

**Diastereoselective Intramolecular  
Carbamoylketene/Alkene [2+2] Cycloaddition:  
Enantioselective Access to Pyrrolidinoindoline  
Alkaloids**

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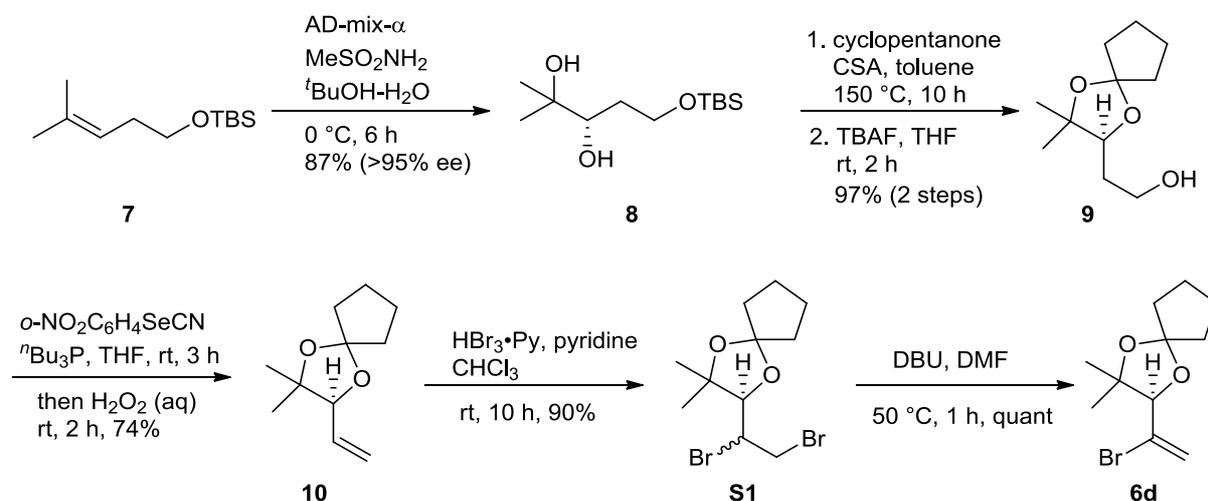
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### General Procedures.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR were measured in CDCl<sub>3</sub> solution and referenced to TMS (0.00 ppm) using JEOL JNM-AL400 (400 MHz) spectrometers. <sup>13</sup>C NMR were measured in CDCl<sub>3</sub> solution and referenced to CDCl<sub>3</sub> (77.0 ppm) or in CD<sub>3</sub>OD and referenced to CD<sub>3</sub>OD (49.0 ppm) using JEOL JNM-AL400 (100 MHz) spectrometers or JEOL JNM-AL300 (75 MHz) spectrometers. Chemical shifts are reported in ppm (from TMS). When peak multiplicities are reported, the following abbreviations are used: s, singlet; d, doublet; t, triplet; q, quartet; quint, quintet; m, multiplet; br, broadened. Optical rotation were determined on JAS.CO P-1010-GT. IR spectra were measured on JAS.CO FT/IR-4200 spectrometer. Mass spectra were recorded on Waters MICRO MASS LCT-Premier spectrometers (TOF-mass). Column chromatography was performed on silica gel 60N (KANTO CHEMICAL, spherical neutral, 63-230 mesh) using indicated solvent. Thin layer chromatography was performed on precoated plates (0.25 mm, silica gel Merck Kieselgel 60F<sub>245</sub>), and compounds were visualized with UV light and *p*-anisaldehyde stain. For the analysis purpose, HPLC analysis was carried out by Jai LC-9201. All melting points were measured with BÜCHI 535 melting point apparatus and are uncorrected. All non-aqueous reactions were performed in oven-dried glassware under positive pressure of argon or nitrogen, unless otherwise noted. Reaction mixture was stirred magnetically. Solvents were freshly distilled prior to use or purchased from Kanto Kagaku or Aldrich: tetrahydrofuran (THF) was purchased from Kanto Kagaku (Tetrahydrofuran, Dehydrated Stabilizer free): methylene chloride (CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>) was purchased from Kanto Kagaku (Methylene chloride, Dehydrated): ether (Et<sub>2</sub>O) was purchased from Kanto Kagaku (Diethyl ether, Dehydrated): benzene was distilled from calcium hydride and kept over 4 Å molecular sieves: methanol, ethanol and <sup>t</sup>BuOH were distilled from sodium and kept over 3 Å molecular sieves: pyridine and triethylamine (Et<sub>3</sub>N) were distilled from KOH and kept over KOH tablets: DMF were distilled from MgSO<sub>4</sub> and kept over 4 Å molecular sieves.

## Experimental Data for Compounds



### (*S*)-5-(*tert*-Butyldimethylsilyloxy)-2-methylpentane-2,3-diol (**8**)

To a stirred solution of AD-mix- $\alpha$  (22.5 g) and methanesulfonamide (665 mg, 7.00 mmol) in <sup>t</sup>BuOH-H<sub>2</sub>O (1 : 1, 90 mL) was added *tert*-butyldimethyl(4-methylpent-3-enyloxy)silane (**7**)<sup>1</sup> (1.50 g, 7.00 mmol) at 0 °C. After stirring was continued for 6 h at 0 °C, the reaction mixture was quenched with Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>3</sub> (22.5 g) at 0 °C. After further stirring was continued at room temperature for 10 min, the reaction mixture was extracted with AcOEt. The combined extracts was washed with brine, dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, and concentrated to give a residue that was purified by silica gel column chromatography (Hexane : AcOEt = 2 : 1) to give 1.51 g (87%) of **8** as a colorless oil.  $[\alpha]_D^{32} = + 8.4$  (c = 0.90, CHCl<sub>3</sub>),  $([\alpha]_D^{20} = + 7.95$  (c = 1.00, CHCl<sub>3</sub>))<sup>2</sup>; IR (neat) 3421, 2956, 1256, 1092 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz)  $\delta$  0.09 (6H, s), 0.91 (9H, s), 1.17 (3H, s), 1.21 (3H, s), 1.66–1.71 (2H, m), 2.56 (1H, br), 3.62 (1H, t, *J* = 6.0 Hz), 3.76 (1H, br), 3.82–3.88 (1H, m), 3.90–3.95 (1H, m); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz)  $\delta$  - 5.6 (CH<sub>3</sub>), - 5.5 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 18.1 (CH<sub>3</sub> × 3), 24.1 (C), 25.8 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 26.1 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 32.9 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 62.8 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 72.2 (C), 78.4 (CH); HRMS (ESI) *m/z* Calcd for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>28</sub>O<sub>3</sub>SiNa [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 271.1705, found 271.1706.

### (*S*)-2-(3,3-Dimethyl-1,4-dioxaspiro[4.4]nonan-2-yl)-ethanol (**9**)

To a stirred solution of diol **8** (1.45 g, 5.84 mmol) in toluene (30 mL) was added cyclopentanone (2.45 g, 29.2 mmol) and (*1S*)-(+)-10-camphorsulfonic acid (135 mg, 0.584 mmol) at room temperature and the mixture was stirred at 150 °C for 10 h by using Dean-Stark trap. The reaction mixture was cooled to room temperature, and poured into saturated aqueous NaHCO<sub>3</sub> solution. The whole mixture was extracted with AcOEt. The combined extracts was washed with brine, dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude product was immediately carried on to next step without purification. To a stirred solution of above crude in THF (40 mL) was added TBAF (5.84 mmol) (1.0 M solution in THF) at 0 °C and

the mixture was stirred at room temperature for 2 h. The reaction mixture was poured into water and then extracted with AcOEt. The combined extracts was washed with brine, dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, and concentrated to give a residue that was purified by silica gel column chromatography (Hexane : AcOEt = 3 : 1) to give 1.13 g (97% for 2 steps) of **9** as a pale yellow oil.  $[\alpha]_D^{28} = -18.0$  (c = 1.00, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); IR (neat) 3419, 2972, 1194, 1114, 1059 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz) δ 1.11 (3H, s), 1.26 (3H, s), 1.60–1.85 (10H, m), 2.30 (1H, br), 3.73 (1H, dd, *J* = 2.4, 10.8 Hz), 3.81–3.84 (2H, m); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz) δ 22.4 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 23.3 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 23.7 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 25.3 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 31.6 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 38.2 (CH<sub>2</sub> × 2), 61.5 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 79.8 (C), 82.7 (CH), 117.1 (C); HRMS (ESI) *m/z* Calcd for C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>20</sub>O<sub>3</sub>Na [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 223.1310, found 223.1312.

#### **(S)-2,2-Dimethyl-3-vinyl-1,4-dioxaspiro[4.4]nonane (10)**

To a stirred solution of alcohol **9** (1.00 g, 4.99 mmol) in dry THF (30 mL) was added 2-nitrophenylselenocyanate (2.27 g, 9.99 mmol) and tributylphosphine (2.02 g, 9.99 mmol) at room temperature and the mixture was stirred for 3 h. 35% H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> (5 mL, 50.0 mmol) was added to the reaction mixture and stirring was continued for 2 h at the same temperature. The reaction mixture was poured into saturated aqueous NaHCO<sub>3</sub> solution and then extracted with Et<sub>2</sub>O. The combined extracts was washed with brine, dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, and concentrated to give a residue that was purified by silica gel column chromatography (Hexane : AcOEt = 10 : 1) to give 674 mg (74%) of **10** as a colorless oil.  $[\alpha]_D^{27} = +9.0$  (c = 0.70, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); IR (neat) 2974, 1433, 1336, 1195, 1109, 995 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz) δ 1.09 (3H, s), 1.26 (3H, s), 1.62–1.90 (6H, m), 1.86–1.90 (2H, m), 4.02 (1H, d, *J* = 7.6 Hz), 5.27 (1H, dq, *J* = 0.8, 10.4 Hz), 5.37 (1H, dt, *J* = 1.1, 17.0 Hz), 5.81 (1H, ddd, *J* = 7.4, 10.4, 17.4 Hz); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz) δ 22.9 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 23.4 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 23.7 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 25.2 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 38.2 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 38.3 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 80.2 (C), 85.5 (CH), 117.3 (C), 118.8 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 133.3 (CH); HRMS (ESI) *m/z* Calcd for C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>19</sub>O<sub>2</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 183.1385, found 183.1385.

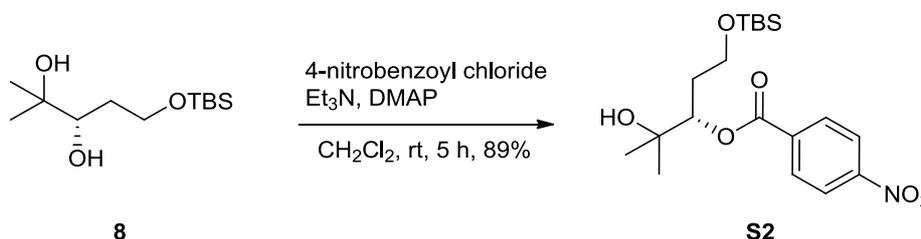
#### **(R)-3-(1,2-Dibromoethyl)-2,2-dimethyl-1,4-dioxaspiro[4.4]nonane (S1)**

To a stirred solution of **10** (600 mg, 3.29 mmol) in CHCl<sub>3</sub> (10 mL) was added pyridine (703 mg, 8.89 mmol) and pyridinium tribromide (1.26 g, 3.95 mmol) at 0 °C and the mixture was stirred at room temperature for 10 h. The reaction mixture was poured into saturated aqueous NH<sub>4</sub>Cl solution and then extracted with CHCl<sub>3</sub>. The combined extracts was washed with brine, dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, and concentrated to give a residue that was purified by silica gel column chromatography (Hexane : AcOEt = 10 : 1) to give 1.02 g (90%) of **S1** as a pale blown oil; IR (neat) 2972, 1334, 1194, 1111, 979 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz) δ 1.24 (0.5H, s), 1.29 (2.5H, s), 1.37 (2.5H, s), 1.46 (0.5H, s), 1.62–2.02 (6.7H, m), 1.62–2.02 (1.3H, m), 3.75 (0.8H, dd, *J* = 5.2, 10.8 Hz), 3.81 (0.8H, dd, *J* = 6.8, 10.8 Hz), 3.83 (0.2H, dd, *J* = 5.8, 10.8 Hz), 3.85 (0.2H, dd, *J* = 5.6, 11.2 Hz), 3.96–3.99 (0.4H, m), 4.03 (0.8H, d, *J* = 5.2 Hz), 4.12 (0.8H, q, *J* = 5.2 Hz); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100

MHz)  $\delta$  22.2 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 22.6 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 23.3 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 23.4 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 23.6 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 24.0 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 27.4 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 27.6 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 34.6 (CH<sub>2</sub>×2), 37.9 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 38.1 (CH<sub>2</sub>×2), 38.7 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 49.1 (CH), 49.8 (CH), 79.7 (C), 80.1 (C), 82.2 (CH), 83.3 (CH), 116.7 (C), 117.6 (C); HRMS (ESI)  $m/z$  Calcd for C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>19</sub>O<sub>2</sub>Br<sub>2</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 340.9752, found 340.9752.

**(R)-3-(1-Bromovinyl)-2,2-dimethyl-1,4-dioxaspiro[4.4]nonane (6d)**

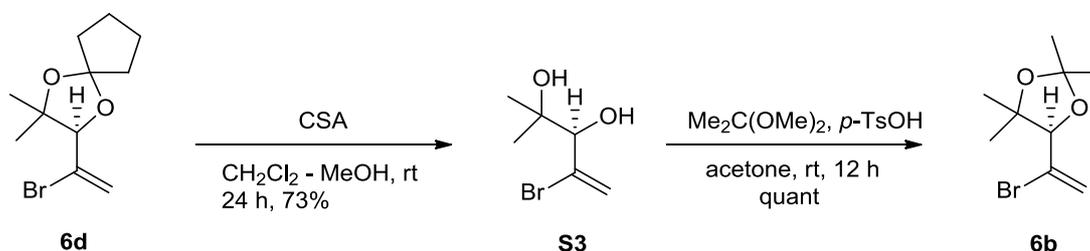
To a stirred solution of dibromide **S1** (1.00 g, 2.92 mmol) in DMF (10 mL) was added DBU (445 mg, 2.92 mmol) at room temperature and the mixture was stirred at 50 °C for 1 h. The reaction mixture was poured into water and then extracted with Et<sub>2</sub>O. The combined extracts was washed with brine, dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, and concentrated to give a residue that was purified by silica gel column chromatography (Hexane : AcOEt = 20 : 1) to give 768 mg (quant) of **6d** as a colorless oil.  $[\alpha]_D^{27} = + 32.6$  (c = 0.51, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); IR (neat) 2976, 1632, 1193, 1111, 899 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz)  $\delta$  1.13 (3H, s), 1.49 (3H, s), 1.63–1.91 (8H, m), 4.28 (1H, s), 5.65 (1H, s), 6.13 (1H, s); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz)  $\delta$  22.8 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 23.4 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 23.7 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 27.5 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 38.1 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 38.2 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 80.2 (C), 86.1 (CH), 117.1 (C), 117.2 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 126.6 (C); HRMS (ESI)  $m/z$  Calcd for C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>17</sub>O<sub>2</sub>NaBr [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 283.0310, found 283.0308.



**(S)-1-(tert-Butyldimethylsilyloxy)-4-hydroxy-4-methylpentan-3-yl 4-nitrobenzoate (S2)**

To a stirred solution of diol **8** (20.0 mg, 0.0810 mmol) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (2 mL) was added Et<sub>3</sub>N (16.3 mg, 0.161 mmol), DMAP (2.00 mg, 0.0160 mmol) and 4-nitrobenzoylchloride (29.9 mg, 0.161 mmol) at room temperature. After stirring was continued for 5 h at the same temperature, the reaction mixture was poured into water and then extracted with CHCl<sub>3</sub>. The combined extracts was washed with brine, dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, and concentrated to give a residue that was purified by silica gel column chromatography (Hexane : AcOEt = 4 : 1) to give 27.3 mg (89%, > 95% ee \*) of **S2** as a colorless oil. \*HPLC [DICEL CHIRALPAK OD-H column; 0.5 mL/min; solvent system: <sup>i</sup>PrOH : Hexane = 1 : 99; retention times: 57.2 min (minor), 69.0 min (major)];  $[\alpha]_D^{31} = - 12.7$  (c = 0.47, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); IR (neat) 3435, 2930, 2857, 1727, 1529, 1276, 1103, 839, 778 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz)  $\delta$  0.03 (6H, s), 0.89 (9H, s), 1.29 (3H, s), 1.31 (3H, s), 1.97–2.10 (2H, m), 3.03 (1H, br), 3.69–3.80 (2H, m), 5.19 (1H, dd, *J* = 4.4, 7.2 Hz), 8.23 (2H, d, *J* = 8.8 Hz), 8.31 (2H, d, *J* = 8.8 Hz); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz)  $\delta$  - 5.5 (CH<sub>3</sub>×2), 18.2 (C), 25.8 (CH<sub>3</sub>×3), 25.9 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 26.2 (CH<sub>3</sub>),

33.0 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 59.7 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 71.9 (C), 79.4 (CH), 123.6 (CH×2), 130.7 (CH×2), 135.7 (C), 150.7 (C), 164.4 (C); HRMS (ESI) *m/z* Calcd for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>31</sub>NO<sub>6</sub>SiNa [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 420.1819, found 420.1822.

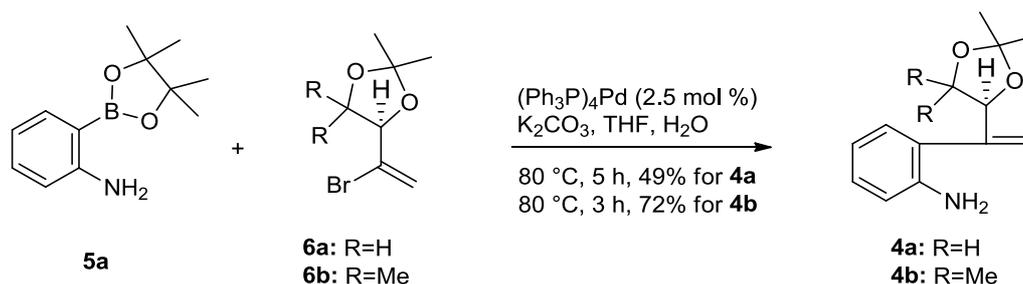


#### (R)-4-Bromo-2-methylpent-4-ene-2,3-diol (**S3**)

To a stirred solution of vinylbromide **6d** (200 mg, 0.766 mmol) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>–MeOH (1 : 1, 6 mL) was added (*1S*)-(+)-10-camphorsulfonic acid (88.9 mg, 0.383 mmol), at room temperature. After stirring was continued for 24 h at the same temperature, the reaction mixture was concentrated to give a residue that was purified by silica gel column chromatography (Hexane : AcOEt = 2 : 1) to give 108 mg (73%) of **S3** as a colorless oil.  $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{20} = -14.8$  (*c* = 0.20, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); IR (neat) 3390, 1167, 1047, 900 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz) δ 1.28 (3H, s), 1.31 (3H, s), 2.25 (1H, br), 3.13 (1H, br), 4.01 (1H, s), 5.73 (1H, s), 5.94 (1H, s); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz) δ 25.4 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 27.1 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 72.8 (C), 80.9 (CH), 120.4 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 132.6 (C); HRMS (ESI) *m/z* Calcd for C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>12</sub>O<sub>2</sub>Br [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 195.0021, found 195.0023.

#### (R)-5-(1-Bromovinyl)-2,2,4,4-tetramethyl-1,3-dioxolane (**6b**)

To a stirred solution of diol **S3** (45.0 mg, 0.232 mmol) in 2,2-dimethoxypropane–acetone (1 : 1, 2 mL) was added *p*-toluenesulfonic acid monohydrate (0.900 mg, 0.000500 mmol), at room temperature. After stirring was continued for 12 h at the same temperature, the reaction mixture was concentrated to give a residue that was purified by silica gel column chromatography (Hexane : AcOEt = 10 : 1) to give 54.5 mg (quant) of **6b** as a colorless oil.  $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{20} = +51.5$  (*c* = 0.15, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); IR (neat) 2984, 1632, 1370, 1197, 1055, 899 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz) δ 1.13 (3H, s), 1.38 (3H, s), 1.47 (3H, s), 1.51 (3H, s), 4.41 (1H, t, *J* = 1.6 Hz), 5.66 (1H, t, *J* = 1.6 Hz), 6.15 (1H, t, *J* = 1.6 Hz); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz) δ 23.4 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 27.1 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 28.0 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 28.3 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 80.7 (C), 85.9 (CH), 107.2 (C), 117.2 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 126.3 (C); HRMS (ESI) *m/z* Calcd for C<sub>9</sub>H<sub>15</sub>O<sub>2</sub>BrNa [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 257.0153, found 257.0153.

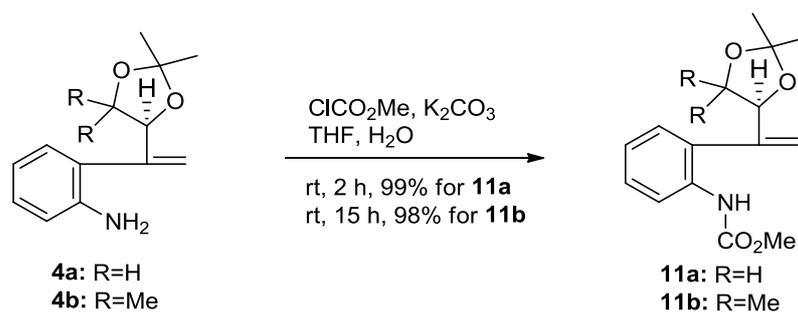


### General Procedure for Preparation of Aminoalkenes **4a** and **4b**.

To a stirred solution of 2-(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolan-2-yl)aniline (**5a**) (1.0 equiv) and corresponding vinylbromides (**6a,b**)<sup>3</sup> (1.0 equiv) in THF–H<sub>2</sub>O (10 : 1, 0.10 M) were added (Ph<sub>3</sub>P)<sub>4</sub>Pd (2.5 mol %) and K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (2.0 equiv) at room temperature and the mixture was stirred at 80 °C for 3–5 h. The reaction mixture was poured into water and then extracted with AcOEt. The combined extracts were washed with brine, dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, and concentrated to give a residue that was purified by silica gel column chromatography.

*(S)*-2-{1-(2,2-Dimethyl-1,3-dioxolan-4-yl)vinyl}aniline (**4a**). This compound was prepared from aniline **5a** (45.0 mg, 0.210 mmol) and vinylbromide **6a** (48.0 mg, 0.210 mmol). Purification by silica gel column chromatography (Hexane : AcOEt = 10 : 1) gave 22.0 mg (49%) of **4a** as a yellowish oil.  $[\alpha]_D^{20} = -19.4$  (c = 1.00, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); IR (neat) 3458, 3366 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz) δ 1.40 (3H, s), 1.42 (3H, s), 3.68 (1H, t, *J* = 7.6 Hz), 3.87 (2H, br), 4.05 (1H, dd, *J* = 6.8, 7.6 Hz), 4.81 (1H, t, *J* = 7.6 Hz), 5.24 (1H, d, *J* = 1.6 Hz), 5.70 (1H, d, *J* = 1.6 Hz), 6.69 (1H, dd, *J* = 1.2, 7.2 Hz), 6.71 (1H, dt, *J* = 1.2, 7.2 Hz), 6.94 (1H, dd, *J* = 1.2, 7.2 Hz), 7.09 (1H, dt, *J* = 1.2, 7.2 Hz); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz) δ 25.9 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 26.3 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 69.0 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 78.5 (CH), 109.7 (C), 115.5 (CH), 116.7 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 118.0 (CH), 125.1 (C), 128.6 (CH), 129.6 (CH), 144.1 (C), 145.4 (C); HRMS (ESI) calcd for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>18</sub>NO<sub>2</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 220.1338, found 220.1340.

*(S)*-2-{1-(2,2,5,5-Tetramethyl-1,3-dioxolan-4-yl)vinyl}aniline (**4b**). This compound was prepared from aniline **5a** (55.9 mg, 0.255 mmol) and vinylbromide **6b** (60.0 mg, 0.255 mmol). Purification by silica gel column chromatography (Hexane : AcOEt = 10 : 1) gave 45.4 mg (72%) of **4b** as a yellowish oil.  $[\alpha]_D^{20} = -130.7$  (c = 0.10, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); IR (neat) 3368, 2982, 1615, 1493, 1197, 748 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz) δ 0.96 (3H, s), 1.11 (3H, s), 1.43 (3H, s), 1.51 (3H, s), 3.75 (2H, br), 4.72 (1H, s), 5.32 (1H, dd, *J* = 1.2, 2.0 Hz), 5.80 (1H, t, *J* = 2.0 Hz), 6.69–6.75 (2H, m), 7.02 (1H, dd, *J* = 1.6, 7.6 Hz), 7.09 (1H, dt, *J* = 1.6, 7.6 Hz); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz) δ 24.0 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 26.6 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 27.1 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 28.5 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 80.5 (C), 83.5 (CH), 106.3 (C), 115.9 (CH), 116.0 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 118.2 (CH), 125.2 (C), 128.6 (CH), 129.3 (CH), 142.0 (C), 143.3 (C); HRMS (ESI) m/z Calcd for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>21</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>Na [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 270.1470, found 270.1469.



### General Procedure for Preparation of Carbamates **11a** and **11b**.

To a stirred solution of corresponding aminoalkenes (**4a,b**) (1.0 equiv) in THF–H<sub>2</sub>O (3 : 1, 0.10 M) were added K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (10 equiv) and methyl chloroformate (1.5 equiv) at room temperature and the mixture was stirred for 2–15 h. The reaction mixture was poured into water and then extracted with AcOEt. The combined extracts was washed with brine, dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, and concentrated to give a residue that was purified by silica gel column chromatography.

*(S)*-Methyl [2-{1-(2,2-dimethyl-1,3-dioxolan-4-yl)vinyl}phenyl]carbamate (**11a**). This compound was prepared from aniline **4a** (65.0 mg, 0.300 mmol). Purification by silica gel column chromatography (Hexane : AcOEt = 10 : 1) gave 83.1 mg (99%) of **11a** as a yellowish oil.  $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{20} = -19.6$  (c = 1.00, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); IR (neat) 3327, 1738 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz)  $\delta$  1.26 (3H, s), 1.41 (3H, s), 3.63 (1H, t, *J* = 8.4 Hz), 3.75 (3H, s), 4.05 (1H, dd, *J* = 6.4, 8.4 Hz), 4.77 (1H, t, *J* = 7.2 Hz), 5.22 (1H, d, *J* = 1.6 Hz), 5.67 (1H, d, *J* = 1.6 Hz), 6.99 (1H, dd, *J* = 1.2, 7.2 Hz), 7.03 (1H, dt, *J* = 1.2, 7.2 Hz), 7.31 (1H, dt, *J* = 1.2, 7.2 Hz), 7.71 (1H, br), 7.96 (1H, d, *J* = 8.0 Hz); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz)  $\delta$  25.8 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 25.9 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 52.2 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 68.0 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 79.6 (CH), 110.0 (C), 114.9 (CH), 120.6 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 123.0 (CH), 128.7 (CH), 129.0 (C), 129.9 (CH), 136.0 (C), 144.3 (C), 154.3 (C); HRMS (ESI) calcd for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>19</sub>NO<sub>4</sub>Na [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 300.1212, found 300.1220.

*(S)*-Methyl [2-{1-(2,2,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3-dioxolan-4-yl)vinyl}phenyl]carbamate (**11b**). This compound was prepared from aniline **4b** (43.0 mg, 0.174 mmol). Purification by silica gel column chromatography (Hexane : AcOEt = 5 : 1) gave 52.3 mg (98%) of **11b** as a colorless oil.  $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{20} = -74.4$  (c = 0.11, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); IR (neat) 3419, 2983, 1744, 1521, 1212, 768 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz)  $\delta$  0.96 (3H, s), 1.07 (3H, s), 1.42 (3H, s), 1.50 (3H, s), 3.76 (3H, s), 4.56 (1H, s), 5.31 (1H, dd, *J* = 1.2, 1.6 Hz), 5.85 (1H, t, *J* = 1.6 Hz), 7.04 (1H, dt, *J* = 1.2, 7.6 Hz), 7.13 (1H, dd, *J* = 1.2, 7.6 Hz), 7.28–7.33 (2H, m), 8.05 (1H, d, *J* = 8.4 Hz); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz)  $\delta$  24.0 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 26.5 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 27.0 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 28.3 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 52.3 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 80.5 (C), 84.7 (CH), 106.6 (C), 118.6 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 120.2 (CH), 123.1 (CH), 128.7 (CH), 129.2 (CH), 129.3 (C), 134.9 (C), 141.4 (C), 154.0 (C); HRMS (ESI) m/z Calcd for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>24</sub>NO<sub>4</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 306.1705, found 306.1702.

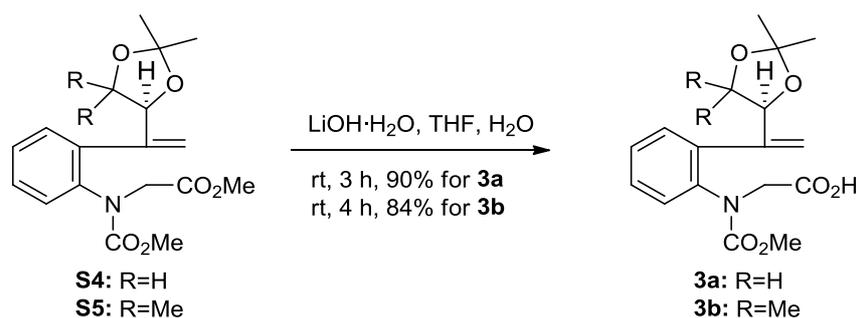


### General Procedure for Preparation of Esters **S4** and **S5**.

To a stirred solution of corresponding carbamates (**11a,b**) (1.0 equiv) in DMF (0.10 M) were added sodium hydride (3.0 equiv) by portions at 0 °C and the mixture was stirred at the same temperature for 15 min. 2-Bromoacetic acid methyl ester (3.0 equiv) was added to the reaction mixture and stirring was continued for 2.5-4 h at room temperature. The reaction mixture was poured into water and then extracted with AcOEt. The combined extracts was dried over  $\text{MgSO}_4$  and concentrated to give a residue that was purified by silica gel column chromatography.

*(S)*-Methyl 2-[(2-(1-(2,2-dimethyl-1,3-dioxolan-4-yl)vinyl)phenyl)(methoxycarbonyl)amino]acetate (**S4**). This compound was prepared from carbamate **11a** (70.0 mg, 0.250 mmol). Purification by silica gel column chromatography (Hexane : AcOEt = 10 : 1) gave 85.8 mg (98%) of **S4** as a yellowish oil.  $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{20} = -26.9$  ( $c = 1.00$ ,  $\text{CHCl}_3$ ); IR (neat) 1755, 1714  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ;  $^1\text{H NMR}$  ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 400 MHz)  $\delta$  1.39 (6H, s), 3.82–3.59 (9H, m), 4.66 (1H, d,  $J = 14.8$  Hz), 4.76–4.71 (1H, m), 5.14 (1H, s), 5.63 (1H, s), 7.27–7.18 (1H, m), 7.36–7.28 (2H, m), 7.54–7.47 (1H, m);  $^{13}\text{C NMR}$  ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 100 MHz)  $\delta$  25.8 ( $\text{CH}_3$ ), 26.4 ( $\text{CH}_3$ ), 51.7 ( $\text{CH}_2$ ), 52.1 ( $\text{CH}_3$ ), 53.2 ( $\text{CH}_3$ ), 69.2 ( $\text{CH}_2$ ), 69.5 (CH), 109.5 (C), 116.1 ( $\text{CH}_2$ ), 127.9 (CH), 128.6 (CH), 129.0 (CH), 129.9 (CH), 130.2 (C), 139.2 (C), 146.1 (C), 156.3 (C), 169.9 (C); HRMS (ESI) calcd for  $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{24}\text{NO}_6$   $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ : 350.1604, found 350.1607.

*(S)*-Methyl 2-[(methoxycarbonyl){2-(1-(2,2,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3-dioxolan-4-yl)vinyl)phenyl}amino]acetate (**S5**). This compound was prepared from carbamate **11b** (50.0 mg, 0.164 mmol). Purification by silica gel column chromatography (Hexane : AcOEt = 4 : 1) gave 61.8 mg (quant) of **S5** as a colorless oil.  $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{20} = -133.4$  ( $c = 0.12$ ,  $\text{CHCl}_3$ ); IR (neat) 2983, 1756, 1716, 1199  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ;  $^1\text{H NMR}$  ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 400 MHz)  $\delta$  0.84 (3H, s), 1.09 (3H, s), 1.35 (3H, s), 1.49 (3H, s), 3.70–3.85 (7H, m), 4.41–4.71 (2H, m), 5.16–5.24 (1H, m), 5.68–5.76 (1H, m), 7.16 (1H, dd,  $J = 1.4, 7.8$  Hz), 7.27–7.36 (2H, m), 7.48 (0.7H, d,  $J = 7.8$  Hz), 7.55 (0.3H, t,  $J = 7.8$  Hz);  $^{13}\text{C NMR}$  ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 100 MHz)  $\delta$  23.6 ( $\text{CH}_3$ ), 26.3 ( $\text{CH}_3$ ), 27.0 ( $\text{CH}_3$ ), 28.3 ( $\text{CH}_3$ ), 51.1 ( $\text{CH}_3$ ), 52.1 ( $\text{CH}_3$ ), 53.2 ( $\text{CH}_2$ ), 80.1 (C), 82.4 (CH), 106.4 (C), 116.9 ( $\text{CH}_2$ ), 128.0 (CH), 128.7 (CH), 130.7 (CH), 130.8 (CH), 137.4 (C), 138.9 (C), 143.7 (C), 156.2 (C), 169.8 (C); HRMS (ESI)  $m/z$  Calcd for  $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{28}\text{NO}_6$   $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ : 378.1917, found 378.1919.

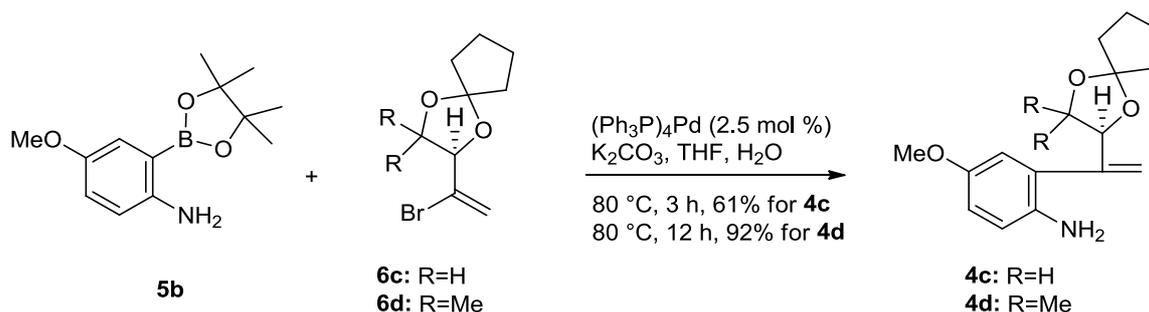


### General Procedure for Preparation of Carboxylic acids **3a** and **3b**.

To a stirred solution of corresponding esters (**S4**, **S5**) (1.0 equiv) in THF–H<sub>2</sub>O (5 : 1, 0.10 M) were added lithium hydroxide monohydrate (3.0 equiv) at 0 °C and the mixture was stirred at room temperature for 3–4 h. The reaction mixture was diluted with water and extracted with Et<sub>2</sub>O. The aqueous layer was acidified with 1 N HCl solution and extracted with CHCl<sub>3</sub>. The combined extracts was dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub> and concentrated.

(*S*)-2-[[2-(1-(2,2-Dimethyl-1,3-dioxolan-4-yl)vinyl)phenyl](methoxycarbonyl)amino]acetic acid (**3a**). This compound was prepared from ester **S4** (50.0 mg, 0.140 mmol) to gave 42.0 mg (90%) of **3a** as a yellowish oil.  $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{20} = -14.3$  ( $c = 1.00$ , CHCl<sub>3</sub>); IR (neat) 3507, 1714 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz)  $\delta$  1.39 (6H, s), 3.69 (3H, s), 3.80–3.72 (1H, m), 3.84 (1H, d,  $J = 18.4$  Hz), 4.15–3.98 (1H, m), 4.67 (1H, d,  $J = 18.4$  Hz), 4.71 (1H, t,  $J = 7.2$  Hz), 5.15 (1H, s), 5.64 (1H, s), 7.22–7.19 (1H, m), 7.34–7.29 (2H, m), 7.50–7.42 (1H, m), 8.70 (1H, br); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz)  $\delta$  25.8 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 26.3 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 51.7 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 53.3 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 69.2 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 77.2 (CH), 109.6 (C), 116.4 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 128.0 (CH), 128.7 (CH), 129.1 (CH), 129.7 (CH), 130.2 (C), 139.1 (C), 145.9 (C), 156.5 (C), 174.2 (C); HRMS (ESI) calcd for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>22</sub>NO<sub>6</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 336.1447, found 336.1440.

(*S*)-2-[(Methoxycarbonyl){2-(1-(2,2,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3-dioxolan-4-yl)vinyl)phenyl}amino]acetic acid (**3b**). This compound was prepared from ester **S5** (60.0 mg, 0.159 mmol) to gave 48.3 mg (84%) of **3b** as a colorless oil.  $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{20} = -122.0$  ( $c = 0.12$ , CHCl<sub>3</sub>); IR (neat) 2980, 1716, 1450, 1191 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz)  $\delta$  0.84–0.91 (3H, m), 1.09 (3H, s), 1.35 (3H, s), 1.49 (3H, s), 3.59–3.91 (4H, m), 4.41–4.75 (2H, m), 5.16–5.24 (1H, m), 5.68–5.76 (1H, m), 5.76 (1H, overlapped), 7.16 (1H, d,  $J = 7.6$  Hz), 7.26–7.37 (2H, m), 7.41–7.52 (1H, m); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz)  $\delta$  23.6 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 26.2 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 26.9 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 28.3 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 51.1 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 53.4 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 80.1 (C), 82.4 (CH), 106.5 (C), 117.1 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 128.1 (CH), 128.7 (CH), 130.7 (CH), 130.8 (CH), 137.4 (C), 138.8 (C), 143.5 (C), 156.3 (C), 169.8 (C); HRMS (ESI)  $m/z$  Calcd for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>26</sub>NO<sub>6</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 364.1760, found 364.1766.

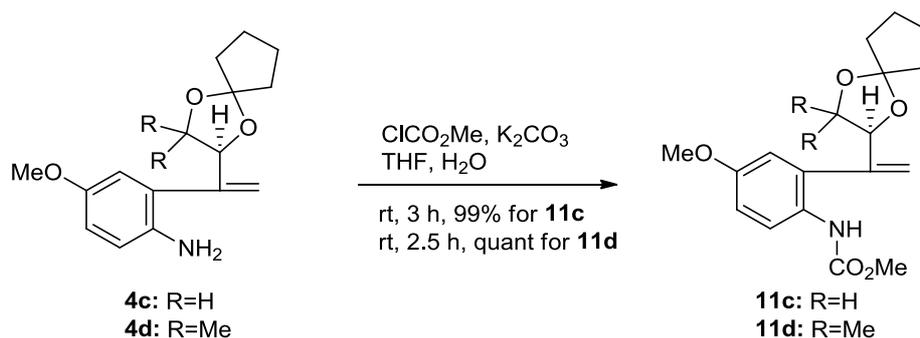


### General Procedure for Preparation of Aminoalkenes **4c** and **4d**.

To a stirred solution of aniline **5b**<sup>4</sup> (1.0 equiv) and corresponding vinylbromides (**6c,d**)<sup>3</sup> (1.0 equiv) in THF–H<sub>2</sub>O (10 : 1, 0.10 M) were added (Ph<sub>3</sub>P)<sub>4</sub>Pd (2.5 mol%) and K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (2.0 equiv) at room temperature and the mixture was stirred at 80 °C for 3–12 h. The reaction mixture was poured into water and then extracted with AcOEt. The combined extracts was washed with brine, dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, and concentrated to give a residue that was purified by silica gel column chromatography.

(*S*)-2-[1-(1,4-Dioxaspiro[4.4]nonan-2-yl)vinyl]-4-methoxyaniline (**4c**). This compound was prepared from aniline **5b** (183 mg, 0.785 mmol) and vinylbromide **6c**<sup>3</sup> (196 mg, 0.785 mmol). Purification by silica gel column chromatography (Hexane : AcOEt = 3 : 1) gave 131 mg (61%) of **4c** as a yellowish oil.  $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{20} = -23.1$  (c = 0.25, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); IR (neat) 3354, 2931, 1604, 1499, 1041, 917 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz) δ 1.67–1.91 (8H, m), 3.61 (2H, br), 3.65 (1H, dd, *J* = 6.8, 8.3 Hz), 3.73 (3H, s), 3.99 (1H, dd, *J* = 6.6, 8.3 Hz), 4.77 (1H, t, *J* = 6.6 Hz), 5.23 (1H, s), 5.67 (1H, s), 6.56 (1H, d, *J* = 2.9 Hz), 6.69 (1H, d, *J* = 8.5 Hz), 6.71 (1H, dd, *J* = 2.9, 8.5 Hz), NH<sub>2</sub> was not observed clearly; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz) δ 23.3 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 23.4 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 36.2 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 36.4 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 55.6 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 68.7 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 77.9 (CH), 114.3 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 115.1 (CH), 116.5 (CH), 116.6 (CH), 119.6 (C), 126.2 (C), 137.6 (C), 145.5 (C), 152.1 (C); HRMS (ESI) *m/z* Calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>21</sub>NO<sub>3</sub>Na [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 298.1419, found 298.1419.

(*S*)-2-[1-(3,3-Dimethyl-1,4-dioxaspiro[4.4]nonan-2-yl)vinyl]-4-methoxyaniline (**4d**). This compound was prepared from aniline **5b** (180 mg, 0.723 mmol) and vinylbromide **6d** (189 mg, 0.723 mmol). Purification by silica gel column chromatography (Hexane : AcOEt = 4 : 1) gave 201 mg (92%) of **4d** as a colorless oil.  $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{20} = -116.5$  (c = 0.45 CHCl<sub>3</sub>); IR (neat) 3358, 2973, 1604, 1498, 1114, 814 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz) δ 0.98 (3H, s), 1.09 (3H, s), 1.66–1.98 (8H, m), 3.61 (2H, br), 3.73 (3H, s), 4.58 (1H, s), 5.31 (1H, s), 5.78 (1H, s), 6.63 (1H, d, *J* = 2.8 Hz), 6.64 (1H, d, *J* = 8.8 Hz), 6.70 (1H, dd, *J* = 2.8, 8.8 Hz); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz) δ 23.4 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 23.5 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 23.7 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 26.0 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 38.3 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 38.3 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 55.7 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 79.9 (C), 83.8 (CH), 114.2 (CH), 115.1 (CH), 116.1 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 116.3 (C), 117.0 (CH), 126.4 (C), 137.2 (C), 142.1 (C), 152.2 (C); HRMS (ESI) *m/z* Calcd for C<sub>36</sub>H<sub>50</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>6</sub>Na [2M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 629.3567, found 629.3566.

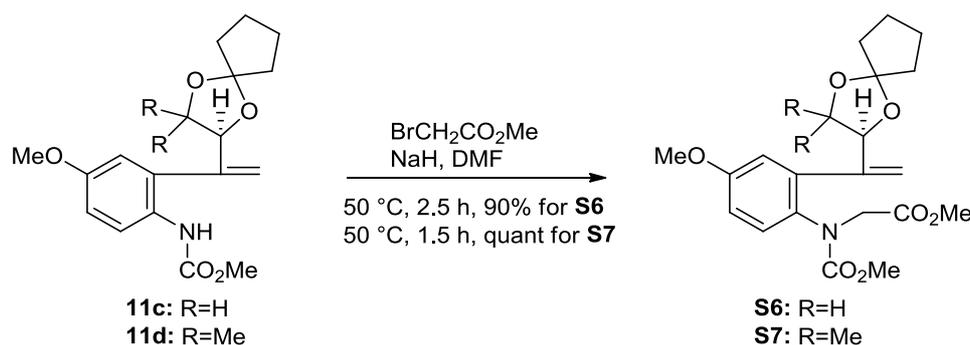


### General Procedure for Preparation of Carbamates **11c** and **11d**.

To a stirred solution of corresponding aminoalkenes (**4c,d**) (1.0 equiv) in THF–H<sub>2</sub>O (3 : 1, 0.10 M) were added K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (10 equiv) and methyl chloroformate (1.5 equiv) at room temperature and the mixture was stirred for 2.5–3 h. The reaction mixture was poured into water and then extracted with AcOEt. The combined extracts was washed with brine, dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, and concentrated to give a residue that was purified by silica gel column chromatography.

*(S)*-Methyl [2-{1-(1,4-dioxaspiro[4.4]nonan-2-yl)vinyl}-4-methoxyphenyl]carbamate (**11c**). This compound was prepared from aniline **4c** (130 mg, 0.472 mmol). Purification by silica gel column chromatography (Hexane : AcOEt = 3 : 1) gave 156 mg (99%) of **11c** as a yellowish oil.  $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{20} = -28.8$  (c = 0.20, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); IR (neat) 3335, 2940, 1730, 1518, 1214, 912 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz)  $\delta$  1.59–1.84 (8H, m), 3.60 (1H, dd, *J* = 7.6, 8.3 Hz), 3.73 (3H, s), 3.78 (3H, s), 4.00 (1H, dd, *J* = 6.6, 8.3 Hz), 4.72 (1H, t, *J* = 6.6 Hz), 5.22 (1H, s), 5.63 (1H, s), 6.57 (1H, d, *J* = 2.9 Hz), 6.86 (1H, dd, *J* = 2.9, 9.0 Hz), 7.54 (1H, br), 7.79 (1H, br); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz)  $\delta$  23.1 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 23.2 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 35.9 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 36.0 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 52.1 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 55.4 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 67.8 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 79.1 (CH), 113.3 (CH), 115.7 (CH), 119.8 (CH), 120.3 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 122.4 (C), 129.0 (C), 131.2 (C), 144.3 (C), 154.6 (C), 155.3 (C); HRMS (ESI) *m/z* Calcd for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>23</sub>NO<sub>5</sub>Na [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 356.1474, found 356.1472.

*(S)*-Methyl 2-[1-(3,3-dimethyl-1,4-dioxaspiro[4.4]nonan-2-yl)vinyl]-4-methoxyphenylcarbamate (**11d**). This compound was prepared from aniline **4d** (66.0 mg, 0.218 mmol). Purification by silica gel column chromatography (Hexane : AcOEt = 4 : 1) gave 78.6 mg (quant) of **11d** as a pale yellow oil.  $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{24} = -63.9$  (c = 0.52, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); IR (neat) 3322, 2974, 1737, 1523, 1211, 1113, 815 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz)  $\delta$  1.01 (3H, s), 1.04 (3H, s), 1.66–1.90 (8H, m), 3.72 (3H, s), 3.76 (3H, s), 4.41 (1H, s), 5.28 (1H, s), 5.77 (1H, s), 6.68 (1H, d, *J* = 2.8 Hz), 6.85 (1H, dd, *J* = 2.8, 8.8 Hz), 7.14 (1H, br), 7.82 (1H, br); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz)  $\delta$  23.2 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 23.4 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 23.6 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 25.8 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 38.1 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 38.2 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 52.2 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 55.4 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 80.0 (C), 85.1 (CH), 113.2 (CH), 115.3 (CH), 116.6 (CH), 118.8 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 122.6 (C), 128.1 (C), 131.8 (C), 141.7 (C), 154.4 (C), 155.5 (C); HRMS (ESI) *m/z* Calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>28</sub>NO<sub>5</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 362.1967, found 362.1967.



### General Procedure for Preparation of Esters **S6** and **S7**.

To a stirred solution of corresponding carbamates (**11c,d**) (1.0 equiv) in DMF (0.10 M) were added sodium hydride (3.0 equiv) by portions at 0 °C and the mixture was stirred at the same temperature for 15 min. 2-Bromoacetic acid methyl ester (3.0 equiv) was added to the reaction mixture and stirring was continued for 1.5-2.5 h at 50 °C. The reaction mixture was poured into water and then extracted with AcOEt. The combined extracts were dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub> and concentrated to give a residue that was purified by silica gel column chromatography.

#### (*S*)-Methyl

2-([2-{1-(1,4-dioxaspiro[4.4]nonan-2-yl)vinyl}-4-methoxyphenyl}(methoxycarbonyl)amino)acetate (**S6**).

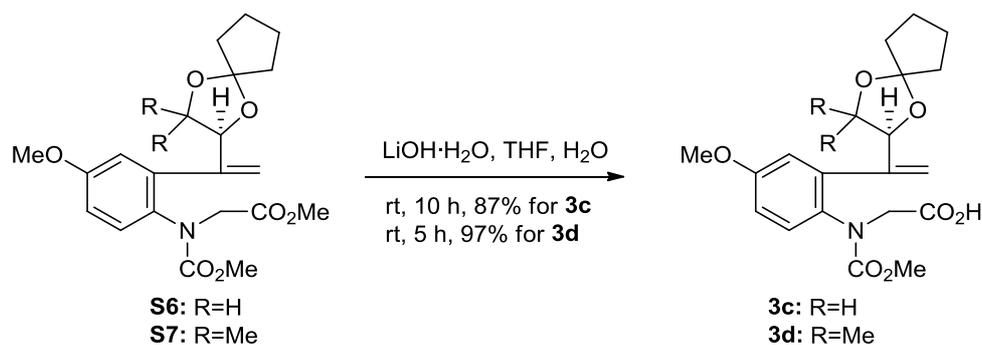
This compound was prepared from carbamate **11c** (150 mg, 0.450 mmol). Purification by silica gel column chromatography (Hexane : AcOEt = 2 : 1) gave 164 mg (90%) of **S6** as a colorless oil.  $[\alpha]_D^{20} = -28.5$  (c = 0.20, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); IR (neat) 2940, 1745, 1715, 1210 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz) δ 1.68–1.90 (8H, m), 3.58–4.03 (12H, m), 4.62–4.83 (2H, m), 5.14 (0.8H, s), 5.18 (0.2H, s), 5.59 (0.2H, s), 5.61 (0.8H, s), 6.75 (1H, dd, *J* = 2.8, 19.6 Hz), 6.84 (1H, dt, *J* = 2.8, 8.2 Hz), 7.39 (0.5H, d, *J* = 8.7 Hz), 7.44 (0.5H, dd, *J* = 4.0, 8.7 Hz); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz) δ 23.4 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 23.5 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 36.2 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 36.5 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 52.1 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 52.6 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 53.3 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 55.5 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 69.0 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 76.6 (CH), 113.7 (CH), 115.4 (CH), 116.1 (CH), 119.6 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 131.0 (C), 131.9 (C), 138.8 (C), 146.2 (C), 156.6 (C), 158.8 (C), 170.0 (C); HRMS (ESI) *m/z* Calcd for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>28</sub>NO<sub>7</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 406.1866, found 406.1864.

#### (*S*)-Methyl

2-([2-{1-(3,3-dimethyl-1,4-dioxaspiro[4.4]nonan-2-yl)vinyl}-4-methoxyphenyl}(methoxycarbonyl)amino)acetate (**S7**). This compound was prepared from carbamate **11d** (75.0 mg, 0.210 mmol). Purification by silica gel column chromatography (Hexane : AcOEt = 4 : 1) gave 89.6 mg (quant) of **S7** as a colorless oil.  $[\alpha]_D^{26} =$

$-113.5$  (c = 0.72, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); IR (neat) 2955, 1756, 1714, 1213 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz) δ 0.90 (3H, s), 1.08 (3H, s), 1.63–1.91 (8H, m), 3.70 (3H, s), 3.72 (3H, s), 3.75–3.84 (1H, m), 3.81 (3H, s), 4.24–4.36 (1H, m), 4.53–4.71 (1H, m), 5.15–5.23 (1H, m), 5.65–5.72 (1H, m), 6.67 (1H, d, *J* = 2.8 Hz), 6.84 (1H, dd, *J* = 2.8, 8.8 Hz), 7.40 (0.7H, d, *J* = 8.8 Hz), 7.46 (0.3H, d, *J* = 8.8 Hz); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz, 50 °C) δ

23.1 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 23.5 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 23.8 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 25.8 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 38.1 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 38.2 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 51.3 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 51.9 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 53.1 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 55.4 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 79.3 (C), 82.7 (CH), 113.1 (CH), 115.9 (CH), 116.2 (CH), 116.8 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 131.6 (C), 131.7 (C), 138.6 (C), 143.6 (C), 156.4 (C), 158.6 (C), 169.9 (C); HRMS (ESI) m/z Calcd for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>32</sub>NO<sub>7</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 434.2179, found 434.2158.



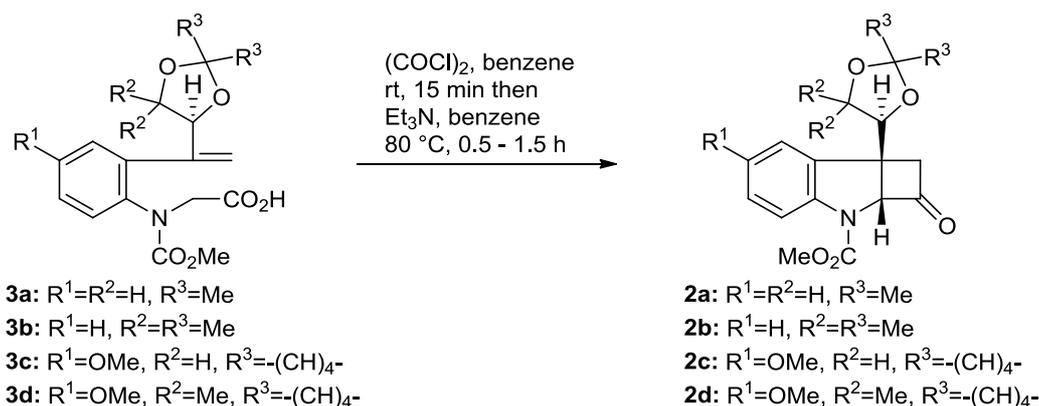
#### General Procedure for Preparation of Carboxylic acids **3c** and **3d**.

To a stirred solution of corresponding esters (**S6**, **S7**) (1.0 equiv) in THF–H<sub>2</sub>O (5 : 1, 0.10 M) were added lithium hydroxide monohydrate (3.0 equiv) at 0 °C and the mixture was stirred at room temperature for 5-10 h. The reaction mixture was diluted with water and extracted with Et<sub>2</sub>O. The aqueous layer was acidified with 1 N HCl solution and extracted with CHCl<sub>3</sub>. The combined extracts was dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub> and concentrated.

(*S*)-2-([2-([1-(1,4-Dioxaspiro[4.4]nonan-2-yl)vinyl]-4-methoxyphenyl)(methoxycarbonyl)amino)acetic acid (**3c**). This compound was prepared from ester **S6** (160 mg, 0.395 mmol) to gave 135 mg (87%) of **3c** as a colorless amorphous powder.  $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{20} = -25.5$  (c = 0.19, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); IR (neat) 2937, 1715, 1450, 1210 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz) δ 1.61–1.91 (8H, m), 3.59–4.04 (9H, m), 4.63–4.69 (2H, m), 5.15 (0.8H, s), 5.19 (0.2H, s), 5.59 (0.2H, s), 5.61 (0.8H, s), 6.75 (1H, dd, *J* = 2.8, 19.2 Hz), 6.83 (1H, dd, *J* = 2.8, 8.7 Hz), 7.36 (0.5H, d, *J* = 8.7 Hz), 7.40 (0.5H, t, *J* = 8.7 Hz), COOH was not observed clearly; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz) δ 23.4 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 23.5 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 36.2 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 36.5 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 53.4 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 55.5 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 67.9 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 69.0 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 76.7 (CH), 113.7 (C), 115.4 (CH), 116.4 (CH), 119.7 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 130.9 (CH), 131.8 (C), 138.7 (C), 145.9 (C), 156.8 (C), 158.8 (C), 174.4 (C); HRMS (ESI) m/z Calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>26</sub>NO<sub>7</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 392.1709, found 392.1714.

(*S*)-2-([2-([1-(3,3-Dimethyl-1,4-dioxaspiro[4.4]nonan-2-yl)vinyl]-4-methoxyphenyl)(methoxycarbonyl)amino)acetic acid (**3d**). This compound was prepared from ester **S7** (130 mg, 0.300 mmol) to gave 122 mg (97%) of **3d** as a colorless oil.  $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{27} = -104.9$  (c = 0.54, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); IR (neat) 2974, 1714, 1497, 1216 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz) δ 0.90 (3H, s), 1.08 (3H, s), 1.65–1.90 (8H, m), 3.72 (3H, s), 3.78–3.84 (1H, m), 3.80 (3H, s), 4.24–4.36 (1H, m), 4.54–4.71 (1H, m), 5.16–5.23 (1H, m), 5.65–5.72 (1H, m), 6.67–6.70 (1H,

m), 6.82–6.85 (1H, m), 7.34–7.44 (1H, m), 10.66 (1H, br);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 100 MHz)  $\delta$  23.1 ( $\text{CH}_3$ ), 23.5 ( $\text{CH}_2$ ), 23.9 ( $\text{CH}_2$ ), 25.8 ( $\text{CH}_3$ ), 38.1 ( $\text{CH}_2$ ), 38.2 ( $\text{CH}_2$ ), 51.3 ( $\text{CH}_2$ ), 53.3 ( $\text{CH}_3$ ), 55.5 ( $\text{CH}_3$ ), 79.5 (C), 82.8 (CH), 113.3 (CH), 116.0 (CH), 116.4 (CH), 117.1 ( $\text{CH}_2$ ), 131.6 (C), 138.7 (C), 143.5 (C), 156.5 (C), 158.7 (C), 158.8 (C), 174.7 (C); HRMS (ESI)  $m/z$  Calcd for  $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{29}\text{NO}_7\text{Na}$   $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ : 442.1842, found 442.1842.



### General Procedure for [2 + 2] Cycloaddition.

To a stirred solution of carboxylic acids (**3a-d**) (1.0 equiv) in dry benzene (0.2 M) were added oxalyl chloride (2.0 equiv) and a catalytic amount of DMF at 0 °C. After being stirred at room temperature for 15 min, the mixture was evaporated *in vacuo*. The residue was diluted with dry benzene (0.2 M), and  $\text{Et}_3\text{N}$  (3.0 equiv) was added and then refluxed for 0.5-1.5 h. The reaction mixture was poured into water and then extracted with  $\text{AcOEt}$ . The combined extracts were washed with brine, dried over  $\text{MgSO}_4$ , and concentrated to give a residue that was purified by silica gel column chromatography.

#### (2*aR*,7*bR*)-Methyl

7*b*-((*S*)-2,2-dimethyl-1,3-dioxolan-4-yl)-2-oxo-2,2*a*-dihydro-1*H*-cyclobuta[*b*]indole-3(7*bH*)-carboxylate (**2a**).

This compound was prepared from carboxylic acid **3a** (40.0 mg, 0.120 mmol). Purification by silica gel column chromatography (Hexane :  $\text{AcOEt}$  = 3 : 1) gave 17.0 mg (45%, dr = 90 : 10) of **2a** as a colorless oil. IR (neat) 1794, 1714  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 400 MHz)  $\delta$  1.41 (3H, s), 1.51 (3H, s), 3.07 (1H, dd,  $J$  = 2.8, 8.8 Hz), 3.40 (1H, dd,  $J$  = 6.4, 8.8 Hz), 3.95–3.79 (4.9H, m), 4.25 (0.1H, t,  $J$  = 6.8 Hz), 4.47 (0.1H, t,  $J$  = 6.8 Hz), 4.71 (0.9H, t,  $J$  = 6.4 Hz), 5.49 (1H, br), 7.06 (1H, t,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz), 7.23 (1H, d,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz), 7.31 (1H, t,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz), 7.91 (1H, br);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 100 MHz, 50 °C)  $\delta$  25.6 ( $\text{CH}_3$ ), 27.1 ( $\text{CH}_3$ ), 46.6 (C), 53.8 ( $\text{CH}_3$ ), 58.2 ( $\text{CH}_2$ ), 67.3 ( $\text{CH}_2$ ), 76.7 (CH), 77.0 (CH), 110.8 (C), 116.7 (CH), 124.6 (CH), 124.9 (C), 130.3 (CH  $\times$  2), 132.1 (C), 144.4 (C), 202.7 (C); HRMS (ESI) calcd for  $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{20}\text{NO}_5$   $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ : 318.1341, found 318.1339.

#### (2*aR*,7*bR*)-Methyl

2-oxo-7*b*-((*S*)-2,2,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3-dioxolan-4-yl)-2,2*a*-dihydro-1*H*-cyclobuta[*b*]indole-3(7*bH*)-carboxylate (**2b**). This compound was prepared from carboxylic acid **3b** (48.0 mg, 0.132 mmol). Purification by silica

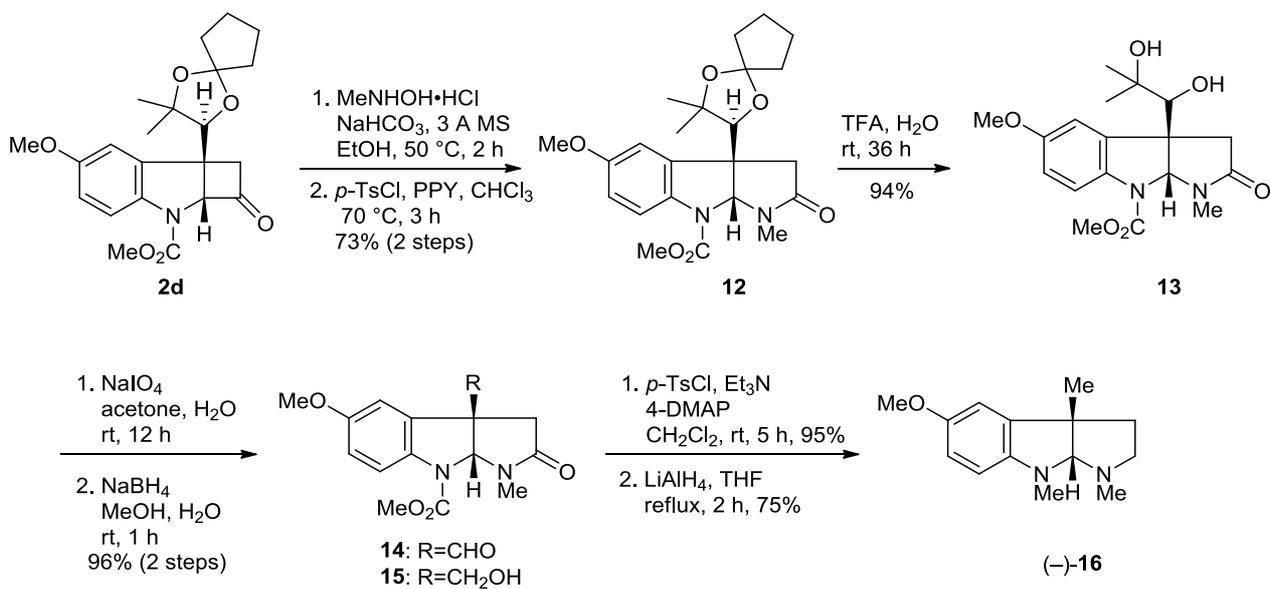
gel column chromatography (Hexane : AcOEt = 3 : 1) gave 32.3 mg (71%) of **2b** as a colorless amorphous powder.  $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{31} = +17.5$  ( $c = 0.47$ ,  $\text{CHCl}_3$ ); IR (neat) 2936, 1796, 1717, 1379, 757  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 400 MHz)  $\delta$  0.88 (3H, s), 0.95 (3H, s), 1.43 (3H, s), 1.51 (3H, s), 3.15 (1H, dd,  $J = 2.8, 17.6$  Hz), 3.87 (3H, s), 4.01 (1H, d,  $J = 17.6$  Hz), 4.41 (1H, s), 5.71 (0.8H, br), 5.88 (0.2H, br), 7.07 (1H, t,  $J = 7.6$  Hz), 7.25 (1H, t,  $J = 7.6$  Hz), 7.32 (1H, t,  $J = 7.6$  Hz), 7.50 (0.2H, br), 7.91 (0.8H, d,  $J = 7.6$  Hz);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 100 MHz)  $\delta$  22.1 ( $\text{CH}_3$ ), 26.9 ( $\text{CH}_3$ ), 28.0 ( $\text{CH}_3$ ), 28.4 ( $\text{CH}_3$ ), 44.6 (C), 53.1 ( $\text{CH}_3$ ), 61.2 ( $\text{CH}_2$ ), 75.2 (CH), 80.8 (C), 82.5 (CH), 106.1 (CH), 116.4 (C), 123.6 (CH), 125.0 (CH), 129.7 (CH), 130.2 (C), 143.6 (C), 152.6 (C), 203.7 (C); HRMS (ESI)  $m/z$  Calcd for  $\text{C}_{38}\text{H}_{46}\text{N}_2\text{O}_{10}$   $[\text{2M}+\text{H}]^+$ : 691.3230, found 691.3231.

*(2aR,7bR)-Methyl*

*6-methoxy-2-oxo-7b-((S)-1,4-dioxaspiro[4.4]nonan-2-yl)-2,2a-dihydro-1H-cyclobuta[b]indole-3(7bH)-carboxylate (2c)*. This compound was prepared from carboxylic acid **3c** (50.0 mg, 0.128 mmol). Purification by silica gel column chromatography (Hexane : AcOEt = 4 : 1) gave 38.6 mg (81%, dr = 83 : 17) of **2c** as a colorless amorphous powder. IR (neat) 2935, 1712, 1480, 1280  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 400 MHz)  $\delta$  1.65–1.97 (8H, m), 3.08 (1H, dd,  $J = 2.7, 17.8$  Hz), 3.42 (0.9H, dd,  $J = 5.5, 8.7$  Hz), 3.70–3.90 (7.9H, m), 4.17 (0.2H, t,  $J = 7.8$  Hz), 4.42 (0.2H, t,  $J = 6.9$  Hz), 4.60 (0.8H, t,  $J = 6.9$  Hz), 5.47–5.63 (1H, m), 6.70 (0.2H, d,  $J = 2.3$  Hz), 6.77 (0.8H, d,  $J = 2.3$  Hz), 6.84 (1H, d,  $J = 9.2$  Hz), 7.40 (0.2H, br), 7.82 (0.8H, d,  $J = 7.8$  Hz);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 100 MHz)  $\delta$  23.2 ( $\text{CH}_2$ ), 23.9 ( $\text{CH}_2$ ), 23.9 ( $\text{CH}_2$ ), 35.9 ( $\text{CH}_2$ ), 36.0 ( $\text{CH}_2$ ), 36.3 ( $\text{CH}_2$ ), 46.4 (C), 53.1 ( $\text{CH}_3$ ), 55.7 ( $\text{CH}_3$ ), 57.2 ( $\text{CH}_2$ ), 66.4 ( $\text{CH}_2$ ), 66.6 ( $\text{CH}_2$ ), 75.6 (CH), 76.0 (CH), 110.6 (C), 111.3 (C), 113.9 (CH), 114.1 (CH), 116.6 (CH), 119.5 (CH), 120.1 (CH), 132.4 (C), 137.4 (C), 152.5 (C), 156.5 (C), 156.6 (C), 203.0 (C); HRMS (ESI)  $m/z$  Calcd for  $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{24}\text{NO}_6$   $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ : 374.1604, found 374.1603.

*(2aR,7bR)-Methyl*

*7b-((S)-3,3-dimethyl-1,4-dioxaspiro[4.4]nonan-2-yl)-6-methoxy-2-oxo-2,2a-dihydro-1H-cyclobuta[b]indole-3(7bH)-carboxylate (2d)*. This compound was prepared from carboxylic acid **3d** (95.0 mg, 0.226 mmol). Purification by silica gel column chromatography (Hexane : AcOEt = 4 : 1) gave 81.1 mg (89%) of **2d** as a colorless oil.  $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{27} = +13.9$  ( $c = 0.40$ ,  $\text{CHCl}_3$ ); IR (neat) 2958, 1796, 1715, 1491, 1274, 1112  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 400 MHz)  $\delta$  0.88 (3H, s), 0.99 (3H, s), 1.62–1.94 (8H, m), 3.14 (1H, dd,  $J = 3.2, 17.6$  Hz), 3.78 (3H, s), 3.84 (3H, s), 3.90–4.02 (1H, m), 4.25 (1H, s), 5.67 (0.8H, br), 5.85 (0.2H, br), 6.79 (1H, d,  $J = 2.8$  Hz), 6.85 (1H, d,  $J = 9.2$  Hz), 7.40 (0.2H, d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz), 7.82 (0.8H, d,  $J = 9.2$  Hz);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 100 MHz)  $\delta$  21.6 ( $\text{CH}_3$ ), 23.4 ( $\text{CH}_2$ ), 23.8 ( $\text{CH}_2$ ), 27.6 ( $\text{CH}_3$ ), 38.1 ( $\text{CH}_2$ ), 38.1 ( $\text{CH}_2$ ), 44.7 (C), 53.0 ( $\text{CH}_3$ ), 55.7 ( $\text{CH}_3$ ), 60.9 ( $\text{CH}_2$ ), 75.4 (CH), 80.2 (C), 82.7 (CH), 111.1 (CH), 114.4 (CH), 116.1 (C), 116.9 (CH), 131.6 (C), 137.2 (C), 152.5 (C), 156.3 (C), 204.1 (C); HRMS (ESI)  $m/z$  Calcd for  $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{27}\text{NO}_6\text{Na}$   $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ : 424.1736, found 424.1746.



### (3*aR*,8*aR*)-Methyl

#### 3*a*-((*S*)-3,3-dimethyl-1,4-dioxaspiro[4.4]nonan-2-yl)-5-methoxy-1-methyl-2-oxo-1,2,3,3*a*-tetrahydropyrrolo[2,3-*b*]indole-8(8*aH*)-carboxylate (**12**)

To a stirred solution of compound **2d** (45.0 mg, 0.112 mmol) in dry EtOH (2 mL) was added *N*-methylhydroxylamine hydrochloride (46.8 mg, 0.560 mmol), NaHCO<sub>3</sub> (75.3 mg, 0.897 mmol) and molecular sieve 3 Å at room temperature and the mixture was stirred at 50 °C for 2 h. The reaction mixture was poured into brine and then extracted with AcOEt. The combined extracts were dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub> and concentrated to give a yellowish oil. The residue was diluted with CHCl<sub>3</sub> (2 mL), which was then added *p*-toluenesulfonyl chloride (42.7 mg, 0.224 mmol) and PPY (24.9 mg, 0.168 mmol) and stirred at 70 °C for 3 h. The reaction mixture was poured into water and then extracted with AcOEt. The combined extracts were washed with brine, dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, and concentrated to give a residue that was purified by silica gel column chromatography (Hexane : AcOEt = 2 : 1) to give 35.0 mg (73% for 2 steps) of **12** as a pale yellow oil.  $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{28} = -1.2$  (*c* = 0.40, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); IR (neat) 2958, 1703, 1496, 1246, 1113, 763 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz) δ 0.81 (3H, d, *J* = 7.6 Hz), 0.87 (3H, s), 1.64–1.88 (8H, m), 2.74 (1H, d, *J* = 16.6 Hz), 2.94 (3H, d, *J* = 20.4 Hz), 3.17 (1H, d, *J* = 16.6 Hz), 3.78 (3H, s), 3.87 (1H, s), 3.90 (3H, s), 6.03 (0.5H, s), 6.15 (0.5H, s), 6.73 (1H, d, *J* = 2.4 Hz), 6.80–6.90 (1H, m), 7.35 (0.5H, d, *J* = 8.8 Hz), 7.73 (0.5H, d, *J* = 8.8 Hz); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz, 50 °C) δ 21.9 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 23.4 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 23.7 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 27.6 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 27.8 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 38.1 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 38.2 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 43.4 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 49.7 (C), 53.1 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 55.9 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 79.1 (CH), 79.6 (C), 85.2 (CH), 110.7 (CH), 114.8 (CH), 115.9 (C), 118.2 (CH), 133.8 (C×2), 153.5 (C), 156.9 (C), 171.2 (C); HRMS (ESI) *m/z* Calcd for C<sub>46</sub>H<sub>61</sub>N<sub>4</sub>O<sub>12</sub> [2M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 861.4286, found 861.4278.

**(3aR,8aR)-Methyl**

**3a-((S)-1,2-dihydroxy-2-methylpropyl)-5-methoxy-1-methyl-2-oxo-1,2,3,3a-tetrahydropyrrolo[2,3-b]indole-8(8aH)-carboxylate (13)**

To a stirred solution of compound **12** (45.0 mg, 0.105 mmol) in TFA (2.5 mL) was added H<sub>2</sub>O (0.5 mL) at room temperature and the mixture was stirred at the same temperature for 36 h. The reaction mixture was concentrated *in vacuo* to give a residue that was purified by silica gel column chromatography (CHCl<sub>3</sub> : MeOH = 10 : 1) to give 35.6 mg (94%) of **13** as a yellowish amorphous powder.  $[\alpha]_D^{24} = -10.2$  (c = 0.23, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); IR (neat) 3446, 2959, 1683, 1497, 1146, 763 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 300 MHz, 50 °C) δ 0.90 (3H, s), 1.02 (3H, s), 2.82 (1H, d, *J* = 23.0 Hz), 2.93 (3H, s), 3.42 (1H, d, *J* = 23.0 Hz), 3.71 (1H, s), 3.78 (3H, s), 3.89 (3H, s), 6.23 (1H, s), 6.76 (1H, d, *J* = 3.2 Hz), 6.84 (1H, dd, *J* = 3.2, 12.0 Hz), 6.86 (2H, br), 7.50 (1H, br); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 75 MHz, 50 °C) δ 25.6 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 28.1 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 29.2 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 42.7 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 53.4 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 53.6 (C), 55.9 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 74.5 (C), 79.0 (CH), 80.7 (CH), 111.3 (CH), 115.0 (CH), 118.4 (CH), 133.7 (C), 135.5 (C), 154.2 (C), 157.2 (C), 174.5 (C); HRMS (ESI) *m/z* Calcd for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>24</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>6</sub>Na [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 387.1532, found 387.1524.

**(3aR,8aR)-Methyl**

**3a-(hydroxymethyl)-5-methoxy-1-methyl-2-oxo-1,2,3,3a-tetrahydropyrrolo[2,3-b]indole-8(8aH)-carboxylate (15)**

To a stirred solution of diol **13** (33.0 mg, 0.0910 mmol) in acetone–H<sub>2</sub>O (5 : 1, 2.4 mL) was added sodium periodate (58.1 mg, 0.272 mmol) at room temperature and the mixture was stirred at the same temperature for 12 h. The reaction mixture was added ethylene glycol (0.02 mL) at room temperature and stirring was continued for 15 minutes at the same temperature. The reaction mixture was poured into water and then extracted with CHCl<sub>3</sub>–MeOH (10 : 1). The combined extracts was washed with brine, dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude product **14** was immediately carried on to next step without purification. To a stirred solution of above crude in MeOH–H<sub>2</sub>O (4 : 1, 2.5 mL) was added NaBH<sub>4</sub> (4.10 mg, 0.110 mmol) at 0 °C and the mixture was stirred at room temperature for 1 h. The reaction mixture was poured into saturated aqueous NH<sub>4</sub>Cl solution and then extracted with CHCl<sub>3</sub>. The combined extracts was washed with brine, dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, and concentrated to give a residue that was purified by silica gel column chromatography (CHCl<sub>3</sub> : MeOH = 10 : 1) to give 26.8 mg (96% for 2 steps) of **15** as a colorless oil.  $[\alpha]_D^{25} = -1.8$  (c = 0.31, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); IR (neat) 3393, 2956, 1684, 1496, 1248, 761 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz) δ 1.98 (1H, br), 2.63 (1H, d, *J* = 16.4 Hz), 2.89 (1H, d, *J* = 16.4 Hz), 2.91 (3H, s), 3.73 (2H, d, *J* = 3.2 Hz), 3.79 (3H, s), 3.90 (3H, s), 5.87 (1H, br), 6.71 (1H, d, *J* = 2.8 Hz), 6.83 (1H, d, *J* = 6.8 Hz), 7.71 (1H, br); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 75 MHz, 50 °C) δ 27.7 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 38.1 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 51.5 (C), 53.0 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 55.8 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 65.3

(CH<sub>2</sub>), 81.1 (CH), 110.1 (CH), 114.4 (CH), 117.6 (CH), 134.0 (C), 135.2 (C), 154.2 (C), 157.1 (C), 172.2 (C); HRMS (ESI) *m/z* Calcd for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>18</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>Na [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 329.1113, found 329.1115.

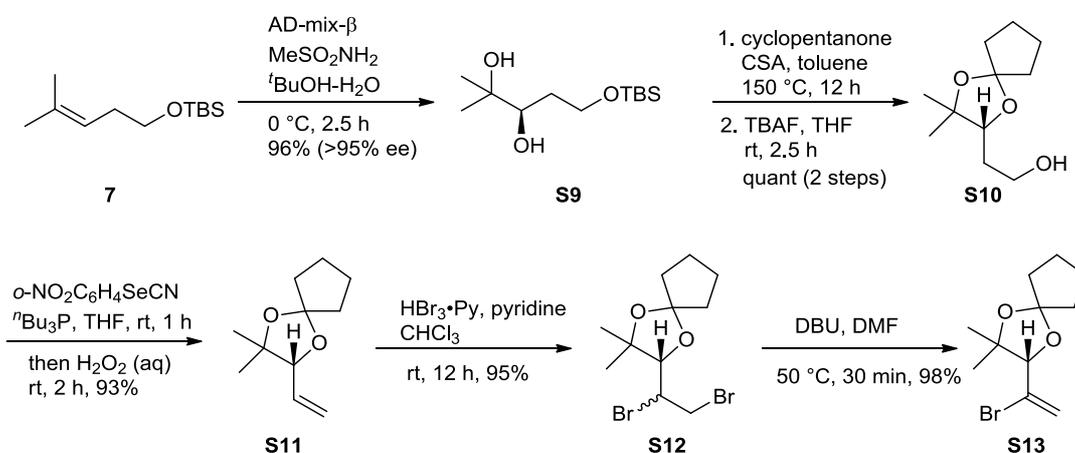
### (3a*R*,8a*R*)-Methyl

#### 5-methoxy-1-methyl-2-oxo-3a-(tosyloxymethyl)-1,2,3,3a-tetrahydropyrrolo[2,3-*b*]indole-8(8a*H*)-carboxylate (**S8**)

To a stirred solution of alcohol **15** (3.50 mg, 0.0110 mmol) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (1 mL) was added *p*-toluenesulfonyl chloride (6.50 mg, 0.0340 mmol), Et<sub>3</sub>N (4.60 mg, 0.0460 mmol) and DMAP (0.300 mg, 0.00200 mmol) at room temperature and the mixture was stirred at the same temperature for 5 h. The reaction mixture was concentrated *in vacuo* to give a residue that was purified by silica gel column chromatography (Hexane : AcOEt = 1 : 1) to give 5.00 mg (95%) of **S8** as a colorless oil.  $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{27} = -14.2$  (*c* = 0.31, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); IR (neat) 2956, 1701, 1496, 1176, 827, 753 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz) δ 2.46 (3H, s), 2.61 (1H, d, *J* = 16.8 Hz), 2.82 (1H, d, *J* = 16.8 Hz), 2.87 (3H, s), 3.75 (3H, s), 3.89 (3H, s), 3.98 (1H, d, *J* = 10.0 Hz), 4.08 (1H, d, *J* = 10.0 Hz), 5.81 (1H, s), 6.58 (1H, s), 6.82 (1H, dd, *J* = 2.4, 8.8 Hz), 7.34 (2H, d, *J* = 8.4 Hz), 7.71 (2H, d, *J* = 8.4 Hz), 7.72 (1H, br); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz, 50 °C) δ 21.6 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 27.6 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 37.8 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 49.2 (C), 53.1 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 55.8 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 70.1 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 80.4 (CH), 109.9 (CH), 115.2 (CH), 117.8 (CH), 127.9 (CH×2), 130.0 (CH×2), 132.5 (C), 132.9 (C), 133.7 (C), 145.3 (C), 153.6 (C), 157.1 (C), 170.7 (C); HRMS (ESI) *m/z* Calcd for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>25</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>7</sub>S [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 461.1382, found 461.1390.

### (-)-Esermethole ((-)-**16**)

To a stirred solution of compound **S8** (10.0 mg, 0.0220 mmol) in THF (1 mL) was added LiAlH<sub>4</sub> (8.20 mg, 0.217 mmol) at 0 °C and the mixture was refluxed for 2 h. The reaction mixture was cooled to 0 °C then added moisture Et<sub>2</sub>O. The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature, then filtered through a pad of Celite<sup>®</sup> and concentrated *in vacuo* to give a residue that was purified by silica gel column chromatography (CHCl<sub>3</sub> : MeOH = 10 : 1) to give 3.80 mg (75%, > 95% ee \*) of (-)-esermethole ((-)-**16**) as a colorless oil. \*HPLC [DICEL CHIRALPAK OD-H column; 0.5 mL/min; solvent system: <sup>i</sup>PrOH : Hexane = 1 : 99; retention times: 18.1 min (major), 28.1 min (minor)];  $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{24} = -135.9$  (*c* = 0.10, C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>6</sub>), ( $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{34} = -134.0$  (*c* = 0.35, C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>6</sub>))<sup>5</sup>; IR (neat) 2928, 1498, 1032, 801 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz) δ 1.44 (3H, s), 1.96 (2H, dd, *J* = 5.2, 7.6 Hz), 2.54 (3H, s), 2.60–2.67 (1H, m), 2.72–2.77 (1H, m), 2.89 (3H, s), 3.75 (3H, s), 4.08 (1H, s), 6.36 (1H, d, *J* = 8.4 Hz), 6.63 (1H, d, *J* = 2.8 Hz), 6.66 (1H, dd, *J* = 2.8, 8.4 Hz); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz, 50 °C) δ 27.3 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 37.9 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 38.0 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 40.6 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 52.9 (C), 53.2 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 56.0 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 98.2 (CH), 107.6 (CH), 109.8 (CH), 112.3 (CH), 138.1 (C), 146.4 (C), 153.1 (C); HRMS (ESI) *m/z* Calcd for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>21</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 233.1654, found 233.1653.



### (*R*)-5-(*tert*-Butyldimethylsilyloxy)-2-methylpentane-2,3-diol (**S9**)

To a stirred solution of AD-mix- $\beta$  (22.5 g) and methanesulfonamide (665 mg, 7.00 mmol) in  $t$ BuOH-H<sub>2</sub>O (1 : 1, 90 mL) was added *tert*-butyldimethyl(4-methylpent-3-enyloxy)silane (**7**)<sup>1</sup> (2.20 g, 10.3 mmol) at 0 °C. After stirring was continued for 2.5 h at 0 °C, the reaction mixture was quenched with Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>3</sub> (33.0 g) at 0 °C. After further stirring was continued at room temperature for 15 min, the reaction mixture was extracted with AcOEt. The combined extracts was washed with brine, dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, and concentrated to give a residue that was purified by silica gel column chromatography (Hexane : AcOEt = 3 : 1) to give 2.44 g (96%) of **S9** as a colorless oil.  $[\alpha]_D^{28} = -8.1$  ( $c = 1.00$  CHCl<sub>3</sub>); IR (neat) 3421, 2956, 1256, 1092 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz)  $\delta$  0.08 (6H, s), 0.90 (9H, s), 1.15 (3H, s), 1.20 (3H, s), 1.65–1.69 (2H, m), 2.55 (1H, br), 3.61 (1H, t,  $J = 6.0$  Hz), 3.75 (1H, br), 3.81–3.86 (1H, m), 3.89–3.94 (1H, m); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz)  $\delta$  -5.5 (CH<sub>3</sub>), -5.5 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 18.1 (CH<sub>3</sub> × 3), 24.1 (C), 25.8 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 26.1 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 32.9 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 62.8 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 72.2 (C), 78.4 (CH); HRMS (ESI)  $m/z$  Calcd for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>28</sub>O<sub>3</sub>SiNa [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 271.1705, found 271.1706.

### (*R*)-2-(3,3-Dimethyl-1,4-dioxaspiro[4.4]nonan-2-yl)-ethanol (**S10**)

To a stirred solution of diol **S9** (2.20 g, 8.86 mmol) in toluene (30 mL) was added cyclopentanone (3.72 g, 44.3 mmol) and (*1S*)-(+)-10-camphorsulfonic acid (206 mg, 0.886 mmol) at room temperature and the mixture was stirred at 150 °C for 12 h by using Dean-Stark trap. The reaction mixture was cooled to room temperature, and poured into saturated aqueous NaHCO<sub>3</sub> solution. The whole mixture was extracted with AcOEt. The combined extracts was washed with brine, dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude product was immediately carried on to next step without purification. To a stirred solution of above crude in THF (50 mL) was added TBAF (8.86 mmol) (1.0 M solution in THF) at 0 °C and the mixture was stirred at room temperature for 2.5 h. The reaction mixture was poured into water and then extracted with AcOEt. The combined extracts was washed with brine, dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, and concentrated

to give a residue that was purified by silica gel column chromatography (Hexane : AcOEt = 3 : 1) to give 1.77 g (quant for 2 steps) of **S10** as a pale yellow oil.  $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{28} = +18.2$  ( $c = 1.00$ ,  $\text{CHCl}_3$ ); IR (neat) 3421, 2972, 1194, 1114, 1059  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 400 MHz)  $\delta$  1.10 (3H, s), 1.26 (3H, s), 1.58–1.86 (10H, m), 2.28 (1H, br), 3.72 (1H, dd,  $J = 2.6, 10.6$  Hz), 3.82 (2H, dd,  $J = 4.6, 7.0$  Hz);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 100 MHz)  $\delta$  22.4 ( $\text{CH}_3$ ), 23.3 ( $\text{CH}_2$ ), 23.7 ( $\text{CH}_2$ ), 25.3 ( $\text{CH}_3$ ), 31.6 ( $\text{CH}_2$ ), 38.2 ( $\text{CH}_2 \times 2$ ), 61.4 ( $\text{CH}_2$ ), 79.8 (C), 82.7 (CH), 117.1 (C); HRMS (ESI)  $m/z$  Calcd for  $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{41}\text{O}_6$   $[2\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ : 401.2903, found 401.2915.

#### **(R)-2,2-Dimethyl-3-vinyl-1,4-dioxaspiro[4.4]nonane (S11)**

To a stirred solution of alcohol **S10** (130 mg, 0.650 mmol) in dry THF (4 mL) was added 2-nitrophenylselenocyanate (295 mg, 1.30 mmol) and tributylphosphine (263 mg, 1.30 mmol) at room temperature and the mixture was stirred for 1 h. 35%  $\text{H}_2\text{O}_2$  (0.65 mL, 6.50 mmol) was added to the reaction mixture and stirring was continued for 2 h at the same temperature. The reaction mixture was poured into saturated aqueous  $\text{NaHCO}_3$  solution and then extracted with  $\text{Et}_2\text{O}$ . The combined extracts was washed with brine, dried over  $\text{MgSO}_4$ , and concentrated to give a residue that was purified by silica gel column chromatography (Hexane : AcOEt = 20 : 1) to give 110 mg (93%) of **S11** as a colorless oil.  $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{30} = -9.1$  ( $c = 0.40$ ,  $\text{CHCl}_3$ ); IR (neat) 2974, 1432, 1336, 1195, 1109, 994  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 400 MHz)  $\delta$  1.08 (3H, s), 1.26 (3H, s), 1.60–1.89 (8H, m), 4.02 (1H, d,  $J = 7.6$  Hz), 5.26 (1H, dq,  $J = 0.8, 10.4$  Hz), 5.37 (1H, dt,  $J = 1.4, 17.2$  Hz), 5.80 (1H, ddd,  $J = 7.3, 10.2, 17.4$  Hz);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 100 MHz)  $\delta$  22.9 ( $\text{CH}_3$ ), 23.4 ( $\text{CH}_2$ ), 23.7 ( $\text{CH}_2$ ), 25.2 ( $\text{CH}_3$ ), 38.2 ( $\text{CH}_2$ ), 38.3 ( $\text{CH}_2$ ), 80.2 (C), 85.5 (CH), 117.4 (C), 118.8 ( $\text{CH}_2$ ), 133.4 (CH); HRMS (ESI)  $m/z$  Calcd for  $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{36}\text{O}_4\text{Na}$   $[2\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ : 387.2511, found 387.2510.

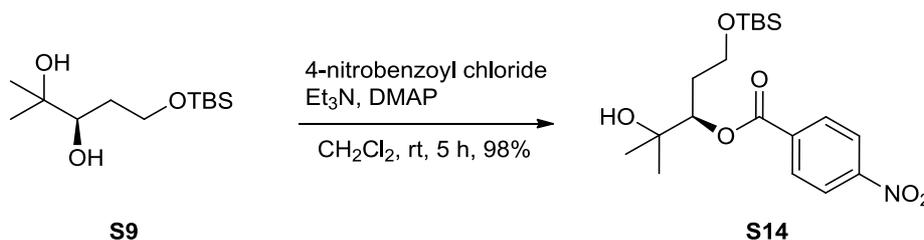
#### **(S)-3-(1,2-Dibromoethyl)-2,2-dimethyl-1,4-dioxaspiro[4.4]nonane (S12)**

To a stirred solution of **S11** (150 mg, 0.823 mmol) in  $\text{CHCl}_3$  (3 mL) was added pyridine (176 mg, 2.22 mmol) and pyridinium tribromide (316 mg, 0.988 mmol) at 0 °C and the mixture was stirred at room temperature for 12 h. The reaction mixture was poured into saturated aqueous  $\text{NH}_4\text{Cl}$  solution and then extracted with  $\text{CHCl}_3$ . The combined extracts was washed with brine, dried over  $\text{MgSO}_4$ , and concentrated to give a residue that was purified by silica gel column chromatography (Hexane : AcOEt = 10 : 1) to give 268 mg (95%) of **S12** as a pale blown oil; IR (neat) 2972, 1334, 1194, 1111, 978  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 400 MHz)  $\delta$  1.24 (0.5H, s), 1.28 (2.5H, s), 1.37 (2.5H, s), 1.46 (0.5H, s), 1.62–2.01 (6.7H, m), 1.62–2.01 (1.3H, m), 3.76 (0.8H, dd,  $J = 5.0, 10.8$  Hz), 3.82 (0.8H, dd,  $J = 6.8, 10.8$  Hz), 3.84 (0.2H, dd,  $J = 5.8, 10.8$  Hz), 3.86 (0.2H, dd,  $J = 5.6, 11.2$  Hz), 3.96–4.01 (0.4H, m), 4.03 (0.8H, d,  $J = 5.2$  Hz), 4.14 (0.8H, q,  $J = 5.2$  Hz);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 100 MHz)  $\delta$  22.2 ( $\text{CH}_3$ ), 22.6 ( $\text{CH}_3$ ), 23.3 ( $\text{CH}_2$ ), 23.4 ( $\text{CH}_2$ ), 23.7 ( $\text{CH}_2$ ), 24.0 ( $\text{CH}_2$ ), 27.5 ( $\text{CH}_3$ ), 27.7 ( $\text{CH}_3$ ), 34.6 ( $\text{CH}_2 \times 2$ ), 37.9 ( $\text{CH}_2$ ), 38.0 ( $\text{CH}_2$ ), 38.0 ( $\text{CH}_2$ ), 38.7 ( $\text{CH}_2$ ), 49.1 (CH), 49.8 (CH),

79.8 (C), 80.1 (C), 82.2 (CH), 83.3 (CH), 116.7 (C), 117.6 (C); HRMS (ESI)  $m/z$  Calcd for  $C_{11}H_{19}O_2Br_2$   $[M+H]^+$ : 340.9752, found 340.9753.

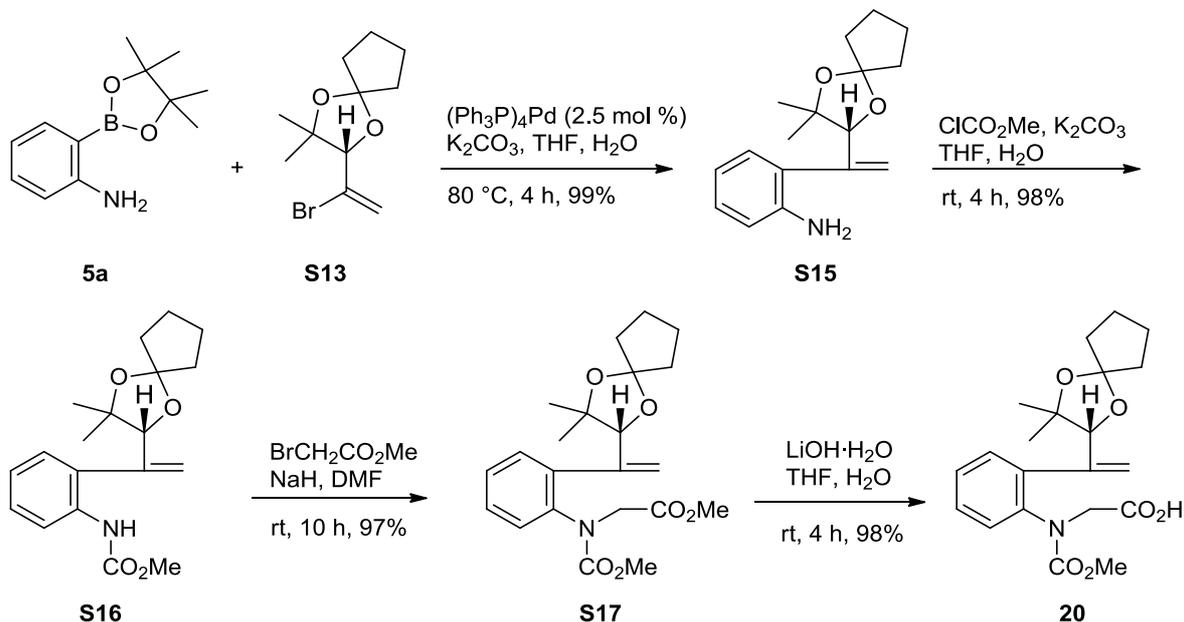
**(S)-3-(1-Bromovinyl)-2,2-dimethyl-1,4-dioxaspiro[4.4]nonane (S13)**

To a stirred solution of dibromide **S12** (270 mg, 0.789 mmol) in DMF (1.5 mL) was added DBU (120 mg, 0.789 mmol) at room temperature and the mixture was stirred at 50 °C for 30 min. The reaction mixture was poured into water and then extracted with  $Et_2O$ . The combined extracts was washed with brine, dried over  $MgSO_4$ , and concentrated to give a residue that was purified by silica gel column chromatography (Hexane : AcOEt = 20 : 1) to give 202 mg (98%) of **S13** as a colorless oil.  $[\alpha]_D^{26} = -34.8$  ( $c = 0.55$ ,  $CHCl_3$ ); IR (neat) 2975, 1632, 1192, 1110, 898  $cm^{-1}$ ;  $^1H$  NMR ( $CDCl_3$ , 400 MHz)  $\delta$  1.13 (3H, s), 1.49 (3H, s), 1.65–1.90 (8H, m), 4.28 (1H, s), 5.66 (1H, s), 6.13 (1H, s);  $^{13}C$  NMR ( $CDCl_3$ , 100 MHz)  $\delta$  22.8 ( $CH_3$ ), 23.4 ( $CH_2$ ), 23.7 ( $CH_2$ ), 27.5 ( $CH_3$ ), 38.1 ( $CH_2$ ), 38.2 ( $CH_2$ ), 80.2 (C), 86.1 (CH), 117.2 (C), 117.2 ( $CH_2$ ), 126.6 (C); HRMS (ESI)  $m/z$  Calcd for  $C_{11}H_{18}O_2Br$   $[M+H]^+$ : 261.0490, found 261.0484.



**(R)-1-(tert-Butyldimethylsilyloxy)-4-hydroxy-4-methylpentan-3-yl 4-nitrobenzoate (S14)**

To a stirred solution of diol **S9** (20.0 mg, 0.0810 mmol) in  $CH_2Cl_2$  (2 mL) was added  $Et_3N$  (16.3 mg, 0.161 mmol), DMAP (2.00 mg, 0.0160 mmol) and 4-nitrobenzoylchloride (29.9 mg, 0.161 mmol) at room temperature. After stirring was continued for 5 h at the same temperature, the reaction mixture was poured into water and then extracted with  $CHCl_3$ . The combined extracts was washed with brine, dried over  $MgSO_4$ , and concentrated to give a residue that was purified by silica gel column chromatography (Hexane : AcOEt = 4 : 1) to give 29.9 mg (98%, > 95% ee \*) of **S14** as a colorless oil. \*HPLC [DICEL CHIRALPAK OD-H column; 0.5 mL/min; solvent system:  $iPrOH$  : Hexane = 1 : 99; retention time: 57.2 min (major), 69.0 min (minor)];  $[\alpha]_D^{31} = +12.5$  ( $c = 0.40$ ,  $CHCl_3$ ); IR (neat) 3435, 2930, 2857, 1727, 1529, 1276, 1103, 839, 778  $cm^{-1}$ ;  $^1H$  NMR ( $CDCl_3$ , 400 MHz)  $\delta$  0.03 (6H, s), 0.89 (9H, s), 1.29 (3H, s), 1.31 (3H, s), 1.93–2.10 (2H, m), 3.03 (1H, br), 3.67–3.81 (2H, m), 5.19 (1H, dd,  $J = 4.4, 7.2$  Hz), 8.23 (2H, d,  $J = 9.2$  Hz), 8.31 (2H, d,  $J = 9.2$  Hz);  $^{13}C$  NMR ( $CDCl_3$ , 100 MHz)  $\delta$  -5.5 ( $CH_3 \times 2$ ), 18.2 (C), 25.8 ( $CH_3 \times 3$ ), 25.9 ( $CH_3$ ), 26.2 ( $CH_3$ ), 33.0 ( $CH_2$ ), 59.7 ( $CH_2$ ), 71.9 (C), 79.4 (CH), 123.6 ( $CH \times 2$ ), 130.7 ( $CH \times 2$ ), 135.7 (C), 150.7 (C), 164.4 (C); HRMS (ESI)  $m/z$  Calcd for  $C_{19}H_{31}NO_6SiNa$   $[M+Na]^+$ : 420.1819, found 420.1815.



**(R)-2-[1-(3,3-Dimethyl-1,4-dioxaspiro[4.4]nonan-2-yl)vinyl]aniline (S15)**

To a stirred solution of vinylbromide **S13** (596 mg, 2.28 mmol) and aniline **5a** (500 mg, 2.28 mmol) in THF–H<sub>2</sub>O (10 : 1, 6.6 mL) was added (Ph<sub>3</sub>P)<sub>4</sub>Pd (65.9 mg, 0.0570 mmol) and K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (631 mg, 4.56 mmol) at room temperature and the mixture was stirred at 80 °C for 4 h. The reaction mixture was poured into water and then extracted with AcOEt. The combined extracts was washed with brine, dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, and concentrated to give a residue that was purified by silica gel column chromatography (Hexane : AcOEt = 10 : 1) to give 616 mg (99%) of **S15** as a pale yellow oil.  $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{28} = +105.3$  (c = 0.56, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); IR (neat) 3366, 2973, 1614, 1493, 1118, 748 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz) δ 0.96 (3H, s), 1.10 (3H, s), 1.66–1.97 (8H, m), 3.88 (2H, br), 4.58 (1H, s), 5.32 (1H, t, *J* = 1.0 Hz), 5.79 (1H, t, *J* = 1.8 Hz), 6.71 (1H, t, *J* = 7.6 Hz), 6.73 (1H, d, *J* = 7.6 Hz), 7.02 (1H, dd, *J* = 1.6, 7.6 Hz), 7.09 (1H, dt, *J* = 1.6, 7.6 Hz); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz) δ 23.4 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 23.6 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 23.8 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 26.0 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 38.3 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 38.3 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 79.9 (C), 84.0 (CH), 115.7 (CH), 115.9 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 116.3 (C), 118.1 (CH), 125.1 (C), 128.6 (CH), 129.3 (CH), 142.1 (C), 143.4 (C); HRMS (ESI) *m/z* Calcd for C<sub>34</sub>H<sub>46</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub>Na [2M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 569.3355, found 569.3358.

**(R)-Methyl 2-[1-(3,3-dimethyl-1,4-dioxaspiro[4.4]nonan-2-yl)vinyl]phenylcarbamate (S16)**

To a stirred solution of aniline **S15** (520 mg, 1.90 mmol) in THF–H<sub>2</sub>O (3 : 1, 12 mL) was added K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (2.63 g, 19.0 mmol) and methyl chloroformate (270 mg, 2.85 mmol) at room temperature and the mixture was stirred for 4 h. The reaction mixture was poured into water and then extracted with AcOEt. The combined extracts was washed with brine, dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, and concentrated to give a residue that was purified by silica gel column chromatography (Hexane : AcOEt = 5 : 1) to give 616 mg (98%) of **S16** as a pale yellow

oil.  $[\alpha]_D^{28} = + 137.1$  ( $c = 0.52$ ,  $\text{CHCl}_3$ ); IR (neat) 3417, 2975, 1743, 1522, 1210, 768  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 400 MHz)  $\delta$  0.98 (3H, s), 1.04 (3H, s), 1.63–1.92 (8H, m), 3.76 (3H, s), 4.41 (1H, s), 5.30 (1H, s), 5.81 (1H, s), 7.04 (1H, t,  $J = 7.6$  Hz), 7.12 (1H, dd,  $J = 1.6, 7.6$  Hz), 7.30 (1H, dt,  $J = 1.6, 8.4$  Hz), 7.39 (1H, br), 8.03 (1H, d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 100 MHz)  $\delta$  23.3 ( $\text{CH}_3$ ), 23.5 ( $\text{CH}_2$ ), 23.6 ( $\text{CH}_2$ ), 25.9 ( $\text{CH}_3$ ), 38.2 ( $\text{CH}_2$ ), 38.2 ( $\text{CH}_2$ ), 52.3 ( $\text{CH}_3$ ), 80.1 (C), 85.3 (CH), 116.7 (C), 119.1 ( $\text{CH}_2$ ), 120.2 (C), 123.1 (CH), 128.7 (CH), 129.4 (CH), 129.4 (C), 135.1 (CH), 141.7 (C), 154.1 (C); HRMS (ESI)  $m/z$  Calcd for  $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{26}\text{NO}_4$   $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ : 332.1862, found 332.1869.

### **(R)-Methyl**

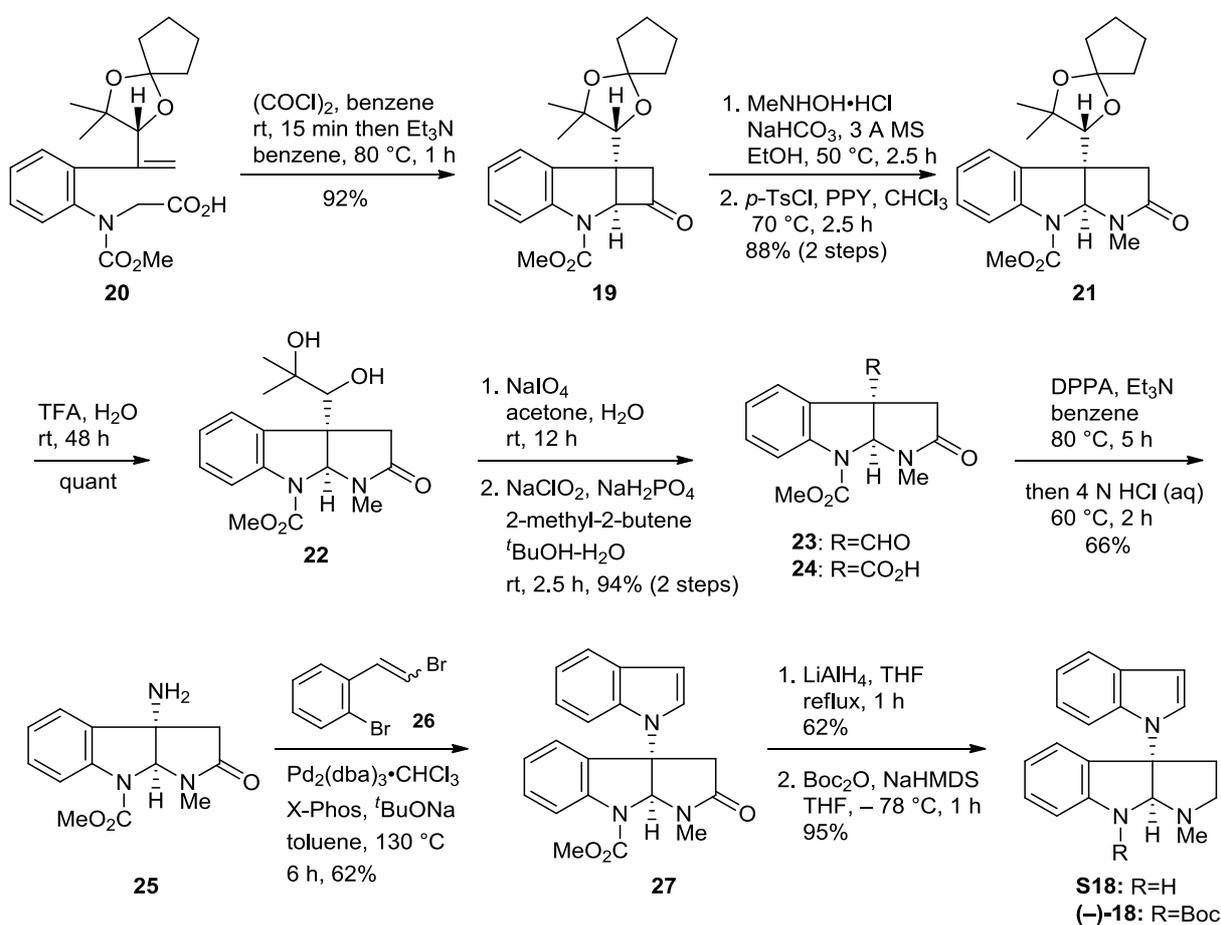
#### **2-({2-[1-(3,3-dimethyl-1,4-dioxaspiro[4.4]nonan-2-yl)vinyl]phenyl}(methoxycarbonyl)amino)acetate (S17)**

To a stirred solution of carbamate **S16** (165 mg, 0.498 mmol) in dry DMF (2 mL) was added sodium hydride (29.9 mg, 60% dispersion in mineral oil) by portions at 0 °C and the mixture was stirred at the same temperature for 15 min. 2-Bromoacetic acid methyl ester (83.8 mg, 0.548 mmol) was added to the reaction mixture and stirring was continued for 10 h at room temperature. The reaction mixture was poured into water and then extracted with AcOEt. The combined extracts was dried over  $\text{MgSO}_4$  and concentrated to give a residue that was purified by silica gel column chromatography (Hexane : AcOEt = 2 : 1) to give 195 mg (97%) of **S17** as a colorless oil.  $[\alpha]_D^{24} = + 105.8$  ( $c = 1.15$ ,  $\text{CHCl}_3$ ); IR (neat) 2955, 1757, 1716, 1207, 770  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 400 MHz)  $\delta$  0.78 (1.5H, s), 0.81 (1.5H, s), 1.00 (3H, s), 1.60–1.85 (8H, m), 3.54–3.79 (1H, m), 3.62 (3H, s), 3.65 (3H, s), 4.20–4.32 (1H, m), 4.50–4.63 (1H, m), 5.09–5.18 (1H, m), 5.60–5.68 (1H, m), 7.10 (1H, d,  $J = 7.6$  Hz), 7.21 (1H, t,  $J = 7.6$  Hz), 7.26 (1H, t,  $J = 7.6$  Hz), 7.41 (0.5H, d,  $J = 7.6$  Hz), 7.48 (0.5H, d,  $J = 7.6$  Hz);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 100 MHz, 50 °C)  $\delta$  23.0 ( $\text{CH}_3$ ), 23.3 ( $\text{CH}_2$ ), 23.7 ( $\text{CH}_2$ ), 25.7 ( $\text{CH}_3$ ), 38.0 ( $\text{CH}_2$ ), 38.1 ( $\text{CH}_2$ ), 51.1 ( $\text{CH}_2$ ), 51.7 ( $\text{CH}_3$ ), 52.8 ( $\text{CH}_3$ ), 79.3 (C), 82.9 (CH), 116.1 (CH), 116.7 ( $\text{CH}_2$ ), 127.7 (CH), 128.4 (CH), 130.4 (CH), 130.6 (CH), 137.5 (C), 139.0 (C), 143.9 (C), 155.9 (C), 169.5 (C); HRMS (ESI)  $m/z$  Calcd for  $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{30}\text{NO}_6$   $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ : 404.2073, found 404.2057.

#### **(R)-({2-[1-(3,3-Dimethyl-1,4-dioxaspiro[4.4]nonan-2-yl)vinyl]phenyl}(methoxycarbonyl)amino)acetic acid (20)**

To a stirred solution of ester **S17** (535 mg, 1.33 mmol) in THF– $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  (5 : 1, 6 mL) was added lithium hydroxide monohydrate (167 mg, 3.98 mmol) at 0 °C and the mixture was stirred at room temperature for 4 h. The reaction mixture was diluted with water and extracted with  $\text{Et}_2\text{O}$ . The aqueous layer was acidified with 1 N HCl solution and extracted with  $\text{CHCl}_3$ . The combined extracts was dried over  $\text{MgSO}_4$  and concentrated to give 122 mg (98%) of **20** as a colorless amorphous powder.  $[\alpha]_D^{26} = + 69.4$  ( $c = 0.60$ ,

CHCl<sub>3</sub>); IR (neat) 2975, 1716, 1450, 1194, 769 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz) δ 0.85 (1.5H, s), 0.88 (1.5H, s), 1.07 (3H, s), 1.65–1.92 (8H, m), 3.60–3.91 (1H, m), 3.73 (3H, s), 4.25–4.37 (1H, m), 4.55–4.71 (1H, m), 5.15–5.23 (1H, m), 5.65–5.75 (1H, m), 7.17 (1H, d, *J* = 7.2 Hz), 7.28 (1H, t, *J* = 7.2 Hz), 7.32 (1H, t, *J* = 7.2 Hz), 7.42 (0.5H, d, *J* = 7.2 Hz), 7.51 (0.5H, d, *J* = 7.2 Hz), COOH was not observed clearly; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz) δ 22.9 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 23.2 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 23.6 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 25.6 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 37.9 (CH<sub>2</sub> × 2), 50.9 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 53.0 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 79.4 (C), 82.9 (CH), 116.2 (C), 116.8 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 127.8 (CH), 128.4 (CH), 128.5 (CH), 130.4 (CH), 137.4 (C), 138.8 (C), 143.6 (C), 156.1 (C), 173.0 (C); HRMS (ESI) *m/z* Calcd for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>27</sub>NO<sub>6</sub>Na [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 412.1736, found 412.1756.



### (2a*S*,7b*S*)-Methyl

### 7b-((*R*)-3,3-dimethyl-1,4-dioxaspiro[4.4]nonan-2-yl)-2-oxo-2,2a-dihydro-1*H*-cyclobuta[*b*]indole-3(7b*H*)-carboxylate (**19**)

To a stirred solution of carboxylic acid **20** (480 mg, 1.23 mmol) in dry benzene (5 mL) was added oxalyl chloride (313 mg, 2.47 mmol) and a catalytic amount of DMF at 0 °C and the mixture was stirred at room temperature for 15 min. The reaction mixture was concentrated *in vacuo* and then diluted with dry benzene

(5 ml). The solution was added Et<sub>3</sub>N (374 mg, 3.70 mmol) and stirred at 80 °C for 1 h. The reaction mixture was poured into water and then extracted with AcOEt. The combined extracts was washed with brine, dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, and concentrated to give a residue that was purified by silica gel column chromatography (Hexane : AcOEt = 3 : 1) to give 422 mg (92%) of **19** as a colorless oil.  $[\alpha]_D^{26} = -13.1$  (c = 1.05, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); IR (neat) 2973, 1795, 1719, 1482, 1379, 757 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz) δ 0.87 (3H, s), 0.94 (3H, s), 1.65–1.93 (8H, m), 3.14 (1H, dd, *J* = 2.8, 17.6 Hz), 3.86 (3H, s), 3.96 (1H, dd, *J* = 17.6, 38.8 Hz), 4.27 (1H, s), 5.69 (0.8H, br), 5.86 (0.2H, br), 7.07 (1H, t, *J* = 7.6 Hz), 7.23–7.33 (2H, m), 7.50 (0.2H, br), 7.92 (0.8H, d, *J* = 8.4 Hz); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz) δ 21.3 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 23.1 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 23.5 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 27.2 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 37.8 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 37.8 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 44.2 (C), 52.8 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 60.9 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 74.9 (CH), 79.8 (C), 82.5 (CH), 115.7 (CH), 115.9 (C), 123.3 (CH), 124.8 (CH), 129.3 (CH), 130.1 (C), 143.3 (C), 152.2 (C), 203.2 (C); HRMS (ESI) *m/z* Calcd for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>26</sub>NO<sub>5</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 372.1811, found 372.1810.

**3a-((R)-3,3-Dimethyl-1,4-dioxaspiro[4.4]nonan-2-yl)-1-methyl-2-oxo-1,2,3,3a-tetrahydro-pyrrolo[2,3-*b*]indole-8(8a*H*)-carboxylate (21)**

To a stirred solution of compound **19** (280 mg, 0.754 mmol) in dry EtOH (12 mL) was added *N*-methylhydroxylamine hydrochloride (315 mg, 3.77 mmol), NaHCO<sub>3</sub> (507 mg, 6.03 mmol) and molecular sieve 3 A at room temperature and the mixture was stirred at 50 °C for 2.5 h. The reaction mixture was poured into brine and then extracted with AcOEt. The combined extracts was dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub> and concentrated to give a yellowish oil. The residue was diluted with CHCl<sub>3</sub> (10 mL), which was then added *p*-toluenesulfonyl chloride (287 mg, 1.51 mmol) and PPY (168 mg, 1.13 mmol) and stirred at 70 °C for 2.5 h. The reaction mixture was poured into water and then extracted with AcOEt. The combined extracts was washed with brine, dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, and concentrated to give a residue that was purified by silica gel column chromatography (Hexane : AcOEt = 3 : 1) to give 264 mg (88% for 2 steps) of **21** as a pale yellow oil.  $[\alpha]_D^{23} = -1.18$  (c = 0.21, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); IR (neat) 2972, 1705, 1487, 1243, 1113, 757 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz) δ 0.74 (3H, s), 0.85 (3H, s), 1.62–1.89 (8H, m), 2.75 (1H, d, *J* = 17.2 Hz), 2.94 (3H, d, *J* = 16.4 Hz), 3.18 (1H, d, *J* = 15.2 Hz), 3.88 (1H, s), 3.91 (3H, s), 6.05 (0.5H, br), 6.16 (0.5H, br), 7.11 (1H, t, *J* = 7.6 Hz), 7.19 (1H, d, *J* = 7.6 Hz), 7.26–7.30 (1H, m), 7.45 (0.5H, br), 7.83 (0.5H, br); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz, 50 °C) δ 21.9 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 23.4 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 23.7 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 27.3 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 27.8 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 38.1 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 38.2 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 43.4 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 49.5 (C), 53.1 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 78.8 (CH), 79.6 (C), 85.2 (CH), 115.8 (C), 117.4 (CH), 124.1 (CH), 124.6 (CH), 129.6 (CH), 132.4 (C), 140.3 (C), 153.7 (C), 171.3 (C); HRMS (ESI) *m/z* Calcd for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>28</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>Na [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 423.1896, found 423.1894.

**(3a*S*,8a*S*)-Methyl**

**3a-((R)-1,2-dihydroxy-2-methylpropyl)-1-methyl-2-oxo-1,2,3,3a-tetrahydropyrrolo[2,3-b]indole-8(8aH)-carboxylate (22)**

To a stirred solution of compound **21** (250 mg, 0.624 mmol) in TFA (8 mL) was added H<sub>2</sub>O (1.6 mL) at room temperature and the mixture was stirred at the same temperature for 48 h. The reaction mixture was concentrated *in vacuo* to give a residue that was purified by silica gel column chromatography (CHCl<sub>3</sub> : MeOH = 10 : 1) to give 209 mg (quant) of **22** as a yellowish amorphous powder.  $[\alpha]_D^{25} = + 15.2$  (c = 0.50, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); IR (neat) 3430, 2961, 1683, 1488, 1173, 756 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz) δ 0.91 (3H, s), 0.95 (3H, s), 2.83 (1H, d, *J* = 17.6 Hz), 2.94 (3H, s), 3.43 (1H, d, *J* = 17.2 Hz), 3.71 (1H, s), 3.92 (3H, s), 4.80 (2H, br), 6.19 (1H, br), 7.10 (1H, t, *J* = 7.6 Hz), 7.22 (1H, d, *J* = 7.6 Hz), 7.31 (1H, t, *J* = 6.4 Hz), 7.46 (0.5H, br), 7.77 (0.5H, br); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz, 50 °C) δ 25.5 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 28.1 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 29.3 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 42.8 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 53.3 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 53.3 (C), 74.3 (C), 79.2 (CH), 80.3 (CH), 117.6 (CH), 124.5 (CH), 125.3 (CH), 129.6 (CH), 134.2 (C), 140.5 (C), 154.2 (C), 174.4 (C); HRMS (ESI) *m/z* Calcd for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>22</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>Na [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 357.1426, found 357.1432.

**(3aS,8aS)-8-(Methoxycarbonyl)-1-methyl-2-oxo-1,2,3,3a,8,8a-hexahydropyrrolo[2,3-b]indole-3a-carboxylic acid (24)**

To a stirred solution of diol **22** (200 mg, 0.593 mmol) in acetone–H<sub>2</sub>O (5 : 1, 14.4 mL) was added sodium periodate (380 mg, 1.78 mmol) at room temperature and the mixture was stirred at the same temperature for 12 h. The reaction mixture was added ethylene glycol (0.13 mL) at room temperature and stirring was continued for 15 minutes at the same temperature. The reaction mixture was poured into water and then extracted with CHCl<sub>3</sub>–MeOH (10 : 1). The combined extracts was washed with brine, dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude product **23** was immediately carried on to next step without purification. To a stirred solution of above crude in <sup>t</sup>BuOH–H<sub>2</sub>O (1.5 : 1, 7.5 mL) was added 2-methyl-2-butene (3 mL), NaH<sub>2</sub>PO<sub>4</sub> (569 mg, 4.74 mmol) and NaClO<sub>2</sub> (268 mg, 2.97 mmol) at 0 °C and the mixture was stirred at room temperature for 2.5 h. The reaction mixture was diluted with 1 N NaOH solution and extracted with Et<sub>2</sub>O. The aqueous layer was acidified with 1 N HCl solution and extracted with CHCl<sub>3</sub>. The combined extracts was dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub> and concentrated to give 161 mg (94% for 2 steps) of **24** as a colorless amorphous powder.  $[\alpha]_D^{29} = + 52.0$  (c = 0.36, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); IR (KBr) 3429, 2936, 1702, 1634, 1253 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz) δ 2.92 (3H, s), 2.94 (1H, d, *J* = 16.8 Hz), 3.22 (1H, d, *J* = 17.6 Hz), 3.92 (3H, s), 6.28 (1H, br), 7.12 (1H, t, *J* = 7.6 Hz), 7.33 (1H, t, *J* = 7.6 Hz), 7.35 (1H, d, *J* = 7.6 Hz), 7.78 (1H, br); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub> : CD<sub>3</sub>OD = 1 : 1, 75 MHz, 50 °C) δ 26.9 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 39.5 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 52.5 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 53.8 (C), 80.7 (CH), 116.4 (CH), 124.0 (CH), 124.1 (CH), 129.3 (CH), 131.7 (C), 139.5 (C), 153.5 (C), 171.4 (C), 171.4 (C); HRMS (ESI) *m/z* Calcd for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>15</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 291.0981, found 291.0972.

### (3a*S*,8a*S*)-Methyl

#### 3a-amino-1-methyl-2-oxo-1,2,3,3a-tetrahydropyrrolo[2,3-*b*]indole-8(8a*H*)-carboxylate (**25**)

To a stirred solution of caboxylic acid **24** (50.0 mg, 0.172 mmol) in dry benzene (2 mL) was added diphenylphosphoryl azide (DPPA) (71.1 mg, 0.258 mmol) and Et<sub>3</sub>N (31.4 mg, 0.310 mmol) at room temperature and the mixture was stirred at 80 °C for 5 h. 4 N HCl solution (0.5 mL) was added to the reaction mixture and stirring was continued for 2 h at 60 °C. The reaction mixture was diluted with water, and then extracted with Et<sub>2</sub>O. The aqueous layer was alkalified with 2 N NaOH solution and extracted with CHCl<sub>3</sub>. The combined extracts was washed with brine, dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, and concentrated to give a residue that was purified by silica gel column chromatography (CHCl<sub>3</sub> : MeOH = 10 : 1) to give 29.8 mg (66%) of **25** as a colorless amorphous powder.  $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{30} = -26.3$  (c = 0.35, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); IR (neat) 3358, 2956, 1696, 1604, 1486, 752 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz) δ 1.74 (2H, br), 2.79 (1H, d, *J* = 16.8 Hz), 2.90 (3H, s), 3.00 (1H, d, *J* = 16.8 Hz), 3.93 (3H, s), 5.64 (1H, br), 7.14 (1H, t, *J* = 7.6 Hz), 7.33 (1H, t, *J* = 7.6 Hz), 7.34 (1H, d, *J* = 7.6 Hz), 7.68 (1H, br); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 75 MHz, 50 °C) δ 27.5 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 44.0 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 53.0 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 61.7 (C), 86.1 (CH), 116.8 (CH), 123.6 (CH), 124.6 (CH), 129.9 (CH), 136.1 (C), 139.5 (C), 153.9 (C), 171.1 (C); HRMS (ESI) *m/z* Calcd for C<sub>26</sub>H<sub>30</sub>N<sub>6</sub>O<sub>6</sub>Na [2M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 545.2125, found 545.2117.

### (3a*S*,8a*S*)-Methyl

#### 3a-(1*H*-indol-1-yl)-1-methyl-2-oxo-1,2,3,3a-tetrahydropyrrolo[2,3-*b*]indole-8(8a*H*)-carboxylate (**27**)

To a stirred solution of amine **25** (40.0 mg, 0.153 mmol) and 1-bromo-2-(2-bromovinyl)benzene (**26**)<sup>6</sup> (60.2 mg, 0.230 mmol) in toluene (1 mL) was added Pd<sub>2</sub>(dba)<sub>3</sub>·CHCl<sub>3</sub> (63.4 mg, 0.0612 mmol), <sup>t</sup>BuONa (44.1 mg, 0.459 mmol) and X-Phos (87.6 mg, 0.184 mmol) at room temperature and the mixture was stirred at 130 °C in a sealed tube for 6 h. The reaction mixture was filtered through a pad of Celite<sup>®</sup> and concentrated *in vacuo* to give a residue that was purified by silica gel column chromatography (Hexane : AcOEt = 2 : 1) to give 34.1 mg (62%) of **27** as a pale blown oil.  $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{32} = -231.7$  (c = 1.00, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); IR (neat) 1709, 747 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz) δ 3.07 (3H, s), 3.20 (1H, d, *J* = 18.0 Hz), 3.84 (3H, s), 3.84 (1H, d, *J* = 16.8 Hz), 6.29 (1H, br), 6.40 (1H, d, *J* = 3.2 Hz), 6.76 (1H, d, *J* = 3.2 Hz), 7.20 (2H, t, *J* = 8.0 Hz), 7.29 (2H, t, *J* = 7.6 Hz), 7.49 (1H, d, *J* = 7.6 Hz), 7.53 (1H, d, *J* = 7.7 Hz), 7.67 (1H, d, *J* = 8.0 Hz), 7.92 (1H, br); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 75 MHz, 50 °C) δ 27.8 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 41.3 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 53.3 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 66.1 (C), 82.5 (CH), 102.0 (CH), 110.7 (CH), 118.0 (CH), 120.6 (CH×2), 122.1 (CH), 122.5 (CH), 124.8 (CH), 126.3 (CH), 128.4 (CH), 130.9 (C), 131.5 (C), 134.2 (C), 140.8 (C), 154.2 (C), 170.4 (C); HRMS (ESI) *m/z* Calcd for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>20</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>3</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 362.1505, found 362.1505.

**(3a*S*,8a*R*)-3a-(1*H*-Indol-1-yl)-1-methyl-1,2,3,3a,8,8a-hexahydropyrrolo[2,3-*b*]indole (S18)**

To a stirred solution of indole **27** (5.00 mg, 0.0138 mmol) in THF (1 mL) was added LiAlH<sub>4</sub> (1.60 mg, 0.0422 mmol) at 0 °C and the mixture was refluxed for 1 h. The reaction mixture was cooled to 0 °C then added 1 N NaOH solution (0.2 mL). The reaction mixture was refluxed for 1 h, then filtered through a pad of Celite® and concentrated *in vacuo* to give a residue that was purified by silica gel column chromatography (CHCl<sub>3</sub> : AcOEt = 3 : 2) to give 2.50 mg (62%) of **S18** as a pale yellow oil.  $[\alpha]_D^{28} = + 96.1$  (c = 0.35, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); IR (neat) 3404, 2912, 743 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz) δ 2.44 (1H, ddd, *J* = 2.4, 5.6, 12.0 Hz), 2.50 (3H, s), 2.69–2.75 (1H, m), 3.05 (1H, ddd, *J* = 2.4, 6.8, 9.2 Hz), 3.23–3.30 (1H, m), 4.40 (1H, br), 5.22 (1H, s), 6.45 (1H, dd, *J* = 0.8, 3.6 Hz), 6.71–6.76 (2H, m), 7.04–7.10 (3H, m), 7.15 (1H, td, *J* = 1.2, 7.6 Hz), 7.34 (1H, d, *J* = 3.6 Hz), 7.42–7.45 (1H, m), 7.57–7.61 (1H, m); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz) δ 36.2 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 38.7 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 51.7 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 76.7 (C), 85.9 (CH), 100.9 (CH), 109.8 (CH), 112.1 (CH), 119.3 (CH), 119.6 (CH), 121.0 (CH), 121.3 (CH), 125.0 (CH), 126.2 (C), 129.8 (CH×2), 130.3 (C), 135.5 (C), 150.6 (C); HRMS (ESI) *m/z* Calcd for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>20</sub>N<sub>3</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 290.1657, found 290.1641.

**(3a*S*,8a*S*)-*tert*-Butyl**

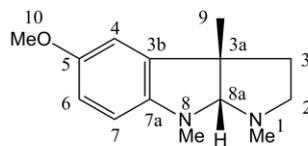
**3a-(1*H*-indol-1-yl)-1-methyl-1,2,3,3a-tetrahydropyrrolo[2,3-*b*]indole-8(8a*H*)-carboxylate ((-)-**18**)**

To a stirred solution of indole **S18** (4.00 mg, 0.0138 mmol) in THF (1 mL) was added NaHMDS (0.0320 mL) (1.09 M solution of THF) at –78 °C and the mixture was stirred at –78 °C for 20 min. Boc<sub>2</sub>O (4.60 mg, 0.0211 mmol) was added to the reaction mixture and stirring was continued for 40 min at the same temperature. The reaction mixture was poured into saturated aqueous NaHCO<sub>3</sub> solution and then extracted with AcOEt. The combined extracts was washed with brine, dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, and concentrated to give a residue that was purified by silica gel column chromatography (Hexane : AcOEt = 3 : 1) to give 5.10 mg (95%, > 95% ee \*) of (–)-**18** as a colorless oil. \*HPLC [DICEL CHIRALPAK AS-H; 0.5 mL/min; solvent system: EtOH : Hexane = 15 : 85; retention time: 26.5 min (major), 61.8 min (minor)];  $[\alpha]_D^{31} = - 53.1$  (c = 0.50, CHCl<sub>3</sub>), ( $[\alpha]_D^{24} = - 48.6$  (c = 0.22, CHCl<sub>3</sub>))<sup>7</sup>; IR (neat) 2977, 1705, 1483, 1457, 1368, 1165, 741 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz) δ 1.55 (9H, s), 2.41 (1H, ddd, *J* = 2.0, 4.8, 12.0 Hz), 2.62 (1H, overlapped), 2.62 (3H, s), 3.06 (1H, ddd, *J* = 2.0, 6.8, 8.8 Hz), 3.27 (1H, ddd, *J* = 6.8, 10.0, 11.6 Hz), 5.82 (1H, s), 6.45 (1H, d, *J* = 3.2 Hz), 7.05–7.14 (3H, m), 7.20 (1H, d, *J* = 3.2 Hz), 7.24 (1H, overlapped), 7.34 (1H, br dd, *J* = 8.4, 8.4 Hz), 7.38 (1H, overlapped), 7.60–7.62 (1H, m), 7.83 (1H, br); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz) δ 28.3 (CH<sub>3</sub> × 3), 36.7 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 37.7 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 52.6 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 74.1 (C), 81.9 (C), 85.8 (CH), 101.1 (CH), 111.8 (CH), 116.5 (CH), 119.8 (CH), 121.2 (CH), 121.7 (CH), 123.4 (CH), 124.9 (CH), 126.2 (C), 130.0 (CH), 130.2 (CH), 131.4 (C), 135.2 (C), 143.6 (C), 153.0 (C); HRMS (ESI) *m/z* Calcd for C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>27</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>2</sub>Na [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 412.2001, found 412.1996.

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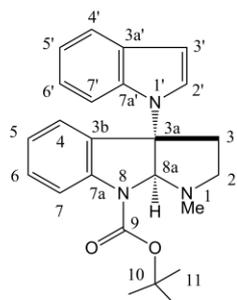
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Comparison of our data for (-)-esermethole (**16**) with literature for (-)-**16**



<sup>1</sup> H-number	reported (400 MHz, CDCl <sub>3</sub> )	Synthetic (400 MHz, CDCl <sub>3</sub> )	Δδ	<sup>13</sup> C-number	reported (100 MHz, CDCl <sub>3</sub> )	Synthetic (100 MHz, CDCl <sub>3</sub> )	Δδ
6	6.65 (1H, d, <i>J</i> = 8.3 Hz)	6.66 (1H, dd, <i>J</i> = 2.8, 8.4 Hz)	0.01	5	152.9	153.0	0.1
4	6.63 (1H, s)	6.63 (1H, d, <i>J</i> = 2.8 Hz)	0	7a	146.5	146.4	-0.1
7	6.36 (1H, d, <i>J</i> = 8.1 Hz)	6.36 (1H, d, <i>J</i> = 8.4 Hz)	0	3b	138.2	138.	-0.1
8a-H	4.05 (1H, s)	4.08 (1H, s)	0.03	6	112.1	112.3	0.2
10	3.75 (3H, s)	3.75 (3H, s)	0	4	109.8	109.8	0
<i>N</i> <sub>8</sub> -CH <sub>3</sub>	2.89 (3H, s)	2.89 (3H, s)	0	7	107.4	107.6	0.2
2	2.72 (1H, m)	2.77-2.72 (1H, m)	-	8a	98.3	98.2	-0.1
	2.64 (1H, m)	2.67-2.60 (1H, m)	-	2	56.0	56.0	0
<i>N</i> <sub>1</sub> -CH <sub>3</sub>	2.53 (3H, s)	2.54 (3H, s)	0.01	10	53.0	53.2	0.2
3	1.97 (2H, m)	1.96 (2H, dd, <i>J</i> = 5.2, 7.6 Hz)	-0.01	3a	52.7	52.9	0.2
9	1.43 (3H, s)	1.44 (3H, s)	0.01	3	40.8	40.6	-0.2
reported:				<i>N</i> <sub>1</sub> -CH <sub>3</sub>	38.1	38.0	-0.1
Nakagawa, M. <i>et al. Org. Lett.</i> <b>2000</b> , 2, 675-678. <sup>8</sup>				<i>N</i> <sub>8</sub> -CH <sub>3</sub>	37.9	37.9	0
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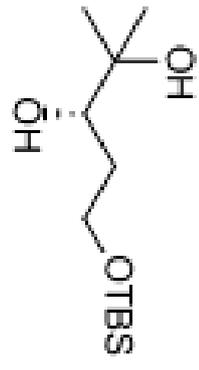
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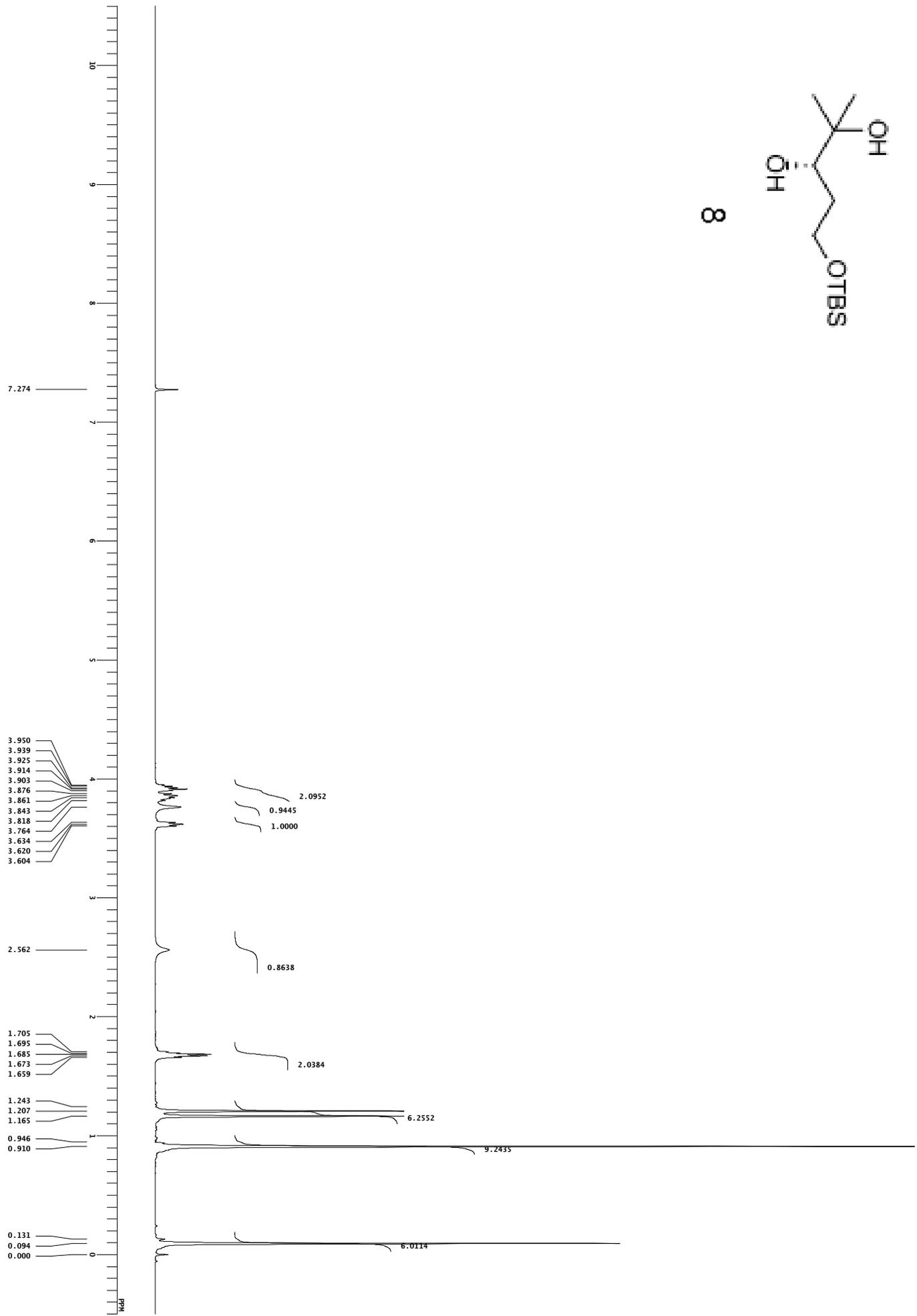
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7'	7.60 (1H, m)	7.60-7.62 (1H, m)	-
7	7.37 (1H, m)	7.38 (1H, overlapped)	0.01
5	7.33 (1H, br-dd, <i>J</i> = 8.4, 8.4 Hz)	7.34 (1H, br-dd, <i>J</i> = 8.4, 8.4 Hz)	0.01
6	7.25 (1H, overlapped)	7.24 (1H, overlapped)	-0.01
2'	7.19 (1H, br-d, <i>J</i> = 3.3 Hz)	7.20 (1H, d, <i>J</i> = 3.2 Hz)	0.01
4, 5', 6'	7.13-7.04 (3H, overlapped)	7.14-7.05 (3H, overlapped)	0.01
3'	6.44 (1H, d, <i>J</i> = 3.3 Hz)	6.45 (1H, d, <i>J</i> = 3.2 Hz)	0.01
8a	5.82 (1H, s)	5.82 (1H, s)	0
3	3.25 (1H, ddd, , <i>J</i> = 11.7, 10.2, 6.8 Hz)	3.27 (1H, ddd, , <i>J</i> = 11.6, 10.0, 6.8 Hz)	0.02
	3.05 (1H, ddd, , <i>J</i> = 9.1, 7.0, 1.9 Hz)	3.06 (1H, ddd, , <i>J</i> = 8.8, 6.8, 2.0 Hz)	0.01
<i>N</i> <sub>1</sub> -CH <sub>3</sub>	2.64 (3H, s)	2.62 (3H, s)	-0.02
2	2.59 (1H, overlapped)	2.62 (1H, overlapped)	0.03
	2.39 (1H, ddd, , <i>J</i> = 11.8, 4.9, 1.9 Hz)	2.41 (1H, ddd, , <i>J</i> = 12.0, 4.8, 2.0 Hz)	0.02
(C(CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> )	1.54 (9H, s)	1.55 (9H, s)	0.01

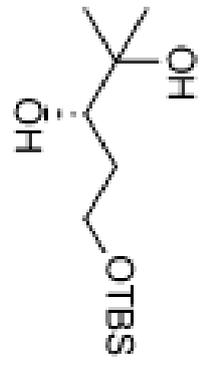
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7a'	135.2	135.2	0
3a'	131.3	131.4	0.1
2'	130.2	130.2	0
5	130.0	130.0	0
3b	126.2	126.2	0
6	124.9	124.9	0
4	123.4	123.4	0
6'	121.7	121.7	0
4'	121.1	121.2	0.1
5'	119.8	119.8	0
7	116.5	116.5	0
7'	111.8	111.8	0
3'	101.1	101.1	0
8a	85.7	85.8	0.1
10	81.9	81.9	0
3a	74.2	74.1	-0.1
2	52.6	52.6	0
3	37.7	37.7	0
<i>N</i> <sub>1</sub> -CH <sub>3</sub>	36.7	36.7	0
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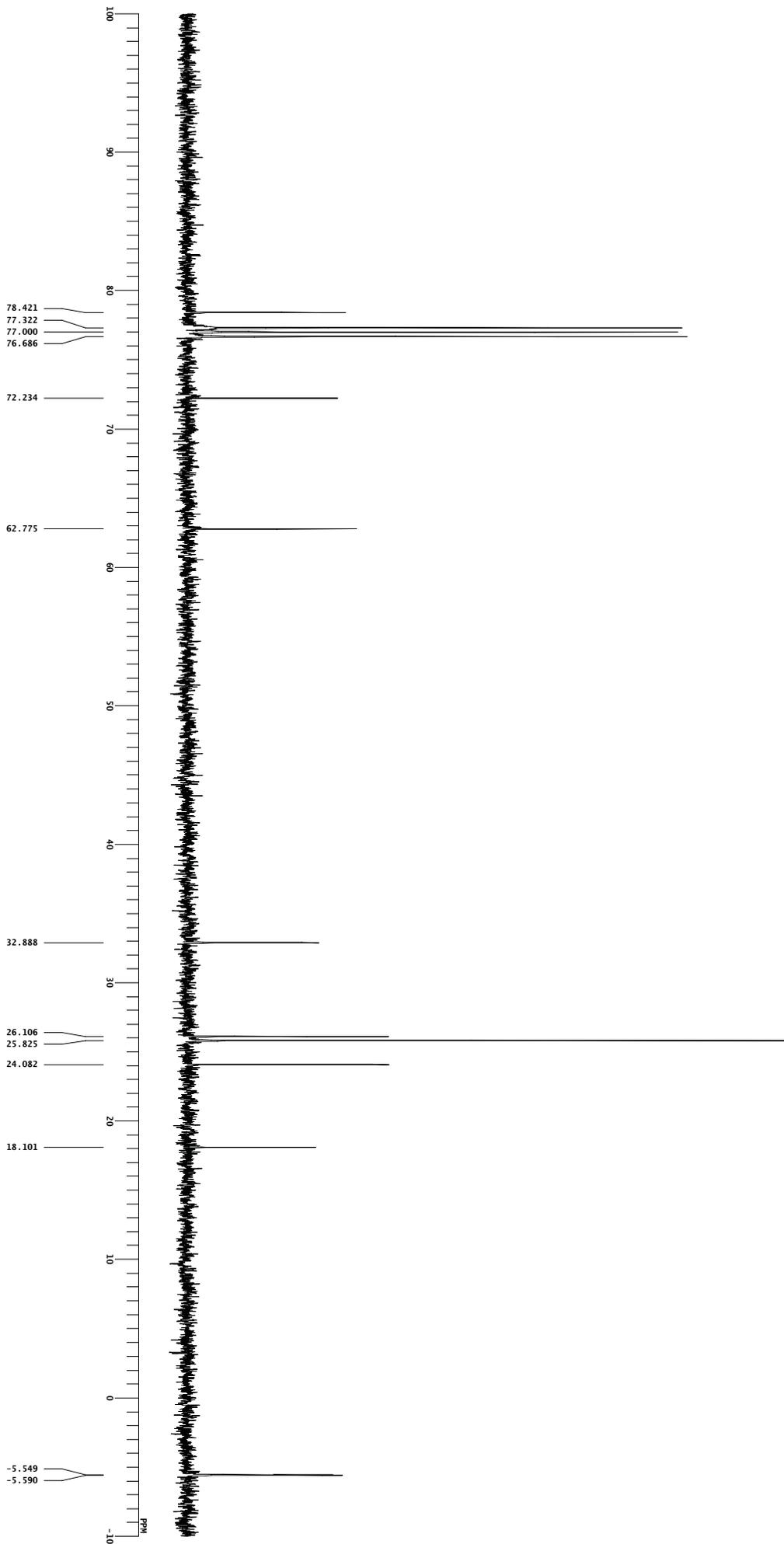


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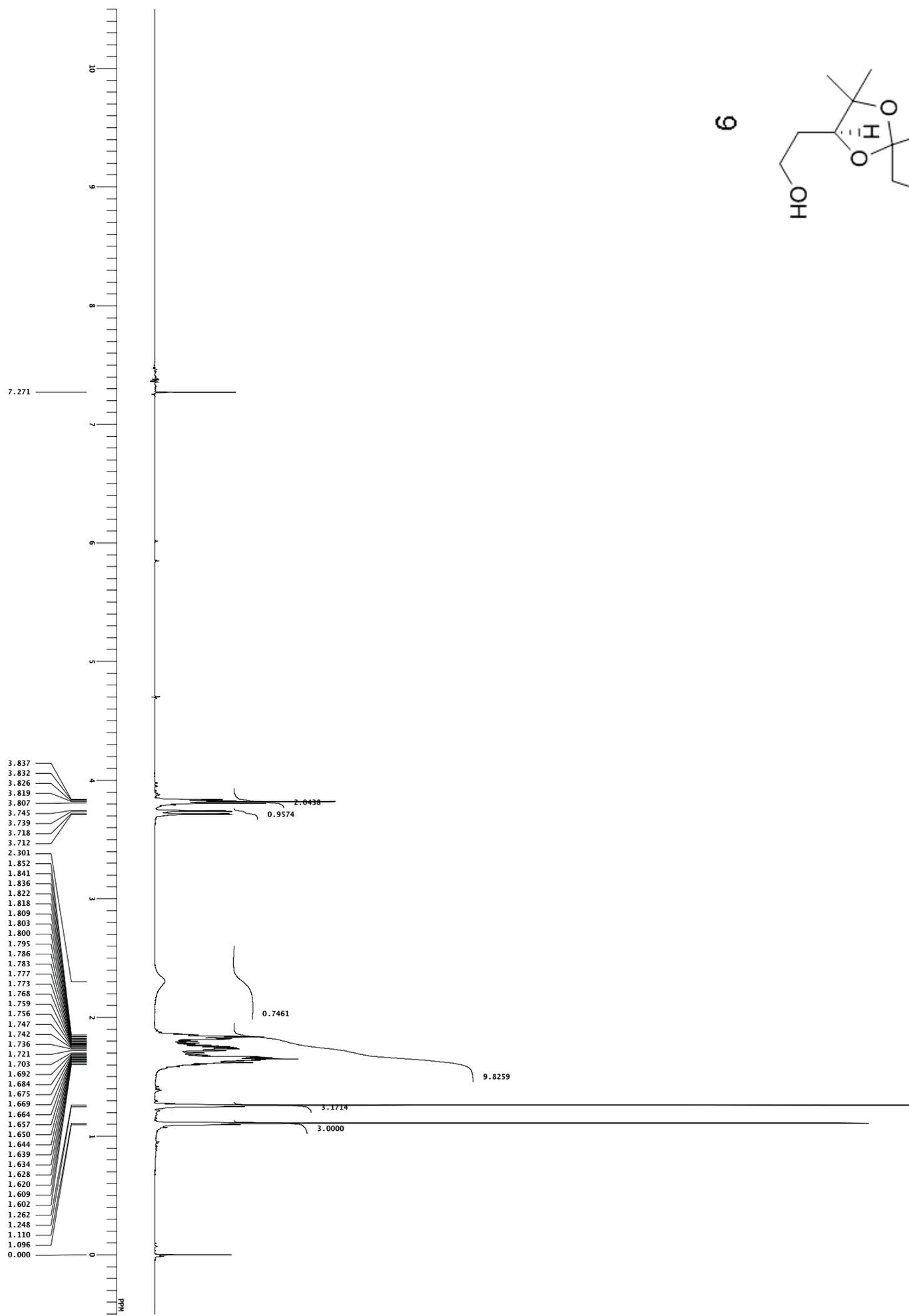
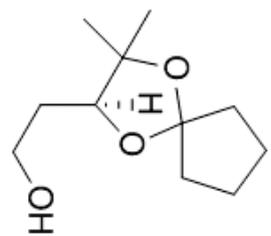




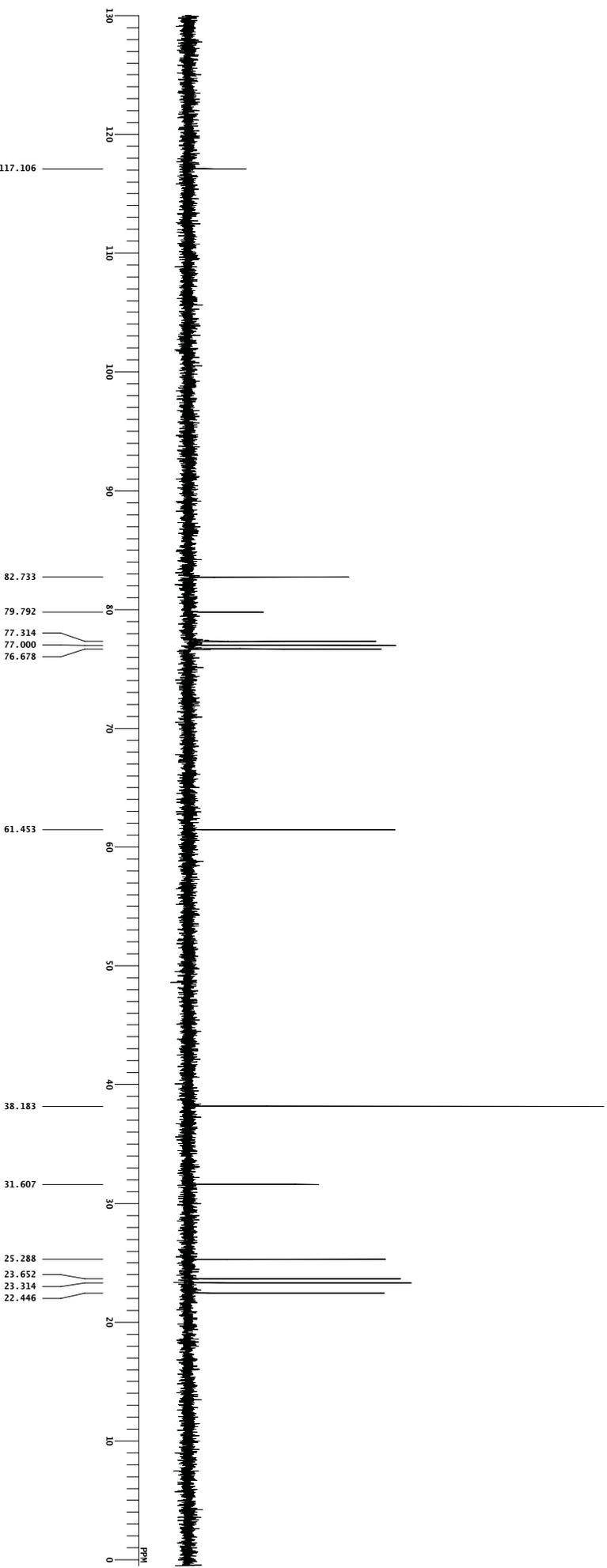
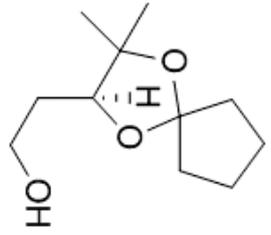
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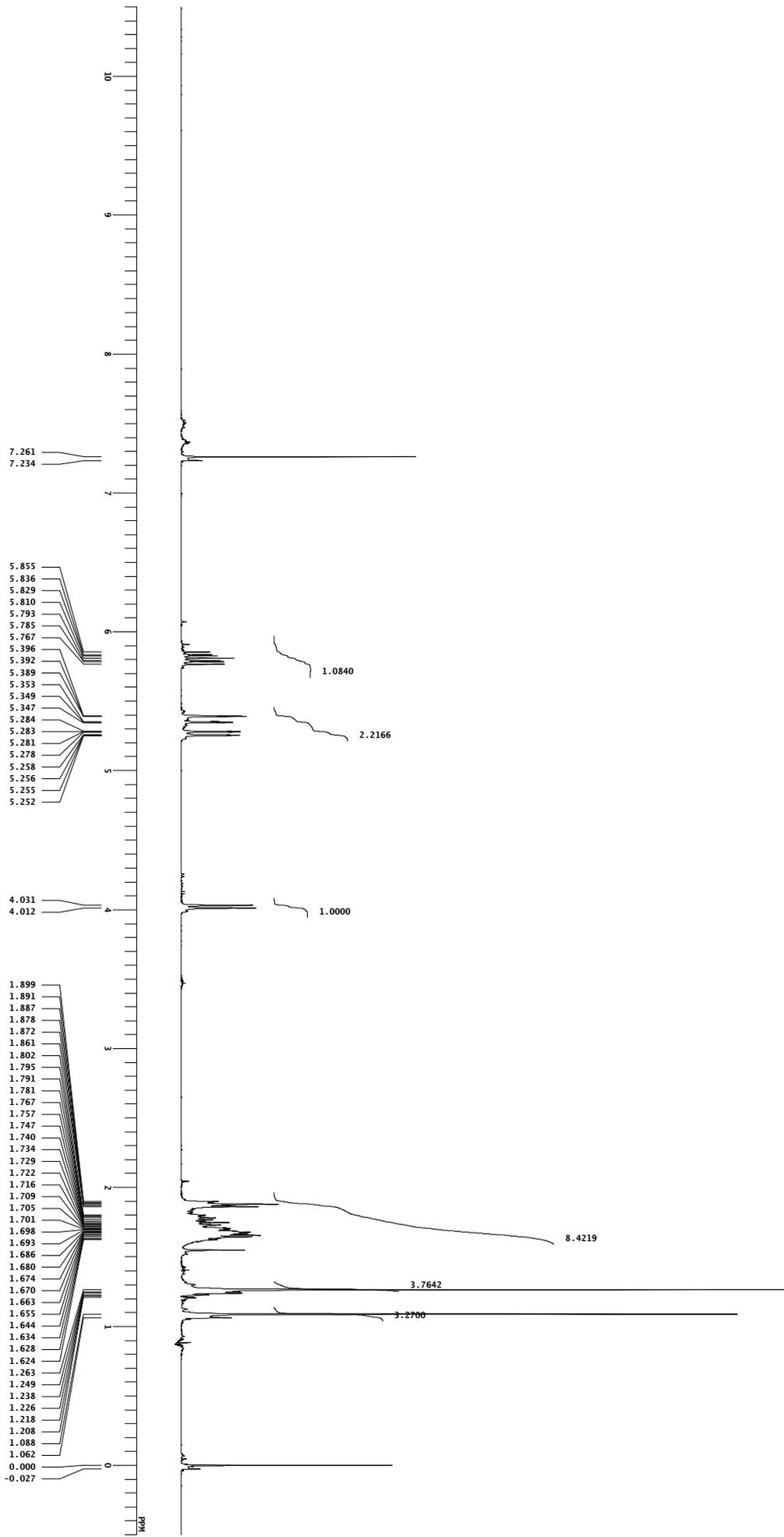
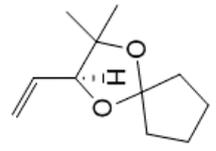
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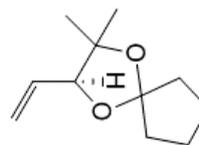


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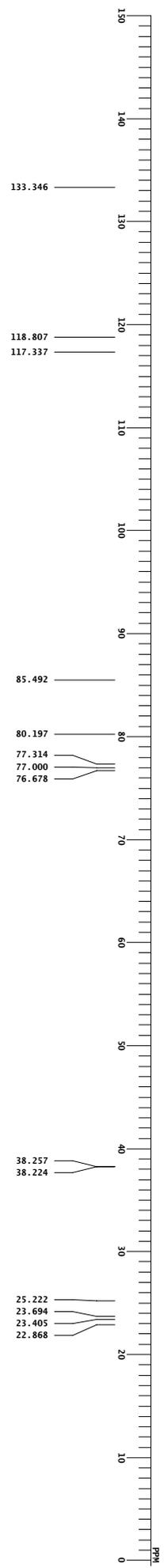


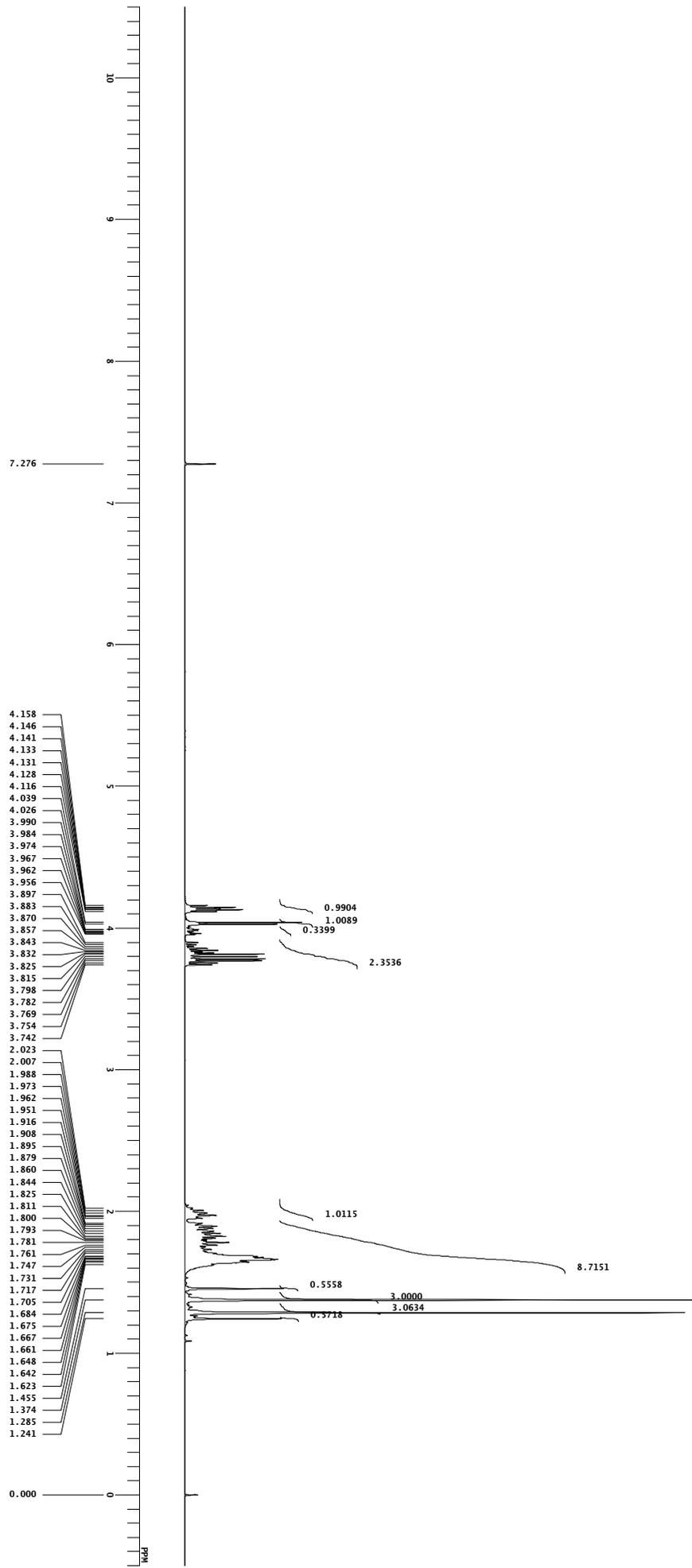
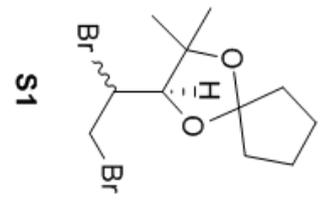
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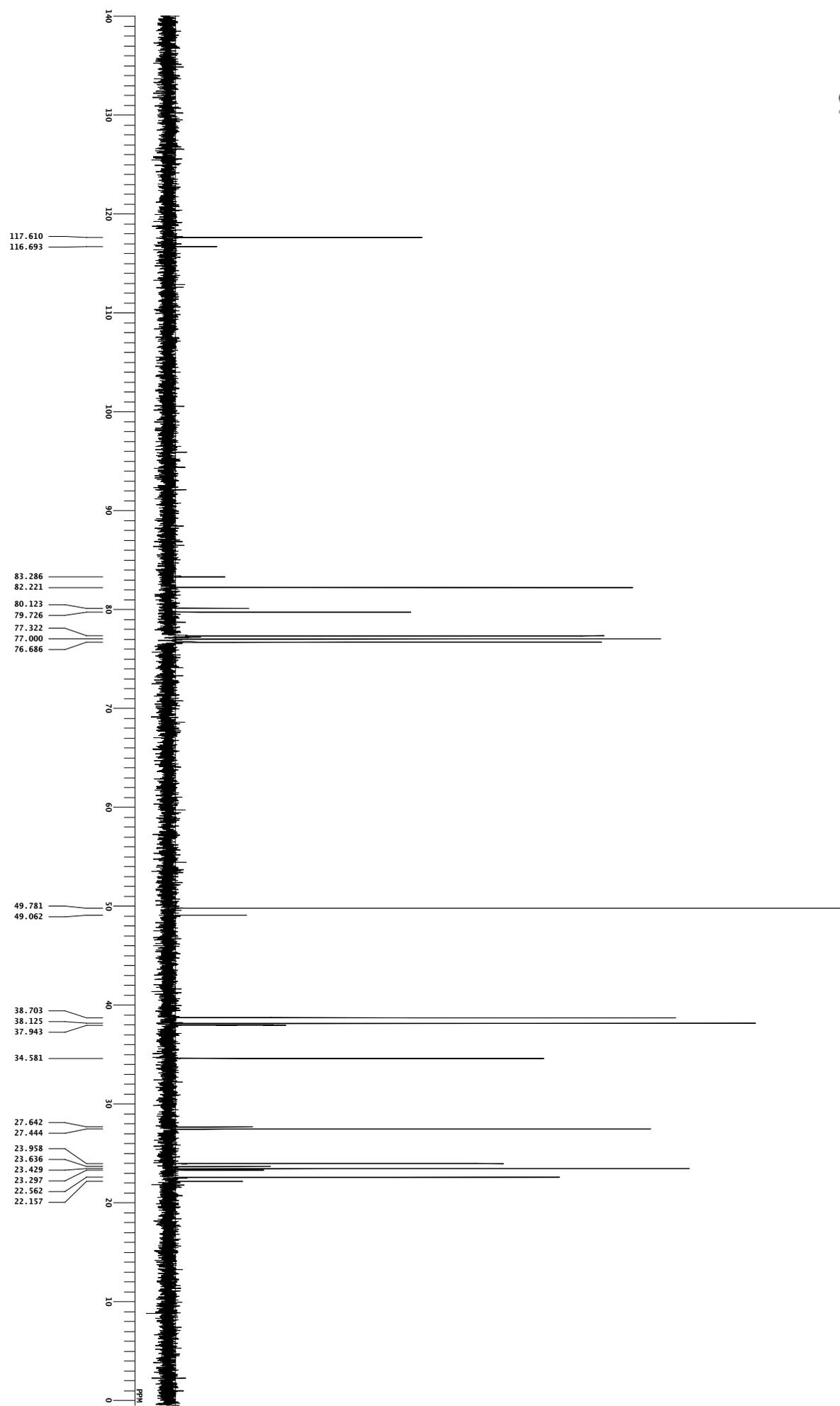
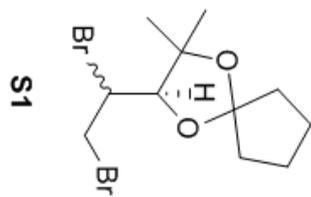


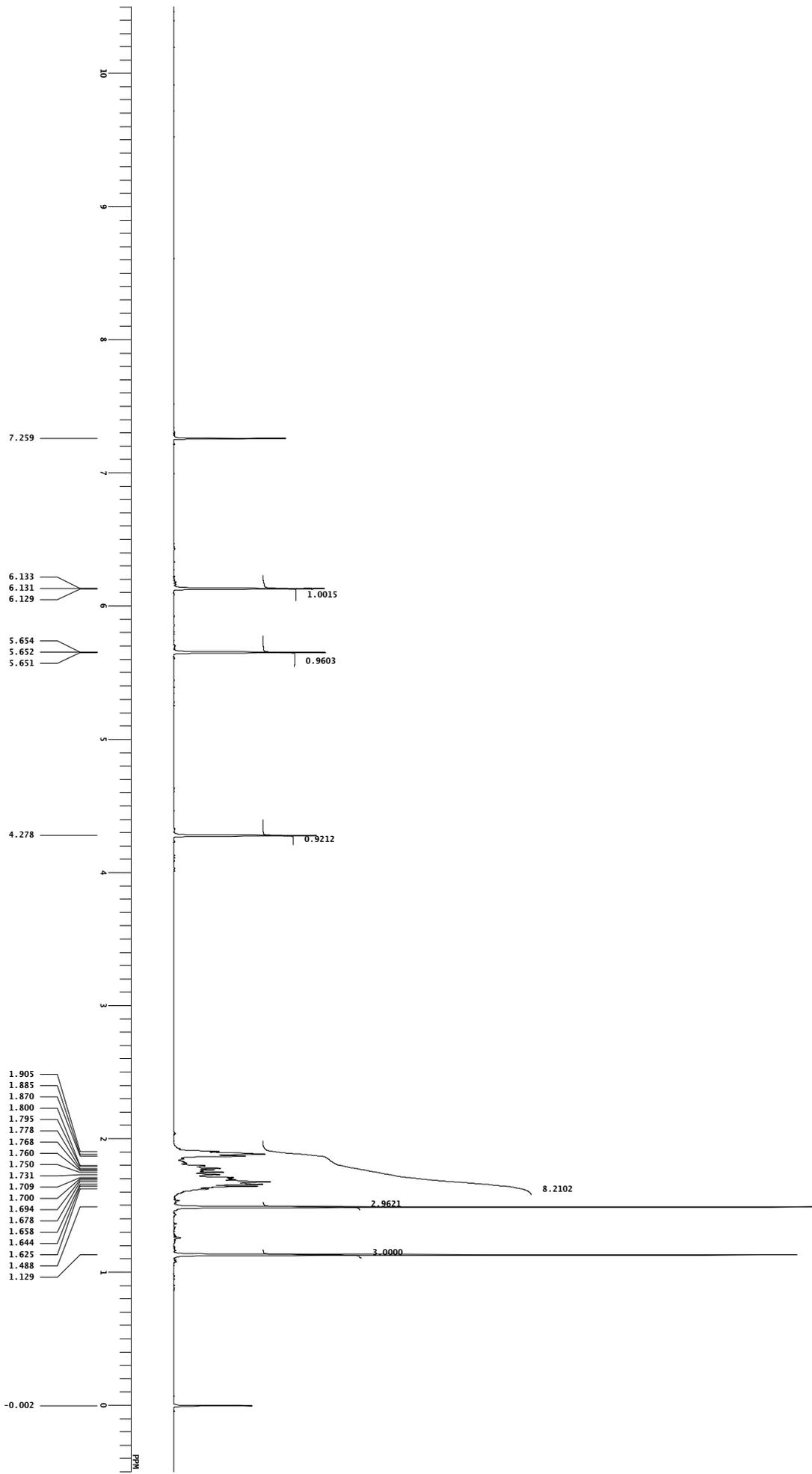
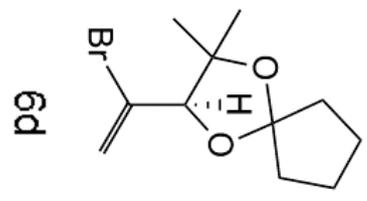


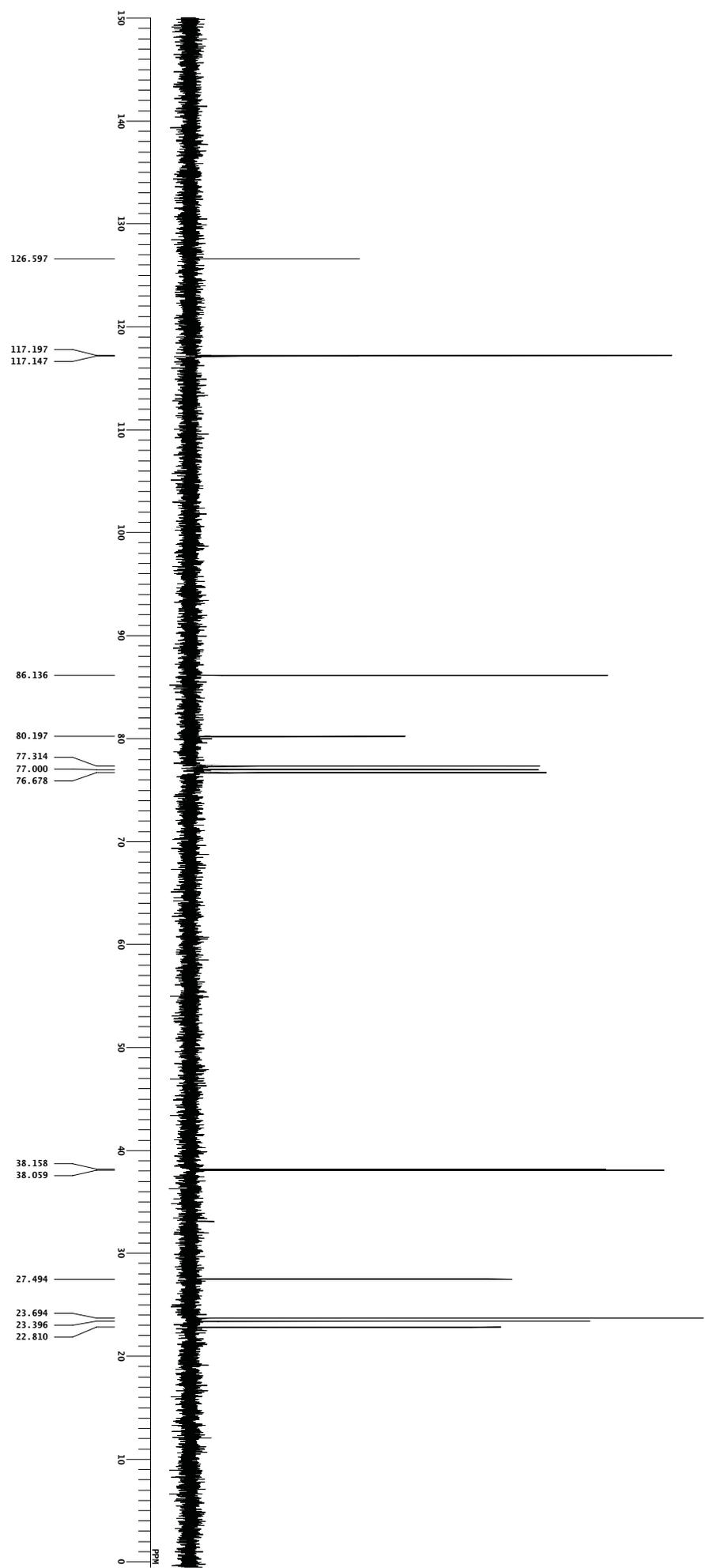
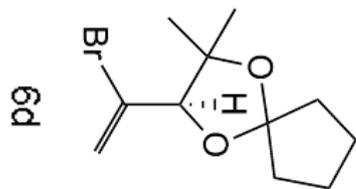
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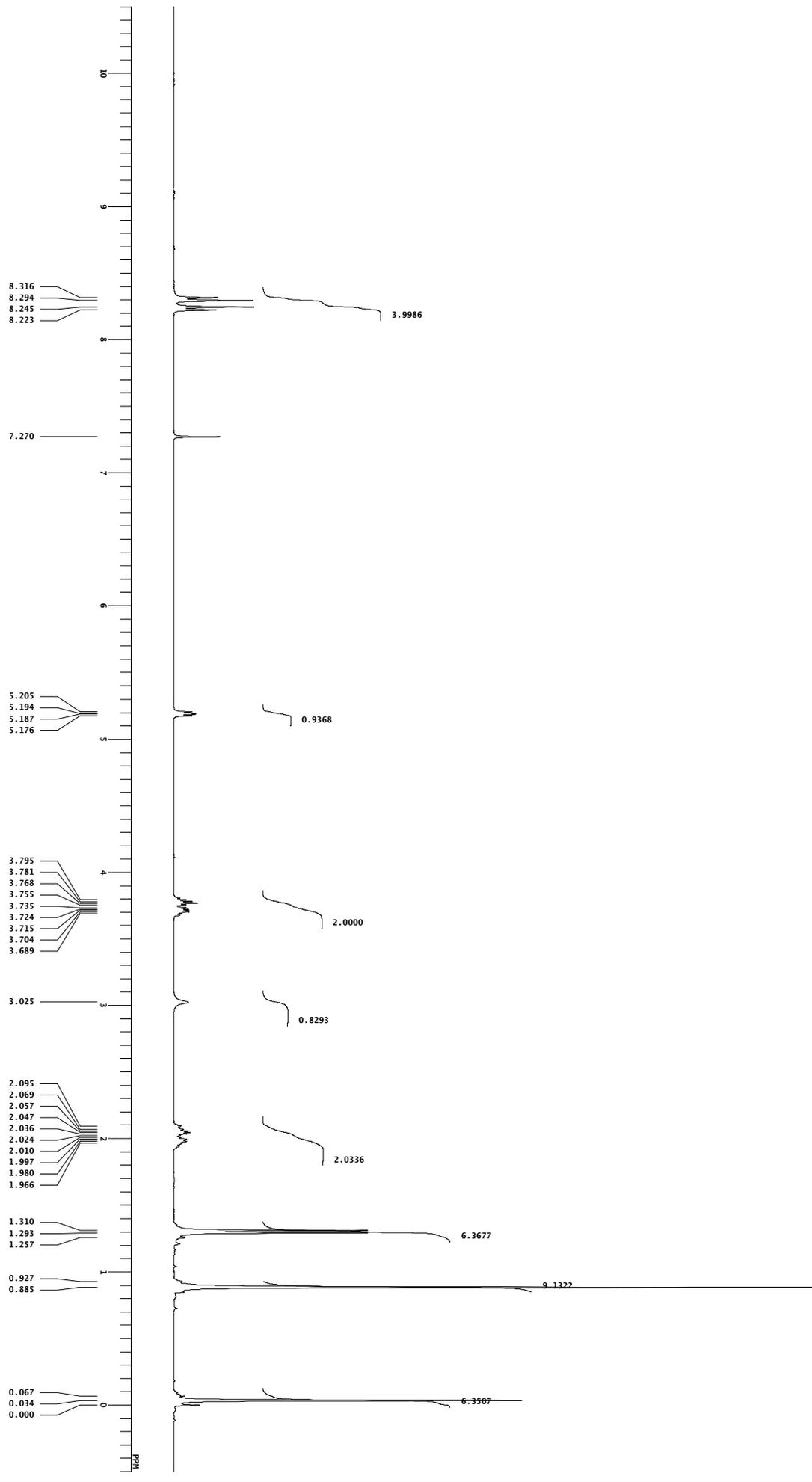
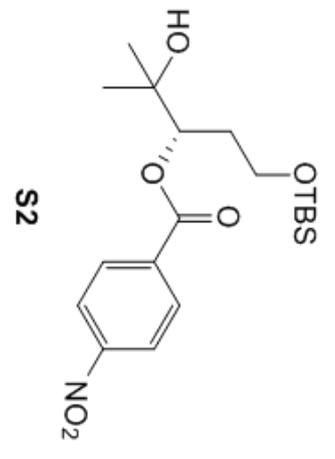


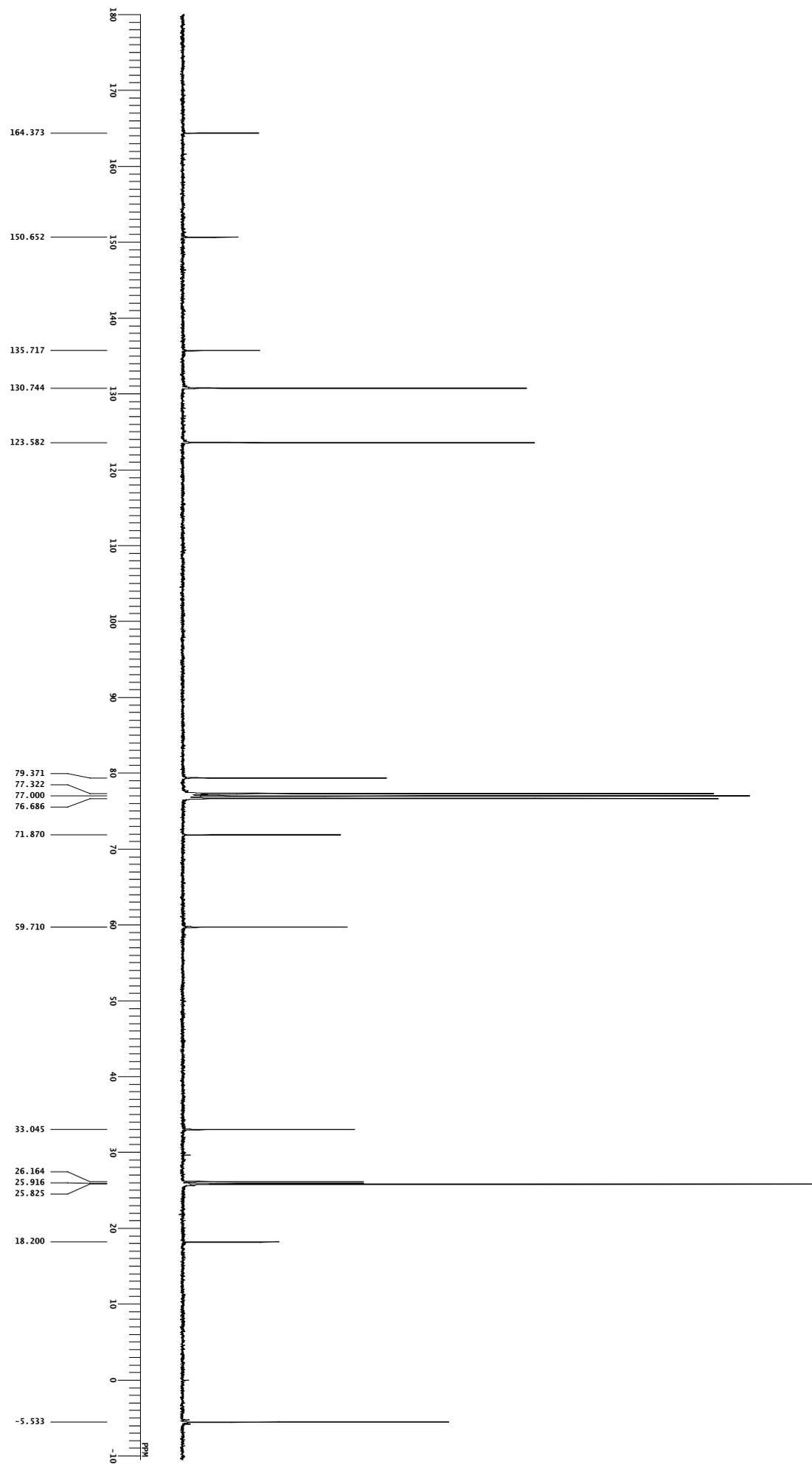
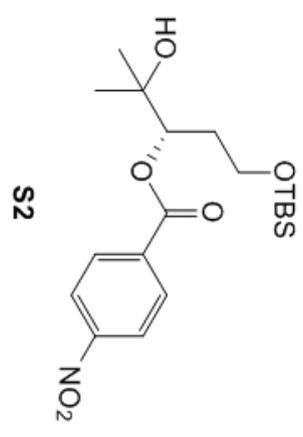




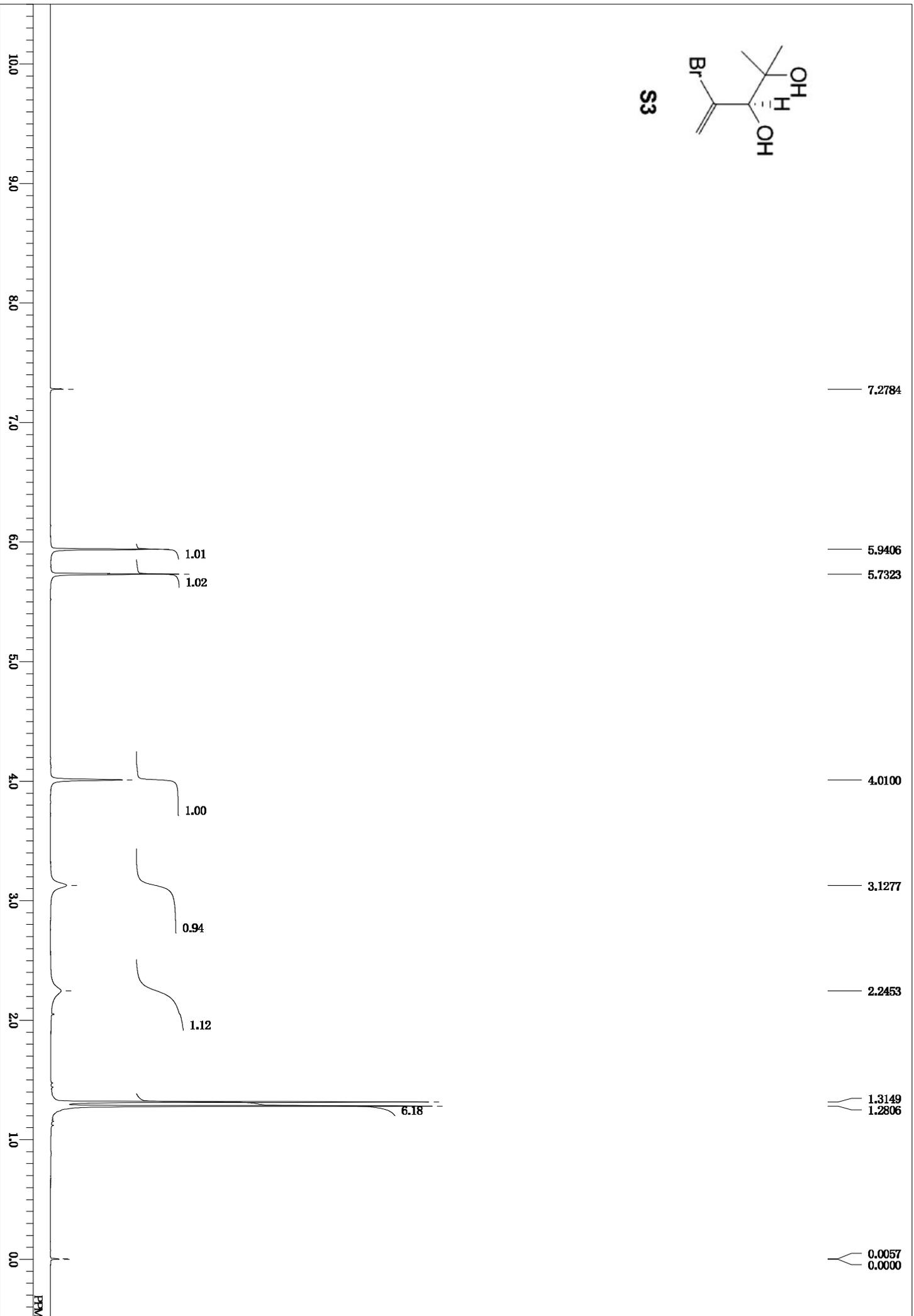
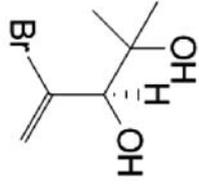


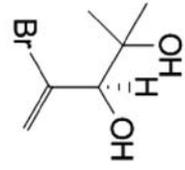




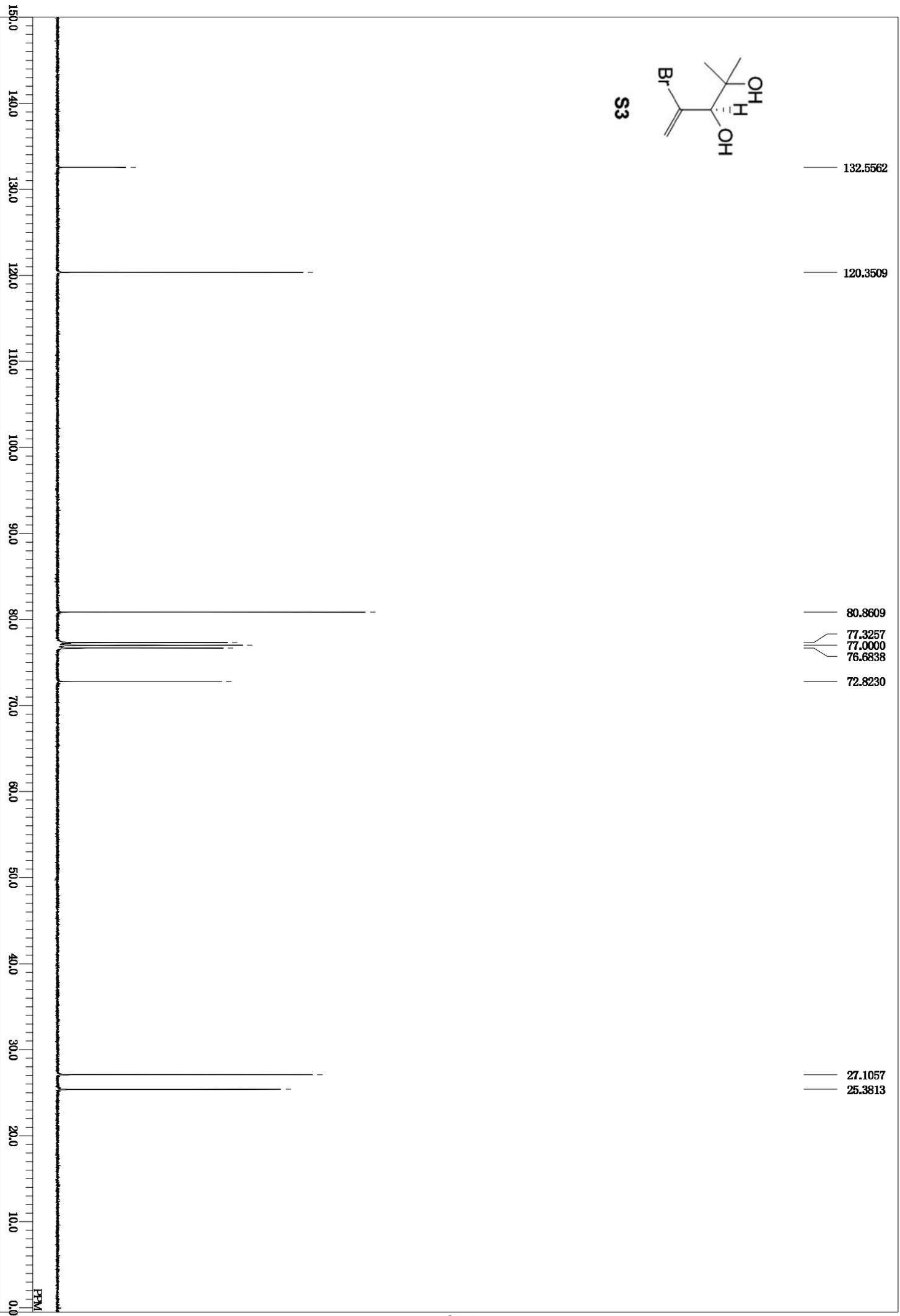


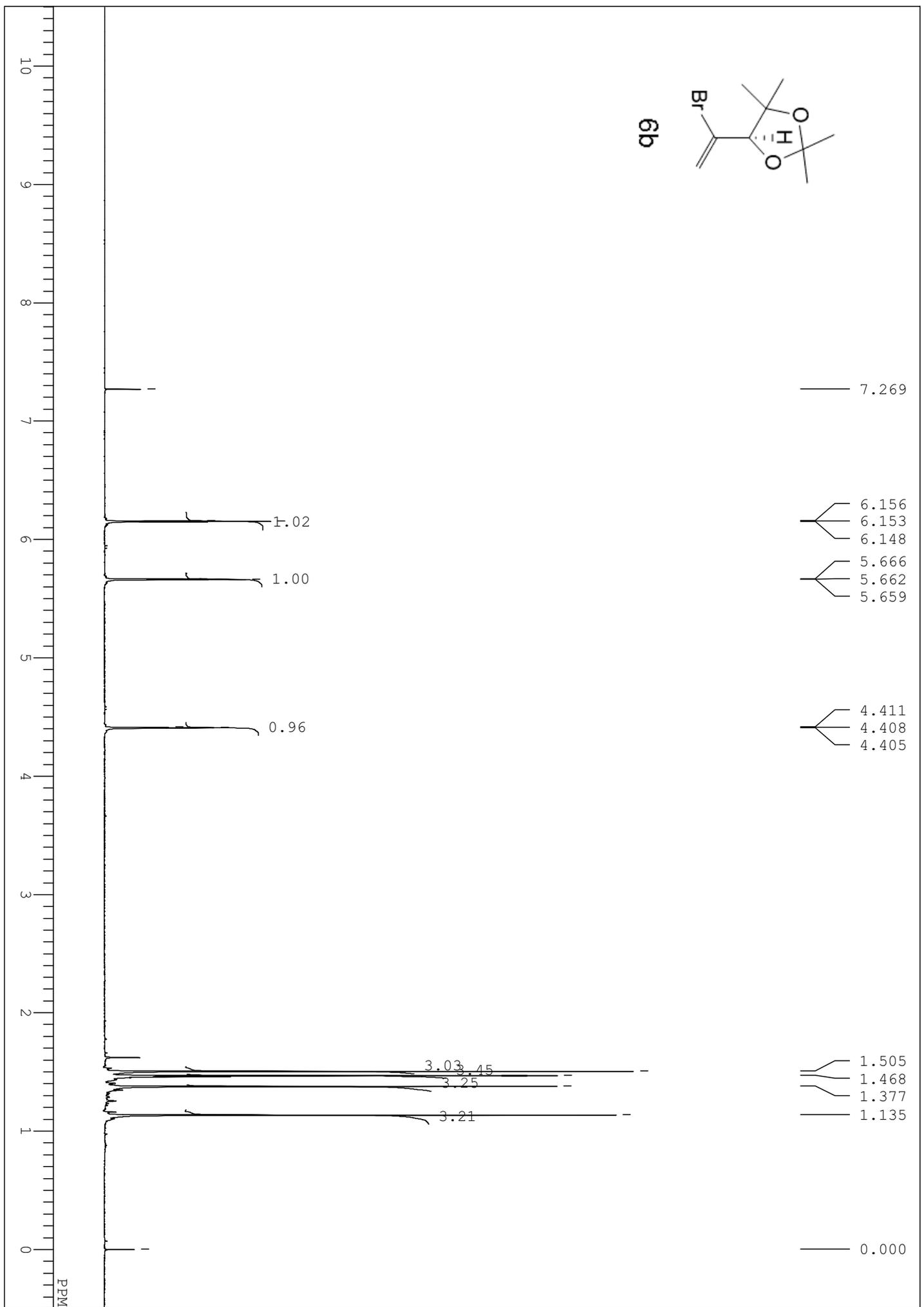
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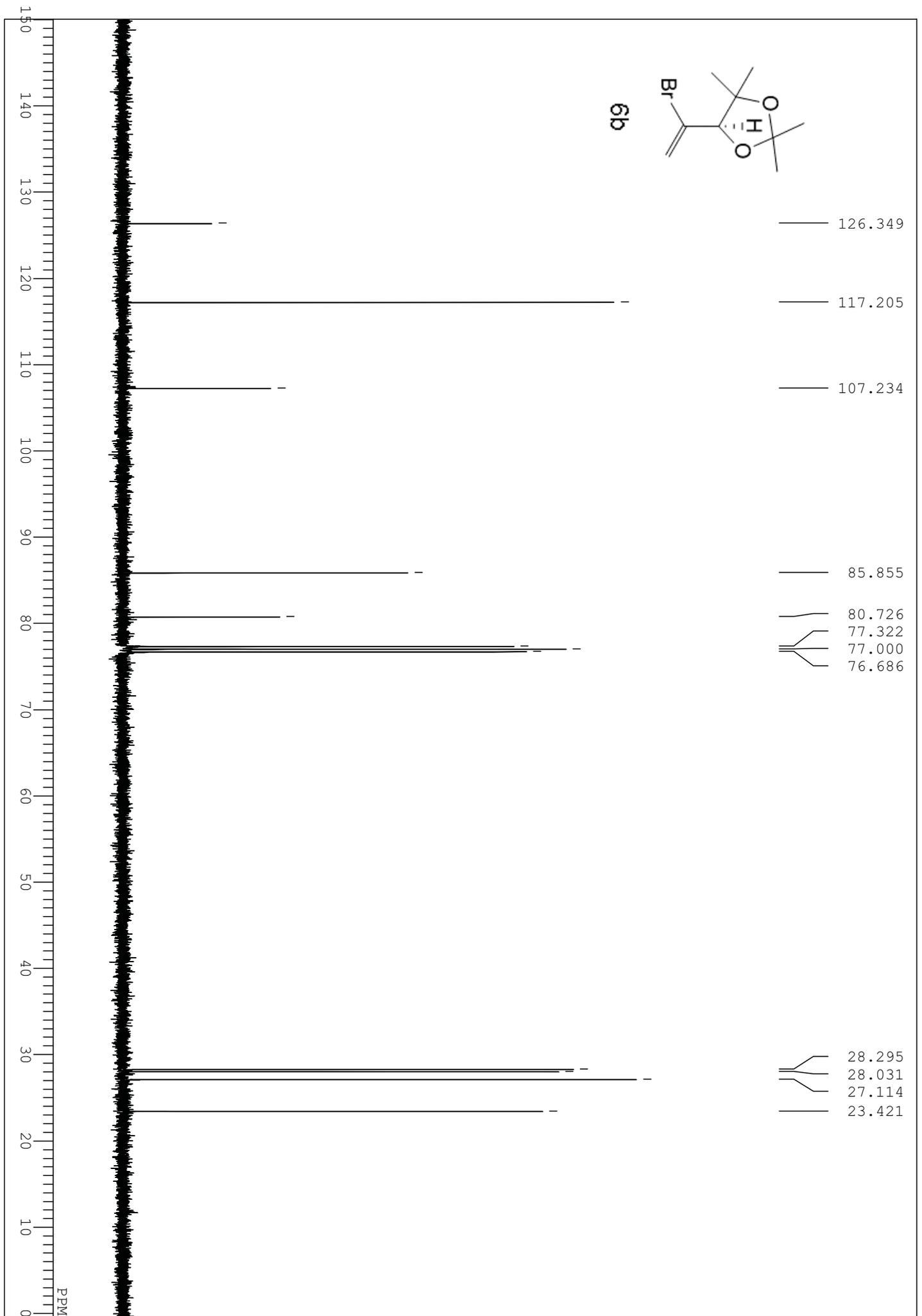


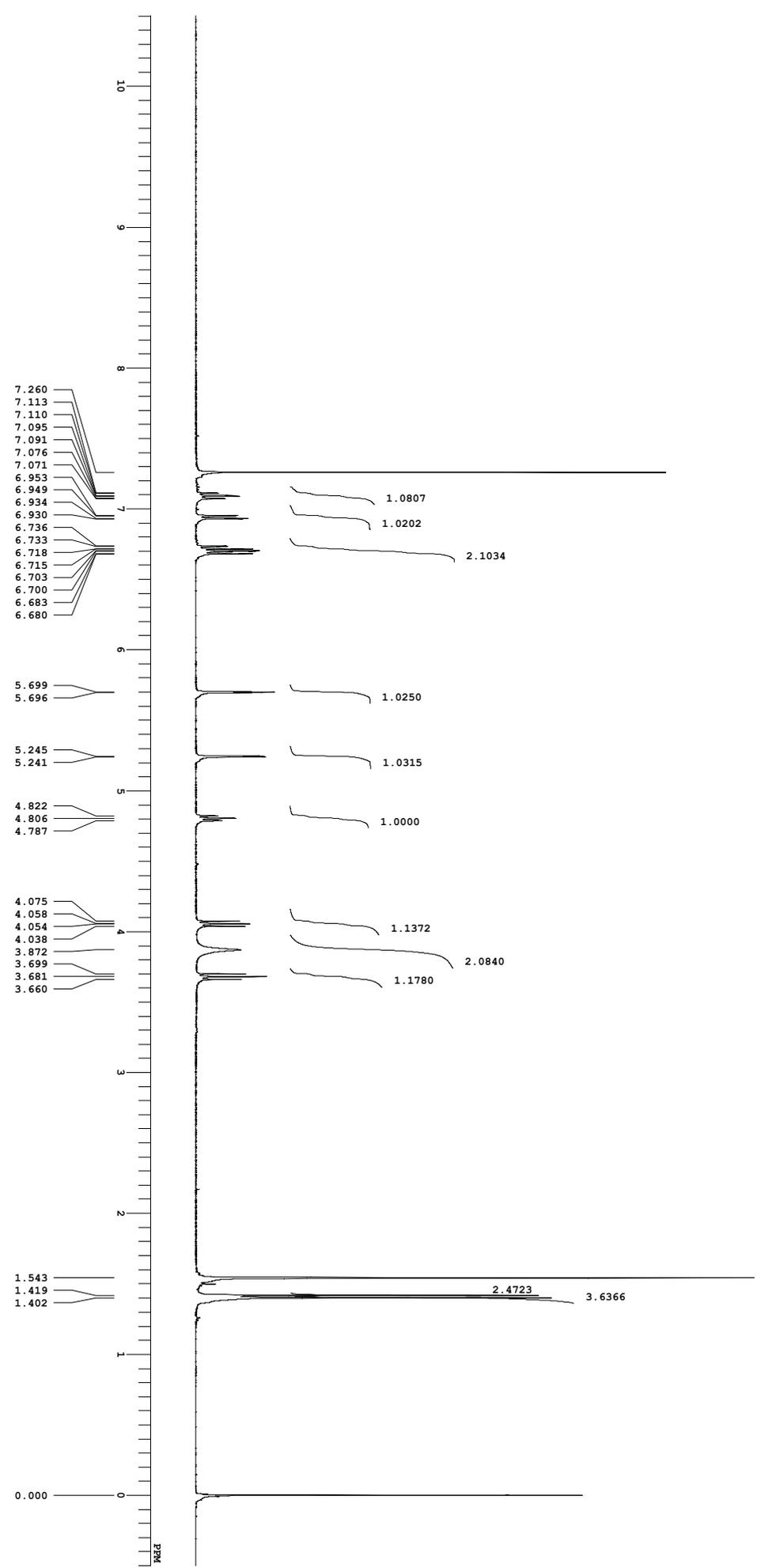
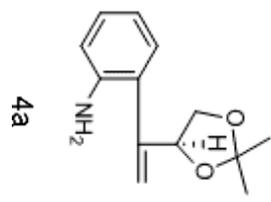


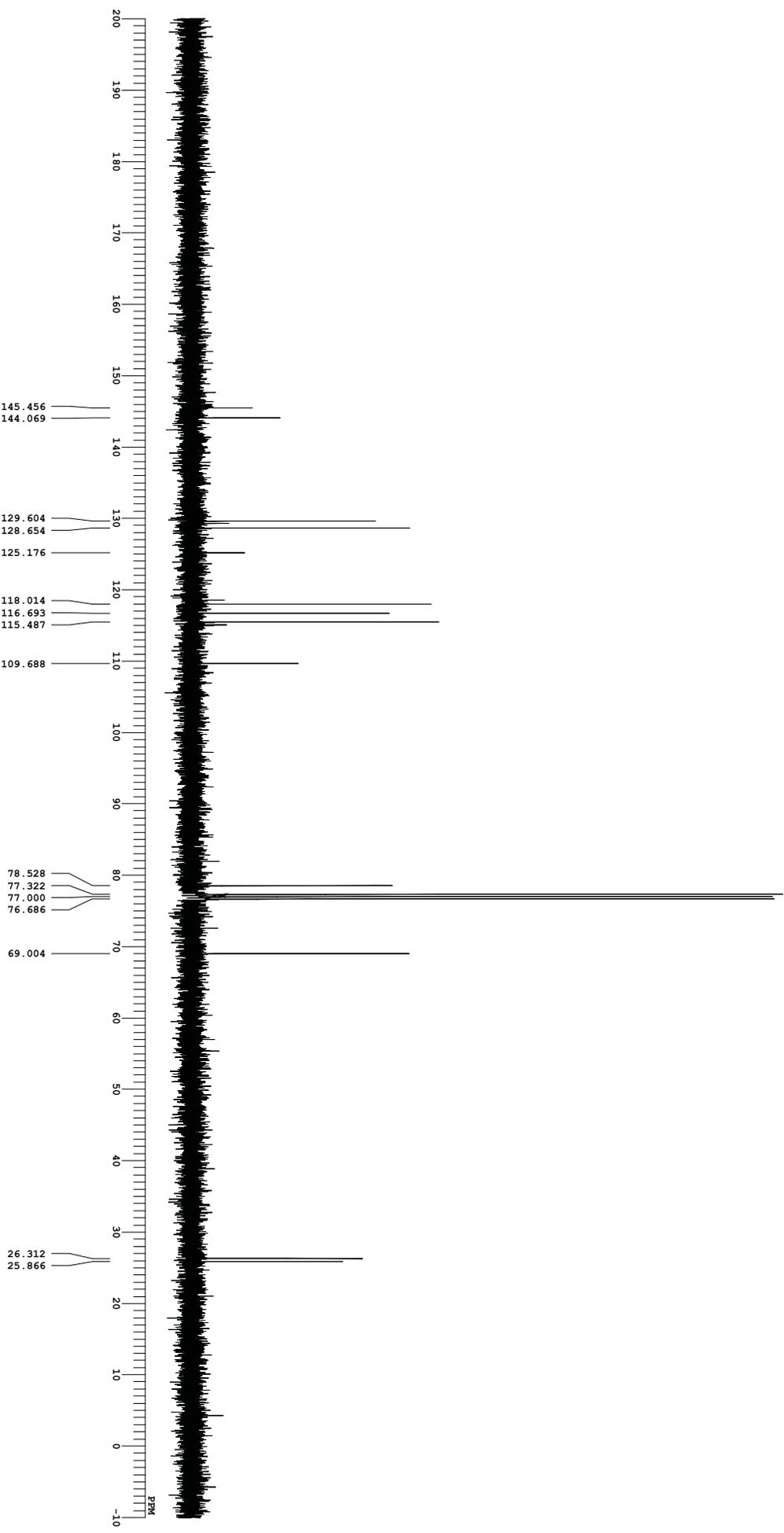
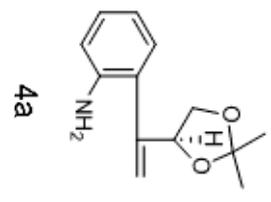
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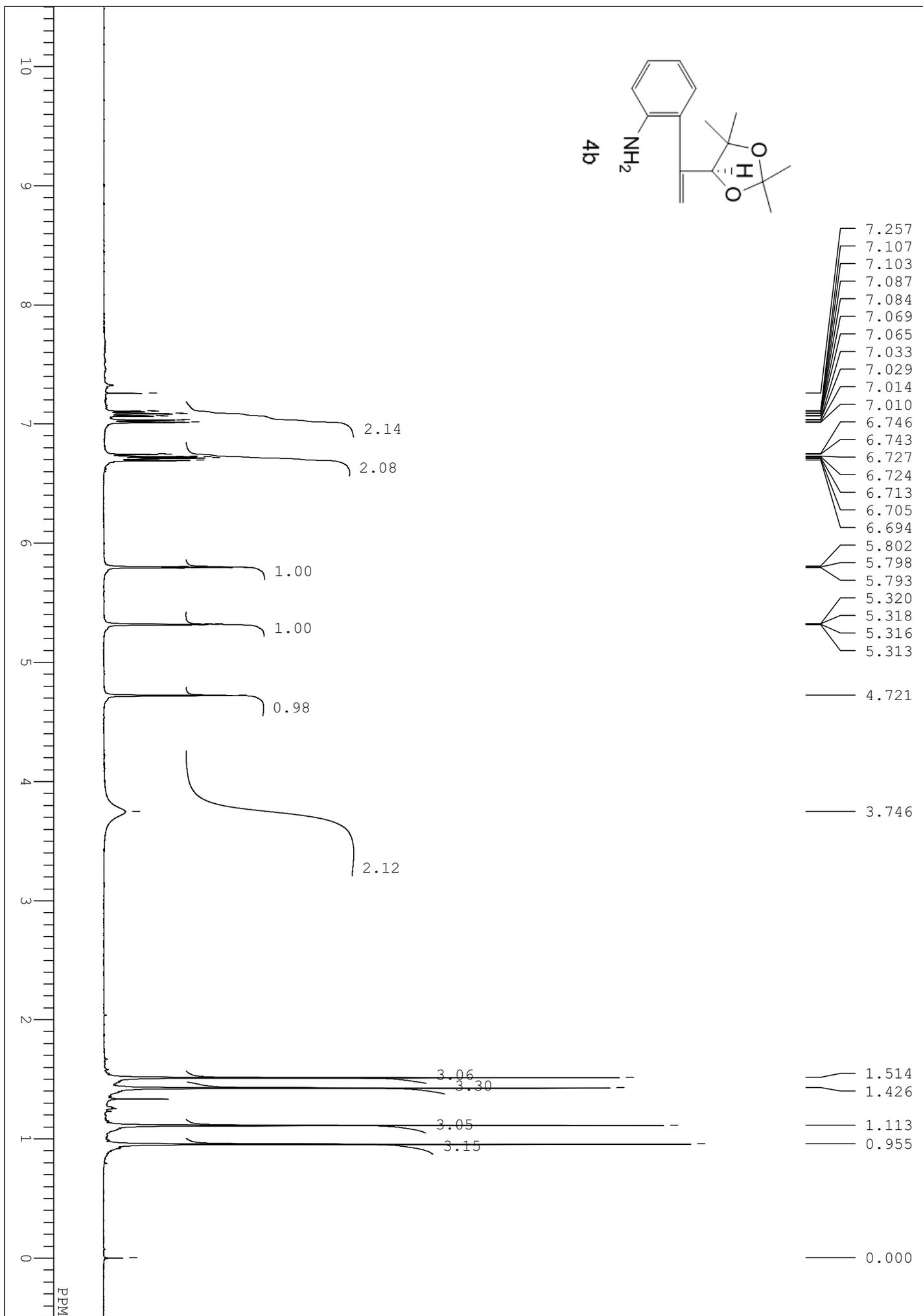


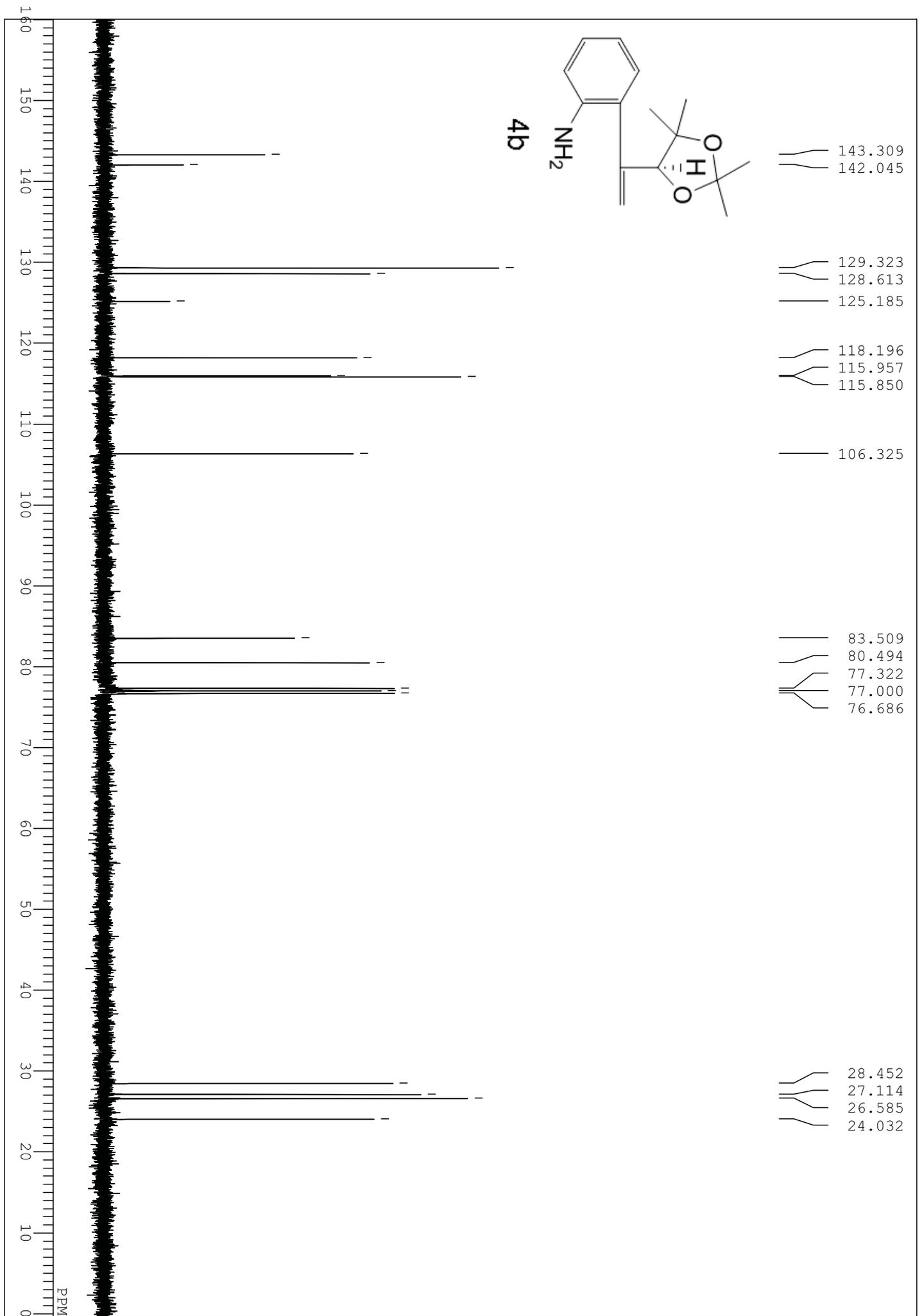




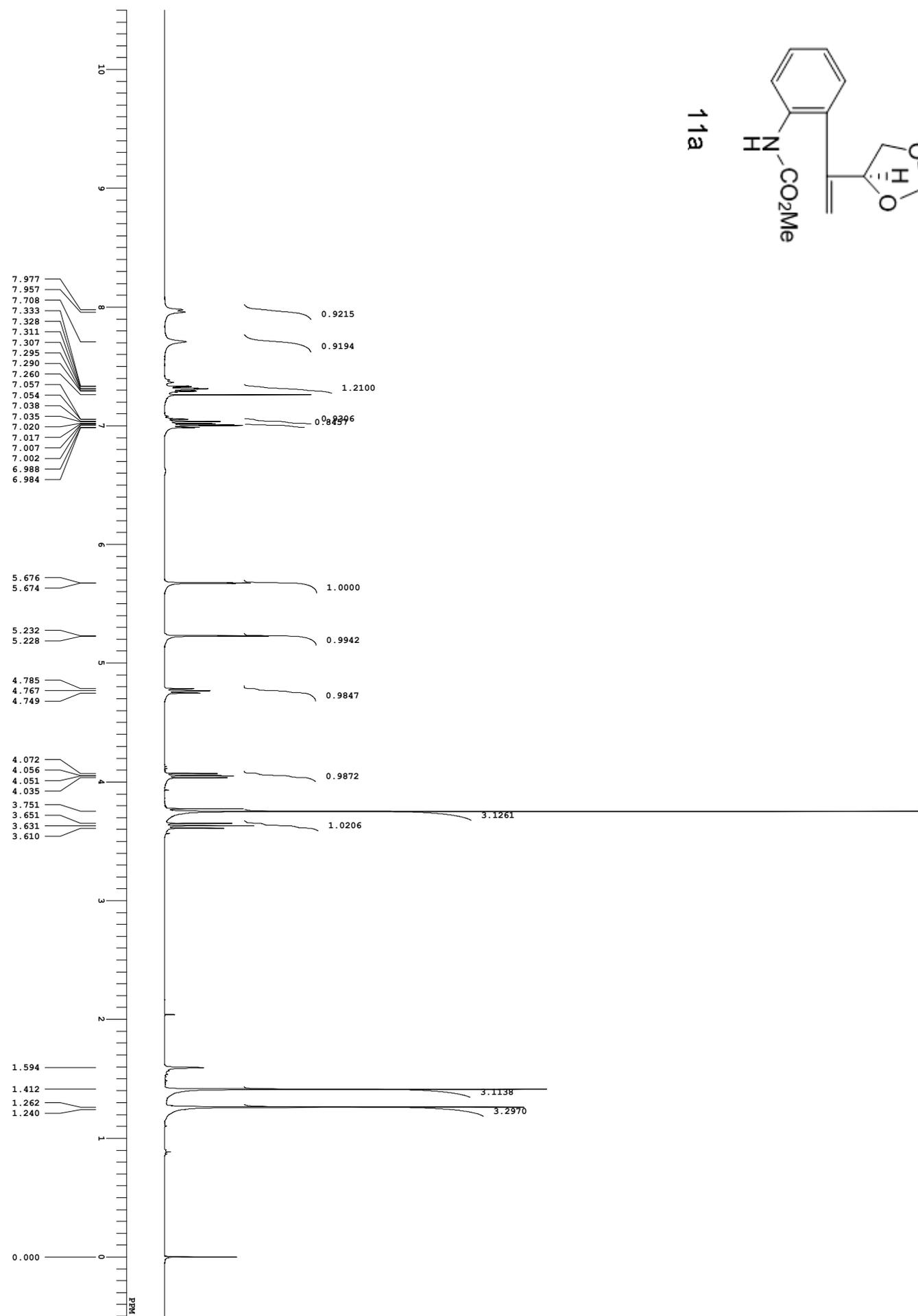
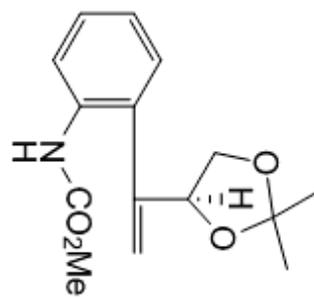




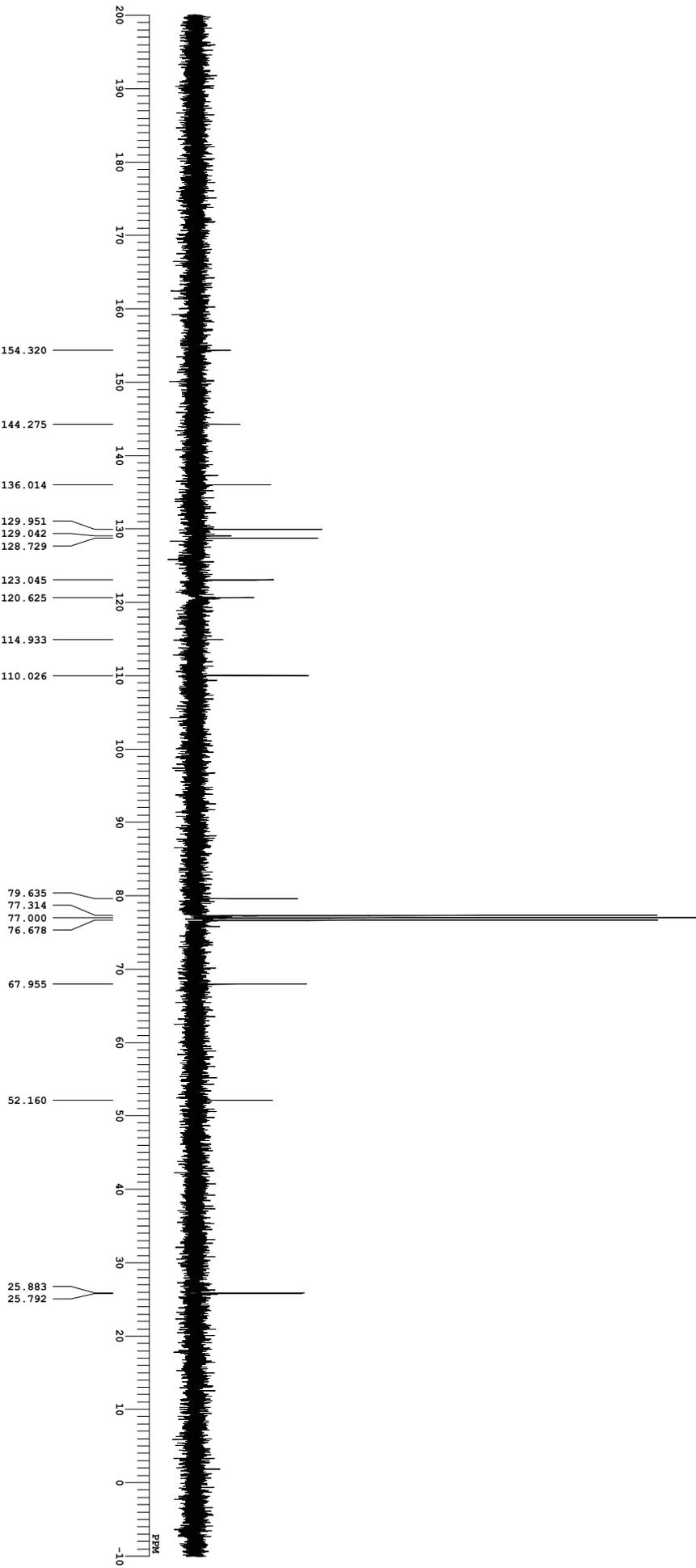
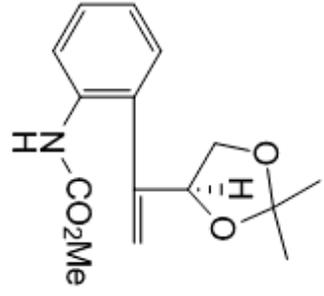


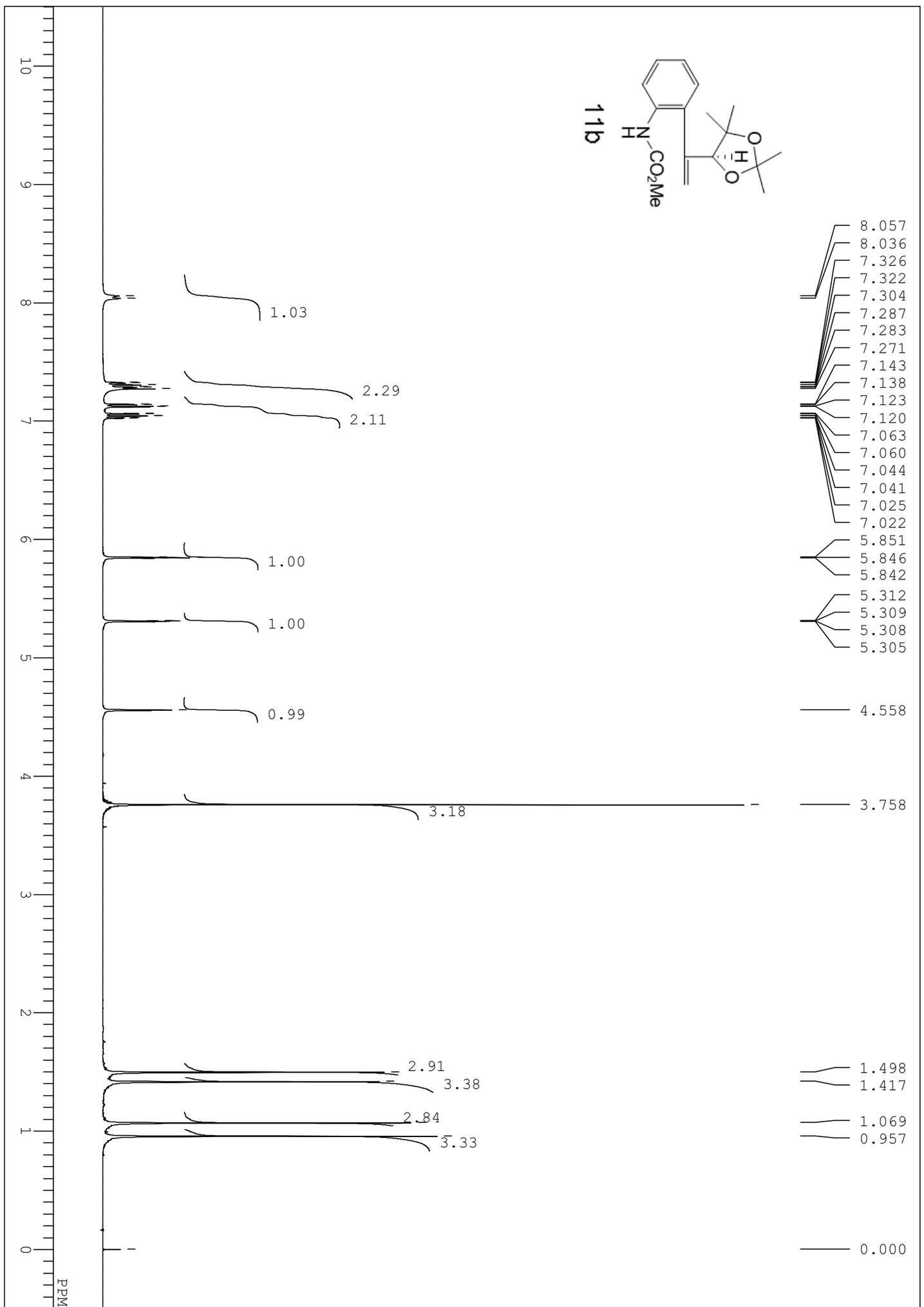


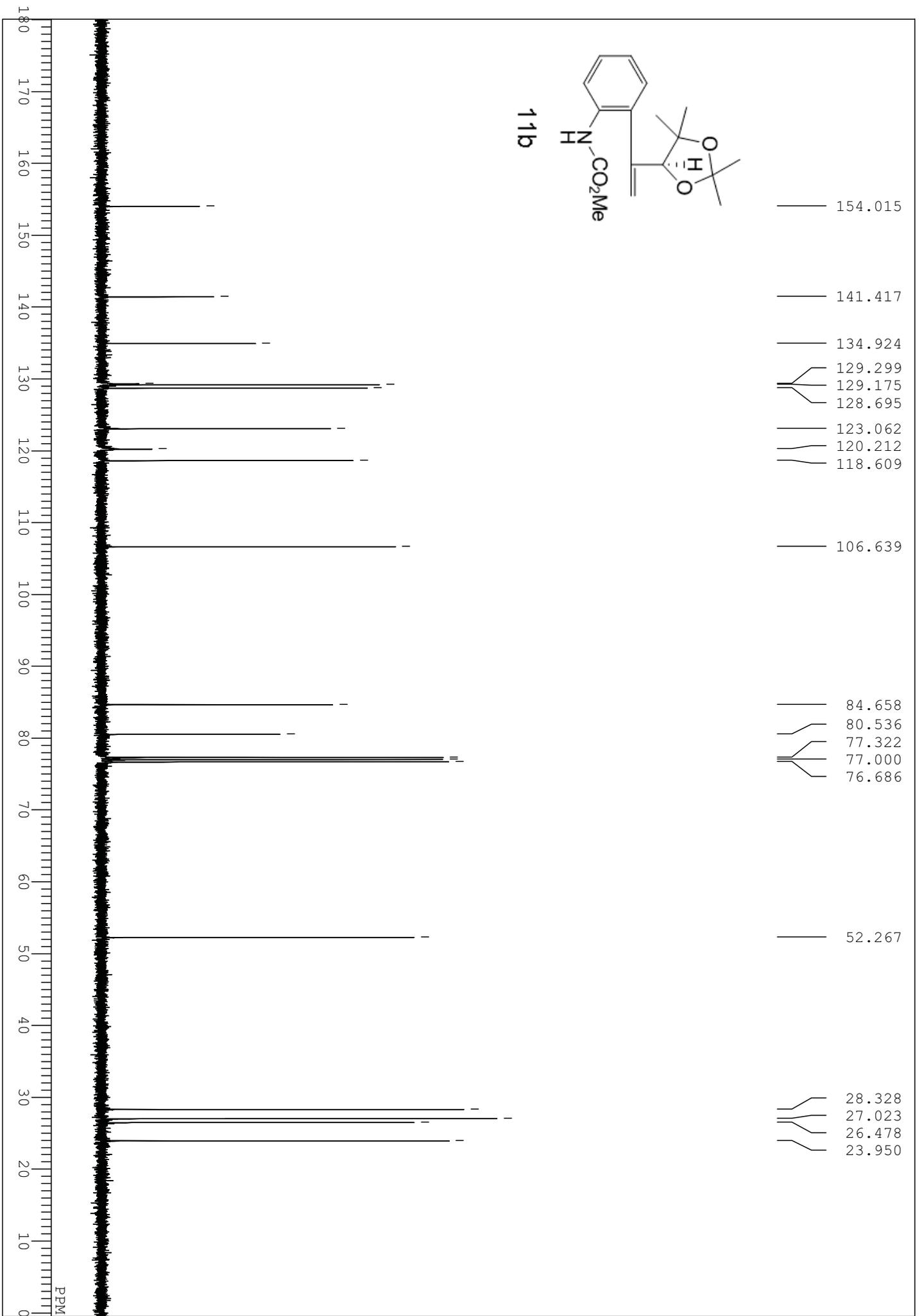
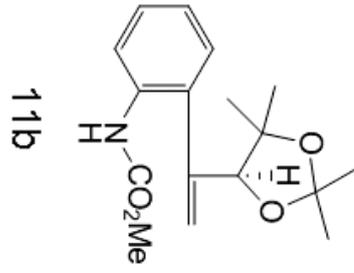
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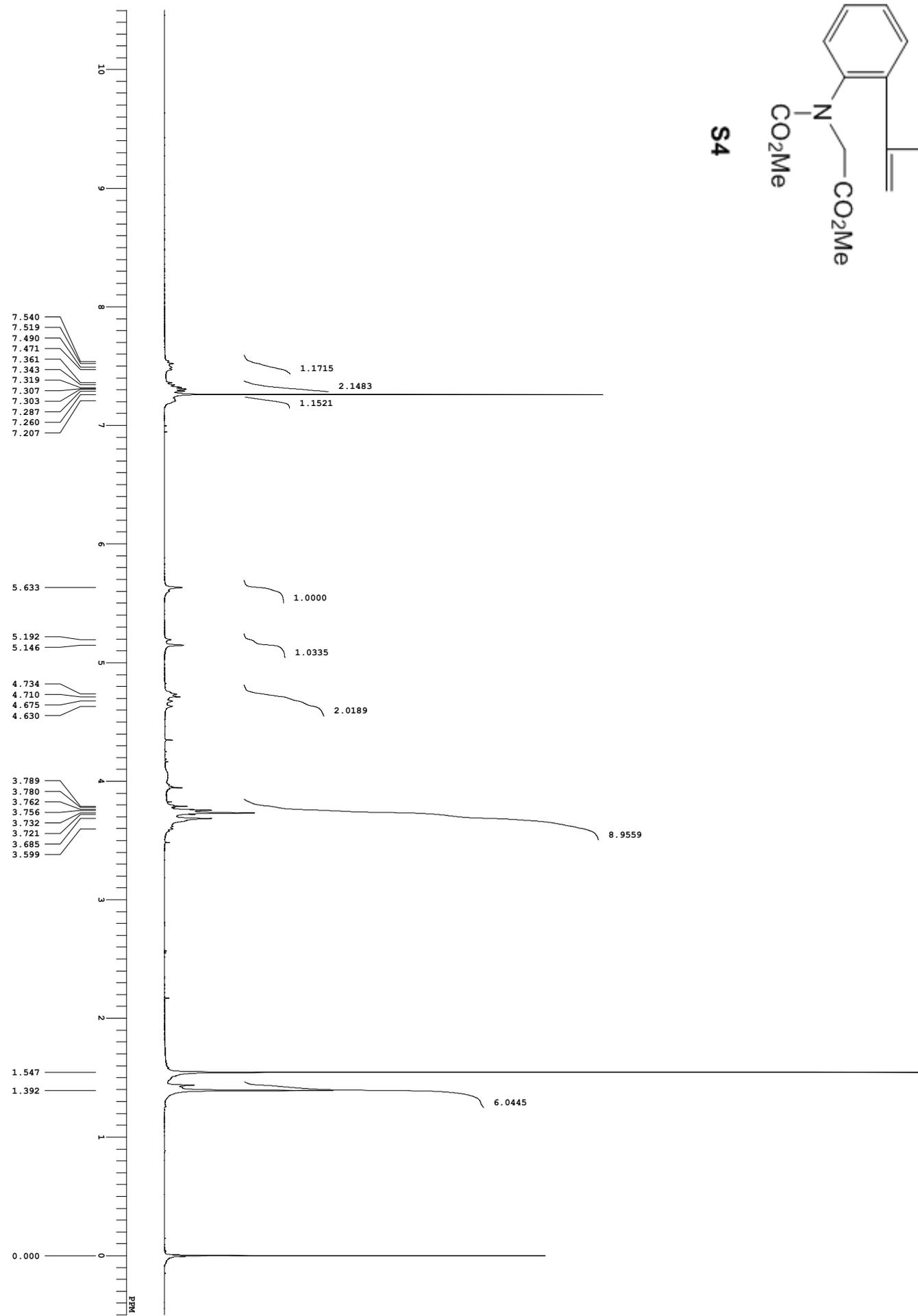
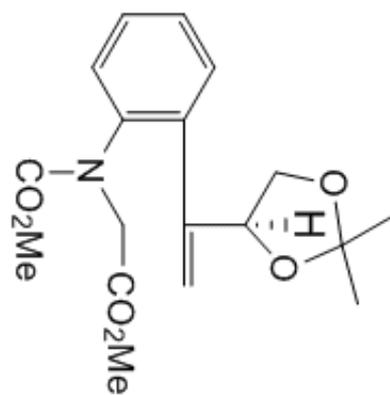
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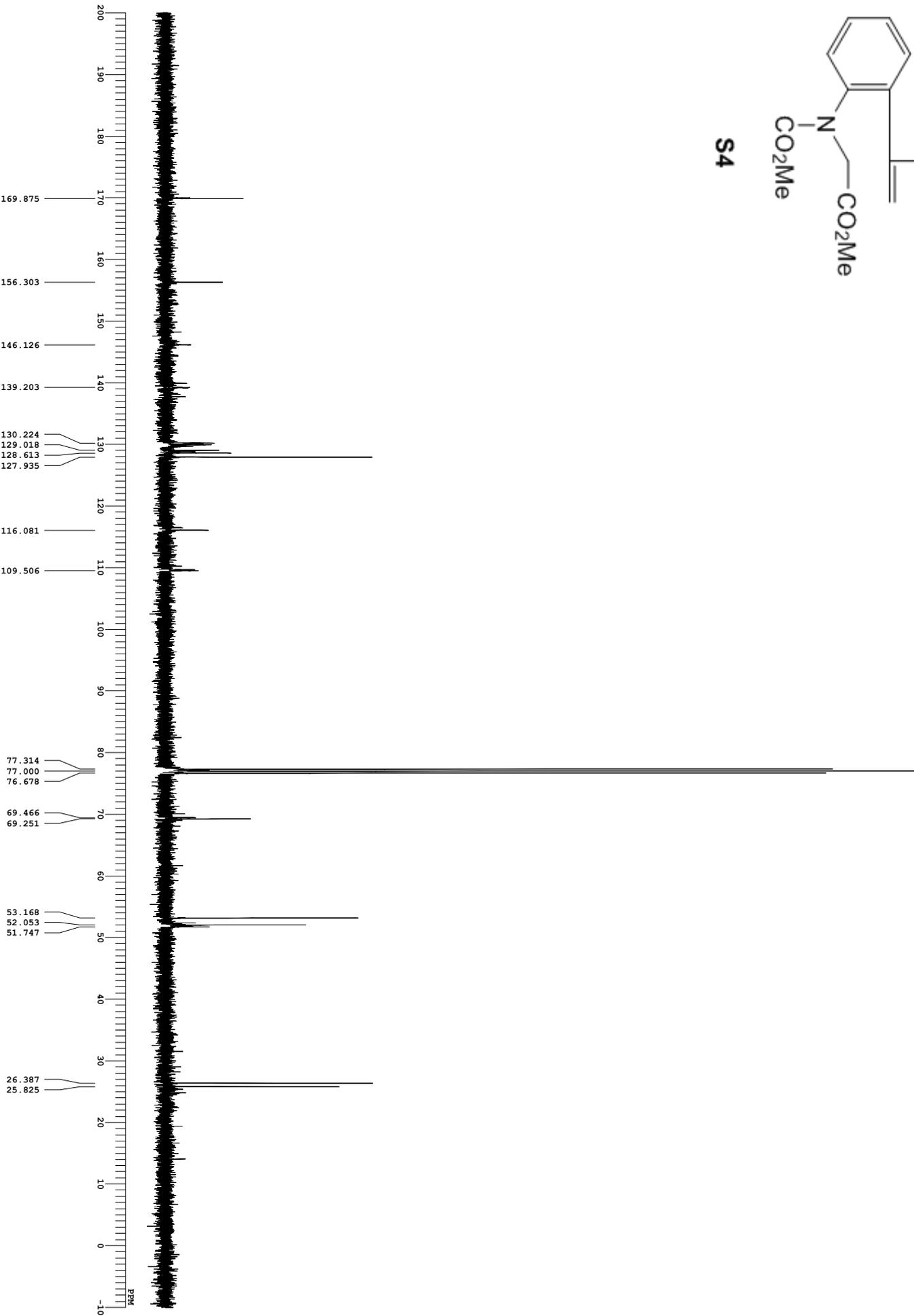
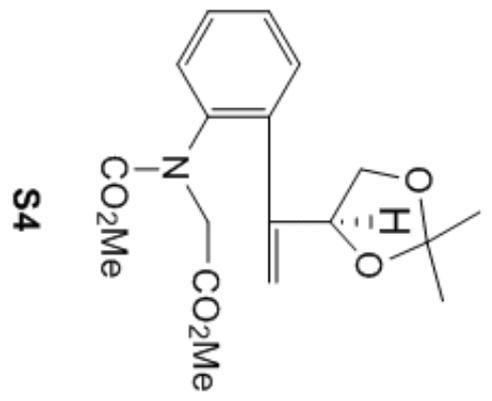


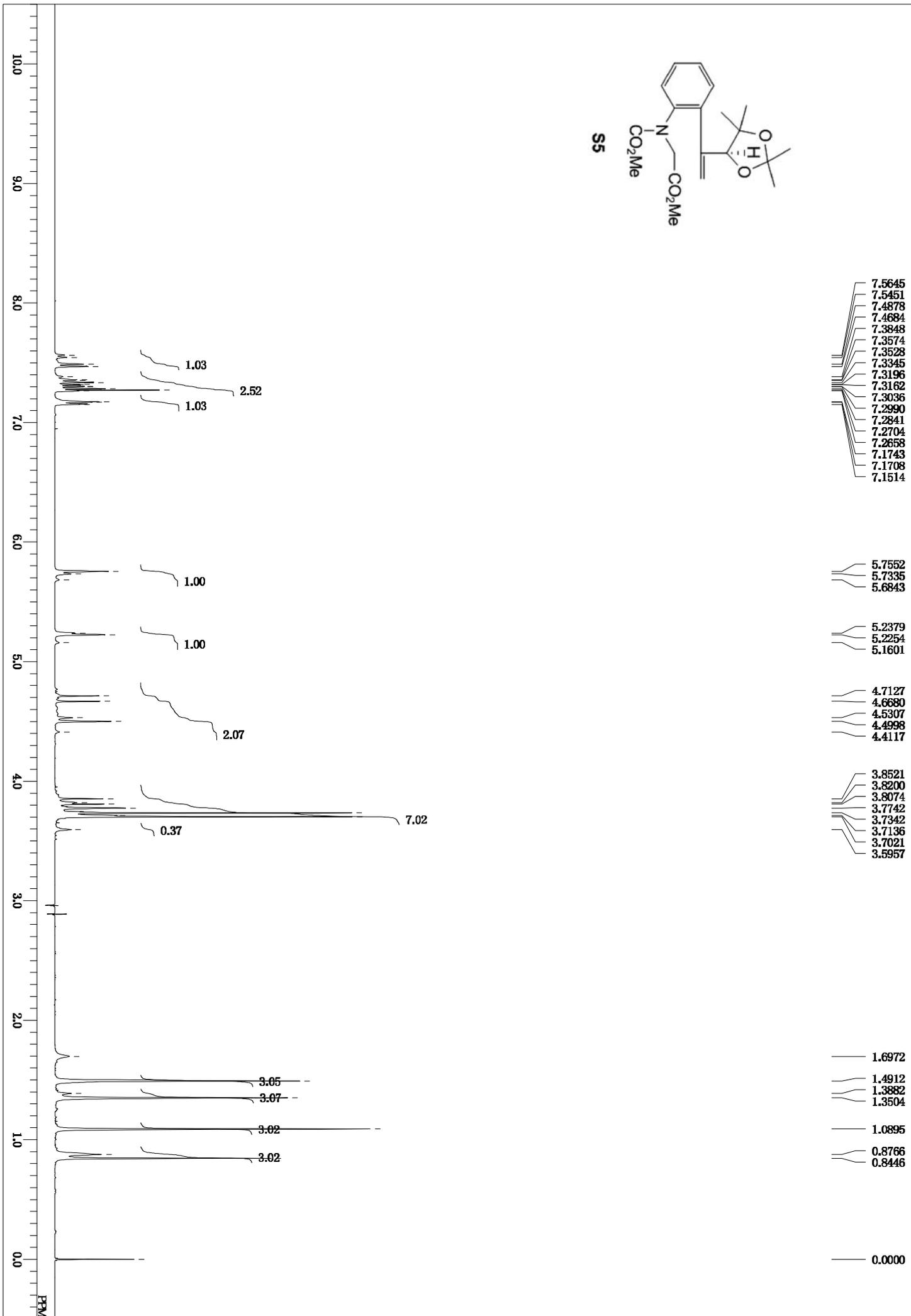
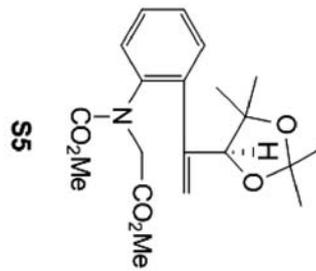


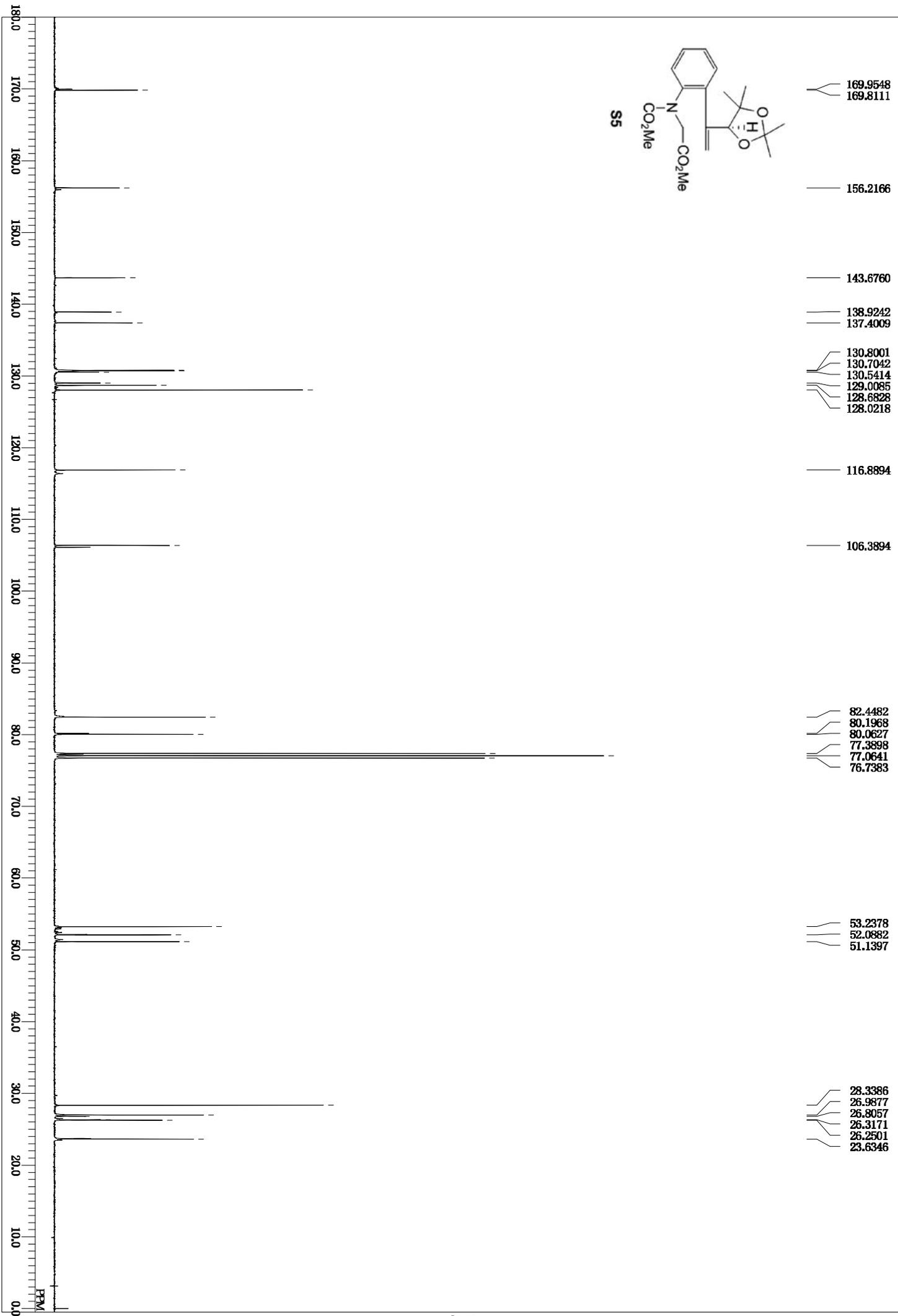


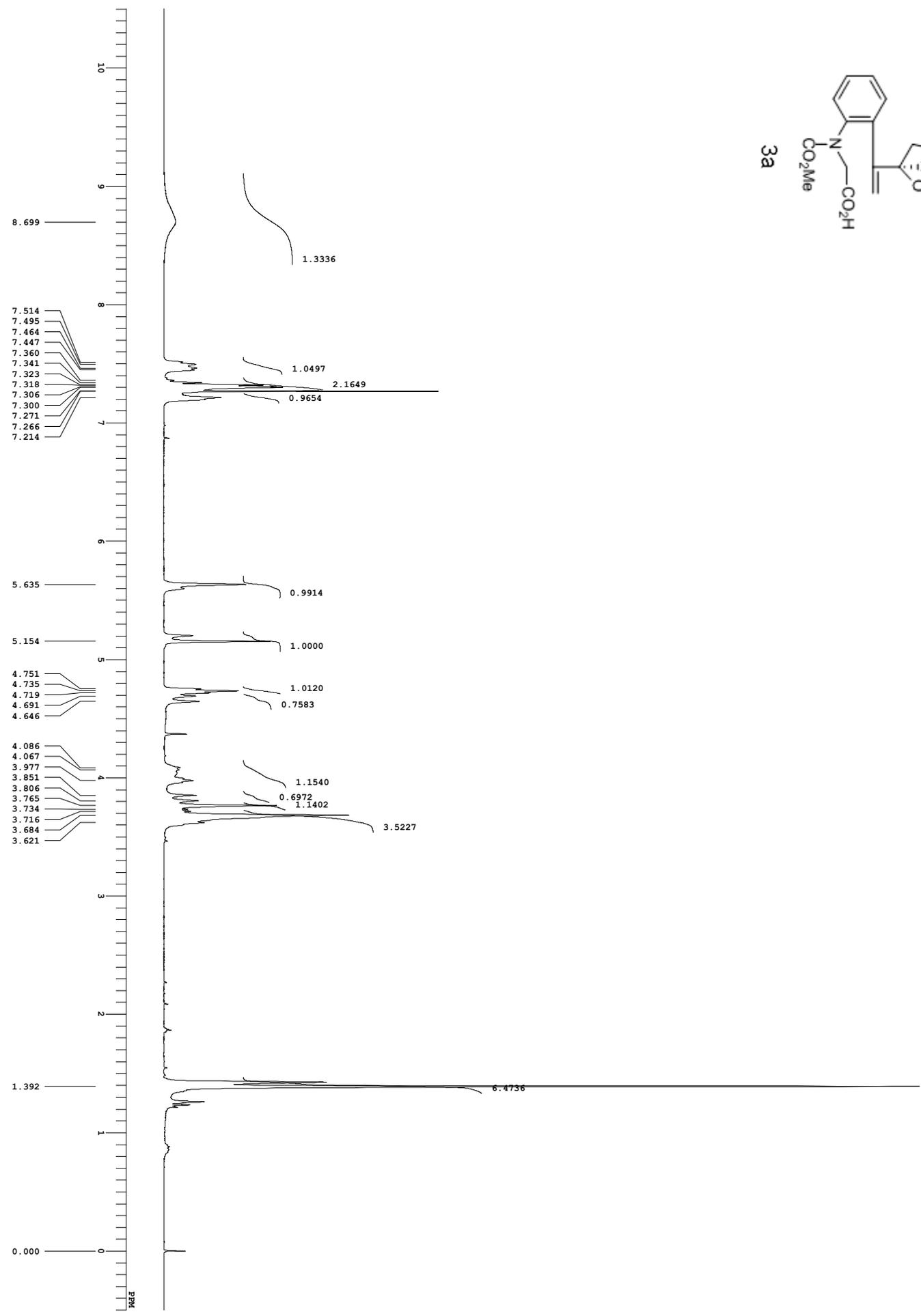
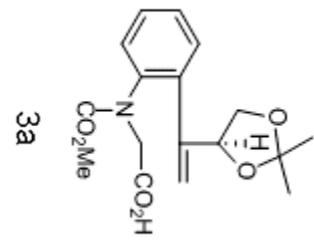
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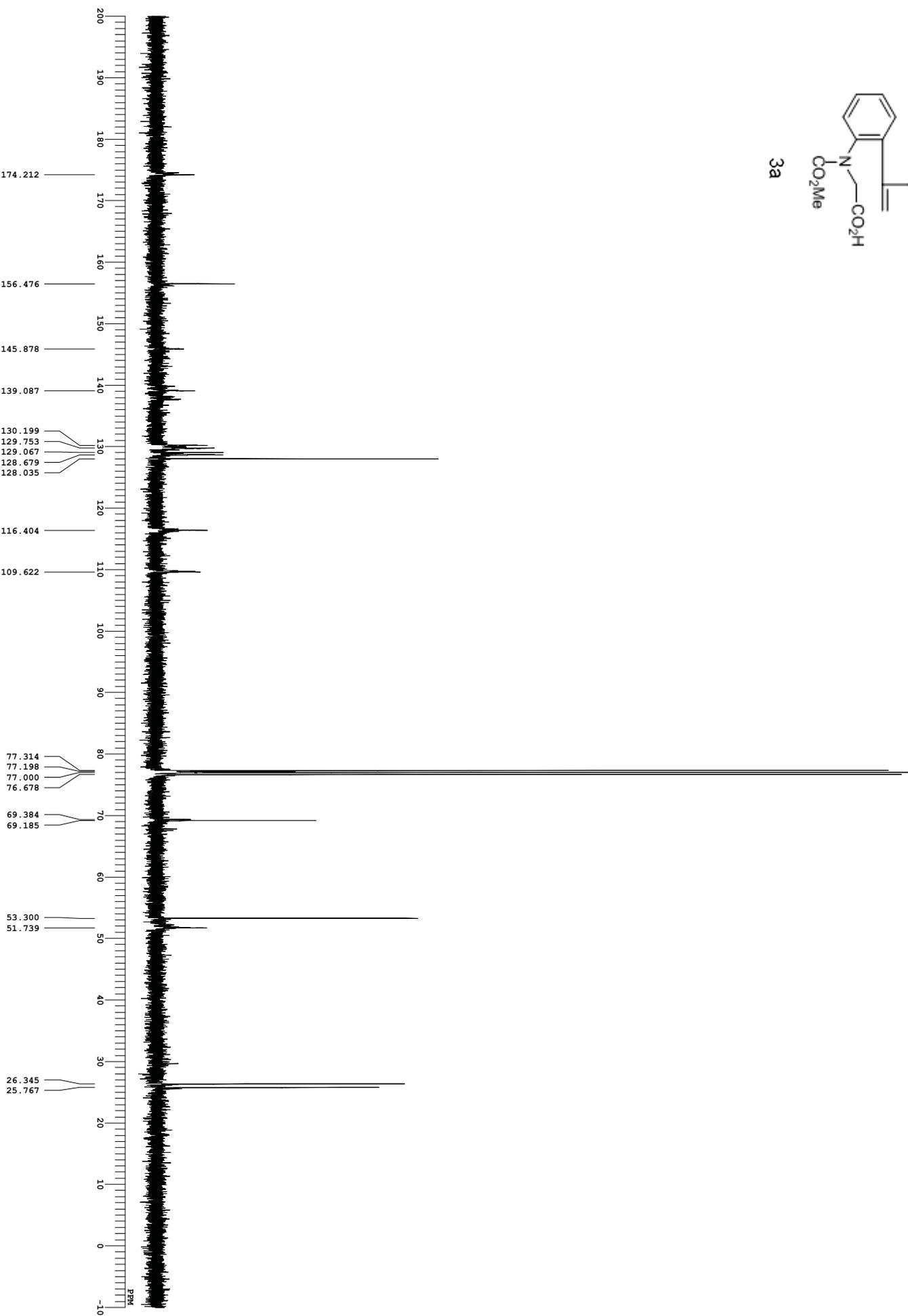
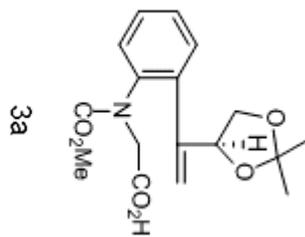


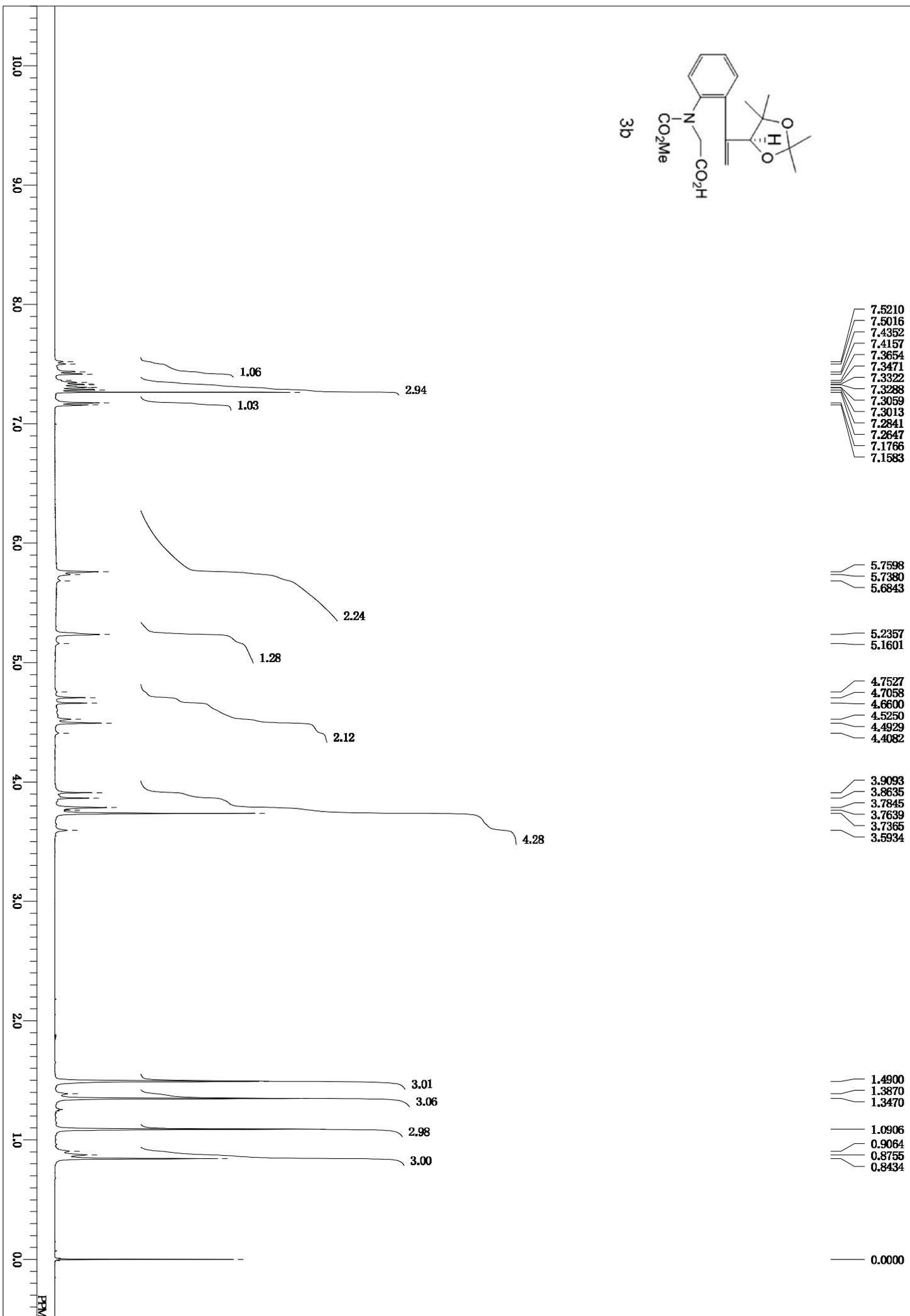
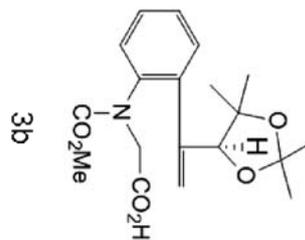


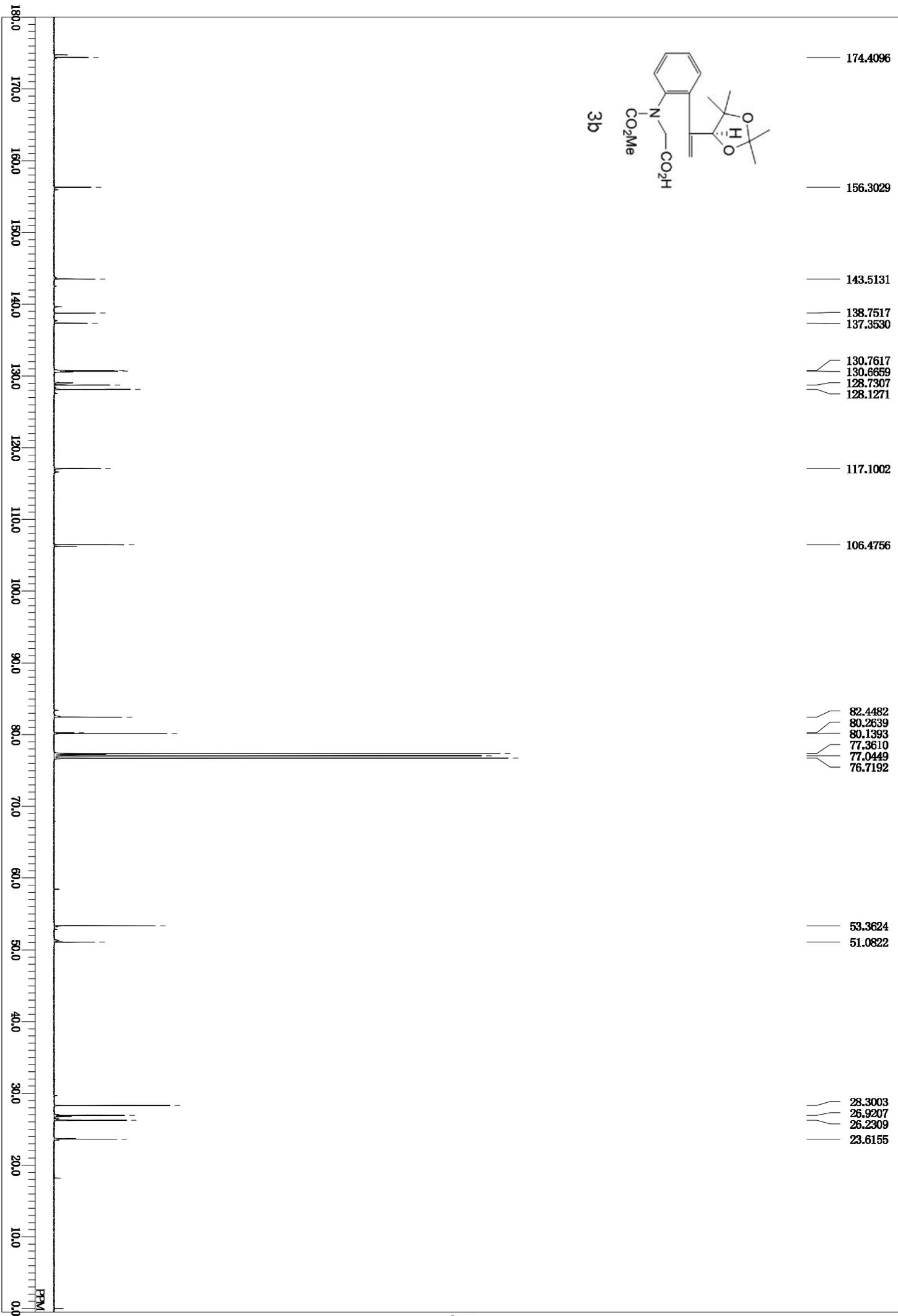


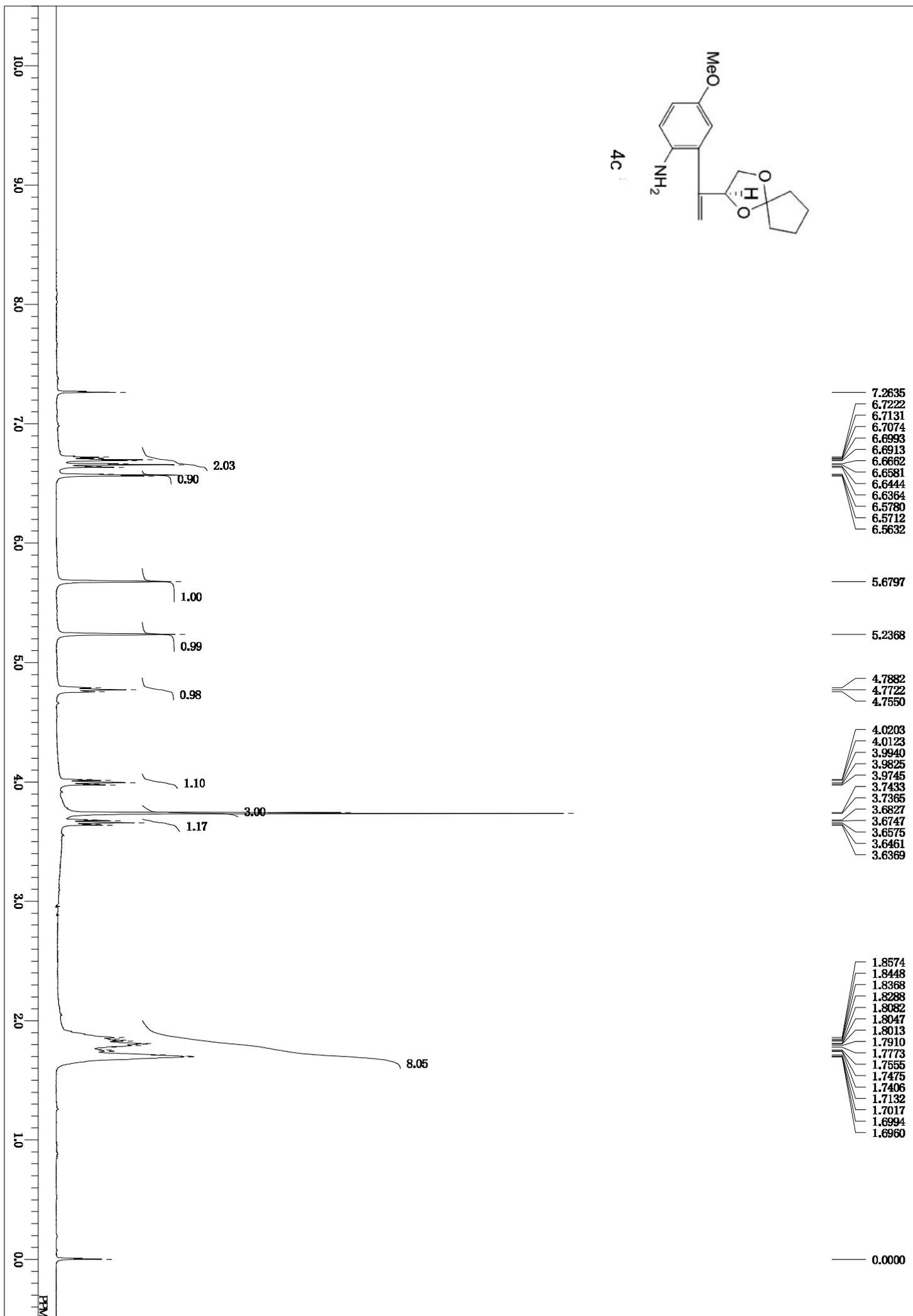


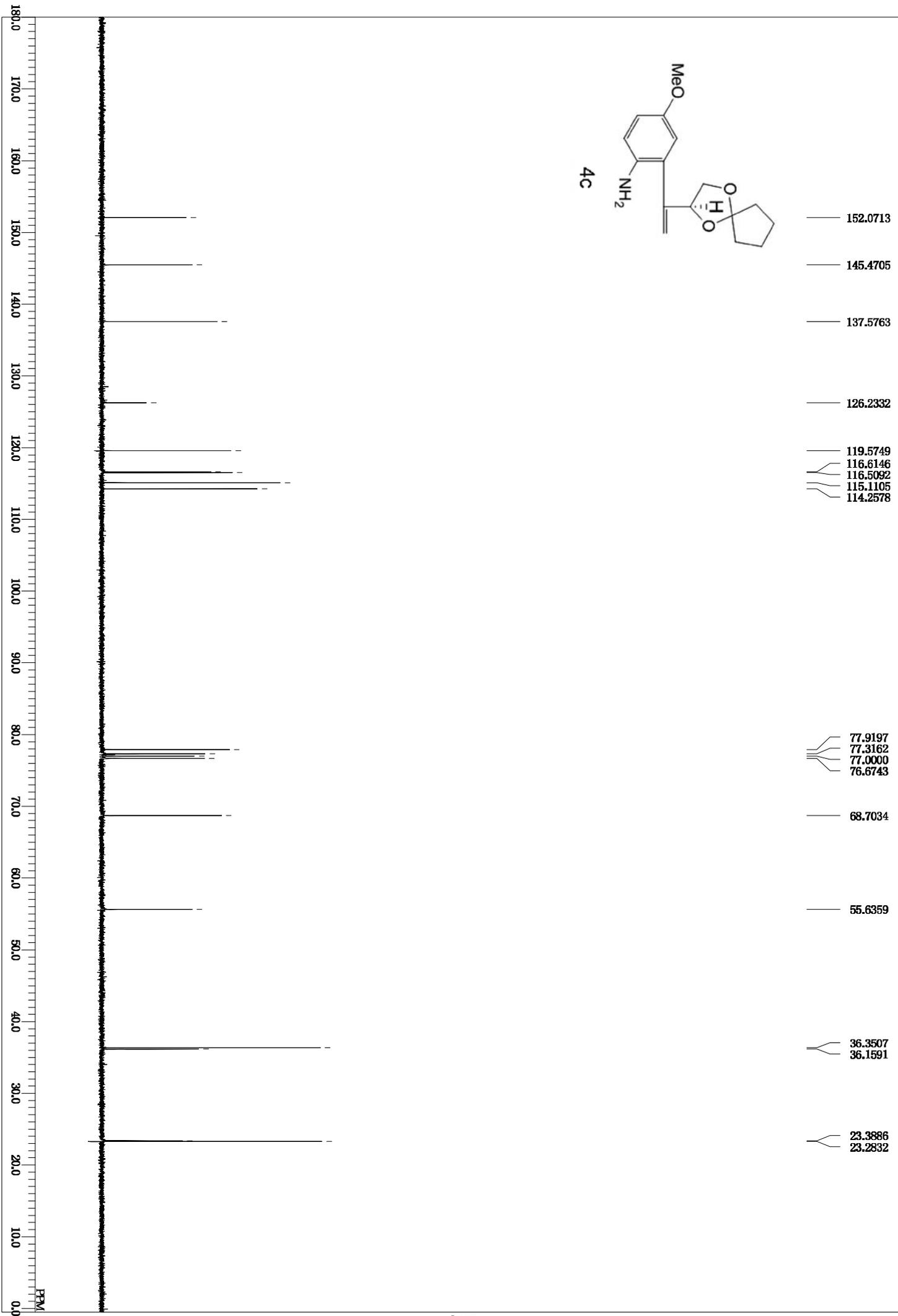


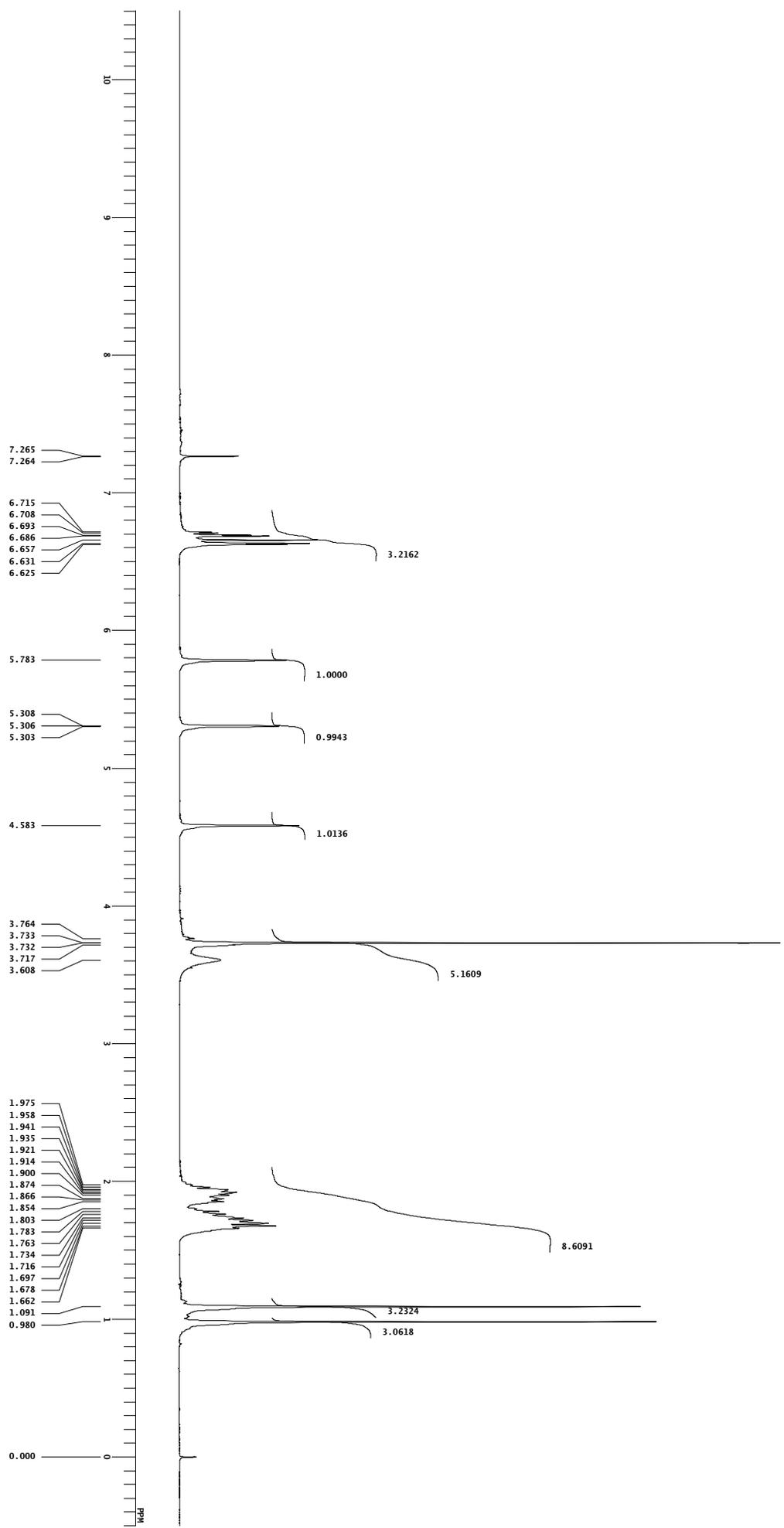
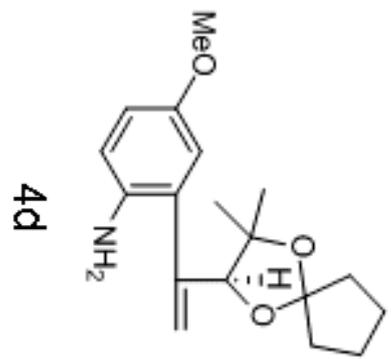


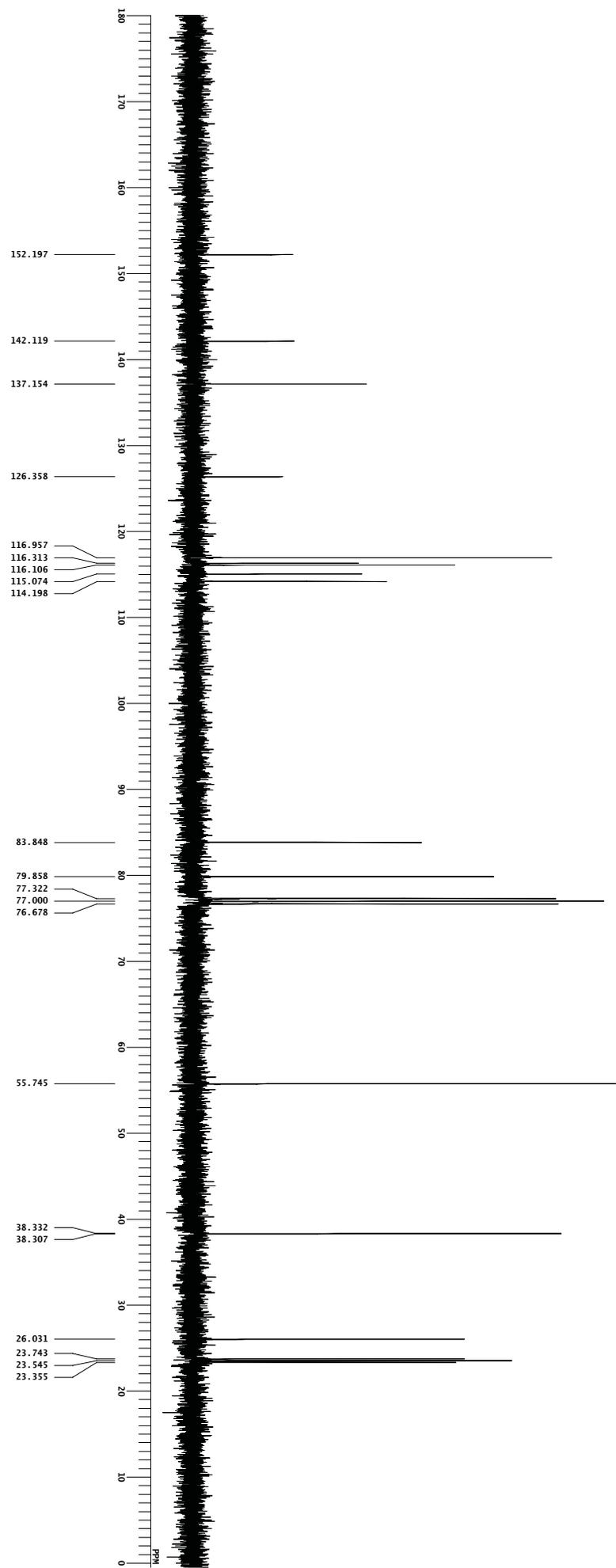
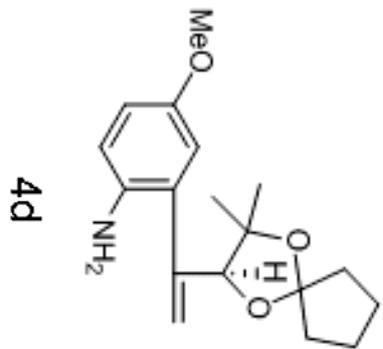


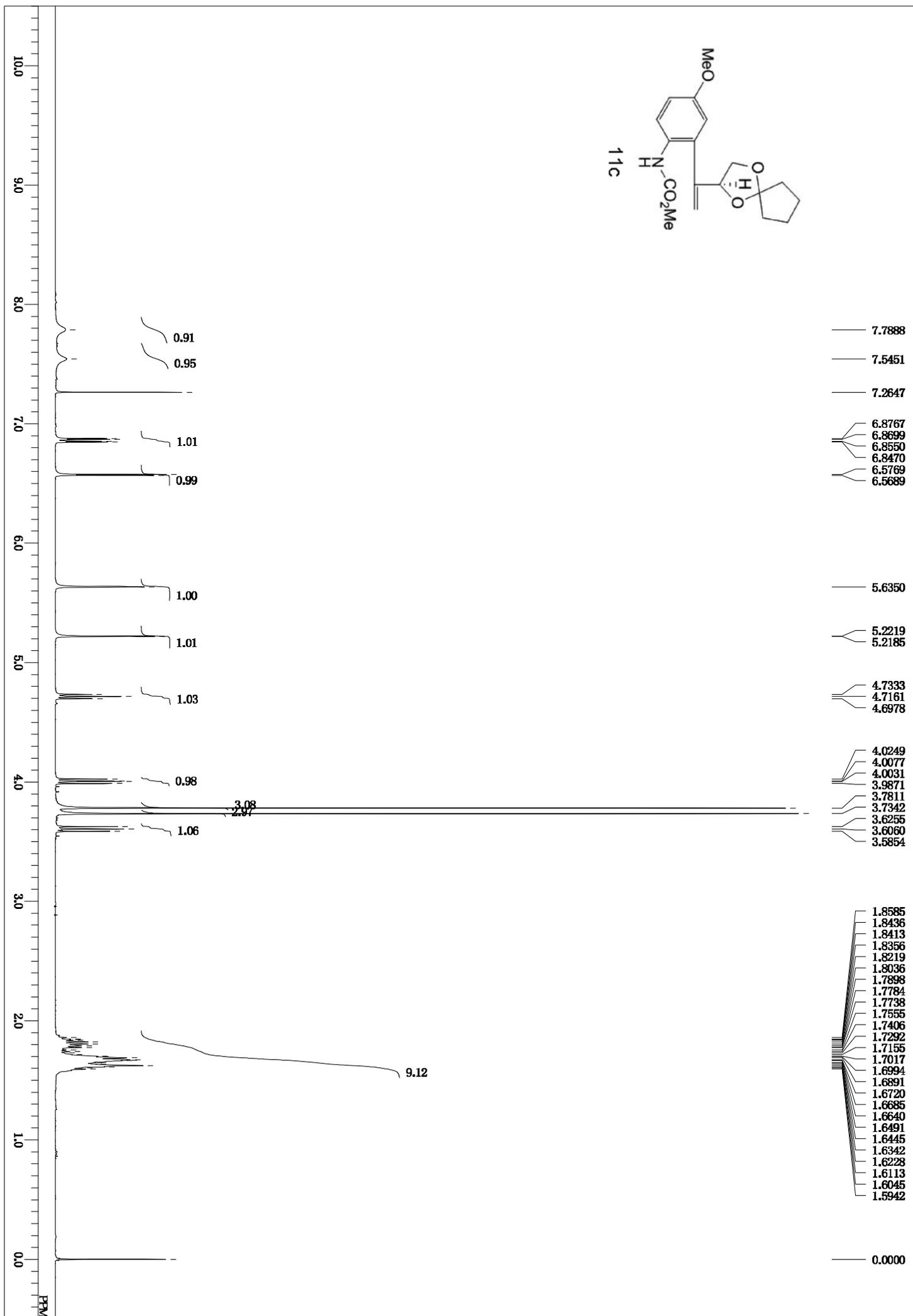


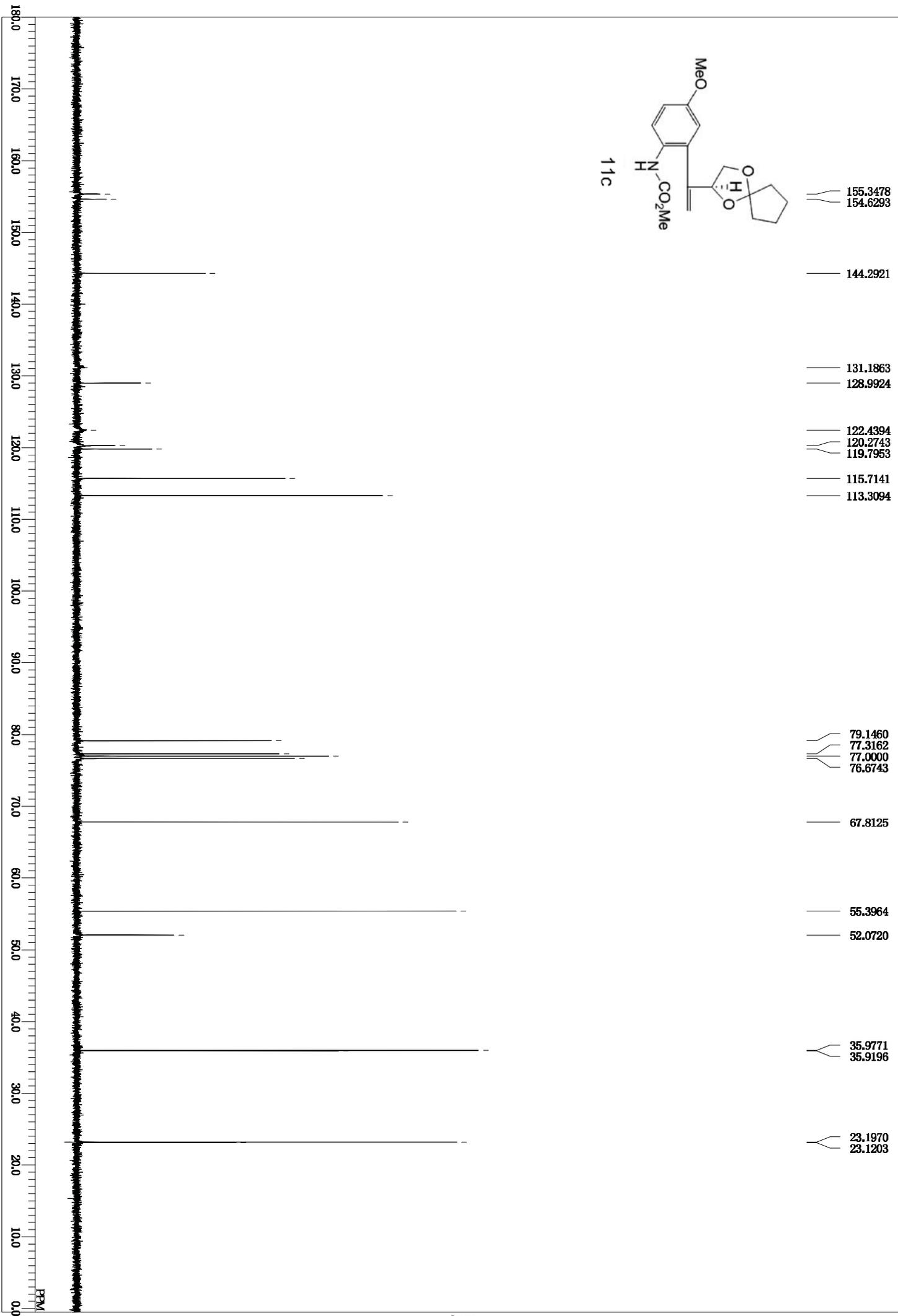


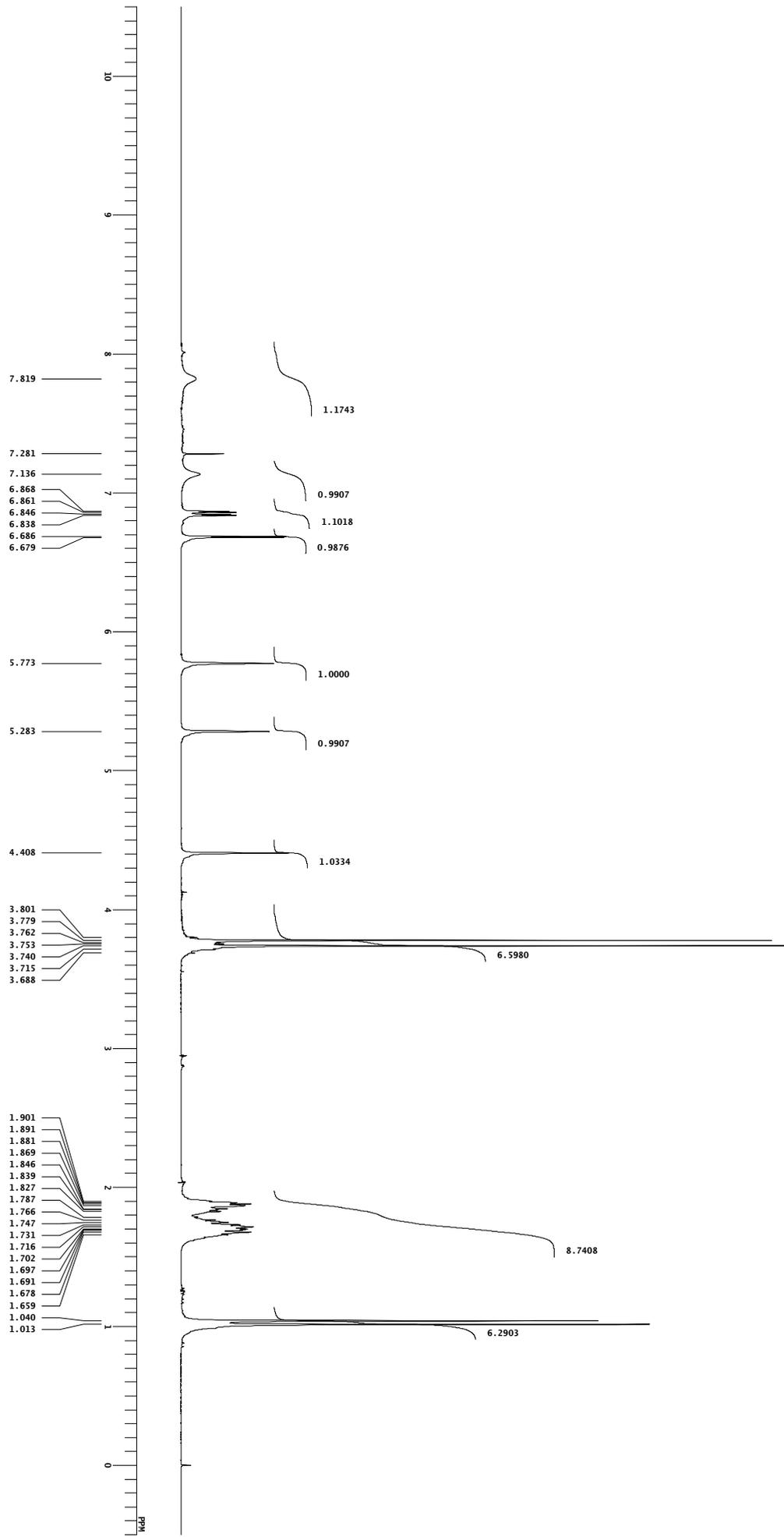
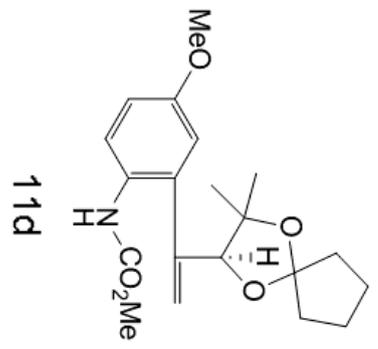


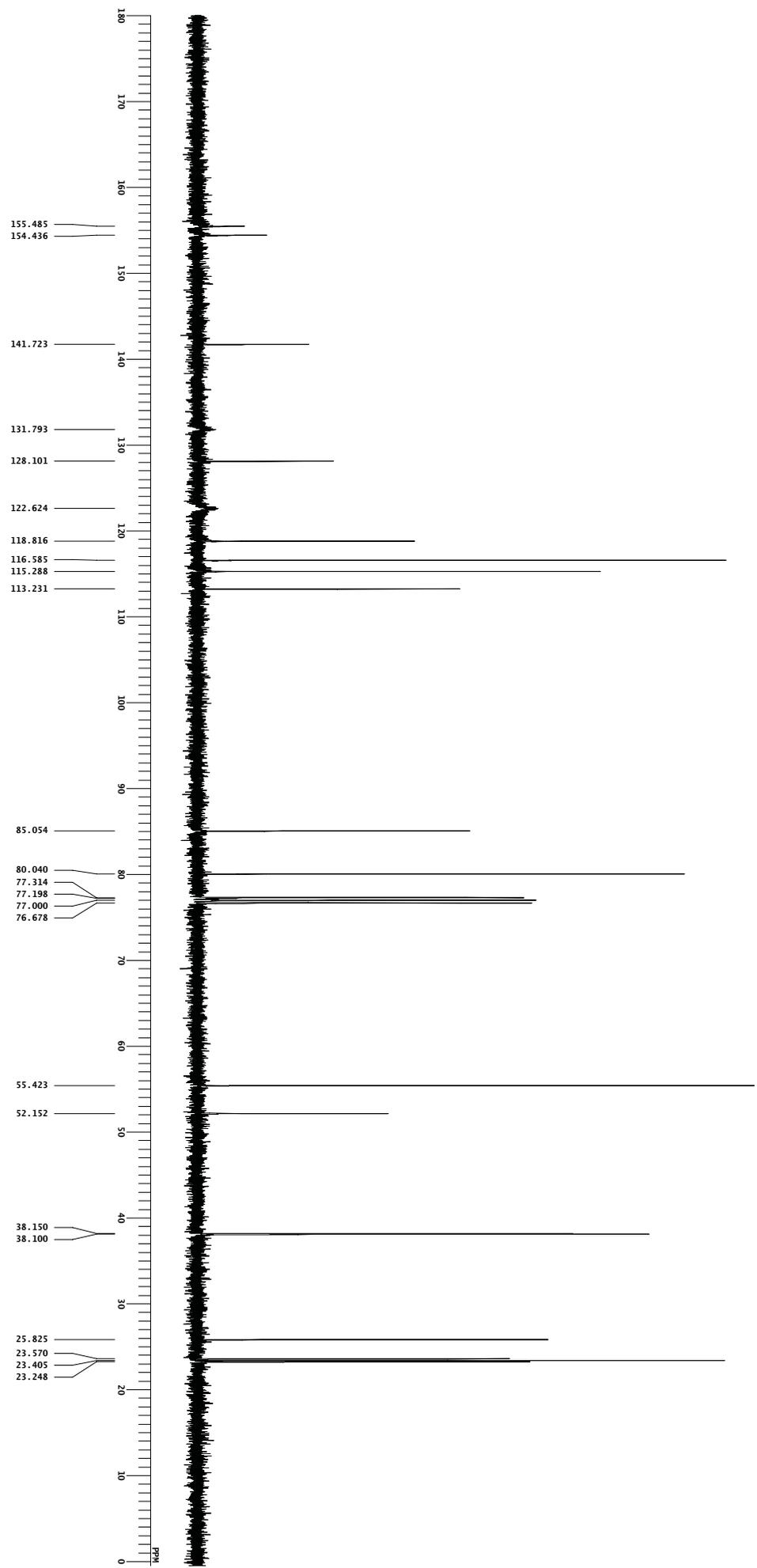
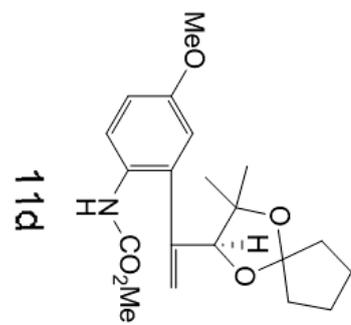


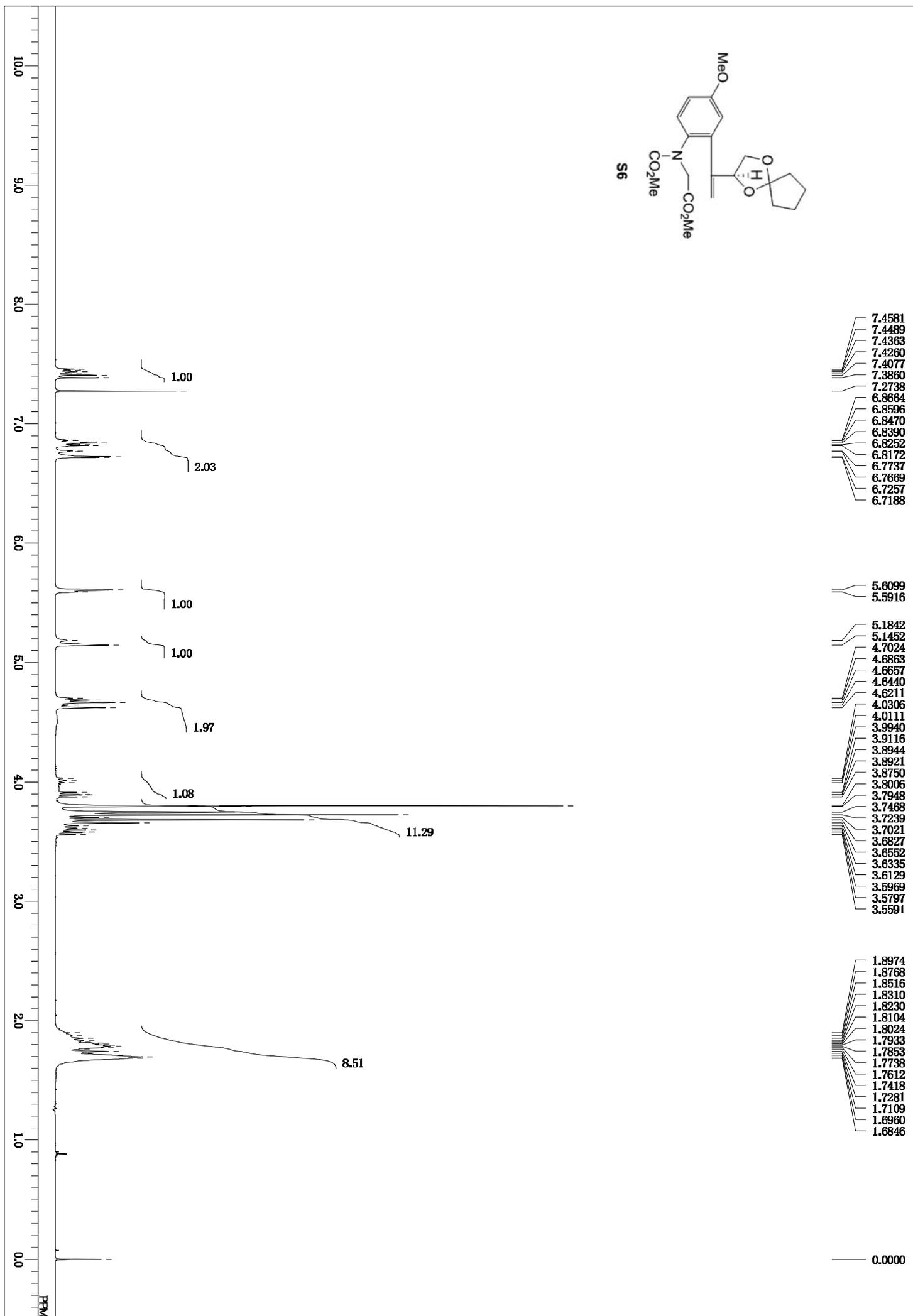


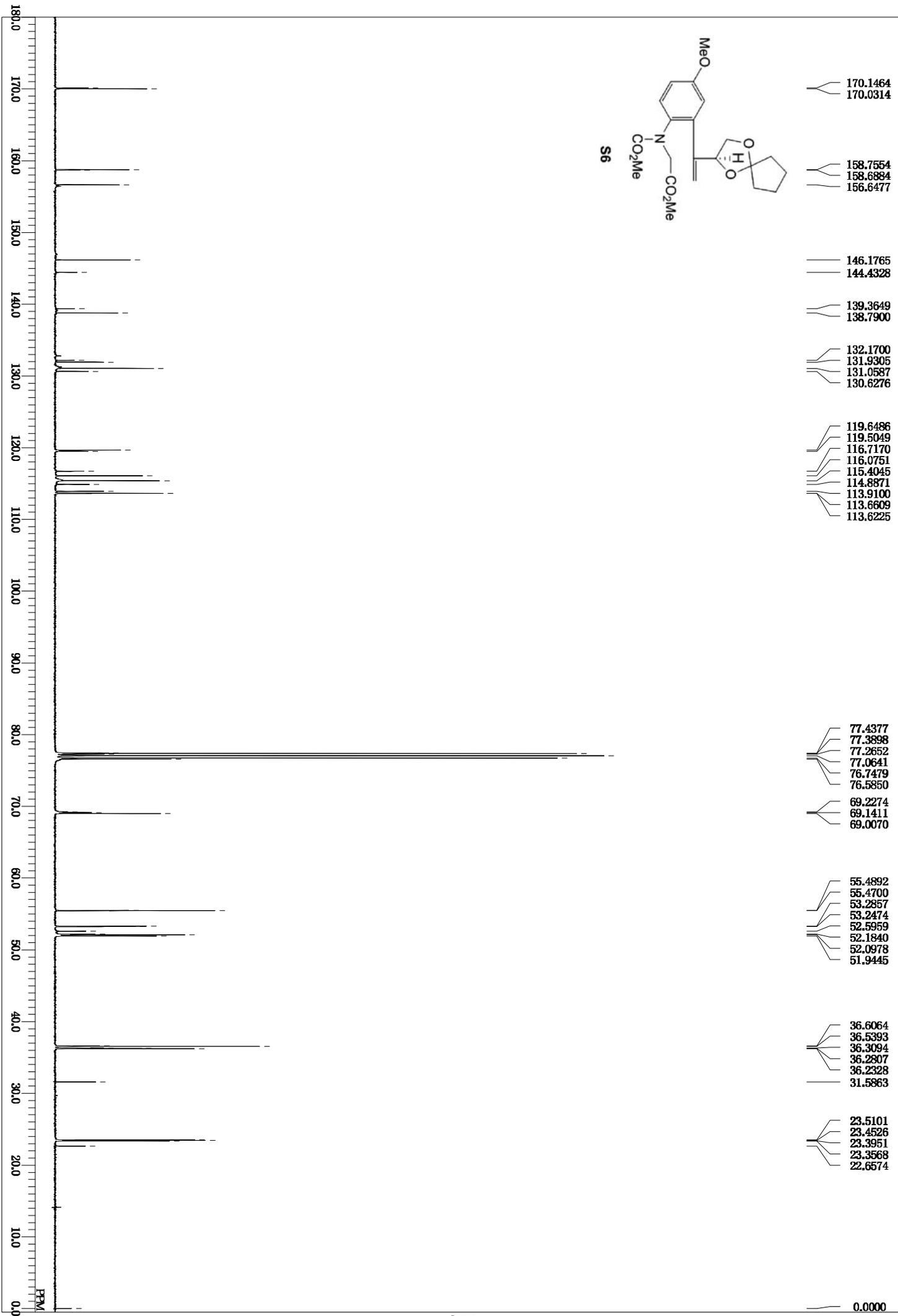


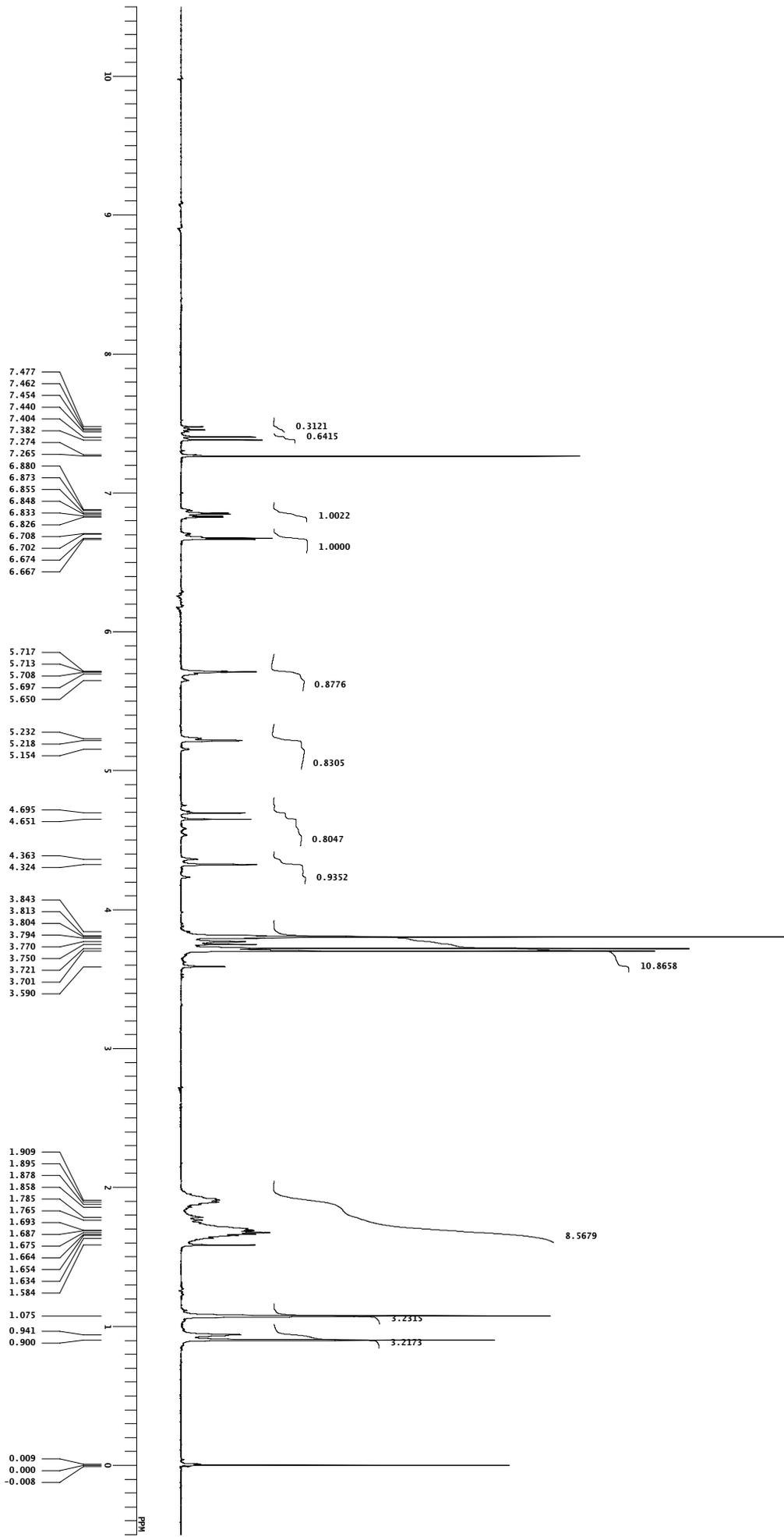
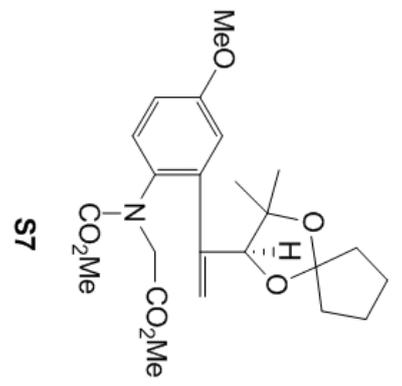


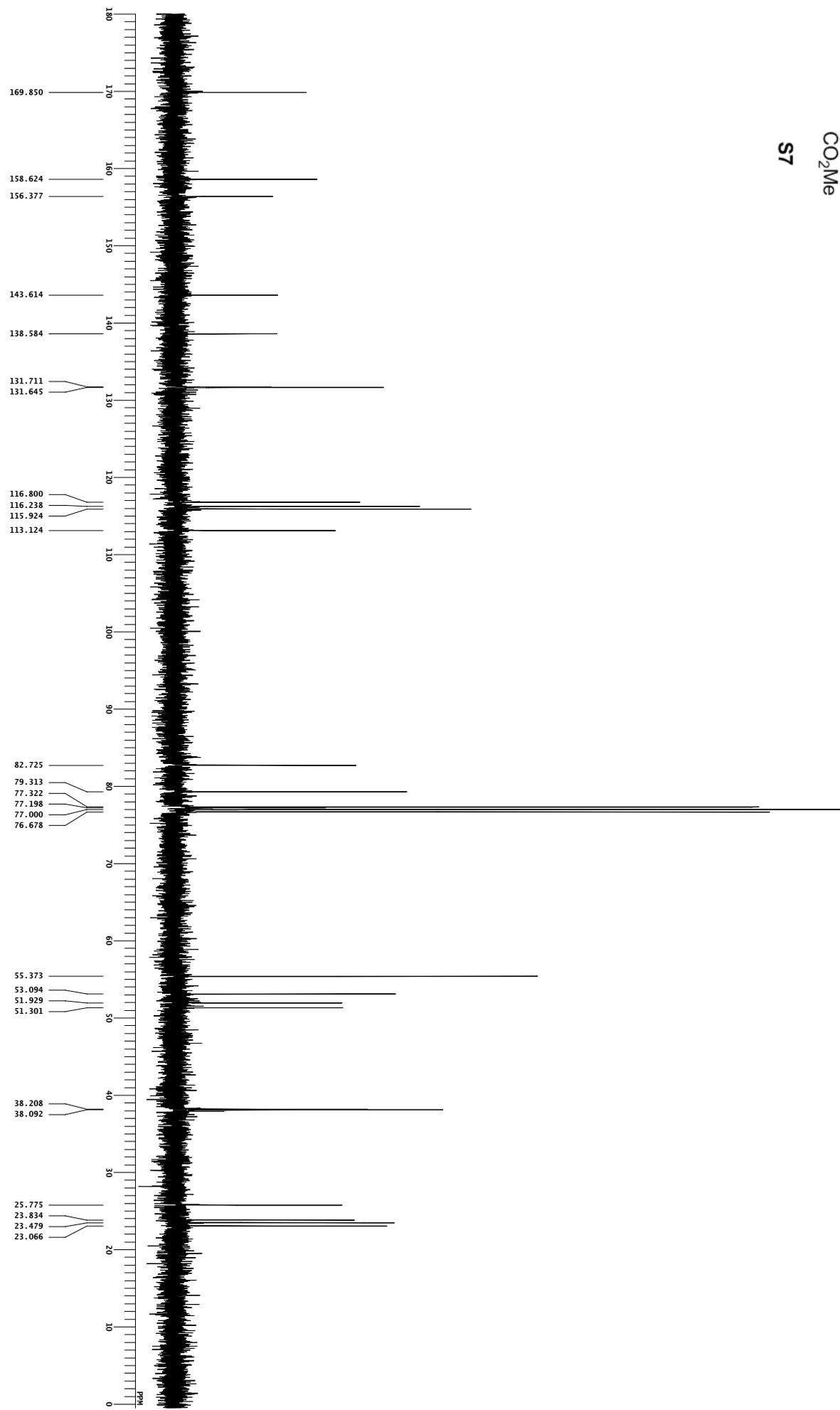
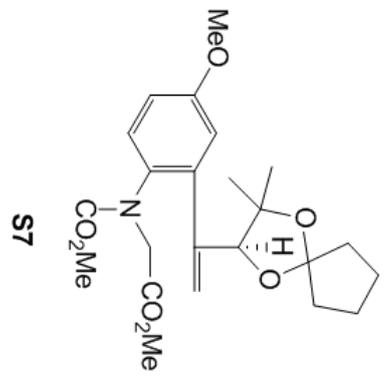


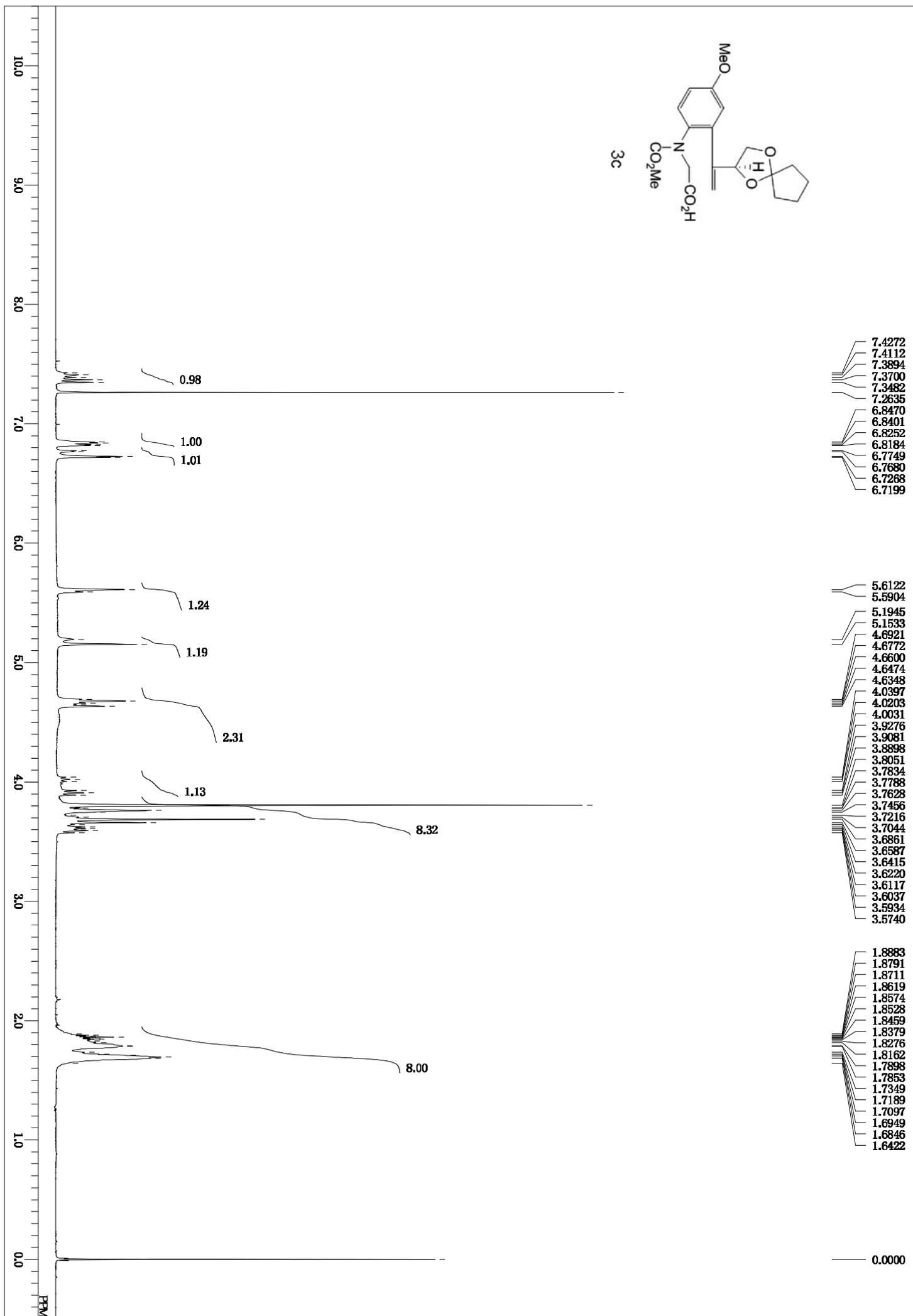


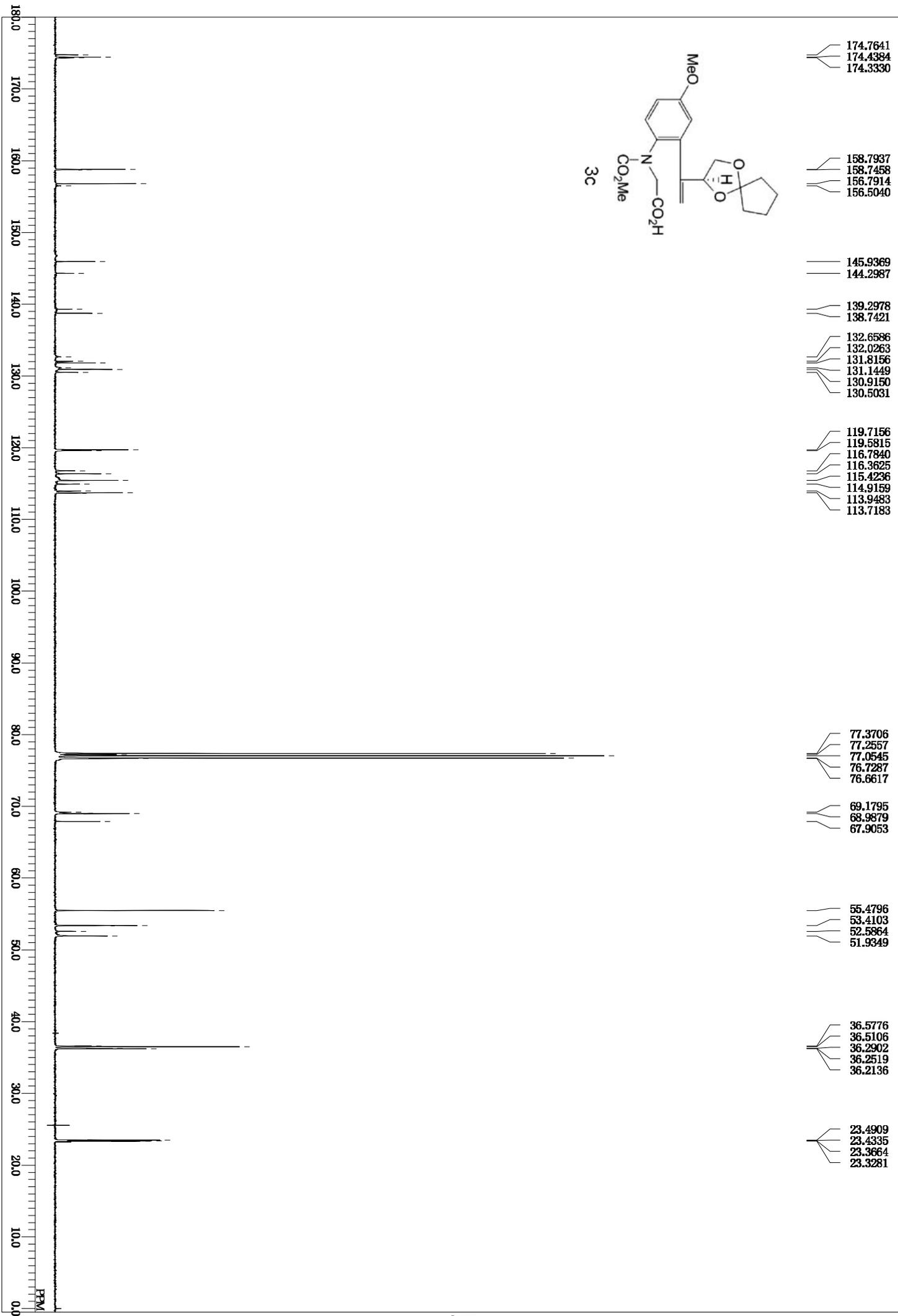


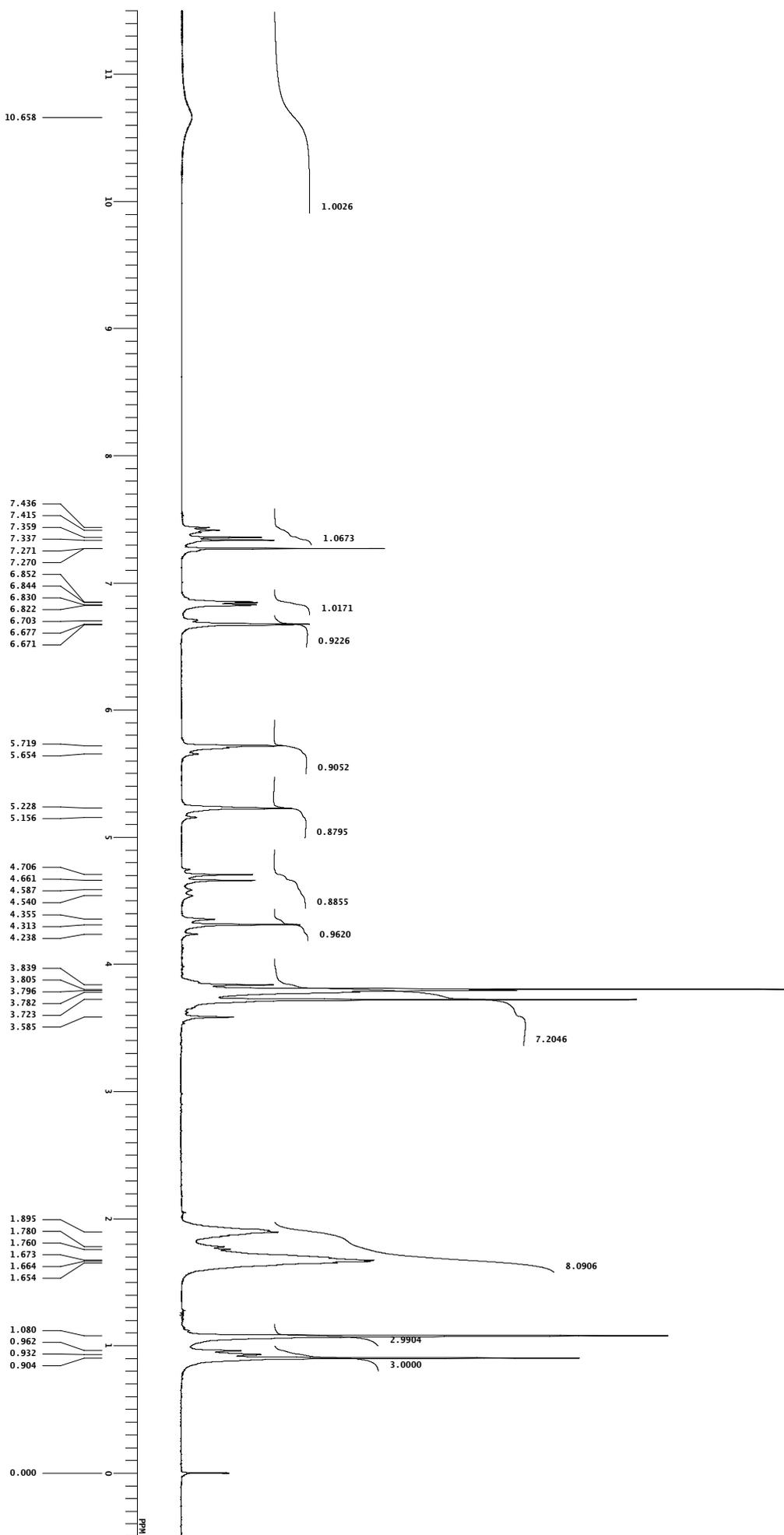
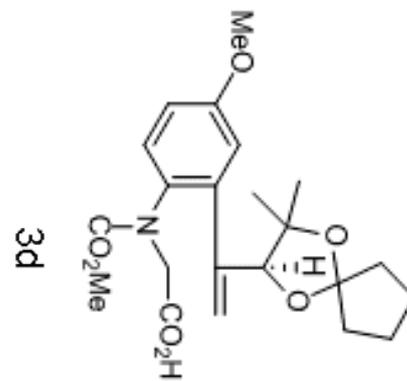


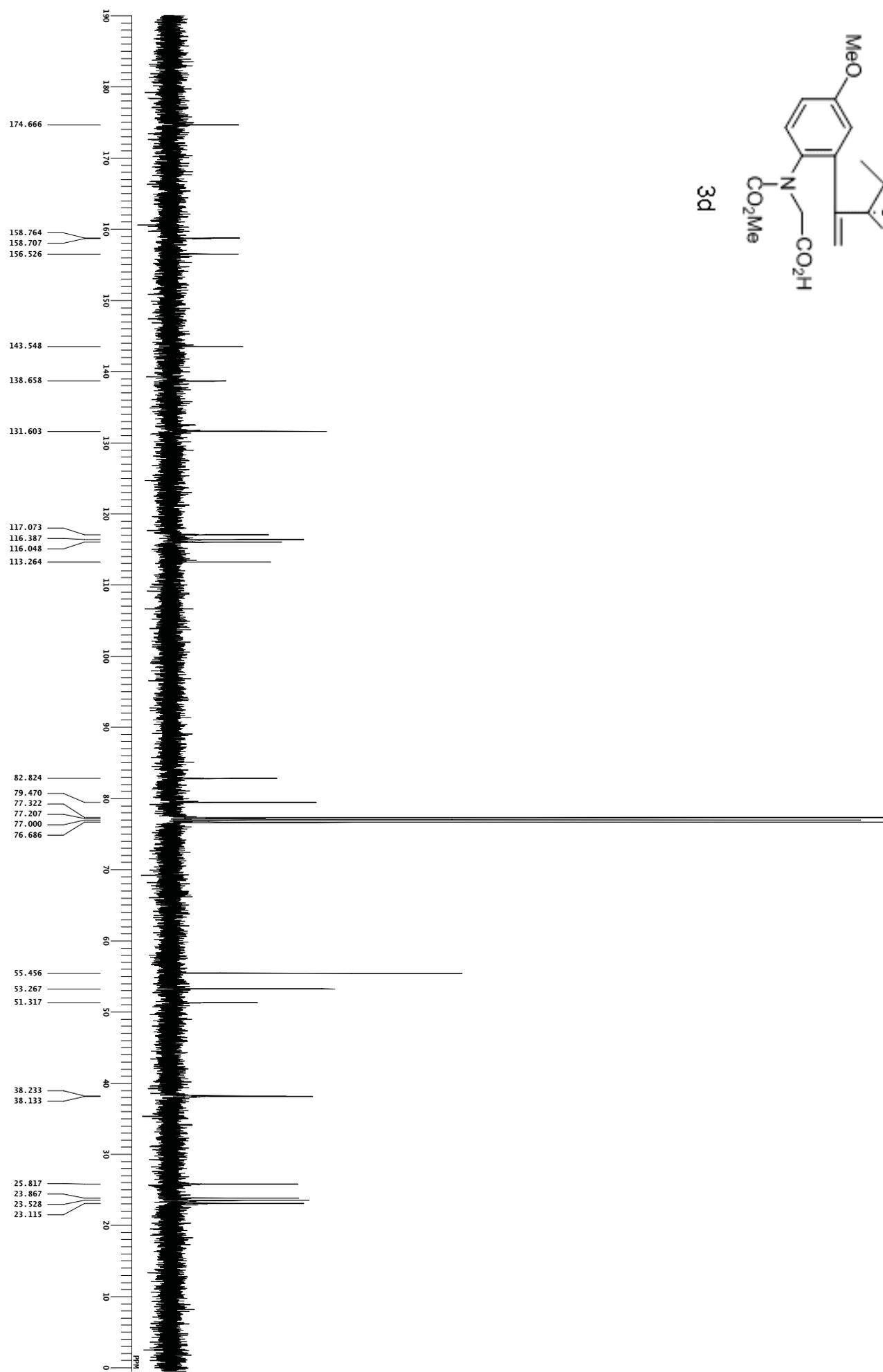
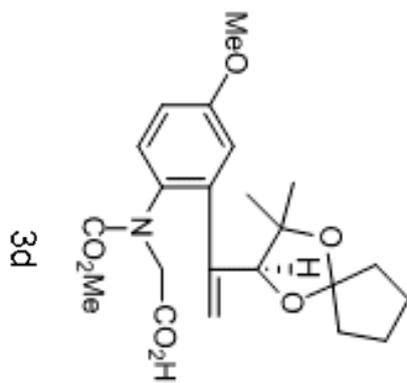


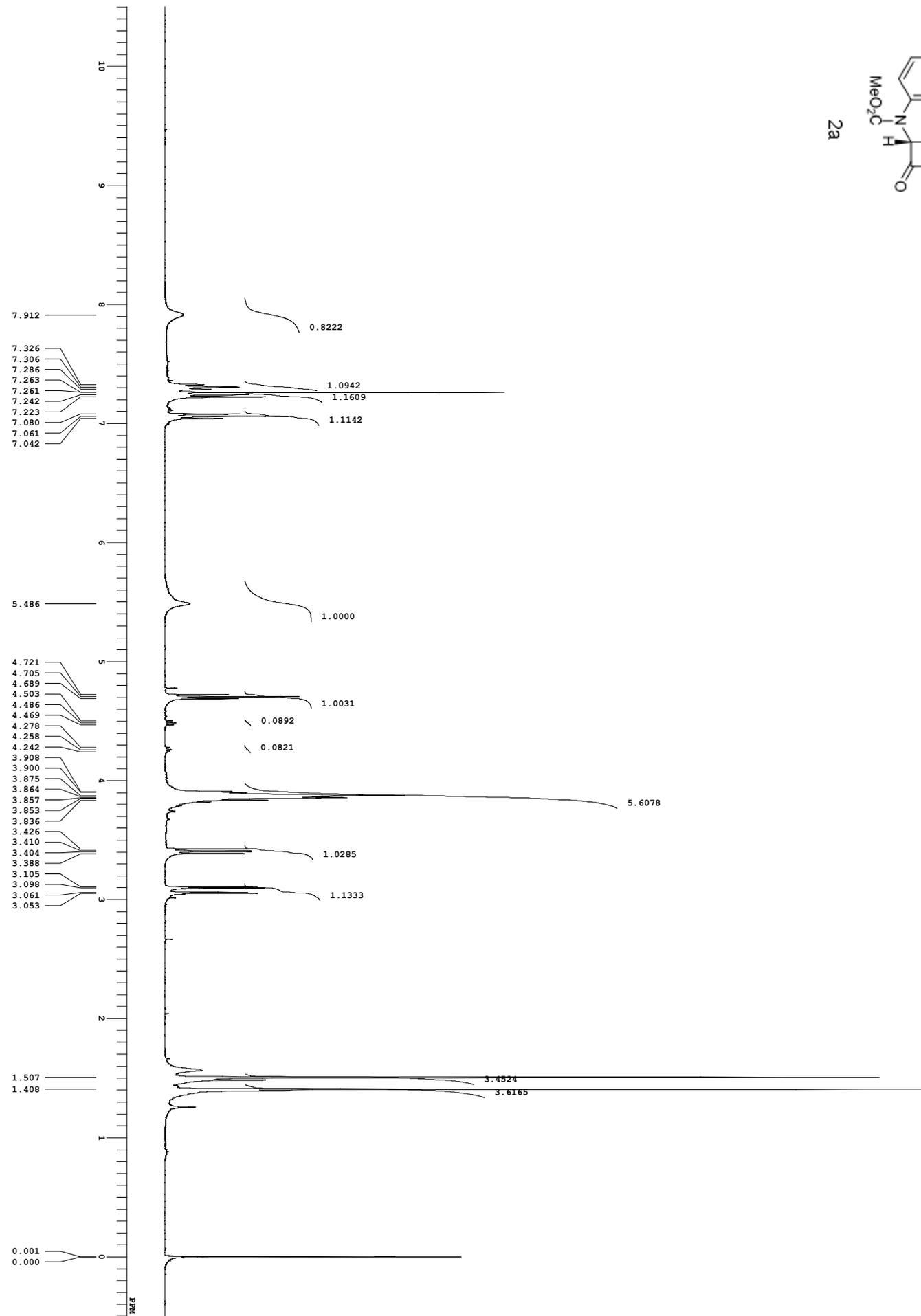
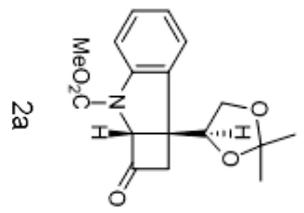


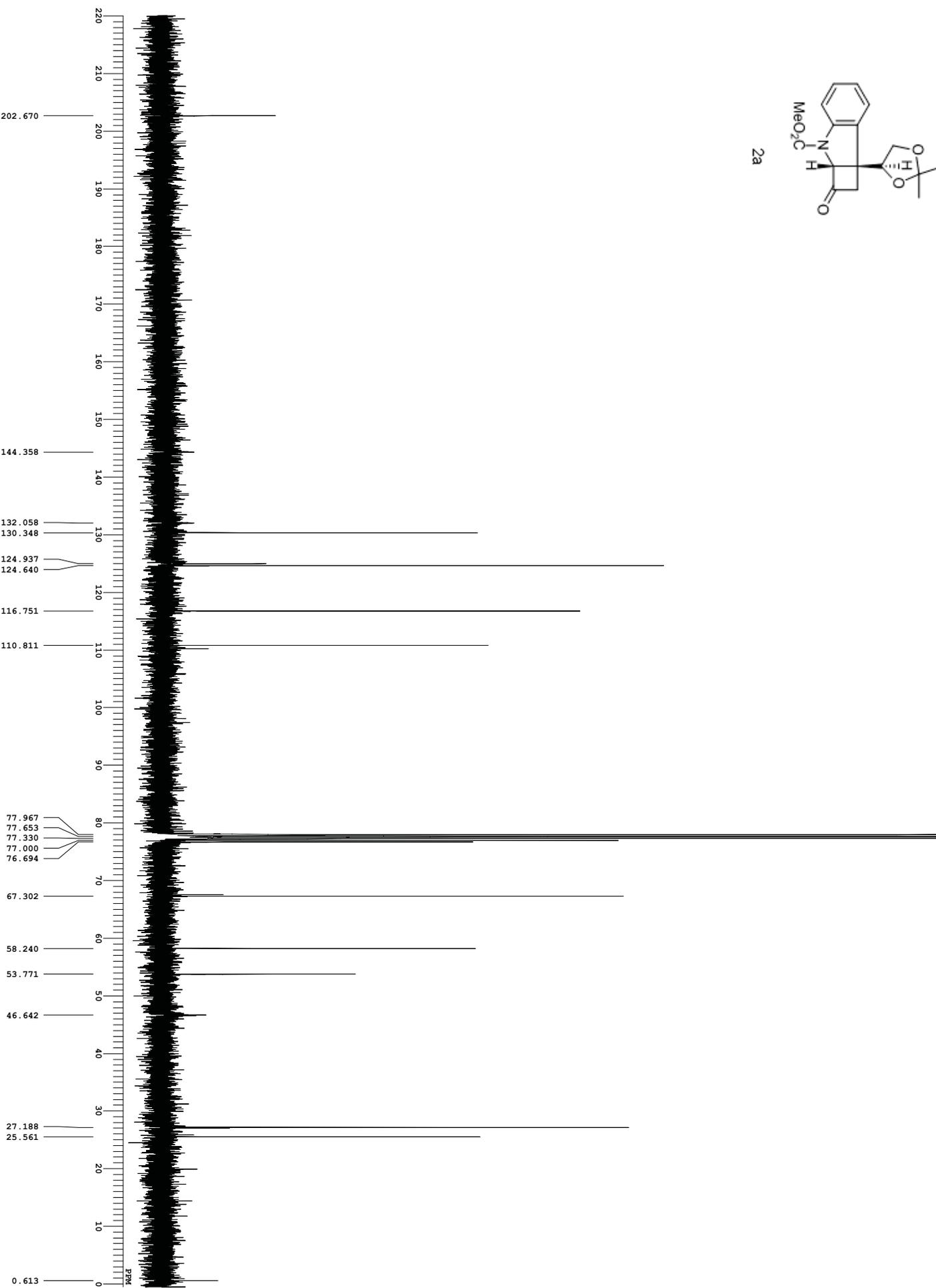


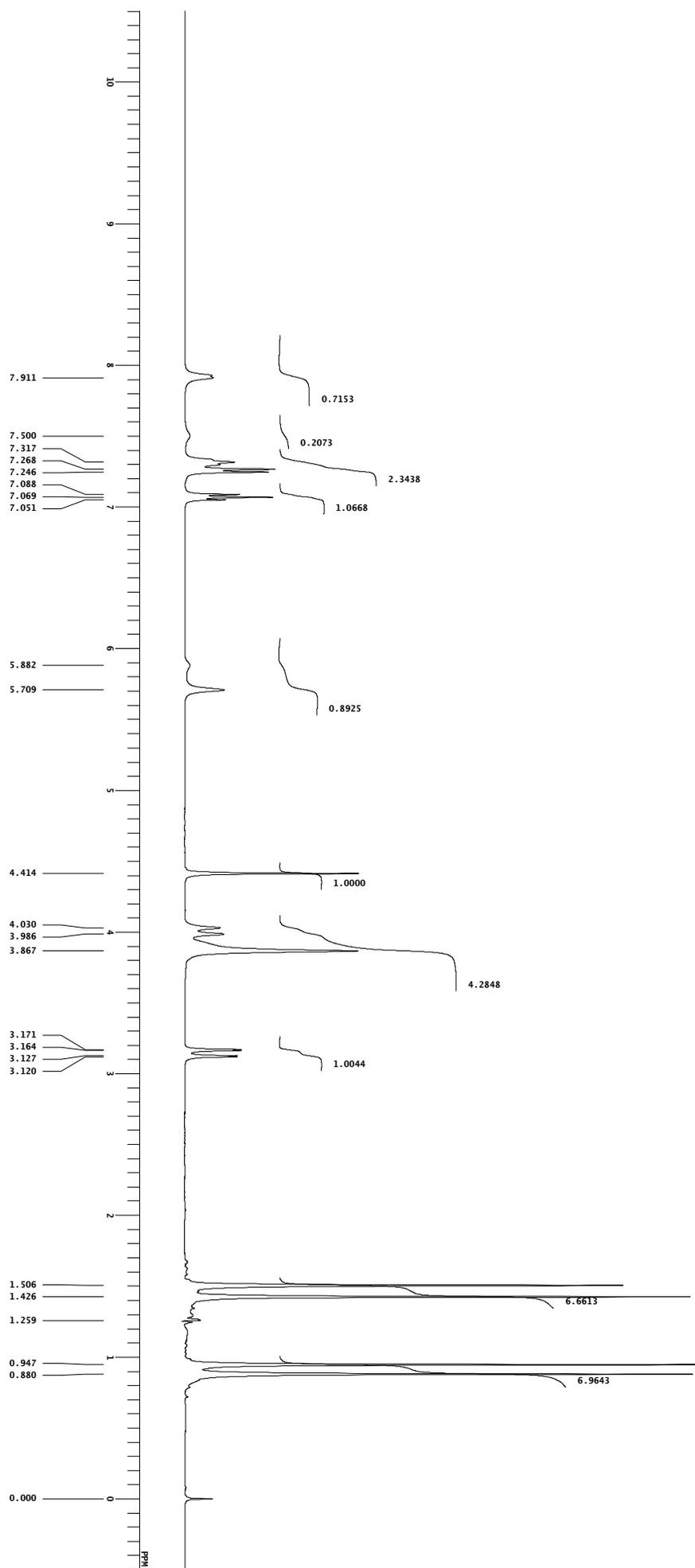
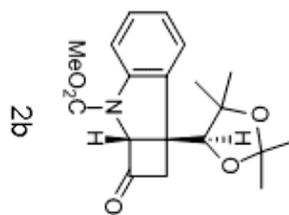


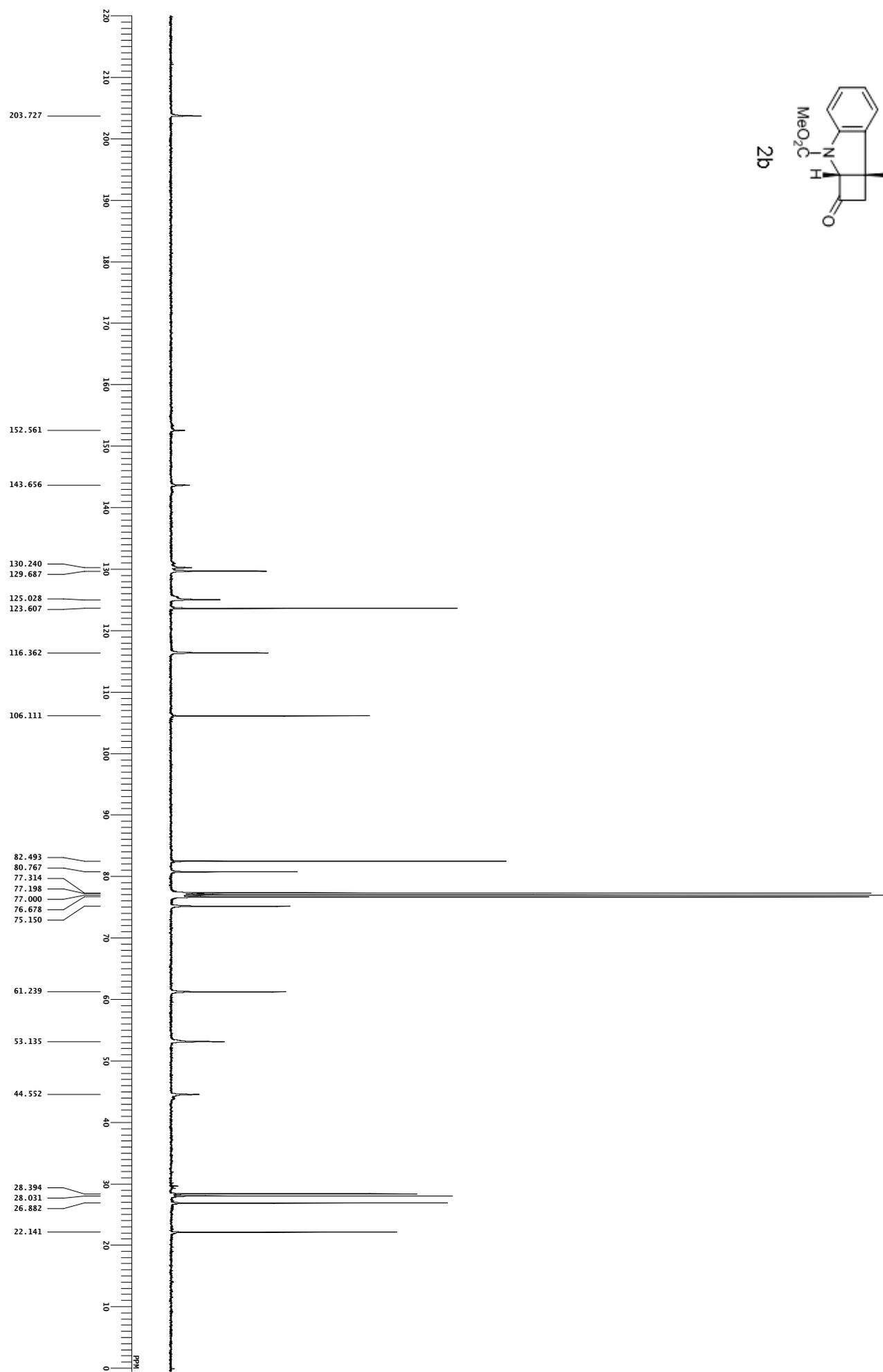
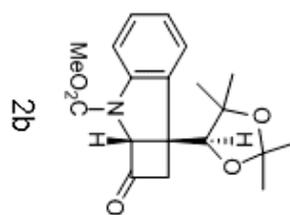


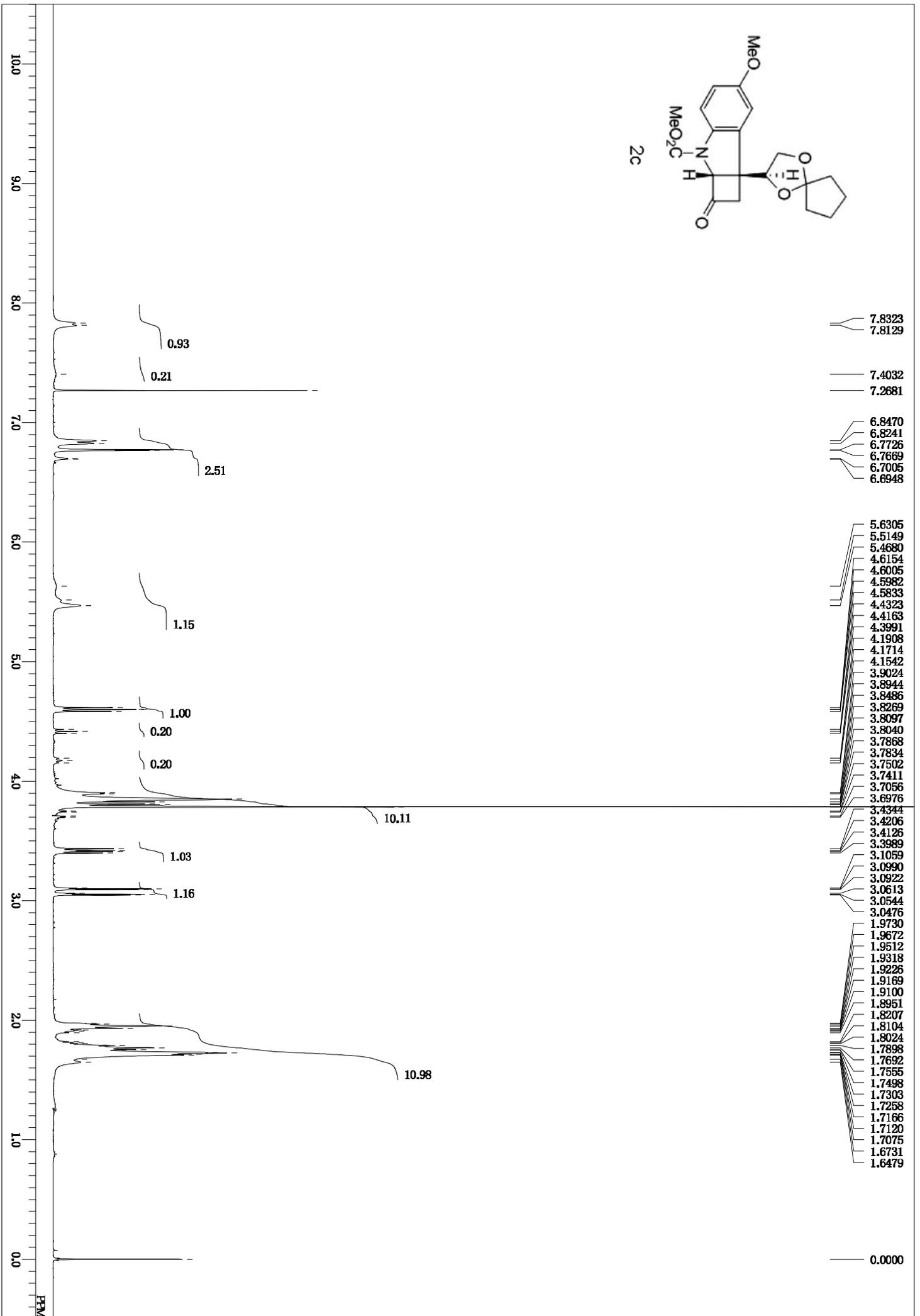
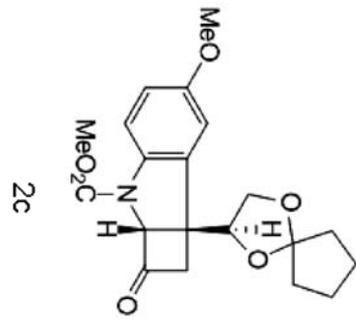


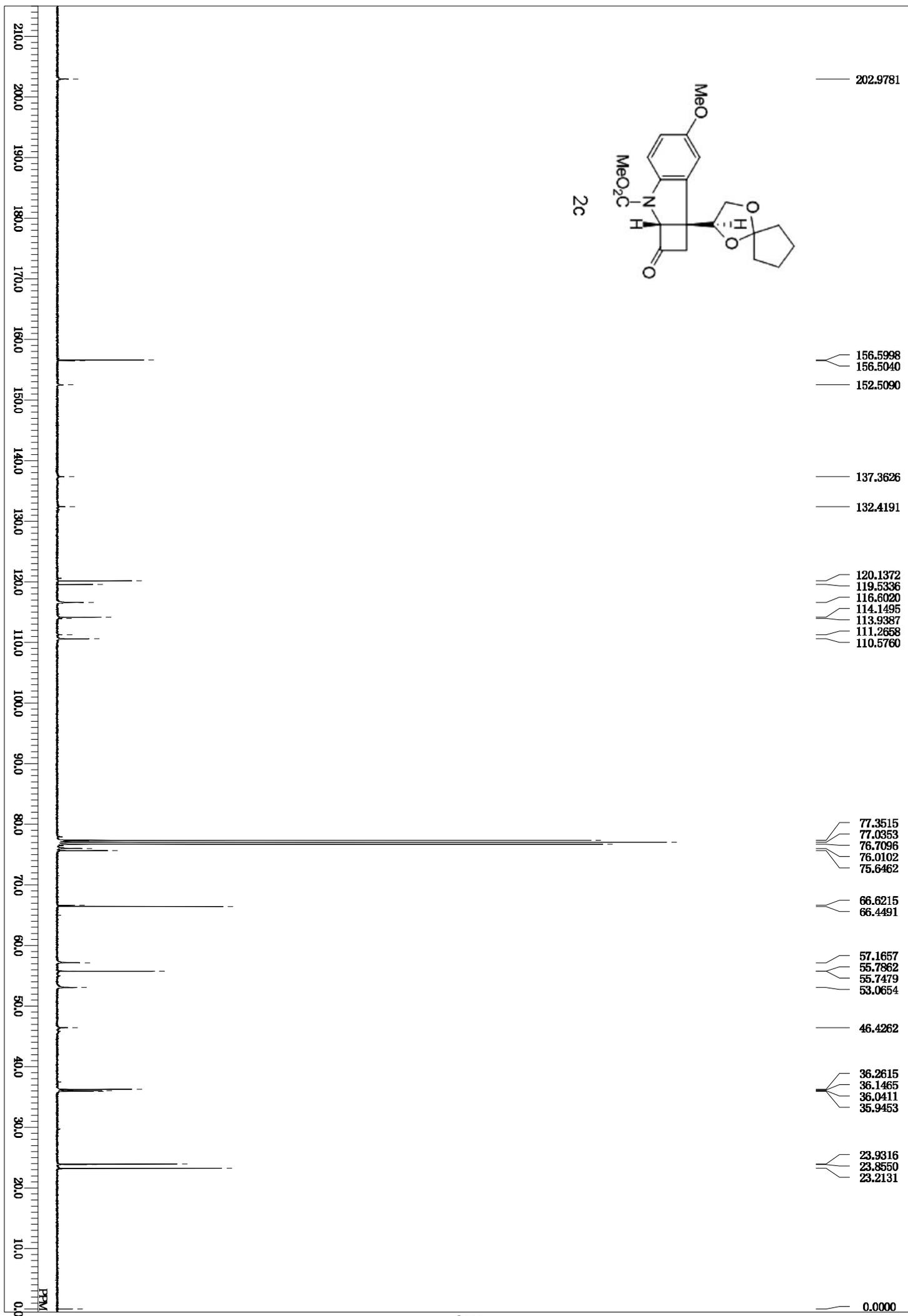


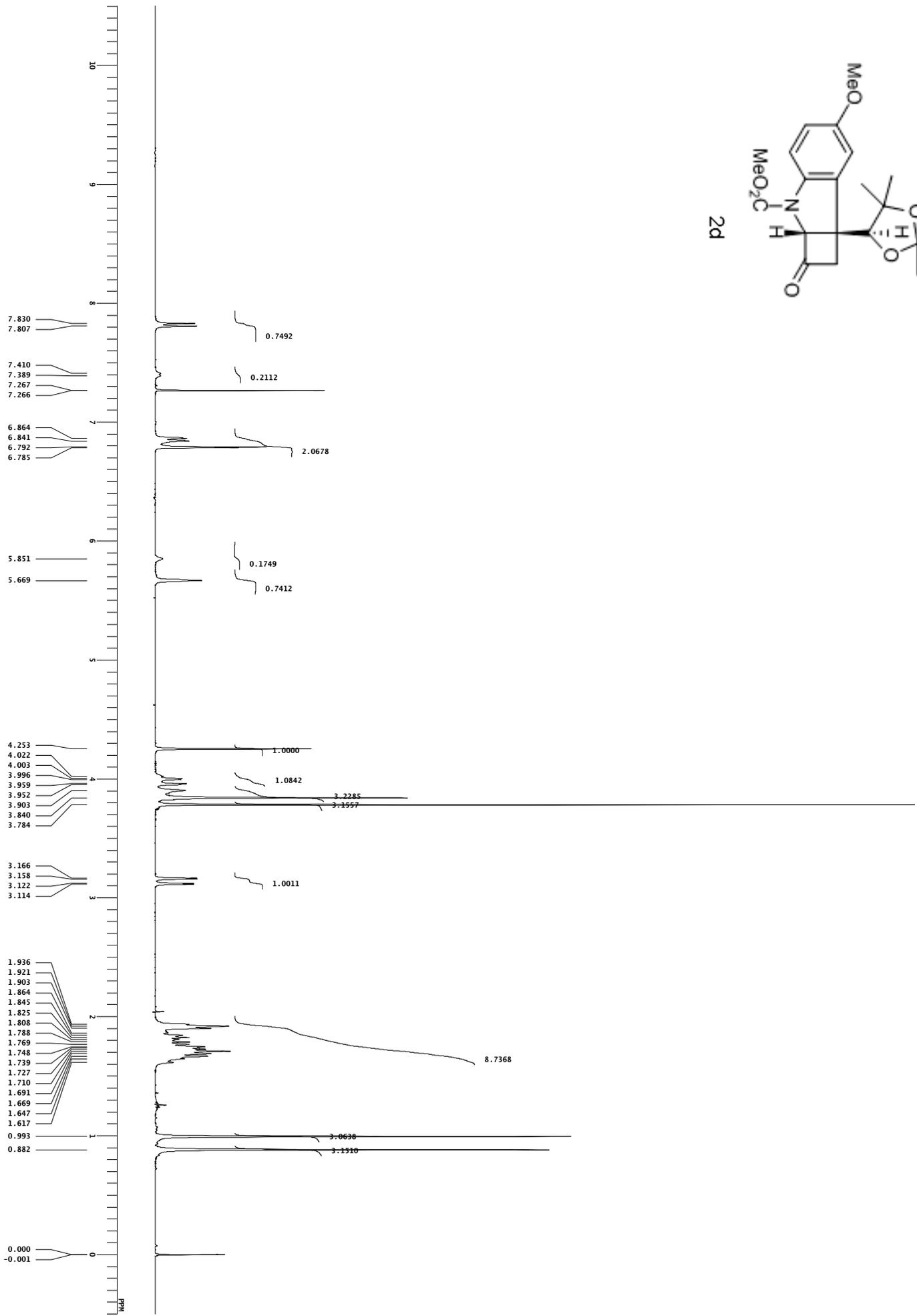
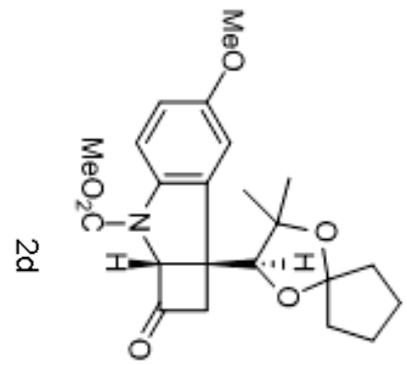


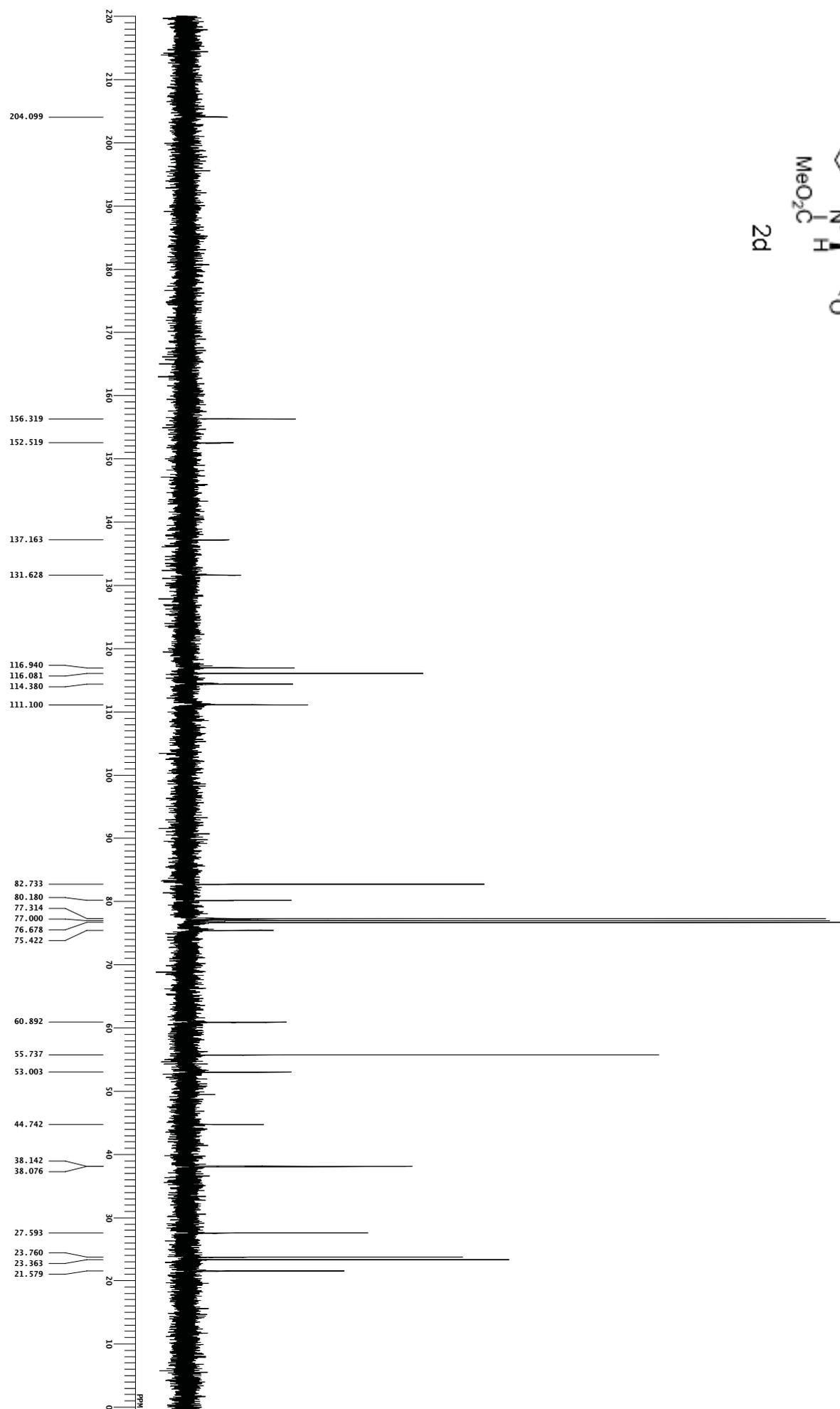
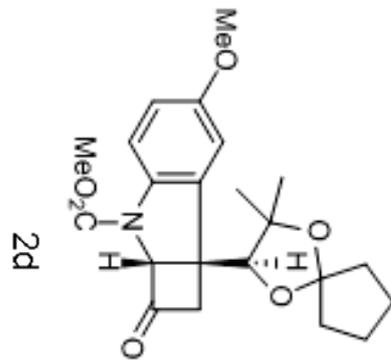


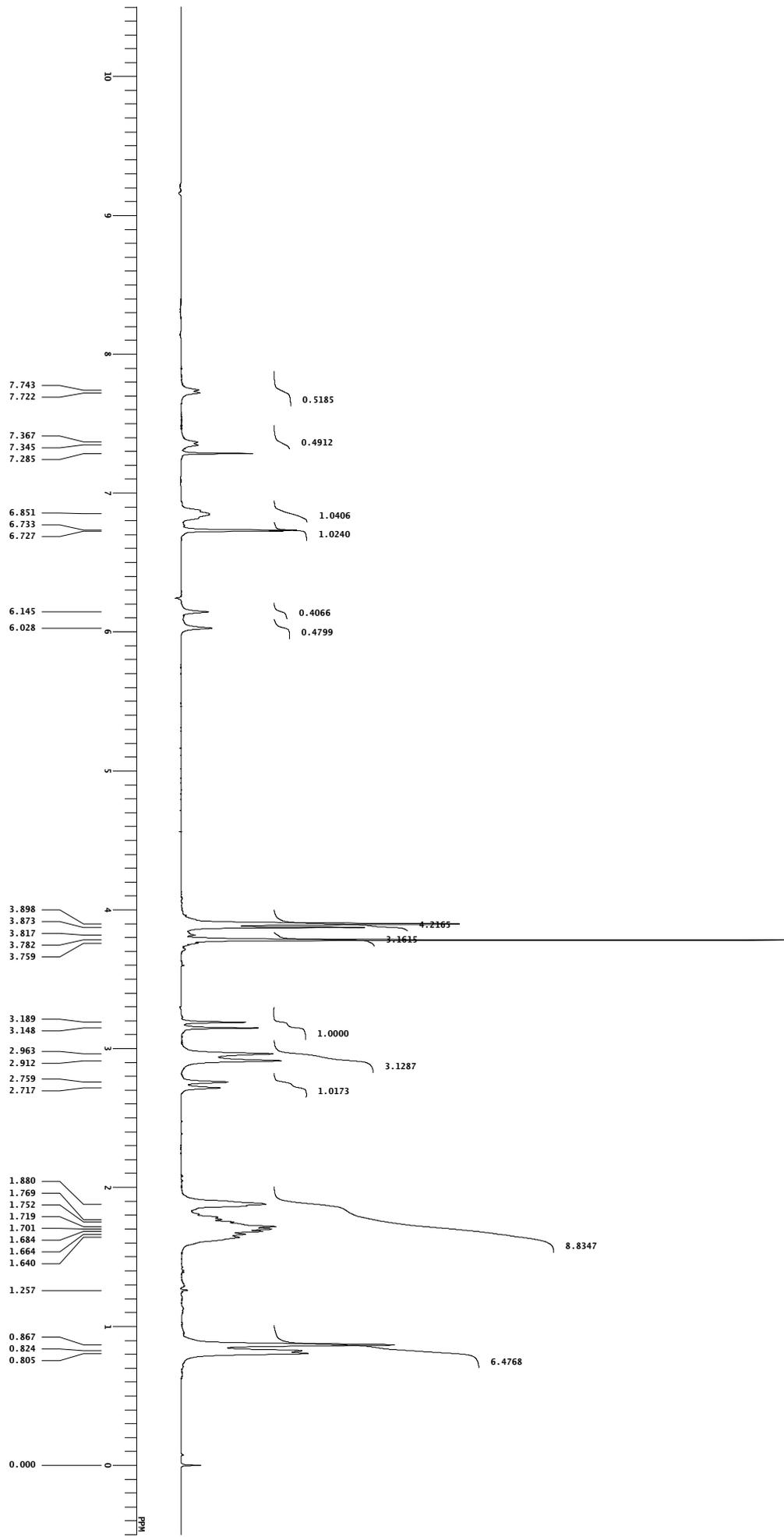
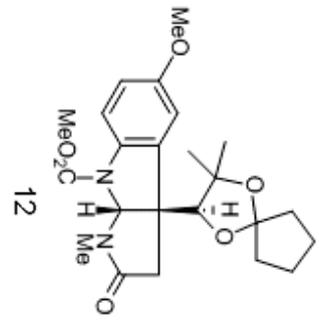


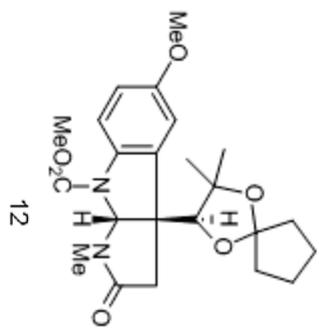




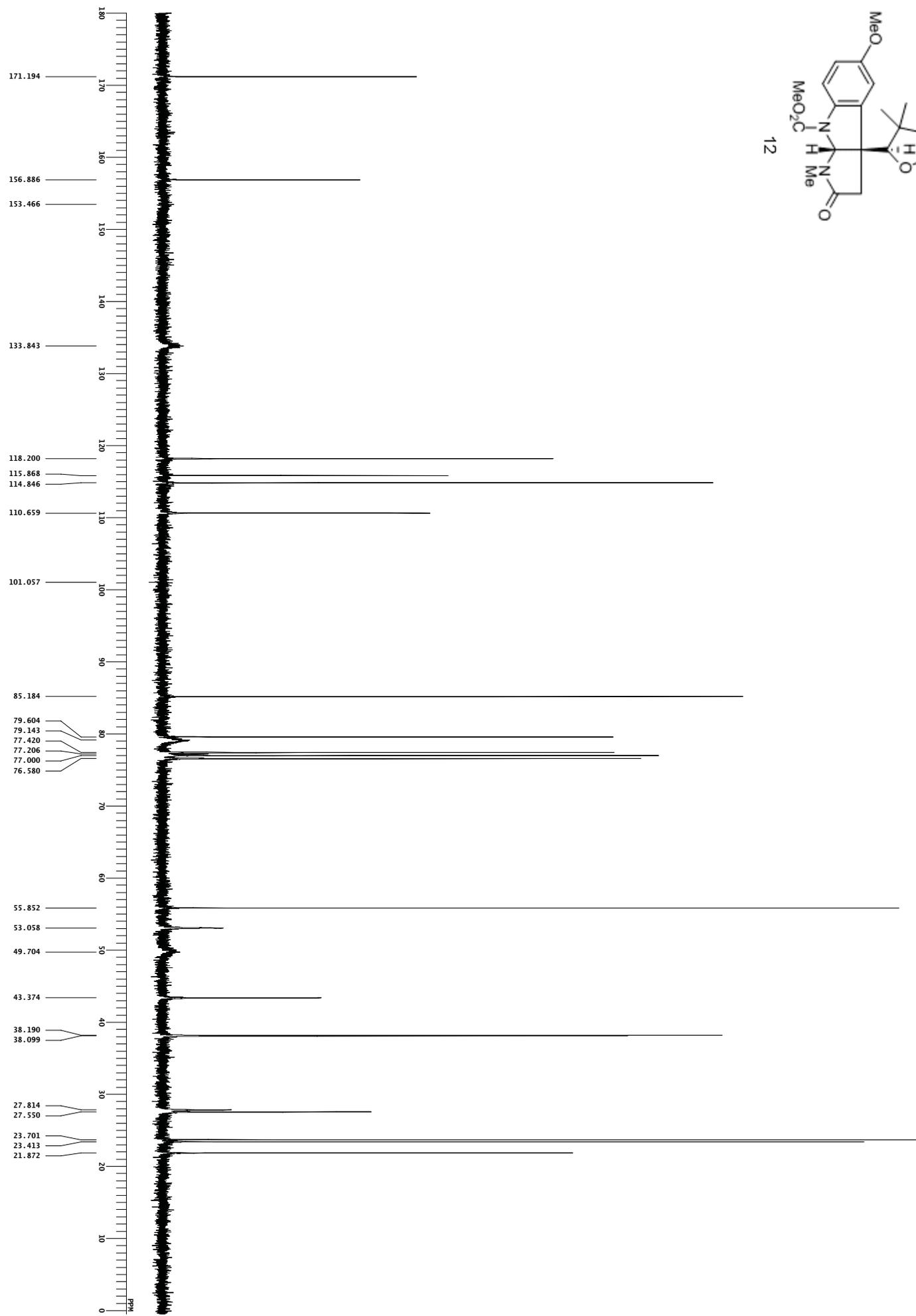


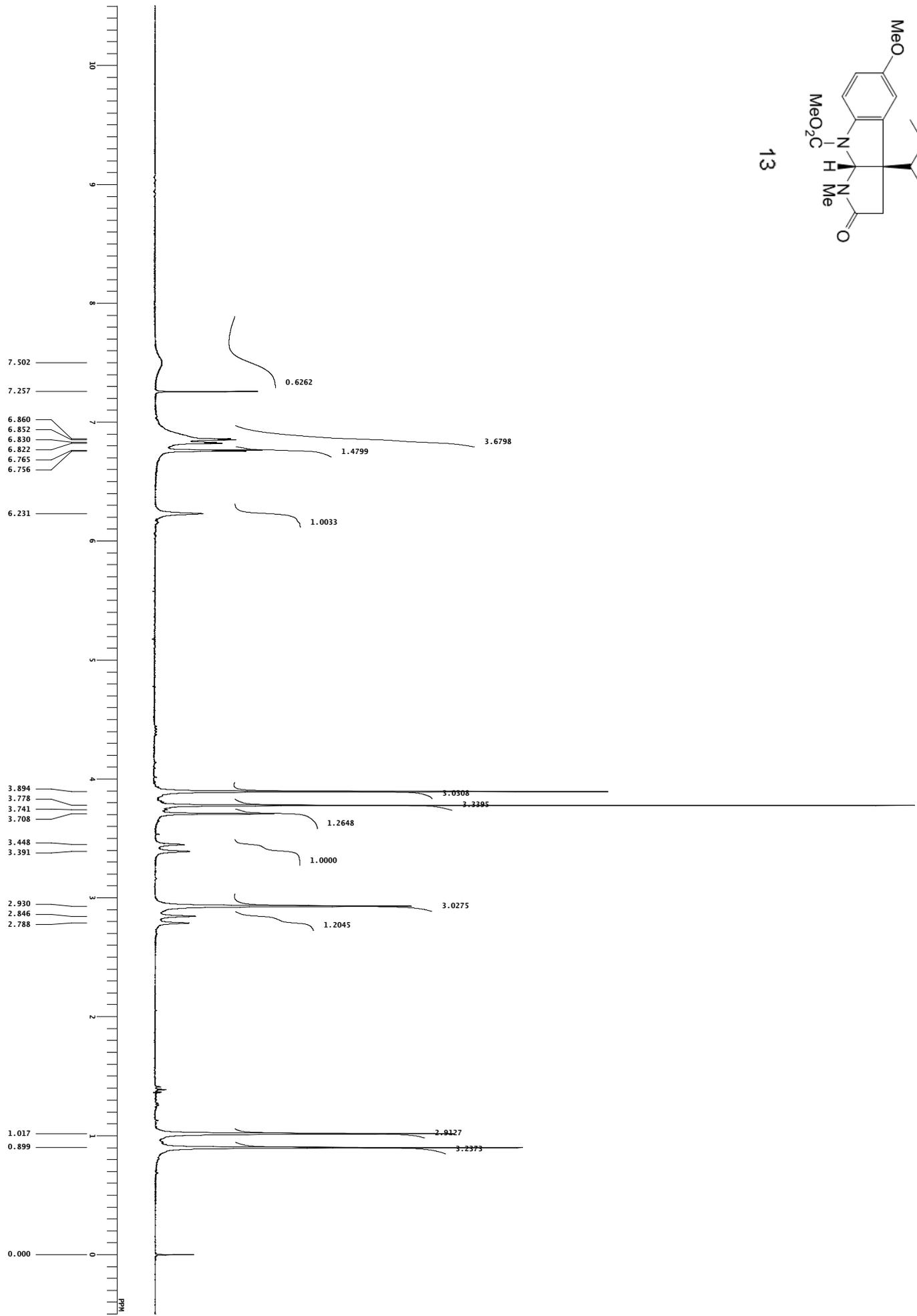
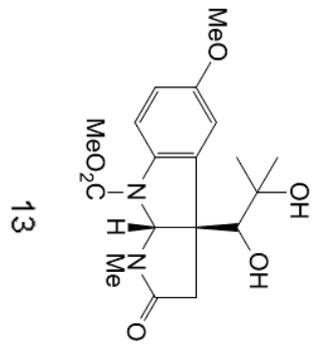


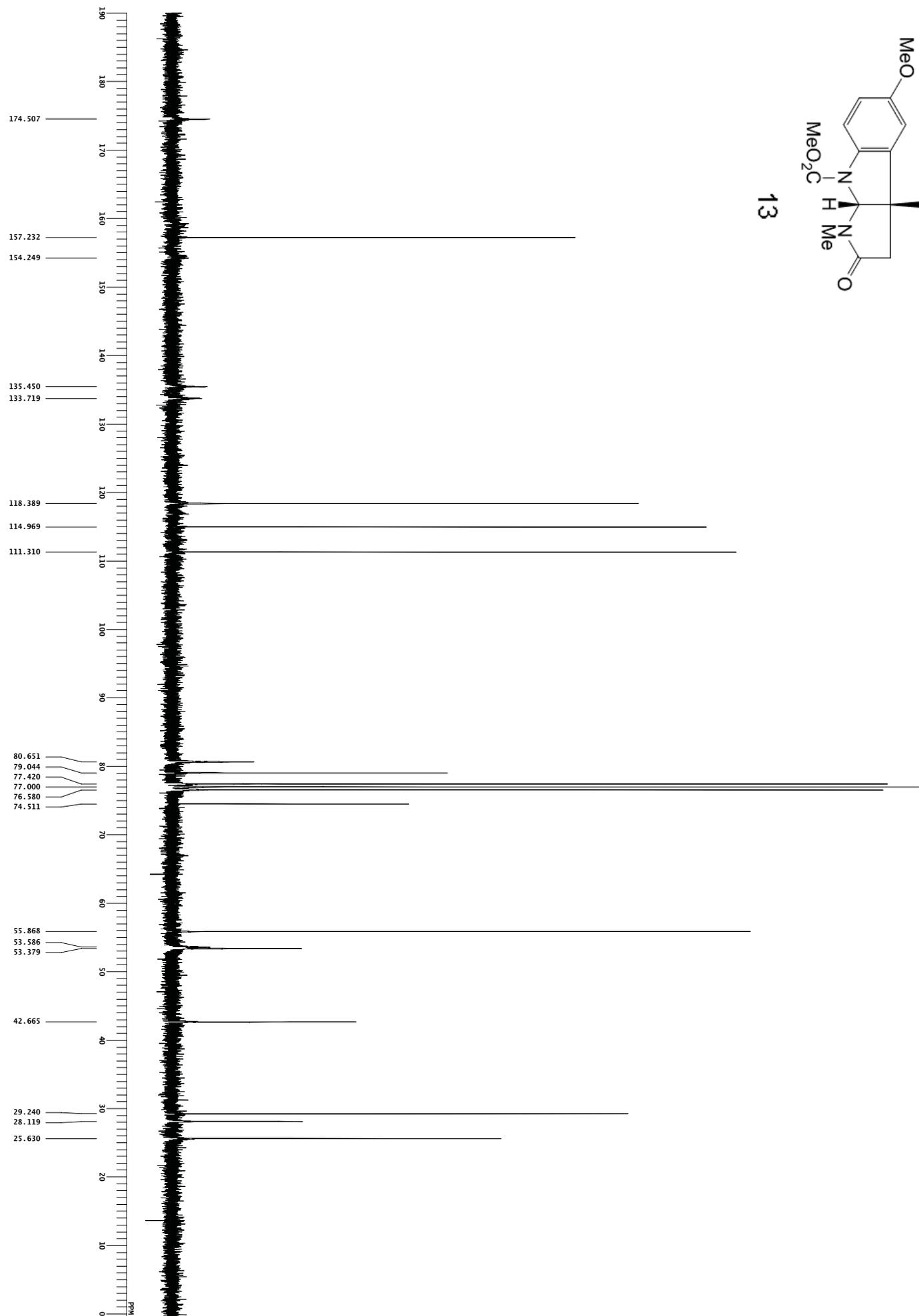
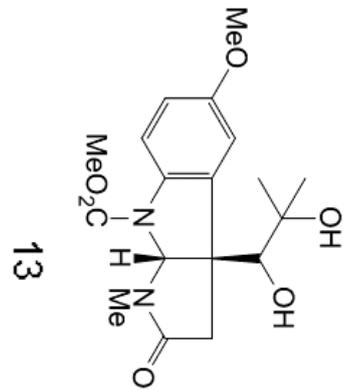


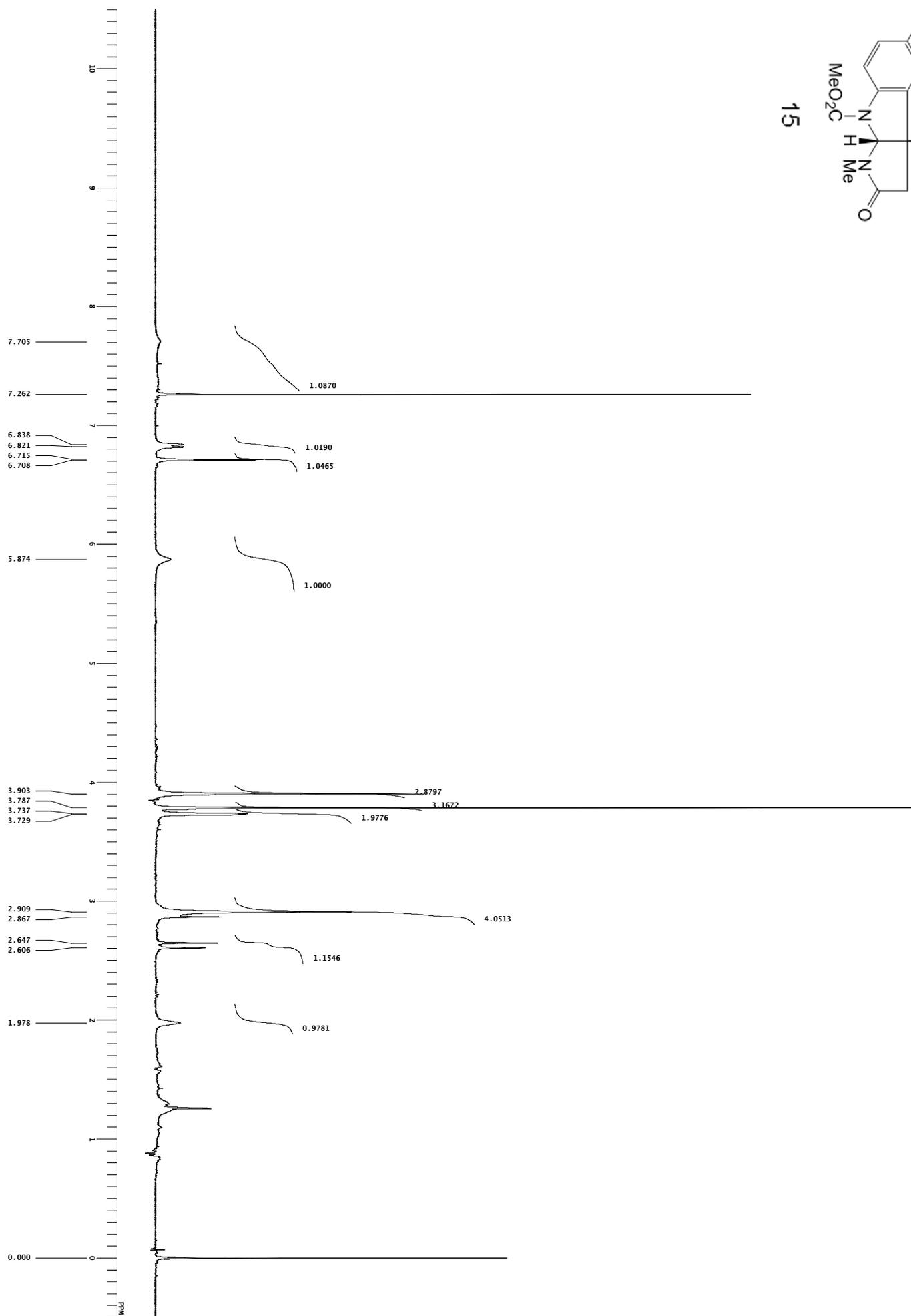
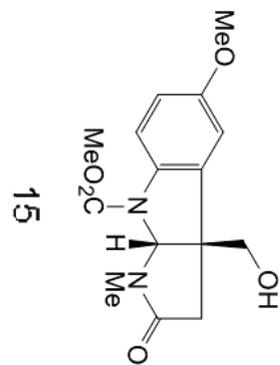


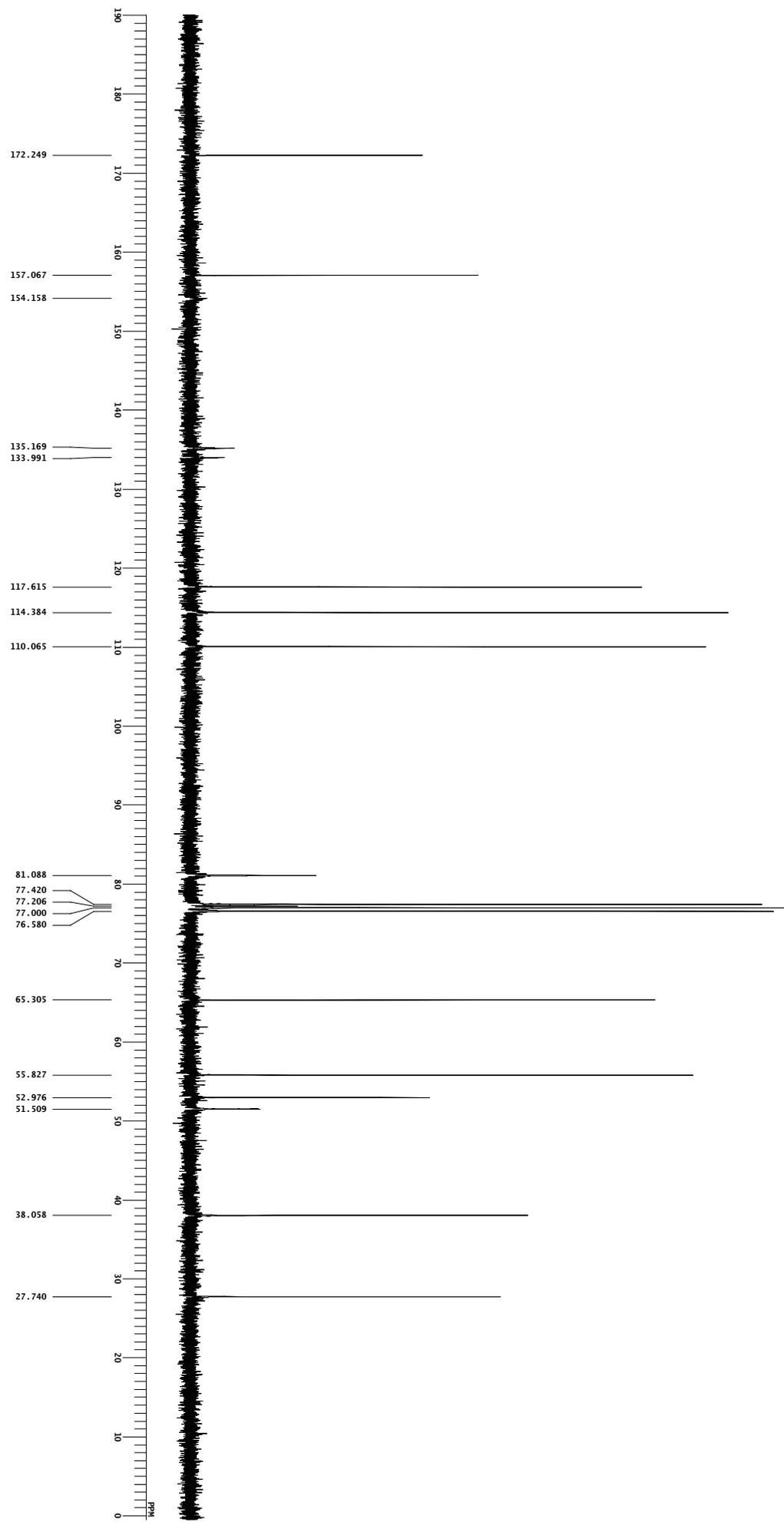
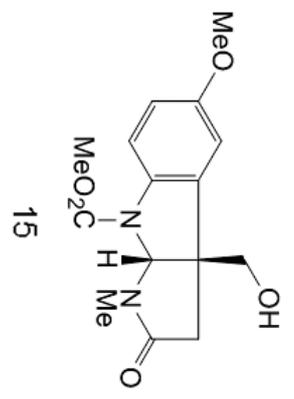
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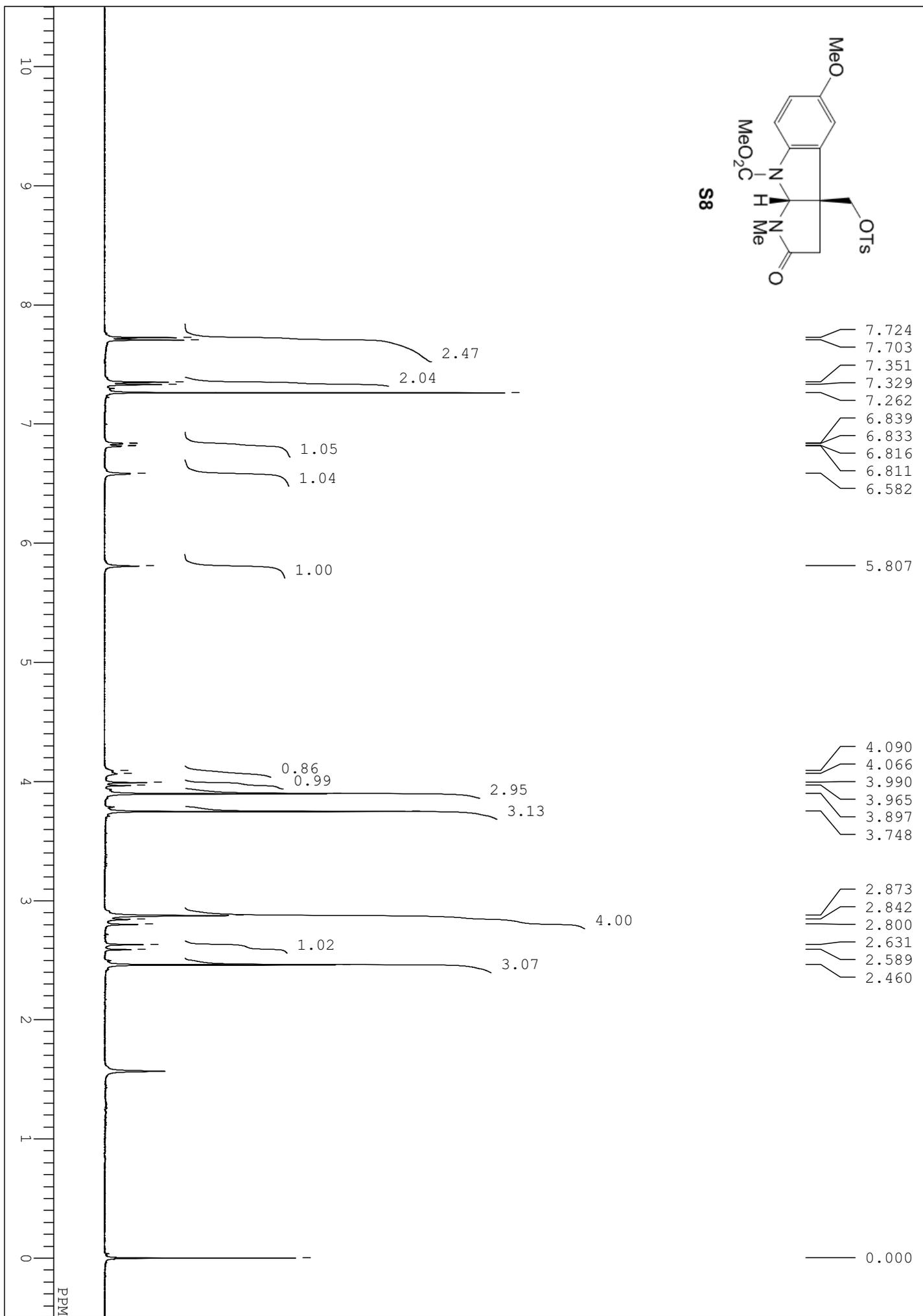


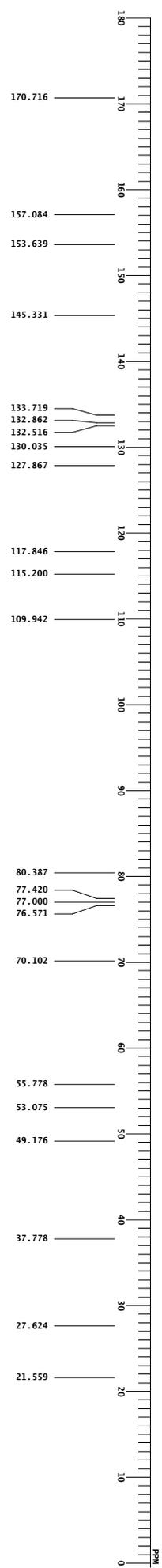
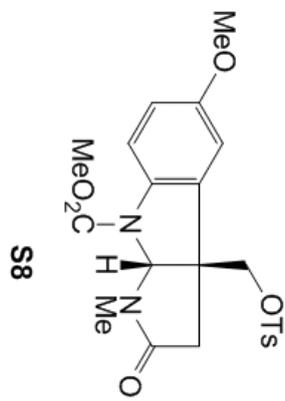


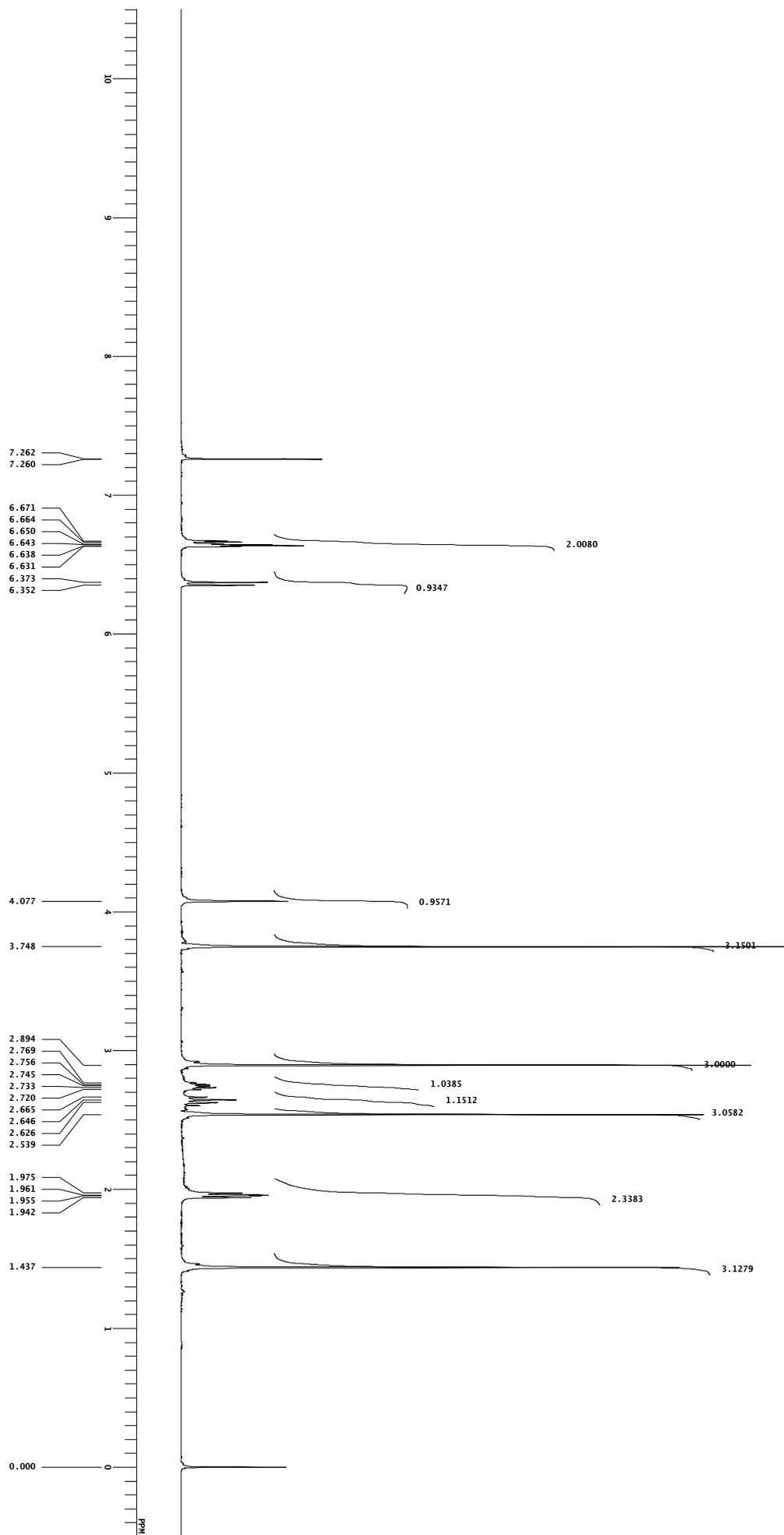
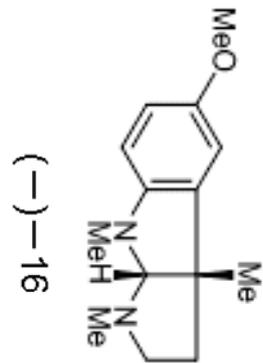


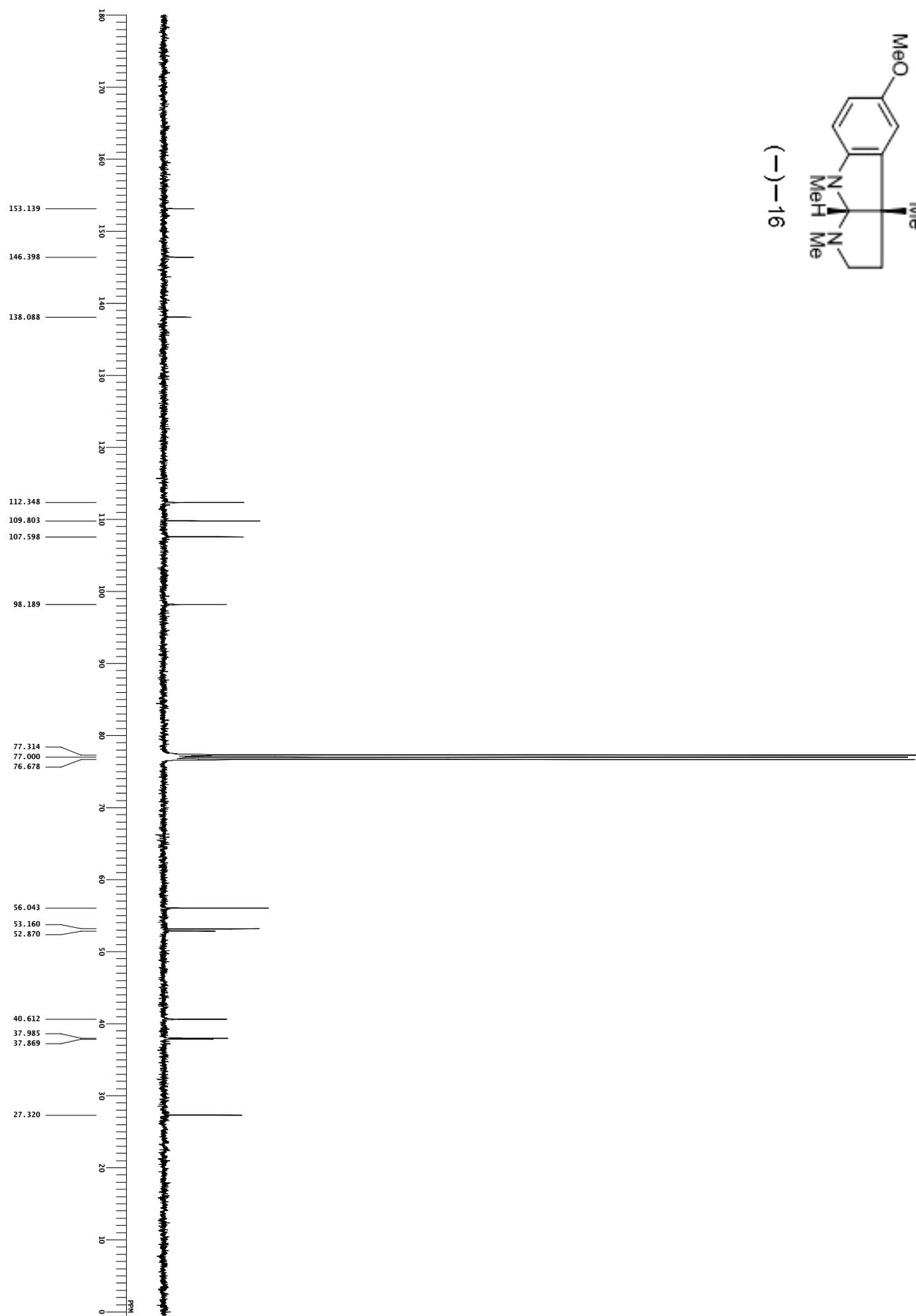
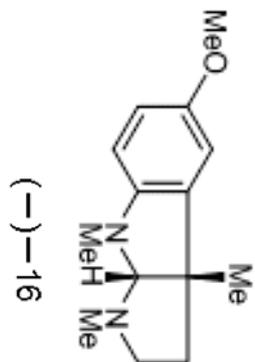


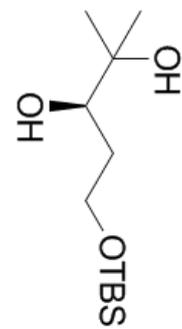




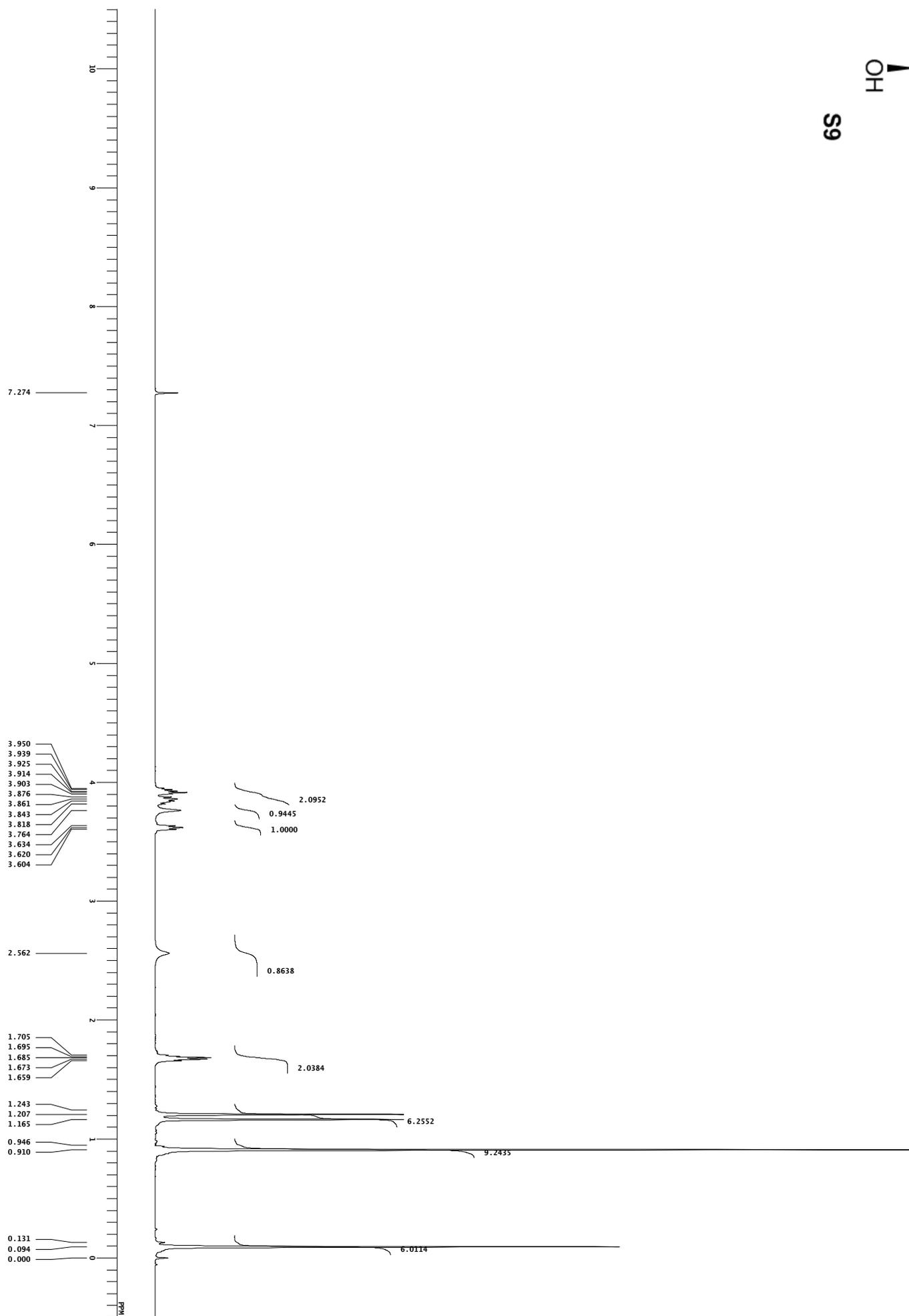


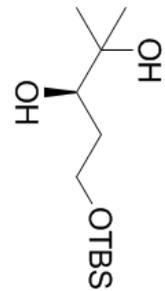




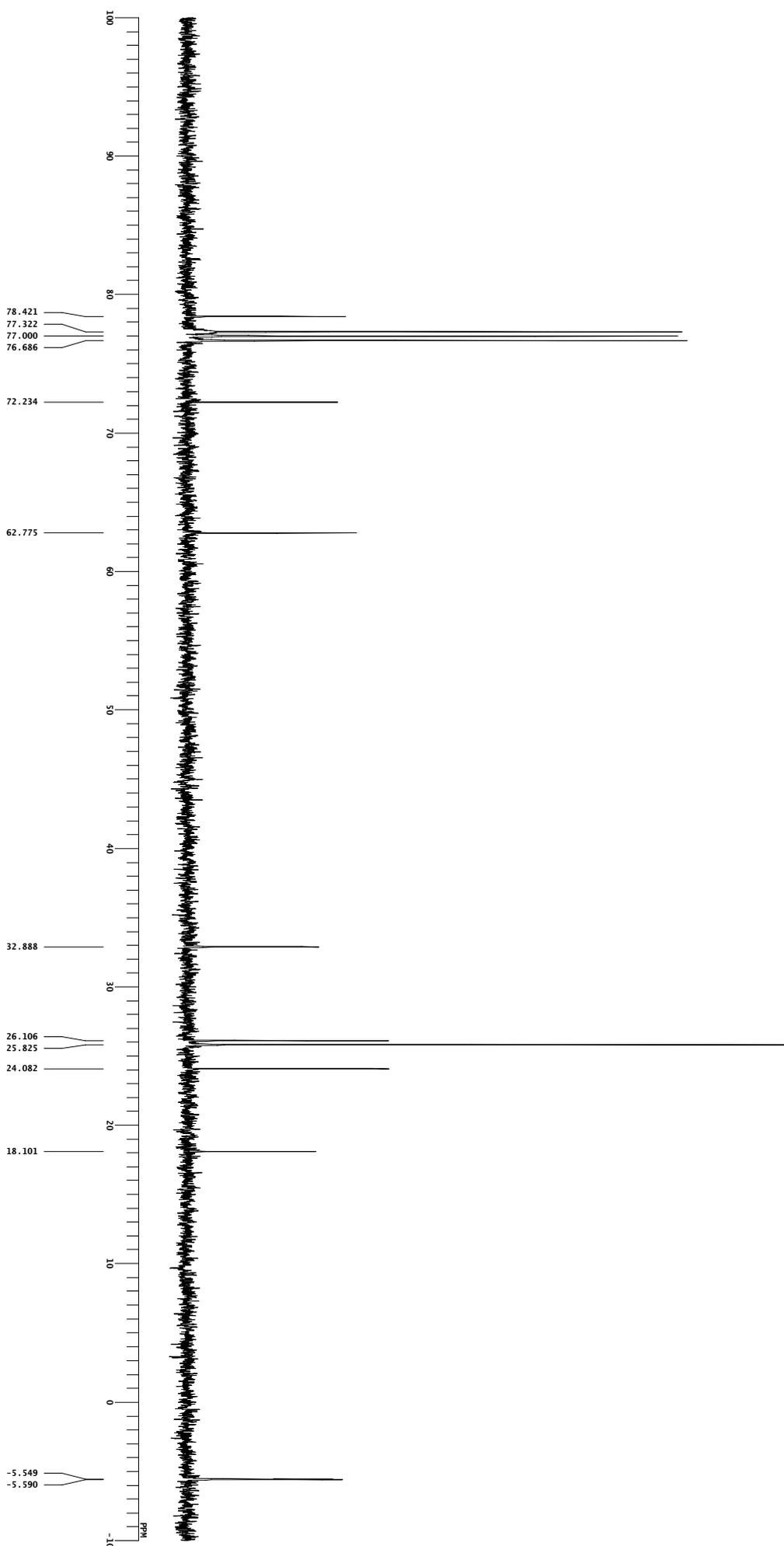


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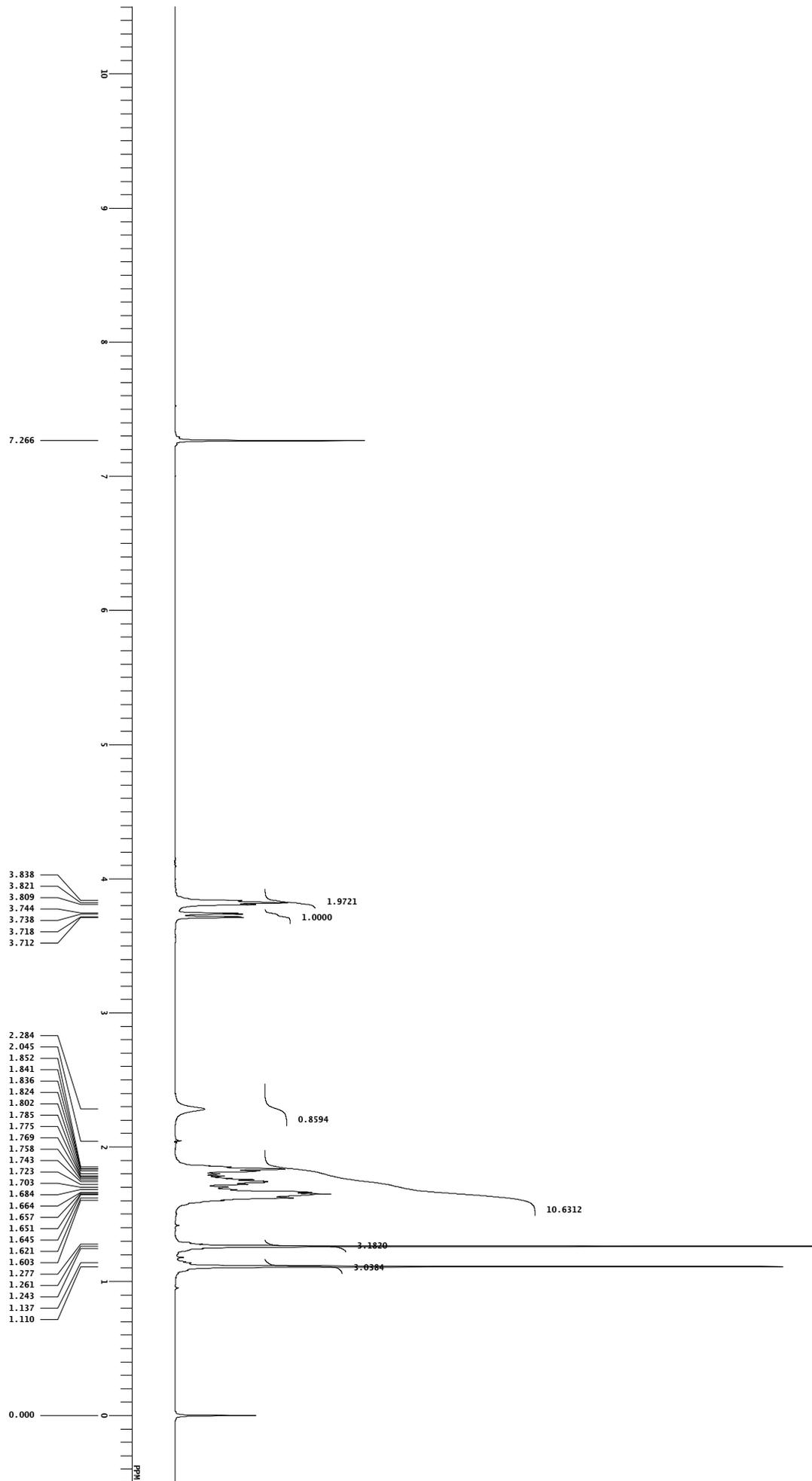
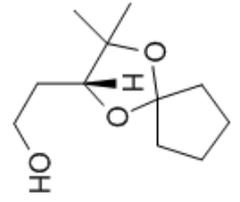




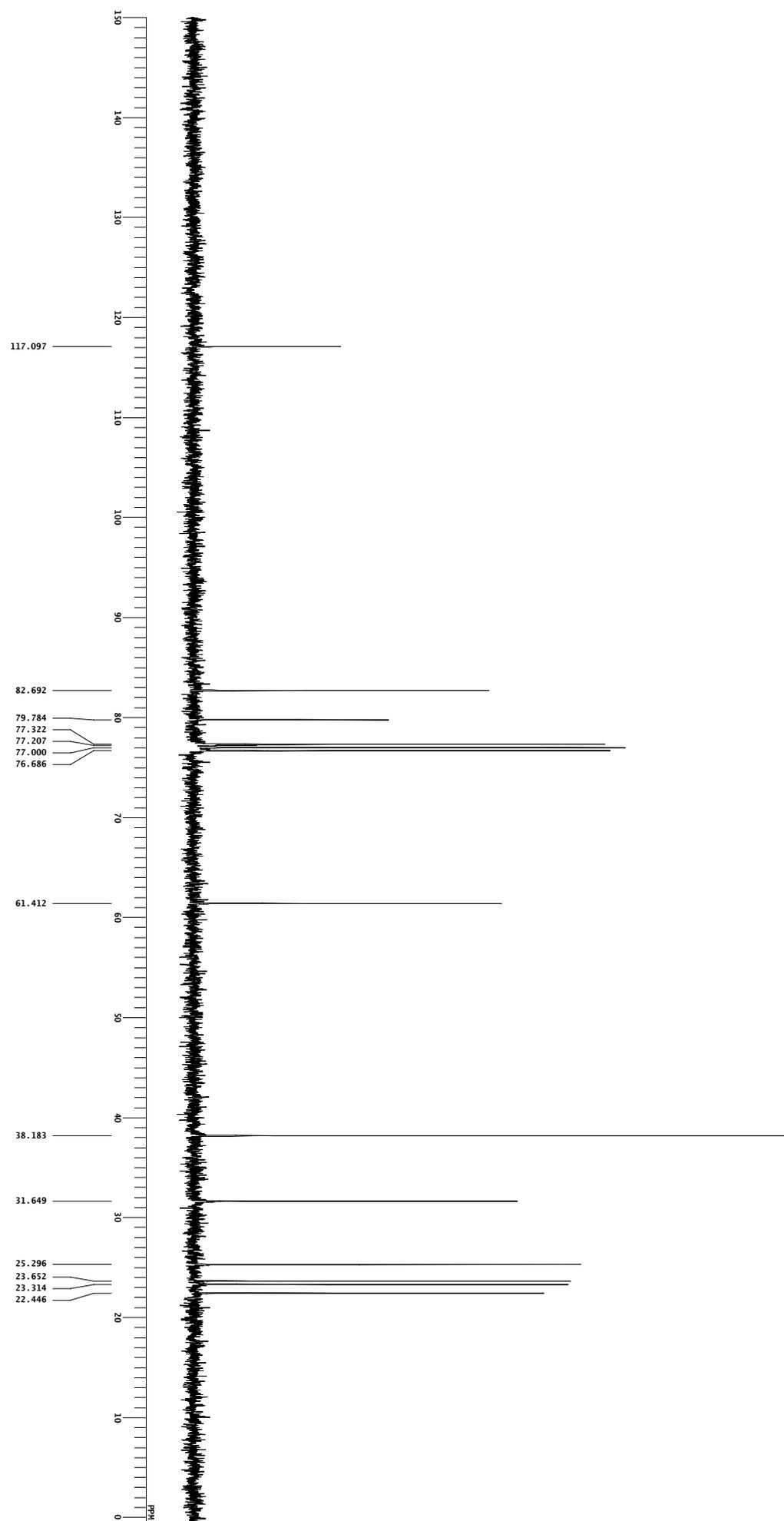
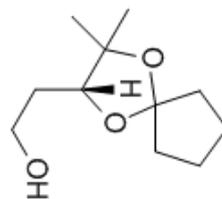
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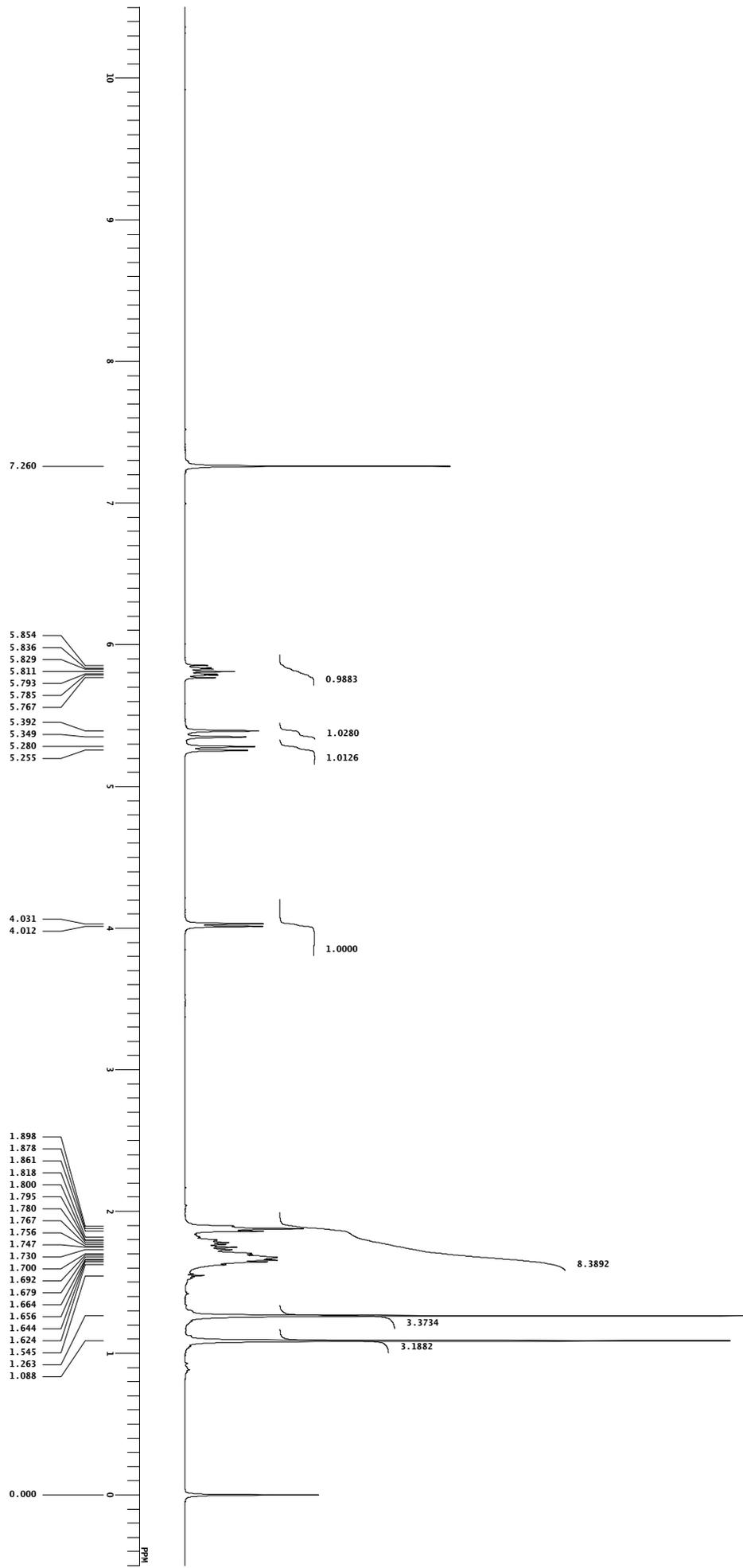
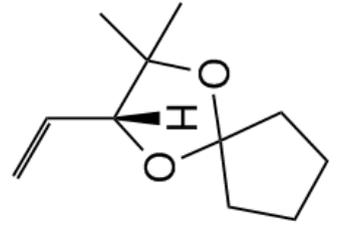
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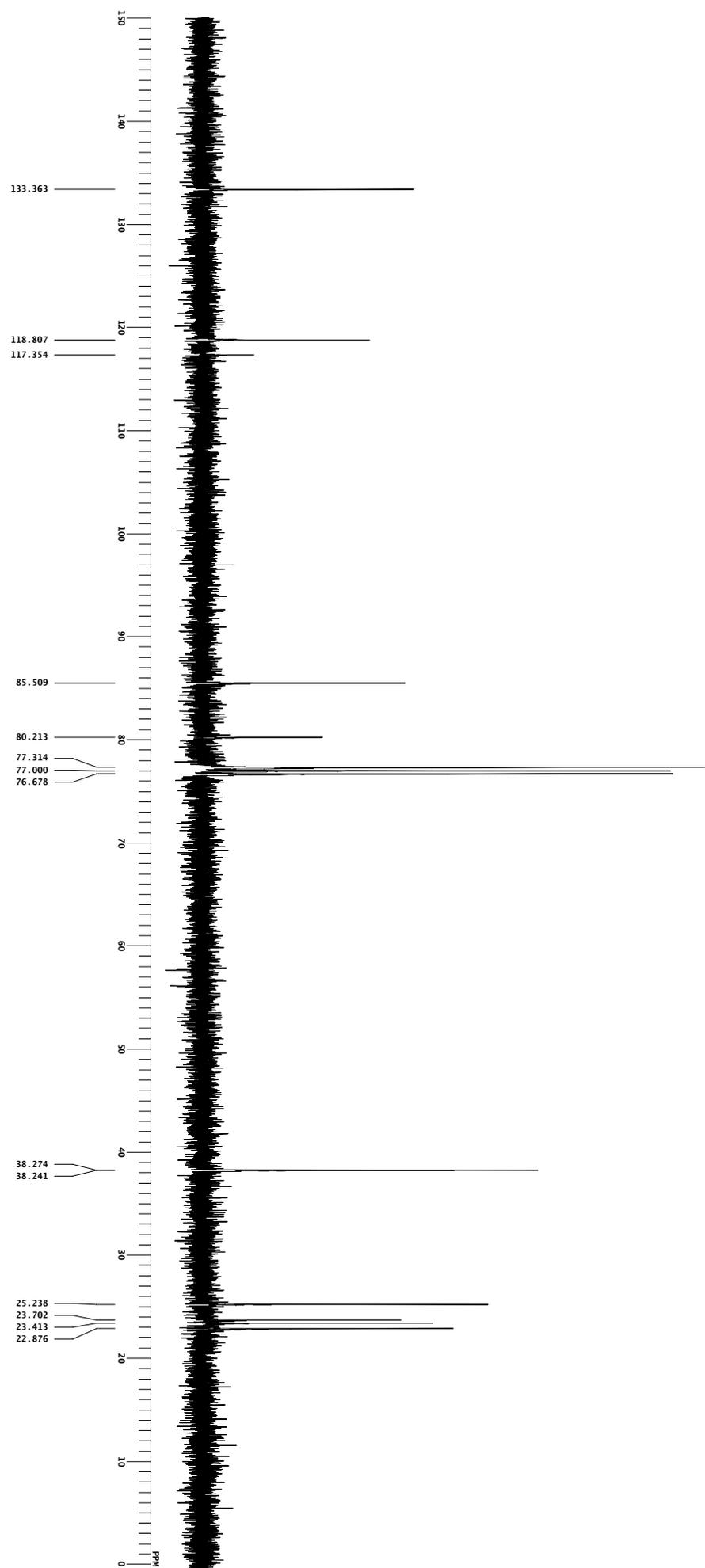
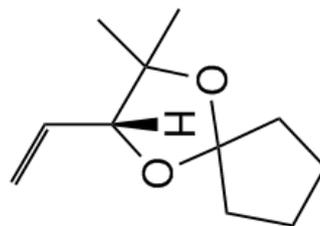
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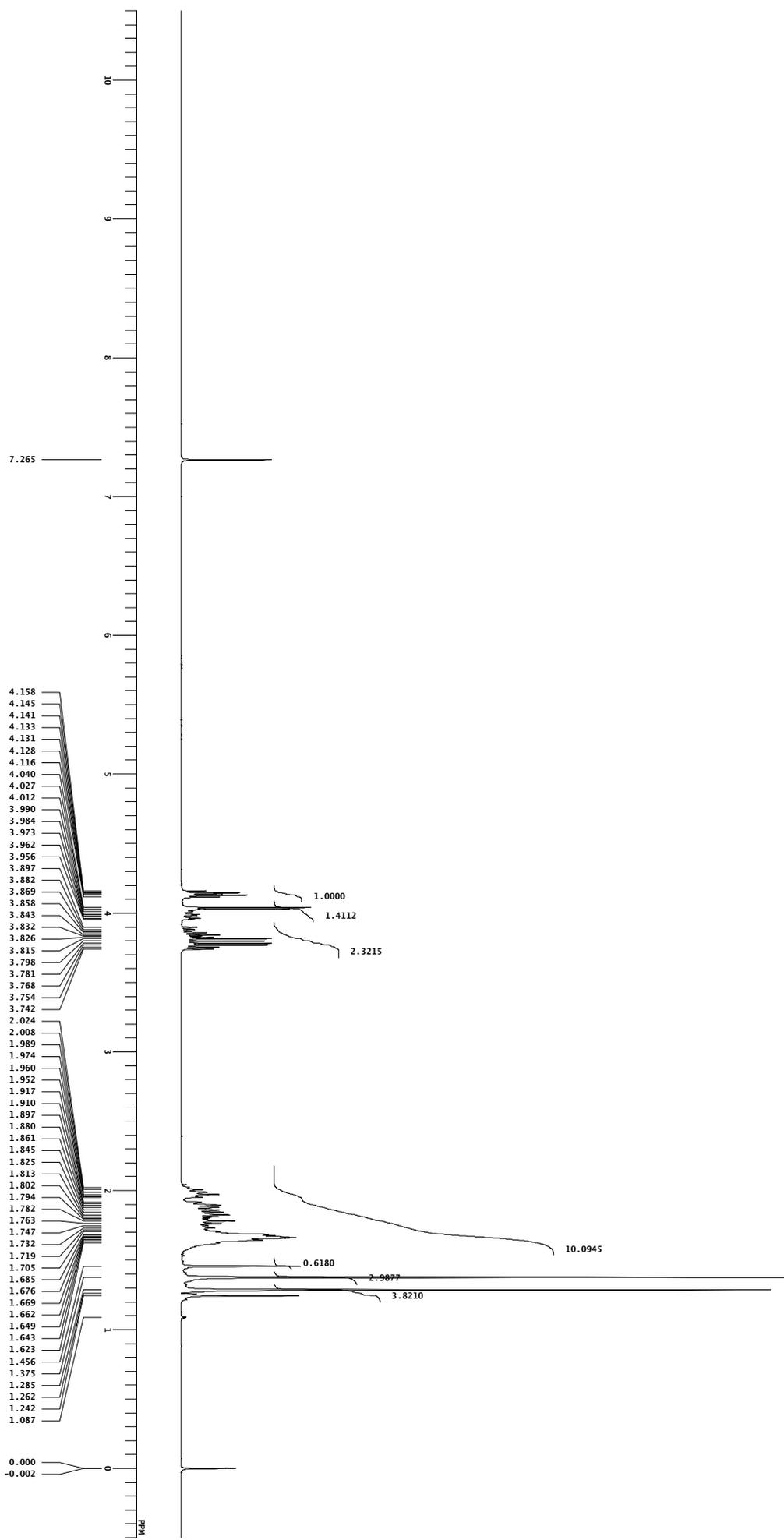
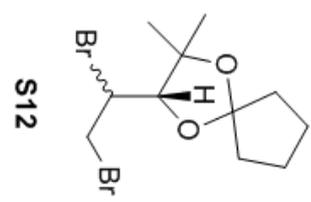


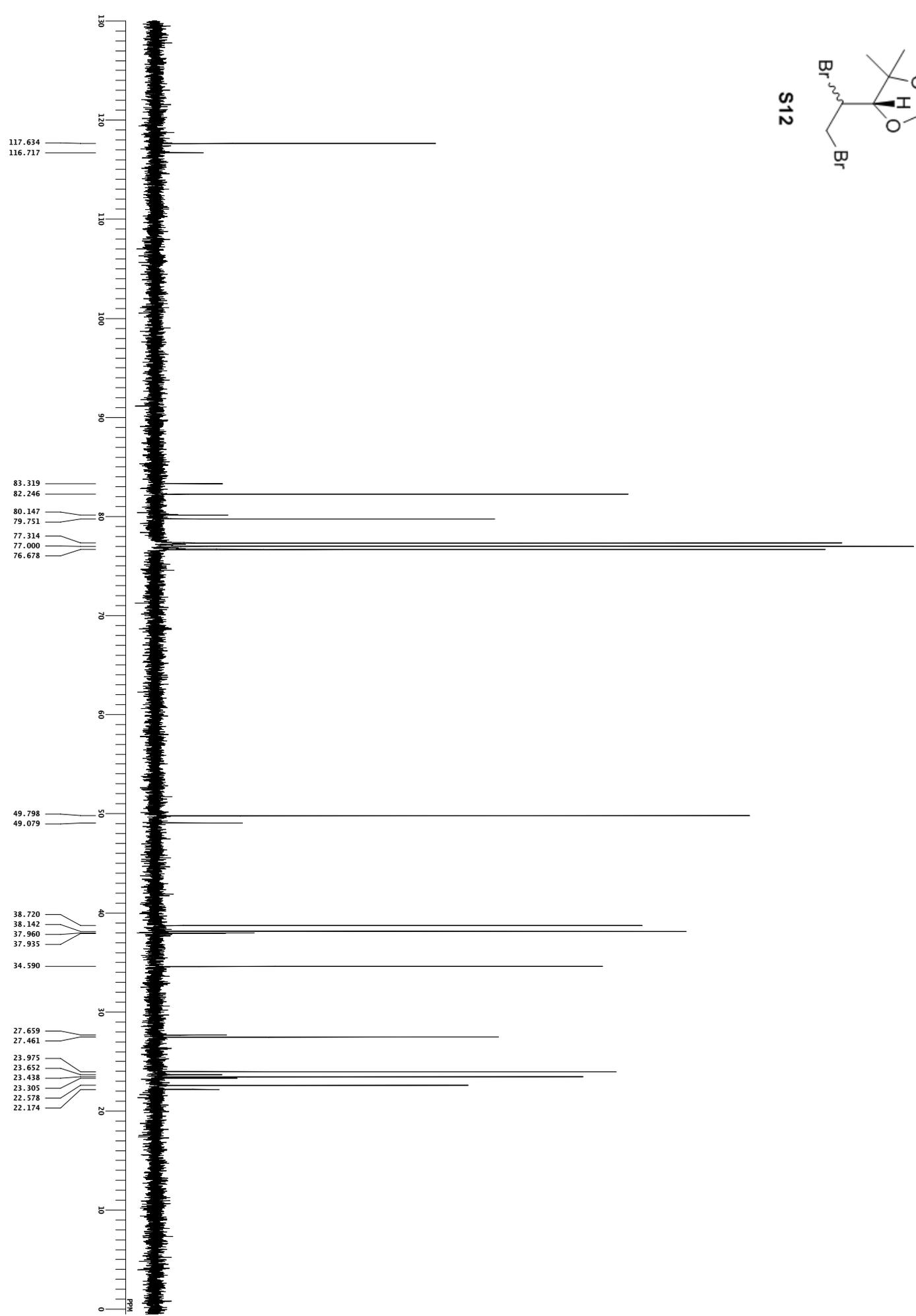
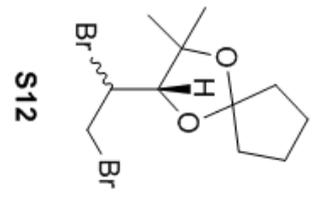
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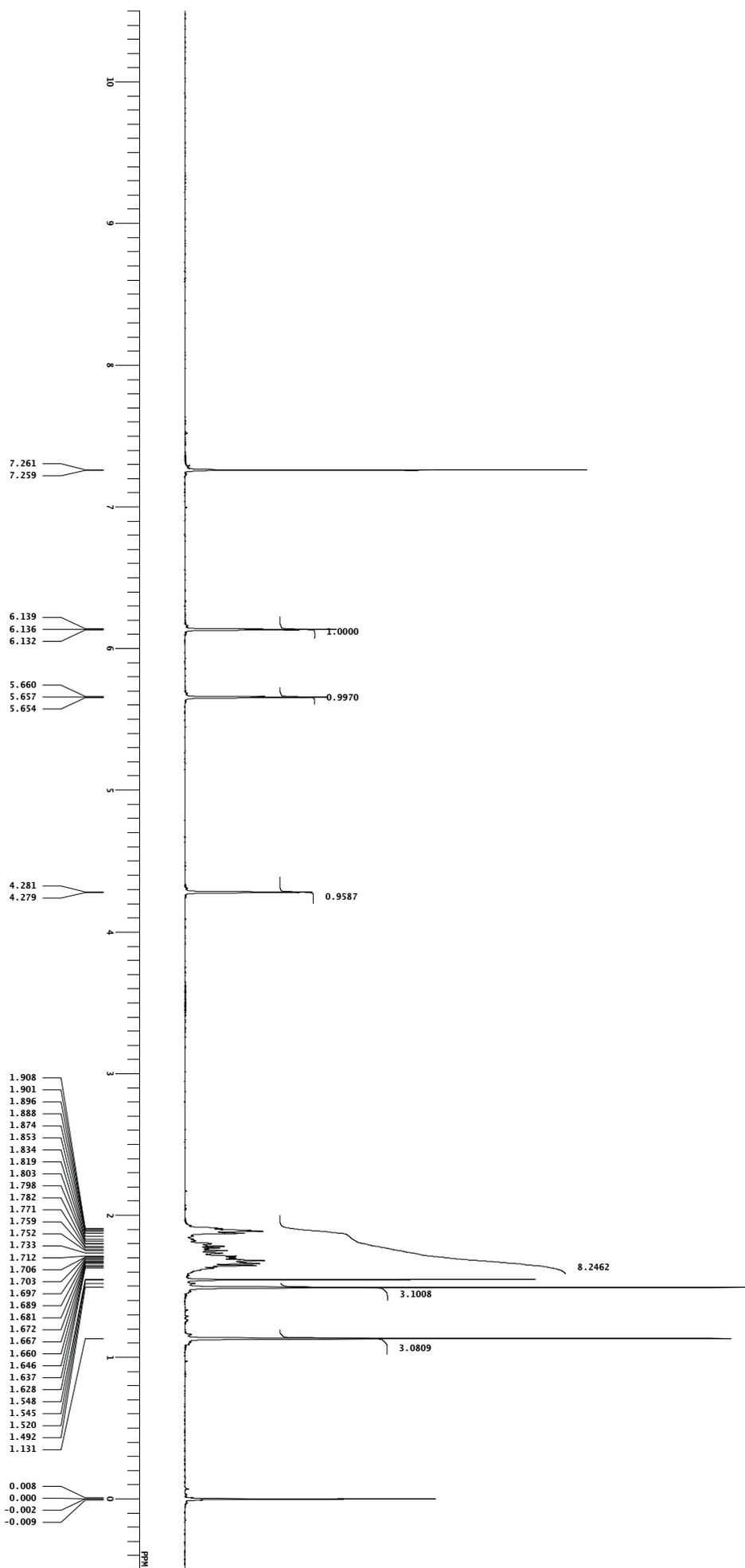
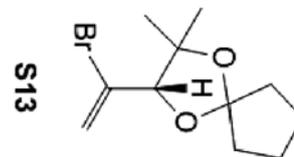


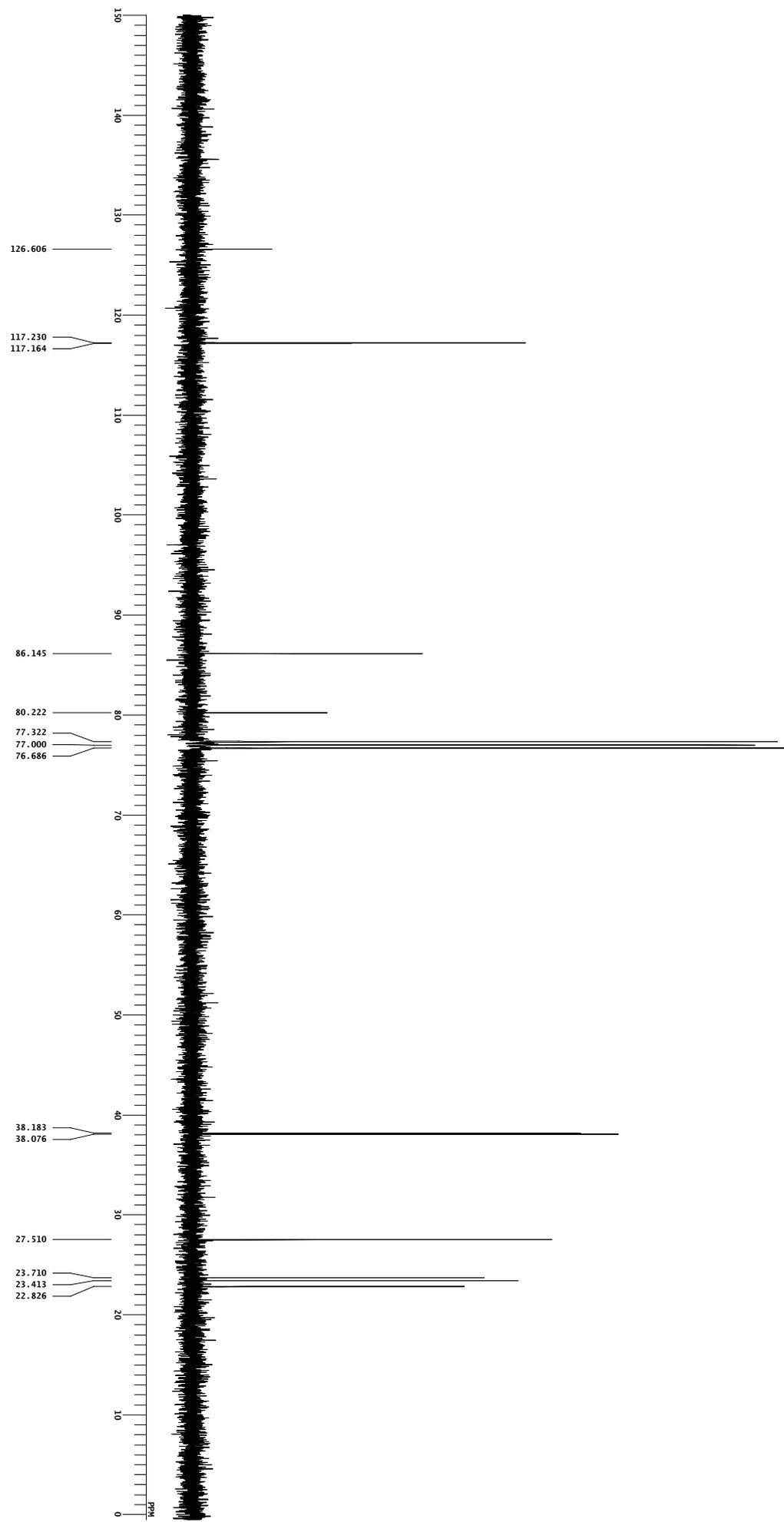
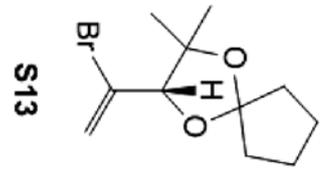
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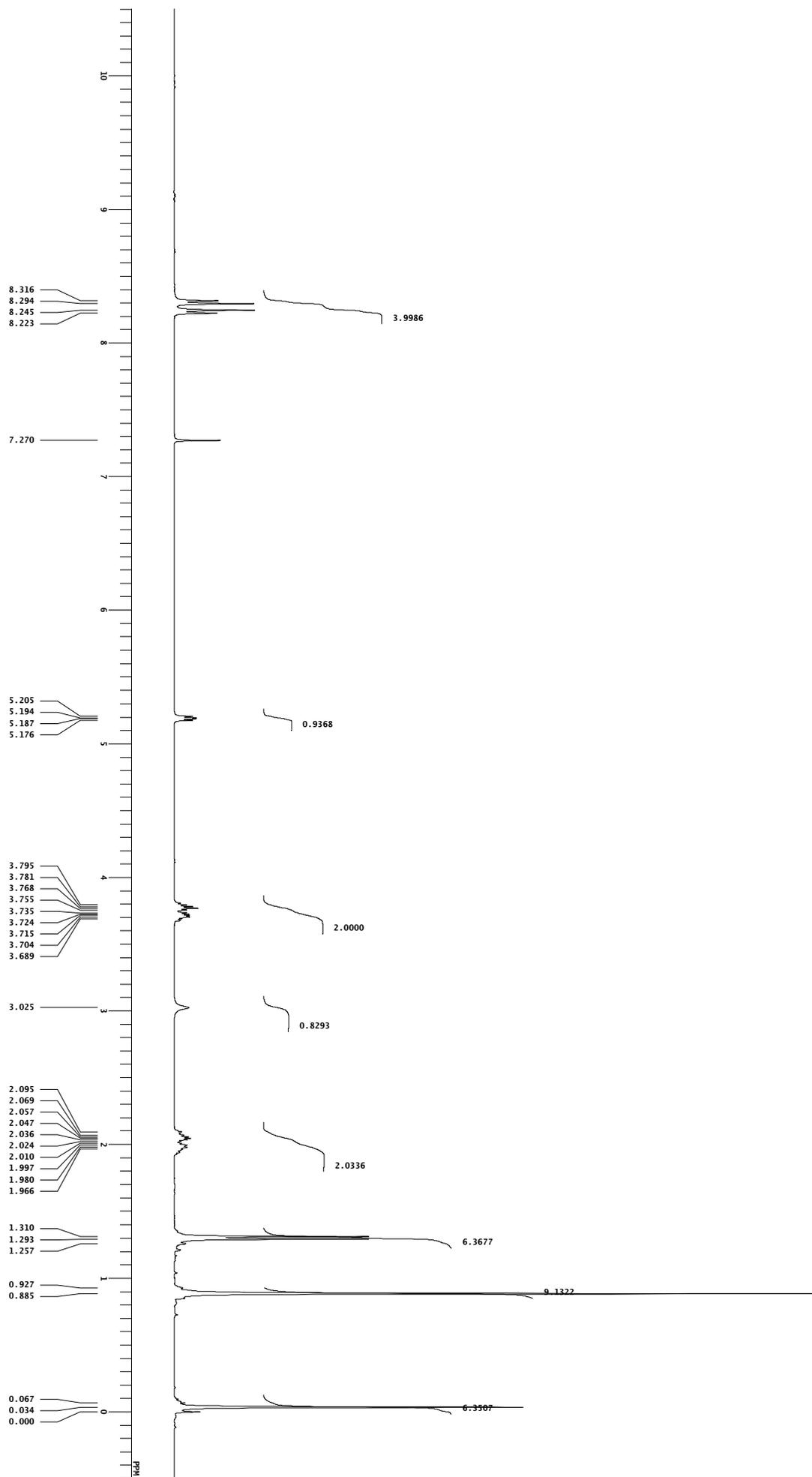
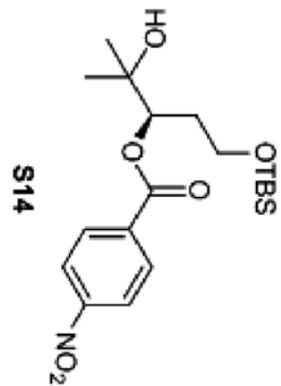


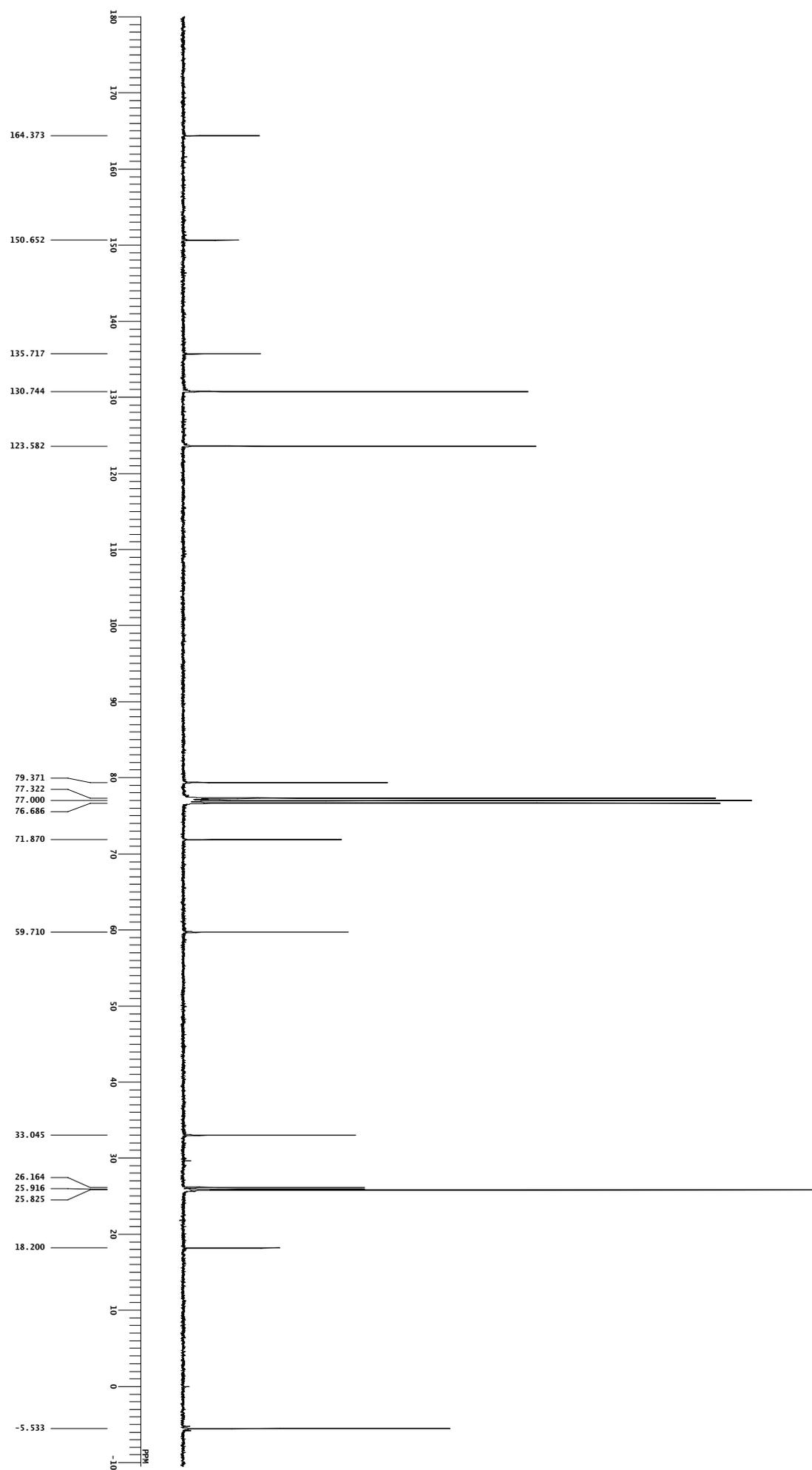
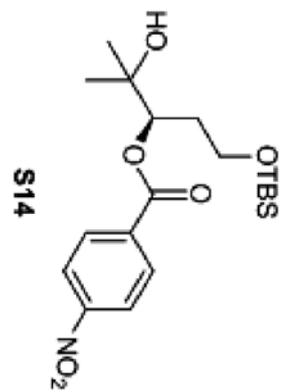


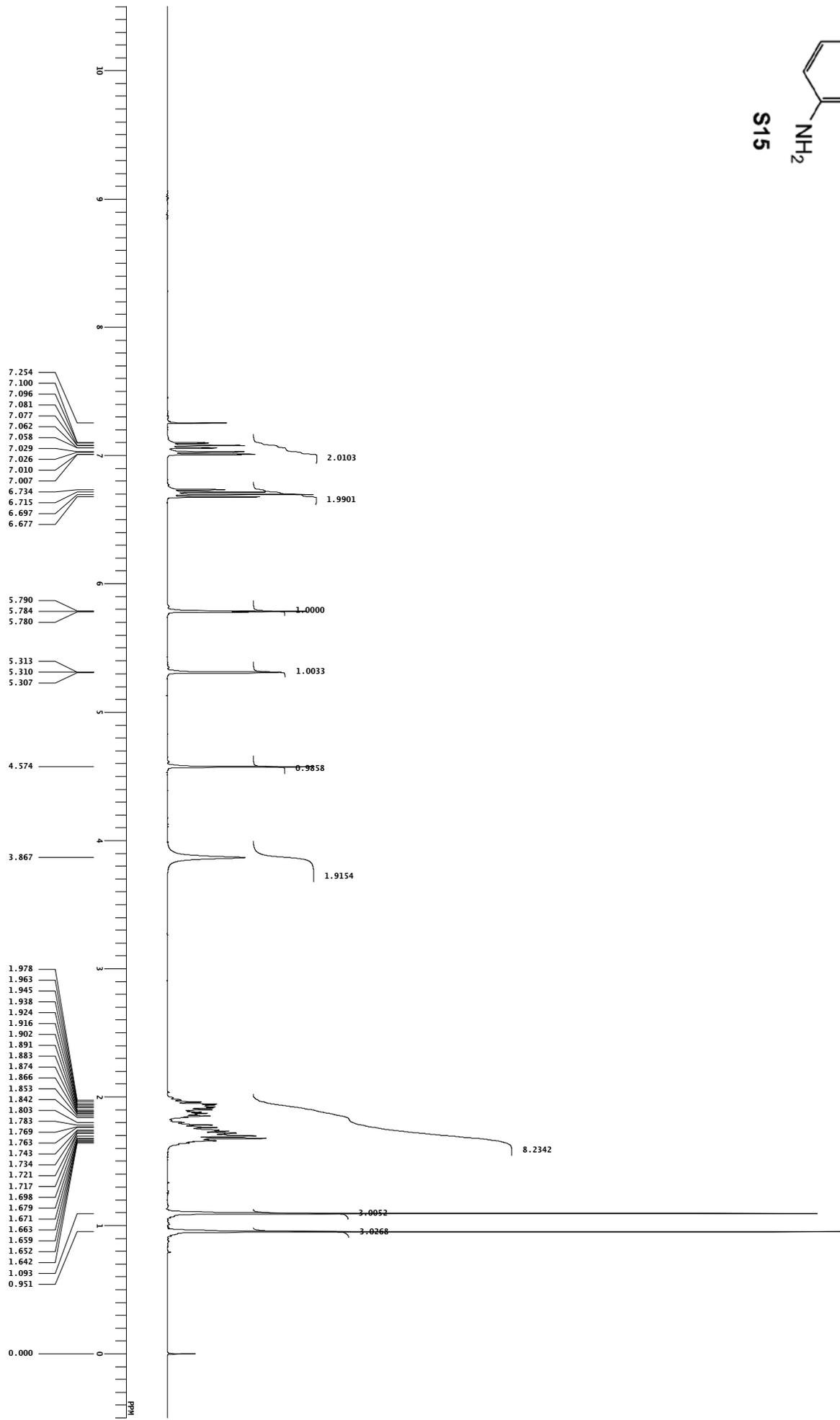
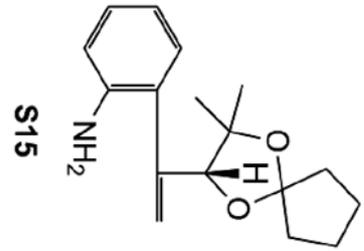


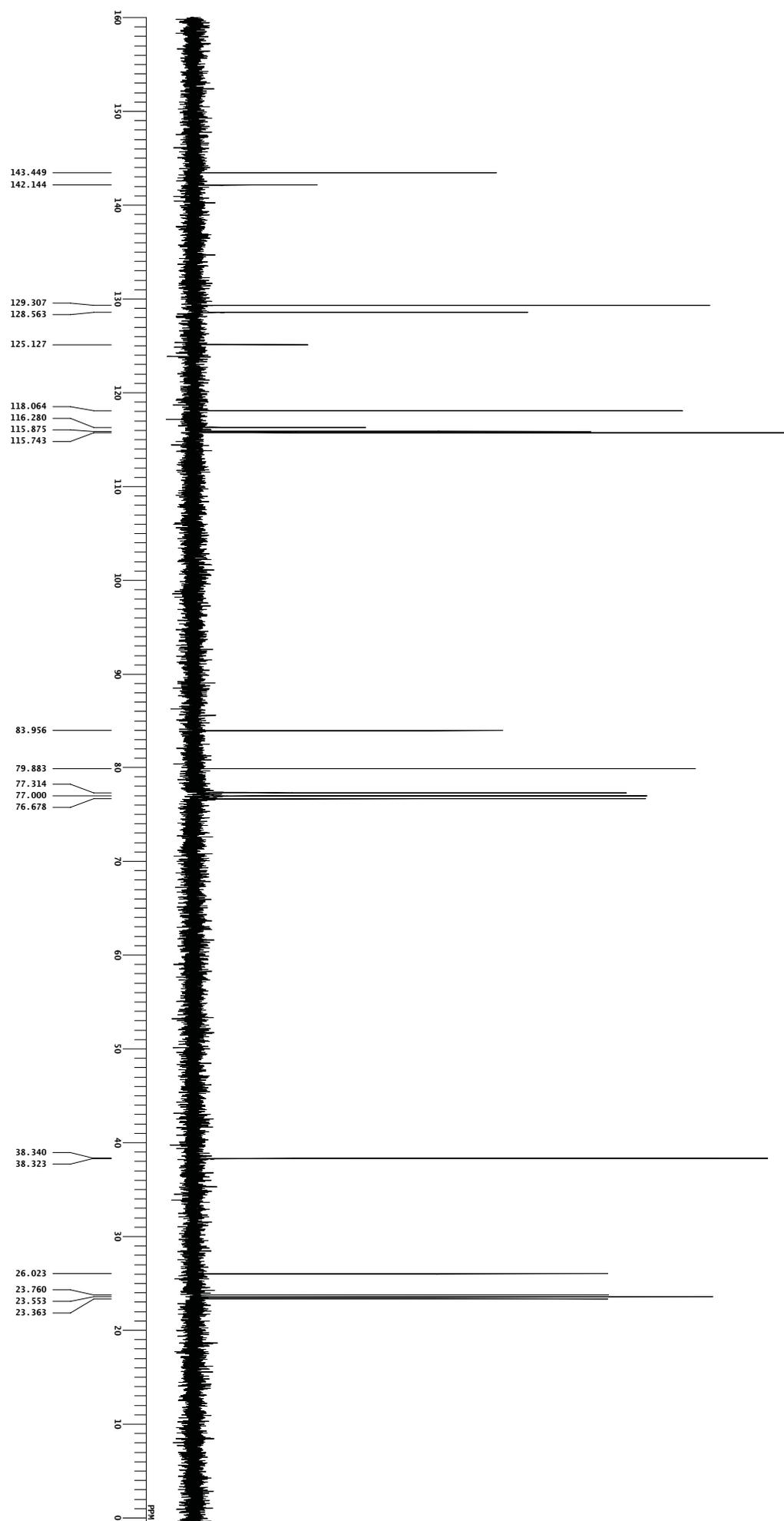
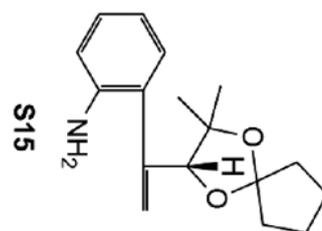


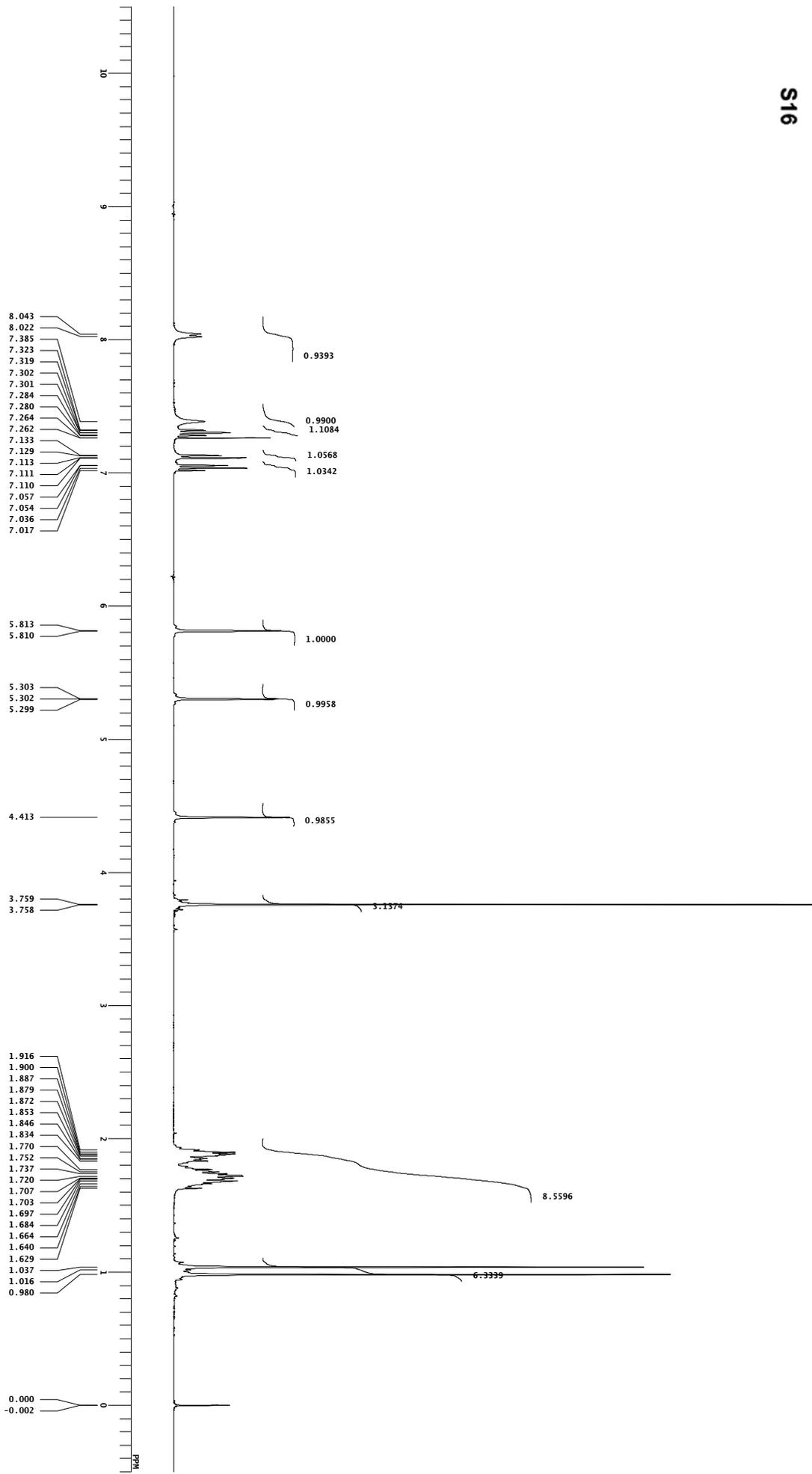
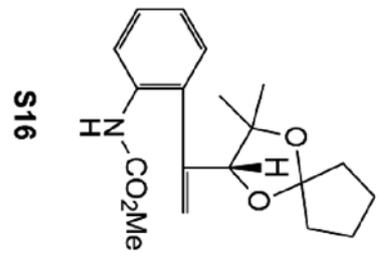




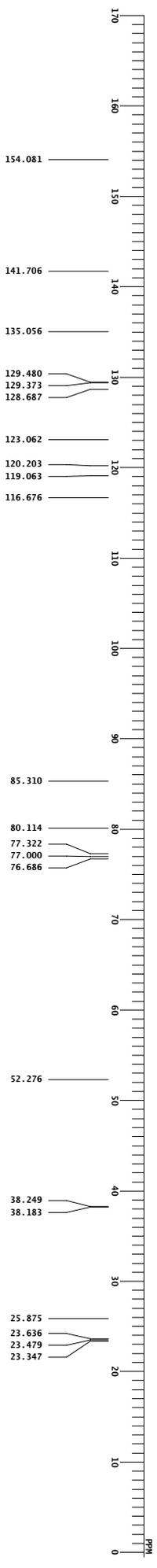
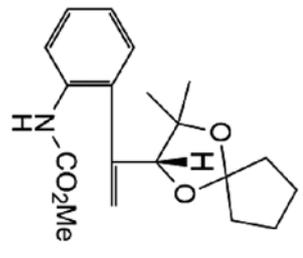


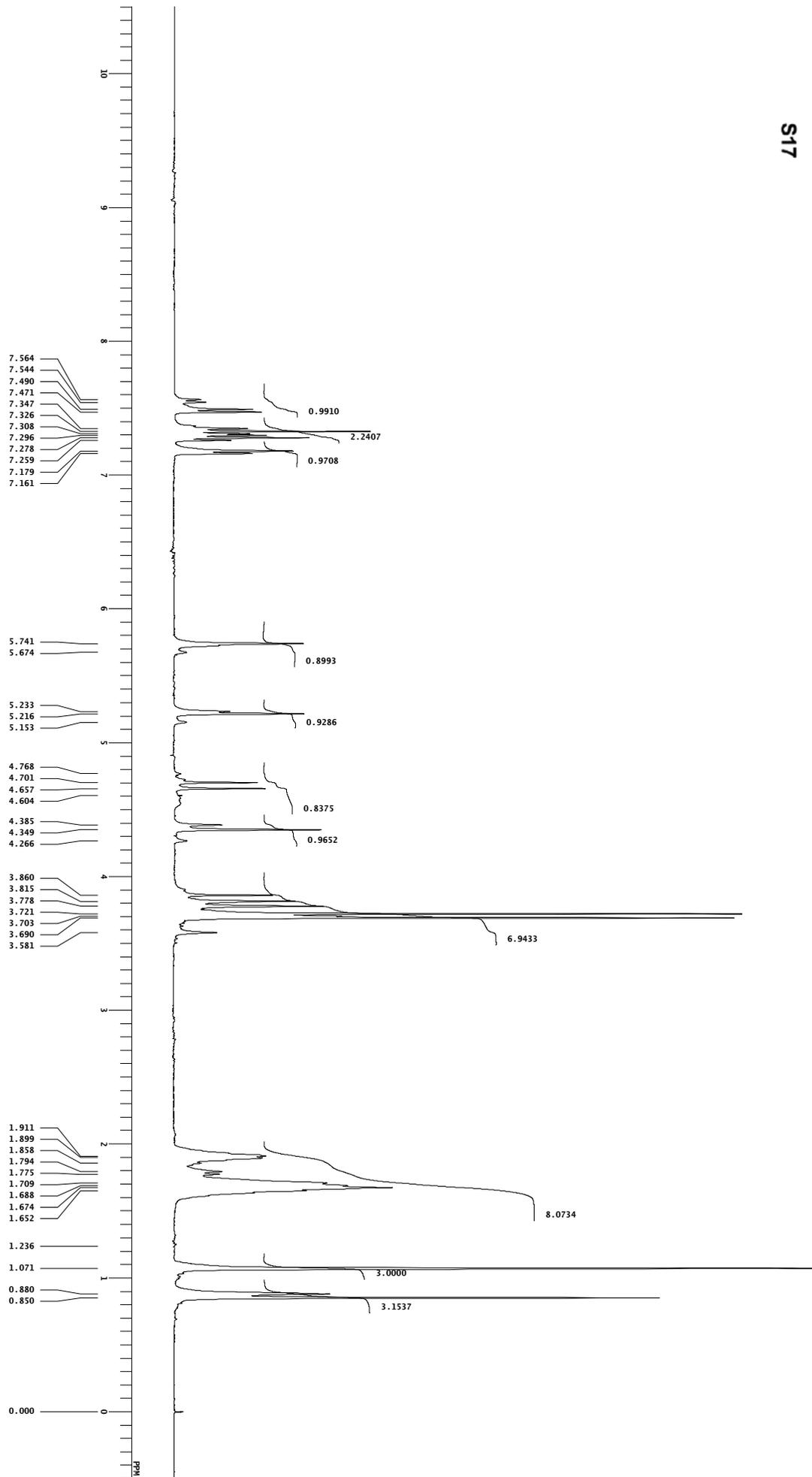
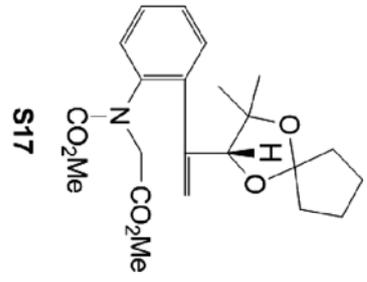


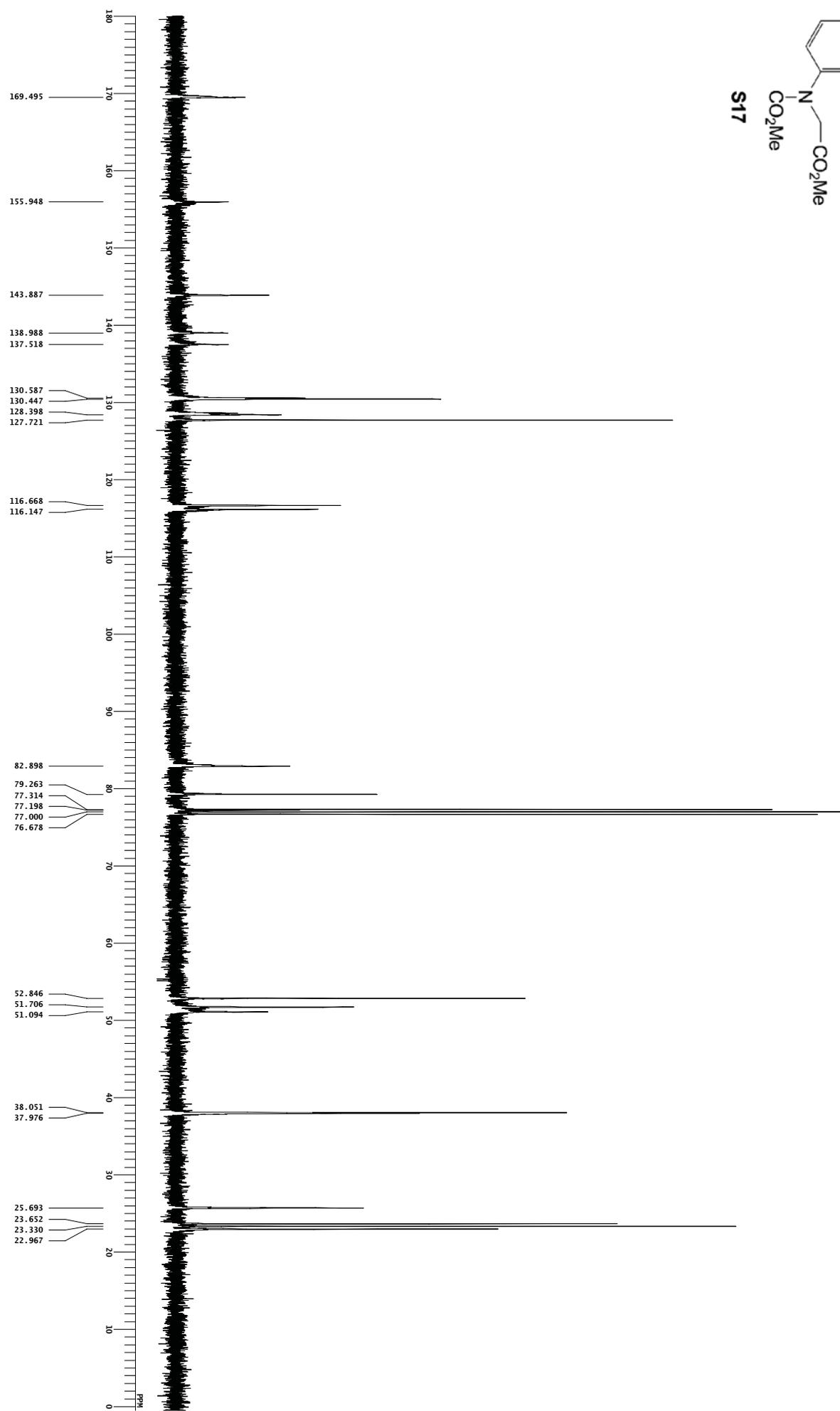
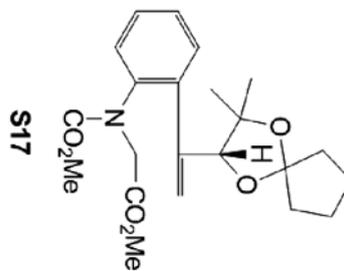


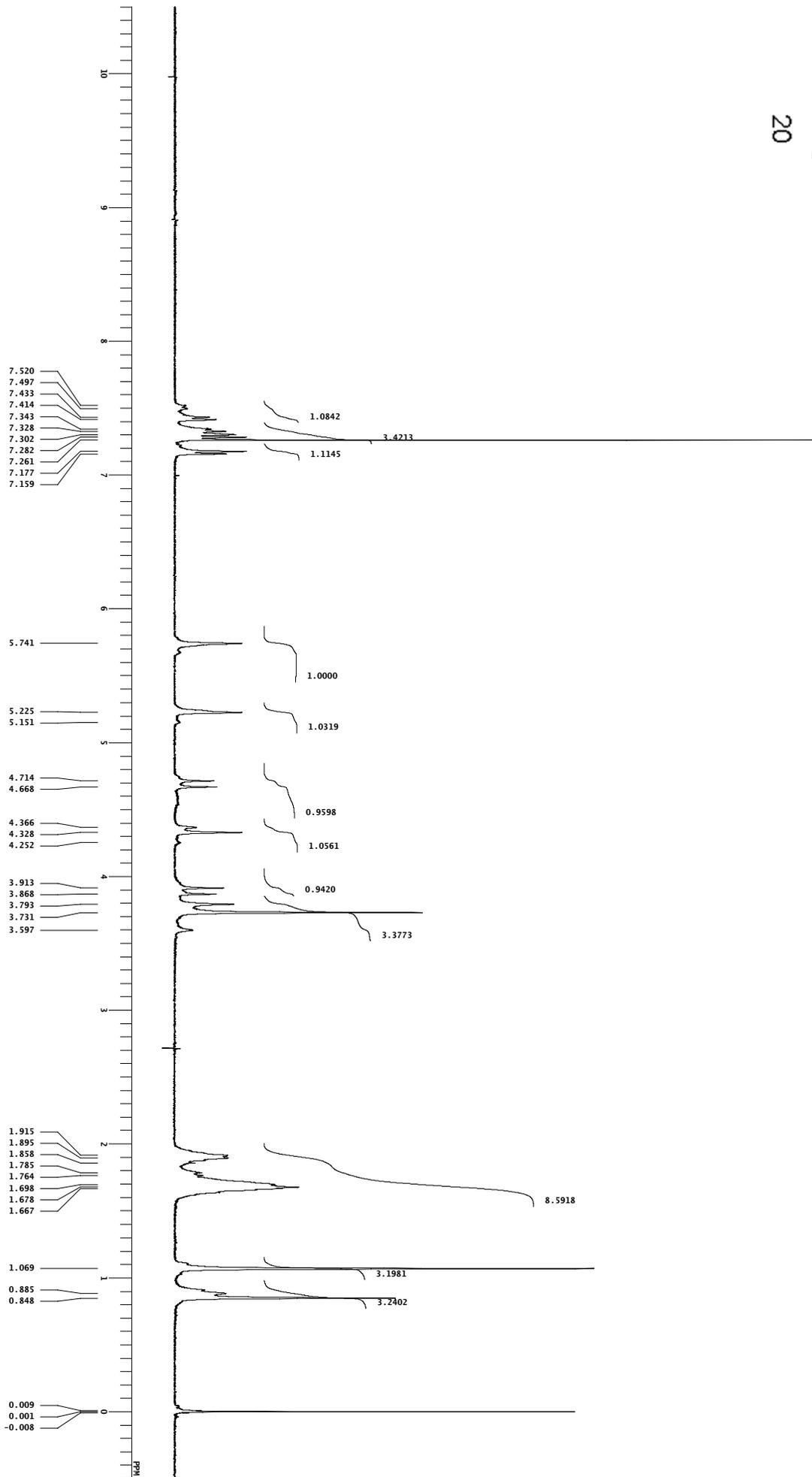
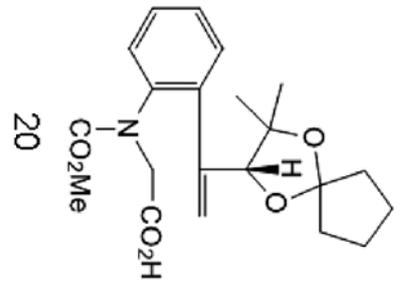


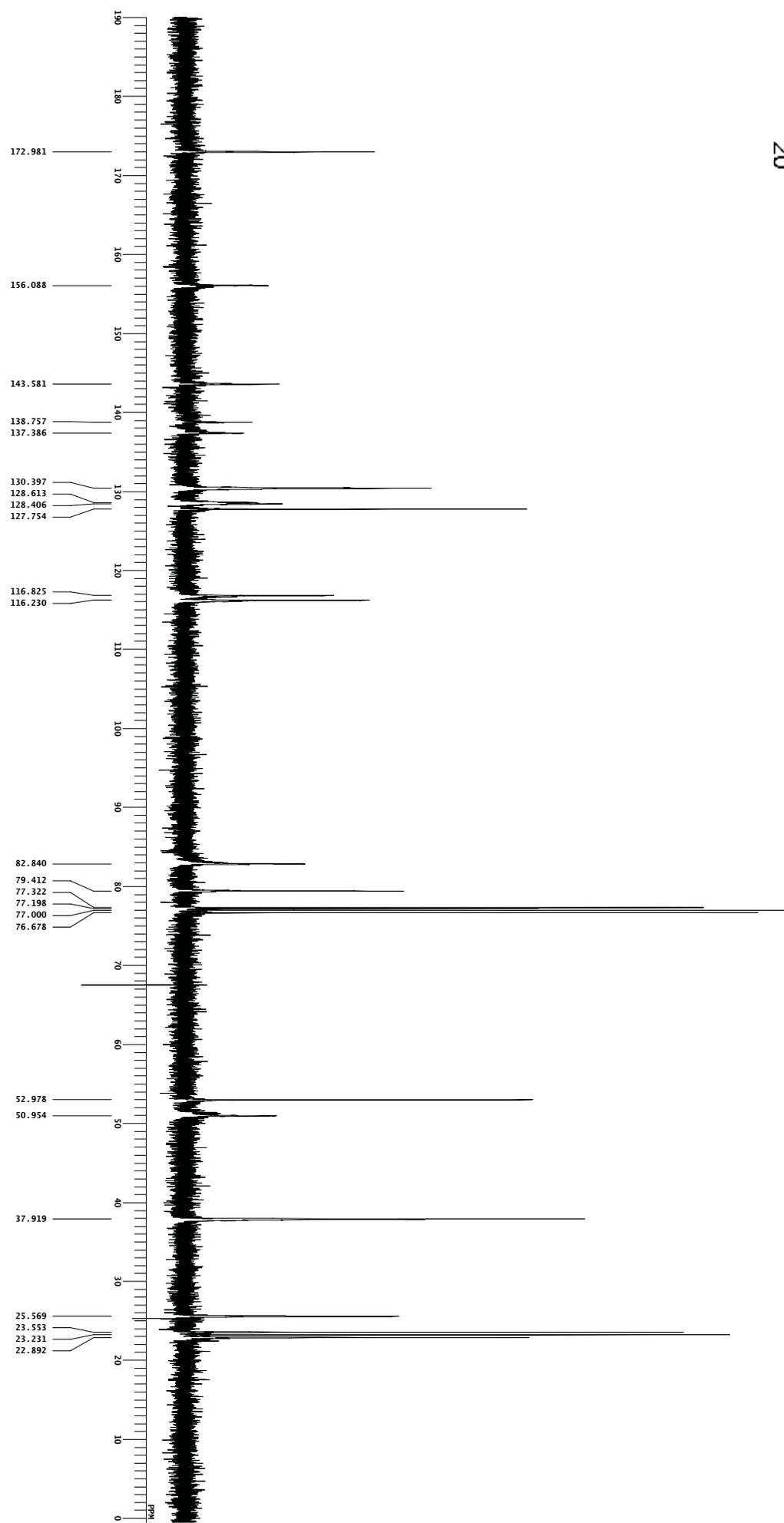
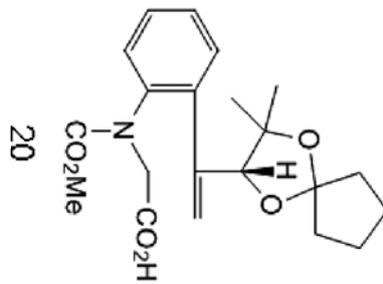
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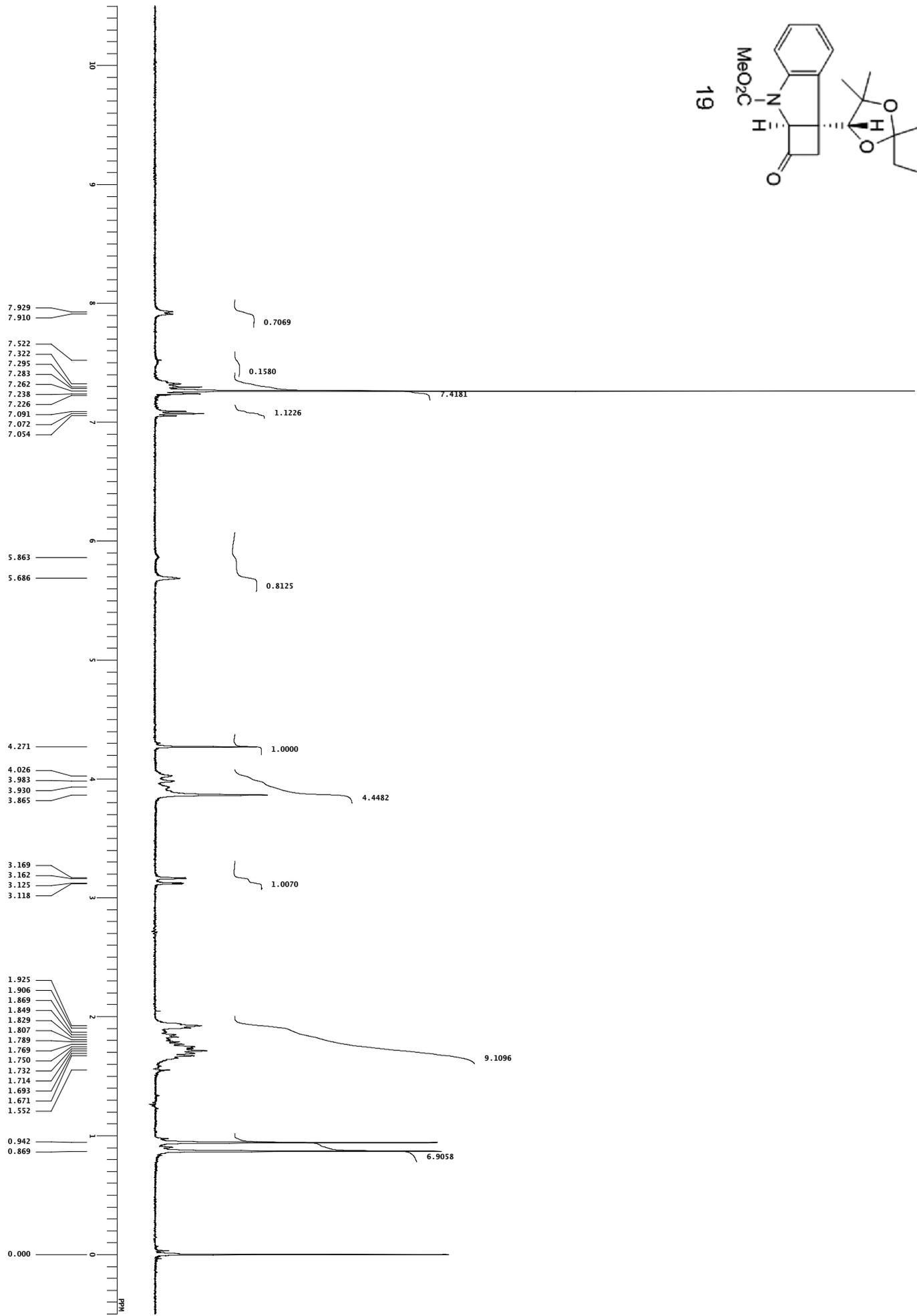
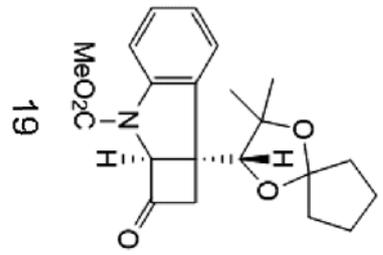


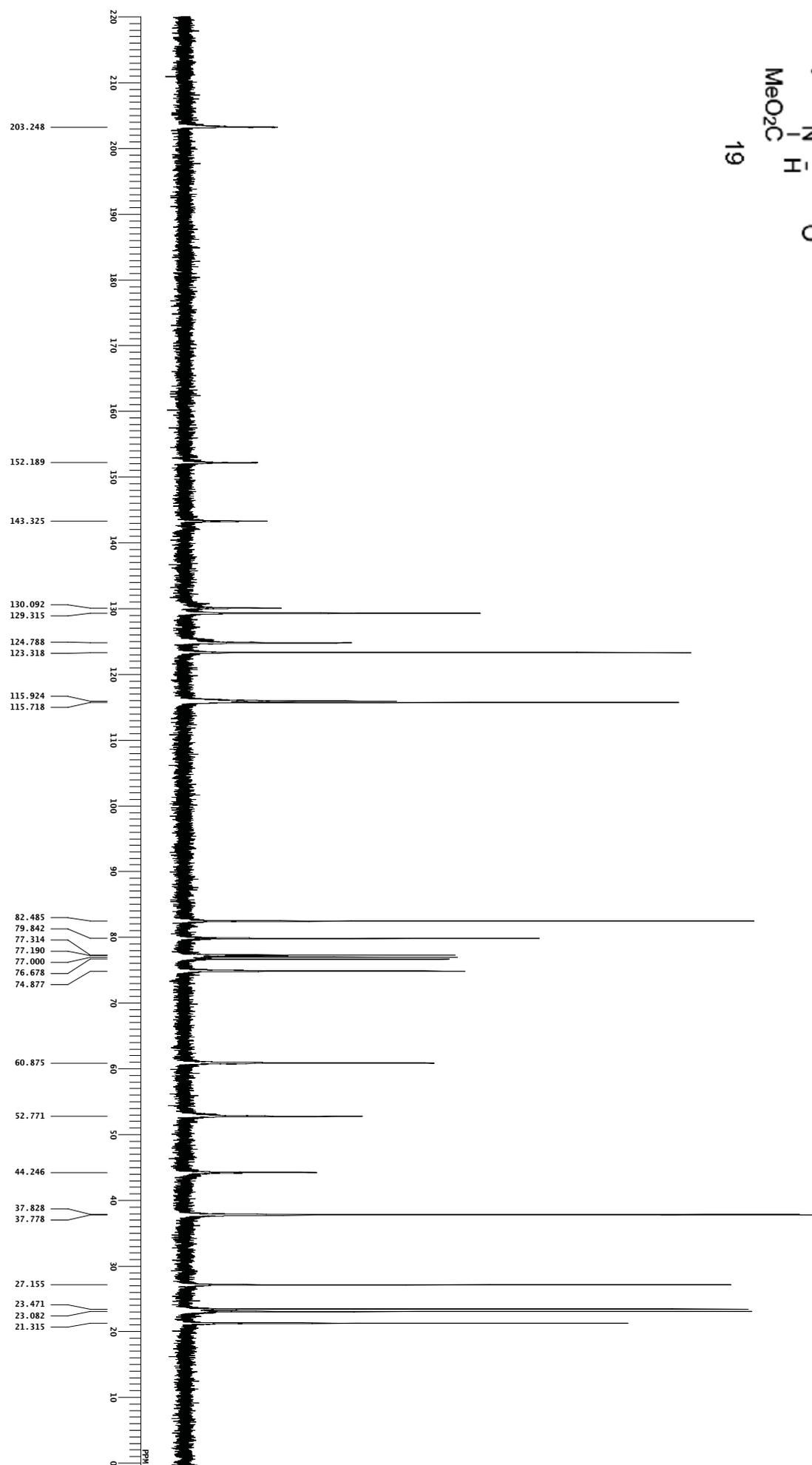
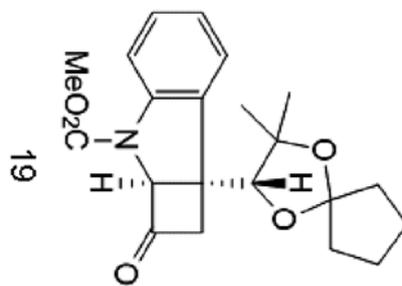


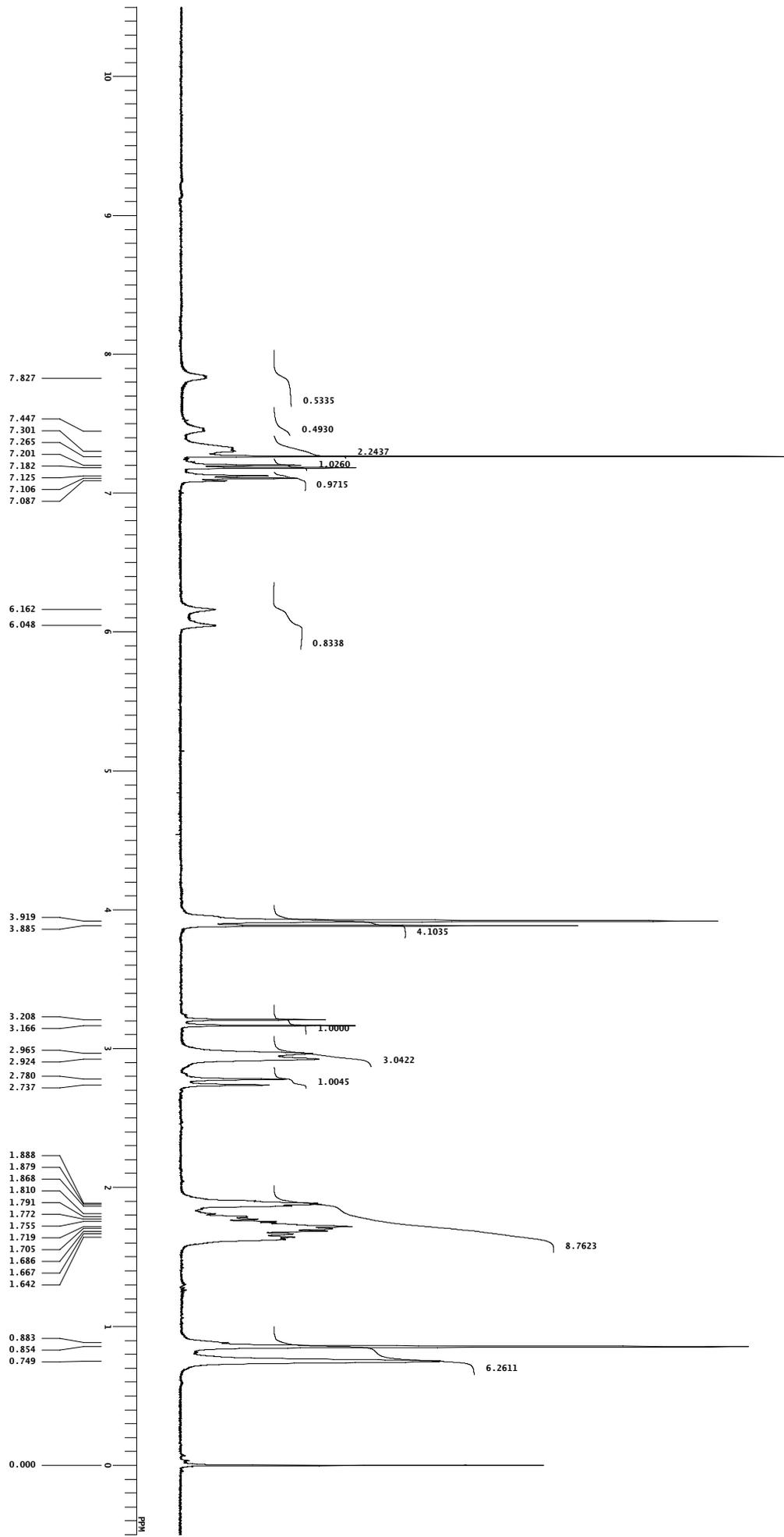
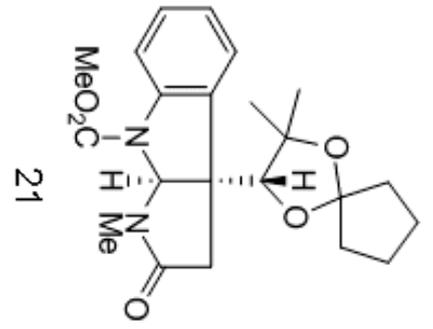


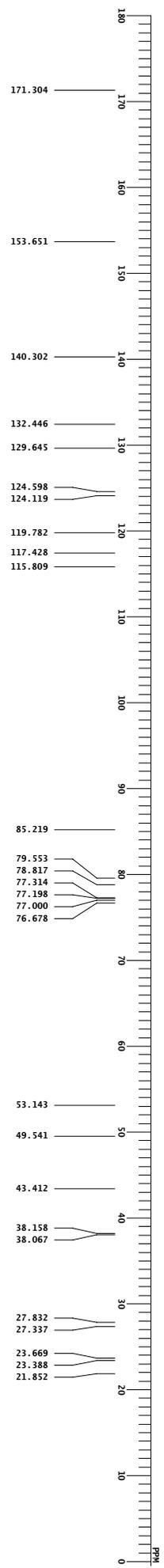
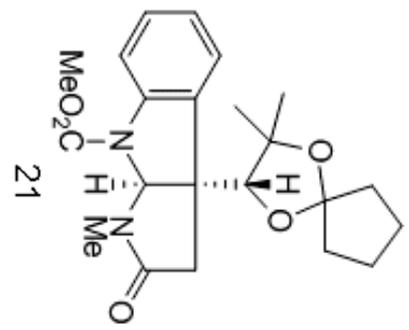


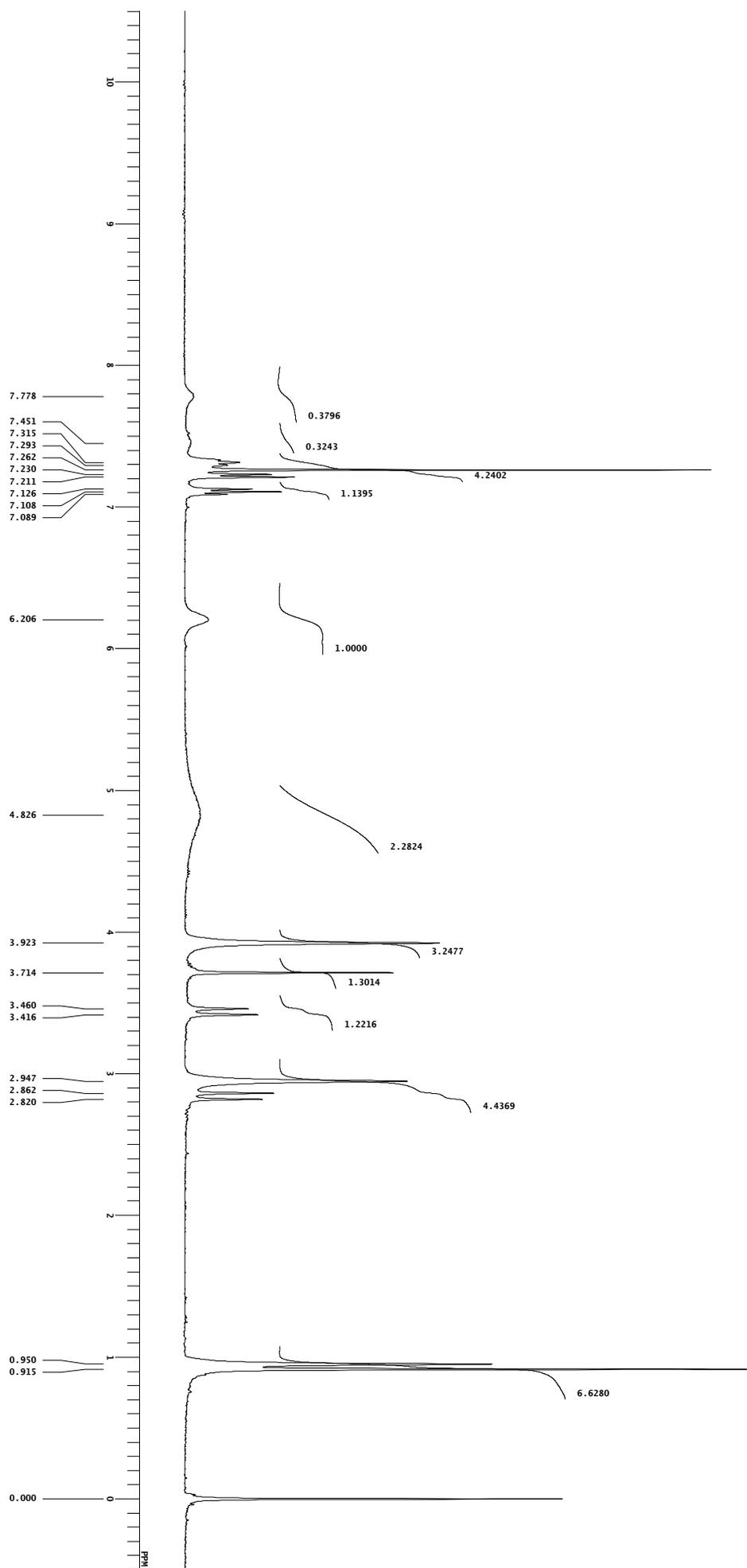
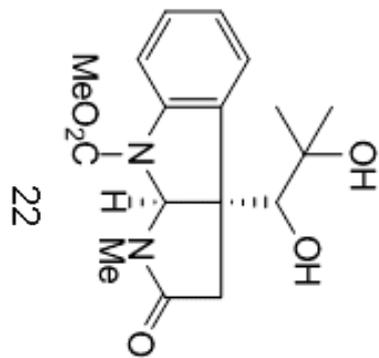


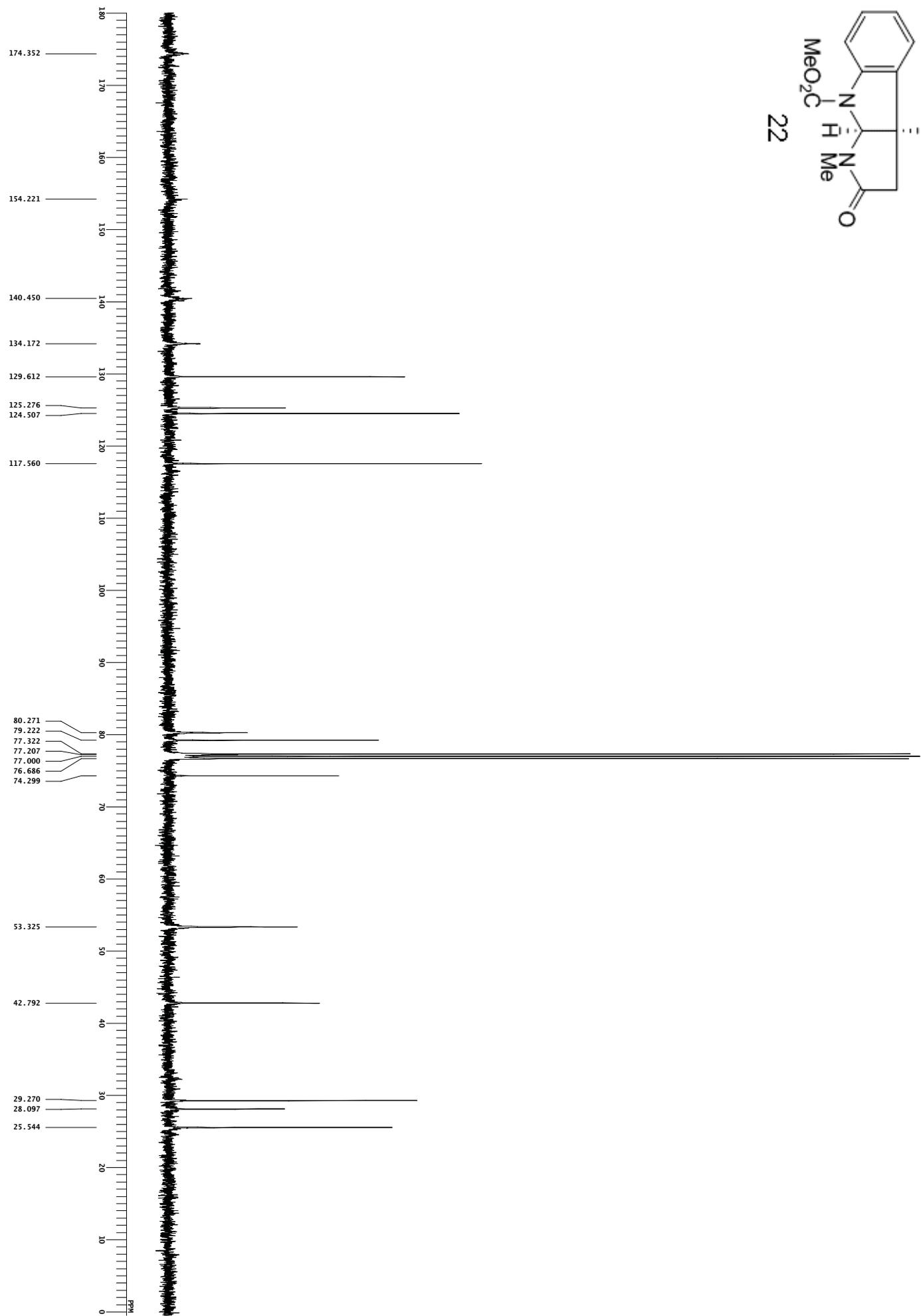
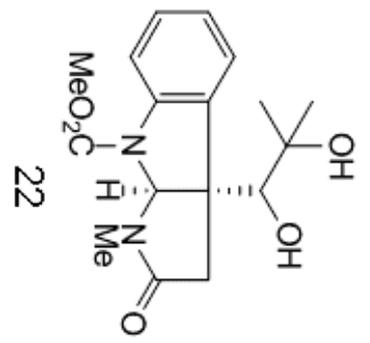


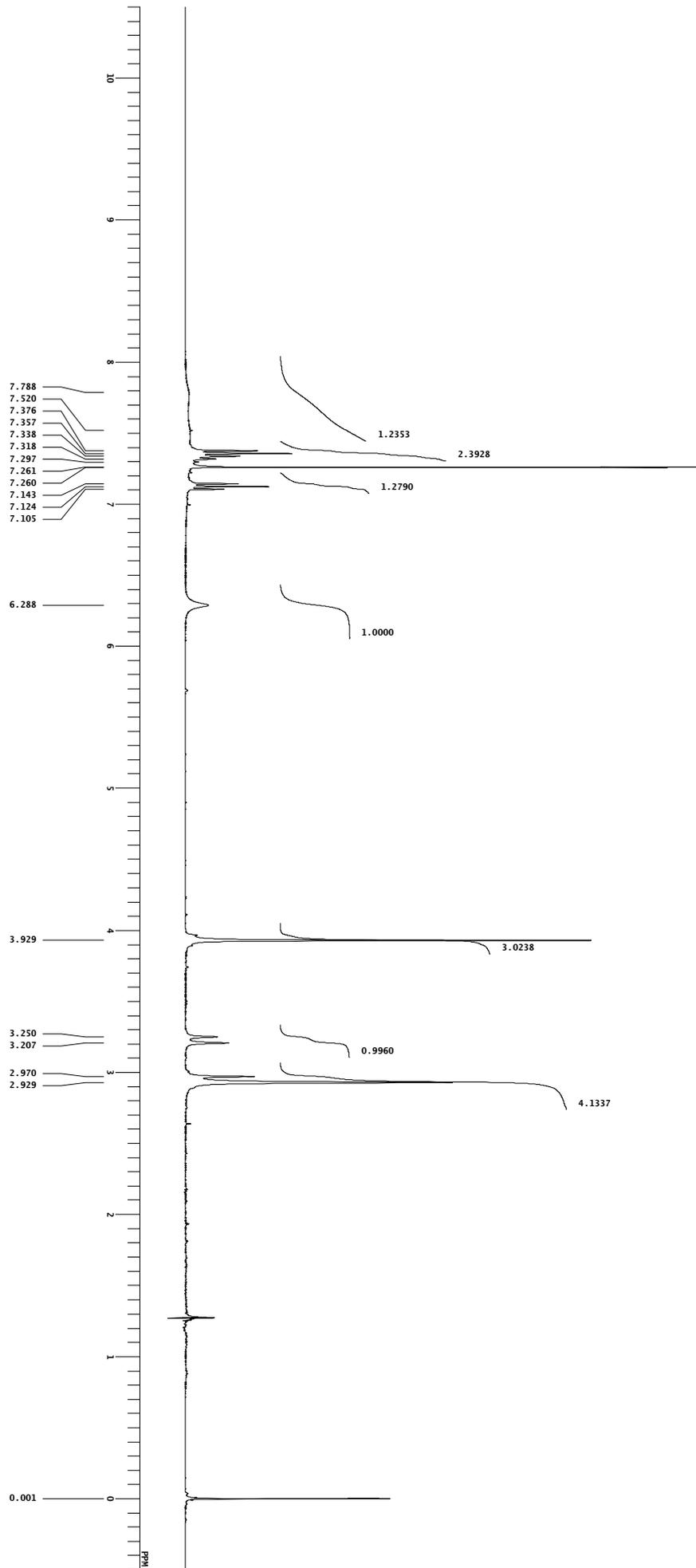
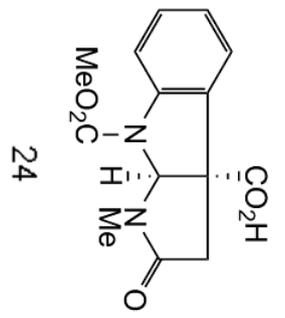


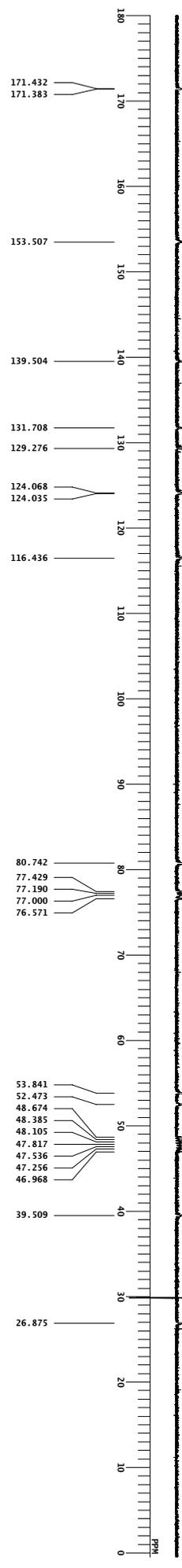
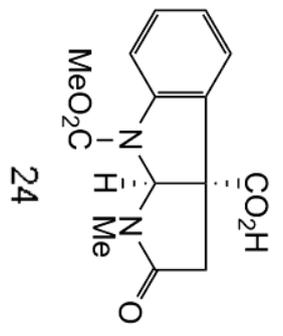


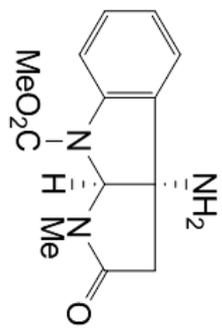




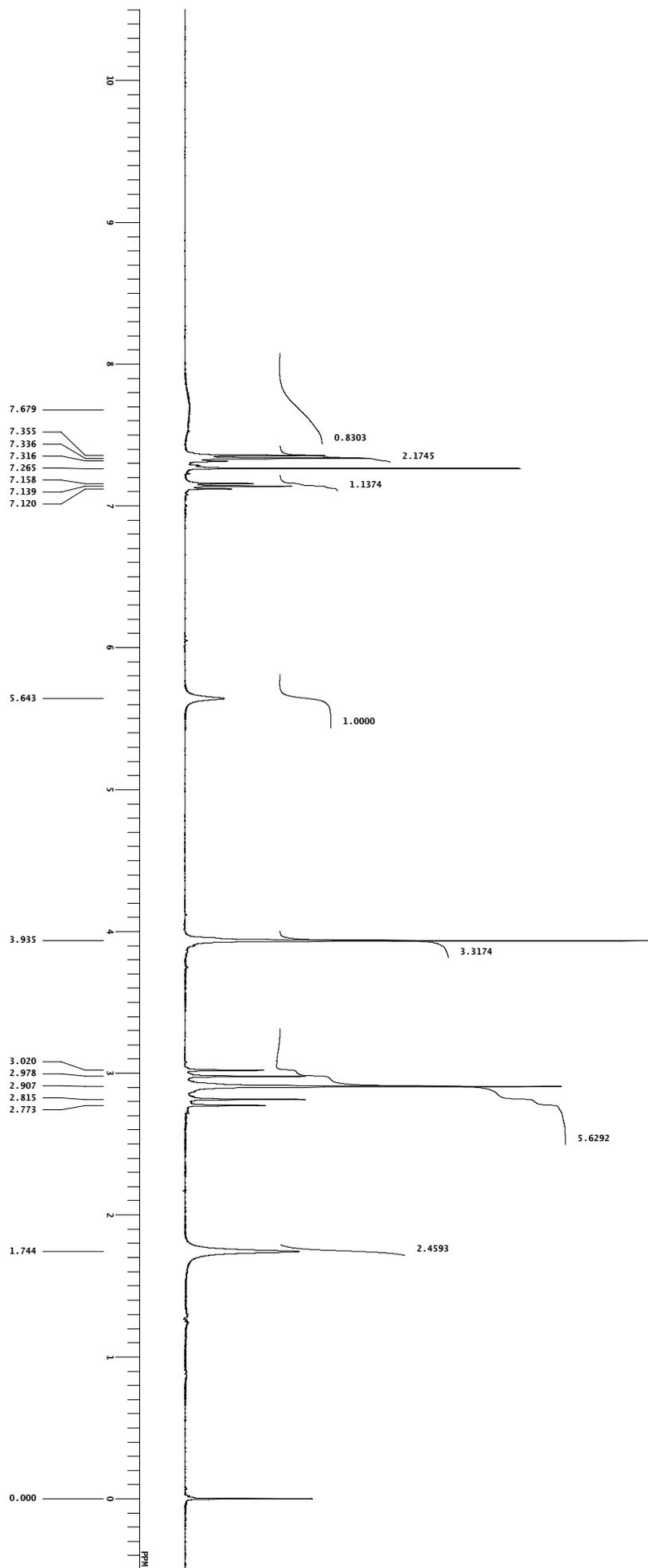


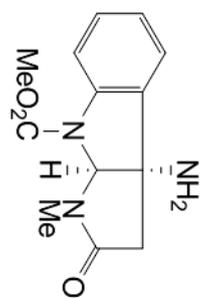




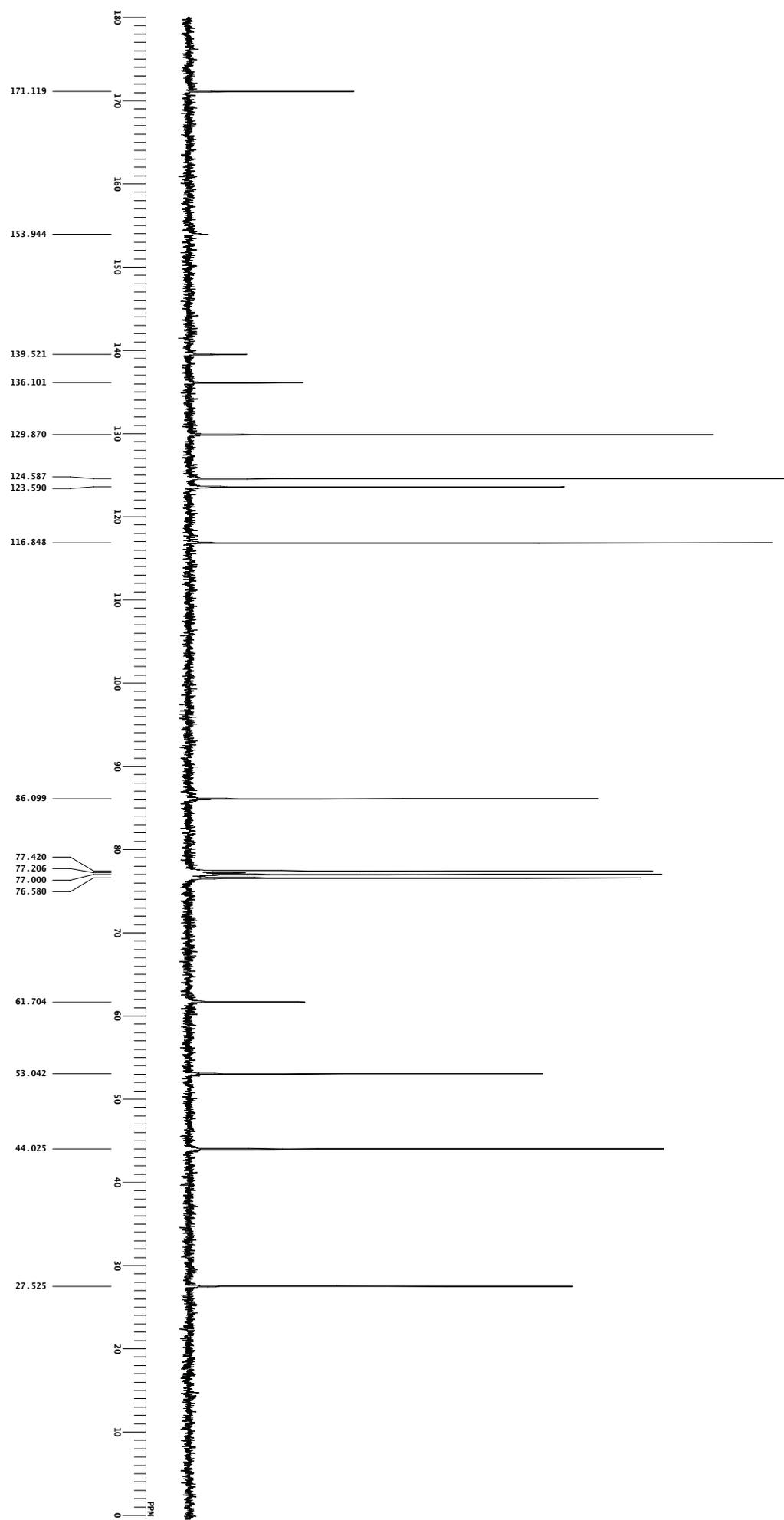


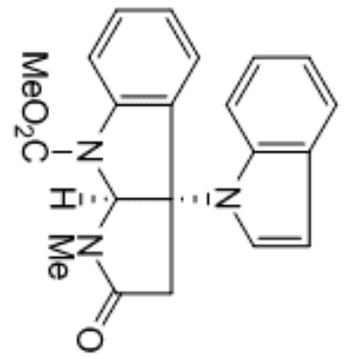
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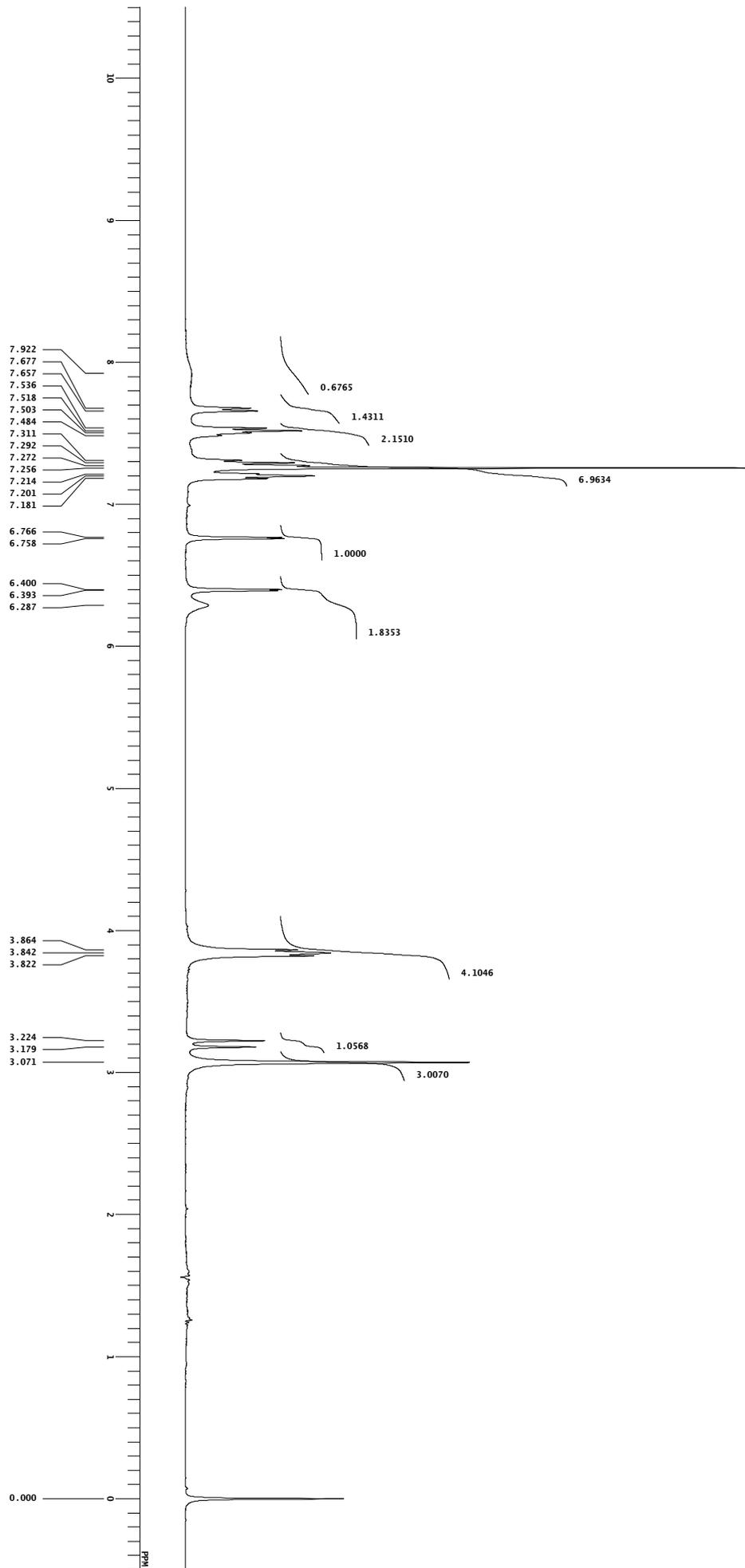


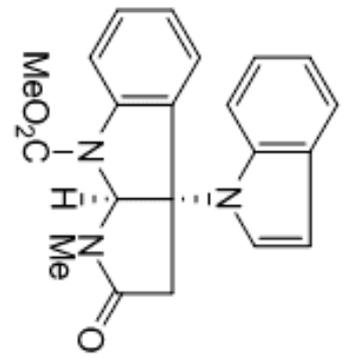
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