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**N-Heterocyclic Carbene Catalyzed C–C Bond Cleavage in
Redox Esterifications of Chiral Formylcyclopropanes**

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General Methods. All reactions utilizing air- or moisture-sensitive reagents were performed in dried glassware under an atmosphere of dry Ar. CH_2Cl_2 was distilled over CaH_2 . Toluene and THF were dried by passage over activated alumina under Ar atmosphere. Triazolium salts were prepared according to a reported protocol.¹ All aldehydes, thiols, and alcohols were purified by distillation or column chromatography prior to use. Enantiomerically enriched cyclopropanes were prepared by the method of MacMillan and the enantiopurities of the products were determined by analyses in our laboratory using the reported conditions.² *N,N*-Diisopropylethylamine (DIPEA) and 1,8-Diazabicyclo[5.4.0]undec-7-ene (DBU) were distilled from KOH. Other reagents were used without further purification. Thin layer chromatography (TLC) was performed on Merck precoated plates (silica gel 60 F_{254} , Art 5715, 0.25 mm) and was visualized by fluorescence quenching under UV light or by staining with phosphomolybdic acid or permanganate. Silica-gel preparative thin-layer chromatography (PTLC) was performed using plates prepared from Merck Kieselgel 60 PF_{254} (Art 7747). Column chromatography was performed on E. Merck Silica Gel 60 (230–400 Mesh) using a forced flow of 0.5–1.0 bar. ^1H NMR (400 MHz) and ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz) were measured on a Varian Unity 400 spectrometer. Chemical shifts are expressed in parts per million (PPM) downfield from residual solvent peaks and coupling constants are reported as Hertz (Hz). Splitting patterns are indicated as follows: br, broad; s, singlet; d, doublet; t, triplet; q, quartet; m, multiplet. Infrared (IR) spectra were recorded on a JASCO FT/IR-430 spectrophotometer and are reported as wavenumbers (cm^{-1}). Optical rotations were measured on a JASCO DIP-1000 polarimeter operating at the sodium D

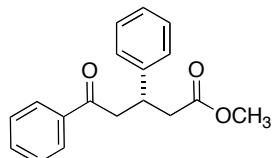
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line with a 100 mm path length cell, and are reported as follows: $[\alpha]^T$ (concentration (g/100 ml), solvent).

Gas chromatography (GC) was performed on a Hewlett-Packard 6890 Series gas chromatograph equipped with a split-mode capillary injection system and flame ionization detectors using Chiraldex Γ -TA and β -DM (30 m x 0.25 mm) columns at a flow rate of 1 mL/min.

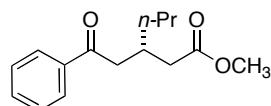
HPLC Conditions. Column, Diacel Chiralpak AD-H, (4.6 x 250mm) Eluent: hexanes/ EtOH. Flow Rate 1.0 mL/min. Detection: 254 nm.

General Procedure for Catalytic Redox Esterifications of Cyclopropanes and Alcohols:

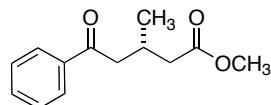


(S)-Methyl 5-oxo-3,5-diphenylpentanoate (Table 1, entry 1). *The reaction of (1R, 2S, 3R)-2-benzoyl-3-phenyl-cyclopropanecarbaldehyde and MeOH is representative.* Into an oven dried vial was weighed triazolium salt **7** (9.0 mg, 0.034 mmol, 5.0 mol %) and the cyclopropanecarbaldehyde **1** (0.168 mg, 0.671 mmol, 1.00 equiv). The vial was closed with a septum and filled with argon. To this was added sequentially THF (1.4 mL), MeOH (0.136 mL, 3.36 mmol, 5.00 equiv) and DBU (0.020 mL, 0.134 mmol, 0.20 equiv). The septum was removed and replaced with a crimp seal, and the resulting solution stirred 15 h at room temperature (20–25 °C). The mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure and purified by flash chromatography (3:1 hexanes/EtOAc) to afford ester **2** as a white solid (170 mg, 90 % yield, 89% ee). $[\alpha]_D^{20}$ (c 0.1, CHCl_3) = -2.0; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.93 (d, 2H, J = 7.5), 7.54 (t, 1H, J = 7.2), 7.44 (t, 2H, J = 7.5), 7.29 (s, 4H), 7.22–7.21 (m, 1H), 3.92 (quintet, 1H, J = 7.1), 3.59 (s, 3H), 3.42 (dd, 1H, J = 17.2, 7.2), 3.35 (dd, 1H, J = 17.1, 7.1), 2.84 (dd, 1H, J = 14.6, 7.0), 2.71 (dd, 1H, J = 15.5, 7.8); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 198.2, 172.4, 143.4, 139.6, 133.2, 128.7, 128.7, 128.1, 127.4, 126.9, 51.6, 44.6, 40.6, 37.5. Other spectral data were consistent with a previous report.³ The enantiomeric ratio was determined by HPLC, using a AD-H column (8% EtOH/hexanes); major enantiomer t_r = 17.0 min and minor enantiomer t_r = 15.8 min.

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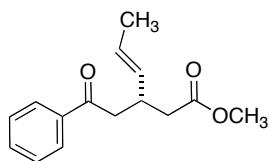


(S)-Methyl 5-oxo-5-phenyl-3-propylpentanoate (*Table 1, entry 2*). Prepared according to the general procedure with (1*R*, 2*S*, 3*R*)-2-Benzoyl-3-propyl-cyclopropanecarbaldehyde at 40 °C in 87% yield and 90% ee. $[\alpha]_D^{20}$ (c 0.96, CHCl_3) = −0.2; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.98 (d, 2H, J = 7.1), 7.57 (t, 1H, J = 7.3), 7.45 (t, 2H, J = 7.3), 3.66 (s, 3H), 3.09 (dd, 1H, J = 16.7, 6.8), 2.96 (dd, 1H, J = 16.6, 6.4), 2.62–2.55 (m, 1H), 2.44 (dd, 1H, J = 15.3, 6.0), 2.39 (dd, 1H, J = 15.3, 7.2), 1.41–1.32 (m, 4H), 0.90 (t, 3H, J = 7.0); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 199.5, 173.3, 137.2, 133.1, 128.6, 128.1, 51.5, 42.7, 38.4, 36.5, 31.3, 20.0, 14.2; IR (thin film) ν 3061, 2956, 2932, 2872, 1736, 1685, 1448, 1201, 1161, 691 cm^{-1} ; HREI-MS: calc'd for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{20}\text{O}_3$ (M^+), 248.1412; found, 248.1414. The enantiomeric ratio was determined by HPLC, using a AD-H column (1% EtOH/hexanes); major enantiomer t_r = 14.5 min and minor enantiomer t_r = 16.3 min.

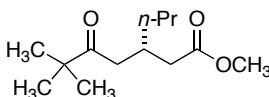


(S)-Methyl 3-methyl-5-oxo-5-phenylpentanoate (*Table 1, entry 3*). Prepared according to the general procedure with (1*R*, 2*S*, 3*R*)-2-benzoyl-3-methyl-cyclopropanecarbaldehyde at 40 °C in 84% yield and 77% ee. $[\alpha]_D^{20}$ (c 1.28, C_6H_6) = −2.9; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.97 (d, 2H, J = 7.2), 7.55 (t, 1H, J = 7.4), 7.45 (t, 2H, J = 7.4), 3.66 (s, 3H), 3.10 (dd, 1H, J = 16.2, 5.9), 2.84 (dd, 1H, J = 16.2, 7.4), 2.67 (sextet, 1H, J = 6.8), 2.43 (dd, 1H, J = 15.3, 6.5), 2.31 (dd, 1H, J = 15.3, 7.0), 1.04 (d, 3H, J = 6.7); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 199.4, 173.2, 137.1, 133.2, 128.8, 128.3, 51.6, 45.0, 41.0, 27.0, 20.3; Other spectral data were consistent with a previous report.⁴ The enantiomeric ratio was determined by HPLC, using an AD-H column (1% ethanol/hexanes); major enantiomer t_r = 20.4 min and minor enantiomer t_r = 22.8 min.

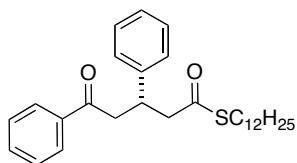
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(S)-Methyl 5-oxo-5-phenyl-3-(prop-1-enyl)pentanoate (Table 1, entry 4). Prepared according to the general procedure with (*1R, 2S, 3R, E*)-2-benzoyl-3-(prop-1-enyl)cyclopropanecarbaldehyde (83% ee of *trans* isomer, 75% ee of *cis* isomer, 8:1 *trans*:*cis*) at 40 °C in 96% yield and 81% ee (of combined *cis* and *trans* isomers). $[\alpha]_D^{20}$ (c 0.88, CHCl₃) = −0.9; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.94 (d, 2H, *J* = 7.1), 7.54 (t, 1H, *J* = 7.3), 7.45 (t, 2H, *J* = 7.3), 5.51–5.46 (m, 1H), 5.42–5.36 (m, 1H), 3.64 (s, 3H), 3.22–3.17 (m, 1H), 3.10 (dd, 1H, *J* = 16.2, 6.3), 3.00 (dd, 1H, *J* = 16.2, 7.2), 2.50 (dd, 1H, *J* = 15.4, 6.5), 2.41 (dd, 1H, *J* = 15.4, 7.4), 1.59 (d, 3H, *J* = 6.0); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 198.9, 172.8, 137.1, 133.2, 132.4, 128.7, 128.2, 126.3, 51.6, 43.4, 39.5, 35.1, 18.0; IR (thin film) ν 2951, 2855, 1737, 1685, 1597, 1580, 1448, 1363, 1212, 969 cm^{−1}; HREI-MS: calc'd for C₁₅H₁₈O₃ (M⁺), 246.1256, found, 246.1249. The enantiomeric ratio was determined by HPLC, using an OB column (1% isopropanol/hexanes); major enantiomers (of both *cis* and *trans* isomers) *t*_r = 32.2 min and minor enantiomers (of both *cis* and *trans* isomers) *t*_r = 26.3 min.

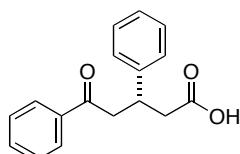


(S)-Methyl 6,6-dimethyl-5-oxo-3-propylheptanoate (Table 1, entry 5). Prepared according to the general procedure with (*1R, 2S, 3R*)-2-(2,2-Dimethyl-propionyl)-3-propyl-cyclopropanecarbaldehyde (93% ee, 6:1 dr) at 40 °C in 95% yield. $[\alpha]_D^{20}$ (c 1.09, CHCl₃) = +0.23; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 3.65 (s, 3H), 2.57 (dd, 1H, *J* = 17.9, 7.0), 2.51 (dd, 1H, *J* = 17.9, 5.8), 2.43–2.37 (m, 1H), 2.35–2.25 (m, 2H), 1.34–1.16 (m, 4H), 1.13 (s, 9H), 0.89 (t, 3H, *J* = 6.4); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 214.9, 173.3, 51.3, 44.2, 40.6, 38.1, 36.4, 30.4, 26.4, 20.0, 14.1; IR (thin film) ν 2958, 2873, 1738, 1706, 1366, 1164, 735 cm^{−1}; HRCI-MS: calc'd for C₁₃H₂₅O₃ (M+H)⁺, 229.1804, found, 229.1811.



(S)-S-dodecyl 5-oxo-3,5-diphenylpentanethioate (*Table 1, entry 6*). Prepared according to the general procedure with 1.2 equiv of 1-dodecanethiol in 99% yield. and 87% ee (as determined by HPLC analysis of the methyl ester). $[\alpha]_d^{20}$ (c 1.05, CHCl_3) = + 1.85. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.91 (d, 2H, J = 7.1), 7.55 (t, 1H, J = 7.3), 7.44 (t, 2H, J = 7.3), 7.31–7.25 (m, 4H), 7.22–7.18 (m, 1H), 3.95 (quintet, 1H, J = 7.2), 3.44–3.32 (m, 2H), 3.01 (dd, 1H, J = 15.1, 7.1), 2.93 (dd, 1H, J = 15.0, 7.5), 2.81 (t, 2H, J = 7.4), 1.50–1.44 (m, 2H), 1.31–1.21 (m, 18H), 0.89 (t, 3H, J = 6.8); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 198.2, 198.1, 143.0, 137.0, 133.7, 128.8, 128.7, 128.7, 127.6, 127.0, 50.1, 44.5, 38.3, 32.1, 29.8, 29.8, 29.7, 29.7, 29.6, 29.6, 29.3, 29.2, 28.9, 22.9, 14.3; IR (thin film) ν 3062, 3029, 2925, 2853, 1687, 1449, 984 cm^{-1} ; HREI-MS: calc'd for $\text{C}_{29}\text{H}_{40}\text{O}_2\text{S}$ (M^+), 452.2749, found, 452.2738. The thioester was converted into the methyl ester by means of Na metal in MeOH. The enantiomeric ratio of the methyl ester was determined by HPLC, using an AD-H column (8% ethanol/ hexanes); major enantiomer t_r = 17.1 min and minor enantiomer t_r = 15.8 min.

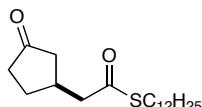
Conversion of the thioester into the methyl ester: To the thioester (63 mg, 0.139 mmol) was added 7 ml MeOH and 2 pieces ($\sim 3 \text{ mm}^3$) of Na metal. The mixture was stirred for 15 min. EtOAc and NH_4Cl (aq) were added. The layers were separated and the organic layer was washed with brine, dried with Na_2SO_4 , filtered and concentrated under vacuum. The crude product was purified by PTLC to provide 20 mg (50% yield) of the methyl ester.



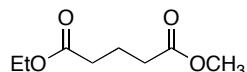
(S)-5-Oxo-3,5-diphenylpentanoic acid (*Table 1, entry 7*). Prepared according to the general procedure with 1.2 equiv of DBU and 5 equiv of H_2O . Upon termination of the reaction, 1 N HCl and EtOAc were added, and the layers were separated. The organic layer was washed with brine, dried with Na_2SO_4 , filtered and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was recrystallized from EtOAc to provide the product in 92% yield and 88% ee (as determined by HPLC analysis of the methyl ester). $[\alpha]_d^{20}$ (c 0.92, CH_2Cl_2) = + 1.02. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CD_6OS) δ 7.92 (d, 2H, J = 7.2), 7.61 (t, 1H, J =

7.1), 7.49 (t, 2H, J = 7.5), 7.30–7.22 (m, 4H), 7.14 (t, 1H, J = 7.0), 5.75 (s, 1H), 3.70–3.62 (m, 1H), 3.46 (dd, 1H, J = 17.7, 7.8), 3.37 (dd, 1H, J = 17.7, 6.6), 2.69 (dd, 1H, J = 15.8, 6.3), 2.56 (dd, 1H, J = 15.8, 8.7); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 198.5, 173.0, 143.9, 136.7, 128.7, 128.7, 128.2, 127.9, 127.6, 126.3, 44.0, 40.4, 37.3. Other spectral data were consistent with a previous report.⁵ The acid was converted into the methyl ester by means of TMSCHN_2 in MeOH . The enantiomeric ratio of the ester was determined by HPLC, using an AD-H column (8% $\text{EtOH}/\text{hexanes}$); major enantiomer t_r = 17.1 min and minor enantiomer t_r = 15.8 min.

Conversion of acid into methyl ester: To the acid (80 mg, 0.298 mmol) was added 5 ml MeOH and 0.5 ml TMSCHN_2 (2 M soln in Et_2O , 0.954 mmol). The solution was stirred under Ar for 10 min and then concentrated under vacuum. The crude product was purified by PTLC to yield 67 mg (80% yield) of the methyl ester.



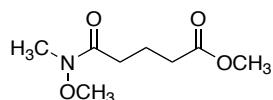
S-Dodecyl 2-(3-oxocyclopentyl)ethanethioate (Table 2, entry 1). Prepared according to the general procedure with 2-oxobicyclo[3.1.0]hexane-6-carbaldehyde and 1.5 equiv of 1-dodecanethiol at 40 °C in 81% yield. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 2.89 (t, 2H, J = 7.4), 2.72–2.65 (m, 3H), 2.50–2.44 (m, 1H), 2.36–2.30 (m, 1H), 2.24–2.16 (m, 2H), 1.94–1.87 (m, 1H), 1.66–1.53 (m, 3H), 1.37–1.26 (m, 18H), 0.89 (t, 3H, J = 6.8); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 218.0, 197.9, 49.2, 44.4, 38.2, 34.1, 32.0, 29.7, 29.7, 29.6, 29.6, 29.4, 29.2, 29.2, 29.1, 28.9, 22.8, 14.2; IR (thin film) ν 2925, 2853, 1744, 1687, 1465, 1157, 991 cm^{-1} ; HREI-MS: cal'd for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{34}\text{O}_2\text{S}$ (M^+), 326.2280; found, 326.2287.



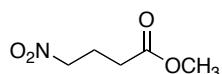
Ethyl methyl glutarate (Table 2, entry 2). Prepared according to the general procedure with ethyl 2-formyl-1-cyclopropanecarboxylate in 95% yield. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 4.11 (q, 2H, J = 7.2), 3.66 (s, 3H), 2.36 (q, 4H, J = 7.4), 1.94 (quintet, 2H, J = 7.4), 1.24 (t, 3H, J = 7.2). Other spectral data were consistent with a previous report.⁶

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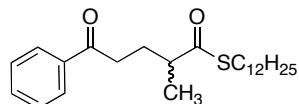
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Methyl 5-(methoxy(methyl)amino)-5-oxopentanoate. (*Table 2, entry 3*). Prepared according to the general procedure with Weinreb amide cyclopropanecarbaldehyde in 98% yield. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 3.62 (s, 3 H), 3.61 (s, 3H), 3.11 (s, 3H), 2.43 (t, 2H, J = 7.0), 2.35 (t, 2H, J = 7.1), 1.92–1.88 (m, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 173.8, 61.3, 51.6, 33.3, 32.1, 30.9, 19.8; IR (thin film) ν 3504, 2952, 1736, 1663, 1439, 1175, 996 cm^{-1} ; HRESI-MS: calc'd for $\text{C}_8\text{H}_{15}\text{NO}_4\text{Na}$ ($\text{M}+\text{Na}$) $^+$, 212.0893, found, 212.0885.

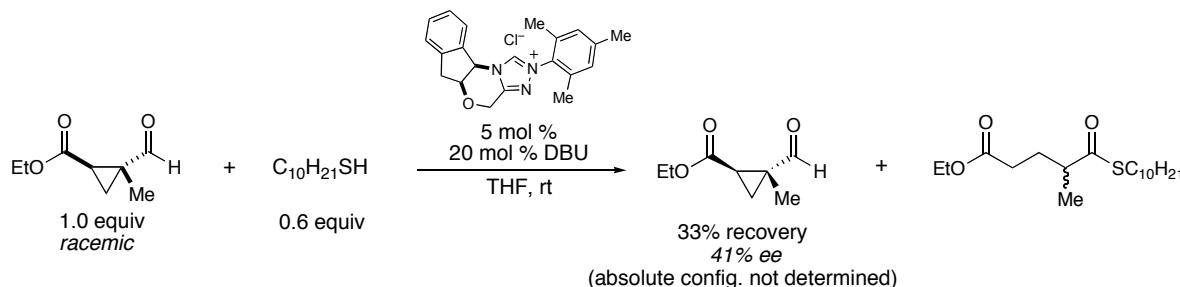


Methyl 4-nitrobutyrate (*Table 2, entry 4*). Prepared according to the general procedure with 2-nitrocyclopropanecarbaldehyde in 90% yield. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 4.49 (t, 2H, J = 6.8), 3.71 (s, 3H), 2.48 (t, 2H, J = 7.1), 2.32 (quintet, 2H, J = 6.8); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 172.4, 74.4, 52.0, 30.3, 22.4. Other spectral data were consistent with commercially available material (Aldrich Cat. No. 227846).



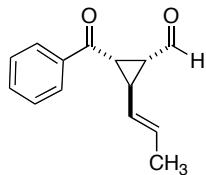
S-dodecyl 2-methyl-5-oxo-phenylpentanethioate (*Table 2, entry 5*). Prepared according to the general procedure with 2-benzoyl-1-methylcyclopropanecarbaldehyde and 1.5 equiv of 1-dodecanethiol in 95% yield. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.95 (d, 2H, J = 7.1), 7.57 (t, 1H, J = 7.3), 7.46 (t, 2H, J = 7.3), 3.08–2.94 (m, 2H), 2.87 (t, 2H, J = 7.4), 2.83–2.76 (m, 1H), 2.15–2.06 (m, 1H), 1.98–1.90 (m, 1H), 1.60–1.52 (m, 2H), 1.36–1.19 (m, 2H), 0.88 (t, 3H, J = 6.8); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 203.9, 199.5, 137.0, 133.3, 128.8, 128.2, 48.0, 36.0, 32.1, 29.8, 29.8, 29.7, 29.5, 29.3, 29.0, 28.9, 28.4, 22.9, 18.3, 14.3; IR (thin film) ν 3062, 3028, 2925, 2854, 1686, 1449, 1209, 973 cm^{-1} ; HRCL-MS: cal'd for $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{39}\text{O}_2\text{S}$ ($\text{M}+\text{H}$) $^+$, 391.2671; found, 391.2664.

Enantioselective Kinetic Resolution:



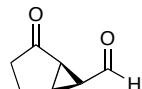
Ethyl 5-(dodecylthio)-4-methyl-5-oxopentanoate. Prepared according to the general procedure in 24 h with ethyl 2-formyl-2-methylcyclopropanecarboxylate and 0.6 equiv of 1-dodecanethiol. Ethyl 2-formyl-2-methylcyclopropanecarboxylate was recovered by column chromatography in 32% yield and 41% ee. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 4.13 (q, 2H, $J = 7.2$), 2.86 (t, 2H, $J = 7.4$), 2.73–2.65 (m, 1H), 2.37–2.29 (m, 2H), 2.05–1.96 (m, 1H), 1.82–1.73 (m, 1H), 1.59–1.52 (m, 1H), 1.34–1.26 (m, 2H), 1.34–1.26 (m, 18H), 1.19 (d, 3H, $J = 7.0$), 0.88 (t, 3H, $J = 6.9$); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 203.5, 173.2, 60.6, 47.9, 32.1, 32.0, 29.8, 29.8, 29.8, 29.7, 29.6, 29.3, 29.1, 29.1, 29.0, 28.9, 22.9, 18.0, 14.4, 14.3; IR (thin film) ν 2925, 2854, 1737, 1686, 1459, 1179, 964, 735 cm^{-1} ; HREI-MS: cal'd for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{39}\text{O}_3\text{S}$ ($\text{M}+\text{H}$) $^+$, 359.2620; found, 359.2605. The enantiomeric ratio of the recovered aldehyde was determined by GC using a β -DM Chiraldex column (85°C isotherm, 1 mL/min); major enantiomer $t_r = 42.8$ min, minor enantiomer $t_r = 44.1$ min.

Preparation of Cyclopropane Aldehydes:

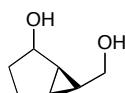


(1R, 2S, 3R, E)-2-Benzoyl-3-(prop-1-enyl)cyclopropanecarbaldehyde. Prepared in analogy to the method of MacMillan:² To 2-(dimethyl-1-sulfanylidene)- λ -phenyl-ethanone (0.770 g, 4.27 mmol, 1.00 equiv) was added 60 mL CHCl_3 , (S)-(-)-indoline-2-carboxylic acid (0.139 g, 0.854 mmol, 0.20 equiv) and *trans*-2-hexenal (0.70 mL, 6.34 mmol, 1.48 equiv). The reaction was stirred for 24 h at rt,

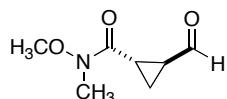
followed by filtration through a plug of silica, elution with EtOAc and concentration *in vacuo*. The crude product was purified by column (10:1 Hexanes/EtOAc) to yield 0.164 g (18% yield, 8:1 *trans/cis*, 83% ee of *trans* isomer) of product. $[\alpha]_D^{20}$ (c 1.32, CHCl_3) = -142.0 ; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 9.44 (d, 1H, J = 5.5), 7.96 (d, 2H, J = 7.0), 7.58 (t, 1H, J = 7.3), 7.47 (t, 2H, J = 7.5), 5.82–5.76 (m, 1H), 5.24–5.18 (m, 1H), 3.19–3.16 (m, 1H), 3.03–2.98 (m, 1H), 2.31–2.26 (m, 1H), 1.72–1.70 (d, 3H, J = 6.5); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 198.6, 195.6, 136.9, 133.7, 129.2, 128.9, 128.5, 127.7, 40.0, 35.3, 31.7, 18.0; IR (thin film) ν 3061, 3028, 2965, 2938, 2918, 2855, 2764, 1703, 1597, 1580, 1450, 1225, 962 cm^{-1} ; HREI-MS: cal'd for $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{14}\text{O}_2$ (M^+), 214.0994; found, 214.0999. The *trans* to *cis* isomeric ratio and the enantiomeric ratios were determined by GC using a Γ -TA Chiraldex column (145°C isotherm, 1 mL/min); *cis* major enantiomer t_r = 156.8 min, *cis* minor enantiomer t_r = 160.2 min, *trans* major enantiomer t_r = 194.7 min, *trans* minor enantiomer t_r = 199.6 min.



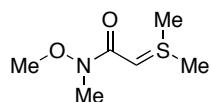
2-oxobicyclo[3.1.0]hexane-6-carbaldehyde. To a solution of 6-(hydroxymethyl)bicyclo[3.1.0]hexane-2-ol (0.277 g, 2.16 mmol, 1.00 equiv) and *N*-methyl-morpholine-*N*-oxide (0.380 g, 3.24 mmol, 1.50 equiv) in CH_2Cl_2 (11 mL) was added activated, powdered 4A molecular sieves (2.20 g, 1 g /1 mmol of the diol). The reaction mixture was stirred at rt for 20 minutes before tetrapropyl ammonium perruthanate (TPAP) (0.076 g, 0.216 mmol, 0.10 equiv) was added in portions. After 1 h, the reaction was diluted with pentane, filtered over a plug of silica gel, and eluted with 1:1 pentane/ Et_2O . The filtrate was concentrated under reduced pressure, and the residue was purified by flash chromatography (1:1 hexanes/EtOAc) on silica gel to yield 60% (0.162 g) of the aldehyde product. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 9.28 (d, 1H, J = 4.1), 2.61–2.58 (m, 1H), 2.42–2.40 (m, 1H), 2.34–2.15 (m, 2H), 2.14–1.99 (m, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 211.1, 196.3, 35.5, 34.8, 32.0, 29.5, 22.5; IR (thin film) ν 3063, 2951, 2885, 2743, 1731, 1185 cm^{-1} ; HREI-MS: calc'd for $\text{C}_7\text{H}_8\text{O}_2$ (M^+), 124.0524; found, 124.0528.



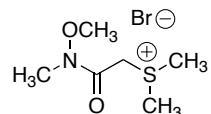
6-(Hydroxymethyl)bicyclo[3.1.0]hexan-2-ol. Ethyl 2-oxobicyclo[3.1.0]hexane-6-carboxylate⁷ (0.770 g, 4.58 mmol, 1.00 equiv) was dissolved in 70 ml THF. The solution was cooled in an ice bath and LiAlH₄ (0.500 g, 13.2 mmol, 2.87 equiv) was added in portions. After 1 h of stirring, the reaction was quenched with 1.0 mL MeOH. The flask was removed from the bath and stirred at rt. To the mixture was added Na₂SO₄•10H₂O and water and the mixture was stirred 1 h. The mixture was filtered and extracted with EtOAc. The organic layer was washed water and brine, dried with Na₂SO₄ and concentrated under reduced pressure. Purification by flash chromatography (6:1 CH₂Cl₂/MeOH) afforded the aldehyde (0.277 g, 2.16 mmol, 47% yield) or the product was continued to the next reaction without prior purification. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 4.57–4.51 (m, 1H), 3.79 (dd, 1H, *J* = 11.1, 5.4), 3.45–3.30 (m, 2H), 3.10–3.05 (m, 1H), 1.92–1.85 (m, 1H), 1.82–1.71 (m, 2H), 1.45–1.42 (m, 1H), 1.37–1.32 (m, 1H), 1.26–1.22 (m, 1H), 1.17–1.07 (m, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 73.7, 64.6, 29.4, 28.4, 25.2, 21.8, 19.4; IR (thin film) ν 3324, 3025, 2870, 1657, 1452, 1340, 1266, 1025, 909 cm⁻¹; HRESI-MS: calc'd for C₇H₁₂O₂Na (M+Na)⁺, 151.0729, found, 151.0730.



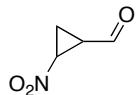
To Weinreb sulfur ylide (2.15g, 13.2 mmol, 1.00 equiv) was added 26 mL PhMe and acrolein (1.76 mL, 26.3 mmol, 2.00 equiv). The solution was heated at 60 °C for 90 min under Ar, concentrated in vacuo and purified by column chromatography (1:1 Hexanes/EtOAc) to yield the aldehyde (0.707 g, 34% yield). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 9.42 (d, 1H, *J* = 3.8), 3.75 (s, 3H), 3.22 (s, 3H), 2.85–2.79 (m, 1H), 2.47–2.42 (m, 1H), 1.65–1.60 (m, 1H), 1.52–1.48 (m, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 198.6, 169.9, 61.3, 32.0, 30.0, 18.9, 14.0; IR (thin film) ν 3404, 2939, 2850, 2736, 1711, 1656, 1443, 1177, 1002 cm⁻¹; HRESI-MS: calc'd for C₇H₁₁NO₃Na (M+Na)⁺, 180.0631, found, 180.0635.



Weinreb Sulfur Ylide. To the Weinreb amide sulfur ylide bromide salt (2.64g, 13.3 mmol, 1.00 equiv) was added 13 mL CHCl₃. After the starting materials had dissolved, the solution was cooled in ice-bath. To this was added 7.5 mL of K₂CO₃ (sat. aq.) and 1.38 mL of 12.5 M aq. NaOH. The ice-bath was removed, and the reaction stirred 20 min. The solution was filtered through celite and eluted with CH₂Cl₂. The filtrate was dried with K₂CO₃, filtered and concentrated under vacuum to yield 2.15 g ylide (99% yield).



Weinreb Amide Sulfur Ylide Bromide Salt. To 2-chloro-N-methoxy-N-methylethanamide⁸ (6.30 g, 45.6 mmol, 1.00 equiv) was added of dimethyl sulfide (DMS) (10.5 mL, 143 mmol, 3.14 equiv). The mixture was heated at 65 °C for 20 h. The excess DMS was decanted and the remaining clear gel was rinsed with EtOAc to afford 3.25g (36% yield) of the product. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 5.56 (s, 2H), 3.91 (s, 3H), 3.41 (s, 6H), 3.21 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 164.0, 62.0, 47.1, 31.9, 24.7; IR (thin film) ν 2994, 2190, 1645, 1435, 1182, 929 cm⁻¹; HRESI-MS: calc'd for C₆H₁₄NO₂S⁺ (M⁺), 164.0740, found, 164.0737.

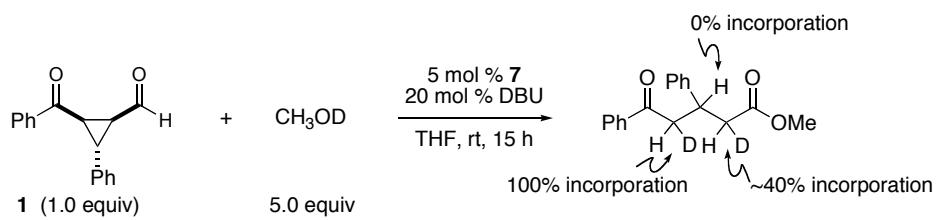


2-nitrocyclopropanecarbaldehyde. Into a 50 mL flask with a rubber septa was weighed *trans*-2-nitrocyclopropylmethanol⁹ (0.291 g, 2.48 mmol, 1.00 equiv). The flask was filled with argon and cooled in an ice-bath. To this was added 21 mL CH₂Cl₂, 5.2 mL DMSO, NEt₃ (1.7 mL, 12.2 mmol, 4.90 equiv), and SO₃•pyr complex (1.40 g, 8.68 mmol, 3.50 equiv). The reaction was stirred for 1 h, followed by the addition of Na₂CO₃ (sat. aq.) and EtOAc. The layers were separated, and the organic layer was washed with NaCl (aq.), dried with Na₂SO₄ and concentrated under reduced pressure. The

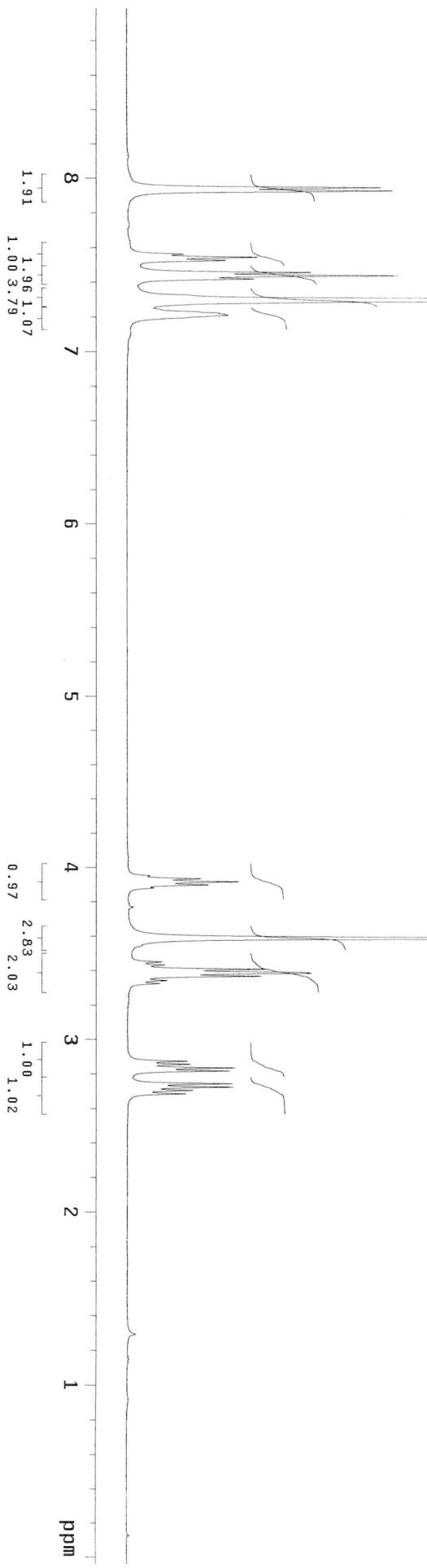
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crude product was purified by column chromatography (3:1 hexanes/EtOAc) to yield 0.223 g (78% yield) of aldehyde. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 9.70 (s, 1H), 4.68–4.65 (m, 1H), 3.13–3.07 (m, 1H), 2.19–2.14 (m, 1H), 1.83–1.79 (m, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 195.6, 59.9, 31.7, 17.9; IR (thin film) ν 3110, 2862, 2744, 1717, 1550, 1364, 981 cm⁻¹; HREI-MS: calc'd for C₄H₅NO₃ (M⁺), 115.0269; found, 115.0270.

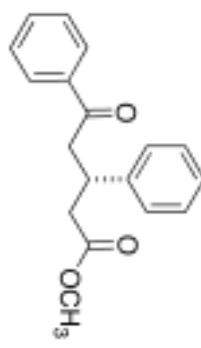
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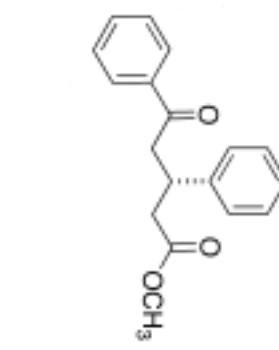
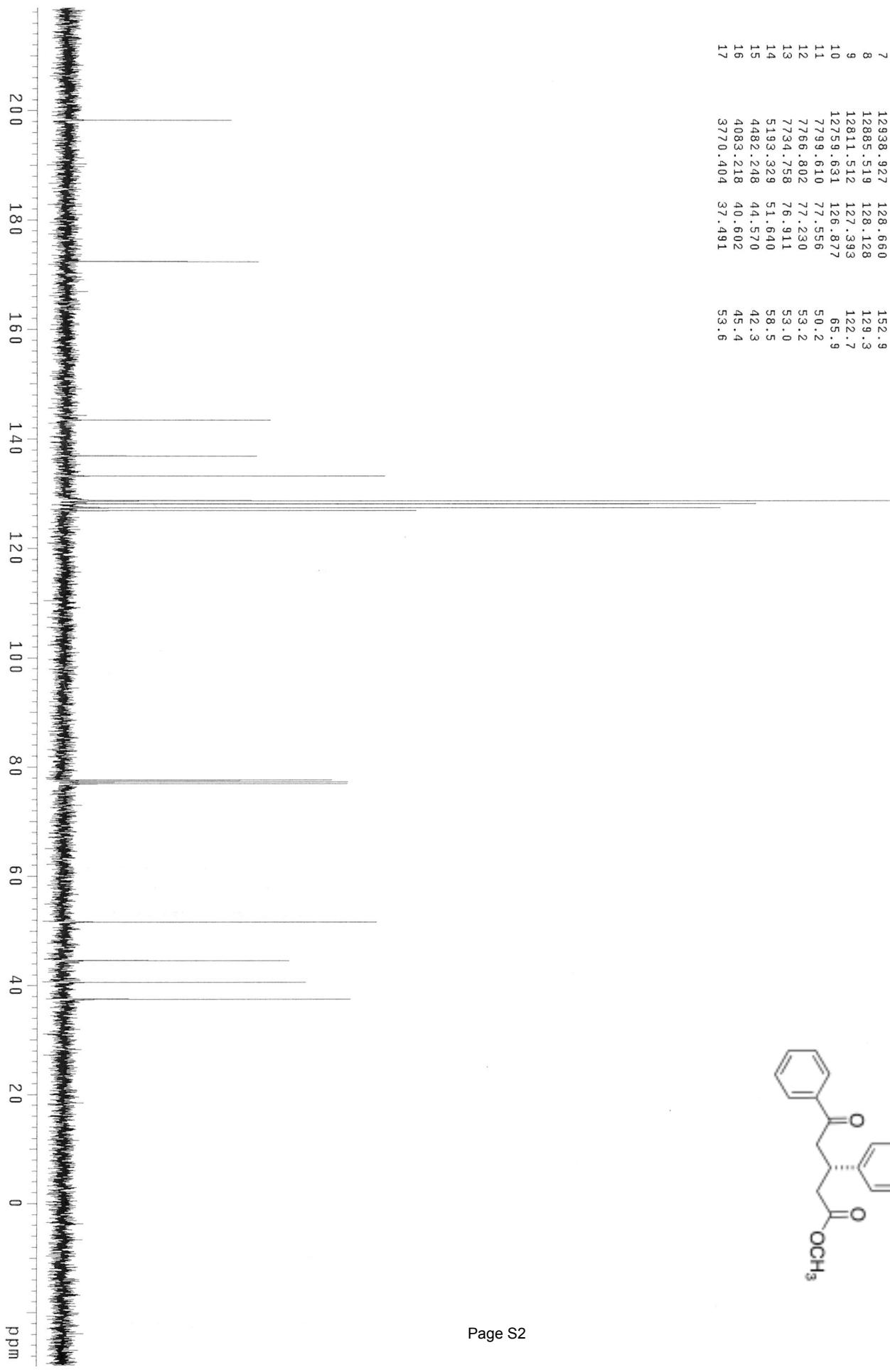


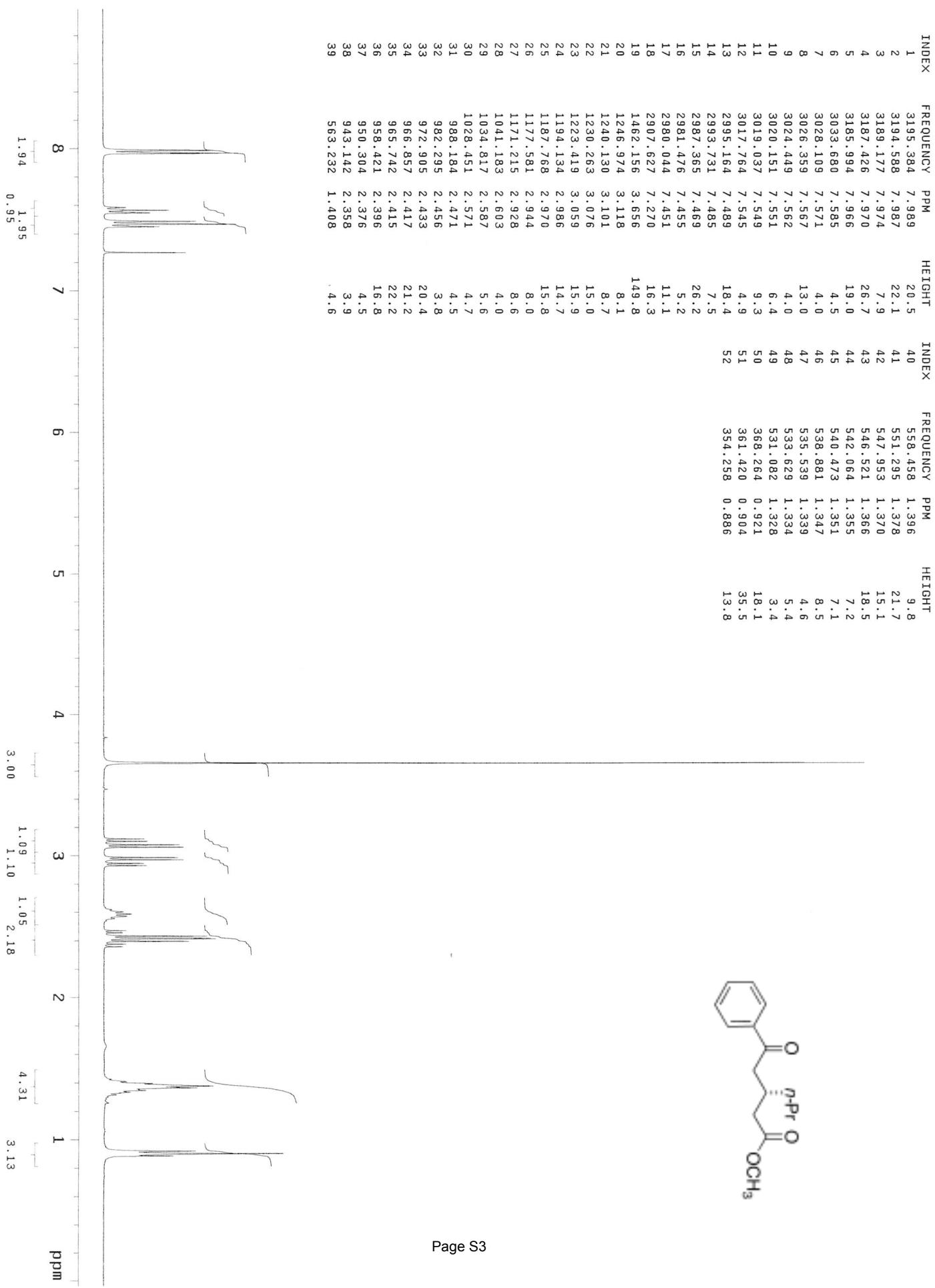
The reaction of aldehyde and alcohol was conducted according the general procedure. Following purification, the product was analyzed by ¹H and ²D NMR, revealing the deuteration pattern shown in the above scheme.

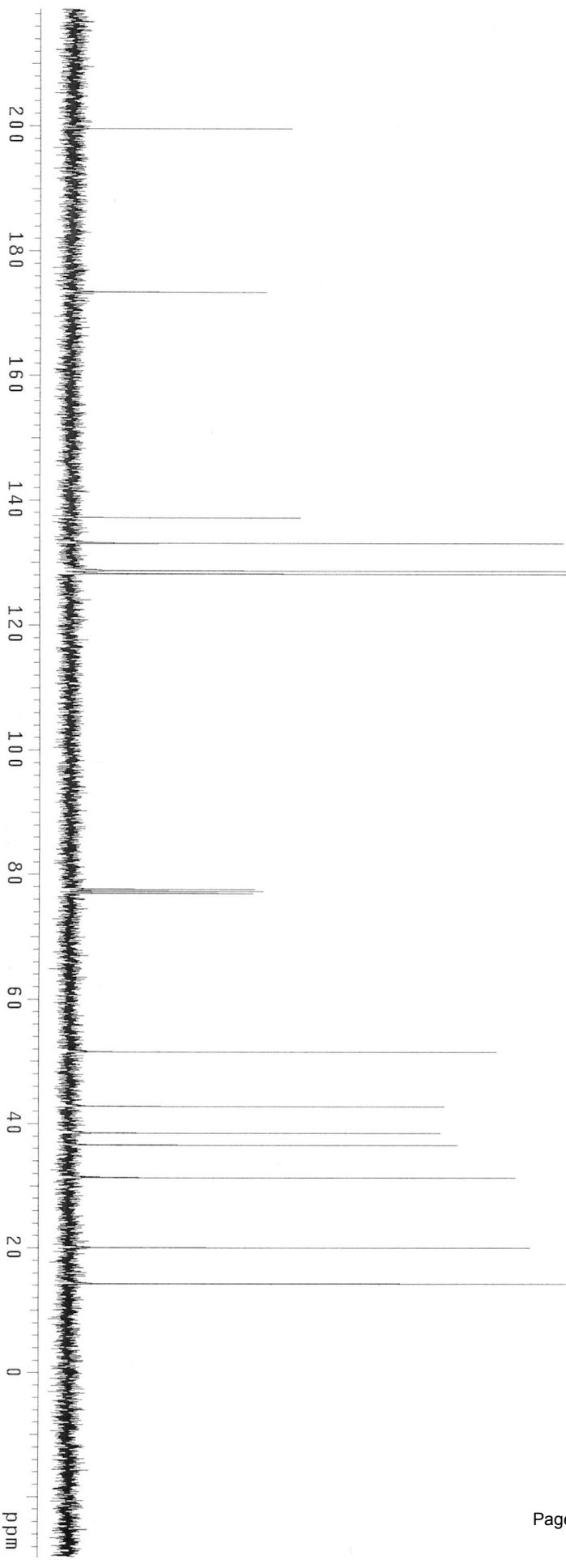


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6	2981	.794	7.455
7	2974	.154	7.436
8	2966	.833	7.418
9	2916	.380	7.292
10	2888	.209	7.221
11	2883	.434	7.210
12	1579	.932	3.950
13	1572	.929	3.933
14	1565	.767	3.915
15	1558	.605	3.897
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17	1434	.780	3.587
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23	1346	.129	3.366
24	1336	.102	3.341
25	1329	.258	3.324
26	1148	.614	2.872
27	1141	.611	2.854
28	1133	.017	2.833
29	1126	.173	2.816
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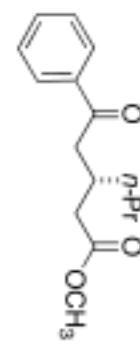


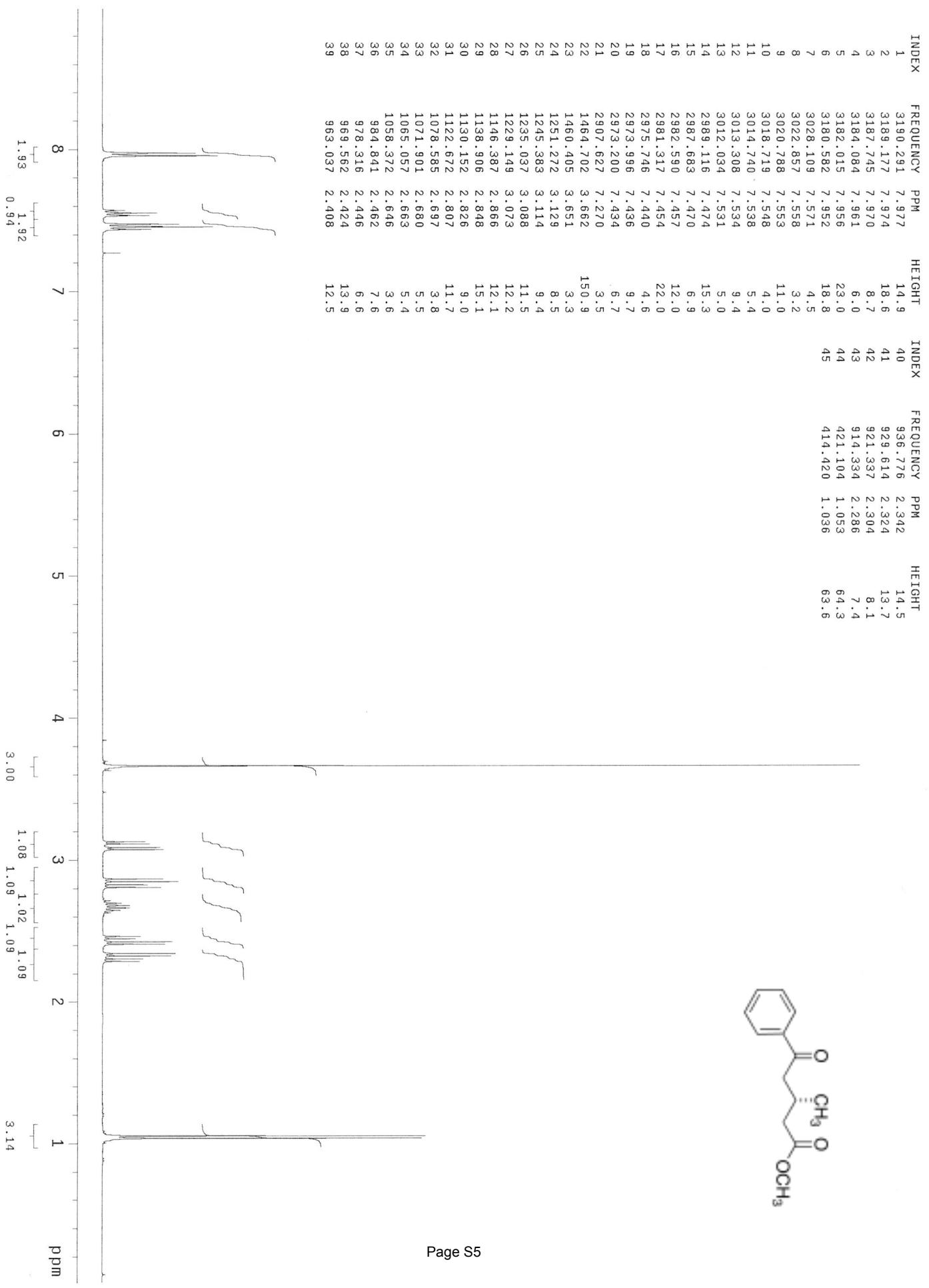




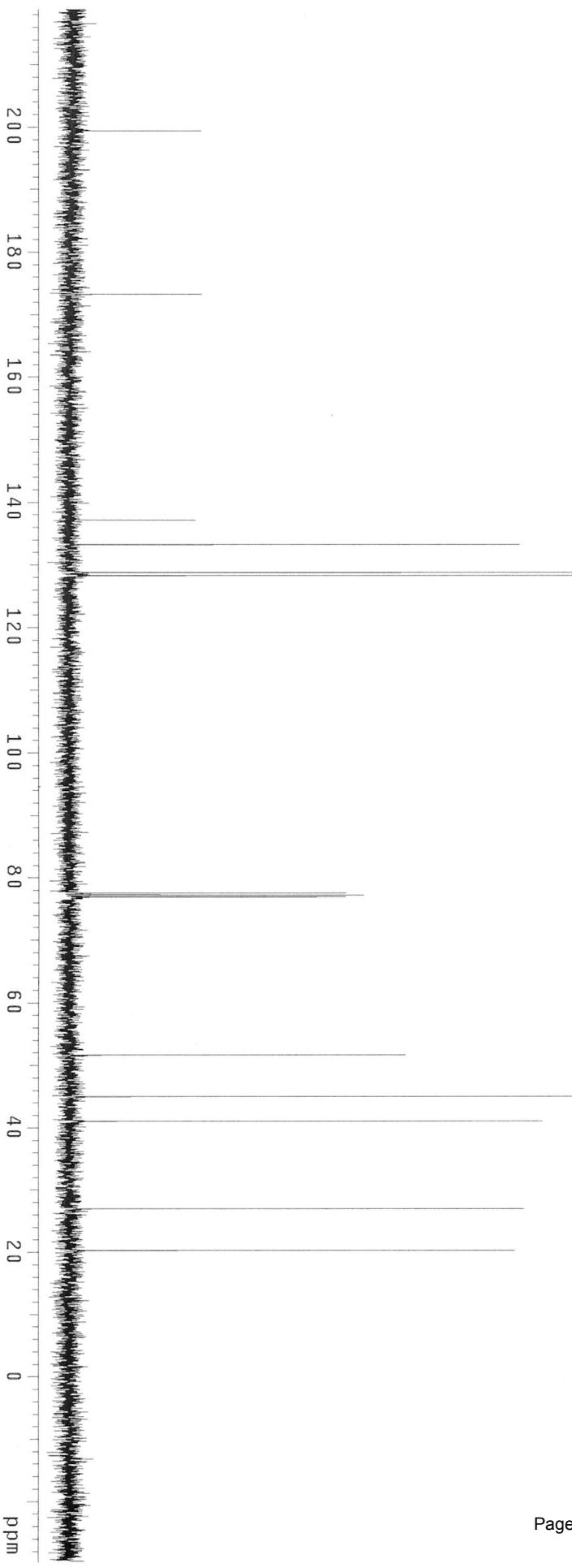
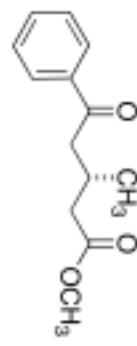


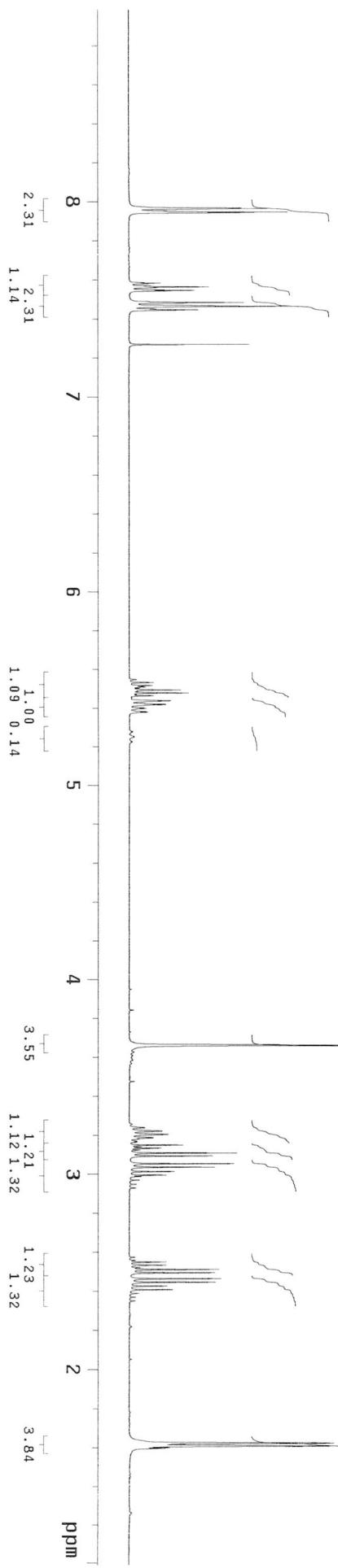
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8	7766.802	77.230	31.9
9	7734.758	76.911	30.2
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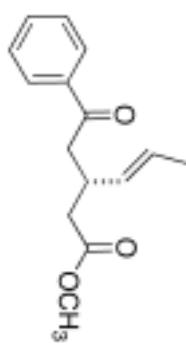


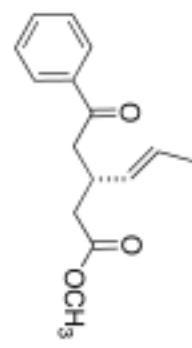
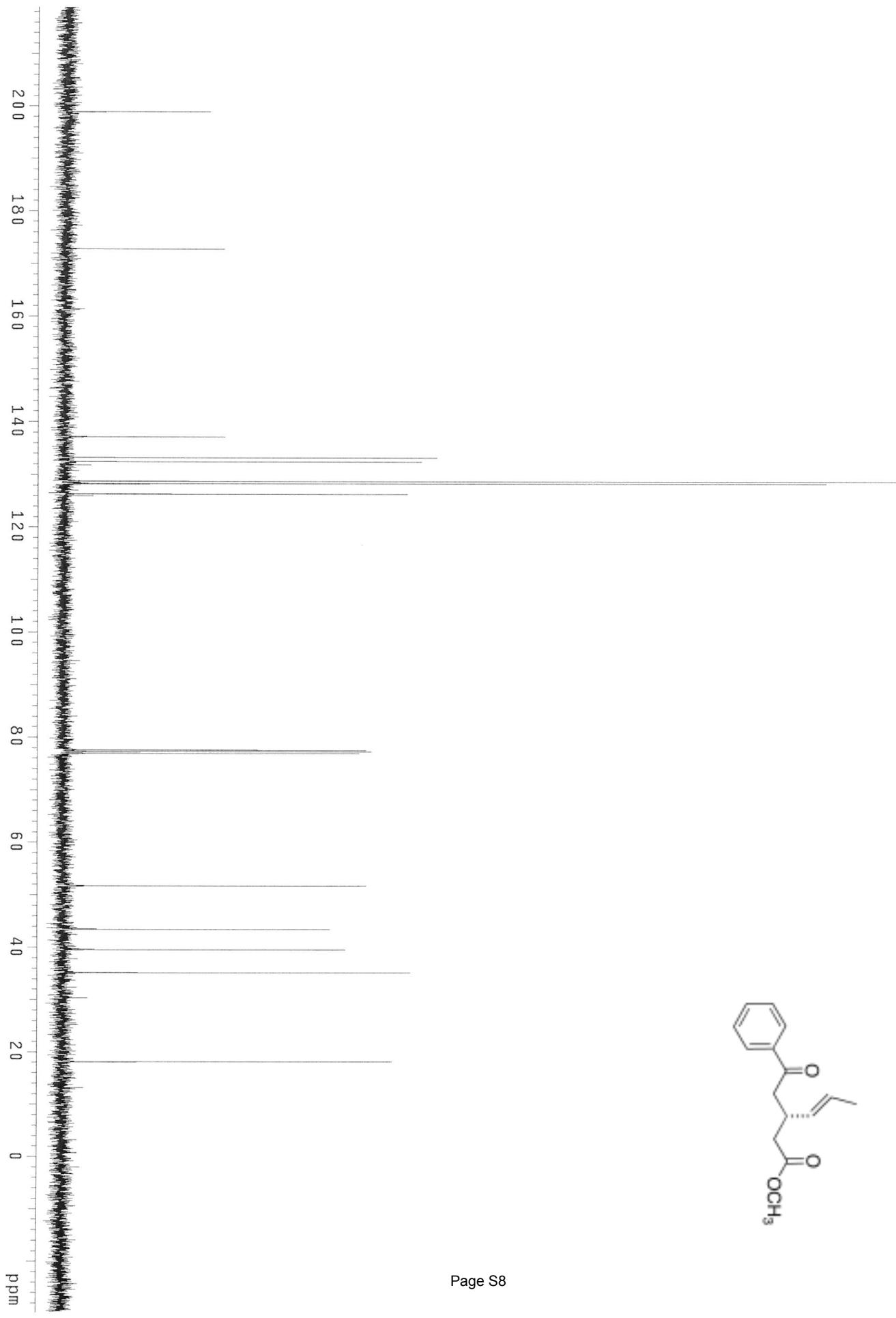
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7	7798.846	77.549	45.4
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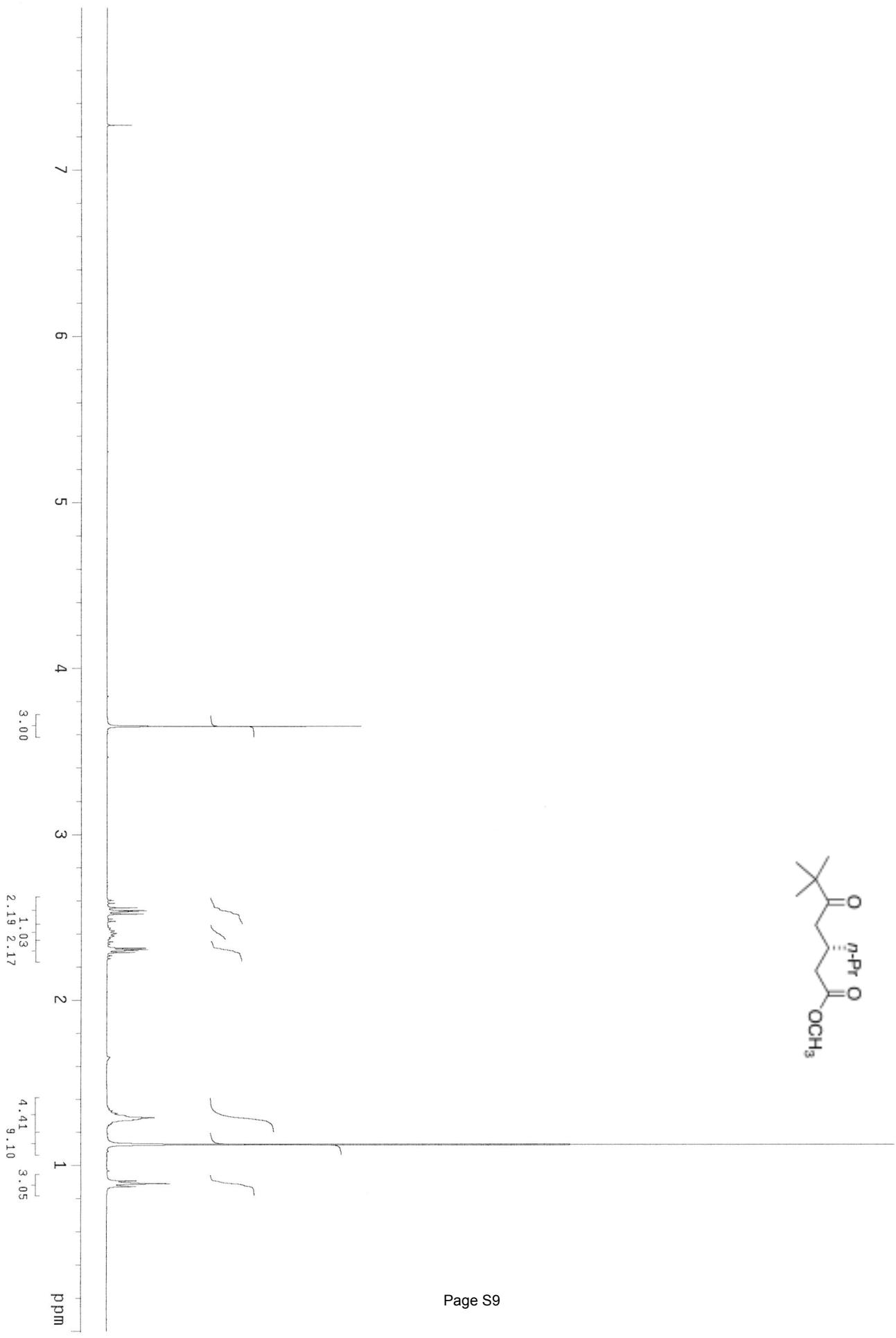


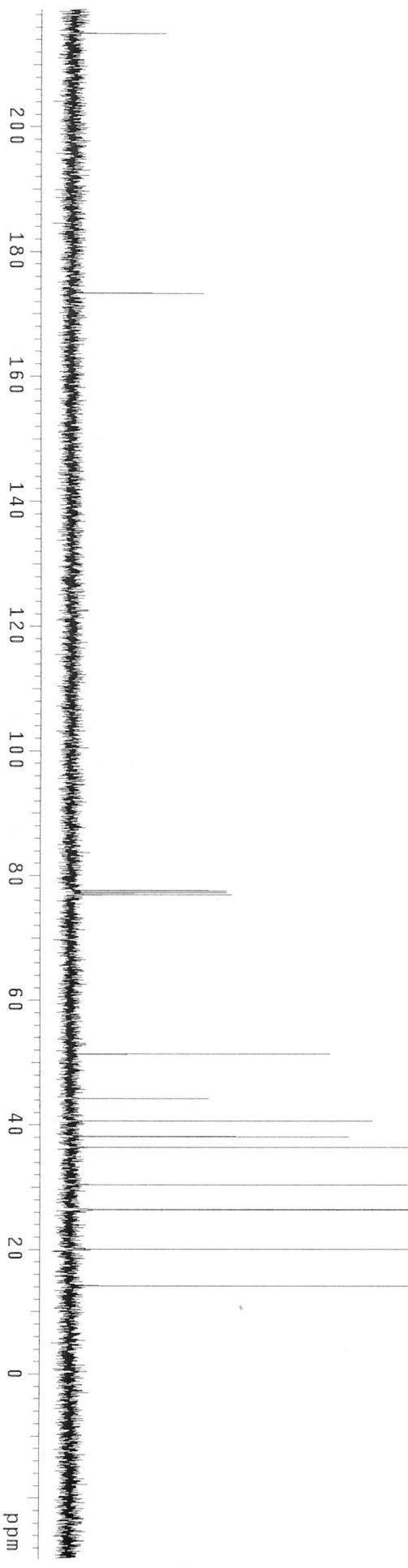


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4	3179.261	7.949	25.8	43	1259.397	3.149	8.8
5	3177.879	7.946	20.4	44	1253.101	3.133	5.2
6	3033.233	7.584	5.2	45	1243.120	3.108	17.6
7	3031.851	7.581	3.3	46	1236.825	3.092	13.6
8	3027.858	7.571	3.5	47	1221.162	3.053	17.1
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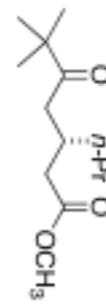


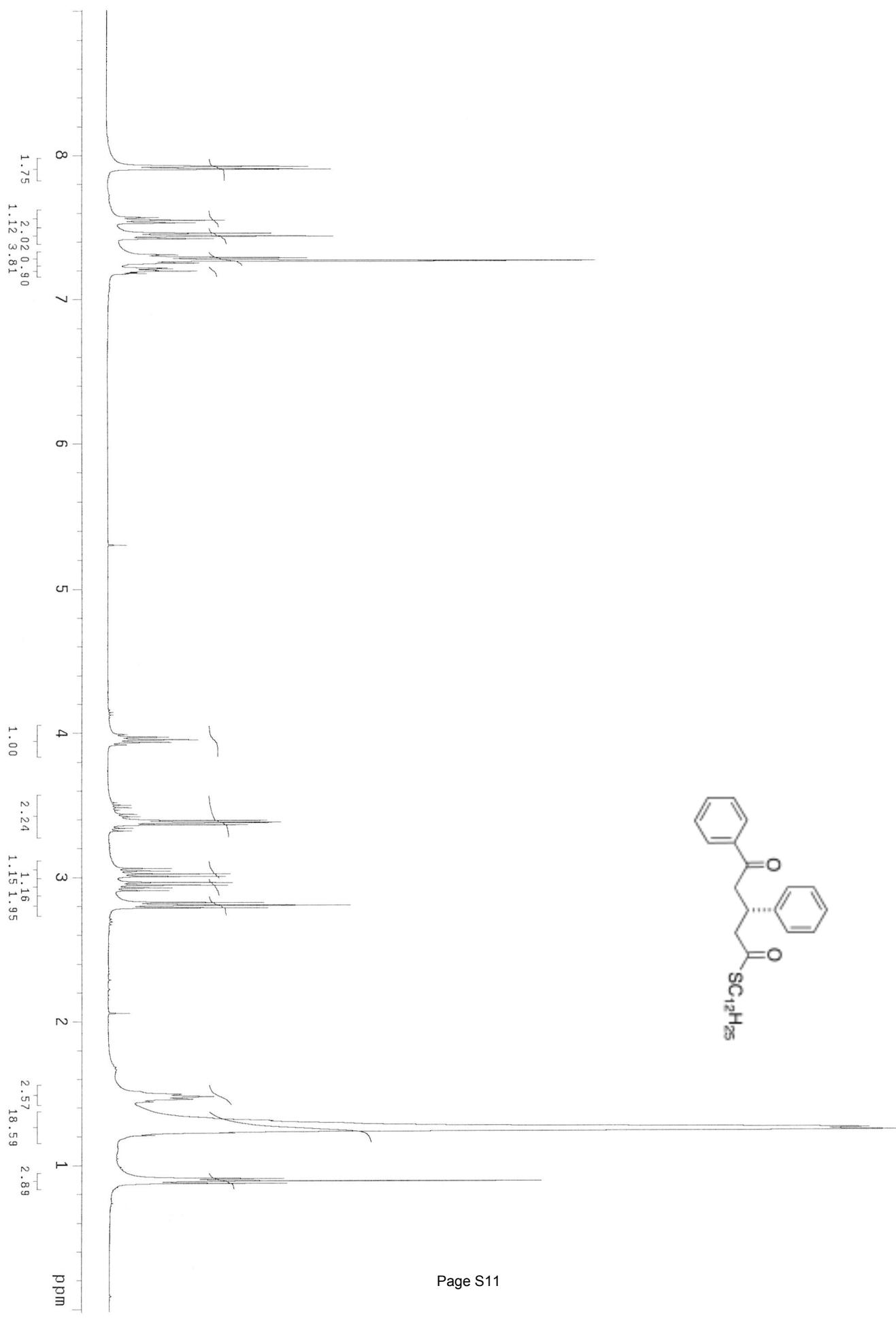


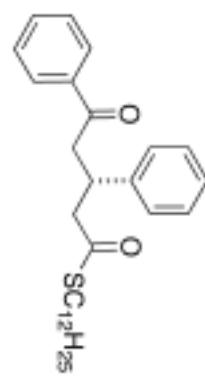
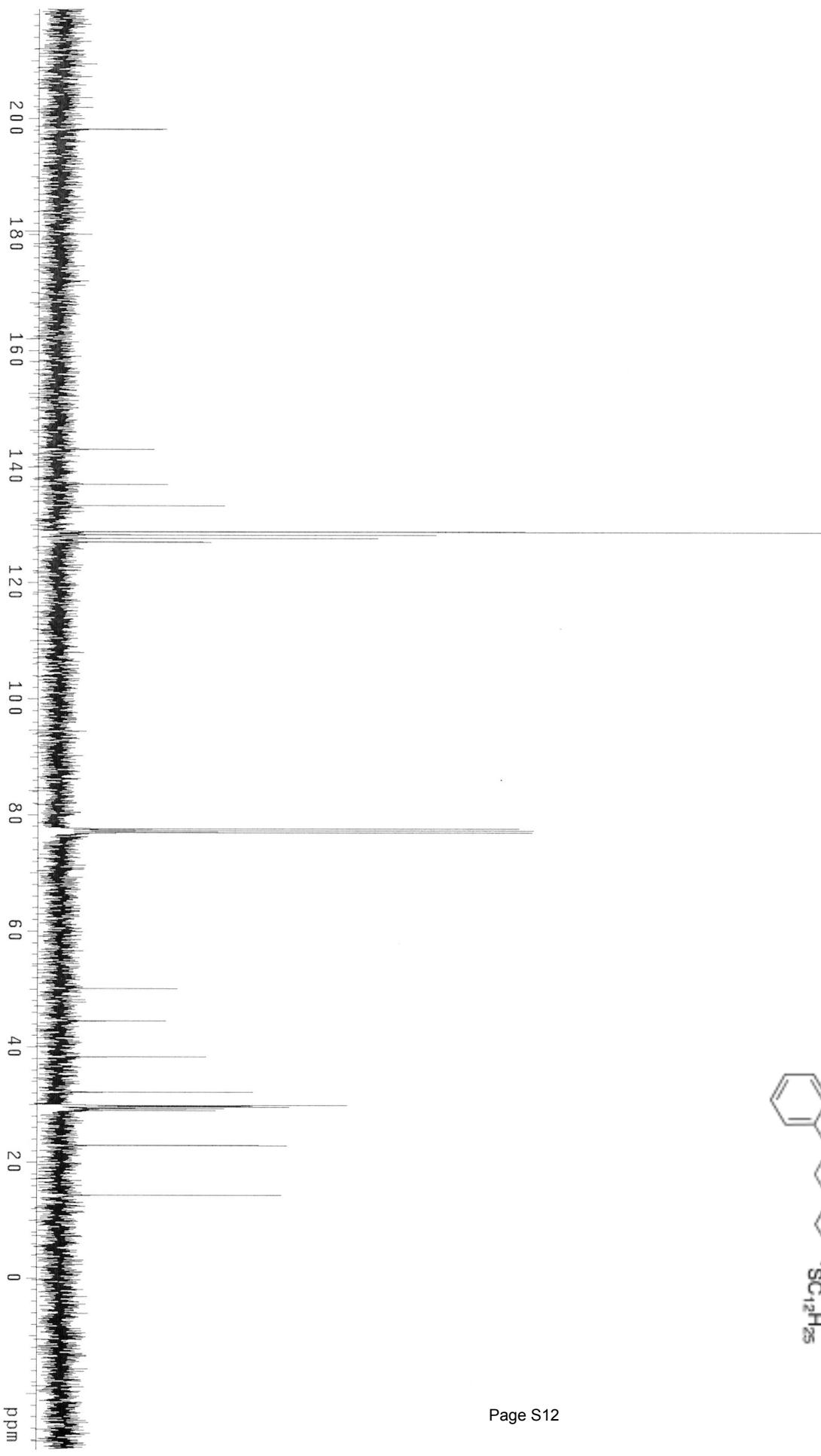


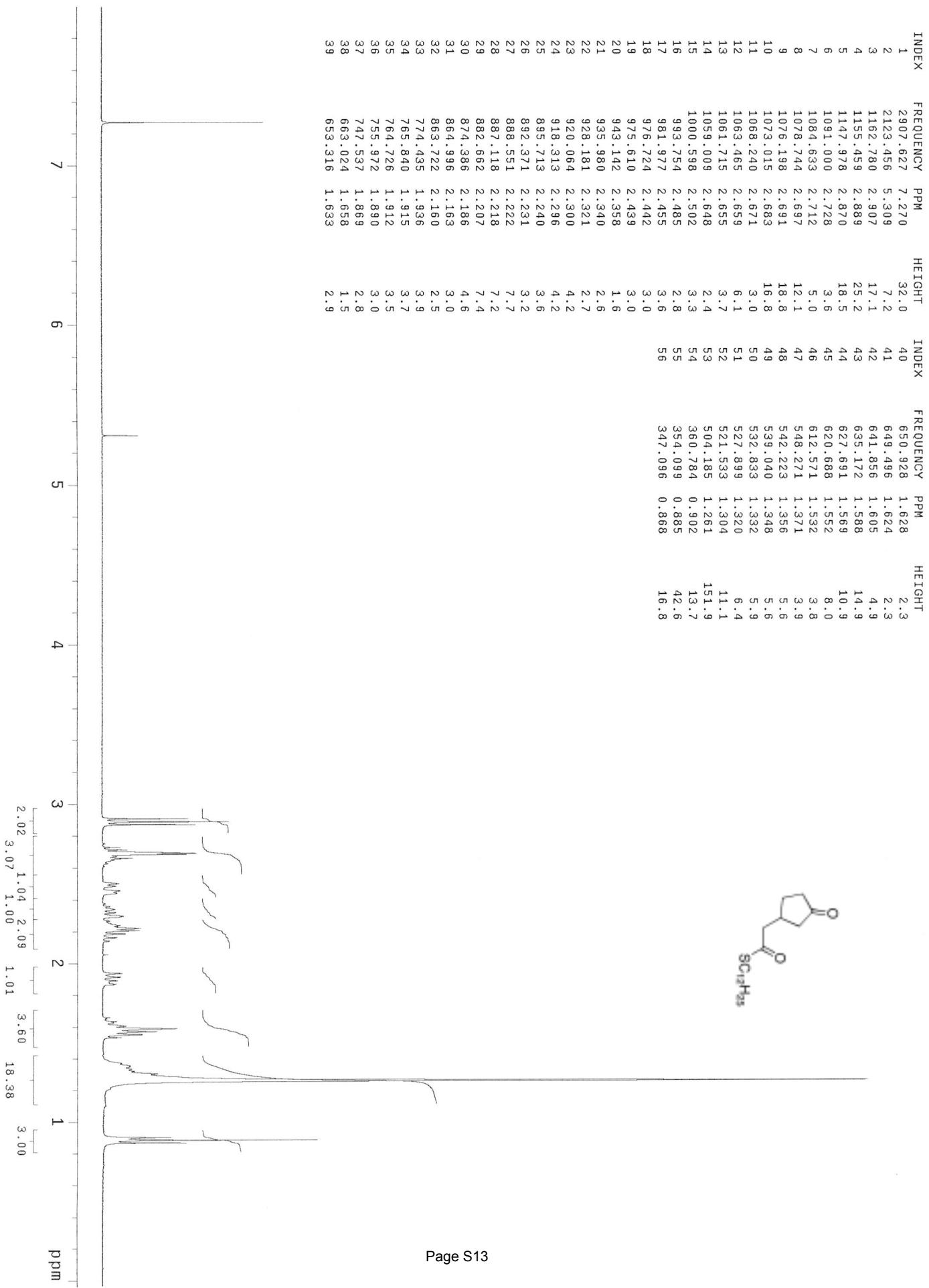


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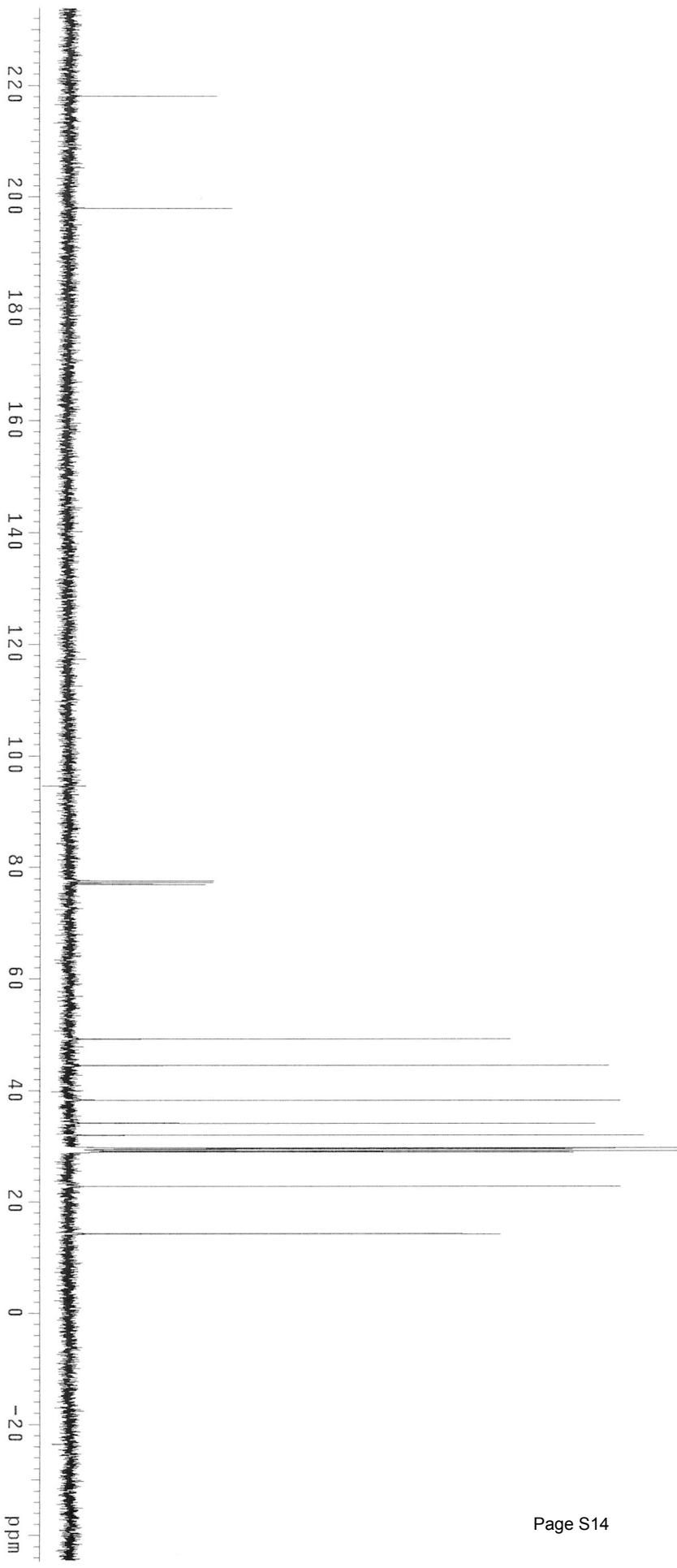
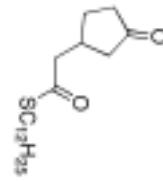


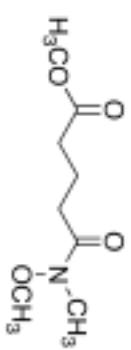
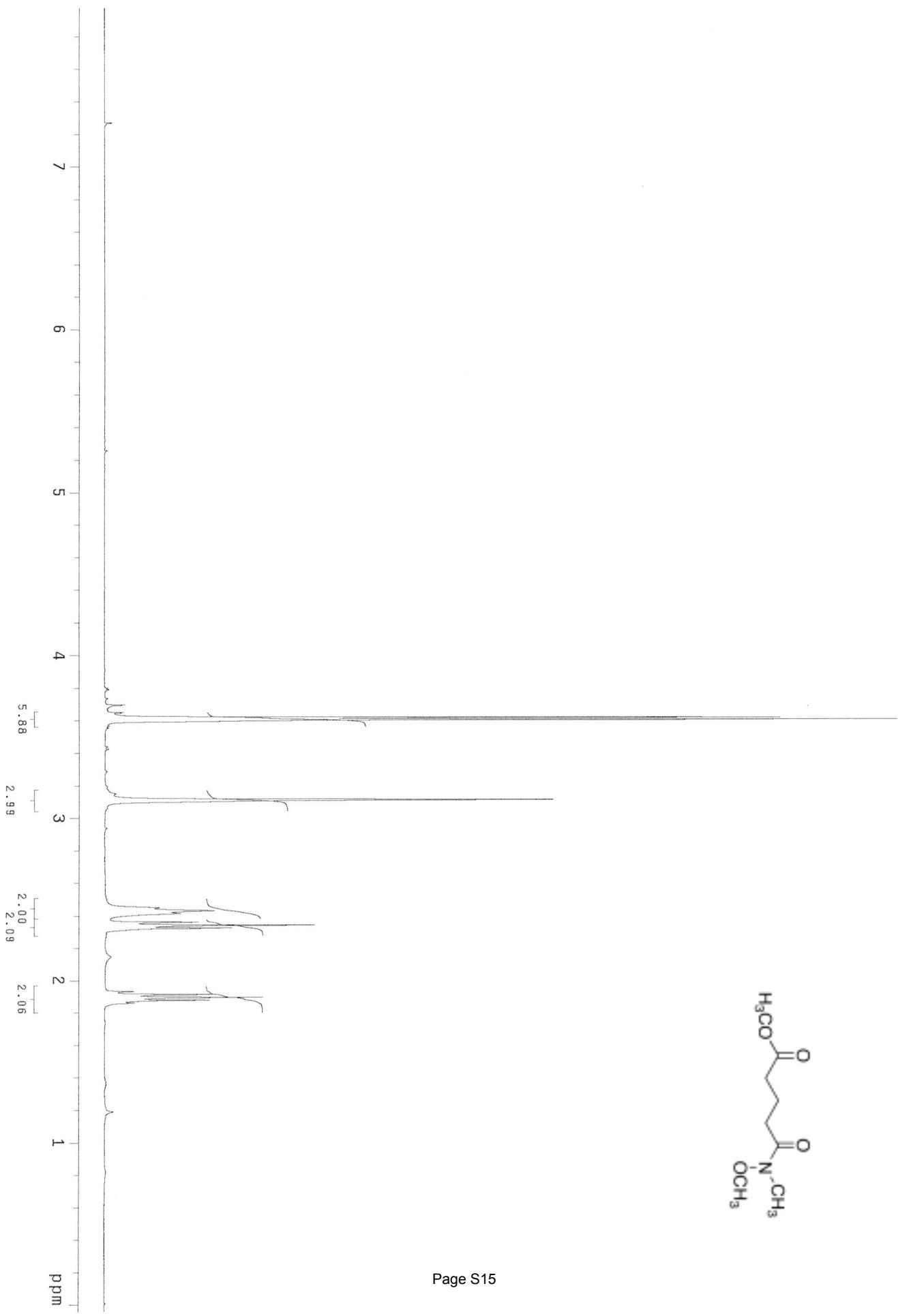


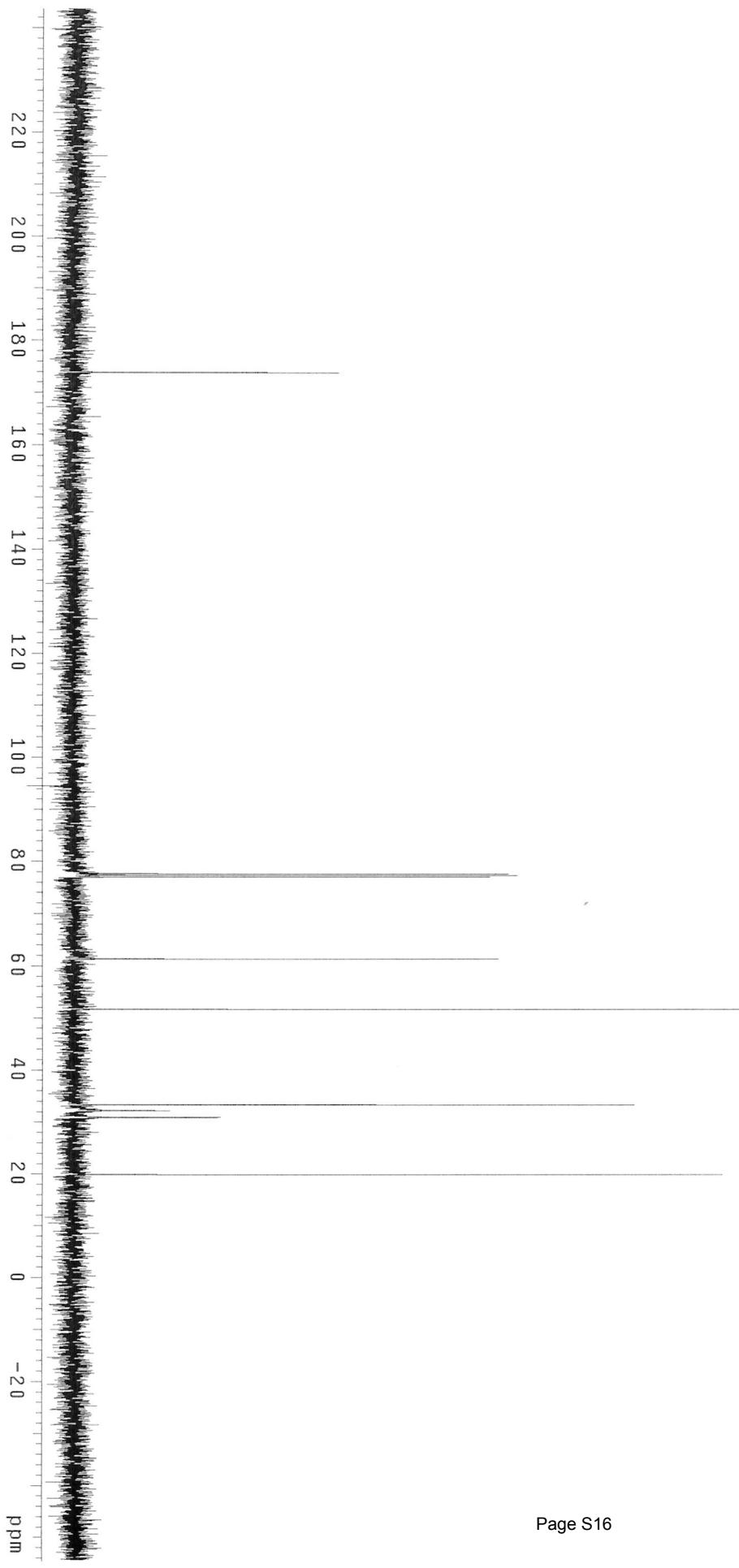




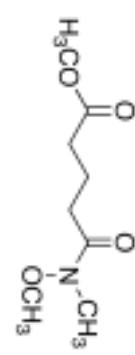
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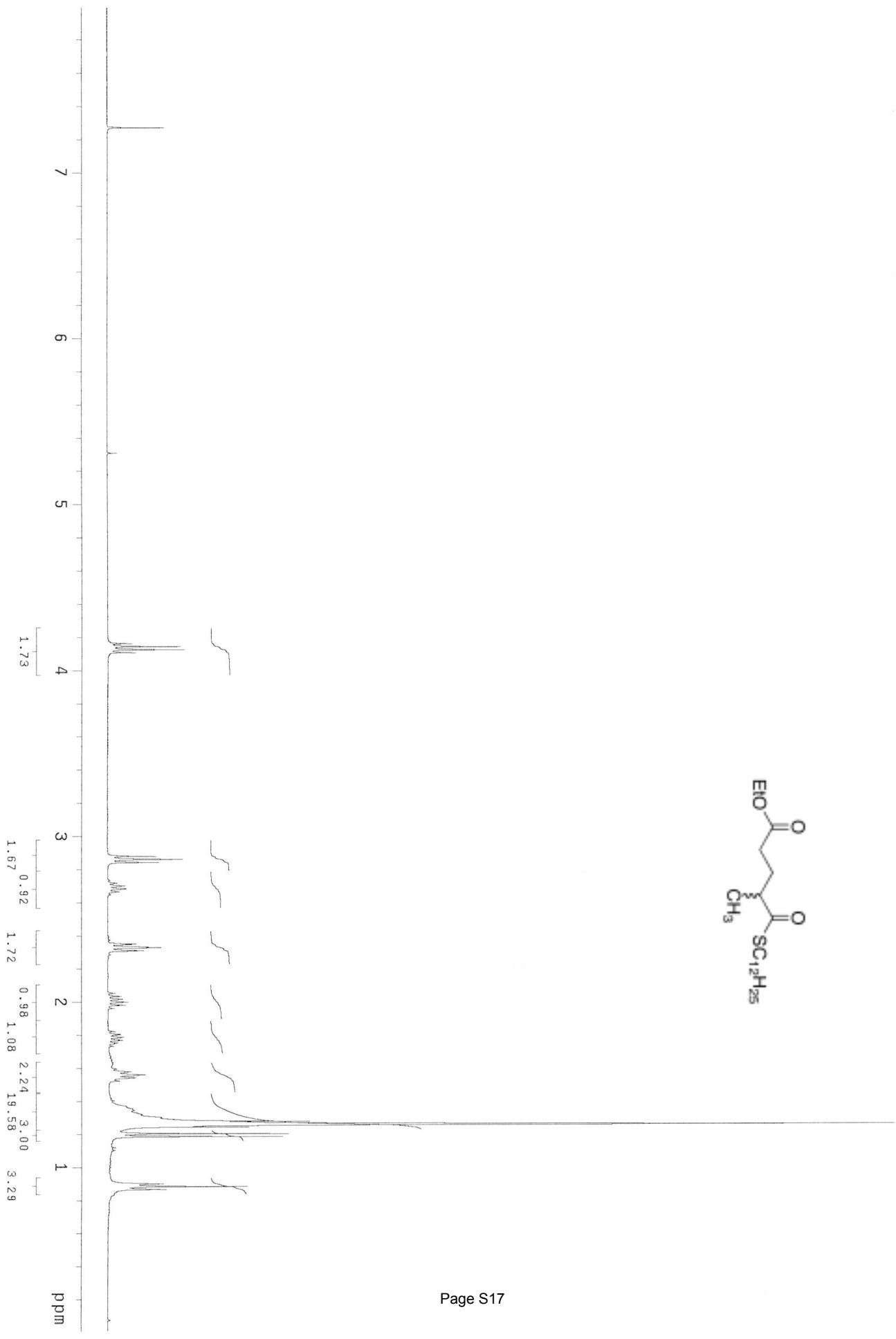


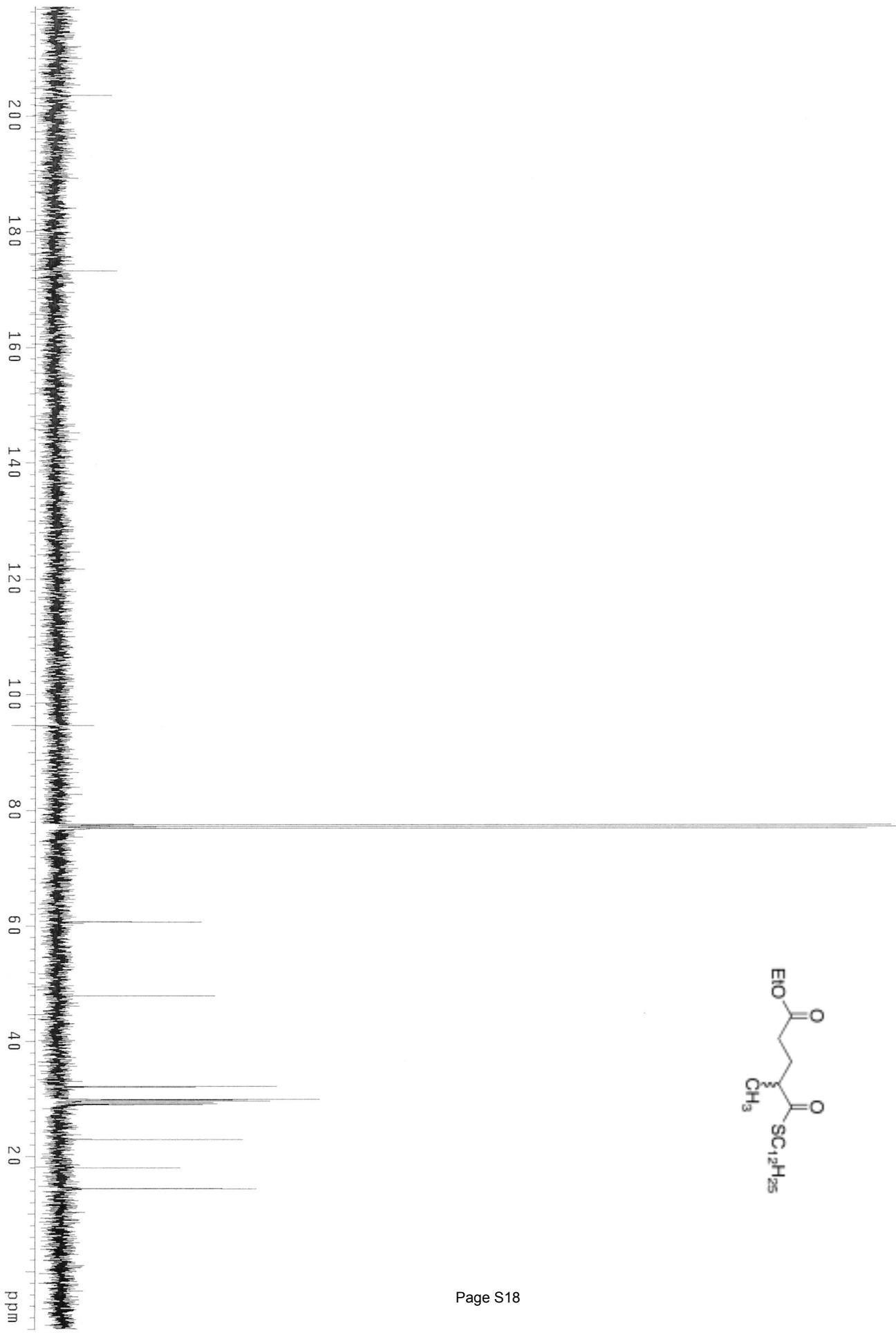


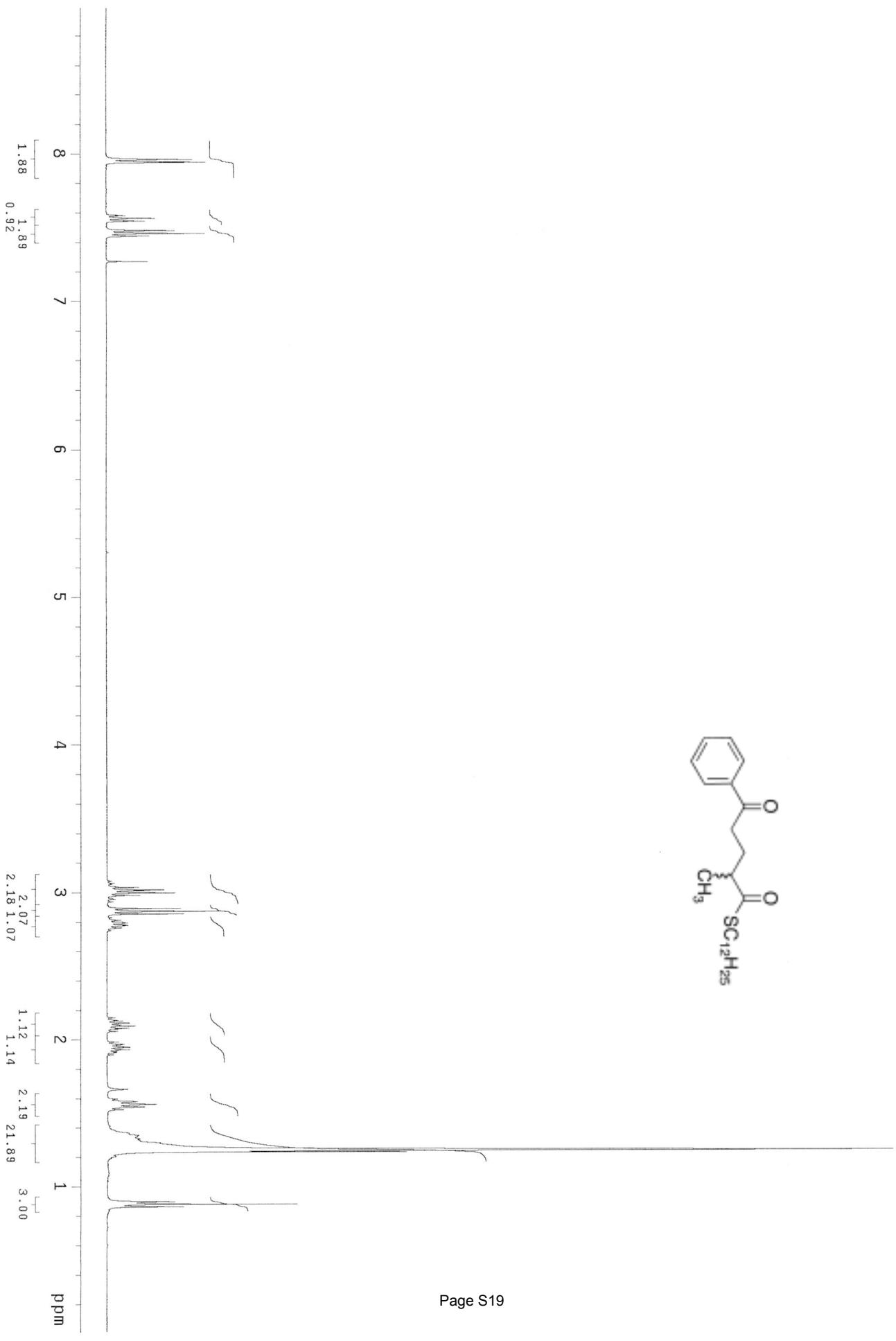


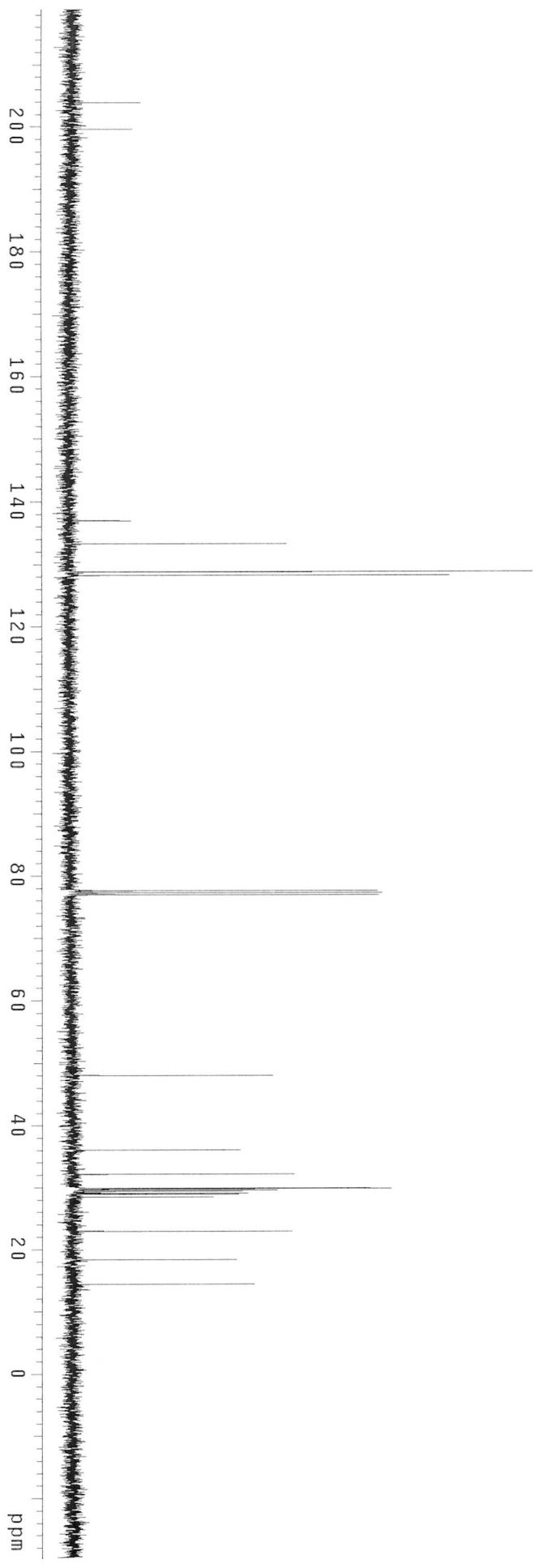
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5	61.61	61.264	69.6
6	51.86	51.569	110.6
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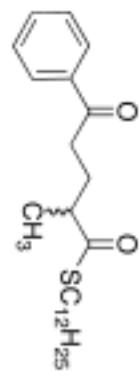


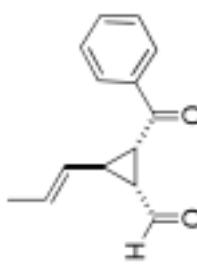
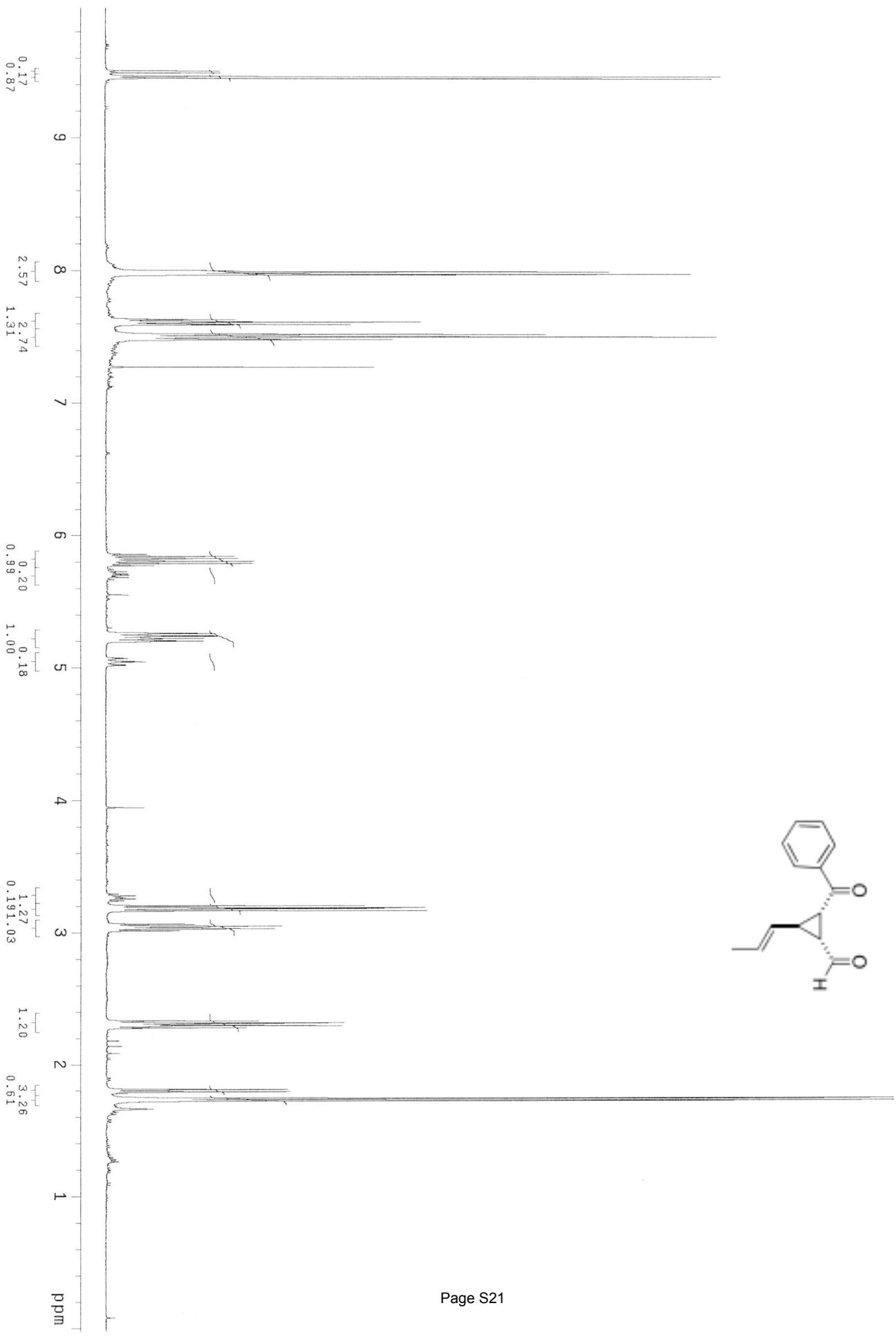




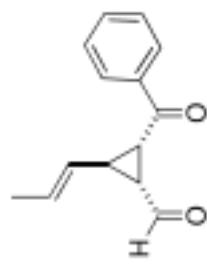
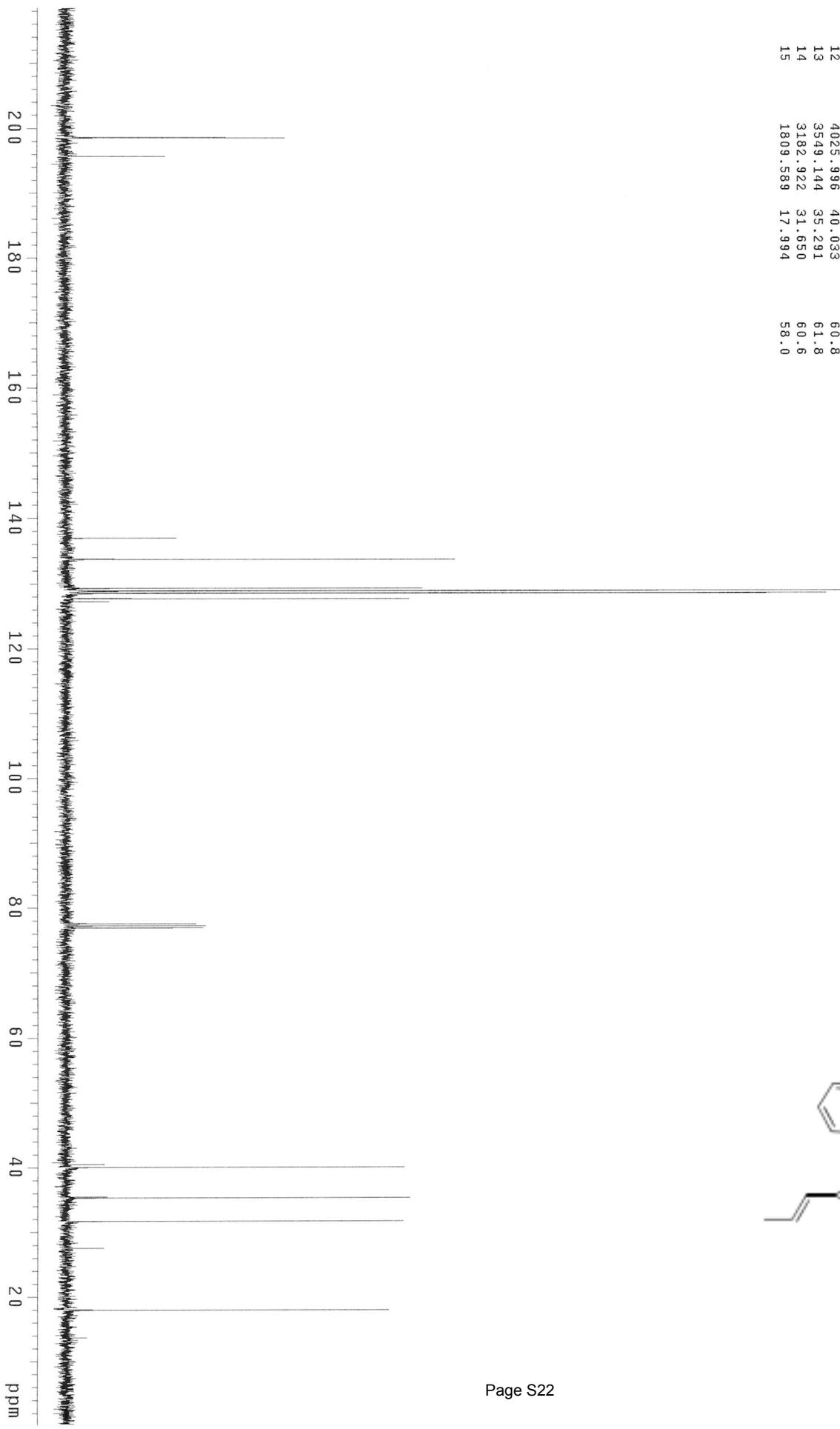


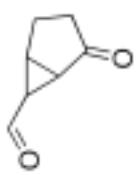
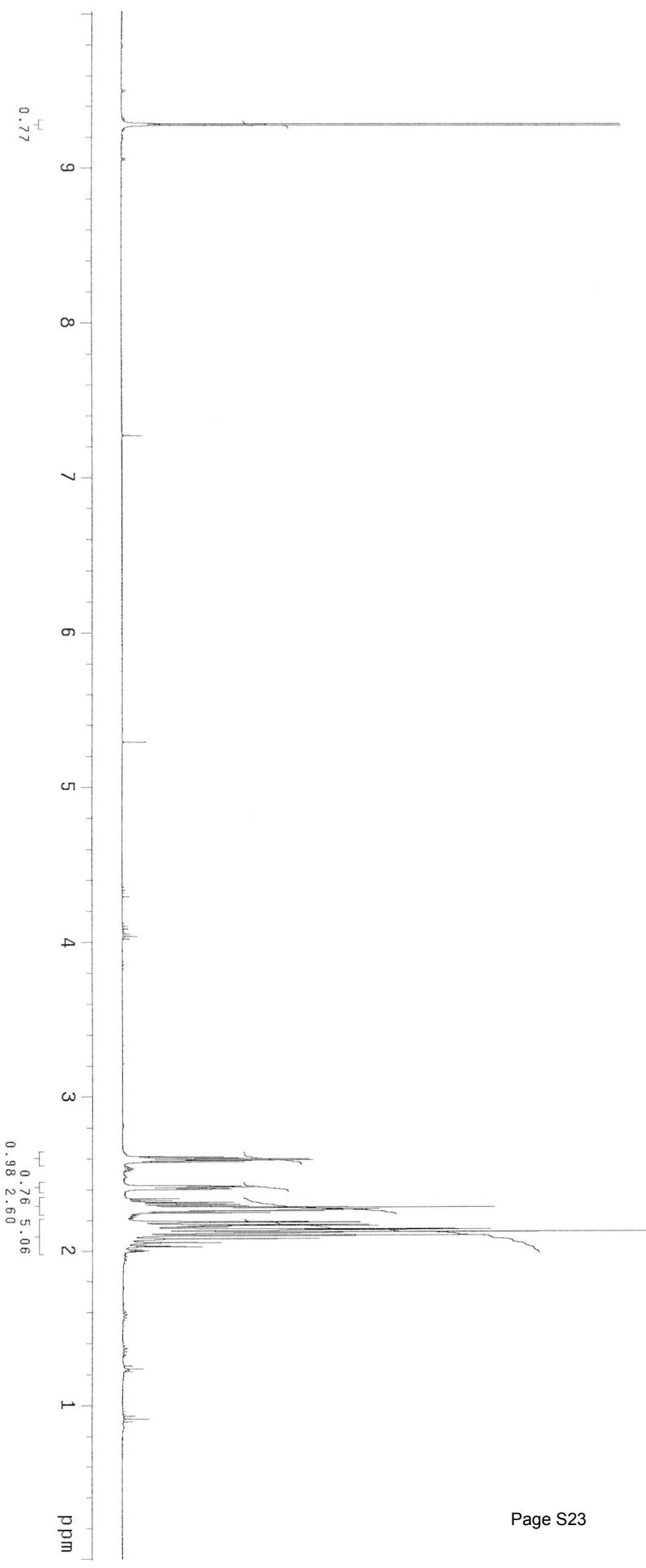
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8	77.66	8.01	77.230 50.9
9	77.34	7.57	76.911 50.4
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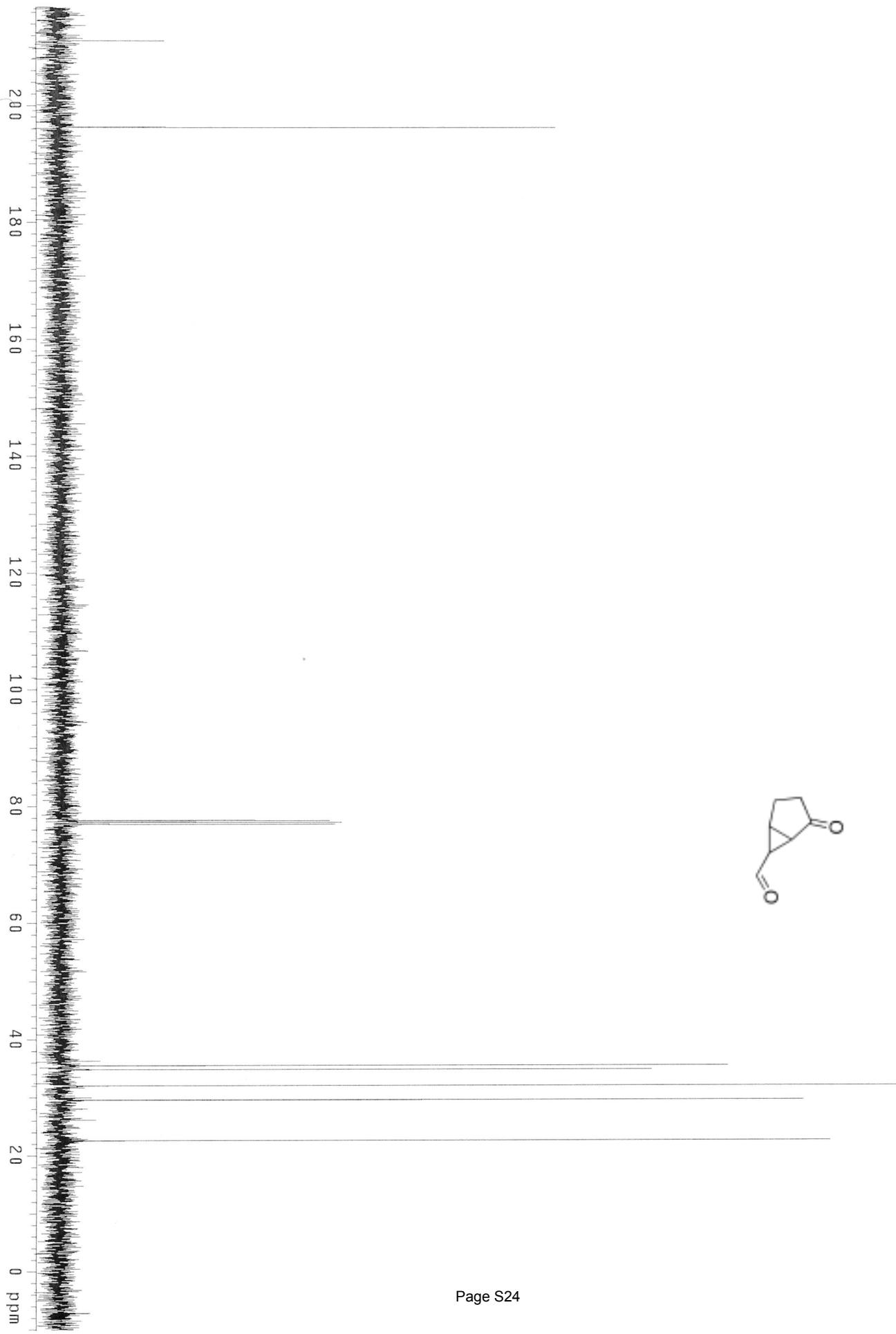


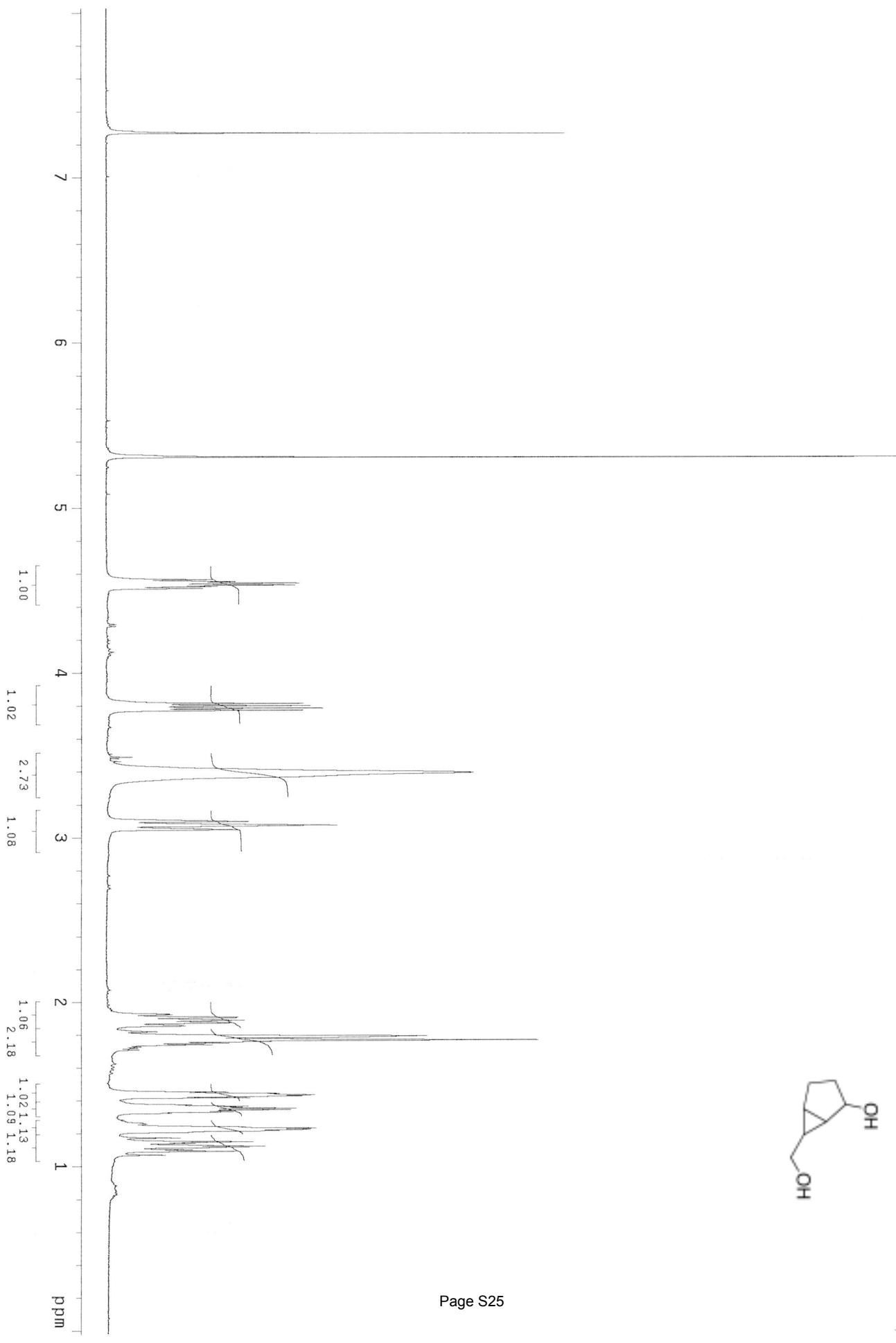


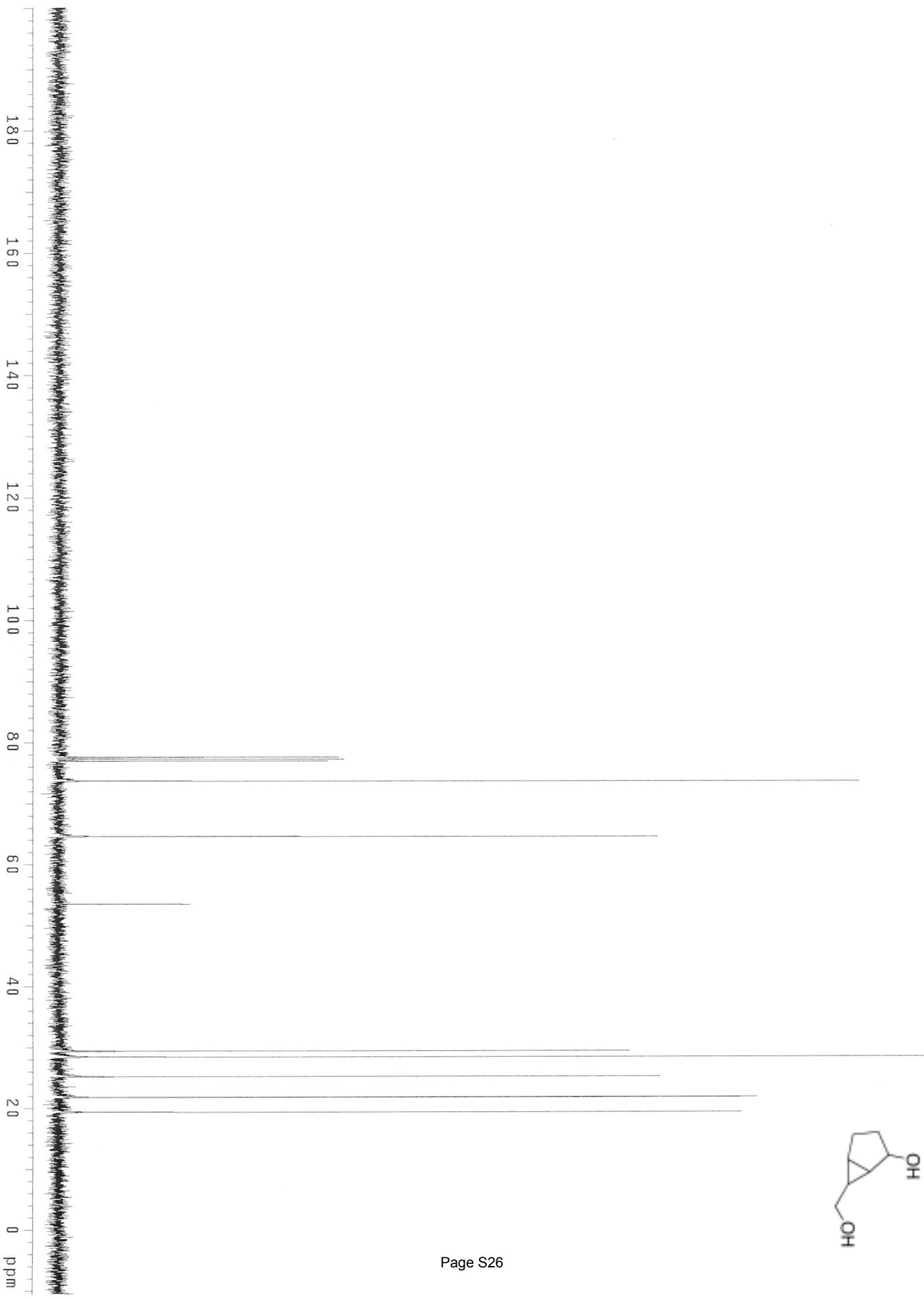
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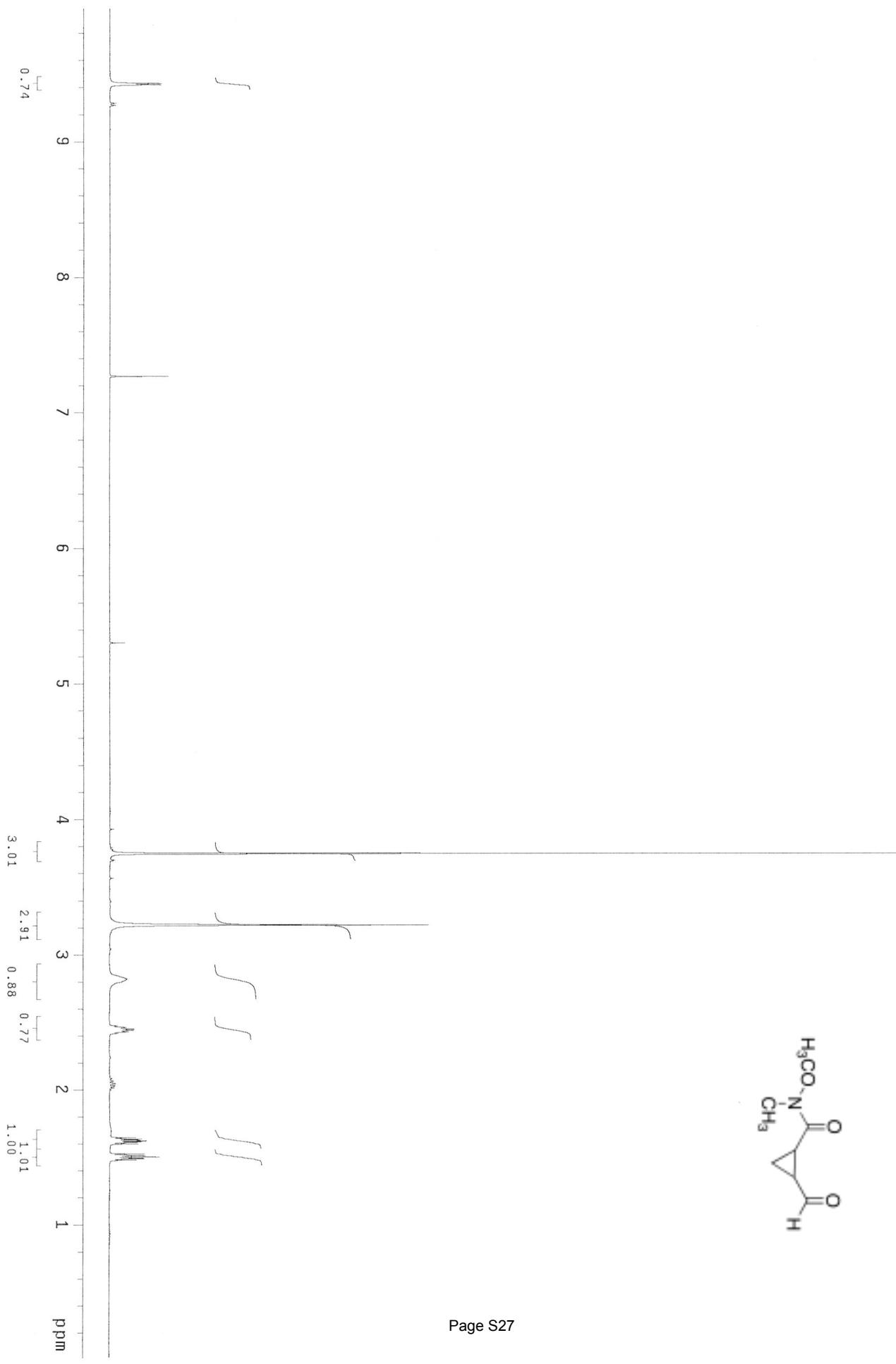


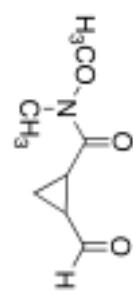
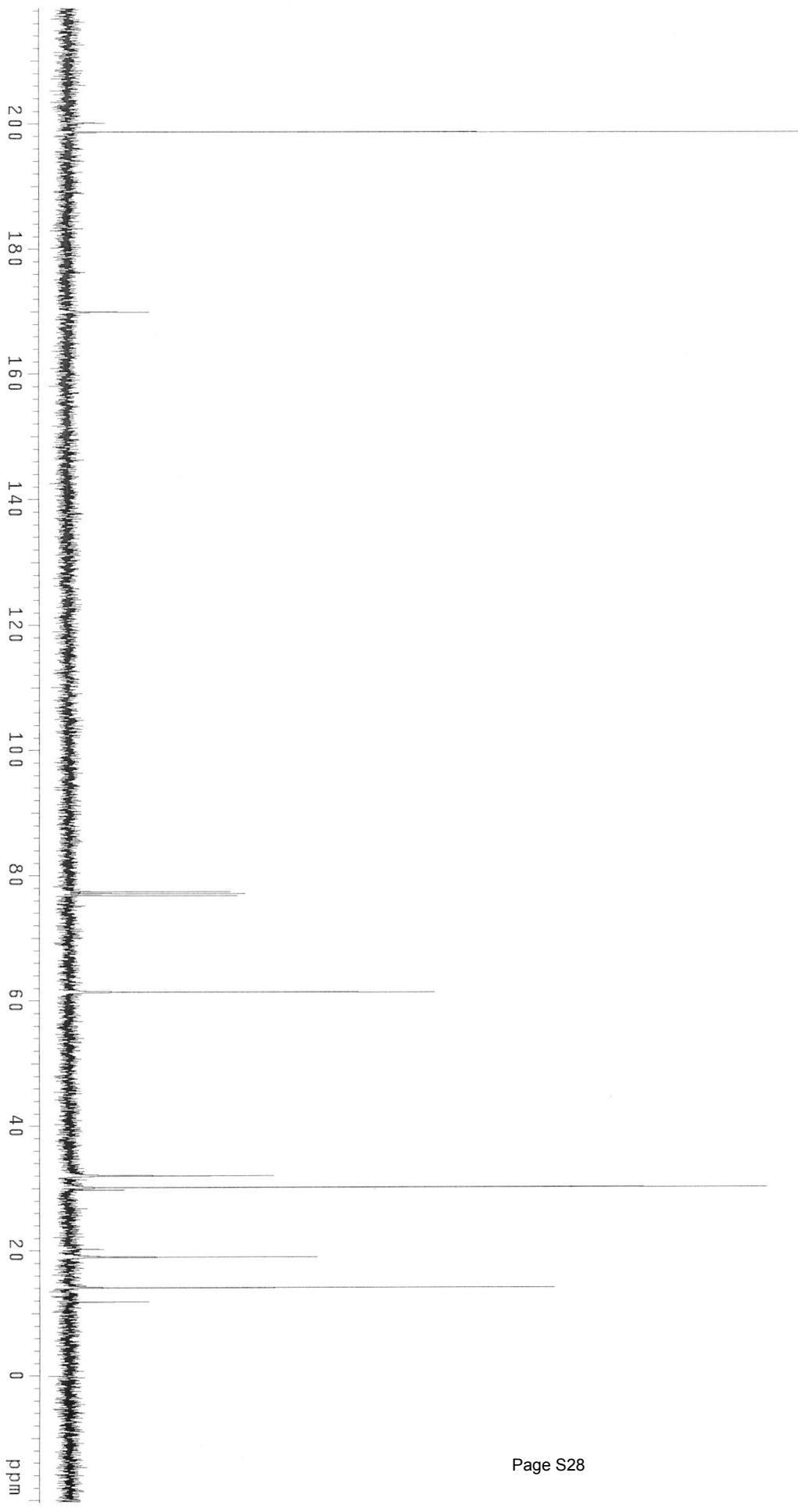


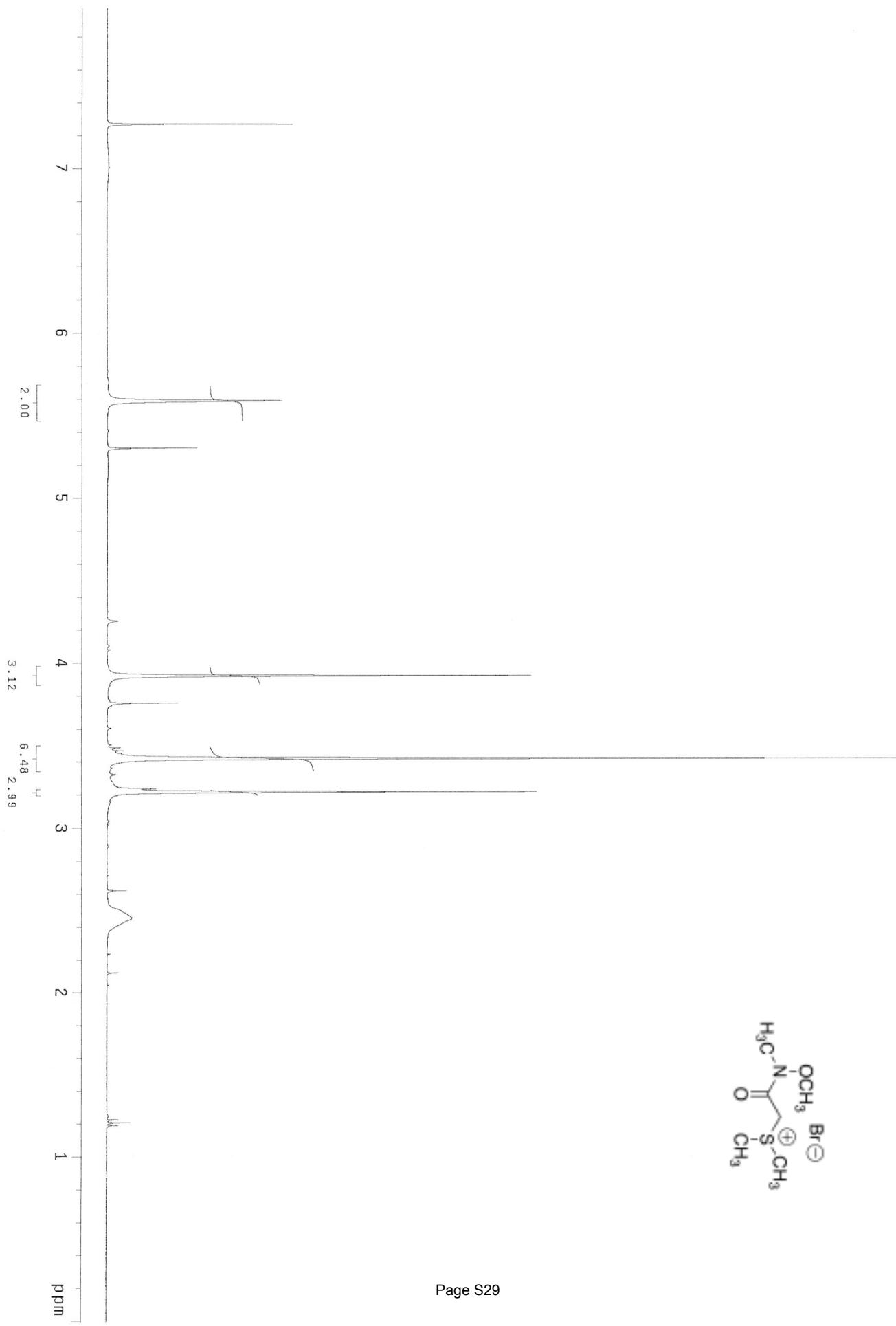


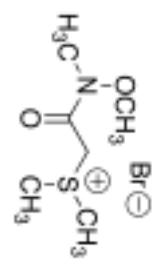
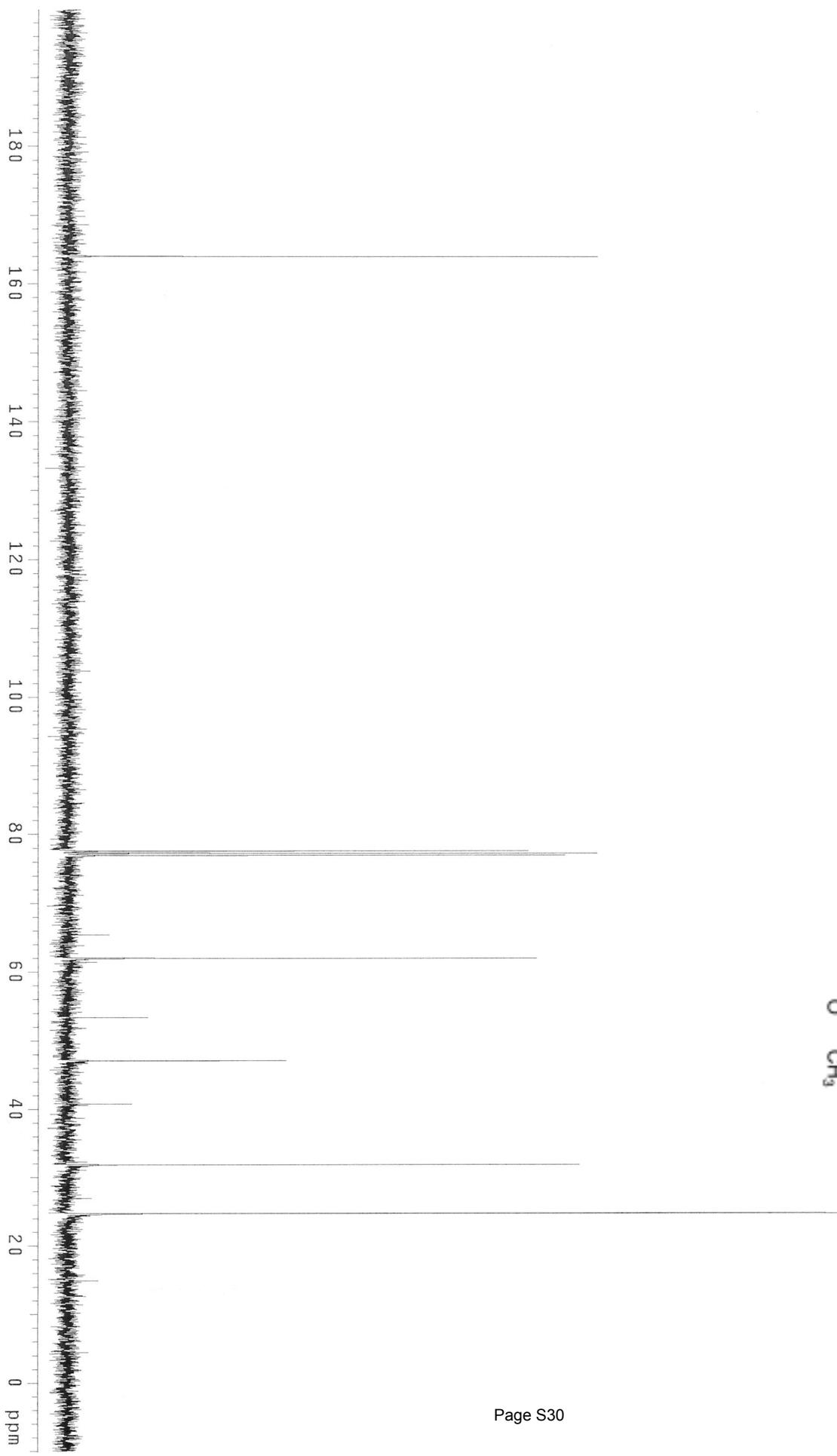


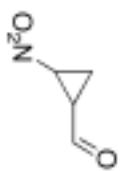
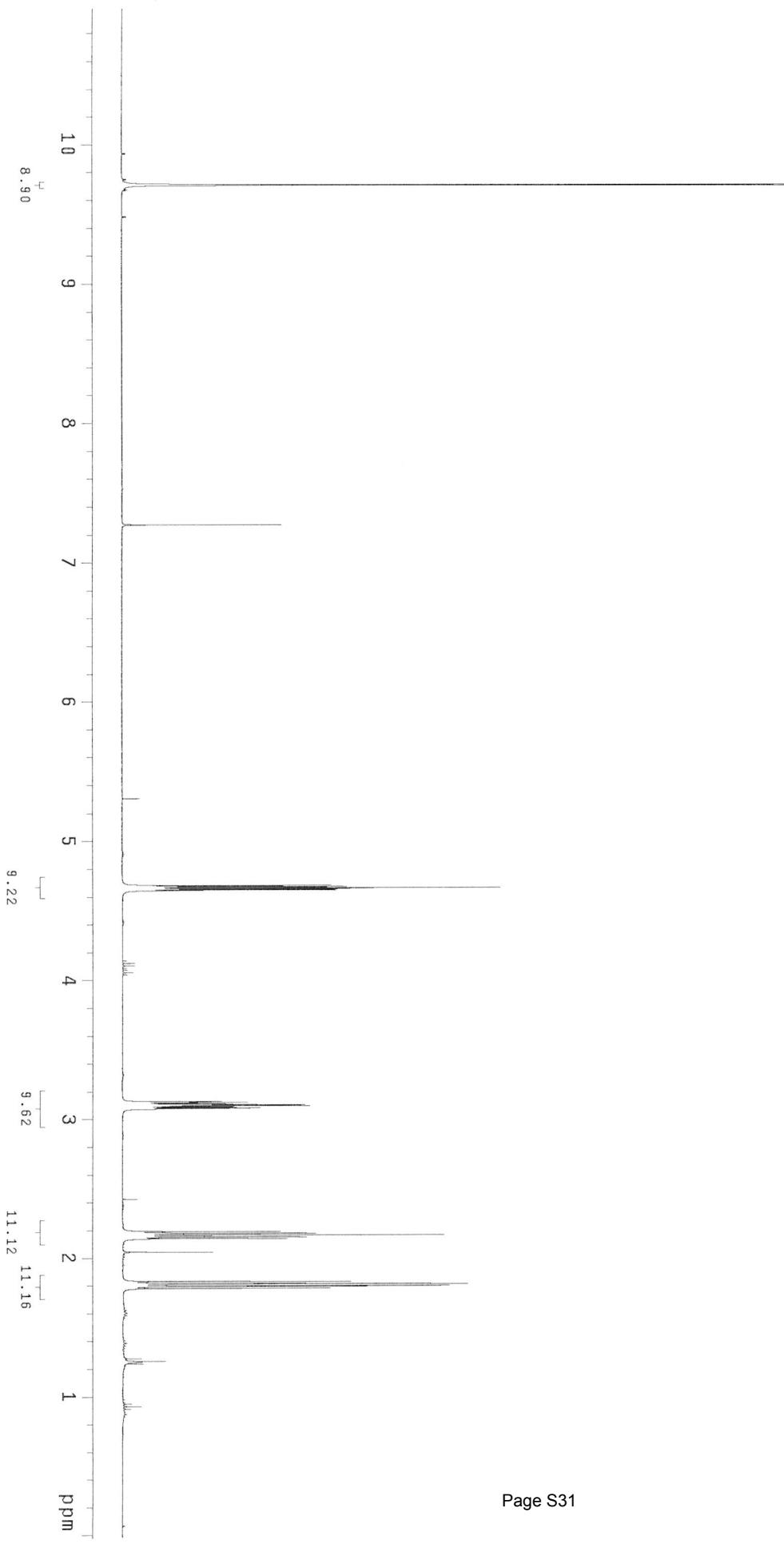


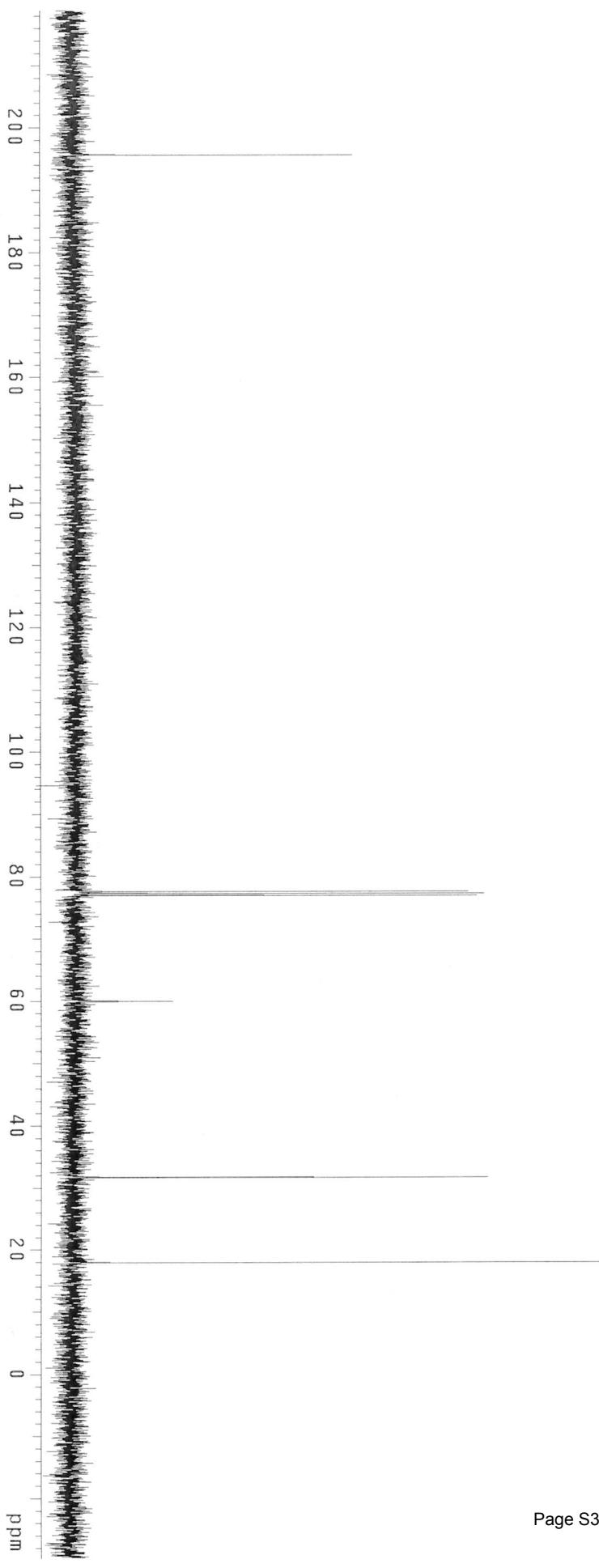












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4	7734.757	76.911	66.5
5	6026.483	59.925	16.7
6	3182.921	31.650	68.2
7	1798.144	17.880	87.2

