

# Asymmetric Synthesis of Tertiary Benzylic Alcohols

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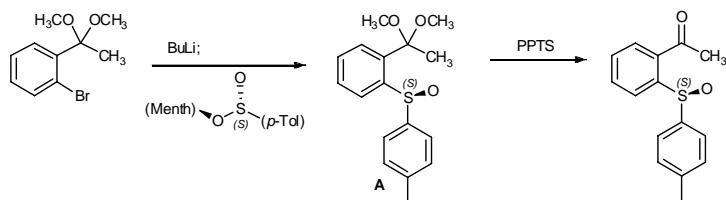
## Method and Materials

**General.** Unless otherwise stated, reactions were performed using freshly purified solvents which were purified using solvent purification columns purchased from Glass Contour, Laguna Beach, CA. All reactions were monitored by thin-layer chromatography with E. Merck silica gel 60 F254 pre-coated plates (0.25 mm). Gas chromatography (GC) was performed on an HP 6890N autosampling GC with an HP-5 capillary column and equipped with a FID detector. Flash chromatography was performed with indicated solvents using silica gel (particle size 0.032-0.063m) purchased from Sorbent Technologies. <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra were recorded on Varian Inova-400 MHz or 500 MHz spectrometer. Chemical shift are reported relative to internal chloroform ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ : 1H,  $\delta$  = 7.27, 13C,  $\delta$  = 77.26). Coupling constants are in Hz and are reported as d (doublet), t (triplet), q (quartet). For signals having multiple coupling patterns, the coupling constant are listed in the same order as the pattern (e.g. dt,  $J$  = 2.0, 4.0; 2.0 is the coupling constant for the doublet and 4.0 is for the coupling constant for the triplet). HPLC analyses were carried out on a Shimadzu LC-2010A system. Optical rotations were measured on a Rudolph Research Analytical Autopol® IV Polarimeter (50/60 Hz). Mass spectra were acquired on a Shimadzu QP5000 GC/MS or Agilent technologies 1200 series LC/MS using indicated ionization methods.

**Materials.** (*IR*,*2S*,*5R*)-(-)-Menthyl-(*S*)-*p*-toluenesulfinate was prepared according to Klunder and Sharpless.<sup>1</sup> Other chemicals were purchased from Aldrich and used without purification.

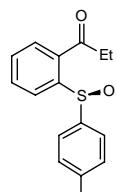
## Preparation of (*S*)-Sulfoxide starting materials.

### General Procedure 1. Synthesis of substrates from dimethyl acetals.

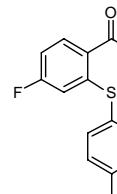


**(*S*)-1-(2-(*p*-tolylsulfinyl)phenyl)ethanone 1a.**<sup>2</sup> To a solution of 1-bromo-2-(1,1-dimethoxyethyl)benzene (9.0 mmol, 2.20 g, 1.1 equiv.) in  $\text{Et}_2\text{O}$  (40 mL) was added *n*-butyllithium (9.0 mmol, 5.6 mL, 1.6 M solution in hexanes, 1.1 equiv) at -78 °C and the reaction mixture was stirred for 30 min. A solution of (*IR*,*2S*,*5R*)-(-)-menthyl-(*S*)-*p*-toluenesulfinate (8.0 mmol, 2.36 g, 1.0 equiv) in a mixture of  $\text{Et}_2\text{O}/\text{THF}$  (1:1, 20 mL) was then added *via* canula. After stirring for 3 h, the reaction was quenched with saturated aqueous  $\text{NH}_4\text{Cl}$  and extracted with  $\text{EtOAc}$  (3X). The combined organic layers were dried over  $\text{MgSO}_4$ , filtered, and evaporated to give crude product, which was purified by flash chromatography (hexane/ $\text{EtOAc}$ , 70/30) to afford (*S*)-1-(1,1-dimethoxyethyl)-2-(*p*-tolylsulfinyl)benzene (acetal A) in 74 % yield (1.80 g). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.26 (dd,  $J$  = 7.9, 1.1, 1H), 7.50 – 7.59 (m, 1H), 7.39 – 7.49 (m, 4H), 7.17 (d,  $J$  = 8.0, 2H), 3.12 (s, 3H), 3.04 (s, 3H), 2.32 (s, 3H), 1.36 (s, 3H); MS: EI-MS(*m/z*): 304 [M]<sup>+</sup>.

(*S*)-1-(1,1-dimethoxyethyl)-2-(*p*-tolylsulfinyl)benzene (1.80g, 5.9 mmol) and PTSA (830 mg, 4.3 mmol) were dissolved in a mixture of acetone (130 mL) and water (9 mL). After being stirred for 2 h, the reaction mixture was concentrated under reduce pressure and extracted with  $\text{EtOAc}$ . The organic layers were dried over  $\text{MgSO}_4$ , filtered, and evaporated to give the product as a white solid in 86 % yield (1.32 g),  $[\alpha]_D$  = -132° (c = 1.0,  $\text{CHCl}_3$ ). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  = 8.58 (dd,  $J$  = 7.9, 0.8, 1H), 7.91 (d,  $J$  = 7.7, 1H), 7.86 (t,  $J$  = 7.7, 1H), 7.52 – 7.66 (m, 3H), 7.15 (d,  $J$  = 8.1, 2H), 2.55 (s, 3H), 2.30 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  197.8, 184.2, 148.5, 143.8, 141.2, 134.1, 130.9, 130.5, 129.7, 126.9, 125.4, 27.2, 21.6; MS: EI-MS(*m/z*): 258 [M]<sup>+</sup>.

 **(*S*)-1-(2-(*p*-tolylsulfinyl)phenyl)propan-1-one 1b.** According to General Procedure 1, (*S*)-1-(1,1-dimethoxypropyl)-2-(*p*-tolylsulfinyl)benzene was prepared in 72 % yield (2.06 g). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.31 (dd,  $J$  = 8.0, 1.2, 1H), 7.52 – 7.58 (m, 1H), 7.44 – 4.78 (m, 3H), 7.34 – 7.40 (m, 1H), 7.16 (d,  $J$  = 8.0, 2H), 3.10 (s, 3H), 2.87 (s, 3H), 2.32 (s, 3H), 2.09 (dq,  $J$  = 14.5, 7.4, 1H), 1.77 (dq,  $J$  = 15.1, 7.6, 1H), 0.61 (t,  $J$  = 7.5, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  145.4, 144.9, 140.6, 138.8, 130.4, 129.7, 129.2, 128.1, 126.2, 125.7, 106.1, 49.7, 47.5, 30.5, 21.5, 7.9; MS: EI-MS(*m/z*): 318 [M]<sup>+</sup>.

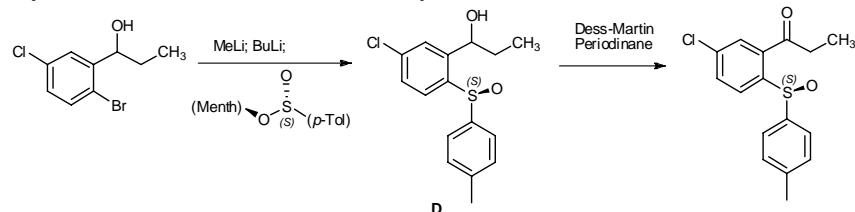
The title ketone was prepared as a white solid in 85 % yield (1.38 g),  $[\alpha]_D$  = -167°, c = 1.0 in  $\text{CHCl}_3$ . <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.55 (d,  $J$  = 7.9, 1H), 7.90 (d,  $J$  = 7.7, 1H), 7.82 (t,  $J$  = 7.6, 1H), 7.62 (d,  $J$  = 8.2, 2H), 7.57 (t,  $J$  = 7.5, 1H), 7.15 (d,  $J$  = 8.0, 2H), 2.77 – 3.19 (m, 2H), 2.30 (s, 3H), 1.14 (t,  $J$  = 7.2, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  192.4, 140.4, 135.8, 132.9, 125.9, 125.5, 122.3, 121.6, 121.48, 118.6, 117.1, 24.2, 13.4, 13.3; MS: EI-MS(*m/z*): 272 [M]<sup>+</sup>.

 **(*S*)-1-(4-fluoro-2-(*p*-tolylsulfinyl)phenyl)ethanone 1c.** According to General Procedure 1 (*S*)-1-(1,1-dimethoxyethyl)-4-fluoro-2-(*p*-tolylsulfinyl)benzene was prepared in 74 % yield (1.81 g). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.03 (dd,  $J$  = 9.2, 2.7, 1H), 7.43 – 7.48 (m, 2H), 7.40 (dd,  $J$  = 8.6, 5.3, 1H), 7.19 (dd,  $J$  = 8.5,

0.5, 2H), 7.13 (ddd,  $J$  = 8.6, 7.4, 2.7, 1H), 3.10 (s, 3H), 3.03 (s, 3H), 2.34 (s, 3H), 1.29 (s, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  164.8 ( $J_{\text{FC}} = 252$  Hz), 146.9, 144.2, 141.3, 136.7, 129.9, 129.6, 126.5, 117.8 ( $J_{\text{FC}} = 21.75$  Hz), 112.9 ( $J_{\text{FC}} = 24.9$  Hz), 49.0, 48.4, 25.7, 21.5; MS: EI-MS( $m/z$ ): 322 [M] $^+$

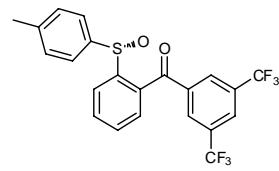
The title ketone was prepared as a white solid in 82 % yield (1.20 g),  $[\alpha]_D = -85^\circ$ , ( $c = 1.0$ ,  $\text{CHCl}_3$ ).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.32 (dd,  $J$  = 8.9 Hz, 2.6 Hz, 1H), 7.93 (dd,  $J$  = 8.5 Hz, 5.0 Hz, 1H), 7.61 (d,  $J$  = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.21 – 7.29 (m, 1H), 7.17 (d,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 2.53 (s, 3H), 2.31 (s, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  196.3, 166.1 ( $J_{\text{FC}} = 209$  Hz), 153.1, 143.3, 141.5, 133.7 ( $J_{\text{FC}} = 8.7$  Hz), 130.4, ( $J_{\text{FC}} = 3.3$  Hz), 129.8, 126.9, 117.4 ( $J_{\text{FC}} = 22$  Hz), 113.1 ( $J_{\text{FC}} = 25$  Hz), 27.1, 21.5; MS: EI-MS( $m/z$ ): 276 [M] $^+$ .

### General Procedure 2. Synthesis of substrates from secondary alcohols



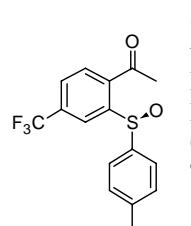
**(S)-1-(5-chloro-2-(*p*-tolylsulfinyl)phenyl)propan-1-one 1d.** To a solution of 1-(2-bromo-5-chlorophenyl)propan-1-ol (4.05 mmol, 1.00 g, 1.0 equiv.) in  $\text{Et}_2\text{O}$  (30 mL) was added MeLi (4.85 mmol, 3.0 mL, 1.6 M solution in  $\text{Et}_2\text{O}$ , 1.2 equiv) at  $-78^\circ\text{C}$ . After the reaction mixture stirred for 15 min at  $-78^\circ\text{C}$ , *tert*-BuLi (8.0 mmol, 4.7 mL, 1.7 M solution in pentane, 2.0 equiv.) was added and stirring was continued for 30 min at this same temperature. A solution of (*IR,2S,5R*)-(-)-menthyl-(*S*)-*p*-toluenesulfinate (4.82 mmol, 1.42 g, 1.2 equiv) in a mixture of  $\text{Et}_2\text{O}/\text{THF}$  (3:1, 20 mL) was then added *via* canula. After stirring for 3 h, the reaction was quenched with saturated aqueous  $\text{NH}_4\text{Cl}$  and extracted with  $\text{EtOAc}$  (3X). The combined organic layers were dried over  $\text{MgSO}_4$ , filtered, and evaporated to give a crude product, which was purified by flash chromatography (hexane/ $\text{EtOAc}$ , 80/20) to afford (*S*)-1-(5-chloro-2-(*p*-tolylsulfinyl)phenyl)propan-1-ol **D** as a mixture of diastereoisomers (1:1) in 72 % yield (900 mg).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.68 – 7.78 (m, 0.5H), 7.55 – 7.63 (m, 0.5H), 7.45 (s, 3H), 7.29 – 7.36 (m, 0.5H), 7.19 (s, 2.5H), 4.85 – 4.96 (m, 1H), 2.33 (s, 3H), 1.60 – 1.71 (m, 1H), 1.38 – 1.55 (m, 0.5H), 0.98 – 1.14 (m, 0.5H), 0.88 – 0.90 (m, 1.5H), 0.77 – 0.87 (s, 1.5H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  146.2, 145.7, 142.6, 141.8, 141.5, 141.1, 140.7, 139.2, 137.9, 137.8, 130.3, 130.2, 128.7, 128.6, 127.4, 127.1, 127.0, 126.5, 125.8, 125.6, 70.9, 70.0, 31.5, 31.3, 21.6, 21.6, 10.6, 10.5; MS: EI-MS( $m/z$ ): 291 [M - OH] $^+$ .

To a solution of (*Ss*)-1-(5-chloro-2-(*p*-tolylsulfinyl)phenyl)propan-1-ol (2.60 mmol, 800 mg, 1.0 equiv.) in dichloromethane (35 mL) was added DMP (3.90, 1.65 g, 1.5 equiv.) at 0 °C. After stirring for 1 h at rt, the reaction mixture was successively washed with a 20% aqueous sodium thiosulfate solution, saturated aqueous sodium bicarbonate and then dried over magnesium sulfate, filtered and concentrated under vacuum to give crude product, which was purified by flash chromatography (hexane/ $\text{EtOAc}$ , 80/20) to afford (*S*)-1-(5-chloro-2-(*p*-tolylsulfinyl)phenyl)propan in 80 % yield (640 mg),  $[\alpha]_D = -137^\circ$  ( $c = 1.0$ ,  $\text{CHCl}_3$ ).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.47 (d,  $J$  = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.82 (s, 1H), 7.77 (d,  $J$  = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.60 (d,  $J$  = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.16 (d,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 2.84–3.02 (m, 2H), 2.31 (s, 3H), 1.13 (t,  $J$  = 7.2 Hz, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  199.5, 147.5, 143.8, 141.3, 136.8, 135.8, 133.4, 129.7, 129.5, 127.0, 126.6, 32.7, 21.4, 8.0; MS: EI-MS( $m/z$ ): 306 [M] $^+$ .



**(S)-3,5-bis(trifluoromethyl)phenyl(2-(*p*-tolylsulfinyl)phenyl)methanone 1e.** According to General Procedure 2, (*S*)-3,5-bis(trifluoromethyl)phenyl(2-(*p*-tolylsulfinyl)phenyl)methanol was prepared as a mixture of diastereoisomers (1:1) in 74 % yield 900 mg.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.81 – 7.87 (m, 0.5H), 7.76 (dd,  $J$  = 7.8 Hz, 1.2 Hz, 0.5H), 7.70 (s, 0.5H), 7.62 (s, 0.5H), 7.42 – 7.51 (m, 3H), 7.35 – 7.42 (m, 2H), 7.32 (dd,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz, 1.3, 0.5H), 7.30 – 7.19 (m, 2H), 7.11 (d,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.94 – 6.99 (m, 0.5H), 6.34 (s, 0.5H), 6.32 (s, 0.5H), 4.88 (s, 0.5H), 4.46 (s, 0.5H), 2.34 (s, 1.5H), 2.3 (s, 1.5H); MS: EI-MS( $m/z$ ): 458 [M] $^+$ .

The title ketone was prepared in 77 % yield (688 mg),  $[\alpha]_D = -68^\circ$  ( $c = 1.5$ ,  $\text{CHCl}_3$ ).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.44 (d,  $J$  = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 8.07 (s, 1H), 8.03 (s, 2H), 7.87 (t,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.56 – 7.61 (m, 3H), 7.44 (d,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.15 (d,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 2.27 (s, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  192.60, 149.5, 142.5, 142.1, 136.7, 134.4, 133.8, 132.4 (q,  $J_{\text{FC}} = 34.1$  Hz) 130.4, 130.0, 126.8, 126.5 (sep,  $J_{\text{CF}} = 3.6$  Hz), 126.2, 122.9 (q,  $J_{\text{FC}} = 273.1$  Hz), 21.4; MS: EI-MS( $m/z$ ): 456 [M] $^+$ .



**(S)-1-(4'-trifluoromethyl-2'-(*p*-tolylsulfinyl)phenyl)ethanone 1f.** To a stirred solution of 4-trifluoromethylbenzylaldehyde (578mg, 3.32mmol) in anhydrous THF (3ml) at 0 °C under  $\text{N}_2$  was added MeLi solution (2.75ml, 1.33M in  $\text{Et}_2\text{O}$ ). The so formed solution was stirred for another 30 min before a  $\text{BuLi}\cdot\text{TMEDA}$  solution was added. The  $\text{BuLi}\cdot\text{TMEDA}$  solution was made by adding TMEDA (77mg, 0.66mmol) to a  $\text{BuLi}$  solution (4.3ml, 1.7M in hexanes) at rt and stirring for 30 min. After being stirred at 0 °C for 30 min then rt overnight, the resulting solution was transferred into a solution of (*IR,2S,5R*)-(-)-

Menthyl (*S*)-*p*-toluenesulfinate in anhydrous THF (40ml) at -78 °C under N<sub>2</sub>. The thus formed reaction was stirred overnight. Sat. NH<sub>4</sub>Cl aq. was added to quench the reaction. The water layer was extracted by CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>. The combined organic layer was concentrated under reduced pressure and the residue was purified by silica gel chromatography (hexane/ethyl acetate, 3/1-1/1) to afford secondary alcohol.

To a solution of (Ss)-1-(4'-trifluoromethyl-2'-(*p*-tolylsulfinyl)phenyl)ethanol (218mg, 0.67mmol) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (4ml) was added Dess-Martin periodinane (310mg, 0.73mmol). The resulting reaction mixture was stirred at rt for 3h. A 1:1 mixture of 15% Na<sub>2</sub>S<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> aq. and sat. NaHCO<sub>3</sub> aq. was added to quench the reaction. The water layer was extracted by CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>. The combined organic layer was concentrated under reduced pressure and the residue was purified by silica gel chromatography (hexane/ethyl acetate, 3/1) to afford the title compound in 92% yield (200mg). [α]<sub>D</sub> +145° (c = 0.4, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ: 8.84 (s, 1H), 8.04 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.83 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.58 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 7.15 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 2.58 (s, 3H), 2.29 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ: 197.2, 150.6, 143.1, 141.8, 136.5, 135.5 (q, J = 33.0 Hz), 131.3, 129.9, 127.6, 126.9, 123.4 (q, J = 272.0 Hz), 122.6, 27.4, 21.5. EI-MS (m/z): 326 [M]<sup>+</sup>.

#### General procedure for the addition of alkynyl-cerium to sulfinyl ketones 1.

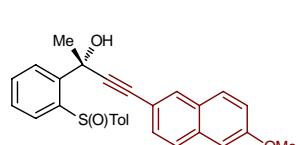
A flame-dried, 10 mL, round-bottomed flask was charged with anhydrous cerium chloride (0.91 mmol, 222 mg, 2.20 equiv) in an inert-atmosphere glovebox (cerium chloride was dried in vacuo overnight at 140 °C and stored in the glovebox). The sealed flask was taken out of the glovebox and charged with dry THF (2 mL) under nitrogen atmosphere. After being stirred for 2 h at rt, the resulting suspension was cooled to -78 °C. Separately, the alkynyllithium (0.80 mmol, 1.94 equiv) was prepared by adding *n*-butyllithium (0.80 mmol, 500 μL, 1.6 M solution in hexanes, 1.94 equiv) to a solution of alkyne (0.82 mmol, 2.0 eq) in dry THF (2 mL) at -78 °C and stirring for 30 min. The alkynyl lithium solution was added via canula to the suspension of CeCl<sub>3</sub>. The reaction mixture was stirred for 30 min at -78 °C and a solution of (*S*)-sulfoxide (0.41 mmol, 105 mg, 1.0 equiv) in dry THF (2 mL) was added. After 3 h at -78 °C, the reaction mixture was treated with saturated aqueous NH<sub>4</sub>Cl, filtered through Celite, and extracted with EtOAc (3X). The combined organic layers were dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, filtered, and evaporated to give crude product, which was purified as indicated for individual examples.

#### General procedure for the addition of aryl-, and alkenylmagnesium bromide to sulfinyl ketones 1.

To a solution of (*S*)-sulfinyl ketone 4 (0.39 mmol, 100 mg, 1.0 equiv) in dry THF (5 mL) at -78 °C was added RMgBr (0.78 mmol, 2.0 equiv). After being stirred for 3 h at -78 °C, saturated aqueous NH<sub>4</sub>Cl was added, followed by extraction with EtOAc (3X). The combined organic layers were dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, filtered, and evaporated to give crude product, which was purified as indicated below for individual examples.

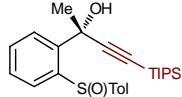
**Table 2, Entry 1. (*Ss, R*)-4-Phenyl-2-(2-(*p*-tolylsulfinyl)phenyl)but-3-yn-2-ol.** The title compound was prepared from (*S*)-1-(2-(*p*-tolylsulfinyl)phenyl)ethanone (0.41 mmol, 105 mg, 1.0 equiv) and phenylethynyllithium. <sup>1</sup>H NMR analysis of crude product indicated 100 % conversion and d.r. = 50:1. To improve the diastereomeric ratio, the crude product was suspended in a mixture of hexane/EtOAc (10:1) and filtered to give (*Ss, R*) – isomer in 95 % yield (140 mg), d.r. > 50:1, [α]<sub>D</sub> = -278°, (c = 0.5, CHCl<sub>3</sub>). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.03 – 8.07 (m, 1H), 7.64 – 7.70 (m, 1H), 7.52 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.41 – 7.47 (m, 2 H), 7.37 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.38 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.23 – 7.30 (m, 3H), 7.14 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 3.36 (bs, 1H), 2.31 (s, 3 H), 1.74 (s, 3 H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 144.2, 143.4, 143.3, 140.9, 131.9, 130.7, 129.6, 128.9, 128.7, 128.4, 126.9, 126.6, 122.7, 93.6, 85.2, 70.7, 32.9, 21.4; MS:LC-APCI-MS (m/z): 343 [M-OH]<sup>+</sup>. Single crystals suitable for X-ray crystallography were grown cooling a hot solution in hexane/EtOAc (1:1).

**Table 2, Entry 2. (*Ss, R*)-4-(*o*-tolyl)-2-(2-(*p*-tolylsulfinyl)phenyl)but-3-yn-2-ol.** The title compound was prepared from (*S*)-1-(2-(*p*-tolylsulfinyl)phenyl)ethanone (0.41 mmol, 105 mg, 1.0 equiv) and *o*-tolylethynyllithium. <sup>1</sup>H NMR analysis of crude product indicated 97 % conversion and d.r. = 50:1. Purification by flash chromatography afforded pure product (d.r. = 50:1). To improve the diastereomeric ratio, the product was suspended in a mixture of hexane/EtOAc (10:1) and filtered to give (*Ss, R*) – isomer in 88 % yield (135 mg), d.r. > 50:1, [α]<sub>D</sub> = -251°, (c = 1.0, CHCl<sub>3</sub>). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.08 – 8.11 (m, 1H), 7.67 – 7.70 (m, 1H), 7.53 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.43 – 7.45 (m, 2H), 7.35 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.07 – 7.21 (m, 5H), 3.43 (s, 1H), 2.39 (s, 3 H), 2.30 (s, 3 H), 1.71 (s, 3 H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 144.1, 143.4, 143.3, 141.1, 140.6, 132.3, 130.6, 129.7, 129.6, 128.8, 128.8, 127.0, 126.8, 126.4, 125.8, 122.3, 97.2, 84.3, 71.3, 32.7, 21.5, 21.0; MS:LC-APCI-MS (m/z): 357 [M-OH]<sup>+</sup>. Single crystals suitable for X-ray crystallography were grown cooling a hot solution in hexane/EtOAc (1:1).

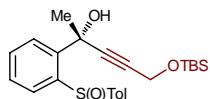


**Table 2, Entry 3 (*Ss, R*)-(6-methoxynaphthalen-2-yl)-2-(2-(*p*-tolylsulfinyl)phenyl) but-3-yn-2-ol.** The title compound was prepared from (*S*)-1-(2-(*p*-tolylsulfinyl)phenyl)ethanone (0.41 mmol, 105 mg, 1.0 equiv) and (6-methoxynaphthalen-2-yl)ethynyllithium. <sup>1</sup>H NMR analysis of

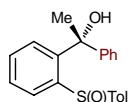
crude product indicated 92 % conversion and d.r. = 20:1. Purification by flash chromatography afforded pure product (d.r. = 20:1). To improve the diastereomeric ratio, the product was suspended in a mixture of hexane/EtOAc (10:1) and filtered to give (*S*<sub>s</sub>, *R*) – isomer in 81 % yield (146 mg), d.r. > 50:1, [α]<sub>D</sub> = -236°, (c = 1.0, CHCl<sub>3</sub>). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.05 – 8.07 (m, 1 H), 7.77 (s, 1 H), 7.70 – 7.72 (m, 1 H), 7.59 – 7.63 (m, 2 H), 7.53 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2 H), 7.44 – 7.46 (m, 2 H), 7.37 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1 H), 7.11 – 7.31 (m, 3 H), 7.06 (s, 1 H), 3.90 (s, 3 H), 3.41 (s, 1 H), 2.27 (s, 3 H), 1.79 (s, 3 H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 158.5, 144.2, 143.6, 143.4, 140.8, 134.4, 131.8, 130.9, 129.7, 129.6, 129.2, 129.0, 128.5, 126.9, 126.9, 126.8, 126.4, 119.6, 117.4, 105.9, 92.9, 86.1, 70.7, 55.5, 32.6, 21.5; MS:LC-APCI-MS (*m/z*): 423 [M-OH]<sup>+</sup>.



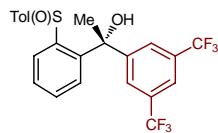
**Table 2, Entry 4. (*Ss*, *R*)-2-(2-(*p*-tolylsulfinyl)phenyl)-4-(triisopropylsilyl)but-3-yn-2-ol.** The title compound was prepared from (*S*)-1-(2-(*p*-tolylsulfinyl)phenyl)ethanone (0.41 mmol, 105 mg, 1.0 equiv) and ((triisopropylsilyl)ethynyl)lithium. <sup>1</sup>H NMR analysis of crude product indicated 100 % conversion and d.r. > 50:1. Purification by flash chromatography afforded pure (*S*<sub>s</sub>, *R*) – isomer (d.r. > 50:1) in 87 % yield (157 mg), [α]<sub>D</sub> = -124°, (c = 1.0, CHCl<sub>3</sub>). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.13 (dd, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.62 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.53 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.34 – 7.46 (m, 3H), 7.17 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 3.23 (bs, 1H), 2.33 (s, 3H), 1.47 (s, 3 H), 1.02 – 1.08 (m, 21 H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 143.8, 143.4, 141.2, 142.8, 130.3, 129.7, 128.6, 127.5, 127.3, 125.5, 111.5, 85.8, 72.0, 33.0, 21.6, 18.8, 11.4; MS: LC-APCI-MS (*m/z*): 423 [M-OH]<sup>+</sup>.



**Table 2, Entry 5 (*Ss*, *R*)-5-((tert-butyldimethylsilyl)oxy)-2-(2-(*p*-tolylsulfinyl)phenyl)pent-3-yn-2-ol.** The title compound was prepared from (*S*)-1-(2-(*p*-tolylsulfinyl)phenyl)ethanone (0.41 mmol, 105 mg, 1.0 equiv) and (3-((tert-butyldimethylsilyl)oxy)prop-1-yn-1-yl)lithium. <sup>1</sup>H NMR analysis of crude product indicated 85 % conversion and d.r. = 12:1. Purification by flash chromatography afforded pure product (d.r. = 33:1) in 65 % yield (114 mg), [α]<sub>D</sub> = -151°, (c = 0.5, CHCl<sub>3</sub>). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.97 (dm, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.52 (dm, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.43 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.36 (td, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.33 (td, *J* = 1.7, 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.09 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 4.25 (d, *J* = 15.6 Hz, 1H), 4.18 (d, *J* = 16 Hz, 1H), 3.25 (s, 1H), 2.25 (s, 3H), 1.51 (s, 3 H), 0.80 (s, 9 H), 0.00 (s, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 148.8, 148.4, 147.9, 145.9, 135.5, 134.5, 133.7, 131.9, 131.7, 131.1, 93.6, 88.81, 75.7, 56.9, 37.4, 30.9, 26.4, 23.4, 0.0; MS: LC-APCI-MS (*m/z*): 411 [M-OH]<sup>+</sup>.

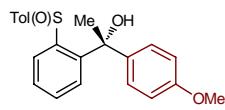


**Table 2, Entry 6. (*Ss*, *R*)-1-phenyl-1-(2-(*p*-tolylsulfinyl)phenyl)ethanol.** The title compound was prepared from (*S*)-1-(2-(*p*-tolylsulfinyl)phenyl)ethanone (0.39 mmol, 100 mg, 1.0 equiv.) and PhMgBr (0.78 mmol, 0.78 mL, 1.0 M solution in THF, 2.0 equiv.). <sup>1</sup>H NMR analysis of crude product indicated 93% conversion and d.r. > 50:1. Purification by flash chromatography (hexane/EtOAc, 80/20) afforded pure (*S*<sub>s</sub>, *R*) – isomer (d.r. > 50:1) in 83 % yield (108 mg), [α]<sub>D</sub> = -216°, (c = 0.5, CHCl<sub>3</sub>). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.12 (dd, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1.0, 1H), 7.42 – 7.52 (m, 3H), 7.39 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.19 – 7.36 (m, 5H), 7.11 – 7.15 (m 2H), 2.78 (s, 1H), 2.32 (s, 3H), 1.88 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 147.6, 146.2, 144.7, 144.4, 140.6, 130.5, 129.6, 128.7, 128.5, 127.4, 127.0, 126.9, 126.3, 126.0, 77.5, 32.1, 21.5; MS: LC-APCI-MS (*m/z*): 319 [M-OH]<sup>+</sup>.

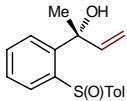


**Table 2, Entry 7. (*Ss*, *R*)-1-(3,5-bis(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)-1-(2-(*p*-tolylsulfinyl)phenyl)ethanol.** The title compound was prepared from (*S*)-1-(2-(*p*-tolylsulfinyl)phenyl)ethanone (0.39 mmol, 100 mg, 1.0 equiv.) and 3,5- bis(trifluoromethyl)phenylmagnesium bromide (0.78 mmol, 1.56 mL, 0.5 M solution in THF, 2.0 equiv). <sup>1</sup>H NMR analysis of crude product indicated 91 % conversion and d.r. > 50:1. Purification by flash chromatography (hexane/EtOAc, 80/20) afforded pure (*S*<sub>s</sub>, *R*) – isomer (d.r. > 50:1) in 82 % yield (150 mg), [α]<sub>D</sub> = -92°, (c = 0.5, CHCl<sub>3</sub>). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.02 – 8.04 (m, 1H), 7.57 -7.62 (m, 6H), 7.01 – 7.10 (m, 4 H), 4.87 (s, 1H), 2.27 (s, 3H), 1.84 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 150.6, 145.1, 143.6, 142.2, 140.8, 131.4 (q, *J*<sub>CF</sub> = 33.7 Hz), 129.7, 129.1, 128.1, 127.2, 126.4, 126.1, 125.7, 123.5 (q, *J*<sub>CF</sub> = 272 Hz), 121.7 (sep, *J*<sub>CF</sub> = 3.6 Hz), 76.5, 32.4, 21.3, MS: LC-APCI-MS (*m/z*): 455 [M-OH]<sup>+</sup>.

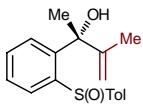
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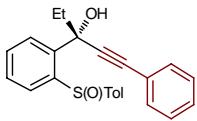
**Table 2, Entry 8. (*Ss*, *R*)-1-(4-methoxyphenyl)-1-(2-(*p*-tolylsulfinyl)phenyl)ethanol.** The title compound was prepared from (*S*)-1-(2-(*p*-tolylsulfinyl)phenyl)ethanone (0.39 mmol, 100 mg, 1.0 equiv) and 4-Methoxyphenylmagnesium bromide (0.78 mmol, 1.56 mL, 0.5 M solution in THF, 2.0 equiv.). <sup>1</sup>H NMR analysis of crude product indicated 94 % conversion and d.r. > 50:1. Purification by flash chromatography (hexane/EtOAc, 80/20) afforded pure (*S*<sub>s</sub>, *R*) – isomer (d.r. > 50:1) in 87 % yield (124 mg), [α]<sub>D</sub> = -205°, (c = 0.5, CHCl<sub>3</sub>). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.13 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.40 – 7.53 (m, 3H), 7.37 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.20 – 7.722 (m, 2H), 7.13 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.76 – 6.78 (m, 2H), 3.76 (s, 3H), 2.74 (bs, 1H), 2.32 (s, 3H), 1.86 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 159.8, 145.3, 141.6, 140.8, 132.4, 130.9, 130.8, 129.8, 129.0, 128.2, 127.3, 126.3, 124.7, 116.5, 113.9, 77.4, 55.5, 21.6; MS: LC-APCI-MS (*m/z*): 349 [M-OH]<sup>+</sup>.



**Table 2, Entry 9. (*Ss, R*)-2-(2-(*p*-tolylsulfinyl)phenyl)but-3-en-2-ol.** The title compound was prepared from (*S*)-1-(2-(*p*-tolylsulfinyl)phenyl)ethanone (0.39 mmol, 100 mg, 1.0 equiv) and vinylmagnesium bromide (0.78 mmol, 0.78 mL, 1.0 M solution in THF, 2.0 equiv.).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR analysis of crude product indicated 98 % conversion and d.r. > 50:1. Purification by flash chromatography (hexane/EtOAc, 80/20) afforded pure (*Ss, R*) – isomer (d.r. > 50:1) in 74 % yield (83 mg),  $[\alpha]_D = -148^\circ$ , (c = 0.5, CHCl<sub>3</sub>).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.14 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.54 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.43 (td, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1.2 Hz, 1 H), 7.38 (td, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1.4 Hz, 1 H), 7.24 – 7.30 (m, 1 H), 7.16 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 6.22 (dd, *J* = 17 Hz, 10 Hz, 1H), 5.18 (d, *J* = 4.7 Hz, 1H), 5.15 (d, *J* = 1.4 Hz, 1H), 2.70 (bs, 1 H), 2.32 (s, 3 H), 1.53 (s, 3 H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  144.8, 144.5, 144.2, 140.7, 130.4, 129.7, 128.5, 126.7, 126.6, 126.4, 113.9, 76.8, 29.4, 21.5; MS: LC-APCI-MS (*m/z*): 269 [M-OH]<sup>+</sup>.

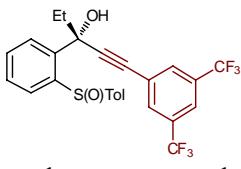


**Table 2, Entry 10. (*Ss, R*)-3-methyl-2-(2-(*p*-tolylsulfinyl)phenyl)but-3-en-2-ol.** The title compound was prepared from (*S*)-1-(2-(*p*-tolylsulfinyl)phenyl)ethanone (0.39 mmol, 100 mg, 1.0 equiv) and isopropenylmagnesium bromide (0.78 mmol, 1.56 mL, 0.5 M solution in THF, 2.0 eq).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR analysis of crude product indicated 96 % conversion and d.r. > 33:1. Purification by flash chromatography afforded pure product (d.r. = 33:1). To improve the diastereomeric ratio, the product was suspended in a mixture of hexane/EtOAc (10:1) and filtered to give (*Ss, R*) – isomer in 90 % yield (105 mg), d.r. > 50:1,  $[\alpha]_D = -153^\circ$ , (c = 0.5, CHCl<sub>3</sub>).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.16 (dd, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.54 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.46 (td, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.39 (td, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.31 (dd, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.17 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 4.97 (t, *J* = 1.2 Hz, 1H), 4.94 (s, 1H), 2.42 (s, 1H), 2.33 (s, 3H), 1.73 (s, 3H), 1.59 (s, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  150.2, 145.0, 144.7, 144.4, 140.6, 130.4, 129.7, 128.5, 126.8, 126.7, 126.5, 112.5, 78.9, 29.3, 21.5, 19.2; MS: EI-MS(*m/z*): 300 [M]<sup>+</sup>, 283 [M-OH]<sup>+</sup>.

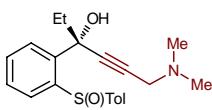


**Table 3, Entry 11. (*Ss, R*)-1-phenyl-3-(2-(*p*-tolylsulfinyl)phenyl)pent-1-yn-3-ol** The title compound was prepared from (*S*)-1-(2-(*p*-tolylsulfinyl)phenyl)propan-1-one (0.41 mmol, 112 mg, 1.0 equiv) and phenylethynyllithium.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR analysis of crude product indicated 90 % conversion and d.r. = 11:1. Purification by flash chromatography afforded pure product (d.r. = 11:1). To improve the diastereomeric ratio, the product was suspended in a mixture of hexane/EtOAc (10:1) and filtered to give (*Ss, R*) – isomer in 72% yield (110 mg), d.r. > 50:1,  $[\alpha]_D = -253^\circ$ , (c = 0.5, CHCl<sub>3</sub>).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.01 – 8.35 (m, 1H), 7.68 – 7.71 (m, 1H), 7.49 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.40 – 7.43 (m, 2H), 7.35 (m, 2H), 7.23 – 7.27 (m, 3H), 7.13 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 3.42 (s, 1H), 2.30 (s, 3H), 1.94 (dq, *J* = 14 Hz, 7.3 Hz, 1H), 1.75 (dq, *J* = 14 Hz, 7.3 Hz, 1H), 1.03 (t, *J* = Hz 7.3, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  143.9, 143.4, 143.3, 140.9, 131.9, 130.6, 129.6, 128.8, 128.7 128.4, 127.3, 126.8, 126.6, 122.6, 92.12, 86.6, 74.7, 37.5, 21.5, 9.0; MS: LC-APCI-MS (*m/z*): 357 [M-OH]<sup>+</sup>.

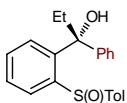
Single crystals suitable for X-ray crystallography were grown by cooling a hot solution in hexane/EtOAc (1:1)



**Table 2, Entry 12. (*Ss, R*)-1-(3,5-bis(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)-3-(2-(*p*-tolylsulfinyl)phenyl)pent-1-yn-3-ol.** The title compound was prepared from (*S*)-1-(2-(*p*-tolylsulfinyl)phenyl)propan-1-one (0.41 mmol, 112 mg, 1.0 equiv) and ((3,5-bis(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)ethynyl)lithium.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR analysis of crude product indicated 96 % conversion and d.r. = 14:1. Purification by flash chromatography afforded pure product (d.r. = 14:1). To improve the diastereomeric ratio, the product was suspended in a mixture of hexane/EtOAc (10:1) and filtered to give (*Ss, R*) – isomer in 81% yield (170 mg), d.r. > 50:1,  $[\alpha]_D = -153^\circ$ , (c = 0.5, CHCl<sub>3</sub>).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.95 – 8.00 (m, 1H), 7.76 (s, 1H), 7.66 – 7.73 (m, 3H), 7.39 – 7.51 (m, 4H), 7.12 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 3.89 (bs, 1H), 2.29 (s, 3H), 2.01 (dq, *J* = 14.0 Hz, 7.2 Hz, 1H), 1.84 (dq, *J* = 14.0 Hz, 7.2 Hz, 1H), 1.04 (t, *J* = 7.2, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  143.5, 142.8, 142.5, 141.3, 131.7 (q,  $J_{\text{CF}_3} = 35$  Hz), 131.7, 130.8, 129.6, 128.9, 127.2, 127.01, 126.5, 125.0, 124.4 (q,  $J_{\text{CF}_3} = 274$  Hz), 122.0 (sep,  $J_{\text{CF}_3} = 3.6$  Hz), 95.9, 83.3, 74.6, 37.4, 21.4, 8.9; MS: LC-APCI-MS (*m/z*): 493 [M-OH]<sup>+</sup>.

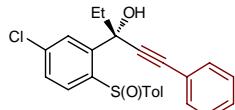


**Table 2, Entry 13. (*Ss, R*)-6-(dimethylamino)-3-(2-(*p*-tolylsulfinyl)phenyl)hex-4-yn-3-ol.** The title compound was prepared from (*S*)-1-(2-(*p*-tolylsulfinyl)phenyl)propan-1-one (0.41 mmol, 112 mg, 1.0 equiv) and (3-(dimethylamino)prop-1-yn-1-yl)lithium.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR analysis of crude product indicated 83 % conversion and d.r. = 50:1. Purification by flash chromatography afforded pure product (d.r. = 50:1). To improve the diastereomeric ratio, the product was suspended in a mixture of hexane/EtOAc (10:1) and filtered to give (*Ss, R*) – isomer in 71% yield (103 mg), d.r. > 50:1,  $[\alpha]_D = -184^\circ$ , c = 0.5, CHCl<sub>3</sub>).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.95 – 8.08 (m, 1H), 7.54 – 7.68 (m, 1H), 7.47 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.40 – 7.43 (m, 2H), 7.16 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 3.28 (d, *J* = 16.6 Hz, 1H), 3.20 (d, *J* = 16.6 Hz, 1H), 2.33 (s, 3H), 2.29 (s, 6H), 1.73 – 1.90 (m, 1H), 1.53 – 1.72 (m, 1H), 0.95 (t, *J* = 7.3, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  144.2, 143.6, 143.37, 140.9, 130.5, 129.6, 128.7, 127.3, 126.9, 126.5, 89.5, 80.5, 74.0, 48.1, 37.4, 21.5, 9.0; MS: LC-APCI-MS (*m/z*): 339 [M-OH+H]<sup>+</sup>.



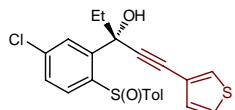
**Table 2, entry 14. (*Ss, R*)-1-phenyl-1-(2-(*p*-tolylsulfinyl)phenyl)propan-1-ol.** The title compound was prepared from (*S*)-1-(2-(*p*-tolylsulfinyl)phenyl)propan-1-one (0.39 mmol, 106 mg, 1.0 equiv) and PhMgBr

(0.78 mmol, 0.78 mL, 1.0 M solution in THF, 2.0 equiv.).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR analysis of crude product indicated 96 % conversion and d.r. > 50:1. Purification by flash chromatography (hexane/EtOAc, 80/20) afforded pure (*S<sub>s</sub>*, *R*) – isomer (d.r. > 50:1) in 84 % yield (115 mg),  $[\alpha]_D = -217^\circ$ , (c = 0.5, CHCl<sub>3</sub>).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.10 – 8.19 (m, 1H), 7.42 – 7.53 (m, 3H), 7.40 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.31 – 7.36 (m, 2H), 7.23 – 7.30 (m, 3H), 7.17 – 7.23 (m, 1H), 7.14 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 2.49 (s, 1H), 2.29 (s, 3 H), 2.17 – 2.40 (m, 2H), 0.77 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 150.3, 150.3, 149.4, 149.1, 148.7, 144.7, 134.61, 133.8, 132.6, 132.5, 131.4, 131.2, 130.9, 130.6, 84.0, 39.6, 25.7, 12.2; MS: LC-APCI-MS (*m/z*): 333 [M-OH]<sup>+</sup>.

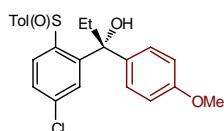


**Table 2, Entry 15.** (*S<sub>s</sub>*, *R*)-(5-chloro-2-(*p*-tolylsulfinyl)phenyl)-1-phenylpent-1-yn-3-ol. The title compound was prepared from (*S*)-1-(5-chloro-2-(*p*-tolylsulfinyl)phenyl)propan-1-one (0.41 mmol, 125 mg, 1.0 equiv.) and phenylethynyllithium.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR analysis of crude product indicated 91 % conversion and d.r. = 50:1. Purification by flash chromatography afforded pure product (d.r. = 50:1).

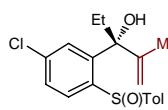
To improve the diastereomeric ratio, the product was suspended in a mixture of hexane/EtOAc (10:1) and filtered to give (*S<sub>s</sub>*, *R*) – isomer in 78% yield (131 mg), d.r. > 50:1,  $[\alpha]_D = -167^\circ$ , (c = 0.5 in CHCl<sub>3</sub>).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.98 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.60 – 7.68 (m, 1H), 7.48 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.25 – 7.31 (m, 6H), 7.14 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 3.24 (bs, 1H), 2.31 (s, 3H), 1.77 – 1.90 (m, 1H), 1.52 – 1.69 (m, 1H), 1.00 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 145.9, 142.7, 141.5, 141.40, 136.8, 131.9, 129.7, 128.9, 128.7, 128.5, 127.8, 127.5, 127.0, 122.4, 91.39, 86.8, 74.8, 37.4, 21.6, 8.9; MS: EI-MS(*m/z*): 390 [M-H<sub>2</sub>O]<sup>+</sup>, 391 [M-OH]<sup>+</sup>.



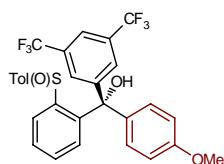
**Table 2, Entry 16.** (*S<sub>s</sub>*, *R*)-3-(5-chloro-2-(*p*-tolylsulfinyl)phenyl)-1-(thiophen-3-yl)pent-1-yn-3-ol. The title compound was prepared from (*S*)-1-(5-chloro-2-(*p*-tolylsulfinyl)phenyl)propan-1-one (0.39 mmol, 118 mg, 1.0 equiv.) and (thiophen-3-ylethynyl)lithium.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR analysis of crude product indicated 93 % conversion and d.r. = 33:1. Purification by flash chromatography afforded pure product (d.r. = 50:1). To improve the diastereomeric ratio, the product was suspended in a mixture of hexane/EtOAc (10:1) and filtered to give (*S<sub>s</sub>*, *R*) – isomer in 82% yield (140 mg), d.r. > 50:1,  $[\alpha]_D = -129^\circ$ , (c = 1.0, CHCl<sub>3</sub>).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.95 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.64 (d, *J* = 2.1 Hz, 1H), 7.47 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.31 – 7.40 (m, 2H), 7.19 – 7.28 (m, 1H), 7.13 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.02 (dd, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 3.69 (bs, 1H), 2.32 (s, 3H), 1.85 (dq, *J* = 14.5 Hz, 7.3 Hz, 1H), 1.64 (dq, *J* = 14.5 Hz, 7.3 Hz, 1H), 1.00 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 145.8, 142.7, 141.6, 141.4, 136.8, 130.0, 129.7, 129.6, 128.8, 127.9, 127.4, 126.9, 125.6, 121.4, 91.1, 82.1, 74.6, 37.4, 21.6, 8.2; MS: LC-APCI-MS (*m/z*): 397 [M-OH]<sup>+</sup>; 399 [M-OH]<sup>+</sup>; 398 [M-OH]<sup>+</sup>.



**Table 2, Entry 17.** (*S<sub>s</sub>*, *R*)-1-(5-chloro-2-(*p*-tolylsulfinyl)phenyl)-1-(4-methoxyphenyl)propan-1-ol. The title compound was prepared from (*S*)-1-(5-chloro-2-(*p*-tolylsulfinyl)phenyl)propan-1-one (0.39 mmol, 118 mg, 1.0 equiv.) and 4-methoxyphenylmagnesium bromide (0.78 mmol, 1.56 mL, 0.5 M solution in THF, 2.0 eq).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR analysis of crude product indicated 85 % conversion and d.r. > 50:1. Purification by flash chromatography (hexane/EtOAc, 80/20) afforded pure (*S<sub>s</sub>*, *R*) – isomer (d.r. > 50:1) in 79 % yield (127 mg),  $[\alpha]_D = -129^\circ$ , (c = 1.0 in CHCl<sub>3</sub>).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.02 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.43 (d, *J* = 2.1 Hz, 1H), 7.38 (dd, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2.1 Hz, 1H), 7.31 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.22 – 7.27 (m, 2H), 7.13 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 6.77 – 6.80 (m, 2H), 3.75 (s, 3H) 2.57 (bs, 1H), 2.32 (s, 3H), 2.17 – 2.28 (m, 2H), 0.73 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 159.0, 147.3, 143.9, 143.2, 140.9, 137.6, 136.8, 129.7, 128.7, 128.5, 127.7, 1270, 126.4, 113.9, 79.4, 55.5, 35.0, 21.5, 8.3; MS: LC-APCI-MS (*m/z*): 397 [M-OH]<sup>+</sup>; 399 [M-OH]<sup>+</sup>; 398 [M-OH]<sup>+</sup>.

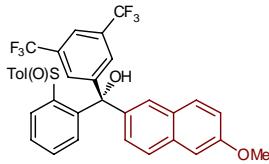


**Table 2, Entry 18.** (*S<sub>s</sub>*, *R*)-3-(5-chloro-2-(*p*-tolylsulfinyl)phenyl)-2-methylpent-1-en-3-ol. The title compound was prepared from *S*)-1-(5-chloro-2-(*p*-tolylsulfinyl)phenyl)propan-1-one (0.39 mmol, 118 mg, 1.0 equiv.) and isopropenylmagnesium bromide (0.78 mmol, 1.56 mL, 0.5 M solution in THF, 2.0 eq).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR analysis of crude product indicated 89 % conversion and d.r. = 25:1. Purification by flash chromatography afforded pure product (d.r. = 25:1). To improve the diastereomeric ratio, the product was suspended in a mixture of hexane/EtOAc (10:1) and filtered to give (*S<sub>s</sub>*, *R*) – isomer in 72% yield (97 mg), d.r. > 50:1,  $[\alpha]_D = -110^\circ$ , (c = 1.0, CHCl<sub>3</sub>).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.14 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.51 (d, *J* = 8.3, 2H), 7.41 (dd, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2.1 Hz, 1H), 7.25 (s, 1H), 7.17 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 5.12 (s, 1H), 4.99 – 5.08 (m, 1H), 2.33 (s, 3H), 1.89-2.14 (m, 2H), 1.65 (s, 3H), 0.70 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 3H),  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 147.70, 145.38, 144.45, 144.18, 140.80, 136.50, 129.70, 128.43, 128.24, 126.94, 126.43, 113.38, 81.09, 32.28, 21.53, 19.49, 7.81; LC-APCI-MS (*m/z*): 331 [M-OH]<sup>+</sup>; 333 [M-OH]<sup>+</sup>; 332 [M-OH]<sup>+</sup>.



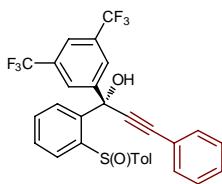
**Table 2, Entry 19.** (*S<sub>s</sub>*, *S*)-(3,5-bis(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)(4-methoxyphenyl)(2-(*p*-tolylsulfinyl)phenyl)methanol. The title compound was prepared from (*S*)-(3,5-bis(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)(2-(*p*-tolylsulfinyl)phenyl)methanone (0.39 mmol, 177 mg, 1.0 equiv.) and 4-methoxyphenylmagnesium bromide (0.78 mmol, 1.56 mL, 0.5 M solution in THF, 2.0 equiv.).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR analysis of crude product indicated 87 % conversion and d.r. = 50:1. Purification by flash chromatography (hexane/EtOAc, 80/20) afforded pure (*S<sub>s</sub>*, *S*) – isomer (d.r. > 50:1) in 75 % yield (165

mg),  $[\alpha]_D = -119^\circ$ , ( $c = 0.5, \text{CHCl}_3$ ).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.06 (dd,  $J = 7.9, 1.3, 1\text{H}$ ), . 7.71 (s, 1H), 7.53 (s, 2H), 7.45 – 7.51 (m, 1H), 7.33 (td,  $J = 7.6\text{ Hz}, 1.4, 1\text{H}$ ), 7.27 – 7.26 (m, 2H), 7.02 (d,  $J = 8.1\text{ Hz}, 2\text{H}$ ), 6.67 – 6.70 (m, 2H), 6.81 (m, 8.9, 2H), 6.69 (dd,  $J = 7.9\text{ Hz}, 1.2, 1\text{H}$ ), 4.72 (s, 1H), 3.80 (s, 3H), 2.26 (s, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  159.5, 148.3, 144.4, 144.6, 141.4, 138.4, 131.1 (q,  $J_{\text{CF}_3} = 33.4\text{ Hz}$ ), 130.8, 130.1, 129.8, 129.2, 129.1, 128.4, 127.0, 123.8, 123.4 (q,  $J_{\text{CF}_3} = 272.7\text{ Hz}$ ), 121.1 (sep,  $J_{\text{CF}_3} = 6.5\text{ Hz}$ ), 114.1, 83.1, 55.5, 21.3. MS: LC-APCI-MS ( $m/z$ ): 547 [M-OH]<sup>+</sup>.

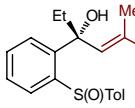


**Table 2, Entry 20.** (*Ss, S*)-(3,5-bis(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)(6-methoxynaphthalen-2-yl)(2-(*p*-tolylsulfinyl)phenyl)methanol. The title compound was prepared from (*S*)-(3,5-bis(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)(2-(*p*-tolylsulfinyl)phenyl)methanone (0.39 mmol, 177 mg, 1.0 equiv.) and (6-methoxynaphthalen-2-yl)magnesium bromide (0.78 mmol, 1.56 mL, 0.5 M solution in THF, 2.0 equiv.).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR analysis of crude product indicated 85 % conversion and d.r. > 50:1. Purification by flash chromatography (hexane/EtOAc, 80/20) afforded pure (*Ss, S*) – isomer (d.r. > 50:1) in 79 % yield (189 mg)  $[\alpha]_D = -130^\circ$ , ( $c = 0.5, \text{CHCl}_3$ ).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.06 (d,  $J = 7.9\text{ Hz}, 1\text{H}$ ), 7.73 (s, 1H), 7.67 (d,  $J = 8.7\text{ Hz}, 1\text{H}$ ), 7.58 (s, 2H), 7.46 – 7.55 (m, 2H), 7.29 – 7.45 (m, 2H), 7.10 – 7.19 (m, 5H), 6.85 – 7.00 (m, 2H), 6.73 (dd,  $J = 7.8\text{ Hz}, 1.2, 1\text{H}$ ), 5.32 (bs, 1H), 3.92 (s, 3H), 2.20 (s, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  158.6, 148.1, 141.1, 143.9, 141.3, 134.2, 131.0, 130.5, 130.1, 130.5 (q,  $J_{\text{CF}_3} = 33\text{ Hz}$ ), 129.7, 129.1, 128.2, 128.1, 127.8, 127.0, 126.7, 126.1, 122.0 (q,  $J_{\text{CF}_3} = 273\text{ Hz}$ ), 121.2 (sep,  $J_{\text{CF}_3} = 3.6\text{ Hz}$ ), , 119.5, 105.7, 83.5, 55.6, 21.3; MS: LC-APCI-MS ( $m/z$ ): 596 [M-H<sub>2</sub>O]<sup>+</sup>.

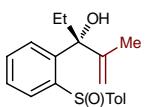
50:1) in 79 % yield (189 mg)  $[\alpha]_D = -130^\circ$ , ( $c = 0.5, \text{CHCl}_3$ ).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.06 (d,  $J = 7.9\text{ Hz}, 1\text{H}$ ), 7.73 (s, 1H), 7.67 (d,  $J = 8.7\text{ Hz}, 1\text{H}$ ), 7.58 (s, 2H), 7.46 – 7.55 (m, 2H), 7.29 – 7.45 (m, 2H), 7.10 – 7.19 (m, 5H), 6.85 – 7.00 (m, 2H), 6.73 (dd,  $J = 7.8\text{ Hz}, 1.2, 1\text{H}$ ), 5.32 (bs, 1H), 3.92 (s, 3H), 2.20 (s, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  158.6, 148.1, 141.1, 143.9, 141.3, 134.2, 131.0, 130.5, 130.1, 130.5 (q,  $J_{\text{CF}_3} = 33\text{ Hz}$ ), 129.7, 129.1, 128.2, 128.1, 127.8, 127.0, 126.7, 126.1, 122.0 (q,  $J_{\text{CF}_3} = 273\text{ Hz}$ ), 121.2 (sep,  $J_{\text{CF}_3} = 3.6\text{ Hz}$ ), , 119.5, 105.7, 83.5, 55.6, 21.3; MS: LC-APCI-MS ( $m/z$ ): 596 [M-H<sub>2</sub>O]<sup>+</sup>.



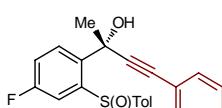
**Table 2, entry 21.** (*Ss, R*)-1-(3,5-bis(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)-3-phenyl-1-(2-(*p*-tolylsulfinyl)phenyl)prop-2-yn-1-ol. The title compound was prepared from (*S*)-(3,5-bis(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)(2-(*p*-tolylsulfinyl)phenyl)methanone (0.41 mmol, 187 mg, 1.0 equiv) and phenylethynyllithium.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR analysis of crude product indicated 91 % conversion and d.r. = 50:1. Purification by flash chromatography afforded pure product (d.r. = 50:1). To improve the diastereomeric ratio, the product was suspended in a mixture of hexane/EtOAc (10:1) and filtered to give (*Ss, R*) – isomer in 77% yield (175 mg), d.r. > 50:1,  $[\alpha]_D = -151^\circ$ , ( $c = 0.5, \text{CHCl}_3$ ).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.04 – 7.96 (m, 1H), 7.75 (s, 2H), 7.67 (s, 1H), 7.58 – 7.65 (m, 1H), 7.39 – 7.51 (m, 4H), 7.27 – 7.39 (m, 3H), 7.18 (d,  $J = 8.0\text{ Hz}, 2\text{H}$ ), 6.93 (d,  $J = 8.0\text{ Hz}, 2\text{H}$ ), 5.21 (bs, 1H), 2.21 (s, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  146.8, 143.4, 141.5, 141.8, 140.9, 132.0, 131.2 (q,  $J_{\text{CF}_3} = 33\text{ Hz}$ ), 130.6, 129.9, 129.6, 129.32, 129.1, 128.6, 127.0, 126.7, 122.0 (q,  $J_{\text{CF}_3} = 272\text{ Hz}$ ), 121.9, 121.5, 90.9, 89.28, 75.1, 21.3; MS: LC-APCI-MS ( $m/z$ ): 541 [M-OH]<sup>+</sup>.



**Table 2, Entry 22.** (*Ss, R*)-4-methyl-2-(2-(*p*-tolylsulfinyl)phenyl)pent-3-en-2-ol. The title compound was prepared from (*S*)-1-(2-(*p*-tolylsulfinyl)phenyl)propan-1-one (0.39 mmol, 106 mg, 1.0 equiv) and 2-methyl-1-propenylmagnesium bromide (0.78 mmol, 1.56 mL, 0.5 M solution in THF, 2.0 equiv.).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR analysis of crude product indicated 95 % conversion and d.r. = 25:1. Purification by flash chromatography afforded pure product (d.r. = 50:1). To improve the diastereomeric ratio, the product was suspended in a mixture of hexane/EtOAc (10:1) and filtered to give (*Ss, R*) – isomer in 80% yield (103 mg), d.r. > 50:1,  $[\alpha]_D = -135^\circ$ , ( $c = 0.5$  in  $\text{CHCl}_3$ ).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.97 – 8.07(m, 1 H), 7.55 – 7.70 (m, 1 H), 7.38 – 7.50 (m, 2 H), 7.31 – 7.38 (m, 2 H), 7.13 – 7.21 (m, 2 H), 5.73 – 5.77 (m, 1 H), 2.33 (s, 3 H), 2.10 (bs, 1 H), 1.87 – 1.93 (m, 2H), 1.44 (d,  $J = 1.2\text{ Hz}, 3\text{ H}$ ), 1.33 (d,  $J = 1.2\text{ Hz}, 3\text{ H}$ ), 0.75 (t,  $J = 7.3\text{ Hz}, 3\text{ H}$ );  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  147.2, 140.8, 138.5, 133.0, 130.7, 129.7, 127.9, 127.5, 127.2, 126.6, 76.8, 38.3, 26.6, 21.5, 19.3, 7.9; MS: EI-MS( $m/z$ ): 311 [M-OH]<sup>+</sup>.

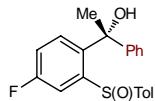


**Table 2, Entry 23.** (*Ss, R*)-3-methyl-2-(2-(*p*-tolylsulfinyl)phenyl)but-3-en-2-ol. The title compound was prepared from (*S*)-1-(2-(*p*-tolylsulfinyl)phenyl)propan-1-one (0.39 mmol, 106 mg, 1.0 equiv) and isopropenylmagnesium bromide (0.78 mmol, 1.56 mL, 0.5 M solution in THF, 2.0 eq).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR analysis of crude product indicated 96 % conversion and d.r. = 20:1. Purification by flash chromatography afforded pure product (d.r. = 20:1). To improve the diastereomeric ratio, the product was suspended in a mixture of hexane/EtOAc (10:1) and filtered to give (*Ss, R*) – isomer in 86% yield (105 mg), d.r. > 50:1,  $[\alpha]_D = -125^\circ$ , ( $c = 0.5, \text{CHCl}_3$ ).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.19 (dd,  $J = 7.8\text{ Hz}, 1.1, 1\text{H}$ ), 7.54 (d,  $J = 8.2\text{ Hz}, 2\text{H}$ ), 7.45 (td,  $J = 7.5\text{ Hz}, 1.0\text{ Hz}, 1\text{H}$ ), 7.39 (td,  $J = 7.5\text{ Hz}, 1.0\text{ Hz}, 1\text{H}$ ), 7.29 (d,  $J = 7.7\text{ Hz}, 1\text{H}$ ), 7.17 (d,  $J = 8.0\text{ Hz}, 2\text{H}$ ), 5.10 (s, 1H), 5.02 (s, 1H), 2.32 (s, 3H), 2.30 (m, 1H), 2.03 (m, 2H), 1.64 (s, 3H), 0.73 (t,  $J = 7.3\text{ Hz}, 3\text{ H}$ );  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  148.3, 145.6, 144.8, 143.34, 140.5, 130.2, 129.6, 128.4, 126.9, 126.8, 126.5, 112.8, 81.3, 32.3, 21.5, 19.5, 7.9; MS: EI-MS( $m/z$ ): 314 [M]<sup>+</sup>, 297 [M-OH]<sup>+</sup>.

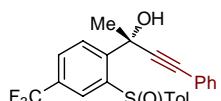


**Table 2, Entry 24.** (*Ss, R*)-2-(4-fluoro-2-(*p*-tolylsulfinyl)phenyl)-4-phenylbut-3-en-2-ol. The title compound was prepared from (*S*)-1-(4-fluoro-2-(*p*-tolylsulfinyl)phenyl)ethanone (0.40 mmol, 110 mg, 1.0 equiv) and phenylethynyllithium.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR analysis of crude product indicated 97 % conversion and d.r. = 14:1. Purification by flash chromatography afforded pure product (d.r. = 14:1). To improve the diastereomeric ratio, the product was suspended in a mixture of hexane/EtOAc (10:1) and filtered to give (*Ss, R*) – isomer in 77% yield (116 mg), d.r. > 50:1,  $[\alpha]_D = -196^\circ$ , ( $c = 1.0, \text{CHCl}_3$ ).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.84 (dd,  $J = 9.0\text{ Hz}, 2.7\text{ Hz}, 1\text{H}$ ), 7.61 (dd,  $J = 8.7\text{ Hz}, 5.2\text{ Hz}, 1\text{H}$ ), 7.54 (d,  $J = 8.2\text{ Hz}, 2\text{H}$ ), 7.38 – 7.46 (m, 2H), 7.26 – 7.37 (m, 3H), 7.16 (d,  $J =$

8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.06 (ddd,  $J = 10.0$  Hz, 5.7 Hz, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 3.82 (bs, 1H), 2.32 (s, 3H), 1.53 (s, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  162.5 (d,  $J_{\text{FC}} = 250$  Hz), 145.5 (d,  $J_{\text{FC}} = 4.7$  Hz), 142.3, 141.6, 140.1 (d,  $J_{\text{FC}} = 3.6$  Hz), 132.0, 129.8, 129.2 (d,  $J_{\text{FC}} = 7.3$  Hz), 128.7, 128.4, 127.3, 122.6, 117.5 (d,  $J_{\text{FC}} = 21.7$  Hz), 112.5 (d,  $J_{\text{FC}} = 25.5$  Hz), 93.0, 85.0, 71.4, 32.5, 21.6; MS: EI-MS( $m/z$ ): 361 [M-OH]<sup>+</sup>.

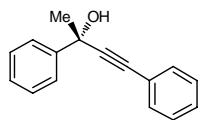


**Table 2, Entry 25.** (*Ss, R*)-1-(4-fluoro-2-(*p*-tolylsulfinyl)phenyl)-1-phenylethanol. The title compound was prepared from (*S*)-1-(4-fluoro-2-(*p*-tolylsulfinyl)phenyl)ethanone (0.39 mmol, 107 mg, 1.0 equiv) and PhMgBr (0.78 mmol, 0.78 mL, 1.0 M solution in THF, 2.0 eq).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR analysis of crude product indicated 95 % conversion and d.r. > 50:1. Purification by flash chromatography (hexane/EtOAc, 80/20) afforded pure (*Ss, R*) - isomer (d.r. > 50:1) in 85 % yield (117 mg),  $[\alpha]_D = -260^\circ$ , ( $c = 0.3$ ,  $\text{CHCl}_3$ ).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.92 (dd,  $J = 8.9$  Hz, 2.8 Hz, 1H), 7.41 – 7.48 (m, 2H), 7.37 (dd,  $J = 8.7$  Hz, 5.1 Hz, 1H), 7.21 – 7.32 (m, 5H), 7.17 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2H), 7.10 (ddd,  $J = 8.6$  Hz, 7.4 Hz, 2.8 Hz, 1H), 2.49 (s, 1H), 2.34 (s, 3H), 1.83 (s, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  162.6 (d,  $J_{\text{FC}} = 250$  Hz), 147.2, 142.0, 141.1, 129.8, 128.8 (d,  $J_{\text{FC}} = 7.11$  Hz), 128.6, 127.6, 126.5, 125.9, 117.4 (d,  $J_{\text{FC}} = 21.4$  Hz), 113.5 d,  $J_{\text{FC}} = 25.5$  Hz), 77.4, 32.0, 21.5. MS: EI-MS( $m/z$ ): 337 [M-OH]<sup>+</sup>.

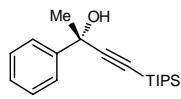


**Table 2, Entry 26** (*Ss, R*)-2-(4'-trifluoromethyl-2'-(*p*-tolylsulfinyl)phenyl)-4-phenylbut-3-yn-2-ol. The title compound was prepared from (*S*)-1-(4'-trifluoromethyl-2'-(*p*-tolylsulfinyl)phenyl)ethanone (200 mg, 0.61 mmol) and phenylethynyllithium.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR analysis of crude product indicated 92% conversion and d.r. = 10:1. Purification by flash chromatography afford pure major product in 79% yield (207mg) and an unseparated mixture of the minor product and substrate 39 mg.  $[\alpha]_D^{25} = -260.0^\circ$  ( $c = 0.1$ ,  $\text{CHCl}_3$ ).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ : 8.47 (d,  $J = 1.2$  Hz, 1H), 7.77 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1H), 7.66 (dd,  $J_1 = 1.2$  Hz,  $J_2 = 8.0$  Hz, 1H), 7.52 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2H), 7.39 – 7.41 (m,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2H), 7.25-7.33 (m, 3H), 7.17 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2H), 3.49 (br, 1H), 2.33 (s, 3H), 1.54 (s, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ : 148.2, 143.7, 142.1, 142.0, 132.1, 130.6 (q,  $J = 33.0$  Hz), 129.9, 128.8, 128.5, 128.5, 127.6, 127.4 (q,  $J = 4.0$  Hz), 123.7 (q,  $J = 271.0$  Hz), 121.8 (q,  $J = 4.0$  Hz), 92.3, 85.2, 72.0, 32.3, 21.6. EI-MS ( $m/z$ ): 410 [M-H<sub>2</sub>O]<sup>+</sup>.

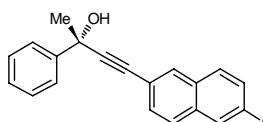
**General procedure for the reductive cleavage of sulfoxide.** To the solution of sulfoxide in THF (0.1 M) at -78 °C was added *n*-BuLi (1.6 M solution in hexanes, 4.0 equiv.). After being stirred for 30 min at -78 °C, saturated aqueous NH<sub>4</sub>Cl was added, followed by extraction with EtOAc (3X). The combined organic layers were dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, filtered, and evaporated to give crude product, which was purified by flash chromatography.



**Table 3, Entry 1.** (*Ss, R*)-2,4-Diphenylbut-3-yn-2-ol.<sup>3</sup> The title compound was prepared from (*Ss, R*)-4-(*o*-tolyl)-2-(*p*-tolylsulfinyl)phenyl)but-3-yn-2-ol. (0.17 mmol, 60 mg, 1.0 equiv) and *n*-BuLi (0.68 mmol, 420  $\mu$ L, 1.6 M solution in hexanes, 4.0 equiv.). Purification of the crude product by flash chromatography on silica gel (hexanes/EtOAc 9:1, v/v) yielded (*Ss, R*)-2,4-diphenylbut-3-yn-2-ol in 96 % (36 mg); ee = 97%. The use of recrystallized (*Ss, R*)-4-(*o*-tolyl)-2-(*p*-tolylsulfinyl)phenyl)but-3-yn-2-ol gave product in 97% yield and ee = 99%.  $[\alpha]_D = +44^\circ$  ( $c = 2.0$ , Acetone).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.70 – 7.77 (m, 2H), 7.46 – 7.52 (m, 2H), 7.36 – 7.44 (m, 2H), 7.29 – 7.34 (m, 4H), 2.54 (s, 1H), 1.88 (s, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  145.9, 131.9, 128.7, 128.6, 128.5, 128.0, 125.2, 122.8, 92.6, 85.2, 70.6, 33.5; MS: EI-MS( $m/z$ ): 222 [M]<sup>+</sup>, 204 [M-H<sub>2</sub>O]<sup>+</sup>. HPLC condition: Chiracel OD-H column, 1% isopropanol in hexane, 1.0 mL/min,  $T_R = 24.7$  (minor), 36.9 (major).

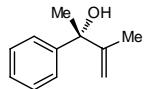


**Table 3, Entry 2.** (*Ss, R*)-2-phenyl-4-(triisopropylsilyl)but-3-yn-2-ol. The title compound was prepared from (*Ss, R*)-2-(*p*-tolylsulfinyl)phenyl)-4-(triisopropylsilyl)but-3-yn-2-ol (0.09 mmol, 40 mg, 1.0 equiv) and *n*-BuLi (0.36 mmol, 220  $\mu$ L, 1.6 M solution in hexanes, 4.0 equiv.). Purification of the crude product by flash chromatography on silica gel (hexanes/EtOAc 9:1, v/v) yielded (*Ss, R*)-2-phenyl-4-(triisopropylsilyl)but-3-yn-2-ol in 92 % (25 mg); ee = 96%;  $[\alpha]_D = +14^\circ$ , ( $c = 1.0$ , Acetone).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.64 – 7.72 (m, 2H), 7.31 – 7.39 (m, 2H), 7.26 – 7.31 (m, 1H), 2.29 (bs, 1H), 1.77 (s, 3H), 1.09 (s, 21H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  145.8, 128.4, 127.8, 125.2, 111.2, 85.9, 70.6, 33.9, 18.9, 11.4.; MS: EI-MS( $m/z$ ): 302 [M]<sup>+</sup>. HPLC condition: Chiracel OD-H column, 0.1% isopropanol in hexane, 0.5 mL/min,  $T_R = 18.9$  (minor), 21.1 (major).

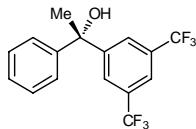


**Table 3, Entry 3.** (*Ss, R*)-4-(6-methoxynaphthalen-2-yl)-2-phenylbut-3-yn-2-ol. The title compound was prepared from (*Ss, R*)-4-(6-methoxynaphthalen-2-yl)-2-(*p*-tolylsulfinyl)phenyl)but-3-yn-2-ol (0.08 mmol, 36 mg, 1.0 equiv) and *n*-BuLi (0.33, 200  $\mu$ L, 1.6 M solution in hexanes, 4.0 equiv.). Purification of the crude product by flash chromatography on silica gel (hexanes/EtOAc 9:1, v/v) yielded (*Ss, R*)-4-(6-methoxynaphthalen-2-yl)-2-phenylbut-3-yn-2-ol in 94 % (23 mg); ee >99%;  $[\alpha]_D = -50^\circ$ , ( $c = 0.3$  in  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.93 (s, 1H), 7.75 – 7.83 (m, 2H), 7.69 (dd,  $J = 8.6$  Hz, 5.7 Hz, 2H), 7.49 (dd,  $J = 8.5$  Hz, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.41 (t,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 2H), 7.25 – 7.33 (m, 1H), 7.16 (dd,  $J = 9.0$  Hz, 2.5 Hz,

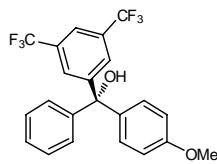
1H), 7.11 (d,  $J$  = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 3.93 (s, 3H), 2.49 (s, 1H), 1.91 (s, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  158.6, 146.0, 134.4, 131.7, 129.5, 129.2, 128.5, 128.0, 127.0, 125.2, 119.7, 117.6, 106.0, 92.2, 85.6, 70.7, 55.7, 33.6; MS: EI-MS( $m/z$ ): 302 [M]<sup>+</sup>. HPLC condition: Chiracel OD-H column, 2% isopropanol in hexane, 1.0 mL/min,  $T_R$  = 53.9.



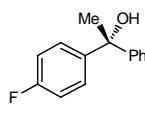
**Table 3, Entry 4. (*R*)-3-methyl-2-phenylbut-3-en-2-ol.** The title compound was prepared from (*Ss*, *R*)-3-methyl-2-(*p*-tolylsulfinyl)phenylbut-3-en-2-ol (0.2 mmol, 60 mg, 1.0 equiv) and *n*-BuLi (0.8 mmol, 500  $\mu\text{L}$ , 1.6 M solution in hexanes, 4.0 equiv.). Purification of the crude product by flash chromatography on silica gel (hexanes/EtOAc 9:1, v/v) yielded (*R*)-3-methyl-2-phenylbut-3-en-2-ol in 93 % (30 mg); ee = 98%;  $[\alpha]_D$  = -8.6°, (c = 0.86,  $\text{CHCl}_3$ ).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.42 - 7.44 (m, 2H), 7.28 - 7.38 (m, 2H), 7.20 - 7.20 (m, 1H), 5.10 - 5.34 (m, 1H), 4.86 - 5.05 (m, 1H), 1.86 (s, 1H), 1.69 (s, 3H), 1.61 (s, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  150.33, 146.12, 128.36, 127.11, 125.43, 110.88, 77.16, 28.87, 19.32; MS: EI-MS( $m/z$ ): 145 [M-OH]<sup>+</sup>, 163 [M+H]<sup>+</sup>. HPLC condition: Chiracel OD-H column, 1% isopropanol in hexane, 1.0 mL/min,  $T_R$  = 12.0 (major), 14.6 (minor).



**Table 3, Entry 5. (*S*)-1-(3,5-bis(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)-1-phenylethanol.** The title compound was prepared from (*Ss*, *R*)-1-(3,5-bis(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)-1-(*p*-tolylsulfinyl)phenyl)ethanol (0.06 mmol, 30 mg, 1.0 equiv) and *n*-BuLi (0.25 mmol, 160  $\mu\text{L}$ , 1.6 M solution in hexanes, 4.0 equiv.). Purification of the crude product by flash chromatography on silica gel (hexanes/EtOAc 9:1, v/v) yielded (*S*)-1-(3,5-bis(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)-1-phenylethanol in 96 % (20 mg); ee >99%;  $[\alpha]_D$  = +34°, (c = 1.0,  $\text{CHCl}_3$ ).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.81 (s, 2H), 7.68 (s, 1H), 7.26 - 7.39 (m, 4H), 7.20 - 7.27 (m, 1H), 2.22 (bs, 1H), 1.93 (s, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  150.9, 146.3, 131.6 (q,  $J_{\text{FC}}$  = 33.1 Hz), 128.9, 128.1, 126., 125.9, 123.5 (q,  $J_{\text{FC}}$  = 274 Hz), 121.0, 76.0, 31.0; MS: EI-MS( $m/z$ ): 334 [M]<sup>+</sup>. HPLC condition: Chiracel OD-H column, 1% isopropanol in hexane, 1.0 mL/min,  $T_R$  = 33.1.

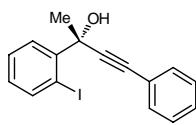


**Table 3, Entry 6. (*S*)-(3,5-bis(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)(4-methoxyphenyl)(phenyl) methanol.** The title compound was prepared from (*Ss*, *S*)-(3,5-bis(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)(4-methoxyphenyl)(2-(*p*-tolylsulfinyl)phenyl)methanol (0.11 mmol, 62 mg, 1.0 equiv) and *n*-BuLi (0.44 mmol, 270  $\mu\text{L}$ , 1.6 M solution in hexanes, 4.0 equiv.). Purification of the crude product by flash chromatography on silica gel (hexanes/EtOAc 9:1, v/v) yielded (*S*)-(3,5-bis(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)(4-methoxyphenyl)(phenyl) methanol in 98 % yield (46 mg), ee = 92%. The use of recrystallized (*S*)-(3,5-bis(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)(4-methoxyphenyl)(phenyl)methanol gave product in 99% yield and ee >99%,  $[\alpha]_D$  = +4.8°, (c = 1.0,  $\text{CHCl}_3$ ).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.78 (s, 2H), 7.72 (s, 1H), 7.23 - 7.32 (m, 3H), 7.14 - 7.20 (m, 2H), 7.02 - 7.07 (m, 2H), 6.77 - 6.83 (m, 2H), 3.74 (s, 3H), 2.73 (s, 1H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  159.4, 149.8, 145.8, 137.9, 130.7 (q,  $J_{\text{FC}}$  = 33.2 Hz), 129.4, 128.7, 128.2, 128.0, 127.6, 125.8 (q,  $J_{\text{FC}}$  = 272.8 Hz), 121.2, 114.0, 81.5, 55.5; MS: EI-MS( $m/z$ ): 426 [M]<sup>+</sup>. HPLC condition: Chiracel OD-H column, 1% isopropanol in hexane, 1.0 mL/min,  $T_R$  = 15.9 (major), 21.4 (minor).

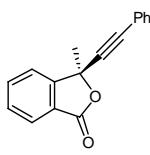


**Table 3, Entry 7. (*R*)-1-(4-fluorophenyl)-1-phenylethanol.<sup>4</sup>** The title compound was prepared from (*Ss*, *R*)-1-(4-fluoro-2-(*p*-tolylsulfinyl)phenyl)-1-phenylethanol (0.07 mmol, 26 mg, 1.0 equiv) and *n*-BuLi (0.30 mmol, 180  $\mu\text{L}$ , 1.6 M solution in hexanes, 4.0 equiv.). Purification of the crude product by flash chromatography on silica gel (hexanes/EtOAc 9:1, v/v) yielded (*R*)-1-(4-fluorophenyl)-1-phenylethanol in 95% (15 mg); ee >99%;  $[\alpha]_D$  = -5°, (c = 0.6, Acetone).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.29 - 7.41 (m, 6H), 7.21 - 7.27 (m, 1H), 6.96 - 7.00 (m, 2H), 2.09 (bs, 1H), 1.93 (s, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  161.5 (d,  $J$  = 245 Hz), 148.0, 144.0 (d,  $J$  = 3.2 Hz), 128.5, 127.8 (d,  $J_{\text{FC}}$  = 8.0 Hz), 127.3, 126.0, 115.1 (t,  $J_{\text{FC}}$  = 21.0 Hz), 76.1, 31.2. EI-MS( $m/z$ ): 216 [M]<sup>+</sup>. HPLC condition: Chiracel OD-H column, 0.4% isopropanol in hexane, 0.4 mL/min,  $T_R$  = 53.6.

### Reactions with electrophile (X = I<sup>+</sup>, O<sub>2</sub>, CO<sub>2</sub>), Scheme 1

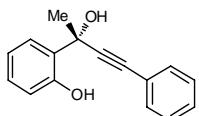


**(*R*)-2-(2-iodophenyl)-4-phenylbut-3-yn-2-ol 4.** To a solution of **2a** (0.14 mmol, 50 mg, 1.0 equiv.) in THF (5 mL) was added MeLi (0.16 mmol, 100  $\mu\text{L}$ , 1.6 M solution in  $\text{Et}_2\text{O}$ , 1.15 equiv) at -78 °C. After the reaction mixture had been stirred for 10 min at -78 °C, *tert*-BuLi (0.28 mmol, 165  $\mu\text{L}$ , 1.7 M in pentane, 2.0 equiv.) was added and stirring continued for 15 min at this same temperature. The solution of 1,2-diiodoethane (0.56 mmol, 157 mg, 4.0 equiv) in THF (1 mL) was then added. After stirring for 2 h at -78 °C, the reaction mixture was warmed up to rt, diluted with EtOAc and successively washed with 20% aqueous sodium thiosulfate solution, brine, dried over magnesium sulfate, filtered and concentrated under vacuum to give crude product, which was purified by flash chromatography (toluene/hexane, 90/10) to afford (*R*)-2-(2-iodophenyl)-4-phenylbut-3-yn-2-ol in 70 % yield (34 mg),  $[\alpha]_D$  = 22°, (c = 1.2,  $\text{CHCl}_3$ ).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.99 (dd,  $J$  = 7.8 Hz, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.85 (dd,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.45 - 7.51 (m, 2H), 7.33 - 7.43 (m, 1H), 7.27 - 7.33 (m, 3H), 6.93 - 7.02 (m, 1H), 3.01 (s, 1H), 2.03 (s, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  145.5, 142.6, 131.8, 129.5, 128.7, 128.5, 128.5, 126.6, 122.8, 94.7, 91.8, 86.5, 71.2, 30.2; MS: EI-MS( $m/z$ ): 348 [M]<sup>+</sup>



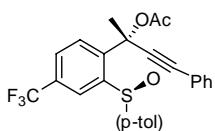
**(R)-3-methyl-3-(phenylethynyl)isobenzofuran-1(3H)-one 5.** To a solution of **2a** (0.14 mmol, 50 mg, 1.0 equiv.) in THF (5 mL) was added MeLi (0.16 mmol, 100  $\mu$ L, 1.6 M solution in Et<sub>2</sub>O, 1.15 equiv) at -78 °C. After the reaction mixture had been stirred for 10 min at -78 °C, *tert*-BuLi (0.28 mmol, 165  $\mu$ L, 1.7 M in pentane, 2.0 equiv.) was added and stirring continued for 15 min at this same temperature. Dry carbon dioxide was then bubbled through the reaction mixture for 1 h at -78°C and 15 min at rt. The reaction

was quenched by addition of saturated aqueous NH<sub>4</sub>Cl and extracted with EtOAc (3X). The combined organic layers were dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, filtered, and evaporated to give crude product, which was purified by preparative HPLC (2.5% of EtOAc in hexane) to afford (R)-3-methyl-3-(phenylethynyl)isobenzofuran-1(3H)-one 71 % yield (26 mg), ee > 99%,  $[\alpha]_D = 94.6^\circ$ , (c = 0.3, CHCl<sub>3</sub>). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.90 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.73 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.53 – 7.65 (m, 2H), 7.41 (dd, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1.6 Hz, 2H), 7.26 – 7.36 (m, 3H), 1.99 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  169.2, 152.2, 135.0, 132.1, 130.0, 129.3, 128.5, 126.0, 124.9, 121.9, 121.7, 86.8, 86.1, 79.5, 29.1; EI-MS(*m/z*): 219 [M – CO<sub>2</sub> - H]<sup>+</sup>. HPLC condition: Chiracel OD-H column, 1.0% isopropanol in hexane, 1 mL/min, *T<sub>R</sub>* = 14.7. (Racemic sample prepared analogously from the aryl bromide.)

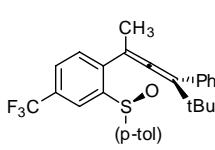


**(R)-2-(2-hydroxy-4-phenylbut-3-yn-2-yl)phenol 6.** To a solution of **2a** (0.14 mmol, 50 mg, 1.0 equiv.) in THF (5 mL) was added MeLi (0.16 mmol, 100  $\mu$ L, 1.6 M solution in Et<sub>2</sub>O, 1.15 equiv) at -78 °C. After the reaction mixture had been stirred for 10 min at -78 °C, *tert*-BuLi (0.28 mmol, 165  $\mu$ L, 1.7 M in pentane, 2.0 equiv.) was added and stirring continued for 25 min at this same temperature. Oxygen was then bubbled through the reaction mixture for 1 h at -78°C and 15 min at rt. The reaction was quenched by addition of saturated aqueous NH<sub>4</sub>Cl and extracted with EtOAc (3X). The combined organic layers were dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, filtered, and evaporated to give crude product, which was purified by flash chromatography (toluene/hexanes, 90:10) to afford (R)-2-(2-hydroxy-4-phenylbut-3-yn-2-yl)phenol in 74% yield (24 mg),  $[\alpha]_D = -30^\circ$ , (c = 0.8 Acetone). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.31 (s, 1H), 7.55 (dd, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.52 – 7.45 (m, 2H), 7.32 – 7.41 (m, 3H), 7.19 – 7.24 (m, 1H), 6.79 – 7.00 (m, 2H), 3.14 (bs, 1H), 1.95 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  156.4, 132.4, 130.4, 129.3, 129.0, 127.6, 123.1, 120.2, 118.7, 91.7, 86.9, 73.5, 31.5; EI-MS(*m/z*): 221 [M – OH]<sup>+</sup>, 220 [M – H<sub>2</sub>O]<sup>+</sup>.

### Synthesis of (S<sub>s</sub>,S)-1-(5',5'-dimethyl-4'-phenylhexa-2',3'-dien-2'-yl)-2-p-tolylsulfinyl-4-trifluoromethyl-benzene. Scheme 2.



**(S<sub>s</sub>, R)-2-(4'-trifluoromethyl-2'-(p-tolylsulfinyl)phenyl)-4-phenylbut-3-yn-2-yl acetate.** A mixture of (S<sub>s</sub>, R)-2-(4'-trifluoromethyl-2'-(p-tolylsulfinyl)phenyl)-4-phenylbut-3-yn-2-ol (200mg, 0.47mmol), Ac<sub>2</sub>O (305mg, 3.0mmol), Et<sub>3</sub>N (223mg, 2.2mmol) and DMAP (3mg, 0.024mmol) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (2ml) was stirred at rt overnight. The reaction solution was concentrated under reduced pressure and the residue was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (hexane/ethyl acetate, 10/1) to afford the title compound in 99% yield (217mg).  $[\alpha]^{26}_D = -140.0^\circ$  (c=0.2, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ : 8.32 (s, 1H), 7.86 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.75 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.49-7.52 (m, 2H), 7.36-7.38 (m, 2H), 7.19-7.33 (m, 5H), 2.38 (s, 3H), 2.20 (s, 3H), 1.83 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ : 168.8, 145.1, 144.1, 142.1, 142.0, 132.1, 130.2, 129.3, 128.5, 128.2 (q, *J* = 4.0 Hz), 127.3, 126.8, 124.6, 123.2 (q, *J*<sub>CF<sub>3</sub></sub> = 271.0 Hz), 121.7, 88.8, 88.6, 75.9, 31.0, 22.1, 21.6. EI-MS (*m/z*): 470 [M]<sup>+</sup>.

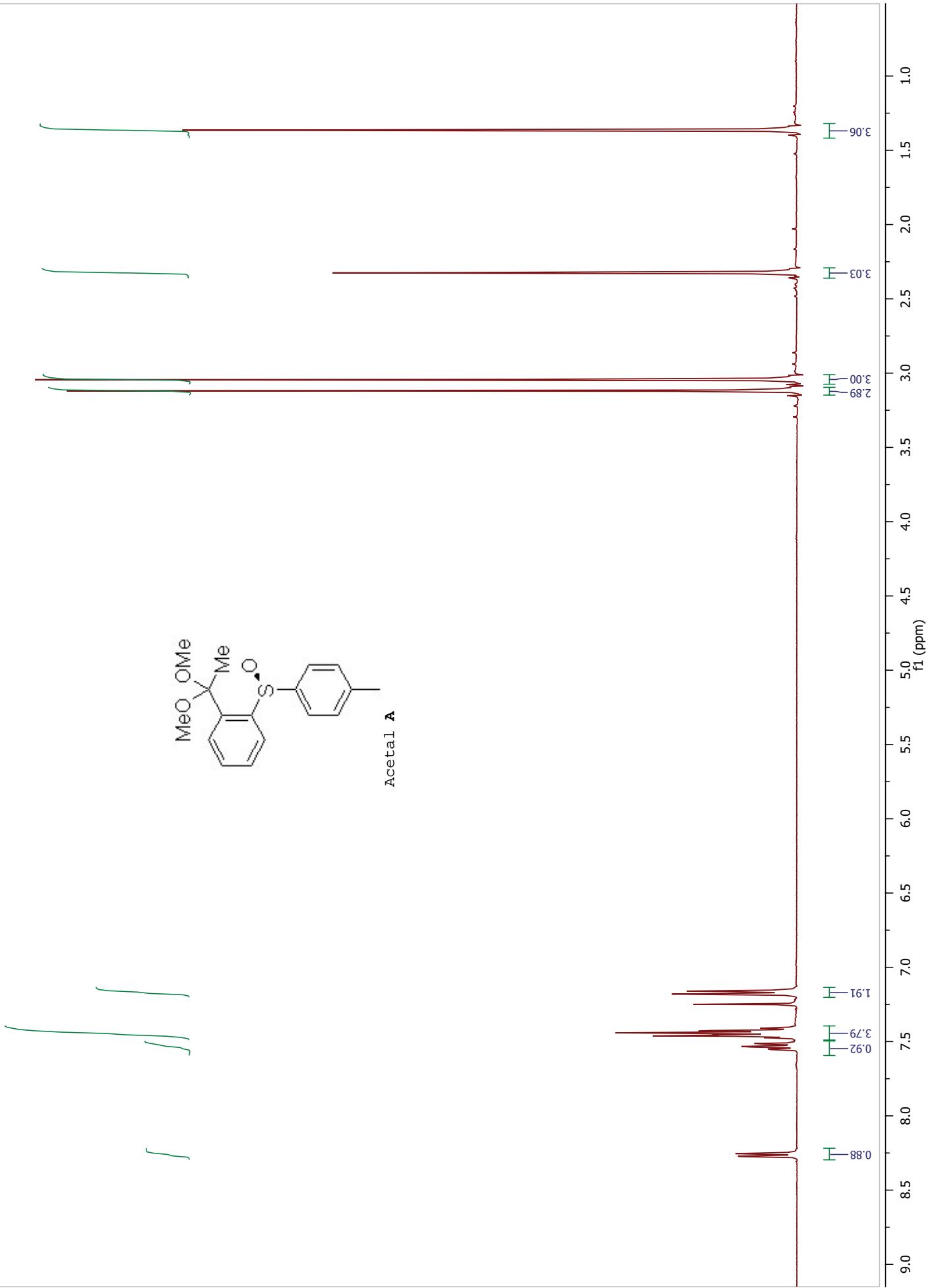


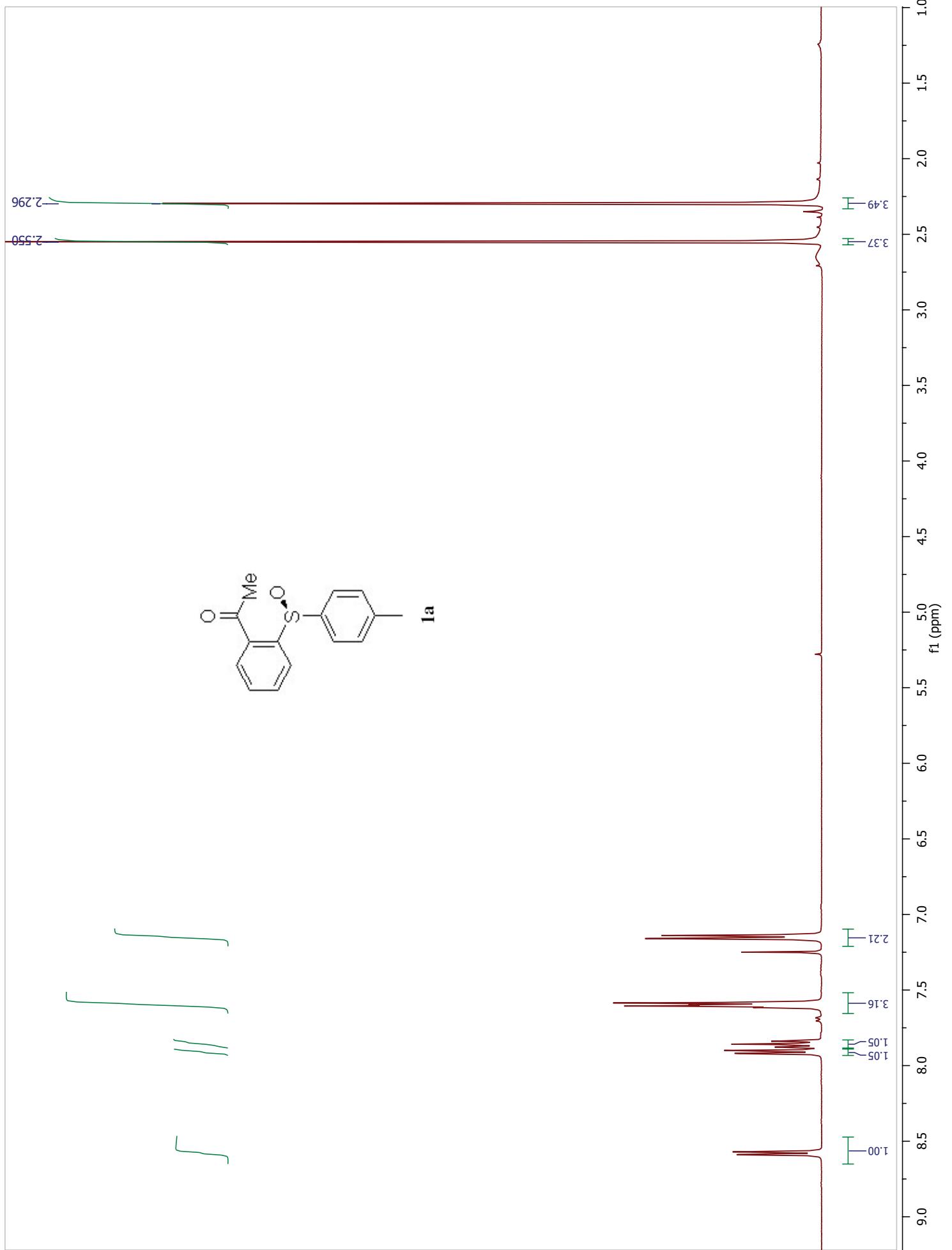
**(S<sub>s</sub>,S)-1-(5',5'-dimethyl-4'-phenylhexa-2',3'-dien-2'-yl)-2-p-tolylsulfinyl-4-trifluoromethyl-benzene 7.** To a stirred suspension of CuCN (400mg, 4.5mmol) in anhydrous THF (10ml) at -42 °C (CH<sub>3</sub>CN-dry ice) under N<sub>2</sub> was added 'BuLi solution (2.4ml, 1.7M in pentane). The resulting solution was stirred another 10 min before a solution of (S<sub>s</sub>, R)-2-(4'-trifluoromethyl-2'-(p-tolylsulfinyl)phenyl)-4-phenylbut-3-yn-2-yl acetate in anhydrous THF (6ml) was added. The reaction mixture was stirred for 1h under the same conditions. Sat. NH<sub>4</sub>Cl aq. was added to quench the reaction.

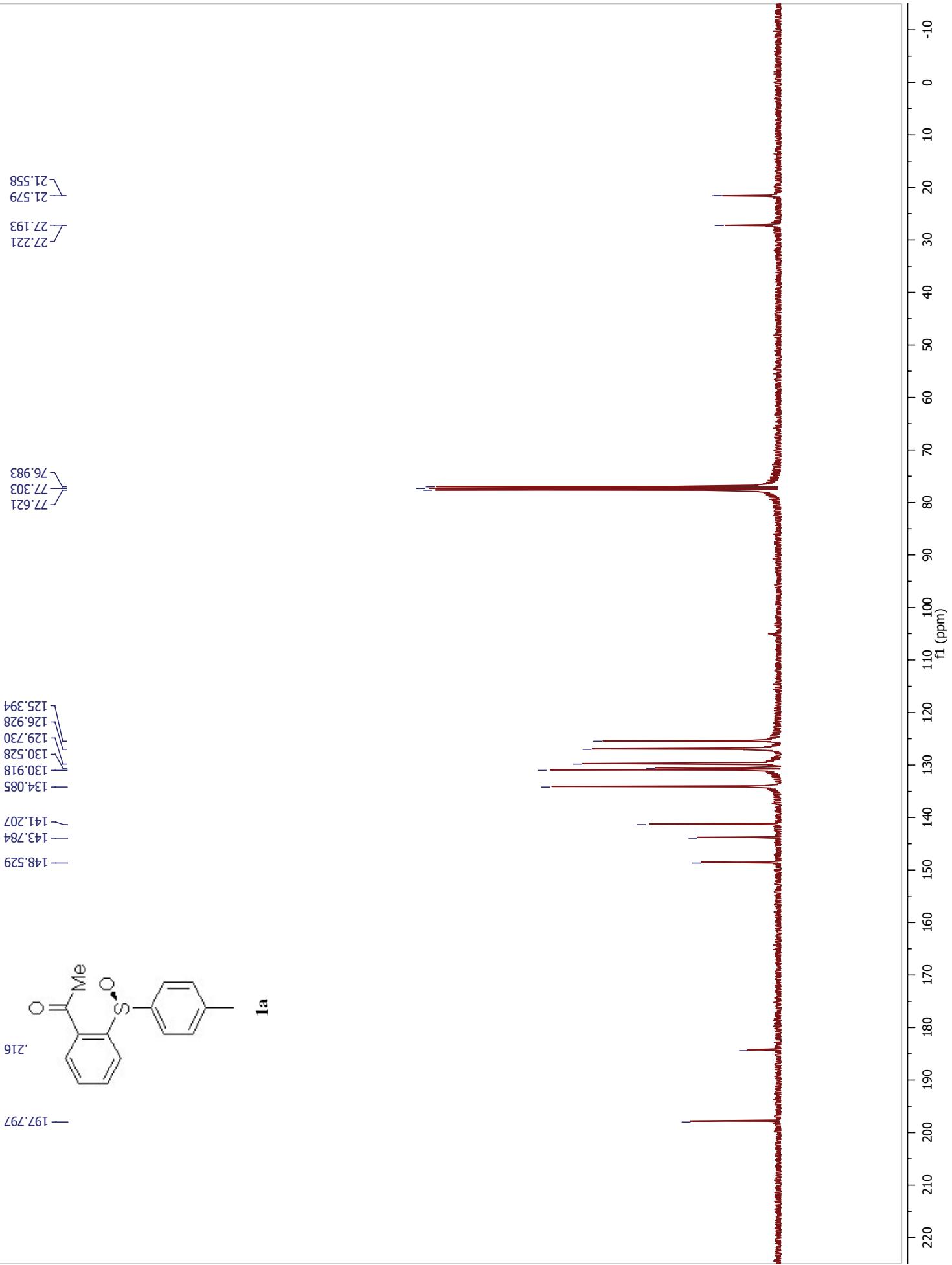
The water layer was extracted by Et<sub>2</sub>O. The combined organic layer was concentrated under reduced pressure and the residue was purified by silica gel chromatography (hexane/ethyl acetate, 10/1) to afford the title compound in 97% yield (202mg).  $[\alpha]^{26}_D = -256.0^\circ$  (c = 0.1, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ : 8.43 (d, *J* = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.65 (dd, *J*<sub>1</sub> = 1.6 Hz, *J*<sub>2</sub> = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.41-7.44 (m, 2H), 7.32-7.36 (m, 2H), 7.27-7.29 (m, 2H), 6.98 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.70 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 2.24 (s, 3H), 1.53 (s, 3H), 1.05 (s, 9H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ : 200.4, 144.9, 142.2, 141.7, 141.6, 135.1, 130.2 (q, *J* = 33.0 Hz), 129.9, 128.6, 128.1, 127.5, 127.3, 127.2 (q, *J* = 4.0 Hz), 124.0 (q, *J*<sub>CF<sub>3</sub></sub> = 270.2 Hz), 121.8 (q, *J*<sub>CF<sub>3</sub></sub> = 4.0 Hz), 117.8, 97.3, 35.7, 29.5, 21.6, 20.7. EI-MS (*m/z*): 468 [M]<sup>+</sup>.

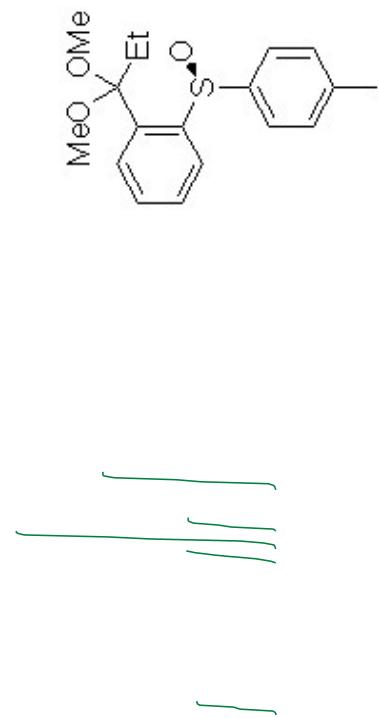
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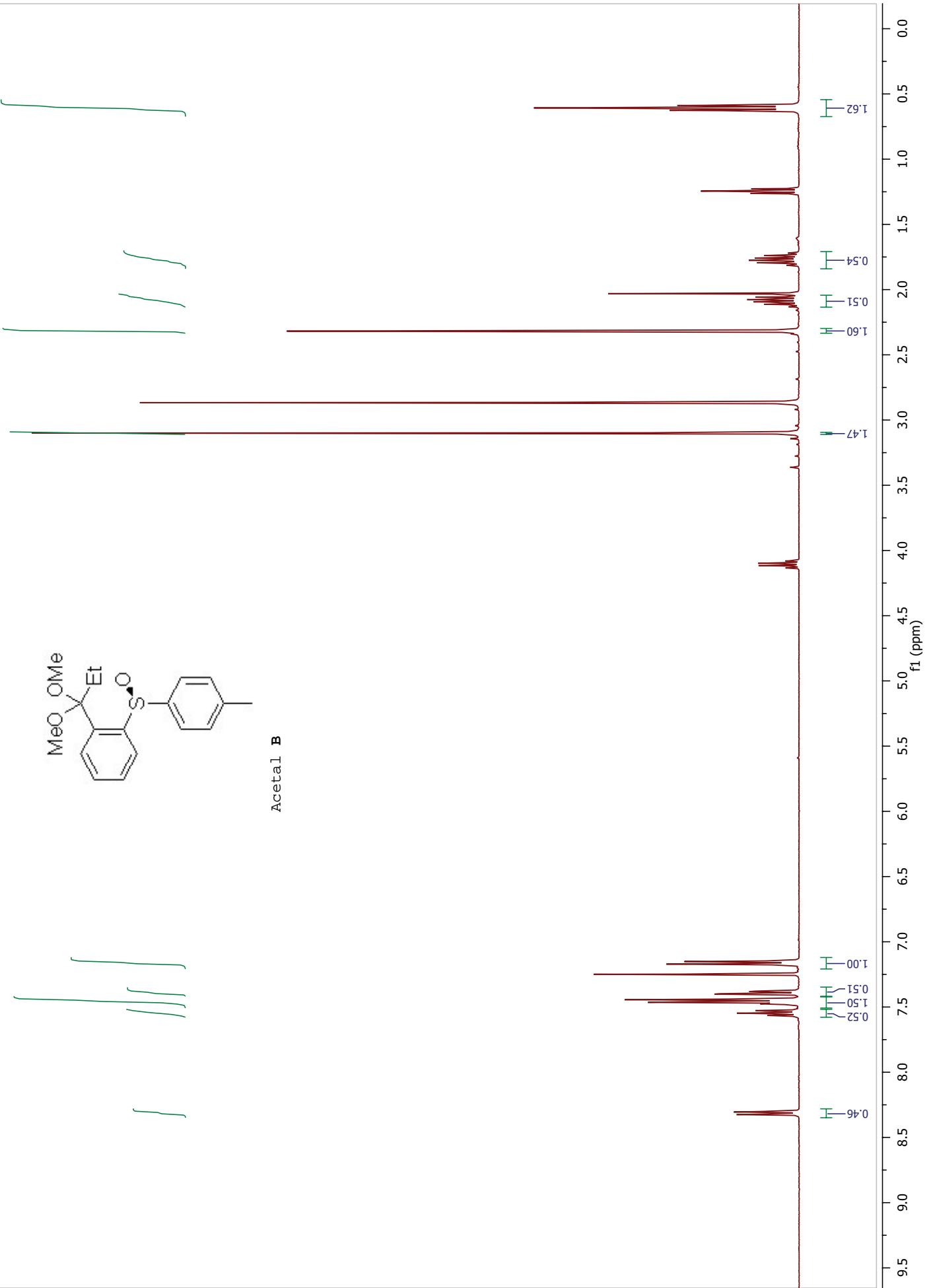


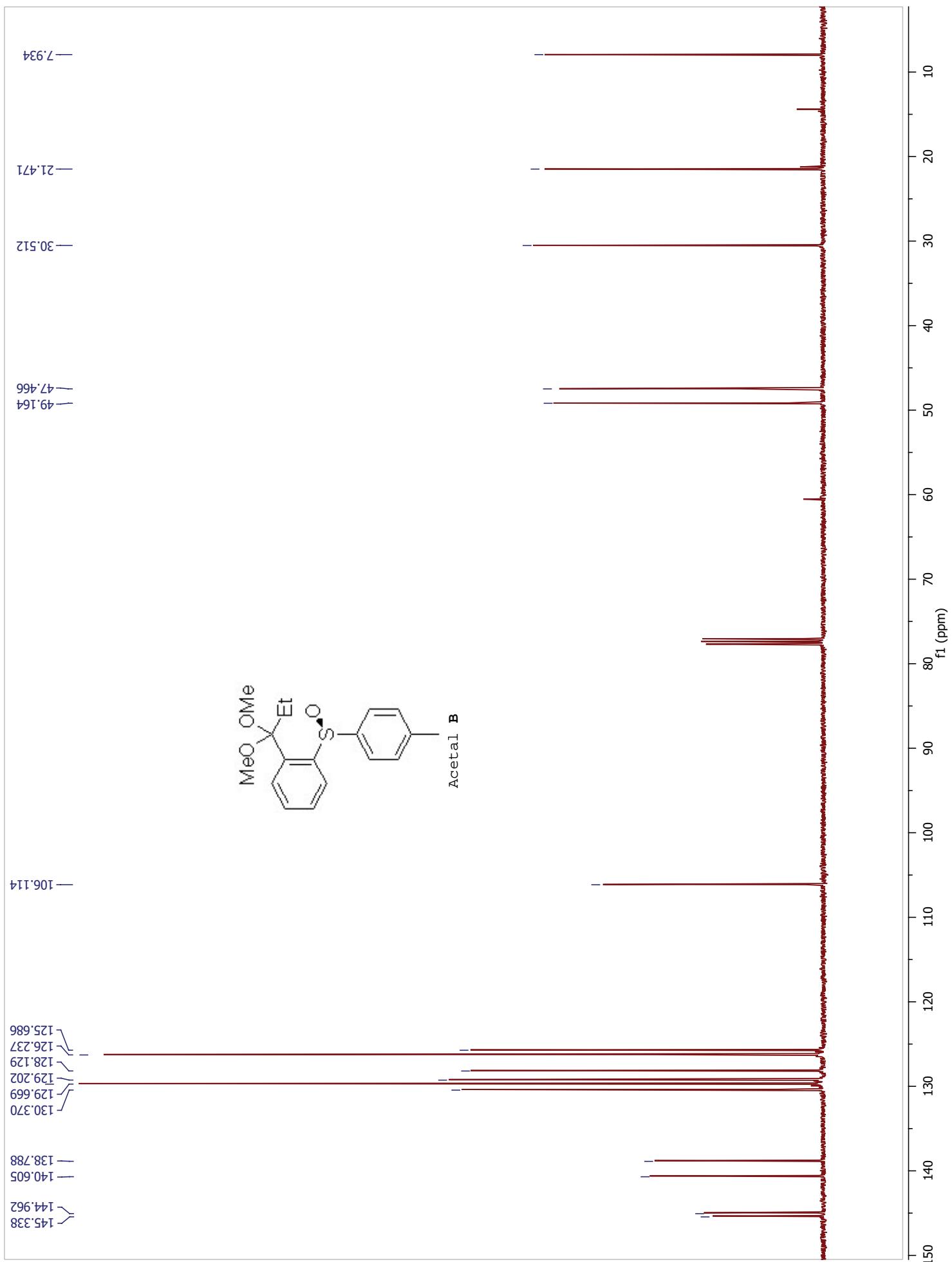


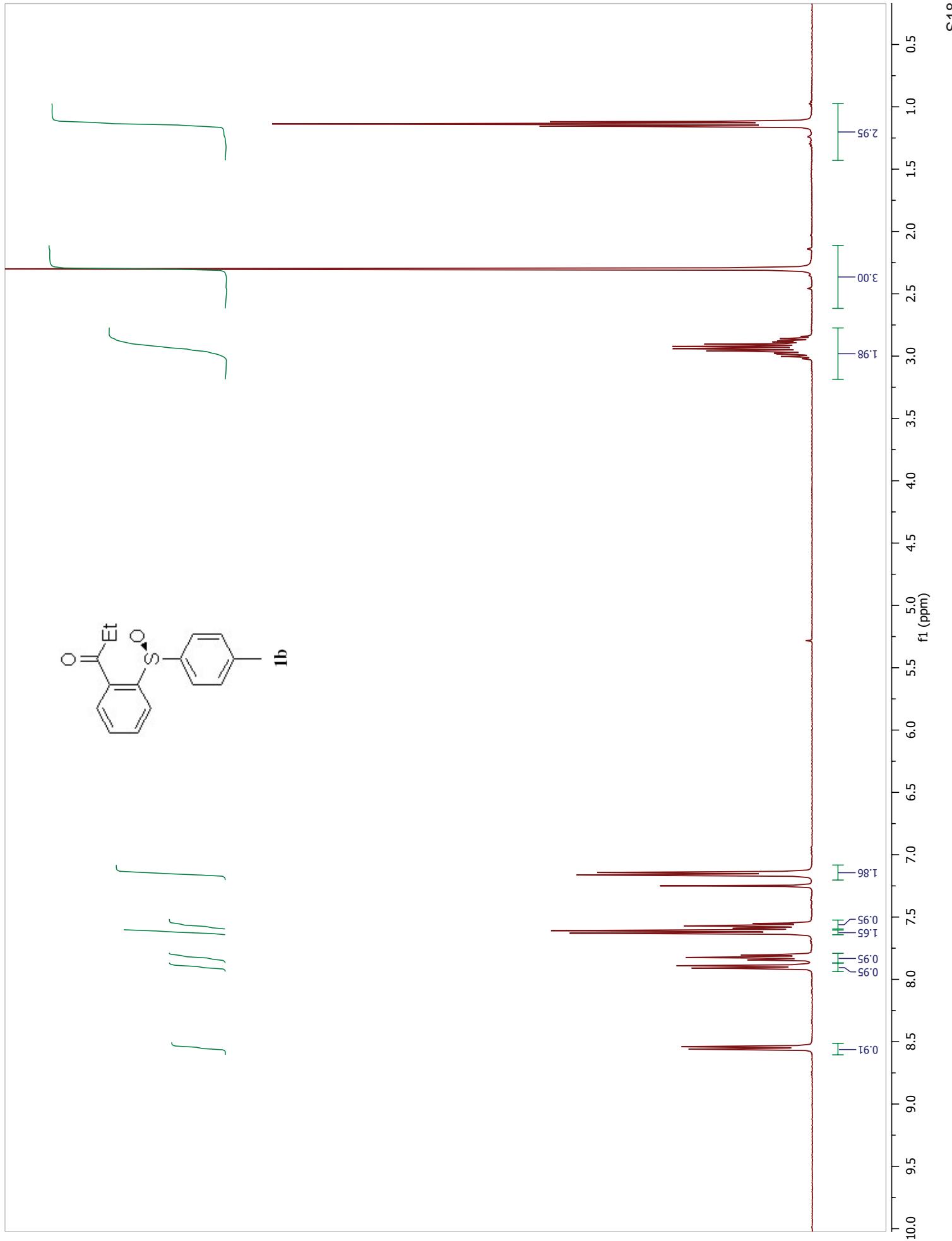


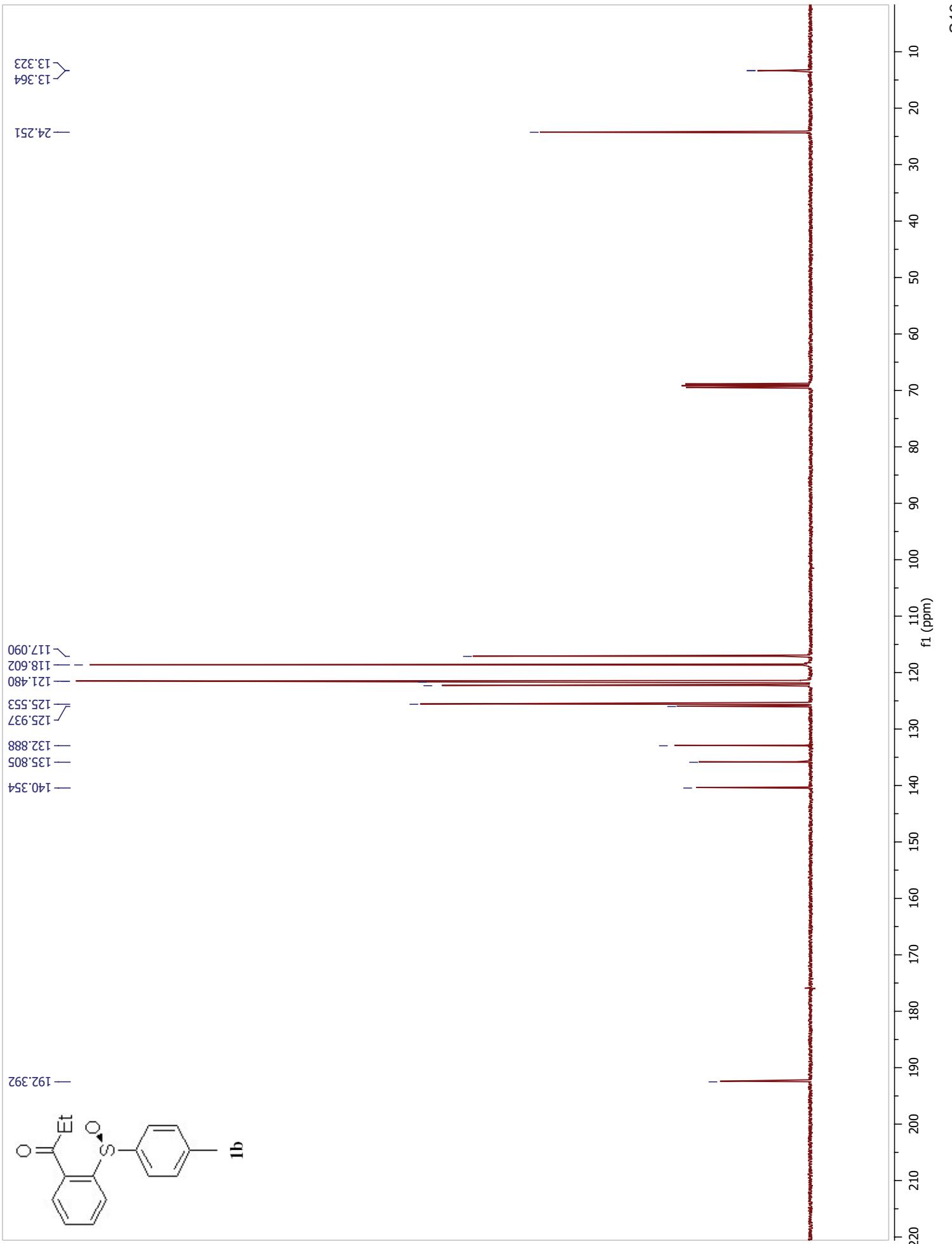


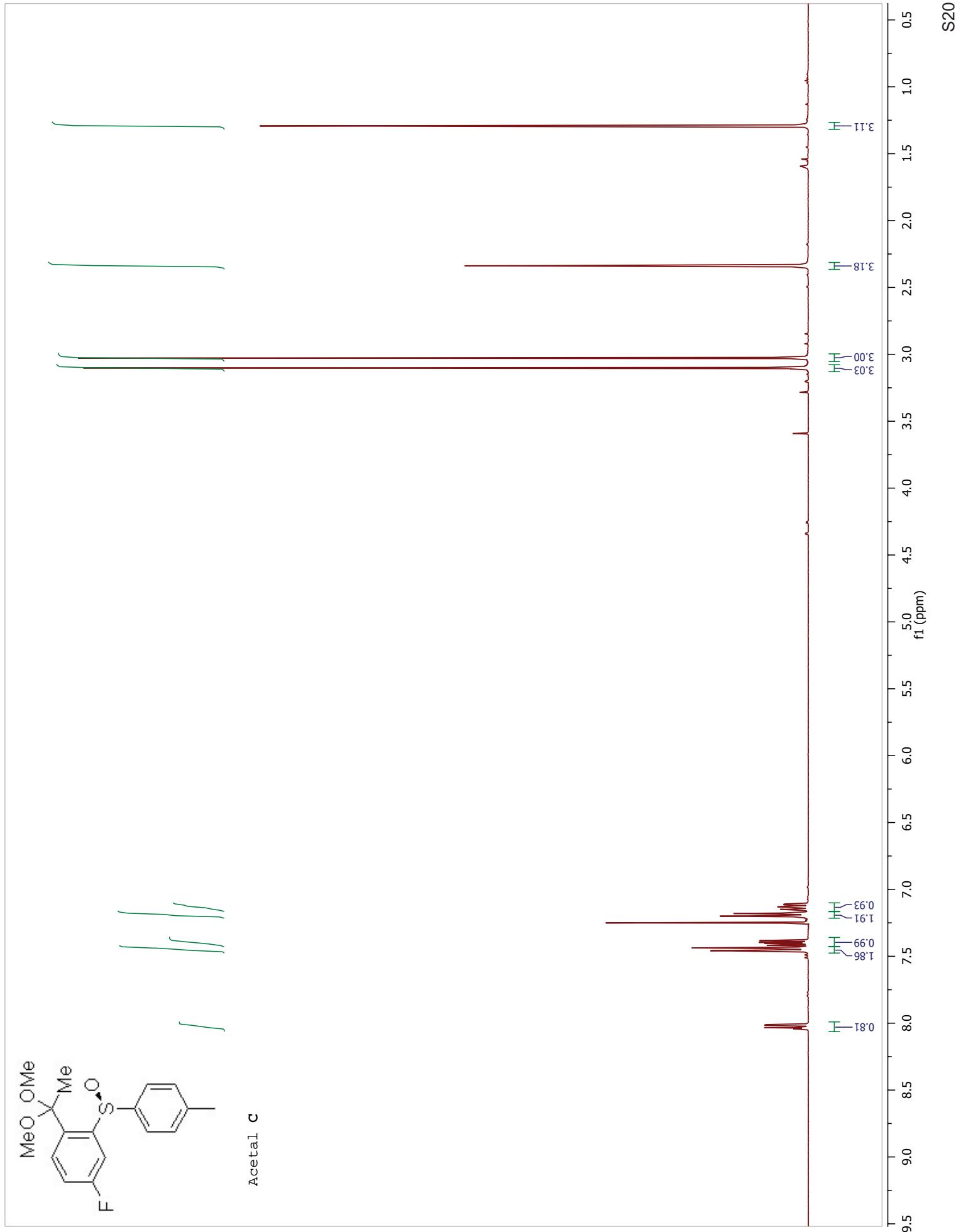
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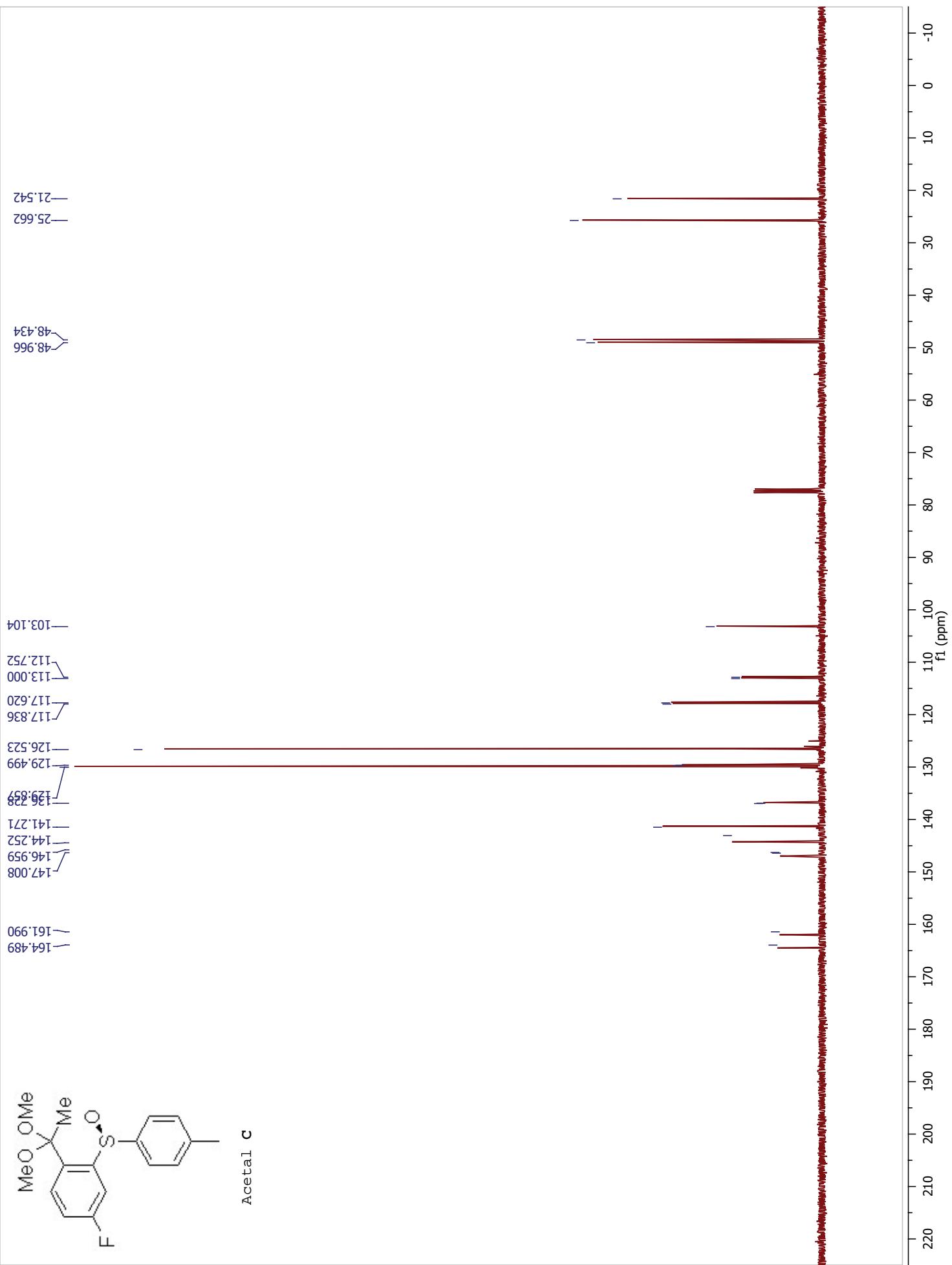


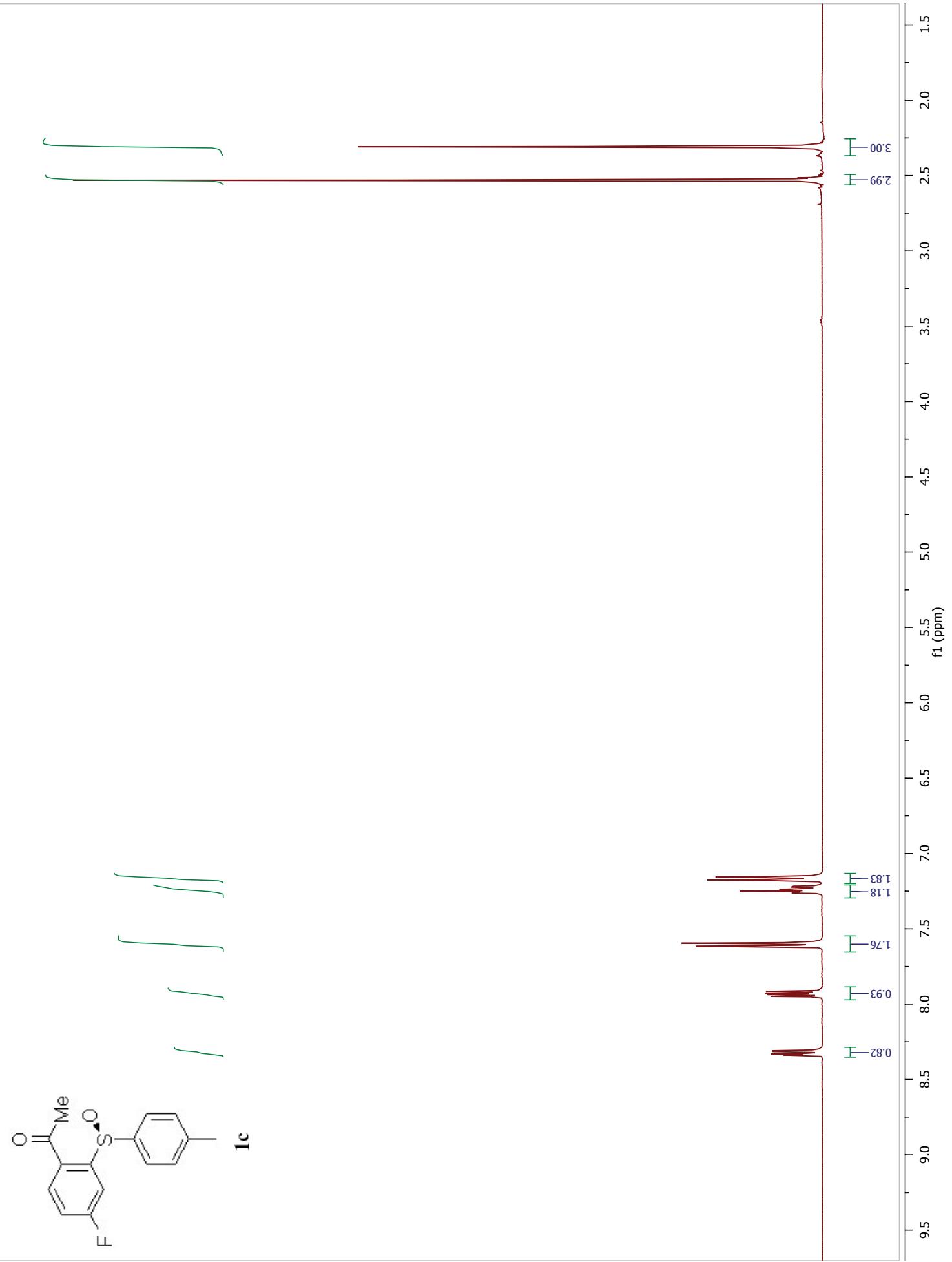


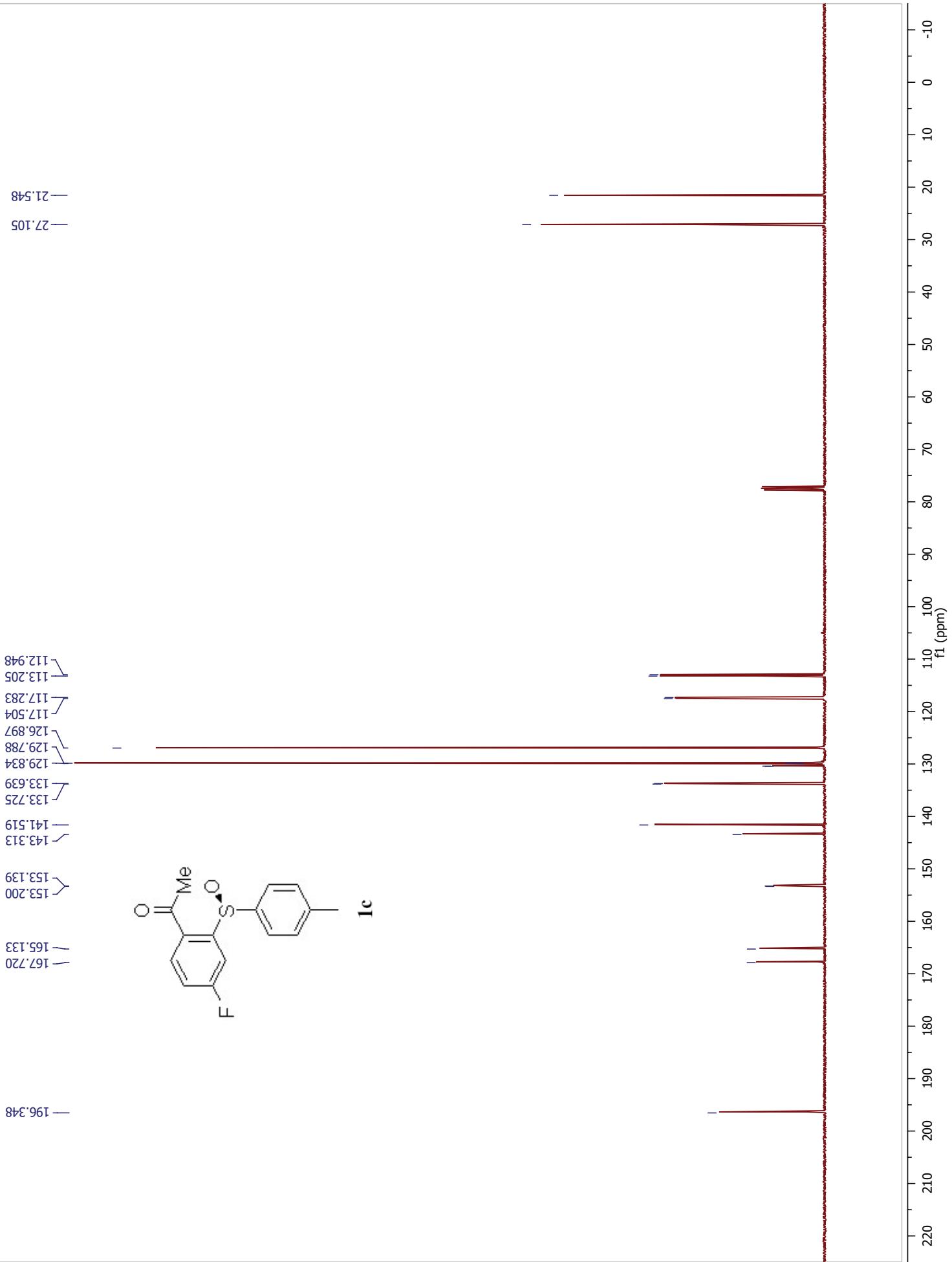


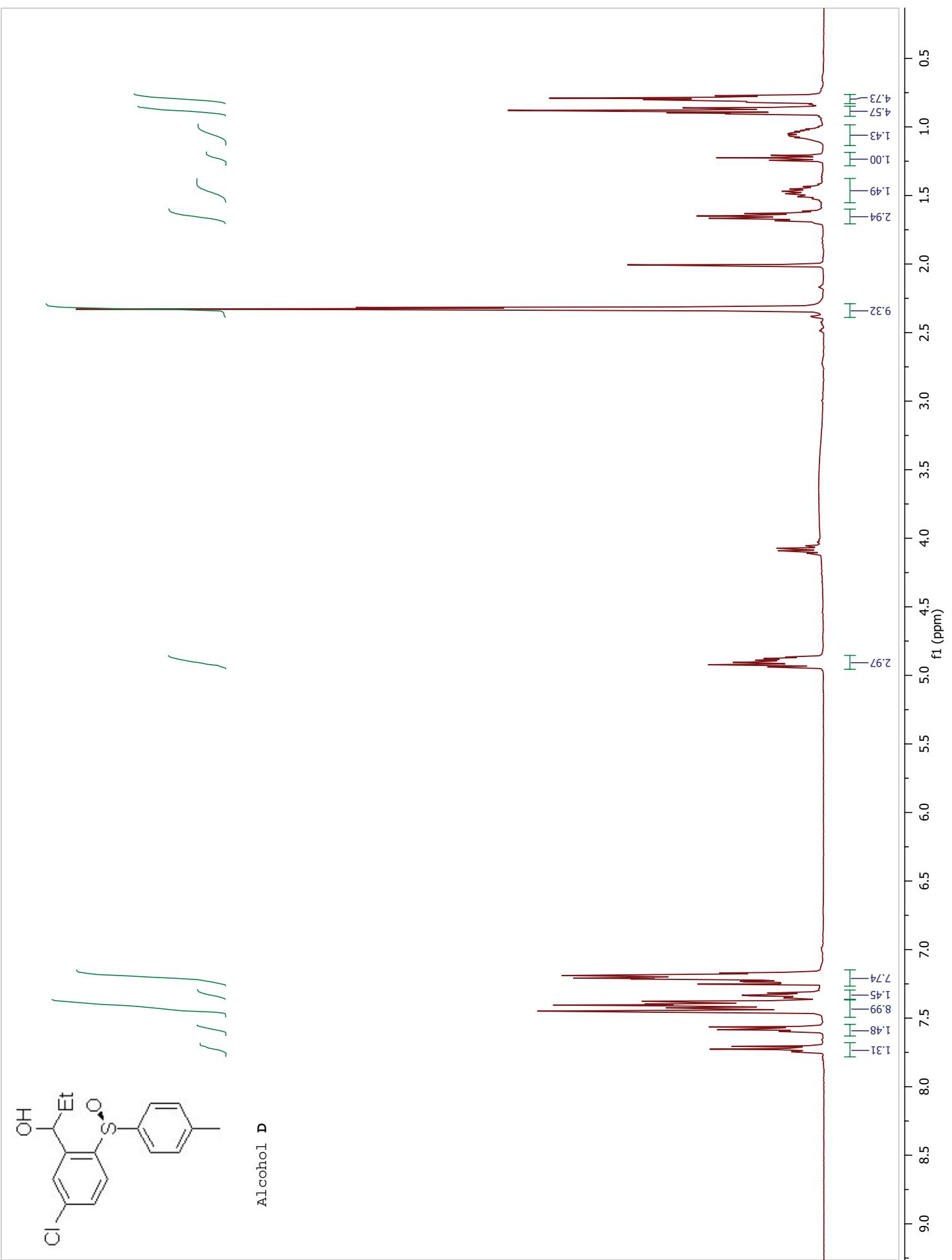


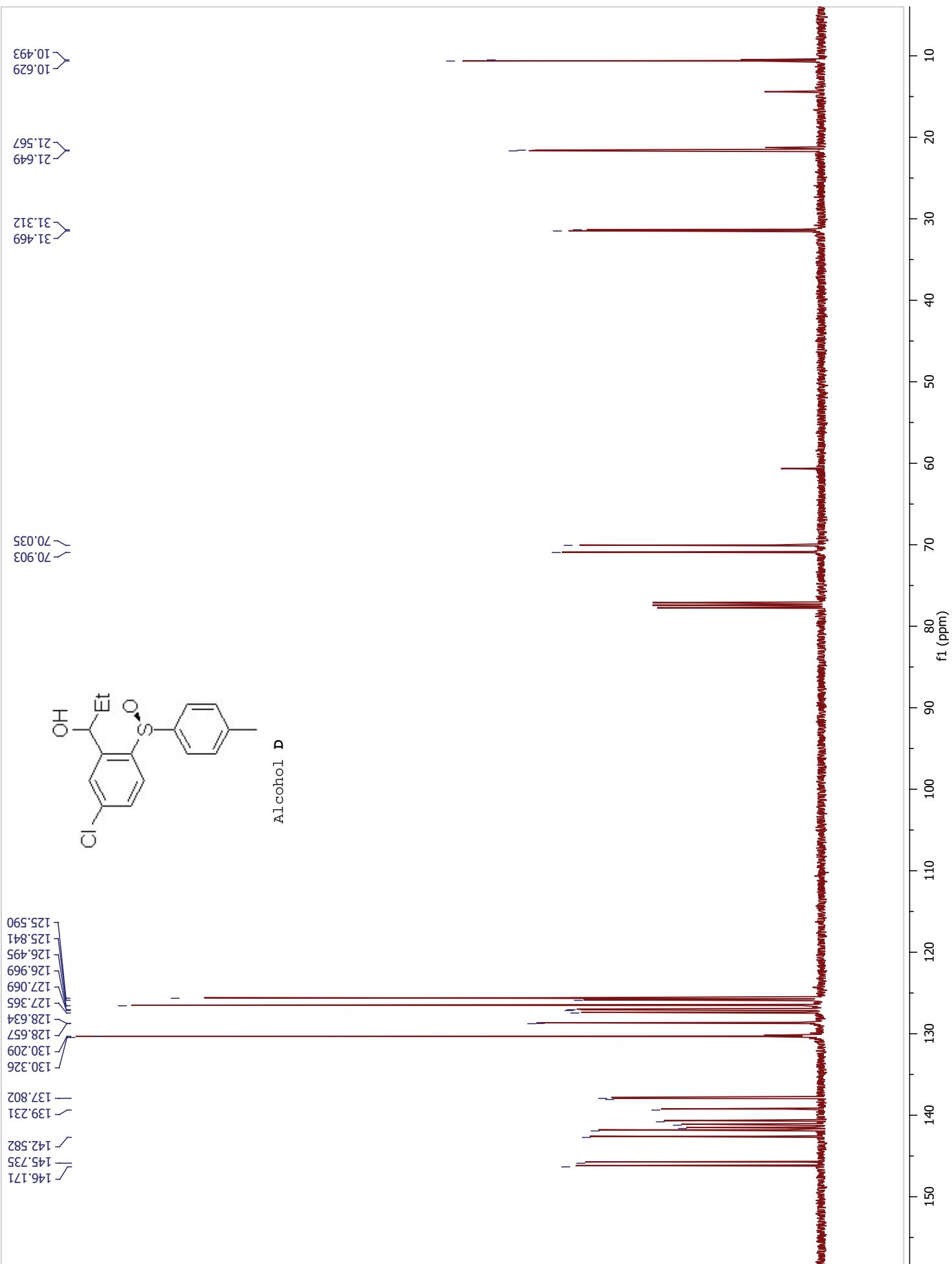


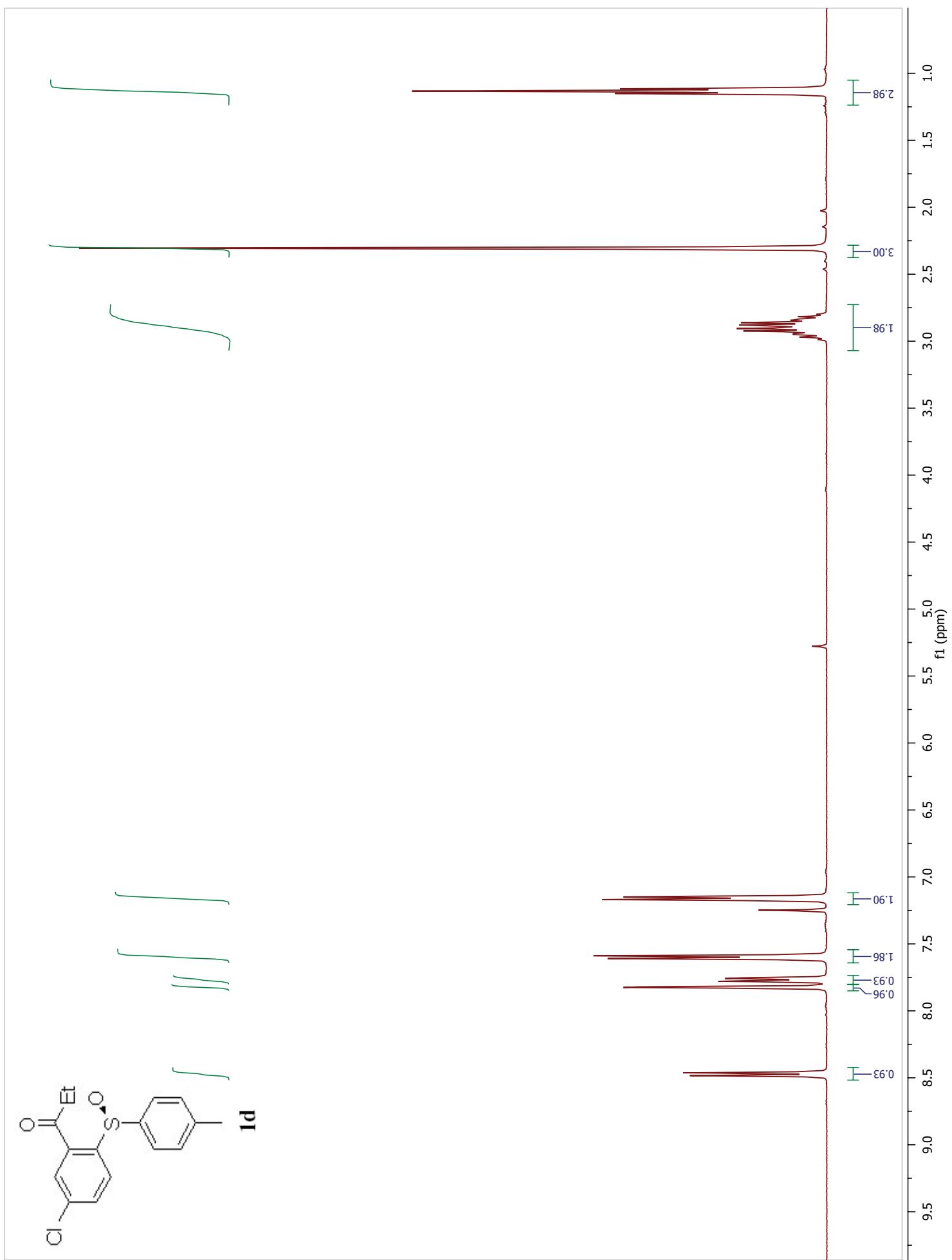


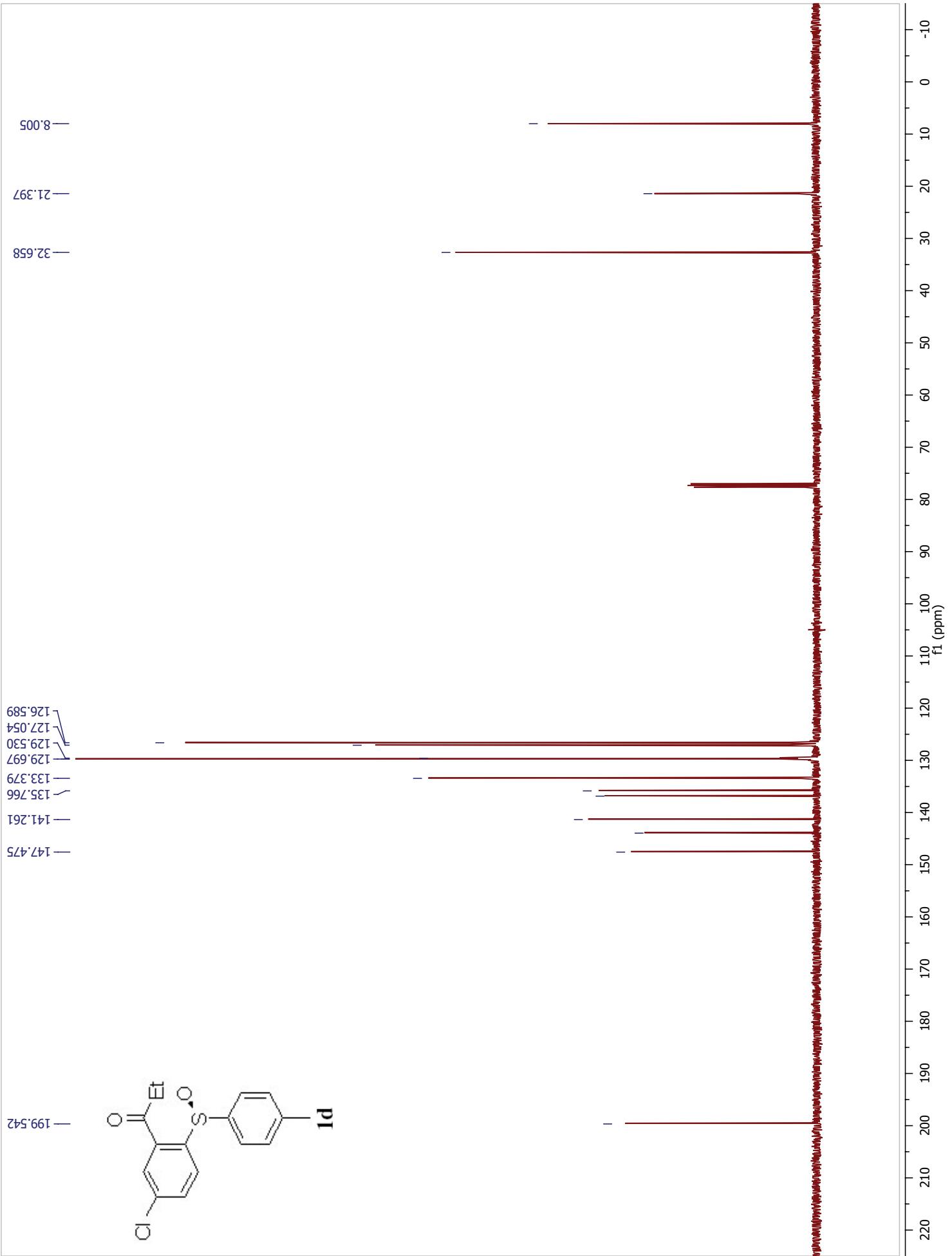


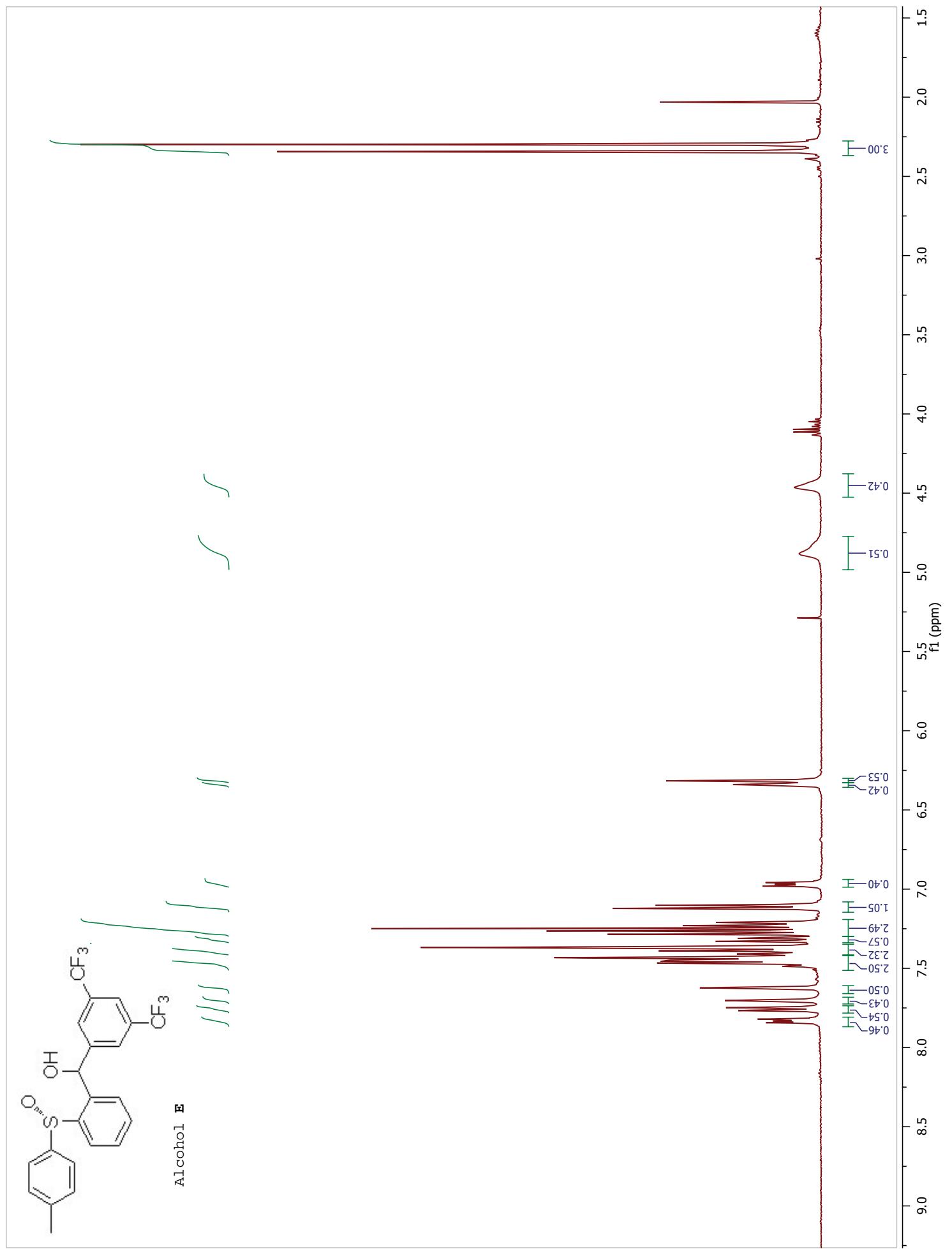


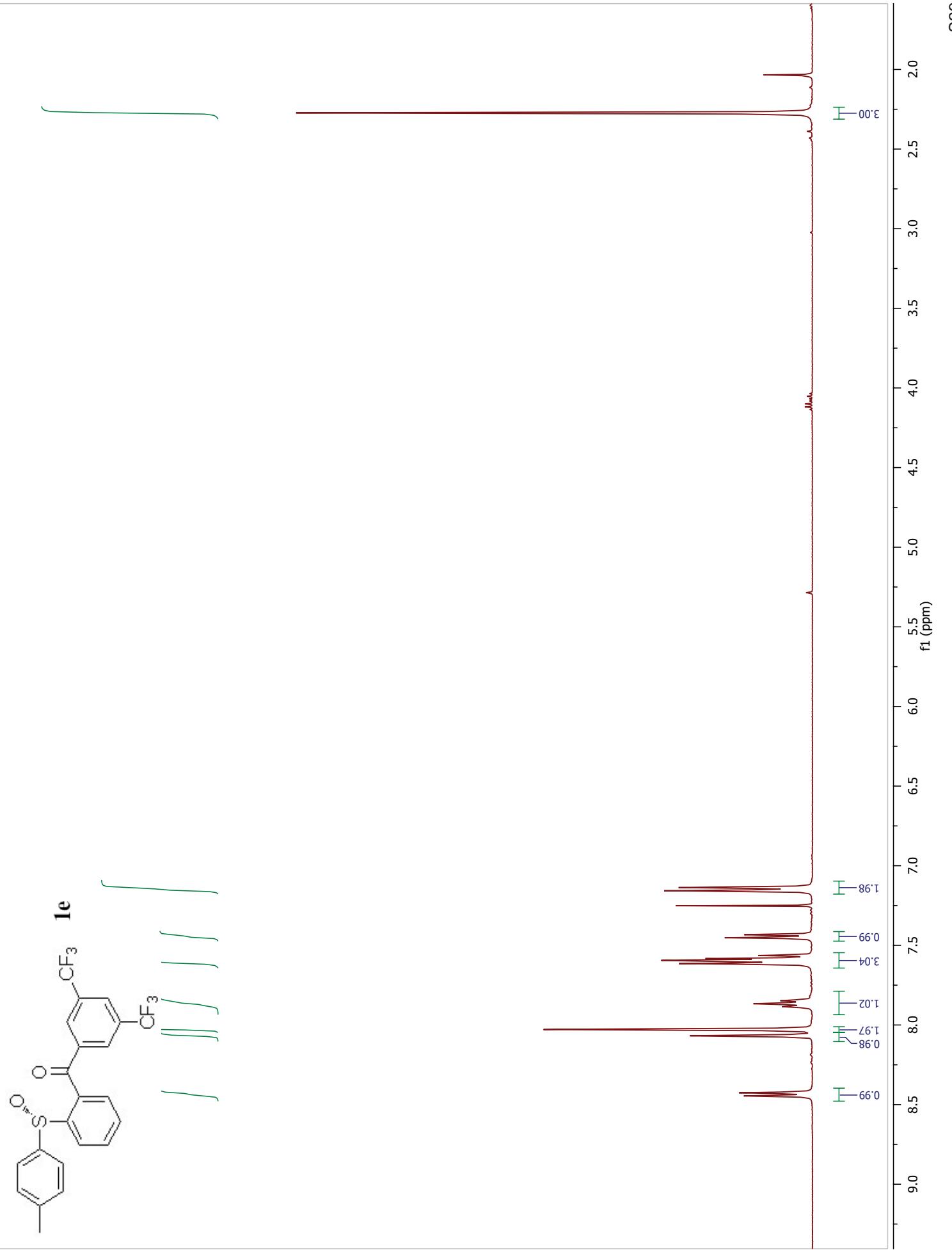


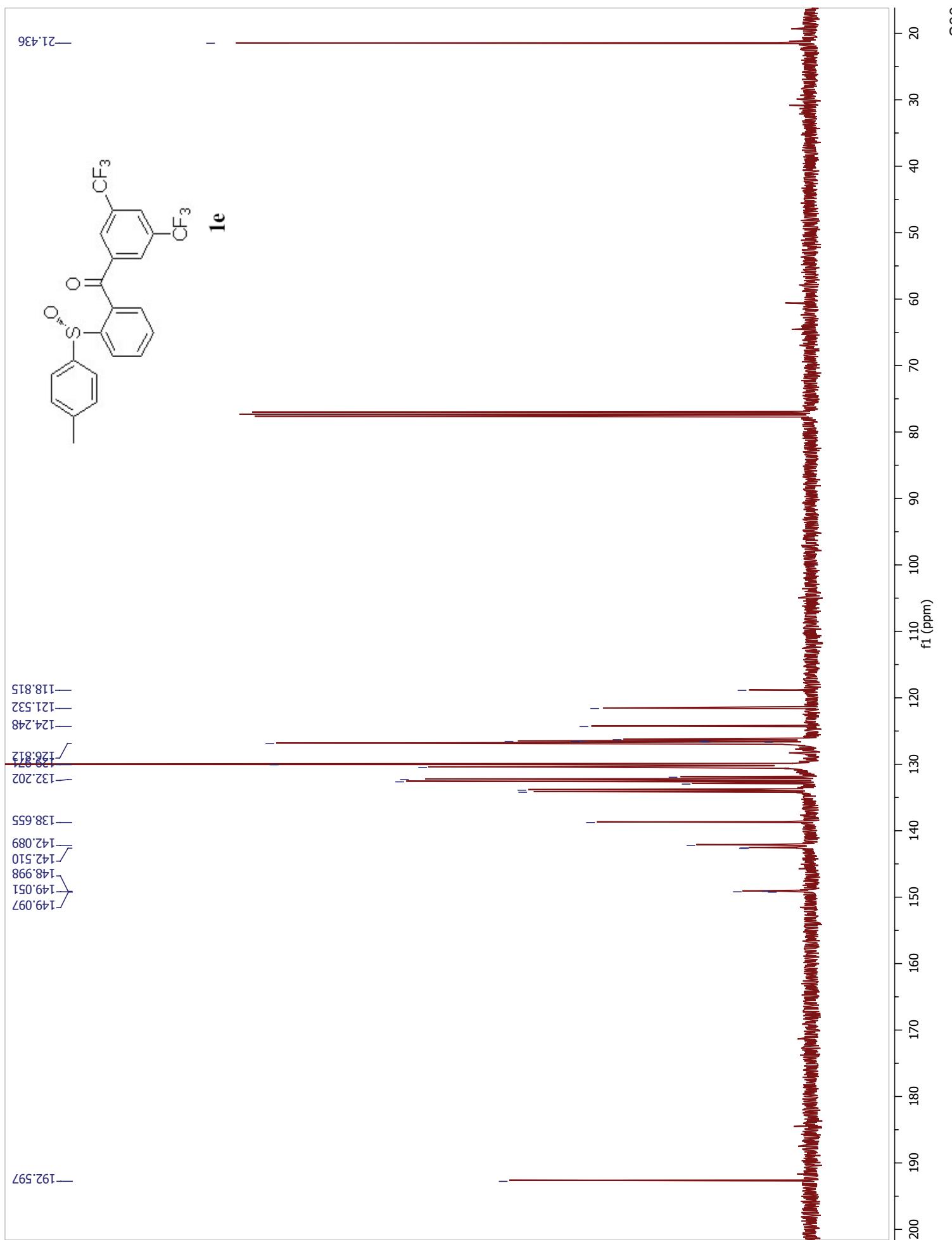




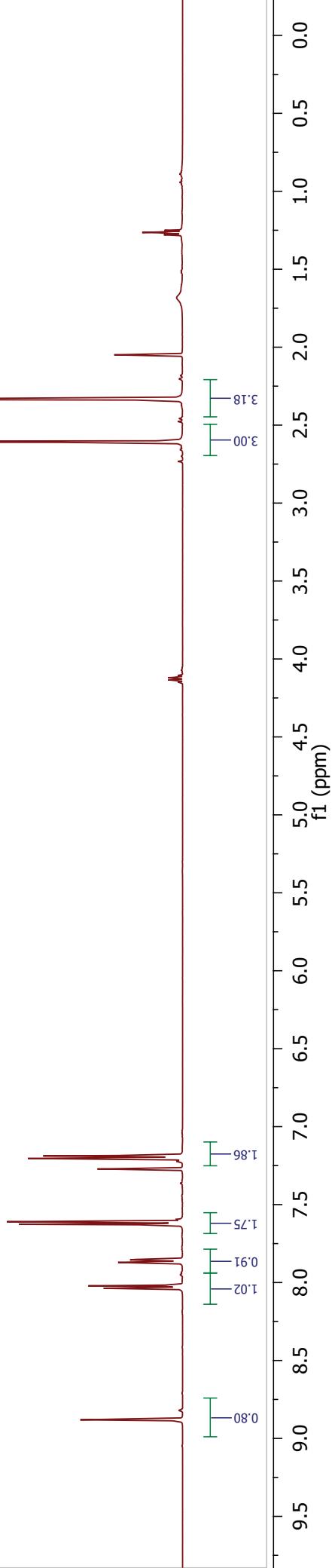
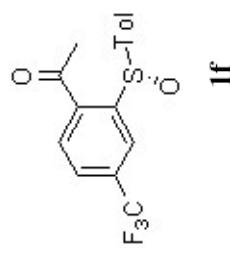








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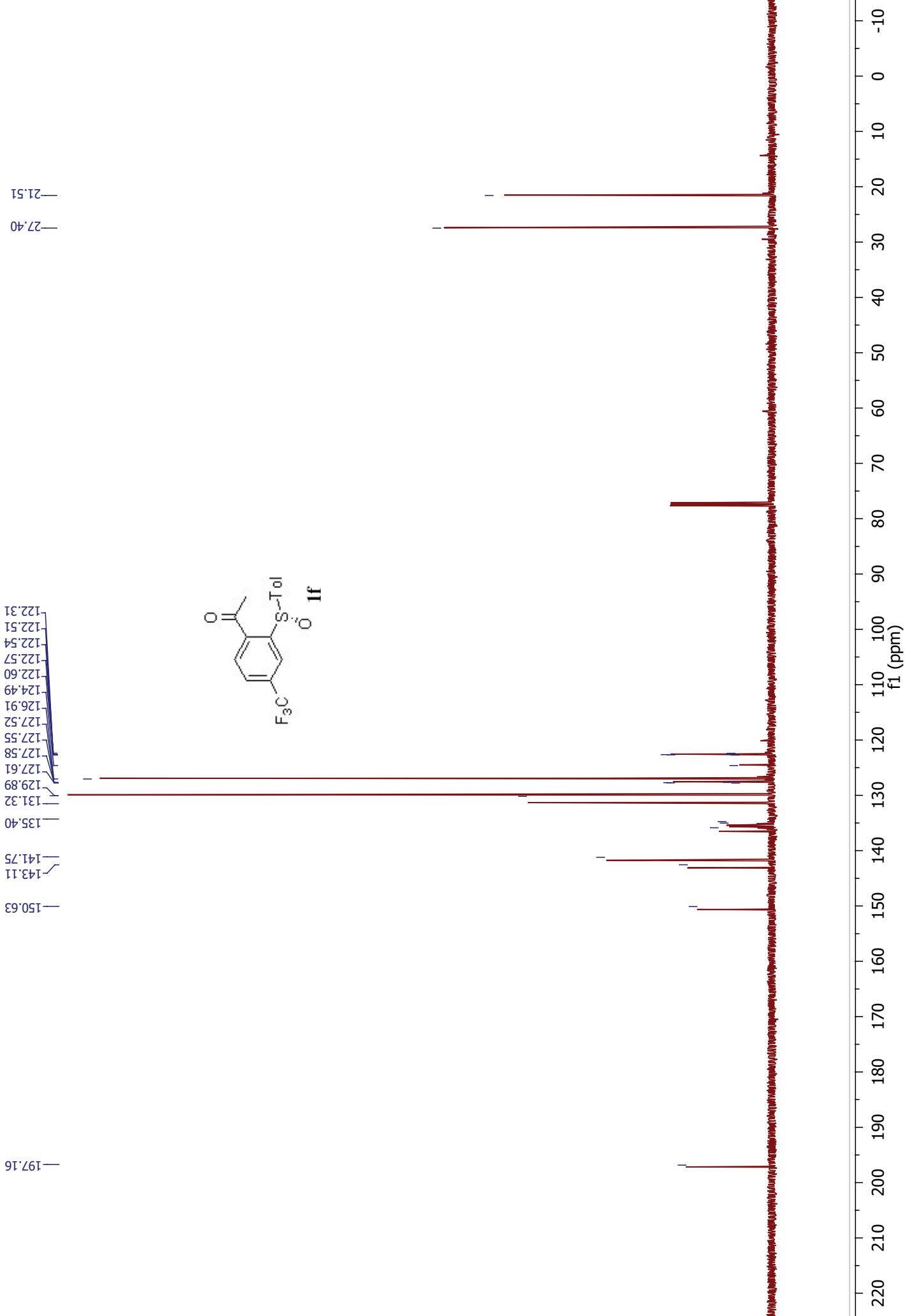
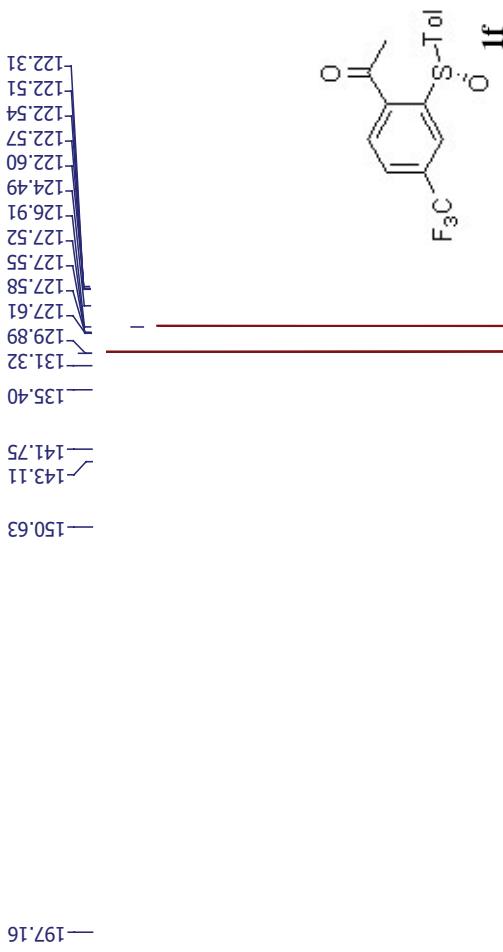
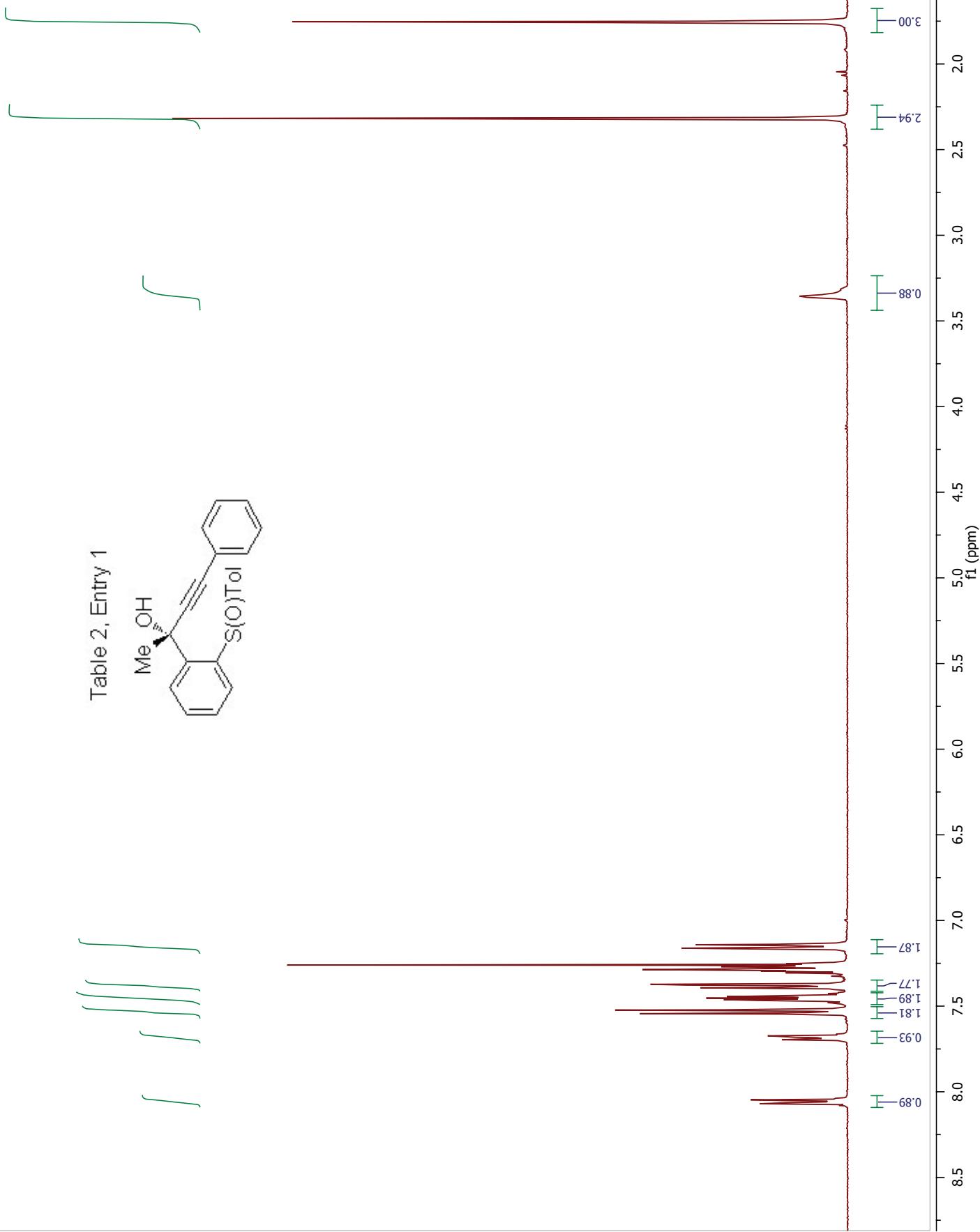
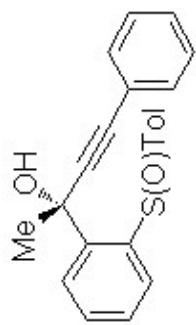
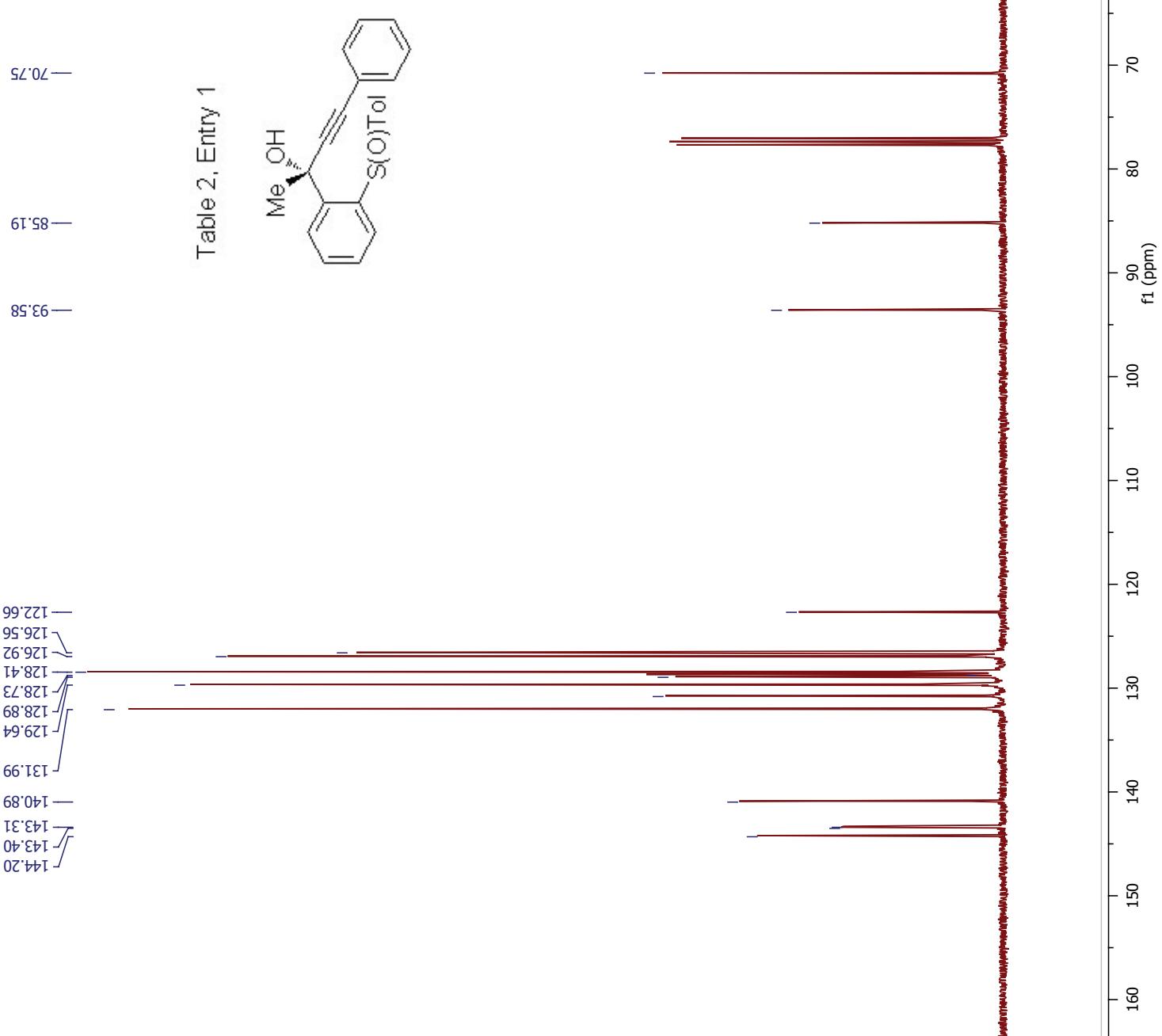
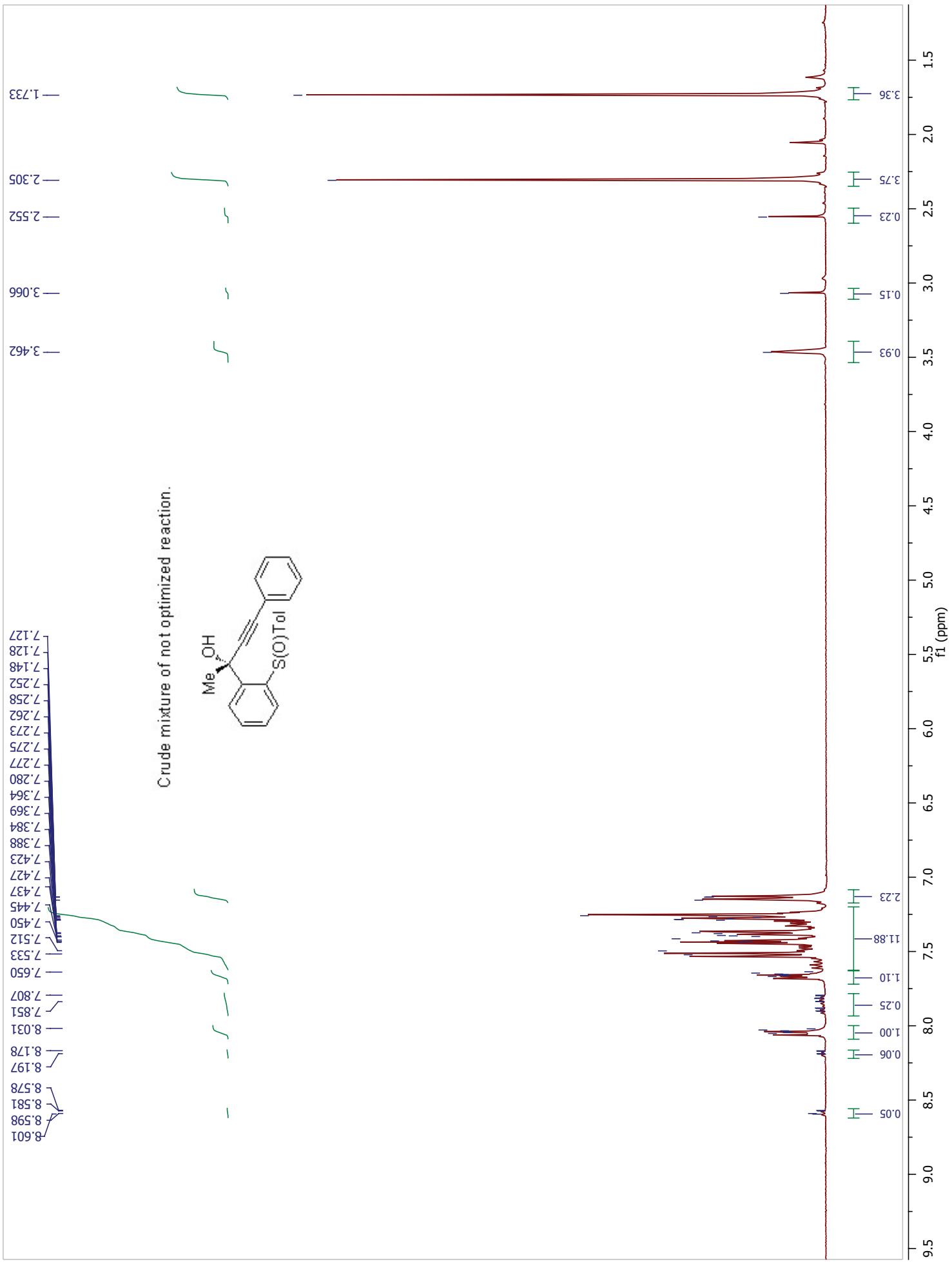
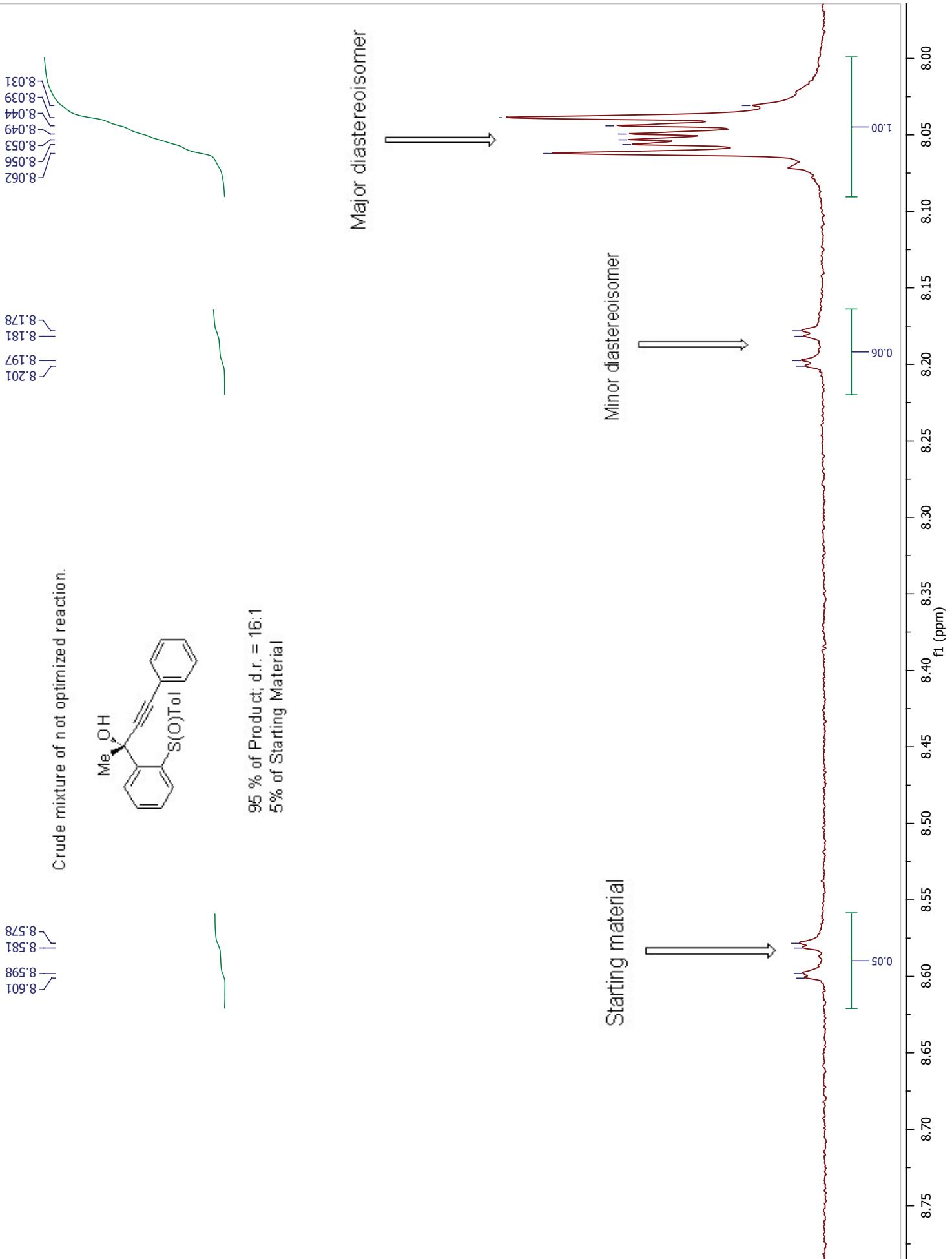


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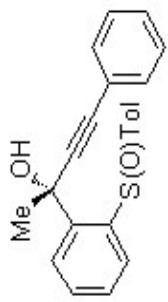






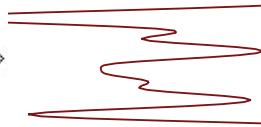
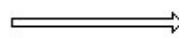


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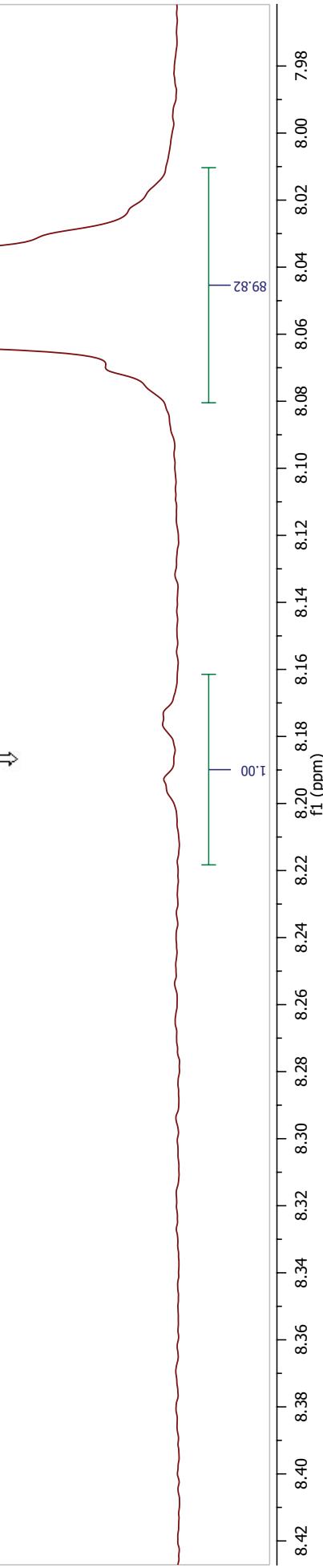
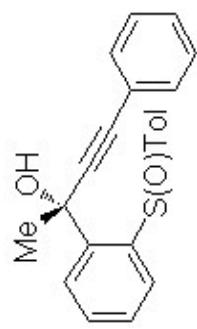


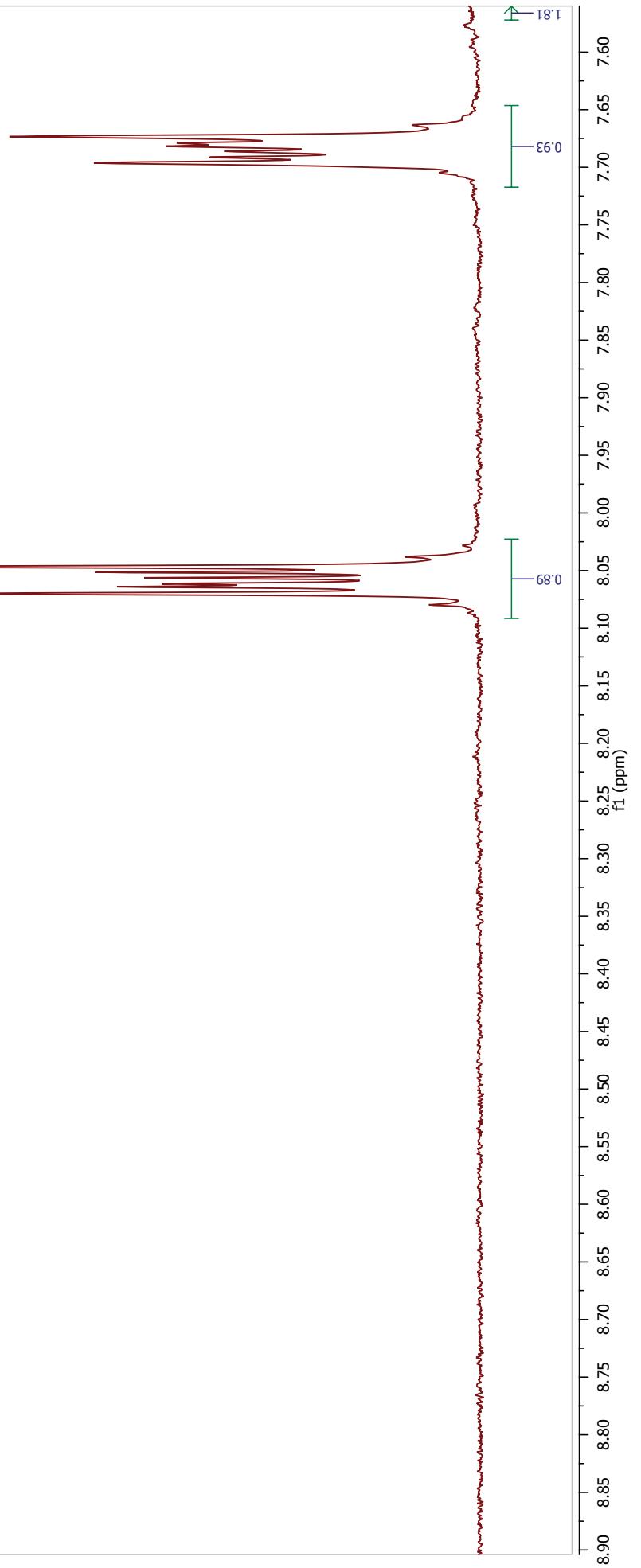
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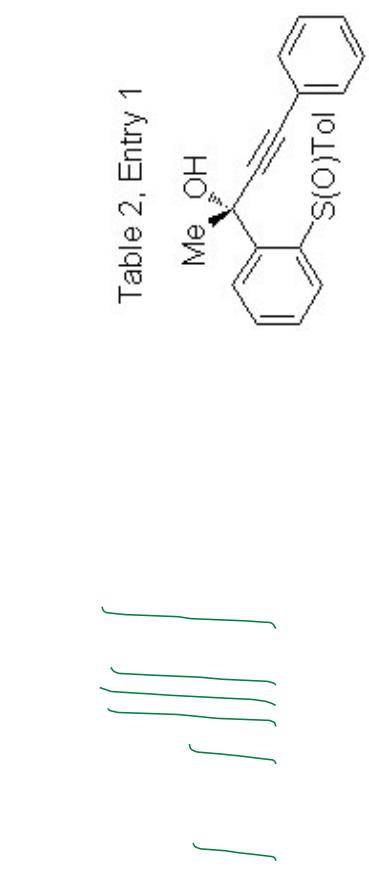


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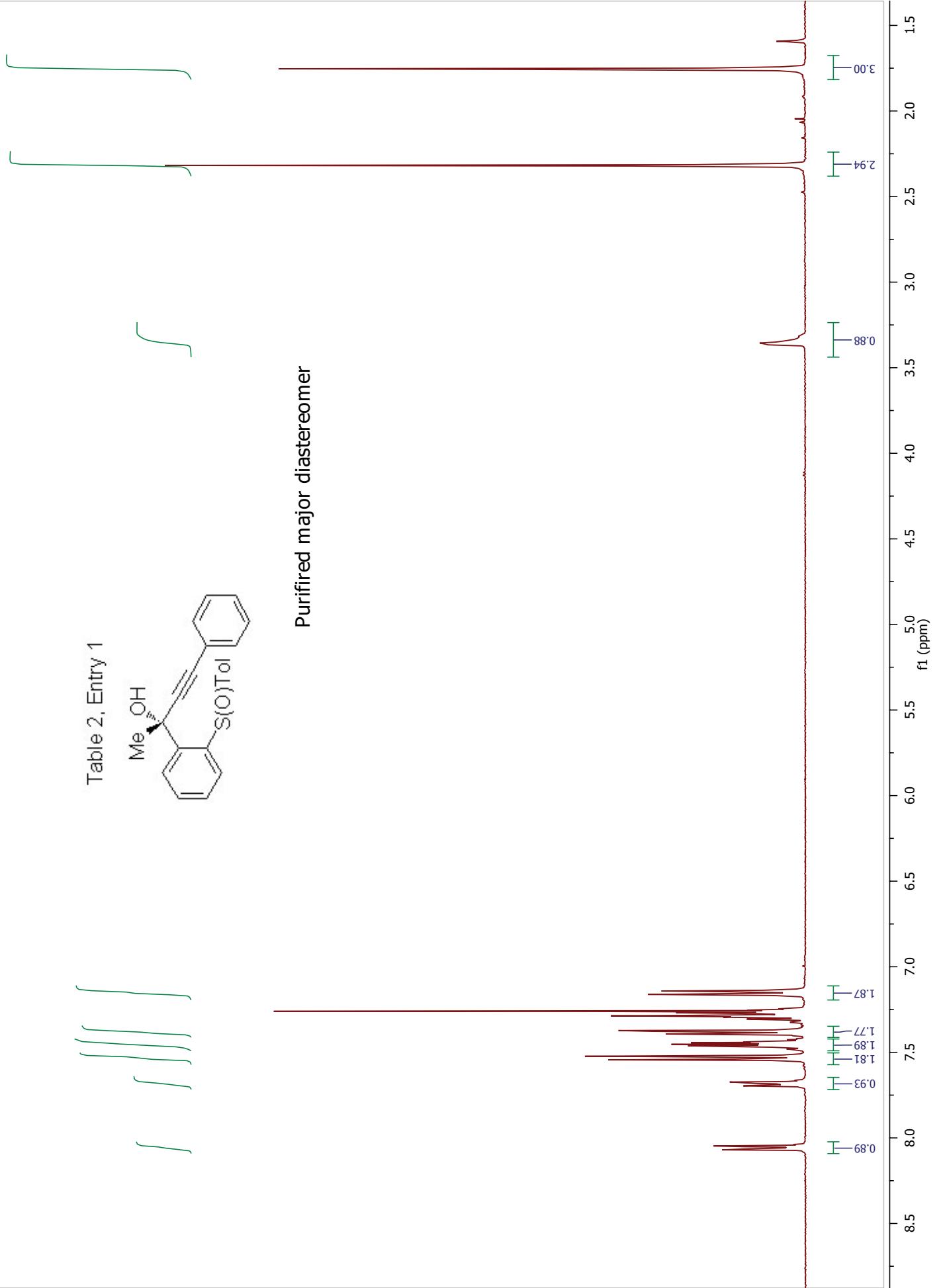
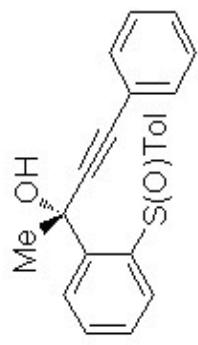
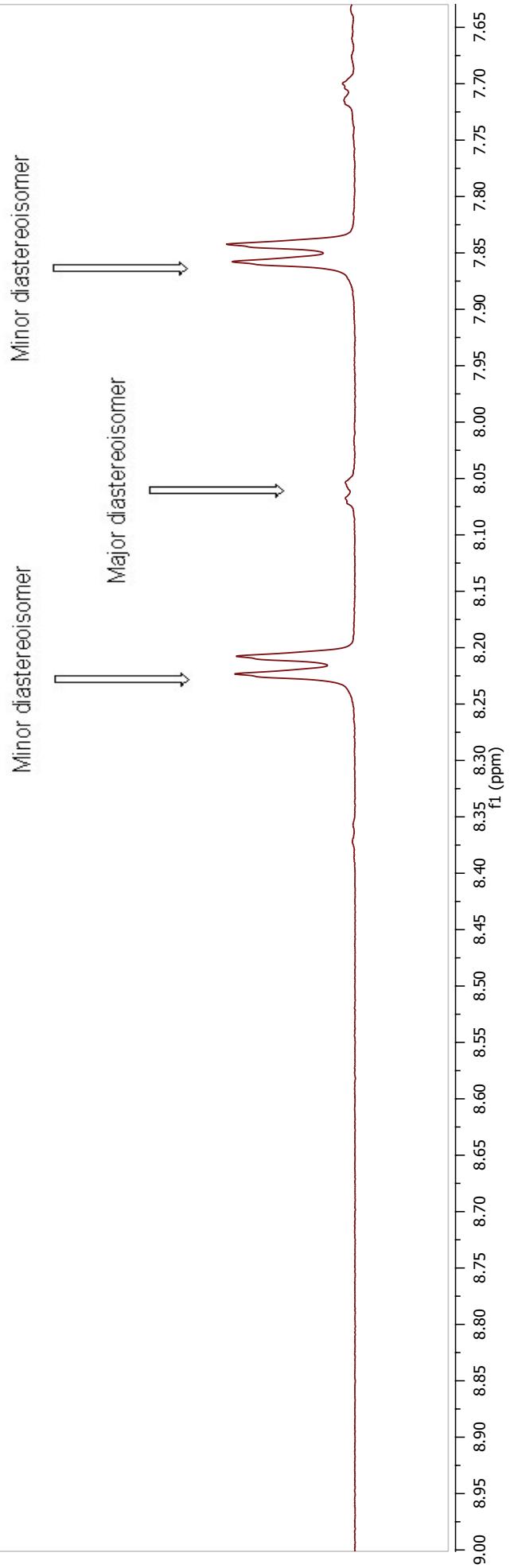


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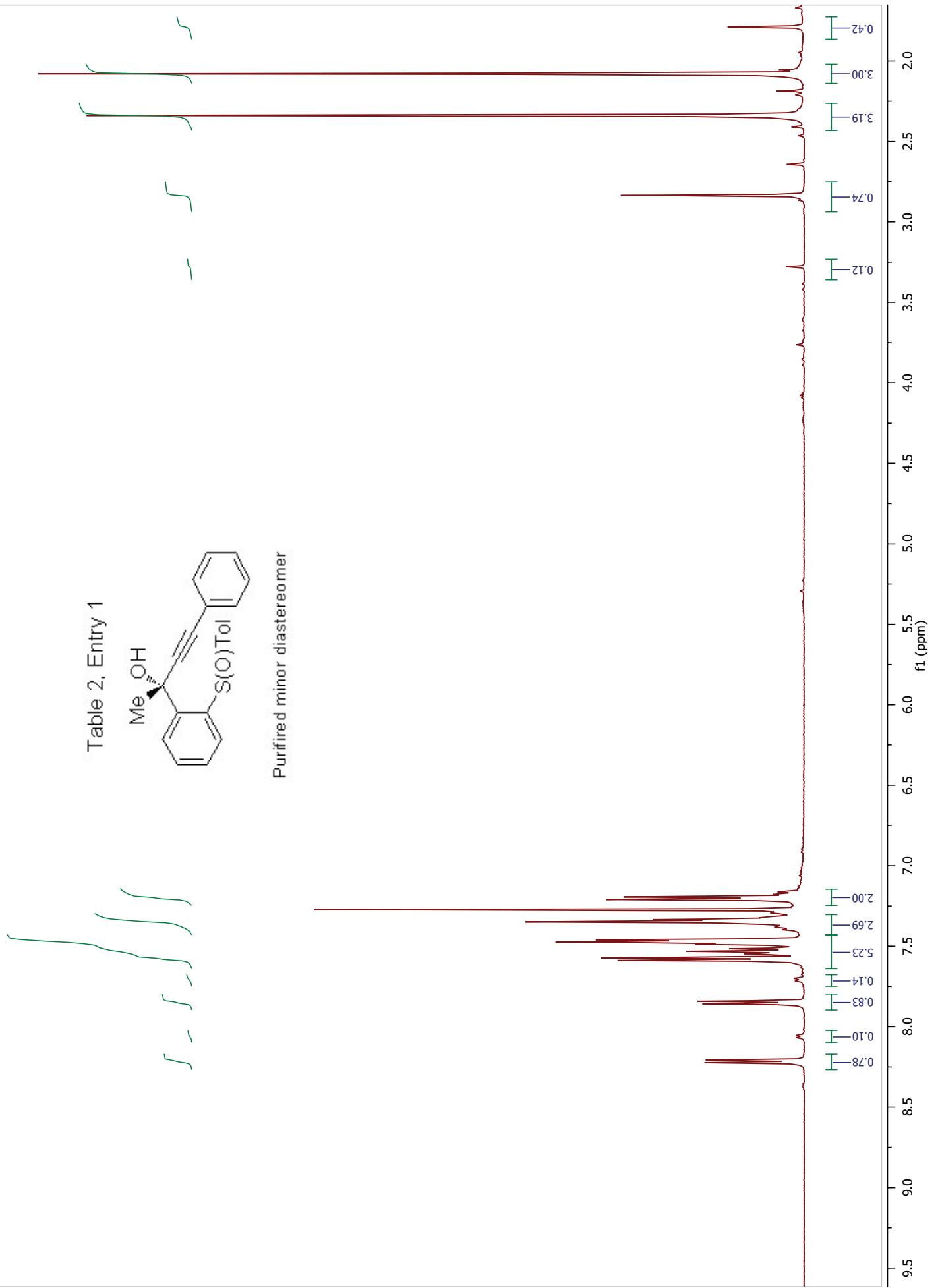
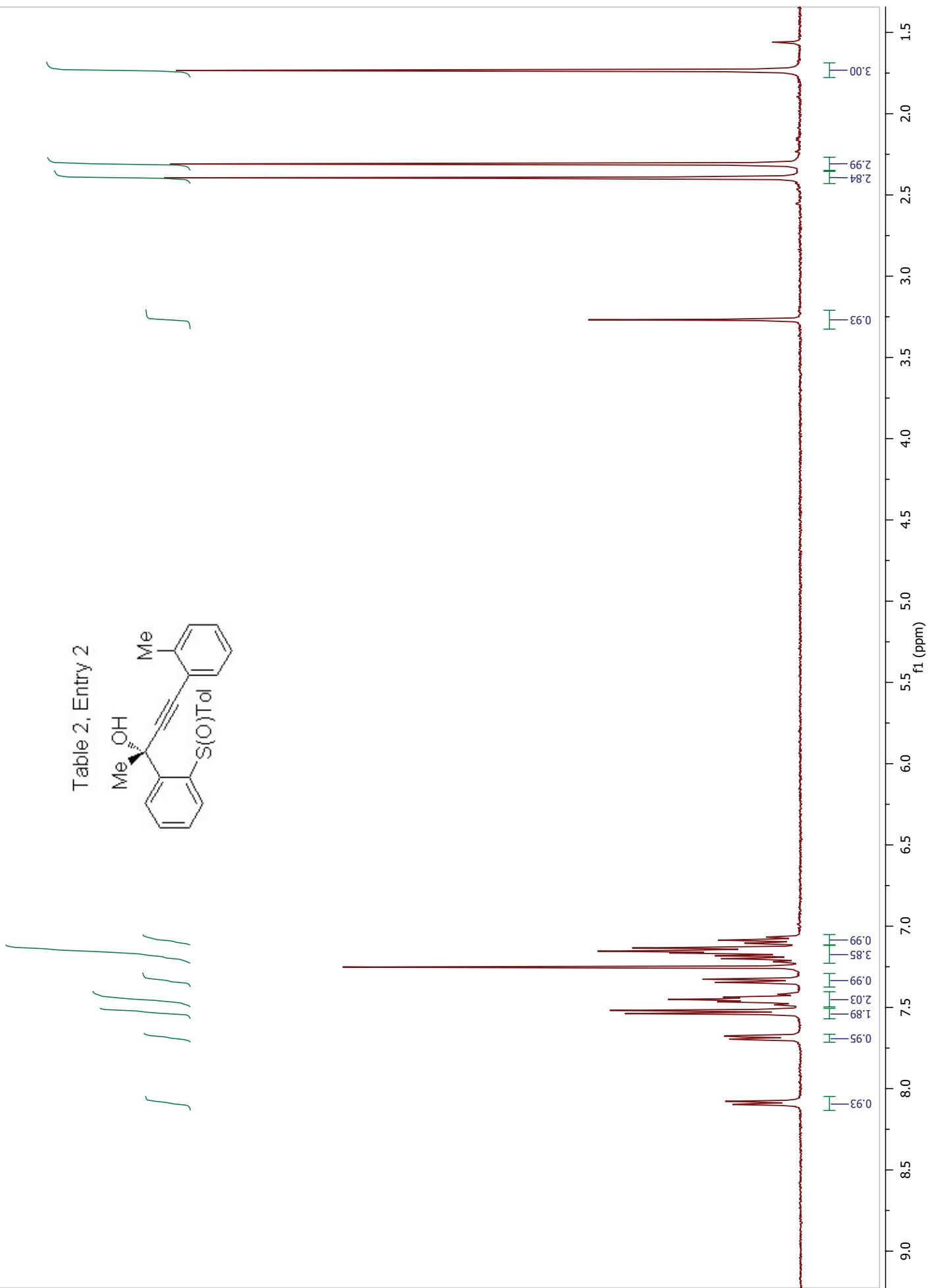
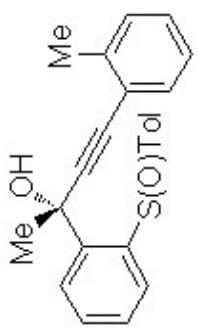


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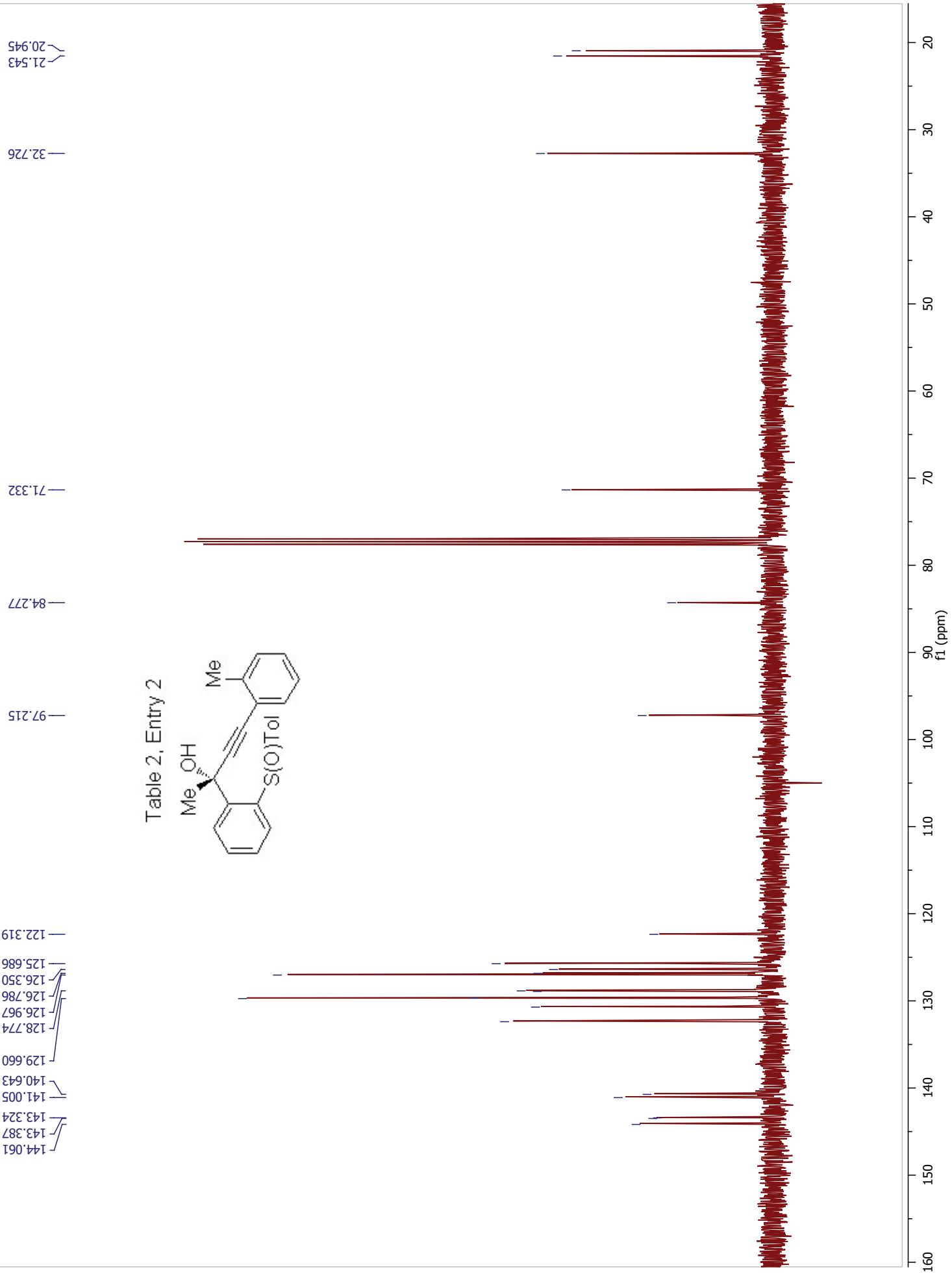


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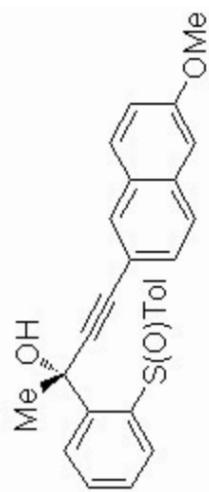
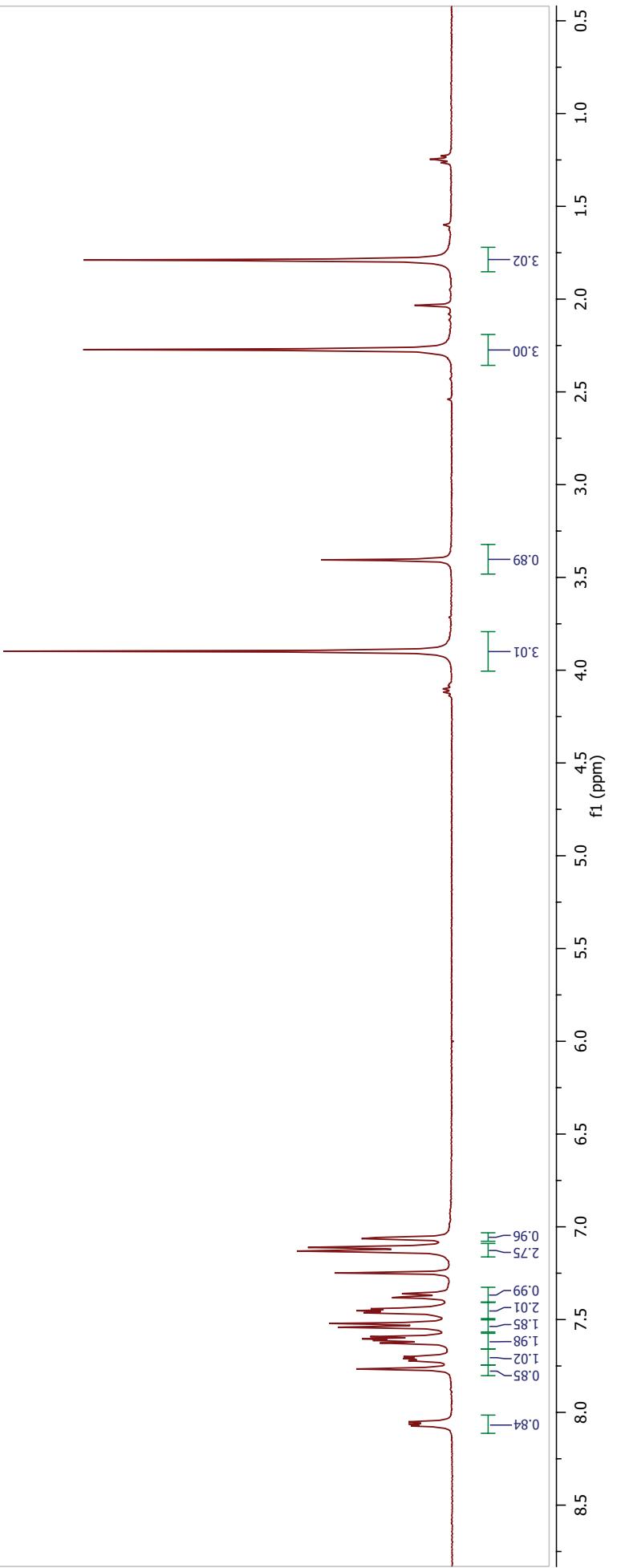
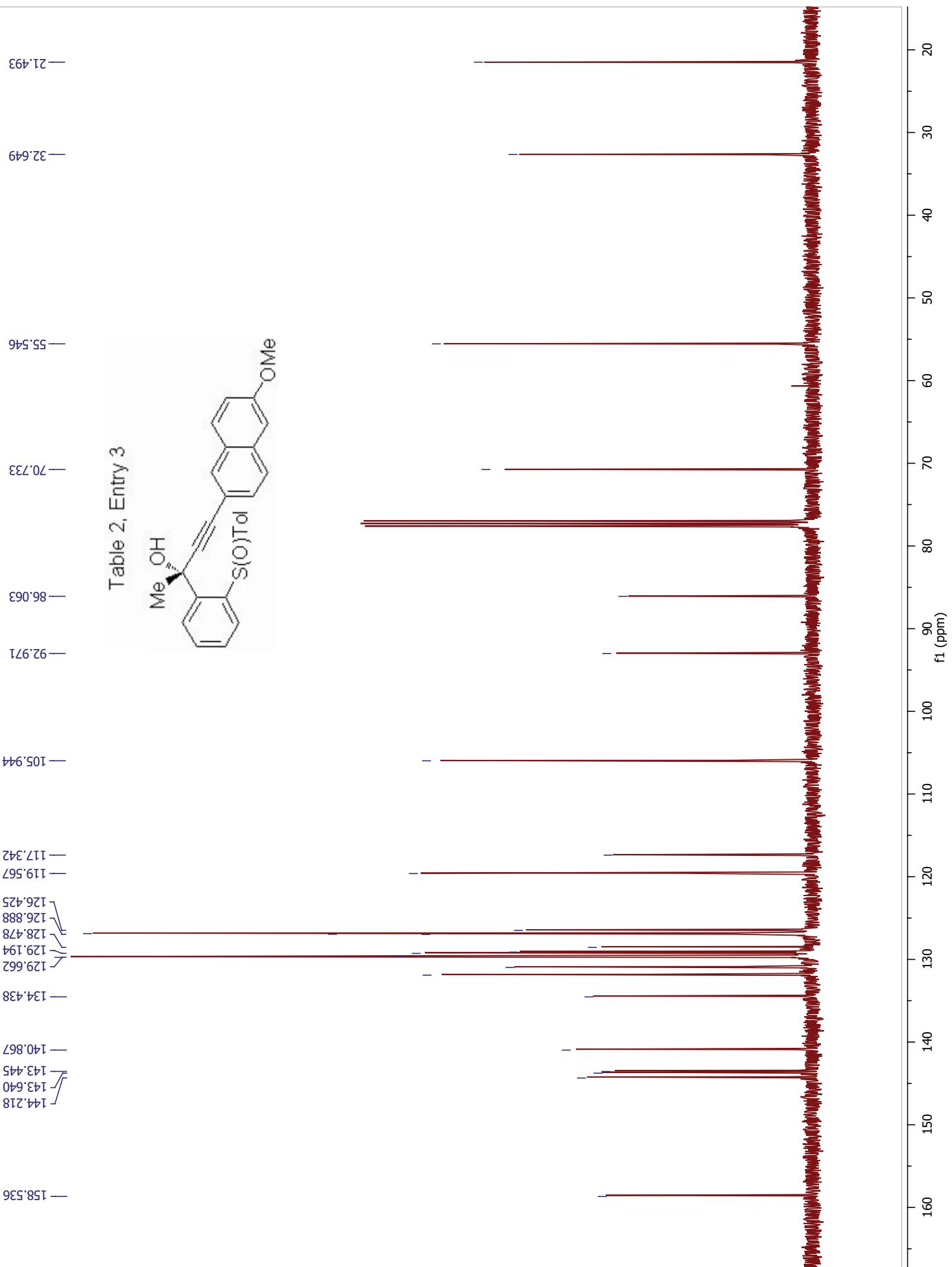


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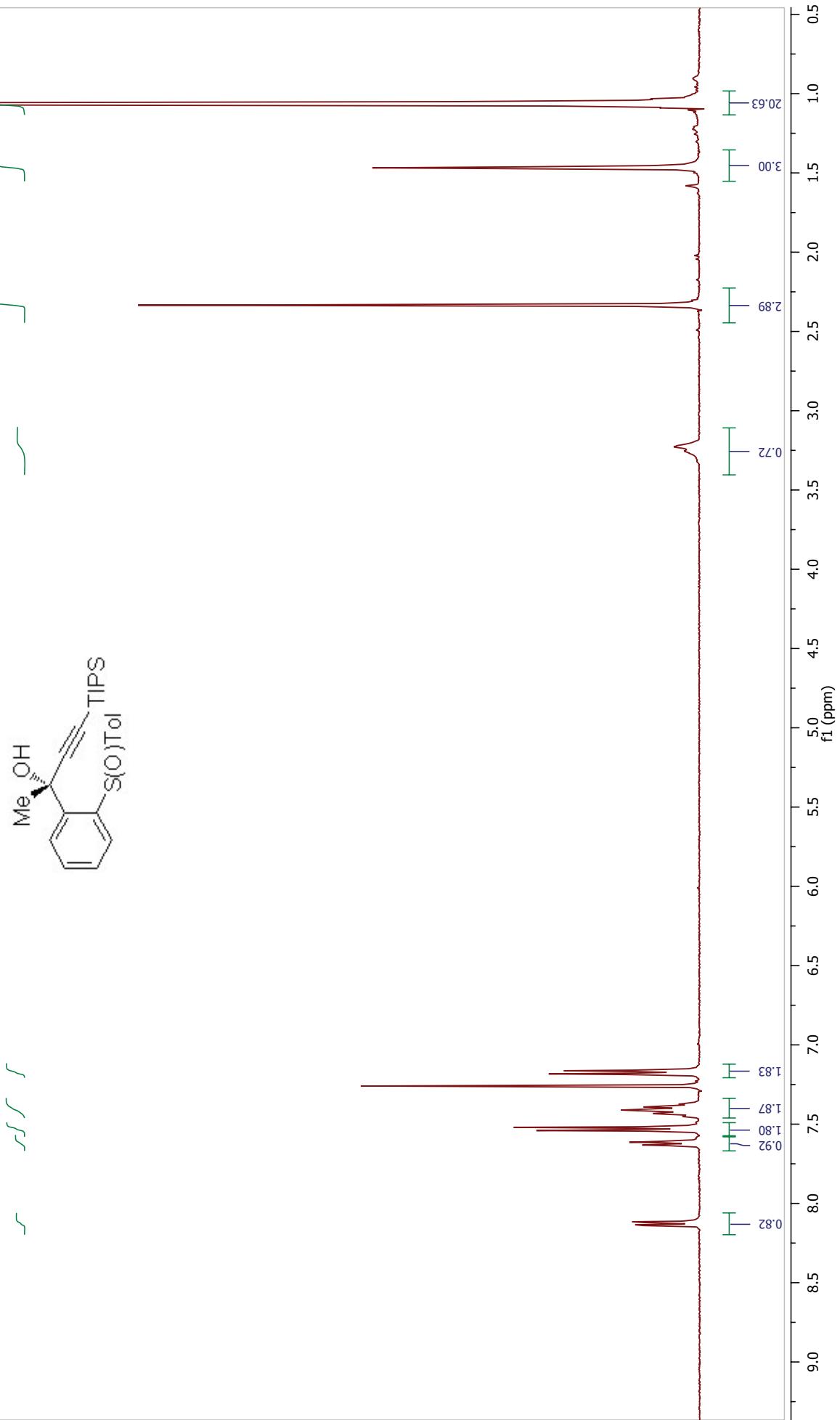
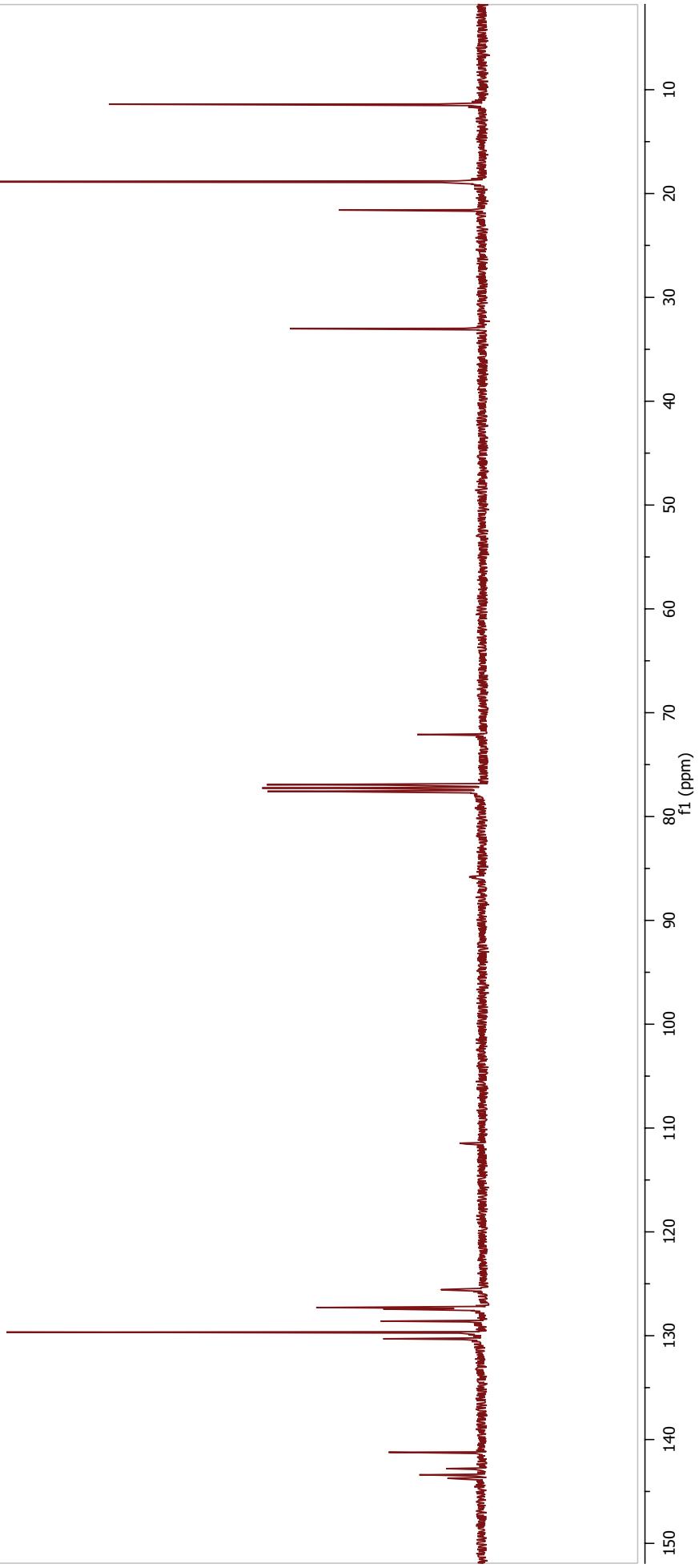
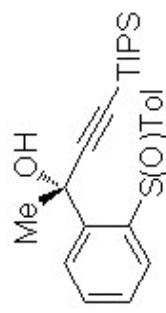
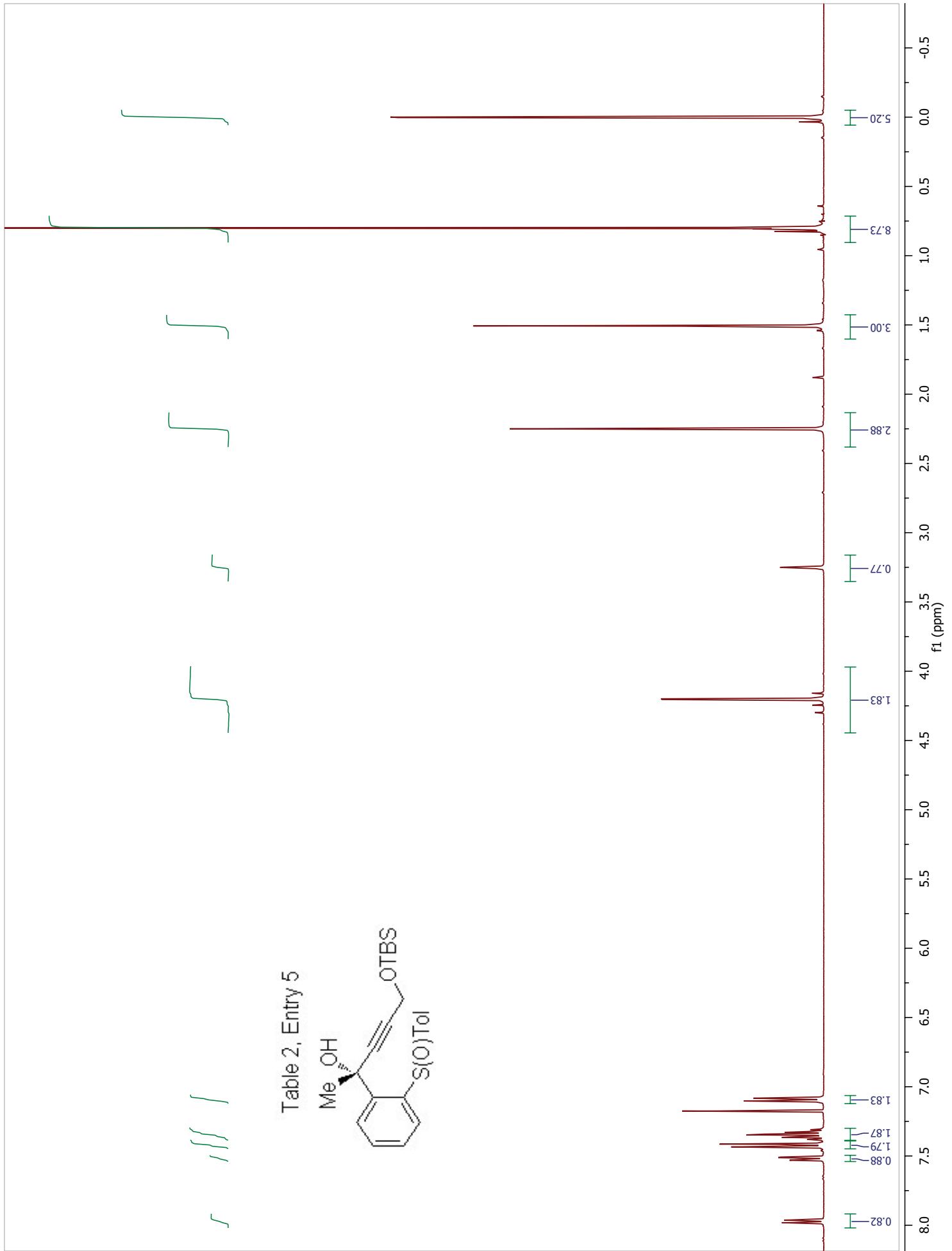


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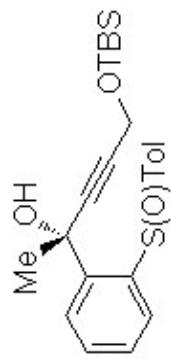


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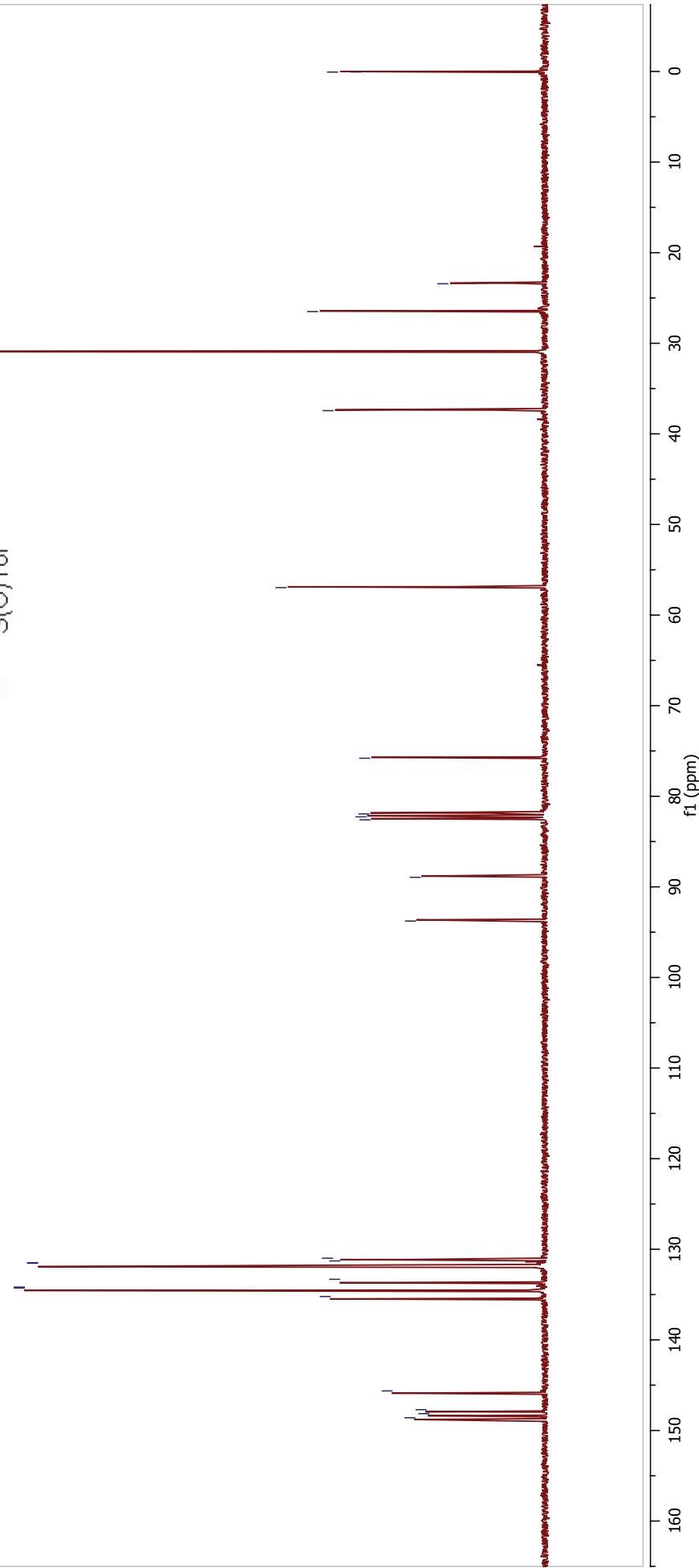
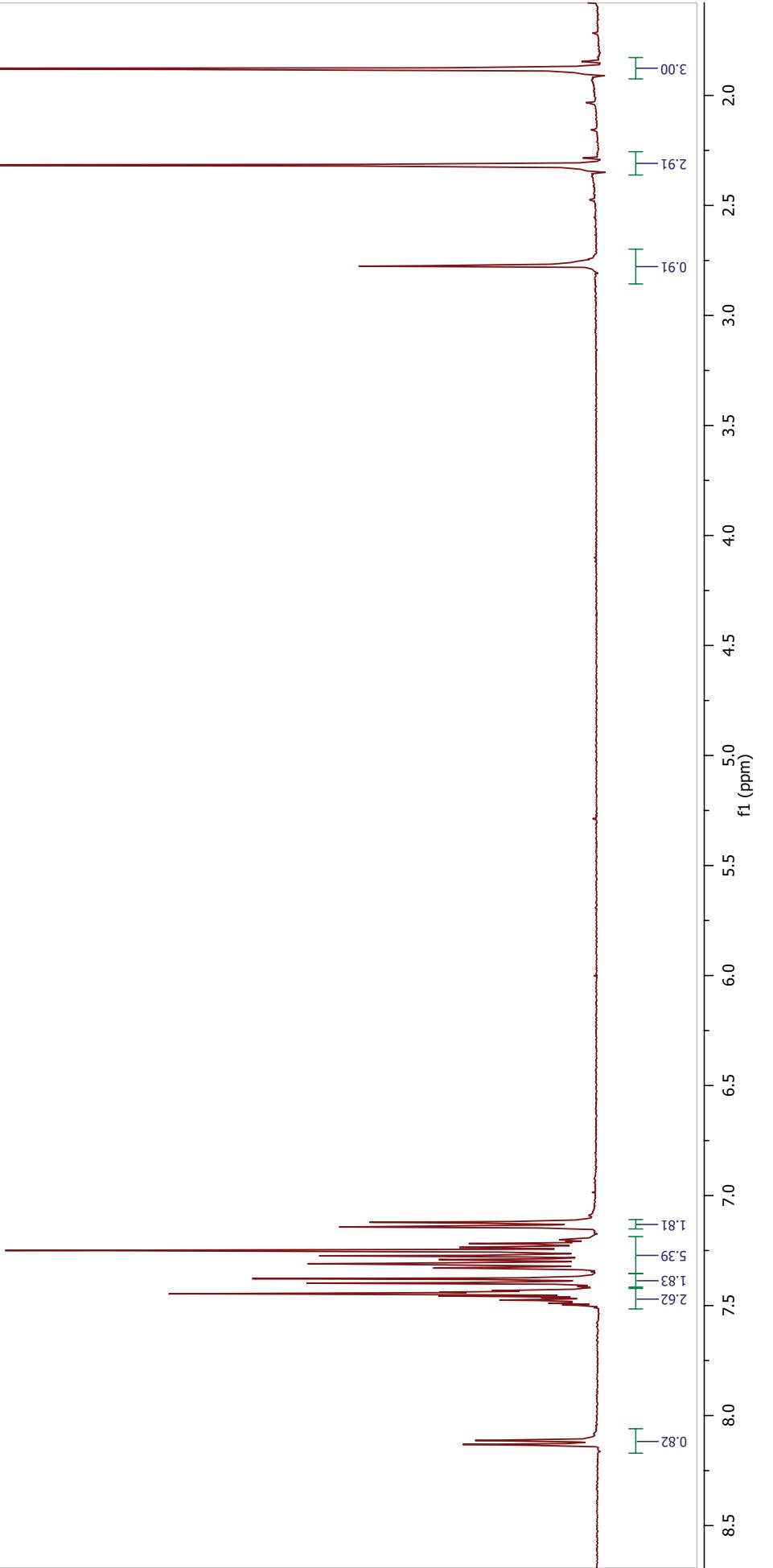
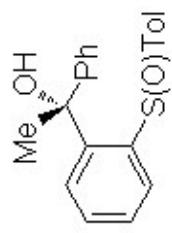
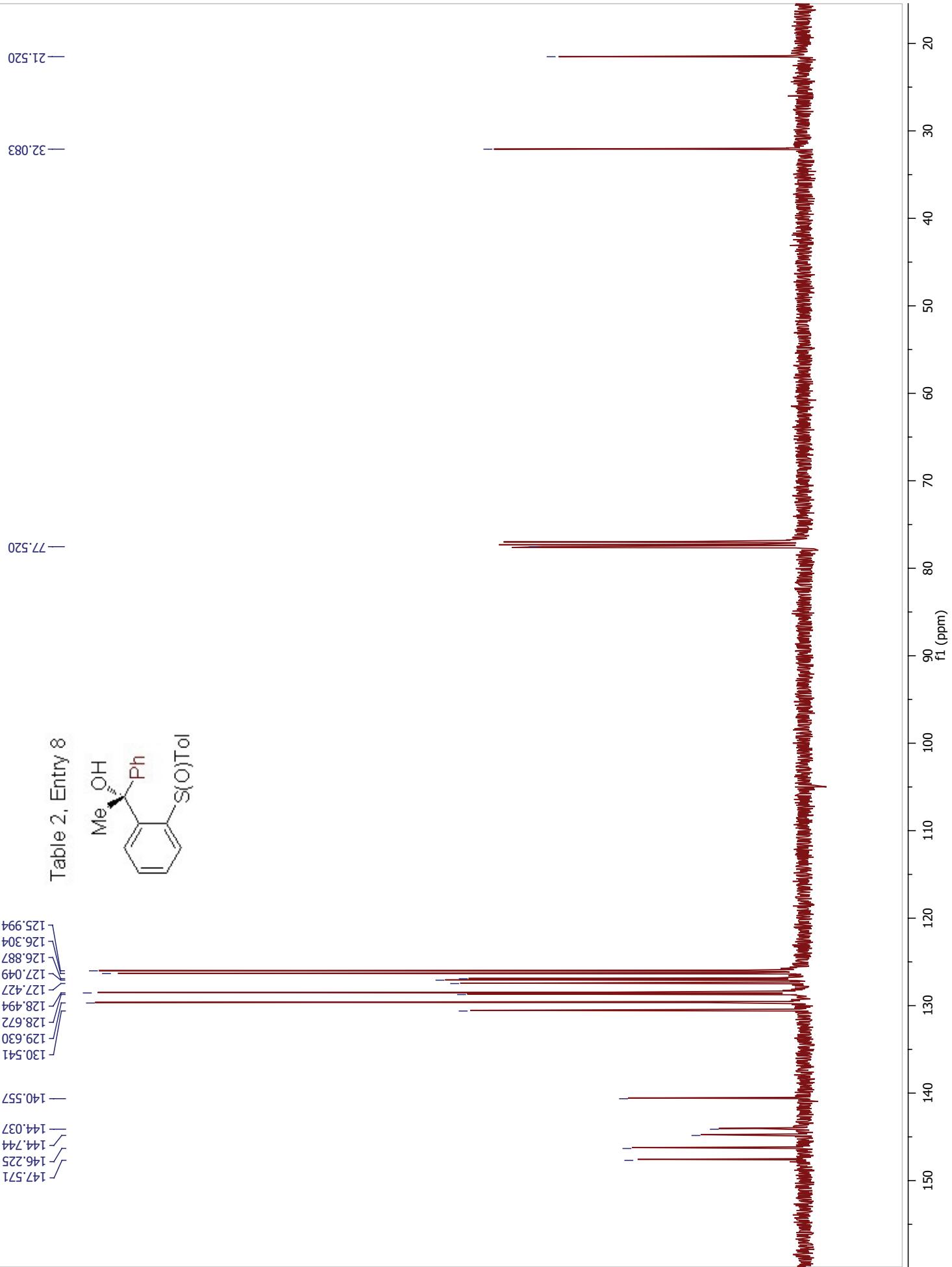
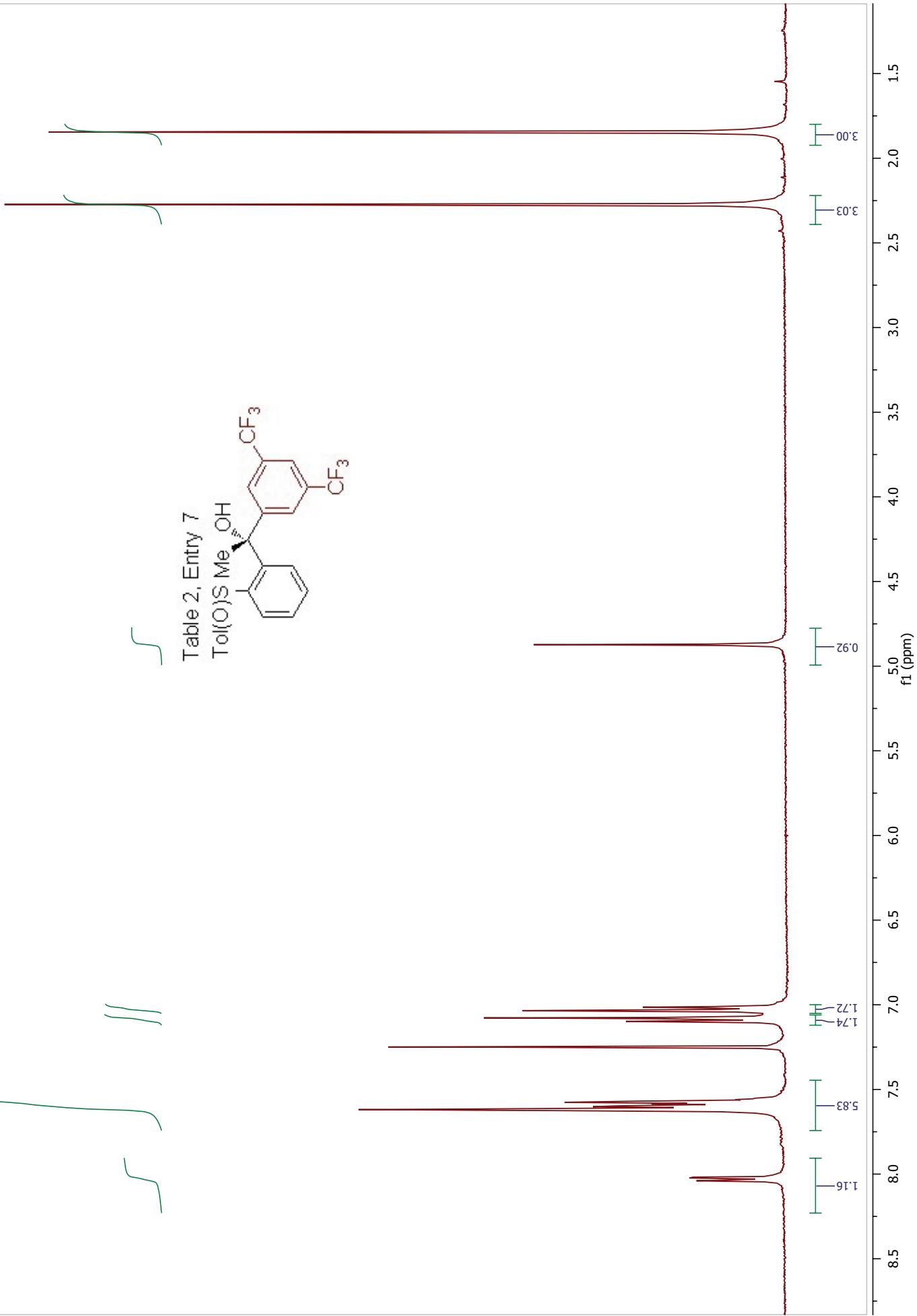
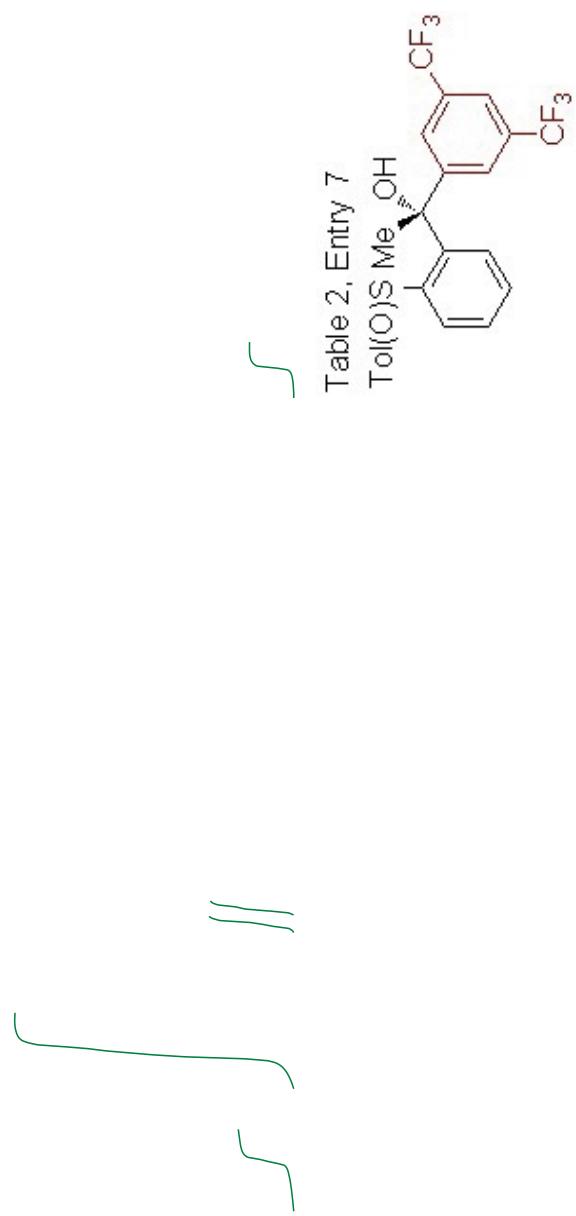


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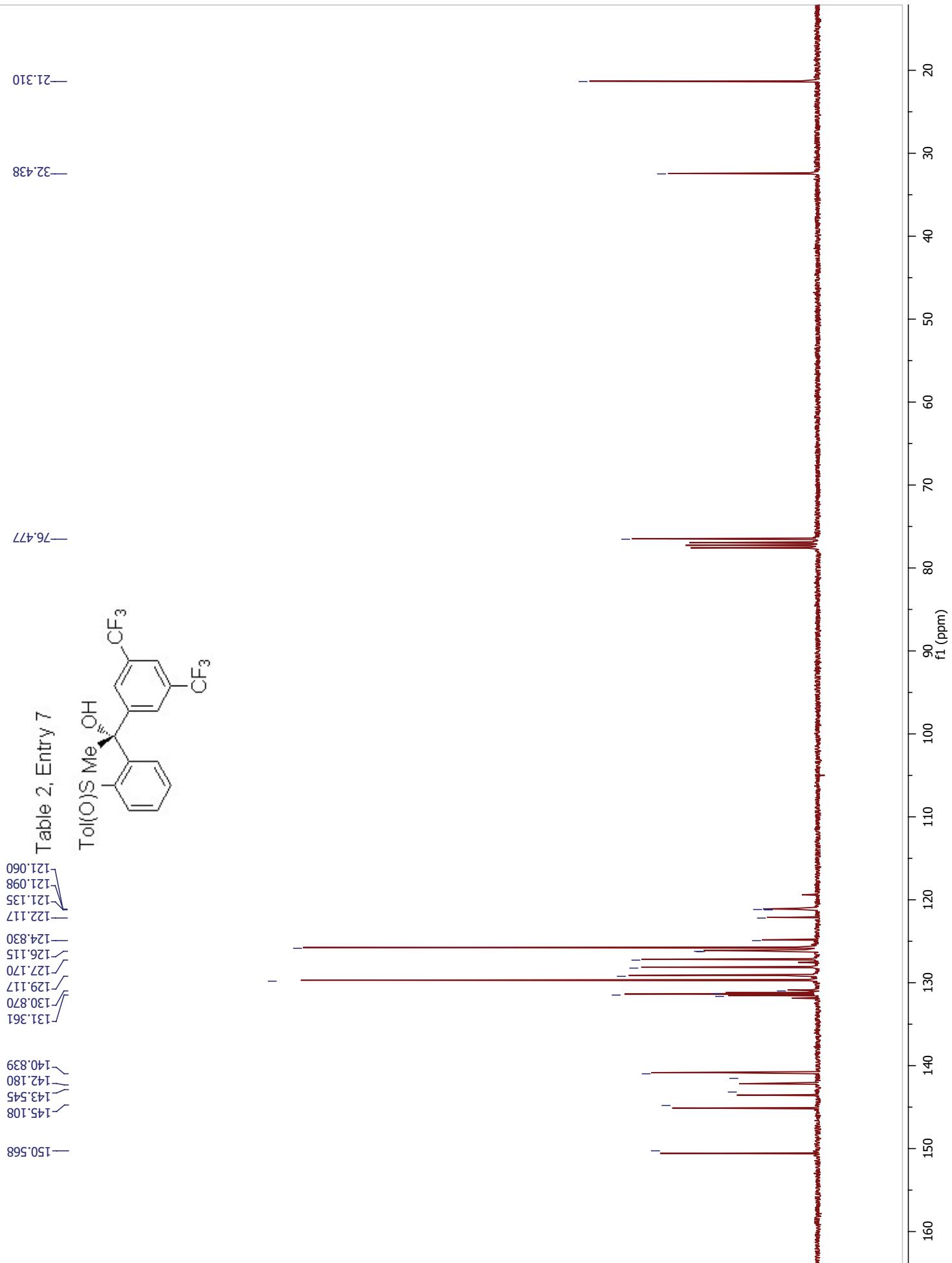


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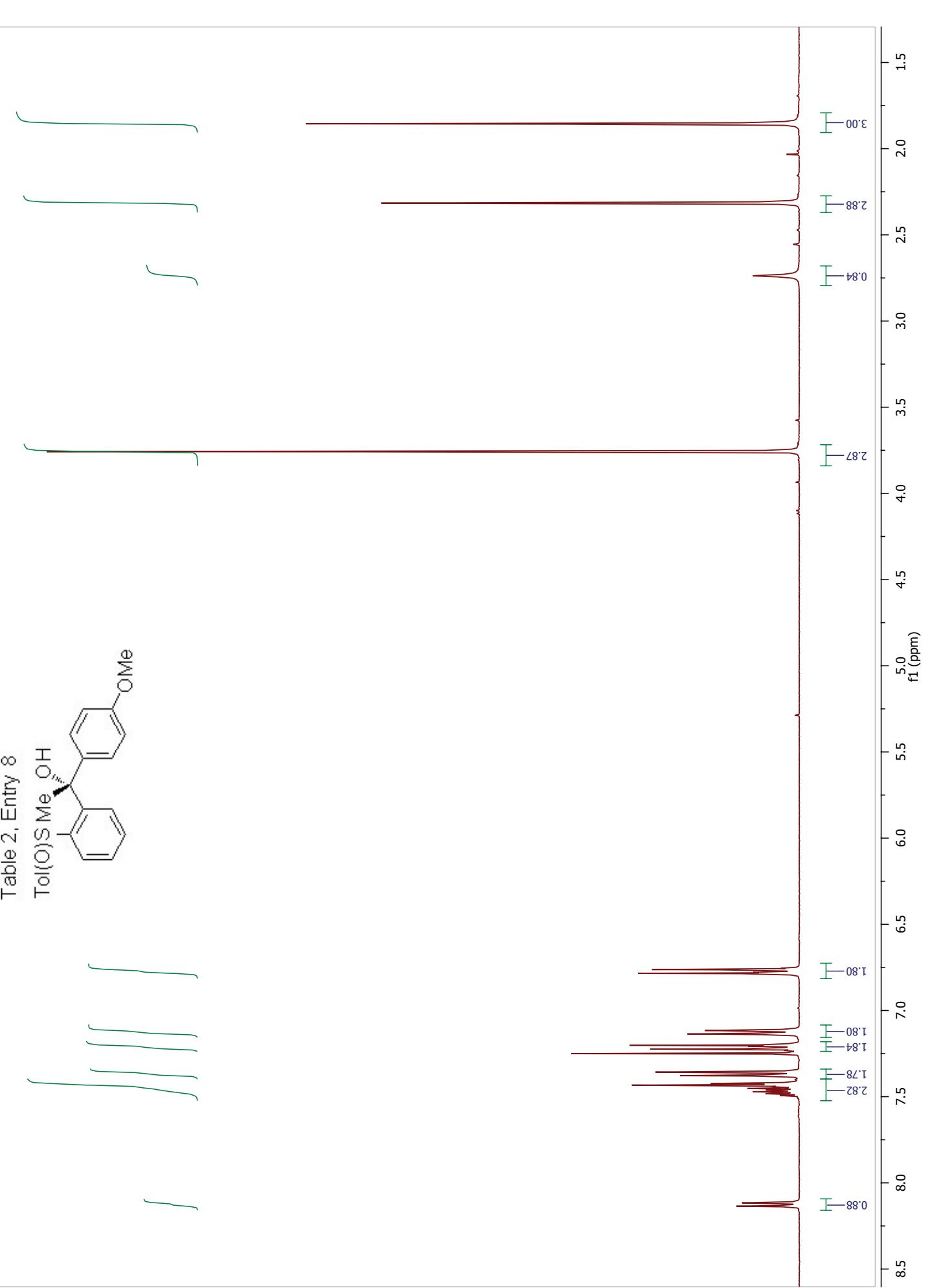
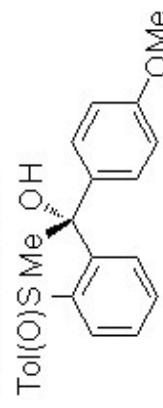
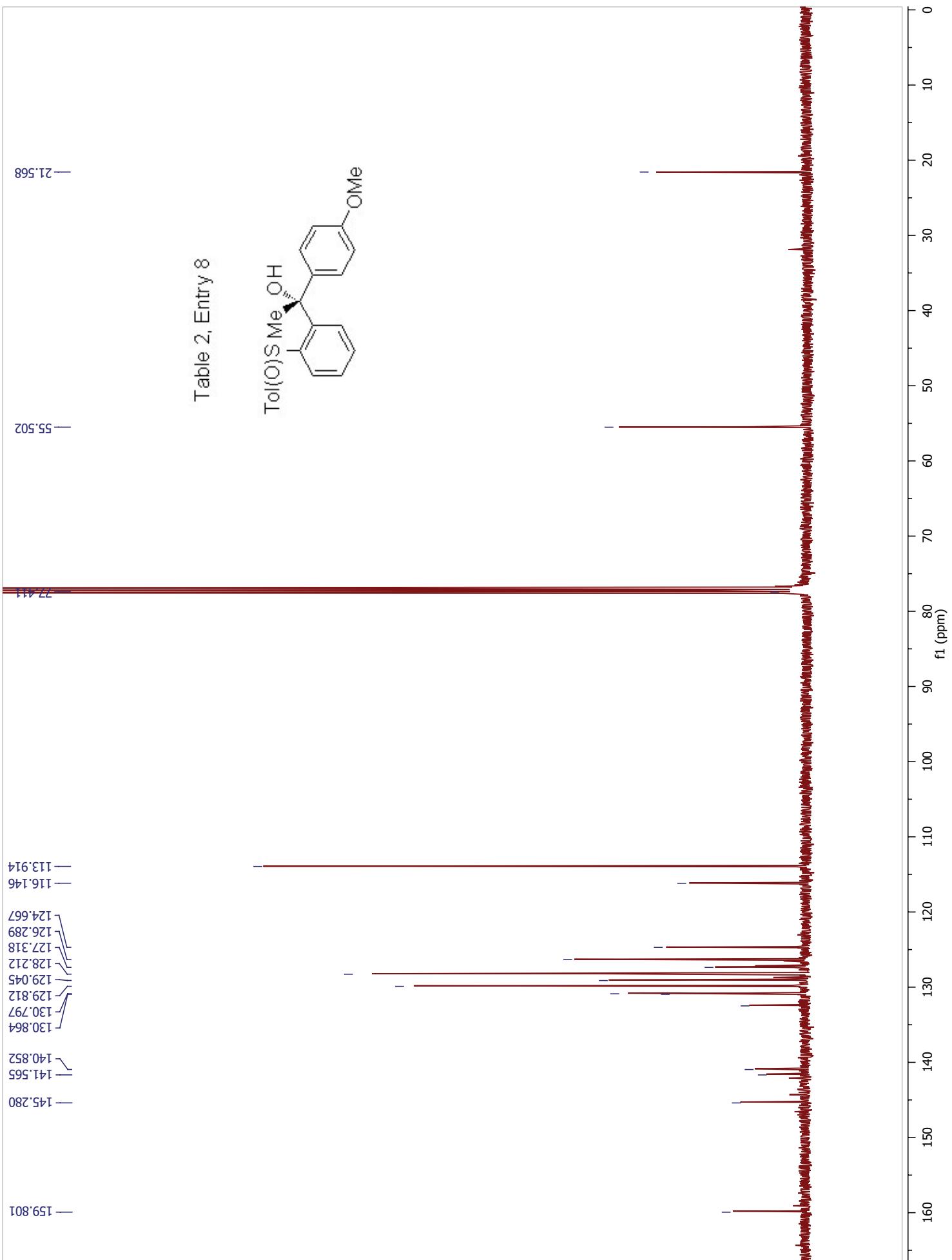


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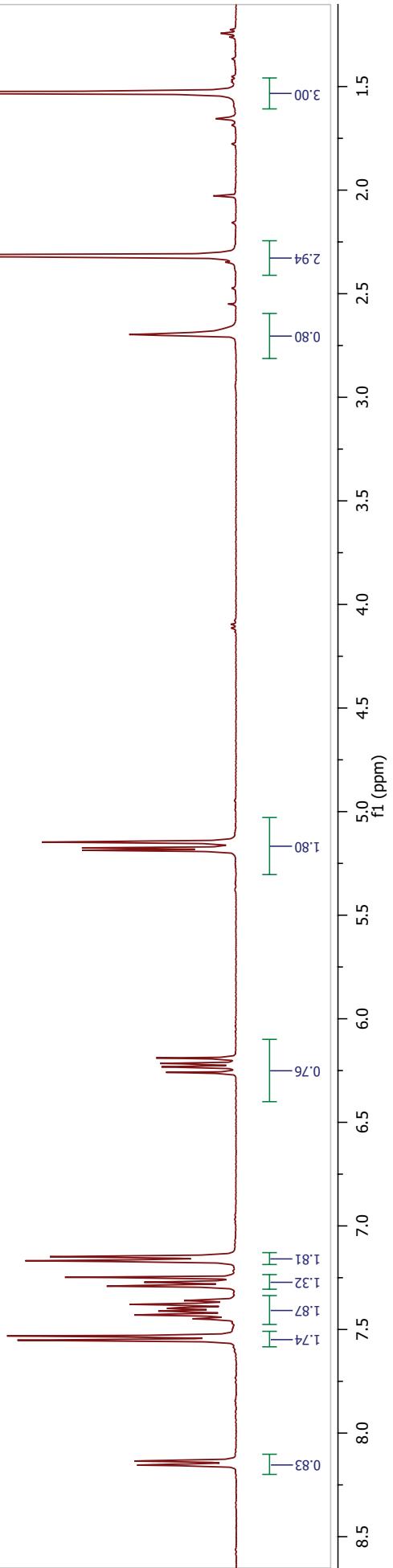
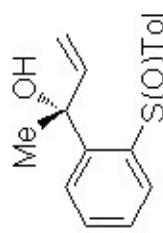


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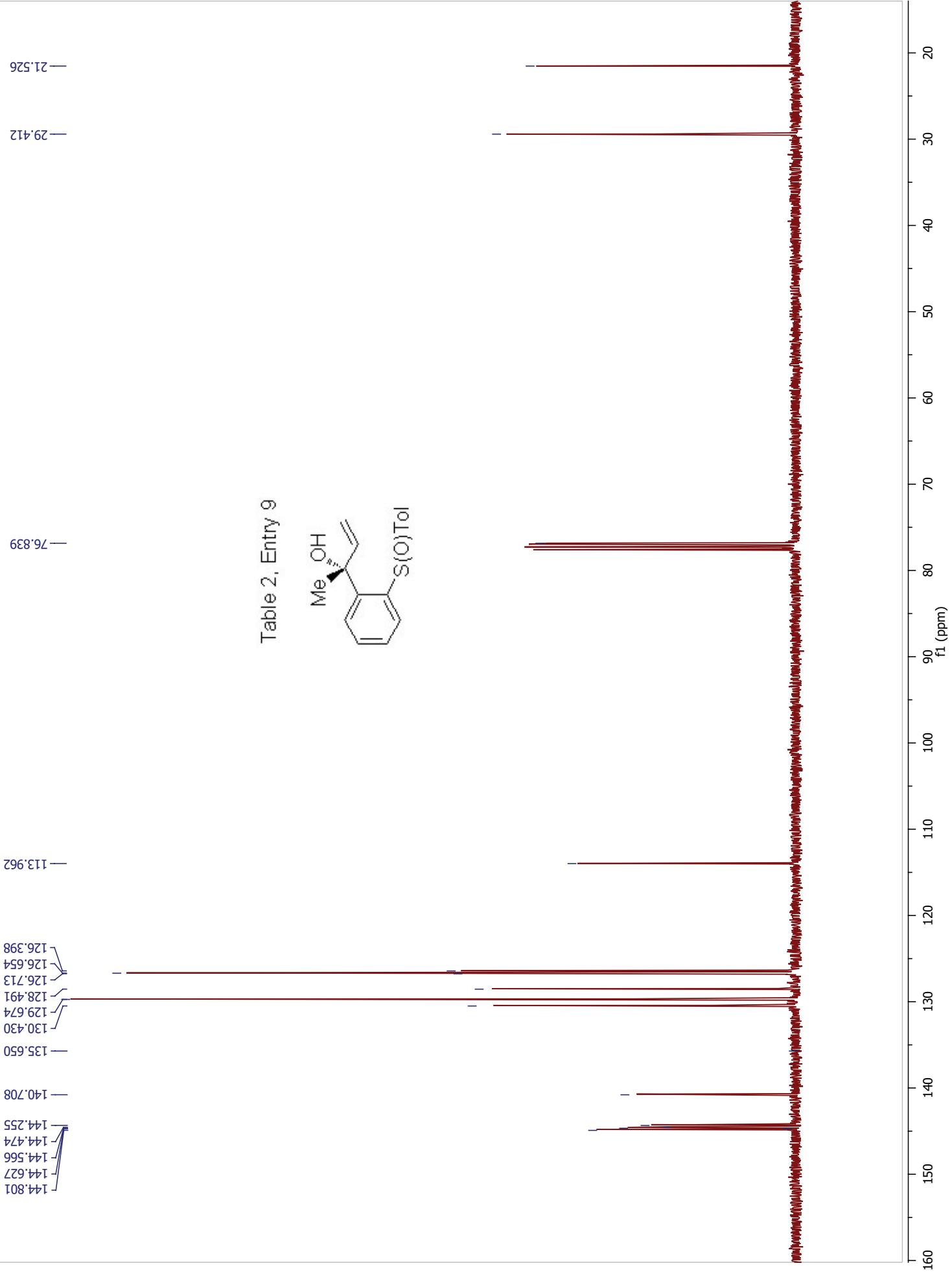
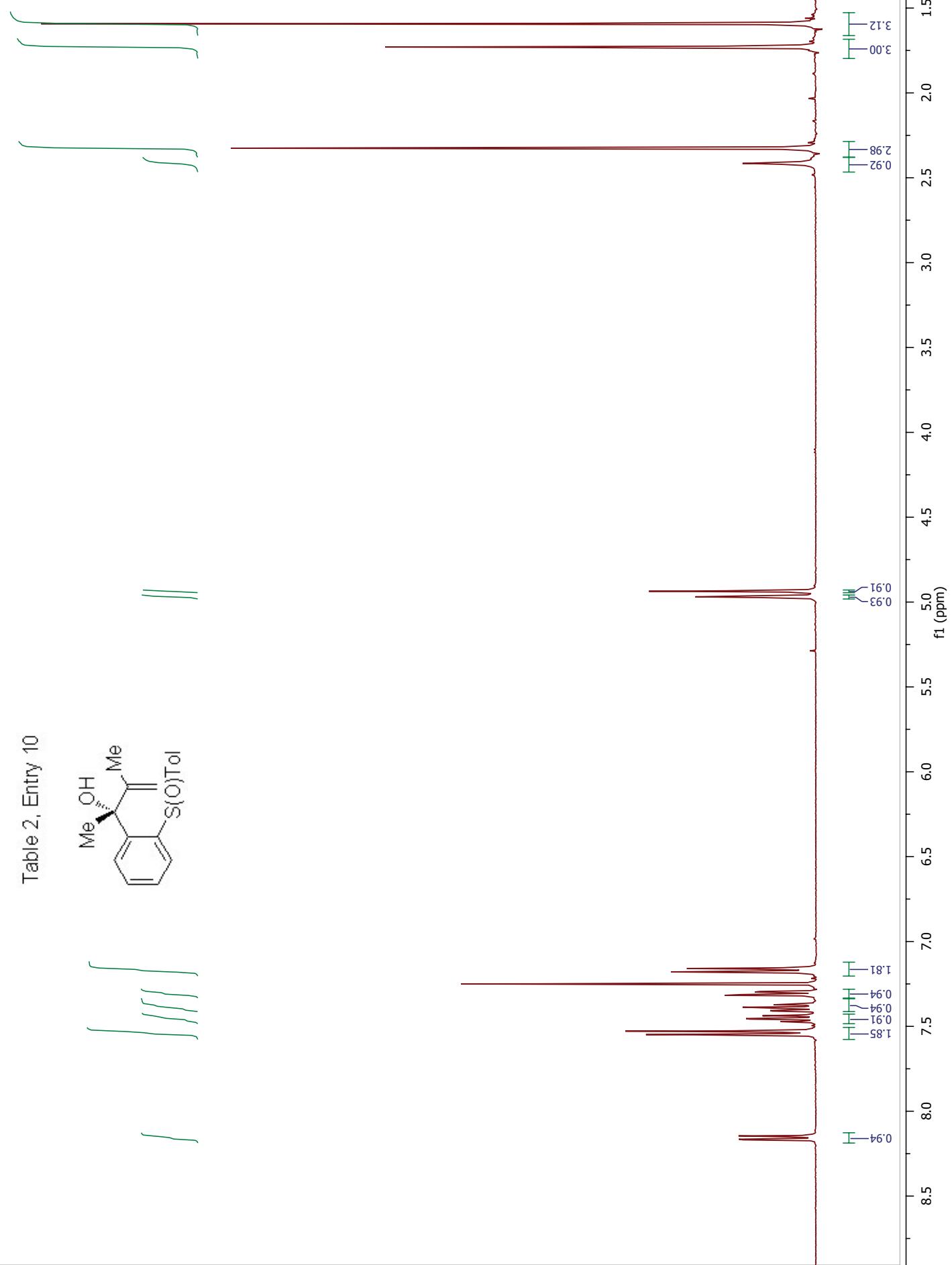
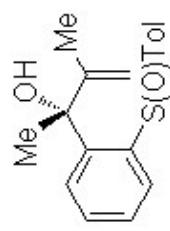


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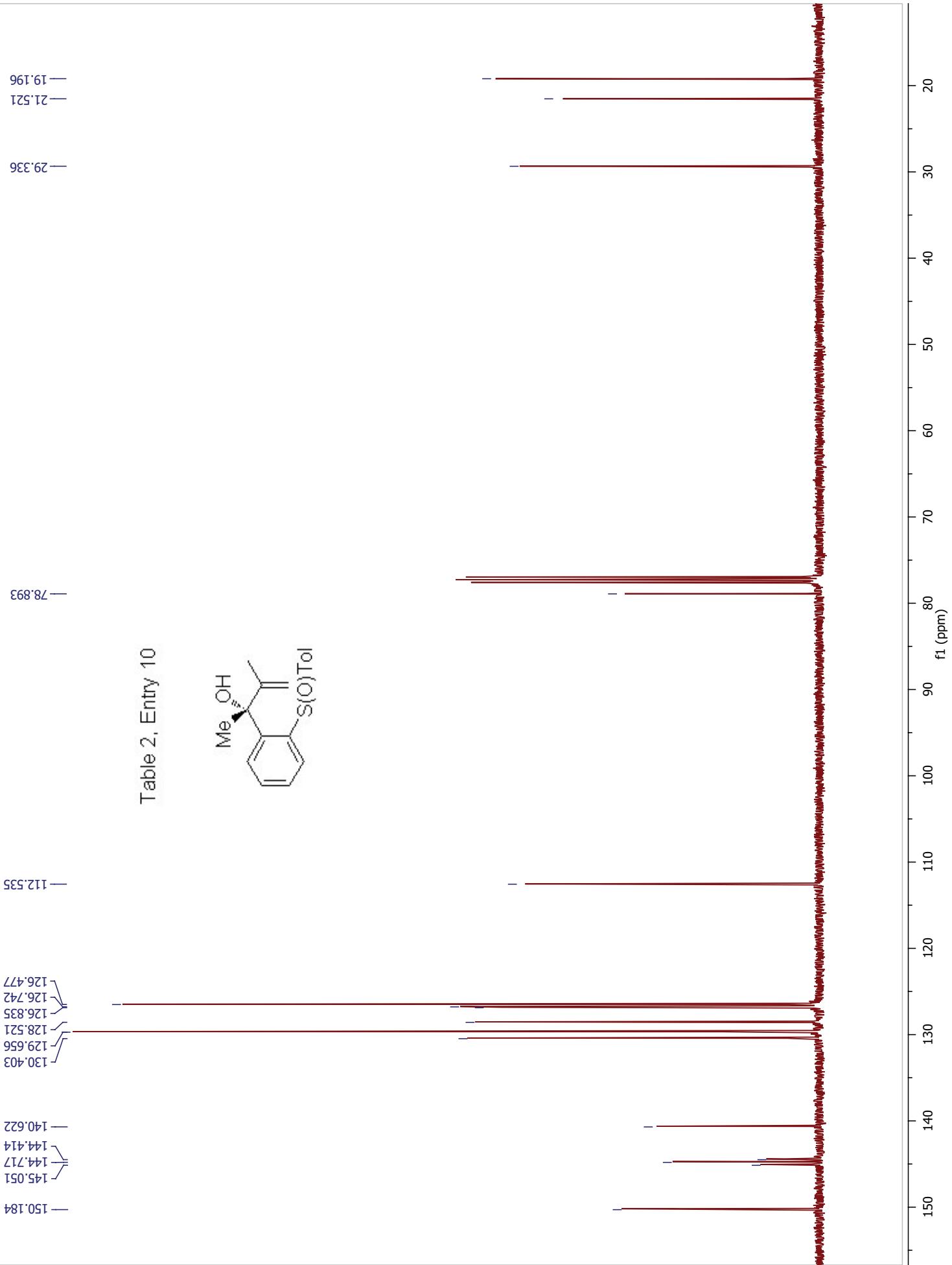
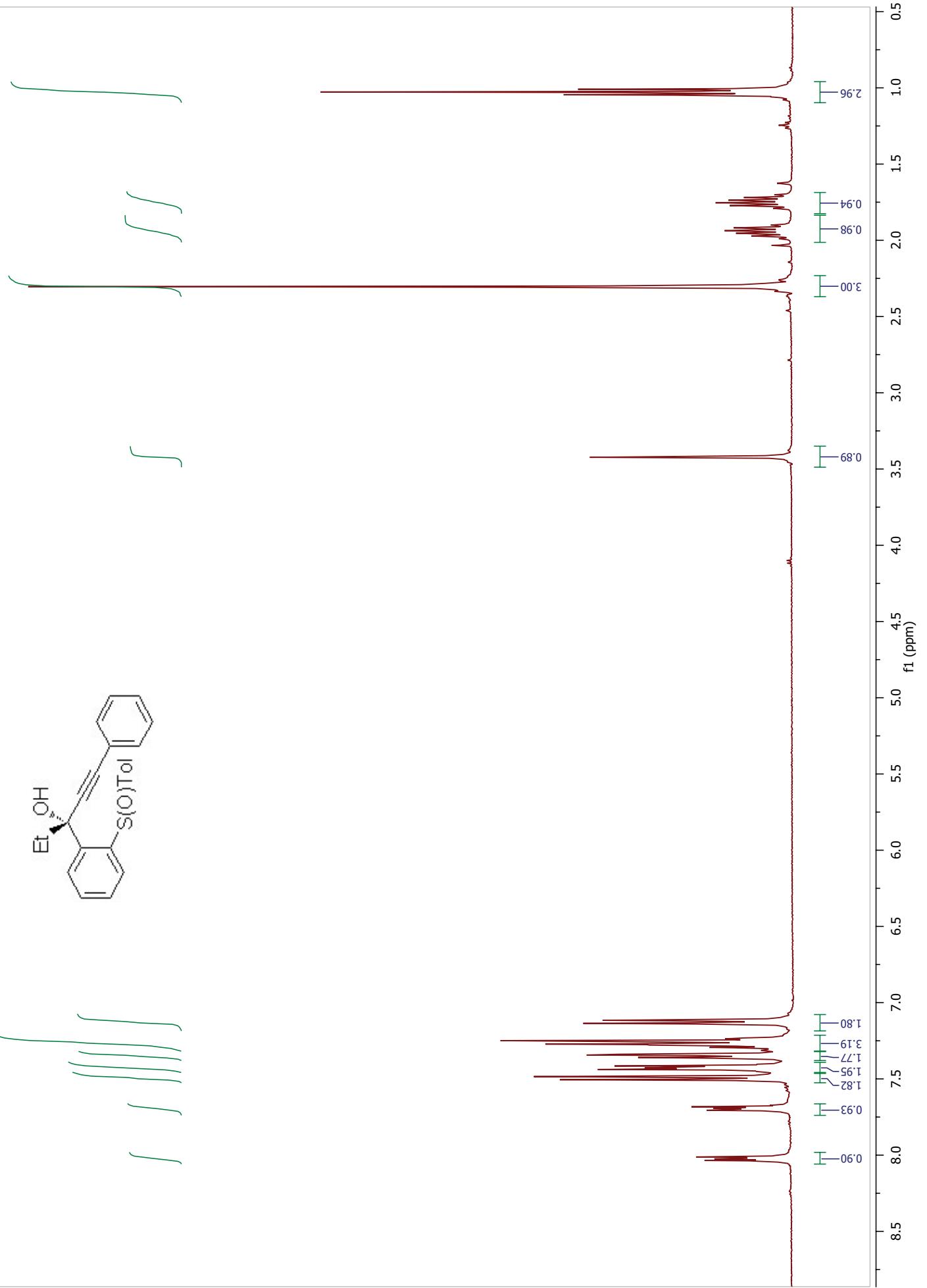
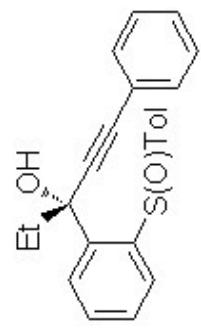


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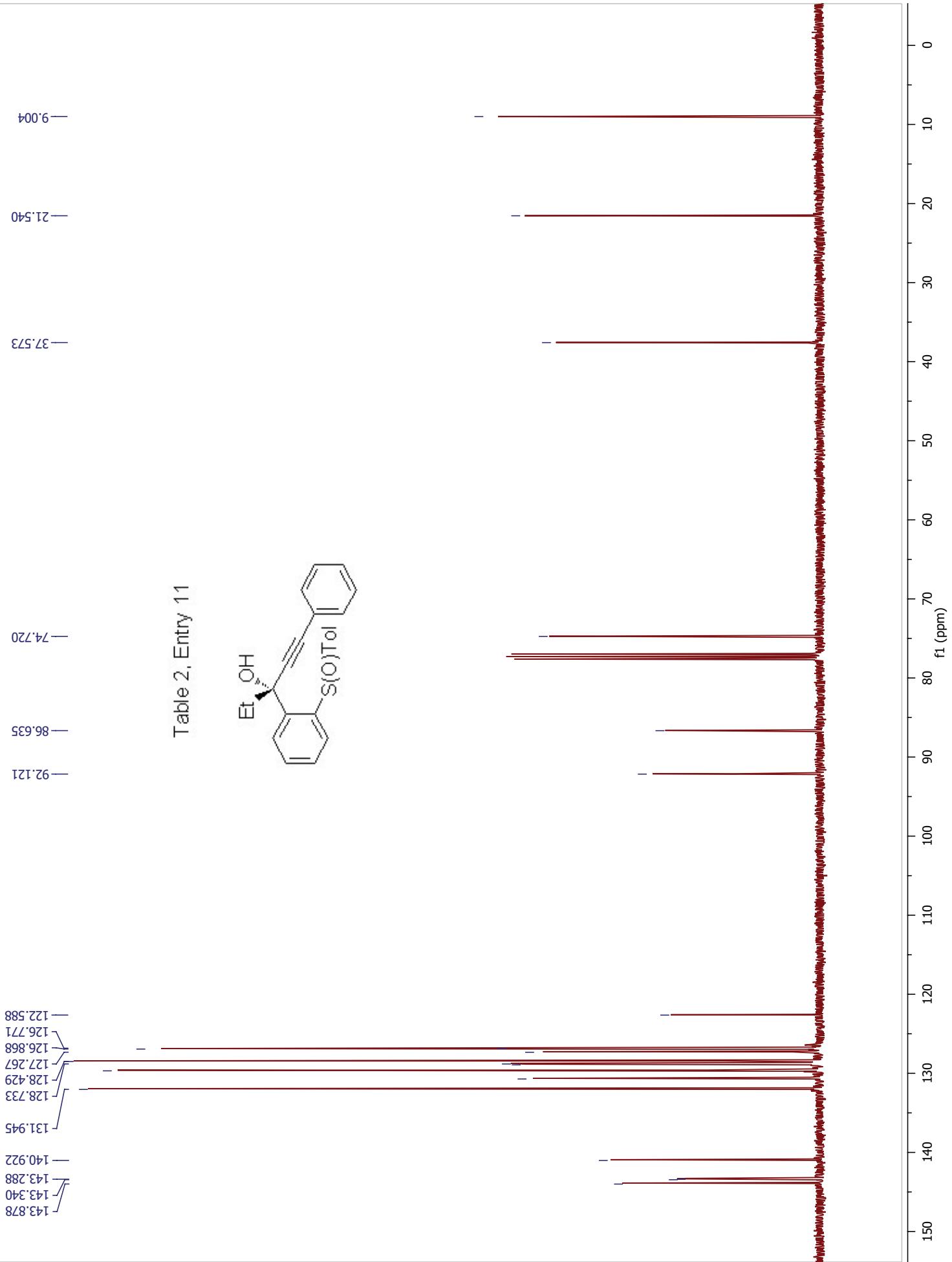
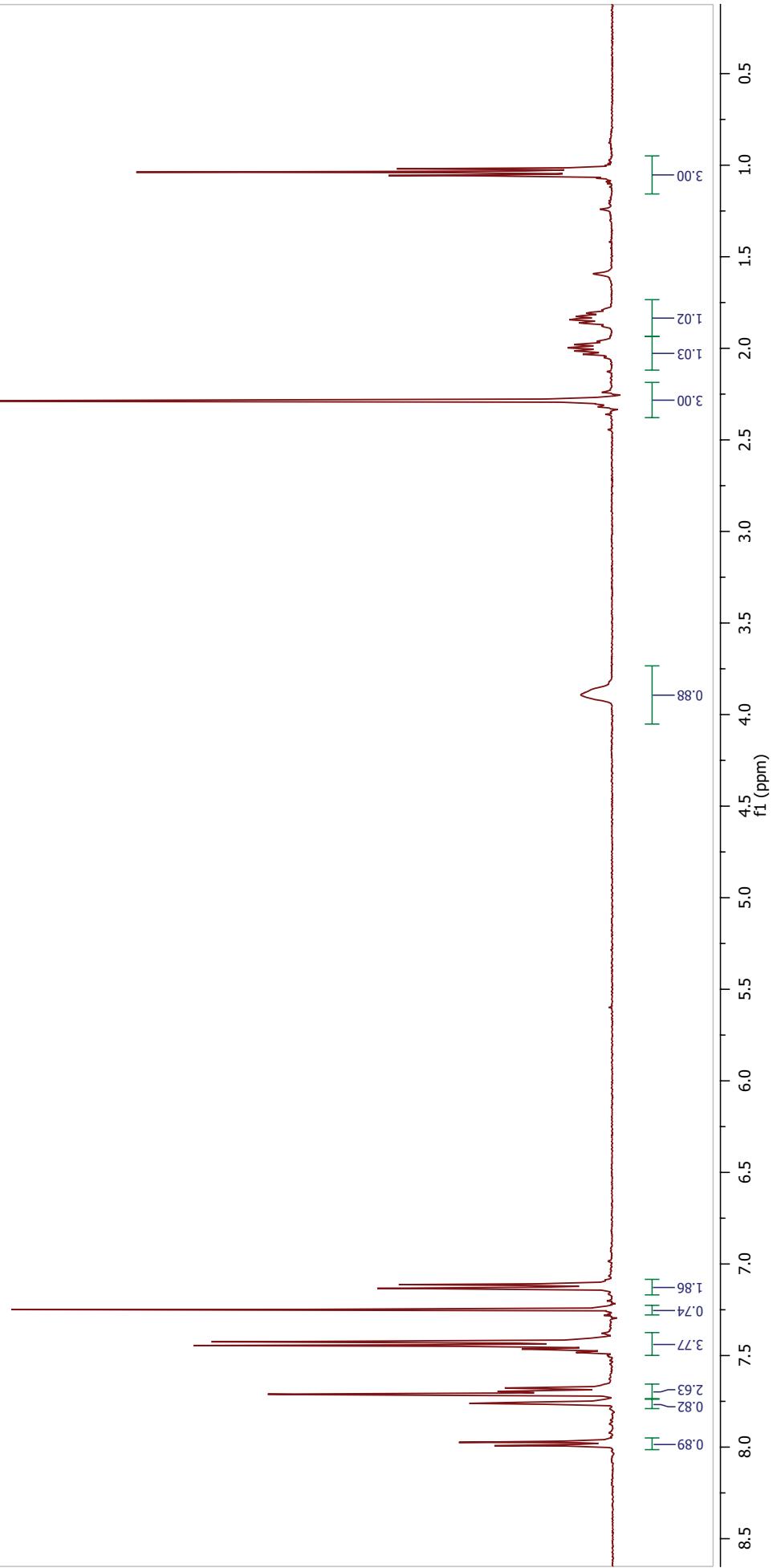
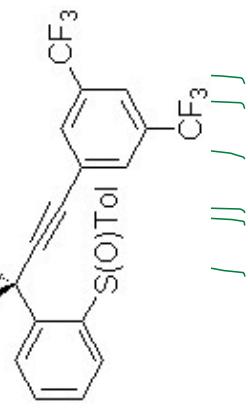


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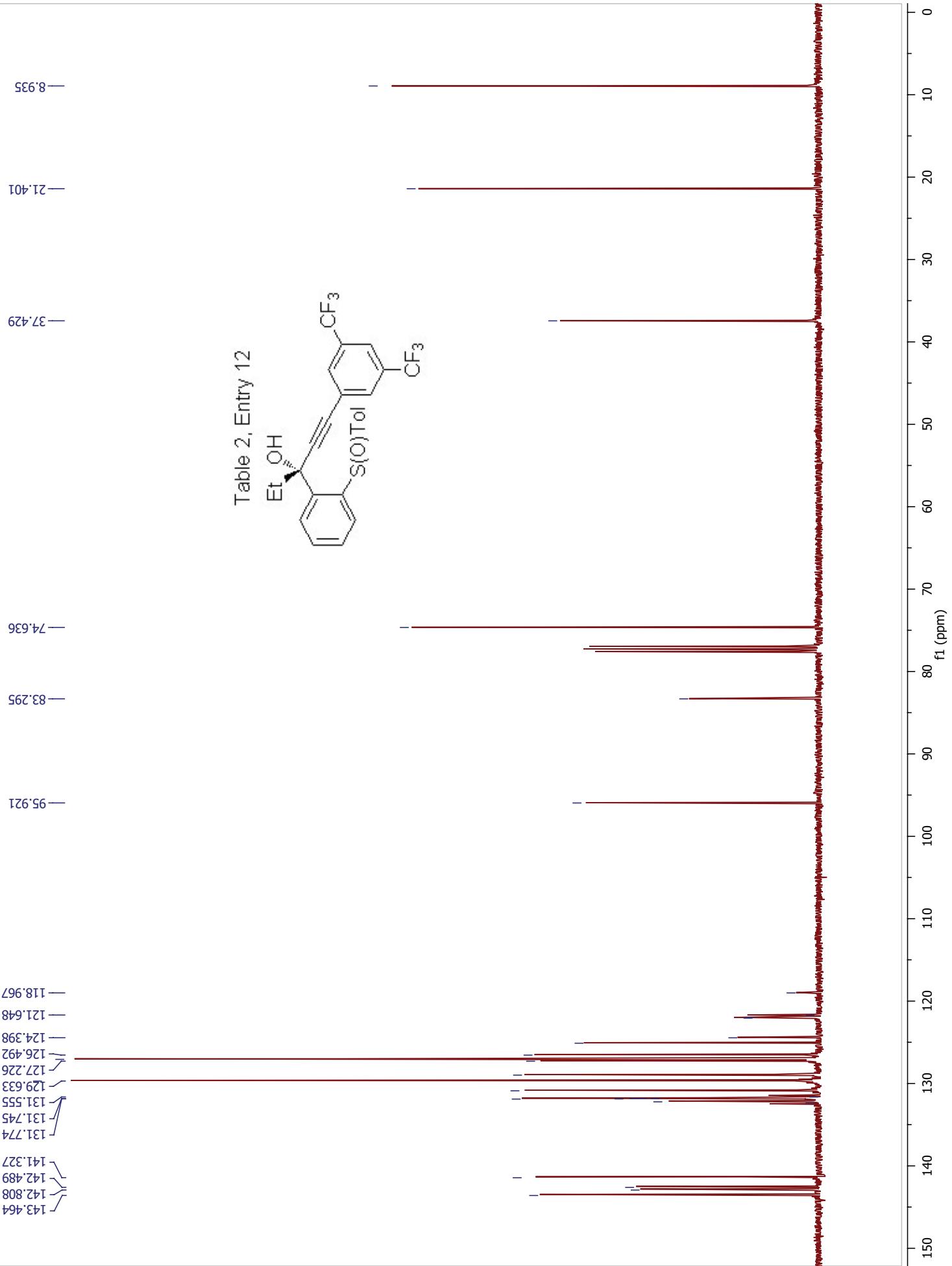
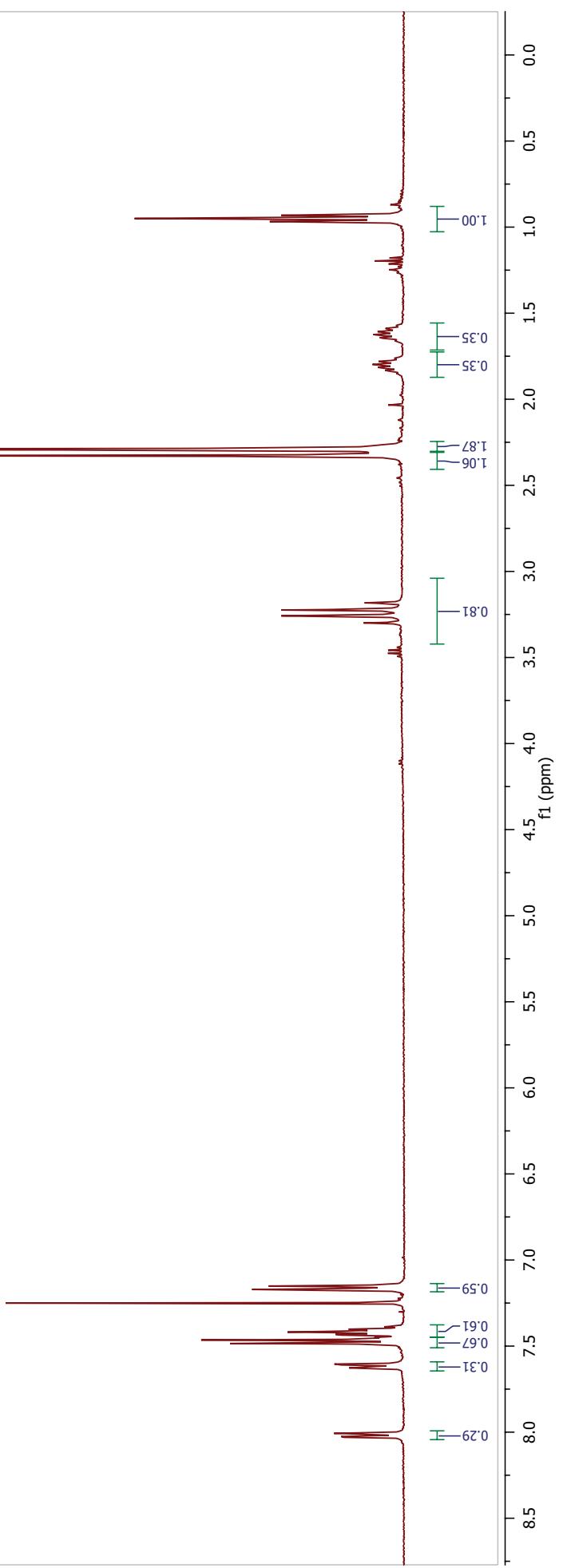
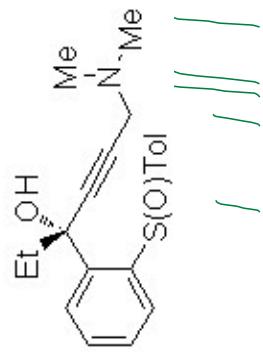


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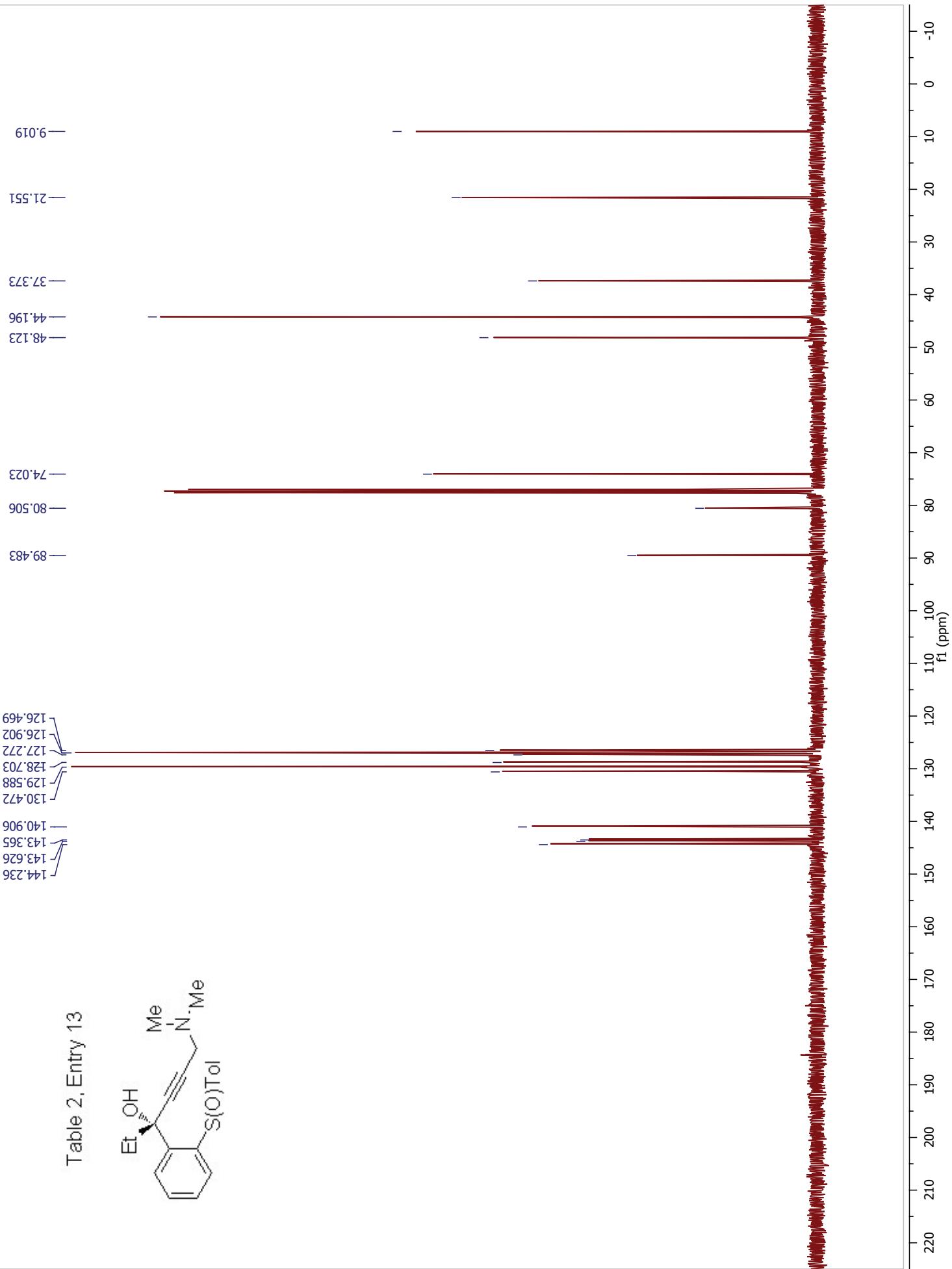
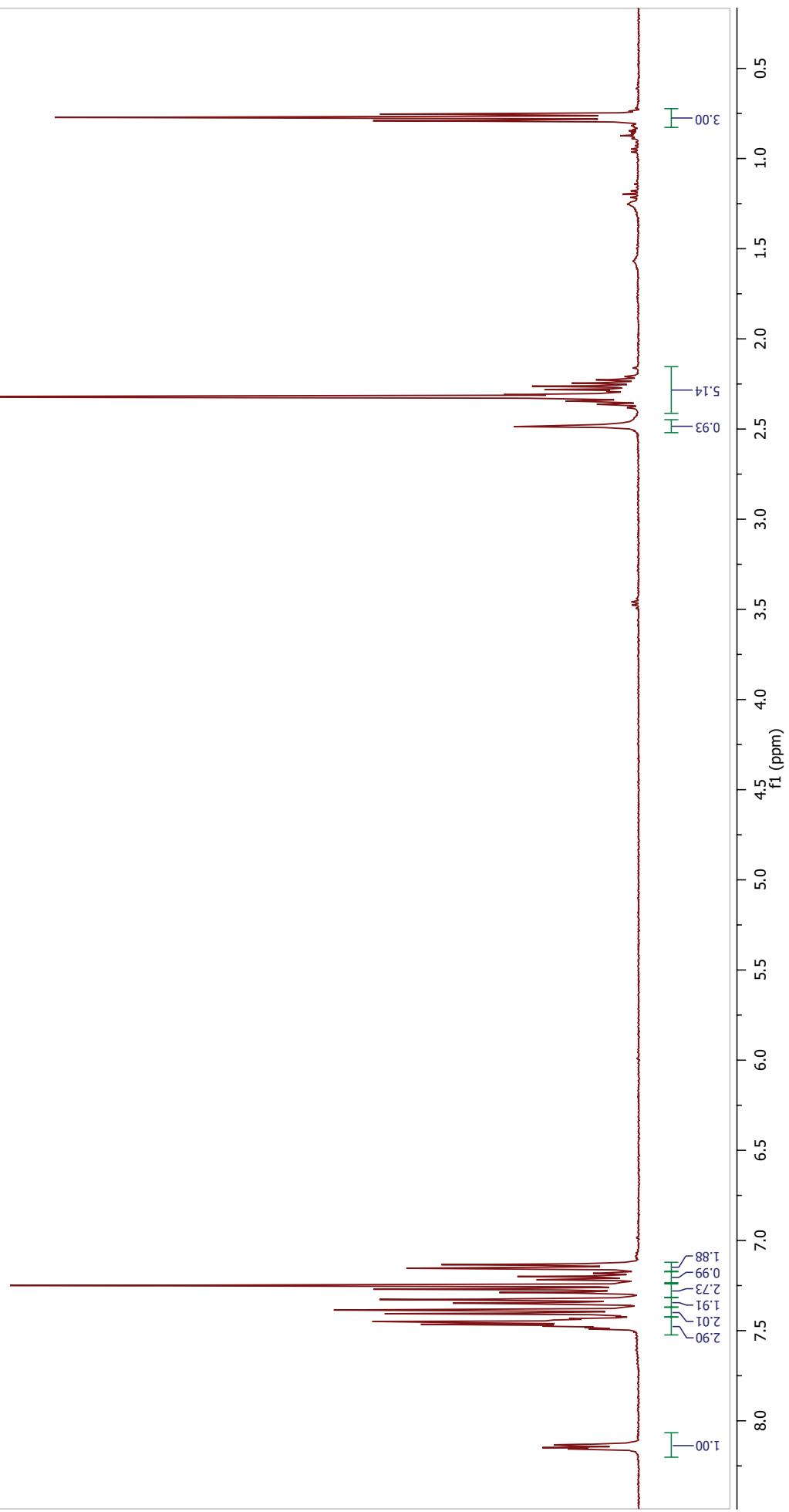
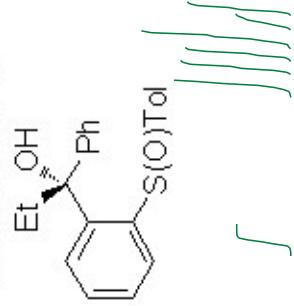


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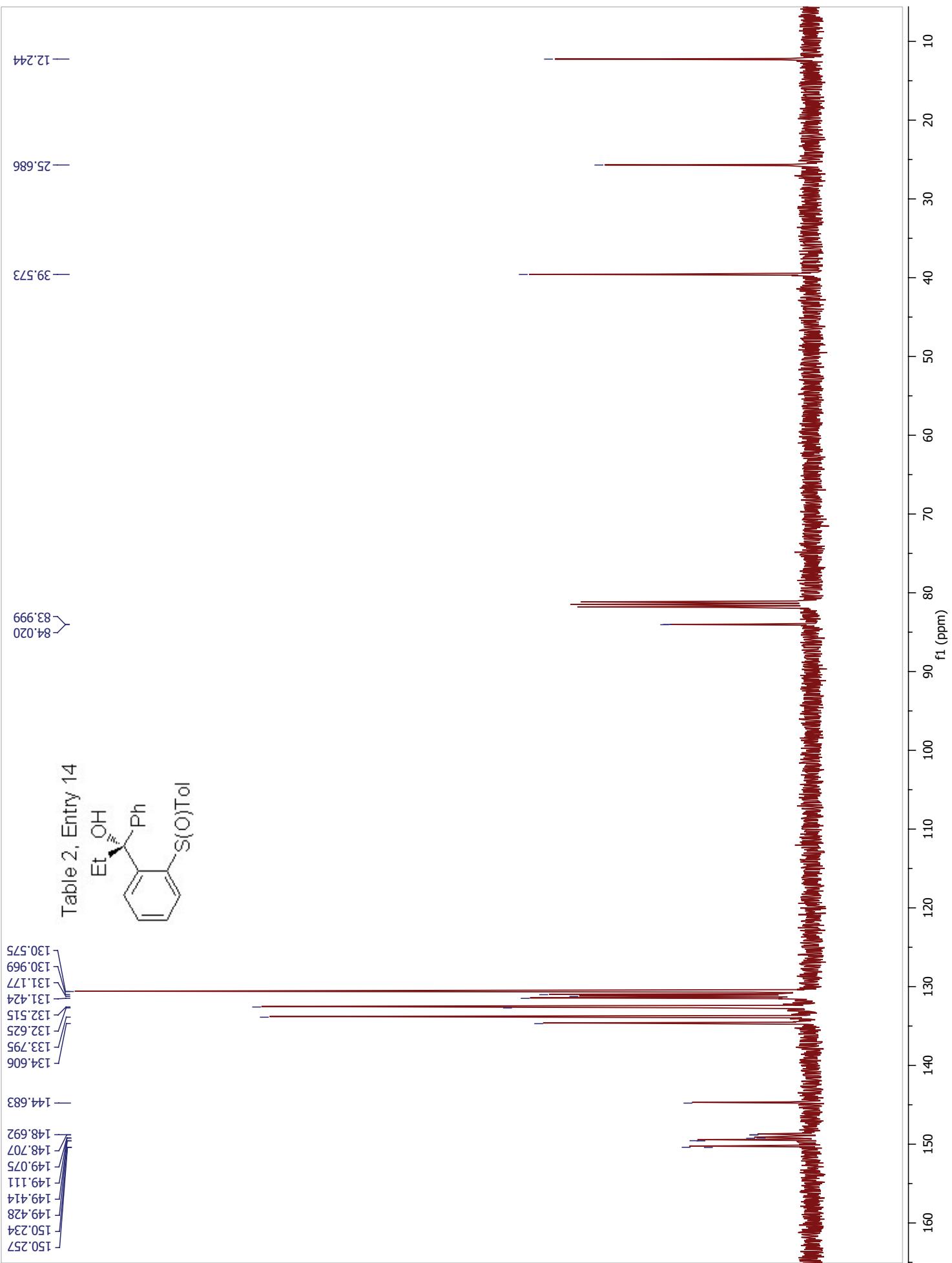
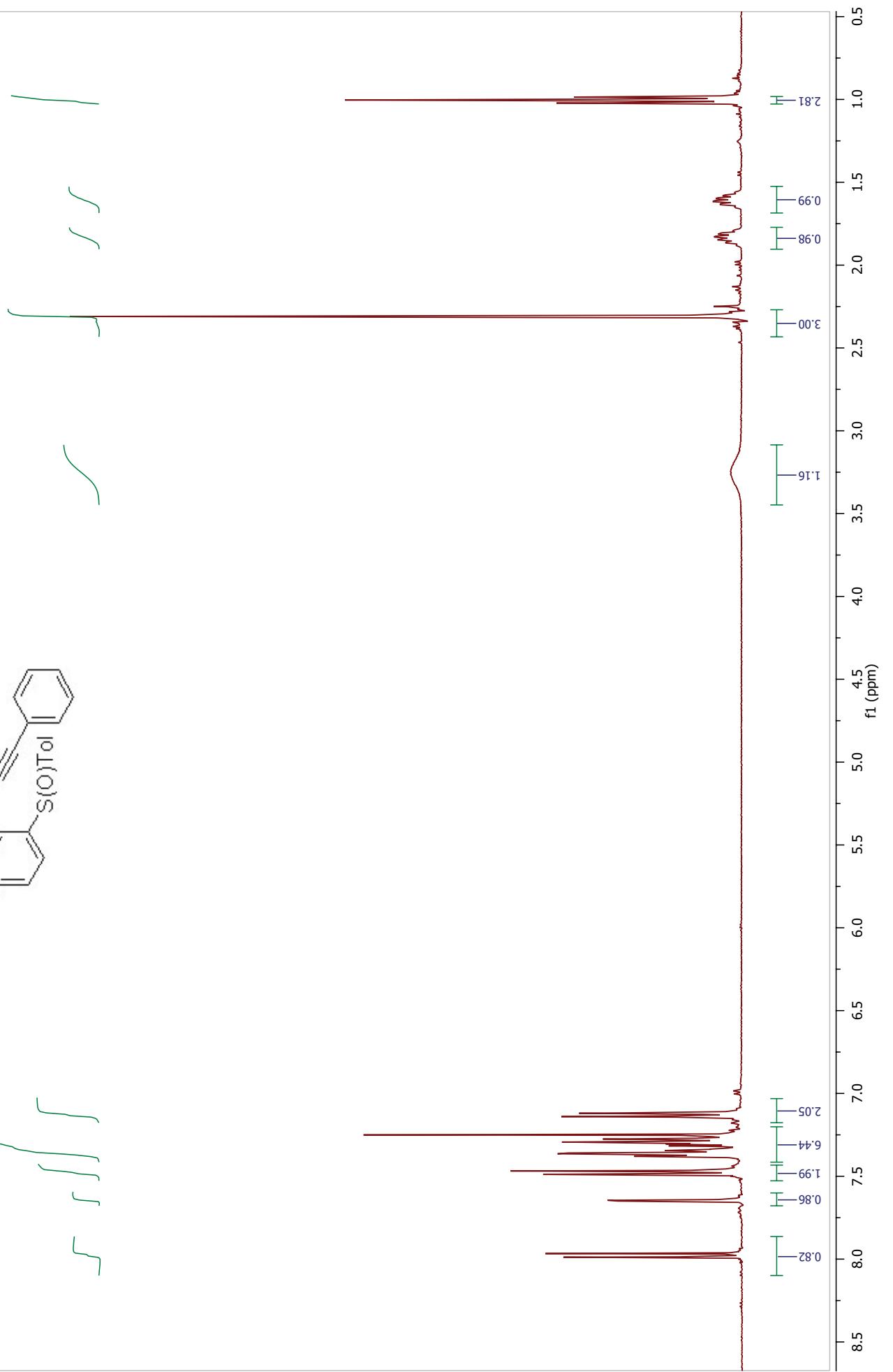
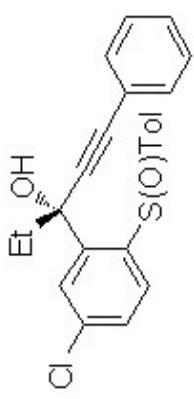


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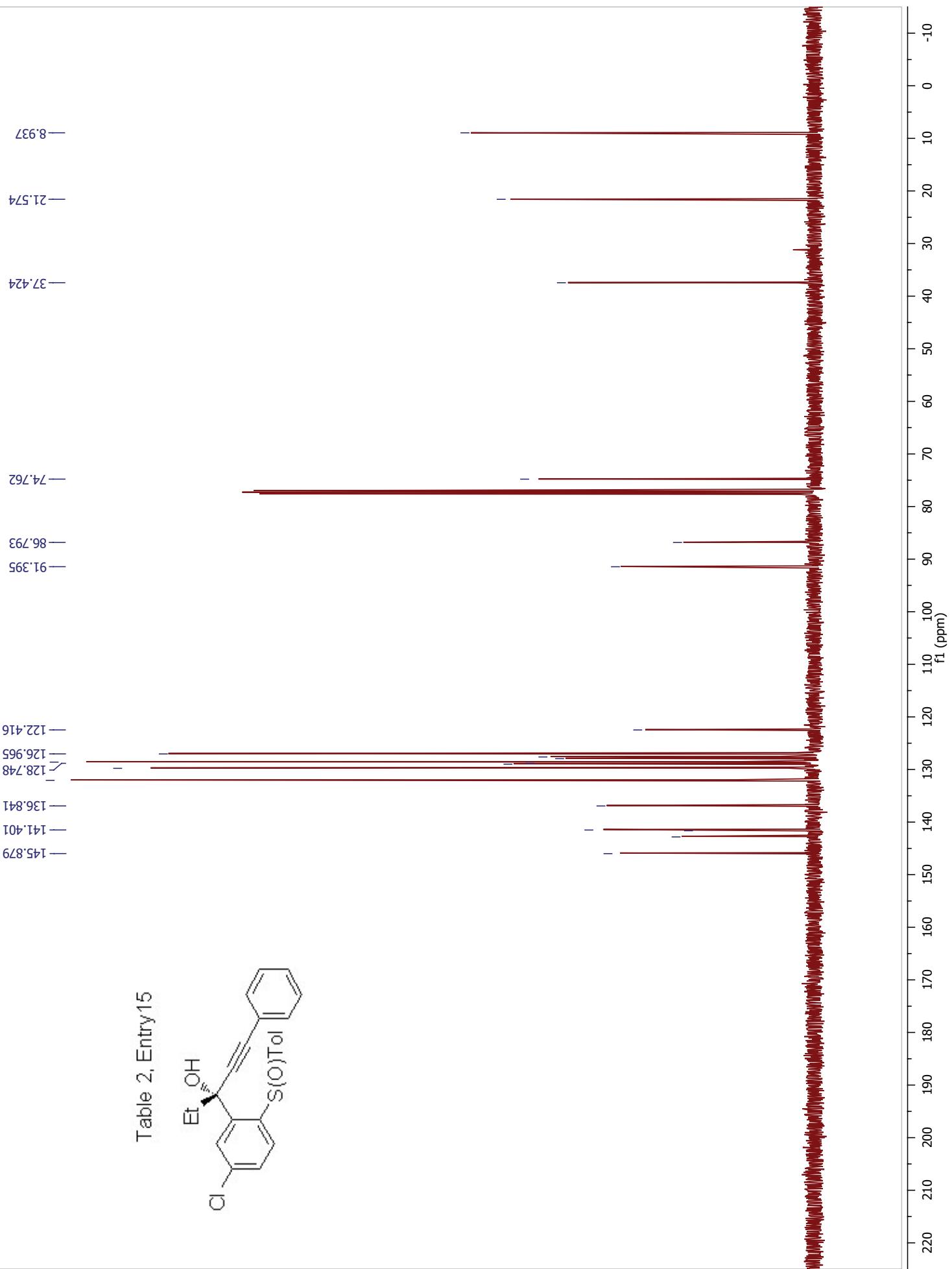
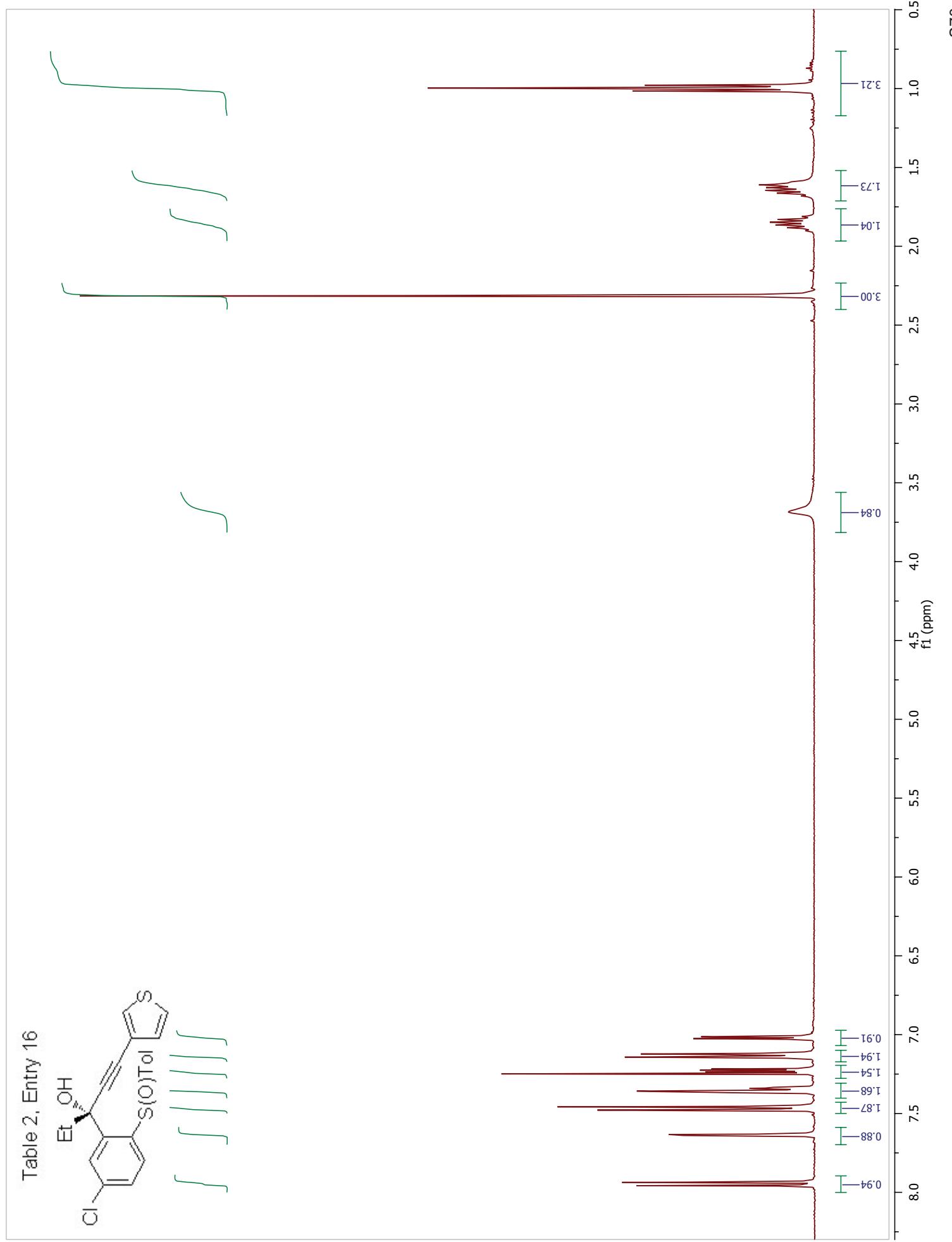
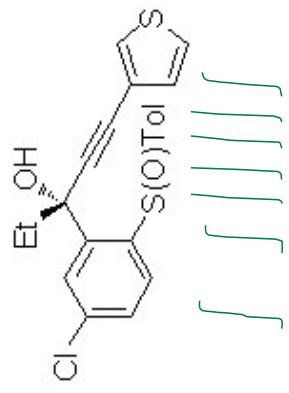


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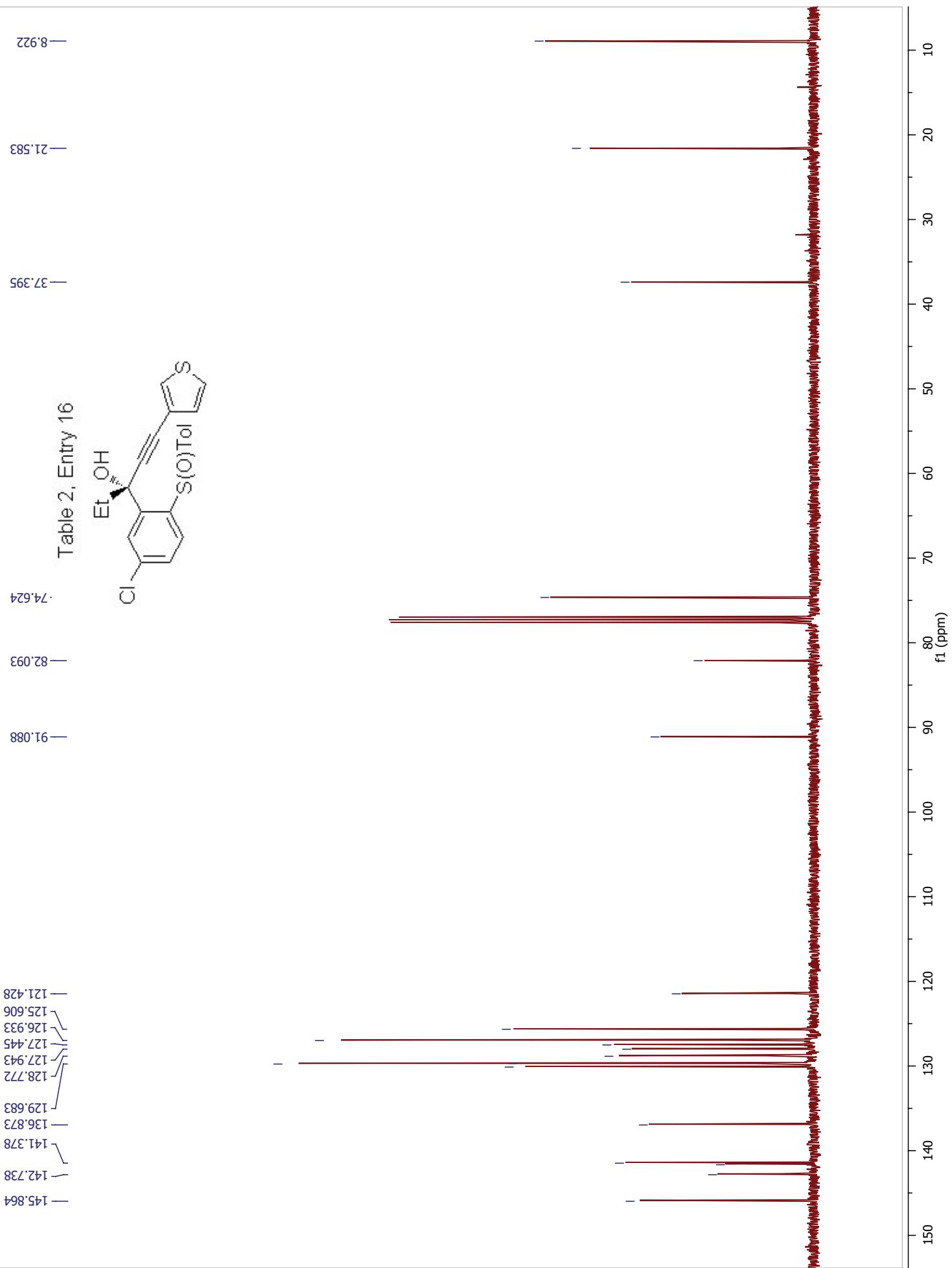
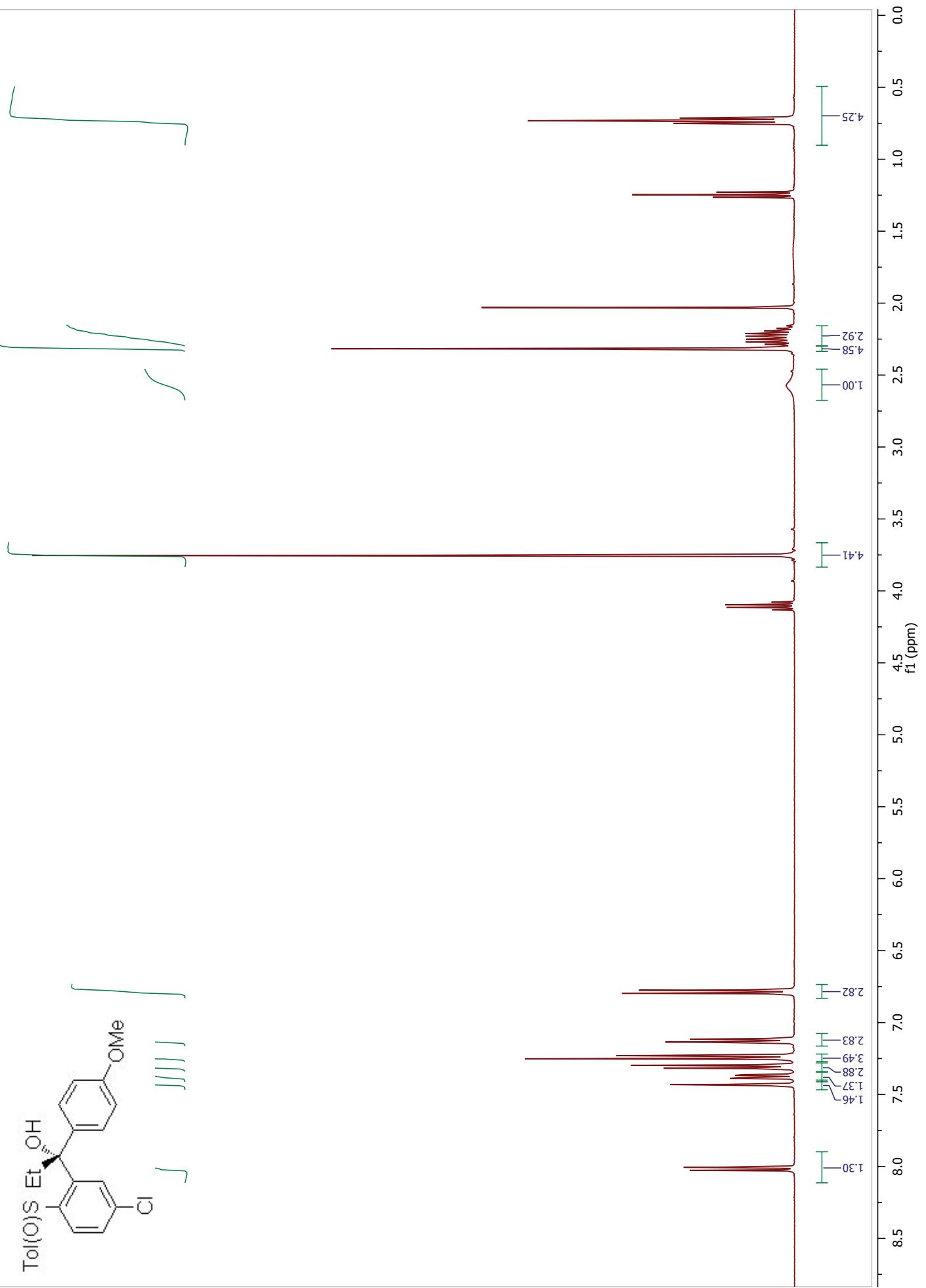
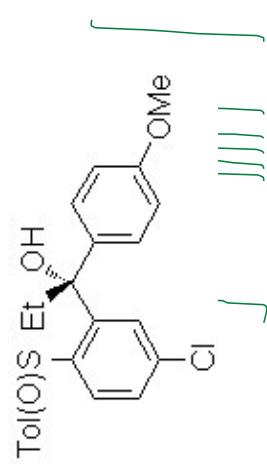


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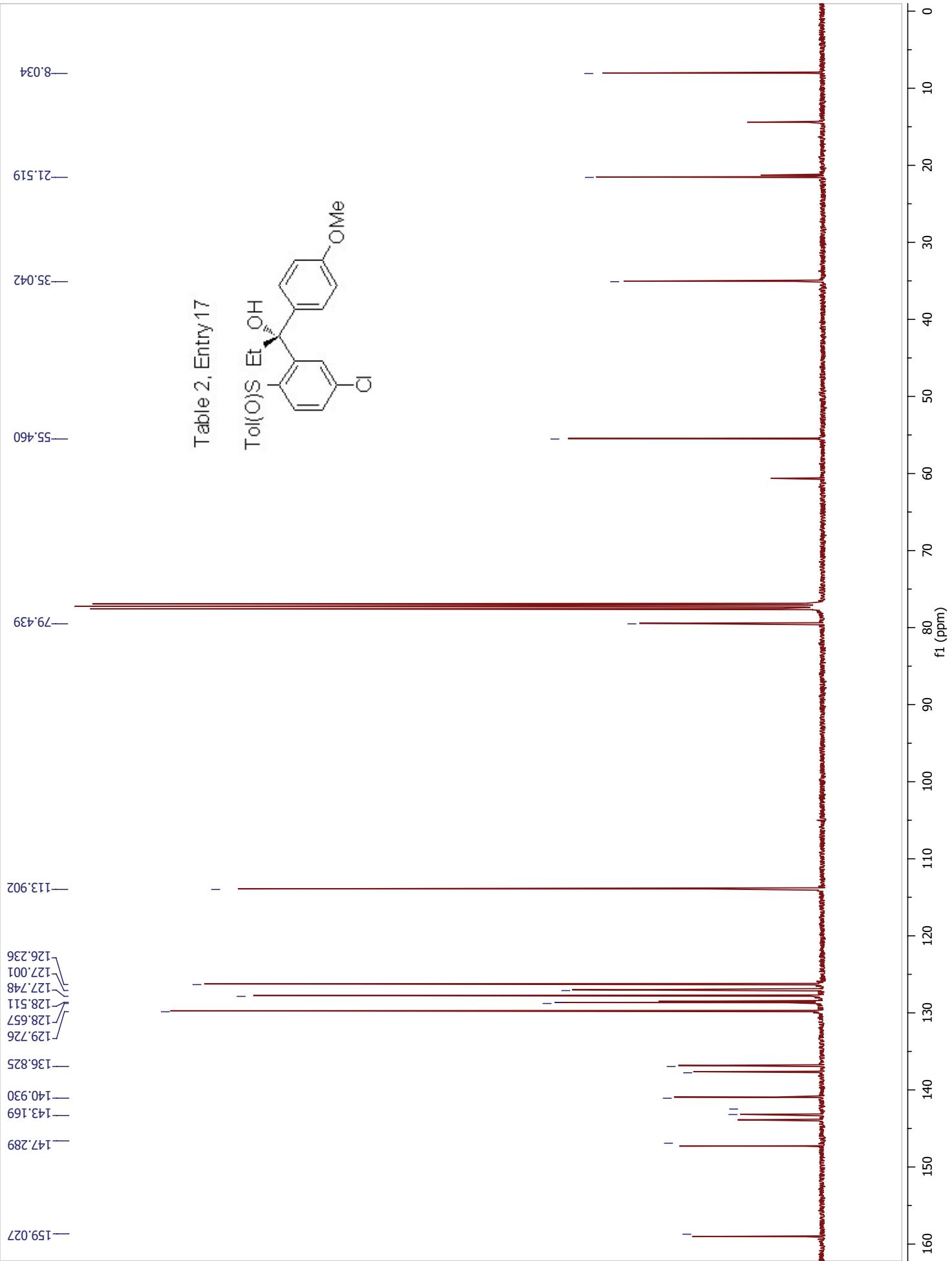
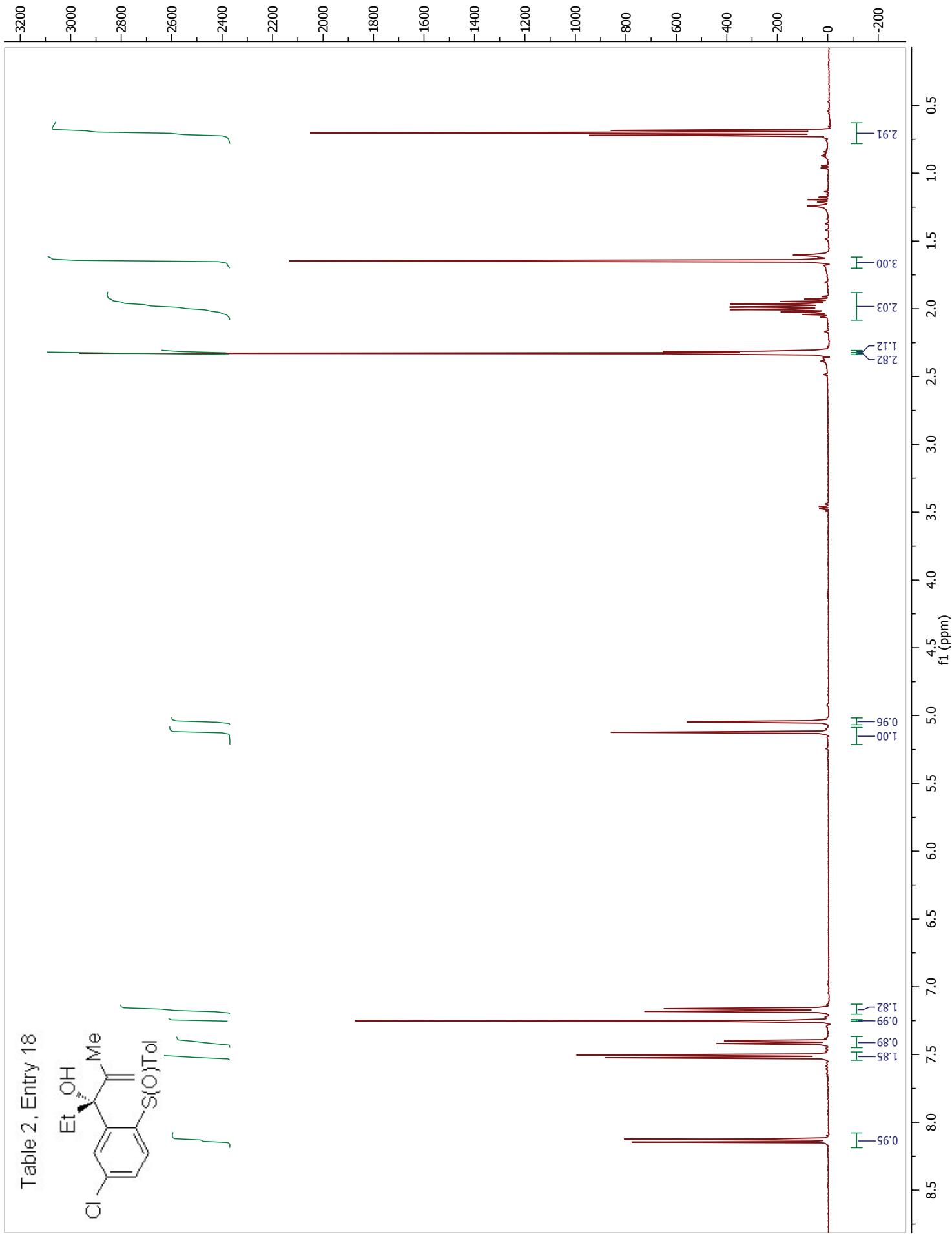
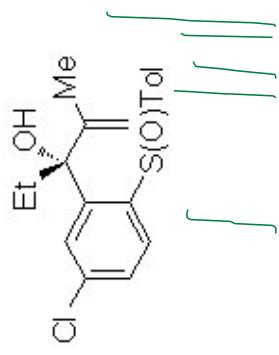


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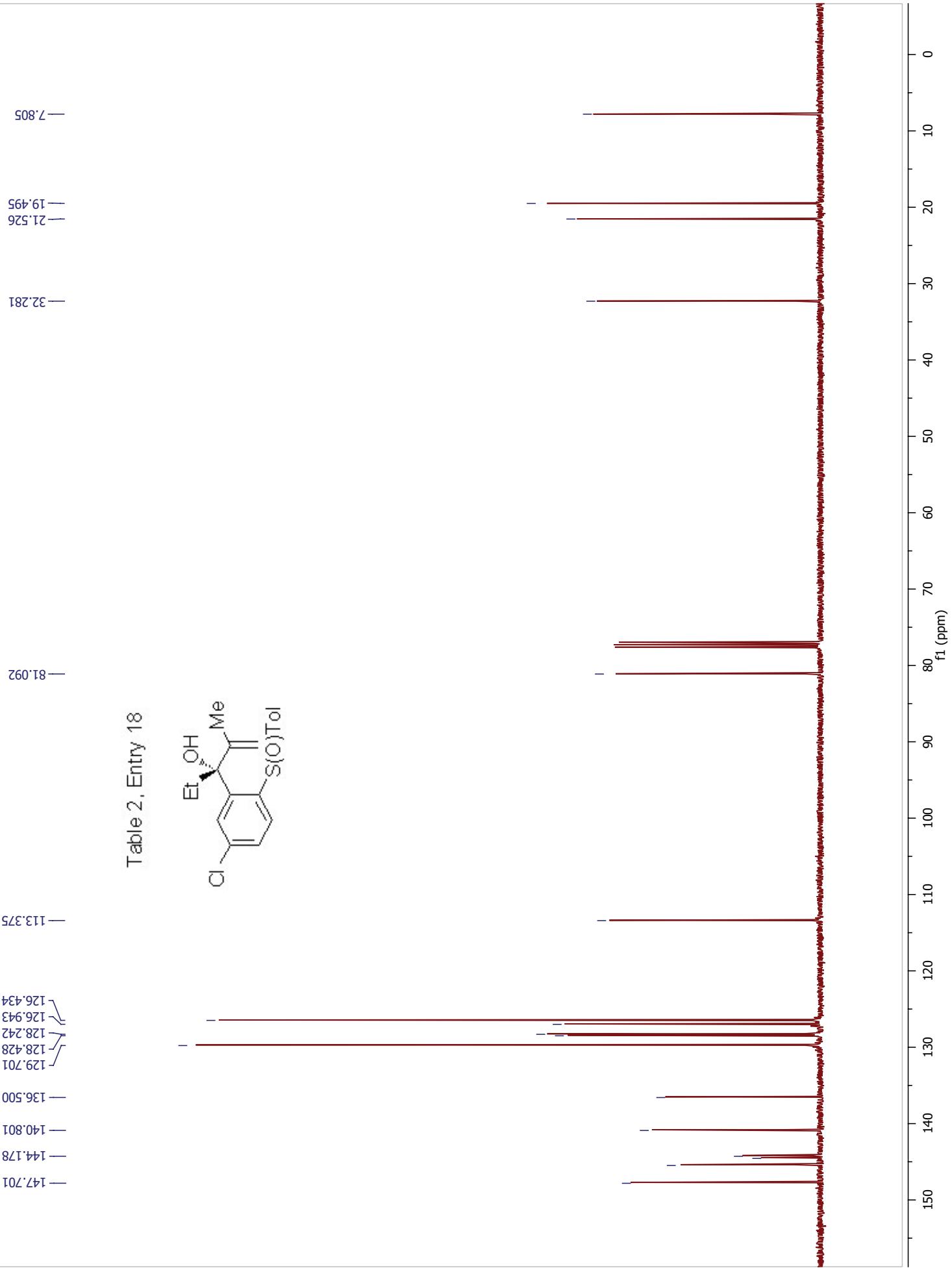
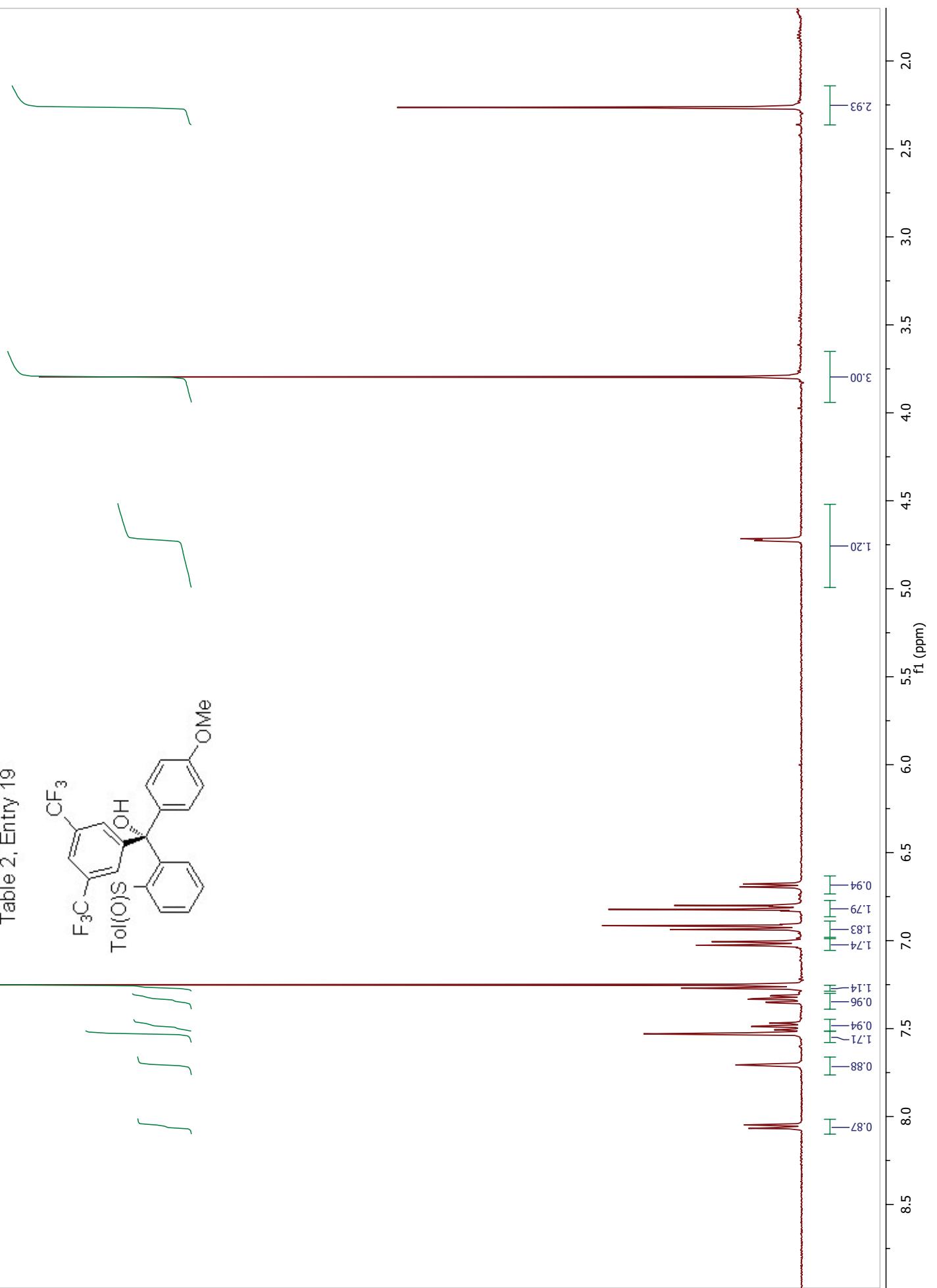
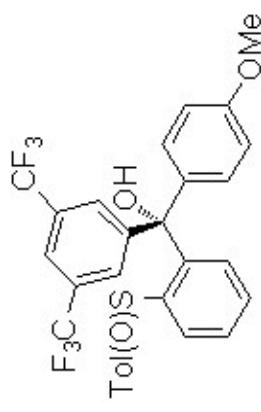
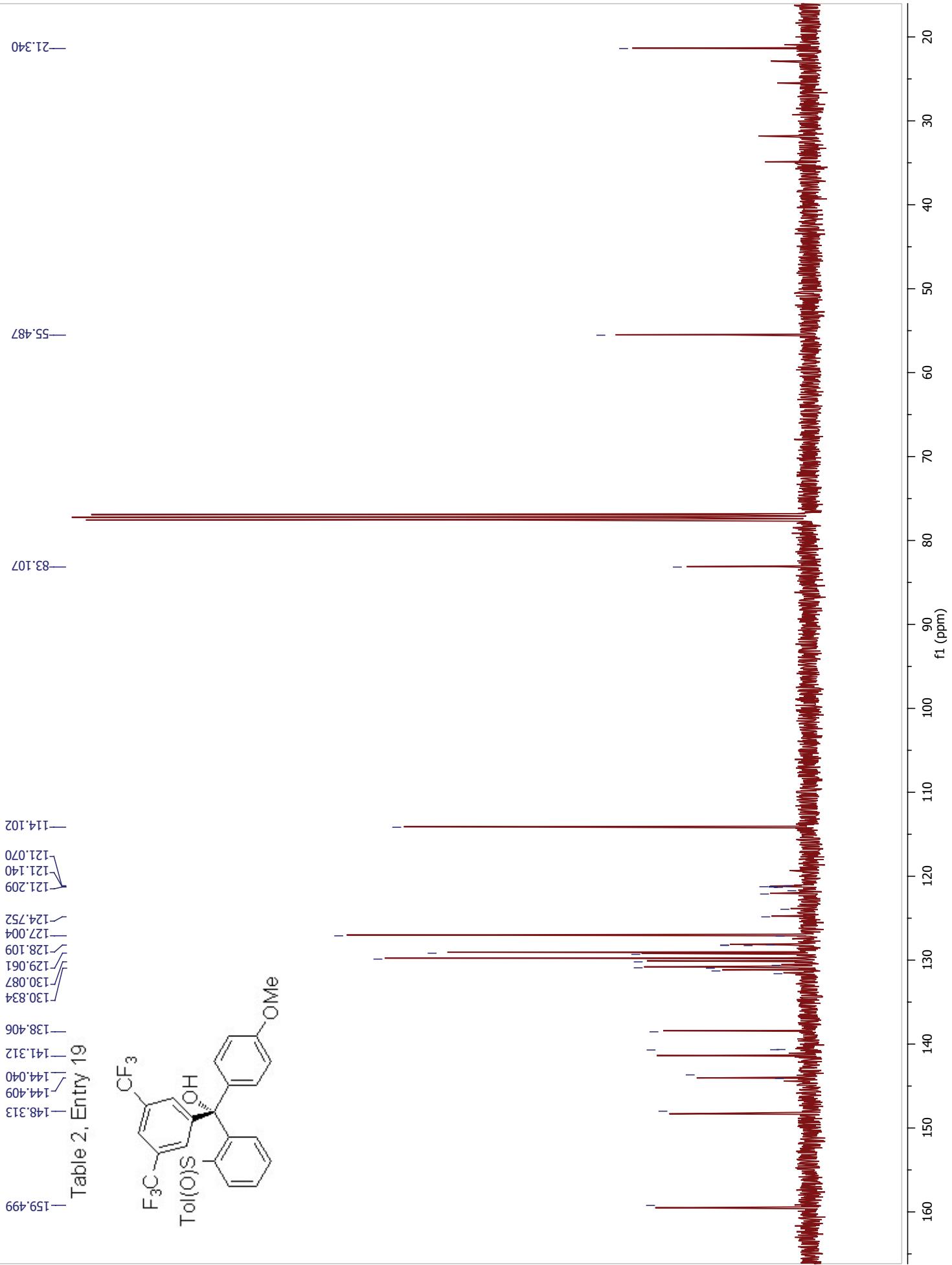


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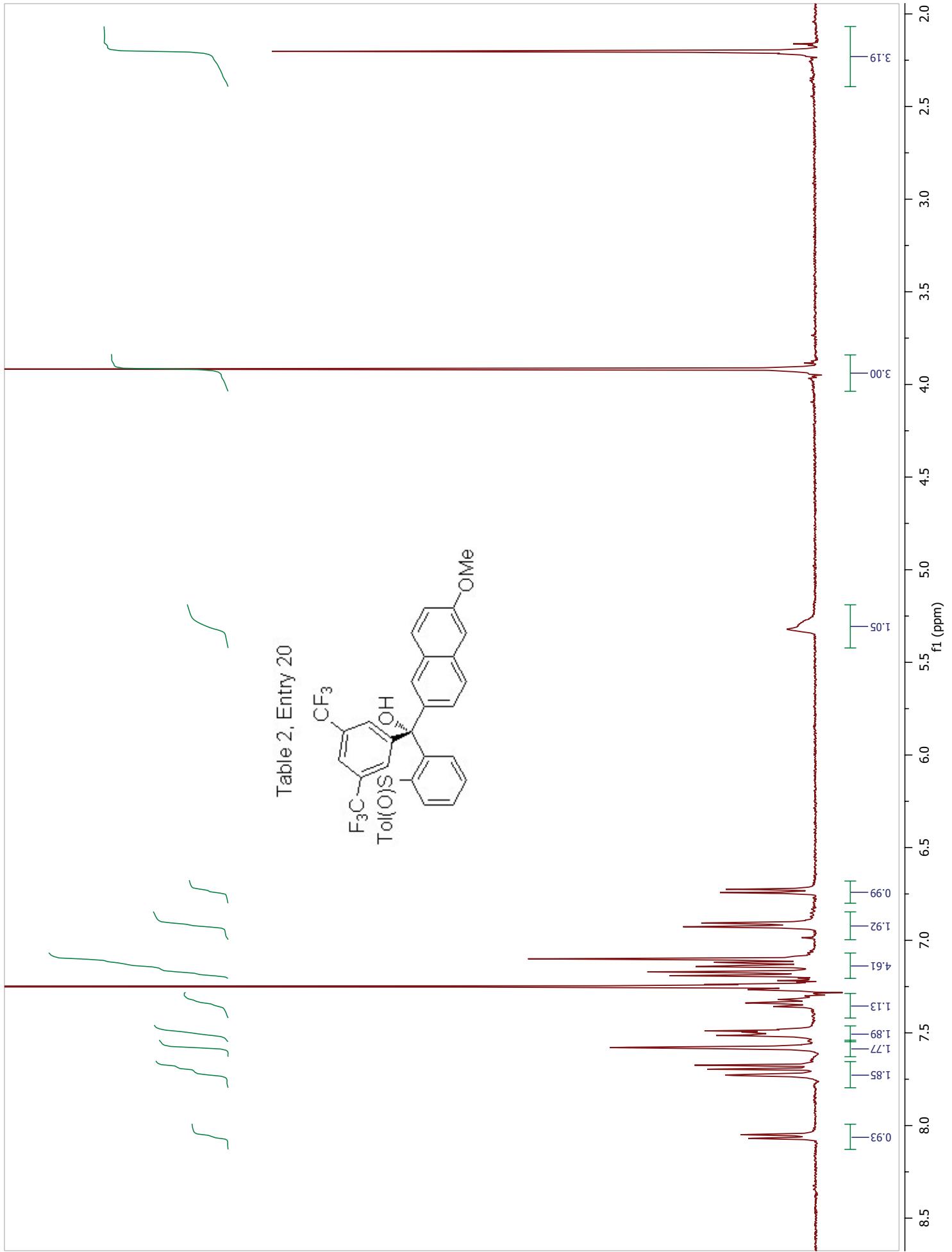


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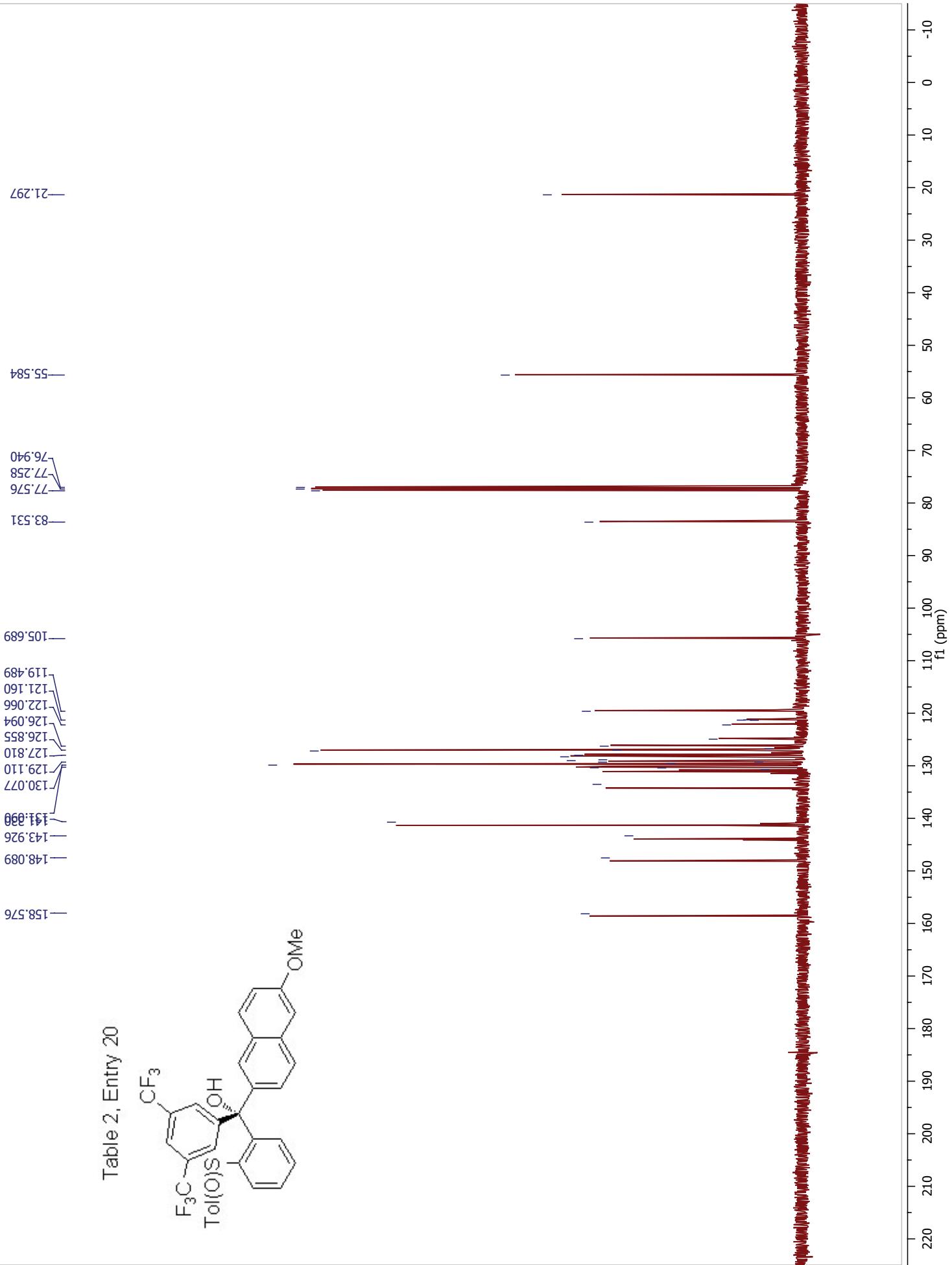


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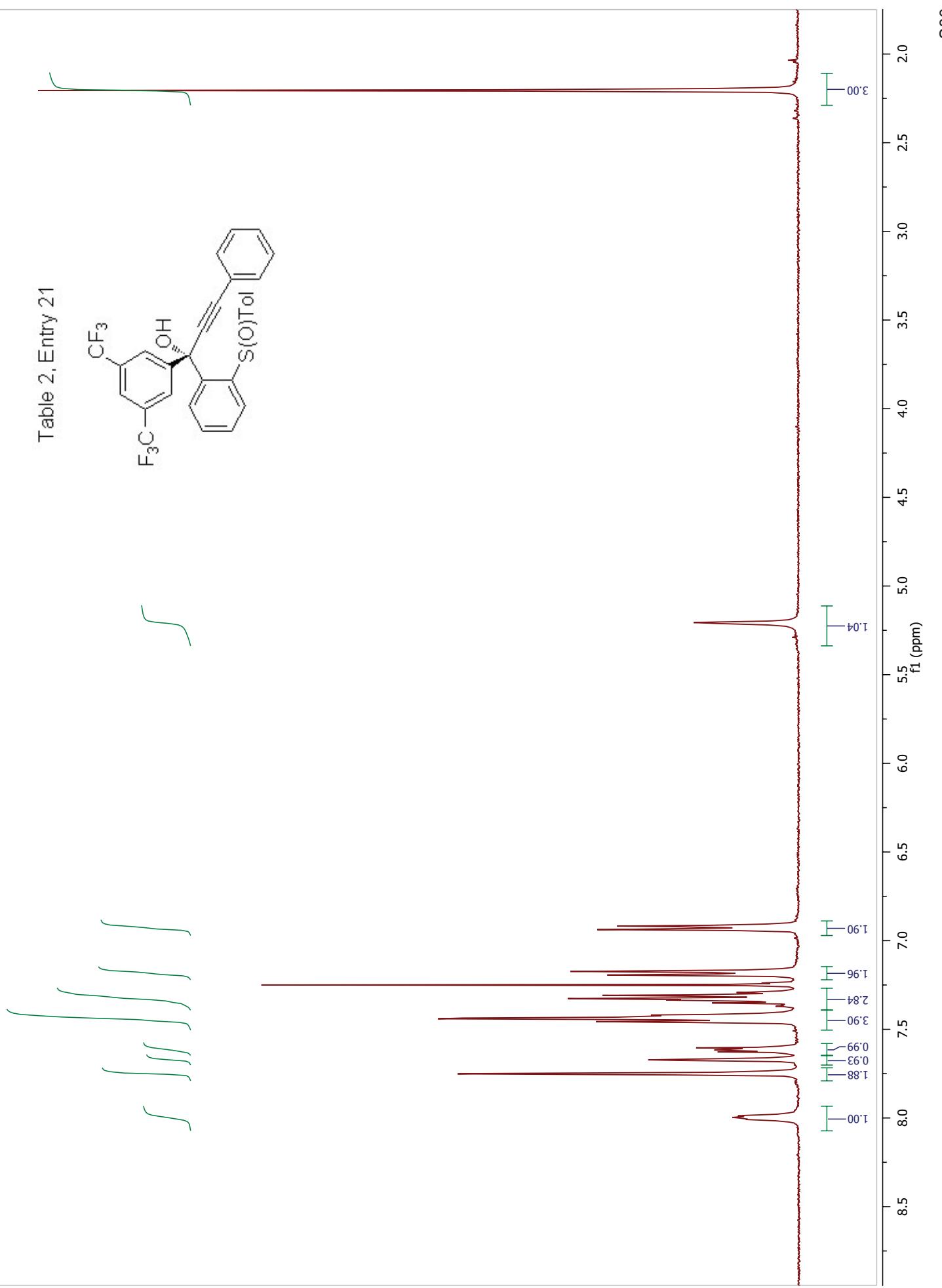


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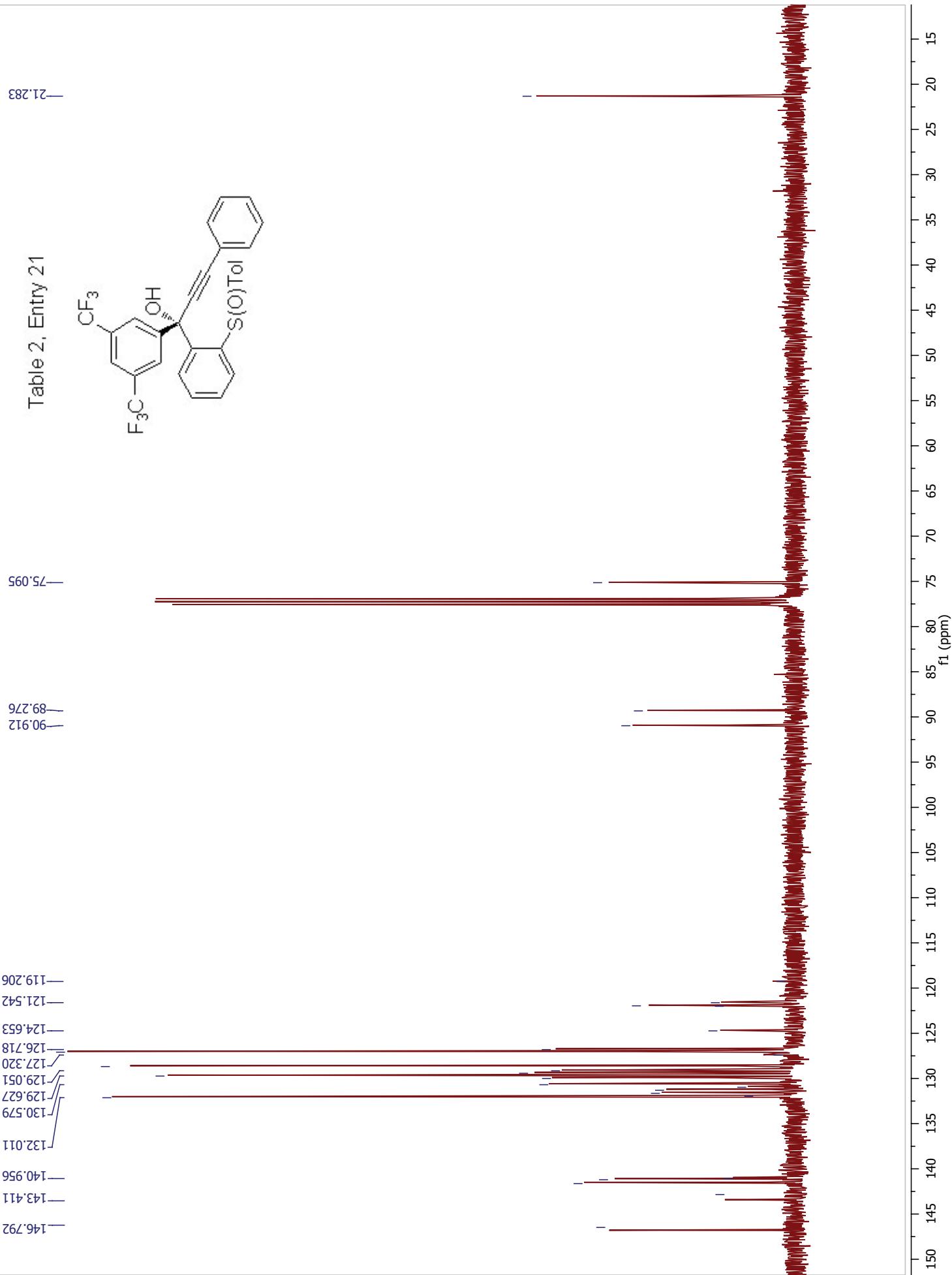
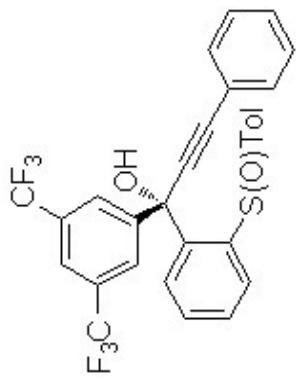


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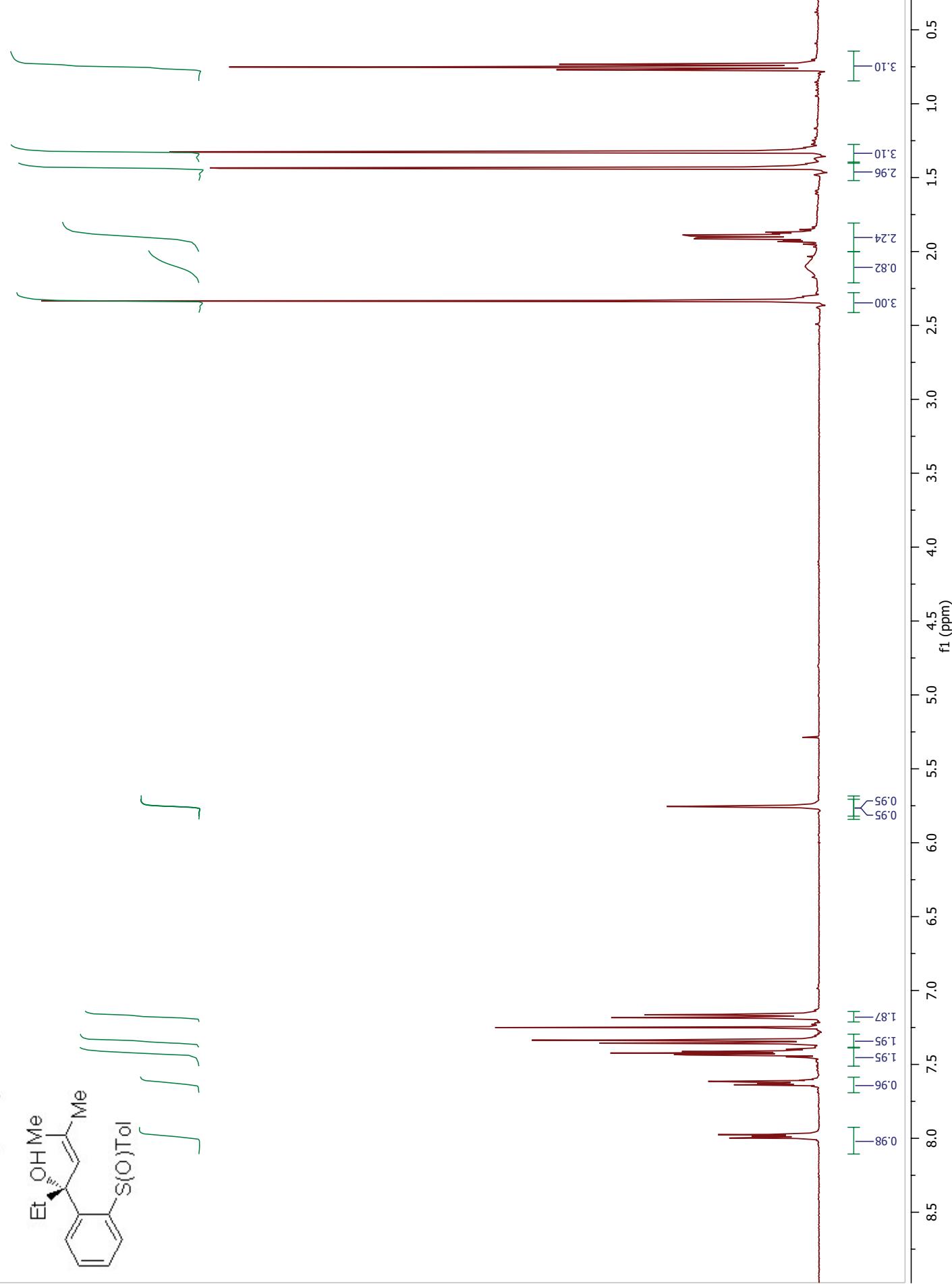
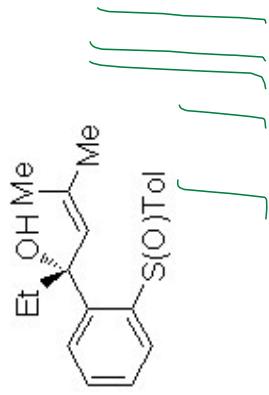


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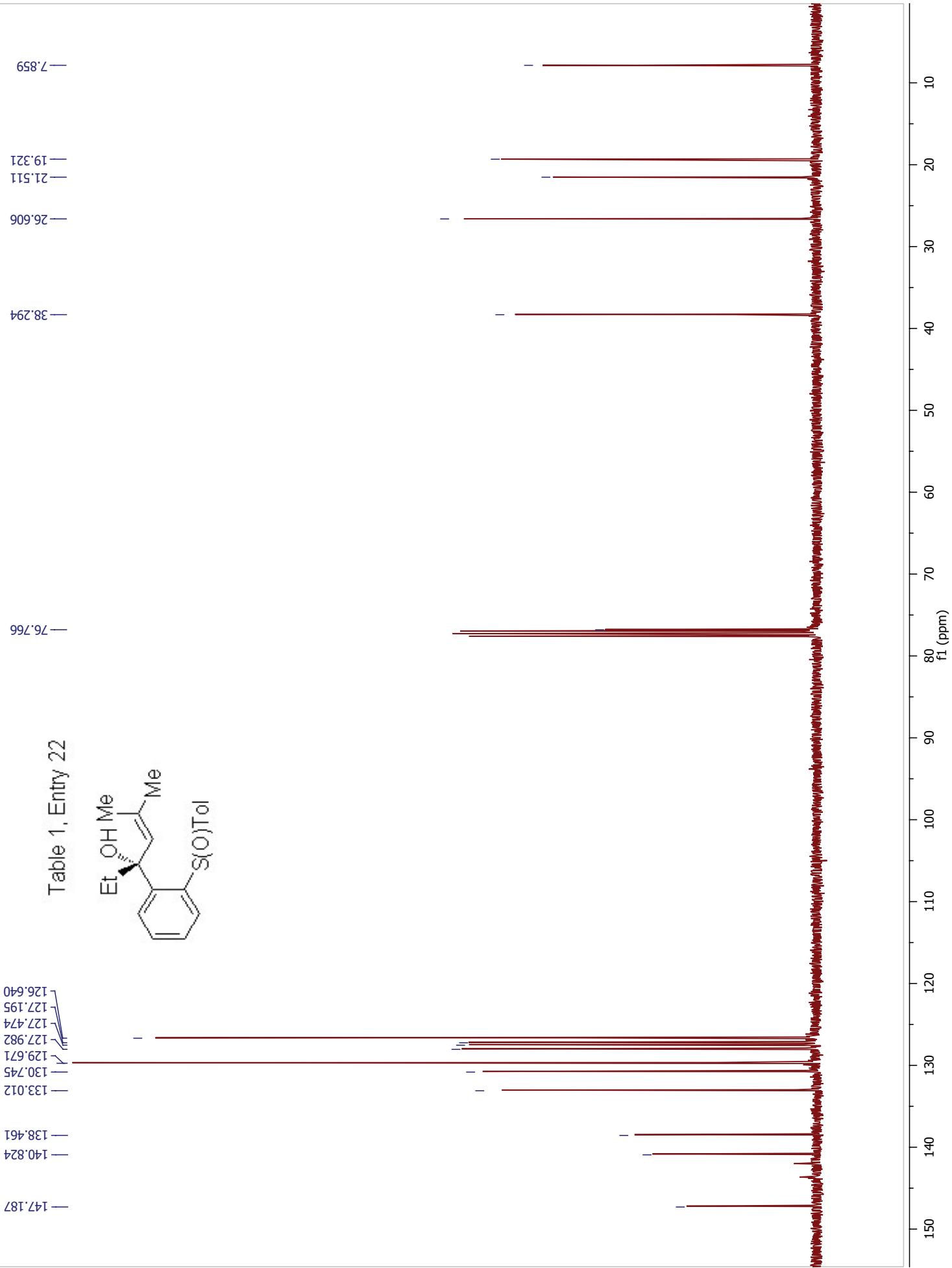
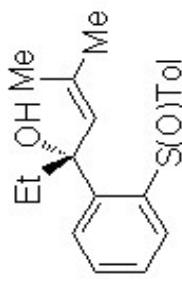


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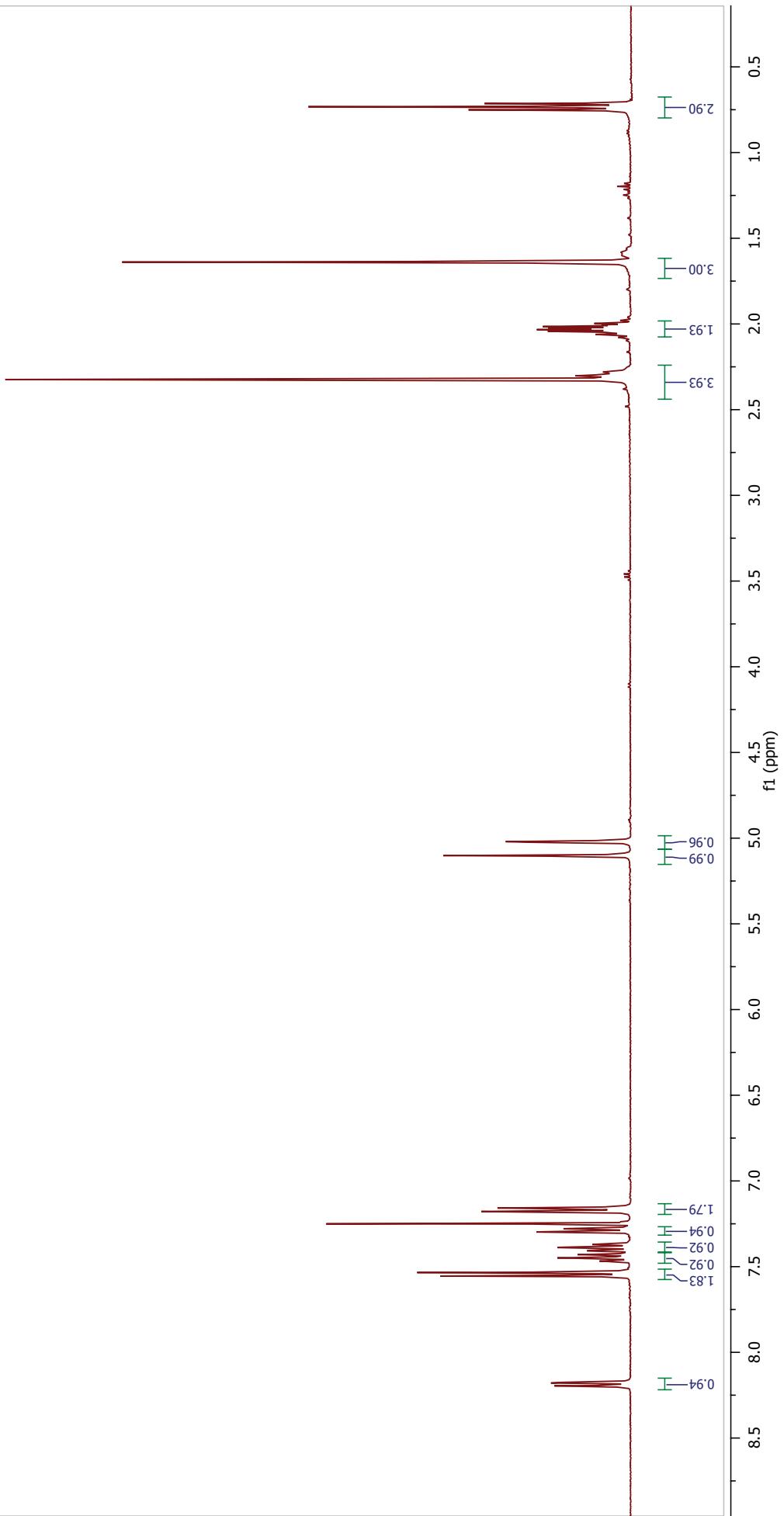
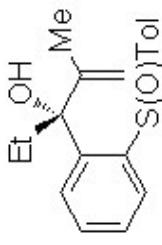


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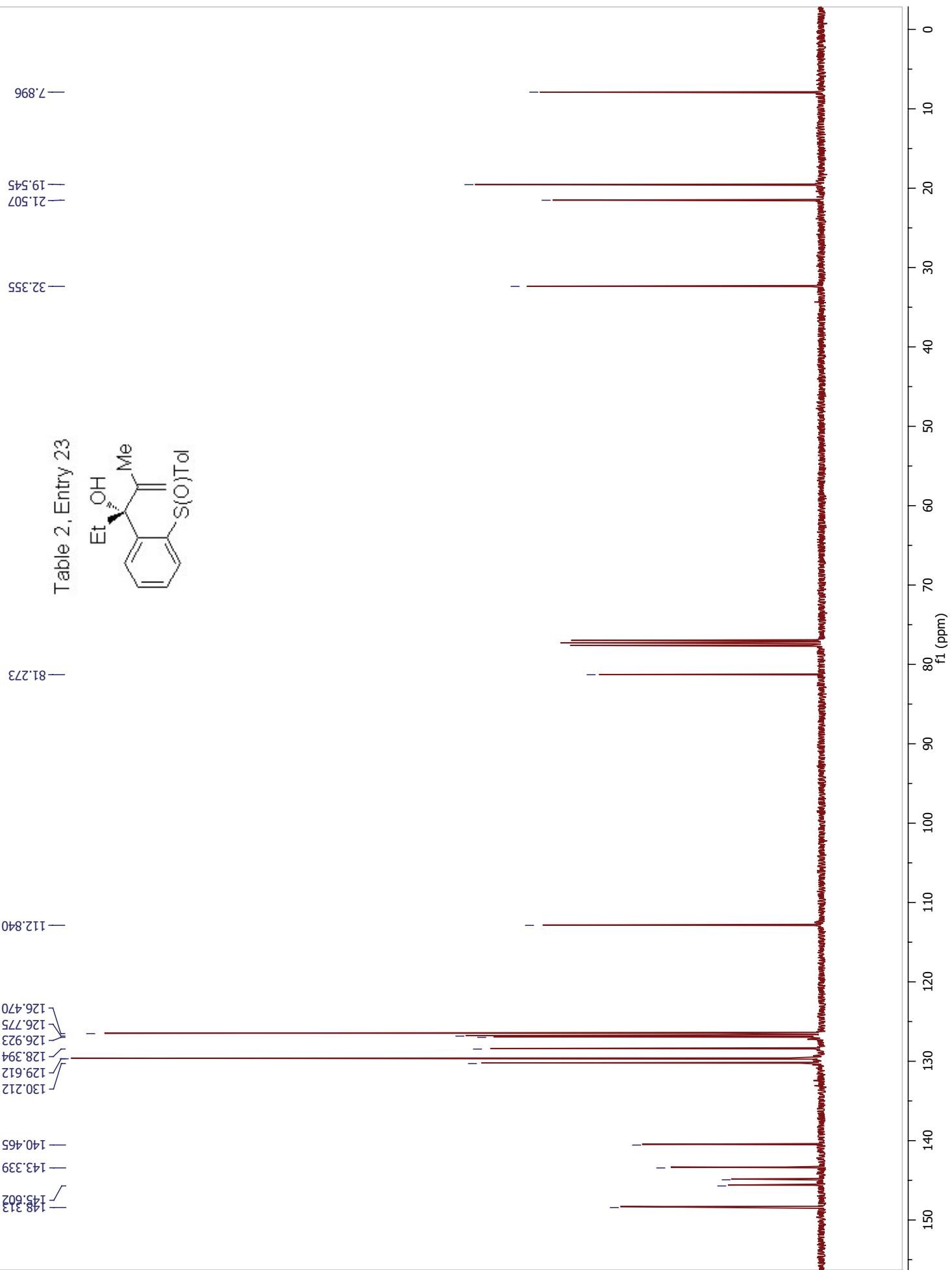
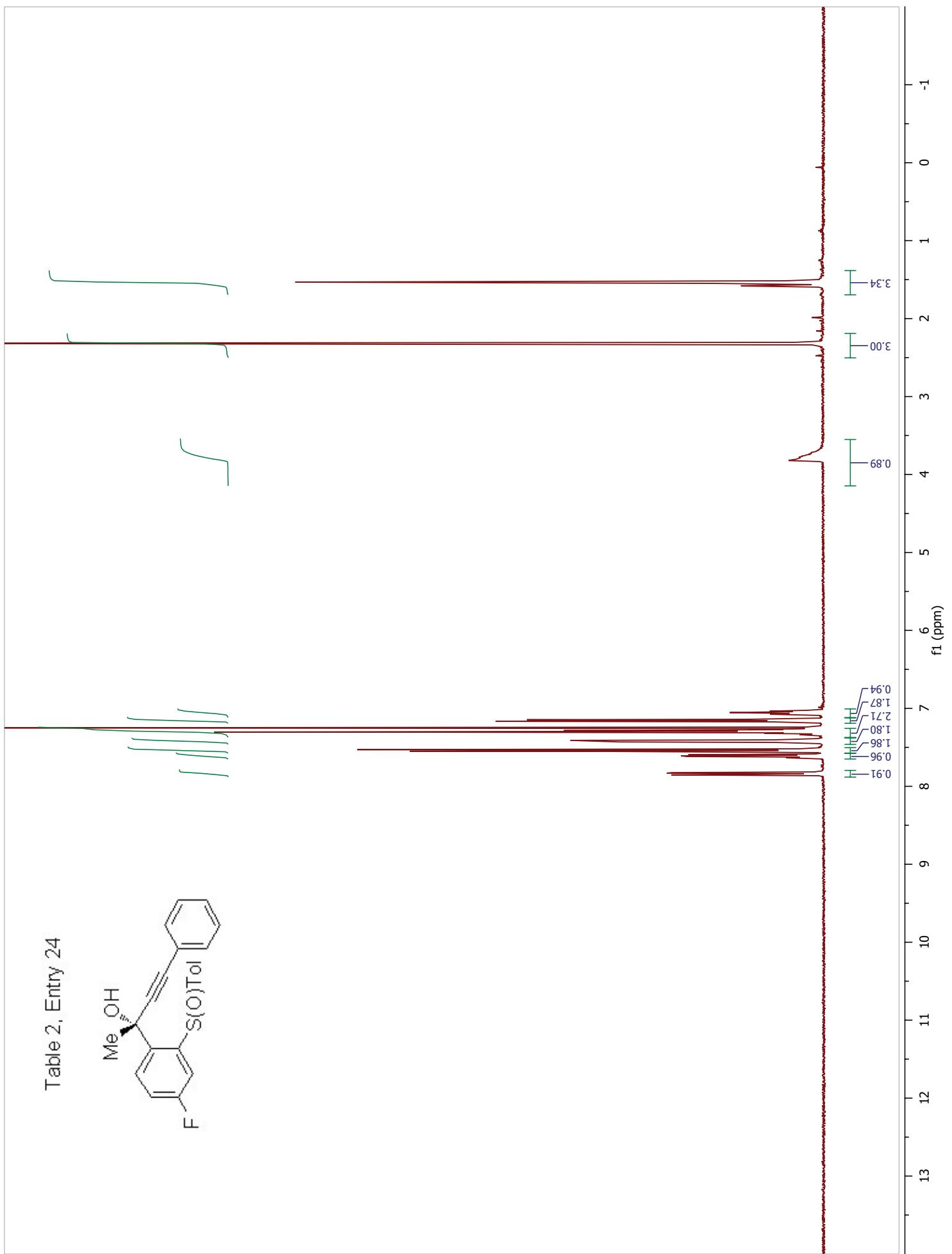
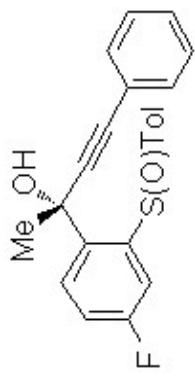


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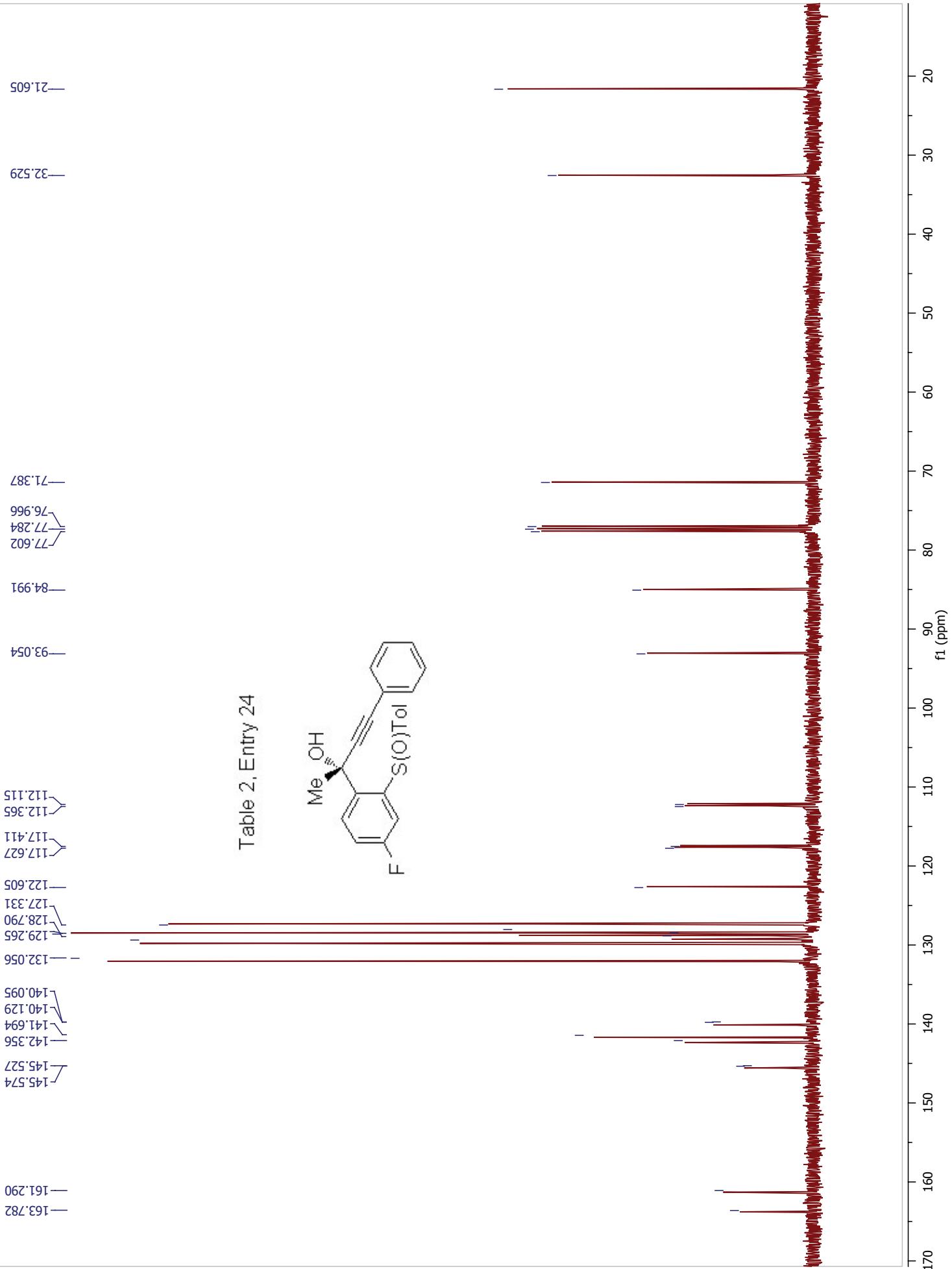
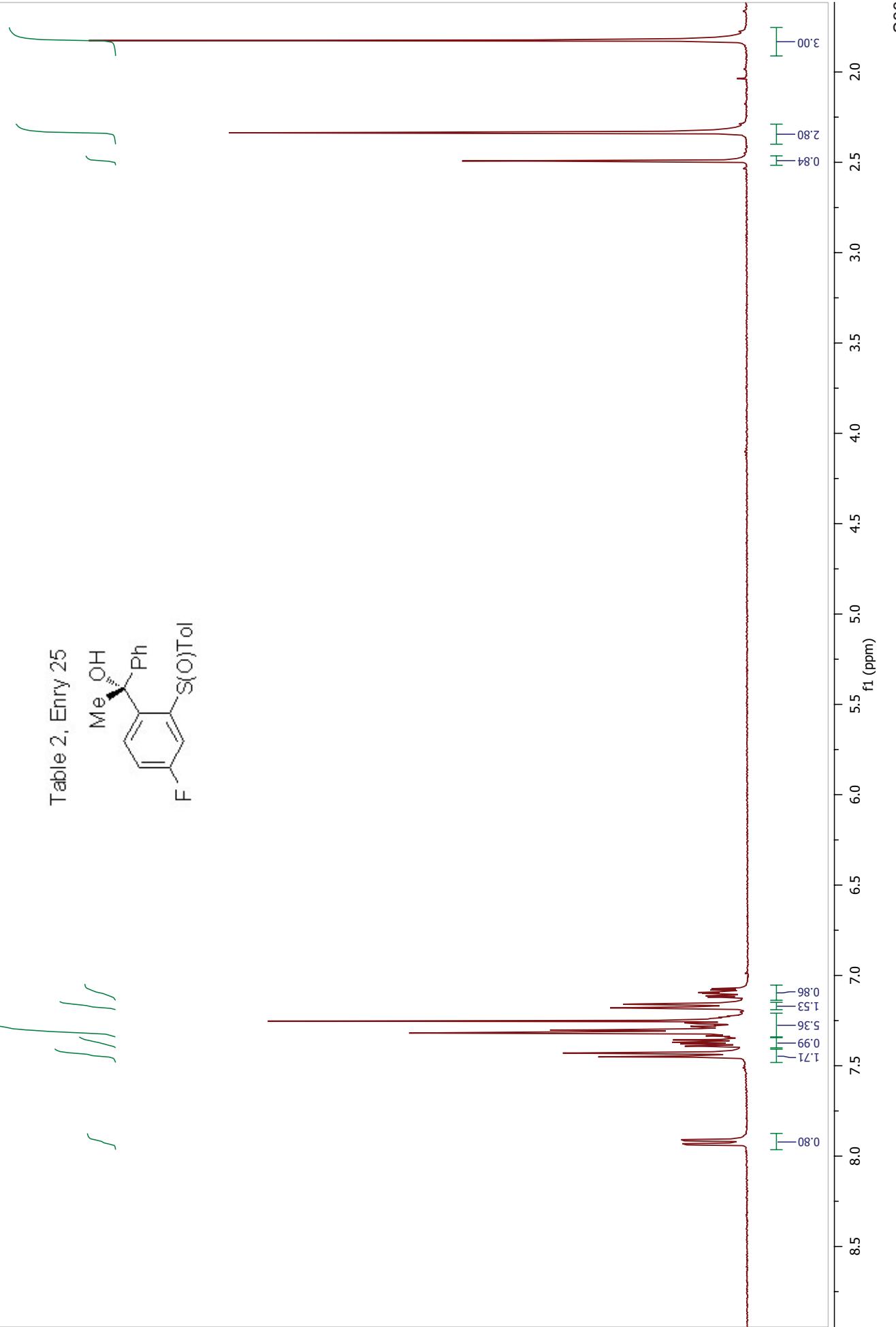
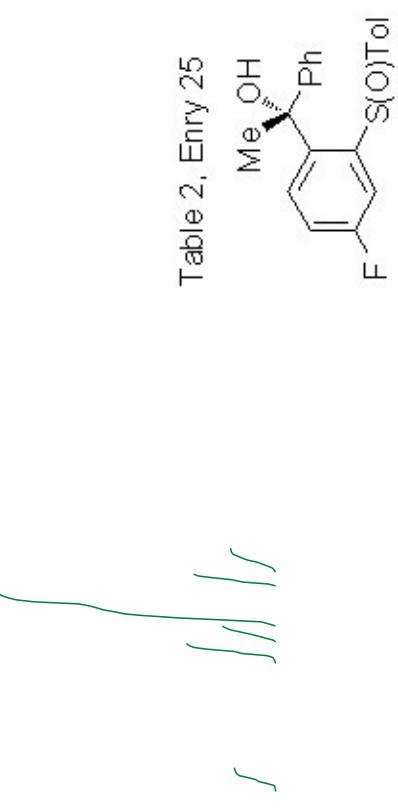


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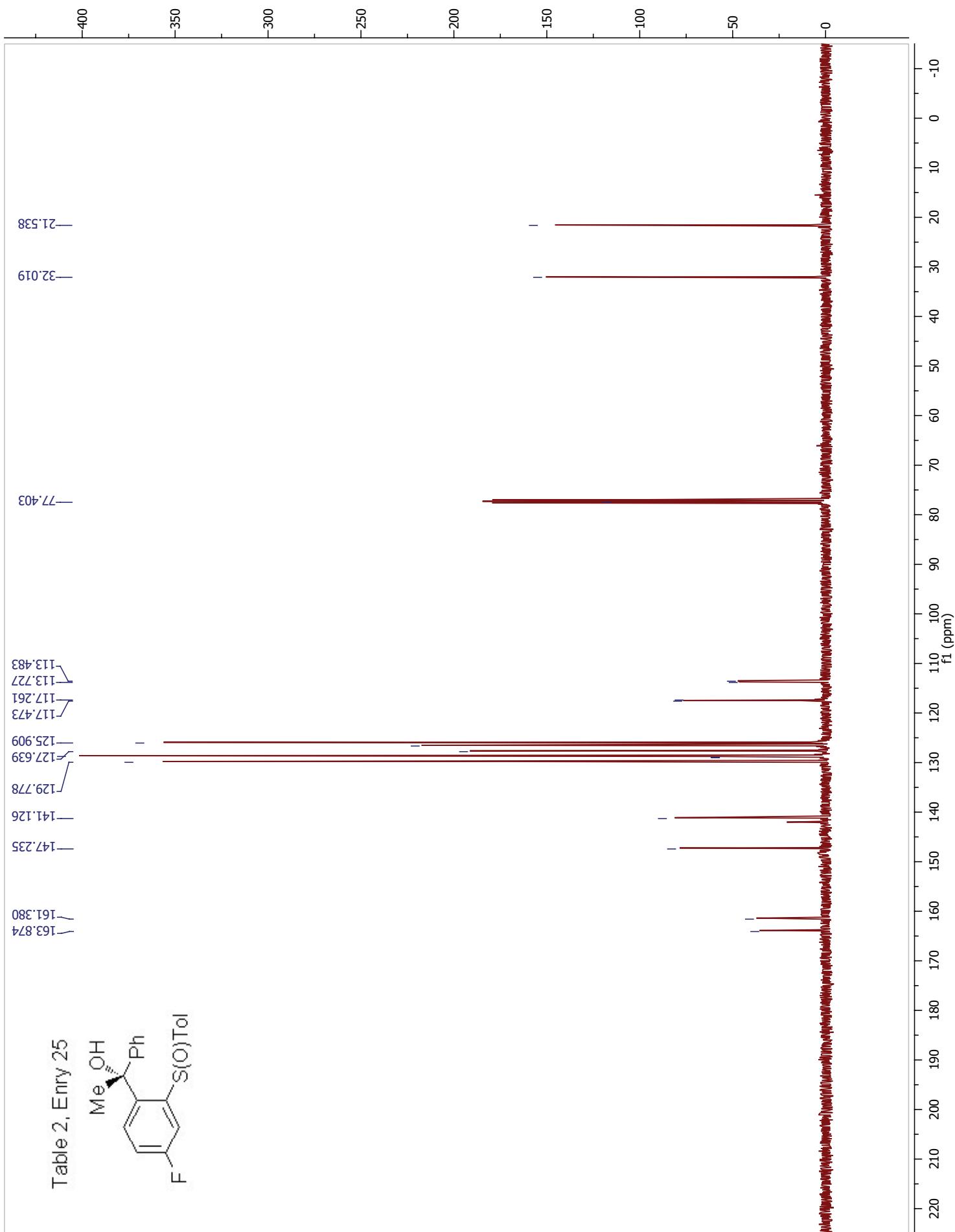
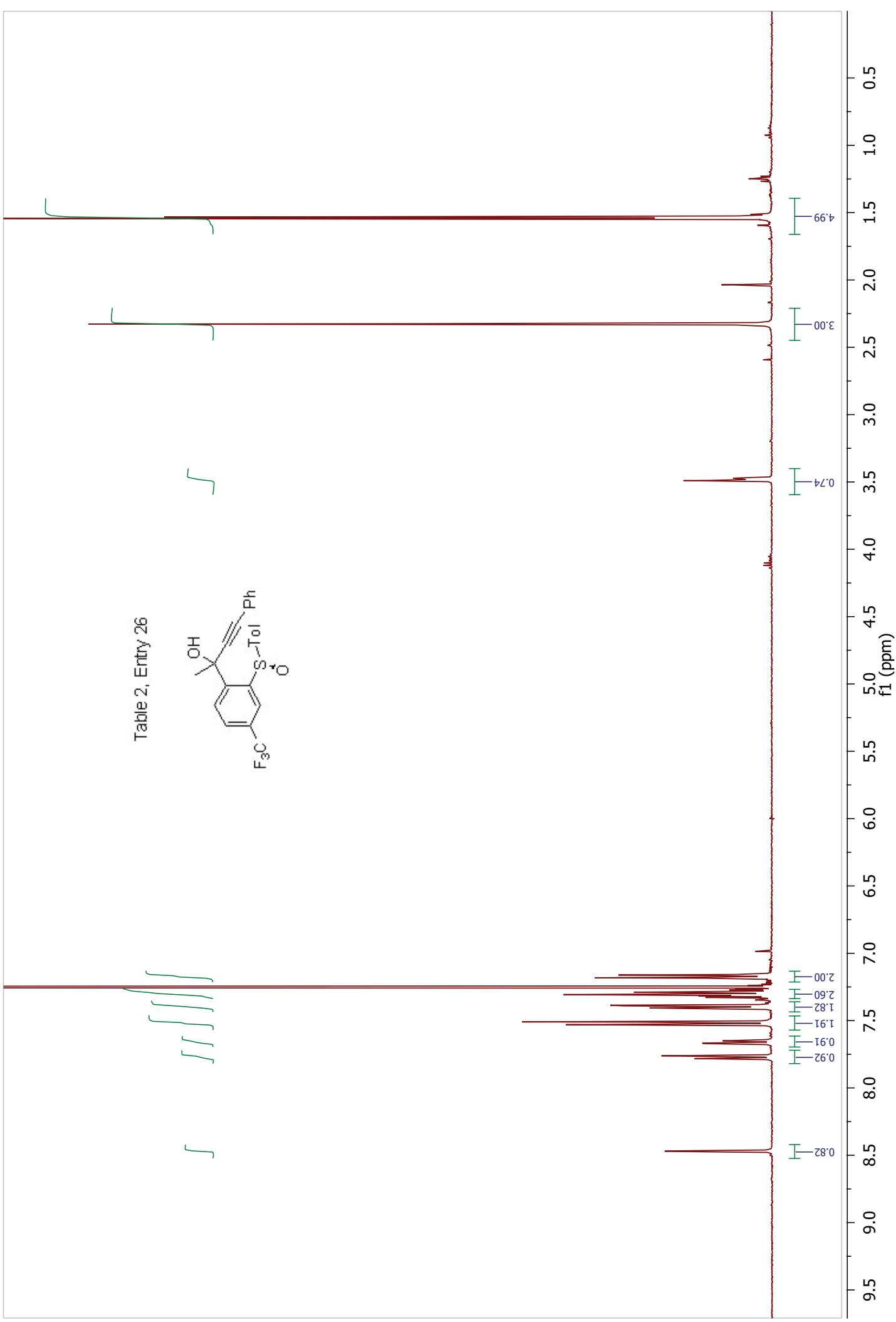
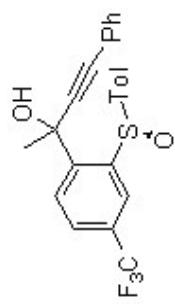


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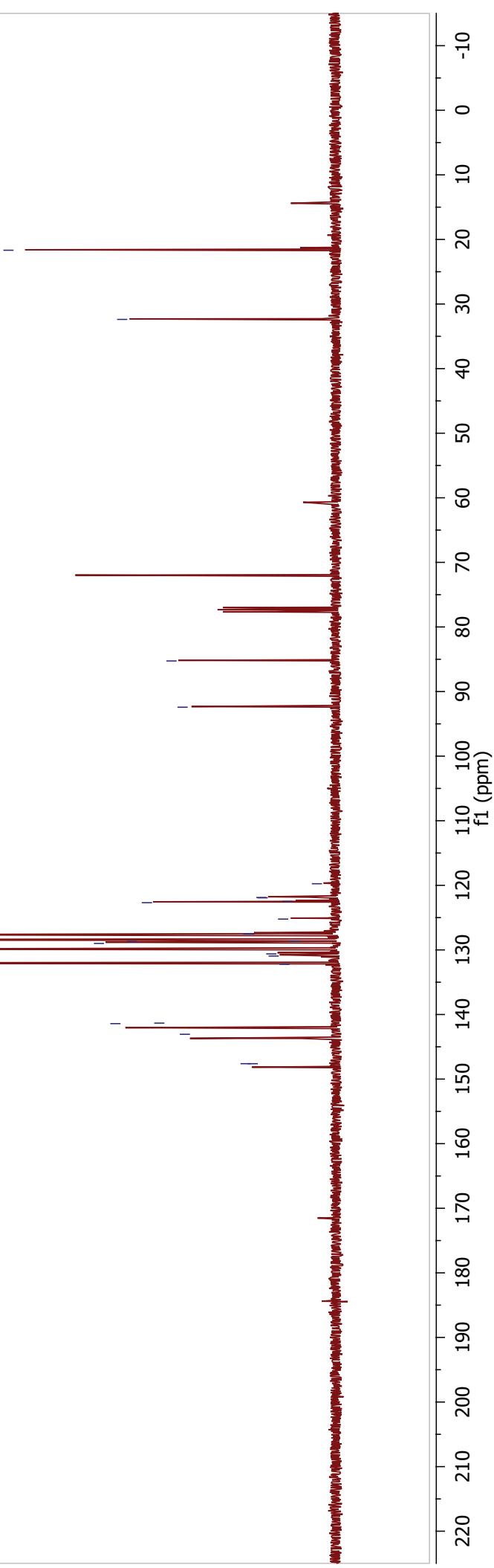
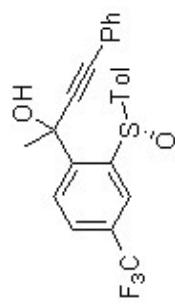
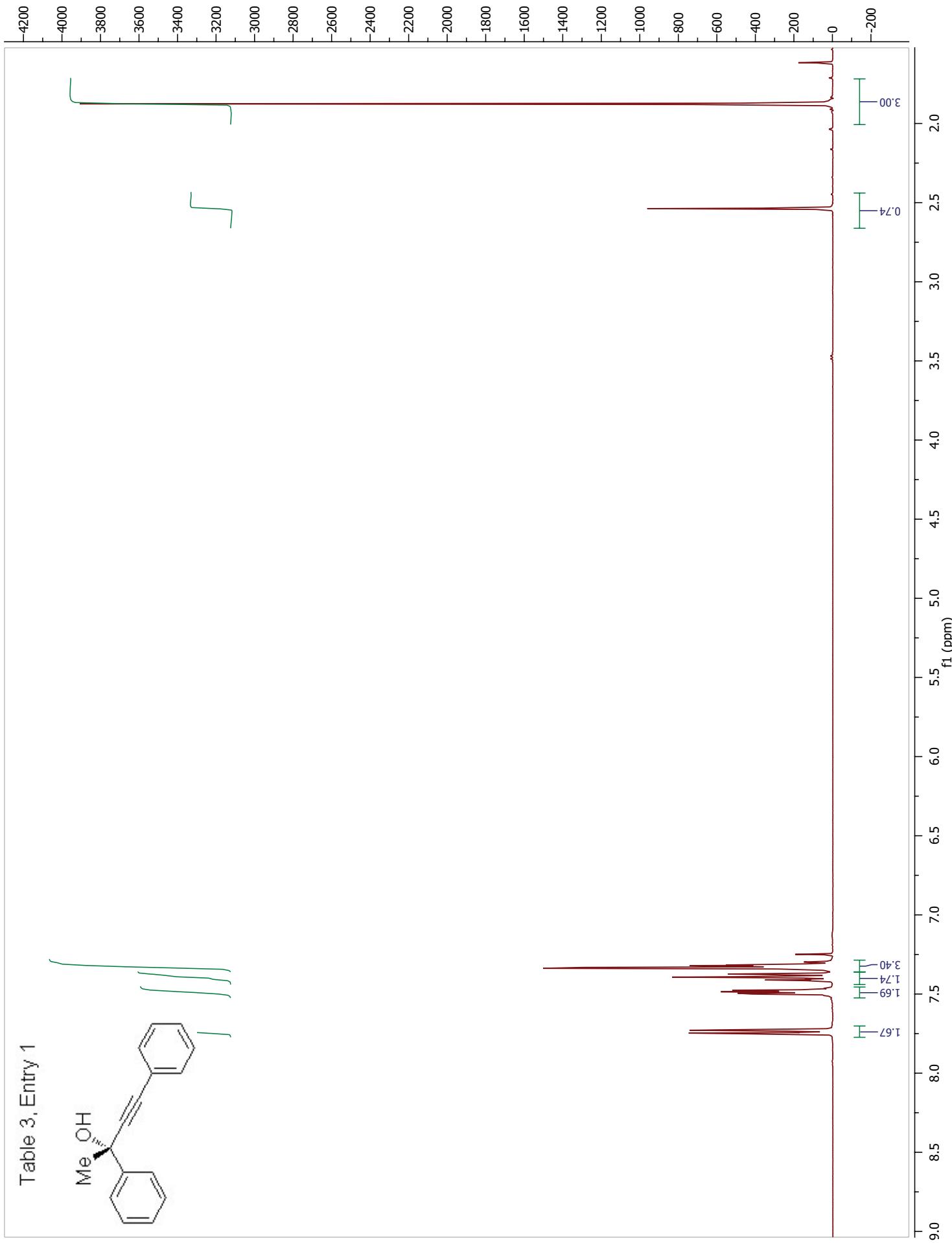
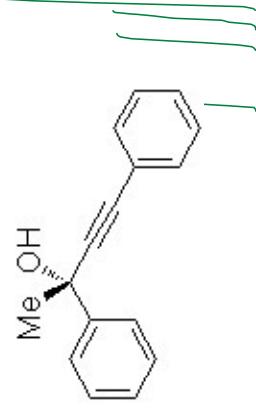


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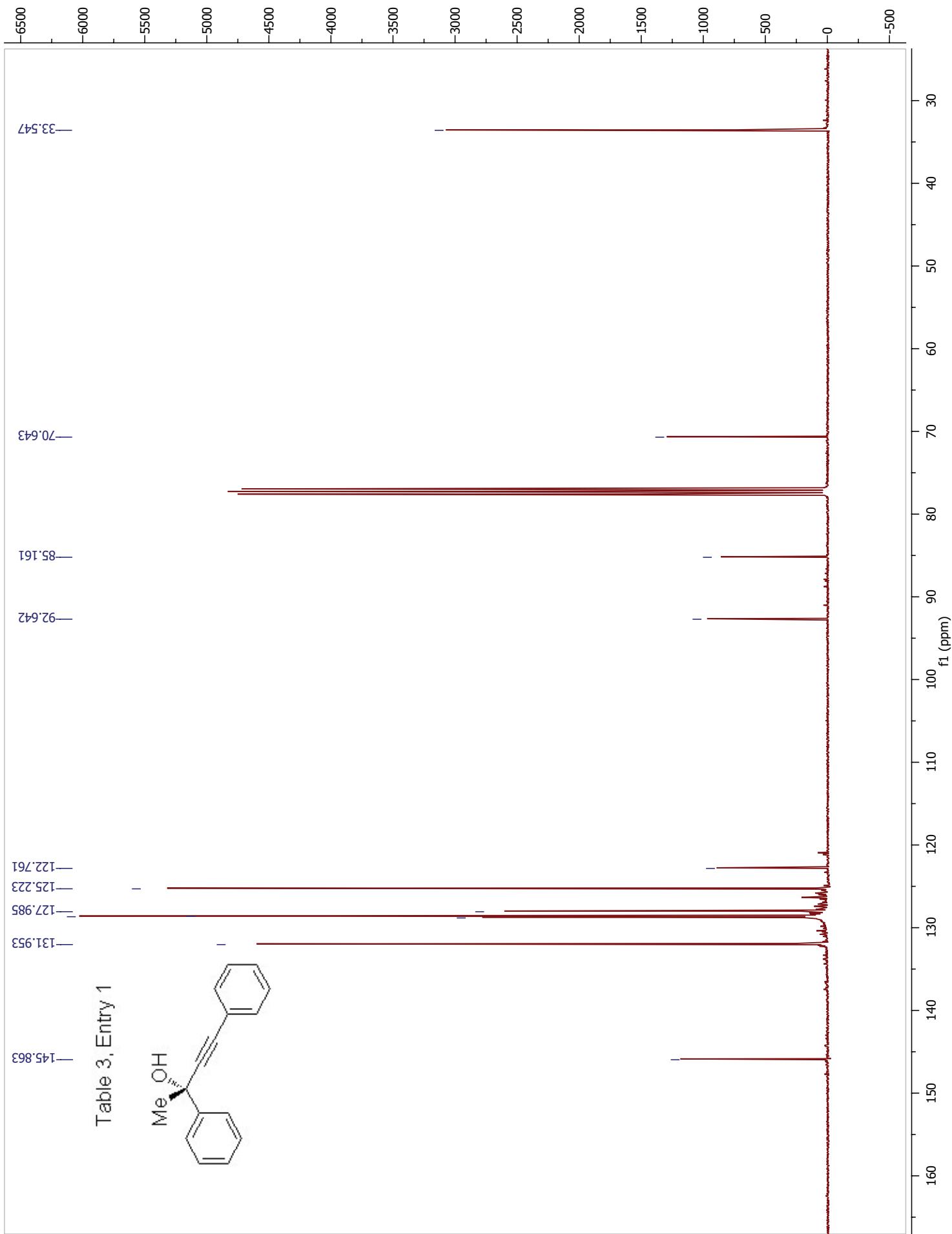
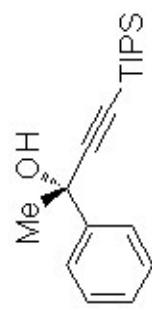
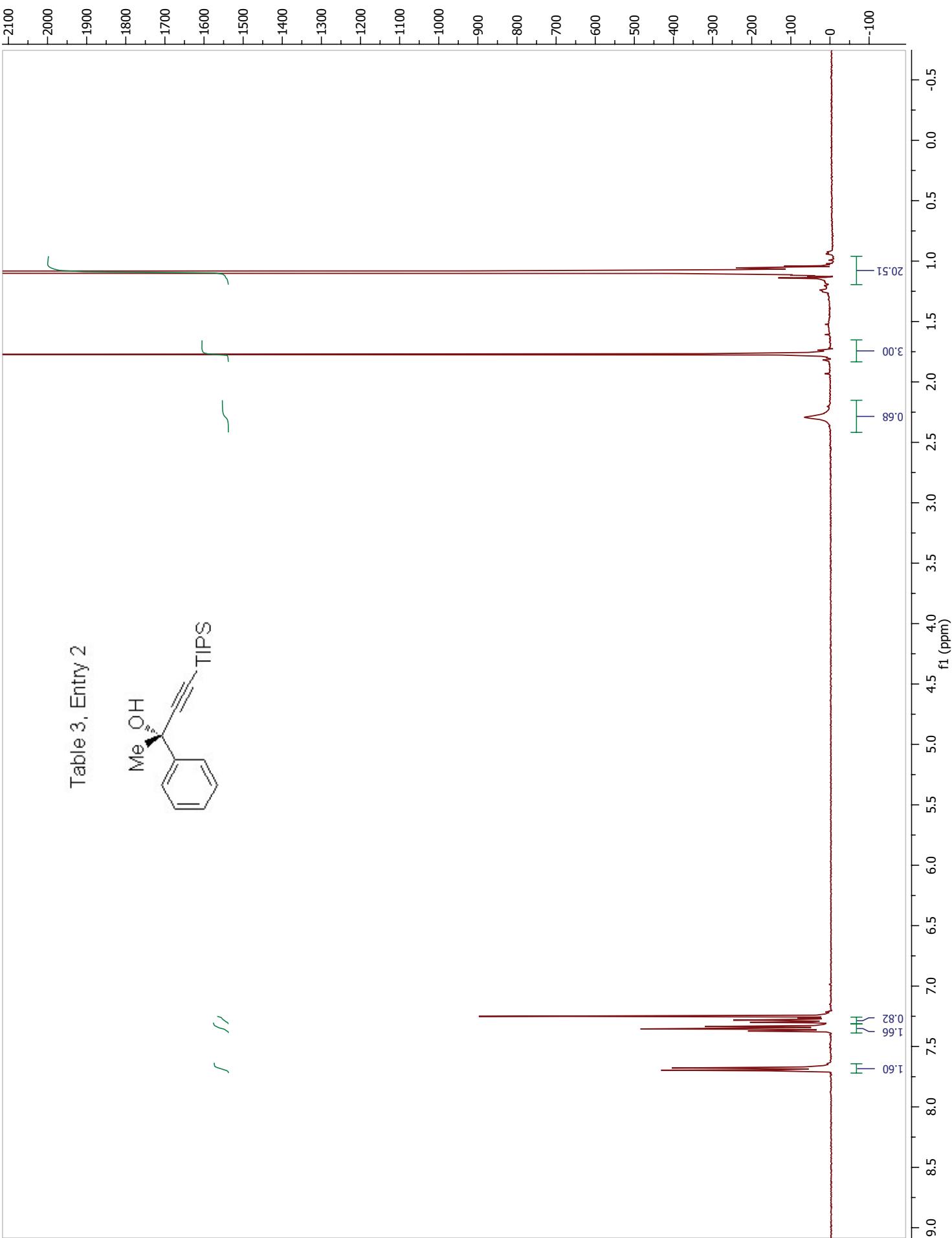


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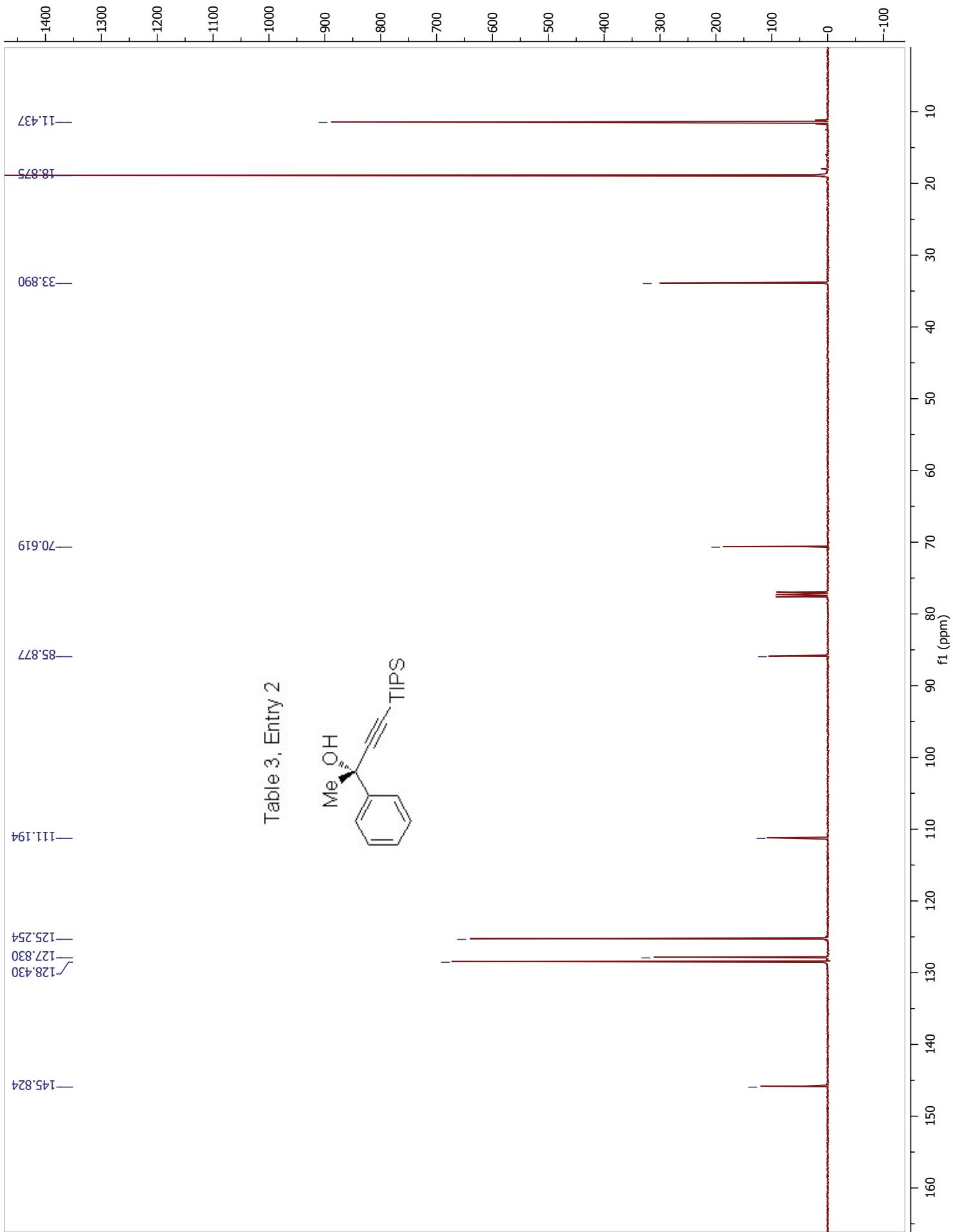
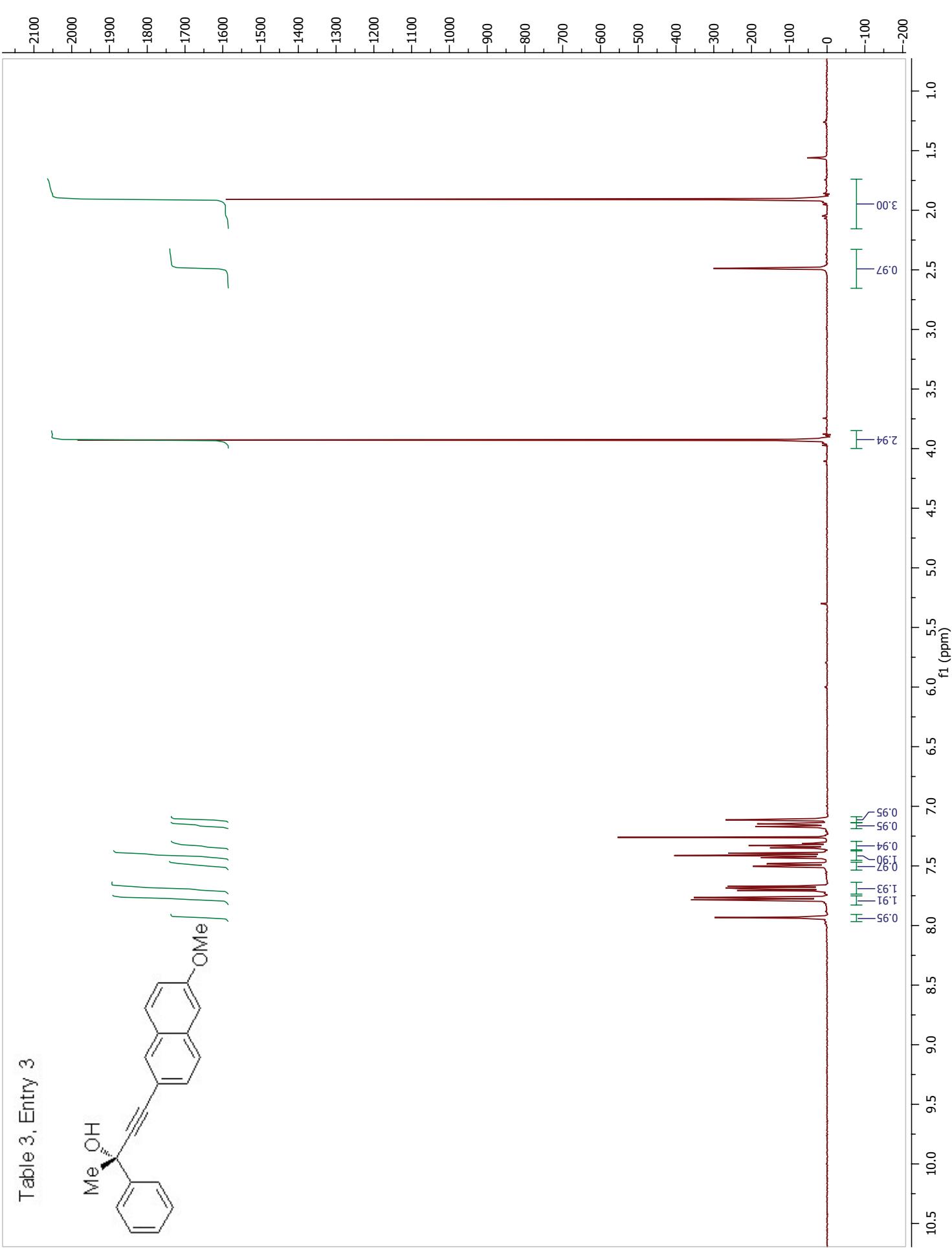
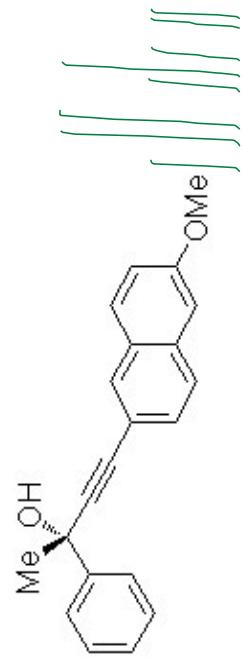
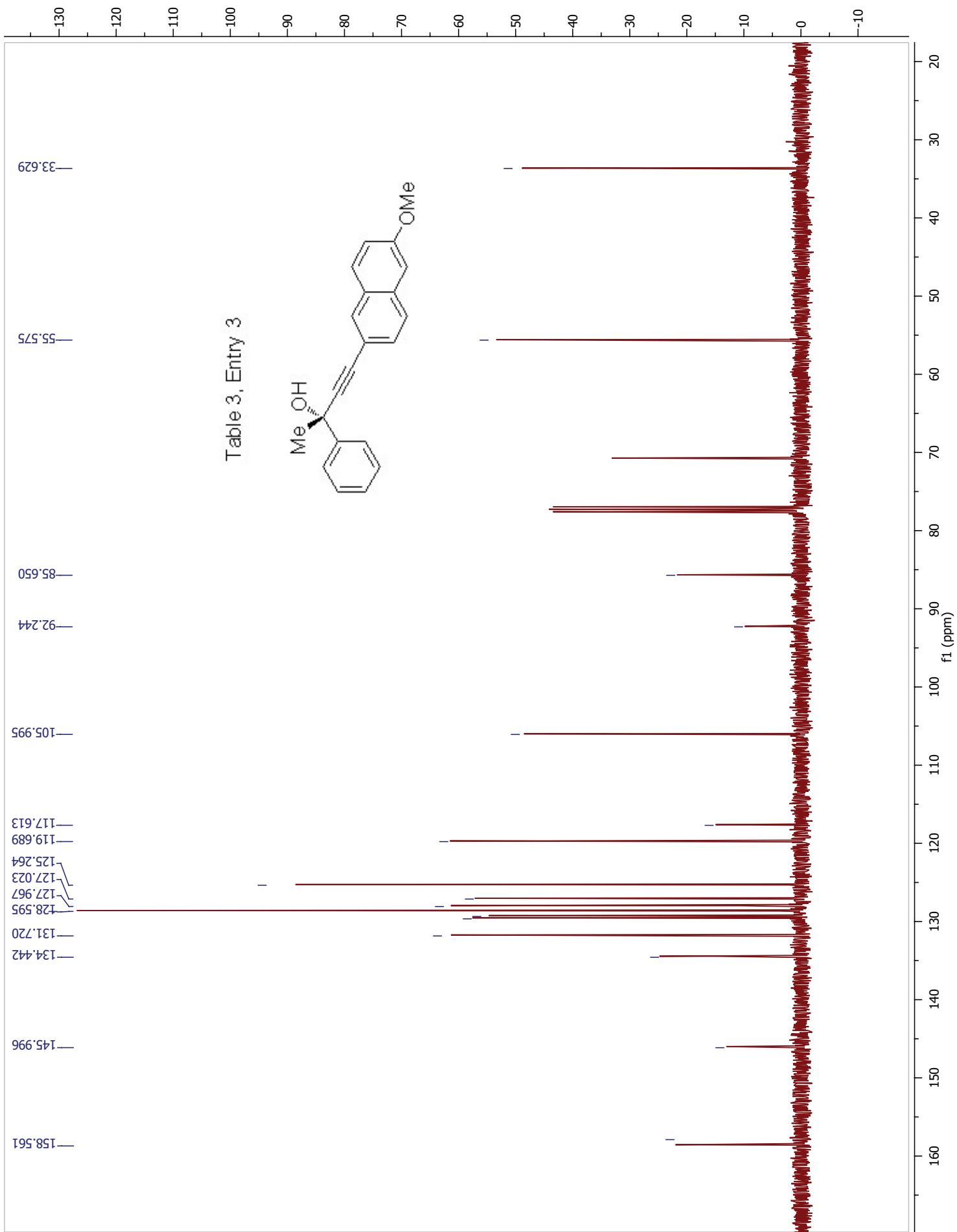


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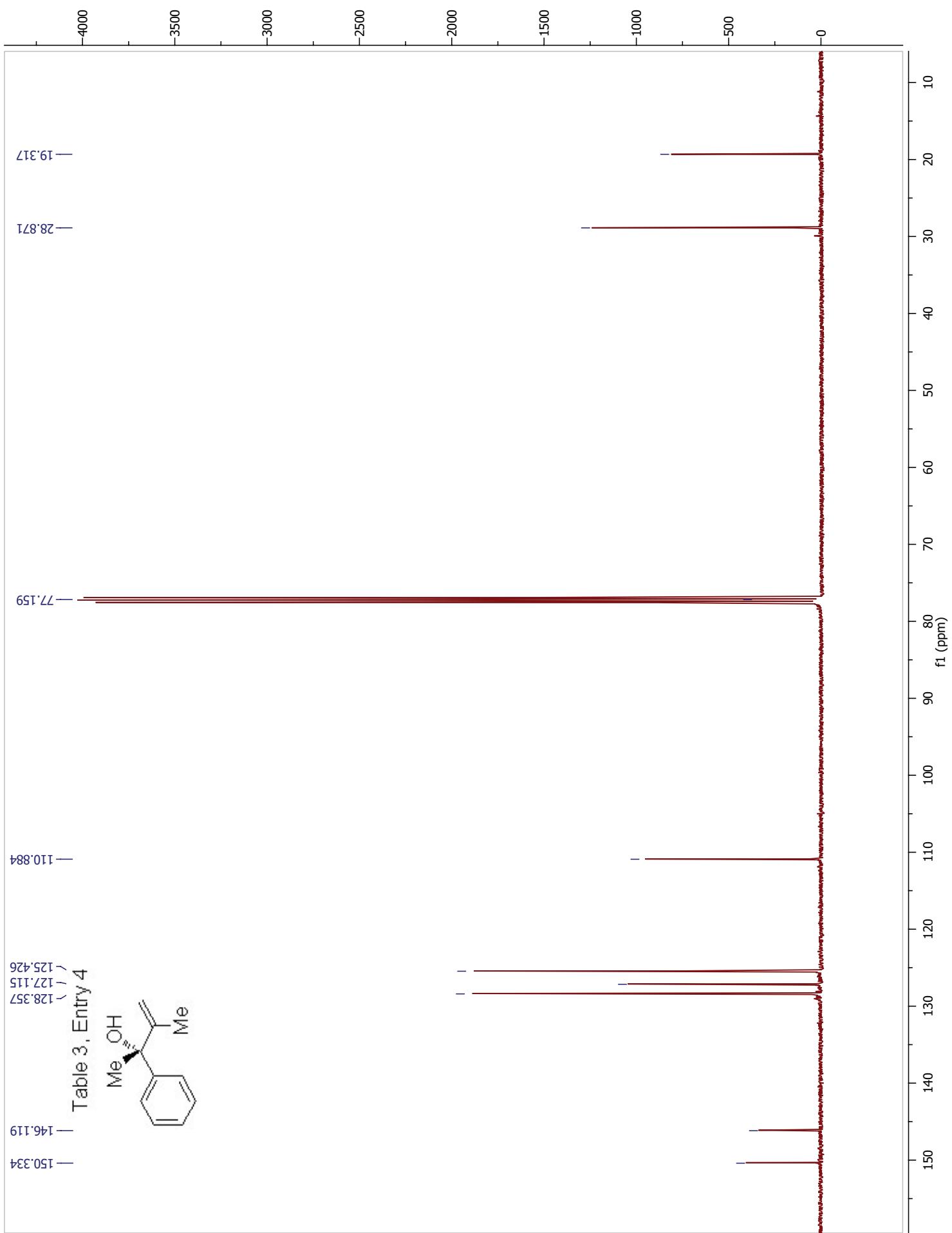


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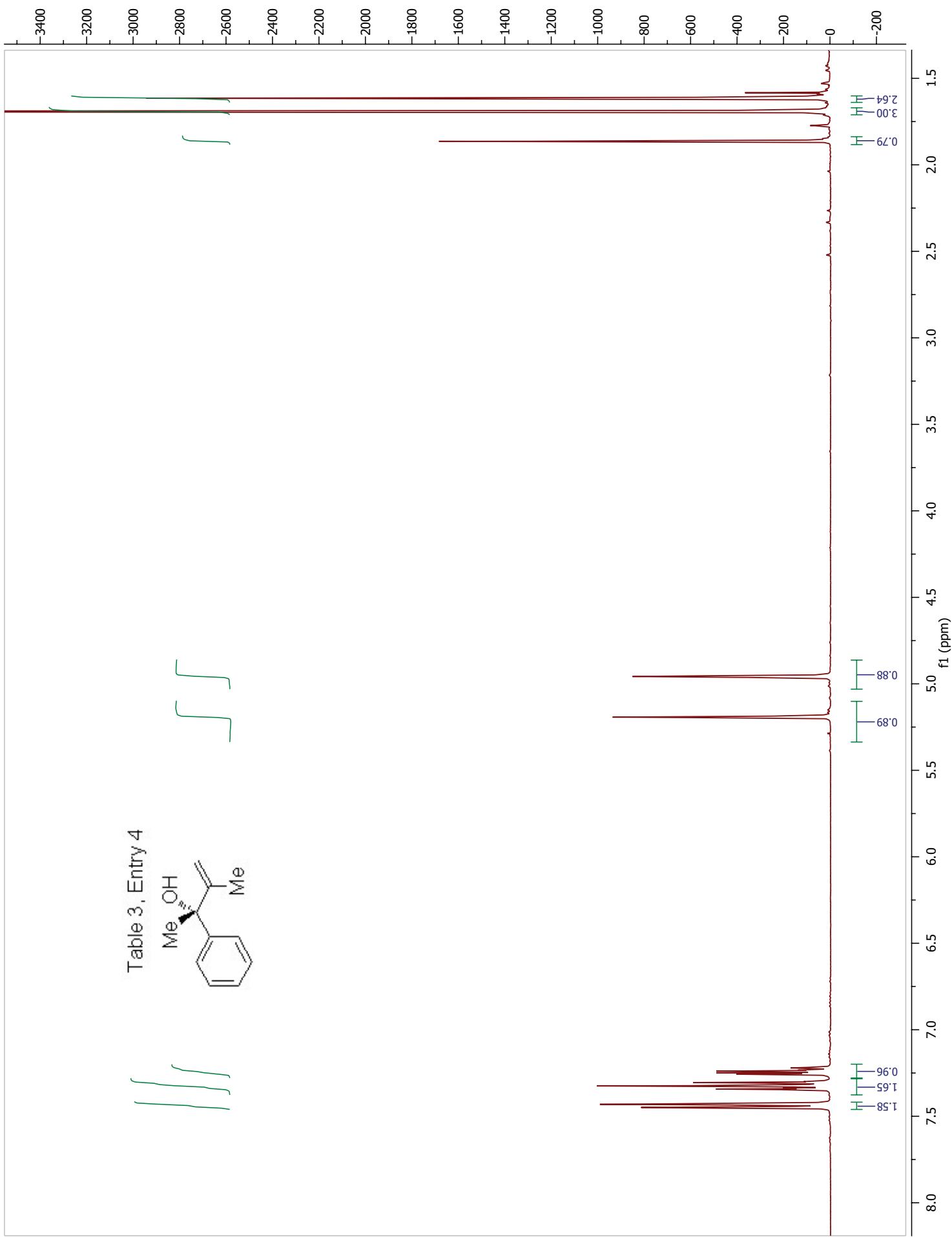
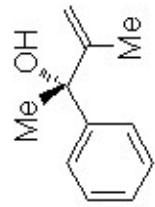
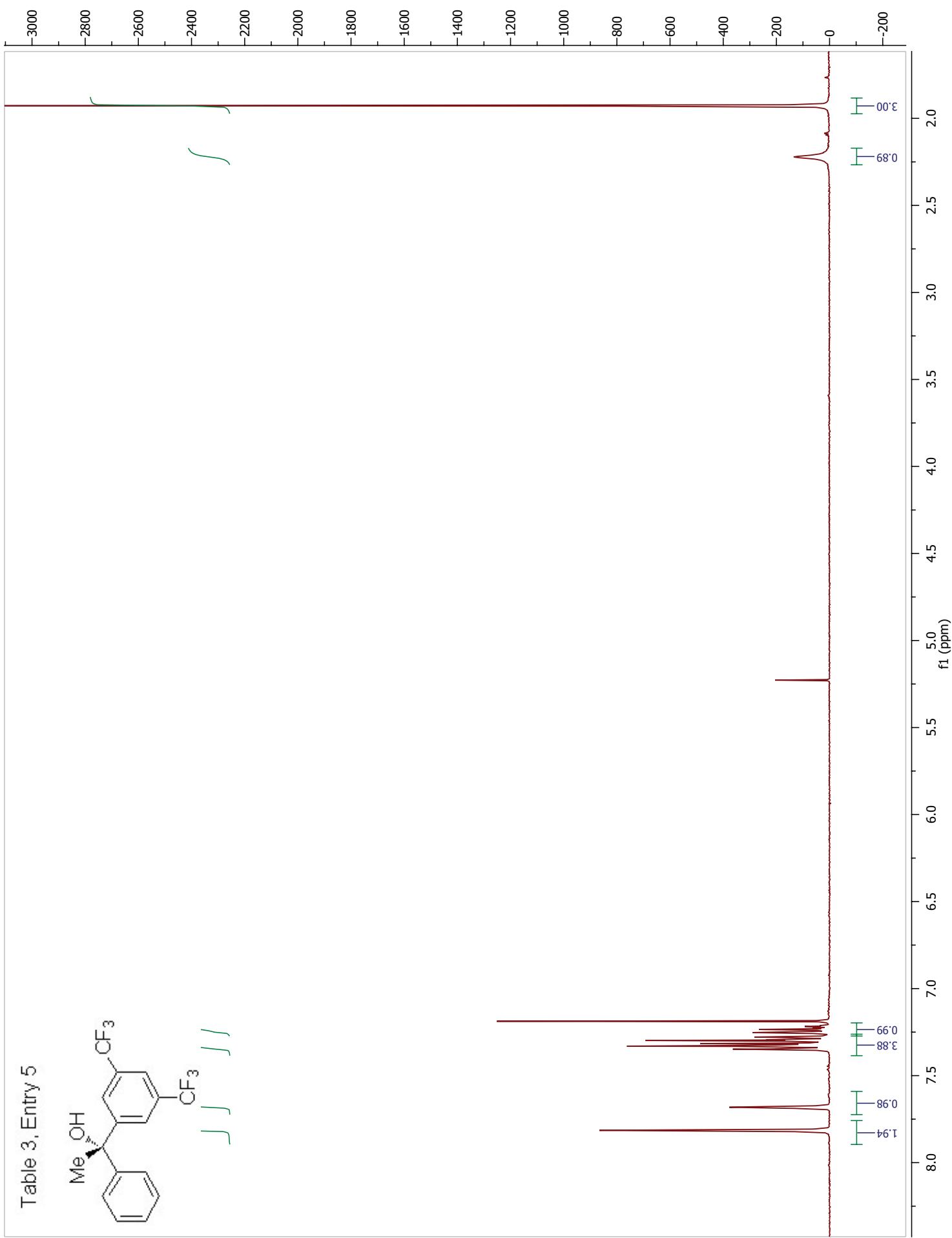
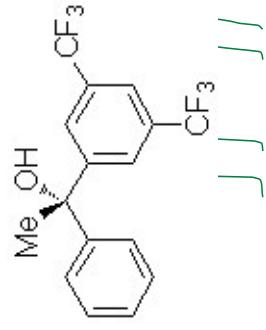
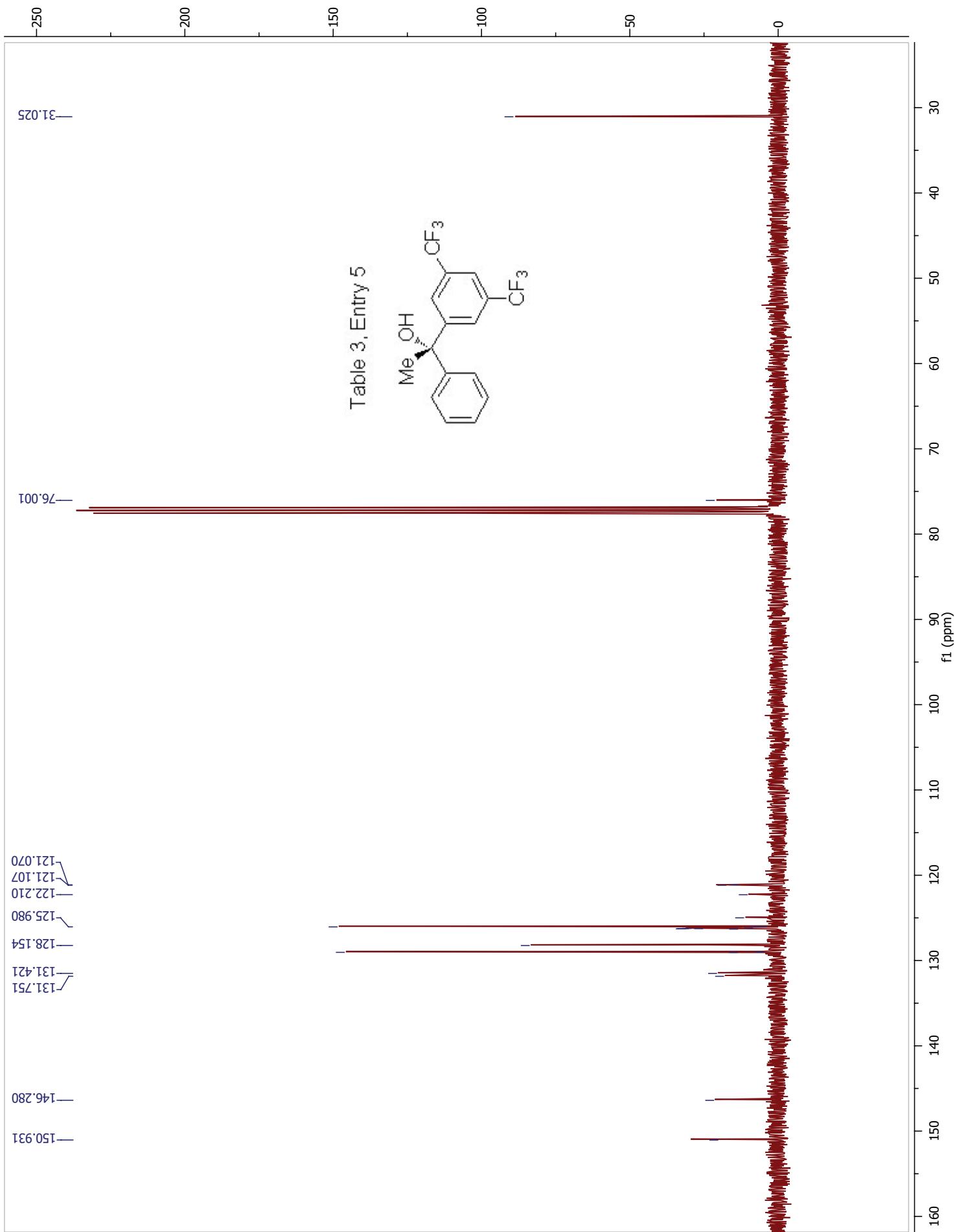


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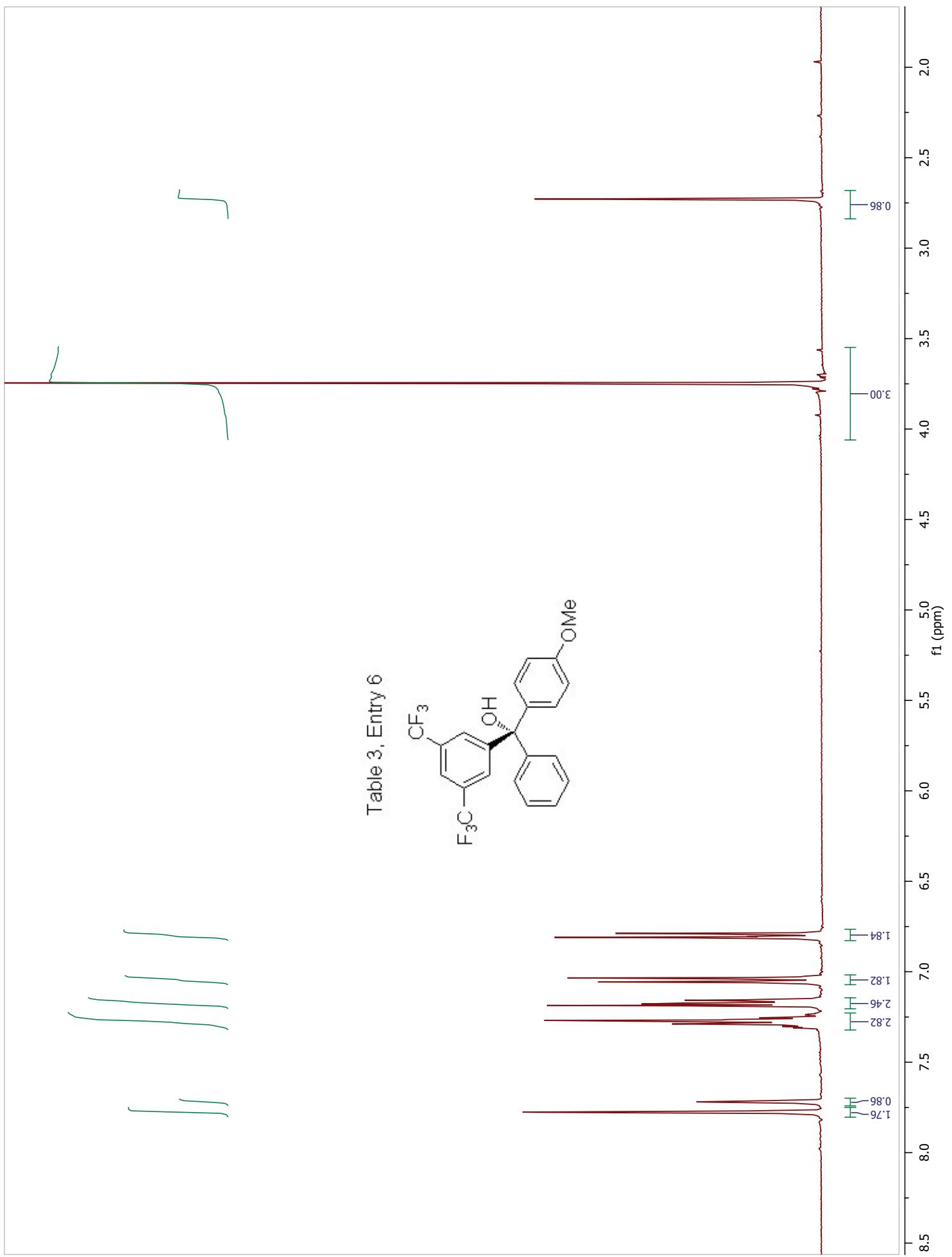


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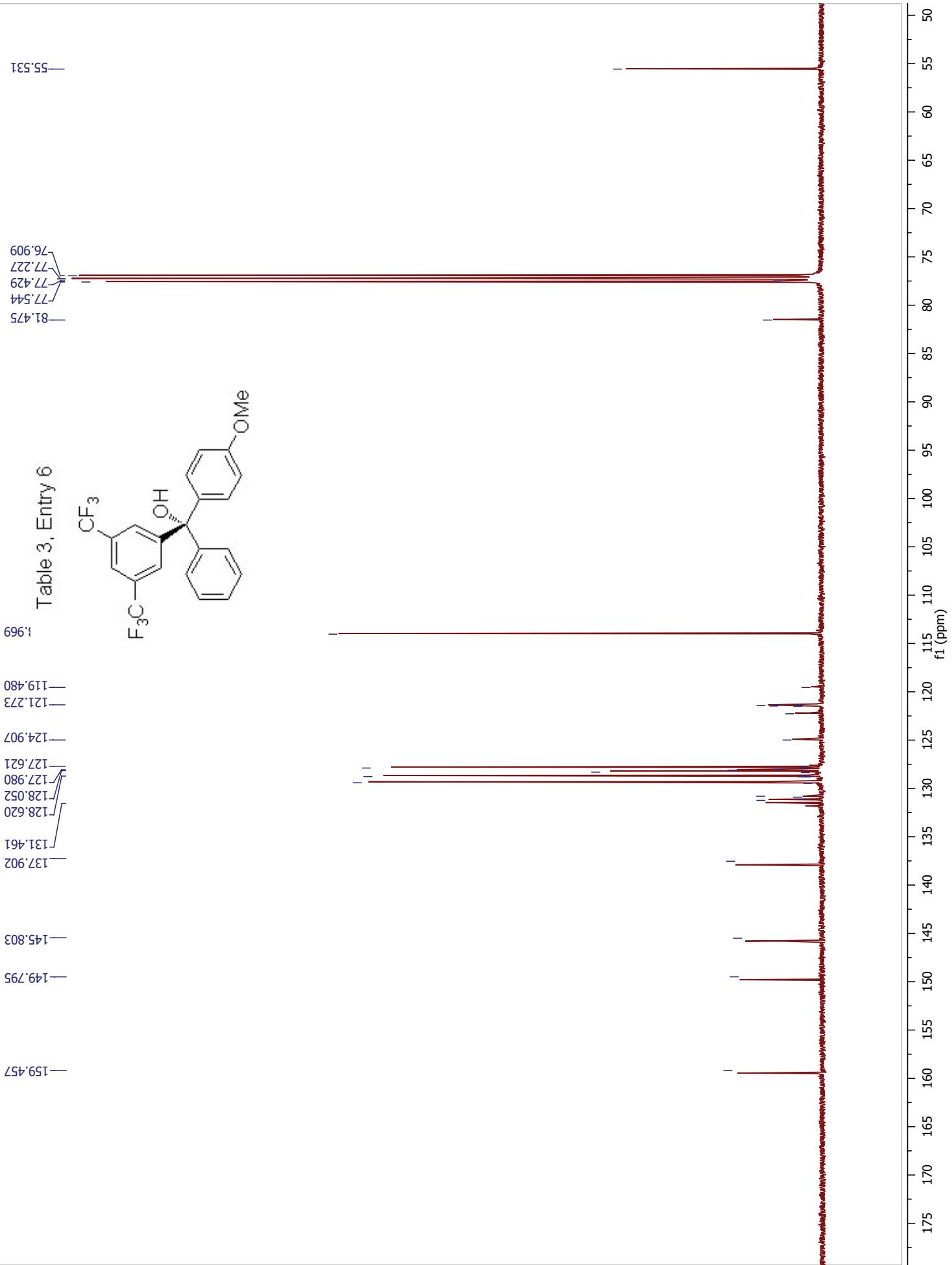
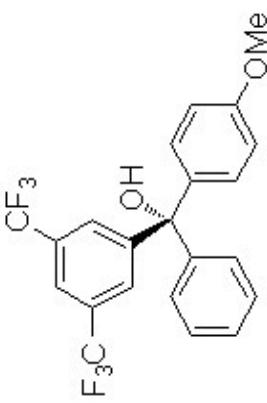
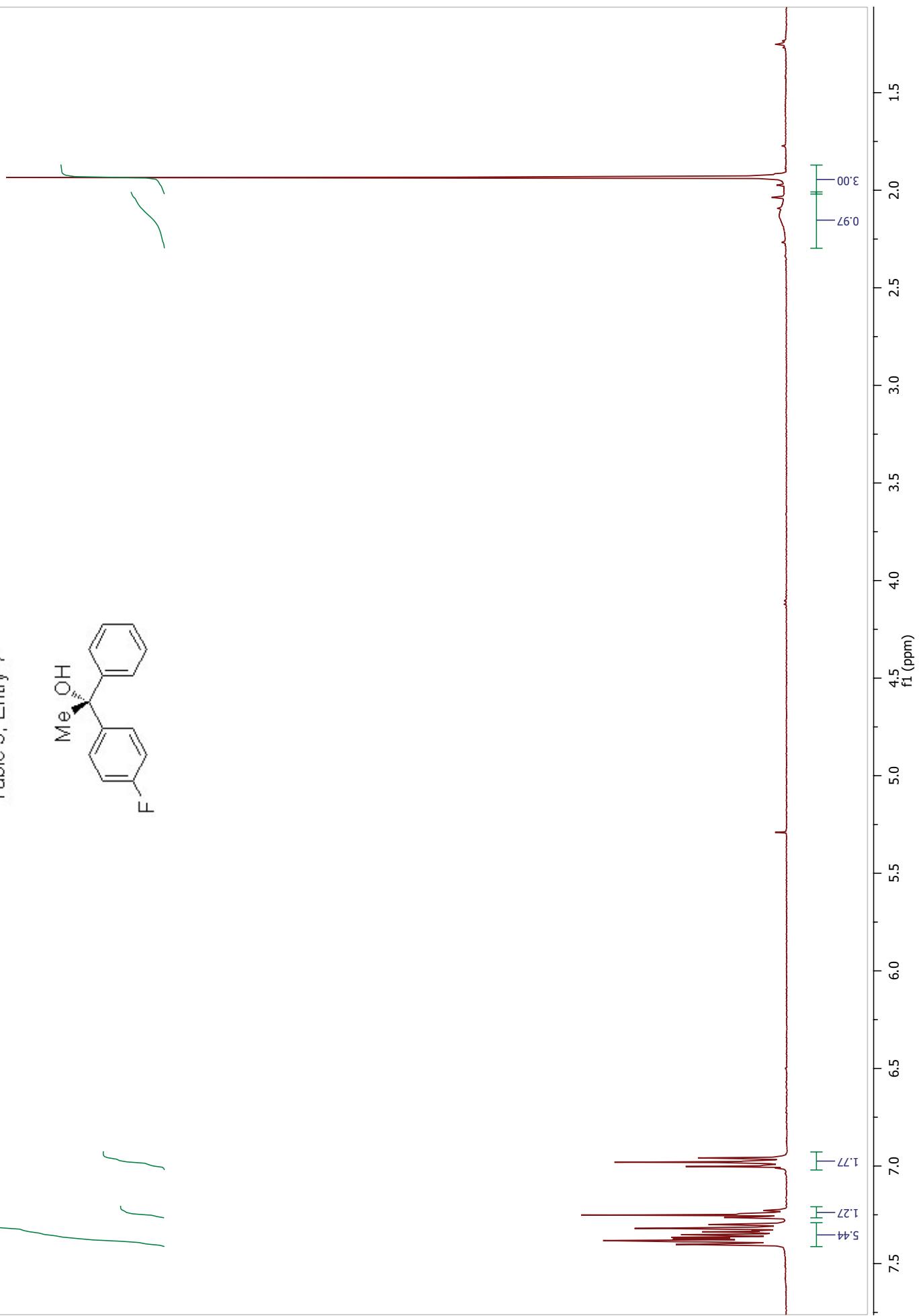
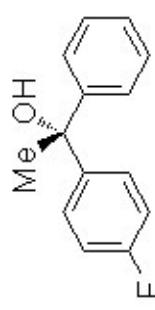


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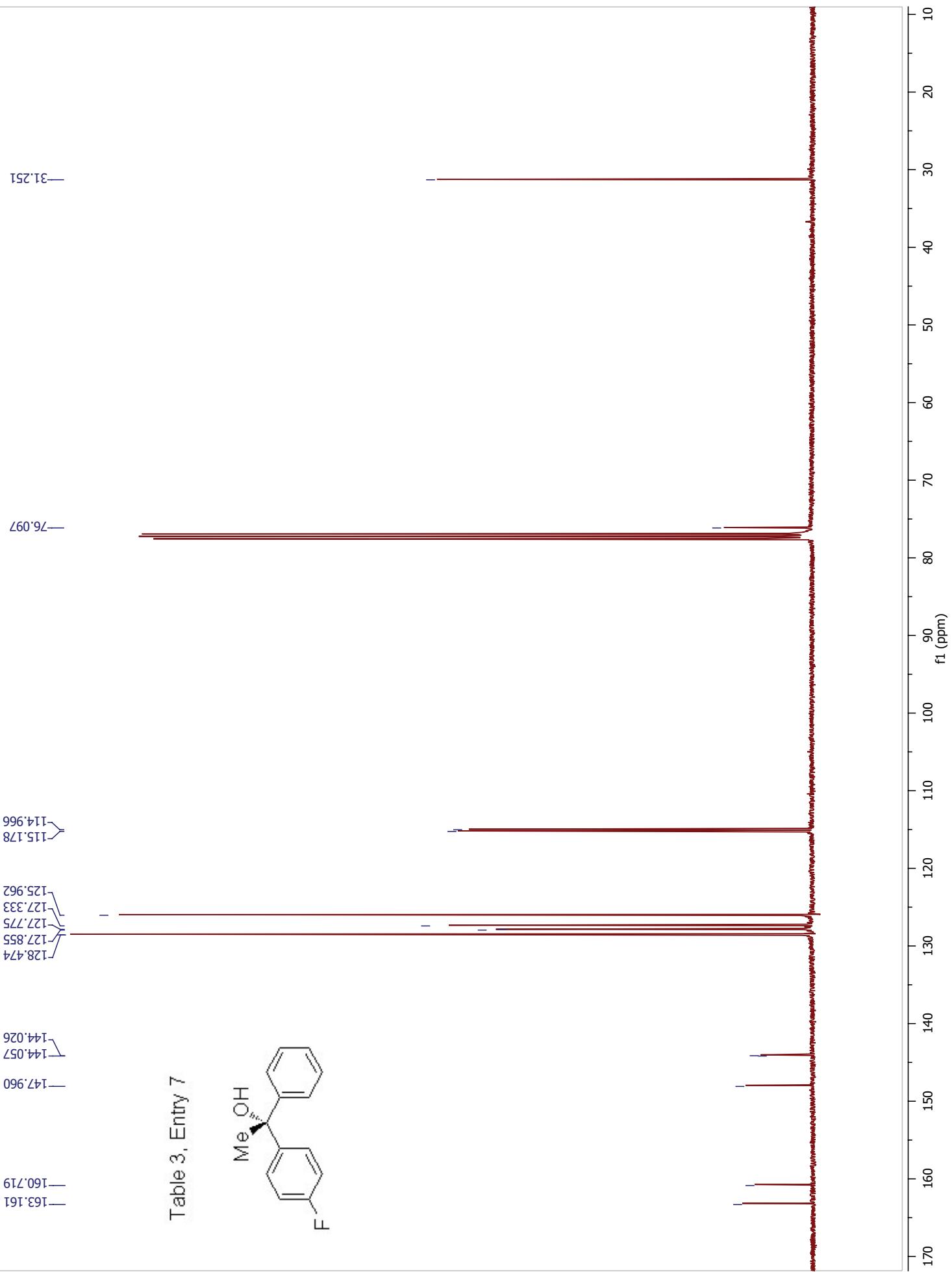
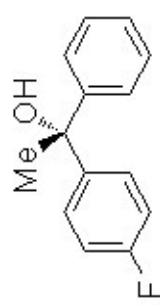
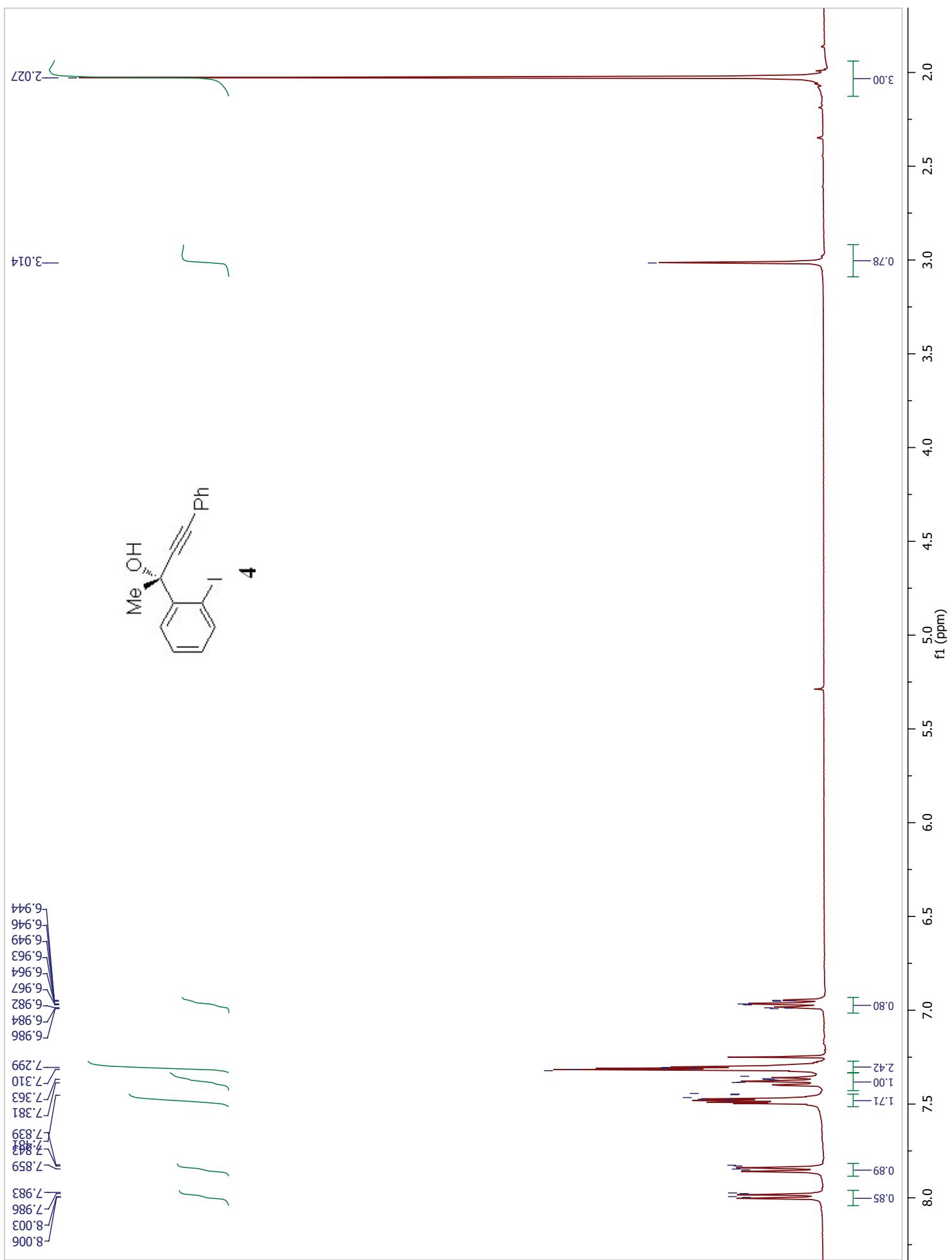
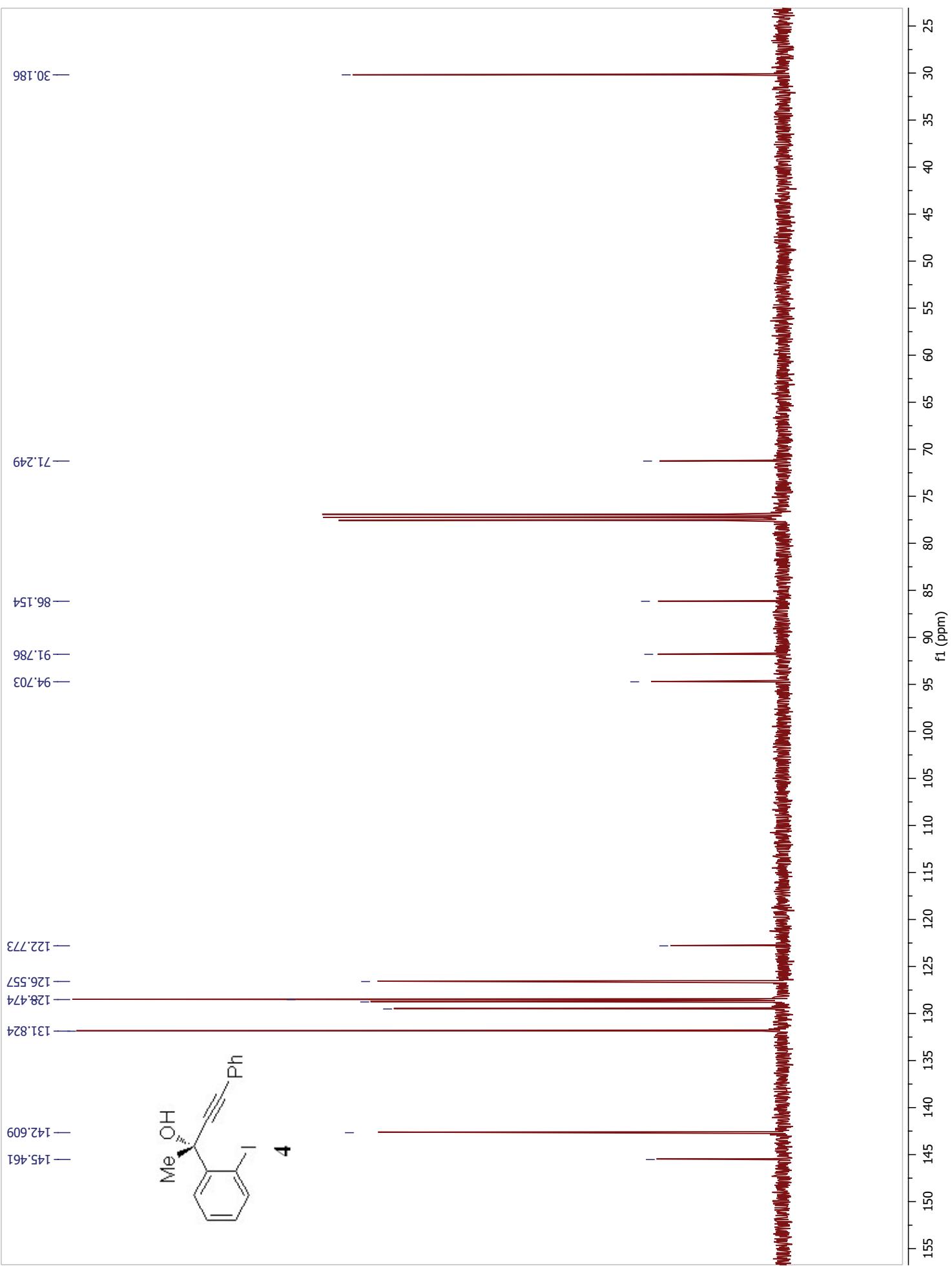
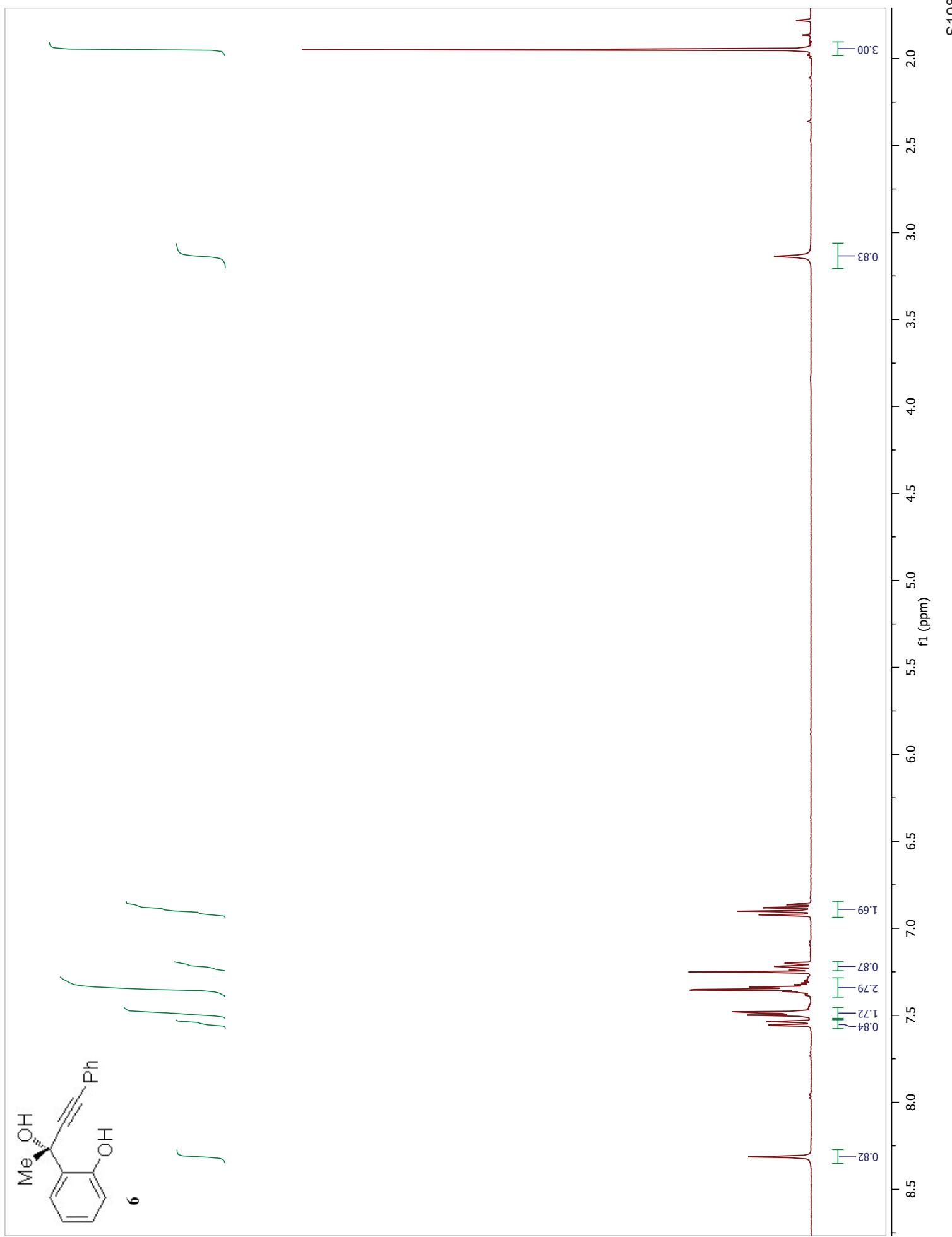


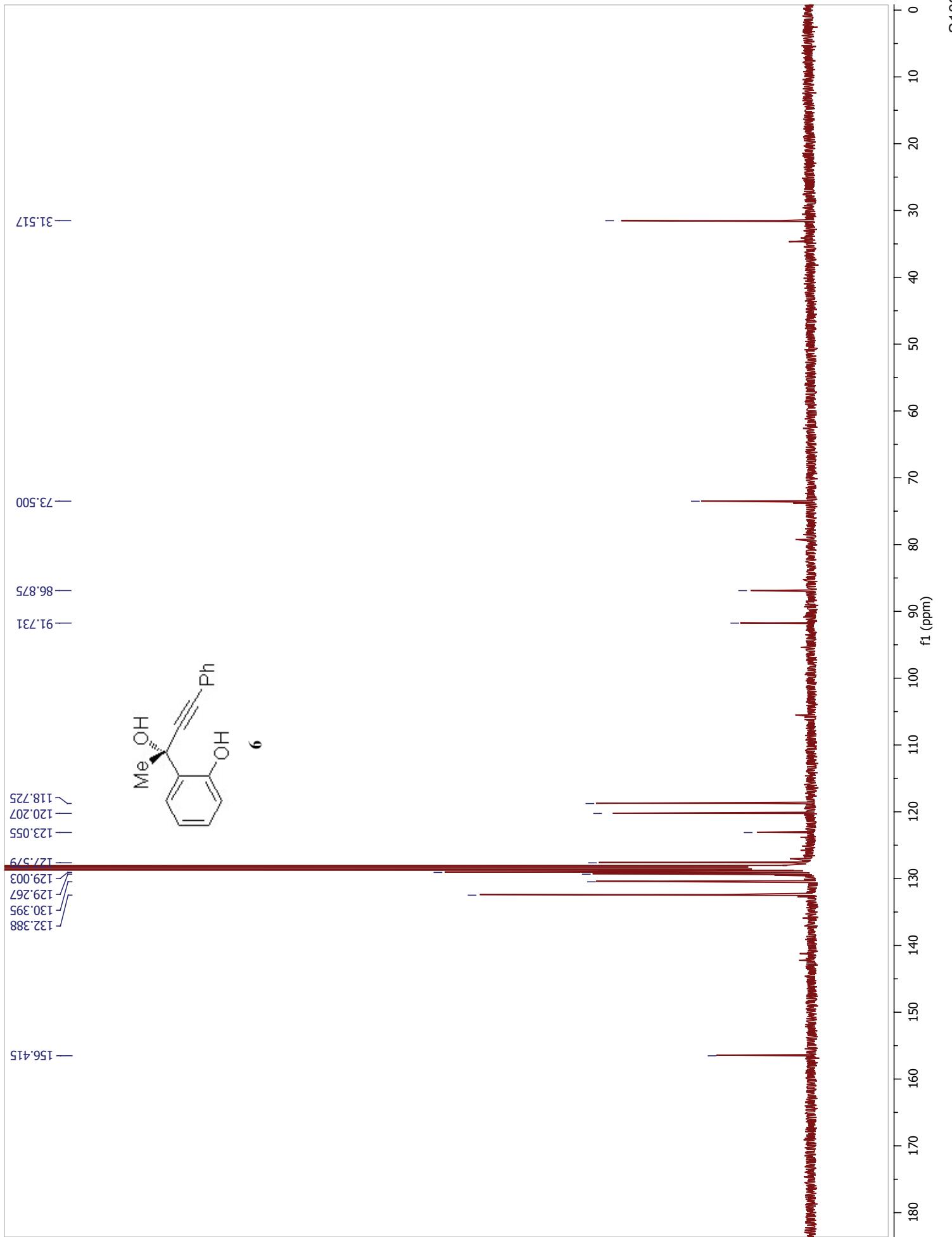
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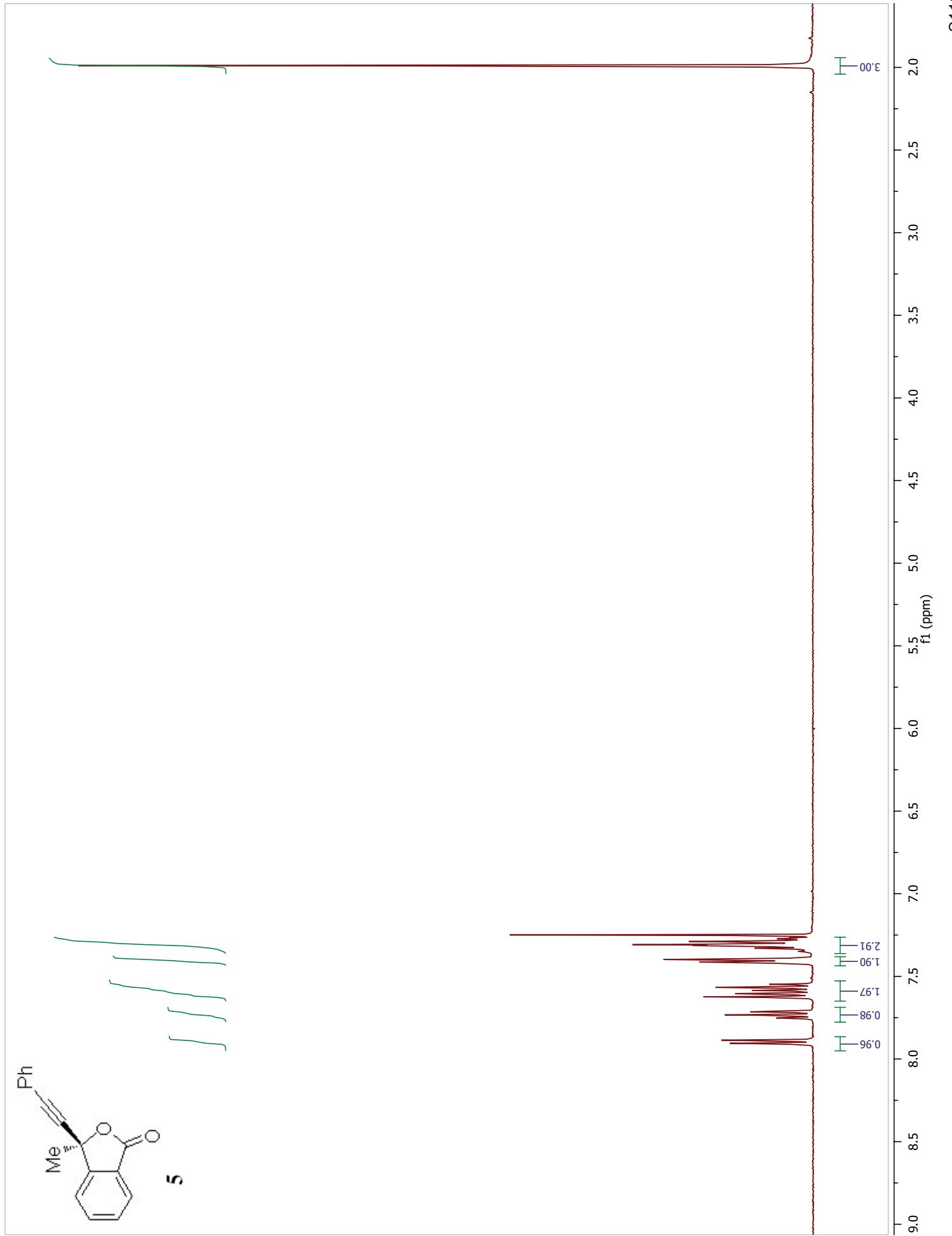


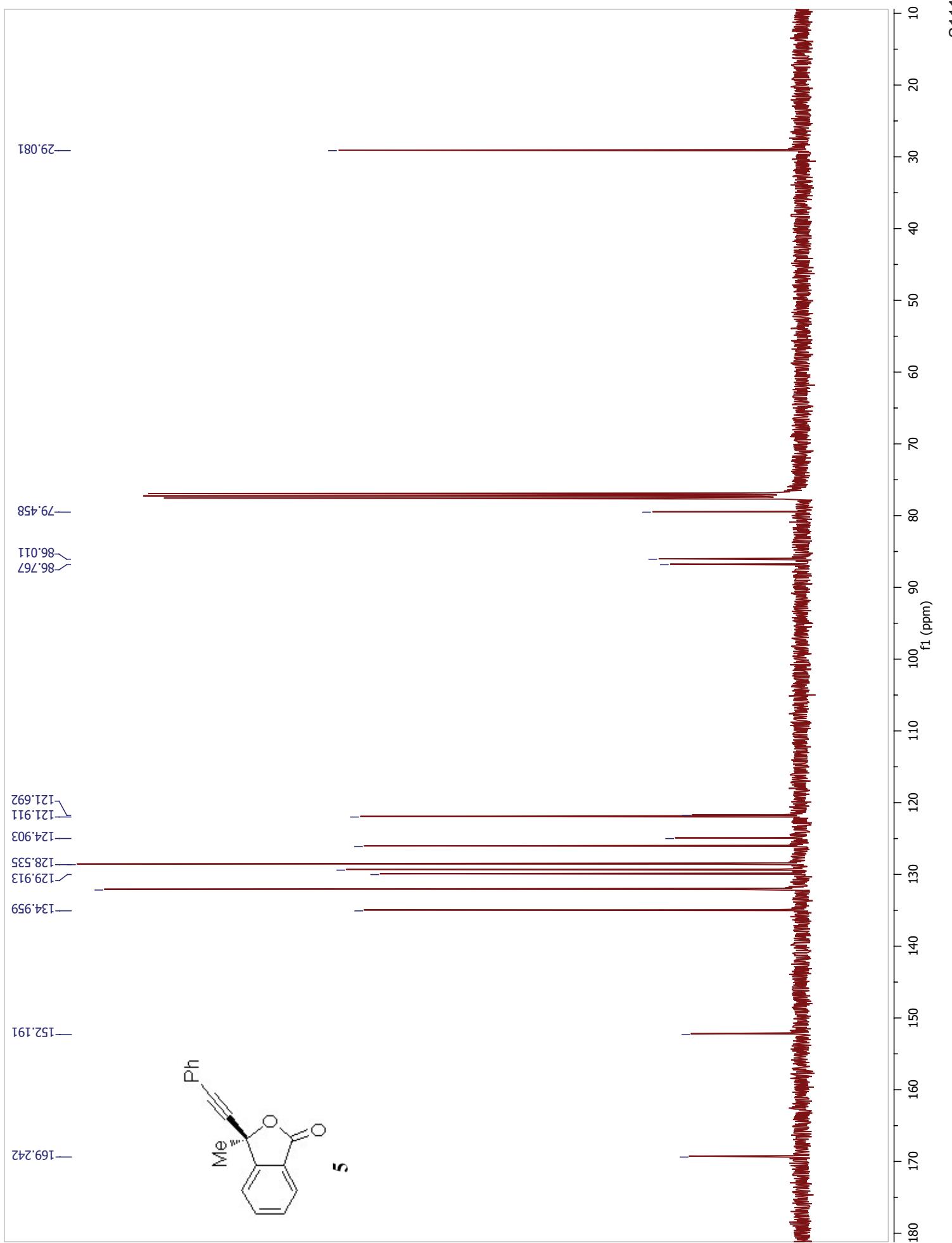


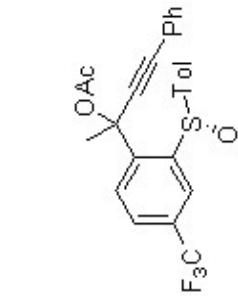




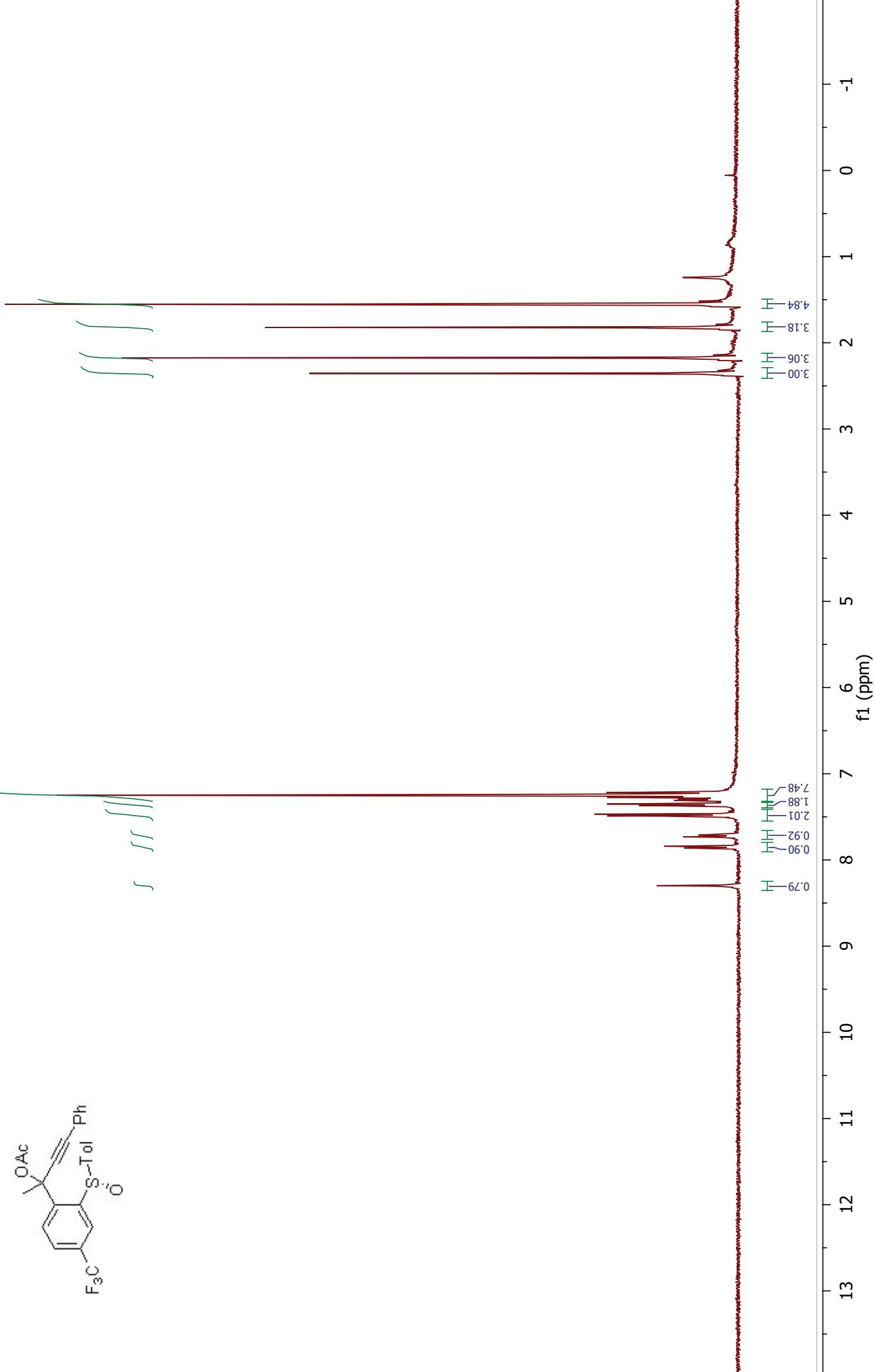


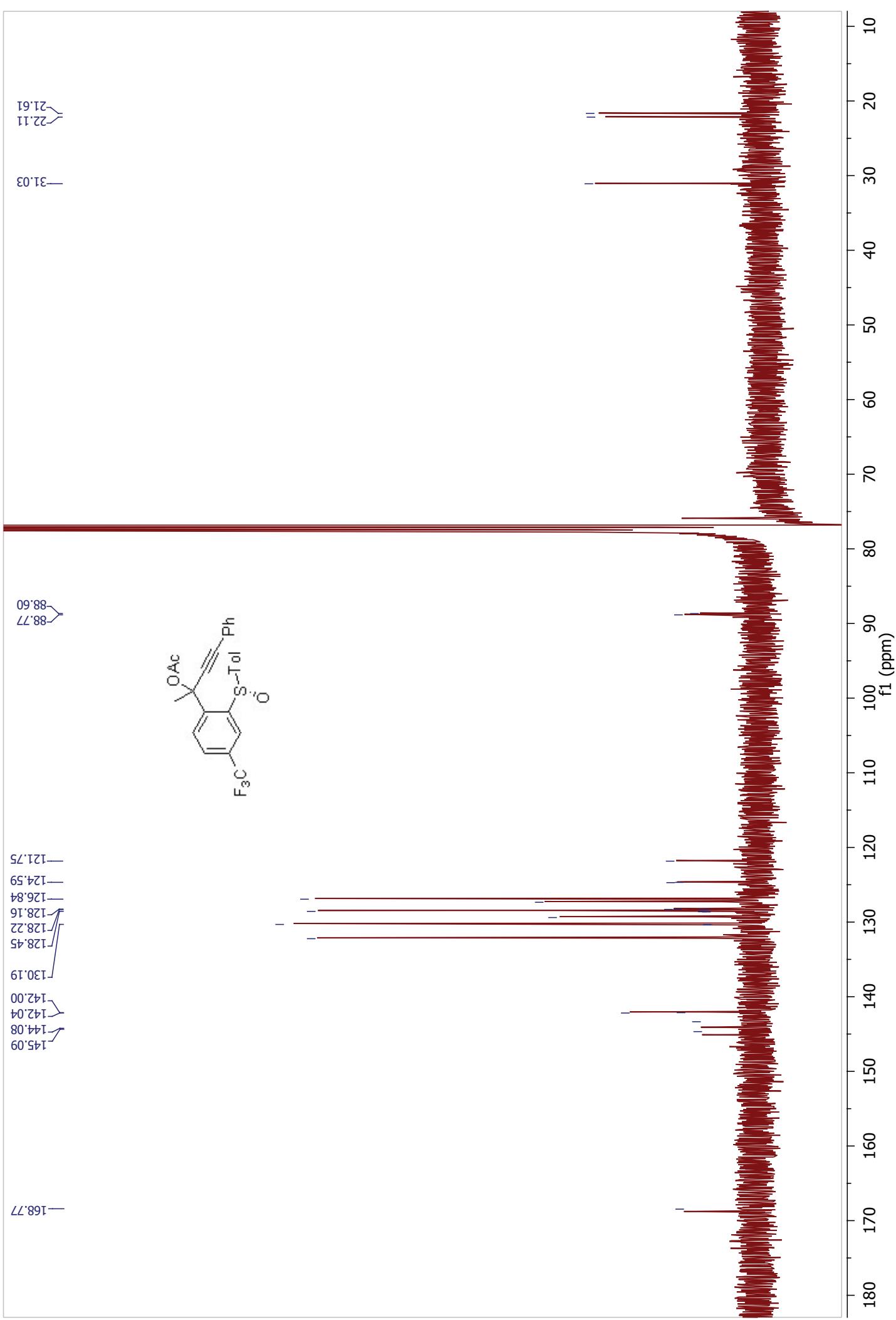


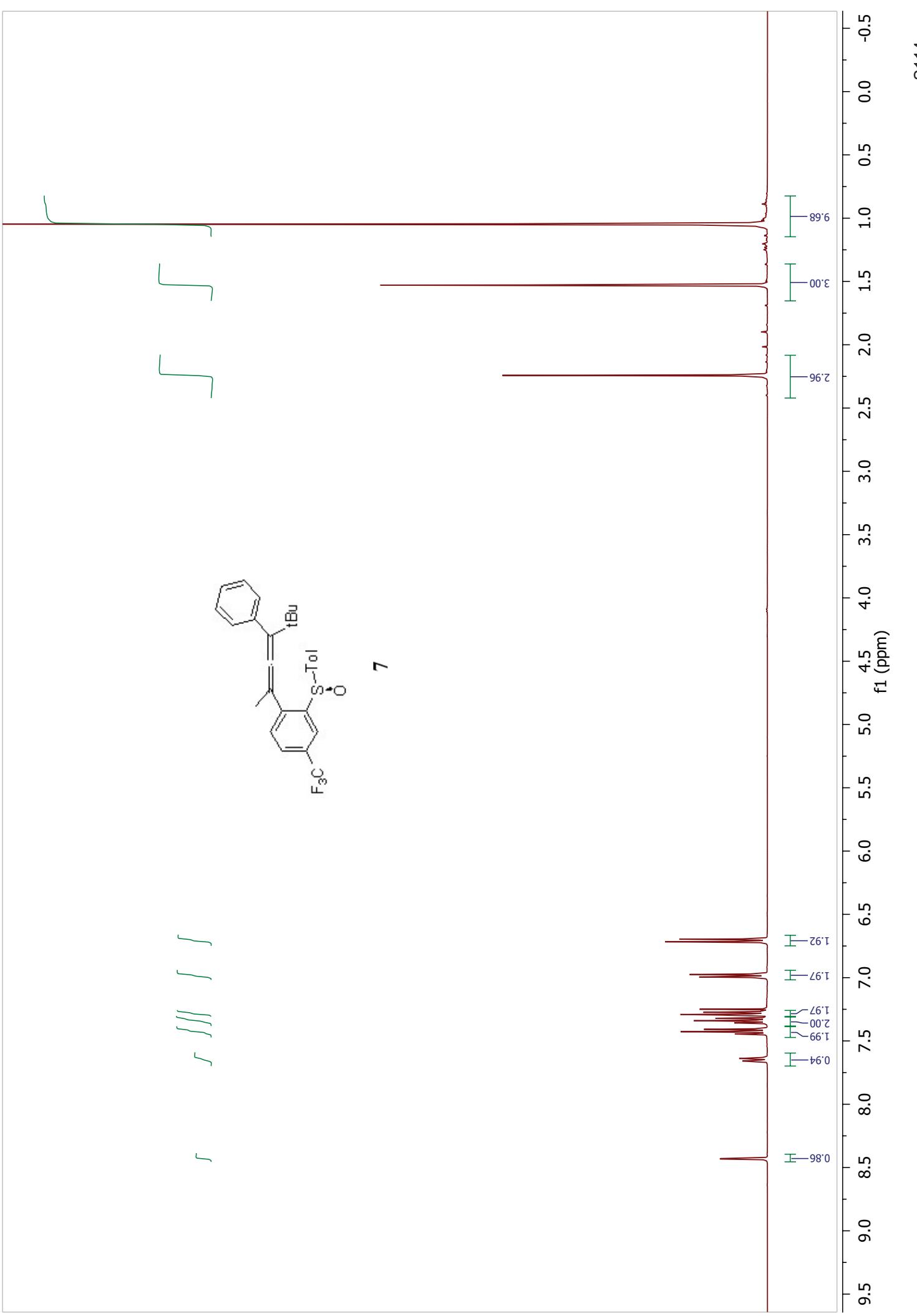


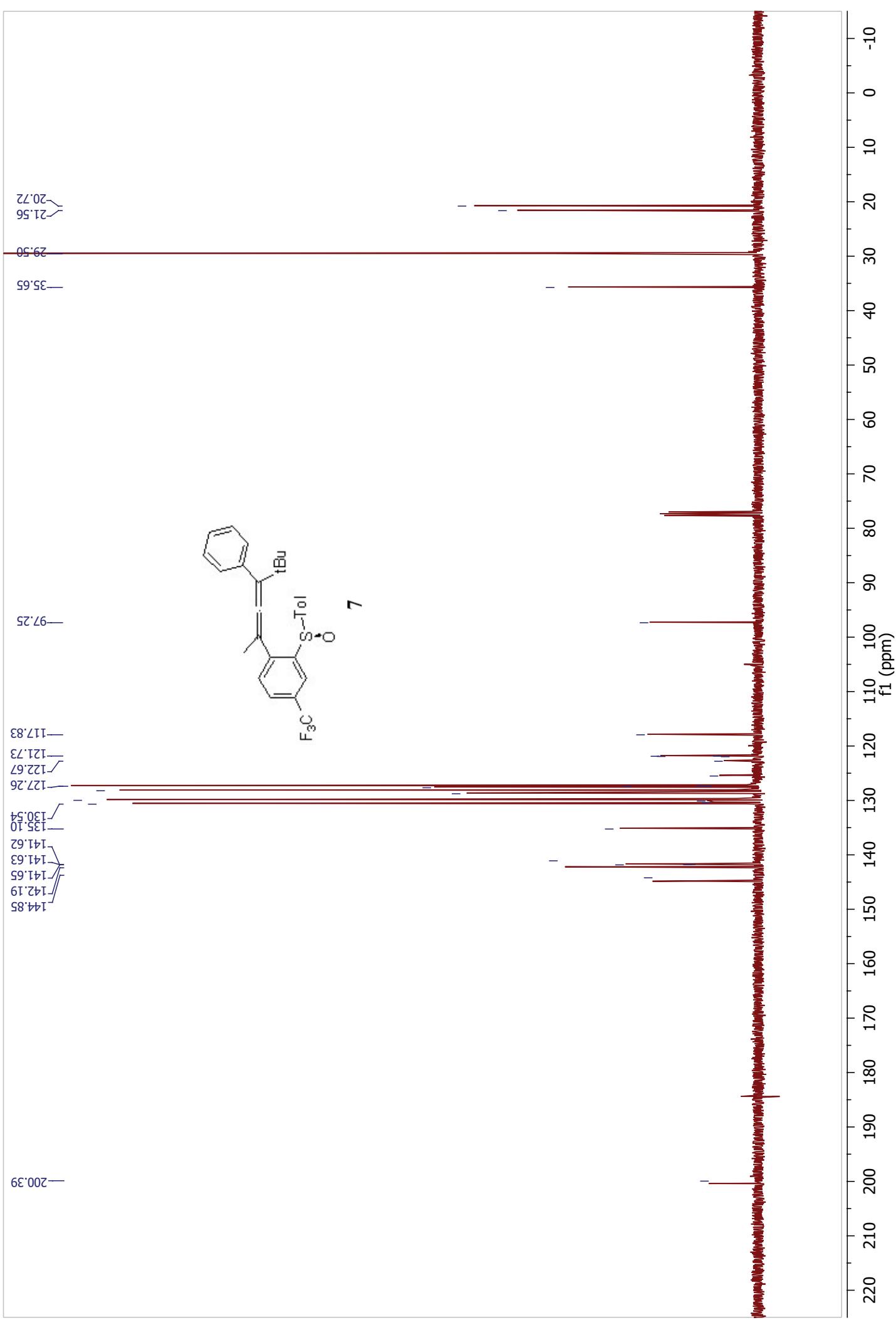


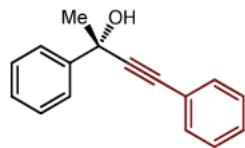
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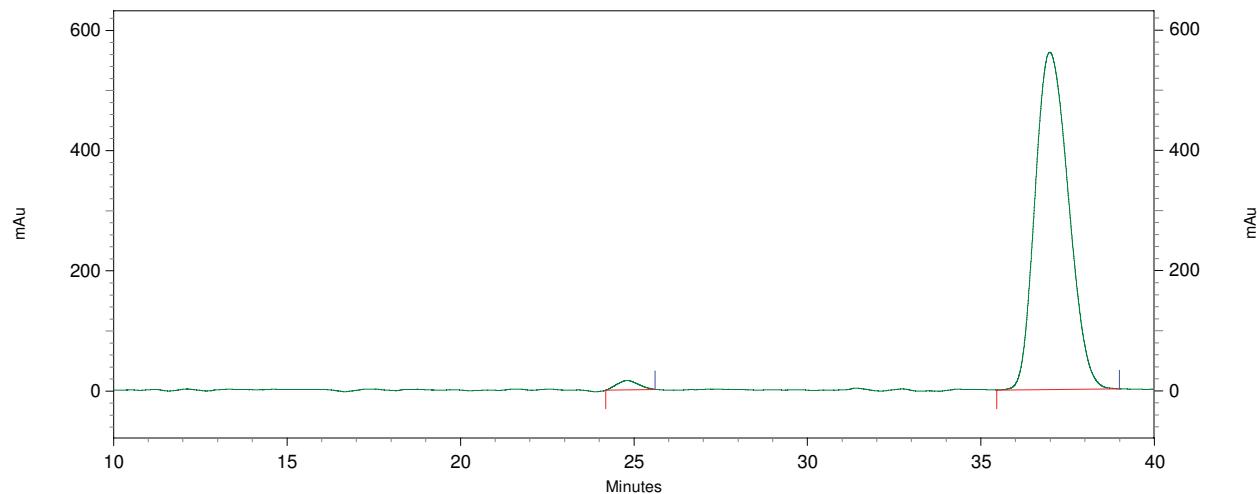






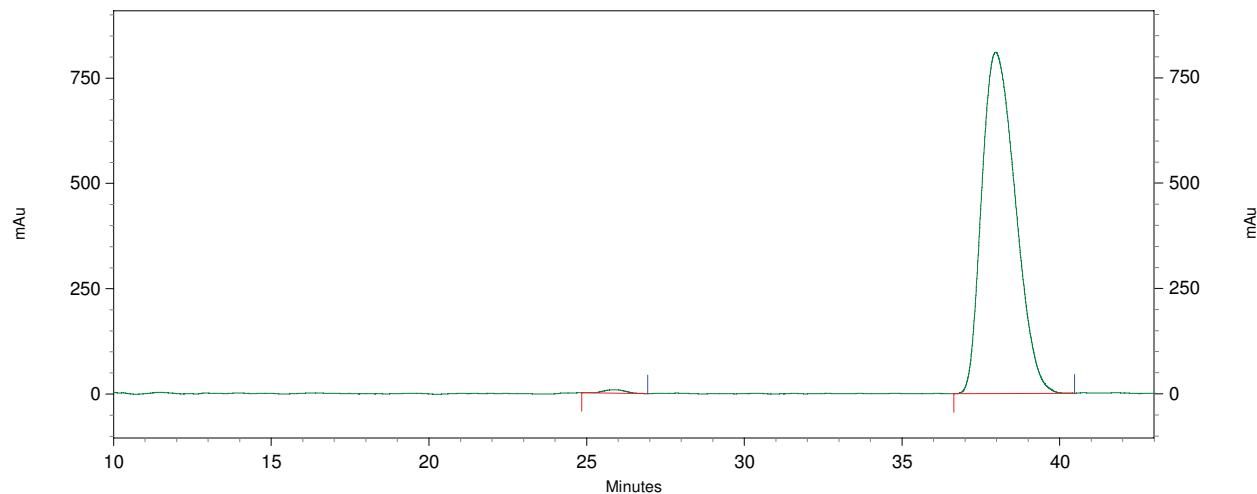
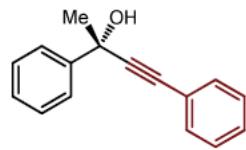


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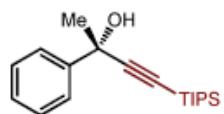


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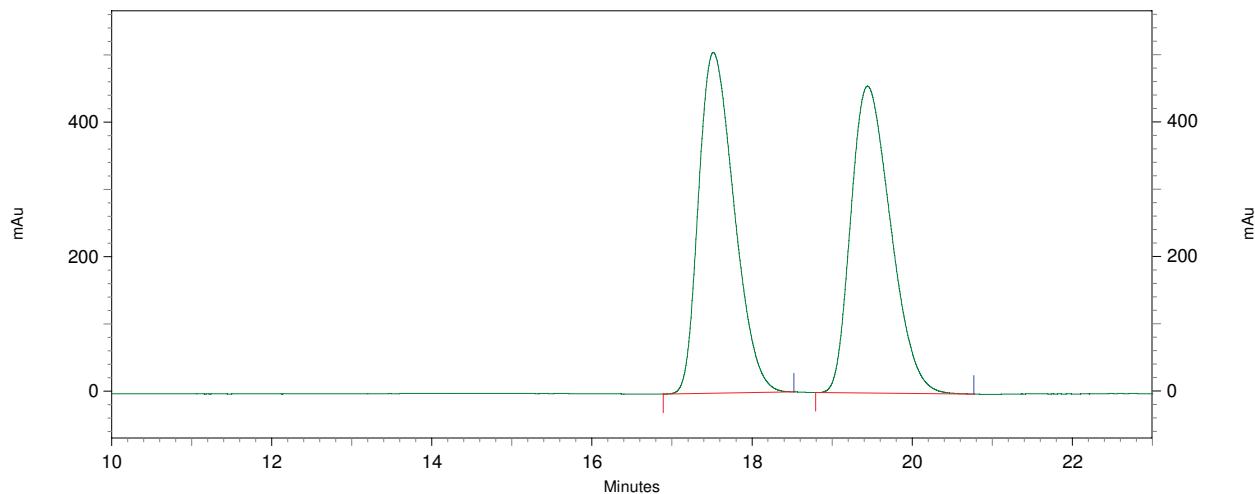
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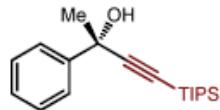
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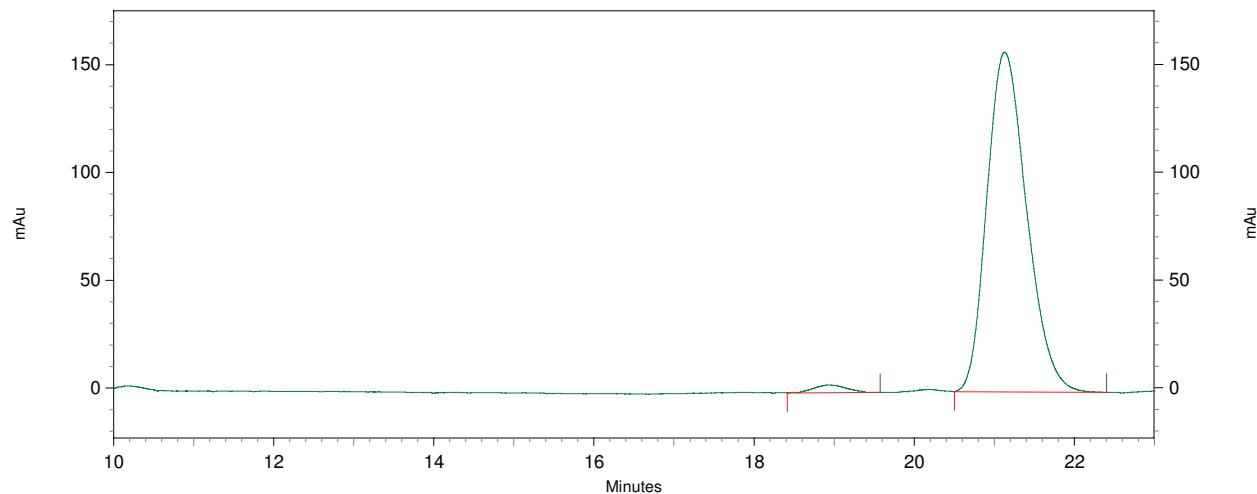
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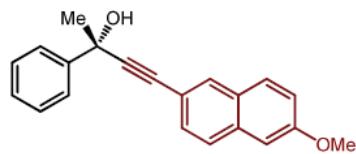
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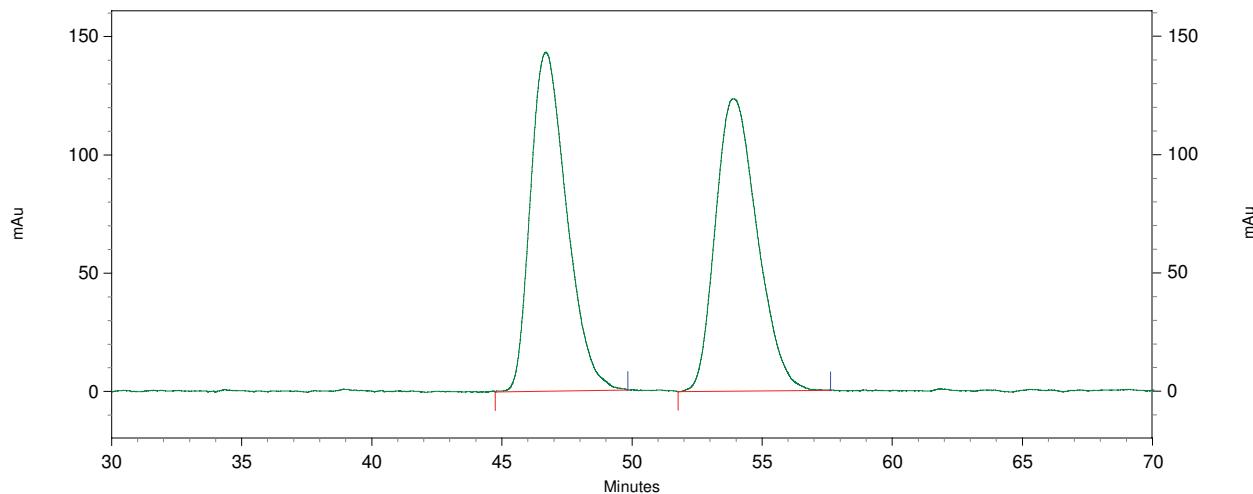
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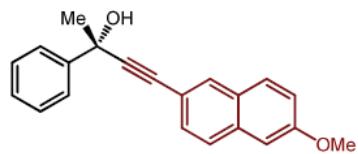
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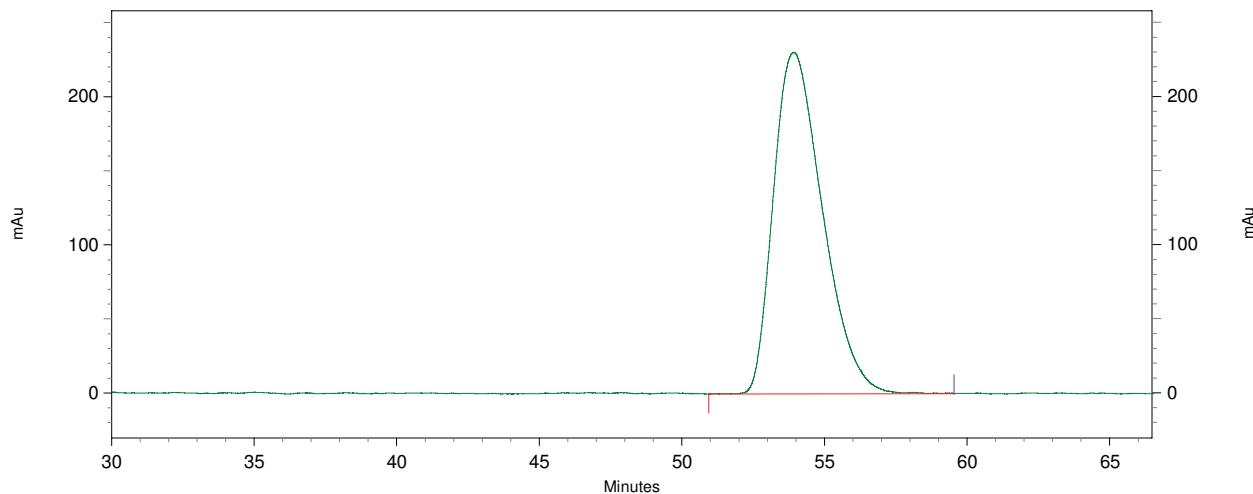
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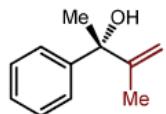
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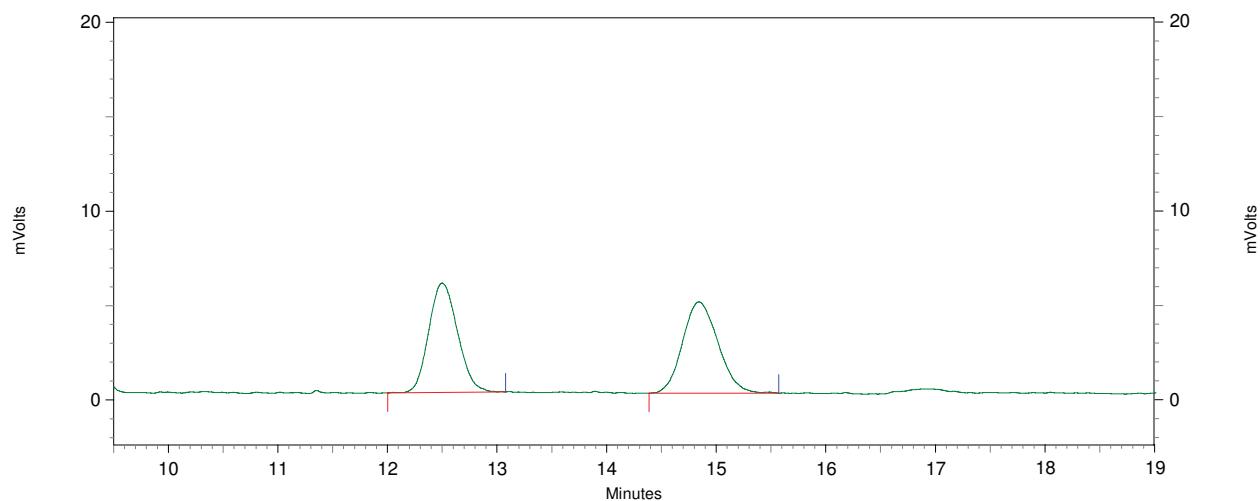
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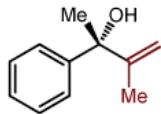
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Totals	230608	100.000	27630078	100.000



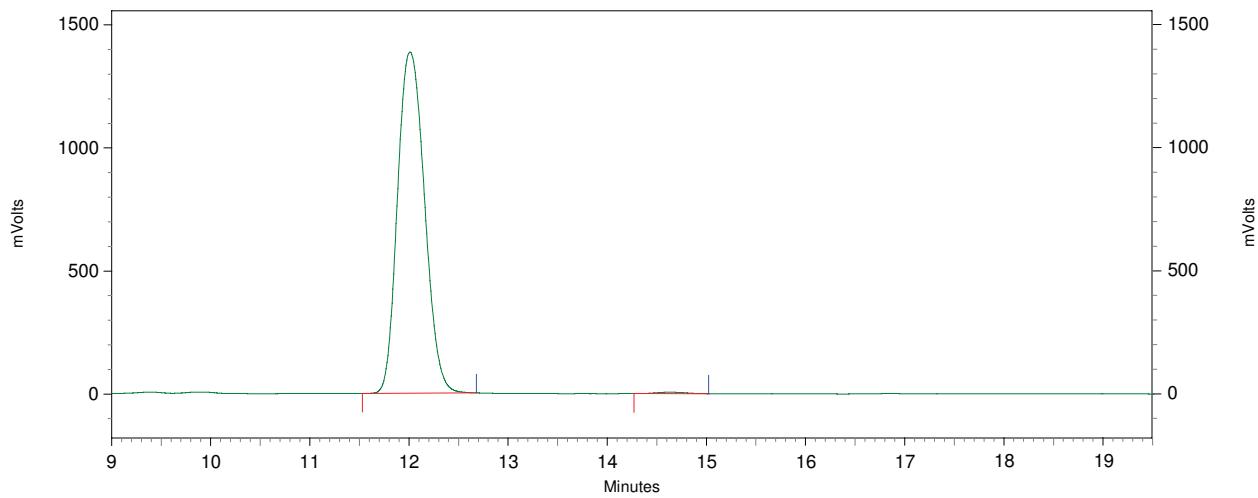
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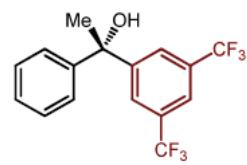
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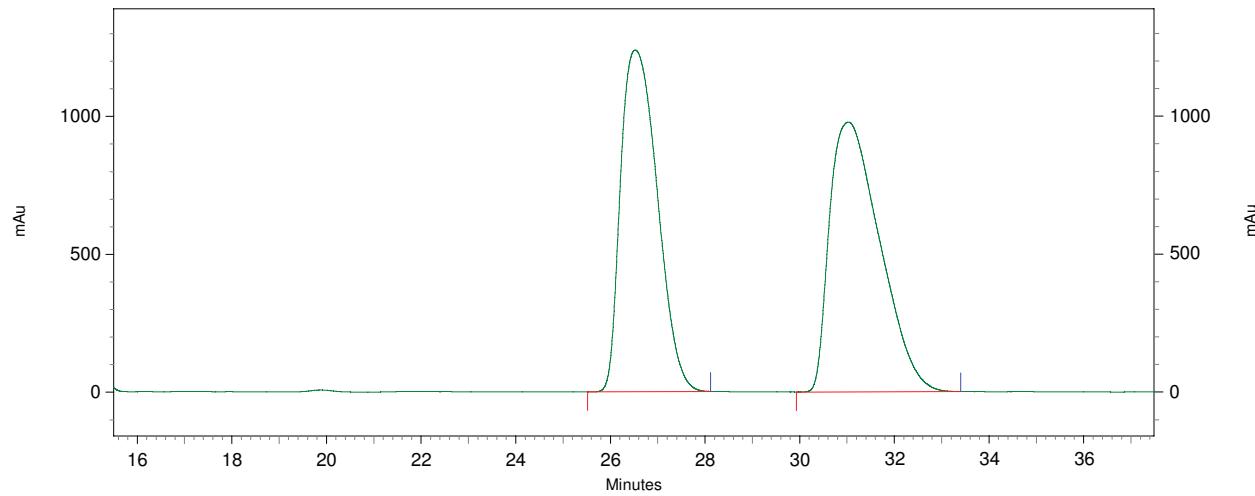
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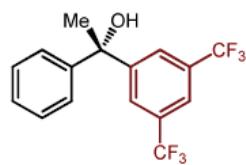
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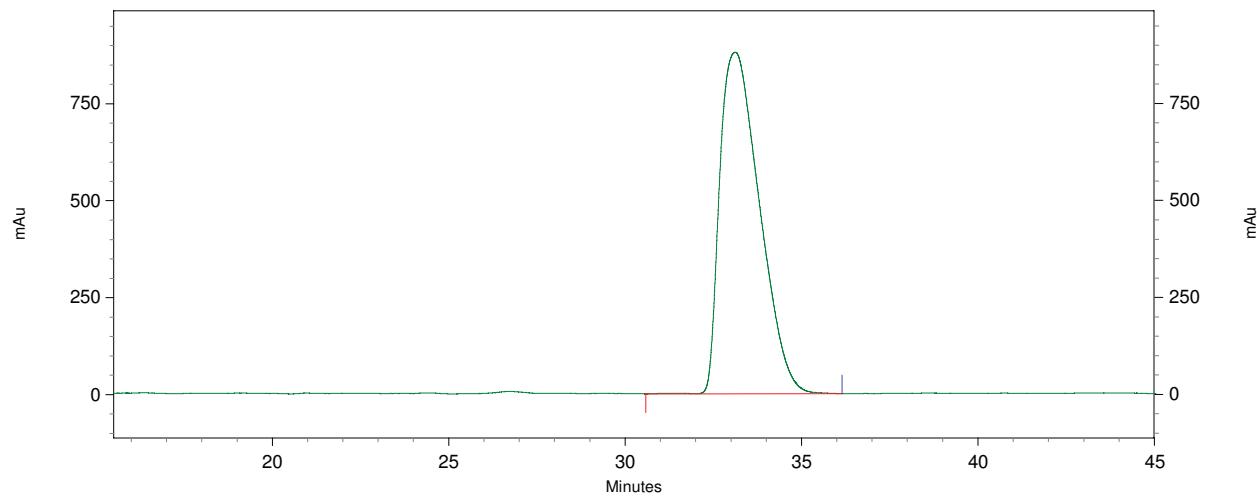
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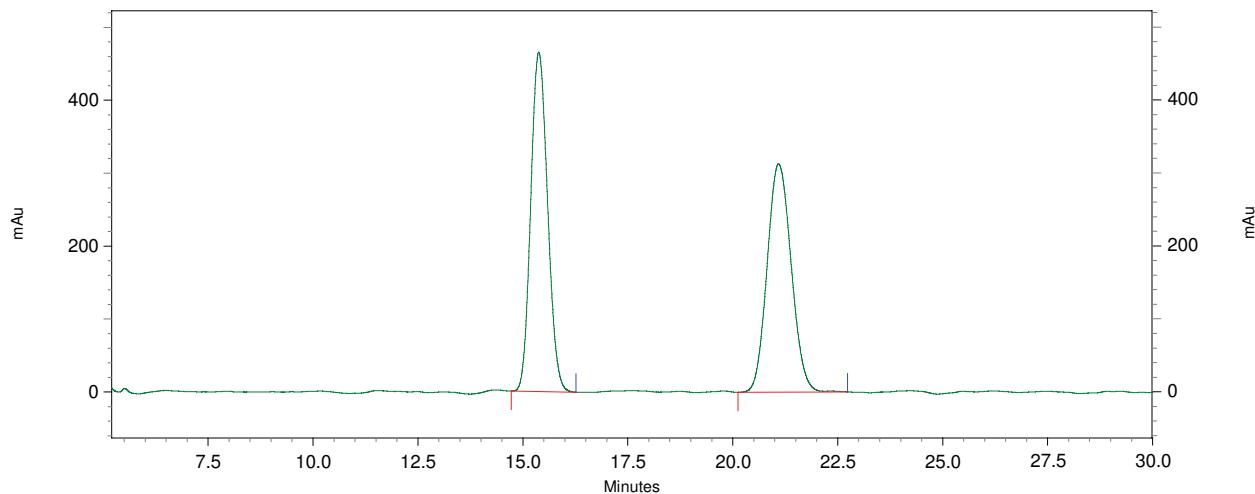
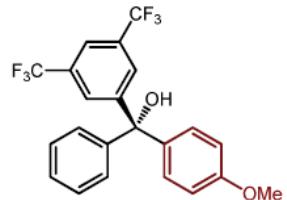
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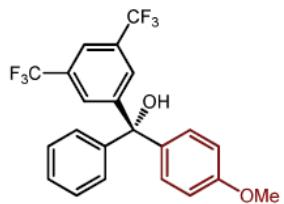
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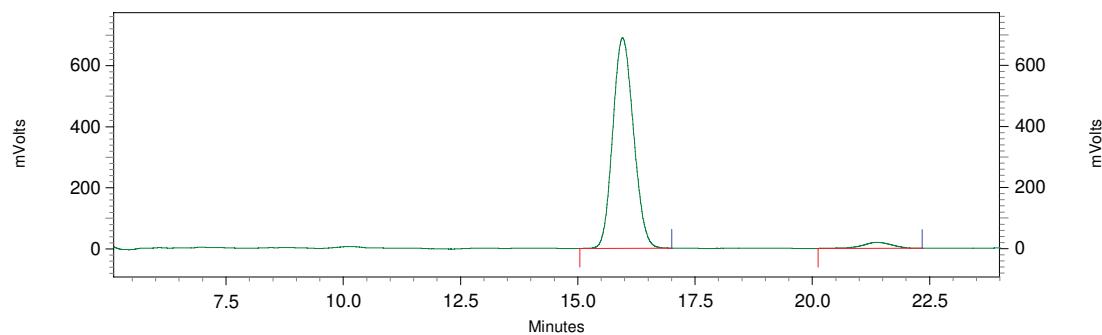
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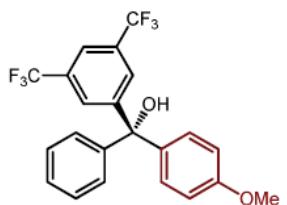
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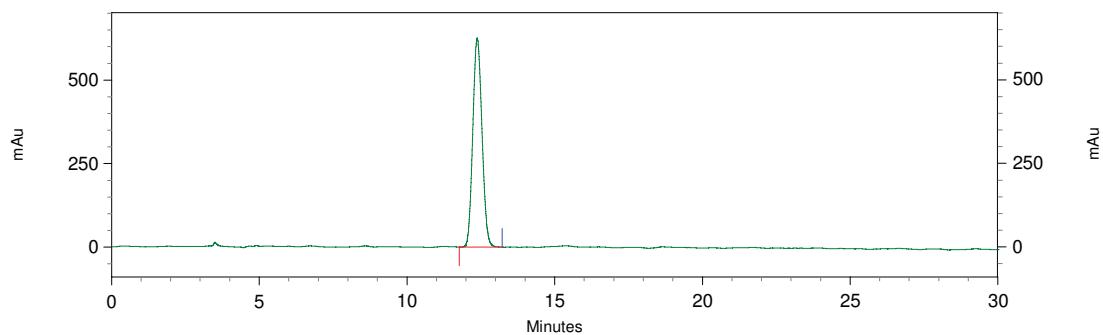
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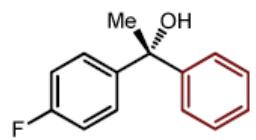
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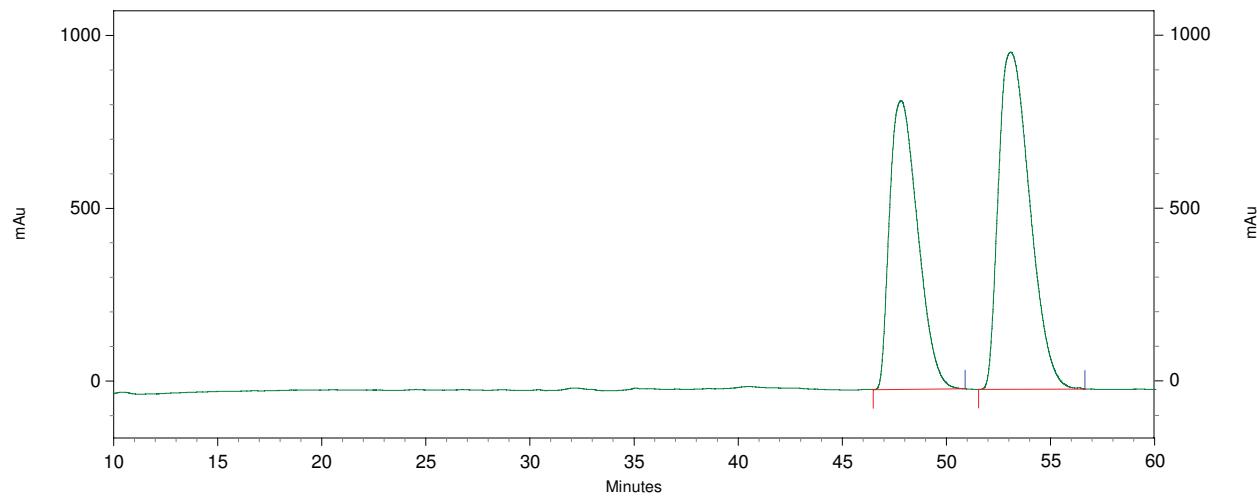
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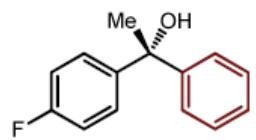
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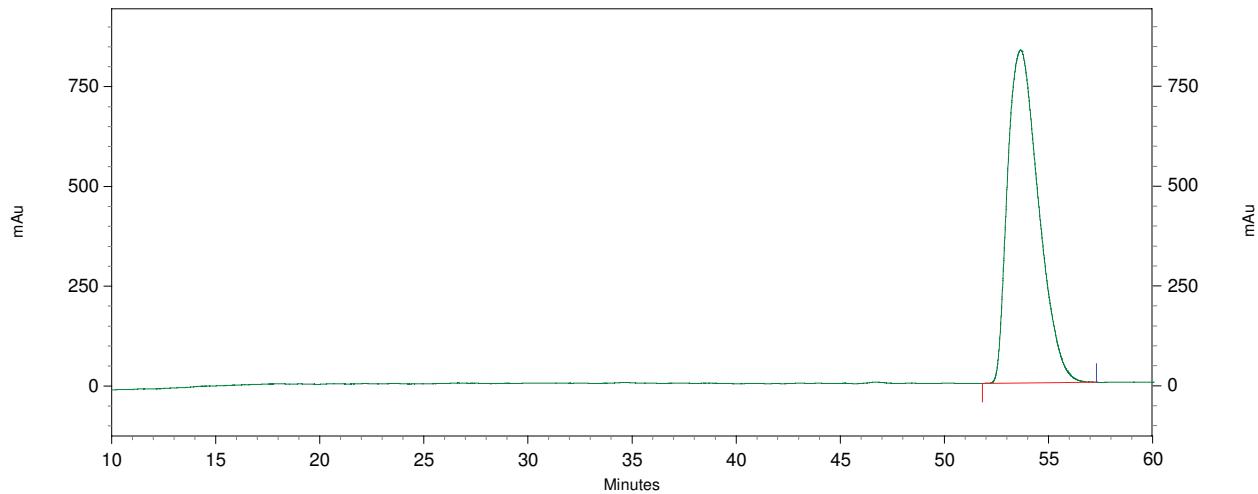
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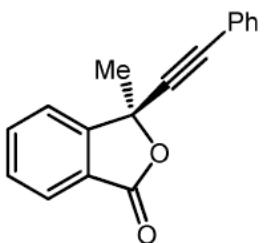
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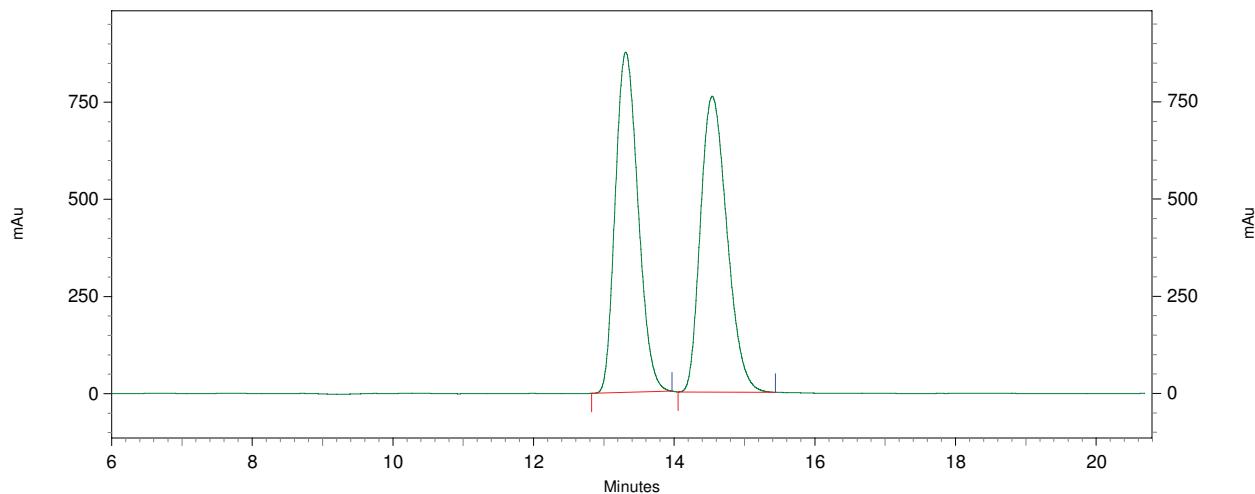
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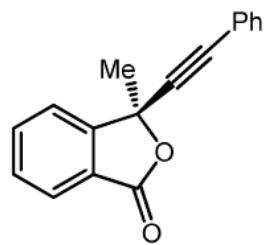
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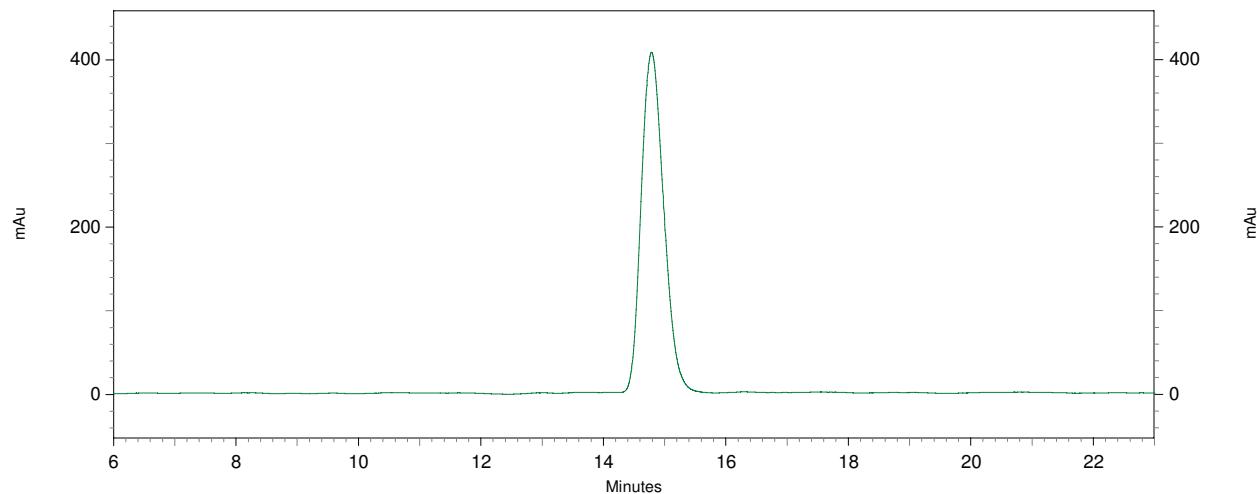
**Scheme 1. Compound 5. Racemic.**



Retention Time	Height	Height Percent	Area	Area Percent
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14.533	761355	46.504	19926333	50.271
Totals	1637189	100.000	39638142	100.000



**Scheme 1. Compound 5.**



Retention Time	Height	Height Percent	Area	Area Percent
14.779	286503	100.000	7257075	100.000
Totals	286503	100.000	7257075	100.000