

Supporting Information

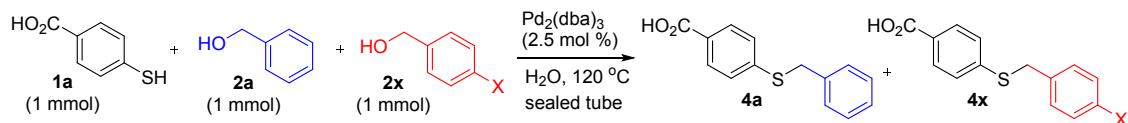
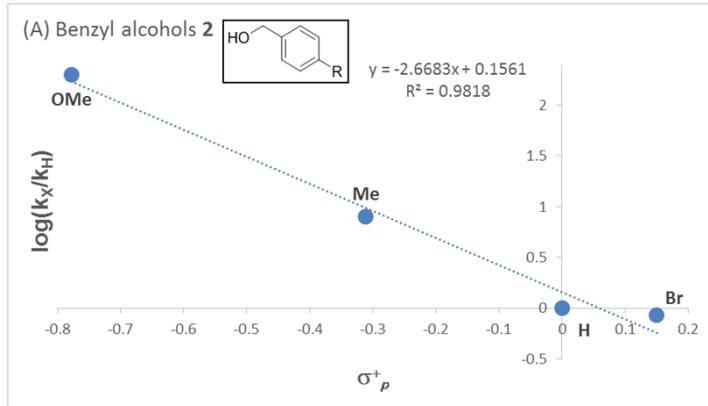
Mercaptobenzoic acid-palladium(0) complexes as active catalysts for S-benzylation with benzylic alcohols via (η^3 -benzyl)palladium(II) cation in water.

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Hammett studies

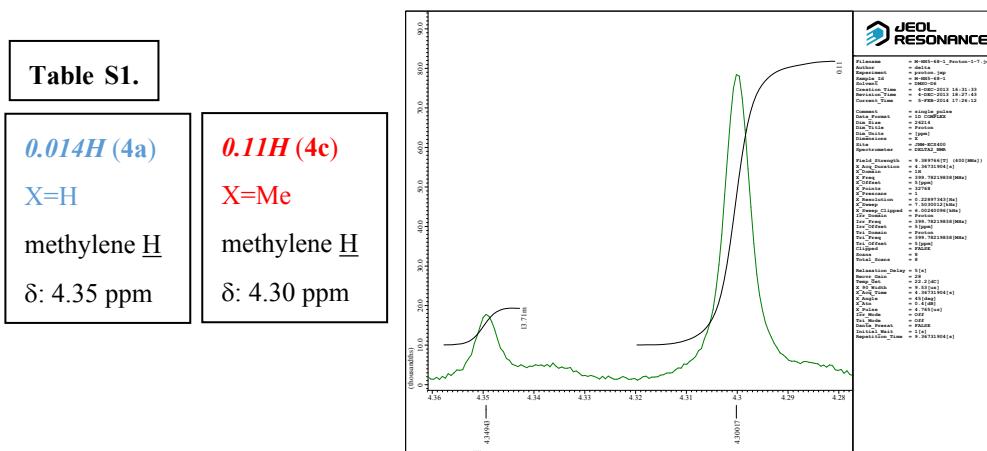


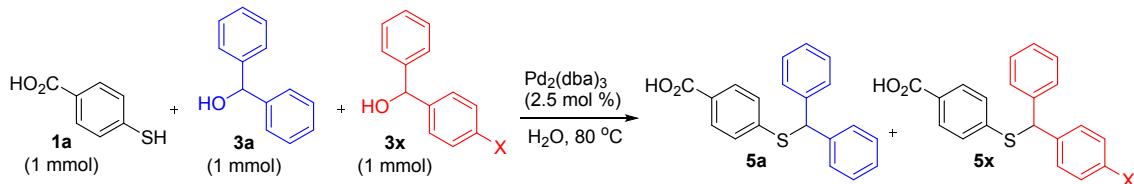
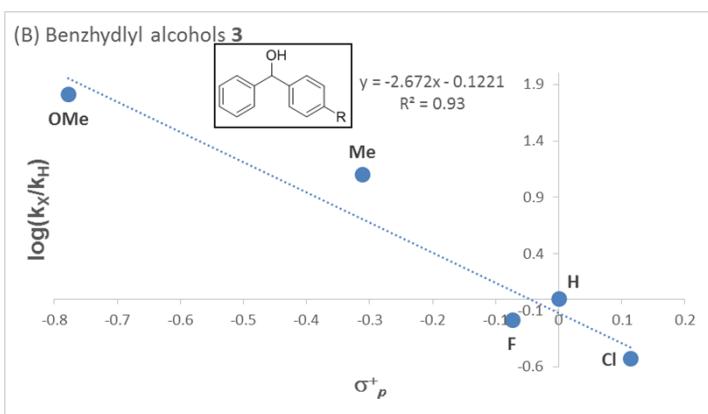
A mixture of mercaptobenzoic acids **1a** (154 mg, 1 mmol), $\text{Pd}_2(\text{dba})_3$ (23 mg, 0.025 mmol), benzyl alcohol **2a** (108 mg, 1 mmol), and benzylic alcohols **2x** (1 mmol) in H_2O (4 mL) was heated at 120°C in sealed tube. After cooling, the reaction mixture was poured into water and extracted with EtOAc. The organic layer was washed with brine, dried over MgSO_4 and concentrated in vacuo. The residue was analyzed by $^1\text{H-NMR}$ spectroscopy.

Table S1. Benzylic alcohols **2x**

	X=OMe 4b	Me 4c	Br 4g
Time	1 h	45 min	16 h
k_X/k_H^a	1.40 / 0.007	0.11 / 0.014	0.23 / 0.27
$\log k_X/k_H$	2.30	0.90	-0.07
σ^+	-0.778	-0.311	0.15

^a Integral values which were determined by ^1H NMR analysis of the crude product using *p*-nitroanisole as an internal standard.





A mixture of mercaptobenzoic acids **1a** (154 mg, 1 mmol), $\text{Pd}_2(\text{dba})_3$ (23 mg, 0.025 mmol), benzhydrol **3a** (184 mg, 1 mmol), and benzhydyl alcohols **3x** (1 mmol) in H_2O (4 mL) was heated at 80 °C. After cooling, the reaction mixture was poured into water and extracted with EtOAc. The organic layer was washed with brine, dried over MgSO_4 and concentrated in vacuo. The residue was analyzed by $^1\text{H-NMR}$ spectroscopy.

Table S2. Benzhydyl alcohols **3x**

	X=OMe 5c	Me 5d	F 5g ^b	Cl 5e
Time	1 h	1 h	2 h	3 h
k_X/k_H ^a	0.77 / 0.012	0.094 / 0.0075	0.052 / 0.081	0.047 / 0.16
$\log k_X/k_H$	1.81	1.10	-0.19	-0.53
σ^+	-0.778	-0.311	-0.073	0.114

^a Integral values which were determined by ^1H NMR analysis of the crude product using *p*-nitroanisole as an internal standard.

^b 4,4'-Difluorobenzhydrol was used.

Table S2. (Cl **5e)**

0.047H (5e)

X=Cl

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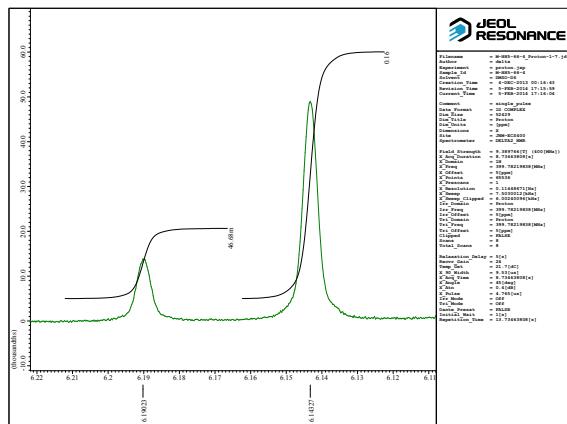
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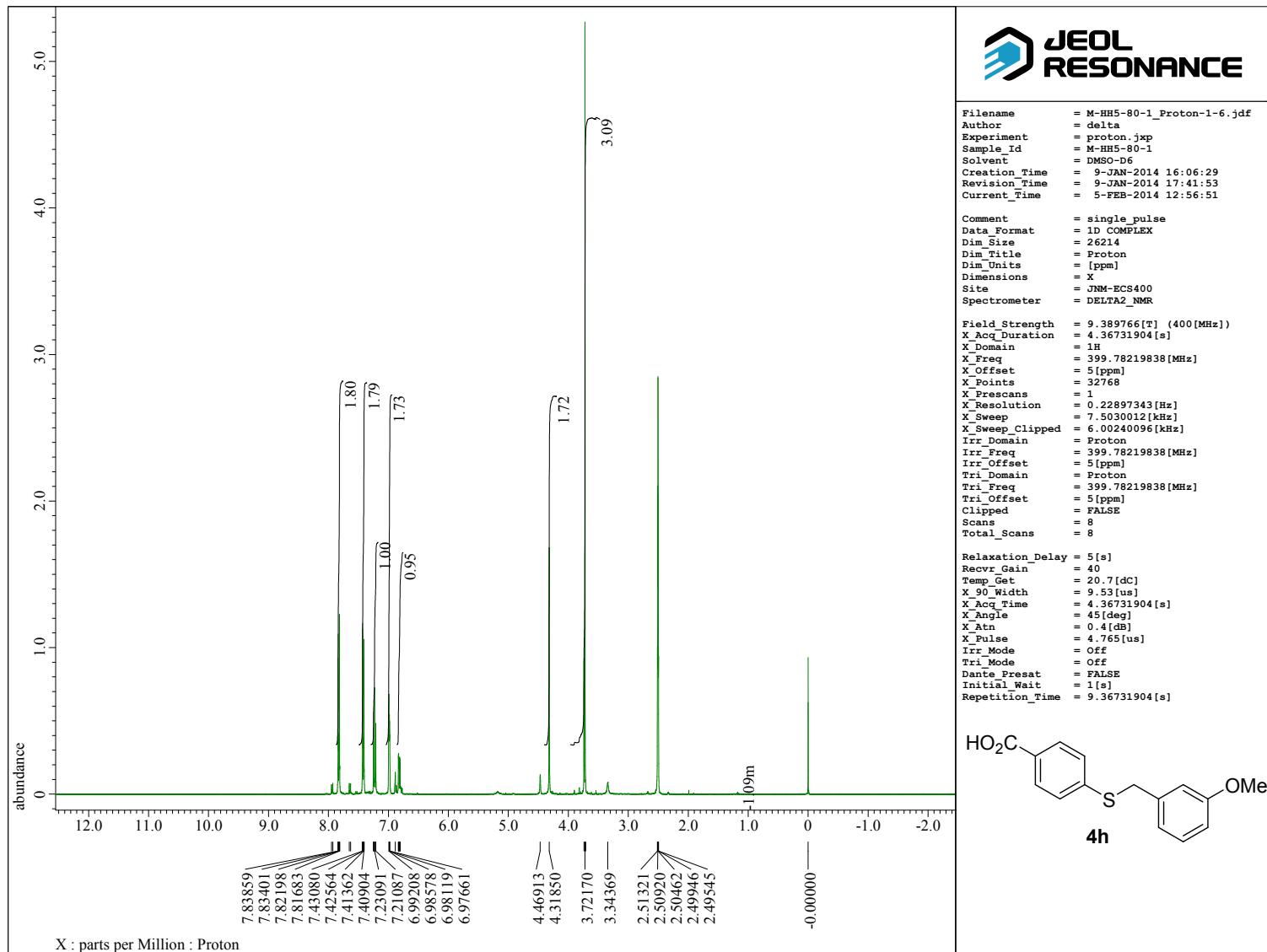
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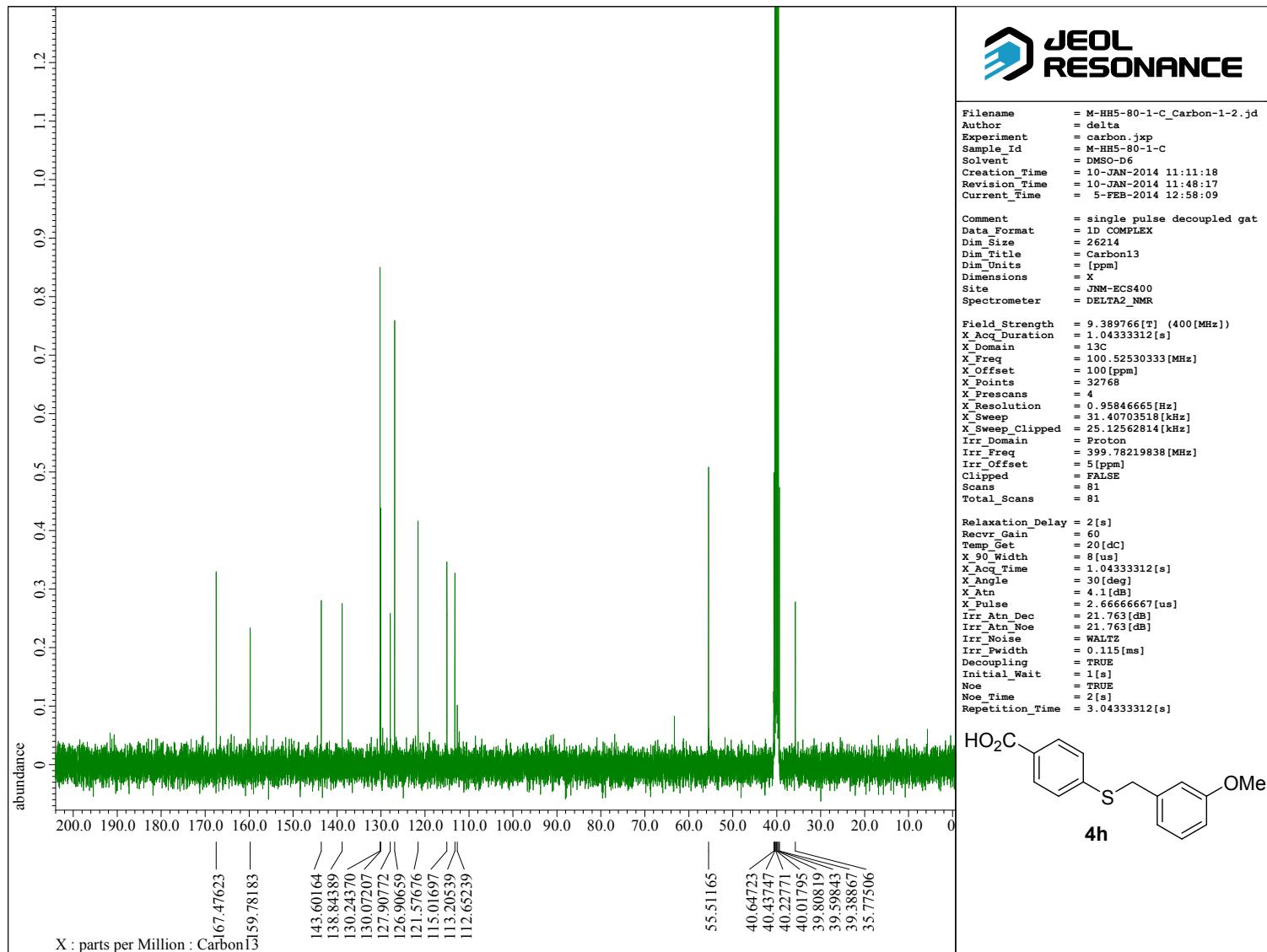
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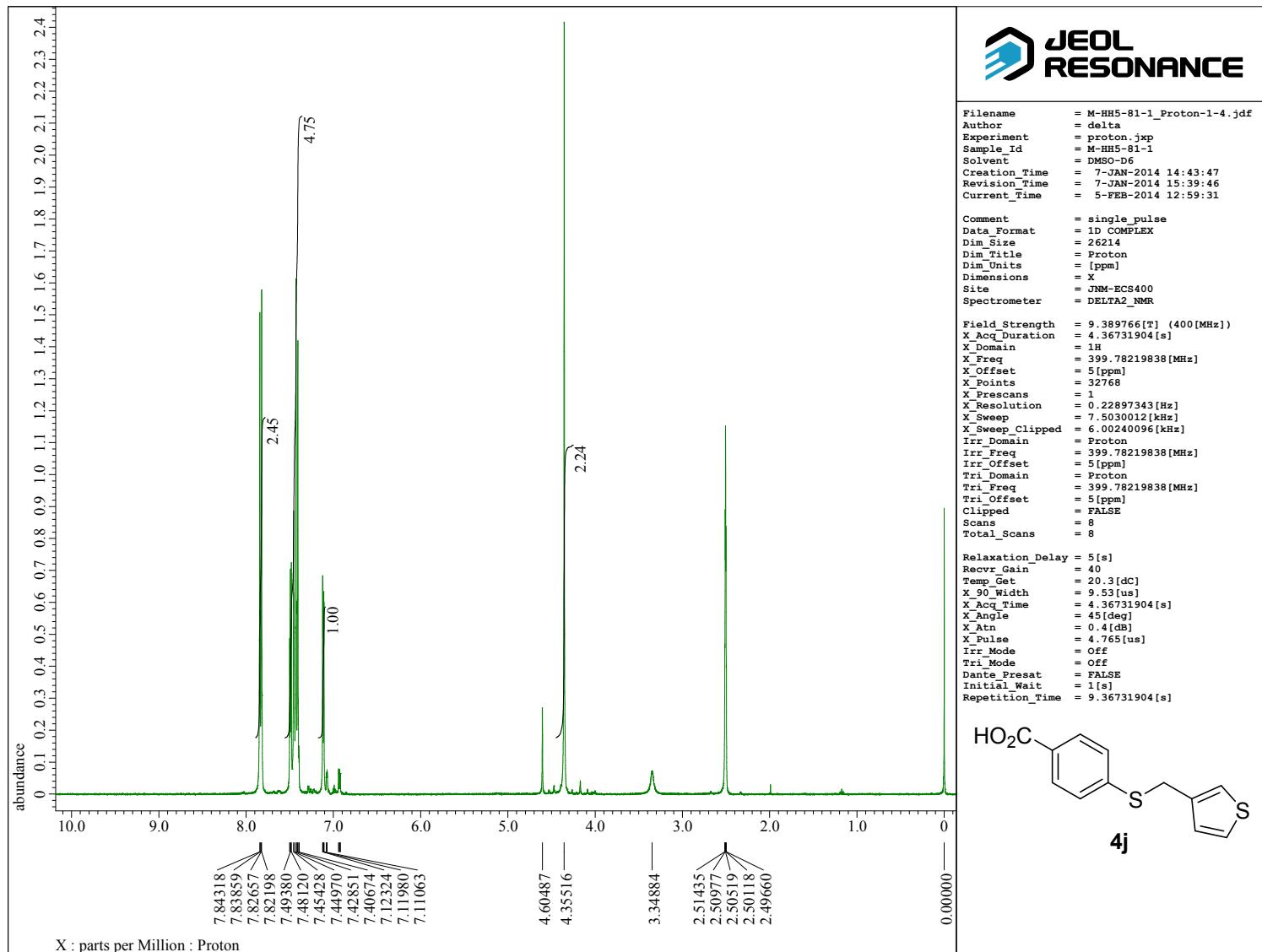
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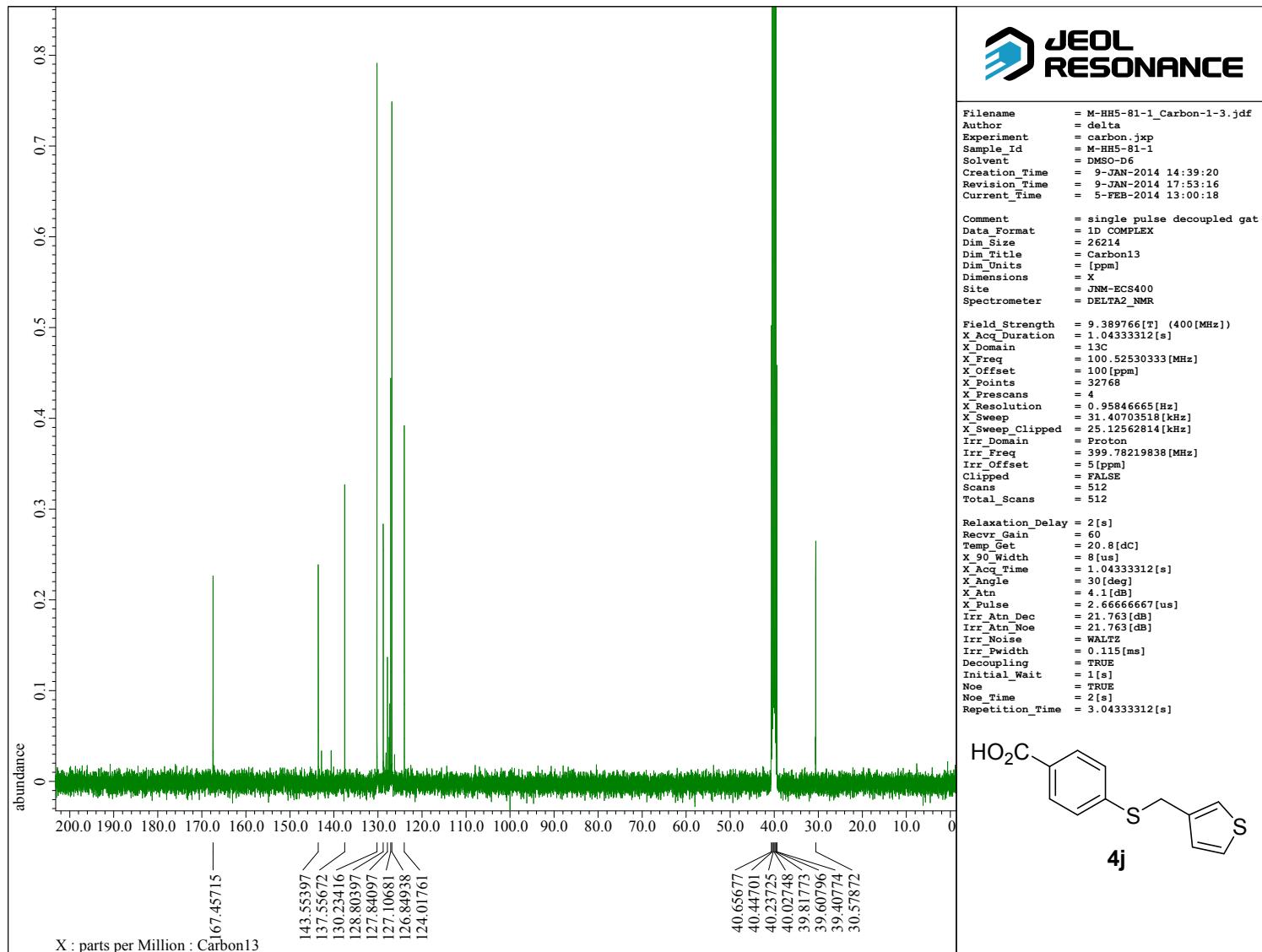
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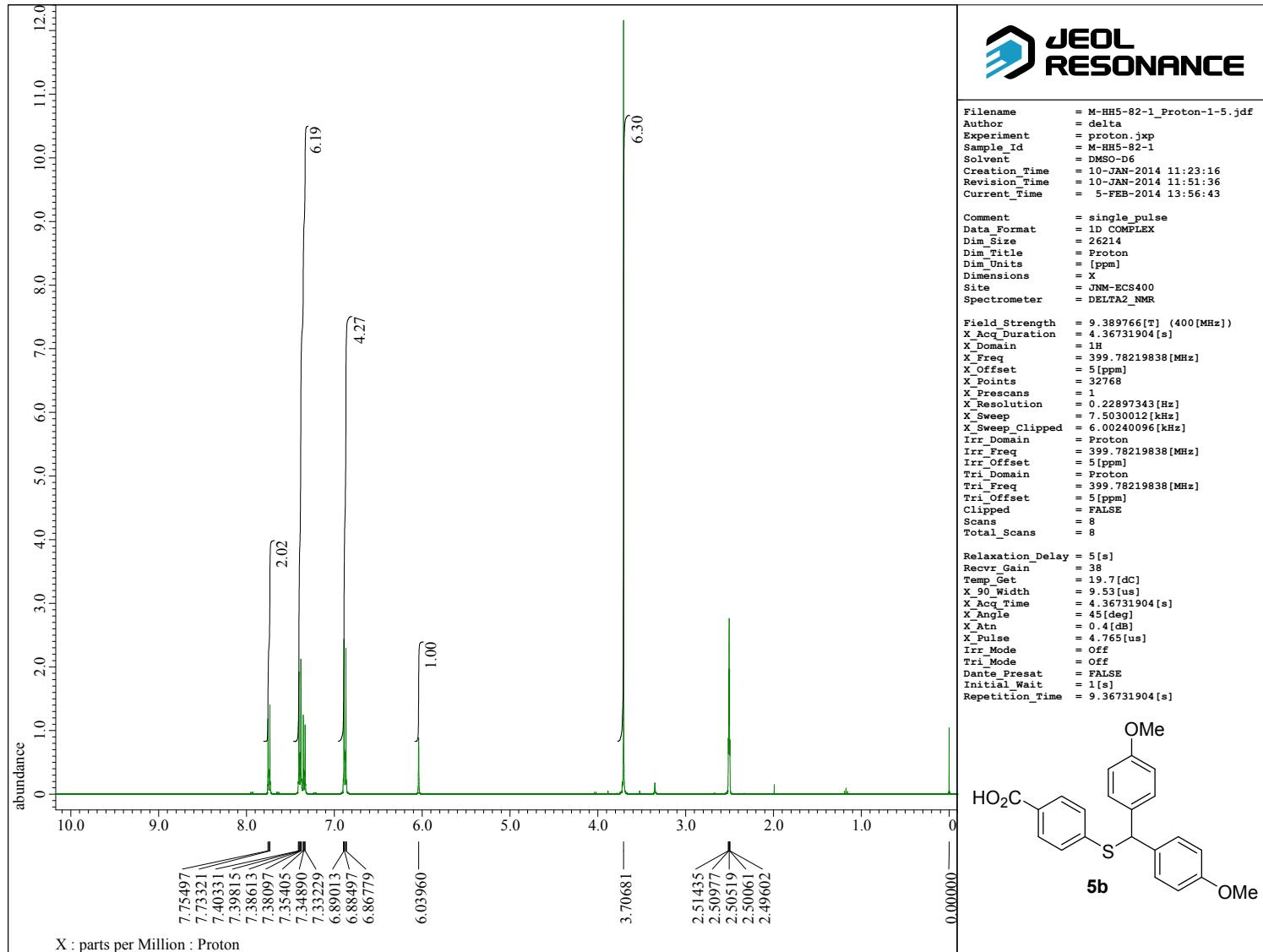












X : parts per Million : Proton

