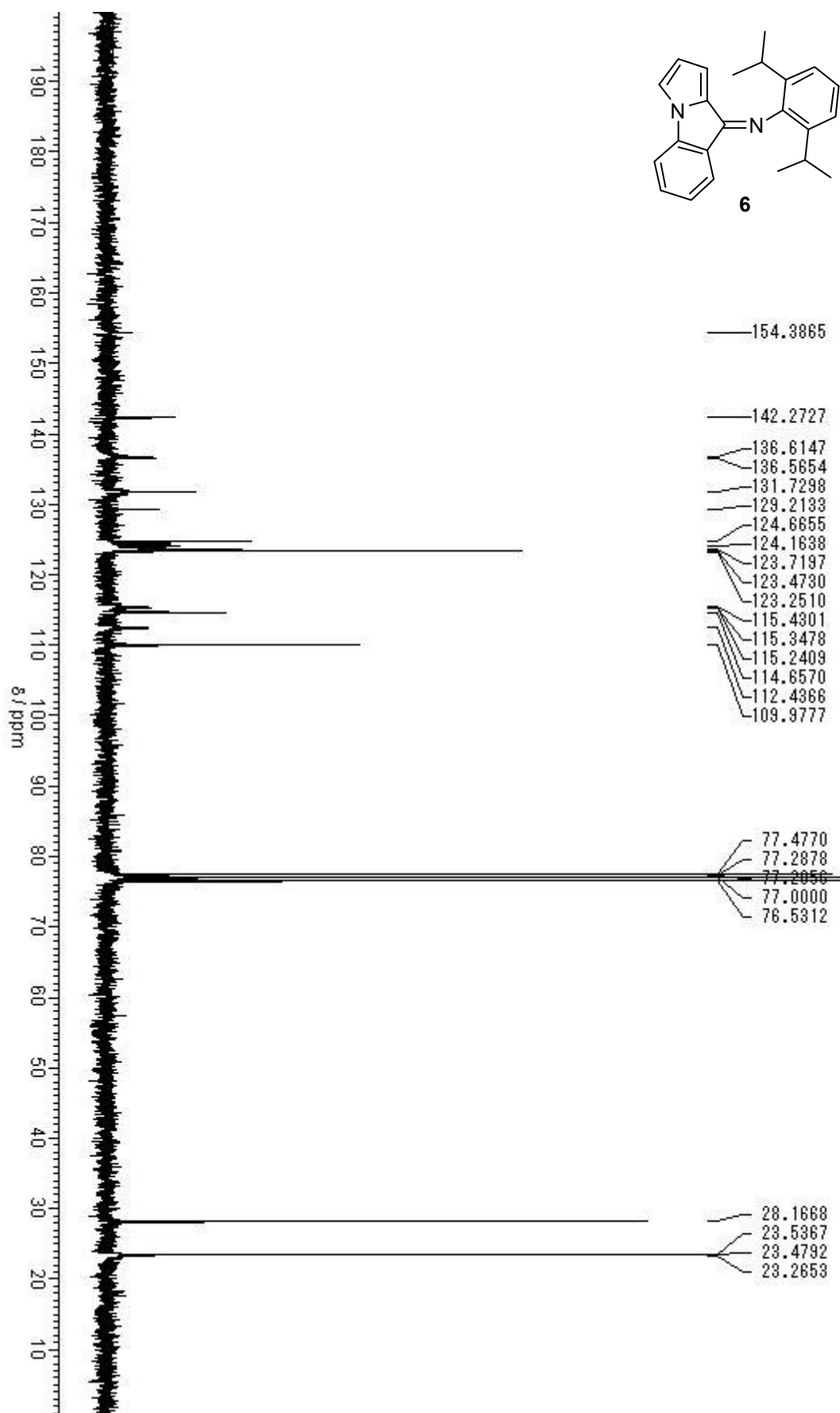
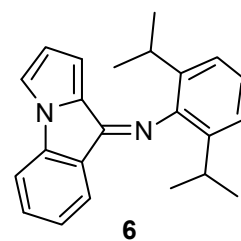


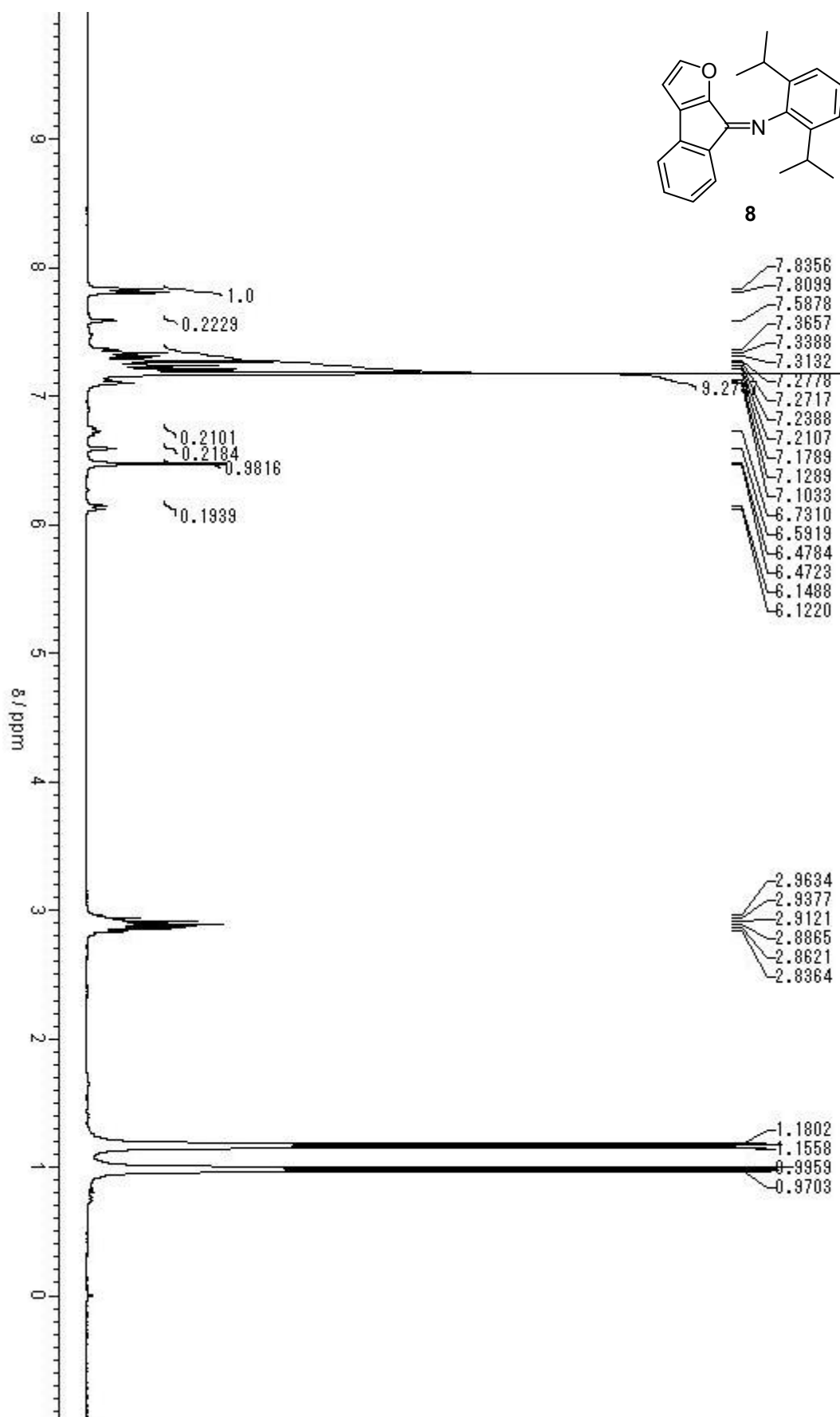


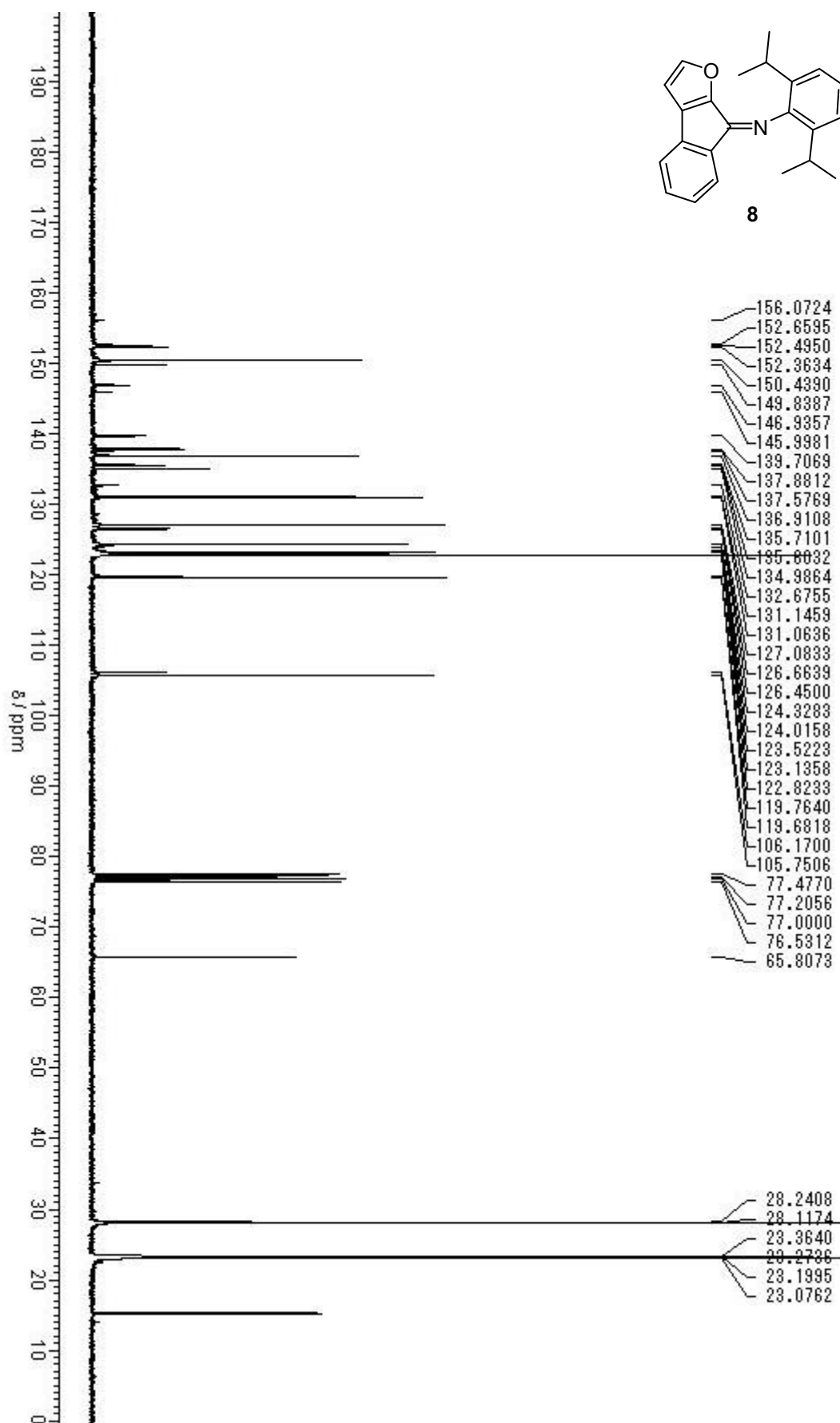
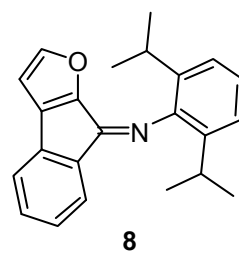


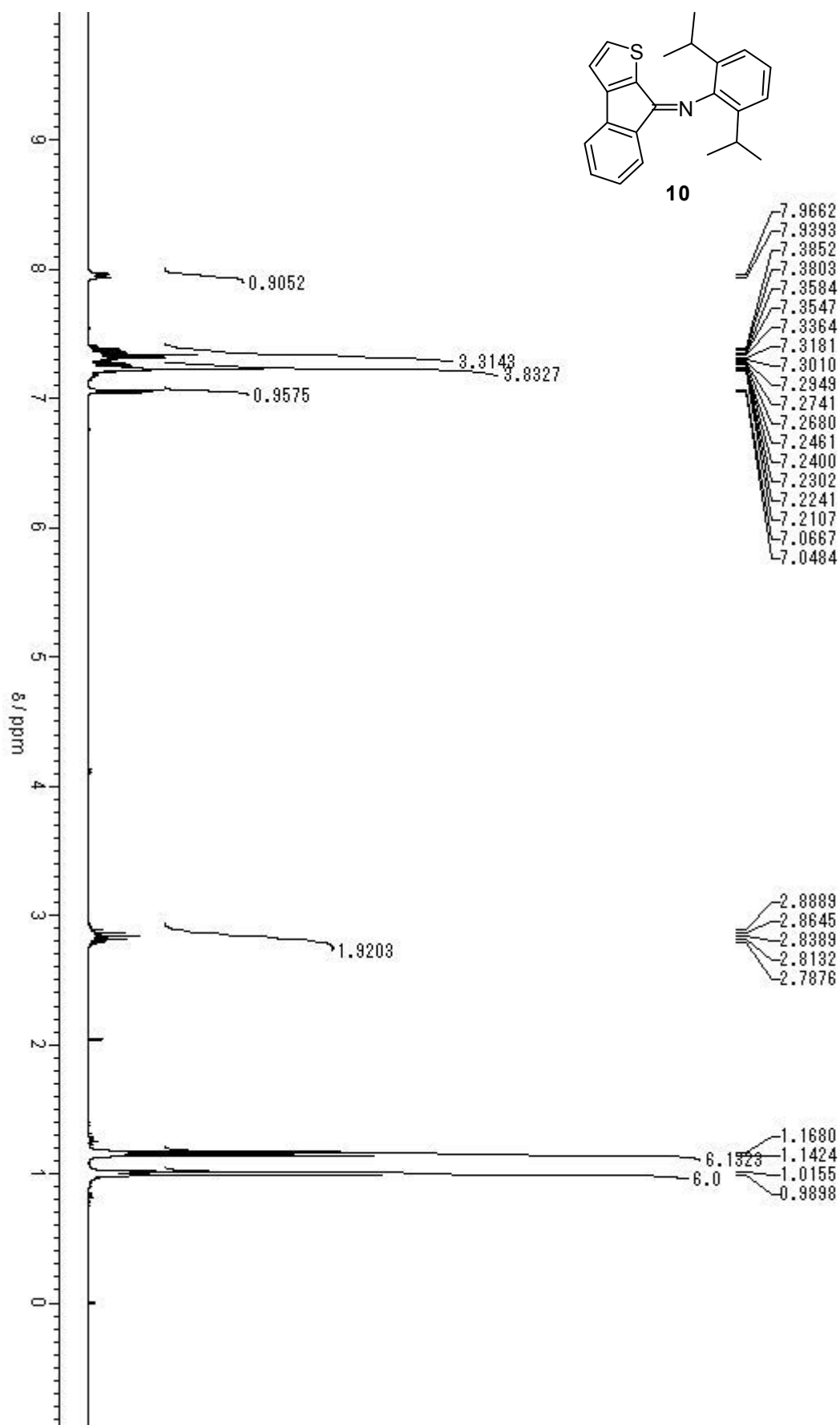


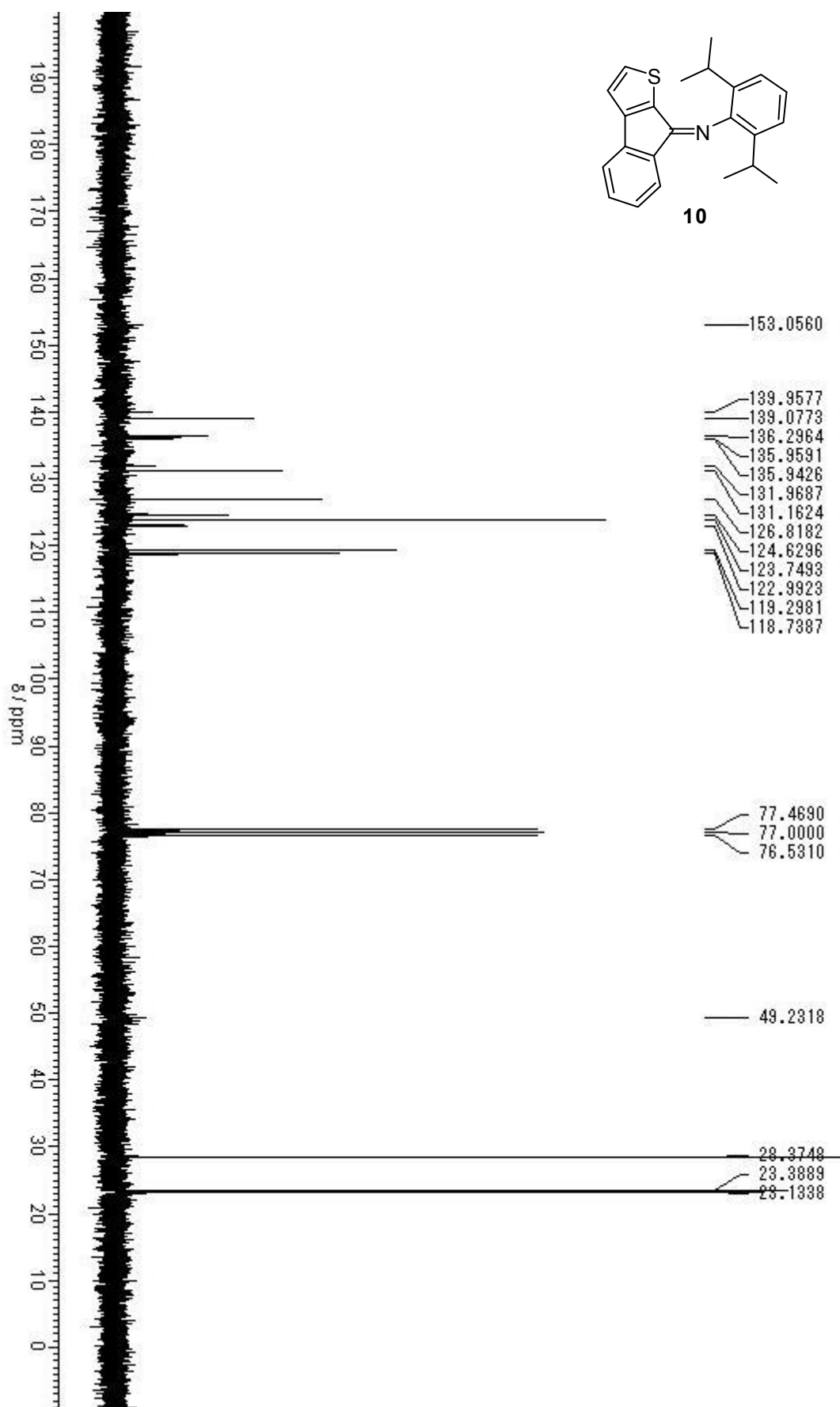


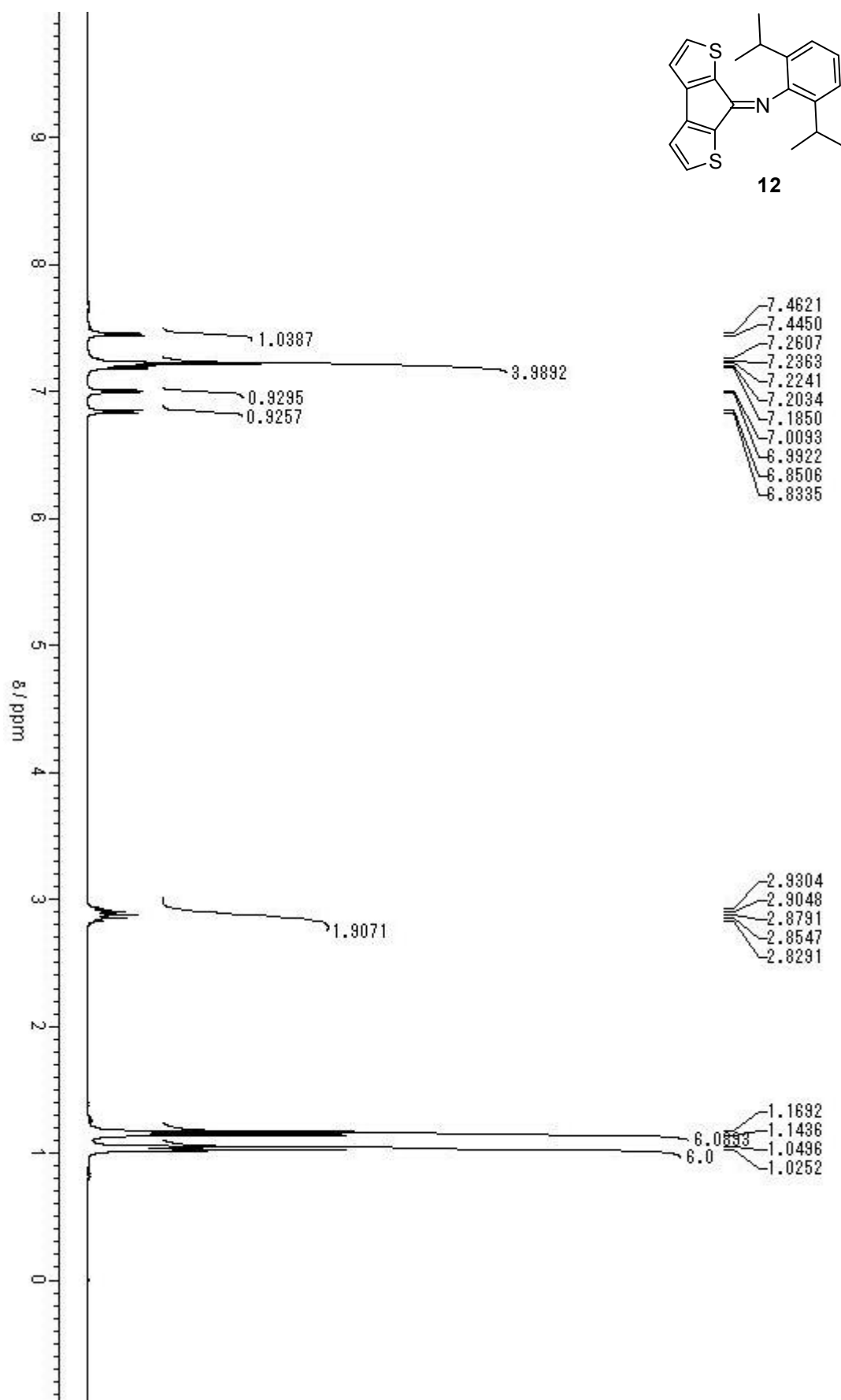


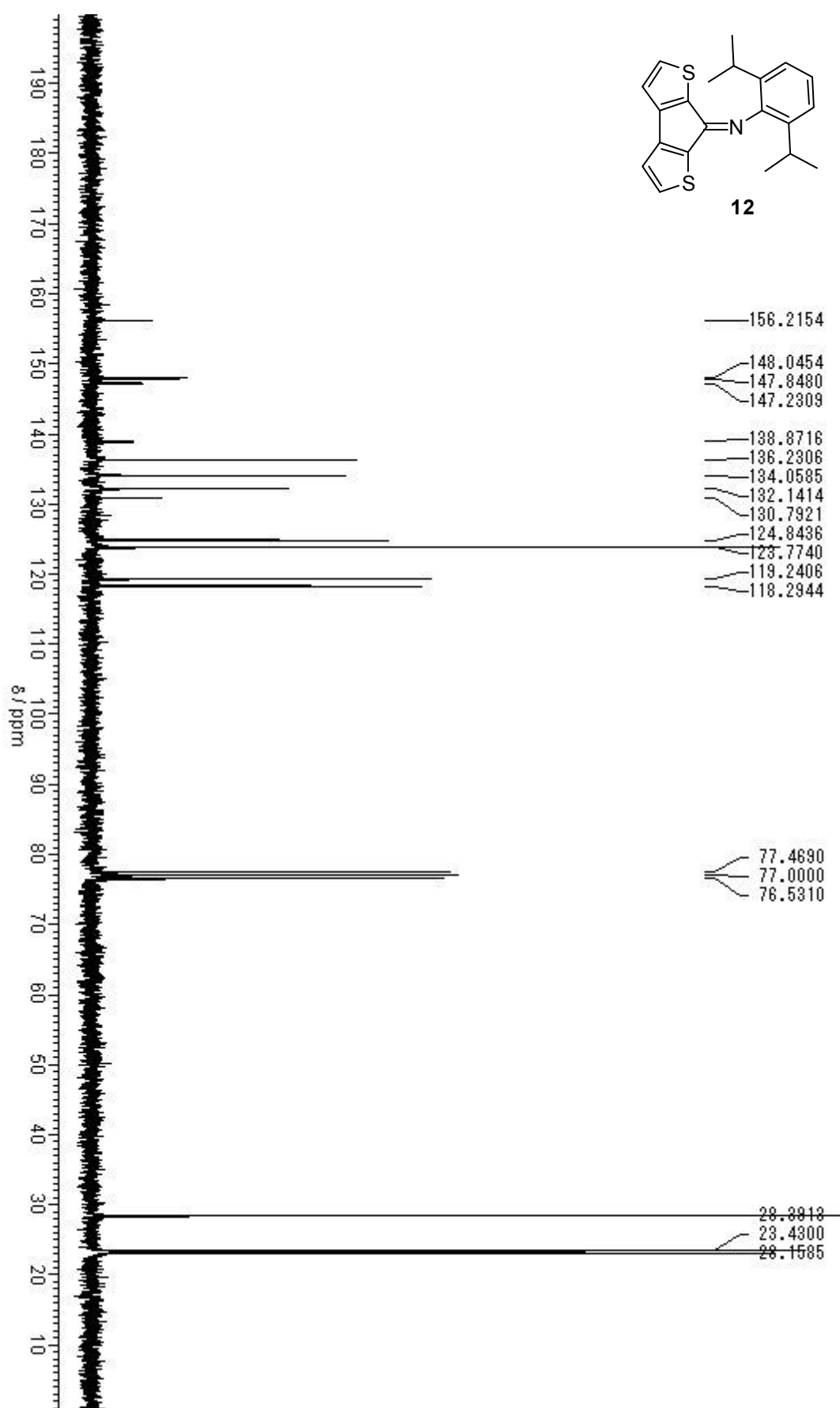
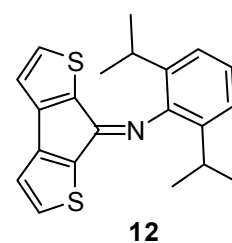


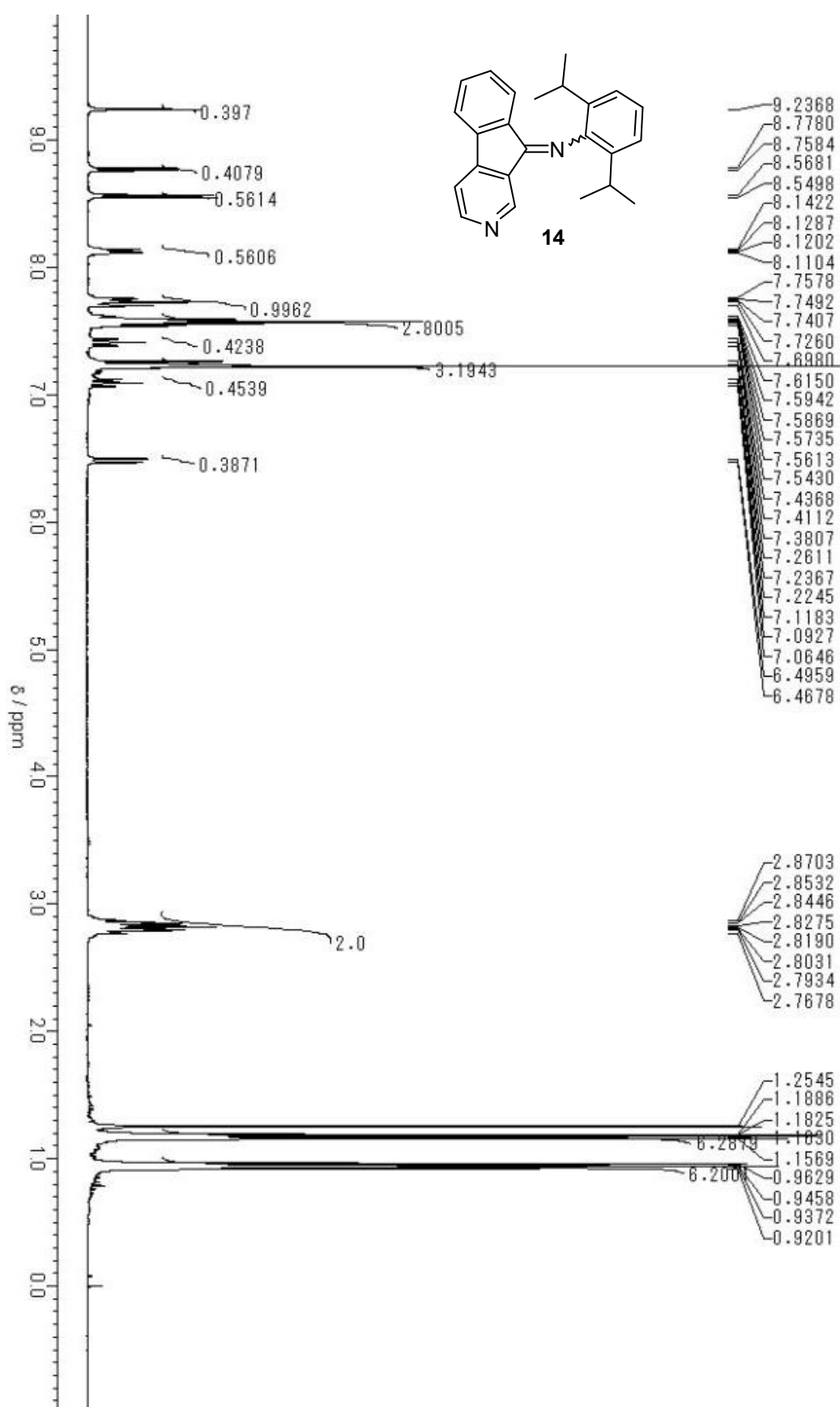


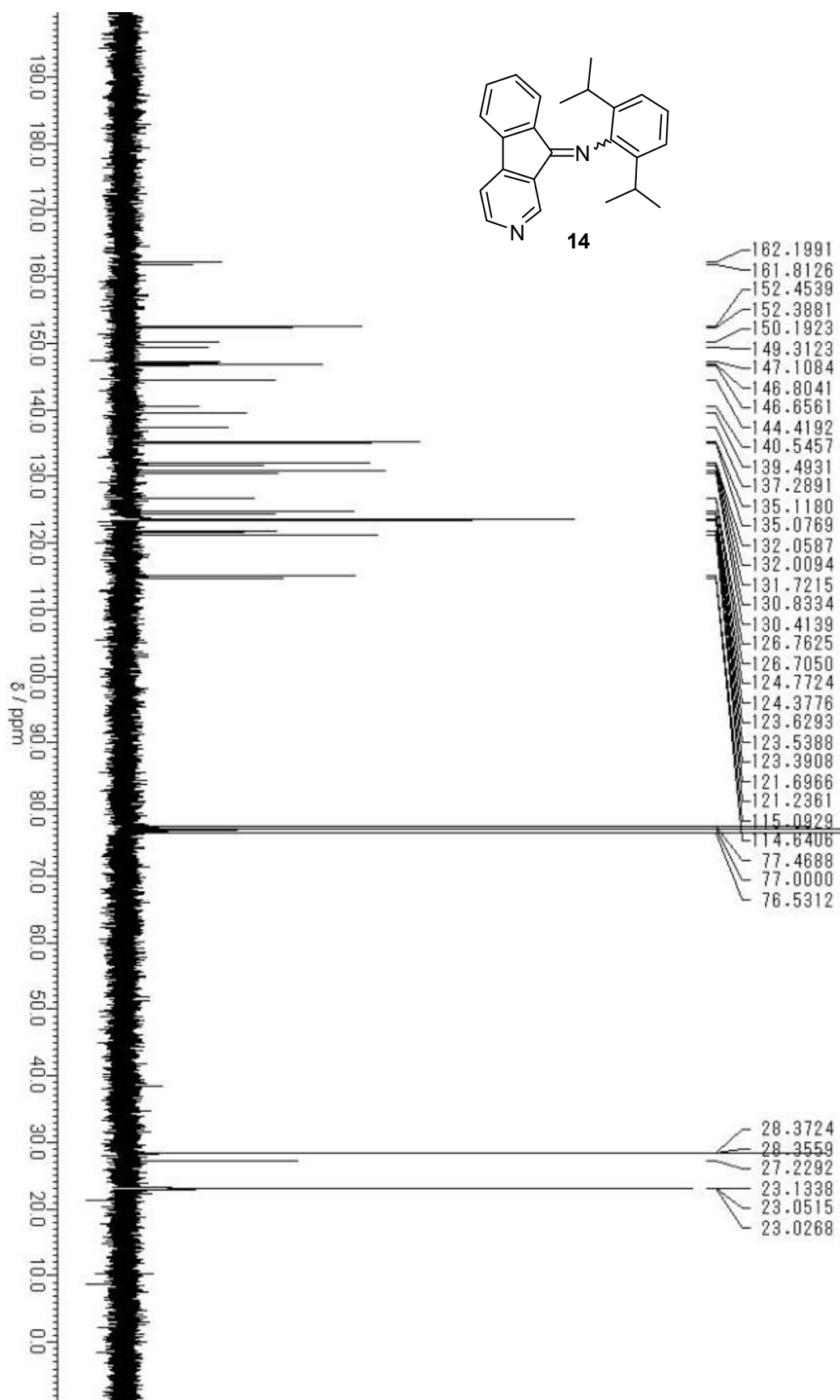


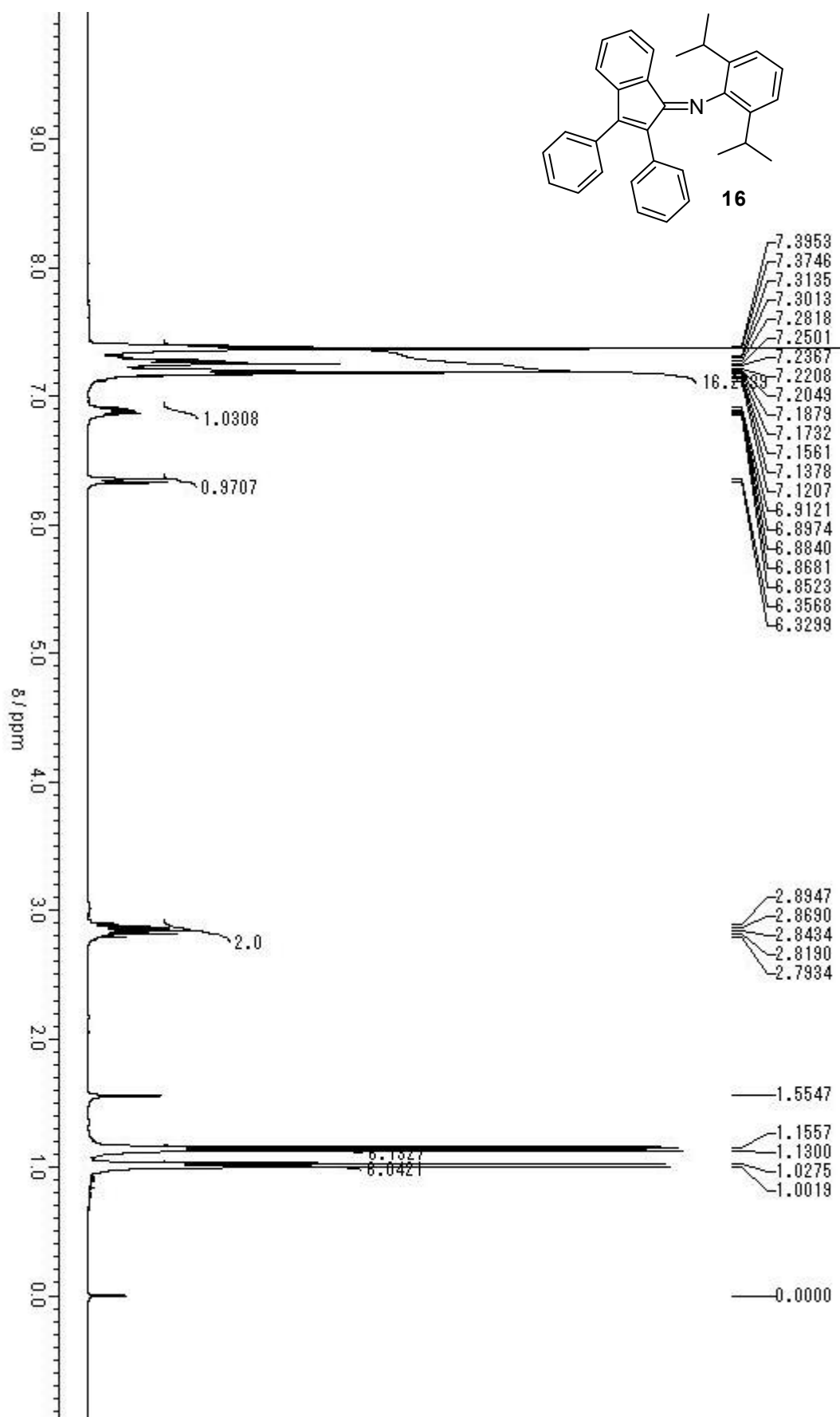


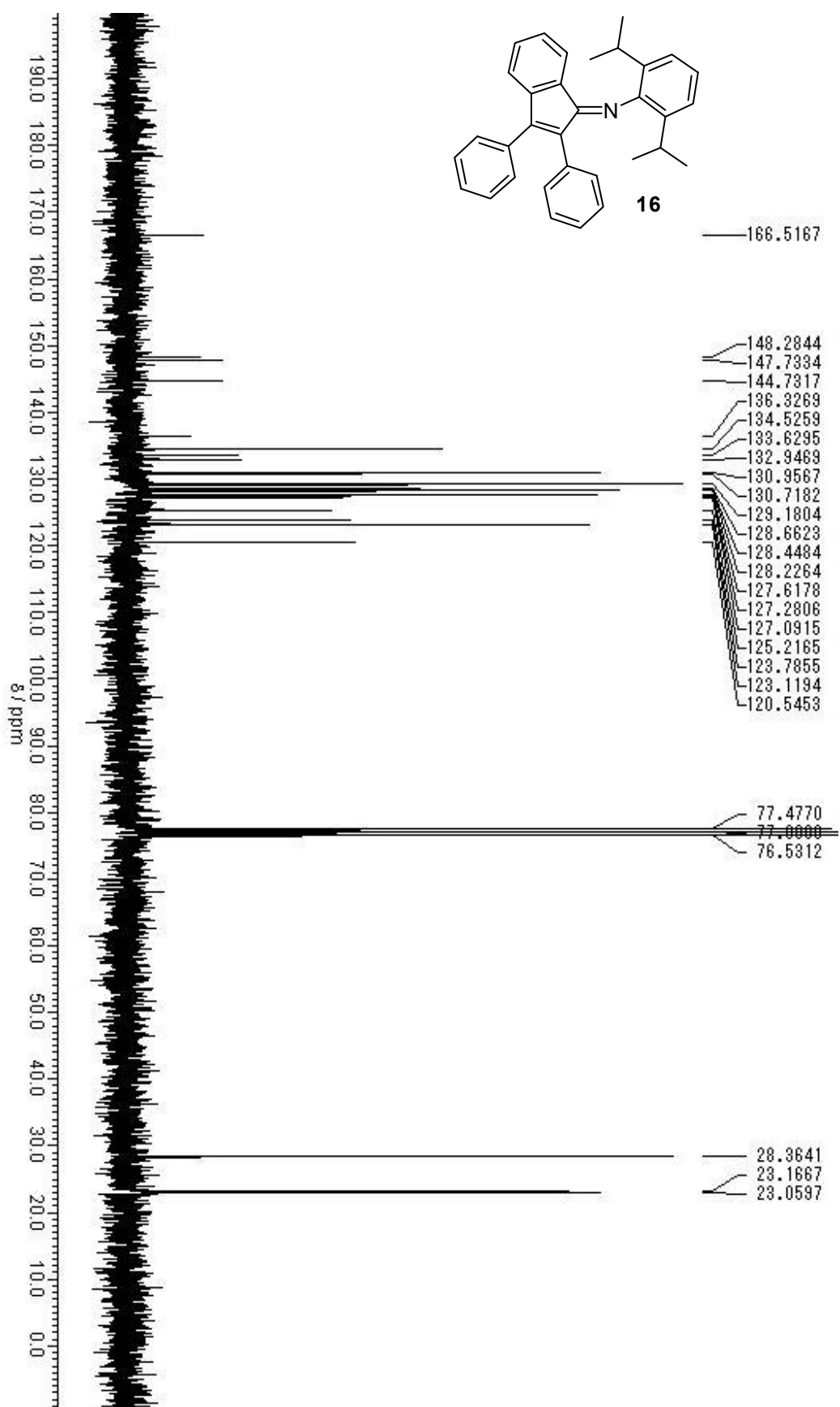


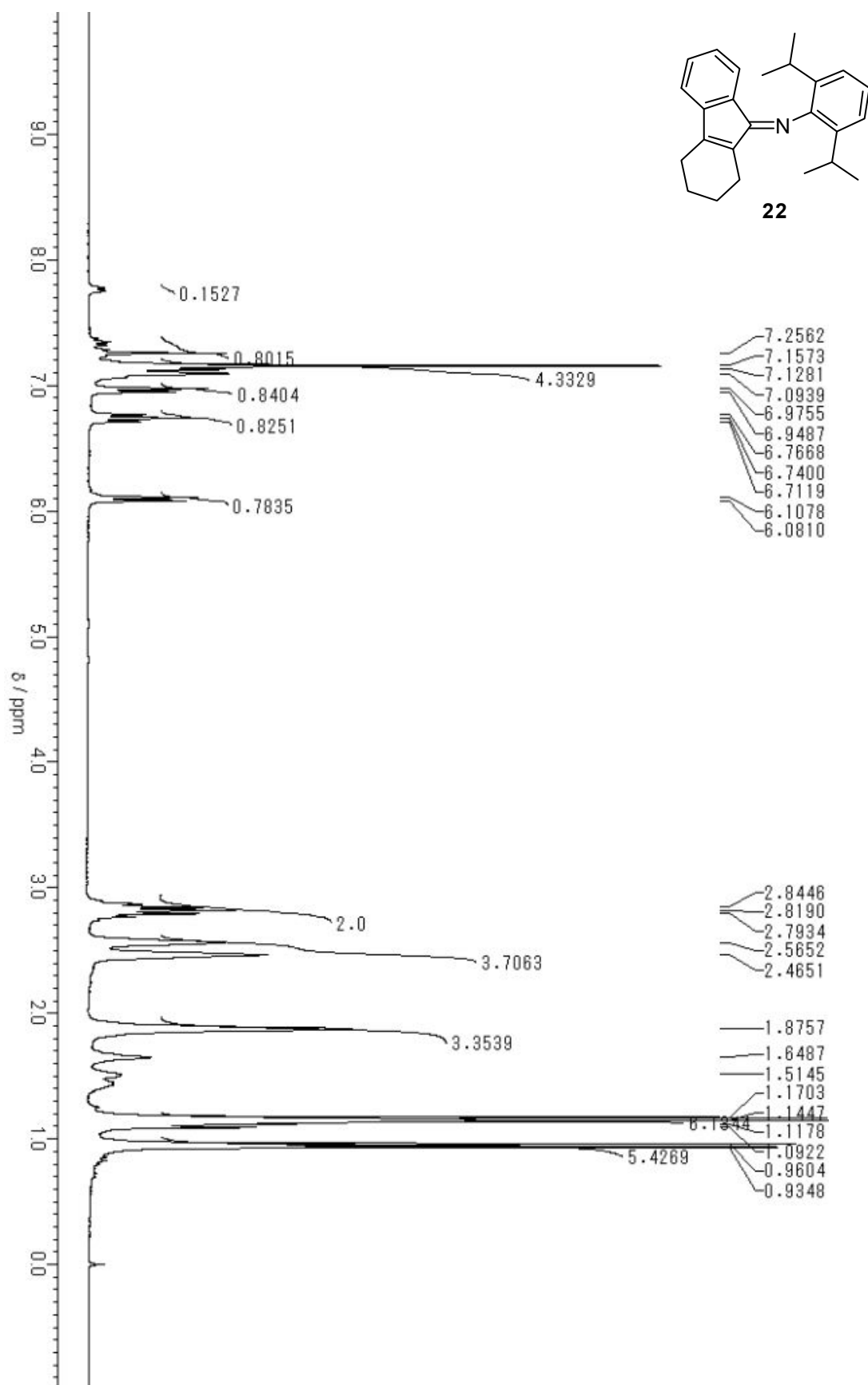


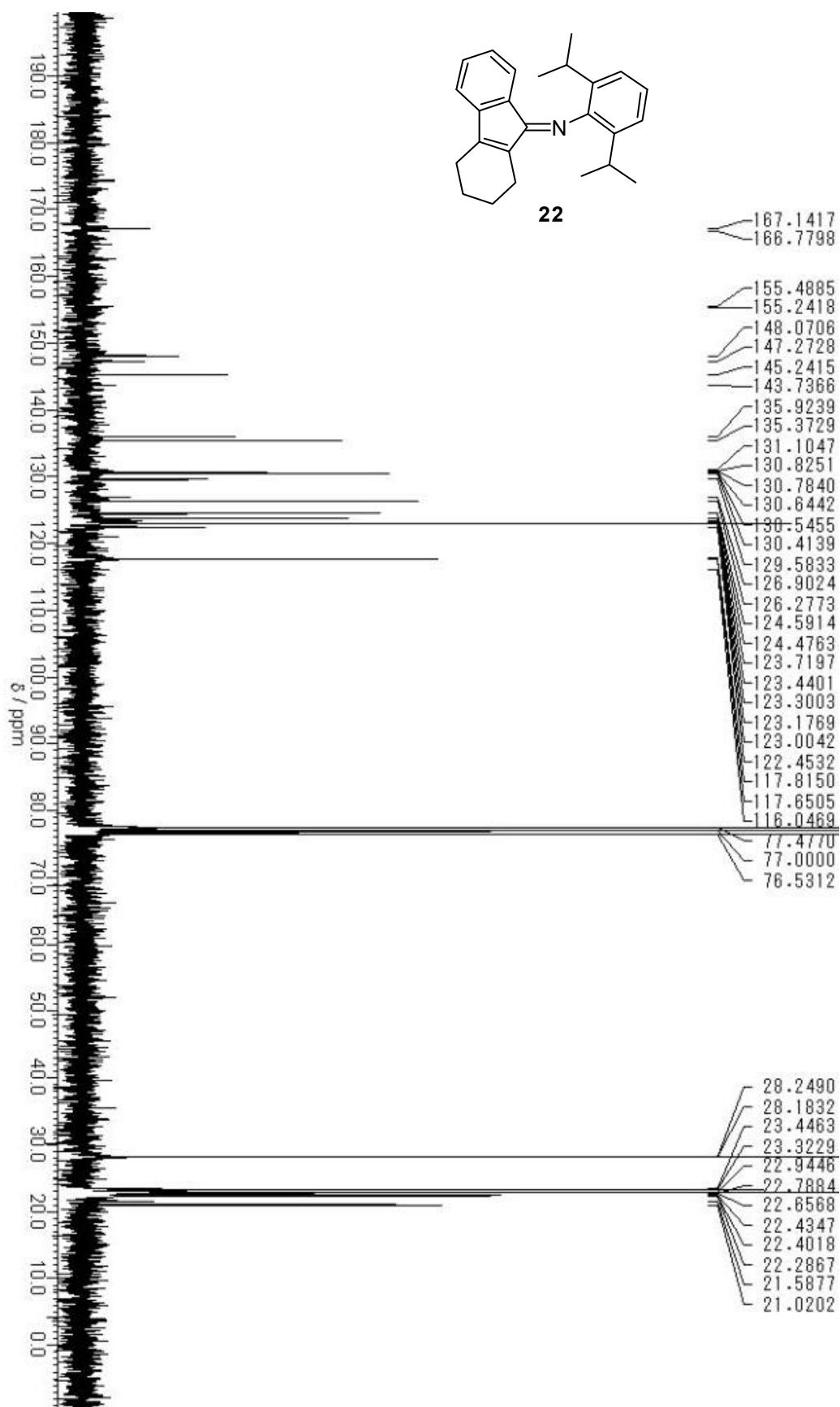


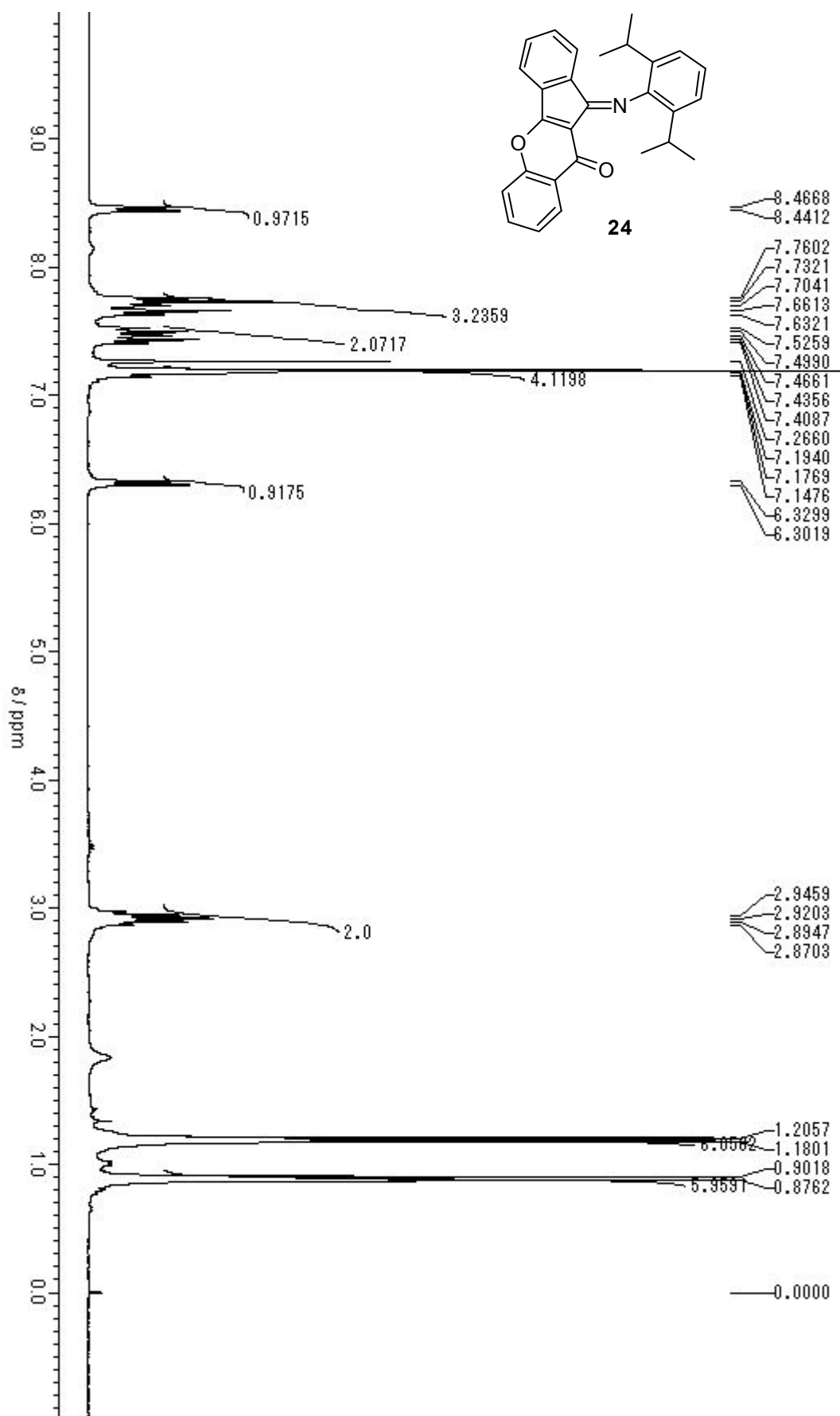


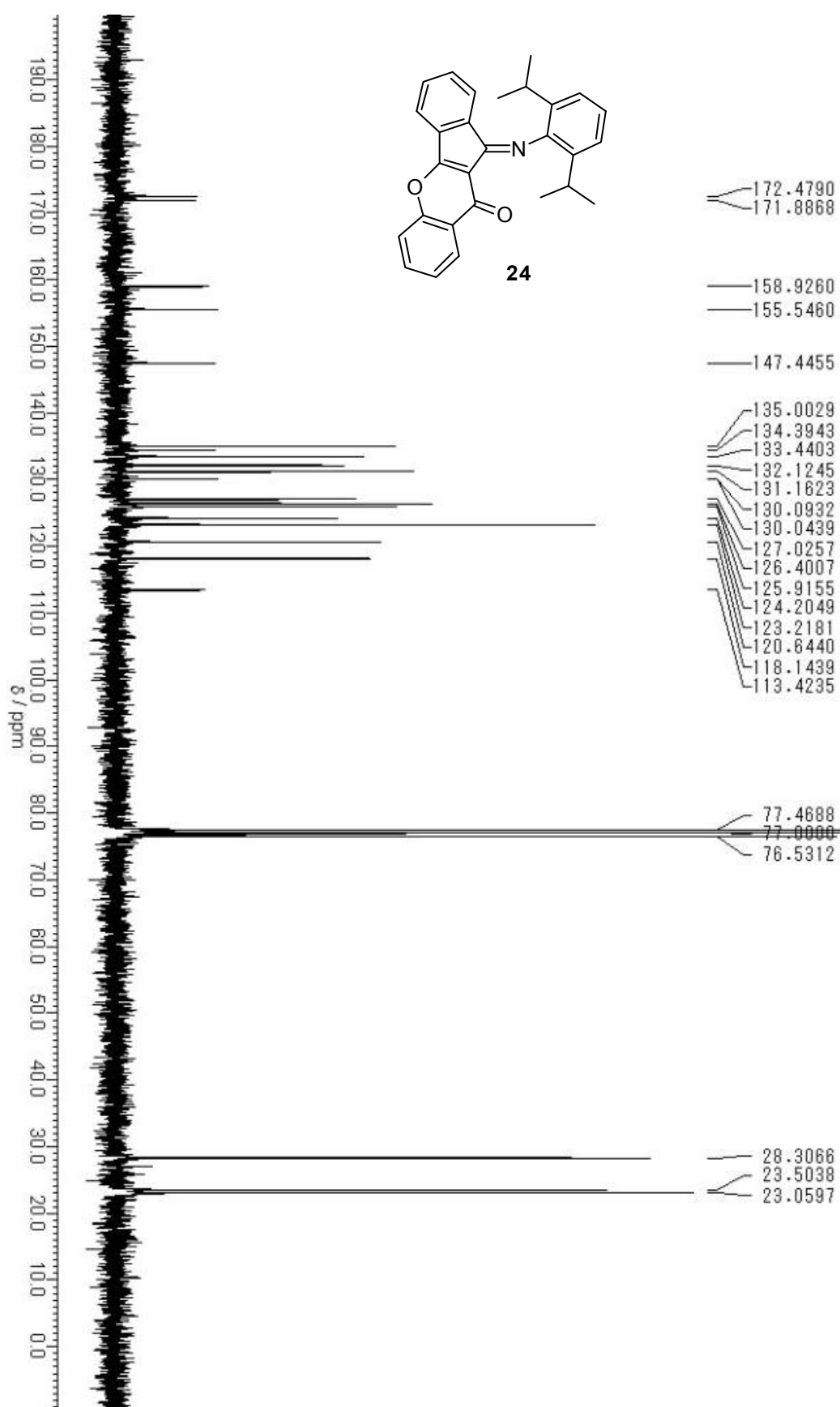


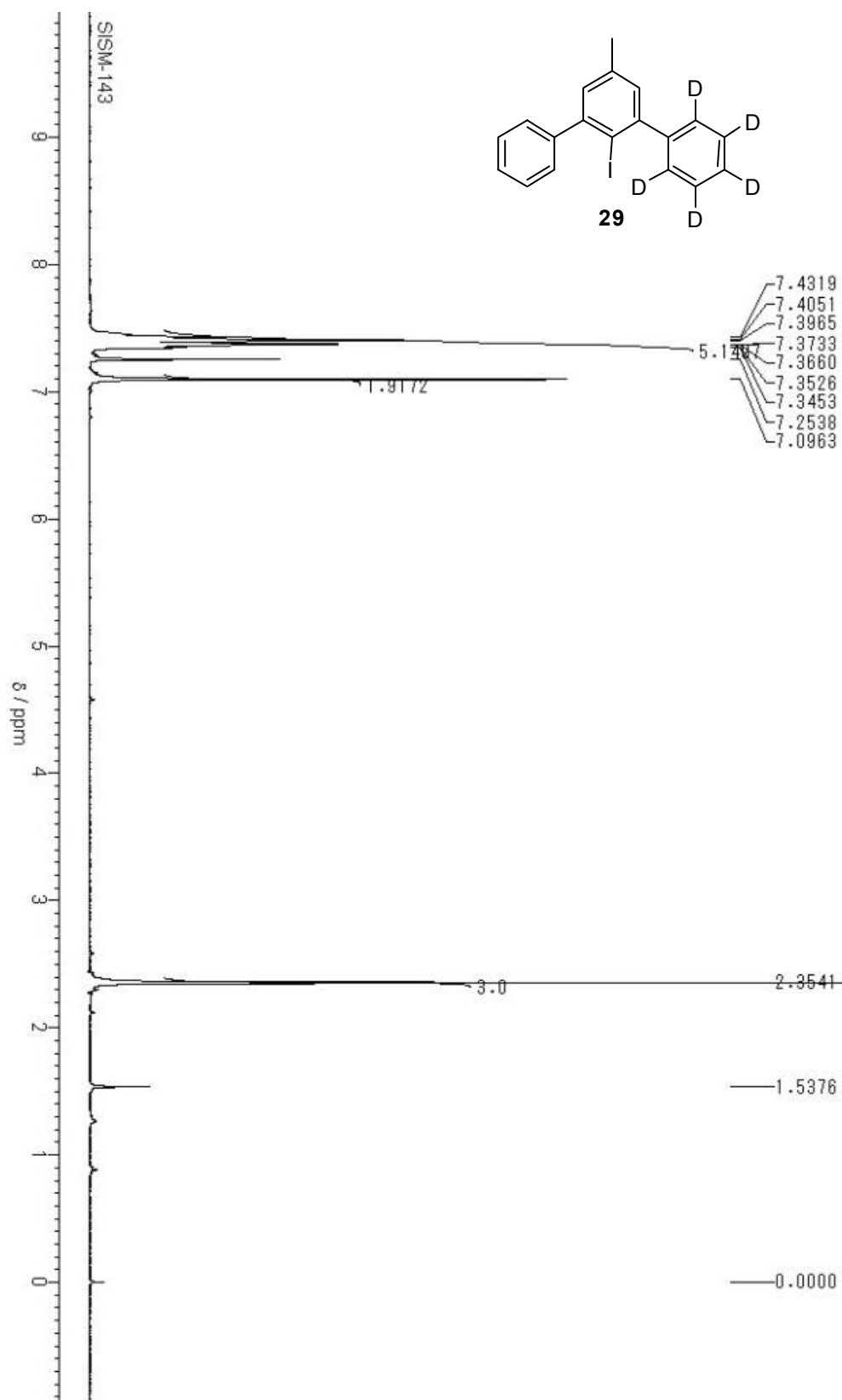


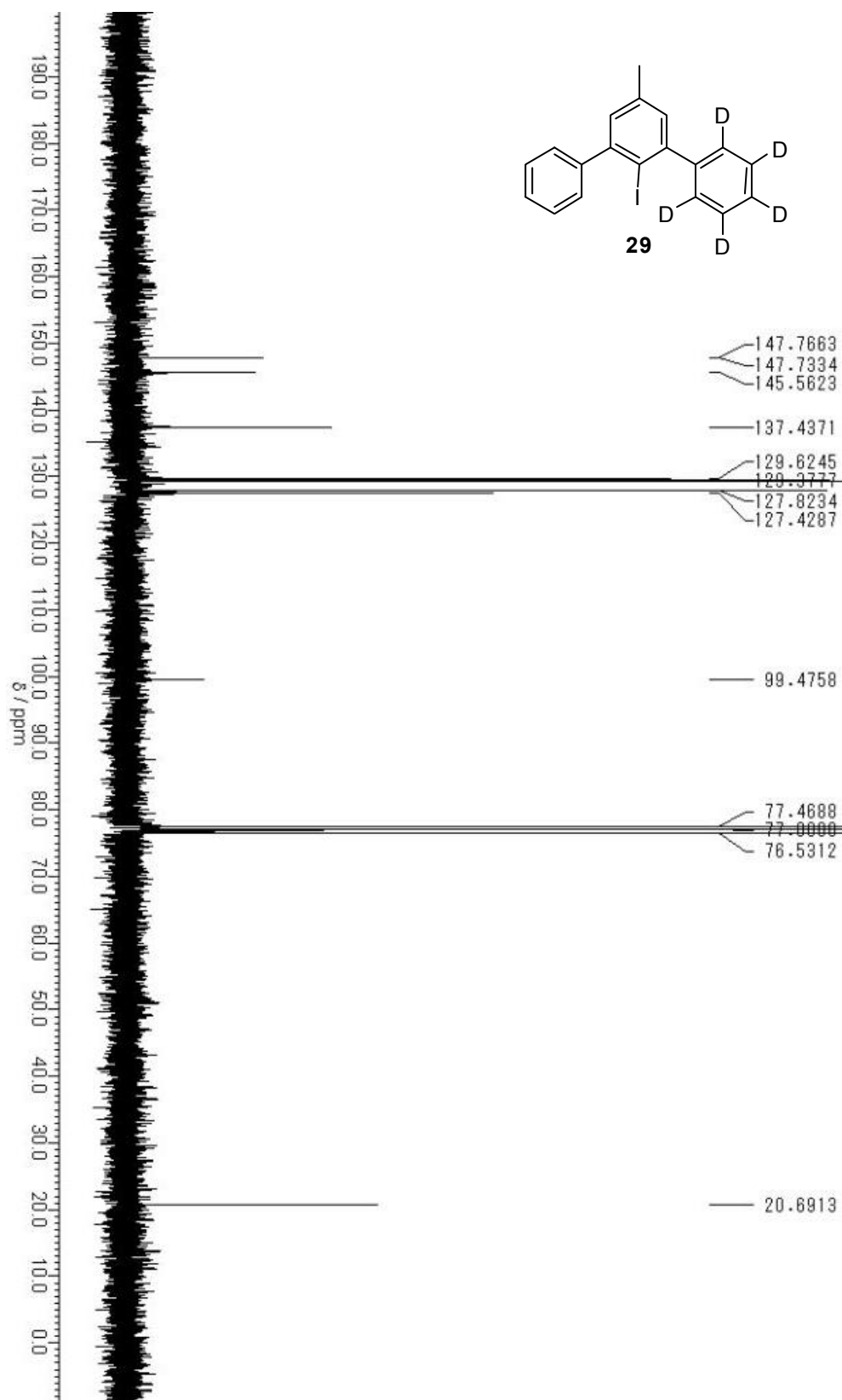


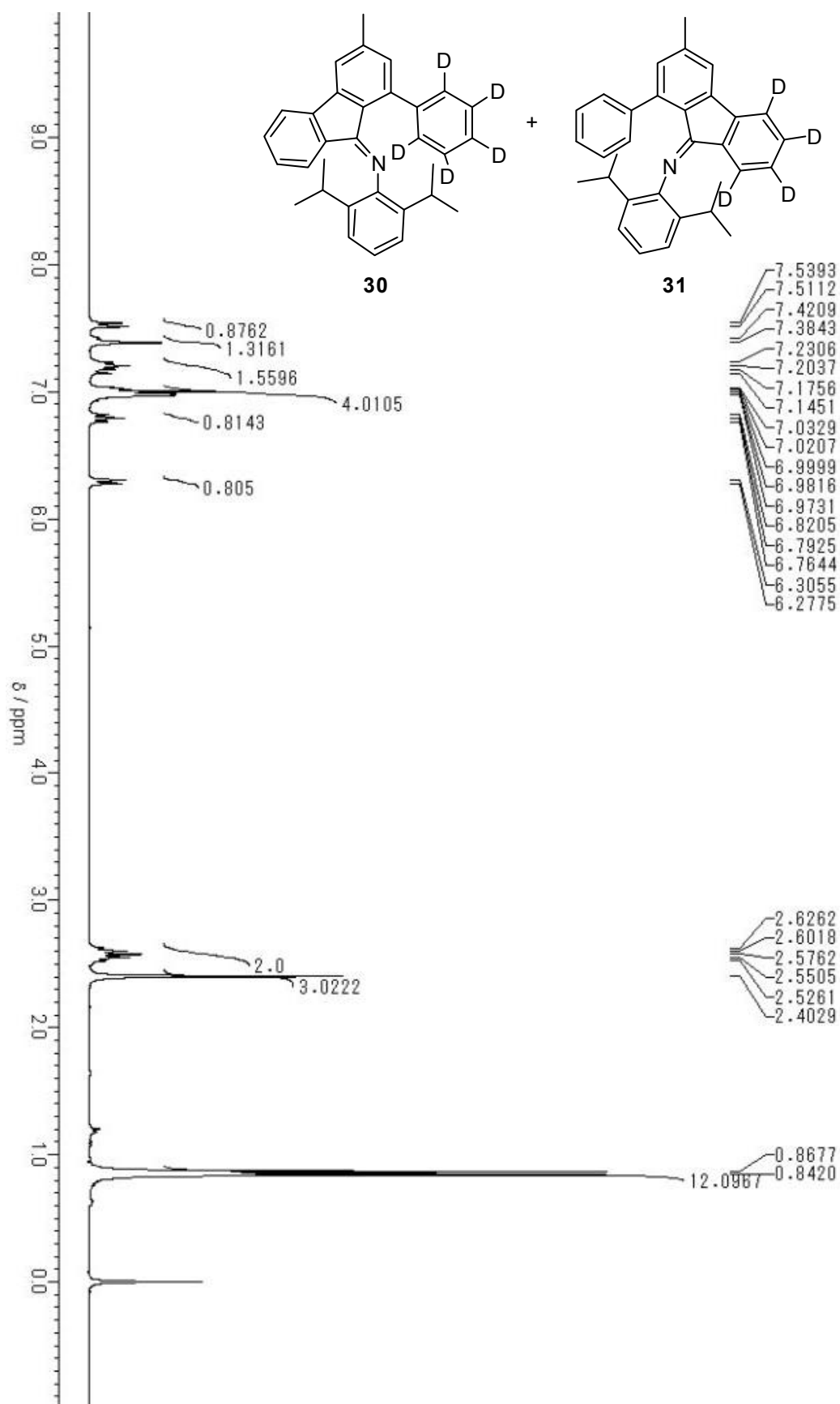


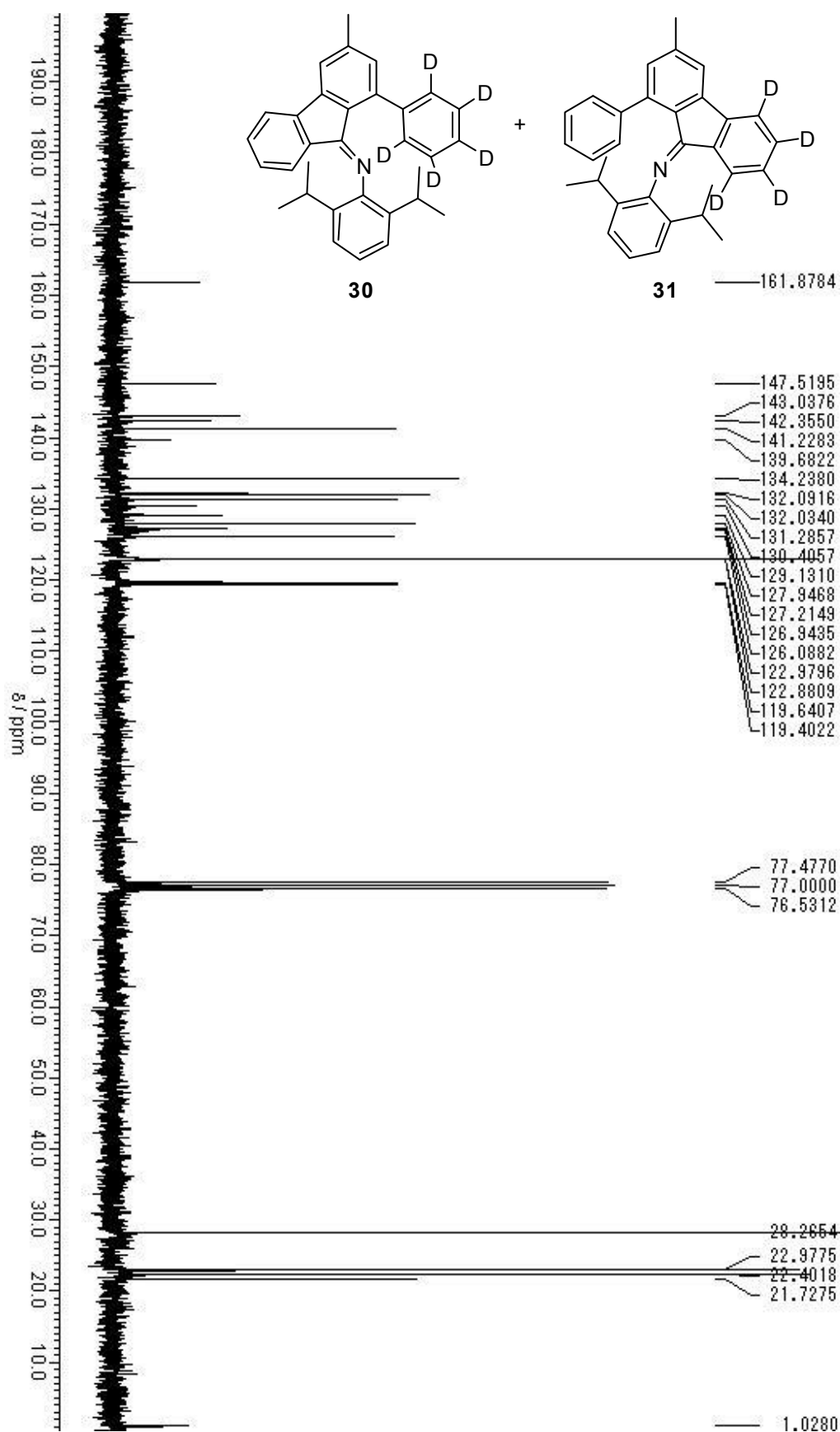












new experiment

File: exp

Pulse Sequence: zgpg30

Solvent: cdcl3

Acquire Temperature

Operator: walking

INSTRUMENT: spect

PROBHD: 5mm QNP1H

NUC1: 13C

NUC2: 1H

DELTA: 1.000 sec

Acq. time 0.171 sec

Width 3998.4 Hz

2D Width 3998.4 Hz

8 repetitions

128 increments

ORIGIN: HL, 599.821373 MHz

DATA PROCESSING

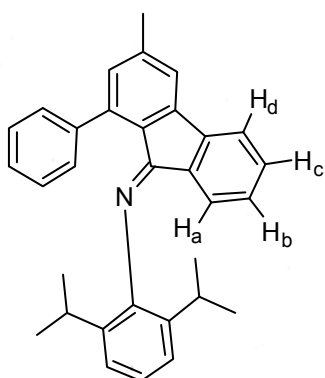
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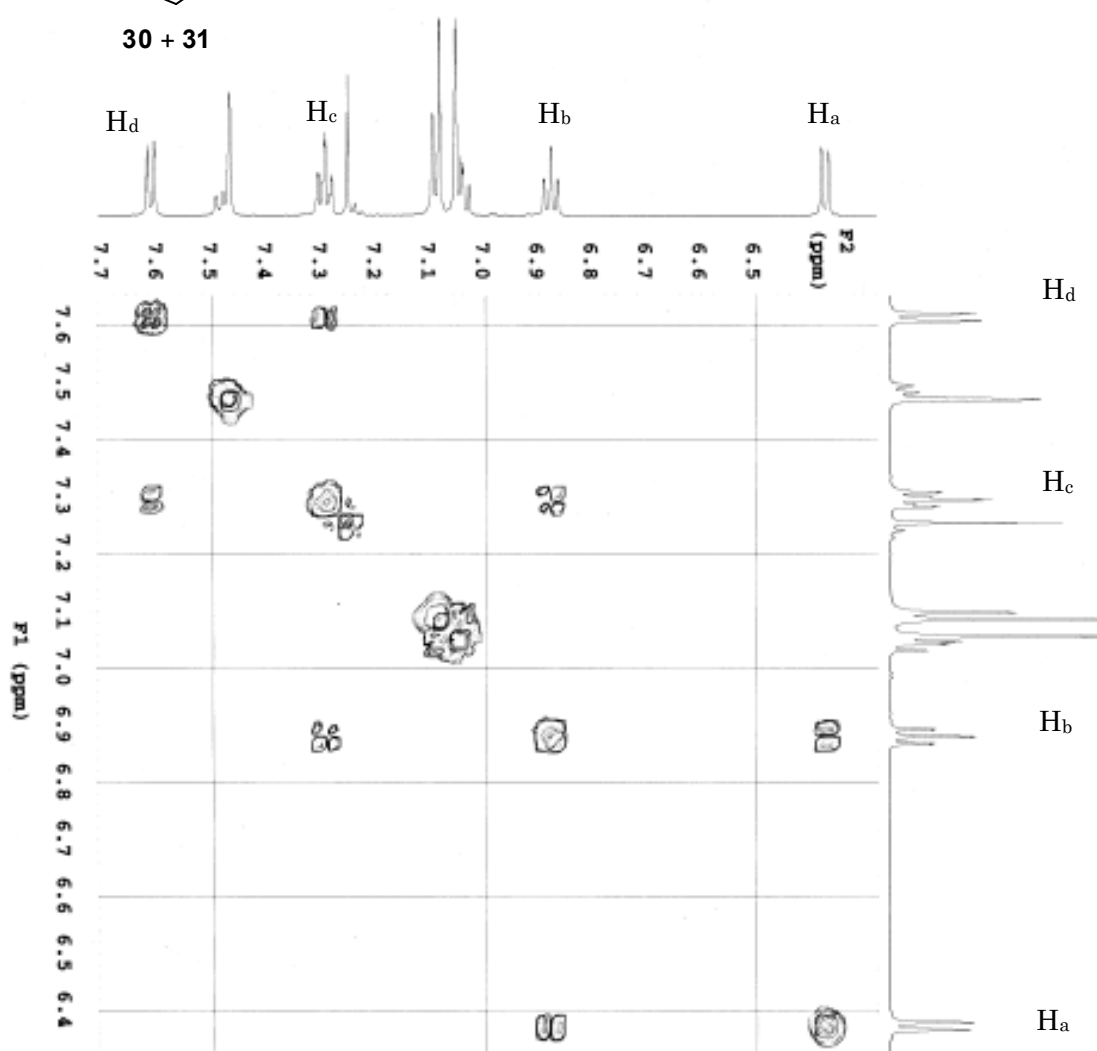
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F2 size 1024 x 1024

Total time 20 min, 46 sec



30 + 31



PULSE SEQUENCE: NOESY1D Relax. delay 10.000 sec Pulse 90.0 degrees Mixing 1.000 sec Acq. time 1.998 sec Width 5998.4 Hz 128 repetitions	OBSERVE H1, 579.852373	DATA PROCESSING Line broadening 9.5 Hz FT size 32768 Total time 28 minutes	Solvent: cdcl3 Ambient temperature Operator: walking INSTR-600 "acquire02"	new experiment File: exp Pulse Sequence: NOESY1D
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