

Substituted salicylic acid analogs offer improved potency against multidrug-resistant *Neisseria gonorrhoeae* and good selectivity against commensal vaginal bacteria

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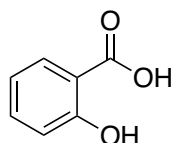
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1. Confirmation of purity and identity of purchased compounds

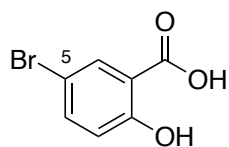
Compounds were purchased from a variety of suppliers. In each case, ¹H NMR was used to confirm the identity and purity of the compound. With the exception of **3h** (which contained 10 mol% **3a**), all compounds were >95% pure. For convenience we list our observed ¹H NMR tabulations below. In several cases we obtained additional supporting data. Note that in many cases, the *o*-hydroxycarboxylic acid protons give a merged, extremely broad signal that is only visible under high vertical expansion of the baseline; in other cases the signals cannot be reliably detected even then.



1a

2-hydroxybenzoic acid (1a, salicylic acid)

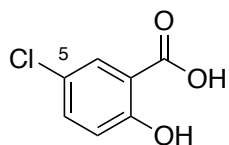
¹H NMR (400 MHz, *d*₆-DMSO) δ 13.7 (br s, 1H), 11.4 (br s, 1H), 7.8 (ddd, *J* = 7.9, 1.8, 0.5 Hz, 1H), 7.5 (ddd, *J* = 8.4, 7.2, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.0 – 6.9 (m, 2H).



1b

5-bromo-2-hydroxybenzoic acid (1b)

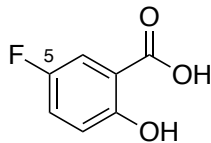
^1H NMR (400 MHz, d_6 -DMSO) δ 12.4 (br s, 2H), 7.8 (d, J = 2.6 Hz, 1H), 7.6 (dd, J = 8.9, 2.6 Hz, 1H), 6.9 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H).



1c

5-chloro-2-hydroxybenzoic acid (1c)

^1H NMR (400 MHz, d_6 -DMSO) δ 12.3 (br s, 2H), 7.7 (d, J = 2.8 Hz, 1H), 7.5 (dd, J = 8.9, 2.7 Hz, 1H), 7.0 (d, J = 8.9 Hz, 1H).

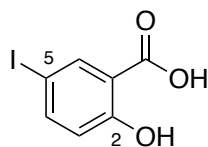


1d

5-fluoro-2-hydroxybenzoic acid (1d)

^1H NMR (400 MHz, d_6 -DMSO) δ 12.3 (br s, 2H), 7.5 (dd, J = 8.9, 3.2 Hz, 1H), 7.4 (ddd, J = 9.1, 8.2, 3.2 Hz, 1H), 7.0 (dd, J = 9.1, 4.6 Hz, 1H).

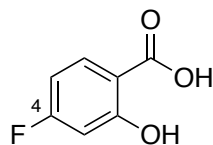
^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, d_6 -DMSO) δ -124.3 (d, J = 4.4 Hz).



1e

2-hydroxy-5-iodobenzoic acid (1e)

^1H NMR (400 MHz, d_6 -DMSO) δ 11.8 (br s, 2H), 7.8 (d, J = 2.6 Hz, 1H), 7.6 (dd, J = 8.9, 2.6 Hz, 1H), 6.9 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H).

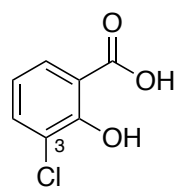


1f

4-fluoro-2-hydroxybenzoic acid (1f)

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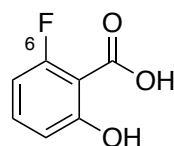
^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, d_6 -DMSO) δ -102.3 – -102.7 (m).



1g

3-chloro-2-hydroxybenzoic acid (1g)

^1H NMR (400 MHz, d_6 -DMSO) δ 12.5 (br s, 2H), 7.8 (dd, J = 7.9, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.7 (dd, J = 7.9, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 6.9 (t, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H).

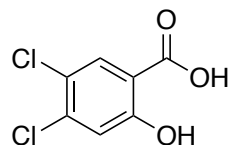


1h

6-fluoro-2-hydroxybenzoic acid (1h)

^1H NMR (400 MHz, d_6 -DMSO) δ 12.3 (br s, 2H), 7.4 (td, J = 8.3, 6.5 Hz, 1H), 6.8 (dt, J = 8.4, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 6.7 (ddd, J = 10.4, 8.3, 1.0 Hz, 1H).

^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, d_6 -DMSO) δ -110.5 (dd, J = 10.3, 6.3 Hz).



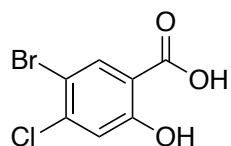
1i

4,5-dichloro-2-hydroxybenzoic acid (1i)

^1H NMR (500 MHz, d_6 -DMSO) δ 12.2 (br s, 2H), 7.9 (s, 1H), 7.3 (s, 1H).

^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, d_6 -DMSO) δ 169.9, 159.8, 137.3, 131.1, 121.0, 119.2, 114.2.

HRMS calculated for $\text{C}_7\text{H}_3\text{Cl}_2\text{O}_3^-$ 204.9465, found 204.9461.



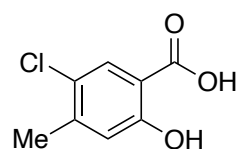
1j

5-bromo-4-chloro-2-hydroxybenzoic acid (1j)

^1H NMR (500 MHz, d_6 -DMSO) δ 12.3 (s, 2H), 8.0 (s, 1H), 7.3 (s, 1H).

^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, d_6 -DMSO) δ 169.8, 160.4, 139.2, 134.3, 119.1, 114.5, 110.2.

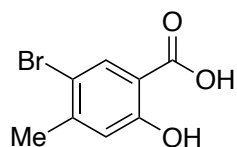
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1k

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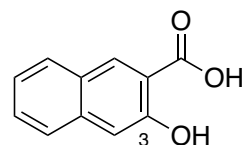
^1H NMR (400 MHz, d_6 -DMSO) δ 11.6 (br s, 2H), 7.7 (s, 1H), 7.0 (s, 1H), 2.3 (s, 3H); the carboxylic acid proton was not seen.



1l

5-bromo-2-hydroxy-4-methylbenzoic acid (1l)

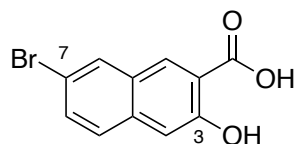
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3a

3-hydroxy-2-naphthoic acid (3a)

^1H NMR (400 MHz, d_6 -DMSO) δ 11.6 (br s, 2 H), 8.5 (s, 1H), 8.0 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.8 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.5 (ddd, J = 8.2, 6.8, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.4 – 7.3 (m, 1H), 7.3 (s, 1H); the carboxylic acid proton was not seen.



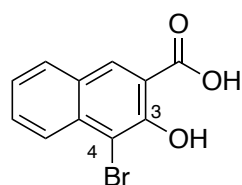
3b

7-bromo-3-hydroxy-2-naphthoic acid (3b)

^1H NMR (400 MHz, d_6 -DMSO) δ 11.1 (br s, 2H), 8.5 (s, 1H), 8.3 (d, $J = 2.7$ Hz, 1H), 7.7 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.6 (dd, $J = 8.9, 2.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.4 (s, 1H).

^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, d_6 -DMSO) δ 171.2, 156.4, 135.6, 131.73, 131.72, 130.8, 128.3, 127.8, 116.5, 116.4, 111.1.

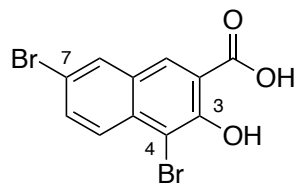
HRMS calculated for $\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_6\text{BrO}_3^-$ 264.9506, found 264.9503.



3c

4-bromo-3-hydroxy-2-naphthoic acid (3c)

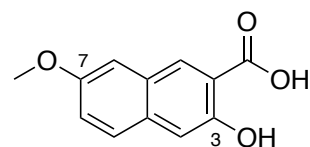
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3d

4,7-dibromo-3-hydroxy-2-naphthoic acid (3d)

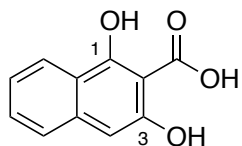
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3e

3-hydroxy-7-methoxy-2-naphthoic acid (3e)

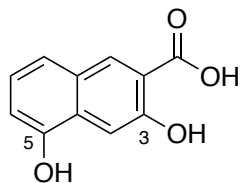
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3f

1,3-dihydroxy-2-naphthoic acid (3f)

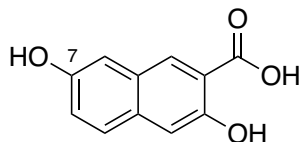
^1H NMR (400 MHz, d_6 -DMSO) δ 12.7 (br s, 3H), 8.1 – 8.0 (m, 1H), 7.6 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.5 (ddd, J = 8.2, 6.7, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.2 (ddd, J = 8.2, 6.7, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 6.6 (s, 1H).



3g

3,5-dihydroxy-2-naphthoic acid (3g)

^1H NMR (400 MHz, d_6 -DMSO) δ 11.2 (br s, 1H), 10.1 (s, 1H), 8.4 (s, 1H), 7.4 (s, 1H), 7.4 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 7.2 (dd, J = 8.3, 7.4 Hz, 1H), 6.9 (dd, J = 7.5, 1.0 Hz, 1H); the carboxylic acid proton signal was not detected.

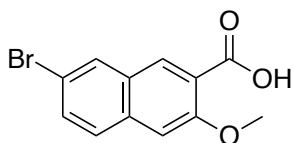


3h

3,7-dihydroxy-2-naphthoic acid (3h)

In the ^1H NMR spectrum we observe **3h** and **3a** in 9:1 ratio. Since **3a** was only weakly active in the antibacterial assay we assayed this sample of **3h**, in the hope that the major constituent might prove active.

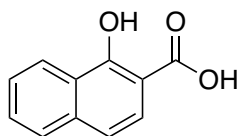
^1H NMR (400 MHz, d_6 -DMSO) δ 13.7 (br s, 1H), 10.8 (br s, 1H), 9.6 (s, 1H), 8.5 (s, 0.1H), 8.3 (s, 0.9H), 8.0 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 0.1H), 7.8 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 0.1H), 7.6 (d, J = 9.3 Hz, 0.9H), 7.5 (ddd, J = 8.3, 6.8, 1.4 Hz, 0.1H), 7.35 (ddd, J = 8.1, 6.7, 1.2 Hz, 0.1H), 7.32 (s, 0.1H), 7.2 (s, 0.9H), 7.17 (dd, J = 2.4, 0.7 Hz, 0.9H), 7.1 (dd, J = 8.7, 2.4 Hz, 0.9H).



3i

7-bromo-3-methoxy-2-naphthoic acid (3i)

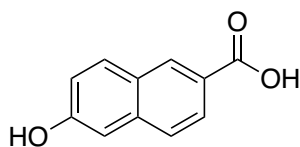
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3j

1-hydroxy-2-naphthoic acid (3j)

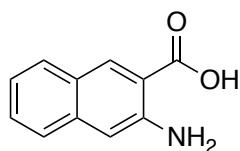
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3k

6-hydroxy-2-naphthoic acid (3k)

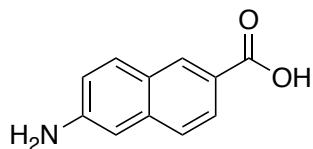
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3l

3-amino-2-naphthoic acid (3l)

^1H NMR (400 MHz, d_6 -DMSO) δ 8.7 (s, 2H), 8.4 (s, 1H), 7.8 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.5 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.4 (ddd, J = 8.2, 6.7, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.1 (ddd, J = 8.0, 6.7, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.0 (s, 1H); the carboxylic acid proton signal was not detected.

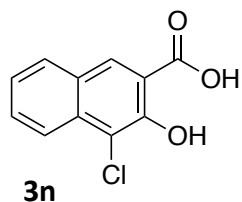


3m

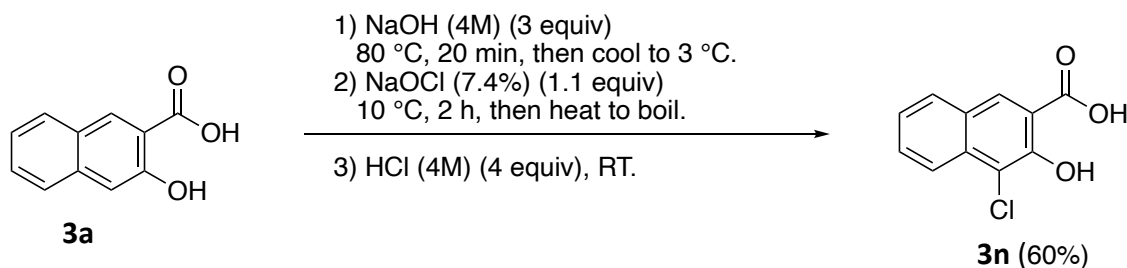
6-amino-2-naphthoic acid (3m)

^1H NMR (400 MHz, d_6 -DMSO) δ 12.6 (s, 1H), 8.3 (s, 1H), 7.8 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 7.8 (dd, J = 8.6, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.6 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.1 (dd, J = 8.8, 2.2 Hz, 1H), 7.0 (s, 1H), 3.6 (s, 2H).

2. Synthetic procedures and analytical tabulations for synthesized analogs



4-chloro-3-hydroxy-2-naphthoic acid (**3n**)

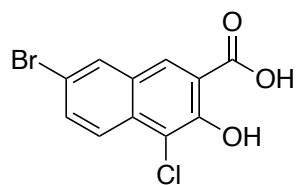


Following the literature procedure¹, 3-hydroxy-2-naphthoic acid (100 mg, 0.53 mmol) was added to a hot (80 °C) 4M sodium hydroxide solution (0.4 mL, 1.6 mmol). The solution was heated for 20 min to dissolve all the 3-hydroxy-2-naphthoic acid and then allowed to cool to 3 °C in an ice bath. A solution of (7.4%) sodium hypochlorite in water (588 mg, 0.58 mmol) was cooled to 3 °C then added to the chilled solution of 3-hydroxy-2-naphthoic acid, keeping the temperature below 10 °C. The reaction mixture was held at about 10 °C for 2 hours, heated to the boil and then cooled to ambient temperature. To this solution was then added 4M hydrochloric acid (0.53 mL, 2.1 mmol). The resulting slurry was filtered, washed with water, and dried to constant weight, affording 71 mg of 4-chloro-3-hydroxy-2-naphthoic acid (**3n**) (60% yield).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, *d*₆-DMSO) δ 8.56 (s, 1H), 8.07 (dt, *J* = 8.2, 0.7 Hz, 1H), 8.04 (dd, *J* = 8.6, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 7.71 (ddd, *J* = 8.5, 6.8, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.46 (ddd, *J* = 8.1, 6.8, 1.2 Hz, 1H); the carboxylic acid and hydroxy proton signals were not detected.

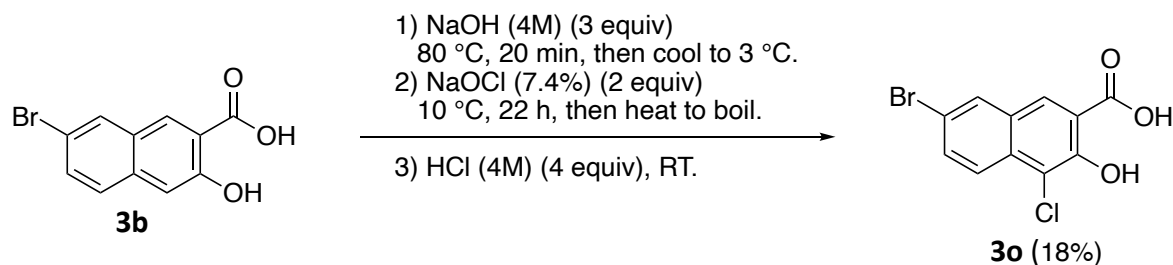
¹³C NMR (101 MHz, *d*₆-DMSO) δ 171.3, 152.7, 133.7, 131.1, 130.2, 130.1, 126.7, 124.3, 122.1, 116.4, 113.2.

HRMS calculated for C₁₁H₆ClO₃⁻ 221.0011, found 221.0009



3o

7-bromo-4-chloro-3-hydroxy-2-naphthoic acid (3o)

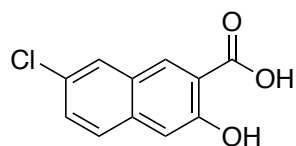


Following the literature procedure¹, 7-bromo-3-hydroxy-2-naphthoic acid (100 mg, 0.374 mmol) was added to a hot (80 °C) 4M sodium hydroxide solution (0.28 mL, 1.1 mmol). The solution was heated for 20 min to dissolve all the 7-bromo-3-hydroxy-2-naphthoic acid and then allowed to cool to 3 °C in an ice bath. A solution of (7.4%) sodium hypochlorite in water (75 mg, 0.74 mmol) was cooled to 3 °C then added to the chilled solution of 7-bromo-3-hydroxy-2-naphthoic acid, keeping the temperature below 10 °C. The reaction mixture is held at about 10 °C for 2 hours, heated to the boil and then cooled to ambient temperature. To this solution was then added 4M hydrochloric acid (0.37 mL, 1.5 mmol). The resulting slurry was filtered, washed with water, and dried to constant weight, affording 20 mg of 7-bromo-4-chloro-3-hydroxy-2-naphthoic acid (**3o**) (18% yield).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, *d*₆-DMSO) δ 8.58 (s, 1H), 8.41 (d, *J* = 2.1 Hz, 1H), 7.99 (dt, *J* = 9.1, 0.7 Hz, 1H), 7.83 (dd, *J* = 9.1, 2.1 Hz, 1H); the carboxylic acid and hydroxyl proton signals were not detected.

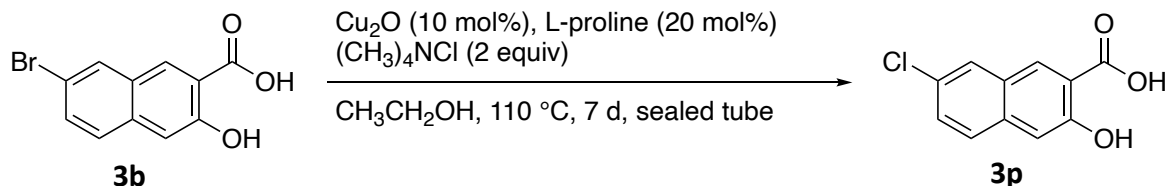
¹³C NMR (101 MHz, *d*₆-DMSO) δ 171.1, 152.6, 133.1, 132.3, 131.6, 130.5, 127.8, 124.5, 117.3, 116.8, 113.7.

HRMS calculated for C₁₁H₅BrClO₃ - 298.9116, found 298.9110



3p

7-chloro-3-hydroxy-2-naphthoic acid (3p)

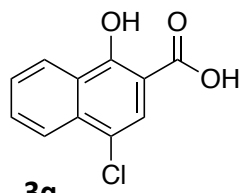


Following the literature procedure², a pressure tube was charged with Cu₂O (16 mg, 10 mol%), L-proline (26 mg, 20 mol%), 7-bromo-3-hydroxy-2-naphthoic acid (300 mg, 1.1 mmol), tetramethylammonium chloride (Me₄NCl) (246 mg, 2.25 mmol), and EtOH (2.0 mL) under nitrogen atmosphere. The Schlenk tube was sealed with a teflon valve, and then the reaction mixture was stirred at 110 °C for 7 days. After the reaction was completed, the solvent was removed under reduced pressure. The residue obtained was purified via silica gel chromatography (eluent: DCM/MeOH = 98/2) to afford 168 mg of 7-chloro-3-hydroxy-2-naphthoic acid (**3p**) (67% yield).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, *d*₆-DMSO) δ 11.4 (s, 1H), 8.54 (s, 1H), 8.12 (dd, *J* = 2.2, 0.7 Hz, 1H), 7.82 (dd, *J* = 8.8, 0.7 Hz, 1H), 7.53 (dd, *J* = 8.9, 2.2 Hz, 1H), 7.37 (s, 1H); the carboxylic acid proton signal was not detected.

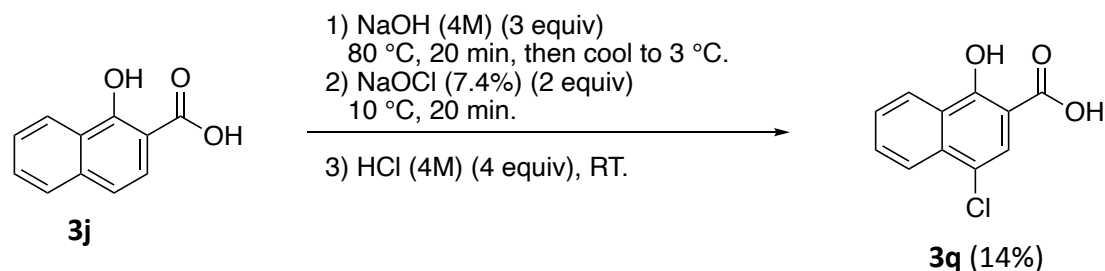
¹³C NMR (126 MHz, *d*₆-DMSO) δ 171.3, 156.4, 135.5, 131.8, 129.4, 128.3, 128.2, 128.1, 127.6, 127.2, 111.1.

HRMS calculated for C₁₁H₆ClO₃⁻ 221.0011, found 221.0028



3q

4-chloro-1-hydroxy-2-naphthoic acid (3q)



3j

3q (14%)

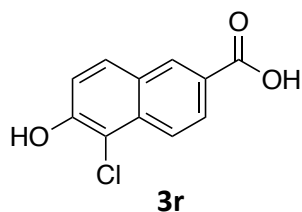
Following the literature procedure¹, 1-hydroxy-2-naphthoic acid (1 g, 5.3 mmol) was added to a hot (80 °C) 4M sodium hydroxide solution (4 mL, 16 mmol). The solution was heated for 20 min

to dissolve all the 1-hydroxy-2-naphthoic acid and then allowed to cool to 3 °C in an ice bath. A solution of (7.4%) sodium hypochlorite in water (791 mg, 10.6 mmol) was cooled to 3°C then added to the chilled solution of 1-hydroxy-2-naphthoic acid, keeping the temperature below 10°C. The reaction mixture was held at about 10 °C. for 20 min and then heated to the boil then cooled to ambient temperature. To this solution was then added 4M hydrochloric acid (5.3 mL, 21.3 mmol). The resulting slurry was filtered washed with water and dried to obtain 614 mg of the crude. The residue was recrystallized from DCM affording 160 mg of 4-chloro-1-hydroxy-2-naphthoic acid (**3q**) (14% yield) as white needles.

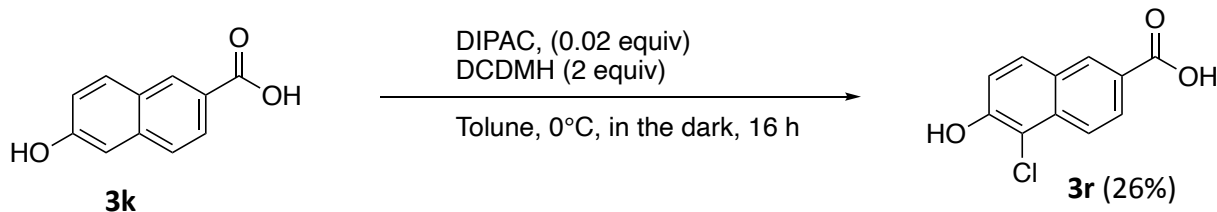
¹H NMR (400 MHz, *d*₆-DMSO) δ 10.38 (s, 1H), 8.28 (ddd, *J* = 8.1, 1.5, 0.7 Hz, 1H), 8.09 (ddd, *J* = 8.3, 1.5, 0.7 Hz, 1H), 7.71 (ddd, *J* = 8.3, 6.8, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.70 (s, 1H), 7.66 (ddd, *J* = 8.2, 6.9, 1.4 Hz, 1H); the carboxylic acid proton signal is not detected.

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, *d*₆-DMSO) δ 174.9, 148.0, 129.5, 128.0, 127.0, 126.8, 126.6, 123.8, 122.8, 121.2, 113.9.

HRMS calculated for C₁₁H₈ClO₃⁺ 223.0156, found 223.0162



5-chloro-6-hydroxy-2-naphthoic acid (3r)

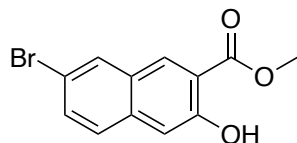


Following the literature procedure³, to a solution of 6-hydroxy-2-naphthoic acid (100 mg, 0.53 mmol), diisopropylammonium chloride (DIPAC) (1.5 mg, 0.01 mmol) in toluene (2 mL) was added 1,3-dichloro-5,5-dimethylimidazolidine-2,4-diimine (DCDMH) (207 mg, 1.1 mmol) at 0 °C in the absence of light. The mixture was stirred at 0 °C for 16 h and quenched by saturated aqueous Na₂SO₃ (3 mL). The solution was diluted with water (5 mL) and extracted with EtOAc. The combined organic extracts were washed with brine, dried with anhydrous Na₂SO₄, filtered, and concentrated under vacuum. The residue was recrystallized from MeOH to give 30 mg of 5-chloro-6-hydroxy-2-naphthoic acid (**3r**) (26% yield) as yellow needles.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, *d*₆-DMSO) δ 12.98 (s, 1H), 10.88 (s, 1H), 8.54 (d, *J* = 1.7 Hz, 1H), 8.08 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 1H), 8.04 (dd, *J* = 8.9, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.99 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 7.37 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 1H).

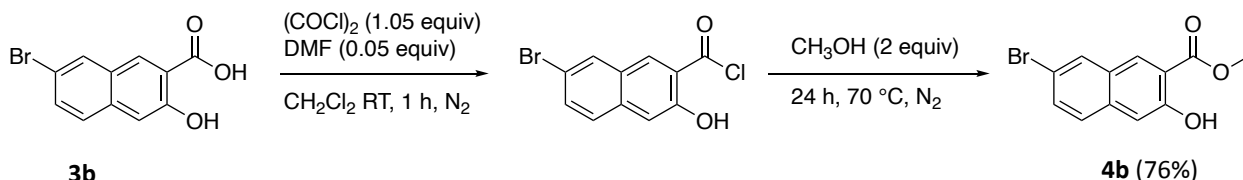
¹³C NMR (101 MHz, *d*₆-DMSO) δ 167.2, 153.2, 133.6, 131.0, 129.7, 127.4, 126.9, 125.6, 122.5, 119.2, 112.4.

HRMS calculated for C₁₁H₆ClO₃⁻ 221.0011, found 221.0005



4b

methyl 7-bromo-3-hydroxy-2-naphthoate (4b)



3b

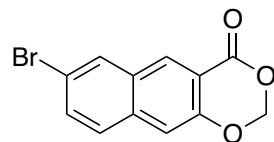
4b (76%)

A 25 mL RBF was charged with 7-bromo-3-hydroxy-2-naphthoic acid (**3b**) (500 mg, 1.87 mmol), and purged with nitrogen. Then anhydrous CH_2Cl_2 (5 mL) was added as solvent. Oxalyl chloride (0.18 mL, 2.06 mmol) was added. Then a drop of DMF was added, and the resulting mixture was stirred for 1 h at room temperature. Then the mixture was concentrated in vacuo. The acid chloride was dissolved in (5 mL) MeOH under nitrogen atmosphere in a sealed tube and stirred at 70 °C for 24 h. The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel to obtained 400 mg of methyl 7-bromo-3-hydroxy-2-naphthoate (**4b**) (76% yield).

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 10.46 (s, 1H), 8.40 (s, 1H), 7.96 (s, 1H), 7.61 – 7.51 (m, 2H), 7.27 (d, J = 11.3 Hz, 1H), 4.04 (s, 3H).

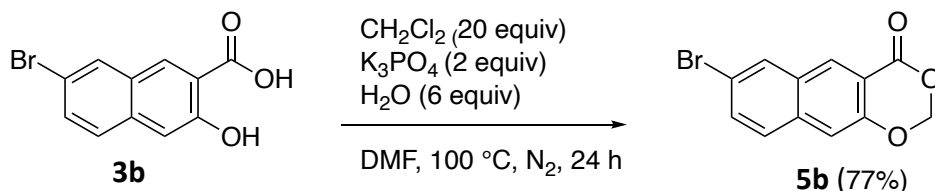
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HRMS calculated for $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{10}\text{BrO}_3^+$ 280.9808, found 280.9805



5b

7-bromo-4H-naphtho[2,3-d][1,3]dioxin-4-one (5b)



3b

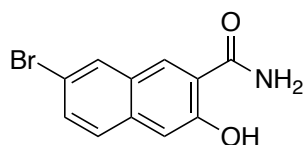
5b (77%)

Following a related literature procedure⁴, a pressure tube was charged with 7-bromo-3-hydroxy-2-naphthoic acid (**3b**) (50 mg, 0.19 mmol), K_3PO_4 (80 mg, 0.37 mmol), DCM (0.24 mL, 3.7 mmol), H_2O (0.02 mL, 1.1 mmol) and DMF (2 mL) and stirred at 100 °C under nitrogen atmosphere for 24 hours. After cooling to room temperature, the reaction solution was extracted with EtOAc and the resulting solution was washed with saturated NaHCO_3 solution, water and brine. Then the organic layer was dried over anhydrous MgSO_4 , and purified by silica gel chromatography (eluent: DCM/MeOH = 95/5) to afford 40 mg of 7-bromo-4H-naphtho[2,3-d][1,3]dioxin-4-one (**5b**) (77% yield).

^1H NMR (400 MHz, d_6 -DMSO) δ 8.70 (s, 1H), 8.46 (d, J = 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.91 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.78 (dd, J = 8.9, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.72 (s, 1H), 5.91 (s, 2H).

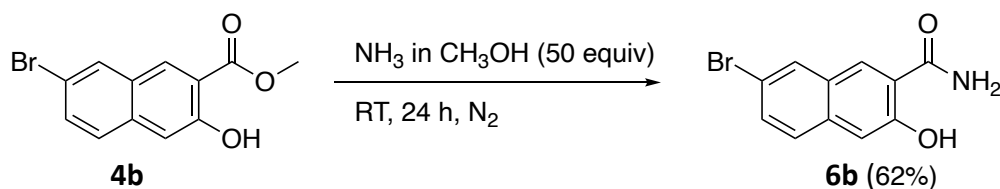
^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, d_6 -DMSO) δ 161.2, 153.5, 135.3, 132.6, 131.6, 131.2, 130.1, 129.2, 118.6, 116.2, 112.4, 91.5.

HRMS calculated for $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_8\text{BrO}_3^+$ 278.9651, found 278.9641.



6b

7-bromo-3-hydroxy-2-naphthamide (**6b**)

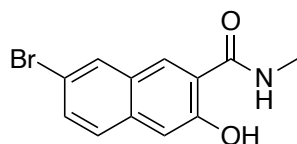


To a 10 mL RBF were added **4b** (50 mg, 0.18 mmol), and dissolved in (2 mL) ammonia (15 w% in MeOH, 151 mg) under nitrogen atmosphere and stirred at room temperature for 24h. Then DCM (0.5 mL) was added, and the product (**6b**) precipitated as white solid. The precipitate was filtered and dried to obtain 29 mg of 7-bromo-3-hydroxy-2-naphthamide (**6b**) (62% yield).

^1H NMR (400 MHz, d_6 -DMSO) δ 12.39 (s, 1H), 8.56 (s, 1H), 8.48 (s, 1H), 8.07 (s, 1H), 8.02 (d, J = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.72 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.60 (dd, J = 8.9, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.29 (s, 1H).

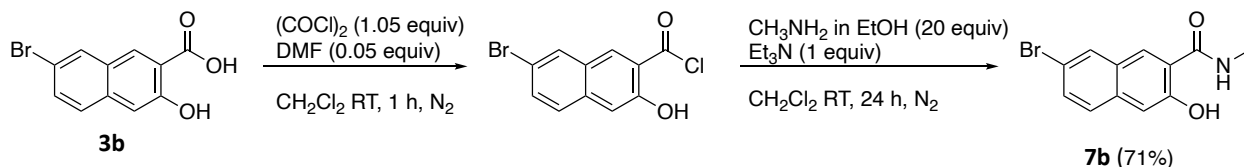
^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, d_6 -DMSO) δ 170.6, 156.5, 134.7, 131.1, 130.2, 129.2, 128.1, 127.5, 118.9, 116.1, 110.9.

HRMS calculated for $\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_7\text{BrNO}_2^-$ 263.9666, found 263.9672.



7b

7-bromo-3-hydroxy-N-methyl-2-naphthamide (**7b**)



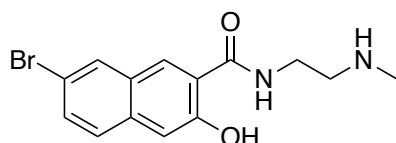
A 10 mL RBF was charged with 7-bromo-3-hydroxy-2-naphthoic acid (**3b**) (100 mg, 0.37 mmol), and purged with nitrogen. Then anhydrous CH_2Cl_2 (2 mL) was added as solvent. Oxalyl chloride (0.04 mL, 0.41 mmol) was added. Then a drop of DMF was added, and the resulting mixture was stirred for 1 h at room temperature. Then the mixture was concentrated in vacuo. The acid chloride

was dissolved in methyl amine (33 w% in EtOH, 659 mg, 7 mmol), and triethylamine (0.05 mL, 35 mg, 0.37 mmol) was added under nitrogen atmosphere and stirred at room temperature for 24 h. The mixture was diluted with CH₂Cl₂ (3 mL) and H₂O (5 mL) and extracted with CH₂Cl₂ (3 x 5 mL). The combined organic extracts were washed with brine, dried with sodium sulfate, concentrated in vacuo, and purified by silica gel chromatography (eluent: Hexanes/EtOAc = 6/4) to afford 70 mg of 7-bromo-3-hydroxy-*N*-methyl-2-naphthamide (**7b**) (71% yield).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, *d*₆-DMSO) δ 11.99 (s, 1H), 8.92 (d, *J* = 4.9 Hz, 1H), 8.38 (s, 1H), 8.05 (d, *J* = 2.7 Hz, 1H), 7.71 (d, *J* = 9.4 Hz, 1H), 7.57 (dd, *J* = 8.8, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.29 (s, 1H), 2.85 (d, *J* = 4.6 Hz, 3H).

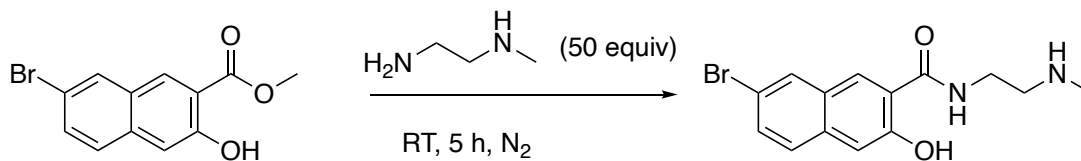
¹³C NMR (101 MHz, *d*₆-DMSO) δ 167.9, 155.6, 134.5, 130.8, 130.1, 128.6, 128.1, 127.7, 120.1, 116.1, 110.9, 26.2.

HRMS calculated for C₁₂H₁₁BrNO₂⁺ 279.9968, found 279.9959



8b

7-bromo-3-hydroxy-N-(2-(methylamino)ethyl)-2-naphthamide (8b)



4b

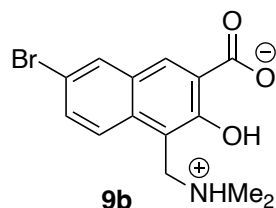
8b (89%)

To a 10 mL RBF were added **4b** (40 mg, 0.14 mmol), and dissolved in *N*¹-methylethane-1,2-diamine (0.25 mL, 2.8 mmol), under nitrogen atmosphere and stirred at room temperature for 5h. the reaction solution was extracted with EtOAc and the resulting solution was washed with saturated NaHCO₃ solution, water and brine. Then the organic layer was dried over anhydrous MgSO₄ and concentrated in vacuo to give 40 mg of **8b** (89% yield).

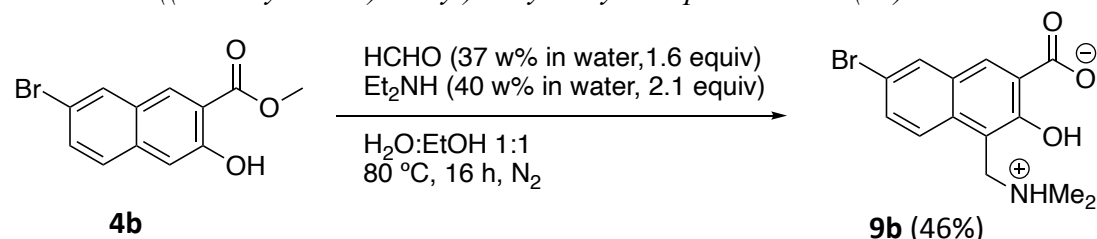
¹H NMR (400 MHz, *d*₆-DMSO) δ 9.92 (s, 1H), 8.41 (s, 1H), 8.01 (s, 1H), 7.57 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 1H), 7.46 (dd, *J* = 8.8, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.16 (s, 1H), 3.48 (t, *J* = 6.2 Hz, 2H), 2.78 (t, *J* = 6.2 Hz, 2H), 2.37 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, *d*₆-DMSO) δ 167.1, 158.6, 134.7, 130.2, 130.1, 129.4, 127.9, 126.7, 122.1, 114.6, 111.0, 50.1, 38.1, 35.2.

HRMS calculated for C₁₄H₁₆BrN₂O₂⁺ 323.0390, found 323.0394.



7-bromo-4-((dimethylamino)methyl)-3-hydroxy-2-naphthoic acid (**9b**)

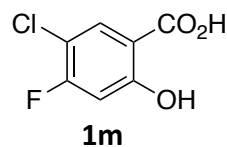


Following a related literature procedure⁵, to a 10 mL RBF were added **4b** (100 mg, 0.36 mmol), water (1 mL), EtOH (1 mL), formalin (37 w% in water, 46 mg), and diethylamine (40 w% in water 84 mg). The mixture was heated to 80 °C for 16 h. After cooling to room temperature, crystals formed, and were collected by filtration, affording 55 mg of methyl 7-bromo-4-((dimethylamino)methyl)-3-hydroxy-2-naphthoic acid (**9b**) (46% yield) as yellow cubes. Note that under these basic Mannich reaction conditions, hydrolysis of the methyl ester occurred.

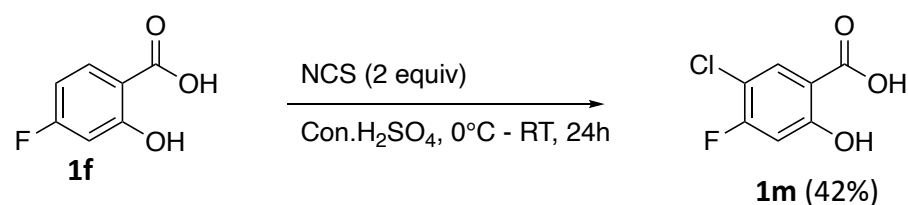
¹H NMR (400 MHz, *d*₆-DMSO) δ 9.1 (s, 1H), 8.4 (s, 1H), 8.2 (d, *J* = 2.2 Hz, 1H), 7.9 (d, *J* = 9.2 Hz, 1H), 7.6 (dd, *J* = 9.1, 2.2 Hz, 1H), 4.6 (s, 2H), 2.8 (s, 6H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, *d*₆-DMSO) δ 169.4, 162.9, 133.9, 131.6, 131.4, 130.4, 126.5, 123.6, 122.5, 114.1, 107.6, 51.8, 42.4.

HRMS calculated for C₁₄H₁₅BrNO₃⁺ 324.0230, found 324.0240



5-chloro-4-fluoro-2-hydroxybenzoic acid (**1m**)



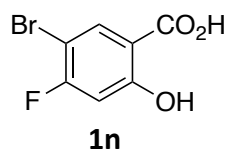
Following a related literature procedure⁶, 4-fluoro-2-hydroxybenzoic acid (**1f**) (100 mg, 0.64 mmol), was dissolved in concentrated H₂SO₄ (2 mL) and placed in an ice bath. *N*-Chlorosuccinimide (171 mg, 1.28 mmol), was slowly added in small portions, at which point the ice bath was removed. The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 24h. After complete consumption of starting material, water was carefully added. The formed precipitate was filtered and washed with cold water to give 90 mg of the crude product. The residue was recrystallized from EtOAc/DCM to give 50 mg of 4-fluoro-2-hydroxybenzoic acid (**1m**) (42% yield) as colorless crystals.

^1H NMR (400 MHz, d_6 -DMSO) δ 7.9 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 7.1 (d, J = 10.9 Hz, 1H); the carboxylic acid and hydroxyl protons were not detected.

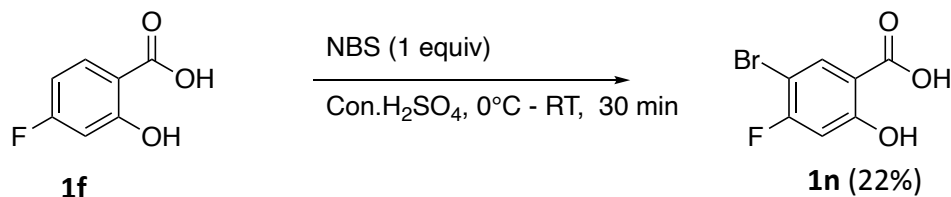
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^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, d_6 -DMSO) δ -105.9 (dd, J = 10.9, 8.4 Hz).

HRMS calculated for $\text{C}_7\text{H}_5\text{ClFO}_3^+$ 190.9906, found 190.9900



5-bromo-4-fluoro-2-hydroxybenzoic acid (**1n**)



Following the related literature procedure⁶, 4-fluoro-2-hydroxybenzoic acid (**1f**) (100 mg, 0.64 mmol), was dissolved in concentrated H_2SO_4 (2 mL). *N*-bromosuccinimide (114 mg, 0.64 mmol), was slowly added in small portions while keeping the temperature between 0 and 5 °C during the addition. The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 30 min. After complete consumption of starting material, water was carefully added. The formed precipitate was filtered and washed with cold water to give 123 mg of the crude product. The residue was recrystallized from EtOAc/DCM to give 32 mg 5-bromo-4-fluoro-2-hydroxybenzoic acid (**1n**) (22% yield) as colorless crystals.

^1H NMR (400 MHz, d_6 -DMSO) δ 8.0 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.1 (d, J = 10.4 Hz, 1H); the carboxylic acid and hydroxy proton signals were not detected.

^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, d_6 -DMSO) δ 170.1, 162.2 (d, 3J = 13.2 Hz), 162.0 (d, 1J = 251.1 Hz), 134.6, 112.0, 105.6 (d, 2J = 25.1 Hz), 97.3 (d, 2J = 22.1 Hz).

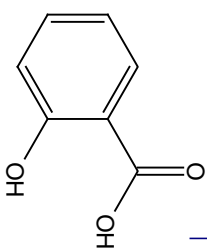
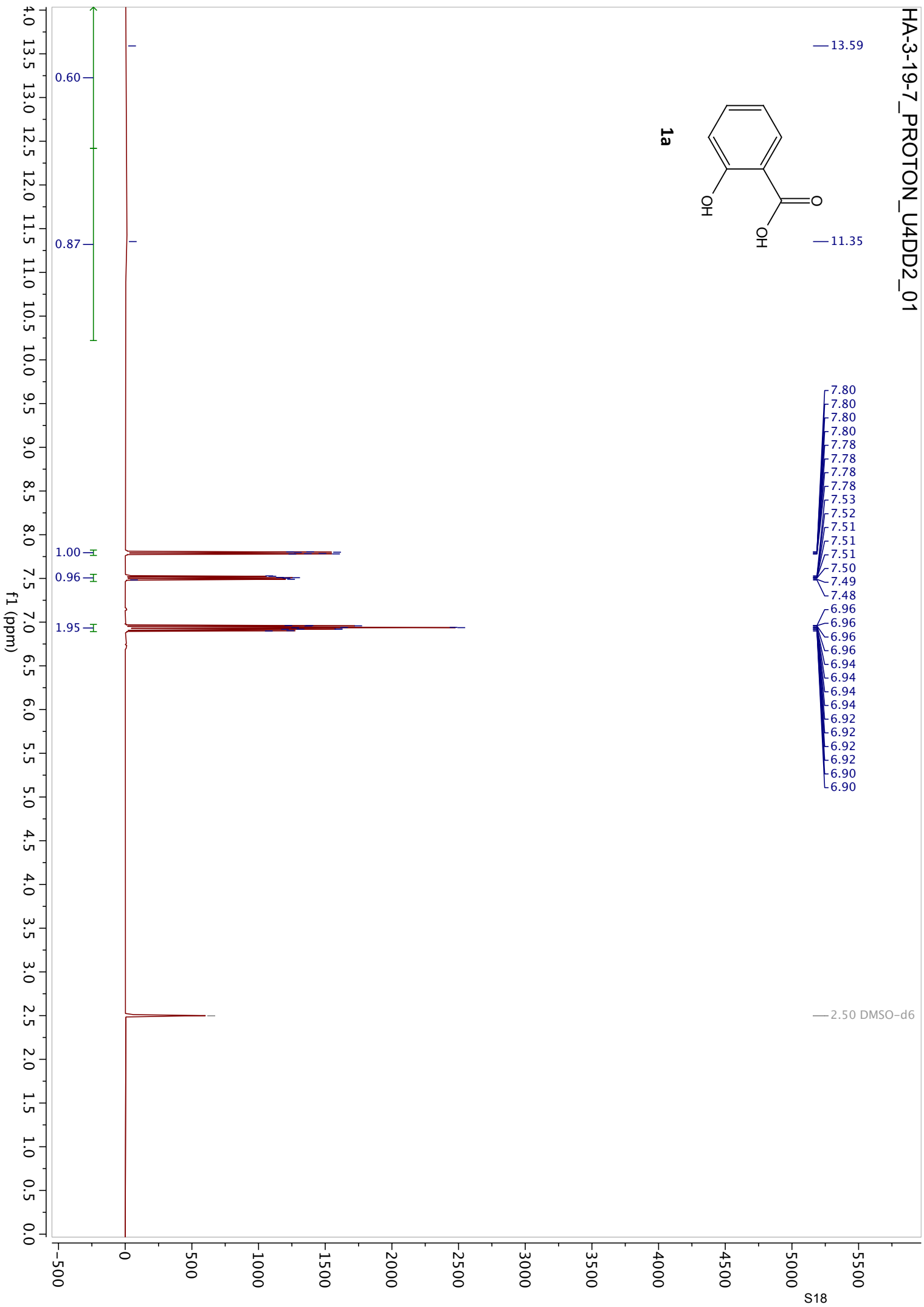
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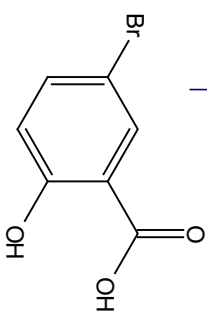
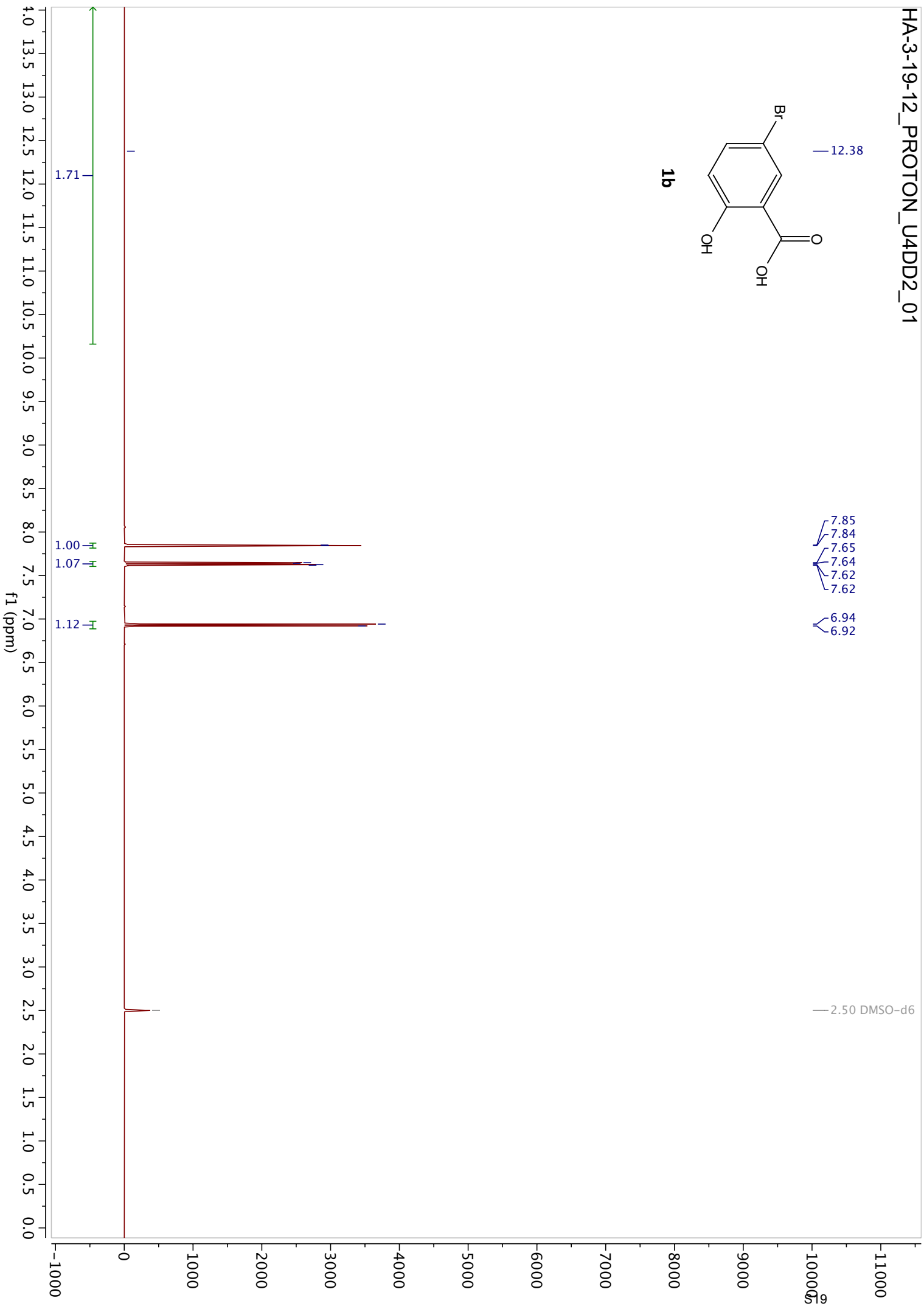
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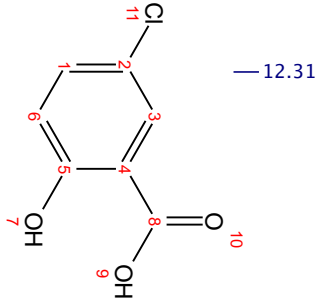
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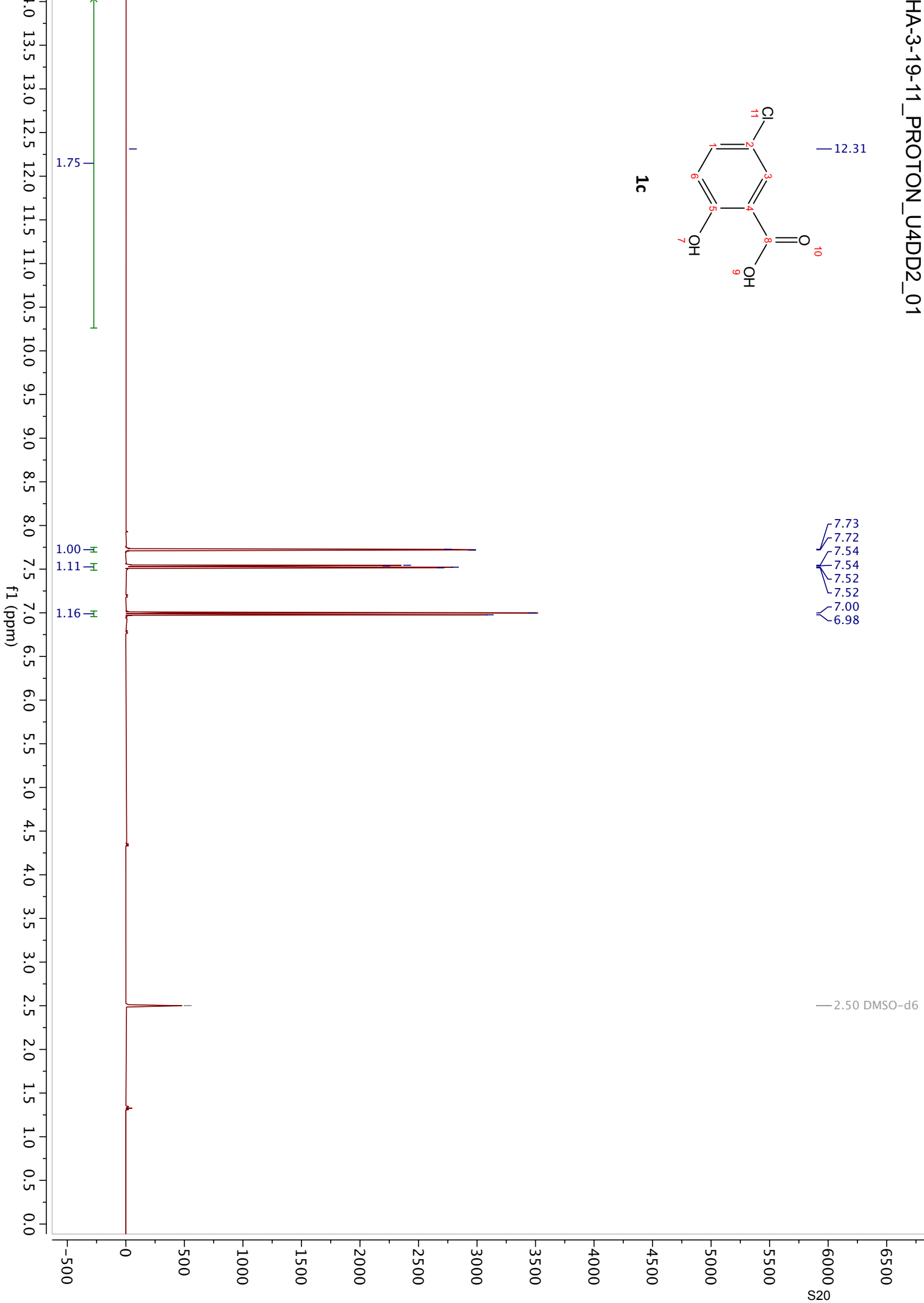
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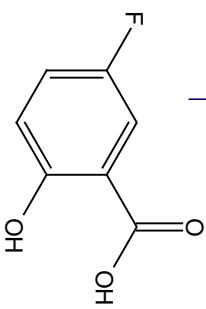
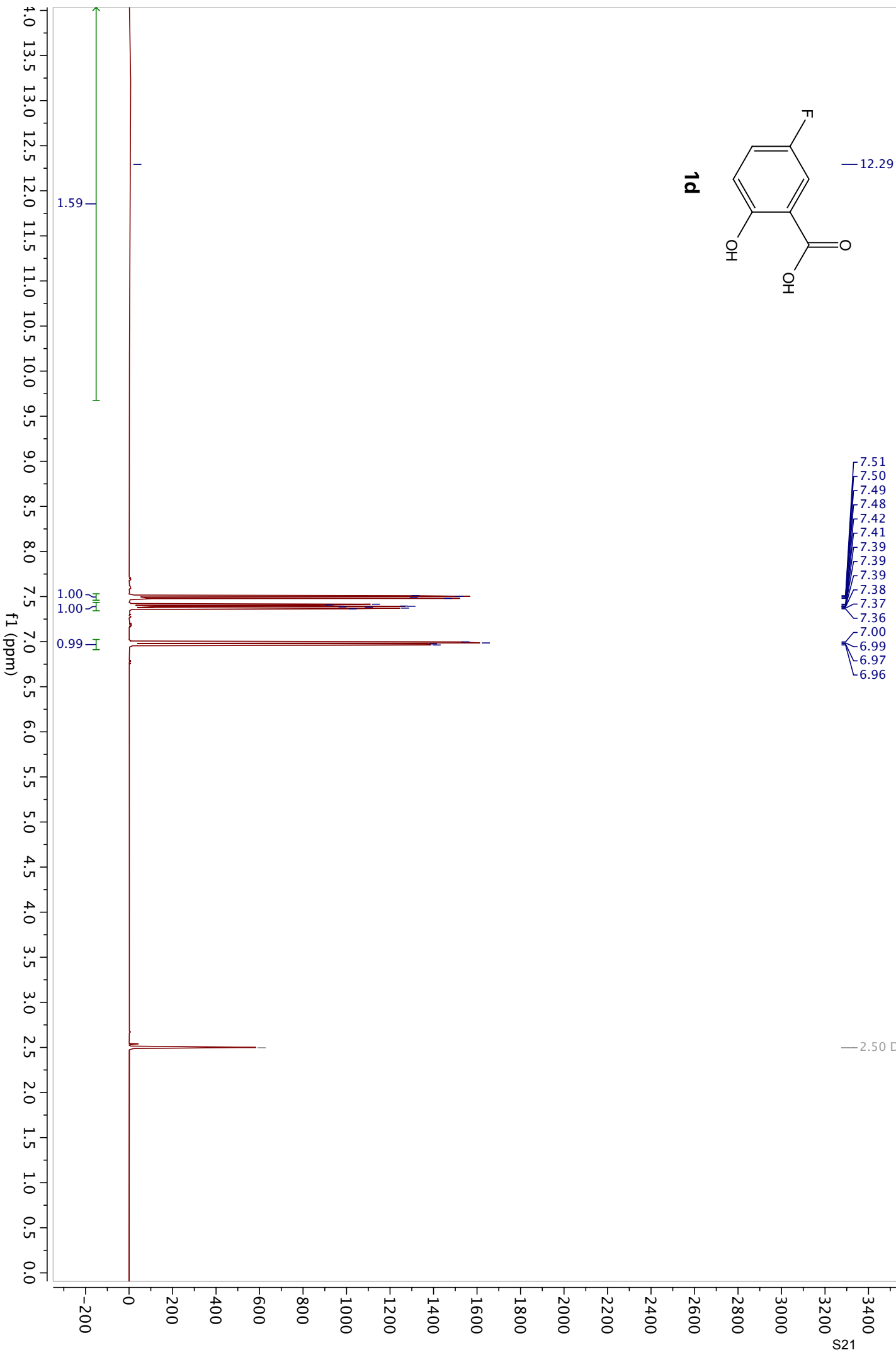
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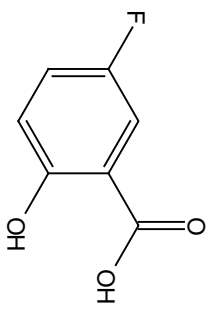
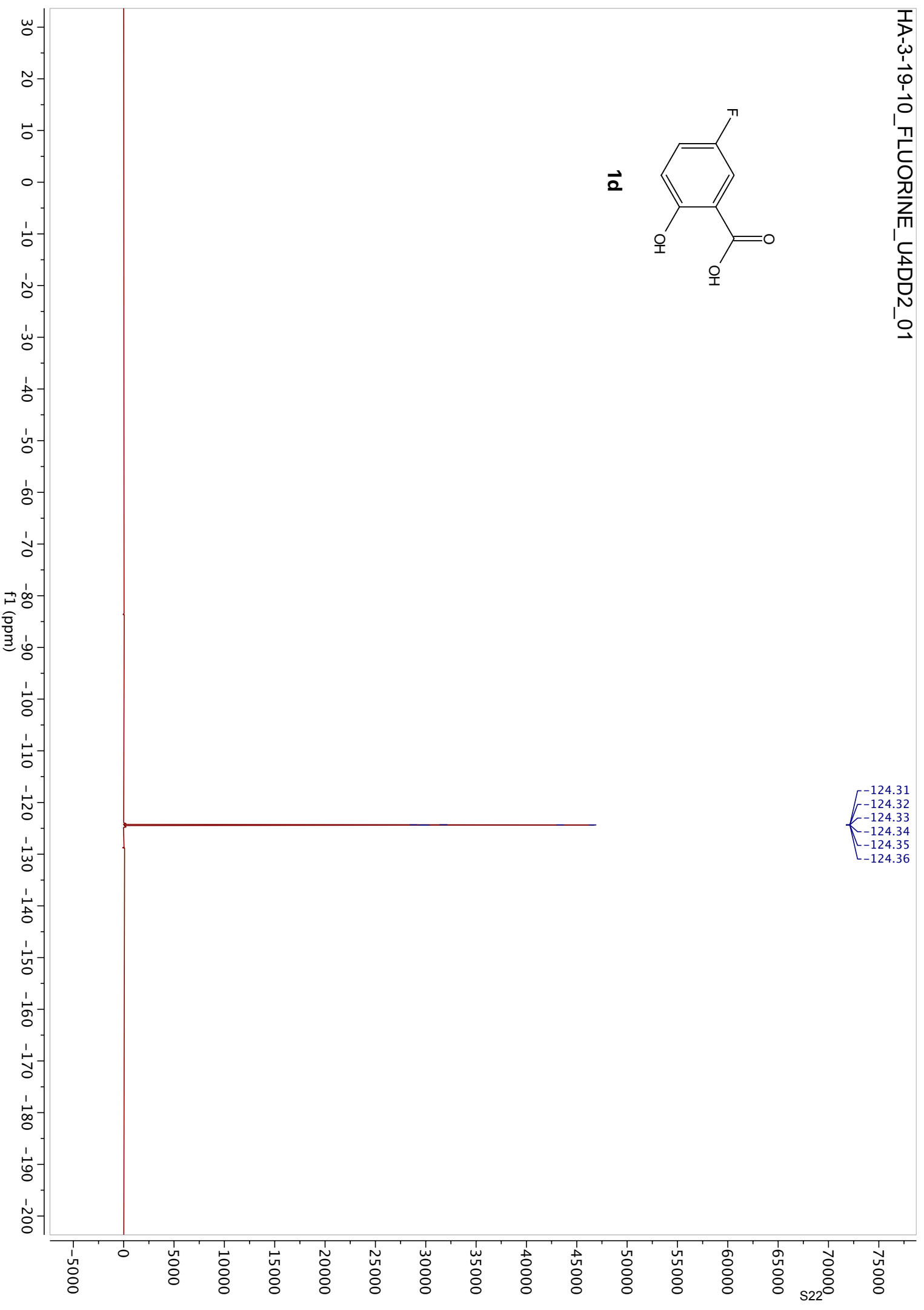
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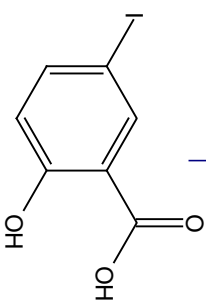
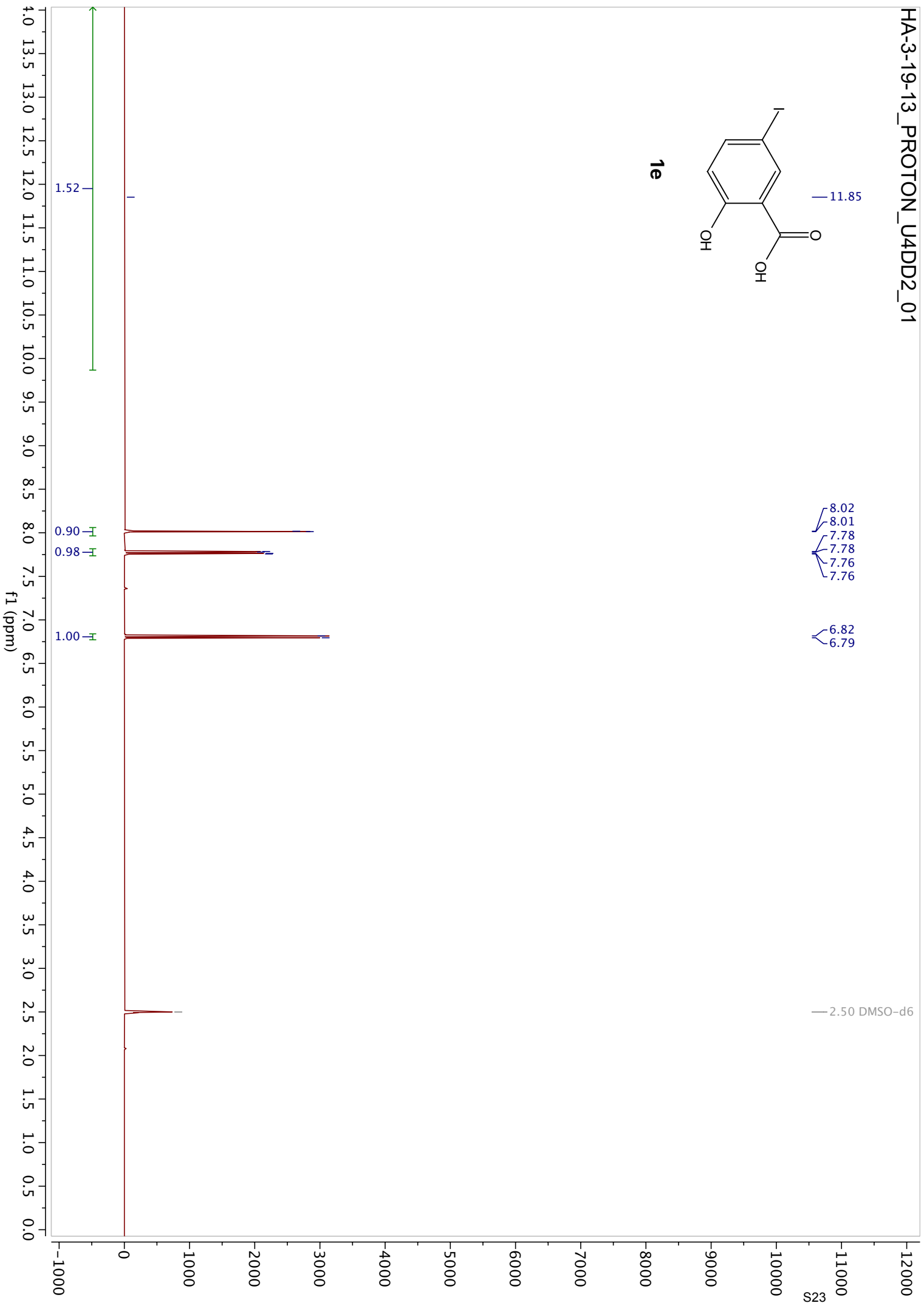


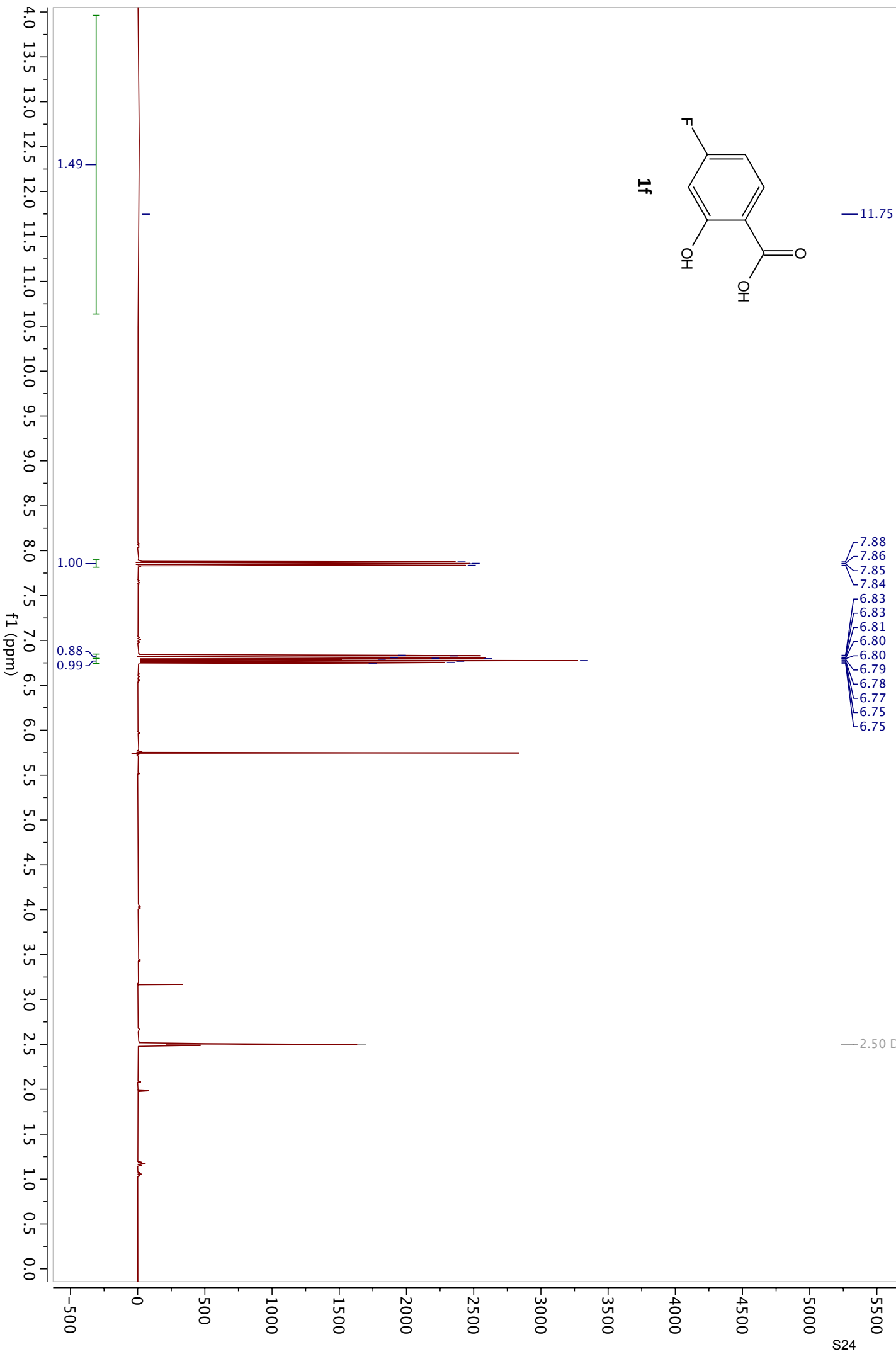
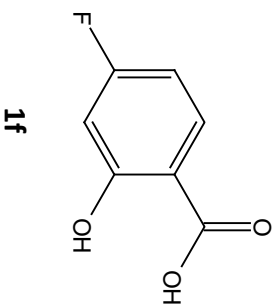
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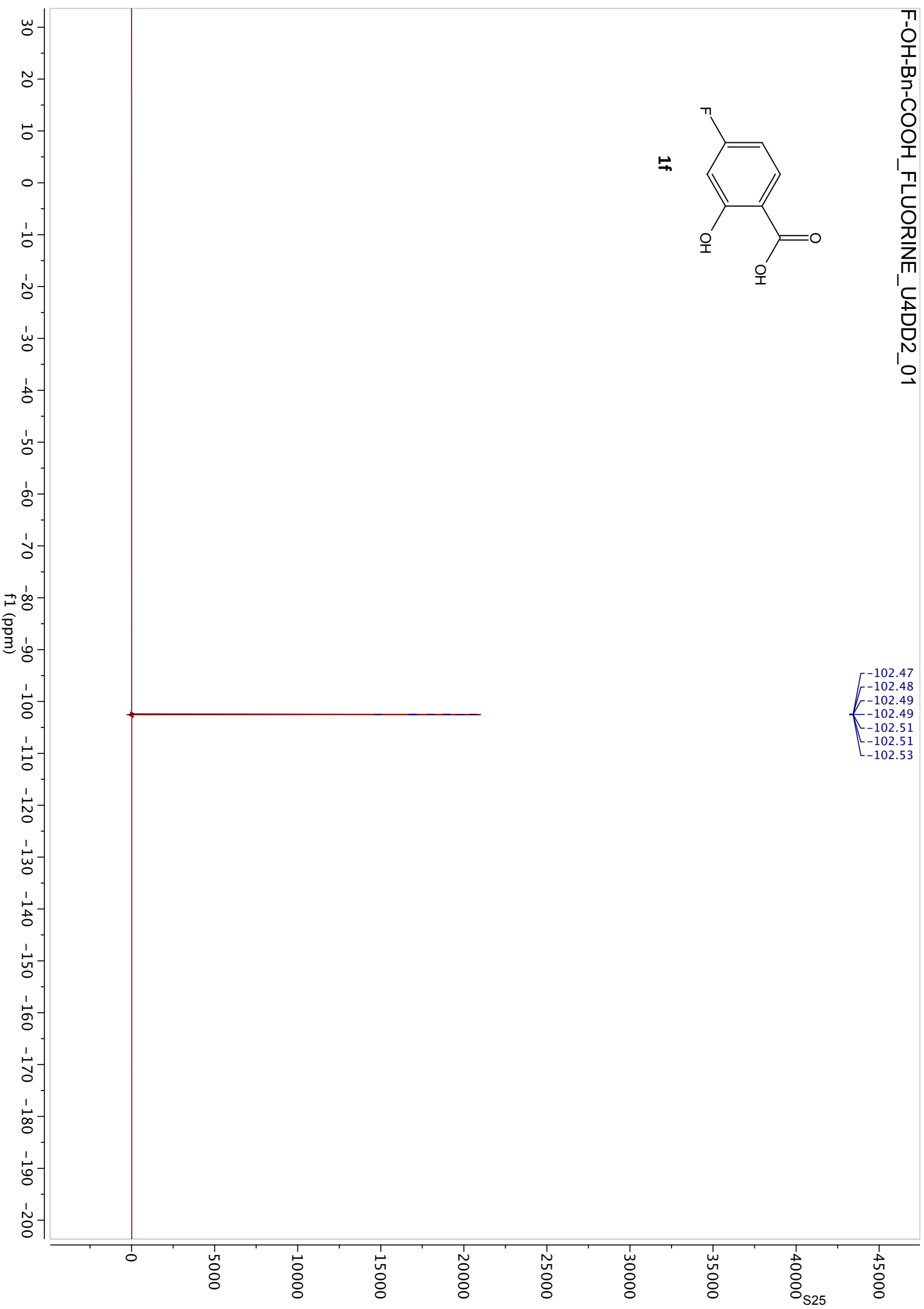
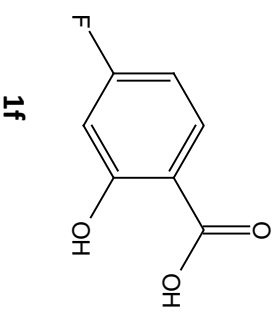


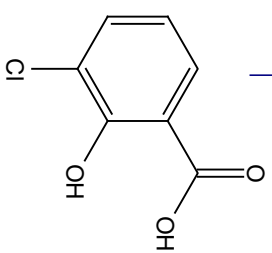
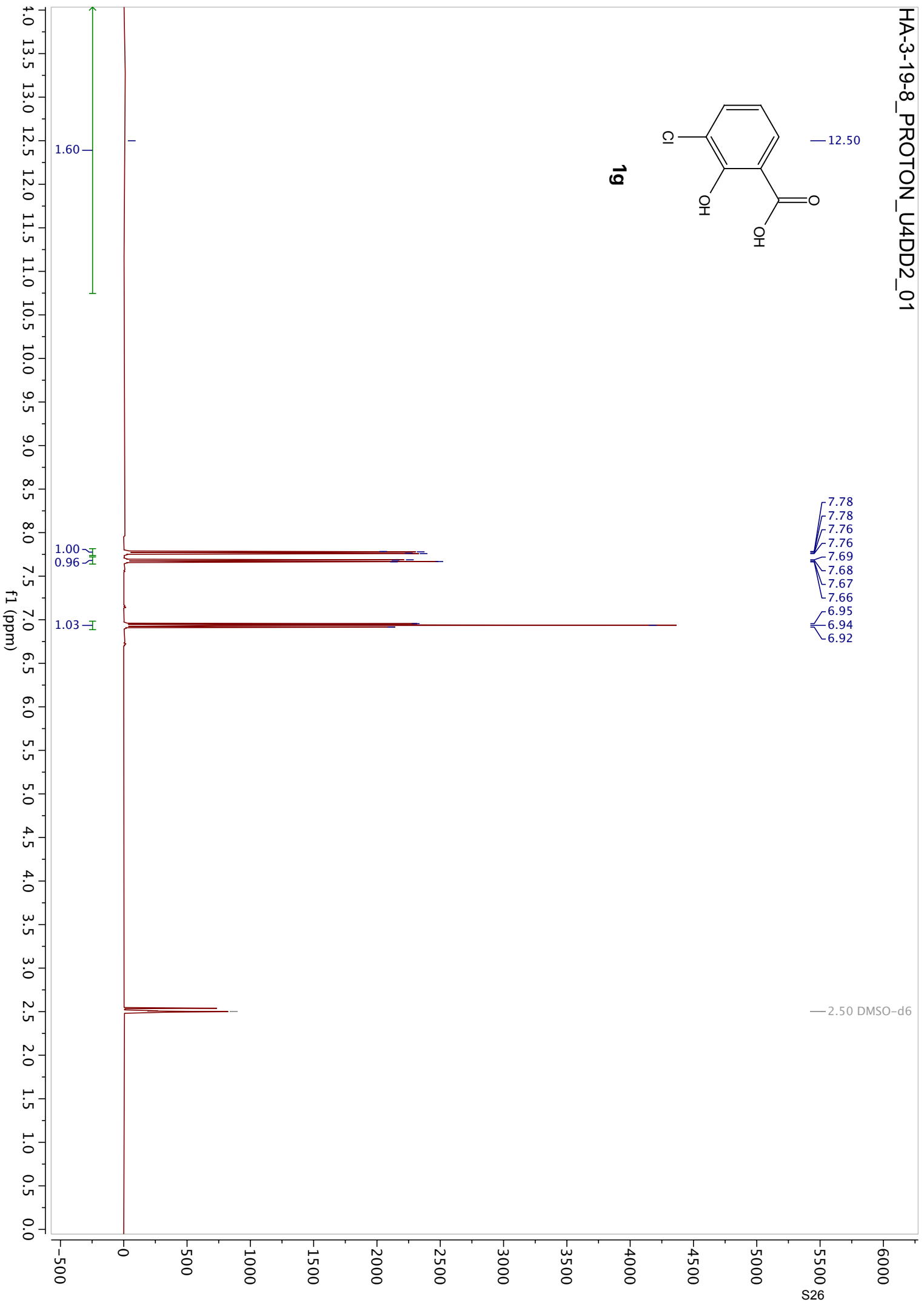
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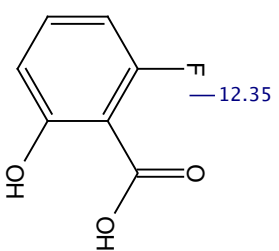
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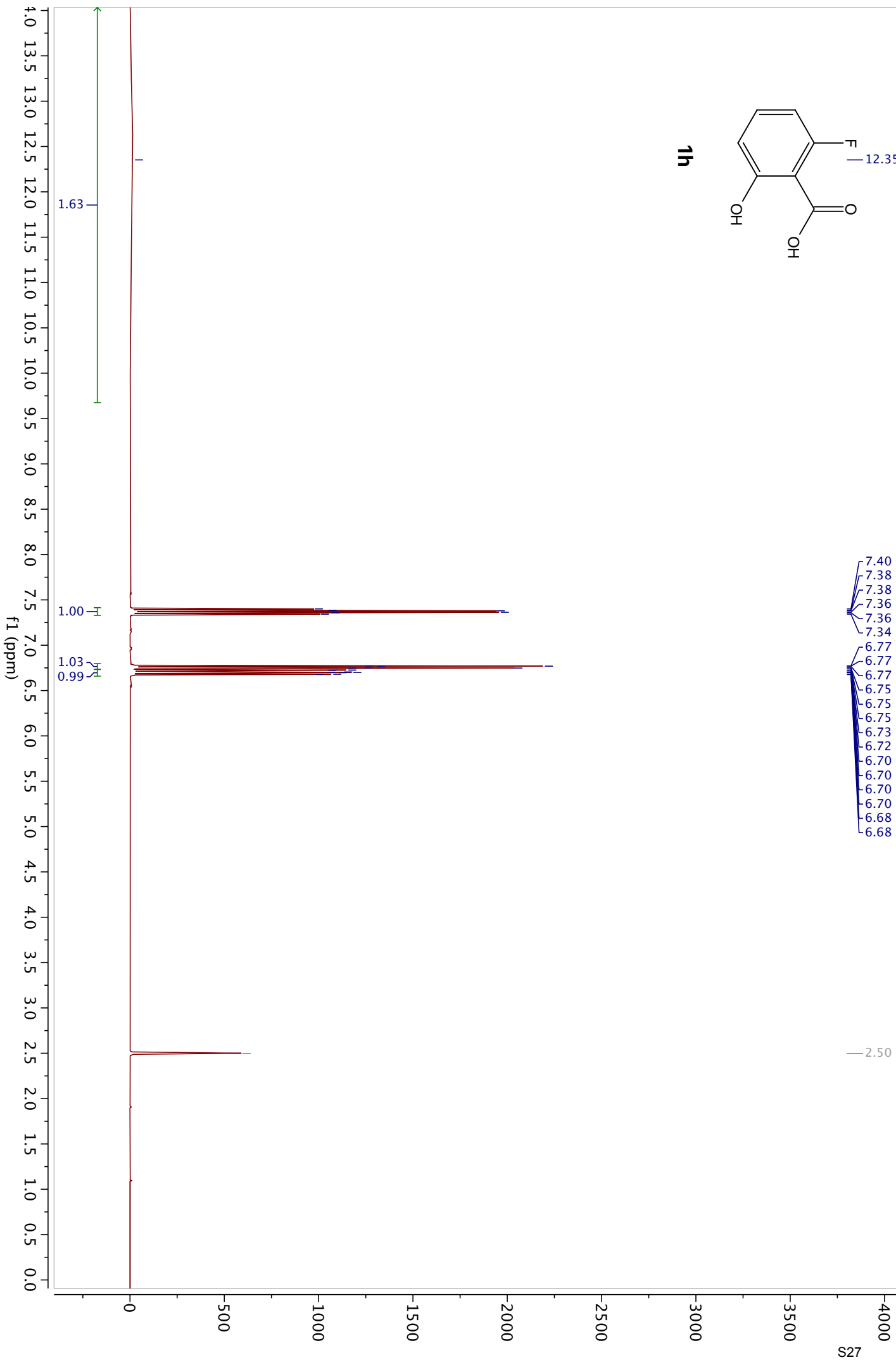


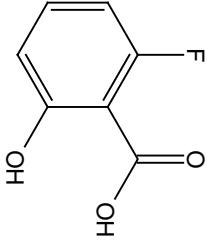


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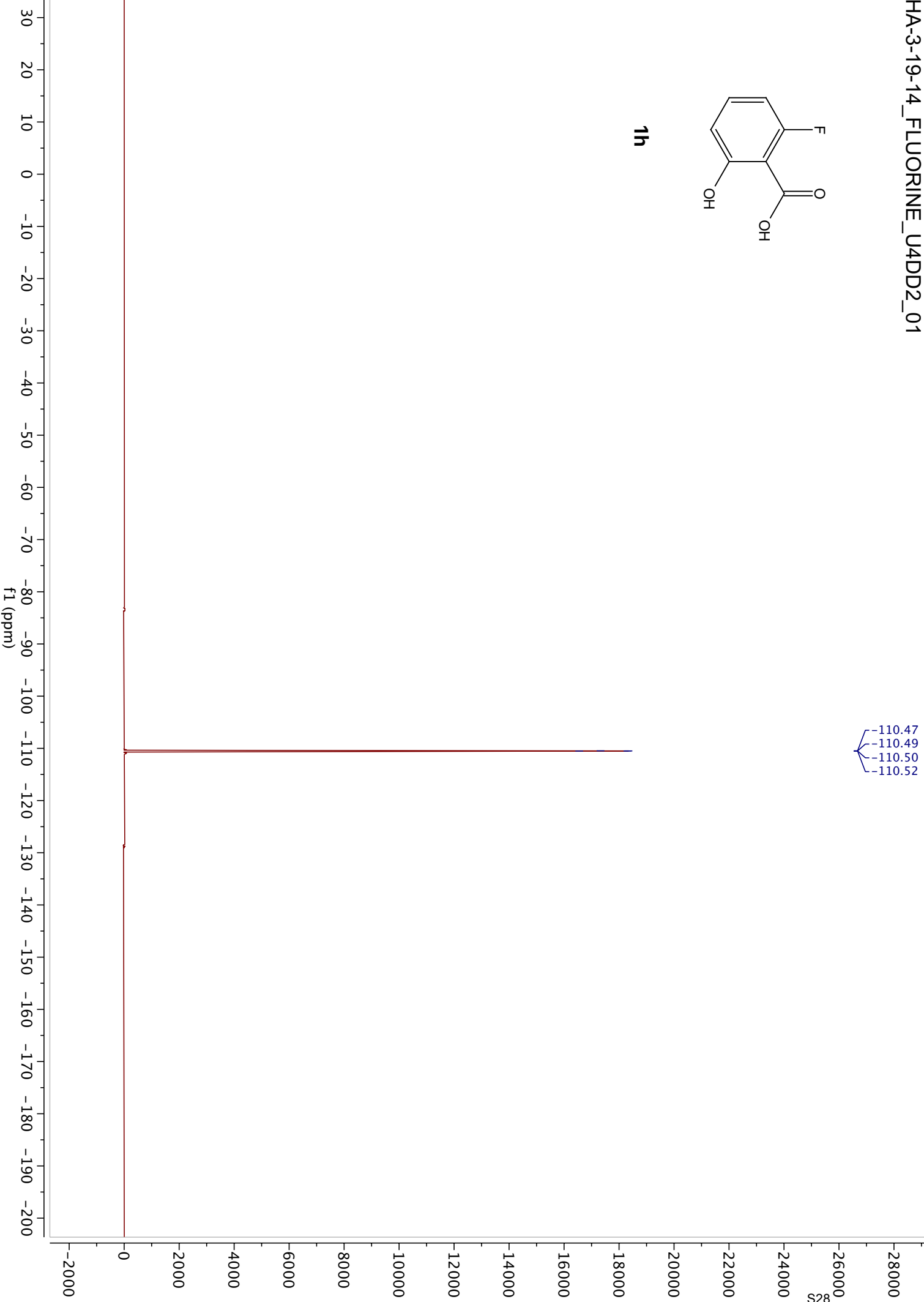


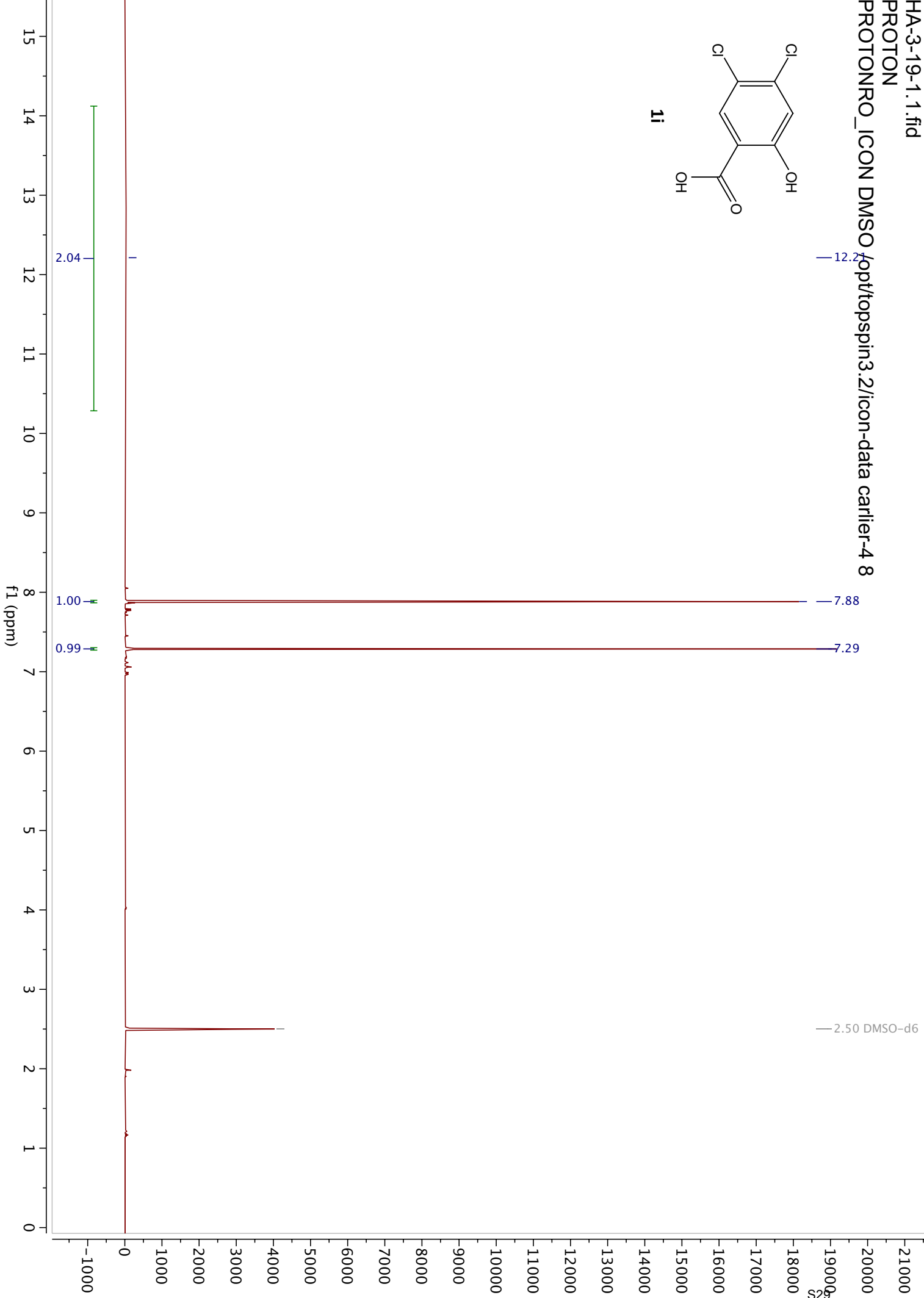
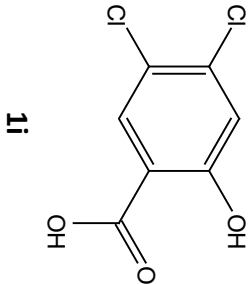
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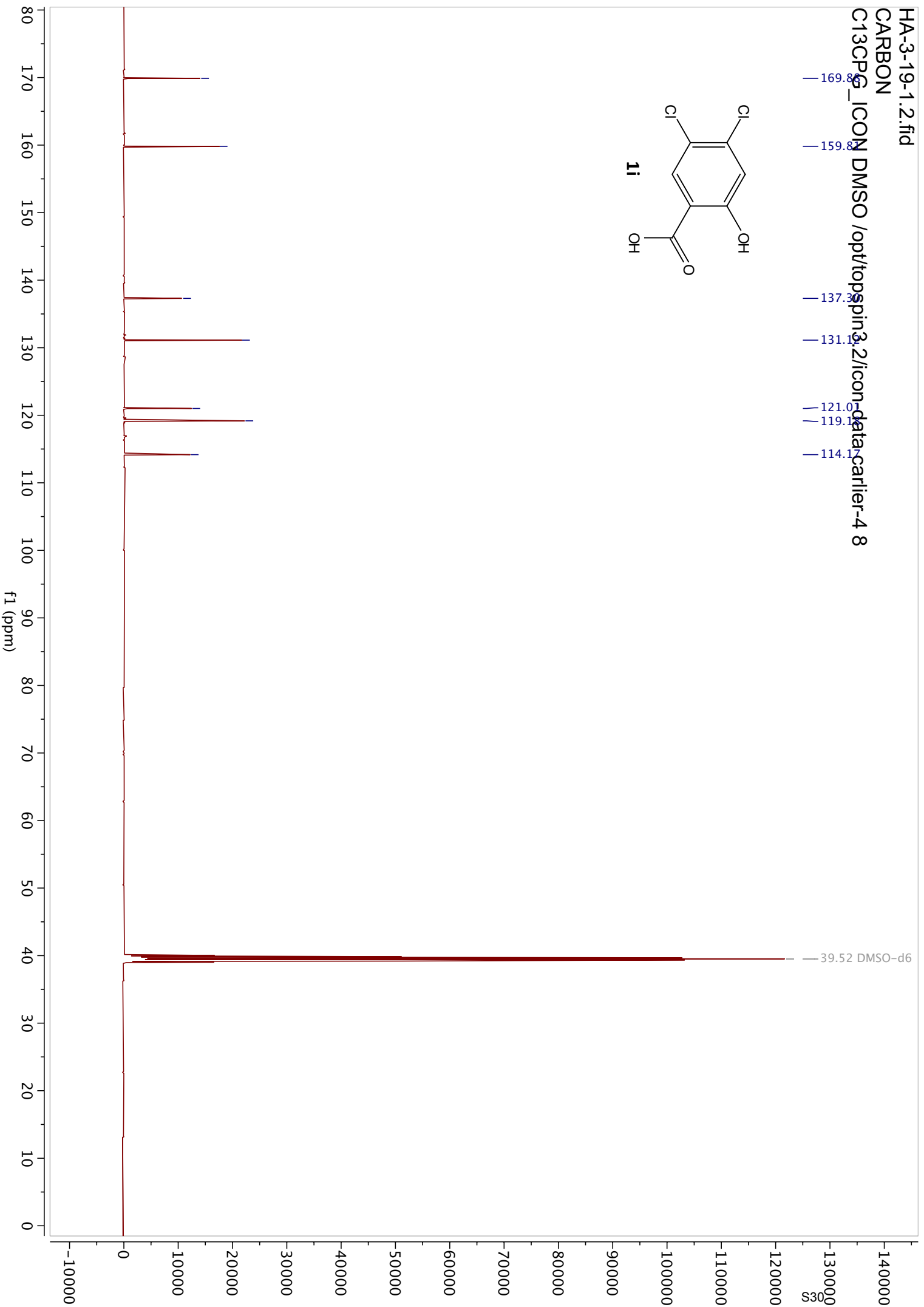
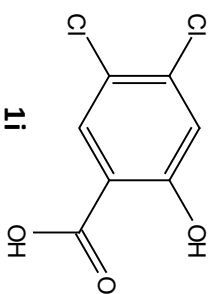


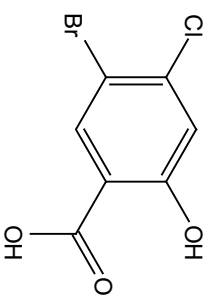
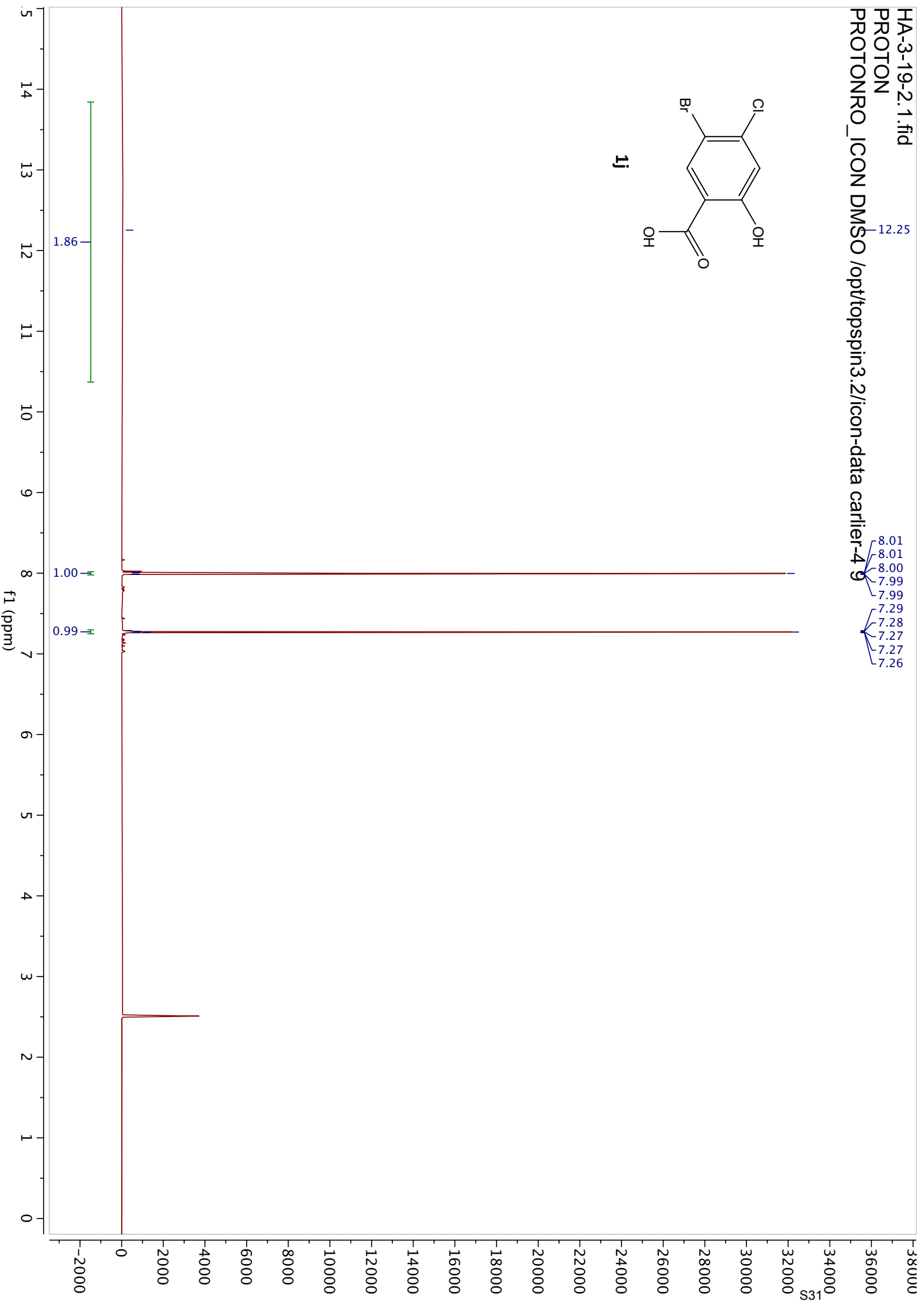


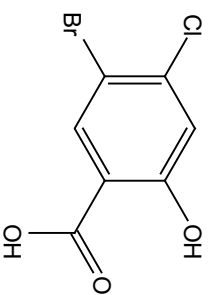
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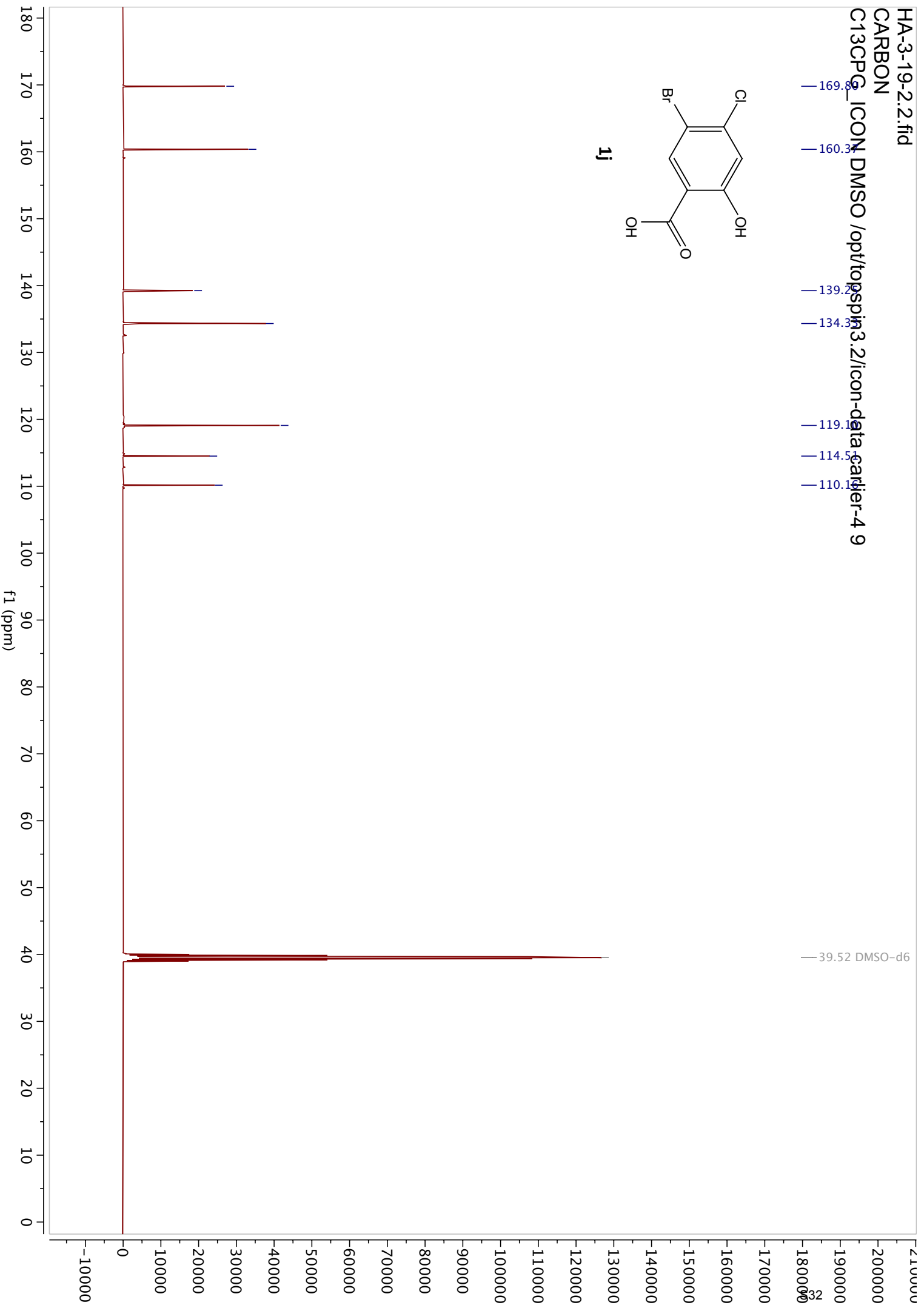


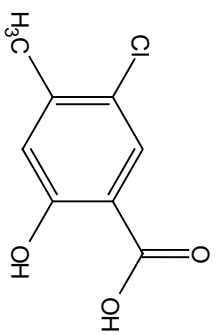
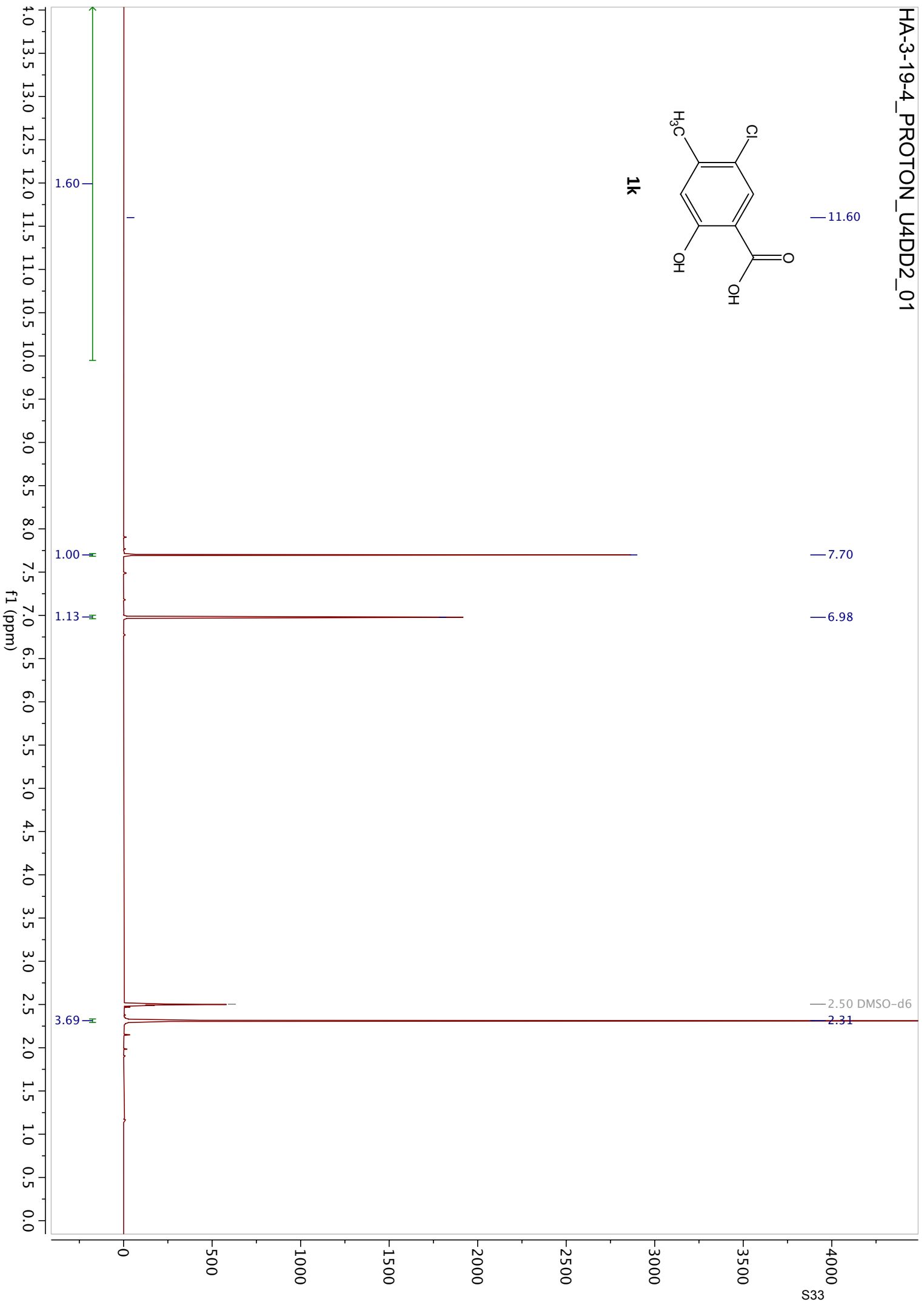


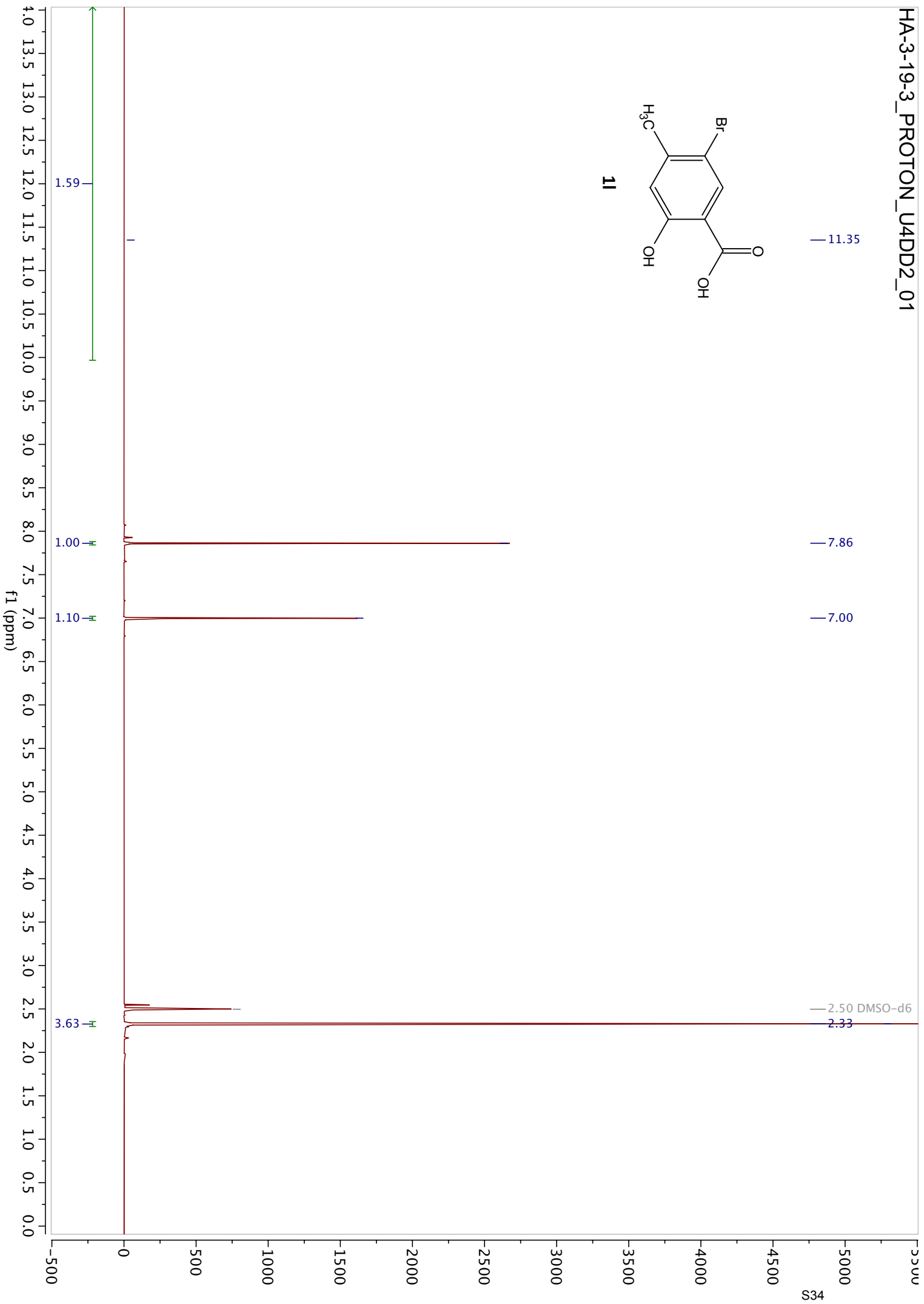
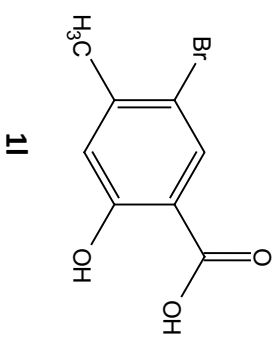
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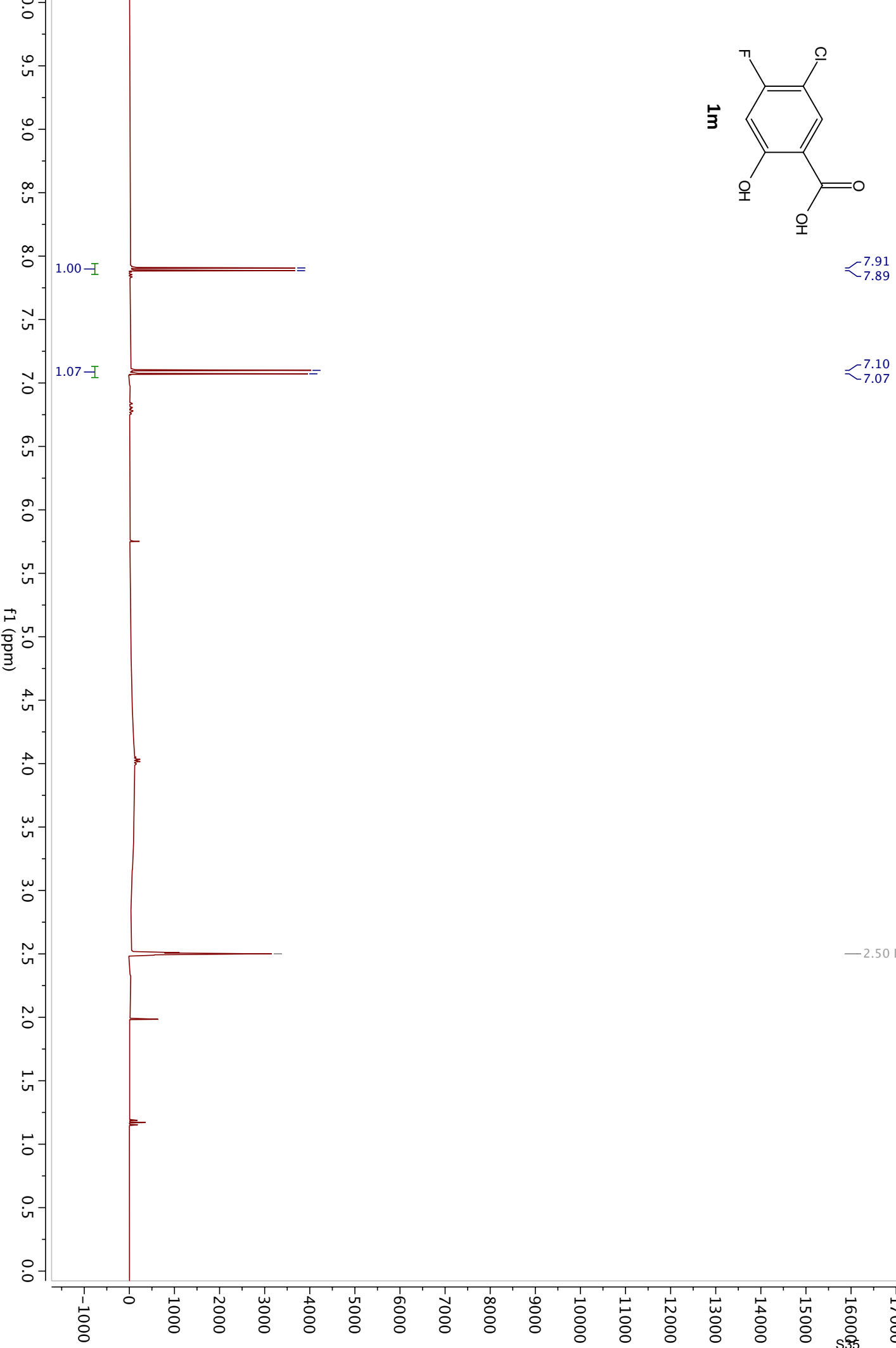
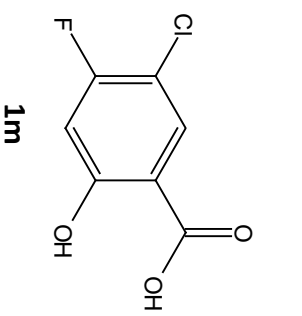


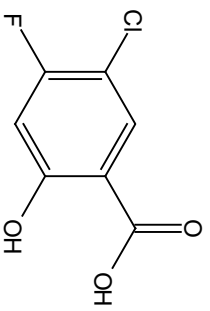
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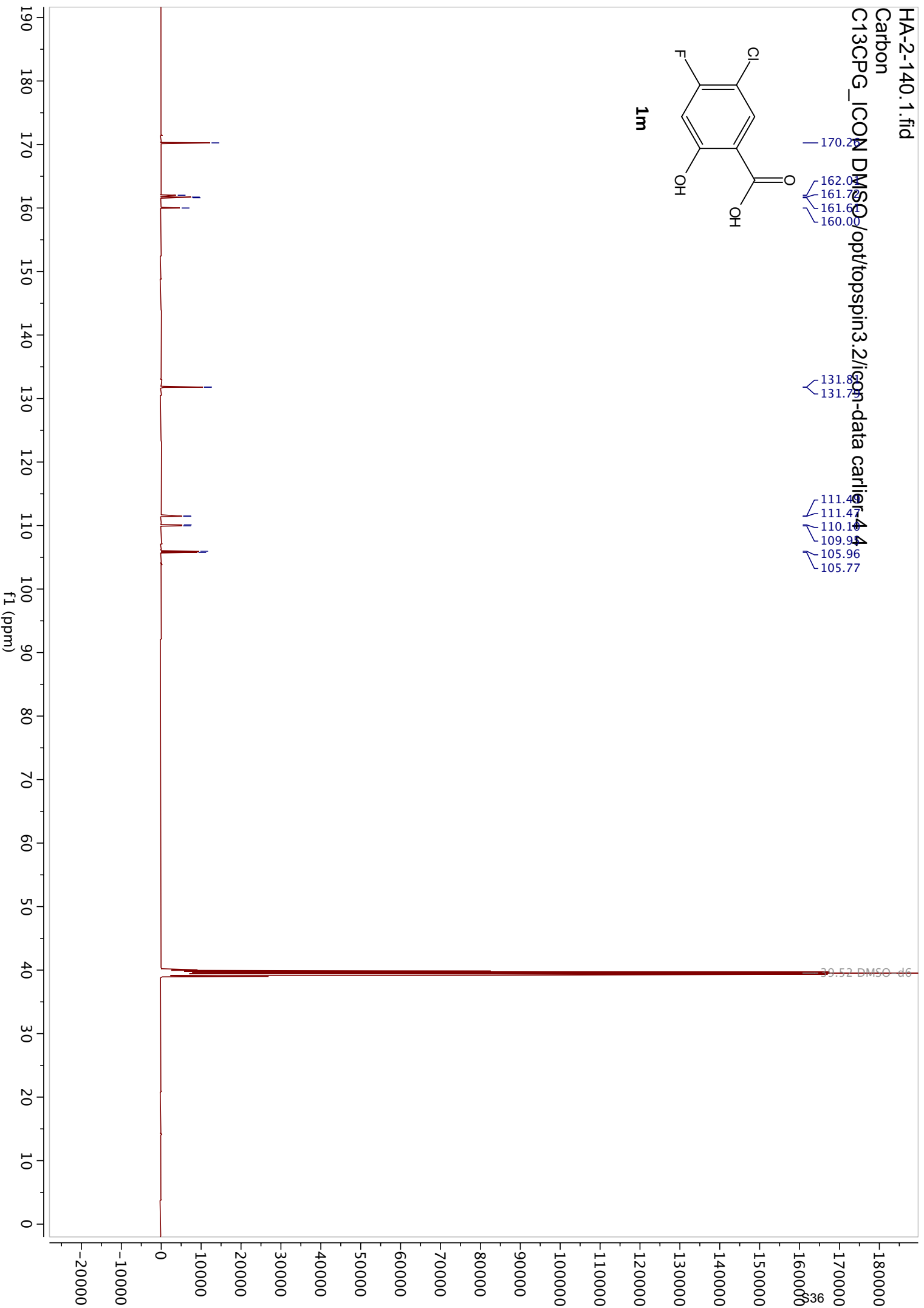
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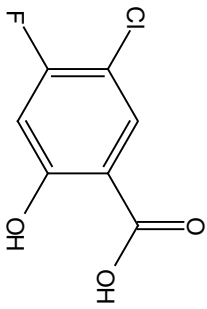




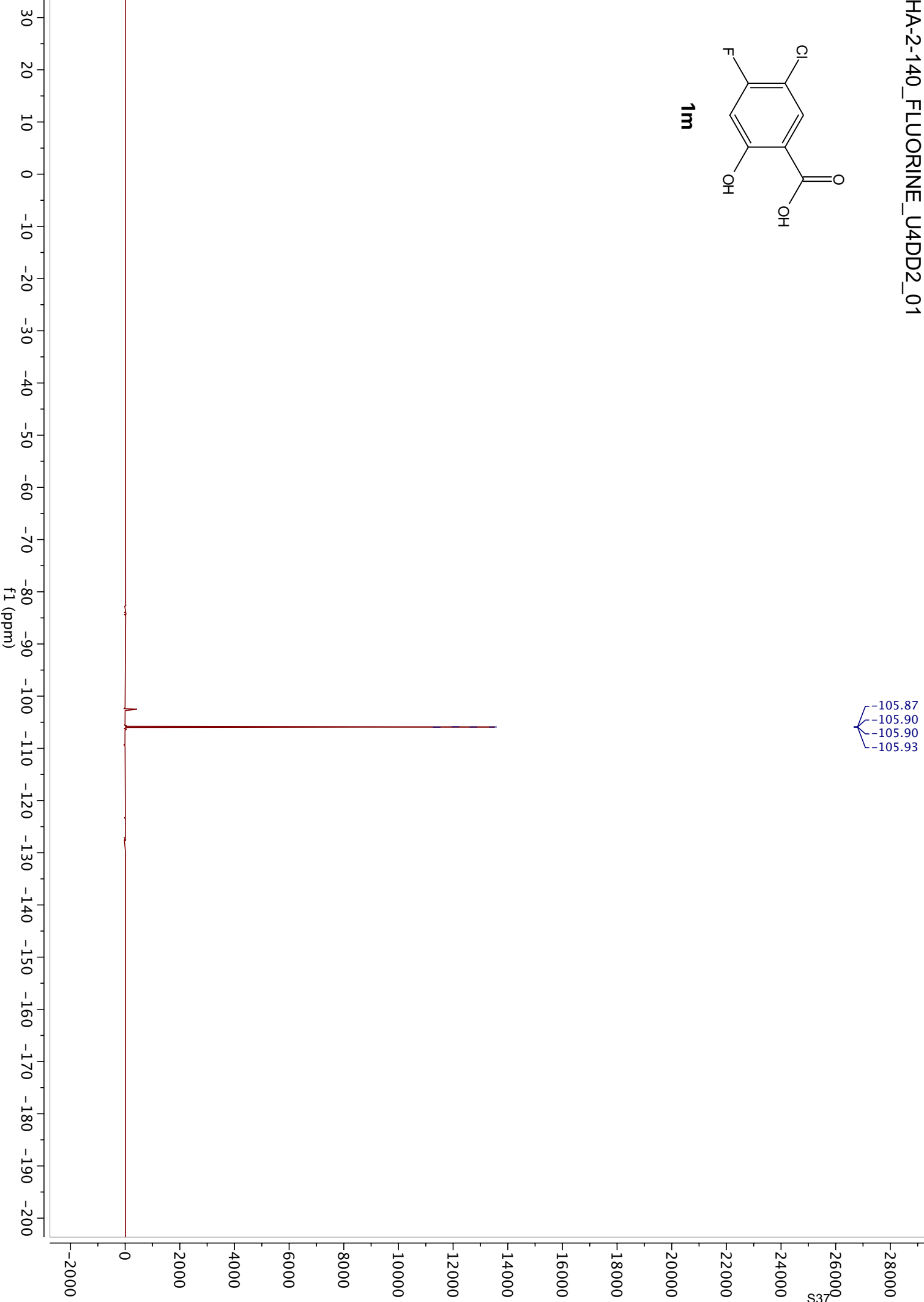


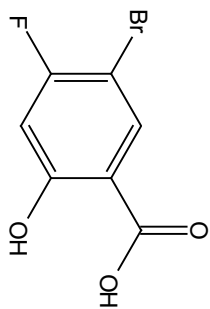
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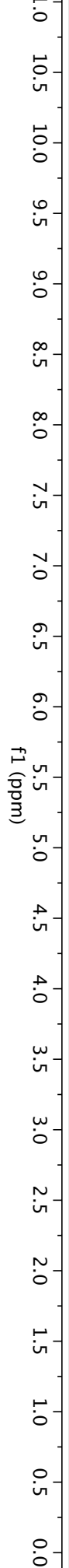


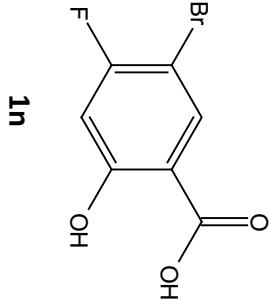


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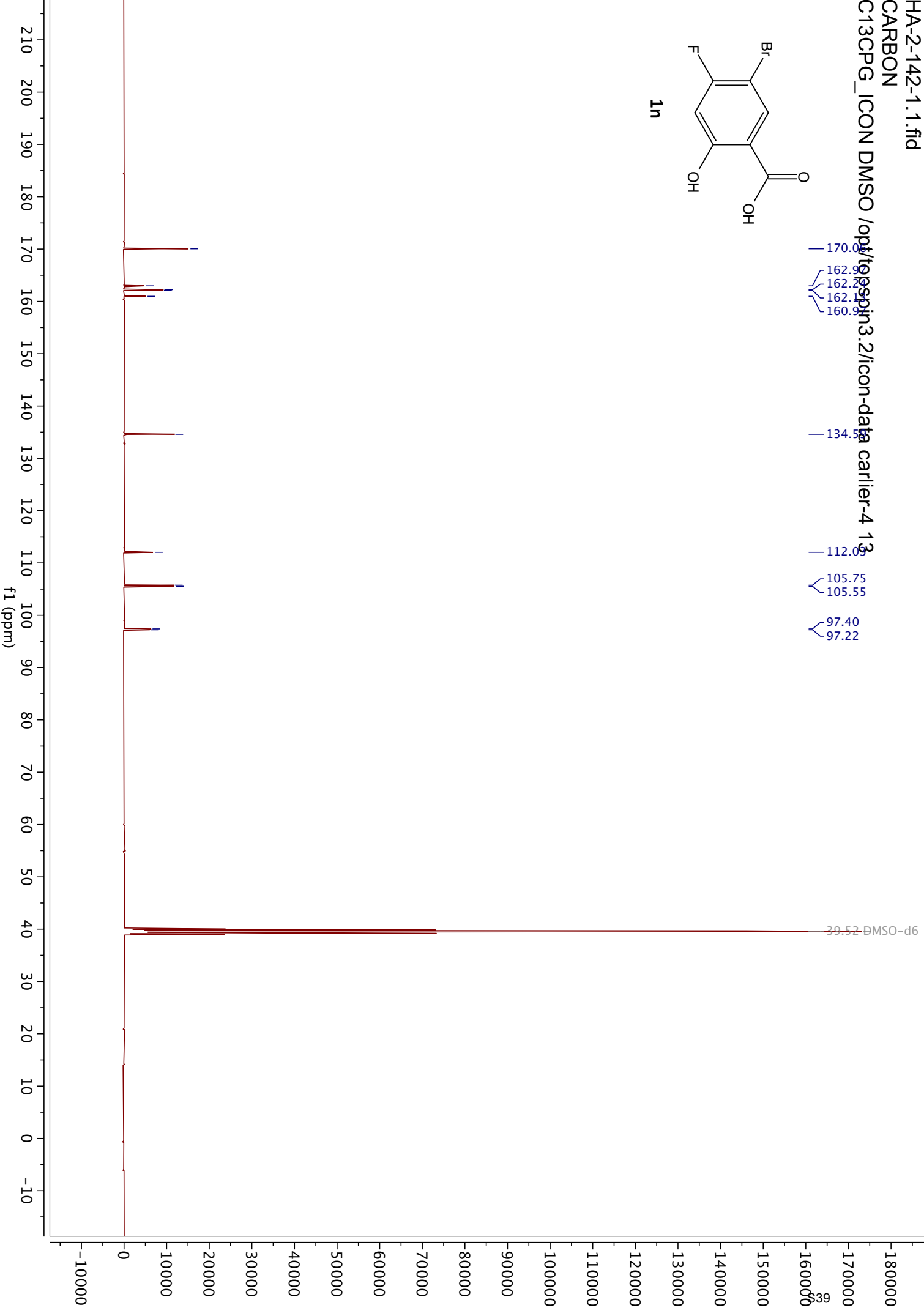
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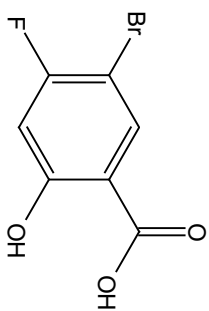




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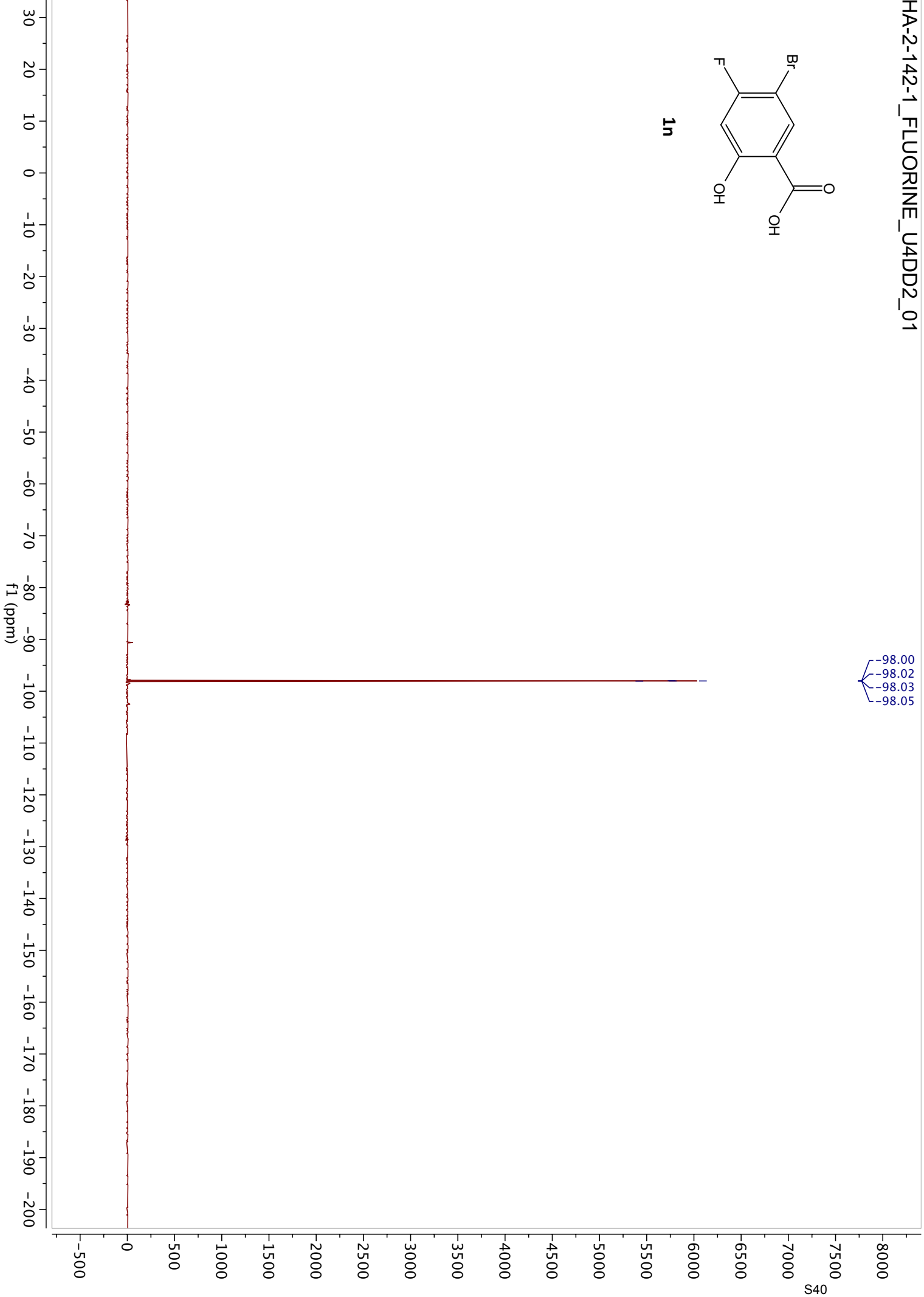
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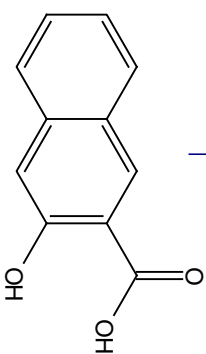


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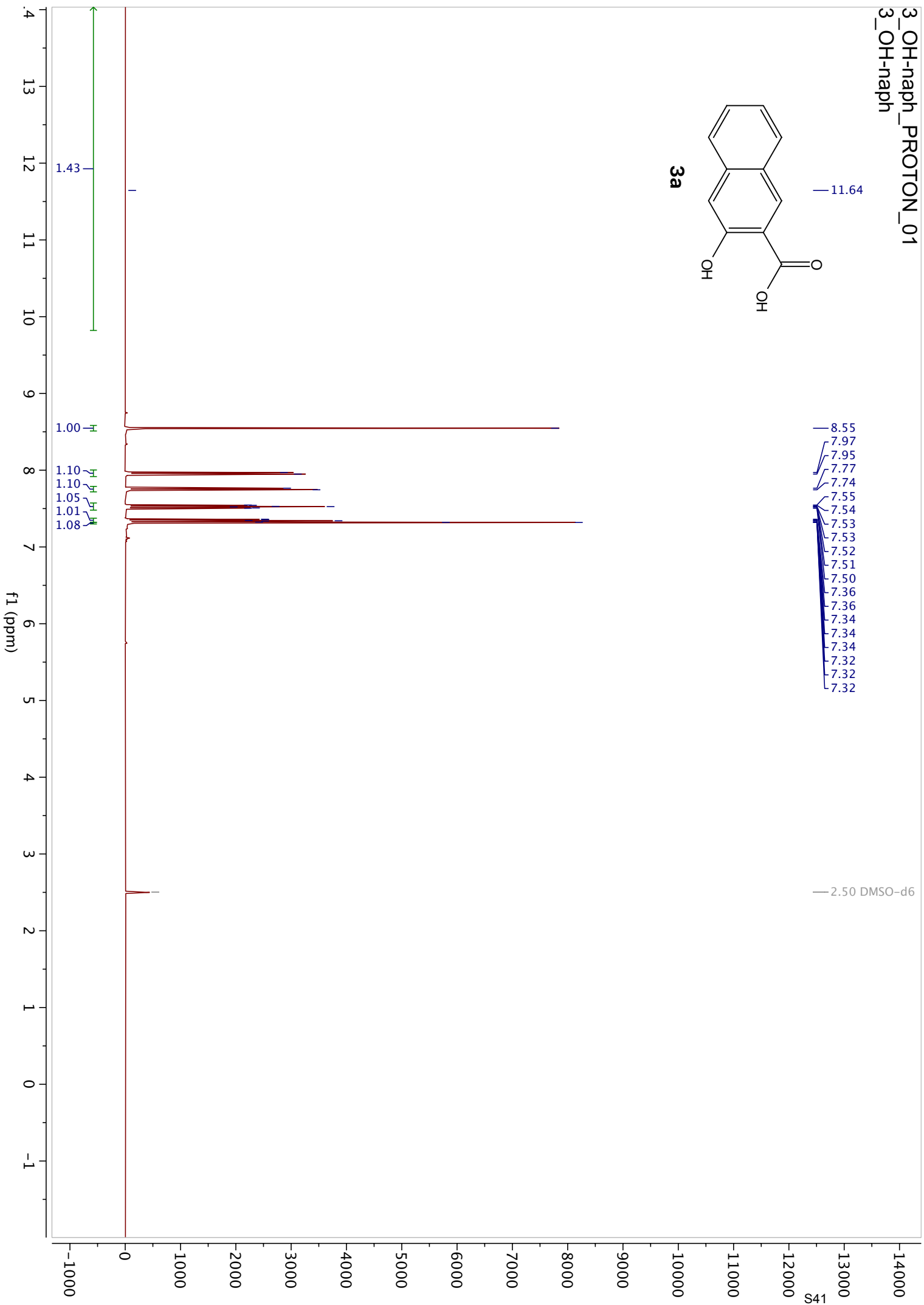
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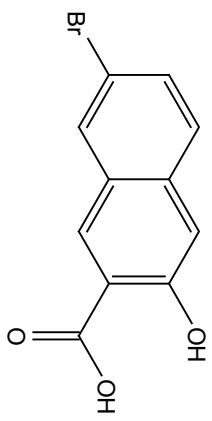
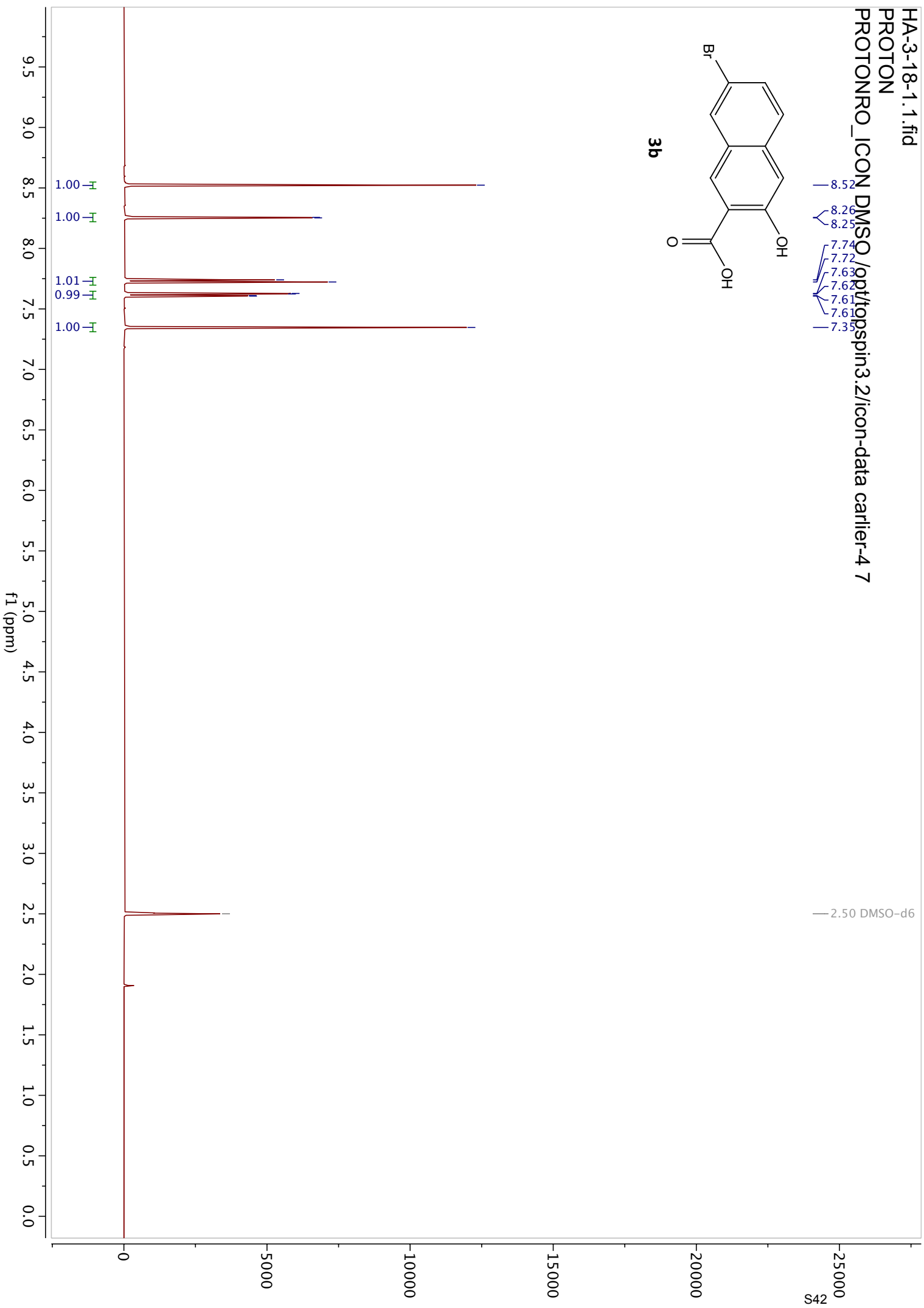


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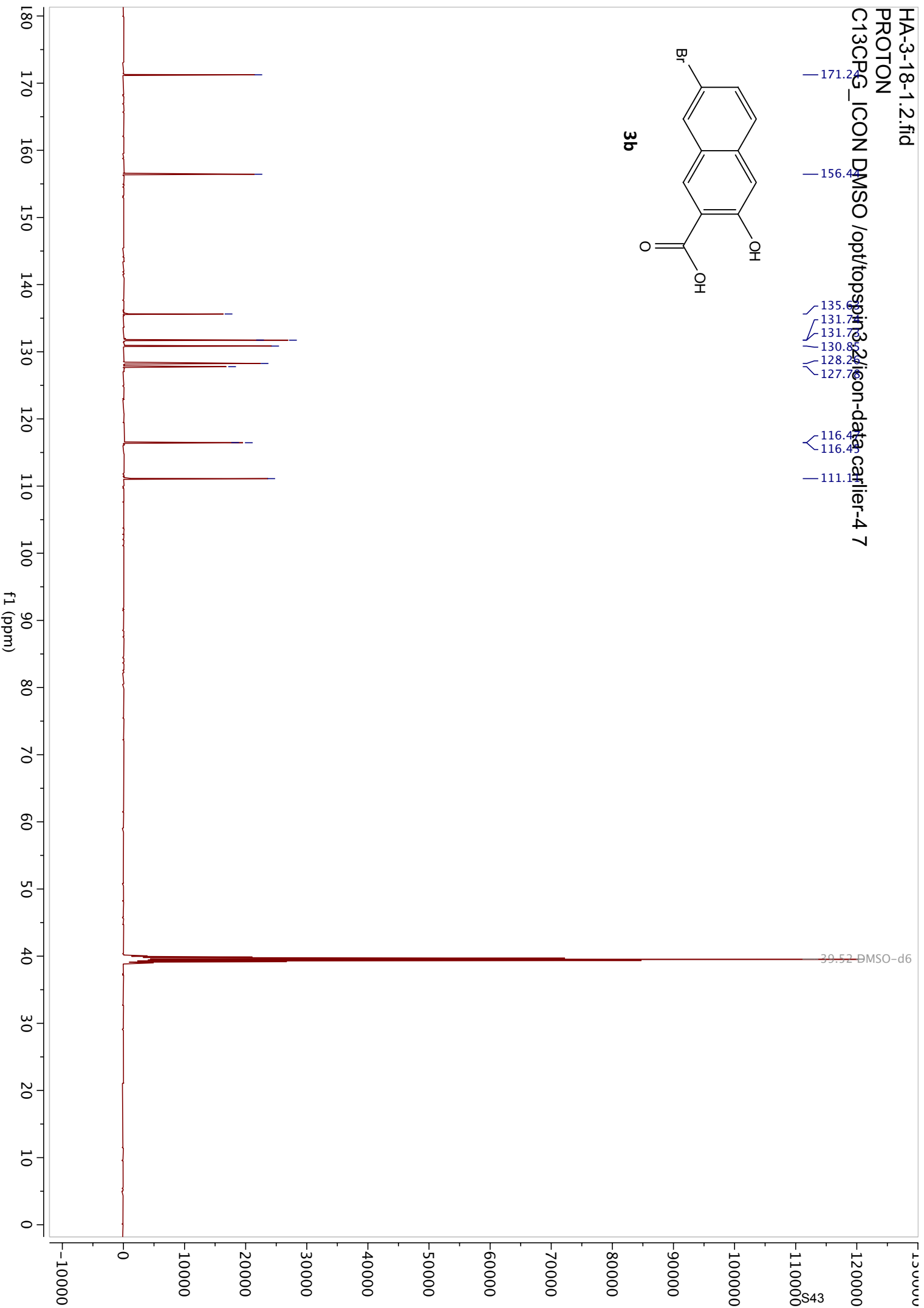
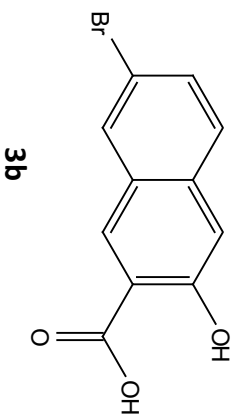


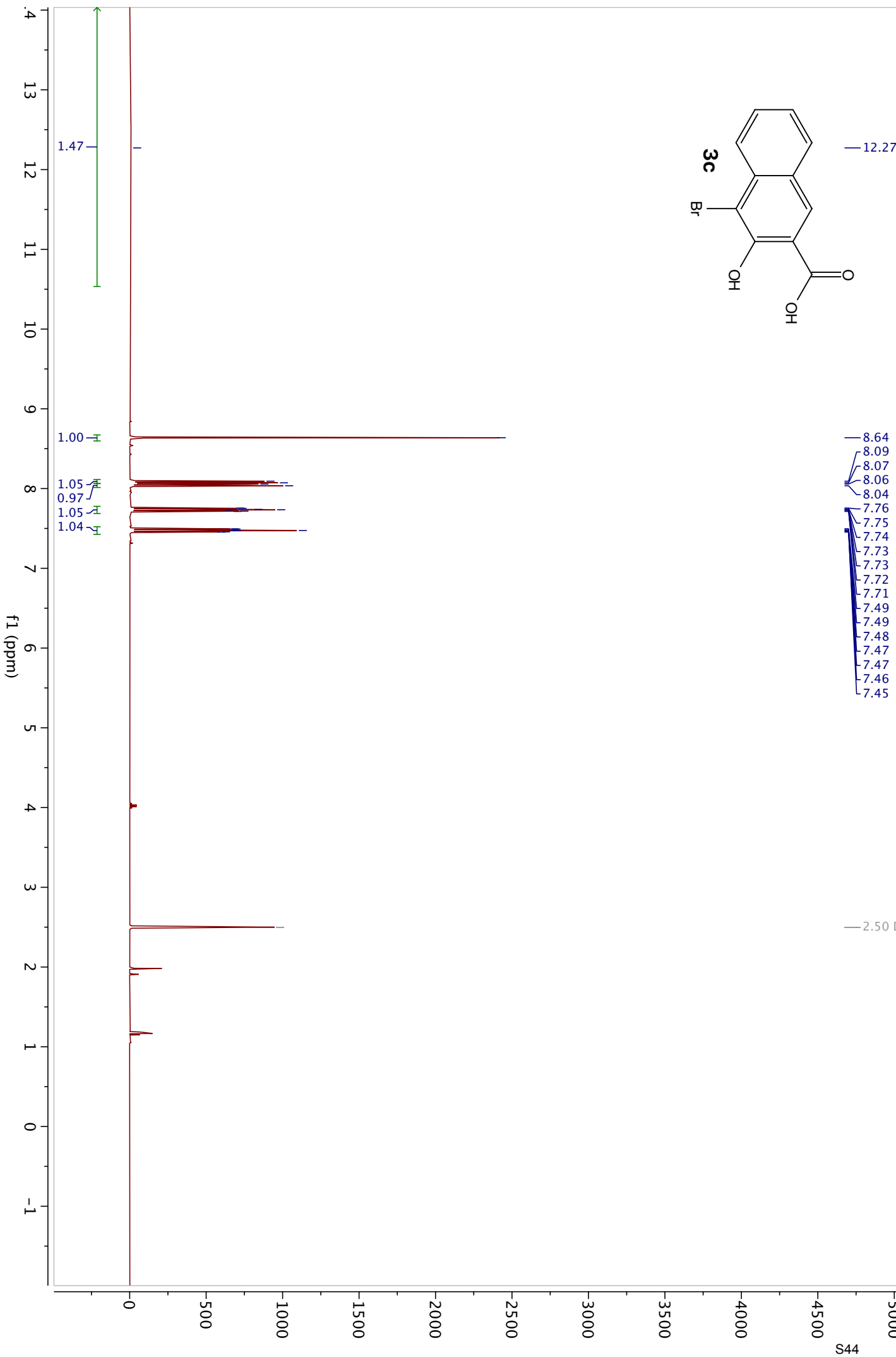
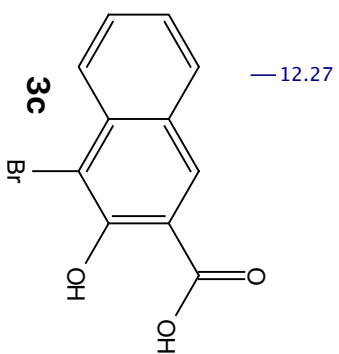
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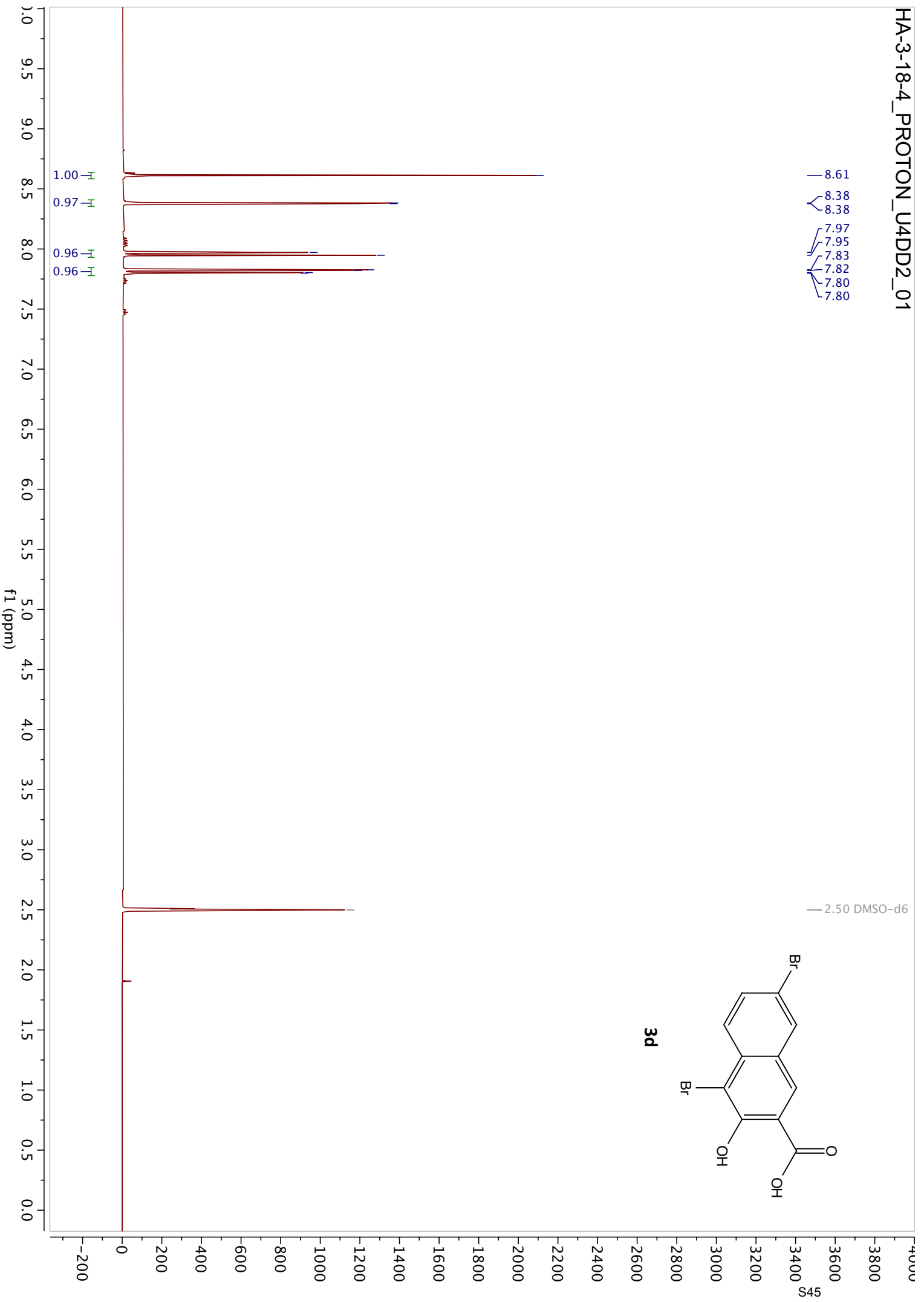


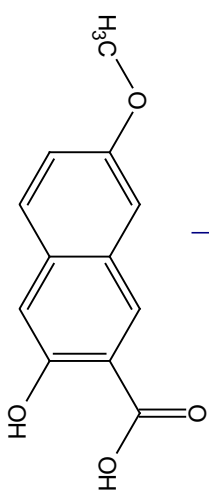
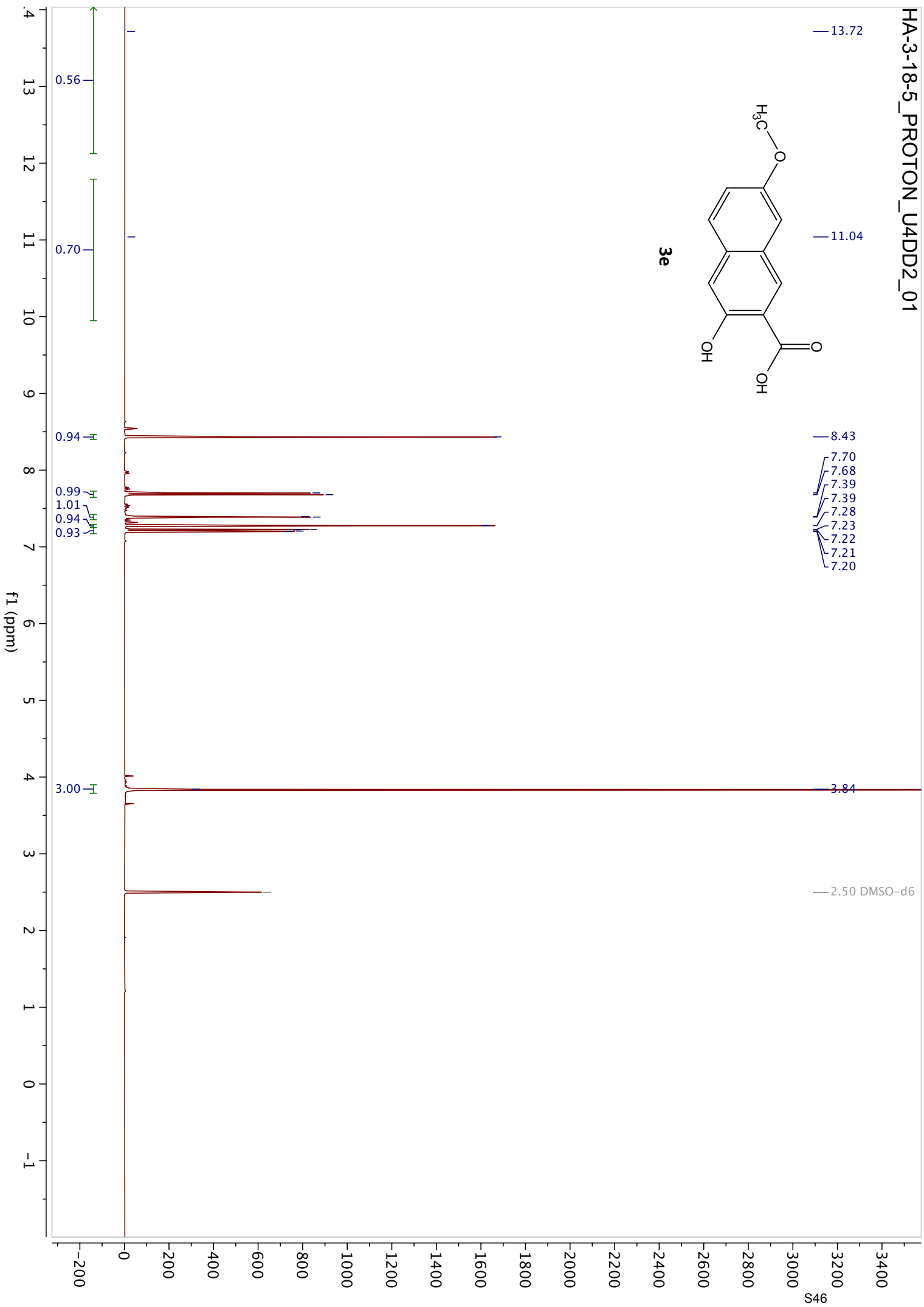
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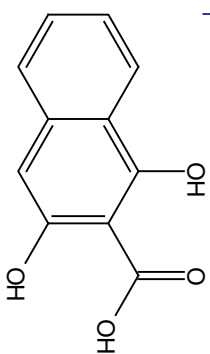
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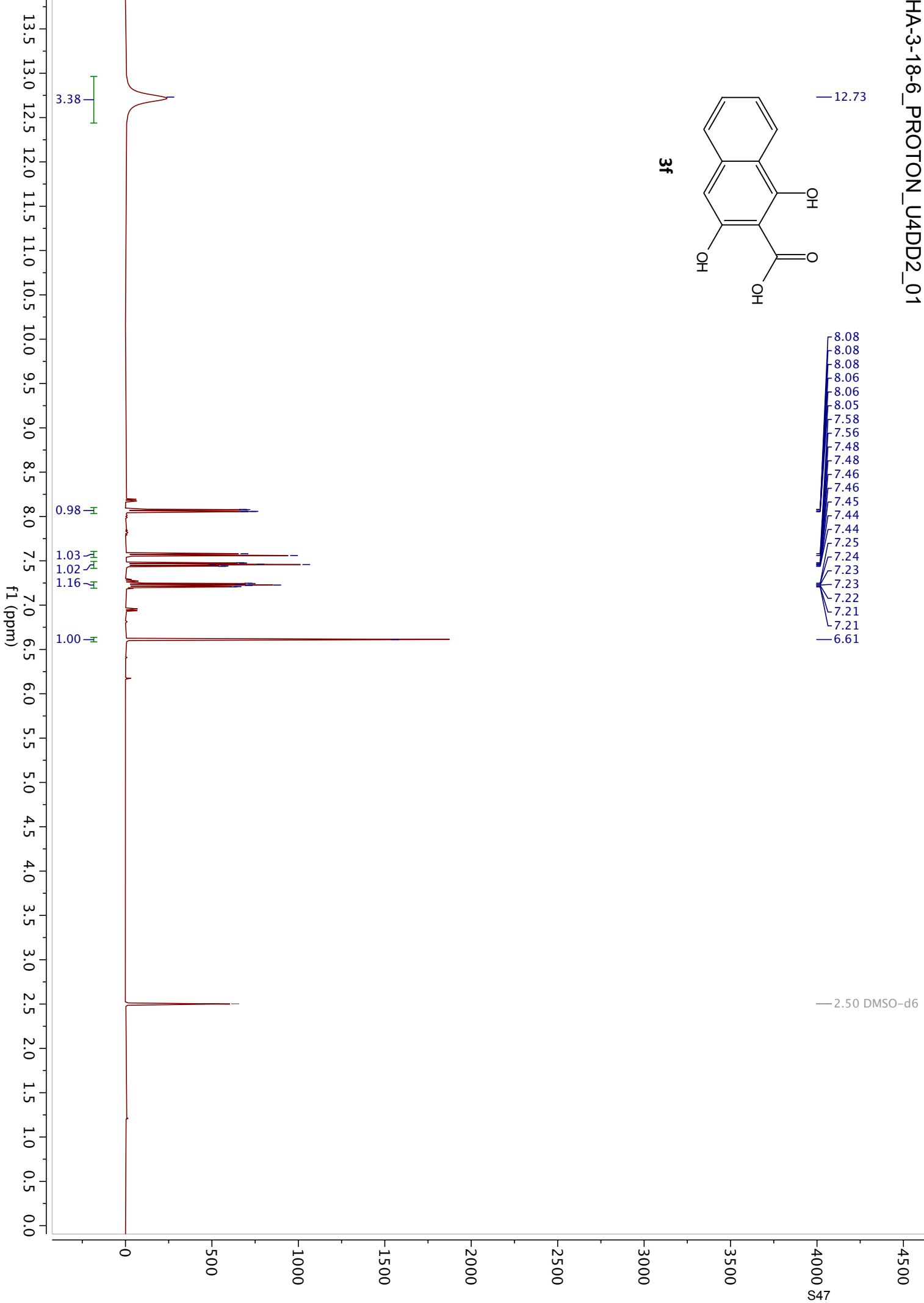


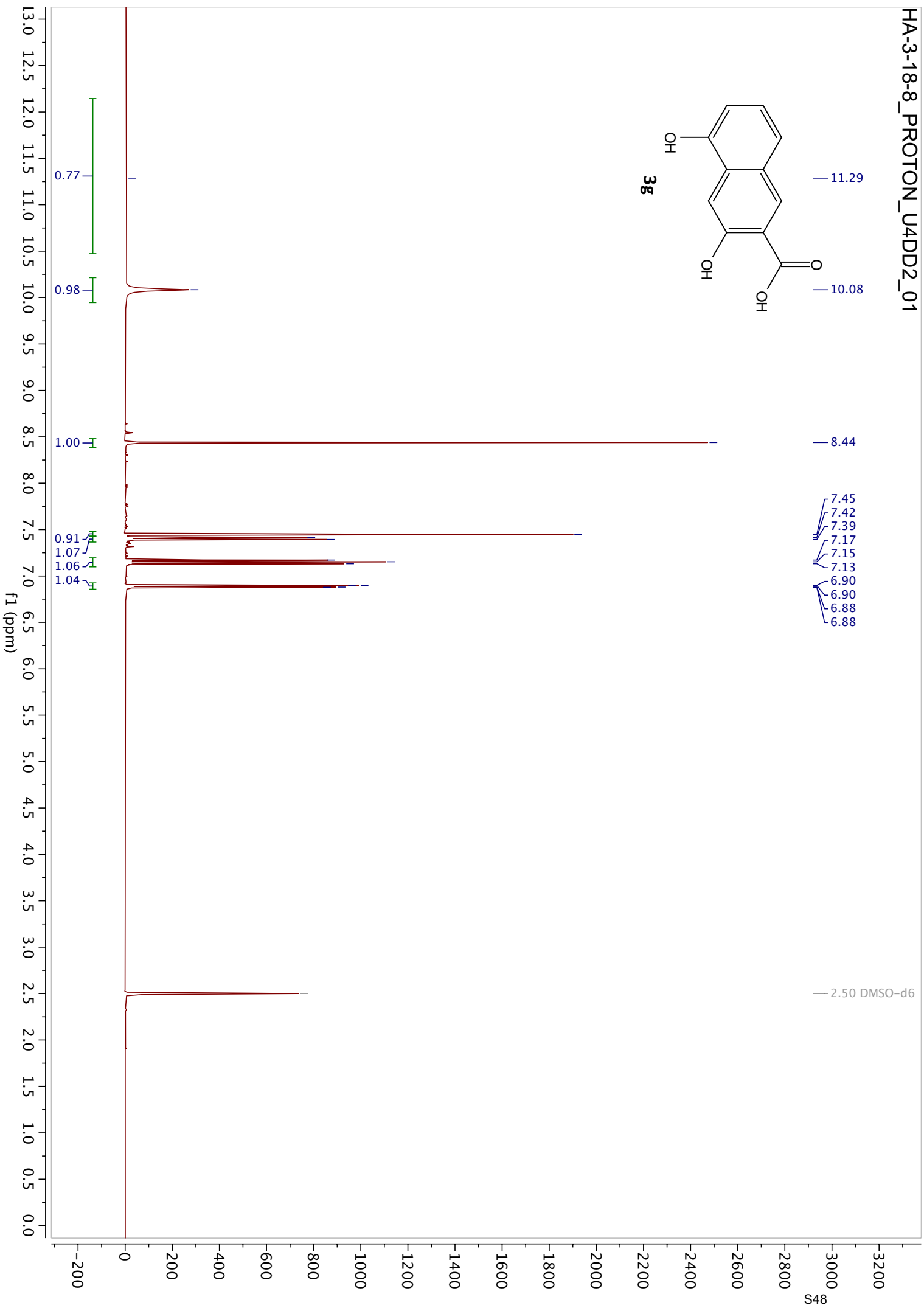
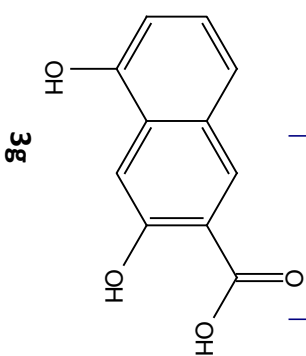


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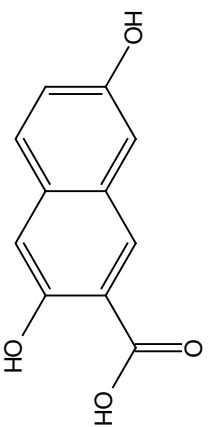


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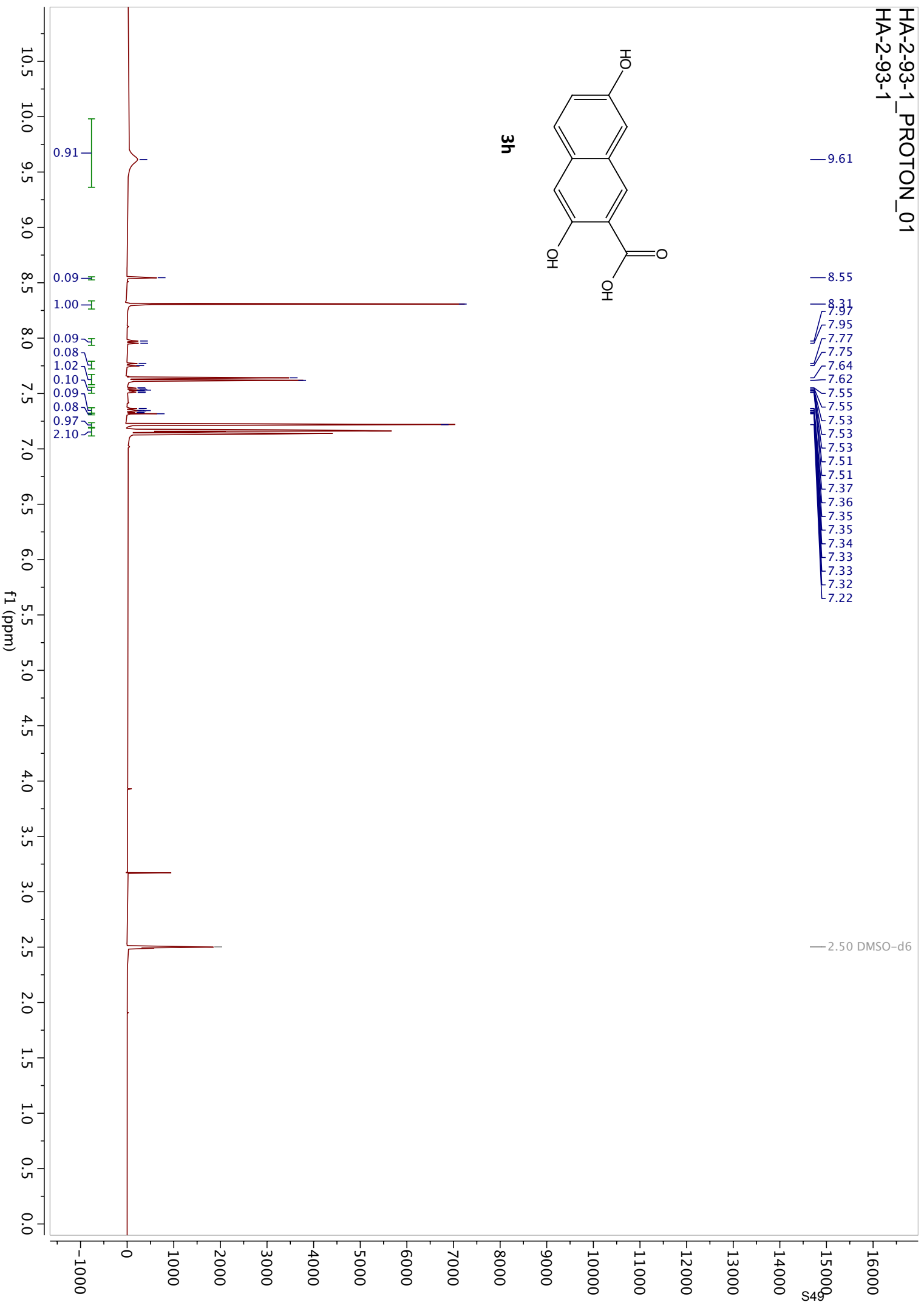


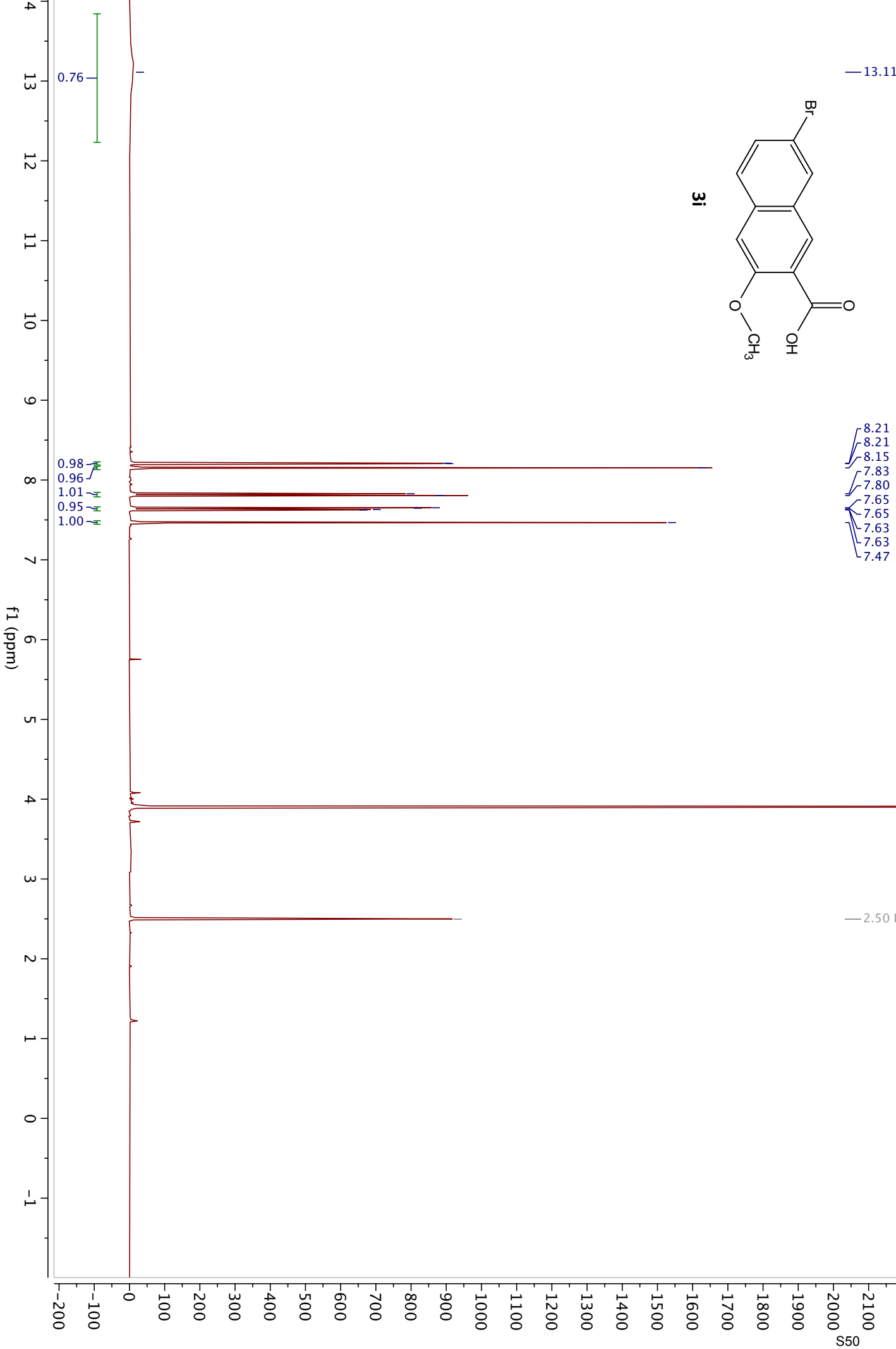
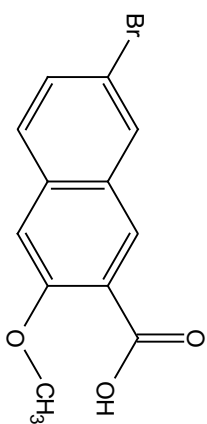


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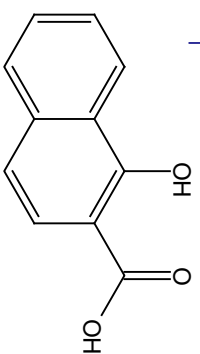


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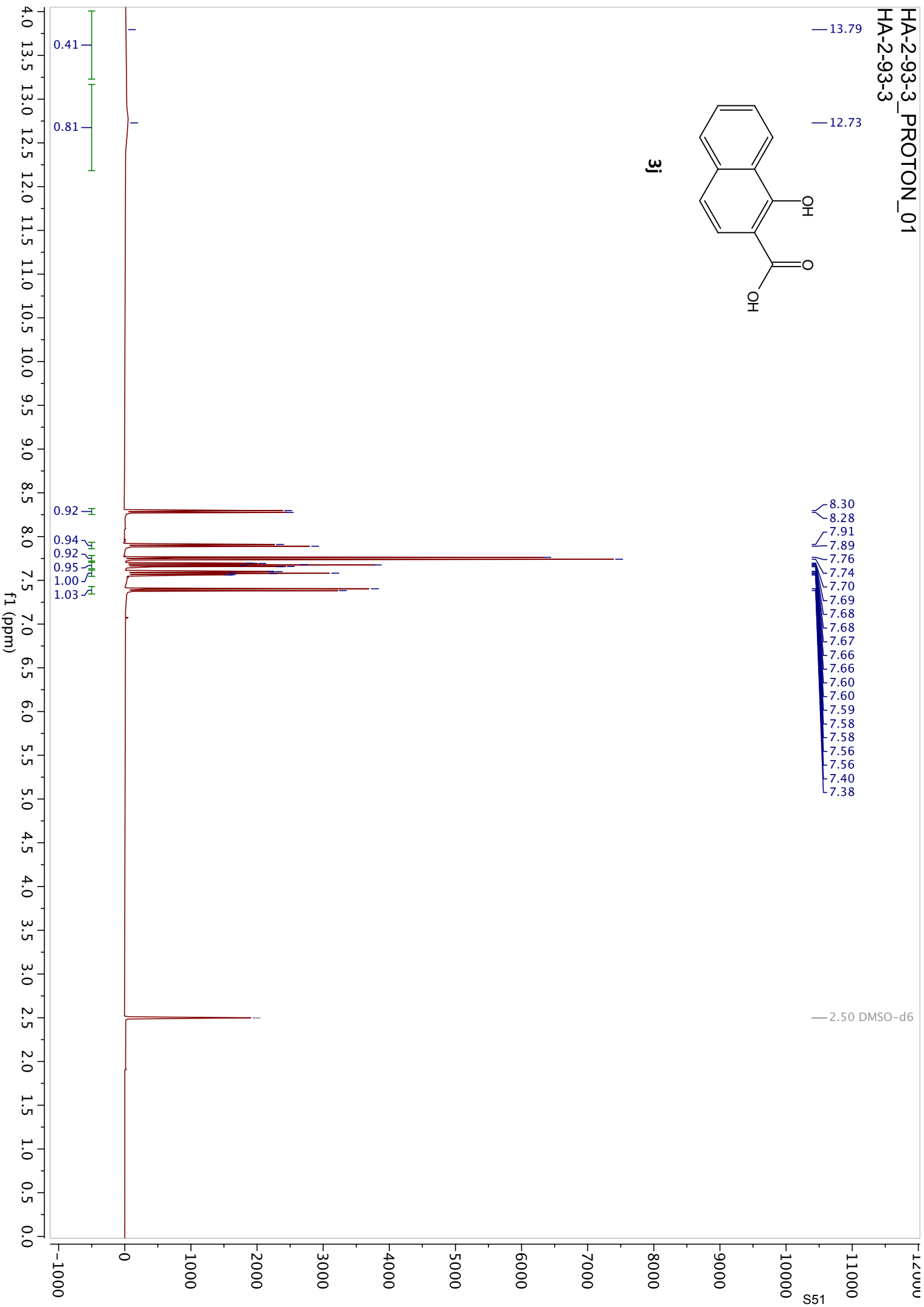




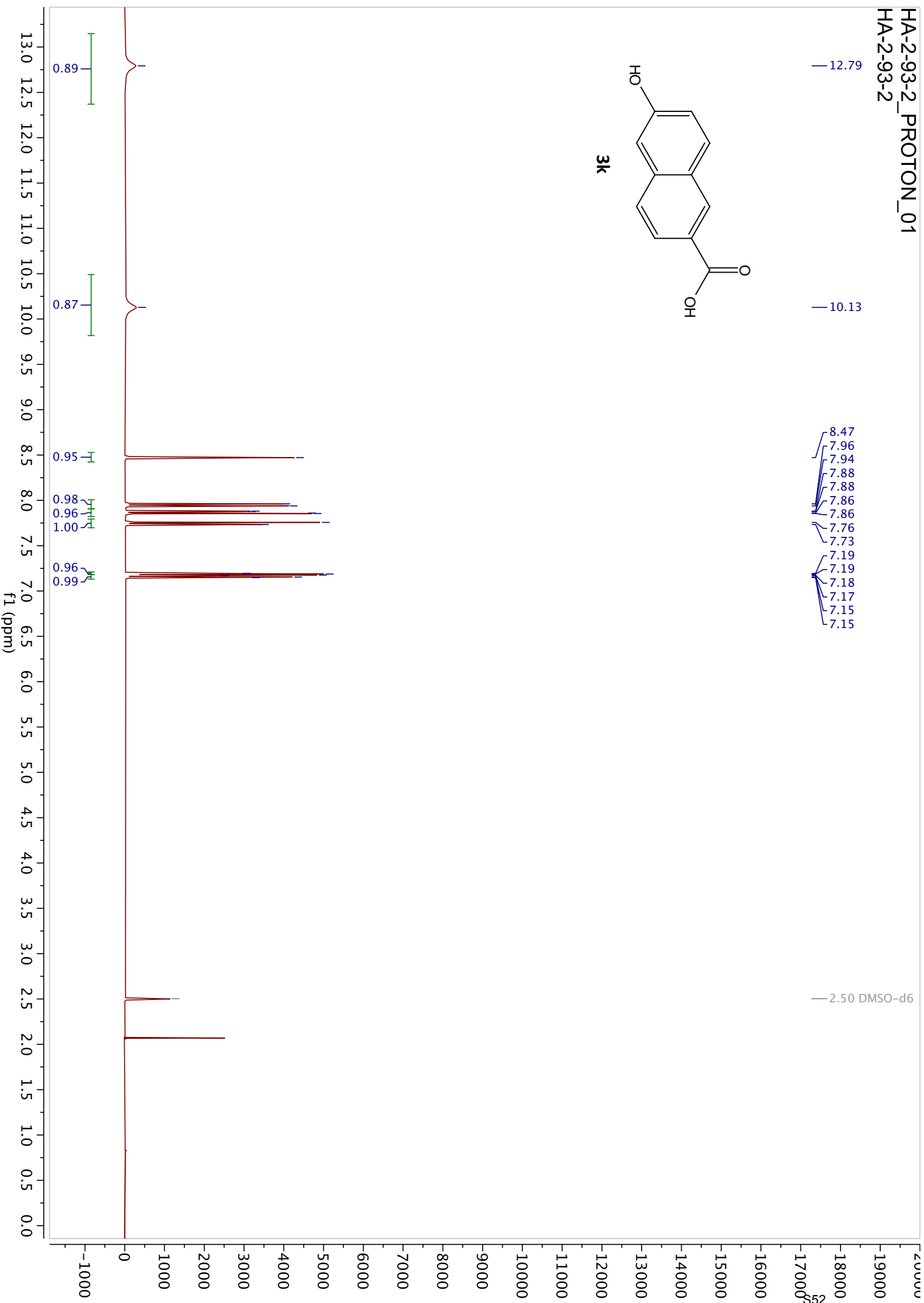
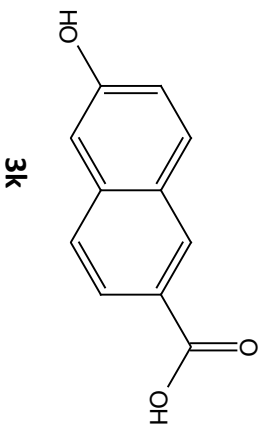
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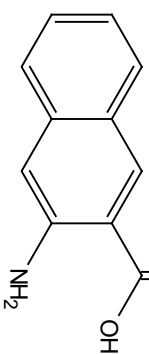
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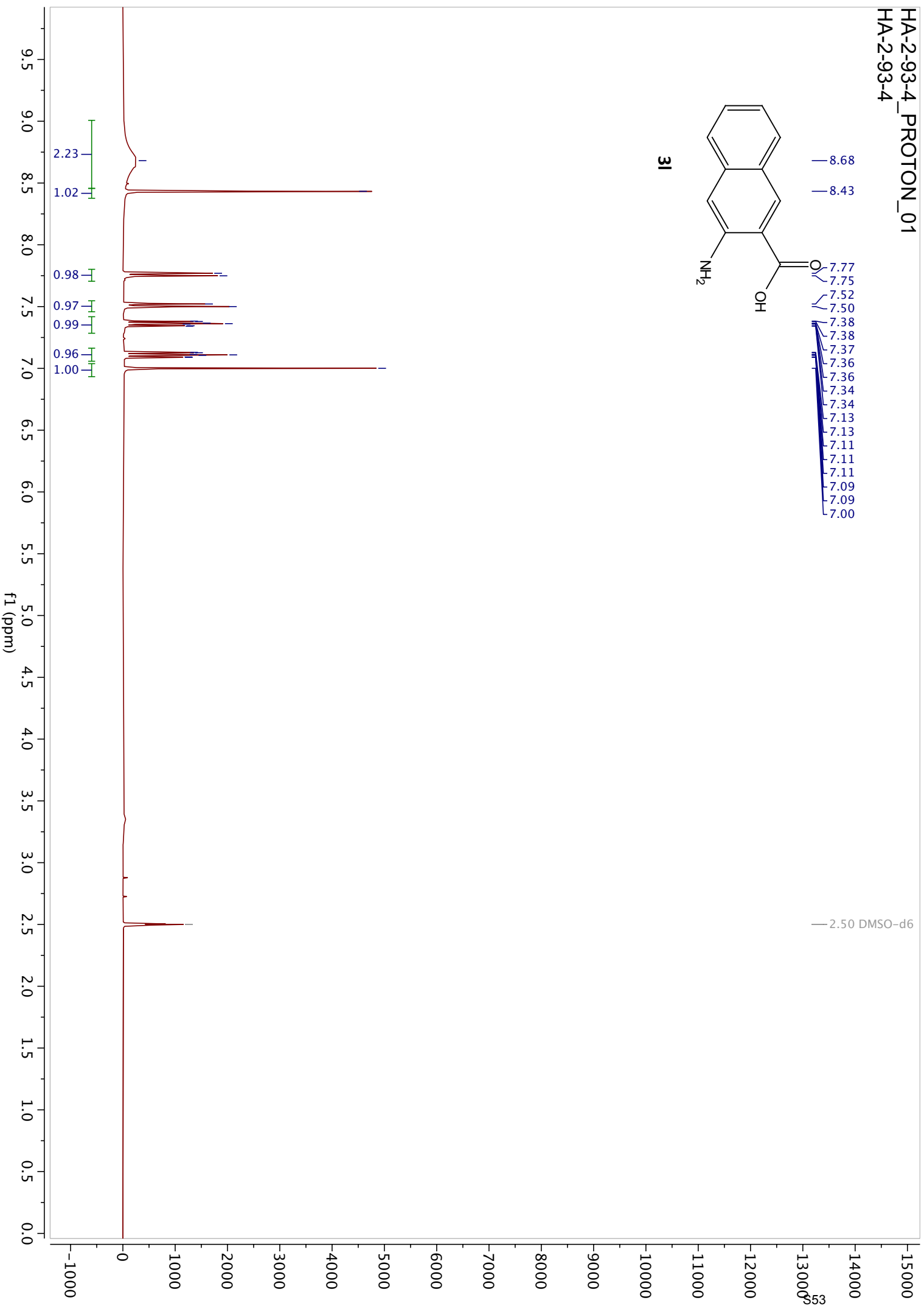
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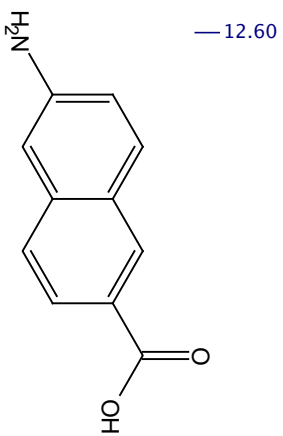
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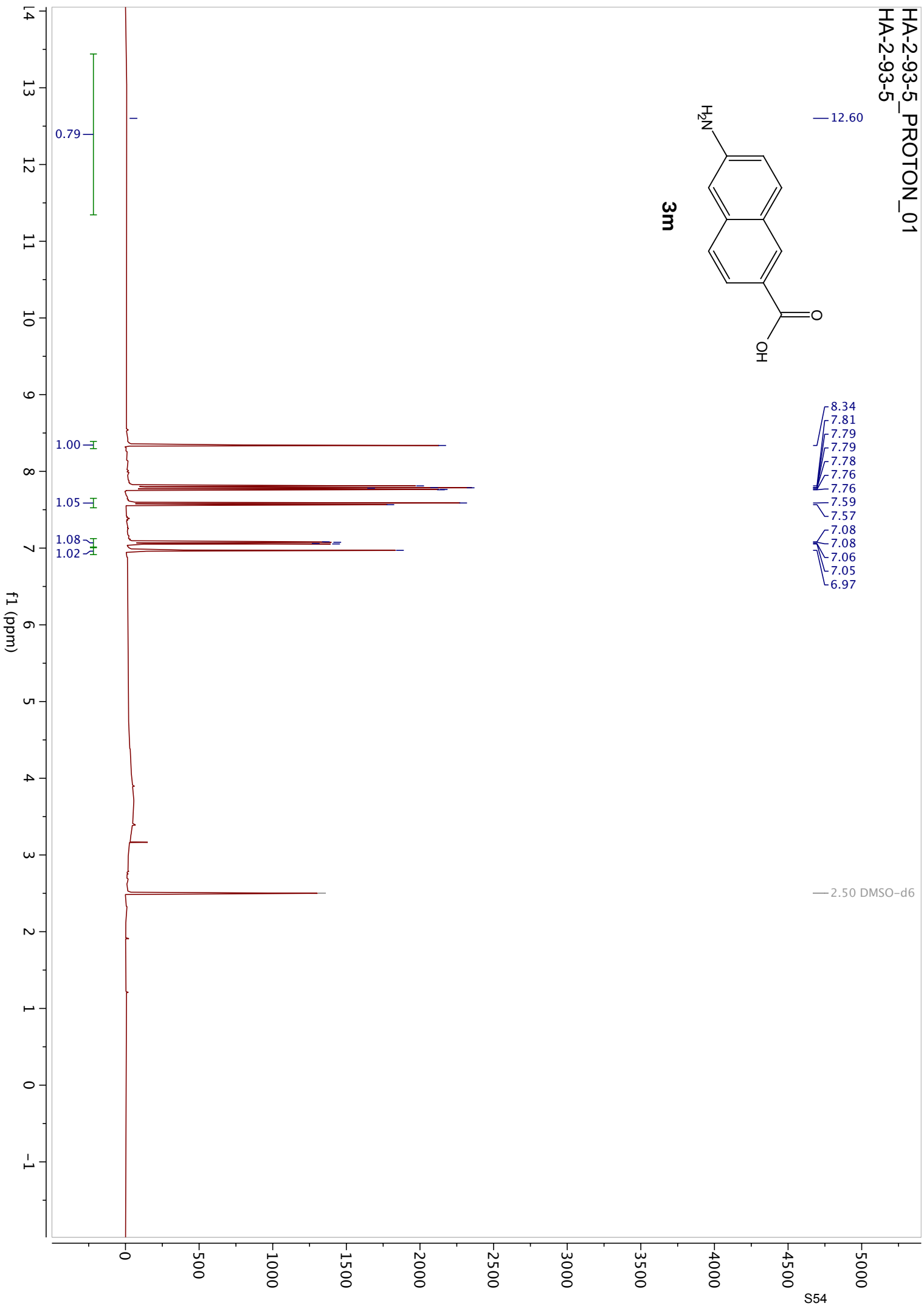
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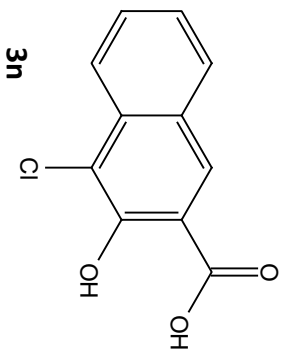


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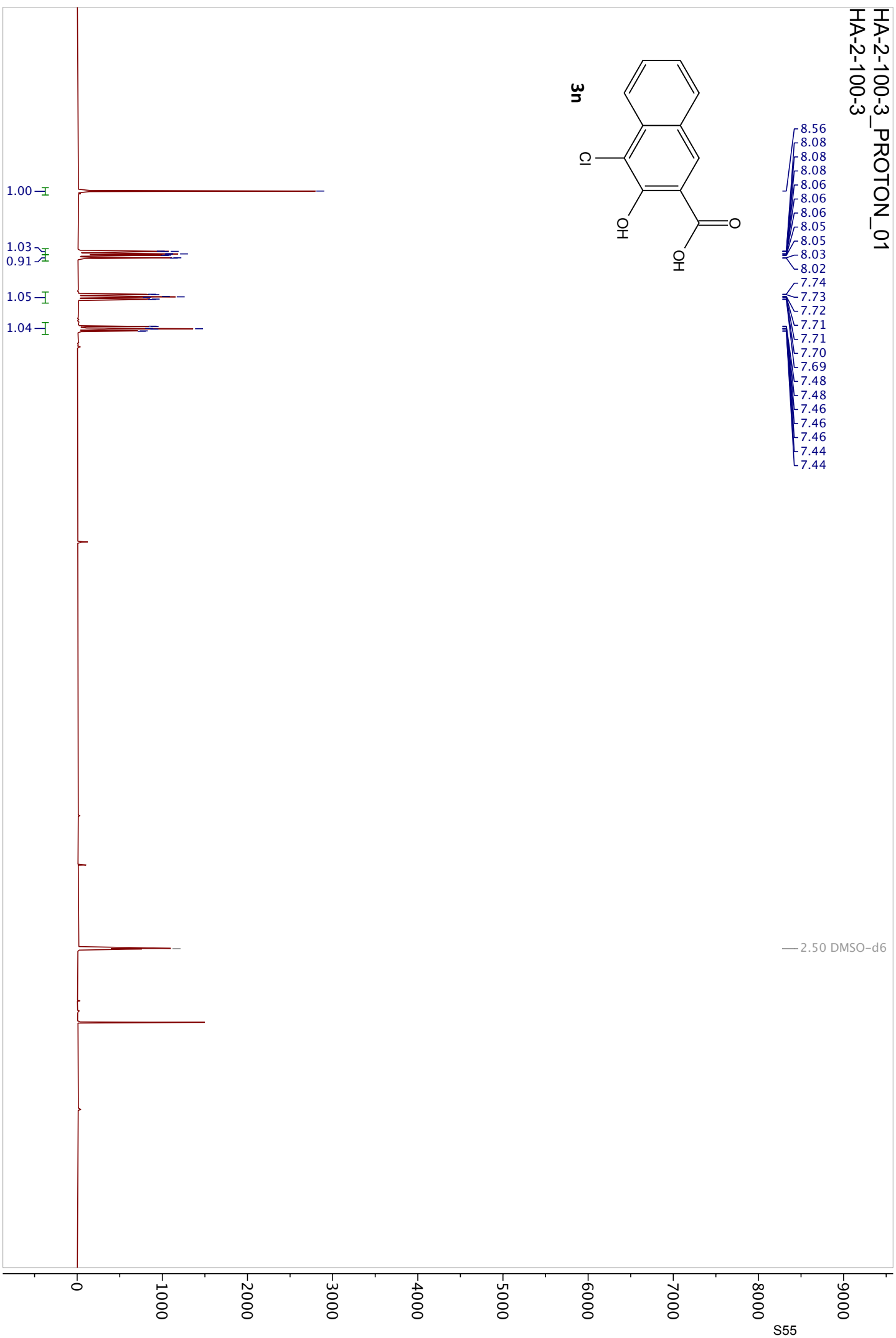
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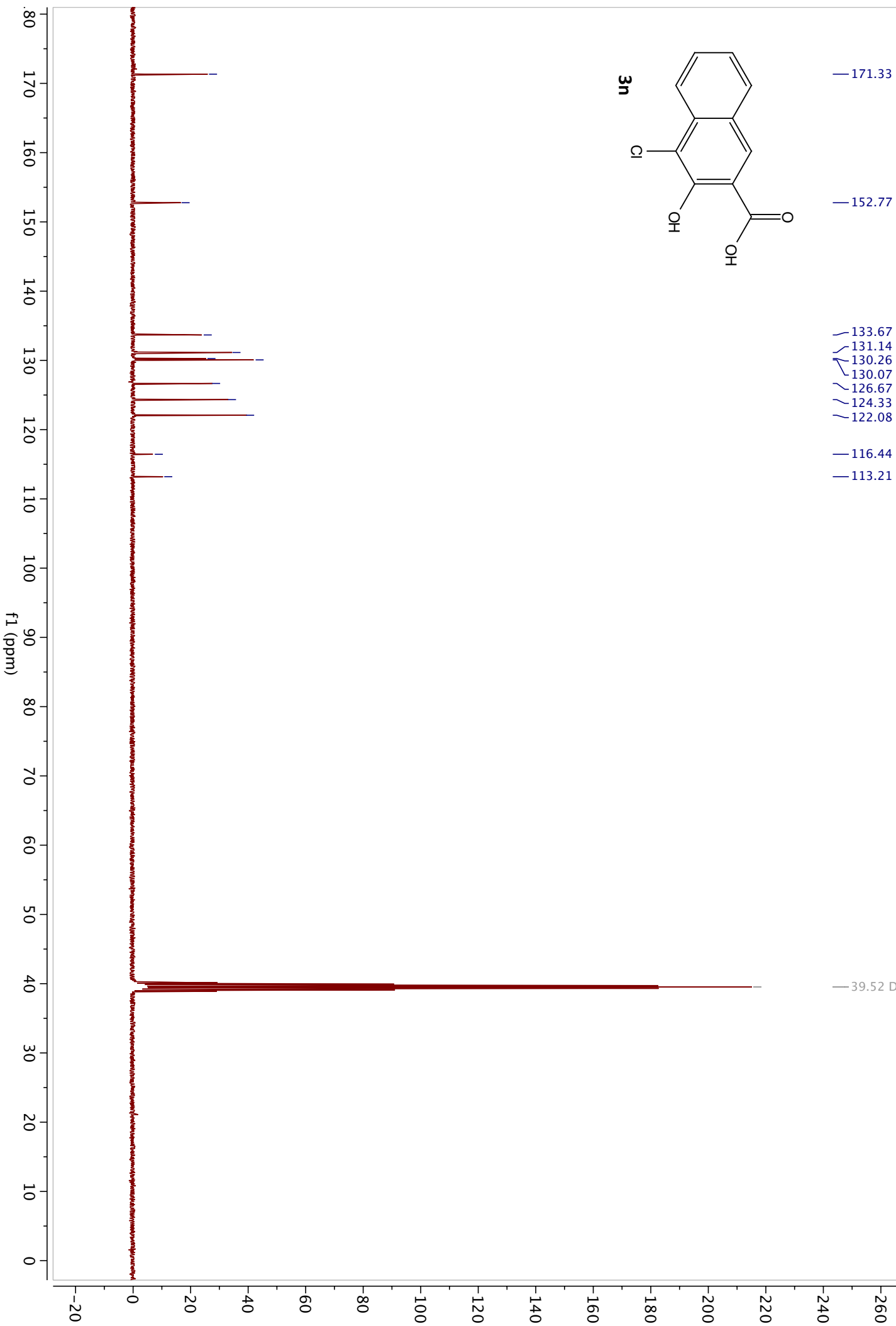
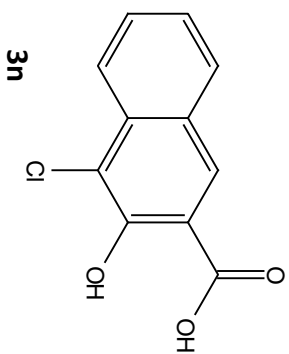


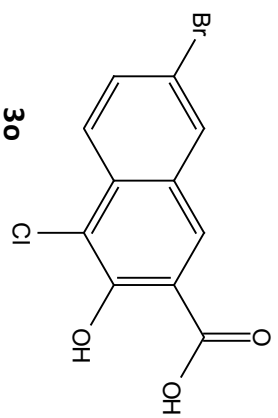
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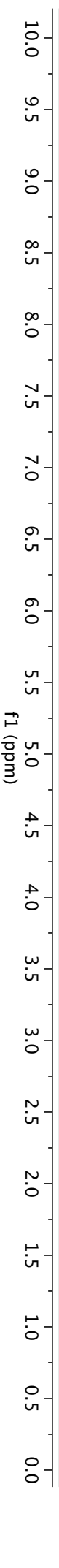




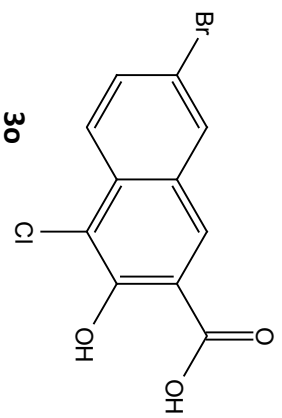


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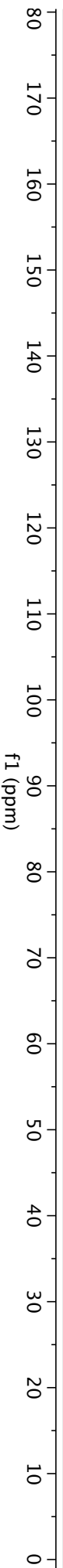
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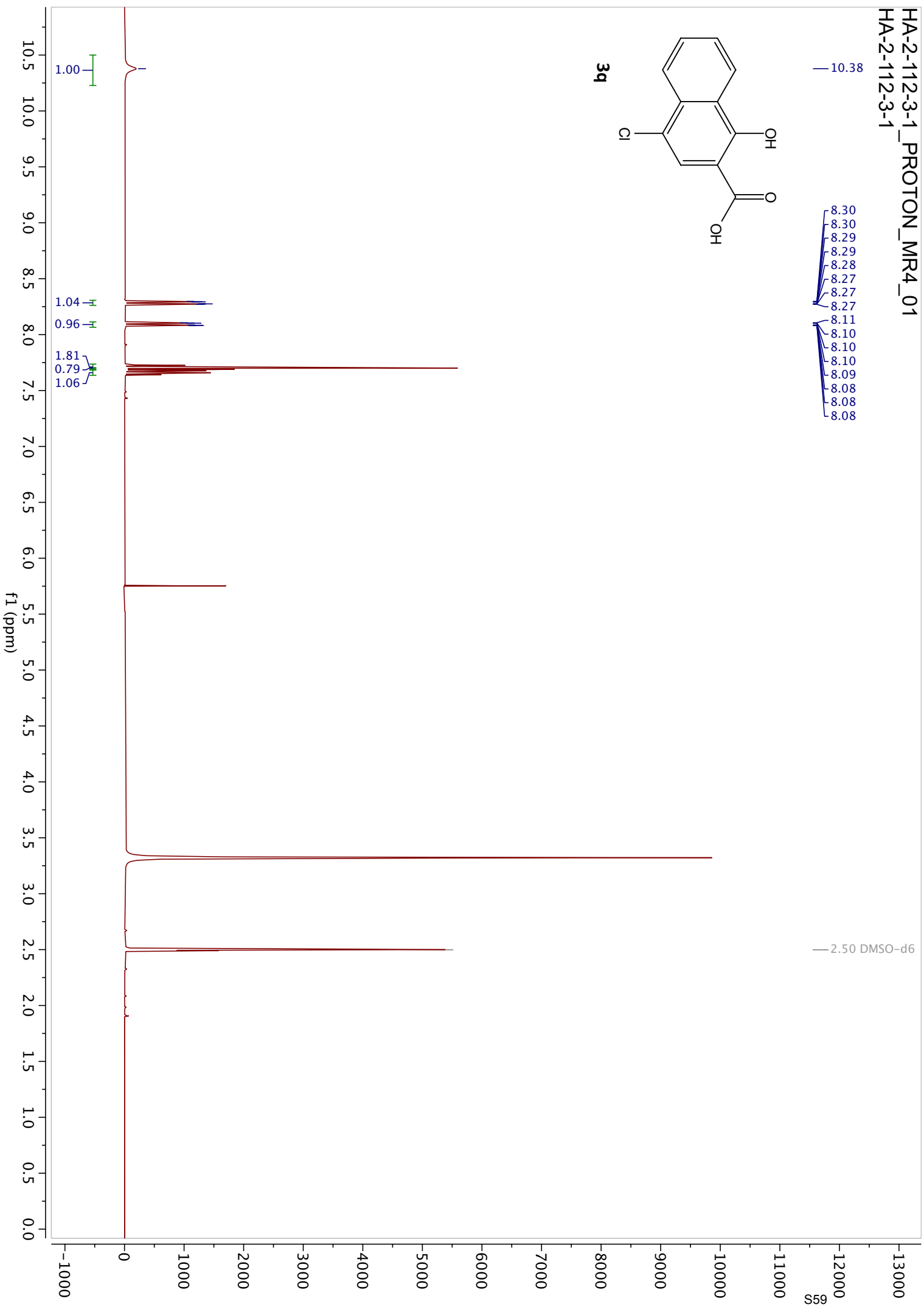
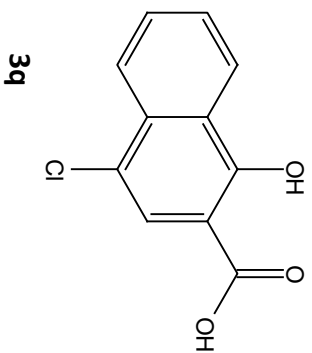
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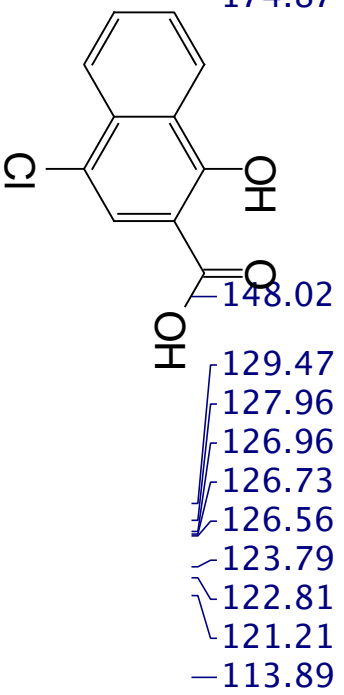


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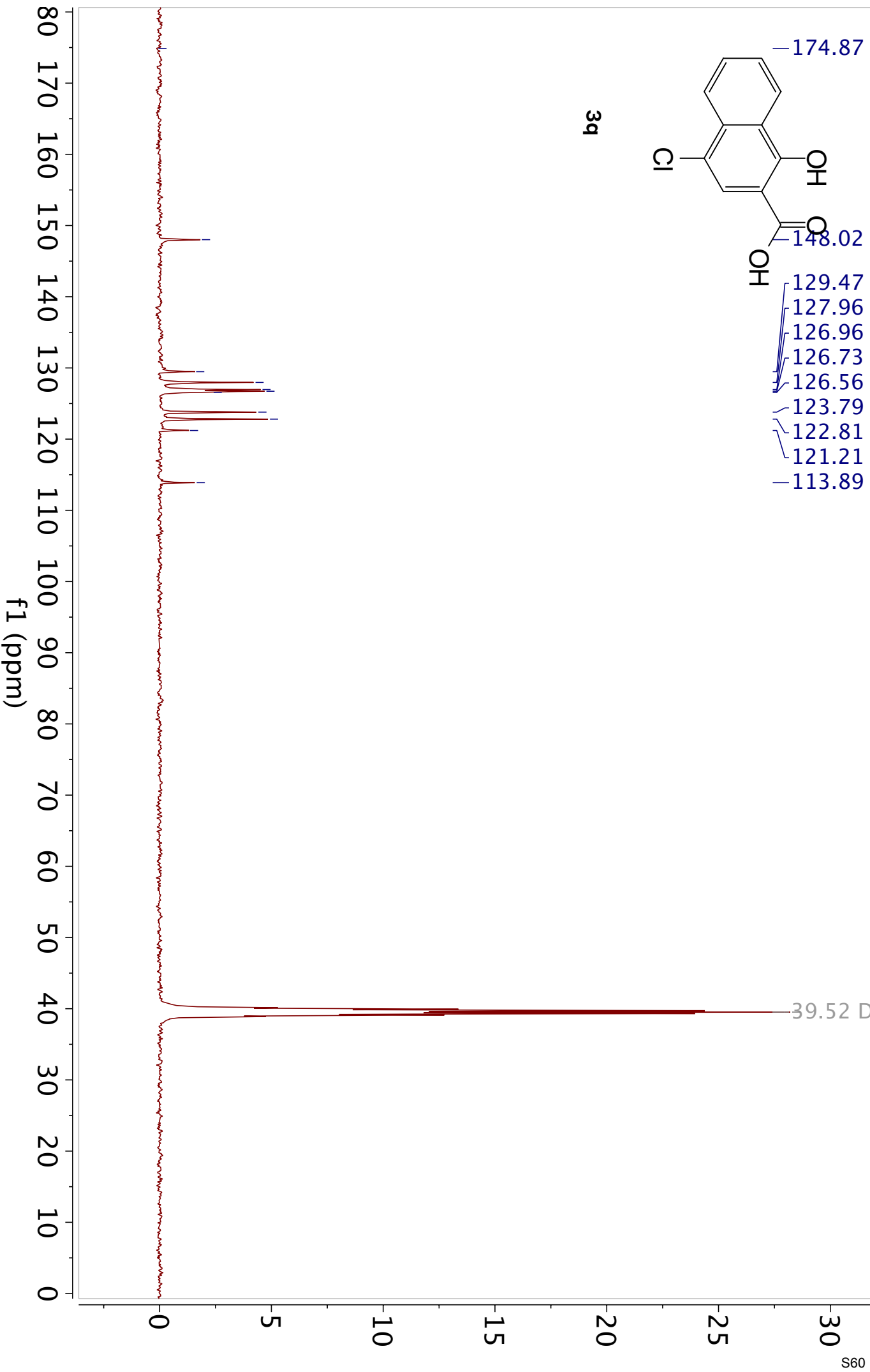


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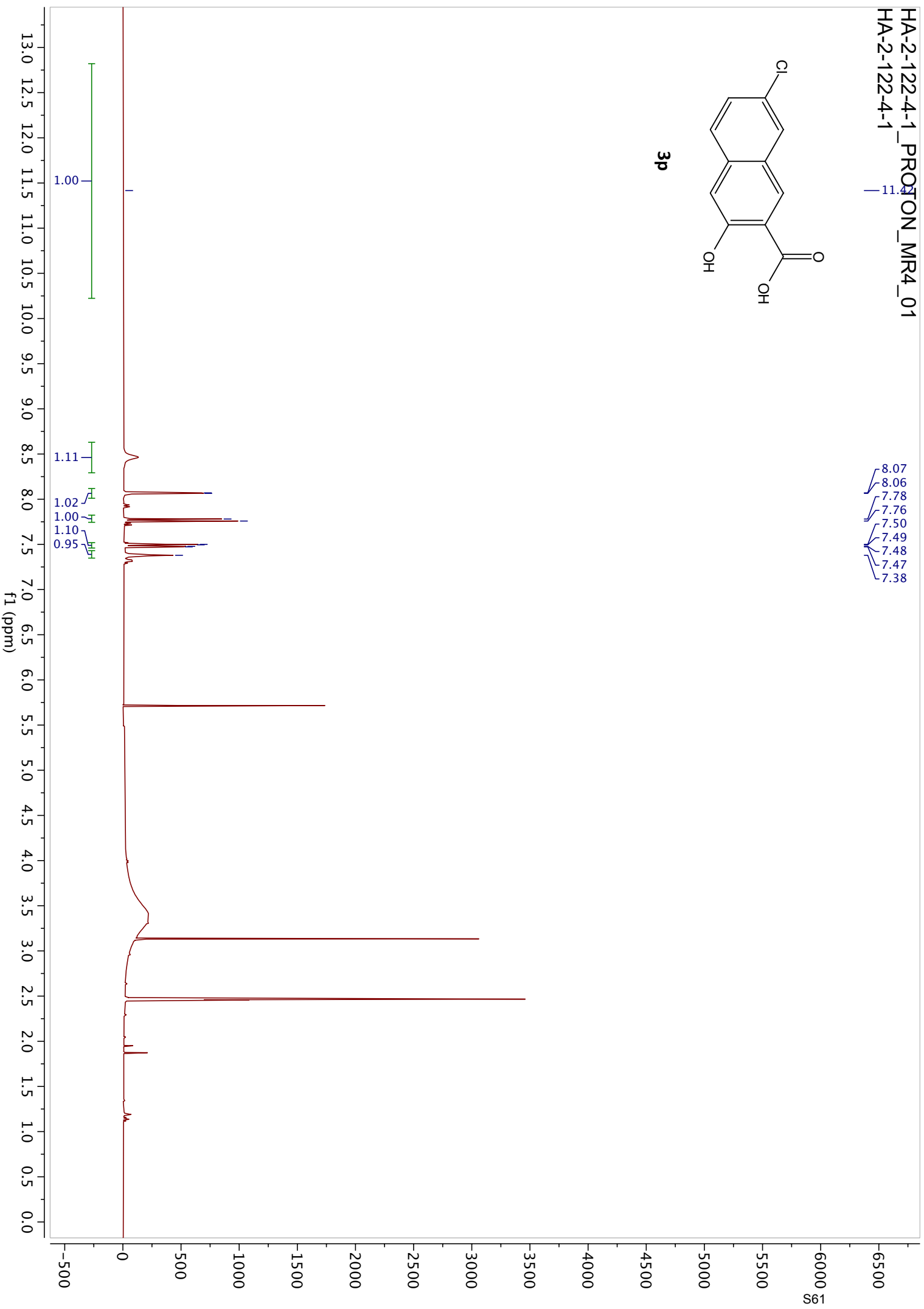
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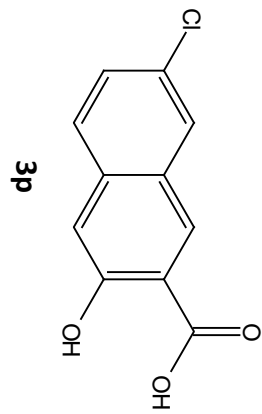


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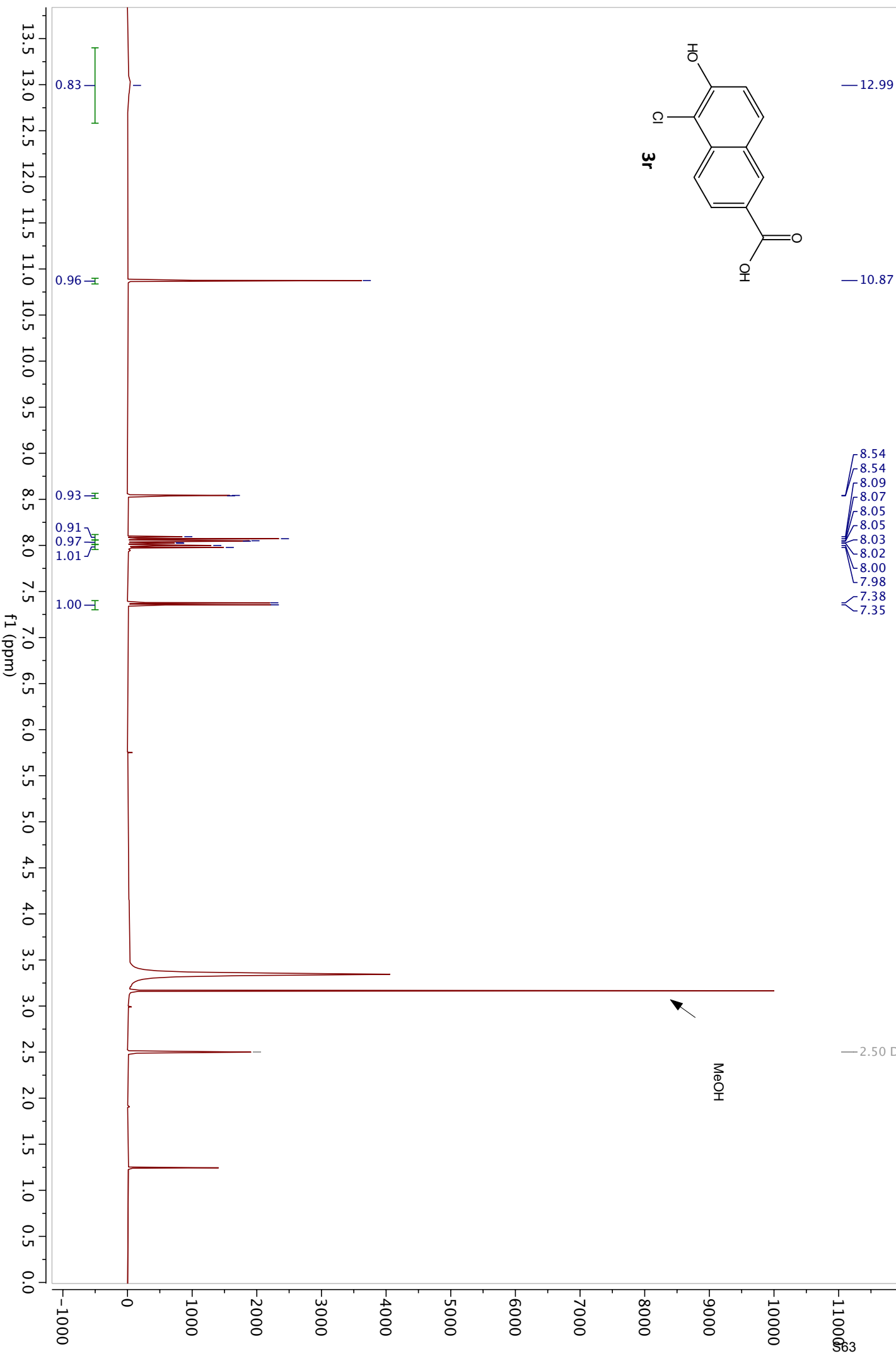
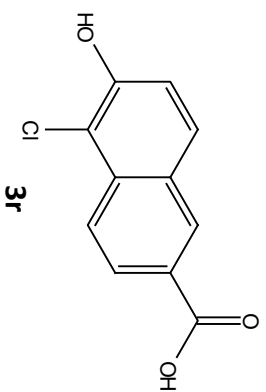


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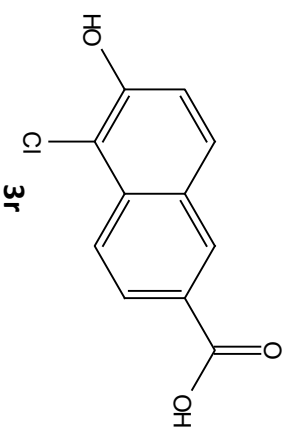
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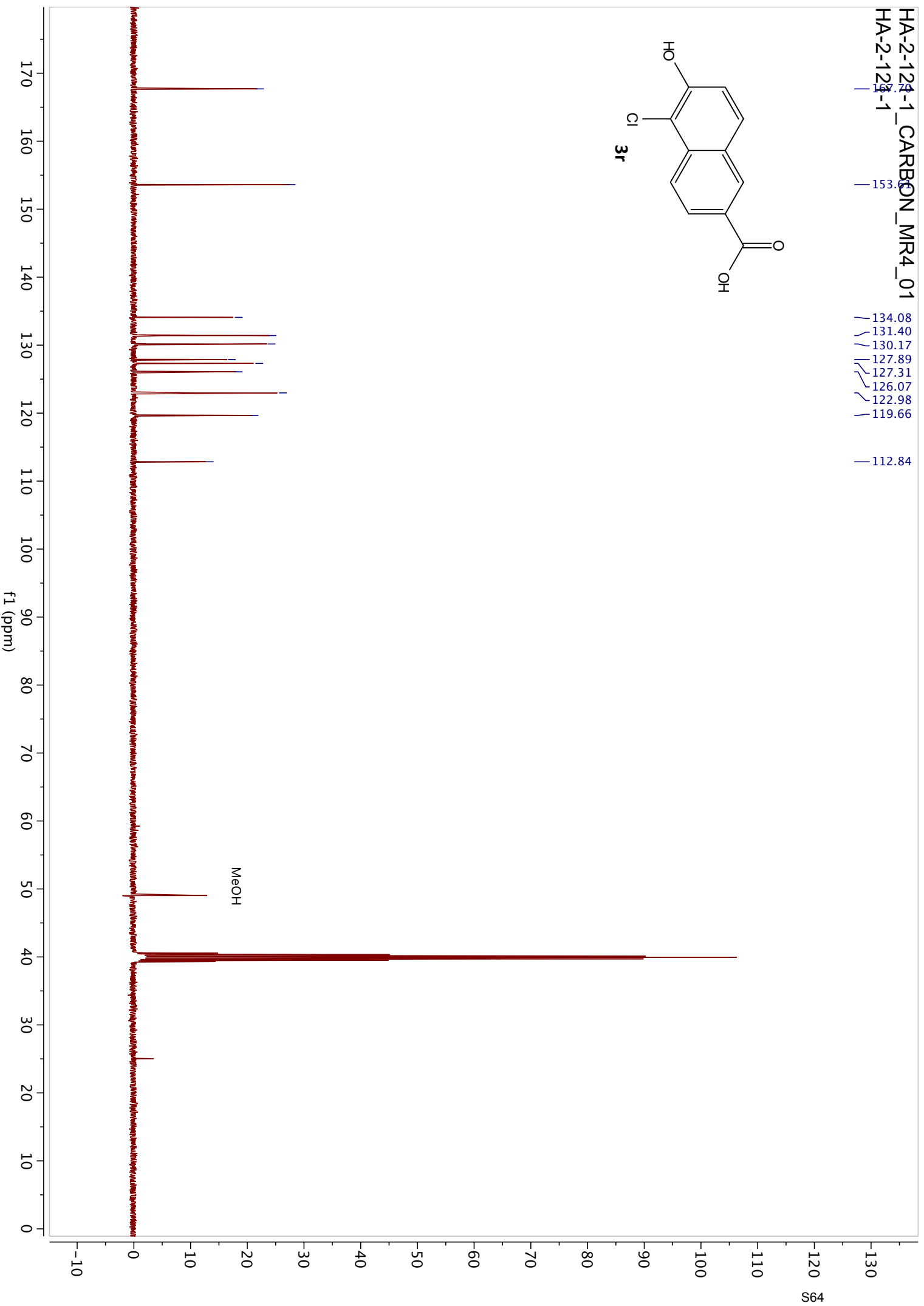
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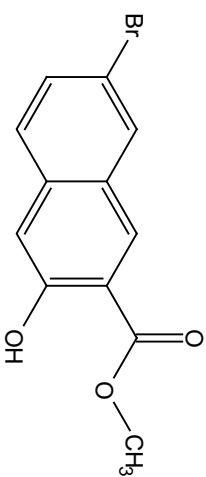
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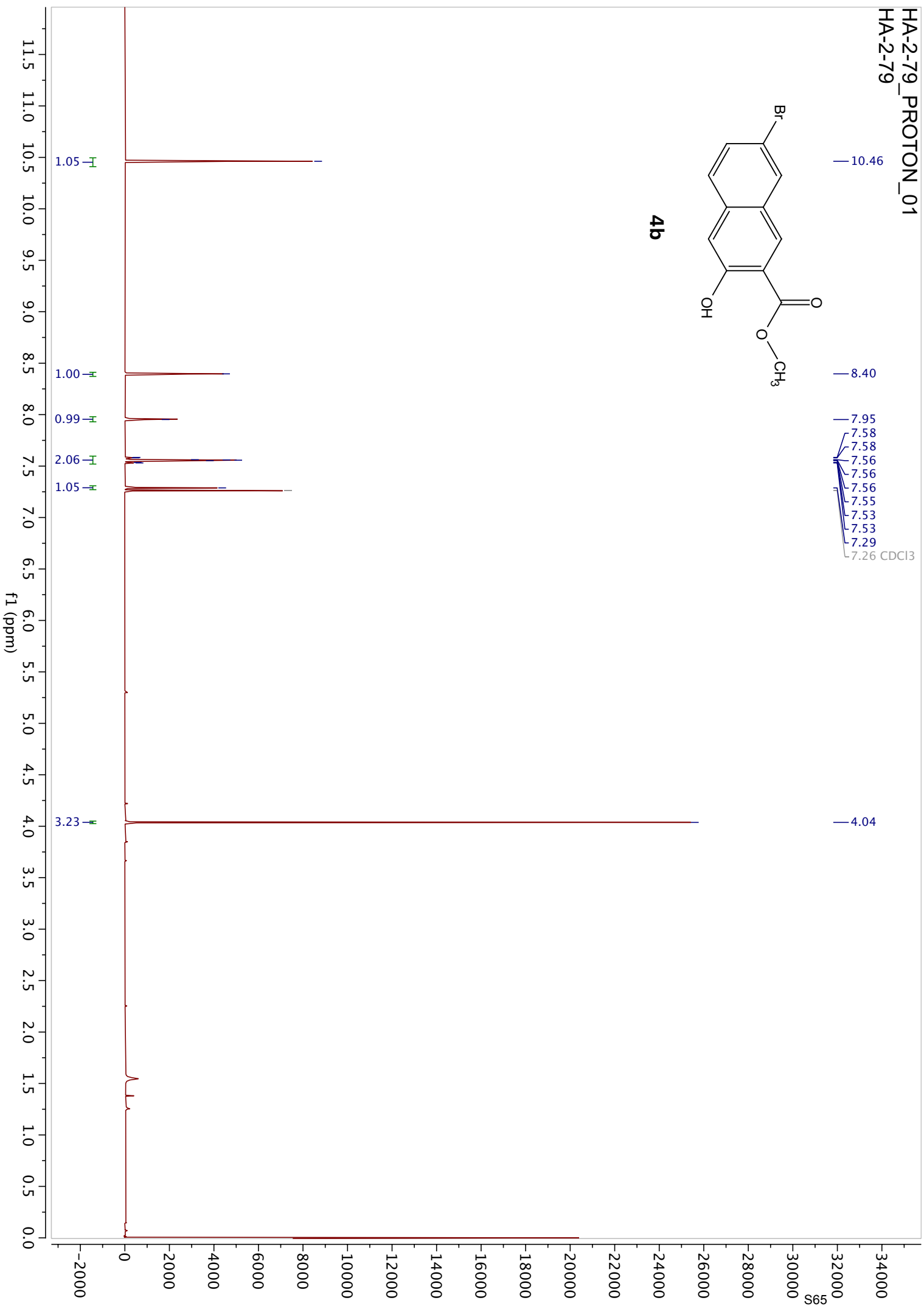
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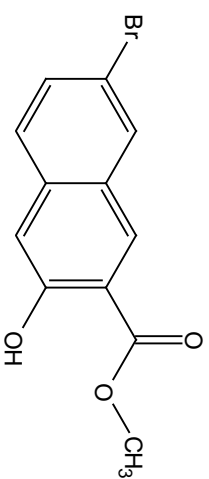


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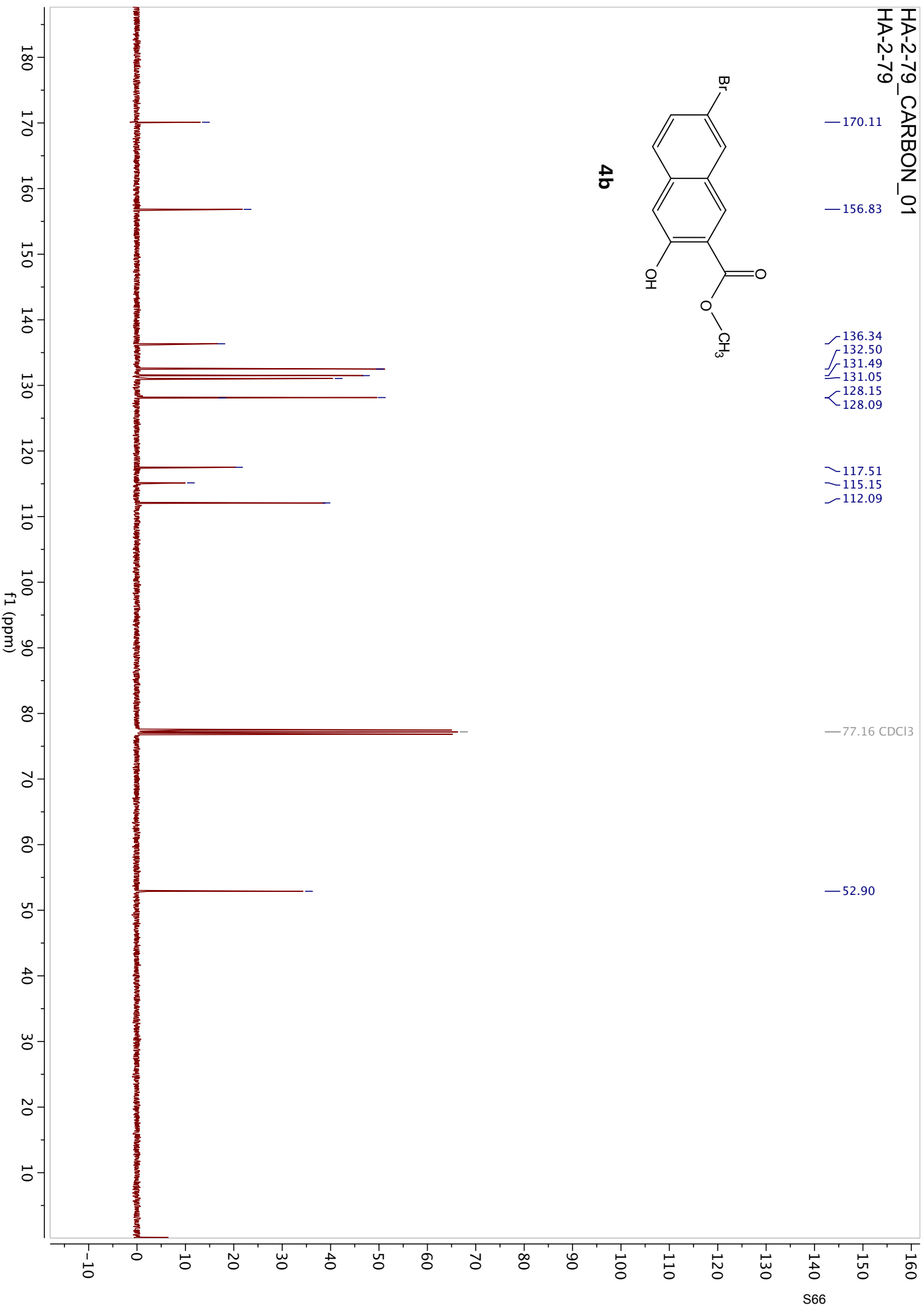


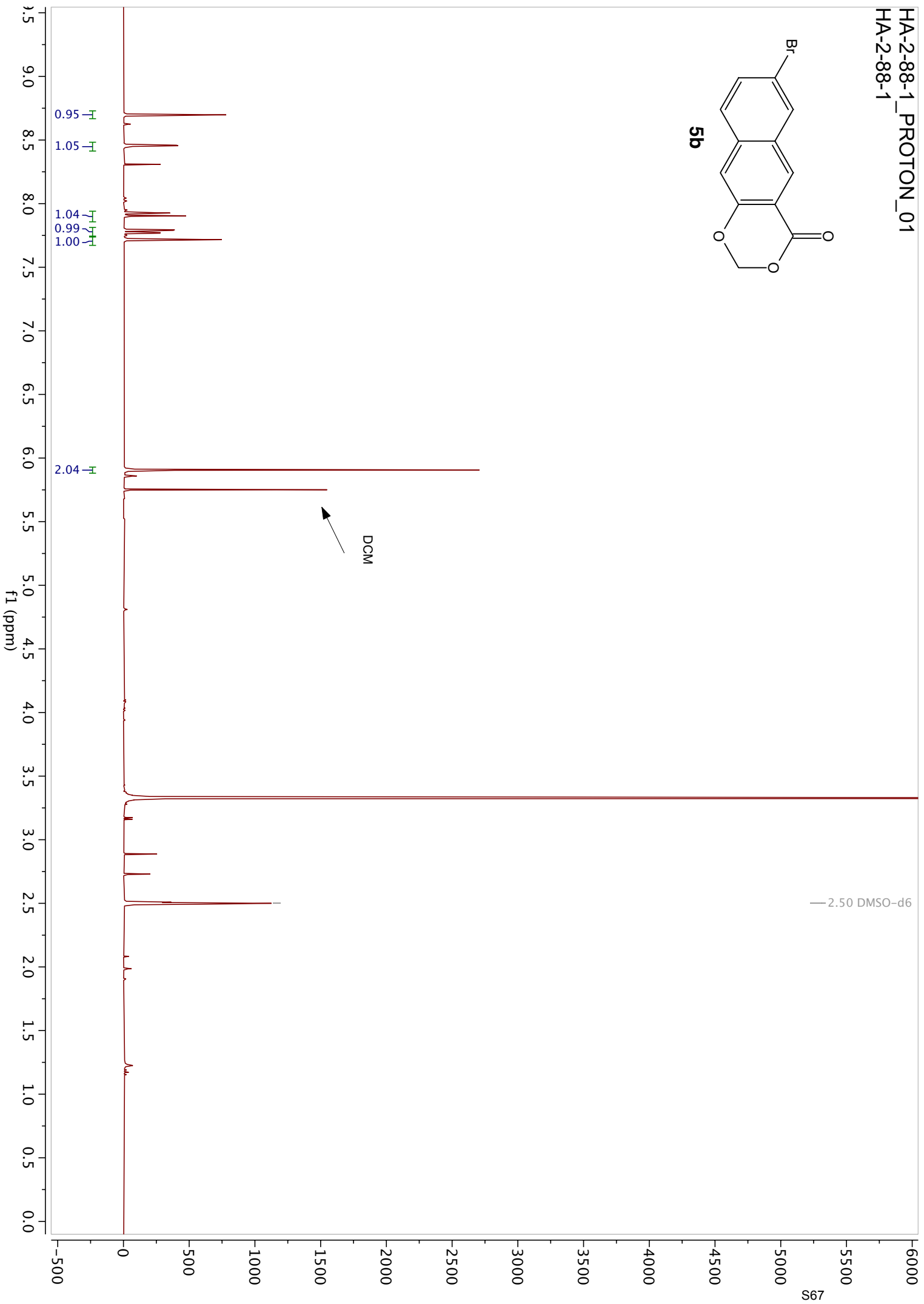
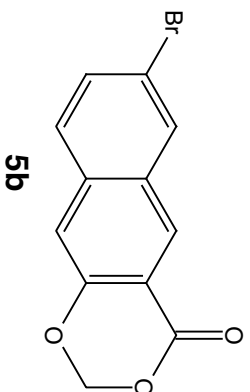
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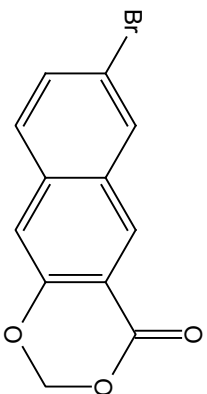




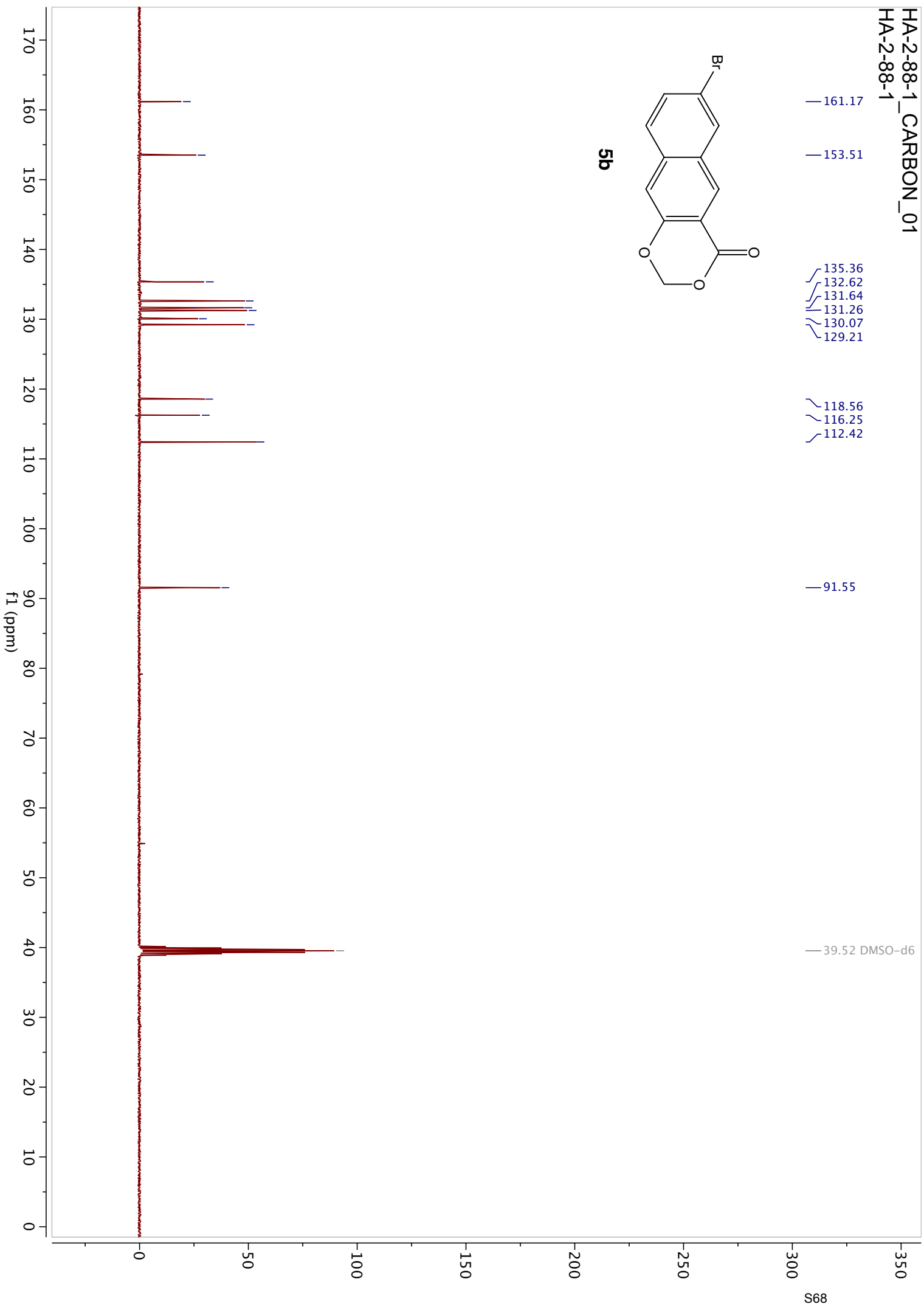
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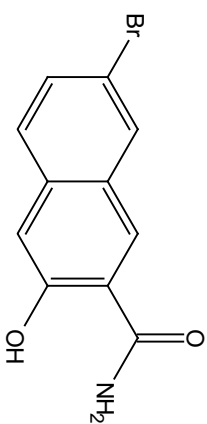




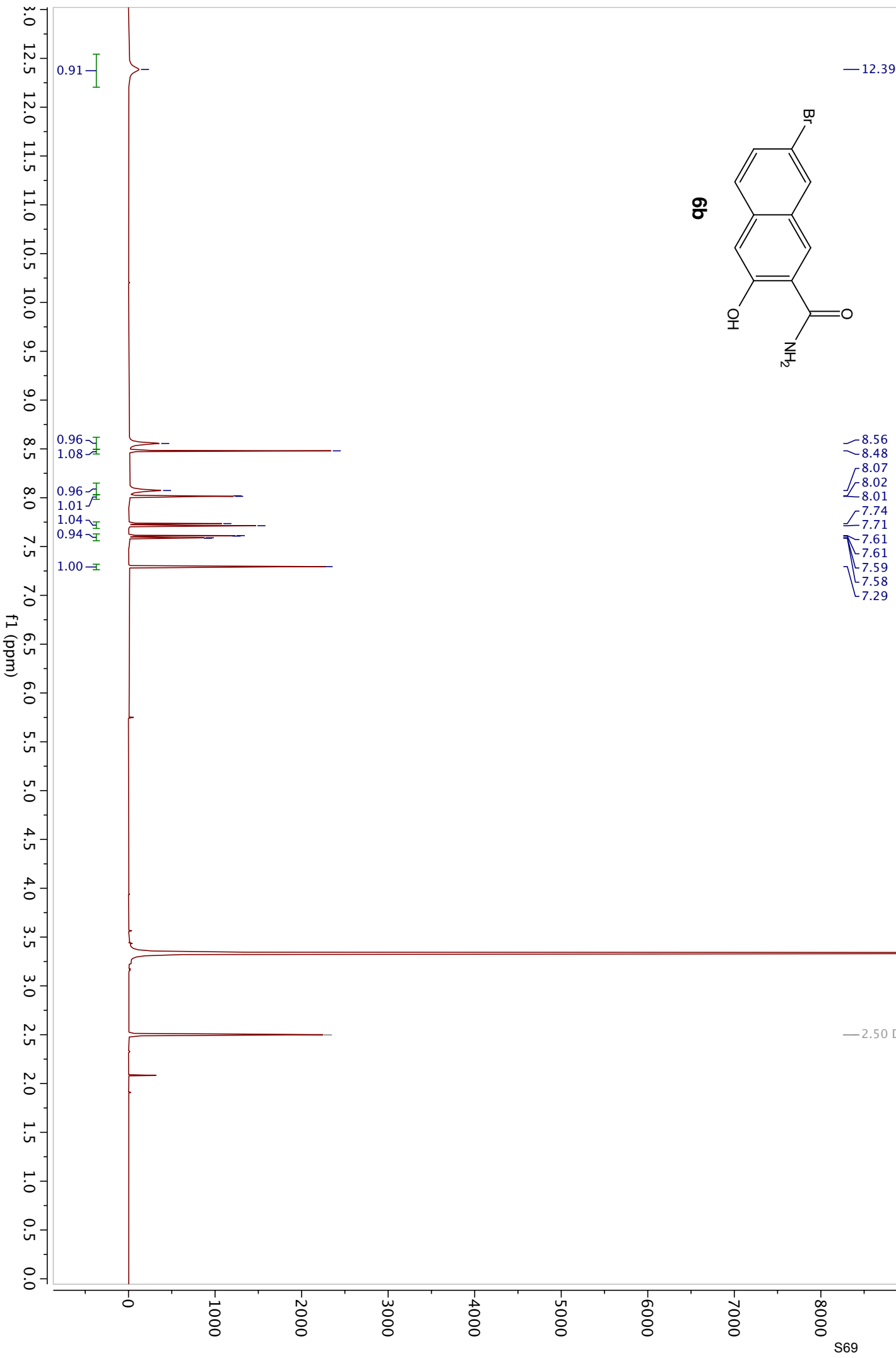


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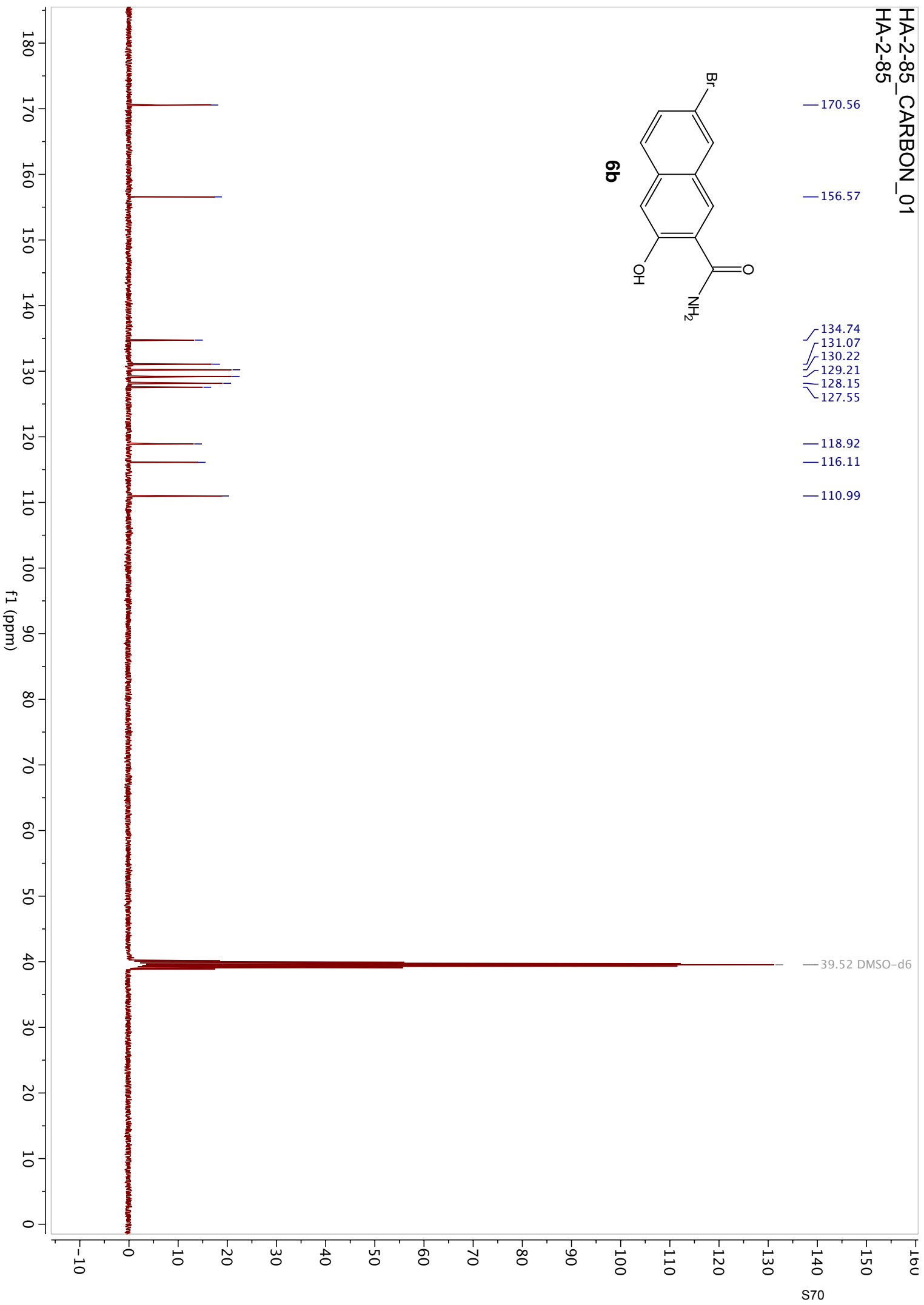
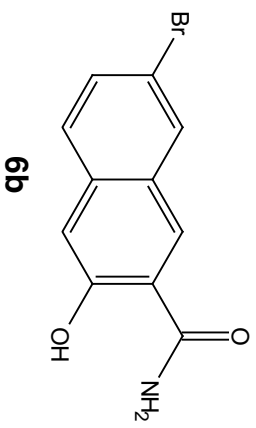


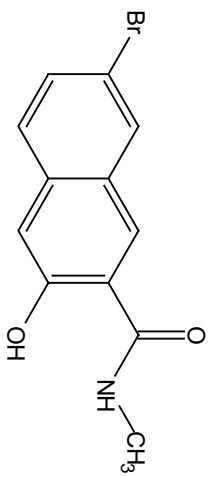
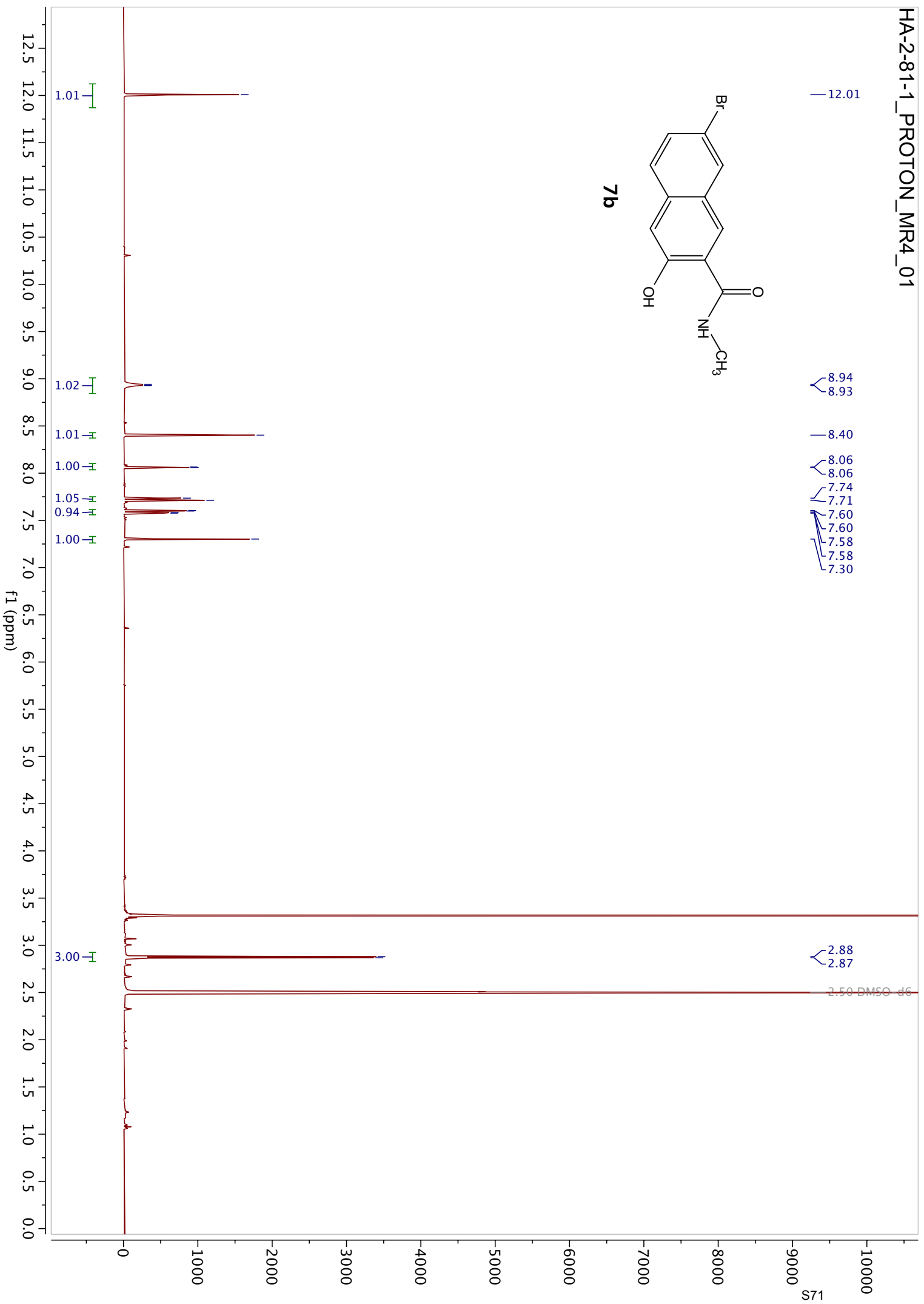


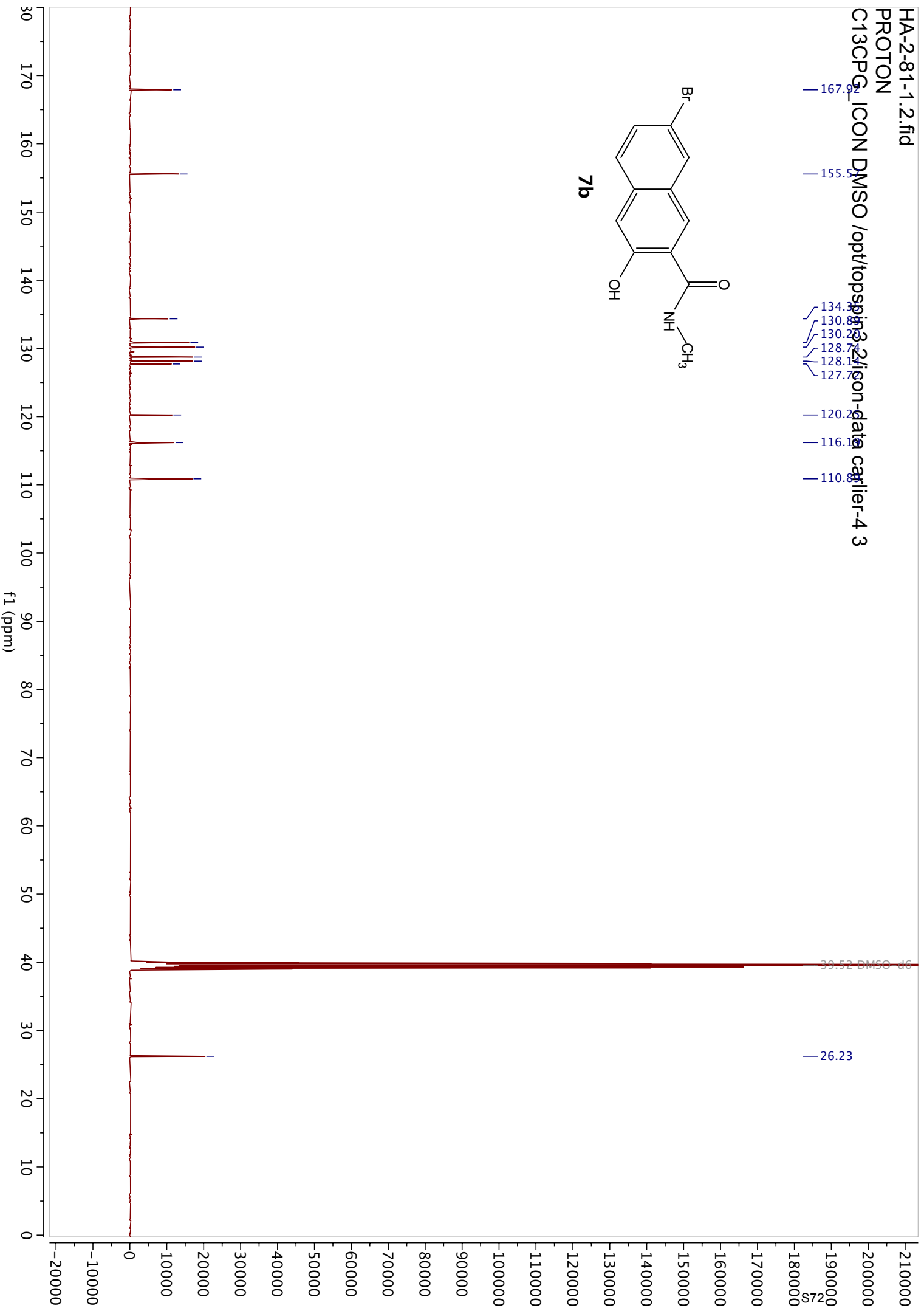
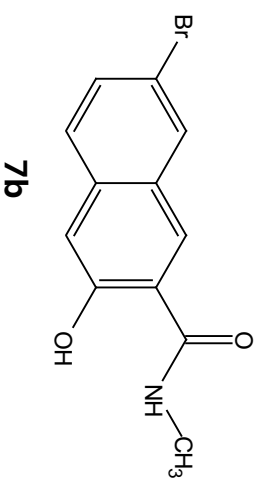
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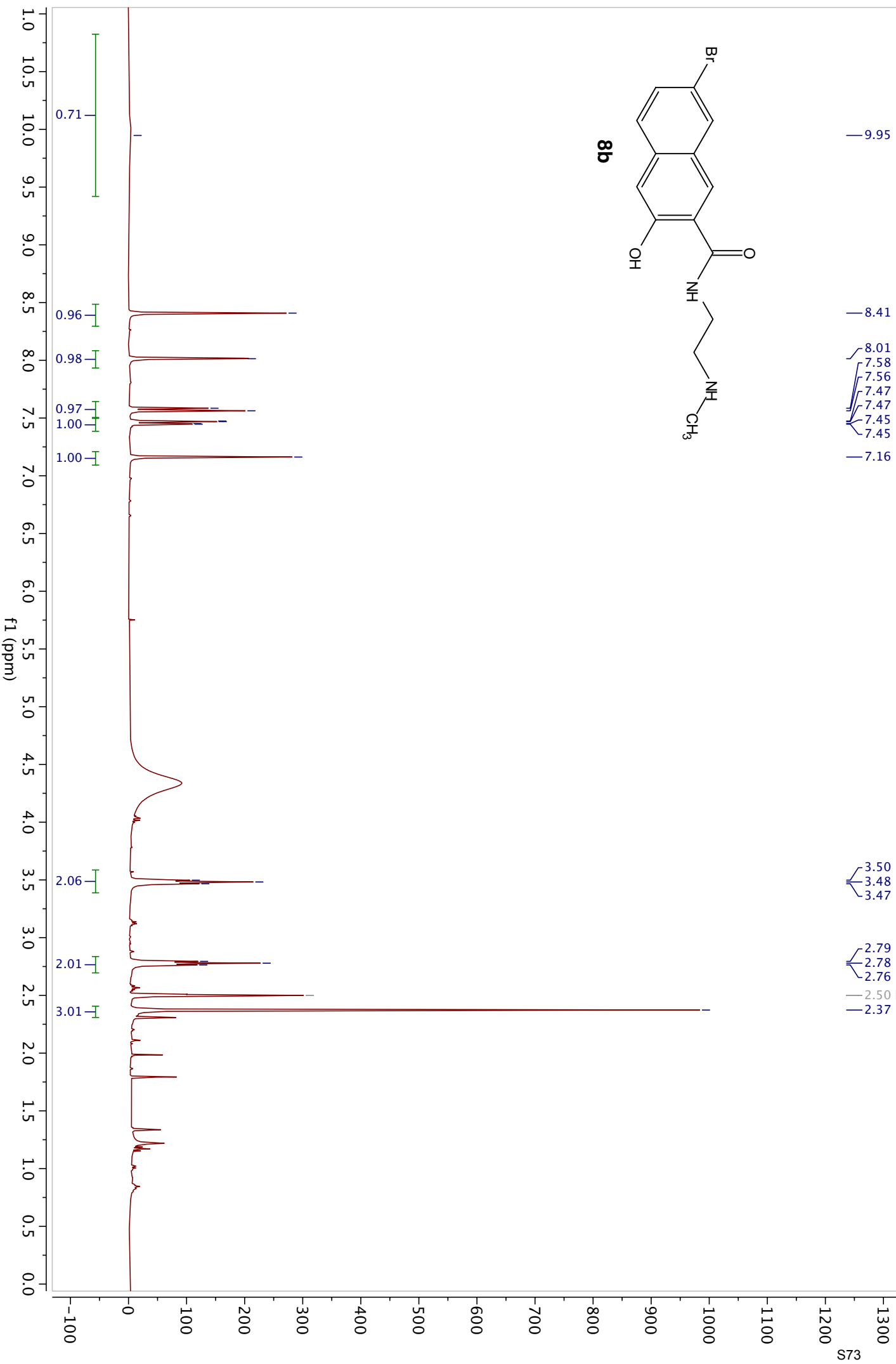
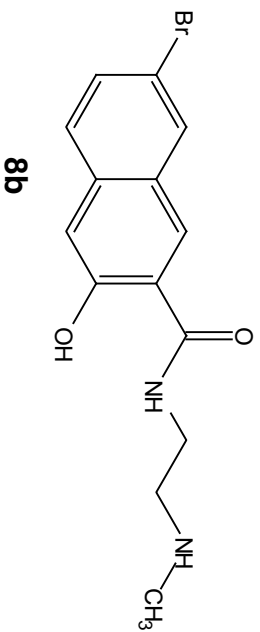
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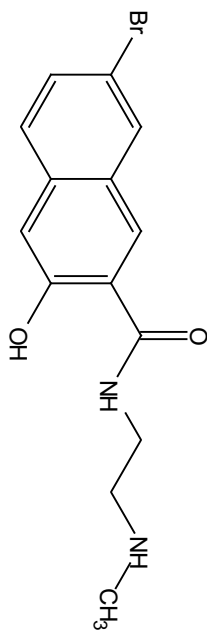


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