

# Total Synthesis of (±)-Cylindricine C

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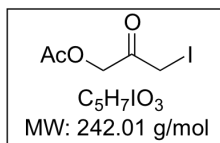
### ***Section A: General Information***

All reactions were performed under a nitrogen atmosphere, heat-gun dried glassware were used and standard precautions against moisture were taken. Silica gel 60 Å (40-60 µm) from SDS was used for flash column chromatography unless otherwise stated. Deactivated silica gel was prepared by adding 20% weight of hexamethyldisilazane (HMDS) to a suspension of silica gel in diethyl ether. After sonication for 5 minutes, the resulting mixture was used to wet pack a chromatography column. The column was then washed successively with diethyl ether, 50% diethyl ether/pentane, and finally the desired solvent before loading the sample. Reactions were monitored by thin-layer chromatography (TLC) carried out on Silicycle silica gel 60 F<sub>254</sub> plates. Yields refer to chromatographically and spectroscopically pure compounds. Melting points are uncorrected. Commercial reagents were used as received. Solvents for reactions (distilled THF, Et<sub>2</sub>O, benzene, toluene and CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>) were filtered over columns of dried alumina under a positive pressure of argon. Solvents for extraction and flash column chromatography were of technical grade and were distilled prior to use.

**Instrumentation.** <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker AVANCE-300 spectrometer operating at 300 MHz for <sup>1</sup>H and 75 MHz for <sup>13</sup>C at 22 °C unless otherwise stated. Some <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker AVANCE II-400 (<sup>1</sup>H: 400MHz; <sup>13</sup>C 100MHz) spectrometer by the NMR group of Professor Bigler at the University of Bern. Chemical shift data are reported in units of δ (ppm) using as the internal standard residual CHCl<sub>3</sub> (δ = 7.26 for <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra and δ = 77.0 for <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra). Multiplicities are given as s (singlet), d (doublet), t (triplet), q (quartet), m (multiplet), and br (broad) for <sup>1</sup>H spectra. Coupling constants, *J*, are reported in Hz. Infrared spectra were recorded on a Jasco FT-IR-460 Plus spectrometer equipped with a Specac MKII Golden Gate Single Reflection Diamond ATR System and is reported in wave numbers (cm<sup>-1</sup>). Low and high- resolution mass spectra were recorded on a Waters Micromass Autospec Q mass spectrometer in EI mode at 70 eV. GC-MS: Finnigan Trace GC 2000 gas chromatograph equipped with an autosampler and a Trace MS mass selective detector. GC: CE instruments HRGC series 8532 using MN *optima d-3*, ID 0.25 mM, 30m. Melting points were measured on a Büchi Melting point B-545 apparatus.

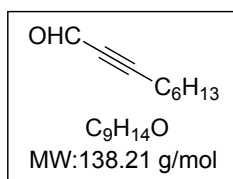
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## Section B: Synthesis of compounds



**1-Acetoxy-3-iodoacetone (5).** To a stirred solution of sodium iodide (5.21 g, 35.0 mmol) in acetone (60 mL) was added the 1-acetoxy-3-chloroacetone (4.50 g, 30.0 mmol) as a solution in acetone (10 mL) at room temperature. *The reaction mixture has to be protected from light.* The solution is stirred for 12 h and water (60 mL) is then added. The mixture was extracted with Et<sub>2</sub>O (3 x 100 mL), washed with brine (100 mL), dried on Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, filtered, and concentrated under reduced pressure.

Purification by flash column chromatography (pentane/Et<sub>2</sub>O 70:30) afforded **5** as a yellow oil (6.53 g, 90%). Physical and spectral data were in accordance with those reported in the literature.<sup>1</sup> *In order to avoid decomposition, the pure product was freezed at -20 °C, protected from light.* <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 4.93 (s, 2H), 3.86 (s, 2H), 2.18 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 196.75, 169.85, 64.76, 20.29, 0.71.

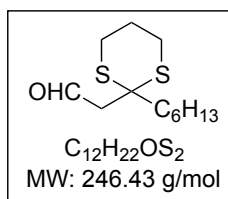


**Non-2-ynal (6).** To a solution of 1-octyne (7.35 mL, 50.0 mmol) and lithium bromide (5.20 g, 60.0 mmol) in THF (250 mL) at -78 °C was added *n*-butyllithium (2.5 M in hexanes, 21.0 mL, 52.5 mmol). The reaction mixture was stirred at this temperature for 1 h. Then, DMF (20.0 mL, 250 mmol) was added and the resultant solution was slowly warmed to rt overnight. An NH<sub>4</sub>Cl saturated aqueous solution (100 mL) and Et<sub>2</sub>O (300 mL) was poured into the reaction mixture, the phases were separated, and the aqueous phase was extracted with Et<sub>2</sub>O (2 x 200 mL). The combined organic extracts were washed with brine (250 mL), dried on Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and concentrated under reduced pressure. Purification by flash column chromatography (pentane/Et<sub>2</sub>O 95:5) afforded a pale yellow oil (6.62 g, 96%). Spectral data were in accordance with those reported in the literature.<sup>2</sup> <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 9.18 (s, 1H), 2.41 (td, *J* = 7.1, 0.6 Hz, 2H), 1.66-1.54 (m, 2H), 1.48-1.35 (m, 2H), 1.35-1.24 (m, 4H), 0.90 (t, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 176.86, 99.00, 81.56, 31.02, 28.33, 27.37, 22.28, 18.92, 13.78. IR (neat) 2953, 2929, 2858, 2199, 1668, 1136. MS

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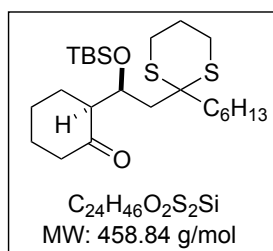
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(EI, 70ev)  $m/z$  (%) 123 (7), 109 (36), 95 (39), 81 (57), 79 (41), 68 (49), 67 (73), 59 (51), 55 (52), 43 (100). HRMS (ESI) for  $C_9H_{14}ONa$  calcd 161.0942, found 161.0937.



[2-Hexyl-[1,3]dithiane-2-yl]-acetaldehyde (7). 1,3-

Propanedithiol (4.7 mL, 47 mmol) and NaOMe (3.05 g, 56.4 mmol) were added to non-2-ynal **6** (6.50 g, 47.0 mmol) in MeOH (310 mL) and  $CH_2Cl_2$  (60 mL) at  $-10\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ . The reaction mixture was stirred at this temperature for 3 h. After this time the reaction was treated with  $NH_4Cl$  saturated aqueous solution (250 mL) and  $Et_2O$  (300 mL) was poured into the mixture. The phases were then separated, and the aqueous phase was extracted with  $Et_2O$  (3 x 200 mL). The combined organic extracts were washed with brine (250 mL), dried on  $Na_2SO_4$ , filtered and concentrated under reduced pressure. Purification by flash column chromatography (pentane/ $Et_2O$  95:5) afforded a pale yellow oil (11.47 g, 99%).  $^1H$  NMR (300 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$  = 9.77 (t,  $J$  = 2.9 Hz, 1H), 2.97-2.76 (m, 6H), 2.11-1.86 (m, 4H), 1.57-1.45 (m, 2H), 1.37-1.24 (m, 6H), 0.88 (t,  $J$  = 6.6 Hz, 3H).  $^{13}C$  NMR (75 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$  = 199.72, 50.04, 49.23, 40.35, 31.47, 29.25, 26.14 (2C), 24.66, 23.91, 22.47, 13.96. IR (neat) 2928, 2855, 1716, 1423, 1277, 1050, 907. MS (EI, 70ev)  $m/z$  (%) 246 (M, 35), 203 (41), 161 (83), 133 (45), 107 (50), 74 (100). HRMS (ESI) for  $C_{12}H_{22}ONaS_2$  calcd 269.1009, found 269.1012.

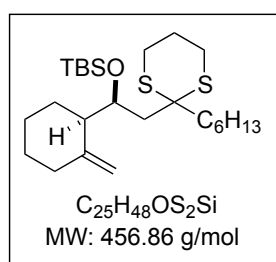


(*S*<sup>\*</sup>)-2-((*S*<sup>\*</sup>)-1-((*tert*-Butyldimethylsilyl)oxy)-2-(2-hexyl-1,3-dithian-2-yl)ethyl)cyclohexanone (**8**). To a solution of diisopropylamine (6.6 mL, 47 mmol) in THF (185 mL) was added at  $0\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$  *n*-butyllithium (2.5 M in hexanes, 18.8 mL, 47.0 mmol). The mixture was stirred at this temperature for 0.5 h, and afterward cooled to  $-78\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ . Cyclohexanone (4.9

mL, 47 mmol) was then added, and the reaction mixture was further stirred at  $-78\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$  for 1 h. The aldehyde **7** (10.50 g, 42.60 mmol) in THF (15 mL) was injected slowly in the solution, and after stirring for 5 minute at  $-78\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$  an  $NH_4Cl$  aqueous solution (100 mL) and  $Et_2O$  (200 mL) were poured into the reaction mixture. The phases were then separated, and the aqueous phase was extracted with  $Et_2O$  (3 x 200 mL). The combined organic extracts were washed with brine (250 mL), dried on  $Na_2SO_4$ , filtered and concentrated under reduced pressure. Purification by passing through a

short silica pad (pentane/Et<sub>2</sub>O 75:25) afforded a colorless oil that was directly used in the next step.

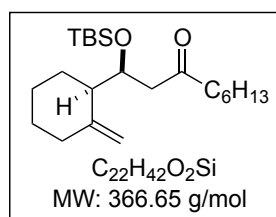
To the aldol product in DMF (21 mL) was added DMAP (0.26 g, 2.1 mmol), imidazole (4.38 g, 64.4 mmol) and TBSCl (9.70 g, 64.4 mmol). The reaction mixture was then stirred at rt for 48 h. NH<sub>4</sub>Cl aqueous solution (50 mL) and Et<sub>2</sub>O (100 mL) was then poured into the reaction. The phases were separated, and the aqueous phase was extracted with Et<sub>2</sub>O (3 x 100 mL). The combined organic extracts were washed with brine (200 mL), dried on Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and concentrated under reduced pressure. Purification by flash column chromatography (pentane/Et<sub>2</sub>O 95:5) afforded an amorphous white solid (16.81 g, 86%, *anti/syn* 94:6). The diastereoisomers were not separated. *anti*-**8**: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ = 4.68-4.60 (m, 1H), 3.42 (ddd, *J* = 14.3, 11.8, 2.6 Hz, 1H), 2.95 (ddd, *J* = 14.3, 11.8, 2.6 Hz, 1H), 2.79-2.46 (m, 3H), 2.44-2.24 (m, 4H), 2.17-2.03 (m, 2H), 2.03-1.77 (m, 5H), 1.75-1.46 (m, 3H), 1.38-1.19 (m, 6H), 0.97-0.81 (m, 5H), 0.89 (s, 9H), 0.12 (s, 3H), 0.06 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ = 211.94, 69.31, 57.44, 53.78, 42.48, 40.73, 39.65, 31.84, 29.63, 27.26, 26.78, 26.62, 25.99 (3C), 25.86, 25.46, 25.26, 24.01, 22.64, 18.06, 14.05, -3.33, -4.45. *anti/syn*-**21**: IR (neat) 2949, 2929, 2853, 1707, 1254, 1100, 1053, 835. MS (EI, 70ev) *m/z* (%) 458 (M, 1), 401 (5), 241 (8), 203 (100), 183 (69), 155 (8), 75 (28), 73 (52). HRMS (ESI) for C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>46</sub>O<sub>2</sub>NaSiS<sub>2</sub> calcd 481.2606, found 481.2614.



*tert*-Butyl((*S*<sup>\*</sup>)-2-(2-hexyl-1,3-dithian-2-yl)-1-((*R*<sup>\*</sup>)-2-methylenecyclohexyl)ethoxy)dimethylsilane (**9**). To methyltriphenylphosphonium bromide (17.5 g, 49.0 mmol) in Et<sub>2</sub>O (120 mL) was added at 0 °C potassium *tert*-butoxide (5.50 g, 49.0 mmol). The reaction mixture was stirred at rt for 1 h, and ketone **8** (18.72 g, 40.80 mmol) in Et<sub>2</sub>O (120

mL) was slowly added to the reaction mixture. The solution was stirred for another 2.5 h and diluted with pentane (500 mL). The solution was filtered over a silica pad, and the silica was further washed with a mixture of Et<sub>2</sub>O/pentane (20/80). The solvent was then removed under reduced pressure, and further purification by flash column chromatography (pentane/Et<sub>2</sub>O 95:5) afforded **9** as a yellow oil (17.71 g, 95%, 1 diastereoisomer observed). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ = 4.84 (d, *J* = 1.3 Hz, 1H), 4.79 (d, *J* = 1.3 Hz, 1H), 4.37 (dt, *J* = 7.5, 2.9 Hz, 1H), 2.86-2.70 (m, 4H), 2.34 (dd, *J* = 15.0, 3.3 Hz, 1H), 2.31-2.17 (m, 1H), 2.05-1.70 (m, 8H), 1.53-1.43 (m, 1H), 1.39-

1.22 (m, 10H), 0.93-0.84 (m, 5H), 0.89 (s, 9H), 0.13 (s, 3H), 0.08 (s, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (75 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  = 149.06, 107.36, 71.21, 53.52, 49.90, 42.01, 39.43, 37.59, 31.90, 29.59, 28.53, 28.26, 26.43, 26.39, 26.29, 26.10 (3C), 25.30, 24.68, 22.68, 18.22, 14.07, -3.32, -4.41. IR (neat) 2927, 2854, 1462, 1048, 833. MS (EI, 70ev)  $m/z$  (%) 419 (4), 345 (22), 275 (35), 239 (22), 207 (22), 203 (100), 181 (19), 165 (15), 133 (15), 73 (71). HRMS (ESI) for  $\text{C}_{25}\text{H}_{48}\text{ONaSiS}_2$  calcd 479.2800, found 479.2794.



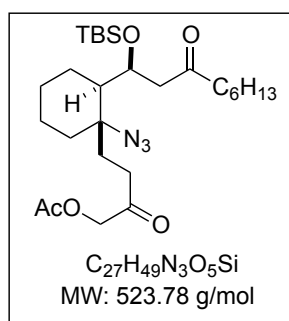
*(S\*)-1-((tert-Butyldimethylsilyl)oxy)-1-((R\*)-2-methylene cyclohexyl)nonan-3-one (4)*. To alkene **9** (2.28 g, 5.00 mmol) and sodium bicarbonate (2.52 g, 30.0 mmol) in acetone/  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  (390/18 mL) was added portionwise at 0 °C iodide (3.81 g, 15.0 mmol). The reaction mixture was stirred at 0 °C for 1 h,

and then a 10%  $\text{Na}_2\text{S}_2\text{O}_3$  aqueous solution (50 mL), water (100 mL) and  $\text{Et}_2\text{O}$  (300 mL) were poured into the reaction. The phases were separated, and the aqueous phase was extracted with  $\text{Et}_2\text{O}$  (3 x 250 mL). The combined organic extracts were washed with brine (400 mL), dried on  $\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_4$ , filtered and concentrated under reduced pressure. Purification by flash column chromatography (pentane) afforded **4** as a colorless oil (1.43 g, 78%).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  = 4.72 (s, 1H), 4.59-4.53 (m, 1H), 4.51 (s, 1H), 2.66-2.56 (m, 2H), 2.41 (td,  $J$  = 7.2, 1.8 Hz, 2H), 2.24 (dt,  $J$  = 13.5, 3.9 Hz, 1H), 2.14-1.97 (m, 2H), 1.94-1.84 (m, 1H), 1.80-1.65 (m, 2H), 1.60-1.52 (m, 1H), 1.42-1.23 (m, 9H), 0.94-0.81 (m, 4H), 0.89 (s, 9H), 0.05 (s, 3H), -0.02 (s, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (75 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  = 210.08, 149.36, 107.21, 69.28, 48.91, 47.06, 44.50, 36.49, 31.59, 28.87, 28.32, 28.11, 25.82 (3C), 25.42, 23.50, 22.47, 17.93, 13.98, -4.74, -4.86. IR (neat) 2927, 2855, 1715, 1462, 1254, 1056, 835. MS (EI, 70ev)  $m/z$  (%) 309 (5), 271 (21), 217 (55), 213 (74), 183 (20), 133 (33), 113 (100), 85 (34), 75 (74). HRMS (ESI) for  $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{42}\text{O}_2\text{NaSi}$  calcd 389.2851, found 389.2850.

**Tin-mediated radical carboazidation:** Di-*tert*-butylhyponitrite (35 mg, 0.20 mmol) was added in one portion to a solution of **4** (734 mg, 2.00 mmol), 1-acetoxy-3-iodoacetone **5** (532 mg, 2.20 mmol), hexabutyldistannane (1.2 mL, 2.4 mmol) and 3-Py $\text{SO}_2\text{N}_3$  (1.1 g, 6.0 mmol) in benzene (4 mL). The solution was warmed to 70 °C for 3 h and the crude mixture was directly purified by flash column chromatography

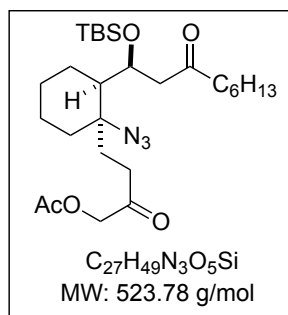
(pentane/Et<sub>2</sub>O 80/20) using 10% KF/ 90% silica gel as stationary phase. Colorless oil (785 mg, 75%, *trans/cis* 7:3).

**Et<sub>3</sub>B-mediated radical carboazidation:** A 2 M solution of Et<sub>3</sub>B in EtOH (2 mL, 4 mmol) was added over 2 h at rt to a open-flask, vigorously stirred mixture of **4** (367 mg, 1.00 mmol), **5** (266 mg, 1.10 mmol) and 3-PySO<sub>2</sub>N<sub>3</sub> (0.55 g, 3.0 mmol) in H<sub>2</sub>O/EtOH (0.5/0.5 mL). *The needle should be immersed into the reaction mixture in order to avoid a direct contact of Et<sub>3</sub>B drops with air.* After 1 h of extra stirring, Et<sub>2</sub>O (10 mL) and water (5 mL) were added and the layers were separated. The aqueous layer was extracted with Et<sub>2</sub>O (3 x 10 mL) and the combined organic extracts were washed with H<sub>2</sub>O (20 mL), brine (20 mL), dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude product was purified by flash column chromatography (pentane/Et<sub>2</sub>O 80/20). Colorless oil (0.31 g, 59%, *trans/cis* 7:3).



*4-((1S\*,2R\*)-1-Azido-2-((S\*)-1-((tert-butyldimethylsilyl)oxy)-3-oxononyl)cyclohexyl)-2-oxobutyl acetate (trans-3).* <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ = 4.68 (dt, *J* = 16.7 Hz, 1H), 4.60 (d, *J* = 16.7 Hz, 1H), 4.54-4.47 (m, 1H), 2.64-2.59 (m, 2H), 2.58-2.44 (m, 1H), 2.39 (td, *J* = 7.2, 2.8 Hz, 2H), 2.37-2.30 (m, 1H), 2.16 (s, 3H), 2.00-1.62 (m, 7H), 1.61-1.35 (m, 4H), 1.35-1.21 (m, 8H), 0.94-0.79 (m, 3H), 0.84 (s, 9H), 0.10 (s, 3H), -0.02 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ = 209.18,

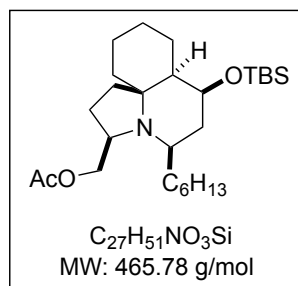
203.19, 170.17, 68.59, 67.87, 65.75, 51.35, 48.14, 44.18, 33.66, 33.23, 31.57, 28.85, 25.83 (3C), 25.68, 25.05, 24.86, 23.37, 22.50, 22.46, 20.41, 17.91, 13.98, -4.72, -4.93. IR (neat) 2930, 2853, 2094, 1752, 1734, 1714, 1374, 1247, 1230, 1050, 910, 836. HRMS (ESI) for C<sub>27</sub>H<sub>49</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>5</sub>NaSi calcd 546.3339, found 546.3355.



*4-((1R\*,2R\*)-1-Azido-2-((S\*)-1-((tert-butyldimethylsilyl)oxy)-3-oxononyl)cyclohexyl)-2-oxobutyl acetate (cis-3).* <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ = 4.69 (s, 2H), 4.48 (dt, *J* = 9.0, 2.3 Hz, 1H), 2.79 (dd, *J* = 16.5, 2.1 Hz, 1H), 2.63-2.31 (m, 5H), 2.18 (s, 3H), 2.16-1.80 (m, 5H), 1.70-1.13 (m, 14H), 0.93-0.79 (m, 3H), 0.83 (s, 9H), 0.05 (s, 3H), -0.05 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ = 209.84, 202.43,

170.17, 67.89, 66.66, 64.26, 50.74, 46.10, 44.58, 34.58, 33.38, 32.17, 31.58, 28.86, 25.77, 25.71 (3C), 23.41, 22.46, 22.12, 20.98, 20.41, 17.86, 13.98, -4.75, -4.77. IR

(neat) 2950, 2929, 2856, 2097, 1756, 1737, 1713, 1374, 1255, 1229, 1059, 837. HRMS (ESI) for  $C_{27}H_{50}N_3O_5Si$  calcd 524.3514, found 524.3519.



*((3R^\*,5R^\*,7S^\*,7aR^\*,11aS^\*)-7-((tert-Butyldimethylsilyl)oxy)-5-hexyldecahydro-1H-pyrrolo[2,1-j]quinolin-3-yl)methyl acetate (12).*

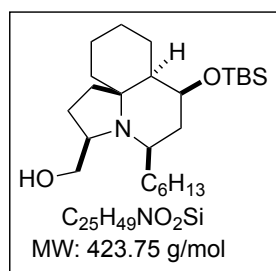
**Reductive amination with Raney nickel:**

Raney nickel (50% slurry in water, 4 g) was added to a solution of the *trans*-**3** (1.3 g, 2.5 mmol) in 5 mL ethyl acetate. The mixture was then pressurized under hydrogen (40 bar) and allowed to react at room temperature for 96 h. After completion, the mixture was filtered through Celite<sup>®</sup>, washed with EtOAc (5 mL), and a 1:9 MeOH/CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> solution (5 mL). The combined organic extracts were dried on Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, and concentrated under reduced pressure to afford crude amine **11**. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 4.77-4.69 (m, 1H), 4.67-4.62 (m, 1H), 4.09 (dd,  $J$  = 10.7, 5.0 Hz, 1H), 4.00 (dd,  $J$  = 10.7, 6.7 Hz, 1H), 3.51-3.40 (m, 1H), 2.63-2.51 (dd,  $J$  = 15.0, 9.2 Hz, 1H), 2.45-2.34 (m, 3H), 2.11-2.04 (m, 1H), 2.07 (s, 3H), 1.87-1.01 (m, 22H), 0.91-0.77 (m, 3H), 0.82 (s, 9H), 0.04 (s, 3H), -0.02 (s, 3H). <sup>3</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 210.59, 171.04, 69.25, 68.47, 63.57, 54.68, 52.74, 47.45, 44.68, 43.92, 31.61, 29.69, 28.88, 28.55, 26.46, 25.79, 25.77, 24.10, 23.33, 22.46, 20.92, 17.89, 13.98, -4.42, -4.71. To the crude **11** in dichloroethane (25 mL) was added AcOH (0.5 mL) and NaBH(OAc)<sub>3</sub> (2.1 g, 10 mmol). The reaction was stirred for 18 h, after which it was treated with NaOH 1N (50 mL) and diluted with Et<sub>2</sub>O (100 mL). The phases were separated and the aqueous phase was extracted with Et<sub>2</sub>O (5 x 25 mL). The combined organic extracts were dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and concentrated. The product was purified by flash column chromatography using HMDS pre-treated silica gel. (pentane/Et<sub>2</sub>O 90/10). Colorless crystal (0.84 g, 72%, 1 diastereoisomer observed by <sup>1</sup>H NMR). m.p. 63.4-65.4 °C.

**Reduction with Stannous chloride:** Stannous chloride (0.21 g, 1.1 mmol) in acetonitrile (4 mL) was added to a mixture of thiophenol (0.45 mL, 4.4 mmol), triethylamine (0.46 mL, 3.3 mmol) and *trans*-**3** (385 mg, 0.730 mmol) in acetonitrile (3 mL). The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 3 h, after which AcOH (1 mL) and NaBH(OAc)<sub>3</sub> (1.2 g, 5.5 mmol) were added. The reaction was further stirred for 24 h, after which it was treated with NaOH 1N (5 mL) and diluted

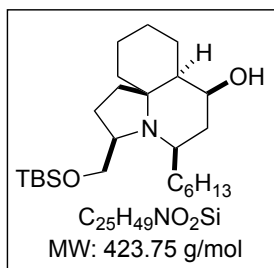


with Et<sub>2</sub>O (20 mL). The phases were separated and the aqueous phase was extracted with Et<sub>2</sub>O (5 x 25 mL). The combined organic extracts were dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and concentrated. The product was purified by flash column chromatography using HMDS pre-treated silica gel. (pentane/Et<sub>2</sub>O 90/10). Colorless crystal (246 mg, 72%, 1 diastereoisomer observed by <sup>1</sup>H NMR). m.p. 63.4-65.4 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ = 4.45 (dd, *J* = 10.5, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 4.07 (d, *J* = 10.5 Hz, 1H), 4.03 (d, *J* = 10.5 Hz, 1H), 3.45-3.35 (m, 1H), 2.99 (dt, *J* = 12.2, 6.1 Hz, 1H), 2.45-2.32 (m, 1H), 2.12-2.01 (m, 1H), 2.03 (s, 3H), 1.84-1.59 (m, 6H), 1.53-1.21 (m, 17H), 0.94-0.83 (m, 3H), 0.89 (s, 9H), 0.06 (s, 3H), 0.03 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ = 170.80, 71.66, 66.56, 63.64, 58.88, 50.05, 46.79, 42.01, 39.61, 32.92, 31.92, 29.39, 28.34, 27.90, 27.03, 26.97, 26.04 (3C), 25.80, 24.84, 22.66, 21.03, 18.24, 14.09, -4.29, -5.11. IR (neat) 2958, 2925, 2855, 1740, 1230, 1033, 835. HRMS (ESI) for C<sub>27</sub>H<sub>52</sub>NO<sub>3</sub>Si calcd 466.3711, found 466.3707.

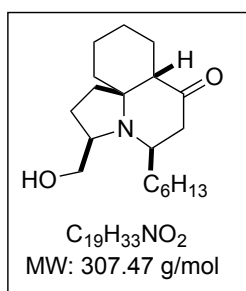


((3*R*\*,5*R*\*,7*S*\*,7*aR*\*,11*aS*\*)-7-((*tert*-Butyldimethylsilyl)oxy)5-hexyldecahydro-1*H*-pyrrolo[2,1-*j*]quinolin-3-yl)methanol (**13**). To acetate **12** (1.15 g, 2.47 mmol) in methanol (25 mL) was added K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (0.41 g, 3.0 mmol). The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 12 h. The mixture was then poured into water (50 mL)

and Et<sub>2</sub>O (100 mL), the phases were separated, and the aqueous phase was washed with Et<sub>2</sub>O (5 x 25 mL). The combined organic extracts were dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and concentrated under reduced pressure. The product was pure after extraction. Colorless oil (1.04 g, 99%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ = 4.07 (d, *J* = 10.9 Hz, 1H), 3.88 (ddd, *J* = 10.9, 5.6, 3.7 Hz, 1H), 3.56 (ddd, *J* = 11.9, 8.9, 2.8 Hz, 1H), 3.44-3.36 (m, 1H), 3.09-2.98 (m, 1H), 2.76 (dd, *J* = 8.9, 3.7 Hz, 1H), 2.29 (dd, *J* = 19.7, 11.9 Hz, 1H), 2.12 (ddd, *J* = 14.4, 9.6, 4.5 Hz, 1H), 1.88-1.60 (m, 6H), 1.51-1.20 (m, 17H), 0.96-0.84 (m, 3H), 0.91 (s, 9H), 0.07 (s, 3H), 0.05 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ = 72.27, 66.02, 63.76, 61.74, 50.10, 47.06, 41.89, 39.10, 33.04, 31.90, 29.67, 29.43, 28.26, 27.98, 27.01, 27.00, 26.04 (3C), 24.80, 22.67, 18.34, 14.09, -4.47, -4.85. IR (neat) 3382 (br), 2955, 2925, 2855, 1469, 1254, 1036, 835. HRMS (ESI) for C<sub>25</sub>H<sub>50</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>Si calcd 424.3605, found 424.3597.

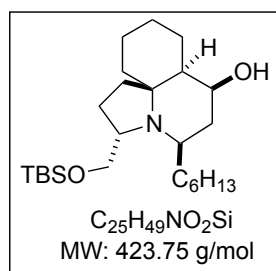


(3R\*,5R\*,7S\*,7aR\*,11aS\*)-3-(((*tert*-Butyldimethylsilyl)oxy)methyl)-5-hexyldecahydro-1H-pyrrolo[2,1-*j*]quinolin-7-ol (**26**). To a solution of **25** (0.11 g, 0.26 mmol) in THF (2.6 mL) was added TBAF (1M in THF, 0.29 mL, 0.29 mmol) at 0 °C. The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 16 h, after which the mixture was poured into water (10 mL) and Et<sub>2</sub>O (10 mL). The phases were separated, and the aqueous phase was extracted with Et<sub>2</sub>O (5 x 10 mL). The combined organic extracts were dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and concentrated under reduced pressure. The resulting diol was purified on a short pad of HMDS pre-treated silica gel (Et<sub>2</sub>O), and used directly in the next step. To this diol in DMF (0.5 mL) was added DMAP (1 mg, 0.01 mmol), imidazole (22 mg, 0.32 mmol) and TBSCl (48 mg, 0.32 mmol). The reaction mixture was then stirred at rt for 24 h. NaHCO<sub>3</sub> Aqueous solution (2 mL) and Et<sub>2</sub>O (5 mL) were then poured into the reaction mixture. The phases were then separated and the aqueous phase was extracted with Et<sub>2</sub>O (5 x 5 mL). The combined organic extracts were dried on Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and concentrated under reduced pressure. Purification by flash column chromatography (pentane/Et<sub>2</sub>O 80:20) afforded a white solid (91 mg, 83%). m.p. 115.9-117.0 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ = 3.99-3.90 (m, 1H), 3.90 (dd, *J* = 10.5, 5.4 Hz, 1H), 3.60 (dd, *J* = 10.5, 3.1 Hz, 1H), 3.40 (m, 1H), 3.03 (m, 1H), 2.78 (d, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 1H), 2.23-2.11 (m, 2H), 1.88-1.20 (m, 23H), 0.97-0.82 (m, 3H), 0.91 (s, 9H), 0.09 (s, 6H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ = 71.35, 66.69, 64.00, 61.28, 50.07, 47.14, 41.60, 39.04, 33.20, 31.89, 29.96, 29.43, 27.93, 27.56, 27.05, 26.77, 26.13 (3C), 24.92, 22.66, 18.64, 14.09, -5.13, -5.38. IR (neat) 3158 (br), 2952, 2925, 2853, 1461, 1250, 1057, 867, 836. HRMS (ESI) for C<sub>25</sub>H<sub>50</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>Si calcd 424.3605, found 424.3605.



13-Epicylindricine C (**28**). To a solution of **26** (68 mg, 0.16 mmol) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (3.2 mL) was added at 0 °C MS 3Å (70 mg), TPAP (28 mg, 0.08 mmol) and NMO (26 mg, 0.19 mmol). The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 24 h, after which pentane (2 mL) was added. The mixture was purified on a short pad of HMDS pre-treated silica gel (pentane/Et<sub>2</sub>O 75:25), and used directly in the next step. To this ketone in THF (2.5 mL) was added

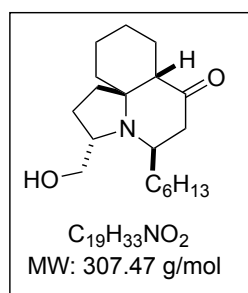
TBAF (1M in THF, 0.3 mL, 0.3 mmol) at 0 °C. The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 8 h, after which time it was poured into water (10 mL) and CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (10 mL). The phases were separated and the aqueous phase was extracted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (5 x 10 mL). The combined organic extracts were dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude product was purified by flash column chromatography (pentane/Et<sub>2</sub>O 70:30) affording a colorless oil (43 mg, 86%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ = 3.59 (dd, *J* = 10.3, 3.5 Hz, 1H), 3.45 (d, *J* = 10.3 Hz, 1H), 3.28-3.11 (m, 2H), 3.00 (s, 1H), 2.48 (dd, *J* = 15.5, 3.5 Hz, 1H), 2.32 (s, 1H), 2.28-2.09 (m, 3H), 1.98 (dd, *J* = 15.5, 10.3 Hz, 1H), 1.83-1.75 (m, 1H), 1.75-1.63 (m, 2H), 1.56-1.08 (m, 16H), 0.87 (t, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ = 210.45, 67.40, 66.68, 57.97, 57.09, 52.88, 46.93, 36.08, 33.87, 31.73, 29.62, 29.44, 25.81, 25.33, 23.53, 23.14, 22.52, 21.33, 14.00. IR (neat) 3438 (br), 2928, 2860, 1704, 1455, 1038. HRMS (ESI) for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>34</sub>NO<sub>2</sub> calcd 308.2584, found 308.2589.



(3*S*\*,5*R*\*,7*S*\*,7*aR*\*,11*aS*\*)-3-(((*tert*-Butyldimethylsilyl)oxy)methyl)-5-hexyldecahydro-1*H*-pyrrolo[2,1-*j*]quinolin-7-ol (**15**). To a stirred solution of alcohol **13** (74.0 mg, 0.175 mmol) in acetone (1.75 mL) at 0 °C was added Jones reagent (0.15 mL of a 5M solution, 0.70

mmol) via syringe. After 1 h at rt, water (5 mL) and CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (5 mL) were added and the aqueous layer was neutralized to pH 6-7 using a phosphate buffer. The phases were separated and the aqueous layer was extracted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (6 x 10 mL). The organic layers were combined, dried on Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and passed through a short plug of neutral alumina, washing with 10% MeOH in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (10 mL). Concentration under reduced pressure gave the acid, which was dissolved in MeOH (4.5 mL) at rt and concentrated H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> (0.5 mL) was added. After heating under reflux for 48 h, the reaction mixture was cooled, treated with saturated aqueous NaHCO<sub>3</sub> (20 mL) and extracted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (6 x 15 mL). The organic layers were combined, dried on Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude ester was dissolved in MeOH (7 mL) and sodium methoxide (49 mg, 0.90 mmol) was added. After heating under reflux for 48 h, the reaction mixture was cooled and treated with water (20 mL), CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (20 mL) was added, the phases were separated and the aqueous layer

extracted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (6 x 20 mL). The organic layers were combined, dried on Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude product was diluted in Et<sub>2</sub>O (5 mL) at 0 °C and LiAlH<sub>4</sub> (0.44 mL, 0.44 mmol) was added. The reaction mixture was stirred for 15 minutes, NaOH 1M (0.1 mL) was poured into the mixture and the suspension was further stirred for 10 minutes. Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> solid was added, and the mixture was passed through a short plug of neutral alumina, washing with 10% MeOH in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (10 mL). Concentration under reduced pressure gave the diol, which was diluted in DMF (0.7 mL). DMAP (1 mg, 0.01 mmol), imidazole (16 mg, 0.23 mmol) and TBSCl (35 mg, 0.23 mmol) were then added. The reaction mixture was stirred at rt for 24 h. NaHCO<sub>3</sub> aqueous saturated solution (2 mL) and Et<sub>2</sub>O (5 mL) were then poured into the solution. The phases were separated and the aqueous phase was extracted with Et<sub>2</sub>O (5 x 5 mL). The combined organic extracts were dried on Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and concentrated under reduced pressure. Purification by flash column chromatography (pentane/Et<sub>2</sub>O 80:20) afforded a white solid (41 mg, 55%). m.p. 53.0-57.0 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ = 4.10-3.99 (m, 1H), 3.73 (d, *J* = 5.1 Hz, 1H), 3.25-3.15 (m, 2H), 2.99-2.86 (m, 1H), 2.14-1.94 (m, 3H), 1.84-1.72 (m, 2H), 1.72-1.14 (m, 21H), 0.91-0.85 (m, 3H), 0.89 (s, 9H), 0.04 (s, 6H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ = 70.82, 70.15, 67.06, 60.12, 53.28, 43.65, 41.92, 33.80, 33.61, 31.83, 30.59, 29.57, 28.79, 27.67, 26.57, 26.07, 26.02 (3C), 24.40, 22.61, 18.38, 14.06, -5.18, -5.23. IR (neat) 3403 (br), 2955, 2926, 2856, 1462, 1254, 1112, 1080, 835. HRMS (ESI) for C<sub>25</sub>H<sub>50</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>Si calcd 424.3605, found 424.3605.



*Cylindricine C* (**1**). To a solution of **15** (32 mg, 75 μmol) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (1.5 mL) was added at 0 °C MS 3Å (30 mg), TPAP (13 mg, 38 μmol) and NMO (12 mg, 90 μmol). The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 24 h, after which pentane (2 mL) was added. The mixture was passed through a short pad of HMDS pre-treated silica gel (pentane/Et<sub>2</sub>O 75:25),

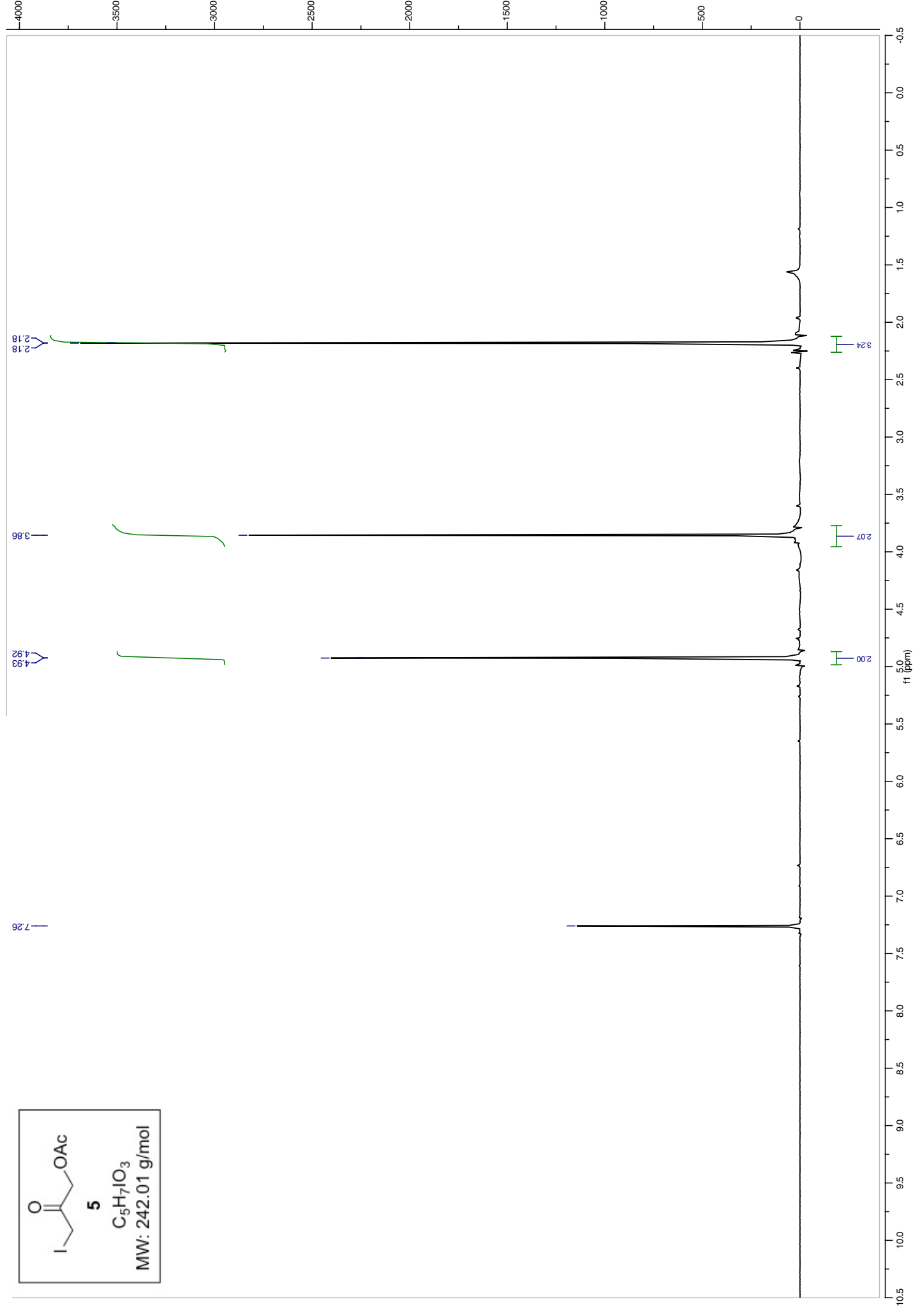
and used directly in the next step. To this ketone in THF (2 mL) was added TBAF (1M in THF, 0.23 mL, 0.23 mmol) at 0 °C. The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 8 h, after which it was poured into water (5 mL) and CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (5 mL). The phases were separated and the aqueous phase was extracted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (5 x 5 mL). The combined organic extracts were dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and

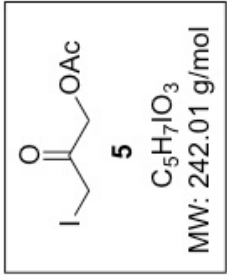
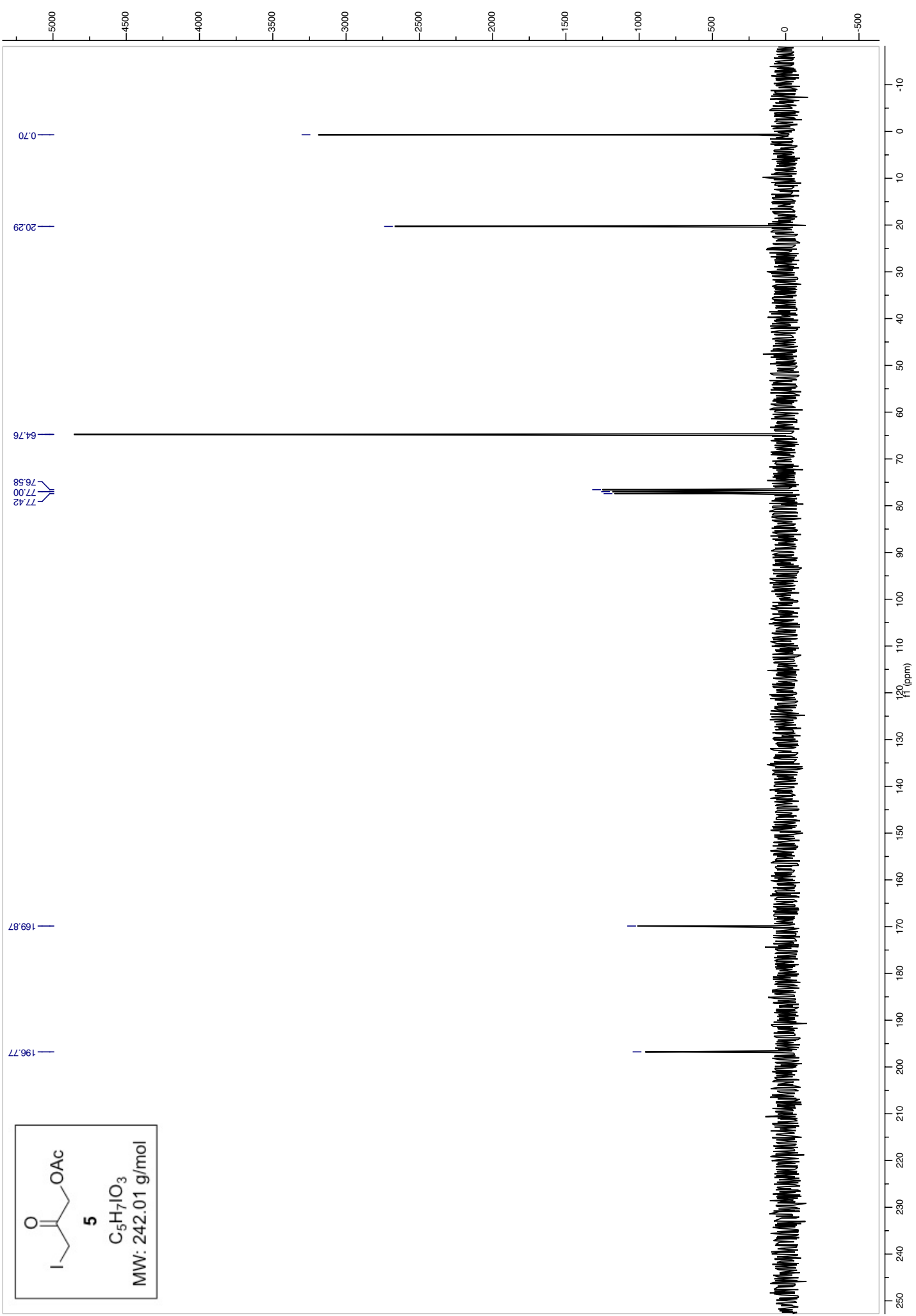
concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude product was purified by flash column chromatography (pentane/Et<sub>2</sub>O 70:30) affording **1** as a colorless oil (22 mg, 96%). Spectral data were in accordance with those reported in the literature.<sup>3</sup> <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ = 3.58-3.47 (m, 2H), 3.46-3.39 (m, 1H), 3.33-3.21 (m, 1H), 2.88 (s, 1H), 2.36-2.17 (m, 4H), 2.11 (dd, *J* = 11.8, 7.9 Hz, 1H), 1.89-1.76 (m, 1H), 1.75-1.55 (m, 4H), 1.53-1.17 (m, 15H), 0.86 (t, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ = 210.39, 70.63, 66.36, 56.57, 55.30, 50.28, 42.52, 36.40, 35.90, 35.18, 31.67, 29.25, 28.65, 27.08, 24.26, 22.71, 22.53, 21.84, 13.99. IR (neat) 3433 (br), 2928, 2858, 1702, 1448, 1331, 1025. HRMS (ESI) for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>34</sub>NO<sub>2</sub> calcd 308.2584, found 308.2587.

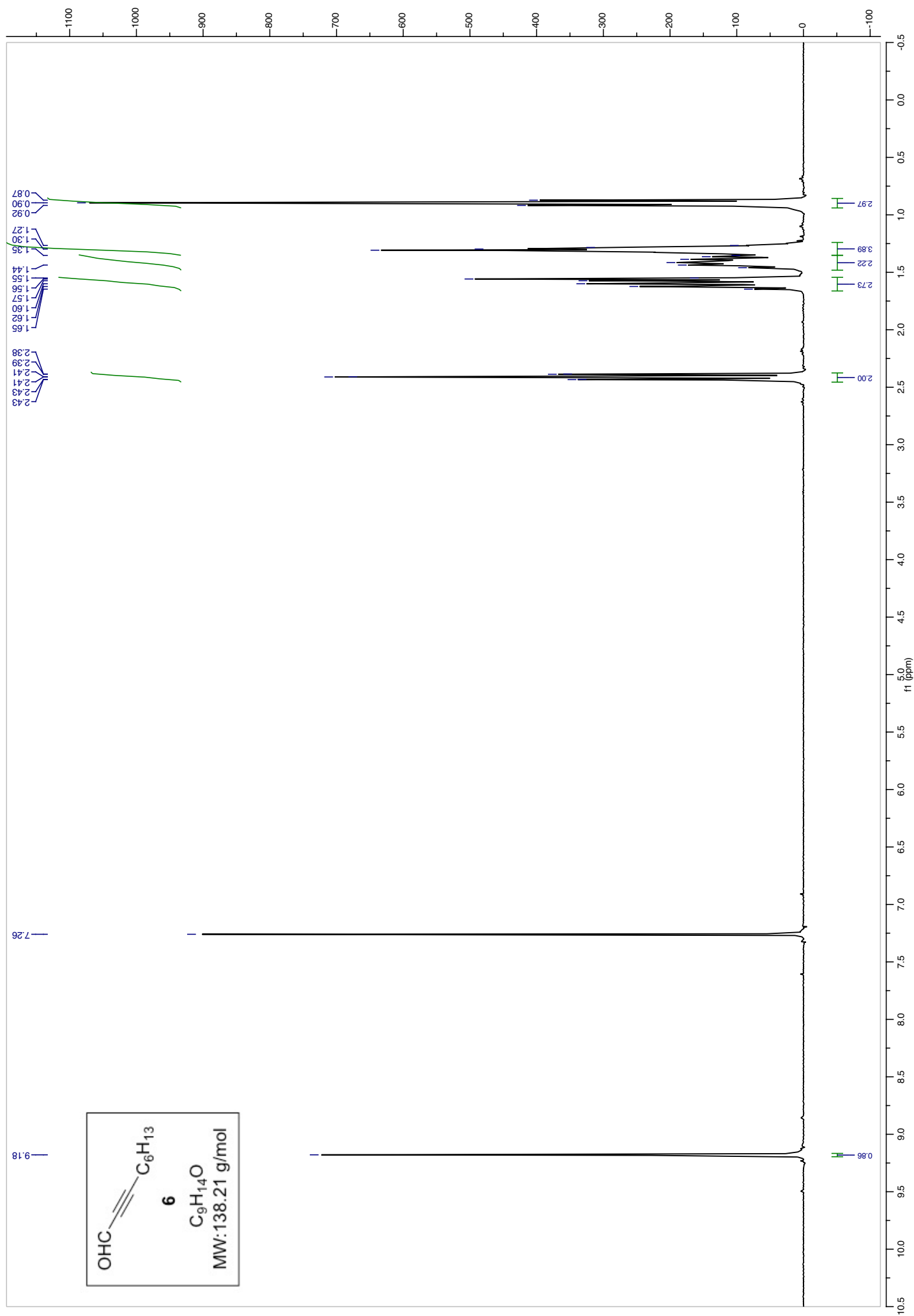
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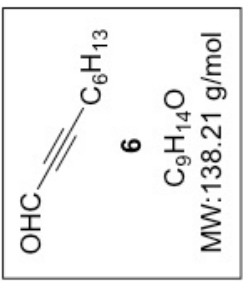
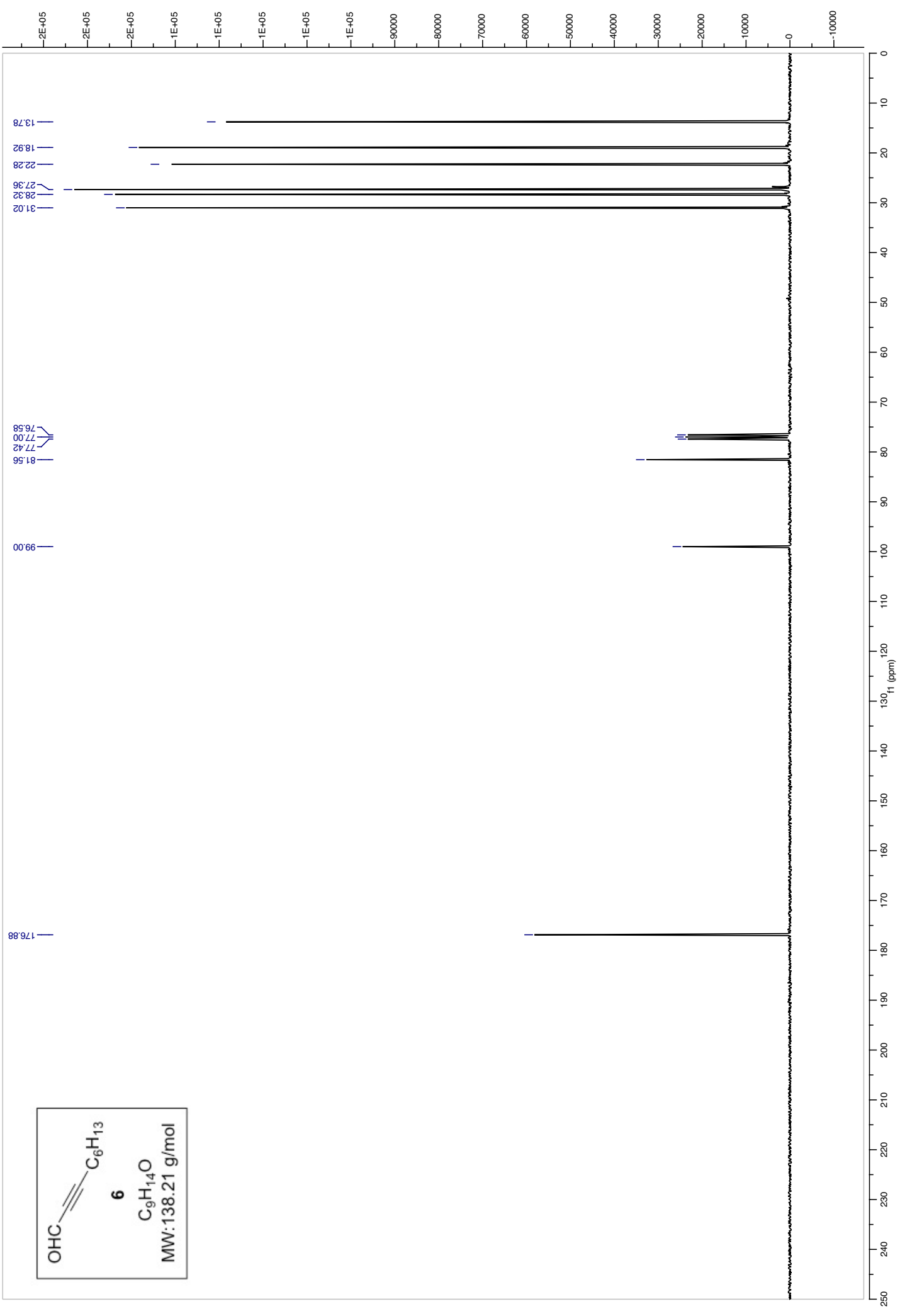
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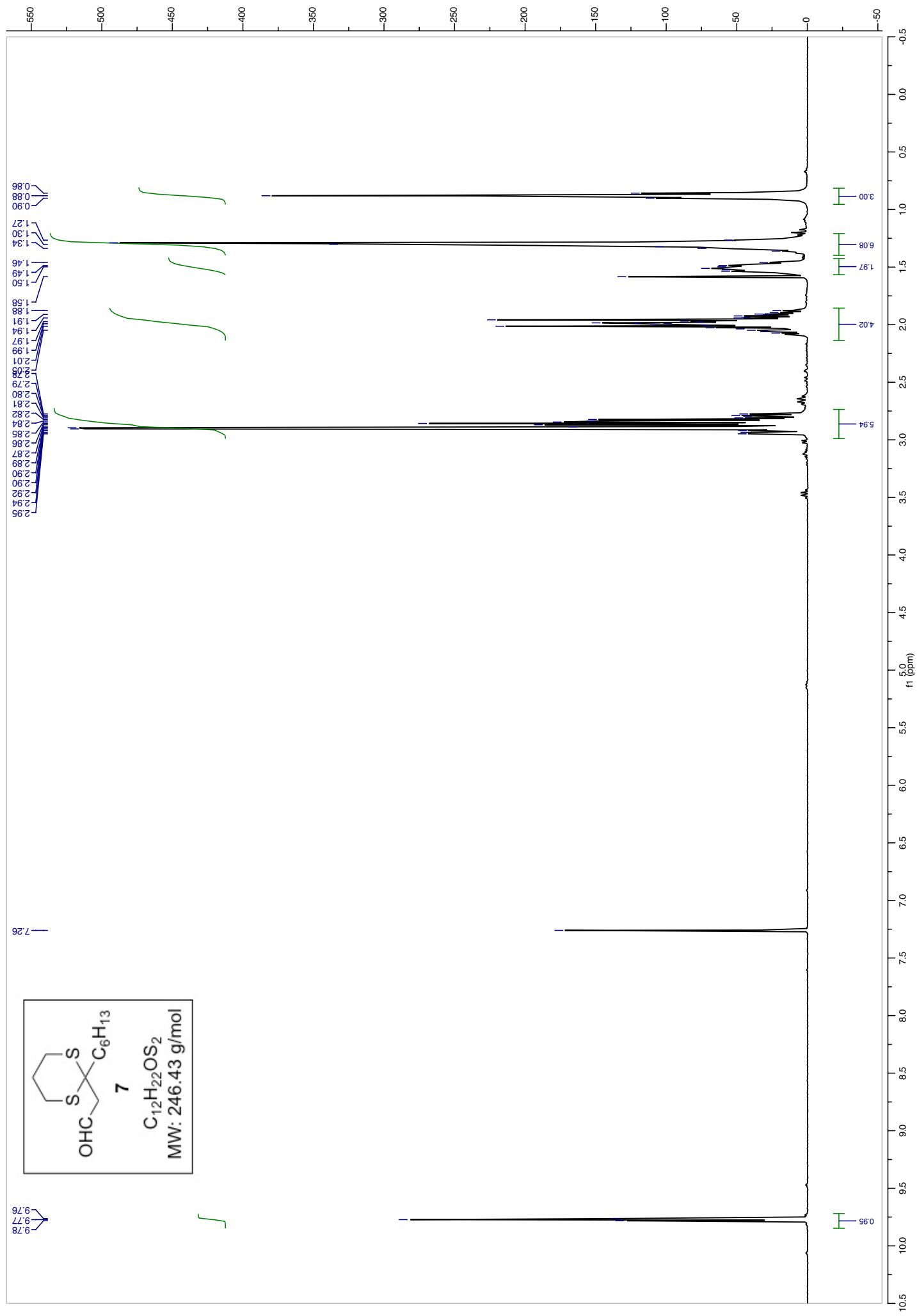


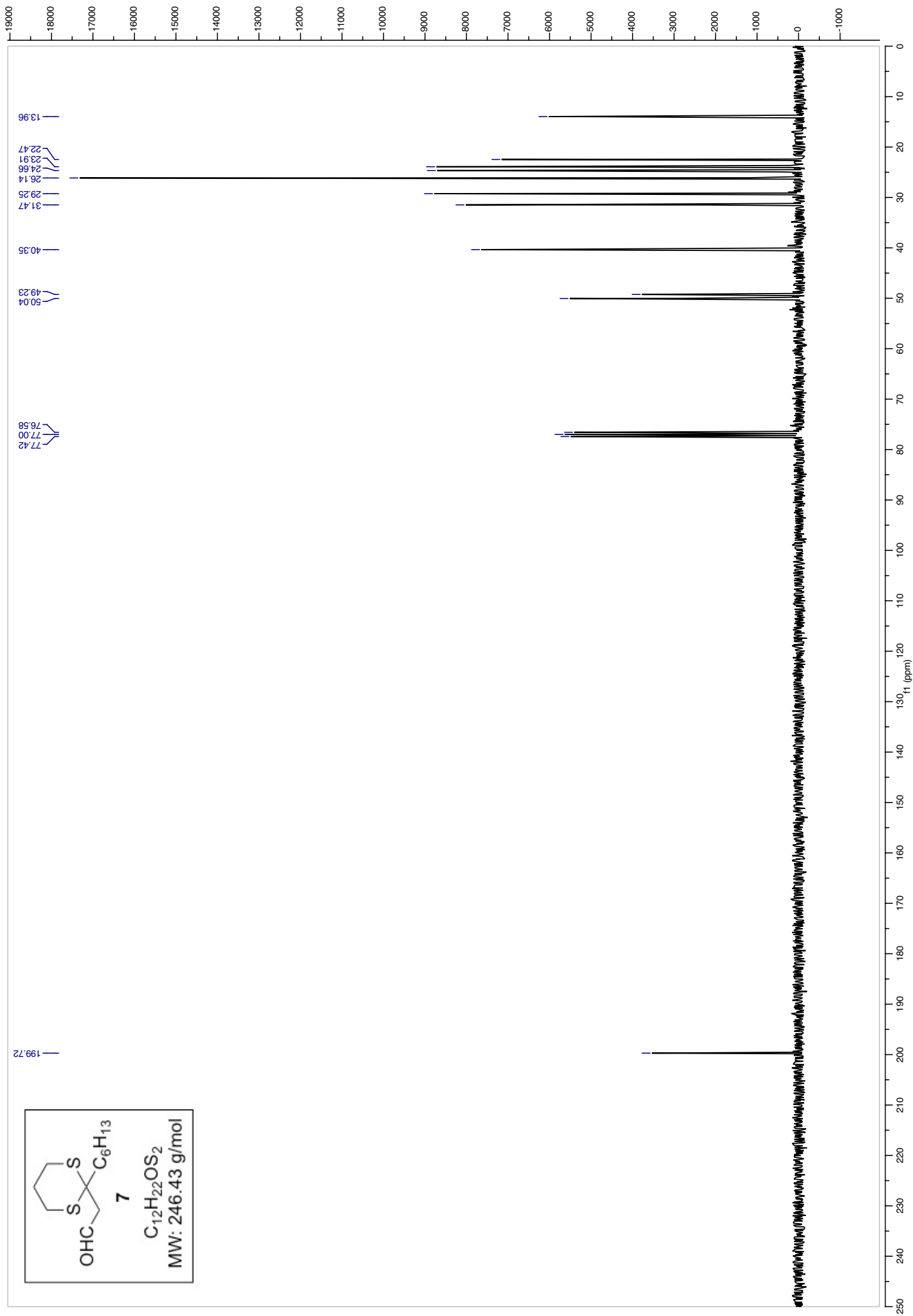




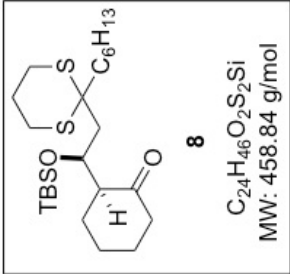
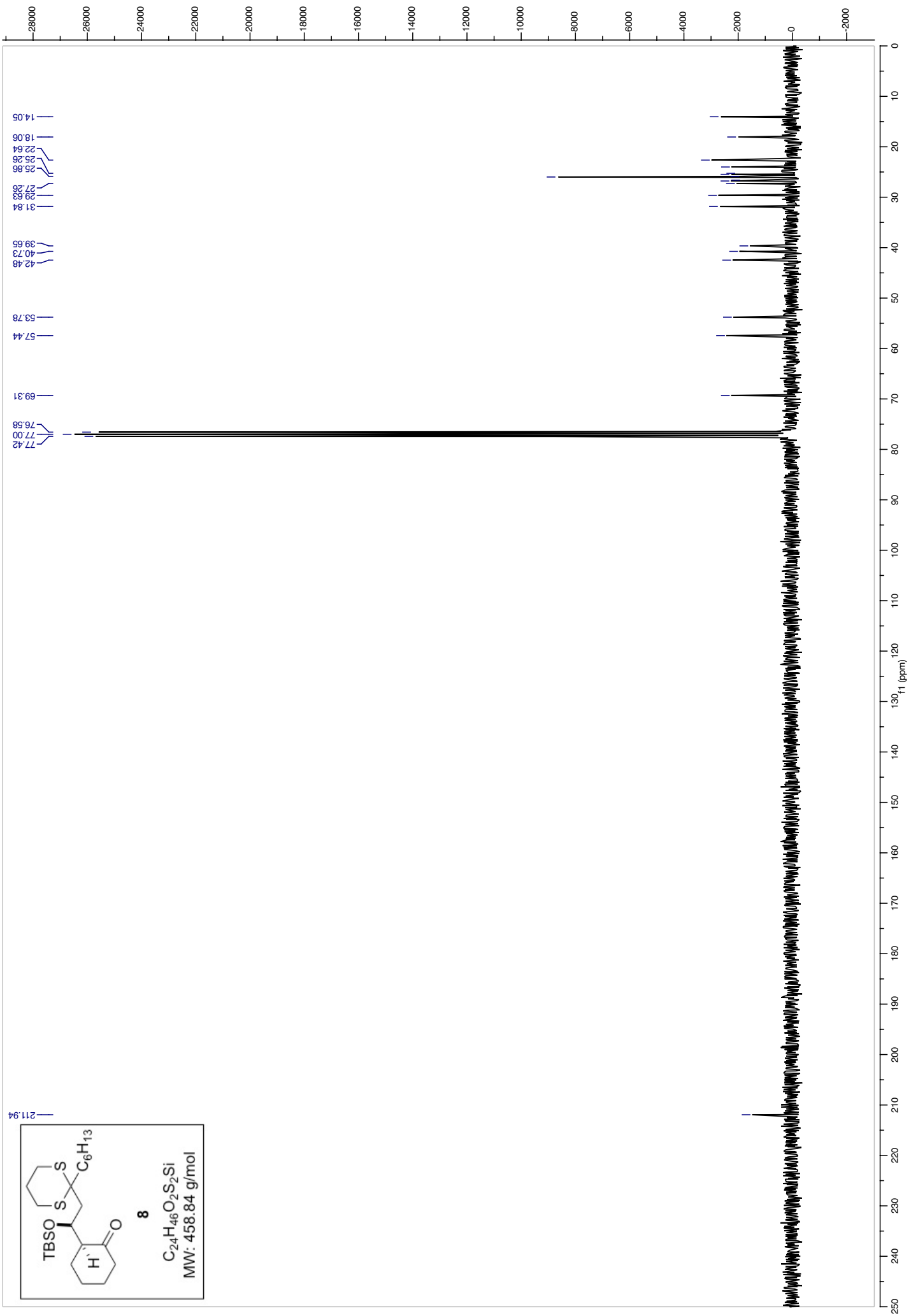


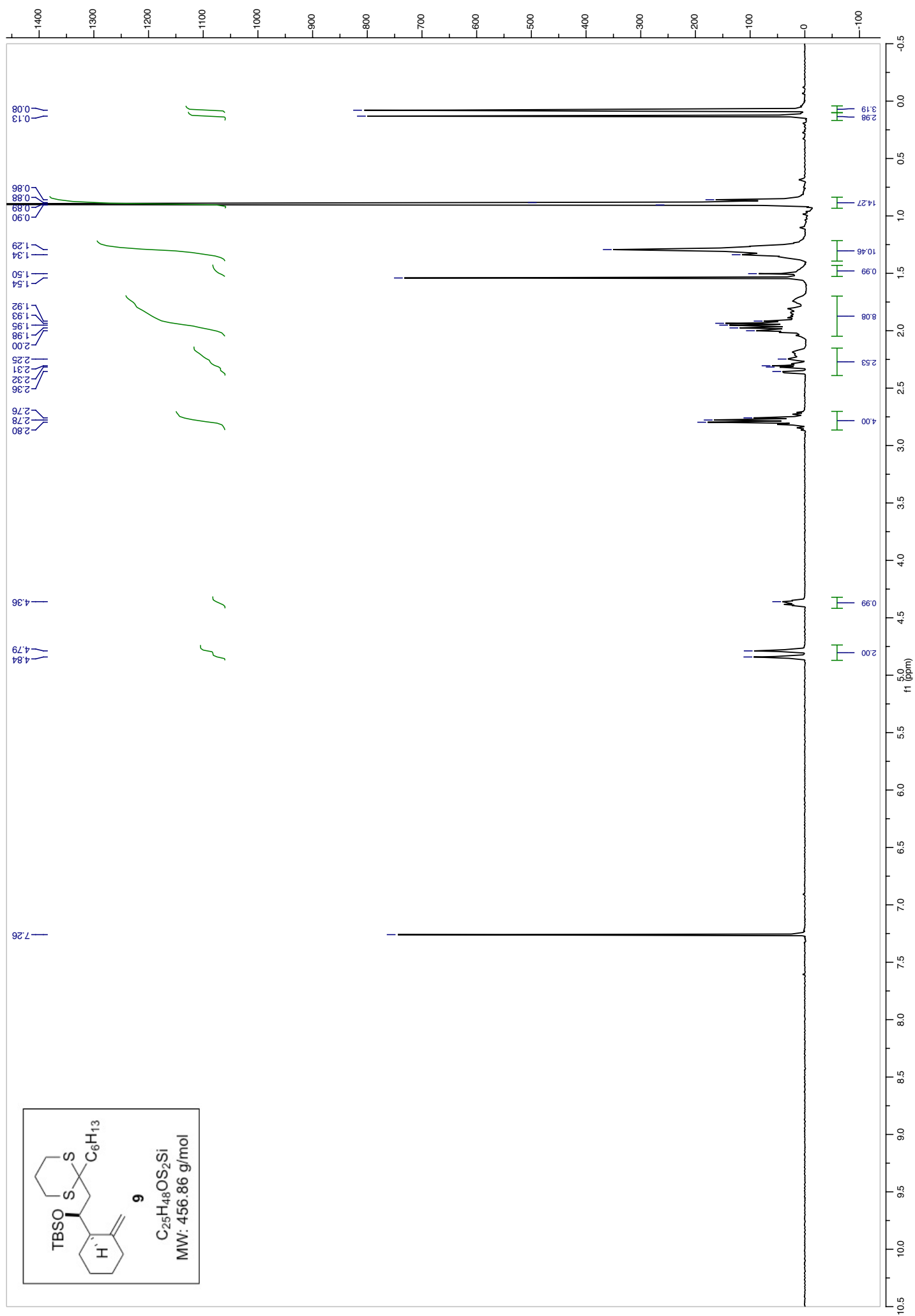


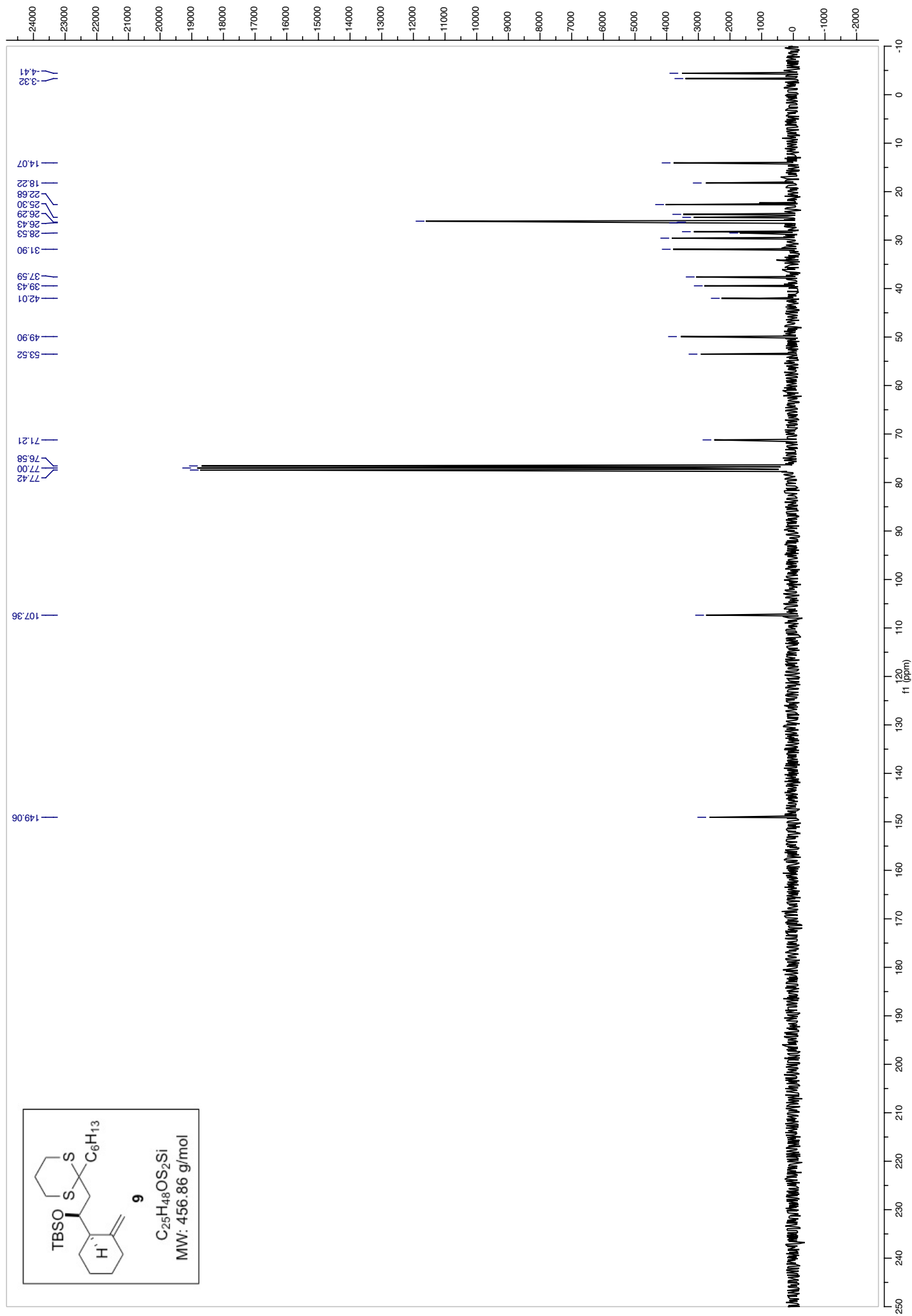


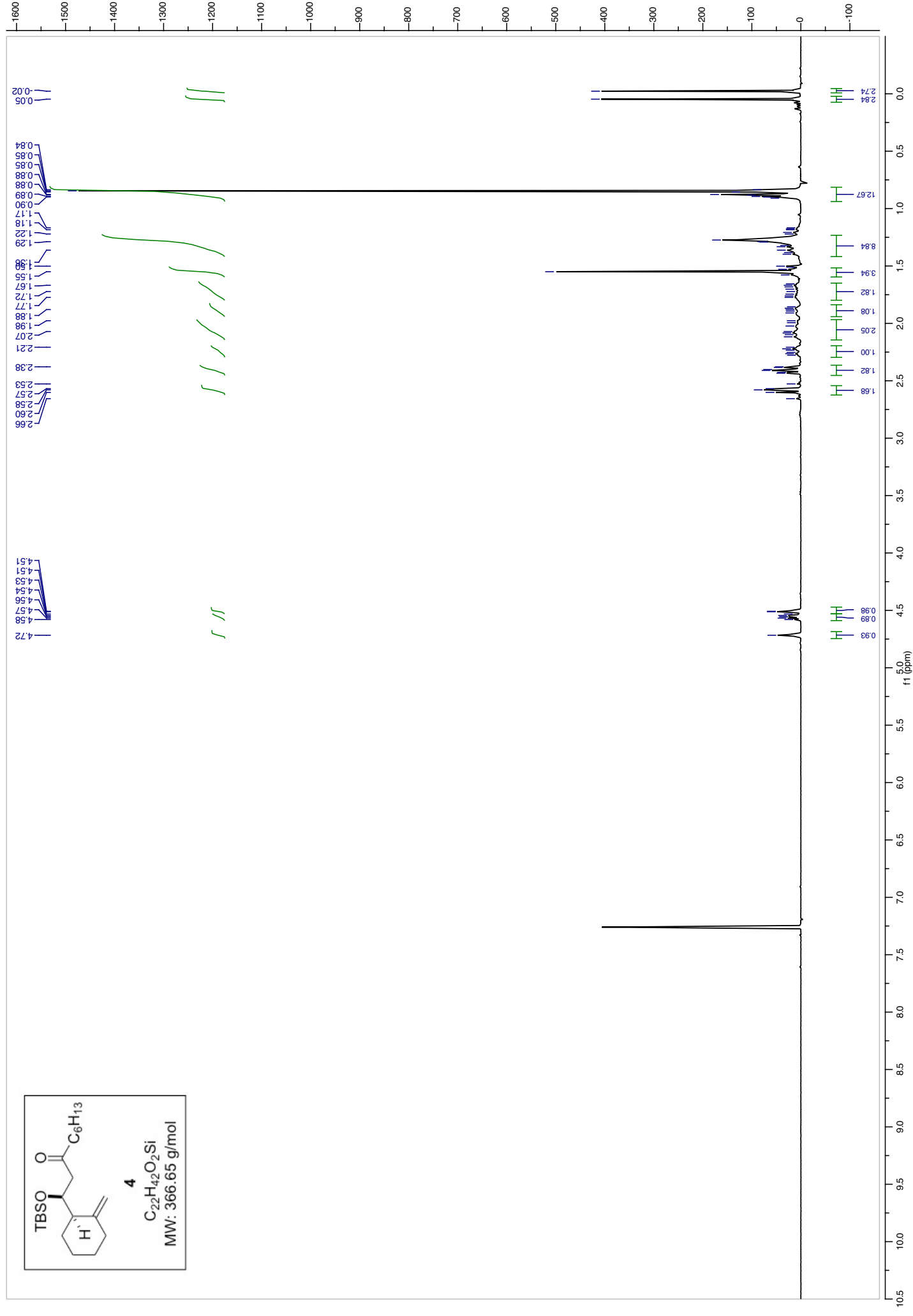




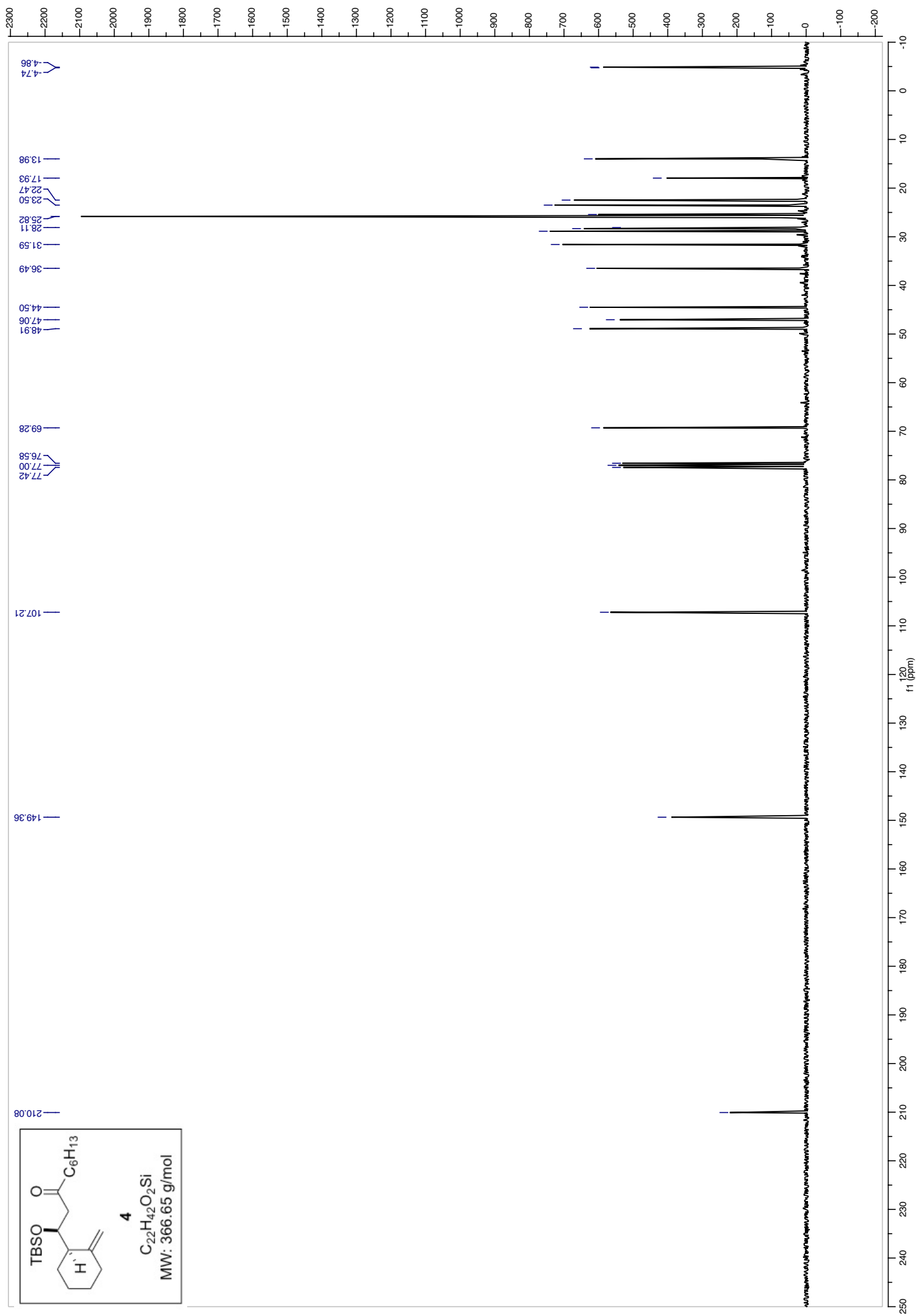


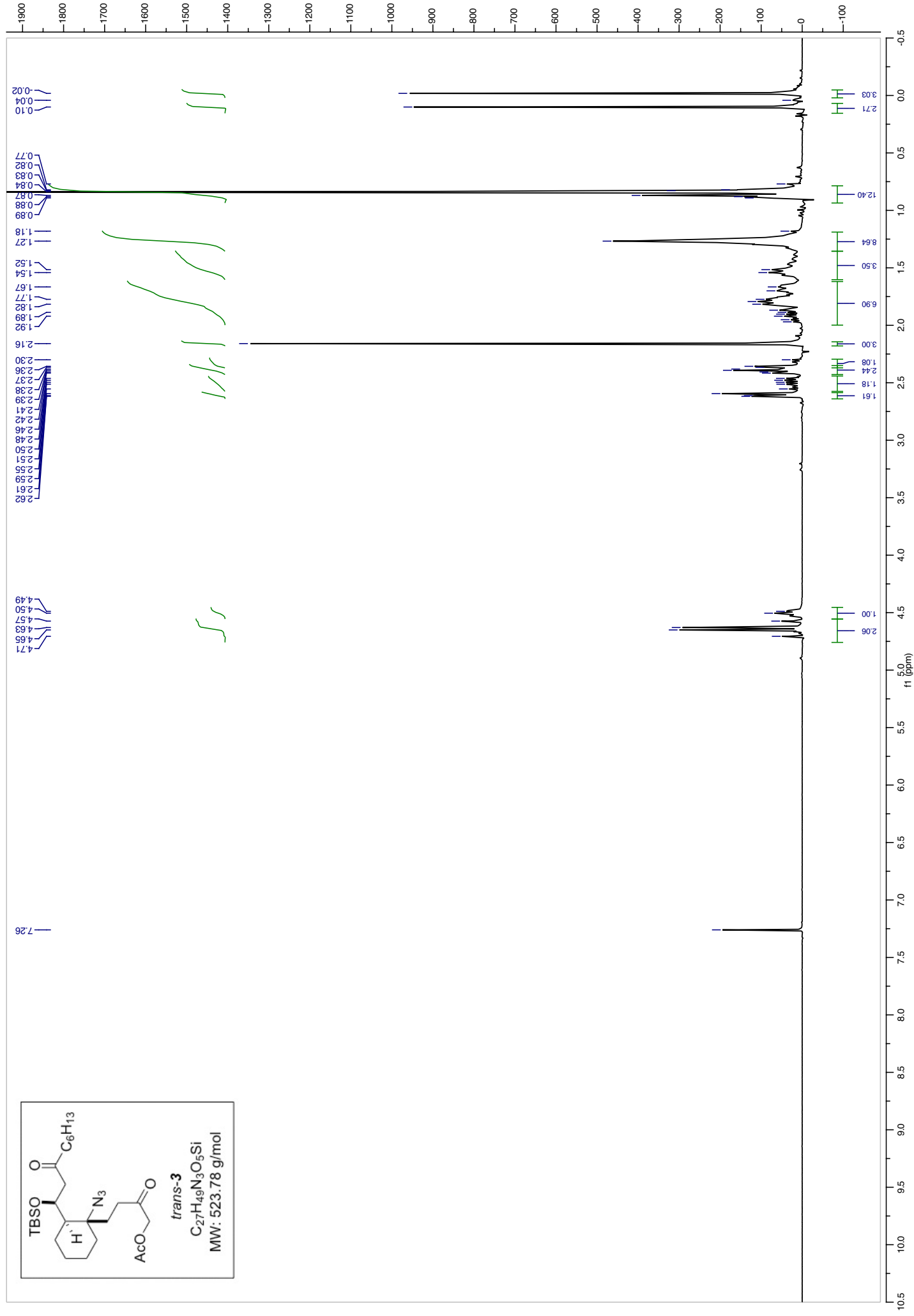


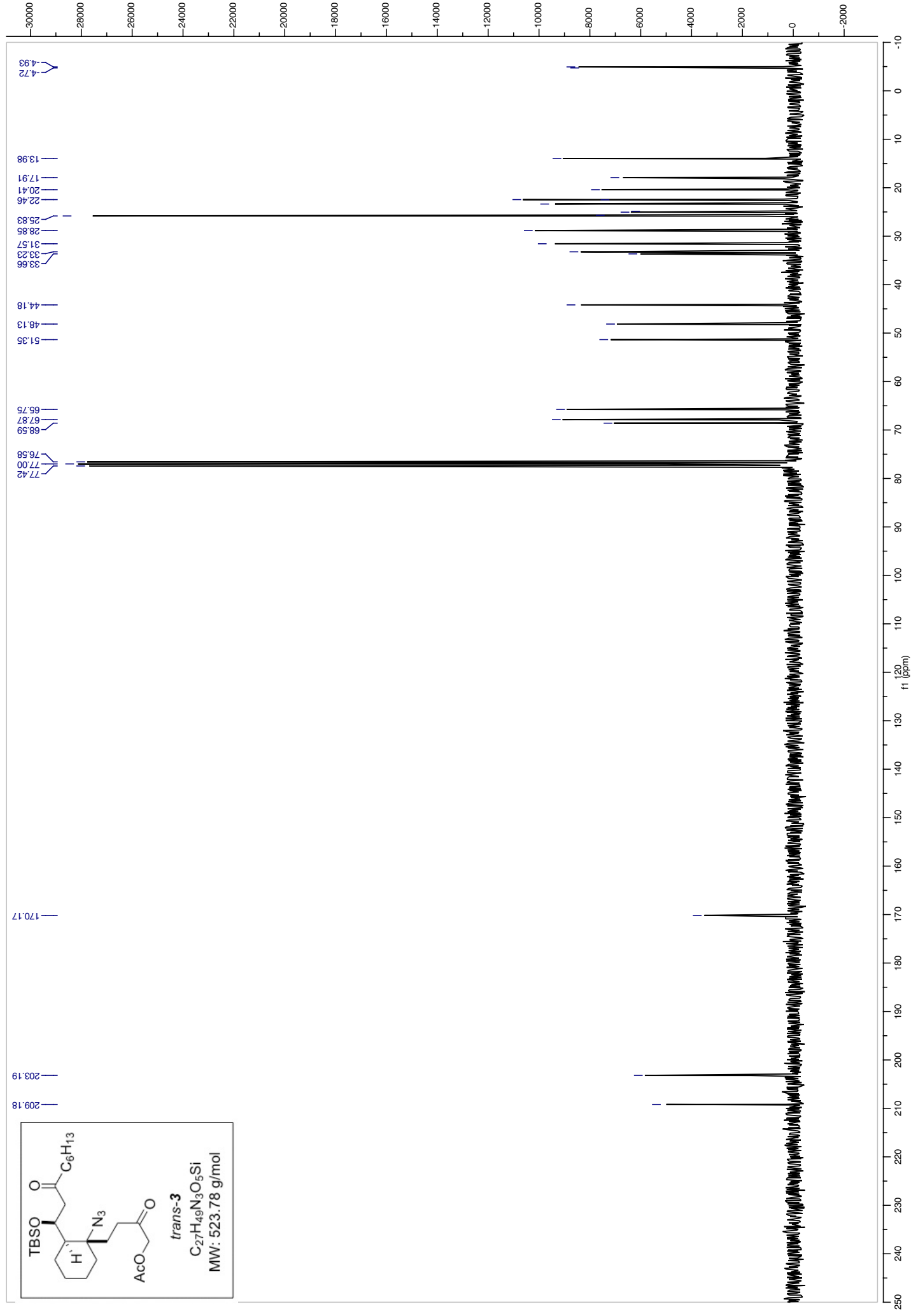


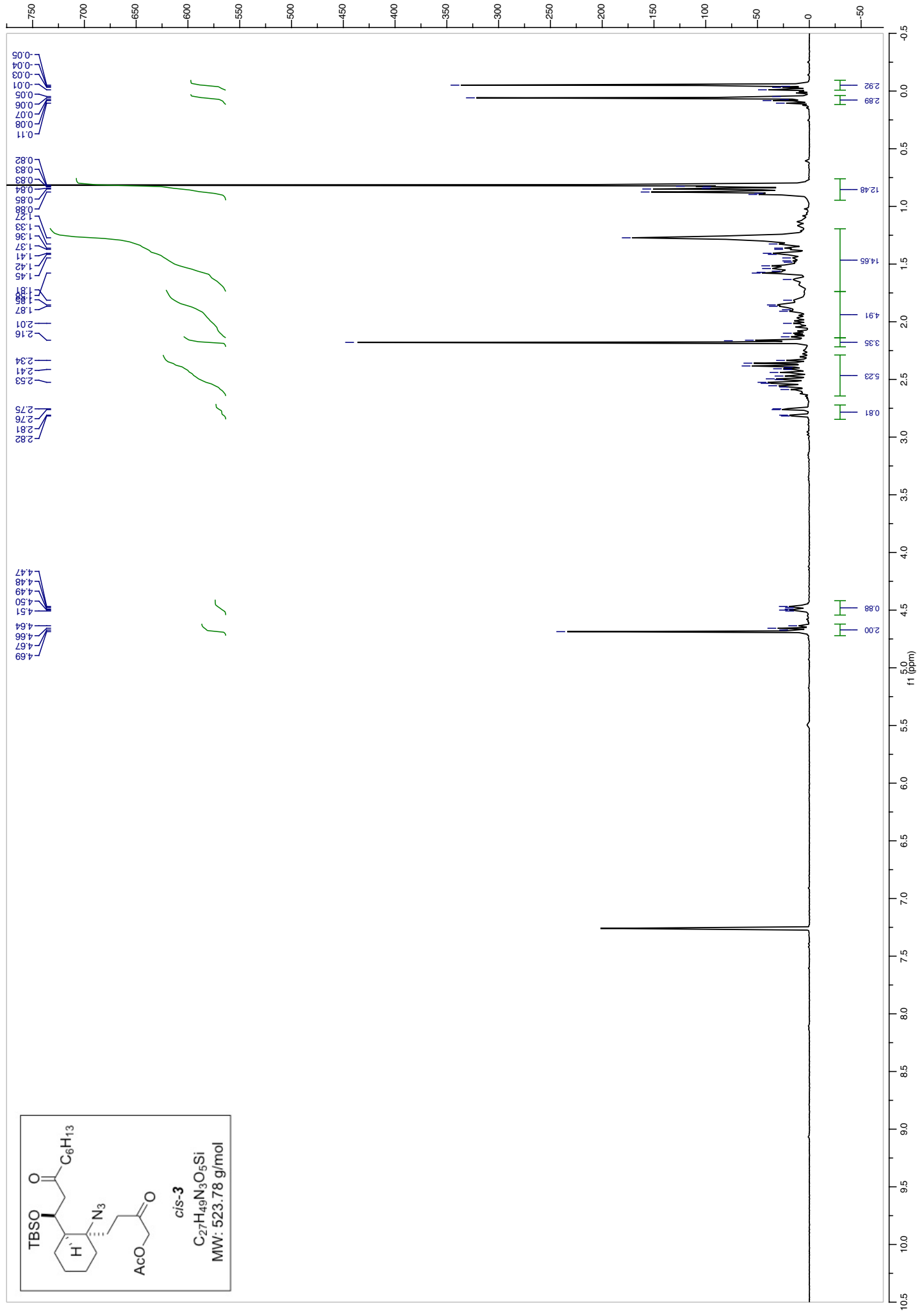




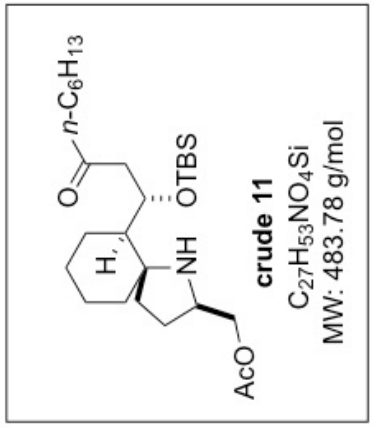
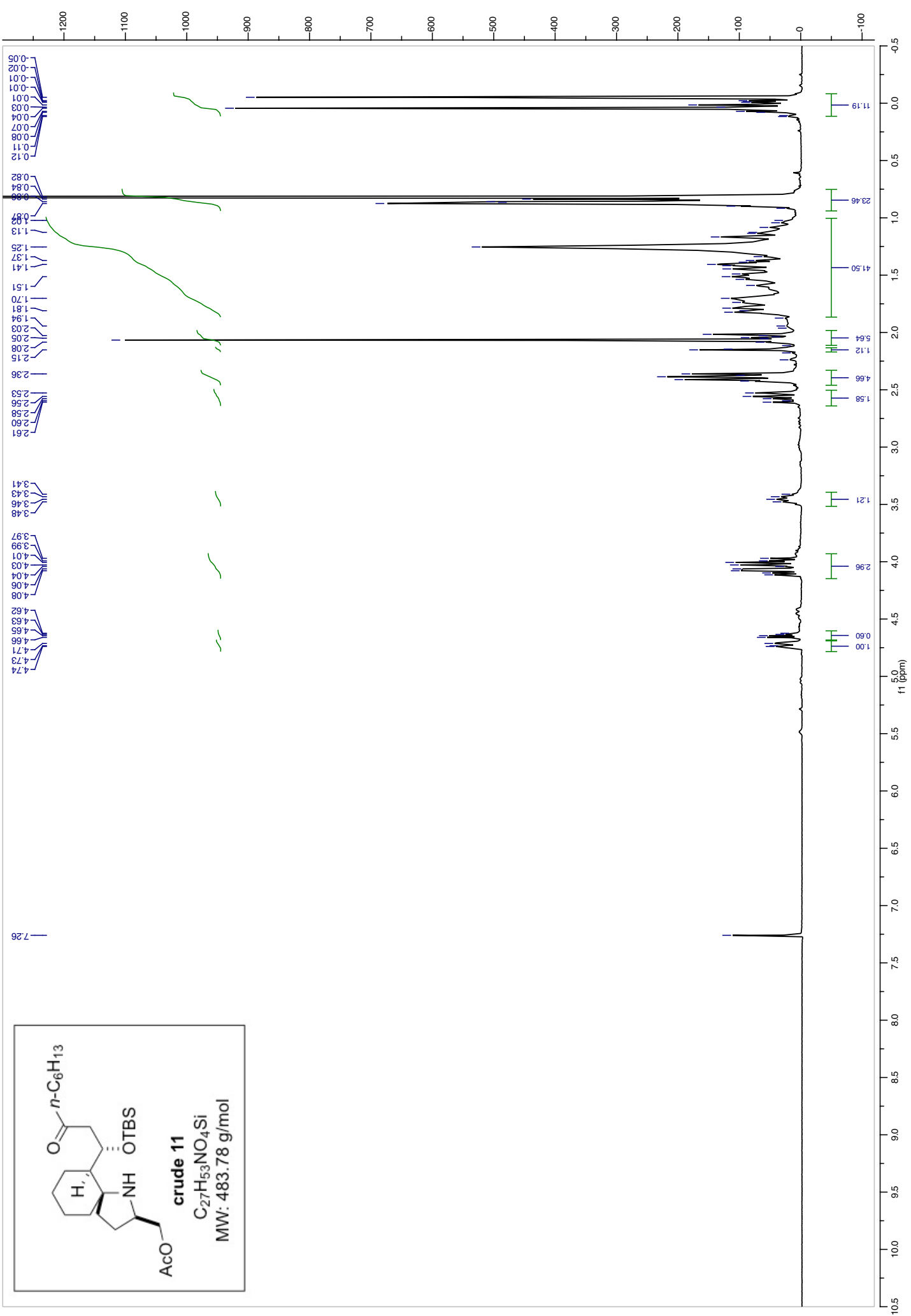


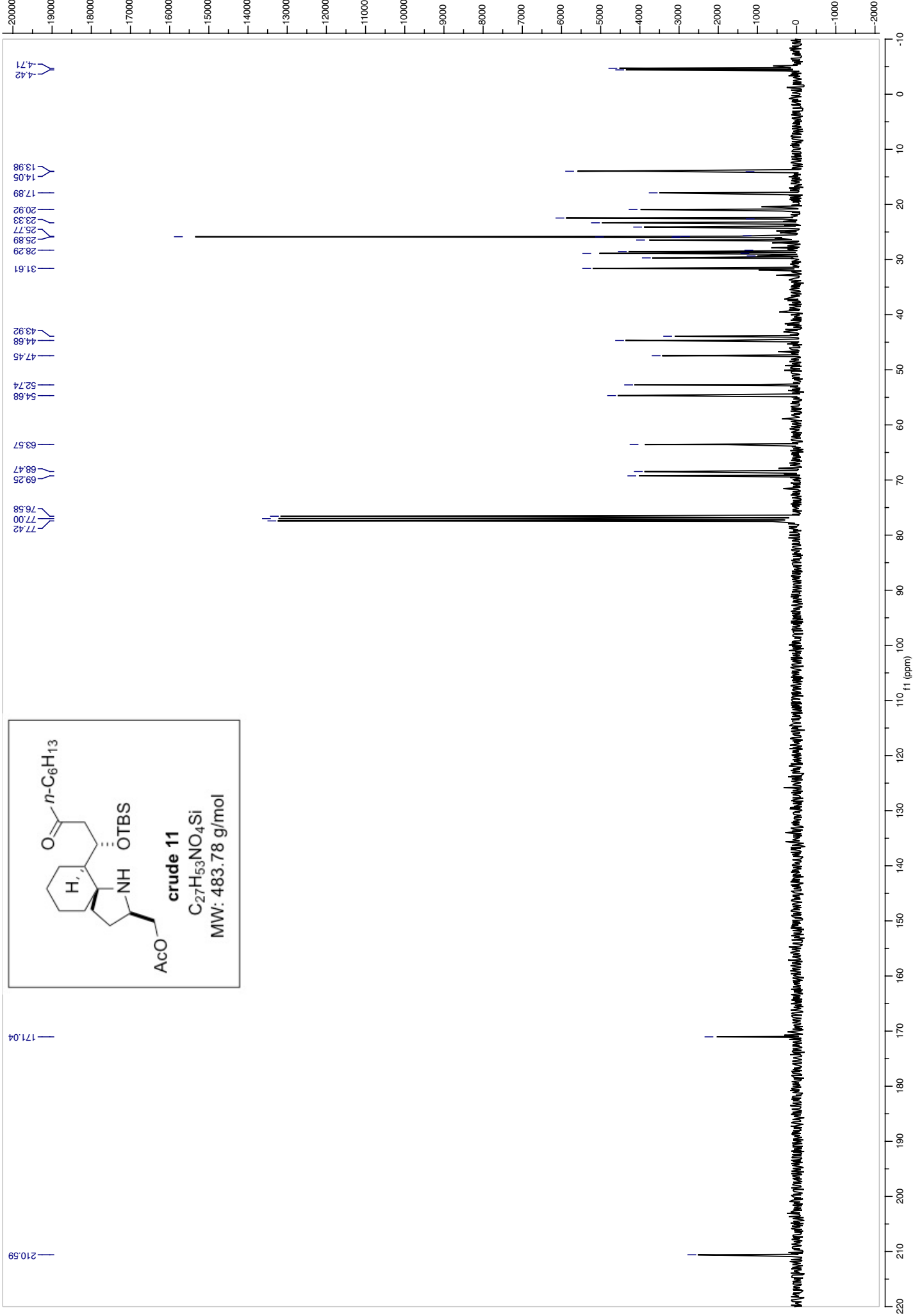


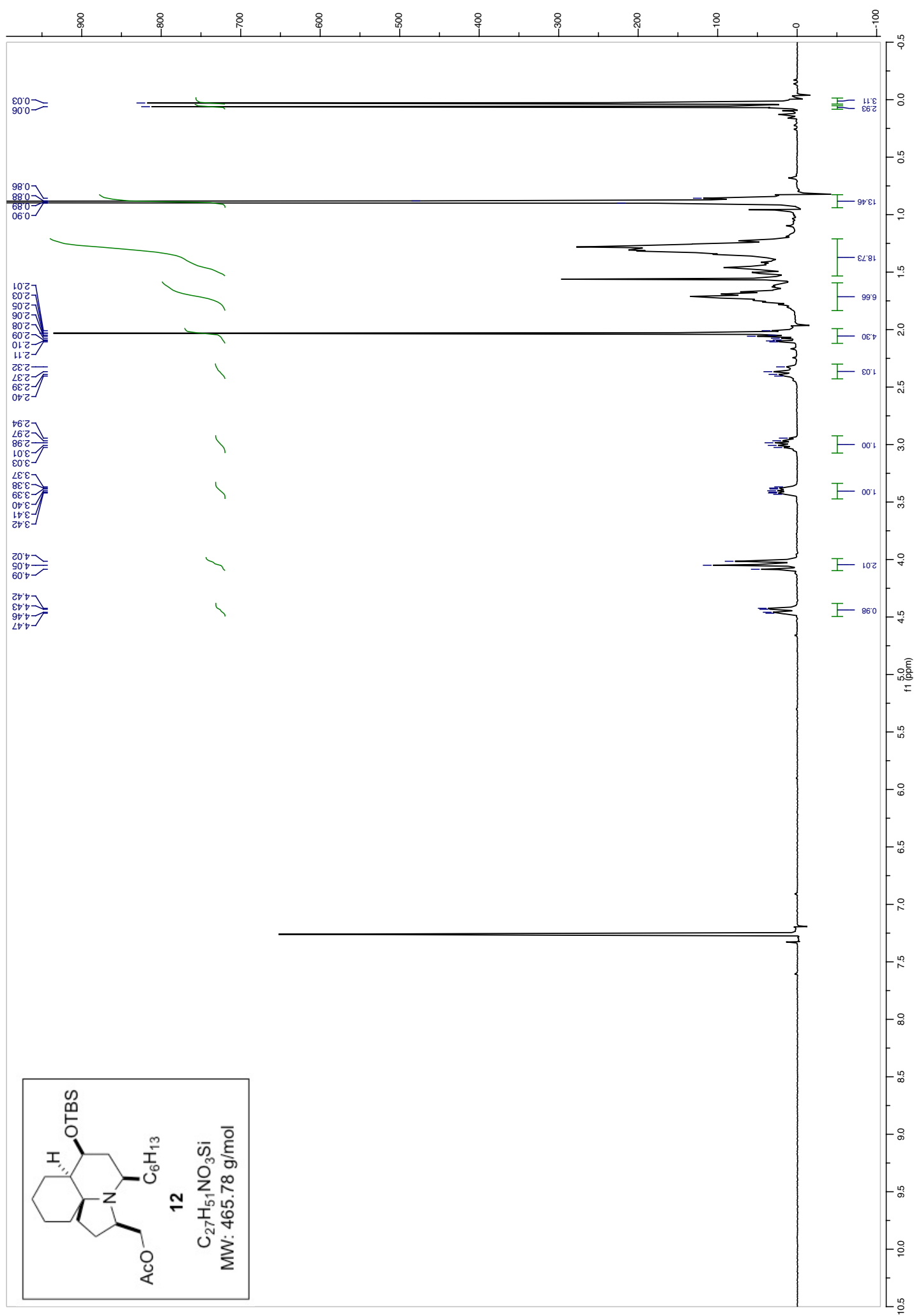




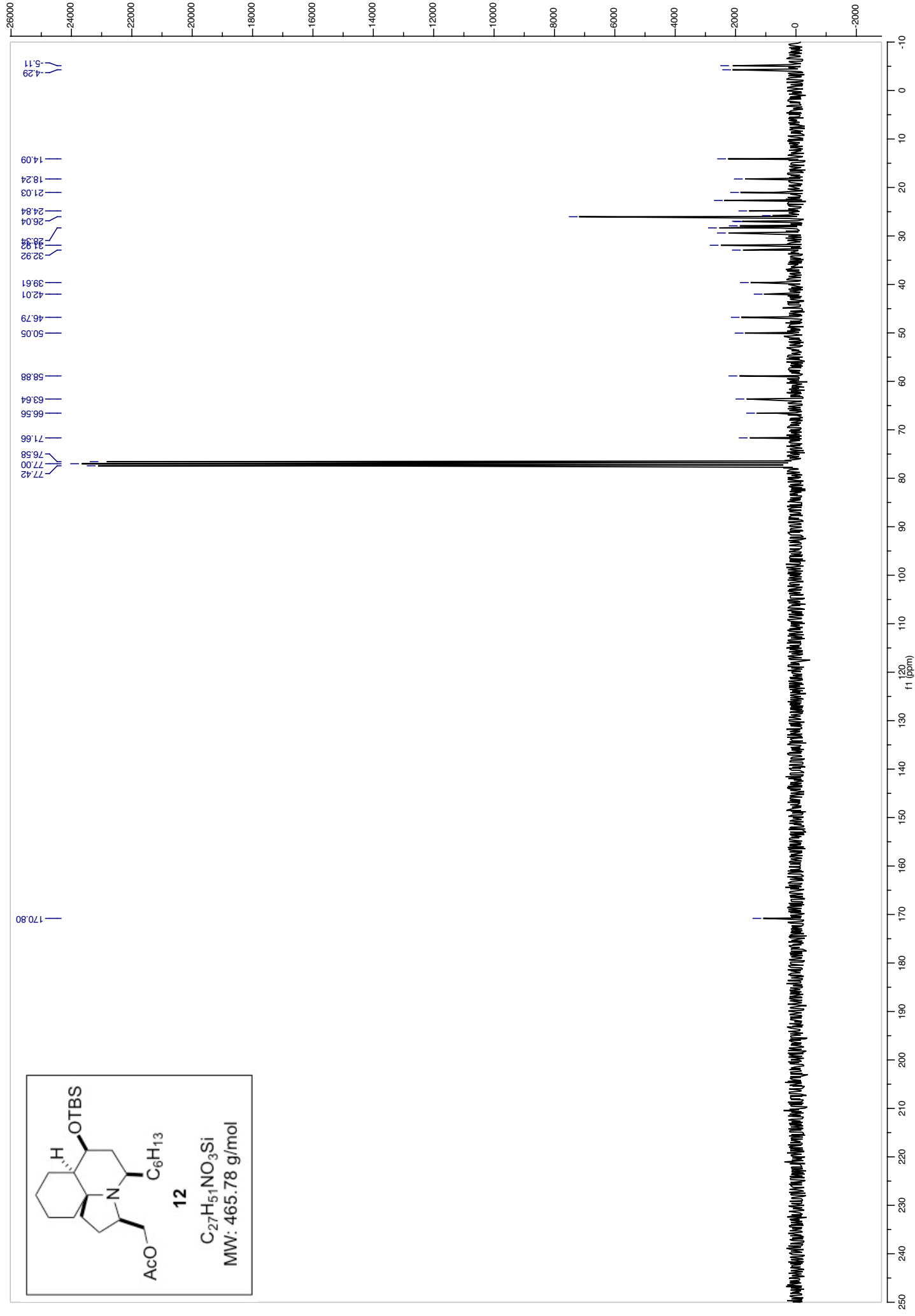


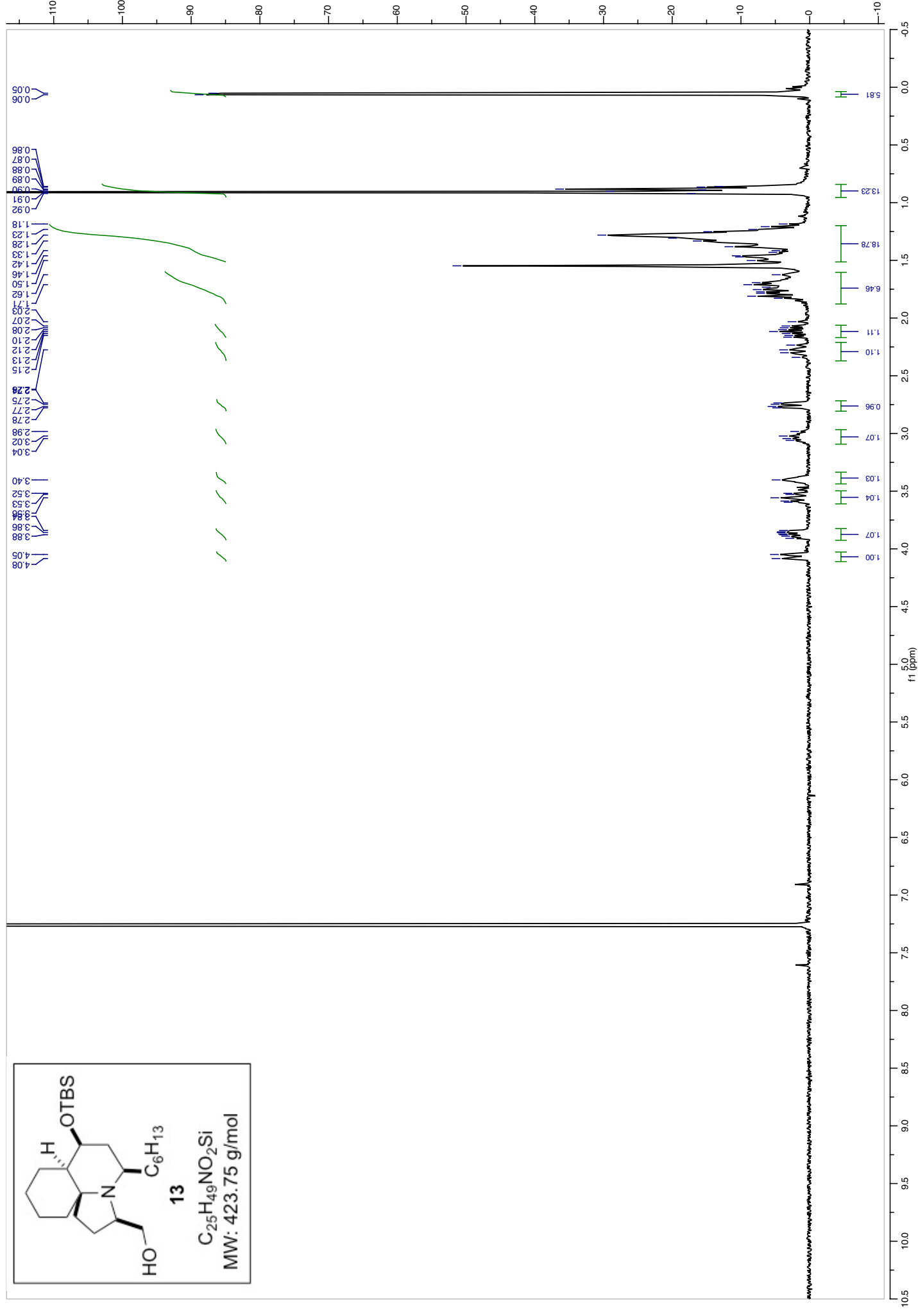


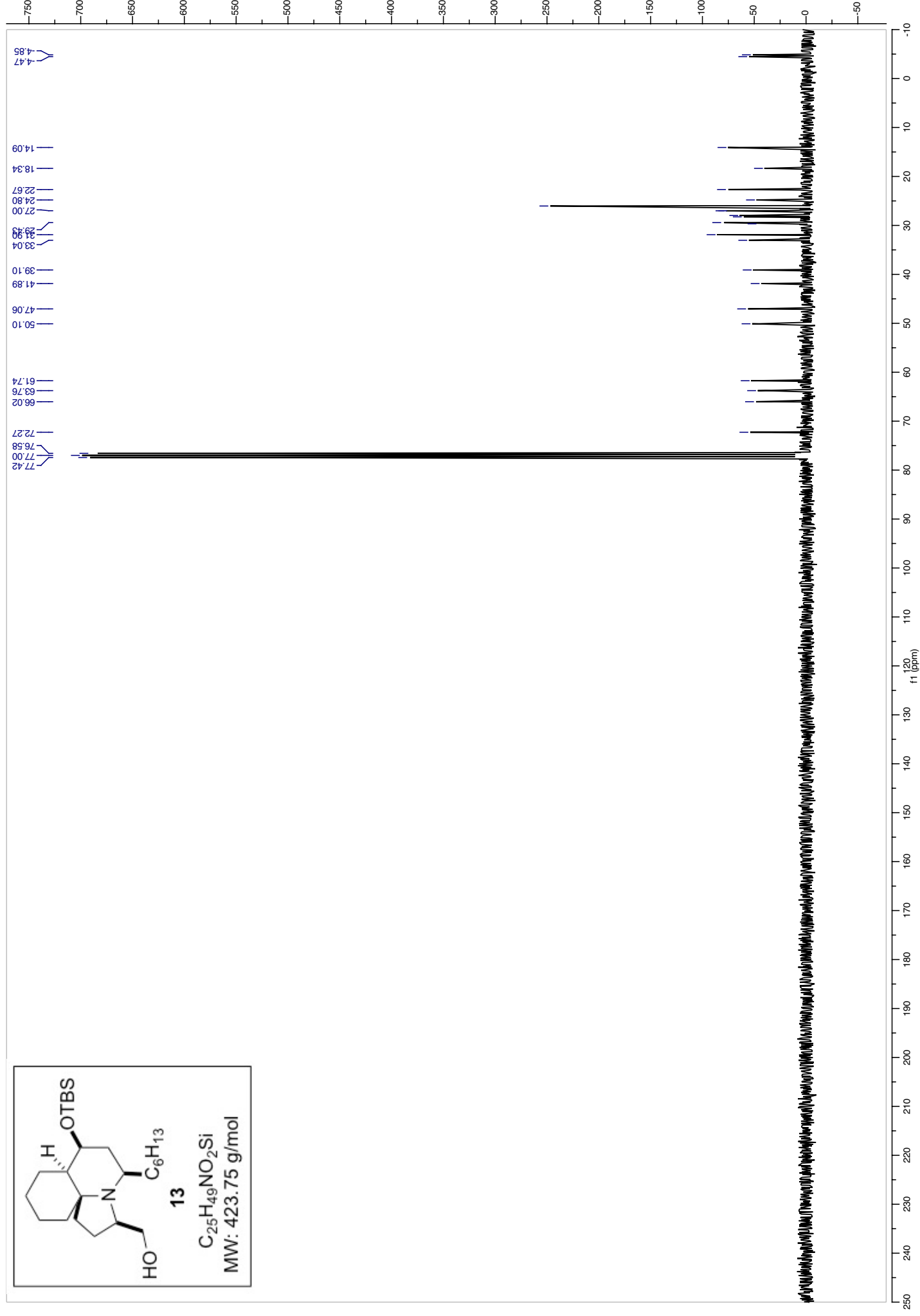
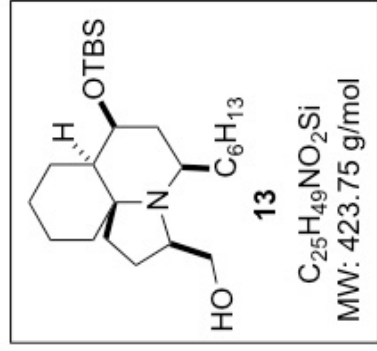


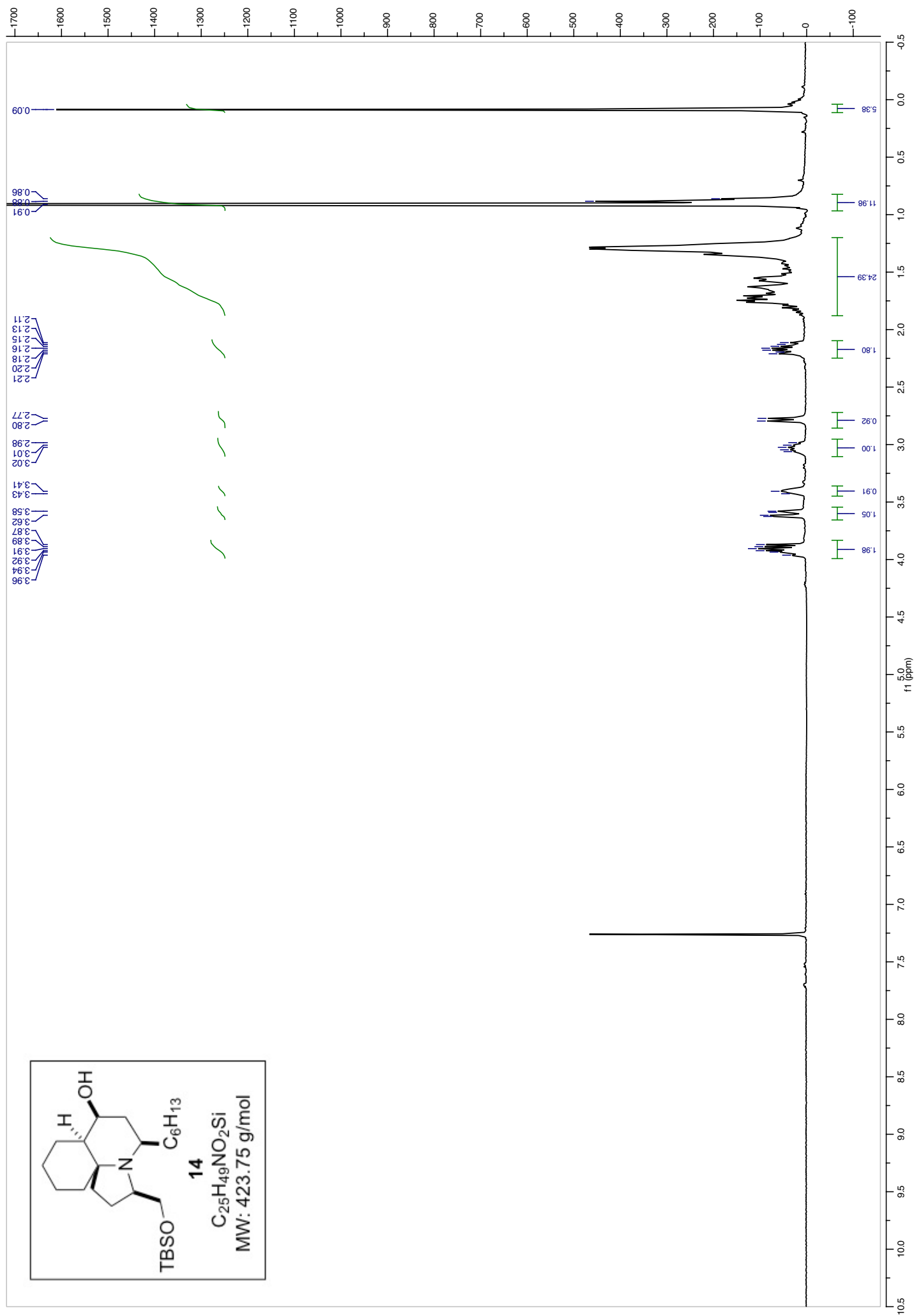


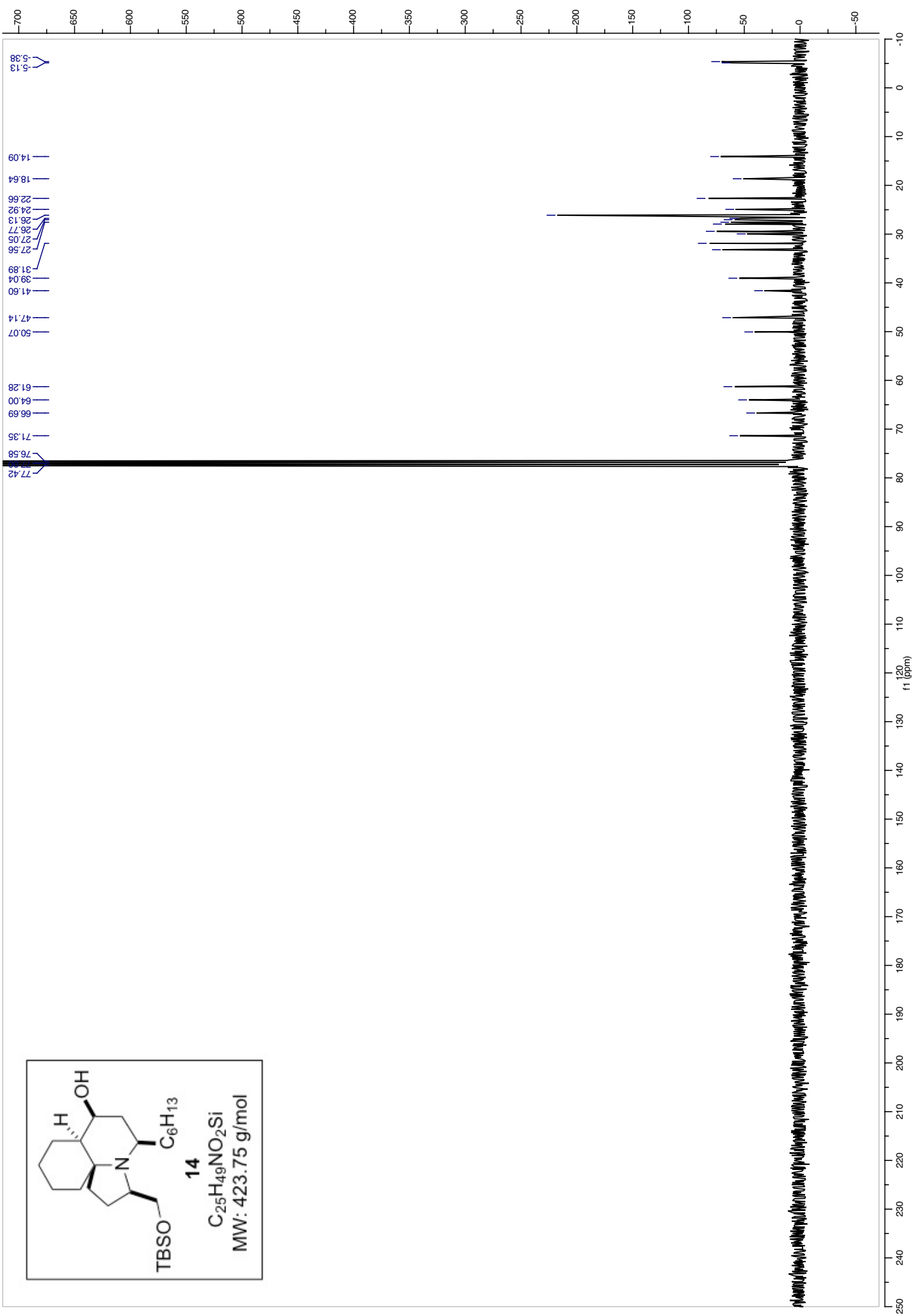


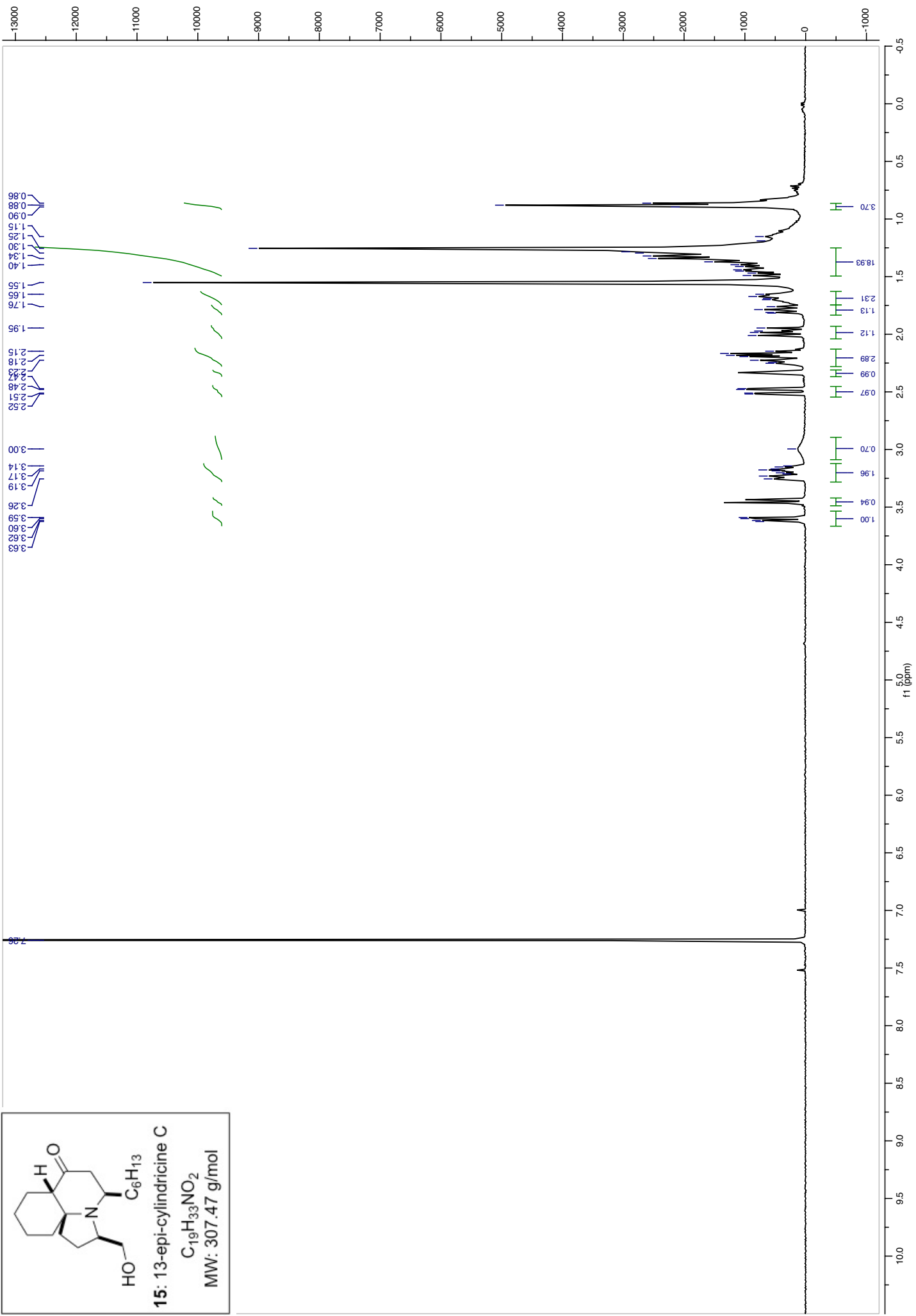
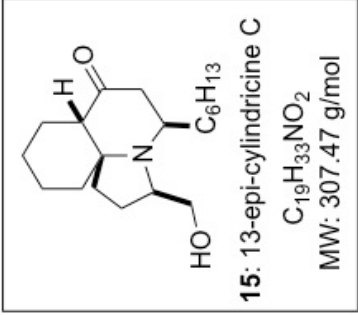


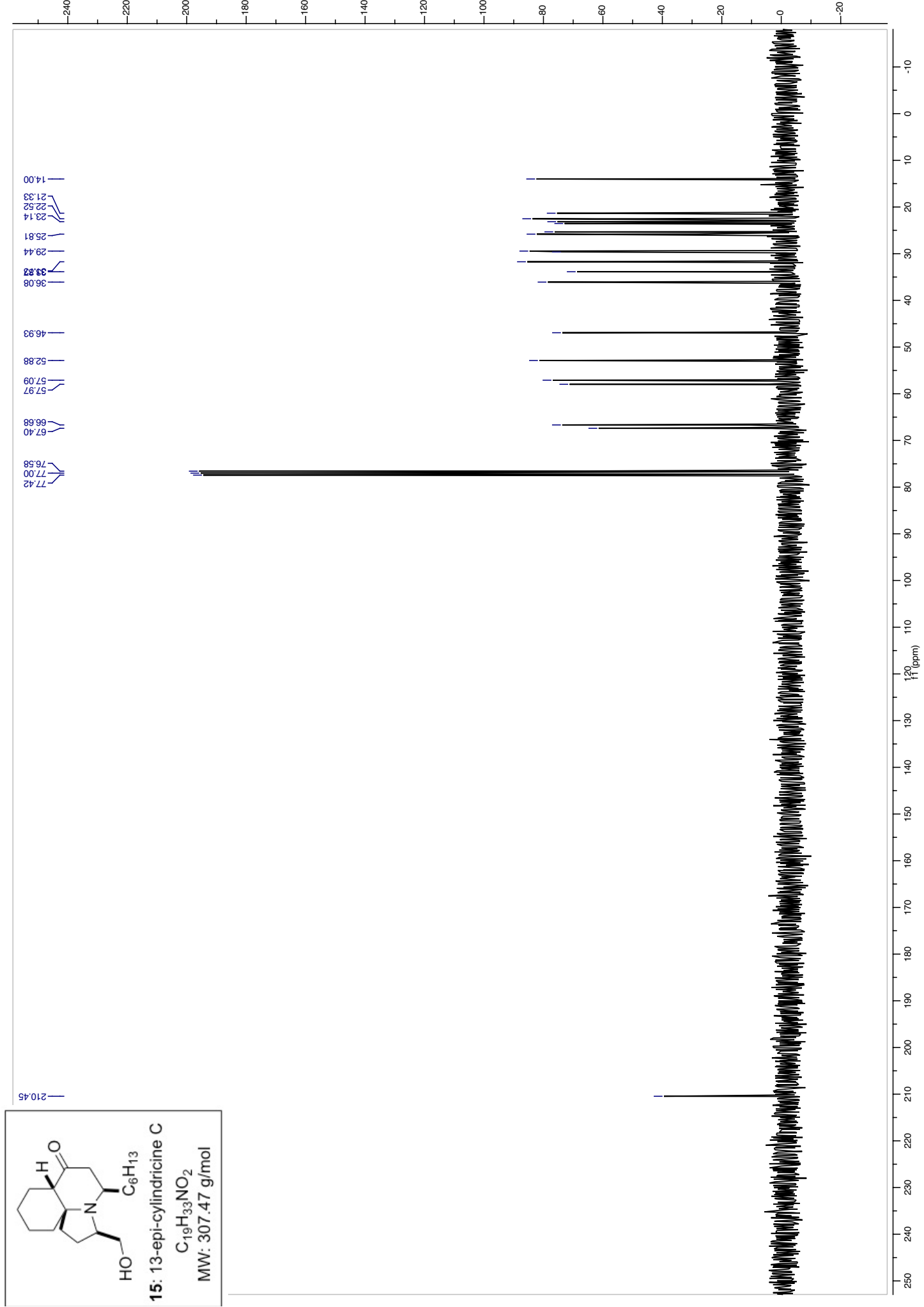


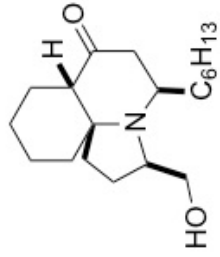












**15: 13-epi-cylindricine C**

$C_{19}H_{33}NO_2$

MW: 307.47 g/mol

