

# A Highly Stereoselective TMSOTf-Mediated Catalytic Carbocupration of Alkynoates

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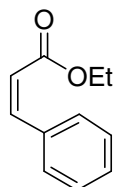
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## Experimental Section

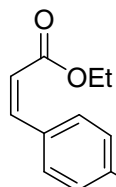
All of the reactions were performed under Ar in flame-dried glassware. Anhydrous tetrahydrofuran (THF) was obtained from a commercial source and used without purification. Copper(I) iodide (98% purity) and lithium chloride (LiCl, 99%+, ACS) were obtained from Aldrich and used without any purification. The NMR spectra were recorded with either a 360 or 500 MHz Bruker spectrometer.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectra were obtained using  $\text{CDCl}_3$  as the solvent with either tetramethylsilane (TMS:  $\delta = 0$  ppm) or chloroform ( $\text{CHCl}_3$ :  $\delta = 7.26$  ppm) as the internal standard. Column chromatography was performed using 60-200  $\mu\text{m}$  silica gel. Analytical thin layer chromatography was performed on silica coated glass plates with F-254 indicator. Visualization was accomplished by UV light (254 nm) and  $\text{KMnO}_4$ .

**General Experimental Procedure for the TMSOTf-Promoted Catalytic Carbocupration of **1a** with PhMgBr:** CuI (0.029 g, 0.15 mmol) and LiCl (0.013 g, 0.30 mmol) was placed in a 100 mL round bottom flask (flame dried under vacuum) under Ar. Dry THF (20 mL) was added to the salts, and the mixture was stirred at room temperature for a period of 0.5 h until complete dissolution had occurred. The clear, light yellow homogeneous solution was cooled to  $-78^\circ\text{C}$ , and **1a** (0.294 g, 3.0 mmol) was added, followed by TMSOTf (1.05 eq., 0.57 mL, 3.15 mmol). After 5 minutes at  $-78^\circ\text{C}$ , phenylmagnesium bromide (1.2 eq., 1.2 mL, 3.6 mmol) was added dropwise with a syringe, and the solution was stirred at  $-78^\circ\text{C}$  for 1 h. Trifluoroacetic acid (1.2 eq., 0.5 mL, 3.6 mmol) was added to quench the reaction at  $-78^\circ\text{C}$ , and the mixture was allowed to warm to room temperature and stir for 30 min. The product was extracted with sat.  $\text{NaHCO}_3$ ,  $\text{Et}_2\text{O}$  (3 X 25 mL), and the combined organic layers were washed with deionized water followed by saturated  $\text{NH}_4\text{Cl}$ . The organic layer was separated, dried with  $\text{MgSO}_4$ , and concentrated in vacuo to give the crude product, which was then analyzed by  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectroscopy to determine diastereoselectivity. Column chromatography of the crude material (10% ethyl acetate in hexanes) afforded a 91% yield of the pure cinnamate product.

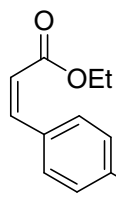
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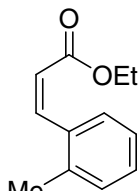
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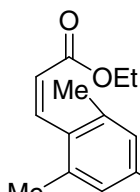
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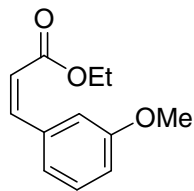
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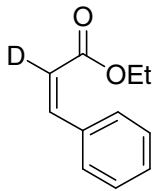
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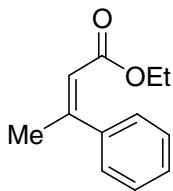
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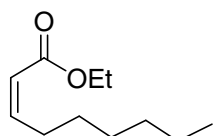
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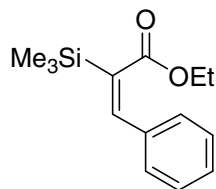
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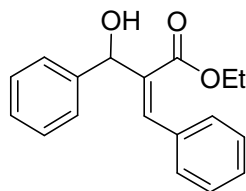
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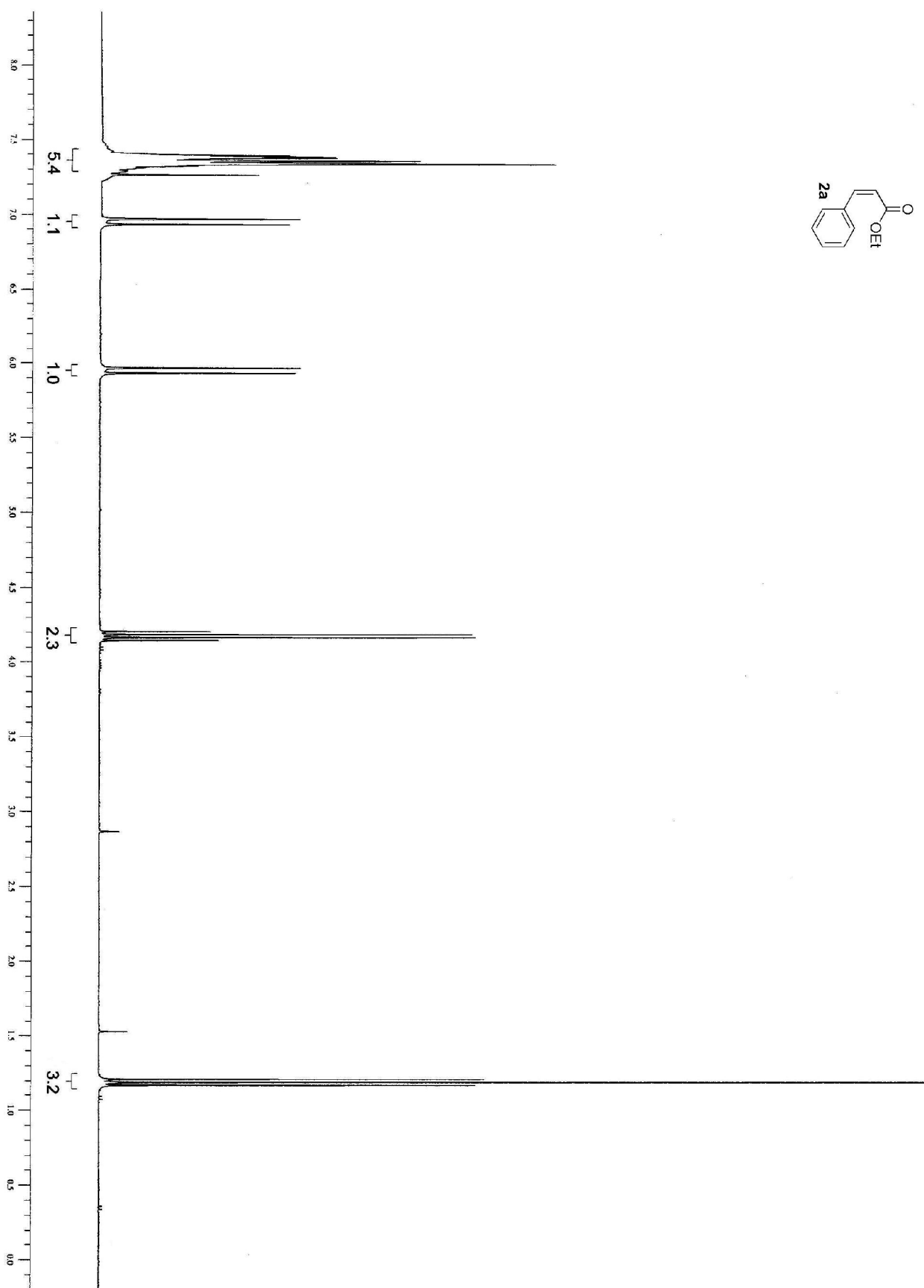
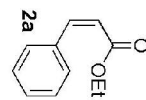
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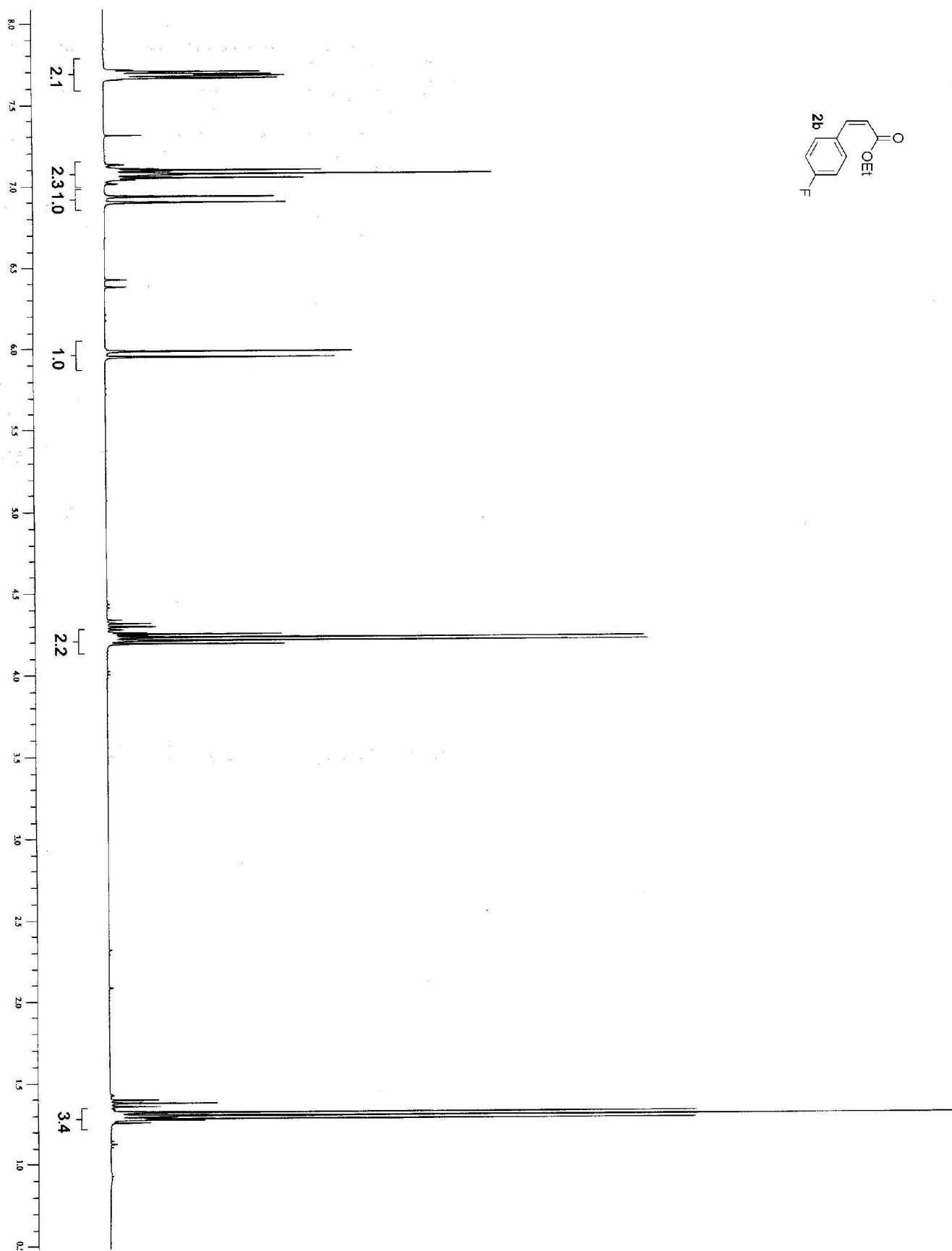
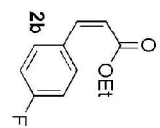


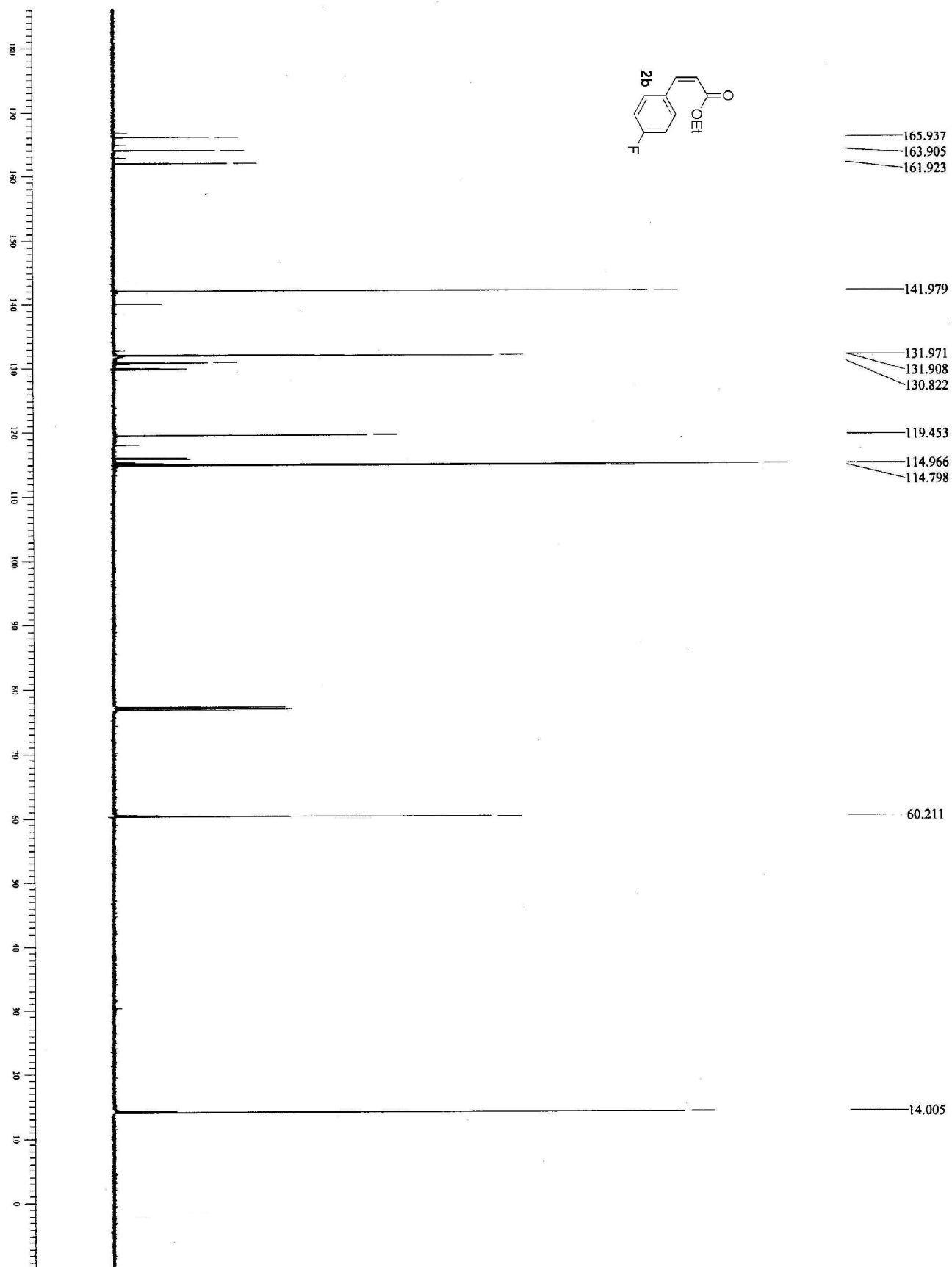
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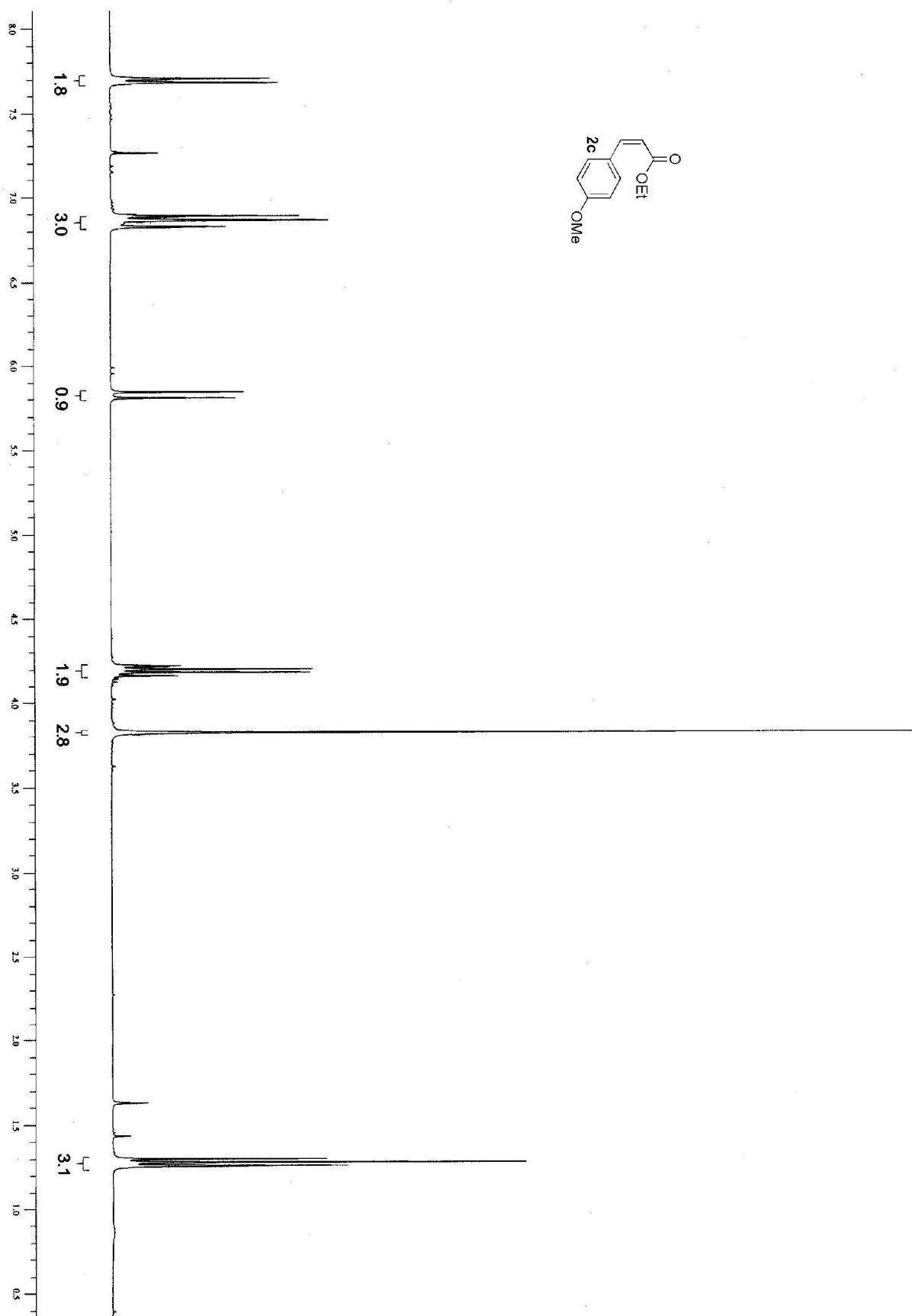
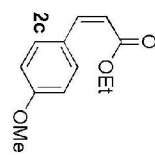


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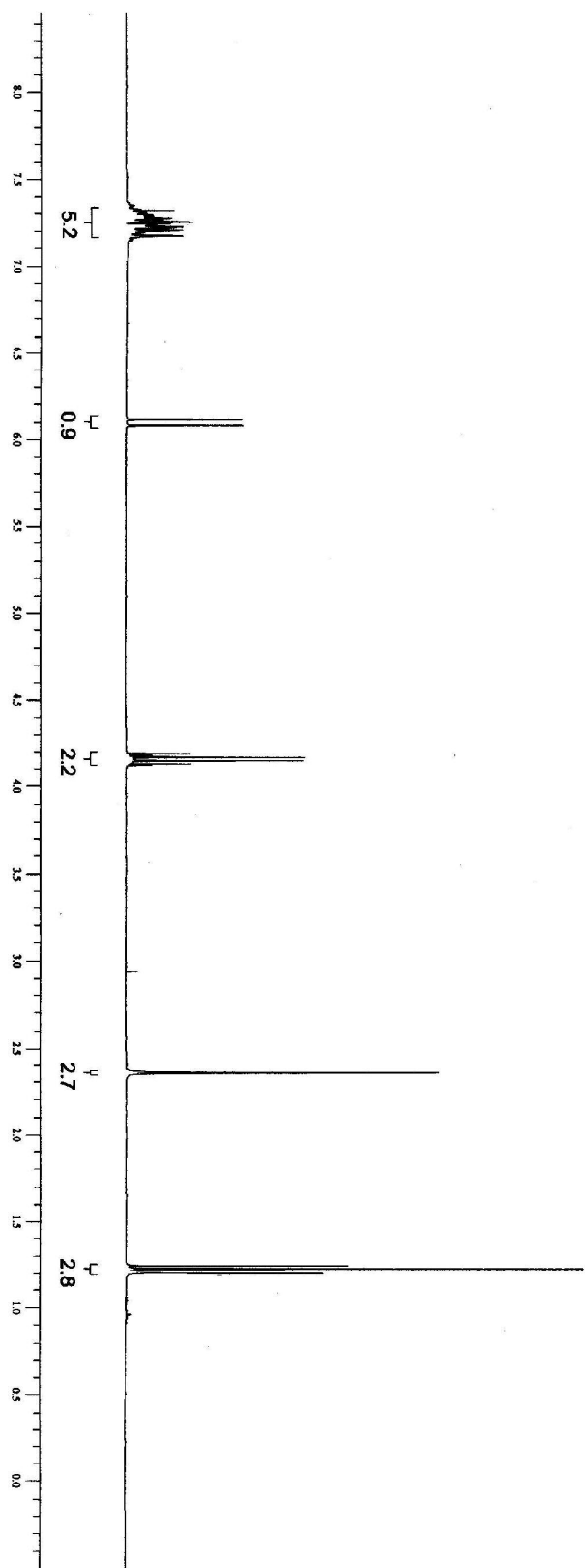
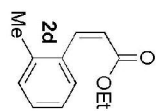


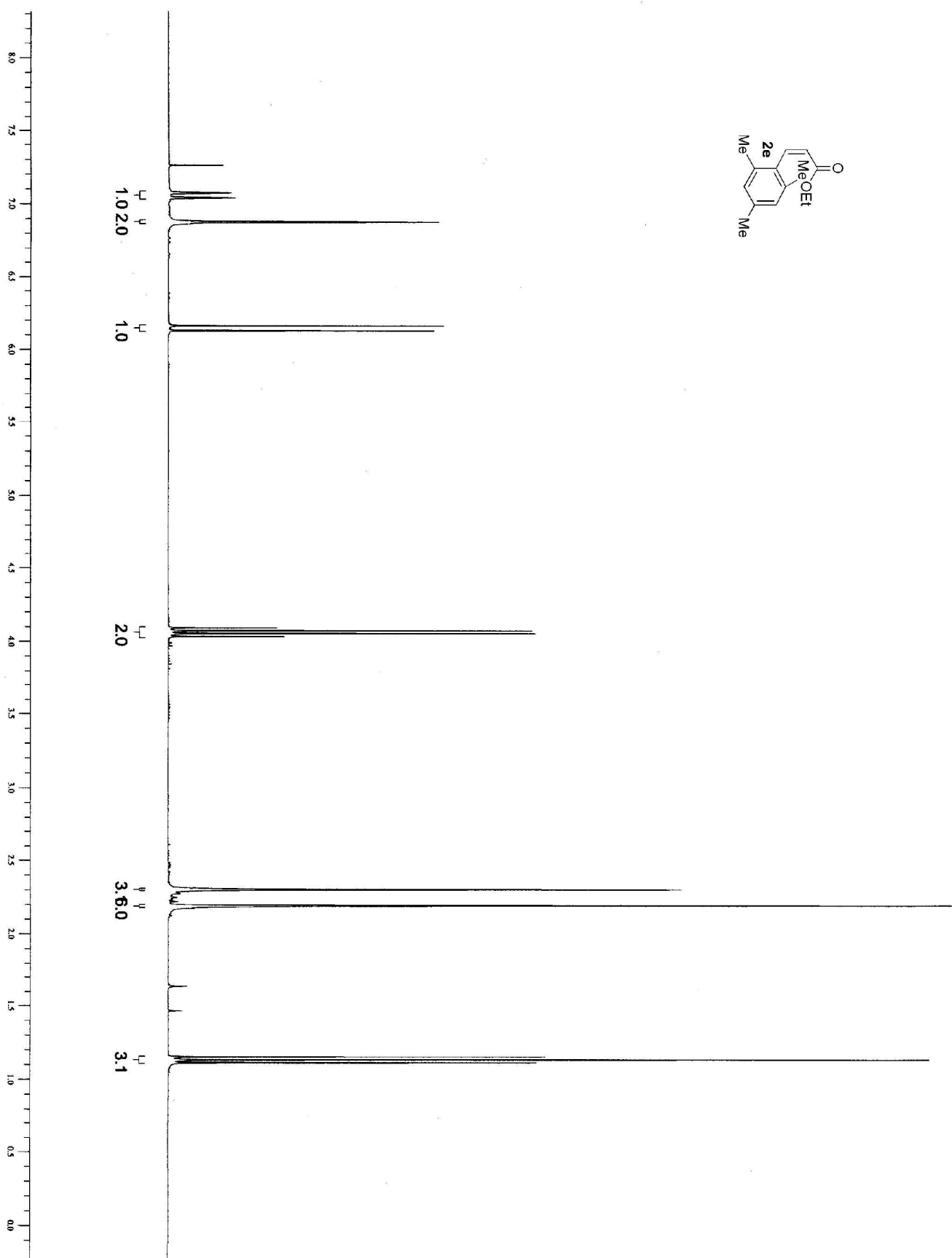
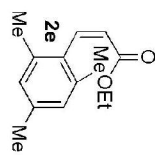


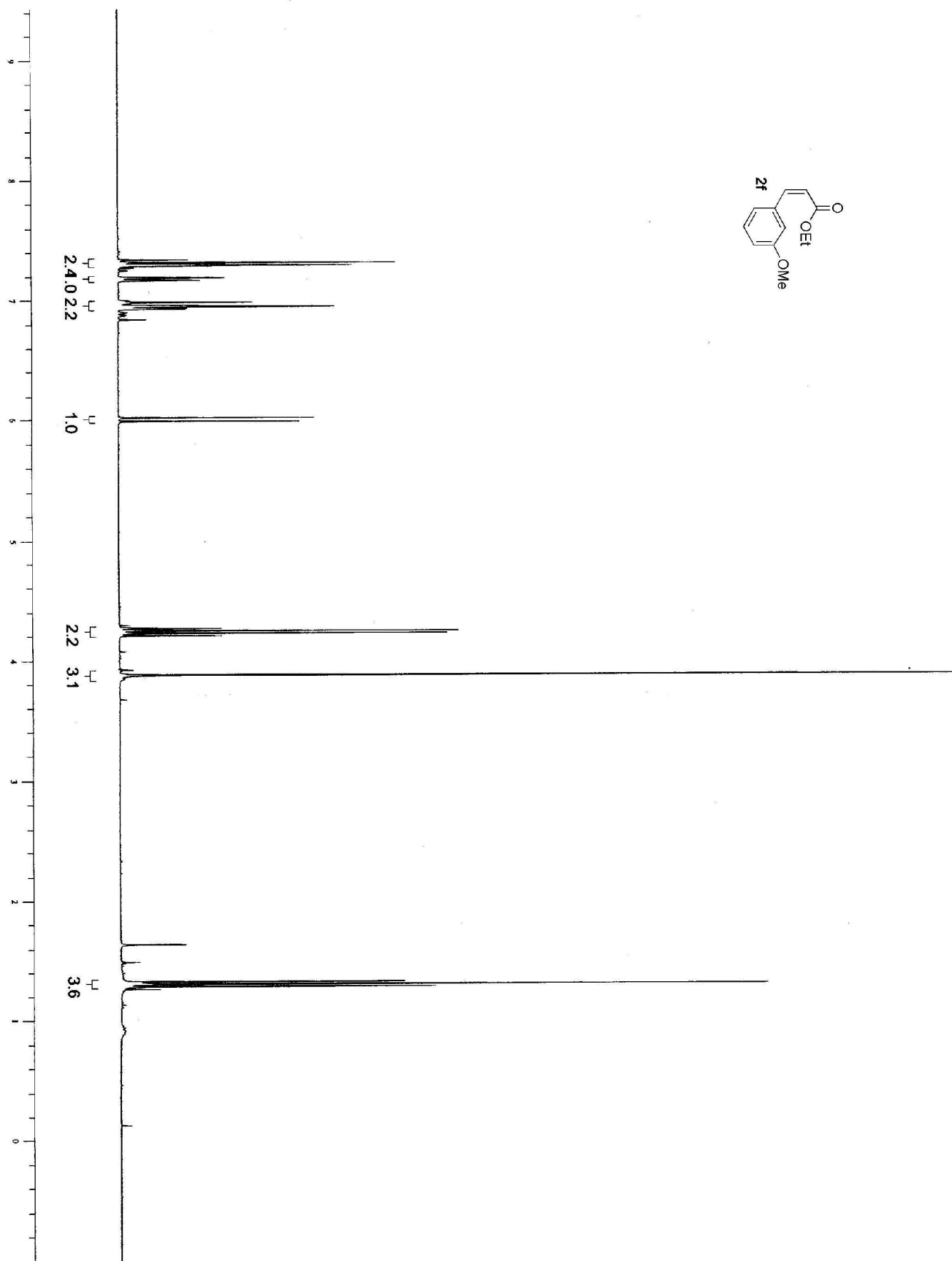
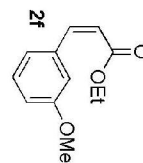


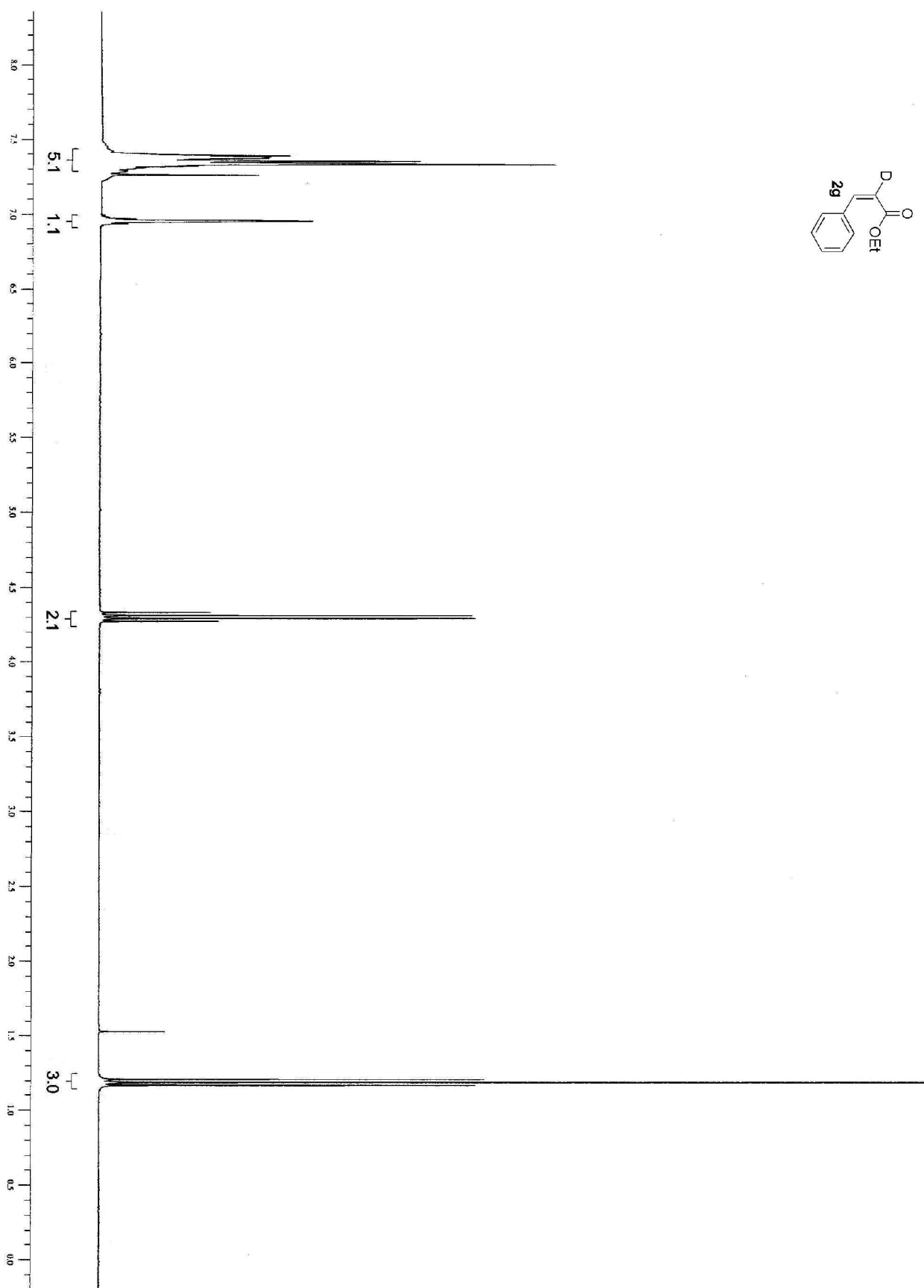
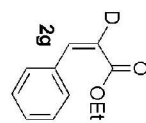


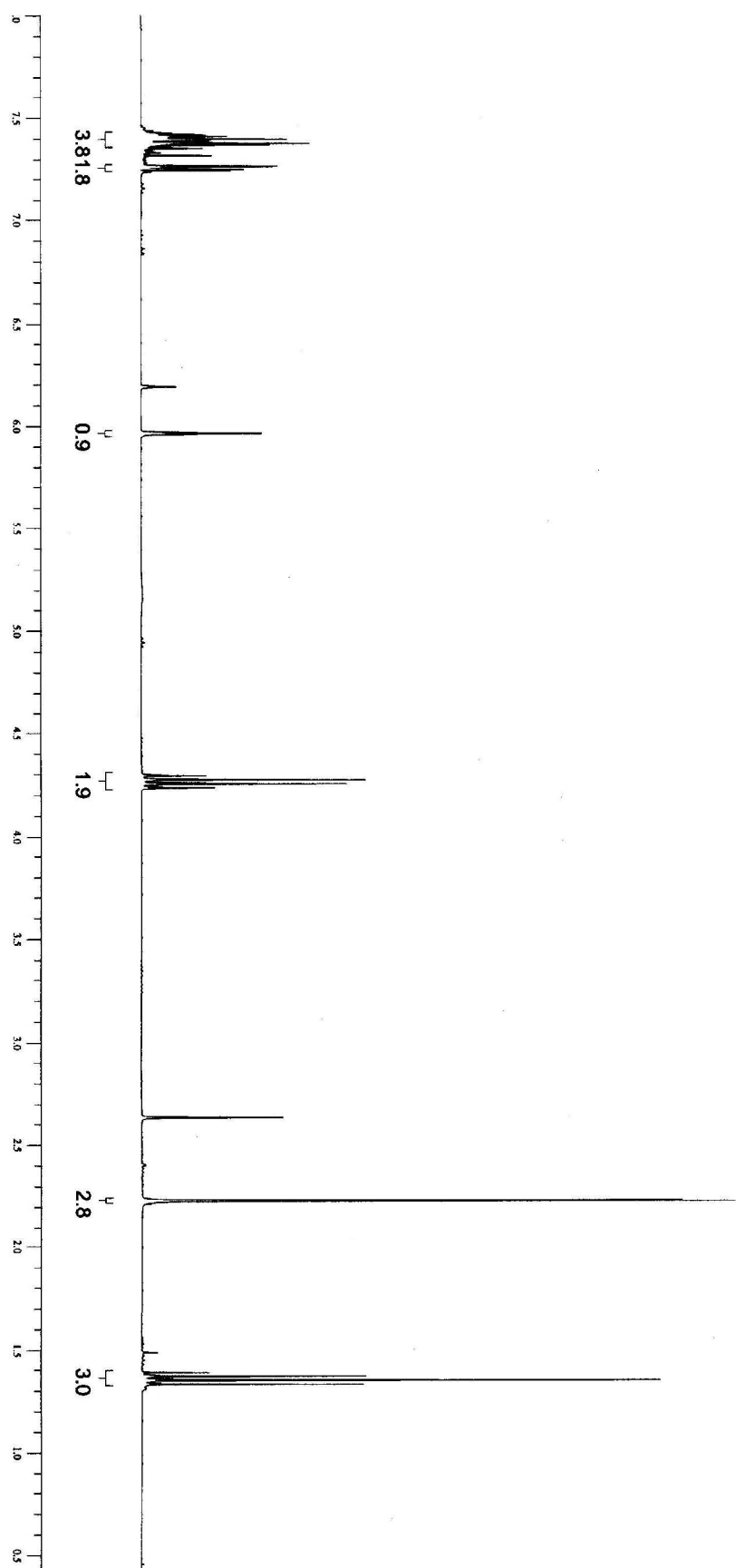
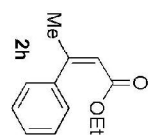


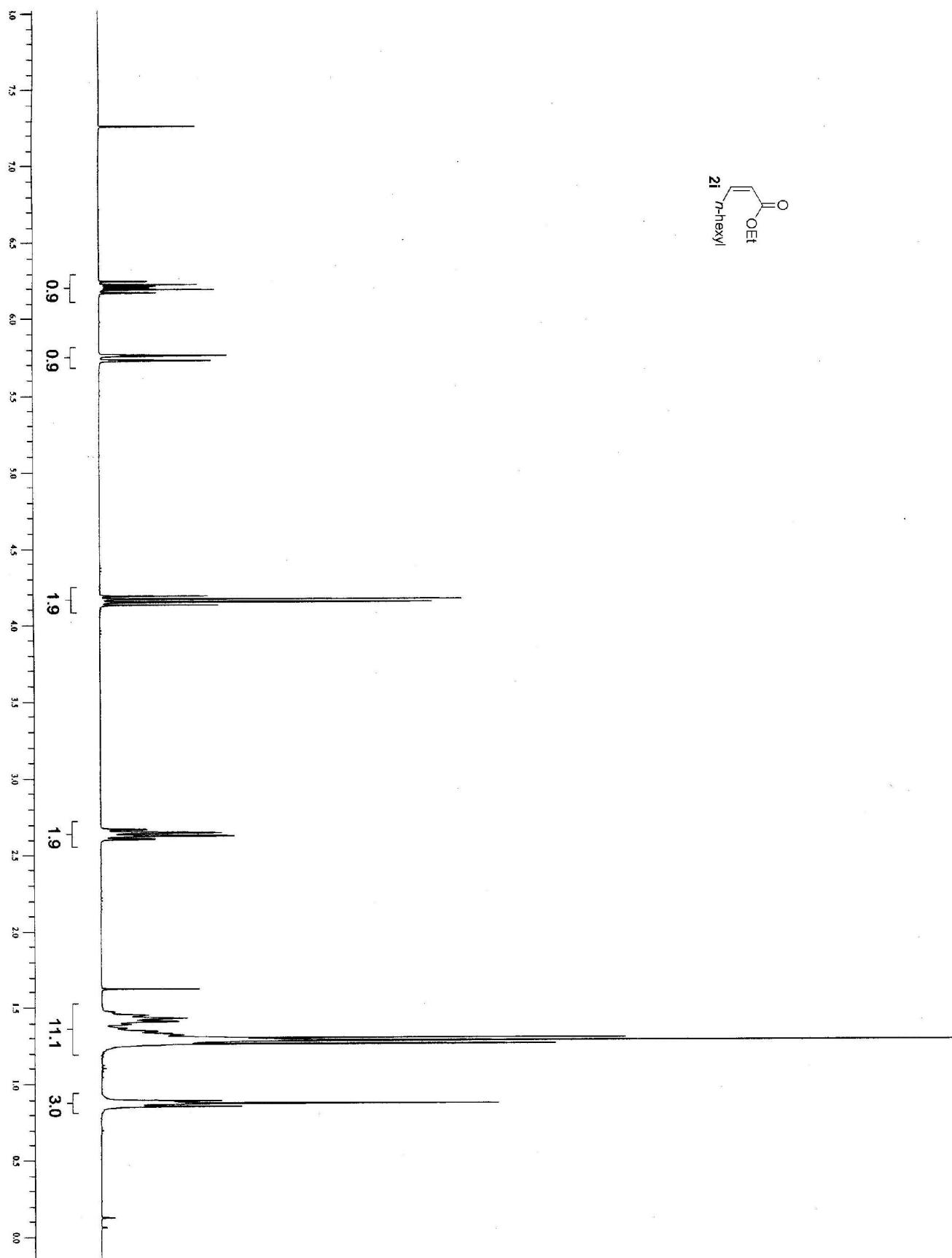
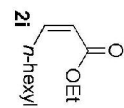


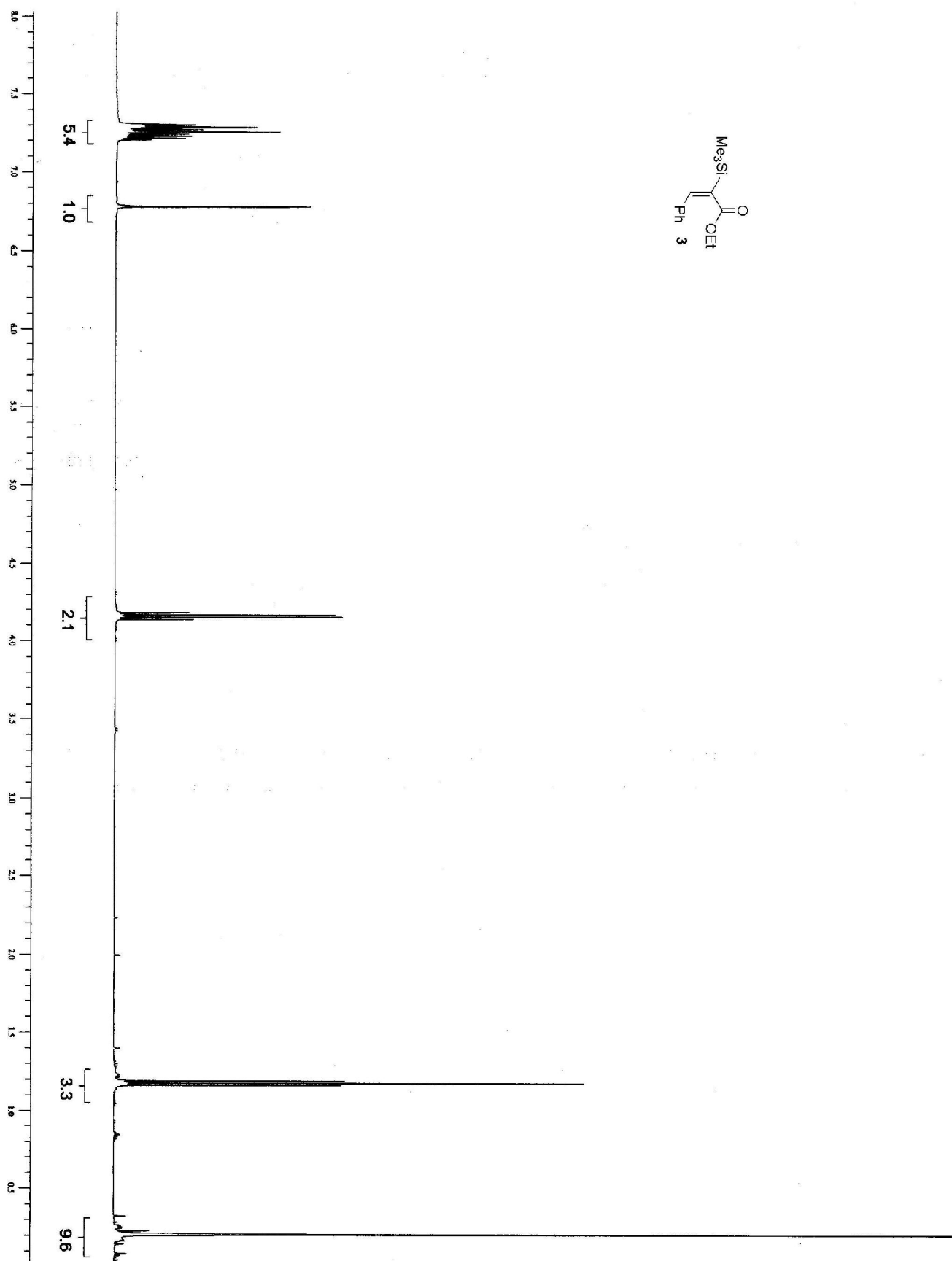
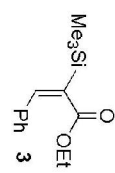


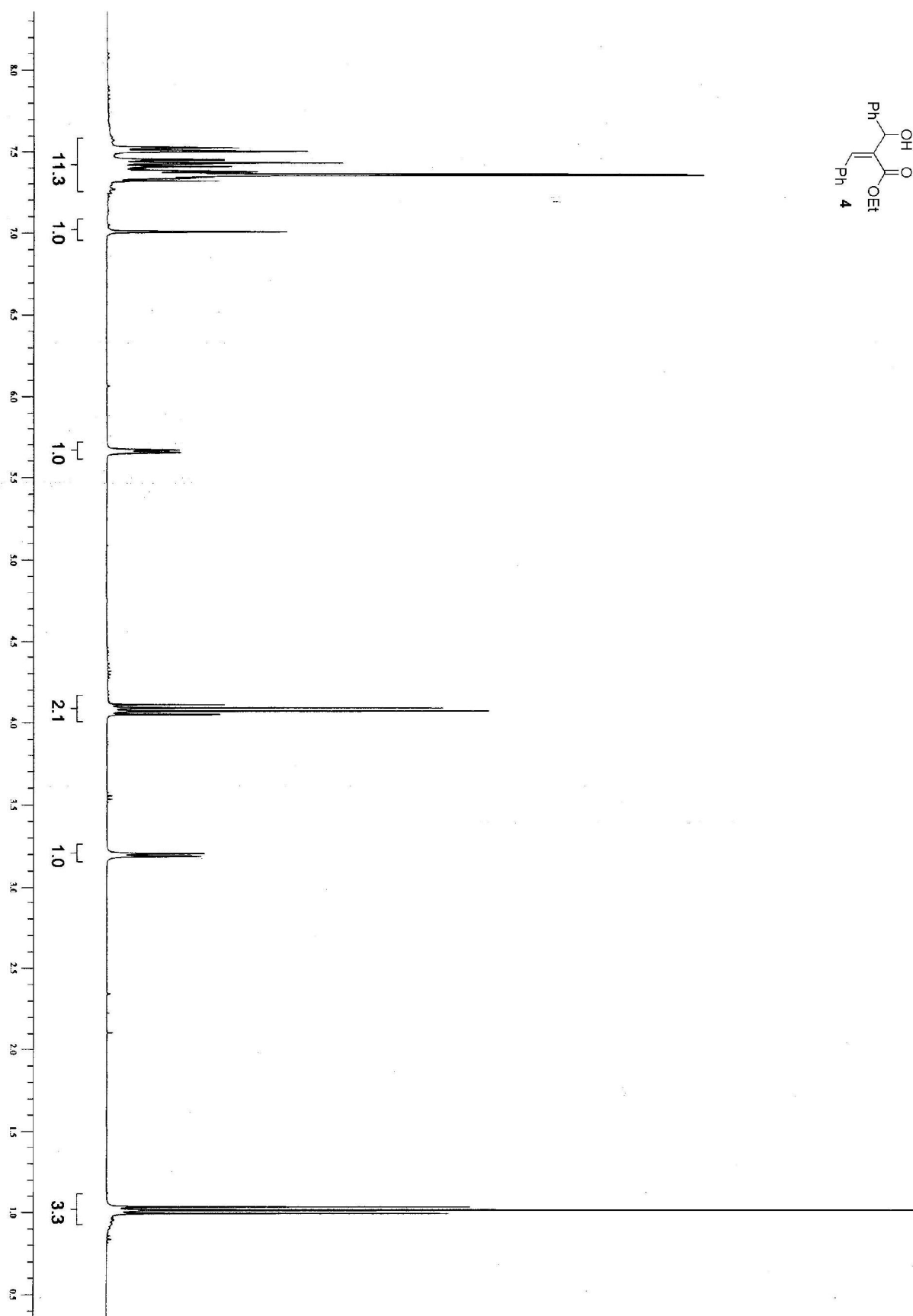
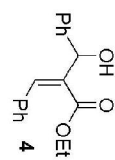














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