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Access to Functionalized Isoquinoline-*N*-oxides via Sequential Cyclization-Coupling Reactions

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Supporting Information

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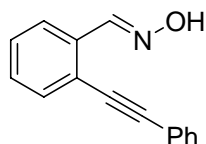
General Materials and Methods: NMR samples were run in CDCl₃ and ¹H NMR were referenced to TMS, ¹³C NMR were referenced to CDCl₃ (δ = 77.0). All chemical shift values are quoted in ppm and coupling constants quoted in Hz.

General procedure for preparation of 2-alkynylbenzaldoxime 1¹:

A solution of 2-alkynylbenzaldehyde (3.0 mmol), hydroxylamine hydrochloride (6 mmol, 2.0 equiv), pyridine (6.0 mmol, 2.0 equiv) in C₂H₅OH (15 mL) was stirred under reflux for 2 hours. After completion of reaction as indicated by TLC, the solvent was evaporated and then quenched with water (10 mL), extracted with EtOAc (2×30 mL), dried by anhydrous Na₂SO₄. Evaporation of the solvent followed by purification on silica gel provided the corresponding 2-alkynylbenzaldoxime **1**.

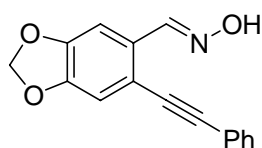
General procedure for electrophilic cyclization of 2-alkynylbenzaldoxime 1 with various electrophiles:

The electrophile (1.2 equiv) in 2 mL of CH₂Cl₂ was added dropwise to a solution of 2-alkynylbenzaldoxime (0.30 mmol) in 4 mL of CH₂Cl₂. The reaction was stirred at room temperature for a period of time (10 min: Br₂, ICl, or NIS; 24 h: NBS and I₂). The reaction mixture was then diluted with CH₂Cl₂ (50 mL), washed with saturated aqueous Na₂S₂O₃ (25 mL), dried (Na₂SO₄) and filtered. The solvent was evaporated under reduced pressure and the product **2** was isolated by chromatography on a silica gel column.



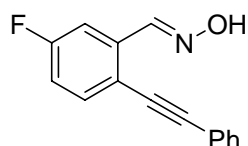
(*E*)-2-(2-Phenylethynyl)benzaldehyde oxime^{2,3} (**1a**)

Yield: 90%; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.32-7.38 (m, 5H), 7.50-7.57 (m, 3H), 7.87 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 8.66 (s, 1H), 8.75 (s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 86.1, 95.0, 122.6, 123.1, 125.1, 128.4, 128.5, 128.6, 129.7, 131.6, 132.6, 132.8, 149.0.



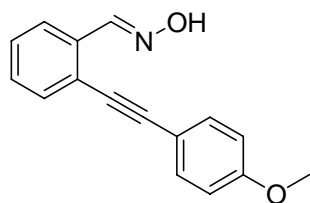
(*E*)-6-(2-Phenylethynyl)benzo[*d*][1,3]dioxole-5-carbaldehyde oxime (**1b**)

Yield: 96%; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 6.02 (s, 2H), 6.96 (s, 1H), 7.30-7.37 (m, 4H), 7.50-7.54 (m, 2H), 7.86 (br, 1H), 8.67 (s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 86.1, 93.8, 101.8, 104.6, 111.4, 117.7, 122.8, 128.3, 128.4, 128.5, 131.5, 148.4, 148.9, 149.0; MS (ESI): *m/z* 266 (M⁺+H); HRMS calcd for C₁₆H₁₂NO₃ (M⁺+H): 266.0817, found: 266.0813.



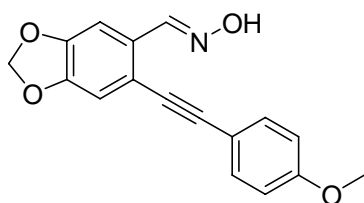
(*E*)-5-Fluoro-2-(2-phenylethynyl)benzaldehyde oxime (**1c**)

Yield: 86%; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.07 (dt, *J* = 3.0, 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.31-7.38 (m, 3H), 7.50-7.60 (m, 4H), 8.40 (br, 1H), 8.67-8.70 (m, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 85.1, 94.6, 111.9 (d, ²*J*_{CF} = 23.8 Hz), 117.3 (d, ²*J*_{CF} = 22.9 Hz), 119.3, 122.5, 128.4, 128.7, 131.5, 134.4 (d, ³*J*_{CF} = 7.6 Hz), 135.1 (d, ³*J*_{CF} = 7.6 Hz), 148.3, 162.3 (d, ¹*J*_{CF} = 248.8 Hz); MS (ESI): *m/z* 240 (M⁺+H); HRMS calcd for C₁₅H₁₁FNO (M⁺+H): 240.0825, found: 240.0815.



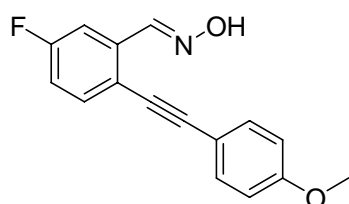
(*E*)-2-(2-(4-methoxyphenyl)ethynyl)benzaldehyde oxime (**1d**)

Yield: 98%; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 3.82 (s, 3H), 6.88 (d, $J = 8.3$ Hz, 2H), 7.28-7.36 (m, 2H), 7.44-7.54 (m, 3H), 7.85 (d, $J = 7.3$ Hz, 1H), 8.71 (br, 1H), 8.75 (s, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 55.3, 84.9, 95.1, 114.0, 114.7, 123.5, 125.1, 128.2, 129.6, 132.4, 132.6, 133.1, 149.1, 159.8; MS: m/z 274 $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$; HRMS calcd for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{13}\text{NO}_2$: 274.0844 $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$, found: 274.0841.



(*E*)-6-(2-(4-Methoxyphenyl)ethynyl)benzo[*d*][1,3]dioxole-5-carbaldehyde oxime (**1e**)

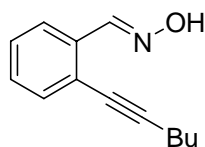
Yield: 88%; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 3.83 (s, 3H), 6.01 (s, 2H), 6.88 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 2H), 6.94 (s, 1H), 7.31 (s, 1H), 7.46 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 2H), 7.55 (br, 1H), 8.66 (s, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 55.3, 84.8, 93.8, 101.7, 104.5, 106.1, 111.3, 114.0, 114.8, 128.0, 132.9, 148.1, 148.9, 149.0, 159.8; MS (ESI): m/z 296 ($\text{M}^+\text{+H}$); HRMS calcd for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{14}\text{NO}_4$ ($\text{M}^+\text{+H}$): 296.0923, found: 296.0920.



(*E*)-5-Fluoro-2-(2-(4-methoxyphenyl)ethynyl)benzaldehyde oxime (**1f**)

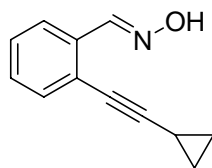
Yield: 92%; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 3.81 (s, 3H), 6.87 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 2H), 7.04 (dt, $J = 2.3, 8.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.45-7.58 (m, 4H), 8.70 (s, 1H), 8.91 (br, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 55.3, 83.9, 94.7, 111.8 (d, $^2J_{\text{CF}} = 23.8$ Hz), 114.0, 114.6, 117.2 (d, $^2J_{\text{CF}} = 22.9$ Hz), 119.7, 133.0, 134.1 (d, $^3J_{\text{CF}} = 7.6$ Hz), 134.8 (d, $^3J_{\text{CF}} = 7.6$ Hz).

Hz), 148.4 (d, $^4J_{CF} = 1.9$ Hz), 159.8, 162.0 (d, $^1J_{CF} = 248.8$ Hz); MS (EI): m/z 270 ($M^+ + H$); HRMS calcd for $C_{16}H_{13}FNO_2$ ($M^+ + H$): 270.0930, found: 270.0926.



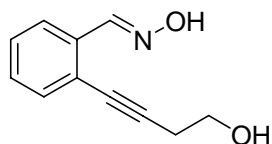
(*E*)-2-(Hex-1-ynyl)benzaldehyde oxime^{2,3} (**1g**)

Yield: 79%; 1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 0.95 (t, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 3H), 1.44-1.53 (m, 2H), 1.57-1.64 (m, 2H), 2.45 (t, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 2H), 7.24-7.31 (m, 2H), 7.41 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.79 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 8.67 (s, 1H), 9.32 (s, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 13.5, 19.2, 22.0, 30.6, 77.5, 96.5, 124.1, 124.9, 127.7, 129.5, 132.5, 132.6, 149.3.



(*E*)-2-(2-Cyclopropylethynyl)benzaldehyde oxime (**1h**)

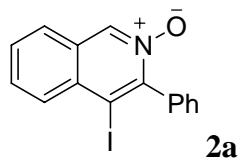
Yield: 69%; 1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 0.80-0.93 (m, 4H), 1.45-1.52 (m, 1H), 7.24-7.30 (m, 2H), 7.38-7.41 (m, 1H), 7.78 (d, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 1H), 8.63 (s, 1H), 9.08 (br, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 0.3, 8.8, 72.6, 99.6, 123.9, 124.9, 127.7, 129.5, 132.6, 132.8, 149.3; MS (ESI): m/z 186 ($M^+ + H$); HRMS calcd for $C_{12}H_{12}NO$ ($M^+ + H$): 186.0919, found: 186.0909.



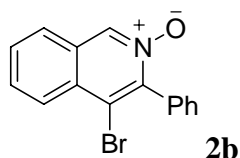
(*E*)-2-(4-hydroxybut-1-ynyl)benzaldehyde oxime (**1i**)

Yield: 36%; 1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 2.74 (t, $J = 6.0$ Hz, 2H), 3.86 (t, $J = 6.4$ Hz, 2H), 7.28-7.32 (m, 2H), 7.42-7.46 (m, 1H), 7.66-7.70 (m, 1H), 8.54 (br, 2H); ^{13}C

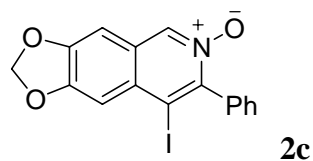
NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 24.1, 61.2, 80.5, 92.6, 122.6, 126.8, 128.3, 129.6, 132.9, 133.0, 149.8; MS: m/z 189 (M⁺); HRMS calcd for C₁₁H₁₁NO₂: 189.0790, found: 189.0788.



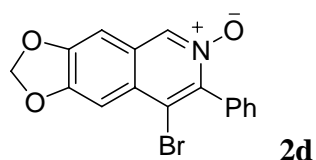
Yield: 92%; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.38 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 7.48-7.58 (m, 3H), 7.59-7.69 (m, 3H), 8.06 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 8.85 (s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 122.1, 124.9, 127.3, 128.5, 128.9, 129.4, 129.7, 129.8, 129.9, 133.4, 136.0, 147.7; MS (ESI): m/z 348 (M⁺+H); Elemental analysis calcd (%) for C₁₅H₁₀INO: C 51.90, H 2.90, N 4.03; Found: C 51.64, H 2.88, N 3.98.



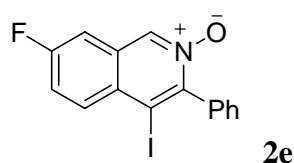
Yield: 99%; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.45 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 7.48-7.58 (m, 3H), 7.63-7.69 (m, 2H), 7.72 (t, J = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 8.16 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 8.89 (s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 122.1, 124.9, 127.3, 128.5, 128.9, 129.4, 129.7, 129.8, 129.9, 133.4, 136.0, 147.7; MS (ESI): m/z 300 (M⁺+H); Elemental analysis calcd (%) for C₁₅H₁₀BrNO: C 60.02, H 3.36, N 4.67; Found: C 60.25, H 3.55, N 4.74.



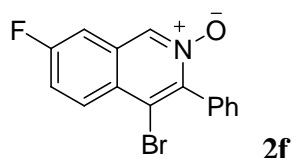
Yield: 88%; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 6.16 (s, 2H), 6.92 (s, 1H), 7.37 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 7.45 (s, 1H), 7.48-7.55 (m, 3H), 8.67 (s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 99.7, 100.6, 102.5, 109.6, 125.7, 128.6, 129.3, 129.6, 130.1, 135.9, 137.6, 149.4, 150.3, 151.5; MS (ESI): m/z 392 (M⁺+H); Elemental analysis calcd (%) for C₁₆H₁₀INO₃: C 49.13, H 2.58, N 3.58; Found: C 48.86, H 2.62, N 3.51.



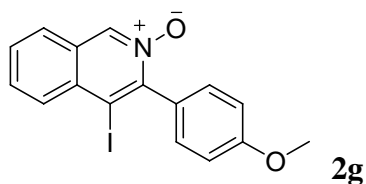
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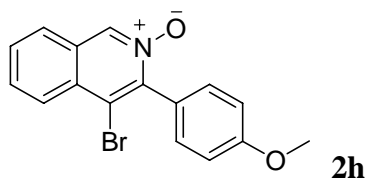
Yield: 92%; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.31 (dd, $J = 2.4, 8.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.35-7.41 (m, 3H), 7.48-7.58 (m, 3H), 8.10 (dd, $J = 8.8, 9.3$ Hz, 1H), 8.78 (s, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 101.3, 108.2 (d, $^2J_{\text{CF}} = 22.9$ Hz), 119.9 (d, $^2J_{\text{CF}} = 24.8$ Hz), 128.4, 128.6, 129.1, 129.4, 129.5, 135.5 (d, $^3J_{\text{CF}} = 9.5$ Hz), 135.7, 136.9, 150.7, 162.4 (d, $^1J_{\text{CF}} = 251.7$ Hz); MS (ESI): m/z 366 ($\text{M}^+\text{+H}$); Elemental analysis calcd (%) for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_9\text{FINO}$: C 49.34, H 2.48, N 3.84; Found: C 49.56, H 2.66, N 3.71.



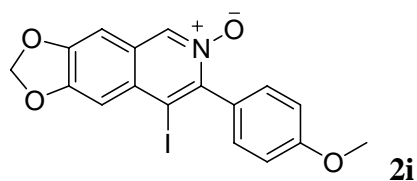
Yield: 99%; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.35 (dd, $J = 2.4, 8.3$ Hz, 1H), 7.38-7.46 (m, 3H), 7.50-7.58 (m, 3H), 8.18 (dd, $J = 9.3, 9.3$ Hz, 1H), 8.83 (s, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 108.3 (d, $^2J_{\text{CF}} = 22.8$ Hz), 119.8 (d, $^2J_{\text{CF}} = 22.8$ Hz), 122.0, 125.8, 128.5, 129.4, 129.7, 130.3, 130.4, 133.1, 135.2, 147.3, 162.6 (d, $^1J_{\text{CF}} = 251.7$ Hz); MS (ESI): m/z 318 ($\text{M}^+\text{+H}$); Elemental analysis calcd (%) for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_9\text{BrFNO}$: C 56.63, H 2.85, N 4.40; Found: C 56.84, H 3.11, N 4.25.



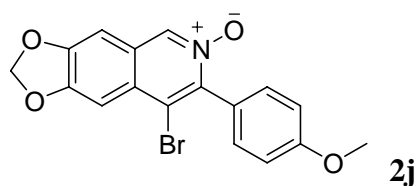
Yield: 91%; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 3.89 (s, 3H), 7.07 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 2H), 7.33 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 2H), 7.60-7.67 (m, 3H), 8.06 (d, $J = 8.3$ Hz, 1H), 8.84 (s, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 55.2, 102.3, 114.0, 125.0, 128.3, 129.4, 129.6, 130.1, 131.0, 131.6, 132.5, 136.6, 150.9, 160.2; MS (ESI): m/z 378 ($\text{M}^+\text{+H}$); HRMS calcd for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{13}\text{INO}_2$ ($\text{M}^+\text{+H}$): 377.9991, Found: 377.9988.



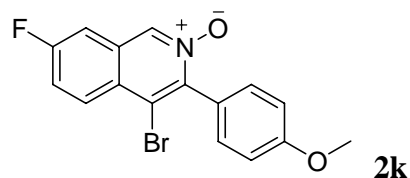
Yield: 99%; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 3.88 (s, 3H), 7.06 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 2H), 7.40 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 2H), 7.61-7.72 (m, 3H), 8.15 (d, $J = 8.3$ Hz, 1H), 8.87 (s, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 55.2, 113.9, 122.4, 124.8, 125.4, 127.2, 128.4, 128.9, 129.6, 129.7, 131.2, 135.9, 147.6, 160.2; MS (ESI): m/z 330 ($\text{M}^+\text{+H}$); HRMS calcd for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{13}\text{BrNO}_2$ ($\text{M}^+\text{+H}$): 330.0130, Found: 330.0127.



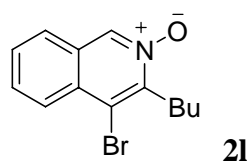
Yield: 89%; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 3.88 (s, 3H), 6.16 (s, 2H), 6.91 (s, 1H), 7.05 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 2H), 7.31 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 2H), 7.45 (s, 1H), 8.66 (s, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 55.2, 100.3, 100.6, 102.4, 109.7, 114.0, 125.7, 129.9, 130.1, 131.1, 135.9, 149.3, 150.2, 151.4, 160.1; MS (ESI): m/z 422 ($\text{M}^+\text{+H}$); Elemental analysis calcd (%) for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{12}\text{INO}_4$: C 48.48, H 2.87, N 3.33; Found: C 48.44, H 2.75, N 3.37.



Yield: 94%; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 3.87 (s, 3H), 6.15 (s, 2H), 6.94 (s, 1H), 7.05 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 2H), 7.38 (d, $J = 8.3$ Hz, 2H), 7.45 (s, 1H), 8.68 (s, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 55.2, 100.6, 102.4, 104.1, 113.9, 120.8, 125.8, 125.9, 127.2, 131.2, 135.2, 145.9, 150.3, 151.1, 160.1; MS (ESI): m/z 374 ($\text{M}^+\text{+H}$); Elemental analysis calcd (%) for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{12}\text{BrNO}_4$: C 54.57, H 3.23, N 3.74; Found: C 54.18, H 3.29, N 3.62.

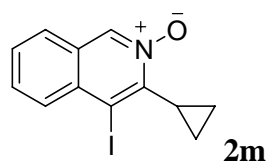


Yield: 90%; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 3.88 (s, 3H), 7.06 (d, $J = 8.3$ Hz, 2H), 7.34-7.45 (m, 4H), 8.18 (dd, $J = 9.3, 9.3$ Hz, 1H), 8.82 (s, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 55.3, 108.3 (d, $^2J_{\text{CF}} = 22.9$ Hz), 114.0, 119.7 (d, $^2J_{\text{CF}} = 25.7$ Hz), 122.3, 125.1, 125.9, 129.4 (d, $^3J_{\text{CF}} = 10.5$ Hz), 130.4 (d, (d, $^3J_{\text{CF}} = 9.5$ Hz), 131.3, 135.1 (d, $^4J = 5.7$ Hz), 147.2, 160.3, 162.6 (d, $^1J_{\text{CF}} = 251.7$ Hz); MS (ESI): m/z 348 ($\text{M}^+\text{+H}$); Elemental analysis calcd (%) for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{11}\text{BrFNO}_2$: C 55.20, H 3.18, N 4.02; Found: C 55.16, H 3.15, N 4.01.

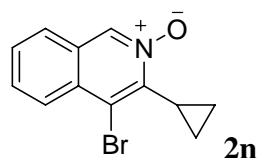


Yield: 85%; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 0.99 (t, $J = 7.3$ Hz, 3H), 1.47-1.58 (m, 2H), 1.68-1.77 (m, 2H), 3.37 (t, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 2H), 7.57 (d, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.61-7.67 (m, 2H), 8.07 (d, $J = 8.3$ Hz, 1H), 8.80 (s, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 13.7, 22.8, 28.2, 30.9, 120.9, 124.8, 126.5, 127.5, 128.8, 128.9, 129.7, 135.7, 149.9; MS

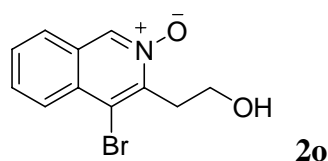
(ESI): m/z 280 ($M^+ + H$); Elemental analysis calcd (%) for $C_{13}H_{14}BrNO$: C 55.73, H 5.04, N 5.00; Found: C 55.45, H 5.34, N 4.89.



Yield: 90%; 1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 1.08-1.14 (m, 2H), 1.37-1.44 (m, 2H), 2.06-2.15 (m, 1H), 7.49-7.61 (m, 3H), 8.05 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 1H), 8.73 (s, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 12.1, 17.7, 103.5, 124.6, 127.1, 128.9, 129.8, 131.5, 131.6, 136.4, 150.9; MS (ESI): m/z 312 ($M^+ + H$); Elemental analysis calcd (%) for $C_{12}H_{10}INO$: C 46.33, H 3.24, N 4.50; Found: C 46.33, H 3.23, N 4.47.



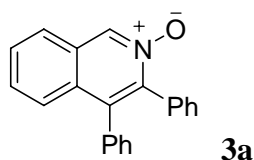
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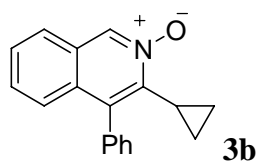
Yield: 64%; 1H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO) δ 3.43 (t, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 2H), 3.69 (t, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 2H), 7.60-7.75 (m, 2H), 7.86 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.94 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 9.01 (s, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO) δ 34.9, 57.8, 121.8, 125.9, 126.5, 128.2, 128.3, 129.9, 130.8, 136.0, 146.5; MS: m/z 268 ($M^+ + H$); Elemental analysis calcd (%) for $C_{11}H_{10}BrNO_2$: C 49.28, H 3.76, N 5.22; Found: C 49.25, H 3.78, N 5.14.

General procedure for synthesis of 3,4-disubstituted isoquinoline-*N*-oxide **3 via palladium-catalyzed Suzuki-Miyaura reaction.**

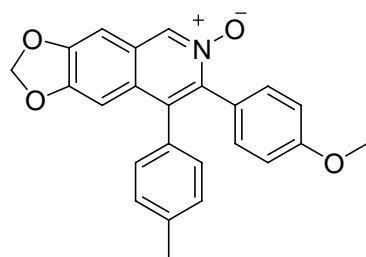
A solution of 4-bromoisoquinoline-*N*-oxide **2** (0.30 mmol), sodium tetraphenylborate (0.15 mmol, 0.5 equiv) or arylboronic acid (0.45 mmol, 1.5 equiv), palladium catalyst (5 mol %), base (1.2 mmol, 4.0 equiv) in DMF/H₂O (2.0 mL) was stirred at 80 °C under N₂ for 24 h. After completion of reaction as indicated by TLC, the solvent was evaporated and then quenched with water (10 mL), extracted with EtOAc (2×10 mL), dried by anhydrate Na₂SO₄. Evaporation of the solvent followed by purification on silica gel provided the corresponding 3,4-disubstituted isoquinoline-*N*-oxide **3**.



Yield: 93% (for NaBPh₄) and 99% (for PhB(OH)₂); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.07-7.10 (m, 2H), 7.19-7.28 (m, 5H), 7.34-7.46 (m, 3H), 7.50 (dt, *J* = 1.5, 6.8 Hz, 1H), 7.60 (t, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 7.77 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.96 (t, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 9.08 (s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 124.9, 126.2, 127.7, 127.8, 128.0, 128.3, 128.6, 129.0, 129.1, 129.7, 130.3, 130.7, 131.9, 134.7, 136.5, 137.0, 146.0; MS (ESI): *m/z* 298 (M⁺+H); HRMS calcd for C₂₁H₁₆NO (M⁺+H): 298.1232, found: 298.1221

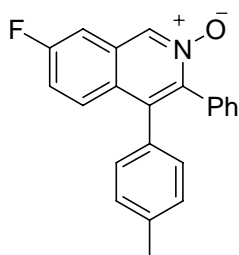


Yield: 83%; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 0.60-0.66 (m, 2H), 0.78-0.87 (m, 2H), 1.95-2.05 (m, 1H), 7.34 (dd, *J* = 2.0, 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.41 (d, *J* = 4.4 Hz, 2H), 7.46-7.55 (m, 4H), 7.70 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 8.89 (s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.9, 11.8, 124.4, 125.4, 127.8, 128.1, 128.2, 128.3, 128.4, 129.0, 130.2, 135.2, 135.9, 136.4, 146.8; MS (ESI): *m/z* 262 (M⁺+H); HRMS calcd for C₁₈H₁₆NO (M⁺+H): 262.1232, found: 262.1227.



3c

Yield: 78%; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 2.32 (s, 3H), 3.75 (s, 3H), 6.05 (s, 2H), 6.72 (s, 1H), 6.76 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 2H), 6.96 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 2H), 7.00 (s, 1H), 7.08 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 2H), 7.15 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 2H), 8.77 (s, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 21.2, 55.1, 100.5, 101.9, 102.9, 113.2, 124.6, 126.2, 127.5, 128.9, 130.1, 132.0, 132.5, 135.1, 136.0, 137.3, 144.4, 149.6, 149.9, 159.0; MS (ESI): m/z 386 ($\text{M}^+\text{+H}$); HRMS calcd for $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{20}\text{NO}_4$ ($\text{M}^+\text{+H}$): 386.1392; Found: 386.1399.



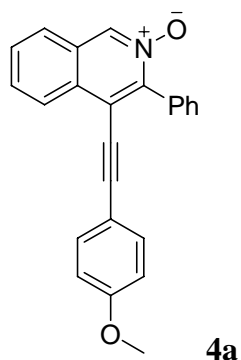
3d

Yield: 95%; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 2.31 (s, 3H), 6.99 (d, $J = 8.3$ Hz, 2H), 7.08 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 2H), 7.16-7.28 (m, 6H), 7.37 (dd, $J = 2.4, 8.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.47 (dd, $J = 9.3, 9.3$ Hz, 1H), 8.89 (s, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 21.2, 107.9 (d, $^2J_{\text{CF}} = 21.9$ Hz), 118.5 (d, $^2J_{\text{CF}} = 24.8$ Hz), 126.3, 127.8, 128.3, 128.9, 129.3 (d, $^3J_{\text{CF}} = 9.5$ Hz), 130.0 (d, $^3J_{\text{CF}} = 9.5$ Hz), 130.1, 130.6, 131.6, 132.0, 135.0, 136.9, 137.7, 145.7, 162.1 (d, $^1J_{\text{CF}} = 249.8$ Hz); MS (ESI): m/z 330 ($\text{M}^+\text{+H}$); HRMS calcd for $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{17}\text{FNO}$ ($\text{M}^+\text{+H}$): 330.1294; found: 330.1297.

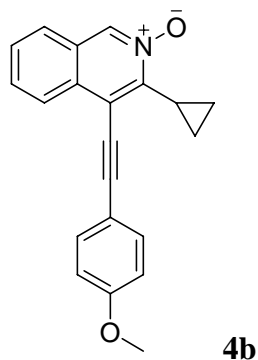
General procedure for synthesis of 3,4-disubstituted isoquinoline-N-oxide 4 via palladium-catalyzed Sonogashira reaction.

A solution of 4-iodoisoquinoline-N-oxide **2** (0.30 mmol), 4-methoxyphenylacetylene (0.45 mmol, 1.5 equiv), $\text{PdCl}_2(\text{PPh}_3)_2$ (3 mol %), CuI (3 mol %) in Et_3N (2.0 mL) was

stirred at 80 °C under N₂ for 24 h. After completion of reaction as indicated by TLC, the solvent was evaporated and then quenched with water (10 mL), extracted with EtOAc (2×10 mL), dried by anhydrate Na₂SO₄. Evaporation of the solvent followed by purification on silica gel provided the corresponding 3,4-disubstituted isoquinoline-*N*-oxide **4**.

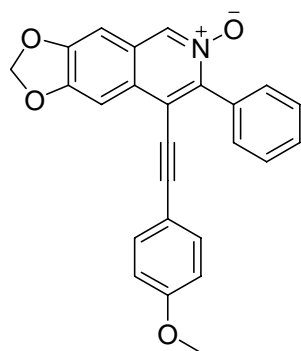


Yield: 80%; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 3.81 (s, 3H), 6.83 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.22 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.48-7.57 (m, 3H), 7.61-7.75 (m, 5H), 8.30 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 8.87 (s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 55.3, 82.2, 101.4, 114.1, 120.0, 124.7, 125.9, 127.9, 128.5, 129.2, 129.3, 129.4, 130.6, 132.2, 133.2, 136.3, 148.9, 160.4; MS (ESI): *m/z* 352 (M⁺+H); HRMS calcd for C₂₄H₁₈NO₂ (M⁺+H): 352.1338; Found: 352.1339.



Yield: 50%; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 1.23-1.29 (m, 2H), 1.52-1.56 (m, 2H), 2.51-2.59 (m, 1H), 3.88 (s, 3H), 6.96 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.54-7.67 (m, 5H), 8.26 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 8.78 (s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.8, 12.2, 55.4, 81.3, 102.4, 114.3, 114.4, 118.7, 124.6, 125.2, 127.4, 128.7, 129.1, 129.6, 133.1, 136.2,

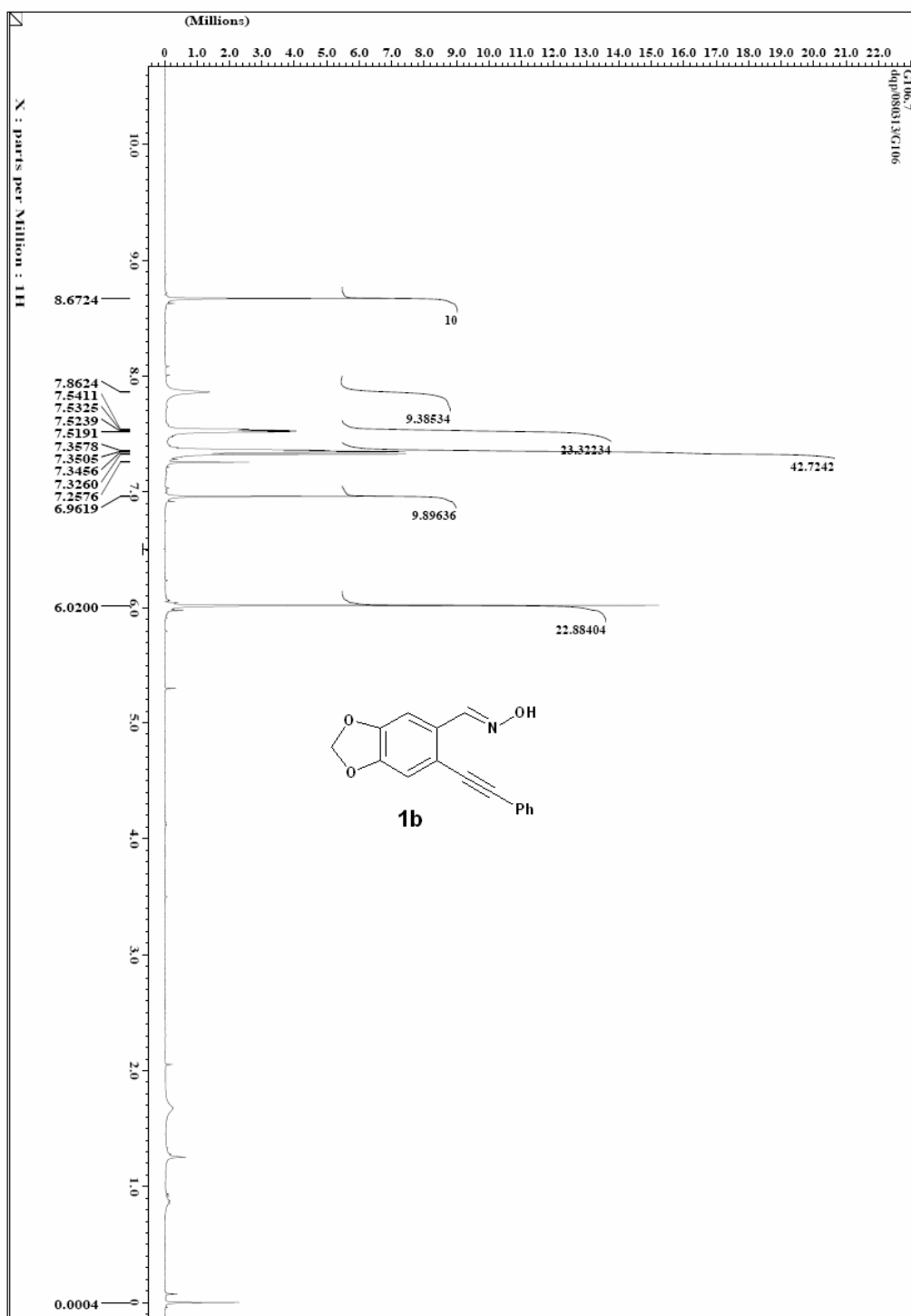
150.9, 160.4; MS (ESI): m/z 316 ($M^+ + H$); HRMS calcd for $C_{21}H_{18}NO_2$ ($M^+ + H$): 316.1338; Found: 316.1331.

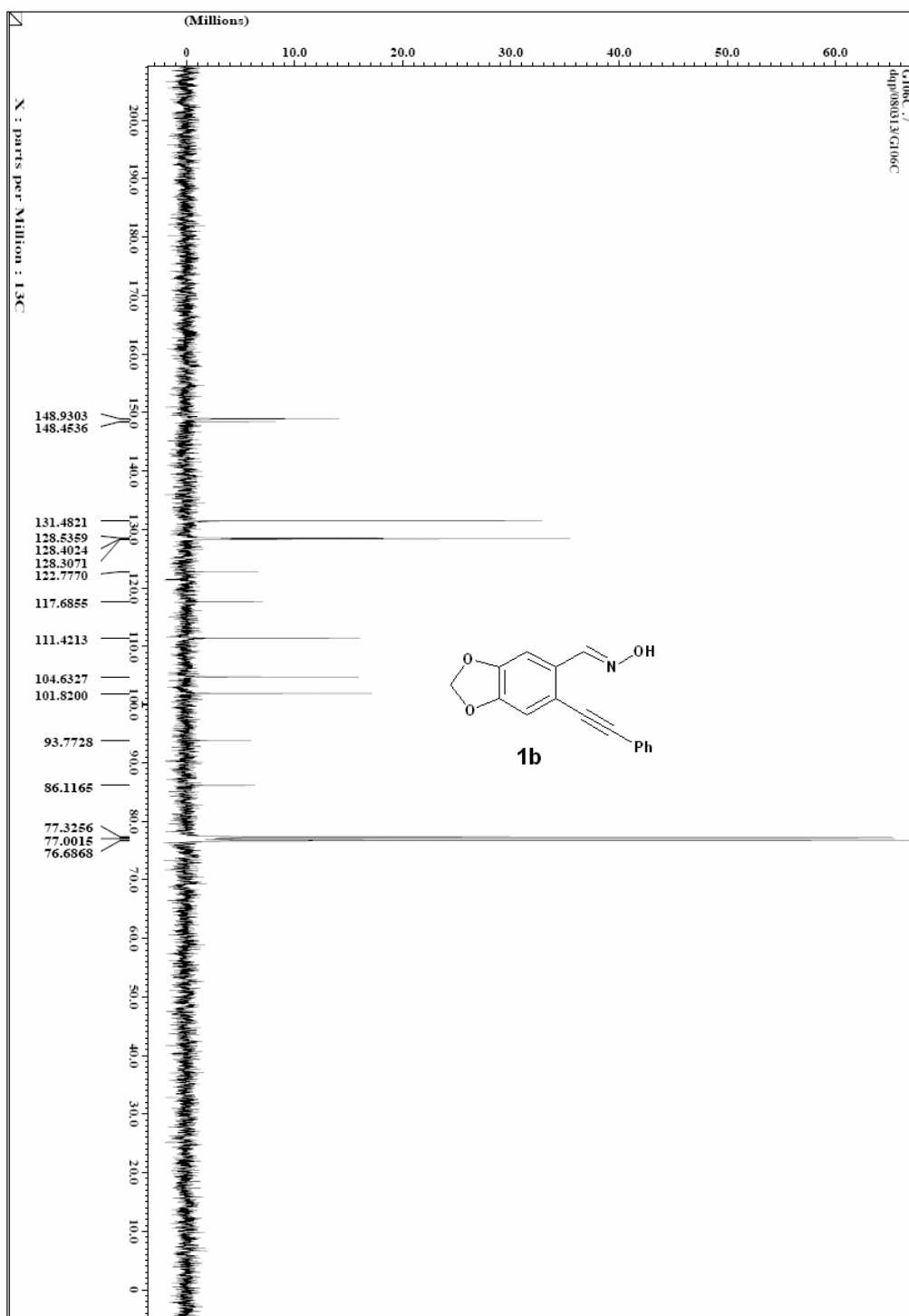


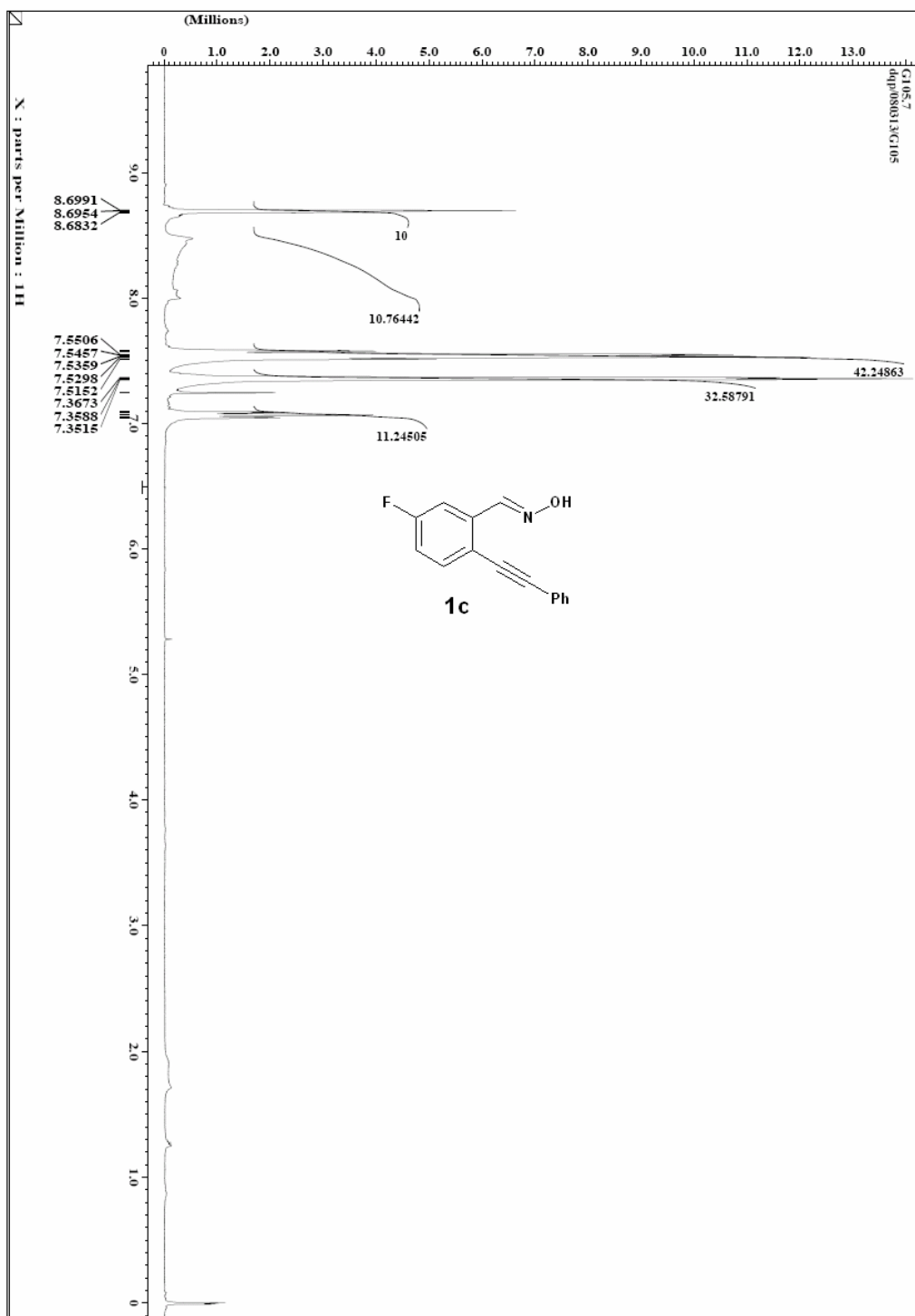
Yield: 71%; 1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 3.80 (s, 3H), 6.15 (s, 2H), 6.81 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 2H), 6.97 (s, 1H), 7.18 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 2H), 7.48-7.54 (m, 3H), 7.57 (s, 1H), 7.68 (d, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 2H), 8.68 (s, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 55.3, 82.5, 100.7, 102.2, 102.7, 114.1, 118.8, 125.0, 125.9, 127.8, 127.9, 129.1, 130.6, 132.3, 133.1, 135.6, 147.1, 150.2, 150.8, 160.3; MS (ESI): m/z 396 ($M^+ + H$); HRMS calcd for $C_{25}H_{18}NO_4$ ($M^+ + H$): 396.1236; Found: 396.1233.

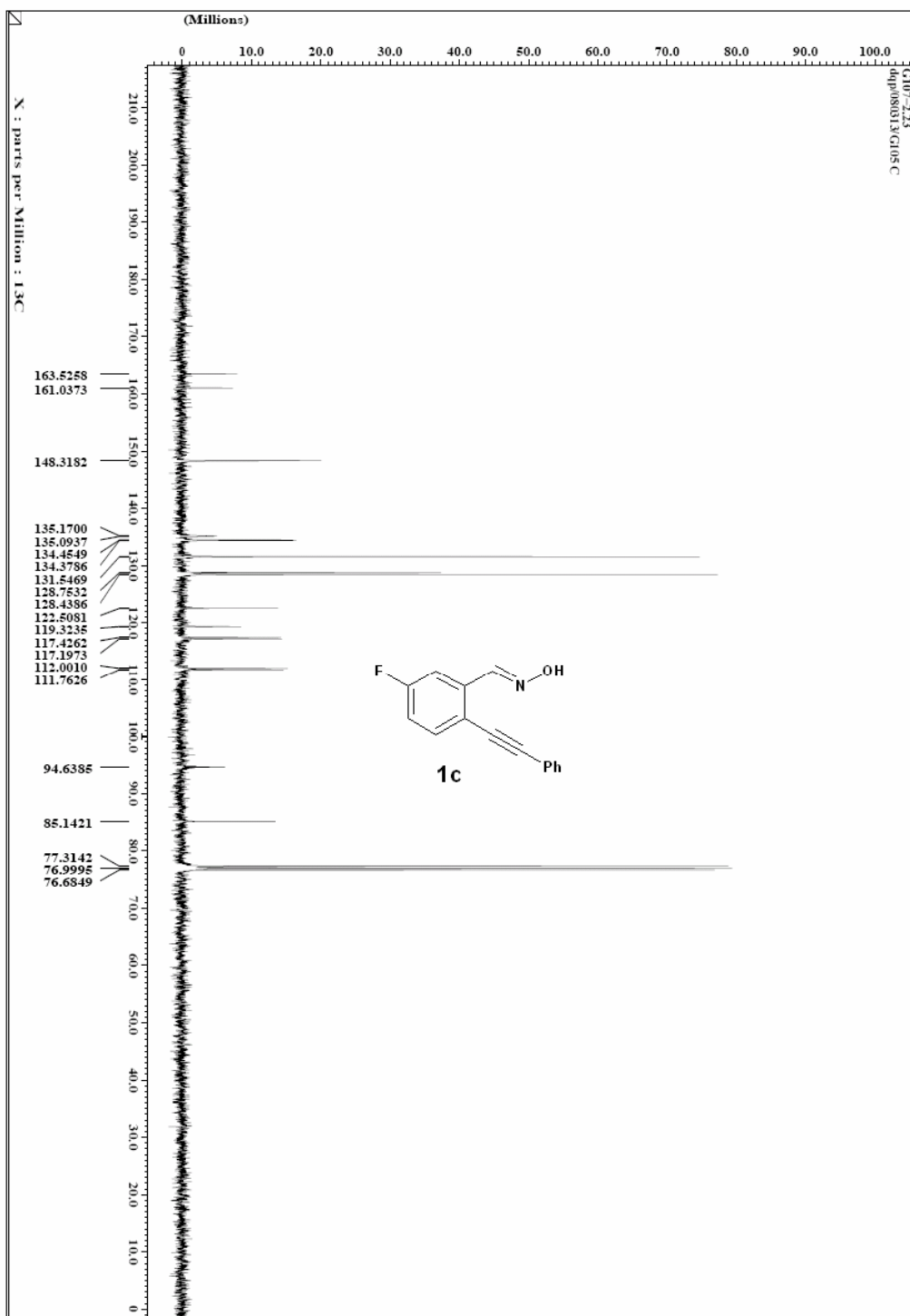
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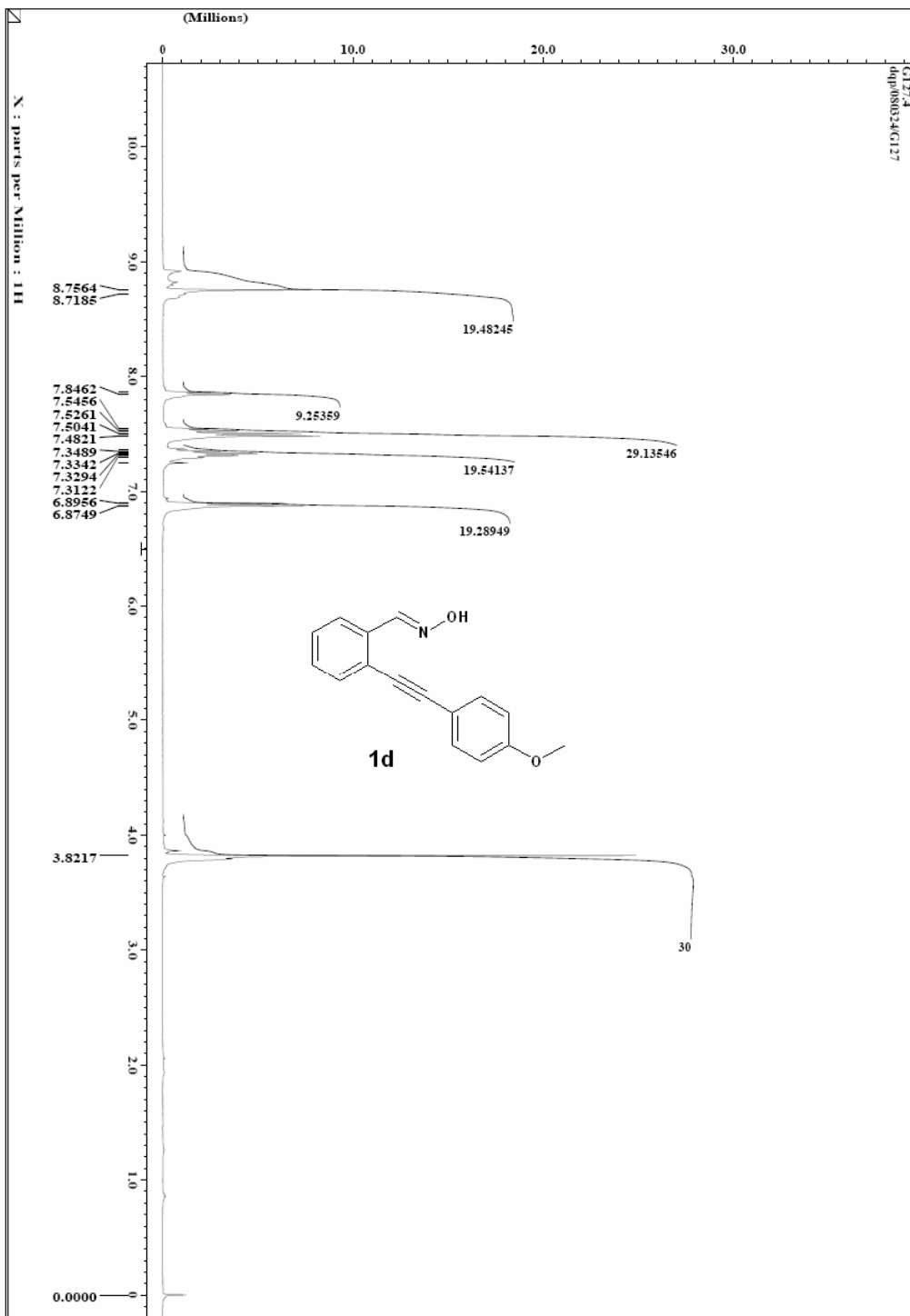
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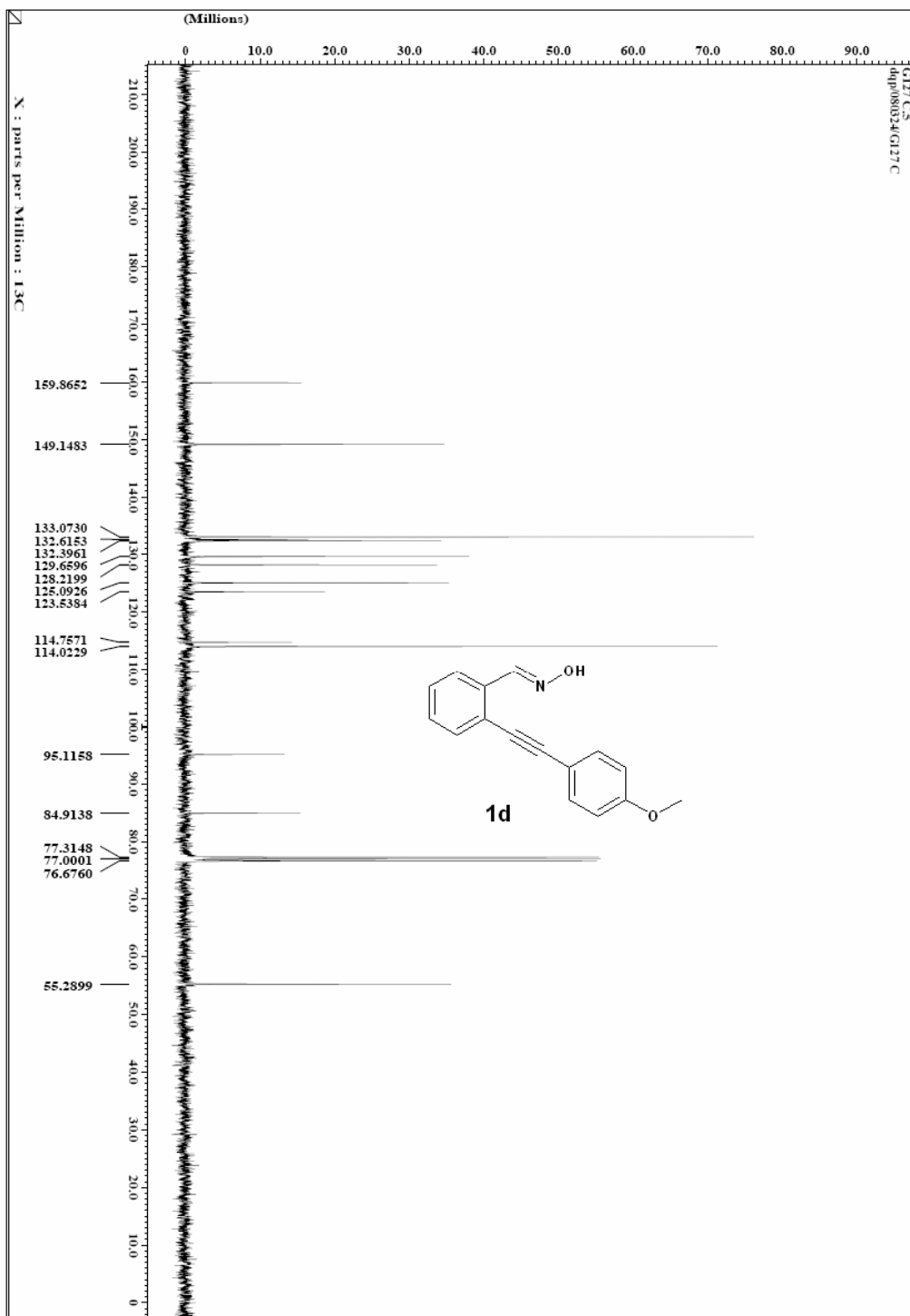


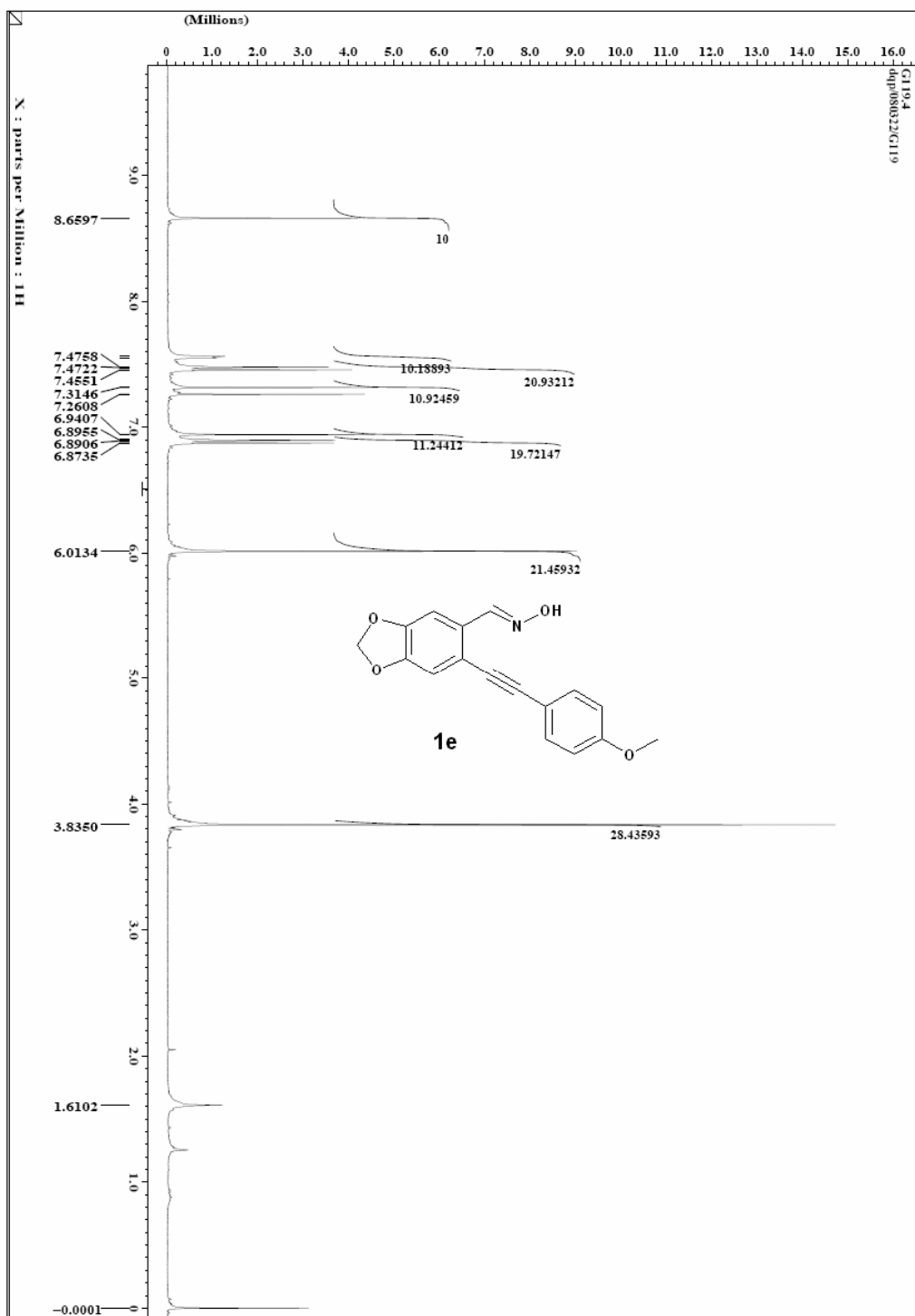


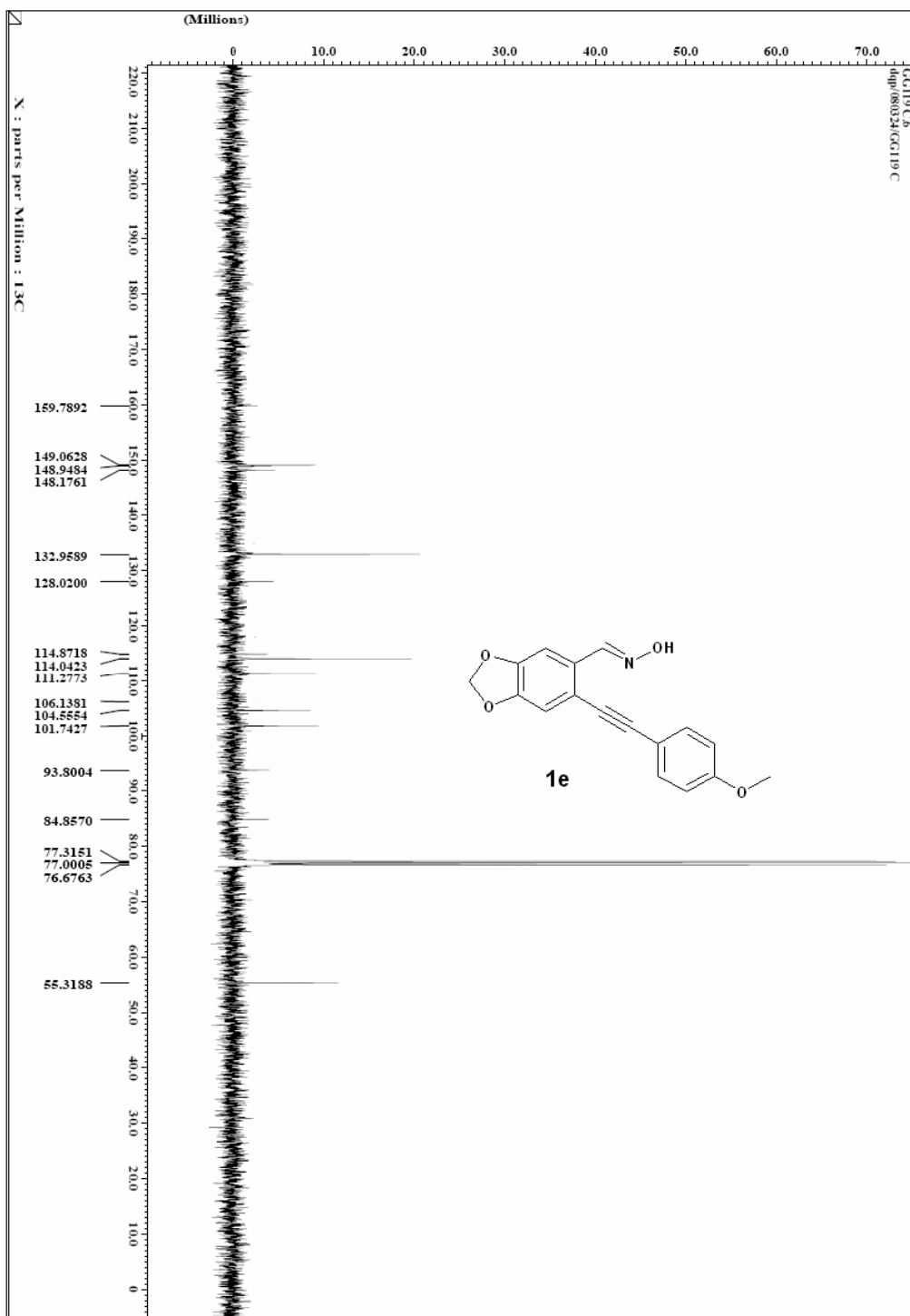


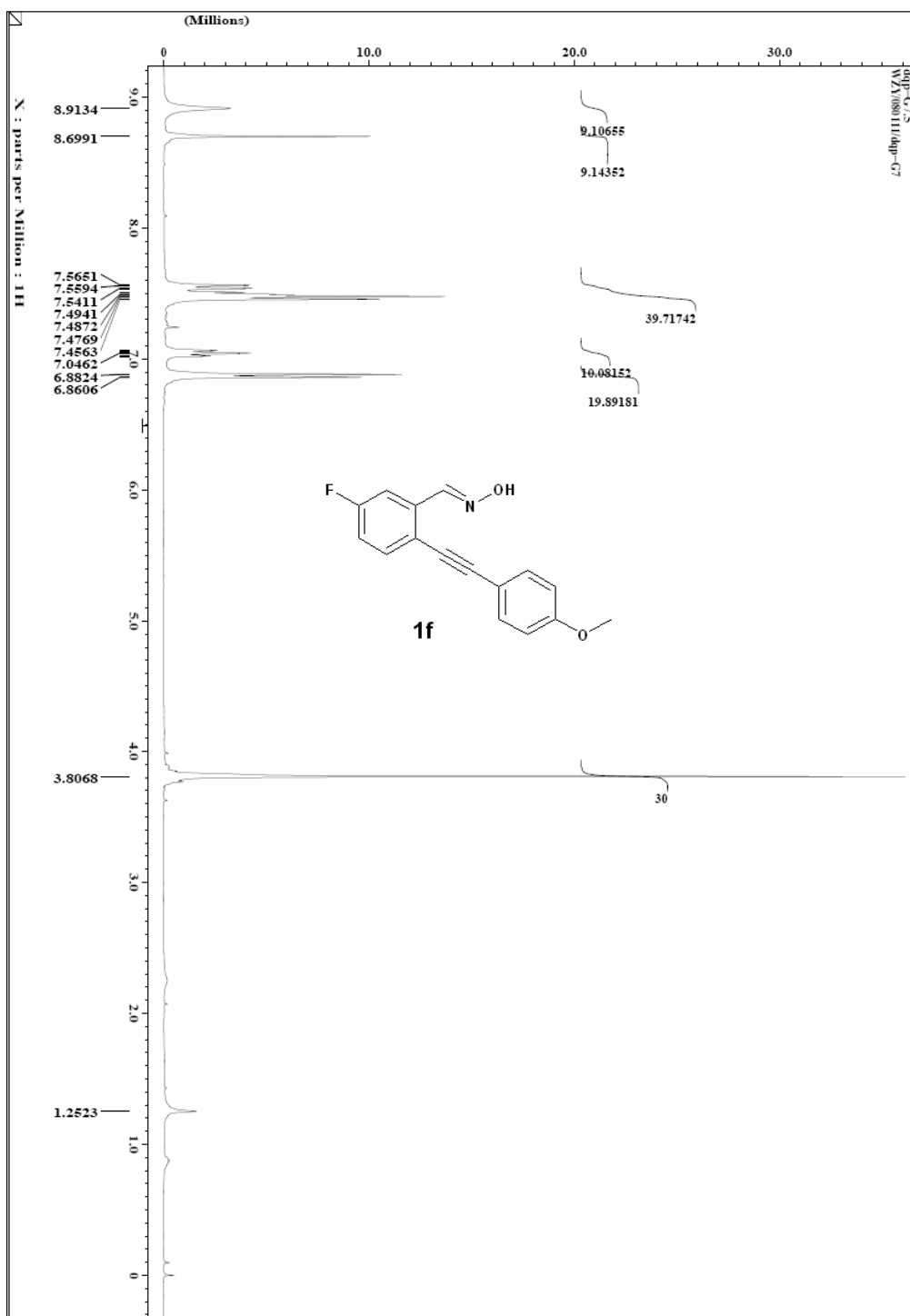


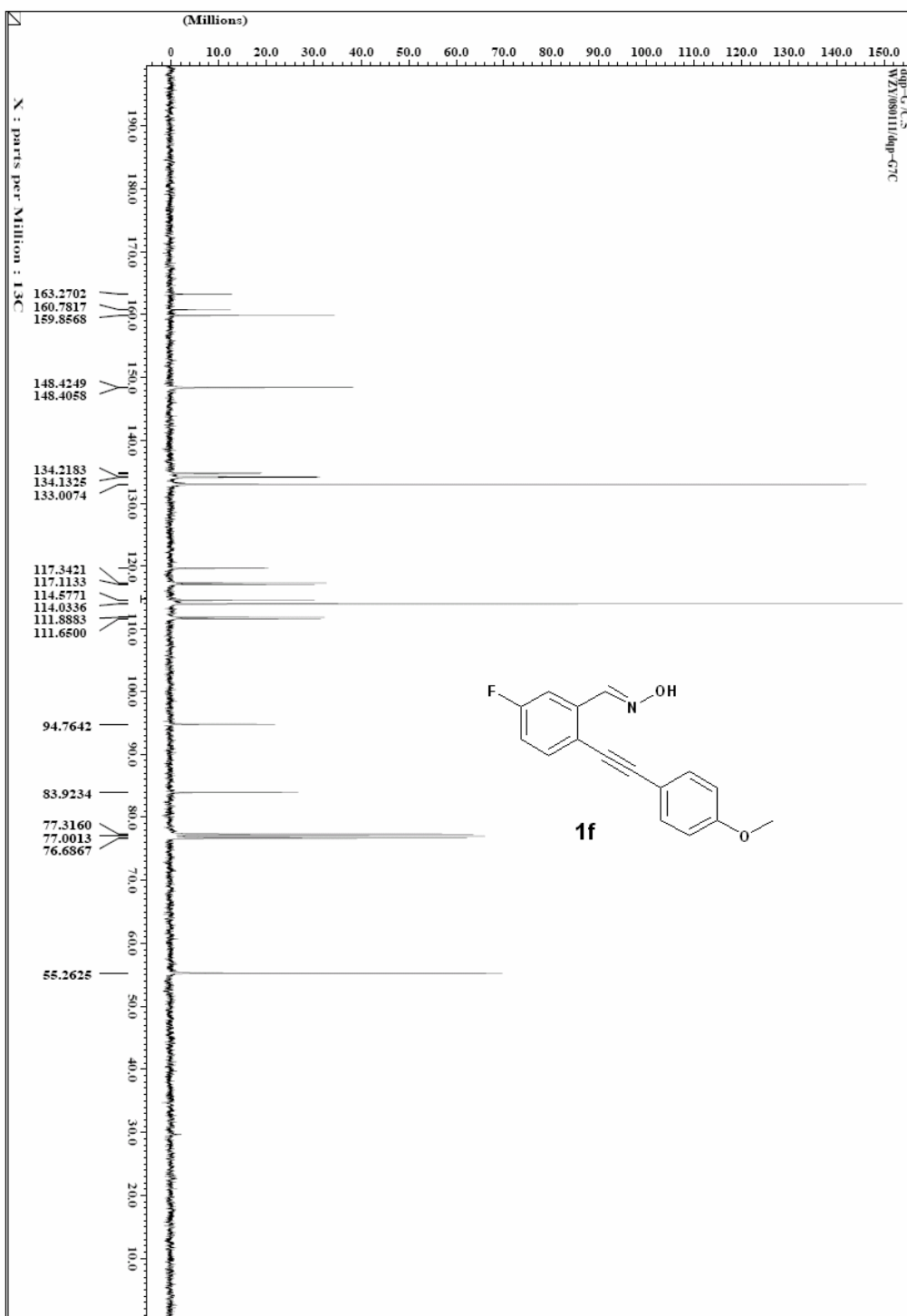


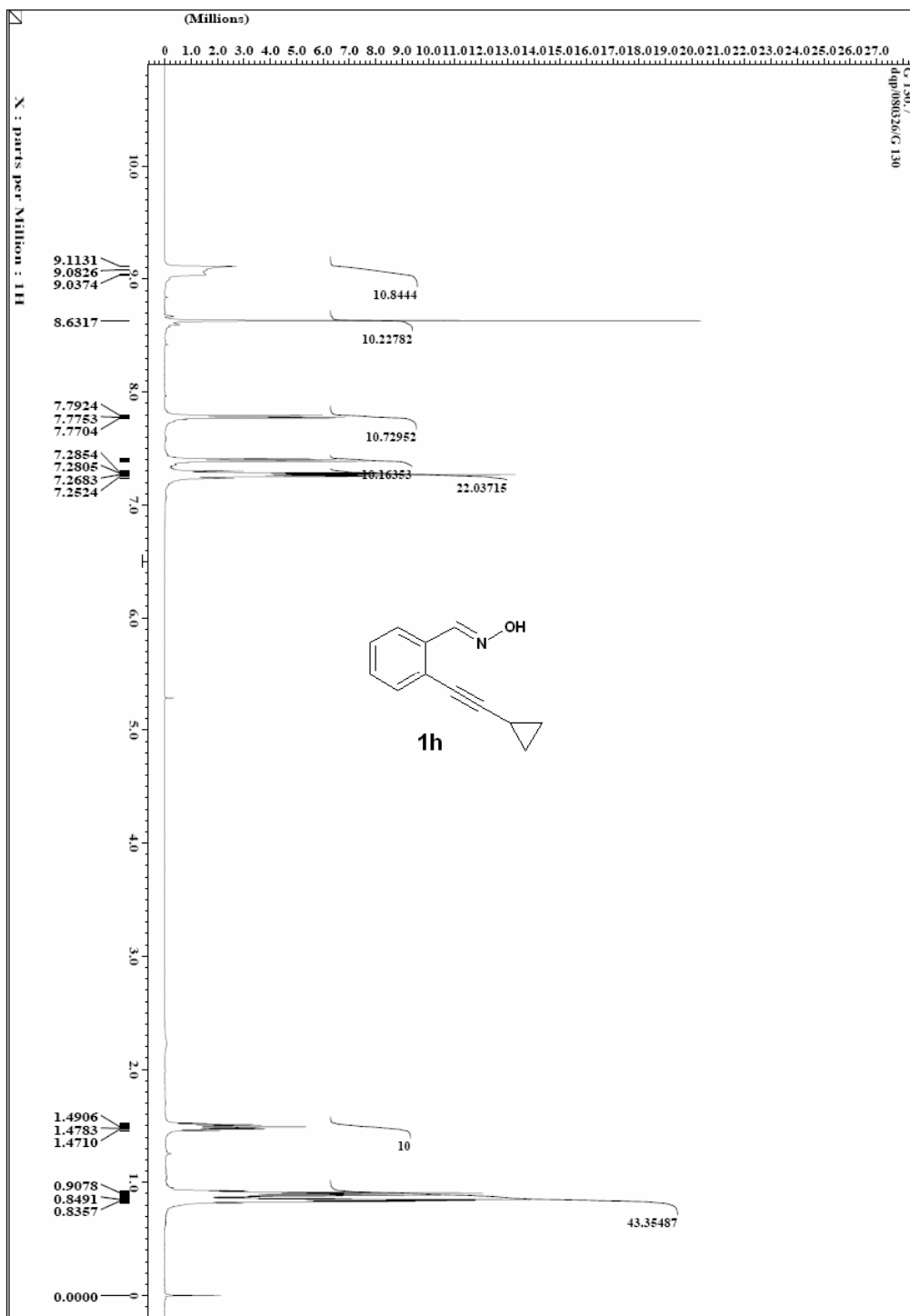


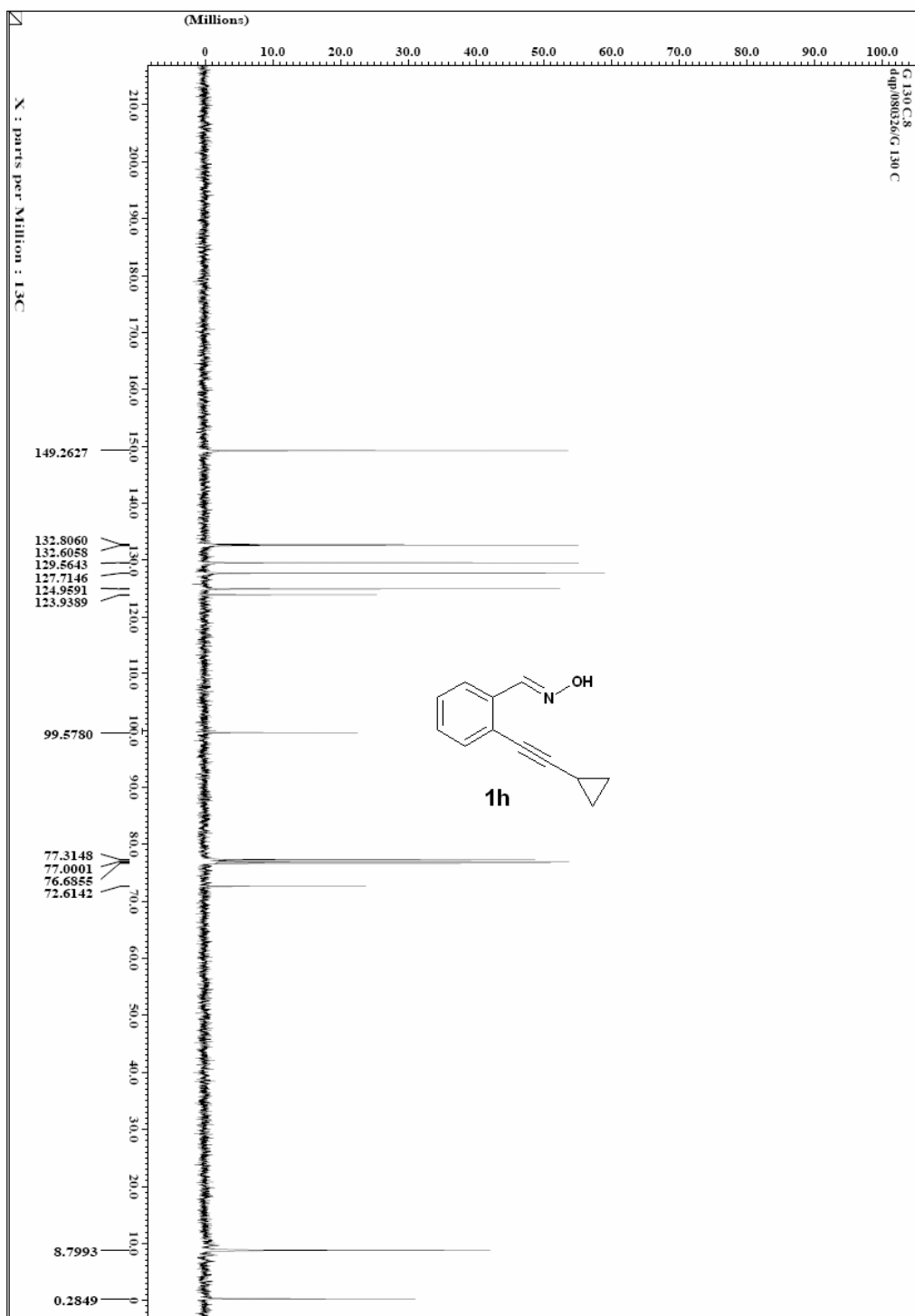


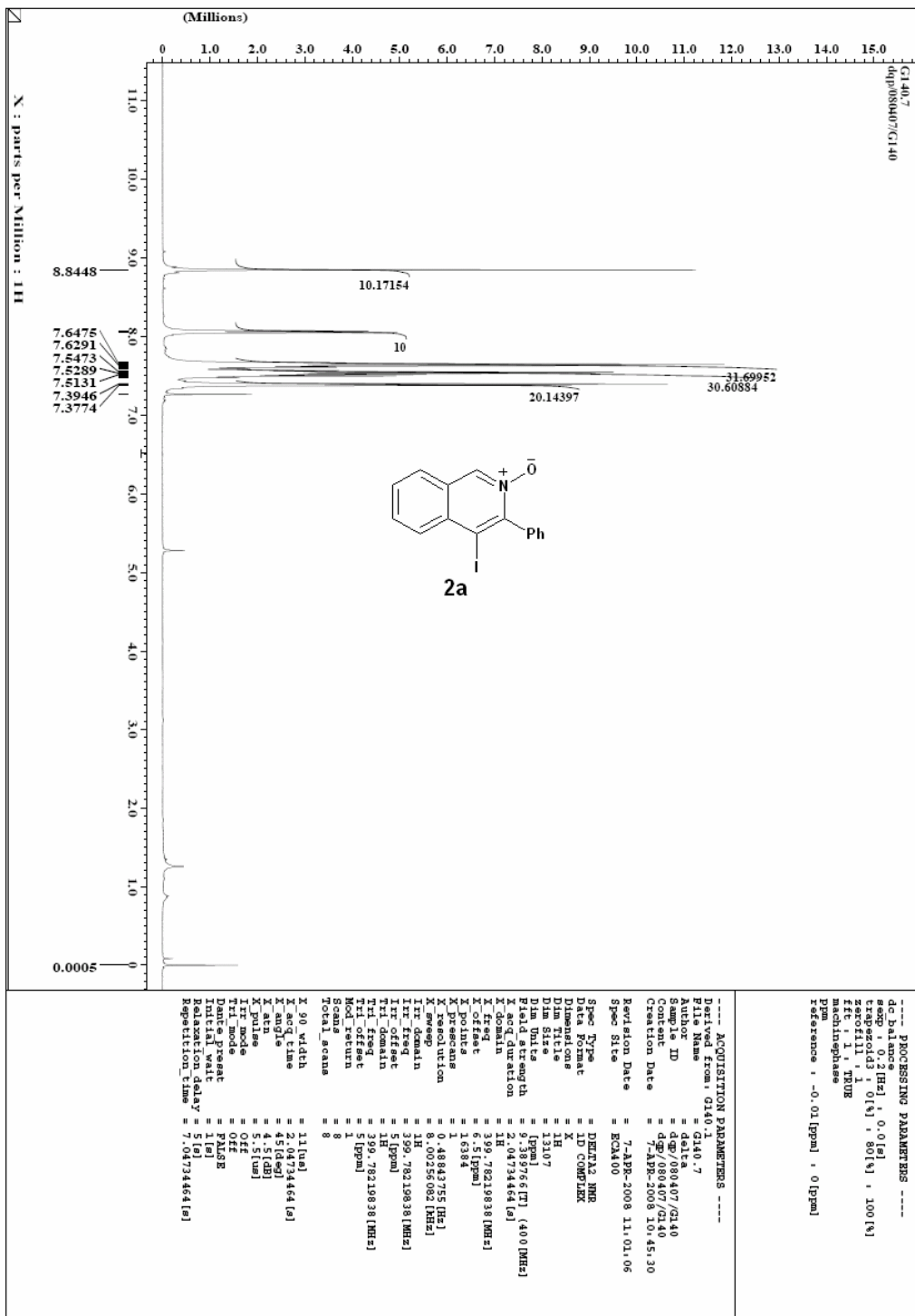


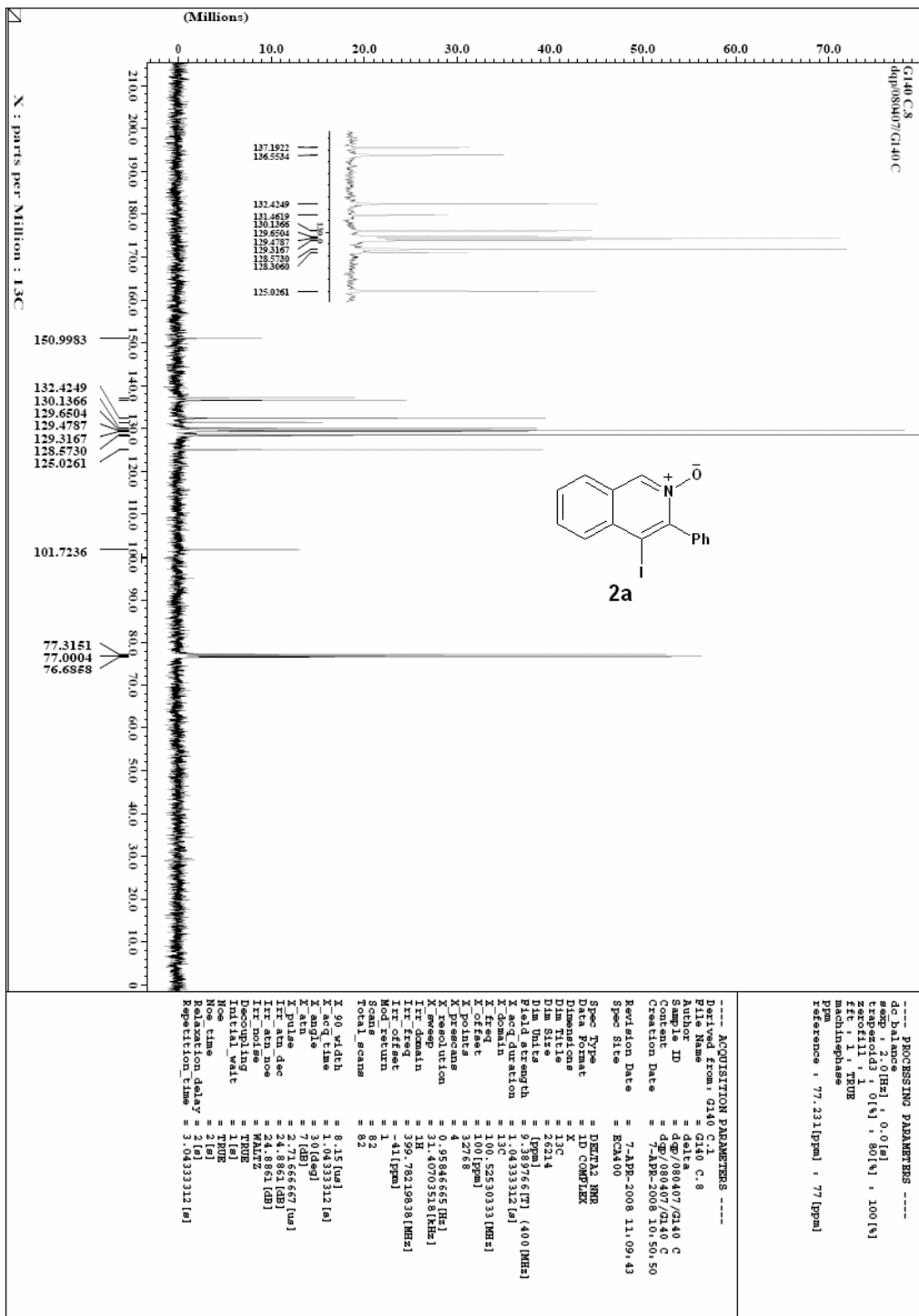


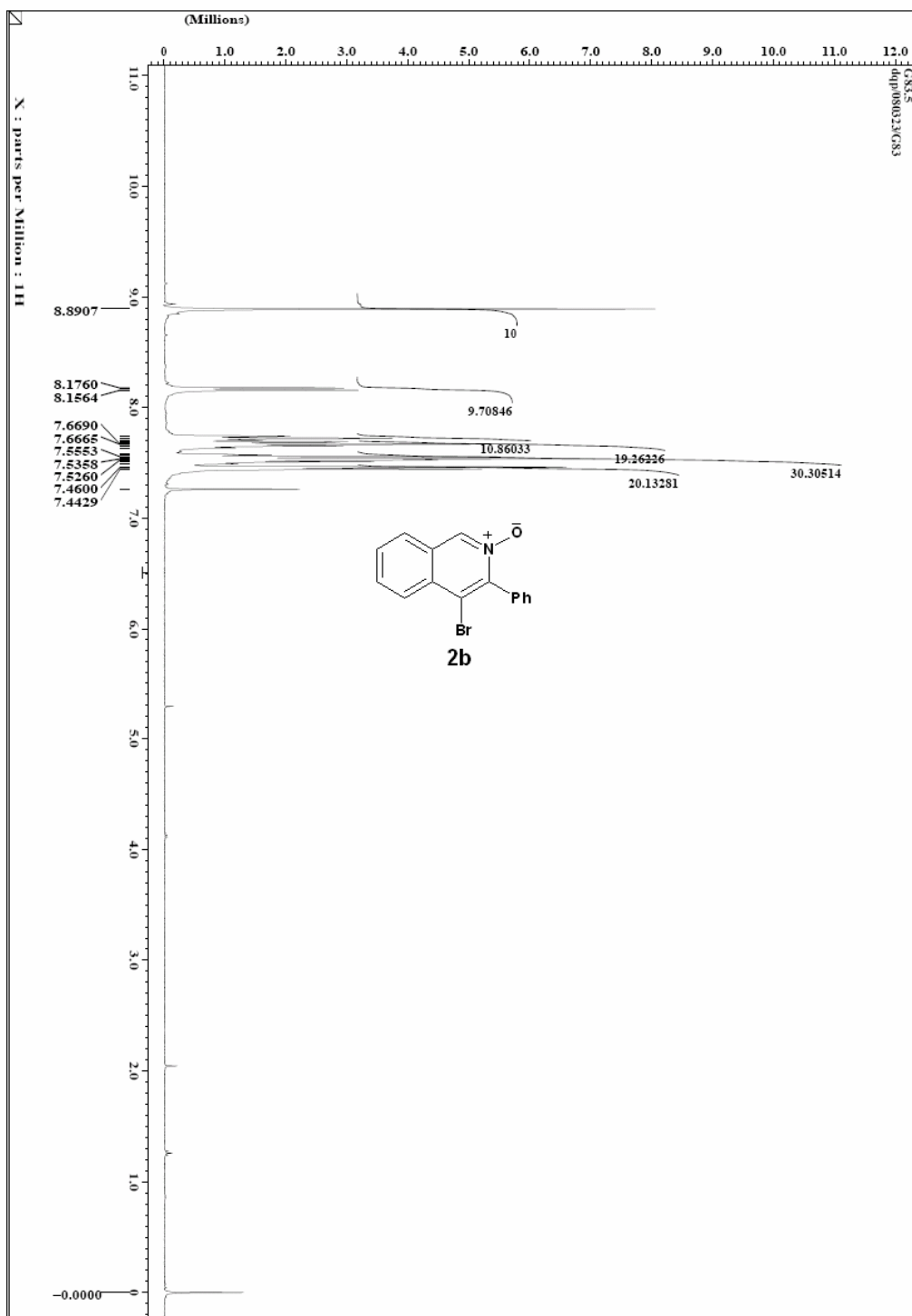


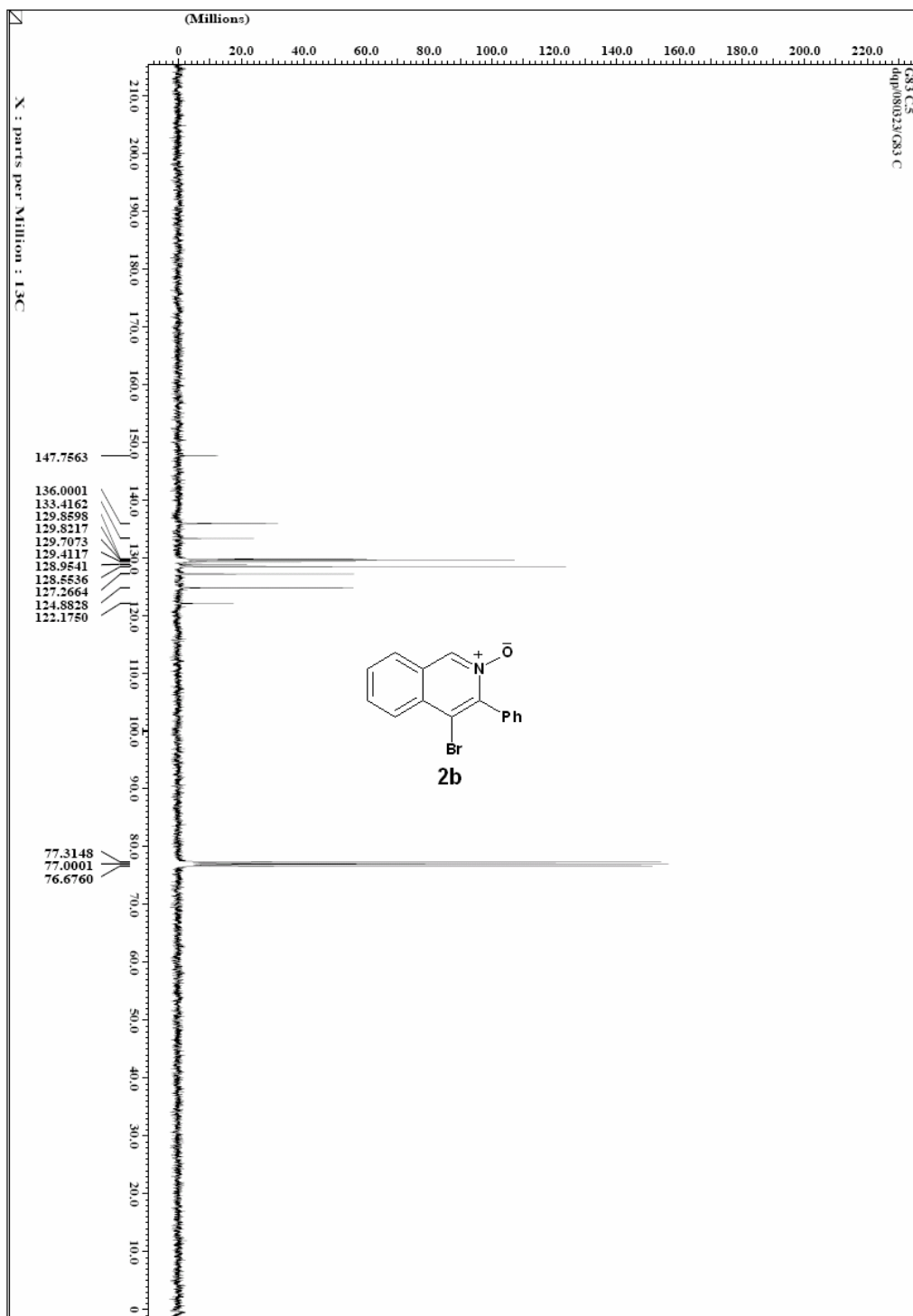


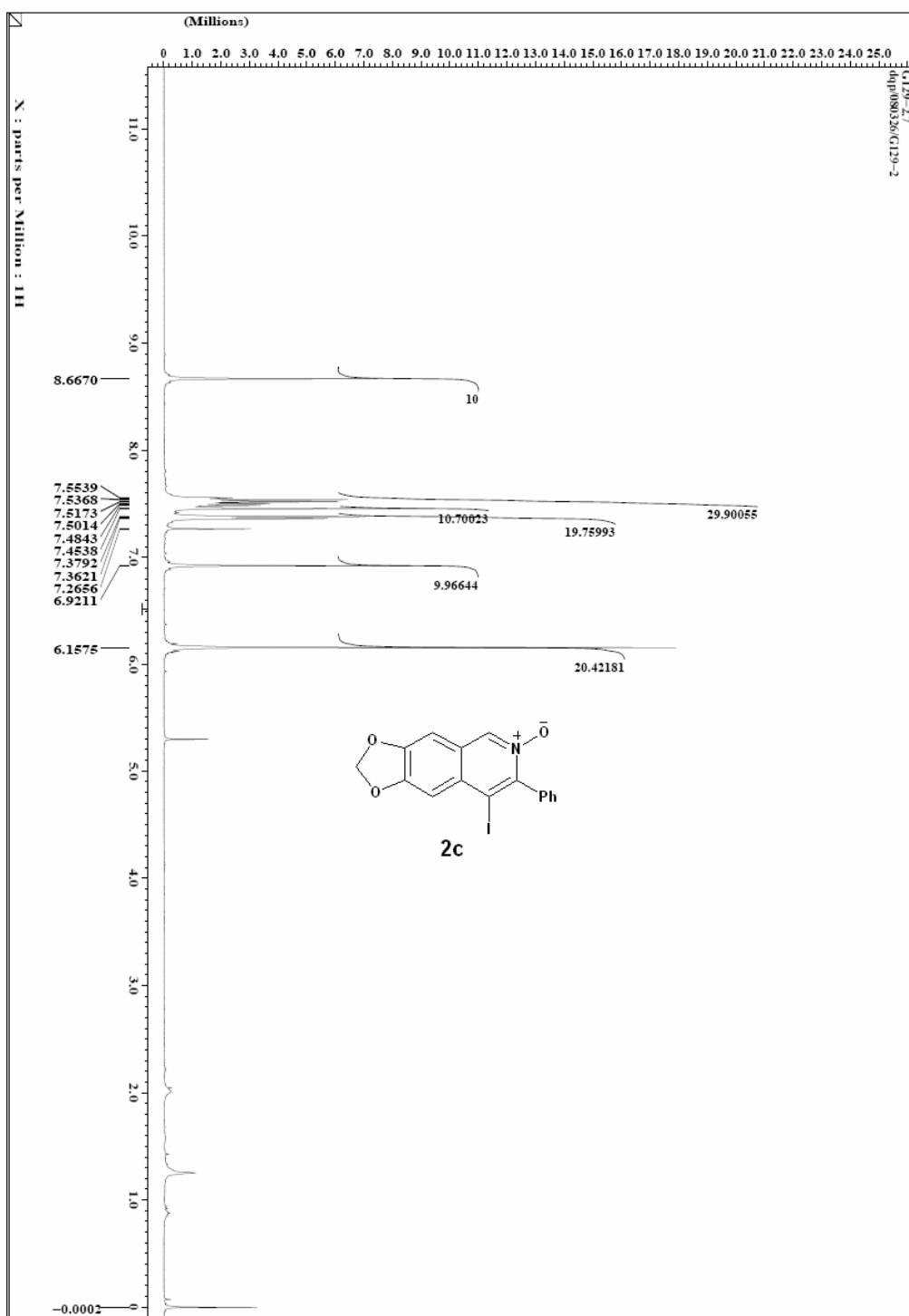


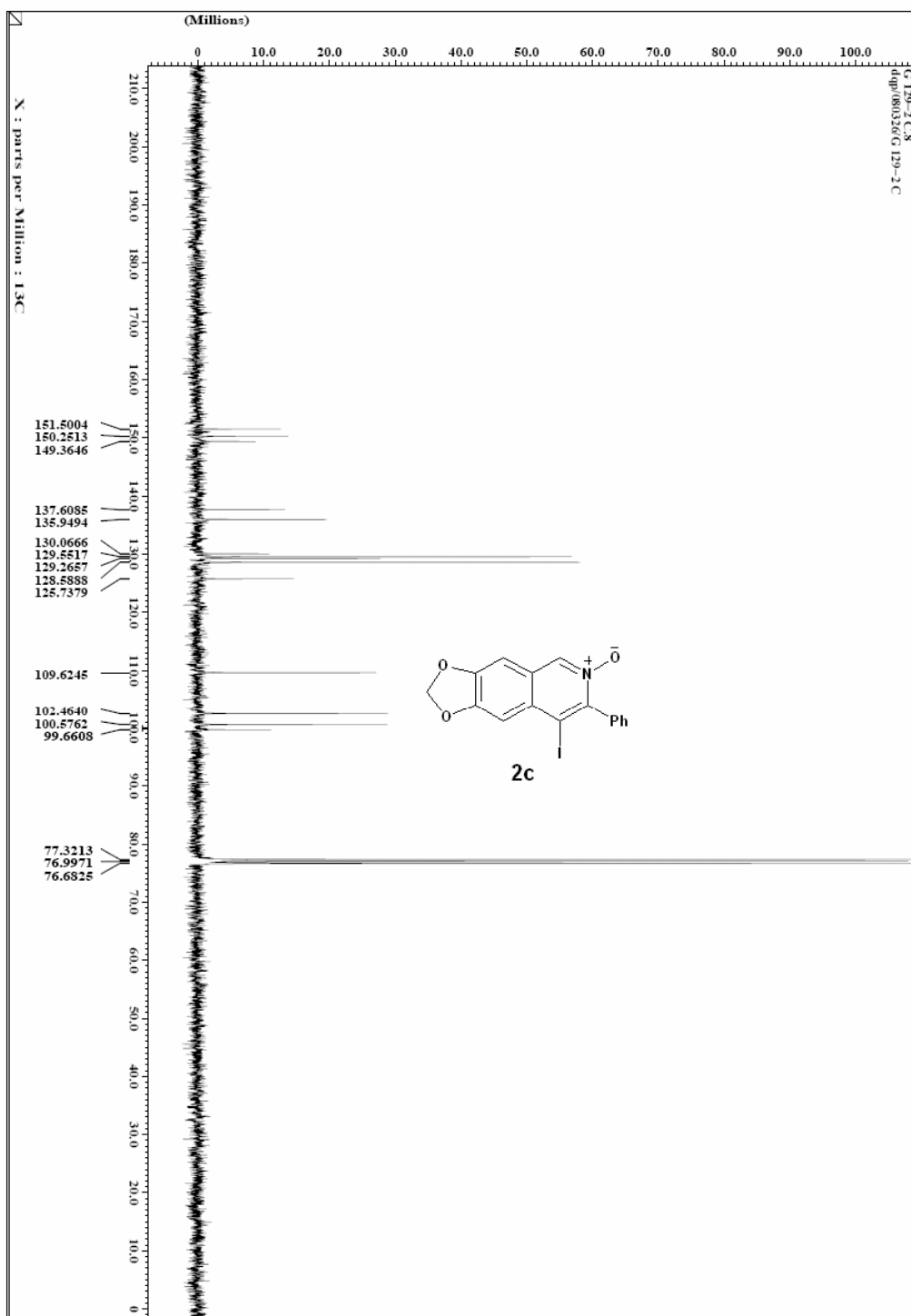


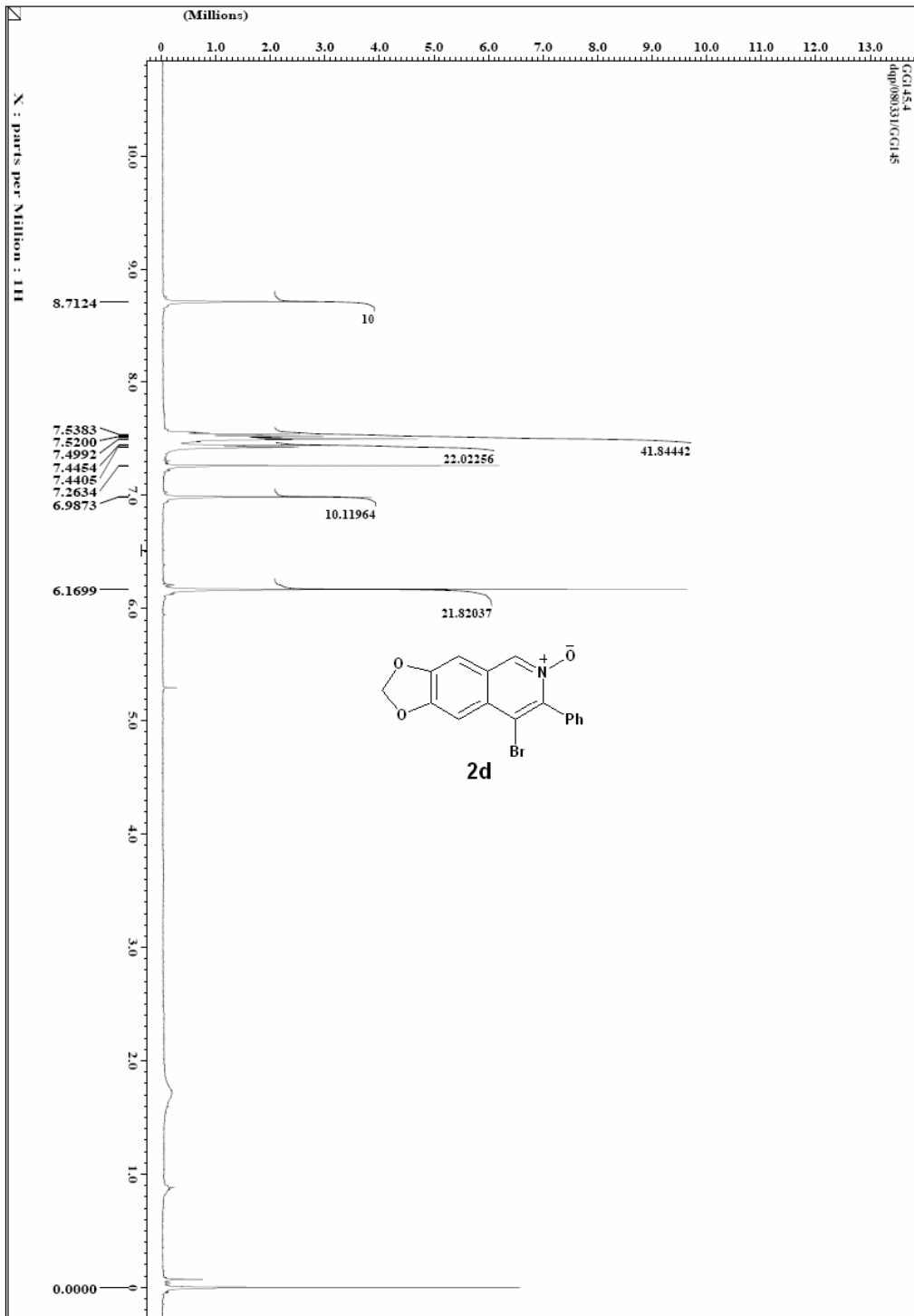


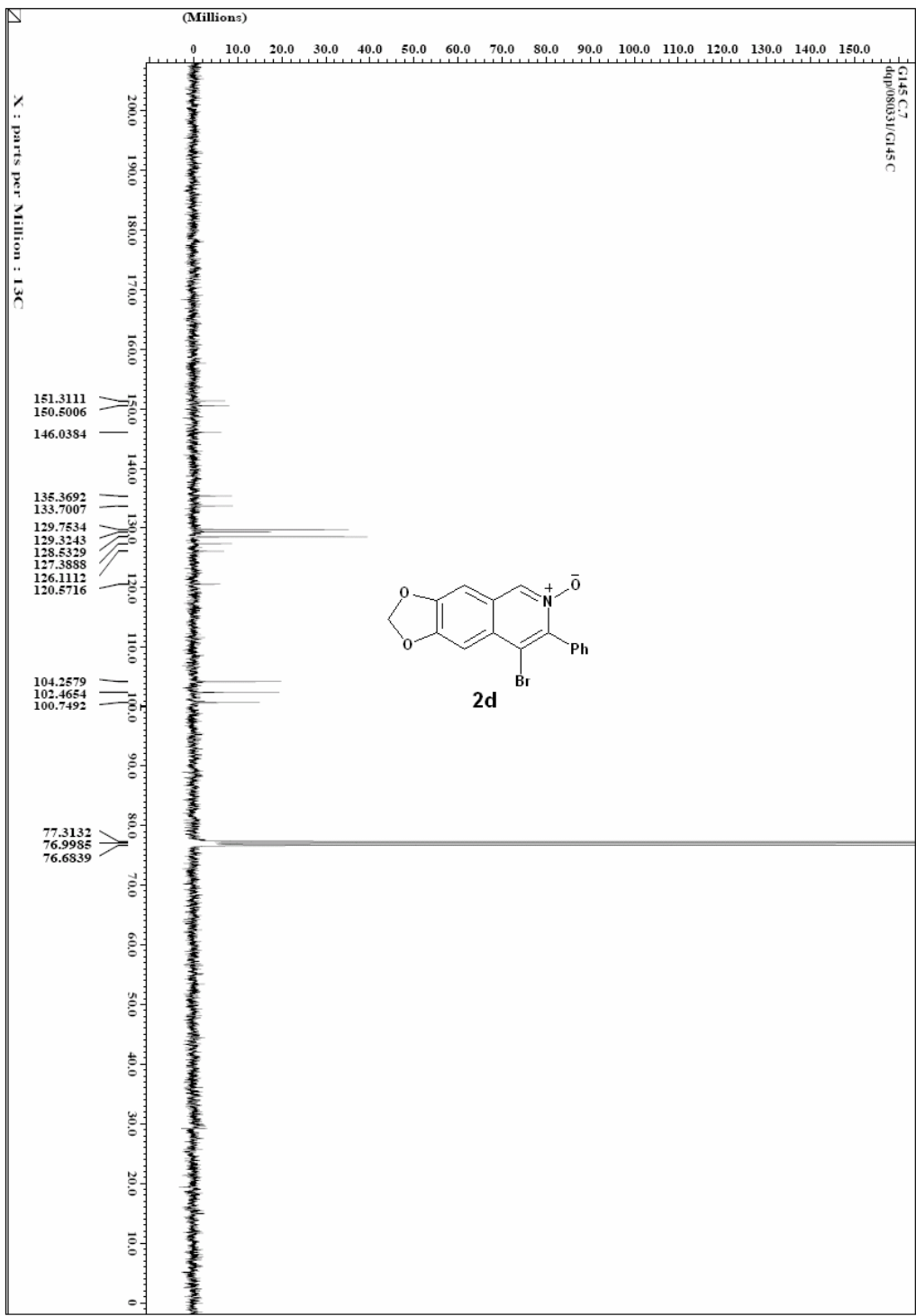


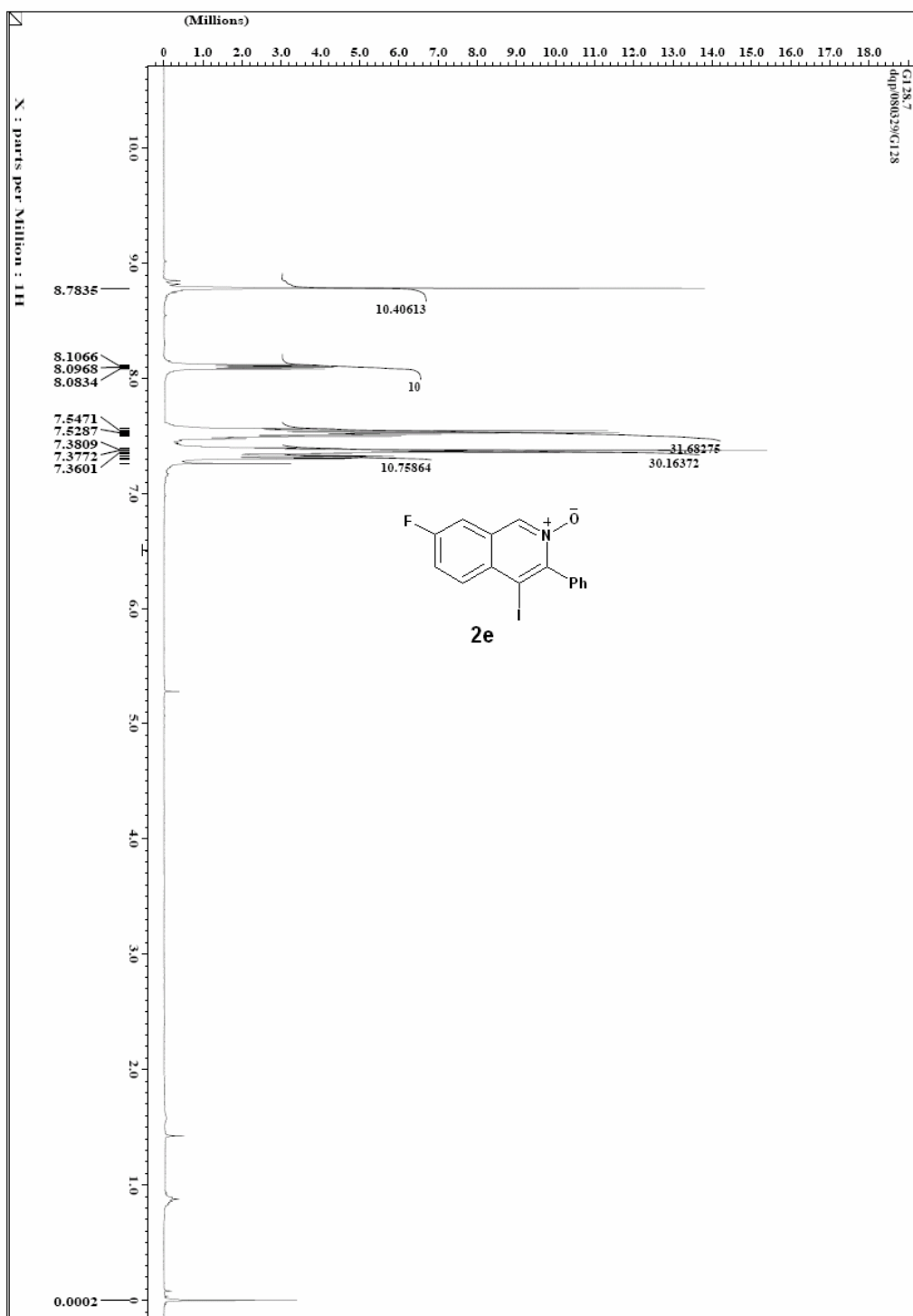


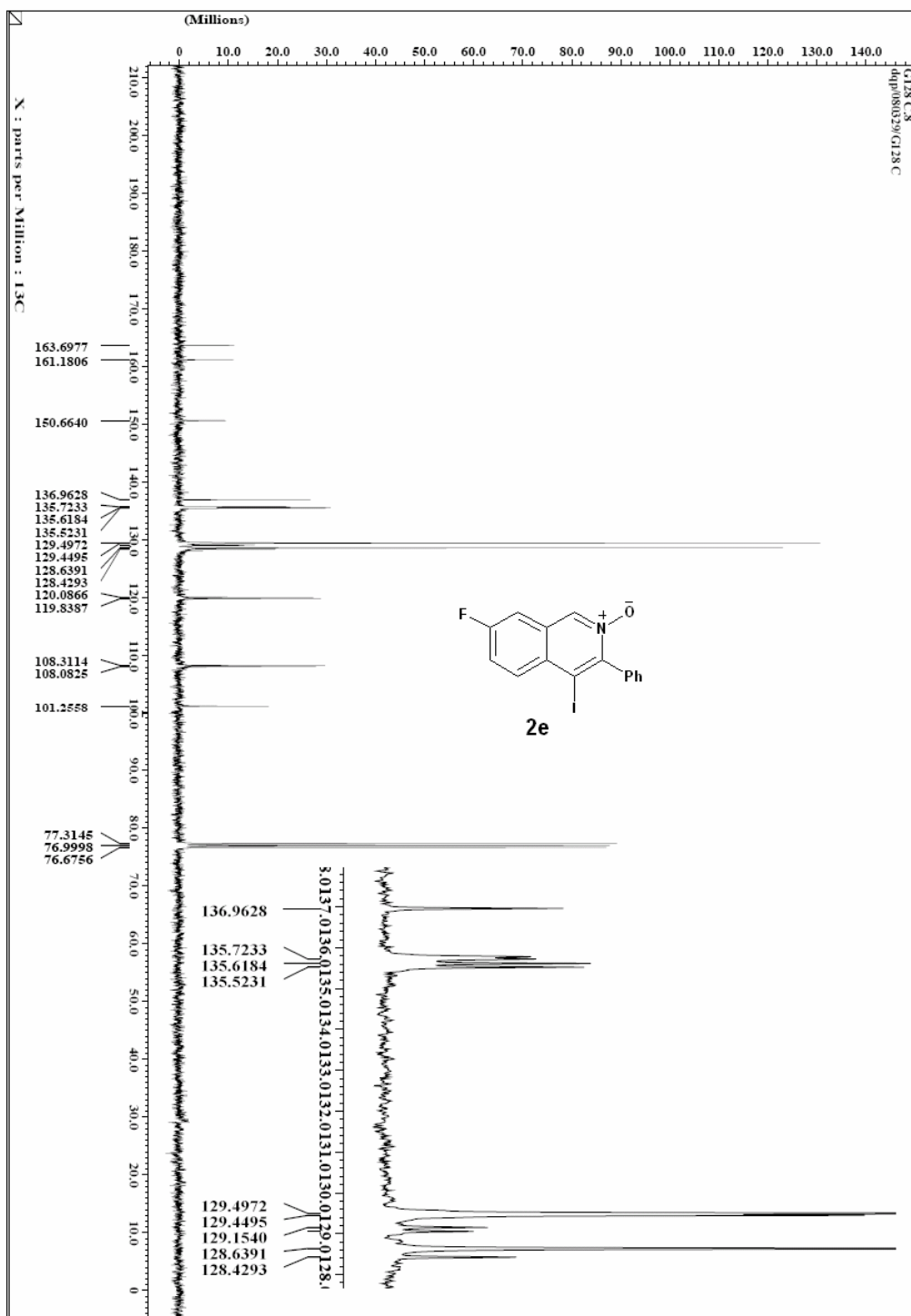


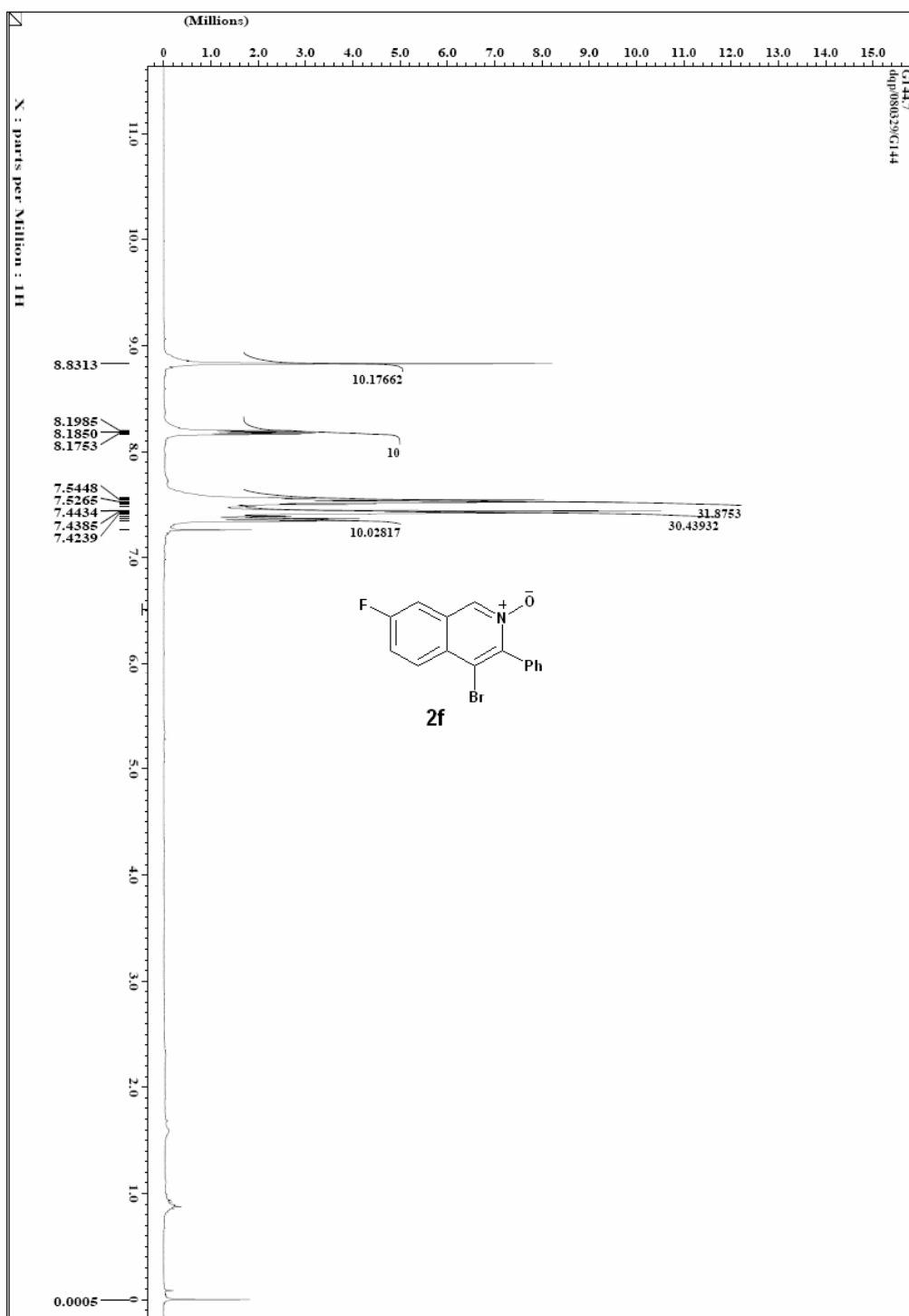


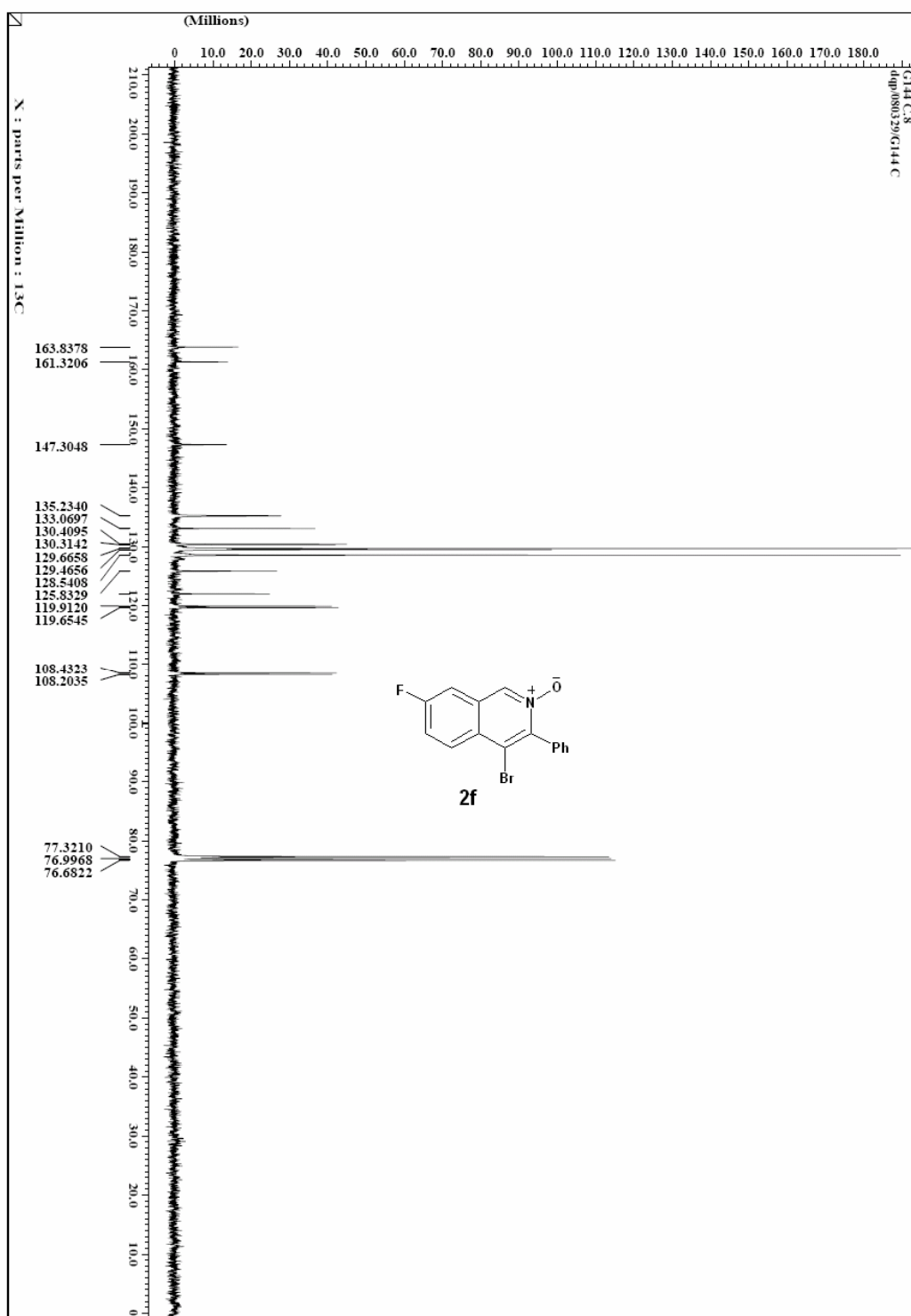


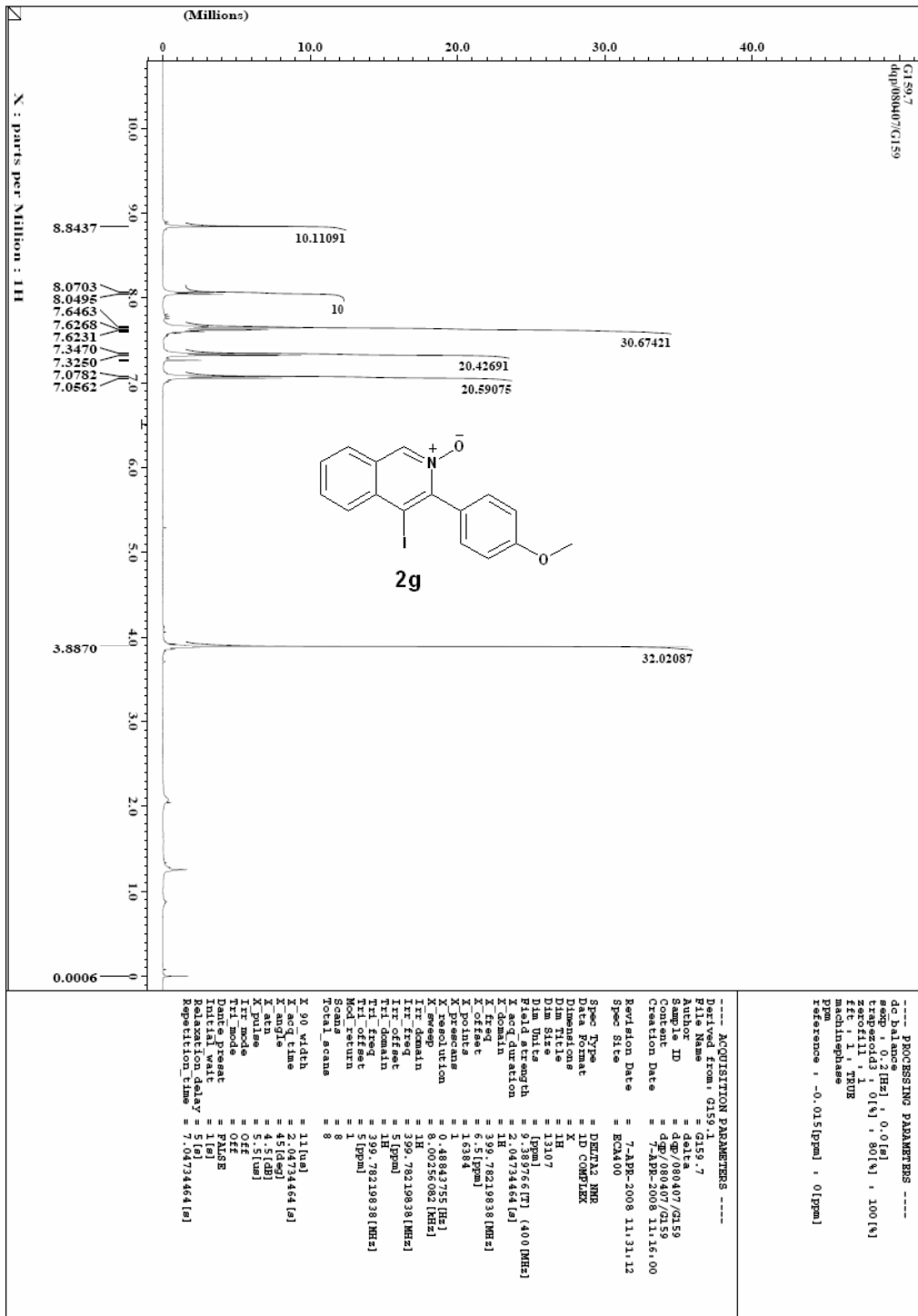


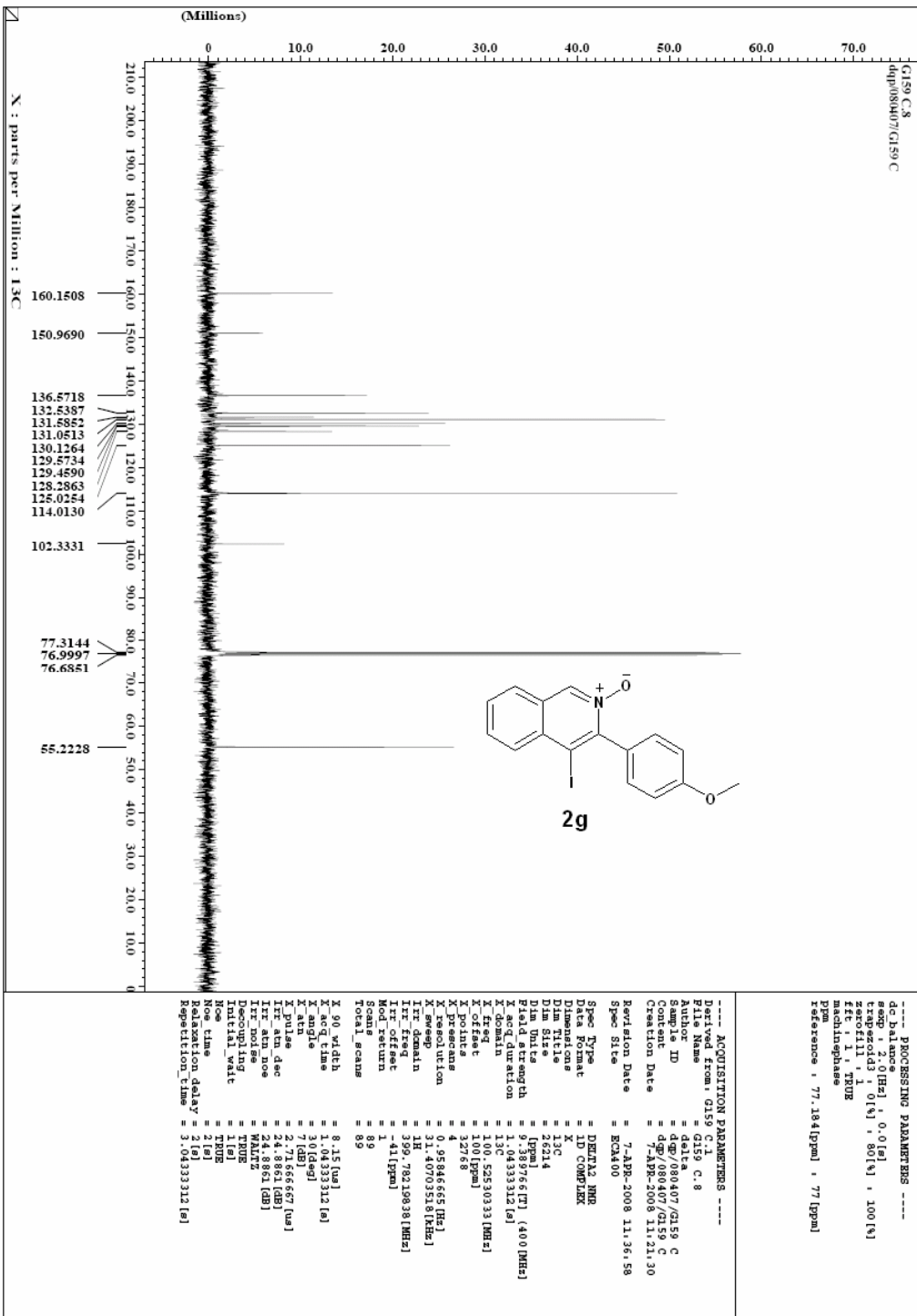












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