

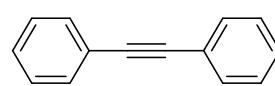
**Supporting Information for
Single Electron Transfer-Induced Coupling of
Alkynylzinc Reagents with Aryl and Alkenyl Iodides**

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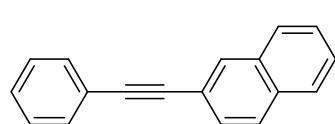
General Remarks. All manipulations of oxygen- and moisture-sensitive materials were conducted with a standard Schlenk technique or in a glove box under a nitrogen atmosphere. Nuclear magnetic resonance spectra were taken on a JEOL JNM LA500 spectrometer (^1H , 500 MHz and ^{13}C , 125 MHz), a JEOL JNM LA600 spectrometer (^1H , 600 MHz), or a JEOL JNM ECX500II spectrometer (^1H , 500 MHz). GC spectra were taken on Shimadzu GC-2014 equipped with capillary column ID-BPX5 (SGE). High-resolution mass spectra were obtained with a Bruker Daltonics microTOF-Q spectrometer (ESI and APCI). Preparative recycling gel permeation chromatography (GPC) was performed with JAI LC-908 equipped with JAIGEL-1H and -2H using chloroform as an eluent. Unless otherwise noted, reagents were commercially available and used without further purification. Toluene, tetrahydrofuran (THF) and diethyl ether (Et_2O) were purified by passing through an alumina/catalyst column system (GlassContour Co.). 2-Iodonaphthalene,¹ 2-(3-butenyl)phenyl iodide,² (*E*)-1-iodo-1-octene,³ (*Z*)-1-iodo-1-octene,⁴ and (*Z*)- β -iodostyrene⁵ were prepared according to literature methods.

Preparation of Tris[4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]phosphine (L).⁶ To a mixture of 4-bromo(trifluoromethyl)benzene (4.82 g, 21.4 mmol) and Et_2O (27.6 mL) in a 300 mL 3-necked round bottom flask was added dropwise a 1.6 M hexane solution of butyllithium (13.3 mL, 21.4 mmol) in Et_2O (18.4 mL) at 0 °C and the resulting mixture was stirred at 0 °C for 1.5 h. Dropwise addition of a solution of trichlorophosphine (0.98 g, 7.1 mmol) in Et_2O (30 mL) at 0 °C was followed by stirring at 0 °C for 1.5 h. After the temperature was raised to 23 °C, the reaction mixture was quenched with a saturated NH_4Cl aqueous solution (5.0 mL), extracted with Et_2O (10 mL x 3) and washed with brine (10 mL x 3). The combined organic layer was dried over Na_2SO_4 , filtered and concentrated in vacuo. The residue was subjected to silica gel chromatography (hexane) to give tris[4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]phosphine (**L**: 1.96 g, 58% yield) as a yellow solid. A part (1.00 g) of it was purified by GPC, cutting off the earlier and later fractions to obtain **L** (0.58 g, 58% yield) with a higher purity as a white solid. Phosphine **L** purchased from Wako Chemical Co. (product number 322-94901) was also used after the same GPC purification. Phosphine **L** that has not passed this purification process sometimes shows insufficient reproducibility on the coupling reaction of terminal alkynes with aryl and alkenyl iodides with the aid of diethylzinc. ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.41 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 6 H), 7.63 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 6 H).

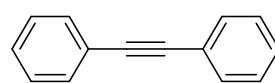
Coupling of Terminal Alkynes with Aryl and Alkenyl Iodides with the Aid of Diethylzinc (Table 2 and Scheme 1): Representative Procedure (Table 2, Entry 3). To a mixture of phenylethyne (**1a**: 30.6 mg, 0.300 mmol), ethyl 4-iodobenzoate (**2a**: 55.2 mg, 0.200 mmol) and tris[4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]phosphine (**L**: 9.3 mg, 0.020 mmol) in a 3 mL vial were added toluene (0.63 mL), THF (0.25 mL) and a 1.3 M toluene solution of Et₂Zn (0.12 mL, 0.15 mmol), and the resulting mixture was stirred at 110 °C for 24 h. After cooling, the reaction mixture was quenched with a saturated NH₄Cl aqueous solution (0.5 mL) and extracted with Et₂O (10 mL x 3). The combined organic layer was dried over MgSO₄, filtered and concentrated in vacuo. The residue was subjected to silica gel chromatography (hexane/ethyl acetate = 10/1, PTLC) to give ethyl 4-(phenylethynyl)benzoate (**3aa**: 48.2 mg, 96% yield).



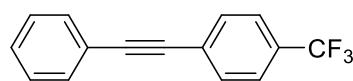
Ethyl 4-(phenylethynyl)benzoate (3aa).⁷ An yellow solid. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 1.41 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3 H), 4.39 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2 H), 7.34–7.40 (m, 3 H), 7.52–7.58 (m, 2 H), 7.59 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2 H), 8.03 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2 H).



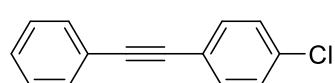
(2-Naphthyl)phenylethyne (3ab).⁸ A white solid. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.32–7.41 (m, 3 H), 7.46–7.54 (m, 2 H), 7.55–7.62 (m, 3 H), 7.79–7.86 (m, 3 H), 8.06 (s, 1 H).



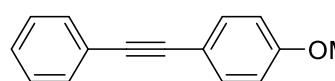
Diphenylethyne (3ac).⁹ A white solid. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.30–7.39 (m, 6 H), 7.50–7.58 (m, 4 H).



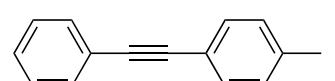
Phenyl[4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]ethyne (3ad).¹⁰ A white solid. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.34–7.41 (m, 3 H), 7.52–7.58 (m, 2 H), 7.61 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2 H), 7.63 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2 H).



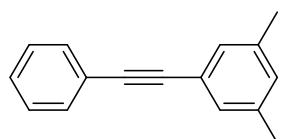
(4-Chlorophenyl)phenylethyne (3ae).⁸ A white solid. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.33 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2 H), 7.33–7.39 (m, 3 H), 7.46 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2 H), 7.50–7.55 (m, 2 H).



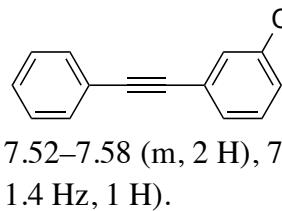
(4-Methoxyphenyl)phenylethyne (3af).⁹ A white solid. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 3.83 (s, 3 H), 6.88 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2 H), 7.28–7.37 (m, 3 H), 7.47 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2 H), 7.49–7.55 (m, 2 H).



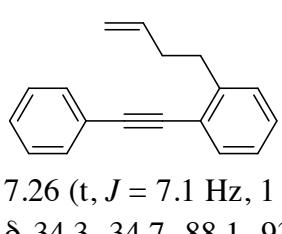
(4-Methylphenyl)phenylethyne (3ag).⁹ A white solid. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 2.37 (s, 3 H), 7.16 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2 H), 7.29–7.37 (m, 3 H), 7.43 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2 H), 7.49–7.55 (m, 2 H).



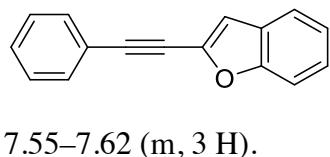
(3,5-Dimethylphenyl)phenylethyne (3ah).¹⁰ An yellow oil. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 2.32 (s, 6 H), 6.97 (s, 1 H), 7.18 (s, 2 H), 7.29–7.37 (m, 3 H), 7.49–7.55 (m, 2 H).



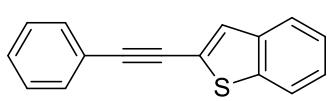
Ethyl 3-(phenylethynyl)benzoate (3ai).¹¹ A colorless oil. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 1.42 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3 H), 4.40 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2 H), 7.32–7.40 (m, 3 H), 7.43 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1 H), 7.52–7.58 (m, 2 H), 7.70 (dt, *J* = 8.0, 1.4 Hz, 1 H), 8.01 (dt, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1.4 Hz, 1 H) 8.21 (t, *J* = 1.4 Hz, 1 H).



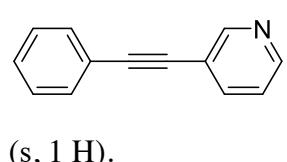
[2-(3-Butenyl)phenyl]phenylethyne (3aj). A colorless oil. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 2.47 (q, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2 H), 2.96 (t, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 2 H), 5.00 (d, *J* = 10.2 Hz, 1 H), 5.07 (d, *J* = 17.1 Hz, 1 H), 5.92 (ddt, *J* = 17.1, 10.2, 6.5 Hz, 1 H), 7.19 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1 H), 7.23 (d, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 1 H), 7.26 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 1 H), 7.31–7.39 (m, 3 H), 7.49–7.56 (m, 3 H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 34.3, 34.7, 88.1, 93.1, 114.9, 122.6, 123.5, 125.9, 128.2, 128.4, 128.9, 131.5, 132.2, 138.2, 143.9. HRMS (APCI) Calcd for C₁₈H₁₆: [M+H]⁺, 233.1325. Found: m/z 233.1330.



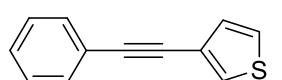
2-Benzofuranylphenylethyne (3ak).¹² An yellow solid. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.01 (s, 1 H), 7.30 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1 H), 7.35 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1 H), 7.37–7.42 (m, 3 H), 7.48 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1 H), 7.55–7.62 (m, 3 H).



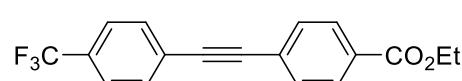
2-Benzothienylphenylethyne (3al).¹³ A white solid. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.34–7.42 (m, 5 H), 7.51 (s, 1 H), 7.53–7.59 (m, 2 H), 7.74–7.81 (m, 2 H).



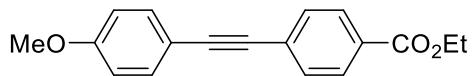
Phenyl(3-pyridyl)ethyne (3am).⁷ A white solid. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.29 (dd, *J* = 7.9, 5.0 Hz, 1 H), 7.34–7.42 (m, 3 H), 7.52–7.59 (m, 2 H), 7.81 (dt, *J* = 7.9, 1.8 Hz, 1 H), 8.55 (d, *J* = 4.5 Hz, 1 H), 8.77 (s, 1 H).



Phenyl(3-thienyl)ethyne (3an).¹⁴ A white solid. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.20 (dd, *J* = 5.0, 1.1 Hz, 1 H), 7.30 (dd, *J* = 5.0, 3.0 Hz, 1 H), 7.31–7.38 (m, 3 H), 7.48–7.55 (m, 3 H).

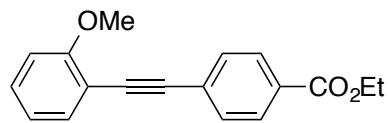


Ethyl 4-[4-(trifluoromethyl)phenylethynyl]benzoate (3ba).¹⁵ An yellow solid. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 1.41 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3 H), 4.40 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2 H), 7.61 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2 H), 7.63 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2 H), 7.65 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2 H), 8.05 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2 H).



Ethyl 4-(4-methoxyphenylethynyl)benzoate (3ca).¹⁰

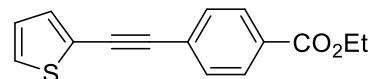
A white solid. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 1.40 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3 H), 3.84 (s, 3 H), 4.39 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2 H), 6.89 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 2 H), 7.49 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 2 H), 7.56 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2 H), 8.01 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2 H).



Ethyl 4-(2-methoxyphenylethynyl)benzoate (3da). An yellow oil.

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 1.41 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3 H), 3.93 (s, 3 H), 4.39 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2 H), 6.92 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1 H), 6.96 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1 H), 7.34 (td, *J* = 7.7, 2.0 Hz, 1 H), 7.51 (dd,

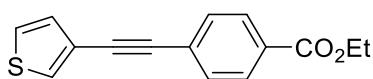
J = 7.5, 2.0 Hz, 1 H), 7.61 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2 H), 8.02 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2 H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 14.3, 55.8, 61.1, 88.8, 92.7, 110.7, 111.9, 120.5, 128.2, 129.4, 129.6, 130.3, 131.5, 133.6, 160.1, 166.1. HRMS (ESI) Calcd for C₁₈H₁₆O₃: [M+Na]⁺, 303.0992. Found: m/z 303.0997.



Ethyl 4-(2-thienylethynyl)benzoate (3ea). A white solid.

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 1.41 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3 H), 4.39 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2 H), 7.03 (dd, *J* = 5.0, 3.5 Hz, 1 H), 7.32 (dd, *J* = 3.5, 1.5

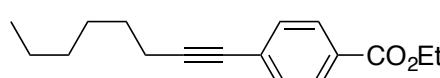
Hz, 1 H), 7.34 (dd, *J* = 5.0, 1.5 Hz, 1 H), 7.56 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2 H), 8.02 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2 H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 14.3, 61.1, 85.5, 92.4, 122.7, 127.2, 127.5, 128.0, 129.5, 139.9, 131.2, 132.5, 166.0. HRMS (ESI) Calcd for C₁₅H₁₂O₂S: [M+Na]⁺, 279.0450. Found: m/z 279.0452.



Ethyl 4-[3-thienylethynyl]benzoate (3fa). A brown solid.

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 1.40 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3 H), 4.39 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2 H), 7.21 (dd, *J* = 5.0, 1.2 Hz, 1 H), 7.32 (dd, *J* = 5.0,

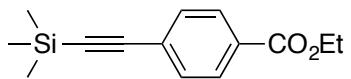
2.9 Hz, 1 H), 7.54–7.59 (m, 1 H) 7.56 (d, *J* = 8.7, 2 H), 8.02 (d, *J* = 8.7, 2 H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 14.3, 61.1, 87.4, 88.3, 121.8, 125.5, 127.8, 129.3, 129.5, 129.77, 129.79, 131.3, 166.0. HRMS (ESI) Calcd for C₁₅H₁₂O₂S: [M+Na]⁺, 279.0450. Found: m/z 279.0448.



Ethyl 4-(1-octyn-1-yl)benzoate (3ga). A colorless oil.

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 0.91 (t, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 3 H), 1.27–1.40 (m, 4 H), 1.39 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3 H), 1.46 (quint, *J*

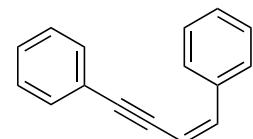
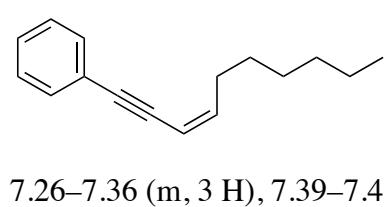
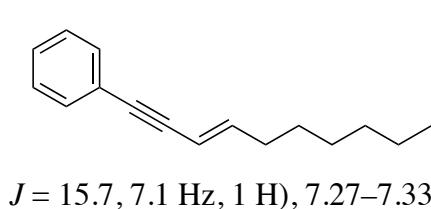
= 7.4 Hz, 2 H), 1.61 (quint, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2 H), 2.42 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2 H), 4.37 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2 H), 7.43 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2 H), 7.95 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2 H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 14.0, 14.3, 19.5, 22.5, 28.5, 28.6, 31.3, 61.0, 80.1, 93.9, 128.8, 129.2, 129.3, 131.4, 166.2. HRMS (ESI) Calcd for C₁₇H₂₂O₂: [M+Na]⁺, 281.1512. Found: m/z 281.1519.



Ethyl 4(trimethylsilyl)ethynylbenzoate (3ha).¹⁶ An yellow oil.

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 0.26 (s, 9 H), 1.39 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3 H), 4.37 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2 H), 7.51 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2 H), 7.97 (d, *J* =

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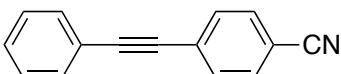


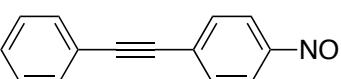
Behavior of Organozinc Species toward Aryl Iodides (Table 3). To phenylethyne (**1a**: 30.6 mg, 0.300 mmol) in a 3 mL vial were added toluene (0.63 mL for entries 1 and 3; 0.51 mL for entry 2), THF (0.25 mL) and a 1.3 M toluene solution of Et₂Zn (0.12 mL, 0.15 mmol for entries 1 and 3; 0.24 mL, 0.30 mmol for entry 2), and the resulting mixture was stirred at 110 °C for 10 h. Addition of ethyl 4-iodobenzoate (**2a**: 55.2 mg, 0.200 mmol) and tris[4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]phosphine (**L**: 9.3 mg, 0.020 mmol) at 23 °C was followed by stirring at 110 °C for 24 h. After cooling, the reaction mixture was quenched with a saturated NH₄Cl aqueous solution (0.5 mL). For entry 1, Et₂Zn (0.12 mL, 0.15 mmol) in toluene (0.63 mL) and THF (0.25 mL) was treated with **2a** and **L** without treatment of **1a**. The conversion of **2a** and the yields of ethyl 4-(phenylethynyl)benzoate (**3aa**), ethyl 4-ethylbenzoate (**6a**), ethyl benzoate (**7a**) and diethyl biphenyl-4,4'-dicarboxylate (**8a**) were determined by GC using decane as an internal standard.

NMR Experiment Pursuing Transformation of the Et-Zn Moieties to PhC≡C-Zn Moieties (Scheme 2). To a solution of phenylethyne (**1a**: 30.6 mg, 0.300 mmol) in toluene-*d*₈ (0.63 mL) and THF-*d*₈ (0.25 mL) in a 3 mL vial was added a 1.3 M toluene-*d*₈ solution of Et₂Zn (0.12 mL, 0.15 mmol). The resulting mixture was stirred at 110 °C for a time specified in Scheme 2, and a aliquot (0.15 mL) of the solution was subjected to ¹H NMR analysis after dilution with 0.45 mL of toluene-*d*₈. The peaks concerning the ethyl units of Et₂Zn (**A**) and PhC≡CZnEt (**B**) in toluene-*d*₈-THF-*d*₈ (15:1) appear as follows: for **A**, *δ* 0.20–0.30 (m, 4 H), 1.20–1.35 (m, 6 H); for **B**, 0.35–0.45 (m, 2 H), 1.35–1.50 (m, 3 H). The peaks concerning the phenylethynyl units of PhC≡CZnEt (**B**) and (PhC≡C)₂Zn (**C**) in toluene-*d*₈-THF-*d*₈ (15:1) are

not well divided and appear as follows: 6.95–7.03 (m, 1 or 2 H), 7.05–7.10 (m, 2 or 4 H), 7.60–7.66 (m, 2 or 4 H).

Coupling of Alkynylzinc Halides, Prepared by Transmetalation between an Alkynyllithium and a Zinc Halide, with Aryl Iodides (Scheme 3): Representative Procedure (Synthesis of 3aa by Use of ZnI₂). To a solution of phenylethyne (**1a**: 32.7 mg, 0.320 mmol) in THF (0.25 mL) in a 15 mL pressure-resistant tube (Ace Pressure Tube, Ace Glass 864804) was added a 1.6 M hexane solution of butyllithium (0.19 mL, 0.30 mmol) at –78 °C. After stirring for 3 h at 0 °C, a THF solution (0.5 mL) of ZnI₂ (95.8 mg, 0.300 mmol, 99.999% trace metals basis, Aldrich Co., product number 409278) was added to the resulting mixture at 0 °C and stirring was continued for 1 h. Addition of ethyl 4-iodobenzoate (**2a**: 55.2 mg, 0.200 mmol), tris[4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]phosphine (**L**: 9.3 mg, 0.020 mmol) and toluene (0.25 mL) at 23 °C was followed by stirring at 110 °C for 24 h. After cooling, the reaction mixture was quenched with a saturated NH₄Cl aqueous solution (0.5 mL) and extracted with Et₂O (10 mL x 3). The combined organic layer was dried over MgSO₄, filtered and concentrated in vacuo. The residue was subjected to silica gel chromatography (hexane/ethyl acetate = 10/1, PTLC) to give ethyl 4-(phenylethynyl)benzoate (**3aa**: 45.4 mg, 91% yield).

 **(4-Cyanophenyl)phenylethyne (3ao).**⁷ An orange solid. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.35–7.41 (m, 3 H), 7.51–7.57 (m, 2 H), 7.61 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2 H), 7.64 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2 H).

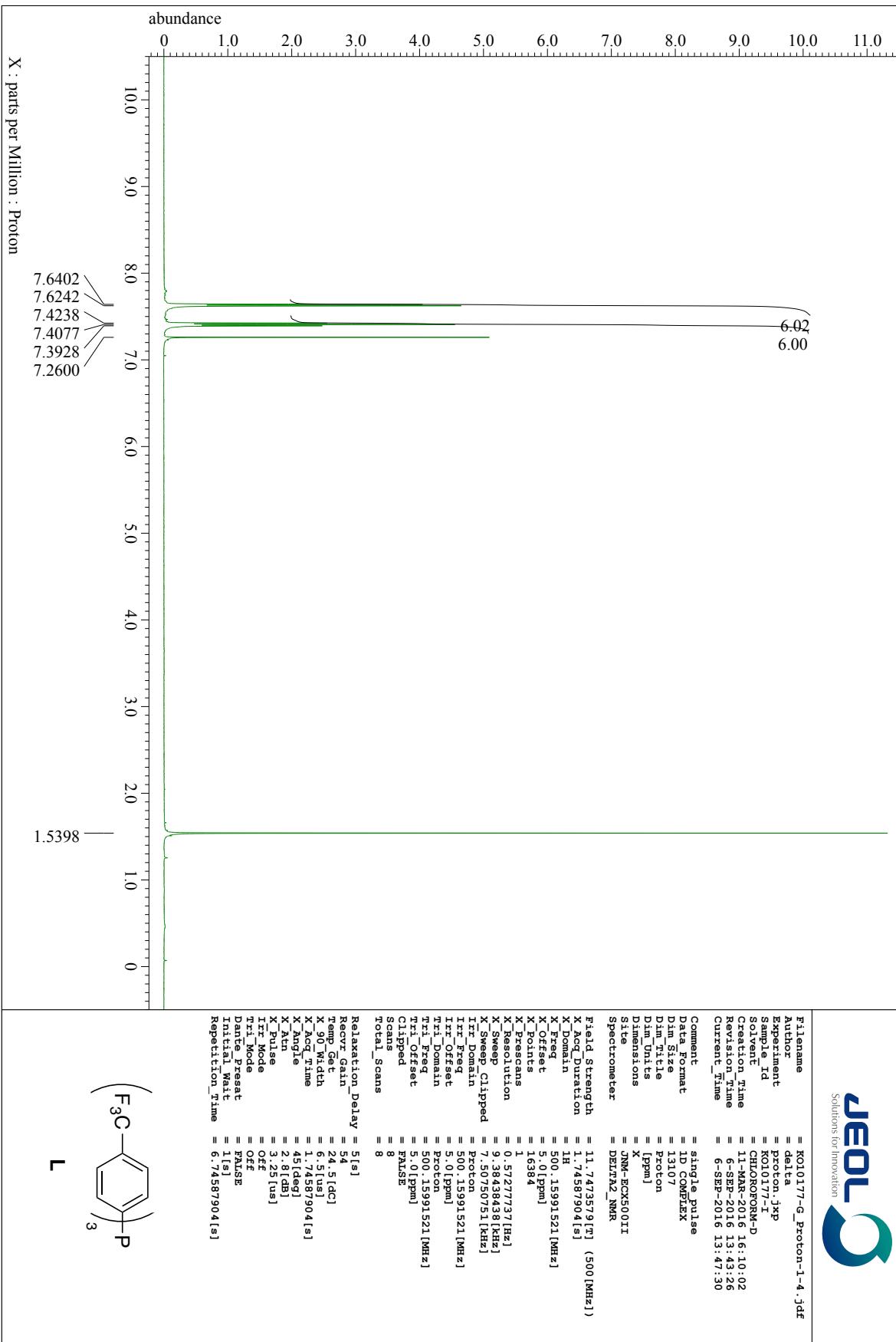
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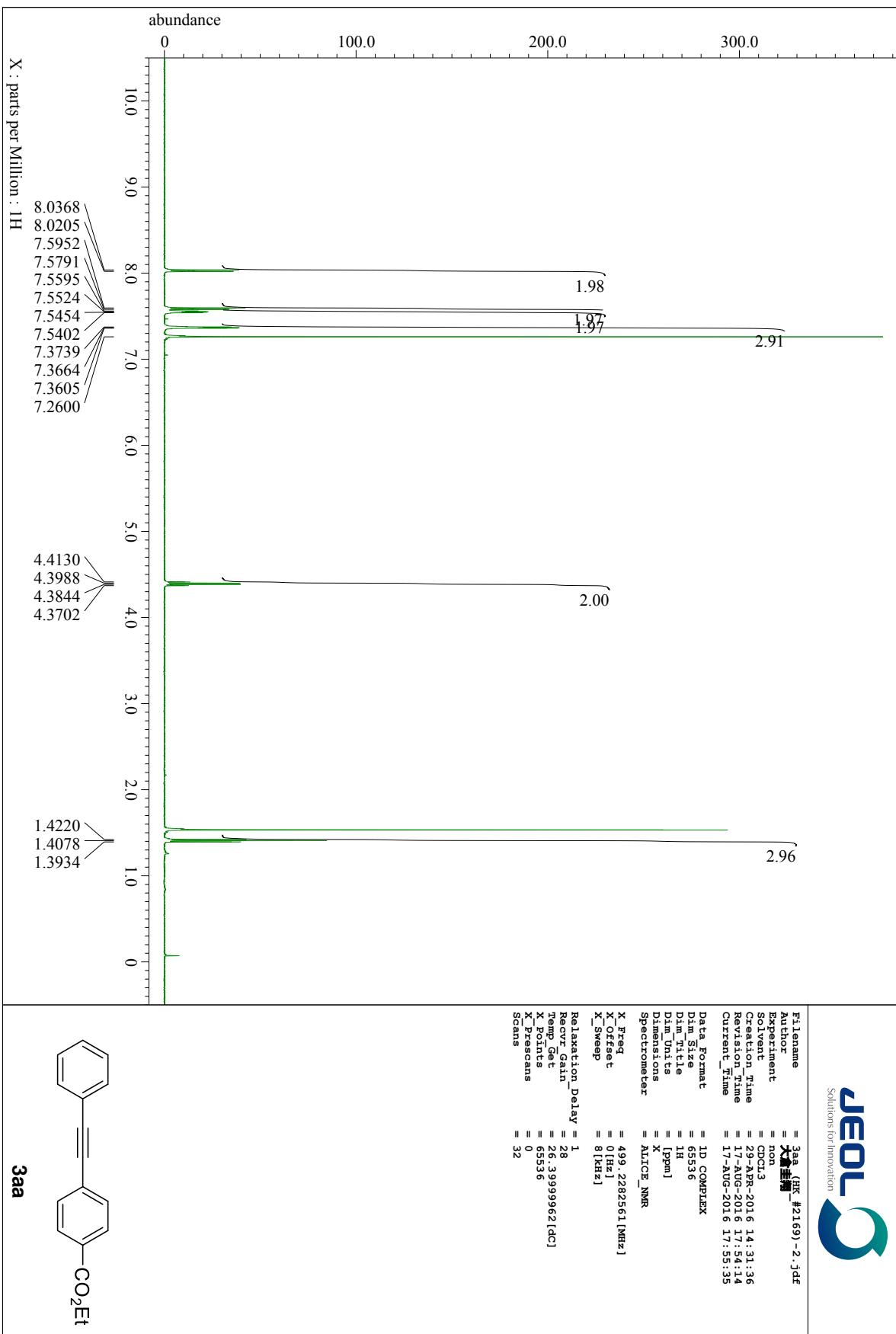
Acceleration of the Reaction by Addition of a Single Electron Donor (Scheme 5). To a solution of ethyl 4-iodobenzoate (**2a**: 55.2 mg, 0.200 mmol) in THF (0.060 mL) in a 3 mL vial were added a 0.50 M THF solution of lithium 4,4'-di-*tert*-butylbiphenylide (LDBB: 0.040 mL, 0.020 mmol for the second and third entries) or THF (0.040 mL for the first entry). Addition of a solution of bis(phenylethynyl)zinc, prepared from phenylethyne (**1a**: 30.6 mg, 0.300 mmol) and a 1.3 M toluene solution of Et₂Zn (0.12 mL, 0.15 mmol) in toluene (0.18 mL) and THF (0.15 mL) at 110 °C for 10 h in the presence or absence of tris[4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]phosphine (**L**: 9.3 mg, 0.020 mmol), was followed by stirring at 80 °C for 24 h. After cooling, the reaction mixture was quenched with a saturated NH₄Cl aqueous solution (0.5 mL). The conversion of **2a** and the yield of ethyl 4-(phenylethynyl)benzoate (**3aa**) were determined by GC using decane as an internal standard.

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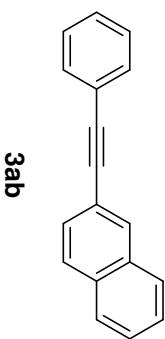
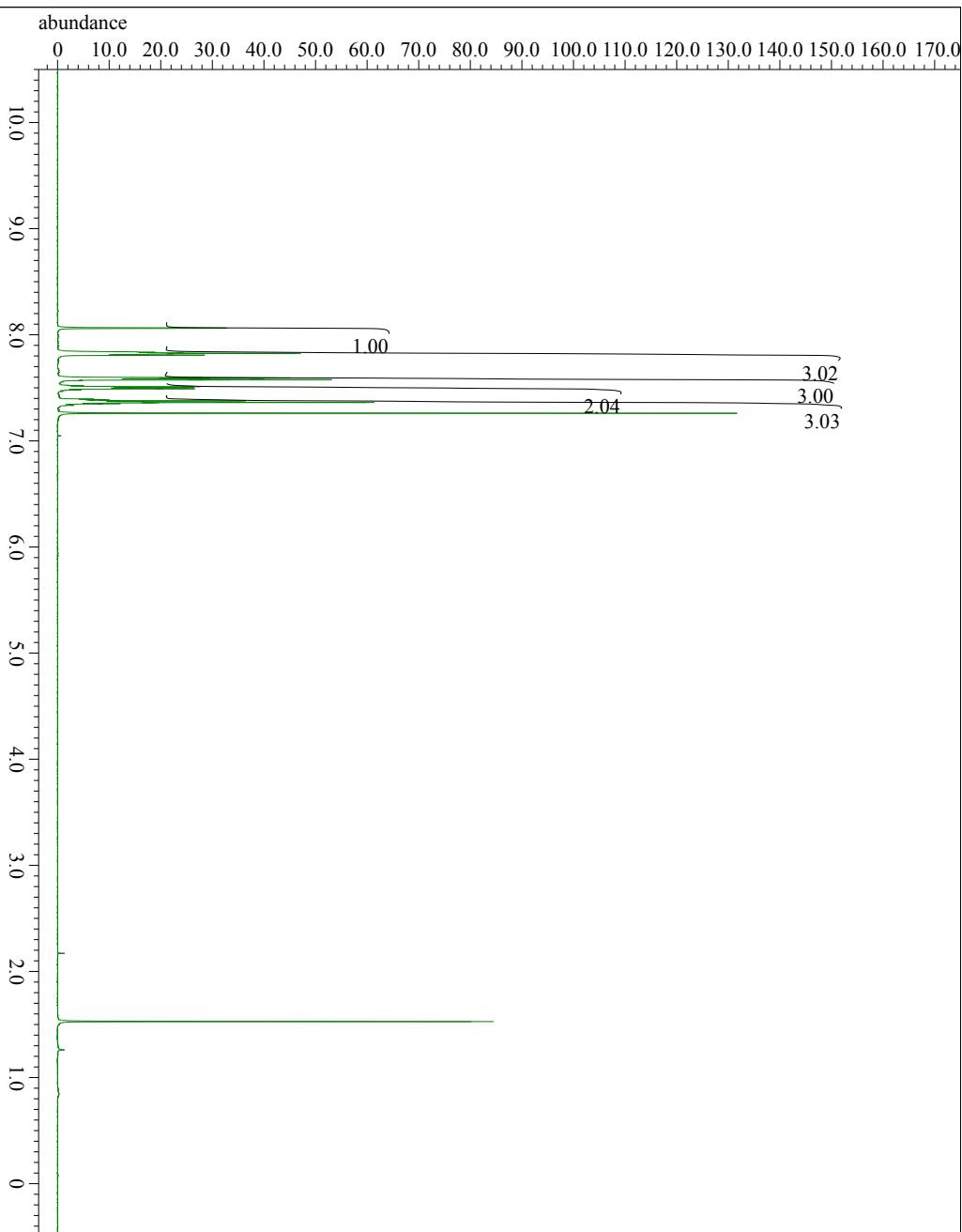


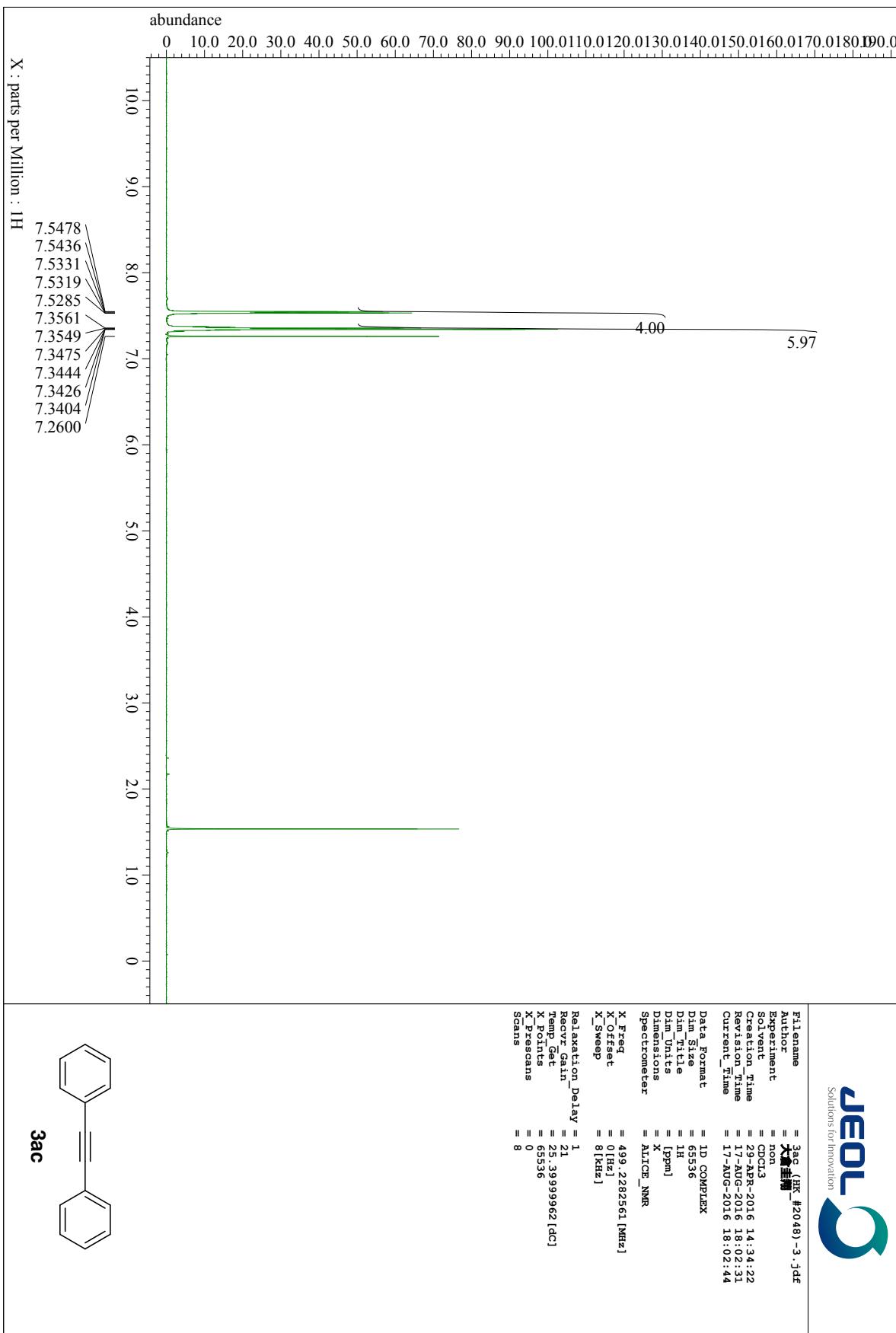


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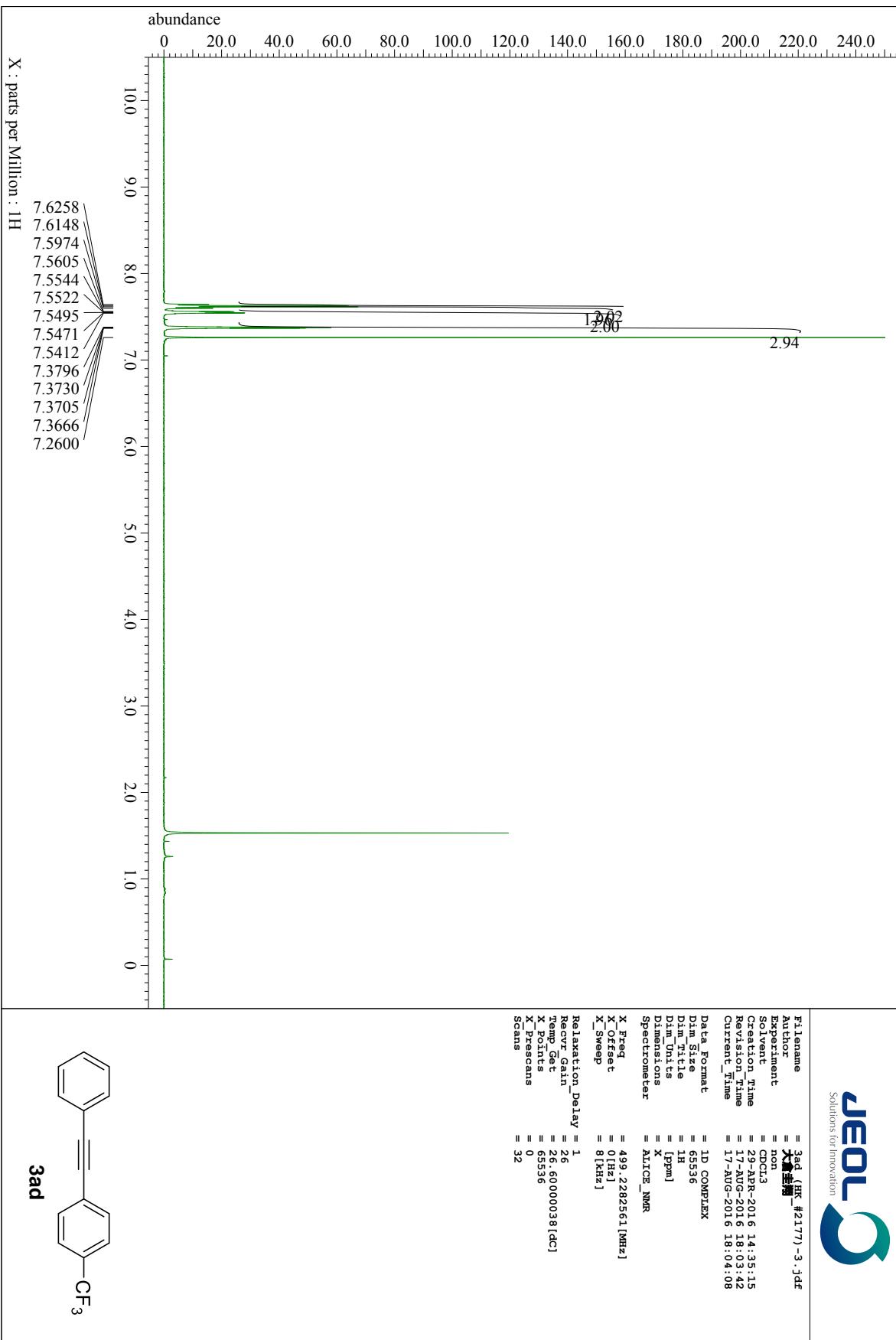




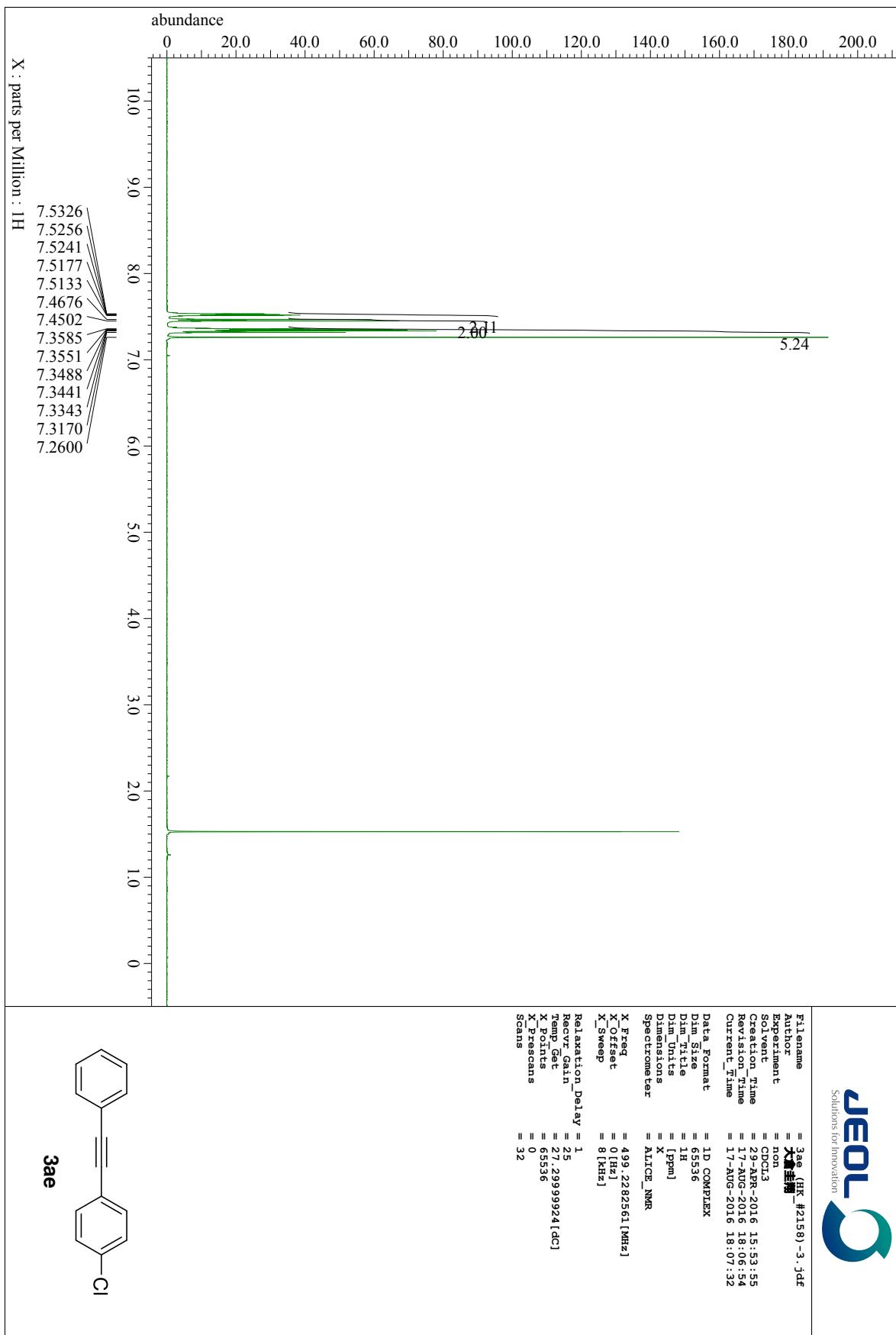
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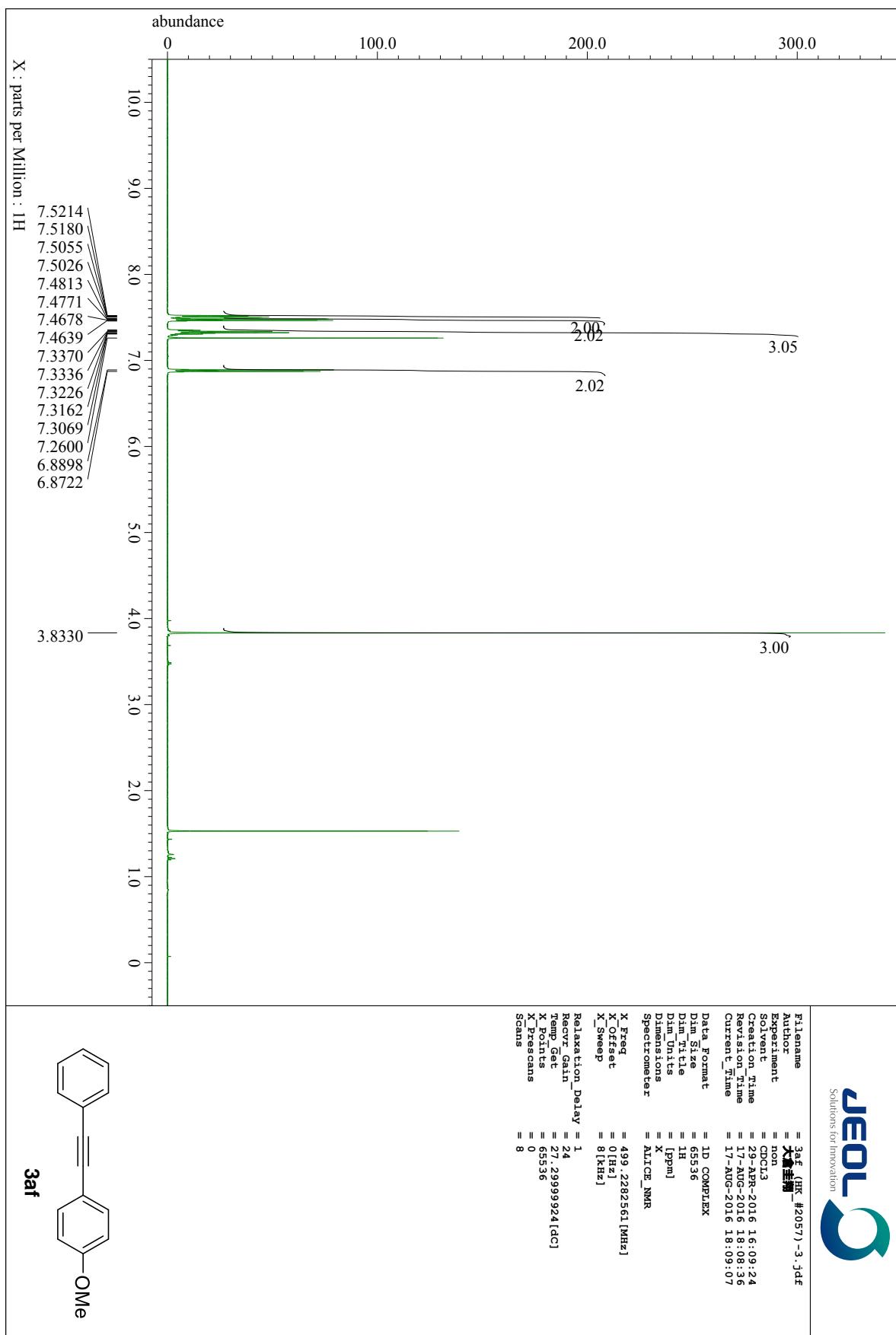
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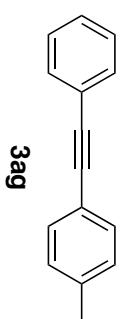
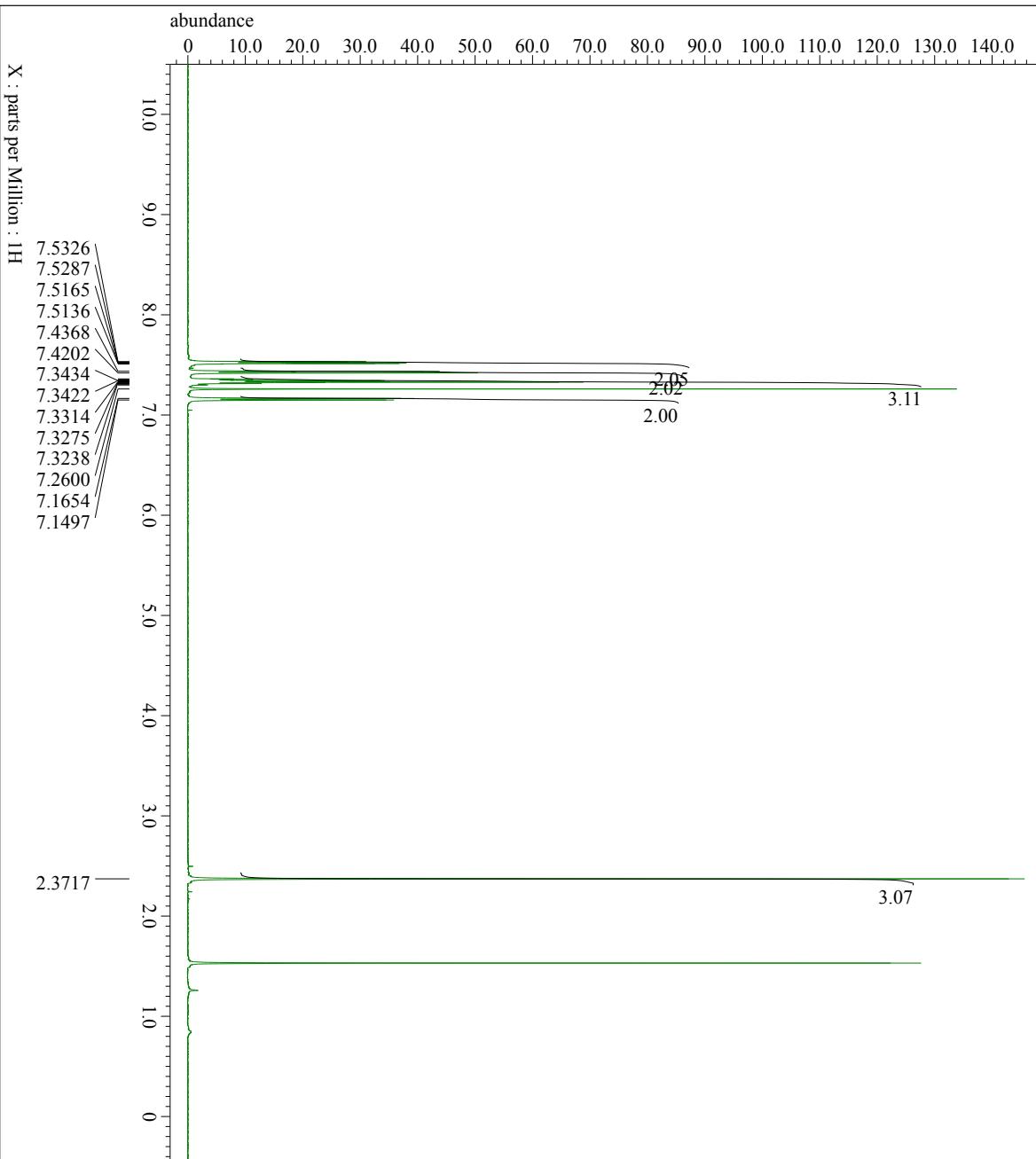




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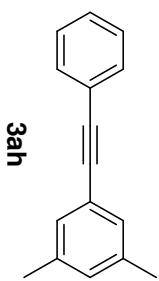
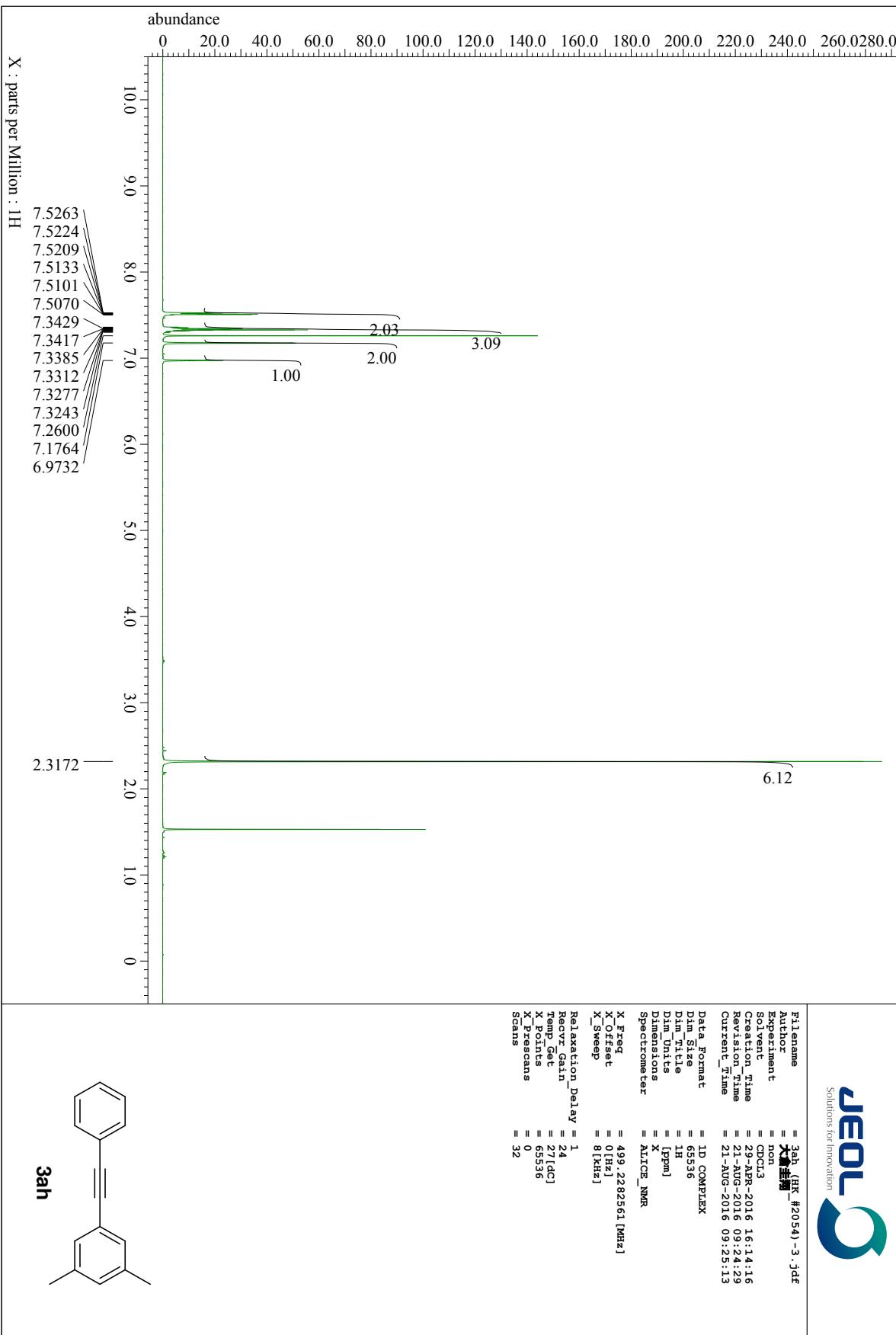


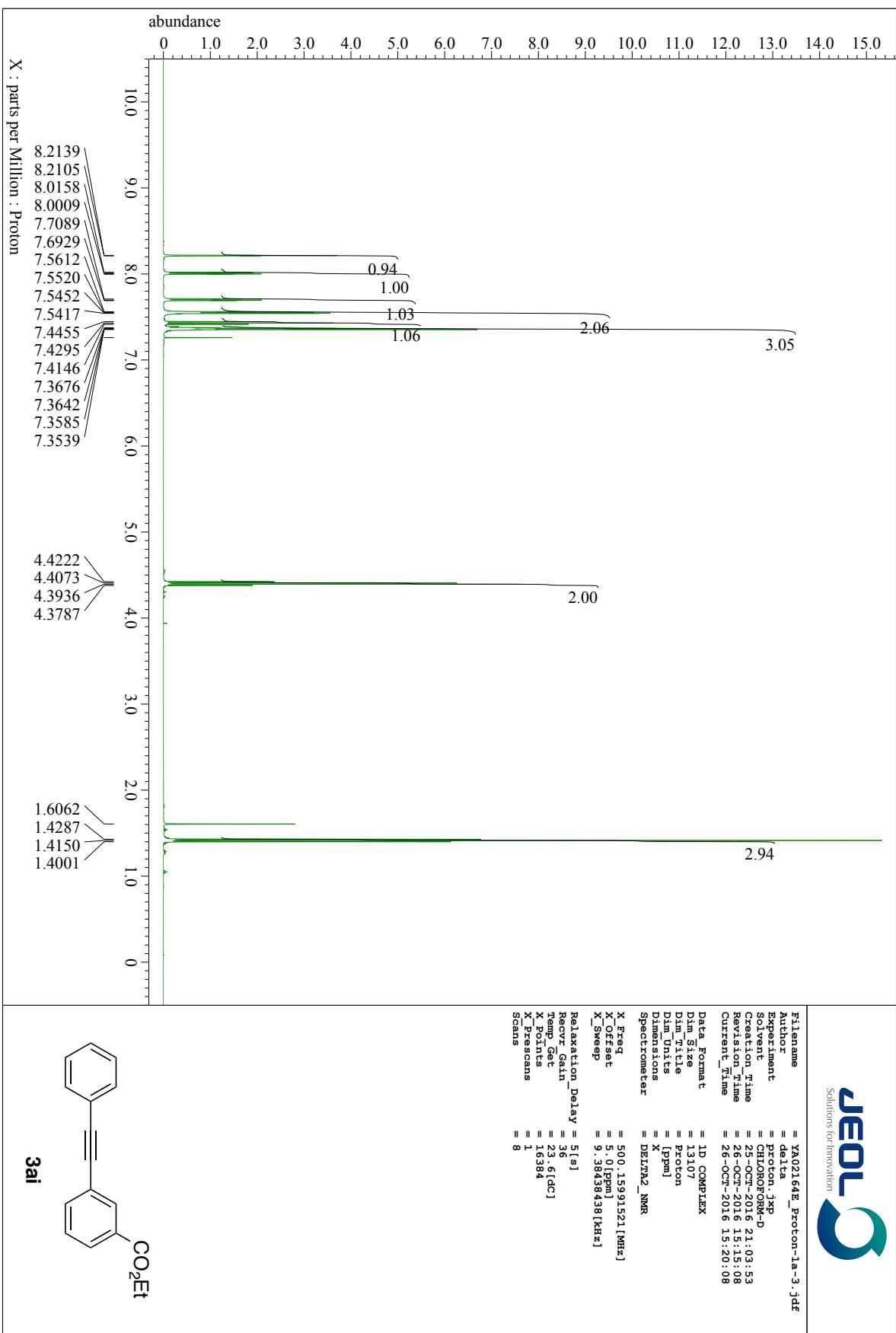
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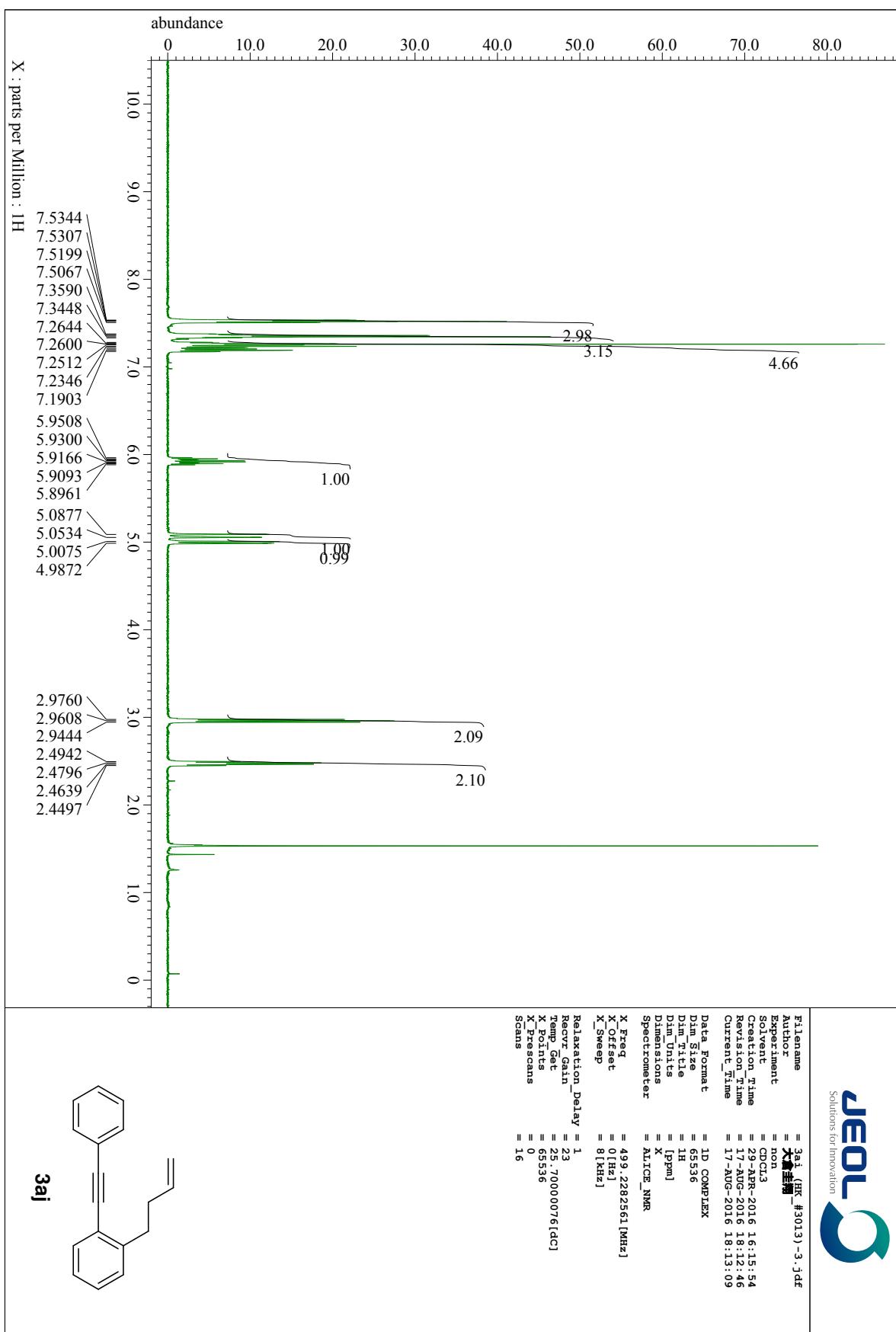
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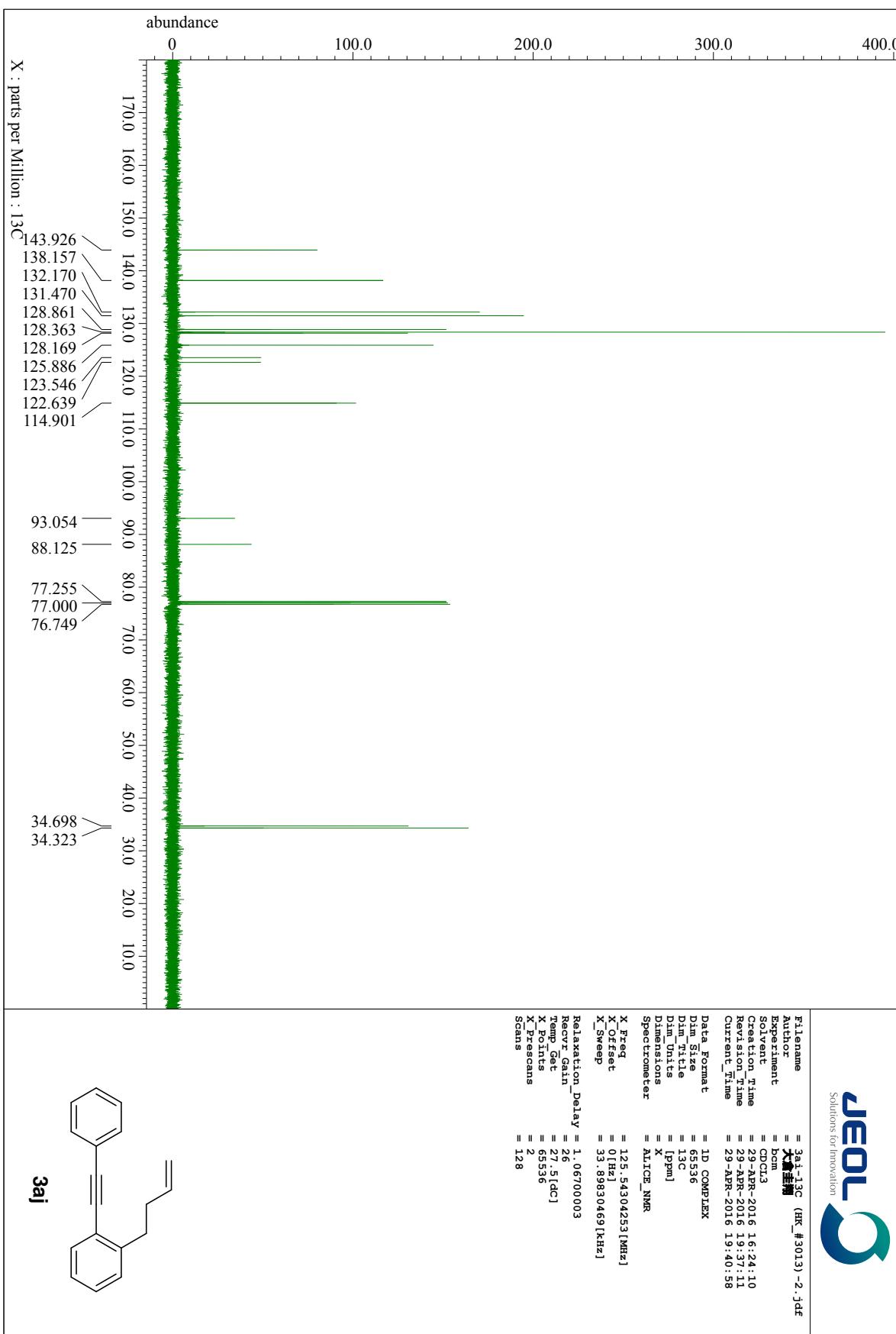
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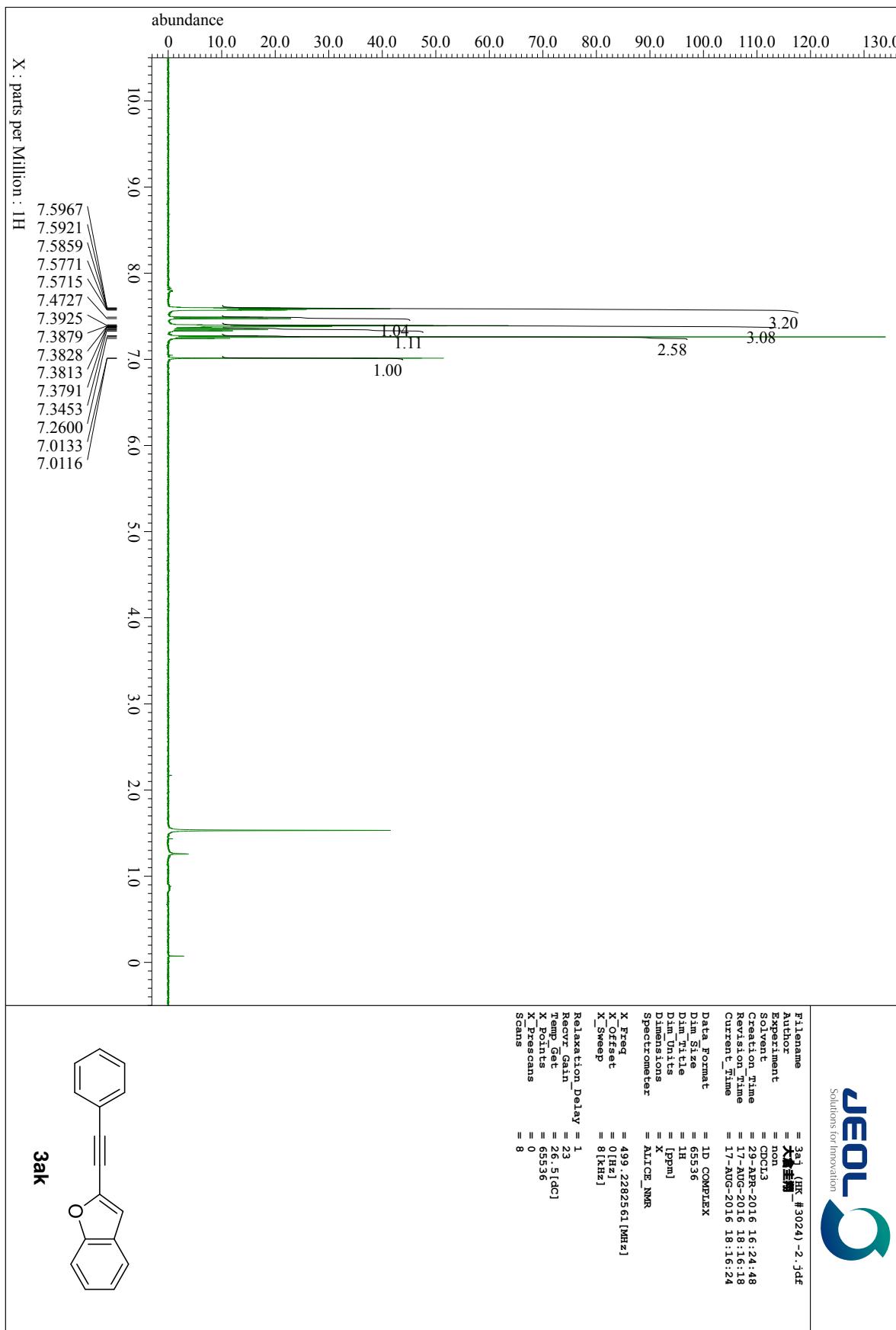
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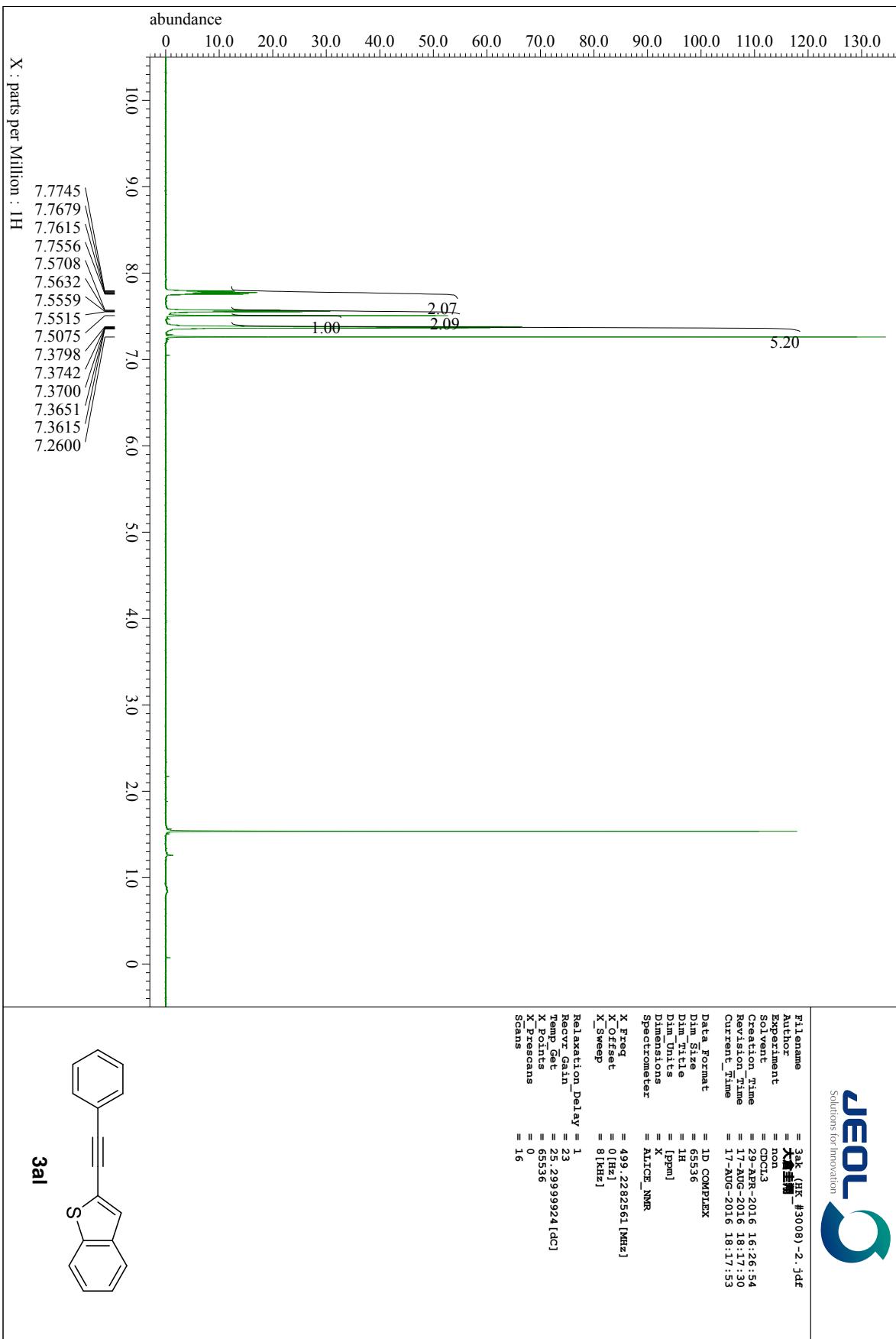


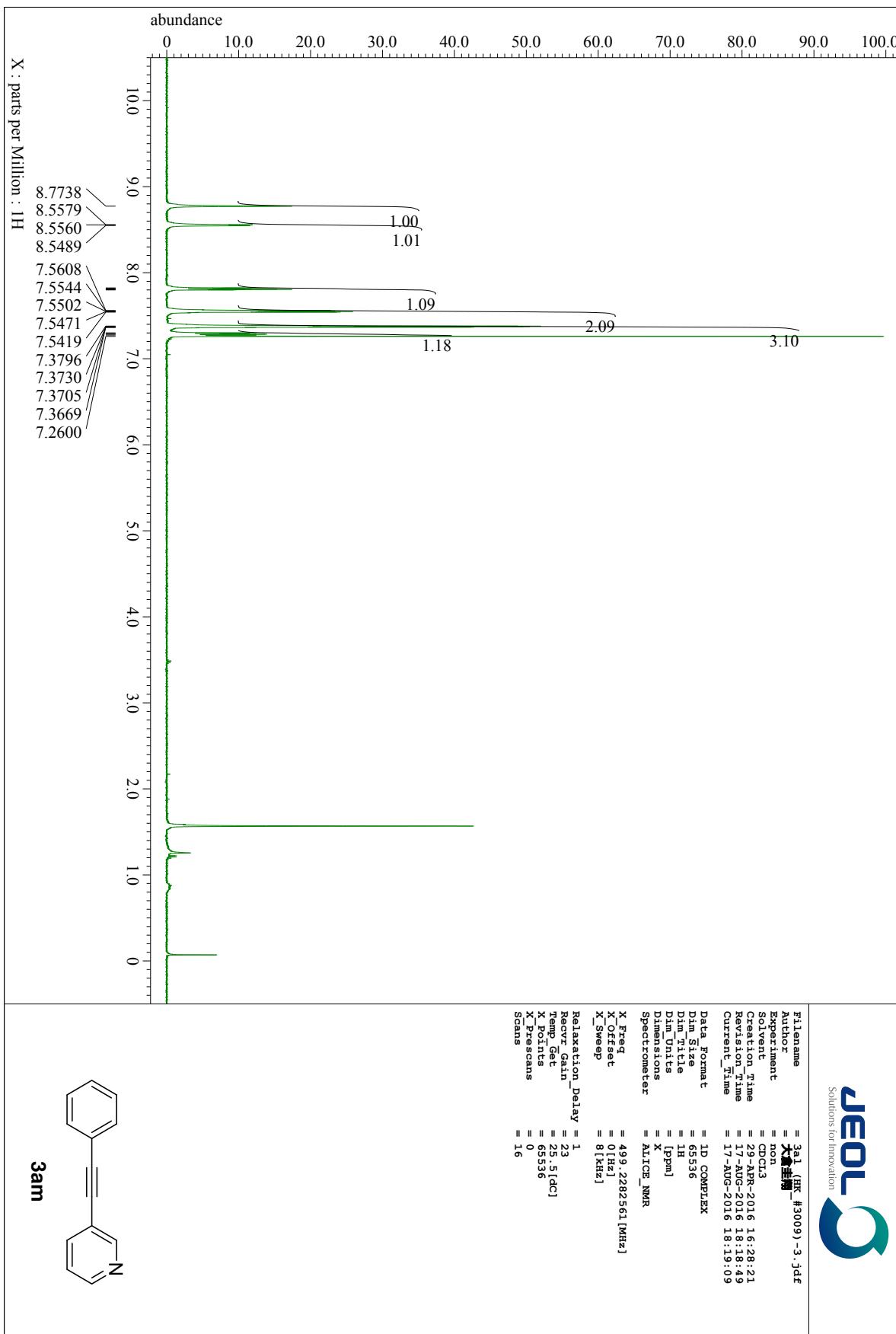


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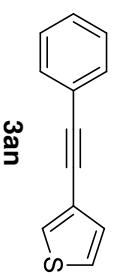
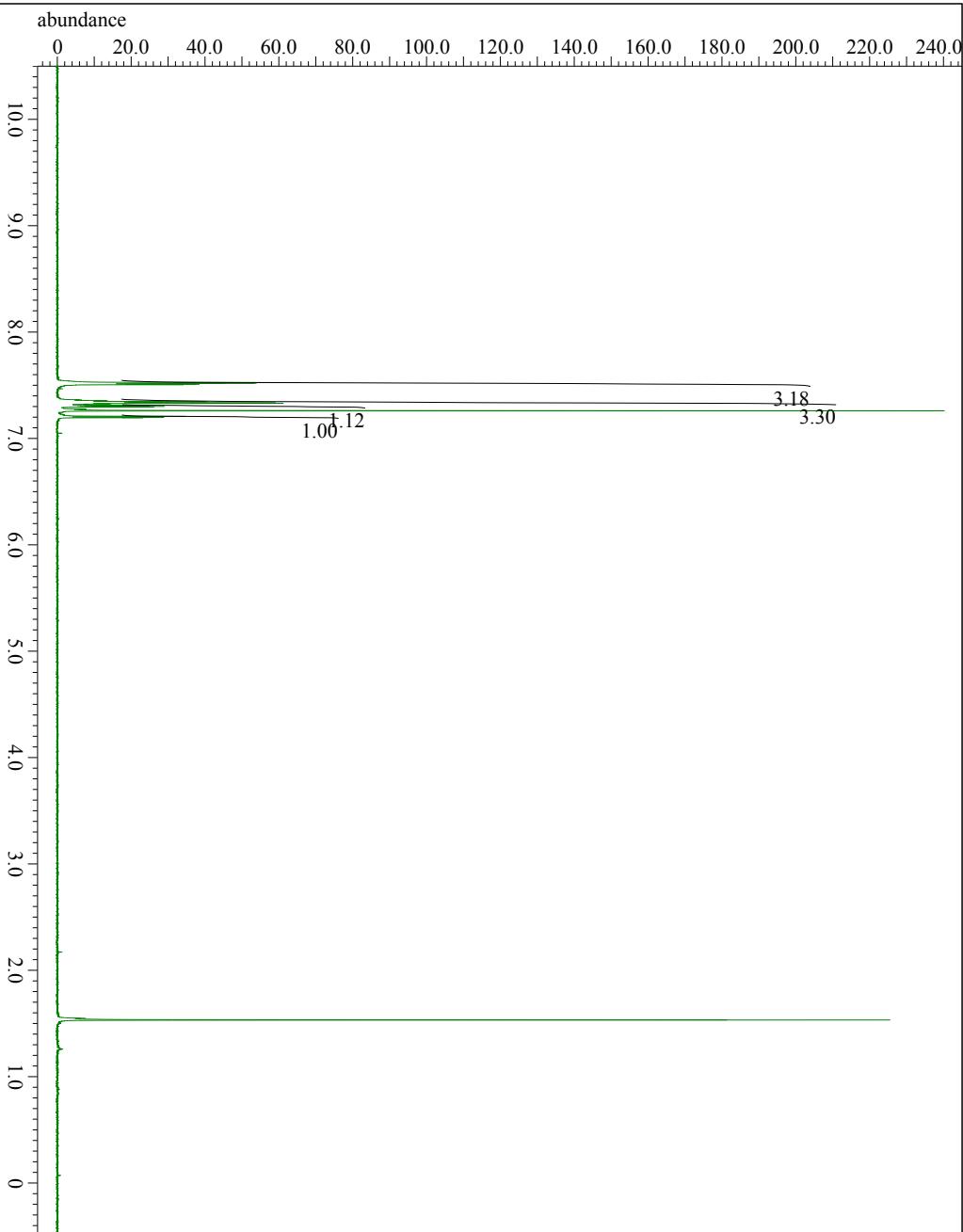


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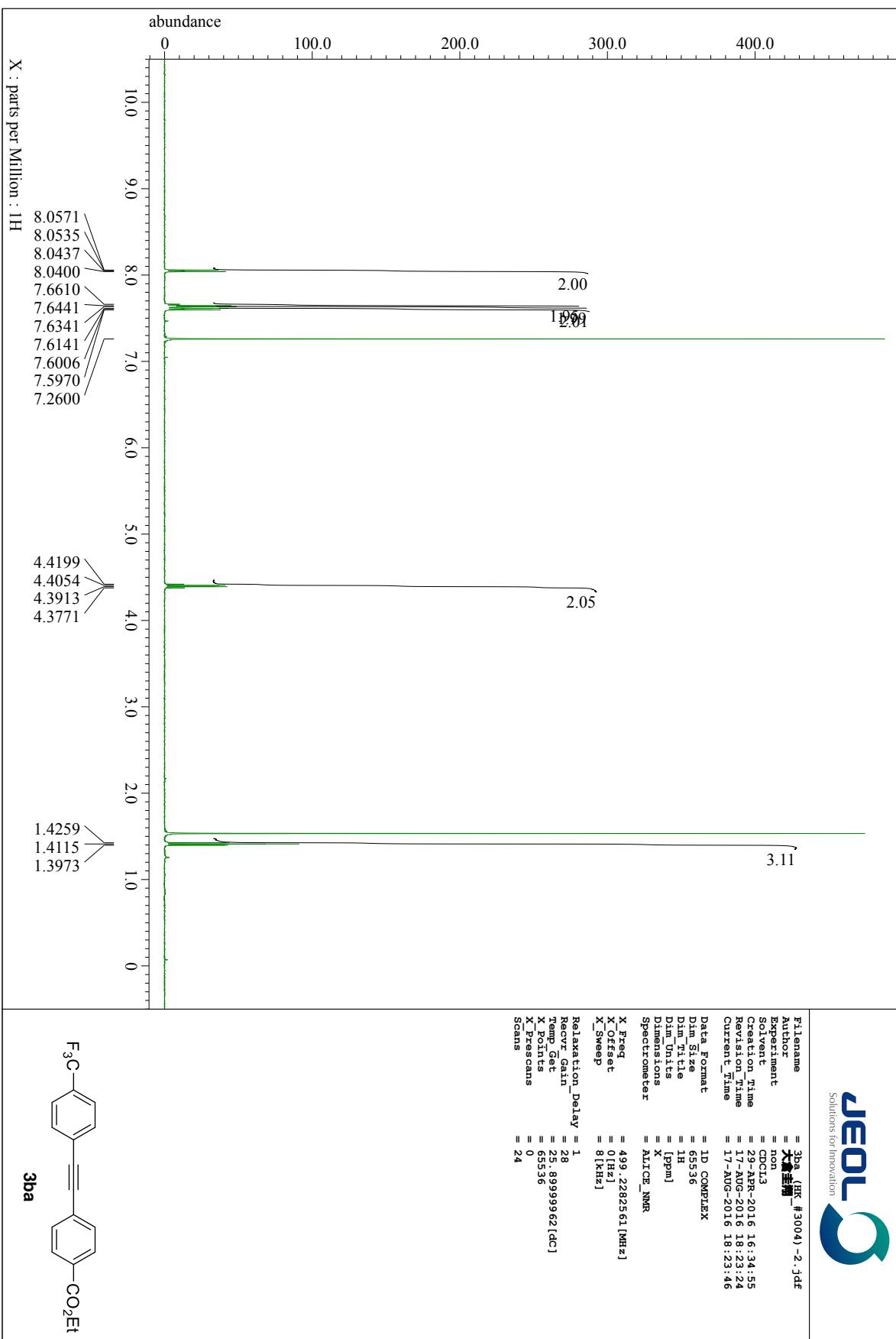
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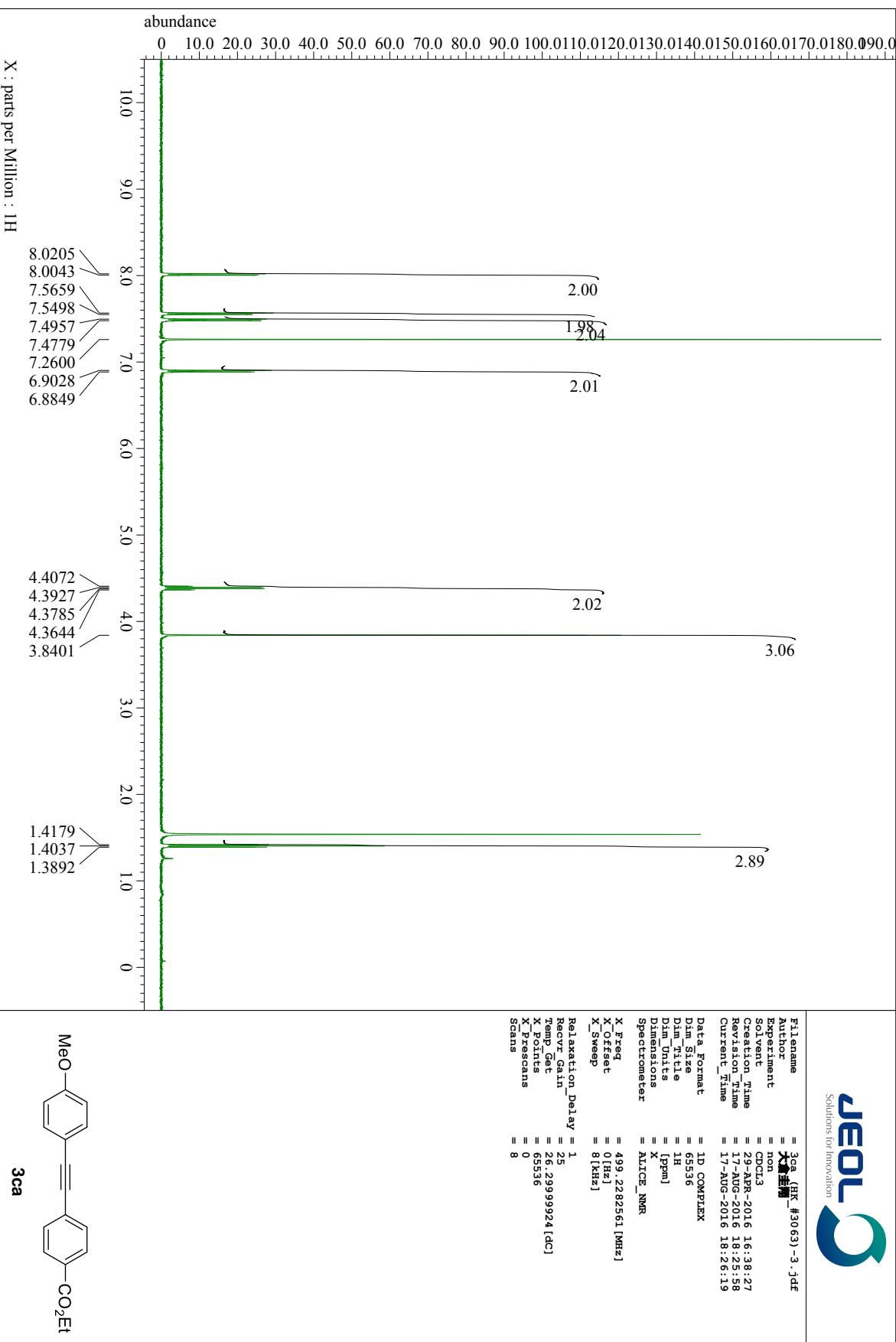
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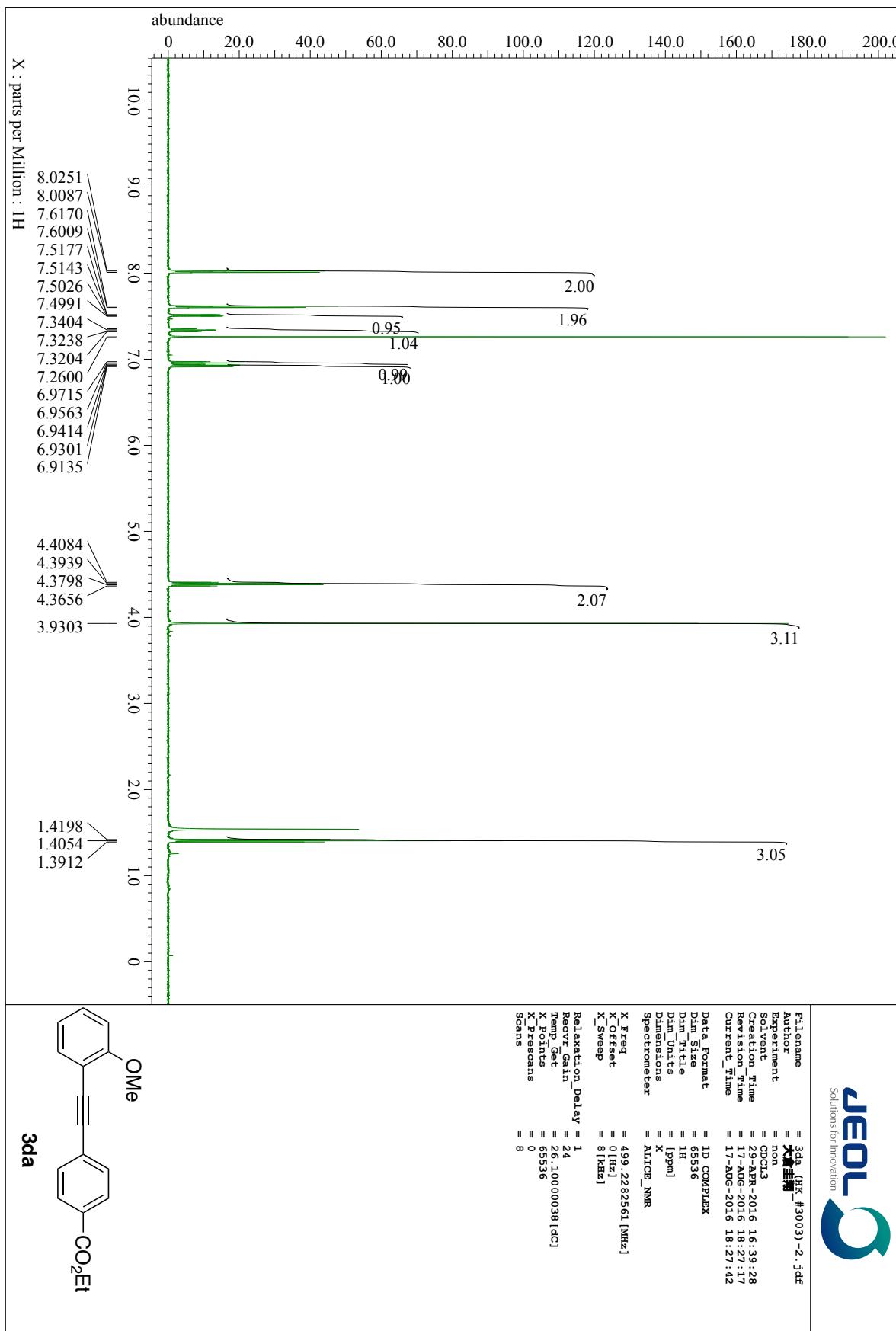
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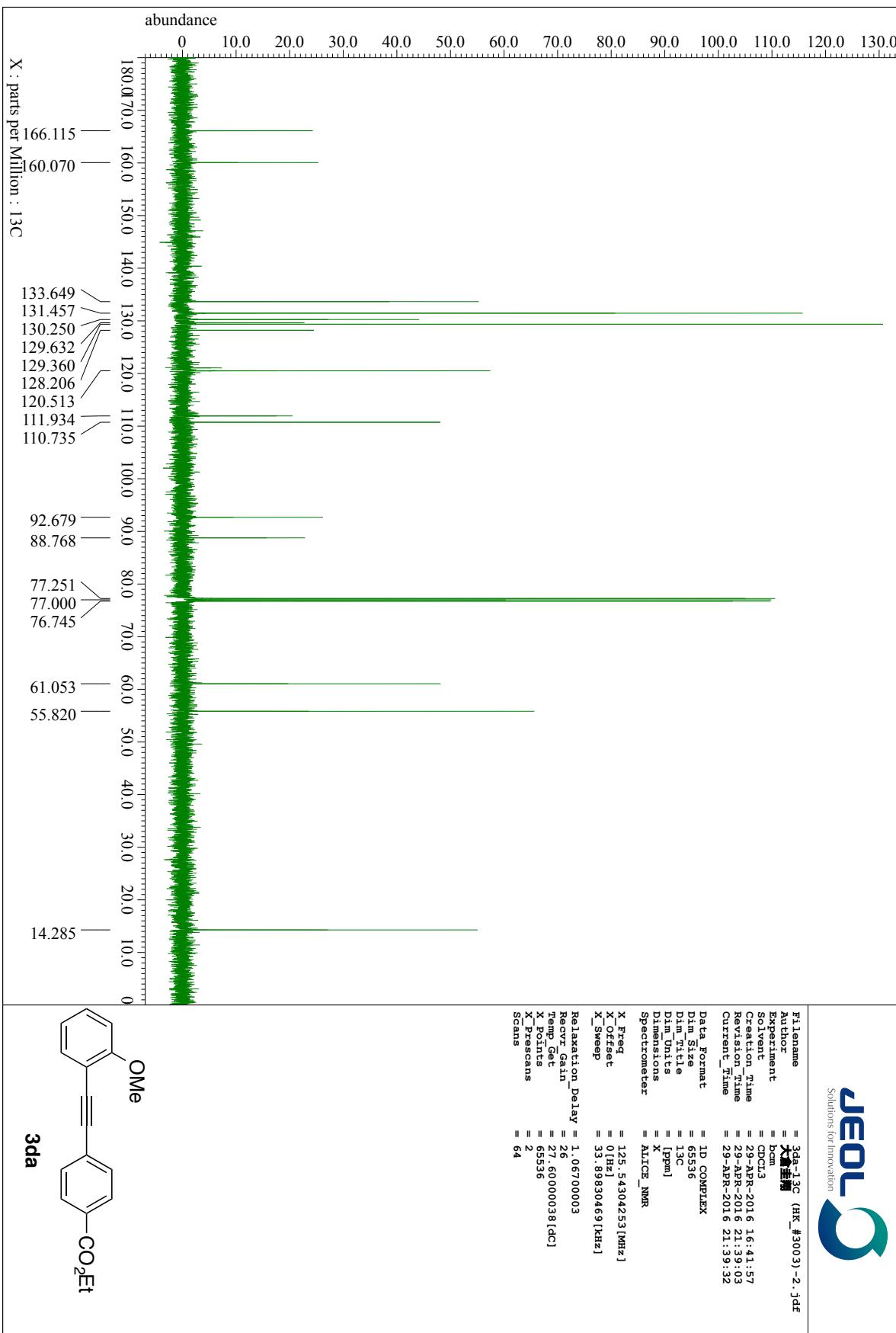


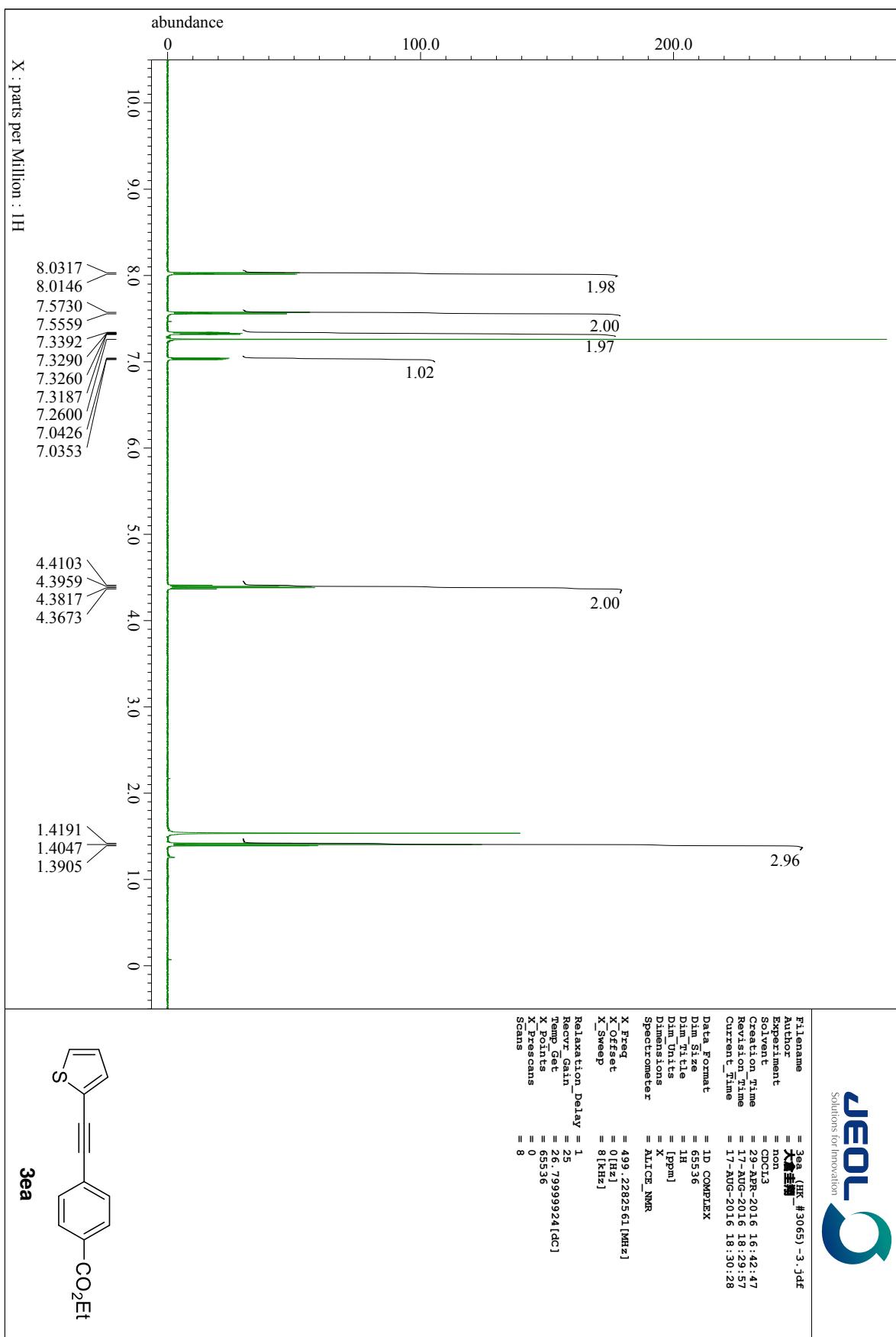
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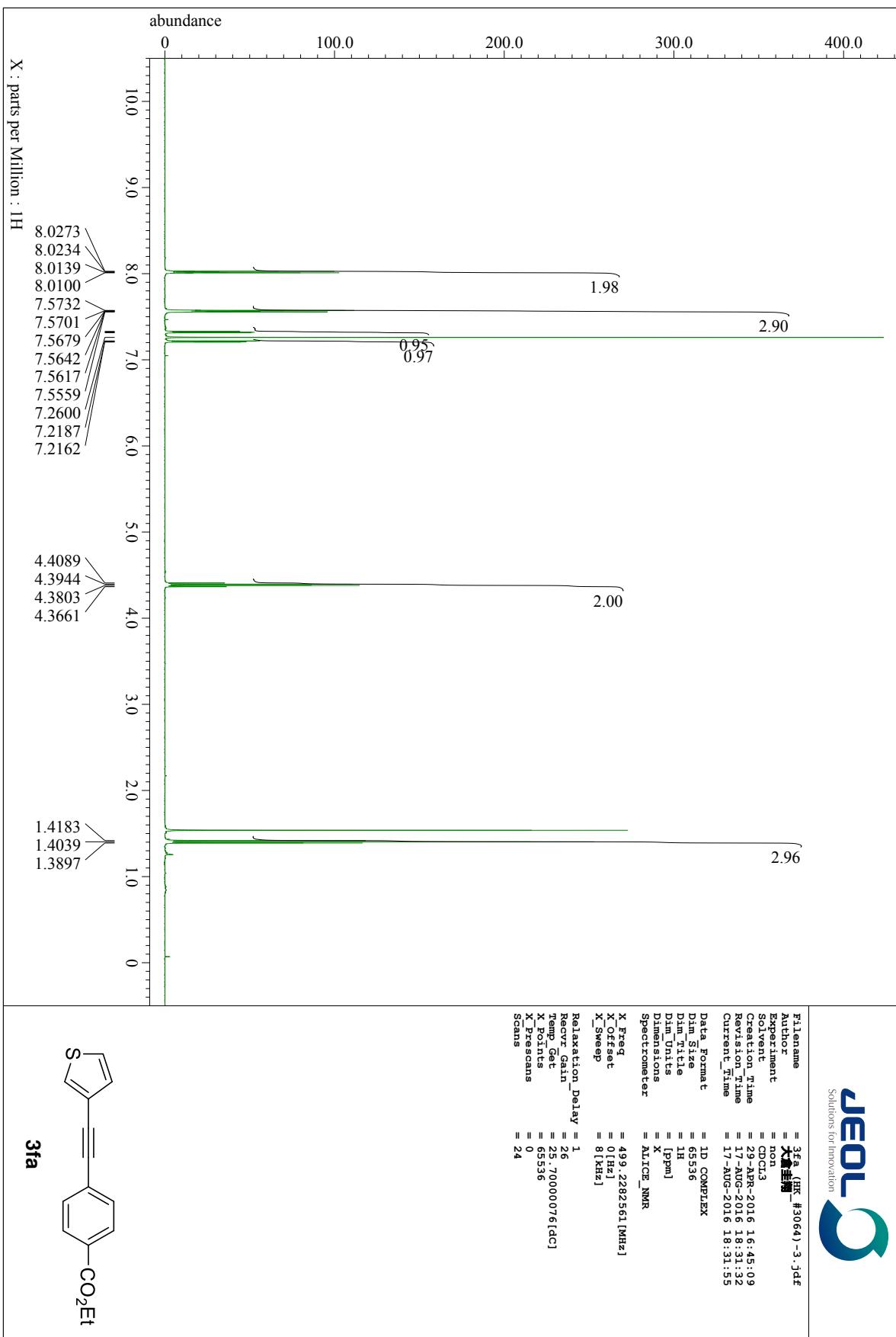


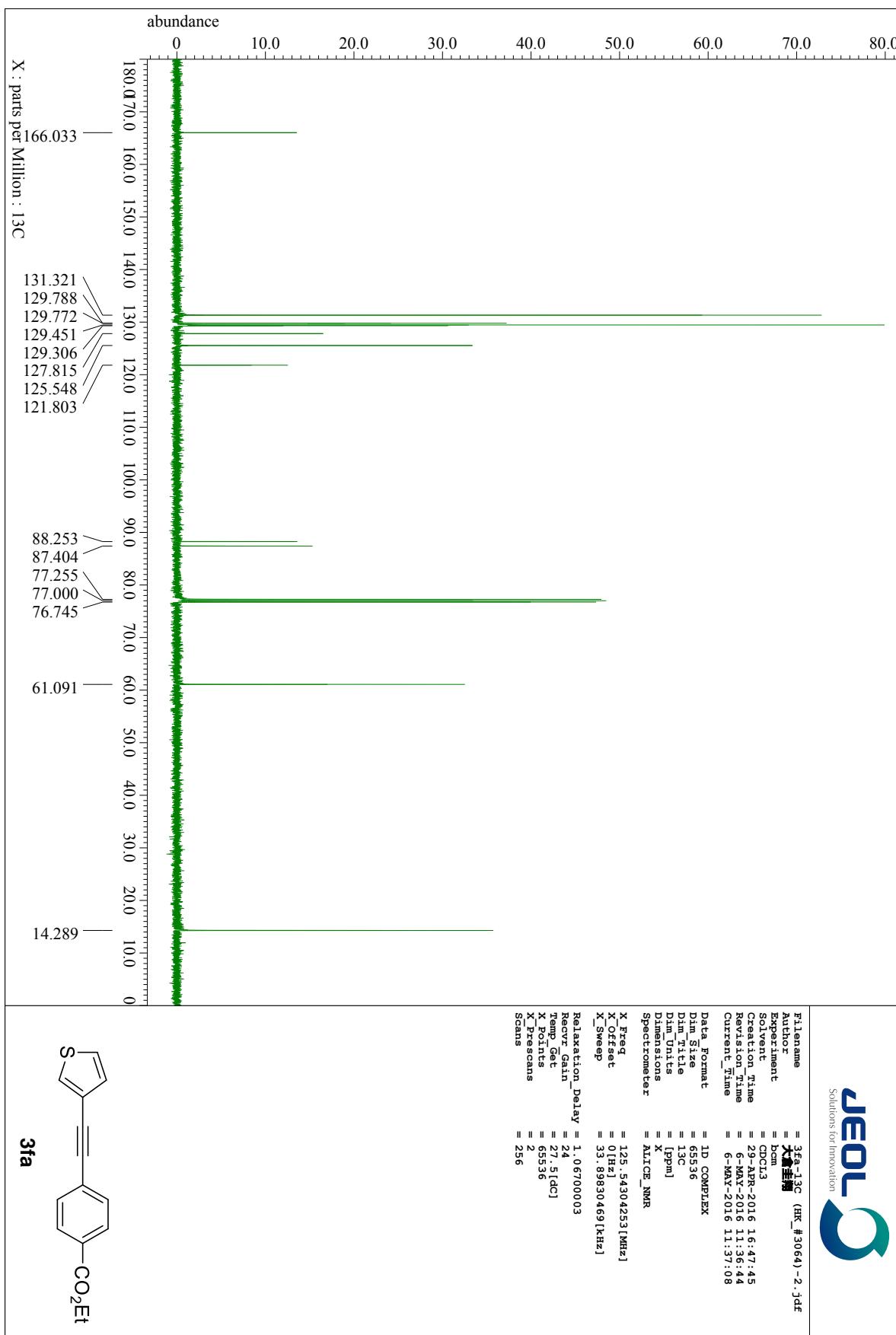




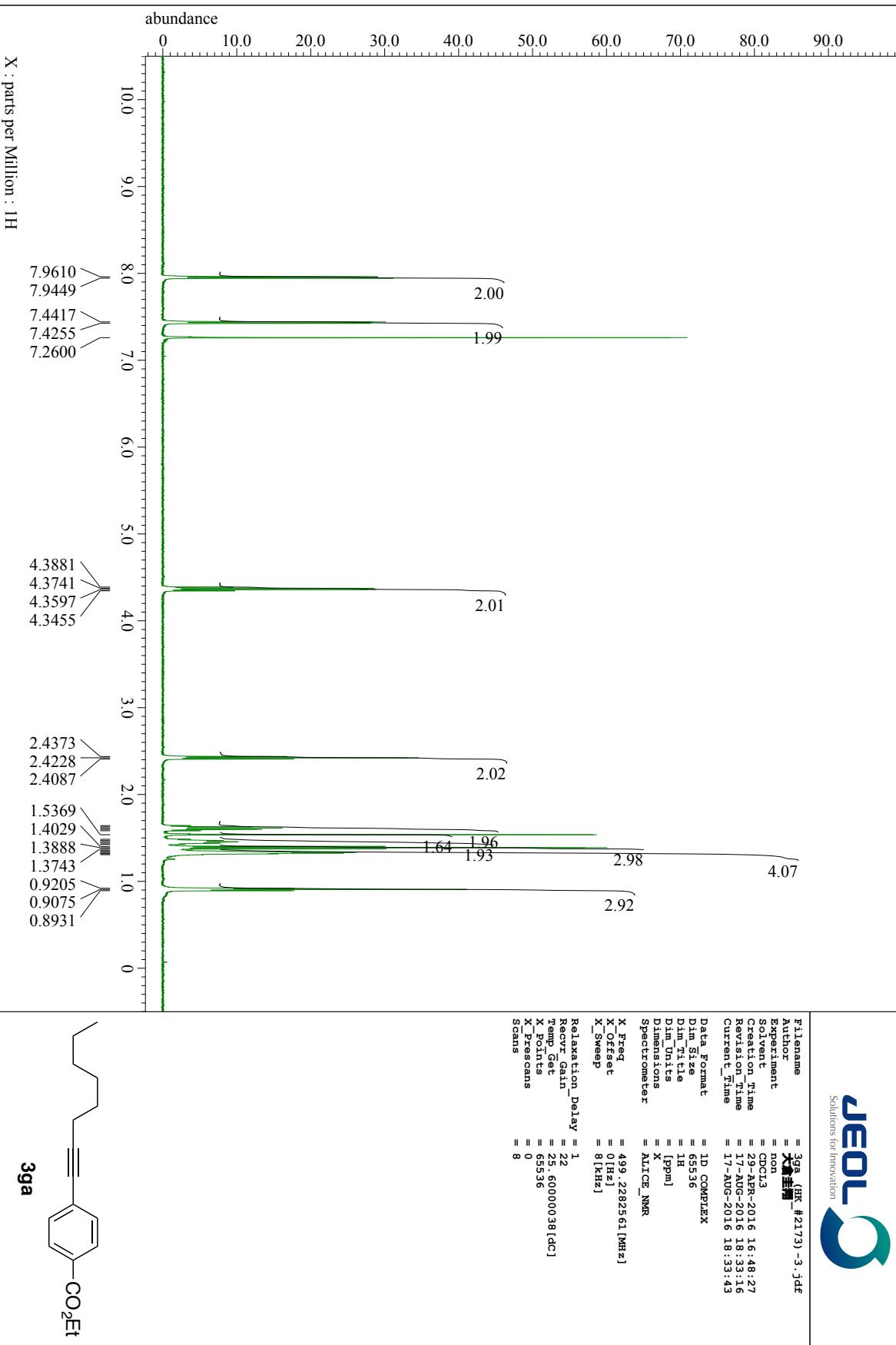








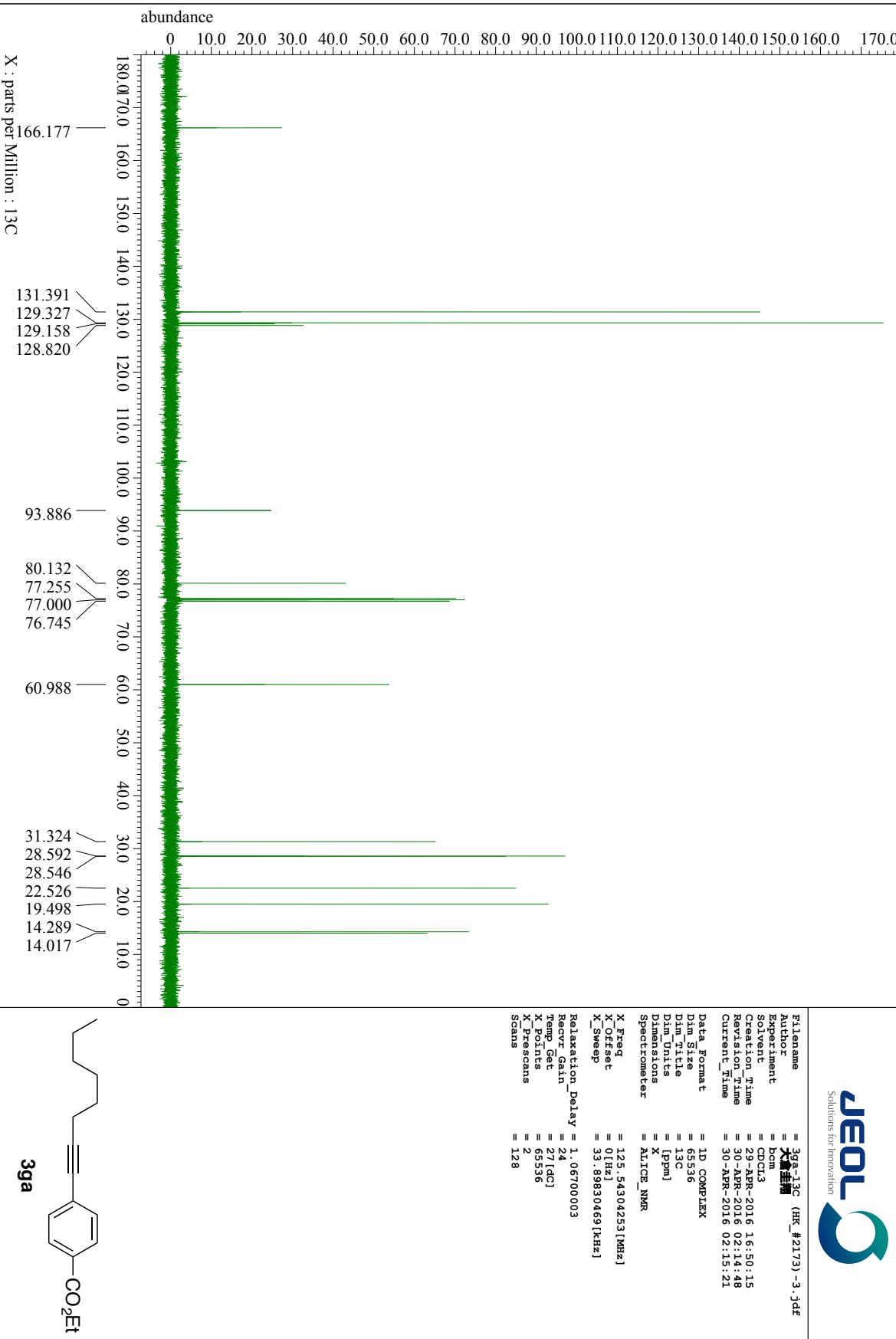
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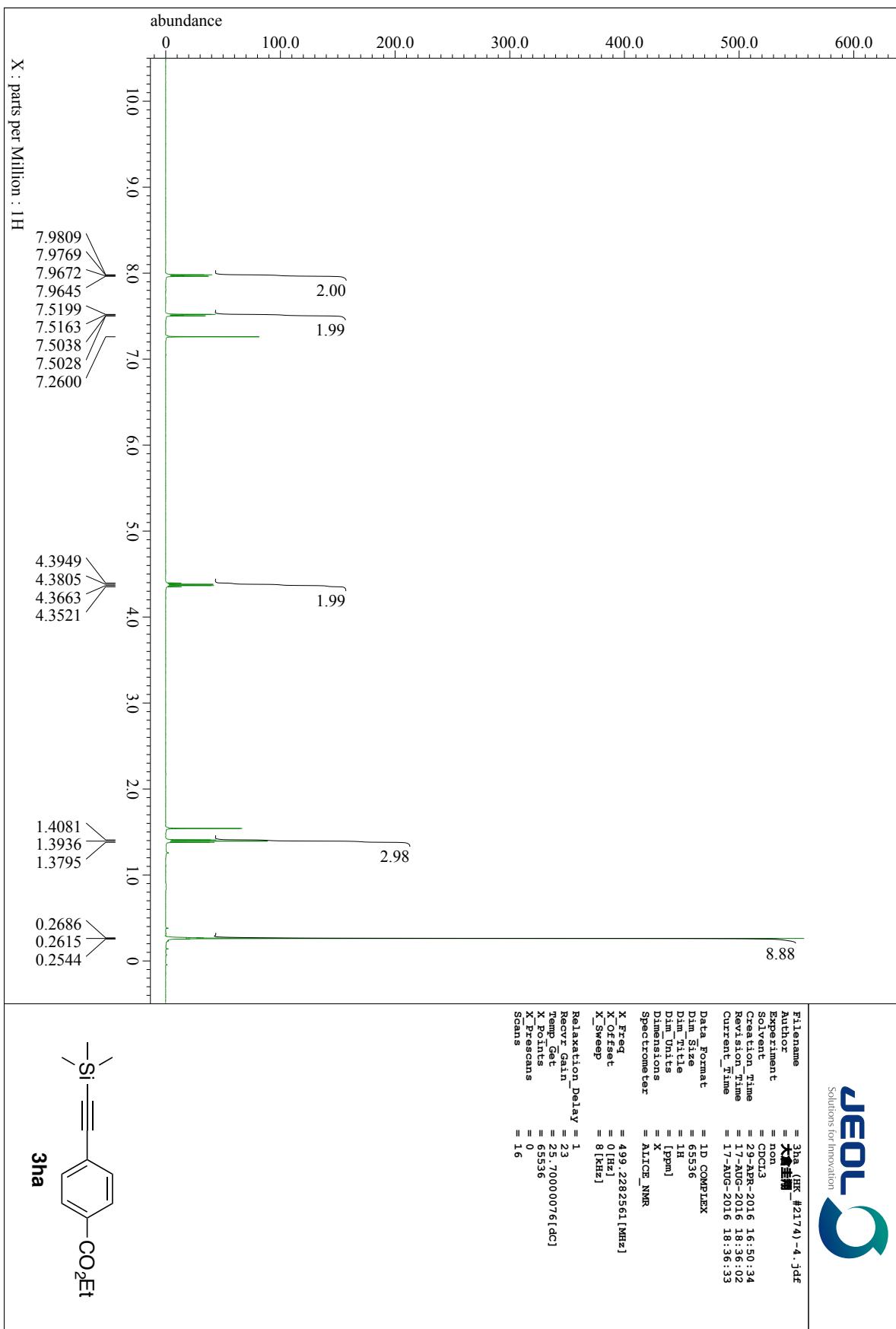


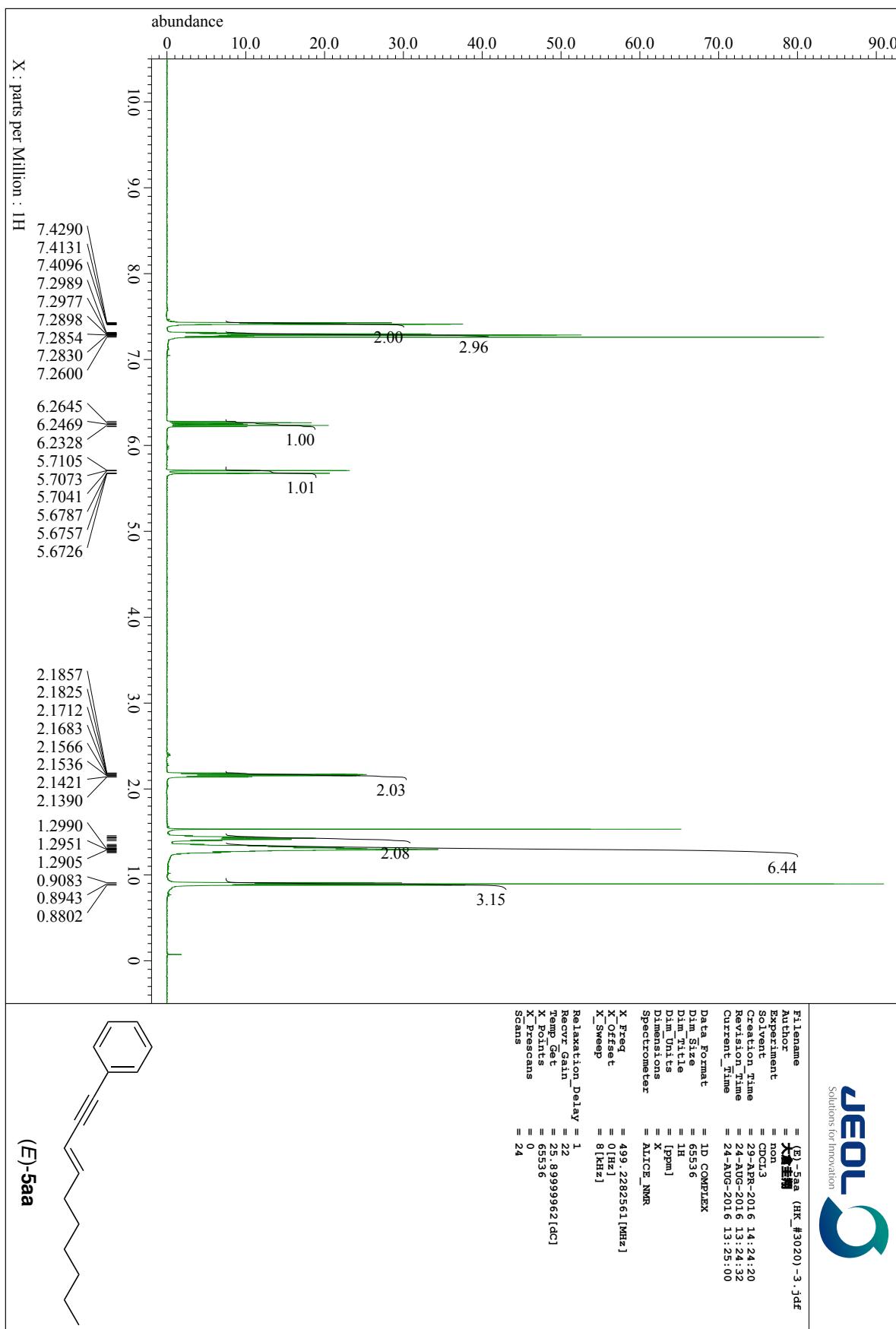
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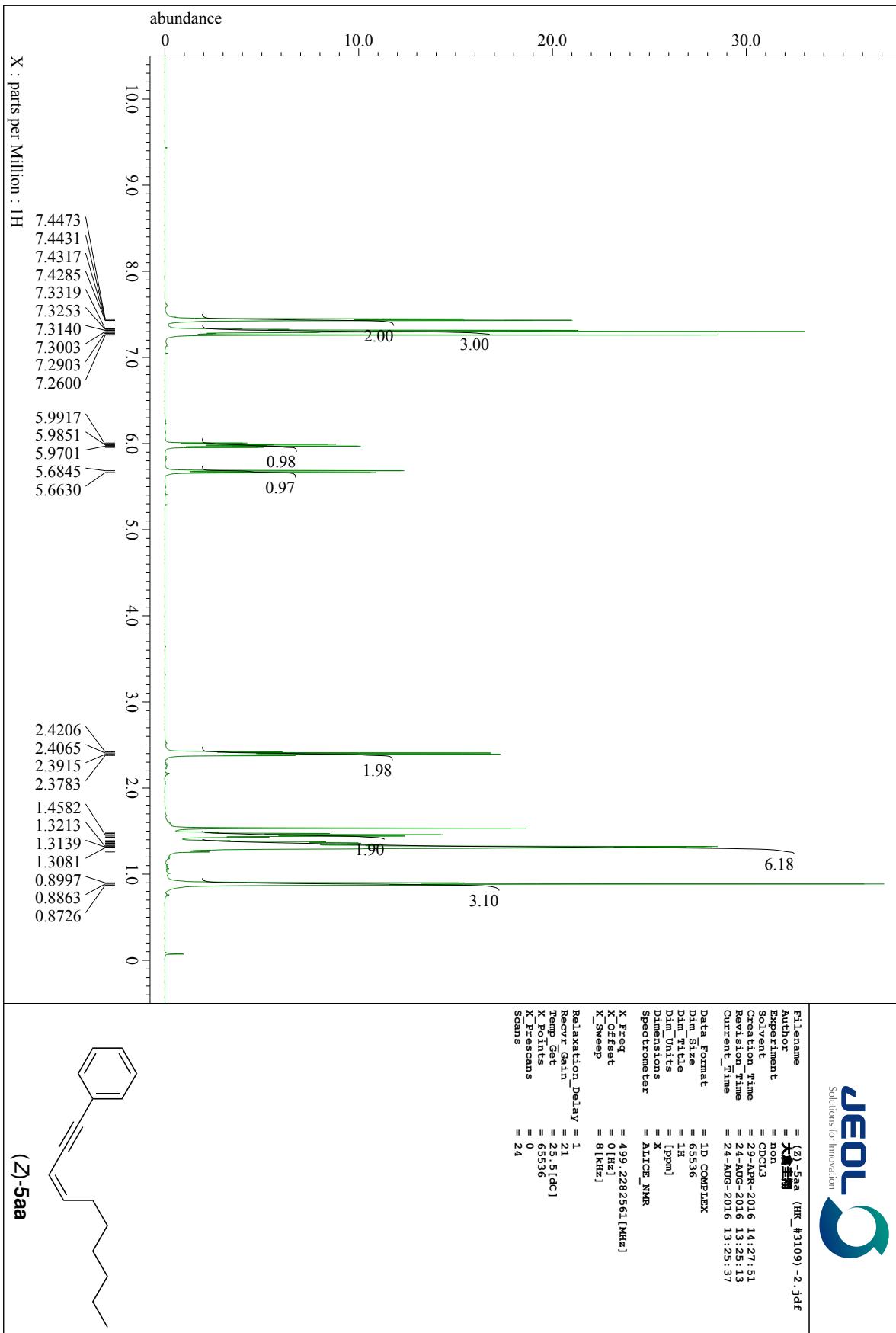




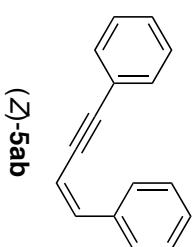
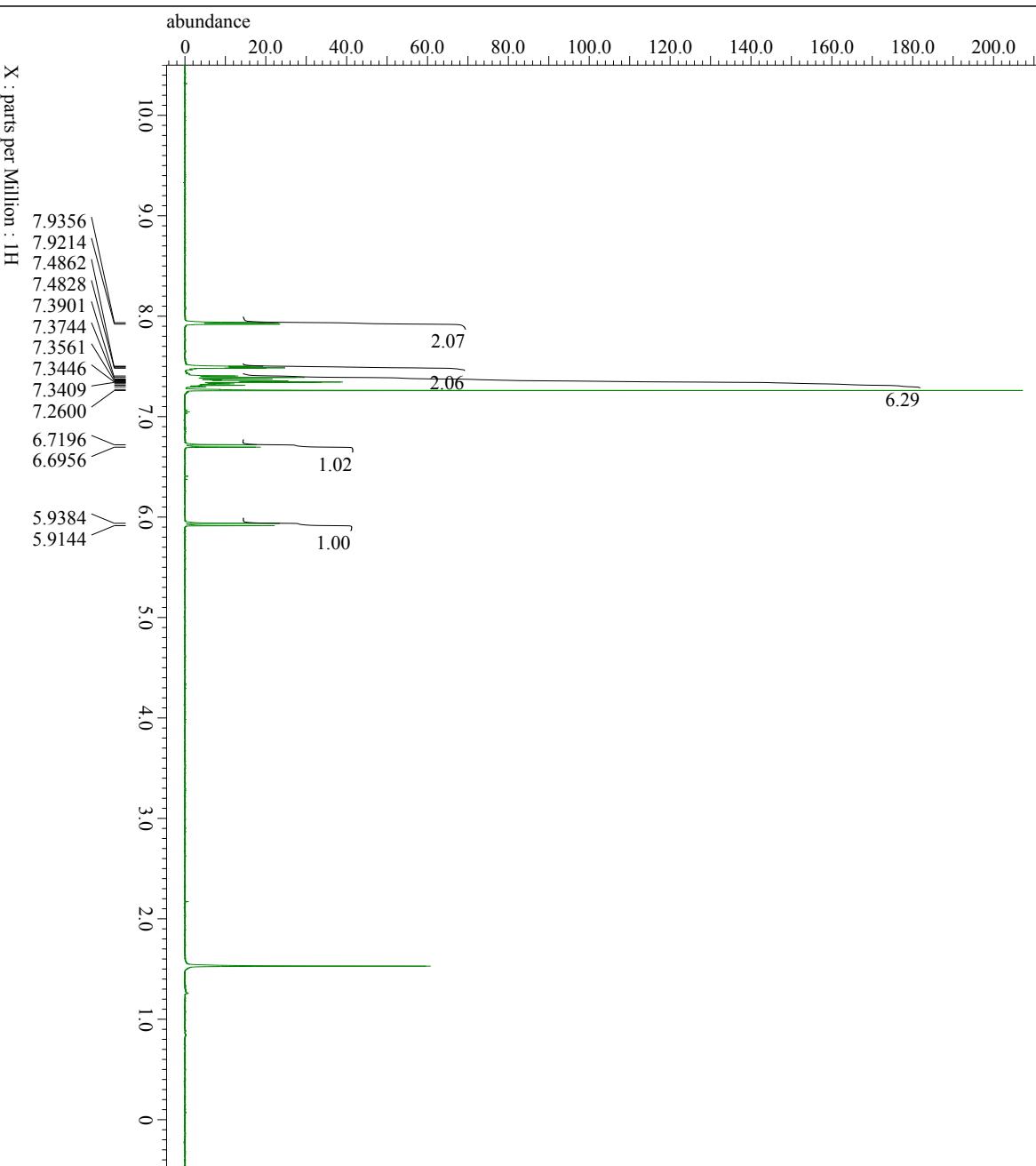
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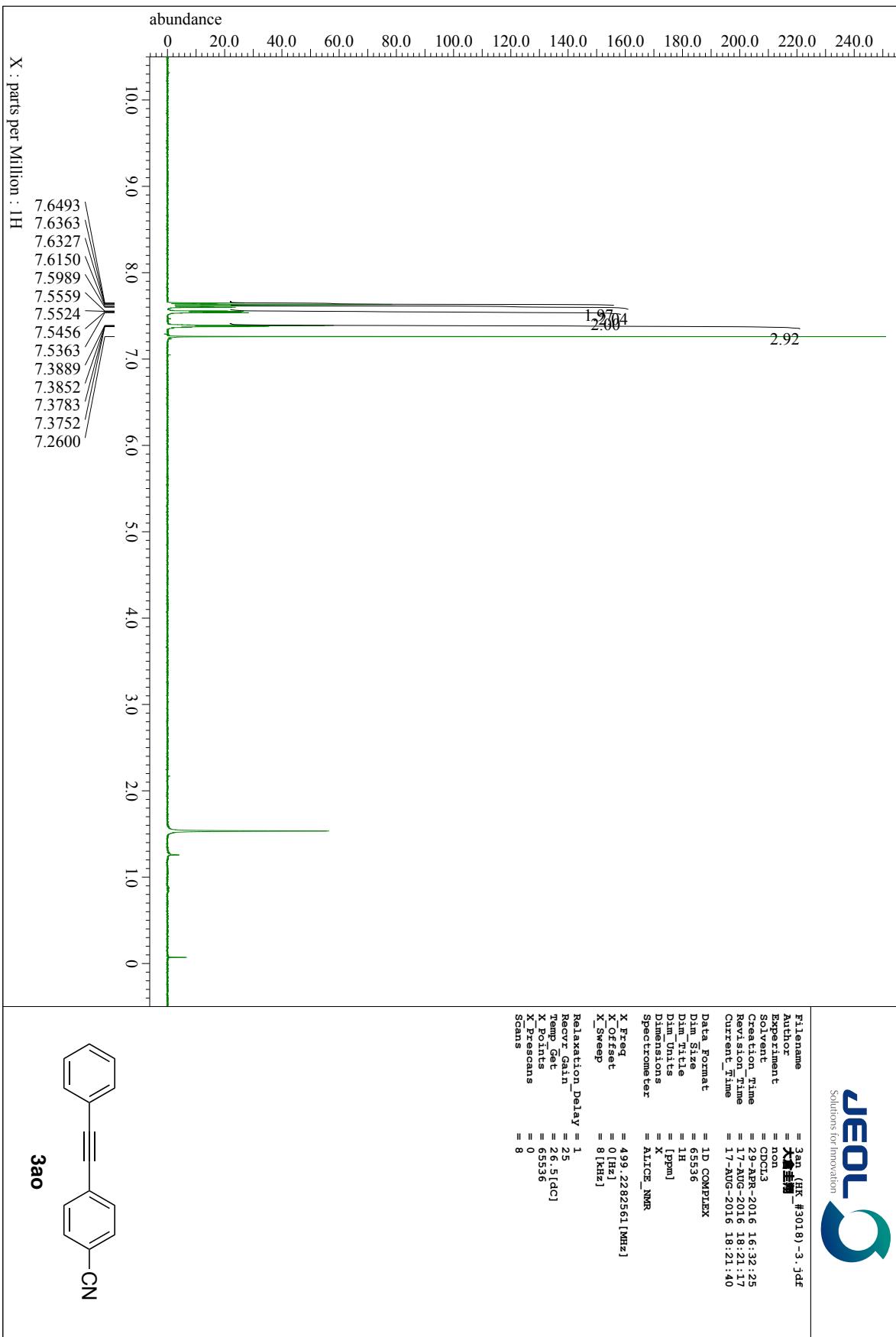
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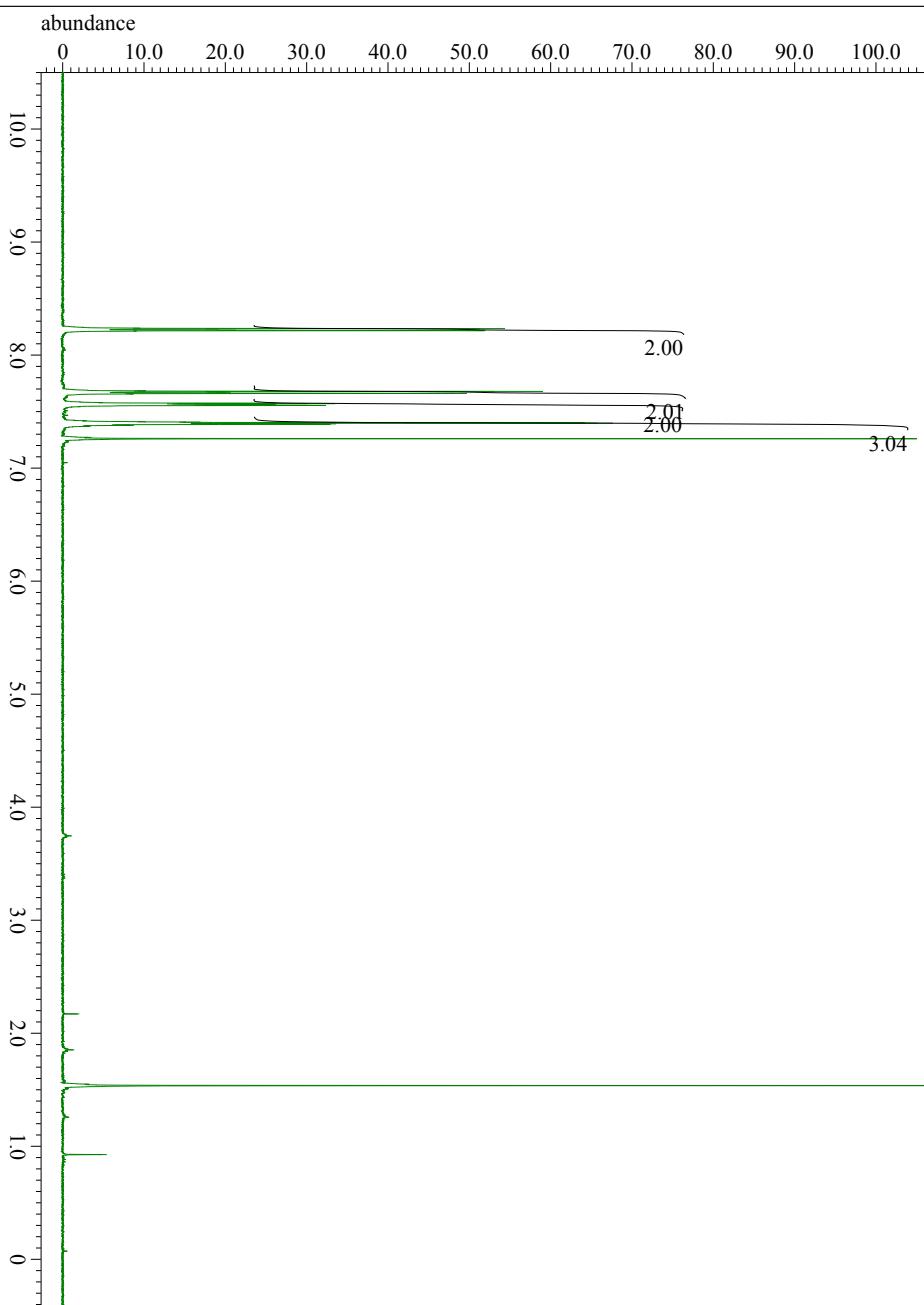




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