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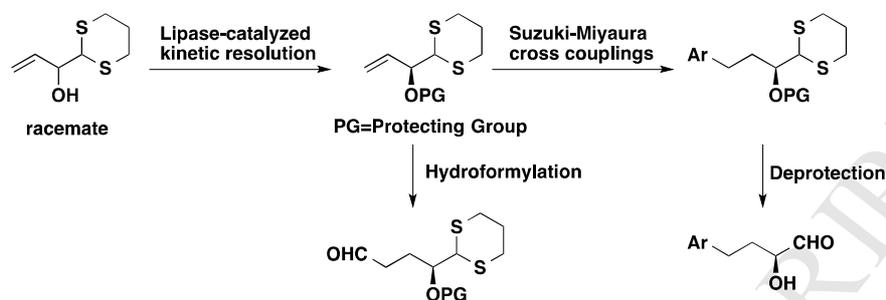
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Abstract

We have demonstrated that chiral 1-(1,3-dithian-2-yl)prop-2-en-1-ols as new scaffolds, obtained by enzyme-catalyzed kinetic resolution, undergo Suzuki-Miyaura cross-couplings and hydroformylation smoothly. Also, we have found that a 1,3-dithianyl group of the products can be removed without any erosion of the enantiopurity under mild conditions. A new access to a variety of enantiopure α -hydroxyaldehydes with ensured absolute configuration is described.

Graphical abstract



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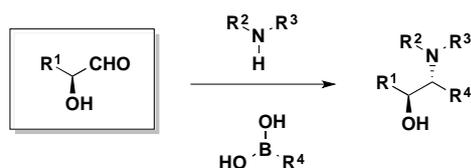
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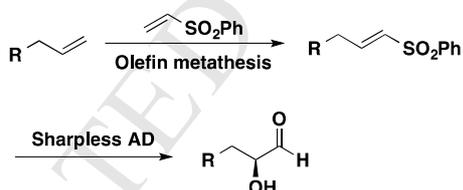
1. Introduction

Much attention has been paid to the Petasis protocol,¹ which affords an array of β -amino alcohols in a single step involving a three component coupling reaction of α -hydroxyaldehydes, amines, and organoboronic acids (Scheme 1). The reaction proceeds in a highly diastereoselective manner to exclusively furnish *anti* β -amino alcohols, and hence generally provides single enantiomers (>98% ee) when enantiopure α -hydroxyaldehydes are engaged.



Scheme 1. Petasis protocol.

Regardless of its high potential utility in organic synthesis, the Petasis protocol has found somewhat limited use because enantiopure α -hydroxyaldehydes are not easily available. Several approaches to these valuable intermediates reported to date are based on the derivatization of natural sources. For example, chiral 2,3-dihydroxy-4-butenals were prepared from D-xylose and D-ribose,^{2a} and α -hydroxyesters derived from the corresponding natural α -amino acids were converted to α -hydroxyaldehydes via protection of the hydroxyl group followed by ester reduction using DIBAL-H.^{2b} The stereogenic centers of products obtained by these approaches are derived directly from the starting materials. Furthermore, chiral 2-hydroxyaldehydes have been obtained via enzyme-mediated kinetic resolution of the 2-hydroxyaldehyde racemate.^{2c} In addition, asymmetric synthesis³ using chiral templates is a powerful and flexible approach for obtaining higher homologs bearing a longer carbon chains, although strict temperature control may be required to obtain a high degree of enantiomeric purity. Asymmetric dihydroxylation (AD) of 2-alkenyl acetals generating 2,3-dihydroxyaldehydes⁴ is of special interest as it provides a more direct approach to α -hydroxyaldehydes through AD of 2-alkenylsulfones (Scheme 2).⁵



Scheme 2. Synthesis of α -hydroxyaldehydes via asymmetric dihydroxylation (AD).

Although these AD methods require great care in the preparation of the starting materials, they hold promise as reliable strategies because the absolute configuration of the products can easily be predicted.

Broadening the synthetic utility of α -hydroxyaldehydes requires the development of a new synthetic method ensuring both high enantiopurity and absolute configuration. We thus devised 1-(1,3-dithian-2-yl) prop-2-en-1-ol (\pm)-**1** as a scaffold for this purpose, and designed a new strategy leading to a variety of α -hydroxyaldehydes mentioned above. This strategy involves the combination of an enzyme-catalyzed reaction of racemic (\pm)-**1**⁶ and transition metal-catalyzed reactions such as Suzuki-Miyaura cross-coupling⁷ or hydroformylation (Figure 1).⁸ We were

confident that these metal-catalyzed reactions would proceed well with (\pm)-**1** on the basis of encouraging reports using substrates containing the 1,3-dithianyl group⁹ suggesting that the coordinative 1,3-dithianyl group did not interrupt catalytic cycles mediated by a zero-valent metal species.

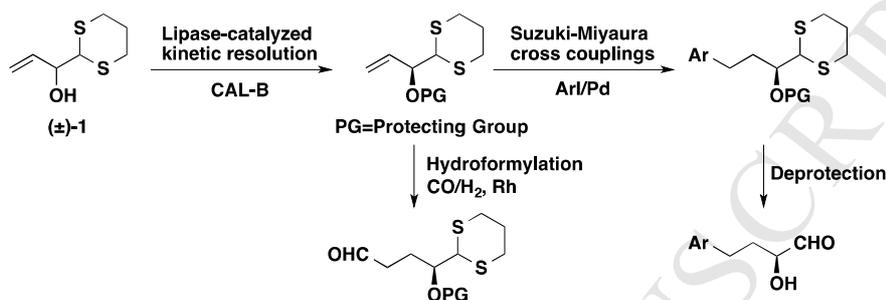
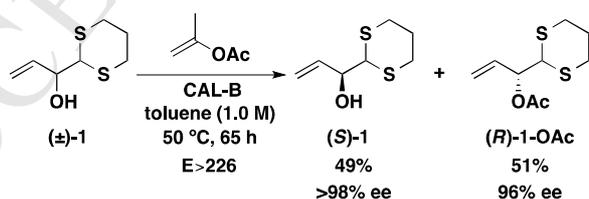


Figure 1. Synthetic design of α -hydroxyaldehydes and its precursors.

2. Results and discussion

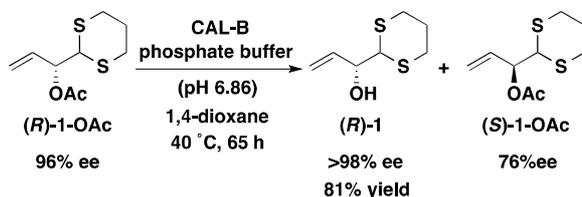
We first investigated into lipase-catalyzed kinetic resolution¹⁰ of (\pm)-**1** in an organic solvent (Scheme 3). By simply stirring a solution of (\pm)-**1** and 2-propenyl acetate (2 equiv.) in toluene in the presence of dried CAL-B¹¹ [20 mg per 1 mmol of (\pm)-**1**] at 50 °C for 65 h, one enantiomer was predominantly acetylated with excellent enantioselectivity ($E > 226$). Separation by column chromatography gave unreacted alcohol (*S*)-**1**¹² in 49% yield ($>98\%$ ee) and the acetate of the enantiomer (*R*)-**1**-OAc¹² in 51% yield (96% ee). The absolute configuration of (*S*)-**1** was tentatively assigned on an empirical basis.¹⁰



Scheme 3. Lipase-catalyzed kinetic resolution of (\pm)-**1**.

To improve the enantiopurity of (*R*)-**1**, (*R*)-**1**-OAc was subjected to lipase-catalyzed hydrolysis (Scheme 4). Stirring a solution of (*R*)-**1**-OAc in dioxane/phosphate buffer (pH 6.86) with CAL-B [20 mg per 1 mmol of (*R*)-**1**-OAc] at 40 °C for 65 h provided (*R*)-**1** in 81% yield

(>98% ee)¹³ after silica gel column chromatography.



Scheme 4. Lipase-catalyzed hydrolysis of $(R)\text{-1-OAc}$.

Enantiopure $(S)\text{-1}$ (>98% ee) and $(R)\text{-1}$ (>98% ee) thus obtained were smoothly converted to their *O*-protected derivatives, $(S)\text{-2}$ and $(R)\text{-2}$, respectively, in good yield (Figure 2). For example, benzyl ether $(S)\text{-2a}$ was prepared in 88% yield by treatment of $(S)\text{-1}$ with NaH and benzyl chloride in dry THF/DMF at room temperature for 2 h. In addition, silyl ethers $(S)\text{-2b}$ and $(S)\text{-2c}$ were prepared in high yields by treatment of $(S)\text{-1}$ with the corresponding silyl chlorides (2 equiv.) and imidazole (4 equiv.) as a base in DMF. Acetals $(1S)\text{-2d}$ and its diastereomer $(1R)\text{-2d}$ were easily obtained in high yields by treatment with ethyl vinyl ether in the presence of a catalytic amount of pyridinium *p*-toluenesulfonate (PPTS) in CH_2Cl_2 .

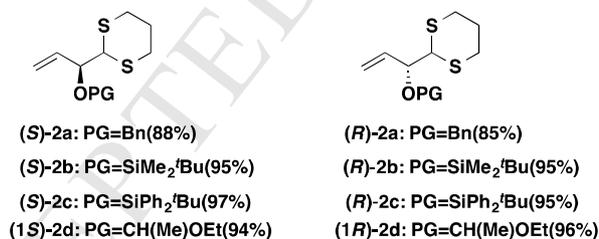
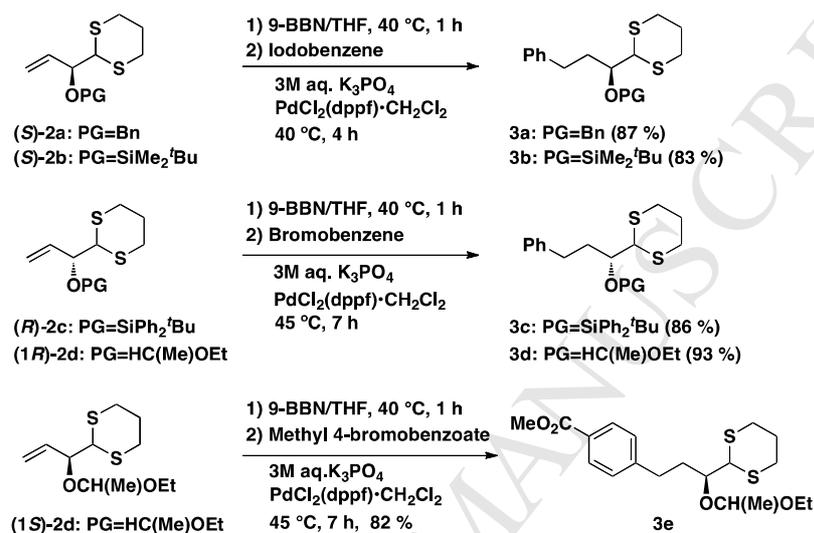


Figure 2. Protected **2**.

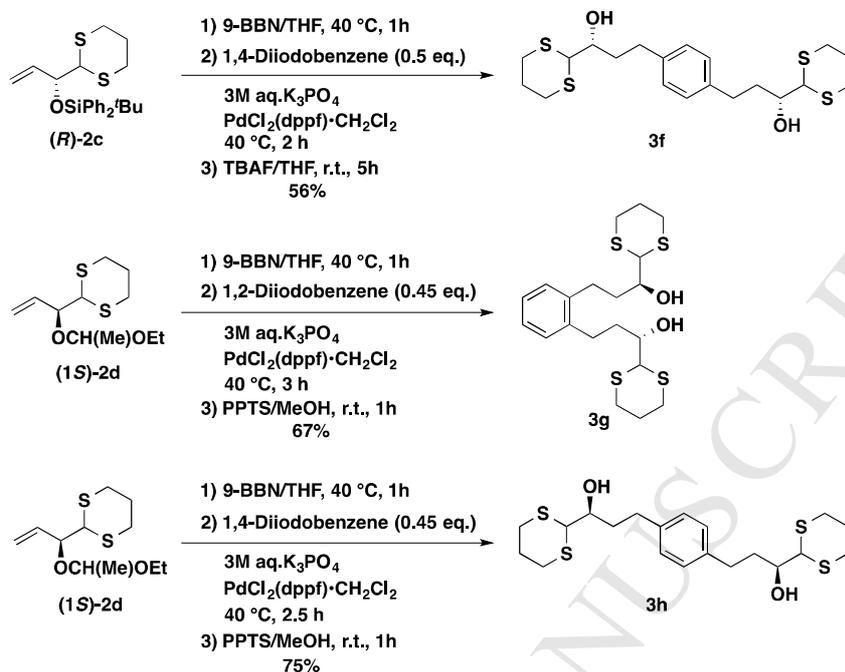
With a variety of *O*-protected derivatives **2** in hand, alkenyl-alkyl cross-coupling reaction was smoothly effected using the Suzuki-Miyaura protocol (Scheme 5).⁷ For example, benzyl ether $(S)\text{-2a}$ was reacted with freshly prepared crystalline 9-borabicyclo[3.3.1]nonane dimer (9-BBN)¹⁴ (2 equiv.) in THF at 40 °C for 1 h. To the resulting alkylborane, iodobenzene (2 equiv.), 3 M aq. K₃PO₄ (3 equiv.) and then PdCl₂(dppf)·CH₂Cl₂¹⁵ (5 mol%) were added and the reaction mixture was stirred at 40 °C for 4 h, producing **3a** in 87% yield. Also, the cross-coupling of silyl ether $(S)\text{-2b}$ with iodobenzene proceeded under the same conditions,

affording **3b** in 83% yield. Subsequently, (*R*)-**2c** and (1*R*)-**2d** were subjected to the cross-coupling reaction with bromobenzene instead of iodobenzene, providing **3c** and **3d** in 86 and 93% yield, respectively. Similarly, the reaction of acetal (1*S*)-**2d** with methyl 4-bromobenzoate uneventfully furnished **3e** bearing an ester functionality in 82% yield.

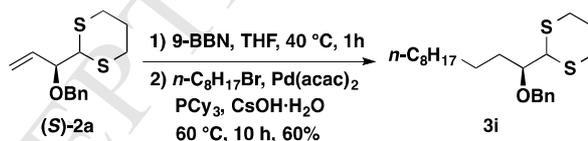


Scheme 5. Suzuki-Miyaura cross-coupling reaction of **2** with ArX.

Additionally, the cross-coupling reaction of **2** with 1,2- and 1,4-diiodobenzenes proceeded effectively, producing several synthetically valuable compounds with bi-functional groups. (Scheme 6). For example, (*R*)-**2c** was treated with 9-BBN (2 eq.) at 40 °C for 1h, then 1,4-diiodobenzene (0.5 equiv.), 3M aq. K₃PO₄ (3 equiv.) and PdCl₂(dppf)·CH₂Cl₂ (5 mol %) were added and the reaction proceeded at 40 °C for 2 h. The crude coupling product was treated with tetrabutylammonium fluoride (TBAF) in THF at room temperature for 5 h, providing diol **3f** in 56% isolated yield over two steps. The cross-coupling reaction of (1*S*)-**2d** with 1,2-diiodobenzene or 1,4-diiodobenzene was performed under the same reaction conditions to give diols **3g** and **3h** in 67% and 75% yields, respectively.

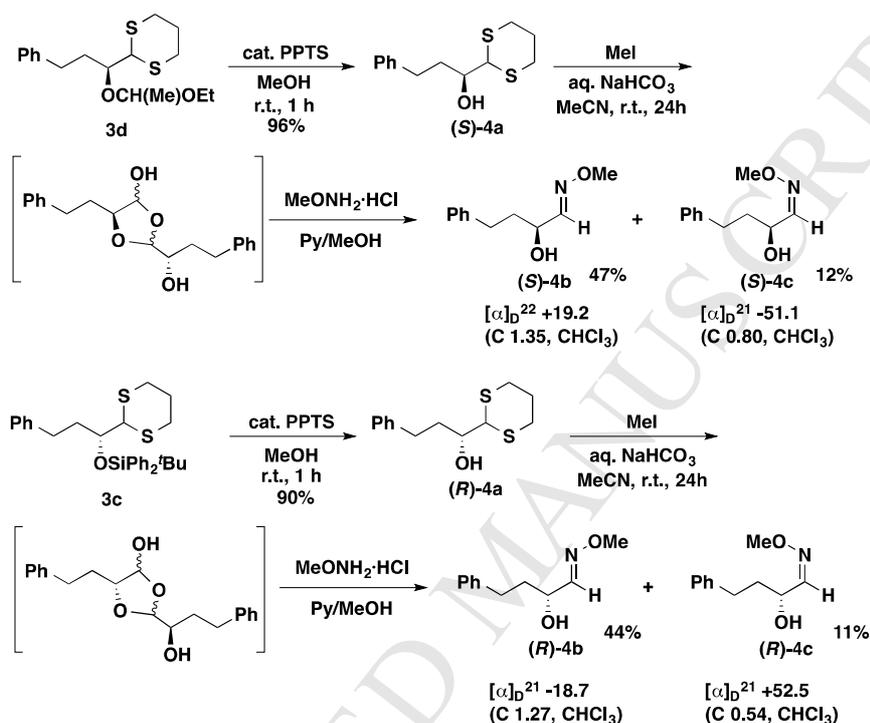
Scheme 6. Suzuki-Miyaura cross-coupling reaction of **2** with diiodobenzenes.

Furthermore, a challenging alkyl-alkyl cross-coupling reaction of (*S*)-**2a** with 1-bromooctane was executed according to a slightly modified protocol developed by Fu,¹⁶ furnishing the coupling product **3i** in 60% yield (Scheme 7).

Scheme 7. Cross-coupling of (*S*)-**2a** with 1-bromooctane.

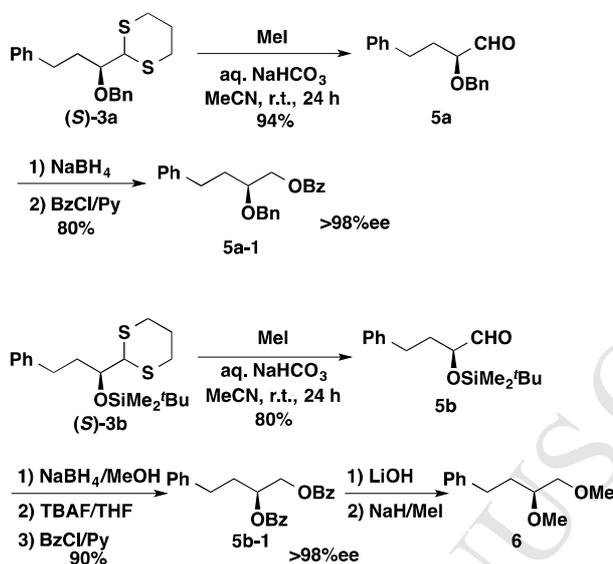
With an array of the cross-coupling products **3** in hand, we then verified that the 1,3-dithianyl group in (*1S*)-**3d** and **3c** could be removed without adversely affecting the enantiomeric excess (Scheme 8). First, (*1S*)-**3d** was treated with PPTS (5 mol%) in MeOH to give alcohol (*S*)-**4a**, which was exposed to an excess of iodomethane (10 equiv.)¹⁷ in a mixture of MeCN and aq. $NaHCO_3$ at room temperature for 24 h, affording an assumed hemiacetal dimer^{5a} that provided a complicated ¹H NMR spectrum. Thus, the crude product was treated with $MeONH_2 \cdot HCl$ (2 equiv.) in MeOH in the presence of pyridine (5 equiv.) to afford a separable 4:1 mixture of

oximes (*S*)-**4b** and (*S*)-**4c**. Second, **3c** was also converted to (*R*)-**4b** and (*R*)-**4c** by way of (*R*)-**4a** under the same conditions. We found no discrepancy in the predicted and obtained optical rotation values and confirmed that the chiral centers of (*S*)-**4a** and (*R*)-**4a** were not compromised throughout these transformations.

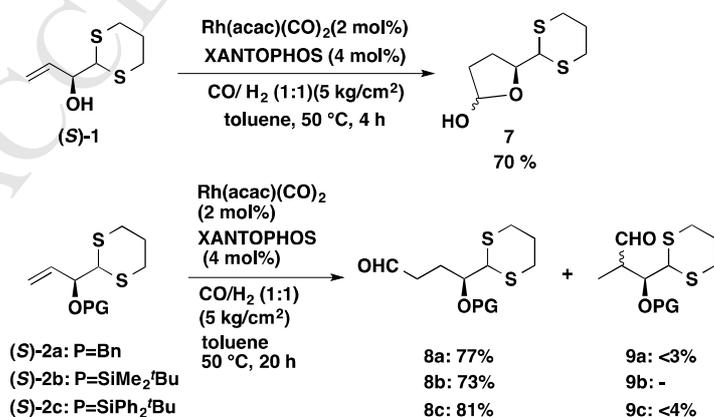


Scheme 8. Oxime formation from (*1S*)-**3d** and **3c**.

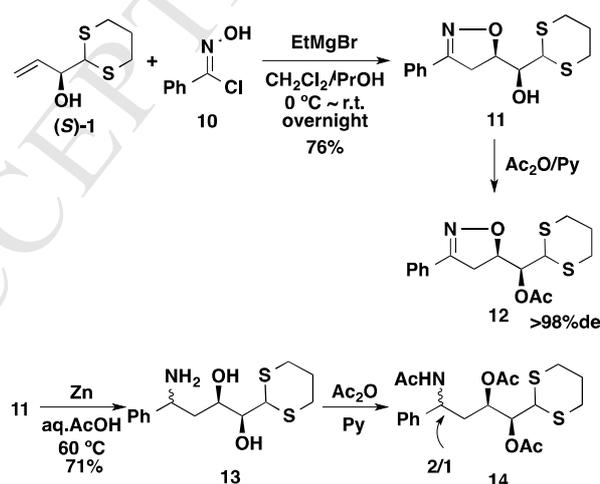
O-Protected α -hydroxyaldehydes as well as α -hydroxyaldehydes are synthetically valuable intermediates. We next checked the enantiopurity of *O*-protected aldehydes formed via deprotection of the 1,3-dithianyl group (Scheme 9). For example, (*S*)-**3a** was treated with an excess of MeI (10 eq.) to uneventfully afford aldehyde **5a** in 94% yield. The enantiomeric excess was confirmed by converting **5a** to benzoate **5a-1** via NaBH₄ reduction and subsequent benzylation. HPLC analysis of **5a-1**¹⁸ revealed that no epimerization occurred throughout the process. Additionally, deprotection of (*S*)-**3b** was effected under the same conditions to give aldehyde **5b**, which was converted to dibenzoate **5b-1** in three steps. HPLC analysis of **5b-1**¹⁹ showed that the deprotection step did not adversely affect the enantiopurity. Furthermore, the absolute configuration of (*S*)-**3b** was confirmed to be *S* by converting to the known dimethoxy derivative **6**.²⁰

Scheme 9. Formation of *O*-protected α -hydroxyaldehydes.

In addition to Suzuki-Miyaura cross-coupling, the synthetic utility of the terminal olefin in (*S*)-**1** and (*S*)-**2** was exemplified by hydroformylation, which allows incorporation of a formyl group in a highly regioselective fashion (Scheme 10). Initially, we found that hydroformylation of (*S*)-**1** by the catalytic system Rh(acac)(CO)₂/XANTPHOS²¹ produced hemiacetal **7** in 70% yield together with a trace of complex mixture (<1%). Furthermore, (*S*)-**2a**, (*S*)-**2b** and (*S*)-**2c** gave satisfactory ratios of linear aldehyde **8**/branched aldehyde **9**.

Scheme 10. Hydroformylation of (*S*)-**1** and (*S*)-**2**.

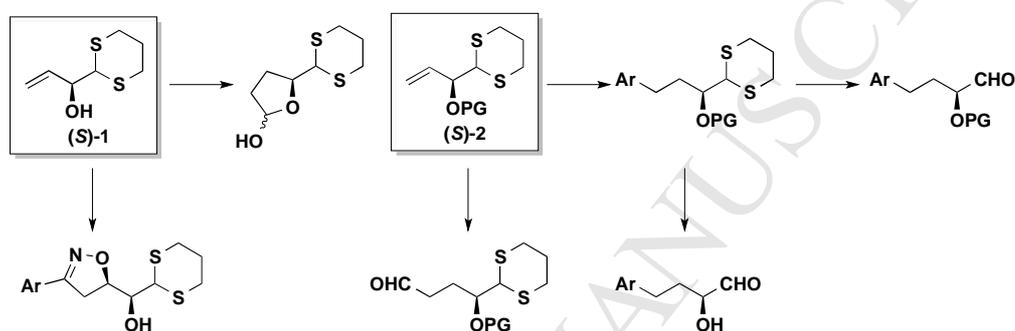
In an effort to expand the synthetic utility of (*S*)-**1** and (*R*)-**1**, we examined the hydroxyl-directed 1,3-dipolar cycloaddition of nitrile oxides (Scheme 11).²² Initially, the reaction of (*S*)-**1** with benzohydroximinoyl chloride (**10**) using triethylamine as a base furnished **11** with poor diastereoselectivity.²³ Fortunately both the *syn*-selectivity and the yield of alcohol **11** were dramatically improved using the Kanemasa protocol.²⁴ The *syn/anti* ratio of **11** (>98% dr) was determined by ¹H NMR (500 MHz) after converting to the corresponding acetate **12**.²⁵ Next, the oxazoline ring of **11** was cleaved by treatment with Zn²⁶ to furnish diol **13**, which was then acetylated by treatment with Ac₂O/pyridine to afford diacetate **14** as a 2:1 separable mixture.²⁷ From a synthetic point of view, these results are very significant because scaffold (*S*)-**1** permits construction of a densely functionalized α-hydroxyaldehyde in several short steps.



Scheme 11. Hydroxyl-directed 1,3-dipolar cycloaddition of (*S*)-**1**

3. Conclusion

Scaffold (*S*)-**1** and *O*-protected derivatives (*S*)-**2** are amenable to palladium-catalyzed Suzuki-Miyaura cross-coupling and rhodium-catalyzed hydroformylation. Also, (*S*)-**1** undergoes hydroxyl-directed 1,3-dipolar cycloaddition in a highly stereoselective manner, providing a variety of synthetically valuable intermediates (Scheme 12). Most importantly, α -hydroxyaldehyde can be generated without any erosion of enantiopurity, definitively demonstrating the high synthetic value of (*S*)-**2**.



Scheme 12. A variety of transformations of (*S*)-**1** and (*S*)-**2**.

4. Experimental section

4.1 General Procedure

All air- and moisture-sensitive reactions were performed in flame-dried glassware fitted with rubber septa under a positive pressure of argon, unless otherwise noted. THF and DME were distilled from sodium benzophenone ketyl. Dichloromethane was washed with water and brine successively, and dried over 4Å molecular sieves. CAL-B was dried under reduced pressure (<0.5 mmHg) at room temperature for 8 h. Isopropenyl acetate was freshly distilled before use. Other commercially available reagents were used as received, unless otherwise noted. TLC analysis was performed on precoated plates (0.25 mm, silica gel, Merck Kieselgel 60F₂₅₄). Compounds were visualized by dipping the plates in aq. PMA, ethanolic PMA, or *p*-anisaldehyde, followed by heating. Flash column chromatography was performed with silica gel 60 N (spherical, neutral, 40-50 μm, Kanto Chemical Co., Inc.). IR spectra were recorded on a varian FTIR 7000 e. High performance liquid chromatography (HPLC) analyses were performed with Hitachi High-Technologies Co. using Chiralpak IA or Chiralpak IB column

(0.46 cm x 25 cm). Melting points were recorded with a Büchi 510 apparatus and are not corrected. Optical rotations were measured on a JASCO DIP-1000. Mass spectra were recorded on a JEOL JMS-DX 303. $^1\text{H-NMR}$ (500 MHz) and $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$ (125 MHz) spectra were recorded on a JEOL JNM-LA 500. $^1\text{H-NMR}$ (400 MHz) and $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$ (100 MHz) spectra were recorded on a JEOL JNM-ECS 400. The chemical shifts are given in δ units relative to internal tetramethylsilane (0 ppm for ^1H and ^{13}C), chloroform (7.26 ppm for ^1H , 77.0 ppm for ^{13}C), or methanol (3.30 ppm for ^1H , 49.0 ppm for ^{13}C). Elemental analysis was done using a Perkin-Elmer 2400 CHN analyzer.

4.1.1. Racemic 1-(1,3-dithian-2-yl)prop-2-en-1-ols [(±)-**1**].

A solution of 1,3-dithiane (6.01 g, 50 mmol) in THF (100 mL) was cooled to $-70\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ and a solution of *n*-BuLi (1.56 M in hexane, 33.7 mL, 52.6 mmol) was added dropwise over a period of 5 min. The reaction mixture was allowed to warm to $-30\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ over the next 1.5 h, and then cooled back down to $-70\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$. Acrolein (3.67 mL, 55 mmol) was added dropwise over 2 min. After stirring at this temperature for 10 min, the reaction was terminated by slow addition of 1M HCl (60 mL). The aqueous mixture was diluted with brine (100 mL), and extracted into a mixture of toluene (50 mL) and EtOAc (50 mL). The organic layer was washed with brine (100 mL x 2) and dried over anhydrous MgSO_4 . Filtration and evaporation of the solvent *in vacuo* followed by short-path distillation provided (±)-**1** (7.93 g, 90% yield) as a colorless oil; $^1\text{H NMR}$ (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 6.00 (ddd, $J = 16.8, 10.7, 5.8$ Hz, 1H), 5.44 (dd, $J = 17.1, 1.2$ Hz, 1H), 5.23 (dd, $J = 10.4, 1.2$ Hz, 1H), 4.40-4.37 (m, 1H), 3.96 (d, $J = 6.4$ Hz, 1H), 2.98-2.92 (m, 2H), 2.80-2.74 (m, 2H), 2.51 (d, $J = 4.0$ Hz, 1H), 2.13-2.06 (m, 1H), 2.01-1.94 (m, 1H); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 136.6, 117.5, 73.3, 51.7, 28.3, 28.0, 25.4; Anal. Calcd. for $\text{C}_7\text{H}_{12}\text{OS}_2$: C, 47.69; H, 6.86. Found: C, 47.29; H, 6.89; HRMS (FAB $^+$, $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$) m/z calcd for $[\text{C}_7\text{H}_{13}\text{OS}_2]^+$: 177.0408 found: 177.0407.

4.1.2. Lipase-catalyzed kinetic resolution of (±)-**1**.

(*R*)-1-(1,3-Dithian-2-yl)allyl acetate[(*R*)-**1**-OAc] and (*S*)-1-(1,3-Dithian-2-yl)prop-2-en-1-ol [(*S*)-**1**]

A mixture of (±)-**1** (6.63 g, 37.6 mmol), 2-propenyl acetate (4.14 mL, 37.6 mmol) and CAL-B (752 mg, 20 mg/mmol of (±)-**1**) in toluene (37.6 mL) was stirred at $50\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ for 65 h. The enzyme was removed by filtration through Celite 545, and washed with toluene (5 mL x 2). The filtrate was concentrated *in vacuo* to give a crude oil (7.82 g), which was purified by column chromatography

(silica gel, toluene/EtOAc=20/1~5/1) to afford (*R*)-**1**-OAc (4.30 g) as a pale yellow oil and (*S*)-**1** (3.26 g) as a pale yellow oil, respectively. Short-pass distillation gave (*R*)-**1**-OAc (4.15 g, 50.6%) as a colorless oil and (*S*)-**1** (3.23 g, 48.7%) as a colorless oil, respectively.

(*R*)-**1**-OAc: $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{23} +20.3$ (*c* 1.16, CHCl₃); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 5.96 (ddd, *J* = 17.1, 10.4, 6.7 Hz, 1H), 5.57 (dd, *J* = 6.7, 6.7 Hz, 1H), 5.40 (d, *J* = 17.1 Hz, 1H), 5.33 (d, *J* = 10.4 Hz, 1H), 4.10 (d, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 1H), 2.96-2.90 (m, 2H), 2.81-2.75 (m, 2H), 2.13 (s, 3H), 2.13-2.08 (m, 1H), 1.98-1.92 (m, 1H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 169.3, 132.9, 118.9, 48.8, 28.4, 28.1, 25.2, 20.7; HRMS (FAB⁺, [M+Na]⁺) *m/z* calcd for [C₉H₁₄O₂S₂Na]⁺: 241.0333 found: 241.0332.

(*S*)-**1**: $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{24} -20.1$ (*c* 1.11, CHCl₃).

(*R*)-**1**-OAc was converted to (*R*)-**1** by treatment with K₂CO₃ (5 mol%) in MeOH at room temperature for 2 h. HPLC analysis: Chiralpak IA, *n*-hexane/2-propanol=9/1, 1.0 mL/min, 254 nm.

(*S*)-**1**: *t*_R 10.8 min (>98% ee), (*R*)-**1**: *t*_R 12.0 min (96% ee).

4.1.3. Lipase-catalyzed hydrolysis of (*R*)-**1**-OAc.

(*R*)-1-(1,3-Dithian-2-yl)prop-2-en-1-ol [(*R*)-**1**]

A mixture of (*R*)-**1**-OAc (4.07 g, 18.6 mmol, 96% ee) and CAL-B (372 mg, 20 mg/mmol of (*R*)-**1**-OAc) in a mixed solution of phosphate buffer (pH 6.86, 1.9 mL) and 1,4-dioxane (18.6 mL) was stirred at 40 °C for 65 h. The reaction mixture was passed through Celite 545 and rinsed with toluene (5 mL x 2). The filtrate was concentrated *in vacuo* and the residue was distributed between EtOAc (30 mL) and brine (20 mL). The separated organic layer was washed with brine (30 mL), dried over anhydrous MgSO₄. Filtration and evaporation of the solvent *in vacuo* followed by column chromatography (silica gel, toluene/EtOAc=1/0~15/1~3/1) provided (*S*)-**1**-OAc (645 mg, 2.95 mmol) and (*R*)-**1** (2.67 g, 81% yield) as a colorless oil after short-path distillation.

(*R*)-**1**: $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{22} +21.7$ (*c* 1.15, CHCl₃).

(*S*)-**1**-OAc was converted to (*S*)-**1** by treatment with K₂CO₃ (5 mol%) in MeOH at room temperature for 2h. HPLC analysis: Chiralpak IA (*n*-hexane/2-propanol=9/1, 1.0 mL/min, 254 nm, (*S*)-**1**: *t*_R 10.9 min (76% ee), (*R*)-**1**: *t*_R 12.2 min (>98% ee).

4.1.4. General procedure for benzylation of (*S*)-**1** and (*R*)-**1**.

(*S*)-2-(1-(Benzyloxy)allyl)-1,3-dithiane [(*S*)-**2a**]

(*R*)-2-(1-(Benzyloxy)allyl)-1,3-dithiane [(*R*)-**2a**]

BnCl (0.92 mL, 8.0mmol) was added to a suspension of NaH (55% in mineral oil, 350 mg, 8

mmol) in DMF (8 mL) at 5 °C, and then a solution of (*S*)-**1** (705 mg, 4.0 mmol) in THF (5 mL) was added dropwise over a period of 2 min. The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 2 h, poured into cold water, and extracted with toluene (20 mL x 2). The combined extracts were washed successively with water (20 mL) and brine (20 mL). The organic layer was dried over anhydrous MgSO₄, filtrated and concentrated *in vacuo*. Purification of the crude oil by short-path distillation and subsequent column chromatography (silica gel, *n*-hexane/EtOAc=20/1~10/1) gave (*S*)-**2a** (936 mg, 88 % yield) as a colorless oil; [α]_D²¹ +21.1 (*c* 1.13, CHCl₃); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.38-7.32 (m, 4H), 7.29-7.26 (m, 1H), 5.88 (ddd, *J* = 17.7, 10.4, 8.3 Hz, 1H), 5.40 (d, *J* = 10.5 Hz, 1H), 5.33 (d, *J* = 17.5 Hz, 1H), 4.67 (d, *J* = 12.0 Hz, 1H), 4.44 (d, *J* = 12.5 Hz, 1H), 4.24 (d, *J* = 5.5 Hz, 1H), 3.96 (dd, *J* = 7.7, 6.4 Hz, 1H), 2.90-2.81 (m, 4H), 2.12-2.07 (m, 1H), 1.94-1.86 (m, 1H); ¹³C NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 137.2, 134.5, 127.7, 127.2, 126.9, 119.4, 81.5, 69.8, 50.8, 29.3, 29.4; HRMS (EI⁺, [M]⁺) *m/z* calcd for [C₁₄H₁₈OS₂]⁺: 266.0799 found: 266.0796.

(*R*)-**2a** was obtained from (*R*)-**1** in 85% yield; [α]_D²⁴ -19.1 (*c* 1.09, CHCl₃).

4.1.5. General procedure for silylation of (*S*)-**1** and (*R*)-**1** with TBDMSCl.

(*S*)-((1-(1,3-Dithian-2-yl)allyl)oxy)(*tert*-butyl)dimethylsilane[(*S*)-**2b**]

(*R*)-((1-(1,3-Dithian-2-yl)allyl)oxy)(*tert*-butyl)dimethylsilane [(*R*)-**2b**]

TBDMSCl (610 mg, 4.05 mmol) was added to a solution of (*S*)-**1** (353 g, 2.0 mmol) and imidazole (681 mg, 10.0 mmol) in DMF (5 mL) at room temperature. After stirring for 4 h, glycerine (2 mL) was added to the reaction mixture, and stirring was continued for an additional 1 h. The reaction mixture was distributed between toluene (30 mL) and water (30 mL). The organic layer was successively washed with sat. aq. NaHCO₃ (20 mL) and brine (30 mL), dried over anhydrous MgSO₄. Filtration and evaporation of the solvent *in vacuo* followed by column chromatography (silica gel, *n*-hexane/EtOAc=15/1) gave (*S*)-**2b** (564 mg, 95% yield); [α]_D²² -13.5 (*c* 0.98, CHCl₃); ¹H NMR(500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 5.92 (dd, *J* = 17.0, 10.5, 6.5 Hz, 1H), 5.28 (d, *J* = 17.0 Hz, 1H), 5.22 (d, *J* = 10.0 Hz, 1H), 4.23 (dd, *J* = 6.5, 6.0 Hz, 1H), 4.12 (d, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 1H), 2.88-2.82 (m, 4H), 2.10-2.08 (m, 1H), 1.90-1.85 (m, 1H), 0.92 (s, 9H), 0.12 (s, 3H), 0.07 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 137.9, 116.6, 76.4, 53.6, 29.7, 28.9, 25.6, 18.0, -4.5, -5.0; HRMS (FAB⁺, [M+H]⁺) *m/z* calcd for [C₁₃H₂₇OS₂Si]⁺: 291.1273 found: 291.1267.

(*R*)-**2b** was obtained from (*R*)-**1** in 95% yield; [α]_D²² +14.5 (*c* 1.00, CHCl₃).

4.1.6. General procedure for silylation of (*S*)-**1** and (*R*)-**1** with TBDPSCl.

(S)-((1-(1,3-Dithian-2-yl)allyl)oxy)(*tert*-butyl)diphenylsilane [*(S)*-**2c**]

(R)-((1-(1,3-Dithian-2-yl)allyl)oxy)(*tert*-butyl)diphenylsilane [*(R)*-**2c**]

A solution of TBDPSCI (1.10 g, 4.0 mmol) in DMF (5 mL) was added to a solution of (*S*)-**1** (353 mg, 2.0 mmol) and imidazole (681 mg, 10.0 mmol) in DMF (5 mL). The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 12 h. The reaction was quenched by addition of glycerine (2 ml), and stirring was continued for 1 h. The mixture was distributed between toluene (30 mL) and water (50 mL). The organic layer was washed with sat. aq. NaHCO₃ (20 mL), dried over anhydrous MgSO₄, filtered and concentrated *in vacuo*. The residual viscous oil (1.68 g) was purified by column chromatography (silica gel, *n*-hexane/EtOAc=15/1) to afford (*S*)-**2c** (800 mg, 97% yield) as a white semi-solid; [α]_D²² -59.4 (*c* 1.01, CHCl₃); FTIR (KBr): 2932, 2857, 1588, 1473, 1428, 1113, 931, 875, 708 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.77 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.66 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 7.46-7.27 (m, 6H), 5.92 (ddd, *J* = 17.0, 10.5, 6.5 Hz, 1H), 5.11-5.06 (m, 2H), 4.35 (dd, *J* = 5.5, 5.5 Hz, 1H), 3.40 (d, *J* = 5.0 Hz, 1H), 2.82-2.61 (m, 4H), 2.04-2.01 (m, 1H), 1.85-1.77 (m, 1H), 1.09 (s, 9H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 136.5, 135.9, 135.9, 133.7, 133.4, 129.7, 129.6, 127.4, 127.4, 117.4, 76.6, 54.4, 30.4, 30.0, 26.9, 26.2, 19.4; HRMS (FAB⁺, [M+H]⁺) *m/z* calcd for [C₂₃H₃₁OS₂Si]⁺: 415.1586 found: 415.1565.

(R)-**2c** was obtained from (*R*)-**1** in 95% yield; [α]_D²³ +60.3 (*c* 0.90, CHCl₃).

4.1.7. 2-((1*S*)-1-(1-Ethoxyethoxy)allyl)-1,3-dithiane [(1*S*)-**2d**].

To a solution of (*S*)-**1** (1.06 g, 6.0 mmol) and ethyl vinyl ether (1.15 mL, 12.0 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (20 mL) was added pyridinium *p*-toluenesulfonate (PPTS) (75 mg, 0.3 mmol) at room temperature. After stirring for 2 h, the reaction was terminated by addition of sat. aq. NaHCO₃ solution (20 mL). The organic layer separated was dried over anhydrous MgSO₄, filtered and concentrated *in vacuo*. The residue (1.50 g) was purified by column chromatography (silica gel, *n*-hexane/EtOAc/Et₃N=100/5/1) to afford (1*S*)-**2d** (1.40 g, 94% yield) as a colorless oil; [α]_D²³ +17.9 (*c* 1.44, CHCl₃); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 6.00-5.78 (m, 1H), 5.40-5.28 (m, 2H), 4.82-4.75 (m, 1H), 4.30-4.12 (m, 2H), 3.75-3.40 (m, 2H), 2.95-2.80 (m, 4H), 2.15-2.06 (m, 1H), 1.95-1.85 (m, 1H), 1.40-1.30 (m, 3H), 1.24-1.14 (m, 3H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 135.5, 134.6, 118.6, 117.1, 98.7, 96.1, 78.7, 78.3, 59.9, 58.1, 51.1, 50.7, 29.2, 25.2, 19.4, 19.2, 14.6, 14.6, 14.3; HRMS (FAB⁺, [M+H]⁺) *m/z* calcd for [C₂₃H₃₁OS₂Si]⁺: 415.1586 found: 415.1565.

4.1.8. 2-((1*R*)-1-(1-Ethoxyethoxy)allyl)-1,3-dithiane [(1*R*)-**2d**].

To a solution of (*R*)-**1** (1.76 g, 10.0 mmol) and ethyl vinyl ether (1.92 mL, 20 mmol) in

CH₂Cl₂ (20 mL) was added pyridinium *p*-toluenesulfonate (PPTS) (63 mg, 0.25 mmol) at room temperature. After stirring for 3 h, the reaction was terminated by addition of sat. aq. NaHCO₃ solution (20 mL). The organic layer separated was dried over anhydrous MgSO₄, filtered and concentrated *in vacuo*. The residue (2.46 g) was purified by column chromatography (silica gel, *n*-hexane/EtOAc/Et₃N=100/5/1) to afford (1*R*)-**2d** (2.39 g, 96% yield) as a colorless oil; [α]_D²¹-17.1 (*c* 1.50, CHCl₃); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 6.00-5.77 (m, 1H), 5.38-5.28 (m, 2H), 4.84-4.75 (m, 1H), 4.28-4.12 (m, 2H), 3.75-3.40 (m, 2H), 2.94-2.80 (m, 4H), 2.15-2.05 (m, 1H), 1.97-1.85 (m, 1H), 1.37-1.32 (m, 3H), 1.23-1.14 (m, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 135.8, 134.9, 119.2, 117.8, 99.2, 96.6, 79.1, 78.9, 60.5, 58.6, 51.6, 51.3, 29.7, 25.6, 19.8, 19.6, 15.0, 14.7.

4.1.9. General protocol for Suzuki-Miyaura cross-coupling reaction of (*S*)-**2** and (*R*)-**2** with bromobenzene and aryl iodides.

4.1.9-1. (*S*)-2-(1-(Benzyloxy)-3-phenylpropyl)-1,3-dithiane [**3a**].

To a solution of (*S*)-**2a** (490 mg, 1.84 mmol) in THF (5 mL) was added 9-BBN (449 mg, 3.68 mmol) in one portion and the mixture was stirred at 40 °C for 1 h under argon atmosphere. Then, iodobenzene (0.41 mL, 3.68 mmol), aq. 3M K₃PO₄ (2 mL, 5.52 mmol) and PdCl₂(dppf)·CH₂Cl₂ (75 mg, 0.092 mmol) were added and the mixture was purged with argon twice. The dark brown mixture was heated at 40 °C for 4 h. After cooling to room temperature, ethanolamine (0.44 mL, 7.36 mmol) was added to the reaction mixture and stirred for 1 h. The mixture was distributed between hexane (30 mL) and water (20 mL). The organic layer was washed with brine (20 mL x 2), dried over anhydrous MgSO₄, filtered, and concentrated *in vacuo*. Purification of the residue by column chromatography (silica gel, *n*-hexane/EtOAc=20/1) gave **3a** (554 mg, 87% yield) as colorless oil; [α]_D²²-37.1 (*c* 1.13, CHCl₃); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.47-7.14 (m, 10H), 4.76 (d, *J* = 11.5 Hz, 1H), 4.55 (d, *J* = 11.5 Hz, 1H), 4.38 (d, *J* = 5.0 Hz, 1H), 3.64-3.61 (m, 1H), 2.90-2.78 (m, 5H), 2.64-2.59 (m, 1H), 2.13-2.03 (m, 3H), 1.92-1.85 (m, 1H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 141.5, 137.9, 128.3, 128.2, 127.9, 127.5, 125.6, 80.0, 72.1, 52.0, 33.6, 31.5, 30.4, 26.1; HRMS (FAB⁺, [M+H]⁺) *m/z* calcd for [C₂₀H₂₅OS₂]⁺: 345.1347 found: 345.1353.

4.1.9-2. (*S*)-(1-(1,3-Dithian-2-yl)-3-phenylpropoxy)(*tert*-butyl)dimethylsilane [**3b**].

Compound **3b** was obtained from (*S*)-**2b** in 83% yield, [α]_D¹⁹-4.92 (*c* 1.42, CHCl₃); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.29-7.16 (m, 5H), 4.22 (d, *J* = 5.2 Hz, 1H), 3.93-3.89 (m, 1H), 2.87-2.83 (m, 4H), 2.78-2.72 (m, 1H), 2.26-2.61 (m, 1H), 2.12-2.08 (m, 2H), 2.05-1.97 (m, 1H),

0.95 (s, 9H), 0.15 (s, 3H), 0.10 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 141.9, 128.3, 128.3, 125.7, 74.1, 54.2, 36.2, 31.1, 30.5, 30.4, 26.3, 25.9, 18.2, -4.4; HRMS (FAB^+ , $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$) m/z calcd for $[\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{33}\text{OS}_2\text{Si}]^+$: 369.1742 found: 369.1734.

4.1.9-3. (*R*)-(1-(1,3-Dithian-2-yl)-3-phenylpropoxy)(*tert*-butyl)diphenylsilane [**3c**].

To a solution of (*R*)-**2c** (207 mg, 0.5 mmol) in THF (5 mL) was added 9-BBN (122 mg, 1.0 mmol) and the mixture was stirred at 40 °C for 1 h under argon atmosphere. Then, bromobenzene (0.11 mL, 1.0 mmol), aq. 3M K_3PO_4 (1 mL, 3 mmol) and $\text{PdCl}_2(\text{dppf})\cdot\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ (41 mg, 0.05 mmol) were added and the mixture was purged with argon twice. The dark brown mixture was heated at 45 °C for 7 h. After cooling to room temperature, ethanolamine (0.18 mL, 3.0 mmol) was added to the reaction mixture and stirred for 1 h. The mixture was distributed between hexane (30 mL) and water (20 mL). The organic layer was washed with brine (20 mL x 2), dried over anhydrous MgSO_4 , filtered, and concentrated *in vacuo*. Purification of the residue by column chromatography (silica gel, *n*-hexane/EtOAc=30/1) gave **3c** (212 mg, 86% yield) as colorless oil; $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{22} +13.8$ (c 1.63, CHCl_3); ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.79 (d, $J = 7.0$ Hz, 2H), 7.72 (d, $J = 6.7$ Hz, 2H), 7.45-7.10 (m, 9H), 6.99 (d, $J = 7.3$ Hz, 2H), 4.06 (d, $J = 4.0$ Hz, 1H), 4.05-3.97 (m, 1H), 2.82-2.58 (m, 5H), 2.48-2.41 (m, 1H), 2.05-1.75 (m, 4H), 1.11 (s, 9H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 141.6, 136.1, 136.0, 133.9, 133.7, 129.7, 128.2, 128.1, 127.6, 127.5, 125.6, 75.0, 55.1, 36.0, 31.9, 30.8, 30.4, 27.0, 26.4, 19.5; HRMS (FAB^+ , $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$) m/z calcd for $[\text{C}_{29}\text{H}_{37}\text{OS}_2\text{Si}]^+$: 493.2055 found: 493.2039.

4.1.9-4. 2-((1*R*)-1-(1-Ethoxyethoxy)-3-phenylpropyl)-1,3-dithiane [**3d**].

Compound **3d** was obtained from (1*R*)-**2d** in 93% yield; $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{22} +24.0$ (c 1.31, CHCl_3); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.30-7.12 (m, 5H), 4.91 (d, $J = 5.2$ Hz, 0.5H), 4.78 (d, $J = 5.2$ Hz, 0.5H), 4.41 (d, $J = 4.8$ Hz, 0.5H), 4.32 (d, $J = 4.4$ Hz, 0.5H), 3.88-3.47 (m, 3H), 2.92-2.57 (m, 6H), 2.14-1.80 (m, 4H), 1.38 (d, $J = 5.2$ Hz, 1.5H), 1.35 (d, $J = 5.2$ Hz, 1.5 H), 1.20 (t, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 1.5 H), 1.18 (d, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 1.5 H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 141.9, 141.5, 128.4, 128.3, 125.9, 125.7, 99.9, 99.7, 78.1, 60.3, 52.8, 52.7, 34.5, 33.2, 31.7, 31.5, 30.9, 30.6, 26.3, 20.2, 20.1, 15.3; HRMS (FAB^+ , $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$) m/z calcd for $[\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{27}\text{O}_2\text{S}_2]^+$: 327.1452 found: 327.1473.

4.1.9-5. Methyl 4-((3*S*)-3-(1,3-dithian-2-yl)-3-(1-ethoxyethoxy)propyl)benzoate [**3e**].

To a solution of (1*S*)-**2d** (514 mg, 2.07 mmol) in THF (10 mL) was added 9-BBN (505 mg, 4.14 mmol) and the mixture was stirred at 40 °C for 1 h under argon atmosphere. Then, a

solution of methyl 4-bromobenzoate (890 mg, 4.14 mmol) in THF (5 mL), aq. 3M K₃PO₄ (3 mL, 9 mmol) and PdCl₂(dppf)·CH₂Cl₂ (82 mg, 0.10 mmol) were added and the mixture was purged with argon twice. The dark brown mixture was heated at 45 °C for 7 h. After cooling to room temperature, ethanolamine (0.48 mL, 8.0 mmol) was added to the reaction mixture and stirred for 1 h. The mixture was distributed between hexane (30 mL) and water (20 mL). The organic layer was washed with brine (20 mL x 2), dried over anhydrous MgSO₄, filtered, and concentrated *in vacuo*. Purification of the residue by column chromatography (silica gel, toluene/EtOAc=20/1~10/1) gave **3e** (650 mg, 82%) as colorless oil; [α]_D²³ -22.7 (*c* 1.45, CHCl₃); FTIR (KBr): 3321, 2894, 1718, 1609, 1431, 1280, 1102, 704, 649 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.95 (d, *J* = 5.8 Hz, 2H), 7.25-7.30 (m, 2H), 4.92 (q, *J* = 5.5 Hz, 0.5H), 4.79 (q, *J* = 5.5 Hz, 0.5H), 4.44 (d, *J* = 4.6 Hz, 0.5H), 4.34 (d, *J* = 4.9 Hz, 0.5H), 3.90 (s, 3H), 3.90-3.51 (m, 3H), 2.95-2.80 (m, 5H), 2.76-2.65 (m, 1H), 2.16-2.03 (m, 3H), 1.95-1.82 (m, 1H), 1.39 (d, *J* = 5.5 Hz, 1.5H), 1.36 (d, *J* = 5.2 Hz, 1.5H), 1.22 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 1.5H), 1.19 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 1.5H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 167.2, 147.6, 147.2, 130.2, 130.0, 129.9, 129.7, 128.5, 127.9, 127.8, 127.3, 126.7, 100.0, 99.8, 78.0, 70.9, 60.5, 60.4, 52.8, 52.5, 52.0, 42.0, 34.2, 33.0, 32.1, 31.8, 31.6, 30.9, 30.6, 27.4, 27.2, 26.2, 22.7, 22.0, 20.2, 20.1, 15.4; HRMS (FAB⁺, [M+Na]⁺) *m/z* calcd for [C₁₉H₂₈O₄S₂Na]⁺: 407.1327 found: 407.1312.

4.1.10. General protocol for Suzuki-Miyaura cross-coupling reaction of (*R*)-**2** and (*1S*)-**2d** with diiodobenzenes.

4.1.10-1. (*1R,1'R*)-3,3'-(1,4-Phenylene)bis(1-(1,3-dithian-2-yl)propan-1-ol) [**3f**].

To a solution of (*R*)-**2c** (829 mg, 2.0 mmol) in THF (8 mL) was added 9-BBN (488 mg, 4.0 mmol) in one portion and the mixture was stirred at 40 °C for 1 h under argon atmosphere. Then, 1,4-diiodobenzene (330 mg, 1.0 mmol, 0.5 equiv.), 3M. aq. K₃PO₄ (3 mL, 9.0 mmol), PdCl₂(dppf)·CH₂Cl₂ (82 mg, 0.10 mmol) and THF (10 mL) were added to the mixture in this order. The whole mixture was purged with argon twice. The dark green mixture was heated at 40 °C for 2 h. After cooling to room temperature, ethanolamine (0.48 mL, 8.0 mmol) and toluene (20 mL) were added and the mixture was stirred for 1 h. Hexane (30 mL) and water (30 mL) were added and the organic layer separated was washed with brine (30 mL), dried over anhydrous MgSO₄. Filtration and concentration *in vacuo* provided a crude oil, a THF solution (4 mL) of which was treated with Bu₄NF (1 M THF solution, 4 mL) for 5 h. The reaction mixture was distributed between toluene (30 mL) and water (20 mL). The organic layer was dried over anhydrous MgSO₄, filtered, and concentrated *in vacuo*. The residue was washed with hot

hexane twice, and purified by column chromatography (silica gel, toluene/ EtOAc = 3/1) to give **3f** (241 mg, 56%) as a white amorphous solid; $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{22} +64.6$ (*c* 1.55, CHCl₃); FTIR (KBr): 3427, 3229, 2949, 2928, 2899, 2358, 1419, 1278, 1083, 905, 551 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.15 (s, 4H), 3.91-3.85 (m, 4H), 2.95-2.83 (m, 6H), 2.76-2.66 (m, 6H), 2.45 (d, *J* = 2.5 Hz, 2H), 2.20-1.80 (m, 8H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 139.1, 128.5, 71.2, 52.1, 35.7, 31.5, 28.2, 27.7, 25.6; HRMS (FAB⁺, [M+H]⁺) *m/z* calcd for [C₂₀H₃₁O₂S₄]⁺: 431.1207 found: 431.1182.

4.1.10-2. (1*S*,1'*S*)-3,3'-(1,2-Phenylene)bis(1-(1,3-dithian-2-yl)propan-1-ol) [**3g**]

To a solution of (1*S*)-**2d** (497 mg, 2.0 mmol) in THF (8 mL) was added 9-BBN (488 mg, 4.0 mmol) in one portion and the mixture was stirred at 40 °C for 1 h under argon atmosphere. To the reaction mixture, 1,2-diiodobenzene (297 mg, 0.9 mmol, 0.45 equiv.), 3 M aq. K₃PO₄ (3 mL, 9.0 mmol), PdCl₂(dppf)·CH₂Cl₂ (82 mg, 0.1 mmol) and THF (8 mL) were added. The resulting dark mixture was heated at 40 °C for 3 h. After cooling to room temperature, ethanolamine (0.48 mL, 8.0 mmol) was added and stirred for 1 h. The mixture was diluted with toluene (30 mL) and brine (20 mL) and the organic layer separated was washed with brine (30 mL), dried over MgSO₄, filtered and evaporation of the solvent *in vacuo*. The crude oil was purified by short-path column chromatography (silica gel, *n*-hexane/EtOAc = 10/1~5/1) to afford a pale yellow oil, which was treated with a catalytic amount of PPTS in MeOH (5 mL) for 1 h. The reaction mixture was distributed between EtOAc (30 mL) and sat. aq. NaHCO₃ (20 mL). The organic layer was dried over anhydrous MgSO₄, filtered, and concentrated in *vacuo*. Purification of the crude oil by column chromatography (silica gel, toluene/EtOAc=3/1) gave **3g** (260 mg, 67%) as a pale yellow oil; $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{23} -50.0$ (*c* 1.05, CHCl₃); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.24-7.15 (m, 4H), 3.95-3.89 (m, 4H), 2.95-2.85 (m, 6H), 2.82-2.68 (m, 8H), 2.20-1.81 (m, 8H), 2.20-1.80 (m, 8H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 139.5, 129.2, 126.2, 71.5, 52.1, 35.6, 28.3, 27.8, 25.5; HRMS (FAB⁺, [M+Na]⁺) *m/z* calcd for [C₂₀H₃₀NaO₂S₄]⁺: 453.1026 found: 453.1010.

4.1.10-3. (1*S*,1'*S*)-3,3'-(1,4-phenylene)bis(1-(1,3-dithian-2-yl)propan-1-ol) [**3h**].

To a solution of (1*S*)-**2d** (497 mg, 2.0 mmol) in THF (8 mL) was added 9-BBN (488 mg, 4.0 mmol) in one portion and the mixture was stirred at 40 °C for 1 h under argon atmosphere. 1,4-Diiodobenzene (297 mg, 0.9 mmol, 0.45 equiv.), 3 M aq. K₃PO₄ (3 mL, 9.0 mmol), PdCl₂(dppf)·CH₂Cl₂ (82 mg, 0.1 mmol) and THF (10 mL) were added to the reaction mixture.

The resulting dark mixture was heated at 40 °C for 2.5 h. After cooling to room temperature, ethanolamine (0.48 mL, 8.0 mmol) and toluene (20 mL) were added and the mixture was stirred for 1 h. Hexane (30 mL) and water (30 mL) were added to the mixture and the organic layer separated was washed with brine (30 mL), dried over MgSO₄. Filtration and concentration *in vacuo* provided a crude oil, which was treated with a catalytic amount of PPTS in MeOH (5 mL) for 1 h. The reaction mixture was distributed between EtOAc (30 mL) and sat. aq. NaHCO₃ (20 mL). The organic layer was dried over anhydrous MgSO₄, filtered and concentrated *in vacuo*. The residue was washed with hot hexane twice, and purified by column chromatography (silica gel, toluene/EtOAc = 3/1) to give **3h** (291 mg, 75%) as a white amorphous solid; [α]_D²² -65.9 (*c* 1.05, CHCl₃).

4.1.11. (*S*)-2-(1-(Benzyloxy)undecyl)-1,3-dithiane [**3i**].

A solution of (*S*)-**2a** (133 mg, 0.50 mmol) and 9-BBN (122 mg, 1.0 mmol) in THF (2.0 mL) was stirred at room temperature for 2 h. Pd(acac)₂ (8mg, 0.025 mmol), PCy₃ (28 mg, 0.1 mmol), CsOH•H₂O (252 mg, 1.5 mmol) and 1-bromooctane (0.26 mL, 1.5 mmol) were added to the mixture, and purged with argon twice. The mixture was heated at 60 °C for 10 h and cooled to room temperature. The mixture was diluted with *n*-hexane (20 mL), washed with brine (20 mL x 2), dried over anhydrous MgSO₄ and concentrated *in vacuo*. Purification of the residual oil by column chromatography (silica gel, *n*-hexane/EtOAc = 25/1) provided **3i** (114 mg, 60% yield) as a pale yellow oil; [α]_D²¹ -27.4 (*c* 1.02, CHCl₃); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.47-7.26 (m, 5H), 4.74 (d, *J* = 11.6 Hz, 1H), 4.56 (d, *J* = 11.6 Hz, 1H), 4.35 (d, *J* = 4.9 Hz, 1H), 3.61-3.57 (m, 1H), 2.92-2.80 (m, 4H), 2.14-2.10 (m, 1H), 1.94-1.85 (m, 1H), 1.72-1.69 (m, 2H), 1.50-1.45 (m, 1H), 1.30-1.24 (m, 15H), 0.88 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 138.2, 128.3, 128.0, 127.6, 81.0, 72.3, 52.4, 32.1, 31.9, 30.6, 30.59, 29.6, 29.5, 29.3, 26.3, 25.5, 22.7, 14.1; HRMS (FAB⁺, [M+H]⁺) *m/z* calcd for [C₂₂H₃₇OS₂]⁺: 381.2286 found: 381.2296.

4.1.12. General procedure for oxime formation from **3d** and **3c**.

4.1.12-1. (*S*)-1-(1,3-Dithian-2-yl)-3-phenylpropan-1-ol [(*S*)-**4a**]. and
(*R*)-1-(1,3-Dithian-2-yl)-3-phenylpropan-1-ol [(*R*)-**4a**]

Compound **3d** (784 mg, 2.4 mmol) was treated with PPTS (31.4 mg, 0.125 mmol) in MeOH (5 ml) at room temperature for 1 h. The reaction mixture was distributed between toluene (20 ml) and sat. aq. NaHCO₃(10 ml). The organic layer was dried over anhydrous MgSO₄.Filtration and evaporation of the solvent *in vacuo* afforded an oil (610 mg), which was

purified by column chromatography (silica gel, *n*-hexane/EtOAc=5/1~4/1) to afford (*S*)-**4a** (586 mg, 96% yield) as a colorless oil; $[\alpha]_D^{21}$ -50.7 (c 1.33, CHCl₃); FTIR (KBr): 3308, 3246, 3024, 2907, 2364, 1653, 1597, 1496, 1453, 1278, 1070, 750, 698 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR(500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.35-7.15 (m, 5H), 3.92-3.85(m, 2H), 2.95-2.84 (m, 3H), 2.76-2.68 (m, 3H), 2.48 (d, *J* = 2.2 Hz, 1H), 2.20-1.84 (m, 4H); ¹³C NMR(125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 141.6, 128.4, 125.7, 71.1, 52.1, 35.6, 31.8, 28.1, 27.7, 25.5; HRMS (FAB⁺, [M+H]⁺) *m/z* calcd for [C₁₃H₁₉OS₂]⁺: 255.0877 found: 255.0849.

(*R*)-**4a** was obtained from **3c** in 90% by treatment with TBAF in THF followed by column chromatography (silica gel, *n*-hexane/EtOAc=5/1~4/1); $[\alpha]_D^{24}$ +50.8 (c 1.38, CHCl₃).

4.1.12-2. (*S*, *E*)-2-Hydroxy-4-phenylbutanal *O*-methyl oxime [(*S*)-**4b**], (*S*, *Z*)-2-Hydroxy-4-phenylbutanal *O*-methyl oxime [(*S*)-**4c**], (*R*, *E*)-2-Hydroxy-4-phenylbutanal *O*-methyl oxime [(*R*)-**4b**], and (*R*, *Z*)-2-Hydroxy-4-phenylbutanal *O*-methyl oxime [(*R*)-**4c**].

The alcohol (*S*)-**4a** (592 mg, 2.33 mmol) was treated with MeI (1.50 mL, 24 mmol) and NaHCO₃(3.02 g, 36 mmol) in MeCN/H₂O (12 mL/3 mL) at room temperature for 24 h. The solvent was evaporated and sat. aq. Na₂SO₃ (10 mL) was added to the residue. The aqueous phase was extracted with CHCl₃ (20 mL x 2) and the combined extracts were washed with brine (20 mL), dried over anhydrous MgSO₄. Filtration and concentration *in vacuo* provided an oil (428 mg), to which pyridine (1 mL), MeOH (5 mL) and MeONH₂·HCl (418 mg, 5 mmol) were added. The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 12 h, and distributed with CHCl₃ (30 mL) and water (20 mL). The organic layer was washed with brine (20 mL), dried over anhydrous MgSO₄. Filtration and evaporation of the solvent gave a mixture of oxime alcohols (380 mg) as an oil, which were purified by column chromatography (silica gel, toluene/EtOAc = 5/1~4/1) to give (*S*)-**4b** (211 mg, 47%) and (*S*)-**4c** (54 mg, 12%), respectively.

(*S*)-**4b**: *R*_f= 0.37 (toluene/EtOAc = 5/1), $[\alpha]_D^{22}$ +19.2 (C 1.35, CHCl₃), ¹H NMR(400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.39 (d, *J* = 4.8 Hz, 1H), 4.31-4.26 (m, 1H), 3.86 (s, 3H), 2.36 (d, *J* = 4.0 Hz, 1H), 2.00-1.85 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR(100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 151.3, 141.2, 128.4, 125.9, 68.4, 61.6, 36.7, 31.0; HRMS (FAB⁺, [M+H]⁺) *m/z* calcd for [C₁₁H₁₆NO₂]⁺: 194.1181 found: 194.1177.

(*S*)-**4c**: *R*_f=0.27(toluene/EtOAc = 5/1), $[\alpha]_D^{21}$ -51.1 (C 0.80, CHCl₃), ¹H NMR(400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.39 (d, *J* = 4.8 Hz, 1H), 4.31-4.26 (m, 1H), 3.86 (s, 3H), 2.36 (d, *J* = 4.0 Hz, 1H), 2.00-1.85 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR(100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 151.3, 141.2, 128.4, 125.9, 68.4, 61.6, 36.7, 31.0.

(*R*)-**4b** was obtained from (*R*)-**4a** in 44% yield; $[\alpha]_D^{21}$ -18.7 (c 1.27, CHCl₃).

(*R*)-**4c** was obtained from (*R*)-**4a** in 11% yield; $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{21} +52.5$ (c 0.54, CHCl₃).

4.1.13. (*S*)-2-(Benzyloxy)-4-phenylbutanal [**5a**].

MeI (0.75 mL, 12.0 mmol) was added to a mixture of (*S*)-**3a** (414 mg, 1.20 mmol) and NaHCO₃ (1.26 g, 15.0 mmol) in an aqueous MeCN/water (10 mL/2 mL) at room temperature and the resulting mixture was stirred for 24 h. The reaction mixture was diluted with EtOAc (30 mL), washed with sat. aq. Na₂S₂O₃ (15 mL) and brine (20 mL x 2). Drying over MgSO₄ and concentration *in vacuo* provided **5a** (288 mg, 94% yield) as a colorless oil; $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{22} -80.1$ (c 1.50, CHCl₃); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 9.65 (bs, 1H), 7.45-7.15 (m, 10H), 4.68 (d, *J* = 11.6 Hz, 1H), 4.54 (d, *J* = 11.6 Hz, 1H), 3.76 (t, *J* = 5.8 Hz, 1H), 2.85-2.68 (m, 2H), 2.10-1.95 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 203.4, 140.8, 137.2, 128.5, 128.4, 128.0, 126.1, 82.5, 72.5, 31.6, 30.8; HRMS (FAB⁺, [M+Na]⁺) *m/z* calcd for [C₁₇H₁₈NaO₂]⁺: 277.1204 found: 277.1215.

4.1.14. (*S*)-2-(Benzyloxy)-4-phenylbutyl benzoate [**5a-1**].

Aldehyde **5a** (288 mg) was reduced with NaBH₄ (43 mg, 1.13 mmol) in MeOH (3 mL) at room temperature for 10 min. The reaction mixture was extracted with toluene (20 mL) and water (10 mL). Drying over anhydrous MgSO₄, filtration, and evaporation of the solvent gave alcohol, which was treated with benzoyl chloride (0.35 mL, 422 mg, 3.0 mmol) /pyridine (1 mL) at room temperature for 2 h. The reaction mixture was distributed between toluene (20 mL) and sat. aq. NaHCO₃ (20 mL). The organic layer was washed with brine (10 mL x 2), dried over anhydrous MgSO₄, filtered, and concentrated *in vacuo*, affording a crude benzoate, which was purified by column chromatography (silica gel, *n*-hexane/EtOAc=12/1) to provide **5a-1** (345 mg, 80% yield) as a colorless oil. $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{21} -11.7$ (c 1.04, CHCl₃); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.04 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.60-7.16 (m, 8H), 4.74 (d, *J* = 11.6 Hz, 1H), 4.60 (d, *J* = 11.6 Hz, 1H), 4.49 (dd, *J* = 11.6, 4.0 Hz, 1H), 4.37 (dd, *J* = 11.6, 5.8 Hz, 1H), 3.79-3.74 (m, 1H), 2.87-2.81 (m, 1H), 2.74-2.68 (m, 1H), 2.05-1.92 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 166.3, 141.6, 138.2, 132.9, 129.9, 129.5, 128.3, 127.8, 127.6, 125.8, 76.0, 66.2, 33.6, 31.4; HRMS (FAB⁺, [M+H]⁺) *m/z* calcd for [C₂₄H₂₅O₃]⁺: 361.1804 found: 361.1802.

Chiral HPLC: Chiralpak IB, (254 nm, *n*-hexane/2-propanol=100/1, 0.6 ml/min, 254 nm, racemate; *t*_R 14.2 min and *t*_R 15.4 min). **5a-1**: *t*_R 14.2 min, >98% ee

4.1.15. (*S*)-2-((*tert*-Butyldimethylsilyl)oxy)-4-phenylbutanal [**5b**].

MeI (0.62 mL, 10.0 mmol) was added to a mixture of (*S*)-**3b** (369 mg, 1.0 mmol) and

NaHCO₃ (1.26 g, 15.0 mmol) in an aqueous MeCN/water (10 mL/2 mL) at room temperature and the resulting mixture was stirred for 24 h. The reaction mixture was diluted with EtOAc (30 mL), washed with sat. aq. Na₂S₂O₃ (15 mL) and brine (20 mL x 2). Drying over MgSO₄ and concentration *in vacuo* provided a crude aldehyde, which was purified by short-path column chromatography (silica gel, toluene) to afford **5b** (223 mg, 80%); [α]_D²³ -15.0 (*c* 1.37, CHCl₃); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 9.60 (bs, 1H), 7.35-7.20 (m, 5H), 4.03-4.00 (m, 1H), 2.75-2.65 (m, 2H), 2.05-1.90 (m, 2H), 0.95(s, 9H), 0.11 (s, 6H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 203.8, 141.1, 128.3, 126.0, 77.0, 34.4, 30.7, 25.8, 18.1, -4.70, -5.0; HRMS (FAB⁺, [M+H]⁺) *m/z* calcd for [C₁₆H₂₇O₂Si]⁺: 279.1780 found: 279.1761.

4.1.16. (*S*)-4-Phenylbutane-1,2-diyl dibenzoate [**5b-1**].

The aldehyde **5b** (220 mg, 0.79 mmol) was then reduced with NaBH₄ (38 mg, 1.0 mmol) in EtOH (5.0 mL) at room temperature for 10 min. The reaction mixture was distributed between toluene (15 mL) and water (30 mL). The organic layer was washed with brine (30 mL) and dried over anhydrous MgSO₄. Filtration and evaporation of the solvent *in vacuo* gave a mixture of alcohols (primary and secondary alcohols), which was treated with TBAF (1.0 M in THF, 2.0 mL, 2.0 mmol) at room temperature for 30 min. The mixture was distributed between EtOAc (15 mL) and brine (20 mL). The organic layer was washed with brine (20 mL), dried over anhydrous MgSO₄, filtered and concentrated *in vacuo* furnished 1,2-diol (118 mg, 0.71 mmol), which was treated with BzCl (0.56 mL, 4.84 mmol) in pyridine (3.0 mL) at 5 °C. The mixture was stirred at room temperature for 0.5 h, distributed between EtOAc (20 mL) and water (30 mL). The extract was sequentially washed with 1 M HCl (15 mL x 2), sat. aq. NaHCO₃ (15 mL) and brine (15 mL), dried over anhydrous MgSO₄ and concentrated *in vacuo*. The residue was purified by short-path distillation (150 °C/1 mmHg) to afford 1,2-dibenzoate **5b-1** (239 mg, 90% yield) as a colorless oil: [α]_D²¹ -12.4° (*c* 1.58, CHCl₃); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.06 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 8.00 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.59-7.53 (m, 2H), 7.46-7.40 (m, 4H), 7.30-7.27 (m, 2H), 7.26-7.17 (m, 3H), 5.55-5.51 (m, 1H), 4.60-4.56 (m, 1H), 4.52-4.48 (m, 1H), 2.86-2.74 (m, 2H), 2.26-2.18 (m, 1H), 2.15-2.09 (m, 1H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 166.1, 166.0, 140.8, 133.0, 130.0, 129.6, 128.4, 128.3, 126.1, 71.6, 65.5, 32.6, 31.5; HRMS (FAB⁺, [M+H]⁺) *m/z* calcd for [C₂₄H₂₃O₄]⁺: 375.1596 found: 375.1589.

Chiral HPLC: Chiralpak IA, (254 nm, *n*-hexane/2-propanol=50/1, 1.0 ml/min, racemate; *t*_R 9.1 min and *t*_R 11.4 min). **5b-1**: *t*_R 9.09 min, >98% ee

4.1.17. (*S*)-(3,4-Dimethoxybutyl)benzene [6].

Dibenzoate **5b-1** was converted to dimethyl ether **6** via alkaline hydrolysis followed by etherification with MeI/NaH/DMF in good yield; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.35-7.25 (m, 5H), 3.43 (d, *J*=5.5 Hz, 1H), 3.42 (s, 3H), 3.37 (s, 3H), 3.35-3.32 (m, 1H), 2.77-2.63 (m, 2H), 1.86-1.81 (m, 2H); [α]_D²⁰ + 5.62 (*c* 0.83, CHCl₃); [(*R*)-**6**: lit [α]_D²⁵ -4.73 (*c* 1.14, CHCl₃) (*Ref*: Vikhe, Y. S.; Hande, S. M.; Kawai, N.; Uenishi, J. *J. Org. Chem.* **2009**, 74, 5174–5180.)

4.1.18. (5*S*)-5-(1,3-Dithian-2-yl)tetrahydrofuran-2-ol [7].

In an autoclave, a mixture of (*S*)-**1** (942 mg, 5.34 mmol), Rh(acac)(CO)₂ (28 mg, 0.11 mmol) and XANTPHOS (124 mg, 0.214 mmol) in toluene (10 mL) was heated at 50 °C for 4 h under a pressure of H₂/CO (1:1)(5 kg/cm²). After cooling to room temperature, the yellow-green mixture was passed through florisil pad. The filtrate was concentrated *in vacuo* to afford a brown oil (976 mg), which was purified by short column chromatography (silica gel, *n*-hexane/EtOAc=2/1~1/1 containing 1% Et₃N) provided hemiacetal **7** (767 mg, 70% yield) accompanied by a small amount of complex mixtures (<0.3%): [α]_D²⁴ +28.5 (*c* 1.09, CHCl₃); FTIR (KBr): 3417, 2901, 2820, 1774, 1463, 1076, 1054, 981, 781, 648 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 5.64 (bs, 0.6H), 5.53 (bs, 0.4H), 4.50-4.45 (m, 0.6H), 4.29-4.22 (m, 0.4H), 4.17 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 0.4H), 4.11 (d, *J* = 5.8 Hz, 0.6H), 2.93-2.82 (m, 4H), 2.75 (bs, 0.4H), 2.54 (bs, 0.6H), 2.27-1.89 (m, 6H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 98.8, 98.4, 81.0, 79.4, 77.8, 52.0, 51.3, 33.5, 32.7, 29.4, 29.3, 28.8, 28.7, 27.7, 27.2, 25.8, 25.7; HRMS (FAB⁺, [M-OH]⁺) *m/z* calcd for [C₈H₁₃OS₂]⁺: 189.0408 found: 189.0415.

4.1.19. General protocol for hydroformylation of (*S*)-**2**.

4.1.19-1. (*S*)-4-(Benzyloxy)-4-(1,3-dithian-2-yl)butanal [8a].

In an autoclave, a mixture of (*S*)-**2a** (1.0 mmol), Rh(acac)(CO)₂ (5 mg, 0.02 mmol) and XANTPHOS (23 mg, 0.04 mmol) in toluene (5 mL) was heated at 50 °C for 20 h under a pressure of H₂/CO (1:1)(5 kg/cm²). Upon cooling to room temperature, evaporation of the solvent gave a dark oil, which was purified by column chromatography (silica gel, *n*-hexane/EtOAc = 5/1) to furnish linear aldehyde **8a** (228 mg, 77% yield) as a pale yellow oil: [α]_D²² -45.0 (*c* 1.46, CHCl₃); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 9.69 (bs, 1H), 7.38-7.25 (m, 5H), 4.75 (d, *J* = 11.5 Hz, 1H), 4.50 (d, *J* = 11.0 Hz, 1H), 4.37 (d, *J* = 5.0 Hz, 1H) 3.67-3.49 (m, 1H), 2.92-2.83 (m, 4H), 2.57-2.44 (m, 2H), 2.15-2.02 (m, 3H), 1.94-1.87 (m, 1H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 201.6, 137.5, 128.2, 128.0, 126.7, 79.4, 72.2, 51.6, 39.7, 30.3, 26.0, 24.7;

HRMS (FAB⁺, [M+H]⁺) m/z calcd for [C₁₅H₂₁O₂S₂]⁺: 297.0983 found: 297.0983.

Branched aldehyde **9a** (<3%) was observed as a diastereomeric mixture by NMR analysis, which was contaminated with inseparable unidentified compounds.

4.1.19-2. (*S*)-4-((*tert*-Butyldimethylsilyloxy)-4-(1,3-dithian-2-yl)butanal [**8b**].

Synthesis of **8b** was carried out starting from (*S*)-**2b** (145 mg, 0.50 mmol) as described for **8a**: Purified by column chromatography (silica gel, *n*-hexane/EtOAc=10/1-7/1) to give **8b** (116 mg, 73% yield) as a colorless oil; [α]_D²⁵ -18.1 (*c* 1.28, CHCl₃); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 9.78 (bs, 1H), 4.15 (d, *J* = 5.5 Hz, 1H), 3.94-3.91 (m, 1H), 2.89-2.79 (m, 4H), 2.60-2.50 (m, 2H), 2.12-2.01 (m, 3H), 1.90-1.84 (m, 1H), 0.91 (s, 9H), 0.15 (s, 3H), 0.08 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 201.9, 73.2, 53.9, 39.3, 30.5, 30.3, 26.7, 26.2, 25.8, 18.1, -4.5; HRMS (FAB⁺, [M+H]⁺) m/z calcd for [C₁₄H₂₉O₂S₂Si]⁺: 321.1378 found: 321.1384

4.1.19-3. (*S*)-4-((*tert*-Butyldiphenylsilyloxy)-4-(1,3-dithian-2-yl)butanal [**8c**].

Synthesis of **8c** was carried out starting from (*S*)-**2c** (414 mg, 1.0 mmol) as described for **8a**: Purification by column chromatography (silica gel, *n*-hexane/EtOAc=10/1-7/1) gave **8c** (361 mg, 81% yield) as a pale yellow viscous oil; [α]_D²² -40.2 (*c* 1.27, CHCl₃); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 9.56 (bs, 1H), 7.77 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 7.68 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 7.47-7.38 (m, 6H), 4.00-3.97 (m, 2H), 2.81 (d, *J* = 14.1 Hz, 1H), 2.70 (d, *J* = 14.0 Hz, 1H), 2.63-2.48 (m, 3H), 2.40-2.34 (m, 1H), 1.98-1.94 (m, 3H), 1.84-1.76 (m, 1H), 1.09 (s, 9H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 201.0, 135.8, 135.6, 133.3, 133.0, 129.6, 127.4, 127.3, 73.9, 54.5, 39.5, 30.5, 30.0, 26.8, 26.3, 26.0, 19.2; HRMS (FAB⁺, [M+H]⁺) m/z calcd for [C₂₄H₃₃O₂S₂Si]⁺: 445.1691 found: 445.1713.

Branched aldehyde **9c** (<4%) was observed as a diastereomeric mixture by NMR analysis, which was contaminated with inseparable unidentified compounds.

4.1.20. (*S*)-(1,3-Dithian-2-yl)((*R*)-3-phenyl-4,5-dihydroisoxazol-5-yl)methanol [**11**].

A solution of EtMgBr (3.0 M in Et₂O, 8.6 ml, 25.8 mmol) was added to a solution of (*S*)-**1** (1.516 g, 8.6 mmol) and isopropanol (2.17 mL, 28.4 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (50 mL) at 5 °C. After stirring for 10 min, a solution of benzohydroximinoyl chloride (**10**) (2.0 g, 12.9 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (30 mL) was added to the reaction mixture at 5 °C over a period of 0.5 h, and then allowed to warm to room temperature over the next 22 h. The reaction was terminated by addition of sat. aq. NH₄Cl (100 mL). The organic layer was washed with brine (30 mL x 2),

dried over MgSO_4 , filtered and concentrated *in vacuo* to give a crude solid, which was washed with toluene to give **11** (1.94g, 76%) as a white solid. mp 189.7-189.9 °C, $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{20}$ -151.6 (*c* 1.10, CHCl_3); FTIR (KBr): 3520, 2953, 2907, 1598, 1420, 1092, 912, 764, 543 cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.69-7.67 (m, 2H), 7.41-7.39 (m, 3H), 5.24-5.20 (m, 1H), 4.21 (d, $J = 8.6$ Hz, 1H), 3.89-3.86 (m, 1H), 3.53-3.86 (m, 2H), 2.99-2.92 (m, 2H), 2.81-2.73 (m, 2H), 2.68 (d, $J = 6.1$ Hz, 1H), 2.12-2.09 (m, 1H), 2.05-2.01 (m, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 157.0, 130.2, 129.2, 128.7, 126.8, 79.5, 73.2, 47.8, 37.7, 28.0, 27.5, 25.4; Anal. Calcd. for $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{17}\text{NO}_2\text{S}_2$: C, 56.92; H, 5.80; N, 4.74; Found: C, 56.67; H, 5.65; N, 4.45; HRMS (FAB⁺, $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$) m/z calcd for $[\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{18}\text{NO}_2\text{S}_2]^+$: 296.0779 found: 296.0789.

4.1.21. (*S*)-(1,3-Dithian-2-yl)((*R*)-3-phenyl-4,5-dihydroisoxazol-5-yl)methyl acetate [**12**].

The alcohol **11** (98.6 mg, 0.334 mmol) was treated with pyridine/ Ac_2O (0.5 mL each) at room temperature for 1 h, and the reaction was quenched by addition of sat. aq. NaHCO_3 (20 mL). After stirring for 30 min, the mixture was distributed between toluene (30 mL) and sat. aq. NaHCO_3 (20 mL). The organic layer was sequentially washed with 1 N HCl (20 mL), sat. aq. NaHCO_3 (20 mL) and brine (20 mL). Drying over anhydrous MgSO_4 and evaporation of the solvent *in vacuo* afforded **12** (113 mg, 97%) as a white solid. mp 110.2-110.8 °C, $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{22}$ -93.3 (*c* 1.56, CHCl_3); ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.66-7.65 (m, 2H), 7.42-7.40 (m, 3H), 5.51-5.47 (m, 1H), 5.43 (d, $J = 11.5$ Hz, 1H), 4.12 (d, $J = 10.1$ Hz, 1H), 3.52 (dd, $J = 16.8, 11.3$ Hz, 1H), 3.09 (dd, $J = 16.8, 6.8$ Hz, 1H), 3.02-2.96 (m, 2H), 2.73-2.69 (m, 1H), 2.62-2.58 (m, 1H), 2.07-2.02 (m, 5H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 170.8, 156.2, 130.1, 129.0, 128.6, 126.5, 78.2, 72.7, 43.4, 37.3, 26.5, 26.3, 25.0, 20.6; HRMS (FAB⁺, $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$) m/z calcd for $[\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{20}\text{NO}_3\text{S}_2]^+$: 338.0885 found: 338.0875.

4.1.22. (*1S,2R*)-4-Amino-1-(1,3-dithian-2-yl)-4-phenylbutane-1,2-diol [**13**].

A mixture of **11** (1.94 g, 6.57 mmol) and zinc powder (10.6 g, 162 mmol) in a 50% aqueous acetic acid (20 mL) was heated at 60 °C for 3h. The mixture was filtered through Celite 545 and the filtrate was concentrated *in vacuo*. The residue was distributed between CH_2Cl_2 (50 mL) and 1 M NaOH (30 mL). The organic layer was washed with brine (50 mL), dried over anhydrous MgSO_4 , filtered and concentrated *in vacuo*, providing **13** (1.39 g, 71%) as a mixture of two diastereomers. $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{23}$ +6.84 (*c* 1.13, CHCl_3); ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.38-7.35 (m, 3H), 7.28-7.26 (m, 2H), 4.44-4.42 (m, 0.3H), 4.36 (d, $J = 9.5$ Hz, 0.6H), 4.25 (d, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 0.6H), 4.18-4.08 (m, 1.3H), 3.65 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 0.3H), 3.60 (d, $J = 7.9$ Hz, 0.6H), 2.93-2.70 (m, 4H),

2.12-1.80 (m, 4H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 146.3, 145.2, 128.8, 128.5, 127.2, 127.1, 125.9, 125.4, 74.6, 74.3, 70.5, 67.9, 55.6, 53.0, 49.2, 49.0, 41.6, 40.9, 28.7, 28.4, 28.3, 28.0, 25.7, 25.6; HRMS (FAB⁺, [M+H]⁺) m/z calcd for $[\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{22}\text{NO}_2\text{S}_2]^+$: 300.1092 found: 300.1094.

4.1.23. (1S,2R)-4-Acetamido-1-(1,3-dithian-2-yl)-4-phenylbutane-1,2-diyl diacetate [14].

Compound **13** (448 mg, 1.50 mmol) was treated with Ac_2O /pyridine (2 mL each) in the presence of DMAP (10 mg) at room temperature for 2 h. The reaction mixture was concentrated *in vacuo* and the residue was distributed between toluene (30 mL) and sat. aq. NaHCO_3 (20 mL). The organic layer was sequentially washed with 1 N HCl (10 mL x 2), sat. aq. NaHCO_3 (20 mL) and brine (20 mL). Drying over anhydrous MgSO_4 followed by concentration *in vacuo* gave **14** (553 mg) as a brown oil, which was purified by column chromatography (silica gel, toluene/EtOAc=1/2~1/4) to give less polar fraction (369 mg, 58%) as white foam and polar fraction (191 mg, 30 %) as a colorless oil.

Less polar fraction: $R_f=0.47$ (toluene/EtOAc=1/2), $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{22} -26.7$ (c 1.12, CHCl_3); FTIR (KBr): 3297, 2938, 1741, 1653, 1540, 1373, 1224, 1027, 702 cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.47-7.20 (m, 5H), 6.07 (d, $J = 8.6$ Hz, 1H), 5.84 (d, $J = 9.8$ Hz, 1H), 5.53-5.50 (m, 1H), 5.28-5.20 (m, 1H), 3.67 (d, $J = 9.8$ Hz, 1H), 3.20-3.00 (m, 2H), 2.60-2.49 (m, 2H), 2.16 (s, 3H), 2.11-1.90 (m, 4H), 2.04 (s, 3H), 2.02 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 170.6, 170.3, 169.5, 141.5, 128.6, 127.4, 126.1, 70.5, 70.2, 49.2, 42.4, 37.9, 25.5, 24.8, 23.2, 20.9, 20.7; HRMS (FAB⁺, [M+H]⁺) m/z calcd for $[\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{27}\text{NO}_5\text{S}_2]^+$: 426.1409 found: 426.1414.

Polar fraction: $R_f = 0.30$ (toluene/EtOAc=1/2); $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{24} +59.9$ (c 1.15, CHCl_3); ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.40-7.26 (m, 5H), 6.21 (d, $J = 7.7$ Hz, 1H), 5.43-5.41 (m, 1H), 5.31 (d, $J = 9.5$ Hz, 1H), 5.14-5.09 (m, 1H), 3.64 (d, $J = 9.5$ Hz, 1H), 2.88-2.83 (m, 1H), 2.53-2.41 (m, 3H), 2.25-2.20 (m, 1H), 2.25 (s, 3H), 2.14-2.08 (m, 1H), 2.03 (s, 3H), 2.01 (s, 3H), 1.95-1.91 (m, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 170.8, 170.3, 169.3, 140.5, 128.8, 127.6, 126.6, 71.6, 69.9, 50.2, 43.2, 36.6, 26.2, 25.6, 24.9, 23.2, 20.8.

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Supplementary data

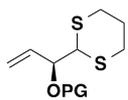
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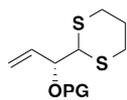


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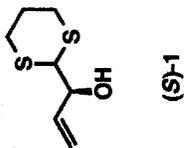
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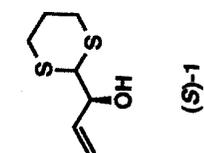
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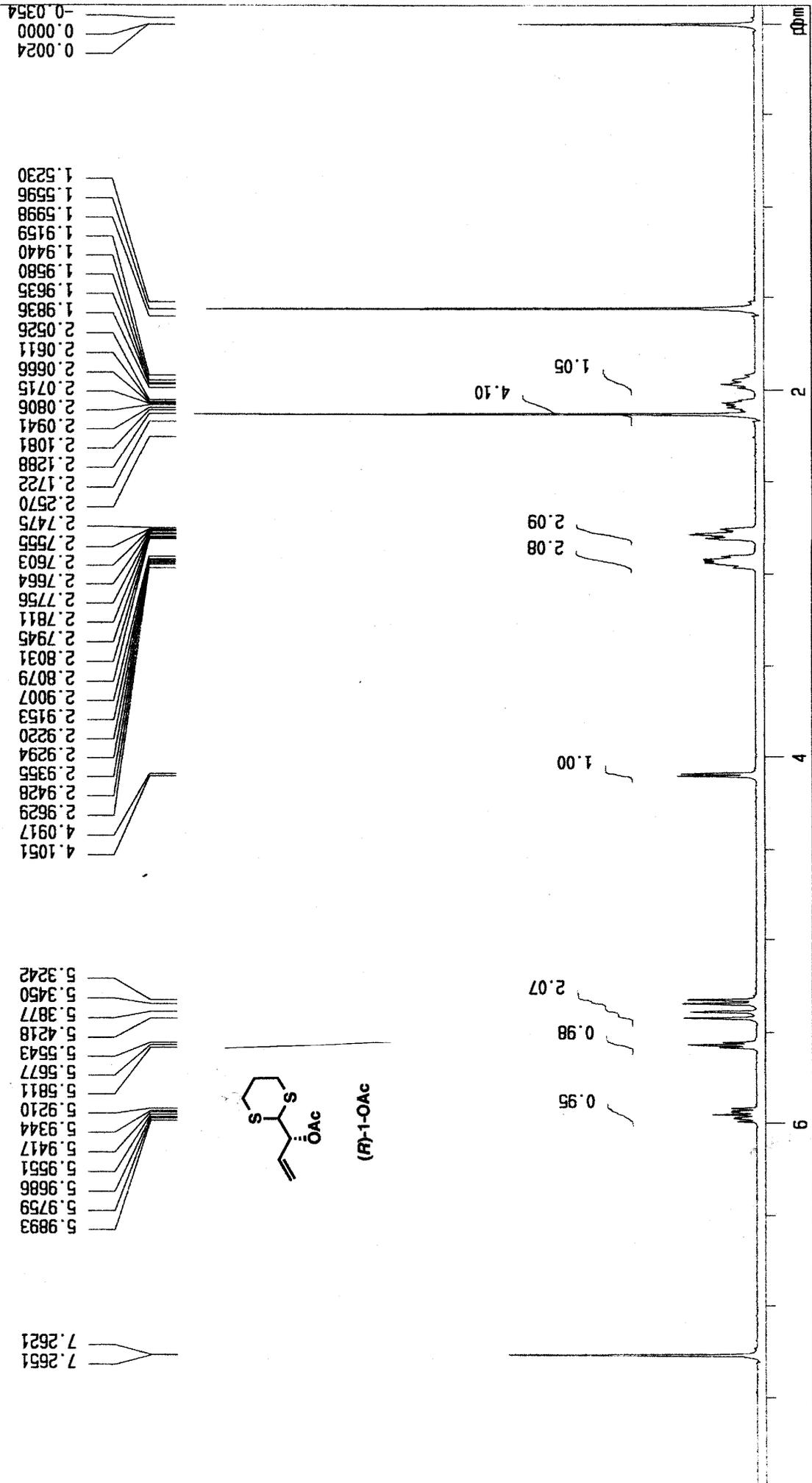
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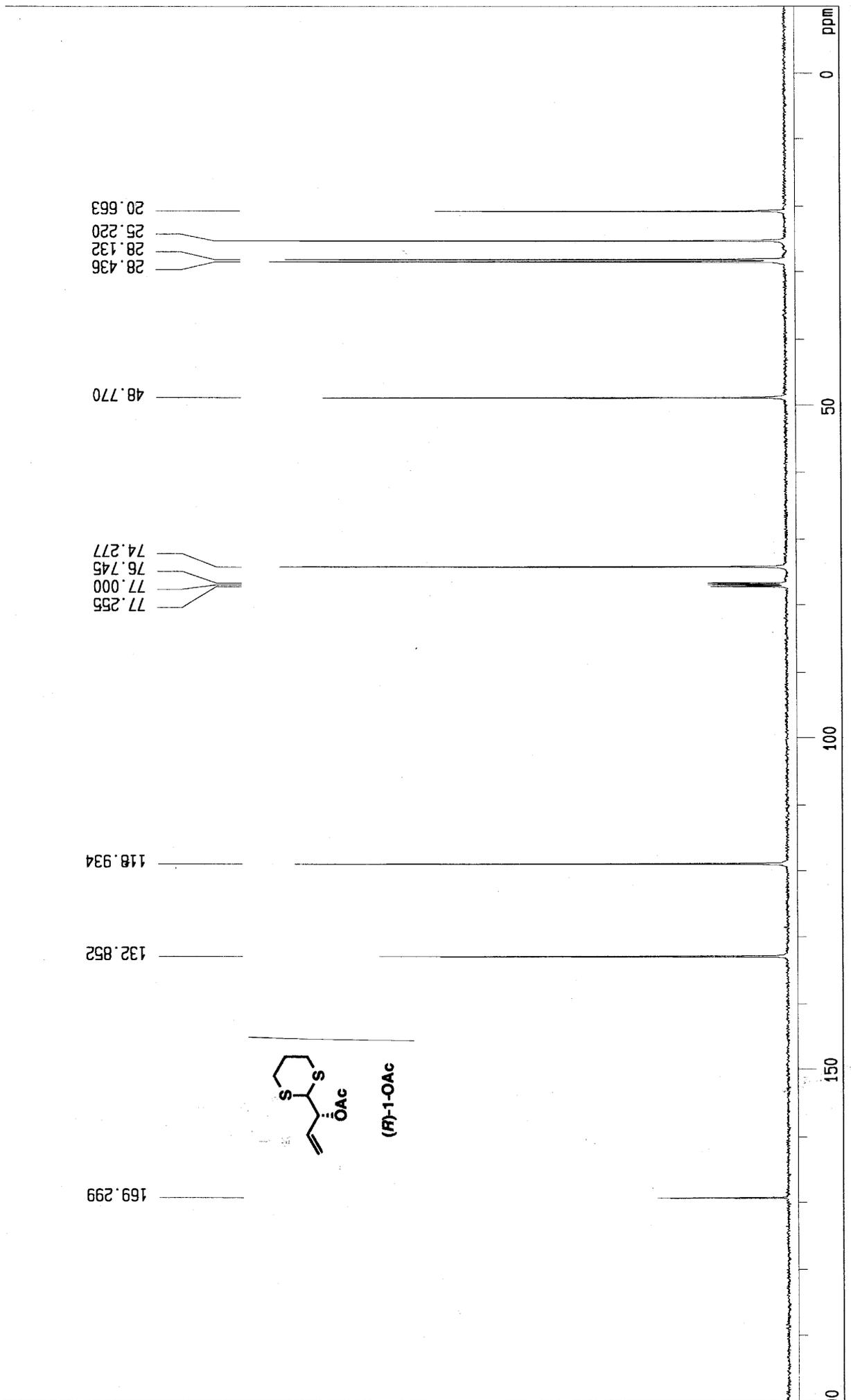


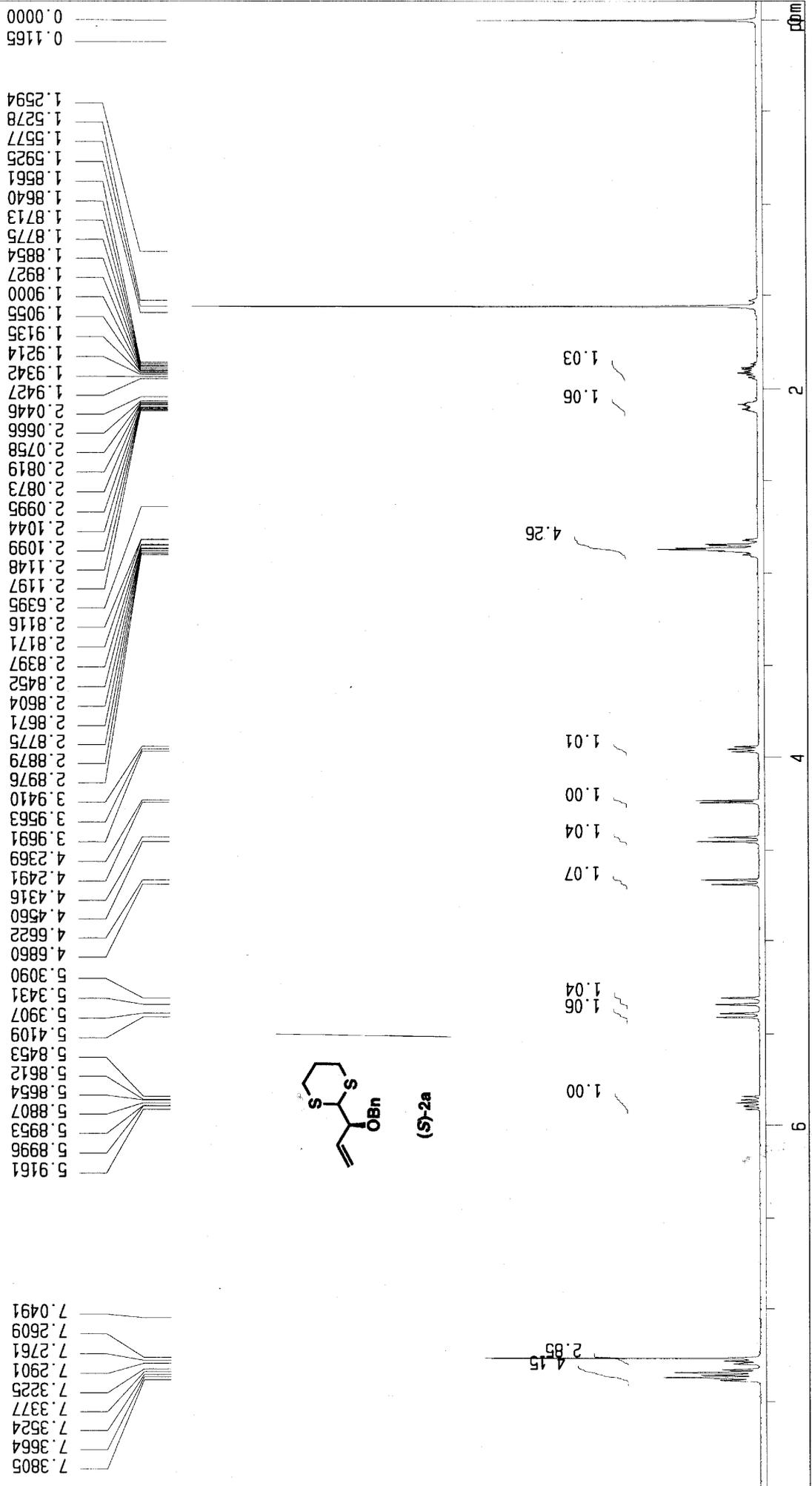
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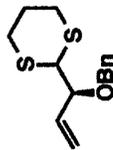


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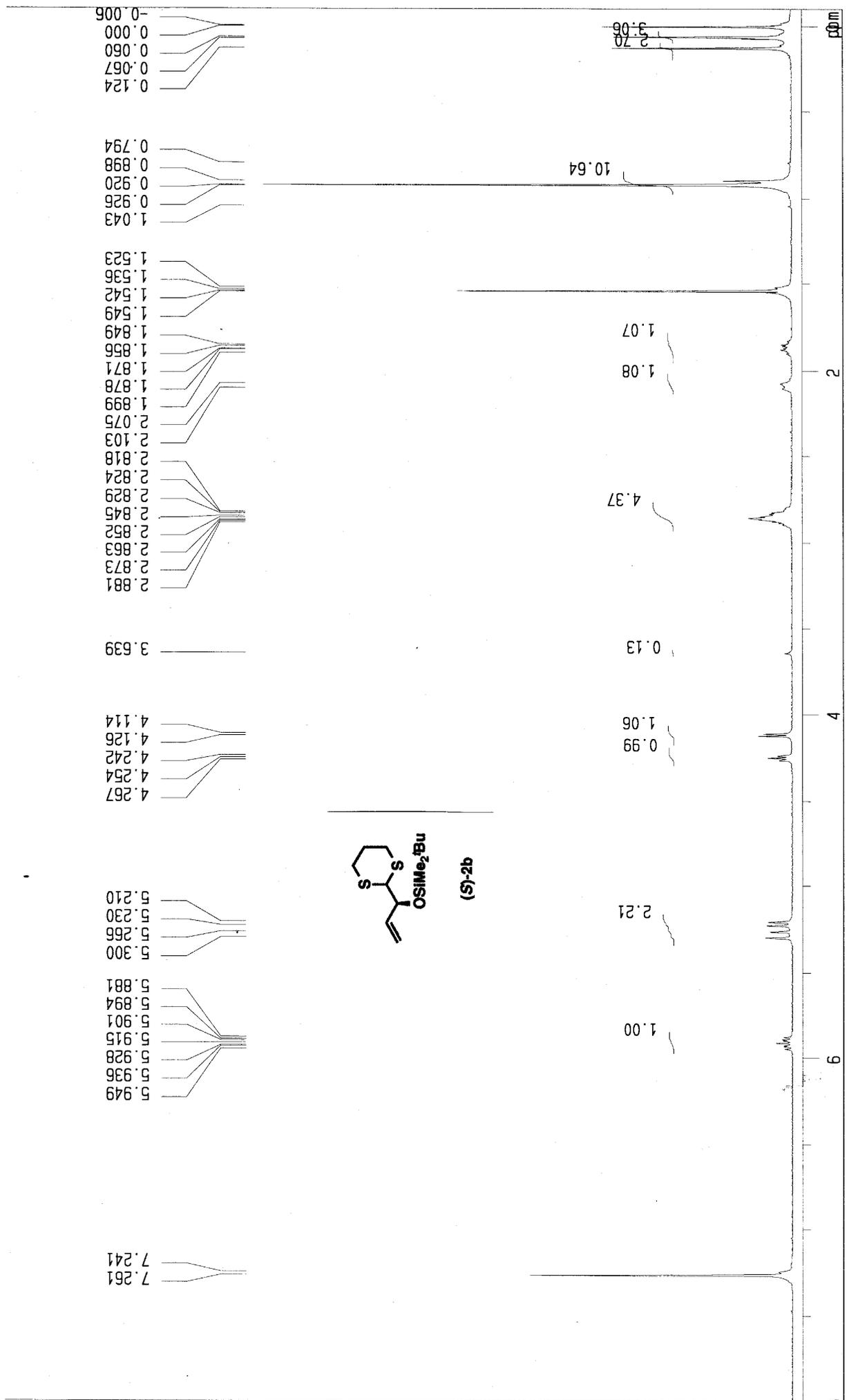
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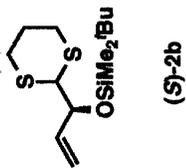
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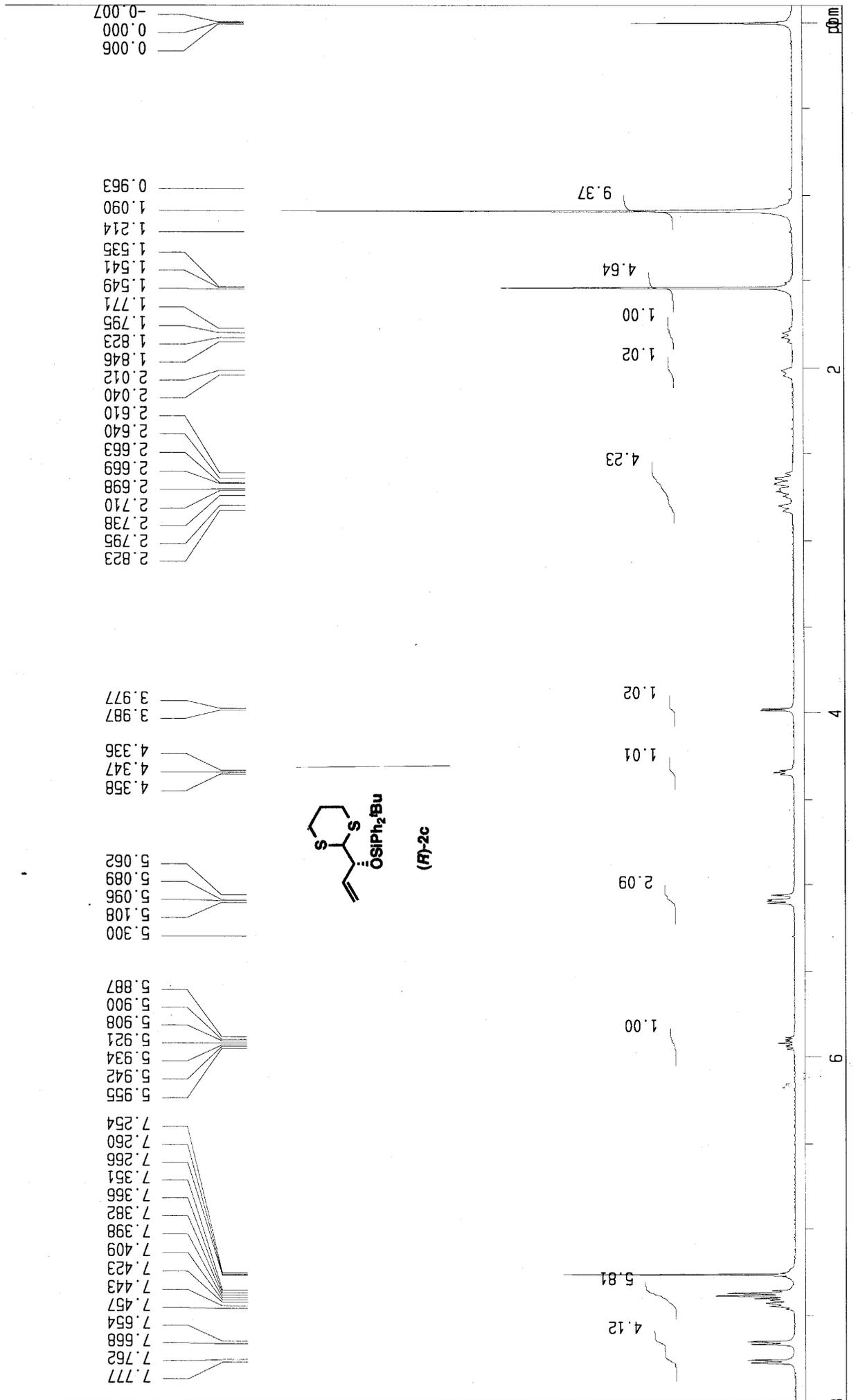
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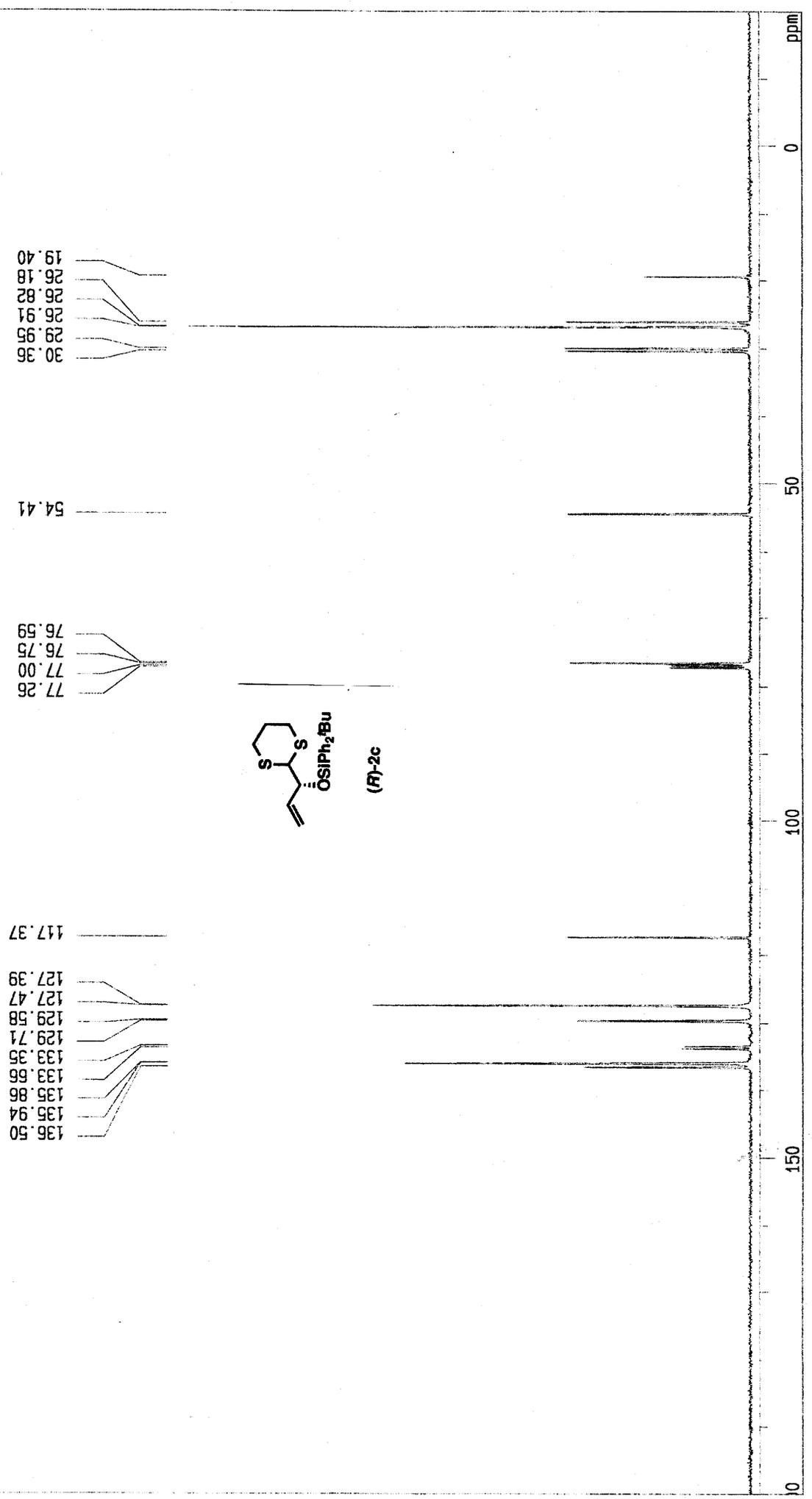
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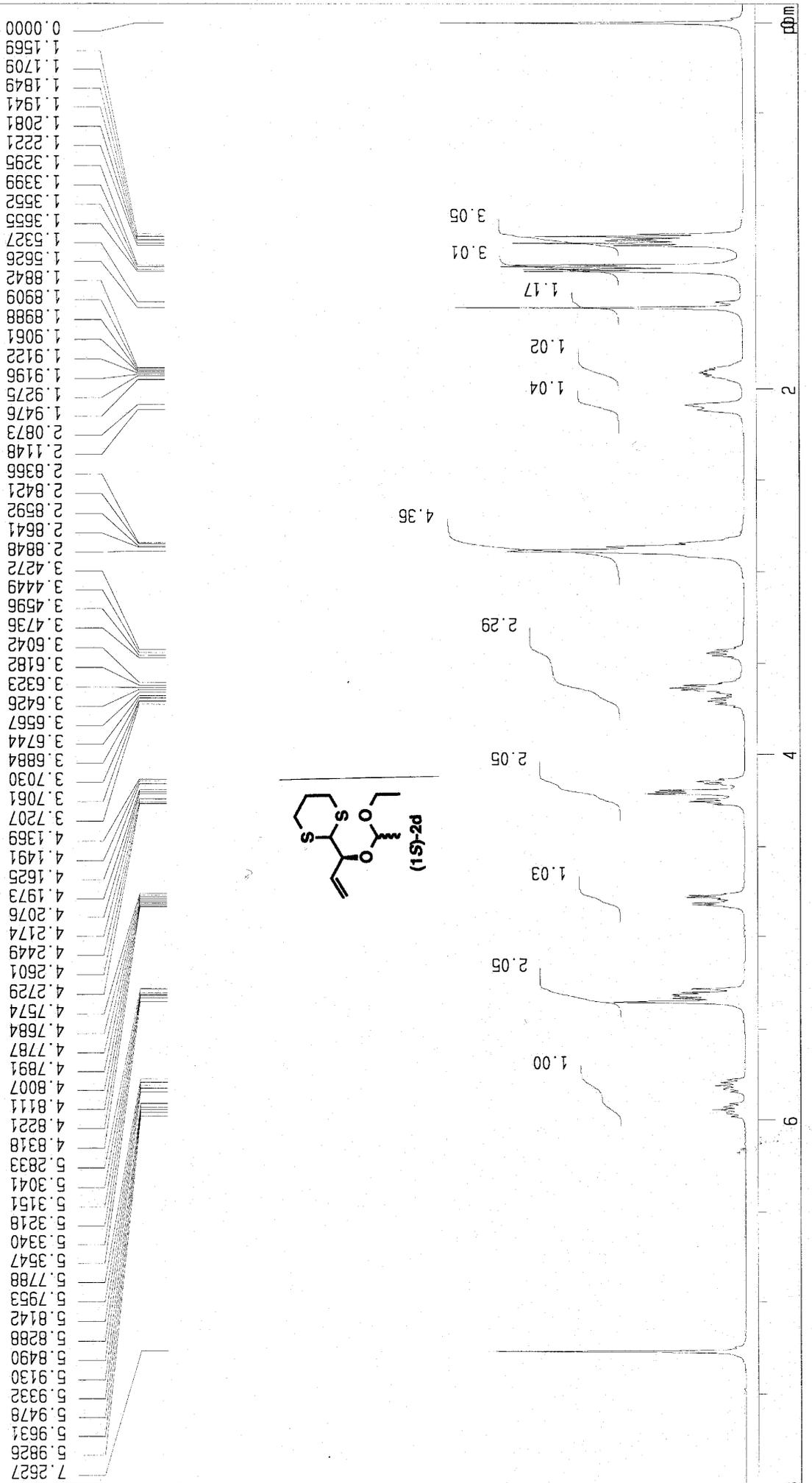
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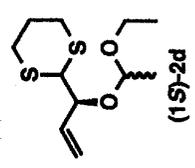
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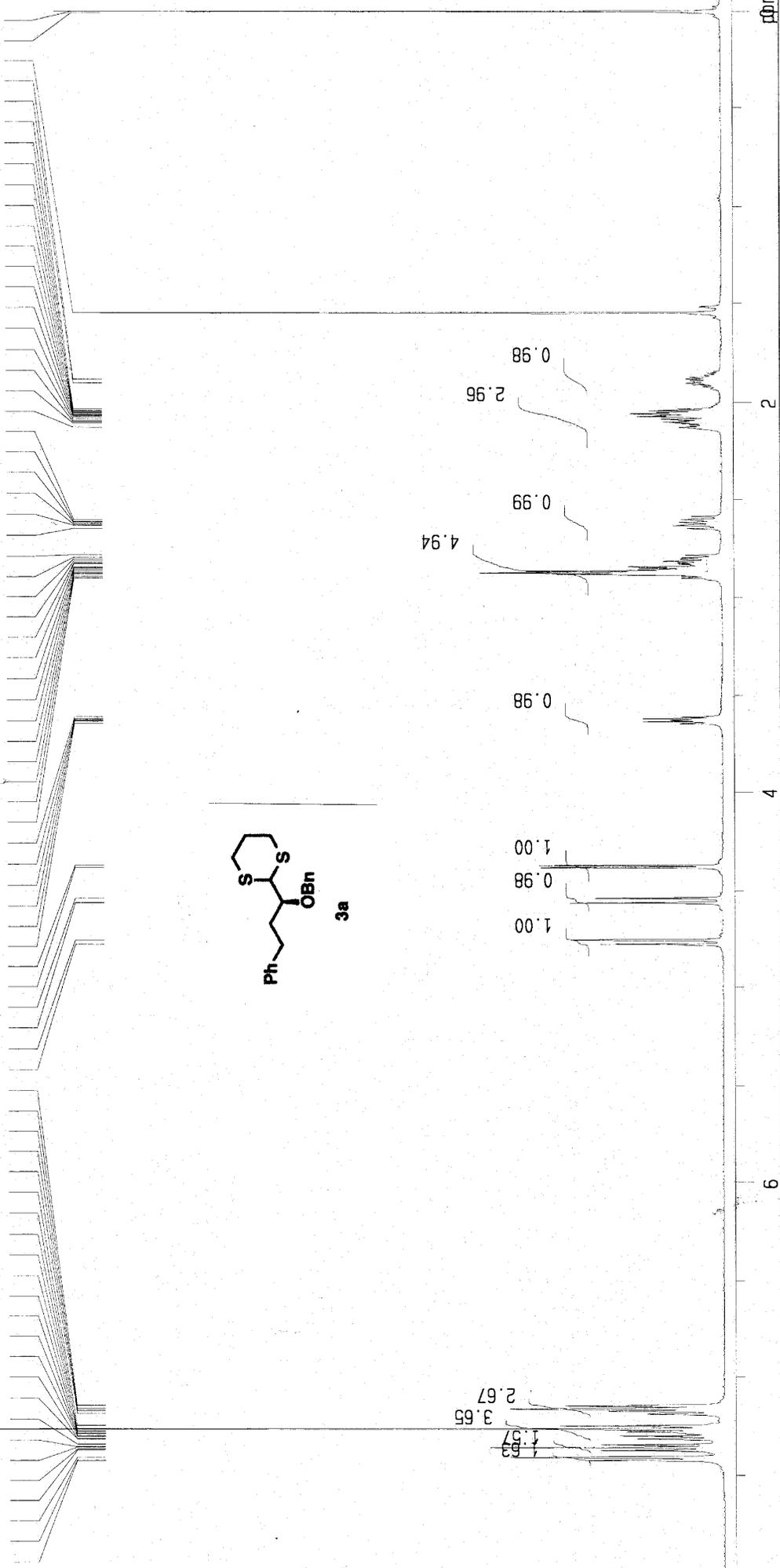
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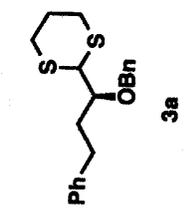
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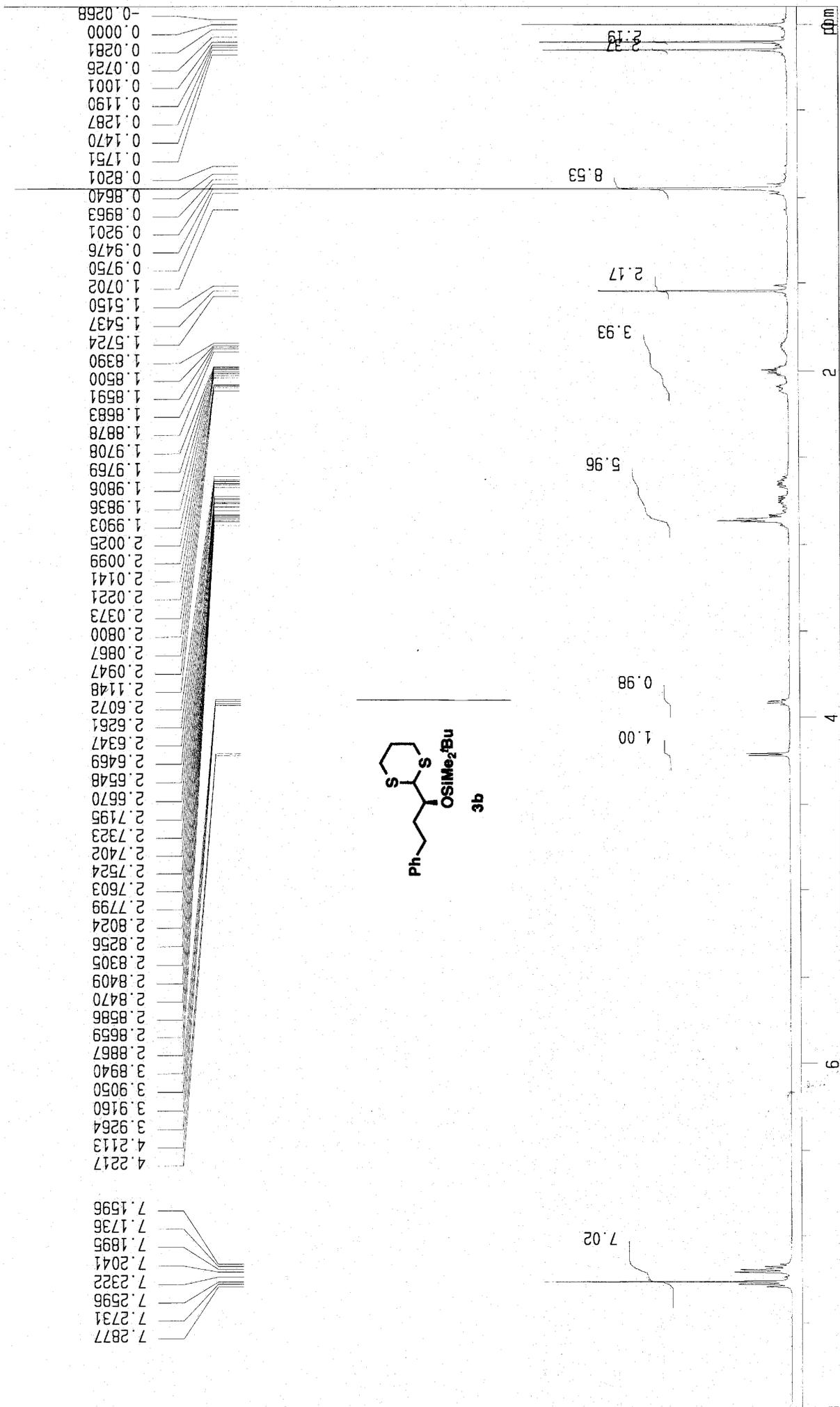
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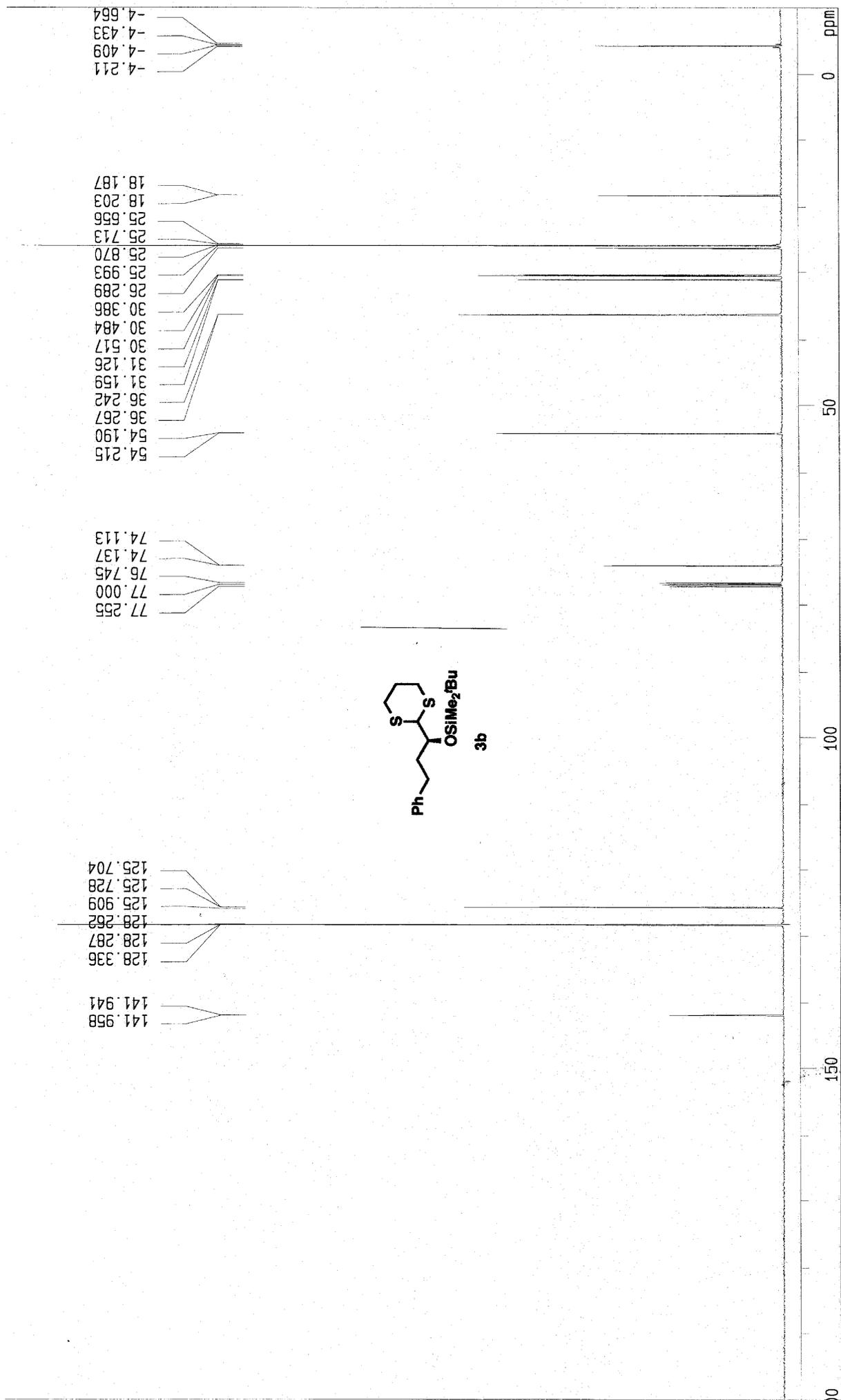
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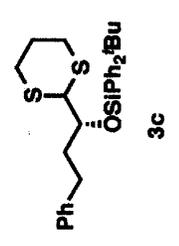
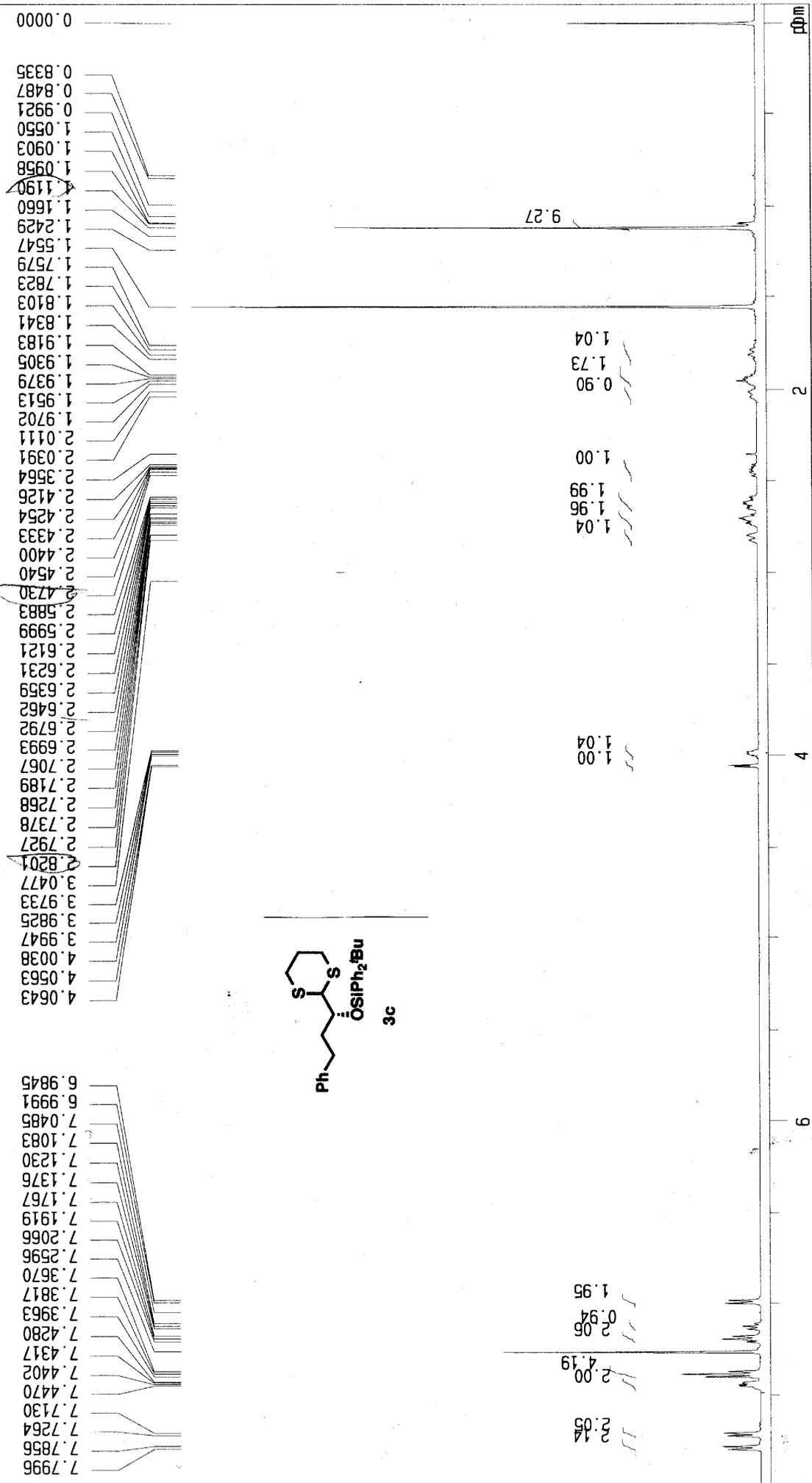
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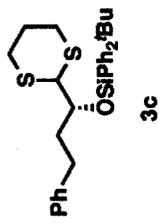


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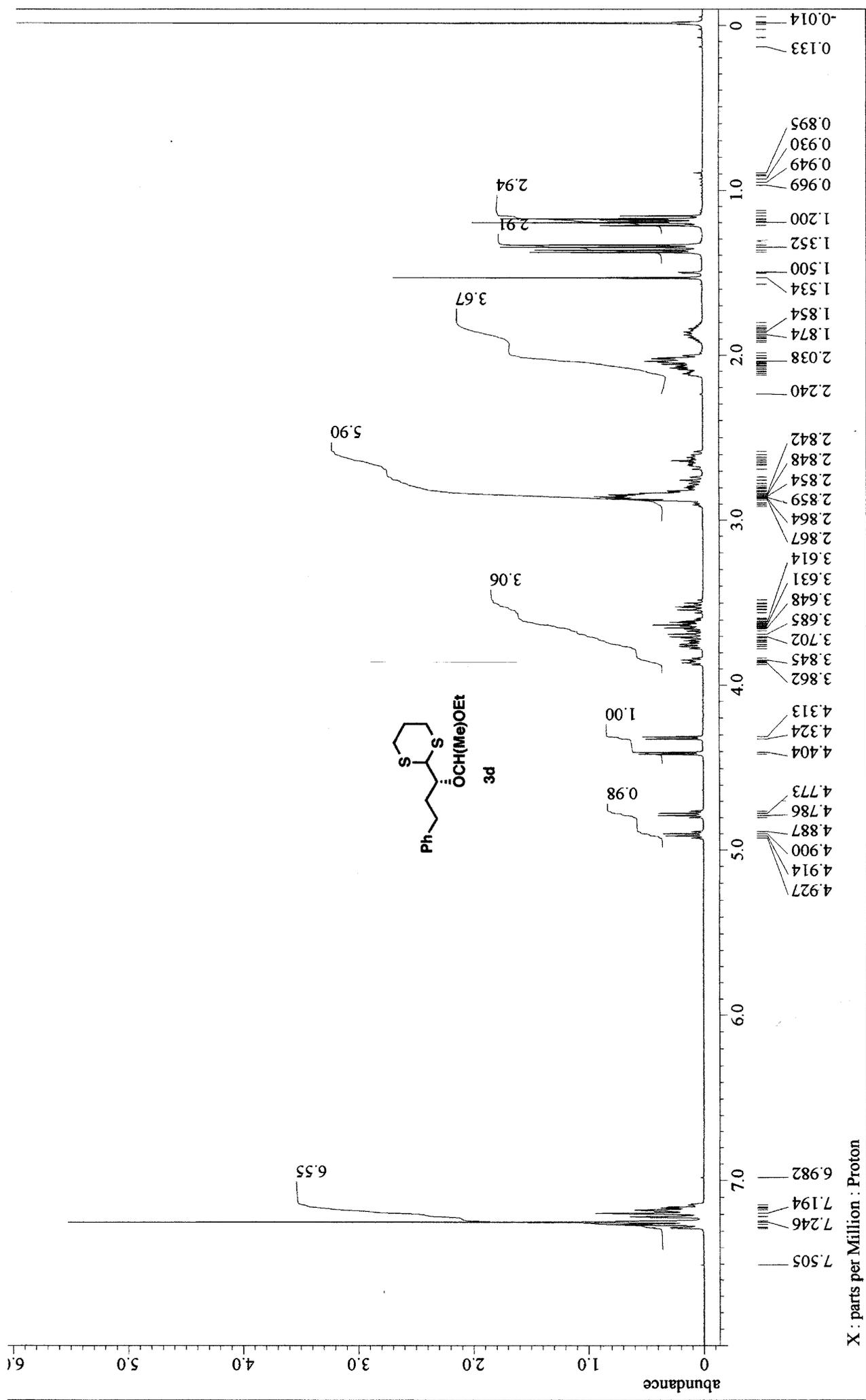


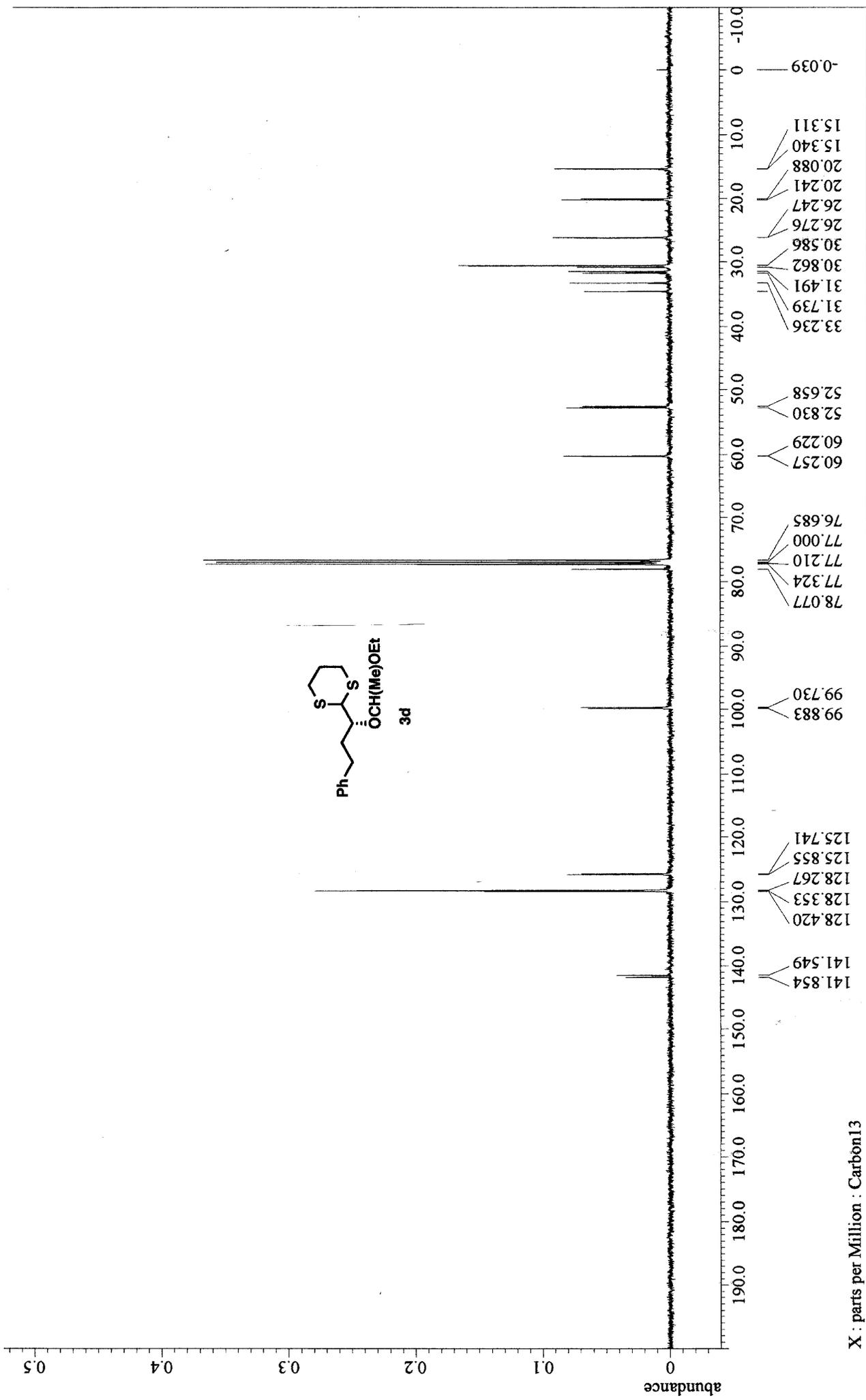
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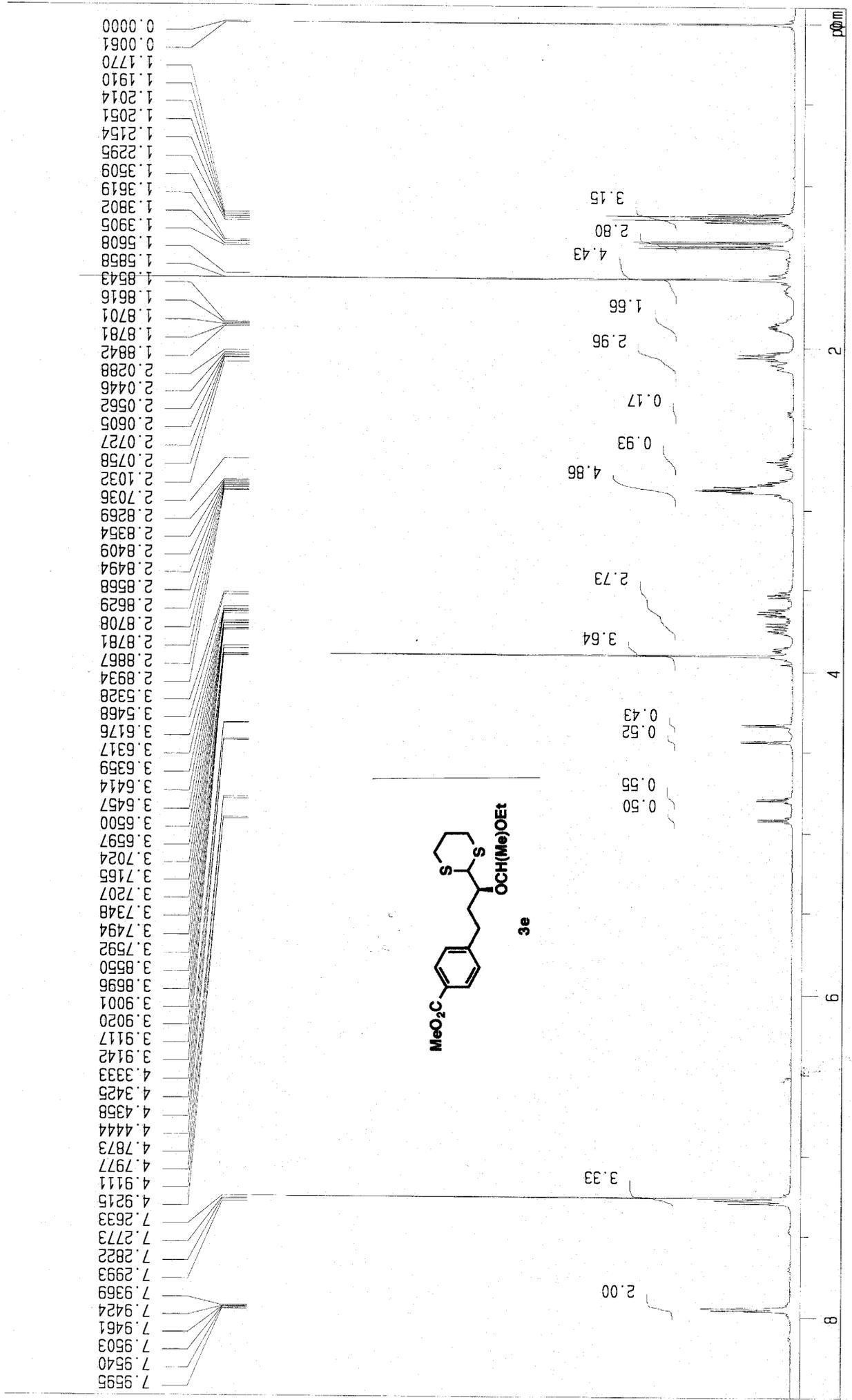
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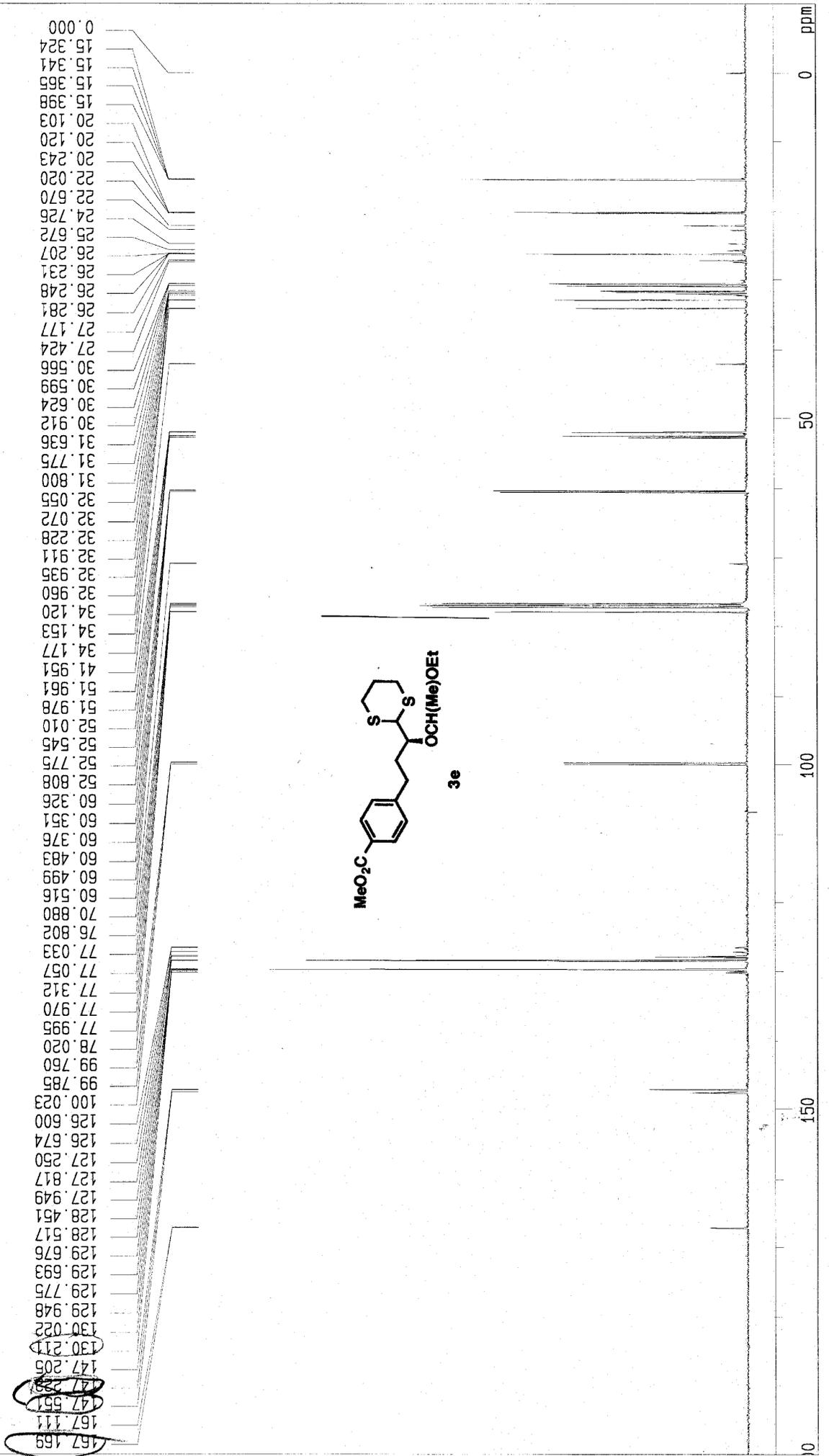
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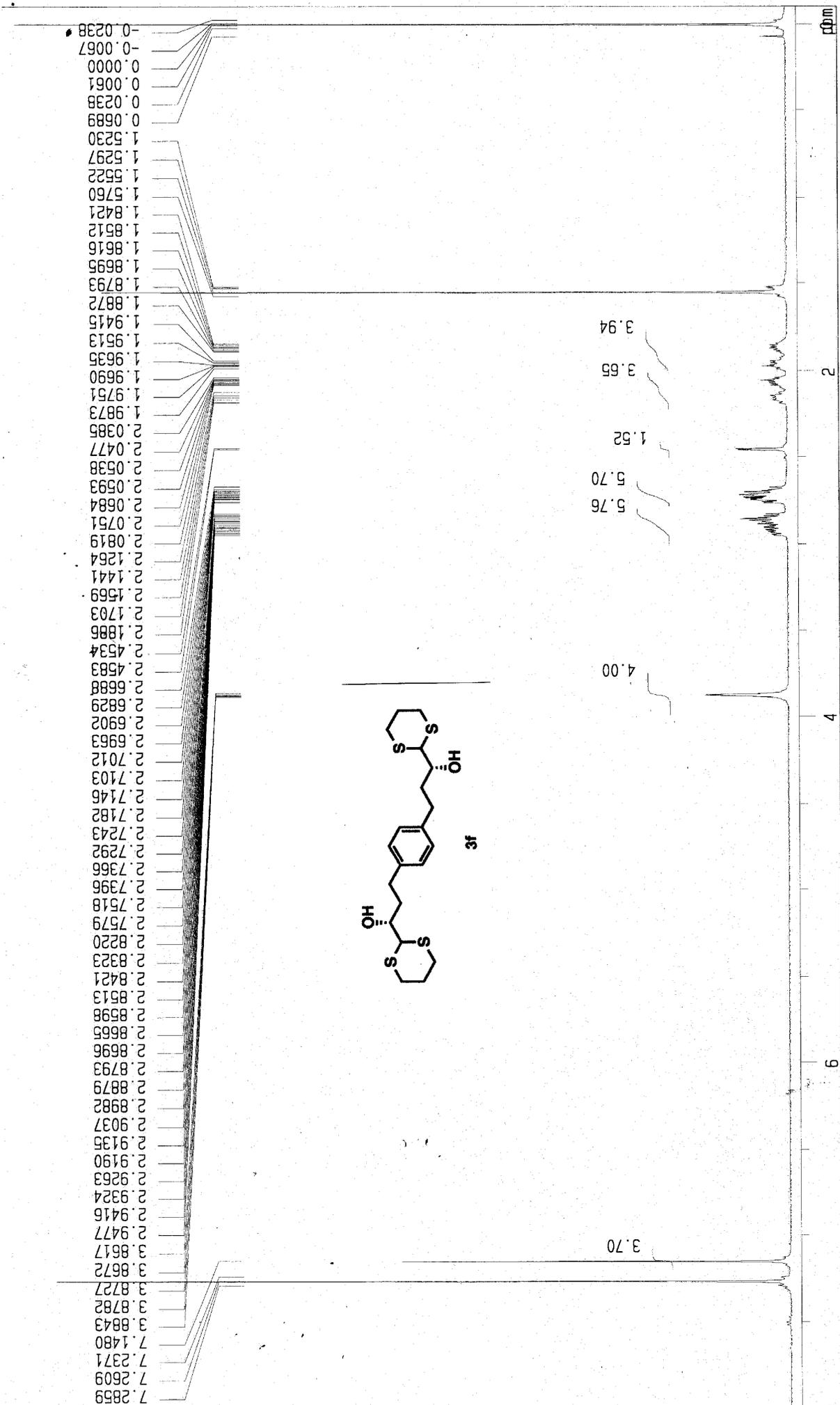


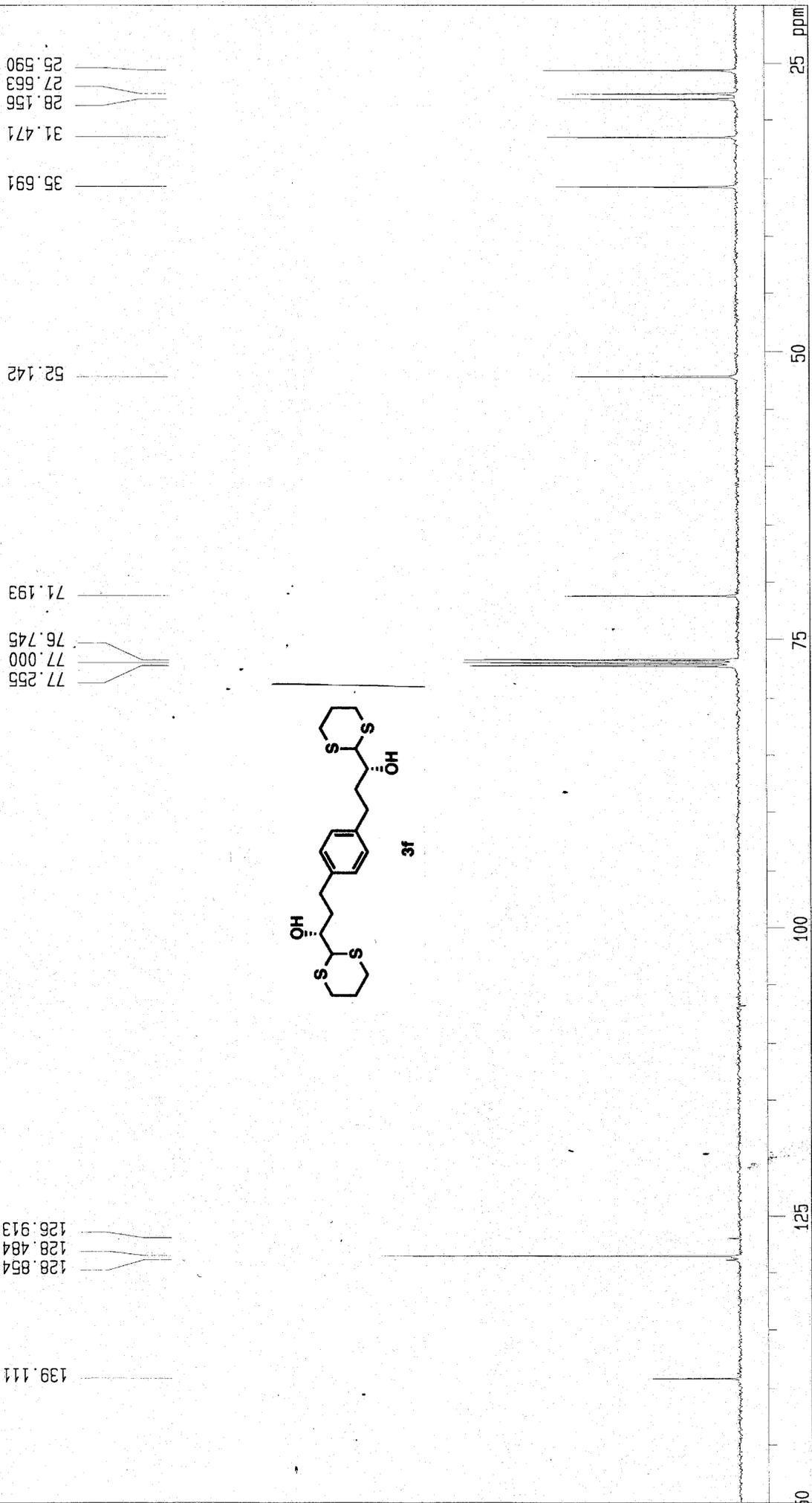
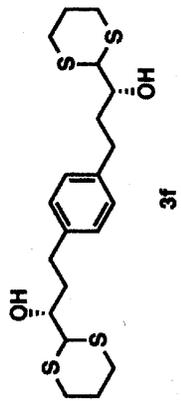


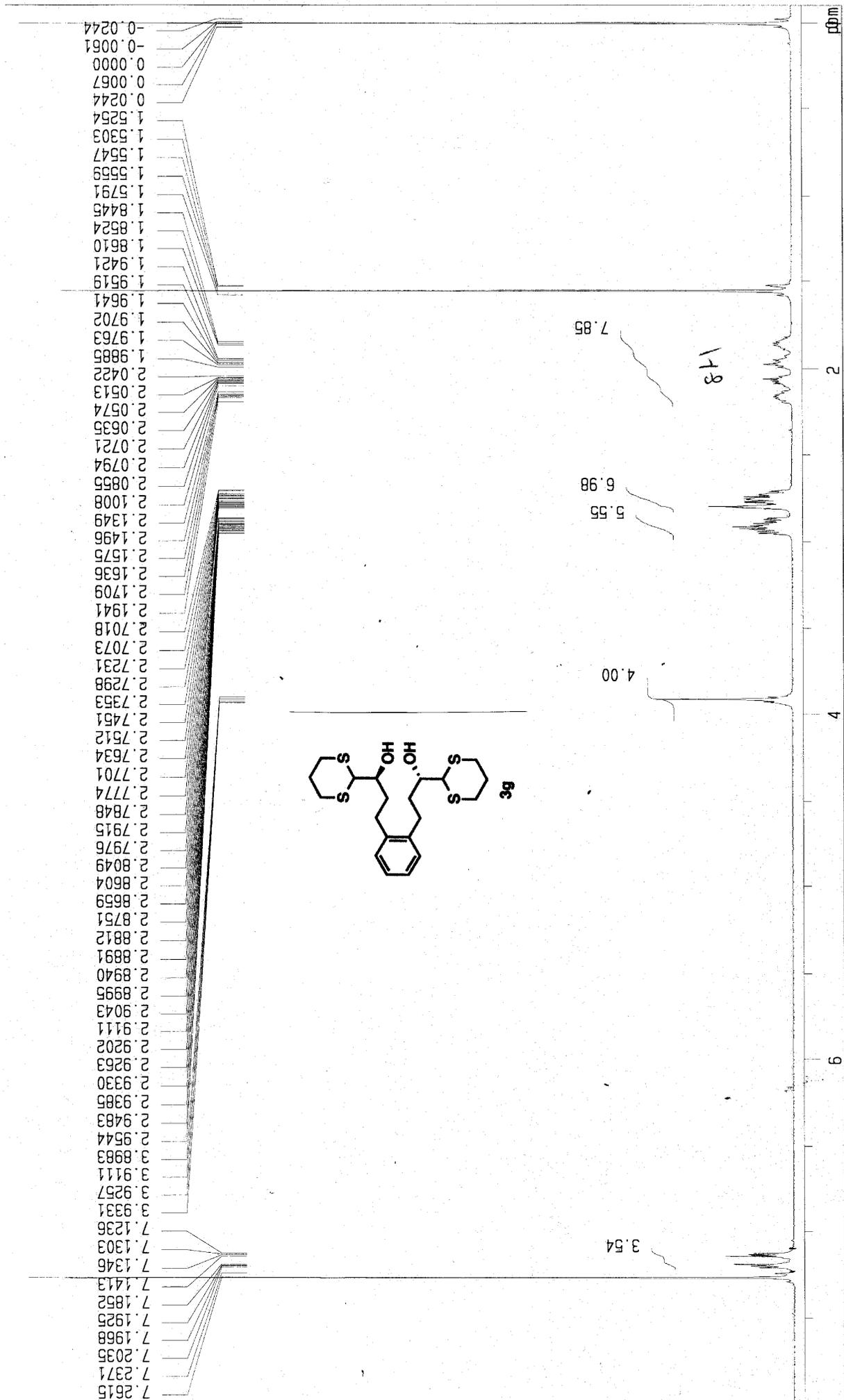
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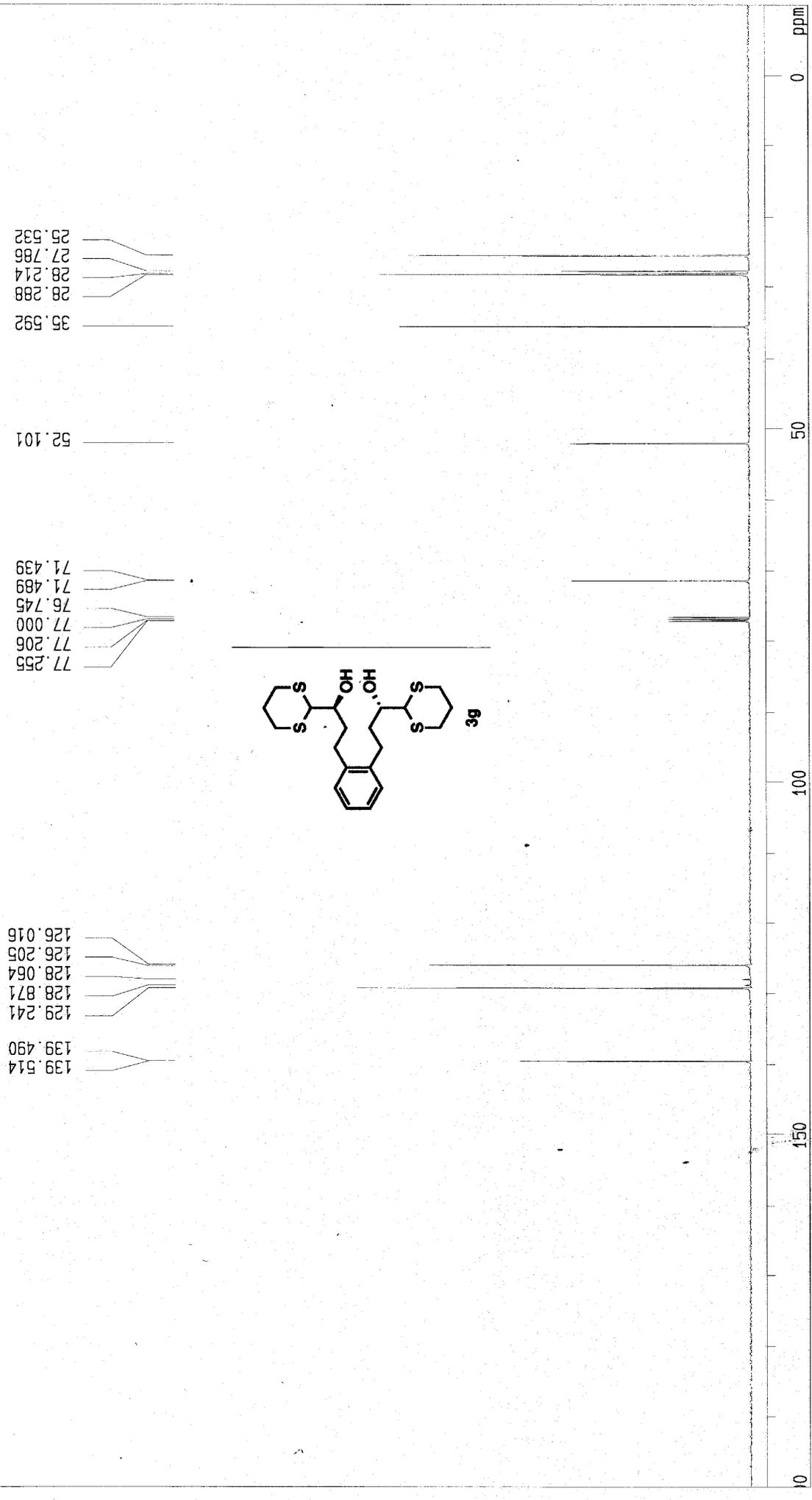
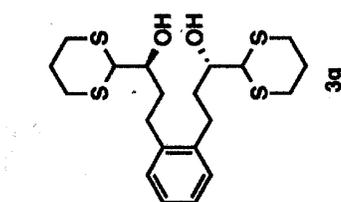


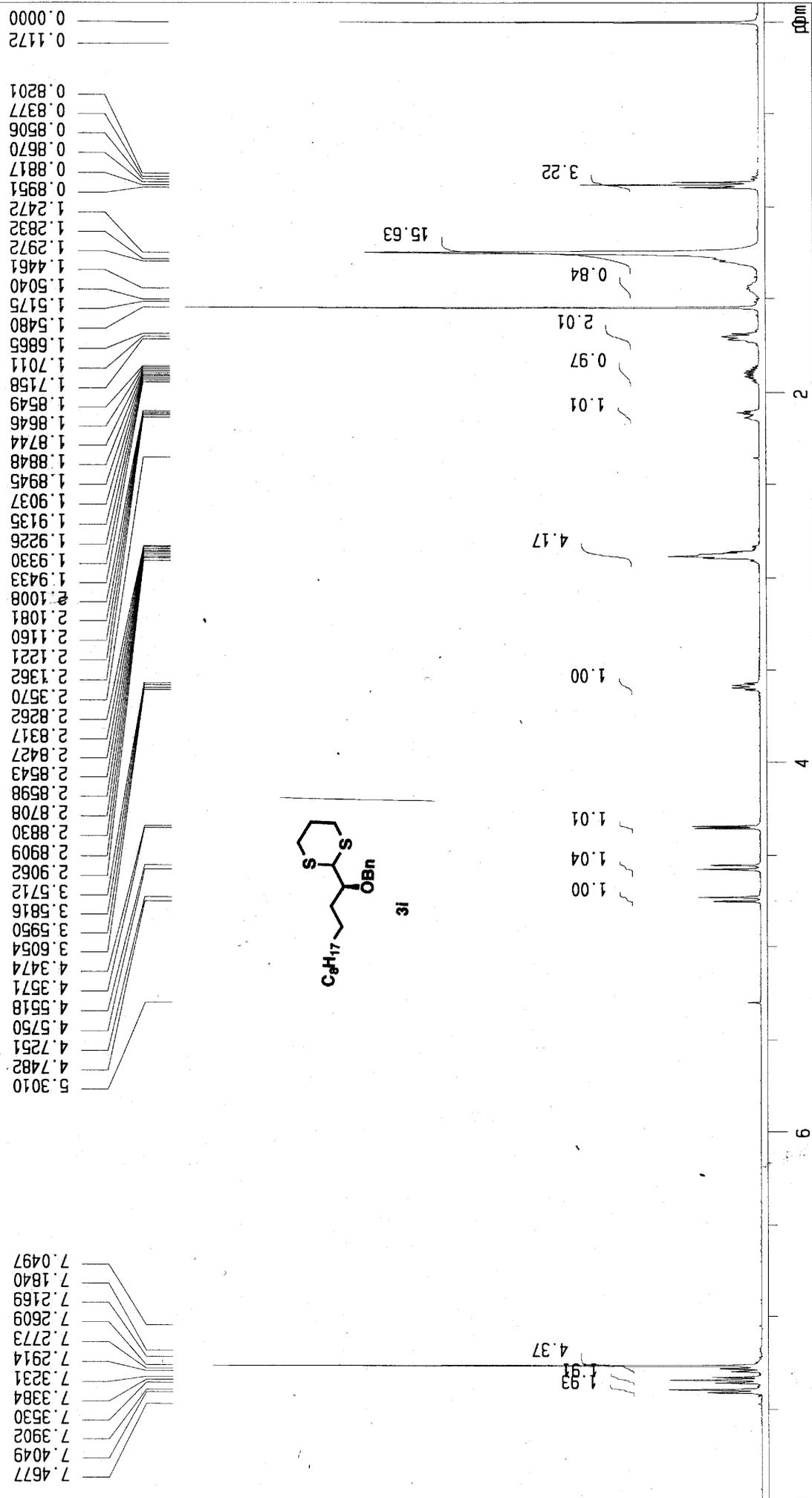












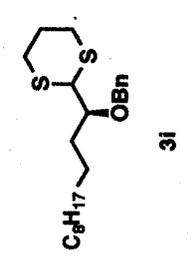
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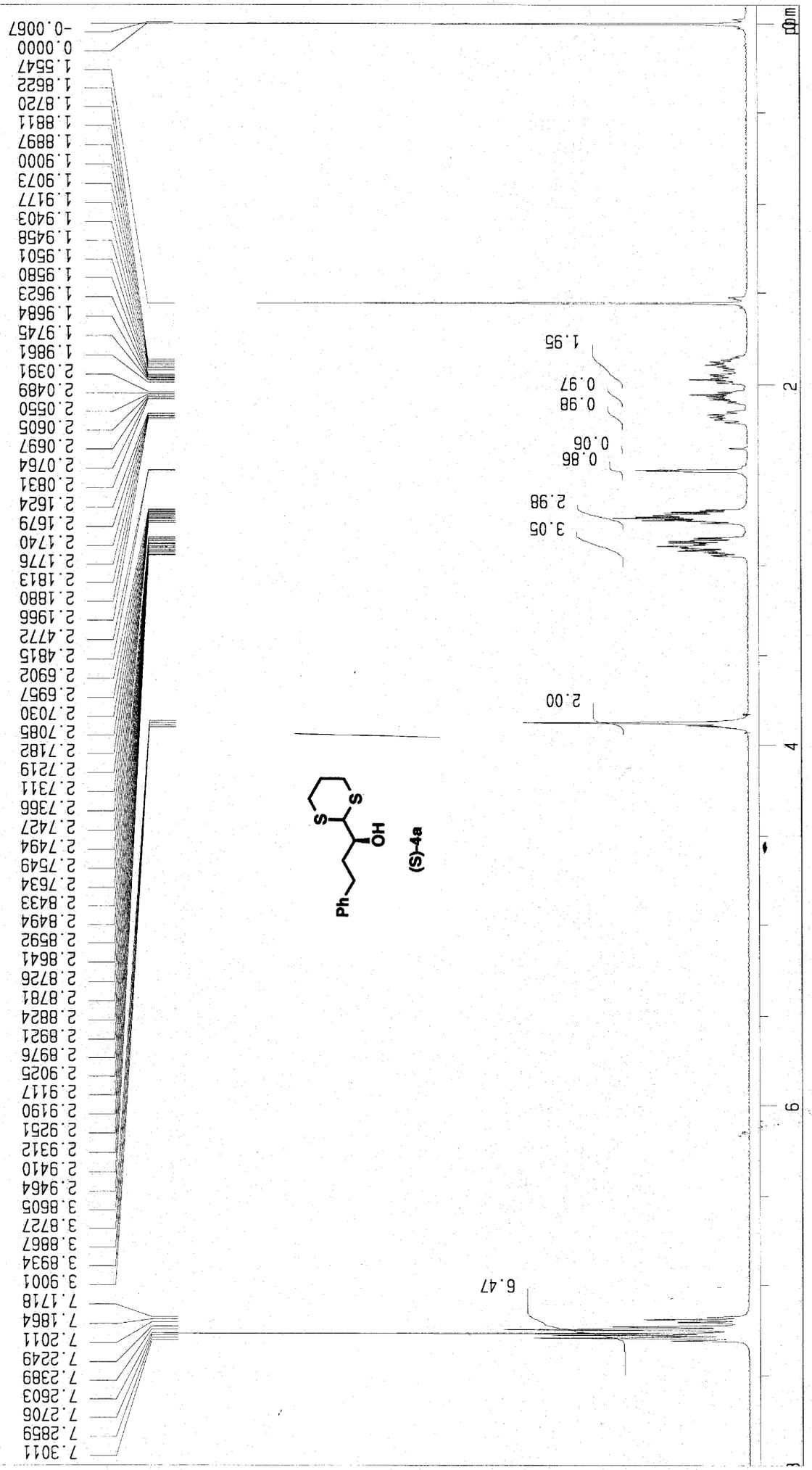
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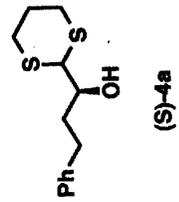
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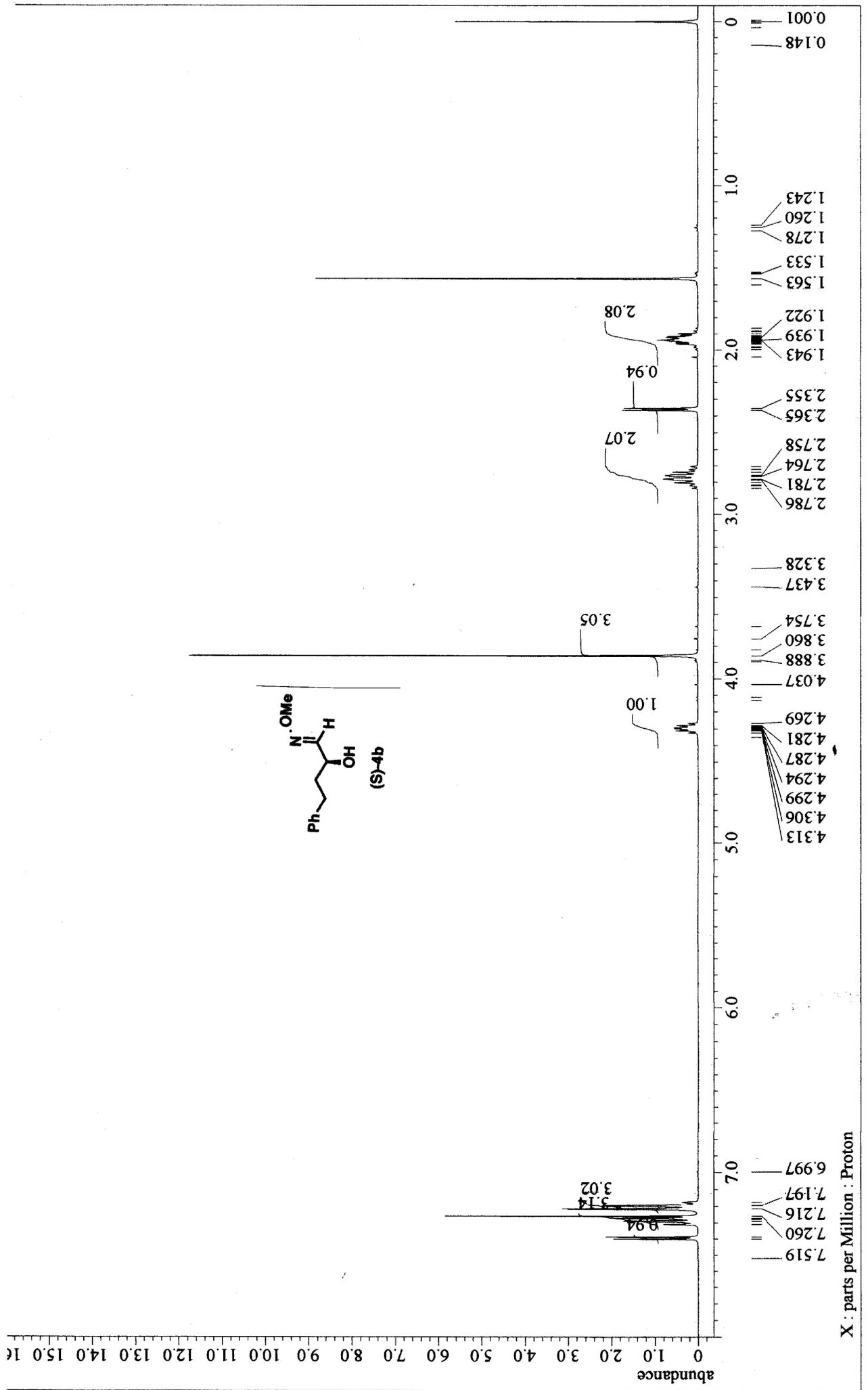


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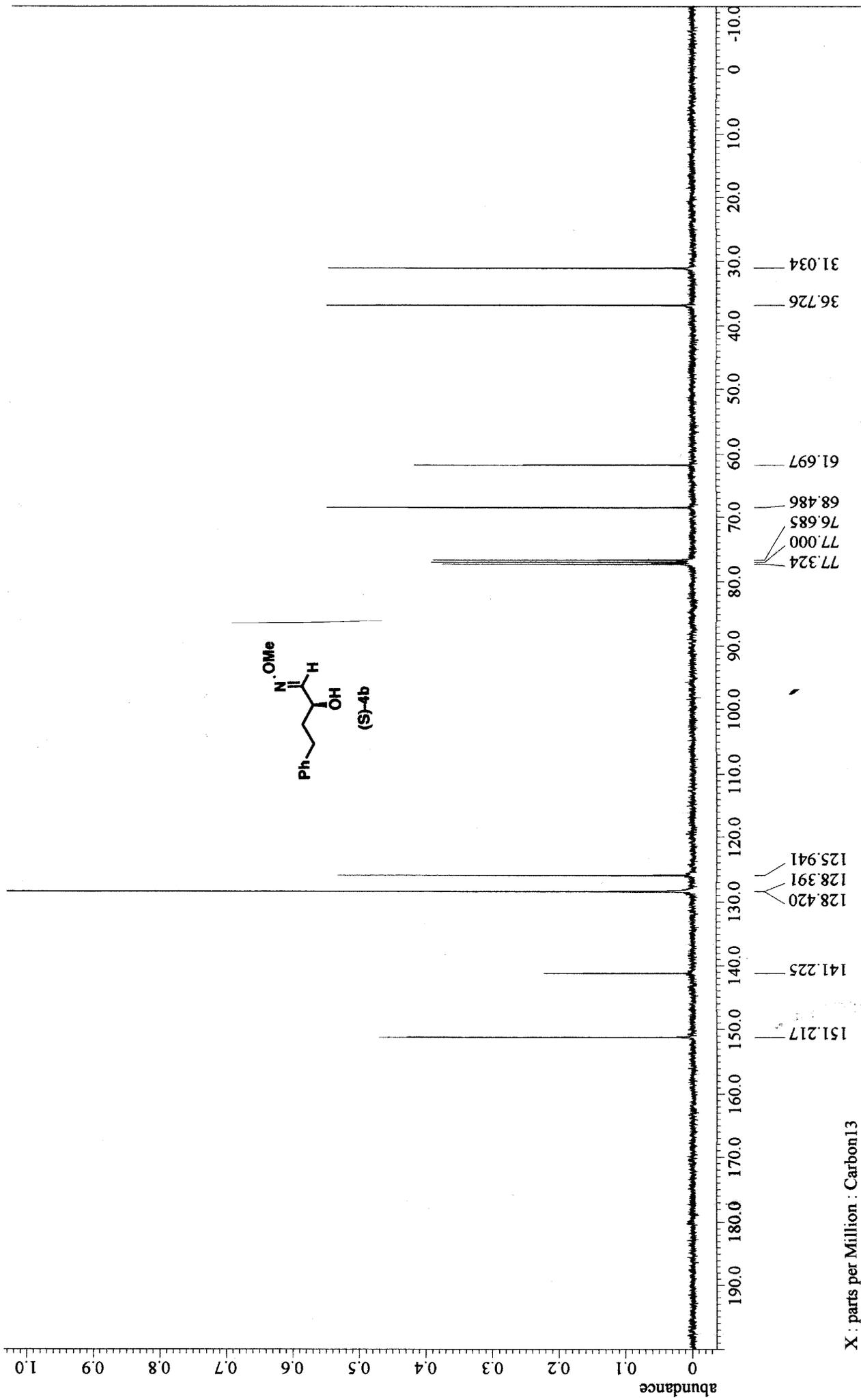


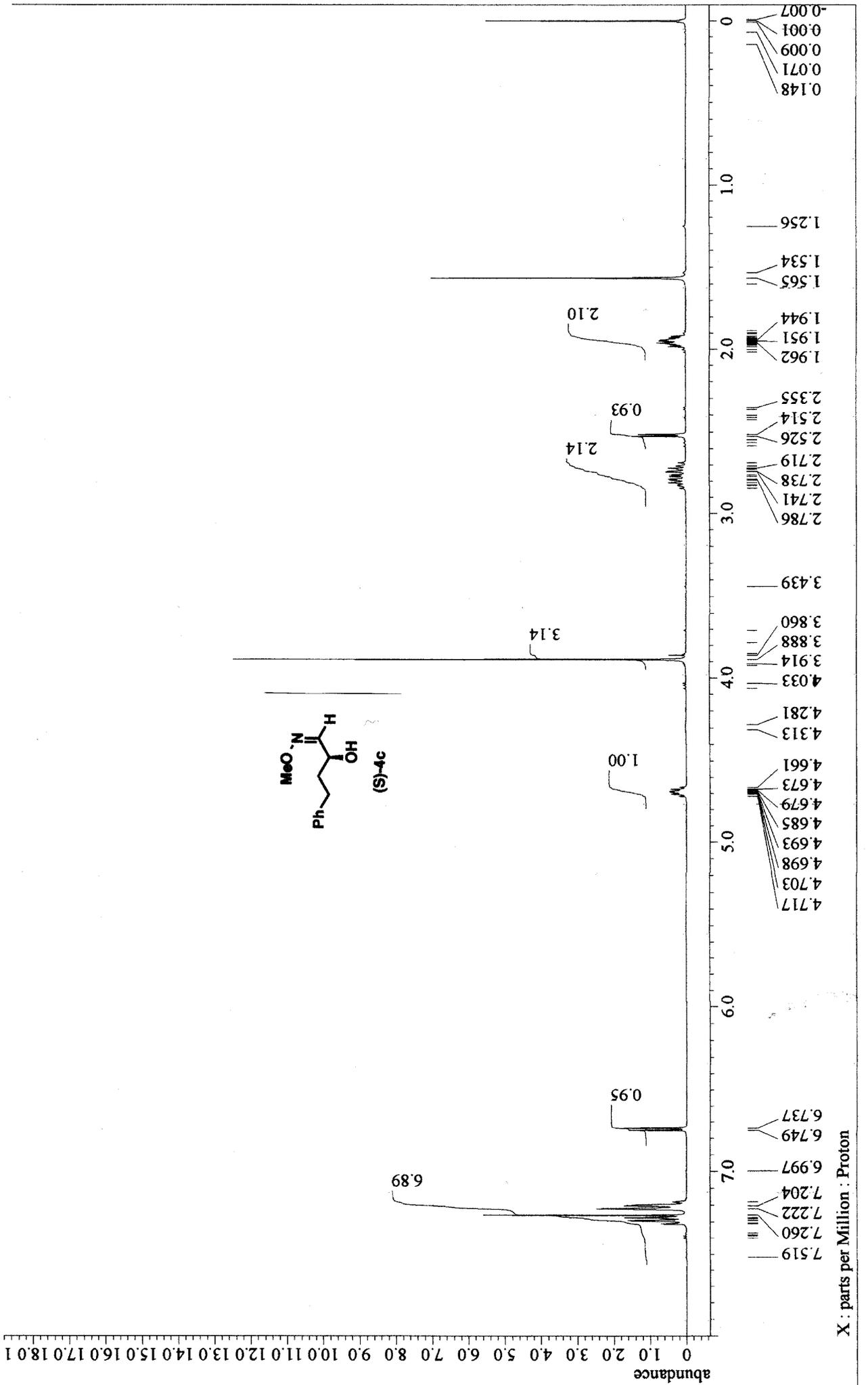
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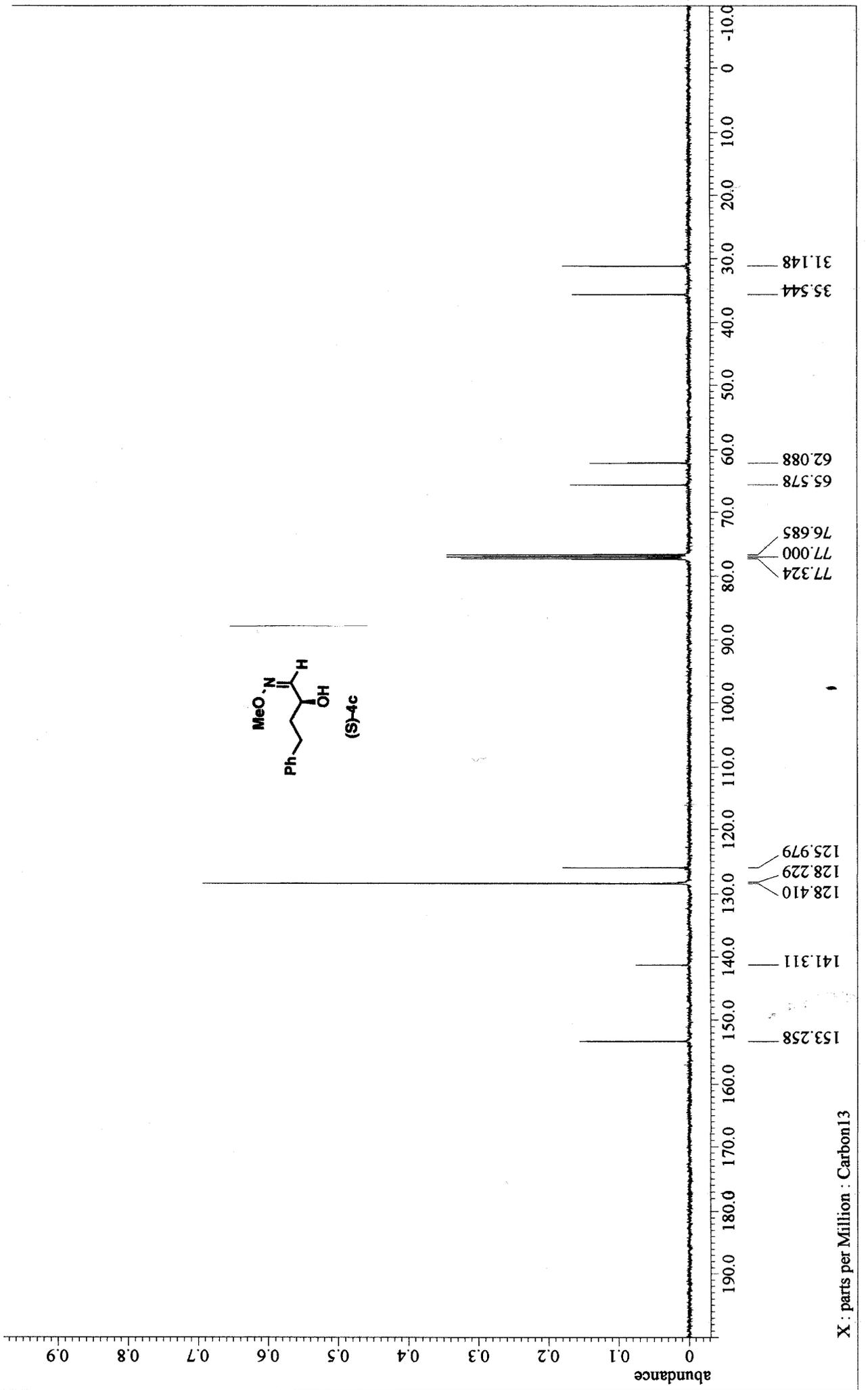
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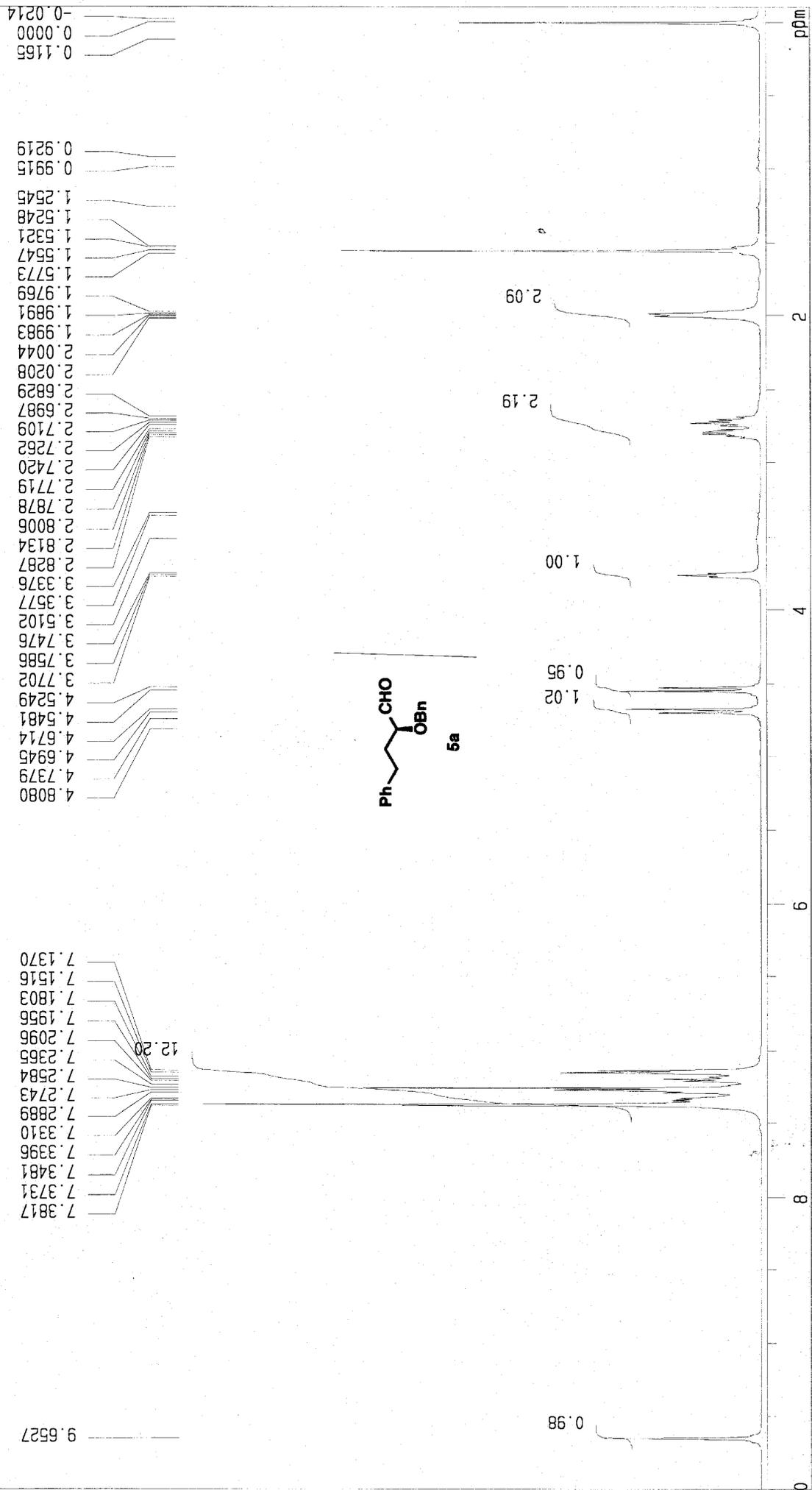


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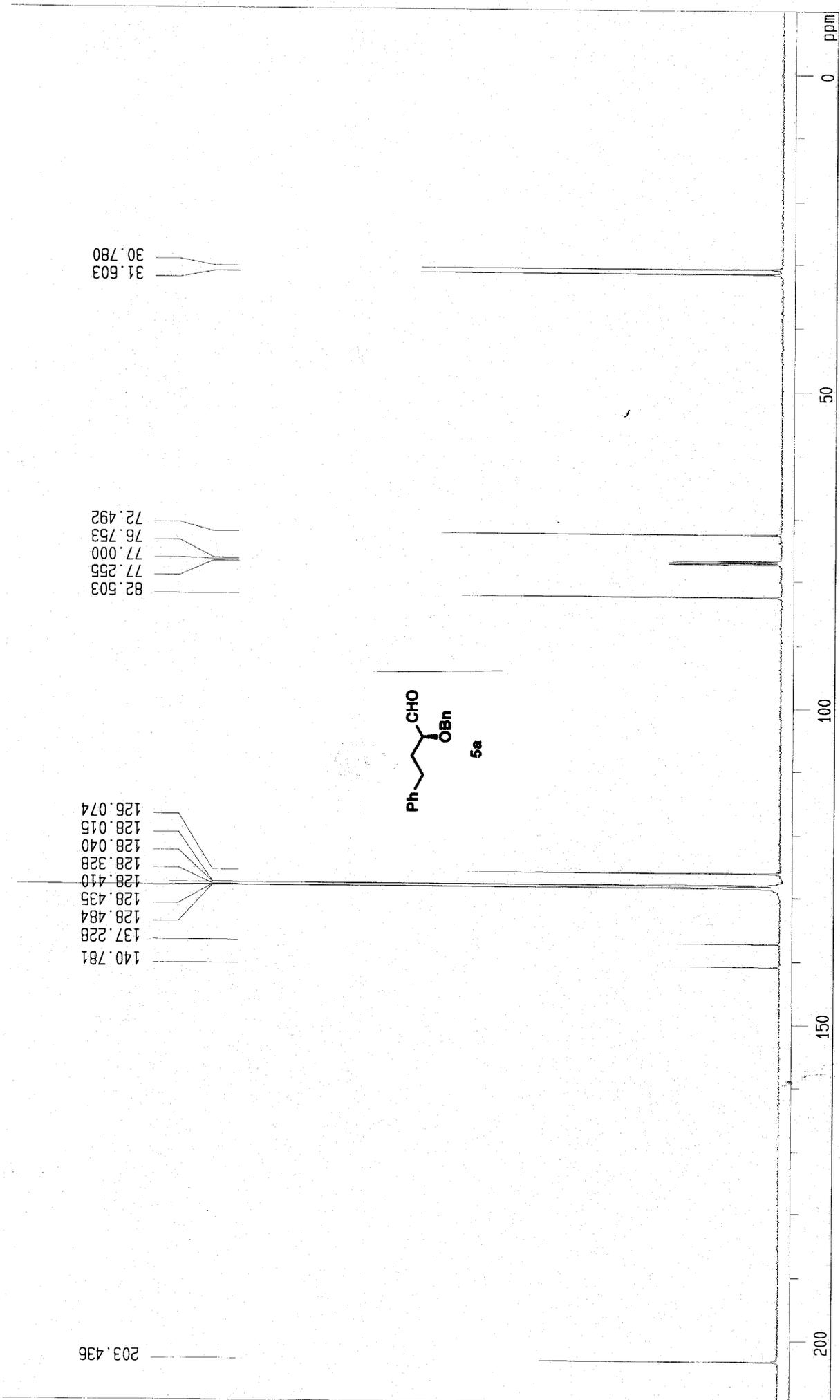


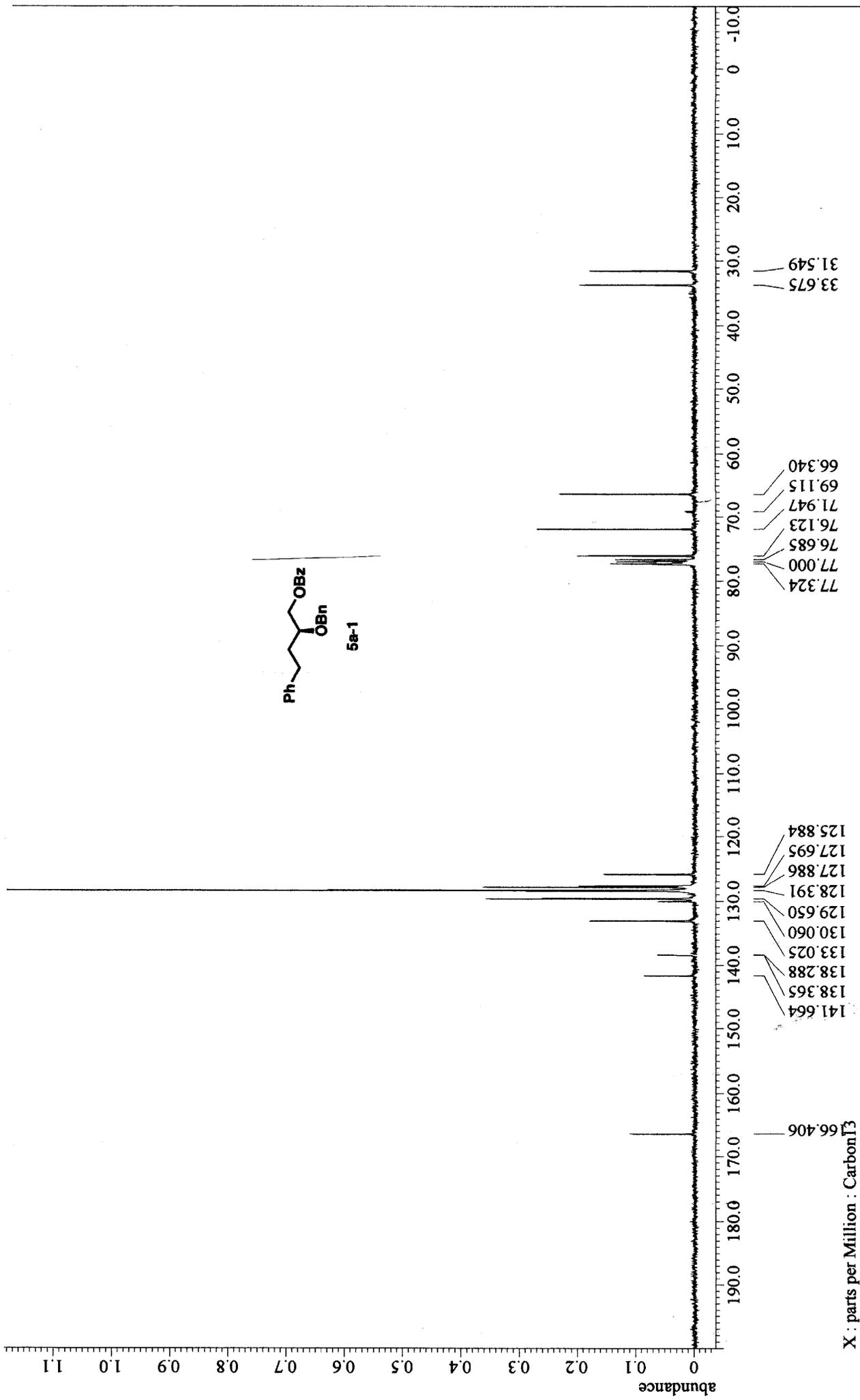


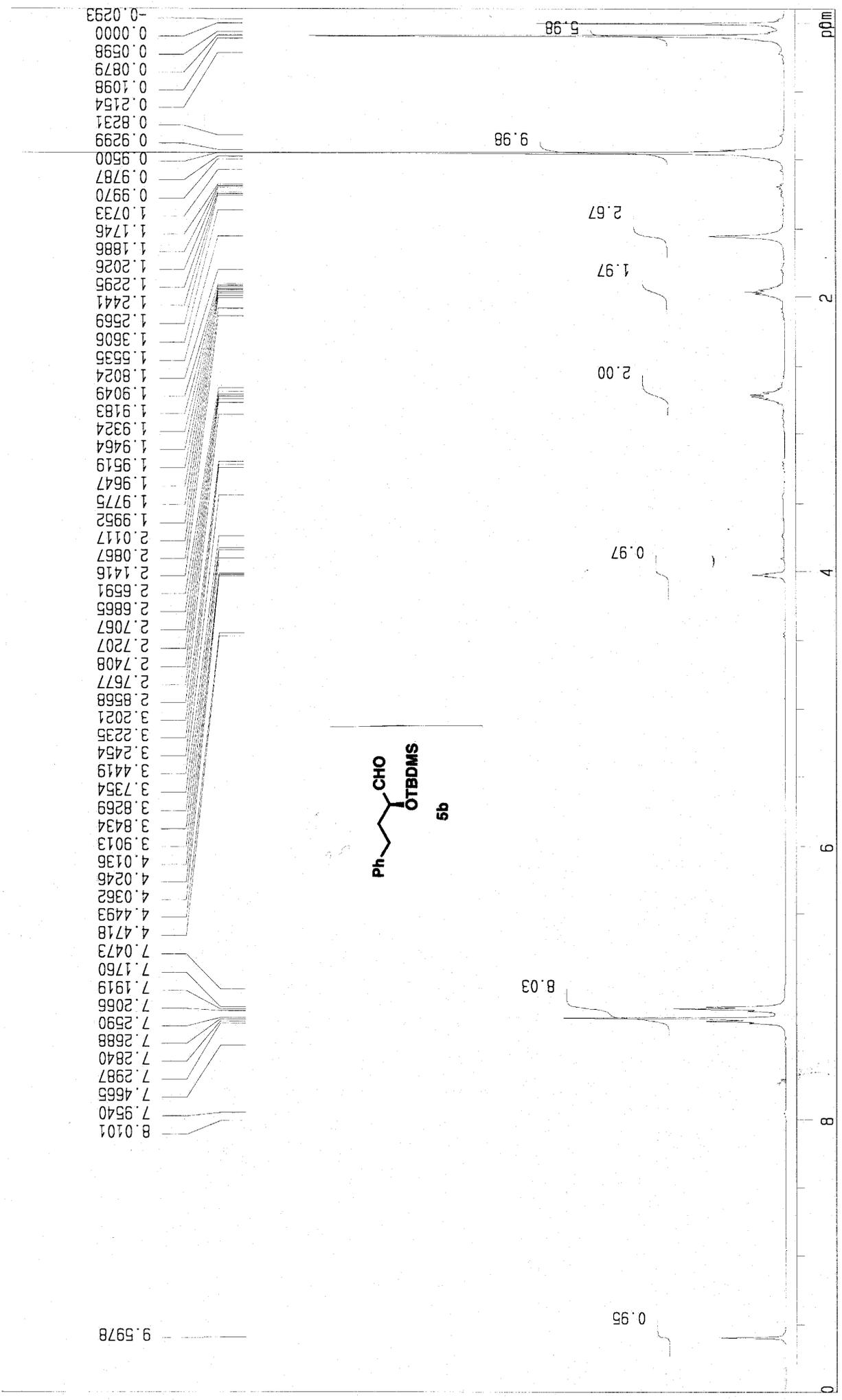


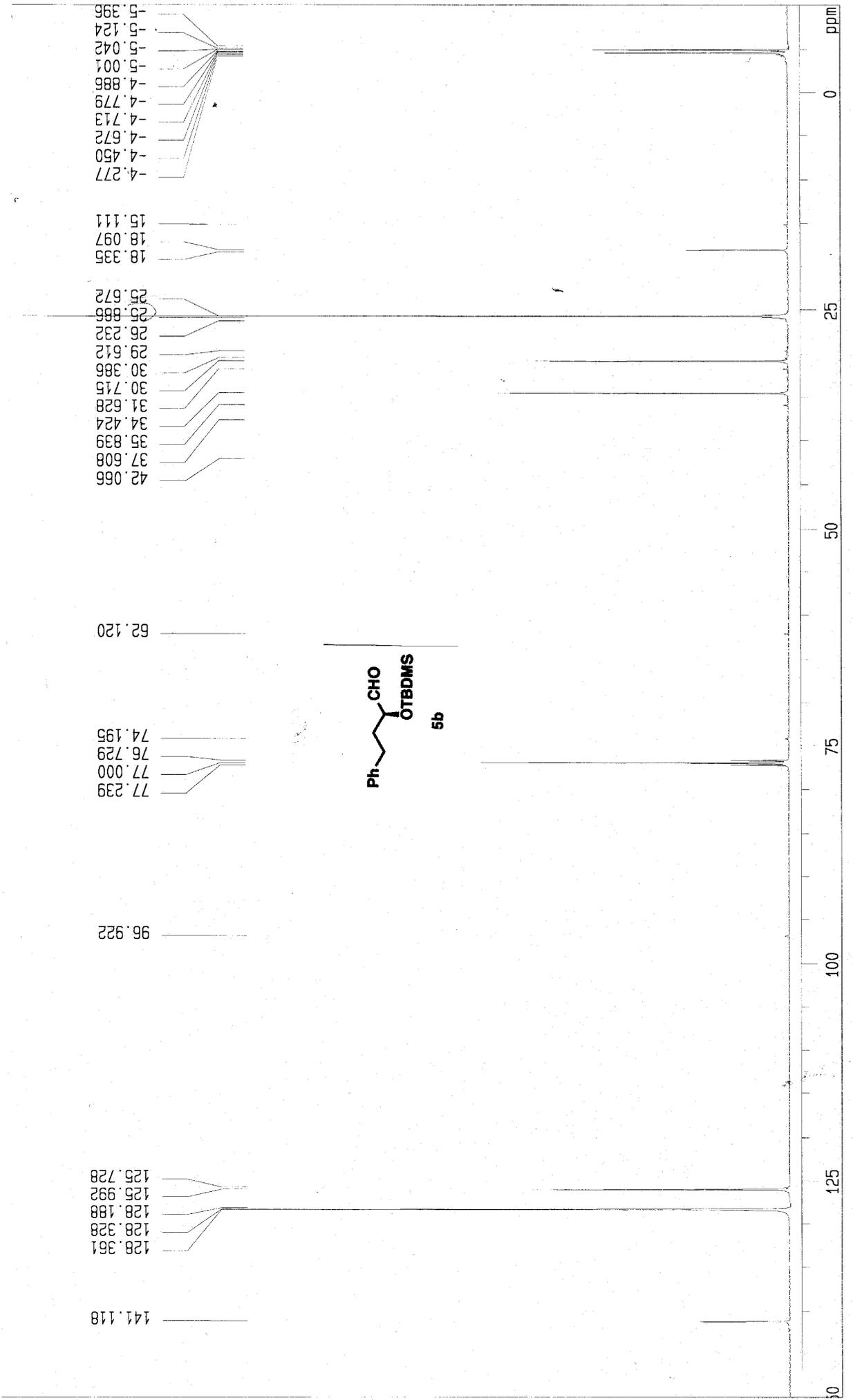


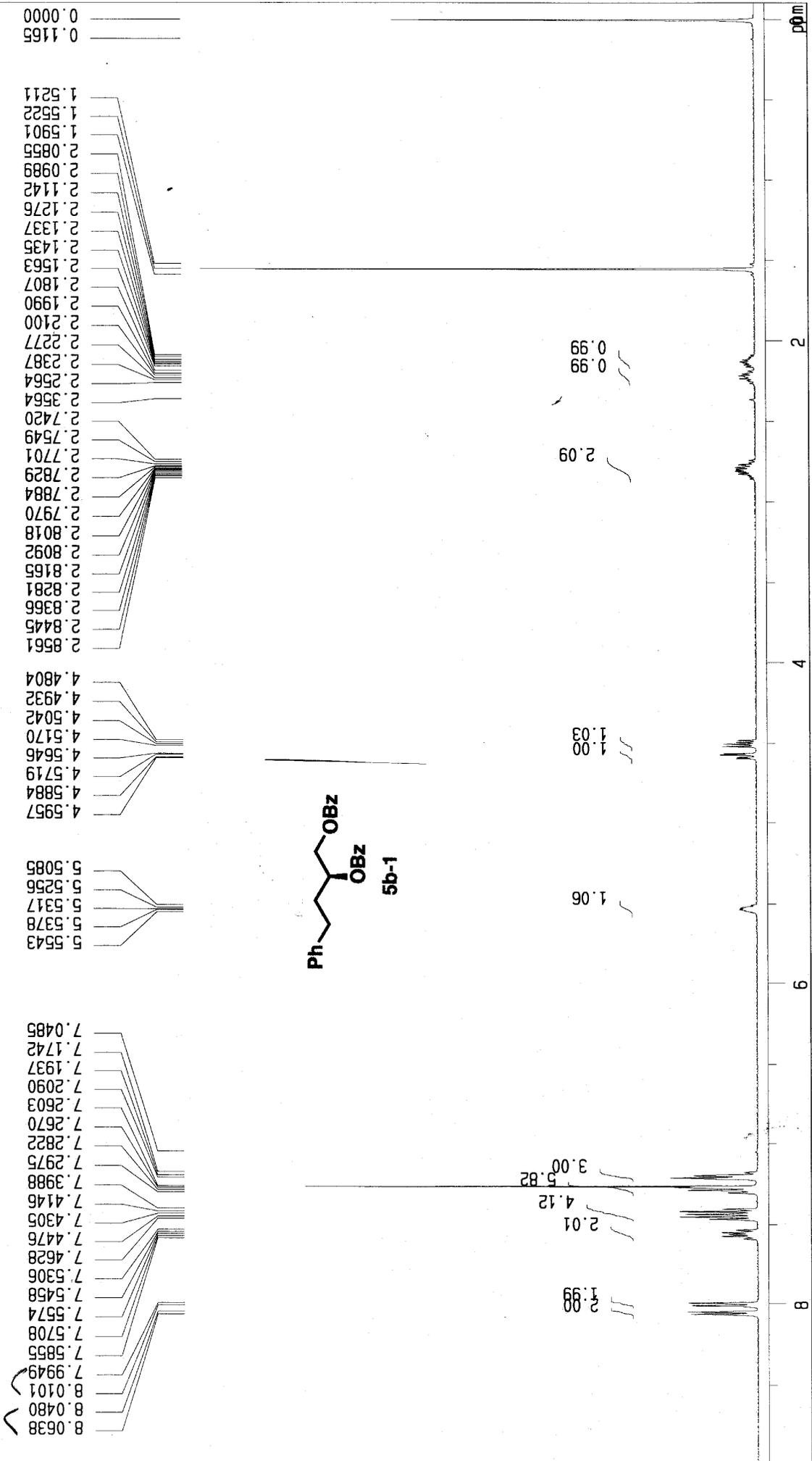
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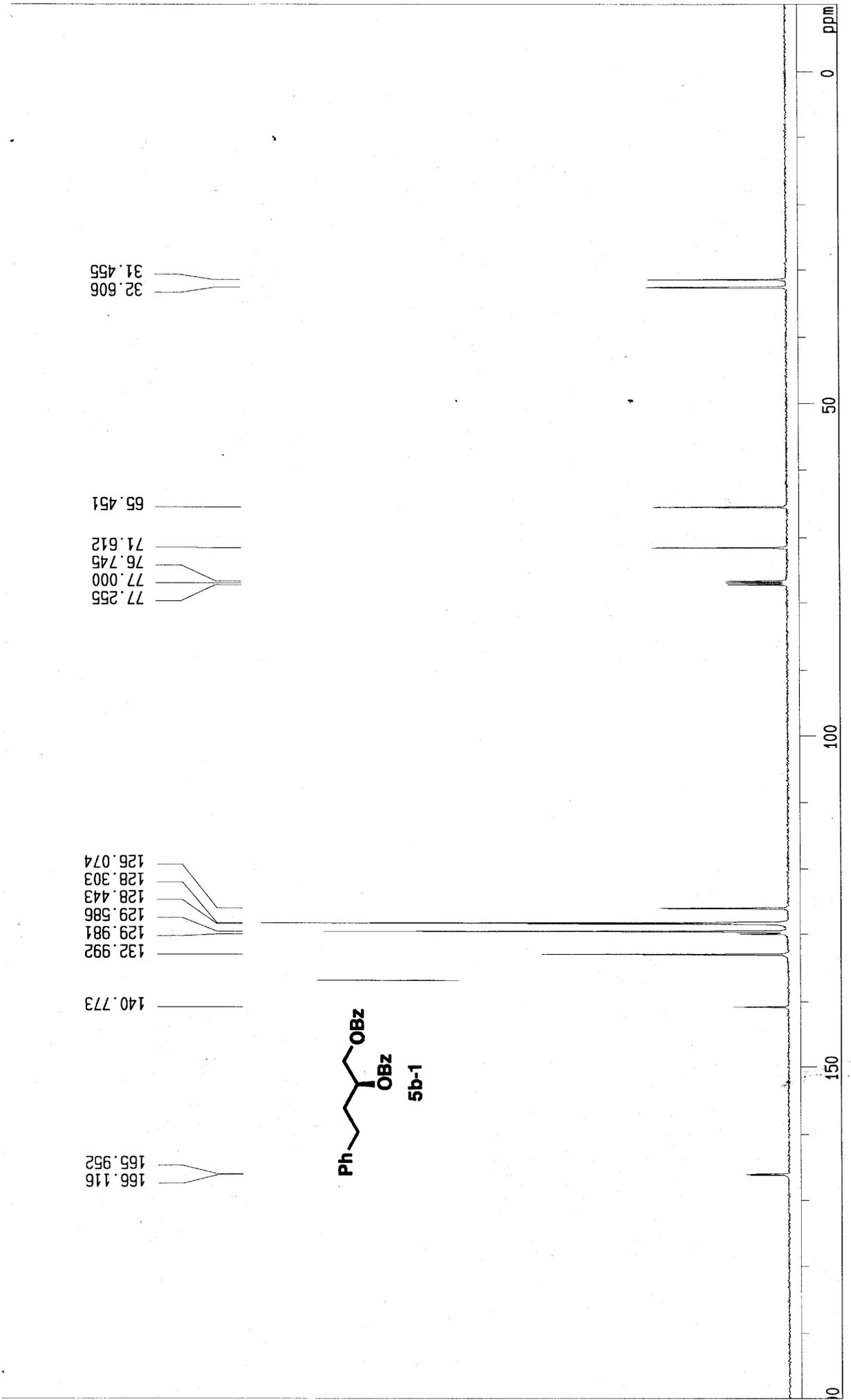




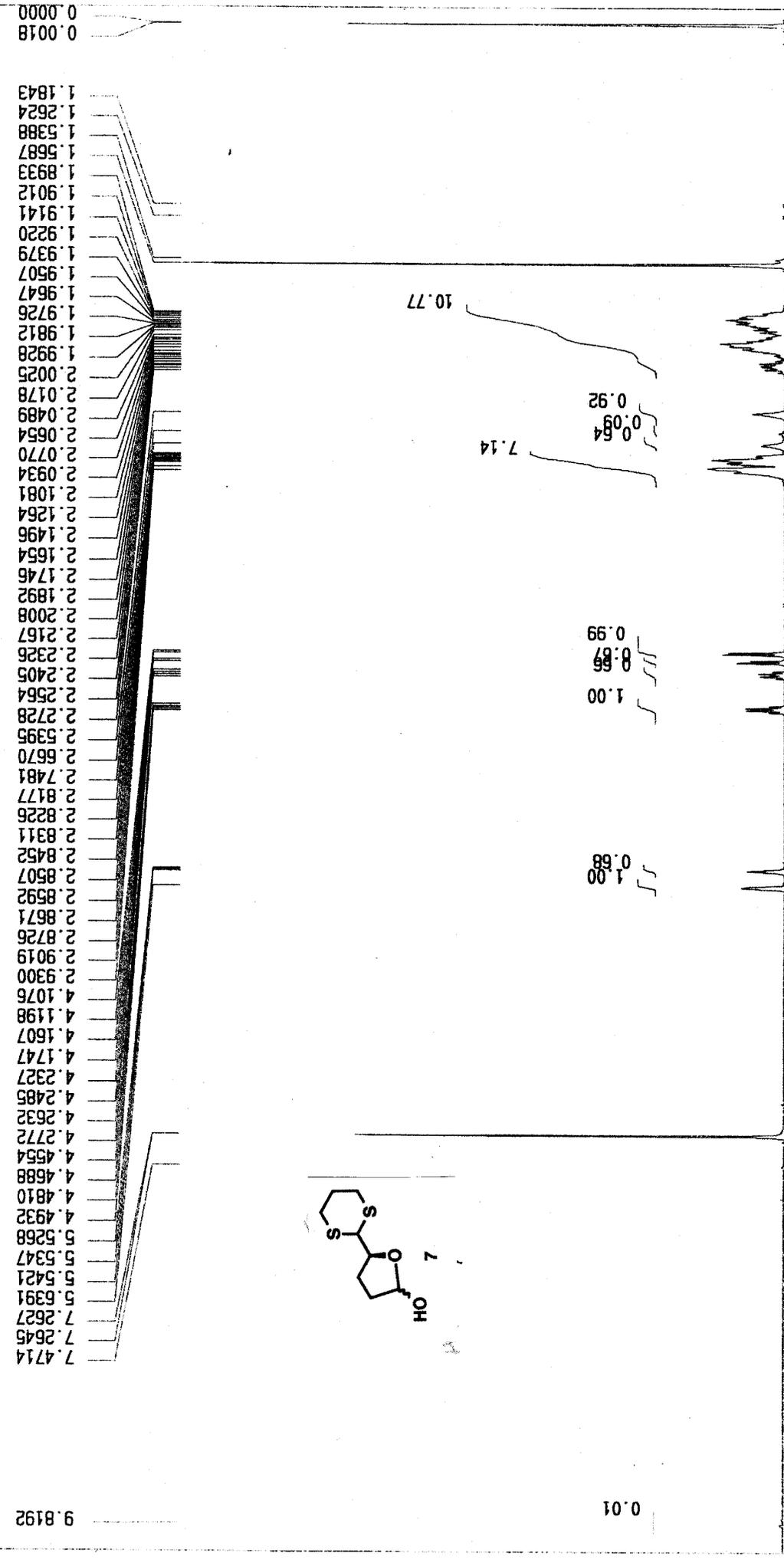




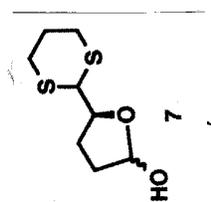




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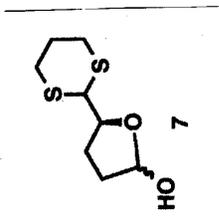


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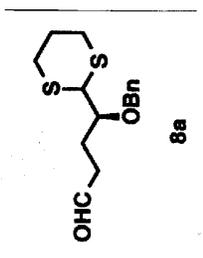
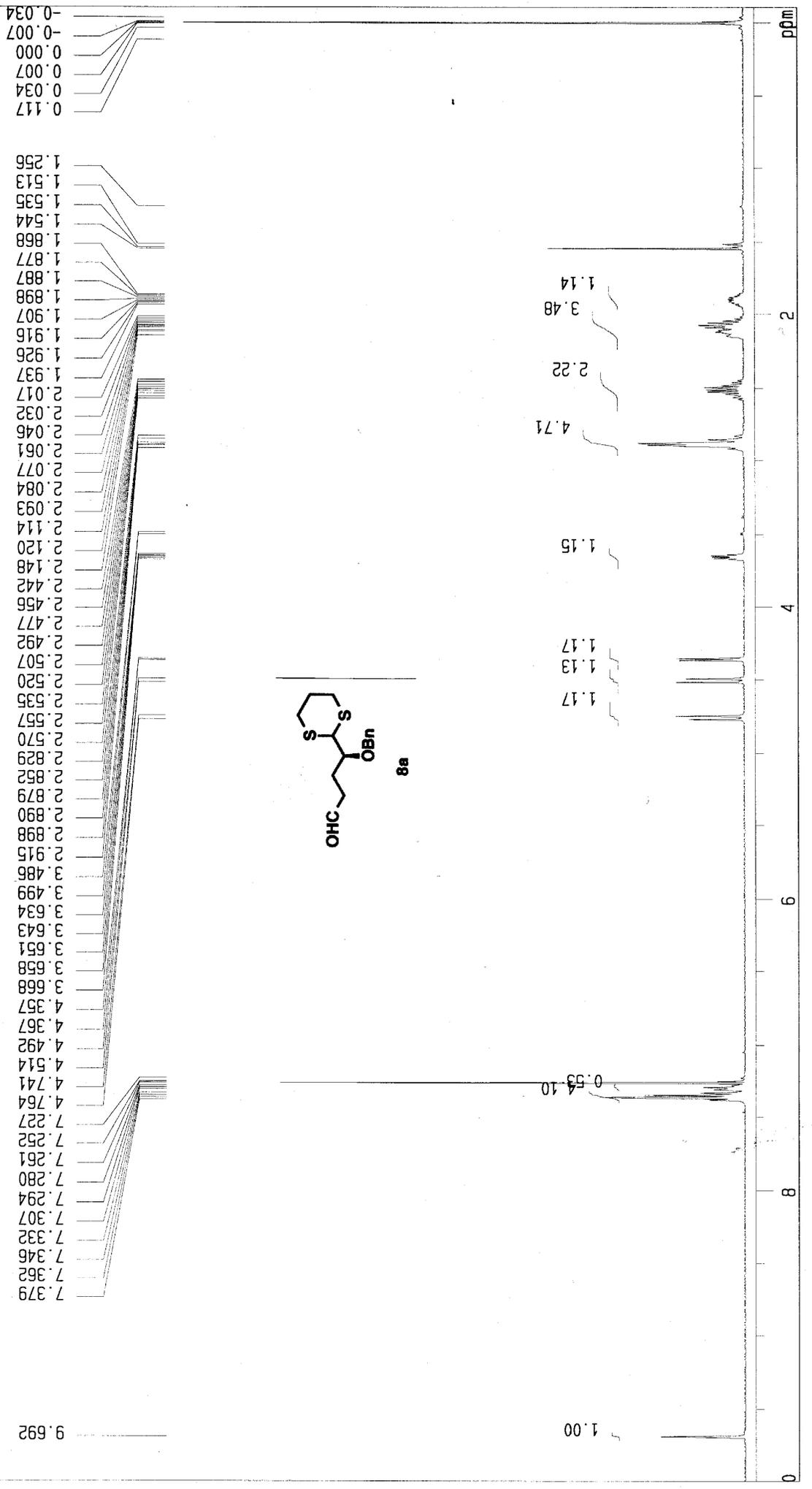
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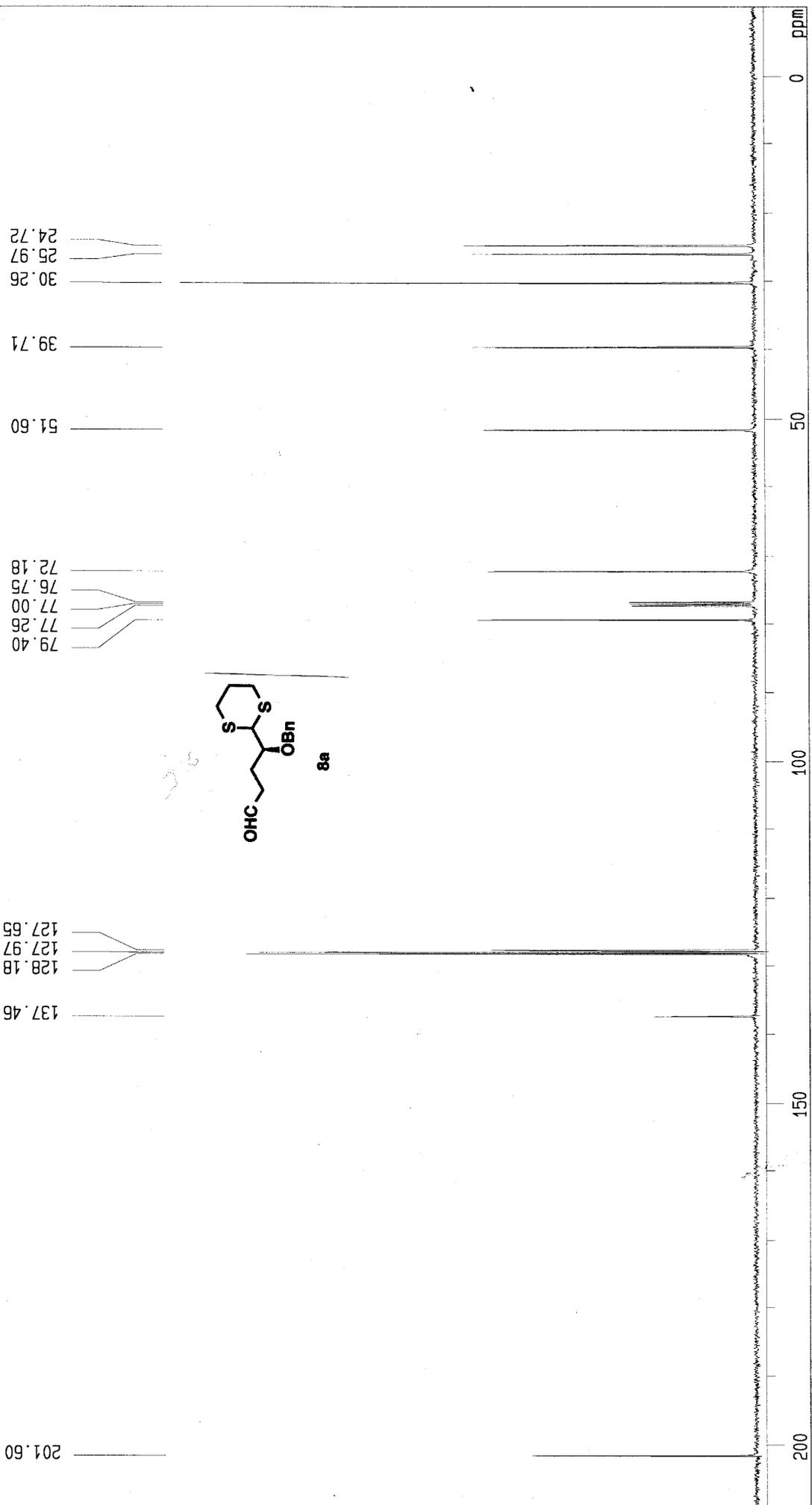
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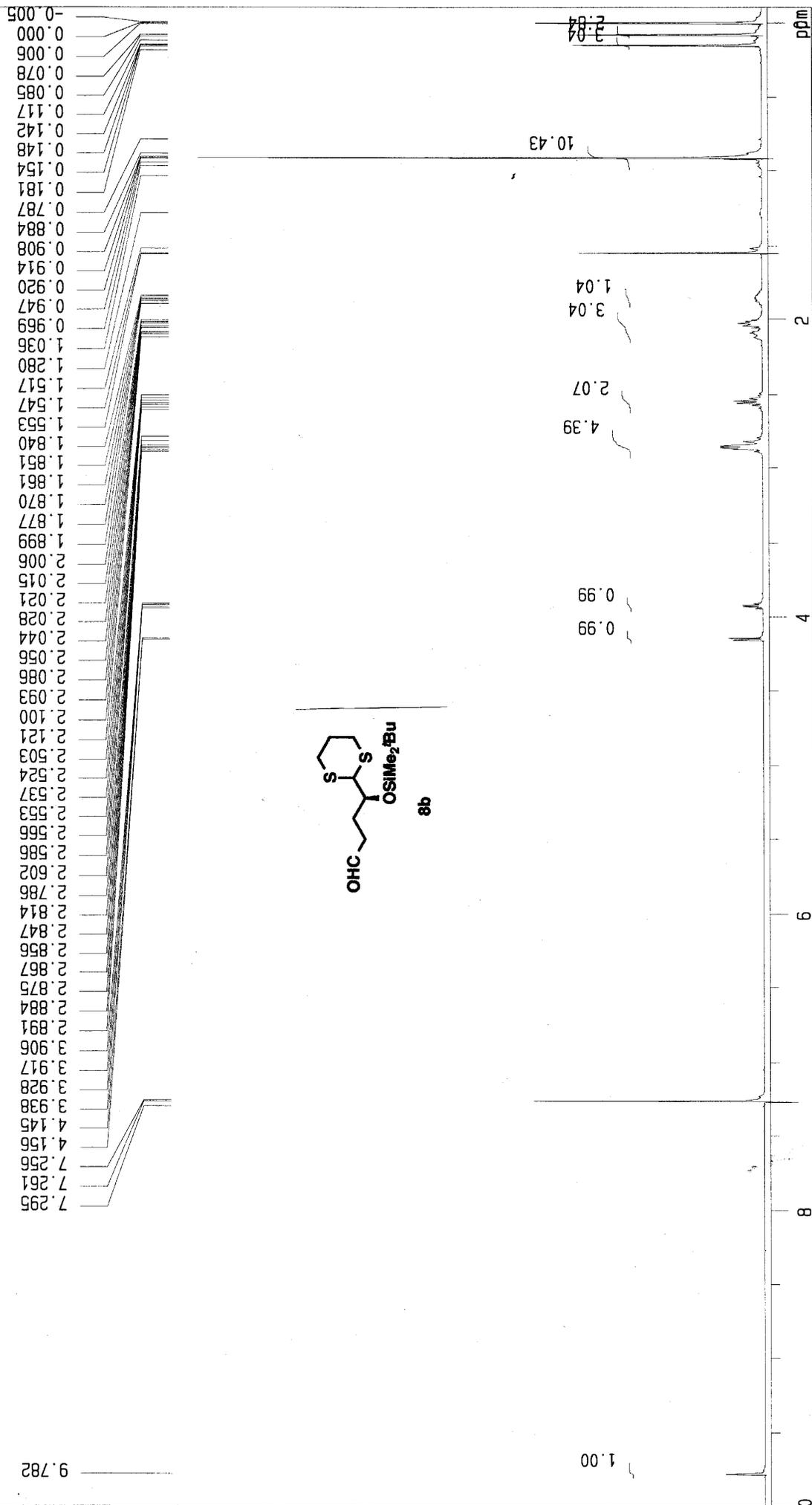
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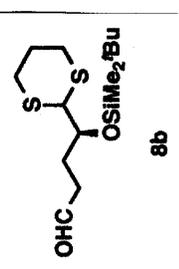
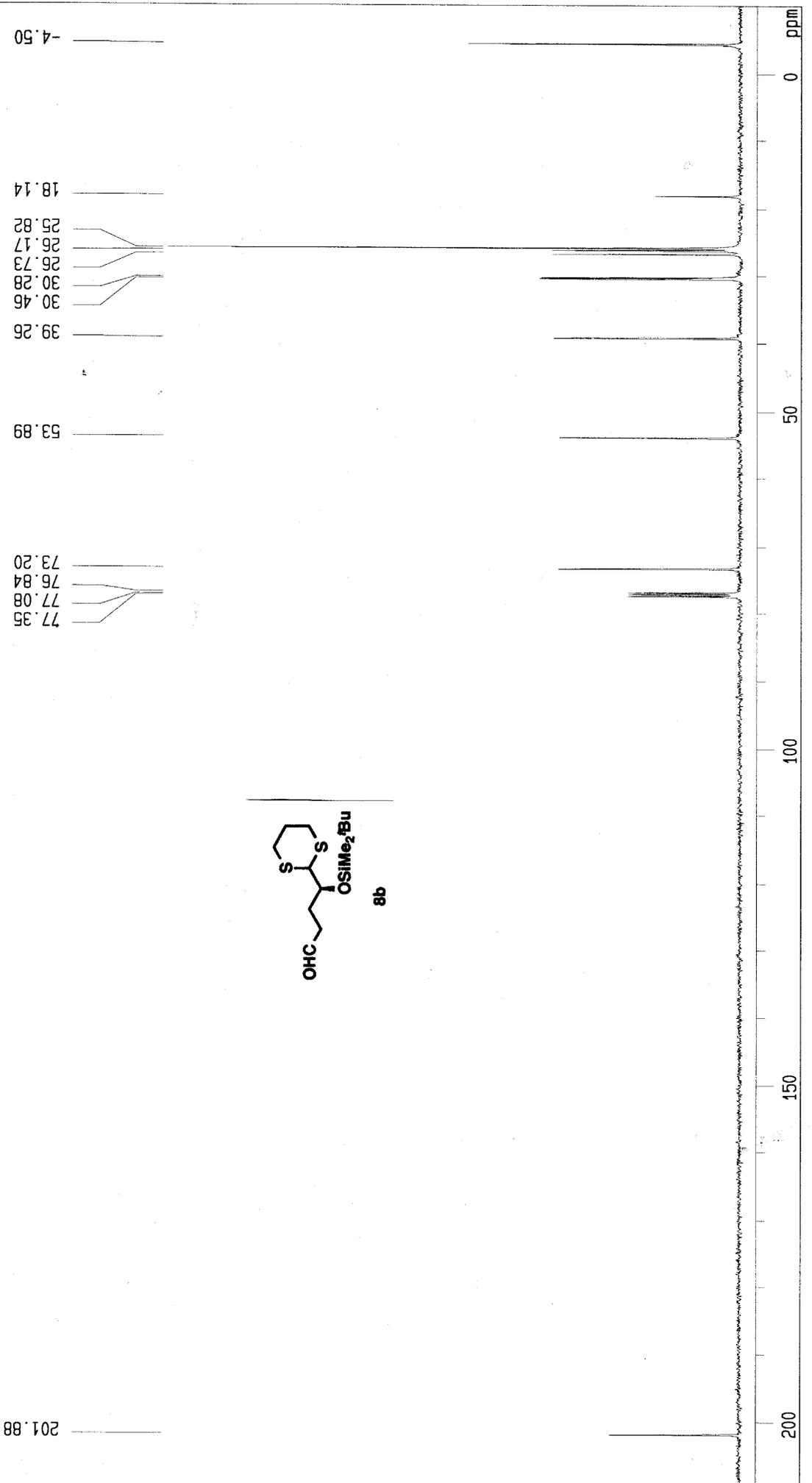


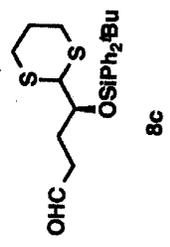
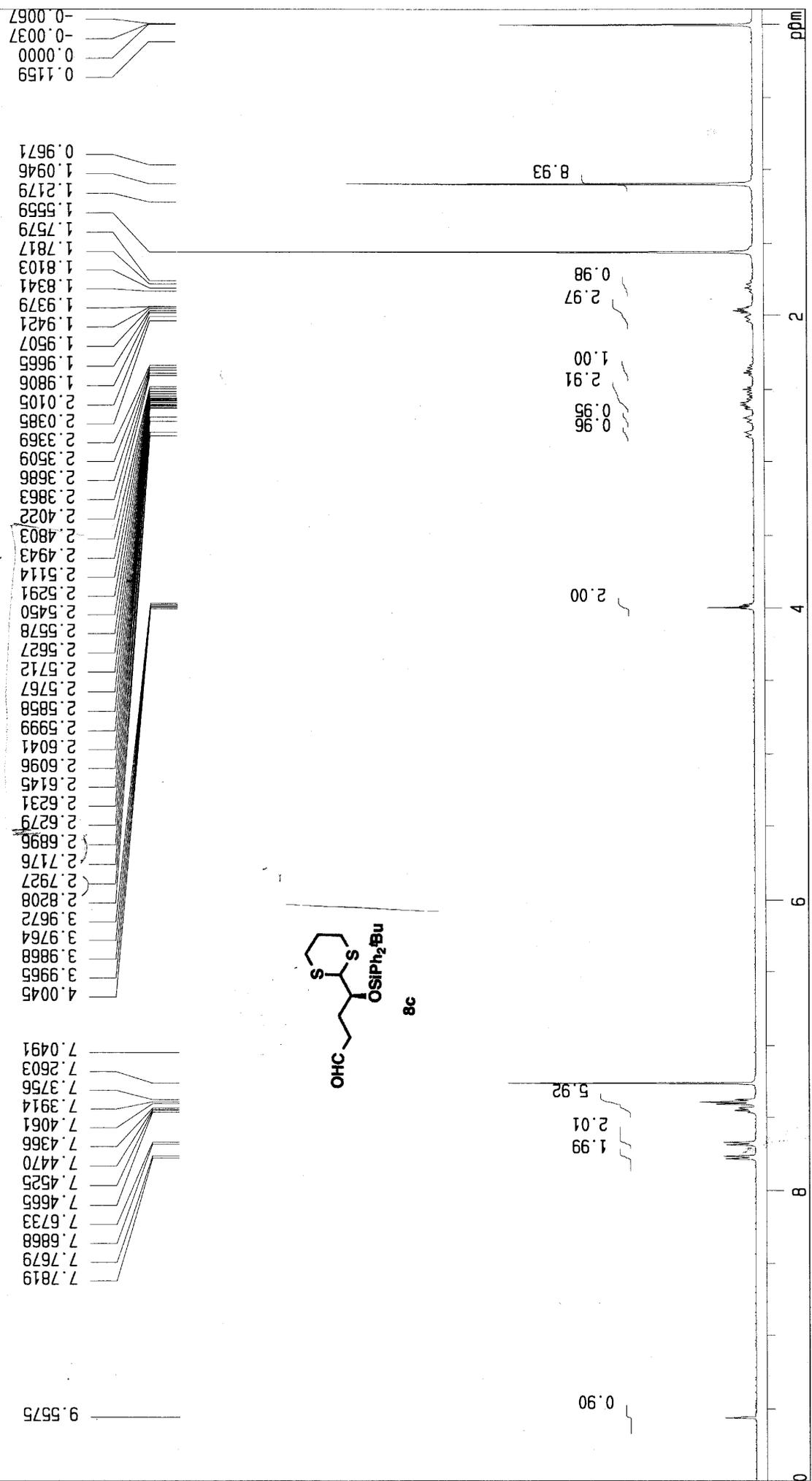
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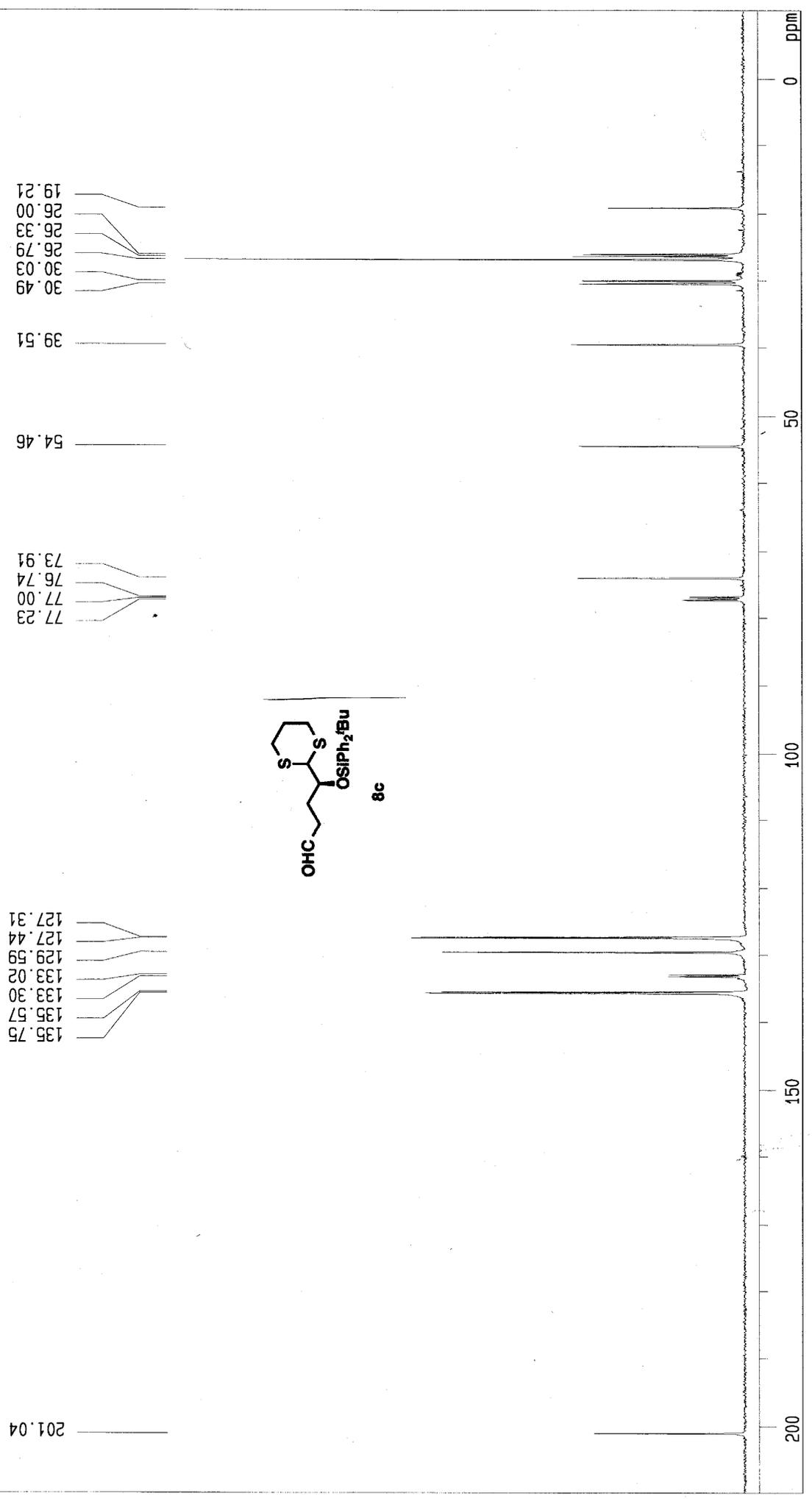




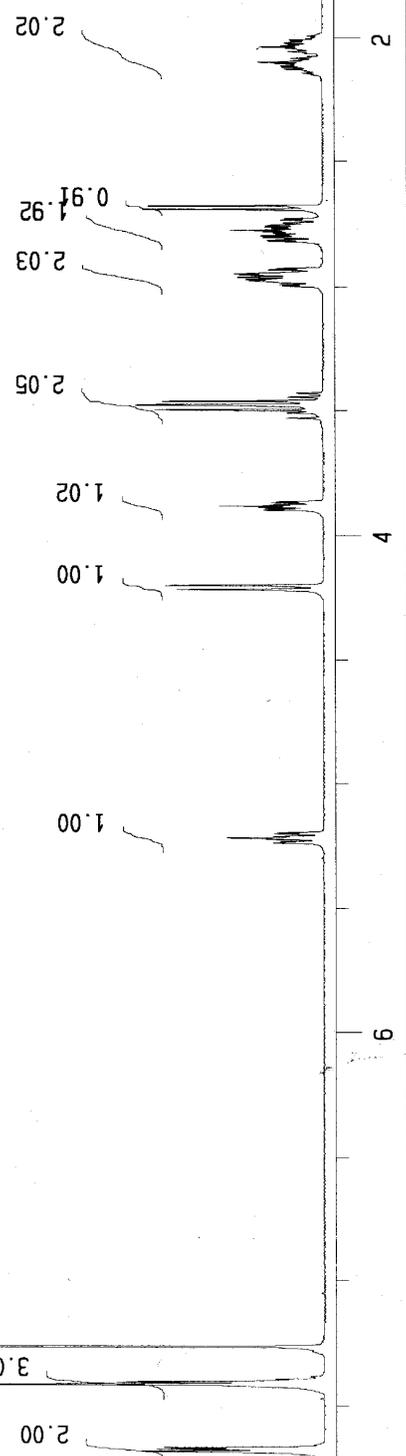
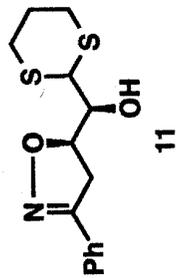








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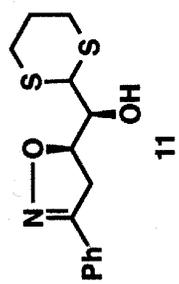
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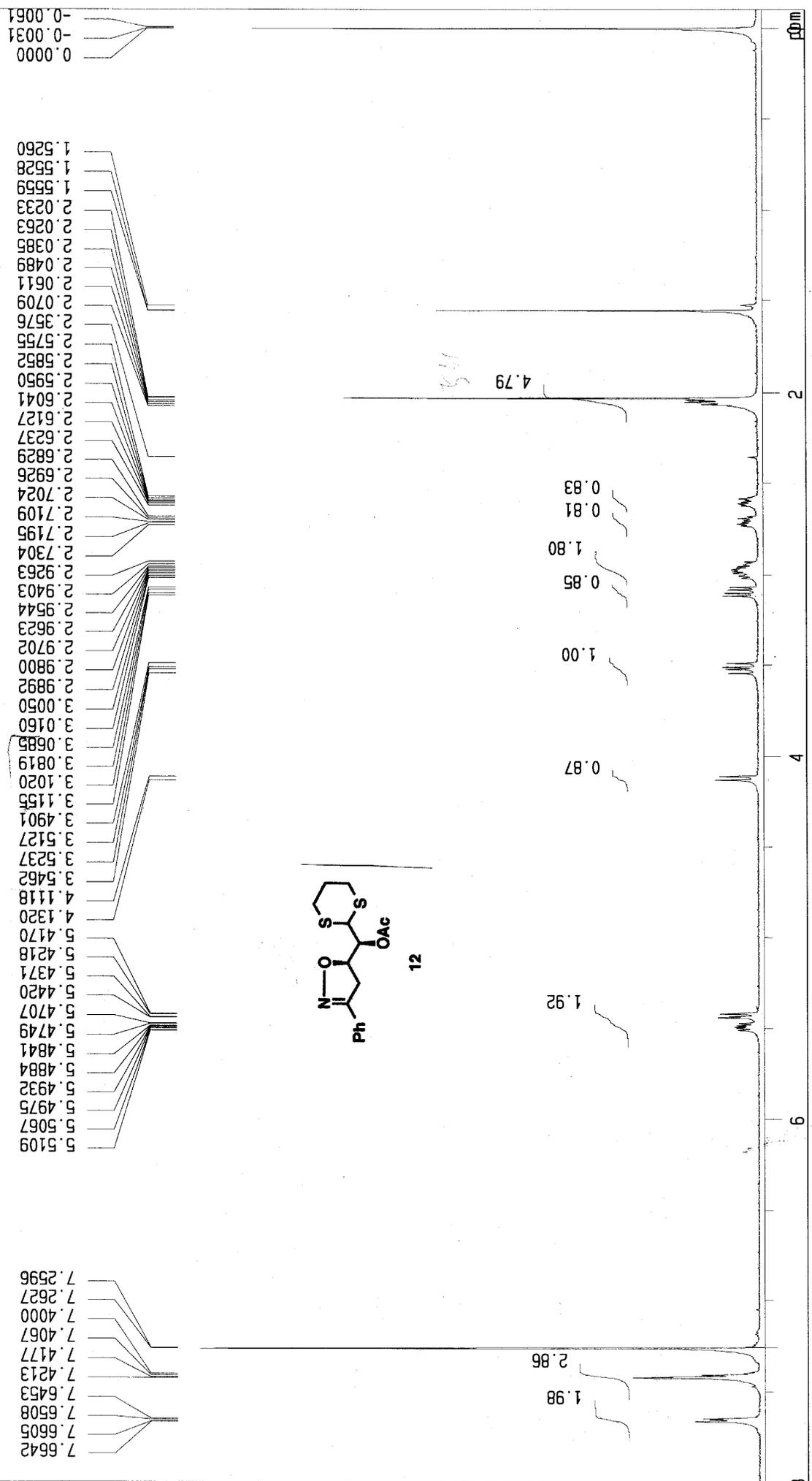
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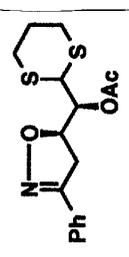
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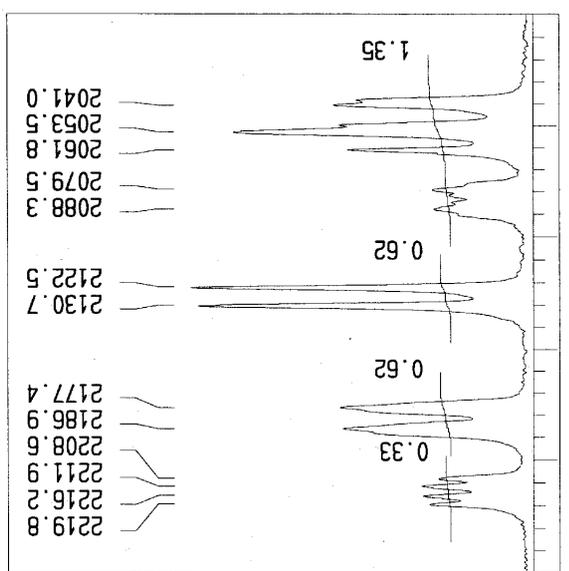
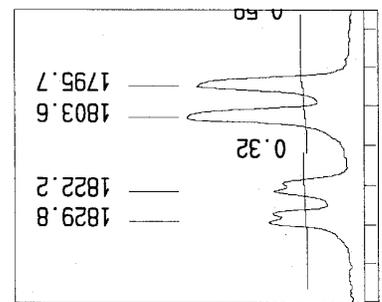
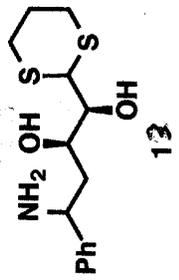
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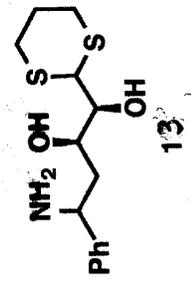
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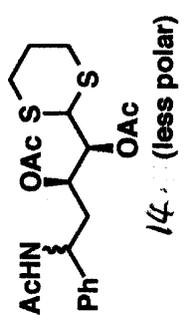
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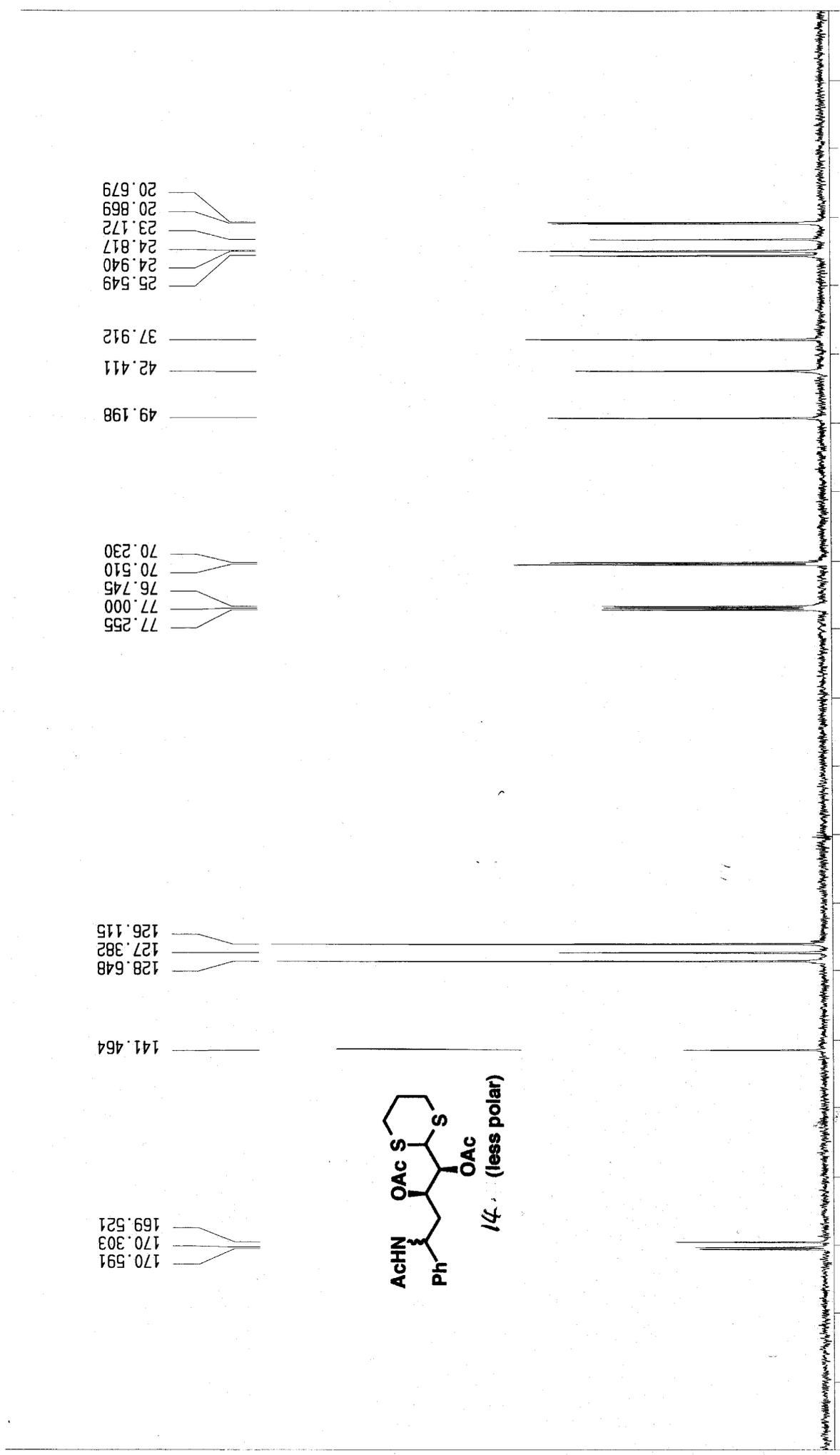


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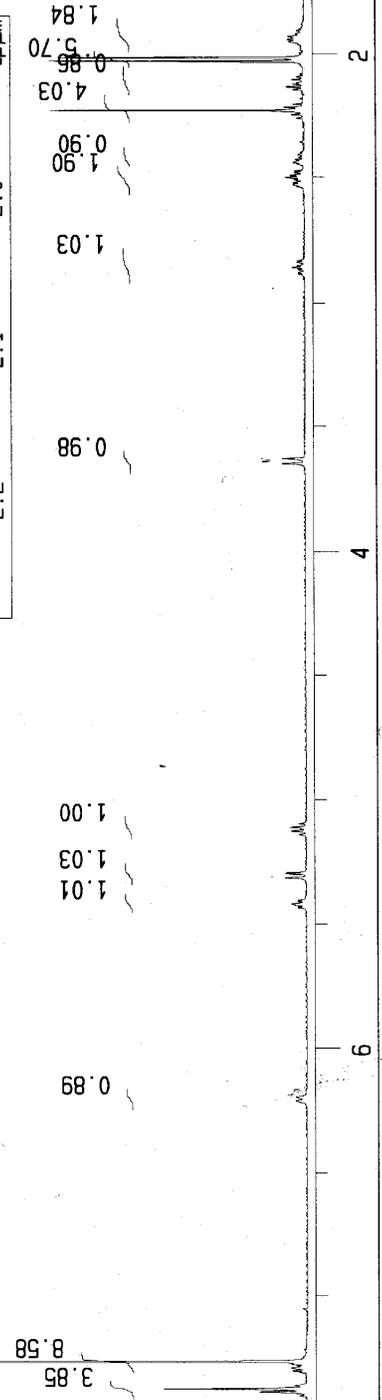
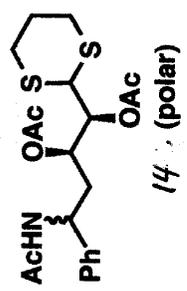
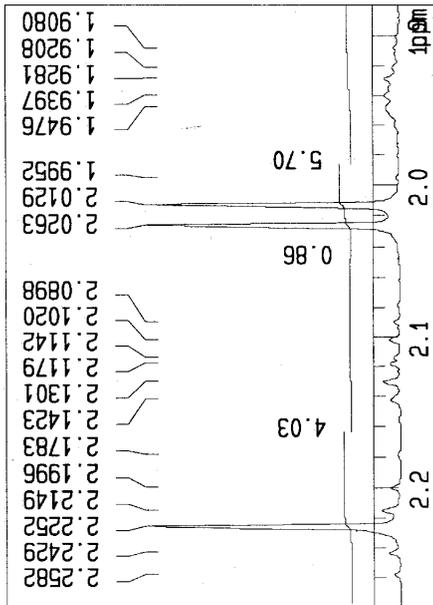
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