

Supporting Information

Catalytic Enantioselective Desymmetrization of meso-Glutaric Anhydrides Using a Stable Ni₂-Schiff Base Catalyst

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1. General

The reactions were performed in an oven-dried 10 mL test tube with a Teflon-coated magnetic stirring bar unless otherwise noted. All work-up and purification procedures were carried out with reagent-grade solvents under ambient atmosphere.

2. Instrumentation

Infrared (IR) spectra were recorded on a JASCO FT/IR 4100 Fourier transform infrared spectrophotometer. NMR (^1H NMR: 400 MHz, ^{13}C NMR: 100 MHz) was recorded on JEOL ECS-400 spectrometers. Chemical shifts for proton are reported in parts per million downfield from tetramethylsilane and are referenced to residual protium in the NMR solvent (CDCl_3 ; δ 7.26 ppm). For ^{13}C NMR, chemical shifts were reported in the scale relative to NMR solvent (CDCl_3 ; δ 77.0 ppm) as an internal reference. NMR data are reported as follows: chemical shifts, multiplicity (s: singlet, d: doublet, dd: doublet of doublets, t: triplet, q: quartet, m: multiplet, br: broad signal), coupling constant (Hz), and integration. Optical rotation was measured using a 2 mL cell with a 1.0 dm path length on a JASCO polarimeter P-1030. High-resolution mass spectra (ESI-Orbitrap) were measured on ThermoFisher Scientific LTQ Orbitrap XL. HPLC analysis was conducted on a JASCO HPLC system equipped with Daicel chiral-stationary-phase columns (ϕ 0.46 cm \times 25 cm).

3. Materials

Unless otherwise noted, materials were purchased from commercial suppliers and were used without purification. THF, diethyl ether, toluene and CH_2Cl_2 were purified by passing through a solvent purification system (Glass Contour). Dry CHCl_3 and Ni_2 -(Schiff base) catalyst were purchased from Wako Pure Chemical Co. Ltd. (Osaka, Japan) and used as received. 3-Methyl glutaric anhydride was purchased from TCI Chemical Industries Co. Ltd (Tokyo, Japan). 3-Phenyl glutaric acid was purchased from Aldrich and used for the synthesis of anhydride **1c** as reported.¹ Anhydrides **1b**,² **1d**,³ **1e**,⁴ and **1g**⁵ were synthesized using literature procedure. Anhydride **1f** is not reported and was synthesized using the same procedure as of compound **1e**.

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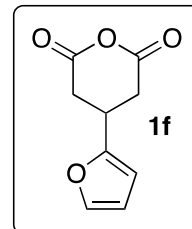
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4-(furan-2-yl)dihydro-2H-pyran-2,6(3H)-dione (1f)

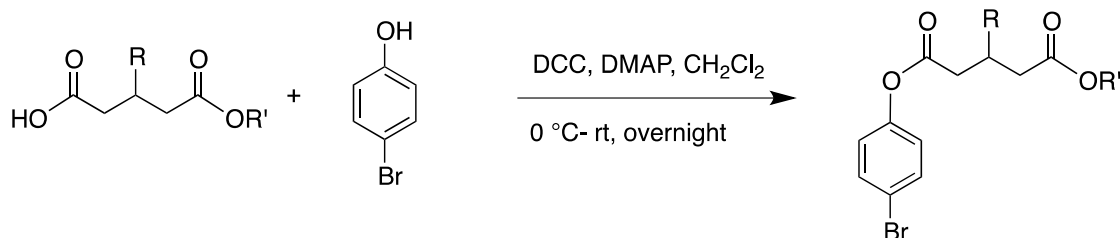
Light yellow solid; mp: 84-86 °C; IR (neat): ν 1815, 1752, 1508, 1268 cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR (CDCl_3): δ 7.31 (d, $J = 1.6$ Hz, 1H), 6.27 (dd, $J = 2.0$ Hz, 3.2 Hz, 1H), 6.10 (d, $J = 3.2$ Hz, 1H), 3.51-3.45 (m, 1H), 3.04-2.90 (m, 4H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3): δ 165.4, 152.1, 142.8, 110.5, 106.2, 34.5, 28.1; HRMS (ESI- Orbitrap) calcd. for $\text{C}_9\text{H}_9\text{O}_4$ m/z 181.0495 $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$, found 181.0493.

**General Procedure for the desymmetrization reaction**

To a oven-dried glass test tube equipped with a magnetic stirring bar was charged the corresponding anhydride (0.2 mmol), Ni_2 -(Schiff base) ((*R*)-isomer unless otherwise noted, 0.01 mmol, 5 mol%) and CHCl_3 (0.4 mL, 0.5 M).^a The reaction mixture was then cooled to the given temperature, followed by the addition of the corresponding alcohol (2 mmol, 10 equiv). The reaction mixture was then stirred for the time as indicated in the table. Dichloromethane (2 mL) was added to the reaction mixture and then extracted with sat. NaHCO_3 (2×2 mL). The aqueous layer collected was then washed with dichloromethane (2×2 mL) and then acidified to pH = 1.0 using 1N HCl. The compound was then extracted with ethyl acetate (3×10 mL), dried over Na_2SO_4 and evaporated under reduced pressure to furnish the compound in very good purity.

^a In case of anhydride **1g**, 4 mL (0.05 M) of CHCl_3 was used.

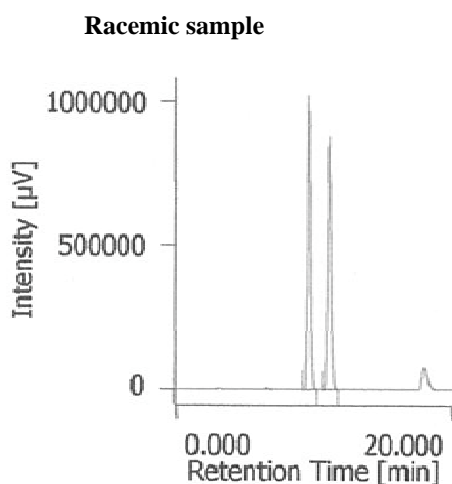
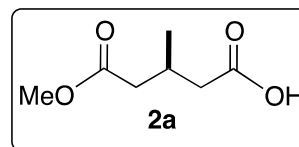
The ee value was determined using chiral HPLC analysis by converting the carboxylic acid to *p*-bromo phenol ester using literature procedure.⁶



Absolute configuration of **2a**, **2c**, and **2e** was determined by comparing signs of optical rotation (and chiral HPLC profiles for **2a**) with those reported on literature. For the others, it was correlated by analogy.

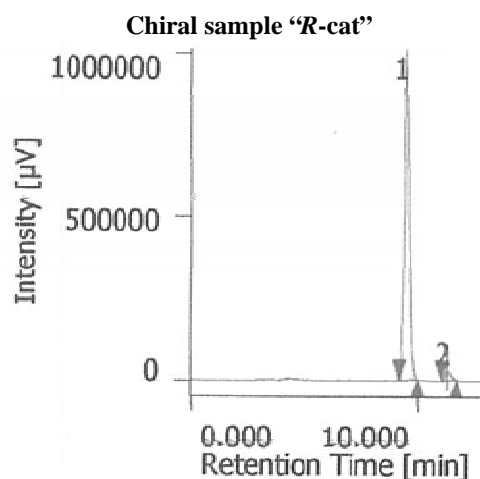
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Methyl (*S*)-3-methylglutarate (2a) is reported.⁶ Yield = 91%; ee = 94%. $[\alpha]_D^{23} -0.7$ (*c* 0.20, CHCl₃, 94% ee); HPLC (Daicel CHIRALPAK AD-H, ϕ 0.46 cm \times 25 cm, detection 220 nm, *n*-hexane / *i*PrOH = 19/1, flow rate = 1.0 mL/min) t_R = 9.5 min (major), t_R = 11.3 min (minor), (lit.⁶ t_R = 9.5 min ((*S*)-isomer), t_R = 11.3 min ((*R*)-isomer) under the same conditions for HPLC).



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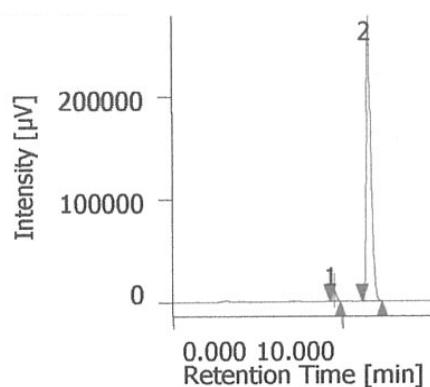


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ピーク名	tR [min]	面積%
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Unknown	11.300	3.069

Methyl (*R*)-3-methylglutarate (*ent*-2a) (product of (*S*)-Ni₂-(Schiff base)-catalyzed reaction) Yield = 88%; ee = 94%. $[\alpha]_D^{23} +0.9$ (*c* 0.17, CHCl₃, 94% ee,), (lit.⁶ $[\alpha]_D^{25} +0.6$ (*c* 1.0, CHCl₃, 84% ee)); HPLC (Daicel CHIRALPAK AD-H, ϕ 0.46 cm \times 25 cm, detection 220 nm, *n*-hexane / *i*PrOH = 19/1, flow rate = 1.0 mL/min) t_R = 9.5 min (minor), t_R = 11.5 min (major).

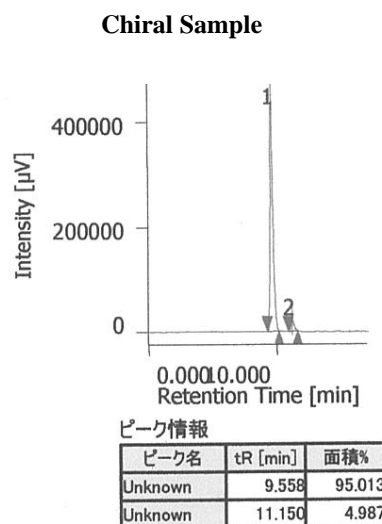
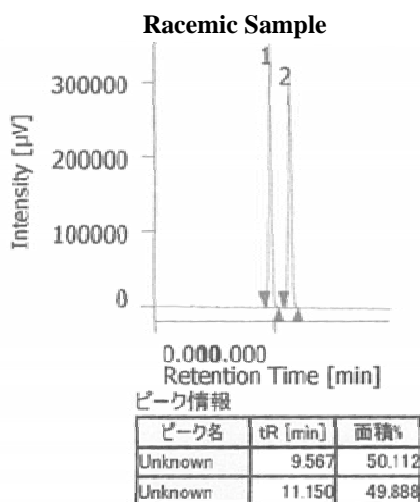
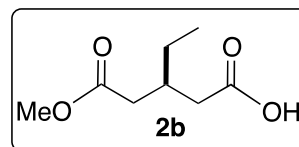
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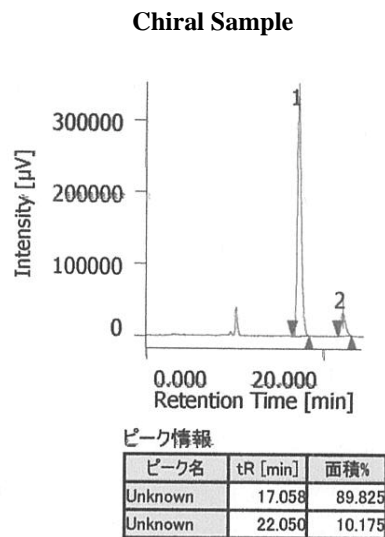
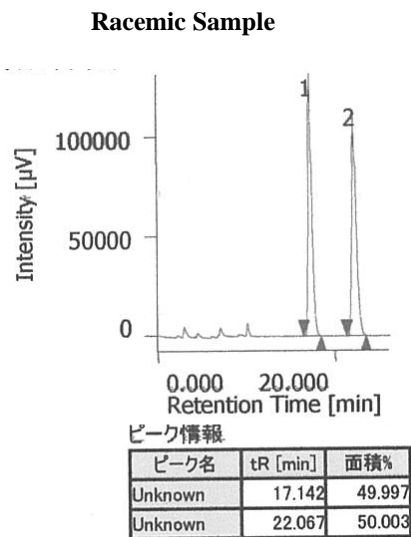
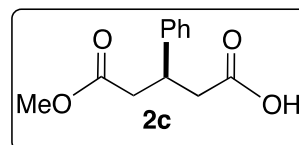
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Unknown	11.542	96.995

Methyl 3-ethylglutarate (2b) is reported.⁷ Yield = 99%; ee = 90%. HPLC (Daicel CHIRALPAK AD-H, ϕ 0.46 cm \times 25 cm, detection 220 nm, *n*-hexane / *i*PrOH = 19/1, flow rate = 1.0 mL/min) t_R = 9.6 min (major), t_R = 11.2 min (minor).



Methyl (S)-3-phenylglutarate (2c) is reported.⁸ Yield = 93%; ee = 80%. $[\alpha]_D^{23}$ -2.8 (*c* 0.83, CHCl₃, 80% ee,), (lit.⁴ $[\alpha]_D^{20}$ -3.6 (*c* 1.1, CHCl₃)); HPLC (Daicel CHIRALPAK AD-H, ϕ 0.46 cm \times 25 cm, detection 220 nm, *n*-hexane / *i*PrOH = 19/1, flow rate = 1.0 mL/min) t_R = 17.1 min (major), t_R = 22.0 min (minor).

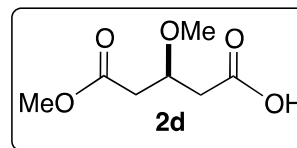
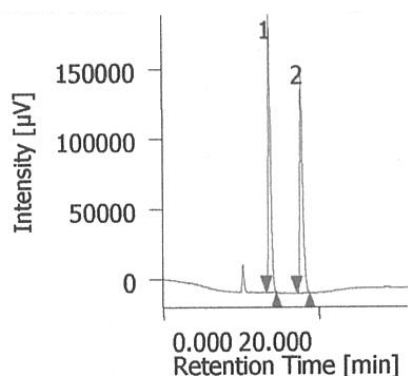


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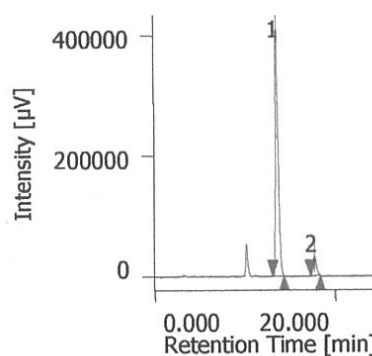
Methyl 3-methoxyglutarate (2d)

Colorless oil. Yield = 83%. IR (neat): ν 3224, 1736, 1613, 1438 cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR (CDCl_3): δ 4.03-3.97 (m, 1H), 3.64 (s, 3H), 3.34 (s, 3H), 2.63-2.50 (m, 4H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3): δ 176.4, 171.3, 74.0, 57.5, 51.8, 38.7, 38.6; HRMS (ESI- Orbitrap) calcd. for $\text{C}_7\text{H}_{11}\text{O}_5$ m/z 175.0601 $[\text{M}-\text{H}]^-$, found 175.0611. $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{23}$ -2.4 (c 0.20, CHCl_3 , 83% ee); HPLC (Daicel CHIRALPAK AD-H, ϕ 0.46 cm \times 25 cm, detection 220 nm, n -hexane / i PrOH = 19/1, flow rate = 1.0 mL/min) t_{R} = 13.6 min (major), t_{R} = 17.7 min (minor).

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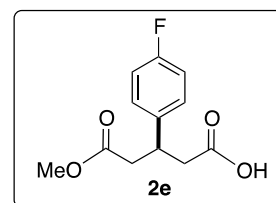
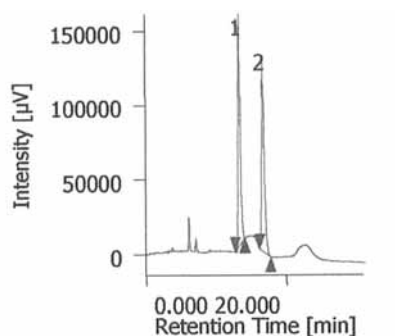
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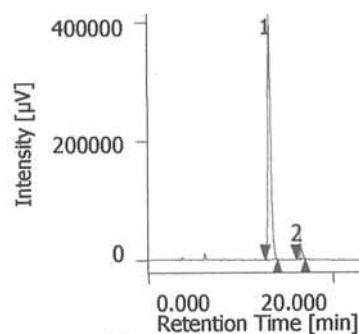
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Methyl (S)-3-(4-fluorophenyl)glutarate (2e) is reported.⁷

Yield = 92%; ee = 88%. $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{23}$ -2.0 (c 0.49, CHCl_3 , 88% ee,), (lit.⁴ $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{20}$ -4.3 (c 1.0, CHCl_3)); HPLC (Daicel CHIRALPAK AD-H, ϕ 0.46 cm \times 25 cm, detection 220 nm, n -hexane / i PrOH = 9/1, flow rate = 1.0 mL/min) t_{R} = 13.3 min (major), t_{R} = 16.6 min (minor)

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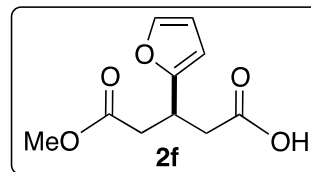
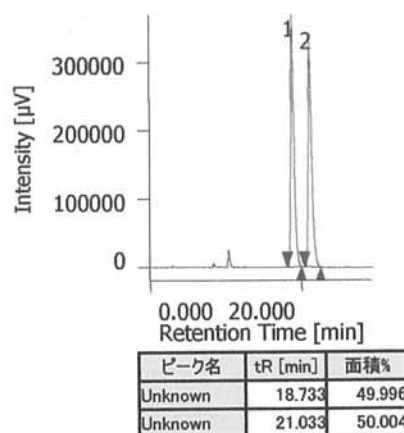
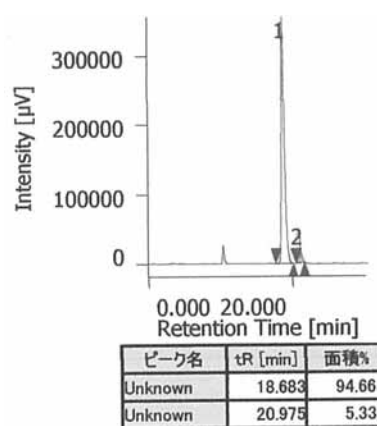
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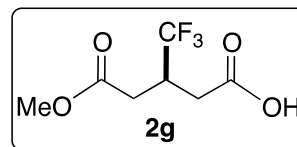
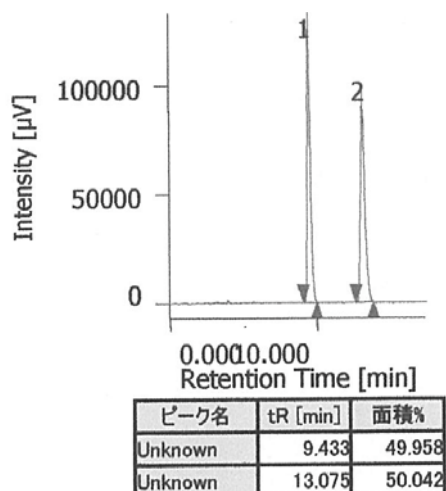
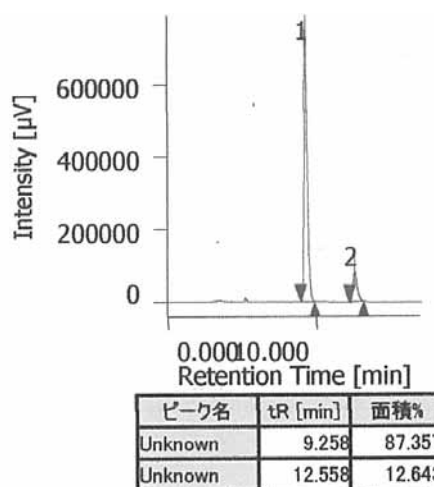
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Unknown	13.083	93.907
Unknown	16.383	6.093

Methyl 3-(furan-2-yl)glutarate (2f)

Colorless oil. Yield = 85%. IR (neat): ν 3122, 1737, 1712, 1437 cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR (CDCl_3): δ 7.29 (d, J = 1.4 Hz, 1H), 6.25 (dd, J = 1.8 Hz, 3.2 Hz, 1H), 6.07 (d, J = 3.2 Hz, 1H), 3.76-3.71 (m, 1H), 3.64 (s, 3H), 2.76-2.69 (m, 4H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3): δ 177.3, 171.9, 155.0, 141.6, 110.2, 105.5, 51.8, 37.7, 37.5, 31.6; HRMS (ESI-Orbitrap) calcd. for $\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_{11}\text{O}_5$ m/z 211.0601 $[\text{M}-\text{H}]^-$, found 211.0609; $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{23}$ +1.7 (c 0.73, CHCl_3 , 89% ee); HPLC (Daicel CHIRALPAK AD-H, ϕ 0.46 cm \times 25 cm, detection 220 nm, n -hexane / i PrOH = 19/1, flow rate = 1.0 mL/min) t_{R} = 18.7 min (major), t_{R} = 21.0 min (minor).

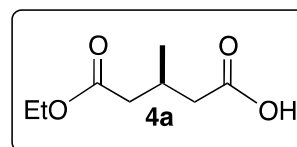
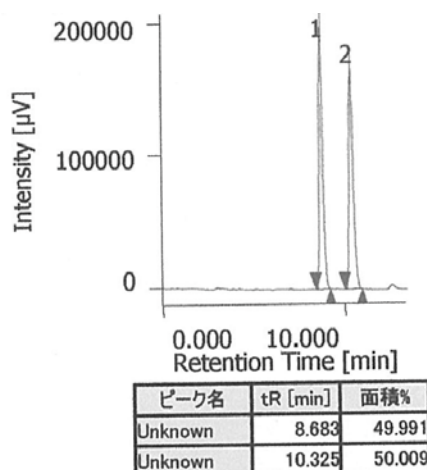
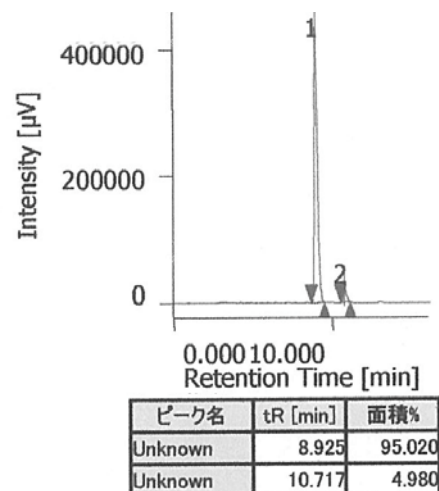
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Colorless oil. Yield = 86%. IR (neat): ν 3203, 1743, 1720, 1440 cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR (CDCl_3): δ 3.72 (s, 3H), 3.33-3.25 (m, 1H), 2.78-2.69 (m, 2H), 2.63-2.51 (m, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3): δ 176.1, 170.7, 126.7 (d, J = 279.4 Hz), 52.2, 36.7 (q, J = 28.8 Hz), 32.6 (m); HRMS (ESI-Orbitrap) calcd. for $\text{C}_7\text{H}_8\text{O}_4\text{F}_3$ m/z 213.0369 $[\text{M}-\text{H}]^-$, found 213.0371; $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{23}$ -2.0 (c 0.27, CHCl_3 , 75% ee); HPLC (Daicel CHIRALPAK AD-H, ϕ 0.46 cm \times 25 cm, detection 220 nm, n -hexane / i PrOH = 19/1, flow rate = 1.0 mL/min) t_{R} = 9.3 min (major), t_{R} = 12.6 min (minor).

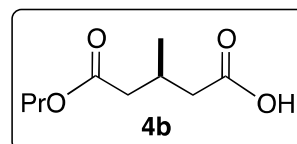
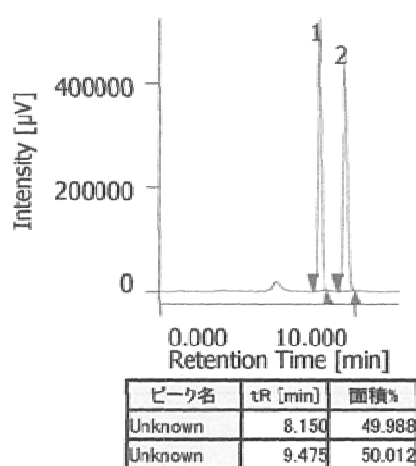
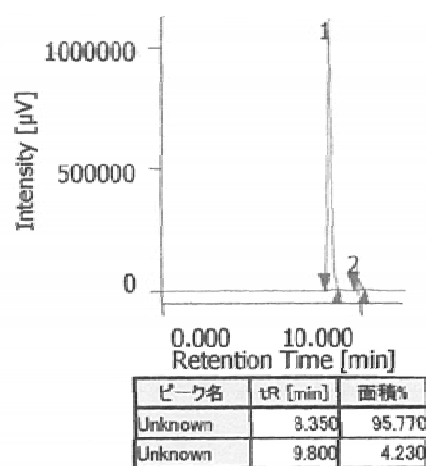
**Racemic Sample****Chiral Sample**

Ethyl 3-methylglutarate (4a)

Colorless oil. Yield = 88%. IR (neat): ν 3239, 1733, 1712, 1460 cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR (CDCl_3): δ 4.14 (q, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 2.52-2.23 (m, 4H), 1.26 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 3H), 1.06 (d, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3): δ 178.1, 172.3, 60.4, 40.8, 40.5, 27.2, 19.8, 14.2; HRMS (ESI-Orbitrap) calcd. for $\text{C}_8\text{H}_{13}\text{O}_4$ m/z 173.0808 $[\text{M}-\text{H}]^-$, found 173.0822; $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{23} -1.2$ (c 0.49, CHCl_3 , 90% ee); HPLC (Daicel CHIRALPAK AD-H, ϕ 0.46 cm \times 25 cm, detection 220 nm, n -hexane / i PrOH = 19/1, flow rate = 1.0 mL/min) $t_{\text{R}} = 8.9$ min (major), $t_{\text{R}} = 10.7$ min (minor).

**Racemic Sample****Chiral Sample****Propyl 3-methylglutarate (4b) is reported.⁹**

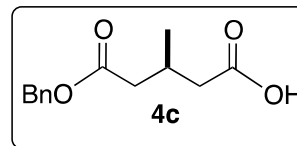
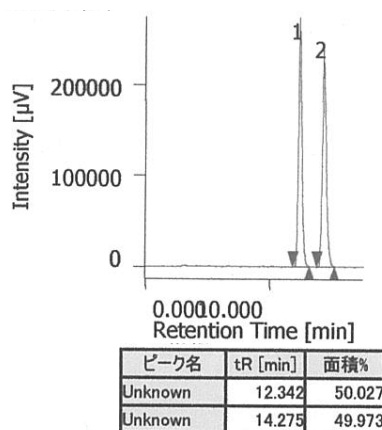
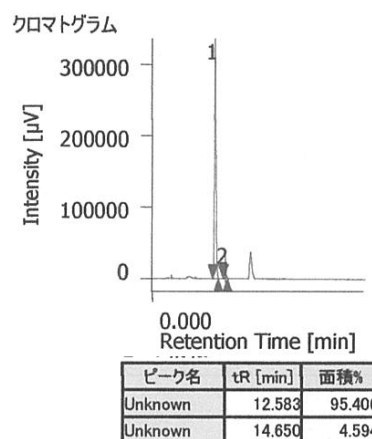
Yield = 90%; ee = 92%. HPLC (Daicel CHIRALPAK AD-H, ϕ 0.46 cm \times 25 cm, detection 220 nm, n -hexane / i PrOH = 9/1, flow rate = 1.0 mL/min) $t_{\text{R}} = 8.4$ min (major), $t_{\text{R}} = 9.8$ min (minor).

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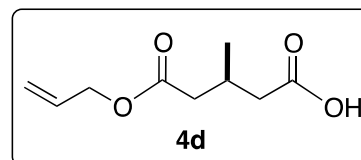
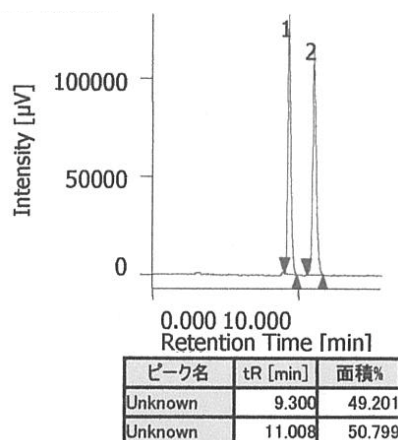
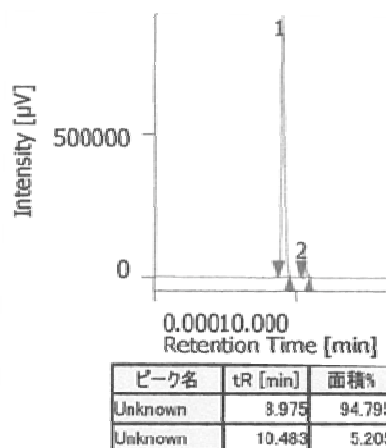
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Benzyl 3-methylglutarate (4c)

Colorless oil. Yield = 80%. IR (neat): ν 3034, 1734, 1708, 1455 cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR (CDCl_3): δ 7.39-7.29 (m, 5H), 5.12 (s, 2H), 2.56-2.41 (m, 2H), 2.38-2.25 (m, 2H), 1.04 (d, $J = 6.4$ Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3): δ 178.3, 172.1, 135.8, 128.5, 128.2, 66.3, 40.7, 40.4, 27.2, 19.8; HRMS (ESI-Orbitrap) calcd. for $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{15}\text{O}_4$ m/z 235.0965. $[\text{M}-\text{H}]^-$, found 235.0972; $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{23} +1.8$ (c 0.40, CHCl_3 , 91% ee); HPLC (Daicel CHIRALPAK AD-H, ϕ 0.46 cm \times 25 cm, detection 220 nm, n -hexane / i PrOH = 19/1, flow rate = 1.0 mL/min) $t_{\text{R}} = 12.6$ min (major), $t_{\text{R}} = 14.7$ min (minor).

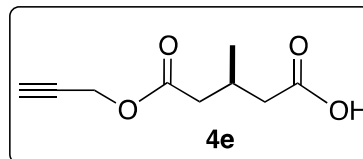
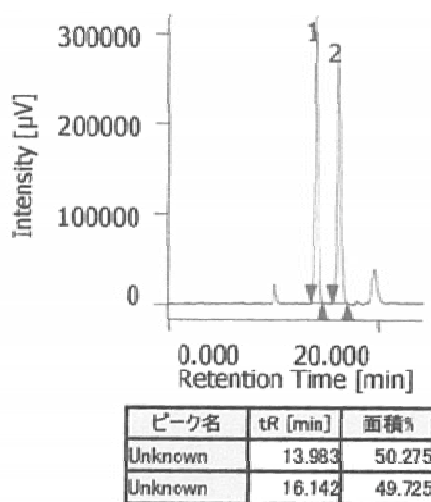
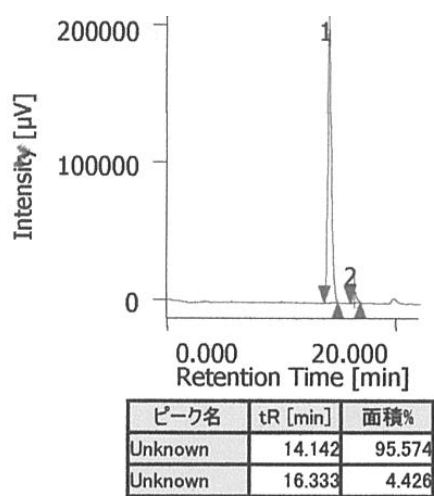
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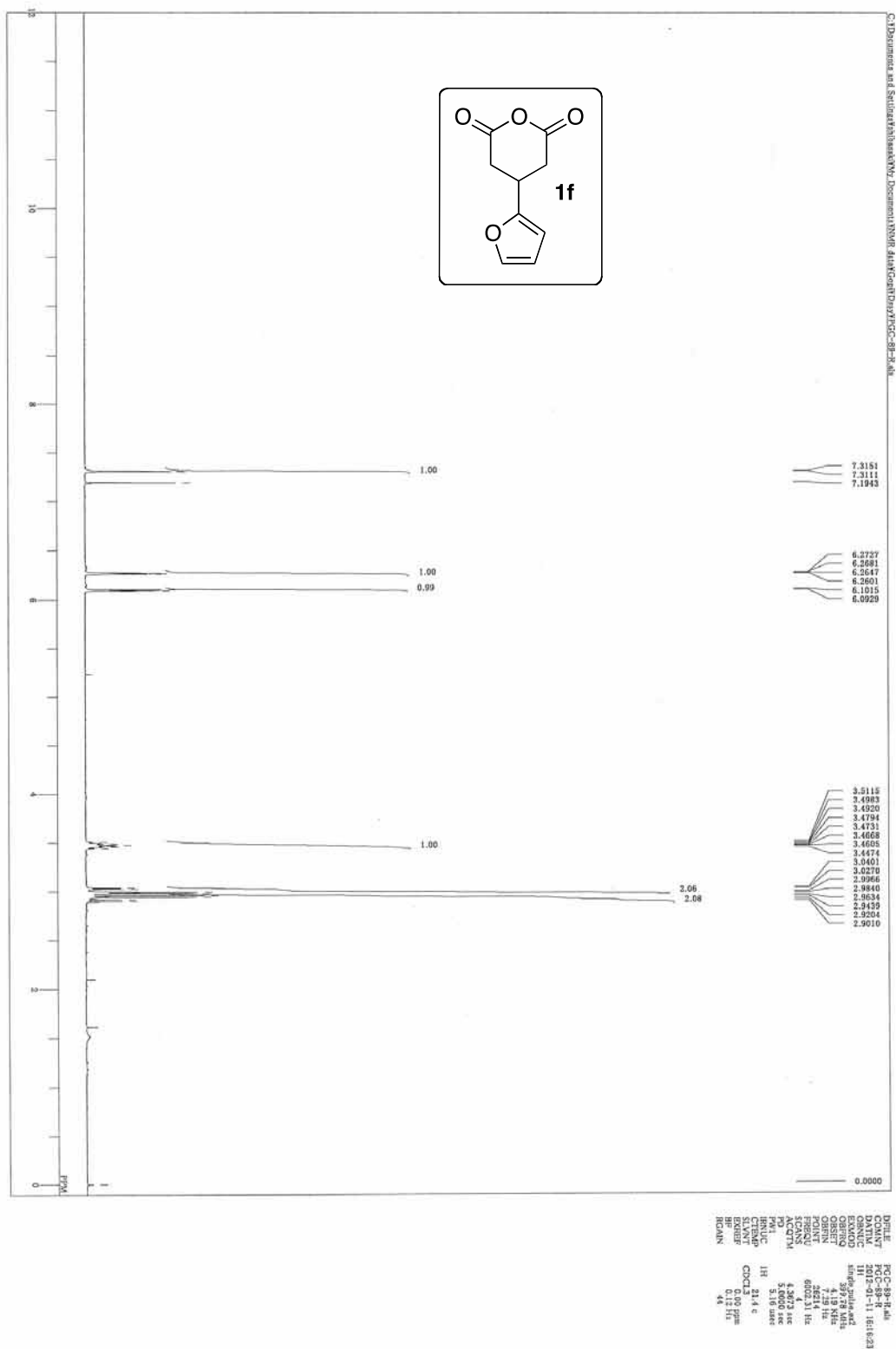
Colorless oil. Yield = 88%. IR (neat): ν 3091, 1759, 1733, 1649, 1484 cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR (CDCl_3): δ 11.41 (br, 1H), 5.97-5.87 (m, 1H), 5.35-5.22 (m, 2H), 4.60-4.58 (m, 2H), 2.52-2.44 (m, 3H), 2.35-2.26 (m, 2H), 1.06 (d, $J = 6.4$ Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3): δ 178.7, 172.0, 132.0, 118.4, 65.1, 40.6, 27.1, 19.8; HRMS (ESI-Orbitrap) calcd. for $\text{C}_9\text{H}_{13}\text{O}_4$ m/z 185.0808 $[\text{M}-\text{H}]^-$, found 185.0813; $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{23} +1.1$ (c 0.85, CHCl_3 , 90% ee); HPLC (Daicel CHIRALPAK AD-H, ϕ 0.46 cm \times 25 cm, detection 220 nm, n -hexane / i PrOH = 19/1, flow rate = 1.0 mL/min) $t_{\text{R}} = 9.0$ min (major), $t_{\text{R}} = 10.5$ min (minor).

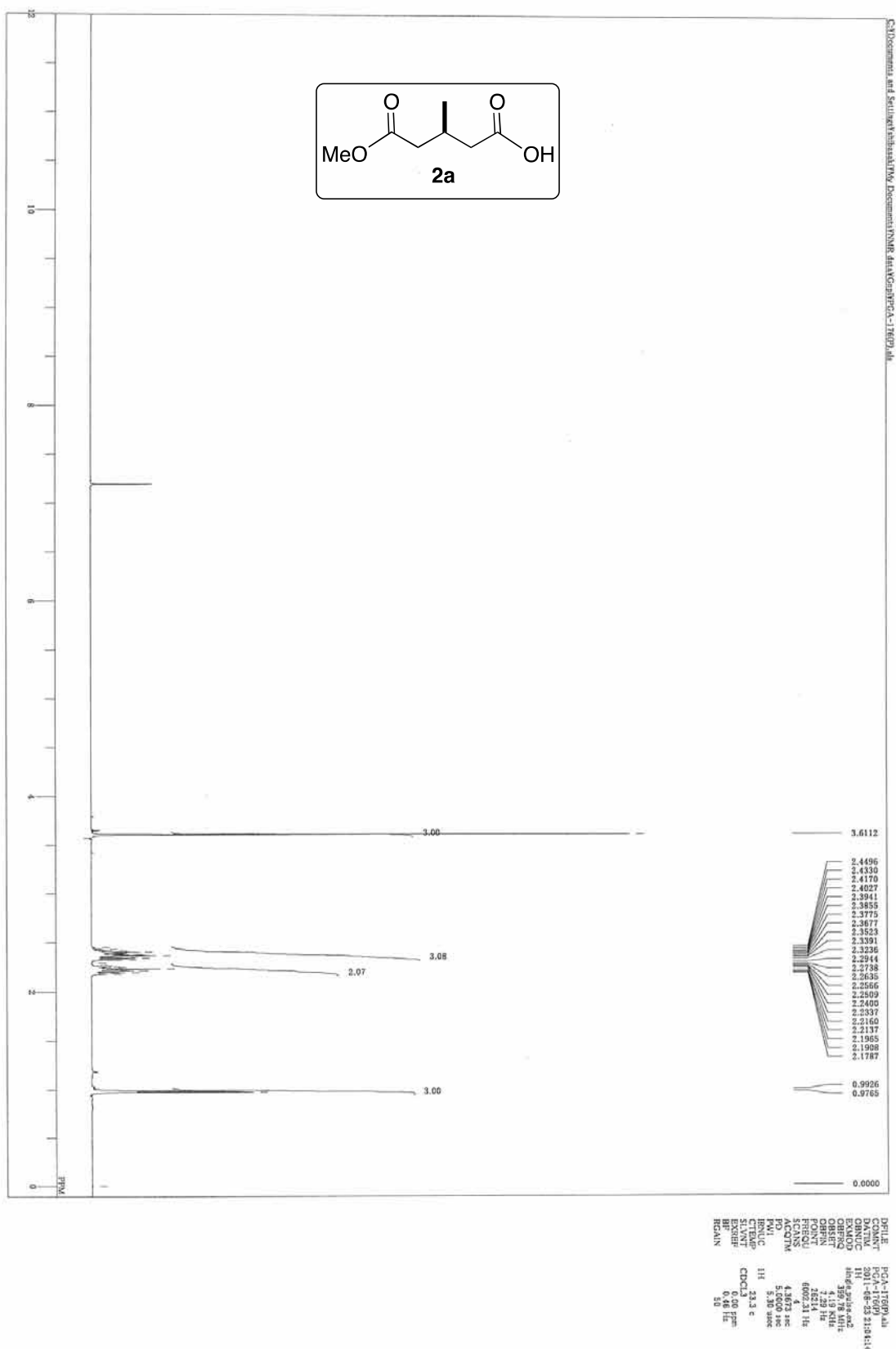
**Racemic Sample****Chiral Sample**

Propargyl 3-methylglutarate (4e)

Colorless oil. Yield = 98%. IR (neat): ν 3292, 2967, 1739, 1709 cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR (CDCl_3): δ 4.66-4.62 (m, 2H), 2.49-2.41 (m, 4H), 2.32-2.27 (m, 2H), 1.04 (d, $J = 3.6$ Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3): δ 178.4, 171.4, 77.5, 74.9, 51.9, 40.32, 40.28, 27.1, 19.8; HRMS (ESI-Orbitrap) calcd. for $\text{C}_9\text{H}_{11}\text{O}_4$ m/z 183.0652 $[\text{M}-\text{H}]^-$, found 183.0656; $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{23} +2.4$ (c 0.69, CHCl_3 , 91% ee); HPLC (Daicel CHIRALPAK AD-H, ϕ 0.46 cm \times 25 cm, detection 220 nm, n -hexane / i PrOH = 19/1, flow rate = 1.0 mL/min) $t_{\text{R}} = 14.1$ min (major), $t_{\text{R}} = 16.3$ min (minor).

**Racemic Sample****Chiral Sample**





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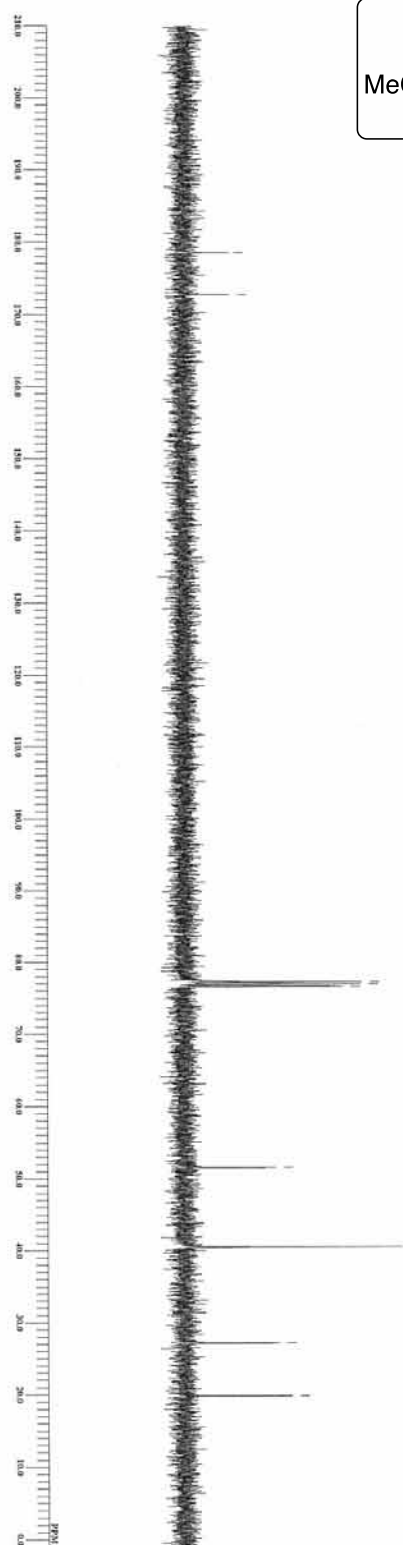
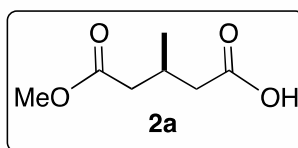
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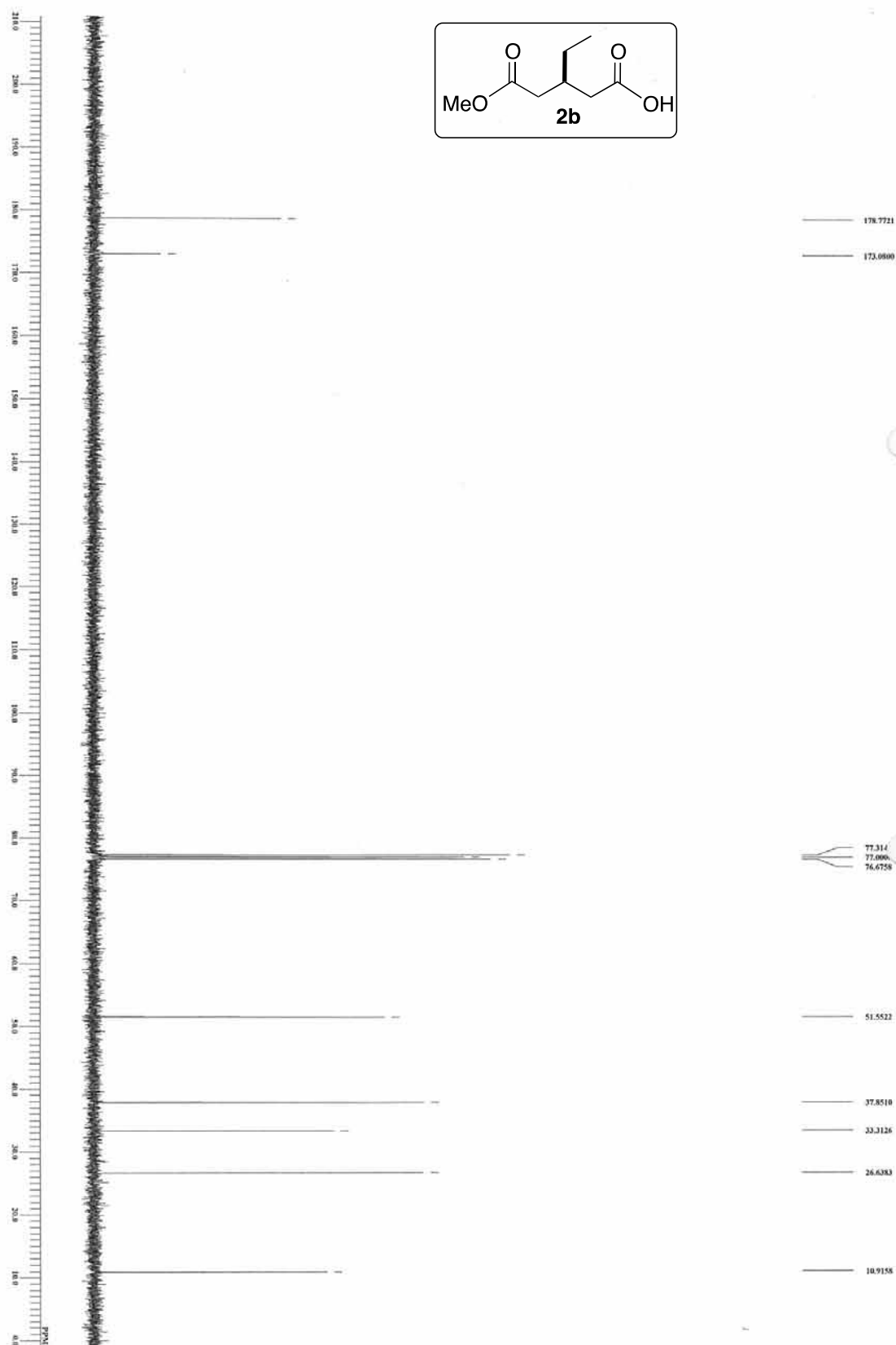
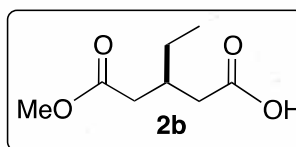
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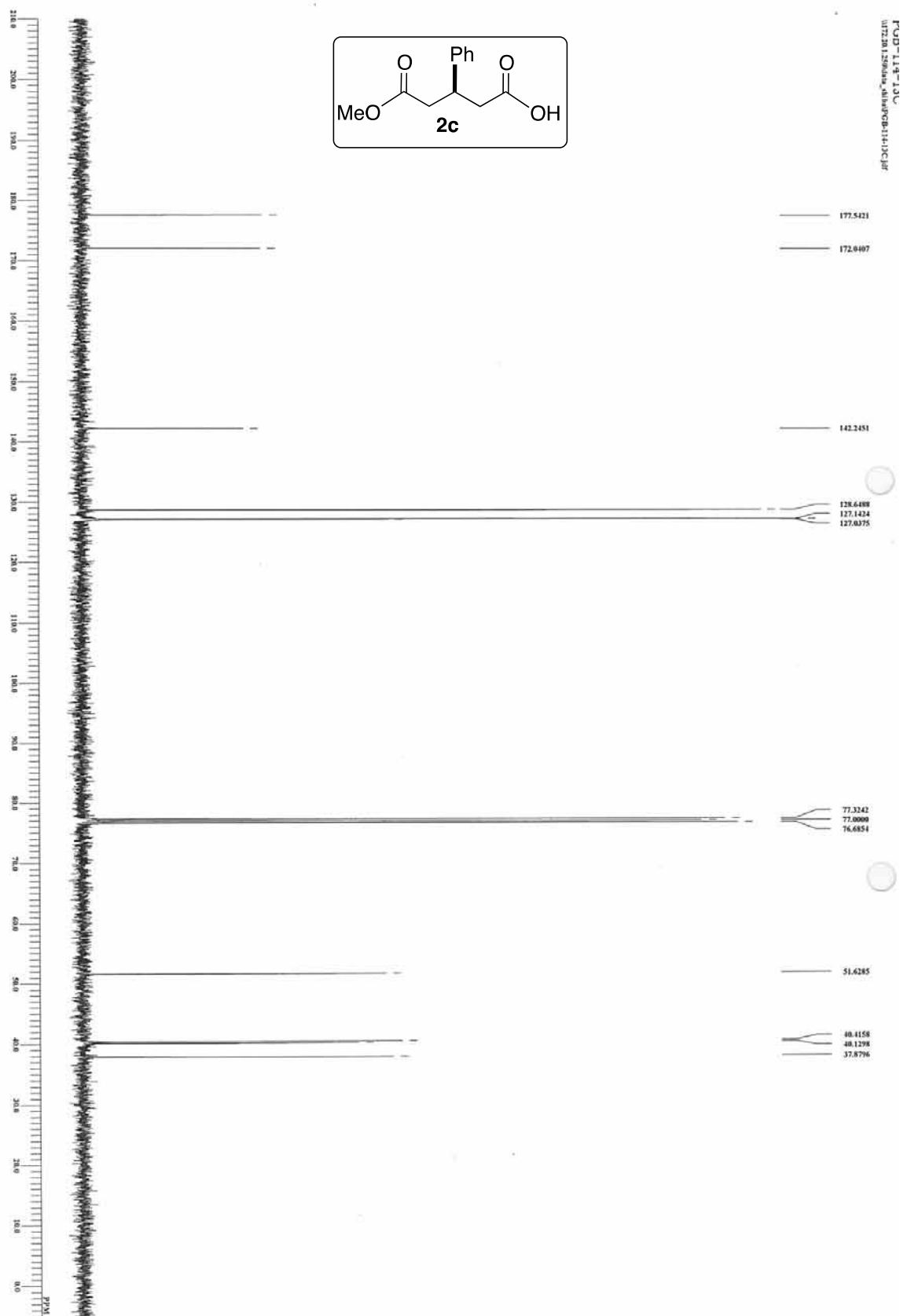
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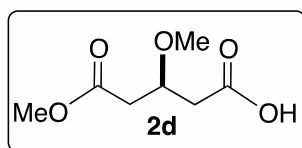
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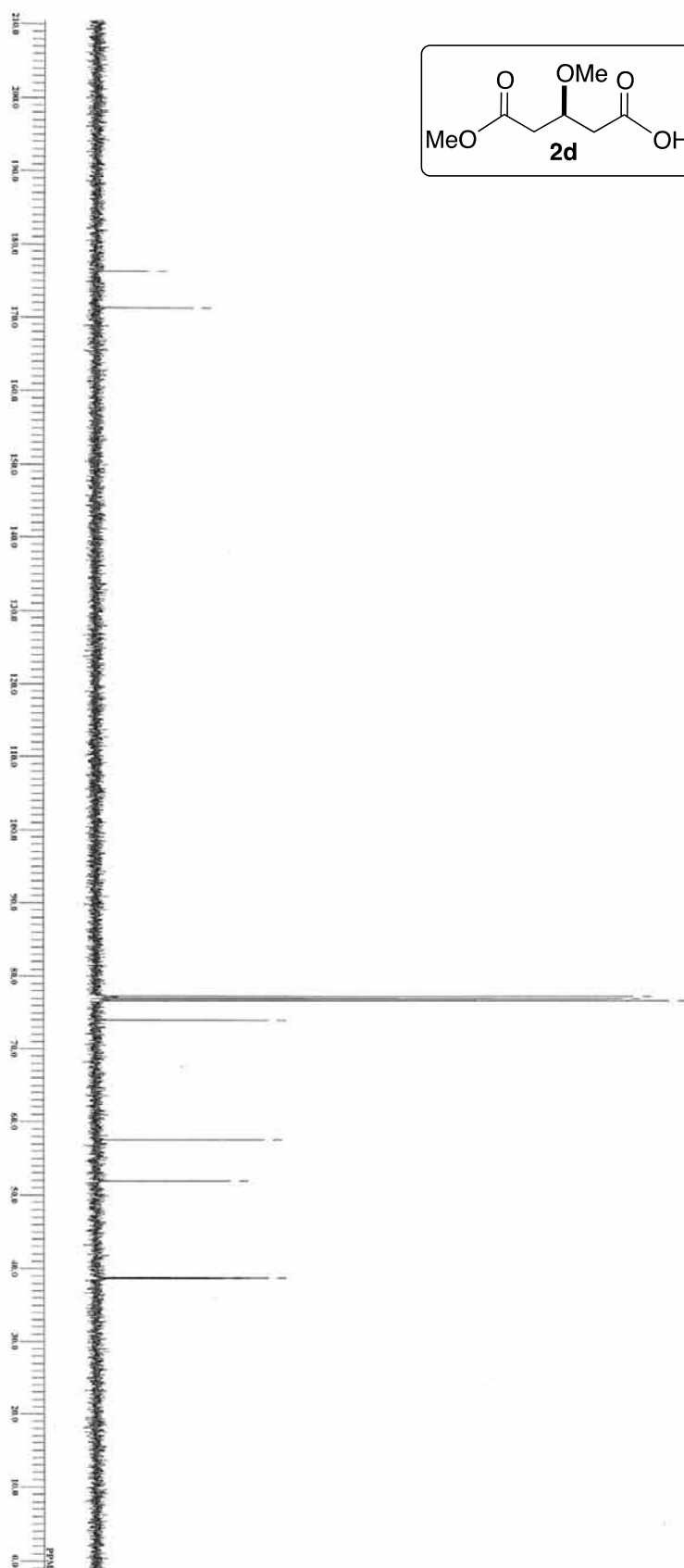


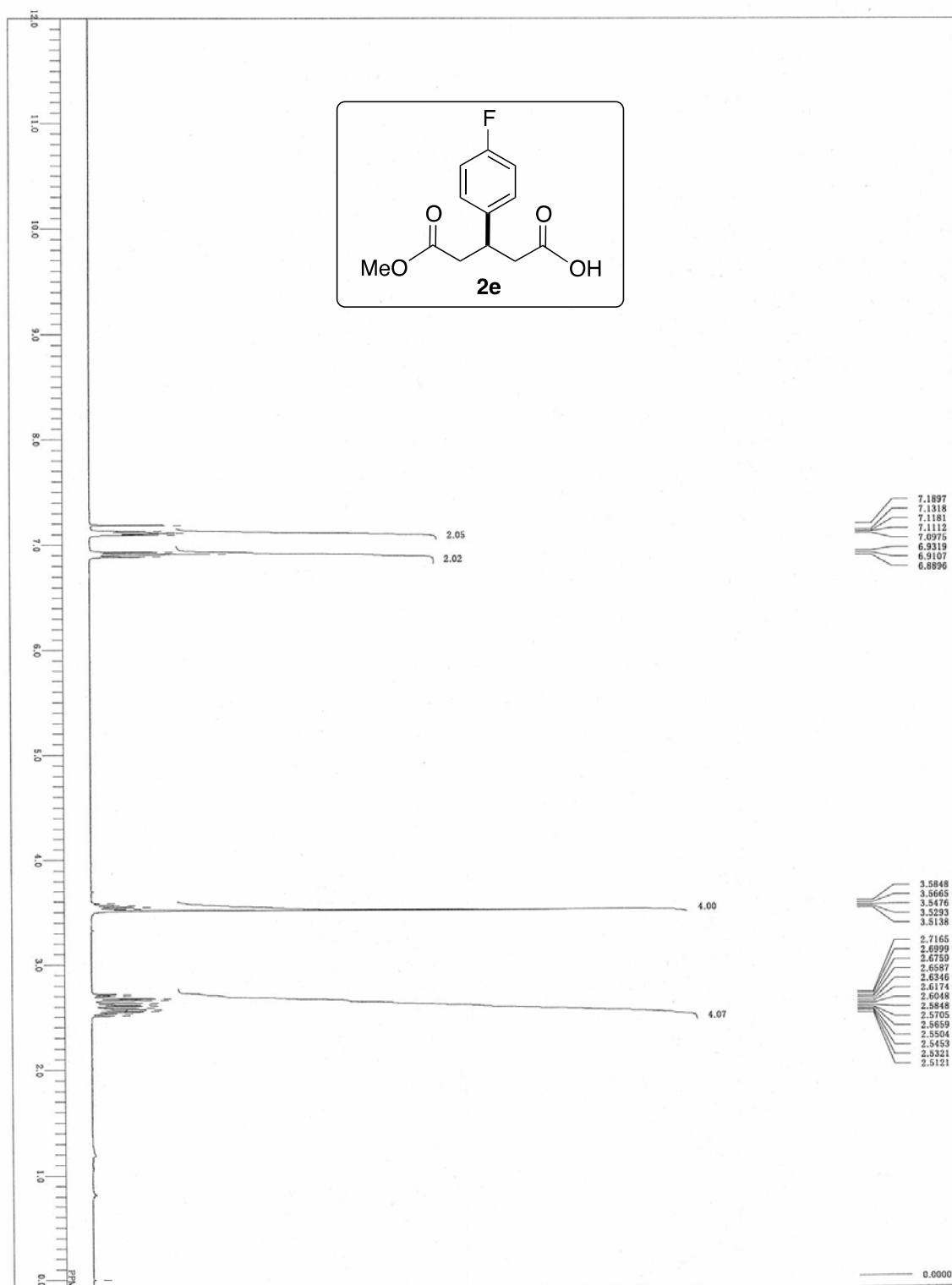
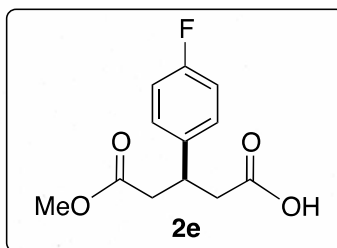
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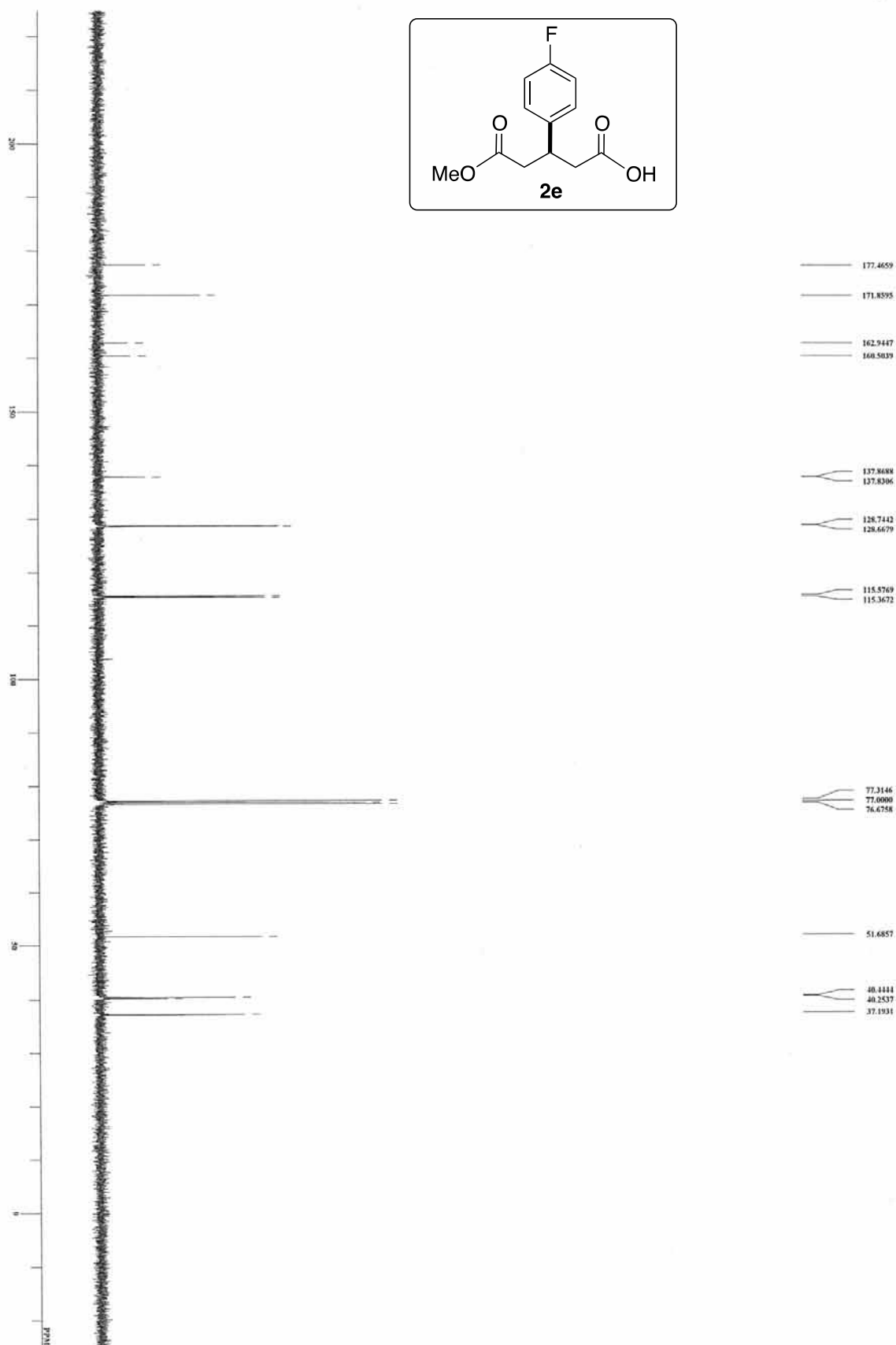
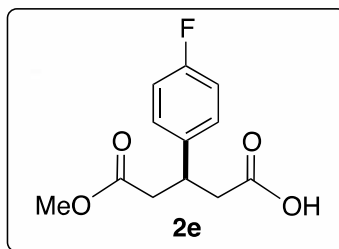
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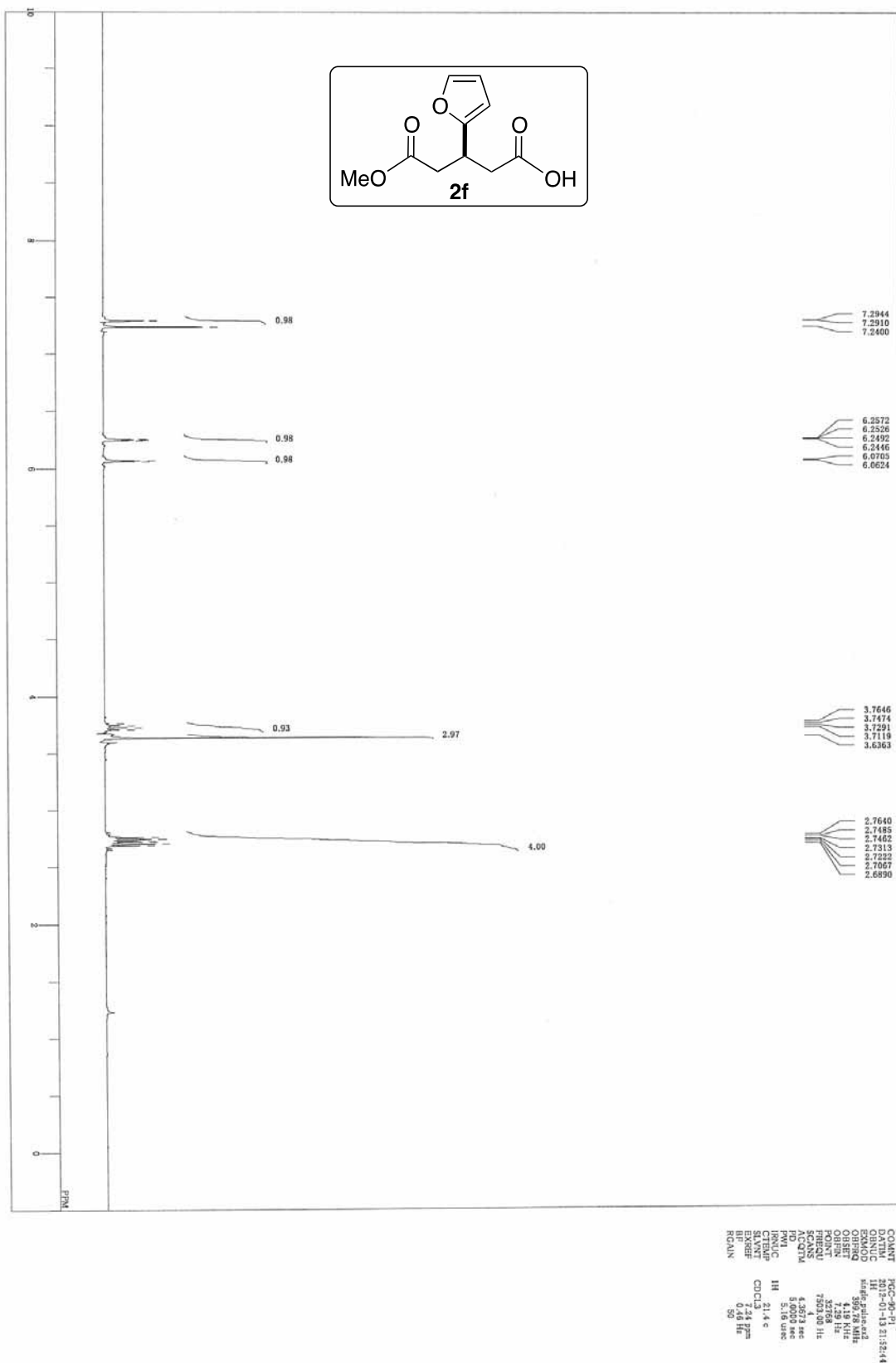
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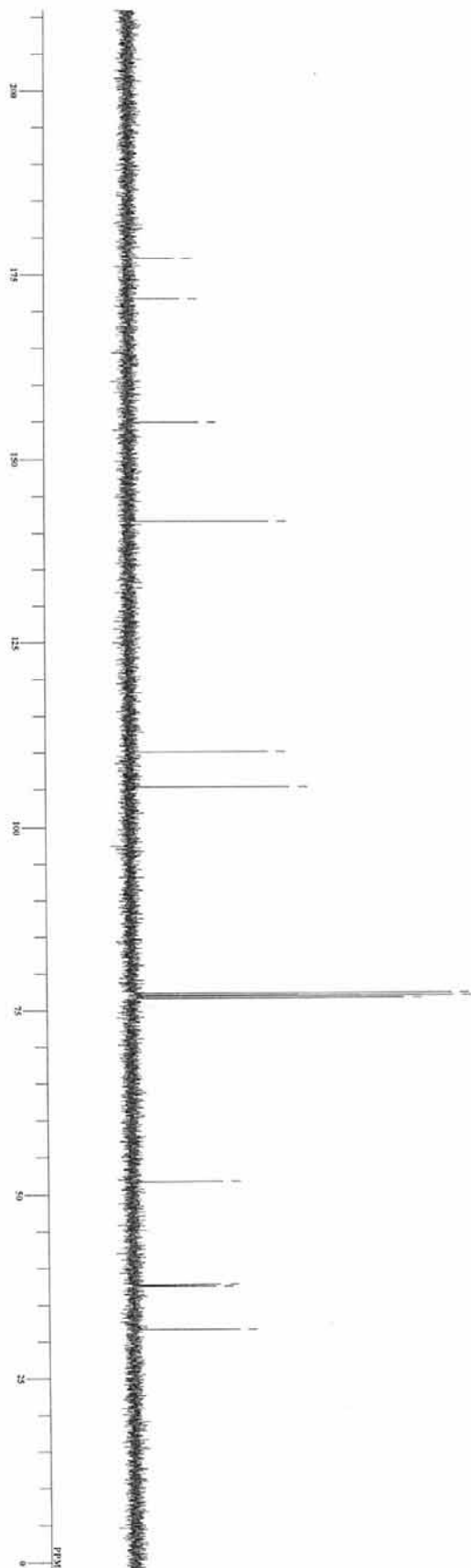
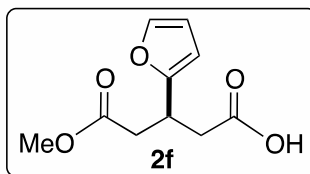


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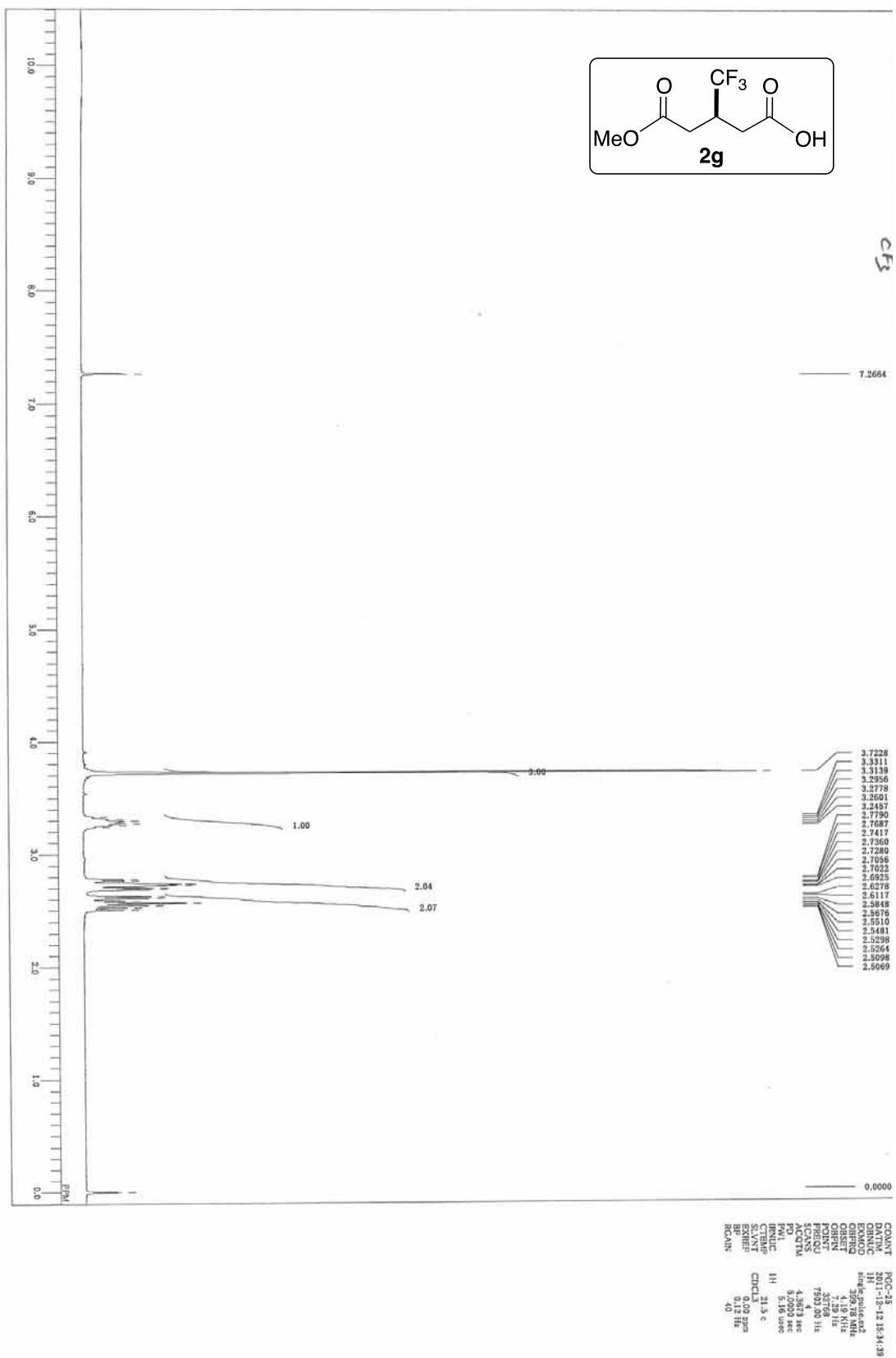


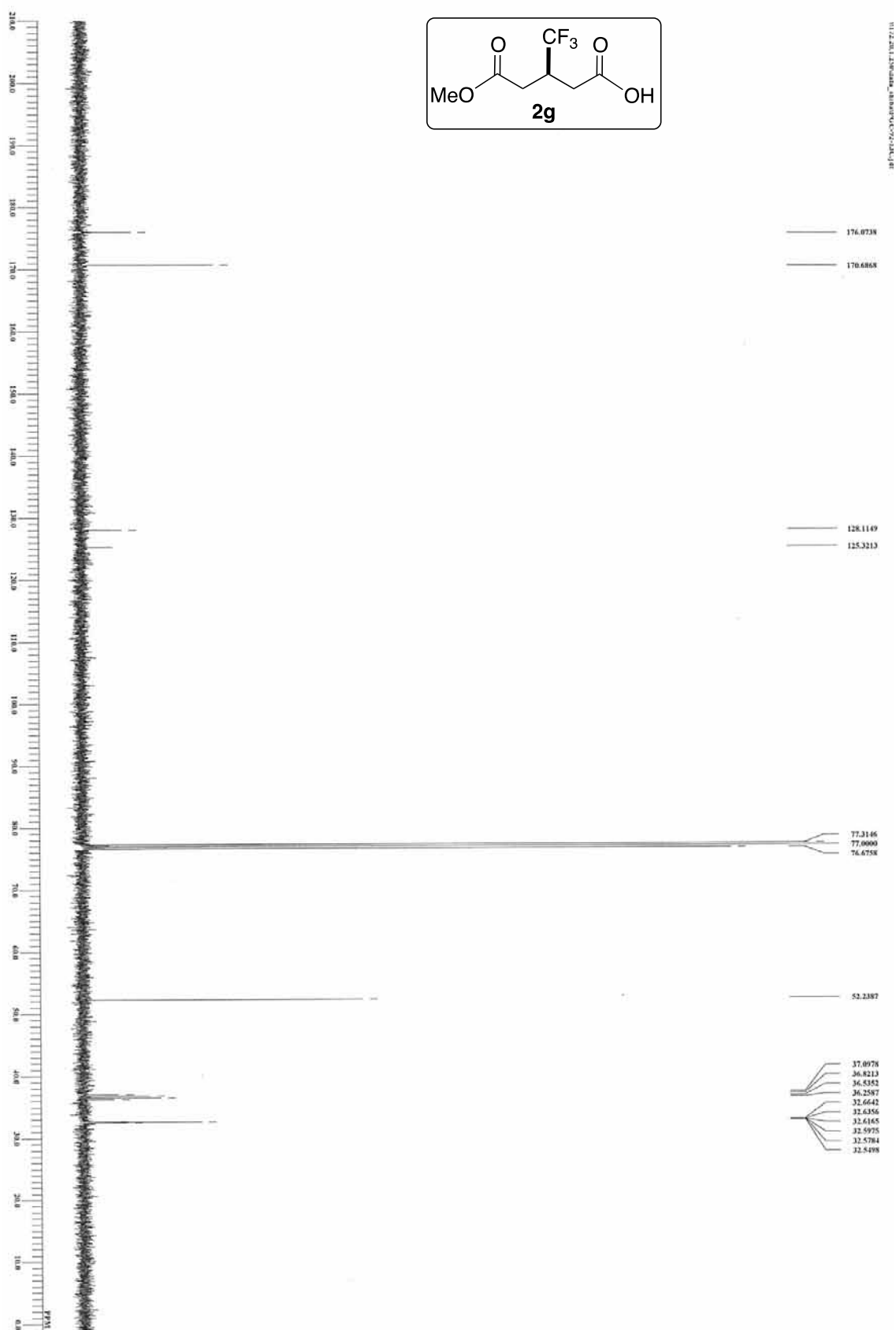


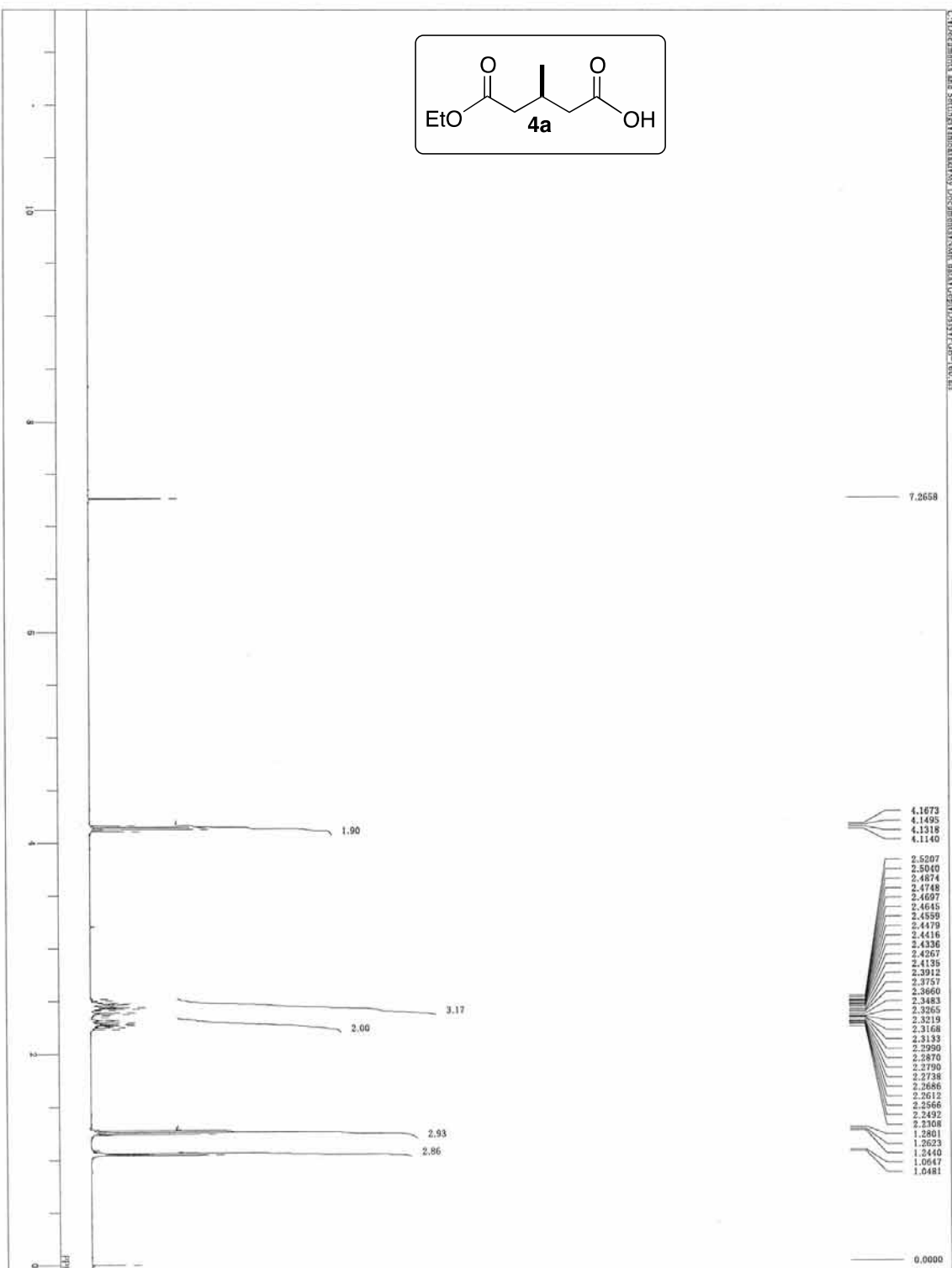
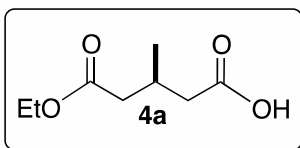
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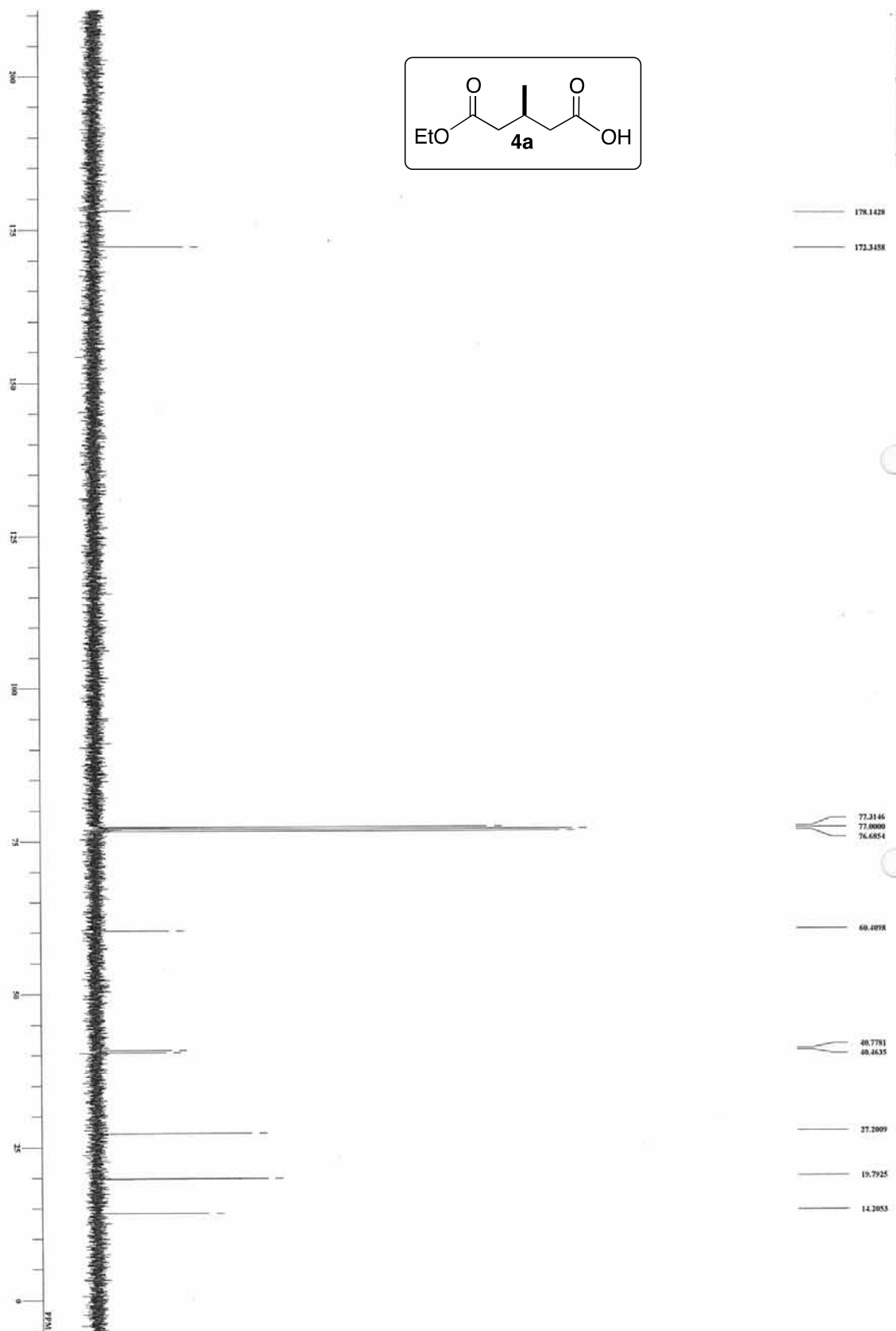
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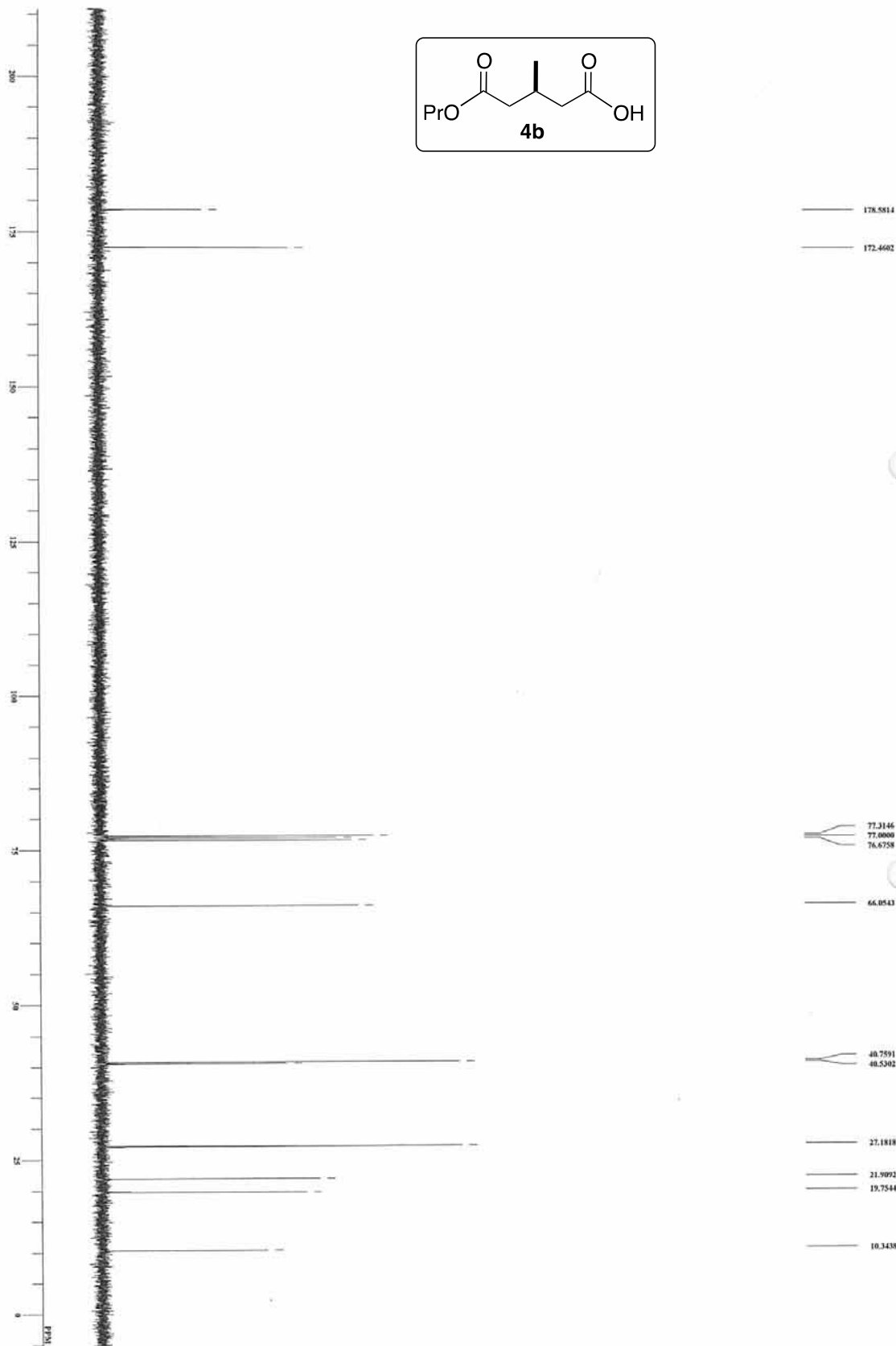
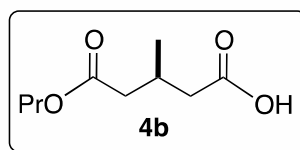


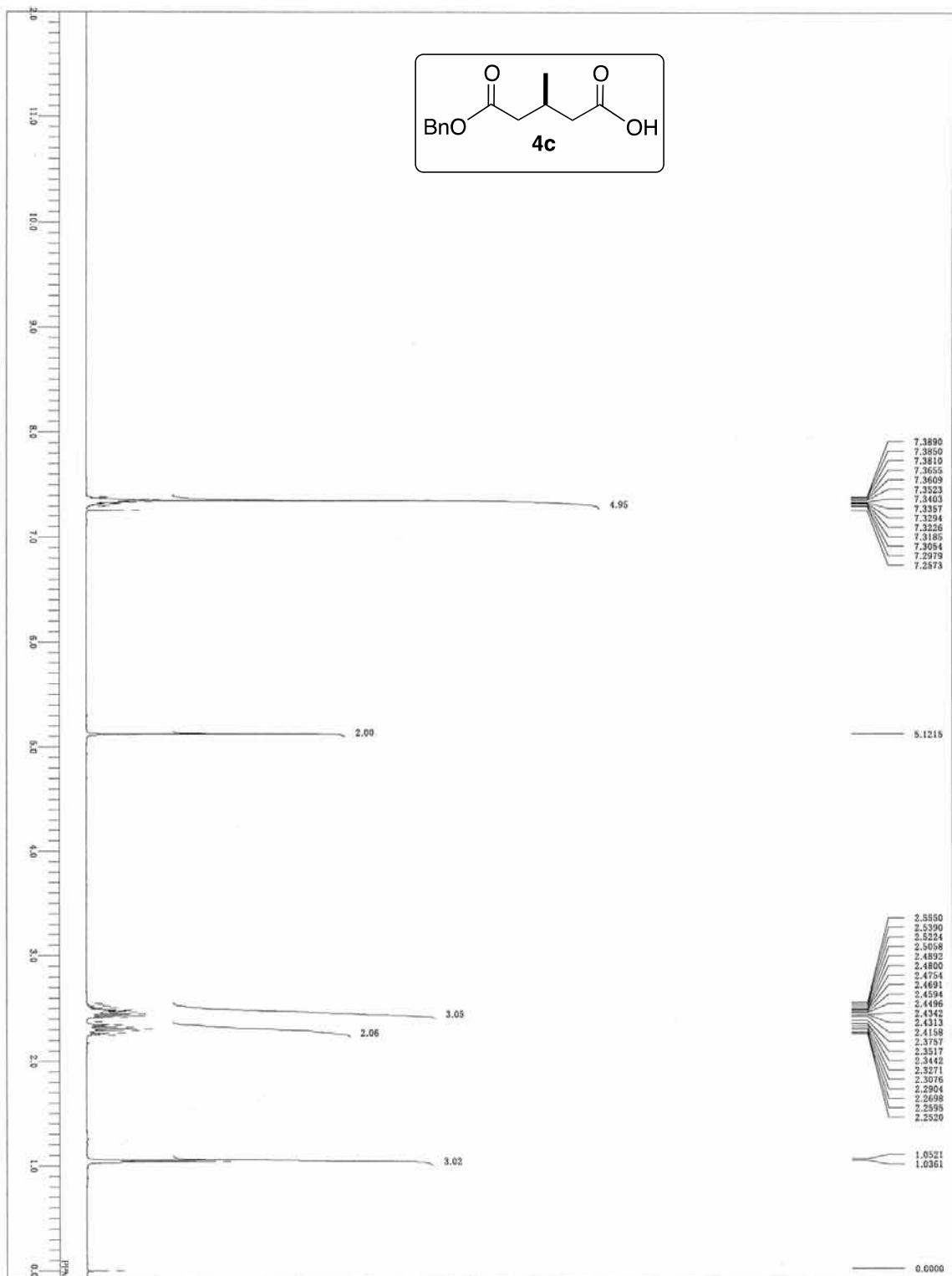




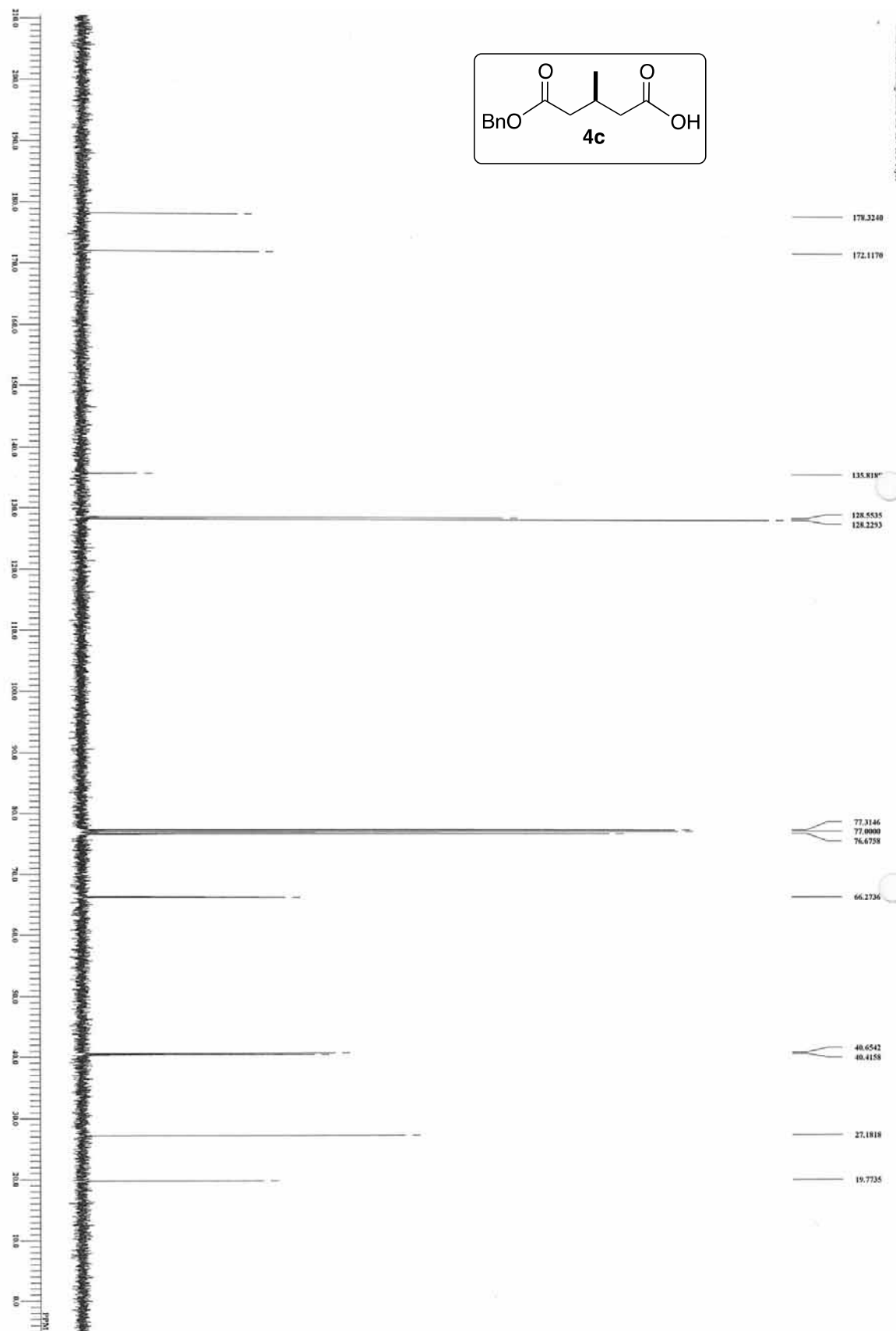
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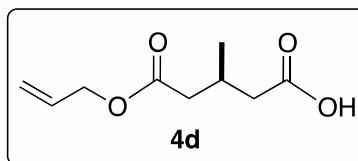






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