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**Cobalt Catalyzed Cross-Coupling Between
Functionalized Primary and Secondary Alkyl
Halides and Aliphatic Organomagnesium
Compounds**

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I/ General

All reactions were carried out under a nitrogen atmosphere. All starting materials were purchased from commercial sources and used without any further purification. Anhydrous THF was purchased from Carlo Erba. Yields refer to isolated yields of compounds estimated to be = 97 % pure as determined by ^1H -NMR (400 MHz), ^{13}C -NMR (100 MHz) and GC analysis (capillary column HP-5MS; 30m x 0.25mm x 0.25 μm). All compounds give satisfactory centesimal analysis. The analytical data for the known compounds were found to match with the literature data.

High Resolution Mass Spectra were obtained on a Jeol GCmate II. Ionisation was obtained by electronic impact (EI, 70 eV). Mass spectra are reported as m/z .

The Grignard solutions were titrated according to the procedure described by Watson ¹.

II) Typical procedure : preparation of 3-methyltridecane

A dry and nitrogen flushed 250 mL four-necked flask, equipped with a mechanical stirrer, a thermometer, a nitrogen inlet and a septum, was charged with THF (25 mL), 2-bromobutane (6.85 g, 50 mmol), CoCl_2 (325 mg, 5 mol%), TMEDA (1.16 g, 20 mol%) and LiI (70 mg, 10 mol%). The reaction mixture was cooled to 10°C then a solution of *n*-decylmagnesium bromide in THF (61 mL, 0.9M, 55 mmol) was added in 80 min. After completion of the addition, the reaction mixture was stirred for 30 min then quenched with aqueous HCl 1M (100 mL). The aqueous phase was extracted with ether (3 x 50 mL), then the combined organic layers were dried with MgSO_4 and concentrated *in vacuo*. The crude residue was purified by distillation at a reduced pressure (116°C, 10 Torr) yielding the 3-methyl-tridecane (7.8 g, 79%) as a colorless oil.

III) Analytical data

3-methyltridecane (scheme 1)

Colorless oil. b.p. = 116 °C / 10 Torr

^1H -NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 0.84 (d, J = 6.41 Hz, 3H), 0.85 (t, J = 7.33 Hz, 3H), 0.88 (t, J = 7.33 Hz, 3H), 1.1 (m, 2H), 1.26 (m, 19H).

^{13}C -NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 11.42, 14.14, 19.22 (2C), 22.71, 27.12, 29.38, 29.50, 29.68, 29.73, 30.05, 31.94, 34.40, 36.65.

HR-MS (EI, 70 eV) calc : m/z = 192.2348

found : m/z = 192.2372

2-methyldecane (Table 1, Entry 1)

Colorless oil. b.p. = 78 °C / 10 Torr

$^1\text{H-NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 0.79 (d, J = 6.87 Hz, 6H), 0.80 (t, J = 7.33 Hz, 3H), 1.15 (m, 2H), 1.26 (m, 12H), 1.44 (sext, J = 6.87 Hz, 1H).

$^{13}\text{C-NMR}$ (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 14.12, 22.66, 22.71, 27.44, 27.99, 29.39, 29.71 (2C), 29.98, 31.96, 39.08.

HR-MS (EI, 70 eV) calc : m/z = 156.1878

found : m/z = 156.1922

2-methyldodecane² (Table 1, Entry 2)

Colorless oil. b.p. = 45 °C / 0,2 Torr

$^1\text{H-NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 0.86 (d, J = 6.87 Hz, 6H), 0.89 (t, J = 6.87 Hz, 3H), 1.15 (m, 2H), 1.26 (m, 15H), 1.51 (sext., J = 6.87 Hz, 1H).

$^{13}\text{C-NMR}$ (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 14.16, 22.43, 22.69, 22.78, 27.54, 28.05, 29.48, 29.78, 29.82, 29.85, 30.06, 32.03, 39.15.

HR-MS (EI, 70 eV) calc : m/z = 184.2191

found : m/z = 184.2155

3-methylundecane (Table 1, Entry 3)

Colorless oil. b.p. = 102 °C / 10 Torr

$^1\text{H-NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 0.82 (d, J = 6.41 Hz, 3H), 0.84 (t, J = 6.87 Hz, 3H), 0.87 (t, J = 6.87 Hz, 3H), 1.08 (m, 2H), 1.27 (m, 15H).

$^{13}\text{C-NMR}$ (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 11.41, 14.12, 19.23, 22.72, 27.14, 29.40, 29.53, 29.73, 30.07, 31.96, 34.43, 36.68.

HR-MS (EI, 70 eV) calc : m/z = 170.2035

found : m/z = 170.2051

4-methyldodecane (Table 1, Entry 7)

Colorless oil. b.p. = 113 °C / 10 Torr

$^1\text{H-NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 0.82 (d, J = 6.41 Hz, 3H), 0.85 (t, J = 6.87 Hz, 3H), 0.86 (t, J = 6.87 Hz, 3H), 1.06 (m, 2H), 1.28 (m, 17H).

$^{13}\text{C-NMR}$ (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 14.14, 14.42, 19.67, 20.16, 22.73, 27.12, 29.41, 29.73, 30.08, 31.97, 32.50, 37.12, 39.44.

HR-MS (EI, 70 eV) calc : $m/z = 184.2191$

found : $m/z = 184.2149$

4-methyltetradecane (Table 1, Entry 8)

Colorless oil. b.p. = 117 °C / 10 Torr

$^1\text{H-NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 0.81 (d, $J = 6.41\text{Hz}$, 3H), 0.86 (t, $J = 6.87\text{ Hz}$, 3H), 0.87 (t, $J = 6.87\text{ Hz}$, 3H), 1.05 (m, 2H), 1.24 (m, 21H).

$^{13}\text{C-NMR}$ (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 14.14, 14.42, 19.68, 20.15, 22.72, 27.11, 29.40, 29.75 (3C), 30.07, 31.96, 32.49, 37.11. 39.43.

HR-MS (EI, 70 eV) calc : $m/z = 212.2504$

found : $m/z = 212.2509$

3-Ethyltridecane (Table 1, Entry 9)

Colorless oil. b.p. = 114 °C / 4 Torr

$^1\text{H-NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 0.81 (t, $J = 7.33\text{ Hz}$, 6H), 0.87 (t, $J = 6.87\text{ Hz}$, 3H), 1.24 (m, 23H).

$^{13}\text{C-NMR}$ (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 10.92 (2C), 14.13, 22.72, 25.44 (2C), 26.79, 29.39, 29.70, 29.75, 29.77, 30.19, 31.95, 32.77, 40.39.

HR-MS (EI, 70 eV) calc : $m/z = 212.2504$

found : $m/z = 212.2504$

6-methylhexadecane (Table 1, Entry 10)

Colorless oil. b.p. = 145 °C / 4 Torr

$^1\text{H-NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 0.82 (d, $J = 6.41\text{ Hz}$, 3H), 0.86 (t, $J = 6.41\text{ Hz}$, 6H), 1.06 (m, 2H), 1.24 (m, 25H).

$^{13}\text{C-NMR}$ (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 14.12 (2C), 19.72, 22.71, 22.74, 26.77, 27.11, 29.38, 29.69, 29.72, 29.76, 30.06, 31.95, 32.28, 32.77, 37.07, 37.12.

HR-MS (EI, 70 eV) calc : $m/z = 240.2817$

found : $m/z = 240.2803$

5-methyltridecane (Table 1, Entry 11)

Colorless oil. b.p. = 135 °C / 10 Torr

$^1\text{H-NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 0.77 (d, $J = 6.41$ Hz, 3H), 0.81 (t, $J = 6.41$ Hz, 3H), 0.82 (t, $J = 6.41$ Hz, 3H), 1.2 (m, 21H).

$^{13}\text{C-NMR}$ (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 14.13, 14.16, 19.69, 22.72, 23.07, 27.12, 29.36, 29.41, 29.74, 30.07, 31.96, 32.75, 36.81, 37.13.

HR-MS (EI, 70 eV) calc : $m/z = 198.2348$

found : $m/z = 198.2339$

1-Cyclohexyloctane (Table 1, Entry 12)

Colorless oil. b.p. = 134 °C / 10 Torr

$^1\text{H-NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 0.81 (m, 2H), 0.86 (t, $J = 7.33$ Hz, 3H), 1.1-1.31 (m, 18H), 1.64 (m, 5H).

$^{13}\text{C-NMR}$ (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 14.14, 22.71, 26.48 (2C), 26.79, 29.90, 29.38, 29.71, 30.03, 31.95, 33.47 (2C), 37.59, 37.69.

HR-MS (EI, 70 eV) calc : $m/z = 196.2191$

found : $m/z = 196.2163$

1-Cyclohexyldecane³ (Table 1, Entry 13)

Colorless oil. b.p. = 81 °C / 0.3 Torr

$^1\text{H-NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 0.83 (m, 2H), 0.88 (t, $J = 7.33$ Hz, 3H), 1.13-1.30 (m, 22H), 1.67 (m, 5H).

$^{13}\text{C-NMR}$ (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 14.16, 22.74, 26.48 (2C), 26.79, 26.92, 29.42, 29.72, 29.76, 29.78, 30.06, 31.97, 33.47 (2C), 37.62, 37.70.

HR-MS (EI, 70 eV) calc : $m/z = 224.2504$

found : $m/z = 224.2540$

***n*-dodecanol⁴ (Table 1, Entry 17)**

Colorless oil. b.p. = 262 °C

$^1\text{H-NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 0.88 (t, $J = 6.87$ Hz, 3H), 1.29 (m, 18H), 1.41 (s, 1H), 1.56 (quint., $J = 7.33$ Hz, 2H), 3.64 (t, $J = 7.33$ Hz, 2H).

$^{13}\text{C-NMR}$ (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 14.11, 22.67, 25.71, 29.34, 29.42, 29.58, 29.60, 29.62, 29.64, 31.90, 32.78, 63.08.

HR-MS (EI, 70 eV) calc : $m/z = 186.1984$

found : $m/z = 186.1969$

Methyl 4-methyltetradecanoate (Scheme 2)

Colorless oil.

Purified by flash chromatography (petroleum ether/dichloromethane : 50/50)

$^1\text{H-NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 0.79 (d, $J = 6.41$ Hz, 3H), 0.81 (t, $J = 7.33$ Hz, 3H), 1.18 (m, 18H), 1.35 (m, 2H), 1.59 (m, 1H), 2.23 (m, 2H), 3.59 (s, 3H).

$^{13}\text{C-NMR}$ (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 14.09, 19.25, 22.67, 26.89, 29.34, 29.63, 29.66 (3C), 29.91, 31.88 (2C), 32.38, 36.63, 51.43, 174.56.

HR-MS (EI, 70 eV) calc : $m/z = 256.2402$

found : $m/z = 256.2384$

Ethyl-hexanoate⁵ (Table 2, entry 1)

Colorless oil.

Purified by flash chromatography (petroleum ether/dichloromethane : 50/50)

$^1\text{H-NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 0.80 (t, $J = 6.87$ Hz, 3H), 1.12 (t, $J = 7.33$ Hz, 3H), 1.21 (m, 4H), 1.52 (quint., $J = 7.33$ Hz, 2H), 2.18 (t, $J = 7.33$ Hz, 2H), 4.02 (q, $J = 7.33$ Hz, 2H).

$^{13}\text{C-NMR}$ (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 13.69, 14.04, 22.16, 24.50, 31.16, 34.12, 59.91, 173.62.

HR-MS (EI, 70 eV) calc : $m/z = 144.1150$

found : $m/z = 144.1136$

Ethyl-tetradecanoate⁶ (Table 2, entry 2)

Colorless oil.

Purified by flash chromatography (petroleum ether/dichloromethane : 50/50)

$^1\text{H-NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 0.80 (t, $J = 6.87$ Hz, 3H), 1.82 (m, 23H), 1.54 (m, 2H), 2.22 (t, $J = 7.33$ Hz, 2H), 4.04 (q, $J = 7.33$ Hz, 2H).

$^{13}\text{C-NMR}$ (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 14.05, 14.17, 22.64, 24.91, 29.09, 29.22, 29.32, 29.41, 29.55, 29.60 (2C), 29.63, 31.87, 34.29, 60.05, 173.81.

HR-MS (EI, 70 eV) calc : $m/z = 256.2402$

found : $m/z = 256.2435$

Octanenitrile⁷ (Table 2, entry 3)

Colorless oil;

Purified by flash chromatography (petroleum ether/dichloromethane : 50/50)

$^1\text{H-NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 0.83 (t, J = 6.87 Hz, 3H), 1.24 (m, 6H), 1.39 (m, 2H), 1.60 (quint. , J = 7.33 Hz, 2H), 2.28 (t, J = 7.33 Hz, 2H).

$^{13}\text{C-NMR}$ (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 13.86, 16.95, 22.19, 22.37, 25.21, 28.28, 28.46, 31.33, 119.76.

HR-MS (EI, 70 eV) calc : m/z = 125.1204

found : m/z = 125.1251

2-Methyldodecan-3-one⁸ (Table 2, entry 4)

Colorless oil.

Purified by flash chromatography (petroleum ether/dichloromethane : 50/50)

$^1\text{H-NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 0.84 (t, J = 6.87 Hz, 3H), 1.05 (d, J = 6.87 Hz, 6H), 1.23 (m, 12H), 1.52 (quint, J = 6.87 Hz, 2H), 2.39 (t, J = 6.87 Hz, 2H), 2.56 (hept. , J = 6.87 Hz, 1H).

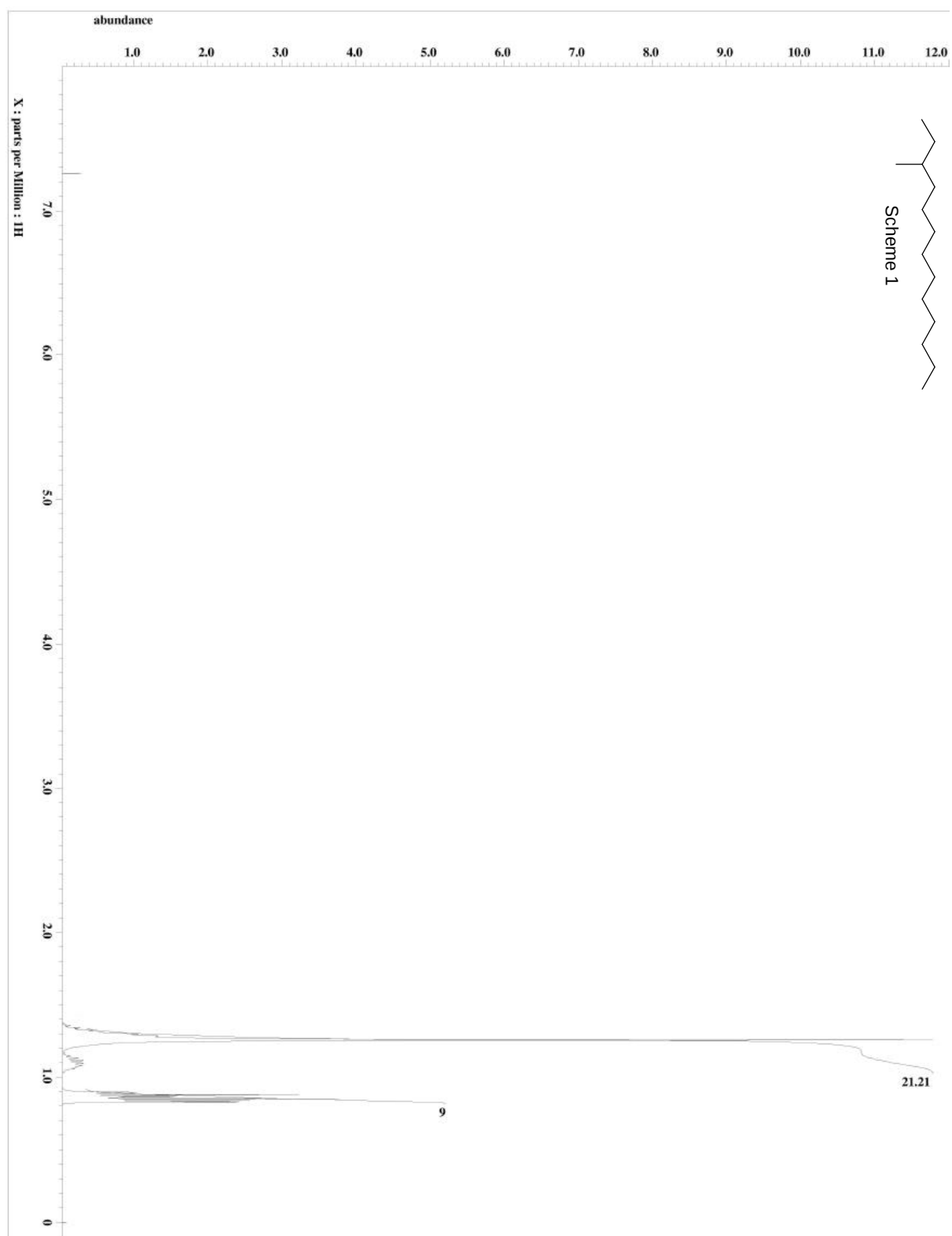
$^{13}\text{C-NMR}$ (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 14.07, 18.23 (2C), 21.81, 22.63, 23.79, 29.25, 29.30, 29.43, 31.83, 40.34, 40.74, 215.07.

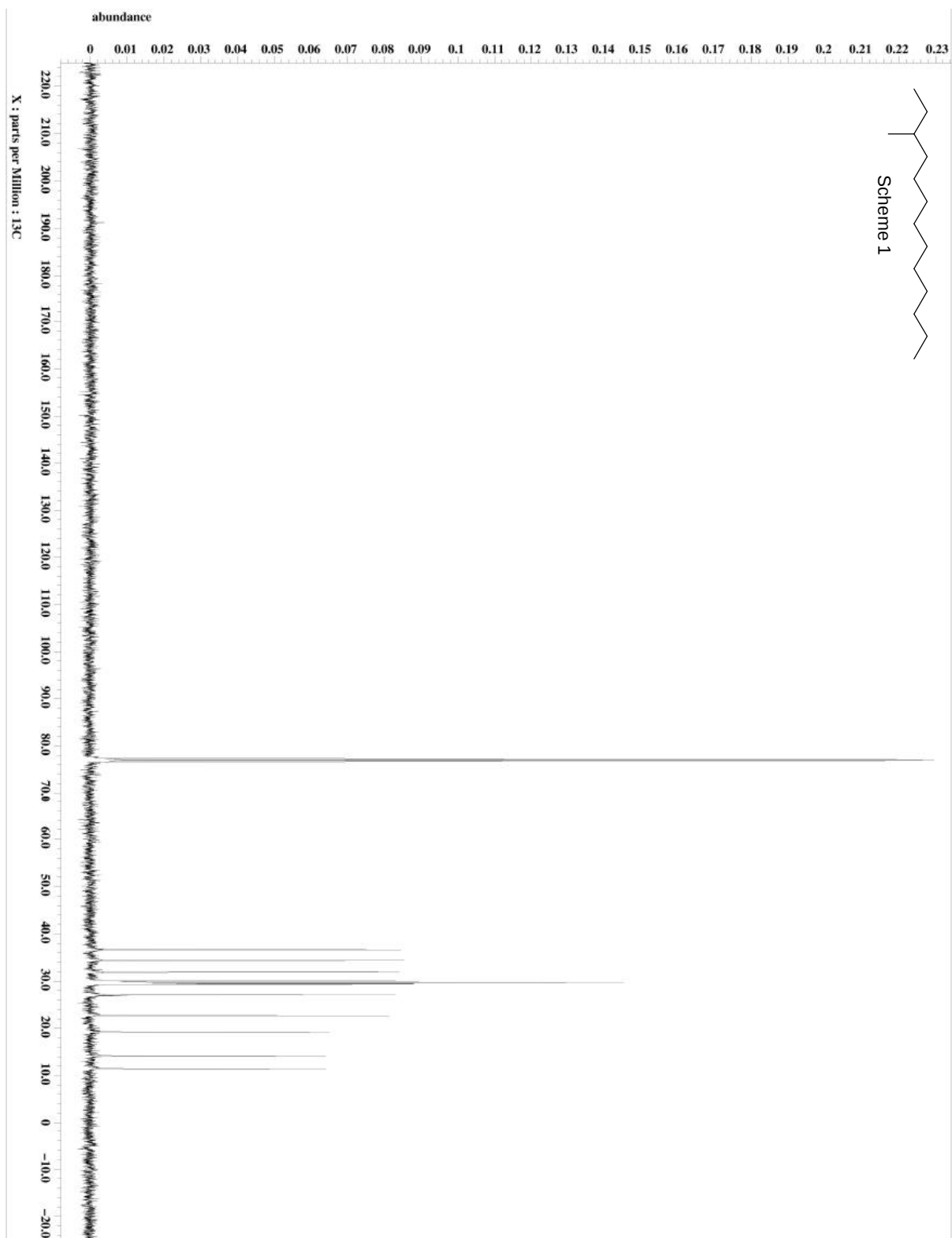
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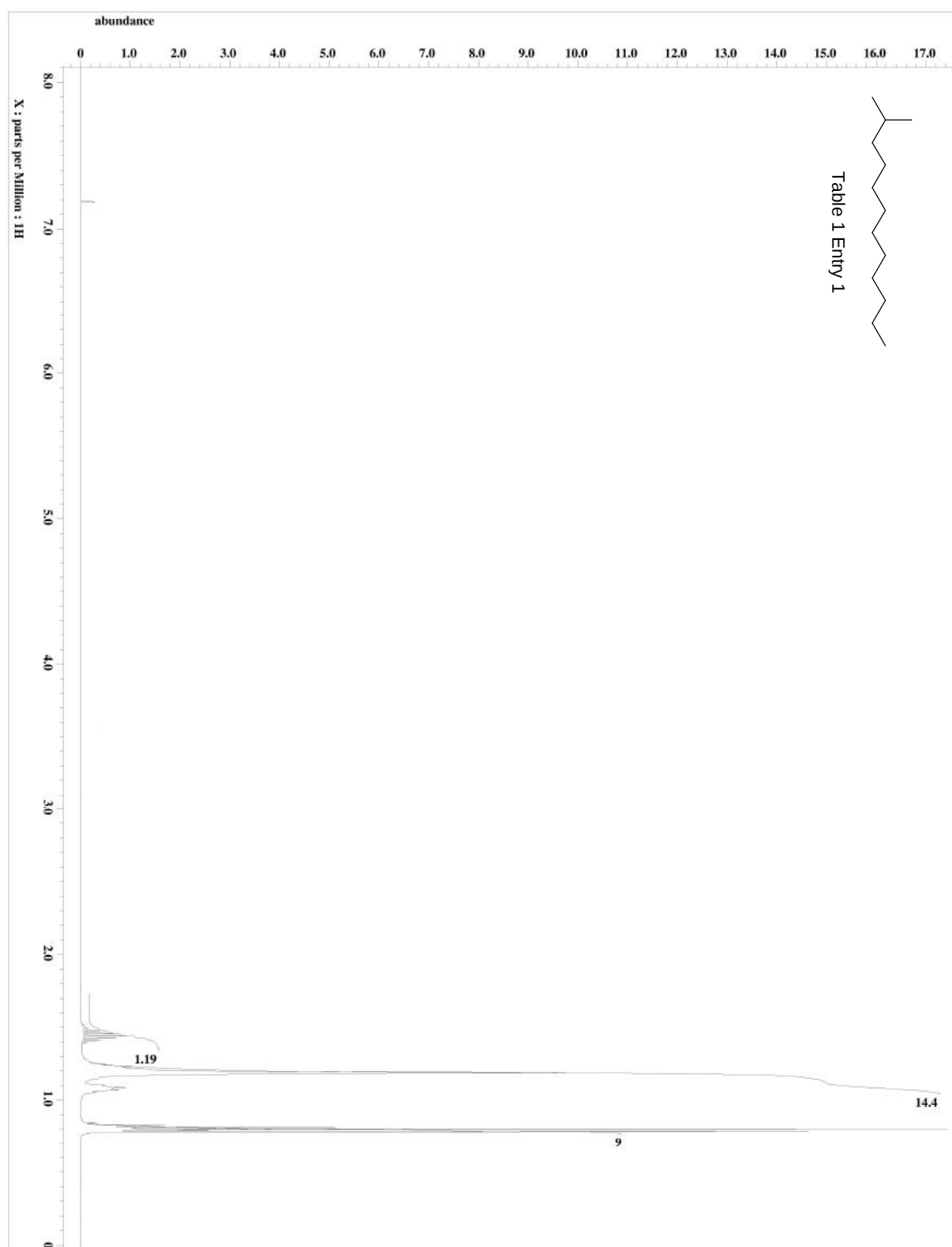
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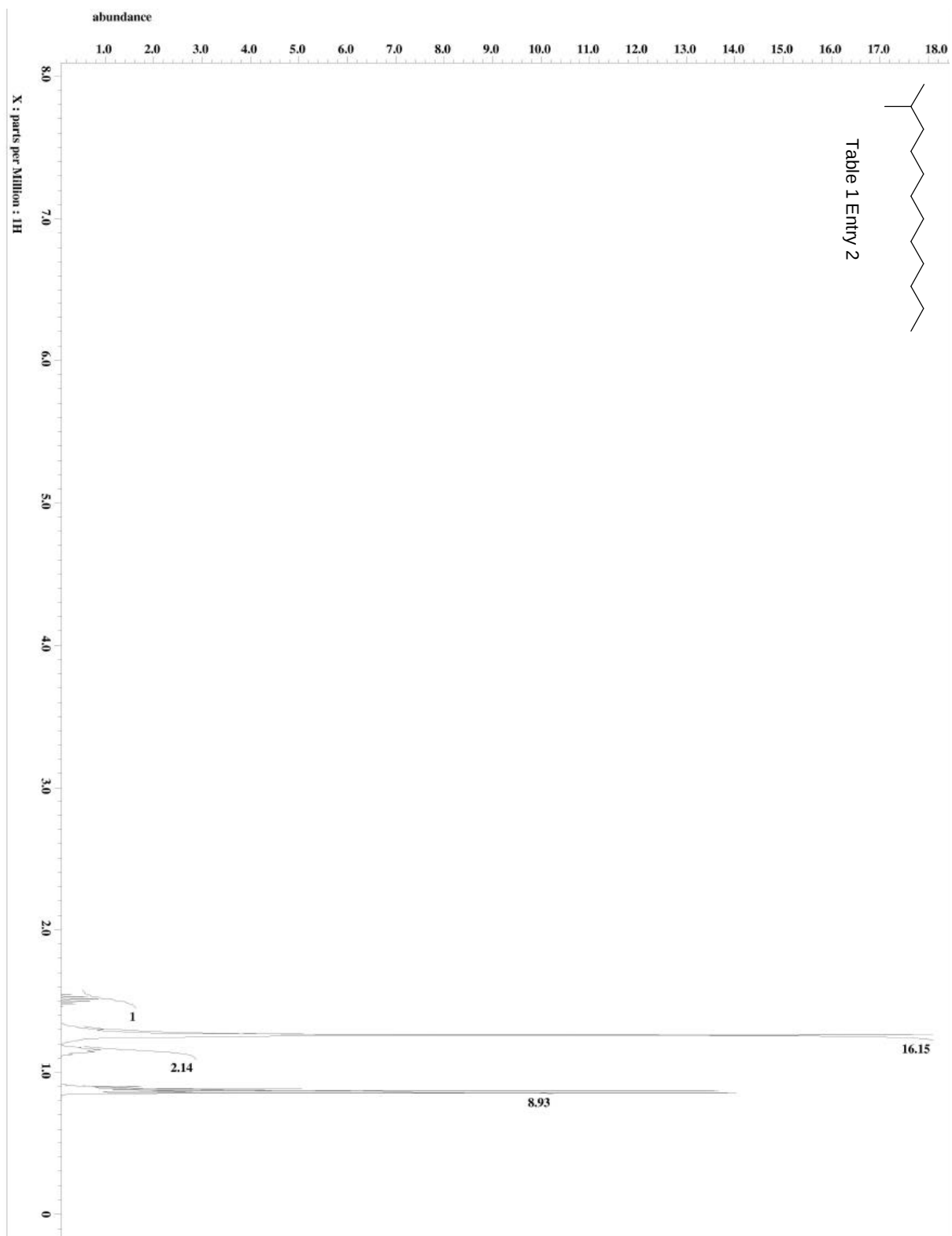




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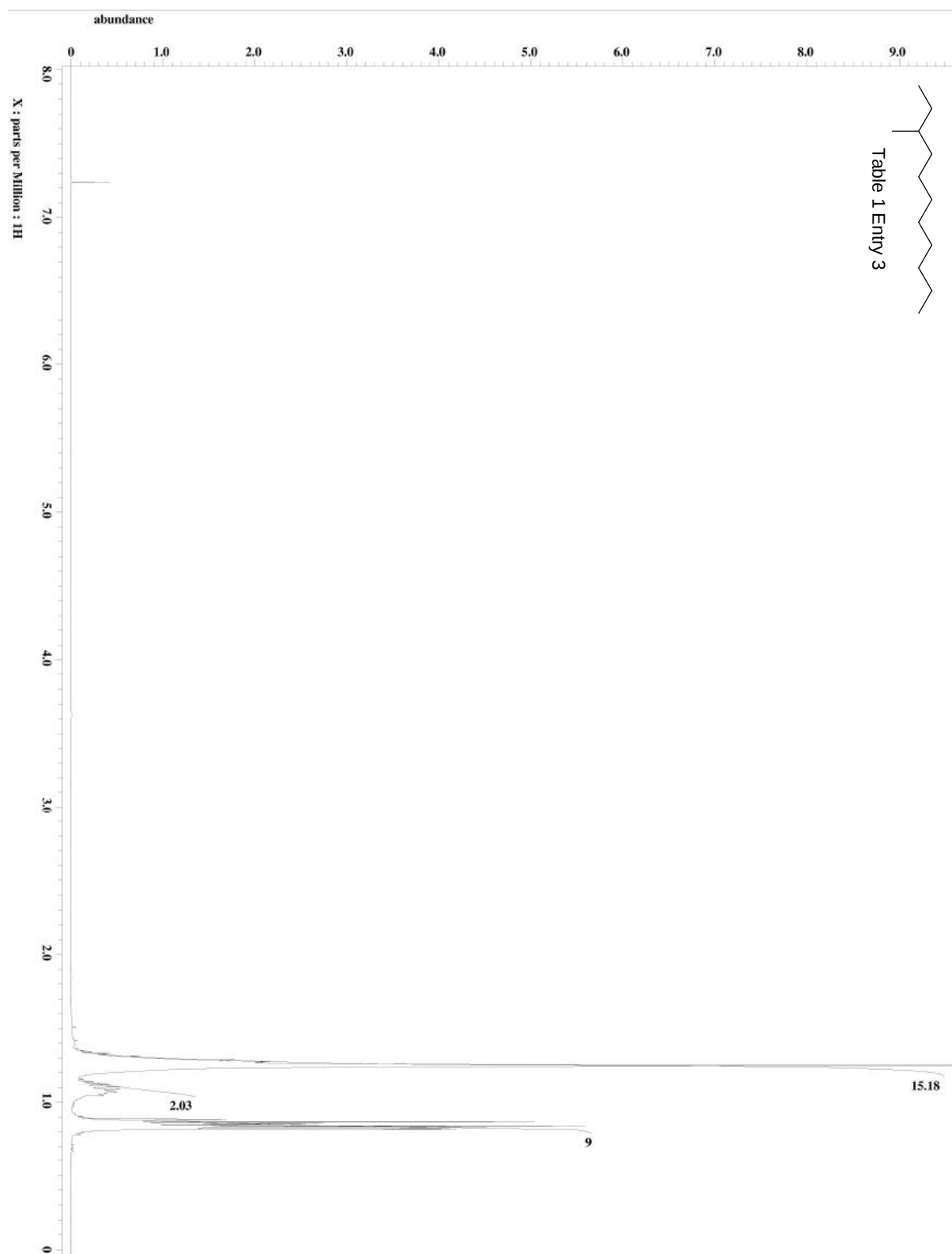
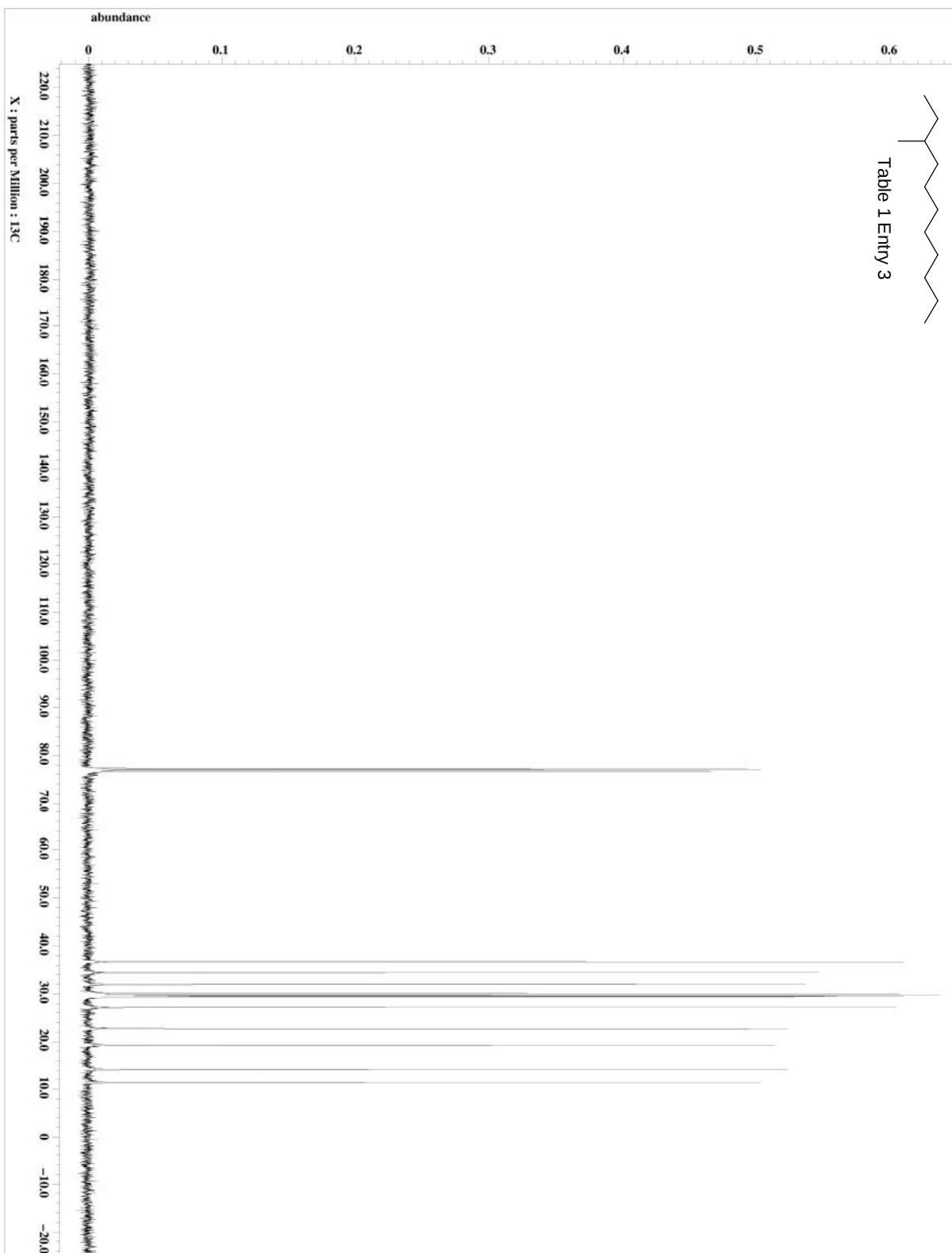


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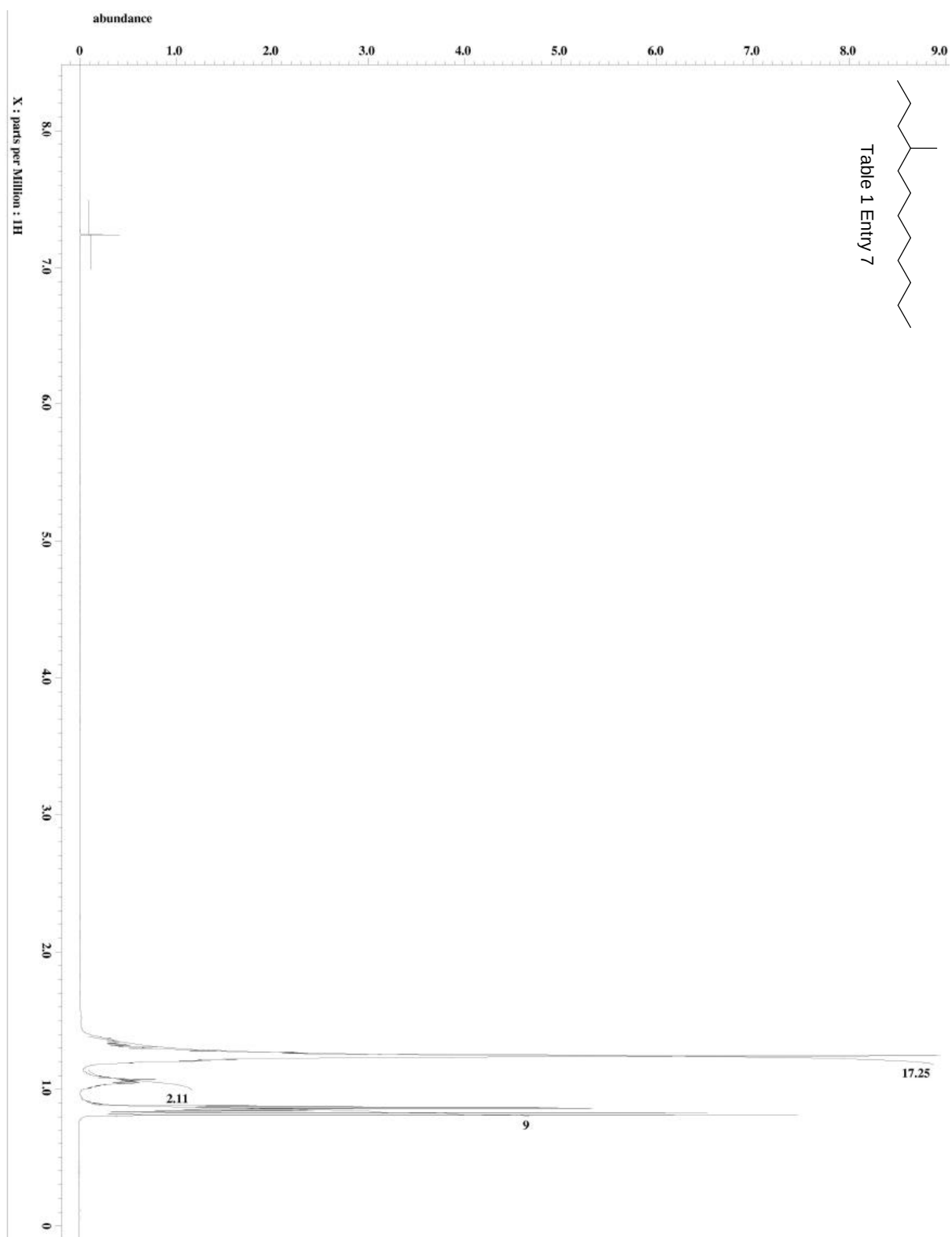
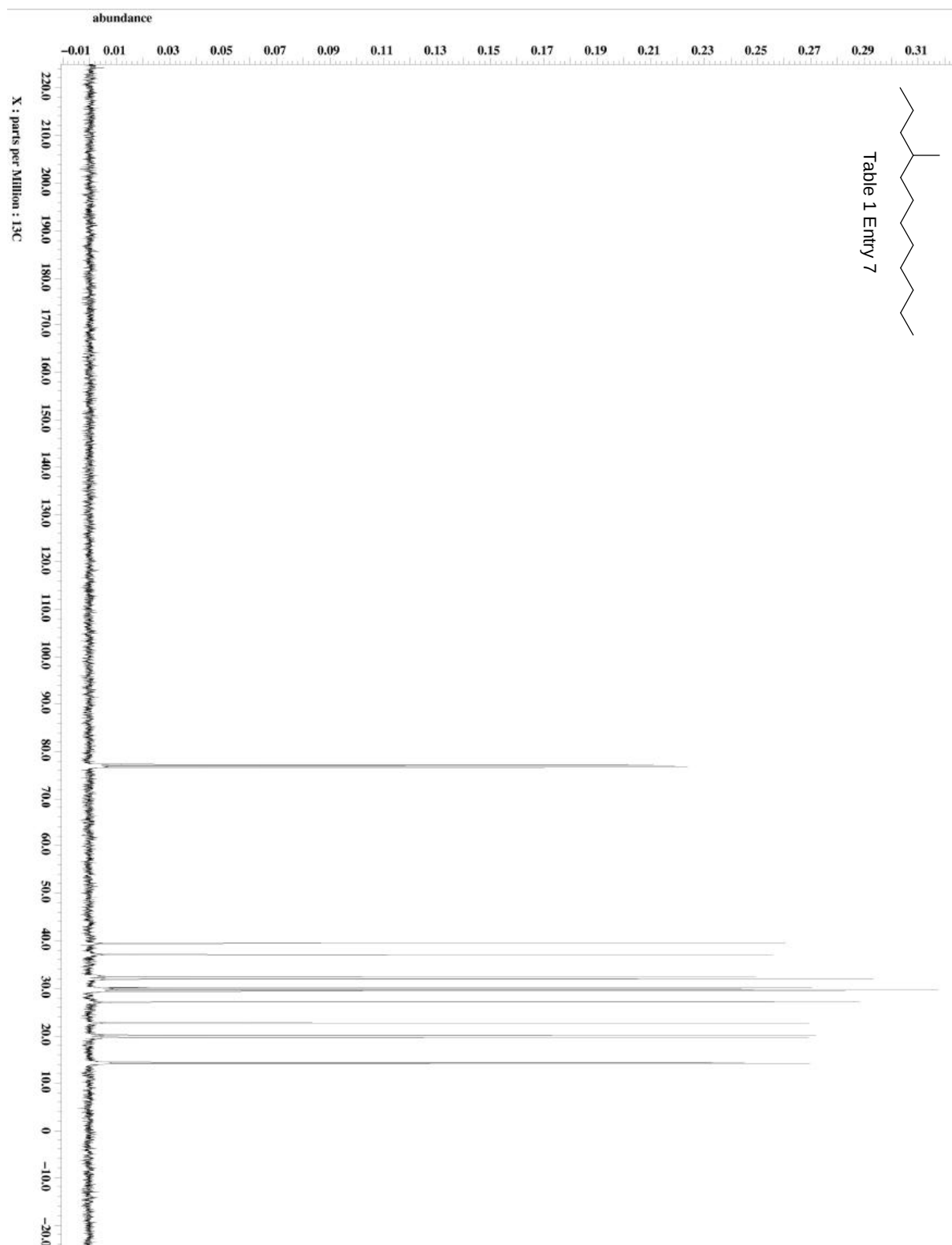




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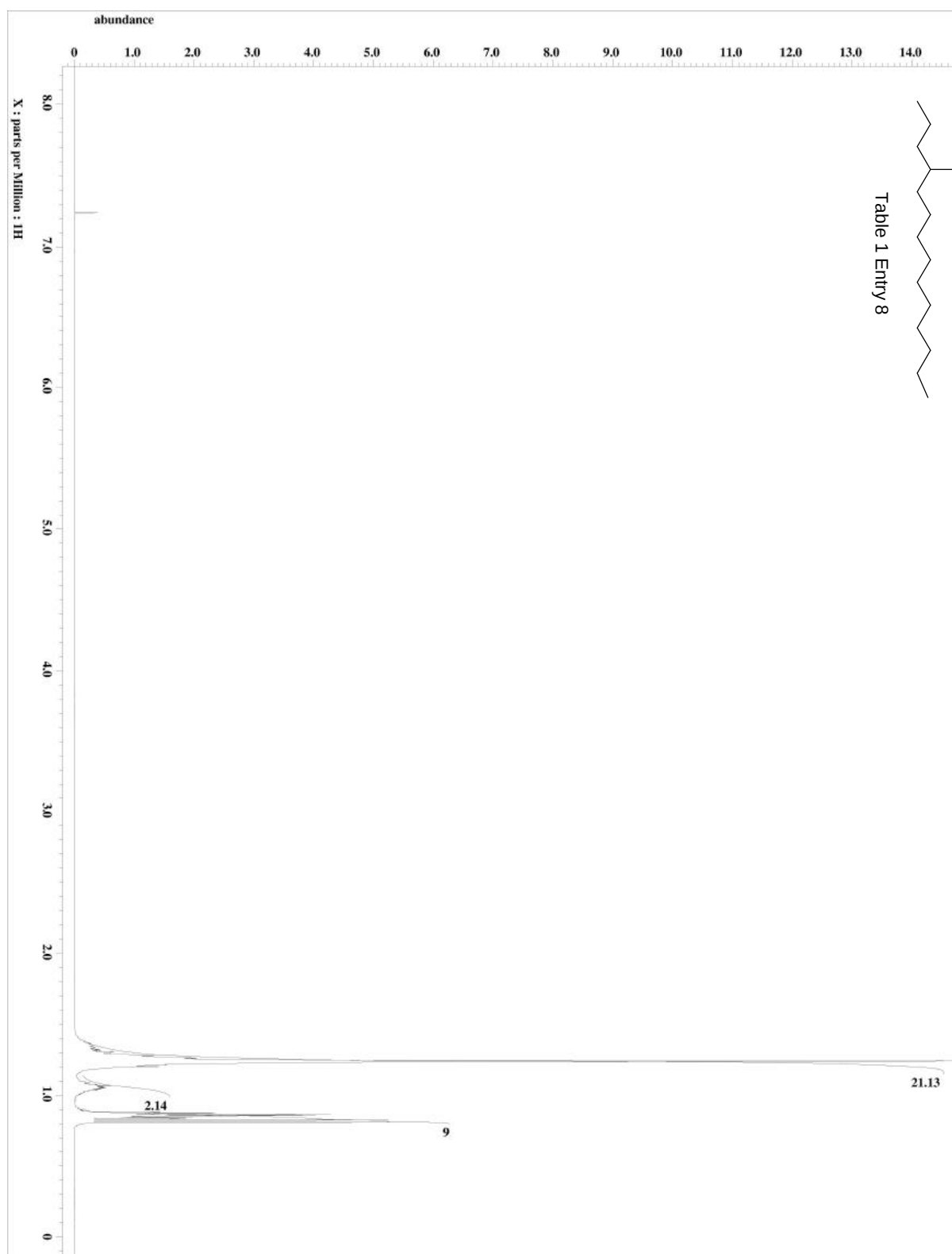
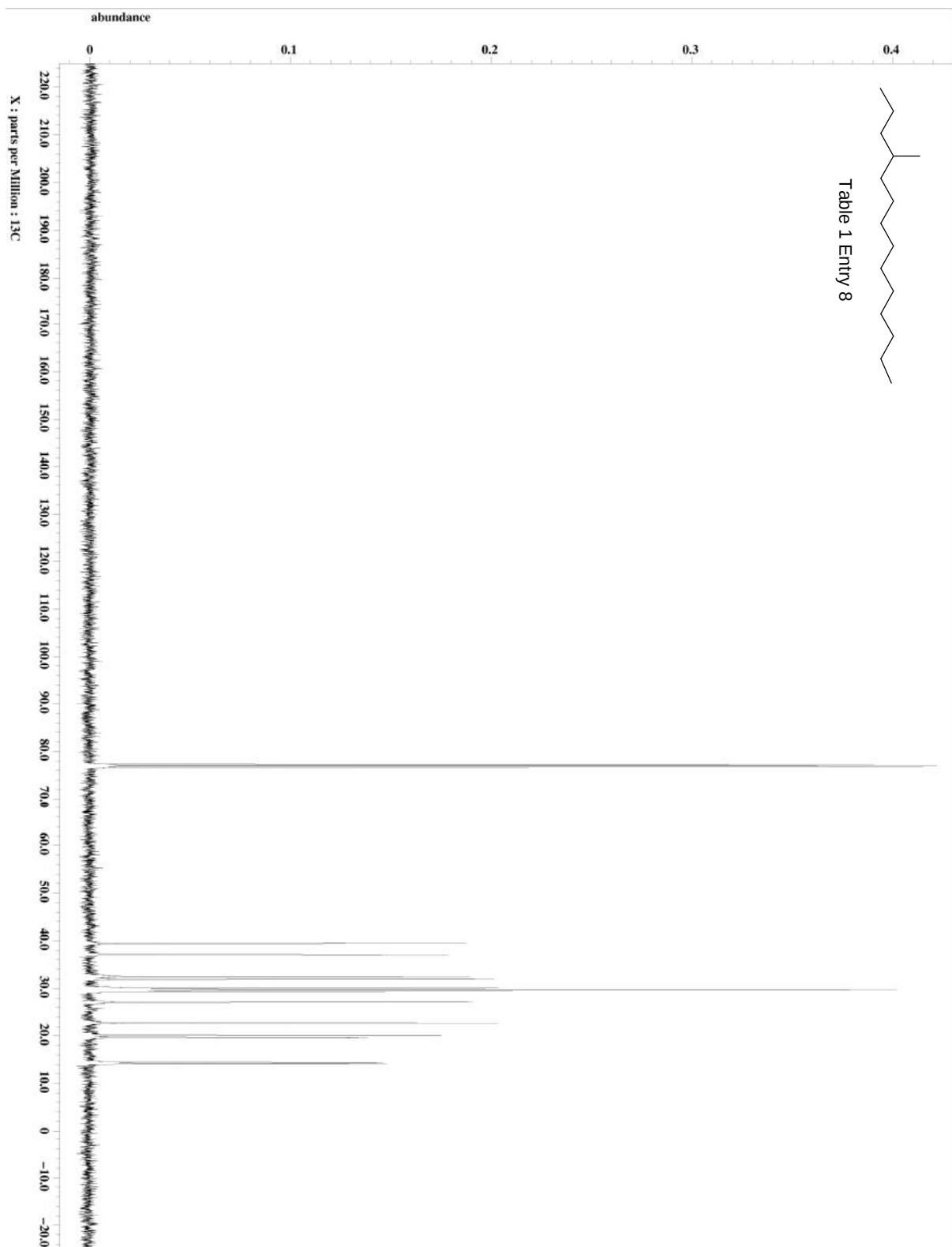




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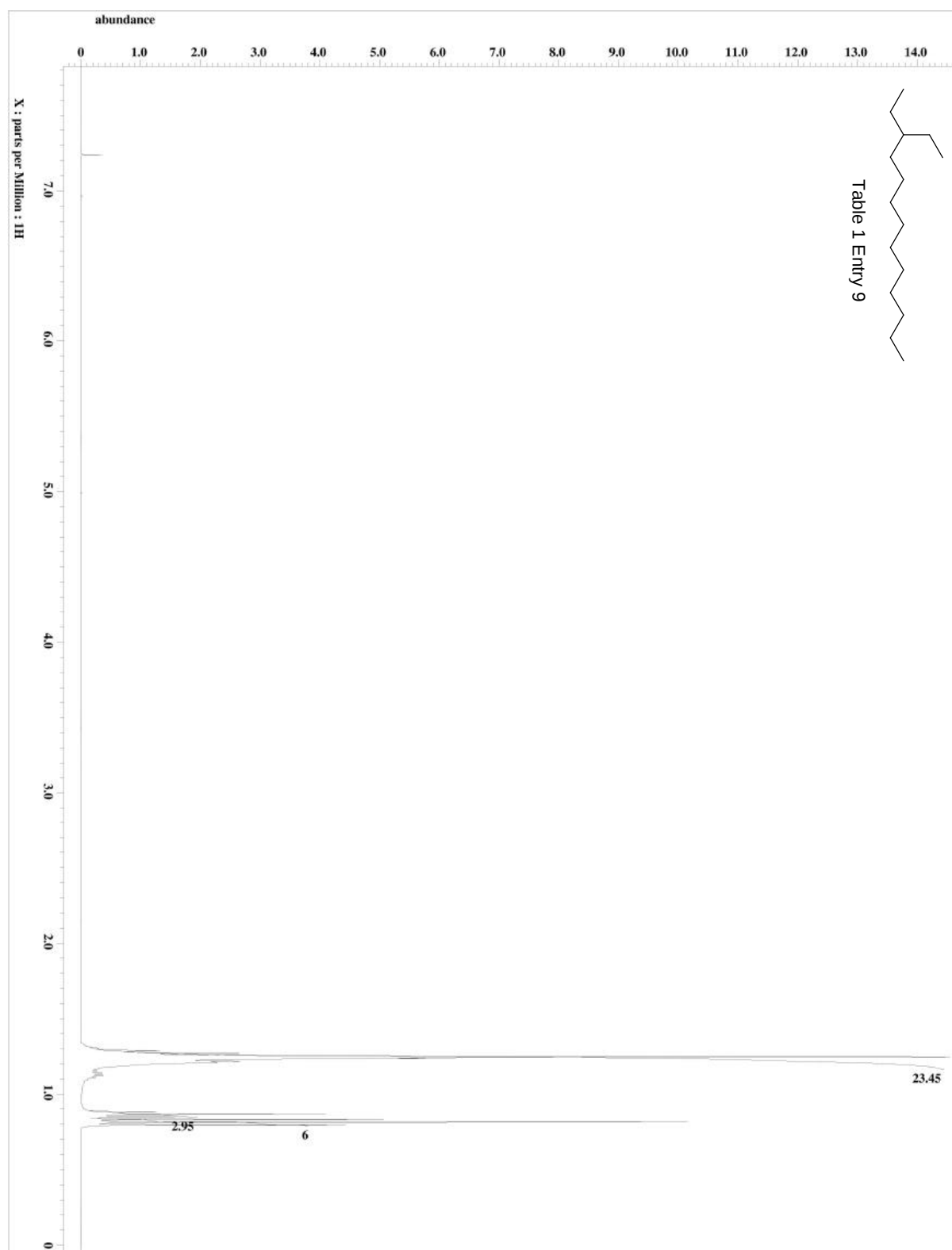
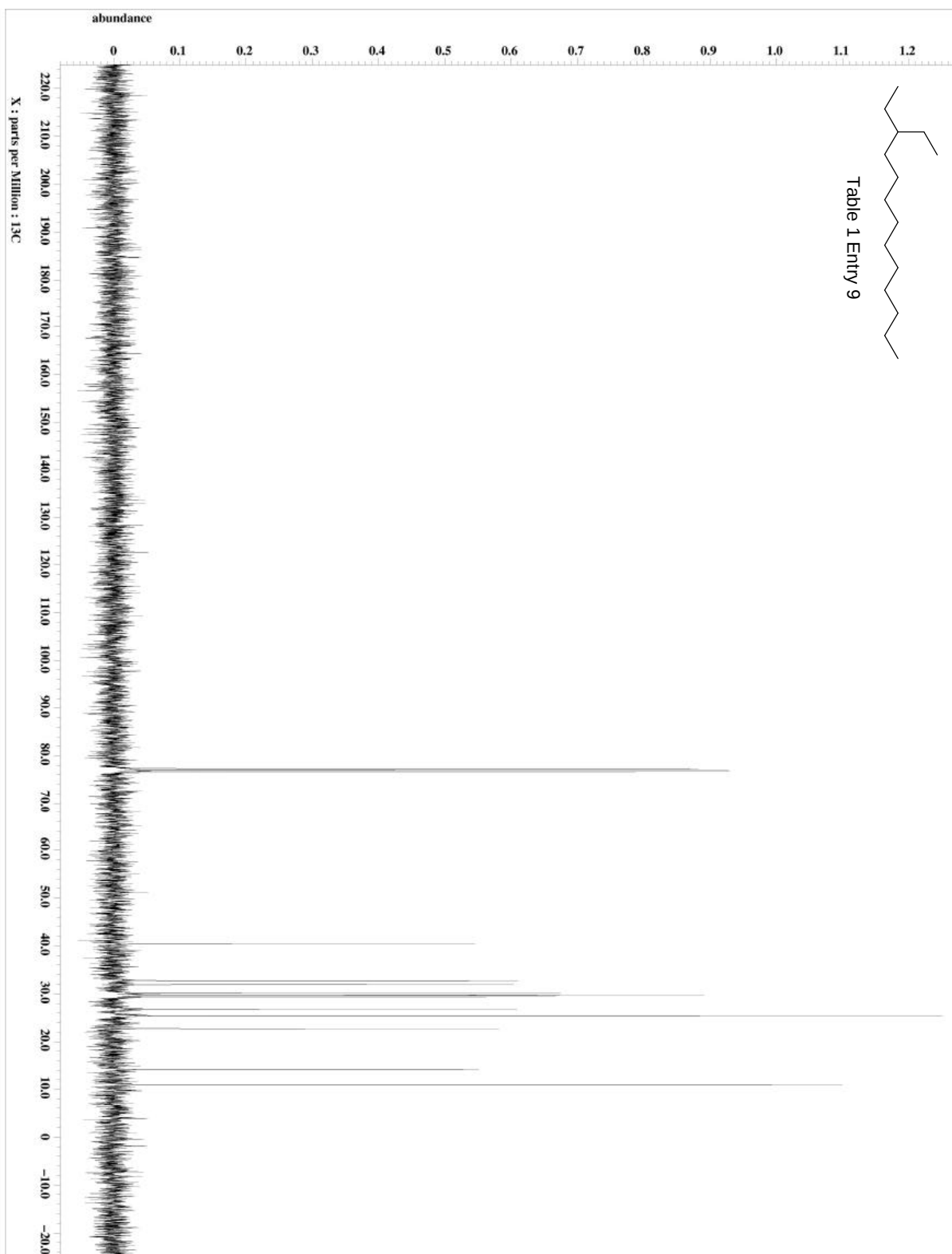
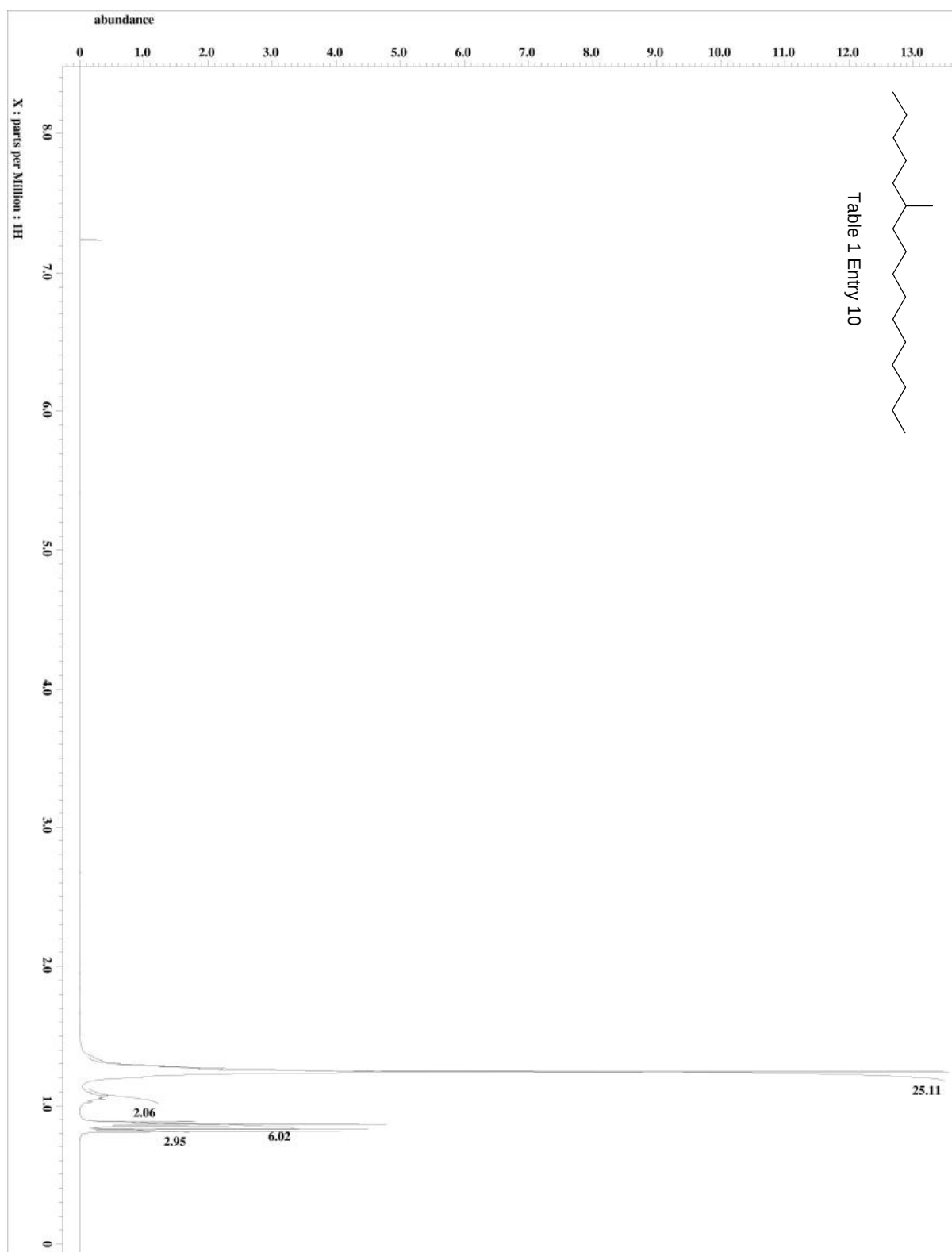
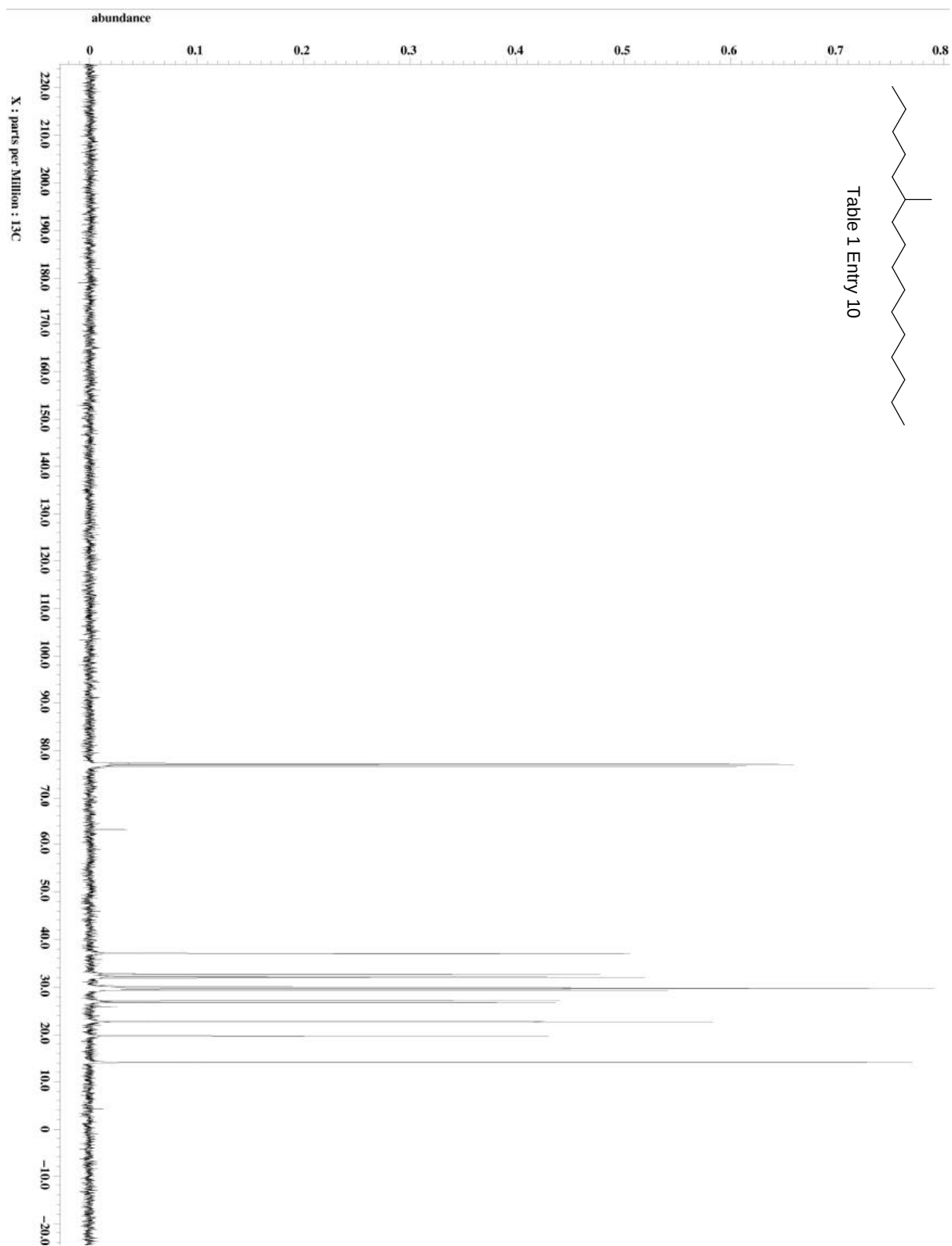




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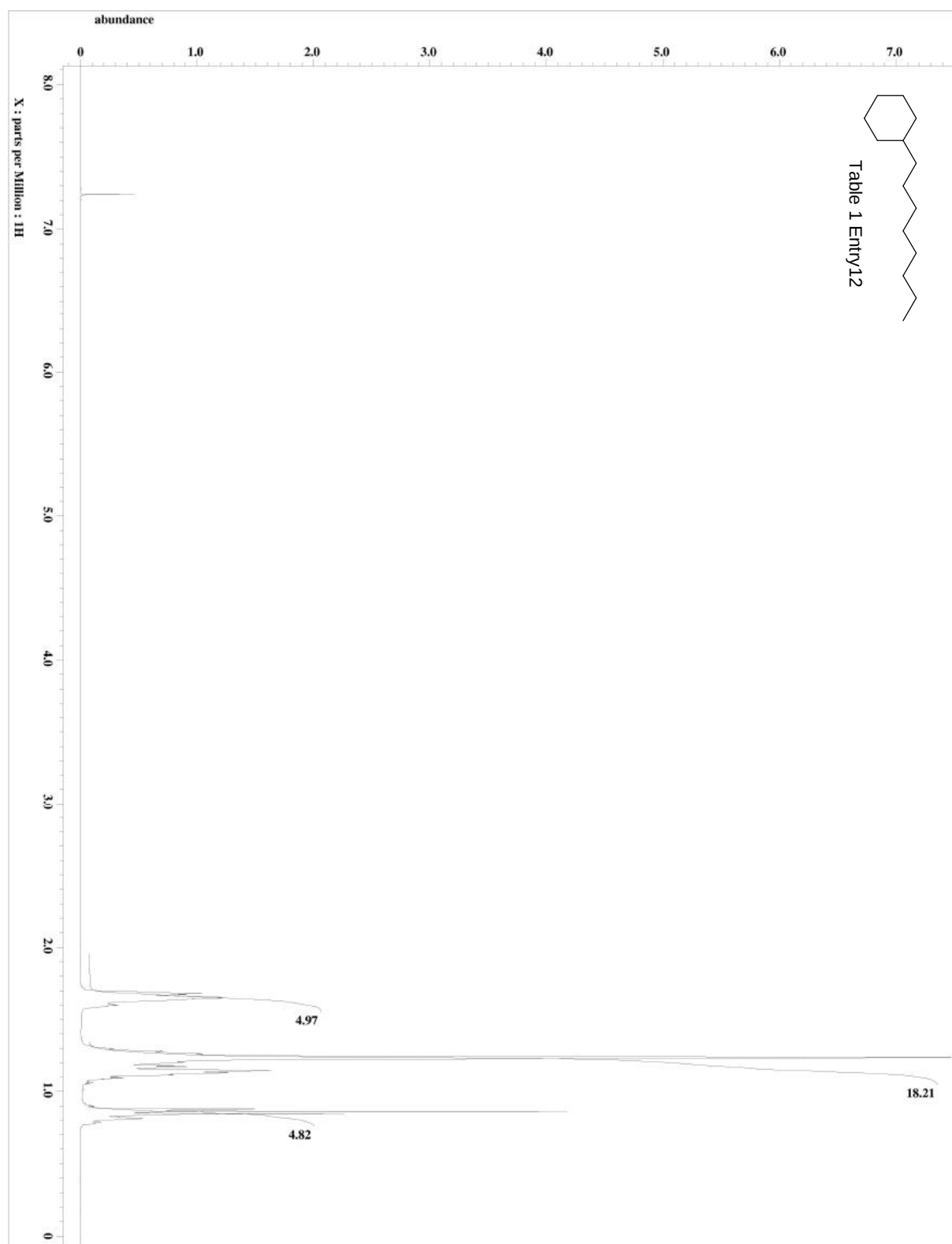
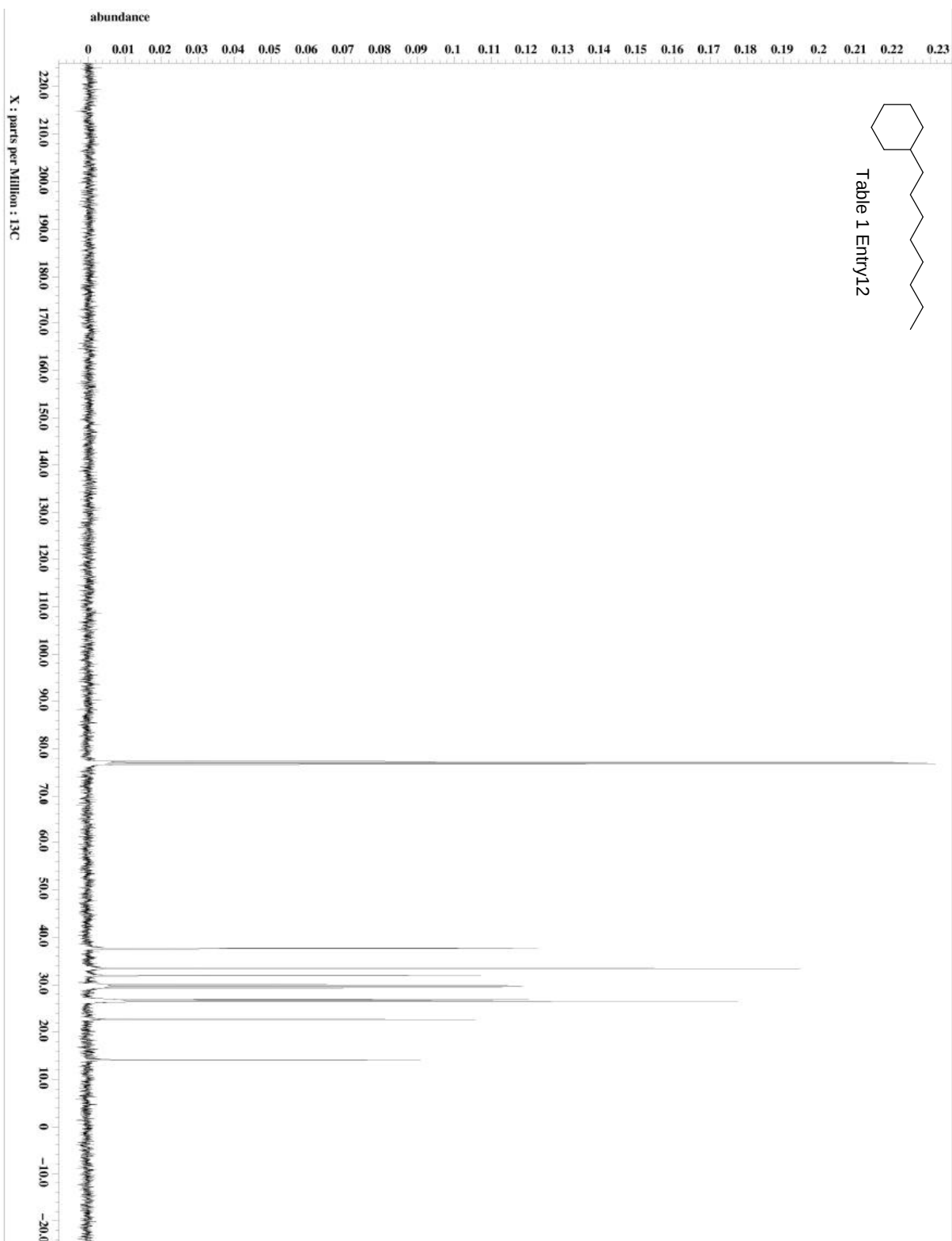
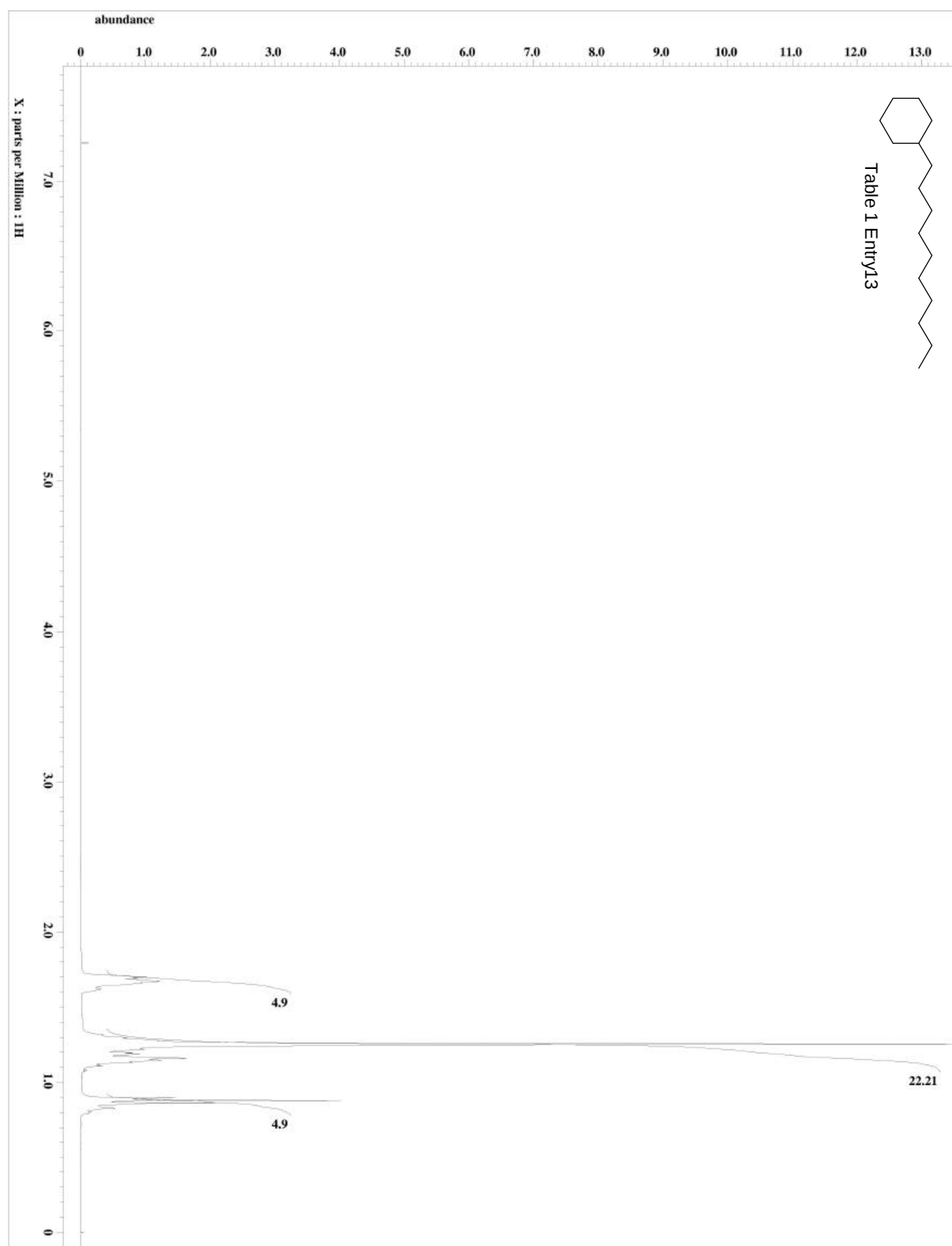




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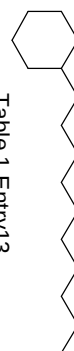
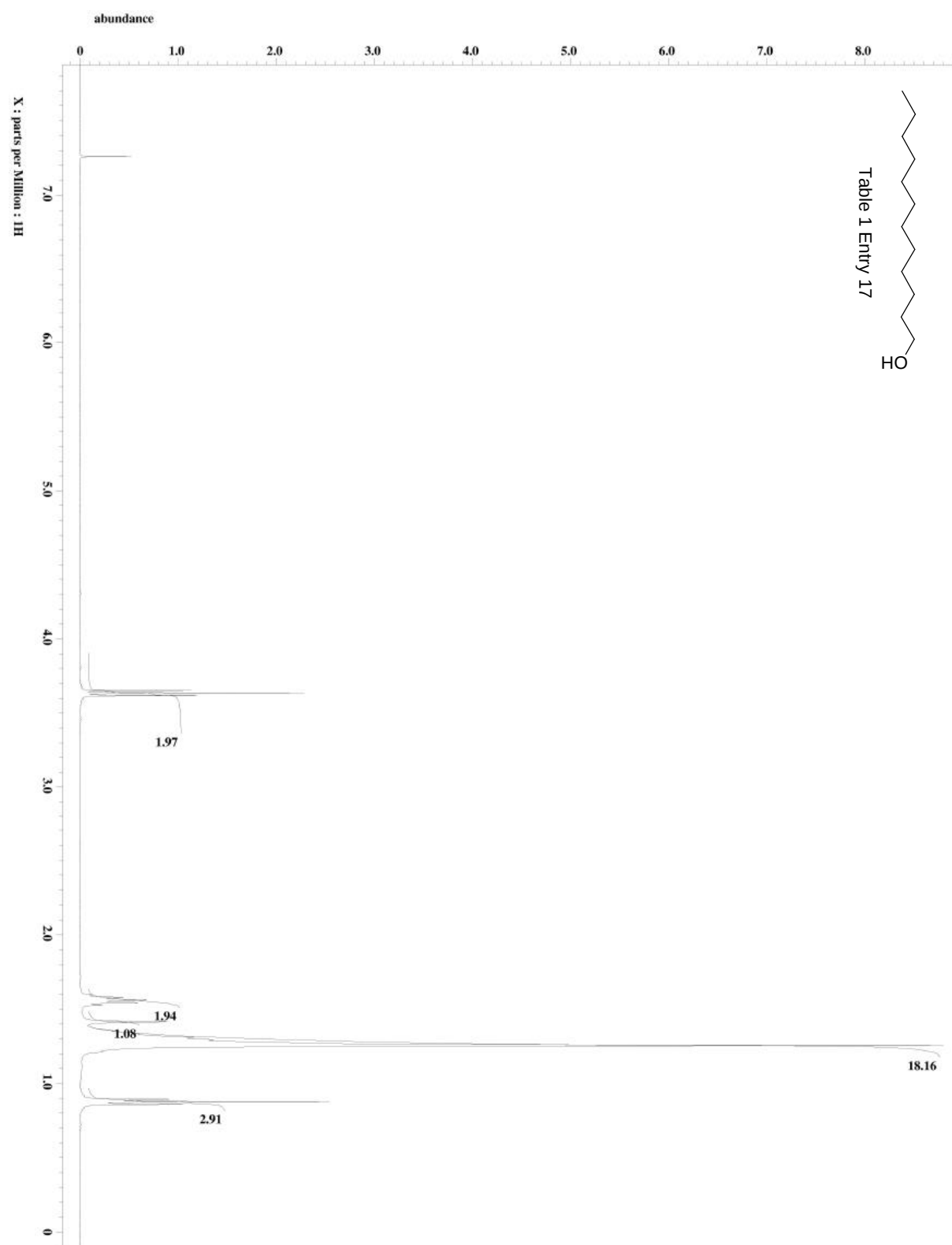
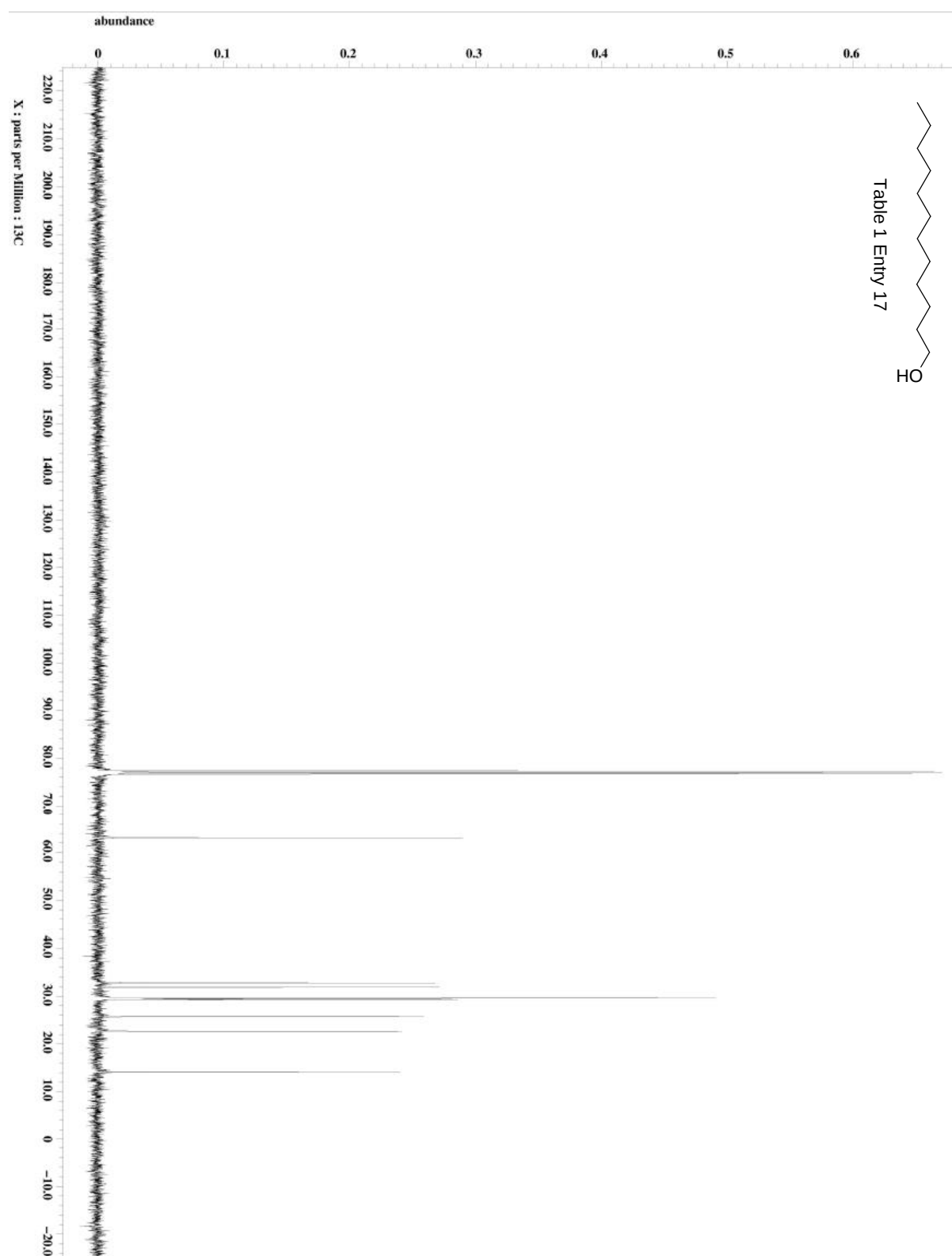
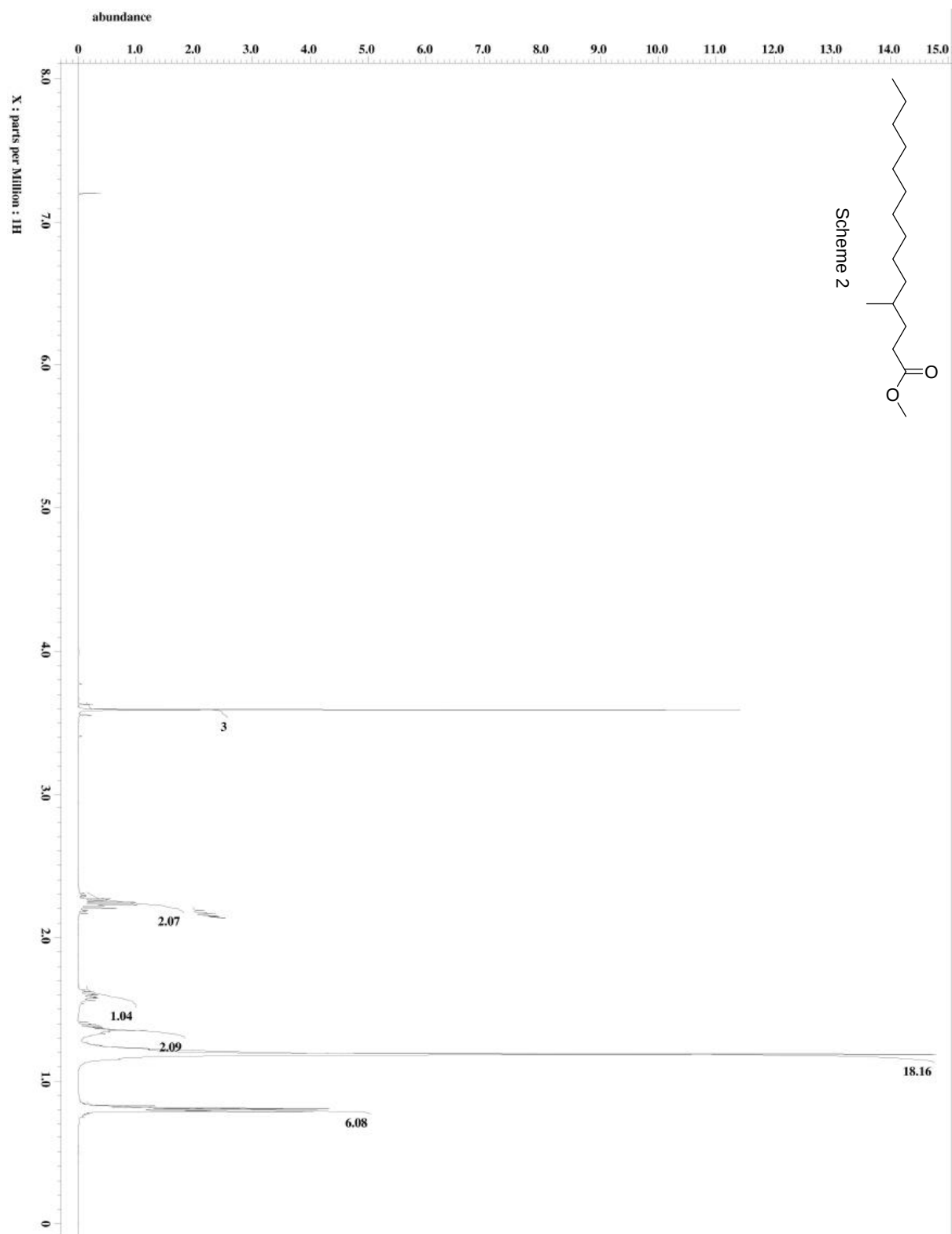


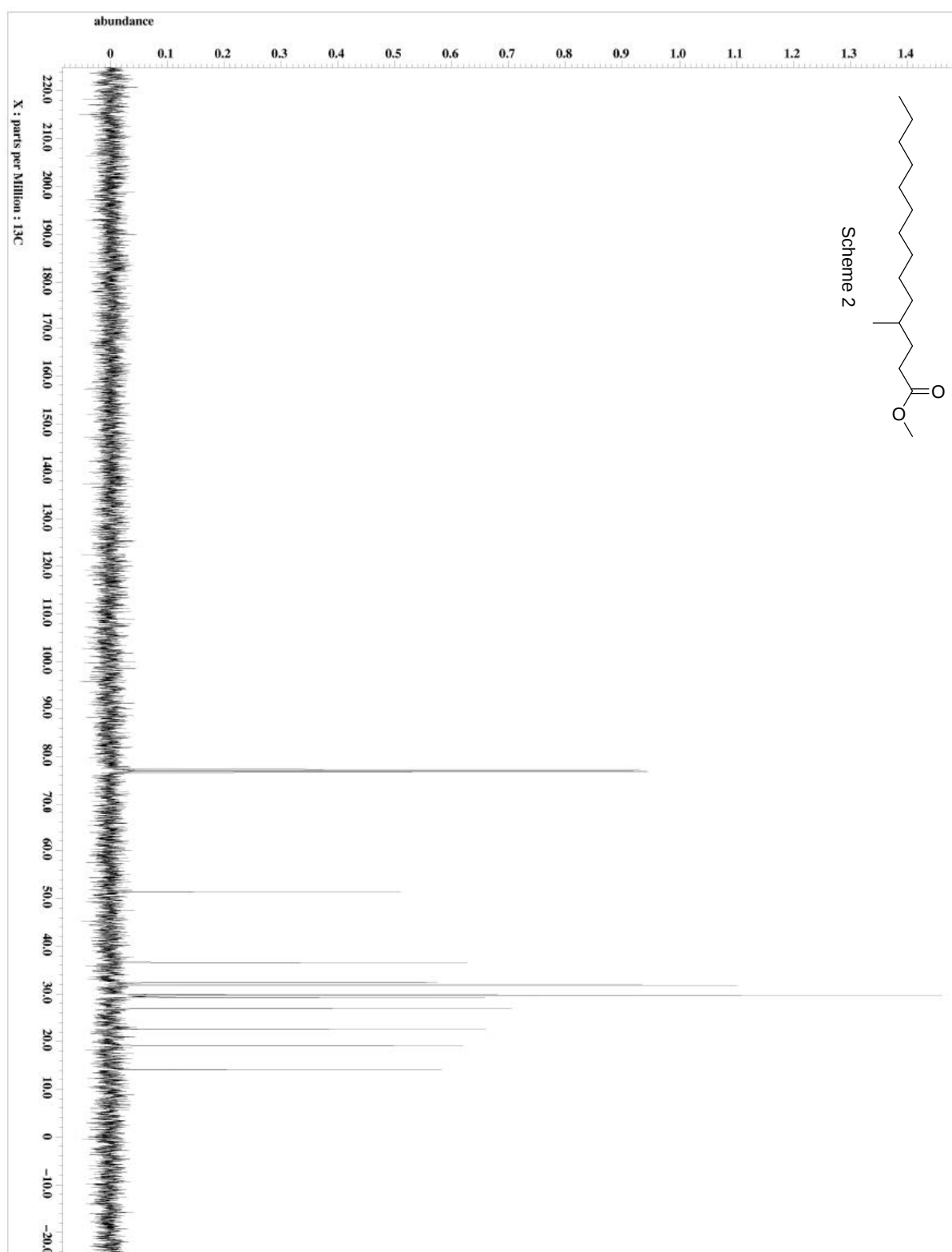
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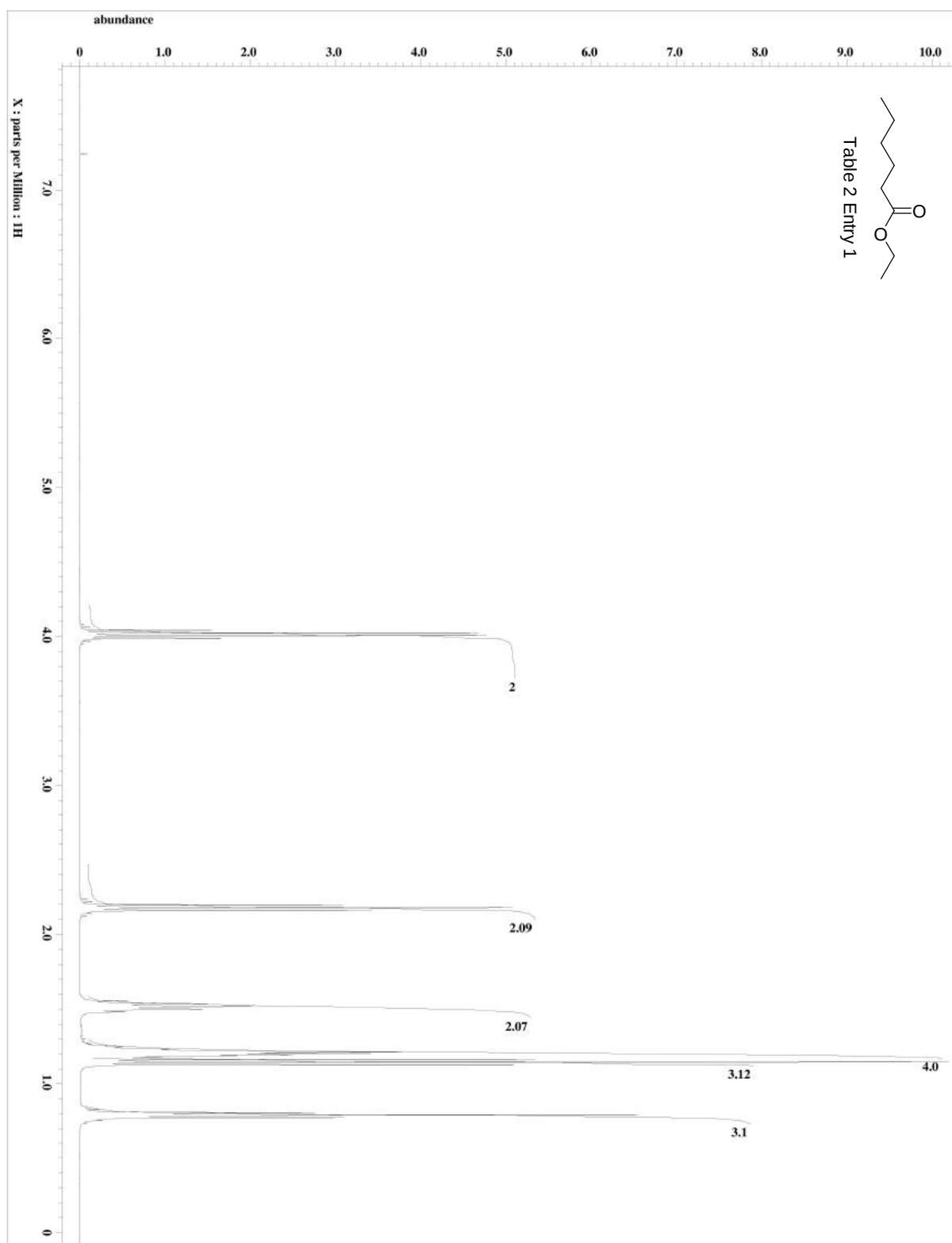












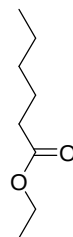
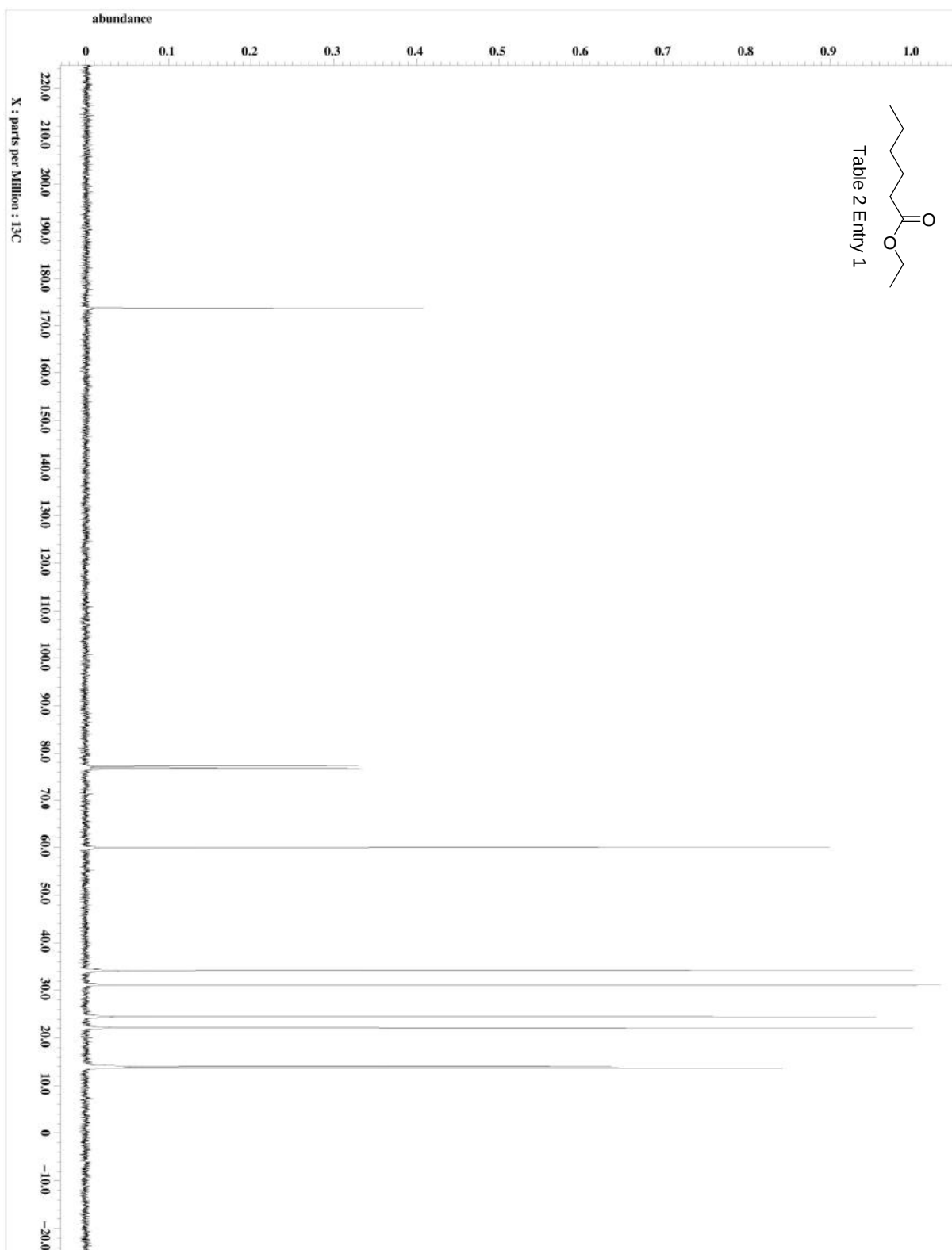
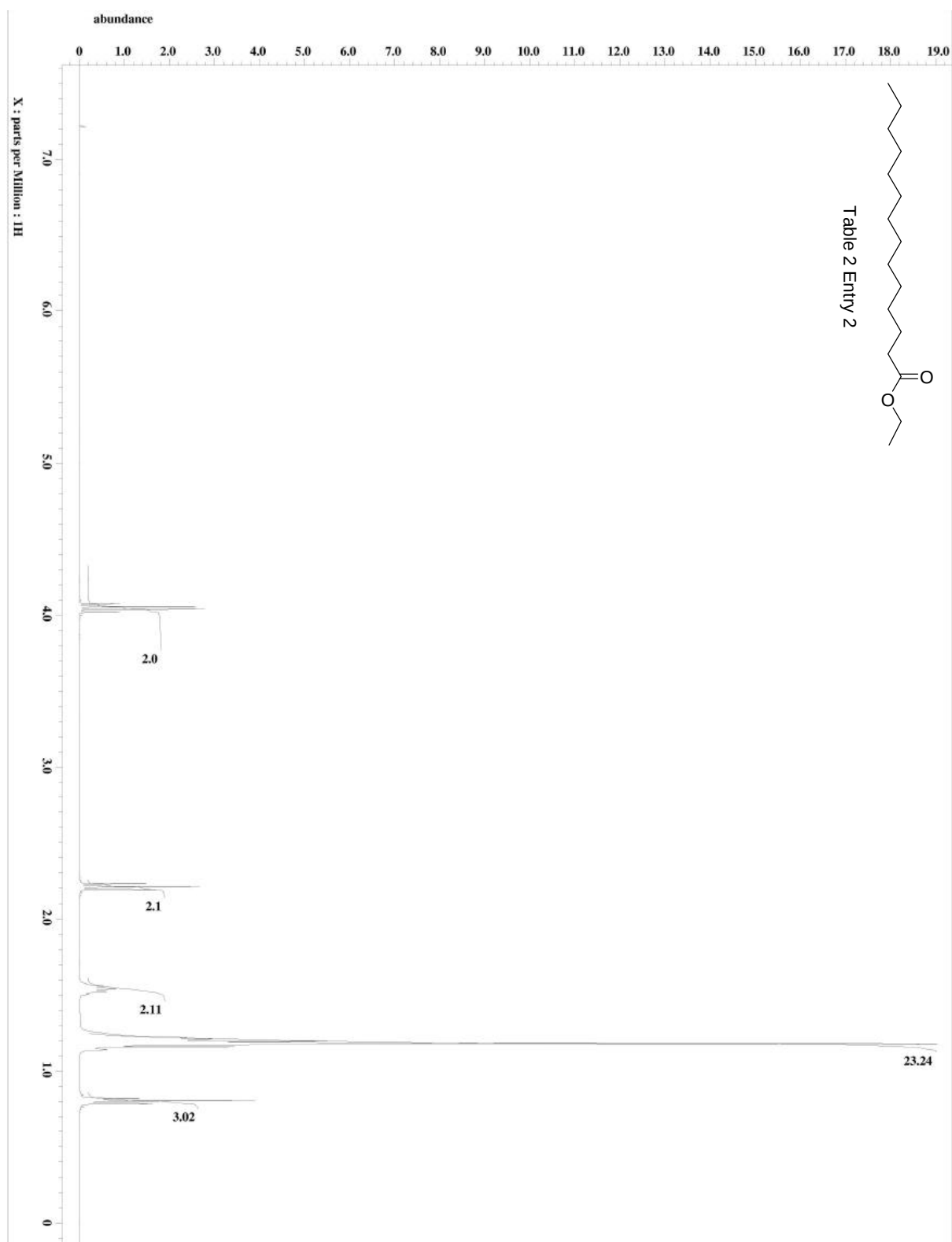
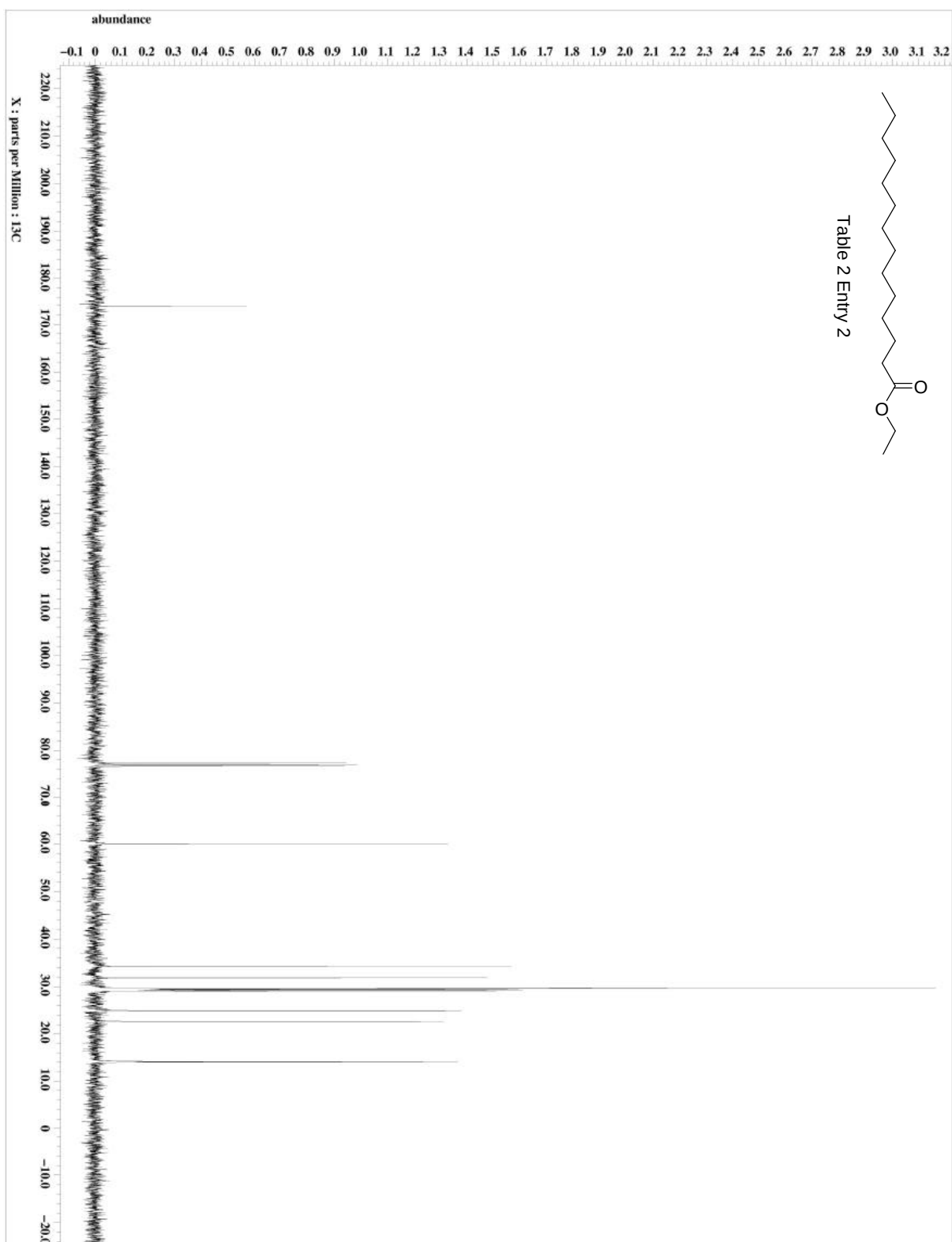
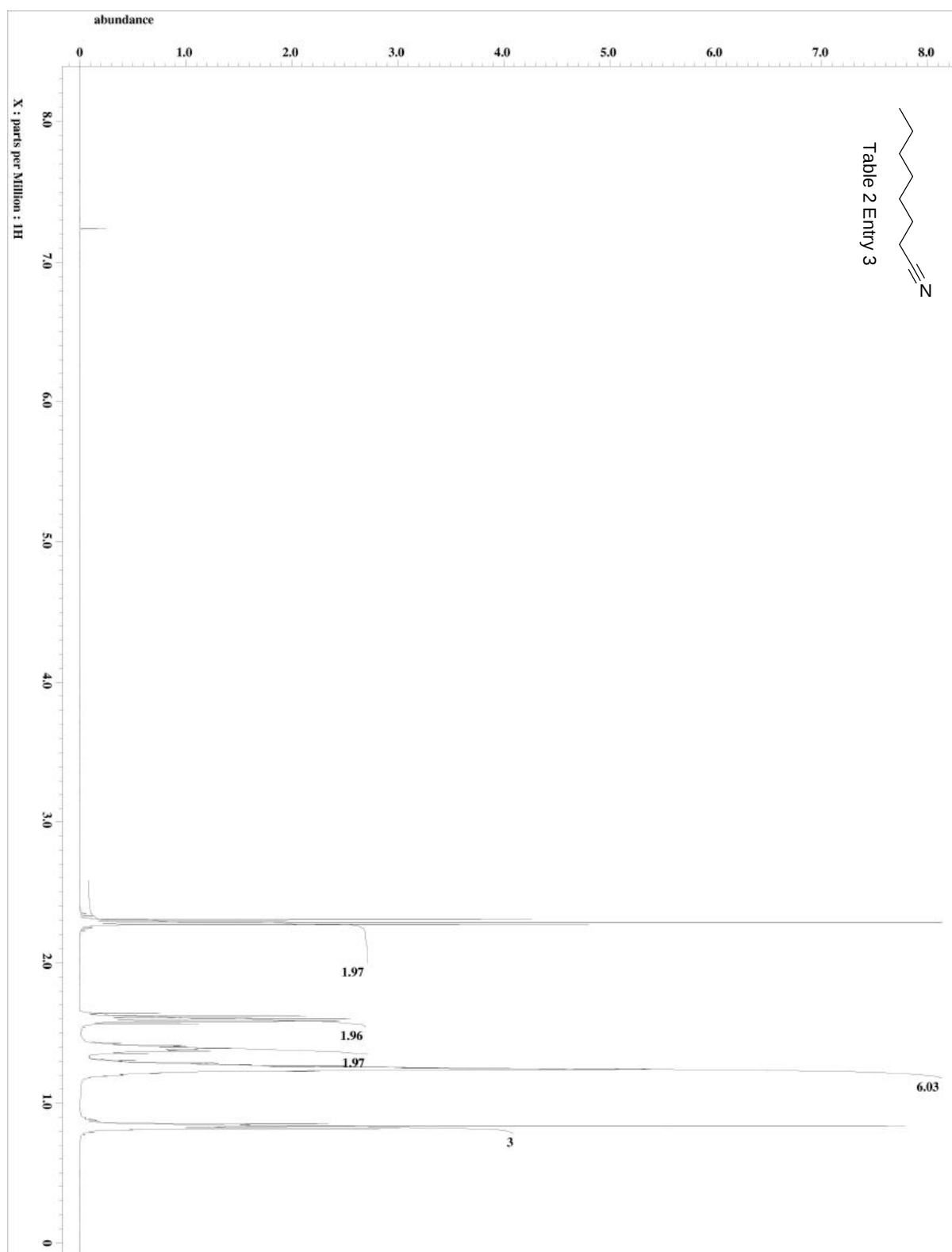


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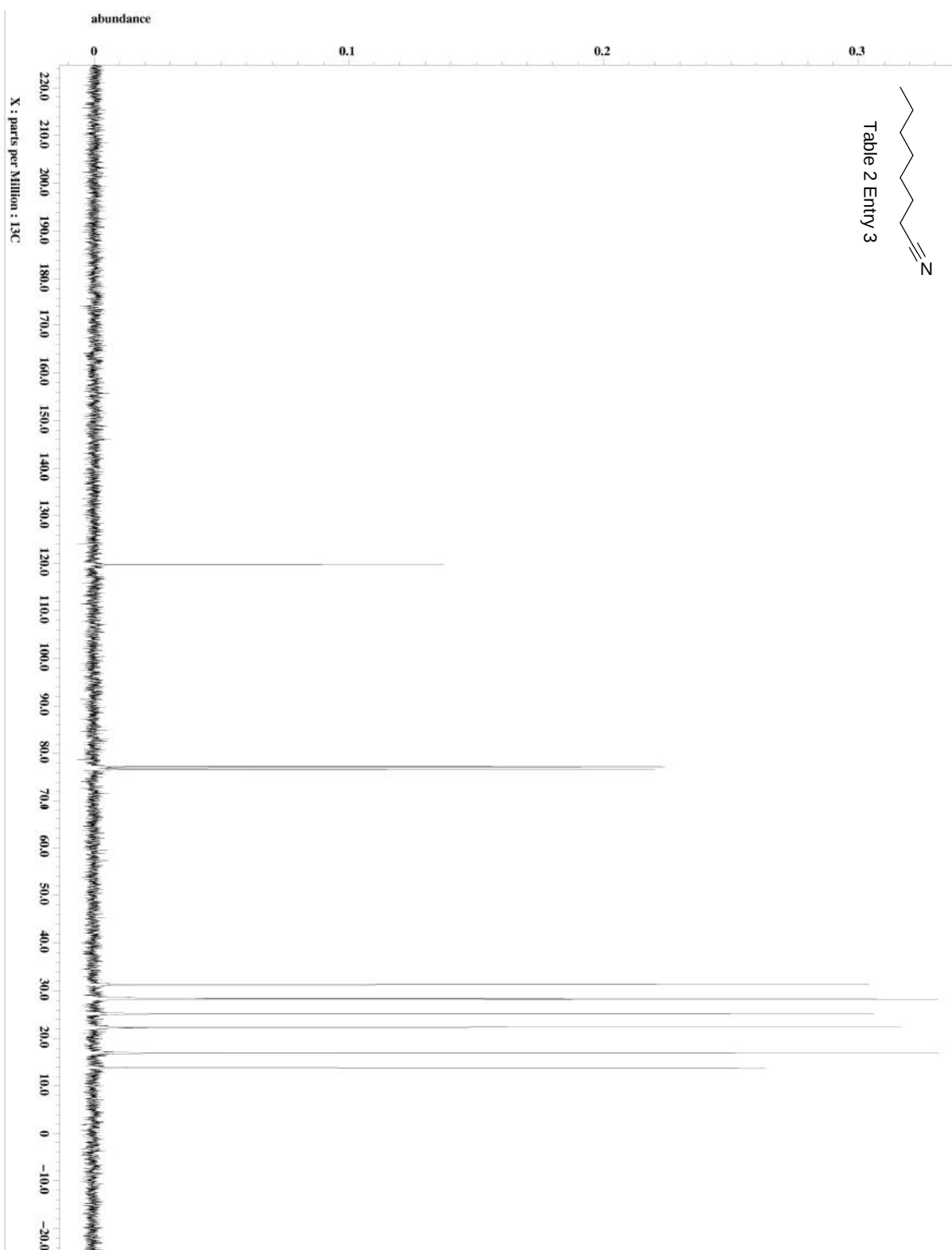




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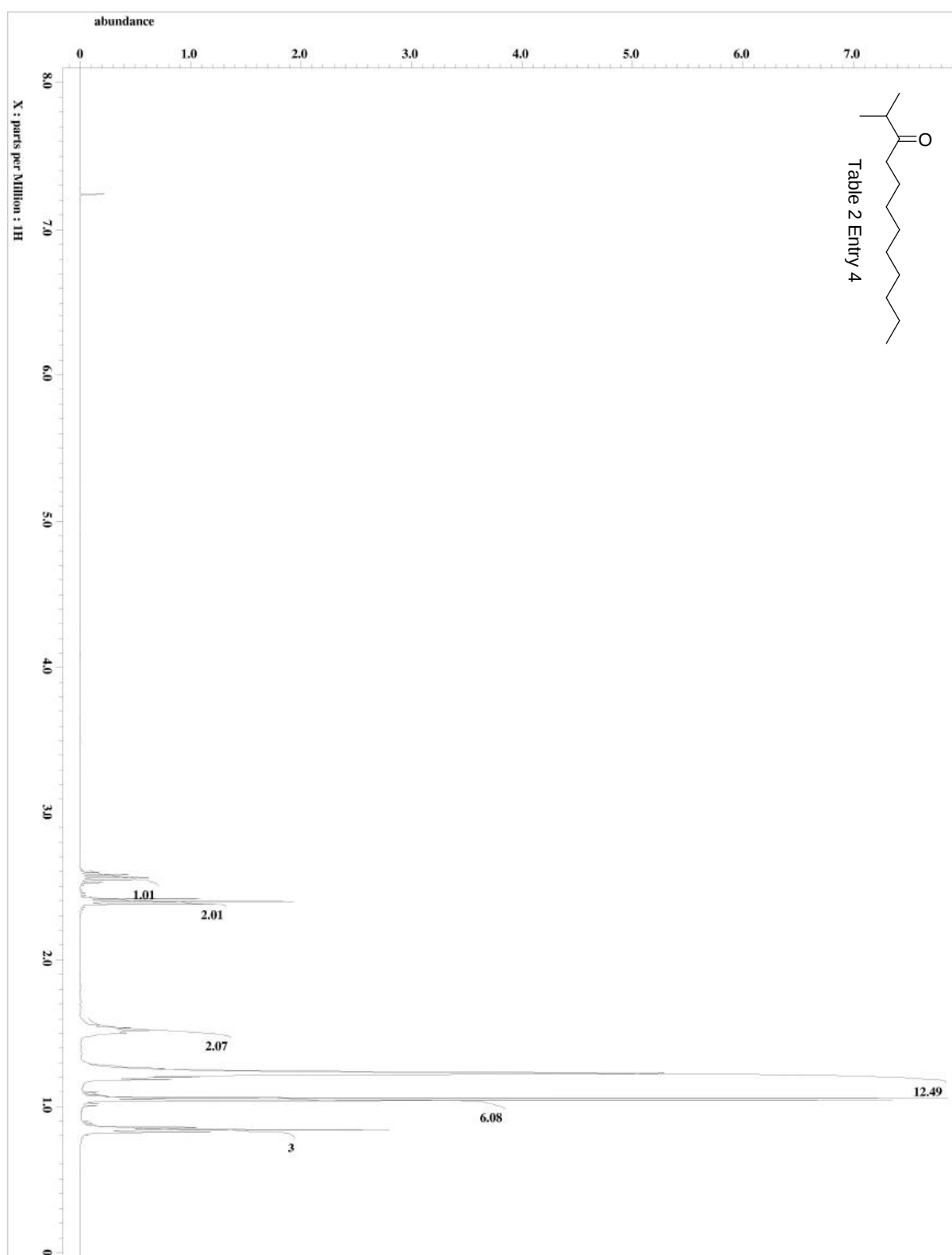




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