

Enantioselective Total Synthesis and Confirmation of the Absolute and Relative Stereochemistry of Streptorubin B

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Part 1: Supplemental References

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Part 2: General Methods

All reactions were carried out under a nitrogen atmosphere in flame-dried glassware with magnetic stirring unless otherwise stated. THF and CH₂Cl₂ were purified by passage through a bed of activated alumina.¹ Reagents were purified² prior to use unless otherwise stated. Purification of reaction products was carried out by flash chromatography using EM Reagent silica gel 60 (230-400 mesh). Analytical thin layer chromatography was performed on EM Reagent 0.25 mm silica gel 60-F plates. Visualization was accomplished with UV light and anisaldehyde or potassium permanganate followed by heating. Film infrared spectra were recorded using a BioRad Excalibur and a BioRad FTS-60. Germanium ATR infrared spectra were recorded using a Bruker Tensor 37. ¹H-NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker Advance III 500 (500 MHz), Varian Inova 500 (500 MHz), or Inova 400 (400 MHz) spectrometer and are

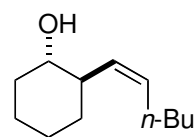
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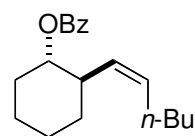
reported in ppm using solvent as an internal standard (CDCl₃ at 7.26 ppm) or tetramethylsilane (0.00 ppm). Two-dimensional NMR experiments were run on a Bruker Advance III 500 (500 MHz). Data are reported as (app = apparent, obs = obscured, s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, q = quartet, p = pentet, h = hextet, sep = septet, o = octet, m = multiplet, b = broad; integration; coupling constant(s) in Hz. Proton-decoupled ¹³C-NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker Advance III 500 (125 MHz), Varian Inova 500 (125 MHz), or Inova 400 (100 MHz) spectrometer and are reported in ppm using solvent as an internal standard (CDCl₃ at 77.00 ppm). Mass spectra data were obtained on an Agilent 6210 Time-of-Flight LC/MS and a Thermo Finnegan Mat 900 XL High Resolution Magnetic Sector. X-ray data were collected using a Bruker APEX II detector and processed using an APEX2 from Bruker. Optical rotations were recorded with a Perkin Elmer 341 polarimeter at 589 nm (Na/Hal) at 20°C. Circular dichroism spectra were recorded with a JASCO J-815 circular dichroism spectrophotometer at ambient temperature in CHCl₃, using a 2 mm thick cuvette.

Part 3: Experimental Procedures: Synthesis of Streptorubin B



(1S,2R)-2-((1Z)-1-hexen-1-yl)-cyclohexanol (14): To a solution of heptanedial (2.6 g, 20 mmol) in dichloromethane (202 mL) was added (*S*)-proline (232 mg, 2 mmol) at room temperature. The heterogenous mixture was stirred for 12 hours, after which the solution became clear and homogenous. To a suspension of pentyltriphenylphosphonium bromide (10.9 g, 26.3 mmol) in THF (202 mL in a separate flask) at 0 °C was added sodium hexamethyldisilazane (26 mL, 26.3 mmol, 1 M in THF), upon which the solution turned bright orange. The ylide solution was allowed to stir for 1h 20 min prior to addition of aldehyde solution via cannula at 0 °C (total aldol reaction time = 13 h 30 min), upon which the solution turned cloudy and white. After 1h, the reaction mixture was quenched with saturated NH₄Cl (200 mL), and the organic layer separated. The aqueous/halogenated layers were extracted with Et₂O (3 x 200 mL), and the combined organic layers were dried (MgSO₄) and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by flash column chromatography (33% Et₂O in hexanes, silica gel) to afford a 10:1:1 mixture of the title compound, the *syn*-diastereomer, and the *E*-isomer, respectively (2.54 g, 69%). When desired, the *syn*-diastereomer was removed by iterative column chromatography (3% MeOH in hexanes, silica gel) to afford the title compound as a 10:1 mixture of *Z* and *E* isomers: **IR** (neat) 3430, 2928, 2856, 1462, 1076 cm⁻¹; **¹H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl₃) 5.58 (dt, 1H, *J* = 10.9, 7.4 Hz), 5.16 (dd, 1H, *J* = 10.9, 10.6 Hz), 3.20 (m, 1H), 2.23 (dddd, 1H, *J* = 10.6 Hz, 10.6 Hz, 9.9 Hz, 3.4 Hz), 2.10 (m, 2H), 2.03 (m, 1H), 1.83 (s, 1H), 1.77 (bm, 1H), 1.64 (bt, 2H, *J* = 10.6, 10.6 Hz), 1.30 (m, 7H), 1.11 (m, 1H), 0.89 (t, 3H, *J* = 6.3 Hz); **¹³C NMR** (125 MHz, CDCl₃) 133.4, 131.5, 73.9, 44.9, 33.5, 32.1, 31.4, 27.6, 25.3, 24.9, 22.4, 14.0; **HRMS** (EI): Exact mass calc'd for C₁₂H₂₂O [M⁺], 182.1671. Found 182.1665. [α]_D = +38.2 (c = 2.07 g/100 mL, CHCl₃).

To determine the enantioselectivity of the aldol-Wittig reaction:

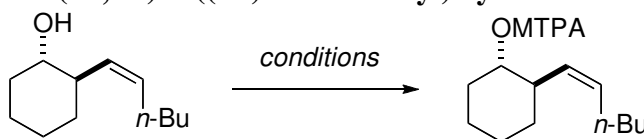


(1S,2R)-2-((1Z)-1-hexen-1-yl)-cyclohexanyl-benzoate: To a stirring solution of **14** (40.0 mg, 0.22 mmol) in DCM (2.2 mL) were added NEt₃ (91 μL, 0.66 mmol), DMAP (3 mg, 0.02 mmol), and benzoyl chloride (77 μL, 0.66 mmol). The solution was stirred for 60 h before being diluted in DCM (10 mL) and poured into H₂O (10 mL). The halogenated layer was washed with sat. NaHCO₃ (10 mL), dried

(MgSO₄), and concentrated in vacuo. The residue was purified via flash chromatography (10% EtOAc in hexanes, silica gel) to afford the title compound as a 10:1 mixture of Z and E isomers (41 mg, 69%): **IR** (neat) 2931, 2857, 1714, 1271 cm⁻¹; **¹H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl₃) 8.00 (dd, 2H, *J* = 8.2, 2.2 Hz), 7.53 (dd, 1H, *J* = 8.2, 7.7 Hz), 7.41 (dd, 2H, 8.2, 7.7 Hz), 5.32 (dt, 1H, *J* = 10.9, 7.0 Hz), 5.19 (dd, 1H, *J* = 10.9, 9.6 Hz), 4.83 (ddd, 1H, 10.7, 10.3, 4.2 Hz), 2.60 (dddd, 1H, 10.3, 10.2, 9.73, 4.0 Hz), 2.07 (m, 3H), 1.83 (m, 1H), 1.73 (m, 2H), 1.44 (m, 2H), 1.27 (m, 6H), 0.85 (t, 3H, *J* = 7.0 Hz); **¹³C NMR** (125 MHz, CDCl₃) 166.1, 132.6, 131.4, 131.1, 130.9, 129.6, 128.2, 76.5, 41.6, 32.0, 31.9, 31.6, 27.4, 24.9, 24.6, 22.4, 14.0; **HRMS** (ESI): Exact mass calc'd for C₁₉H₂₇O₂ [M+H⁺], 287.2006. Found 287.2005. [α]_D = +11.8 (c = 0.61 g/100 mL, CHCl₃)

The UV-active aromatic ester was used to determine the enantioselectivity of the aldol-Wittig reaction sequence by comparison to the racemic material. Enantioselectivity (97.5:2.5 er) was determined by chiral HPLC analysis: Chiraldex OD-H column (0.46 cm x 25 cm), flow rate of 1.0 mL/min, 0.5% isopropanol in hexanes. Retention times: 7.67 min (+)/10.40 min (-).

Mosher Ester Analysis of (1*S*,2*R*)-2-((1*Z*)-1-hexen-1-yl)-cyclohexanol (**14**)



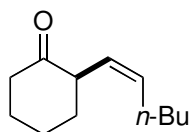
General Procedure for the Preparation of Mosher Esters: To a solution of alcohol **14** (9.4 mg, 0.052 mmol) in dry DCM (0.5 mL) was added DMAP (3.0 mg, 0.025 mmol), *i*Pr₂NEt (14 μL, 0.10 mmol), and (*R*)-(-)-α-methoxy-α-(trifluoromethyl)phenylacetyl chloride (14 μL, 0.08 mmol). The solution was allowed to stir at room temperature for 12 h before being diluted with Et₂O (3 mL) and quenched with H₂O (1 mL). The aqueous layer was extracted twice with Et₂O (3 mL), and the combined organic layers were dried (Na₂SO₄) and concentrated in vacuo. Flash chromatography (20% ethyl acetate in hexanes, silica gel) afforded the (*S*)-Mosher's ester (21 mg, 98%). The same procedure, using (*S*)-(+)-α-methoxy-α-(trifluoromethyl)phenylacetyl chloride, provided the (*R*)-Mosher's ester.

Table S.1 – Mosher-Ester Analysis of Secondary Alcohol

H	δ _S (ppm)	δ _R (ppm)	Δδ = δ _S - δ _R
C ¹ -H ₂	2.011, 1.903	1.905, 1.655	+0.106, +0.248
C ² -H	5.435	5.228	+0.207
C ³ -H	5.234	5.115	+0.119
C ⁴ -H	2.543	2.496	+0.047
C ⁹ -H ₂	1.697, 1.219	1.672, 1.216	+0.025, +0.003
C ⁶ -H ₂	2.033, 1.322	2.076, 1.495	-0.043, -0.173
C ⁷ -H ₂	1.771, 1.327	1.811, 1.392	-0.040, -0.065

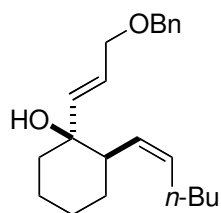
Based on the model proposed by Mosher,³ the secondary alcohol was assigned the (1*S*,2*R*) absolute configuration.

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(R)-2-((1Z)-1-hexen-1-yl)-cyclohexanone (S1): To a solution of freshly distilled oxalyl chloride (199 μL , 2.3 mmol) in DCM (8.8 mL) at -78°C was added dropwise DMSO (192 μL , 2.7 mmol). The solution was stirred for 5 minutes, after which a solution of secondary alcohol **14** (352 mg, 1.93 mmol) in DCM (5.8 mL) was added. The solution was stirred for 20 minutes, followed by the dropwise addition of $i\text{Pr}_2\text{NEt}$ (1.66 mL, 9.65 mmol). The solution was stirred for 10 minutes before being warmed to 0°C in an ice bath. The solution was further stirred at 0°C for 30 minutes, then poured into H_2O (30 mL). The organic phase was collected, and the aqueous layer back-extracted with DCM (20 mL). The combined organic layers were dried (Na_2SO_4), filtered, and concentrated in vacuo. Purification by flash chromatography (10% EtOAc in hexanes, silica gel) afforded the title compound (335 mg, 96%): **IR** (neat) 2958, 2860, 1712, 1126 cm^{-1} ; **^1H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl_3) 5.52 (m, 2H), 3.27 (ddd, 1H, $J = 10.4, 6.9, 6.9$ Hz), 2.45 (ddd, 1H, $J = 13.4, 11.6, 4.9$ Hz), 2.31 (m, 1H), 2.00 (m, 4H), 1.87 (m, 1H), 1.73 (m, 2H), 1.61 (m, 2H), 1.31 (m, 4H), 0.88 (t, 3H, $J = 6.7$ Hz); **^{13}C NMR** (125 MHz, CDCl_3) 211.5, 132.3, 126.4, 49.4, 41.7, 34.9, 31.7, 27.7, 27.3, 24.4, 22.3, 14.0; **HRMS** (ESI): Exact mass calc'd for $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{21}\text{O}$ [$\text{M}+\text{H}^+$], 181.1587. Found 181.1585. $[\alpha]_{\text{D}} = +3.2$ ($c = 2.64$ g/100 mL, CHCl_3).

(E)-1-benzyloxy-3-iodo-2-propene (S2):⁴ To ZrCp_2Cl_2 (5.4 g, 19 mmol) under N_2 was added THF (32 mL). The solution was cooled to 0°C and stirred vigorously as a solution of DIBAL (18.7 mL, 1 M in hexanes) was added slowly. The solution was vigorously stirred for 30 minutes at 0°C before addition of benzyl propargyl ether (1.81 g, 12.4 mmol) in THF (6.4 mL). The reaction was warmed to room temperature, and allowed to stir for 3 hours before being cooled to -78°C . A homogenous solution of I_2 (5.3 g, 21 mmol) in THF (24 mL) was then added to the black solution, and after 30 minutes at -78°C , the solution was raised to 0°C , quenched with 1 M aq. HCl (40 mL), extracted with Et_2O (2 x 40 mL). The organic phase was washed with sat. $\text{Na}_2\text{S}_2\text{O}_3$ (20 mL), sat. NaHCO_3 (40 mL), and brine (40 mL). The combined organic layers were dried (MgSO_4), and concentrated in vacuo. Flash column chromatography (10% diethyl ether in hexanes, silica gel) afforded the title compound as a single isomer (2.95 g, 87%): **^1H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl_3) 7.45-7.28 (m, 5H), 6.68 (dt, 1H, $J = 14.4, 5.9$ Hz), 6.45 (dt, 1H, $J = 14.4, 1.5$ Hz), 4.54 (s, 2H), 3.98 (dd, $J = 5.9, 1.5$ Hz). Data were identical those those reported in the literature.⁴

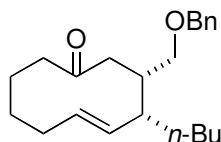


(1R,2R)-1-((1E)-3-benzyloxy-1-propen-1-yl)-2-((1Z)-1-hexen-1-yl)-cyclohexanol (13): To a solution of vinyl iodide **S2** (317 mg, 1.16 mmol) in Et_2O (15 mL) at -78°C was added a solution of $n\text{-BuLi}$ in hexanes (511 μL , 2.27 M). The mixture was allowed to stir for 1 minute prior to addition of ketone **S1** (123 mg, 0.68 mmol) in Et_2O (7.5 mL) at -78°C . The reaction mixture was allowed to stir for 30 minutes before being warmed to 0°C and quenched with saturated NH_4Cl solution (15 mL). The organic layer was separated, and the aqueous layer extracted with Et_2O (60 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with H_2O (50 mL), dried (Na_2SO_4), and concentrated in vacuo. Purification by flash chromatography (20% EtOAc in hexanes) afforded the title compound (201 mg, 90%): **IR** (neat) 3473, 2927, 2854, 1453, 946 cm^{-1} ; **^1H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl_3) 7.33 (m, 4H), 7.28 (dd, 1H, $J = 6.3, 2.3$, Hz), 5.74

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(m, 2H), 5.39 (dt, 1H, 11.0, 7.1 Hz), 5.31 (dd, 1H, $J = 11.0, 9.8$ Hz), 4.48 (d, 2H, $J = 3.1$ Hz), 4.00 (m, 2H), 2.33 (ddd, 1H, $J = 10.2$ Hz, 9.8 Hz, 4.4 Hz), 1.98 (m, 2H), 1.71 (m, 1H), 1.65 (m, 1H), 1.58 (m, 2H), 1.50 (m, 2H), 1.43 (m, 1H), 1.36 (s, 1H), 1.29 (m, 5H), 0.88 (t, 3H, $J = 7.0$ Hz); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) 141.1, 138.5, 130.9, 129.7, 128.4, 127.8, 127.6, 123.7, 73.2, 71.9, 70.5, 43.6, 38.1, 31.9, 28.5, 27.6, 25.3, 22.5, 21.4, 14.1; HRMS (ESI): Exact mass calc'd for $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{31}\text{O}$ (M-OH $^-$), 311.2369. Found 311.2373. $[\alpha]_{\text{D}} = -57.6$ ($c = 2.43$ g/100 mL, CHCl_3).

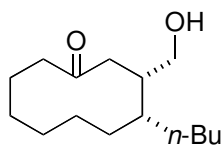
Enantiopurity (97:3 er) was determined by chiral HPLC analysis: Chiraldex OD-H column (0.46 cm x 25 cm), flow rate of 1.0 mL/min, 2% isopropanol in hexanes. Retention times: 10.74 min (-)/12.06 min (+).



(3S,4S)-3-(benzyloxy-methylene)-4-(n-butyl)-5(E)-cyclodecenone (12):

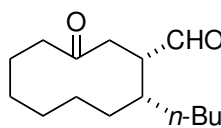
To a stirring suspension of KH (40 mg, 1.0 mmol) in Et_2O (13 mL) at 0 °C was added hexamethyldisilazane (204 μL , 1.0 mmol). The suspension was stirred for 30 minutes at room temperature prior to addition into a stirring solution of allylic alcohol **13** (170 mg, 0.51 mmol) and 18-crown-6 ether (270 mg, 1.02 mmol) in Et_2O (12 mL) at 0 °C. The resulting yellow solution was stirred for 18 h at room temperature. The reaction was quenched with sat. NH_4Cl solution (1 mL) and poured into H_2O (25 mL). The organic layer was separated, and the aqueous layer was back-extracted with Et_2O (10 mL). The combined organic phases were dried (Na_2SO_4), filtered, and concentrated in vacuo. Purification by flash chromatography on silica gel (20% EtOAc in hexanes) afforded the title compound (140 mg, 83%): IR (neat) 3028, 2951, 1704, 1089, 984 cm^{-1} ; (note: NMR spectra were significantly broadened, presumably due to alkene anisotropy) ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) 7.34 (m, 4H), 7.29 (dd, 1H, $J = 5.1, 2.4$ Hz), 5.22 (br m, 2H), 4.52 (br m, 2H), 3.48 (br m, 2H), 2.33 (br s, 5H), 1.93 (br s, 2H), 1.25 (m, 7H), 1.09 (m, 1H), 0.86 (t, 3H, $J = 7$ Hz); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) 128.4, 127.6, 127.5, 33.4, 14.2; HRMS (ESI): Exact mass calc'd for $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{33}\text{O}_2$ [$\text{M}+\text{H}^+$], 329.2475. Found 329.2474. $[\alpha]_{\text{D}} = -7.3$ ($c = 3.77$ g/100 mL, CHCl_3).

Enantiopurity (97:3 er) was determined by chiral HPLC analysis: Chiraldex OD-H column (0.46 cm x 25 cm), flow rate of 1.0 mL/min, 0.5% isopropanol in hexanes. Retention times: 12.03 min (+)/13.91 min (-).



(3S,4R)-3-(hydroxy-methylene)-4-(n-butyl)-cyclodecanone (S3):

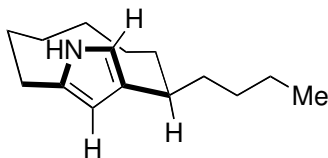
To a solution of cyclodecanone **12** (116 mg, 0.35 mmol) in dry MeOH (11 mL) was added 10% Pd/C (35 mg). The flask was purged with H_2 , and the solution allowed to stir under a balloon of H_2 at room temperature for 19 h. The solution was filtered through celite, eluting with ethyl acetate, and the filtrate concentrated in vacuo. Purification by flash chromatography (50% EtOAc in hexanes) afforded the title compound (81 mg, 95%): IR (neat) 3437, 2955, 2931, 2872, 1693, 1266; ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) 3.70 (dt, 1H, $J = 10.4, 4.4$ Hz), 3.53 (m, 1H), 2.89 (dd, 1H, $J = 10.1, 8.7$ Hz), 2.57 (ddd, 1H, $J = 15.2, 10.4, 3.5$ Hz), 2.47 (ddd, 1H, $J = 15.2, 7.7, 3.8$ Hz), 2.39 (m, 2H), 2.12 (br s, 1H), 2.05 (m, 1H), 1.70 (m, 1H), 1.64 (app s, 1H), 1.52 (m, 2H), 1.40 (m, 4H), 1.25 (m, 8H), 0.89 (t, 3H, $J = 7.0$ Hz); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) 215.9, 64.5, 43.4, 41.9, 40.9, 36.5, 31.6, 30.3, 28.5, 25.7, 25.5, 24.3, 23.9, 22.9, 14.4; HRMS (ESI): Exact mass calc'd for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{29}\text{O}_2$ [$\text{M}+\text{H}^+$], 241.2162. Found 241.2158. $[\alpha]_{\text{D}} = -4.9$ ($c = 0.45$ g/100 mL, CHCl_3).



(3S,4R)-3-(formyl)-4-(n-butyl)-cyclodecanone (S4):

To a solution of keto-

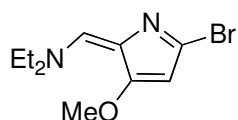
alcohol **S3** (204 mg, 0.85 mmol) in DCM (28 mL) was added deionized H₂O (15 μ L), followed by Dess-Martin periodinane (540 mg, 1.28 mmol). The mixture was allowed to stir for 30 min then diluted with ether, and concentrated to a small volume in vacuo. The residue was taken up in ether and washed with 1:1 0.5 M Na₂S₂O₃/sat. NaHCO₃ (90 mL), H₂O (30 mL), and brine (30 mL). The aqueous layers were back-extracted with Et₂O (50 mL), and the combined organic layers were dried (Na₂SO₄) and concentrated in vacuo. Purification by flash chromatography (20% EtOAc in hexanes, silica gel) afforded the title compound (166 mg, 82%): **IR** (neat) 2929, 2852, 1724, 1702 cm⁻¹; **¹H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl₃) 9.74 (s, 1H), 3.19 (dt, 1H, *J* = 9.7, 3.5 Hz), 2.89 (dd, 1H, 16.2, 9.7 Hz), 2.67 (dd, 1H, 16.2, 3.5 Hz), 2.55 (m, 2H), 2.15 (m, 1H), 2.03 (m, 1H), 1.73 (m, 1H), 1.54-1.18 (br m, 13H), 0.91 (t, 3H, *J* = 7.0 Hz); **¹³C NMR** (125 MHz, CDCl₃) 213.2, 203.6, 52.0, 43.1, 37.1, 35.6, 31.8, 29.9, 28.7, 26.1, 25.1, 23.8, 23.4, 22.8, 14.0; **HRMS** (ESI): Exact mass calc'd for C₁₅H₂₇O₂ [M+H⁺], 239.2006. Found 239.2001. [α]_D = +47.7 (c = 0.675 g/100 mL, CHCl₃).



2-butyl-10-azabicyclo[7.2.1]dodeca-1(11),9(12)diene (syn-11):

To a solution of dicarbonyl **S4** (166 mg, 0.70 mmol) in anhydrous methanol (7 mL) was added dry NH₄OAc (540 mg, 7.0 mmol). The stirred solution was heated at reflux at 65 °C for 40 minutes then cooled to room temperature. The reaction mixture was diluted in hexanes (75 mL) and filtered through silica gel, eluting with 20% ethyl acetate in hexanes. The crude material was concentrated in vacuo, and the residue was subject to flash chromatography (20% ethyl acetate in hexanes, silica gel) to afford the title compound as a ca. 10:1 mixture of atropisomers (131 mg, 86%): **IR** (neat) 3372, 2924, 2856, 2361, 2336, 1696, 1454 cm⁻¹; **¹H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl₃) 7.70 (br s, 1H), 6.45 (s, 1H), 6.23 (s, 1H), 2.67 (ddd, 1H, *J* = 14.0, 4.6, 2.0 Hz), 2.44 (m, 2H), 1.79-1.62 (m, 5H), 1.55-1.30 (m, 5H), 0.93 (m, 4H), 0.92 (t, 3H, *J* = 7.0 Hz), 0.71 (m, 1H), 0.52 (dd, 1H, *J* = 13.1, 10.8 Hz), -1.89 (m, 1H); **¹³C NMR** (125 MHz, CDCl₃) 132.6, 130.0, 114.7, 111.7, 41.8, 41.2, 33.5, 32.6, 30.3, 30.0, 29.8, 29.4, 26.7, 23.0, 14.2; **HRMS** (ESI) Exact mass calc'd for C₁₅H₂₅N [M+H⁺], 220.2060. Found 220.2057. [α]_D = -32.7 (c = 0.345 g/100 mL, CHCl₃).

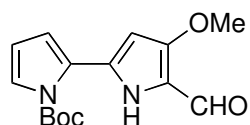
Enantiopurity (\geq 97:3 er) was checked by chiral HPLC analysis: Chiraldex OD-H column (0.46 cm x 25 cm), flow rate of 1.0 mL/min, 2% isopropanol in hexanes. Retention times: 6.91 min (-)/9.27 min (+).



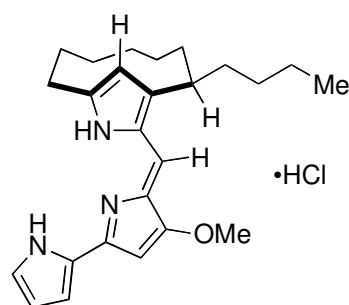
(E)-N-((5-bromo-3-methoxy-2H-pyrrol-2-ylidene)methyl)-N-ethylethanamine (S5):

To a solution of diethyl formamide (1.54 mL, 13.8 mmol) in DCM (12 mL) at 0 °C was added dropwise phosphorous oxybromide (4.84 g, 16.8 mmol) in DCM (3 mL) over 15 minutes. The solution was stirred at 0 °C for 10 minutes before addition of 4-methoxy-3-pyrrolin-2-one (1.0 g, 8.9 mmol) in several portions over 5 minutes. The mixture was stirred for 10 minutes at 0 °C and then heated to reflux for 3.5 h. The mixture was cooled to 0 °C and H₂O (1.7 mL) was added dropwise, maintaining the temperature below 20 °C. The solution was neutralized with 15% aq. NaOH (ca. 20 mL) and extracted with DCM (2 x 20 mL). The organic layers were dried (Na₂SO₄), filtered, and concentrated in vacuo. Flash chromatography (25% ethyl acetate in hexanes, silica gel) of the residue afforded the title compound (1.27 g, 55%), which was identical in all aspects to that which was previously reported.⁵

5. Dairi, K.; Tripathy, S.; Attardo, G.; Lavaleé, J. F. *Tetrahedron Lett.* **2006**, *47*, 2605–2606.



tert-butyl 5'-formyl-4'-methoxy-1H,1'H-2,2'-bipyrrole-1-carboxylate (21): To Pd(OAc)₂ (30 mg, 0.14 mmol) in toluene (1 mL) was added triphenylphosphine (159 mg, 0.61 mmol). The yellow slurry was stirred for 20 minutes at 70 °C, followed by the addition of bromoenamine **S5** (350 mg, 1.34 mmol) and *N*-Boc-pyrrole-2-boronic acid (427 mg, 2.0 mmol) in degassed 9:1 dioxane/H₂O (11.5 mL). Na₂CO₃ (429 mg, 4.0 mmol) was added, and the solution was degassed with Ar before heating to 85 °C for 3.5h. The reaction was cooled to room temperature before being diluted with H₂O (20 mL) and DCM (20 mL). The mixture was stirred vigorously as 2M HCl was added to neutralize the solution. The mixture was extracted with DCM (2 x 20 mL) and the organic layers were dried (Na₂SO₄), filtered, and concentrated in vacuo. Flash chromatography (15% ethyl acetate in hexanes, silica gel) afforded the title compound as an orange powder (292 mg, 75%), which was identical in all aspects to that which was previously reported.⁶

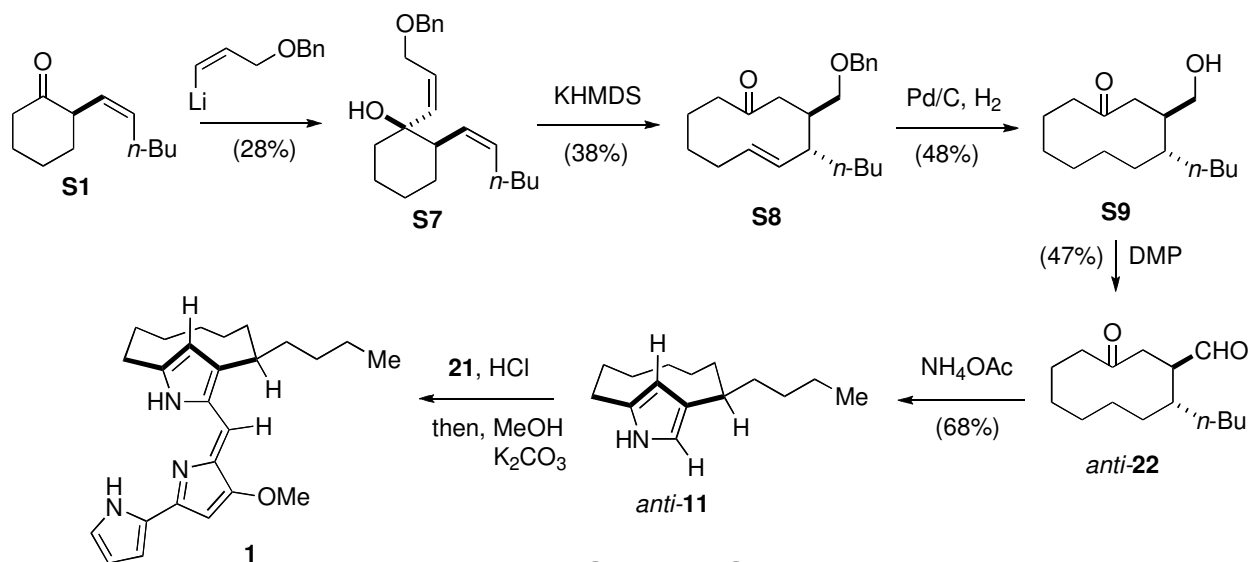


(R)-streptorubin B hydrochloride (1): To pyrrole *syn*-**11** (19 mg, 0.09 mmol) and biaryl aldehyde **21** (31 mg, 0.11 mmol) was added anhydrous MeOH (1.5 mL). The stirred solution was placed in a water bath (18 °C) and a solution of HCl in MeOH (91 μL, 1 M, freshly generated from AcCl in MeOH) was added, upon which the solution turned brilliant red. The solution was stirred for 1 h 15 min before addition of a suspension of NaOMe in MeOH (910 μL, 0.5 M), upon which the solution turned a dark brown. After 45 min, LCMS showed the reaction to be complete, and the reaction mixture was poured into Et₂O (25 mL) and washed with H₂O (15 mL). The aqueous layer was extracted with Et₂O (15 mL) and the combined organic layers were dried (Na₂SO₄). Two iterations of column chromatography (5% Et₂O and 5% NEt₃ in pentanes, then CHCl₃ to 3% MeOH/CHCl₃, silica gel) afforded the natural product as the HCl salt, as a ca. 1:1 mixture of atropisomers, which upon standing at room temperature in CHCl₃ in a closed vessel equilibrated to a single atropisomer (28 mg, 72%). Single crystals for X-ray diffraction were grown by vapor diffusion of hexanes into a concentrated solution of **1** in ethyl acetate (ca. 5 mg in 0.2 mL solvent). **IR** (neat) 3436, 3371, 3019, 2937, 1764 cm⁻¹; **¹H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl₃) 12.70 (s, 1H), 12.66 (s, 1H), 12.58 (s, 1H), 7.22 (s, 1H), 7.21 (s, 1H), 7.11 (s, 1H), 6.90 (s, 1H), 6.51 (s, 1H), 6.34 (t, 1H, *J* = 2.7 Hz), 6.09 (s, 1H), 4.02 (s, 3H), 3.33 (m, 1H), 3.10 (m, 1H), 2.53 (dt, 1H, *J* = 12.3, 5.4 Hz), 1.96-1.68 (m, 5H), 1.55 (m, 2H), 1.37 (m, 5H), 1.14 (m, 2H), 1.24 (m, 3H), 0.91 (m, 5H), 0.78 (m, 1H), -1.55 (dt, 1H, *J* = 14.1, 8.8 Hz); **¹³C NMR** (125 MHz, CDCl₃) 165.4, 154.4, 150.6, 147.0, 126.7, 125.0, 122.4, 120.3, 116.8, 116.6, 112.5, 111.5, 92.8, 58.7, 38.9, 37.5, 31.7, 30.9, 30.4, 30.0, 29.1, 27.7, 25.4, 22.9, 14.2; **HRMS** (ESI) Exact mass calc'd for C₂₅H₃₃N₃O [M+H⁺], 392.2696. Found 392.2700.

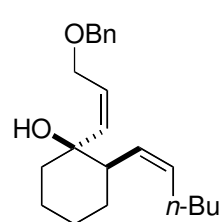
(S)-Streptorubin B hydrochloride (ent-1): The same procedures used for the synthesis of (*R*)-streptorubin B were employed in the syntheses of (*S*)-streptorubin B and *rac*-streptorubin B, with the exception that (*R*)-proline or *rac*-proline was used instead of (*S*)-proline in the desymmetrizing aldol-Wittig sequence.

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Part 4: Experimental Procedures: Exploration of Pyrrole Atropisomer (Unoptimized)



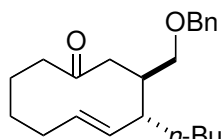
(Z)-1-benzyloxy-3-iodo-2-propene (S6): To benzyl propynol (5.0 g, 35 mmol) was added tributyltin hydride (13.0 g, 44.9 mmol). AIBN (57 mg, 0.35 mmol) was added, and the stirring solution was heated at 120 °C for 3 hours. The crude solution was diluted in DCM (340 mL), and a solution of I₂ (11.8 g, 46.6 mmol) in DCM (350 mL) was titrated into the stirring solution via addition funnel. The resulting dark solution was quenched with sat. Na₂S₂O₃ (250 mL), washed with 0.5 M aq. NaOH (250 mL), brine (250 mL), and filtered through silica, eluting with DCM. Flash column chromatography (10% diethyl ether in hexanes, silica gel) afforded the title compound in two fractions, the first containing a ~1:1 mixture of the Z and E isomers (3.0 g), the second containing a ~3:2 mixture of Z and E isomers (2.3 g, 56%): ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) 7.40-7.28 (m, 5H), 6.50 (dt, 1H, *J* = 7.6, 5.4 Hz), 6.41 (m, 1H), 4.54 (s, 2H), 4.13 (dd, *J* = 5.5, 1.5 Hz).



(1R,2R)-1-((1Z)-3-benzyloxy-1-propen-1-yl)-2-((1Z)-1-hexen-1-yl)-cyclohexanol (S7): To a solution of a ~3:2 mixture of *Z*:*E* vinyl iodide S6 (643 mg, 2.35 mmol) in Et₂O (30 mL) at -78 °C was added a solution of *n*-BuLi in hexanes (2.35 mL, 1.0 M). The mixture was allowed to stir for 4 minutes prior to addition of ketone S1 (249 mg, 1.38 mmol) in Et₂O (16 mL) at -78 °C. The reaction mixture was allowed to stir for 50 minutes before being warmed to 0 °C and quenched with saturated NH₄Cl solution (30 mL).

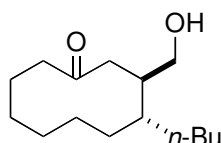
The organic layer was separated, and the aqueous layer extracted with Et₂O (30 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with H₂O (15 mL), dried (Na₂SO₄), and concentrated in vacuo. Purification by flash chromatography (5% EtOAc in hexanes) afforded the title compound (126 mg, 28%), along with the corresponding alkynyl addition product (85 mg, 19%) and the *E*-allylic alcohol S7 (50 mg, 11%): IR (neat) 3457, 3012, 2956, 2858, 1454 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) 7.36-7.27 (m, 5H), 5.57-5.48 (m, 2H), 4.54 (d, 2H, *J* = 3.84 Hz), 4.25 (app t, 2H, *J* = 5.4 Hz), 3.06 (s, 1H), 2.30 (m, 1H), 2.07-1.96 (m, 2H), 1.74 (m, 1H), 1.69 (m, 1H), 1.59 (m, 1H), 1.51 (m, 2H), 1.43 (m, 1H), 1.39 (m, 1H), 1.31 (m, 4H), 1.28 (m, 1H), 0.89

(m, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) 141.2, 130.6, 130.1, 128.4, 127.8, 127.7, 126.5, 124.9, 74.5, 72.5, 66.6, 44.4, 38.4, 32.0, 28.2, 27.5, 25.1, 22.4, 21.1, 14.1; HRMS (ESI): Exact mass calc'd for $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{32}\text{O}_2\text{Na}$ ($\text{M}+\text{Na}^+$), 351.2295. Found 351.2296.



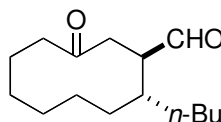
(3R,4S)-3-(benzyloxy-methylene)-4-(n-butyl)-5(E)-cyclodecenone (S8):

To a stirring solution of allylic alcohol **S7** (120 mg, 0.37 mmol) and 18-crown-6 ether (241 mg, 0.91 mmol) in Et_2O (15 mL) at 0 °C was added KHMDS in toluene (0.5 M, 1.83 mL). The resulting yellow solution was stirred for 32 h at room temperature. The reaction was quenched with sat. NH_4Cl solution (5 mL) and poured into H_2O (15 mL). The organic layer was separated, and the aqueous layer was back-extracted with Et_2O (2 x 10 mL). The combined organic phases were dried (Na_2SO_4), filtered, and concentrated in vacuo. Purification by flash chromatography on silica gel (5% EtOAc in hexanes) afforded the title compound (46 mg, 38%): **IR** (neat) 2952, 2928, 2856, 1707, 1443, 1100 cm^{-1} ; (note: the NMR spectrum did not display the same obscurity observed for the other diastereomer) ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) 7.36-7.26 (m, 5H), 5.30 (ddd, 1H, $J = 14.6, 11.0, 3.9$ Hz), 4.88 (dd, 1H, $J = 14.6, 10.4$ Hz), 4.54 (d, 1H, $J = 12.1$ Hz), 4.43 (d, 1H, $J = 12.1$ Hz), 3.47 (m, 2H), 2.47 (m, 1H), 2.44 (m, 1H), 2.36 (m, 1H), 2.32 (m, 1H), 2.30 (m, 1H), 2.22 (m, 1H), 1.88 (m, 1H), 1.86 (m, 2H), 1.73 (m, 1H), 1.60 (m, 1H), 1.43 (m, 1H), 1.27 (m, 1H), 1.23-1.16 (m, 3H), 1.07 (m, 1H), 0.84 (t, 3H, $J = 7.2$ Hz); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) 211.8, 139.5, 138.6, 129.7, 128.4, 127.6, 127.5, 73.0, 71.8, 47.8, 46.7, 45.4, 44.3, 33.5, 31.3, 29.9, 28.8, 22.7, 22.5, 14.1; HRMS (ESI): Exact mass calc'd for $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{32}\text{O}_2\text{Na}$ [$\text{M}+\text{Na}^+$], 351.2295. Found 351.2305.



(3R,4R)-3-(hydroxy-methylene)-4-(n-butyl)-cyclodecanone (S9):

To a solution of cyclodecanone **S8** (46 mg, 0.14 mmol) in dry MeOH (4 mL) was added 10% Pd/C (14 mg). The flask was purged with H_2 , and the solution stirred under a balloon of H_2 at room temperature for 16 h. The solution was filtered through celite, eluting with ethyl acetate, and concentrated in vacuo. Purification by flash chromatography (30% EtOAc in hexanes) afforded the title compound (16 mg, 48%): **IR** (neat) 3305, 2953, 2926, 1694, 1440, 1068; ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) 3.74 (dd, 1H, $J = 10.8, 3.2$ Hz), 3.58 (m, 1H), 2.86 (dd, 1H, $J = 16.2, 3.4$ Hz), 2.61 (m, 2H), 2.53 (s, 1H), 2.46 (ddd, 1H, $J = 14.1, 8.5, 3.4$ Hz), 1.99 (m, 1H), 1.86 (m, 1H), 1.75 (m, 1H), 1.56 (m, 1H), 1.50 (m, 1H), 1.43-1.15 (m, 13H), 0.88 (t, 3H, $J = 7.1$ Hz); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) 216.4, 65.5, 45.6, 44.6, 42.4, 36.2, 31.9, 28.9, 27.7, 26.2, 25.8, 24.2, 23.7, 23.2, 14.2; HRMS (ESI): Exact mass calc'd for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{28}\text{O}_2\text{Na}$ [$\text{M}+\text{Na}^+$], 263.1982. Found 263.1982.

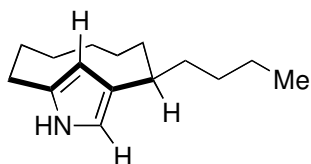


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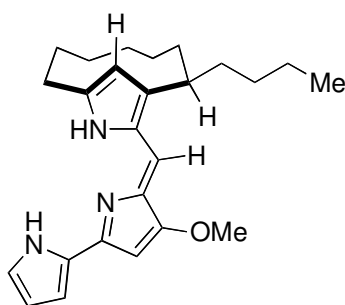
To a solution of keto-alcohol **S9** (15 mg, 0.063 mmol) in DCM (2 mL) was added deionized H_2O (~1 μL), followed by Dess-Martin periodinane (40 mg, 0.094 mmol). The solution was allowed to stir for 10 min, then diluted in ether (25 mL) and washed with 1:1 0.5 M $\text{Na}_2\text{S}_2\text{O}_3$ /sat. NaHCO_3 (25 mL). The aqueous layer was back-extracted with Et_2O (2 x 10 mL) and the combined organic layers were dried (Na_2SO_4) and concentrated in vacuo. Purification by flash chromatography (20% EtOAc in hexanes, silica gel) afforded the title compound (7.0 mg, 47%): **IR** (neat) 2955, 2930, 2859, 1721, 1703, 1455, 1358 cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) 9.82 (s, 1H), 2.77 (app s, 3H), 2.63 (ddd, 1H, $J = 14.3, 9.8, 3.7$ Hz), 2.52 (ddd, 1H, 14.3, 8.2, 3.3 Hz), 1.87 (m, 2H), 1.77 (m, 1H), 1.55 (m, 2H), 1.46-1.22 (m, 11H),

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0.91 (t, 3H, $J = 6.9$ Hz); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) 212.2, 204.3, 52.8, 43.8, 42.0, 36.0, 33.3, 29.2, 26.9, 26.5, 24.9, 23.7, 23.0, 22.9, 14.1; HRMS (ESI): Exact mass calc'd for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{26}\text{O}_2\text{Na}$ [$\text{M}+\text{Na}^+$], 261.1825. Found 261.1825.



2-butyl-10-azabicyclo[7.2.1]dodeca-1(11),9(12)diene (*anti*-11): To a solution of dicarbonyl *anti*-22 (1.0 mg, 0.004 mmol) in anhydrous methanol (0.5 mL) was added dry NH_4OAc (6 mg, 0.077 mmol). The stirred solution was heated at reflux at 65°C for 35 minutes under N_2 and cooled to room temperature. The reaction mixture was diluted in hexanes (2 mL) and the solution was immediately subjected to flash chromatography (10% ethyl acetate in hexanes, silica gel) to afford the title compound as a ca. 5:1 mixture of atropisomers, favoring *anti*-11 (0.6 mg, 68%): ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) 7.62 (s, 1H), 6.47 (s, 1H), 6.26 (s, 1H), 2.79 (m, 1H), 2.63 (ddd, 1H, $J = 14, 4.7, 1.8$ Hz), 2.45 (ddd, 1H, $J = 14.0, 13.0, 5.0$ Hz), 1.80-1.61 (m, 4H), 1.49-1.24 (m, 8H), 1.07-0.82 (m, 4H), 0.89 (t, 3H, $J = 6.44$ Hz), 0.69 (ddd, 1H, $J = 13.6, 11.7, 7.5$ Hz), -1.86 (dt, 1H, $J = 13.4, 8.7$ Hz); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) 133.2, 129.2, 114.5, 111.6, 39.4, 37.3, 32.4, 31.9, 30.7, 29.5, 29.4, 27.3, 26.0, 23.0, 14.3; HRMS (ESI) Exact mass calc'd for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{25}\text{N}$ [$\text{M}+\text{H}^+$], 220.2060. Found 220.2057.

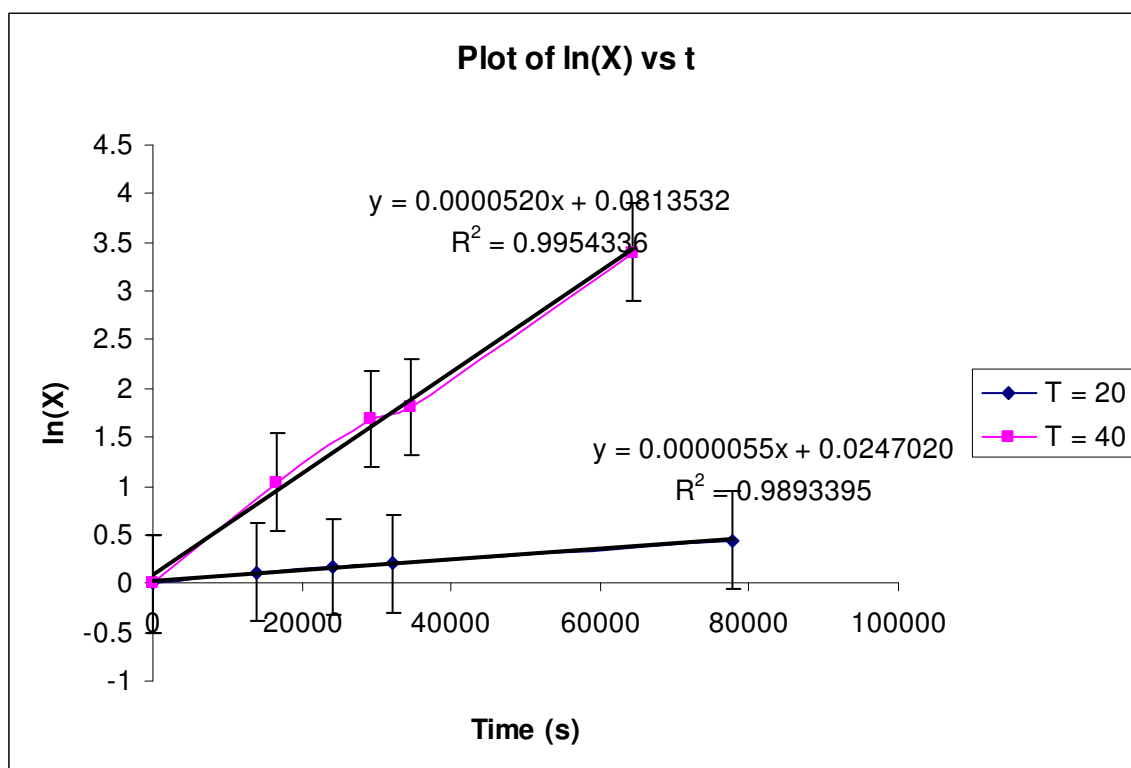


Streptorubin B (1): To the purified *anti*-11 (0.6 mg, 0.003 mmol) and biaryl aldehyde 21 (2 mg, 0.007 mmol) was added anhydrous MeOH (0.25 mL). To the stirred solution in a water bath (18°C) was added a solution of HCl in MeOH (6 μL , 1M, freshly generated from AcCl in MeOH), upon which the solution turned a brilliant pink. The solution was let stir for 1 h 5 min before addition of a suspension of NaOMe in MeOH (120 μL , 0.5 M), upon which the solution turned a bright yellow-orange color. After 45 min, the reaction mixture was poured into Et_2O (10 mL) and washed with H_2O (5 mL). The organic layer was dried (Na_2SO_4) and concentrated in vacuo. The residue was immediately subjected to column chromatography (CHCl_3 , silica gel), and the fractions containing streptorubin B were concentrated and diluted with hexanes/diethylamine (99.9:0.1), and subject to HPLC analysis (Chiraldex IA column (0.46 cm x 25 cm), flow rate of 1.0 mL/min, 5% isopropanol in 95% hexanes with 0.1% diethylamine. Retention times: 7.30 min ((*S*)-streptorubin B)/8.16 min (*atropdia*-(*R*)-streptorubin B)/9.94 min (*atropdia*-(*S*)-streptorubin B)/26.90 min ((*R*)-streptorubin B). Analysis revealed the selective formation of streptorubin B over the atropisomer.

Part 5: Measurement of Atropisomerism Activation Barrier

Freshly prepared atrop-streptorubin B (2 mg) was dissolved in chloroform (30 mL) and partitioned into two equal fractions. One fraction was let stir in an ambient temperature bath (20 °C) and the other was let stir in an oil bath at 40 °C. Fractions (1 mL) were periodically drawn from the two fractions and concentrated. The relative concentrations of the two atropdiastereomers was assayed by HPLC (Chiraldex IA column [(0.46 cm x 25 cm), flow rate of 1.0 mL/min, 5% isopropanol in 95% hexanes with 0.1% diethylamine]. Retention times: 7.30 min (streptorubin B)/9.94 min (atrop-streptorubin B). The relative absorptive efficiency between the two atropdiastereomers was approximately 1:1, as determined by comparison of ¹H NMR spectroscopy and HPLC derived data. The activation barrier (~20.5 kcal/mol) was approximated using the Arrhenius equation, assuming first-order equilibration with a rate equation of the form:

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Part 6: CD Spectra

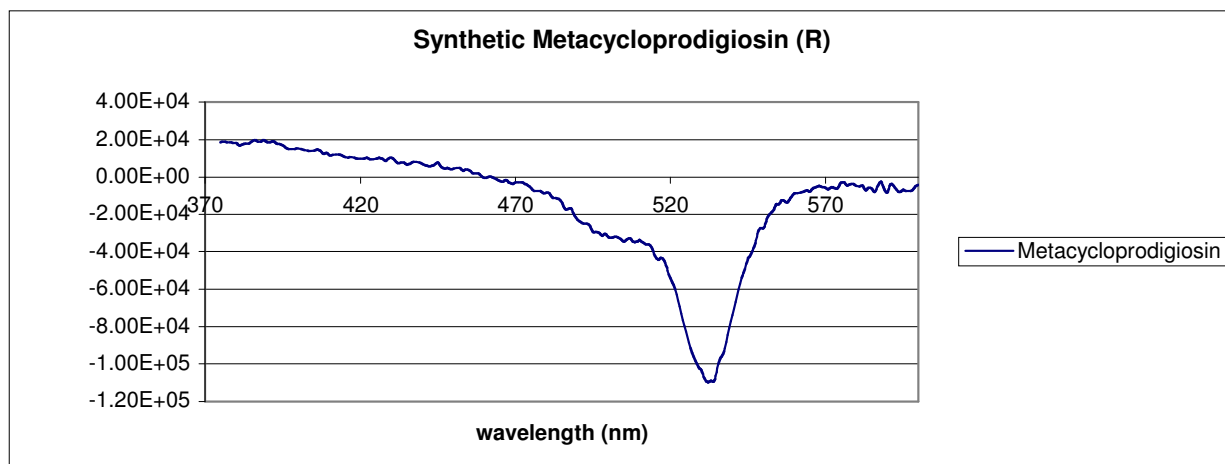


Figure S1. Synthetic Metacycloprodigiosin (R). Prepared according to Clift, M. D.; Thomson R. J., *J. Am. Chem. Soc.*, **2009**, *131*, 14579–14583.

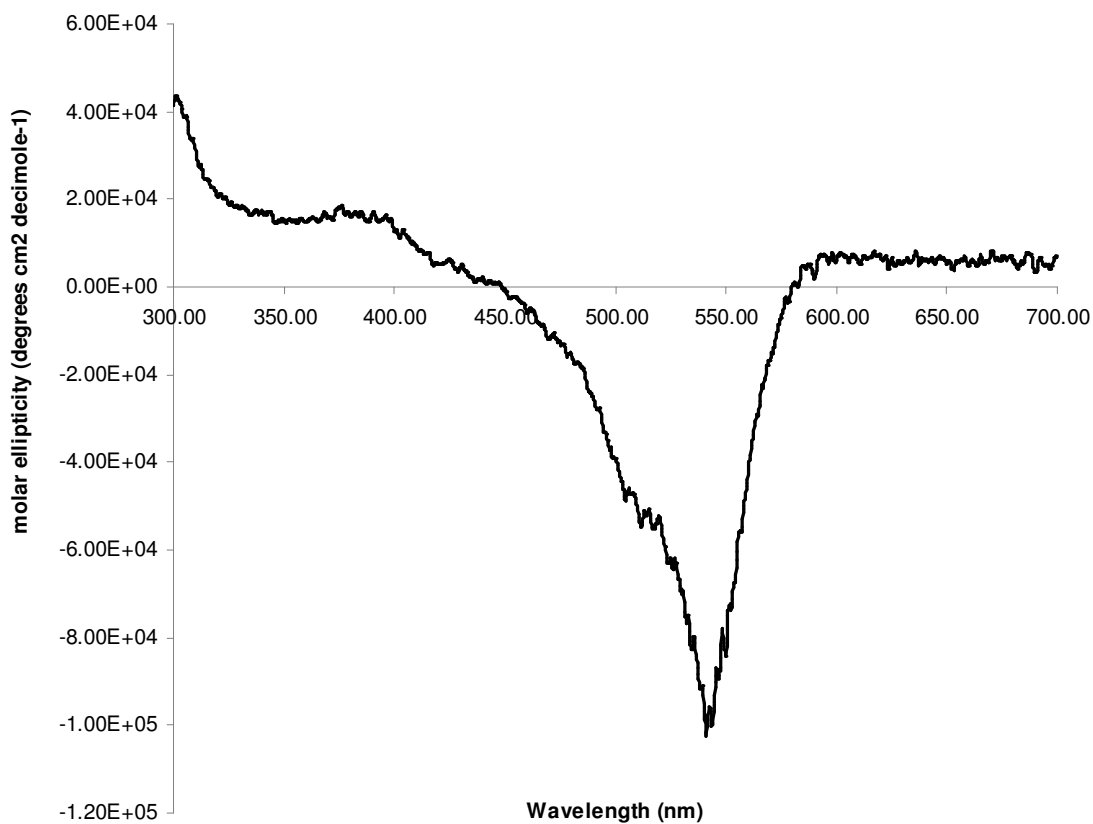


Figure S2. Natural Metacycloprodigiosin (S) isolated from *S. coelicolor* W31 + *mcpG*. Spectrum courtesy of Prof. Gregory Challis, University of Warwick.

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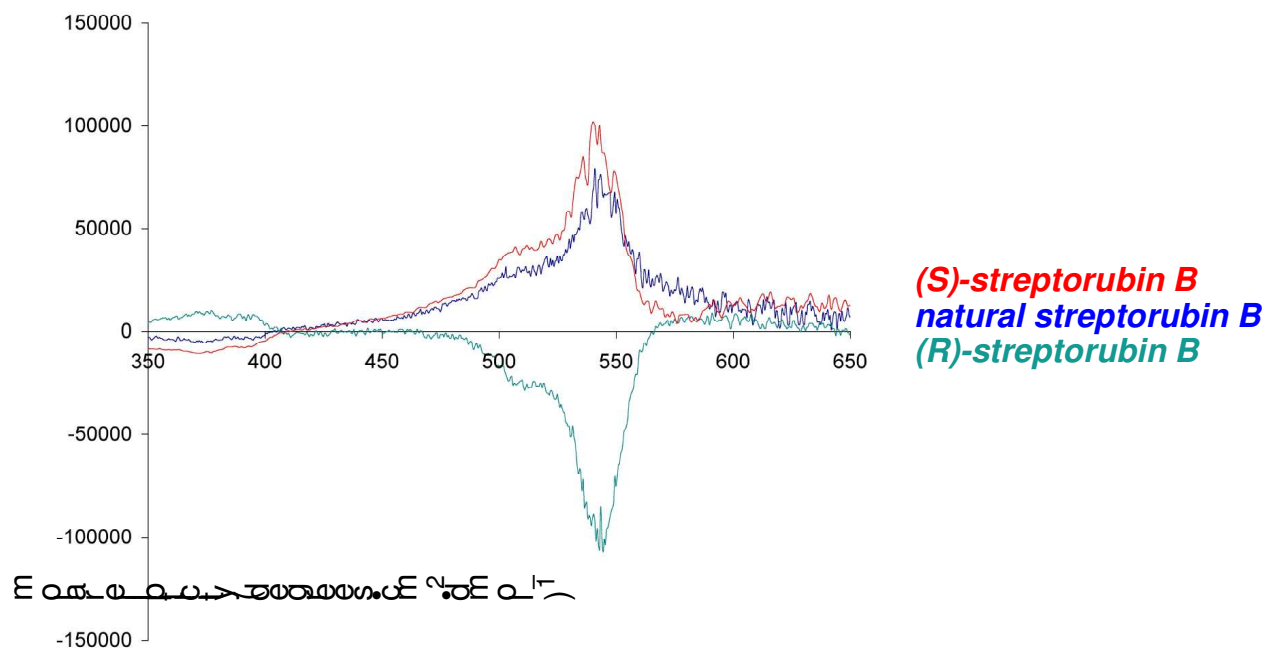
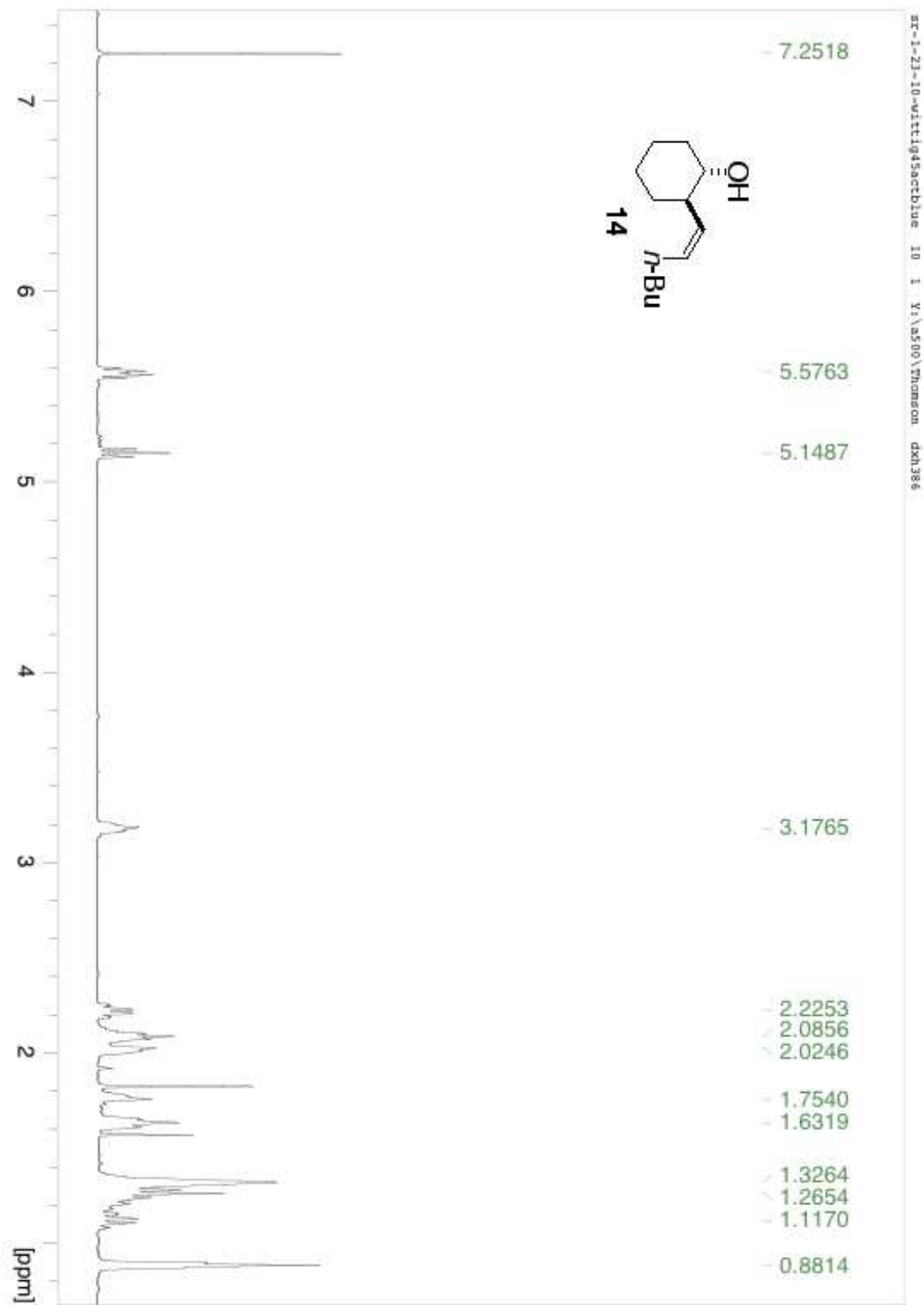
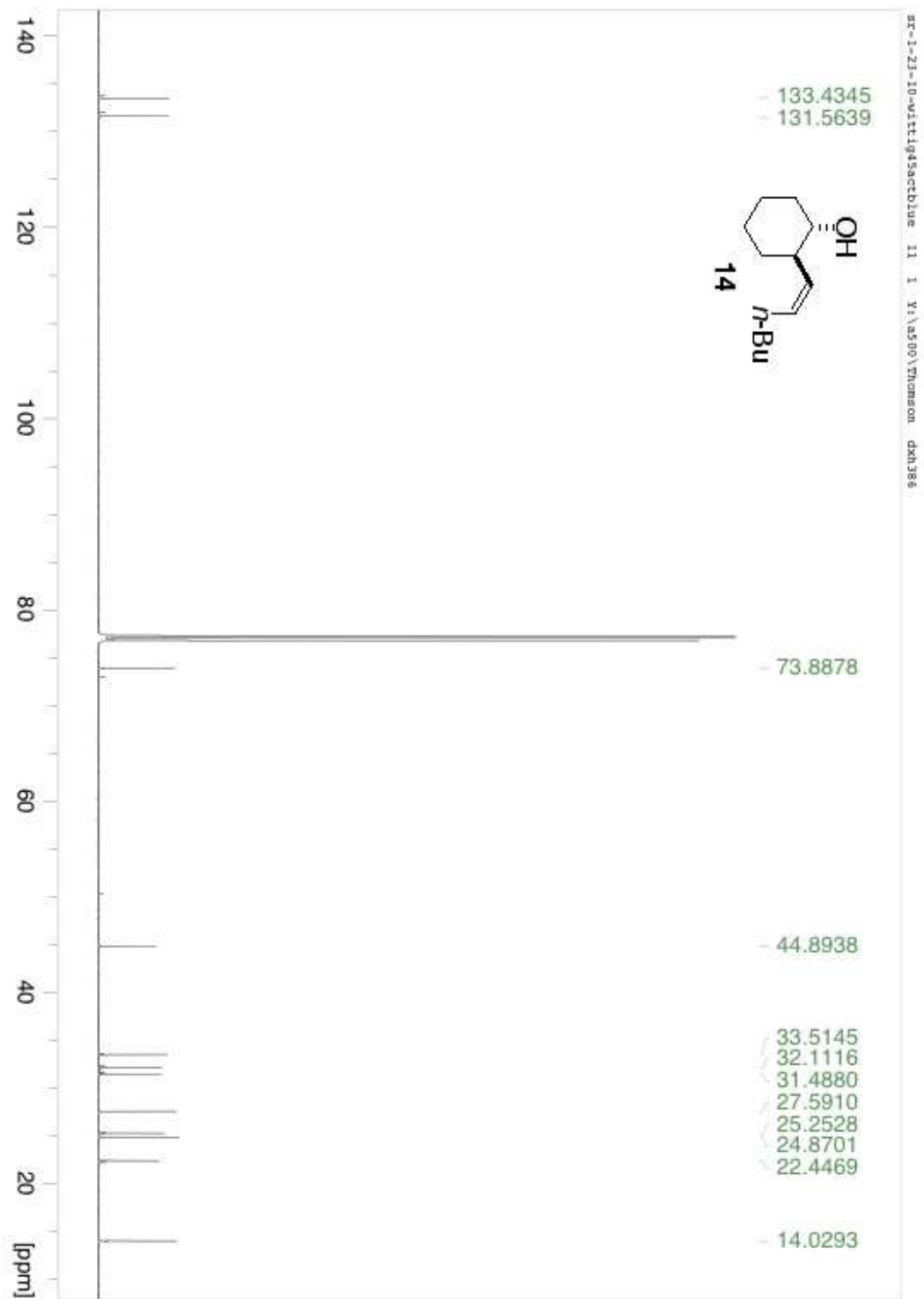


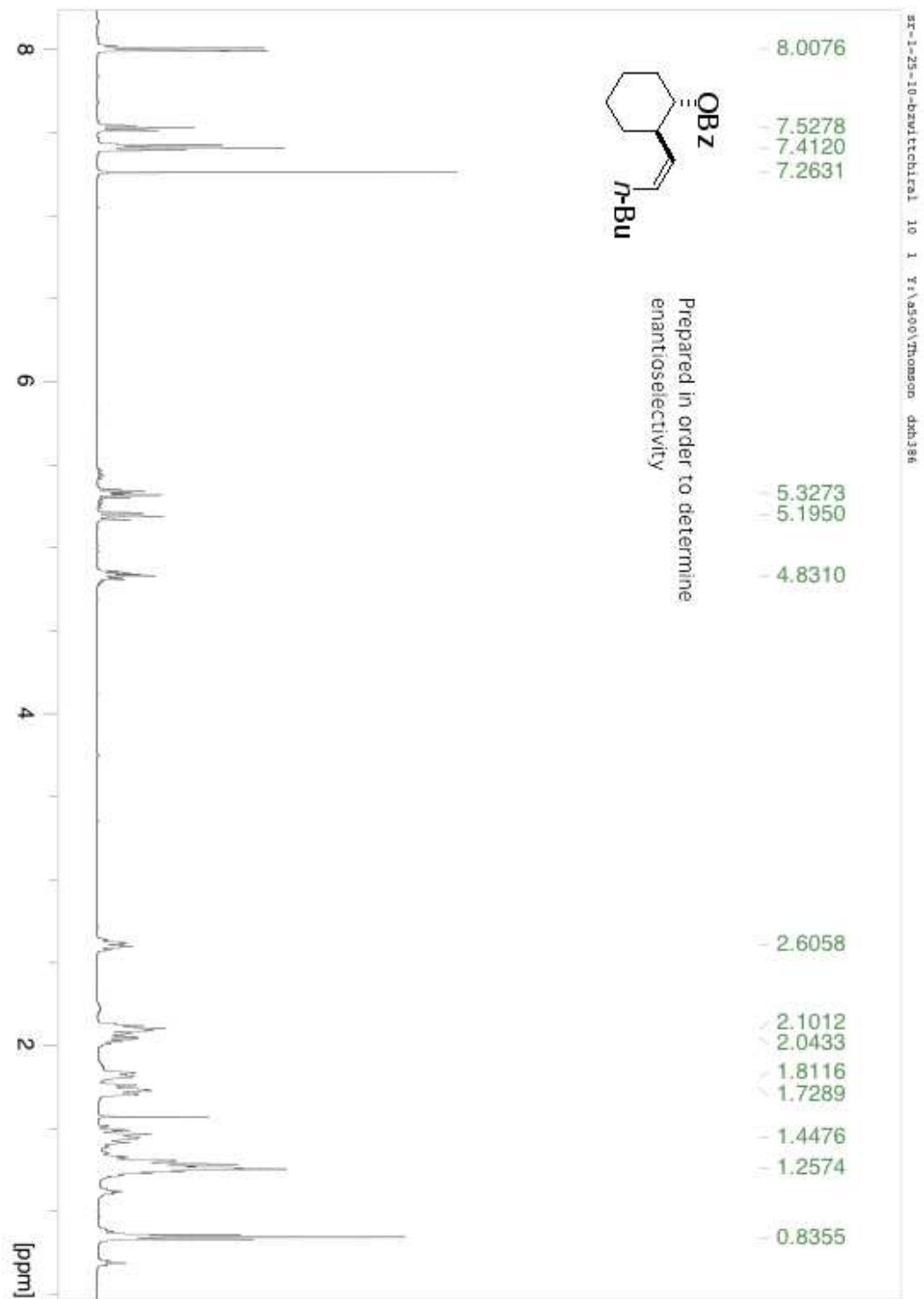
Figure S3. Comparison of synthetic streptorubin B (both enantiomers) with a natural sample isolated from *S. coelicolor* M511 (provided by Prof. Gregory Challis, University of Warwick).

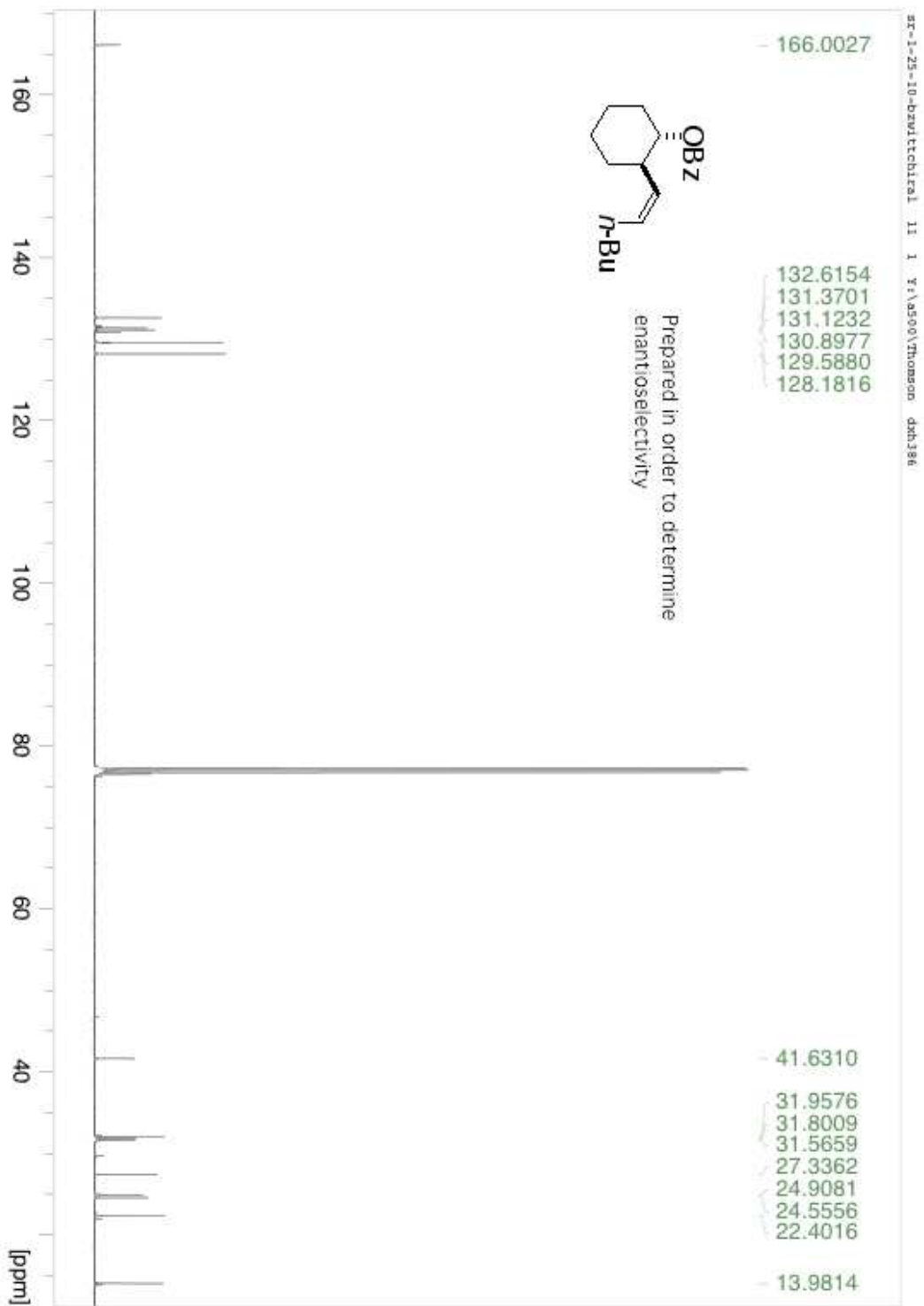
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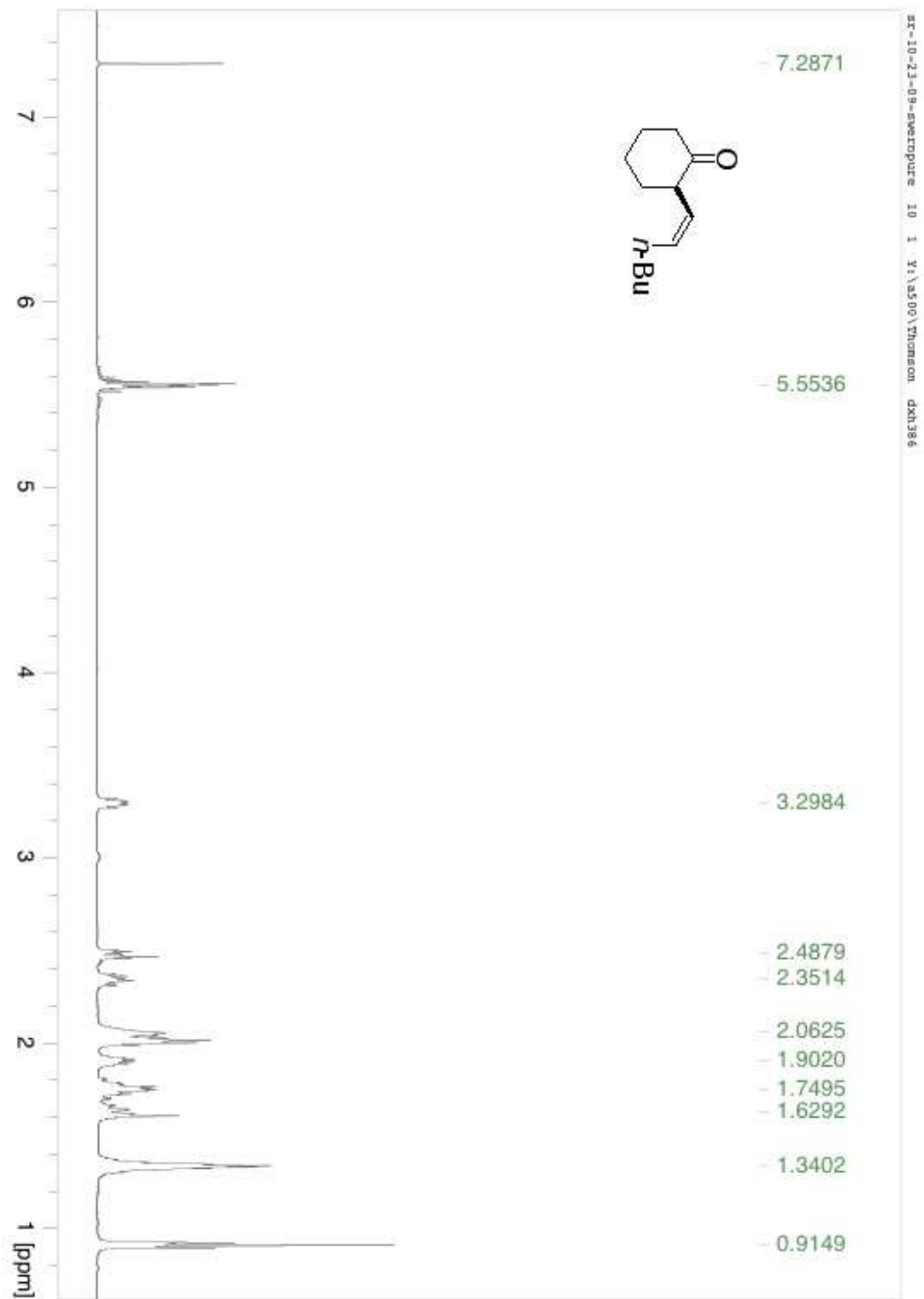
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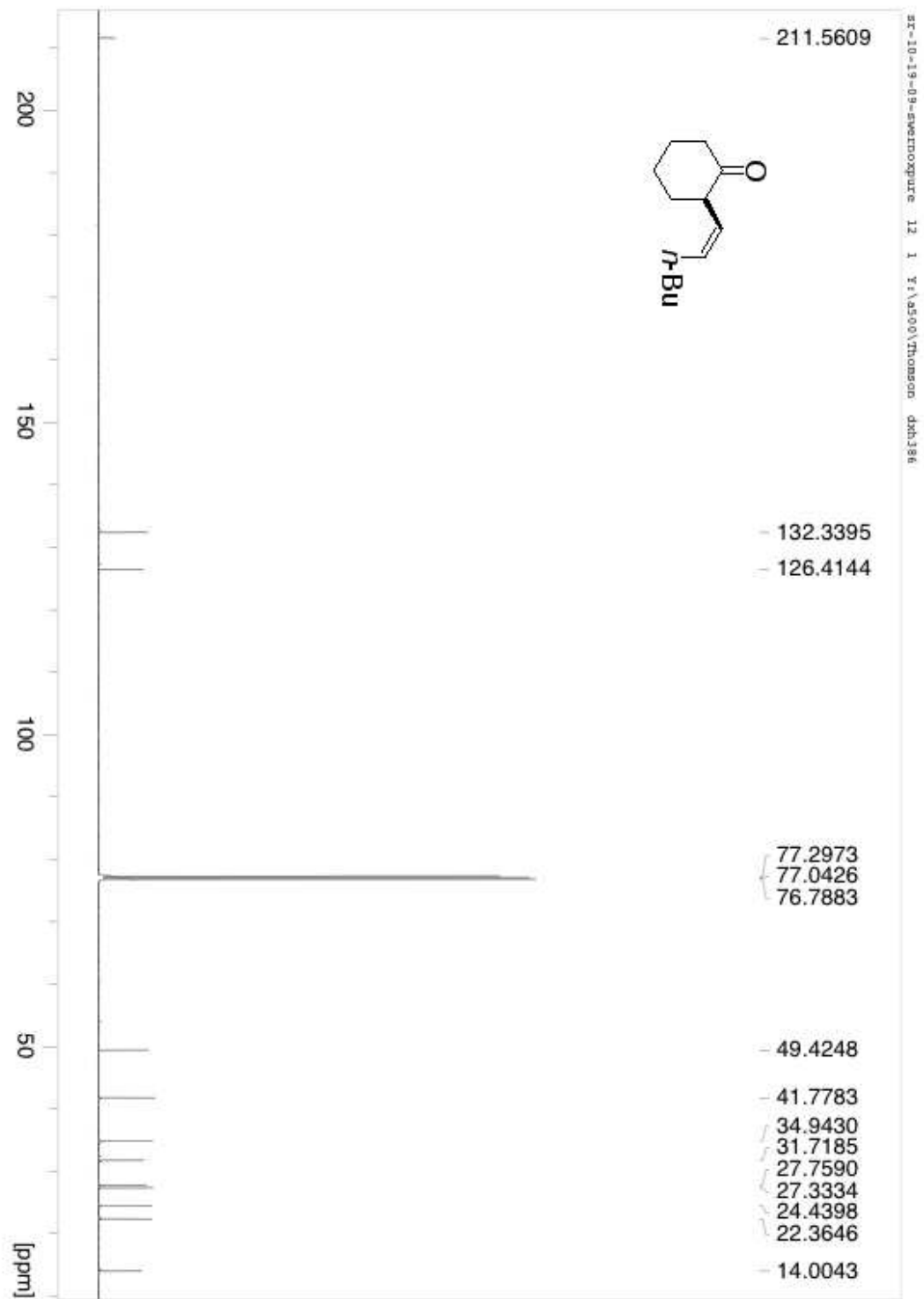




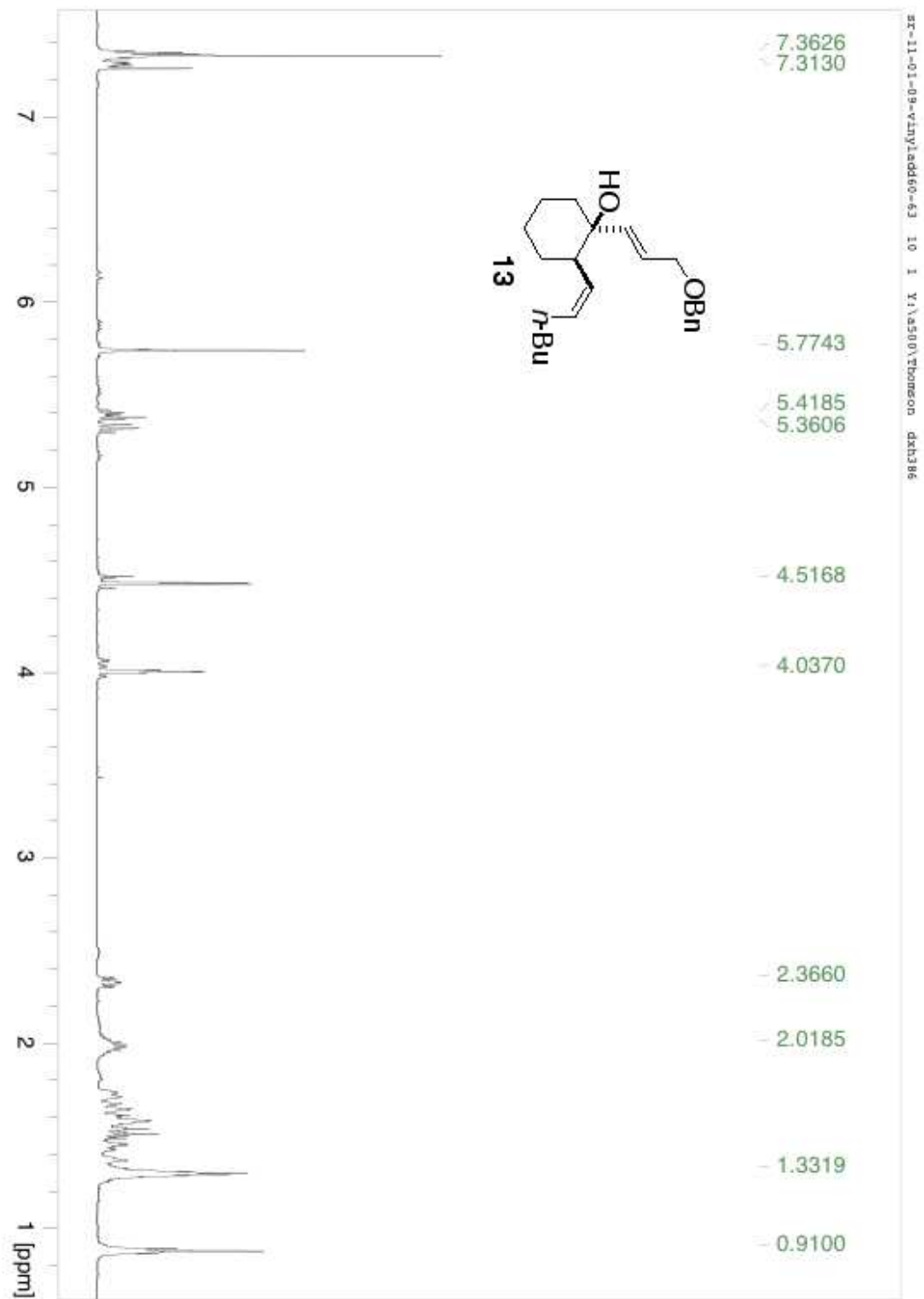
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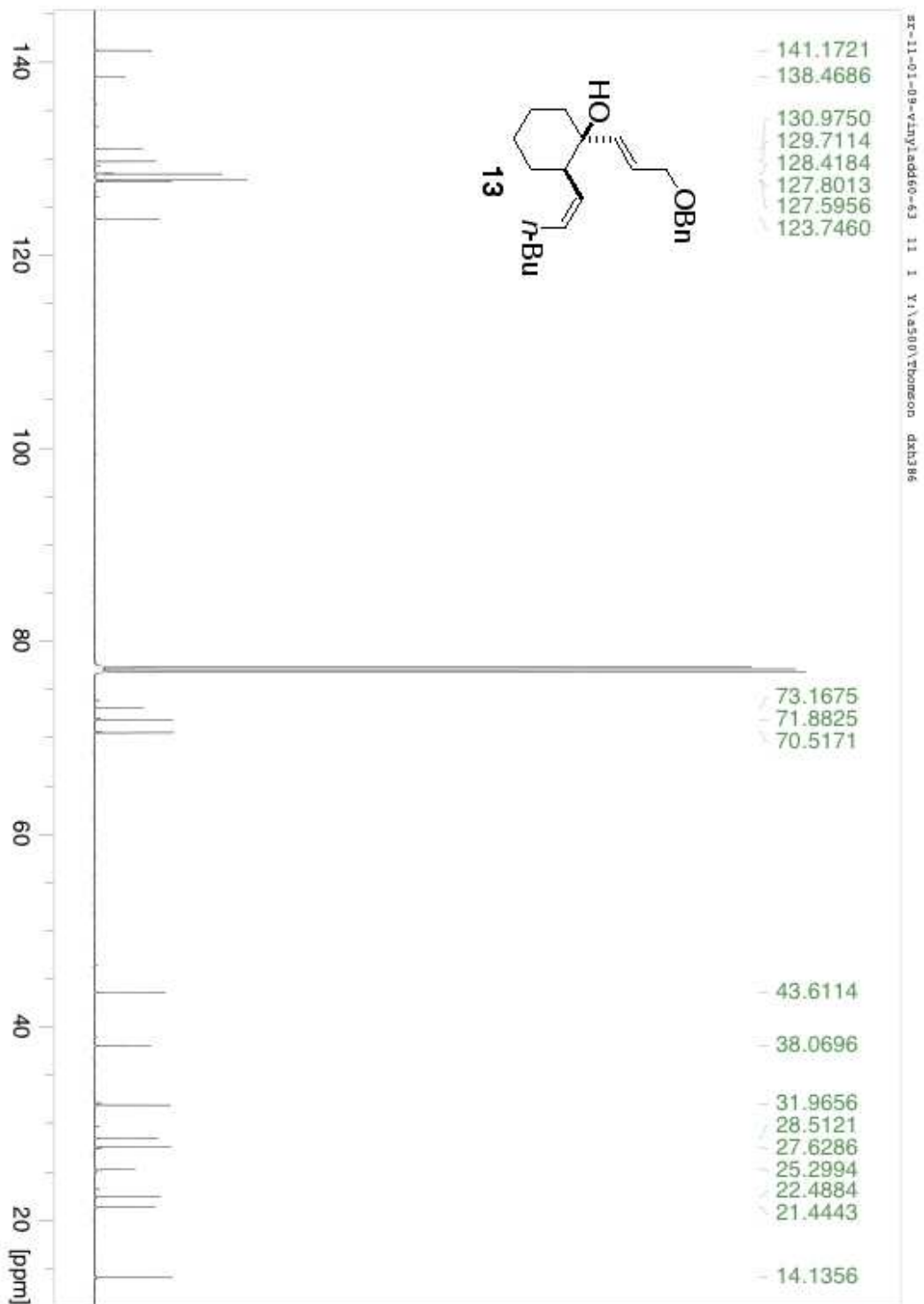
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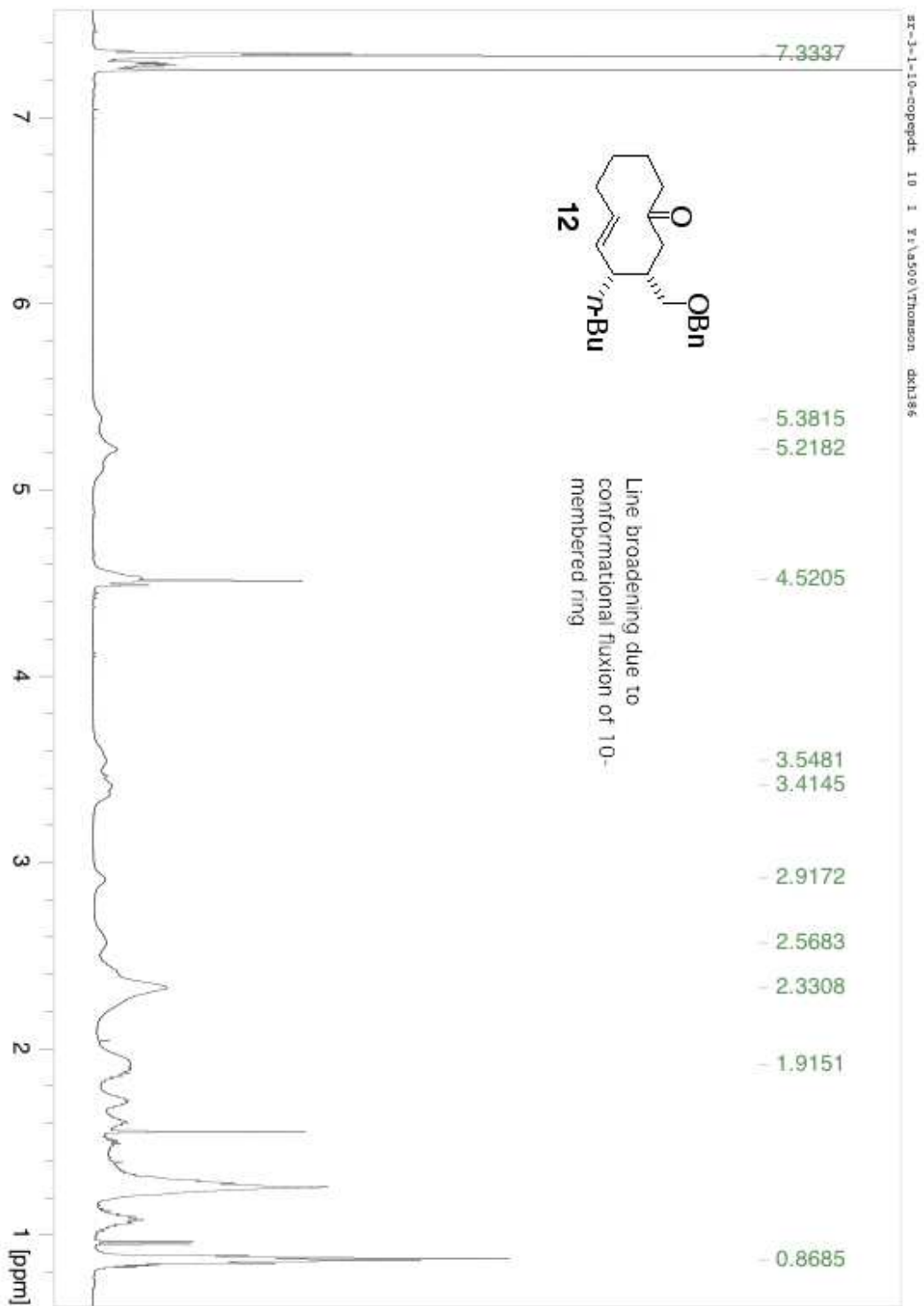
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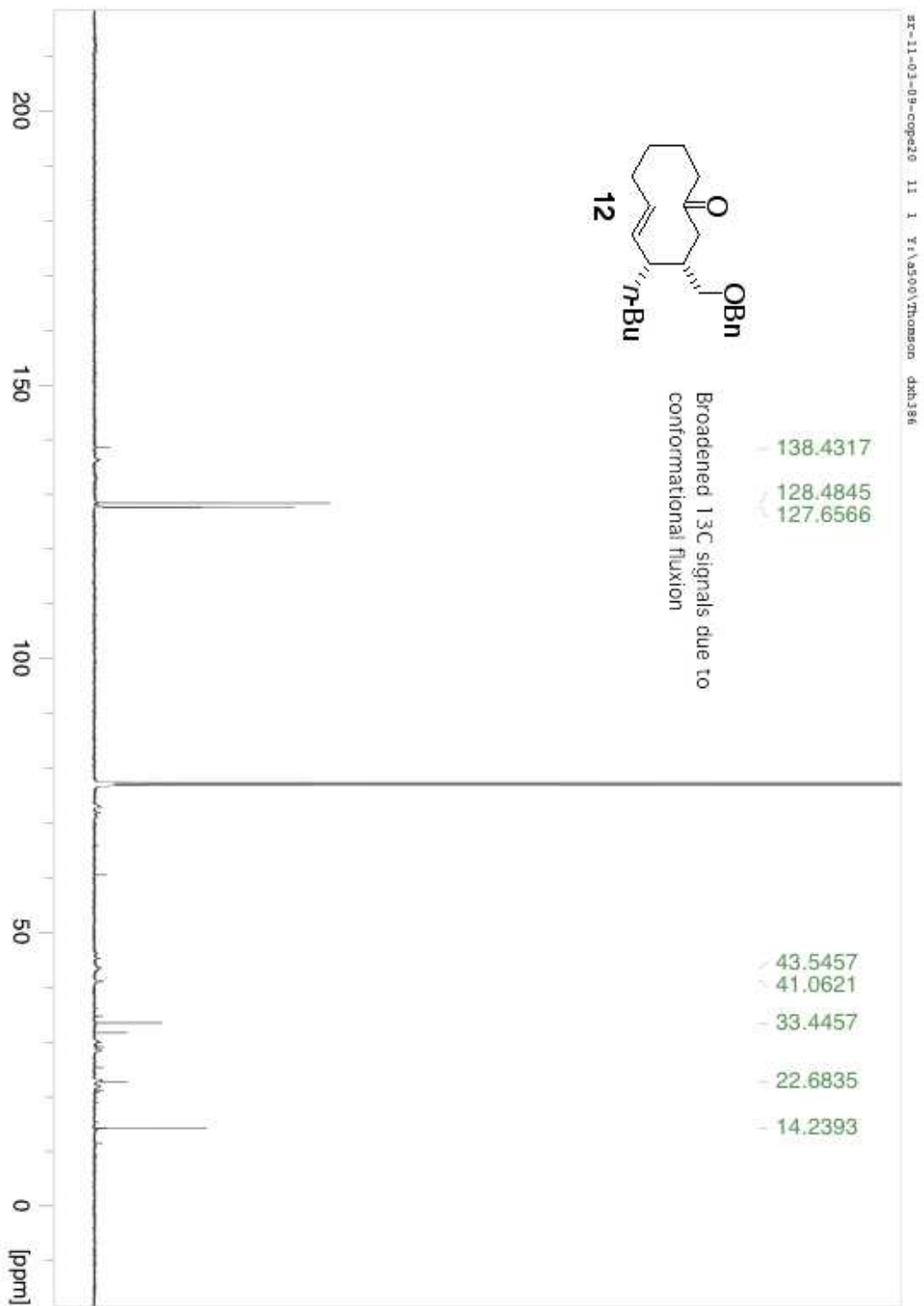


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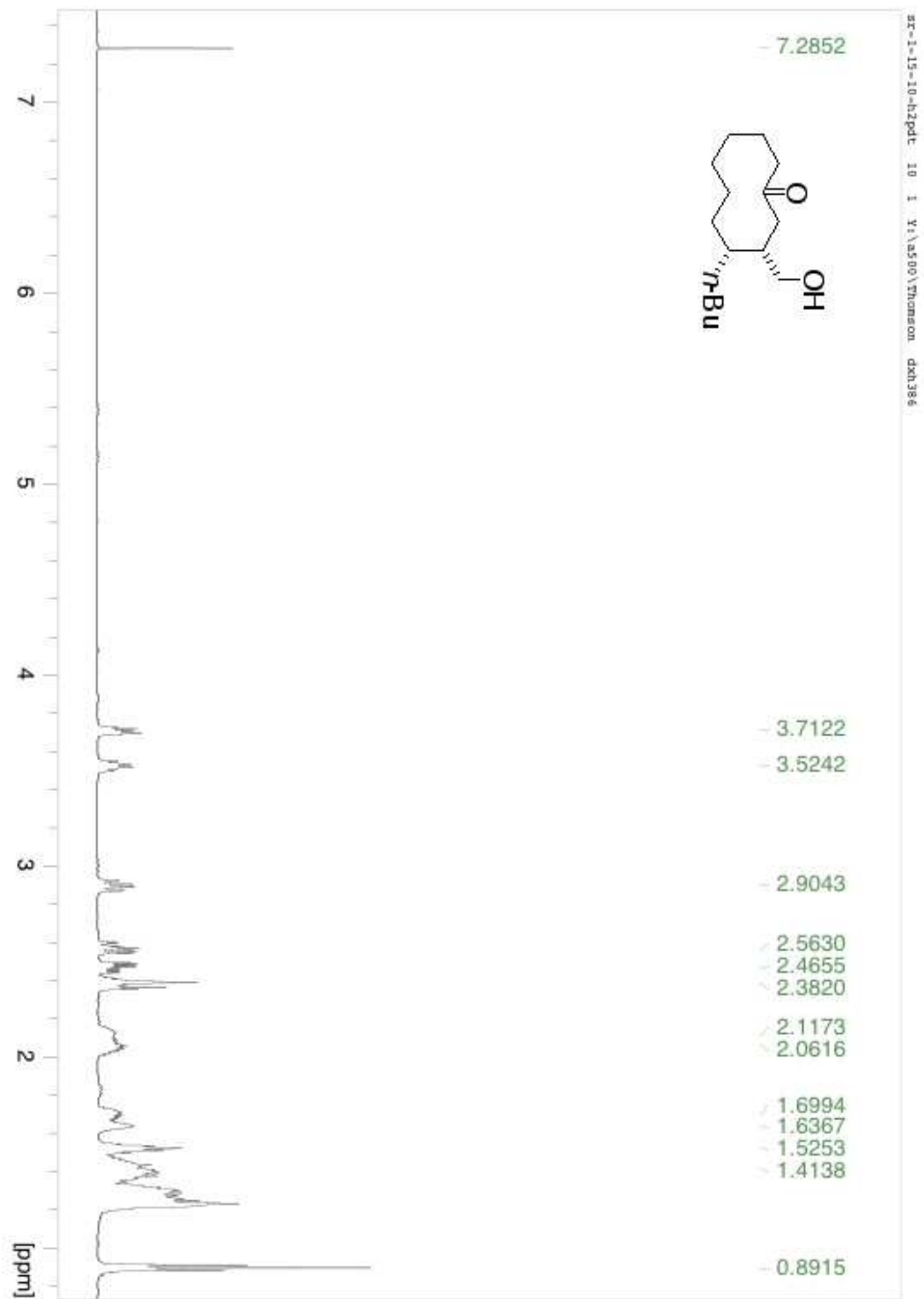


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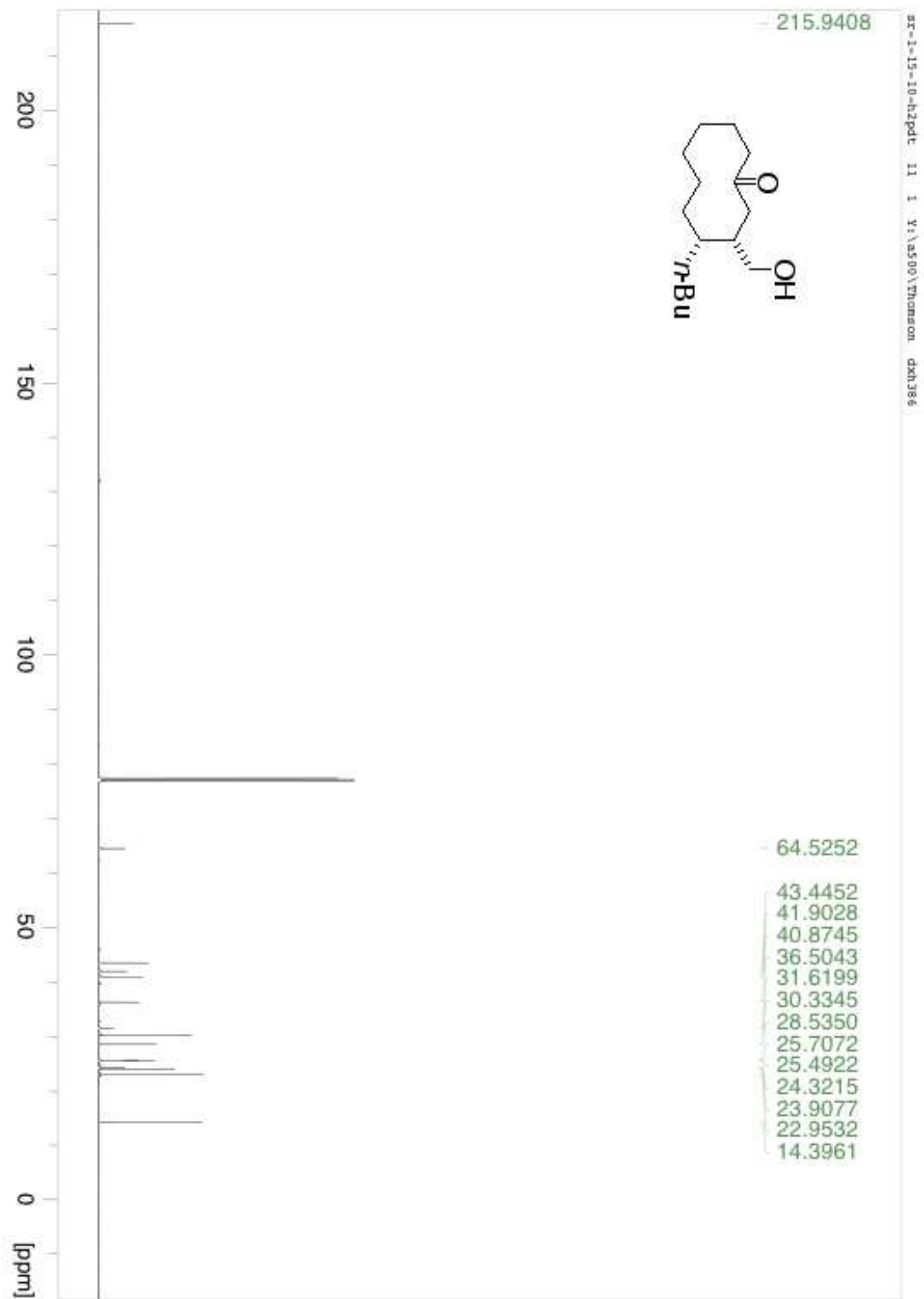




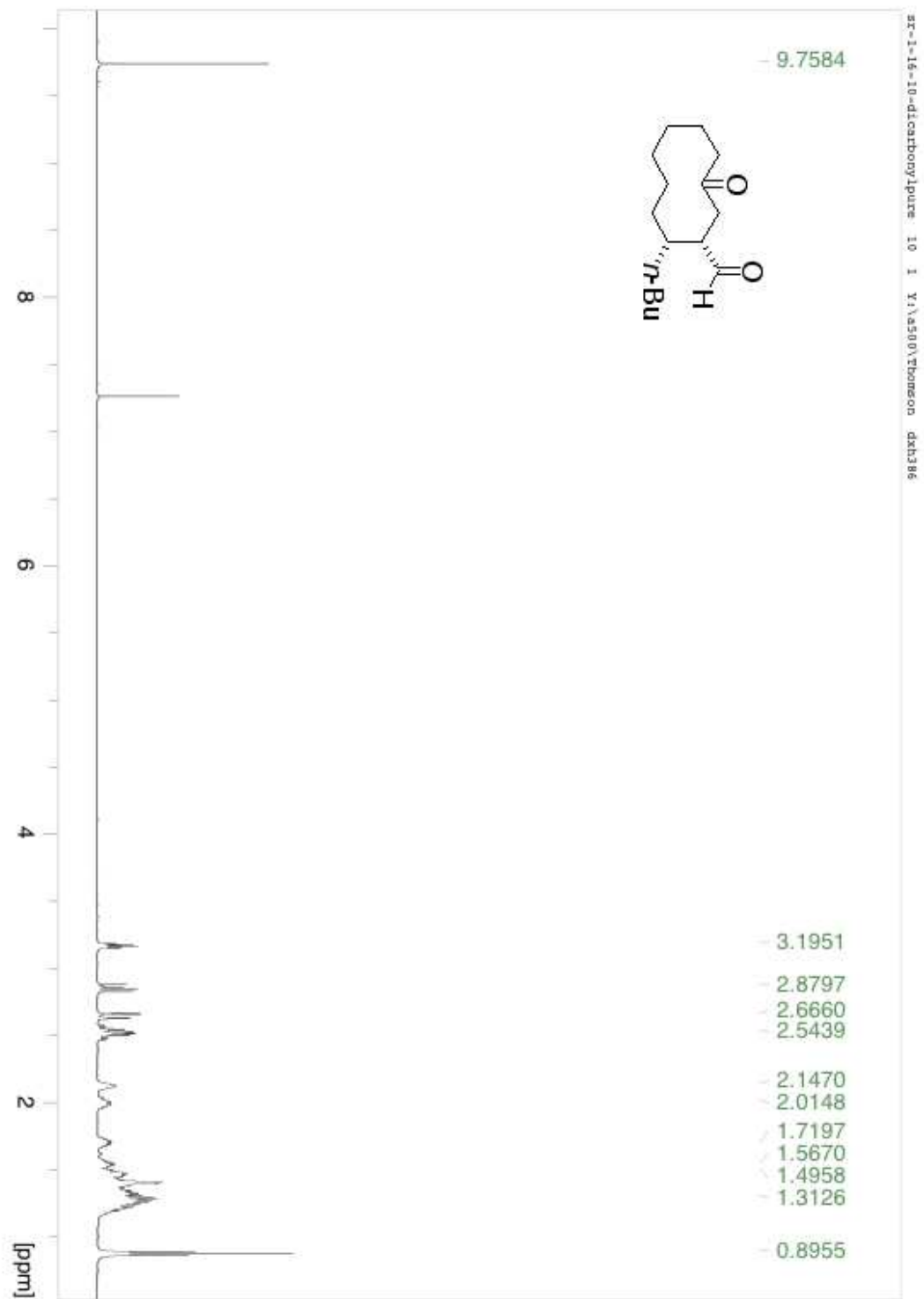
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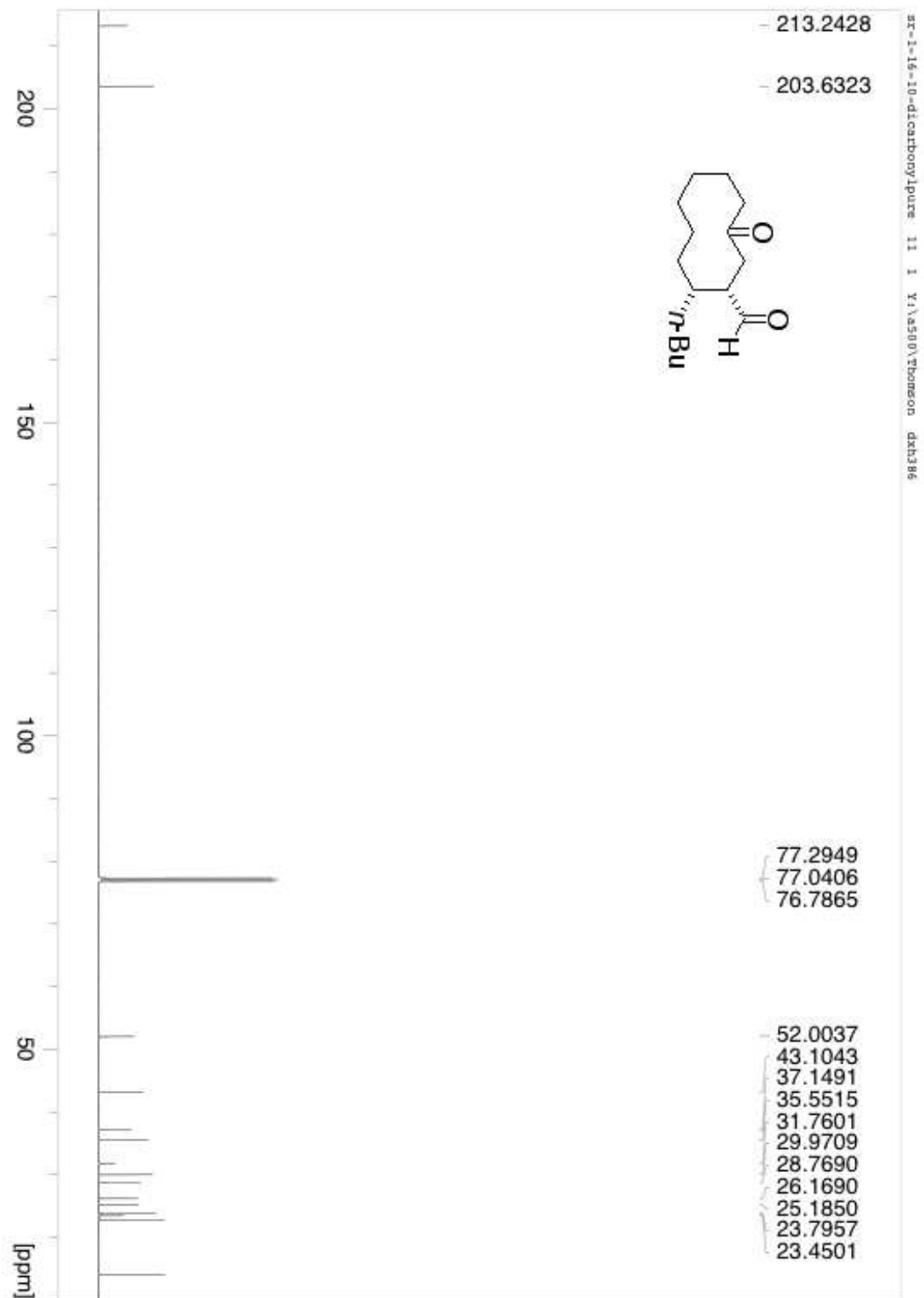
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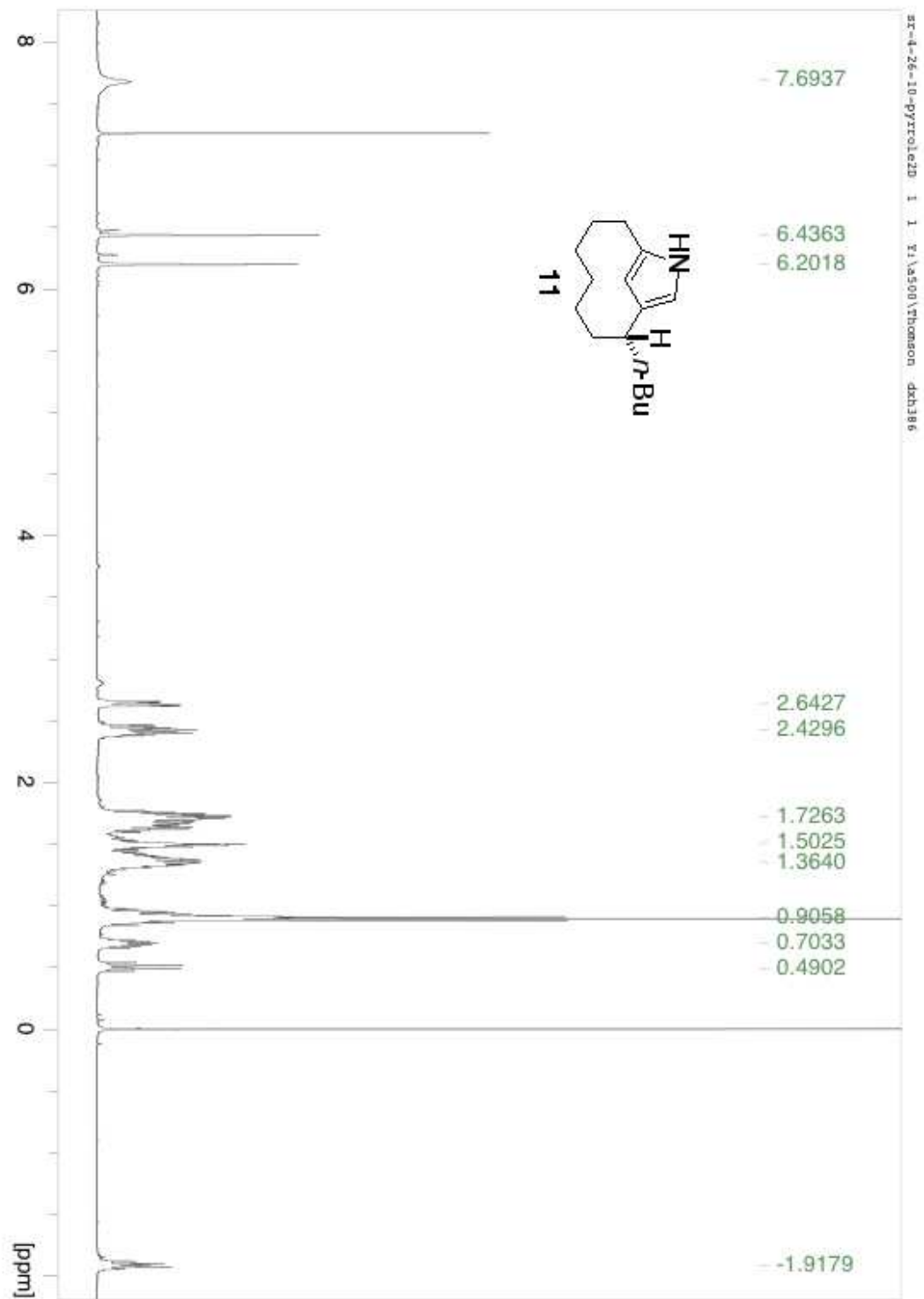
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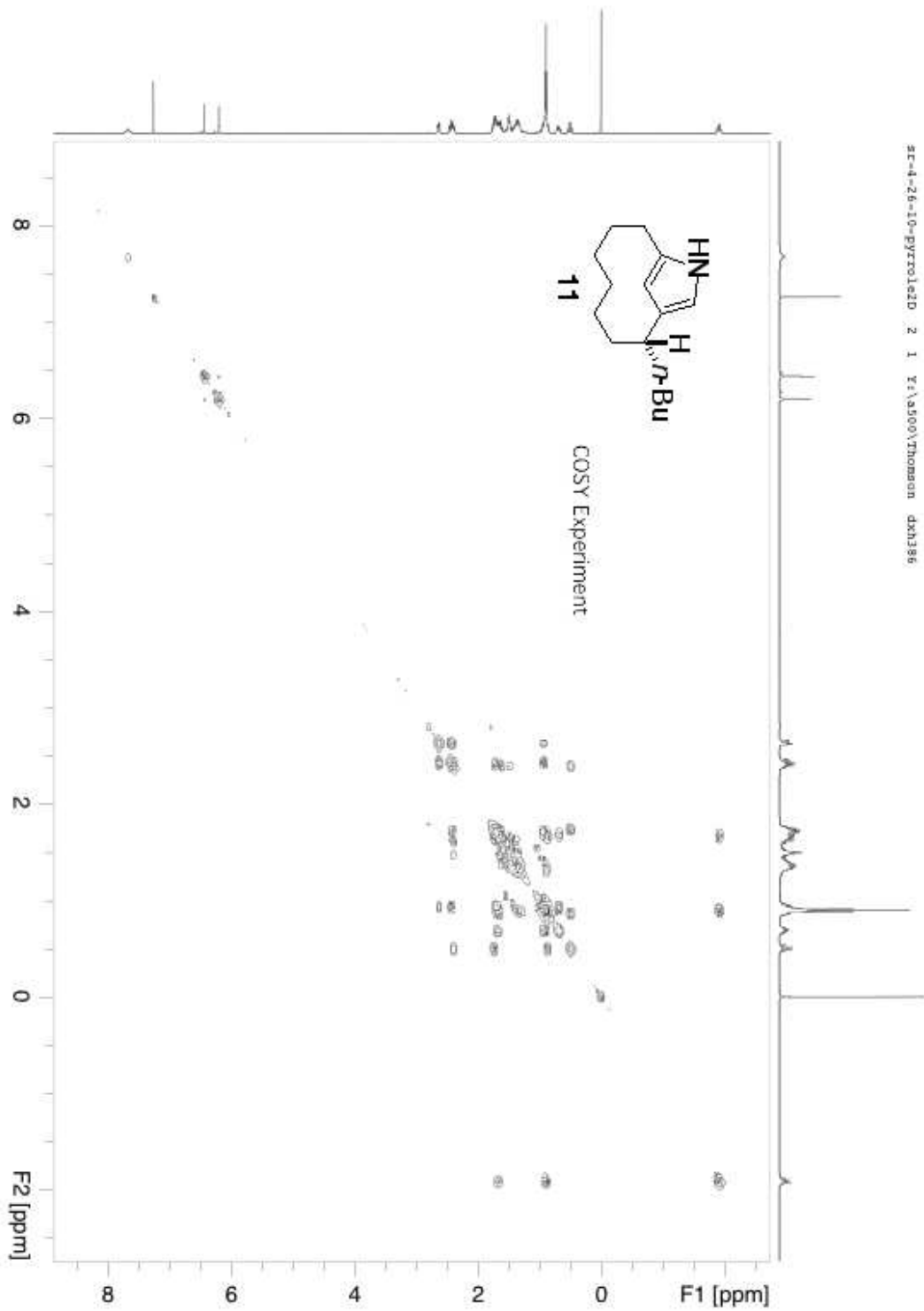


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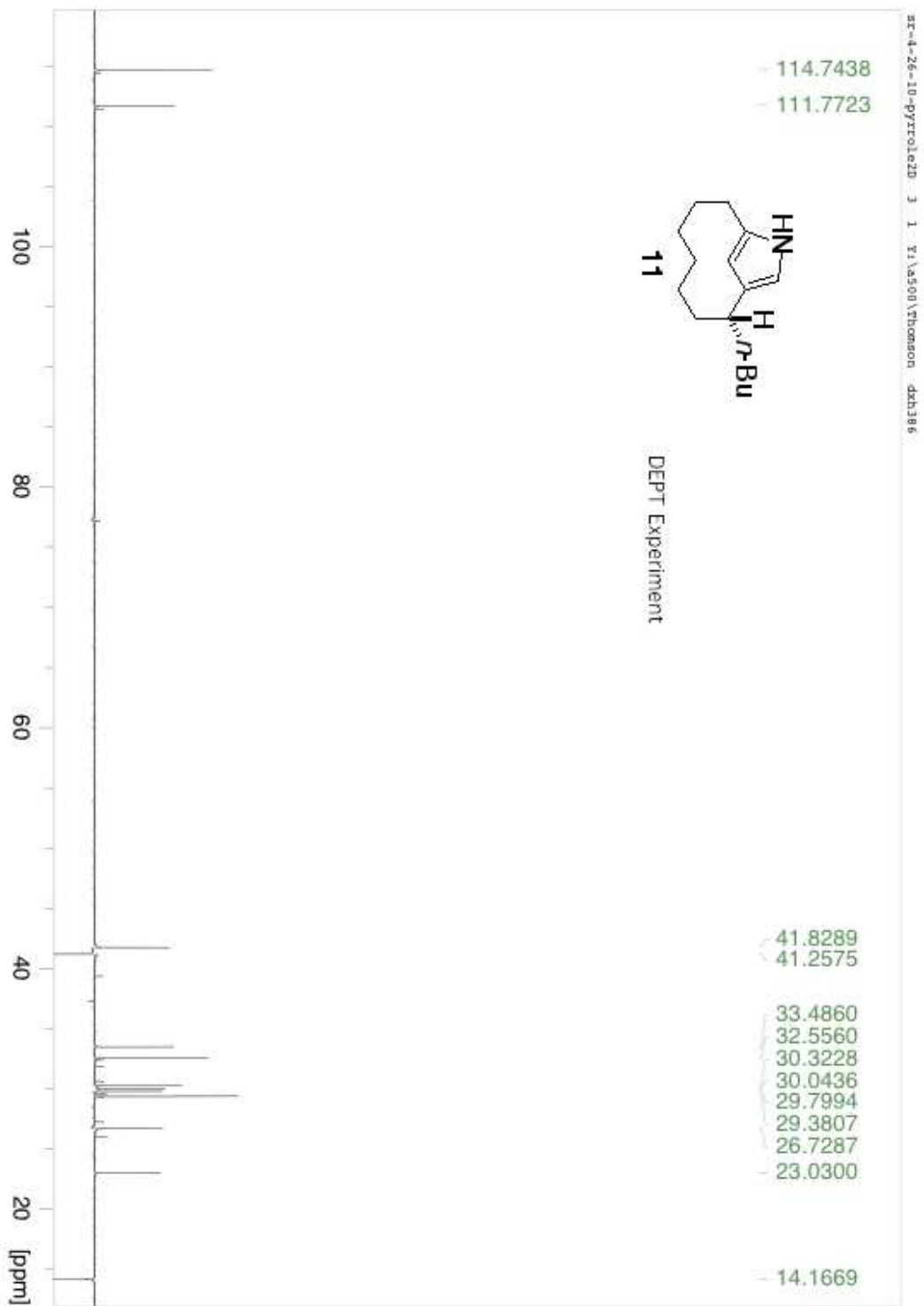


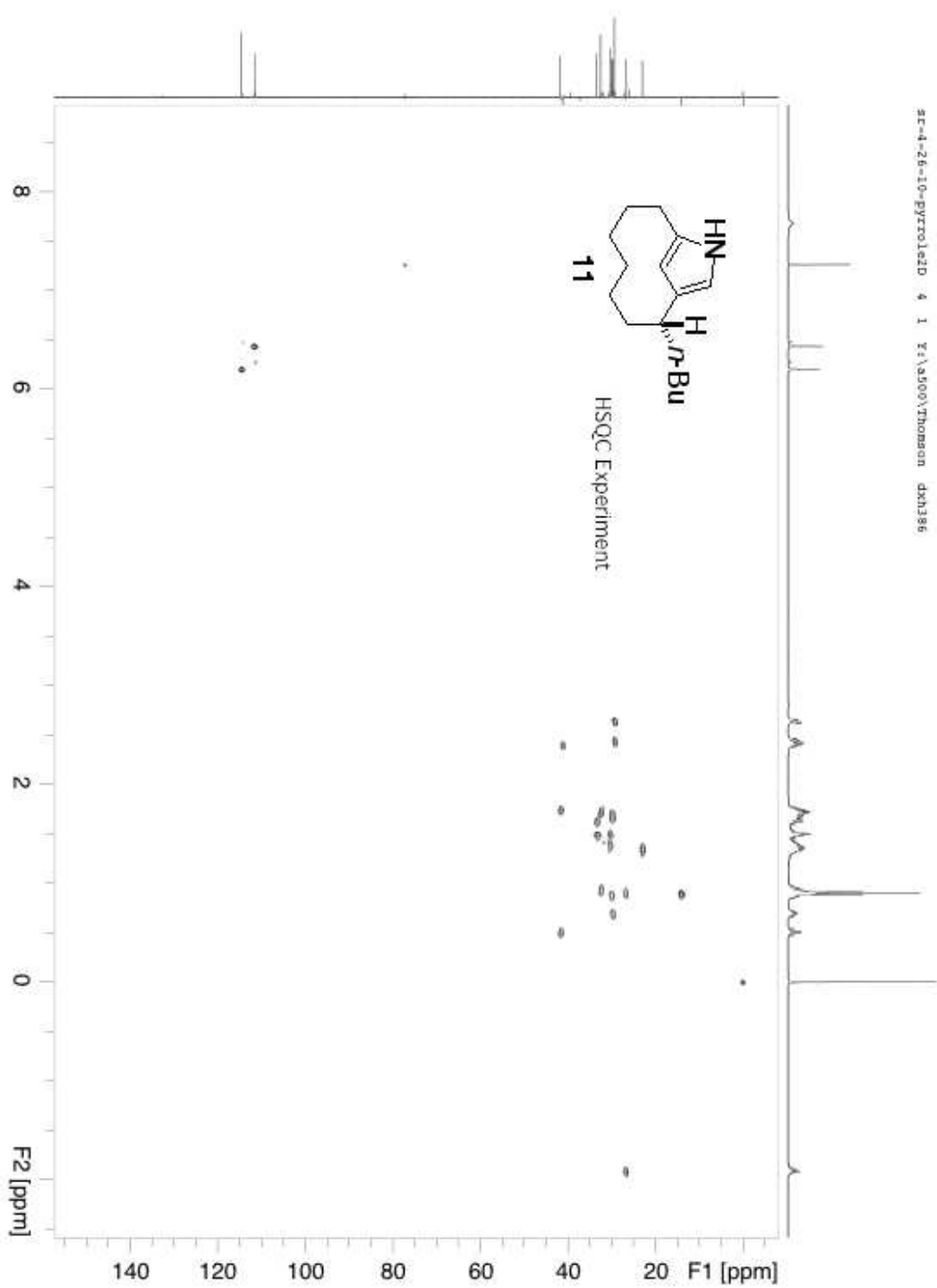
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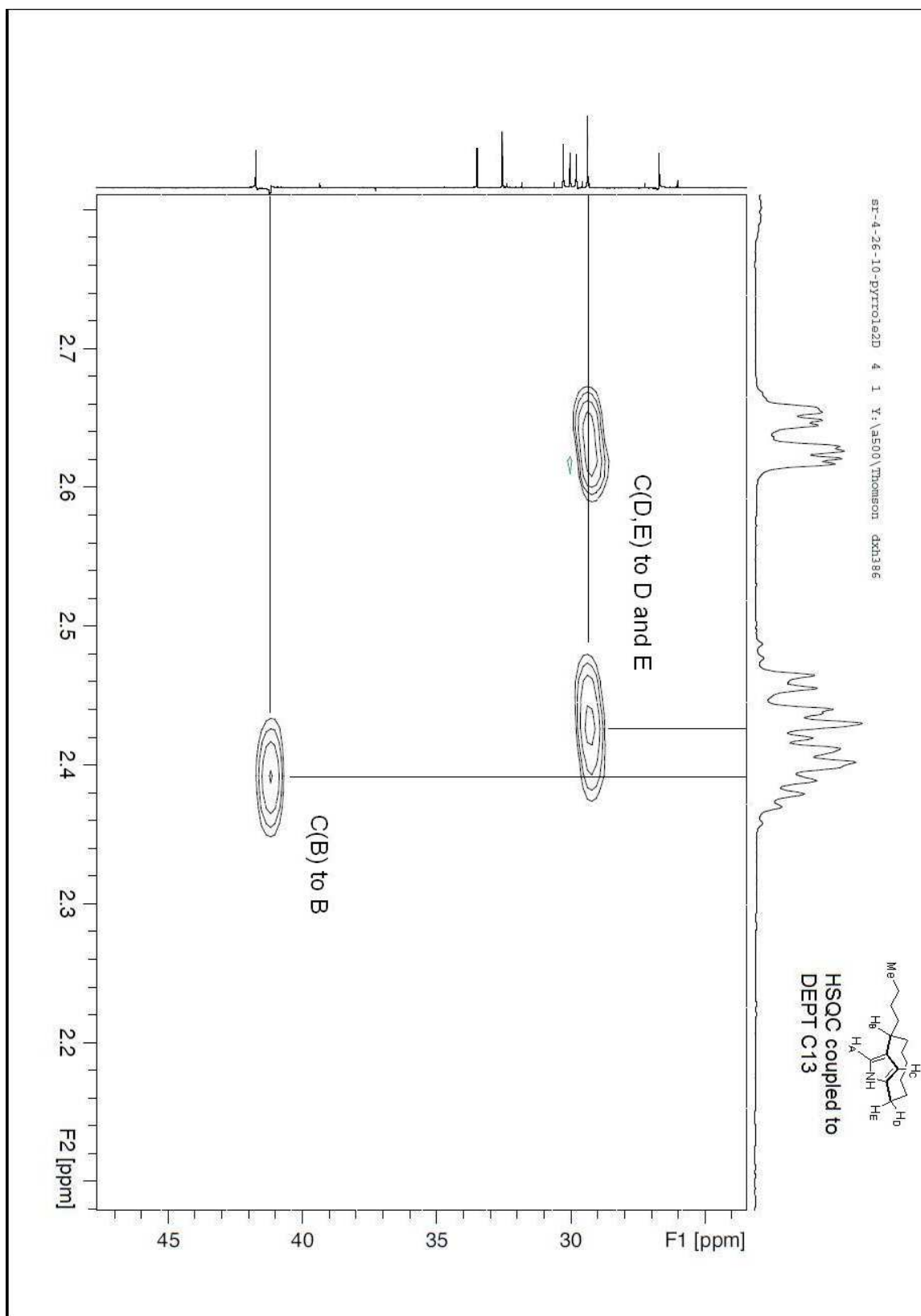


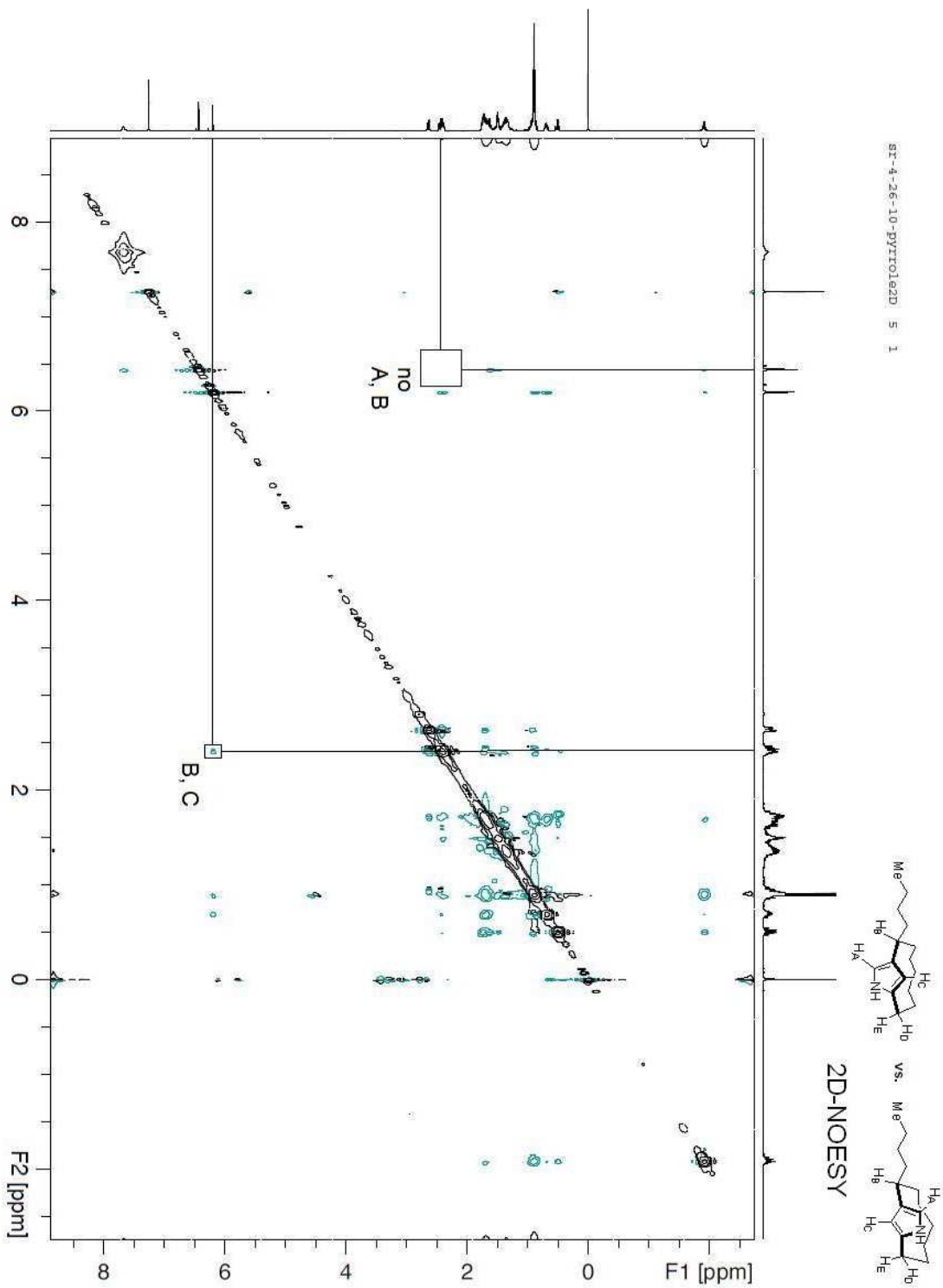


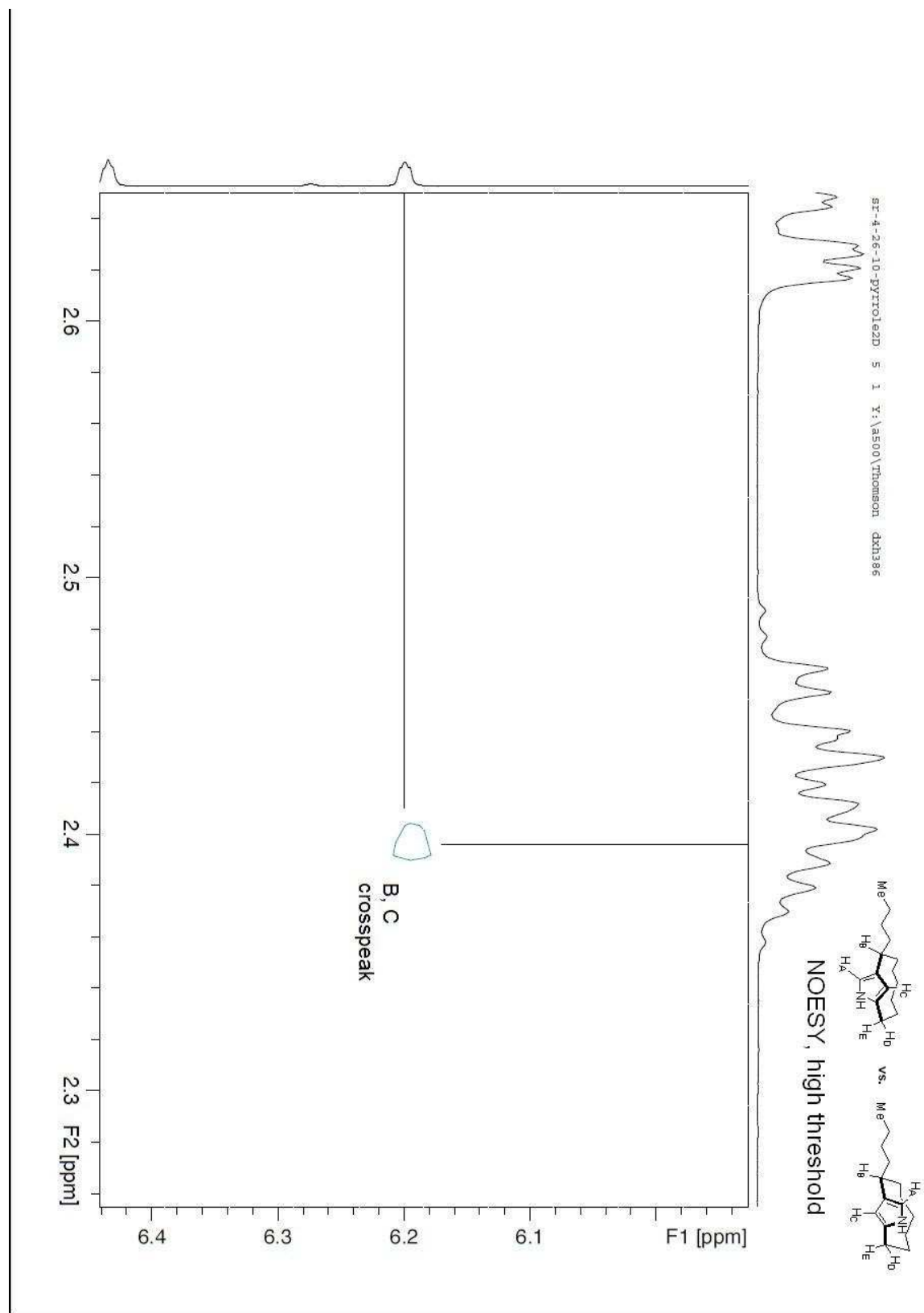
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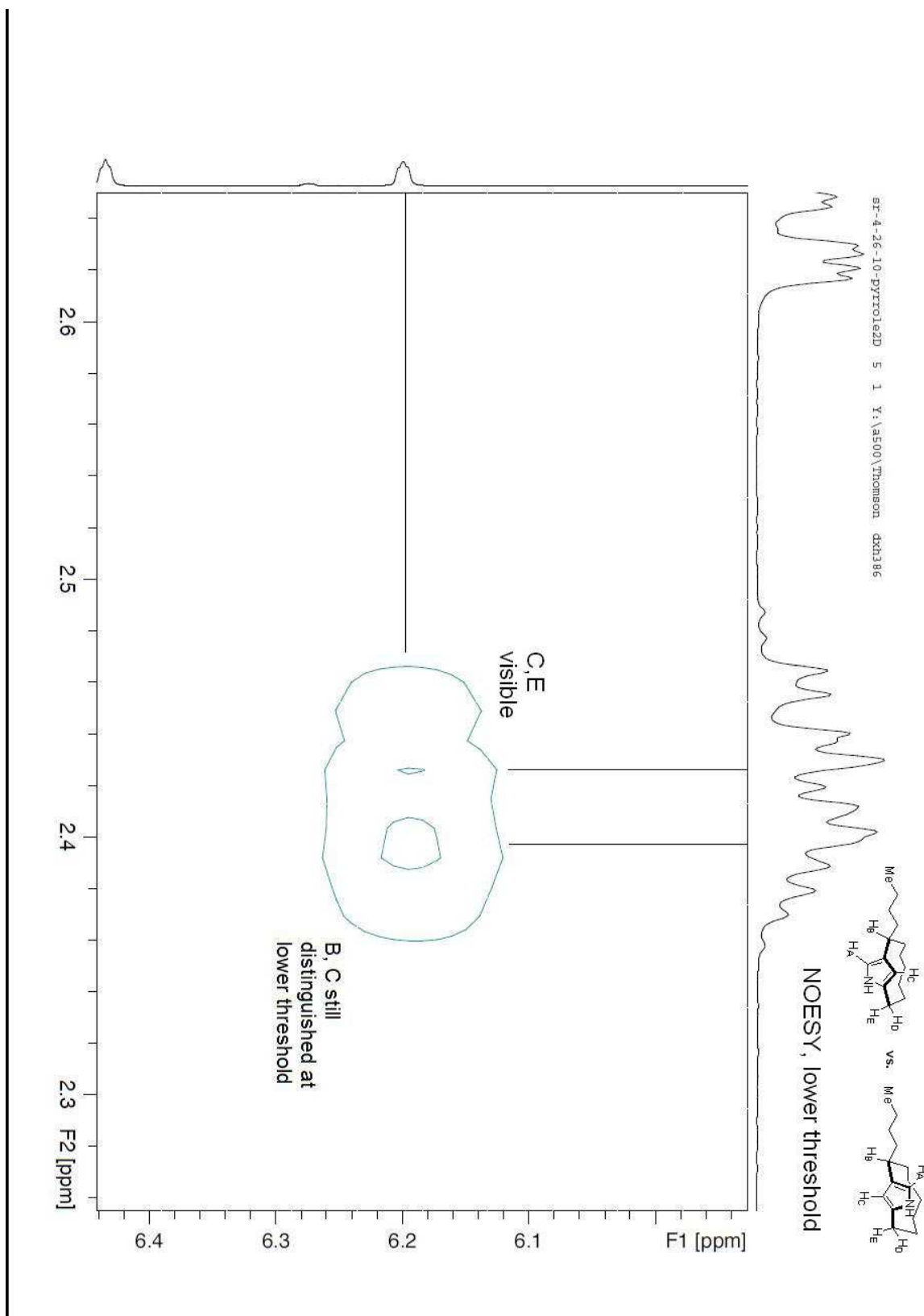


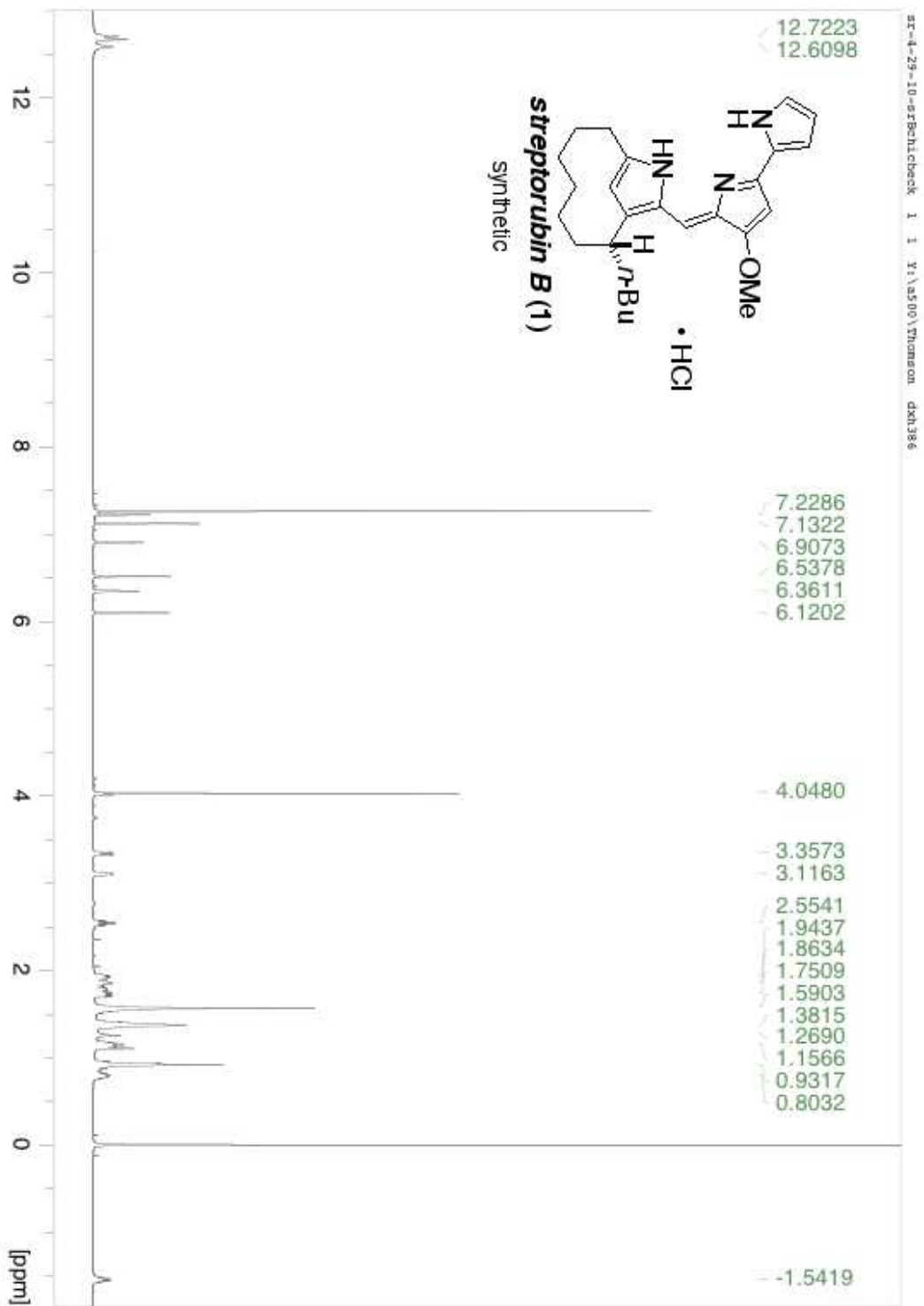


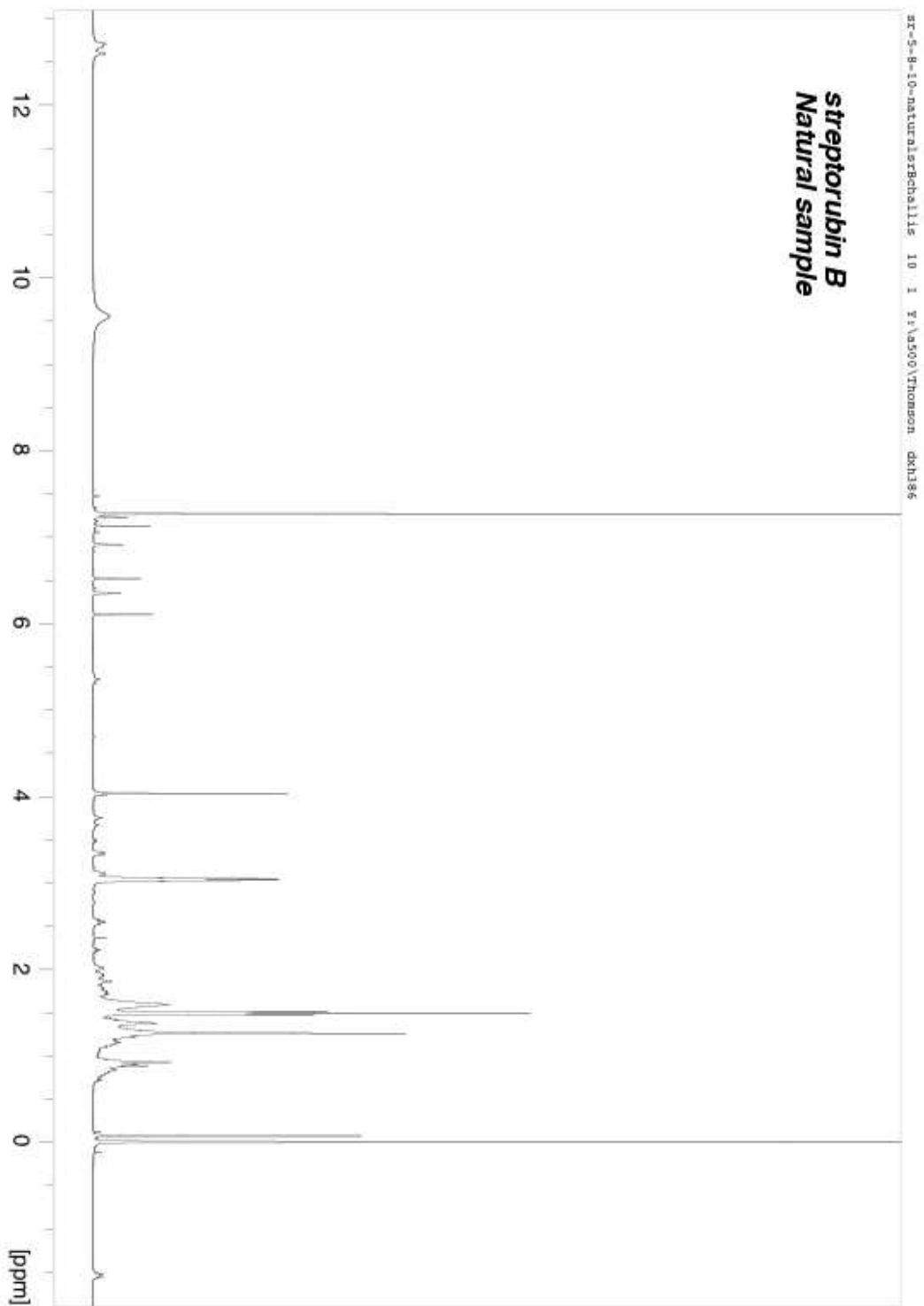


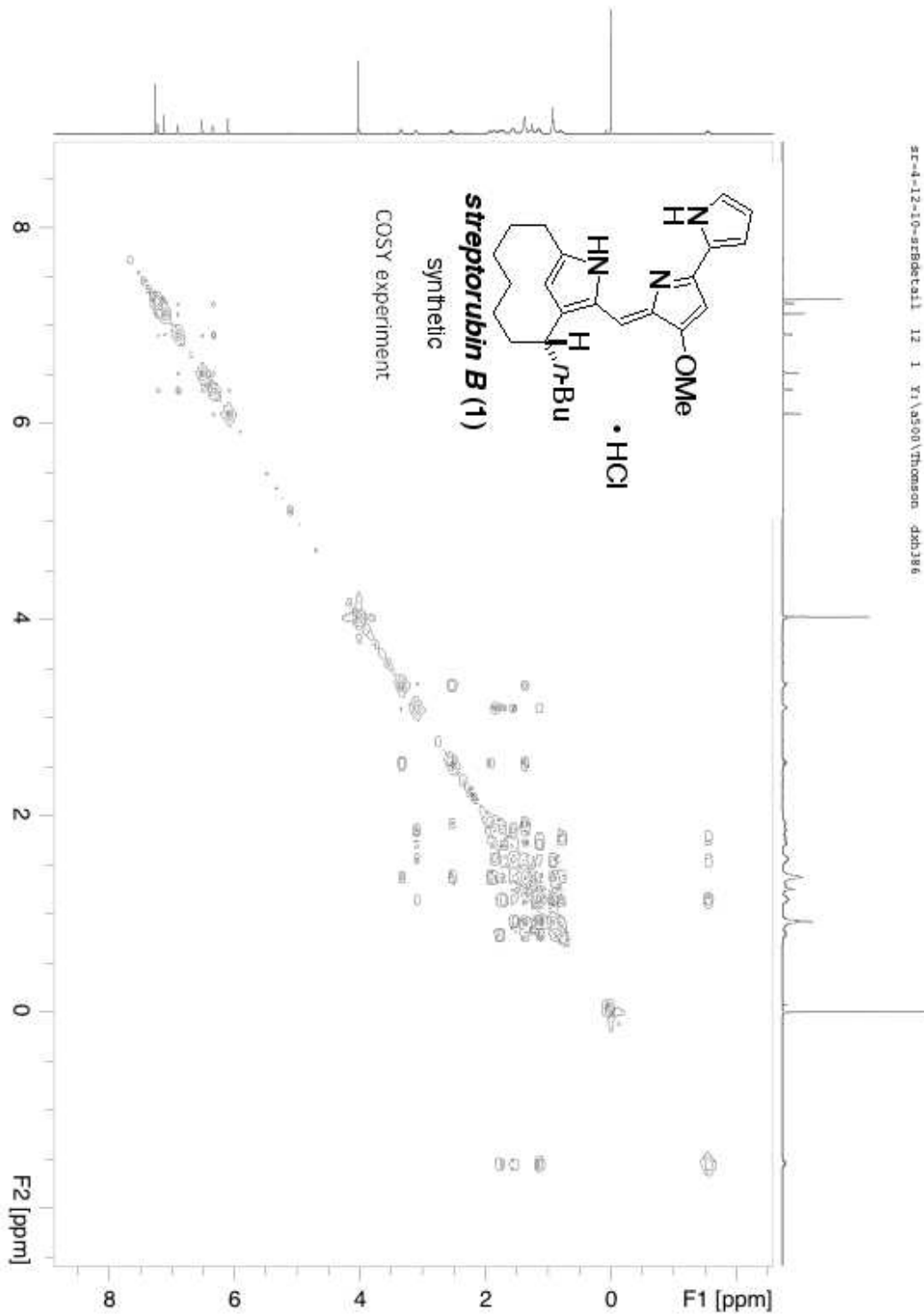


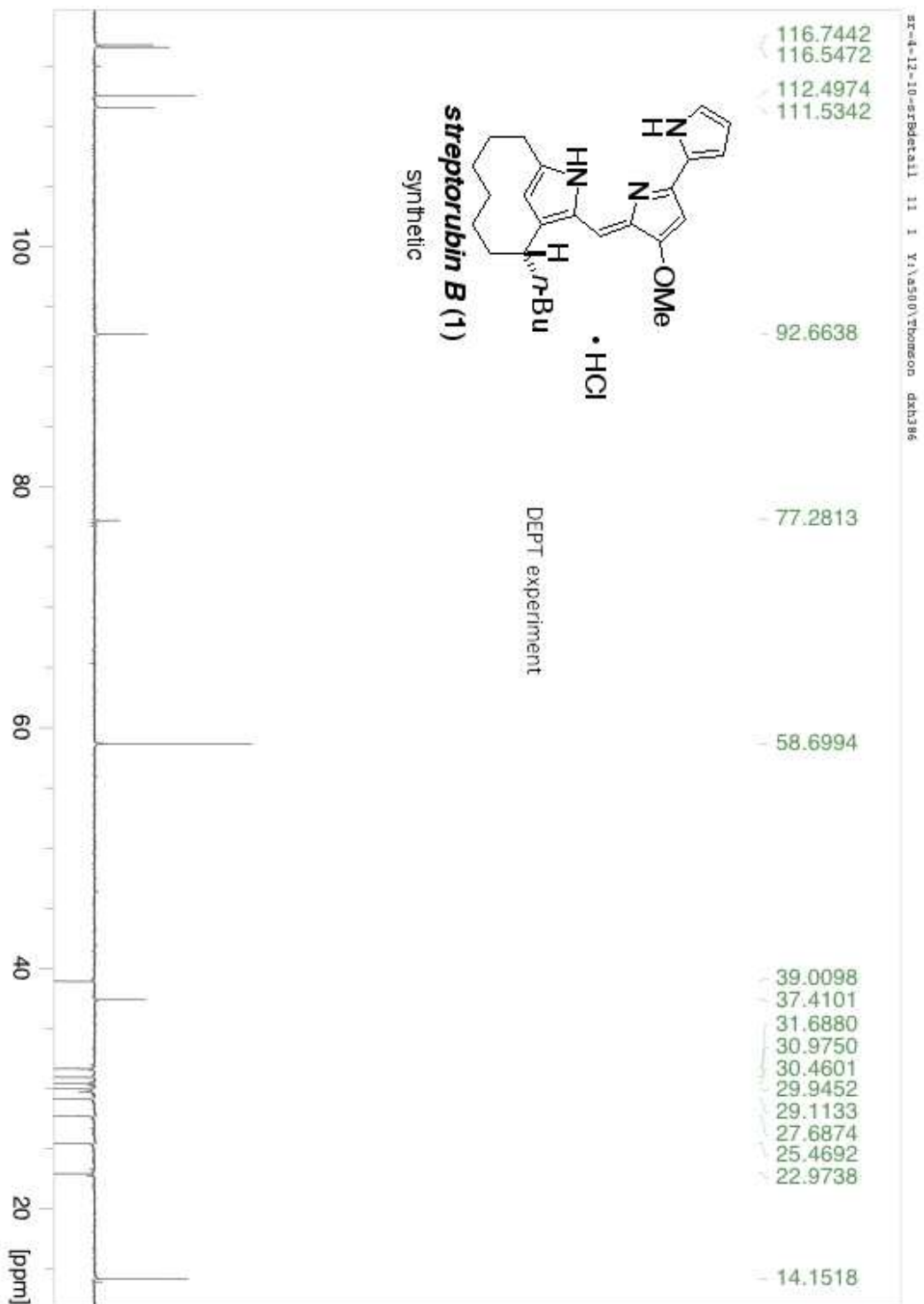


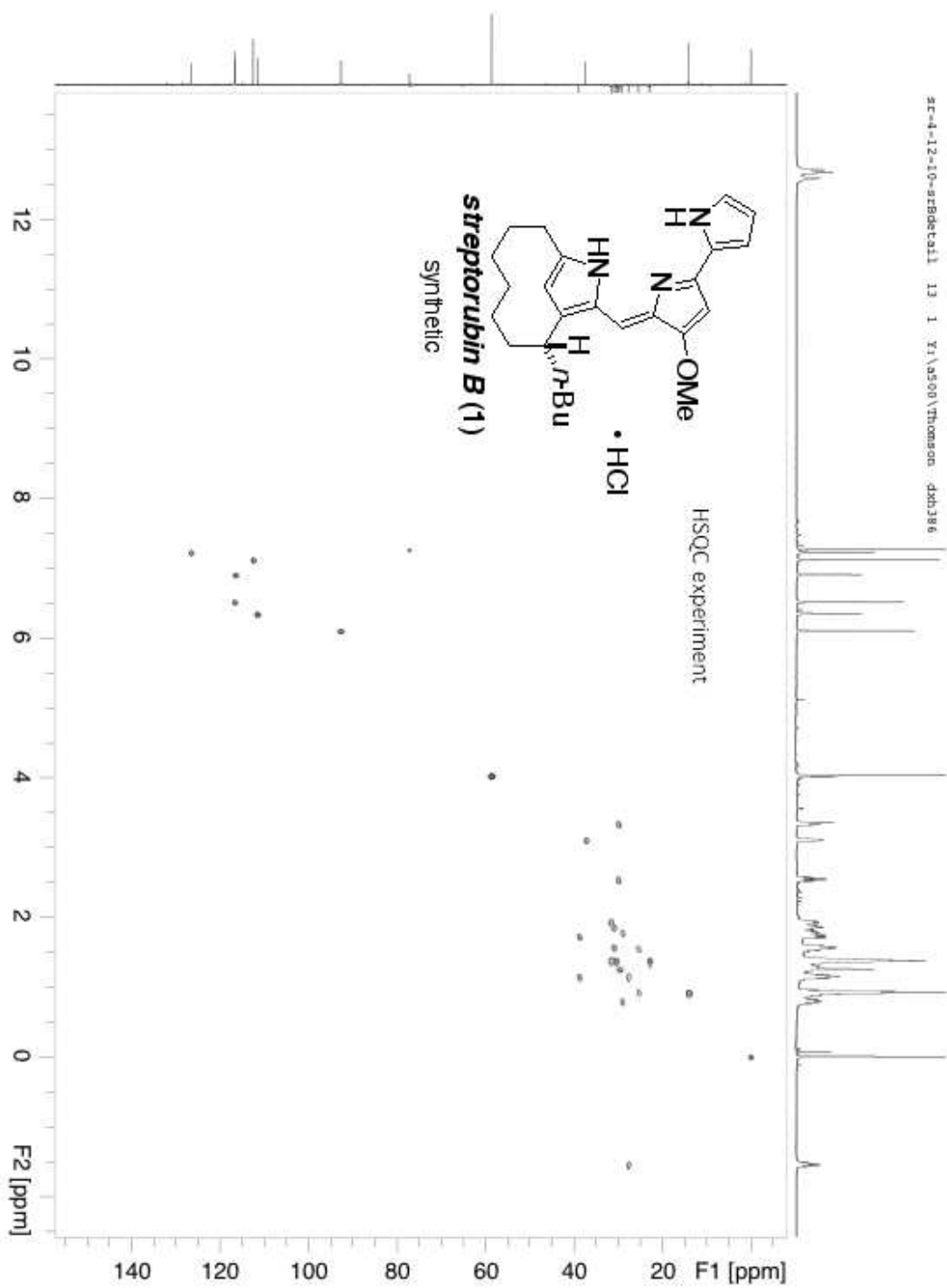


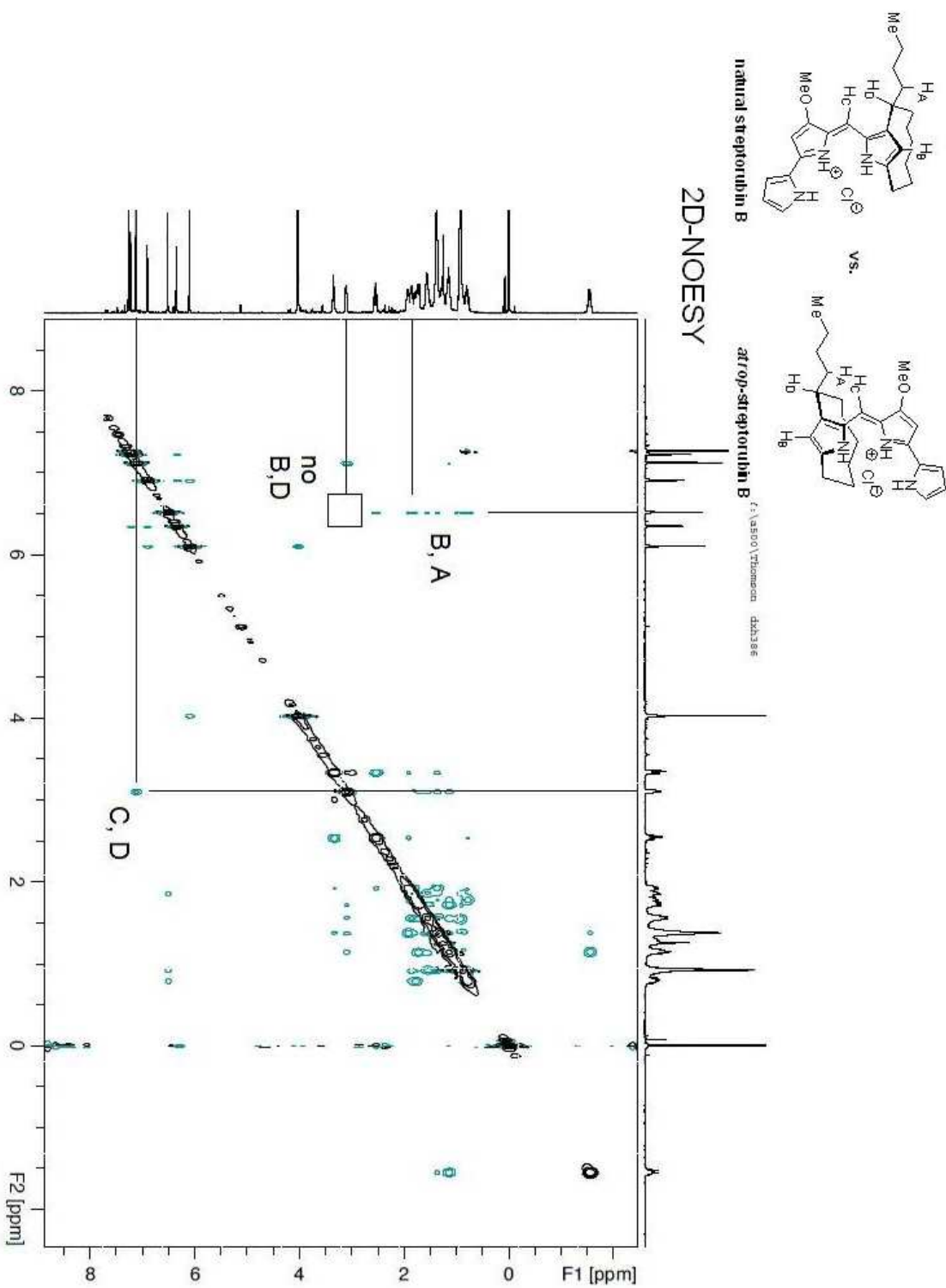




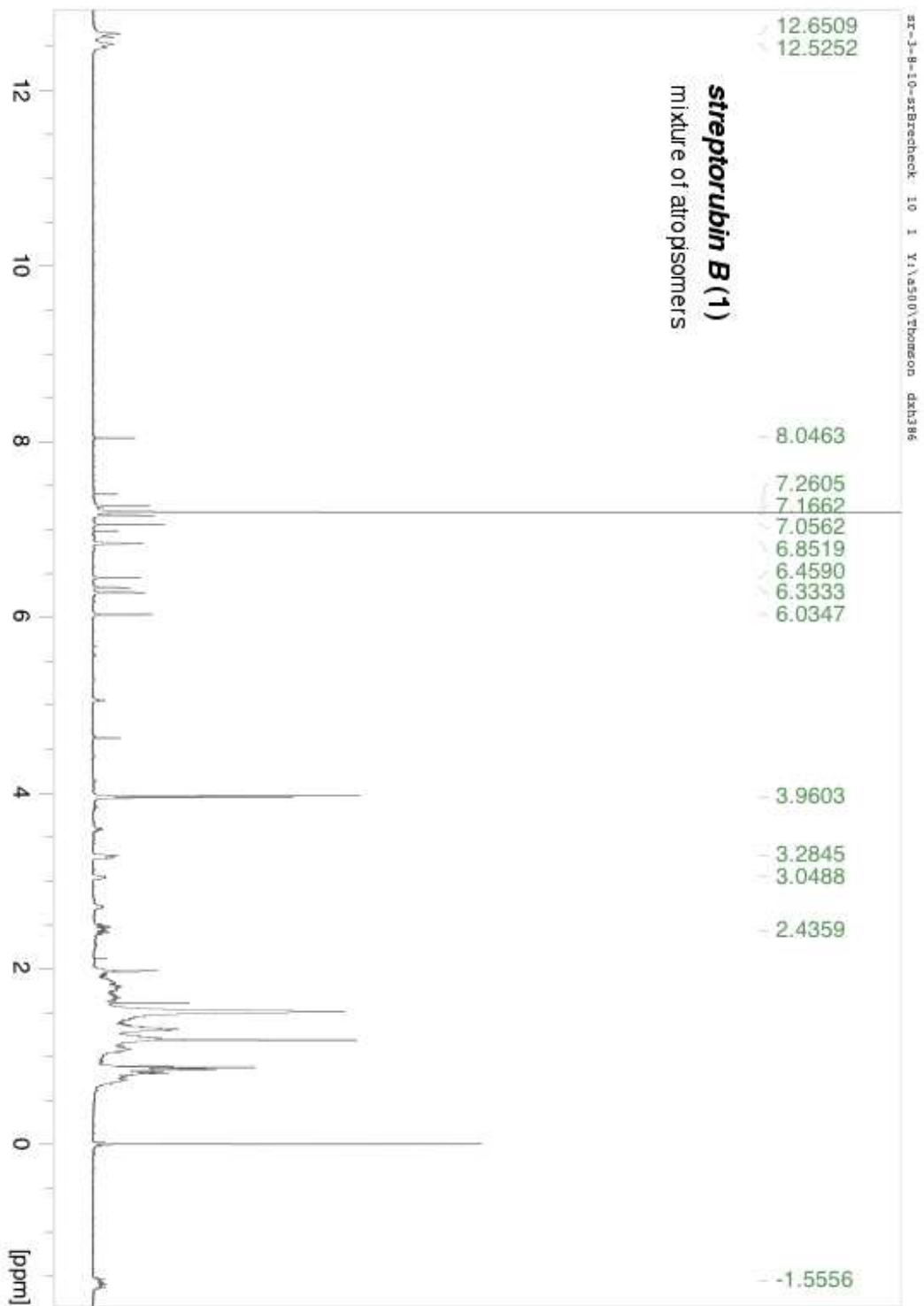


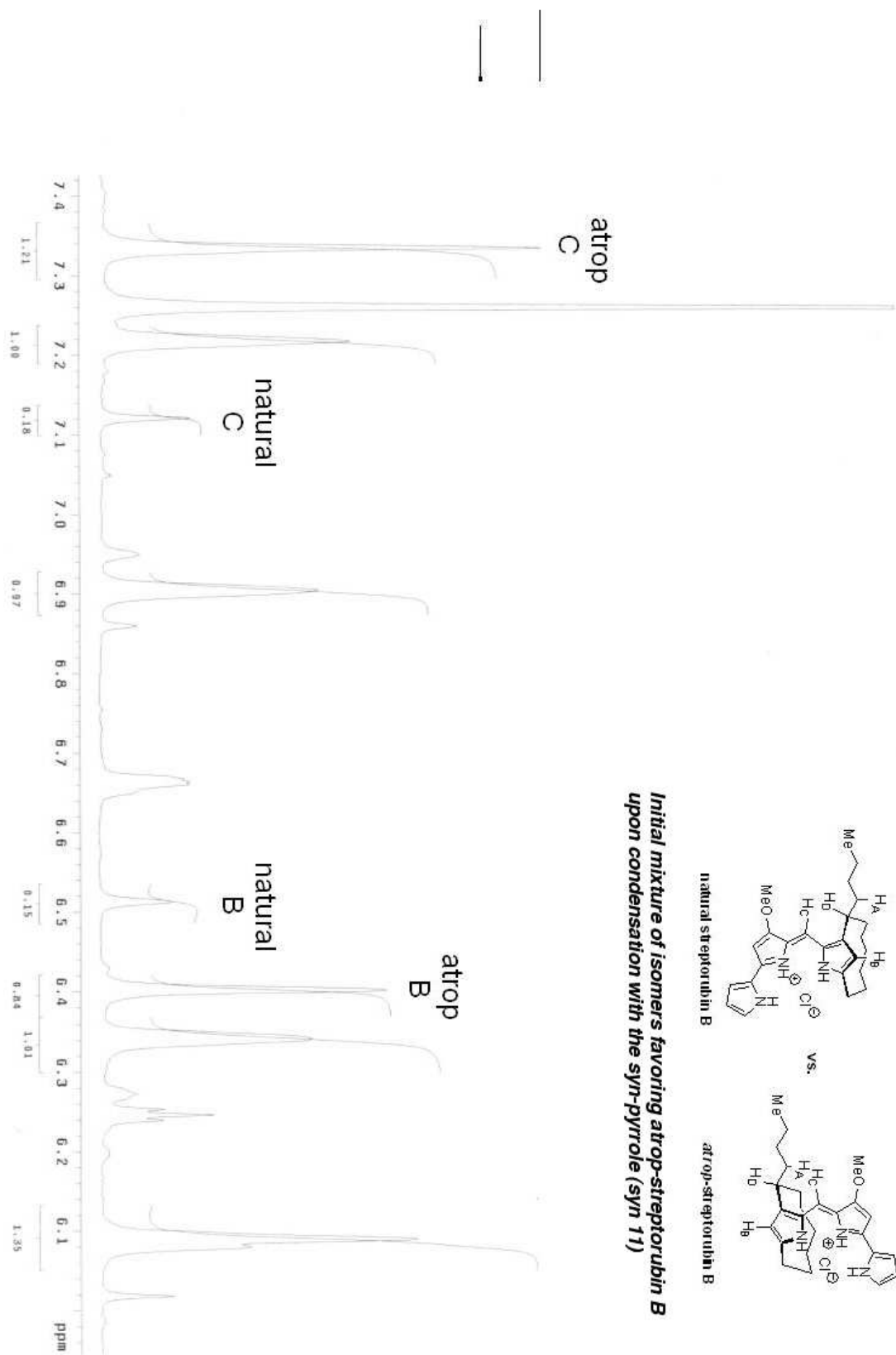


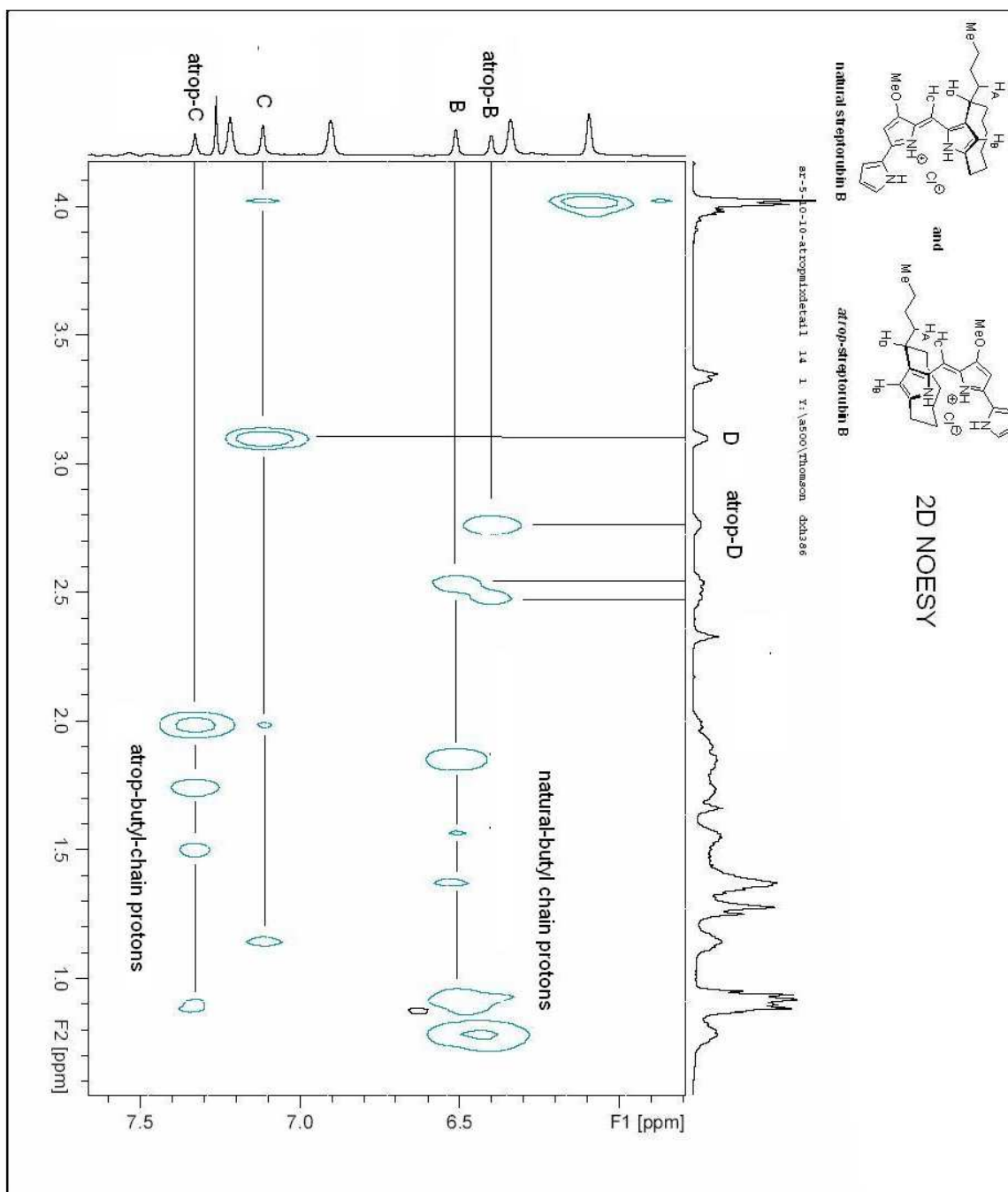


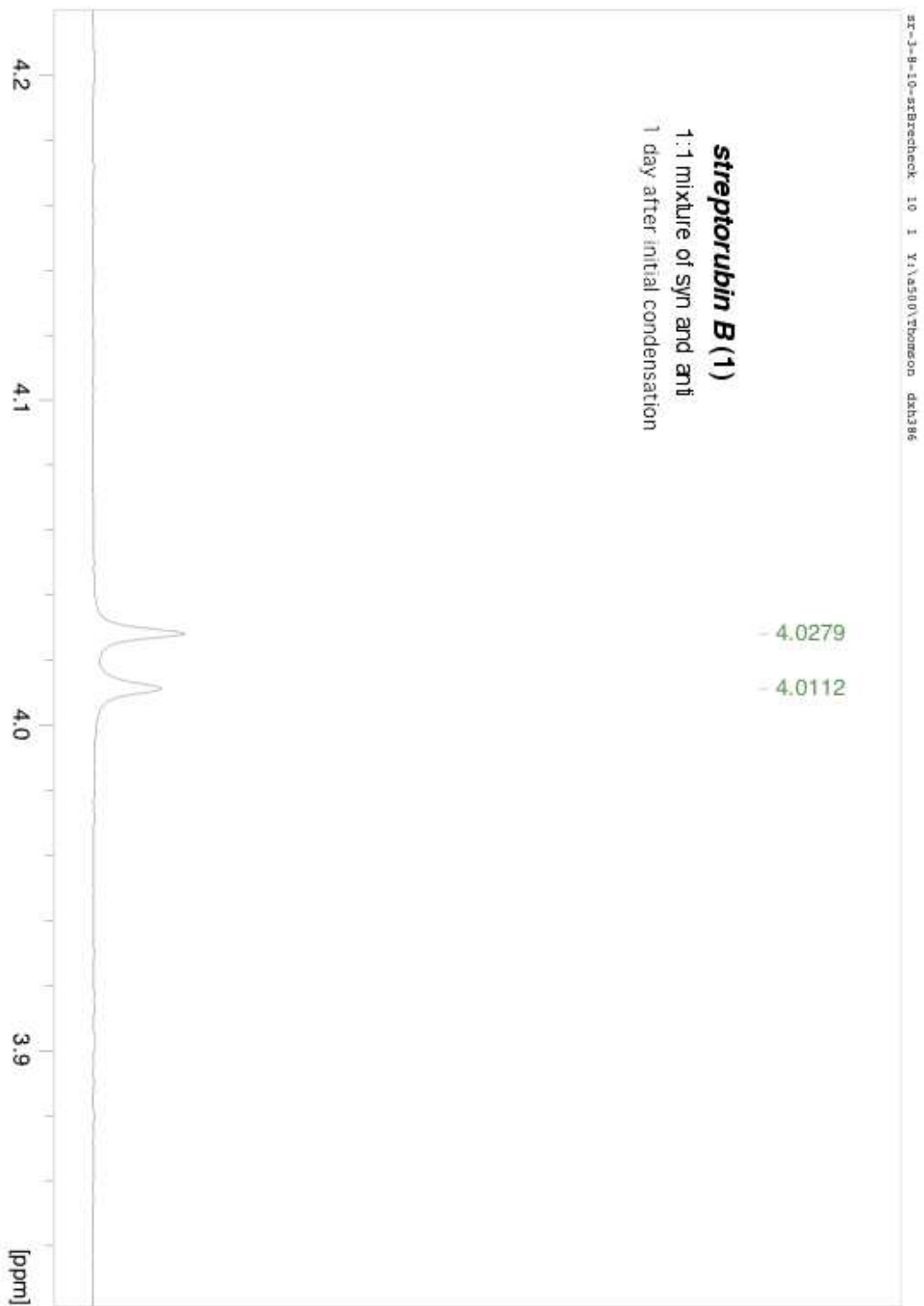


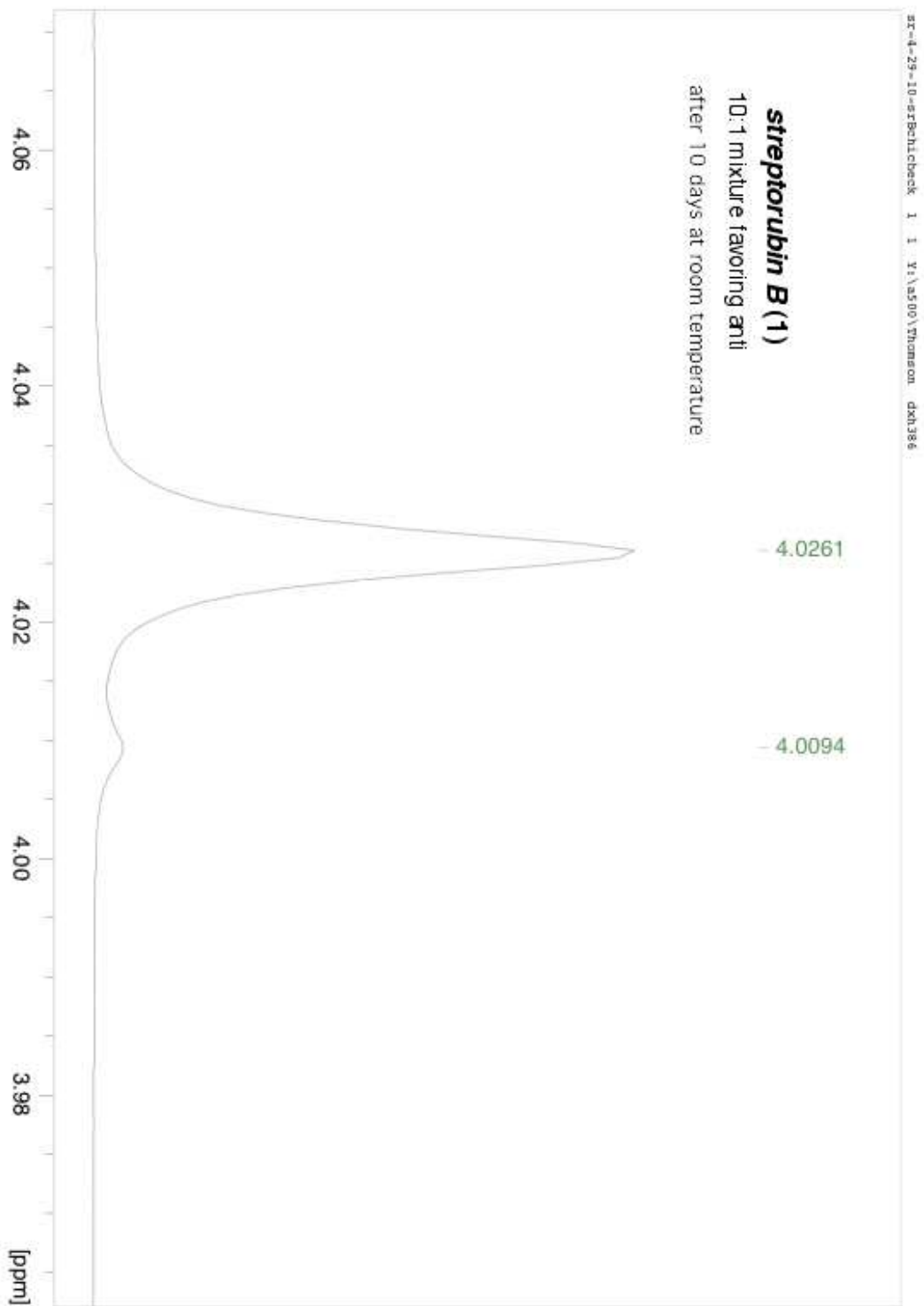
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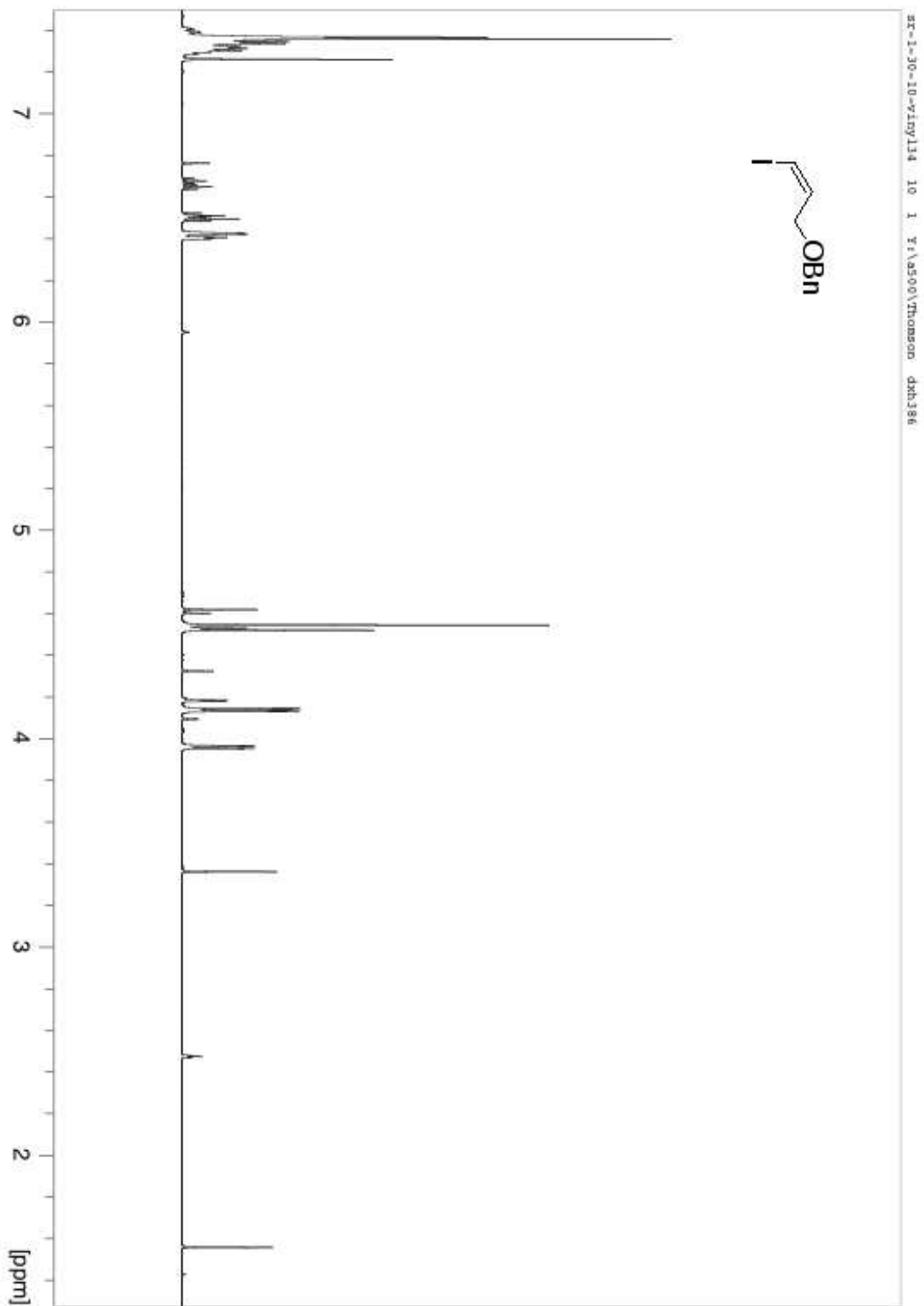




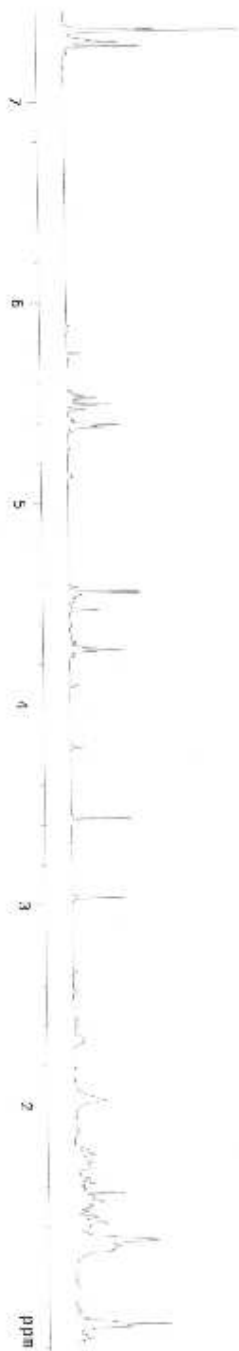
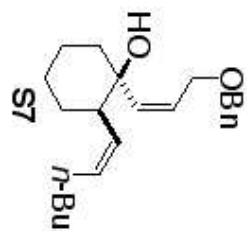


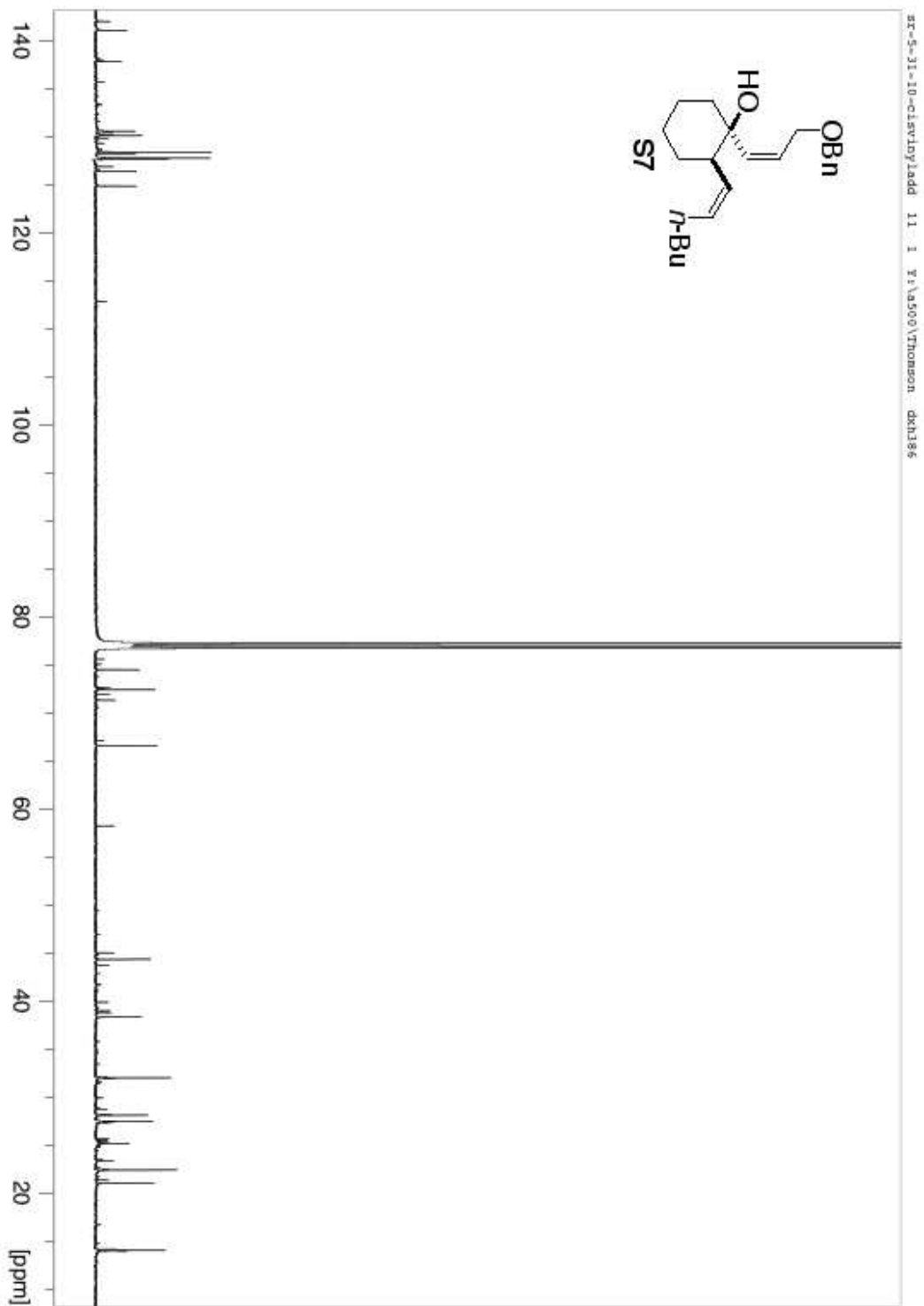


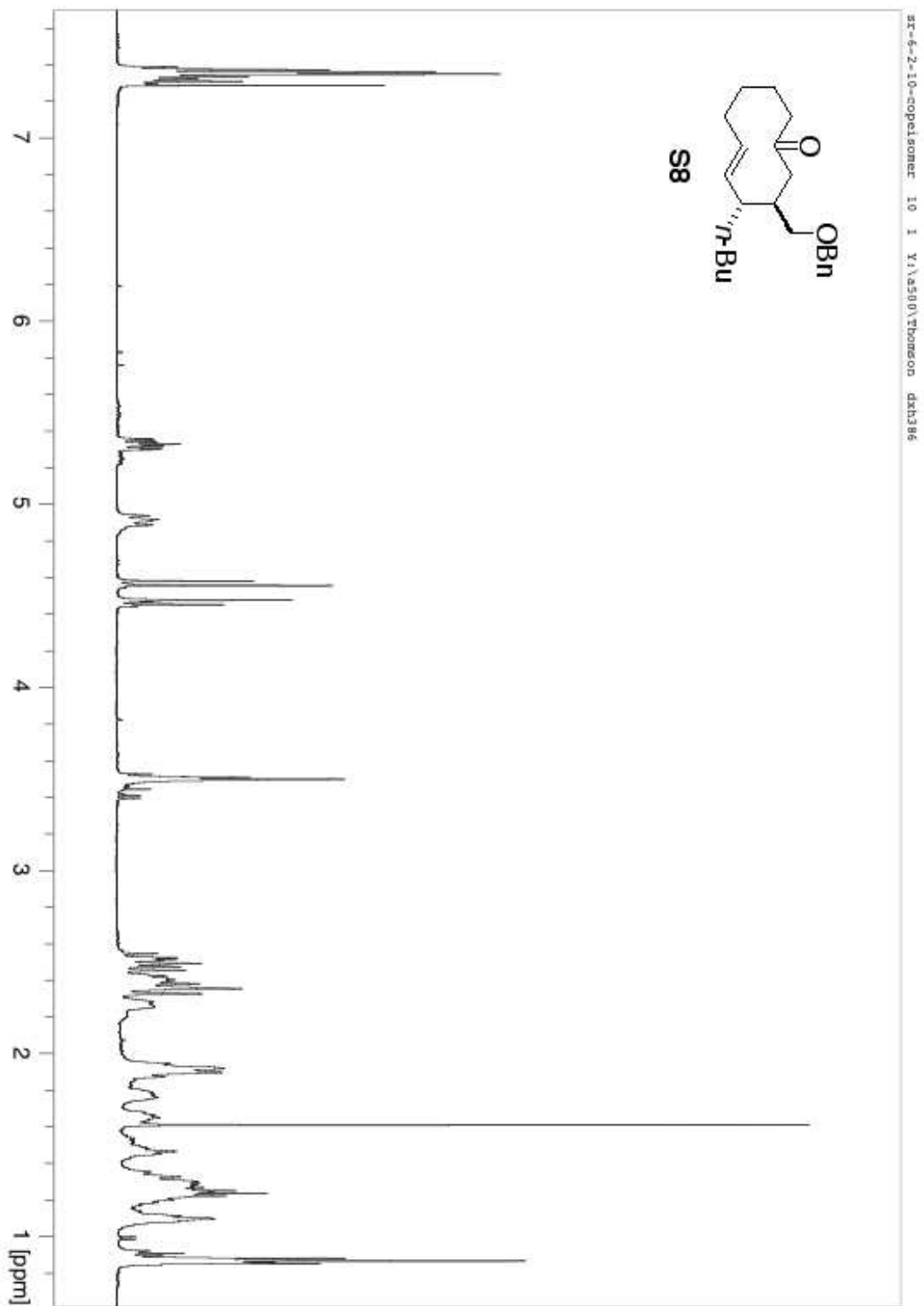
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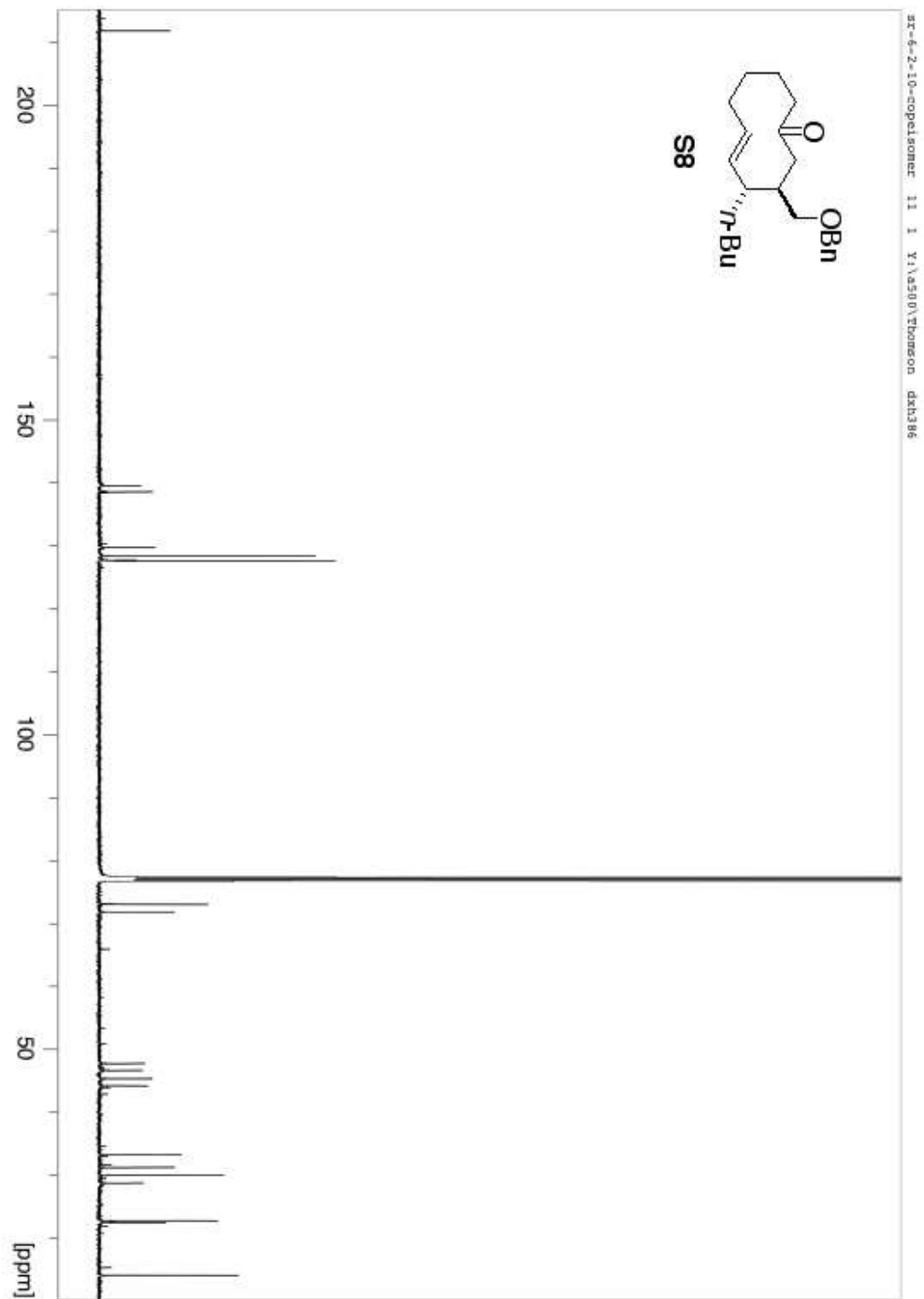


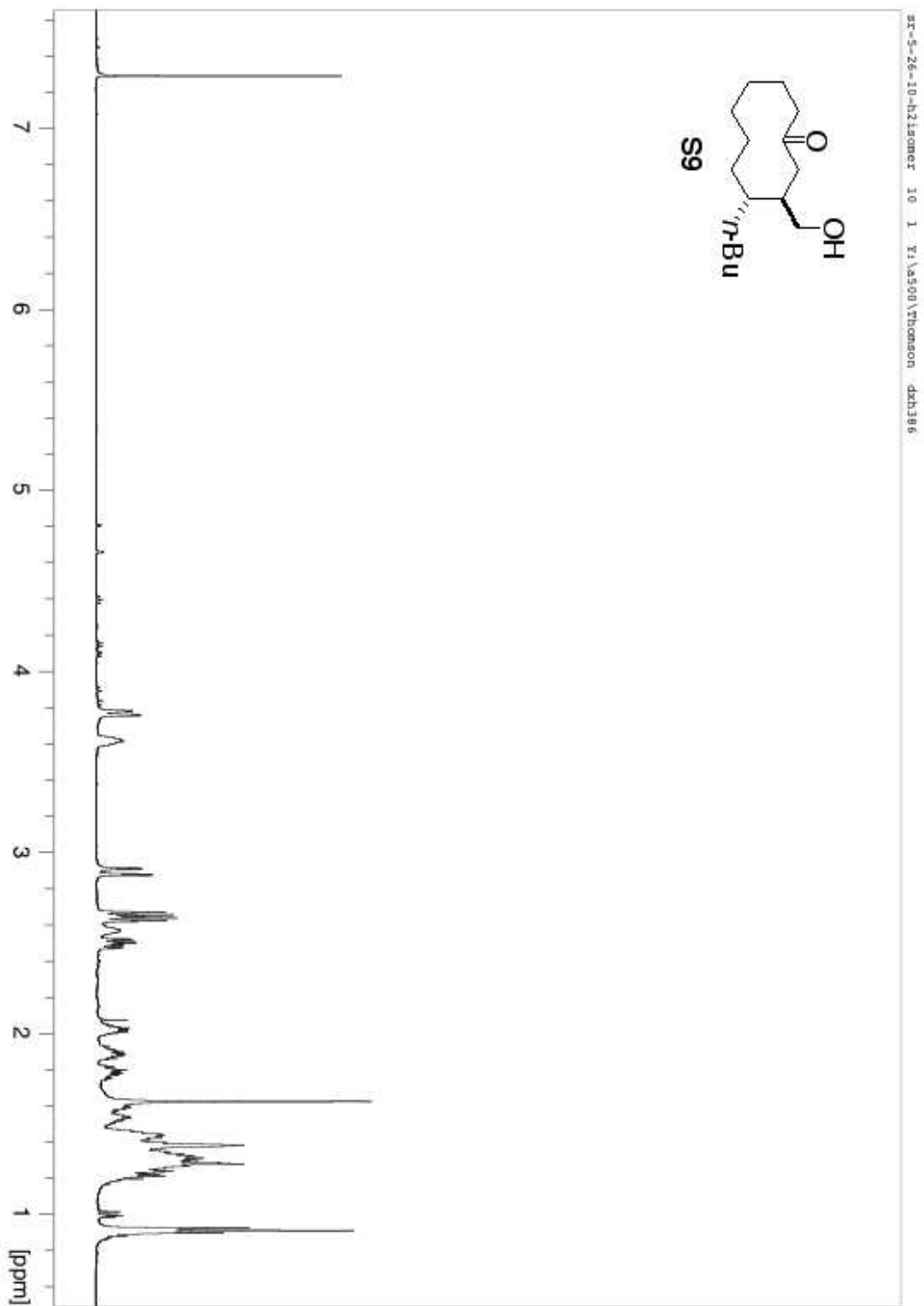
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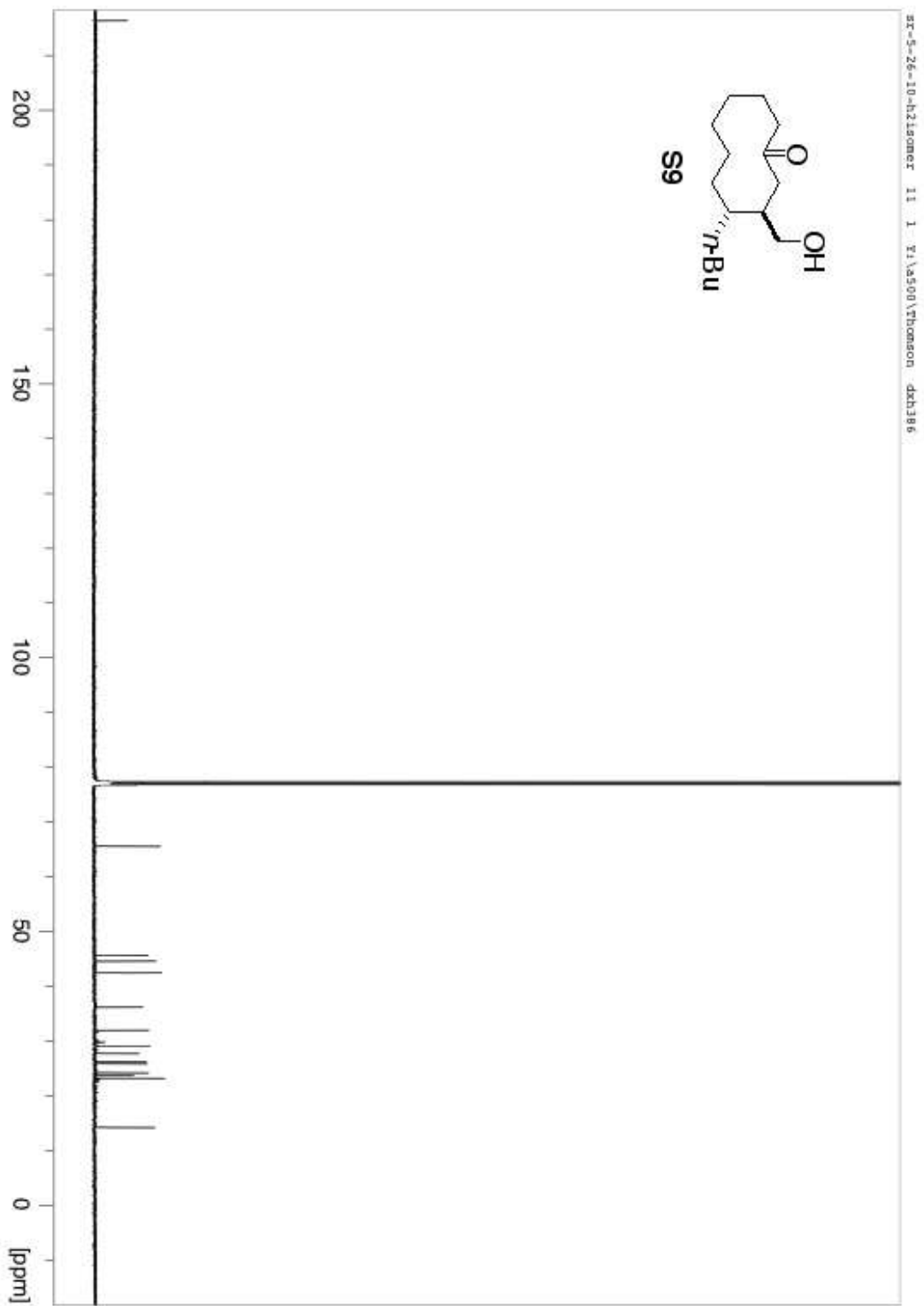




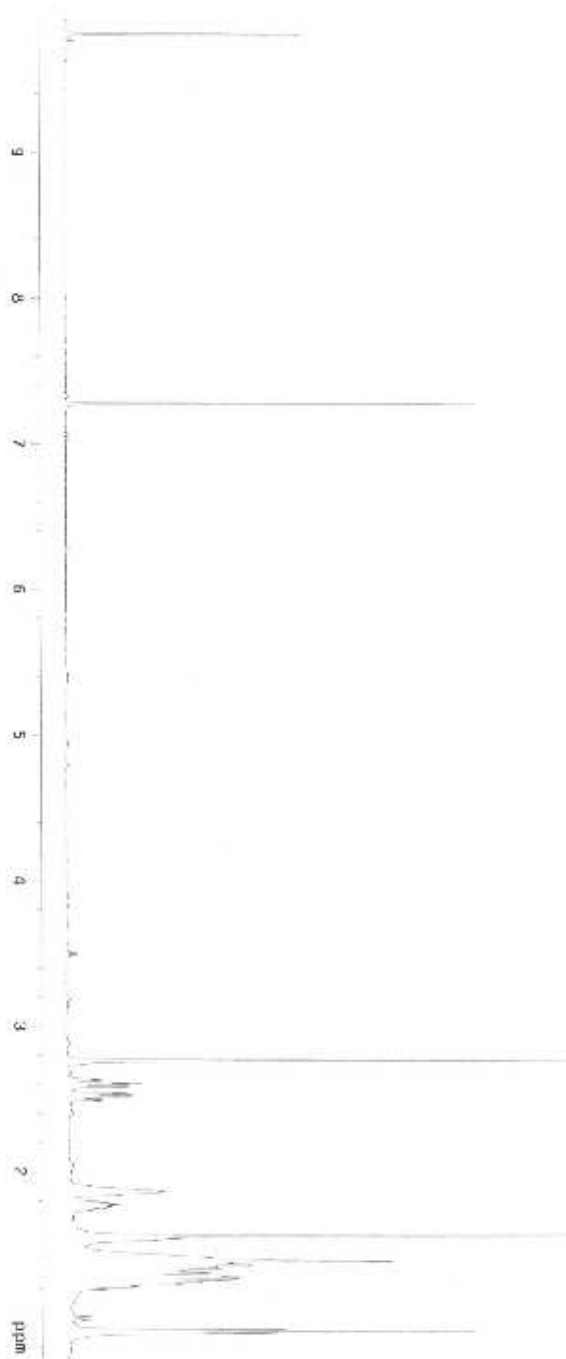
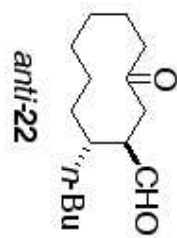




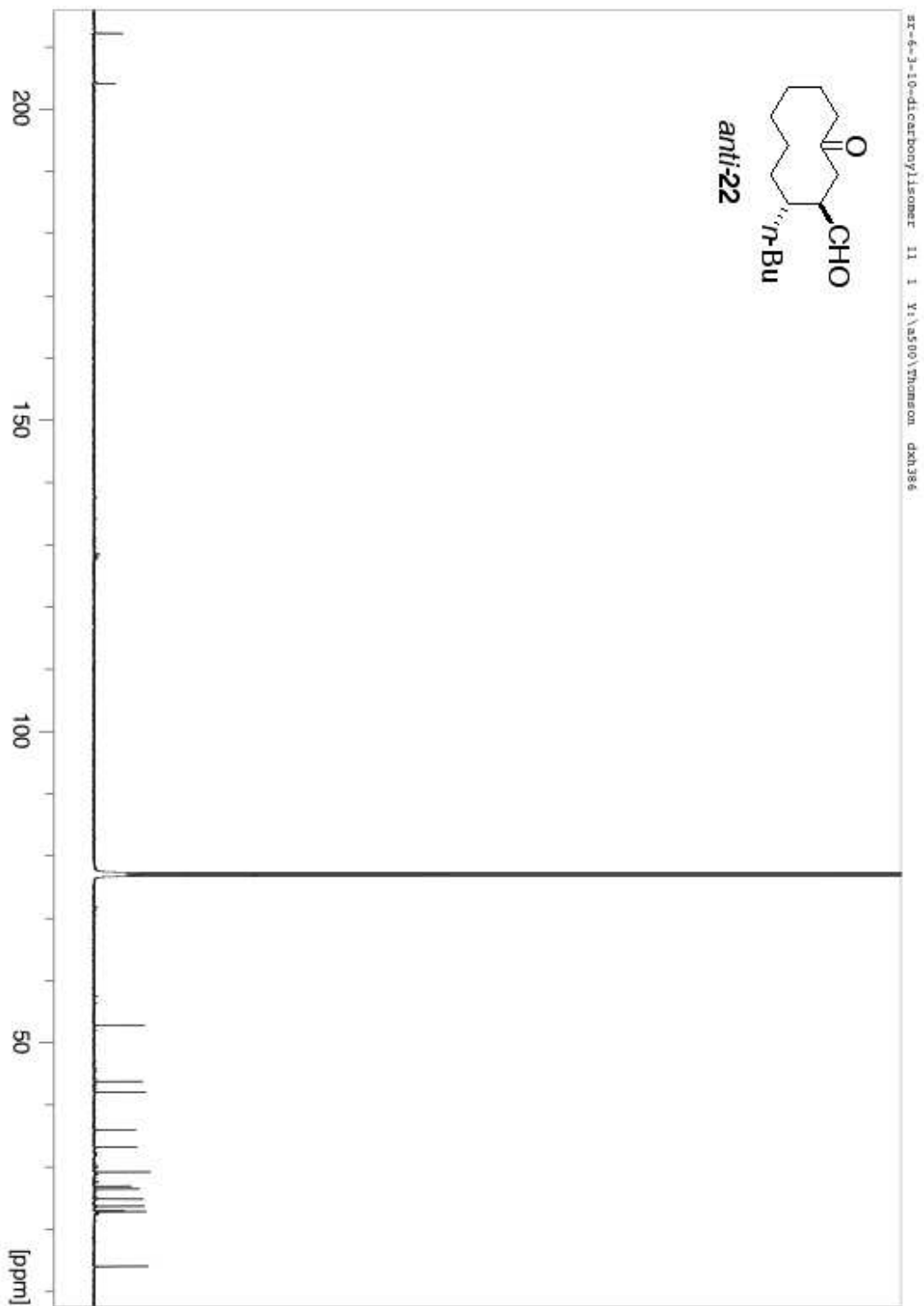
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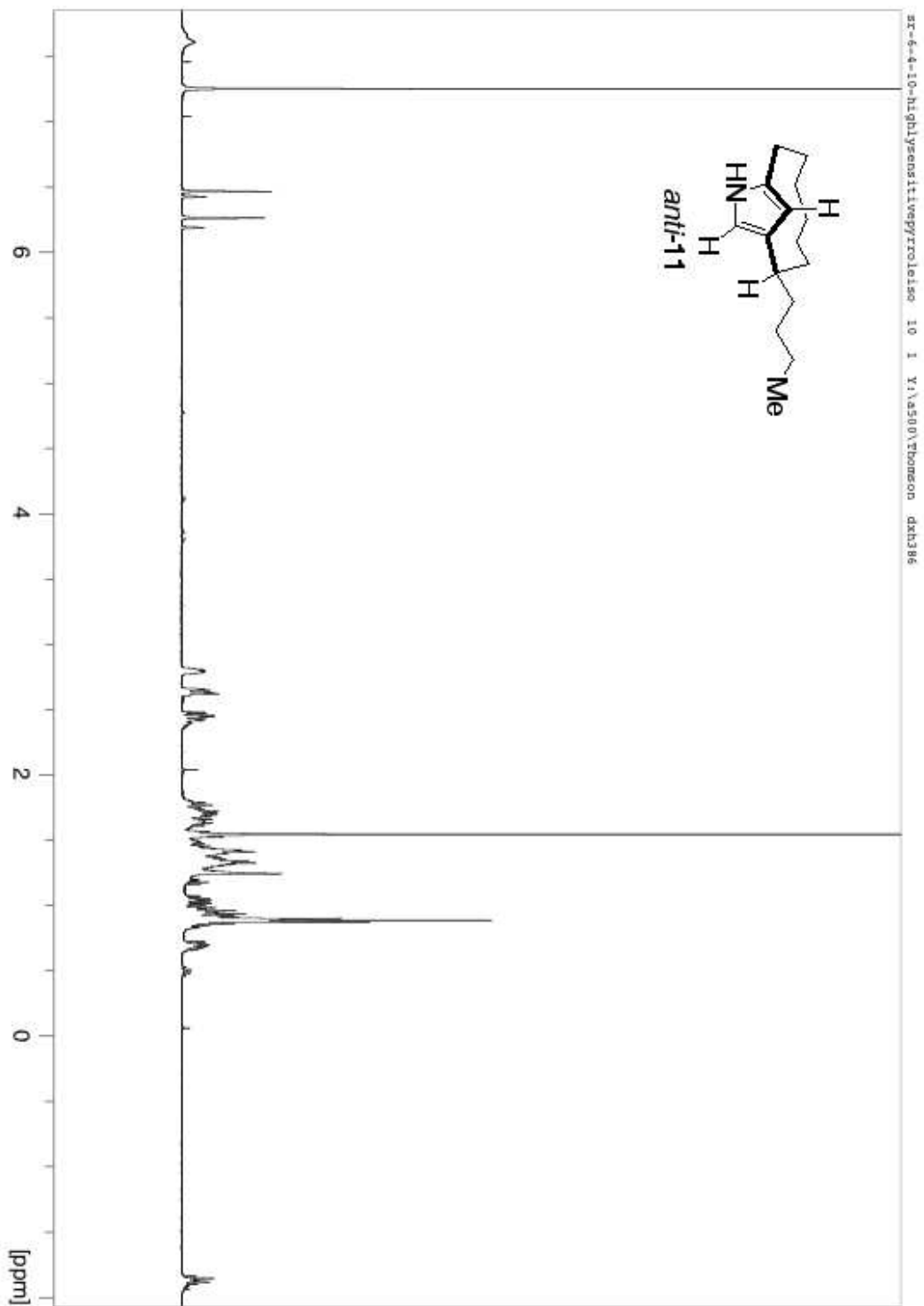


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