

A novel one-Pot Three Component Reaction for the Synthesis of [2-(alkylsulfanyl)imidazo[1,2-*a*]pyridin-3-yl](aryl)methanone

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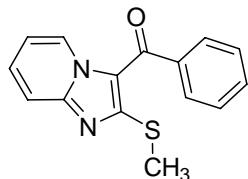
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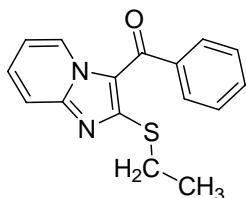
General Methods: Chemicals were purchased from Merck and were used as received. Column chromatography was performed on silica gel (0.063-0.200 mm; Merck). IR Spectra: Shimadzu FTIR-4300 spectrometer; in cm^{-1} . ^1H - and ^{13}C -NMR Spectra: Bruker DRX -500-Avance instrument; in CDCl_3 at 500.1 and 125.7 MHz, resp; δ in ppm, J in Hz. EI-MS (70 eV): HP 5973 GC-MS instrument; in m/z. Melting points: Electrothermal 9200 apparatus.

Typical procedure for preparation of [2-(methylsulfanyl)imidazo[1,2-*a*]pyridin-3-yl](phenyl)methanone 4{1,1,1}



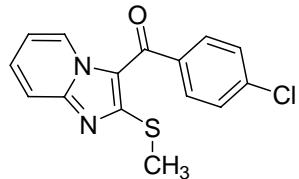
Pyridine (0.097 ml, 1.2 mmol) and phenacyl bromide (0.239 g, 1.2 mmol) were taken up in toluene (10 ml) and the mixture was stirred at rt for 1 h. To this mixture methyl thiocyanate (0.074 g, 1.0 mmol) and potassium carbonate (0.28 g, 2.0 mmol) were added and it was allowed to stir at reflux for 12 h. Upon completion, the toluene was removed under reduced pressure, then water was added and the reaction mixture was extracted with dichloromethane (3×15 ml). The organic layer was dried over Na_2SO_4 . Evaporation of the solvent followed by purification on silica gel (*n*-hexane-ethyl acetate, 90-10) afforded the pure 4{1,1,1} as yellow solid (yield 78%); mp 140-141 °C, lit.^{1,2} mp 140 °C dec. IR (KBr) (ν_{max} /cm $^{-1}$): 1490, 1571, 1597, 3060. ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ_{H} (ppm): 2.58 (3H, s, S-CH₃), 7.08-7.10 (1H, m), 7.52-7.57 (3H, m), 7.61-7.63 (1H, m), 7.68-7.72 (3H, m), 9.60 (1H, d, $^3J_{\text{HH}} = 6.9$ Hz). ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ_{C} (ppm): 15.32, 114.70, 116.24, 128.63, 129.07, 130.02, 132.05, 140.33, 148.55, 156.49, 186.05 (C=O). MS, *m/z* (%): 268 (M $^+$, 100), 235 (67), 207 (33), 163 (26), 77 (44), 51 (23).

[2-(ethylsulfanyl)imidazo[1,2-*a*]pyridin-3-yl](phenyl)methanone 4{1,1,2}



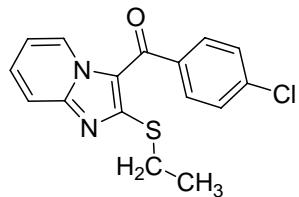
Brown solid (yield 76%); mp 136 °C dec. IR (KBr) ($\nu_{\max}/\text{cm}^{-1}$): 649, 702, 1220, 1332, 1442, 1596, 3037. ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ_{H} (ppm): 1.33 (3H, t, $^3J_{\text{HH}}= 7.3$ Hz, CH_3), 3.21 (2H, q, $^3J_{\text{HH}}= 7.3$ Hz), 7.07 (1H, t, $^3J_{\text{HH}}= 6.8$ Hz), 7.50-7.56 (3H, m), 7.61-7.68 (2H, m), 7.71-7.73 (2H, m), 9.57 (1H, d, $^3J_{\text{HH}}= 6.8$ Hz). ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ_{C} (ppm): 15.08, 26.71, 114.55, 116.26, 128.79, 129.01, 129.89, 132.10, 140.31, 148.55, 155.72, 186.21 (C=O). MS, m/z (%): 282 ($\text{M}^+, 100$), 249 (88), 234 (35), 221 (35), 177 (77), 105 (44), 77 (55).

**(4-chlorophenyl)[2-(methylsulfanyl)imidazo[1,2-*a*]pyridin-3-yl]methanone
4{1,2,1}**



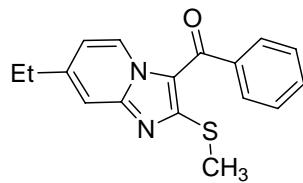
Brown solid (yield 81%); mp 152 °C, lit. 1 mp 168 °C dec. IR (KBr) ($\nu_{\max}/\text{cm}^{-1}$): 1220, 1355, 1444, 1606, 2906, 3055. ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ_{H} (ppm): 2.58 (3H, s, S- CH_3), 7.08 (1H, t, $^3J_{\text{HH}}= 6.9$ Hz), 7.45-7.54 (3H, m), 7.63-7.70 (3H, m), 9.5 (1H, d, $^3J_{\text{HH}}= 6.8$ Hz). ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ_{C} (ppm): 15.28, 114.93, 116.26, 120.38, 129.06, 129.39, 130.19, 131.92, 138.40, 138.49, 148.65, 156.52, 184.69 (C=O). MS, m/z (%): 302 ($\text{M}^+, 100$), 269 (60), 177 (45), 111 (45), 78 (60).

(4-chlorophenyl)[2-(ethylsulfanyl)imidazo[1,2-*a*]pyridin-3-yl]methanone 4{1,2,2}



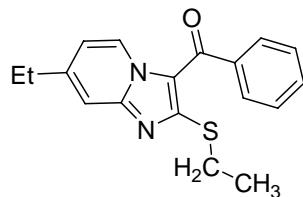
Brown solid (yield 74%); mp 146 °C dec. IR (KBr) ($\nu_{\max}/\text{cm}^{-1}$): 1220, 1334, 1440, 1608, 2827, 3130. ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ_{H} (ppm): 1.33 (3H, t, $^3J_{\text{HH}}= 7.3$ Hz, CH_3), 3.21 (2H, q, $^3J_{\text{HH}}= 7.3$ Hz, CH_2), 7.06 (1H, t, $^3J_{\text{HH}}= 6.8$ Hz), 7.49-7.53 (3H, m), 7.64-7.66 (3H, m), 9.53 (1H, d, $^3J_{\text{HH}}= 6.8$ Hz). ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ_{C} (ppm): 15.09, 26.78, 114.76, 116.29, 120.54, 129.02, 129.33, 130.22, 130.33, 138.42, 138.53, 148.60, 184.78 (C=O). MS, m/z (%): 316 ($\text{M}^+, 80$), 283 (70), 177 (100), 139 (50), 111 (50), 78 (40).

**[7-ethyl-2-(methylsulfanyl)imidazo[1,2-*a*]pyridin-3-yl](phenyl)methanone
4{2,1,1}**



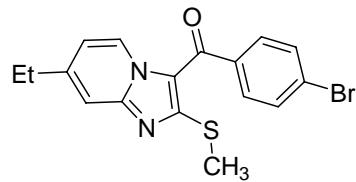
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[7-ethyl-2-(ethylsulfanyl)imidazo[1,2-*a*]pyridin-3-yl](phenyl)methanone 4{2,1,2}



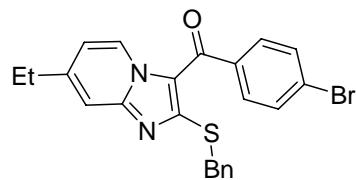
Brown solid (yield 79%); mp 139 °C dec. IR (KBr) ($\nu_{\text{max}}/\text{cm}^{-1}$): 1342, 1602, 1637, 2960. ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ_{H} (ppm): 1.28 (3H, t, $^3J_{\text{HH}}= 7.5$ Hz), 1.32 (3H, t, $^3J_{\text{HH}}= 7.5$ Hz), 2.77 (2H, q, $^3J_{\text{HH}}= 7.5$ Hz), 3.15 (2H, q, $^3J_{\text{HH}}= 7.5$ Hz), 6.89 (1H, dd, $^3J_{\text{HH}}= 7$ Hz, $^4J_{\text{HH}}= 2$ Hz), 7.26 (1H, d, $^4J_{\text{HH}}= 2$ Hz), 7.43-7.51 (2H, m), 7.55-7.59 (1H, m), 7.65-7.67 (2H, m), 9.42 (1H, d, $^3J_{\text{HH}}= 7$ Hz). ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ_{C} (ppm): 14.16, 14.64, 26.20, 28.51, 113.20, 115.49, 127.95, 128.29, 128.51, 128.61, 131.48, 140.00, 147.24, 148.66, 155.47, 185.37 (C=O). MS, m/z (%): 310 (M⁺, 90), 293 (30), 277 (90), 205 (100), 105 (45), 77 (60).

(4-bromophenyl)[7-ethyl-2-(methylsulfanyl)imidazo[1,2-*a*]pyridin-3-yl]methanone 4{2,3,1}



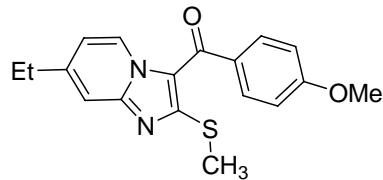
Brown solid (yield 83%); mp 137 °C dec. IR (KBr) ($\nu_{\text{max}}/\text{cm}^{-1}$): 1222, 1342, 1436, 1598, 1641, 2962. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ_{H} (ppm): 1.34 (3H, t, ³J_{HH}= 7.5 Hz), 2.56 (3H, s, S-CH₃), 2.80 (2H, q, ³J_{HH}= 7.5 Hz), 6.93 (1H, dd, ³J_{HH}= 7 Hz, ⁴J_{HH}= 1 Hz), 7.46 (1H, d, ⁴J_{HH}= 1 Hz), 7.55 (2H, d, ³J_{HH}= 8.4 Hz), 7.65 (2H, d, ³J_{HH}= 8.4 Hz), 9.44 (1H, d, ³J_{HH}= 7 Hz). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ_{C} (ppm): 14.54, 15.20, 28.00, 113.72, 116.21, 120.12, 126.60, 128.47, 130.27, 132.28, 139.17, 148.15, 149.24, 156.84, 184.27 (C=O). MS, *m/z* (%): 376 (M⁺, 30), 341 (15), 262 (20), 205 (20), 105 (60), 77 (60), 57 (100).

[2-(benzylsulfanyl)-7-ethylimidazo[1,2-a]pyridin-3-yl](4-bromophenyl)methanone 4{2,3,3}



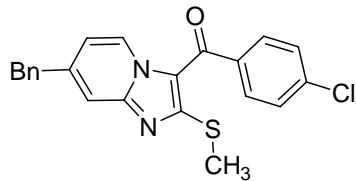
Brown solid (yield 79%); mp 139 °C dec. IR (KBr) ($\nu_{\text{max}}/\text{cm}^{-1}$): 1217, 1334, 1440, 1598, 1639, 2929, 3057. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ_{H} (ppm): 1.35 (3H, t, ³J_{HH}= 7.5 Hz, CH₃), 2.78 (2H, q, ³J_{HH}= 7.5 Hz), 4.45 (2H, s), 6.91 (1H, dd, ³J_{HH}= 7 Hz, ⁴J_{HH}= 2 Hz), 7.21-7.27 (2H, m), 7.32-7.33 (2H, m), 7.44-7.47 (3H, m), 7.53 (1H, m), 7.63-7.65 (2H, m), 9.41 (1H, d, ³J_{HH}= 7 Hz). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ_{C} (ppm): 14.18, 28.53, 36.27, 113.30, 115.61, 119.94, 127.07, 127.94, 128.34, 128.51, 128.73, 129.10, 131.62, 130.54, 139.77, 147.27, 148.45, 154.73, 185.34 (C=O). MS, *m/z* (%): 452 (M⁺, 4), 372 (28), 339 (20), 267 (24), 105 (100), 91 (50), 77 (52).

[7-ethyl-2-(methylsulfanyl)imidazo[1,2-a]pyridin-3-yl](4-methoxyphenyl)methanone 4{2,4,1}



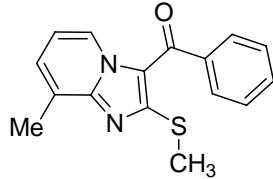
Yellow solid (yield 86%); mp 139 °C dec. IR (KBr) ($\nu_{\text{max}}/\text{cm}^{-1}$): 1258, 1336, 1427, 1595, 1641, 2908, 3024. ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ_{H} (ppm): 1.34 (3H, t, $^3J_{\text{HH}}= 7.5$ Hz, CH_3), 2.58 (3H, s, S- CH_3), 2.79 (2H, q, $^3J_{\text{HH}}= 7.5$ Hz, CH_2), 3.92 (3H, s, O- CH_3), 6.89 (1H, d, $^3J_{\text{HH}}= 7$ Hz), 7.02 (2H, d, $^3J_{\text{HH}}= 8.4$ Hz), 7.46 (1H, s), 7.71 (2H, d, $^3J_{\text{HH}}= 8.4$ Hz), 9.34 (1H, d, $^3J_{\text{HH}}= 7$ Hz). ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ_{C} (ppm): 14.61, 15.40, 28.95, 55.83, 113.63, 114.23, 115.85, 120.63, 128.22, 130.81, 131.16, 132.80, 147.30, 148.92, 163.19, 184.94 (C=O). MS, m/z (%): 326 ($\text{M}^+, 90$), 293 (55), 217 (100), 184 (50), 135 (75), 77 (40), 57 (60).

[7-benzyl-2-(methylsulfanyl)imidazo[1,2-a]pyridin-3-yl](4-chlorophenyl)methanone 4{3,2,1}



Yellow solid (yield 78%); mp 136 °C dec. IR (KBr) ($\nu_{\text{max}}/\text{cm}^{-1}$): 1222, 1353, 1438, 1595, 1639, 2845, 3028. ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ_{H} (ppm): 2.55 (3H, s, CH_3), 4.10 (2H, s, CH_2), 6.91-6.93 (1H, m), 7.24-7.26 (2H, m), 7.27-7.30 (1H, m), 7.35-7.38 (2H, m), 7.43 (1H, s), 7.48-7.50 (2H, m), 7.61-7.63 (2H, m), 9.43 (1H, d, $^3J_{\text{HH}}= 7.0$ Hz). ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ_{C} (ppm): 15.21, 42.00, 115.09, 116.56, 120.17, 127.36, 128.60, 129.32, 129.35, 129.55, 130.14, 138.26, 138.59, 138.79, 145.24, 148.96, 156.70, 184.34 (C=O). MS, m/z (%): 392 ($\text{M}^+, 85$), 359 (40), 267 (45), 181 (50), 139 (70), 111 (50), 57 (100).

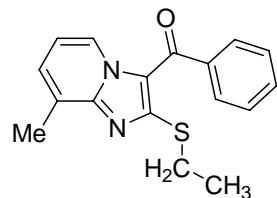
[8-methyl-2-(methylsulfanyl)imidazo[1,2-a]pyridin-3-yl](phenyl)methanone 4{4,1,1}



Brown solid (yield 75%); mp 122 °C, lit.² mp 136 °C dec. IR (KBr) ($\nu_{\text{max}}/\text{cm}^{-1}$): 1342, 1427, 1600, 2910, 3058. ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ_{H} (ppm): 2.55 (3H, s, S- CH_3), 2.62 (3H, s, CH_3), 6.93 (1H, t, $^3J_{\text{HH}}= 7$ Hz), 7.27 (1H, d, $^3J_{\text{HH}}= 7$ Hz), 7.48-7.51 (2H, m), 7.55-7.59 (1H, m), 7.65-7.67 (2H, m), 9.40 (1H, d, $^3J_{\text{HH}}= 7$ Hz). ^{13}C NMR (125

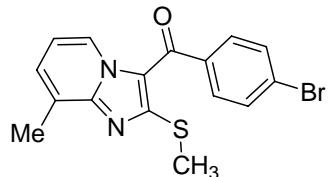
MHz, CDCl₃) δ_C (ppm): 14.88, 16.63, 114.21, 120.58, 125.94, 126.32, 128.57, 128.59, 128.74, 140.04, 148.14, 155.17, 185.59 (C=O). MS, *m/z* (%): 282 (M⁺,100), 249 (80), 221 (40), 177 (35), 92 (37), 77 (48).

**[2-(ethylsulfanyl)-8-methylimidazo[1,2-*a*]pyridin-3-yl](phenyl)methanone
4{4,1,2}**



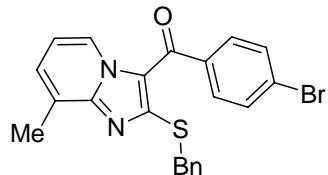
Brown solid (yield 74%); mp 135 °C dec. IR (KBr) ($\nu_{\text{max}}/\text{cm}^{-1}$): 1336, 1450, 1573, 1602, 2958. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ_H (ppm): 1.29 (3H, t, ³J_{HH}= 7.5 Hz), 2.62 (3H, s, CH₃), 3.18 (2H, q, ³J_{HH}= 7.5 Hz, CH₂), 6.92 (1H, dd, ³J_{HH}= 7 Hz, ³J_{HH}= 6.5 Hz), 7.26 (1H, d, ³J_{HH}= 7 Hz), 7.48-7.51 (2H, m), 7.57 (1H, m), 7.66-7.68 (2H, m), 9.37 (1H, d, ³J_{HH}= 6.5 Hz). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ_C (ppm): 14.74, 16.63, 26.37, 114.06, 120.76, 125.92, 126.26, 128.35, 128.44, 128.51, 131.53, 140.00, 148.15, 154.41, 185.74 (C=O). MS, *m/z* (%): 296 (M⁺,100), 263 (95), 248 (50), 235 (50), 191 (80), 105 (40), 77 (70).

**(4-bromophenyl)[8-methyl-2-(methylsulfanyl)imidazo[1,2-*a*]pyridin-3-yl]
methanone 4{4,3,1}**



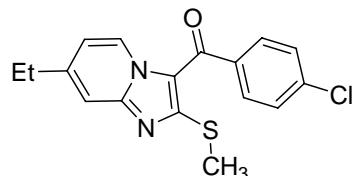
Brown solid (yield 77%); mp 139 °C dec. IR (KBr) ($\nu_{\text{max}}/\text{cm}^{-1}$): 1255, 1342, 1485, 1598, 1641, 2956, 3382. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ_H (ppm): 2.60 (3H, s, S-CH₃), 2.65 (3H, s, CH₃), 6.95-6.98 (1H, m), 7.29-7.32 (1H, m), 7.56-7.57 (2H, m), 7.65-7.67 (2H, m), 9.40 (1H, d, ³J_{HH}= 6.8 Hz). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ_C (ppm): 15.23, 17.05, 114.82, 116.56, 120.78, 126.50, 129.32, 130.76, 132.29, 132.56, 139.21, 148.73, 155.77, 184.67 (C=O). MS, *m/z* (%): 362 (M⁺,20), 360 (18), 177 (100), 135 (20), 77 (35).

[2-(benzylsulfanyl)-8-methylimidazo[1,2-*a*]pyridin-3-yl](4-bromophenyl) methanone 4{4,3,3}



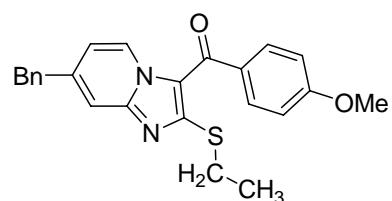
Brown solid (yield 72%); mp 139 °C dec. IR (KBr) ($\nu_{\text{max}}/\text{cm}^{-1}$): 1342, 1430, 1596, 1672, 2945. ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ_{H} (ppm): 2.69 (3H, s, CH_3), 4.49 (2H, s, CH_2), 6.95 (1H, dd, $^3J_{\text{HH}}= 7$ Hz, $^3J_{\text{HH}}= 6.9$ Hz), 7.24 (1H, d, $^3J_{\text{HH}}= 7$ Hz), 7.27-7.31 (3H, m), 7.39-7.40 (2H, m), 7.53 (2H, d, $^3J_{\text{HH}}= 8.4$ Hz), 7.61 (2H, d, $^3J_{\text{HH}}= 8.4$ Hz), 9.35 (1H, d, $^3J_{\text{HH}}= 6.9$ Hz). ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ_{C} (ppm): 17.16, 36.67, 114.80, 120.78, 126.56, 126.72, 126.87, 127.53, 128.73, 129.20, 129.70, 130.54, 132.23, 138.60, 138.98, 148.54, 154.14, 184.73 (C=O). MS, m/z (%): 438 ($\text{M}^+, 10$), 382 (10), 253 (15), 181 (15), 105 (100), 91 (20), 77 (50).

(4-chlorophenyl)[7-ethyl-2-(methylsulfanyl)imidazo[1,2-*a*]pyridin-3-yl]methanone 4{2,2,1}



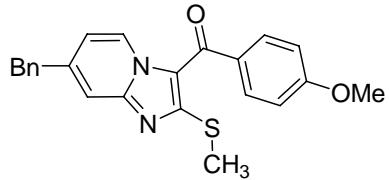
Brown solid (yield 77%); mp 137 °C dec. IR (KBr) ($\nu_{\text{max}}/\text{cm}^{-1}$): 1210, 1338, 1434, 1587, 1637, 2968, 3453. ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ_{H} (ppm): 1.35 (3H, t, $^3J_{\text{HH}}= 7.5$ Hz), 2.57 (3H, s, CH_3), 2.80 (2H, q, $^3J_{\text{HH}}= 7.5$ Hz, CH_2), 6.94 (1H, d, $^3J_{\text{HH}}= 6.9$ Hz), 7.47-7.50 (3H, m), 7.61-7.63 (2H, m), 9.45 (1H, d, $^3J_{\text{HH}}= 6.9$ Hz). ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ_{C} (ppm): 14.56, 15.23, 28.99, 113.70, 116.25, 120.16, 128.47, 129.34, 130.13, 138.16, 138.17, 148.20, 149.19, 156.73, 184.26 (C=O). MS, m/z (%): 330 ($\text{M}^+, 100$), 297 (60), 205 (50), 139 (70), 111 (50), 57 (30).

[7-benzyl-2-(ethylsulfanyl)imidazo[1,2-*a*]pyridin-3-yl](4-methoxyphenyl) methanone 4{3,4,2}



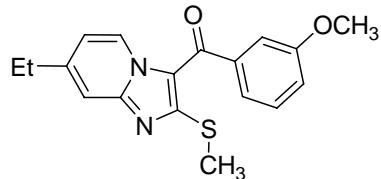
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[7-benzyl-2-(methylsulfanyl)imidazo[1,2-*a*]pyridin-3-yl](4-methoxyphenyl) methanone 4{3,4,1}



Yellow solid (yield 84%); mp 144 °C dec. IR (KBr) ($\nu_{\text{max}}/\text{cm}^{-1}$): 1255, 1340, 1431, 1598, 1637, 2923, 3062. ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ_{H} (ppm): 2.56 (3H, s, S- CH_3), 3.91 (3H, s, OCH_3), 4.08 (2H, s, CH_2), 6.86-6.88 (1H, m), 7.01 (2H, d, $^3J_{\text{HH}}= 8.2$ Hz), 7.24-7.29 (3H, m), 7.33-7.40 (3H, m), 7.71 (2H, d, $^3J_{\text{HH}}= 8.2$ Hz), 9.32 (1H, d, $^3J_{\text{HH}}= 7.1$ Hz). ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ_{C} (ppm): 15.36, 41.97, 55.89, 114.25, 115.17, 116.12, 120.65, 127.28, 128.36, 129.28, 129.55, 131.20, 132.68, 138.96, 144.31, 148.71, 155.26, 163.25, 184.98 (C=O). MS, m/z (%): 388 ($\text{M}^+, 100$), 255 (65), 267 (40), 135 (75), 77 (25).

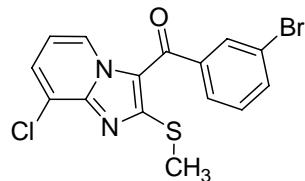
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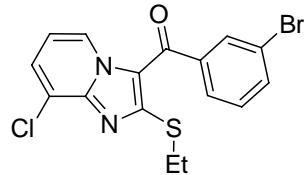
7.40-7.46 (2H, m), 9.45 (1H, d, $^3J_{HH} = 7$ Hz). ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ_{C} (ppm): 14.71, 15.38, 28.96, 55.86, 113.21, 113.64, 114.65, 116.08, 118.31, 120.98, 128.49, 130.19, 141.62, 147.87, 149.07, 156.77, 160.11, 185.25 (C=O). MS, m/z (%): 326 ($\text{M}^+, 100$), 293 (70), 217 (75), 191 (30), 77 (35).

(3-bromophenyl)[8-chloro-2-(methylsulfanyl)imidazo[1,2-*a*]pyridin-3-yl]methanone 4{5,5,1}



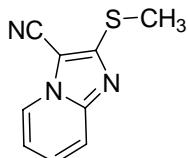
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(3-bromophenyl)[8-chloro-2-(ethylsulfanyl)imidazo[1,2-*a*]pyridin-3-yl]methanone 4{5,5,2}



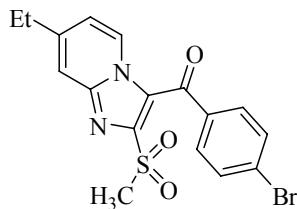
White solid (yield 81%); mp 114 °C dec. IR (KBr) ($\nu_{\text{max}}/\text{cm}^{-1}$): 1193, 1333, 1421, 1596, 2958, 3100. ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ_{H} (ppm): 1.35 (3H, t, $^3J_{HH} = 7.2$ Hz, CH₃), 3.28 (2H, q, $^3J_{HH} = 7.2$ Hz, CH₂), 6.99 (1H, t, $^3J_{HH} = 7.0$ Hz), 7.40-7.42 (1H, m), 7.57 (1H, d, $^3J_{HH} = 7.0$ Hz), 7.61-7.63 (1H, m), 7.72-7.74 (1H, m), 7.81-7.82 (1H, m), 9.47 (1H, d, $^3J_{HH} = 7.0$ Hz). ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ_{C} (ppm): 14.62, 26.59, 113.91, 122.00, 122.69, 126.92, 128.64, 130.24, 131.48, 134.74, 141.09, 145.54, 156.10, 184.52 (C=O). MS, m/z (%): 396 ($\text{M}^+, 30$), 326 (60), 211 (70), 149 (100), 43 (75).

Procedure for preparation of 2-(methylsulfanyl)imidazo[1,2-*a*]pyridine-3-yl cyanide **6**



Pyridine (0.097 ml, 1.2 mmol) and chloroacetonitrile (0.076 ml, 1.2 mmol) were taken up in toluene (10 ml) and the mixture was stirred at reflux for 72 h. To this mixture methyl thiocyanate (0.074 g, 1.0 mmol) and potassium carbonate (0.28 g, 2.0 mmol) were added and it was allowed to stir at reflux for 24 h. Upon completion, the toluene was removed under reduced pressure, then water was added and the reaction mixture was extracted with dichloromethane (3×15 ml). The organic layer was dried over Na_2SO_4 . Evaporation of the solvent followed by purification on silica gel (*n*-hexane-ethyl acetate, 90-10) afforded the pure **6** as Brown solid (yield 66%); mp 134 °C, lit.² mp 132 °C dec. IR (KBr) (ν_{max} /cm⁻¹): 1336, 1461, 1627, 2202, 2959, 3305. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ_{H} (ppm): 2.77 (3H, s, S-CH₃), 7.05-7.08 (1H, m), 7.42-7.45 (1H, m), 7.65-7.66 (1H, m), 8.25-8.26 (1H, m). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ_{C} (ppm): 14.72, 111.64, 114.95, 117.29, 125.66, 129.07, 147.21, 154.80. MS, *m/z* (%): 189 (M⁺, 100), 156 (50), 144 (20), 78 (40).

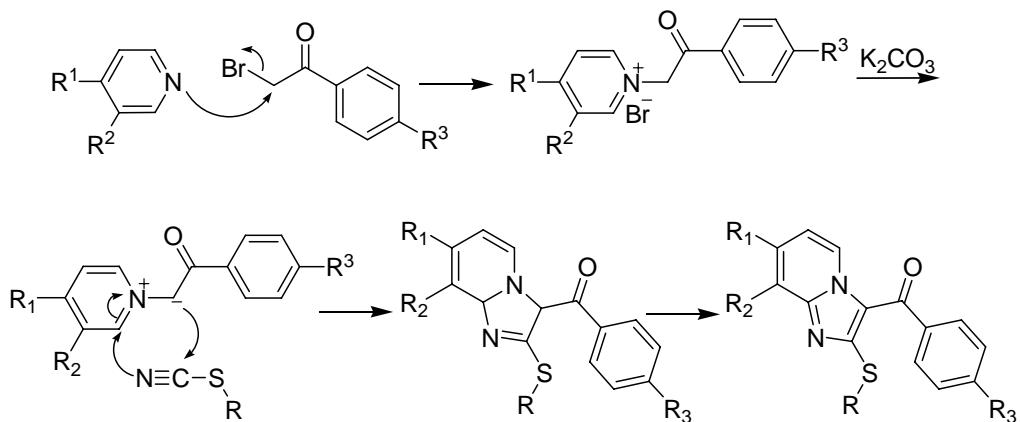
Procedure for preparation of (4-bromophenyl)[7-ethyl-2-(methylsulfonyl)imidazo[1,2-*a*]pyridin-3-yl]methanone **7**



A solution of (4-bromophenyl)[7-ethyl-2-(methylsulfonyl)imidazo[1,2-*a*]pyridin-3-yl]methanone **4**{2,3,1} (0.37 g, 1.0 mmol) in 10 ml CH_2Cl_2 was cooled to 0 °C. Then, *m*-CPBA (0.26 g, 1.5 mmol), dissolved in 15 ml CH_2Cl_2 , was added dropwise to the stirred solution of **4**{2,3,1}. The reaction progress was monitored by TLC. After stirring for 3 h, water was added and the reaction mixture was extracted with CH_2Cl_2 (3×15 ml). The organic layer was dried over Na_2SO_4 . Evaporation of the solvent

followed by purification on silica gel (*n*-hexane-ethyl acetate, 90-10) afforded the pure title compound as white solid (yield 96%); mp 201 °C dec. IR (KBr) (ν_{max} /cm⁻¹): 823, 1228, 1321, 1477, 1631, 2877, 3006. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ_{H} (ppm): 1.37 (3H, t, ³J_{HH}= 7.5 Hz), 2.83 (2H, q, ³J_{HH}= 7.5 Hz), 3.30 (3H, s, SO₂CH₃), 7.03 (1H, dd, ³J_{HH}= 7.2 Hz, ⁴J_{HH}= 1.57 Hz), 7.59 (1H, s), 7.68 (2H, d, ³J_{HH}= 10.5 Hz), 7.80 (2H, d, ³J_{HH}= 10.5 Hz), 8.76 (1H, d, ³J_{HH}= 7.2 Hz). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ_{C} (ppm): 14.44, 28.98, 43.34, 116.04, 118.38, 120.82, 127.29, 129.51, 131.48, 132.29, 138.54, 146.67, 147.87, 148.69, 185.67 (C=O). MS, *m/z* (%): 408 (M⁺, 23), 167 (44), 149 (100), 71 (53), 57 (68), 43 (46).

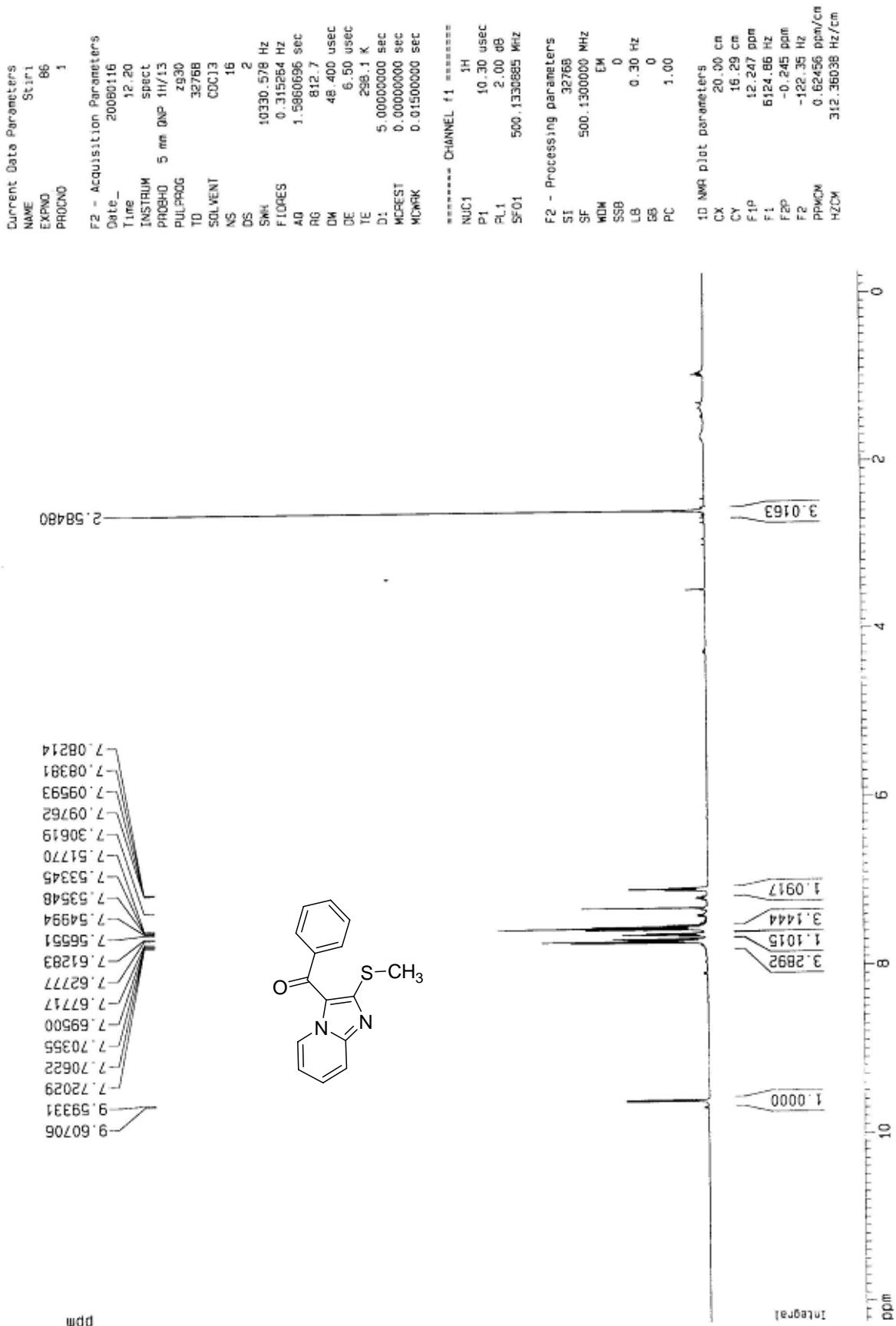
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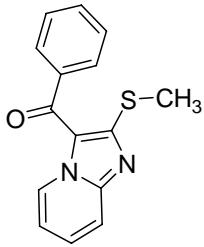


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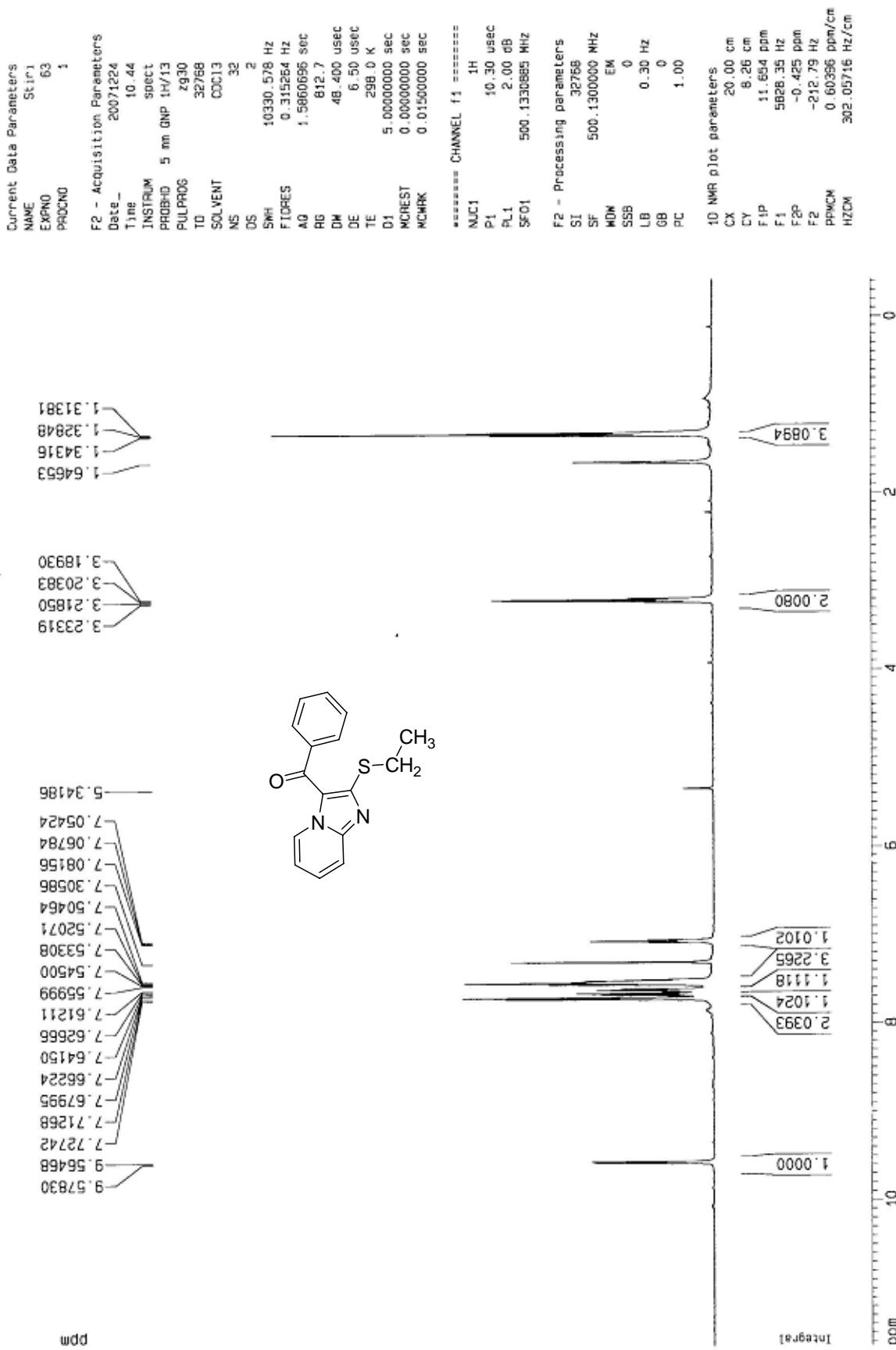
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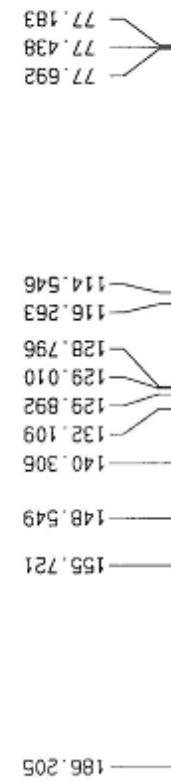
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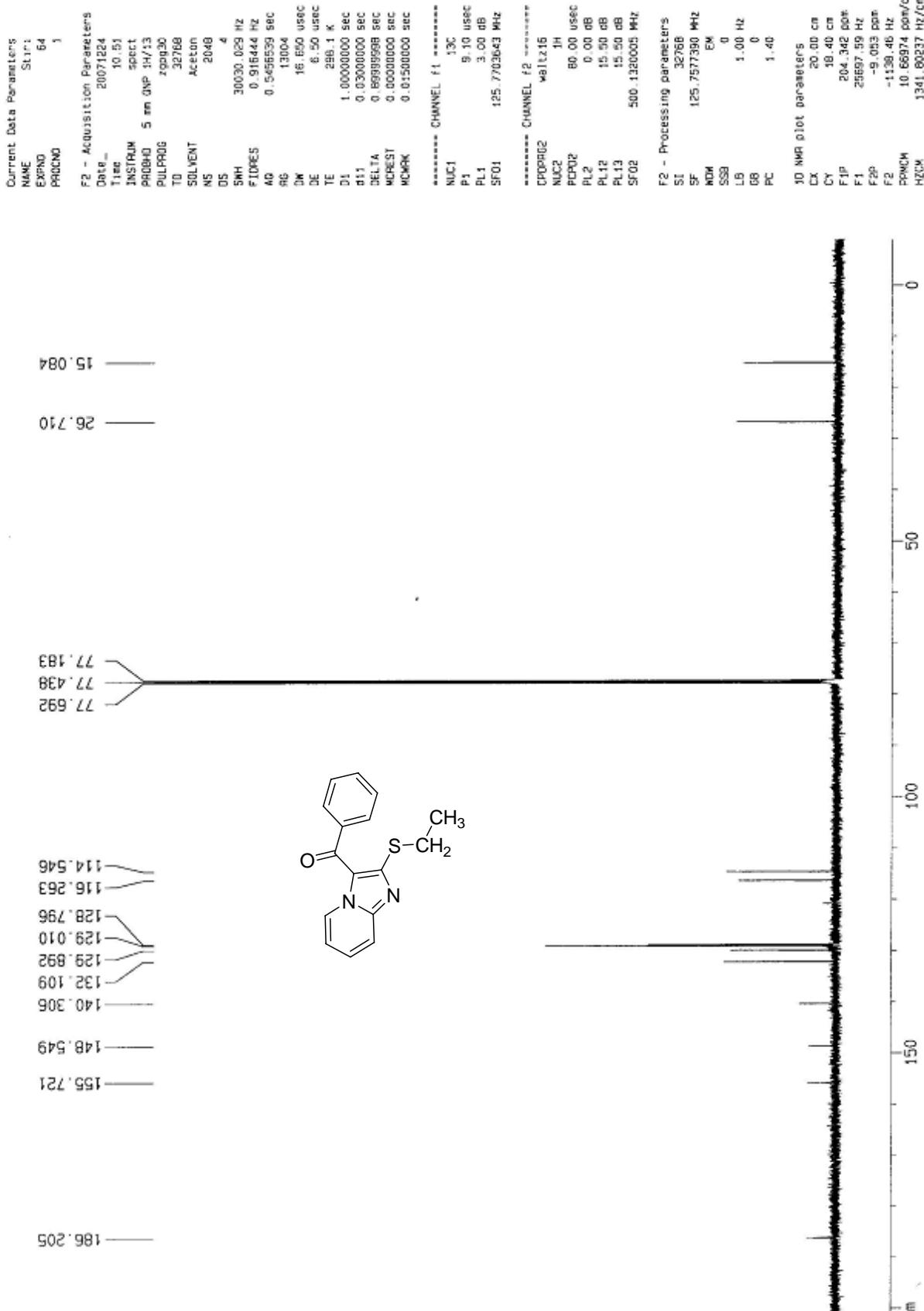
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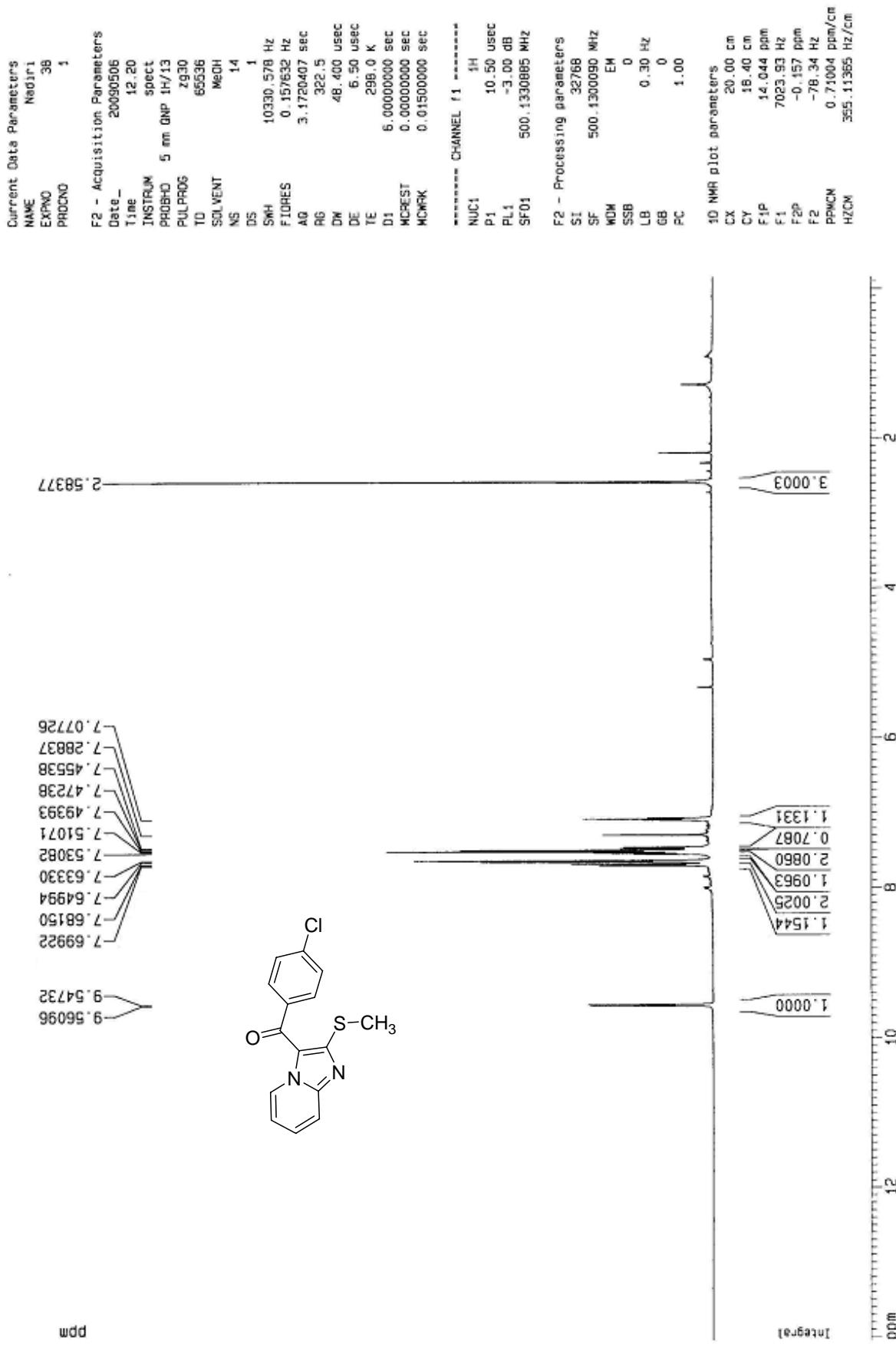
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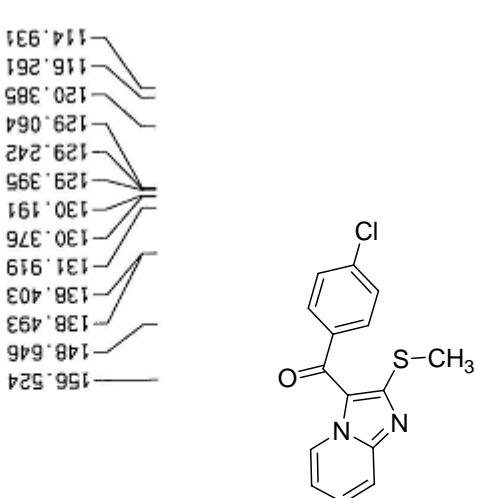
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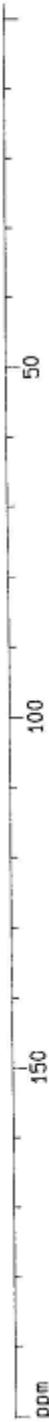
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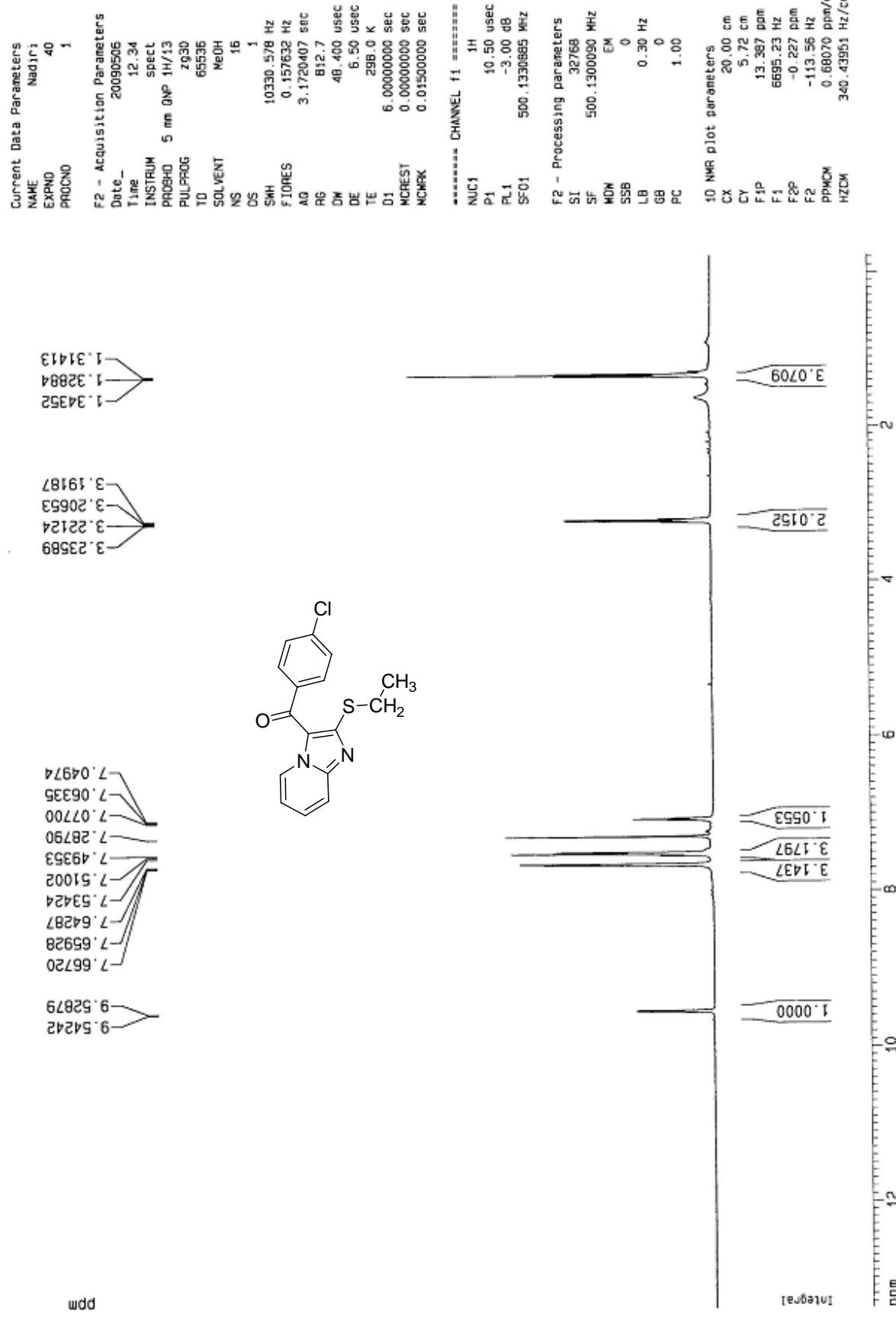
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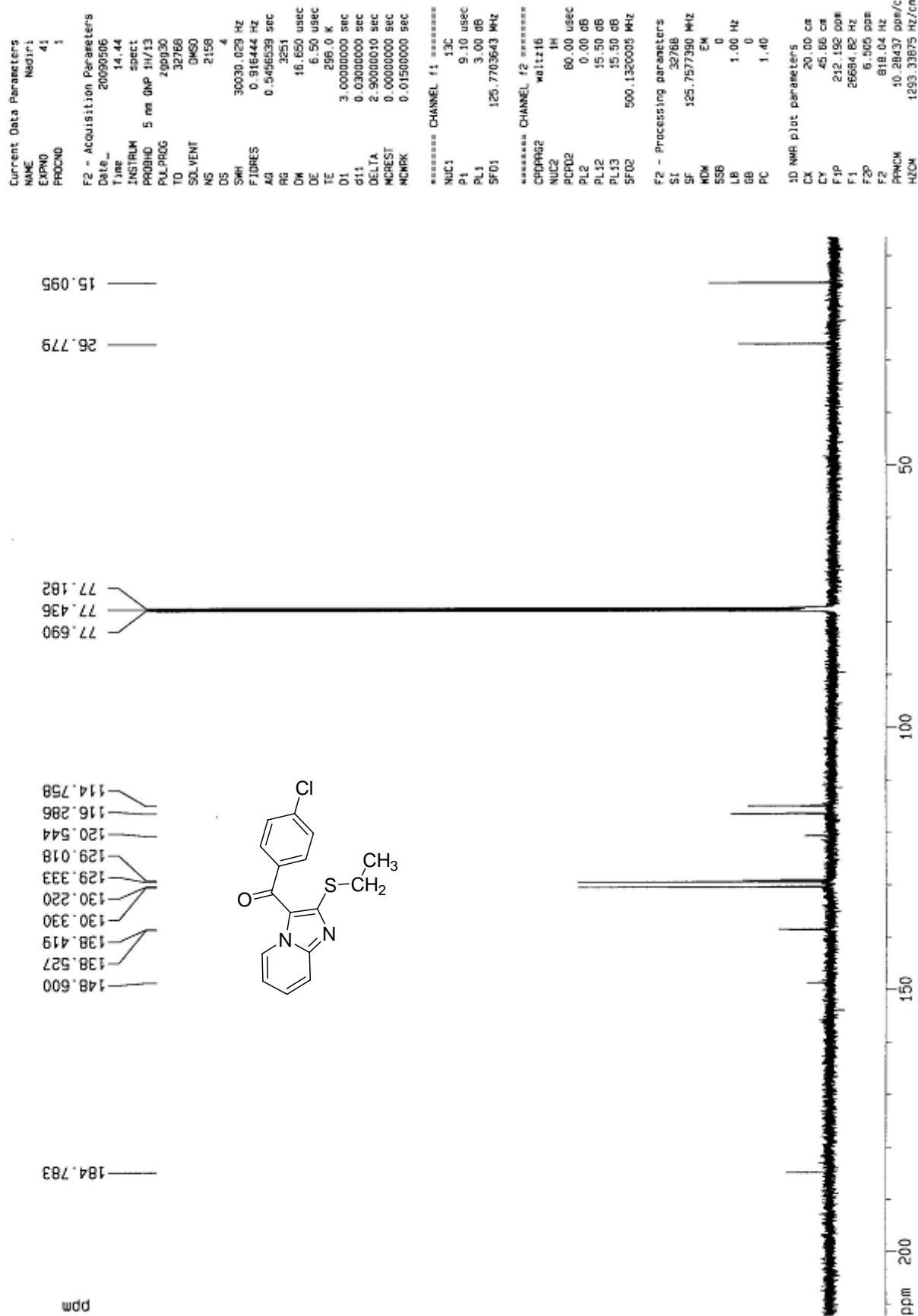
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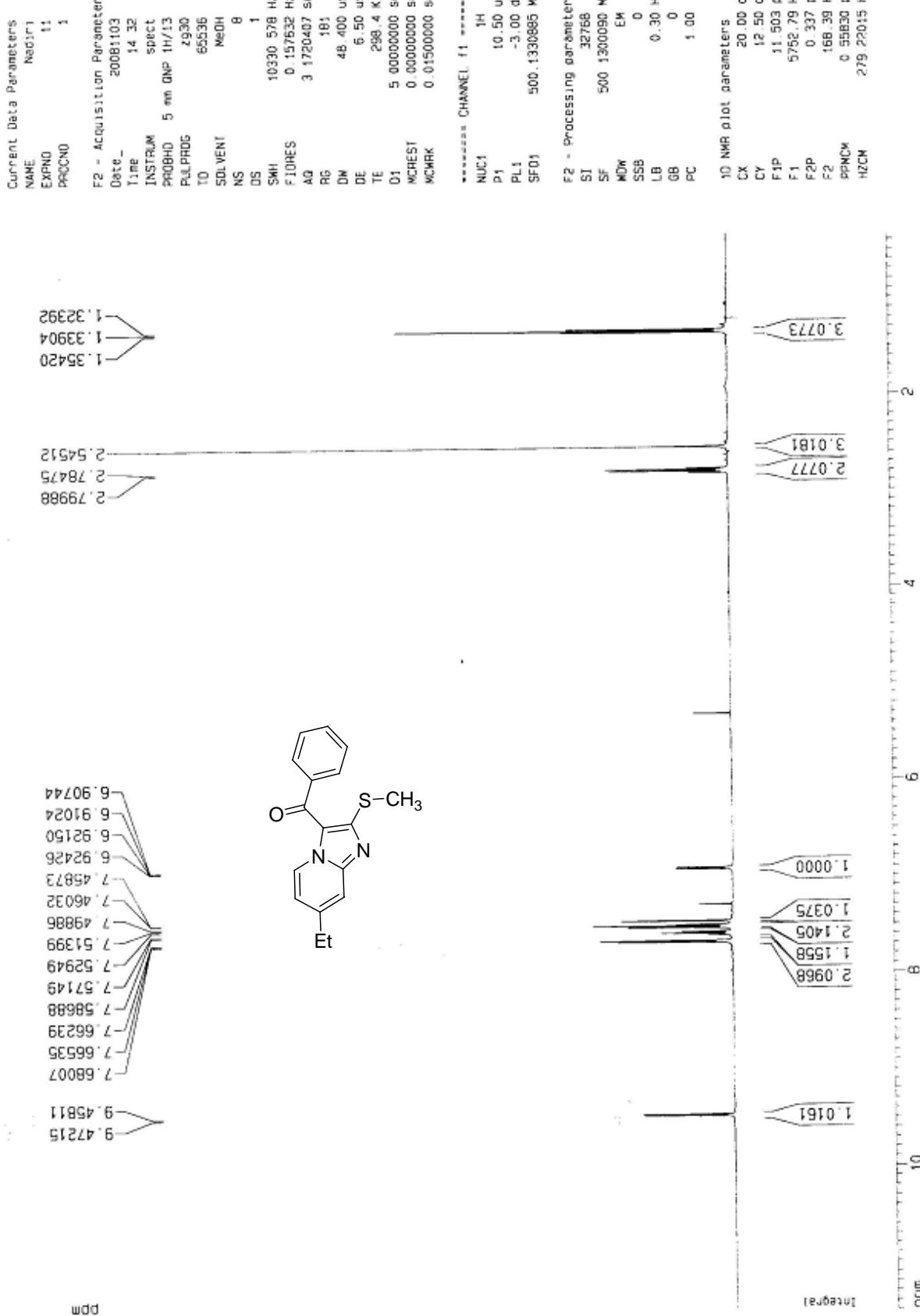
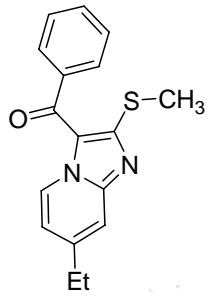
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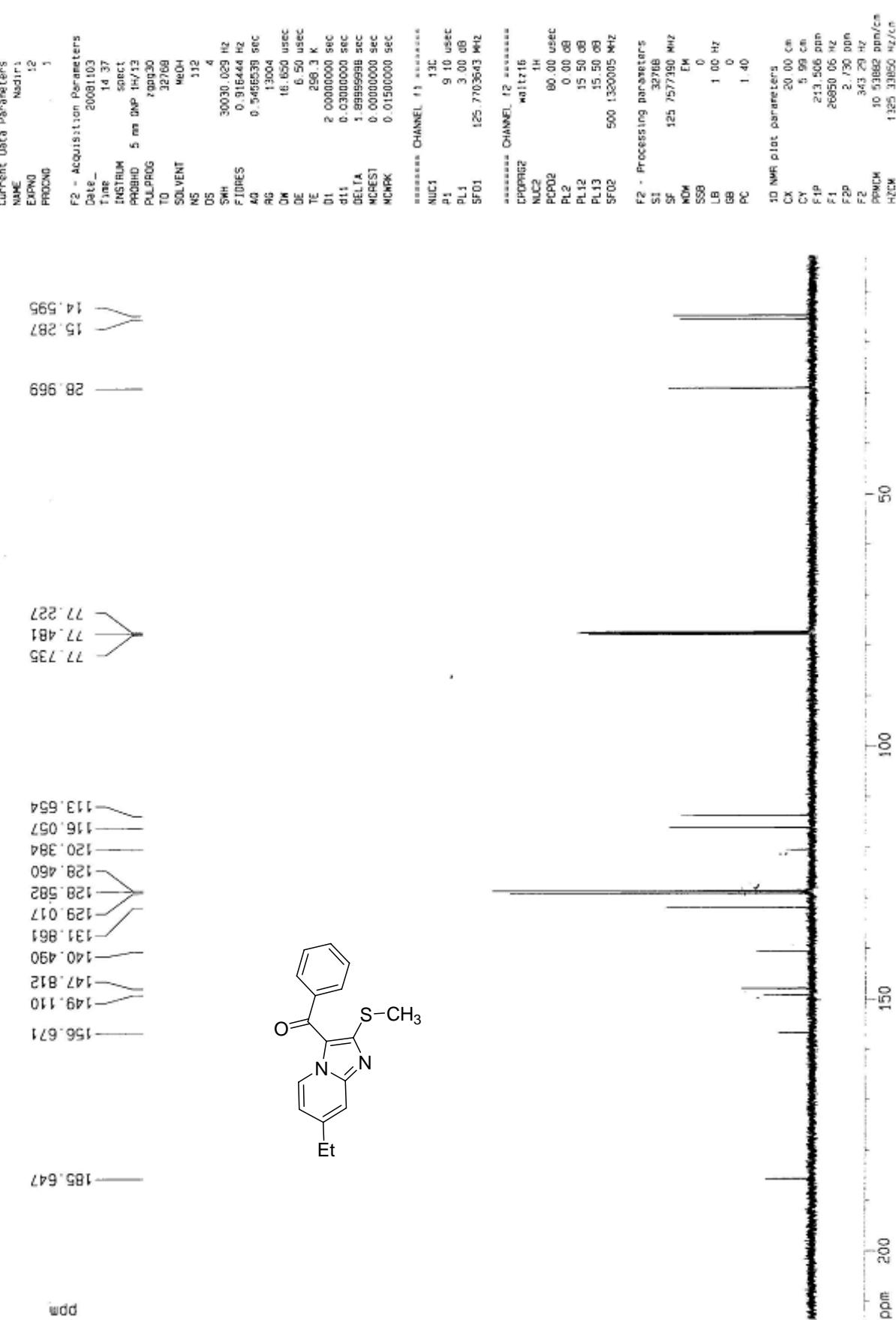




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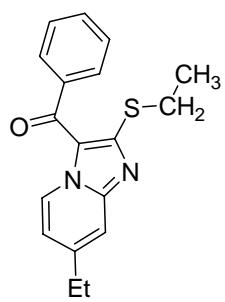
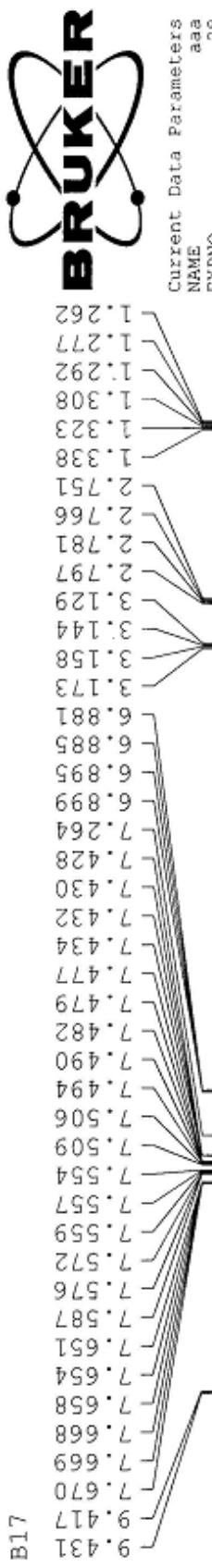


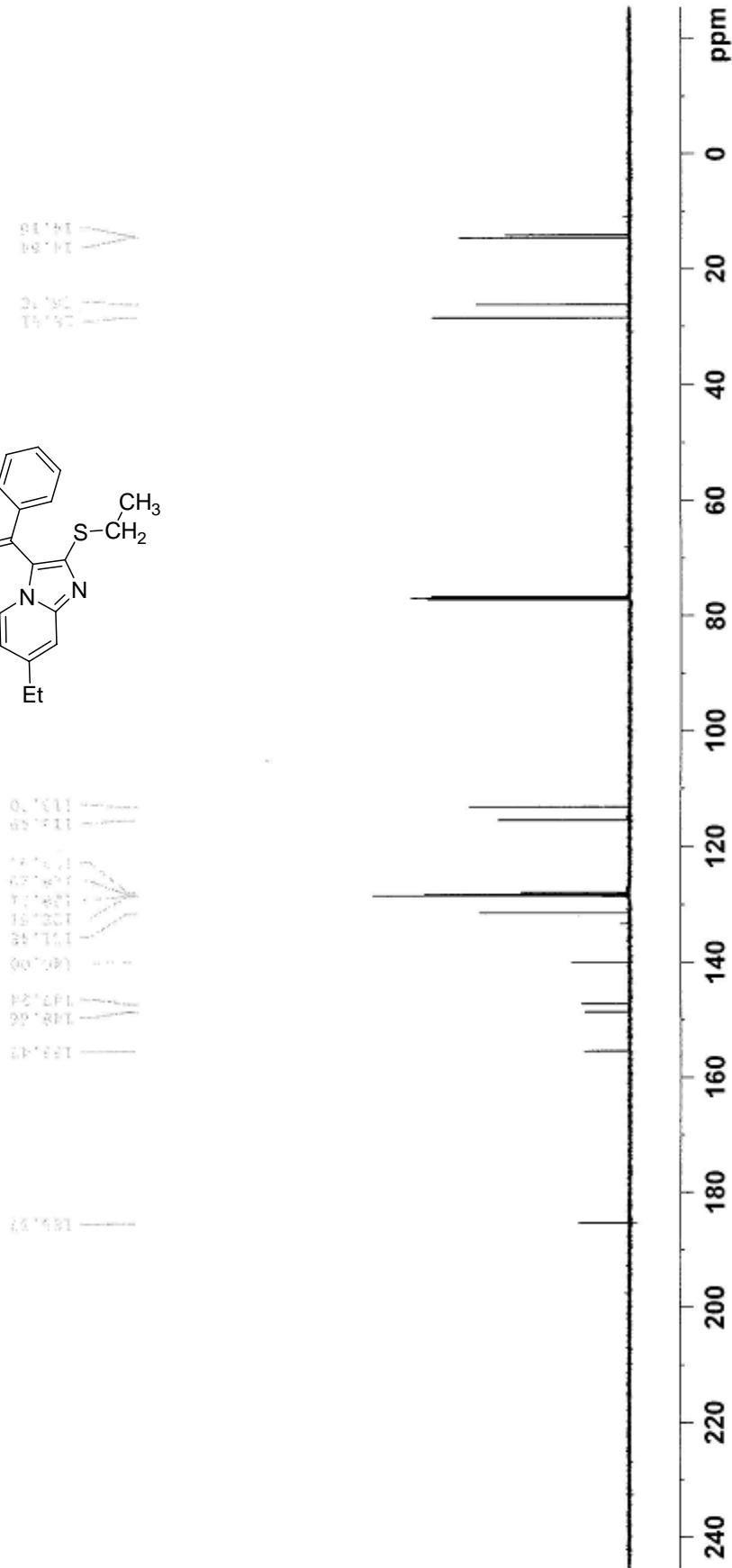
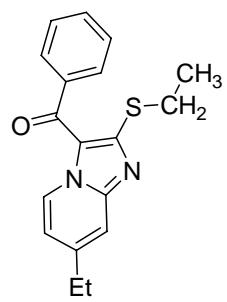
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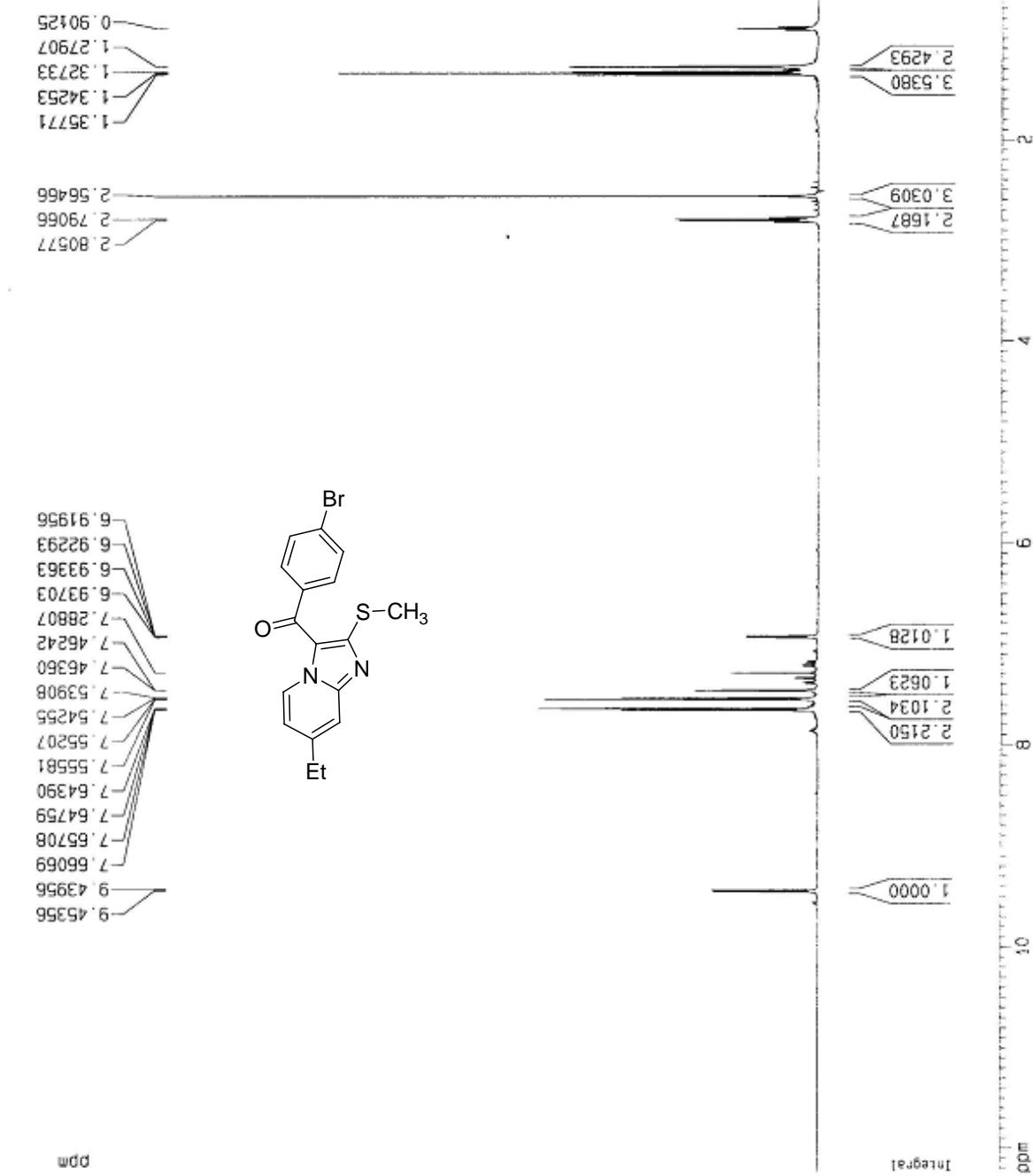
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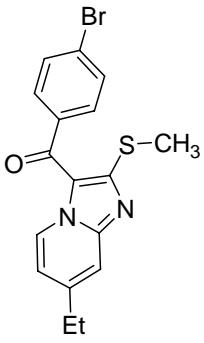
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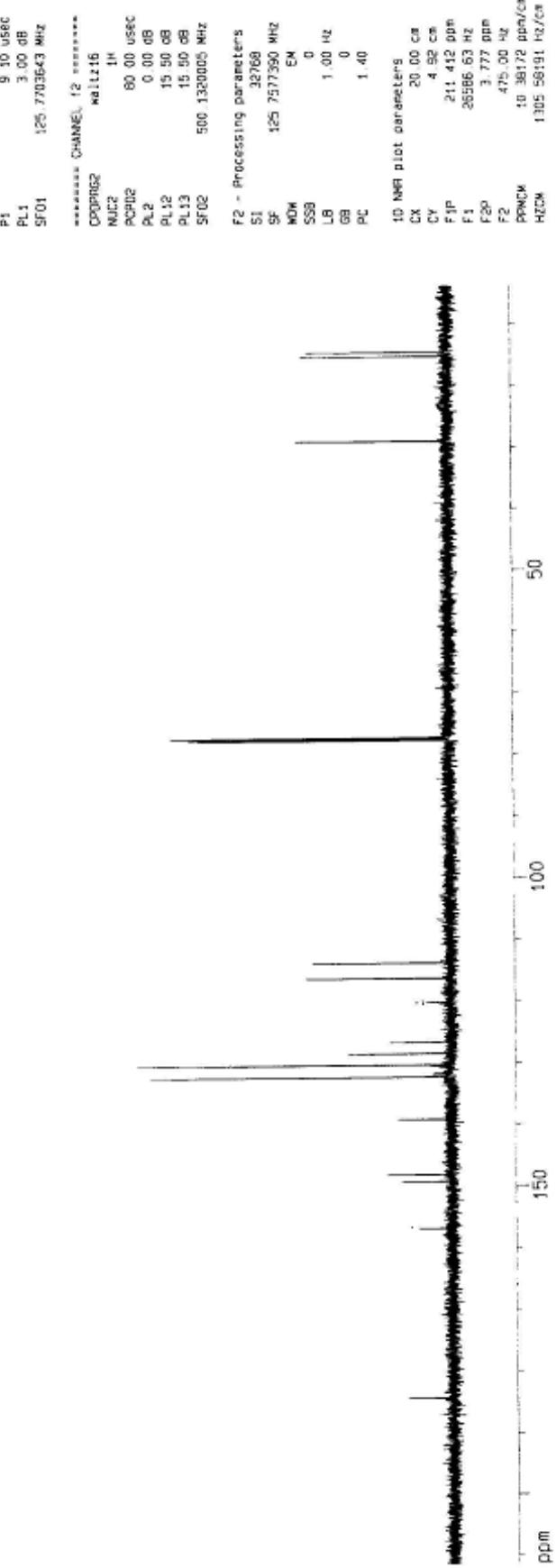
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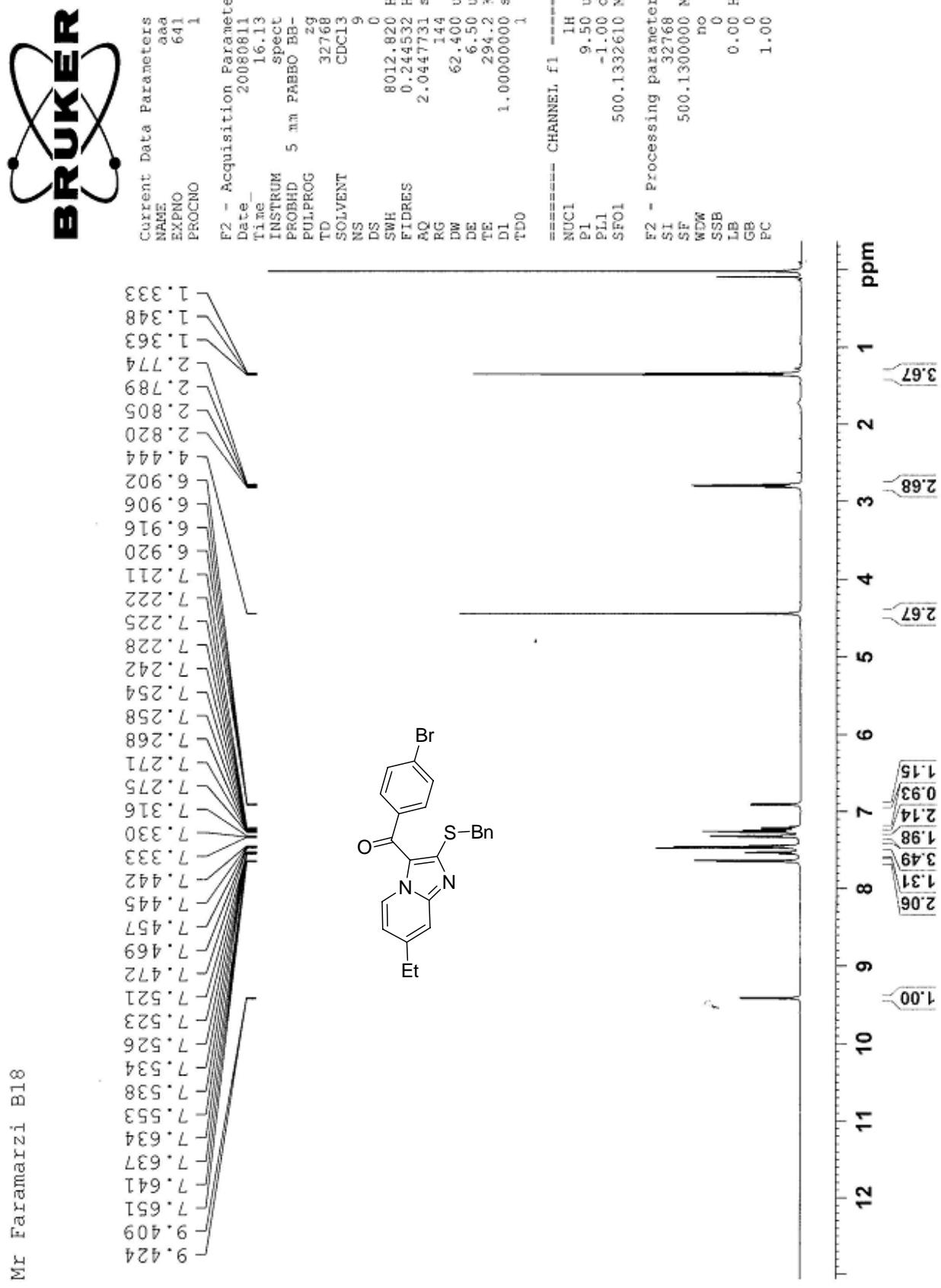
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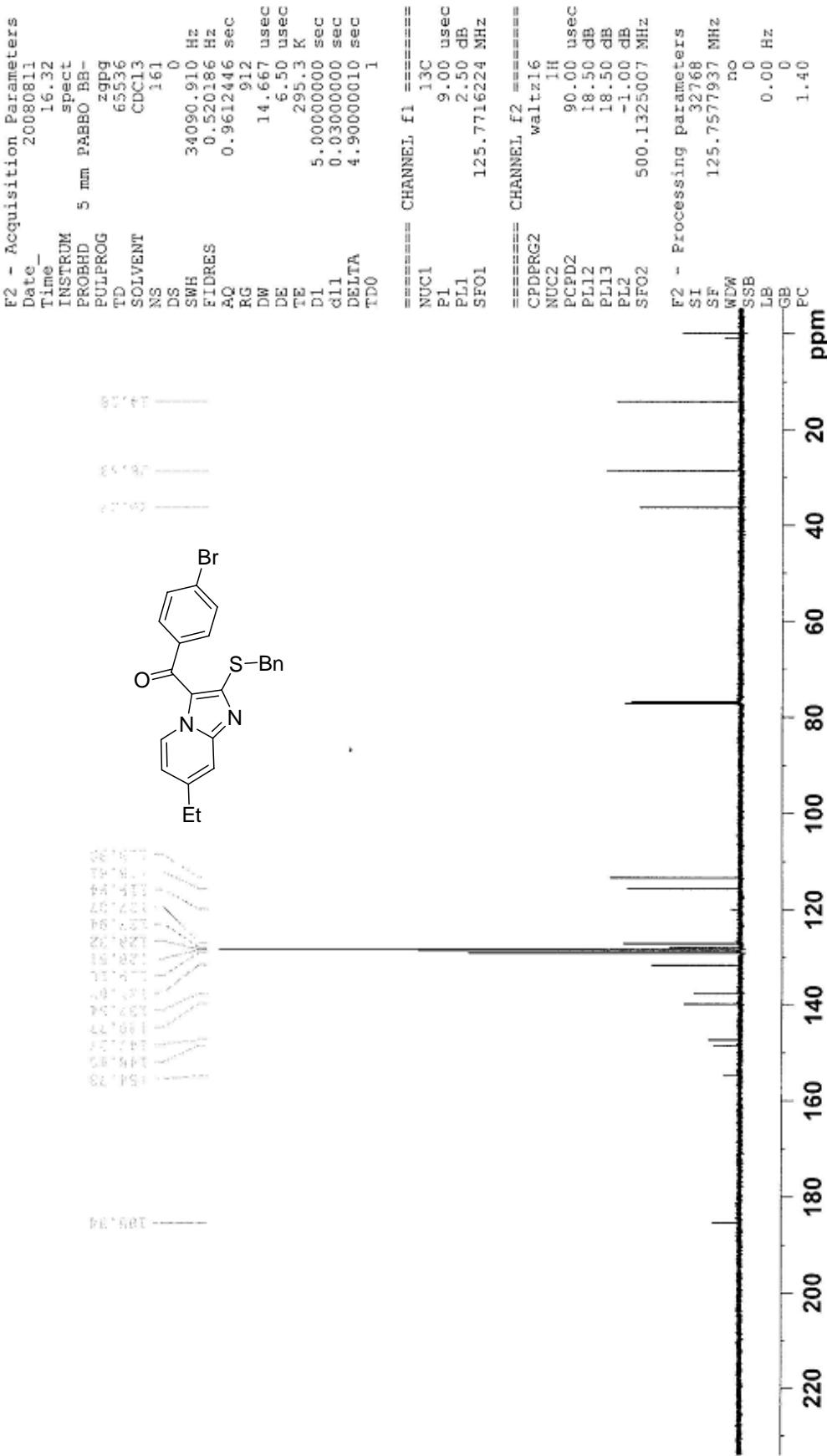
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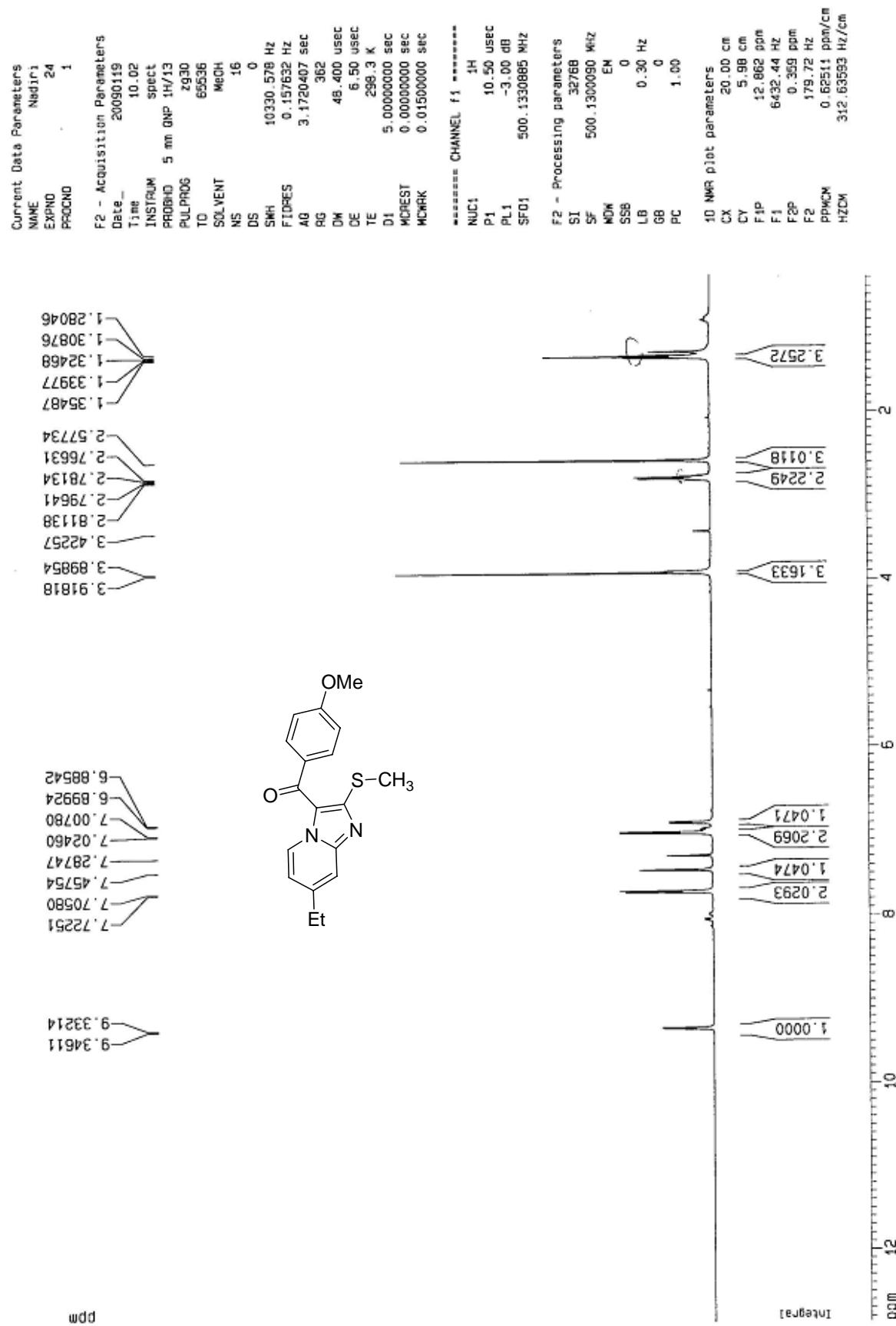




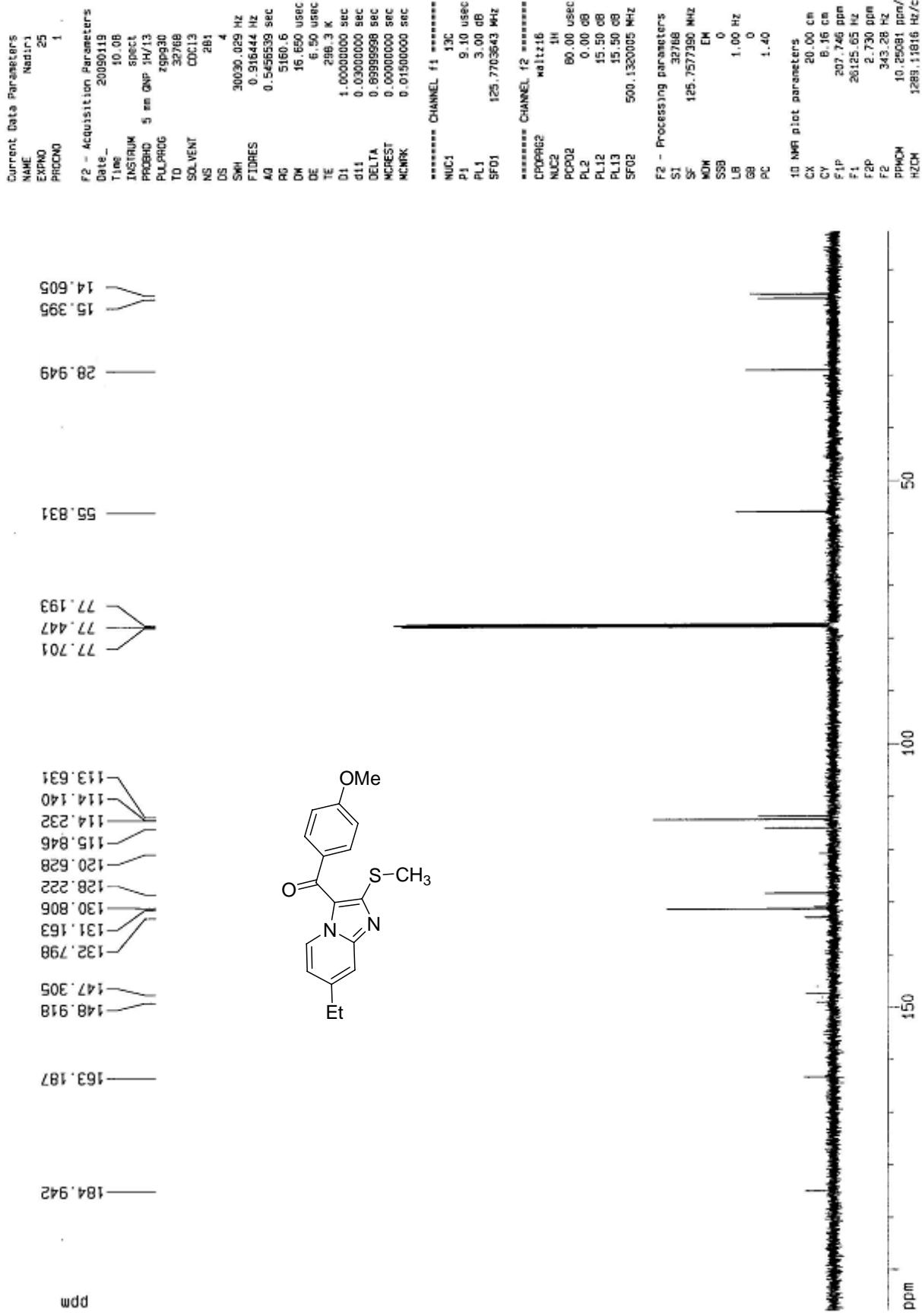


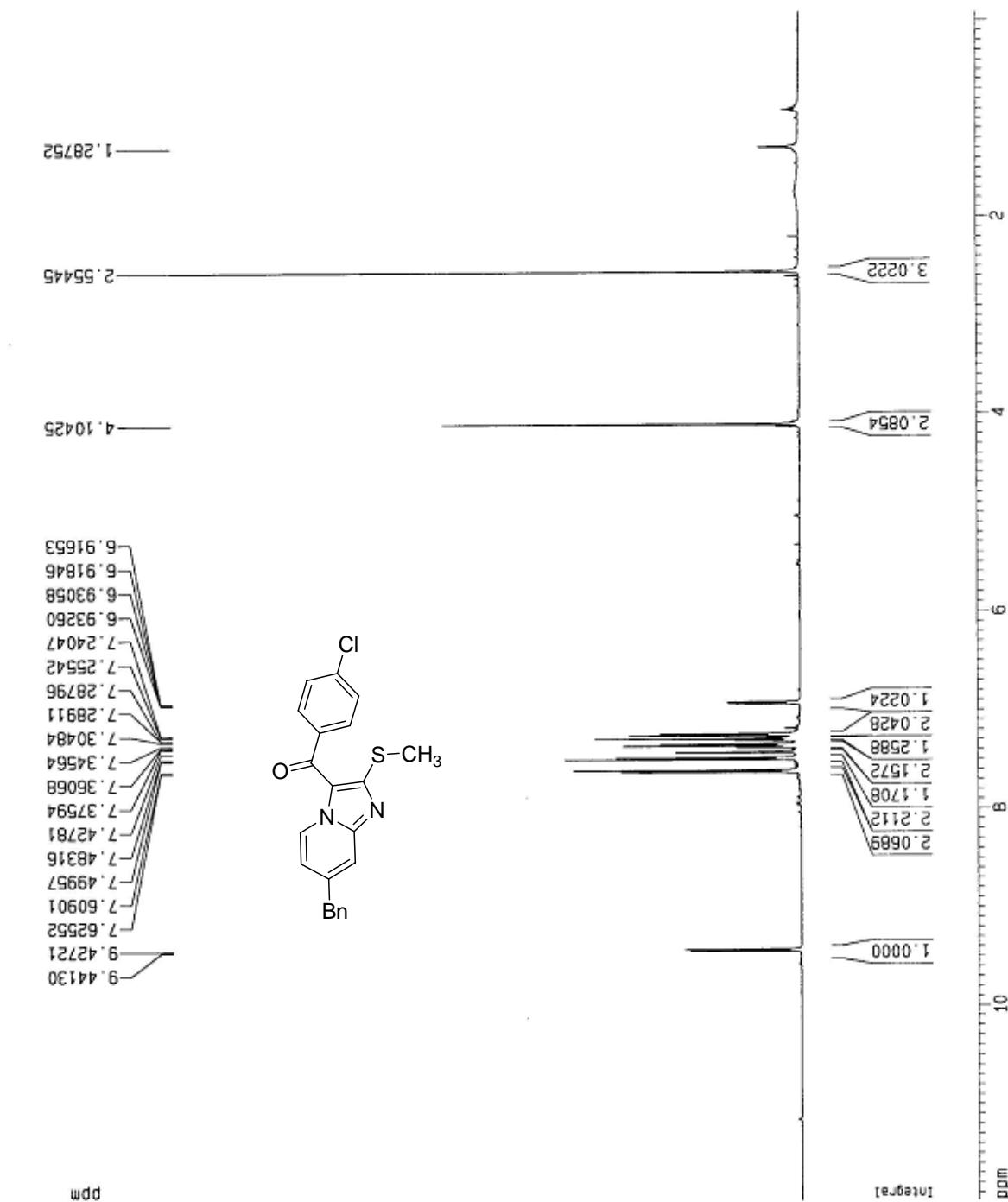
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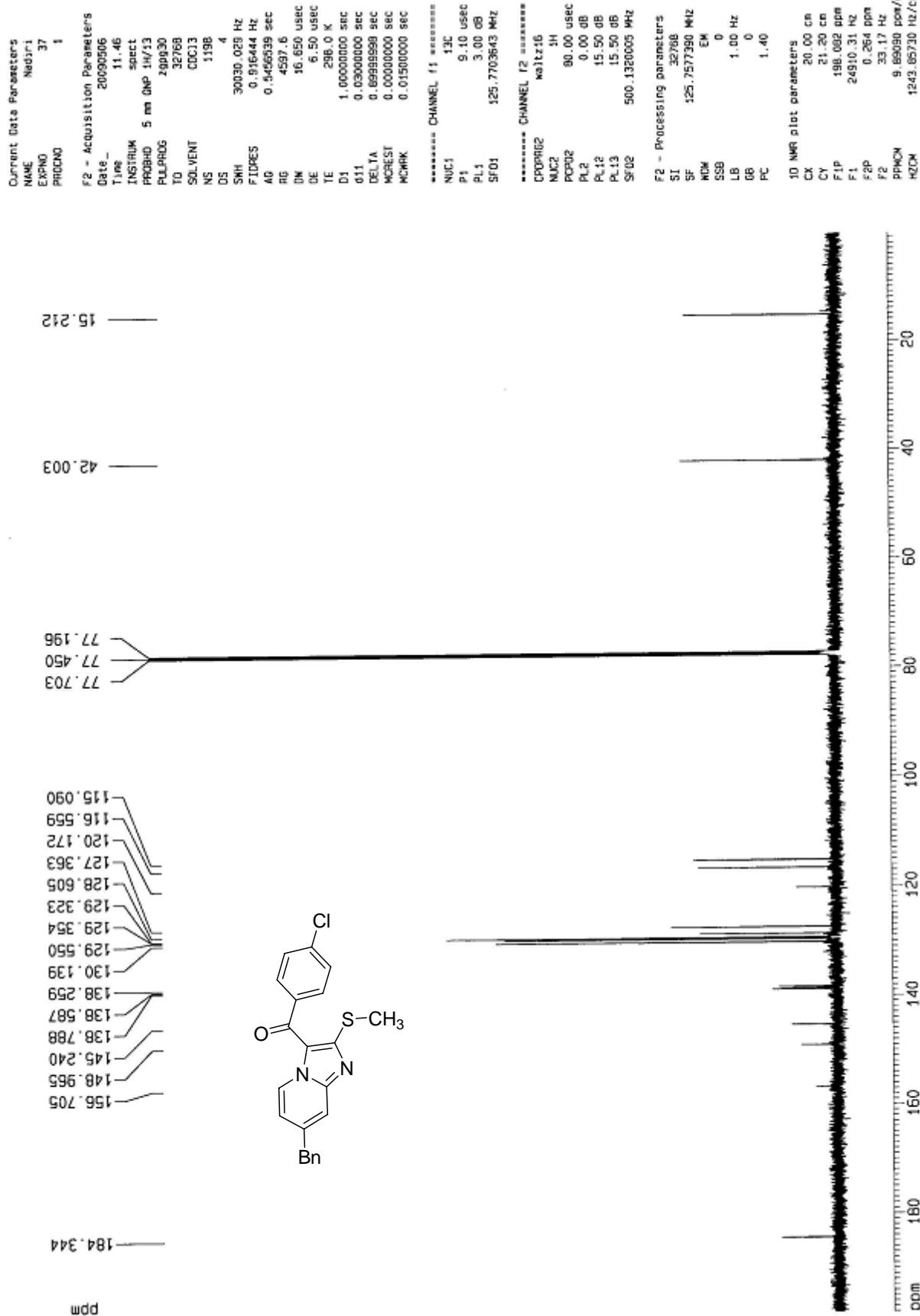


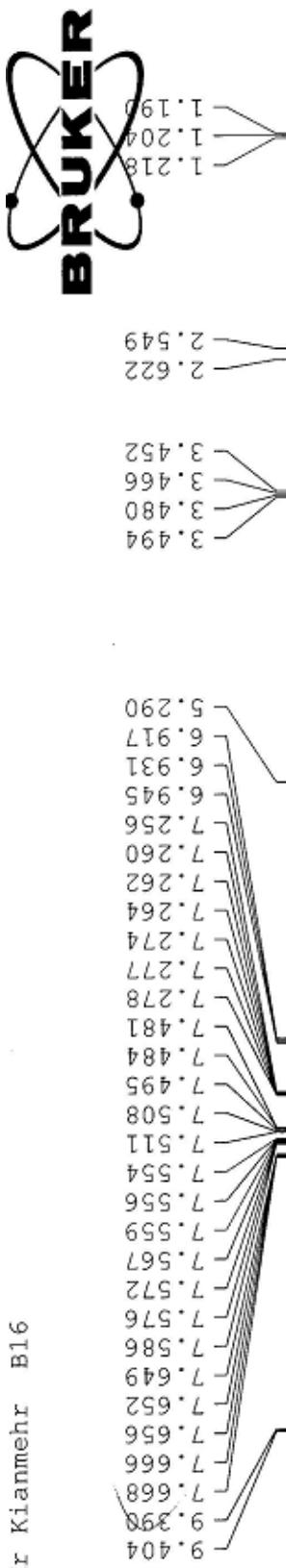
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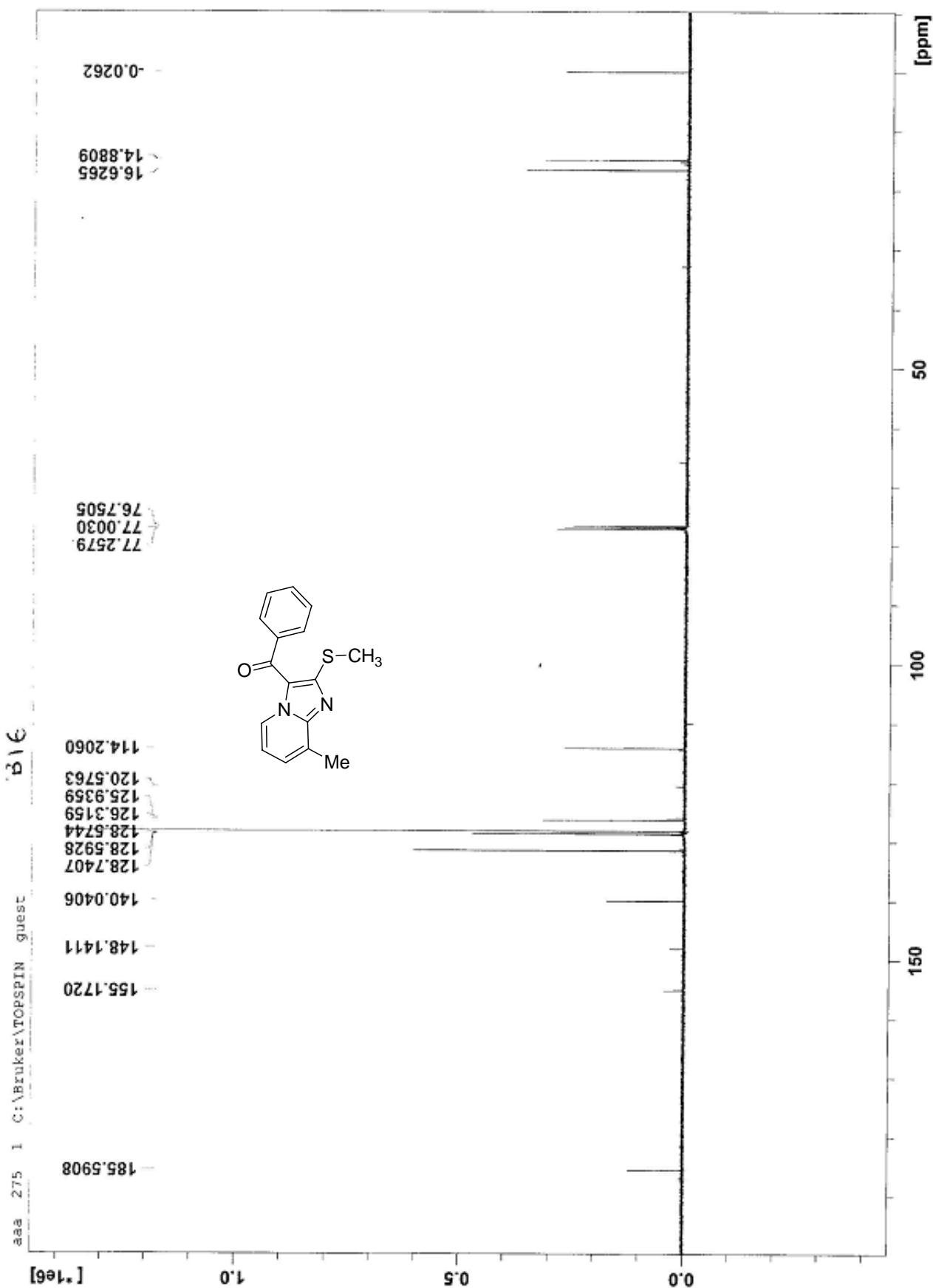


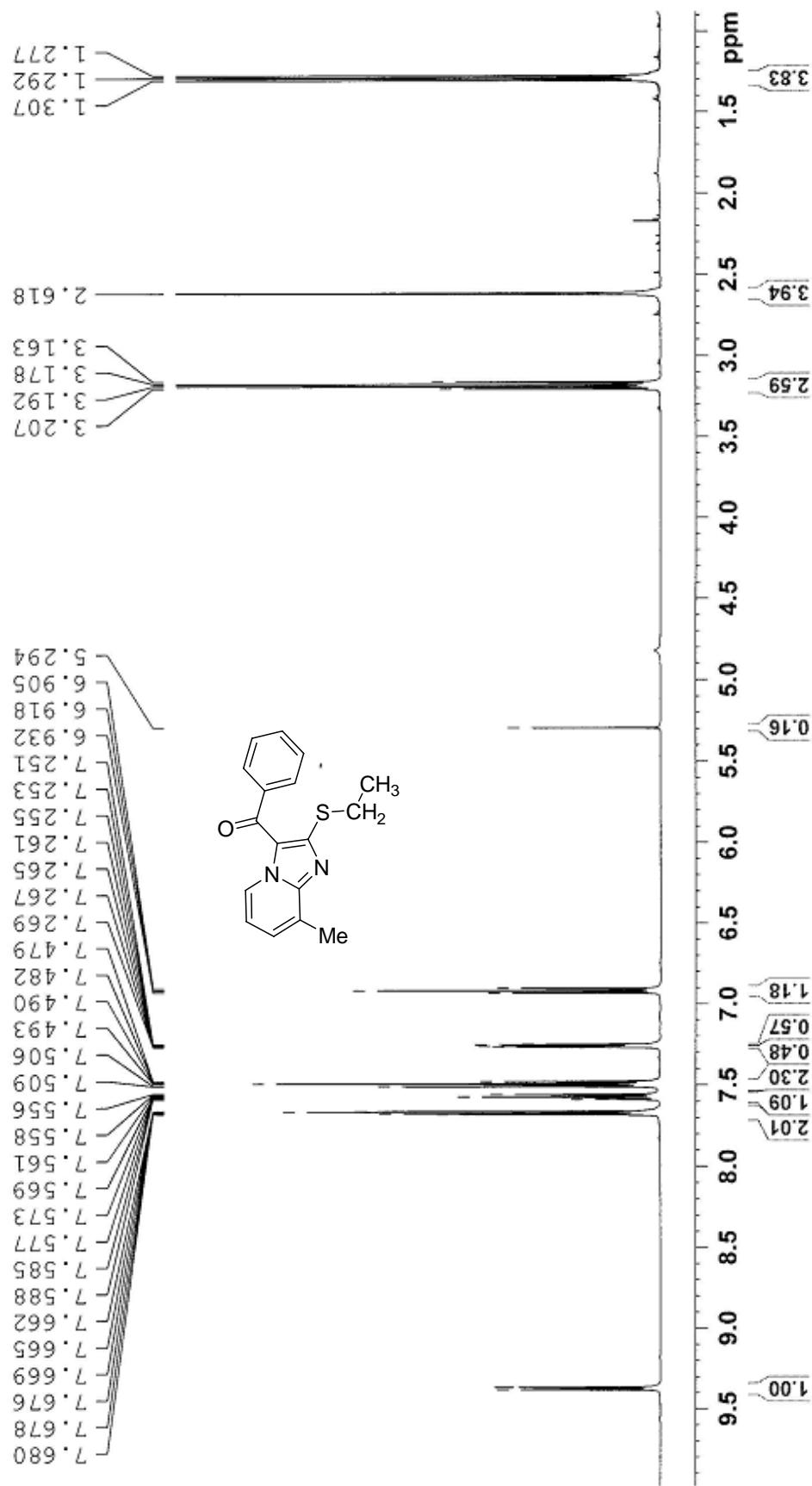


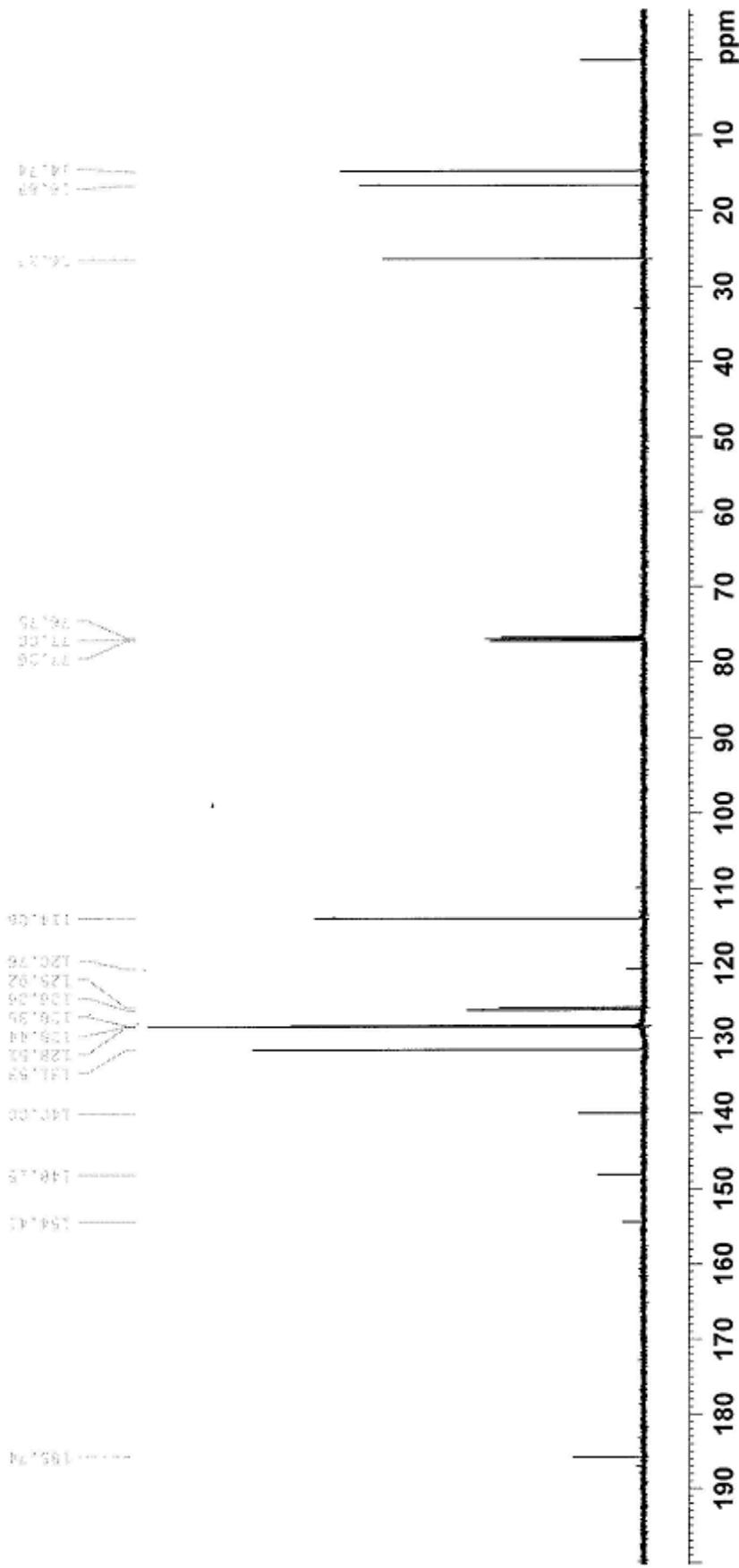
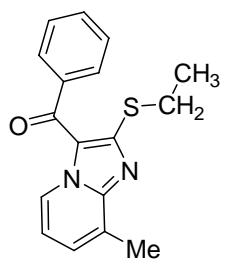
B42 13CNMR in CDCl₃ at 298 K 88/2/16



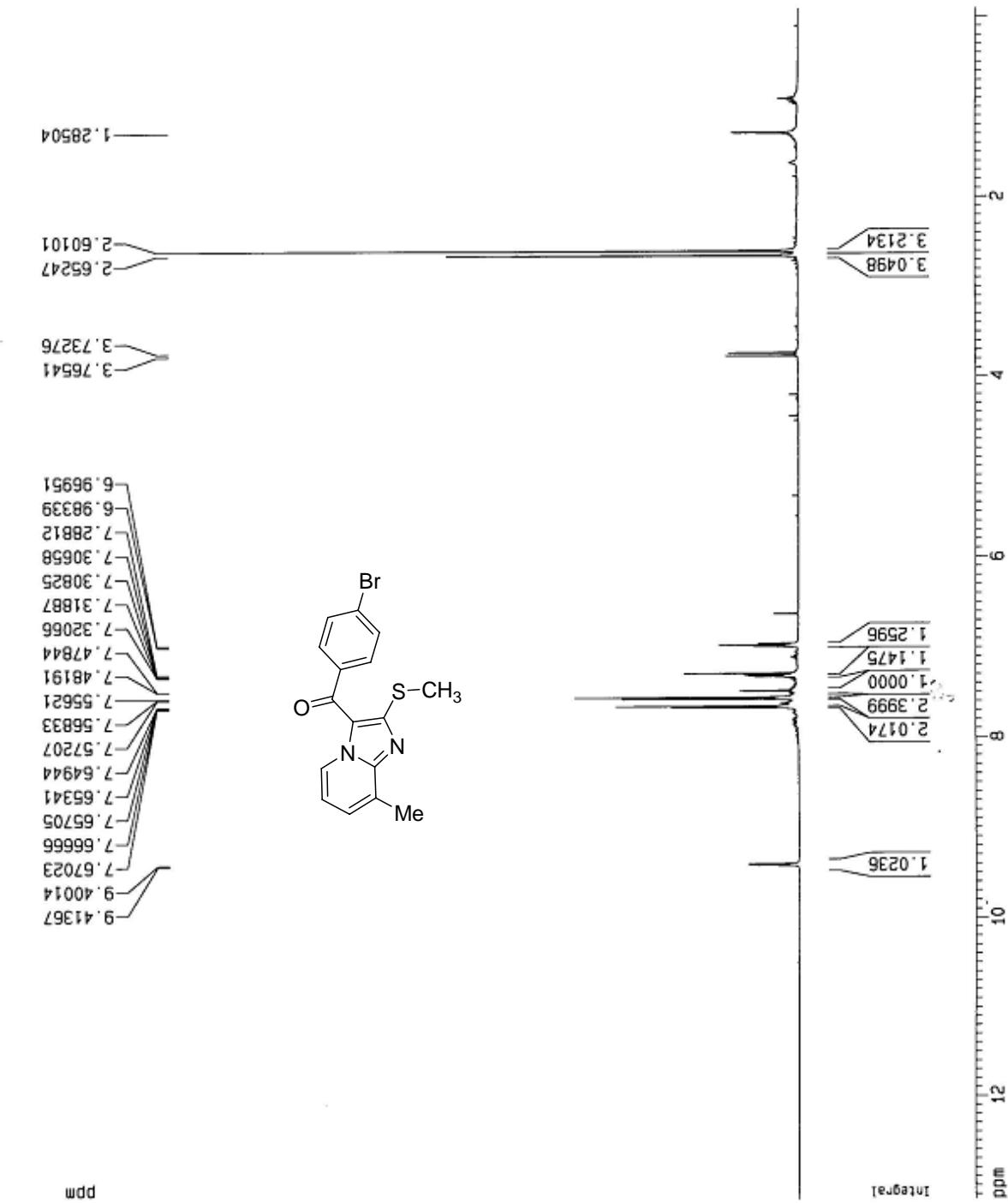




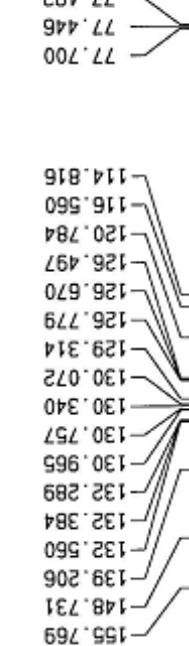




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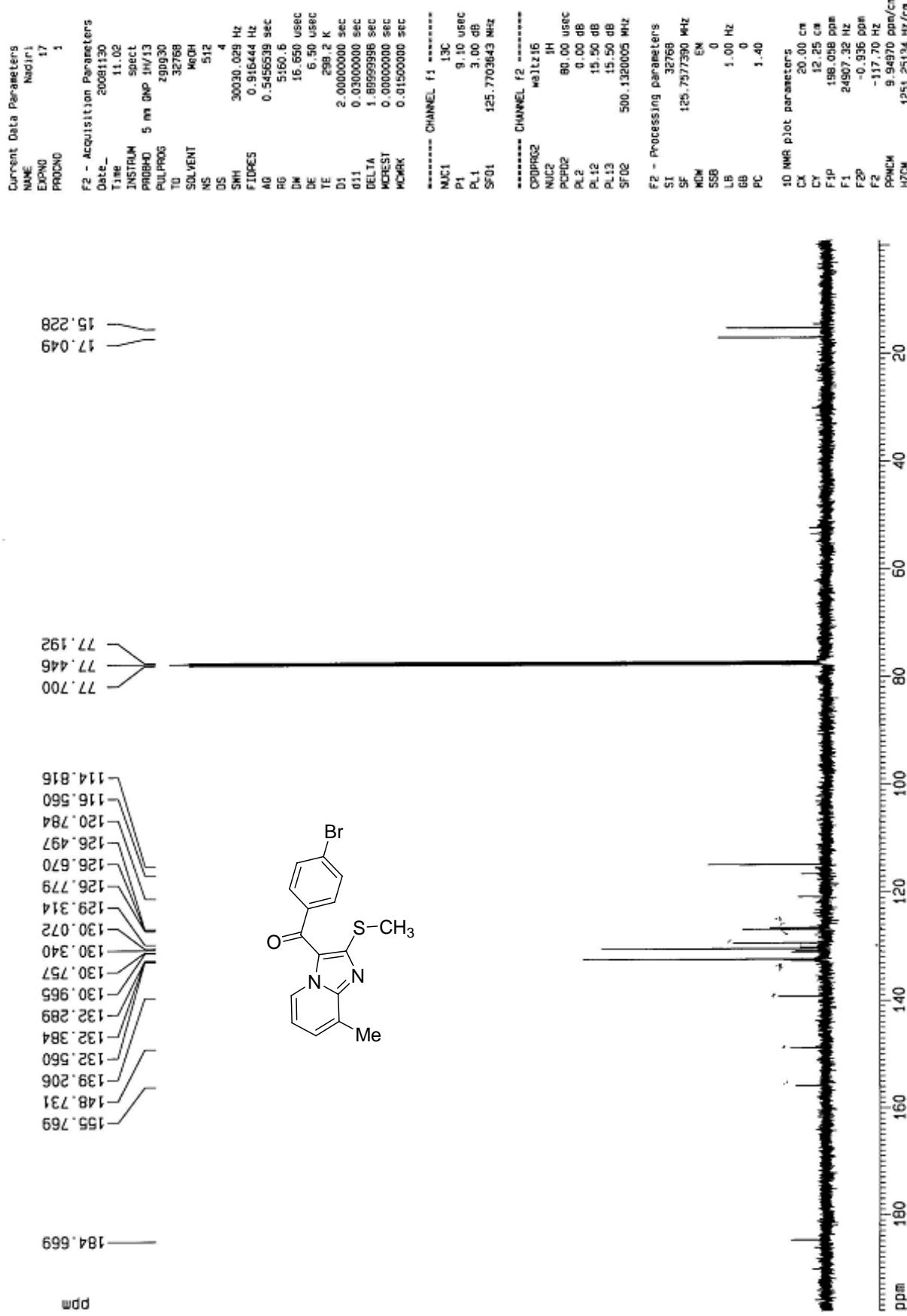


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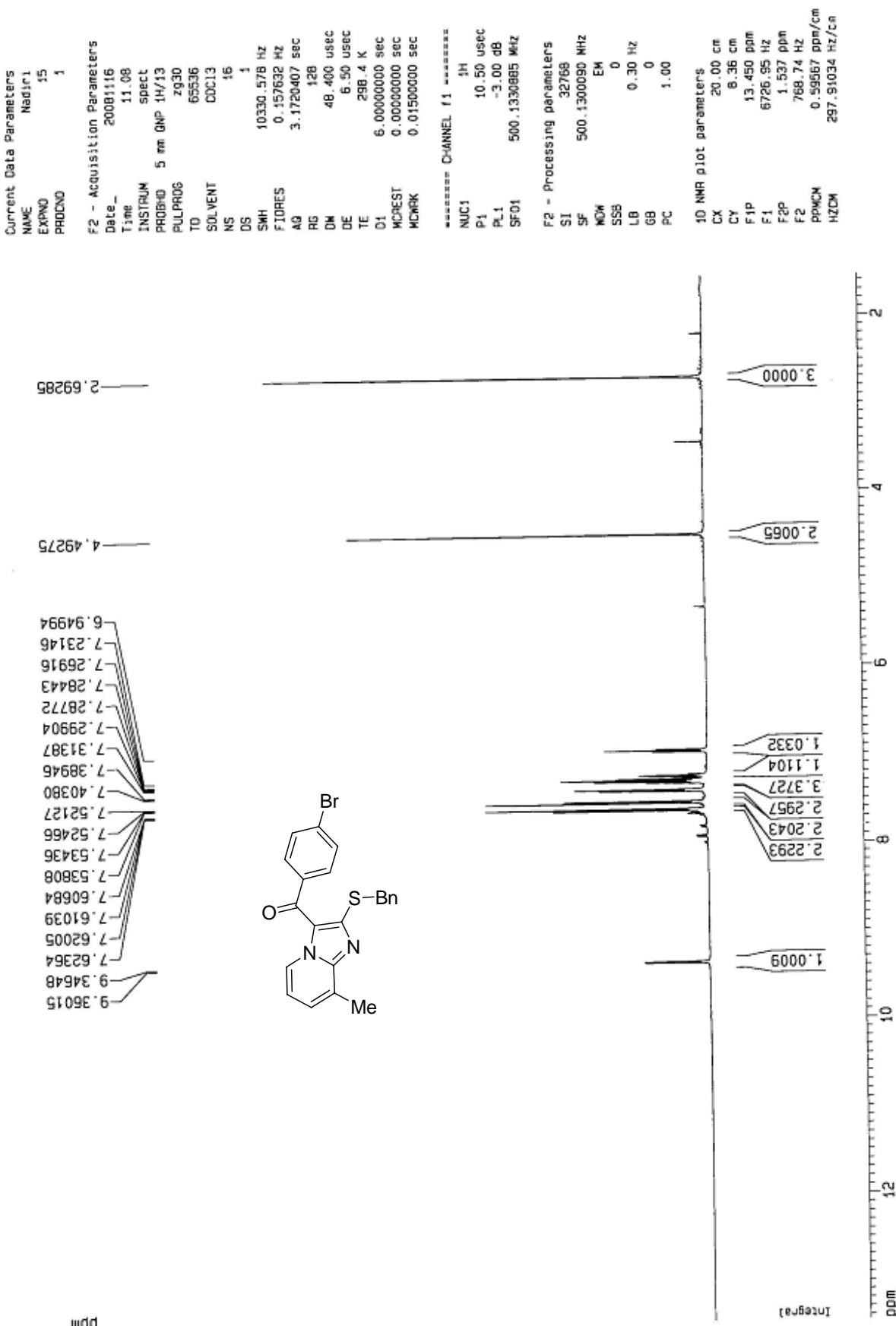


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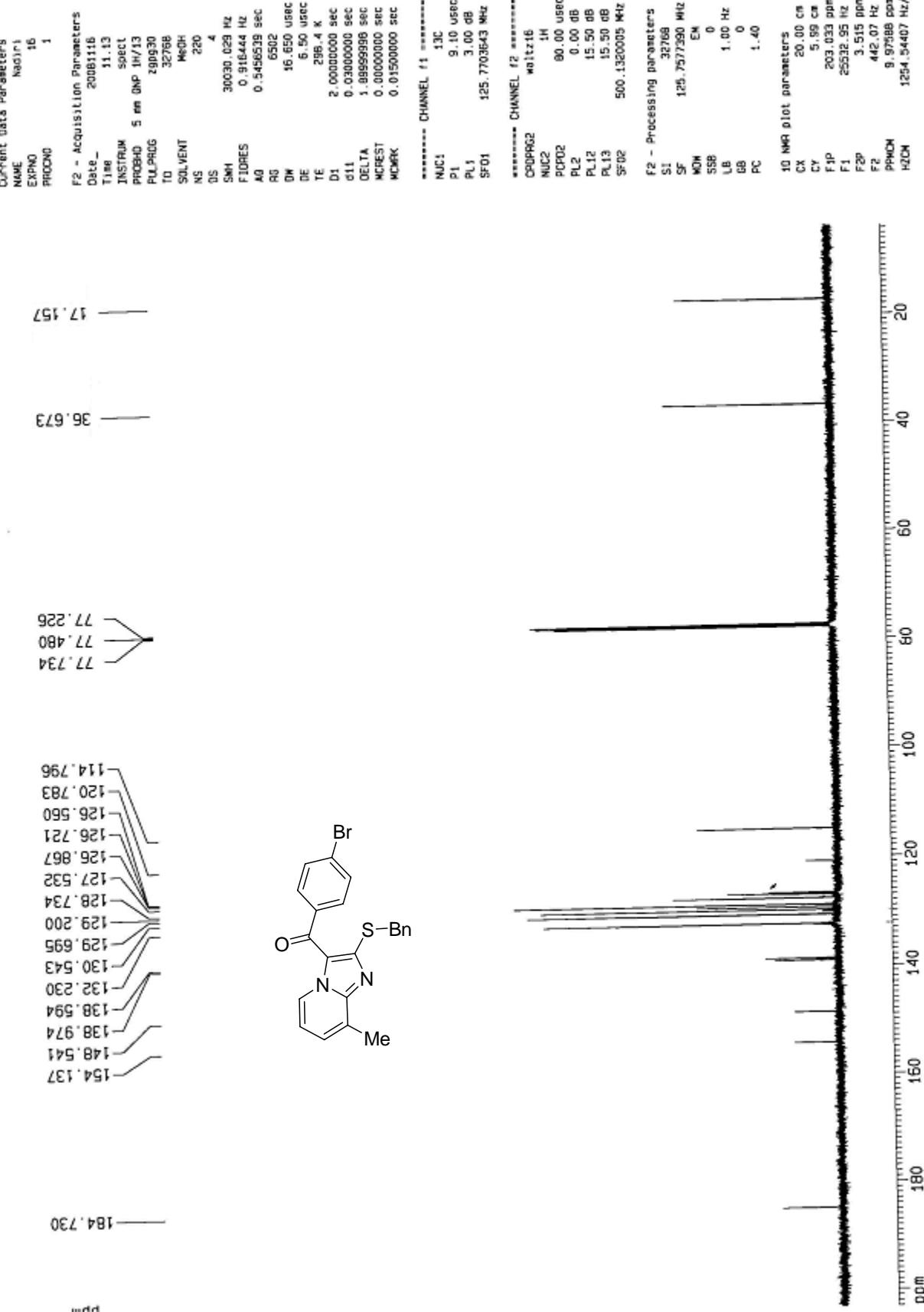
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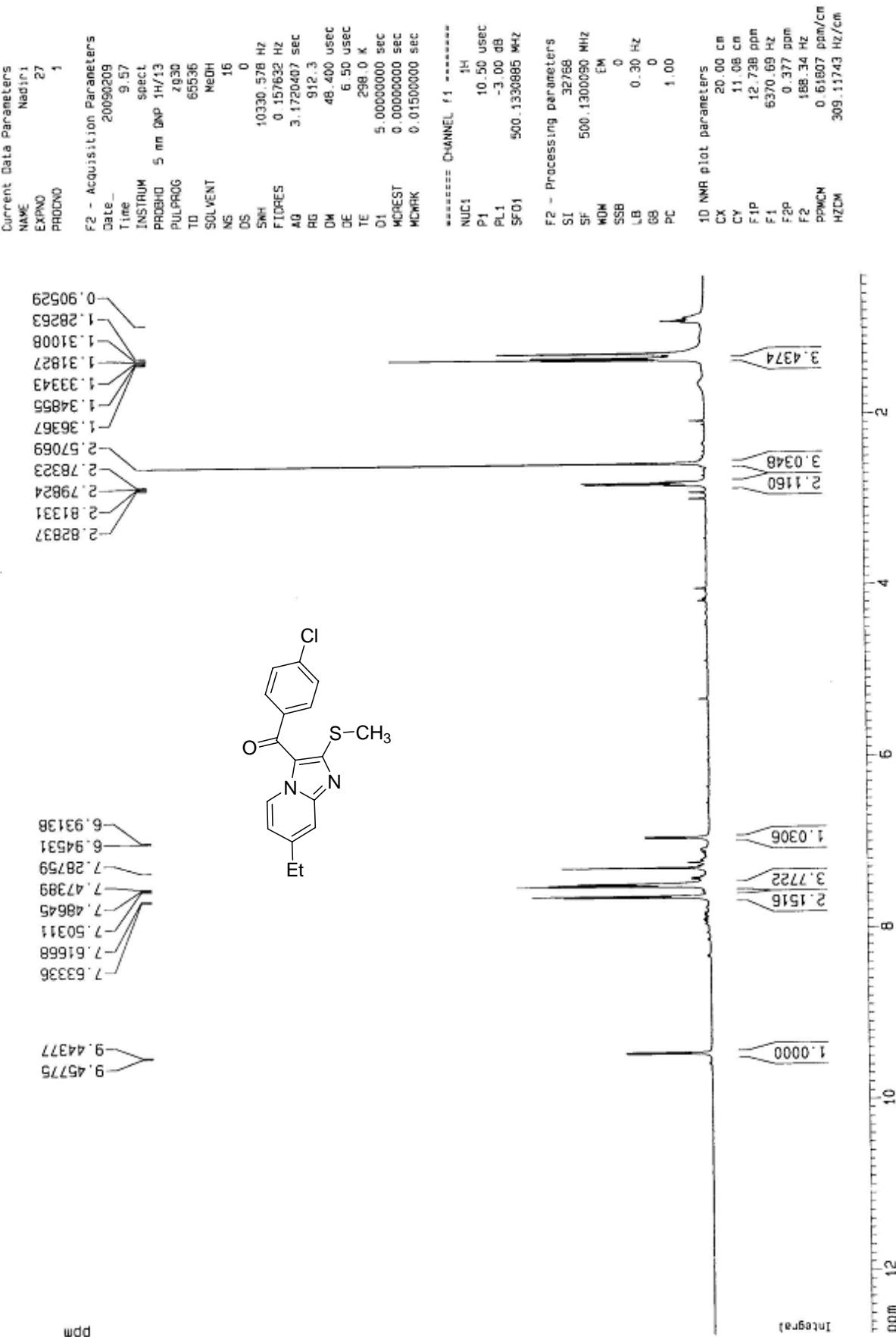
B30 1H NMR in CDCl₃ at 298 K 87/8/26



B30 13CNMR in CDCl₃ at 298 K 87/8/26



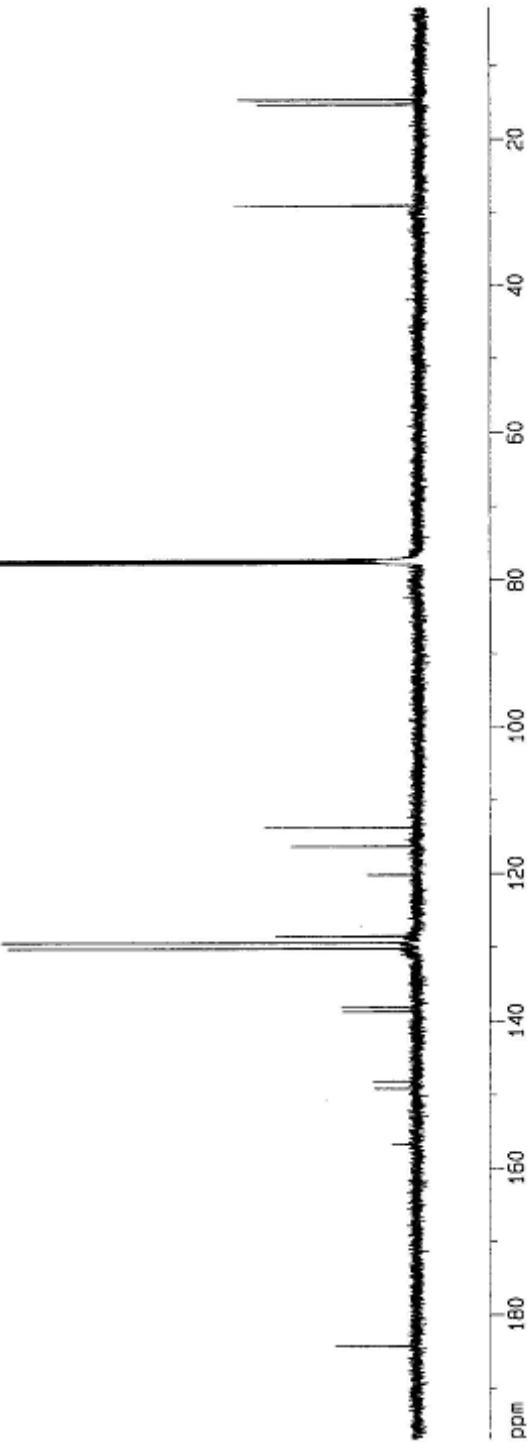
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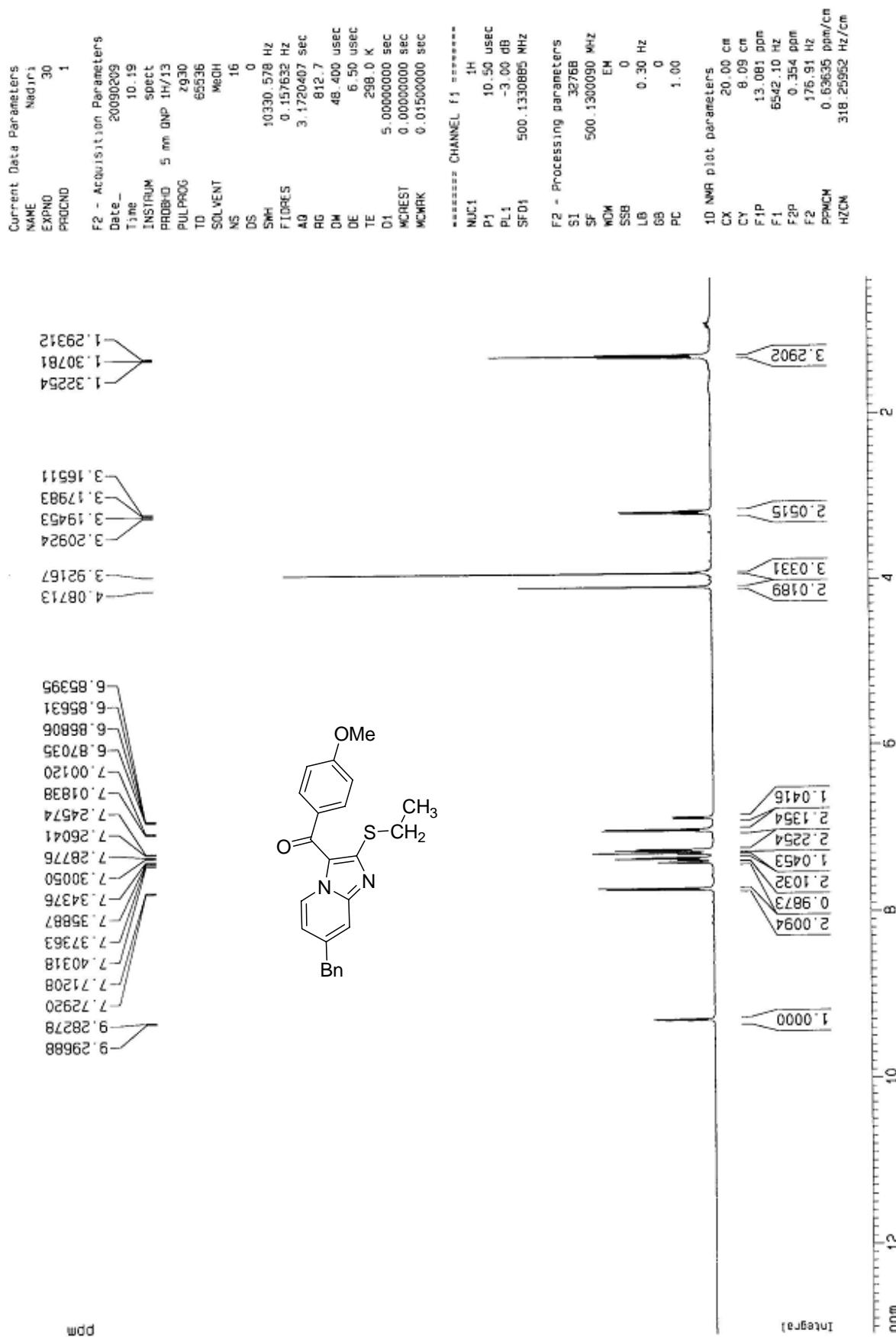
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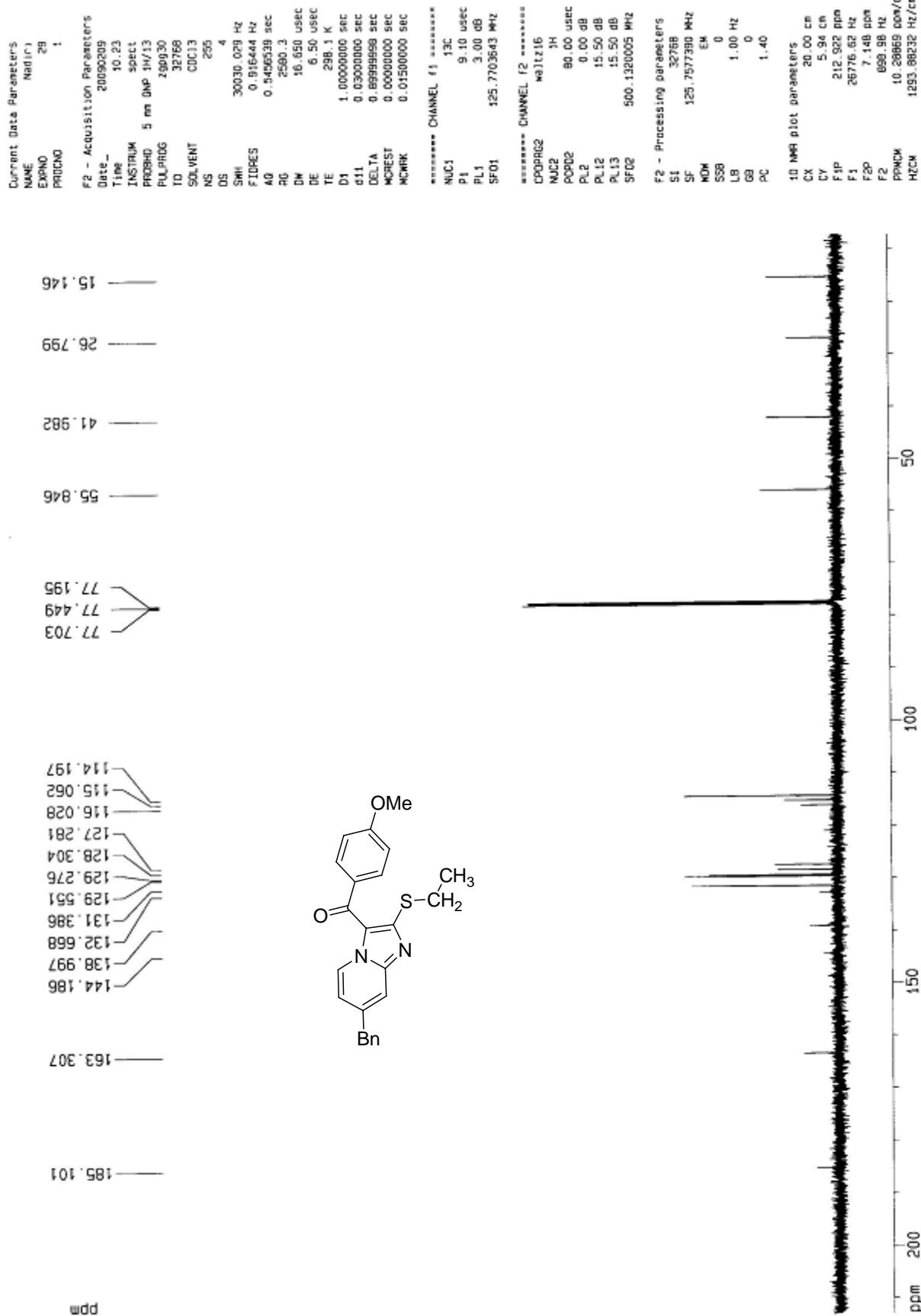
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SWH 30030.029 Hz
FIDRES 0.91644 Hz
AQ 0.546539 sec
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DE 6.50 usec
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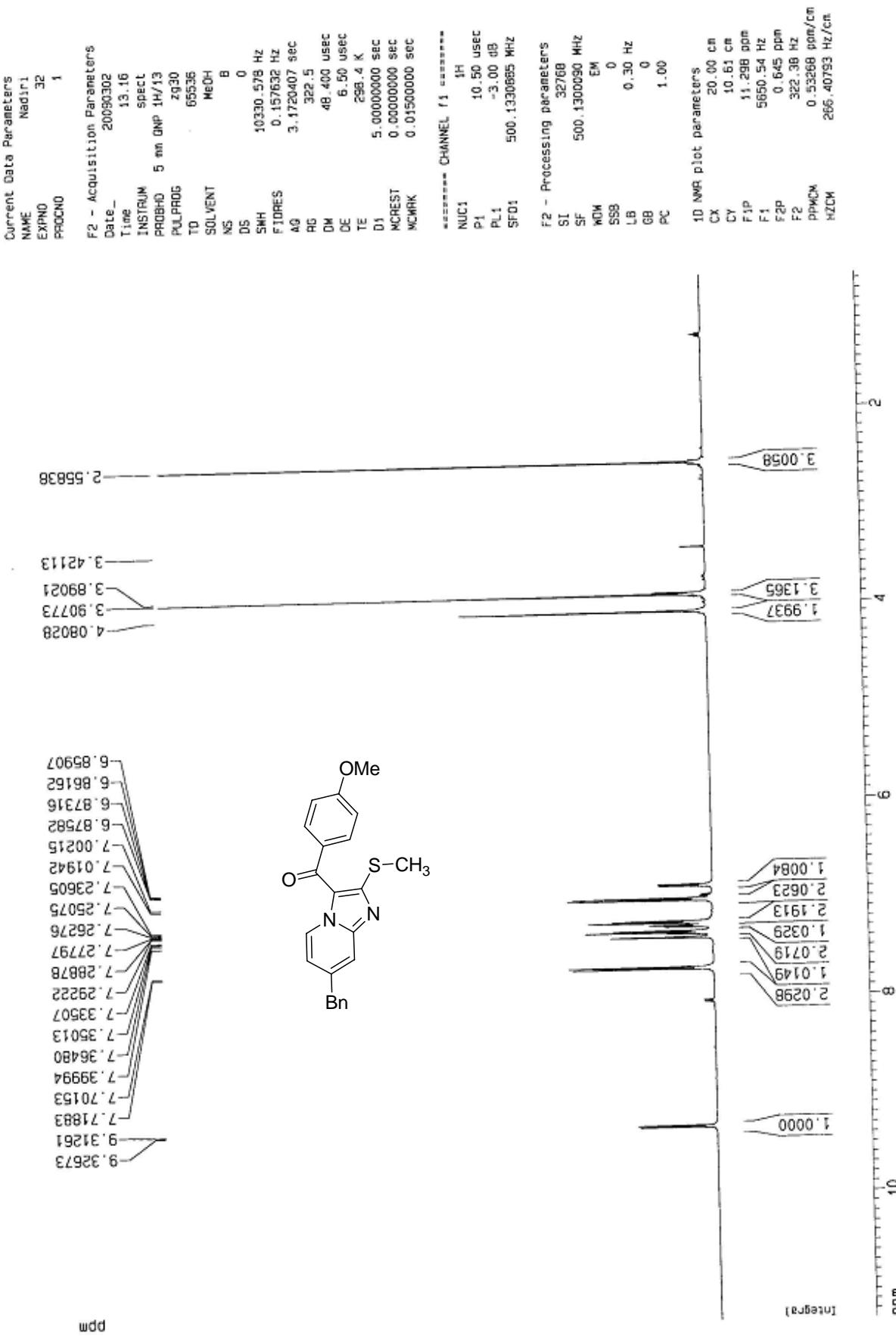
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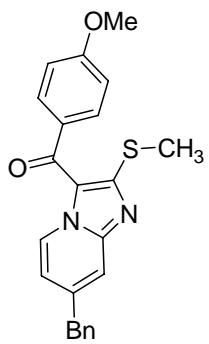


B3B 1H NMR in CDCl₃ at 298 K 07/12/12



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45.363

ppm



Current Date Parameters

NAME: Nadir
EXPTD: 33
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NUC1: ¹³C

P1: 9.10 usec

PL1: 3.00 dB

SF01: 125.703643 MHz

***** CHANNEL F2 *****

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NUC2: ¹H

PPDP2: 60.00 usec

PL2: 0.00 dB

PL12: 15.50 dB

PL13: 15.50 dB

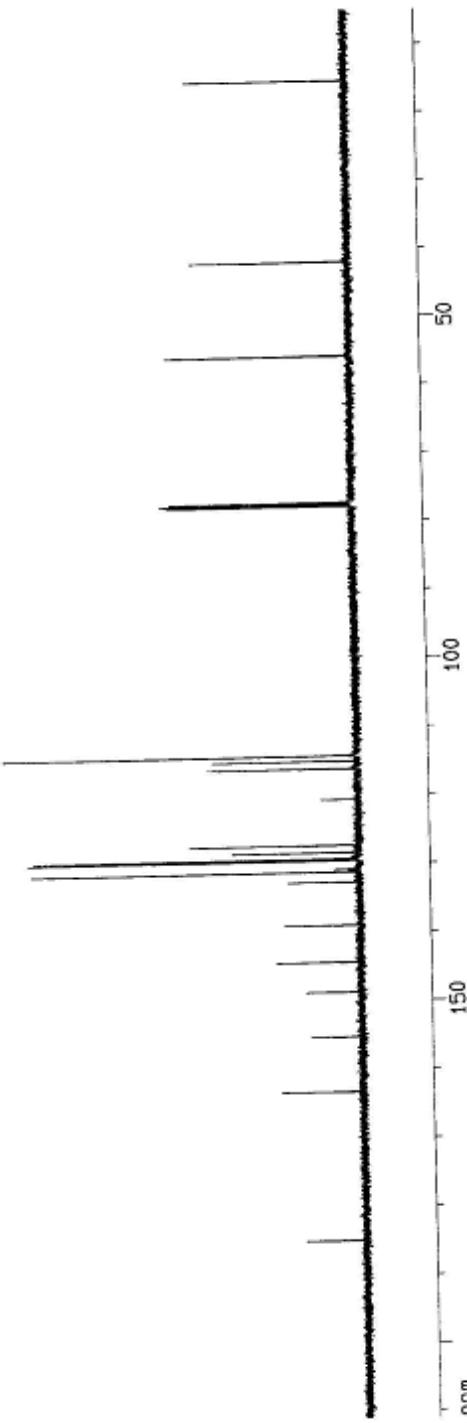
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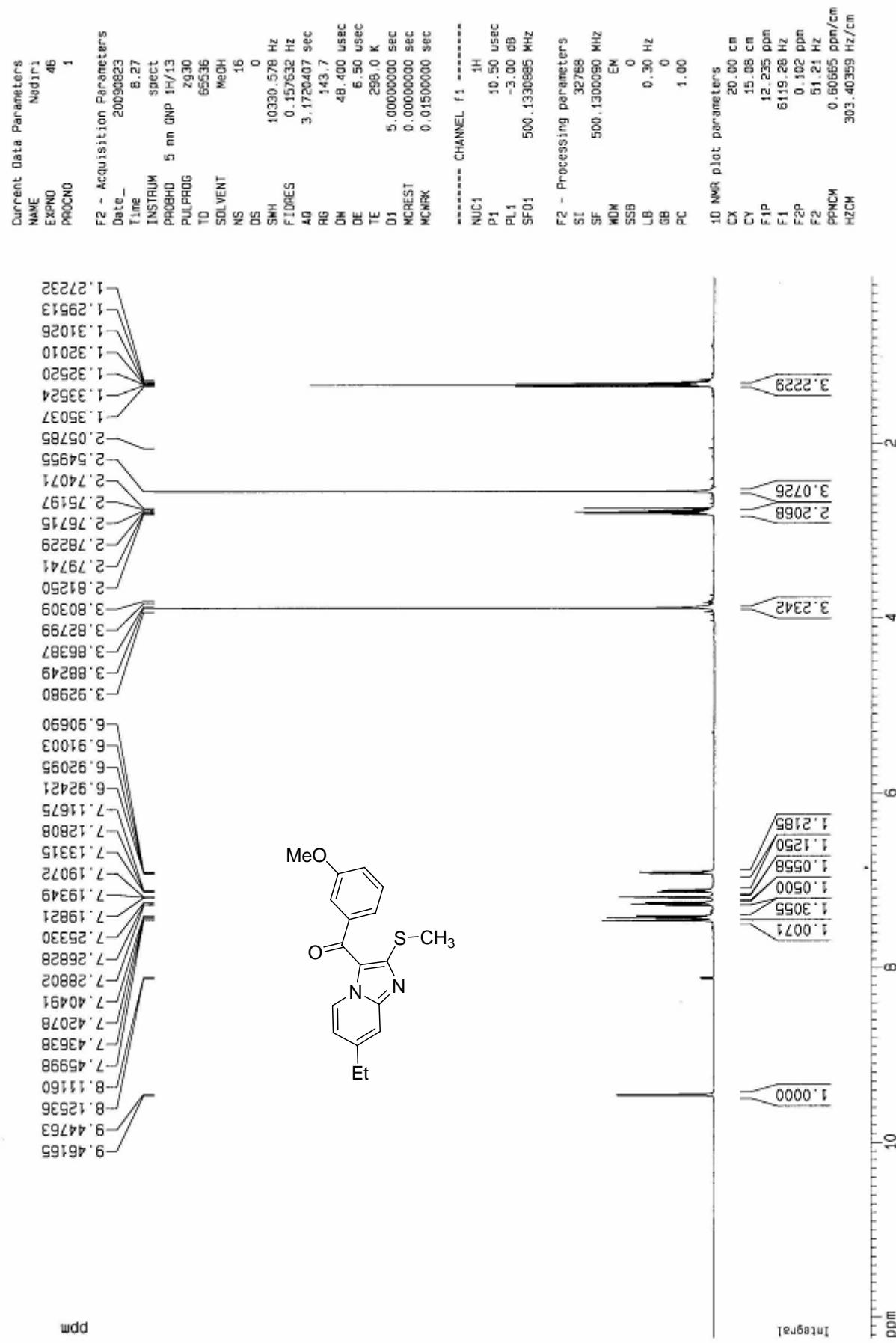
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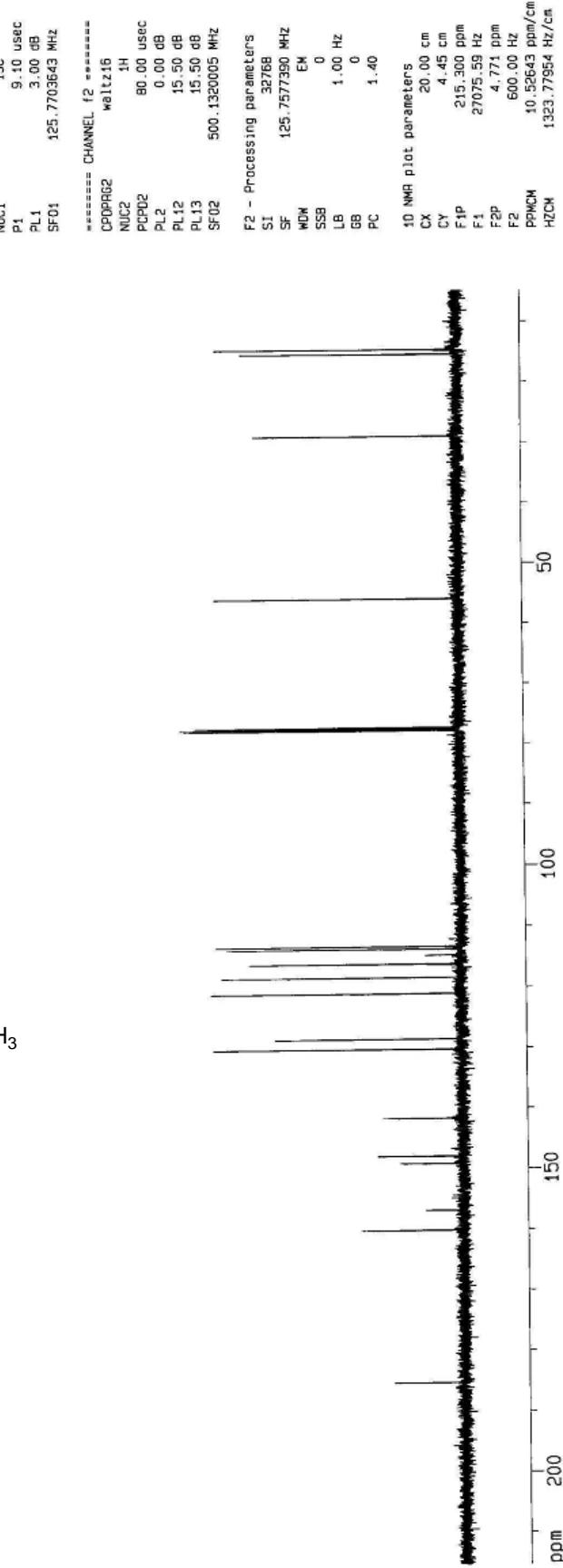
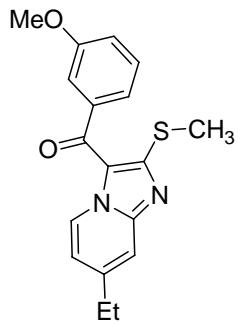
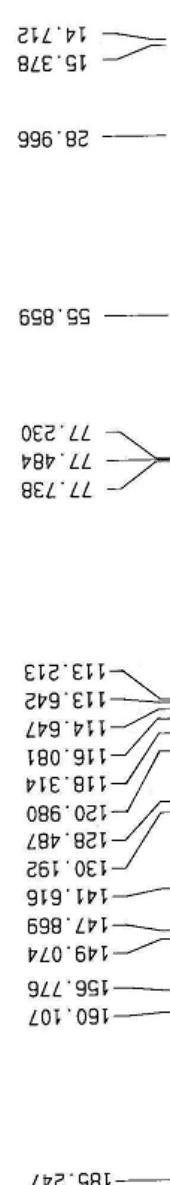
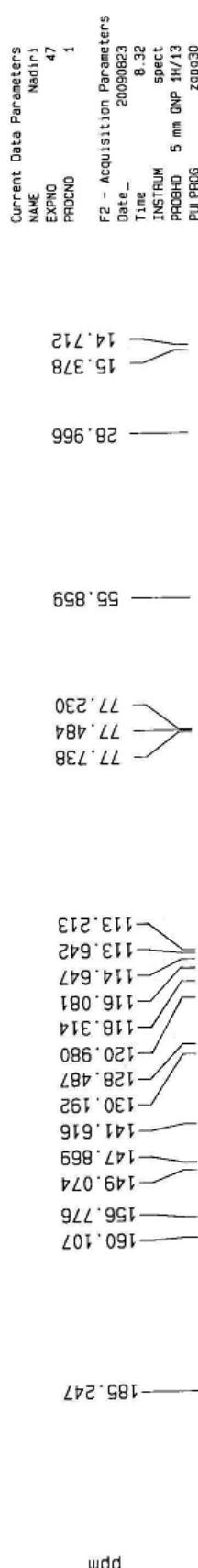
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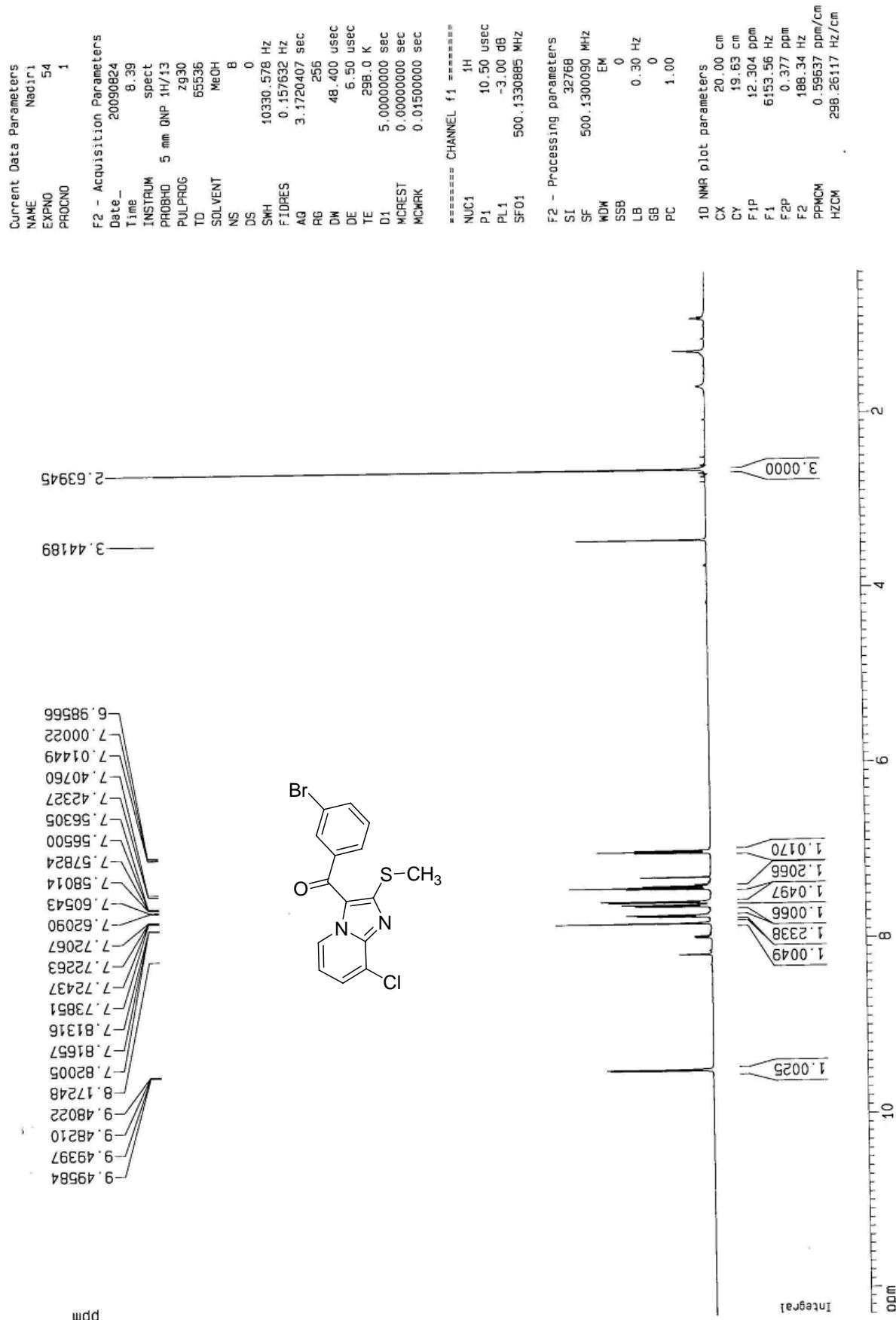




B50 13CNMR in CDCl₃ at 298 K 88/6/1

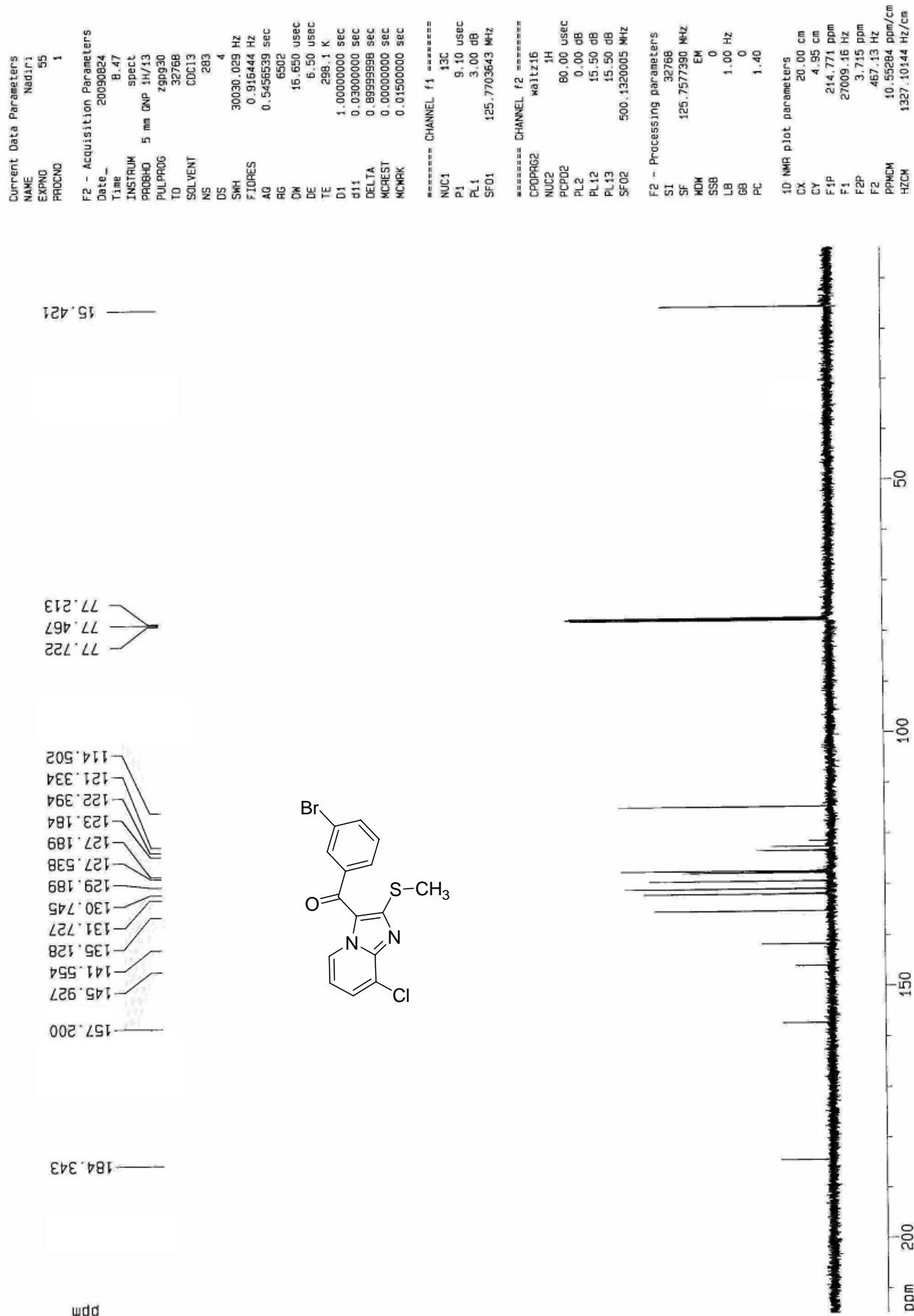


B62 1H NMR in CDCl₃ at 298 K 88/6/2

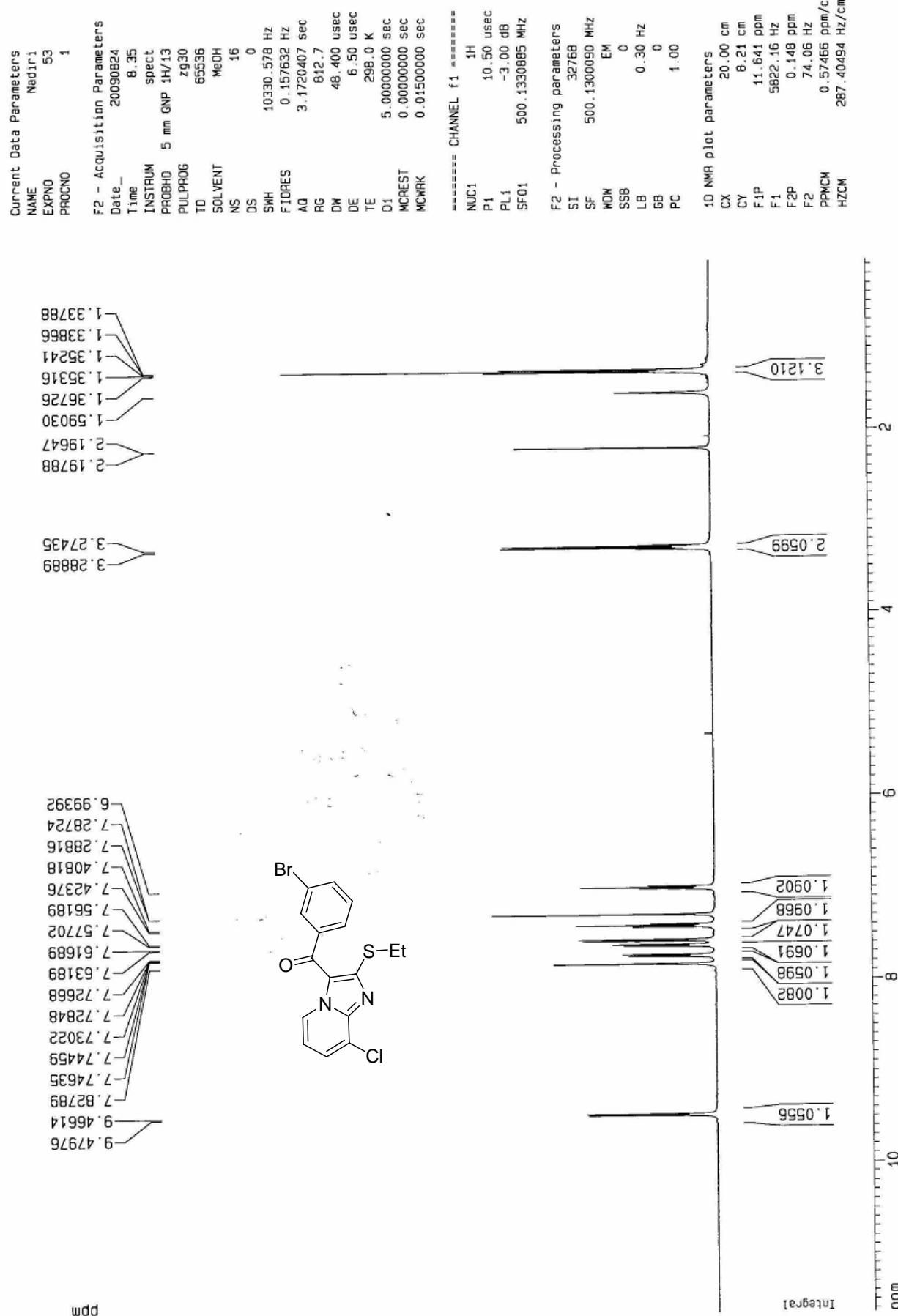


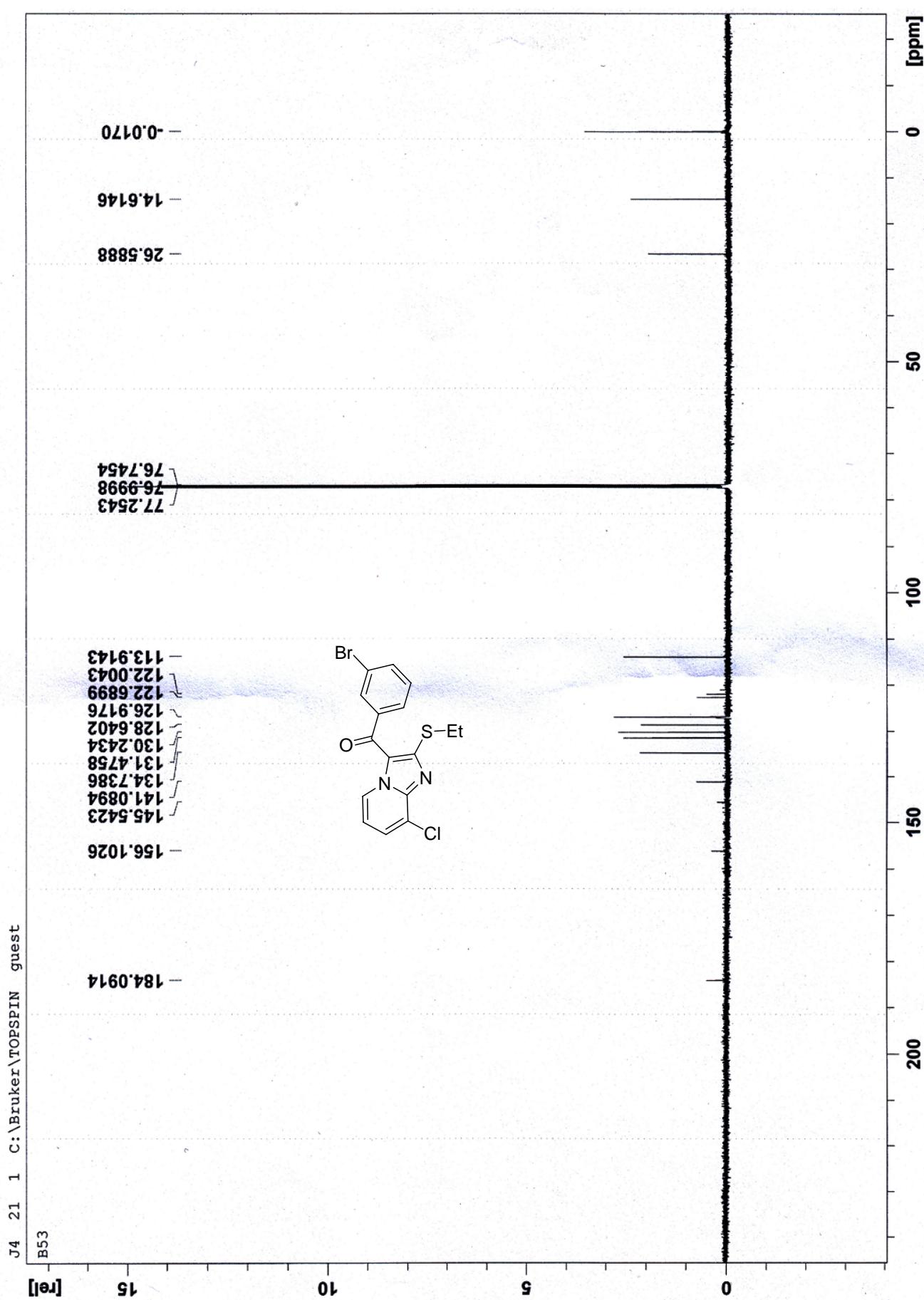
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B52 13CNMR in CDCl₃ at 298 K 88/6/2

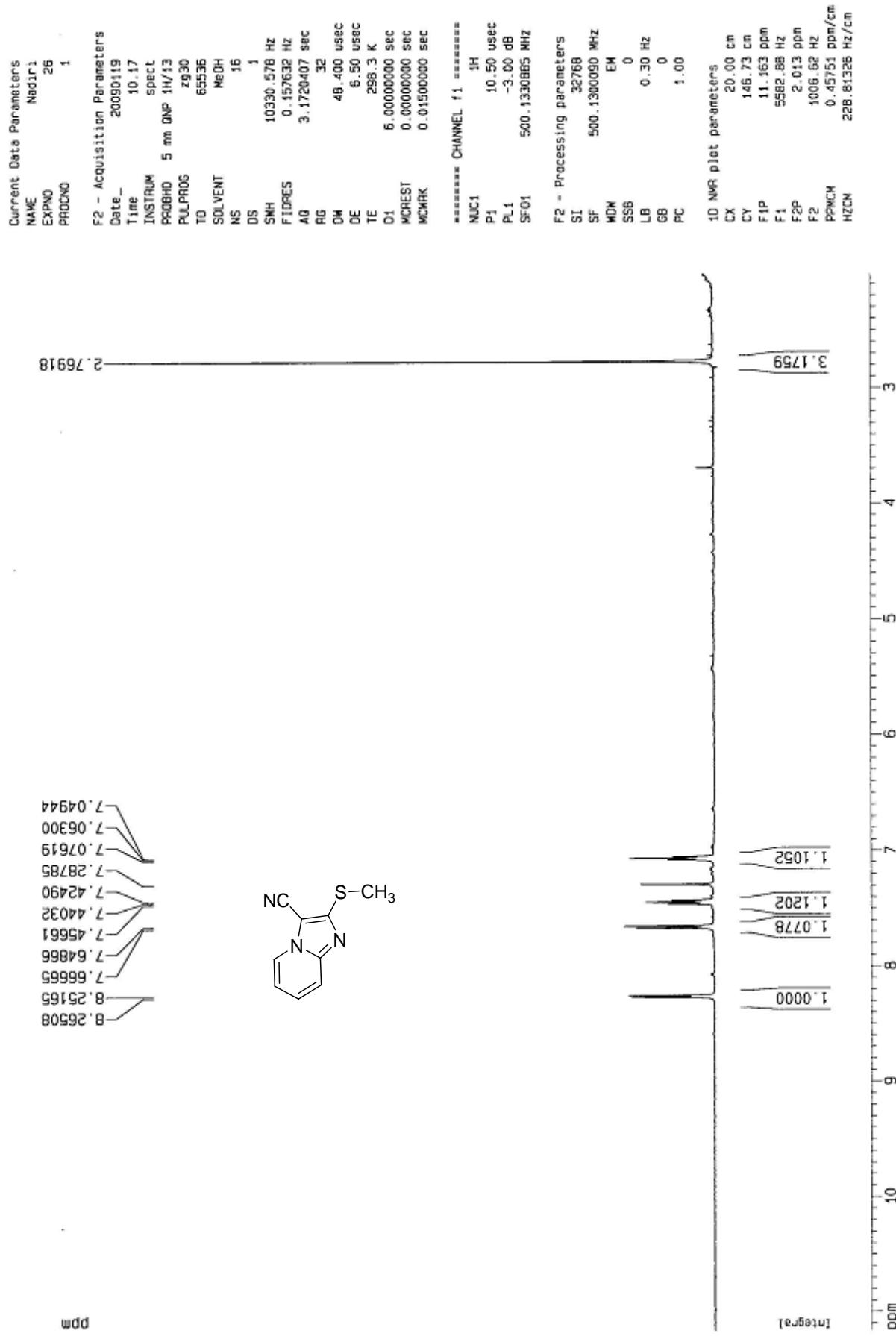


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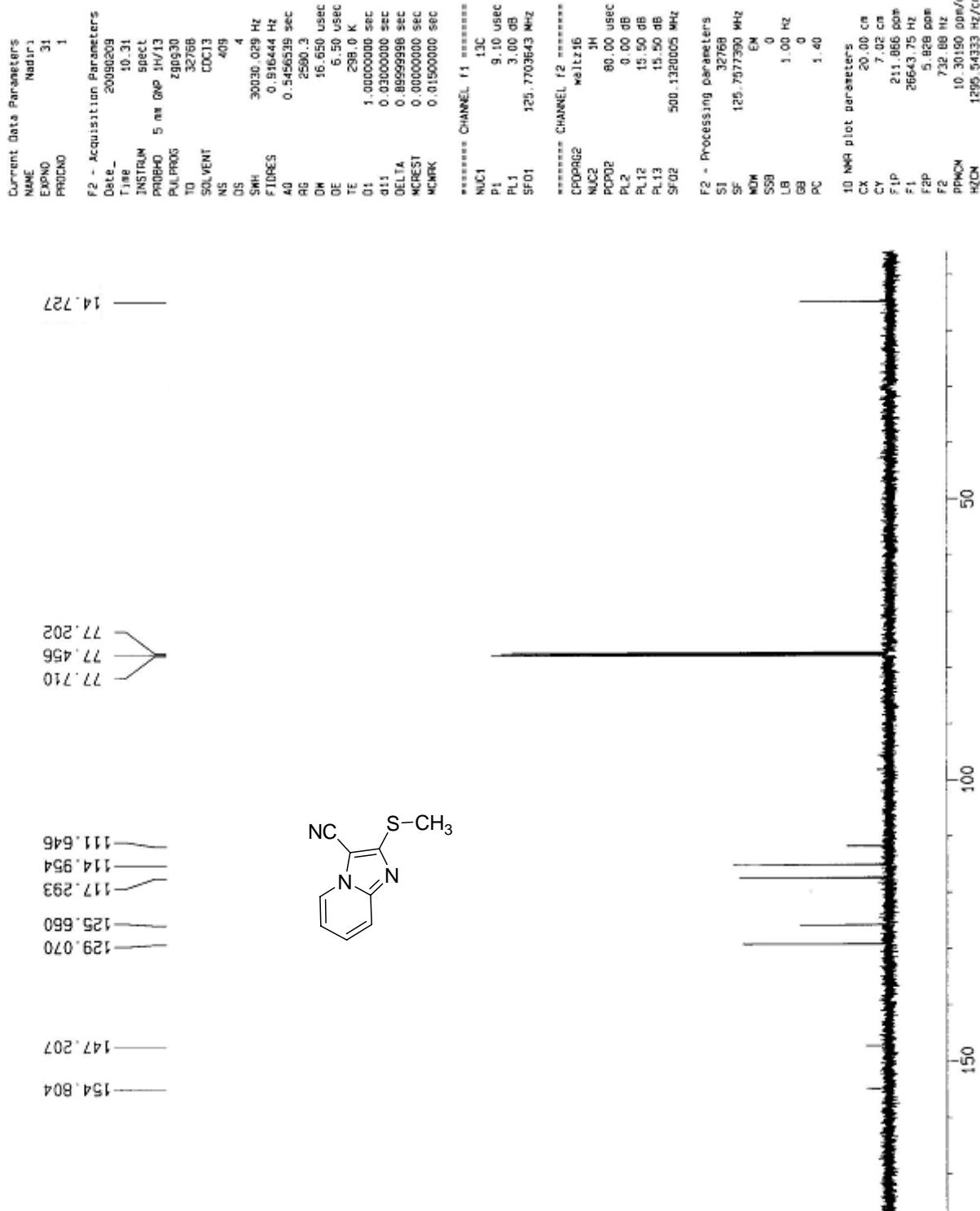
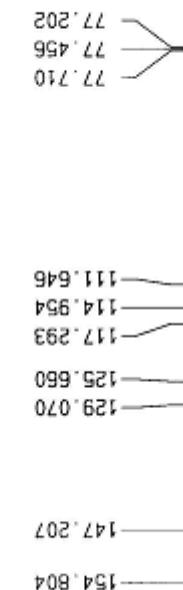


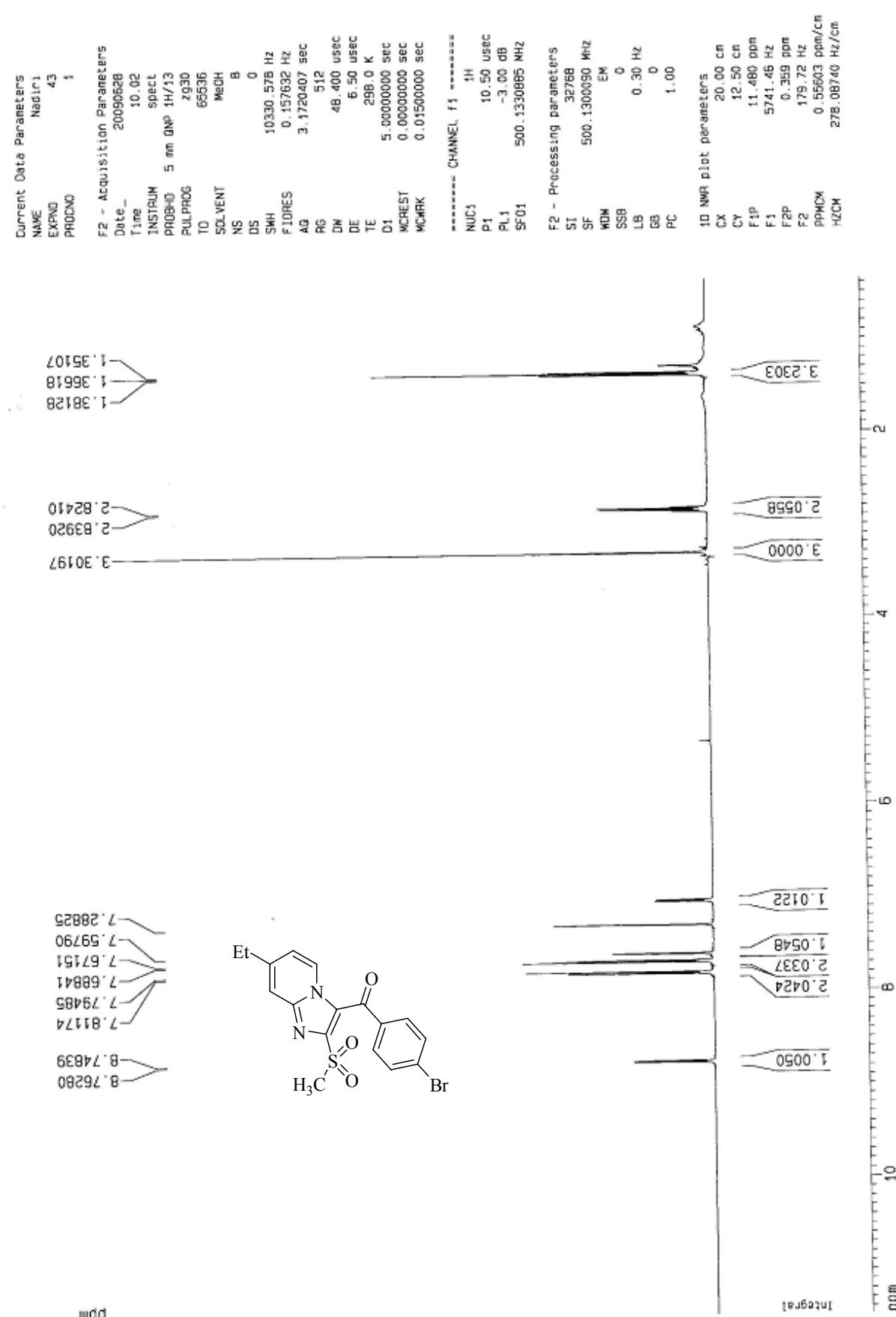
B36 1H NMR in CDCl₃ at 298 K 07/10/30



B-36 13CNMR in CDCl₃ at 298 K 87/11/21

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B41 13CNMR in CDCl₃ at 298 K 88/2/16

