

Supporting Information
for

Nickel-Catalyzed Decarbonylation of *N*-Acylated *N*-Heteroarenes

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I. General Information.

^1H and ^{13}C NMR spectra were recorded on a JEOL ECS-400 spectrometer (JEOL, Tokyo, Japan) or VARIAN UNITY INOVA-600 spectrometer in CDCl_3 with tetramethylsilane as an internal reference standard. NMR data have been reported as follows: chemical shift (δ) in ppm, multiplicity (s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, q = quartet, and m = multiplet), coupling constant (J) in Hz, and integration. Infrared spectra (IR) were obtained on a JASCO FT/IR-4000 spectrometer, and the absorptions have been reported in reciprocal centimeters with the following relative intensities: s (strong), m (medium), or w (weak). Mass spectra were obtained on a Shimadzu GCMS-QP 5000 or GCMS-QP 2010 instrument with an ionization voltage of 70 eV. High resolution mass spectra (HRMS) were obtained on a JEOL JMS-T100LP AccuTOF LC-plus in direct analysis real time (DART) method using PEG as the internal standard. Analytical gas chromatography (GC) was carried out on Shimadzu GC-2014, equipped with a flame ionization detector. Melting points were determined using a Yamato melting point apparatus. Column chromatography was performed over SiO_2 (Silicycle Silica Flash F60 (230-400 mesh)) and NH Silica (Silica Gel 60 (spherical) NH_2 (40–50 μm)). Some of the compounds were purified by LC-908 HPLC (GPC). Data collection for X-ray crystal analysis were performed on a Rigaku / XtaLAB Pro P200 Hybrid Photon Counting diffractometer (Mo- $\text{K}\alpha$, $\lambda = 0.71075 \text{ \AA}$ for **6a** and Cu- $\text{K}\alpha$, $\lambda = 1.54184 \text{ \AA}$ for **6f**). The structure was solved with direct methods and refined with full-matrix least squares.

II. Materials.

Toluene (for Organic Synth.) was purchased from Wako Chemicals and used as received. $\text{Ni}(\text{cod})_2$ was purchased from Strem Chemicals and used as received. PCy_3 (Sigma-Aldrich), dcype (Sigma-Aldrich), $\text{IPr}\cdot\text{HCl}$ (TCI), $\text{IMes}\cdot\text{HCl}$ (TCI), $\text{ICy}\cdot\text{HCl}$ (TCI) PPh_3 (TCI), and $\text{Ni}(\text{CO})_2(\text{dcype})$ (Kanto Chemical) were purchased from commercial suppliers and used as received. $\text{IMes}^{\text{Me}}\cdot\text{HCl}^1$ was prepared according to the literature procedures. 4-[(Benzyloxy)carbonyl]benzoic acid **S1** [CAS: 18520-63-3]² was prepared according to the literature procedure. 4-(Morpholine-4-carbonyl)benzoic acid **S4** [CAS: 160816-43-3]² was prepared according to the literature procedure. 2-(5-Methoxy-1*H*-indol-3-yl)-*N,N*-bis(phenylmethyl)ethanamine **S6** [CAS: 300834-81-5]³ was prepared according to the literature procedure. *N*-Acylated *N*-heteroarenes **7a** [CAS: 62573-86-8],⁴ and **7c** [CAS: 28997-

¹ Kinuta, H.; Tobisu, M.; Chatani, N. *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **2015**, *137*, 159.

² Simpson, F. P.; Mandle, R. J.; Moore, J. N.; Goodby, J. W. *J. Mater. Chem. C*, **2017**, *5*, 5102.

³ Xu, Y.-C.; Schaus, J. M.; Walker, C.; Krushinski, J.; Adham, N.; Zgombick, J. M.; Liang, S. X.; Lohlman, D. T.; Audia, J. E. *J. Med. Chem.* **1999**, *42*, 526.

⁴ Zhao, J.; Li, P.; Xia, C.; Li, F. *Chem. Commun.* **2014**, *50*, 4751.

00-4],⁵ were prepared according to the literature procedure. *1H*-Benzimidazole-2-*d* **S19** [CAS: 61233-51-0]⁶ was prepared according to the literature procedures.

III. Synthesis of Starting Materials.

General Procedure I: Synthesis of amides from acid halides. Aroyl chloride (20 mmol) was partially added to a solution of indole (20 mmol, 1equiv), Et₃N (1 equiv) and *N,N*-dimethyl-4-aminopyridine (0.4 mmol) in 20 mL of CH₂Cl₂ at 0 °C. After addition was complete, the reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 12 h. The reaction was quenched by the addition of H₂O, and the resulting mixture was extracted with CH₂Cl₂. The combined extracts were washed with brine, dried (MgSO₄), and concentrated to give a residue, which was purified by recrystallization or column chromatography to give the desired *N*-acylpyrrole derivative.

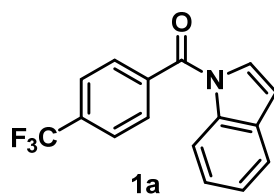
General Procedure II: Synthesis of amides from carboxylic acids. *N,N*-dimethylformamide (0.2 mL) was added to a solution of carboxylic acid (20 mmol) and oxalyl chloride (40 mmol, 2 equiv) in 200 mL of CH₂Cl₂ at 0 °C. After gas evolution ceased, the mixture was allowed to gradually warm to room temperature and was then stirred until the starting carboxylic acid disappeared by TLC. The solution was concentrated to give an aroyl chloride, which was used in the next step without further purification. The aroyl chloride was partially added to a solution of indole (20 mmol, 1 equiv), Et₃N (1 equiv) and *N,N*-dimethyl-4-aminopyridine (0.4 mmol) in 20 mL of CH₂Cl₂ at 0 °C. After the addition was complete, the reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 12 h. The reaction was quenched by the addition of H₂O, and the resulting mixture was extracted with CH₂Cl₂. The combined extracts were washed with brine, dried (MgSO₄), and concentrated to give a residue, which was purified by recrystallization or column chromatography to give the desired *N*-acylpyrrole derivative.

(1*H*-Indol-1-yl)(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)methanone (1a) [CAS: 1018967-38-8].⁷

⁵ Ovian, J. M.; Kelly, C. B.; Pistrutto, V. A.; Leadbeater, N. E. *Org. Lett.* **2017**, *19*, 1286.

⁶ Gröll, B.; Schnürch, M.; Mihovilovic, M. D. *J. Org. Chem.* **2012**, *77*, 4432.

⁷ Wang, L.; Neumann, H.; Spannenberg, A.; Beller, M. *Chem. Eur. J.* **2018**, *24*, 2164.



The general procedure I was followed using 4-(trifluoromethyl)benzoyl chloride (50 mmol scale).

White solid (7.4g, 51%). Mp 132.9–133.1 °C. R_f 0.34 (SiO₂, hexane/EtOAc = 10/1).

¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 399.78 MHz) δ : 6.65 (d, J = 3.7 Hz, 1H), 7.19 (d, J = 3.7 Hz, 1H), 7.35 (dd, J = 7.3, 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.40 (dd, J = 7.3, 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.62 (d, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.87–7.80 (m, 4H), 8.41 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H).

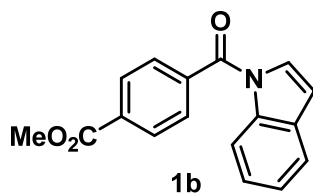
¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100.53 MHz) δ : 109.5, 116.4, 121.1, 123.5 (q, J_{CF} = 272.6 Hz), 124.4, 125.3, 125.7 (q, J_{CF} = 4.1 Hz), 127.0, 129.4, 130.7, 133.5 (q, J_{CF} = 33.2 Hz), 135.9, 137.9, 167.3.

IR (ATR): 1679 s, 1542 w, 1452 w, 1407 w, 1328 m, 1205 m, 1170 s, 1128 s, 1068 m, 854 m, 769 w, 727 m.

MS, m/z (relative intensity, %): 290 (10), 289 (M⁺, 54), 173 (100), 145 (52).

HRMS Calcd for C₁₆H₁₁F₃NO ([M+H⁺]): 290.0793. Found: 290.0792.

Methyl 4-(1*H*-indole-1-carbonyl)benzoate (1b).



The general procedure I was followed using methyl 4-(chloroformyl)benzoate.

White solid (4.3 g, 77%). Mp 167.5–167.8 °C. R_f 0.11 (SiO₂, hexane/EtOAc = 10/1).

¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 399.78 MHz) δ : 3.98 (s, 3H), 6.64 (d, J = 3.7 Hz, 1H), 7.21 (d, J = 3.7 Hz, 1H), 7.33 (dd, J = 7.4, 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.40 (dd, J = 7.4, 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.61 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.89 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 8.20 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 8.40 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H).

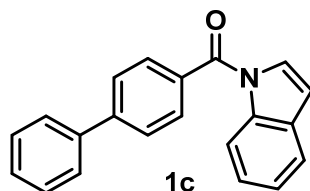
¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100.53 MHz) δ : 52.6, 109.3, 116.4, 121.0, 124.2, 125.2, 127.1, 129.0, 129.8, 130.7, 132.9, 135.9, 138.5, 166.1, 167.8.

IR (ATR): 1720 m, 1679 s, 1448 m, 1378 w, 1347 s, 1278 s, 1209 m, 1109 m, 1018 w, 887 w, 769 s, 728 m.

MS, m/z (relative intensity, %): 279 (M⁺, 35), 164 (10), 163 (100), 135 (22), 103 (14).

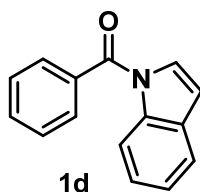
HRMS Calcd for $C_{17}H_{14}NO_3$ ($[M+H]^+$): 280.0974. Found: 280.0978.

[1,1'-Biphenyl]-4-yl(1H-indol-1-yl)methanone (1c) [CAS 1018967-39-9].



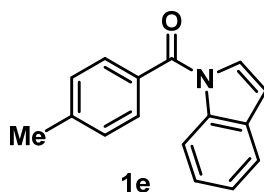
The general procedure I was followed using 4-phenylbenzoyl chloride. Spectroscopic data were consistent with those reported in the literature.⁸

(1H-Indol-1-yl)(phenyl)methanone (1d) [CAS 1496-76-0].



The general procedure I was followed using benzoyl chloride. Spectroscopic data were consistent with those reported in the literature.⁹

(1H-Indol-1-yl)(p-tolyl)methanone (1e) [CAS 69888-36-4].



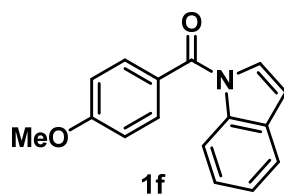
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(1H-Indol-1-yl)(4-methoxyphenyl)methanone (1f) [CAS 52498-87-0].

⁸ Abid, M.; De Paolis, O.; Török, B. *Synlett* **2008**, 3, 410.

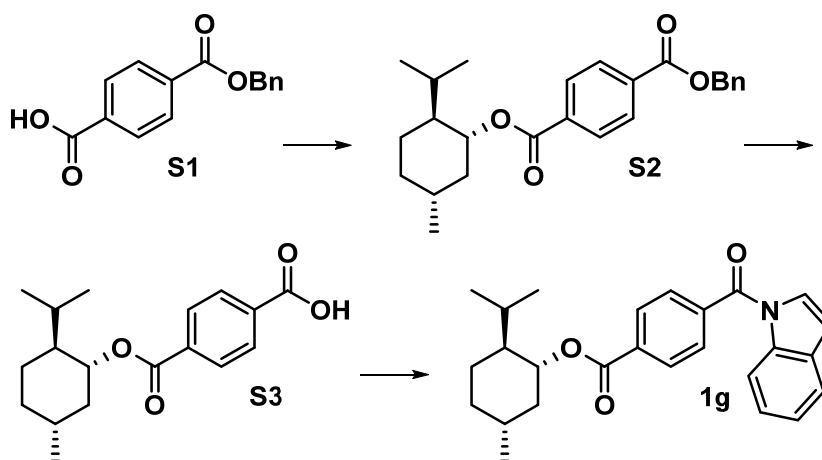
⁹ Umehara, A.; Ueda, H.; Tokuyama, H. *J. Org. Chem.* **2016**, 81, 11444.

¹⁰ Aggarwal, R.; Benedetti, F.; Berti, F.; Buchini, S.; Colombatti, A.; Dinon, F.; Galasso, V.; Norbedo, S. *Chem. Eur. J.* **2003**, 9, 3132.



The general procedure I was followed using 4-methoxybenzoyl chloride. Spectroscopic data were consistent with those reported in the literature.¹¹

(1*R*,2*S*,5*R*)-2-Isopropyl-5-methylcyclohexyl 4-(1*H*-indole-1-carbonyl)benzoate (1g).



N,N-dimethylformamide (50 μ L) was added to a solution of 4-[(benzyloxy)carbonyl]benzoic acid (**S1**) (10 mmol) and oxalyl chloride (25 mmol, 2.5 equiv) in 30 mL of CH_2Cl_2 at 0 $^\circ\text{C}$. After gas evolution ceased, the mixture was allowed to be gradually warm to room temperature and was then stirred until the starting carboxylic acid was disappeared by TLC. The solution was concentrated to give an acyl chloride, which was used in the next step without further purification. The acyl chloride was partially added to a solution of (-)-menthol (10 mmol, 1 equiv), Et_3N (1 equiv) and *N,N*-dimethyl-4-aminopyridine (0.2 mmol) in 20 mL of CH_2Cl_2 at 0 $^\circ\text{C}$. After addition was completed, the reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 12 hours. The reaction was quenched by the addition of H_2O , and the resulting mixture was extracted with CH_2Cl_2 . The combined extracts were washed with brine, dried (MgSO_4), and concentrated to give a residue, which was purified by column chromatography to give **S2** as a colorless oil.

Colorless oil (3.42 g, 87%). R_f 0.43 (SiO_2 , hexane/ EtOAc = 9/1).

^1H NMR (CD_2Cl_2 , 399.78 MHz) δ : 0.81 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 3H), 0.93–0.96 (m, 7H), 1.09–1.21 (m, 2H),

¹¹ Wu, X. F.; Oschatz, S.; Sharif, M.; Langer, P. *Synthesis*, **2015** 47, 2641.

1.52–1.64 (m, 2H), 1.72–1.78 (m, 2H), 1.91–2.02 (m, 1H), 2.10–2.15 (m, 1H), 4.96 (td, $J = 10.8$, 4.4 Hz, 1H), 5.39 (s, 2H), 7.34–7.44 (m, 3H), 7.46–7.49 (m, 2H), 8.10–8.16 (m, 4H).

^{13}C NMR (CD_2Cl_2 , 100.53 MHz) δ : 16.6, 20.9, 22.2, 23.9, 26.9, 31.8, 34.6, 41.2, 47.6, 67.6, 75.7, 128.6, 128.7, 128.9, 129.80, 129.85, 134.1, 135.2, 136.3, 165.4, 165.9.

IR (KBr, cm^{-1}): 3421 w, 3066 w, 3034 w, 2955 s, 2870 m, 1951 w, 1716 s, 1610 w, 1577 w, 1504 m, 1456 m, 1408 m, 1374 m, 1268 s, 1180 m, 1118 s, 1101 s, 1038 m, 1018 s, 982 m, 960 m, 915 m, 875 m, 846 m, 795 w, 731 s, 696 m.

HRMS Calcd for $\text{C}_{25}\text{H}_{31}\text{O}_4$ ($[\text{M}+\text{H}^+]$): 395.2217. Found: 395.2222.

To a stirred solution of benzyl ester **S2** (2.5 g, 6.3 mmol) in methanol (50 mL) was added 10% palladium on carbon (130 mg) slowly, in small portions. The mixture was then stirred vigorously under an atmosphere of hydrogen for 5 h, filtered through Celite® and the solvent was removed in vacuo to afford **S3** (1.9 g, 100%) as a white solid.

Mp 46.3–48.5 °C. R_f 0.46 (SiO_2 , EtOAc/MeOH = 9/1).

^1H NMR (CD_2Cl_2 , 399.78 MHz) δ : 0.80 (d, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 3H), 0.92–0.95 (m, 7H), 1.09–1.21 (m, 2H), 1.51–1.63 (m, 2H), 1.73–1.78 (m, 2H), 1.91–2.02 (m, 1H), 2.10–2.15 (m, 1H), 4.96 (td, $J = 10.8$, 4.4 Hz, 1H), 8.13–8.21 (m, 4H), 12.62 (s, 1H).

^{13}C NMR (CD_2Cl_2 , 100.53 MHz) δ : 16.6, 20.9, 22.2, 23.9, 26.9, 31.8, 34.6, 41.2, 47.6, 75.9, 129.9, 130.4, 133.1, 136.0, 165.4, 171.8.

IR (KBr, cm^{-1}): 3417 w, 2956 s, 2928 s, 2871 s, 2667 m, 2545 m, 2285 w, 1952 w, 1822 w, 1716 s, 1695 s, 1614 w, 1577 m, 1507 m, 1455 m, 1423 s, 1388 m, 1371 m, 1272 s, 1180 m, 1129 s, 1104 s, 1038 m, 1019 s, 982 m, 959 s, 916 m, 879 m, 876 m, 846 m, 797 m, 768 m, 731 s, 693 m, 674 w.

HRMS Calcd for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{25}\text{O}_4$ ($[\text{M}+\text{H}^+]$): 305.1747. Found: 305.1741.

N,N-dimethylformamide (30 μL) was added to a solution of benzoic acid **S3** (1.8 g, 6.0 mmol) and oxalyl chloride (12 mmol, 2.0 equiv) in 18 mL of CH_2Cl_2 at 0 °C. After gas evolution ceased, the mixture was allowed to be gradually warm to room temperature and was then stirred until the starting carboxylic acid was disappeared by TLC. The solution was concentrated to give an aroyl chloride, which was used in the next step without further purification. The aroyl chloride was partially added to a solution of indole (6.0 mmol, 1 equiv), Et_3N (1 equiv) and *N,N*-dimethyl-4-aminopyridine (0.12 mmol) in 12 mL of CH_2Cl_2 at 0 °C. After addition was completed, the reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 12 hour. The reaction was quenched by the addition of H_2O , and the resulting mixture was extracted with CH_2Cl_2 . The combined extracts were washed with brine, dried (MgSO_4),

and concentrated to give a residue, which was purified by column chromatography on NH silica gel (hexane/CH₂Cl₂ = 1/1) to give **1g** as a colorless oil.

Colorless oil (1.46 g, 60%). R_f 0.66 (NH silica, hexane/CH₂Cl₂ = 1/1).

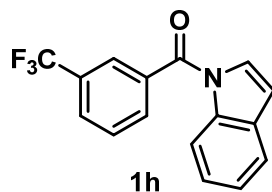
¹H NMR (CD₂Cl₂, 399.78 MHz) δ: 0.82 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 3H), 0.91–1.01 (m, 7H), 1.11–1.22 (m, 2H), 1.53–1.64 (m, 2H), 1.73–1.79 (m, 2H), 1.93–2.04 (m, 1H), 2.12–2.17 (m, 1H), 4.98 (td, *J* = 10.9, 5.6 Hz, 1H), 6.66 (dd, *J* = 3.7, 0.8 Hz, 1H), 7.24 (d, *J* = 4.0 Hz, 1H), 7.31–7.41 (m, 2H), 7.63 (dq, *J* = 7.7, 0.7 Hz, 1H), 7.79 (dt, *J* = 8.4, 1.6 Hz, 2H), 8.18–8.21 (m, 2H), 8.40 (dd, *J* = 8.2, 1.2 Hz, 1H).

¹³C NMR (CD₂Cl₂, 100.53 MHz) δ: 16.6, 20.9, 22.2, 23.9, 26.9, 31.8, 34.6, 41.2, 47.6, 75.8, 109.2, 116.6, 121.3, 124.4, 125.3, 127.7, 129.3, 130.0, 131.2, 134.1, 136.3, 138.6, 165.3, 168.2.

IR (KBr, cm⁻¹): 3416 w, 3363 w, 3150 m, 3120 m, 3053 m, 2955 s, 2870 s, 2722 w, 1942 w, 1713 s, 1692 s, 1606 m, 1585 m, 1572 m, 1536 s, 1504 s, 1451 s, 1405 s, 1381 s, 1343 s, 1275 s, 1244 s, 1206 s, 1186 s, 1152 s, 1117 s, 1108 s, 1065 s, 1038 m, 1018 s, 982 s, 959 s, 917 s, 891 s, 864 s, 843 s, 750 s, 733 s, 715 s.

HRMS Calcd for C₂₆H₃₀NO₃ ([M+H⁺]): 404.2226. Found: 404.2220.

(1H-Indol-1-yl)(3-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)methanone (1h) [CAS: 1792982-64-9].



The general procedure I was followed using 3-(trifluoromethyl)benzoyl chloride.

White solid (4.2 g, 73%). Mp 85.0–85.3 °C. R_f 0.23 (SiO₂, hexane/EtOAc = 10/1).

¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 399.78 MHz) δ: 6.66 (d, *J* = 3.7 Hz, 1H), 7.20 (d, *J* = 3.7 Hz, 1H), 7.34 (dd, *J* = 7.0, 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.42 (dd, *J* = 7.0, 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.62 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.69 (dd, *J* = 7.8, 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.87 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.92 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 8.02 (s, 1H), 8.41 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H).

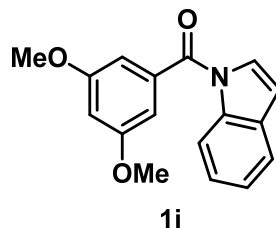
¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100.53 MHz) δ: 109.5, 116.4, 121.1, 123.4 (q, *J*_{CF} = 272.6 Hz), 124.3, 125.3, 126.0 (q, *J*_{CF} = 4.2 Hz), 126.9, 128.4, 129.3, 130.7, 131.3 (q, *J*_{CF} = 33.2 Hz), 132.3, 135.4, 135.9, 167.0.

IR (ATR): 2360 w, 1691 m, 1538 w, 1452 m, 1351 m, 1321 s, 1240 w, 1207 w, 1172 m, 1130 m, 1072 w, 902 w, 771 s, 703 m.

MS, *m/z* (relative intensity, %): 290 (12), 289 (M⁺, 67), 173 (100), 145 (50).

HRMS Calcd for C₁₆H₁₁F₃NO ([M+H⁺]): 290.0793. Found: 290.0808.

(3,5-Dimethoxyphenyl)(1*H*-indol-1-yl)methanone (1i).



The general procedure I was followed using 3,4-(dimethoxy)benzoyl chloride.

White solid (3.8 g, 68%). Mp 74.5–74.8 °C. R_f 0.31 (SiO₂, hexane/EtOAc = 10/1).

¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 399.78 MHz) δ : 3.83 (s, 6H), 6.61 (d, J = 3.8 Hz, 1H), 6.67 (t, J = 2.3 Hz, 1H), 6.85 (d, J = 2.3 Hz, 2H), 7.35–7.30 (m, 2H), 7.40 (dd, 7.3, 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.60 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 8.41 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1 H).

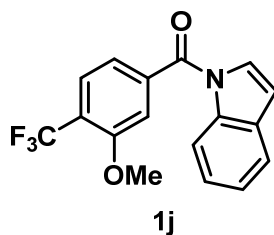
¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100.53 MHz) δ : 55.6, 103.9, 106.9, 108.6, 116.4, 120.9, 124.0, 124.9, 127.6, 130.8, 135.9, 136.3, 160.7, 168.4.

IR (ATR): 2939 w, 1687 m, 1595 m, 1527 w, 1450 m, 1331 s, 1201 m, 1157 m, 1124 m, 1065 m, 931 w, 847 w, 754 m, 688 w.

MS, m/z (relative intensity, %): 281 (M⁺, 26), 166 (11), 165 (100), 137 (27), 122 (19), 107 (11), 77 (10).

HRMS Calcd for C₁₇H₁₆NO₃ ([M+H⁺]): 282.1130. Found: 282.1135.

(1*H*-Indol-1-yl)(3-methoxy-4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)methanone (1j).



The general procedure II was followed using 3-methoxy-4-(trifluoromethyl)benzoic acid (5 mmol scale).

Pale yellow solid (0.4 g, 26%). Mp 106.8–107.0 °C. R_f 0.2 (SiO₂, hexane/EtOAc = 10/1).

¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 399.78 MHz) δ : 3.97 (s, 3H), 6.66 (d, J = 3.7 Hz, 1H), 7.23 (d, J = 3.7 Hz, 1H), 7.37–7.31 (m, 3H), 7.34 (dd, J = 7.3, 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.62 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.72 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 8.42 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H).

¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100.53 MHz) δ : 56.2, 109.4, 112.3, 116.4, 120.2, 120.3 (q, J_{CF} = 273.6 Hz), 121.0,

121.6 (q, $J_{CF} = 31.1$ Hz), 124.4, 125.3, 127.0, 127.4 (q, $J_{CF} = 5.2$ Hz), 130.8, 135.8, 139.4, 157.7, 167.3.

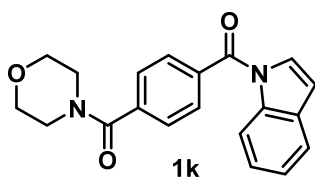
^{19}F NMR (CDCl_3 , 376.17 MHz) δ : -62.8 (s, 3F).

IR (ATR): 1690 m, 1617 w, 1581 w, 1536 w, 1508 w, 1452 m, 1412 m, 1380 w, 1343 s, 1315 s, 1275 w, 1232 m, 1206 m, 1176 m, 1127 m, 1073 w, 1042 m, 913 w, 879 w, 808 m, 769 m, 752 m.

MS, m/z (relative intensity, %): 319 (M^+ , 43), 203 (100), 175 (21), 127 (21).

HRMS Calcd for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{13}\text{F}_3\text{NO}_2$ ($[\text{M}+\text{H}^+]$): 320.0898. Found: 320.0916.

4-(1*H*-Indole-1-carbonyl)phenyl(morpholino)methanone (1k).



The general procedure II was followed using 4-(morpholine-4-carbonyl)benzoic acid **S4** (15 mmol scale).

White solid (1.6 g, 22%). Mp 176.5–176.8 °C. R_f 0.08 (SiO_2 , hexane/EtOAc = 1/1).

^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 399.78 MHz) δ : 3.46–3.82 (m, 8H), 6.64 (d, $J = 3.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.24 (d, $J = 3.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.33 (dd, $J = 7.2, 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.40 (dd, $J = 7.2, 8.3$ Hz, 1H), 7.57 (d, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 2H), 7.61 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.79 (d, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 2H), 8.41 (d, $J = 8.3$ Hz, 1H).

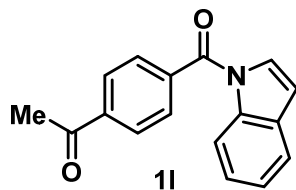
^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 150.92 MHz) δ : 42.5 (br), 48.1 (br), 66.8, 109.1, 116.3, 120.9, 124.2, 125.1, 127.1, 127.3, 129.3, 130.7, 135.9, 138.6, 167.7, 169.0.

IR (ATR): 2925 w, 1687 m, 1633 m, 1508 w, 1454 s, 1340 s, 1265 w, 1211 m, 1160 w, 1118 m, 1068 w, 1018 w, 889 w, 843 w, 746 m.

MS, m/z (relative intensity, %): 334 (M^+ , 31), 219 (15), 218 (100), 105 (13), 104 (30), 103 (10), 76 (19).

HRMS Calcd for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{19}\text{N}_2\text{O}_3$ ($[\text{M}+\text{H}^+]$): 335.1396. Found: 335.1395.

1-(4-(1*H*-Indole-1-carbonyl)phenyl)ethanone (1l).



The general procedure II was followed using 4-acetylbenzoyl chloride (10 mmol scale).

Pale yellow solid (0.2 g, 5%). Mp 160.0–160.3 °C. R_f 0.2 (SiO₂, hexane/EtOAc = 10/1).

¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 399.78 MHz) δ : 2.69 (s, 3H), 6.66 (d, J = 3.7 Hz, 1H), 7.20 (d, J = 3.7 Hz, 1H), 7.33 (dd, J = 7.0, 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.41 (dd, J = 7.0, 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.61 (d, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.82 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 8.10 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 8.40 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 1H).

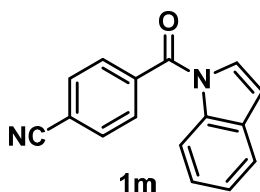
¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100.53 MHz) δ : 26.9, 109.3, 116.4, 121.0, 124.3, 125.2, 127.0, 128.4, 129.2, 130.7, 135.8, 138.5, 139.2, 167.7, 197.2.

IR (ATR): 1690 m, 1617 w, 1581 w, 1536 w, 1508 w, 1452 m, 1412 m, 1380 w, 1343 s, 1315 s, 1275 w, 1232 m, 1206 m, 1176 m, 1127 m, 1073 w, 1042 m, 913 w, 879 w, 808 m, 769 m, 752 m.

MS, m/z (relative intensity, %): 263 (M⁺, 36), 148 (13), 147 (100), 119 (20), 91 (25), 76 (13), 43 (25).

HRMS Calcd for C₁₇H₁₄NO₂ ([M+H⁺]): 264.1025. Found: 264.1027.

4-(1*H*-Indole-1-carbonyl)benzonitrile (**1m**).



The general procedure I was followed using 4-cyanobenzoyl chloride.

White solid (2.7 g, 54%). Mp 117.1–117.4 °C. R_f 0.11 (SiO₂, hexane/EtOAc = 10/1).

¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 399.78 MHz) δ : 6.66 (d, J = 3.7 Hz, 1H), 7.14 (d, J = 3.7 Hz, 1H), 7.35 (dd, J = 7.3, 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.40 (dd, J = 7.7, 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.62 (d, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.84 (m, 4H), 8.38 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 1H).

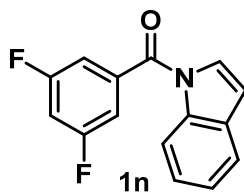
¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100.53 MHz) δ : 109.8, 115.4, 116.4, 117.7, 121.1, 124.5, 125.4, 126.6, 129.5, 130.7, 132.4, 135.8, 138.5, 166.7.

IR (ATR): 2360 w, 2233 w, 1689 m, 1536 w, 1450 w, 1378 w, 1342 m, 1211 w, 1066 w, 1018 w, 889 w, 848 w, 769 s.

MS, m/z (relative intensity, %): 246 (M⁺, 35), 130 (100), 102 (46).

HRMS Calcd for C₁₆H₁₁N₂O ([M+H⁺]): 247.0871. Found: 247.0884.

(3,5-Difluorophenyl)(1*H*-indol-1-yl)methanone (**1n**).



The general procedure I was followed using 3,5-difluorobenzoyl chloride.

Pale yellow solid (0.20 g, 4%). Mp 55.3–55.5 °C. R_f 0.31 (SiO₂, hexane/EtOAc = 10/1).

¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 399.78 MHz) δ : 6.67 (d, J = 3.7 Hz, 1H), 7.06 (tt, J = 2.3, 8.7 Hz, 1H), 7.23 (d, J = 3.7 Hz, 1H), 7.30–7.25 (m, 2H), 7.34 (dd, J = 7.3, 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.40 (dd, J = 7.8, 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.61 (d, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 8.40 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H).

¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100.53 MHz) δ : 107.4 (t, J = 25.9 Hz), 109.7, 112.3 (dd, J = 18.7 Hz), 116.4, 121.1, 124.5, 125.3, 126.7, 130.7 (t, J = 9.3 Hz), 135.8, 137.4, 162.7 (dd, J = 251.9 Hz), 165.9.

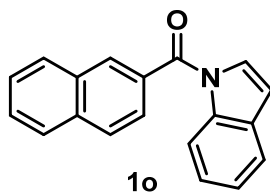
¹⁹F NMR (CDCl₃, 376.17 MHz) δ : –106.9 (s, 2F).

IR (ATR): 1691 m, 1595 m, 1537 w, 1452 m, 1381 m, 1350 s, 1205 m, 1124 m, 992 w, 878 w, 791 m, 754 m.

MS, m/z (relative intensity, %): 257 (M⁺, 44), 141 (100), 113 (50), 63 (10).

HRMS Calcd for C₁₅H₁₀F₂NO ([M+H⁺]): 258.0730. Found: 258.0740.

(1H-Indol-1-yl)(naphthalen-2-yl)methanone (1o) [CAS: 74117-26-3].



The general procedure I was followed using 2-naphthoyl chloride (27 mmol scale).

Pale pink solid (1.5 g, 20%). Mp 167.5–167.8 °C. R_f 0.11 (SiO₂, hexane/EtOAc = 10/1).

¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 399.78 MHz) δ : 6.64 (d, J = 3.6 Hz, 1H), 7.43–7.32 (m, 3H), 7.67–7.59 (m, 3H), 7.82 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 8.01–7.94 (m, 3H), 8.25 (s, 1H), 8.44 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H).

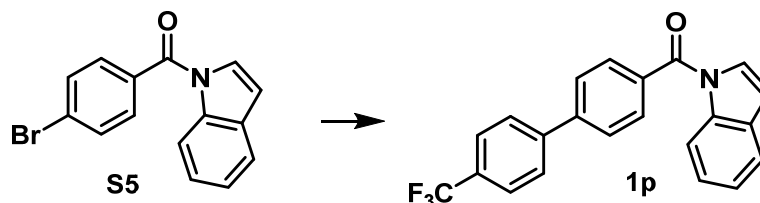
¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100.53 MHz) δ : 108.6, 116.4, 120.9, 123.9, 124.9, 125.3, 127.1, 127.7, 127.9, 128.2, 128.5, 129.0, 130.2, 130.7, 131.7, 132.2, 134.7, 136.0, 168.7.

IR (ATR): 3054 w, 1727 w, 1677 m, 1536 w, 1446 m, 1336 m, 1199 m, 1116 w, 1068 w, 1012 w, 960 w, 912 w, 800 w, 771 s.

MS, m/z (relative intensity, %): 271 (M⁺, 33), 156 (12), 155 (100), 127 (70).

HRMS Calcd for C₁₉H₁₄NO ([M+H⁺]): 272.1075. Found: 272.1074.

(1*H*-Indol-1-yl)(4'-(trifluoromethyl)-[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)methanone (1p).



The general procedure I was followed using 4-bromobenzoyl chloride to give (4-bromophenyl)(1*H*-indol-1-yl)methanone **S5**, which was purified by recrystallization with hexane/EtOAc (100m L/20 mL) (white solid, 3.2 g, 53%).

Mp 120.9–121.5 °C. R_f 0.36 (SiO₂, hexane/EtOAc = 9/1).

¹H NMR (CD₂Cl₂, 399.78 MHz) δ: 6.66 (dd, *J* = 3.6, 0.4 Hz, 1H), 7.27 (d, *J* = 3.6 Hz, 1H), 7.30–7.40 (m, 2H), 7.60–7.65 (m, 3H), 7.70 (dt, *J* = 8.4, 2.0 Hz, 2H), 8.36 (dd, *J* = 8.0, 0.8 Hz, 1H).

¹³C NMR (CD₂Cl₂, 100.53 MHz) δ: 109.1, 116.5, 121.3, 124.4, 125.3, 126.9, 127.7, 131.1, 132.3, 132.7, 133.8, 136.4, 167.9.

¹⁹F NMR (CD₂Cl₂, 376.17 MHz) δ: –62.4 (s, 3F).

IR (KBr): 3348 w, 3173 w, 3116 w, 3079 m, 3051 w, 3034 w, 1945 w, 1925 w, 1800 w, 1742 w, 1678 s, 1604 m, 1587 s, 1540 m, 1504 w, 1482 m, 1471 m, 1451 s, 1395 s, 1381 s, 1351 s, 1292 m, 1277 m, 1246 m, 1205 s, 1186 s, 1149 s, 1126 m, 1113 m, 1090 m, 1073 m, 1065 m, 1010 s, 971 w, 957 w, 944 m, 889 s, 872 s, 841 s, 769 s, 746 s, 732 s, 689 m.

HRMS Calcd for C₁₅H₁₁NOBr ([M+H⁺]): 300.0019. Found: 300.0011.

A dry three-necked flask was charged with (4-bromophenyl)(1*H*-indol-1-yl)methanone **S5** (1.5 g, 5 mmol), (4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)boronic acid (1.07 g, 5.6 mmol), 2M K₂CO₃ aq. (15 mL), Pd(PPh₃)₄ (18.8 mg, 0.015 mmol), and THF (50 mL) under a nitrogen atmosphere, and the resulting mixture was heated at reflux for 12 h. The mixture was then cooled to room temperature and treated with deionized water, and the resulting mixture was extracted with EtOAc. The combined extracts were then washed with brine, dried (MgSO₄) and concentrated to give a residue, which was purified by column chromatography (hexane/EtOAc = 10/1) to give **1p** as a white solid.

White solid (1.3 g, 37%). Mp 192.2–292.3 °C. R_f 0.26 (SiO₂, hexane/EtOAc = 10/1).

¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 399.78 MHz) δ: 6.66 (d, *J* = 3.6 Hz, 1H), 7.32–7.36 (m, 2H), 7.42 (dd, *J* = 7.4, 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.63 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.71–7.75 (m, 6H), 7.86 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 8.44 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz,

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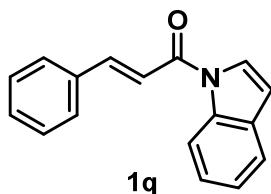
¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100.53 MHz) δ: 108.8, 116.4, 120.9, 124.1 (q, *J*_{CF} = 272.1 Hz), 124.1, 125.0, 126.0 (q, *J*_{CF} = 3.7 Hz), 127.4, 127.5, 127.6, 130.0, 130.3 (q, *J*_{CF} = 32.9 Hz), 130.8, 134.1, 136.0, 143.2, 143.3, 168.2.

IR (ATR): 3005 w, 2360 w, 1710 s, 1423 w, 1360 m, 1228 m, 1092 w, 899 w.

MS, *m/z* (relative intensity, %): 365 (M⁺, 23), 249 (100), 250 (16), 201 (21), 152 (29).

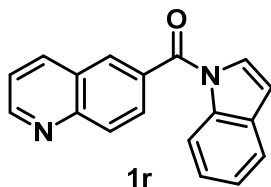
HRMS Calcd for C₂₂H₁₅F₃NO ([M+H⁺]): 366.1106. Found: 366.1121.

(*E*)-1-(1*H*-indol-1-yl)-3-phenylprop-2-en-1-one (1q) [CAS 201486-55-7].



The general procedure I was followed using ciannamoyl chloride. Spectroscopic data were consistent with those reported in the literature.¹²

(1*H*-Indol-1-yl)(quinolin-6-yl)methanone (1r).



The general procedure II was followed using quinoline-6-carboxylic acid (30 mmol scale).

White solid (1.1 g, 13%). Mp 129.0–129.5 °C. *R*_f 0.1 (SiO₂, hexane/EtOAc = 10/1).

¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 399.78 MHz) δ: 6.66 (d, *J* = 3.7 Hz, 1H), 7.36–7.31 (m, 2H), 7.41 (dd, *J* = 7.4, 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.53 (dd, *J* = 4.1, 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.63 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 8.04 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 8.29–8.25 (m, 3H), 8.41 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 9.06 (d, *J* = 4.1 Hz, 1H).

¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100.53 MHz) δ: 109.1, 116.4, 121.1, 122.3, 124.1, 125.1, 127.36, 127.38, 128.9, 130.0, 130.2, 130.7, 132.5, 136.0, 137.0, 149.2, 152.5, 168.0.

IR (ATR): 1690 m, 1617 w, 1581 w, 1536 w, 1508 w, 1452 m, 1412 m, 1380 w, 1343 s, 1315 s, 1275

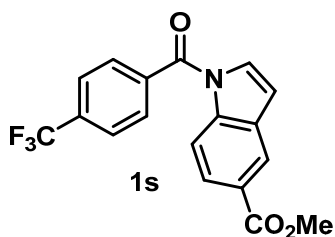
¹² Yang, Y.; Duan, X.-H.; Deng, J.-Y.; Jin, B.; Jia, H.-M.; Liu, B.-L. *Bioorg. Med. Chem. Lett.* **2011**, *21*, 5594.

w, 1232 m, 1206 m, 1176 m, 1127 m, 1073 w, 1042 m, 913 w, 879 w, 808 m, 769 m, 752 m.

MS, m/z (relative intensity, %): 272 (M^+ , 37), 157 (11), 156 (100), 101 (18).

HRMS Calcd for $C_{18}H_{13}N_2O$ ($[M+H]^+$): 273.1028. Found: 273.1034.

Methyl 1-(4-(trifluoromethyl)benzoyl)-1*H*-indole-5-carboxylate (1s).



The general procedure I was followed using 4-(trifluoromethyl)benzoyl chloride.

White solid (5.4 g, 78%). Mp 142.9–143.2 °C. R_f 0.14 (SiO₂, hexane/EtOAc = 10/1).

¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 399.78 MHz) δ : 3.96 (s, 3H), 6.72 (d, J = 3.7 Hz, 1H), 7.27 (d, J = 3.7 Hz, 1H), 7.87–7.81 (m, 4H), 8.10 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 8.35 (s, 1H), 8.44 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 1H).

¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100.53 MHz) δ : 52.2, 109.6, 116.1, 123.2, 123.4 (q, J_{CF} = 272.6 Hz), 125.8 (q, J_{CF} = 3.1 Hz), 126.2, 126.5, 128.1, 129.5, 130.5, 133.8 (q, J_{CF} = 33.2 Hz), 137.3, 138.5, 167.2, 167.3.

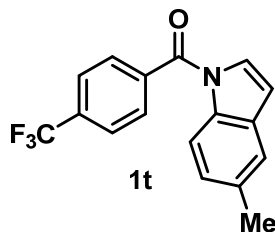
¹⁹F NMR (CDCl₃, 376.17 MHz) δ : –63.0 (s, 3F).

IR (ATR): 3127 w, 1697 m, 1609 w, 1580 w, 1536 w, 1469 w, 1440 m, 1407 w, 1376 m, 1348 w, 1320 s, 1284 w, 1235 m, 1176 s, 1106 s, 1063 m, 1016 w, 989 w, 908 w, 887 m, 852 m, 759 m, 727 w, 701 w, 670 w.

MS, m/z (relative intensity, %): 347 (M^+ , 35), 173 (100), 145 (39).

HRMS Calcd for $C_{18}H_{13}F_3NO_3$ ($[M+H]^+$): 348.0848. Found: 348.0848.

(5-Methyl-1*H*-indol-1-yl)(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)methanone (1t).



The general procedure I was followed using 4-(trifluoromethyl)benzoyl chloride (18 mmol).

White solid (3.7 g, 67%). Mp 157.0–159.9 °C. R_f 0.34 (SiO₂, hexane/EtOAc = 10/1).

¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 399.78 MHz) δ : 2.48 (s, 3H), 6.58 (d, J = 3.5 Hz, 1H), 7.14 (d, J = 3.5 Hz, 1H), 7.22 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.40 (s, 1H), 7.80 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.84 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 8.28 (d, J = 8.4

Hz, 1H).

^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 100.53 MHz) δ : 21.4, 109.3, 116.1, 121.0, 123.5 (q, $J_{\text{CF}} = 272.6$ Hz), 125.6 (q, $J_{\text{CF}} = 3.1$ Hz), 126.6, 127.0, 129.3, 131.0, 133.4 (q, $J_{\text{CF}} = 32.1$ Hz), 134.0, 138.0, 138.0, 167.1.

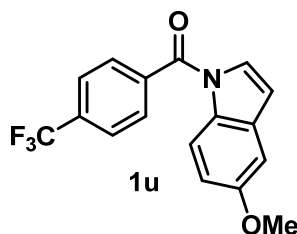
^{19}F NMR (CDCl_3 , 376.17 MHz) δ : -62.9 (s, 3F).

IR (ATR): 1675 w, 1467 w, 1407 w, 1375 w, 1323 m, 1215 w, 1191 w, 1163 w, 1128 m, 1110 w, 1073 w, 1017 w, 908 m, 888 w, 854 w, 814 w, 756 s, 687 w, 669 w.

MS, m/z (relative intensity, %): 303 (M^+ , 49), 173 (100), 145 (45).

HRMS Calcd for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{13}\text{F}_3\text{NO}$ ($[\text{M}+\text{H}^+]$): 304.0949. Found: 304.0945.

(5-Methoxy-1H-indol-1-yl)(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)methanone (1u).



The general procedure I was followed using 4-(trifluoromethyl)benzoyl chloride.

Pale yellow solid (4.9 g, 77%). Mp 139.5–140.0 °C. R_f 0.2 (SiO_2 , hexane/EtOAc = 10/1).

^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 399.78 MHz) δ : 3.88 (s, 3H), 6.58 (d, $J = 3.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.01 (dd, $J = 2.8, 8.7$ Hz, 1H), 7.07 (d, $J = 2.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.14 (d, $J = 3.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.85–7.79 (m, 4H), 8.33 (d, $J = 8.7$ Hz, 1H).

^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 100.53 MHz) δ : 55.6, 103.7, 109.4, 113.6, 117.3, 123.5 (q, $J_{\text{CF}} = 272.6$ Hz), 125.6 (q, $J_{\text{CF}} = 4.1$ Hz), 127.6, 129.3, 130.5, 131.8, 133.2 (q, $J_{\text{CF}} = 33.2$ Hz), 137.9, 156.9, 166.9.

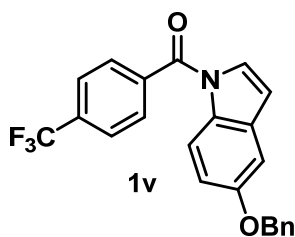
^{19}F NMR (CDCl_3 , 376.17 MHz) δ : -62.9 (s, 3F).

IR (ATR): 2965 w, 1676 m, 1613 m, 1588 w, 1540 w, 1476 m, 1440 m, 1406 m, 1380 m, 1321 m, 1275 m, 1200 m, 1187 m, 1164 s, 1131 s, 1110 m, 1074 m, 1027 m, 941 w, 911 w, 888 m, 853 m, 821 m, 796 w, 755 m, 726 m, 688 w.

MS, m/z (relative intensity, %): 320 (13), 319 (M^+ , 67), 173 (100), 145 (40).

HRMS Calcd for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{13}\text{F}_3\text{NO}_2$ ($[\text{M}+\text{H}^+]$): 320.0898. Found: 320.0886.

(5-(Benzyloxy)-1H-indol-1-yl)(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)methanone (1v).



The general procedure I was followed using 4-(trifluoromethyl)benzoyl chloride.

White solid (5.5 g, 69%). Mp 177.0–177.3 °C. R_f 0.2 (SiO₂, hexane/EtOAc = 10/1).

¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 399.78 MHz) δ : 5.15 (s, 2H), 6.57 (d, J = 3.7 Hz, 1H), 7.10 (d, J = 9.2 Hz, 1H), 7.15–7.14 (m, 2H), 7.34 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.41 (dd, J = 7.0, 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.48 (d, J = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 7.85–7.79 (m, 4H), 8.34 (d, J = 9.2 Hz, 1H).

¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100.53 MHz) δ : 70.5, 105.1, 109.4, 114.4, 117.3, 123.5 (q, J_{CF} = 272.6 Hz), 125.6 (q, J_{CF} = 3.1 Hz), 127.5, 127.6, 127.9, 128.6, 129.3, 130.7, 131.7, 133.3 (q, J_{CF} = 33.2 Hz), 137.0, 137.9, 156.1, 166.9.

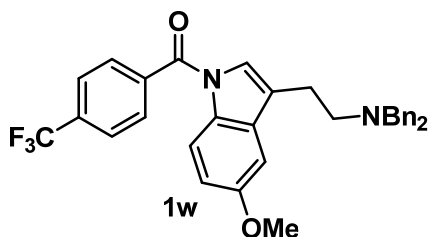
¹⁹F NMR (CDCl₃, 376.17 MHz) δ : -62.9 (s, 3F).

IR (ATR): 1673 s, 1586 w, 1538 w, 1454 w, 1406 w, 1383 m, 1334 w, 1272 w, 1193 m, 1156 m, 1138 m, 1114 s, 1078 m, 1017 w, 909 w, 889 w, 855 w, 815 w, 751 s, 727 m, 704 m.

MS, m/z (relative intensity, %): 395 (M⁺, 27), 173 (37), 145 (18), 91 (100).

HRMS Calcd for C₂₃H₁₇F₃NO₂ ([M+H⁺]): 396.1211. Found: 396.1210.

(3-(2-(Dibenzylamino)ethyl)-5-methoxy-1H-indol-1-yl)(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)methanone (1w).



The general procedure I was followed using 4-(trifluoromethyl)benzoyl chloride and 2-(5-methoxy-1H-indol-3-yl)-N,N-bis(phenylmethyl)ethanamine **S6**.

White solid (2.4 g, 44%). Mp 122.5–123.4 °C. R_f 0.23 (SiO₂, hexane/EtOAc = 9/1).

¹H NMR (CD₂Cl₂, 399.78 MHz) δ : 2.72–2.78 (m, 2H), 2.81–2.86 (m, 2H), 3.62 (s, 4H), 3.75 (s, 3H), 6.77 (d, J = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 6.90 (s, 1H), 6.94 (dd, J = 8.8, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 7.16–7.25 (m, 6H), 7.28–7.31 (m, 4H), 7.79 (s, 4H), 8.27 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H).

¹³C NMR (CD₂Cl₂, 100.53 MHz) δ : 23.2, 53.0, 55.9, 58.6, 102.1, 113.7, 117.6, 121.7, 124.1 (q, J_{CF} =

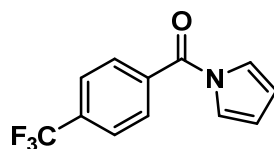
272.4 Hz), 125.0, 125.9 (qt, $J_{CF} = 3.6$ Hz), 127.1, 128.4, 128.9, 129.6, 131.0, 132.6, 133.1 (q, $J_{CF} = 32.6$ Hz), 138.8, 140.1, 157.2, 166.8.

^{19}F NMR (CD_2Cl_2 , 376.17 MHz) δ : -63.2 (s, 3F).

IR (KBr, cm^{-1}): 3069 m, 3031 m, 2963 m, 2838 m, 2807 m, 1934 w, 1859 w, 1804 w, 1747 w, 1734 w, 1681 s, 1620 m, 1601 s, 1576 m, 1514 m, 1496 m, 1477 s, 1451 s, 1439 s, 1389 s, 1325 s, 1265 s, 1227 s, 1209 s, 1173 s, 1117 s, 1065 s, 1029 s, 980 s, 930 s, 901 s, 849 s, 819 s, 778 s, 770 s, 747 s, 728 s, 698 s, 660 m.

HRMS Calcd for $\text{C}_{33}\text{H}_{30}\text{F}_3\text{N}_2\text{O}_2$ ($[\text{M}+\text{H}^+]$): 543.2259. Found: 543.2254.

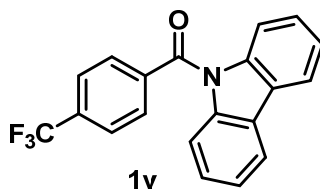
(1*H*-Pyrrol-1-yl)(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)methanone (1x) [CAS 633313-82-3].



1x

The general procedure I was followed using 4-(trifluoromethyl)benzoyl chloride. Spectroscopic data were consistent with those reported in the literature.¹³

(9*H*-Carbazol-9-yl)(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)methanone (1y).



1y

The general procedure I was followed using 4-(trifluoromethyl)benzoyl chloride.

White solid (5.42 g, 77%). Mp 143.5–143.7 °C. R_f 0.31 (SiO_2 , hexane/EtOAc = 10/1).

^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 399.78 MHz) δ : 7.33–7.40 (m, 4H), 7.49 (d, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 2H), 7.80–7.86 (m, 4H), 8.02 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 2H).

^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 100.53 MHz) δ : 115.7, 120.0, 123.5 (q, $J_{CF} = 272.6$ Hz), 123.9, 126.0 (q, $J_{CF} = 3.1$ Hz), 126.2, 127.0, 129.3, 133.8 (q, $J_{CF} = 32.2$ Hz), 138.8, 139.0, 168.1.

^{19}F NMR (CDCl_3 , 376.17 MHz) δ : -62.8 (s, 3F).

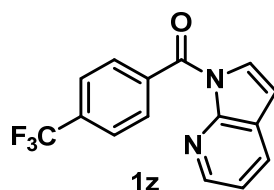
¹³ Meng, G.; Szostak, R.; Szostak, M. *Org. Lett.* **2017**, *19*, 3596.

IR (ATR): 1678 m, 1585 w, 1513 w, 1478 w, 1443 m, 1408 w, 1360 w, 1302 s, 1214 w, 1169 m, 1128 s, 1075 m, 1064 m, 1018 w, 948 w, 873 w, 840 w, 753 s, 722 m, 700 w, 672 w.

MS, m/z (relative intensity, %): 339 (M^+ , 44), 173 (100), 145 (41).

HRMS Calcd for $C_{20}H_{13}F_3NO$ ($[M+H^+]$): 340.0944. Found: 340.0945

(1*H*-Pyrrolo[2,3-*b*]pyridin-1-yl)(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)methanone (1z).



The general procedure I was followed using 4-(trifluoromethyl)benzoyl chloride.

White solid (3.1 g, 53%). Mp 91.7–92.0 °C. R_f 0.2 (SiO₂, hexane/EtOAc = 10/1).

¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 399.78 MHz) δ : 6.68 (d, J = 4.1 Hz, 1H), 7.19 (dd, J = 4.6, 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.74–7.77 (m, 3H), 7.89–7.93 (m, 3H), 8.23 (d, J = 4.6 Hz, 1H).

¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100.53 MHz) δ : 106.6, 119.3, 123.3, 125.0 (q, J_{CF} = 272.6 Hz), 127.0, 127.7 (q, J_{CF} = 3.1 Hz), 129.4, 130.3, 133.8 (q, J_{CF} = 32.2 Hz), 137.4, 144.4, 148.0, 166.5.

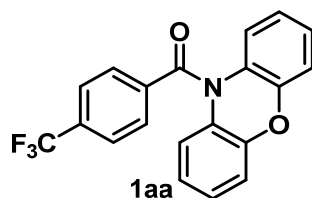
¹⁹F NMR (CDCl₃, 376.17 MHz) δ : –62.9 (s, 3F).

IR (ATR): 1687 s, 1583 w, 1531 w, 1409 s, 1330 w, 1268 m, 1160 m, 1112 s, 1068 m, 1018 w, 925 w, 852 w, 804 w, 771 m, 725 w, 692 w.

MS, m/z (relative intensity, %): 290 (M^+ , 33), 289 (50), 263 (13), 262 (80), 173 (100).

HRMS Calcd for $C_{15}H_{10}F_3N_2O$ ($[M+H^+]$): 291.0745. Found: 291.0748.

(10*H*-Phenoxazin-10-yl)(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)methanone (1aa).



The general procedure I was followed using 4-(trifluoromethyl)benzoyl chloride.

Pale yellow solid (5.5 g, 77%). Mp 131.1–131.6 °C. R_f 0.2 (SiO₂, hexane/EtOAc = 10/1).

¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 399.78 MHz) δ : 6.94–6.99 (m, 2H), 7.15–7.17 (m, 4H), 7.32 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.55 (m, 4H).

^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 100.53 MHz) δ : 116.8, 123.45, 123.53 (q, $J_{\text{CF}} = 272.6$ Hz), 124.6, 125.1 (q, $J_{\text{CF}} = 3.1$ Hz), 126.9, 129.2, 129.5, 132.2 (q, $J_{\text{CF}} = 33.2$ Hz), 138.5, 150.3, 166.7.

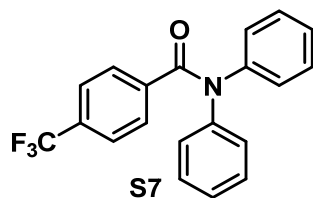
^{19}F NMR (CDCl_3 , 376.17 MHz) δ : -62.8 (s, 3F).

IR (ATR): 1668 m, 1579 w, 1481 m, 1409 w, 1321 s, 1272 m, 1170 w, 1128 m, 1087 w, 1066 w, 1020 w, 883 w, 842 w, 765 m, 669 w.

MS, m/z (relative intensity, %): 355 (M^+ , 22), 182 (100), 173 (28), 145 (11).

HRMS Calcd for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{13}\text{F}_3\text{NO}_2$ ($[\text{M}+\text{H}^+]$): 356.0898. Found: 356.0894.

***N,N*-Diphenyl-4-(trifluoromethyl)benzamide (S7) [CAS 77826-14-3].**



The general procedure I was followed using 4-(trifluoromethyl)benzoyl chloride.

White solid (3.7 g, 54%). Mp 142.0–142.4 °C. R_f 0.1 (SiO_2 , hexane/EtOAc = 10/1).

^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 399.78 MHz) δ : 7.15–7.23 (m, 6H), 7.29–7.33 (m, 4H), 7.47 (d, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 2H), 7.56 (d, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 2H).

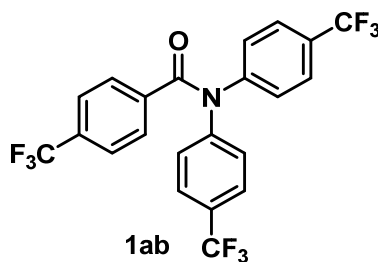
^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 100.53 MHz) δ : 123.6 (q, $J_{\text{CF}} = 272.6$ Hz), 124.9 (q, $J_{\text{CF}} = 4.2$ Hz), 126.8, 127.4, 129.26, 129.34, 131.7 (q, $J_{\text{CF}} = 32.1$ Hz), 139.6, 143.2, 169.1.

IR (ATR): 2356 w, 1660 m, 1592 w, 1488 w, 1407 w, 1319 s, 1218 w, 1168 m, 1124 m, 1066 w, 1020 w, 840 w, 769 s, 696 m.

MS, m/z (relative intensity, %): 341 (M^+ , 29), 248 (39), 173 (100), 167 (10), 145 (41).

HRMS Calcd for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{15}\text{F}_3\text{NO}$ ($[\text{M}+\text{H}^+]$): 342.1100. Found: 342.1101.

4-(Trifluoromethyl)-*N,N*-bis(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)benzamide (1ab).



The general procedure I was followed using 4-(trifluoromethyl)benzoyl chloride.

White solid (685 mg, 18%). Mp 112.4–112.8 °C. R_f 0.14 (SiO_2 , hexane/ CHCl_3 = 1/1).

^1H NMR (CD_2Cl_2 , 399.78 MHz) δ : 7.27 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 4H), 7.54–7.62 (m, 8H).

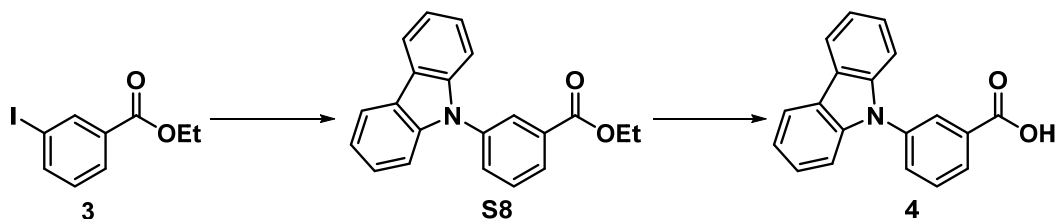
^{13}C NMR (CD_2Cl_2 , 100.53 MHz) δ : 124.0(q, $J_{\text{CF}} = 272.6$ Hz), 124.2(q, $J_{\text{CF}} = 272.2$ Hz), 125.7(qt, $J_{\text{CF}} = 3.6$ Hz), 126.9(qt, $J_{\text{CF}} = 3.8$ Hz), 128.1, 129.0(q, $J_{\text{CF}} = 32.8$ Hz), 129.9, 132.6(q, $J_{\text{CF}} = 32.6$ Hz), 139.0, 146.4, 169.3.

^{19}F NMR (CD_2Cl_2 , 376.17 MHz) δ : -61.4 (s, 6F), -60.8 (s, 3F).

IR (KBr, cm^{-1}): 3314 w, 3082 w, 2931 w, 2640 w, 1919 w, 1805 w, 1752 w, 1666 s, 1613 s, 1583 m, 1516 s, 1409 s, 1325 s, 1170 s, 1127 s, 1110 s, 1068 s, 1019 s, 963 m, 953 m, 876 m, 845 s, 770 s, 741 w, 722 w, 703 m, 656 m.

HRMS Calcd for $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{13}\text{F}_9\text{NO}$ ($[\text{M}+\text{H}^+]$): 478.0848. Found: 478.0853.

3-(9H-Carbazol-9-yl)benzoic acid (**4**) [CAS: 19287-67-3].



A mixture of carbazole (4.68 g, 28.0 mmol), ethyl 3-iodobenzoate **3** (5.52 g, 20.0 mmol), CuI (762 mg, 4.0 mmol), Cs_2CO_3 (13.0 g, 40 mmol) in DMF (40 mL) was vigorously stirred at 120 °C under nitrogen atmosphere for 24 h. After cooling the mixture to ambient temperature, the reaction mixture was diluted with EtOAc (160 mL) and washed with H_2O (2×120 mL). The aqueous phase was extracted with EtOAc (2×120 mL), and the combined organic phases were dried over Na_2SO_4 . After filtration and evaporation of the solvents in vacuo, the crude product was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (hexane/EtOAc = 9/1) to give **S8**¹⁴ (3.00 g, 48%) as a white solid.

White solid (3.00 mg, 48%). Mp 91.1–92.0 °C. R_f 0.37 (SiO_2 , hexane/EtOAc = 9/1).

^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 399.78 MHz) δ : 1.41 (t, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 3H), 4.43 (q, $J = 7.0$ Hz, 2H), 7.30–7.34 (m, 2H), 7.39–7.46 (m, 4H), 7.70 (t, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.78 (dt, $J = 7.9, 1.7$ Hz, 1H), 8.17 (dd, $J = 7.8, 0.9$ Hz, 3H), 8.28 (t, $J = 1.8$ Hz, 1H).

^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 100.53 MHz) δ : 14.3, 61.4, 109.6, 120.2, 120.4, 123.5, 126.1, 128.2, 128.5, 130.0, 131.5, 132.6, 138.0, 140.7, 165.8.

IR (KBr, cm^{-1}): 3042 w, 2991 m, 1732 s, 1596 m, 1498 m, 1480 m, 1451 s, 1365 s, 1336 m, 1314 m, 1292 s, 1260 s, 1227 s, 1179 m, 1120 m, 1099 m, 1080 s, 1023 s, 1003 w, 920 m, 879 w, 750 s, 721 s, 690 s.

MS, m/z (relative intensity, %): 316(23), 315 (M^+ , 100), 288(15), 287 (70), 242(23), 241 (42), 240(11),

¹⁴ Swapna, K.; Murthy, S. N.; Nageswar, Y. V. D. *Eur. J. Org. Chem.* **2010**, 2010, 6678.

135(11), 121 (39), 316 (21), 144 (11), 143 (10).

HRMS Calcd for C₂₁H₁₇NO₂ ([M⁺]): 315.1259. Found: 312.1255.

Ethyl 3-(9*H*-carbazol-9-yl)benzoate **S8** (2.71 g, 8.6 mmol) in mixed solution of MeOH (25 mL), THF (25 mL), 1 M NaOH aq. (17.2 mL, 17.2 mmol) was stirred at 50 °C for 8 h. After cooling the mixture to ambient temperature, 1M HCl aq (17.2 mL, 17.2 mmol) was added to the reaction solution, and the precipitated solid was collected by filtration and dried to give **4**.

White solid (2.36 g, 96%). Mp 233.4–234.3 °C. R_f 0.71 (SiO₂, methanol/EtOAc = 1/1).

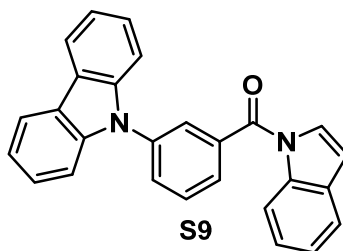
¹H NMR (CD₃OD, 399.78 MHz) δ: 4.85 (s, 1H), 7.25–7.28 (m, 2H), 7.34–7.42 (m, 4H), 7.73–7.81 (m, 2H), 8.13–8.16 (m, 3H), 8.18 (t, *J* = 1.8 Hz, 1H).

¹³C NMR (CD₃OD, 100.53 MHz) δ: 110.5, 121.3, 121.4, 124.9, 127.3, 129.0, 129.7, 131.4, 132.5, 134.2, 139.4, 142.0, 168.9.

IR (KBr, cm⁻¹): 3042 m, 2827 m, 2679 m, 2575 m, 1683 s, 1586 s, 1492 s, 1463 s, 1450 s, 1362 s, 1307 s, 1229 s, 1166 m, 1149 m, 1119 m, 1084 w, 1002 m, 979 m, 939 m, 927 m, 815 w, 746 s, 722 s, 691 s, 669 m.

HRMS Calcd for C₁₉H₁₃NO₂ ([M⁺]): 287.0946. Found: 287.0946.

(3-(9*H*-Carbazol-9-yl)phenyl)(1*H*-indol-1-yl)methanone (**S9**).



DMF (30 μL) was added to a solution of (**3**) (3 mmol) and oxalyl chloride (6 mmol, 2 equiv) in 30 mL of CH₂Cl₂ at 0 °C. After gas evolution **4** ceased, the mixture was allowed to be gradually warm to room temperature and was then stirred until the starting carboxylic acid was disappeared by TLC. The solution was concentrated to give an aroyl chloride, which was used in the next step without further purification. The aroyl chloride was partially added to a solution of indole (3 mmol, 1 equiv), Et₃N (1 equiv) and *N,N*-dimethyl-4-aminopyridine (0.06 mmol) in 40 mL of CH₂Cl₂ at 0 °C. After addition was completed, the reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 12 hour. The reaction was quenched by the addition of H₂O, and the resulting mixture was extracted with CH₂Cl₂. The combined extracts were washed with brine, dried (MgSO₄), and concentrated to give a residue, which was purified by column chromatography and GPC to give a white solid.

White solid (712 mg, 60%). Mp 74.2–76.1 °C. R_f 0.69 (NH silica, hexane/CH₂Cl₂ = 1/1).

¹H NMR (CD₂Cl₂, 399.78 MHz) δ : 6.69 (d, J = 3.7 Hz, 1H), 7.31–7.36 (m, 3H), 7.39–7.51 (m, 6H), 7.64 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.79–7.89 (m, 3H), 7.98 (t, J = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 8.17 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 8.43 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H).

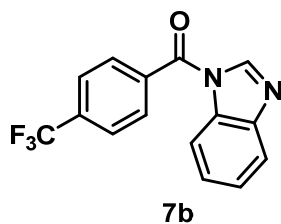
¹³C NMR (CD₂Cl₂, 100.53 MHz) δ : 119.2, 120.1, 126.8, 130.8, 130.9, 131.5, 133.9, 134.5, 135.4, 136.7, 137.8, 138.0, 138.4, 140.7, 140.9, 141.3, 146.5, 147.0, 148.5, 150.9, 177.9.

IR (KBr, cm⁻¹): 3055 w, 1687 s, 1597 m, 1584 m, 1535 m, 1495 s, 1477 m, 1451 s, 1378 s, 1362 s, 1337 s, 1230 s, 1206 s, 1150 m, 1123 w, 1067 w, 1016 w, 926 w, 889 m, 872 w, 809 w, 750 s, 724 s, 699 m.

MS, m/z (relative intensity, %): 387 (19), 386 (M⁺, 57), 271 (13), 270 (57), 243 (17), 242 (100), 241 (71), 240 (11), 207 (22), 193 (15), 121 (15), 116 (11), 73 (20), 44 (11).

HRMS Calcd for C₂₇H₁₈N₂O ([M⁺]): 386.1419. Found: 386.1425.

(1*H*-Benzo[*d*]imidazol-1-yl)(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)methanone (7b) [CAS: 1907216-47-0].



The general procedure I was followed using 4-(trifluoromethyl)benzoyl chloride.

White solid (4.4 g, 75%). Mp 161.1–161.4 °C. R_f 0.49 (SiO₂, hexane/EtOAc = 1/1).

¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 399.78 MHz) δ : 7.43–7.49 (m, 2H), 7.83–7.88 (m, 3H), 7.93 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 8.14 (s, 1H), 8.18–8.20 (m, 1H).

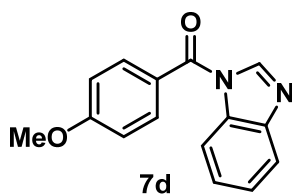
¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100.53 MHz) δ : 165.8, 144.0, 142.5, 136.1, 134.6 (q, J_{CF} = 33.2 Hz), 131.8, 129.8, 126.1 (q, J_{CF} = 4.2 Hz), 126.1, 125.7, 123.2 (q, J_{CF} = 272.6 Hz), 120.7, 115.5.

IR (ATR): 3101 w, 2360 w, 1697 m, 1606 w, 1514 w, 1452 w, 1410 w, 1369 w, 1327 m, 1198 m, 1167 m, 1130 m, 1066 w, 906 w, 852 w, 756 s.

MS, m/z (relative intensity, %): 290 (M⁺, 46), 174 (14), 173 (100), 145 (89), 95 (16), 90 (10).

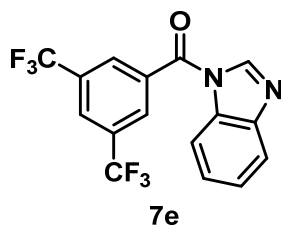
HRMS Calcd for C₁₅H₁₀F₃N₂O ([M+H⁺]): 291.0740. Found: 291.0747.

(1*H*-Benzo[*d*]imidazol-1-yl)(4-methoxyphenyl)methanone (7d) [CAS: 13361-55-2].



The general procedure I was followed using 4-methoxybenzoyl chloride. Spectroscopic data were consistent with those reported in the literature.¹⁵

(1H-Benzo[d]imidazol-1-yl)(3,5-bis(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)methanone (7e) [CAS: 1899226-42-6].



The general procedure I was followed using 3,5-bis(trifluoromethyl)benzoyl chloride (6 mmol scale). White solid (1.2 g, 55%). Mp 84.7–84.1 °C. *R*_f 0.66 (SiO₂, hexane/EtOAc = 1/1).

¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 399.78 MHz) δ: 8.27 (s, 2H), 8.21 (s, 1H), 8.21–8.16 (m, 1H), 8.10 (s, 1H), 7.87–7.85 (m, 1H), 7.52–7.46 (m, 2H).

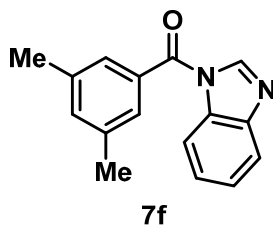
¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100.53 MHz) δ: 164.1, 144.1, 141.8, 134.9, 133.0 (q, *J*_{CF} = 34.2 Hz), 131.7, 129.4 (q, *J*_{CF} = 3.1 Hz), 126.5 (qt, *J*_{CF} = 3.1 Hz), 126.0, 122.5 (q, *J*_{CF} = 273.1 Hz), 120.9, 118.4, 115.4.

IR (ATR): 2360 w, 1707 m, 1512 w, 1452 w, 1396 w, 1356 m, 1284 s, 1180 s, 1142 s, 910 w, 771 s, 708 w.

MS, *m/z* (relative intensity, %): 358 (M⁺, 33), 242 (10), 241 (100), 213 (48), 163 (10).

HRMS calcd for C₁₆H₉F₆N₂O ([M+H⁺]): 359.0614. Found: 359.0628.

(1H-Benzo[d]imidazol-1-yl)(3,5-dimethylphenyl)methanone (7f).



¹⁵ Ding, W.; Mai, S.; Song, Q. *Beilstein. J. Org. Chem.* **2015**, *11*, 2158.

The general procedure I was followed using 3,5-dimethylbenzoyl chloride.

White solid (1.7 g, 35%). Mp 197.4–197.8 °C. R_f 0.54 (SiO₂, hexane/EtOAc = 1/1).

¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 399.78 MHz) δ : 8.23 (s, 1H), 8.22–8.20 (m, 1H), 7.85–7.83 (m, 1H), 7.48–7.40 (m, 4H), 7.31 (s, 1H), 2.42 (s, 6H).

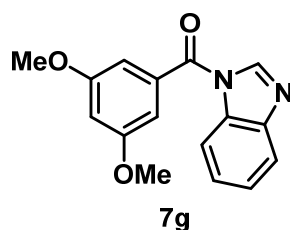
¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100.53 MHz) δ : 167.5, 144.1, 143.3, 138.9, 134.8, 132.8, 132.1, 127.2, 125.7, 125.2, 120.5, 115.5, 21.2.

IR (ATR): 2349 w, 1720 w, 1650 w, 1518 m, 1364 m, 1281 m, 1241 m, 1217 m, 1176 m, 1145 m, 1024 w, 912 w, 771 s, 709 m, 663 w.

MS, m/z (relative intensity, %): 250 (M⁺, 18), 133 (100), 105 (34), 103 (10), 79 (17), 77 (17).

HRMS calcd for C₁₆H₁₅N₂O ([M+H⁺]): 251.1179. Found: 251.1186.

(1*H*-Benzo[*d*]imidazol-1-yl)(3,5-dimethoxyphenyl)methanone (7g) [CAS: 333347-97-0].



The general procedure I was followed using 3,5-dimethoxybenzoyl chloride.

White solid (4.1 g, 73%). Mp 109.2–109.5 °C. R_f 0.36 (SiO₂, hexane/EtOAc = 1/1).

¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 399.78 MHz) δ : 8.27 (s, 1H), 8.23–8.20 (m, 1H), 7.85–7.83 (m, 1H), 7.49–7.42 (m, 2H), 6.89 (d, J = 2.3 Hz, 2H), 6.73 (d, J = 2.3 Hz, 1H), 2.29 (s, 6H).

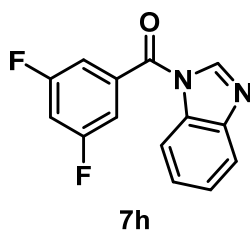
¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100.53 MHz) δ : 166.9, 161.1, 144.1, 143.1, 134.6, 132.1, 125.8, 125.3, 120.6, 115.5, 107.2, 105.1, 55.7.

IR (ATR): 2360 m, 1705 m, 1599 m, 1510 m, 1452 m, 1360 m, 1284 s, 1146 m, 1063 m, 771 s.

MS, m/z (relative intensity, %): 282 (M⁺, 24), 165 (100), 137 (29), 122 (22), 107 (13), 77 (12).

HRMS calcd for C₁₆H₁₅N₂O₃ ([M+H⁺]): 283.1077. Found: 283.1099.

(1*H*-Benzo[*d*]imidazol-1-yl)(3,5-difluorophenyl)methanone (7h) [CAS: 1789402-95-4].



The general procedure I was followed using 3,5-difluorobenzoyl chloride.

White solid (3.4 g, 66%). Mp 125.0–125.3 °C. R_f 0.54 (SiO₂, hexane/EtOAc = 1/1).

¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 399.78 MHz) δ : 8.20–8.16 (m, 2H), 7.86–7.83 (m, 1H), 7.50–7.44 (m, 2H), 7.37–7.31 (m, 2H), 7.16 (tt, J = 2.3, 8.5 Hz, 1H).

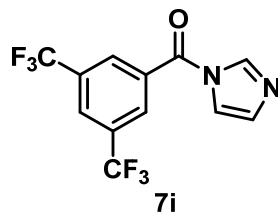
¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100.53 MHz) δ : 164.4 (t, J_{CF} = 3.0 Hz), 163.0 (dd, J_{CF} = 12.0, 253.5 Hz), 144.1, 142.2, 135.6 (t, J_{CF} = 8.8 Hz), 131.8, 126.2, 125.7, 120.8, 115.4, 112.72 (dd, J_{CF} = 8.3, 19.4 Hz), 108.7 (t, J_{CF} = 24.9 Hz).

IR (ATR): 3094 m, 1692 m, 1598 m, 1513 m, 1477 m, 1452 m, 1378 s, 1324 m, 1287 m, 1221 m, 1193 m, 1133 m, 1000 m, 978 m, 912 w, 869 m, 799 s, 772 s, 754 s, 678 w.

MS, m/z (relative intensity, %): 259 (10), 258 (M⁺, 60), 142 (18), 141 (100), 113 (86), 90 (11), 63 (35).

HRMS calcd for C₁₄H₉F₂N₂O ([M+H⁺]): 259.0677. Found: 259.0703.

(3,5-bis(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)(1H-imidazol-1-yl)methanone (7i).



The general procedure I was followed using 3,5-bis(trifluoromethyl)benzoyl chloride.

White solid (4.6 g, 75%). Mp 125.0–125.3 °C. R_f 0.66 (SiO₂, EtOAc).

¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 399.78 MHz) δ : 8.30 (s, 2H), 8.20 (s, 1H), 8.06 (s, 1H), 7.51 (t, J = 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.24 (s, 1H).

¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100.53 MHz) δ : 163.4, 137.7, 134.0, 133.1 (q, J_{CF} = 34.5 Hz), 132.1, 129.6 (q, J_{CF} = 3.6 Hz), 126.9 (qt, J_{CF} = 3.7 Hz), 122.4 (q, J_{CF} = 273.2 Hz), 117.7.

¹⁹F NMR (CDCl₃, 376.17 MHz) δ : -62.9 (s, 6F).

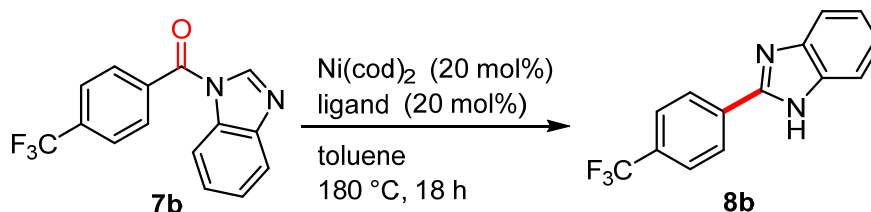
IR (ATR): 1720 m, 1621 w, 1472 w, 1397 m, 1365 m, 1281 s, 1242 m, 1175 m, 1137 s, 1024 m, 947 w, 911 m, 774 s, 710 m, 681 m.

MS, m/z (relative intensity, %): 308 (M⁺, 13), 242 (13), 241 (100), 213 (76), 163 (21), 144 (11), 143 (10).

HRMS calcd for C₁₂H₇F₆N₂O ([M+H⁺]): 309.0457. Found: 309.0469.

IV. Optimization Studies.

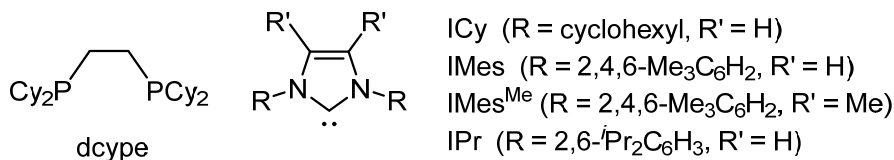
1,2-Migratory decarbonylation of *N*-acyl imidazoles.



entry	ligand	GC yields (%) ^a	
		9b	7b
1	PPh ₃	0	0
2	PCy ₃	0	58
3	dcype	77	0
4	dcypp	11	36
5	dcypb	0	57
6	dcypf	0	68
7	dppe	0	46
8 ^b	ICy	0	35
9 ^b	IMes	0	35
10 ^b	IMes ^{Me}	0	34
11 ^b	IPr	0	78

^a Determined by GC using undecane as an internal standard.

^b Carbene was generated in situ from the corresponding imidazolium salt and Na^tBu (25 mol%) was used to generate carbene.



V. Typical Procedures.

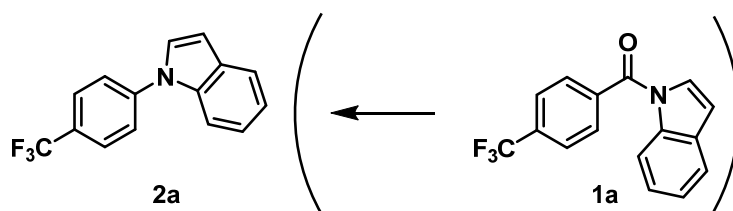
Condition A: Procedure for the Ni/dcype-catalyzed decarbonylation of *N*-acylpyrrole derivatives. Ni(cod)₂ (13.8 mg, 0.050 mmol), dcype (21.1 mg, 0.050 mmol), *N*-acylpyrrole derivatives and toluene (1 mL) were added to a 10 mL-sample vial with a Teflon-sealed screwcap in a glovebox filled with nitrogen. The resulting mixture was stirred at room temperature for 3 min and the cap was then closed. The contents of the vial were then stirred at 180 °C for 18 h. The reaction was cooled to room temperature, and the crude mixture was filtered through a pad of silica gel before being analyzed by GC. The filtrate was then concentrated *in vacuo* to give a residue, which was purified by flash column chromatography over silica gel.

Condition B: Procedure for the Ni/PCy₃-mediated decarbonylation of *N*-acylpyrrole derivatives.

Ni(cod)₂ (68.8 mg, 0.25 mmol), PCy₃ (70.1 mg, 0.25 mmol), *N*-acylpyrrole derivatives and toluene (1 mL) were added to a 10 mL-sample vial with a Teflon-sealed screwcap in a glovebox filled with nitrogen. The resulting mixture was stirred at room temperature for 3 min and the cap was then closed. The contents of the vial were then stirred at 80 °C for 18 h. The reaction was cooled to room temperature, and the crude mixture was filtered through a pad of silica gel before being analyzed by GC. The filtrate was then concentrated *in vacuo* to give a residue, which was purified by flash column chromatography over silica gel.

VI. Spectroscopic Data of Products.

1-(4-(Trifluoromethyl)phenyl)-1*H*-indole (2a) [CAS: 174621-55-7].



The typical procedure (Condition A) was followed using **1a** as the substrate.

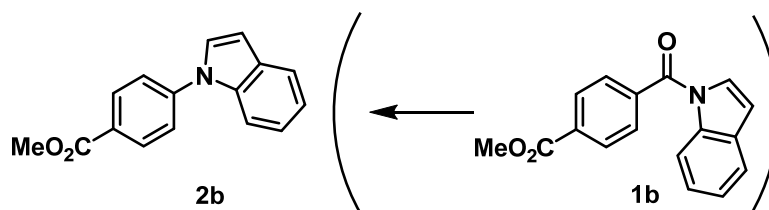
White solid (54.9 mg, 84%). *R_f* 0.57 (SiO₂, hexane/EtOAc = 20/1).

¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 399.78 MHz) δ: 6.76 (d, *J* = 3.2 Hz, 1H), 7.23 (dd, *J* = 6.9, 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.29 (dd, *J* = 6.8, 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.37 (d, *J* = 3.2 Hz, 1H), 7.61–7.66 (m, 3H), 7.72 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.80 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H).

¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100.53 MHz) δ: 104.9, 110.3, 121.0, 121.4, 122.9, 123.9, 124.0 (q, *J*_{CF} = 272.6 Hz), 126.9 (q, *J*_{CF} = 4.1 Hz), 127.4, 128.2 (q, *J*_{CF} = 28.0 Hz), 129.7, 135.5, 142.8.

HRMS Calcd for C₁₅H₁₁F₃N ([M+H⁺]): 262.0838. Found: 262.0839.

Methyl 4-(1*H*-indol-1-yl)benzoate (2b) [CAS: 212382-74-6].



The typical procedure (Condition A) was followed using **1b** as the substrate.

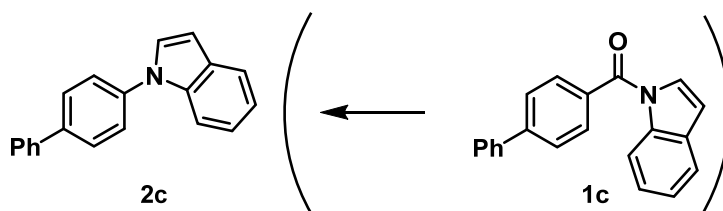
Colorless oil (53.4 mg, 85%). R_f 0.23 (SiO₂, hexane/EtOAc = 20/1).

¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 399.78 MHz) δ : 3.97 (s, 3H), 6.73 (d, J = 3.6 Hz, 1H), 7.21 (dd, J = 7.3, 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.27 (dd, J = 7.3, 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.38 (d, J = 3.6 Hz, 1H), 7.60 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 7.64 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.70 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 8.20 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H).

¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100.53 MHz) δ : 52.2, 104.9, 110.5, 120.9, 121.4, 122.9, 123.2, 127.4, 127.6, 129.8, 131.2, 135.4, 143.7, 166.4.

HRMS Calcd for C₁₆H₁₄NO₂ ([M+H⁺]): 252.1019. Found: 252.1017.

1-([1,1'-Biphenyl]-4-yl)-1H-indole (**2c**) [CAS: 174621-51-3].



The typical procedure (Conditions A and B) was followed using **1c** as the substrate.

White solid (30% GC yield for Condition A, 53.2 mg, 79% for Condition B).

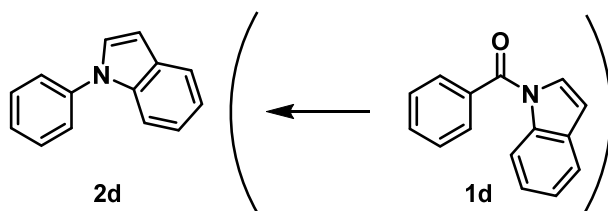
R_f 0.57 (SiO₂, hexane/EtOAc = 20/1).

¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 399.78 MHz) δ : 6.75 (d, J = 3.2 Hz, 1H), 7.22 (dd, J = 6.8, 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.29 (dd, J = 7.3, 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.39–7.44 (m, 2H), 7.49–7.54 (m, 2H), 7.59–7.62 (m, 2H), 7.66–7.70 (m, 3H), 7.34–7.78 (m, 3H).

¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100.53 MHz) δ : 103.7, 110.6, 120.4, 121.2, 122.4, 124.5, 127.0, 127.5, 127.8, 128.2, 128.9, 129.4, 135.8, 139.0, 139.3, 140.2.

HRMS Calcd for C₂₀H₁₆N ([M+H⁺]): 270.1277. Found: 270.1274.

1-Phenyl-1H-indole (**2d**) [CAS: 16096-33-6].



The typical procedure (Conditions A and B) was followed using **1d** as the substrate.

White solid (23% GC yield for Condition A, 34.3 mg, 71% for Condition B).

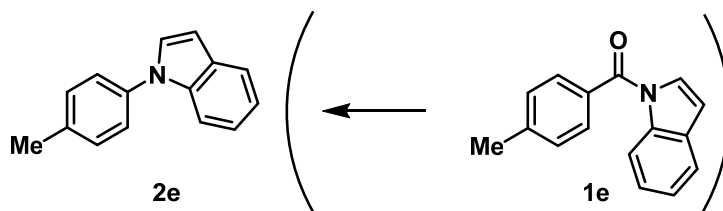
R_f 0.49 (SiO₂, hexane/EtOAc = 10/1).

¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 399.78 MHz) δ : 6.70 (d, J = 3.2 Hz, 1H), 7.19 (dd, J = 6.9, 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.24 (dd, J = 7.3, 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.39–7.35 (m, 2H), 7.52–7.54 (m, 4H), 7.59 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 7.71 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H).

¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100.53 MHz) δ : 103.5, 110.5, 120.3, 121.1, 122.3, 124.4, 126.4, 127.9, 129.3, 129.6, 135.8, 139.8.

HRMS Calcd for C₁₄H₁₂N ([M+H⁺]): 194.0964. Found: 194.0974.

1-(*p*-Tolyl)-1*H*-indole (2e) [CAS: 167283-32-1].



The typical procedure (Conditions A and B) was followed using **1e** as the substrate.

Colorless oil (18% GC yield for Condition A, 32.6 mg, 63% for Condition B).

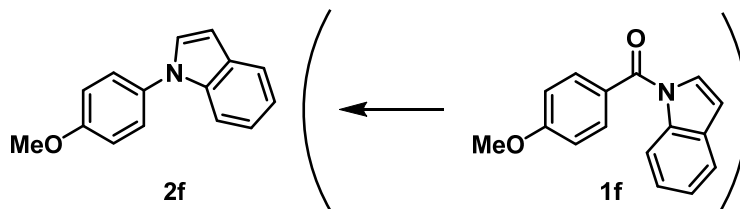
R_f 0.49 (SiO₂, hexane/EtOAc = 10/1).

¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 399.78 MHz) δ : 2.45 (s, 3H), 6.67 (d, J = 3.2 Hz, 1H), 7.17 (dd, J = 6.9, 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.21 (dd, J = 6.9, 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.33–7.31 (m, 3H), 7.40 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.54 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.70 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H).

¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100.53 MHz) δ : 21.0, 103.2, 110.5, 120.1, 121.0, 122.2, 124.3, 128.0, 129.1, 130.1, 136.0, 136.3, 137.3.

HRMS Calcd for C₁₅H₁₄N ([M+H⁺]): 208.1121. Found: 208.1122.

1-(4-Methoxyphenyl)-1*H*-indole (2f) [CAS: 93597-01-4].



The typical procedure (Conditions A and B) was followed using **1f** as the substrate.

The yield under condition A was determined to be 8% by GC. The yield under condition B was determined by NMR analysis using 1,1,2,2-tetrachloroethane as an internal standard (14%). Isolated

yield under condition B was 12% (6.7 mg). The yield was increased to 33% GC yield when Ni(cod)₂ (100 mol%) and 3,4-bis(dicyclohexylphosphino)thiophene (100 mol%) were used as the catalyst at 180 °C.

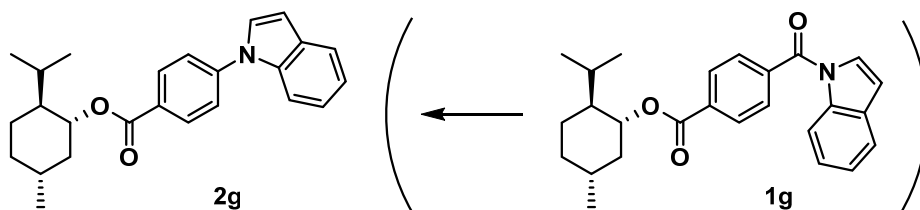
R_f 0.47 (SiO₂, hexane/EtOAc = 9/1).

¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 399.78 MHz) δ: 3.90 (s, 3H), 6.70 (dd, *J* = 3.2, 0.7 Hz, 1H), 7.04–7.08 (m, 2H), 7.18–7.27 (m, 2H), 7.32 (d, *J* = 3.2 Hz, 1H), 7.42–7.46 (m, 2H), 7.50 (dd, *J* = 8.1, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 7.72–7.74 (m, 1H).

¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100.53 MHz) δ: 55.5, 102.8, 110.3, 114.7, 120.0, 121.0, 122.1, 125.9, 128.2, 128.9, 132.8, 136.2, 158.2.

HRMS Calcd for C₁₅H₁₄NO ([M+H⁺]): 224.1070. Found: 224.1077.

(1*R*,2*S*,5*R*)-2-Isopropyl-5-methylcyclohexyl 4-(1*H*-indol-1-yl)benzoate (2g).



The typical procedure (Condition A) was followed using **1g** as the substrate.

Colorless oil (89.2 mg, 95%). *R_f* 0.71 (NH silica, hexane/CH₂Cl₂ = 1/1).

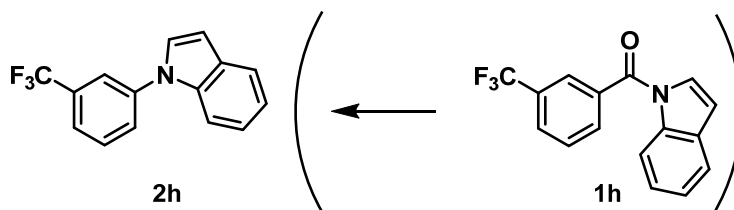
¹H NMR (CD₂Cl₂, 399.78 MHz) δ: 0.83 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 3H), 0.91–1.02 (m, 7H), 1.09–1.27 (m, 2H), 1.53–1.65 (m, 2H), 1.74–1.79 (m, 2H), 1.95–2.05 (m, 1H), 2.12–2.17 (m, 1H), 4.96 (td, *J* = 10.8, 4.0 Hz, 1H), 6.73 (dd, *J* = 3.3, 0.8 Hz, 1H), 7.17–7.27 (m, 2H), 7.42 (d, *J* = 3.2 Hz, 1H), 7.60–7.69 (m, 4H), 8.20 (dt, *J* = 8.8, 2.0 Hz, 2H).

¹³C NMR (CD₂Cl₂, 100.53 MHz) δ: 16.6, 20.9, 22.2, 23.9, 26.9, 31.8, 34.6, 41.3, 47.6, 75.3, 104.9, 110.9, 121.2, 121.6, 123.1, 123.5, 127.9, 128.8, 130.1, 131.4, 135.8, 143.8, 165.5.

IR (KBr, cm⁻¹): 3400 w, 3053 m, 2954 s, 2925 s, 2868 s, 1928 w, 1712 s, 1604 s, 1519 s, 1455 s, 1335 s, 1311 s, 1274 s, 1236 s, 1211 s, 1175 s, 1117 s, 1099 s, 1038 m, 1014 s, 983 s, 954 s, 917 m, 883 m, 862 s, 775 s, 759 s, 741 s, 715 s, 700 s.

HRMS Calcd for C₂₅H₃₀NO₂ ([M+H⁺]): 376.2271. Found: 376.2271.

1-(3-(Trifluoromethyl)phenyl)-1*H*-indole (2h) [CAS: 167283-36-5].



The typical procedure (Condition A) was followed using **1h** as the substrate.

Colorless oil (47.0 mg, 72%). R_f 0.4 (SiO₂, hexane/EtOAc = 10/1).

¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 399.78 MHz) δ : 6.74 (d, J = 3.2 Hz, 1H), 7.22 (dd, J = 6.9, 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.28 (dd, J = 6.9, 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.36 (d, J = 3.2 Hz, 1H), 7.56 (d, J = 3.2 Hz, 1H), 7.69–7.62 (m, 2H), 7.74–7.71 (m, 2H), 7.79 (s, 1H).

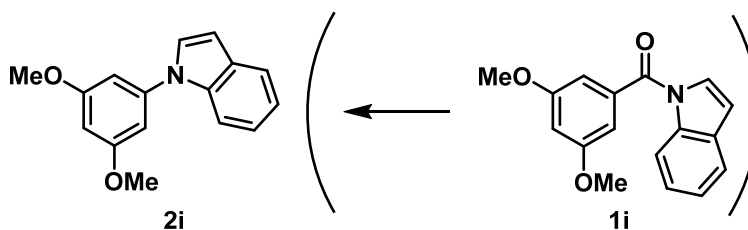
¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100.53 MHz) δ : 104.6, 110.1, 120.9, 121.0 (q, J_{CF} = 3.8 Hz), 121.4, 122.9, 123.0 (q, J_{CF} = 3.8 Hz), 123.7 (q, J_{CF} = 273.1 Hz), 127.3, 127.5, 129.5, 130.3, 132.4 (q, J_{CF} = 32.6 Hz), 135.6, 140.3.

IR (ATR): 3058 w, 1698 w, 1598 w, 1496 w, 1461 m, 1319 m, 1272 w, 1213 w, 1170 m, 1128 s, 1070 w, 975 w, 894 w, 800 w, 742 m, 703 m.

MS, m/z (relative intensity, %): 262.2 (17), 261.1 (M⁺, 100), 165.1 (9), 90 (9), 89 (9).

HRMS Calcd for C₁₅H₁₁F₃N ([M+H⁺]): 262.0838. Found: 262.0840.

1-(3,5-Dimethoxyphenyl)-1H-indole (**2i**).



The typical procedure (Conditions A and B) was followed using **1i** as the substrate.

White solid (30.9 mg, 49% for Condition A, 43.8 mg, 69% for Condition B).

R_f 0.17 (SiO₂, hexane/EtOAc = 20/1).

¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 399.78 MHz) δ : 3.86 (s, 6H), 6.48 (t, J = 2.2 Hz, 1H), 6.68 (m, 3H), 7.18 (dd, 7.1, 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.24 (dd, 7.1, 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.35 (d, J = 3.4 Hz, 1H), 7.65 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.69 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H).

¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100.53 MHz) δ : 55.5, 98.4, 102.7, 103.5, 110.8, 120.4, 121.1, 122.4, 127.9, 129.3, 135.7, 141.4, 161.4.

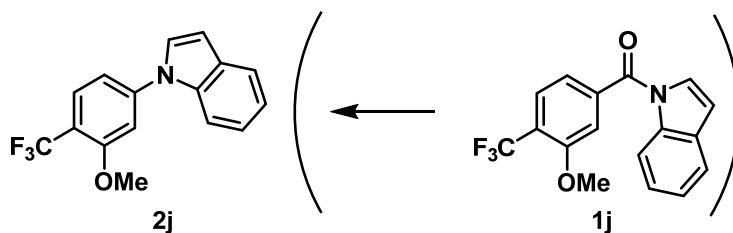
IR (ATR): 2937 w, 2360 w, 1716 w, 1601 s, 1516 m, 1459 m, 1321 m, 1275 m, 1211 s, 1157 m, 1128

m, 1061 w, 931 w, 839 w, 742 m, 690 w.

MS, m/z (relative intensity, %): 254 (18), 253 (M^+ , 100), 224 (11), 167 (16).

HRMS Calcd for $C_{16}H_{16}NO_2$ ($[M+H^+]$): 254.1176. Found: 254.1166.

1-(3-Methoxy-4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)-1H-indole (2j).



The typical procedure (Conditions A and B) was followed using **1j** as the substrate.

White solid (64.8 mg, 89% for Condition A, 61.7 mg, 85% for Condition B).

Mp 80.3–80.5 °C. R_f 0.29 (SiO₂, hexane/EtOAc = 10/1).

¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 399.78 MHz) δ : 4.00 (s, 3H), 6.78 (d, J = 3.7 Hz, 1H), 7.18–7.20 (m, 2H), 7.26 (dd, J = 6.9, 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.32 (dd, J = 6.9, 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.40 (d, J = 3.7 Hz, 1H), 7.67 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.74–7.77 (m, 2H).

¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100.53 MHz) δ : 56.1, 104.7, 107.6, 110.4, 115.0, 116.4 (q, J_{CF} = 31.1 Hz), 120.9, 121.4, 122.9, 123.4 (q, J_{CF} = 272.6 Hz), 127.4, 128.4 (q, J_{CF} = 5.2 Hz), 129.7, 135.4, 144.2, 158.5.

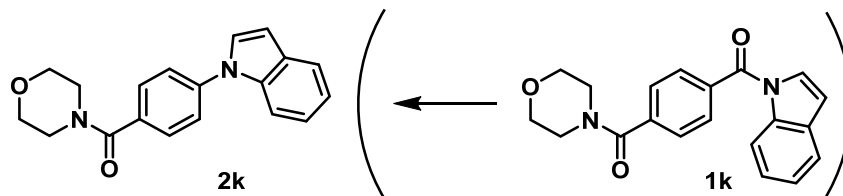
¹⁹F NMR (CDCl₃, 376.17 MHz) δ : –62.0 (s, 3F).

IR (ATR): 3016 w, 2937 w, 1612 m, 1517 m, 1459 m, 1423 w, 1313 s, 1261 m, 1216 m, 1122 s, 1072 w, 1043 m, 954 w, 850 w, 825 w, 746 s, 661 w.

MS, m/z (relative intensity, %): 292 (19), 291 (M^+ , 100), 248 (22).

HRMS Calcd for $C_{16}H_{13}F_3NO$ ($[M+H^+]$): 292.0944. Found: 292.0966.

(4-(1H-Indol-1-yl)phenyl)(morpholino)methanone (2k).



The typical procedure (Condition A) was followed using **1k** as the substrate.

White solid (68.9 mg, 90%). Mp 123.6–124.1 °C. R_f 0.23 (SiO₂, hexane/EtOAc = 1/1).

¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 399.78 MHz) δ : 3.75 (m, 8H), 6.72 (d, J = 3.3 Hz, 1H), 7.20 (dd, J = 7.1, 7.6 Hz,

1H), 7.25 (dd, $J = 7.1, 8.3$ Hz, 1H), 7.34 (d, $J = 3.3$ Hz, 1H), 7.61–7.58 (m, 5H), 7.70 (d, $J = 8.3$ Hz, 1H).

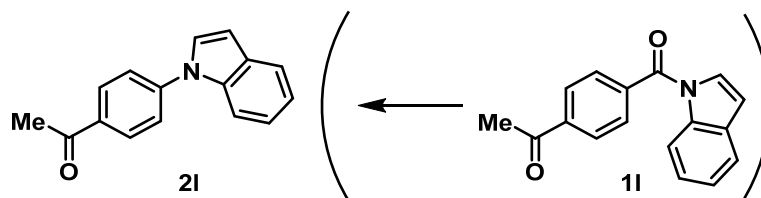
^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 100.53 MHz) δ : 42.7 (br), 48.2 (br), 66.9, 104.4, 110.4, 120.7, 121.3, 122.7, 123.9, 127.5, 128.8, 129.5, 132.9, 135.5, 141.1, 169.6.

IR (ATR): 2966 w, 2918 w, 2856 w, 2360 w, 1712 m, 1629 s, 1517 m, 1454 s, 1429 s, 1338 m, 1277 m, 1068 w, 1016 m, 950 w, 891 w, 842 m, 744 m.

MS, m/z (relative intensity, %): 307 (12), 306 (M^+ , 56), 221 (17), 220 (100), 192 (37), 191 (38), 110 (14), 96 (19).

HRMS Calcd for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{19}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2$ ($[\text{M}+\text{H}^+]$): 307.1441. Found: 307.1442.

1-(4-(1H-Indol-1-yl)phenyl)ethanone (**2l**) [CAS: 25700-07-6].



The typical procedure (Conditions A and B) was followed using **1l** as the substrate.

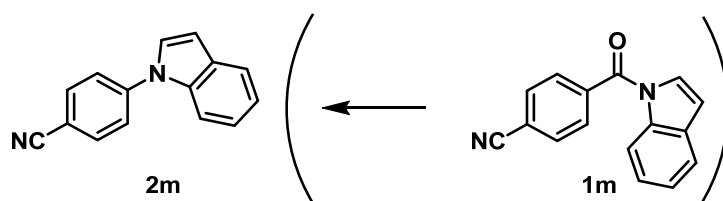
Colorless oil (33.1 mg, 56% for Condition A, 45.0 mg, 61% for Condition B). R_f 0.14 (SiO_2 , hexane/EtOAc = 10/1).

^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 399.78 MHz) δ : 2.67 (s, 3H), 6.75 (d, $J = 3.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.22 (dd, $J = 6.5, 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.28 (dd, $J = 6.5, 8.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.39 (d, $J = 3.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.63 (d, $J = 6.9$ Hz, 2H), 7.66 (d, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.71 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 8.12 (d, $J = 6.9$ Hz, 2H).

^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 100.53 MHz) δ : 26.6, 105.0, 110.5, 121.0, 121.4, 122.9, 123.3, 127.3, 129.8, 130.0, 134.5, 135.3, 143.8, 196.8.

HRMS Calcd for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{14}\text{NO}$ ($[\text{M}+\text{H}^+]$): 236.1070. Found: 236.1066.

4-(1H-Indol-1-yl)benzotrile (**2m**) [CAS: 25699-92-7].



The typical procedure (Condition A) was followed using **1m** as the substrate and 1,3-

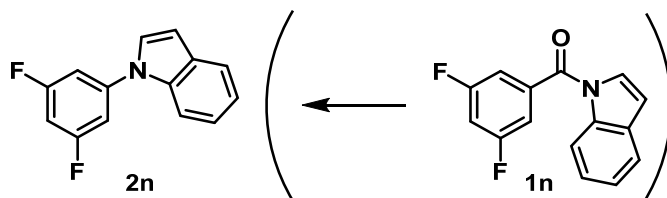
bis(dicyclohexylphosphino)propane as the ligand. Colorless oil (38.2 mg, 69%). R_f 0.28 (SiO₂, hexane/EtOAc = 10/1).

¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 399.78 MHz) δ : 6.76 (d, J = 3.2 Hz, 1H), 7.22 (dd, J = 7.3, 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.28 (dd, J = 7.3, 8.7 Hz, 1H), 7.34 (d, J = 3.2 Hz, 1H), 7.61–7.66 (m, 3H), 7.70 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 7.79–7.83 (m, 2H).

¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100.53 MHz) δ : 105.7, 109.2, 110.3, 118.4, 121.4, 121.6, 123.2, 123.8, 127.0, 129.9, 133.8, 135.2, 143.6.

HRMS Calcd for C₁₅H₁₁N₂ ([M+H⁺]): 219.0917. Found: 219.0931.

1-(3,5-Difluorophenyl)-1H-indole (2n).



The typical procedure (Condition A) was followed using **1n** as the substrate.

Colorless oil (43.8 mg, 76%). R_f 0.6 (SiO₂, hexane/EtOAc = 10/1).

¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 399.78 MHz) δ : 6.73 (d, J = 3.2 Hz, 1H), 6.82 (tt, J = 2.3, 8.7 Hz, 1H), 7.12–7.07 (m, 2H), 7.24 (dd, J = 7.4, 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.28–7.32 (m, 2H), 7.64 (J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.70 (J = 7.8 Hz, 1H).

¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100.53 MHz) δ : 101.6 (t, J = 24.9 Hz), 105.0, 107.0 (dd, J = 19.7 Hz), 110.3, 121.1, 121.4, 123.0, 127.3, 129.6, 135.2, 141.9 (t, J = 12.4 Hz), 163.5 (dd, J = 249.8 Hz).

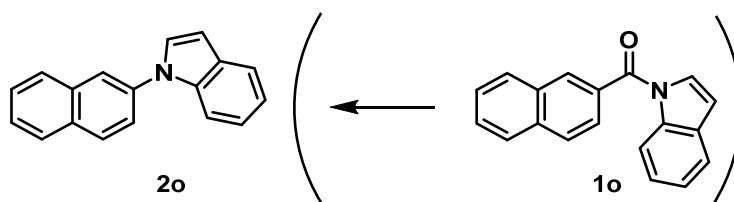
¹⁹F NMR (CDCl₃, 376.17 MHz) δ : -107.6 (s, 2F).

IR (ATR): 3091 w, 2360 m, 1614 s, 1521 m, 1481 s, 1357 w, 1305 w, 1270 m, 1203 m, 1120 m, 989 w, 848 w, 767 m, 742 m, 680 w.

MS, m/z (relative intensity, %): 230 (16), 229 (M⁺, 100), 202 (22), 90 (18), 89 (16).

HRMS Calcd for C₁₄H₁₀F₂N ([M+H⁺]): 230.0776. Found: 230.0788.

1-(Naphthalen-2-yl)-1H-indole (2o) [CAS: 348111-49-9].



The typical procedure (Conditions A and B) was followed using **1o** as the substrate.

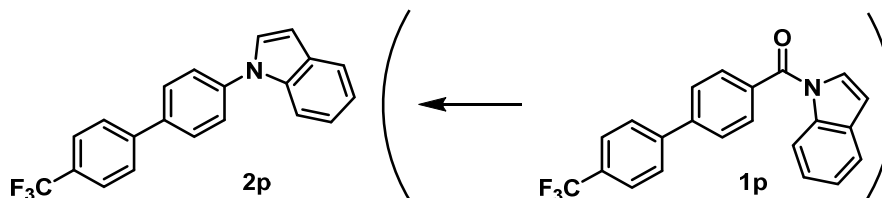
Colorless oil (35.9 mg, 59% for Condition A, 45.0 mg, 90% for Condition B). R_f 0.40 (SiO₂, hexane/EtOAc = 20/1).

¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 399.78 MHz) δ : 6.77 (d, J = 3.2 Hz, 1H), 7.21–7.30 (m, 2H), 7.47–7.49 (m, 1H), 7.60–7.53 (m, 2H), 7.67–7.71 (m, 2H), 7.76 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.90–7.96 (m, 3H), 8.01 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 1H)

¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100.53 MHz) δ : 103.8, 110.5, 120.5, 121.2, 121.9, 122.4, 123.2, 126.0, 126.9, 127.7, 127.8, 128.1, 129.4, 129.6, 131.8, 133.8, 136.0, 137.3.

HRMS Calcd for C₁₈H₁₄N ([M+H⁺]): 244.1121. Found: 244.1135.

1-(4'-(Trifluoromethyl)-[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)-1H-indole (**2p**).



The typical procedure (Conditions A and B) was followed using **1p** as the substrate.

White solid (60.1 mg, 71% for Condition A, 72.7 mg, 86% for Condition B). Mp 133.3–133.8 °C. R_f 0.23 (SiO₂, hexane/EtOAc = 20/1).

¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 399.78 MHz) δ : 6.74 (d, J = 3.3 Hz, 1H), 7.21 (dd, J = 6.9, 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.27 (dd, J = 7.1, 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.40 (d, J = 3.3 Hz, 1H), 7.66–7.62 (m, 3H), 7.79–7.72 (m, 7H).

¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100.53 MHz) δ : 104.1, 110.5, 120.6, 121.3, 122.6, 124.2 (q, J_{CF} = 272.2 Hz), 124.6, 125.9 (q, J_{CF} = 2.9 Hz), 127.3, 127.7, 128.4, 129.5, 129.6 (q, J_{CF} = 32.6 Hz), 135.7, 137.7, 139.8, 143.7.

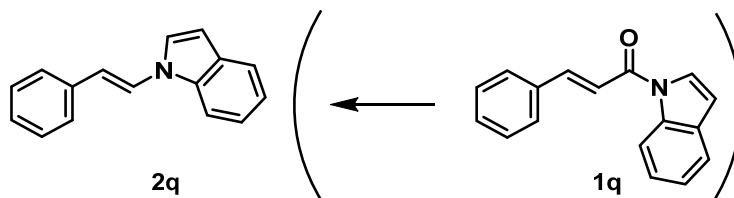
¹⁹F NMR (CDCl₃, 376.17 MHz) δ : -62.3 (s, 3F).

IR (ATR): 2942 w, 2865 w, 1713 m, 1616 w, 1526w, 1473 m, 1379 w, 1324 s, 1263 m, 1217 w, 1163 m, 1124 m, 1069 m, 1016 w, 958 w, 883 w, 848 w, 830 w, 803 w, 770 w, 743 w, 718 w, 696 w, 677 w.

MS, m/z (relative intensity, %): 338 (23), 337 (M⁺, 100), 89 (13).

HRMS Calcd for C₂₁H₁₅F₃N ([M+H⁺]): 338.1151. Found: 338.1149.

(E)-1-Styryl-1H-indole (2q) [CAS: 405150-29-0].



The typical procedure (Condition A and B) was followed using **1q** as the substrate. Under condition A, no **2q** was formed and 77% of **1q** was remained unreacted.

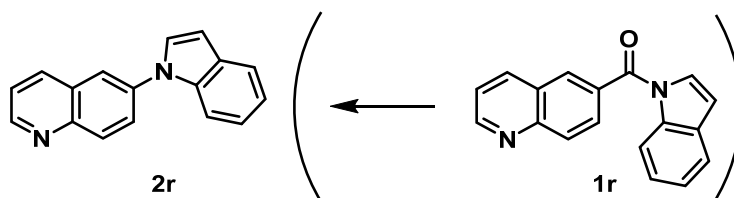
White solid (49.9 mg, 91% for Condition B). White solid (49.9 mg, 91%). R_f 0.34 (SiO₂, hexane/EtOAc = 20/1).

¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 399.78 MHz) δ : 6.74–6.70 (m, 2H), 7.22 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.35–7.27 (m, 2H), 7.41 (dd, J = 7.4, 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.48 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.55 (d, J = 3.2 Hz, 1H), 7.59 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.73–7.67 (m, 2H).

¹³C NMR (CD₂Cl₂, 100.53 MHz) δ : 105.6, 109.9, 114.1, 121.2, 121.5, 123.1, 123.8, 124.0, 125.9, 127.2, 129.1, 129.5, 136.0, 136.5.

HRMS Calcd for C₁₆H₁₄N ([M+H⁺]): 220.1121. Found: 220.1128.

6-(1H-Indol-1-yl)quinoline (2r).



The typical procedure (Condition A) was followed using **1r** as the substrate.

Colorless oil (56.8 mg, 69%). R_f 0.43 (SiO₂, hexane/EtOAc = 1/1).

¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 399.78 MHz) δ : 6.76 (d, J = 3.2 Hz, 1H), 7.22 (dd, J = 6.6, 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.27 (dd, J = 6.6, 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.44–7.49 (m, 2H), 7.66 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.73 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.90–7.94 (m, 2H), 8.20 (d, J = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 8.27 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 8.96 (d, J = 4.1 Hz, 1H).

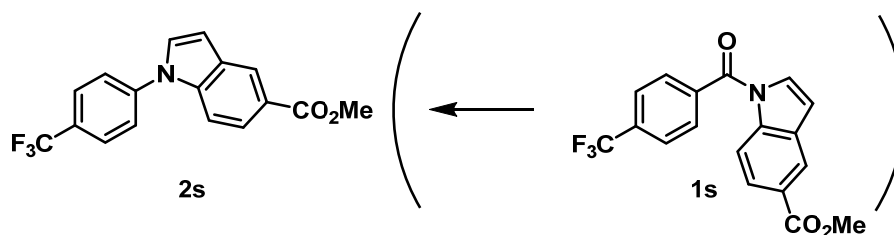
¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100.53 MHz) δ : 104.4, 110.3, 120.7, 121.2, 121.3, 121.9, 122.7, 126.6, 127.9, 128.7, 129.5, 131.1, 135.8, 137.8, 146.48, 146.49, 150.4.

IR (ATR): 3052 w, 2360 w, 1612 m, 1506 s, 1457 s, 1423 w, 1311 s, 1261 w, 1216 m, 1126 s, 1043 m, 883 w, 838 m, 765 s, 742 s.

MS, m/z (relative intensity, %): 245 (19), 244 (M^+ , 100), 243 (31), 242 (11), 216 (13), 1221 (16), 108 (11).

HRMS Calcd for $C_{17}H_{13}N_2$ ($[M+H^+]$): 245.1073. Found: 245.1095.

Methyl 1-(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)-1*H*-indole-5-carboxylate (2s) [CAS: 1373525-79-1].



The typical procedure (Condition A) was followed using **1s** as the substrate.

White solid (60.6 mg, 76%). Mp 141.8–142.1 °C. R_f 0.18 (SiO₂, hexane/EtOAc = 20/1).

¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 399.78 MHz) δ : 3.95 (s, 3H), 6.81 (d, $J = 3.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.41 (d, $J = 3.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.57 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.63 (d, $J = 8.3$ Hz, 2H), 7.81 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2H), 7.95 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 1H), 8.45 (s, 1H).

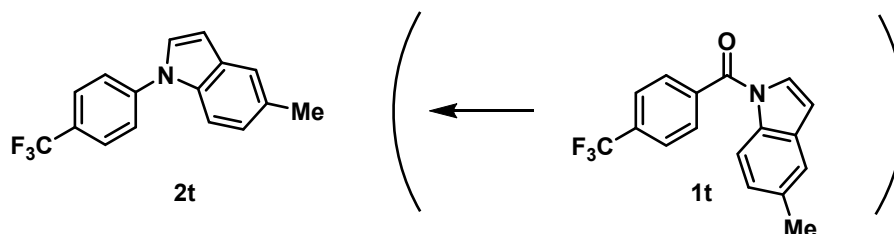
¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100.53 MHz) δ : 52.0, 105.96, 105.97, 110.0, 123.0, 123.8 (q, $J_{CF} = 272.2$ Hz), 124.2, 127.0 (q, $J_{CF} = 3.8$ Hz), 128.8 (q, $J_{CF} = 15.3$ Hz), 128.9, 129.2, 137.91, 137.92, 142.2, 167.7.

IR (ATR): 2951 w, 1712 m, 1610 m, 1526 w, 1475 w, 1436 w, 1377 w, 1359 w, 1324 s, 1272 m, 1228 m, 1198 m, 1166 m, 1123 m, 1087 w, 1066 m, 1016 w, 987 w, 954 w, 909 w, 848 w, 754 m, 718 w, 667 w.

MS, m/z (relative intensity, %): 320 (17), 319 (M^+ , 89), 289 (18), 288 (100), 260 (28), 240 (13), 191 (30), 144 (16).

HRMS Calcd for $C_{17}H_{13}F_3NO_2$ ($[M+H^+]$): 320.0893. Found: 320.0881.

5-Methyl-1-(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)-1*H*-indole (2t).



The typical procedure (Condition A) was followed using **1t** as the substrate.

White solid (49.5 mg, 72%). Mp 60.5–60.9 °C. R_f 0.45 (SiO₂, hexane/EtOAc = 20/1).

¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 399.78 MHz) δ : 2.48 (s, 3H), 6.66 (d, $J = 3.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.10 (d, $J = 8.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.32

(d, $J = 3.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.49–7.52 (m, 2H), 7.62 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2H), 7.77 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2H).

^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 100.53 MHz) δ : 21.3, 104.5, 110.0, 121.1, 123.6, 124.0, 124.5, 126.8, 127.4, 127.9, 130.0, 130.3, 133.8, 142.9.

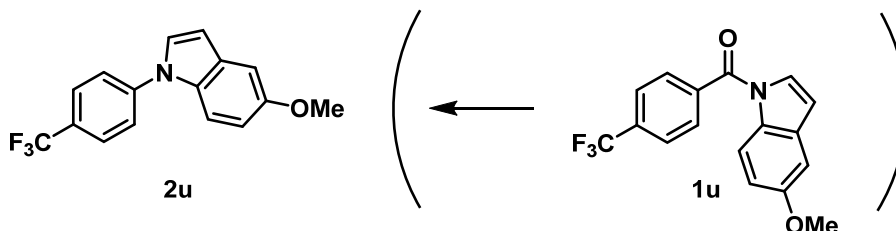
^{19}F NMR (CDCl_3 , 376.17 MHz) δ : -62.1 (s, 3F).

IR (ATR): 2941 w, 2865 w, 2156 w, 1712 w, 1616 w, 1525 w, 1473 m, 1451 w, 1378 w, 1323 s, 1260 m, 1218 w, 1162 m, 1122 m, 1066 m, 1015 w, 958 w, 913 w, 882 w, 846 w, 800 w, 770 w, 751 w, 717 w, 696 w, 677 w.

MS, m/z (relative intensity, %): 276 (17), 275 (M^+ , 100), 274 (65), 77 (12).

HRMS Calcd for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{13}\text{F}_3\text{N}$ ($[\text{M}+\text{H}^+]$): 276.0995. Found: 276.0987.

5-Methoxy-1-(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)-1H-indole (2u).



The typical procedure (Condition A) was followed using **1u** as the substrate.

White solid (53.1 mg, 73%). Mp 84.8–85.1 °C. R_f 0.38 (SiO_2 , hexane/EtOAc = 20/1).

^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 399.78 MHz) δ : 3.89 (s, 3H), 6.66 (d, $J = 3.2$ Hz, 1H), 6.92 (d, $J = 2.3, 9.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.15 (d, $J = 2.3$ Hz, 1H), 7.33 (d, $J = 3.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.51 (d, $J = 9.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.61 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2H), 7.77 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2H).

^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 100.53 MHz) δ : 55.8, 103.0, 104.6, 111.2, 112.9, 123.5, 124.0 (q, $J_{\text{CF}} = 271.8$ Hz), 126.9 (q, $J_{\text{CF}} = 3.7$ Hz), 127.7 (q, $J_{\text{CF}} = 32.7$ Hz), 127.8, 130.3, 130.5, 142.8, 154.9.

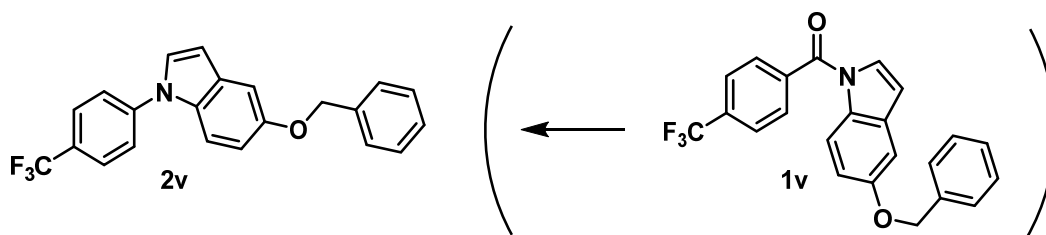
^{19}F NMR (CDCl_3 , 376.17 MHz) δ : -62.1 (s, 3F).

IR (ATR): 2941 w, 1712 w, 1616 w, 1524 w, 1476 m, 1449 w, 1378 w, 1323 s, 1262 m, 1217 w, 1159 m, 1120 m, 1066 m, 1033 w, 1016 w, 957 w, 846 w, 803 w, 771 w, 754 w, 717 w.

MS, m/z (relative intensity, %): 292 (18), 291 (M^+ , 100), 277 (12), 276 (70), 248 (42).

HRMS Calcd for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{13}\text{F}_3\text{NO}$ ($[\text{M}+\text{H}^+]$): 292.0944. Found: 292.0937.

5-(Benzyloxy)-1-(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)-1H-indole (2v) [CAS: 161460-21-5].



The typical procedure (Condition A) was followed using **1v** as the substrate.

White solid (69.8 mg, 76%). Mp 104.3–104.8 °C. R_f 0.34 (SiO₂, hexane/EtOAc = 10/1).

¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 399.78 MHz) δ : 5.15 (s, 2H), 6.65 (d, J = 3.2 Hz, 1H), 7.00 (dd, J = 2.8, 8.7 Hz, 1H), 7.23 (d, J = 2.8 Hz, 1H), 7.32–7.34 (m, 2H), 7.39–7.42 (m, 2H), 7.52–7.65 (m, 3H), 7.61 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.77 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H).

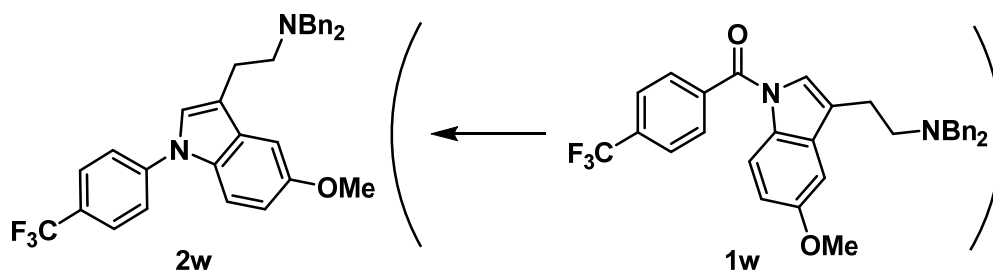
¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100.53 MHz) δ : 70.7, 104.5, 104.6, 111.2, 113.6, 123.5, 123.9 (q, J_{CF} = 272.6 Hz), 126.9 (q, J_{CF} = 3.1 Hz), 127.5, 127.8, 127.9 (q, J_{CF} = 32.1 Hz), 128.5, 128.6, 130.3, 130.7, 137.4, 142.8, 154.0.

IR (ATR): 3033 w, 2863 w, 1708 w, 1616 m, 1572 w, 1524 m, 1472 m, 1450 m, 1424 w, 1379 w, 1322 s, 1258 m, 1217 w, 1159 s, 1115 s, 1065 m, 1015 m, 957 w, 911 w, 845 m, 802 w, 737 m, 717 m, 697 m.

MS, m/z (relative intensity, %): 367 (M⁺, 39), 277 (18), 276 (100), 248 (27), 91 (65).

HRMS Calcd for C₂₂H₁₇F₃NO ([M+H⁺]): 368.1257. Found: 368.1251.

***N,N*-Dibenzyl-2-(5-methoxy-1-(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)-1*H*-indol-3-yl)ethan-1-amine (2w).**



The typical procedure (Condition A) was followed using **1w** as the substrate.

Colorless oil (88.1 mg, 69%). R_f 0.29 (SiO₂, hexane/EtOAc = 9/1).

¹H NMR (CD₂Cl₂, 399.78 MHz) δ : 2.84 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 3.00 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 3.71 (s, 4H), 3.74 (s, 3H), 6.83–6.86 (m, 2H), 7.11 (s, 1H), 7.20–7.24 (m, 2H), 7.28–7.31 (m, 4H), 7.41 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 4H), 7.49 (dd, J = 8.2, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.57 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.76 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H).

¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100.53 MHz) δ : 23.0, 53.4, 55.8, 58.4, 101.0, 111.2, 112.8, 116.6, 123.0, 124.0 (q, J_{CF} = 271.7 Hz), 125.2, 126.8, 126.8 (qt, J_{CF} = 2.6 Hz), 127.1, 127.4, 128.2, 128.7, 130.3 (q, J_{CF} = 34.5

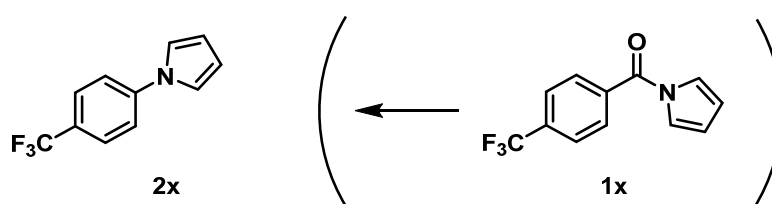
Hz), 139.8, 142.9, 154.5.

^{19}F NMR (CD_2Cl_2 , 376.17 MHz) δ : -62.3 (s, 3F).

IR (KBr, cm^{-1}): 3061 m, 3028 m, 2930 m, 2832 m, 2798 m, 2714 w, 1616 s, 1524 s, 1480 s, 1452 s, 1390 m, 1325 s, 1255 s, 1213 m, 1166 s, 1122 s, 1067 s, 1030 m, 1014 m, 973 s, 952 s, 846 m, 790 m, 744 m, 699 m.

HRMS Calcd for $\text{C}_{32}\text{H}_{30}\text{F}_3\text{N}_2\text{O}$ ($[\text{M}+\text{H}^+]$): 515.2305. Found: 515.2310.

1-(4-(Trifluoromethyl)phenyl)-1H-pyrrole (2x) [CAS: 92636-38-9].



The typical procedure (Condition A) was followed using **1x** as the substrate.

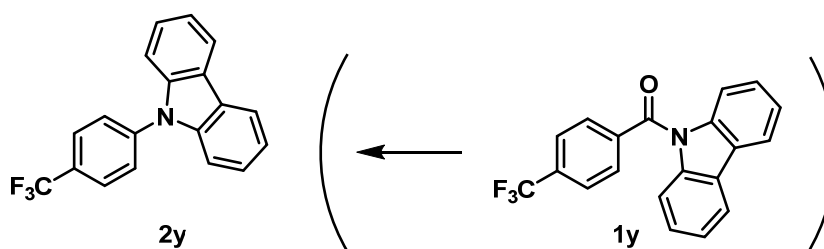
White solid (40.1 mg, 76%). R_f 0.40 (SiO_2 , hexane/EtOAc = 20/1).

^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 399.78 MHz) δ : 6.39 (d, J = 3.7 Hz, 2H), 7.13 (d, J = 3.7 Hz, 2H), 7.49 (d, J = 8.8, 2H), 7.68 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H).

^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 100.53 MHz) δ : 111.5, 119.1, 112.0, 124.0 (q, J_{CF} = 271.6 Hz), 126.9 (q, J_{CF} = 3.1 Hz), 127.4 (q, J_{CF} = 33.2 Hz), 143.2.

HRMS Calcd for $\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_9\text{F}_3\text{N}$ ($[\text{M}+\text{H}^+]$): 212.0682. Found: 212.0688.

9-(4-(Trifluoromethyl)phenyl)-9H-carbazole (2y) [CAS: 204066-03-5].



The typical procedure (Condition A) was followed using **1y** as the substrate.

White solid (69.3 mg, 89%). R_f 0.43 (SiO_2 , hexane/EtOAc = 10/1).

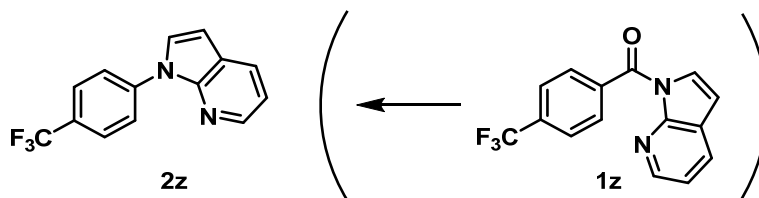
^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 399.78 MHz) δ : 7.31–7.34 (m, 2H), 7.41–7.45 (m, 4H), 7.73 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.88 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 8.15 (d, J = 8.9 Hz, 2H).

^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 100.53 MHz) δ : 109.5, 120.45, 120.56, 123.7, 123.9 (q, J_{CF} = 272.6 Hz), 126.2,

127.0, 127.1 (q, $J_{CF} = 3.2$ Hz), 129.1 (q, $J_{CF} = 33.2$ Hz), 140.3, 141.0.

HRMS Calcd for $C_{19}H_{13}F_3N$ ($[M+H]^+$): 312.0995. Found: 312.0991.

1-(4-(Trifluoromethyl)phenyl)-1*H*-pyrrolo[2,3-*b*]pyridine (2z) [CAS: 1797430-69-3].



The typical procedure (Condition A) was followed using **1z** as the substrate and 1,3-bis(dicyclohexylphosphino)propane as the ligand.

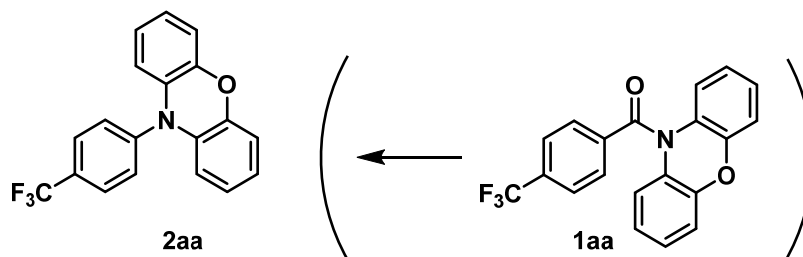
White solid (49.8 mg, 70%). R_f 0.34 (SiO₂, hexane/EtOAc = 10/1).

¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 399.78 MHz) δ : 6.69 (d, $J = 3.7$ Hz, 1H), 7.18 (dd, $J = 4.8, 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.55 (d, $J = 3.7$ Hz, 1H), 7.78 (d, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 2H), 7.97–8.00 (m, 3H), 8.39 (d, $J = 4.8$ Hz, 1H).

¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100.53 MHz) δ : 102.9, 117.3, 121.9, 123.3, 124.0 (q, $J_{CF} = 271.6$ Hz), 126.6 (q, $J_{CF} = 3.2$ Hz), 127.0, 127.8 (q, $J_{CF} = 33.2$ Hz), 129.4, 141.4, 143.8, 137.4.

HRMS Calcd for $C_{14}H_{10}F_3N_2$ ($[M+H]^+$): 263.0791. Found: 263.0796.

10-(4-(Trifluoromethyl)phenyl)-10*H*-phenoxazine (2aa) [CAS: 58736-86-0].



The typical procedure (Condition A) was followed using **1aa** as the substrate.

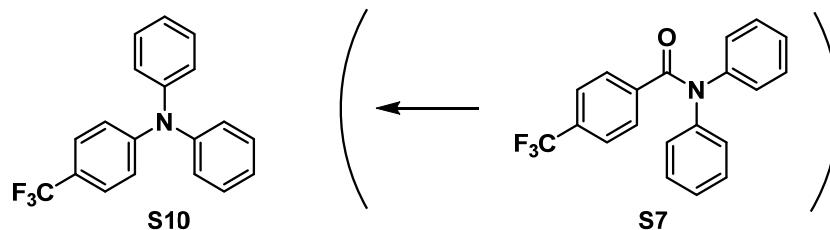
White solid (49.1 mg, 60%). R_f 0.54 (SiO₂, hexane/EtOAc = 20/1).

¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 399.78 MHz) δ : 5.90 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 2H), 6.61 (dd, $J = 7.3, 7.8$ Hz, 2H), 6.67–6.74 (m, 4H), 7.51 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 7.87 (d, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 2H).

¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100.53 MHz) δ : 113.2, 115.7, 121.9, 123.3, 123.8 (q, $J_{CF} = 272.6$ Hz), 128.2 (q, $J_{CF} = 4.1$ Hz), 130.6 (q, $J_{CF} = 32.1$ Hz), 131.5, 133.7, 142.5, 143.9.

HRMS Calcd for $C_{19}H_{13}F_3NO$ ($[M+H]^+$): 328.0944. Found: 328.0944.

***N,N*-Diphenyl-4-(trifluoromethyl)aniline (S10) [CAS: 36809-32-2].**



The typical procedure (Conditions A or B) was followed using **S7** as the substrate.

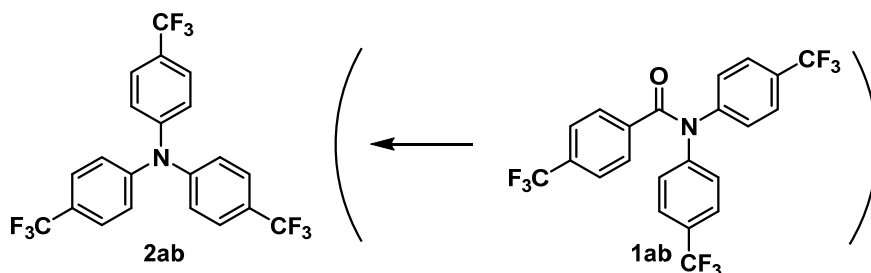
White solid (7.0 mg, 9% for Condition A, 7.6 mg, 10% for Condition B).

^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 399.78 MHz) δ : 7.05 (d, $J = 8.3$ Hz, 2H), 7.14–7.10 (m, 6H), 7.32–7.28 (m, 4H), 7.41 (d, $J = 8.7$ Hz, 2H).

^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 100.53 MHz) δ : 121.0, 122.7 (q, $J_{\text{CF}} = 33.2$ Hz), 124.2, 123.3 (q, $J_{\text{CF}} = 300.0$ Hz), 125.4, 126.2 (q, $J_{\text{CF}} = 4.1$ Hz), 129.5, 146.8, 150.8.

HRMS Calcd for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{15}\text{F}_3\text{N}$ ($[\text{M}+\text{H}^+]$): 314.1151. Found: 314.1149.

Tris(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)amine (2ab) [CAS: 135761-41-0].



The modified condition A as specified below was used for substrate **1ab**, which gave the product **2ab** as a white solid. Isolated yield was 60% (55.0 mg) when $\text{Ni}(\text{cod})_2$ (20 mol%) and dcype (20 mol%) were used as the catalyst for 48 h at 180 °C. Isolated yield was 60% (55.0 mg) when $\text{Ni}(\text{cod})_2$ (100 mol%) and dcype (100 mol%) were used as the catalyst for 18 h at 180 °C.

White solid. R_f 0.26 (SiO_2 , hexane/EtOAc = 9/1).

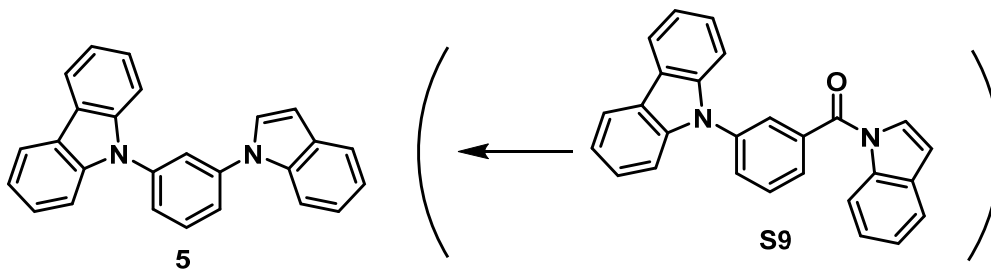
^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 399.78 MHz) δ : 7.55 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 6H), 7.18 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 6H).

^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 100.53 MHz) δ : 149.4, 126.9 (qt, $J_{\text{CF}} = 3.8$ Hz), 125.9 (q, $J_{\text{CF}} = 32.8$ Hz), 124.1, 124.0 (q, $J_{\text{CF}} = 271.7$ Hz).

MS, m/z (relative intensity, %): 359 (M^+ , 20), 358 (100), 357 (M^+ , 53), 344 (12), 343 (66), 118 (12), 116 (11), 91 (31), 77 (12), 65 (17).

HRMS Calcd for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{13}\text{F}_9\text{N}$ ($[\text{M}+\text{H}^+]$): 450.0899. Found: 450.0899.

9-(3-(1*H*-Indol-1-yl)phenyl)-9*H*-carbazole (5) [CAS: 1688701-25-8].



The typical procedure (Condition A) was followed using **S9** as the substrate.

White solid (56.0 mg, 63%). Mp 164.4–166.7 °C. R_f 0.29 (NH silica, hexane/CH₂Cl₂ = 9/1).

¹H NMR (CD₂Cl₂, 399.78 MHz) δ : 6.72 (d, J = 4.1 Hz, 1H), 7.16 (td, J = 7.6, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 7.24 (td, J = 7.7, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 7.29–7.33 (m, 2H), 7.43–7.47 (m, 3H), 7.52 (s, 1H), 7.54 (s, 1H), 7.60 (dq, J = 7.8, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 7.66–7.69 (m, 3H), 7.76 (t, J = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.79 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 8.17 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H).

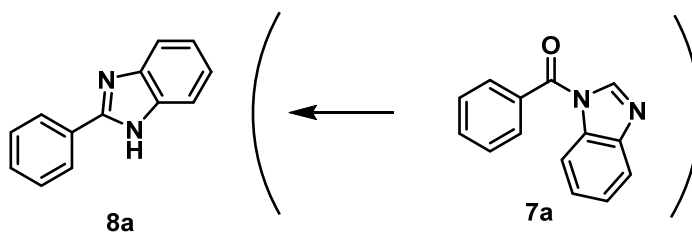
¹³C NMR (CD₂Cl₂, 100.53 MHz) δ : 104.5, 110.1, 110.8, 120.6, 120.7, 121.0, 121.5, 122.7, 122.9, 123.3, 123.8, 125.1, 126.5, 128.2, 129.9, 131.4, 136.0, 139.3, 141.0, 141.7.

IR (KBr, cm⁻¹): 3054 w, 1601 s, 1576 w, 1516 m, 1497 s, 1475 m, 1451 s, 1333 s, 1318 m, 1229 s, 1213 m, 1174 w, 1166 w, 1153 w, 1134 w, 1120 w, 1016 w, 933 w, 902 w, 879 w, 849 w, 799 w, 748 s, 727 s, 700 m.

MS, m/z (relative intensity, %): 359 (29), 358 (M⁺, 100), 357 (12), 241 (14), 179 (19).

HRMS Calcd for C₂₆H₁₈N₂ ([M⁺]): 358.1465. Found: 358.1466.

2-Phenyl-1*H*-benzo[*d*]imidazole (8a) [CAS: 716-79-0].



The typical procedure (Condition A) was followed using **7a** as the substrate.

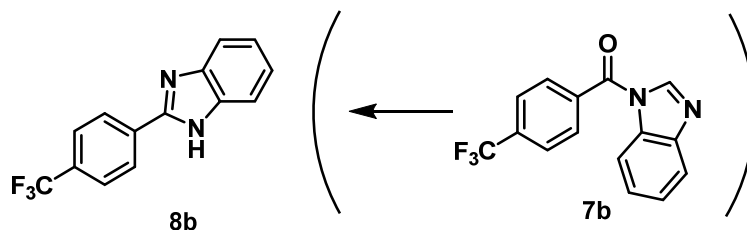
White solid (35.0 mg, 72%). R_f 0.40 (SiO₂, hexane/EtOAc = 1/1).

¹H NMR (DMSO-*d*₆, 399.78 MHz) δ : 7.18–7.21 (m, 2H), 7.48–7.57 (m, 4H), 7.66 (d, J = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 8.16–8.19 (m, 2H), 12.90 (s, 1H).

¹³C NMR (DMSO-*d*₆, 100.53 MHz) δ : 111.3, 118.9, 121.7, 122.5, 126.4, 129.0, 129.9, 130.2, 135.0, 143.8, 151.2.

HRMS Calcd for C₁₃H₁₁N₂ ([M+H⁺]): 195.0917. Found: 195.0922.

2-(4-(Trifluoromethyl)phenyl)-1H-benzo[d]imidazole (8b) [CAS: 400073-79-2].



The typical procedure (Condition A) was followed using **7b** as the substrate. The ratio of *p*- and *m*-derivatives were determined by ¹H-NMR based on the literature data.¹⁶

White solid [50.5 mg, 77% (*p*:*m* = 52:1)]. *R*_f 0.51 (SiO₂, hexane/EtOAc = 1/1).

***p*-Isomer:**

¹H NMR (DMSO-*d*₆, 399.78 MHz) δ: 7.14–7.31 (m, 2H), 7.57 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 7.70 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 7.92 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 8.31 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 13.16 (s, 1H).

¹³C NMR (DMSO-*d*₆, 100.53 MHz) δ: 122.6, 124.2 (q, *J*_{CF} = 272.2 Hz), 126.0 (q, *J*_{CF} = 3.8 Hz), 127.1, 129.6 (q, *J*_{CF} = 31.9 Hz), 133.9, 134.0, 134.0, 149.6.

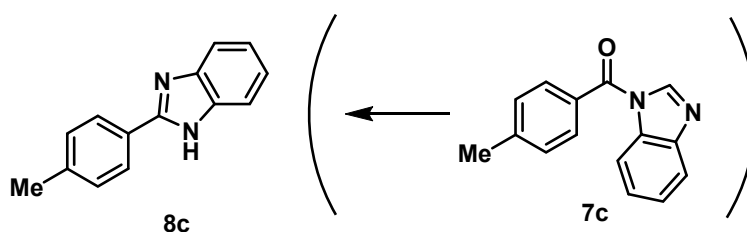
HRMS Calcd for C₁₄H₁₀F₃N₂ ([M+H⁺]): 263.0791. Found: 263.0815.

***m*-Isomer:** This compound was identified based the following spectroscopic data.¹⁵

¹H NMR (DMSO-*d*₆, 399.78 MHz) δ: 8.52 (s, 1H). Other peaks were overlapped with those of *p*-isomers.

MS, *m/z* (relative intensity, %): 263 (21), 262 (M⁺, 100), 64 (18), 223 (18), 63 (16), 242 (13), 131 (13), 241 (12), 90 (12).

2-(*p*-Tolyl)-1H-benzo[d]imidazole (8c) [CAS: 120-03-6].



The typical procedure (Condition A) was followed using **7c** as the substrate. The ratio of *p*- and *m*-derivatives were determined by ¹H-NMR.¹⁵

White solid [25.5 mg, 49% (*p*:*m* = 9:1)]. *R*_f 0.46 (SiO₂, hexane/EtOAc = 1/1).

***p*-Isomer:**

¹⁶ Marri, M. R.; Peraka, S.; Macharla, A. K.; Mameda, N.; Kodumari, S.; Nama, N. *Tetrahedron Lett.* **2014**, *55*, 6520.

^1H NMR (DMSO- d_6 , 399.78 MHz) δ : 2.37 (s, 3H), 7.22–7.16 (m, 2H), 7.35 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.52 (d, J = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 7.65 (d, J = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 8.08 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 12.85 (s, 1H).

^{13}C NMR (DMSO- d_6 , 100.53 MHz) δ : 21.0, 111.2, 118.7, 121.6, 122.3, 126.4, 127.5, 129.5, 135.0, 139.6, 143.8, 151.4.

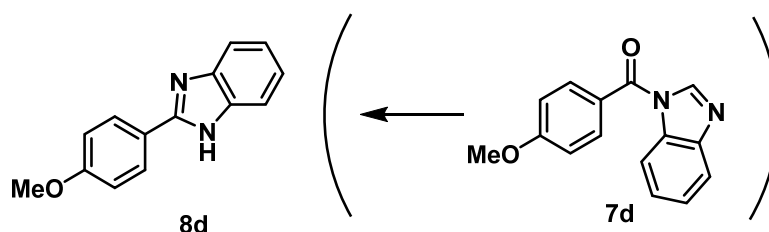
HRMS Calcd for $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{13}\text{N}_2$ ($[\text{M}+\text{H}^+]$): 209.1073. Found: 209.1100.

***m*-Isomer:** This compound was identified based the following spectroscopic data.¹⁵

^1H NMR (DMSO- d_6 , 399.78 MHz) δ : 7.97 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H). Other peaks were overlapped with those of *p*-isomers.

MS, m/z (relative intensity, %): 209 (19), 208 (M^+ , 100), 207 (42), 104 (14), 103 (16), 91 (11), 63 (11).

2-(4-Methoxyphenyl)-1*H*-benzo[*d*]imidazole (8d) [CAS: 2620-81-7].



The modified condition A as specified below was used for substrate **7d**, which gave the product **8d** as a white solid. Isolated yield was 70% (39.2 mg) when $\text{Ni}(\text{cod})_2$ (40 mol%) and dcype (40 mol%) were used as the catalyst for 24 h at 180 °C. The ratio of *p*- and *m*- derivatives were determined by ^1H -NMR.¹⁷ White solid [39.2 mg, 70% (*p*:*m* = 94:6)]. R_f 0.26 (NH silica, hexane/EtOAc = 1/1).

***p*-Isomer:**

^1H NMR (DMSO- d_6 , 399.78 MHz) δ : 3.83 (s, 3H), 7.10 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.14–7.19 (m, 2H), 7.48 (d, J = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 7.61 (d, J = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 8.11 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 12.75 (s, 1H).

^{13}C NMR (DMSO- d_6 , 100.53 MHz) δ : 55.4, 111.1, 114.4, 118.5, 121.5, 122.1, 122.7, 128.0, 135.0, 143.9, 151.4, 160.6.

HRMS Calcd for $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{13}\text{N}_2\text{O}$ ($[\text{M}+\text{H}^+]$): 225.1022. Found: 225.1021.

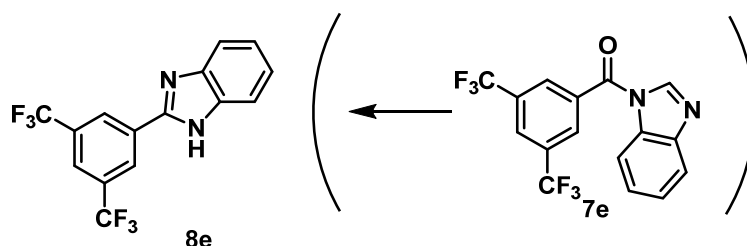
***m*-Isomer:** This compound was identified based the following spectroscopic data.¹⁶

^1H NMR (DMSO- d_6 , 399.78 MHz) δ : 12.9 (s, 1H). Other peaks were overlapped with those of *p*-isomers.

MS, m/z (relative intensity, %): 225 (15), 224 (M^+ , 100), 223 (66), 195 (16), 194 (36), 193 (26), 112 (14), 90 (13), 77 (14), 64 (12), 63 (15).

¹⁷ Das, K.; Mondal, A.; Srimani, D. *J. Org. Chem.* **2018**, *83*, 9553.

2-(3,5-Bis(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)-1H-benzo[d]imidazole (8e) [CAS: 1280585-62-7].



The typical procedure (Condition A) was followed using **7e** as the substrate.

White solid (64.4 mg, 78%). Mp 201.5–201.7 °C. *R_f* 0.66 (SiO₂, hexane/EtOAc = 1/1).

¹H NMR (DMSO-*d*₆, 399.78 MHz) δ: 13.34 (s, 1H), 8.79 (s, 2H), 8.20 (s, 1H), 7.77–7.55 (m, 2H), 7.27–7.25 (m, 2H).

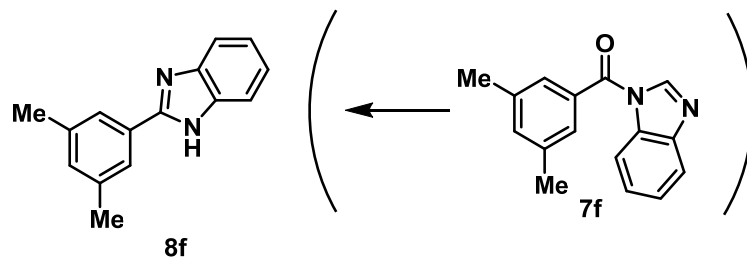
¹³C NMR (Acetone-*d*₆, 100.53 MHz) δ: 149.2, 133.9, 132.7 (q, *J*_{CF} = 33.5 Hz), 127.5 (q, *J*_{CF} = 2.9 Hz), 124.3 (q, *J*_{CF} = 272.2 Hz), 124.0, 123.6 (qt, *J*_{CF} = 2.9 Hz), 116.4 (br).

IR (ATR): 3064 w, 1737 w, 1351 m, 1280 s, 1184 m, 1137 s, 902 w, 848 w, 746 w, 701 w.

MS, *m/z* (relative intensity, %): 331 (12), 330 (M⁺, 100), 311 (12), 310 (17), 291 (26), 165 (15), 90 (19), 64 (24), 63 (19).

HRMS calcd for C₁₅H₉F₆N₂ ([M+H⁺]): 331.0664. Found: 331.0703.

2-(3,5-Dimethylphenyl)-1H-benzo[d]imidazole (8f) [CAS: 1011735-85-5].



The typical procedure (Condition A) was followed using **7f** as the substrate.

Isolated yield was 70% (38.8 mg) when Ni(cod)₂ (40 mol%) and dcype (40 mol%) were used as the catalyst for 24 h at 180 °C.

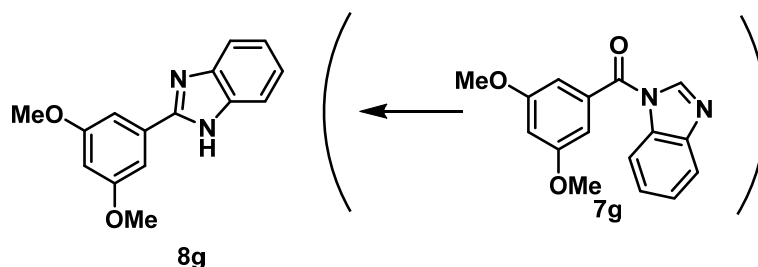
White solid (38.8 mg, 70%). *R_f* 0.47 (SiO₂, hexane/EtOAc = 1/1).

¹H NMR (DMSO-*d*₆, 399.78 MHz) δ: 12.83 (s, 1H), 7.81 (s, 2H), 7.64 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.51 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 7.22–7.16 (m, 2H), 7.13 (s, 1H), 2.37 (s, 6H).

¹³C NMR (DMSO-*d*₆, 100.53 MHz) δ: 151.4, 143.8, 138.0, 134.9, 131.3, 130.0, 124.2, 122.4, 121.6, 118.8, 111.3, 21.0.

HRMS calcd for C₁₅H₁₅N₂ ([M+H⁺]): 223.1230. Found: 223.1246.

2-(3,5-Dimethoxyphenyl)-1H-benzo[d]imidazole (8g) [CAS: 393134-67-3].



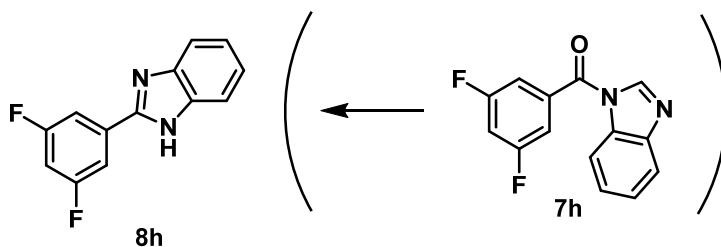
The typical procedure (Condition A) was followed using **7g** as the substrate. Isolated yield was 60% (38.2 mg) when Ni(cod)₂ (40 mol%) and dcype (40 mol%) were used as the catalyst for 24 h at 180 °C. Pale yellow solid (38.2 mg, 60%). *R_f* 0.29 (SiO₂, hexane/EtOAc = 1/1).

¹H NMR (DMSO-*d*₆, 399.78 MHz) δ: 12.90 (s, 1H), 7.67 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.53 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.38 (d, *J* = 2.3 Hz, 2H), 7.25–7.17 (m, 2H), 6.62 (t, *J* = 2.3 Hz, 1H), 3.85 (s, 6H).

¹³C NMR (DMSO-*d*₆, 100.53 MHz) δ: 160.8, 151.0, 143.6, 134.9, 131.9, 122.7, 121.7, 118.9, 111.3, 104.2, 102.1, 55.5.

HRMS calcd for C₁₅H₁₅N₂O₂ ([M+H⁺]): 255.1128. Found: 255.1146.

2-(3,5-Difluorophenyl)-1H-benzo[d]imidazole (8h) [CAS: 1094668-21-9].



The typical procedure (Condition A) was followed using **7h** as the substrate.

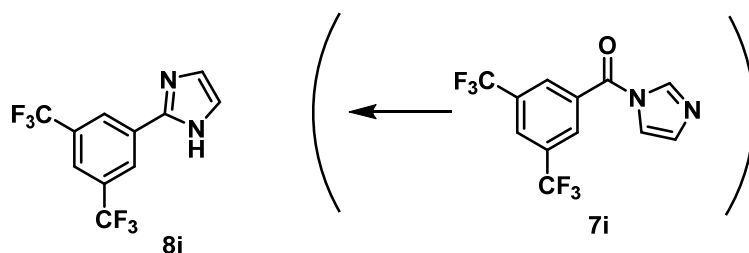
White solid (29.4 mg, 51%). *R_f* 0.57 (SiO₂, hexane/EtOAc = 1/1).

¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 399.78 MHz) δ: 10.36 (s, 1H), 7.84–7.82 (m, 1H), 7.61–7.48 (m, 3H), 7.34–7.29 (m, 2H), 6.89 (tt, *J* = 2.3, 8.7 Hz, 1H).

¹³C NMR (DMSO-*d*₆, 100.53 MHz) δ: 162.8 (dd, *J*_{CF} = 13.5, 245.3 Hz), 148.9 (t, *J*_{CF} = 2.8 Hz), 143.4, 135.0, 133.6 (t, *J*_{CF} = 10.5 Hz), 123.1, 122.5, 119.2, 111.8, 109.5 (dd, *J*_{CF} = 7.7, 20.1 Hz), 105.1 (t, *J*_{CF} = 25.9 Hz).

HRMS calcd for C₁₃H₉F₂N₂ ([M+H⁺]): 231.0728. Found: 231.0744.

2-(3,5-Bis(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)-1H-imidazole (8i) [CAS: 1097069-74-3].



The typical procedure (Condition A) was followed using **7i** as the substrate. ^{13}C NMR spectrum of **8i** was recorded with ^{19}F decoupling.

White solid (32.9 g, 47%). Mp 162.2–163.0 °C. R_f 0.43 (SiO₂, hexane/EtOAc = 1/1).

^1H NMR (DMSO-*d*₆, 399.78 MHz) δ : 13.03 (s, 1H), 8.57 (s, 2H), 8.04 (s, 1H), 7.35–7.21 (m, 2H).

^{13}C NMR (DMSO-*d*₆, 100.53 MHz) δ : 142.8, 133.0, 130.9, 129.9, 124.9, 123.3, 120.90, 119.5.

^{19}F NMR (DMSO-*d*₆, 376.17 MHz) δ : –61.5 (s, 6F).

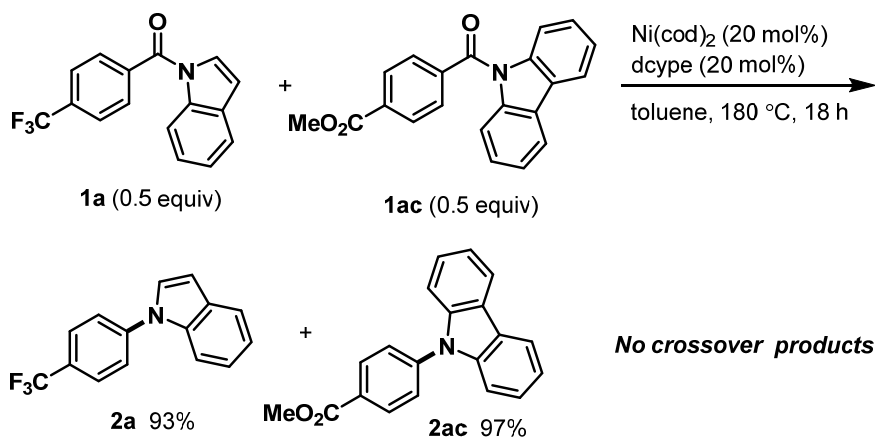
IR (ATR): 1718 m, 1481 w, 1417 m, 1347 m, 1282 s, 1180 m, 1135 s, 900 m.

MS, m/z (relative intensity, %): 281 (12), 280 (M^+ , 100), 261 (17), 260 (28), 253 (18), 191 (10), 41 (23), 140 (20).

HRMS calcd for C₁₁H₇F₆N₂ ($[\text{M}+\text{H}^+]$): 281.0508. Found: 281.0508.

VII. Mechanistic Studies.

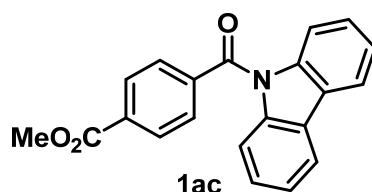
VII-1. Crossover experiments using indole amides (Scheme 4a).



Ni(cod)₂ (13.8 mg, 0.050 mmol), dcype (21.1 mg, 0.050 mmol), **1a** (36.2 mg, 0.125 mmol), **1ac** (41.2 mg, 0.125 mmol) and toluene (1 mL) were added to a 10 mL-sample vial with a Teflon-sealed screwcap in a glovebox filled with nitrogen. The resulting mixture was stirred at room temperature for 3 min and the cap was closed. The contents of the vial were then stirred at 180 °C for 18 h. The reaction

was cooled to room temperature, and the crude mixture was filtered through a pad of silica gel before being analyzed by GC. As a result of GC analysis of the crude mixture, crossover products were not observed. The filtrate was then concentrated *in vacuo* to give a residue, which was purified by flash column chromatography over silica gel to give **2a** (30.4 mg, 0.116 mmol) and **2ac** (36.5 mg, 0.121 mmol) as white solids.

Methyl 4-(9*H*-carbazole-9-carbonyl)benzoate (1ac).



The general procedure I was followed using methyl 4-(chloroformyl)benzoate.

White solid (3.4 g, 52%). Mp 139.7–139.9 °C. R_f 0.14 (SiO₂, hexane/EtOAc = 10/1).

¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 399.78 MHz) δ : 3.99 (s, 3H), 7.39–7.30 (m, 4H), 7.48 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.78 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 8.01 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 8.20 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H).

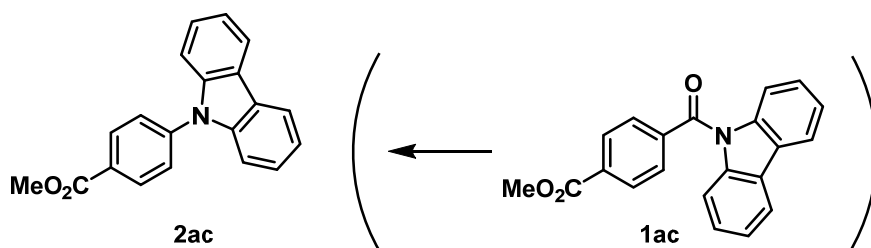
¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100.53 MHz) δ : 52.6, 115.8, 119.9, 123.8, 126.2, 126.9, 128.8, 130.1, 133.3, 138.8, 139.7, 166.1, 168.6.

IR (ATR): 2360 w, 1725 s, 1677 m, 1482 w, 1444 m, 1328 m, 1278 s, 1218 m, 1110 m, 1074 w, 1020 w, 948 w, 852 w, 821 w, 757 s, 723 m, 678 w.

MS, m/z (relative intensity, %): 329 (M⁺, 36), 164 (10), 163 (100), 103 (12).

HRMS calcd for C₂₁H₁₆NO₃ ([M+H⁺]): 330.1130. Found: 330.1134.

Methyl 4-(9*H*-carbazol-9-yl)benzoate (2ac) [CAS: 57103-16-9].



The typical procedure (Condition A) was followed using **1ac** as the substrate.

White solid (70.8 mg, 94%). R_f 0.23 (SiO₂, hexane/EtOAc = 10/1).

¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 399.78 MHz) δ : 4.00 (s, 3H), 7.32 (dd, J = 6.9, 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.43 (dd, J = 6.9, 8.2

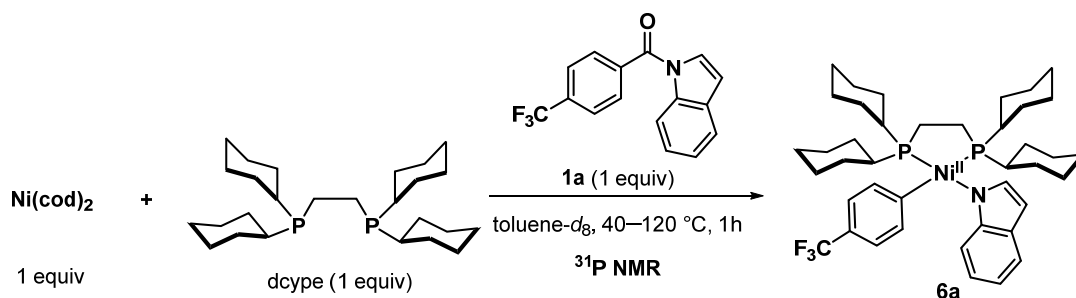
Hz, 2H), 7.47 (d, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 2H), 7.69 (d, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 2H), 8.16 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 2H), 8.29 (d, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 2H).

^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 100.53 MHz) δ : 52.3, 109.7, 120.4, 120.5, 123.8, 126.2, 126.4, 128.6, 131.3, 140.2, 142.0, 166.4.

HRMS calcd for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{15}\text{NO}_2$ ($[\text{M}+\text{H}^+]$): 302.1176. Found: 302.1172.

VII-2. Stoichiometric reactions (Scheme 4b).

NMR Studies.



$\text{Ni}(\text{cod})_2$ (22.0 mg, 0.08 mmol), dcype (33.8 mg, 0.08 mmol), **1a** (23.1 mg, 0.08 mmol) and $\text{toluene-}d_8$ (1.0 mL) were added to a 10 mL-sample vial with a Teflon-sealed screwcap in a glovebox filled with nitrogen. The resulting mixture was stirred at room temperature for 1 h and transferred to a NMR tube equipped with a screw cap. The cap was closed, and then it was taken out of the glovebox. The contents were then heated at $40\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ for 1 h. The contents were cooled to room temperature, the reaction was monitored by ^{31}P NMR spectroscopy at room temperature. The same procedure was performed at 60, 80, 100 and $120\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ (**Figure S1**).

During the course of the reaction, two new downfield peaks (**b**: $\delta = 63.0$ and 59.9 ppm, $J_{\text{PP}} = 56.6$ Hz) appeared at $40\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ alongside the signal of the $\text{Ni}(\text{cod})(\text{dcype})$ (**a**: $\delta = 60.3$ ppm, s)¹⁸ on ^{31}P NMR. The signal of the $\text{Ni}(\text{dcype})(\text{CO})_2$ (**d**: $\delta = 64.0$ ppm)¹⁹ started to appear at $60\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$. Another two new downfield peaks (**6a**) (**c**: $\delta = 60.7$ and 57.9 ppm, $J_{\text{PP}} = 13.1$ Hz) appeared at $80\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$.

¹⁸ Muto, K.; Yamaguchi, J.; Lei, A.; Itami, K. *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **2013**, *135*, 16384.

¹⁹ Amaike, K.; Muto, K.; Yamaguchi, J.; Itami, K. *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **2012**, *134*, 13573.

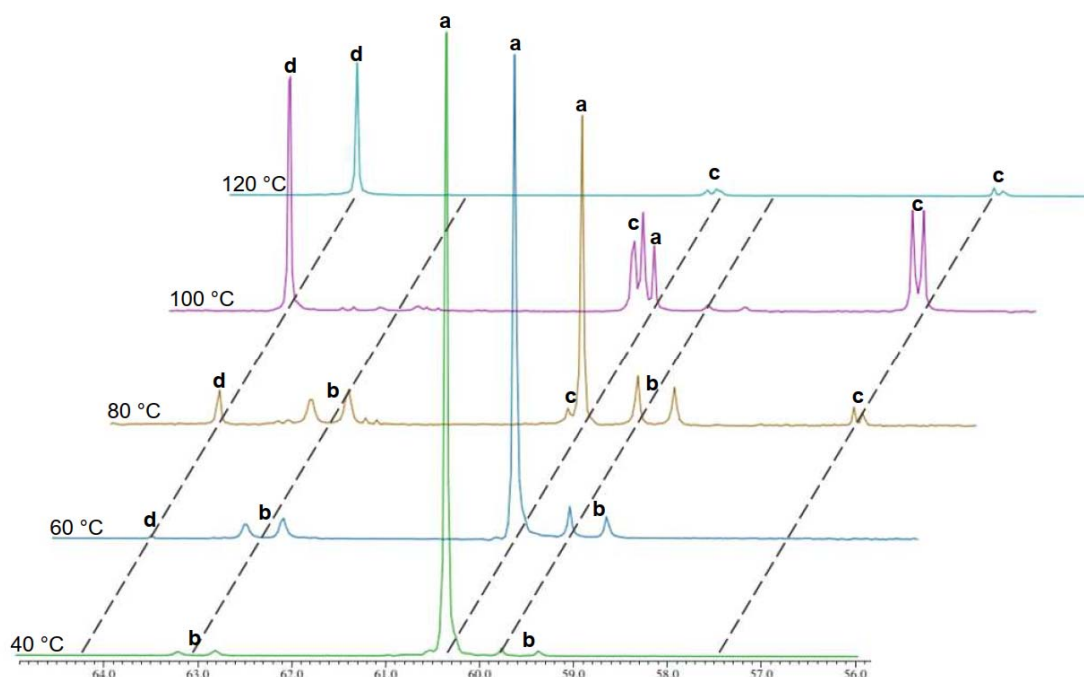
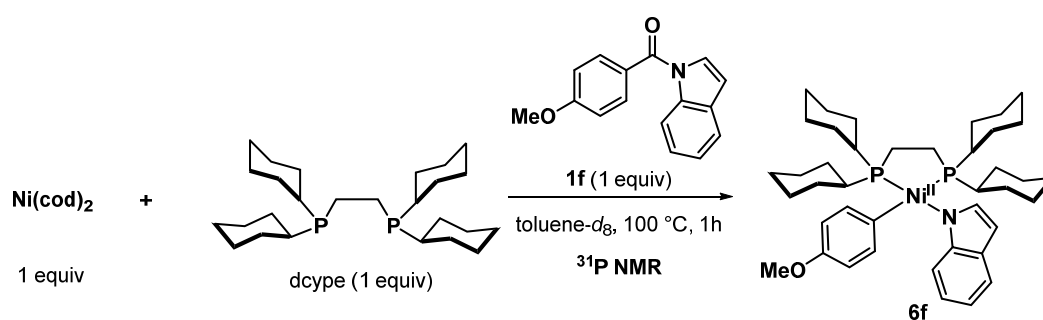


Figure S1



$\text{Ni}(\text{cod})_2$ (22.0 mg, 0.08 mmol), dcype (33.8 mg, 0.08 mmol), **1f** (20.1 mg, 0.08 mmol) and $\text{toluene-}d_8$ (1.0 mL) were added to a 10 mL-sample vial with a Teflon-sealed screwcap in a glovebox filled with nitrogen. The resulting mixture was stirred at room temperature for 1 h and transferred to a NMR tube equipped with a screwed cap. The cap was closed, and then it was taken out of the glovebox. The contents were then heated at 100 °C for 1 h. The contents were cooled to room temperature, the reaction was monitored by ^{31}P NMR spectroscopy at room temperature. (**Figure S2**).

At 100 °C, resonances derived from the following three species were observed: $\delta = 60.3$ ppm (s, **a**, $[\text{Ni}(\text{cod})(\text{dcype})]$), $\delta = 60.2$ ppm and 57.1 ppm (d, $J = 13.2$ Hz, **c'**, **6f**), $\delta = 64.0$ ppm [s, **d**, $\text{Ni}(\text{dcype})(\text{CO})_2$].

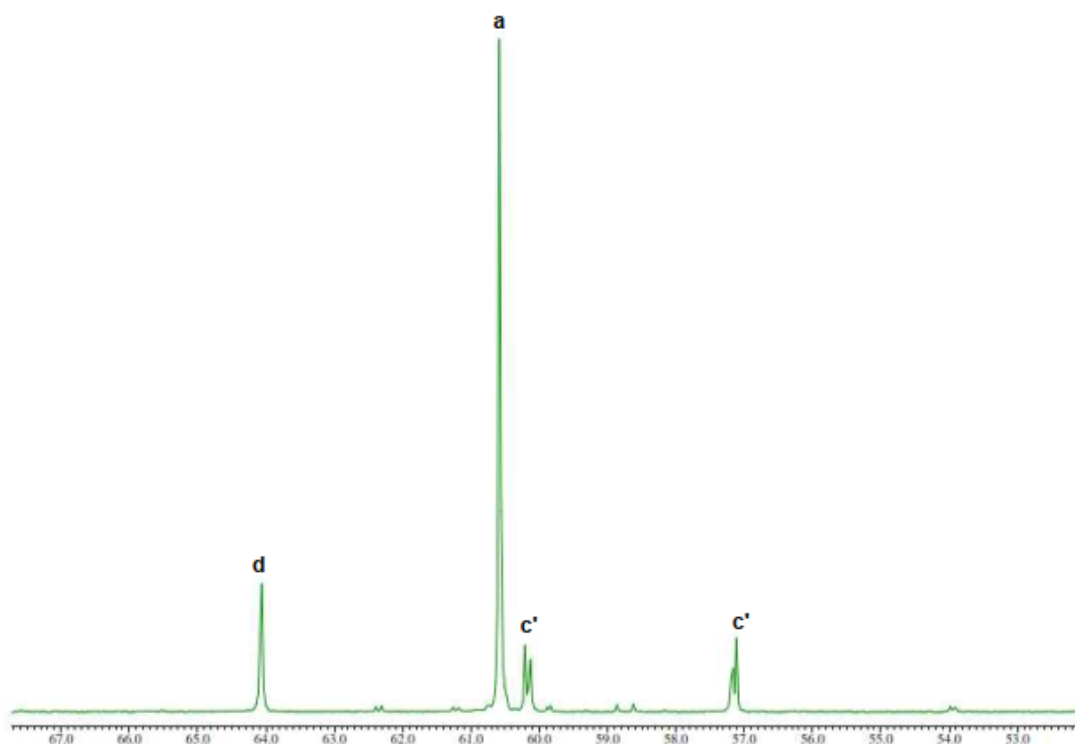
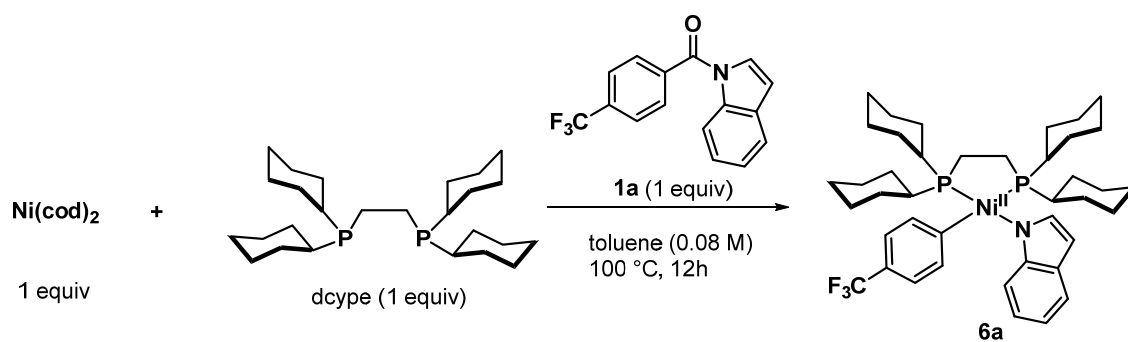


Figure S2

Complex 6a.



$\text{Ni}(\text{cod})_2$ (66.0 mg, 0.24 mmol), dcype (101 mg, 0.24 mmol), **1a** (69.3 mg, 0.24 mmol) and toluene (3 mL) were added to a 10 mL-sample vial with a Teflon-sealed screwcap in a glovebox filled with nitrogen. The resulting mixture was stirred at room temperature for 1 h to give a homogeneous yellow solution, which was transferred to another vial without a stirrer bar. The cap was closed. The contents of the vial were then heated at 100 °C for 12 h without stirring. The reaction was cooled to room temperature, and the precipitated orange crystal was collected by filtration and dried in a glovebox filled with nitrogen.

Orange crystal (79.5 mg, 45%). Decomposition temperature 185.0 °C.

^1H NMR (CD_2Cl_2 , 399.78 MHz) δ : 0.18–0.25 (m, 48H), 6.38 (d, $J = 2.3$ Hz, 1H), 6.71 (td, $J = 7.3$, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 6.87 (td, $J = 7.4$, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 7.05 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 2H), 7.20 (d, $J = 2.7$ Hz, 1H), 7.35 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.74 (t, $J = 6.2$ Hz, 2H), 7.79 (d, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 1H).

^{19}F NMR (CD_2Cl_2 , 376.17 MHz) δ : -61.9 (s, 3F).

^{31}P NMR (CD_2Cl_2 , 161.83 MHz) δ : 61.8 (d, $J_{\text{PP}} = 17.5$ Hz, 1P), 59.6 (d, $J_{\text{PP}} = 17.5$ Hz, 1P).

IR (KBr, cm^{-1}): 3047 w, 3005 w, 2926 s, 2851 s, 2666 m, 1580 s, 1445 s, 1415 m, 1319 s, 1293 s, 1265 m, 1212 m, 1182 m, 1159 s, 1110 s, 1068 s, 1008 s, 914 m, 888 m, 851 s, 819 s, 795 m, 742 s, 712 m, 674 m.

HRMS Calcd for $\text{C}_{41}\text{H}_{58}\text{F}_3\text{NNiP}_2$ ($[\text{M}^+]$): 741.3345. Found: 741.3353.

The structure of **6a** was unambiguously determined by X-ray crystallography.

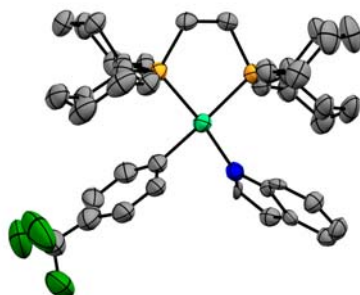
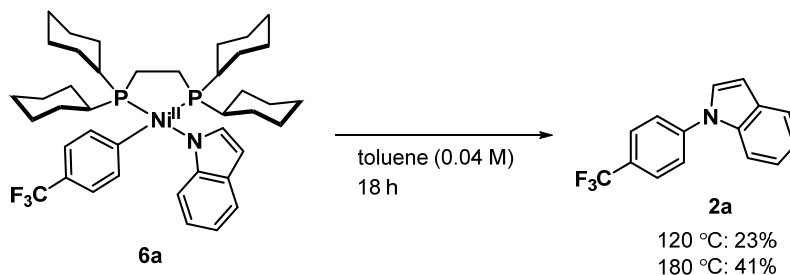


Figure S3 ORTEP drawing of **6a** with thermal ellipsoids set at the 50% probability level. All hydrogen atoms are omitted for the sake of clarity.^a

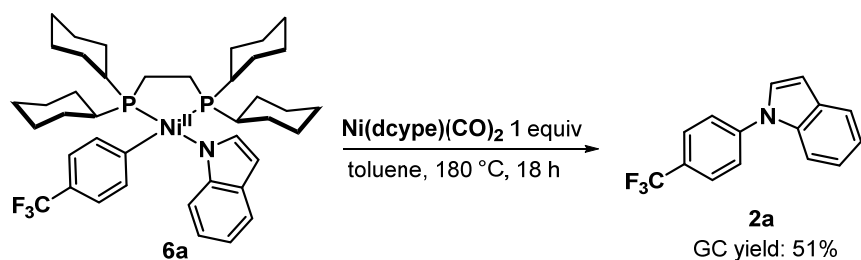
^a Crystal data for **6a**, monoclinic, space group $P2_1/c$ (no. 14), $a = 16.8932(6)$ Å, $b = 36.2820(11)$ Å, $c = 13.0079(5)$ Å, $\beta = 103.787(4)^\circ$, $V = 7743.1(5)$ Å³, $T = 123$ K, $Z = 4$, R_1 (wR_2) = 0.0825 (0.2308) for 899 parameters and 19566 unique reflections. GOF = 1.050. CCDC 1901697.

Reductive elimination from **6a**.



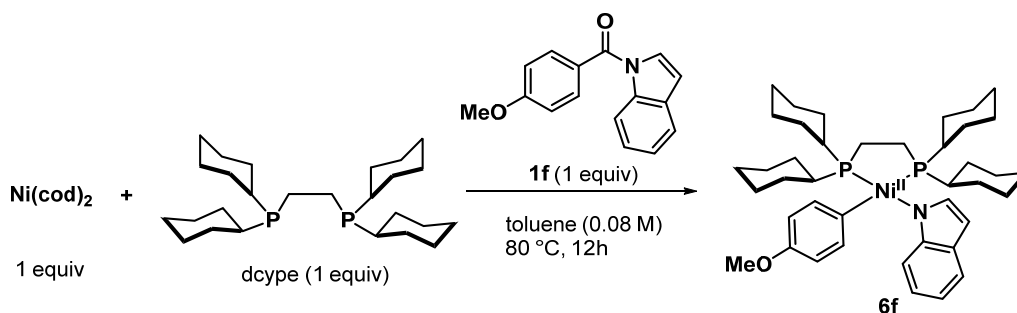
Complex **6a** (28.8 mg, 0.04 mmol) and toluene (1.0 mL) were added to a 10 mL-sample vial with a Teflon-sealed screwcap in a glovebox filled with nitrogen. The resulting mixture was stirred at room

temperature for 3 min and the cap was closed, and then it was taken out of the glovebox. The contents of the vial were then heated at 120 °C (or 180 °C) for 18 h. The contents were cooled to room temperature, the product yield was determined by GC using undecane as an internal standard: 23% at 120 °C and 41% at 180 °C.



To investigate the possibility that CO accelerates the reductive elimination process, we examined the reductive elimination of **6a** in the presence of Ni(CO)₂(dcype), which is a potential CO source under the catalytic conditions used in this study. Complex **6a** (28.8 mg, 0.04 mmol) and Ni(dcype)(CO)₂ (20.8 mg, 0.04 mmol) toluene (1.0 mL) were added to a 10 mL-sample vial with a Teflon-sealed screwcap in a glovebox filled with nitrogen. The resulting mixture was stirred at room temperature for 3 min and the cap was closed, and then it was taken out of the glovebox. The contents of the vial were then stirred at 180 °C for 18 h. The contents were cooled to room temperature, the product yield was determined by GC using undecane as an internal standard. The yield of **2a** increased from 41% to 51%, indicating that CO can, in fact, promote the reductive elimination process under catalytic conditions.

Complex 6f.



Ni(cod)₂ (26.4 mg, 96 μmol), dcype (40.6 mg, 96 μmol), **1f** (24.1 mg, 96 μmol) and toluene (1.2 mL) were added to a 10 mL-sample vial with a Teflon-sealed screwcap in a glovebox filled with nitrogen. The resulting mixture was stirred at room temperature for 1 h to give a homogeneous yellow solution, which was transferred to an NMR tube equipped with a screw cap. The cap was closed. The contents were then heated at 80 °C for 12 h. The contents were cooled to room temperature, and the precipitated

orange crystal was collected by filtration and dried in a glovebox filled with nitrogen.

Orange crystal (35.2 mg, 52%). Decomposition temperature 180.0 °C.

^1H NMR (CD_2Cl_2 , 399.78 MHz) δ : 2.30–3.60 (m, 48H), 5.16 (s, 3H), 7.92 (d, $J = 2.4$ Hz, 1H), 8.08 (d, $J = 7.3$ Hz, 2H), 8.25 (t, $J = 7.3$ Hz, 1H), 8.42 (t, $J = 7.3$ Hz, 1H), 8.81 (d, $J = 7.3$ Hz, 1H), 8.90 (d, $J = 7.9$ Hz, 1H), 8.97 (t, $J = 5.8$ Hz, 2H), 9.38 (d, $J = 7.9$ Hz, 1H).

^{31}P NMR (CD_2Cl_2 , 161.83 MHz) δ : 62.6 (d, $J_{\text{PP}} = 13.0$ Hz, 1P), 60.3 (d, $J_{\text{PP}} = 13.0$ Hz, 1P).

IR (KBr, cm^{-1}): 3033 m, 2998 m, 2926 s, 2847 s, 2359 w, 1598 m, 1574 m, 1478 s, 1446 s, 1415 m, 1342 m, 1292 s, 1258 s, 1229 s, 1214 s, 1170 s, 1159 s, 1119 w, 1081 w, 1051 m, 1026 m, 1005 s, 914 w, 889 m, 852 s, 816 s, 741 s, 664 m.

HRMS Calcd for $\text{C}_{41}\text{H}_{61}\text{NNiOP}_2$ ($[\text{M}^+]$): 703.3576. Found: 703.3577.

The structure of **6f** was unambiguously determined by X-ray crystallography.

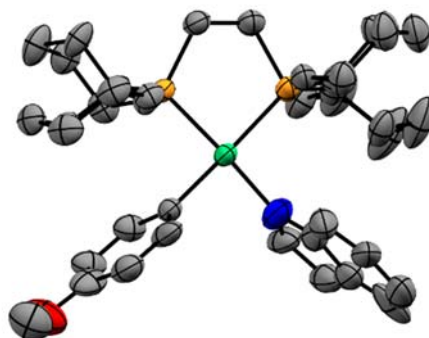
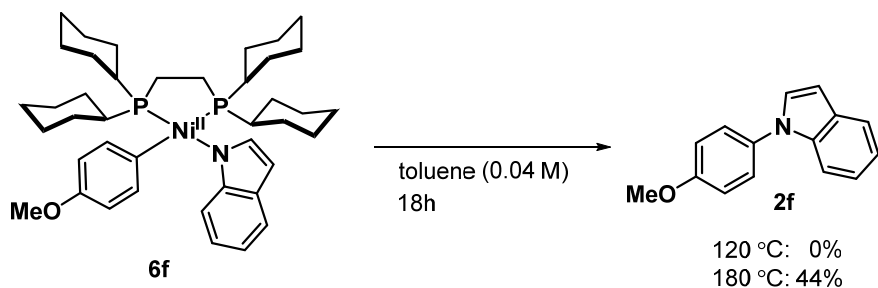


Figure S4 ORTEP drawing of **6f** with thermal ellipsoids set at the 50% probability level. All hydrogen atoms are omitted for the sake of clarity.^a

^aCrystal data for **6f**, monoclinic, space group $P2_1/c$ (no. 14), $a = 13.2163(3)$ Å, $b = 19.2858(3)$ Å, $c = 17.1259(3)$ Å, $\beta = 111.810(2)^\circ$, $V = 4052.71(14)$ Å³, $T = 123$ K, $Z = 4$, R_1 (wR_2) = 0.1119 (0.2828) for 415 parameters and 8146 unique reflections. GOF = 1.107. CCDC 1901702. The SQUEEZE subroutine of PLATON²⁰ was used because the refinement for the structure of solvent molecule was unsuccessful due to a significant disorder of chlorobenzene used as a solvent.

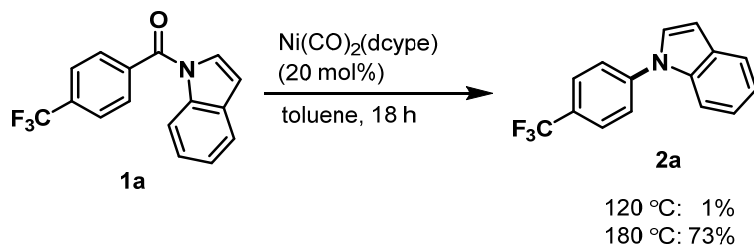
Reductive elimination from **6f**.

²⁰ Spek, A. L. *Acta. Crystallogr. Sect. D* **2009**, 65,148.



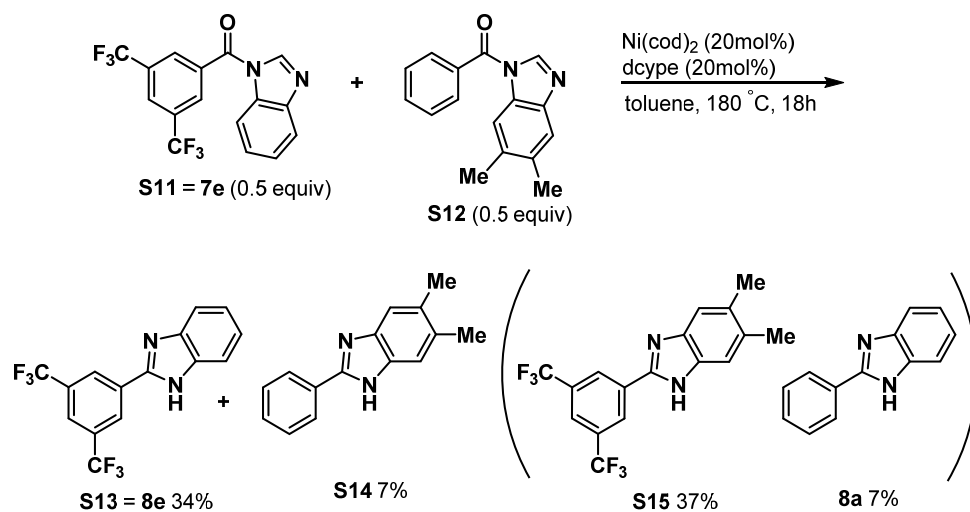
Complex **6f** (0.04 mmol) and toluene (1.0 mL) were added to a 10 mL-sample vial with a Teflon-sealed screwcap in a glovebox filled with nitrogen. The resulting mixture was stirred at room temperature for 3 min and the cap was closed, and then it was taken out of the glovebox. The contents of the vial were then stirred at 180 °C for 18 h. The contents were cooled to room temperature, the product yield was determined by GC using undecane as an internal standard: 0% at 120 °C and 44% at 180 °C. Therefore, the reductive elimination from **6f** requires higher temperature to occur than required for **6a**.

VII-3. Effect of CO ligand.



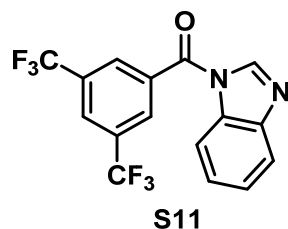
$\text{Ni(CO)}_2(\text{dcybe})$ (0.050 mmol), **1a** (0.25 mmol) and toluene (1 mL) were added to a 10 mL-sample vial with a Teflon-sealed screwcap in a glovebox filled with nitrogen. The resulting mixture was stirred at room temperature for 3 min and the cap was closed. The contents of the vial were then stirred at 120 (or 180 °C) for 18 h. The contents were cooled to room temperature, the product yield was determined by GC using undecane as an internal standard: 1% at 120 °C and 73% at 180 °C.

VII-4. Crossover experiments using *N*-acylated benzimidazoles.



$\text{Ni}(\text{cod})_2$ (13.8 mg, 0.050 mmol), dcype (21.1 mg, 0.050 mmol), **S11** (44.8 mg, 0.125 mmol), **S12** (31.3 mg, 0.125 mmol) and toluene (1 mL) were added to a 10 mL-sample vial with a Teflon-sealed screwcap in a glovebox filled with nitrogen. The resulting mixture was stirred at room temperature for 3 min and the cap was closed. The contents of the vial were then stirred at 180°C for 18 h. The reaction was cooled to room temperature, and the crude mixture was filtered through a pad of silica gel. The filtrate was then concentrated *in vacuo* to give a residue, which was purified by flash column chromatography (hexane:EtOAc = 5:1→1:1) over silica gel to give two fractions. The first fraction contained **S13** and **S15** [R_f = 0.46 (hexane:EtOAc = 5:1), 30.8 mg]. The second fraction contained **S14** and **8a** [R_f = 0.09 (hexane:EtOAc = 5:1), 3.8 mg]. The yields for the four compounds were determined by $^1\text{H-NMR}$ using 1,1,2,2-tetrachloroethane as an internal standard by comparison with the spectroscopic data of the independently synthesized authentic compounds. The NMR yields of **S13**, **S14**, **S15** and **8a** were 34%, 7%, 37% and 7%, respectively.

(1H-Benzo[d]imidazol-1-yl)(3,5-bis(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)methanone (S11) [CAS: 1899226-42-6].



The general procedure I was followed using 3,5-bis(trifluoromethyl)benzoyl chloride (6 mmol scale). White solid (1.2 g, 55%). Mp $84.7\text{--}84.1^\circ\text{C}$. R_f 0.66 (SiO_2 , hexane/EtOAc = 1/1).

$^1\text{H NMR}$ (CDCl_3 , 399.78 MHz) δ : 7.46–7.52 (m, 2H), 7.85–7.87 (m, 1H), 8.10 (s, 1H), 8.16–8.21 (m,

1H), 8.21 (s, 1H), 8.27 (s, 2H).

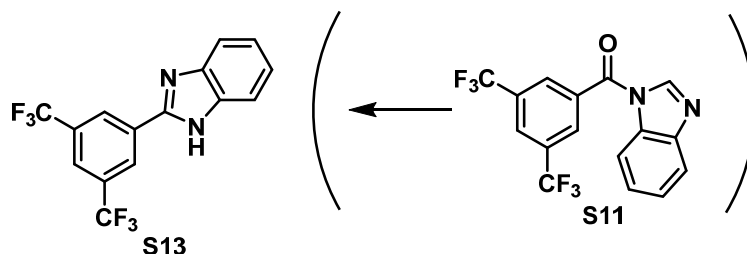
¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100.53 MHz) δ: 115.4, 118.4, 120.9, 122.5 (q, *J*_{CF} = 273.1 Hz), 126.0, 126.5 (qt, *J*_{CF} = 3.1 Hz), 129.4 (q, *J*_{CF} = 3.1 Hz), 131.7, 133.0 (q, *J*_{CF} = 34.2 Hz), 134.9, 141.8, 144.1, 164.1.

IR (ATR): 2360 w, 1707 m, 1512 w, 1452 w, 1396 w, 1356 m, 1284 s, 1180 s, 1142 s, 910 w, 771 s, 708 w.

MS, *m/z* (relative intensity, %): 358 (M⁺, 33), 242 (10), 241 (100), 213 (48), 163 (10).

HRMS Calcd for C₁₆H₉F₆N₂O ([M+H⁺]): 359.0614. Found: 359.0628.

2-(3,5-Bis(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)-1H-benzo[d]imidazole (S13) [CAS: 1280585-62-7].



The typical procedure (Condition A) was followed using **S11** as the substrate.

White solid (64.4 mg, 78%). Mp 201.5–201.7 °C. *R_f* 0.66 (SiO₂, hexane/EtOAc = 1/1).

¹H NMR (DMSO-*d*₆, 399.78 MHz) δ: 7.25–7.27 (m, 2H), 7.55–7.77 (m, 2H), 8.20 (s, 1H), 8.79 (s, 2H), 13.34 (s, 1H).

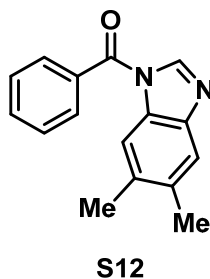
¹³C NMR (Acetone-*d*₆, 100.53 MHz) δ: 116.4 (br), 123.6 (qt, *J*_{CF} = 2.9 Hz), 124.0, 124.3 (q, *J*_{CF} = 272.2 Hz), 127.5 (q, *J*_{CF} = 2.9 Hz), 132.7 (q, *J*_{CF} = 33.5 Hz), 133.9, 149.2.

IR (ATR): 3064 w, 1737 w, 1351 m, 1280 s, 1184 m, 1137 s, 902 w, 848 w, 746 w, 701 w.

MS, *m/z* (relative intensity, %): 331 (12), 330 (M⁺, 100), 311 (12), 310 (17), 291 (26), 165 (15), 90 (19), 64 (24), 63 (19).

HRMS Calcd for C₁₅H₉F₆N₂ ([M+H⁺]): 331.0664. Found: 331.0703.

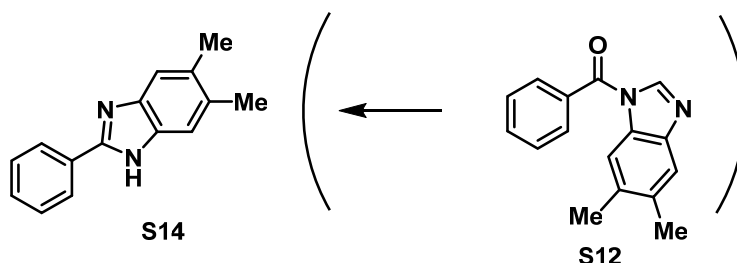
(5,6-Dimethyl-1H-benzo[d]imidazol-1-yl)(phenyl)methanone (S12) [CAS 16109-46-9].



The general procedure I was followed using benzoyl chloride. Spectroscopic data were consistent with

those reported in the literature.²¹

5,6-Dimethyl-2-phenyl-1H-benzo[d]imidazole (S14) [CAS: 14313-45-2].



The typical procedure (Condition A) was followed using **S12** as the substrate.

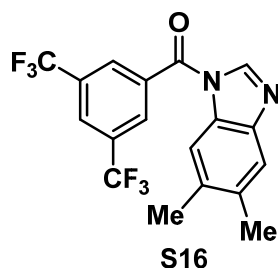
White solid (31.7 mg, 57%). R_f 0.40 (SiO₂, hexane/EtOAc = 1/1).

¹H NMR (DMSO-*d*₆, 399.78 MHz) δ : 2.31 (s, 3H), 2.33 (s, 3H), 7.29 (s, 1H), 7.43–7.48 (m, 2H), 7.50–7.55 (m, 2H), 8.12–8.15 (m, 2H), 12.64 (s, 1H).

¹³C NMR (DMSO-*d*₆, 100.53 MHz) δ : 20.0, 20.1, 111.3, 118.9, 126.2, 128.9, 129.5, 129.9, 130.5, 131.2, 133.5, 142.5, 150.3.

HRMS Calcd for C₁₅H₁₅N₂ ([M+H⁺]): 223.1230. Found: 223.1240.

(3,5-Bis(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)(5,6-dimethyl-1H-benzo[d]imidazol-1-yl)methanone (S16).



The general procedure I was followed using 3,5-bis(trifluoromethyl)benzoyl chloride.

White solid (3.1 g, 40%). Mp 91.3–92.1 °C. R_f 0.71 (SiO₂, hexane/EtOAc = 1/1).

¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 399.78 MHz) δ : 2.41 (s, 3H), 2.42 (s, 3H), 7.60 (s, 1H), 7.95 (s, 1H), 7.98 (s, 1H), 8.19 (s, 1H), 8.25 (s, 2H).

¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100.53 MHz) δ : 20.4, 20.6, 115.6, 120.9, 122.5 (q, J_{CF} = 273.1 Hz), 126.4 (qt, J_{CF} = 2.8 Hz), 129.4 (q, J_{CF} = 2.8 Hz), 130.1, 132.9 (q, J_{CF} = 69.1 Hz), 135.2, 135.2, 135.9, 141.1 142.5, 164.0.

¹⁹F NMR (CDCl₃, 376.17 MHz) δ : –62.8 (s, 6F).

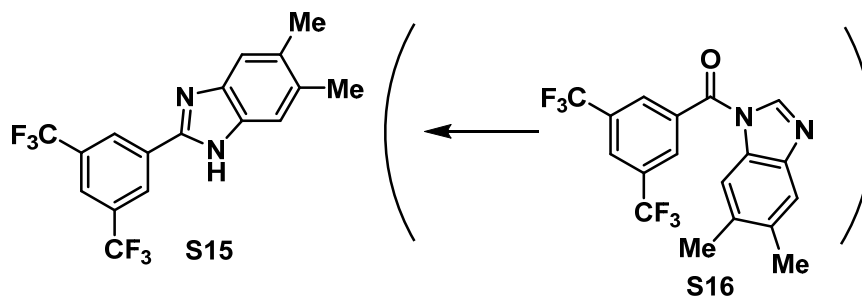
²¹ Yu, L.; Wang, M.; Wang, L. *Tetrahedron* **2014**, *70*, 5391.

IR (KBr, cm^{-1}): 3055 m, 2954 w, 1752 m, 1709 s, 1624 m, 1515 s, 1471 s, 1397 s, 1356 s, 1301 s, 1280 s, 1190 s, 1174 s, 1133 s, 1111 s, 1025 m, 943 m, 908 s, 876 m, 850 m, 813 m, 760 m, 712 m, 681 s, 652 m.

MS, m/z (relative intensity, %): 386 (M^+ , 37), 241 (100), 213 (42).

HRMS Calcd for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{12}\text{F}_6\text{N}_2\text{O}$ ($[\text{M}+\text{H}^+]$): 387.0932. Found: 387.0930.

2-[3,5-Bis(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]-5,6-dimethyl-1H-benzimidazole (S15).



The typical procedure (Condition A) was followed using **S16** as the substrate.

White solid (58.4 mg, 65%). Mp 280.3–281.9 °C. R_f 0.26 (SiO_2 , hexane/EtOAc = 9/1).

^1H NMR (acetone- d_6 , 399.78 MHz) δ : 2.35 (s, 6H), 7.41 (s, 2H), 8.08 (s, 1H), 8.74 (s, 2H), 12.09 (s, 1H).

^{13}C NMR (acetone- d_6 , 100.53 MHz) δ : 20.4, 112.5 (br), 120.7 (br), 123.1 (qt, $J_{\text{CF}} = 3.7$ Hz), 124.3 (q, $J_{\text{CF}} = 272.2$ Hz), 127.2 (q, $J_{\text{CF}} = 2.8$ Hz), 132.7 (br), 132.7 (q, $J_{\text{CF}} = 33.5$ Hz), 134.2, 148.3.

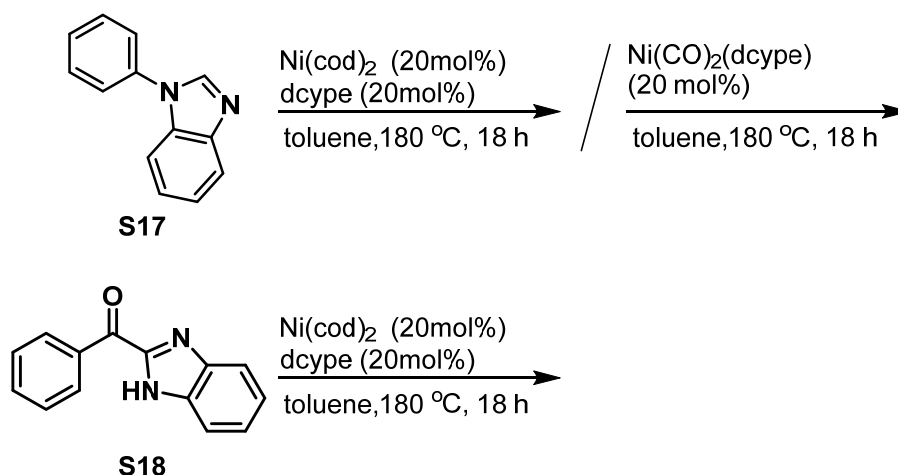
^{19}F NMR (acetone- d_6 , 376.17 MHz) δ : -63.4 (s, 6F).

IR (KBr, cm^{-1}): 2924 m, 1818 w, 1718 w, 1623 m, 1588 m, 1537 w, 1476 m, 1449 s, 1432 m, 1402 s, 1376 s, 1341 s, 1325 s, 1283 s, 1233 m, 1171 s, 1135 s, 1024 m, 984 s, 901 s, 854 s, 722 m, 696 s, 683 s.

MS, m/z (relative intensity, %): 359 (M^+ , 20), 358 (100), 357 (M^+ , 53), 344 (12), 343 (66), 118 (12), 116 (11), 91 (31), 77 (12), 65 (17).

HRMS Calcd for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{12}\text{F}_6\text{N}_2$ ($[\text{M}+\text{H}^+]$): 359.0983. Found: 359.0989.

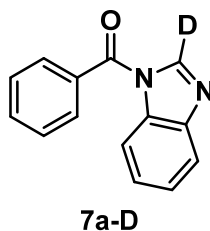
VII-5. A control experiment using *N*-phenylbenzimidazole and 2-benzoylbenzimidazole.



The typical procedure (Condition A) was followed using *N*-phenylbenzimidazole (**S17**) or 2-benzoylbenzimidazole (**S18**) as the substrate. 2-Phenylbenzimidazole (**8a**) was not obtained under these conditions, suggesting that **S17** and **S18** are not involved as an intermediate of this 1,2-migratory decarbonylation.

VII-6. Labeling studies.

(1*H*-Benzo[*d*]imidazol-1-yl-2-*d*)(phenyl)methanone (**7a-D**)



The general procedure I was followed using benzoyl chloride and 1*H*-benzimidazole-2-*d* **S19**.

White solid (3.1 g, 70%). Mp 89.7–90.1 °C. *R*_f 0.37 (SiO₂, hexane/EtOAc = 1/1).

¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 399.78 MHz) δ: 7.41–7.47 (m, 2H), 7.56–7.61 (m, 2H), 7.67–7.71 (m, 1H), 7.79–7.85 (m, 3H), 8.18–8.21 (m, 1H).

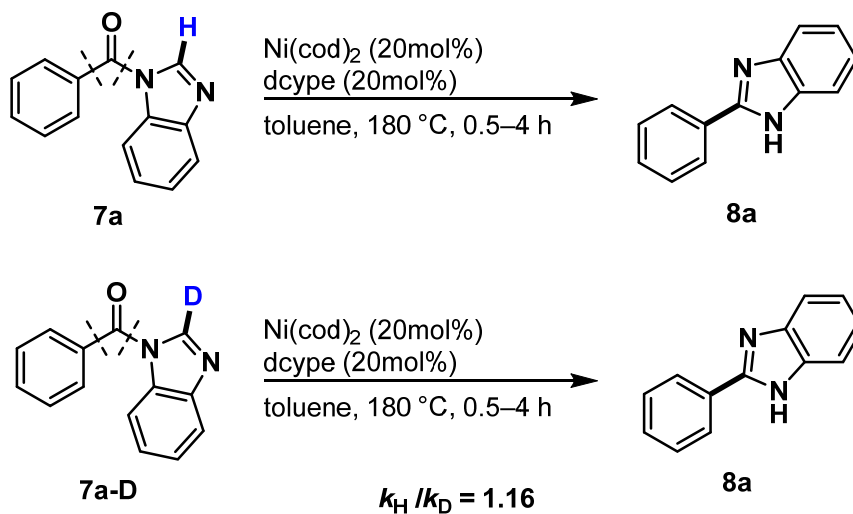
²H NMR (CHCl₃, 61.37 MHz, internal standard CDCl₃) δ: 8.25.

¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100.53 MHz) δ: 115.4, 120.5, 125.2, 125.7, 129.0, 129.5, 132.1, 132.8, 133.2, 142.8 (t, *J*_{CD} = 31.7 Hz), 144.0, 167.0.

IR (KBr, cm⁻¹): 3117 w, 3058 w, 2328 w, 1908 w, 1800 w, 1772 w, 1699 s, 1601 m, 1488 m, 1467 s, 1447 s, 1353 s, 1293 m, 1259 s, 1238 m, 1179 s, 1146 m, 1095 m, 1077 m, 1031 m, 1002 m, 979 m, 940 m, 889 s, 856 m, 788 m, 753 s, 736 s, 720 s, 699 s.

MS, *m/z* (relative intensity, %): 223 (M⁺, 16), 105 (100), 77 (58), 51 (15).

HRMS Calcd for C₁₄H₁₁DN₂O ([M+H⁺]): 224.0929. Found: 224.0934.



A typical procedure for kinetic studies.

Ni(cod)₂ (13.8 mg, 0.050 mmol), dcype (21.1 mg, 0.050 mmol), *N*-acylpyrrole derivatives (0.25 mmol) and toluene (1 mL) were added to a 10 mL-sample vial with a Teflon-sealed screwcap in a glovebox filled with nitrogen. The resulting mixture was stirred at room temperature for 3 min and the cap was then closed. The contents of the vial were then stirred at 180 °C. At the indicated times, the vial was rapidly cooled with running water. The crude mixture was filtered through a pad of silica gel before being analyzed by GC (**Table S1**, **Figure S5**). The progress of the reaction was monitored by GC. Dodecane was added as an internal standard. The k_H/k_D value was determined to be 1.16.

Table S1 Time dependence of $\ln[[7a]/[7a]_0]$ and $\ln[[7a-D]/[7a-D]_0]$.^a

time / s	0	1800	3600	7200	10800	14400
$\ln[[7a]/[7a]_0]$	0	-0.403	-0.631	-1.033	-1.191	-1.484
$\ln[[7a-D]/[7a-D]_0]$	0	-0.228	-0.412	-0.799	-1.065	-1.163

^a Average of two runs were used for $\ln[7a]$ and $\ln[7a-D]$.

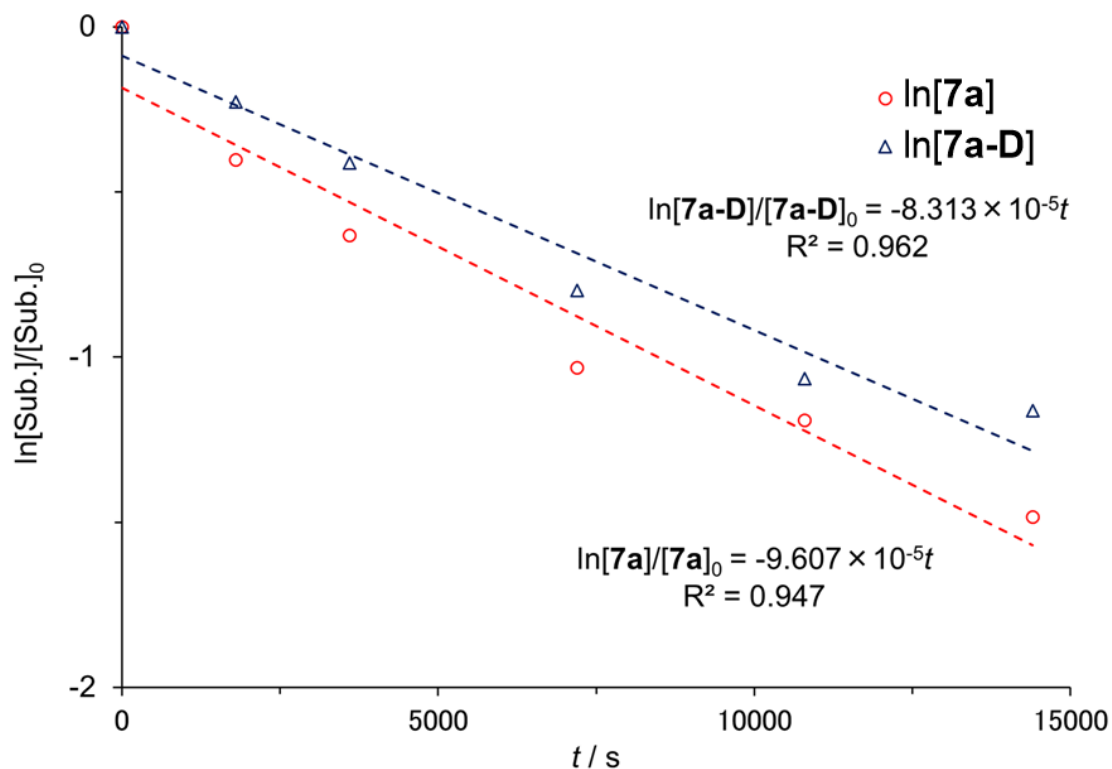
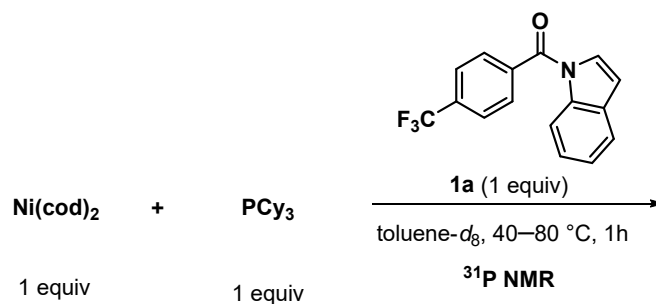


Figure S5 Time dependence of $\ln[7a]/[7a]_0$. Reactions were performed using **7a** and **7a-D**. Average of two runs were plotted for both **7a** and (red circle) and **7a-D** (blue triangle). The linear regression fit to the data is also shown.

VII-7. NMR monitoring of the stoichiometric reaction of $\text{Ni}(\text{cod})_2$, PCy_3 and **1a**.



$\text{Ni}(\text{cod})_2$ (22.0 mg, 0.08 mmol), PCy_3 (22.4 mg, 0.08 mmol), **1a** (23.1 mg, 0.08 mmol) and toluene- d_8 (1.0 mL) were added to a 10 mL-sample vial with a Teflon-sealed screwcap in a glovebox filled with nitrogen. The resulting mixture was stirred at room temperature for 1 h and transferred to a NMR tube equipped with a screw cap. The cap was closed, and then it was taken out of the glovebox. The contents were then heated at 40 °C for 1 h. The contents were cooled to room temperature, the reaction was monitored by ^{31}P NMR spectroscopy at room temperature. The same procedure was performed at 60 and 80 °C.

^{31}P NMR analysis of the solution revealed that new resonances appeared after 1 h stirring at rt (**a**: $\delta = 37.9$ ppm, d, $J = 35$ Hz; **b**: $\delta = 33.1$ ppm, d, $J = 35$ Hz) (see the chart below). As the temperature increased, these resonances decreased and additional new resonances (**c**: $\delta = 42.5$ ppm, s; **d**: $\delta = 38.2$ ppm, s; **e**: $\delta = 34.9$ ppm, s) appeared in addition to the resonance assignable to $[\text{Ni}(\text{PCy}_3)_2(\text{CO})_2]$ ($\delta = 41.0$ ppm, s). Unfortunately, however, we were unable to isolate these complexes at this stage. (**Figure S6**).
 Ref. $\text{Ni}(\text{CO})(\text{PCy}_3)_2$ δ 37.5,²² $\text{Ni}(\text{CO})_2(\text{PCy}_3)_2$ δ 41.0,²³ $\text{Ni}(\text{PCy}_3)_2$ δ 46.0,² $\text{Ni}(\text{CO})_3(\text{PCy}_3)_3$ δ 45.0,²⁴ PCy_3 -oxide δ 48.0.²⁵

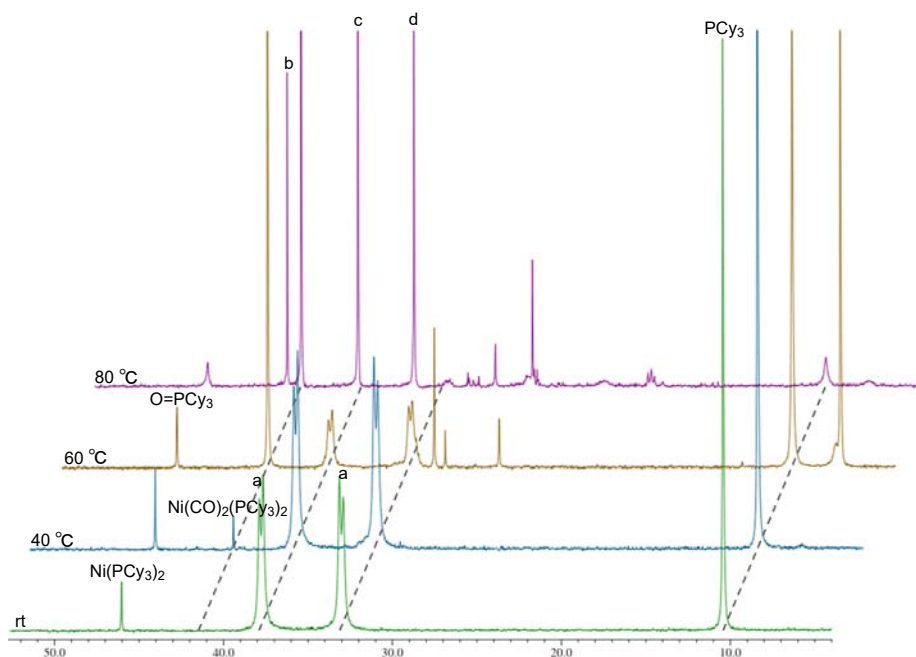
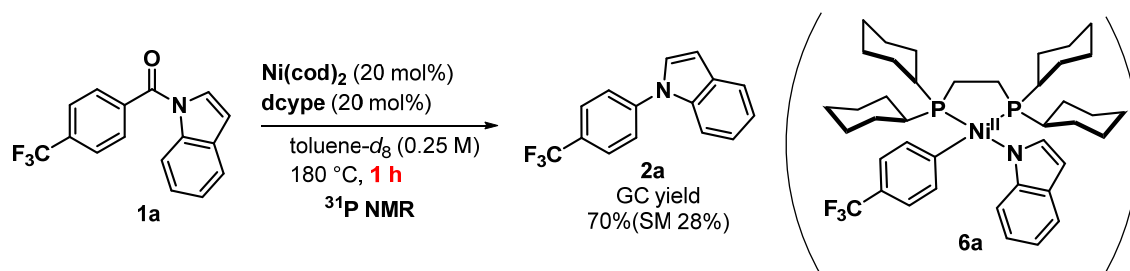


Figure S6

VII-8. NMR monitoring of the catalytic reaction of $\text{Ni}(\text{cod})_2$, dcype and **1a**.



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$\text{Ni}(\text{cod})_2$ (13.8 mg, 0.05 mmol), dcype (21.1 mg, 0.05 mmol), **1a** (72.6 mg, 0.25 mmol) and toluene- d_8 (1.0 mL) were added to a 10 mL-sample vial with a Teflon-sealed screwcap in a glovebox filled with nitrogen. The resulting mixture was stirred at room temperature for 1 h and transferred to a NMR tube equipped with a screwed cap. The cap was closed, and then it was taken out of the glovebox. The contents were then heated at 180 °C for 1 h. The contents were cooled to room temperature, the reaction was monitored by ^{31}P NMR spectroscopy at room temperature. (**Figure S7**). The product yield was determined to be 70% by GC using undecane as an internal standard. The results showed that complex **6a** is NOT a resting state of this catalytic reaction, but $\text{Ni}(\text{CO})_2(\text{dcype})$ is.

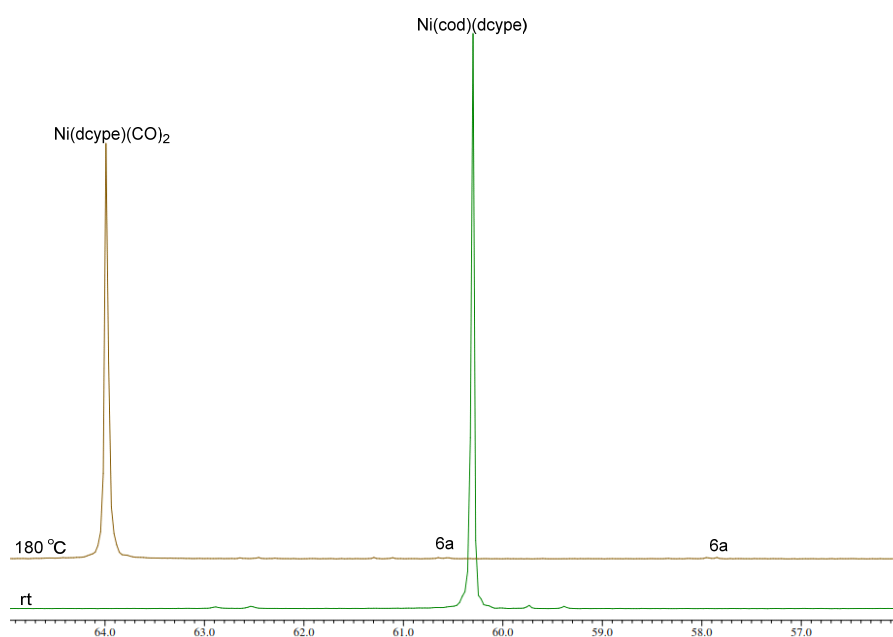
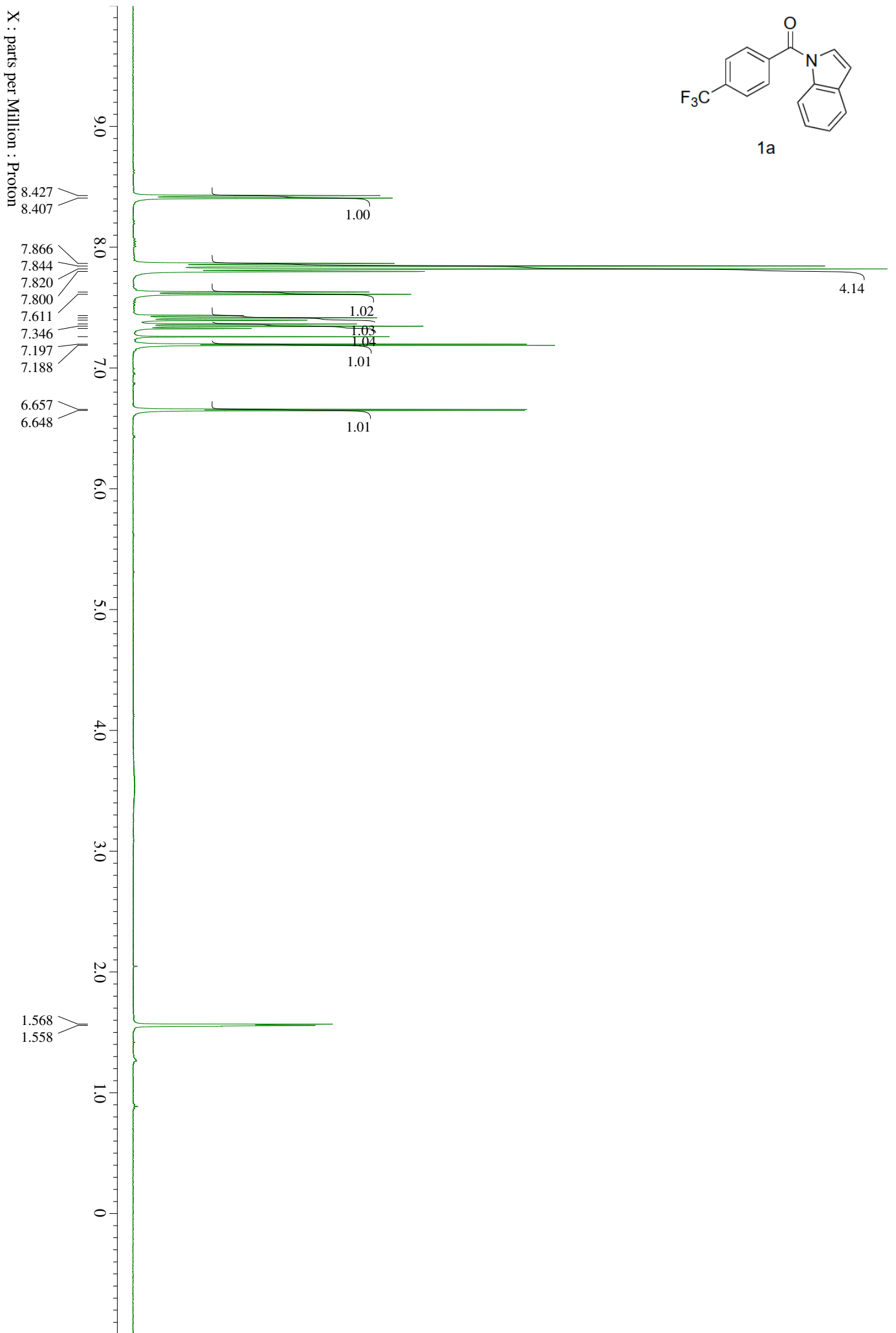
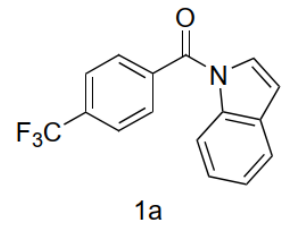
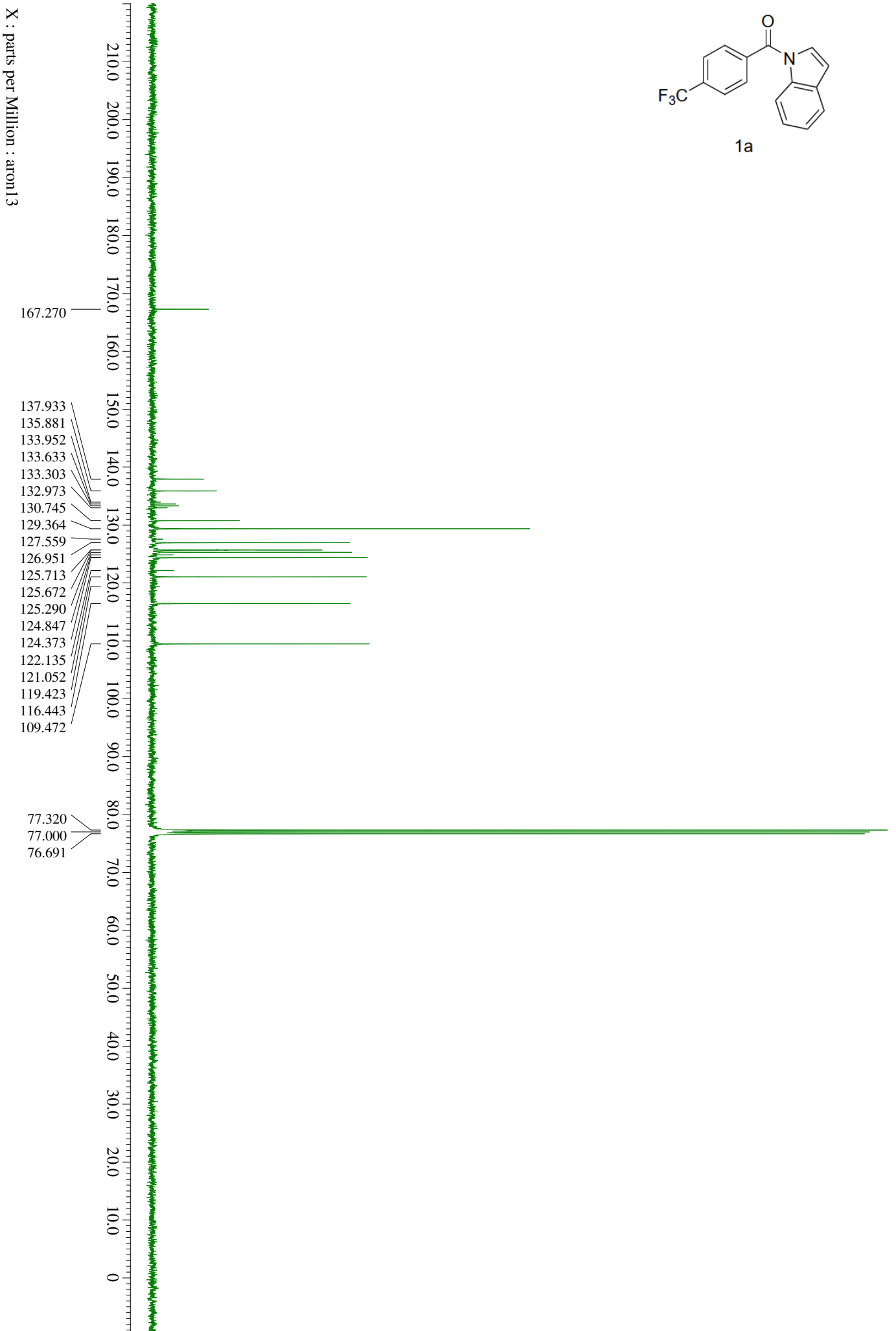
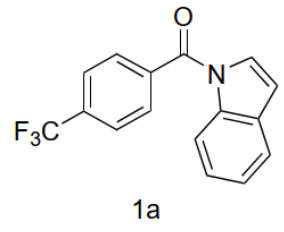
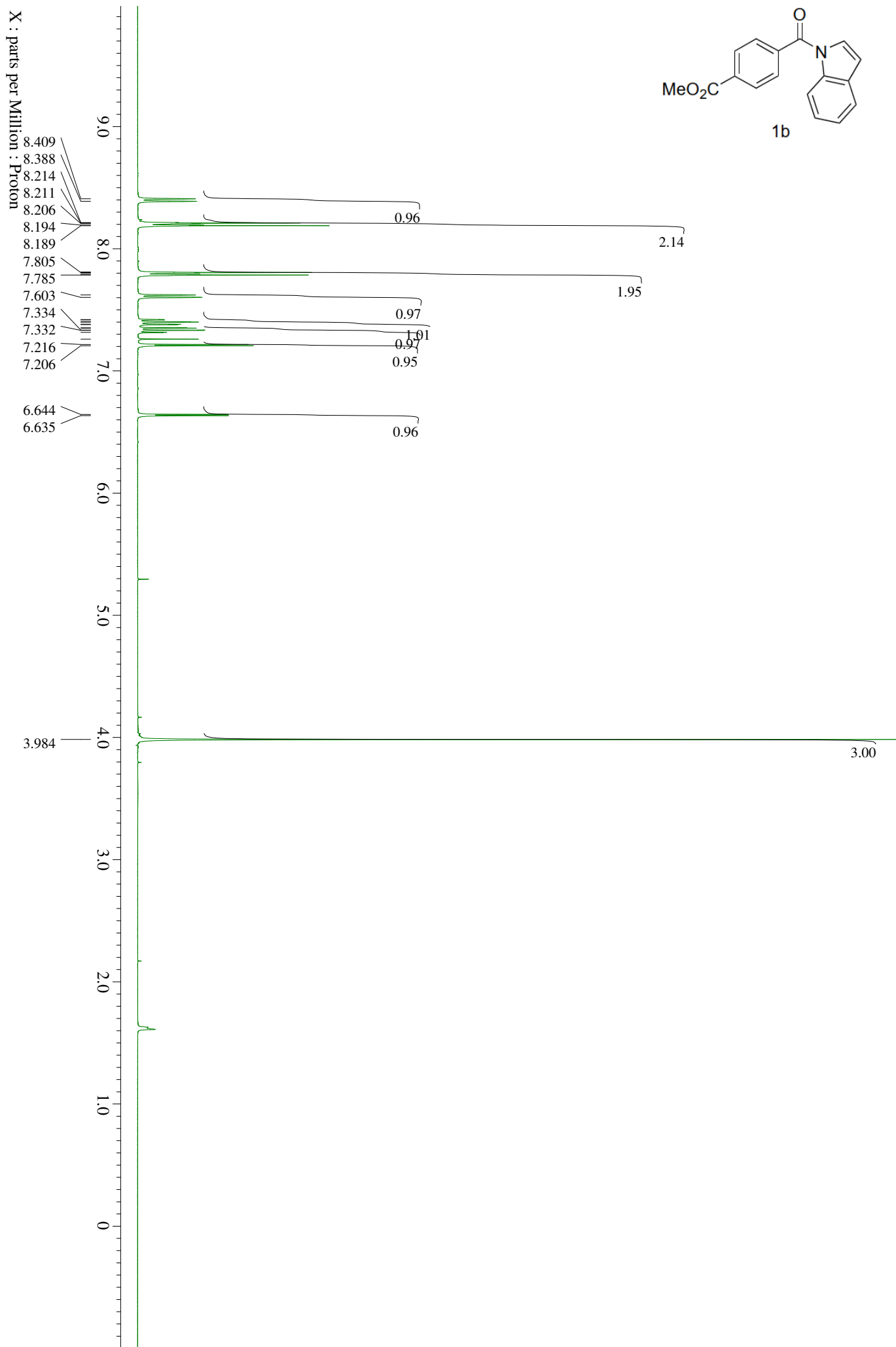
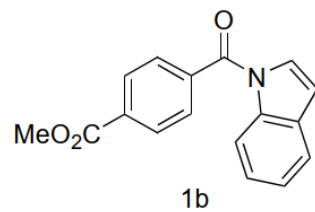
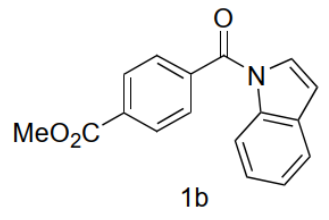


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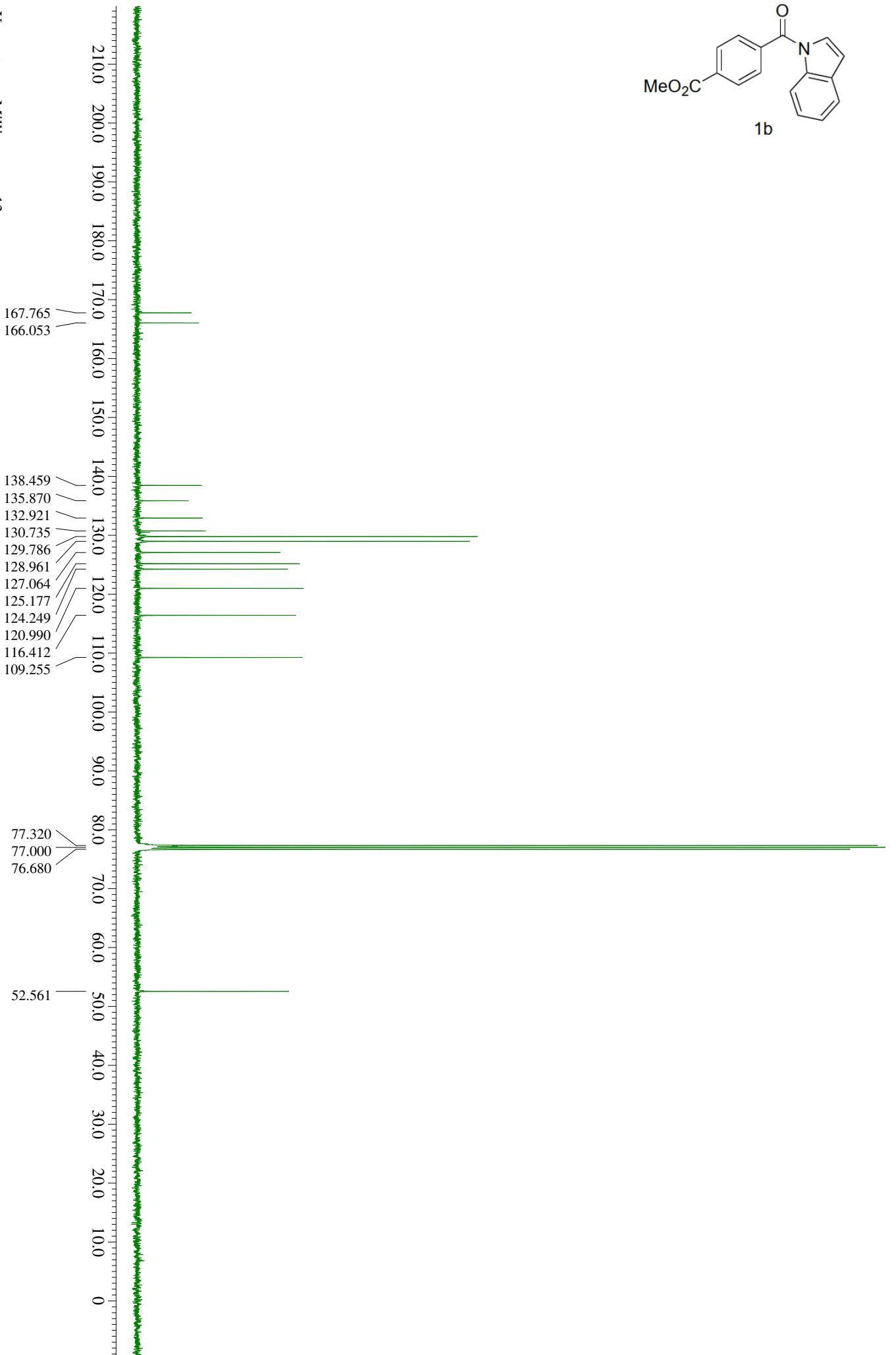


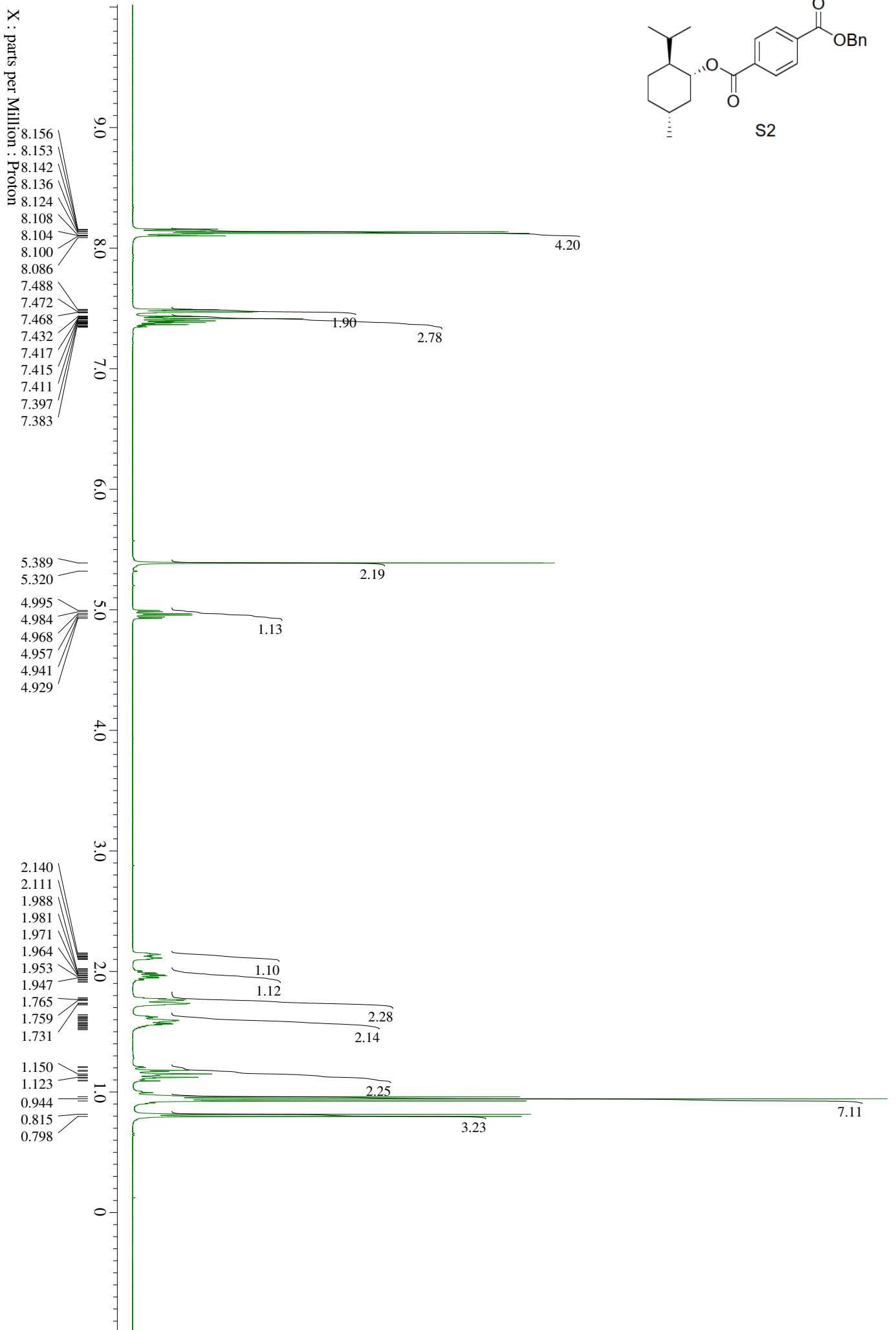
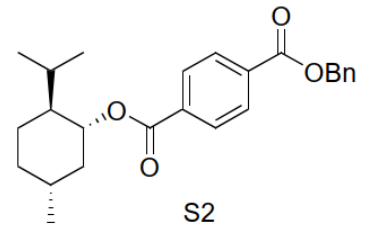


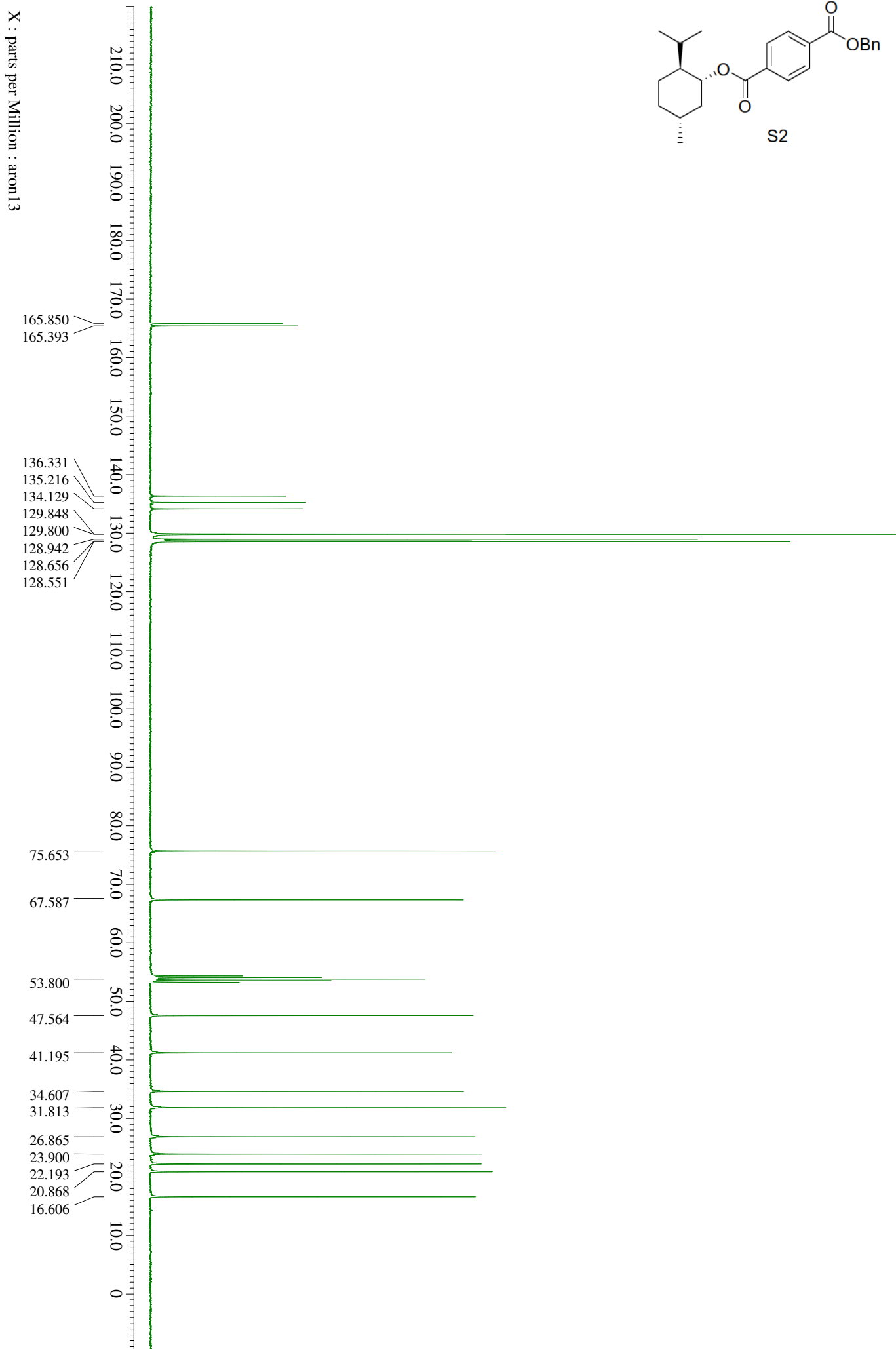
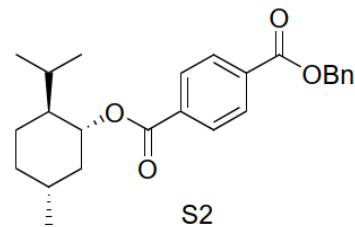


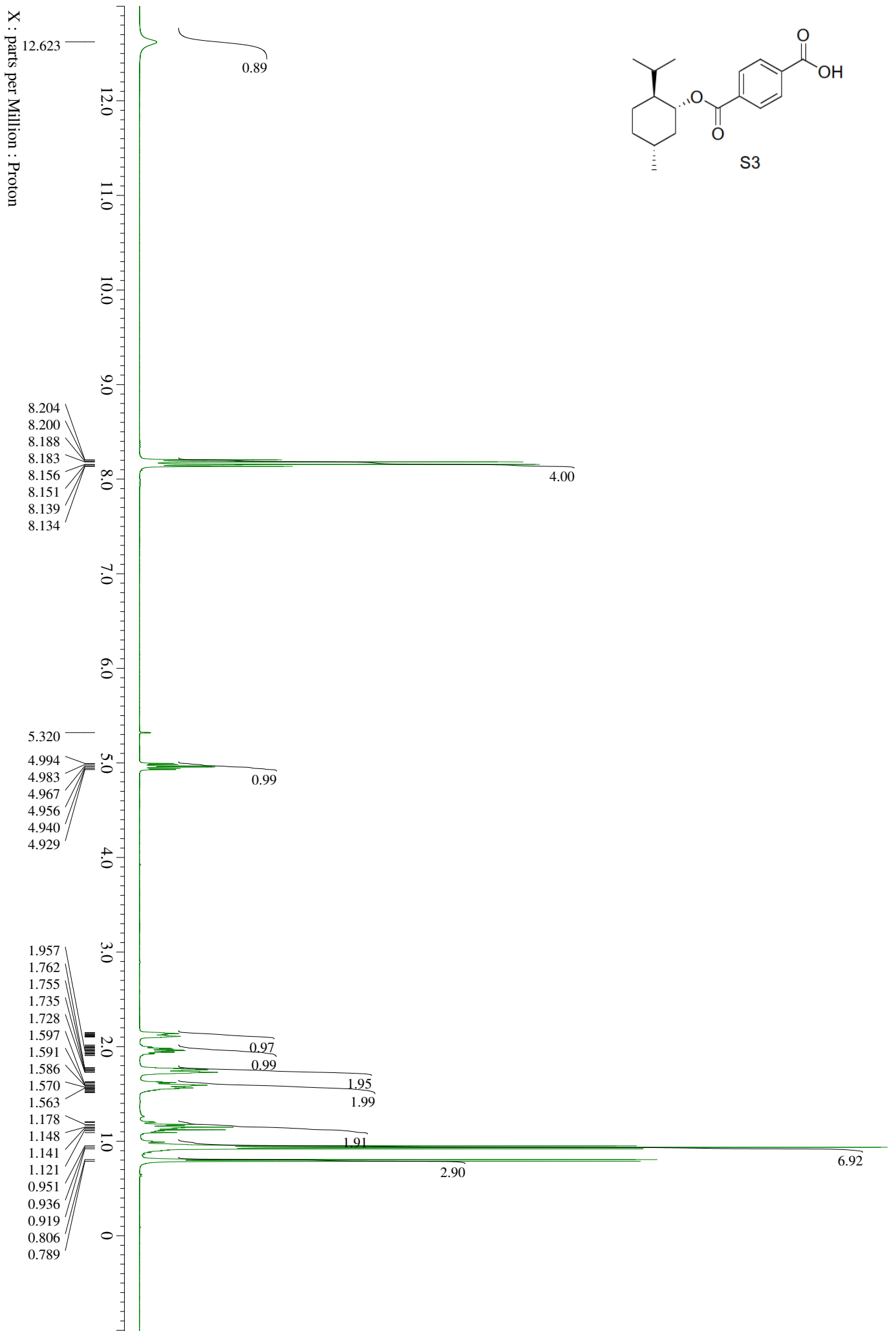
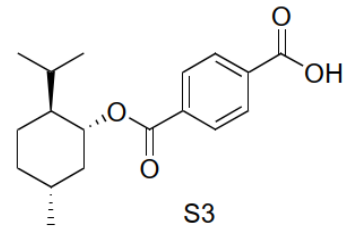


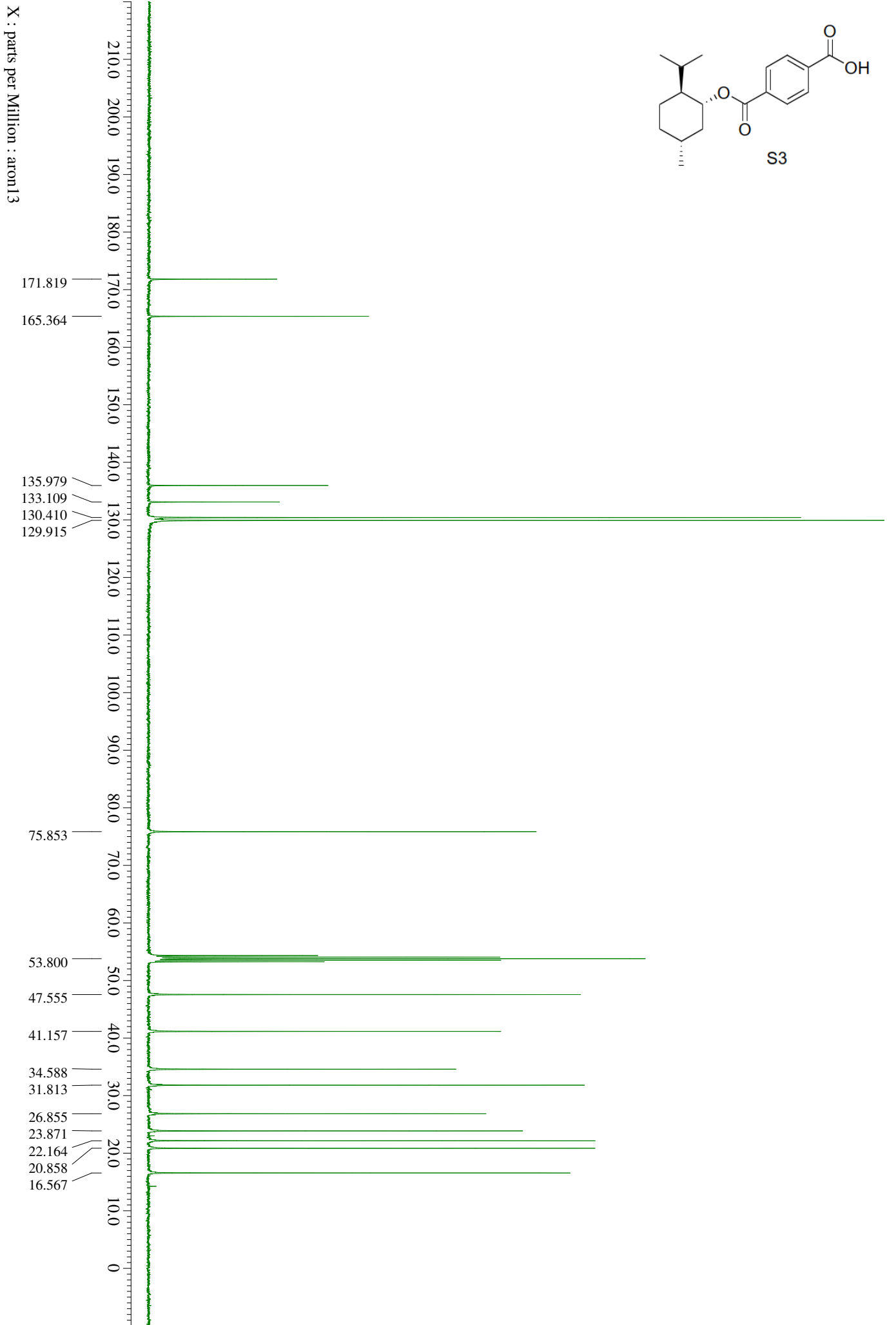
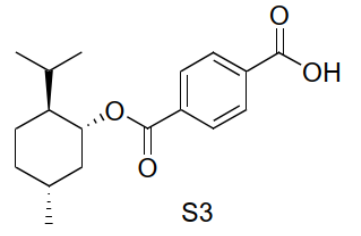
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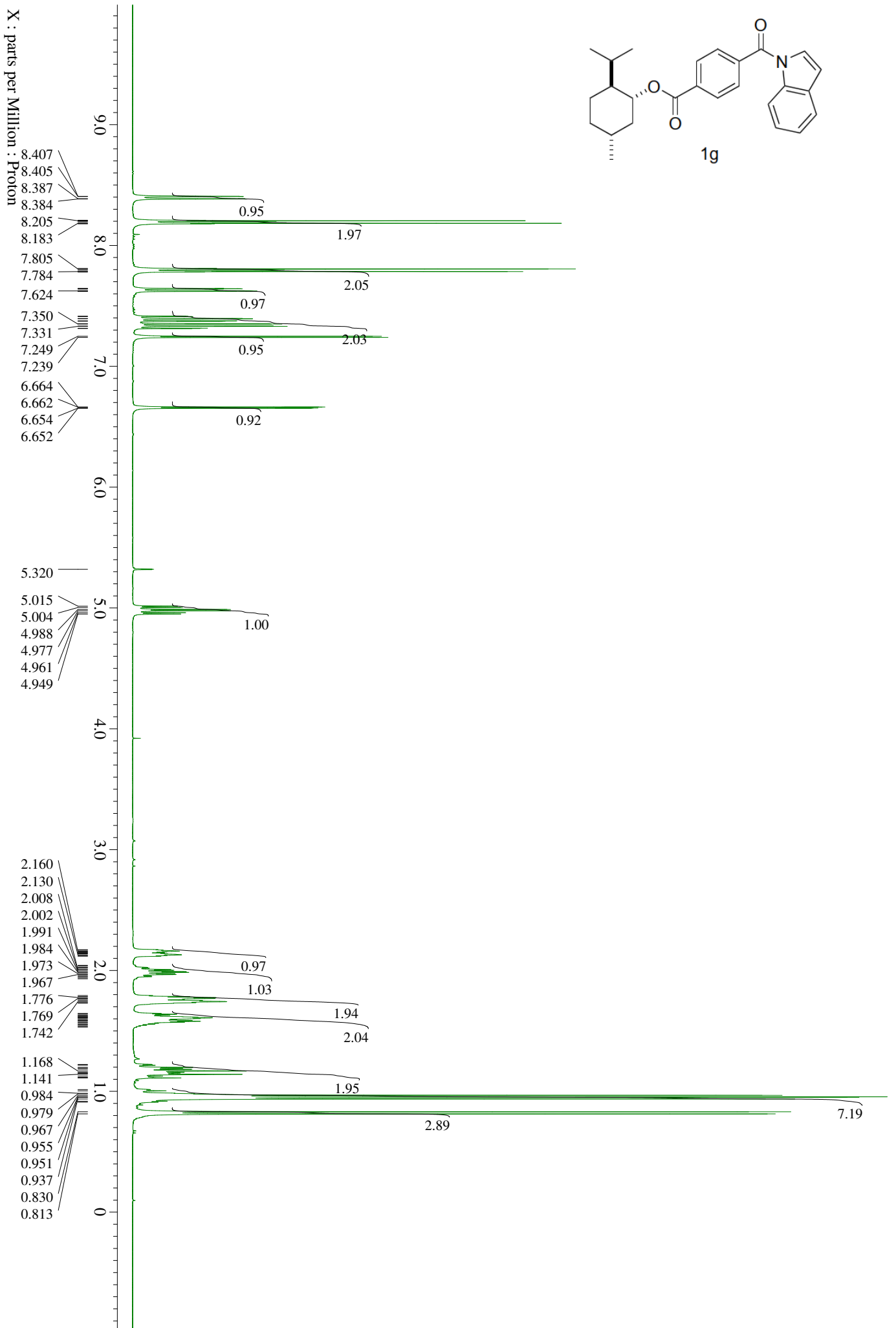
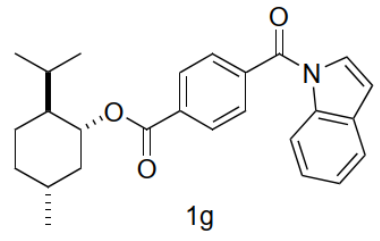


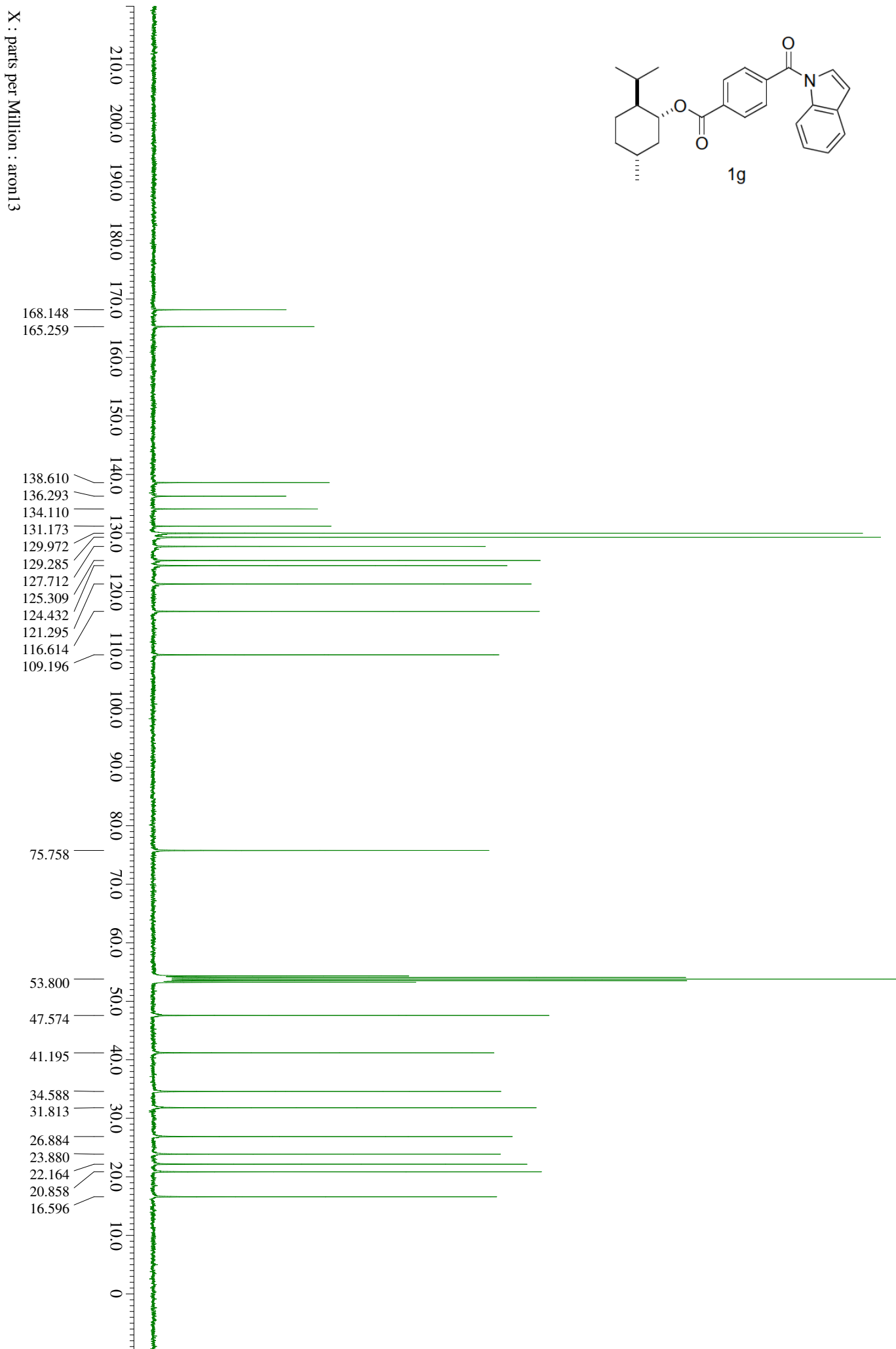
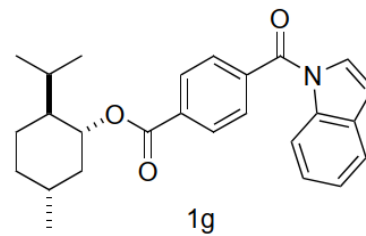


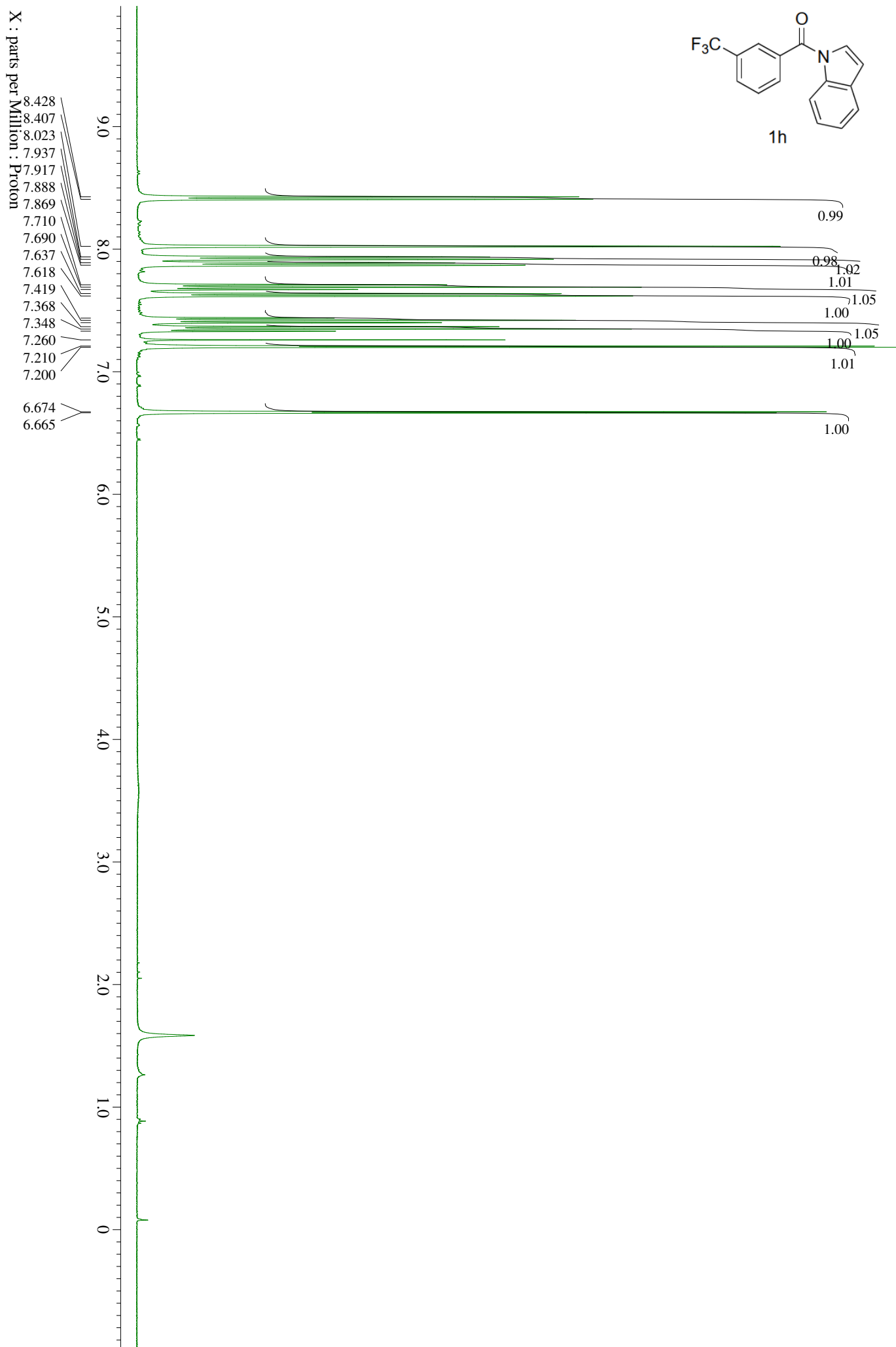
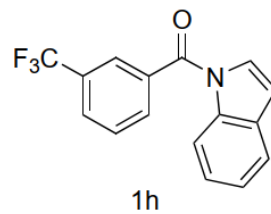


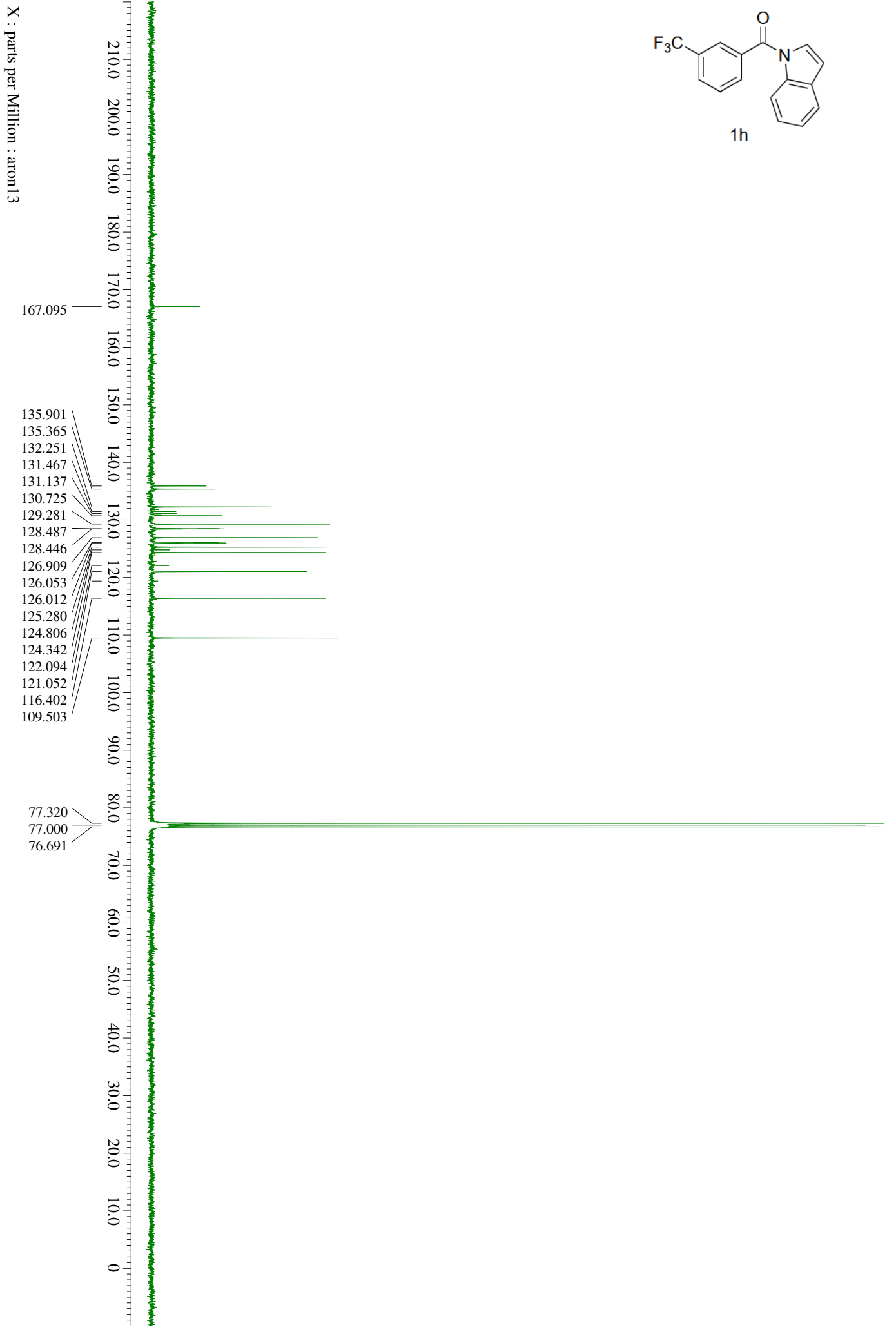
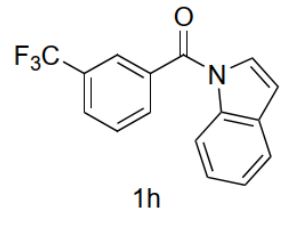


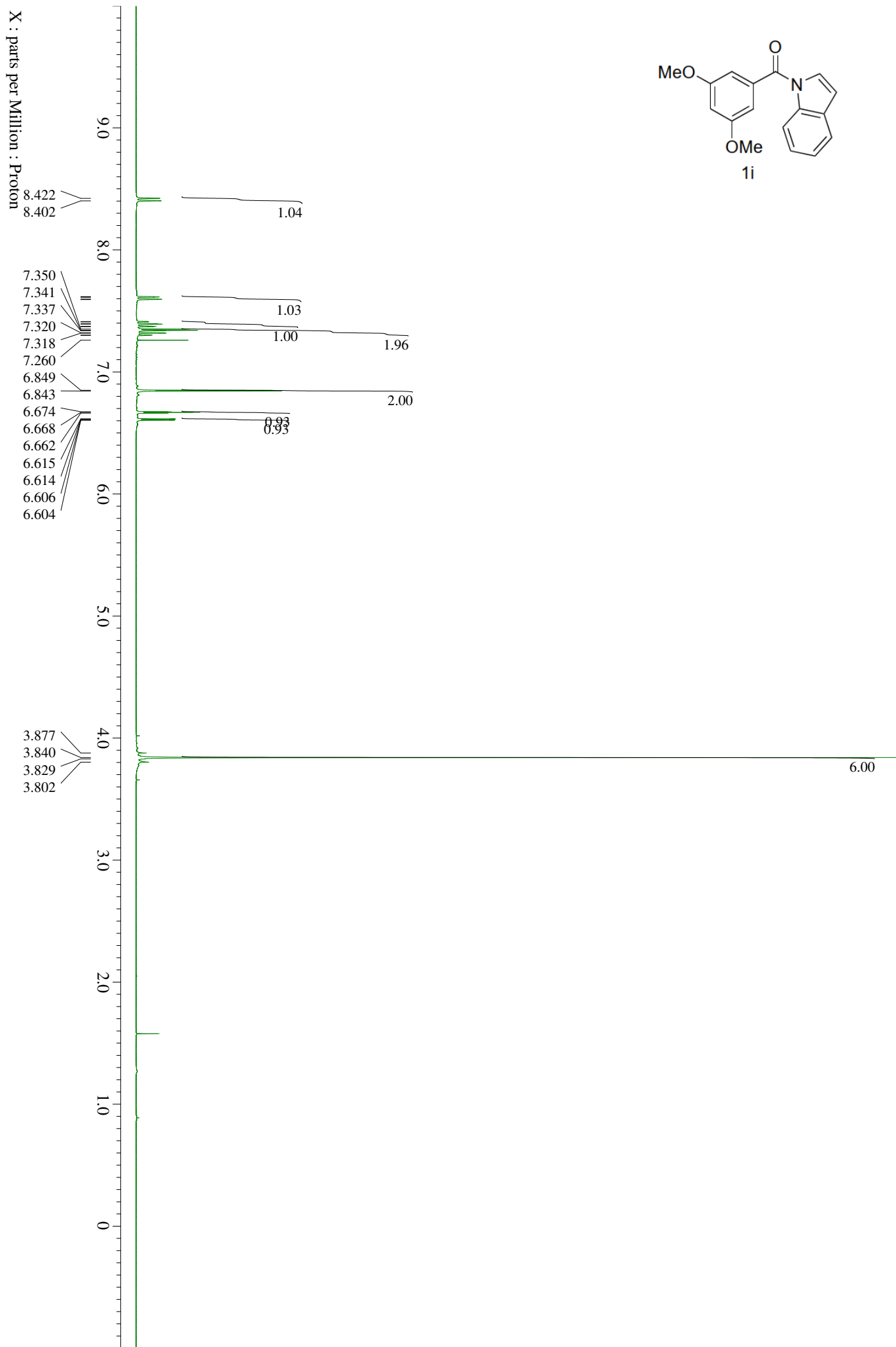
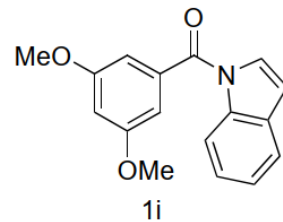


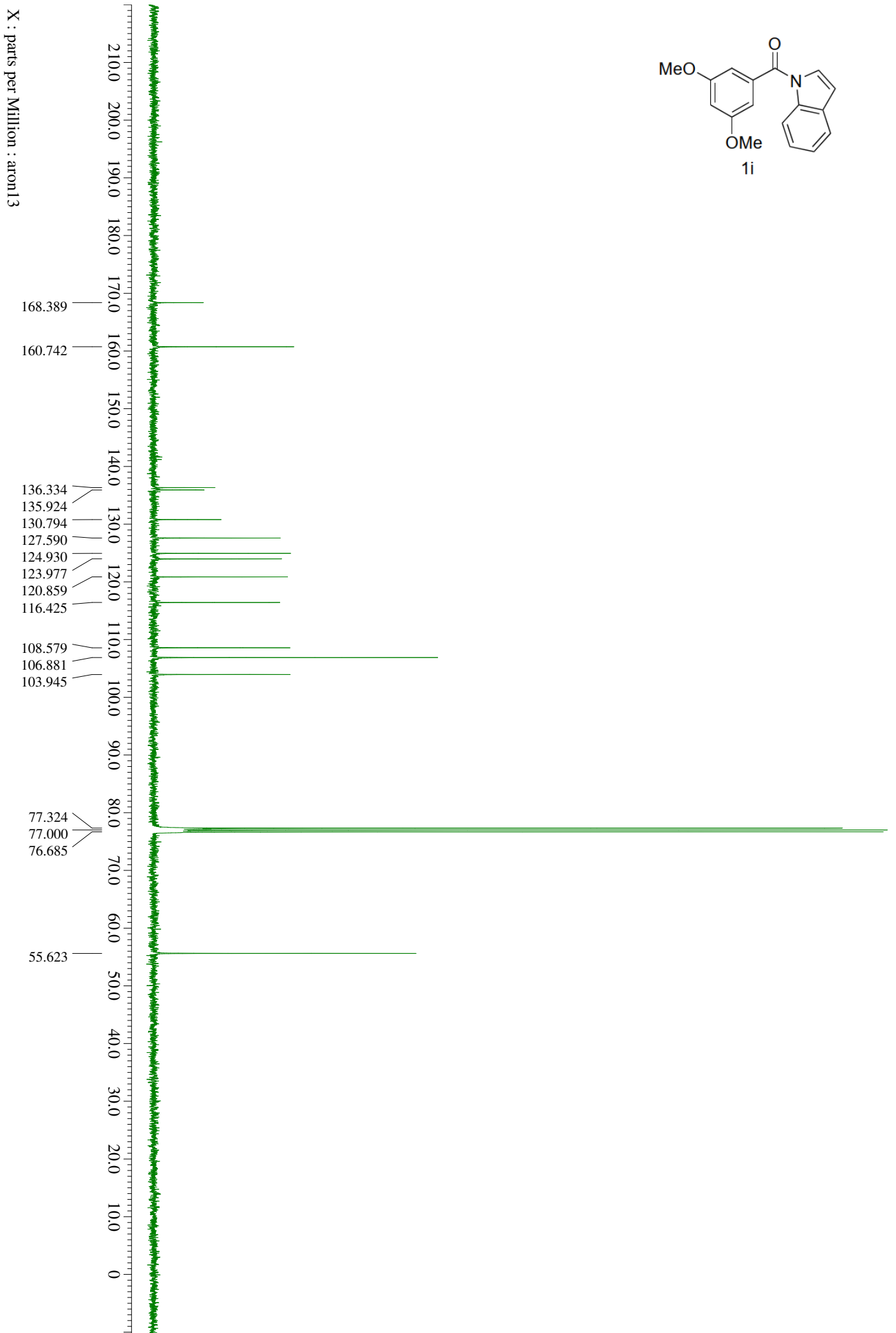
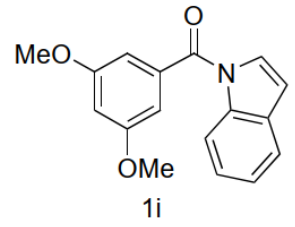


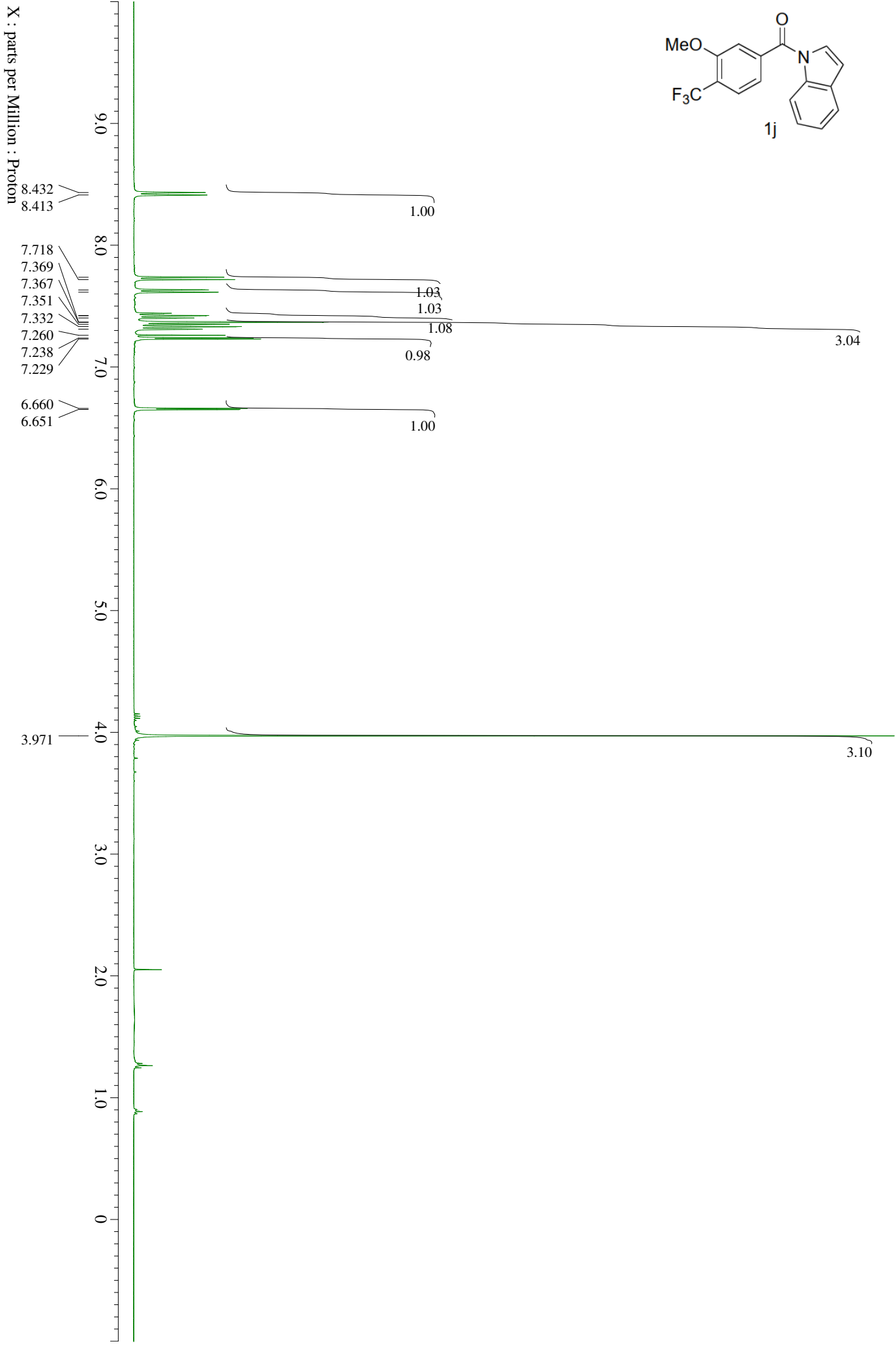
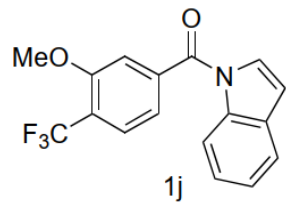


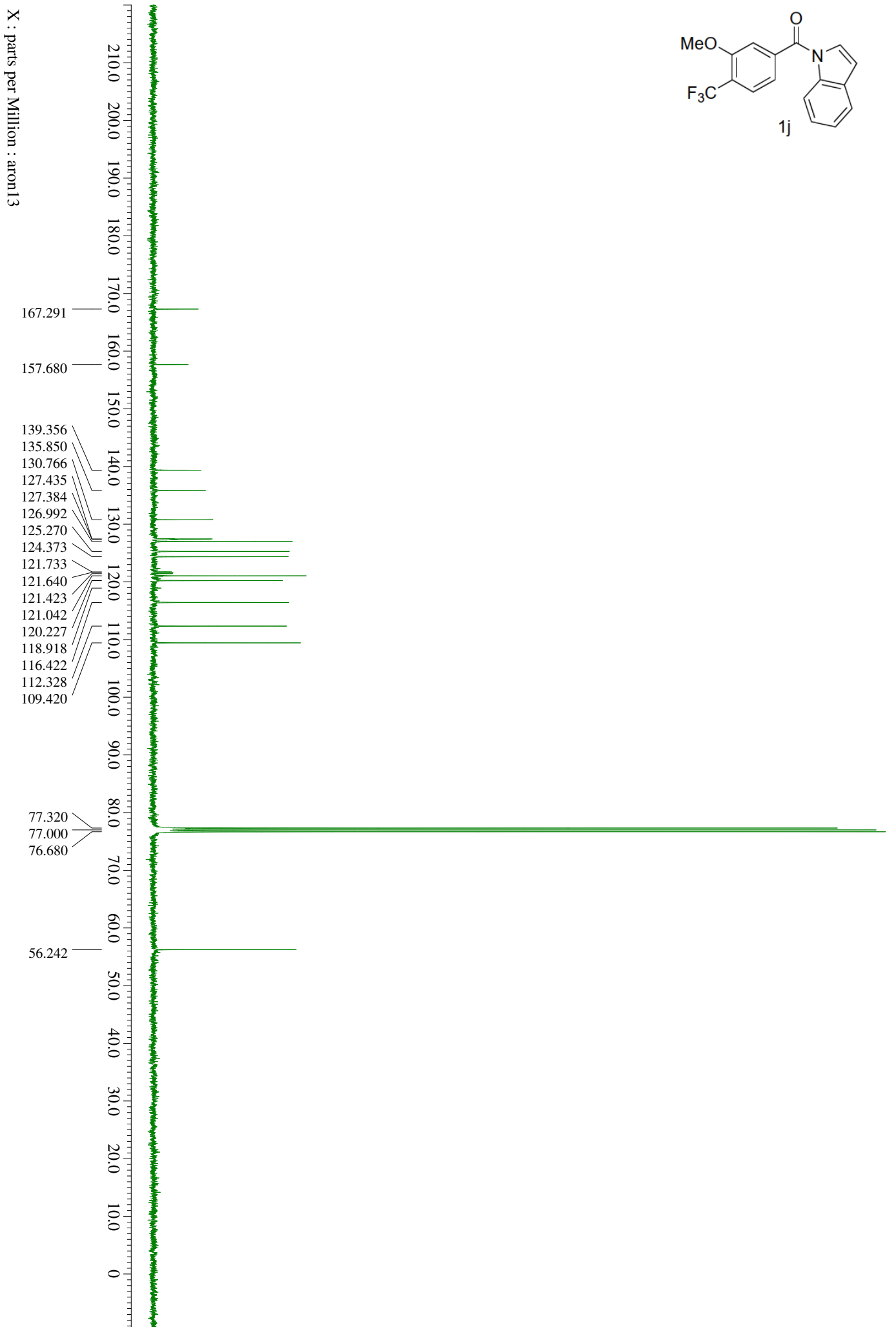
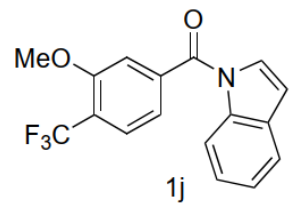


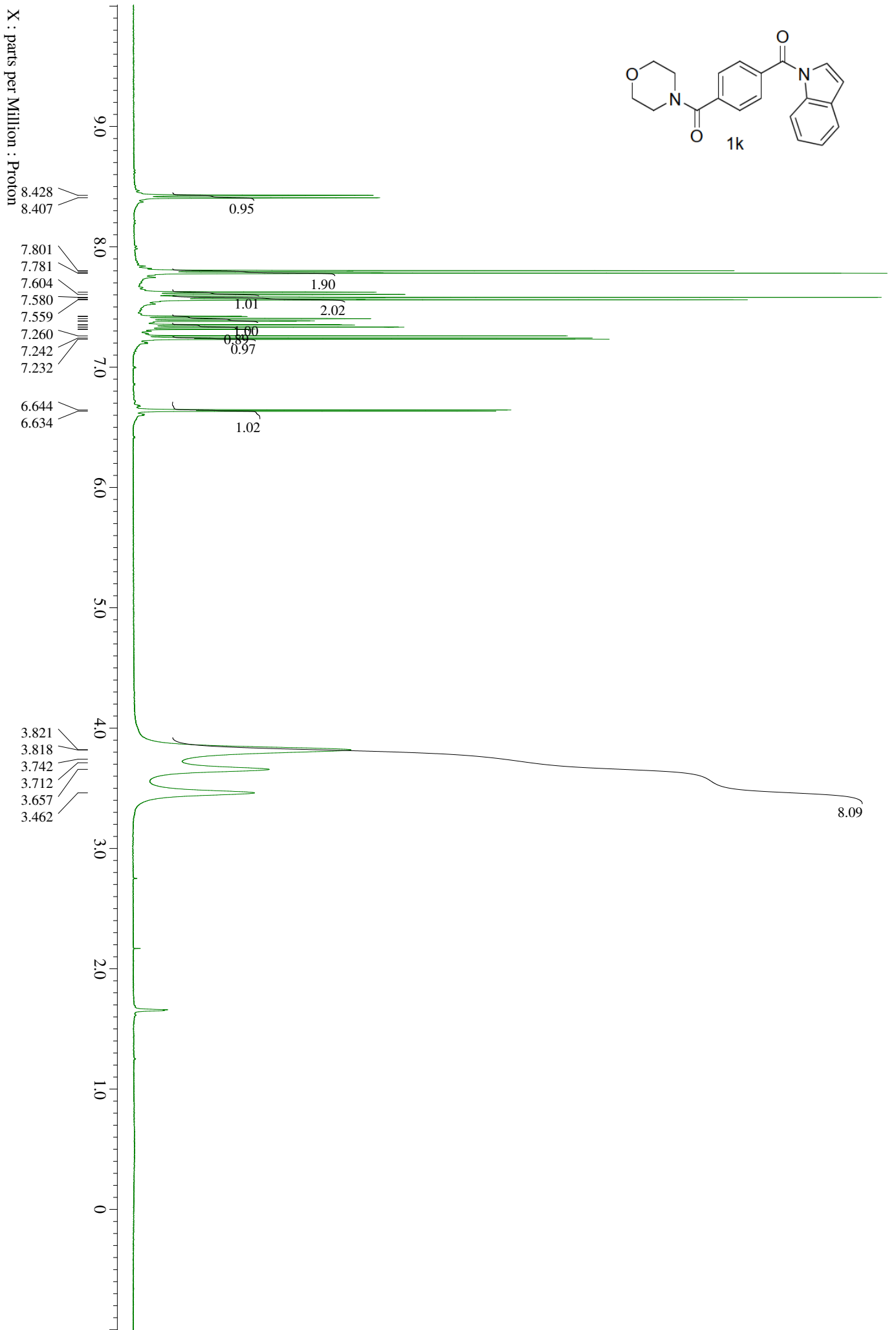
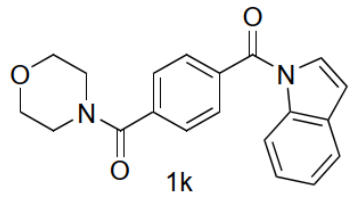


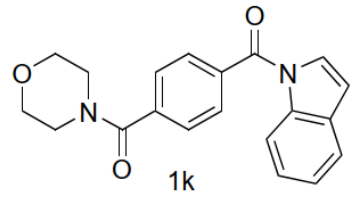




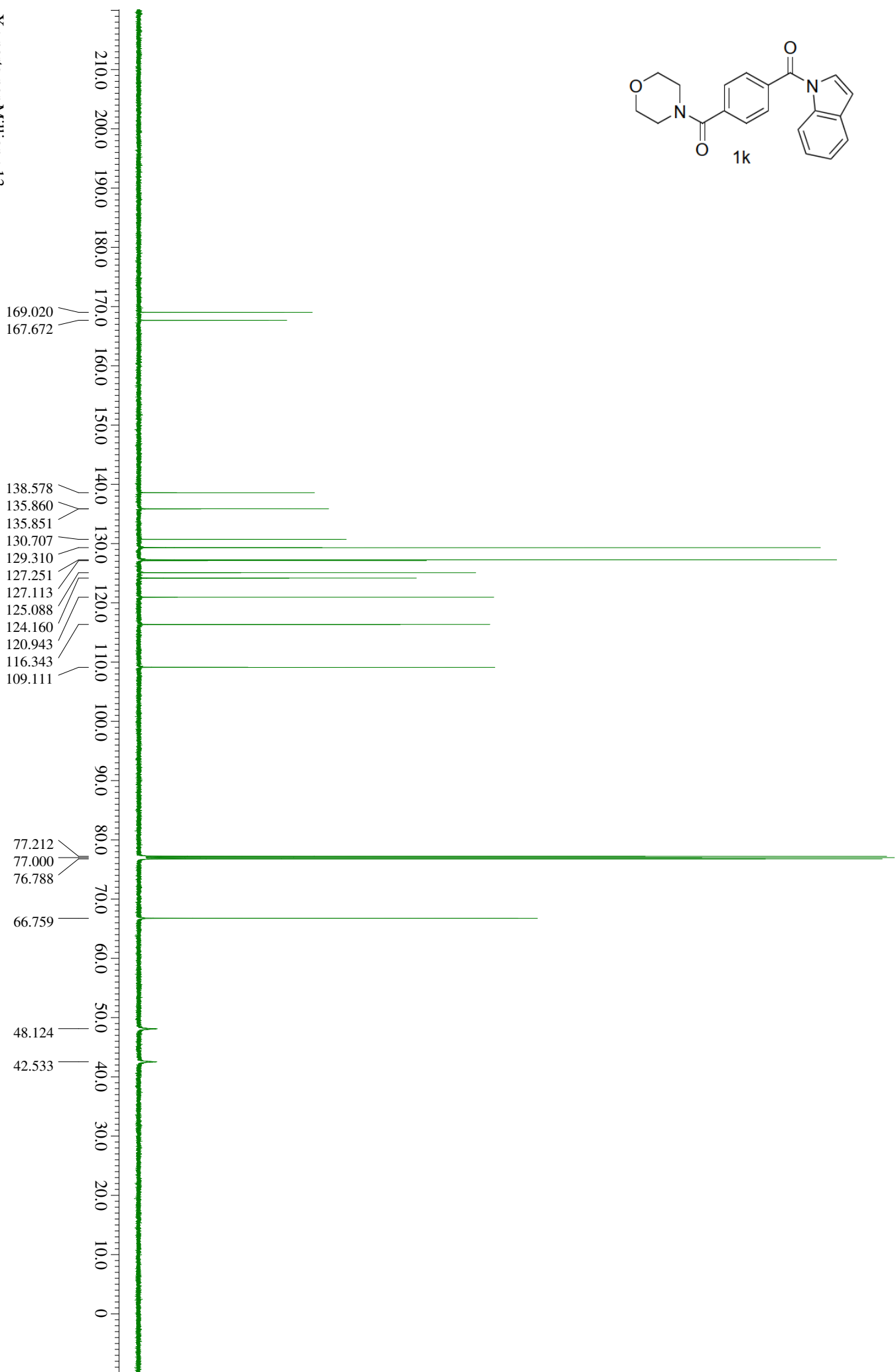


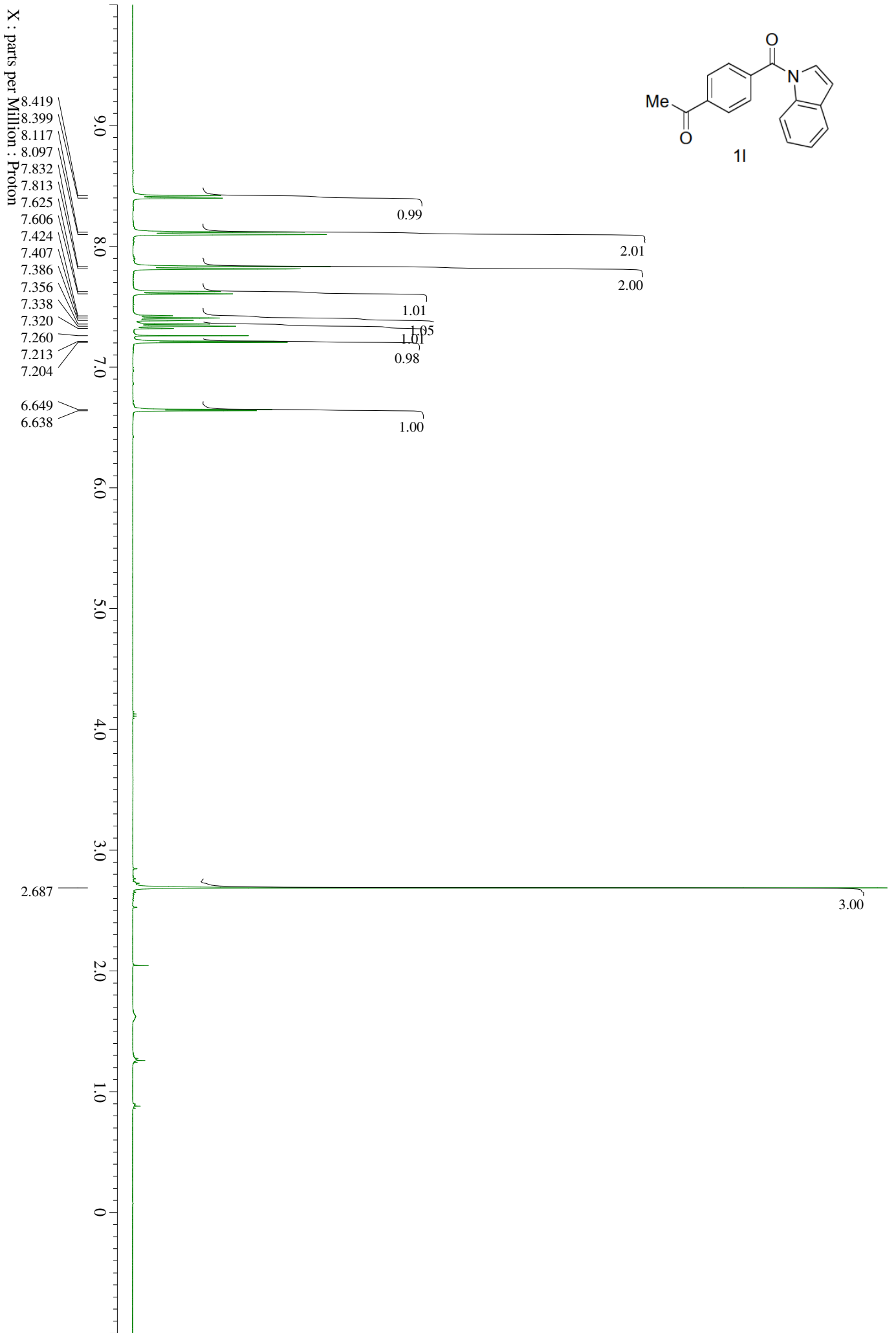
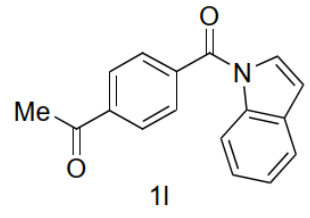


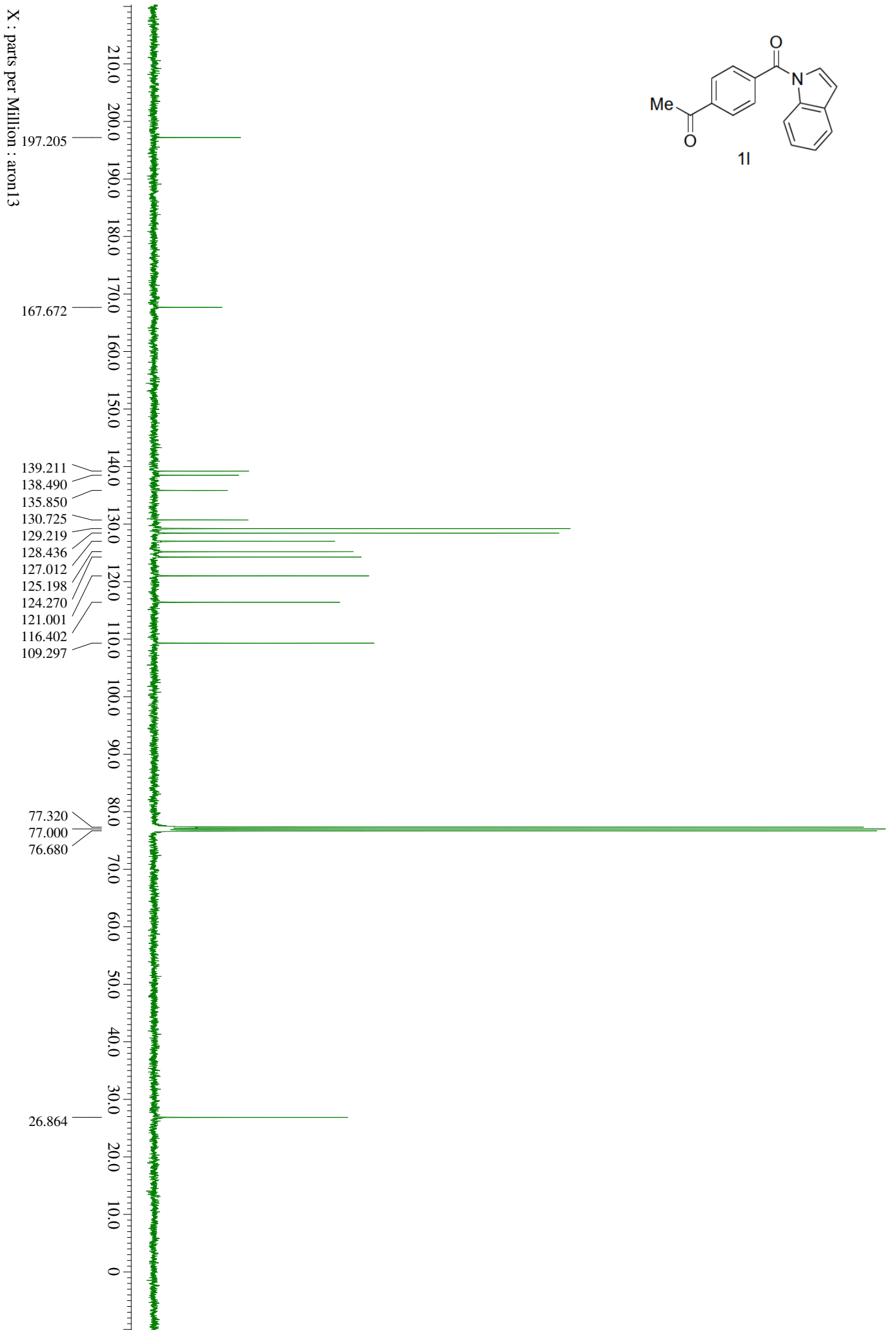
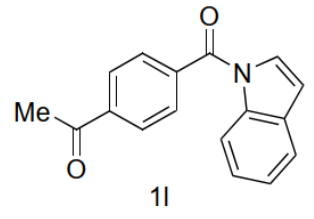


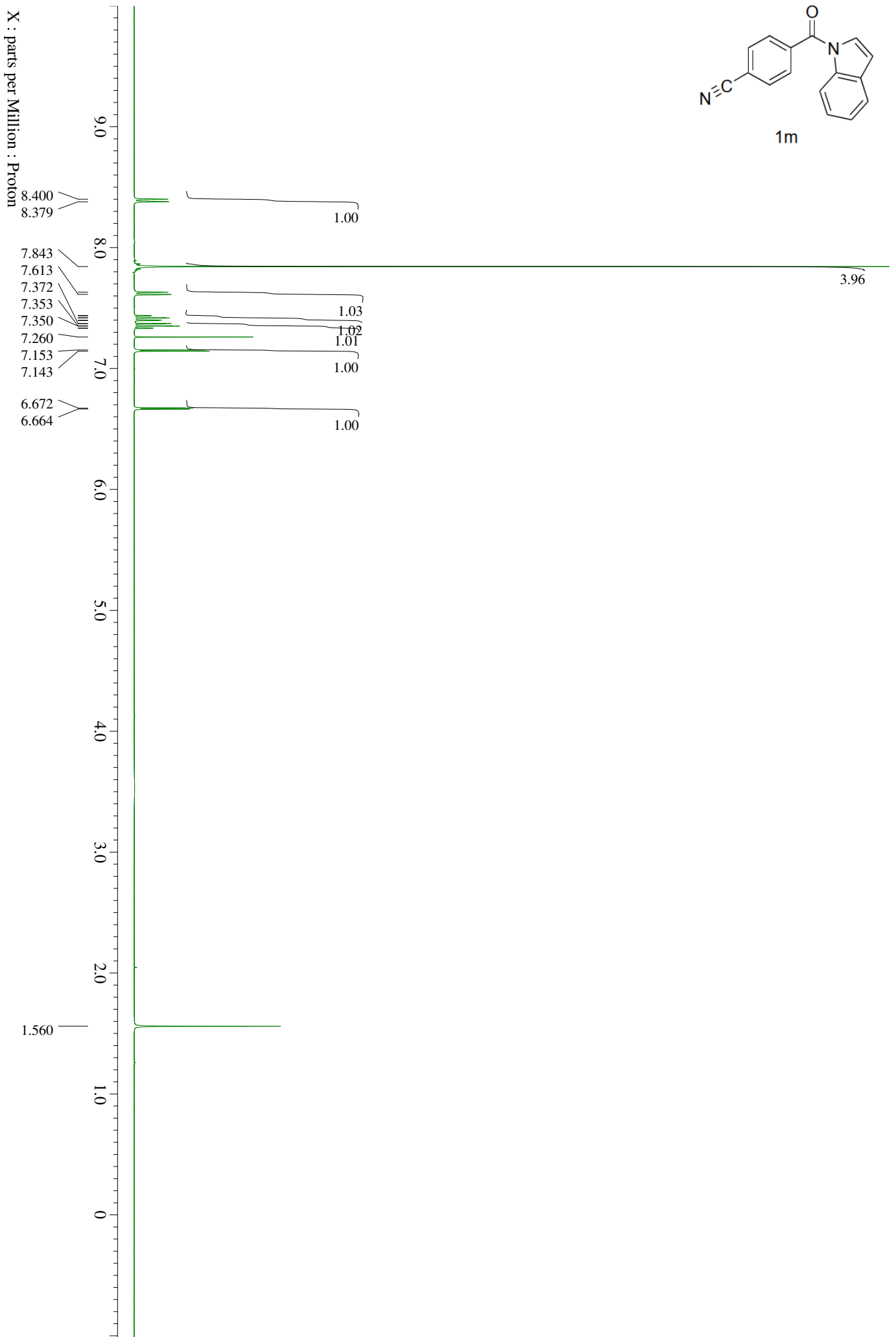
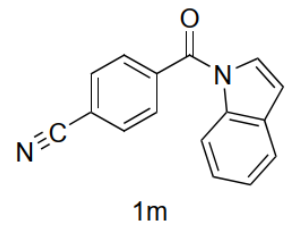


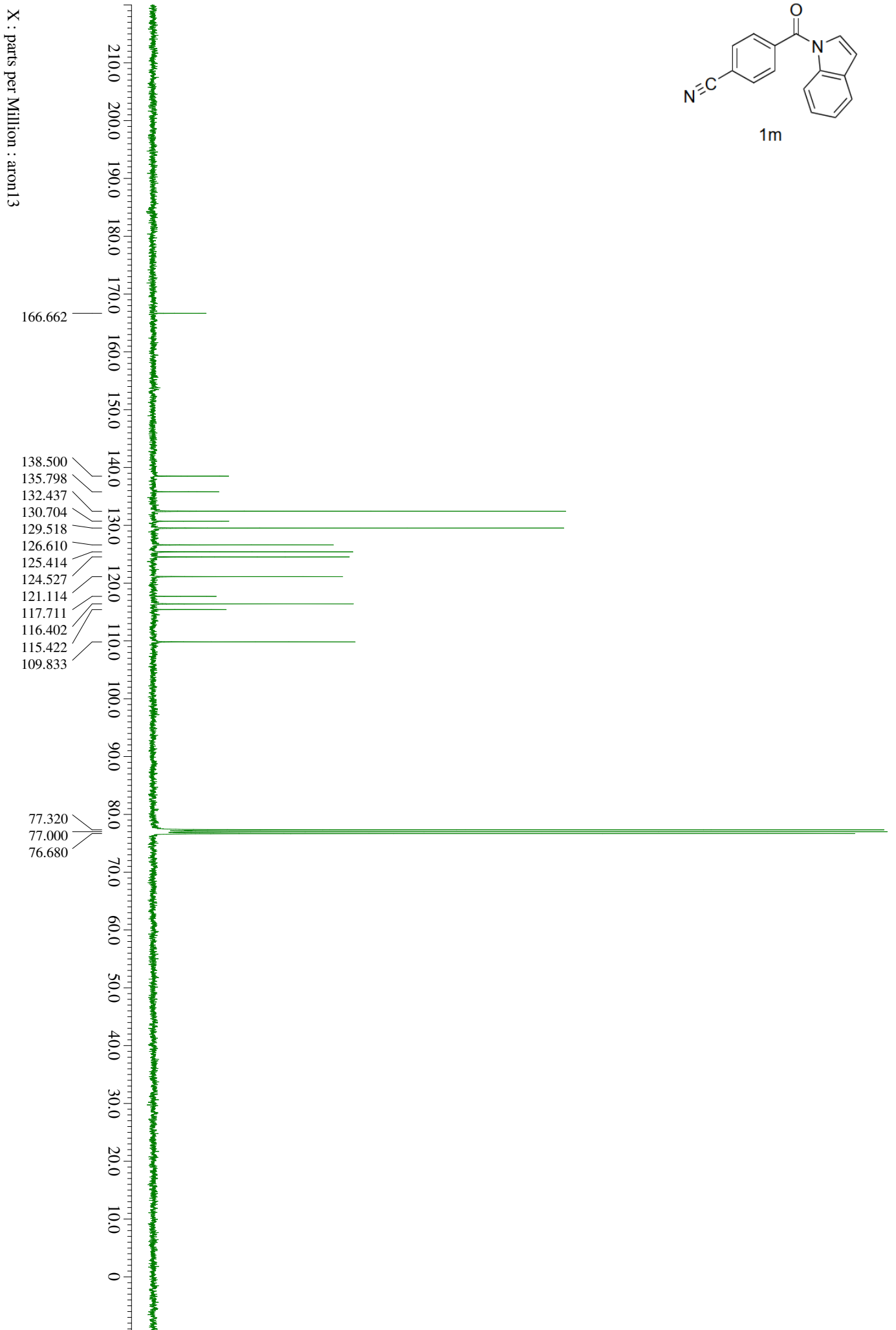
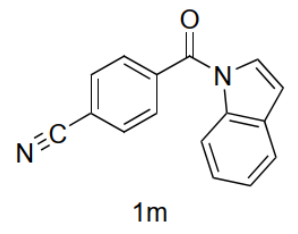
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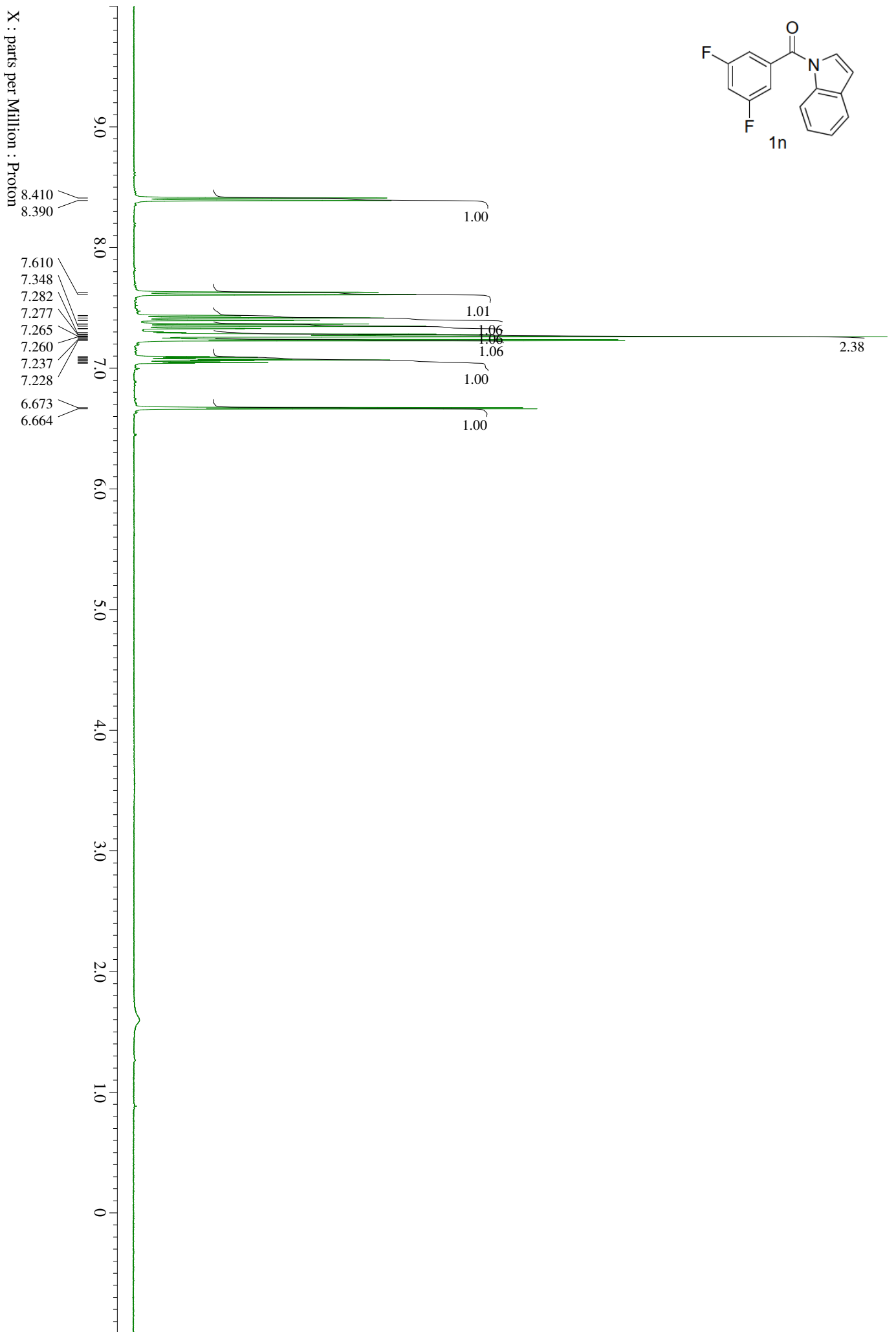
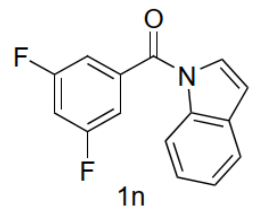


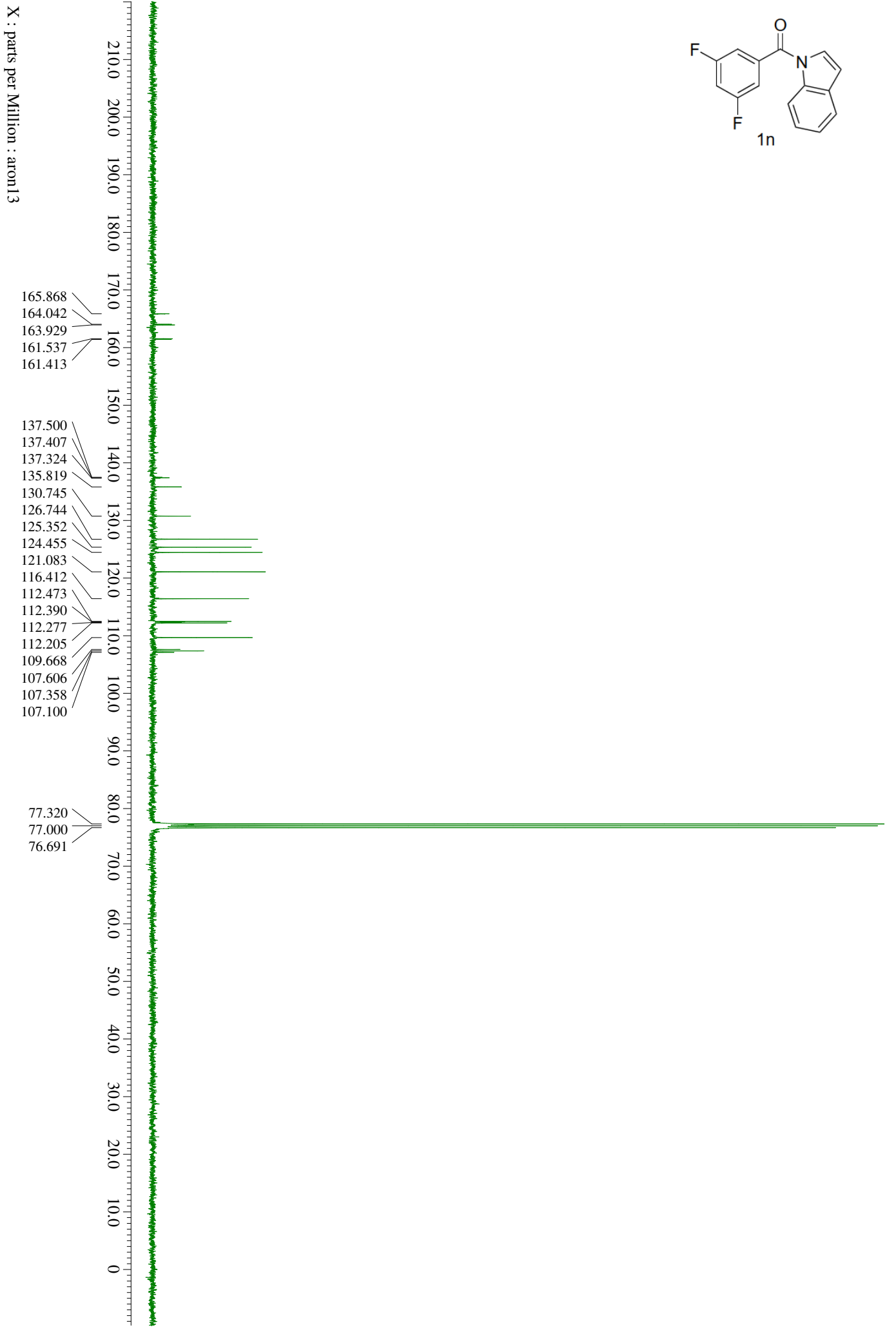
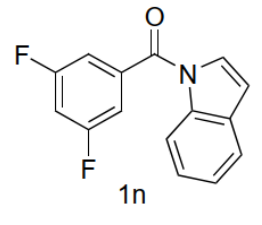


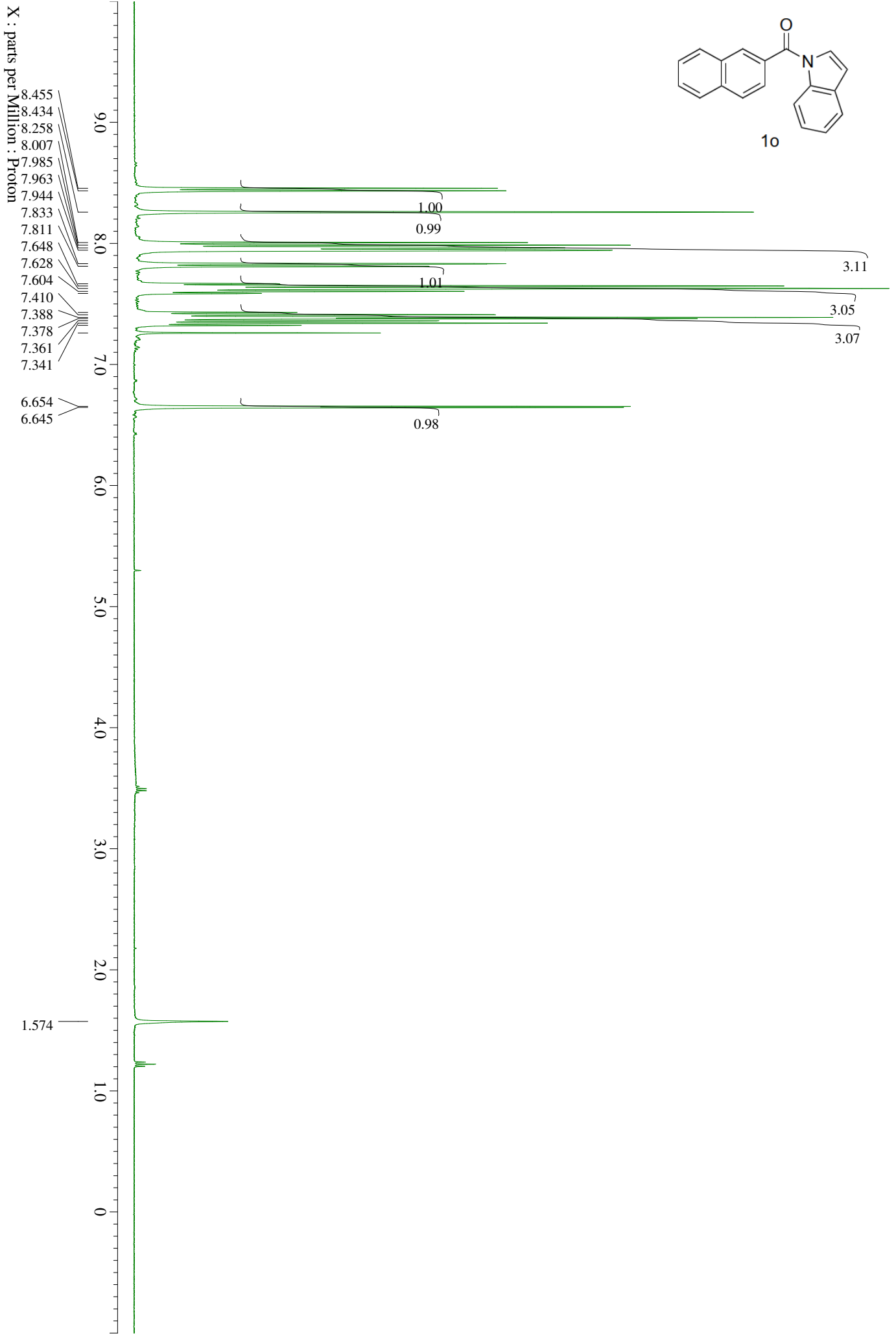
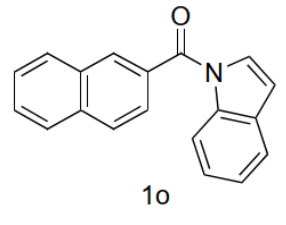


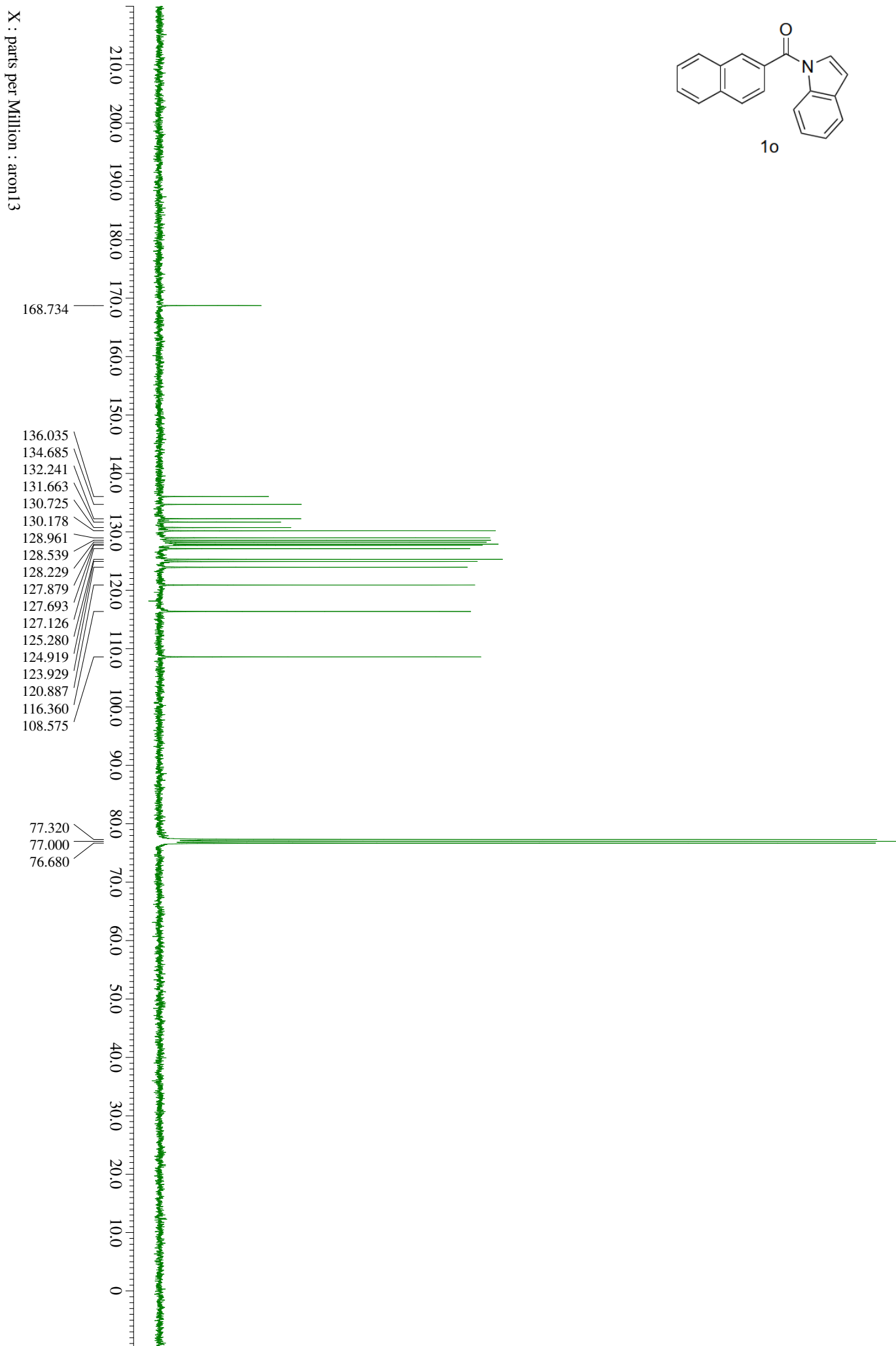
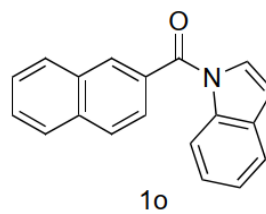


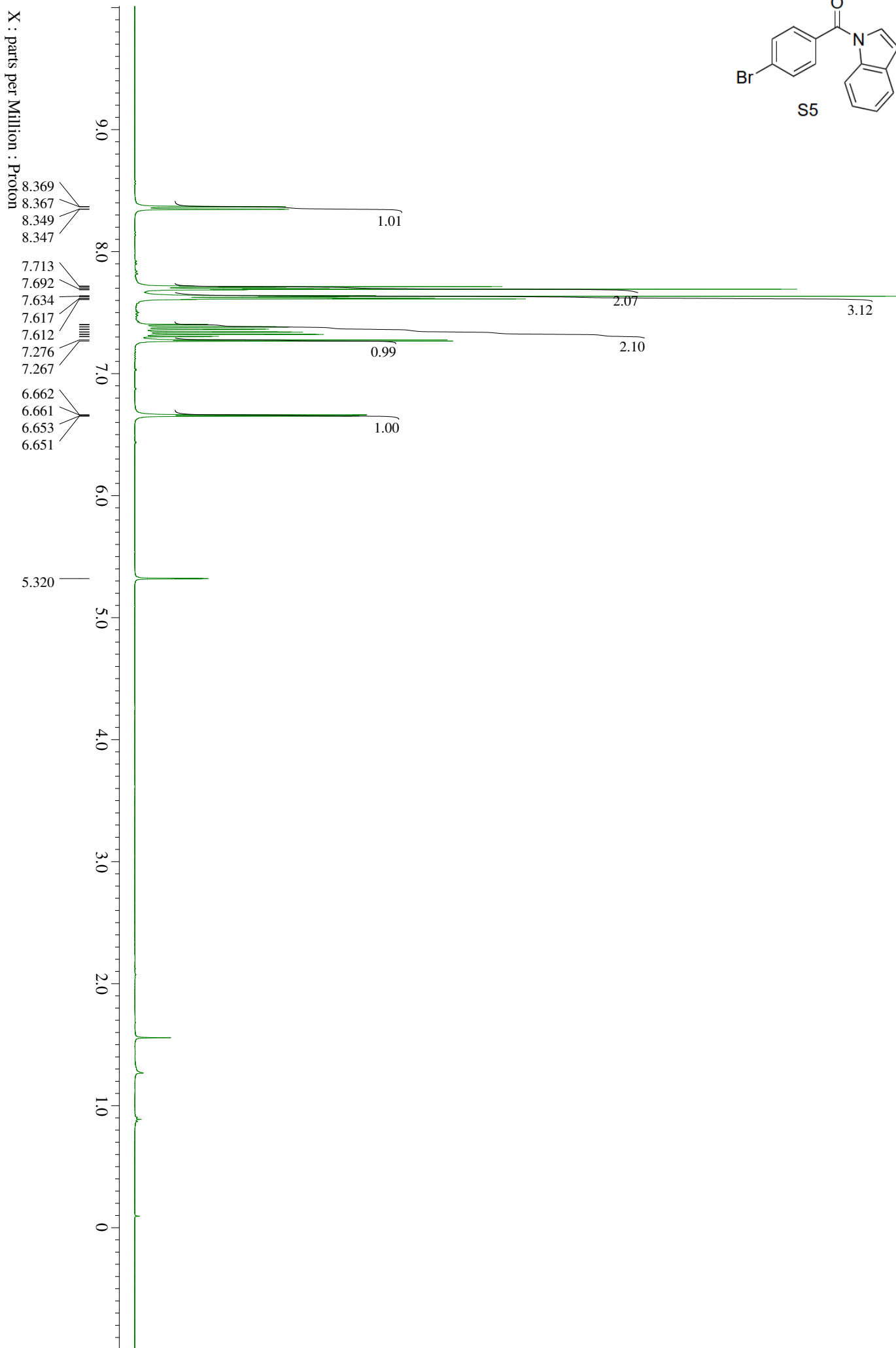
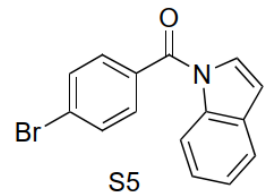


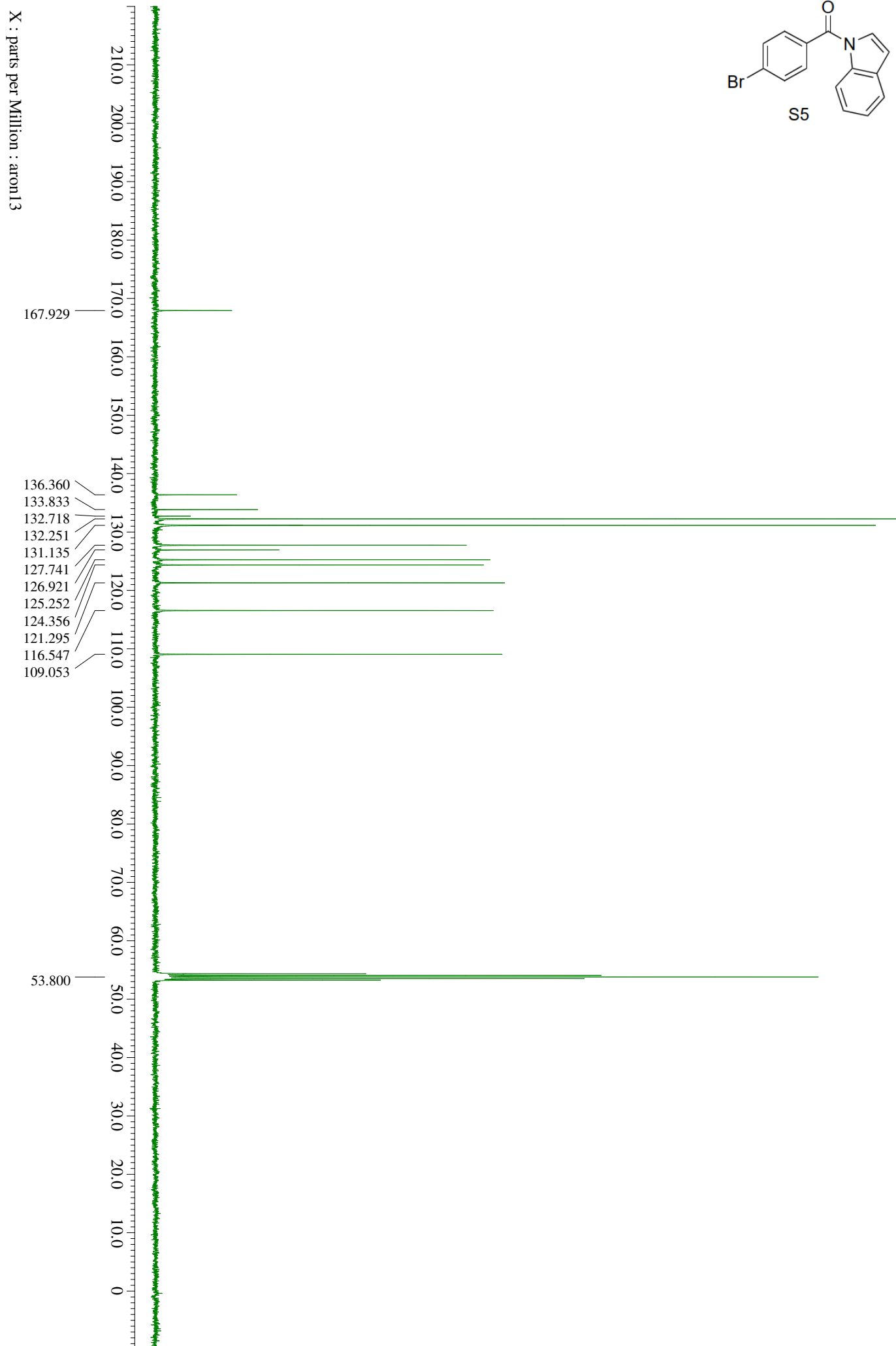
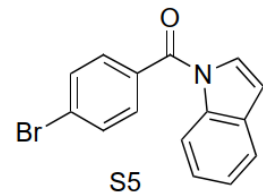


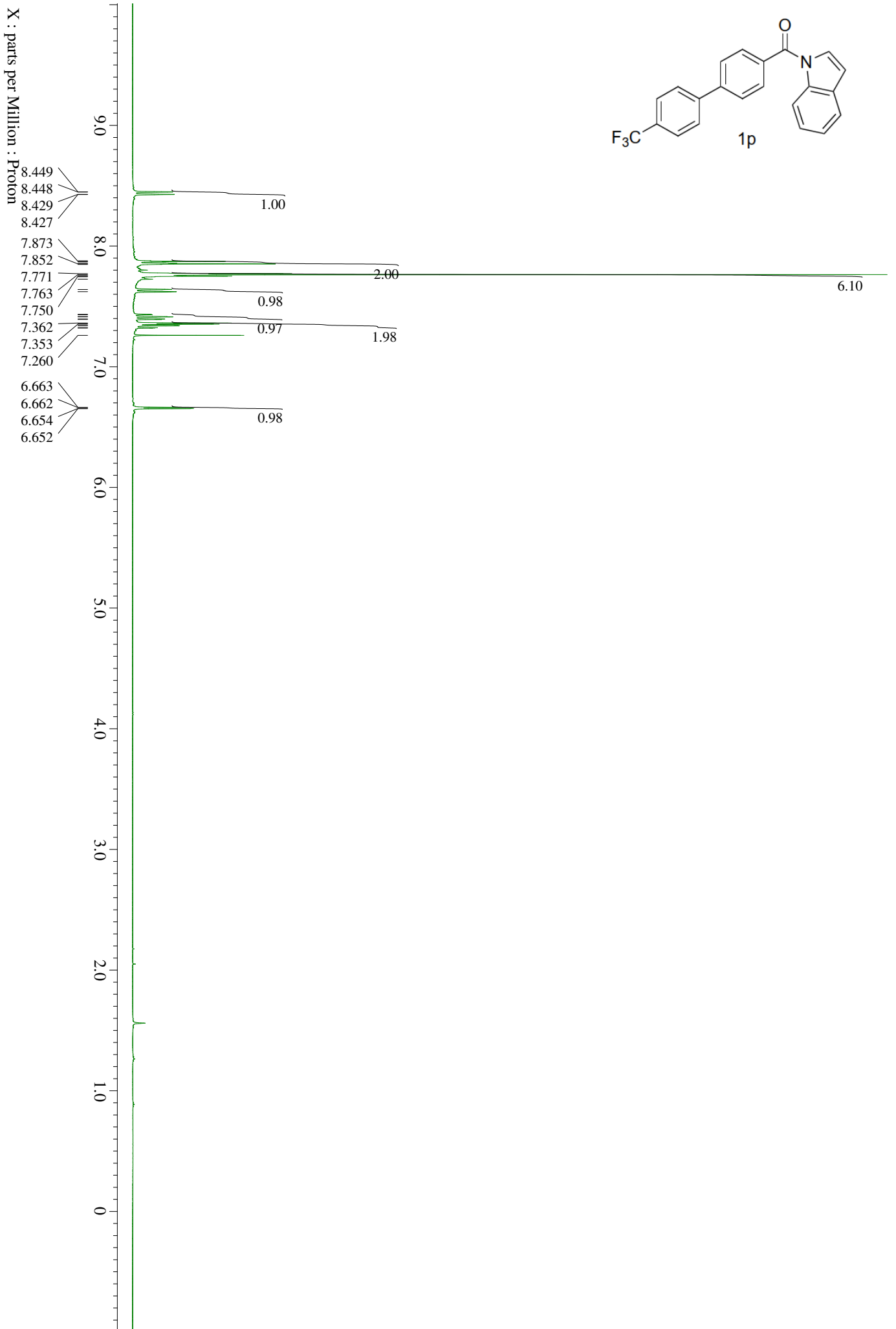
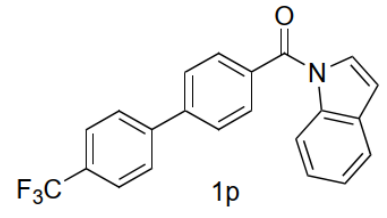


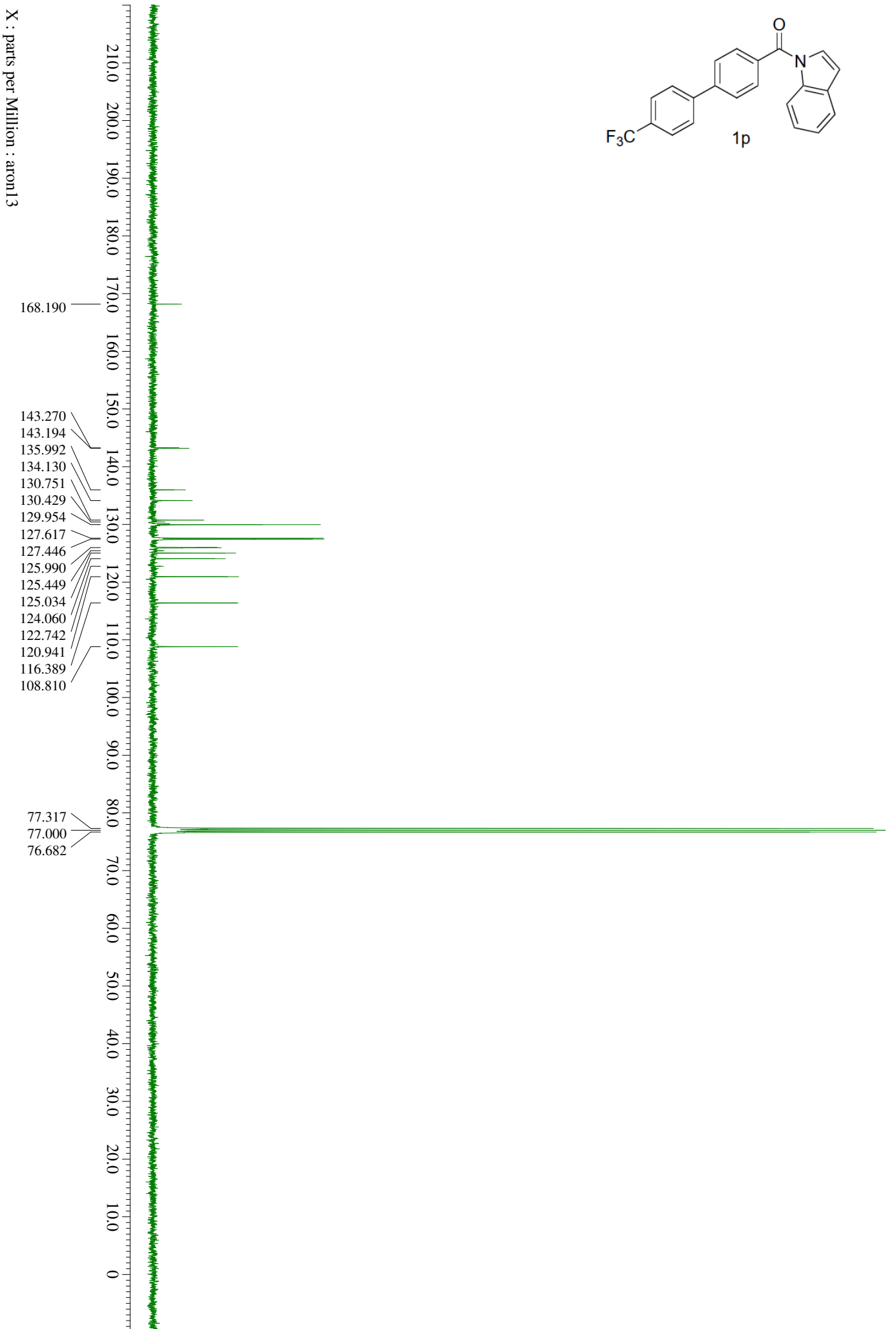
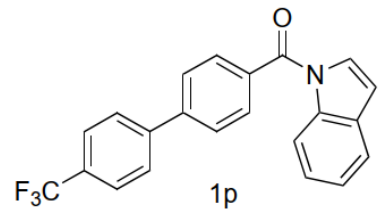


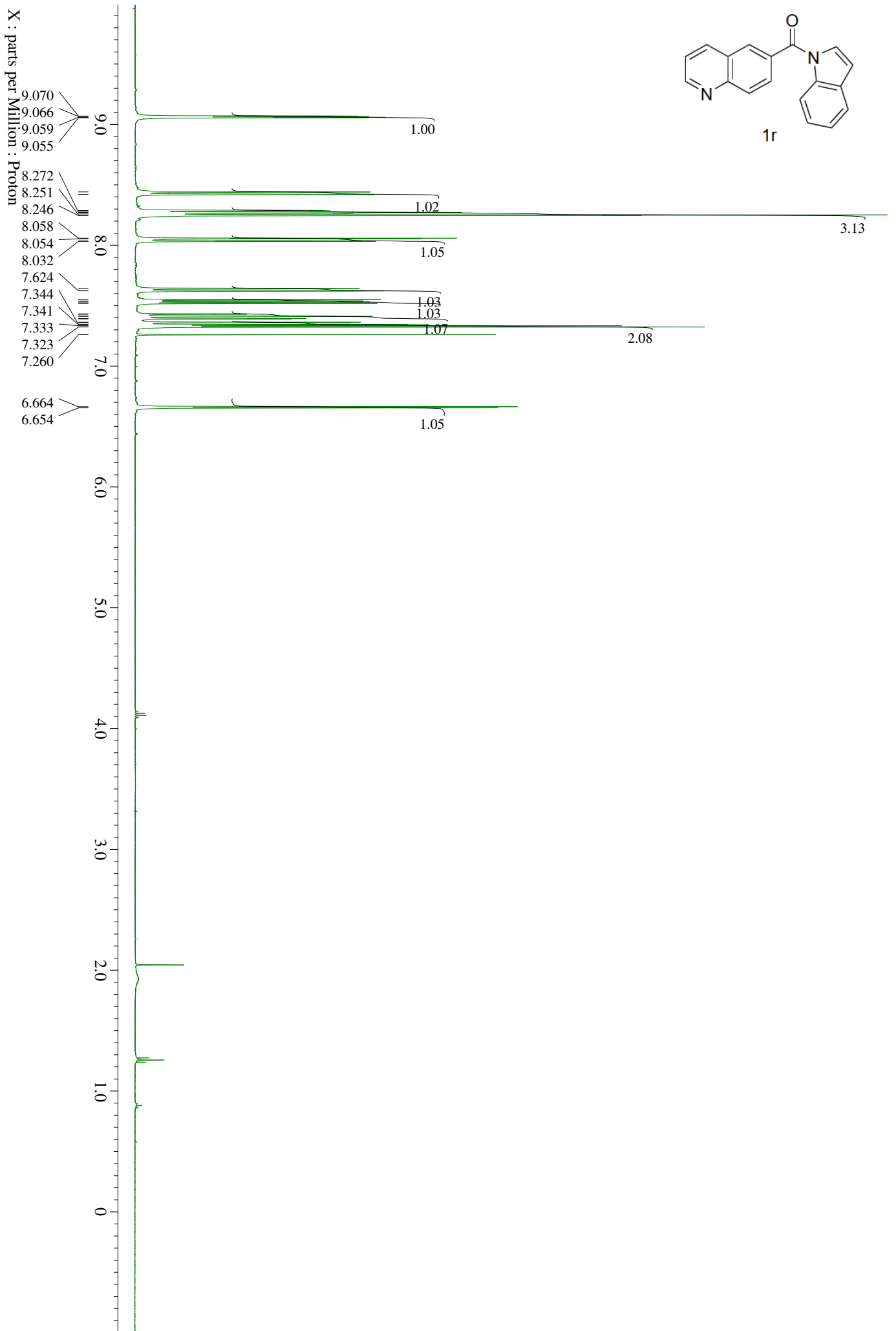
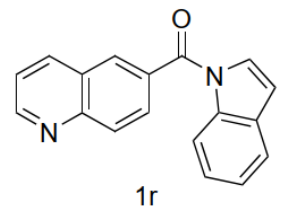


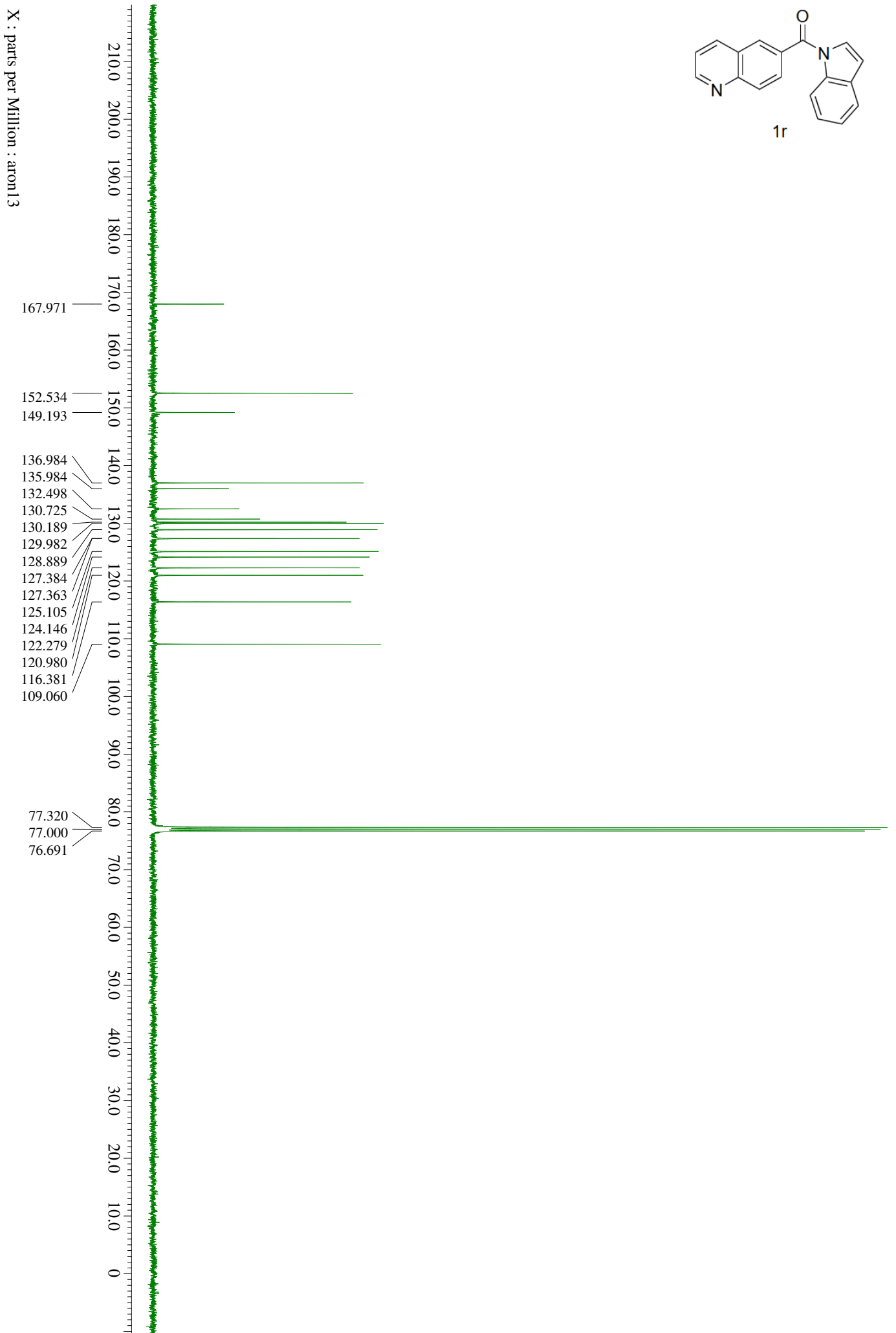
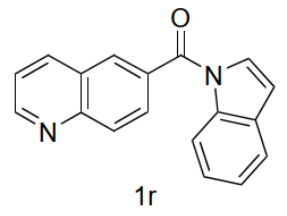


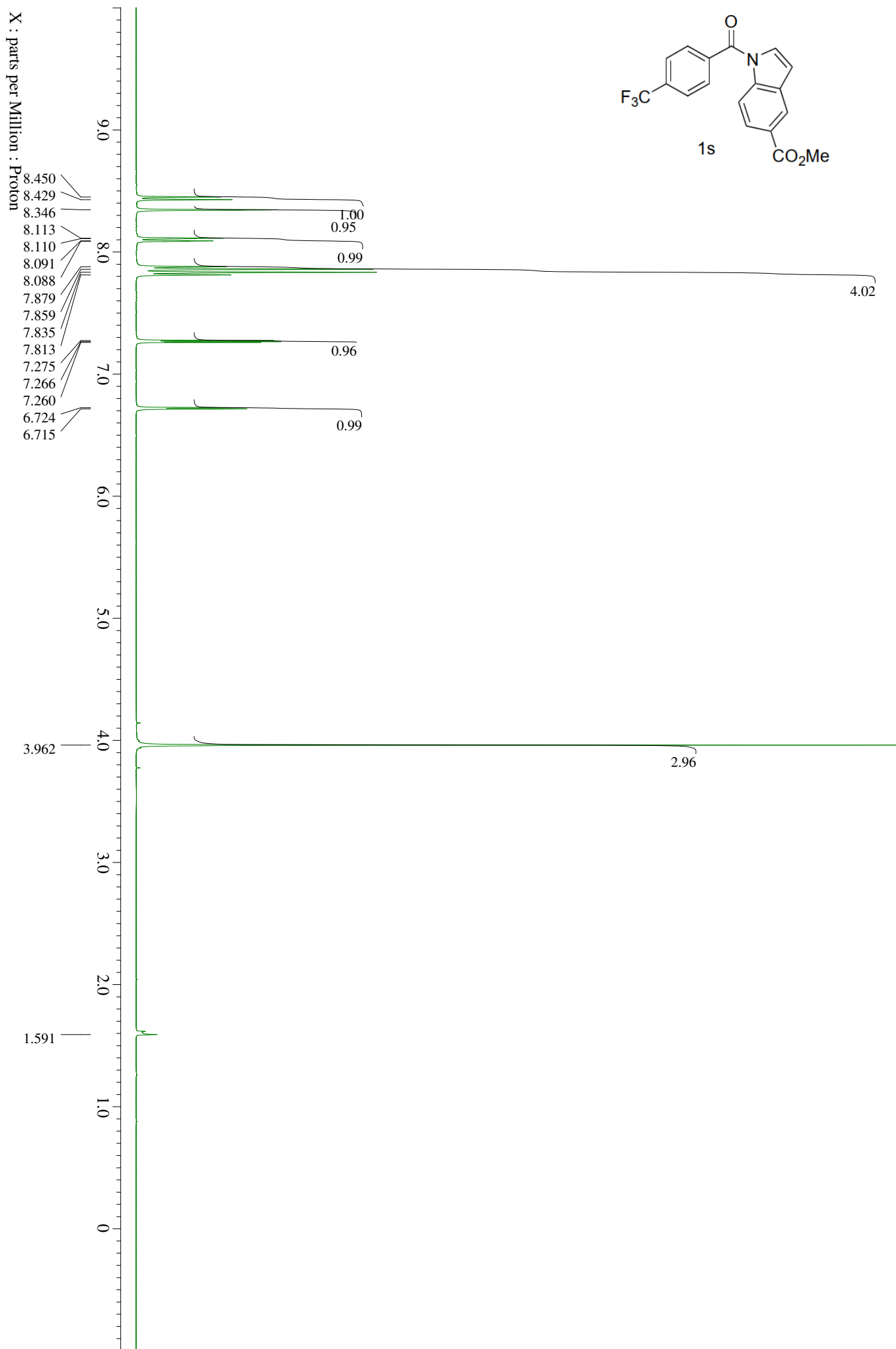
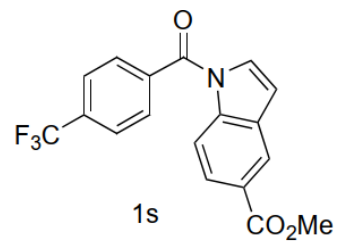


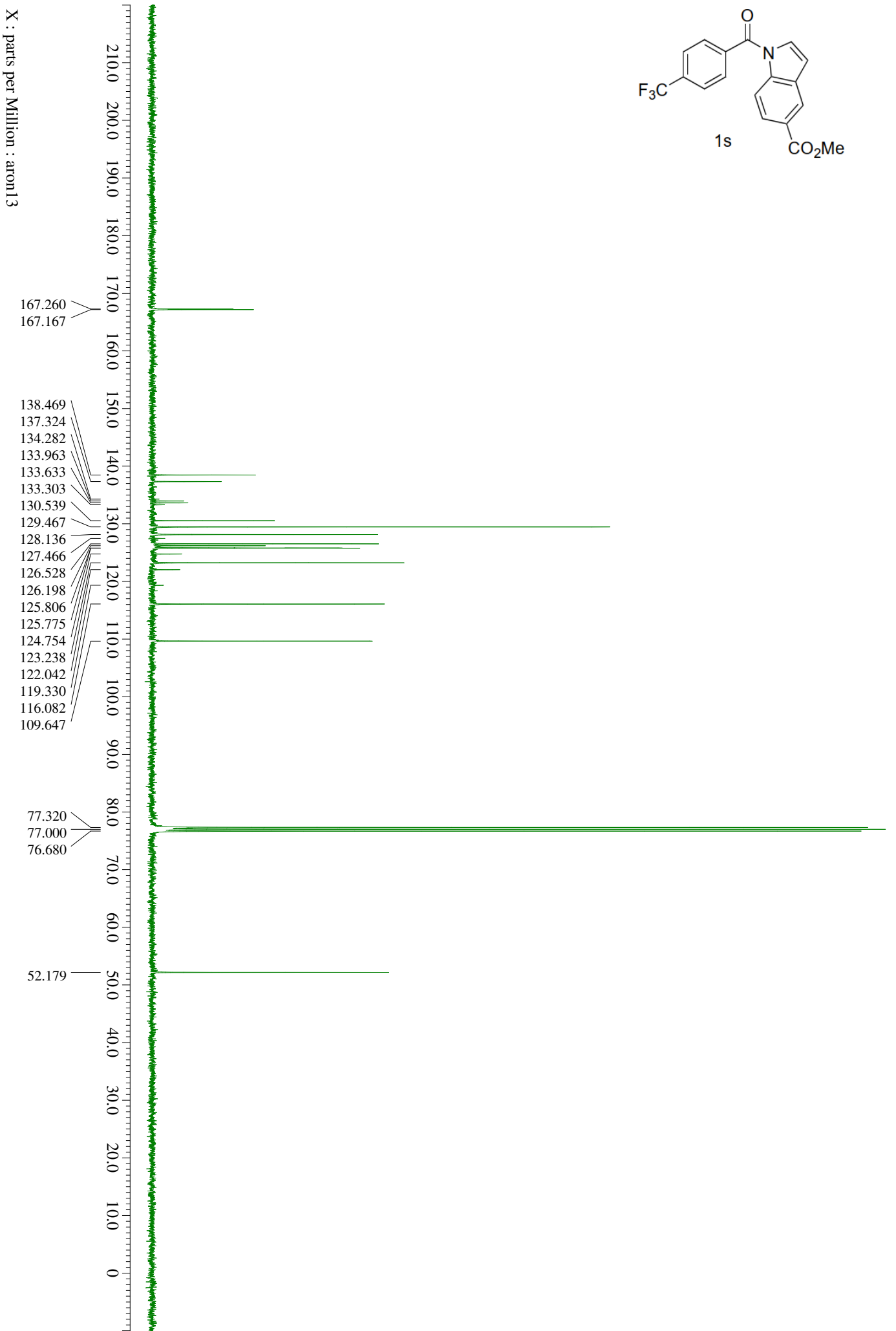
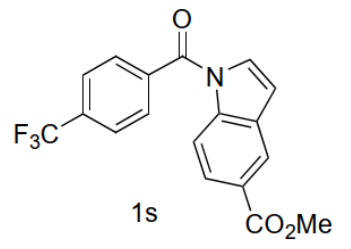


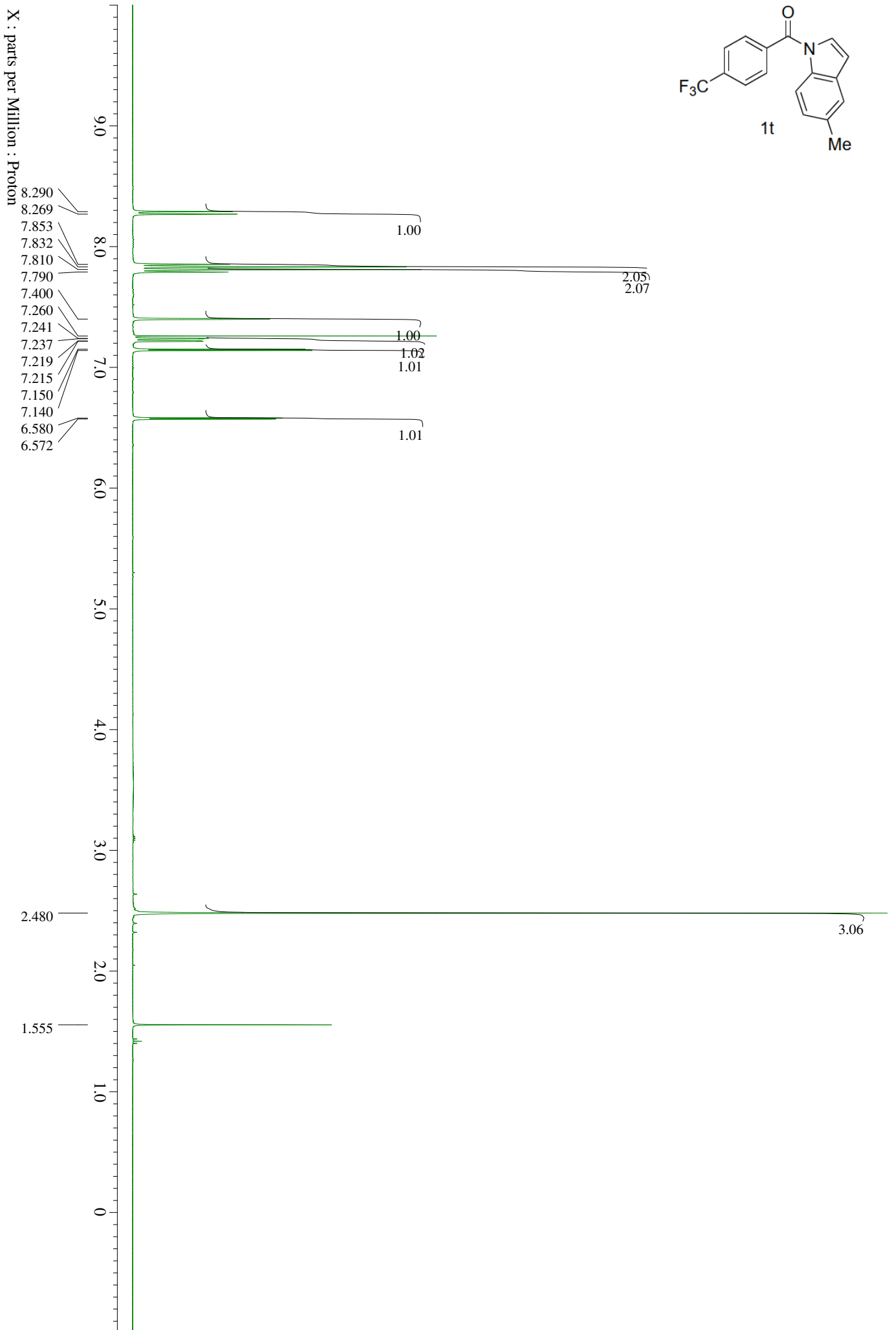
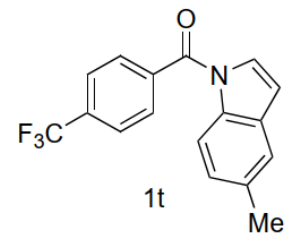


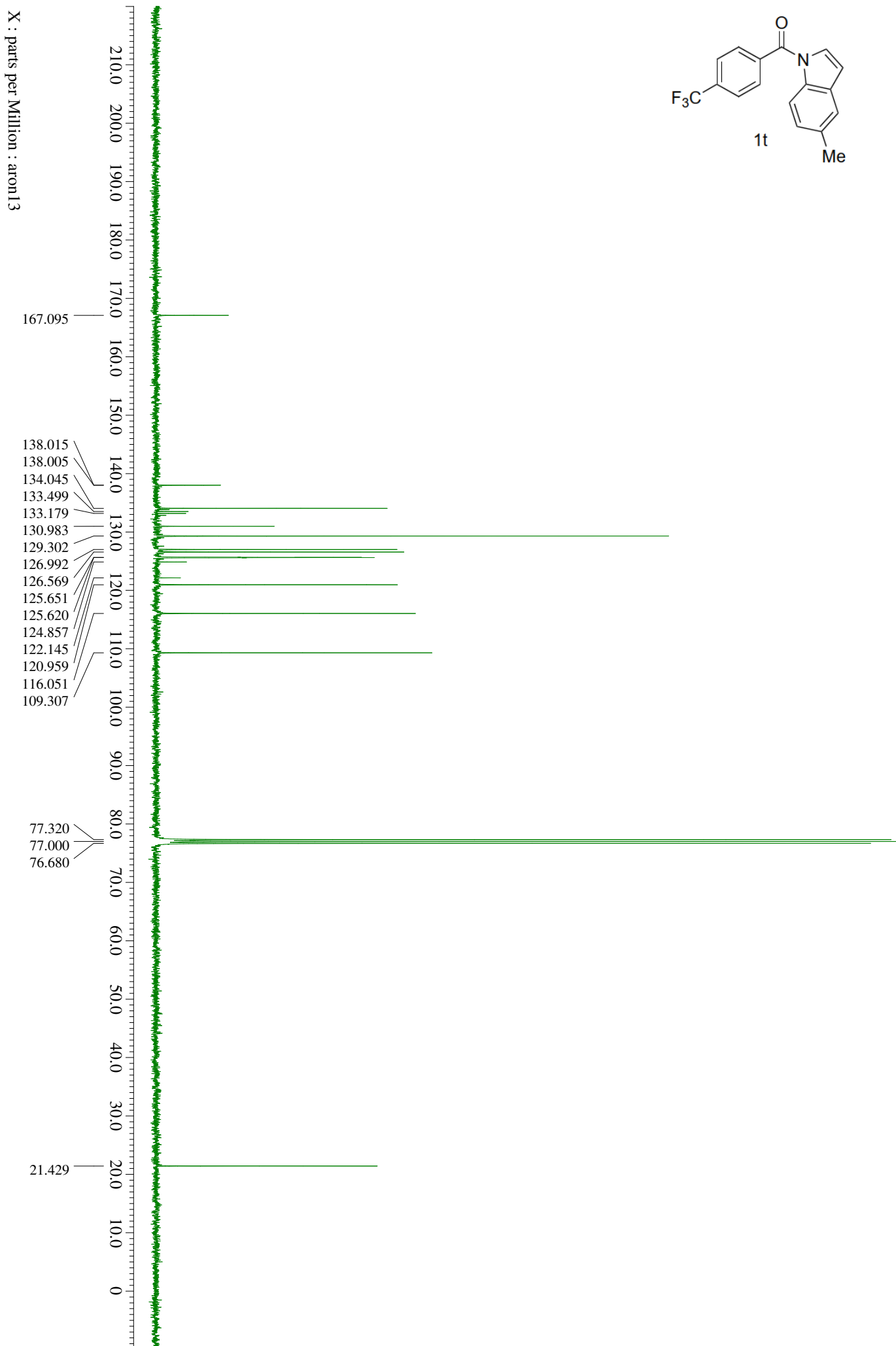
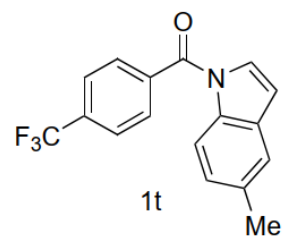


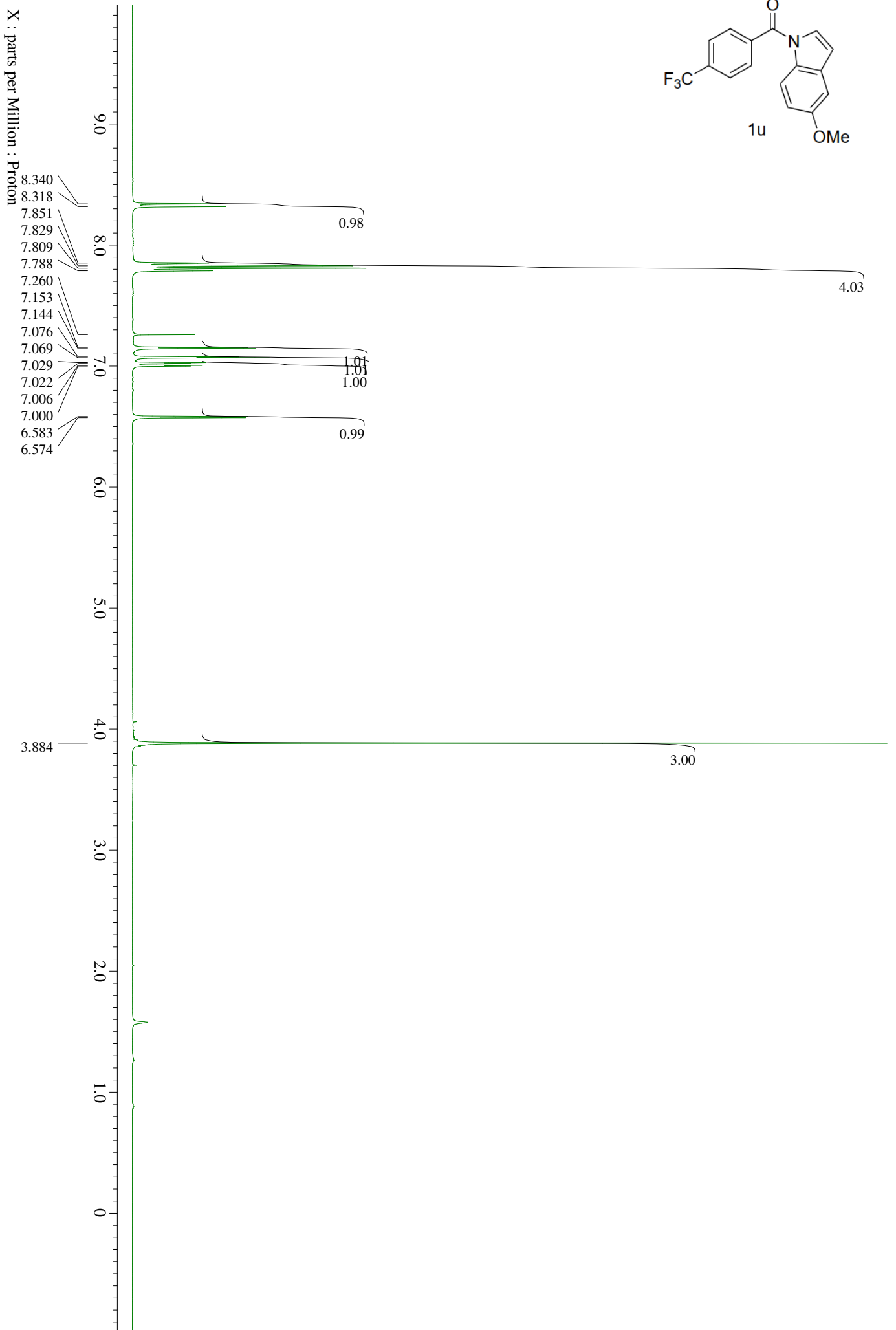
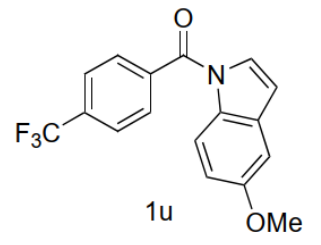


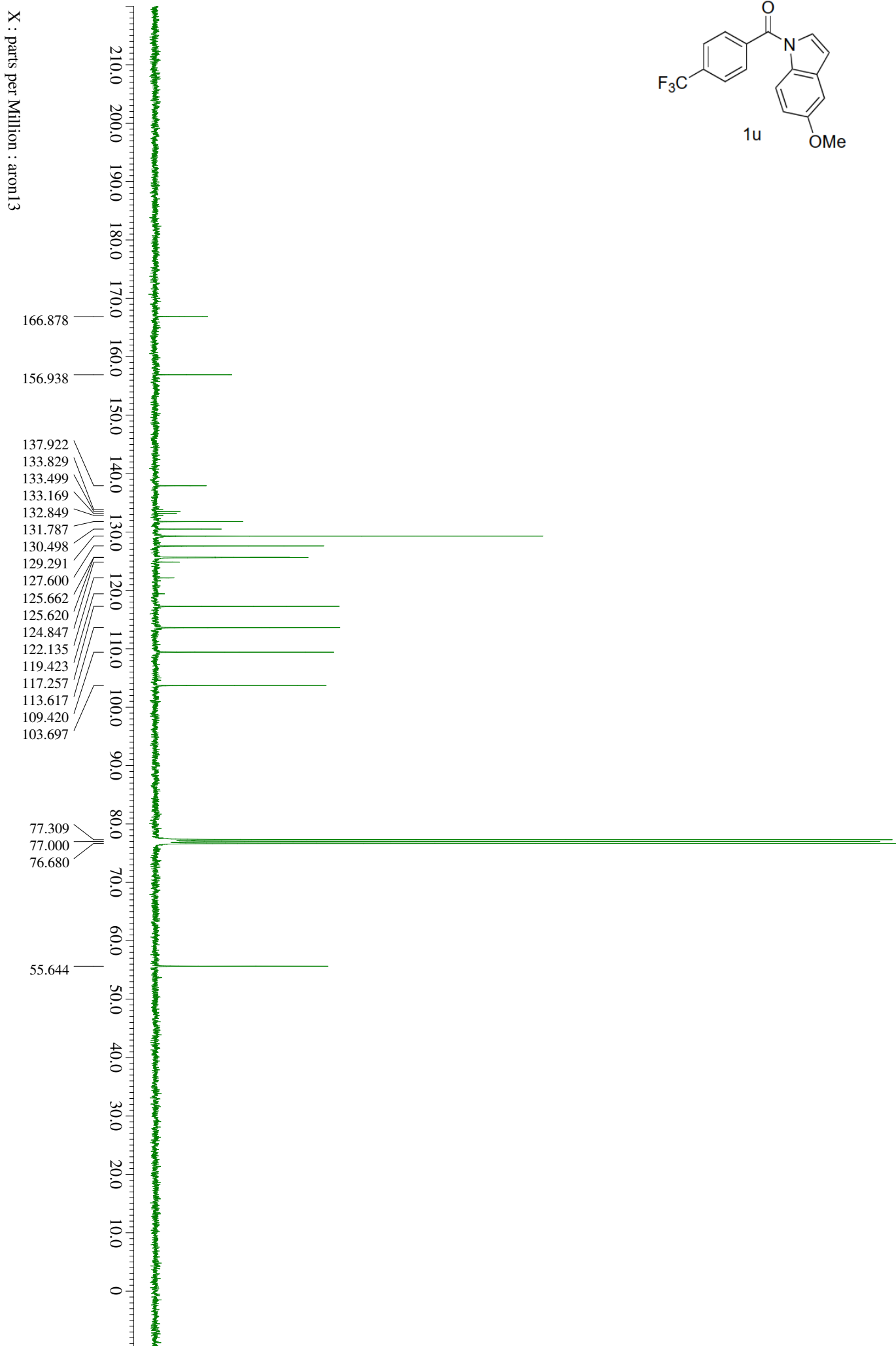
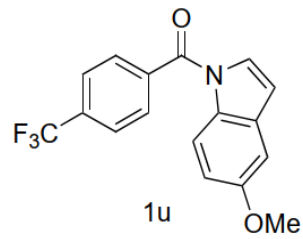


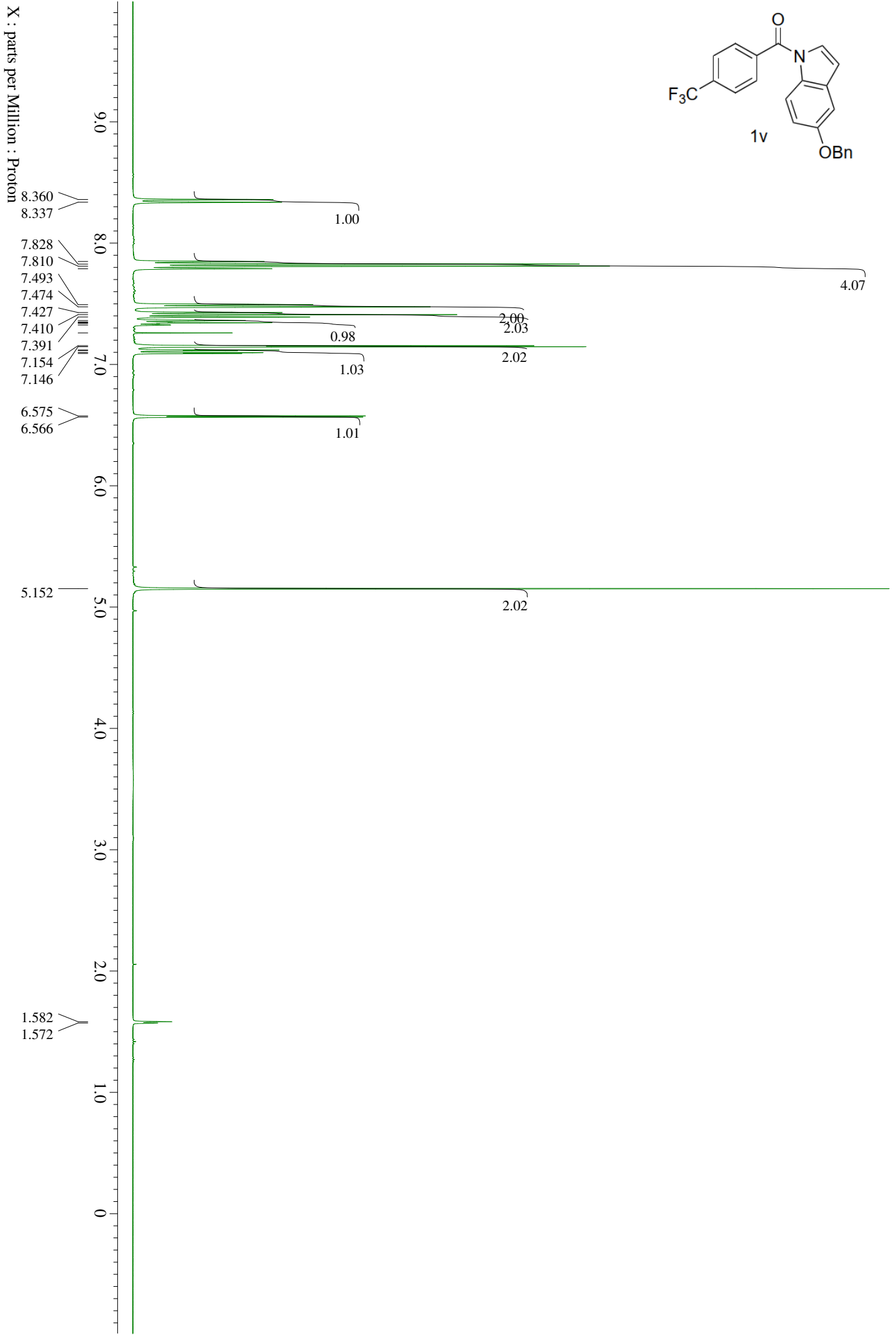
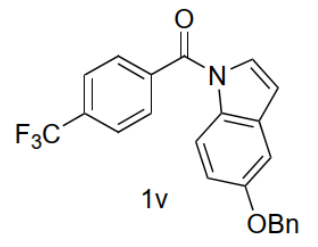


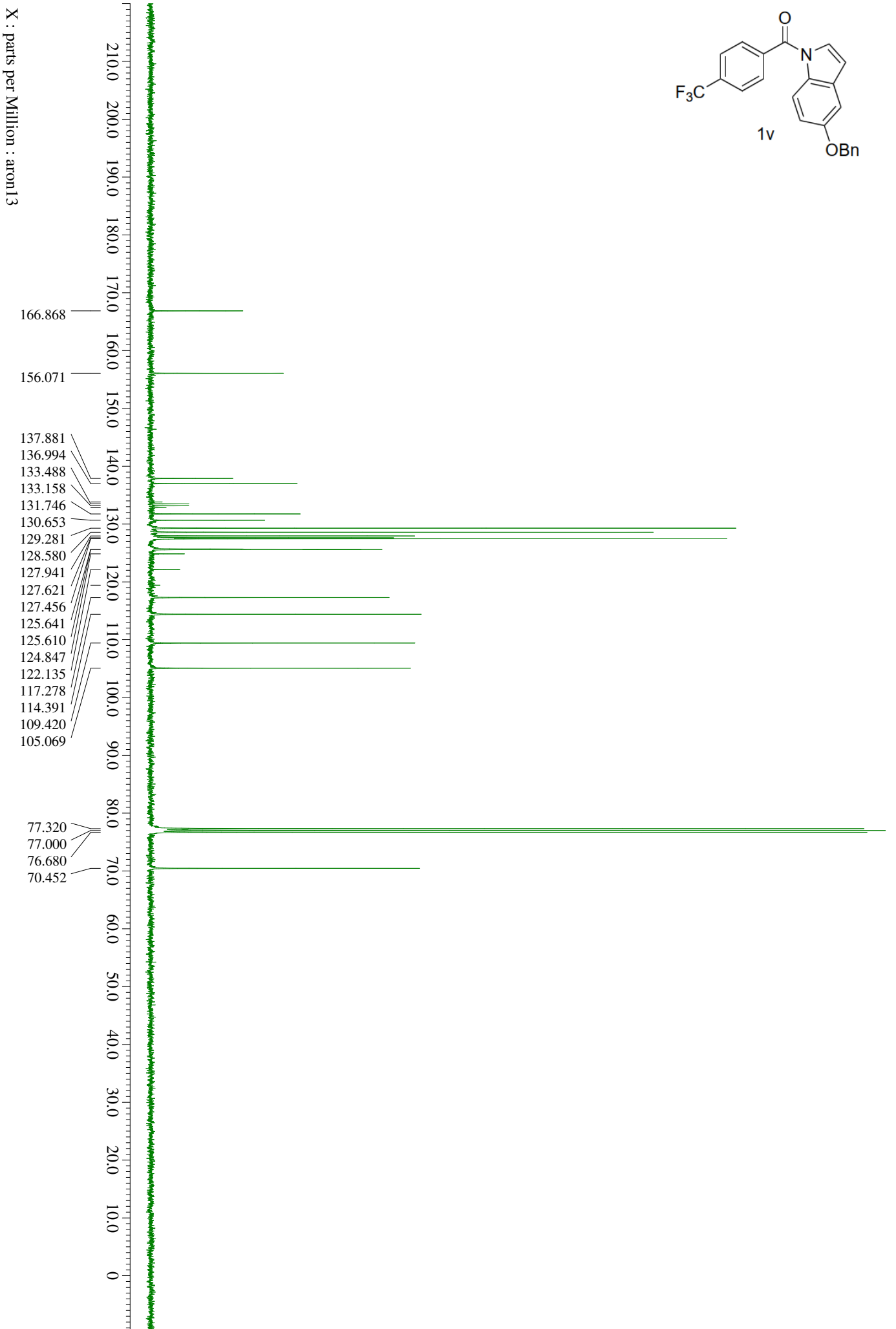
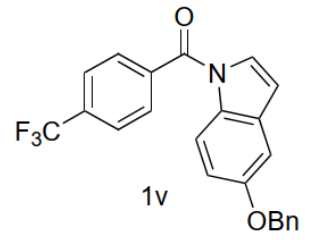


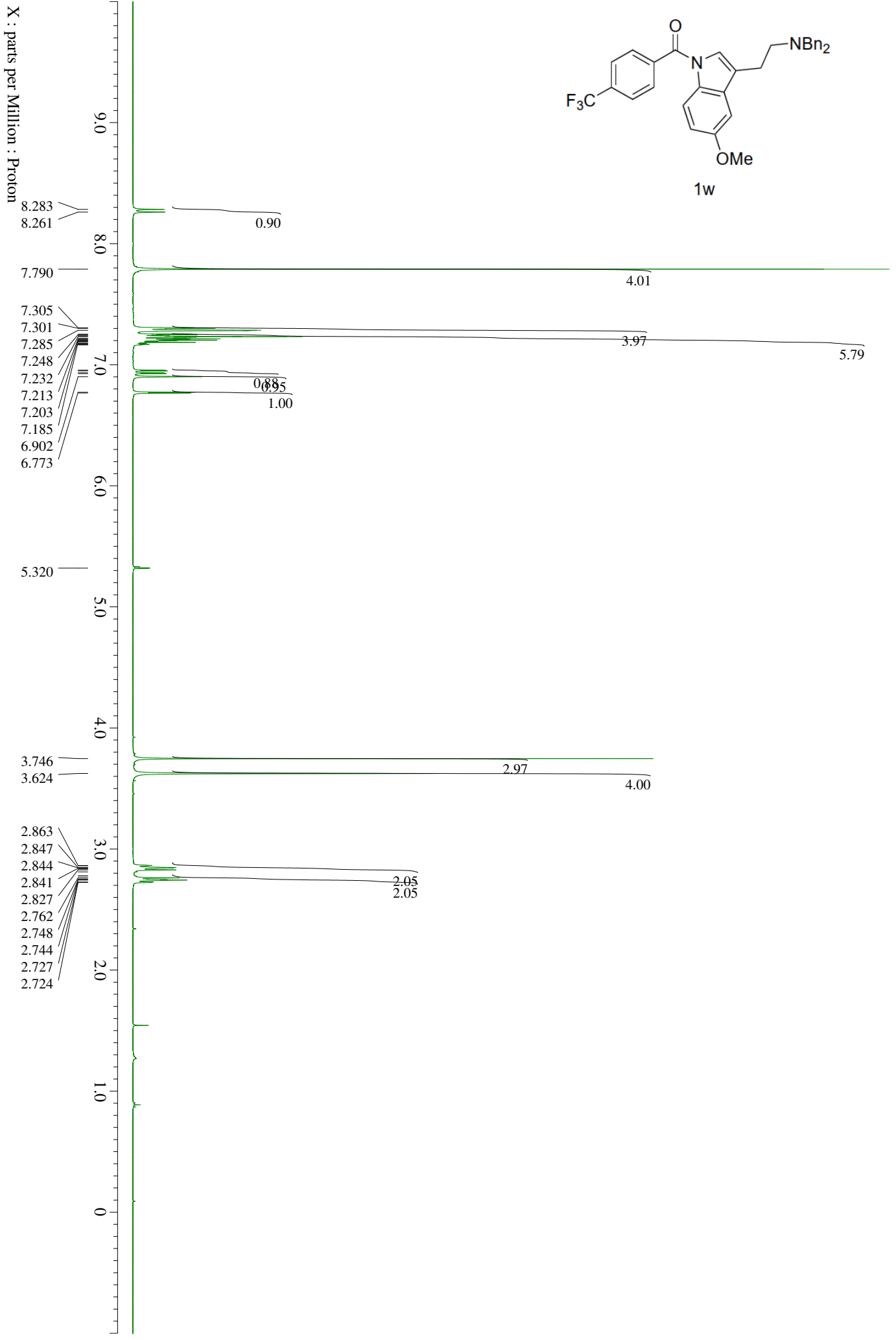
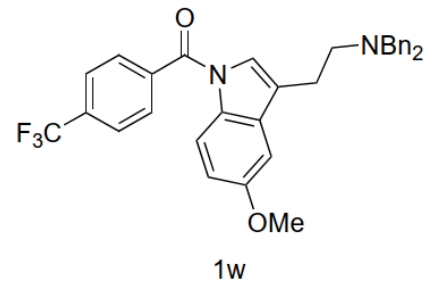


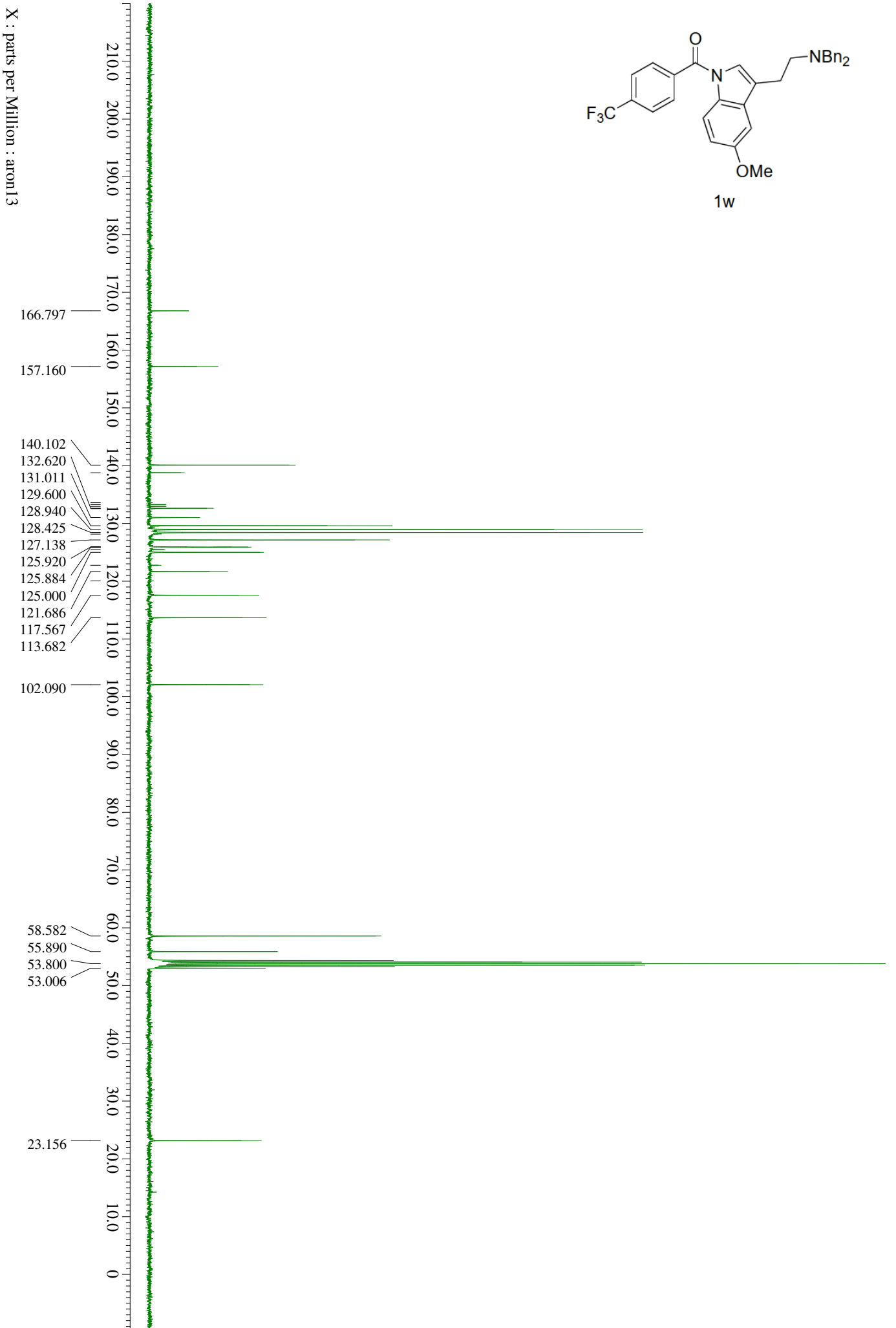
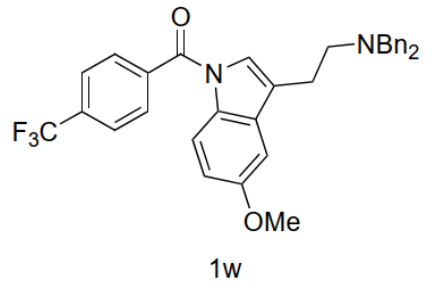


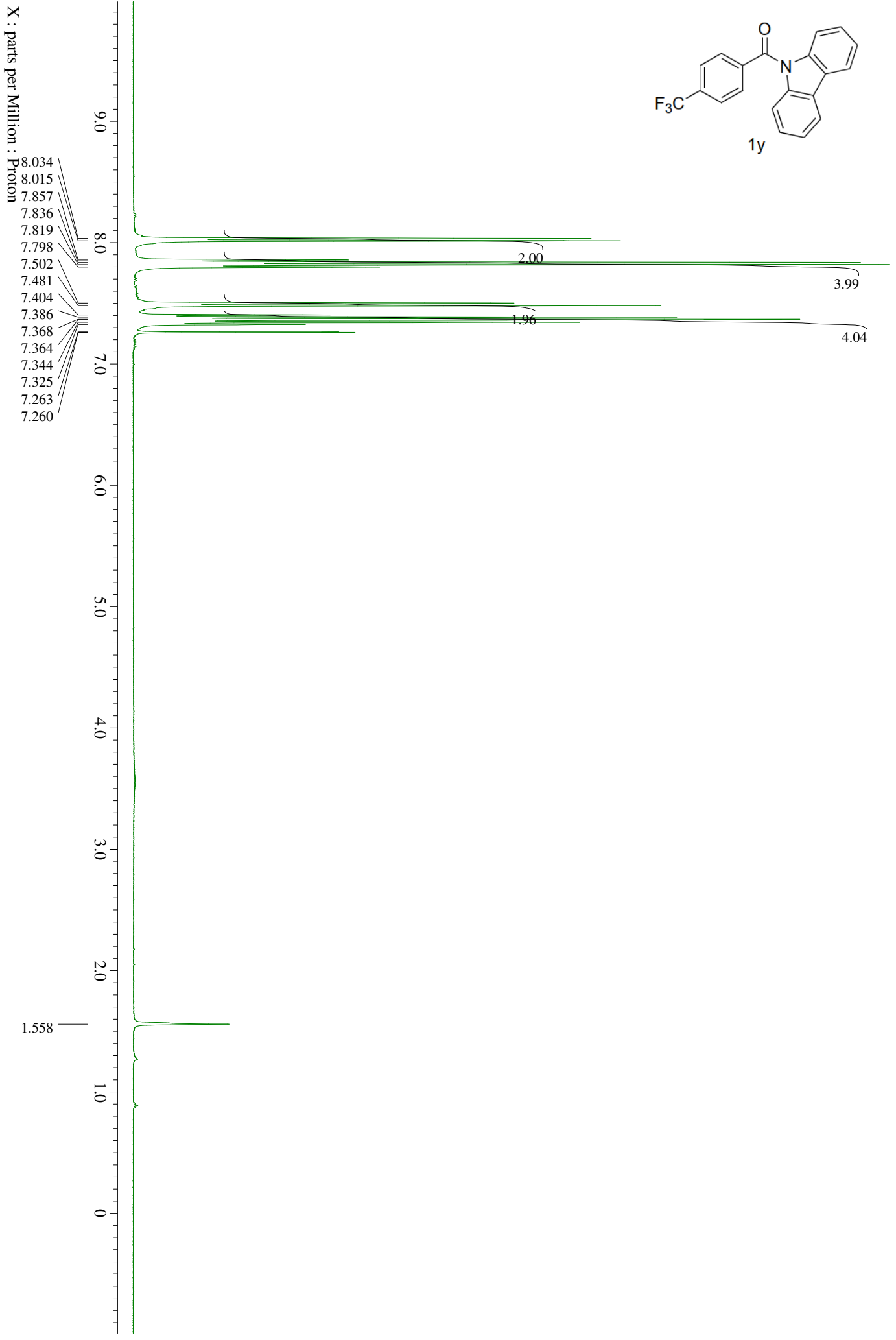
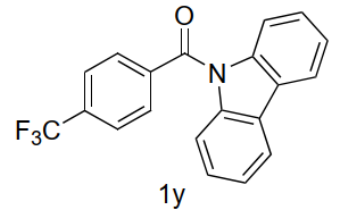


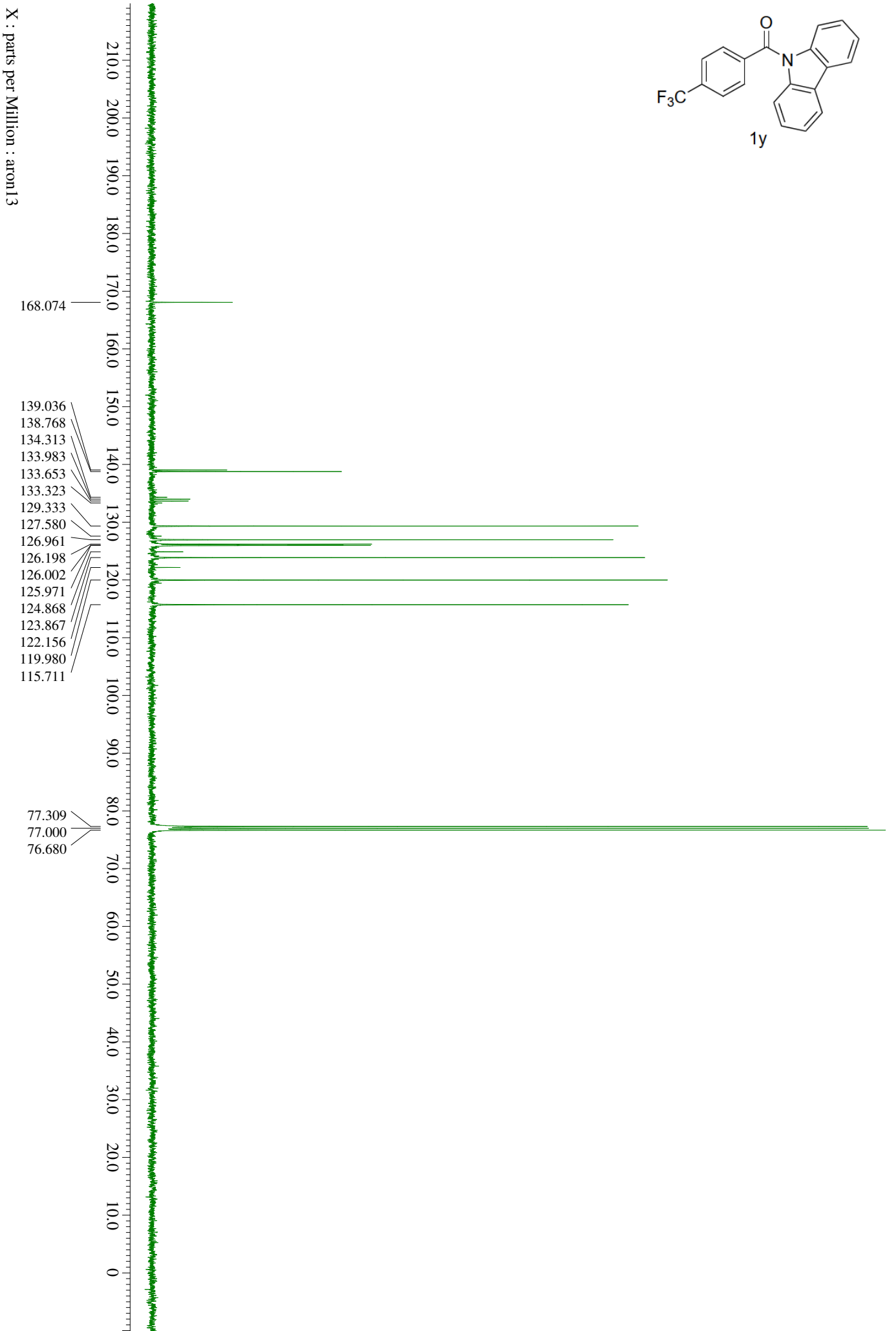
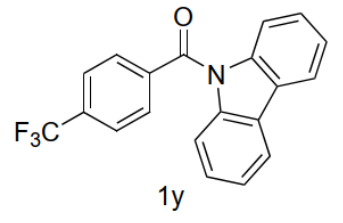


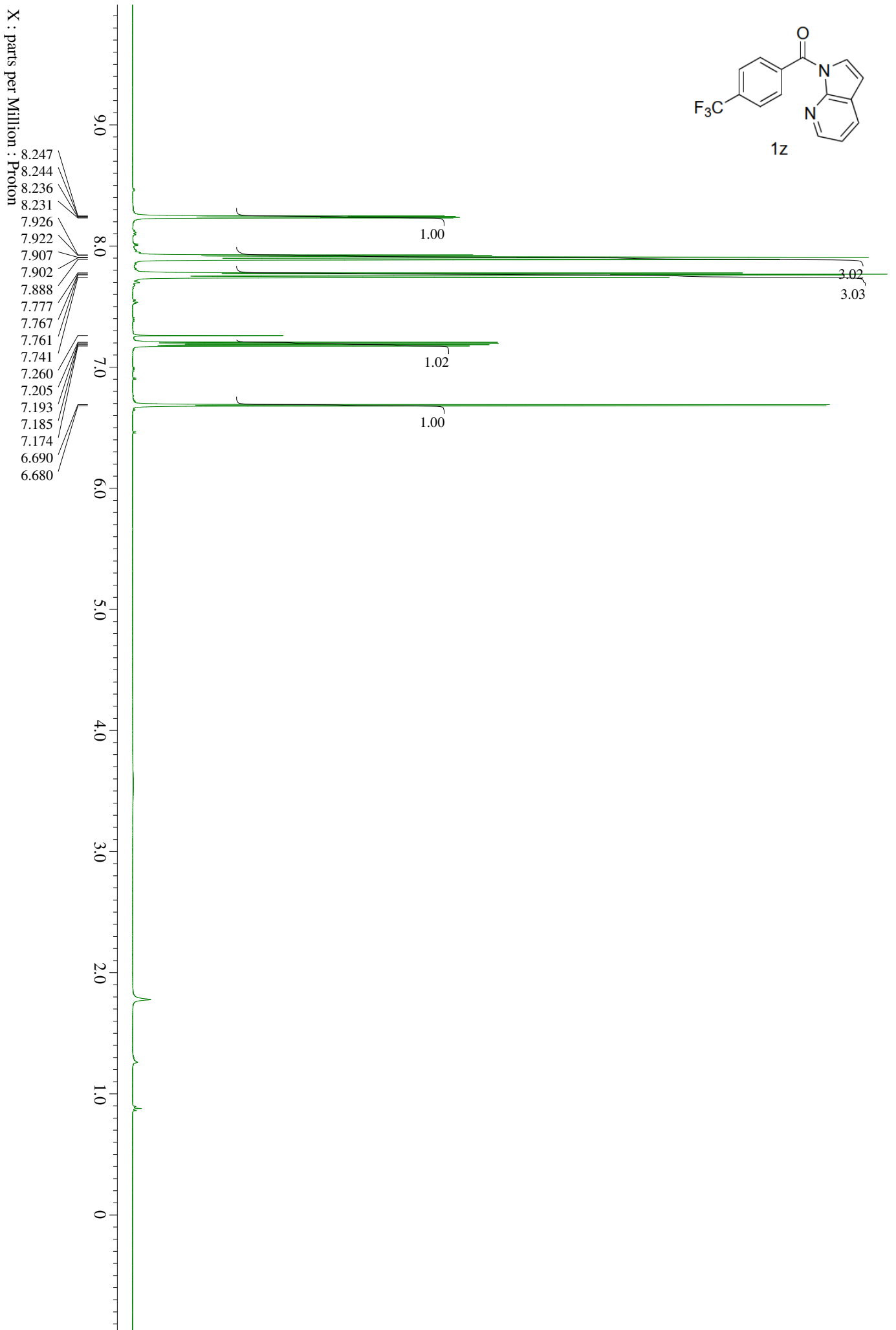
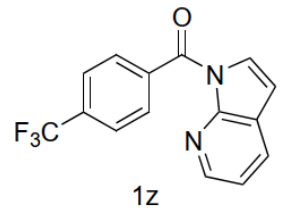


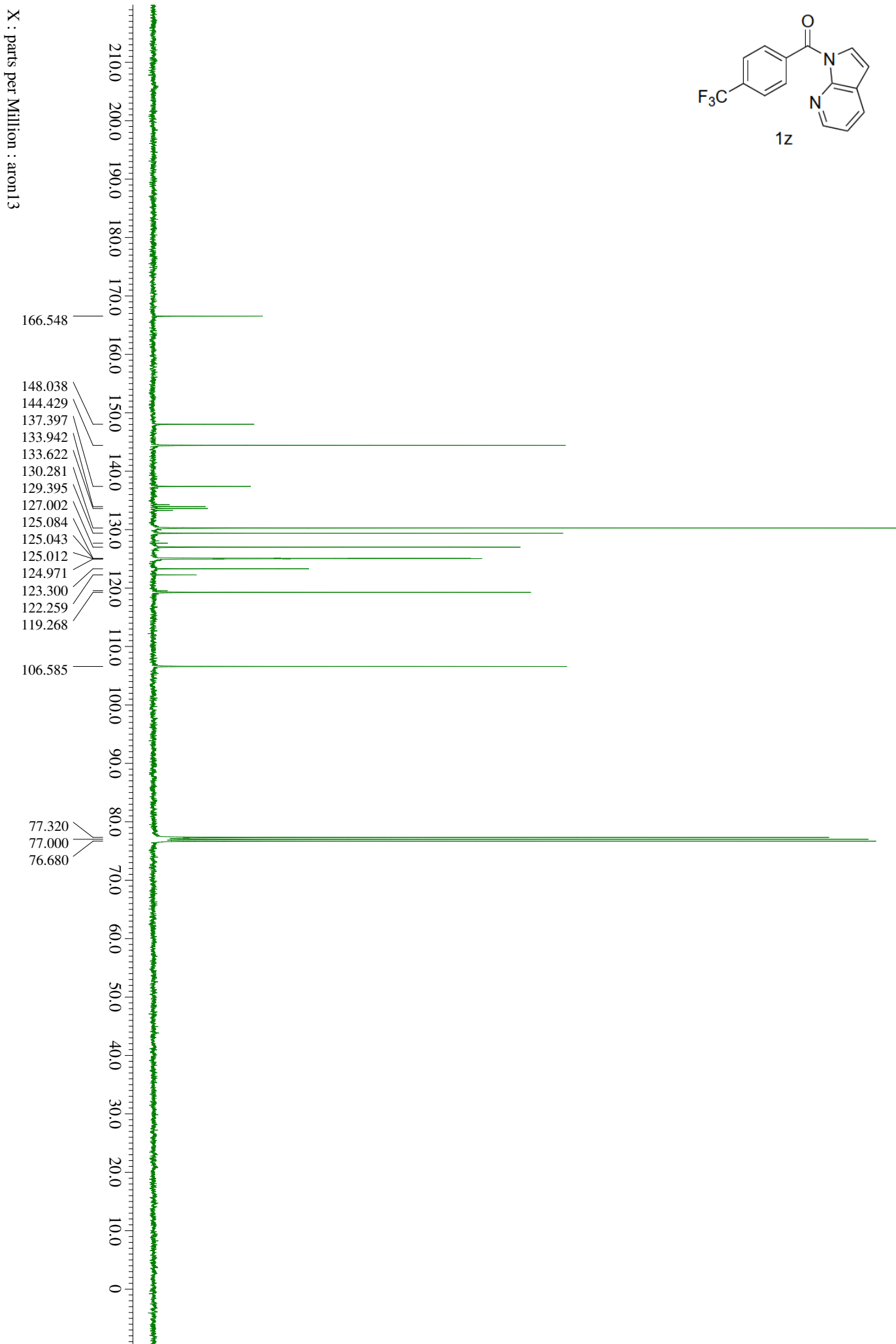
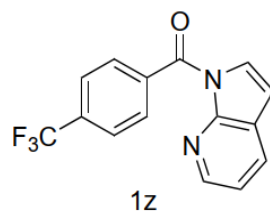


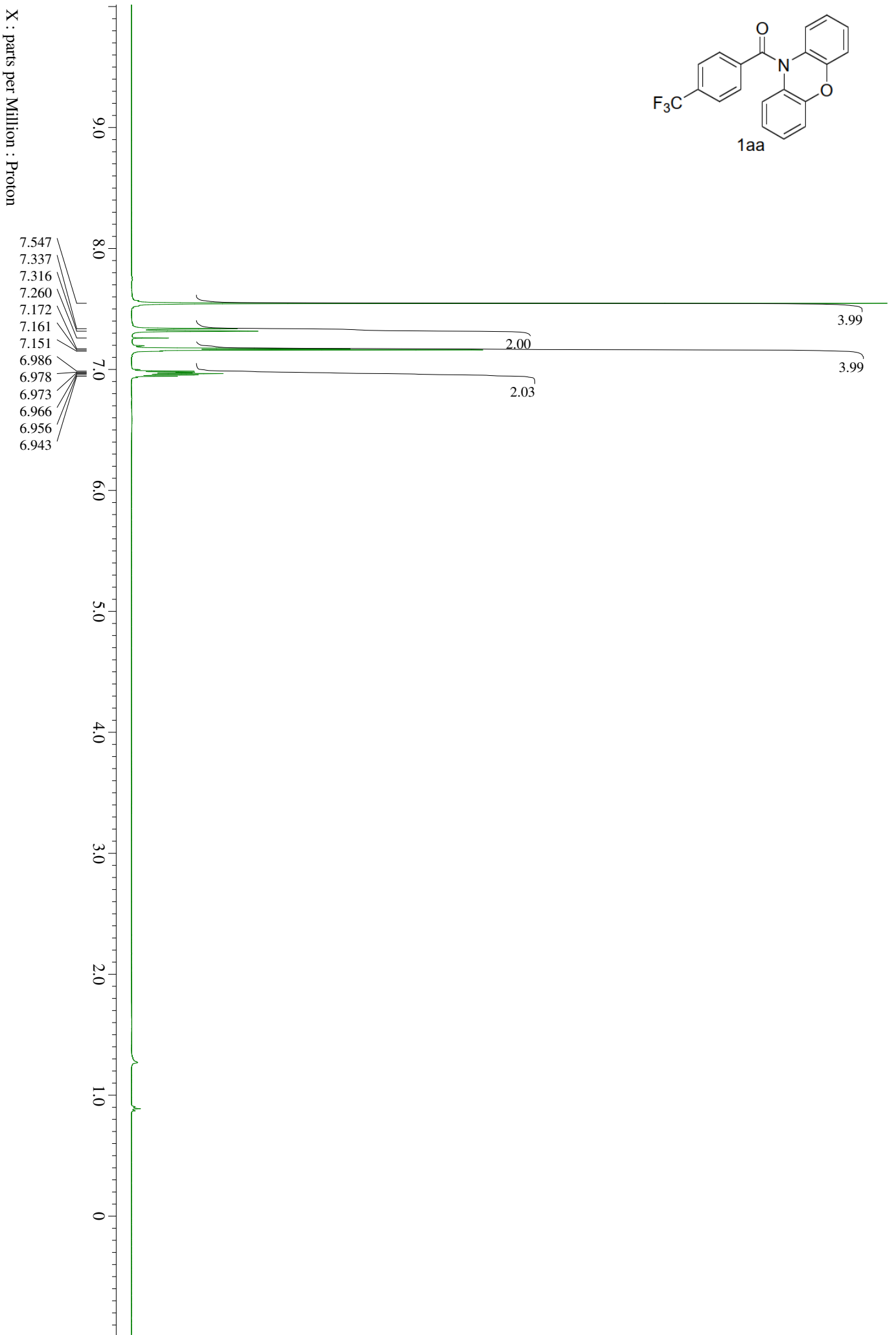
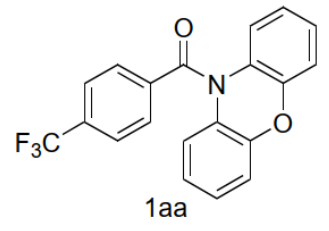


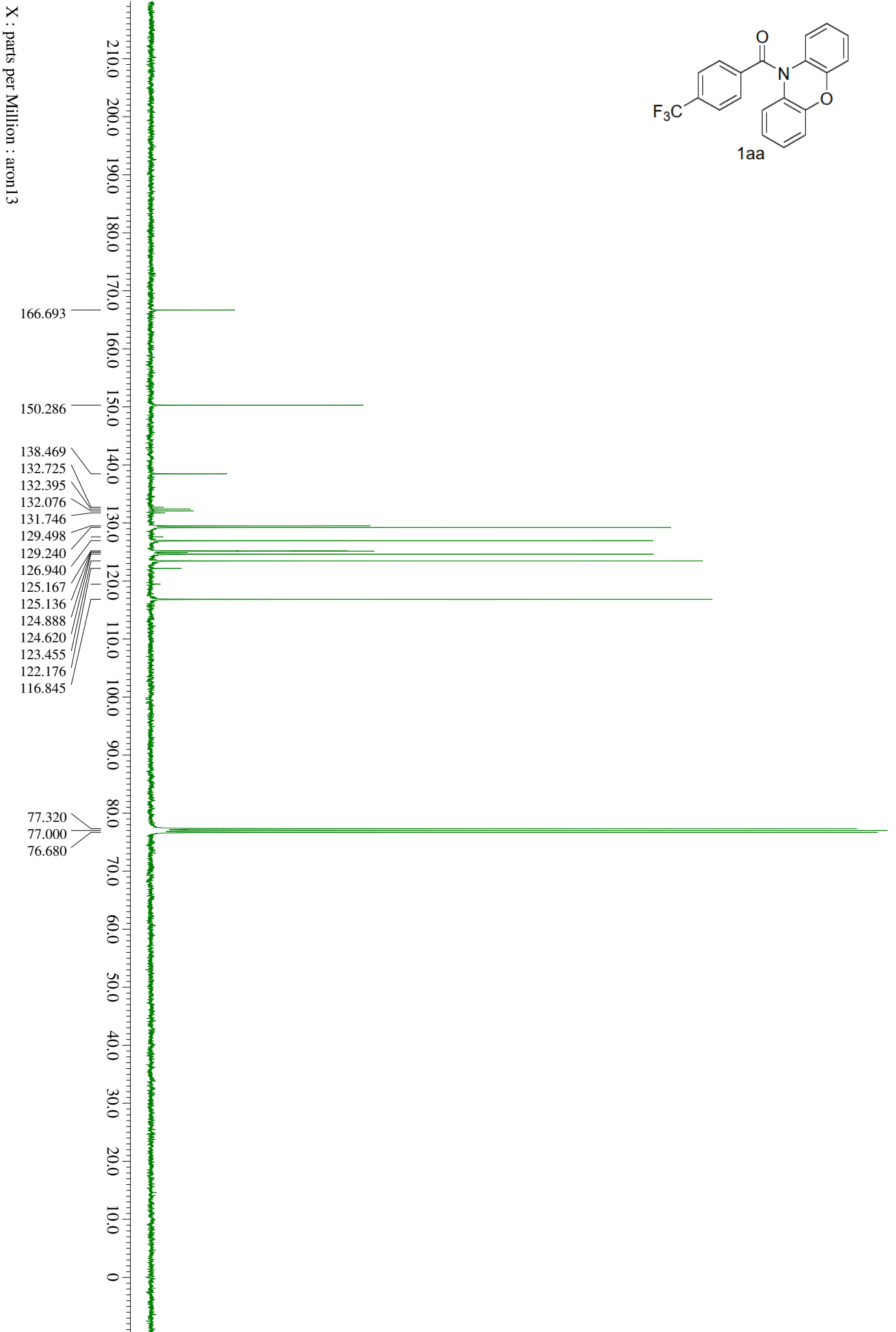
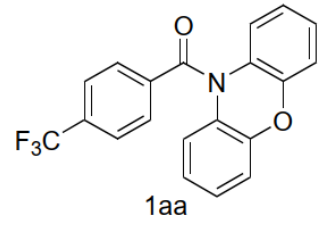


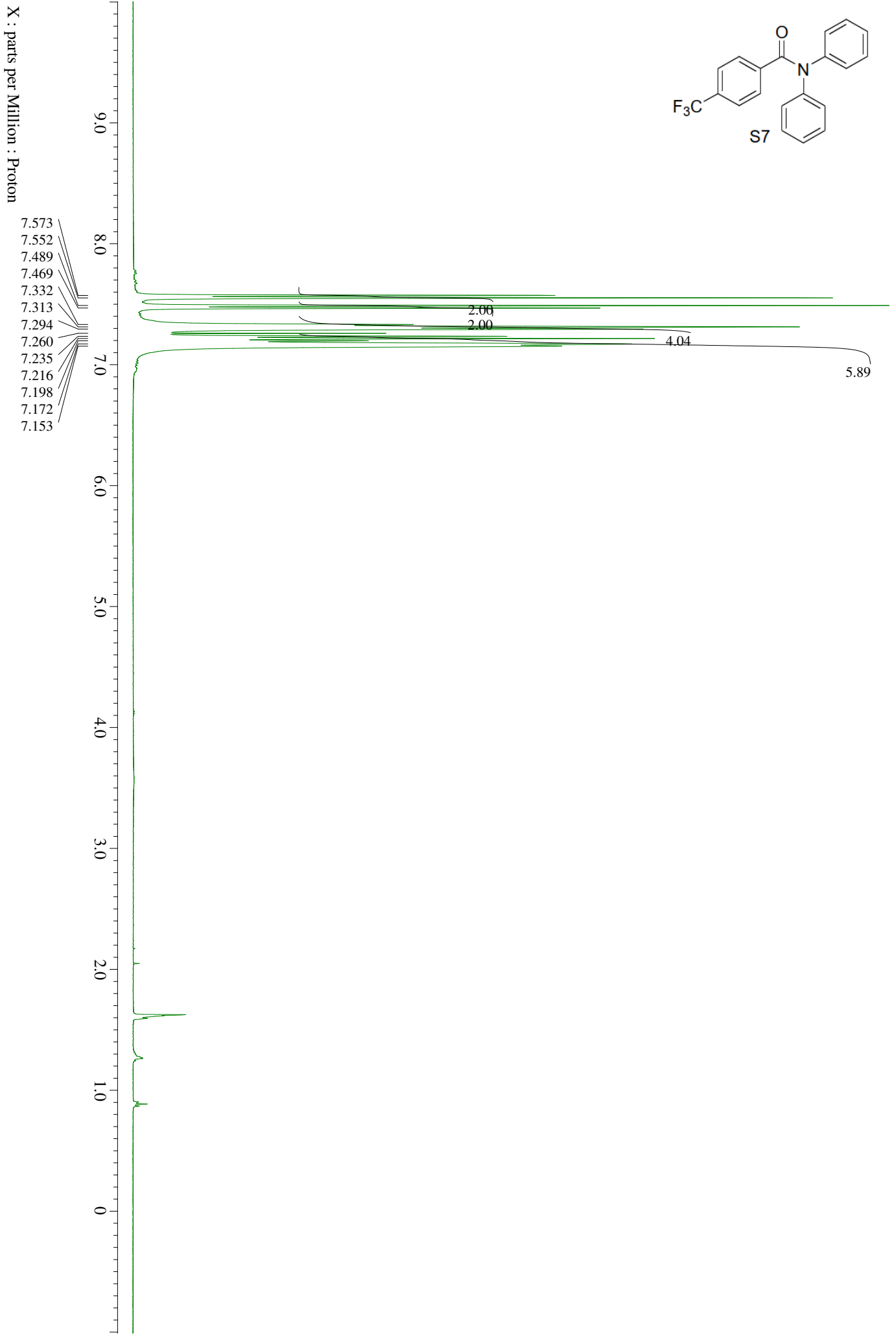
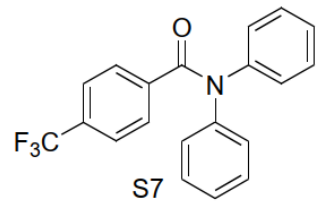


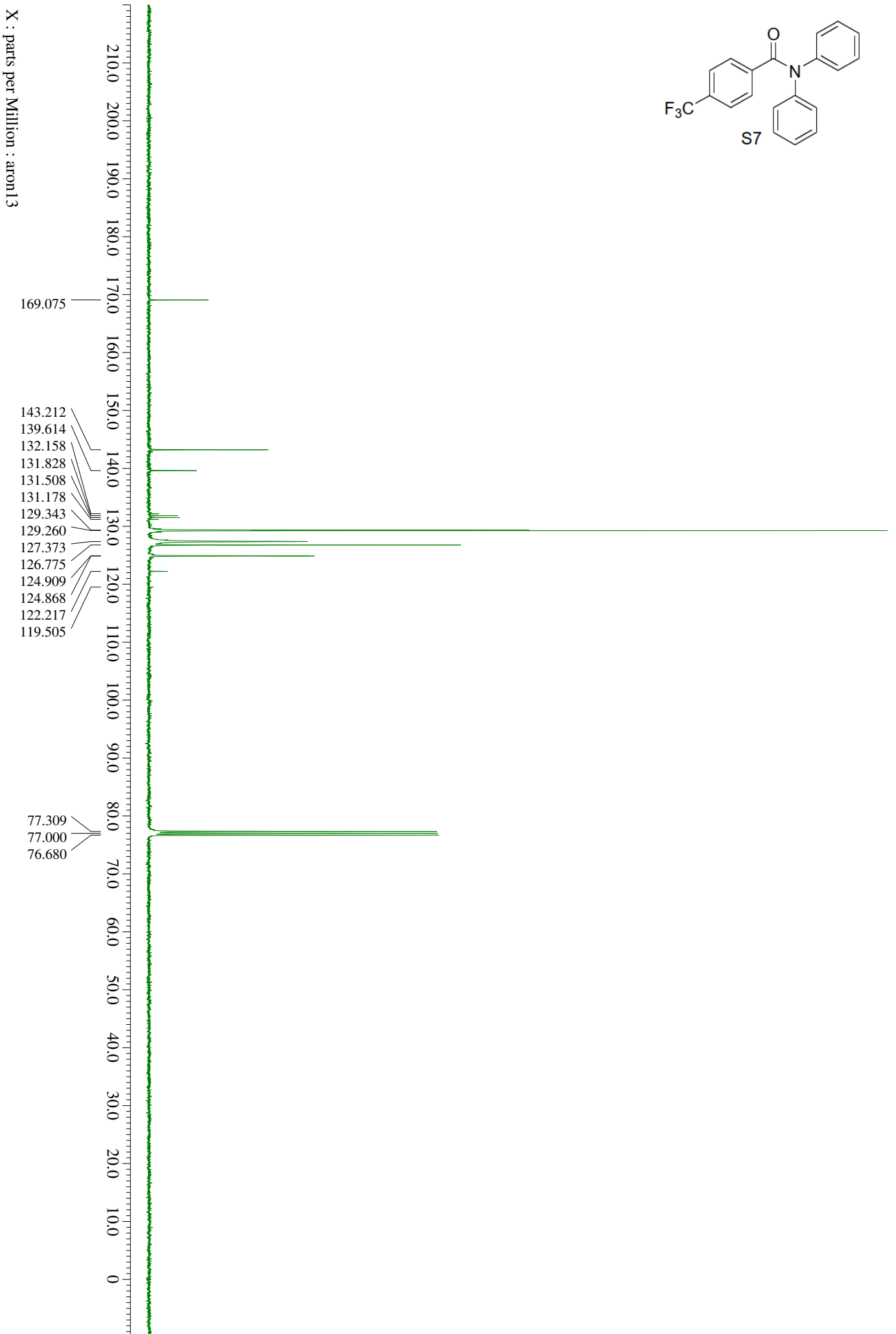
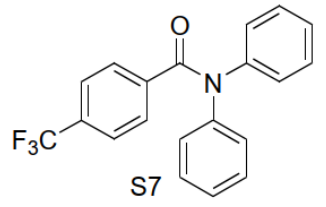


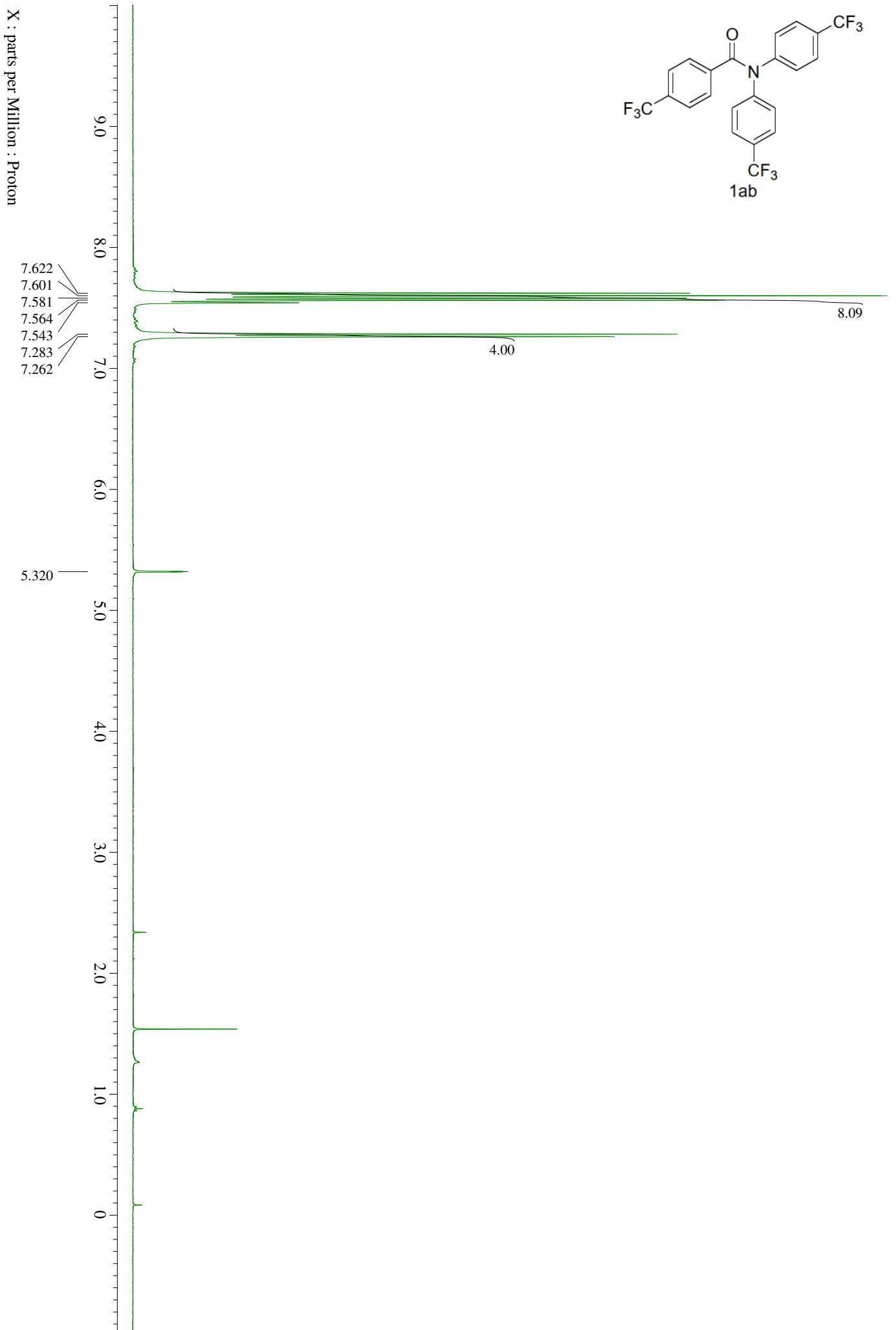
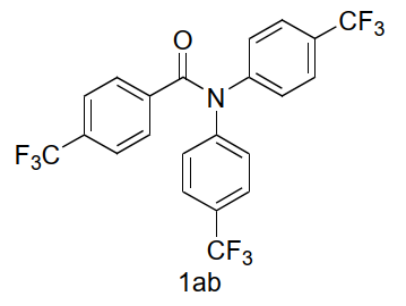


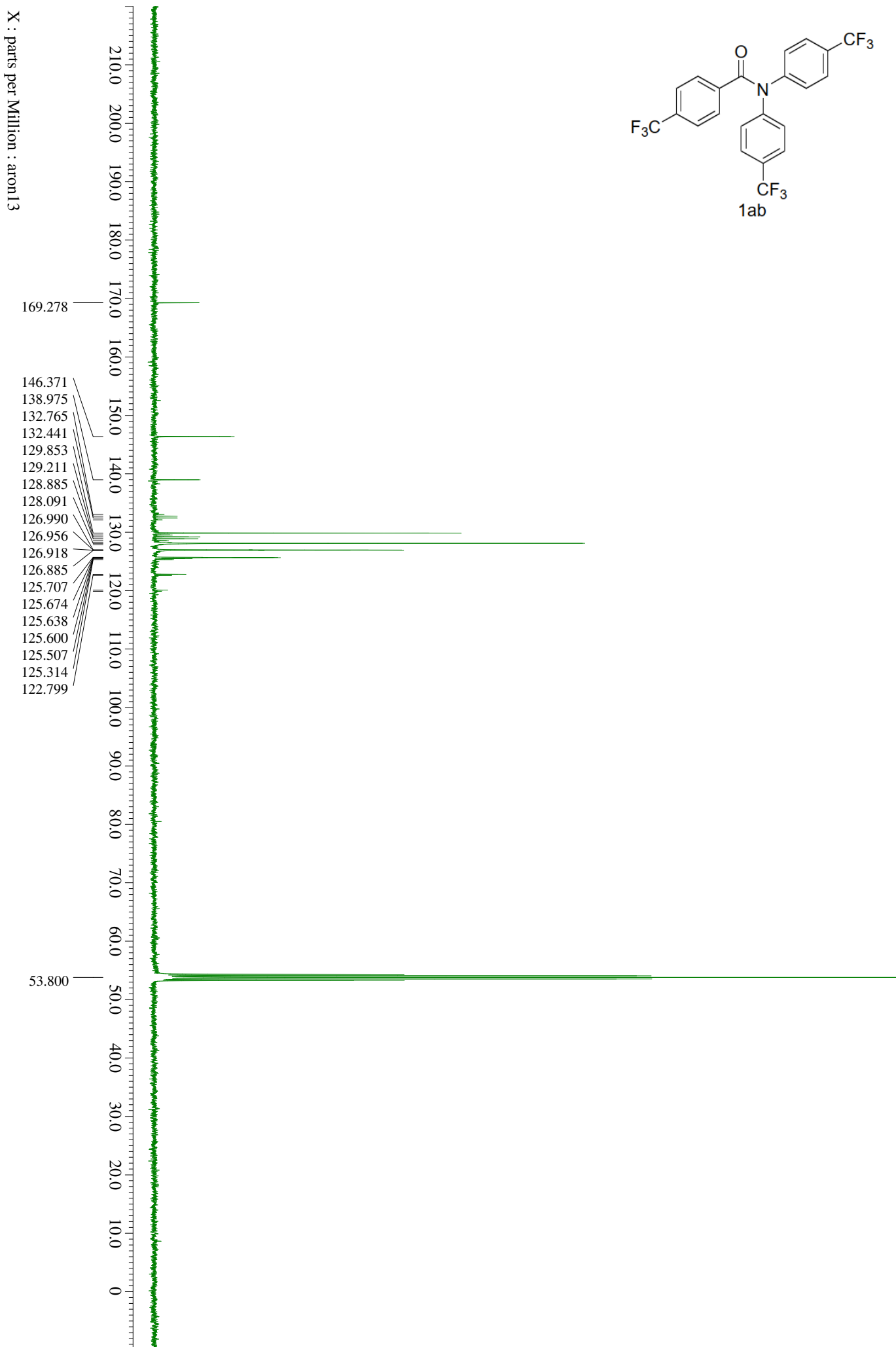
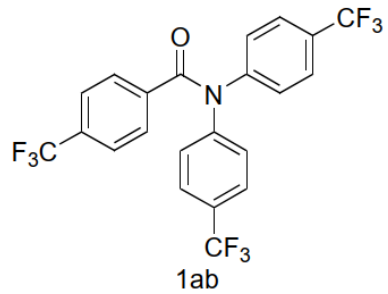


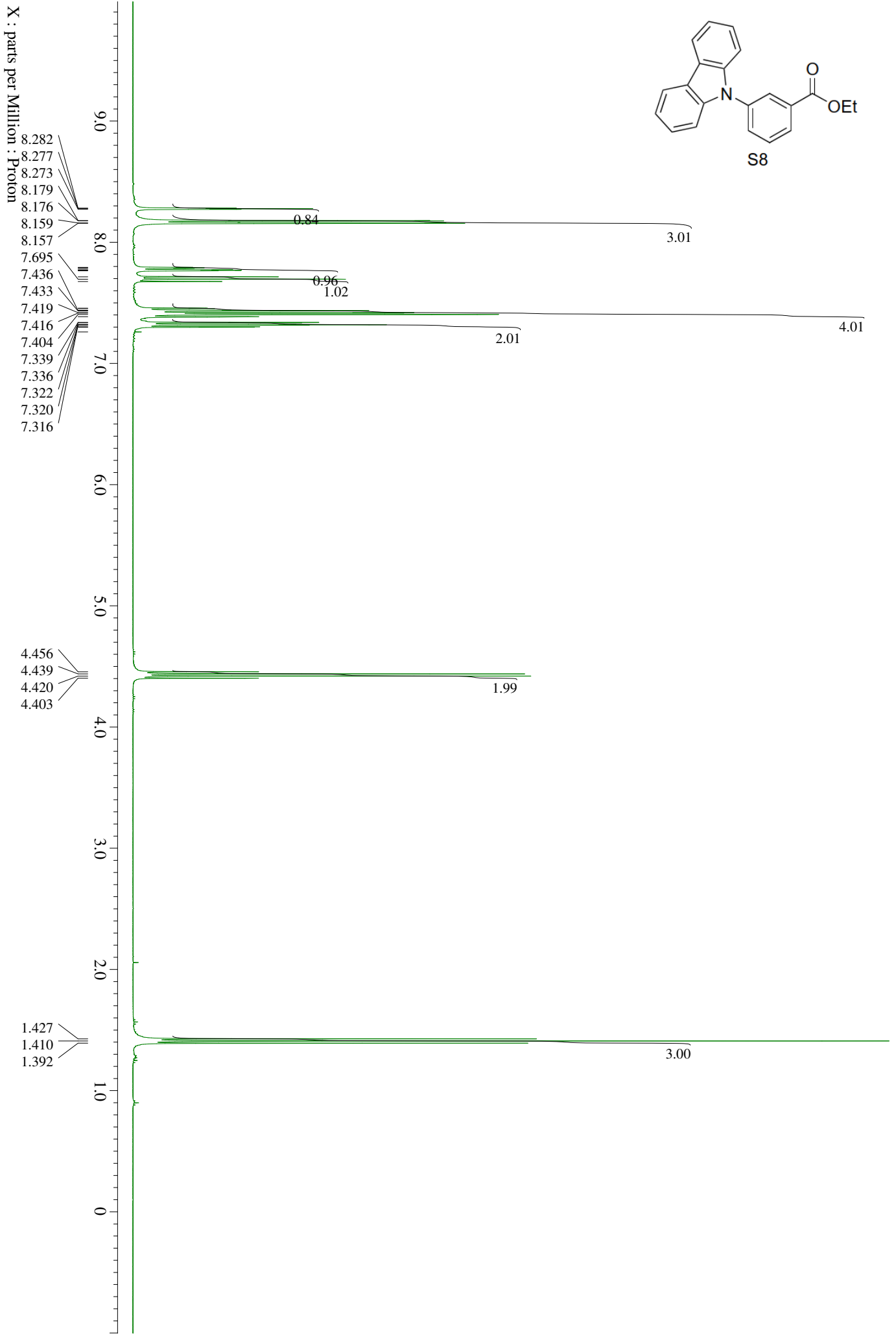
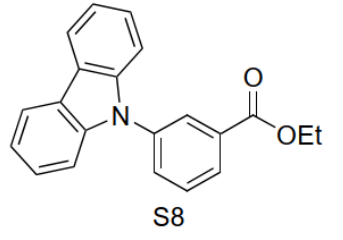


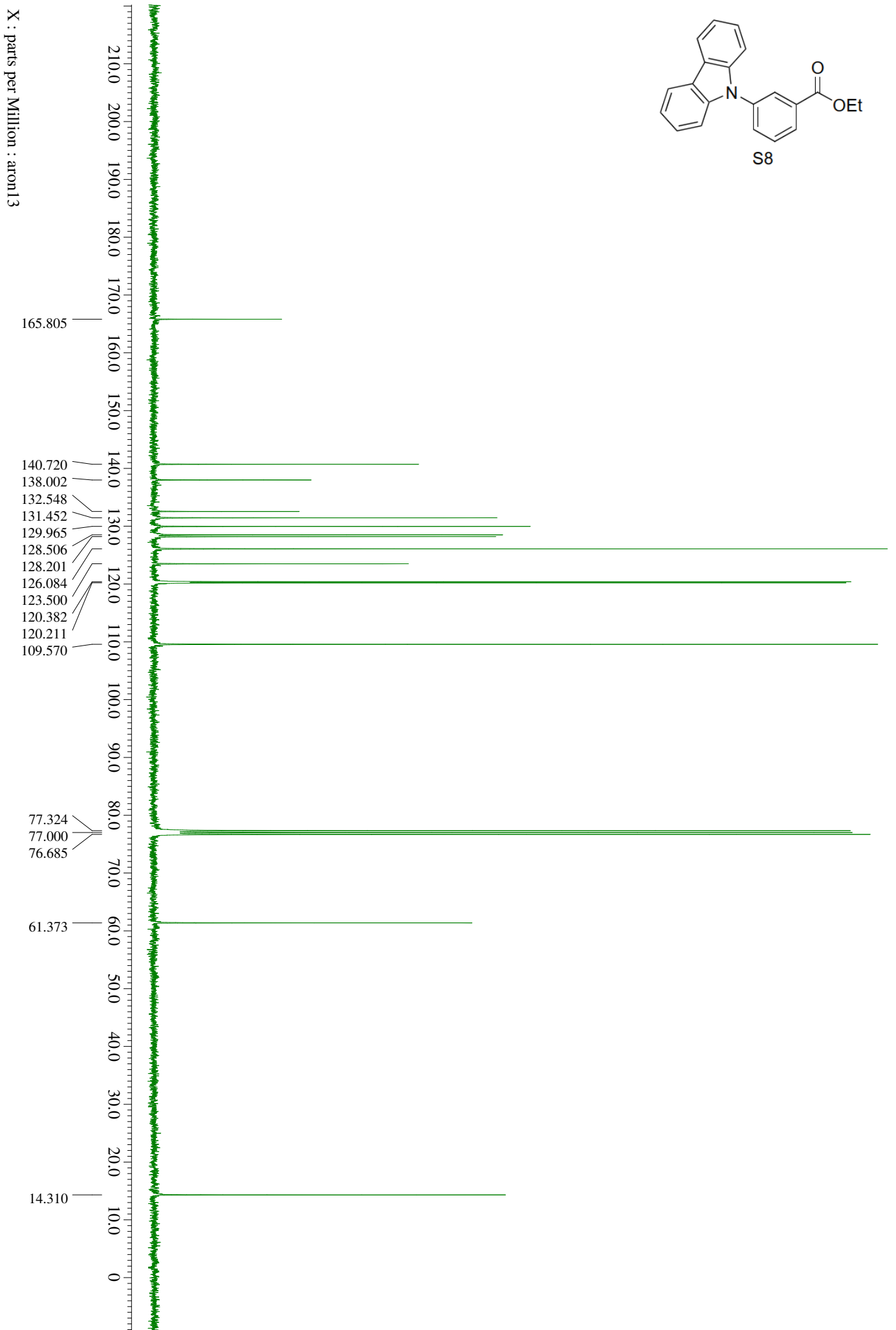
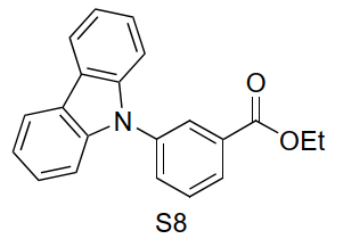


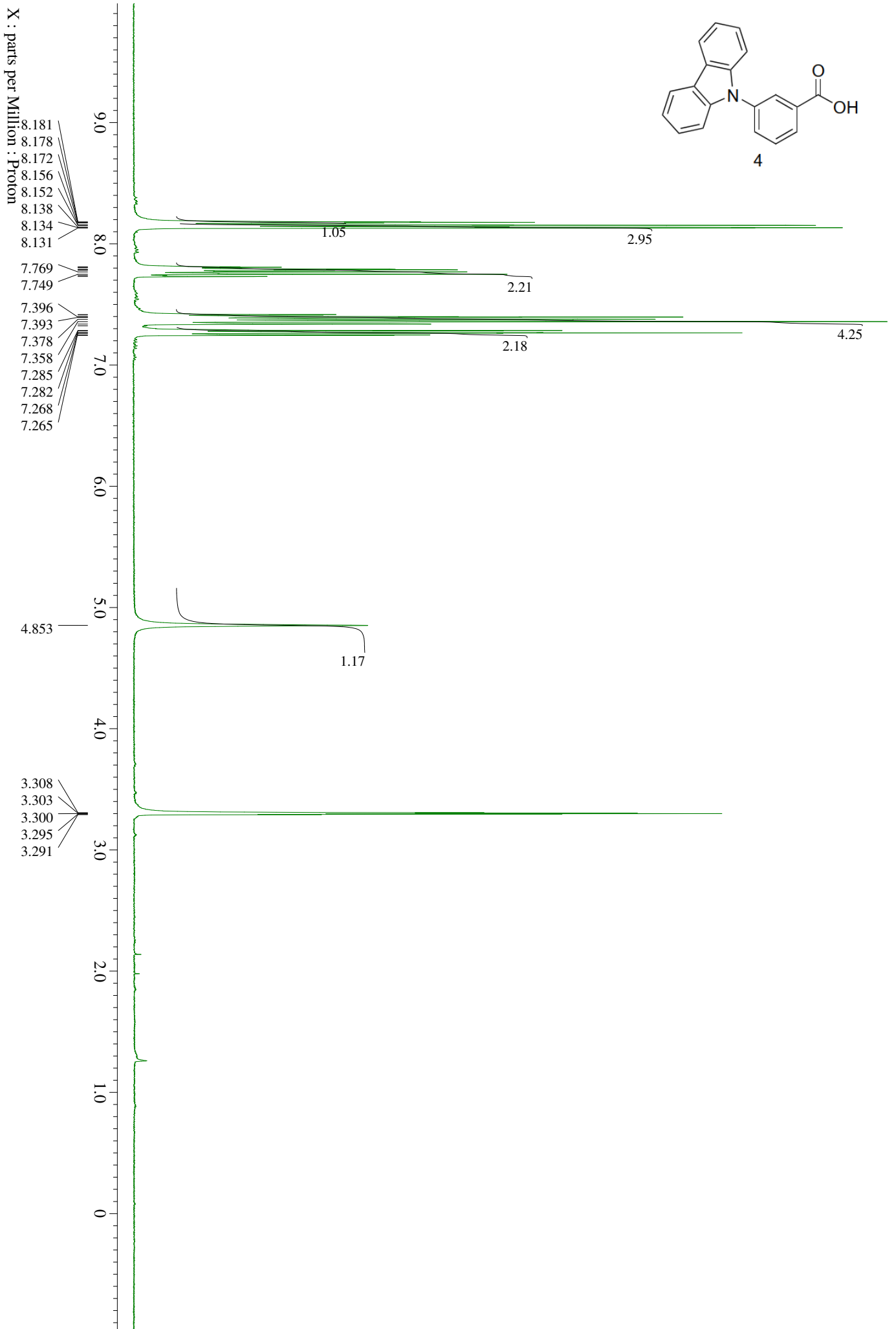
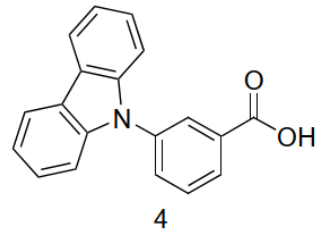


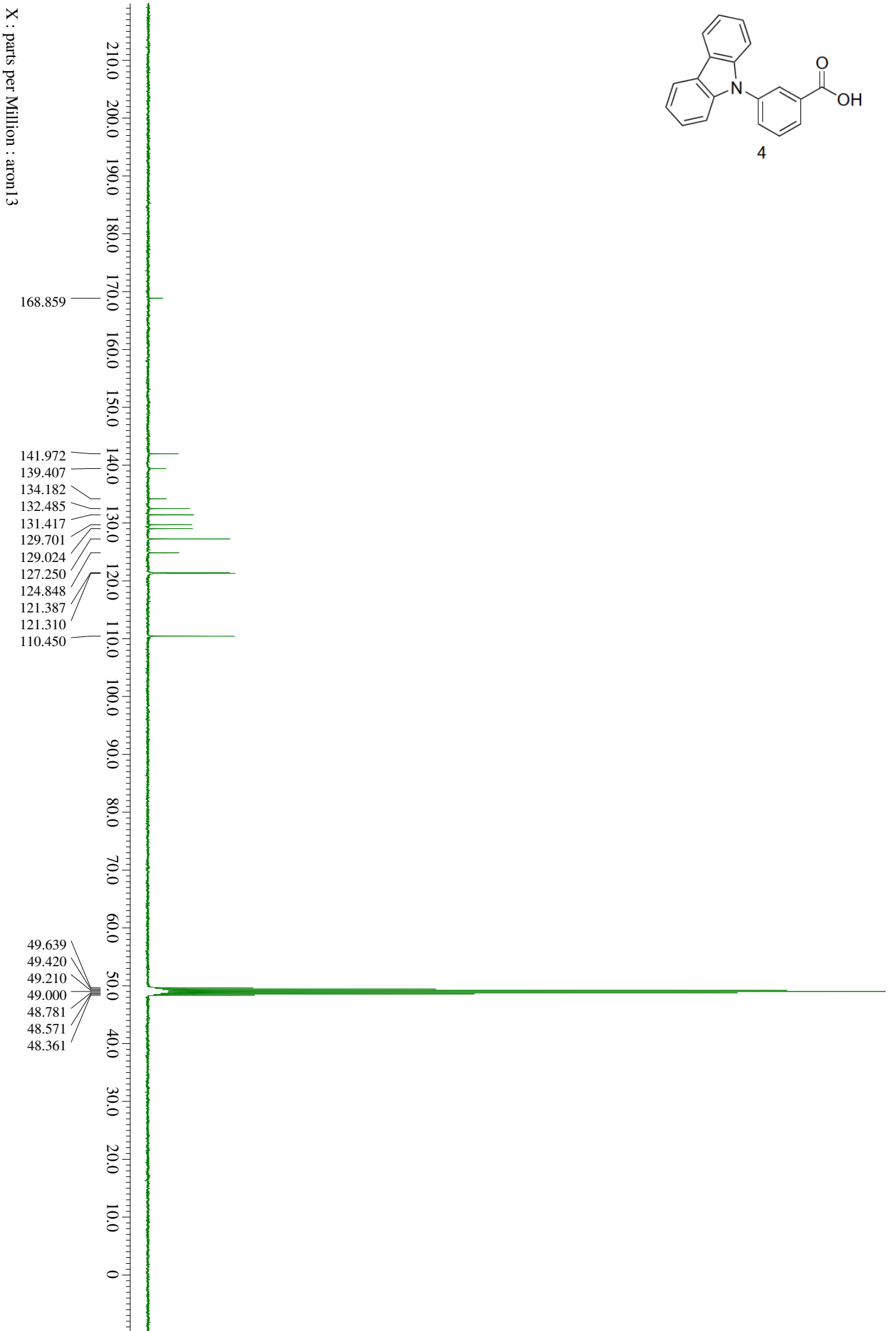
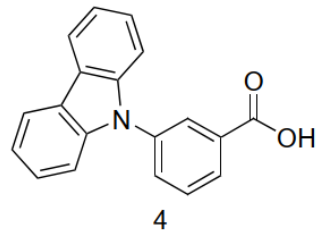


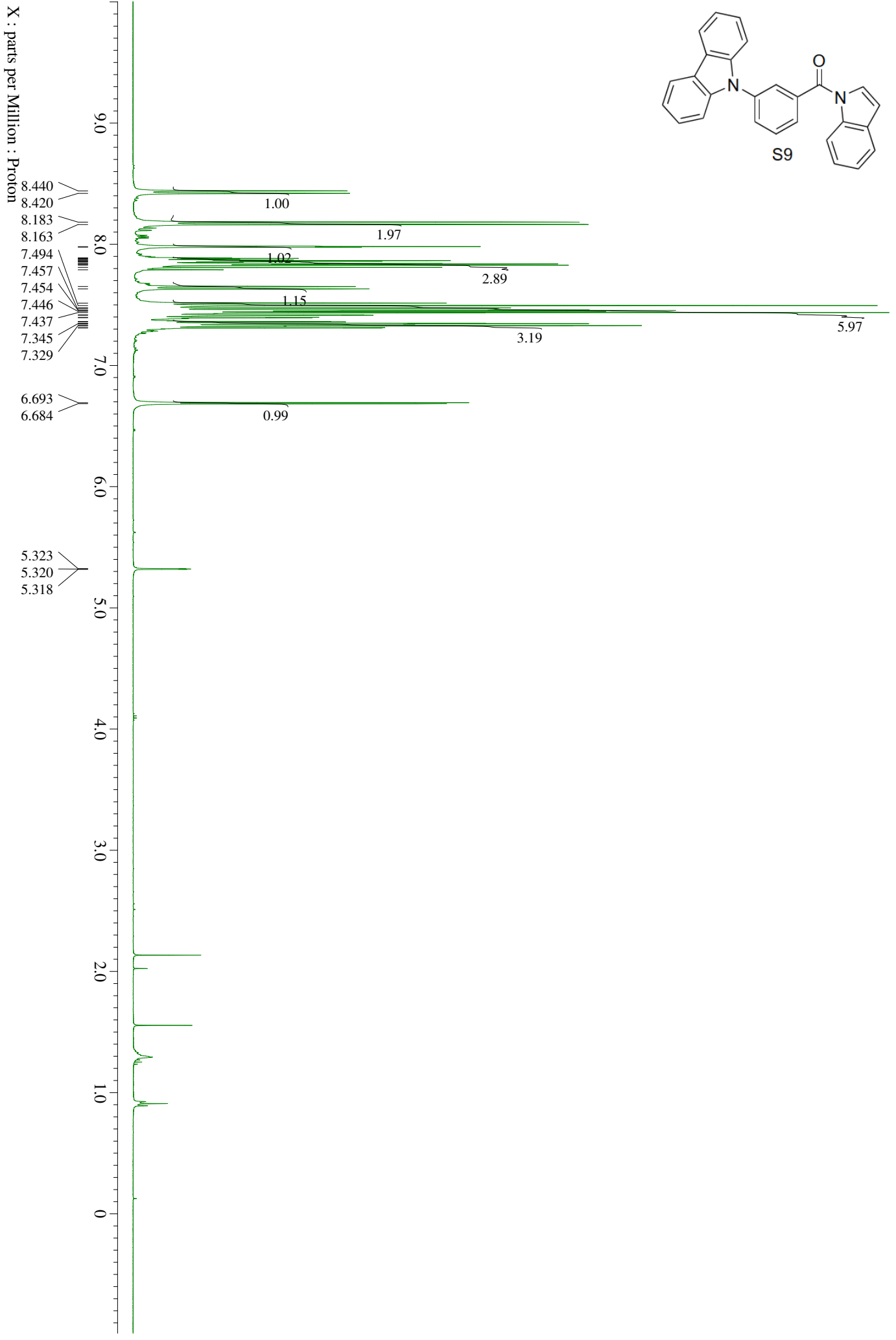
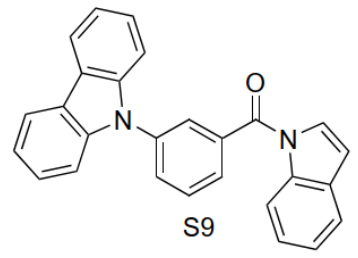


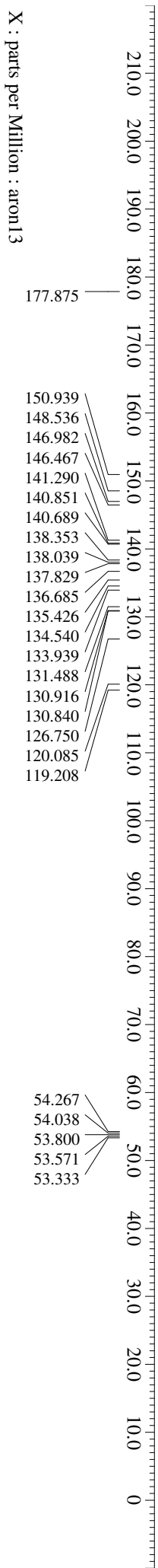
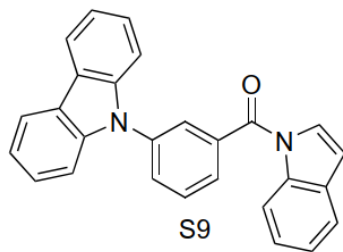


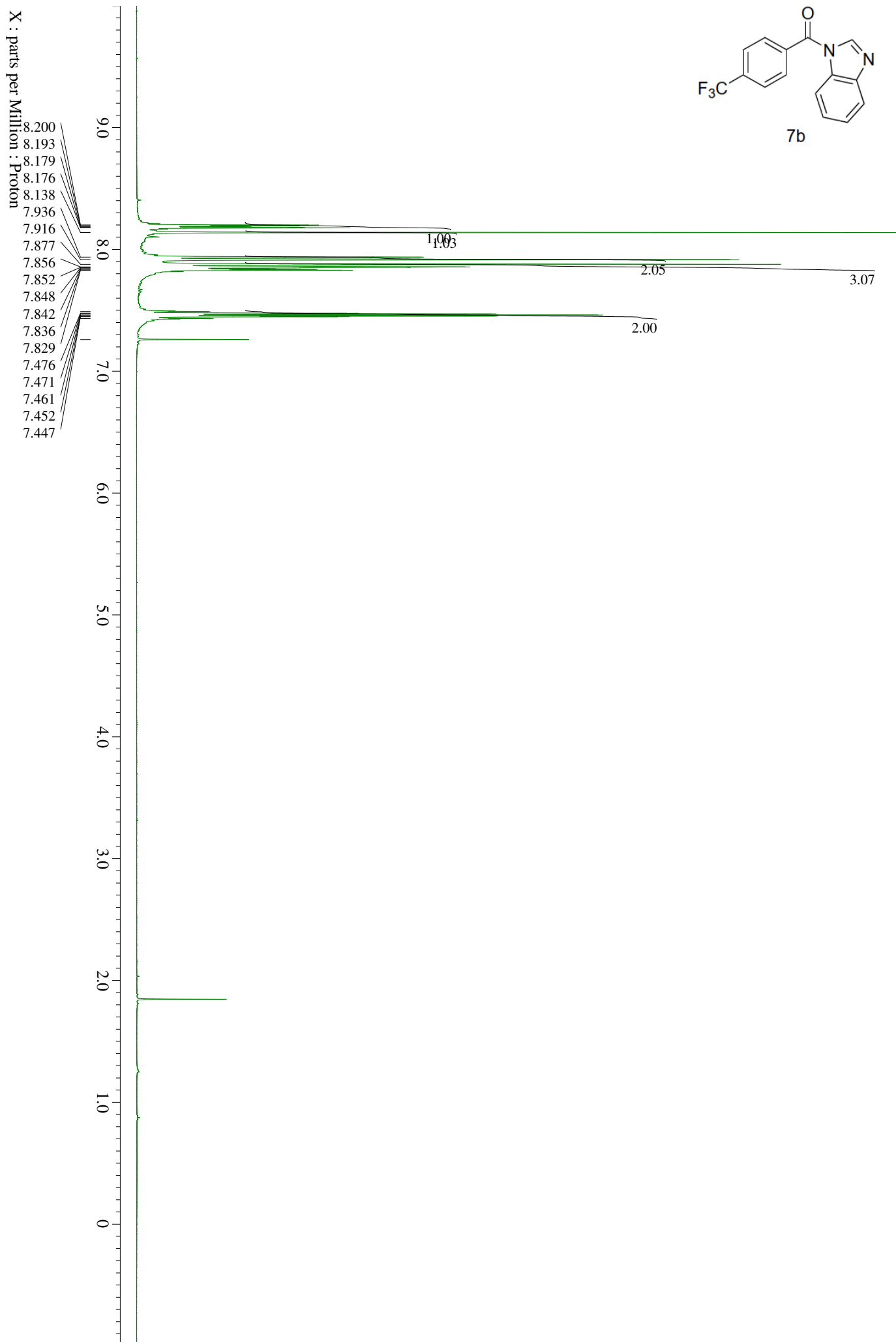
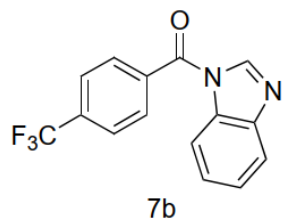


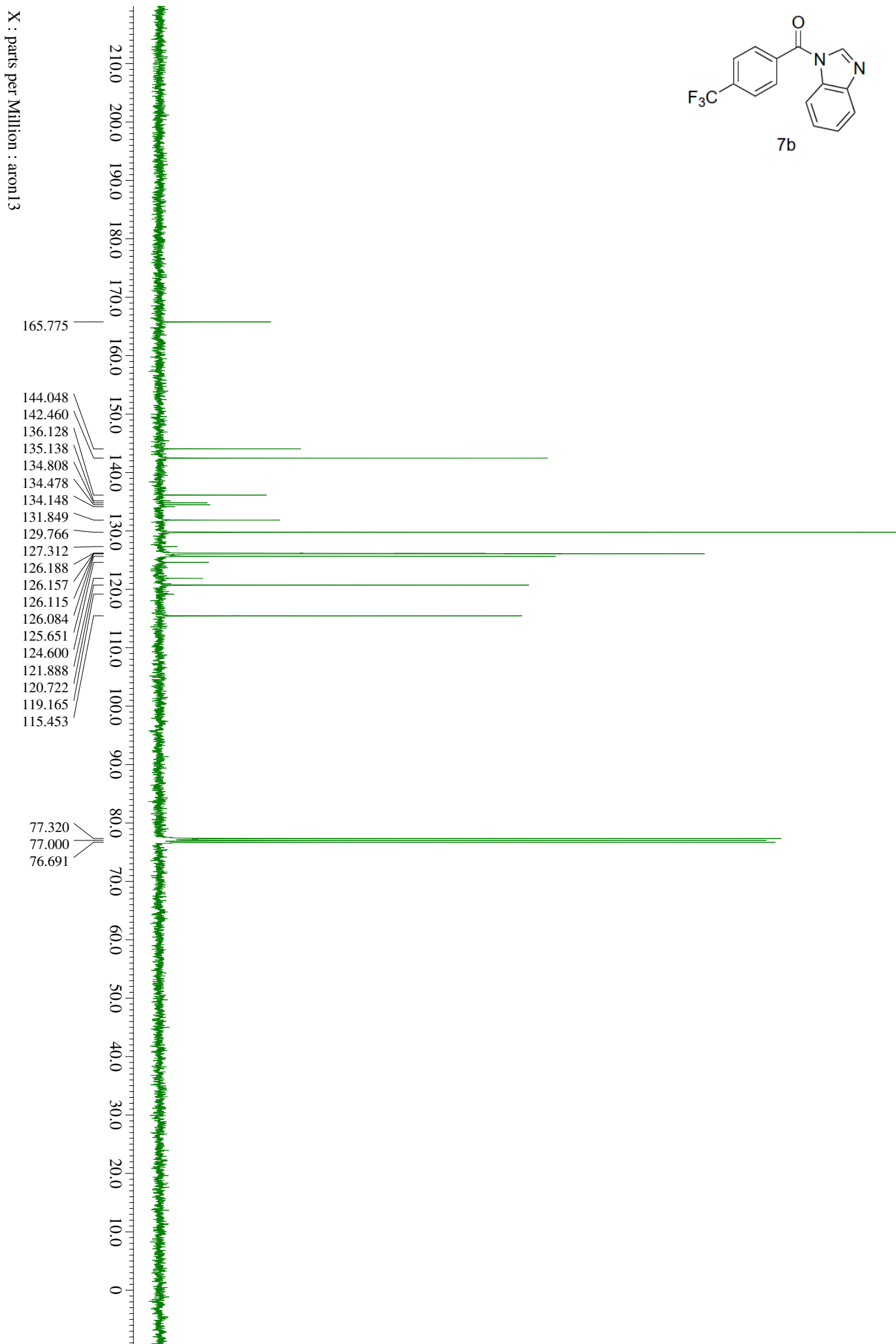
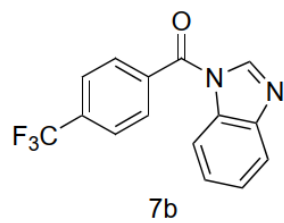


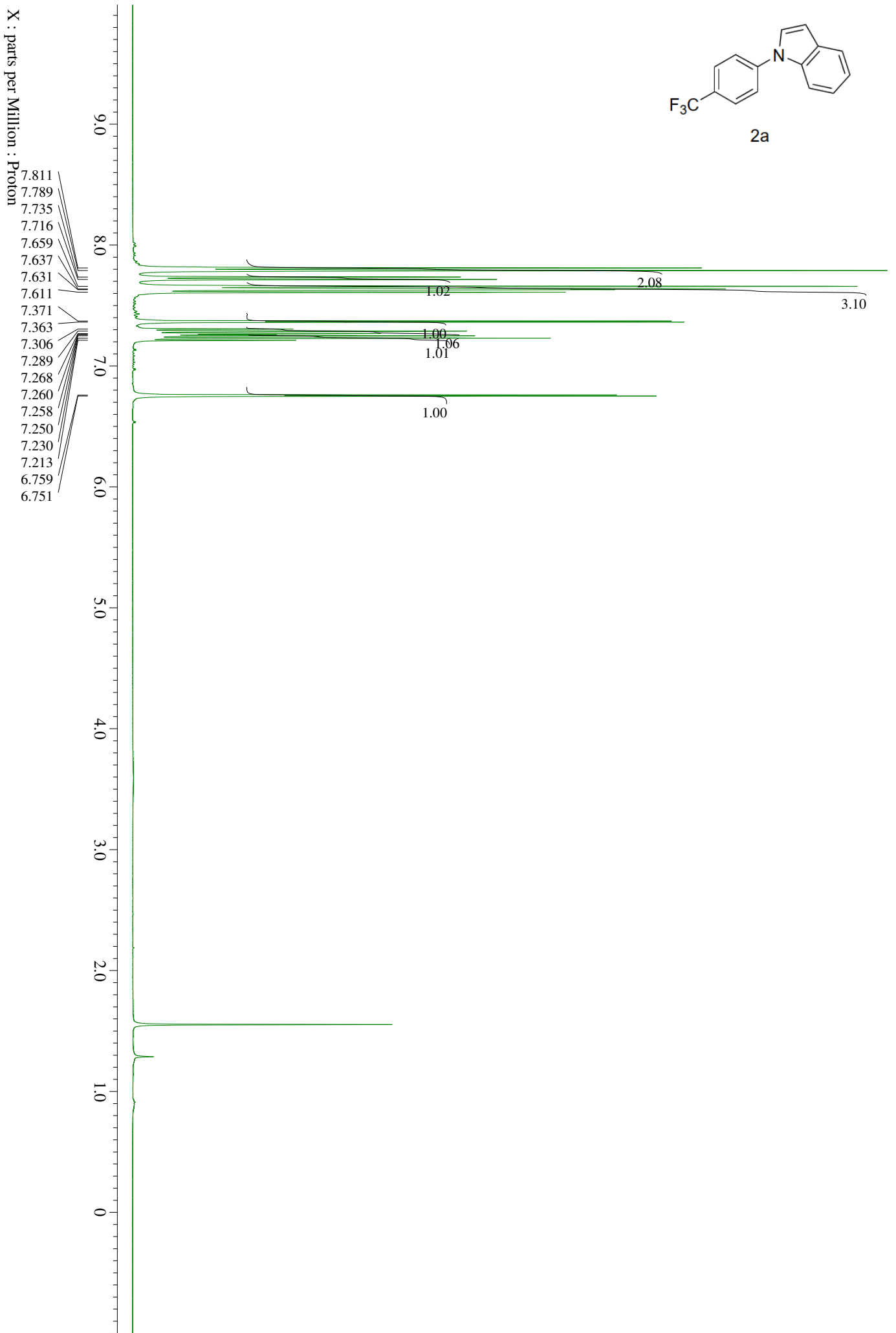
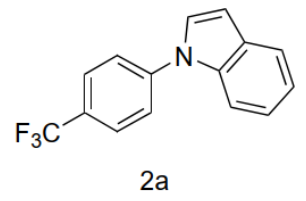


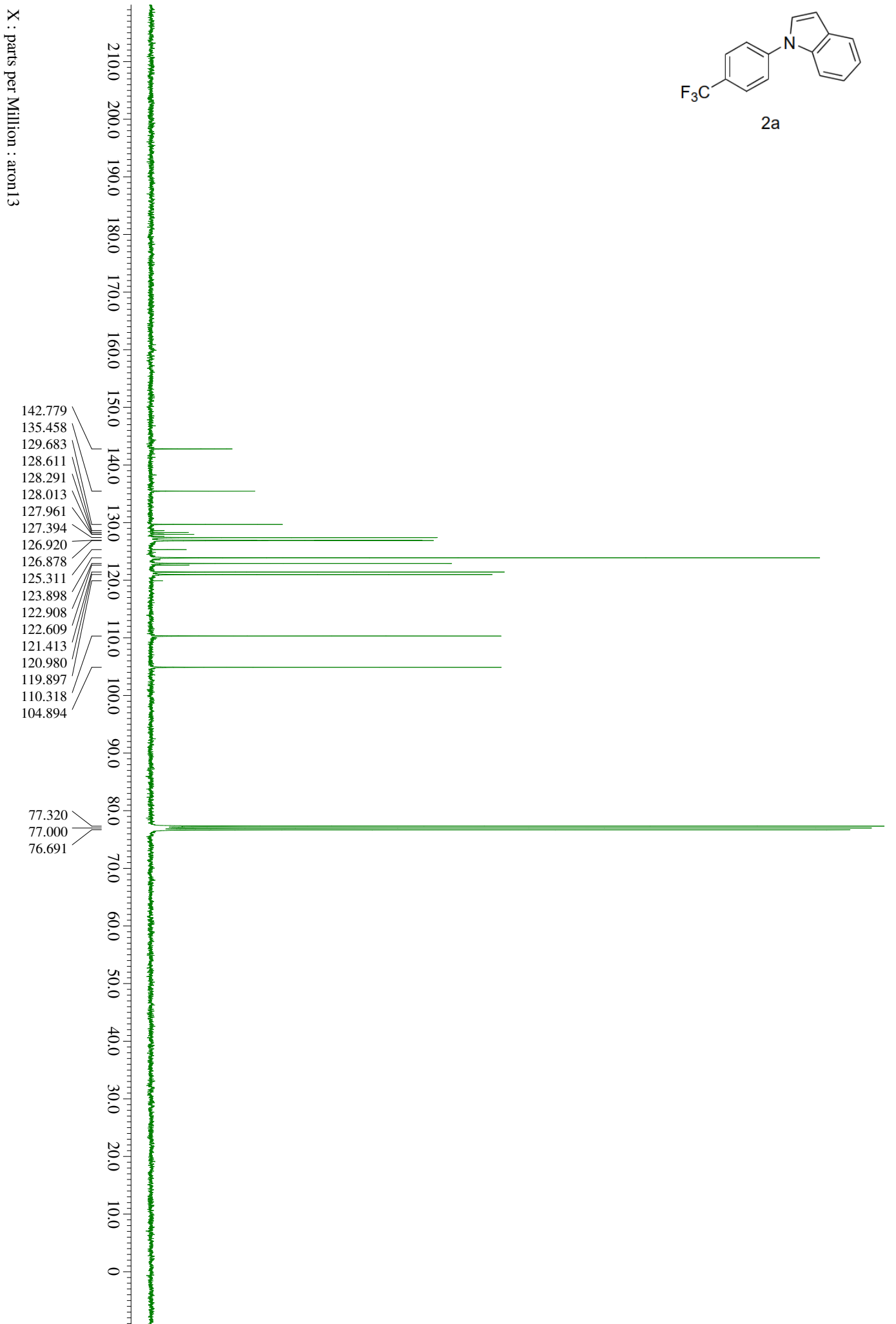
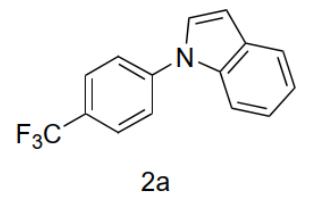


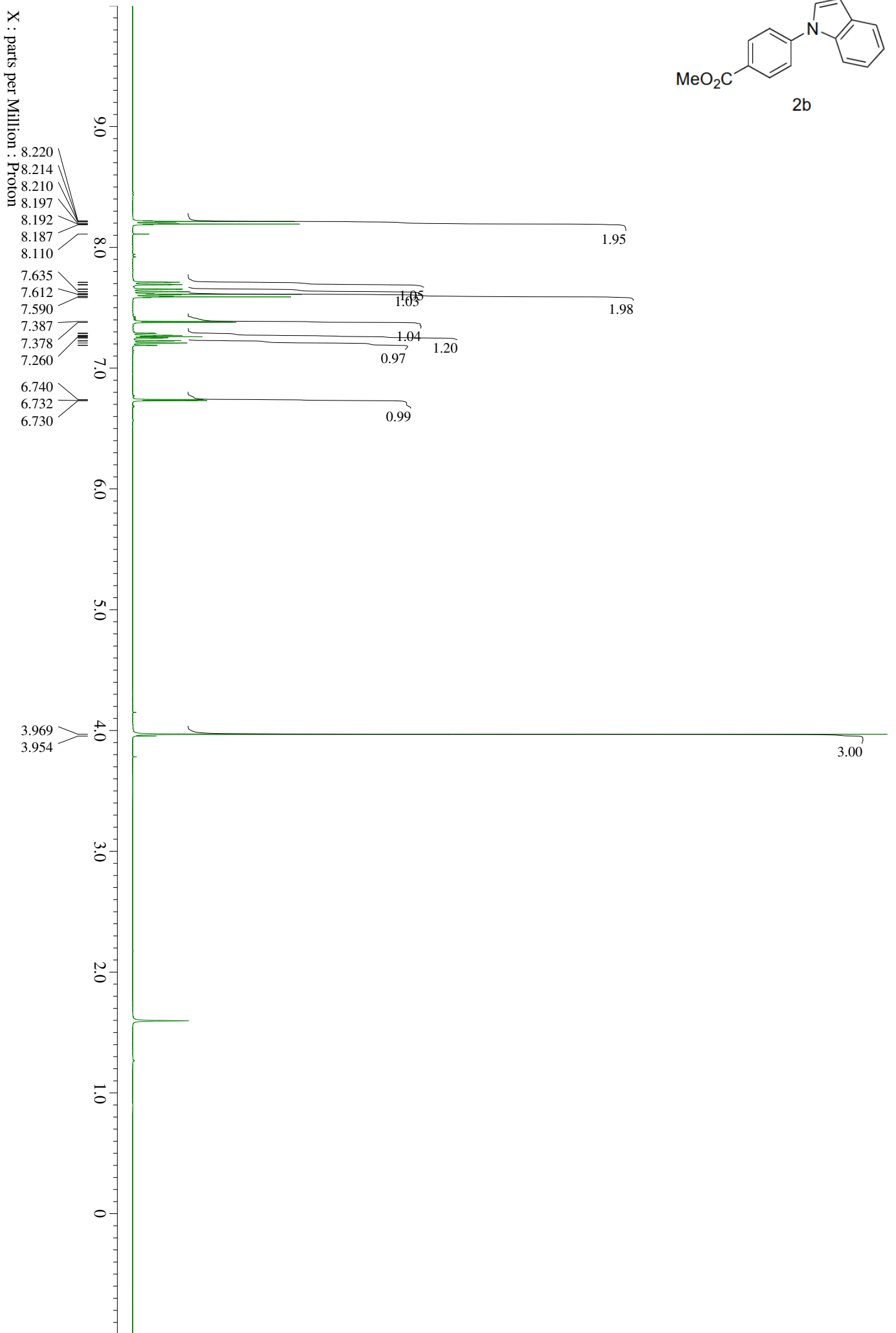
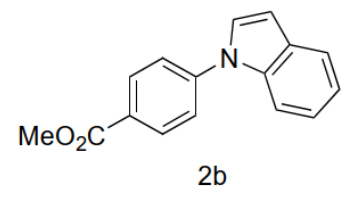


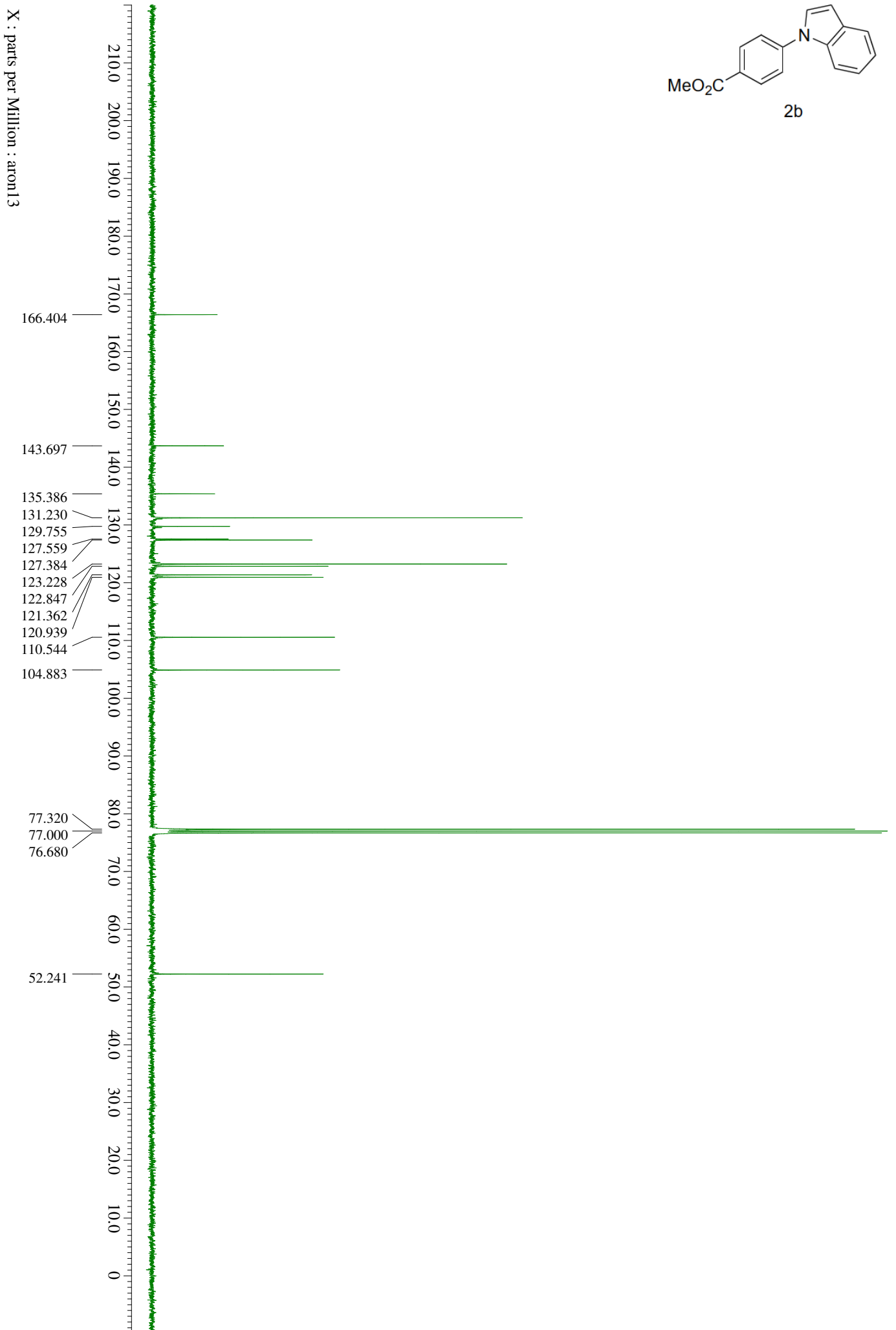
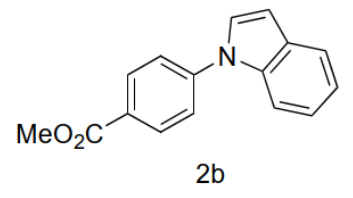


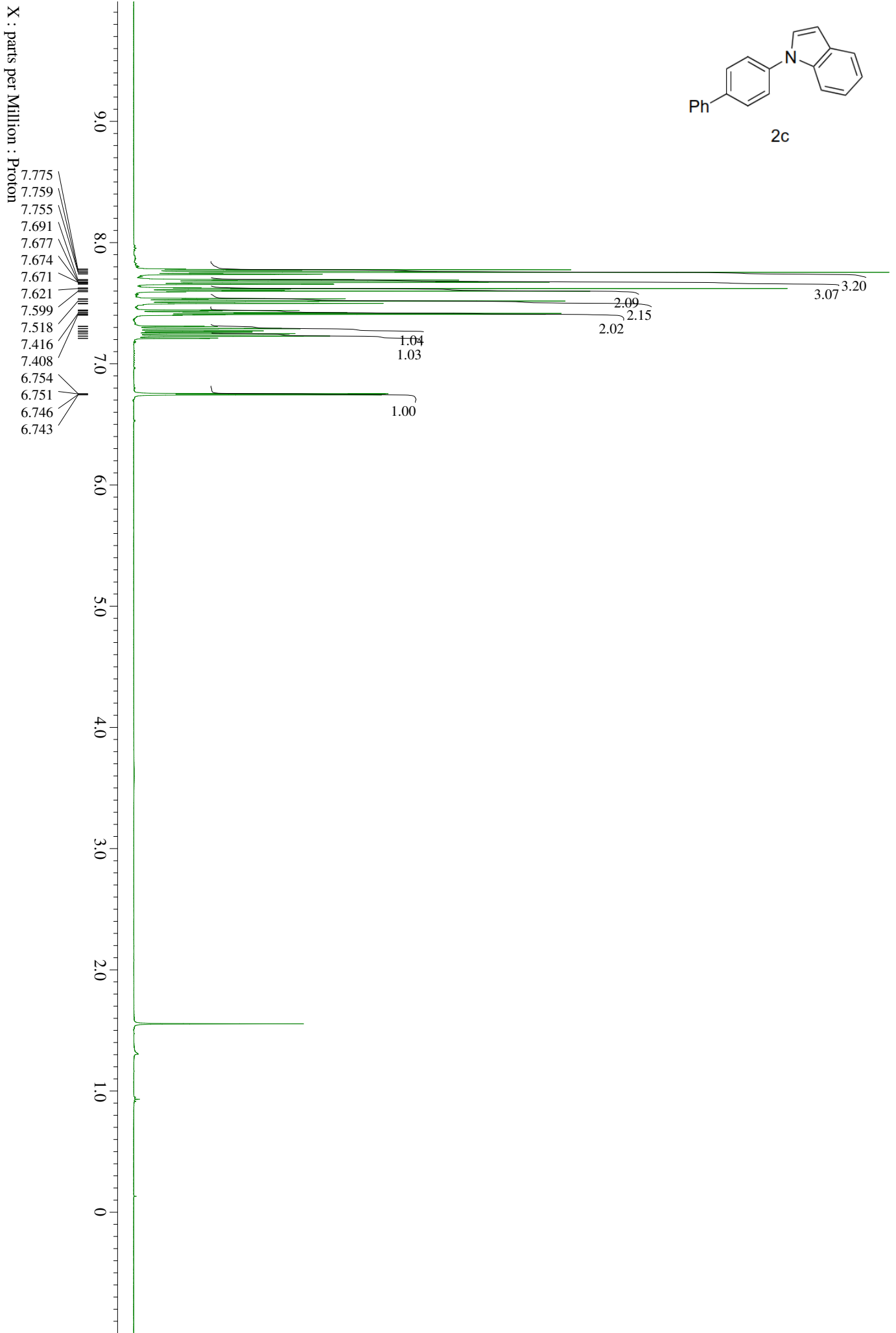
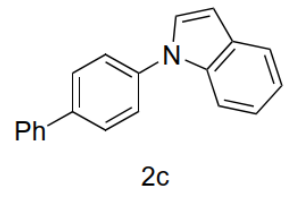


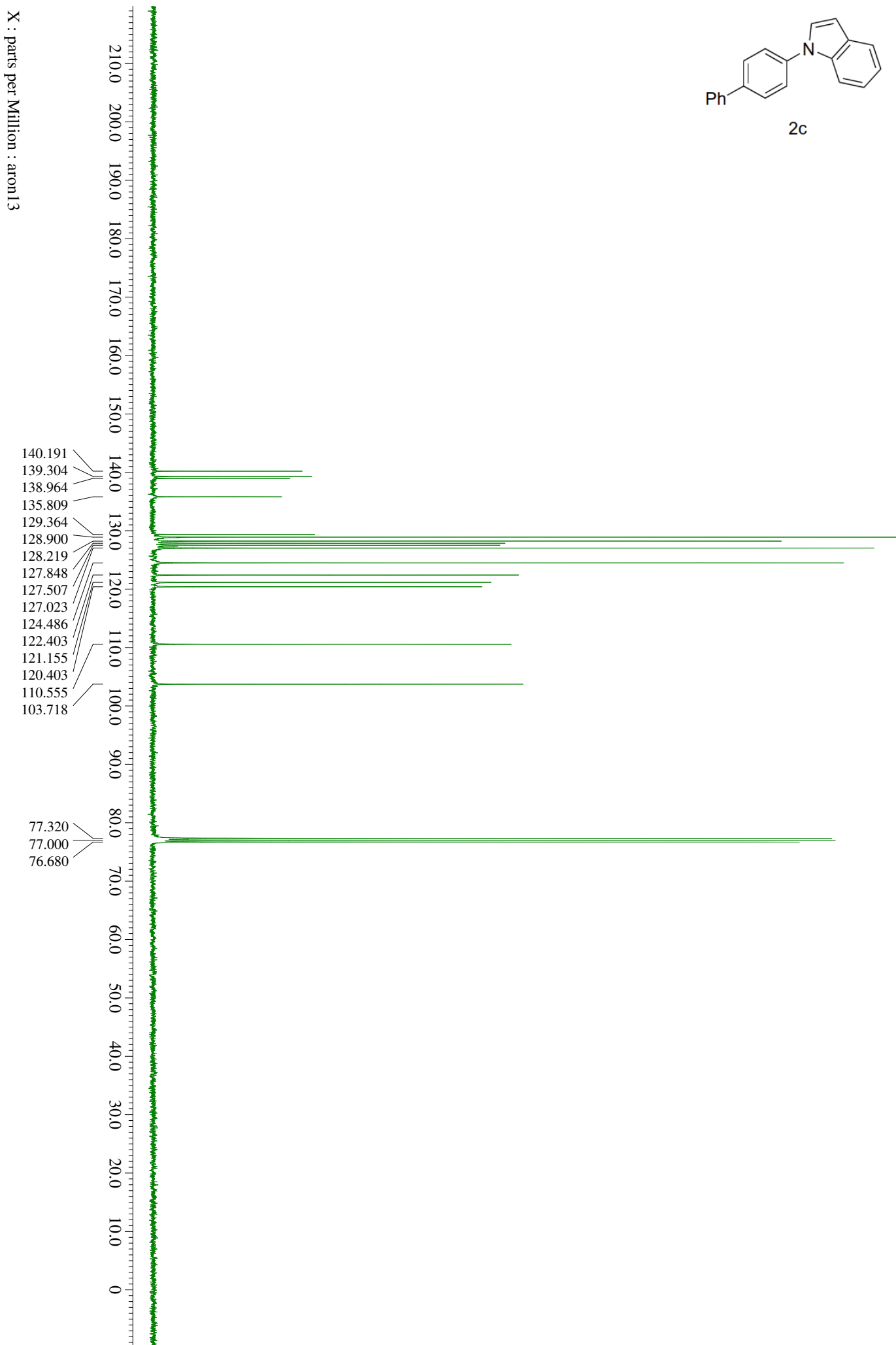
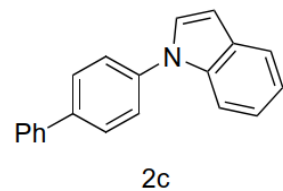


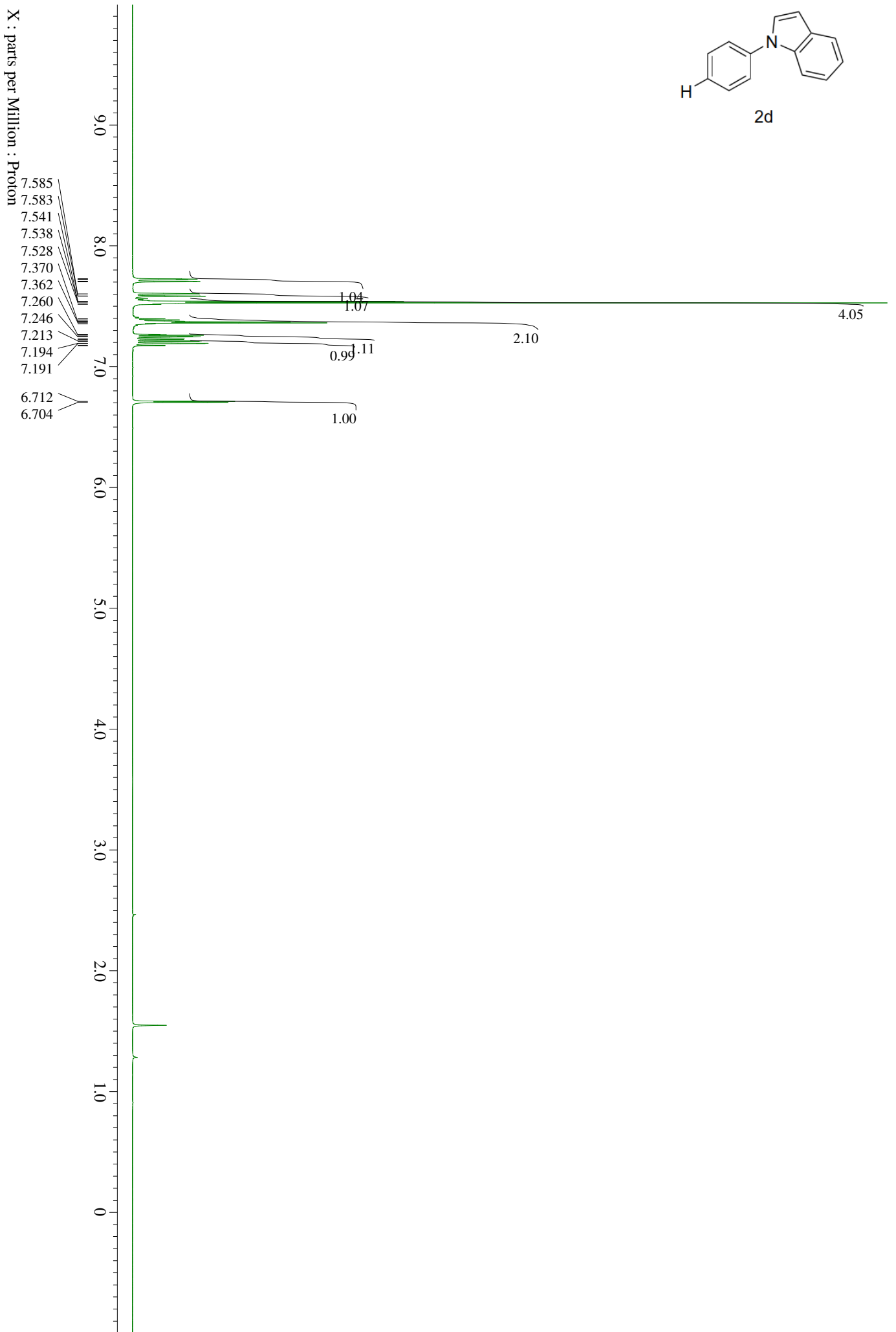
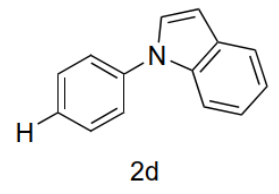


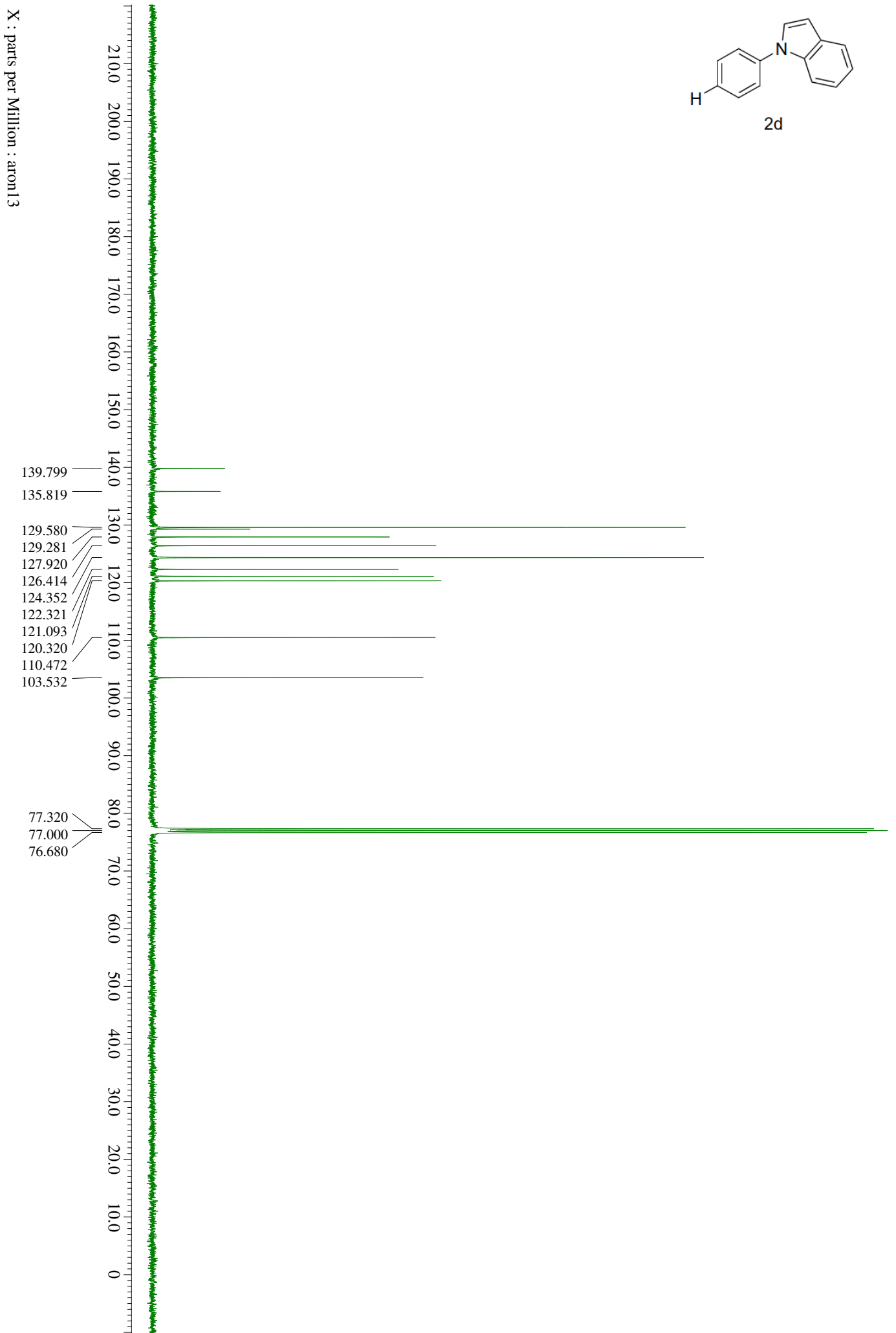
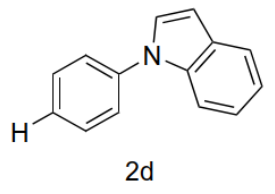


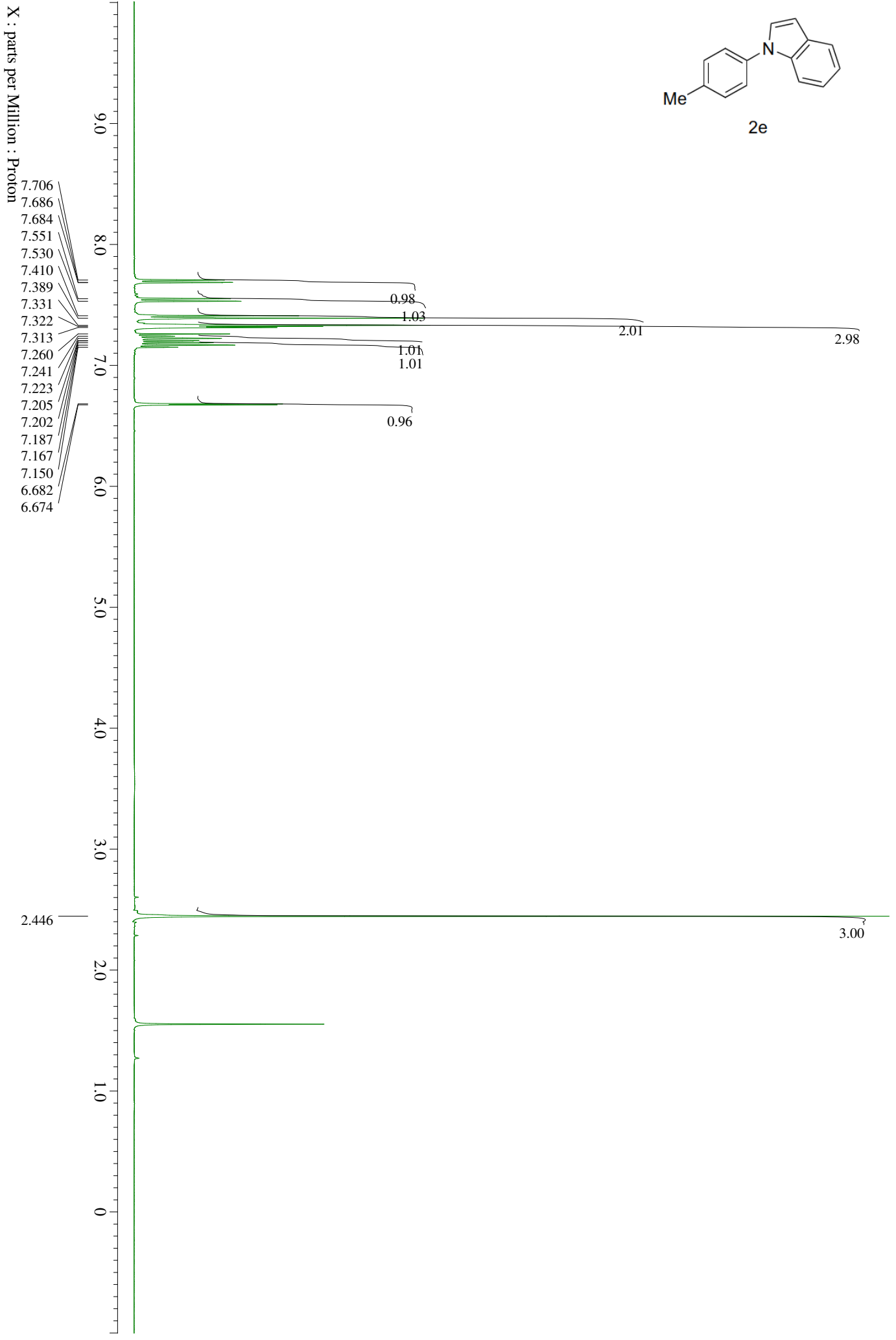
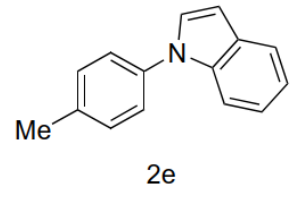


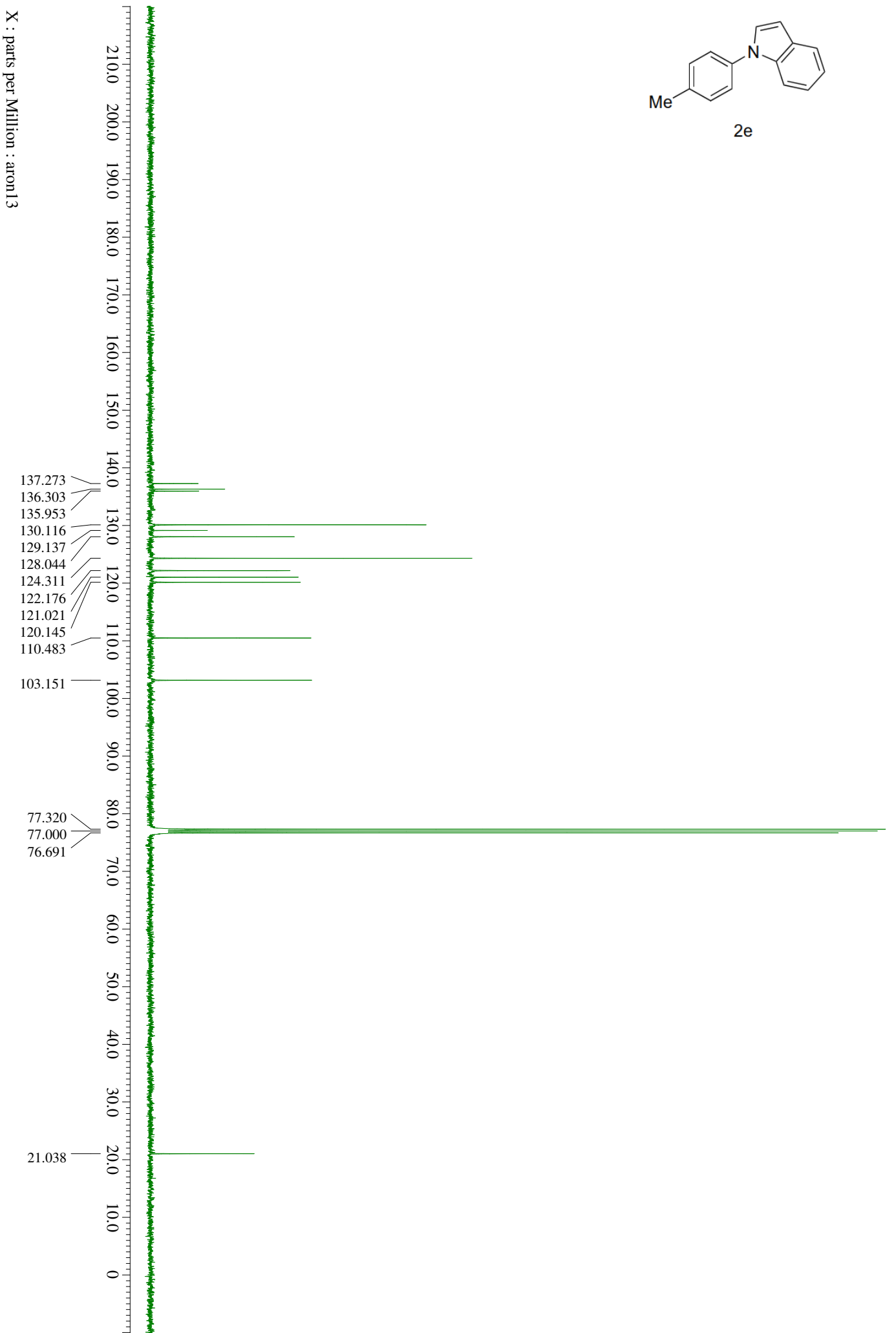
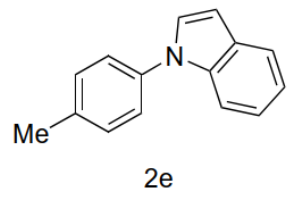


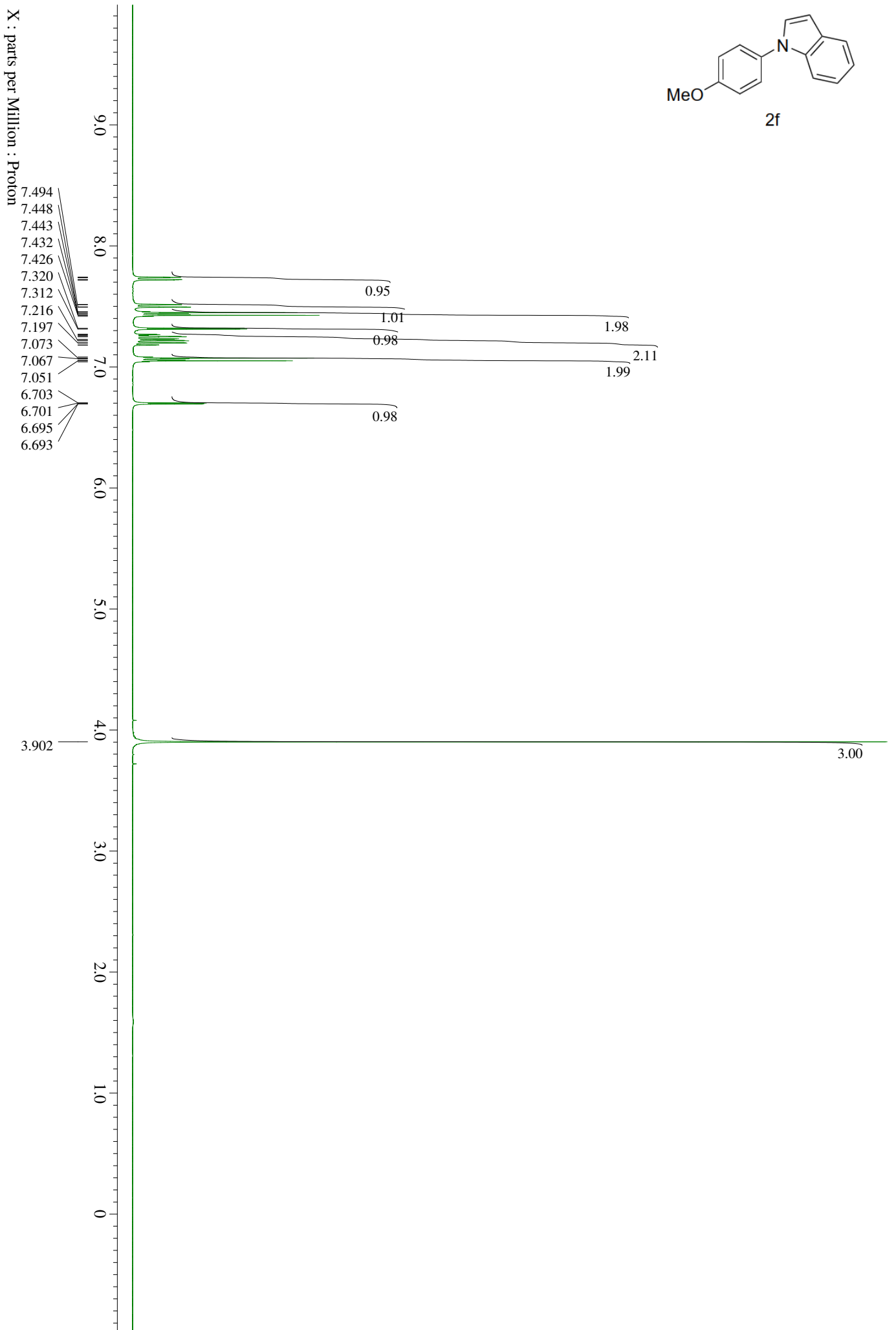
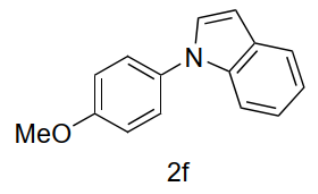


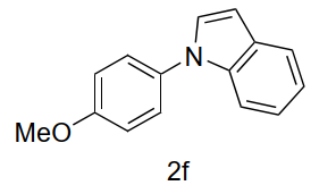




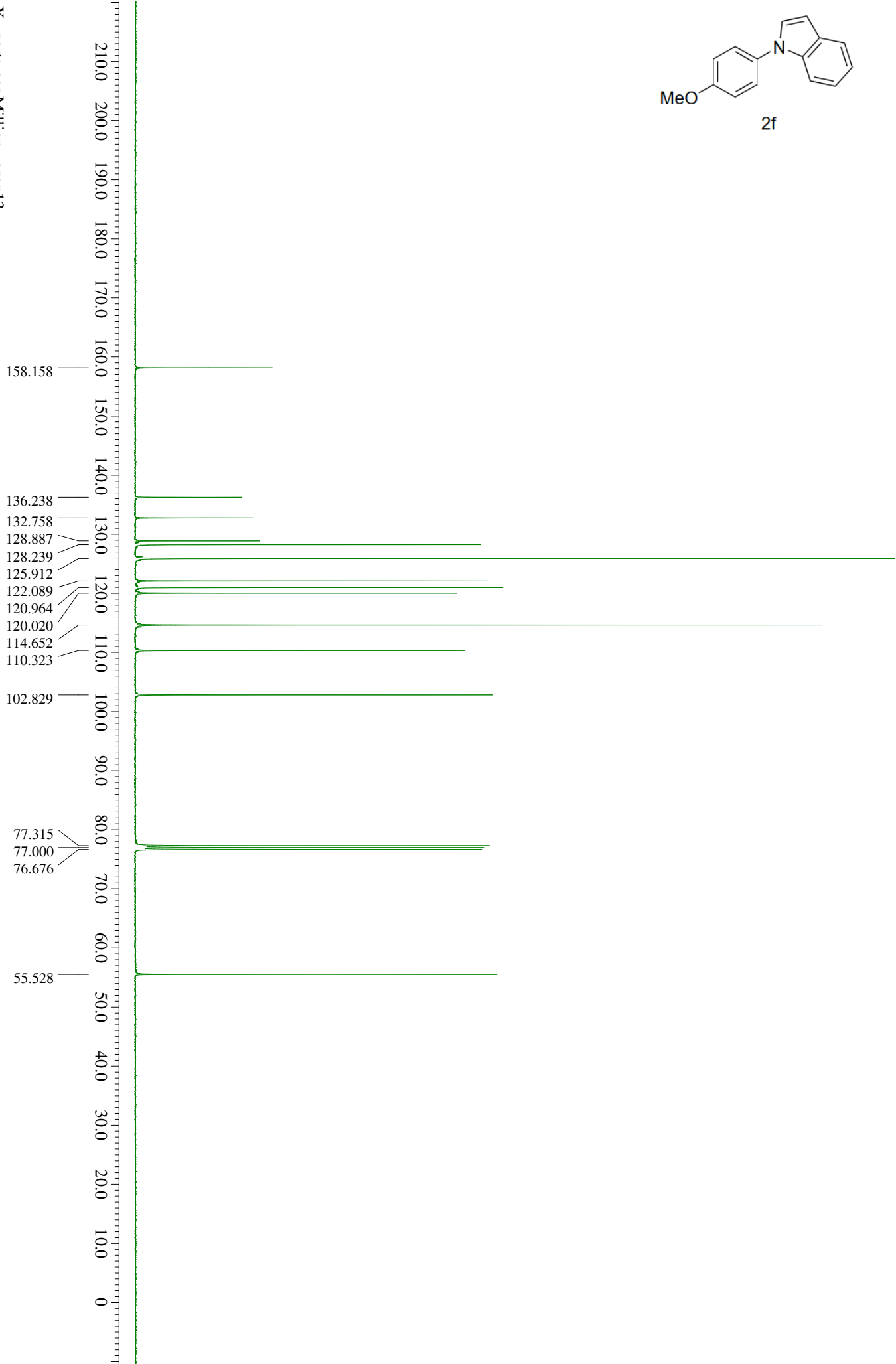


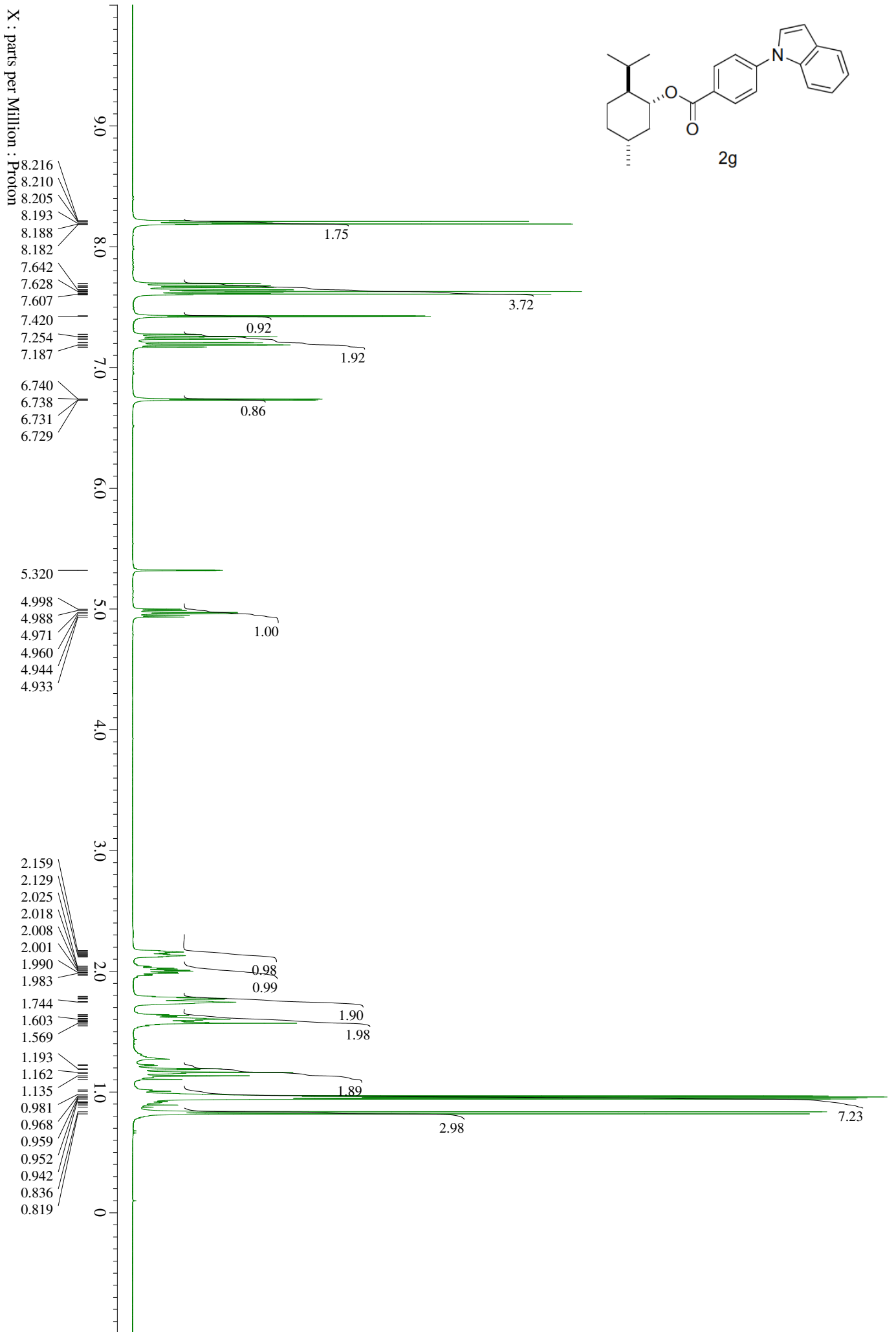
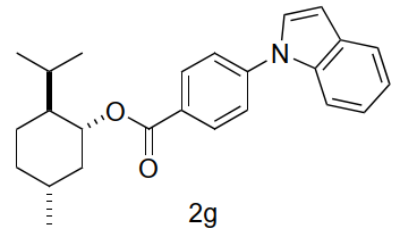


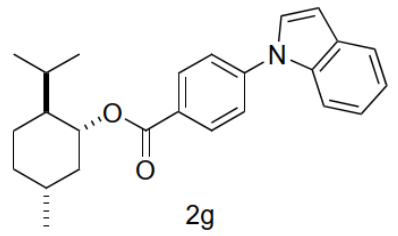




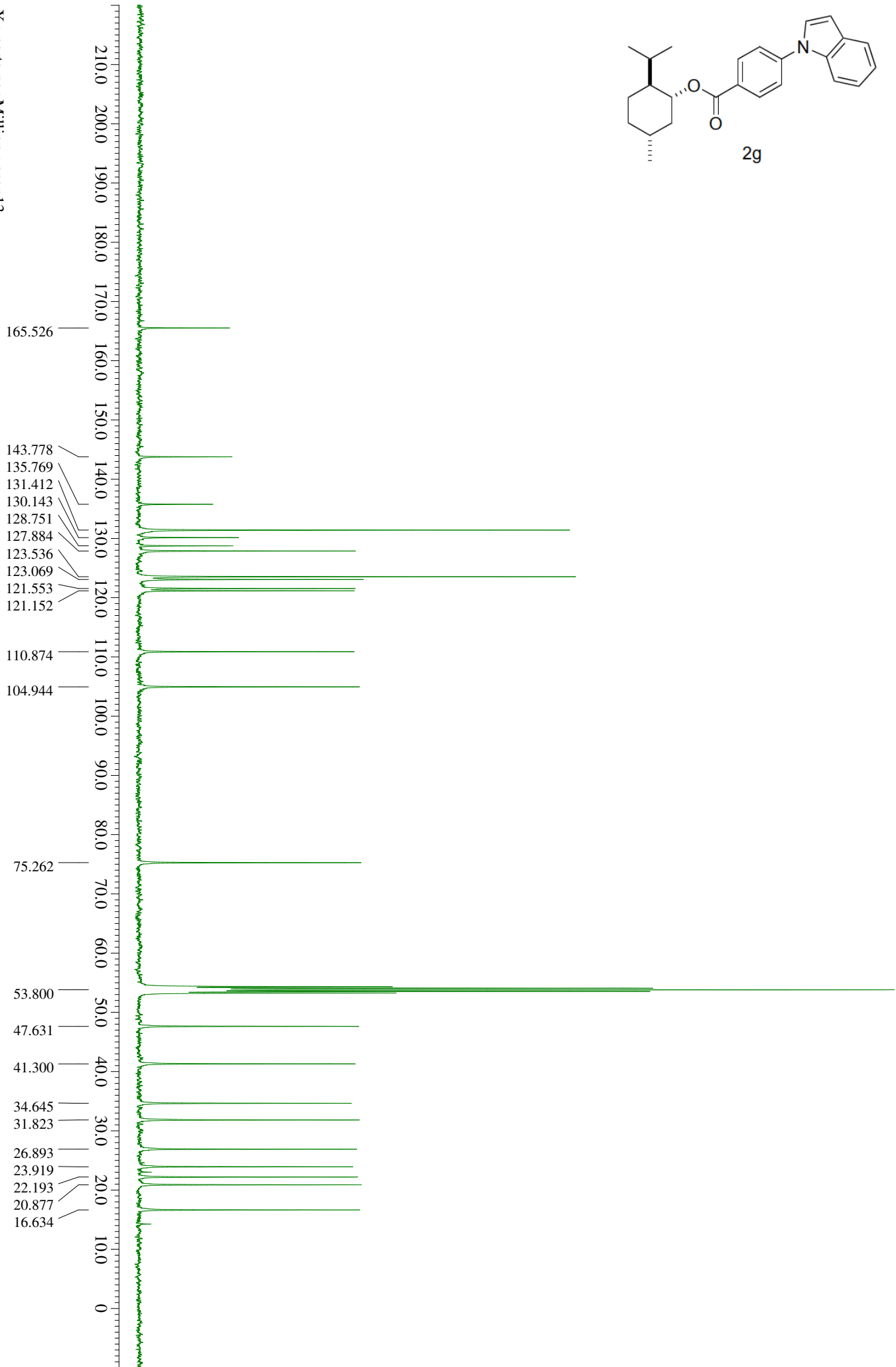
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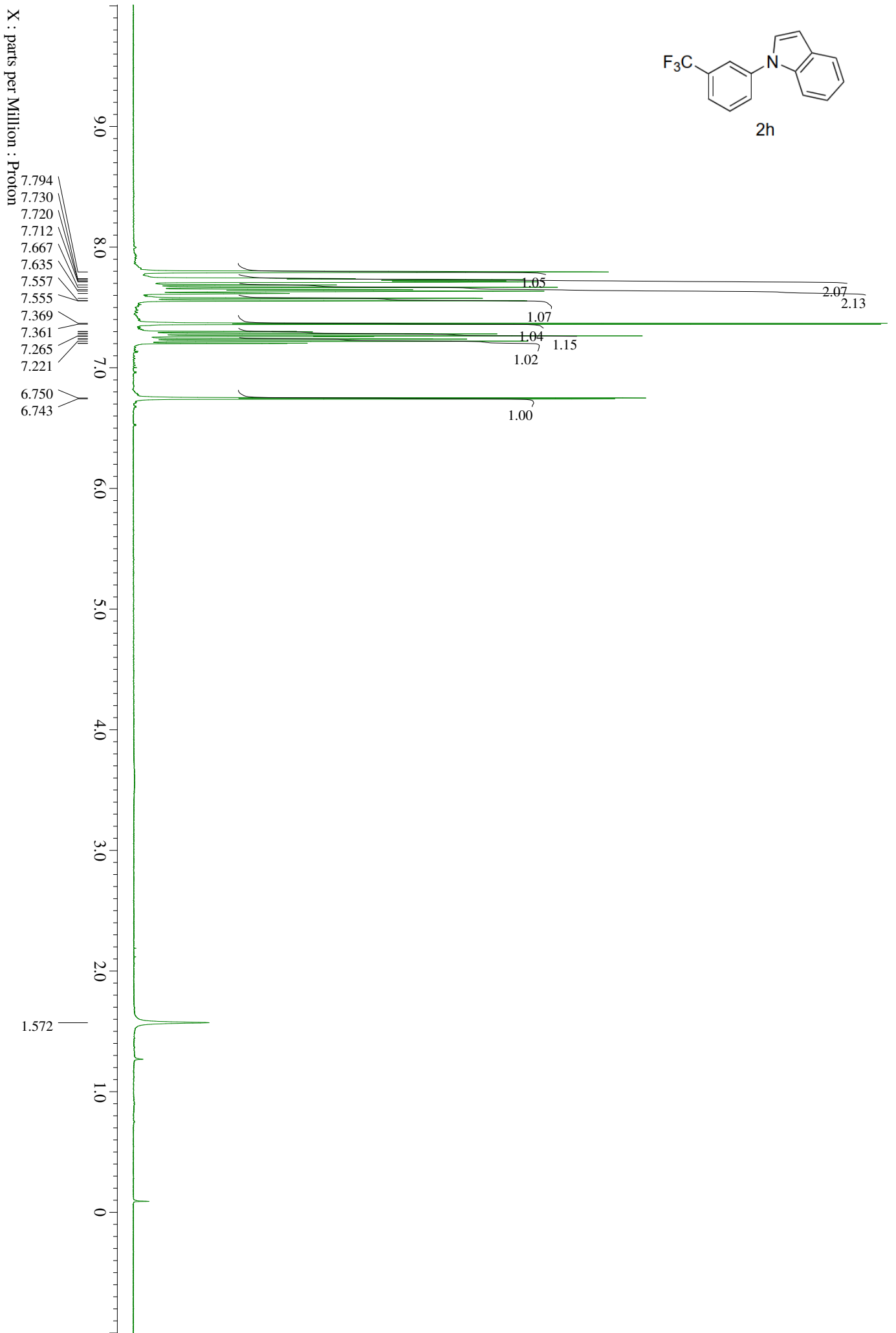
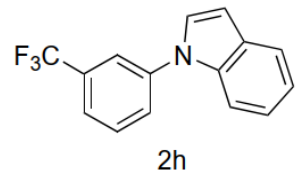


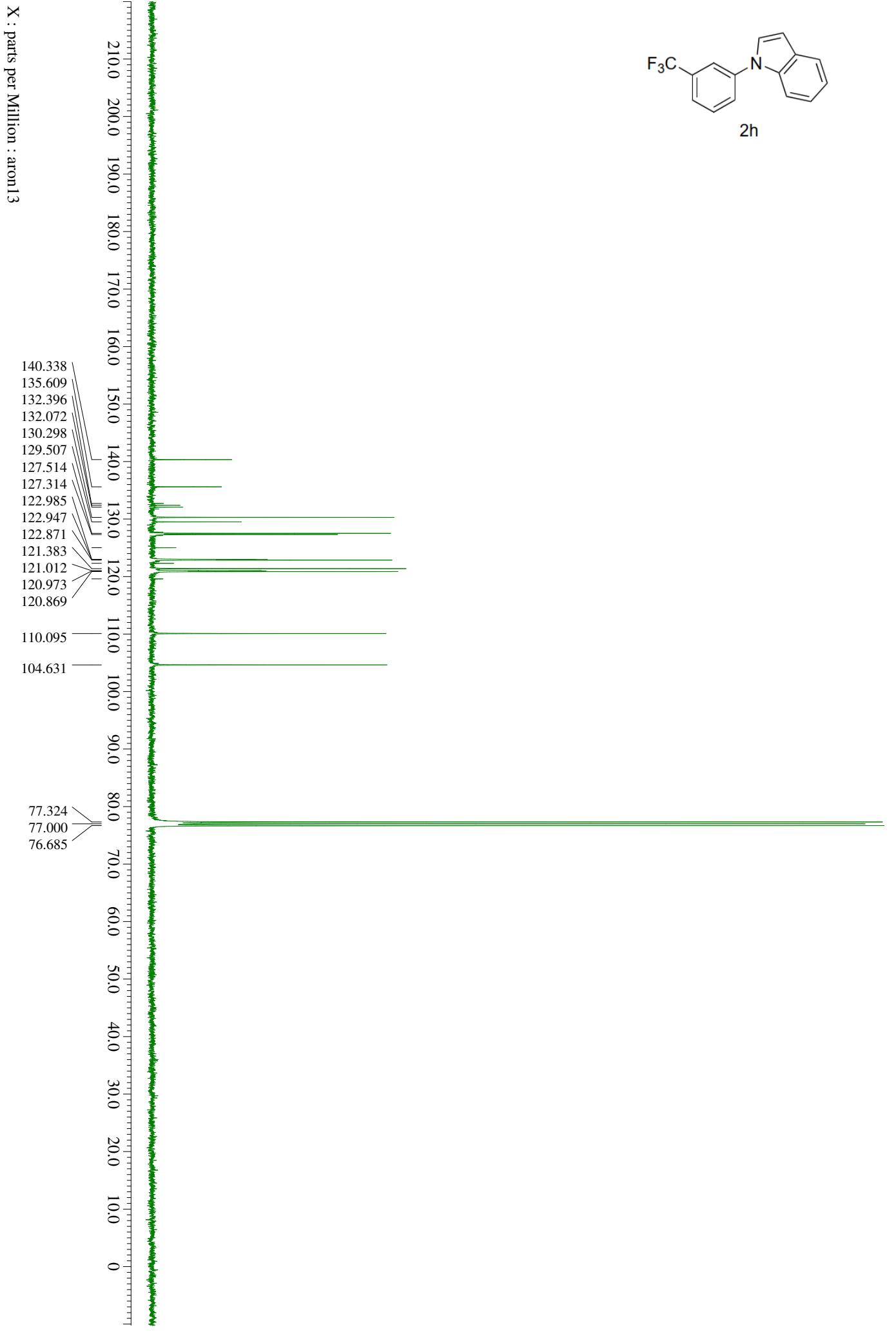
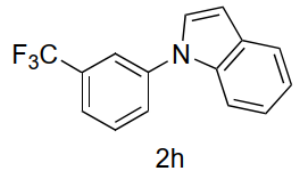


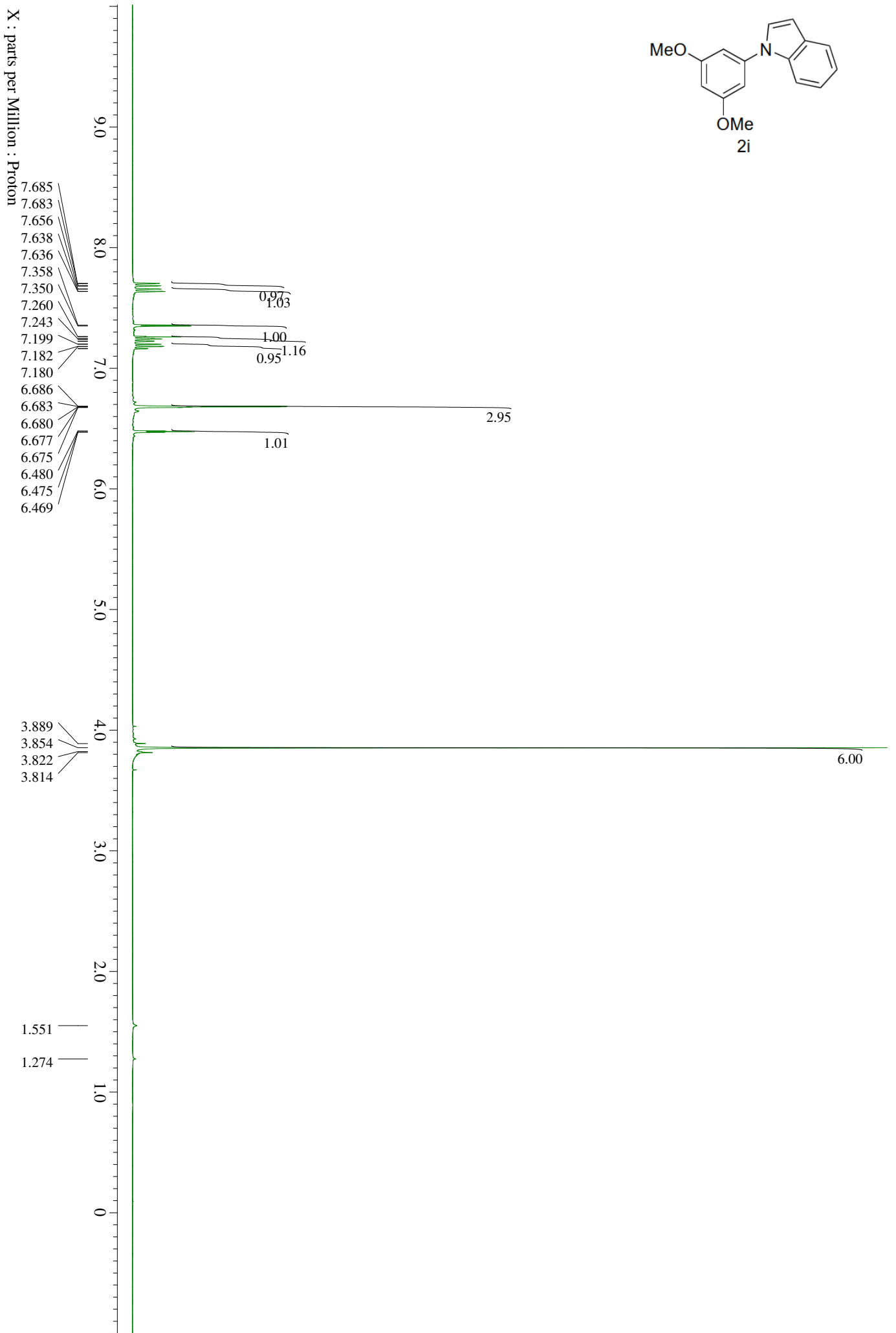
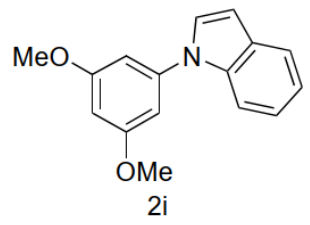


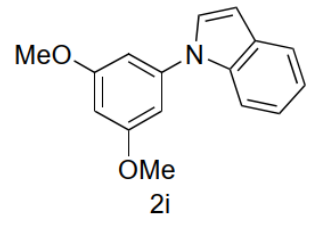
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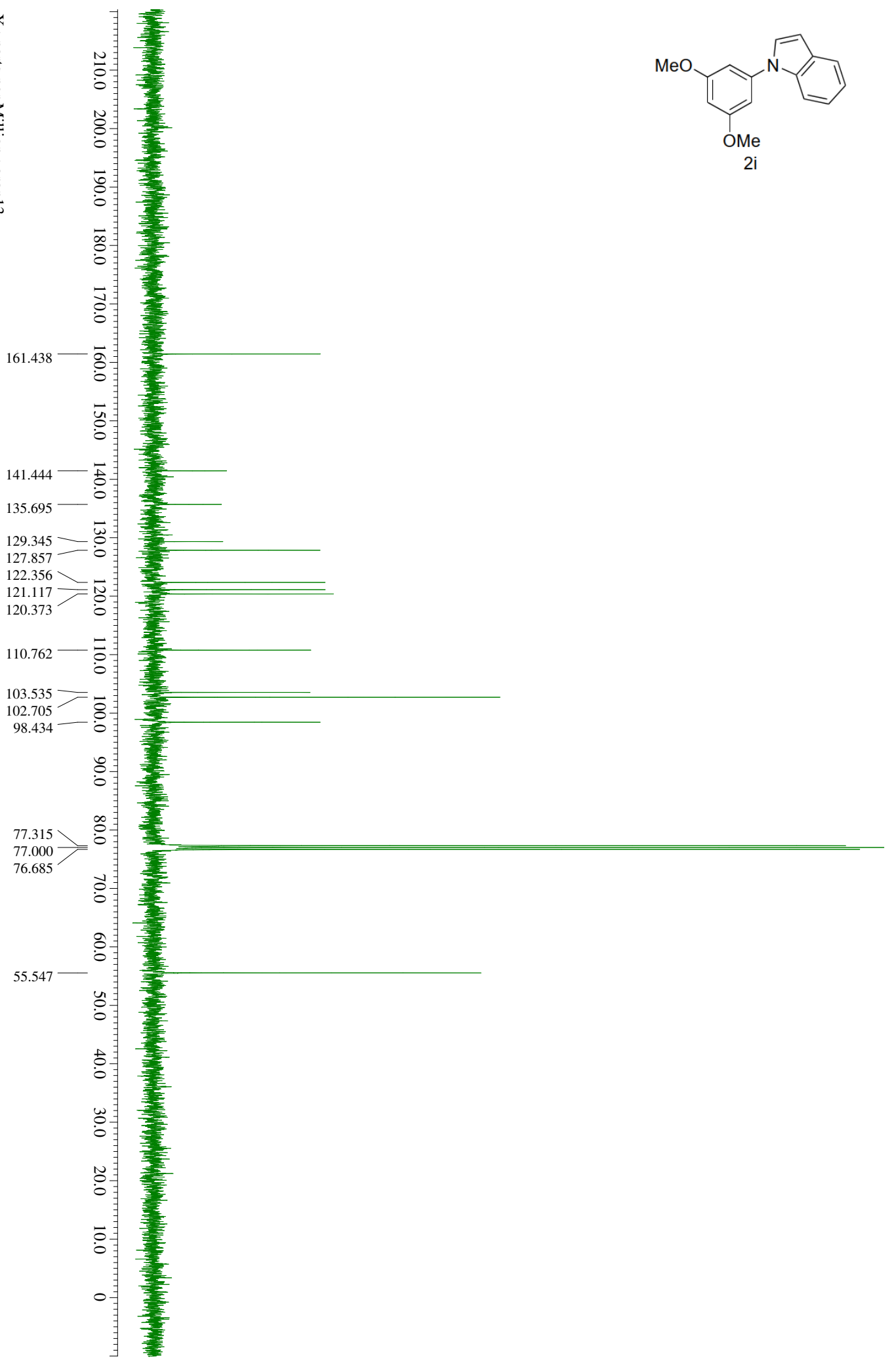


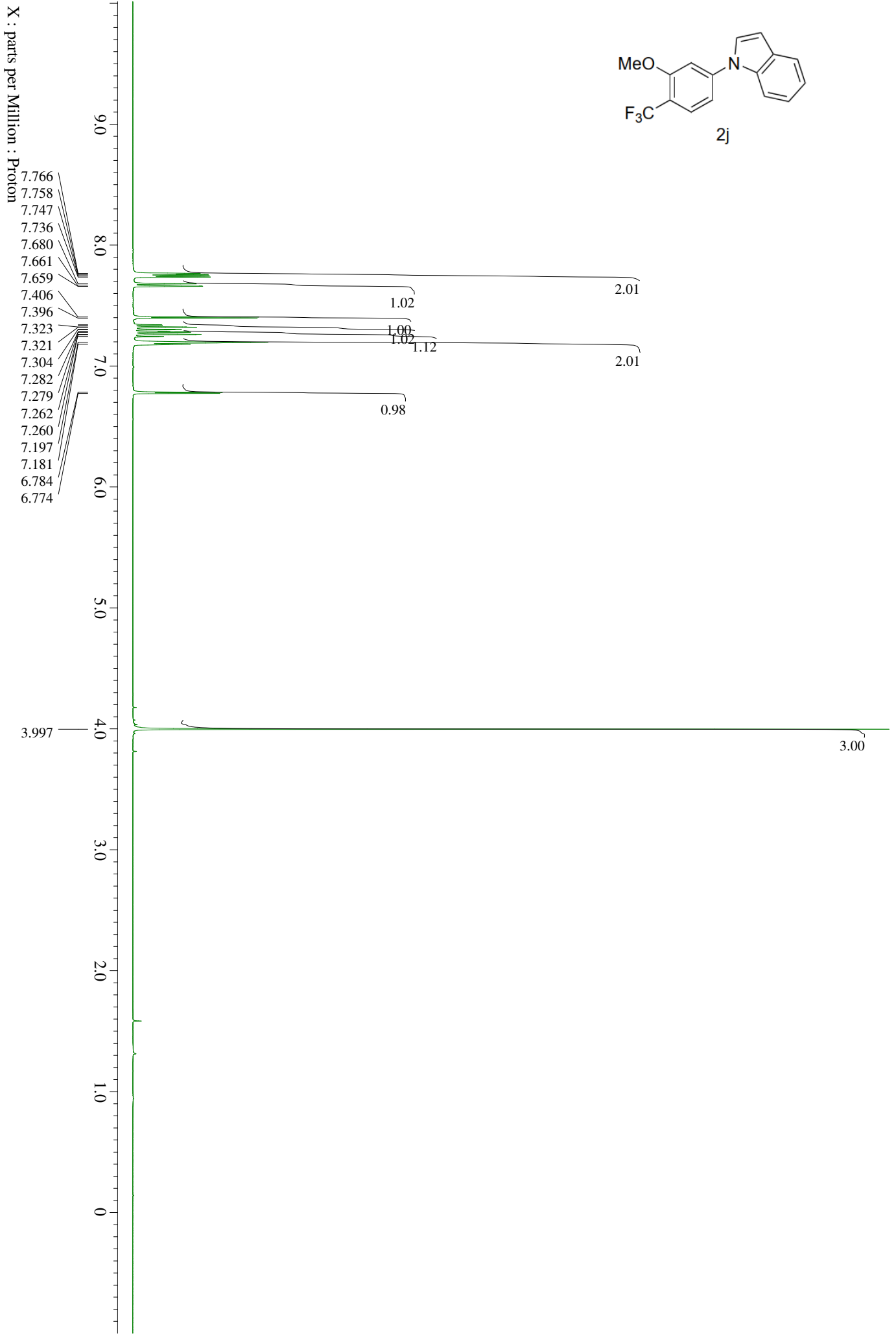
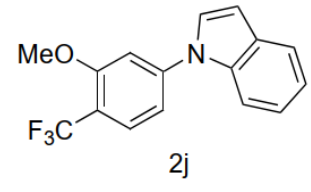


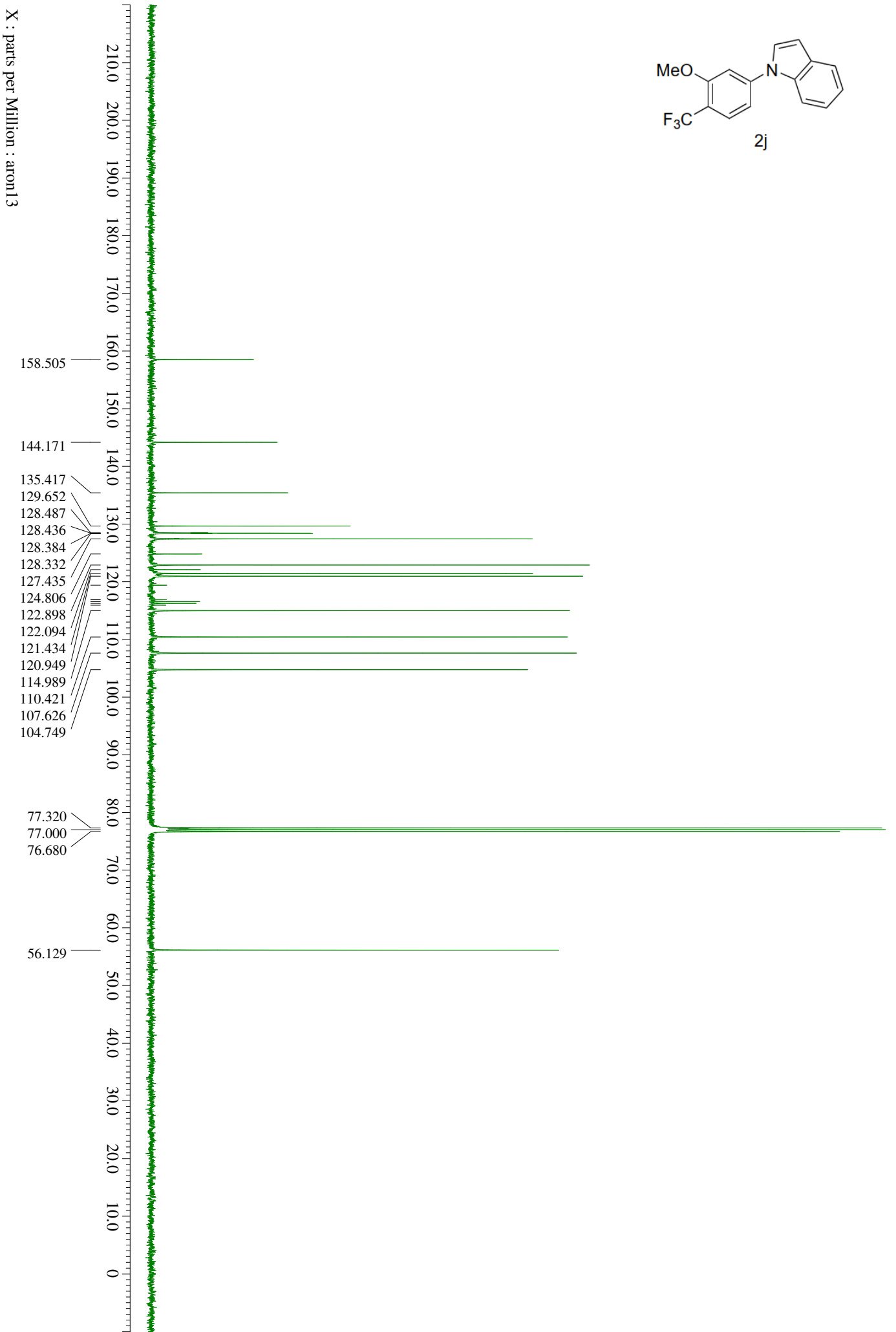
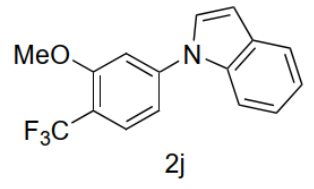


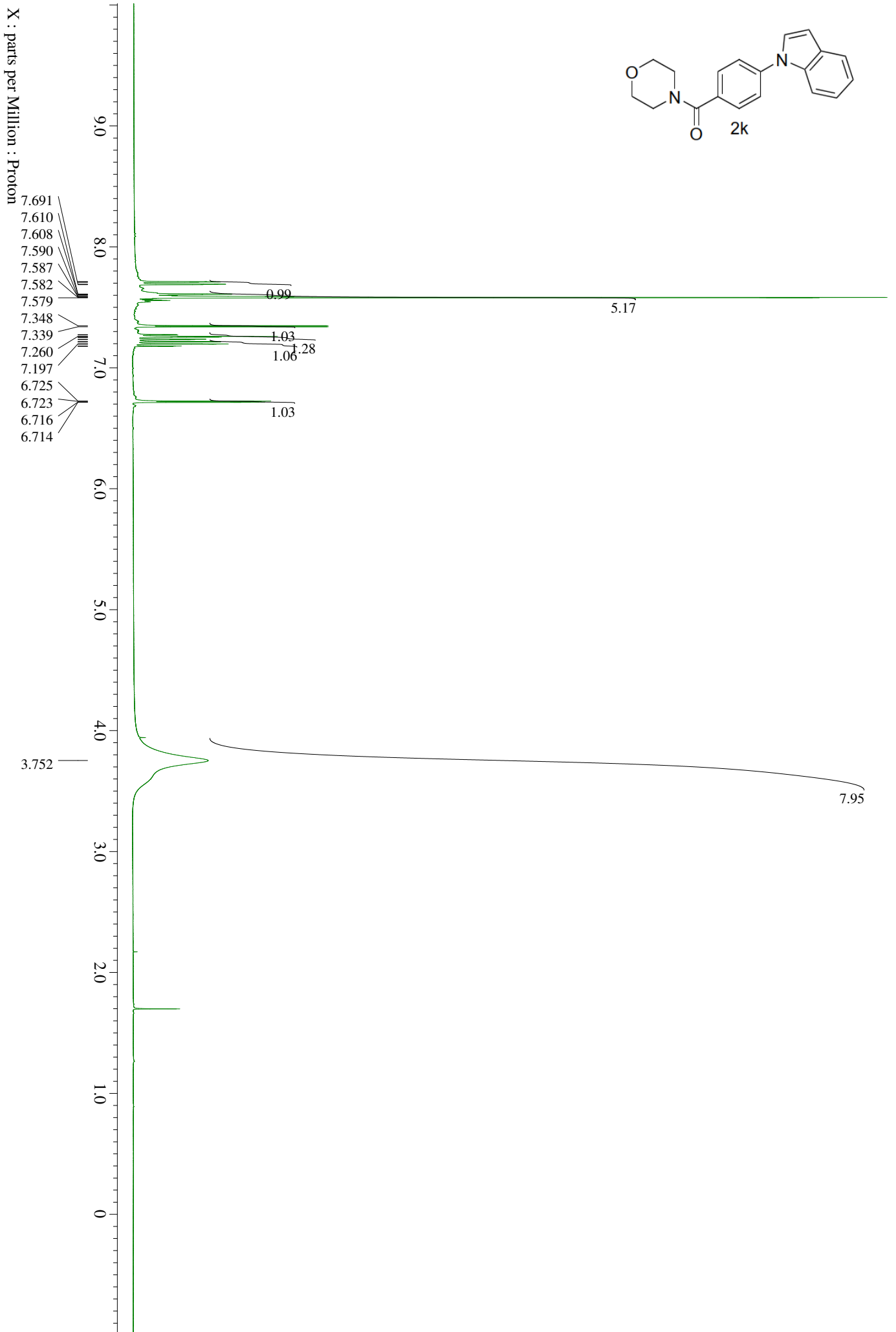
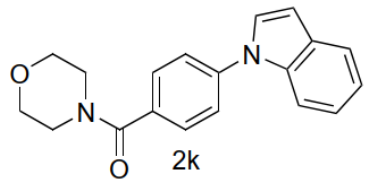


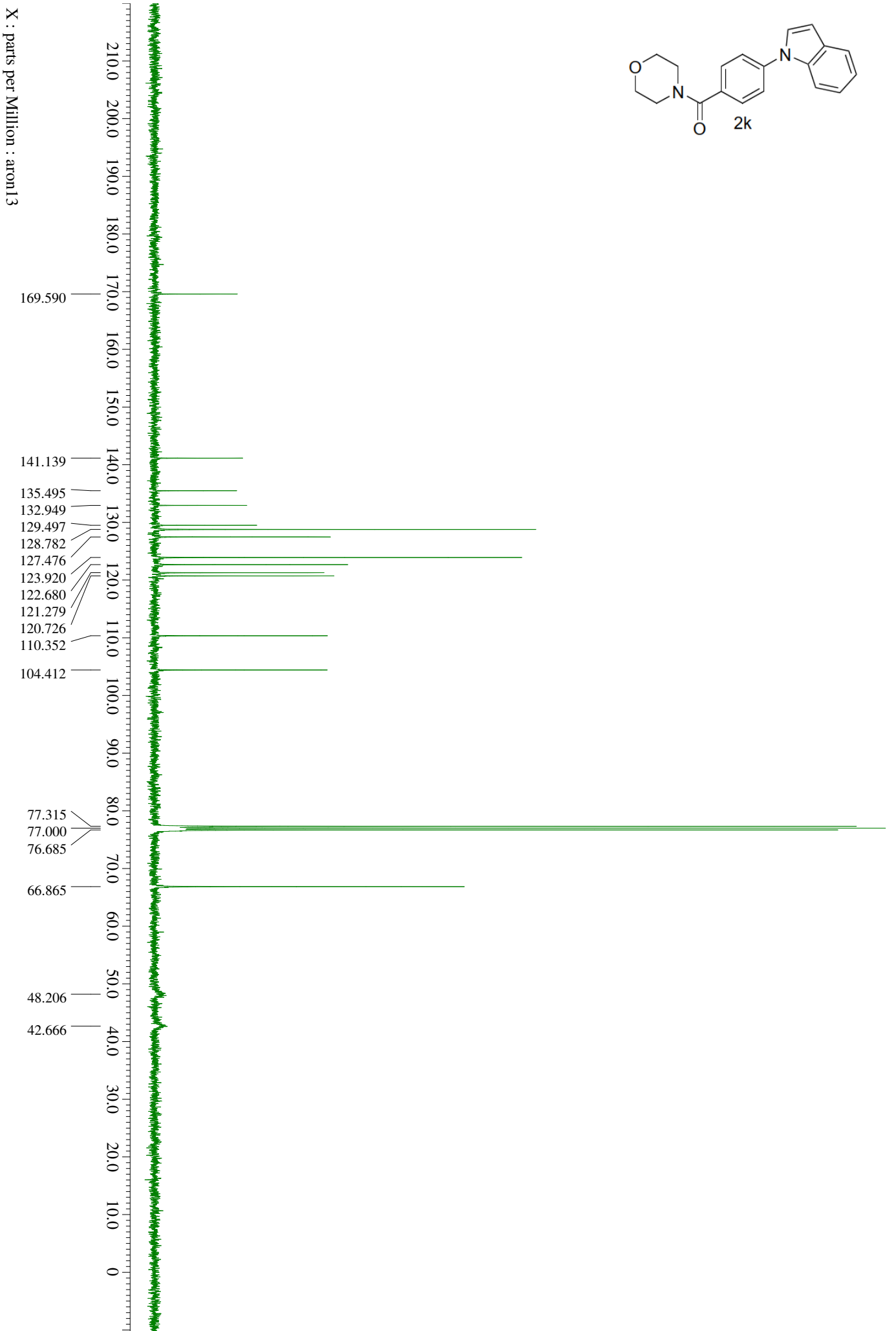
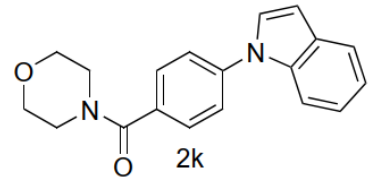
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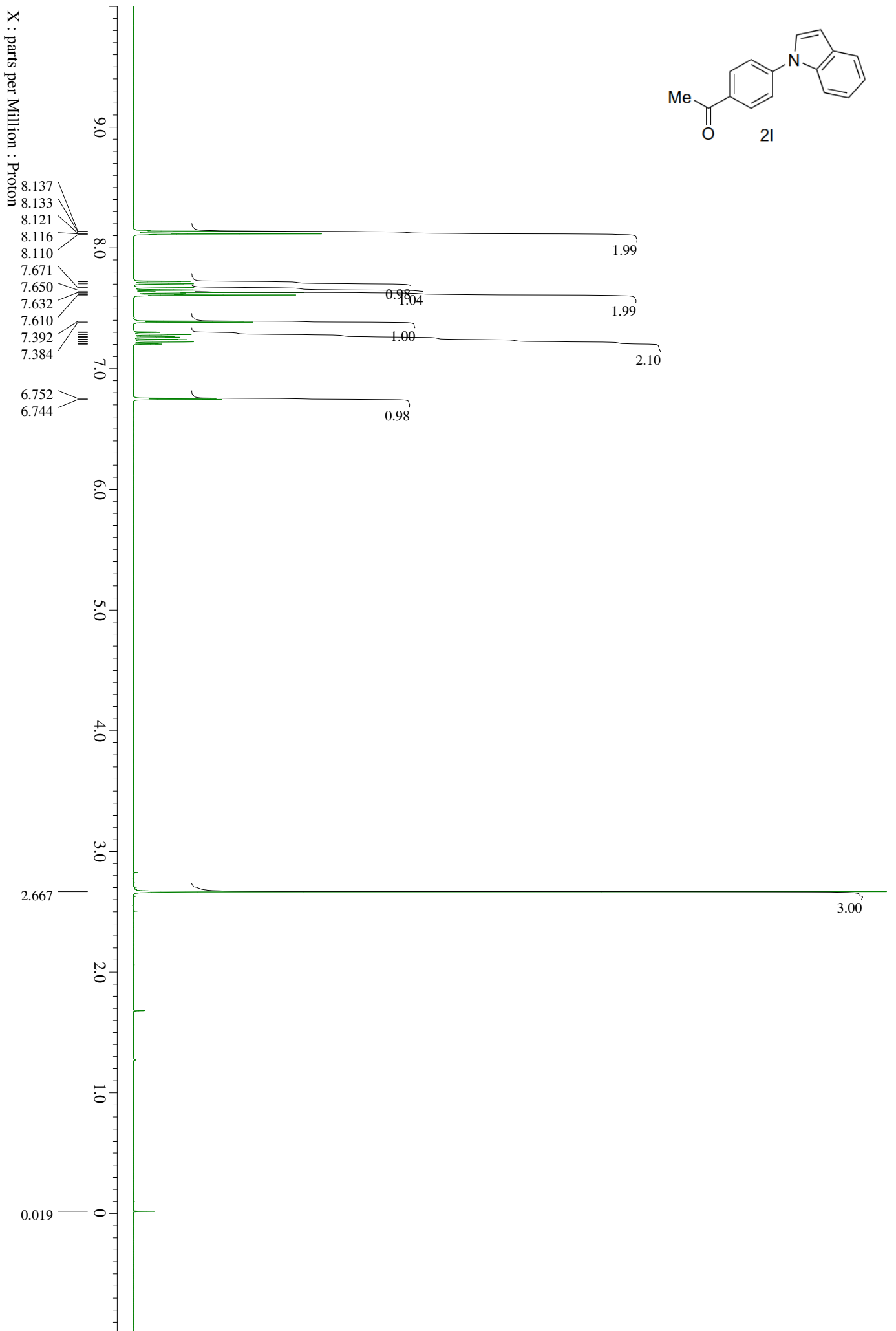
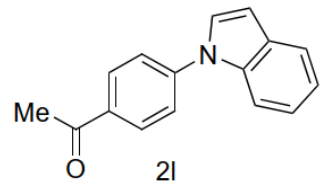


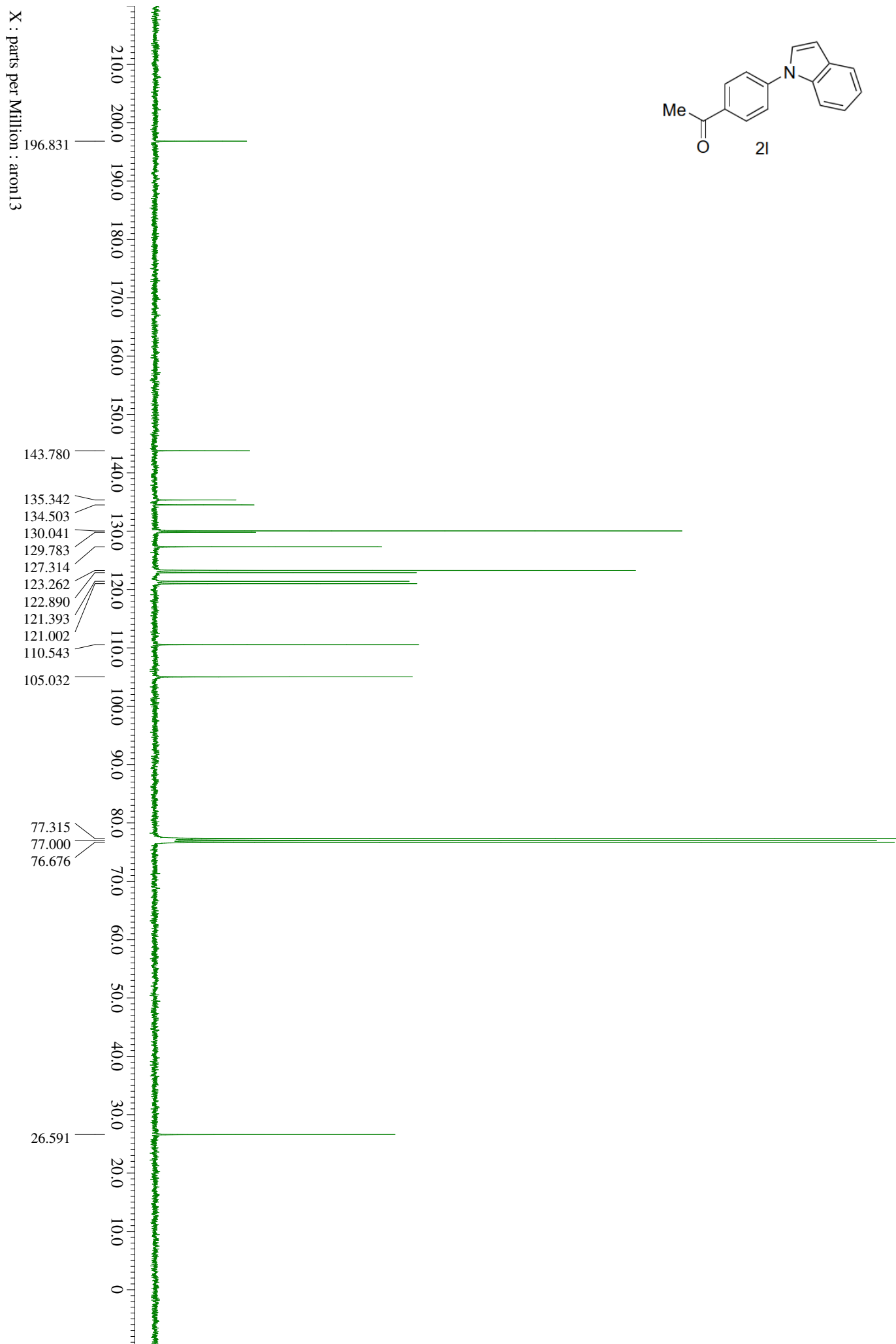
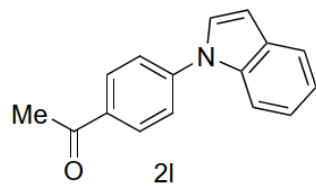


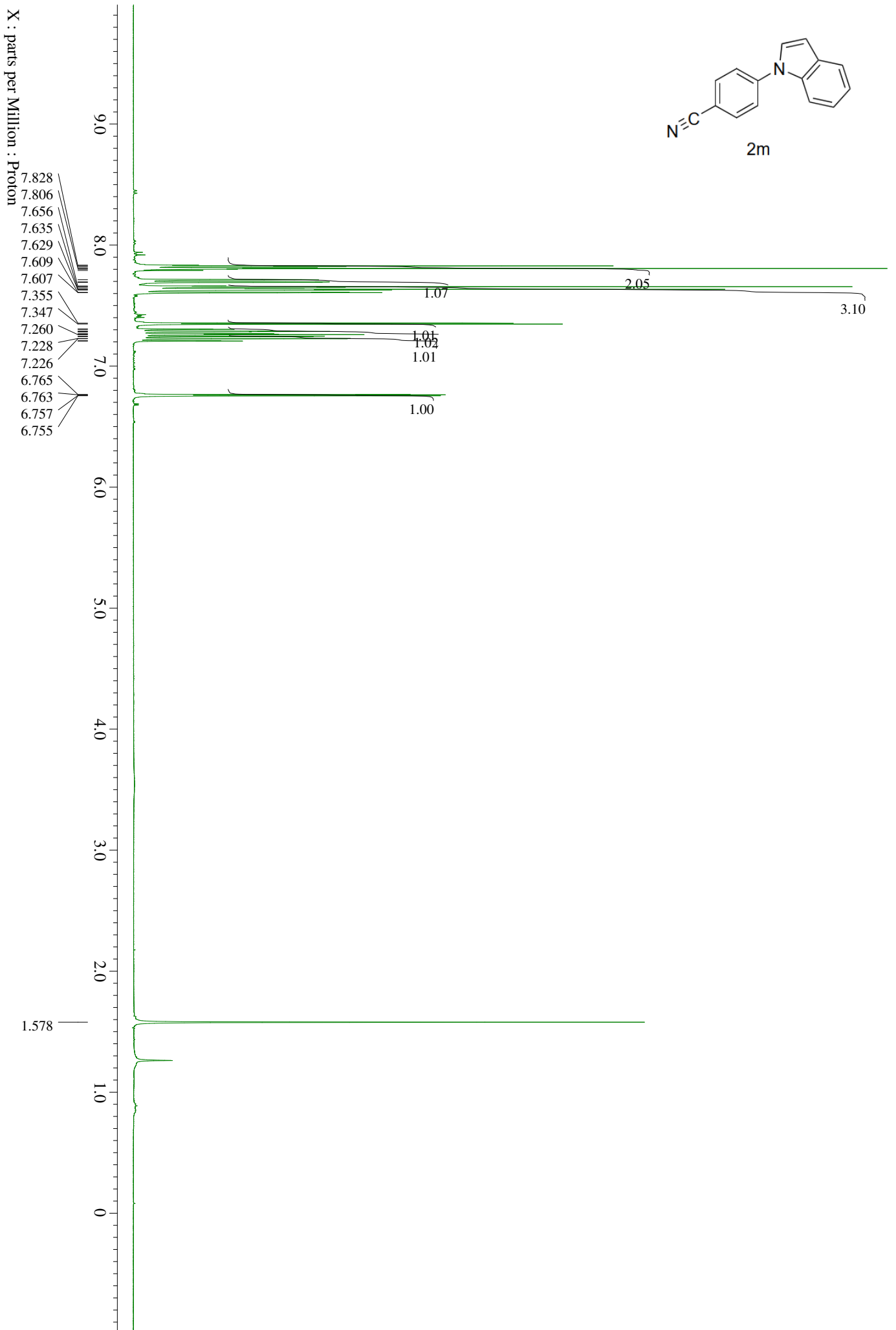
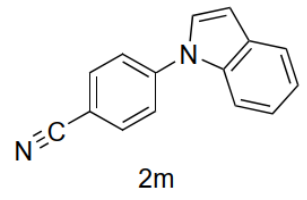


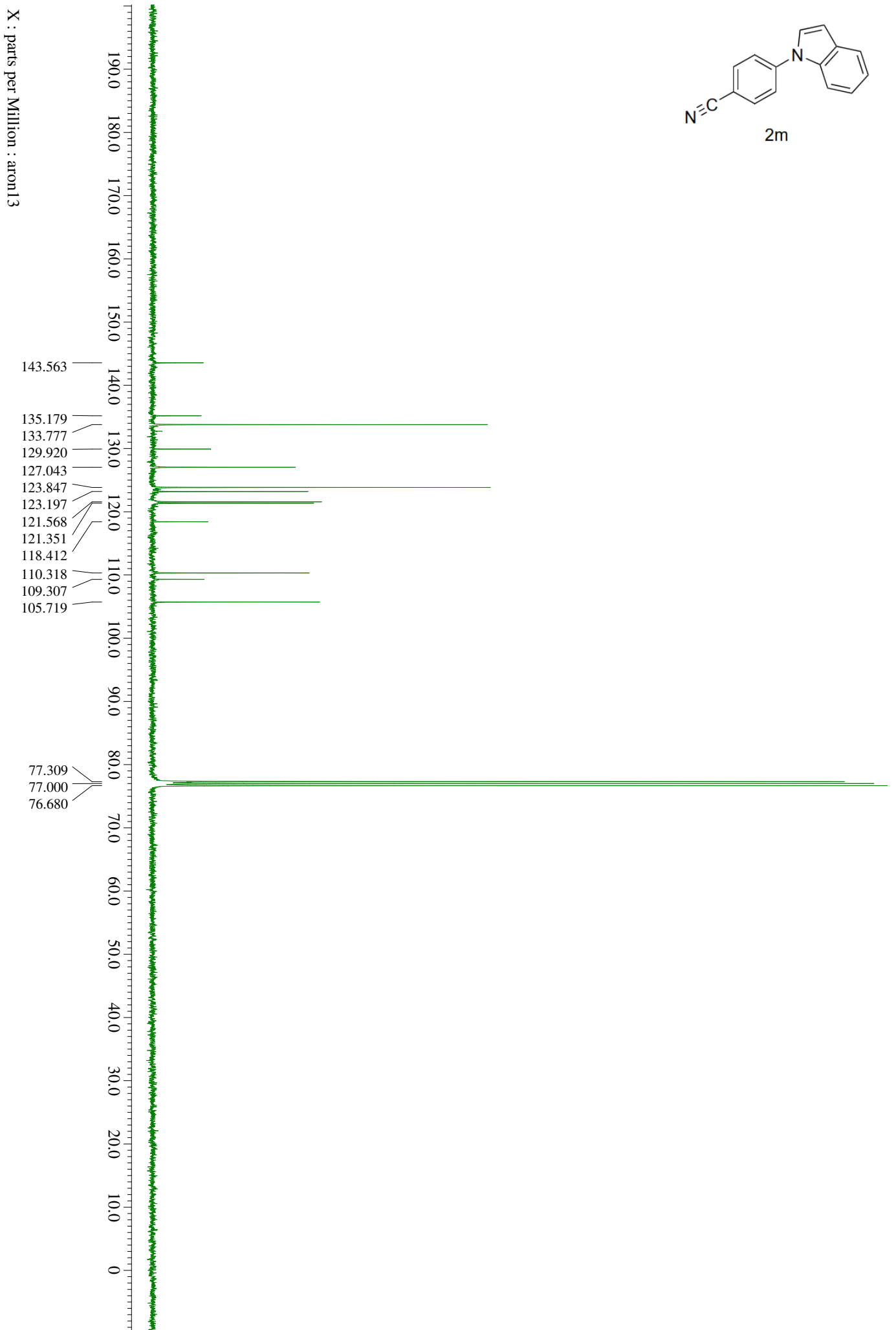
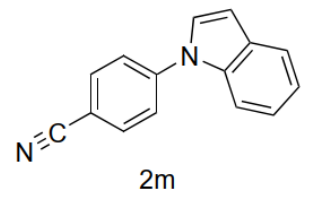


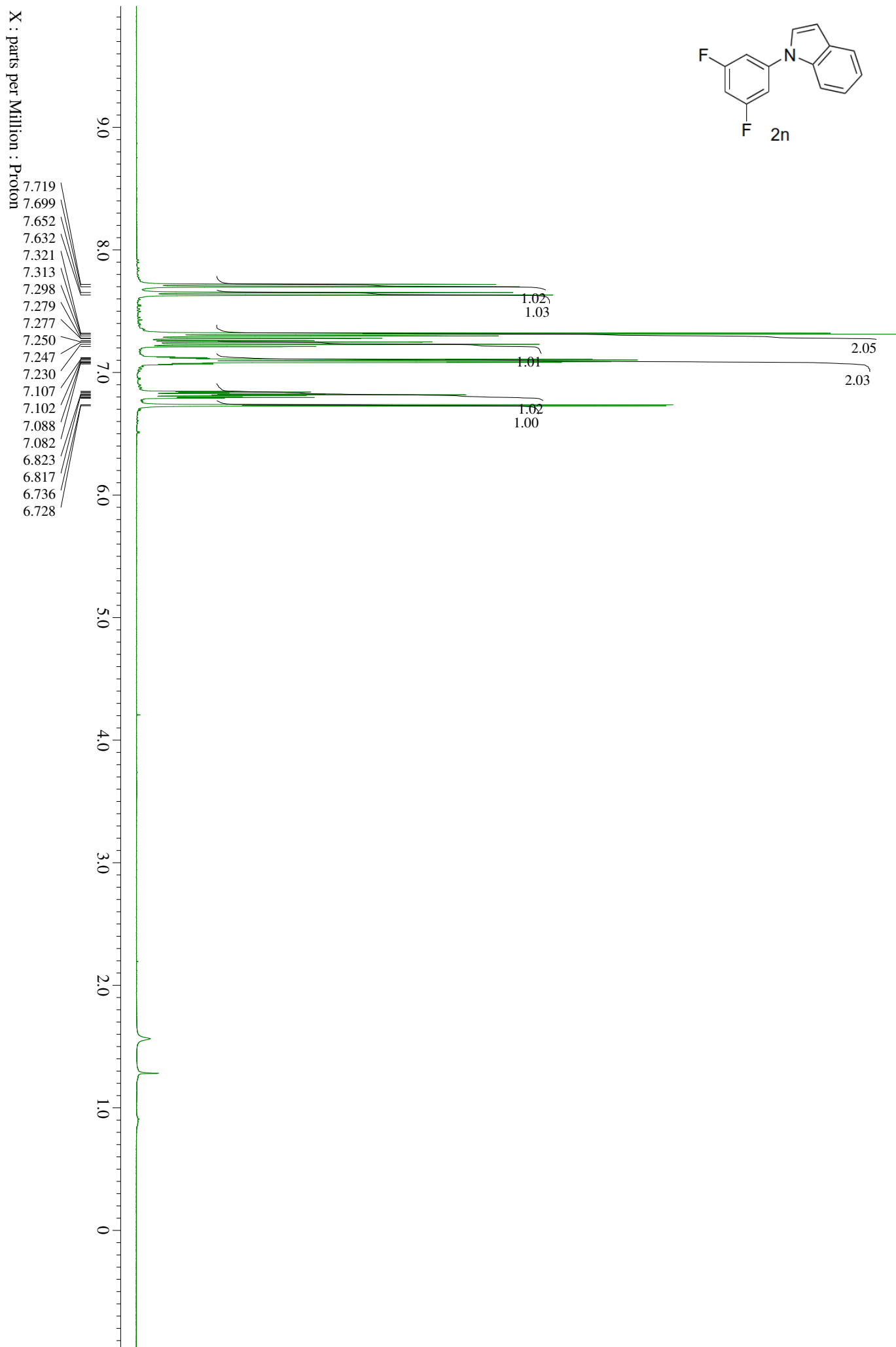
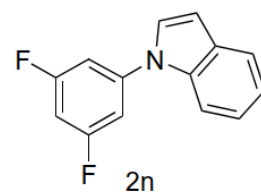


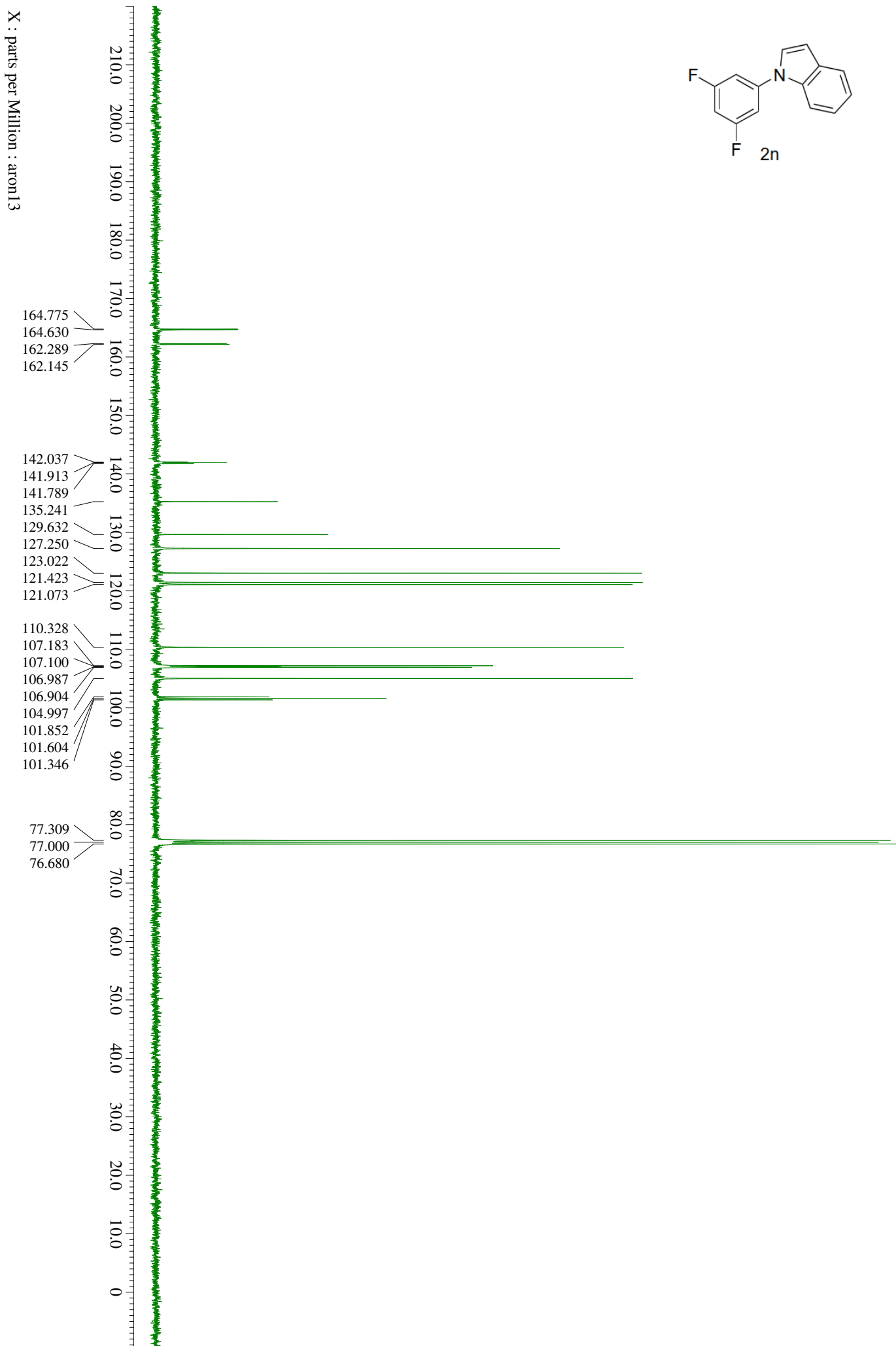
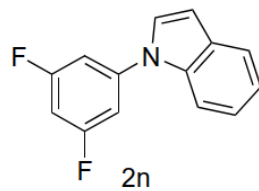


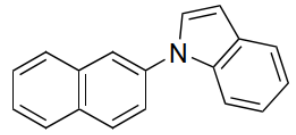




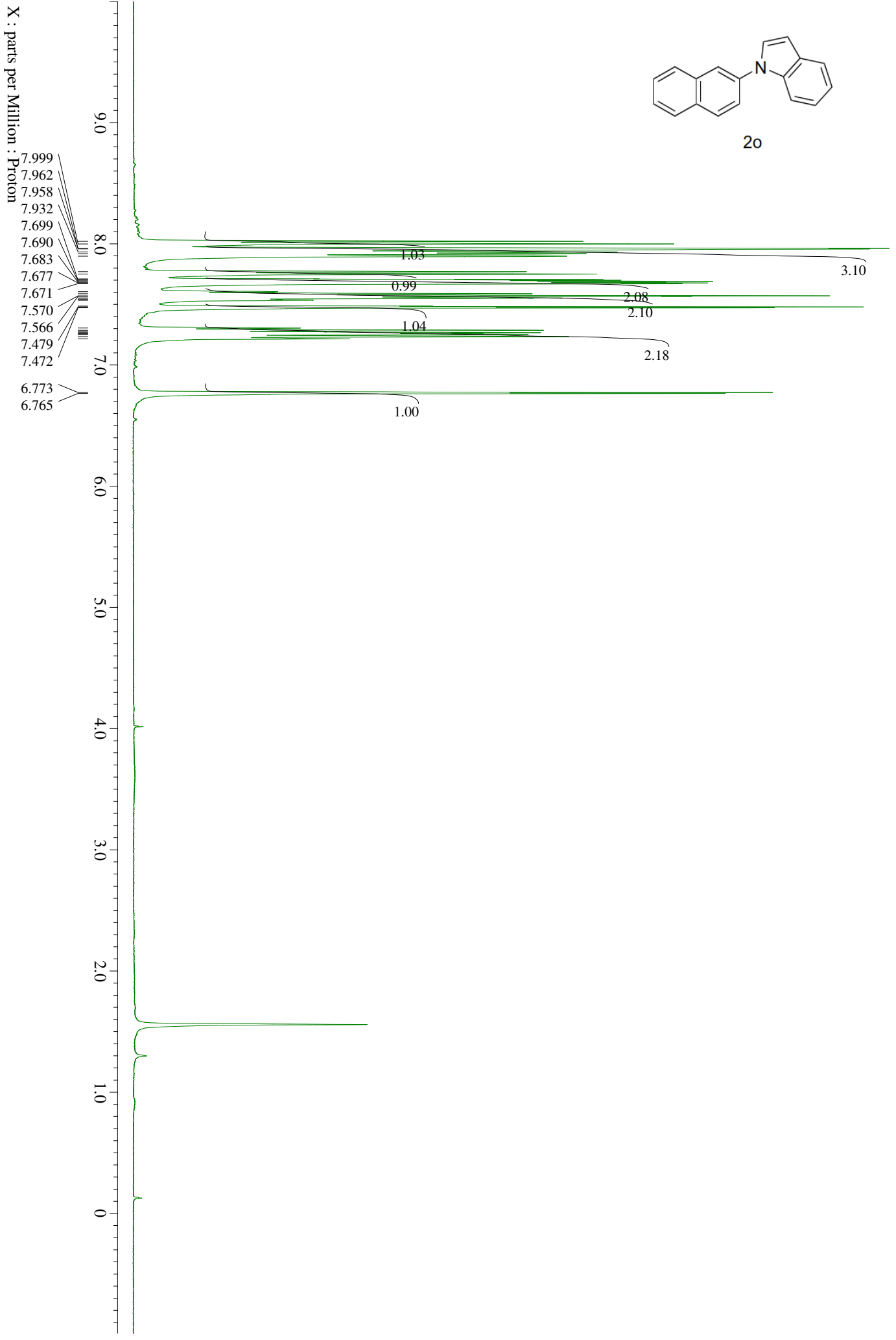


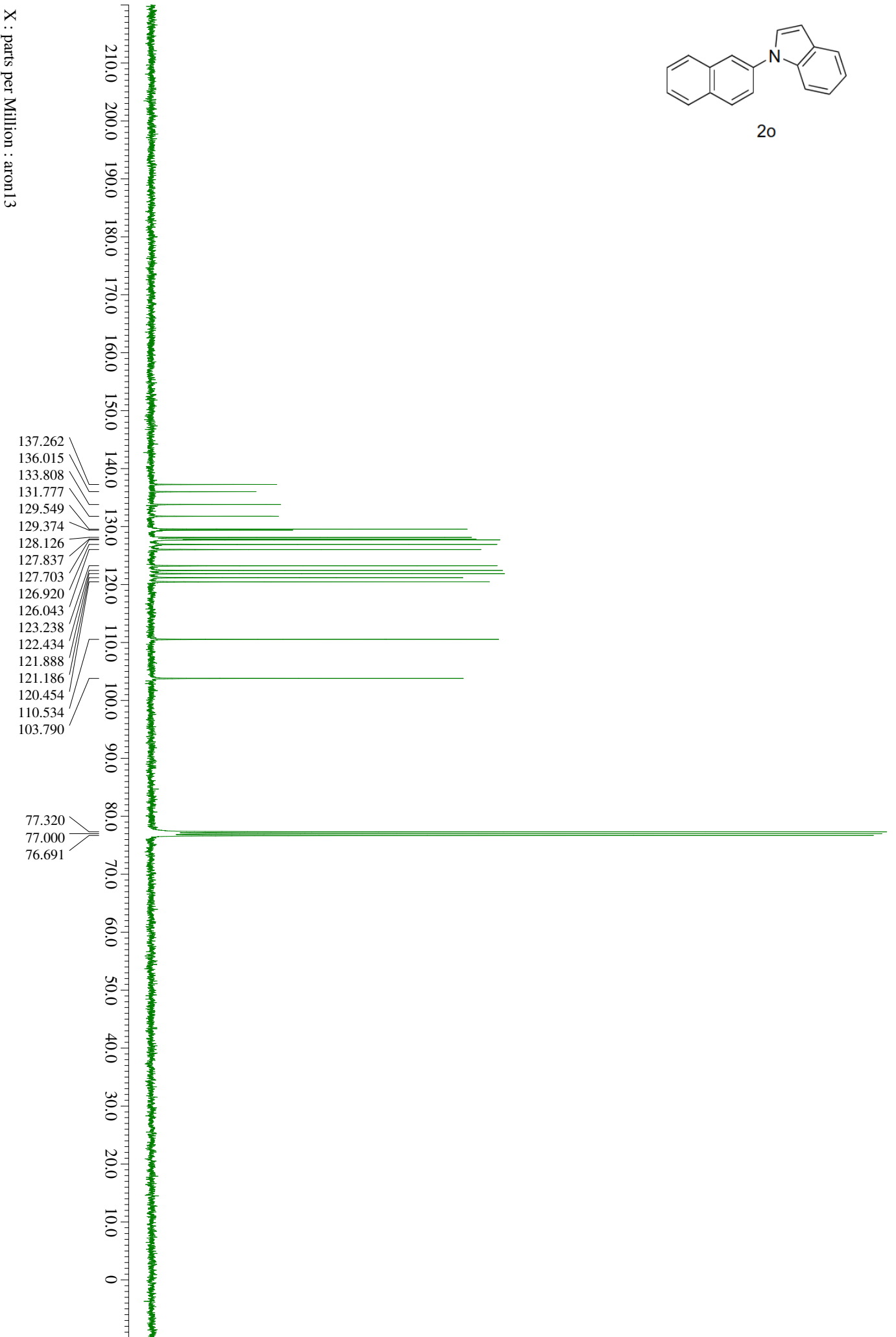
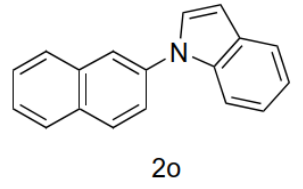


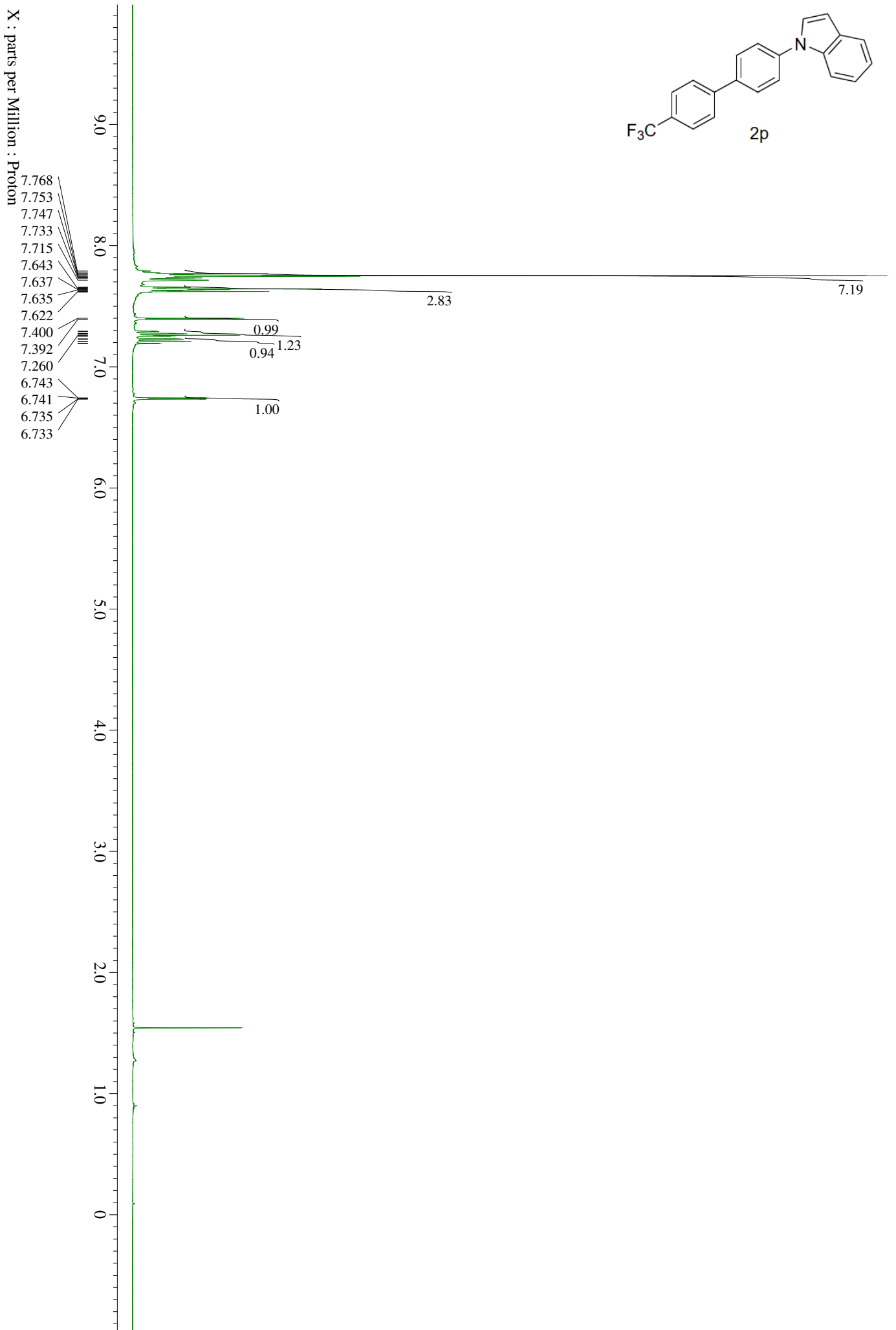
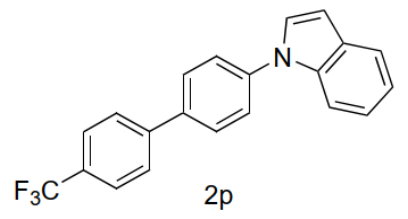


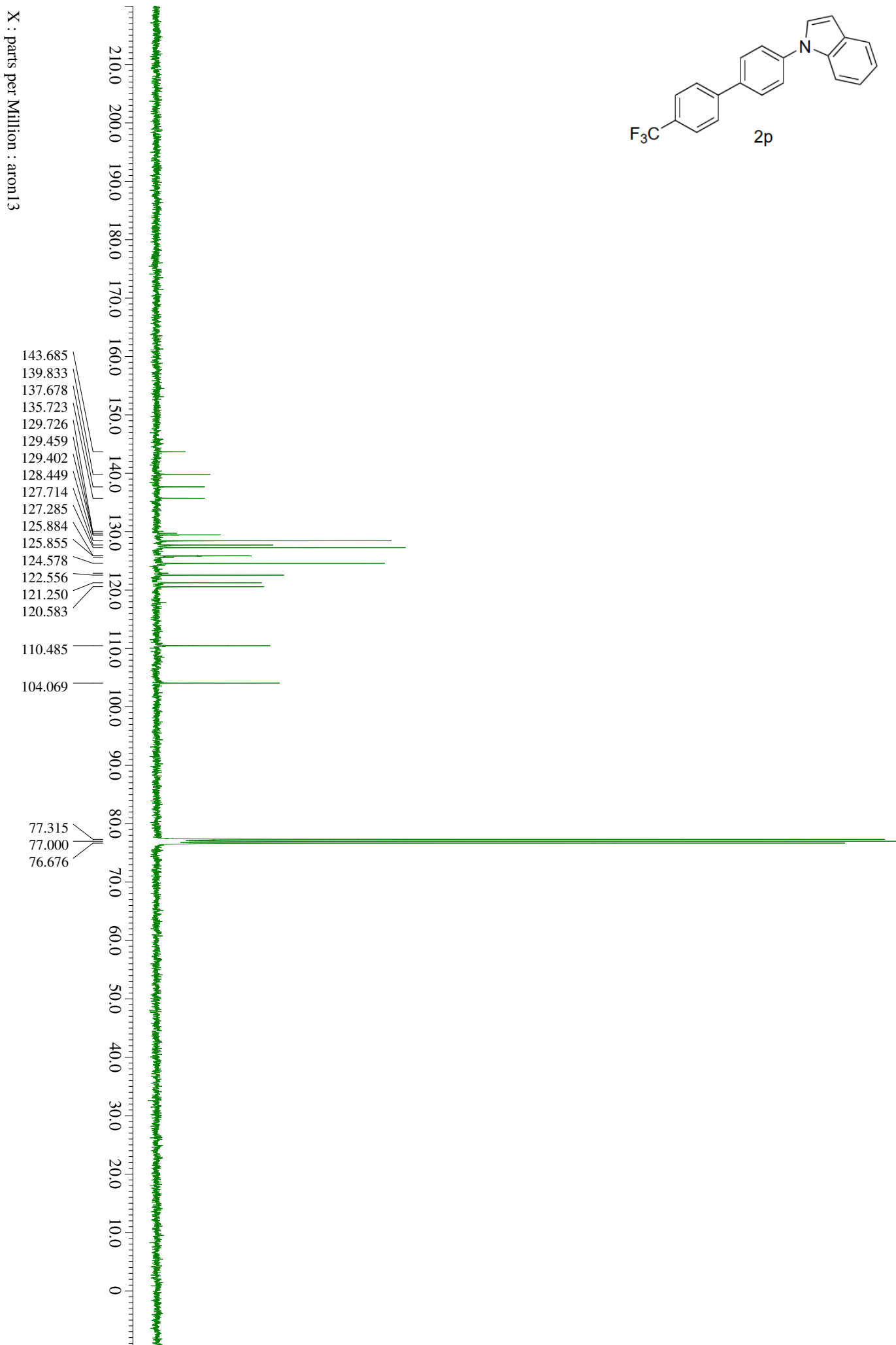
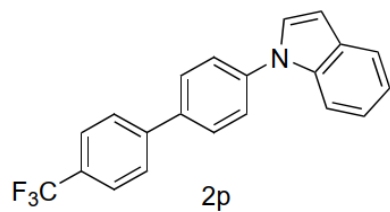


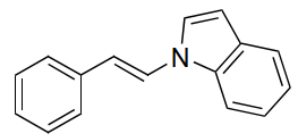
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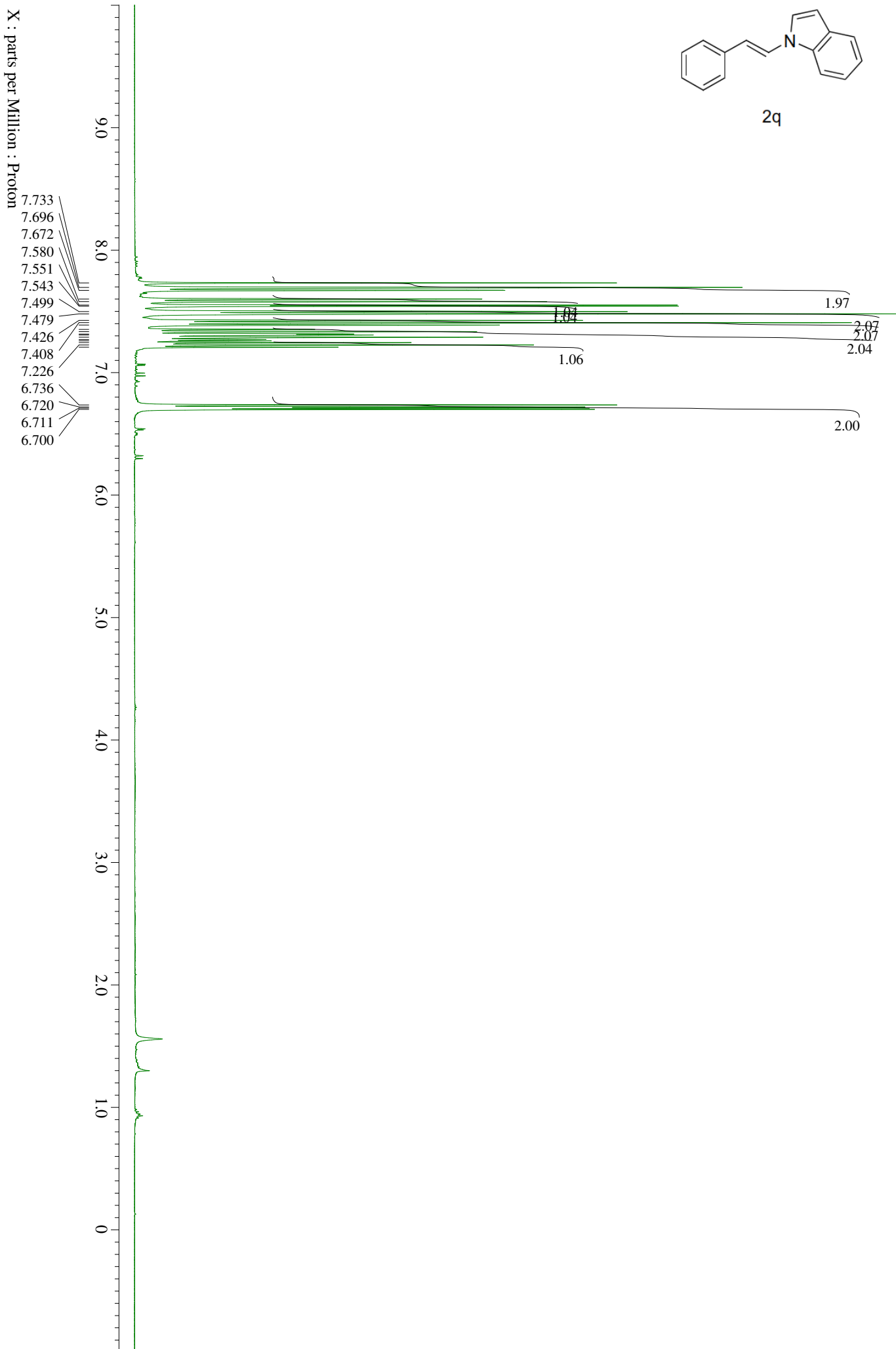


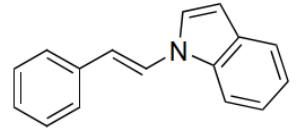




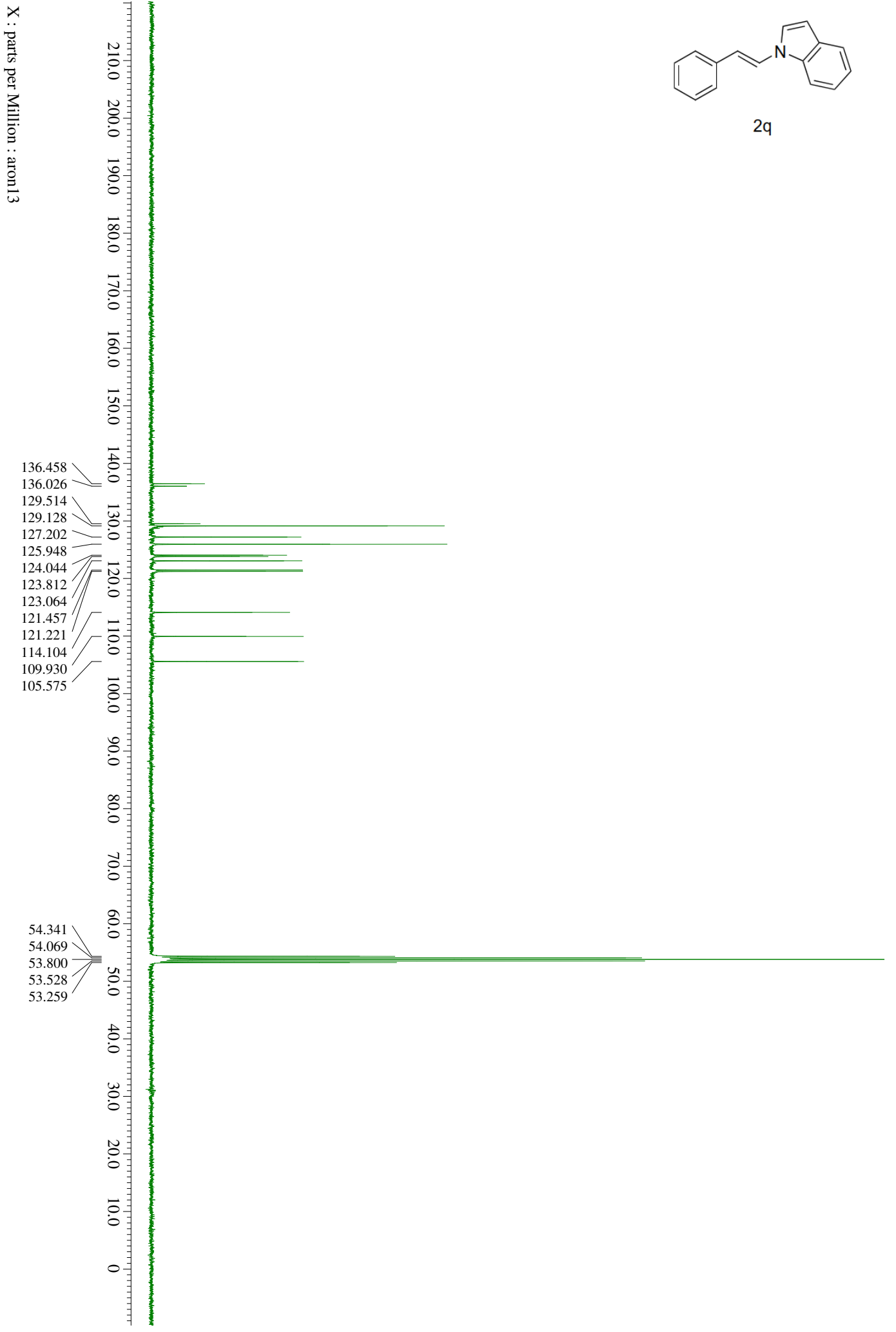


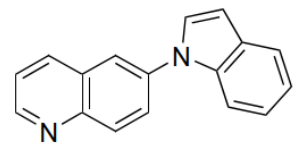
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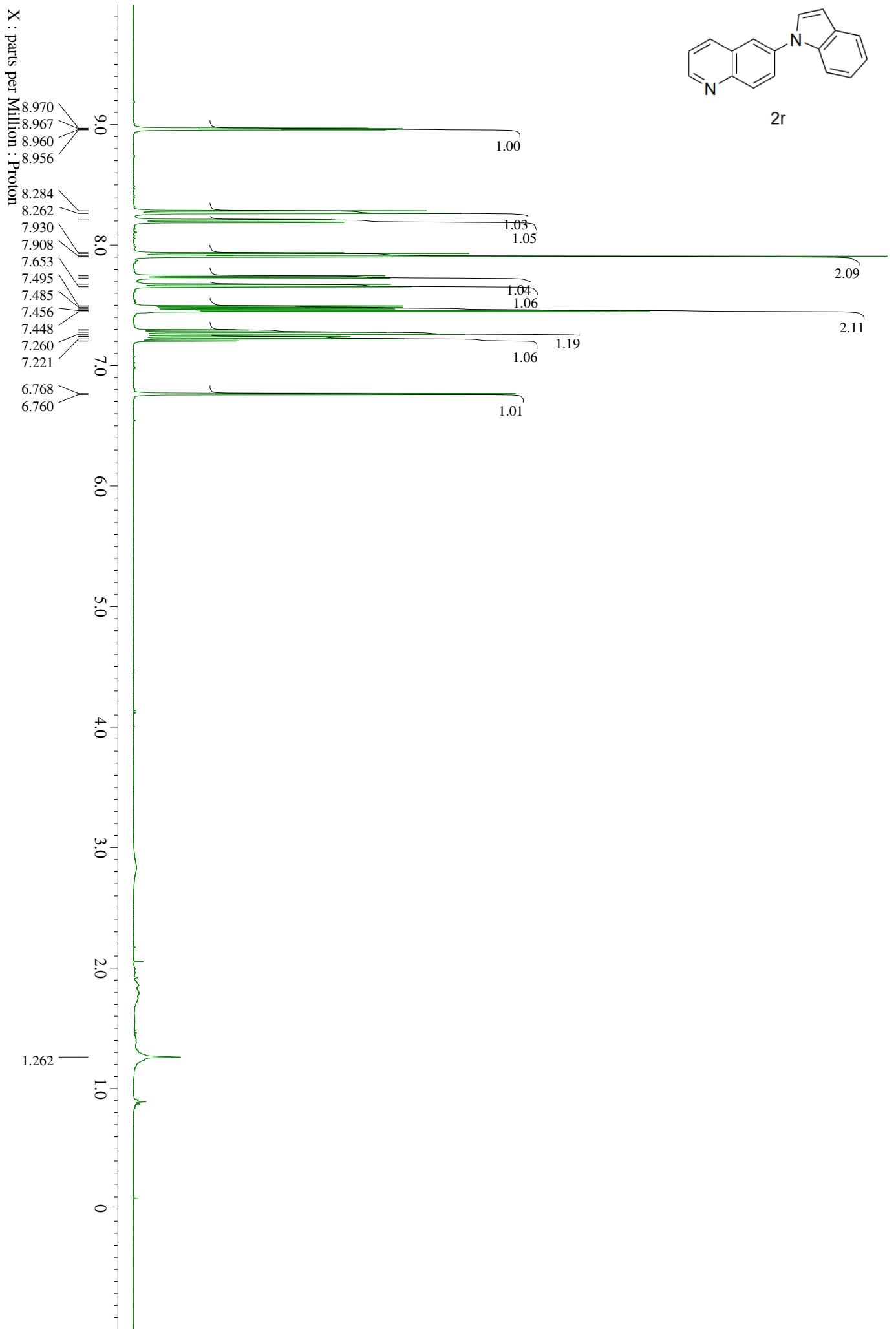


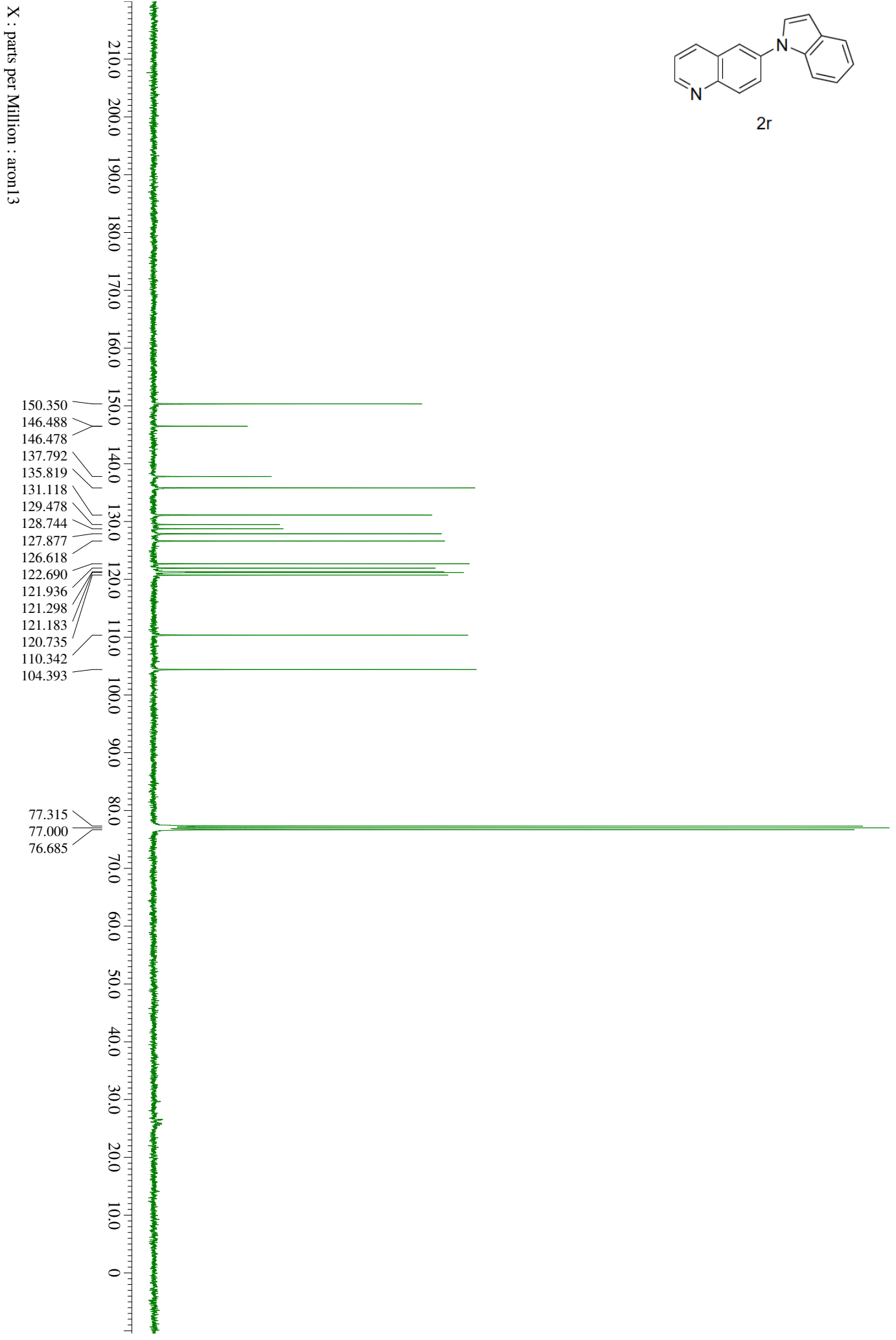
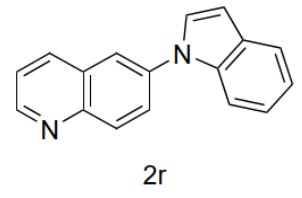
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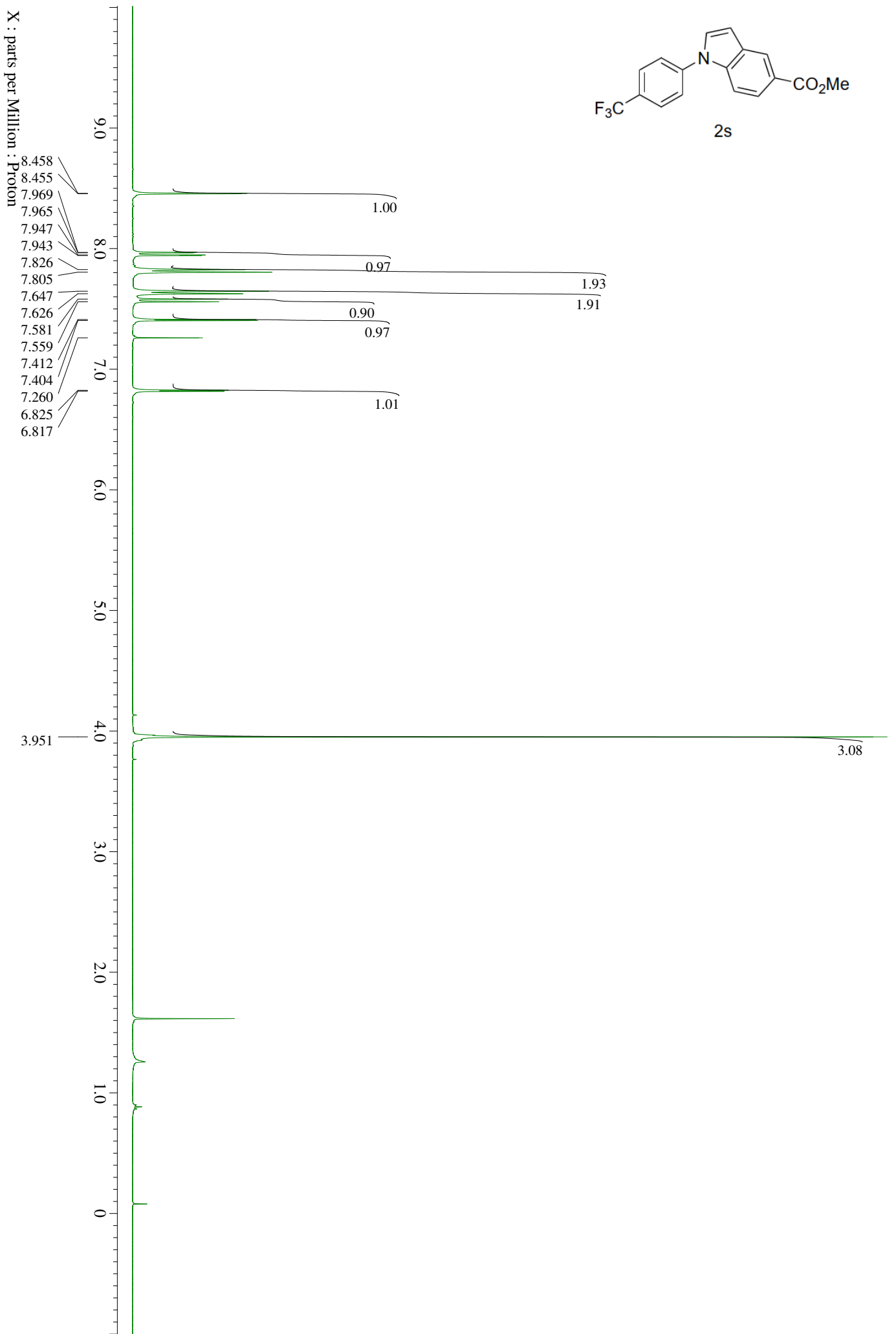
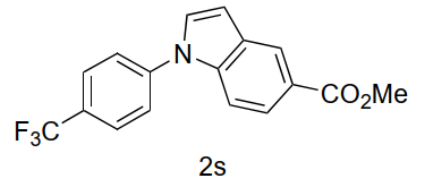


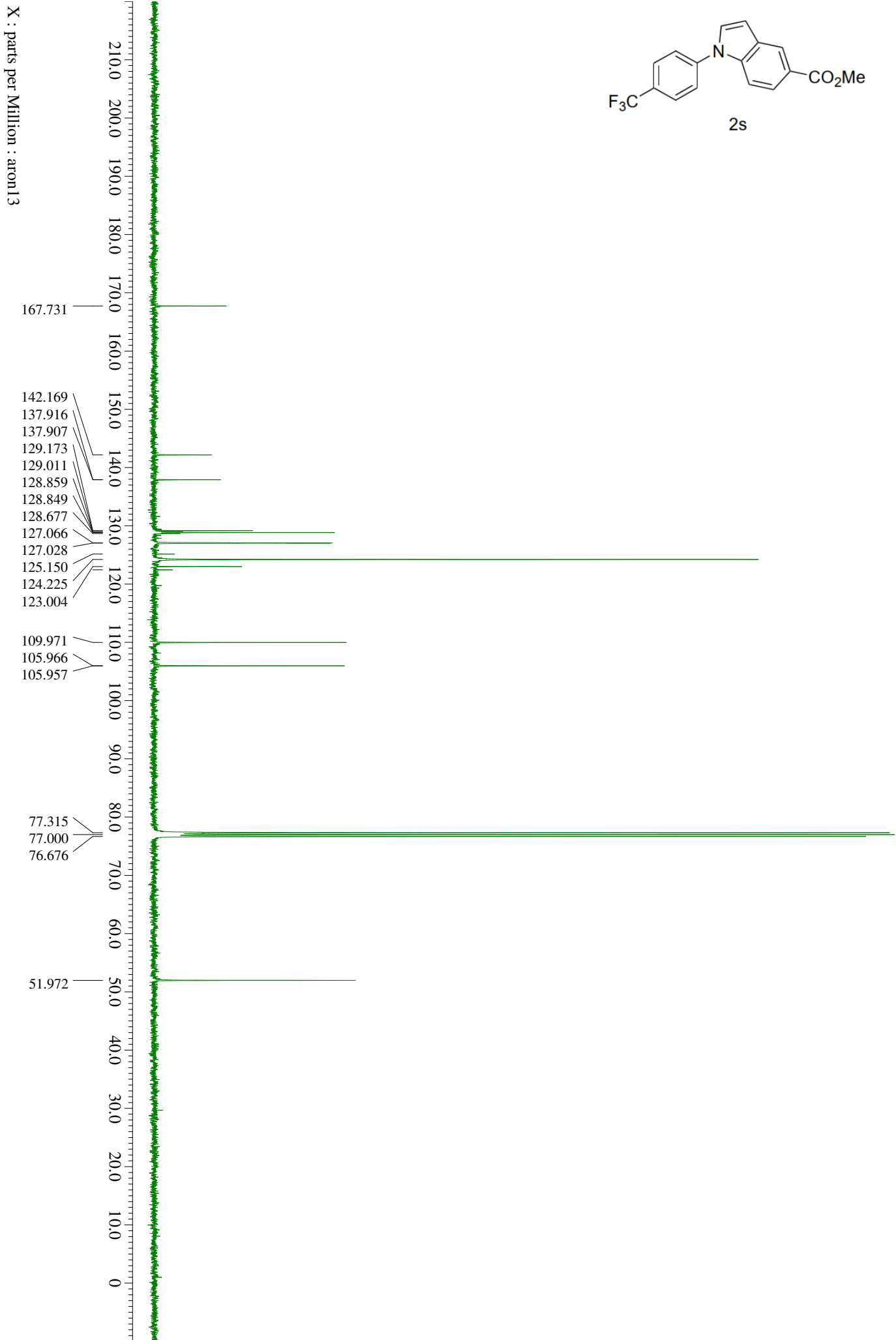
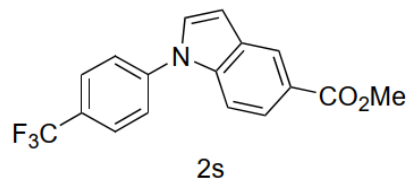


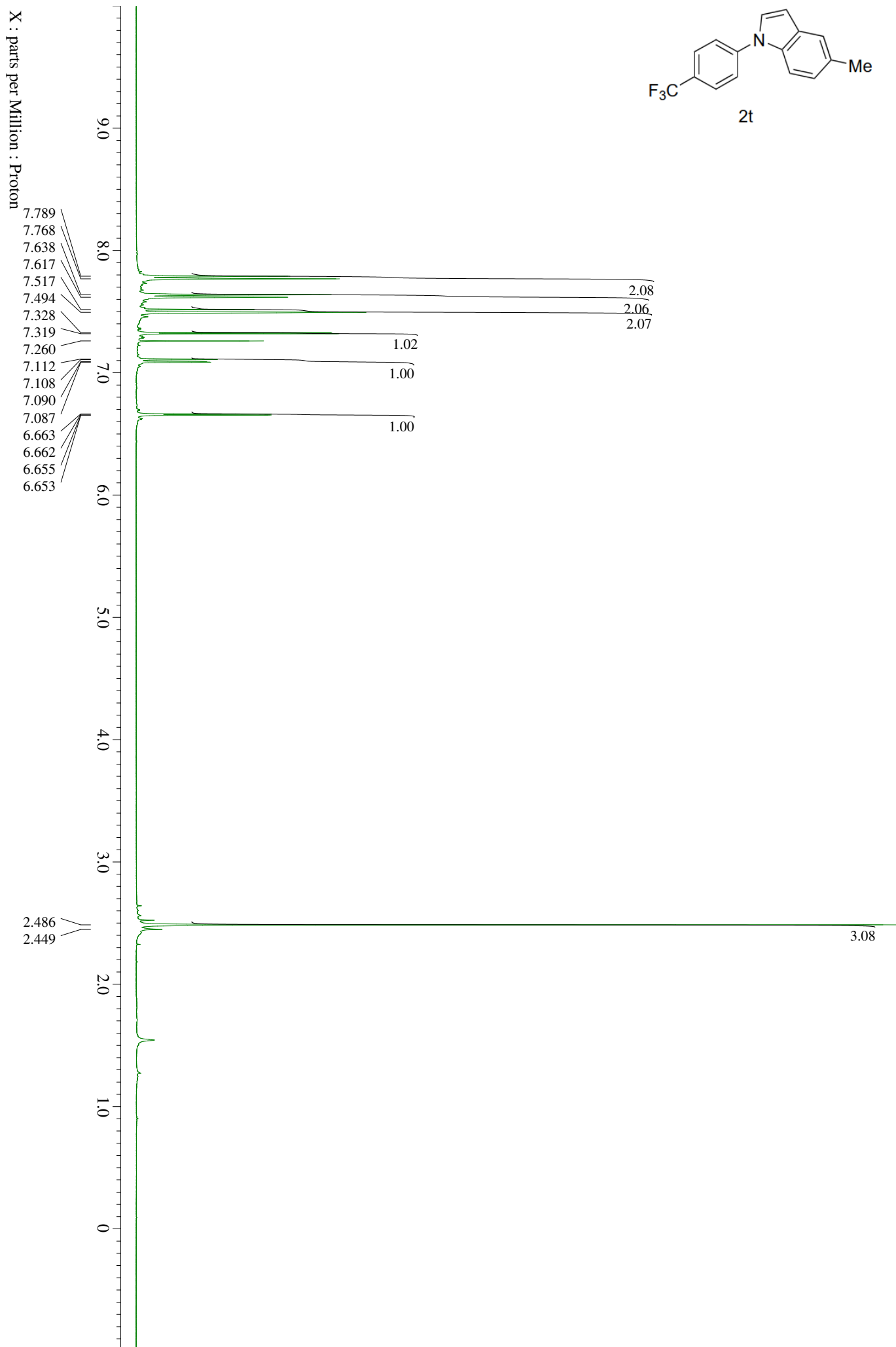
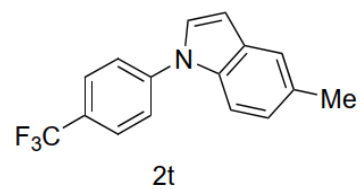
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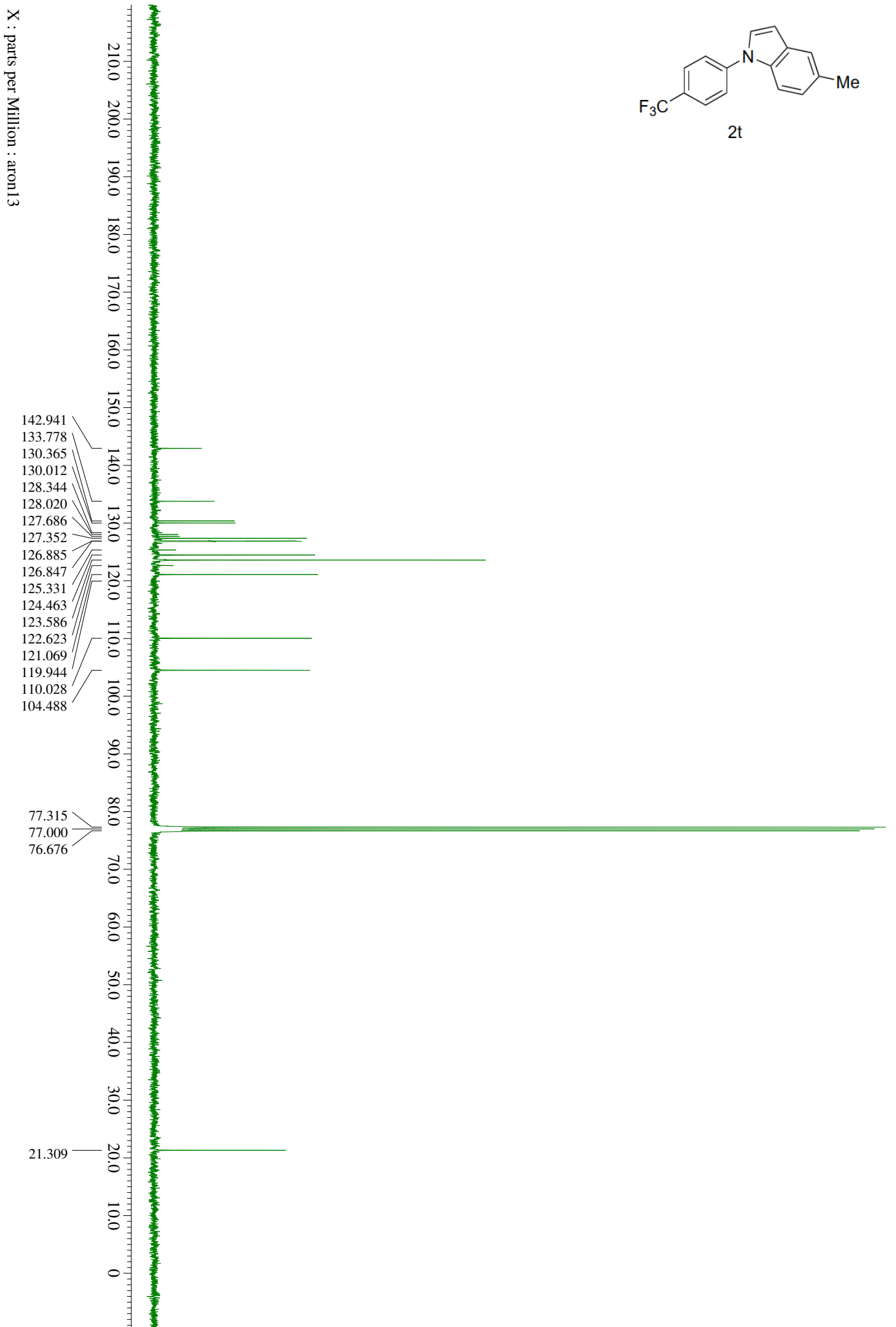
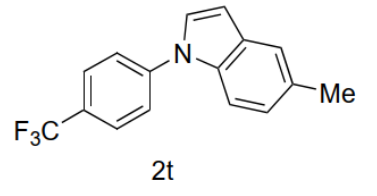


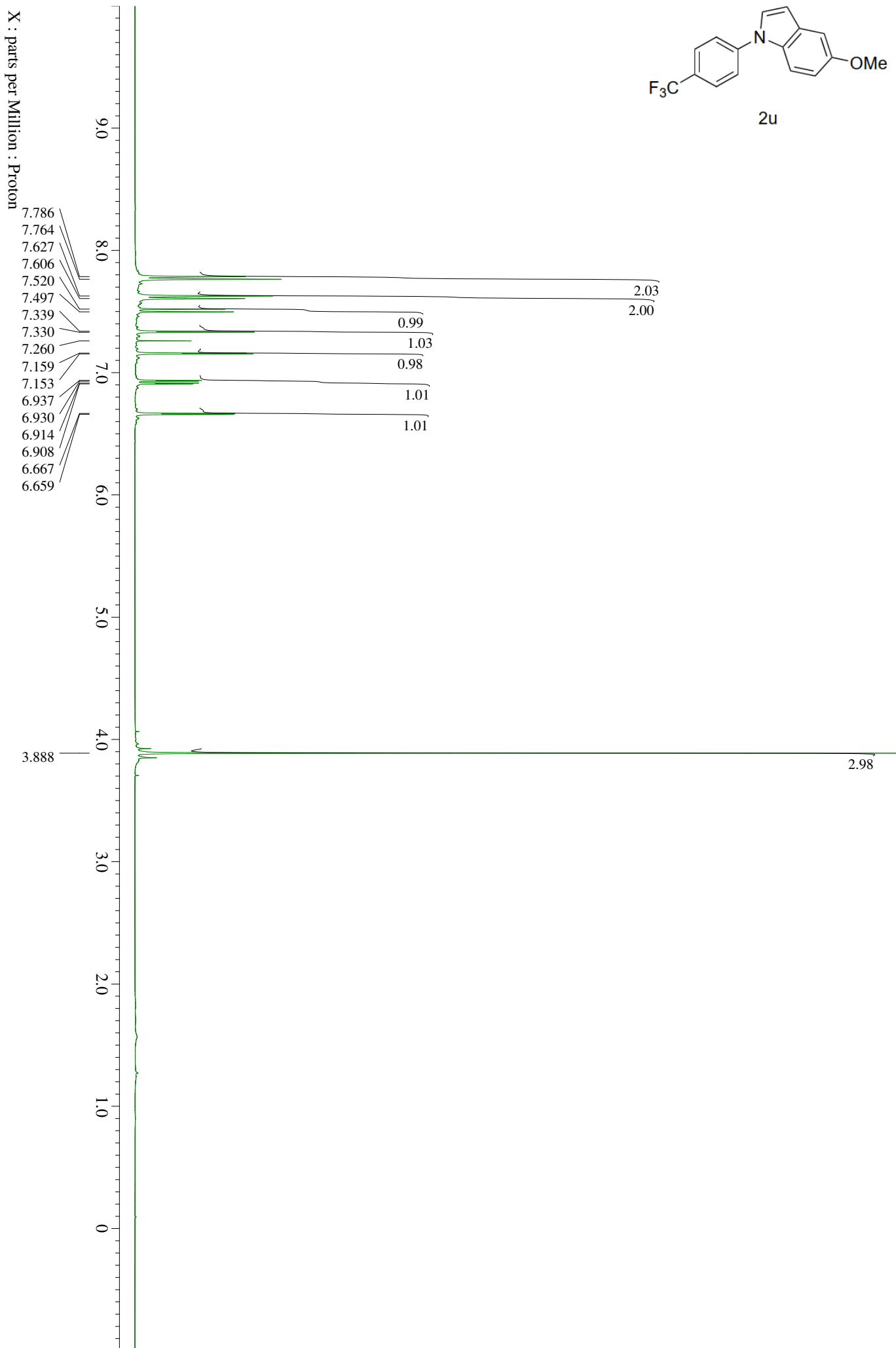
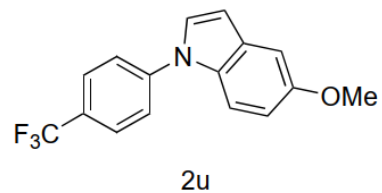


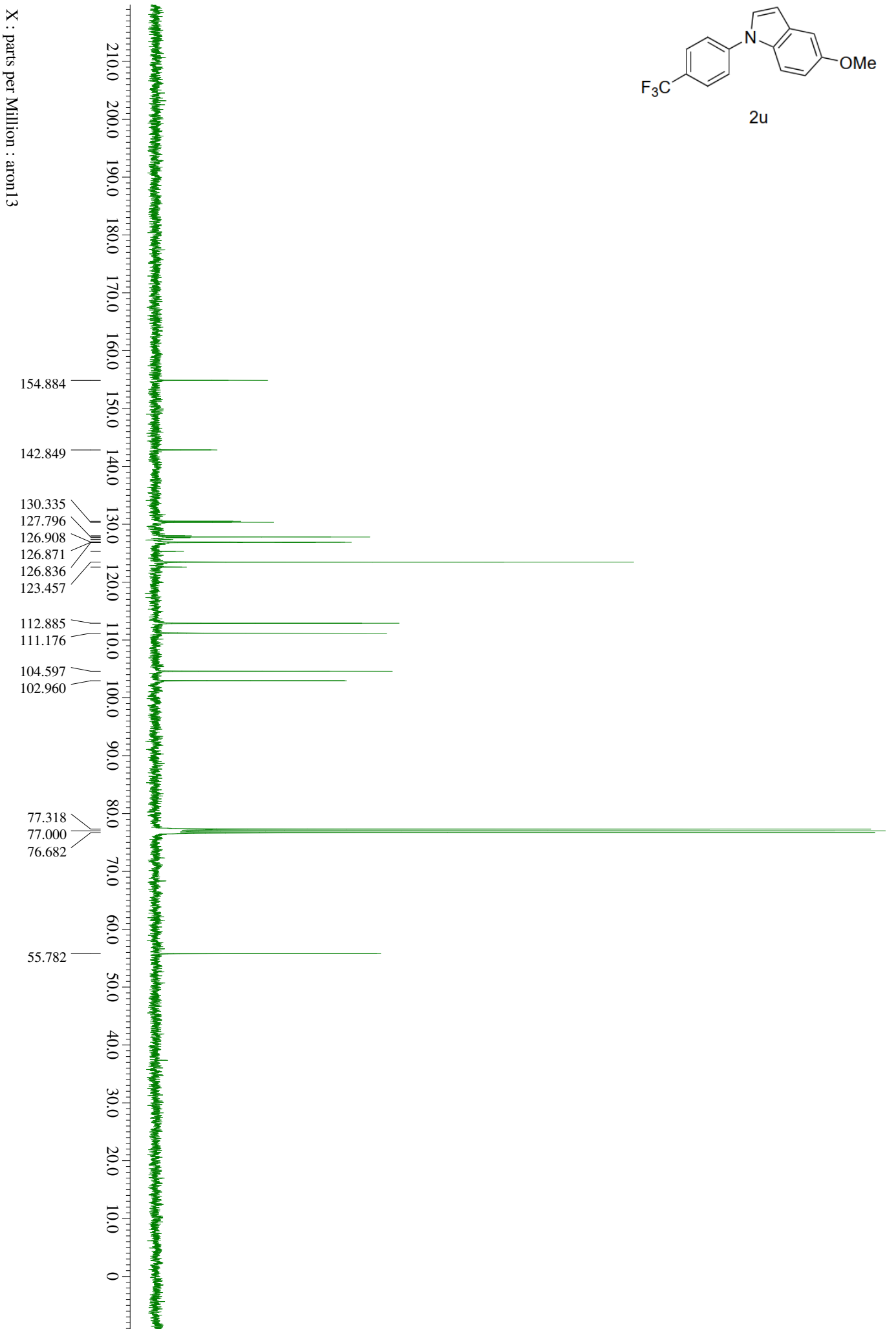
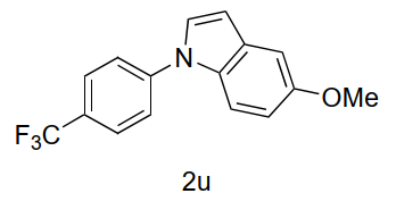


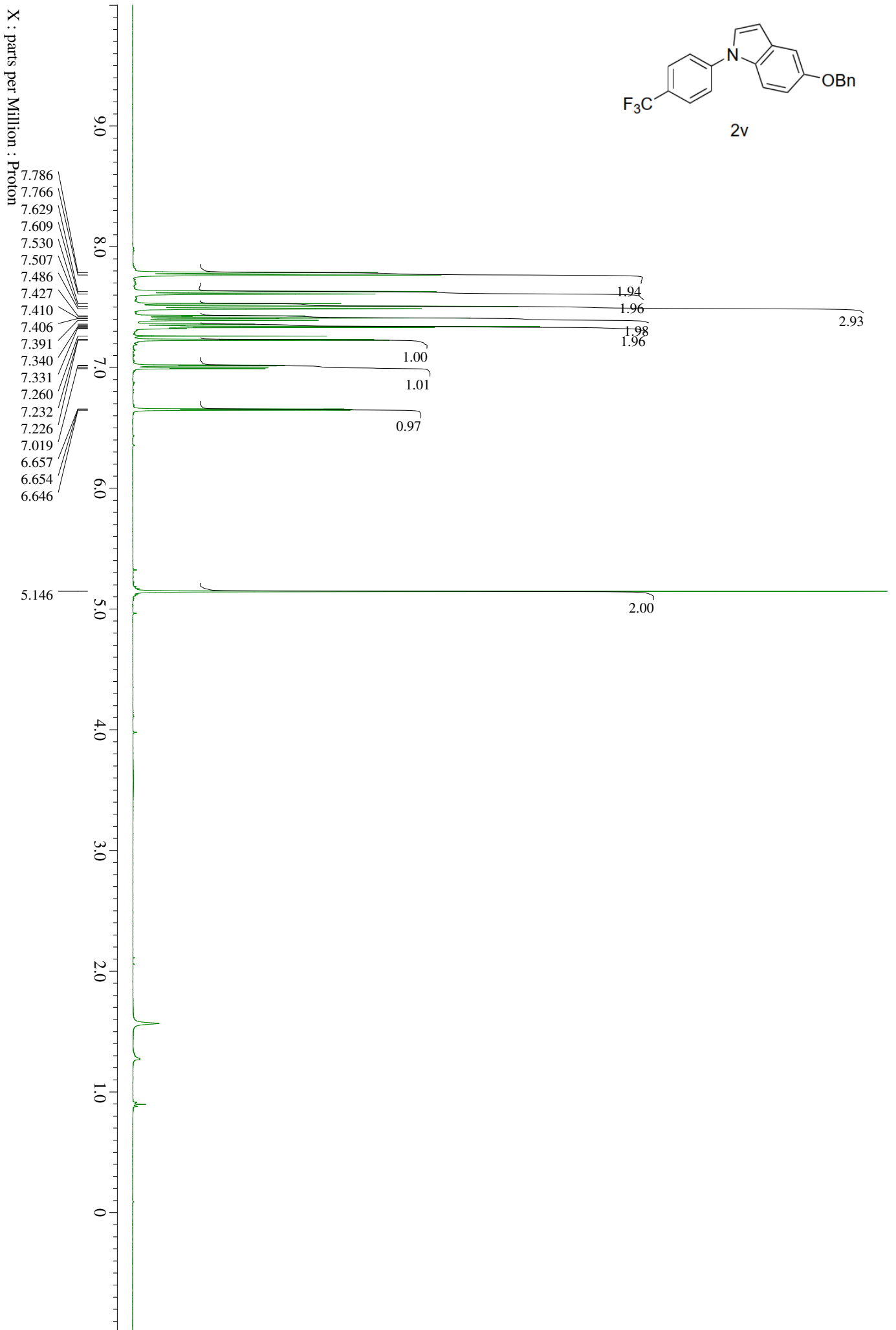
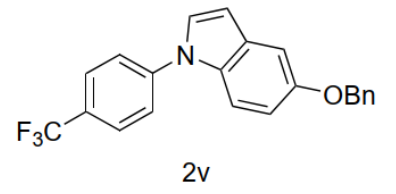


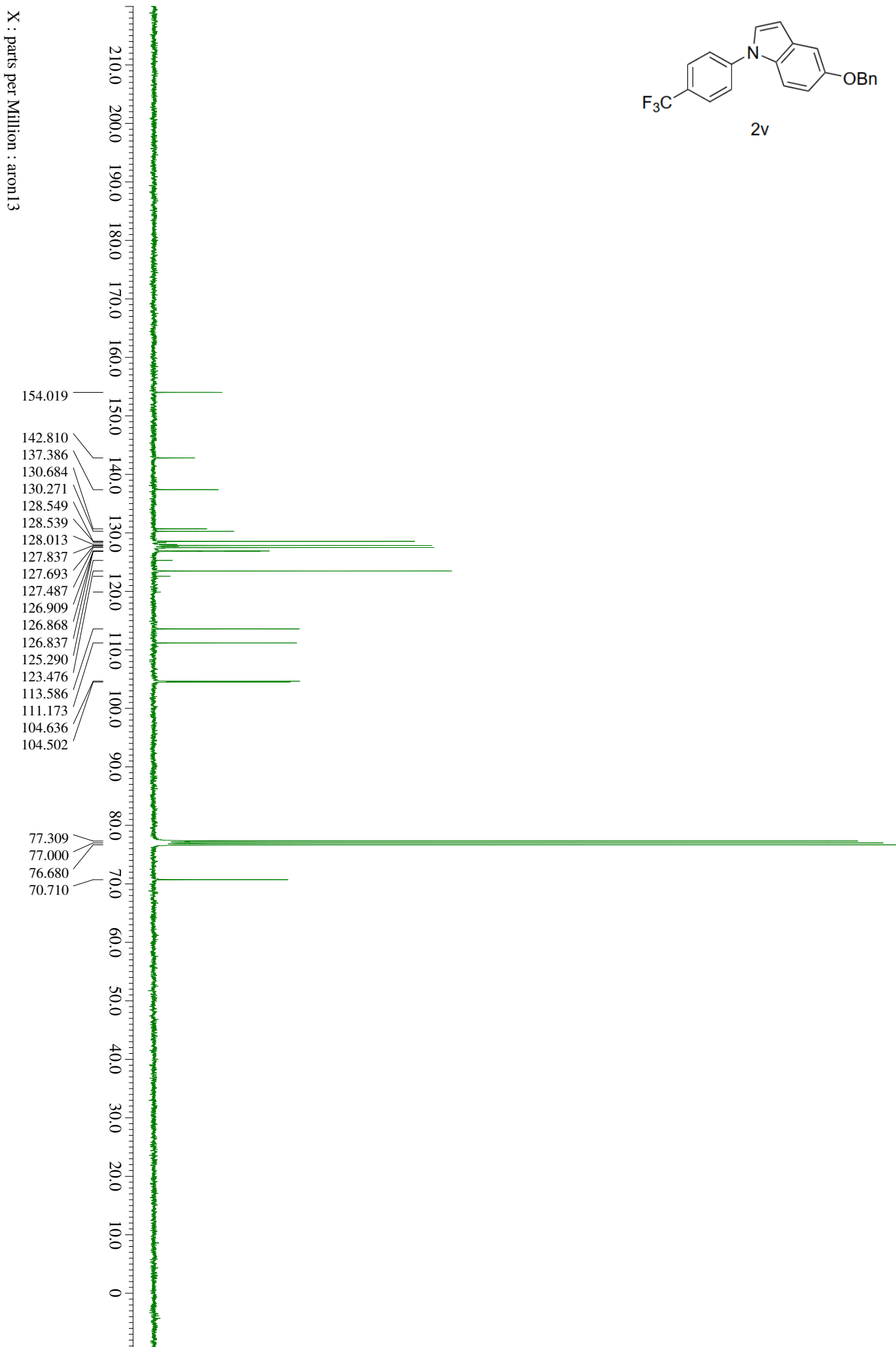
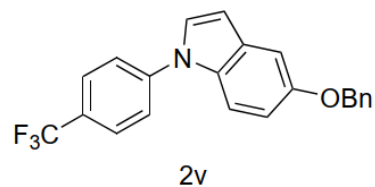


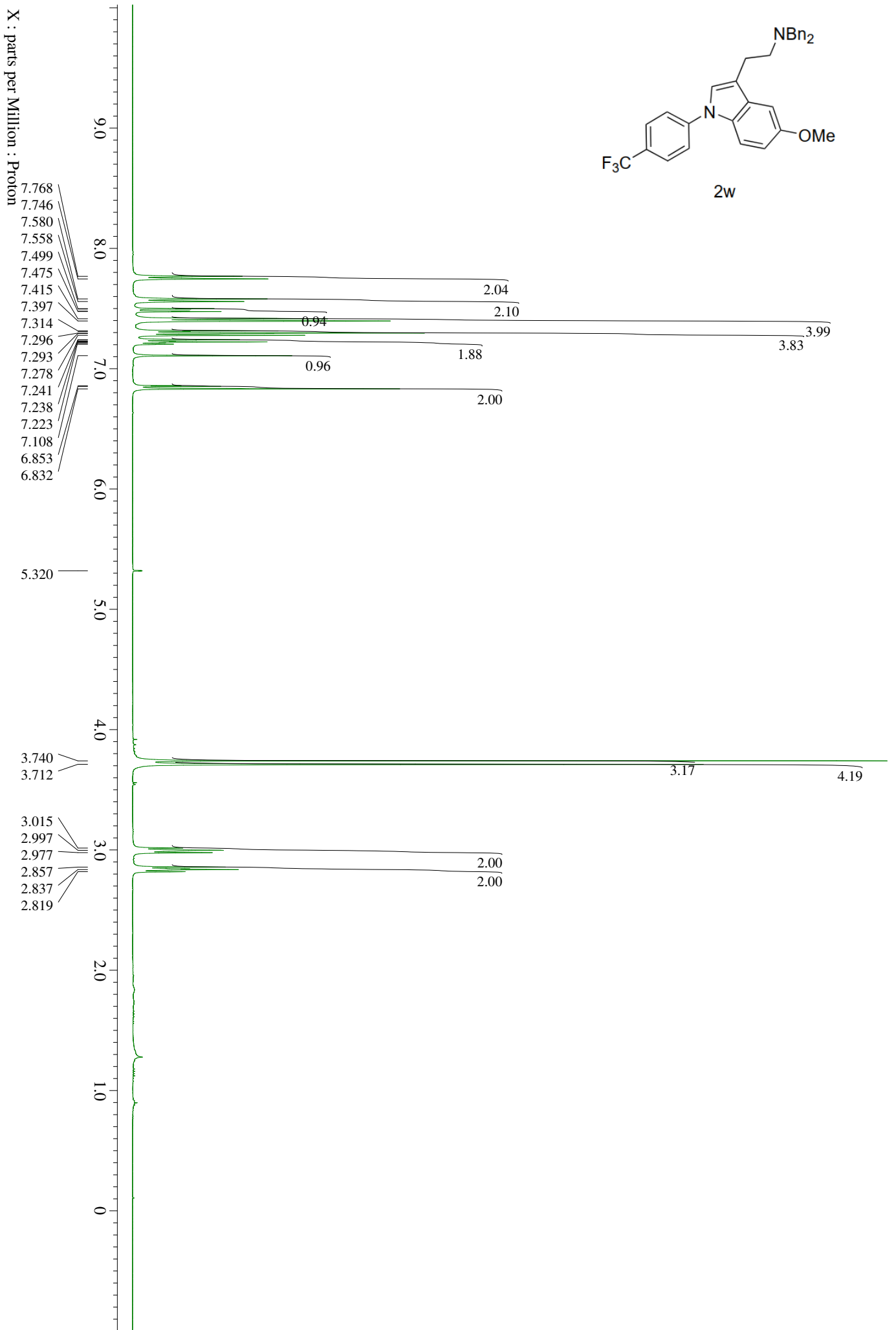
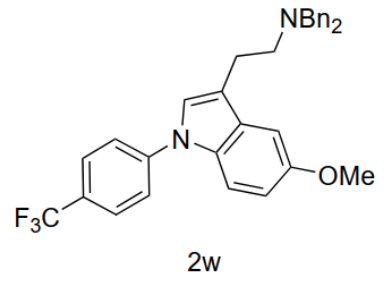


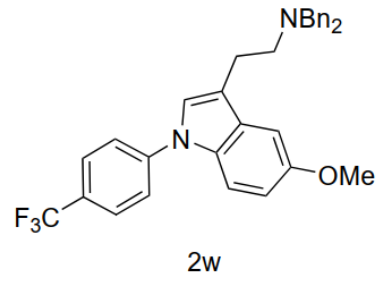




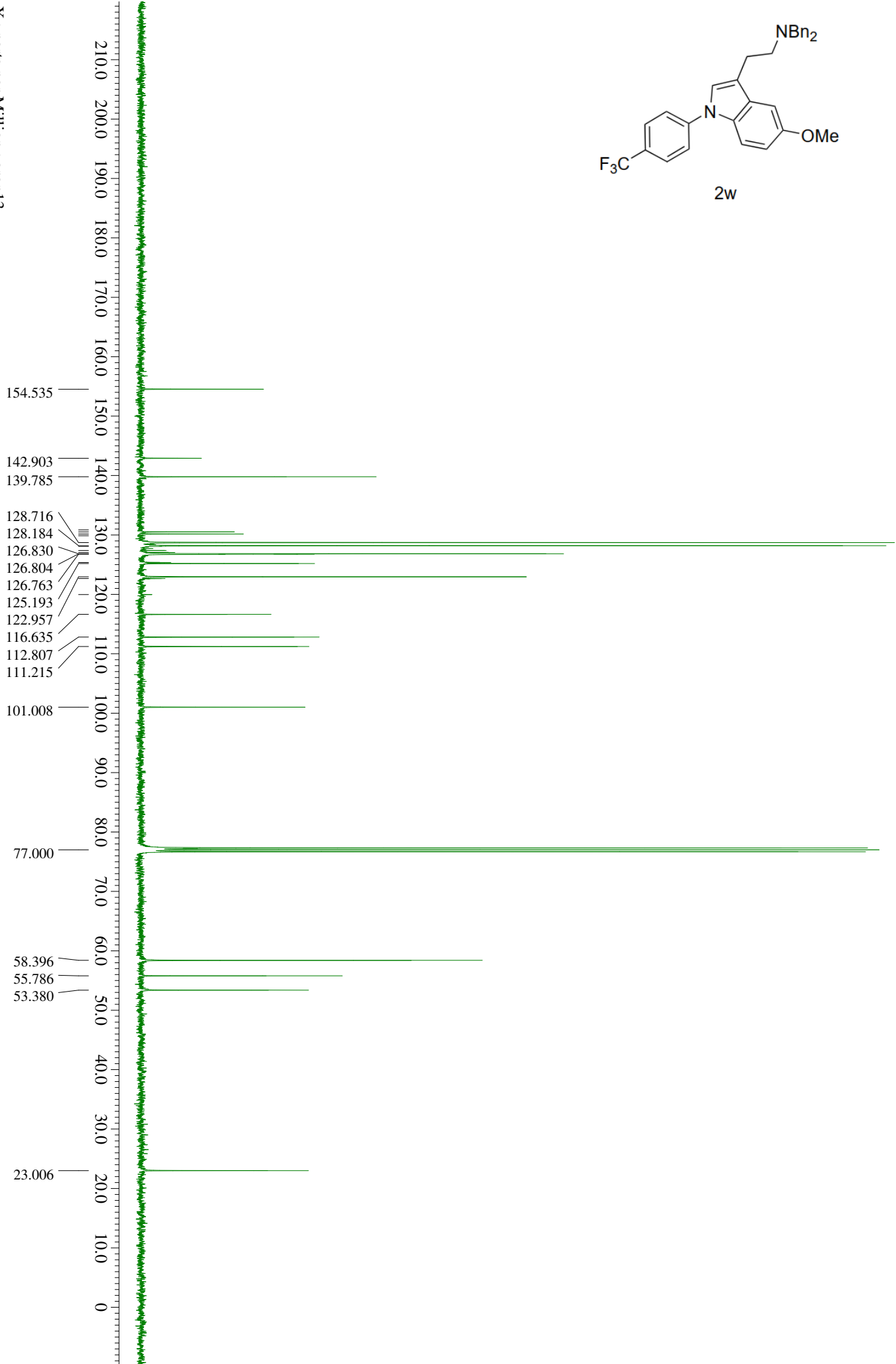


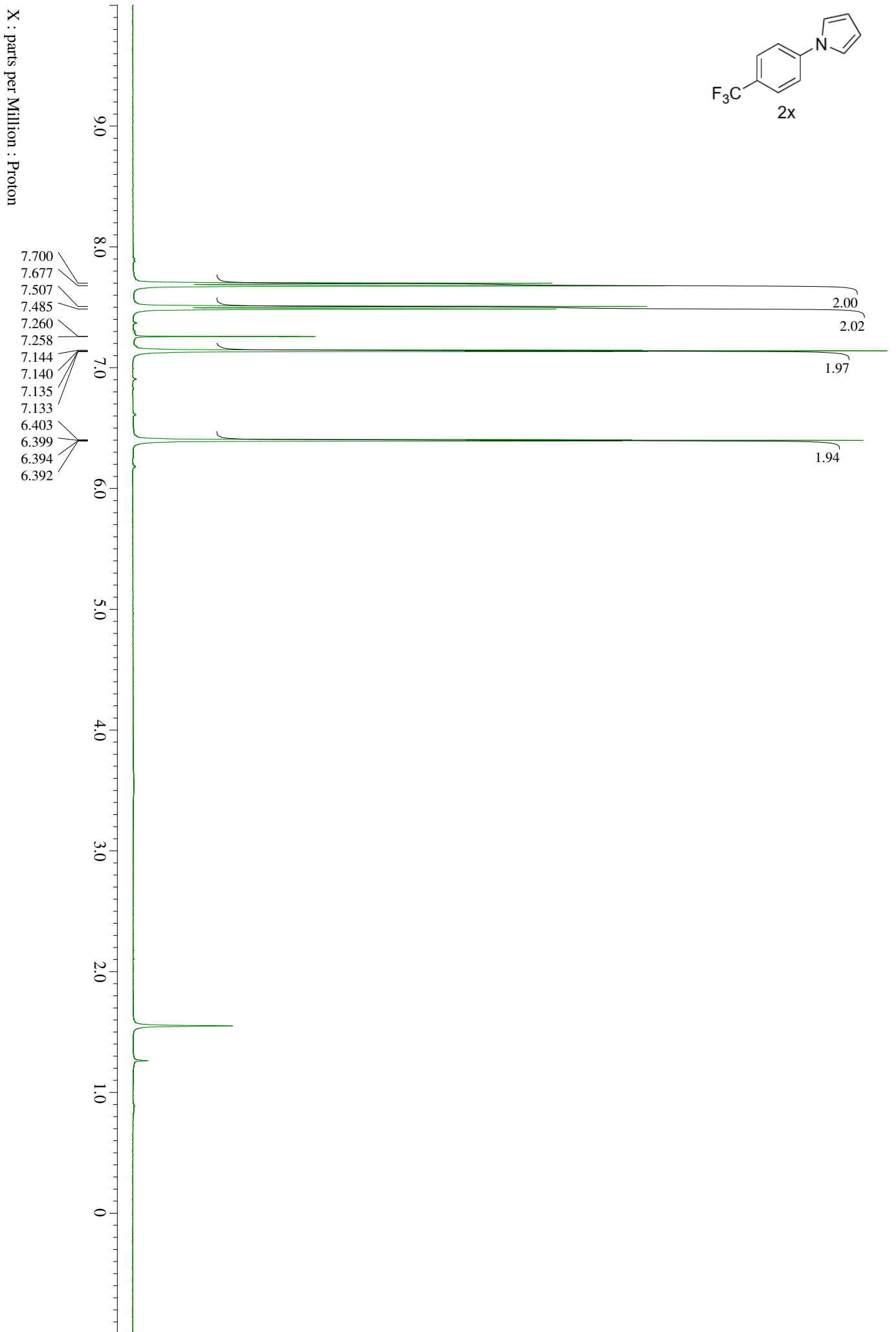
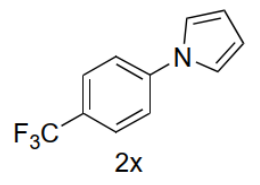


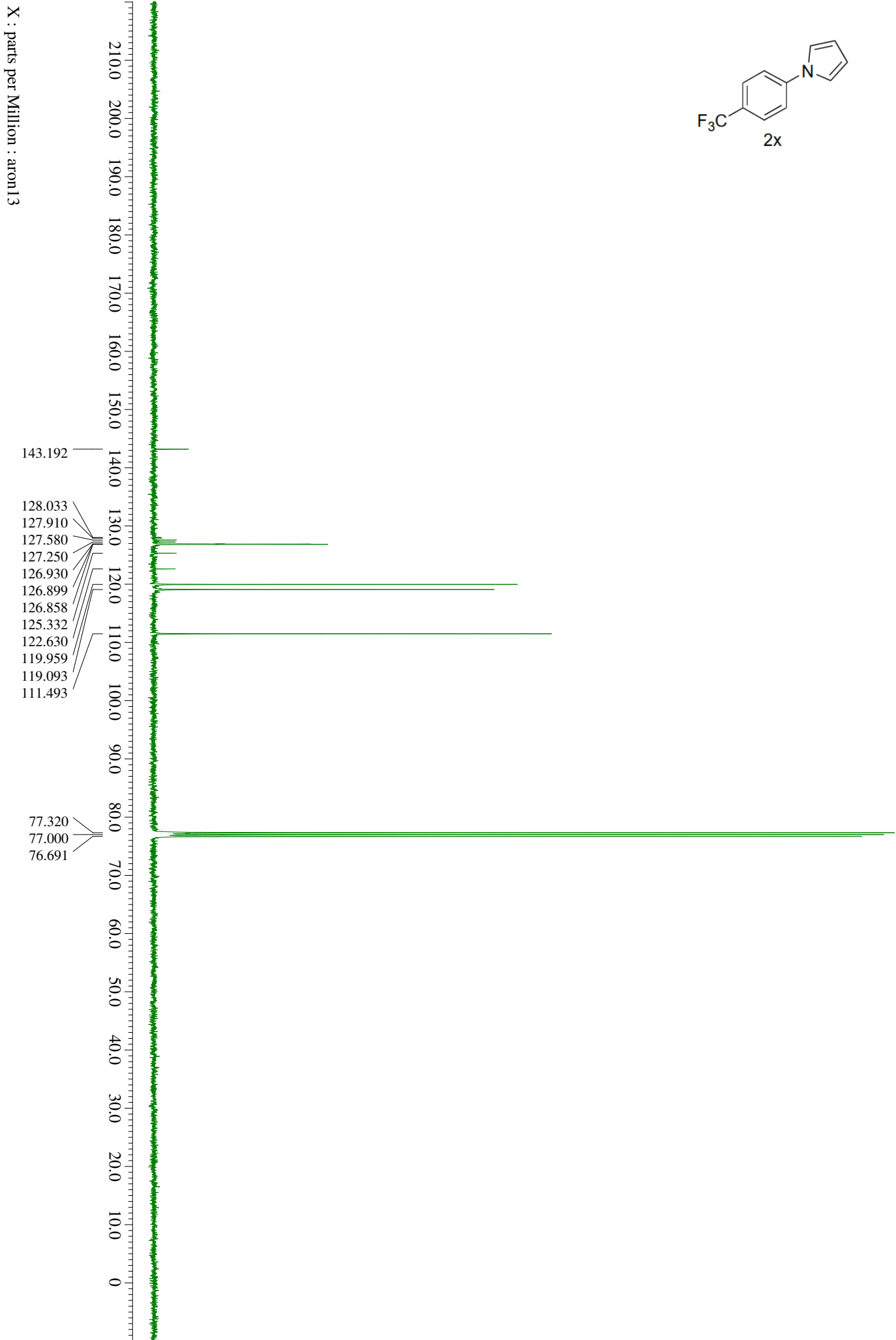
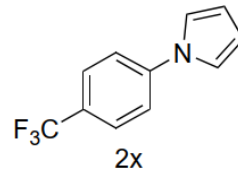


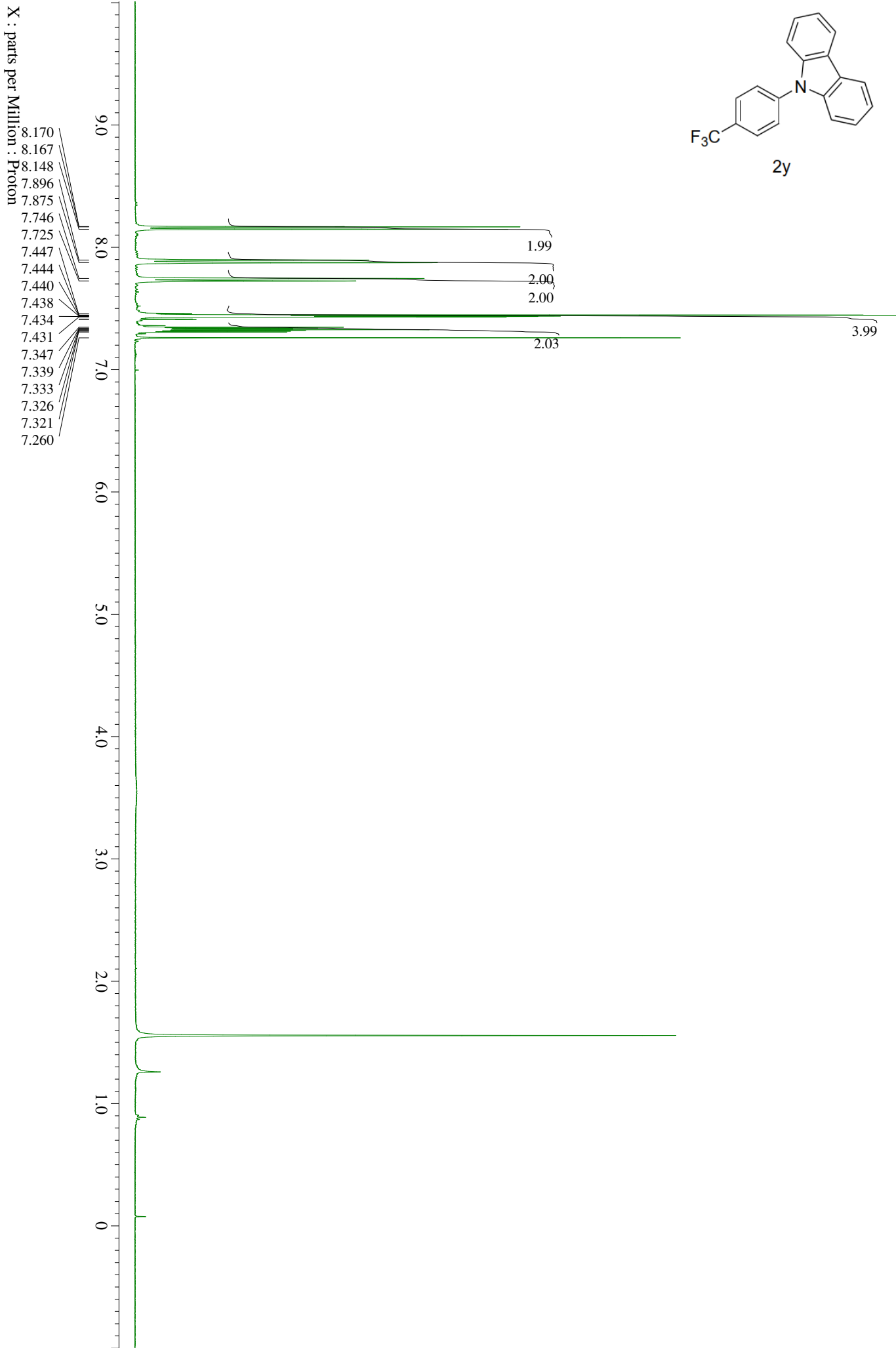
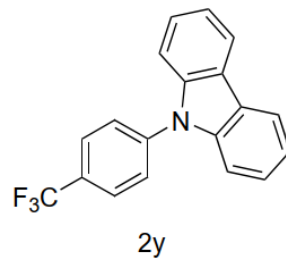


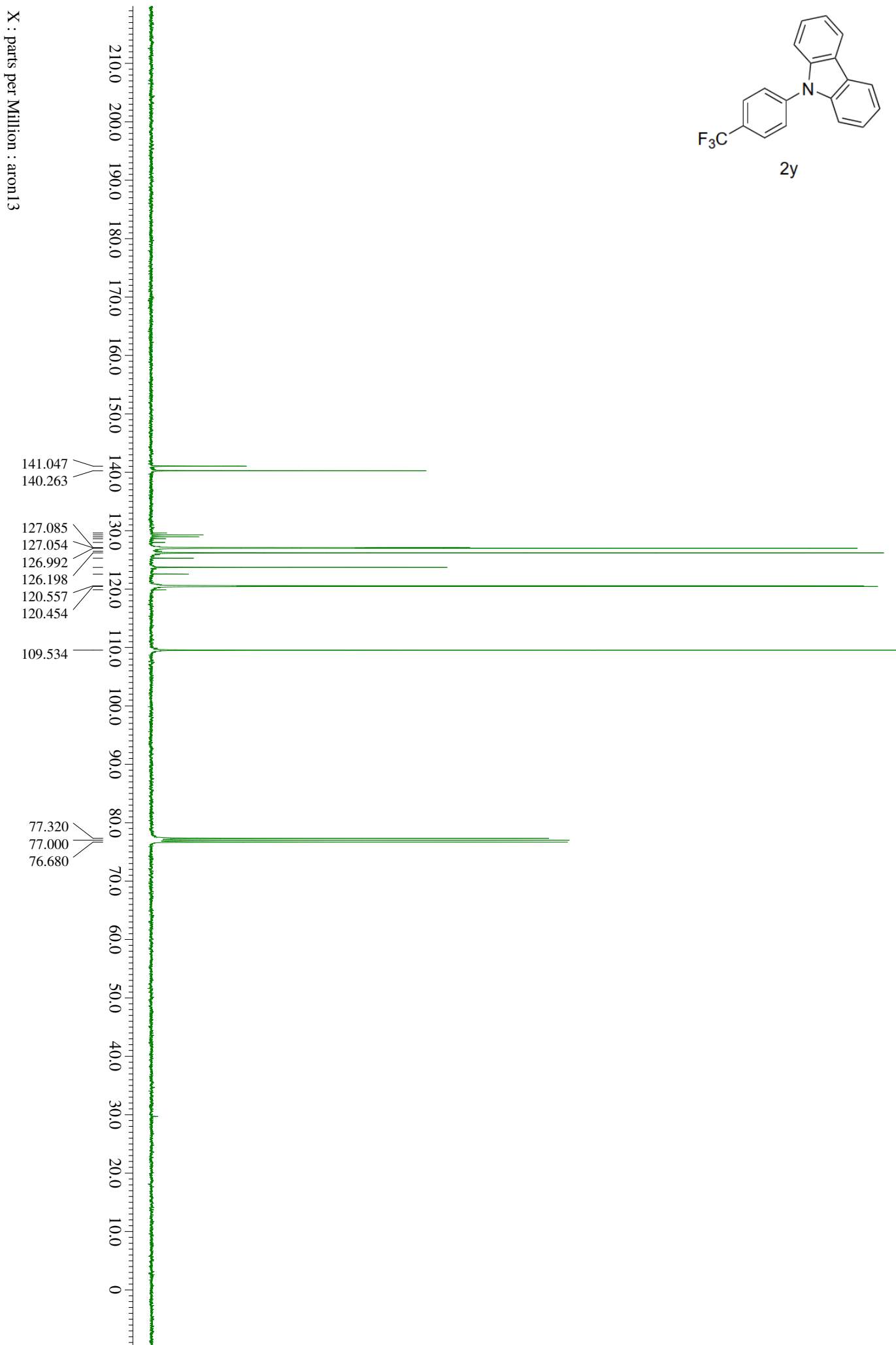
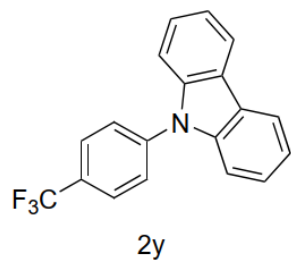
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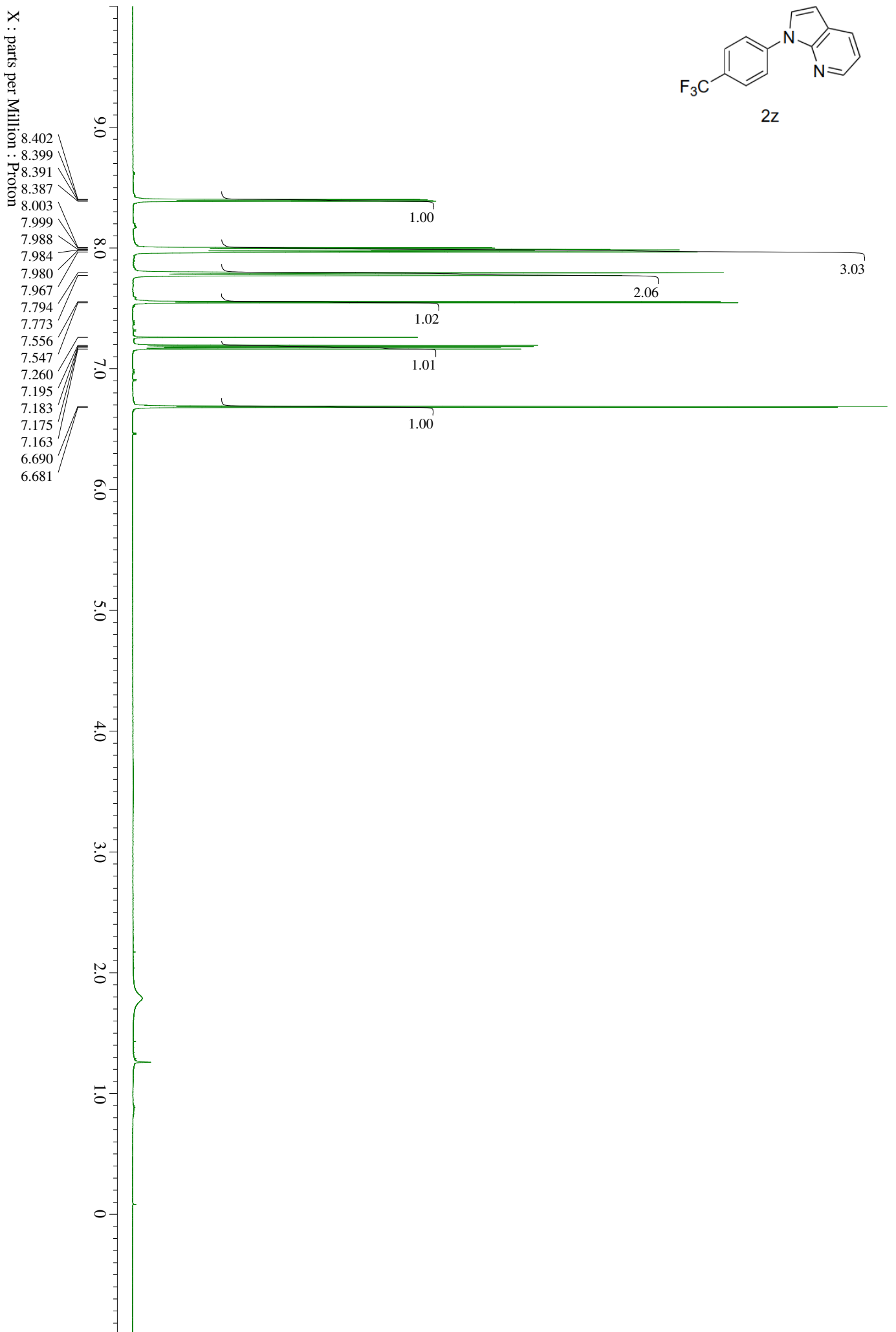
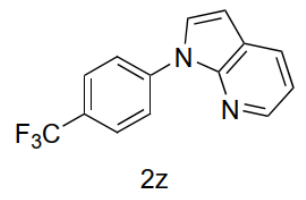


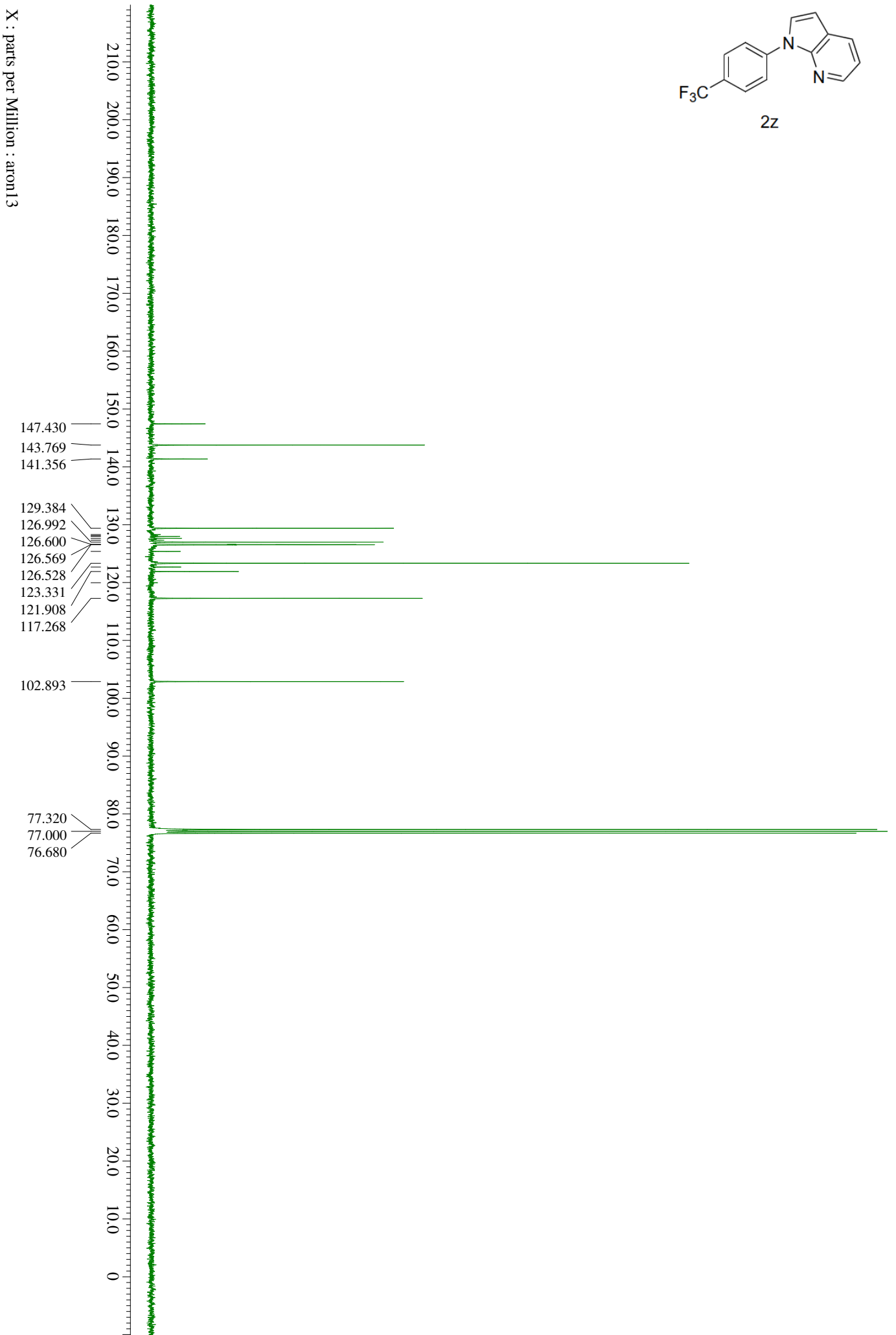
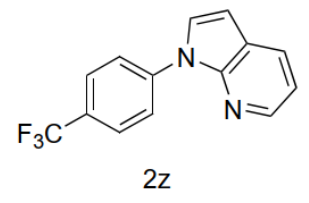


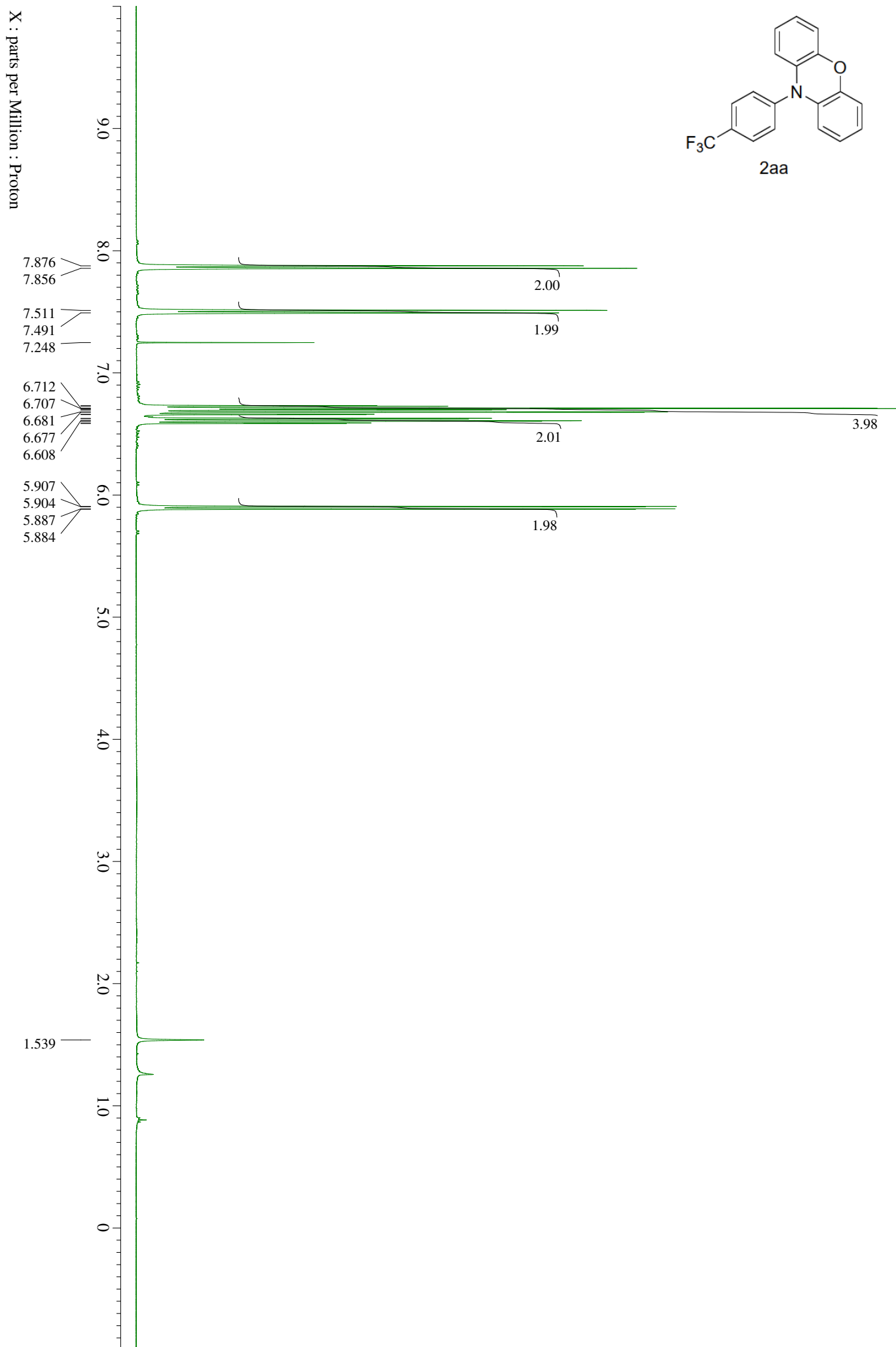
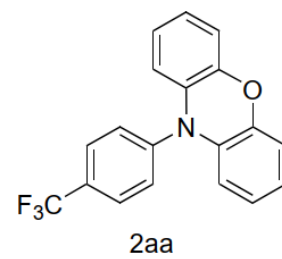


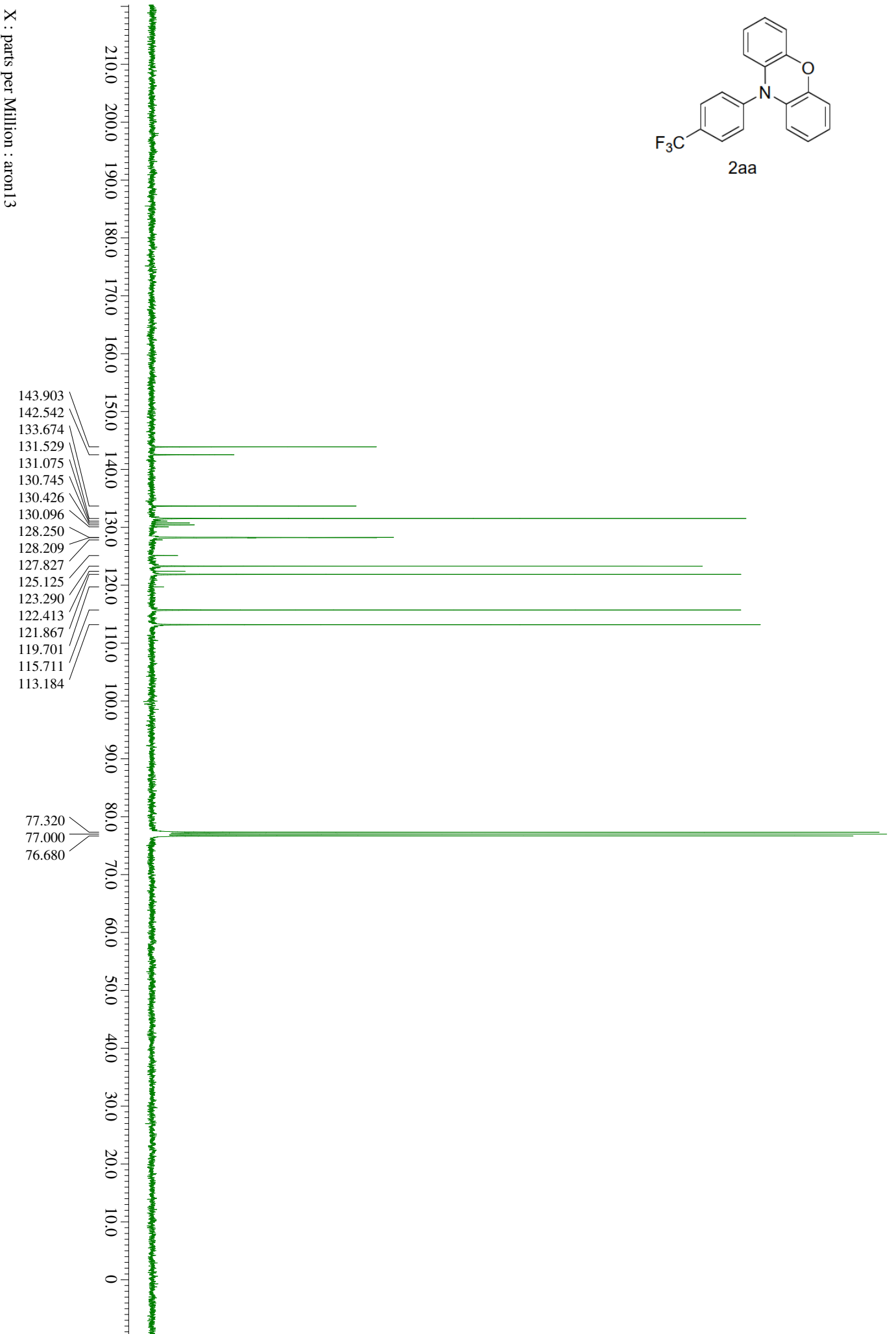
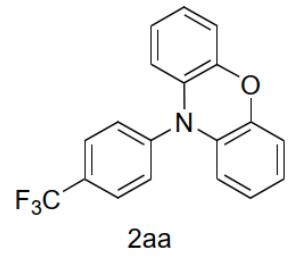


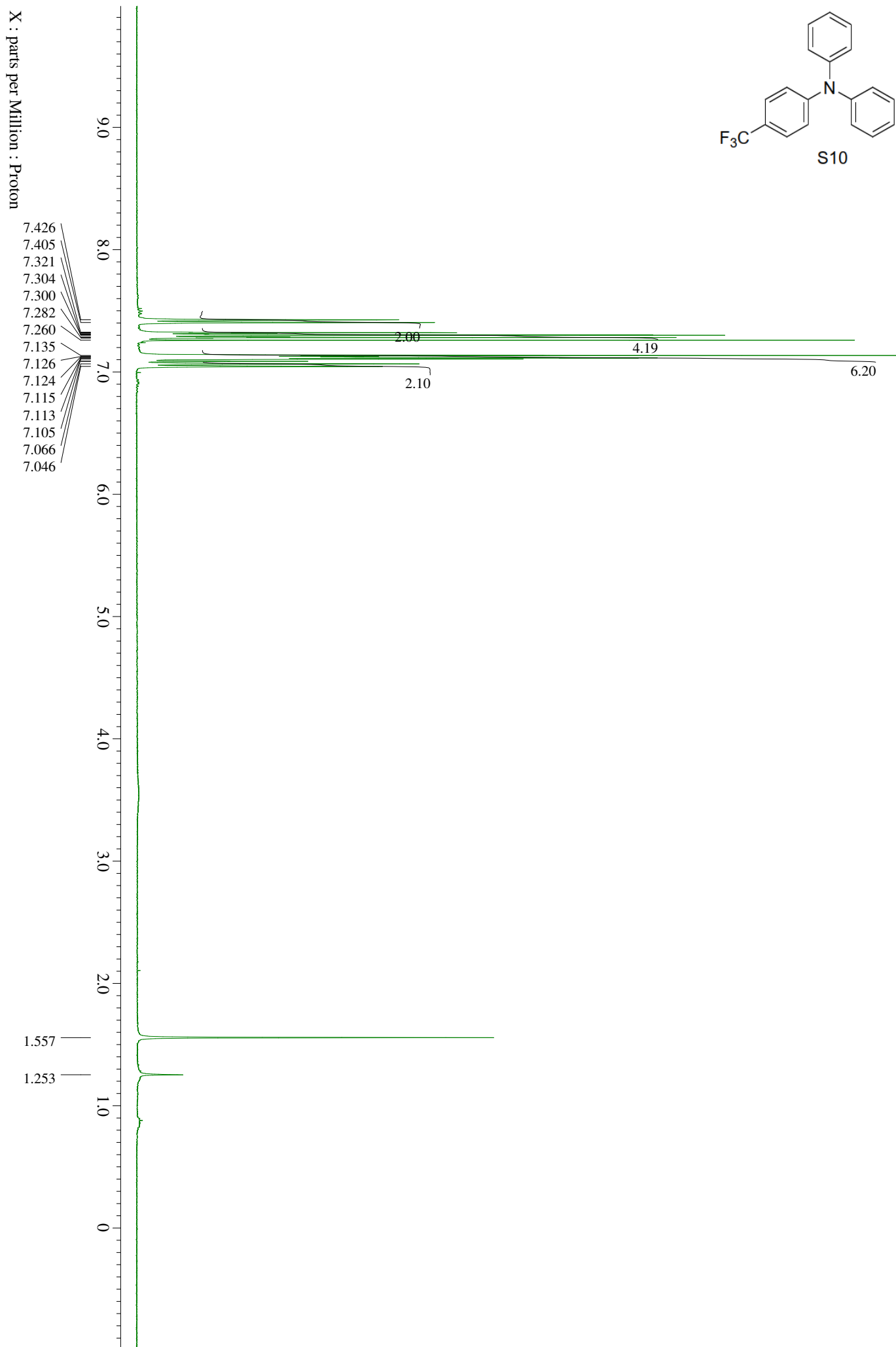
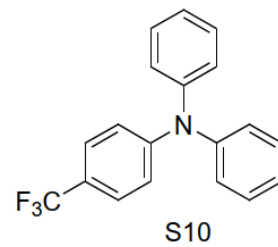


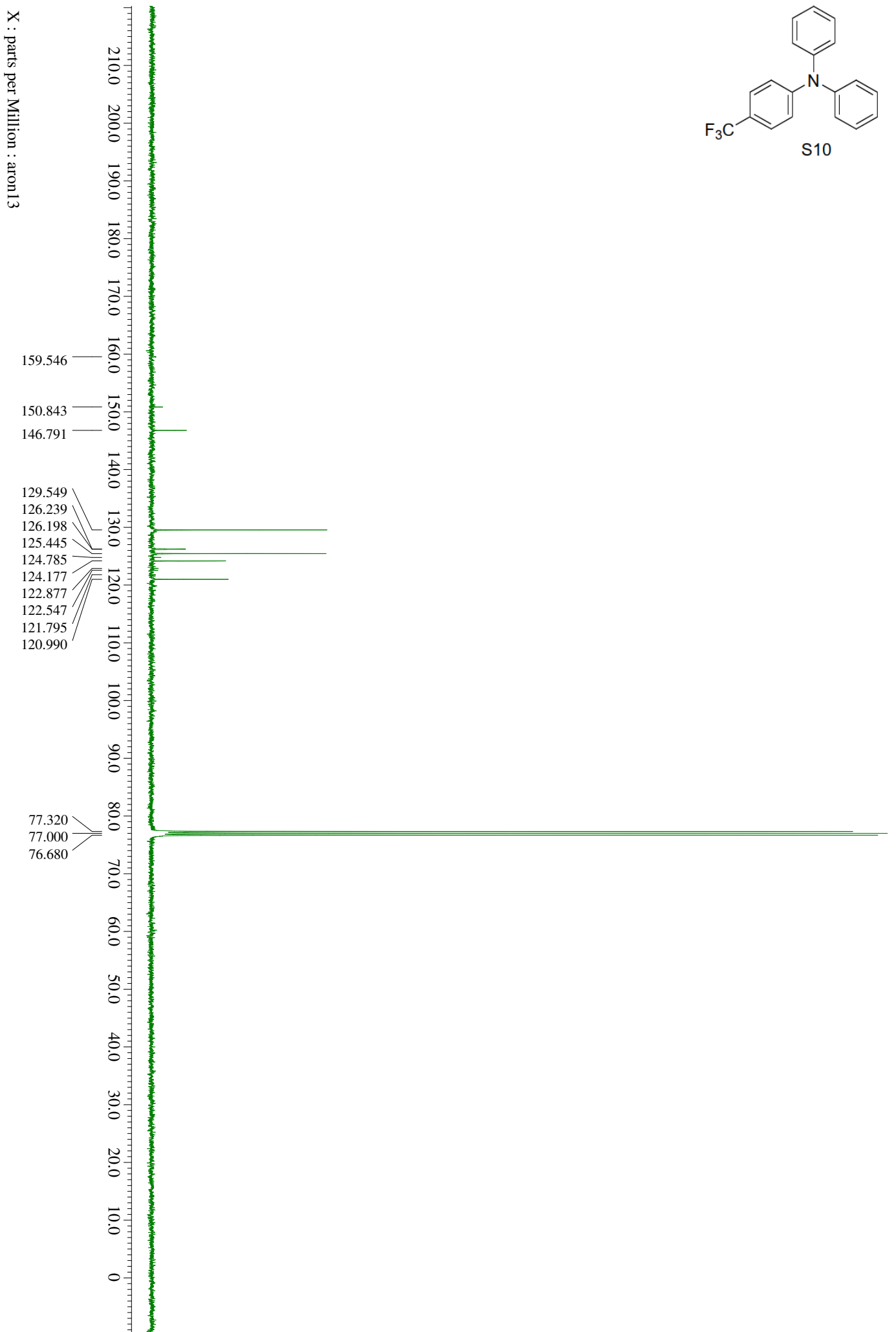
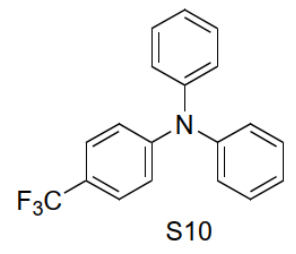


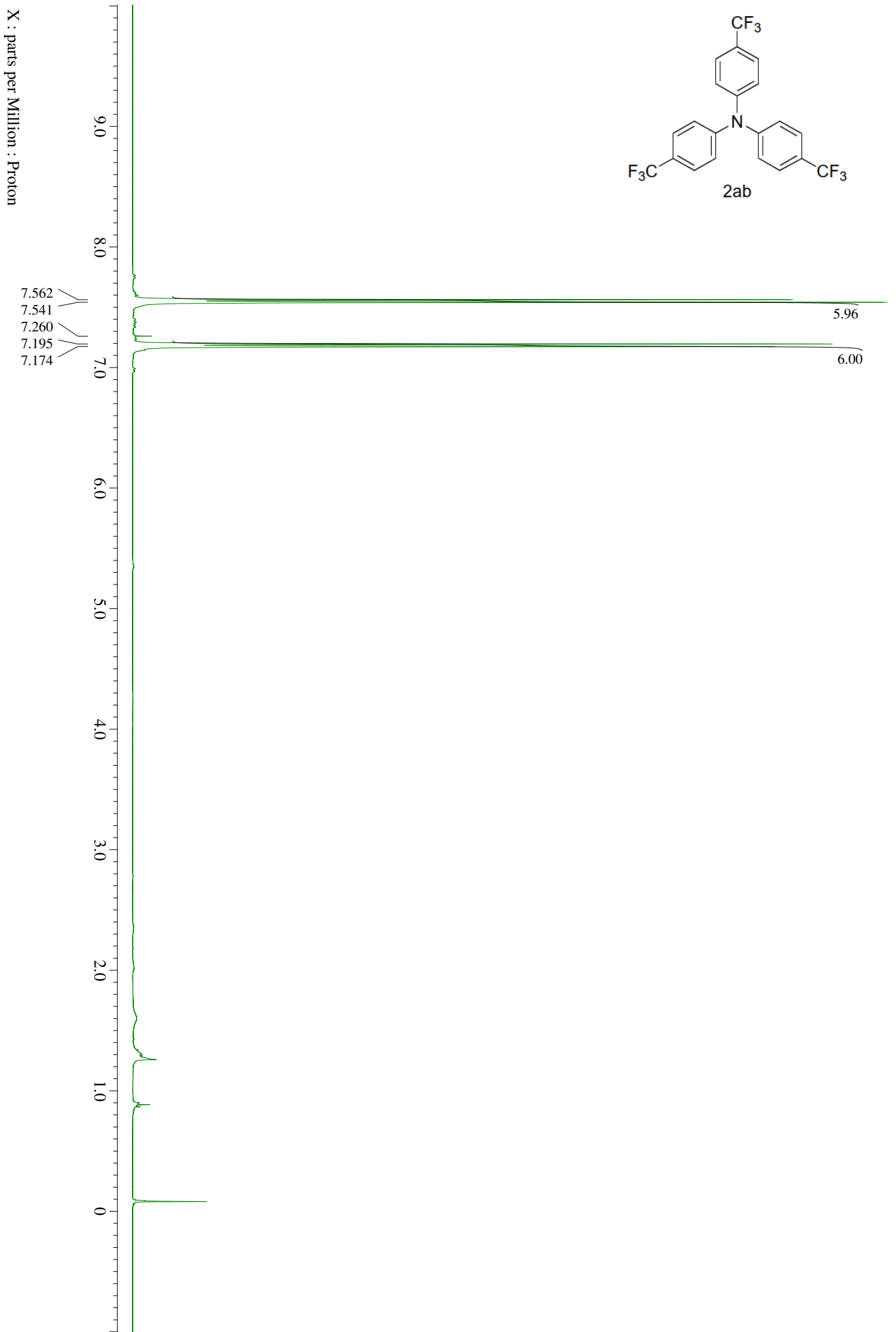
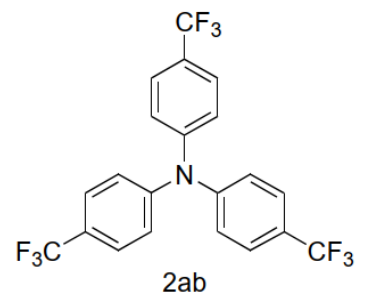


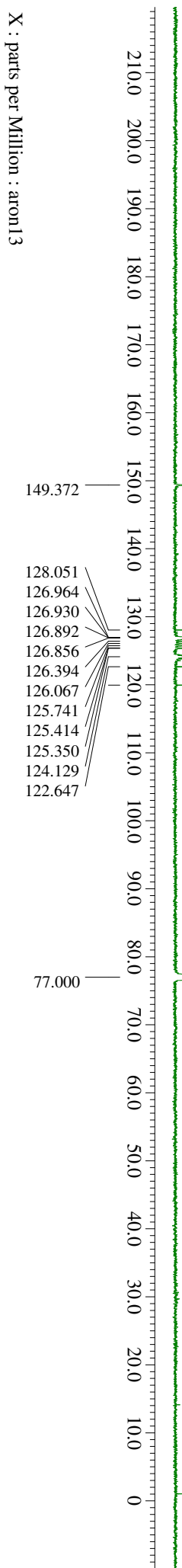
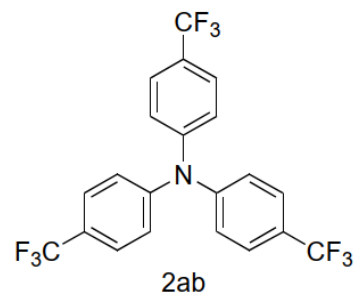


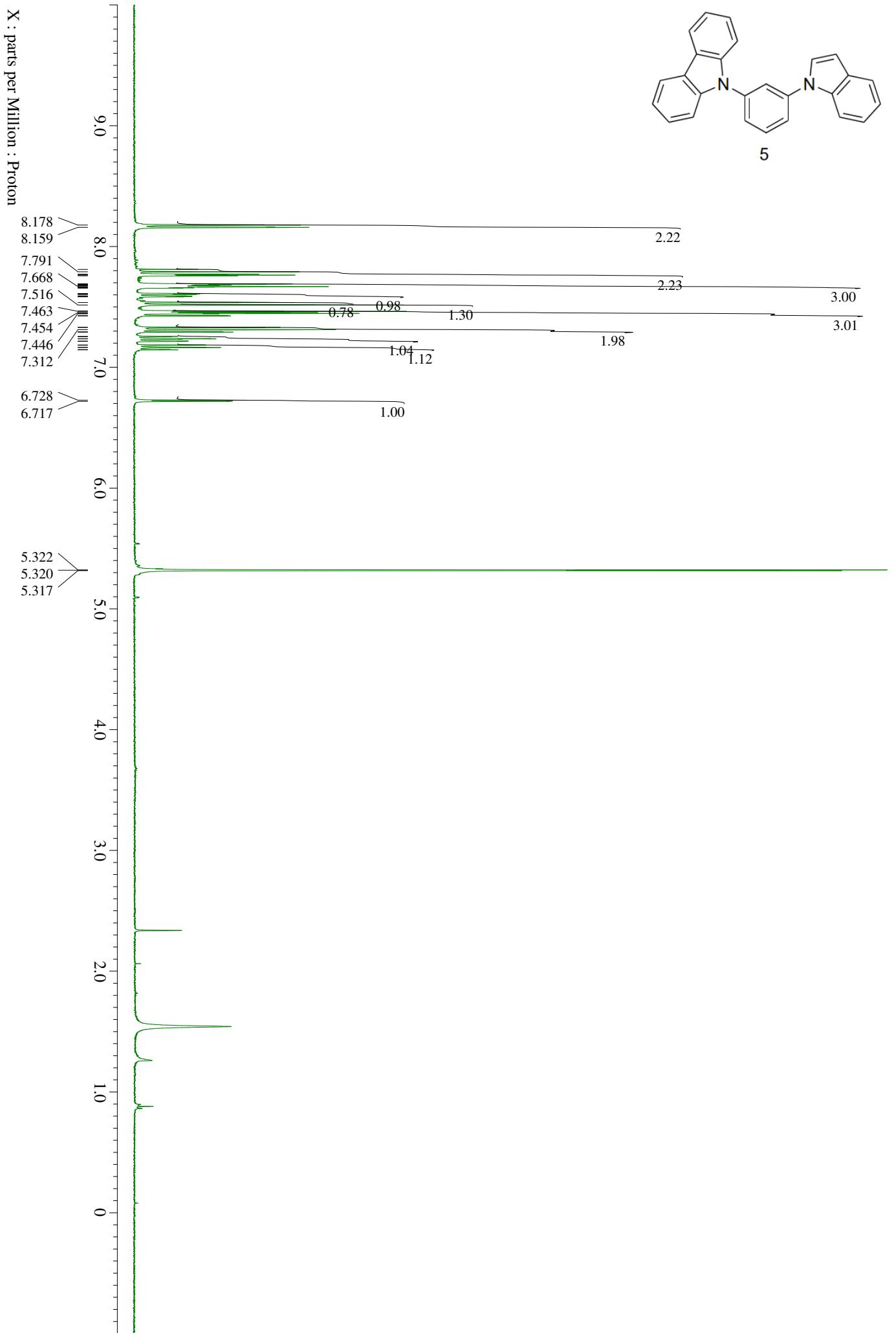
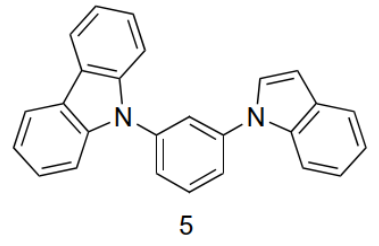


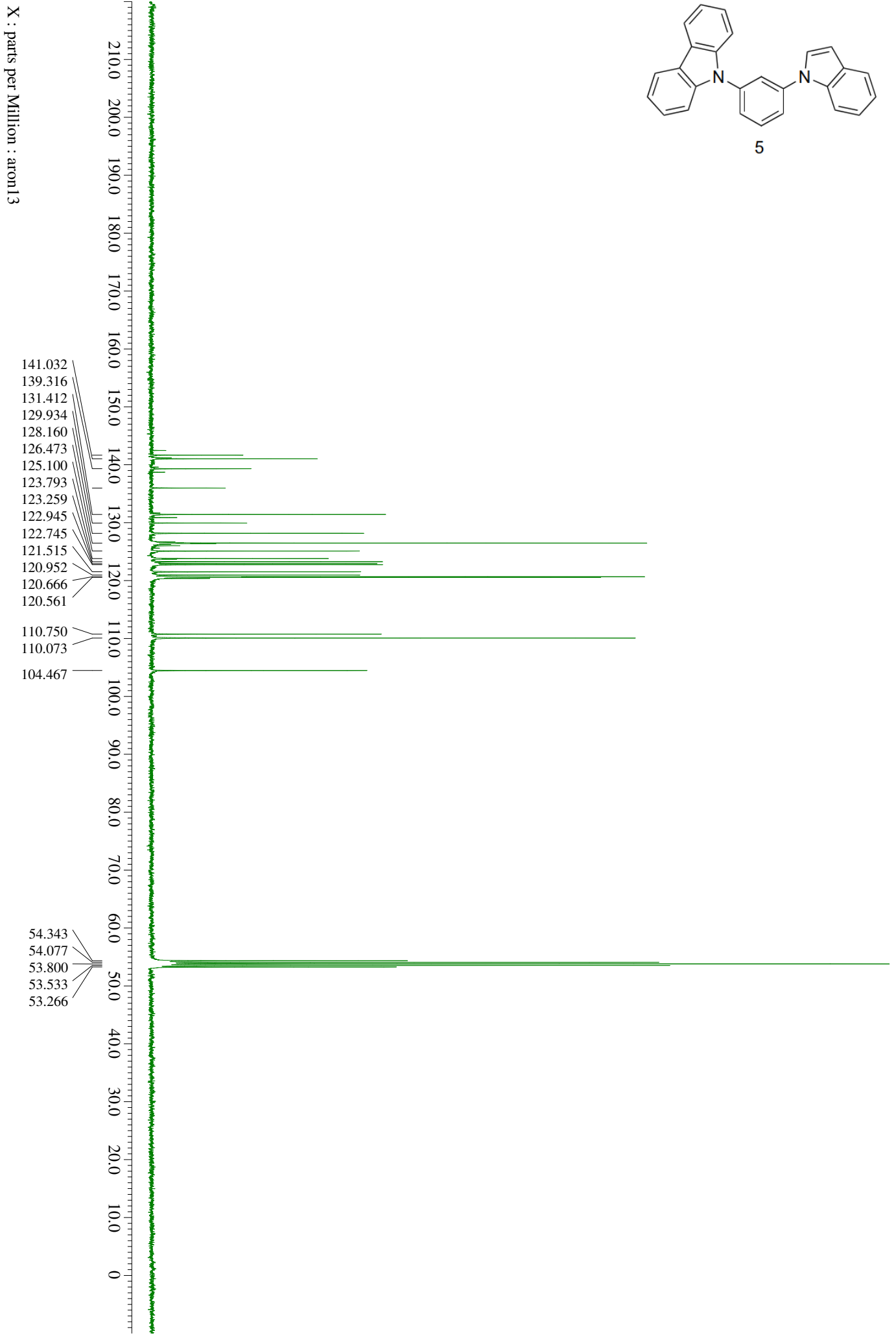
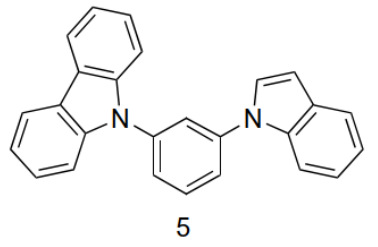


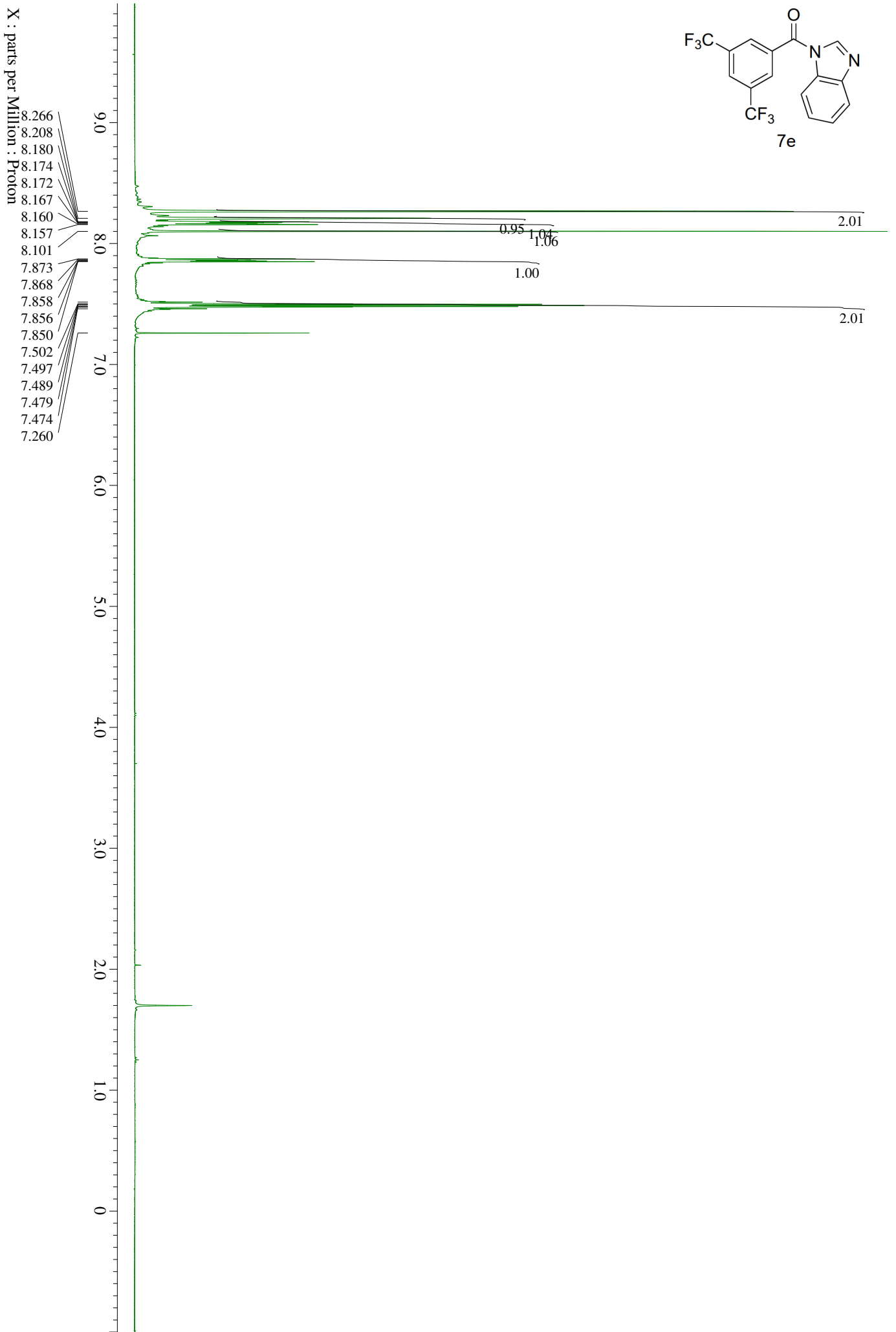
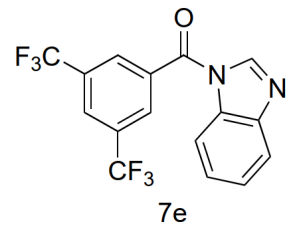


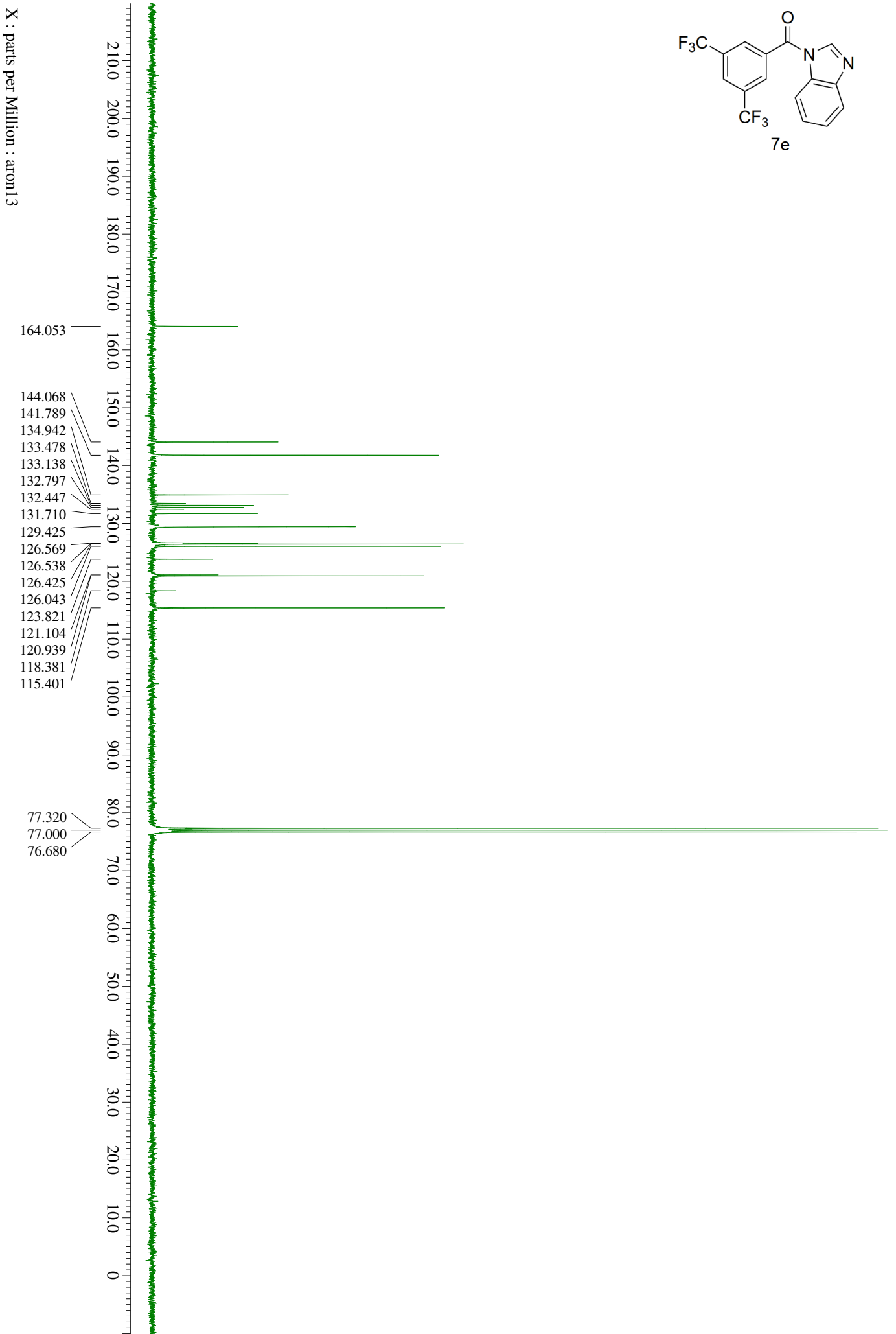
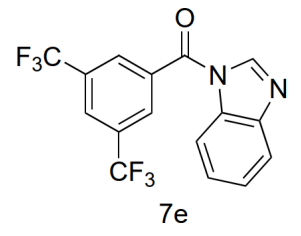


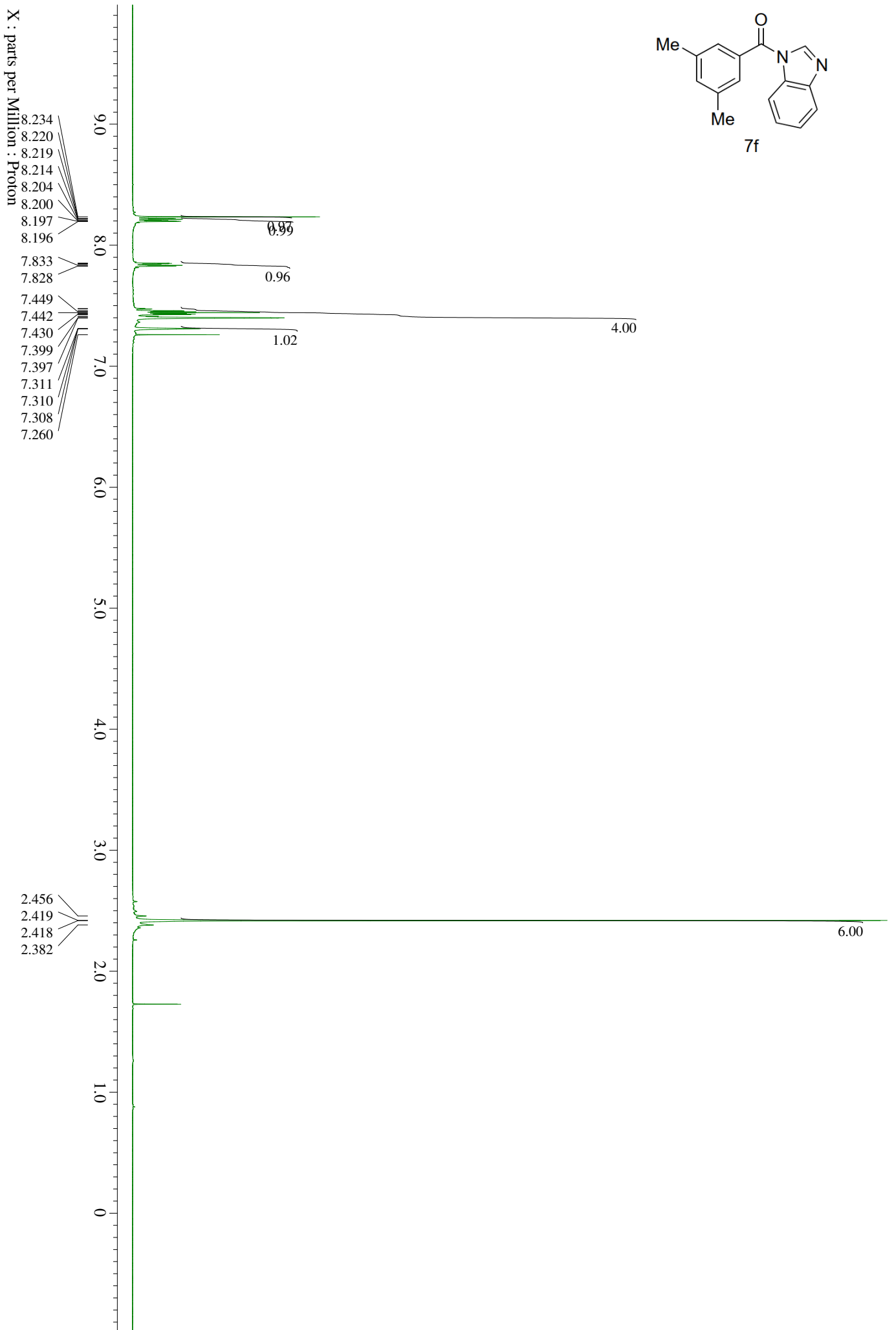
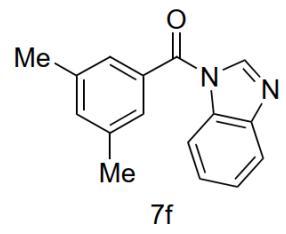


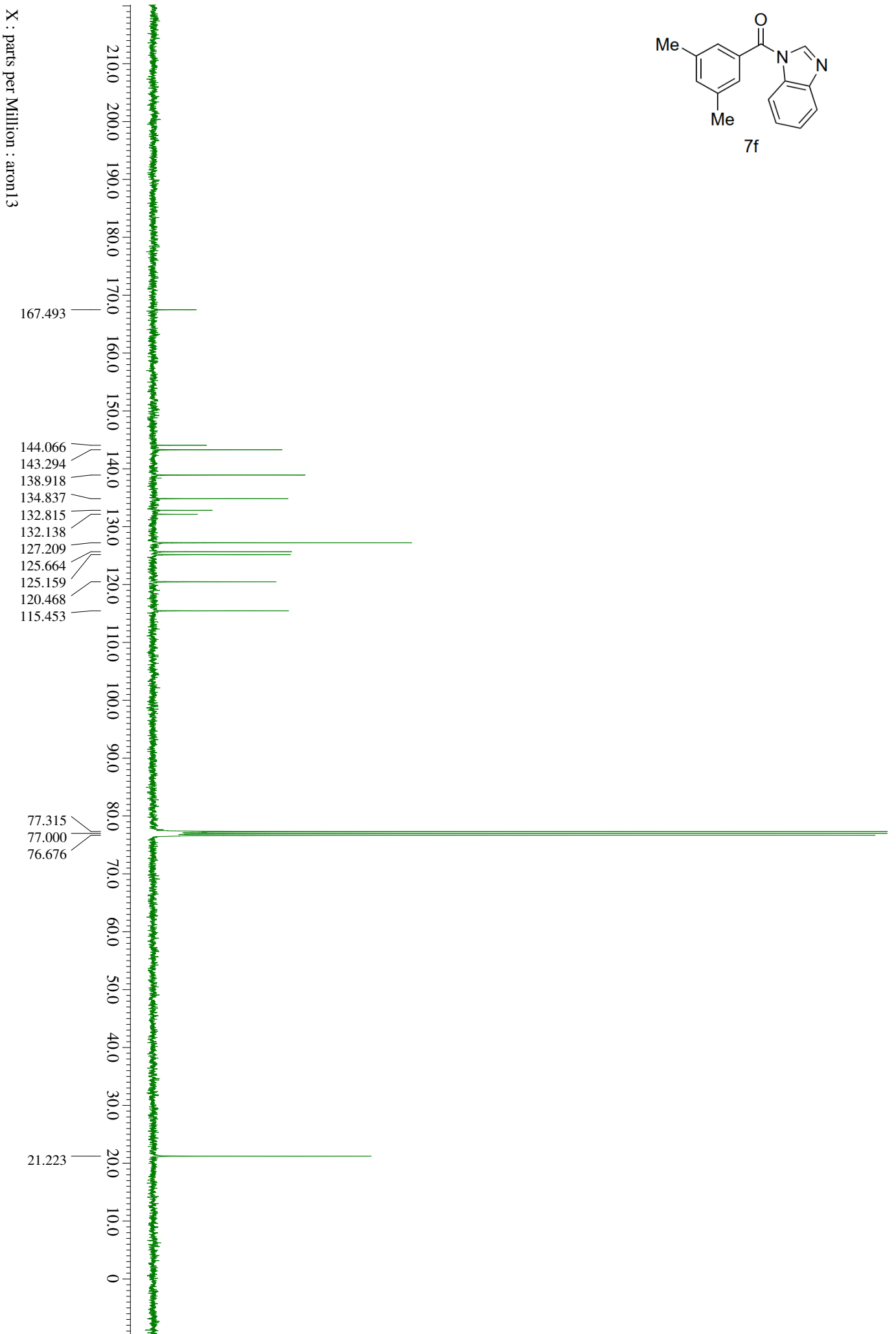
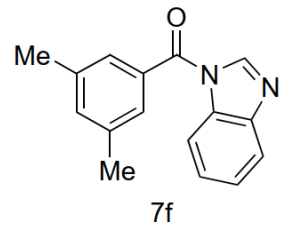


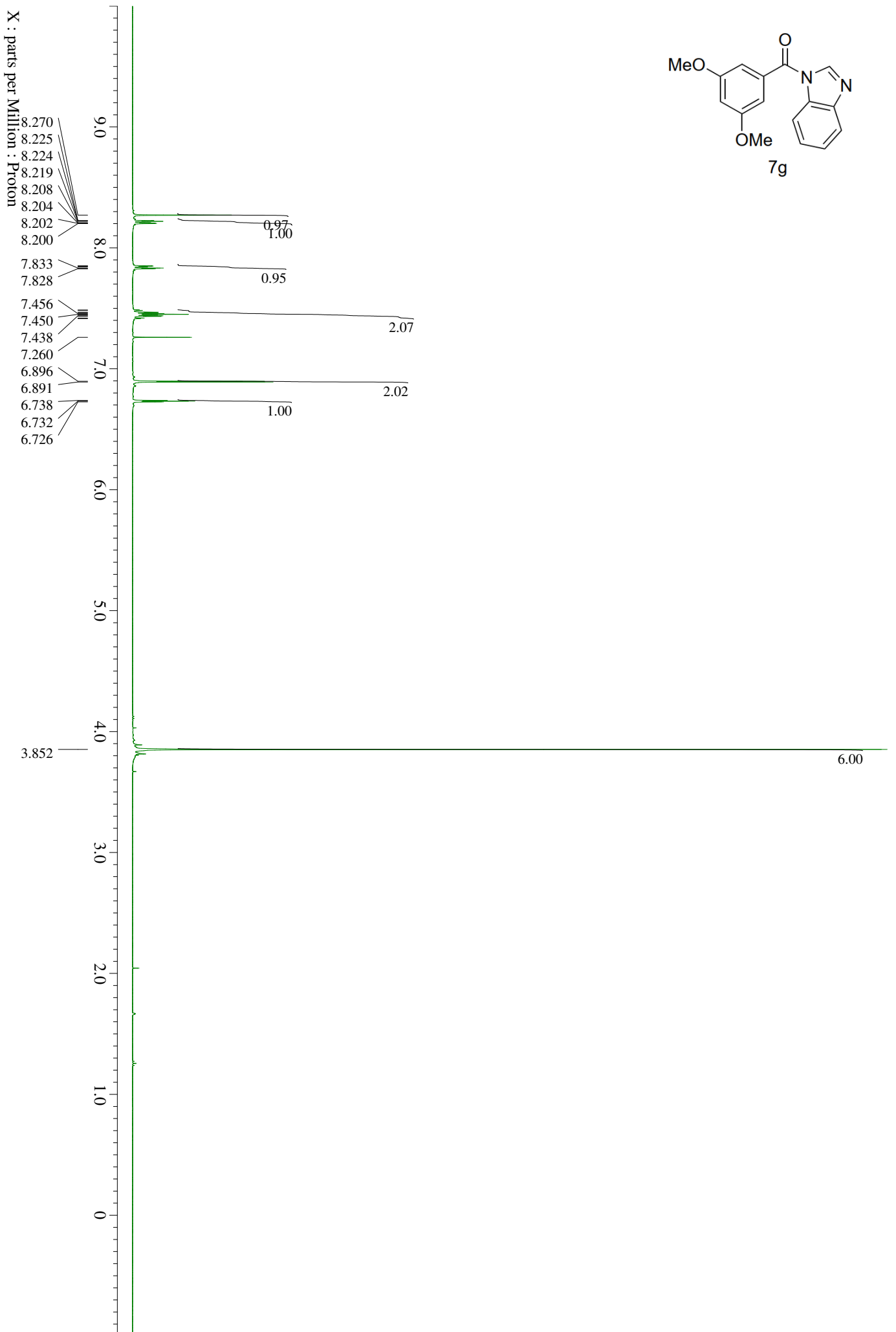
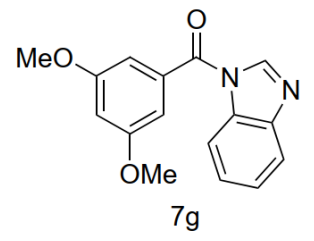


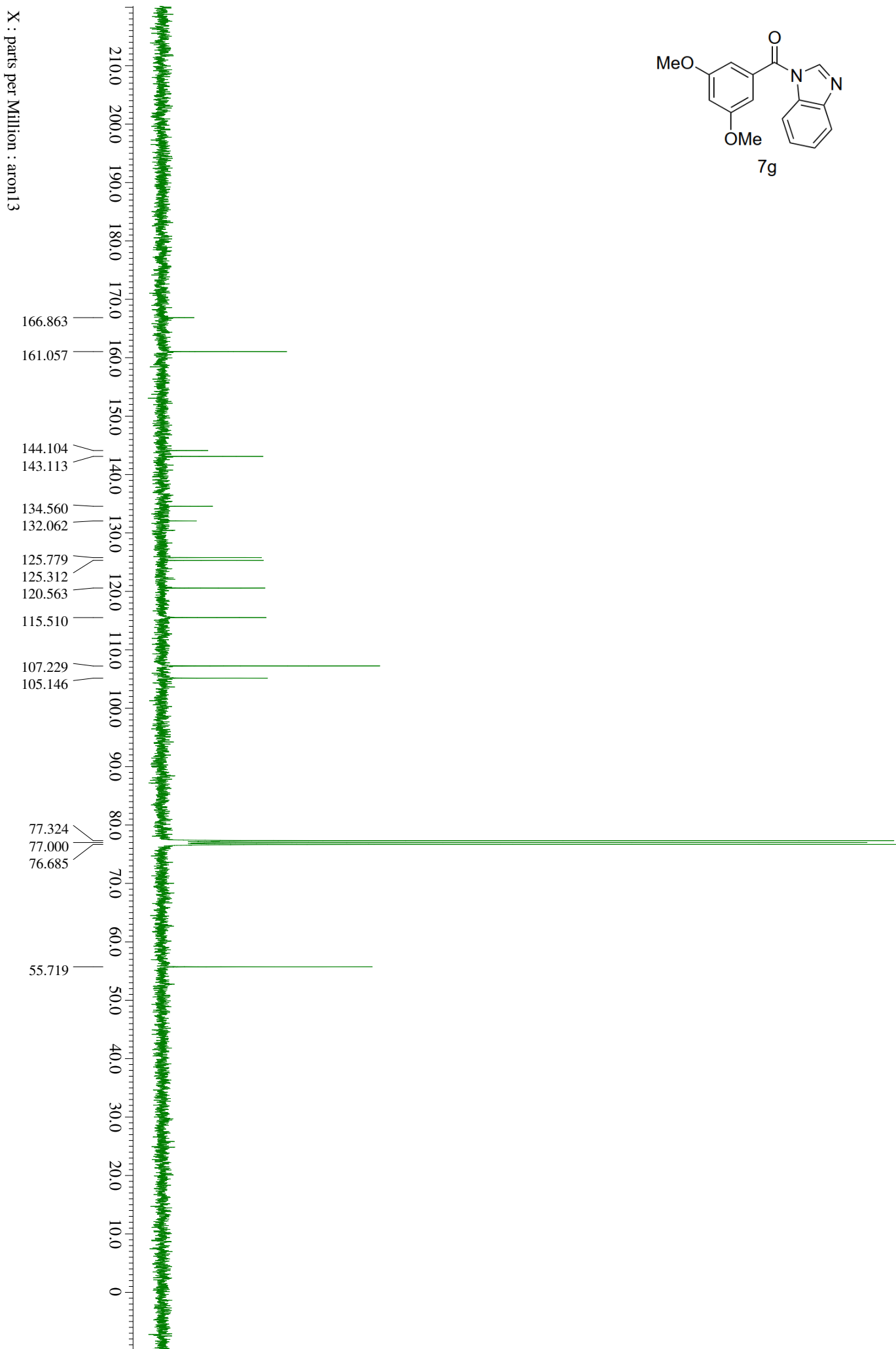
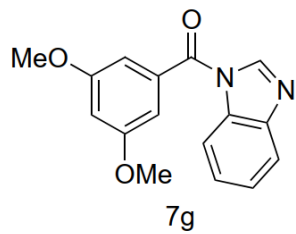


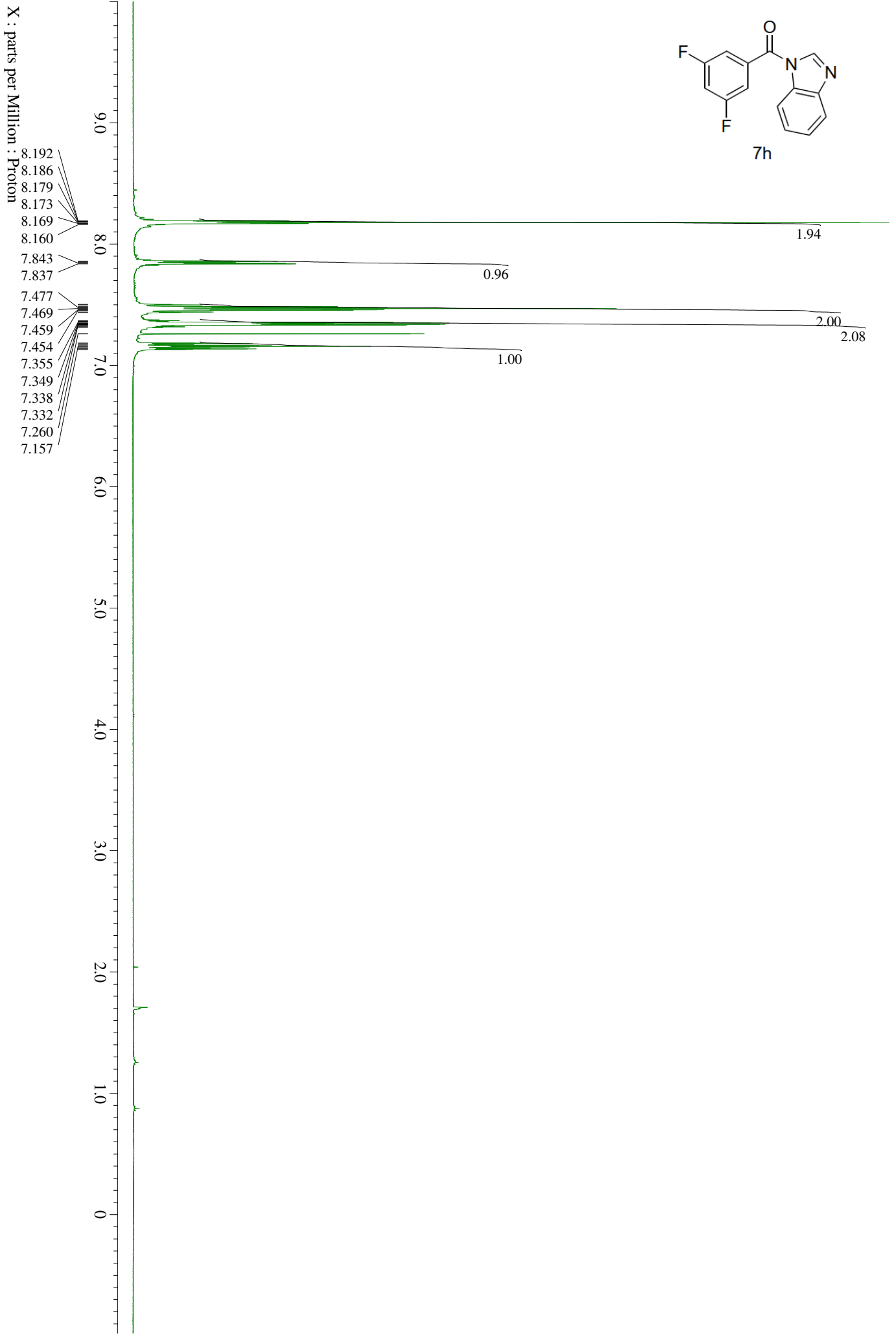
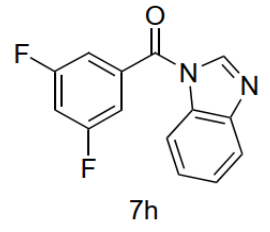


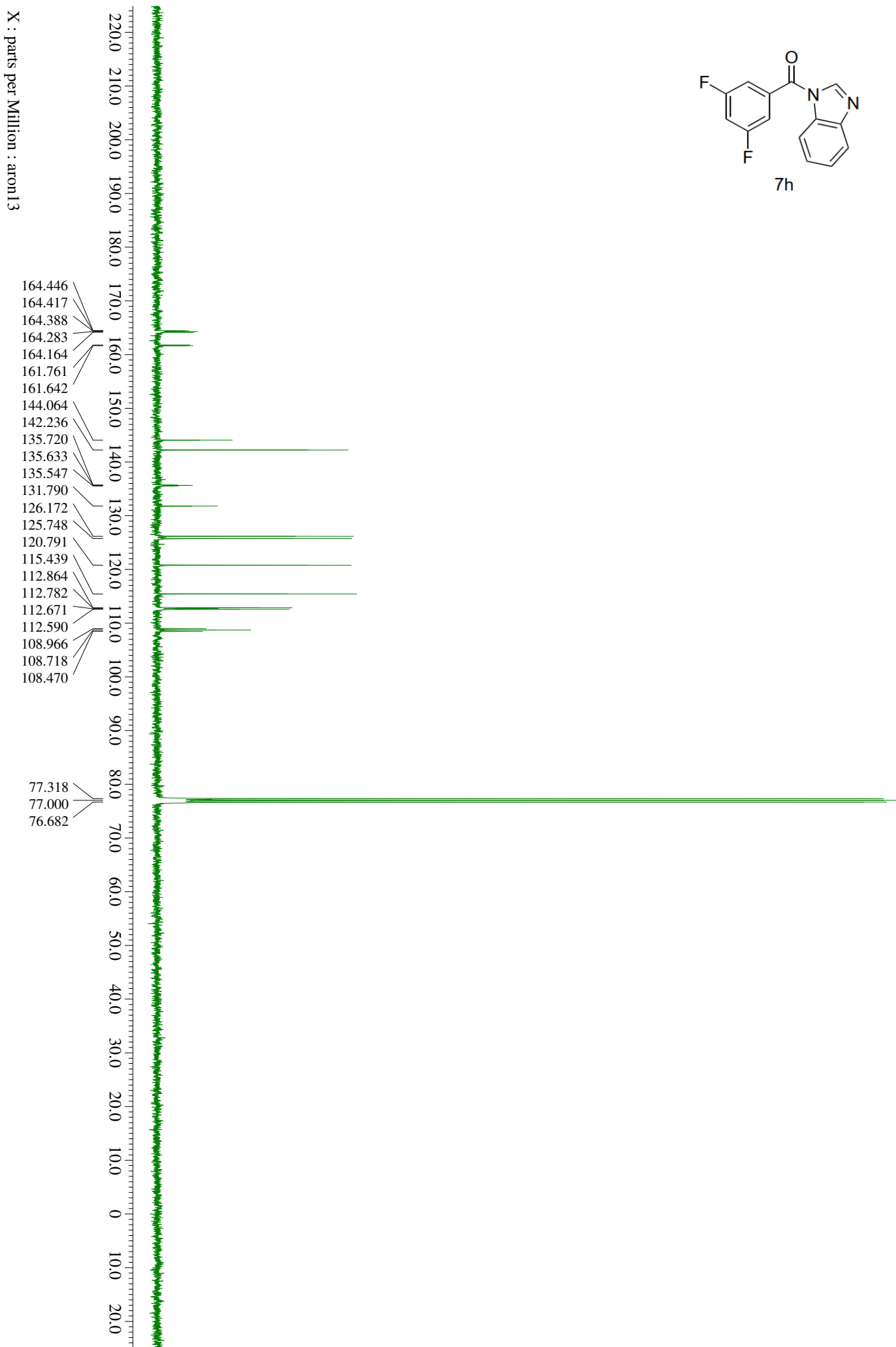
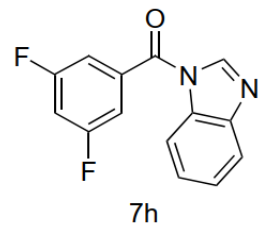


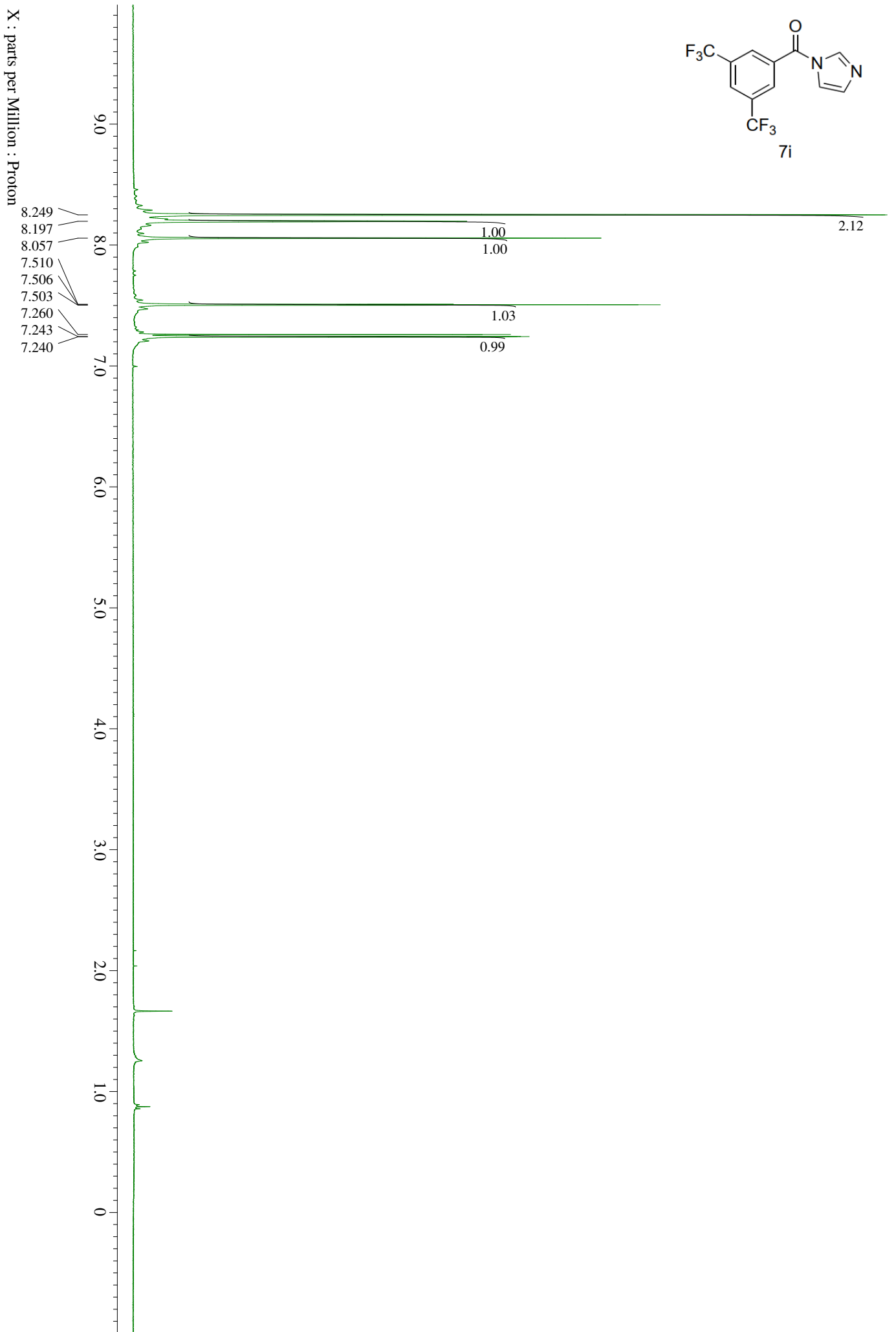
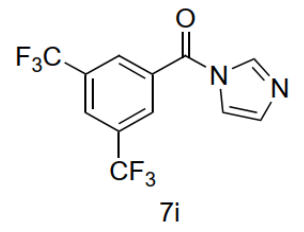


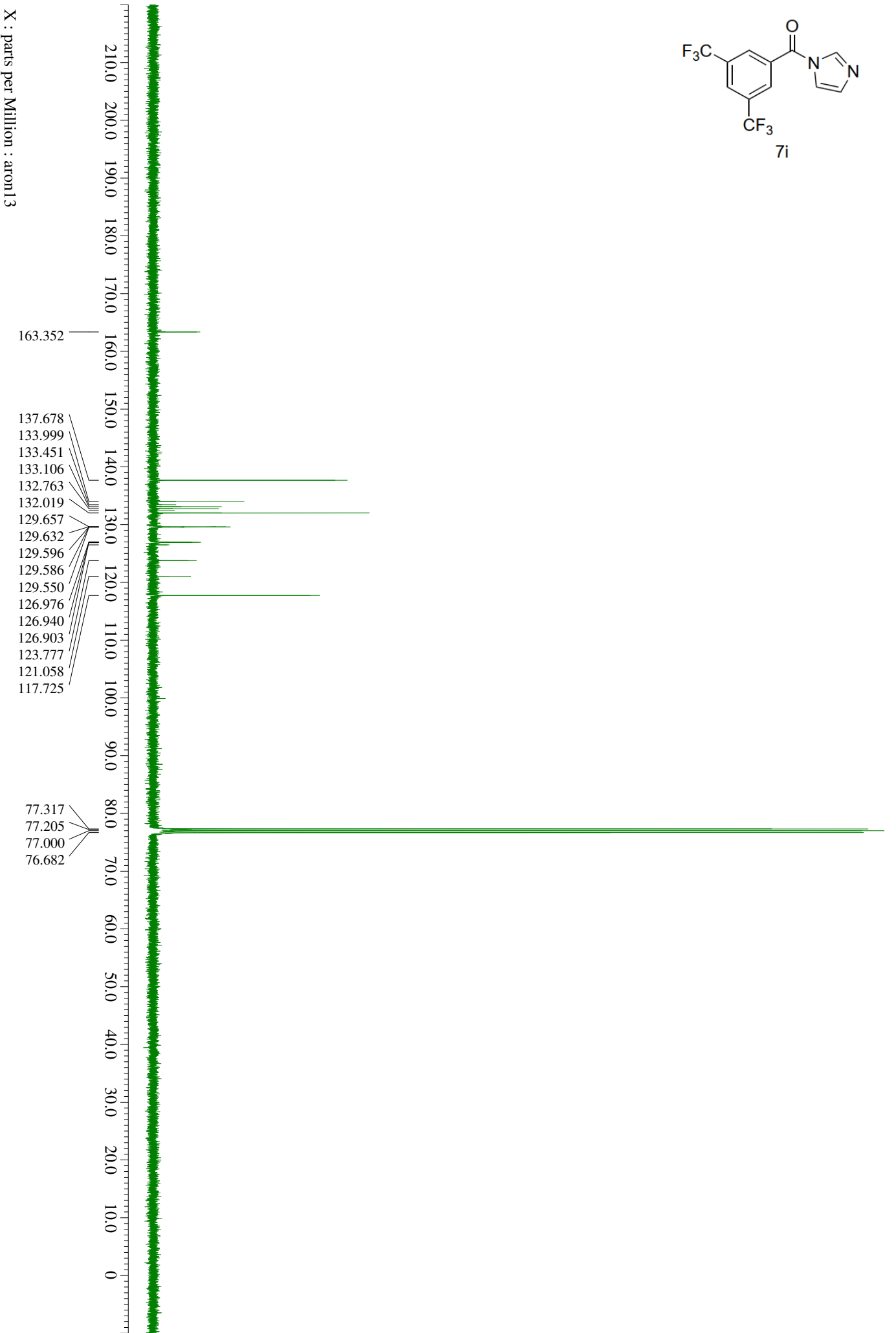
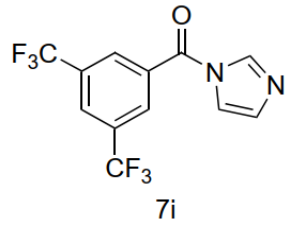


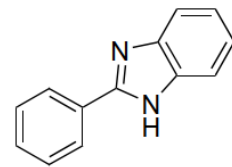




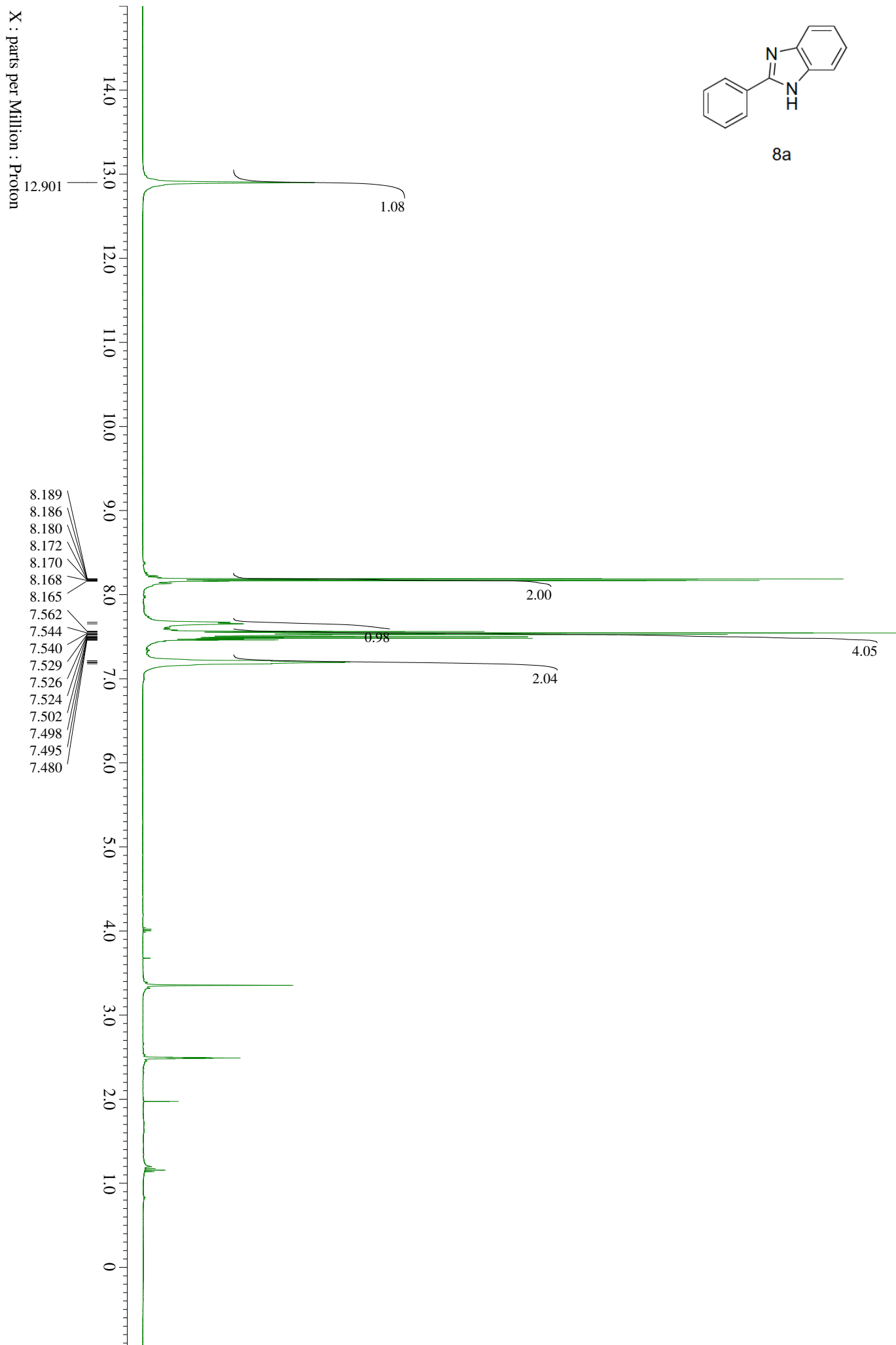


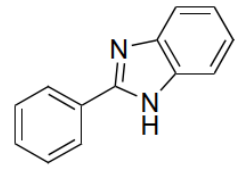




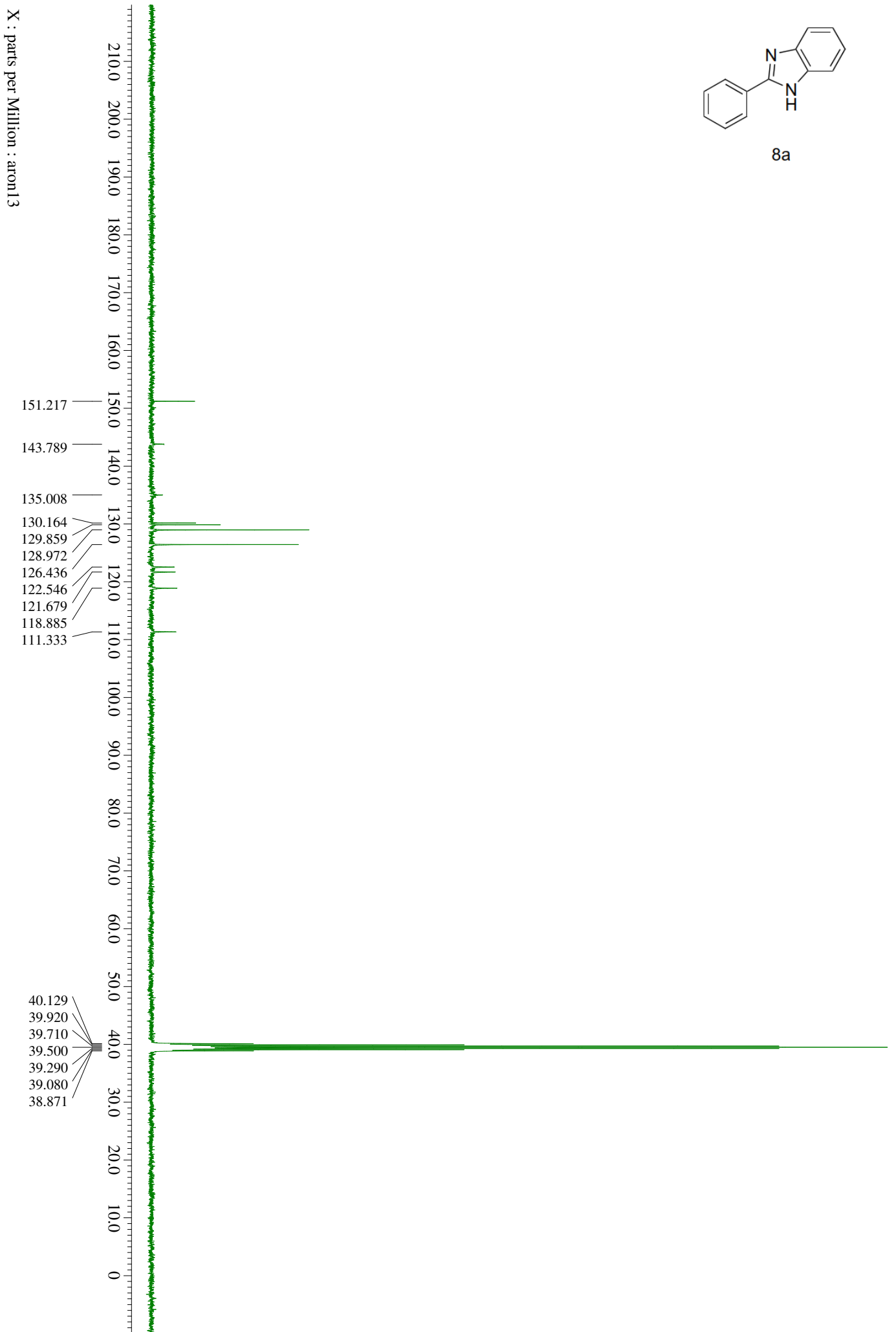


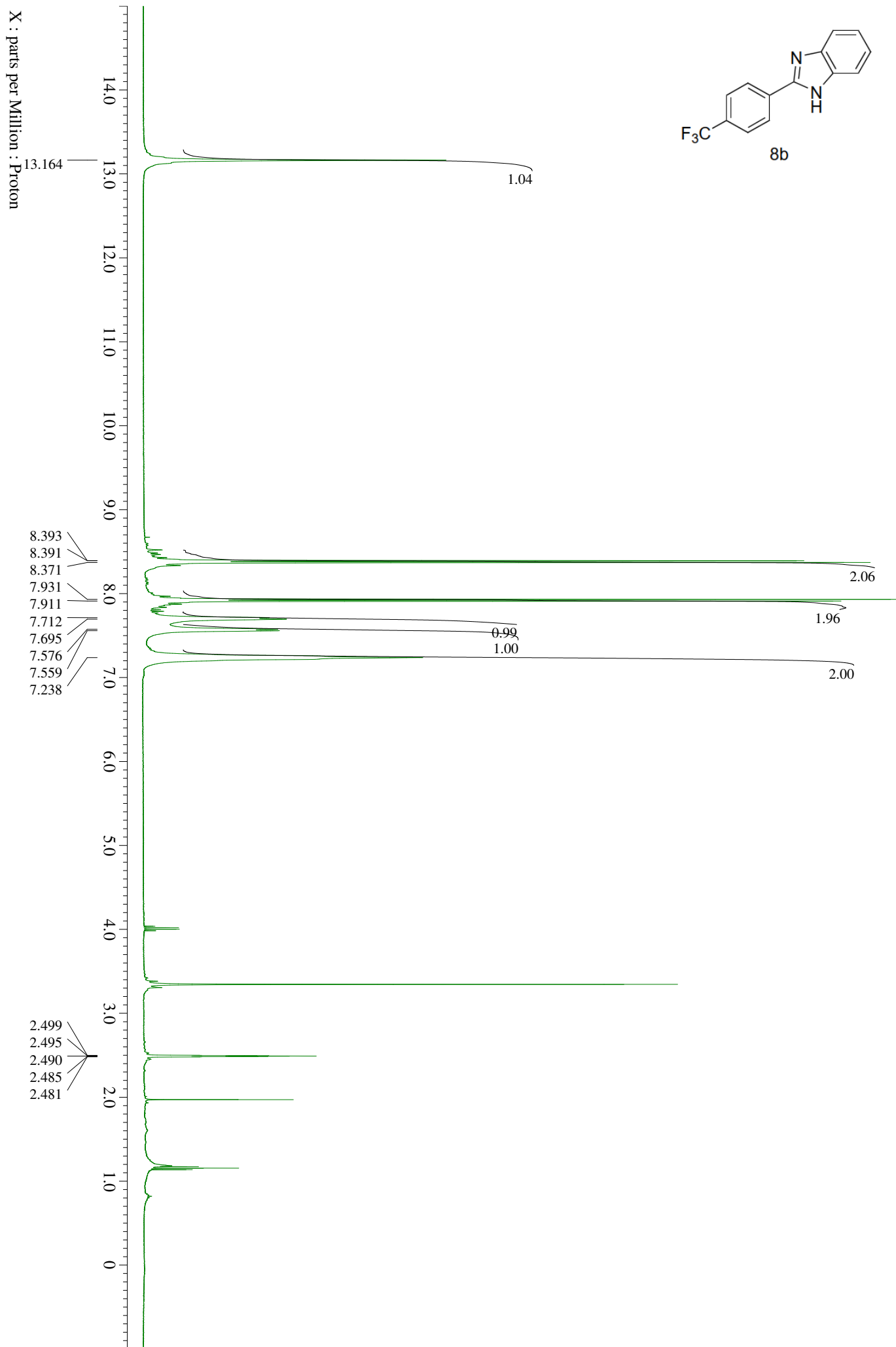
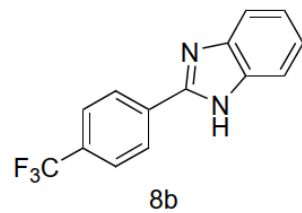
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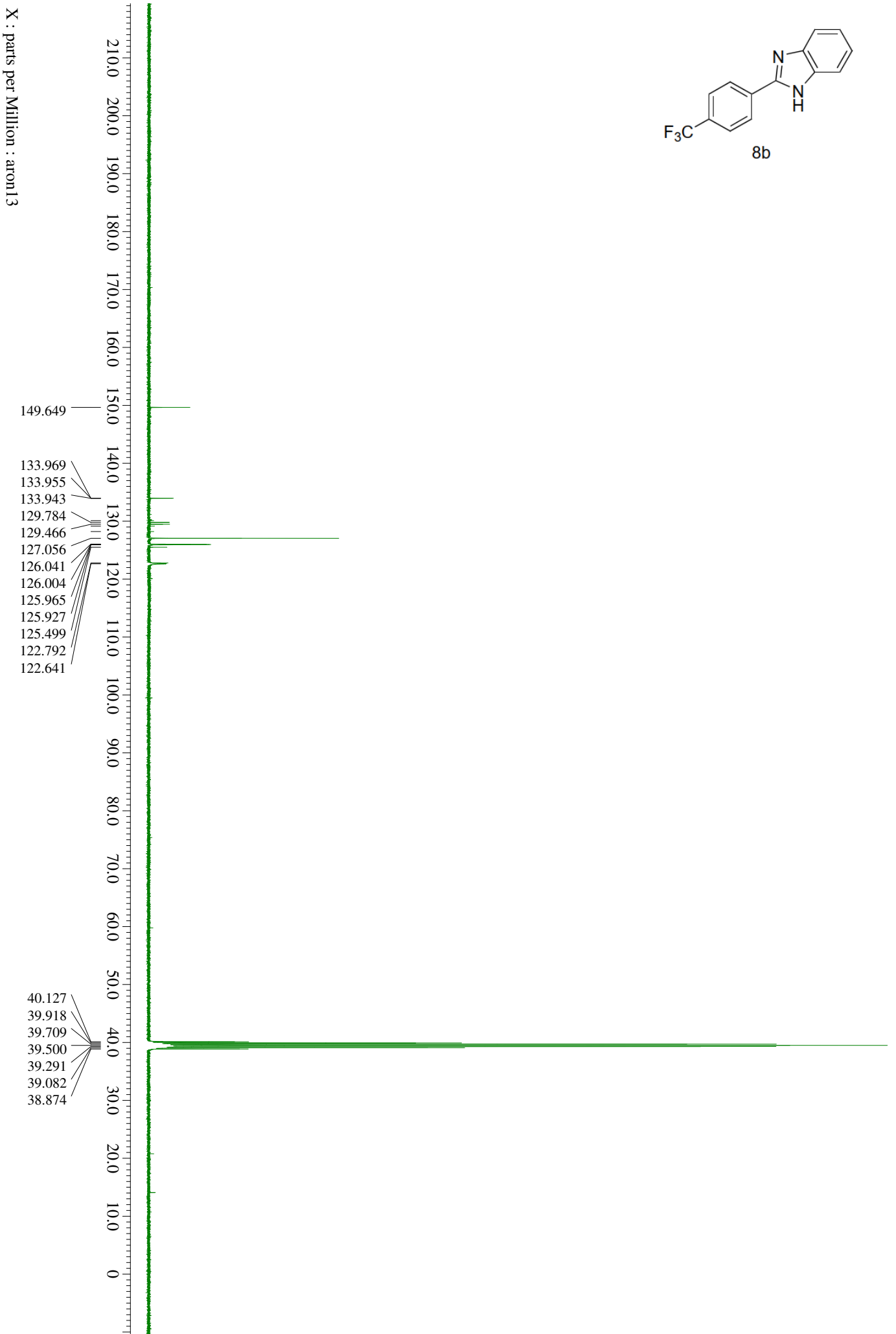
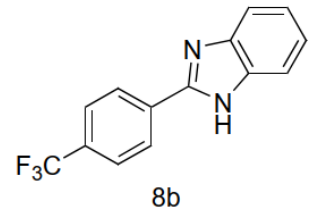


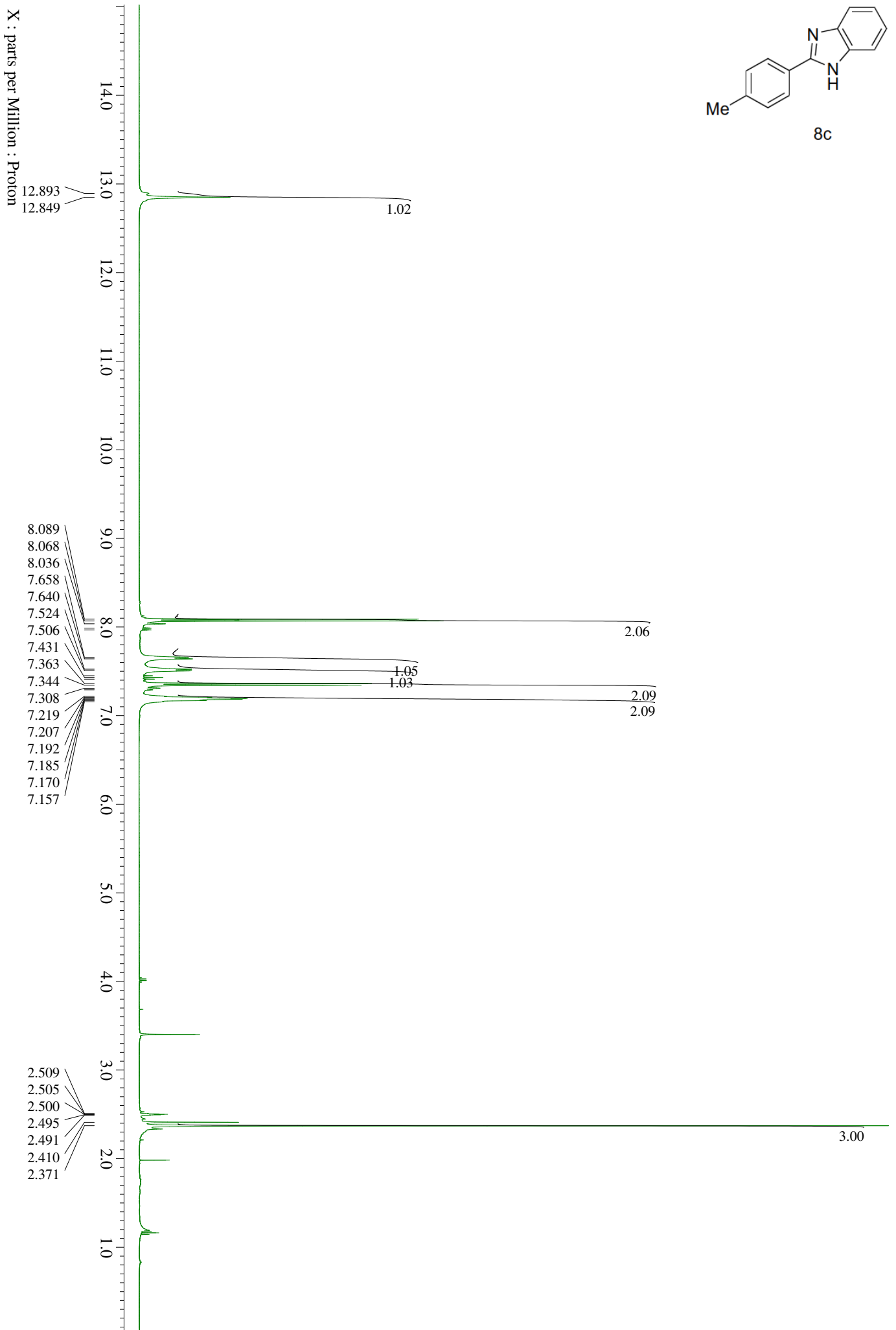
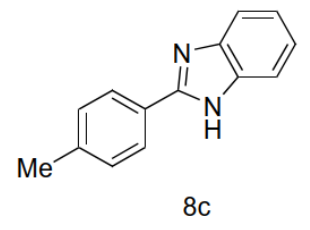


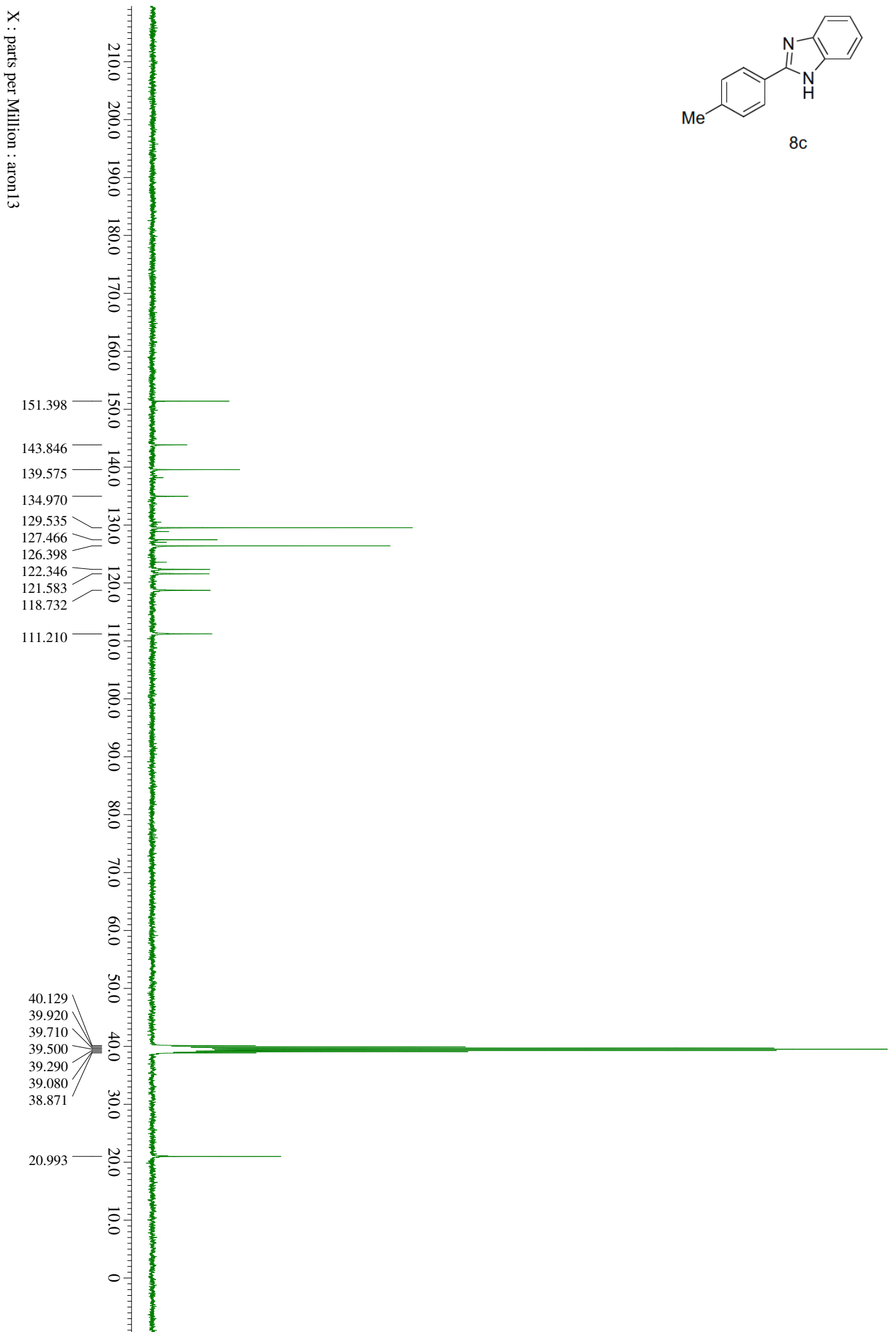
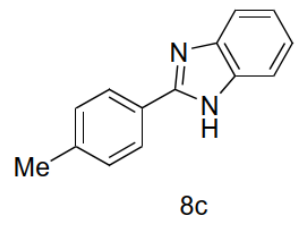
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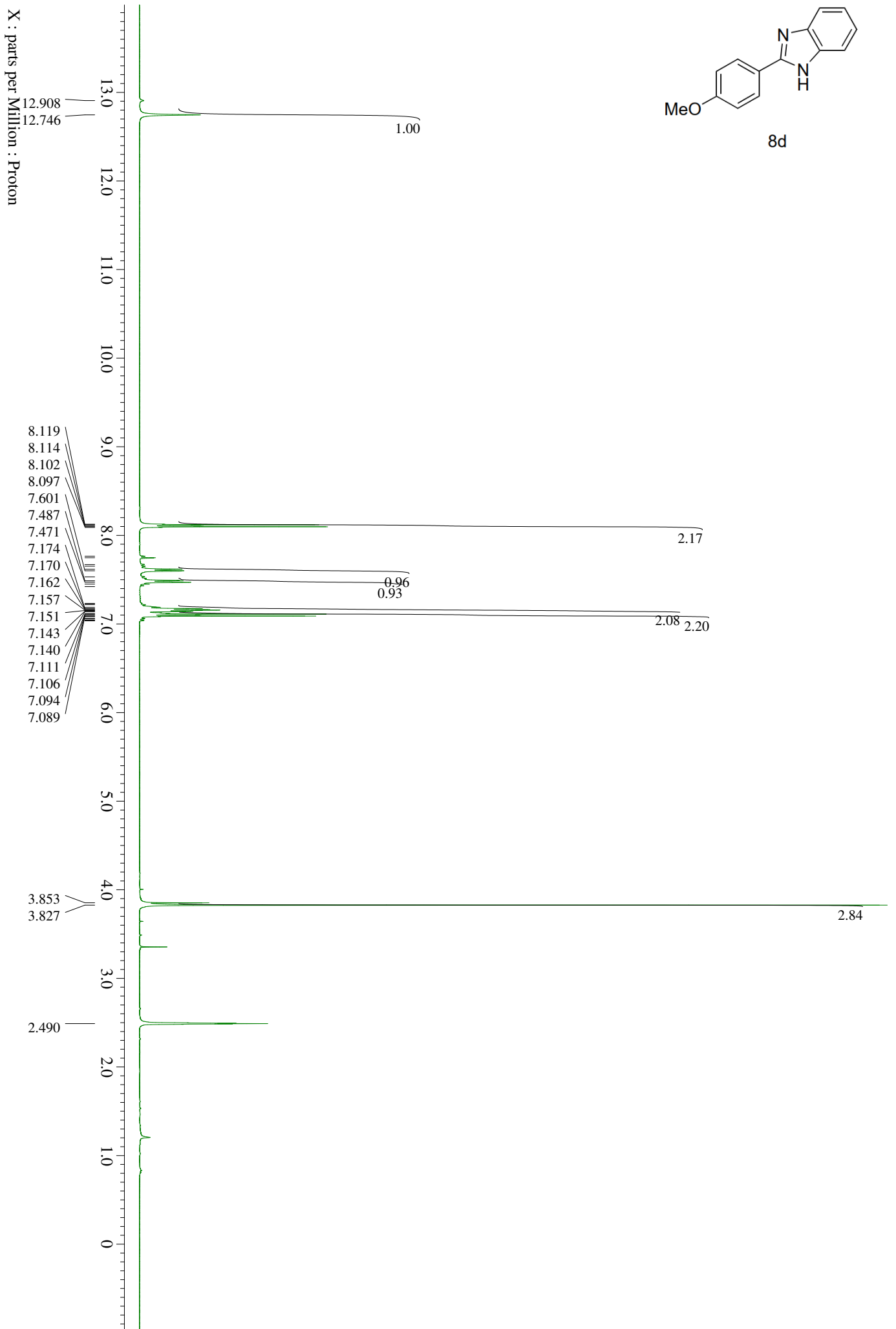
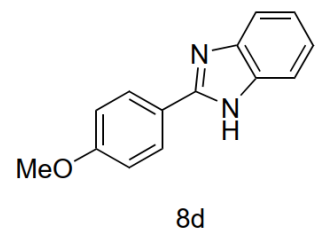


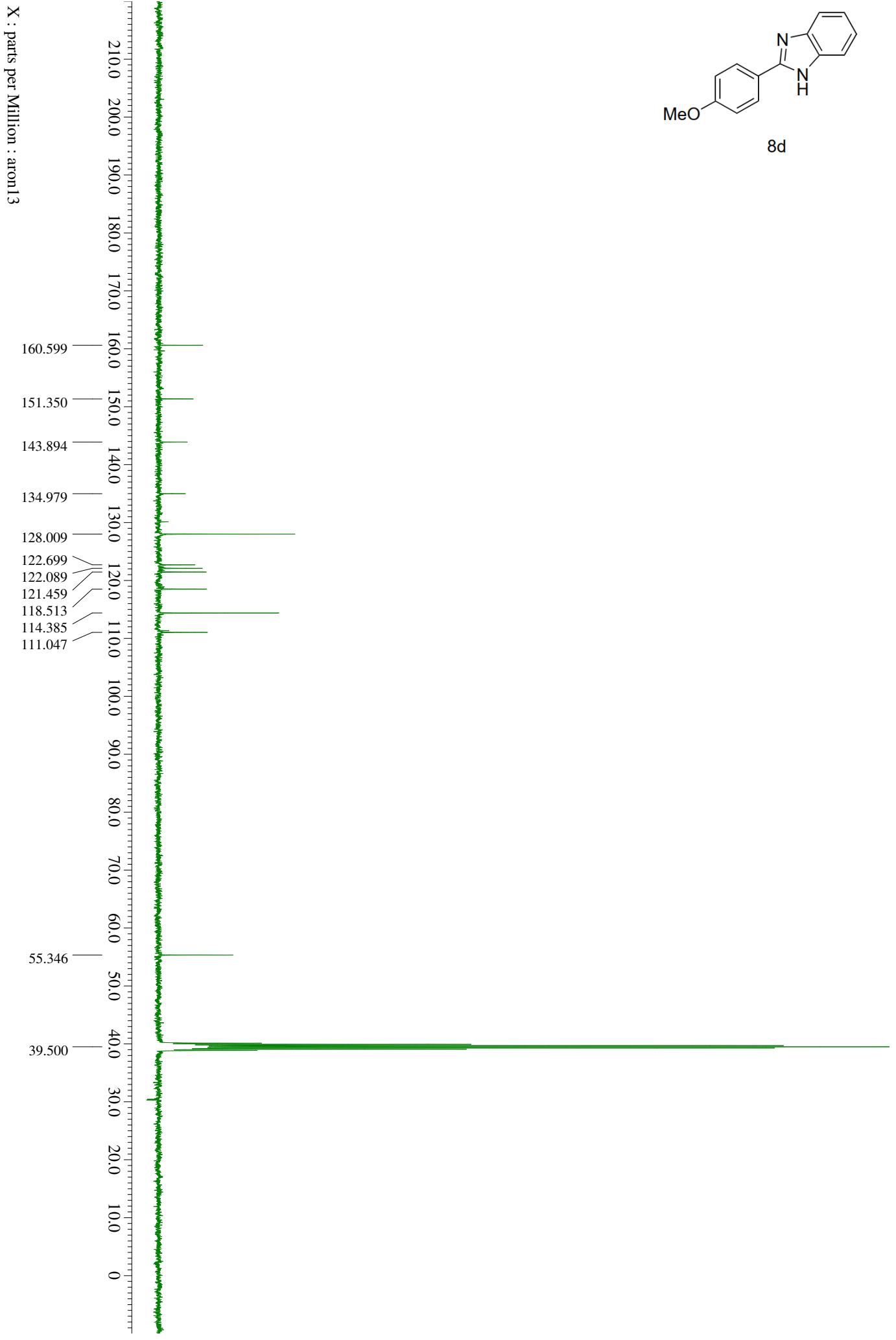
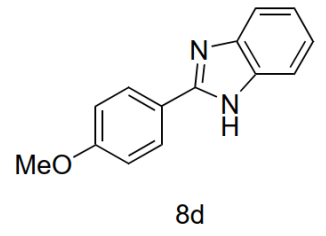


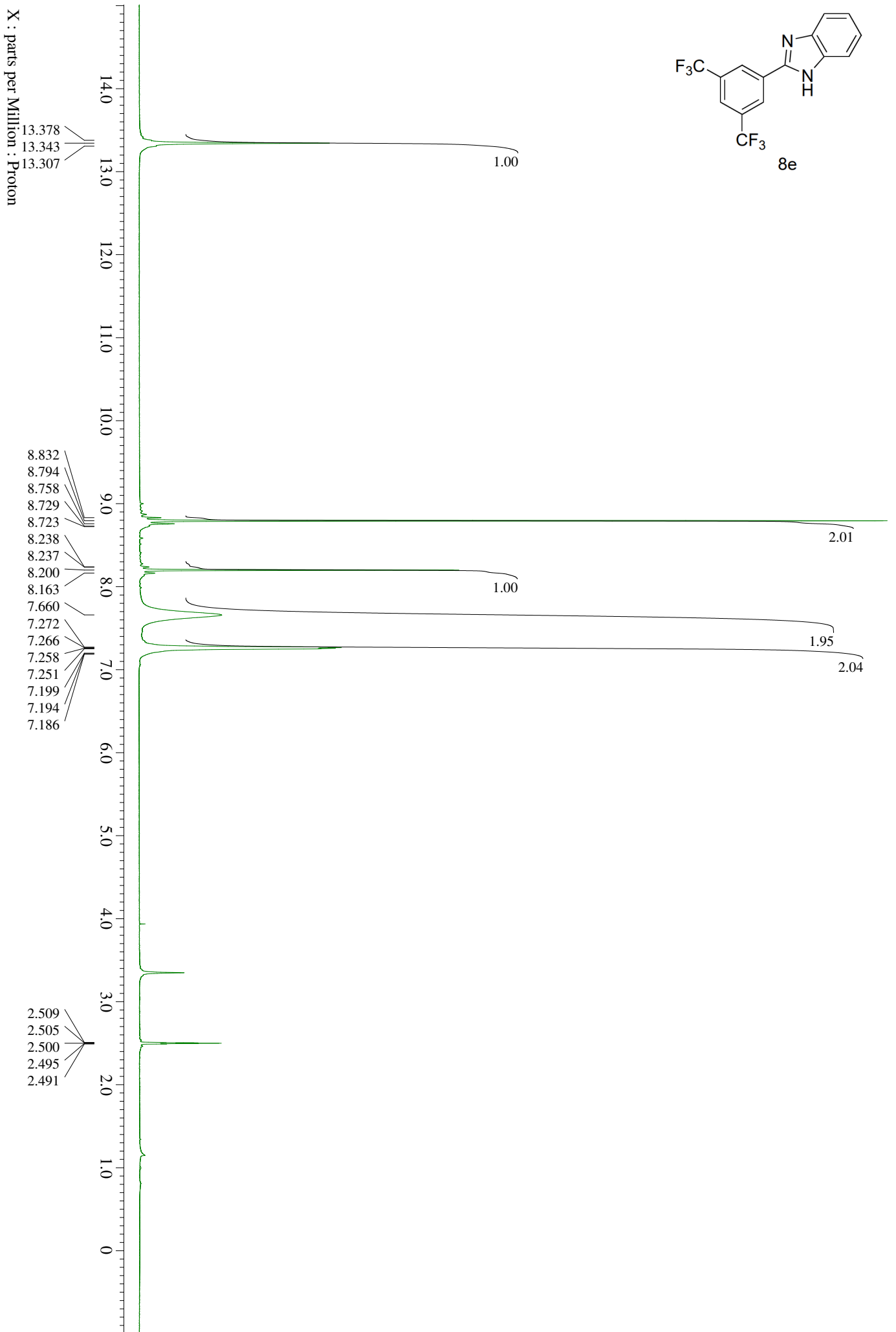
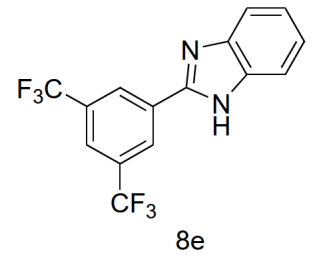


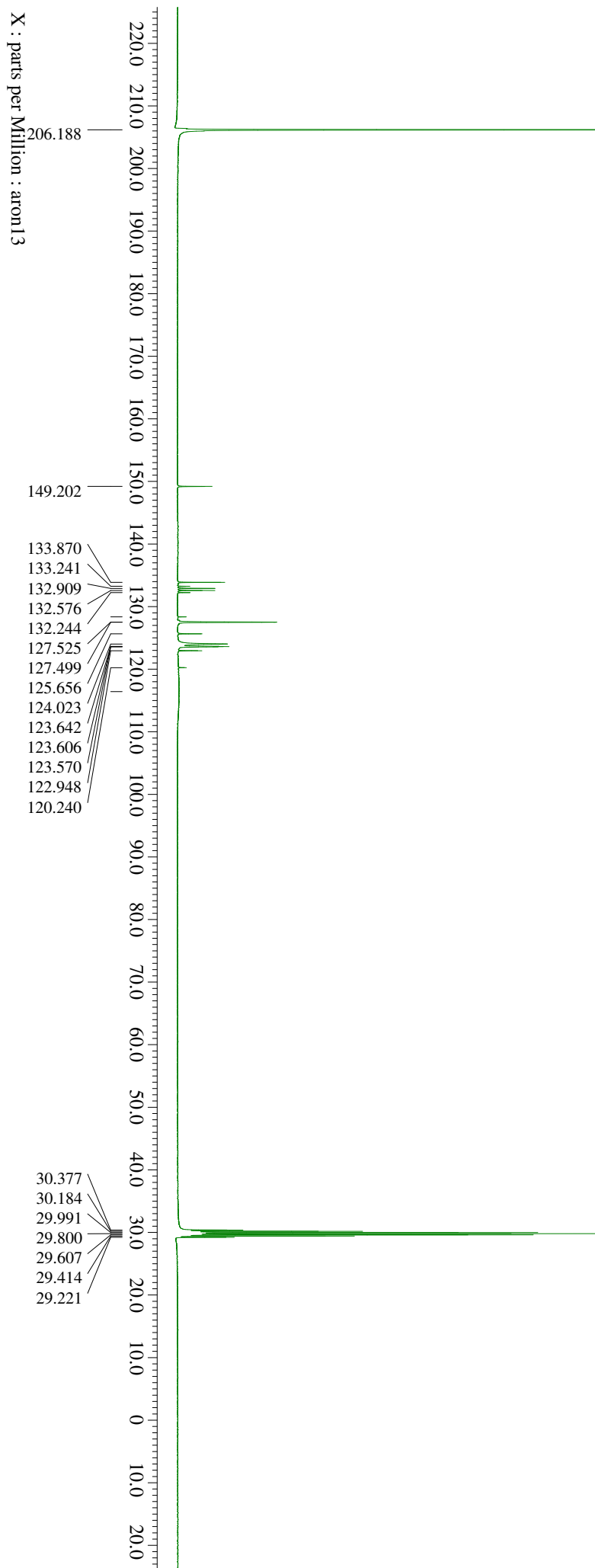
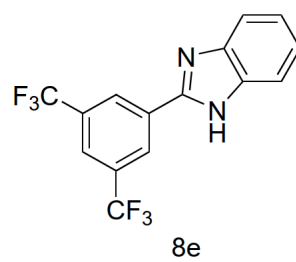


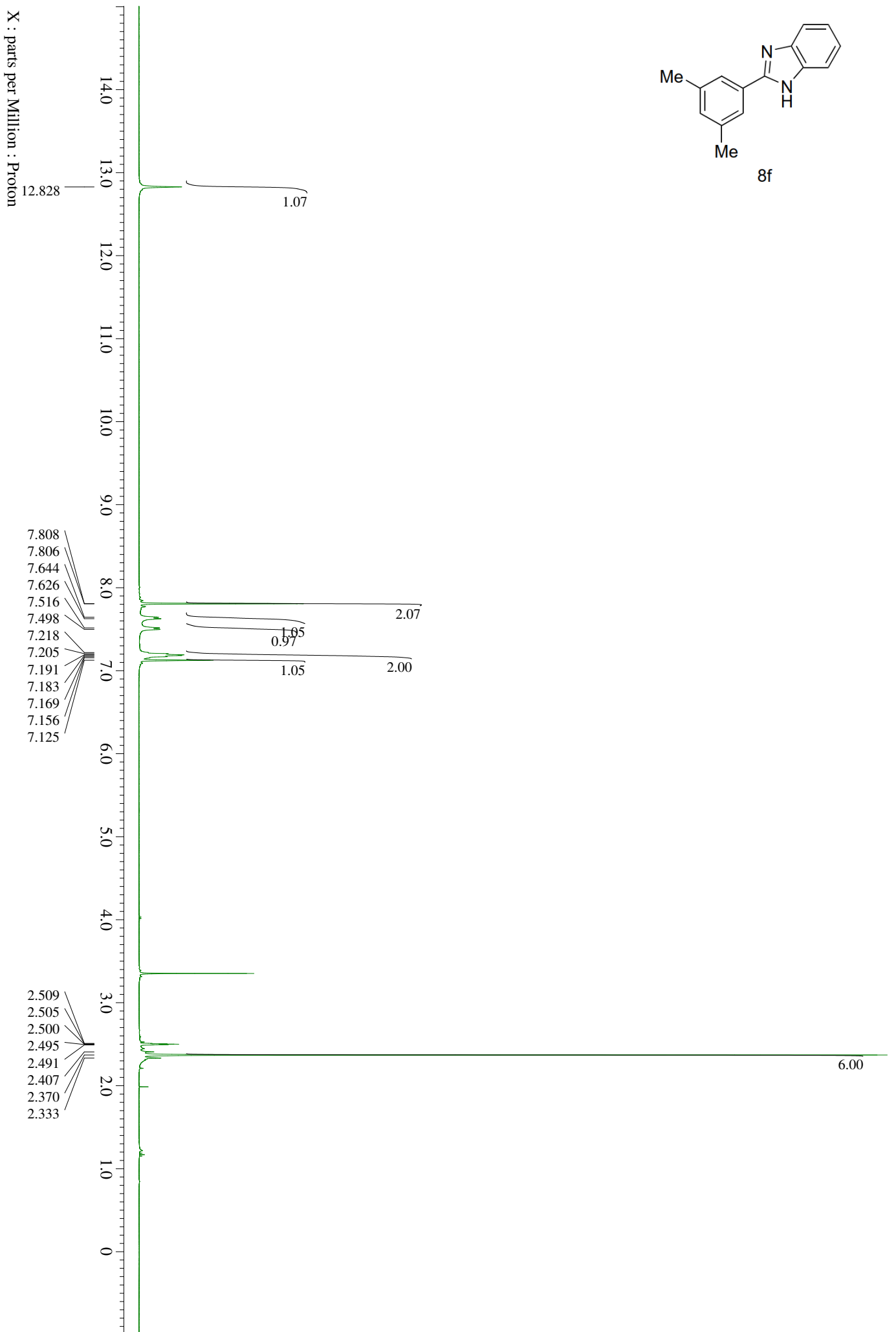
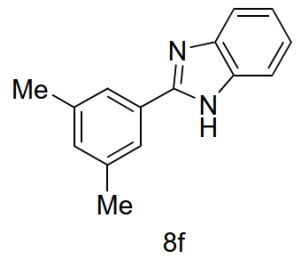


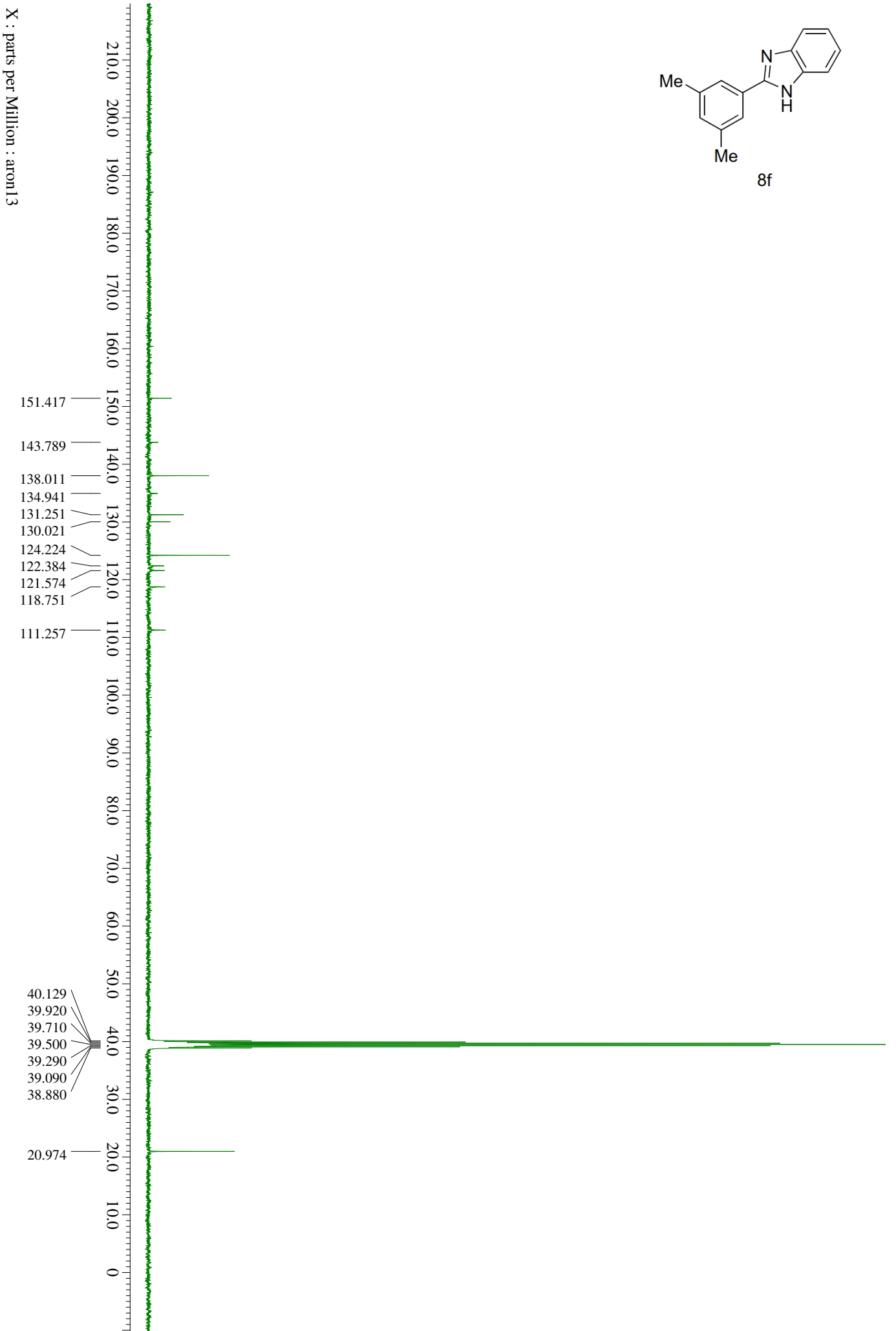
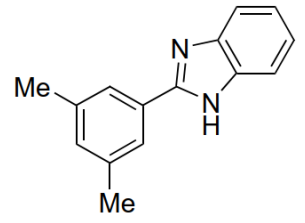


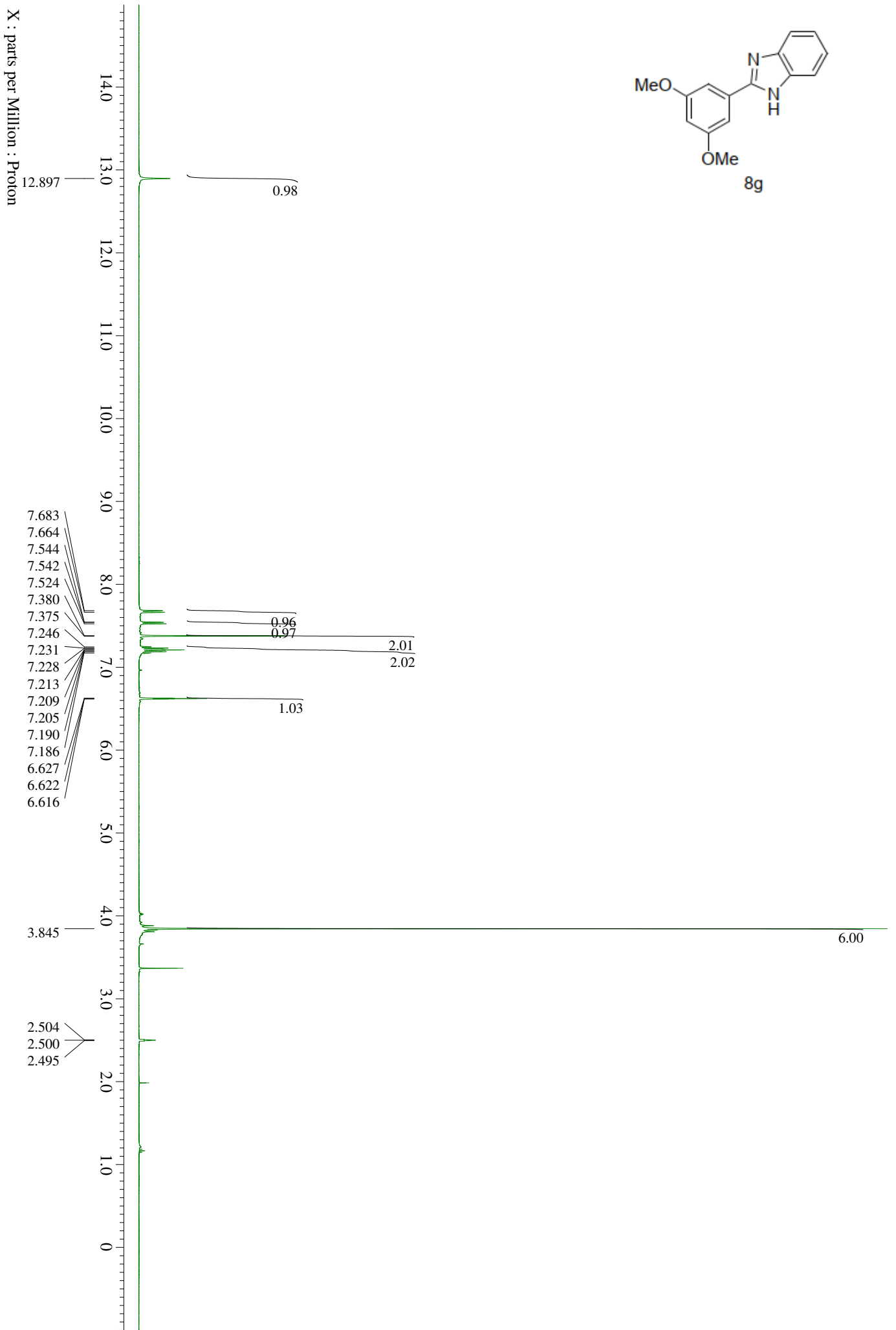
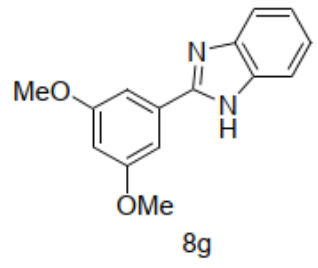


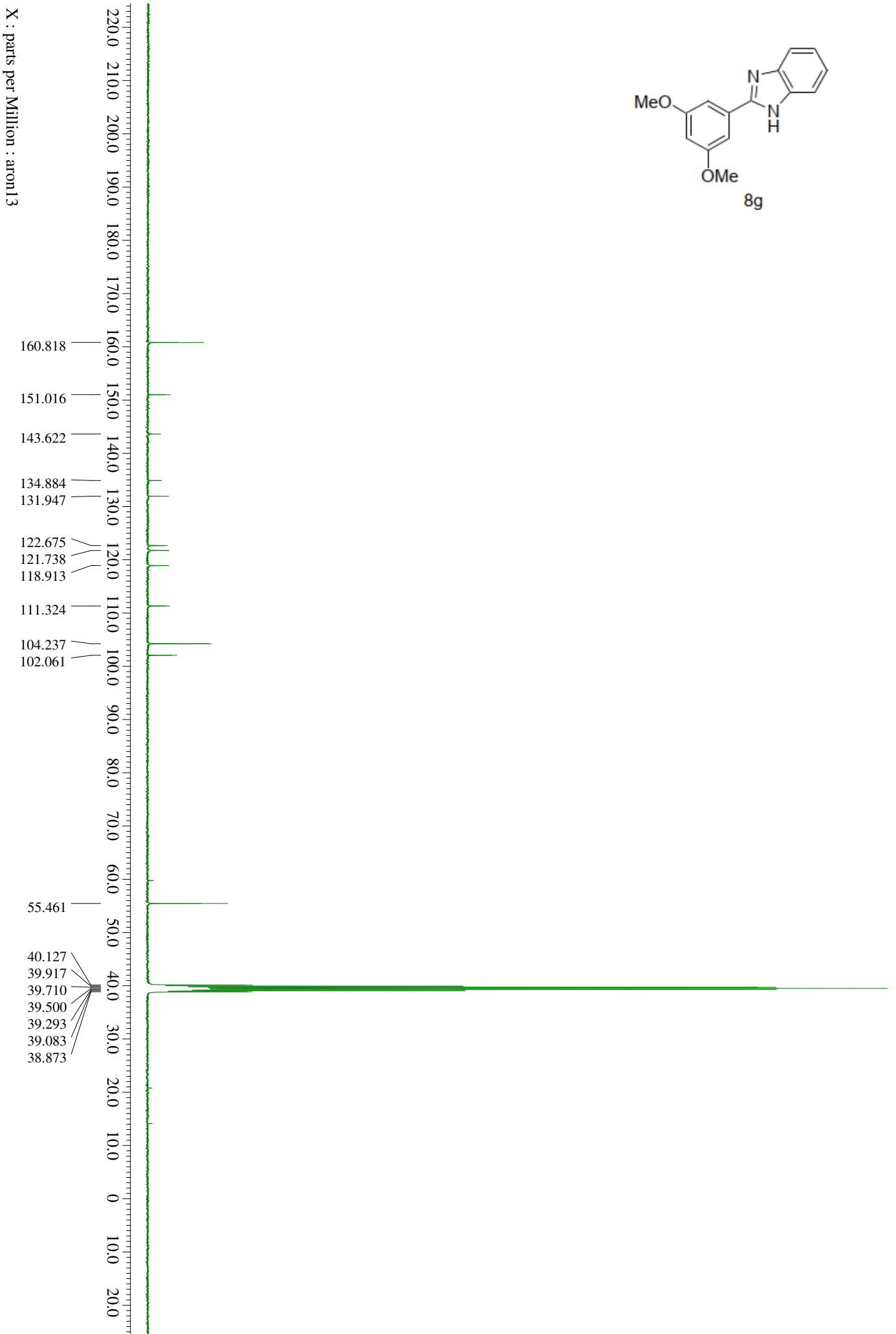
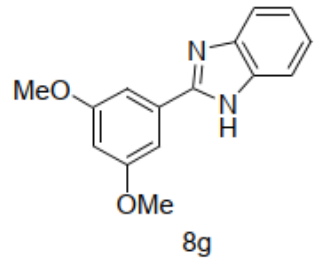


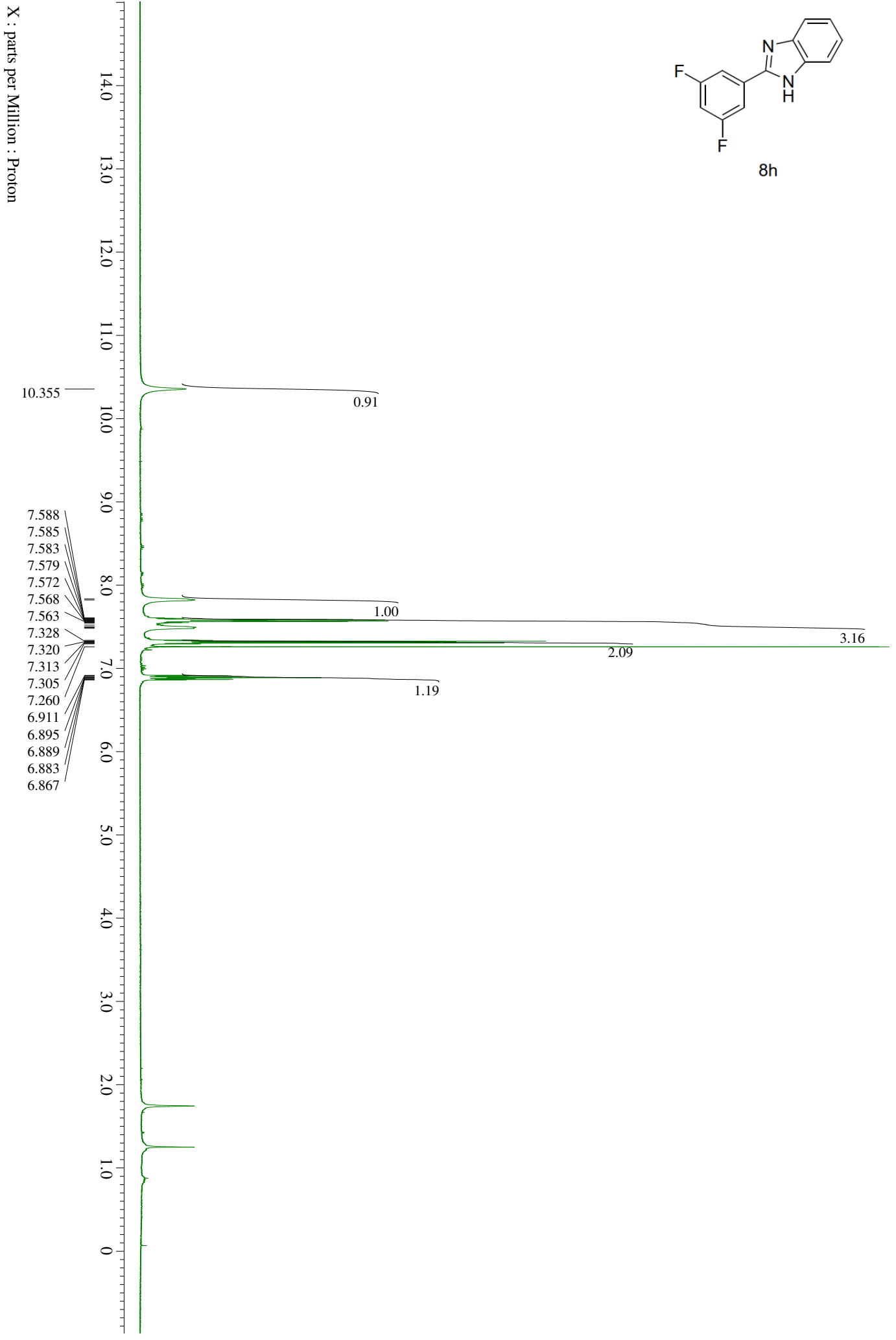
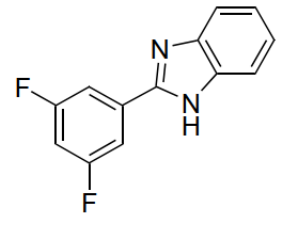


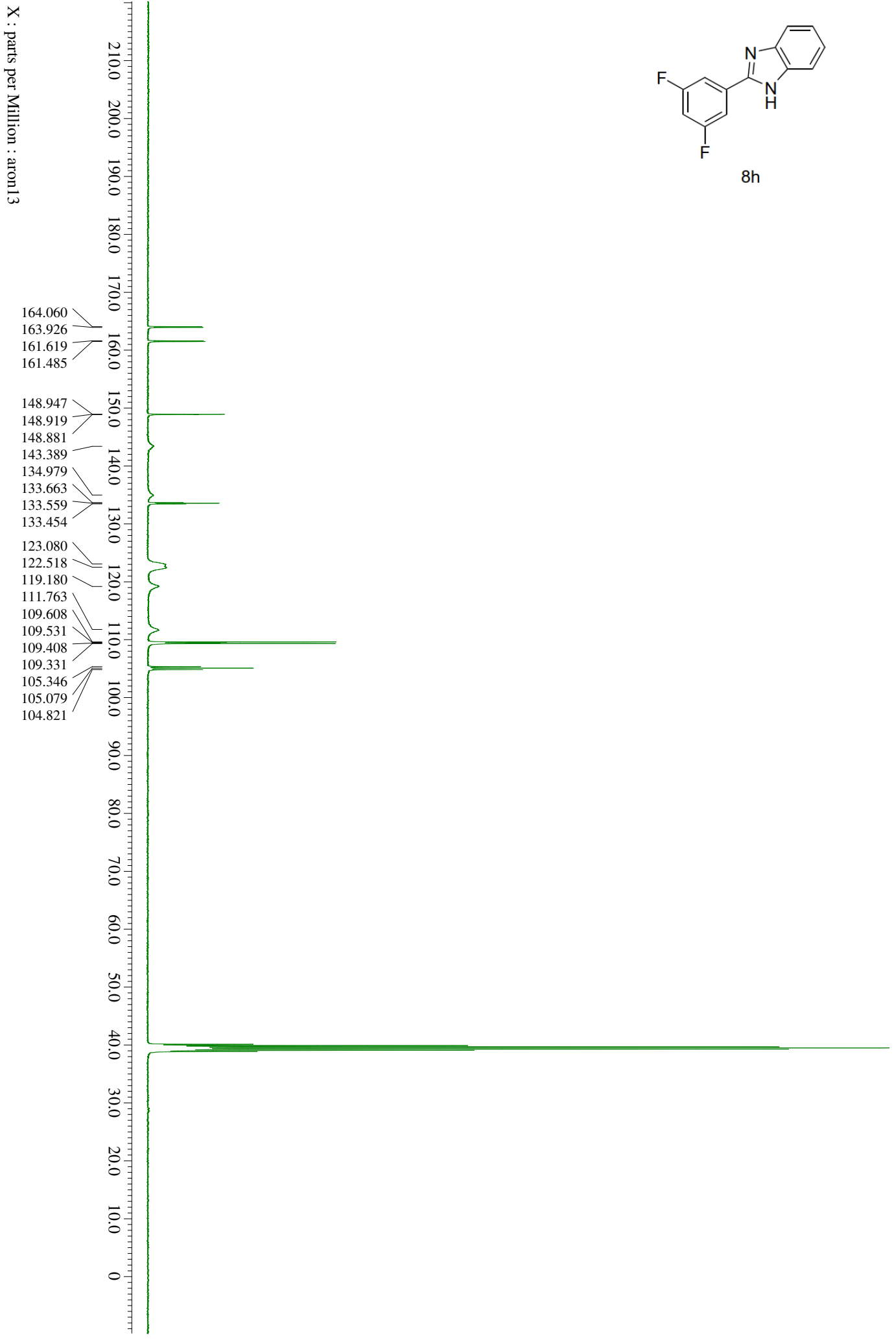
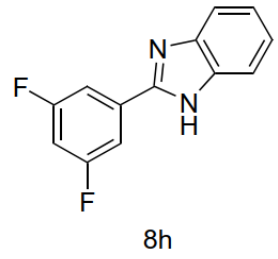


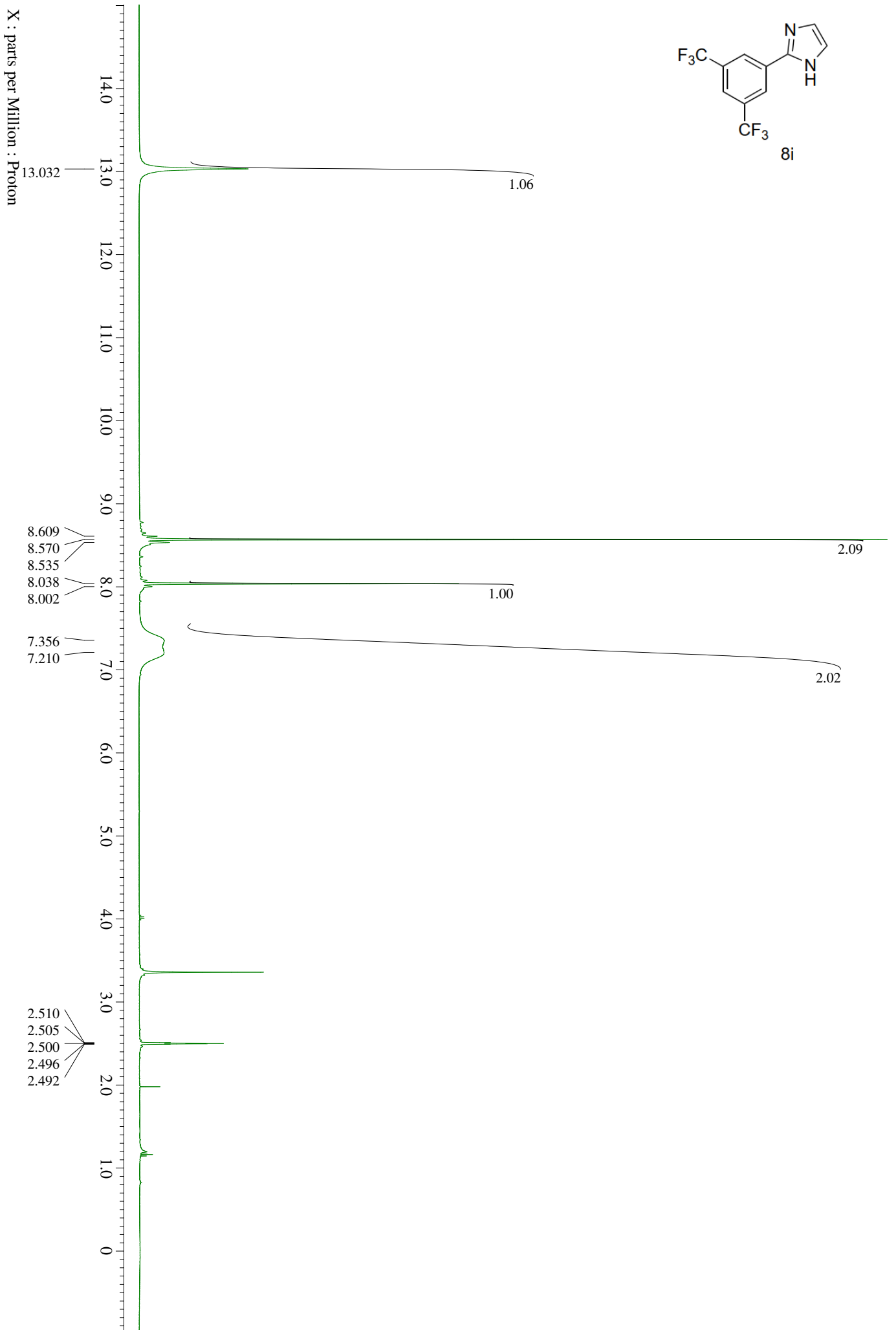
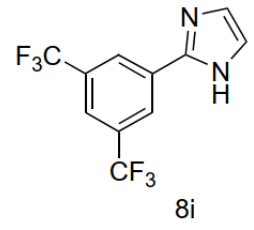


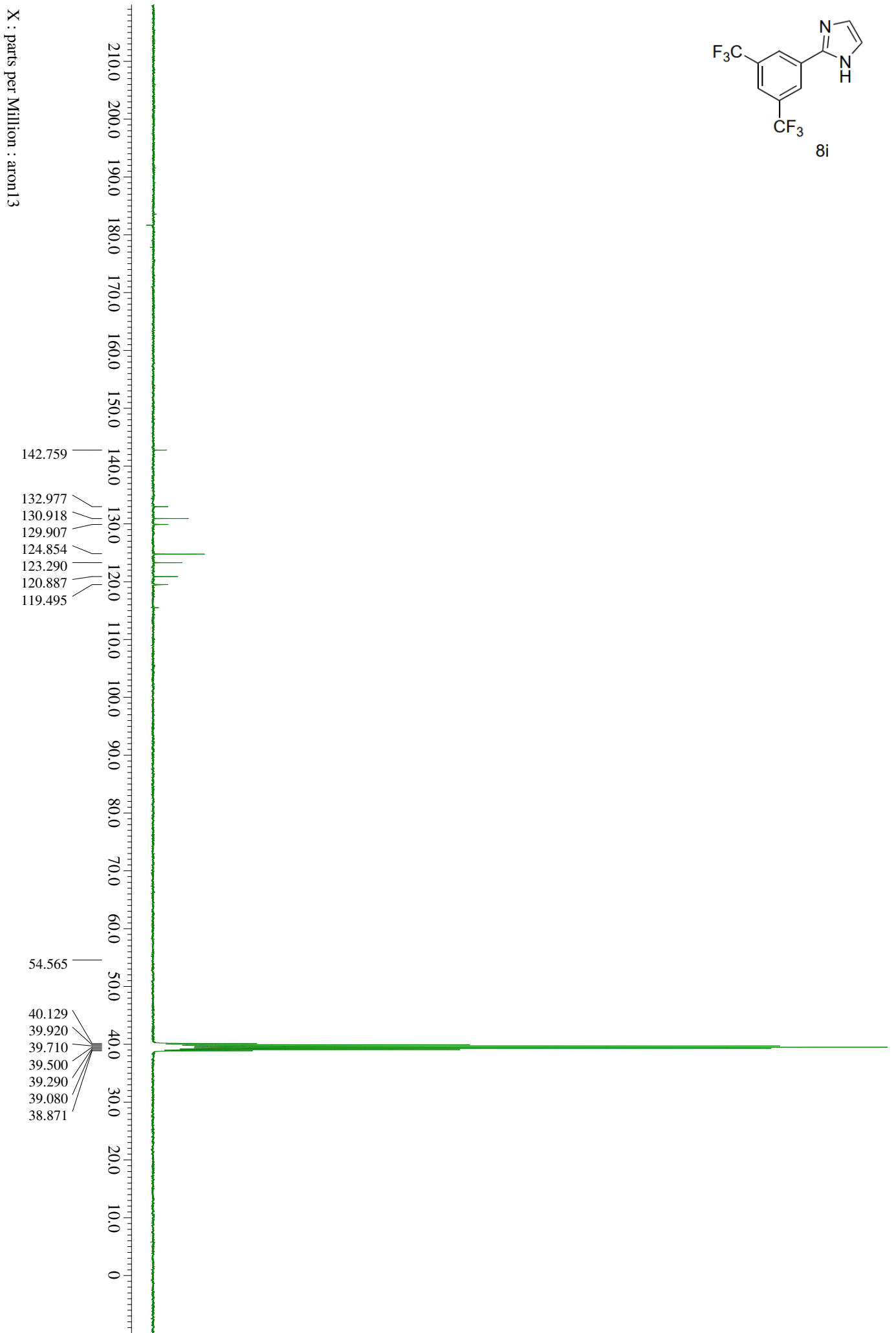
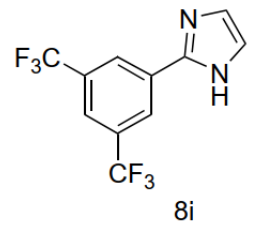


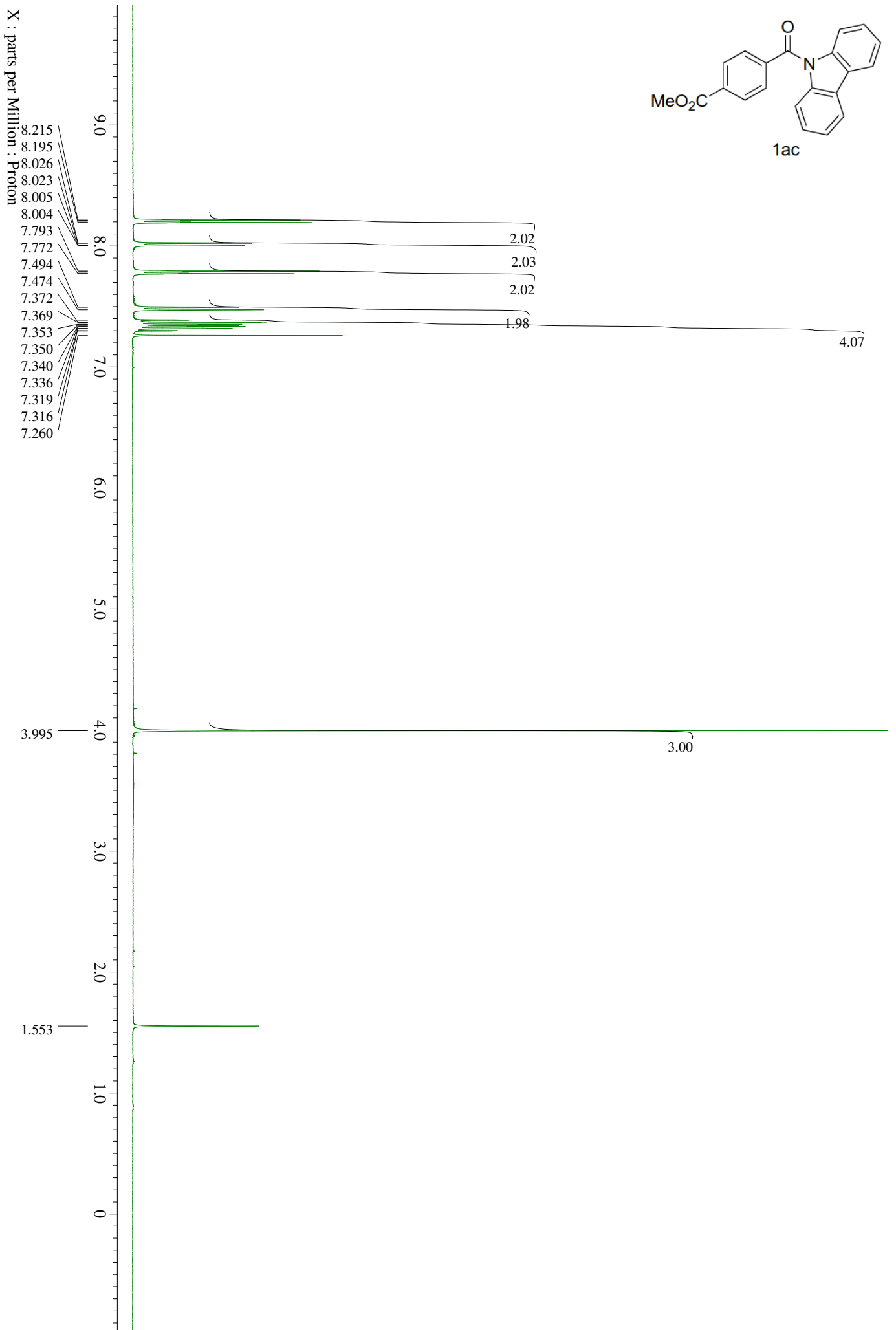
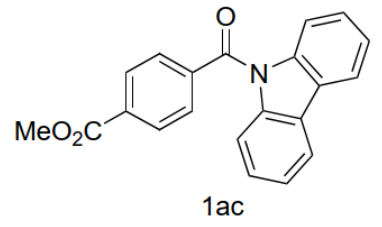


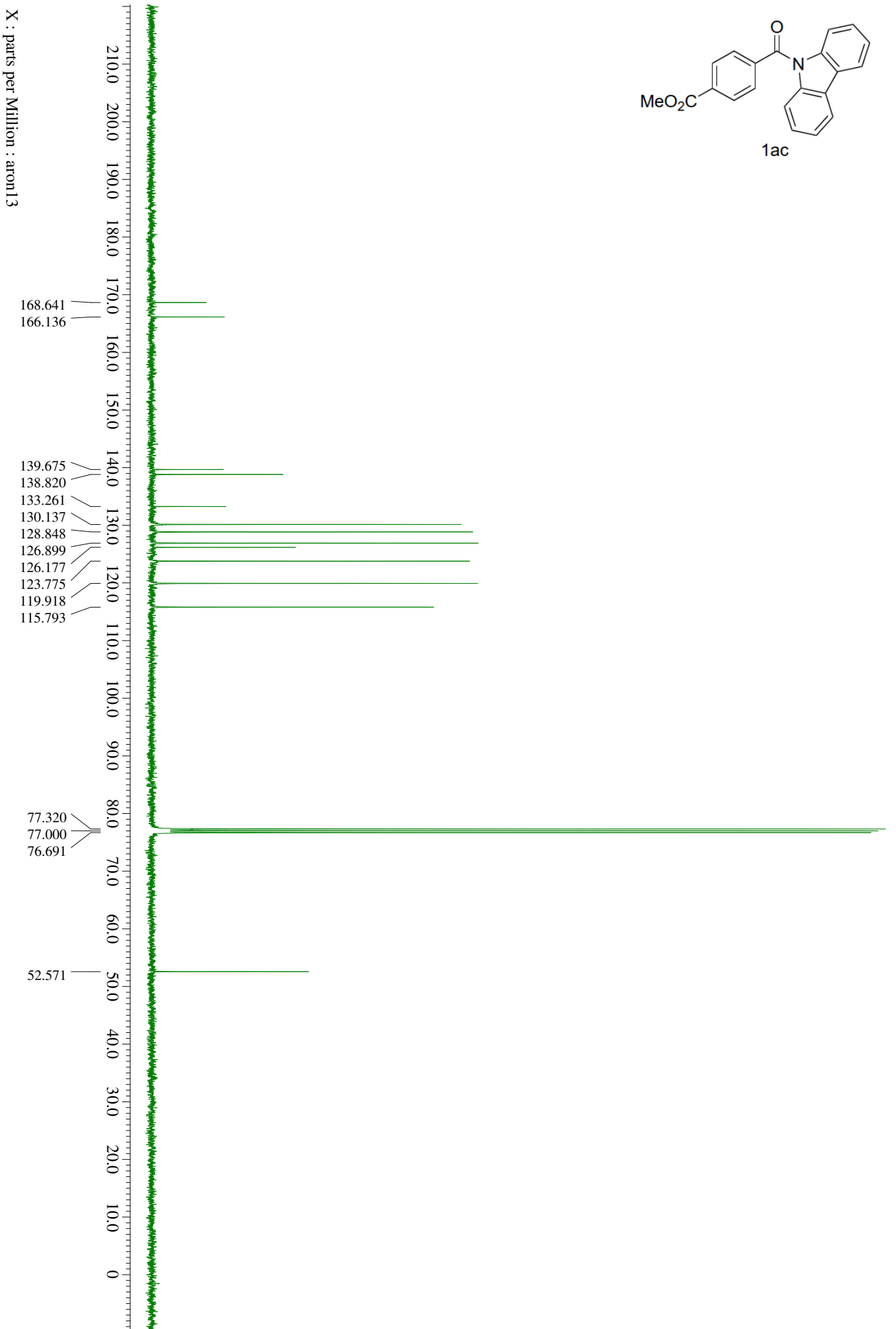
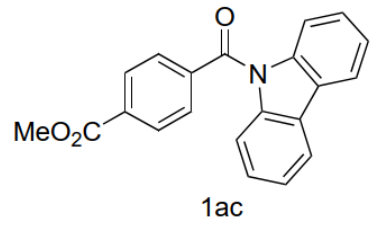


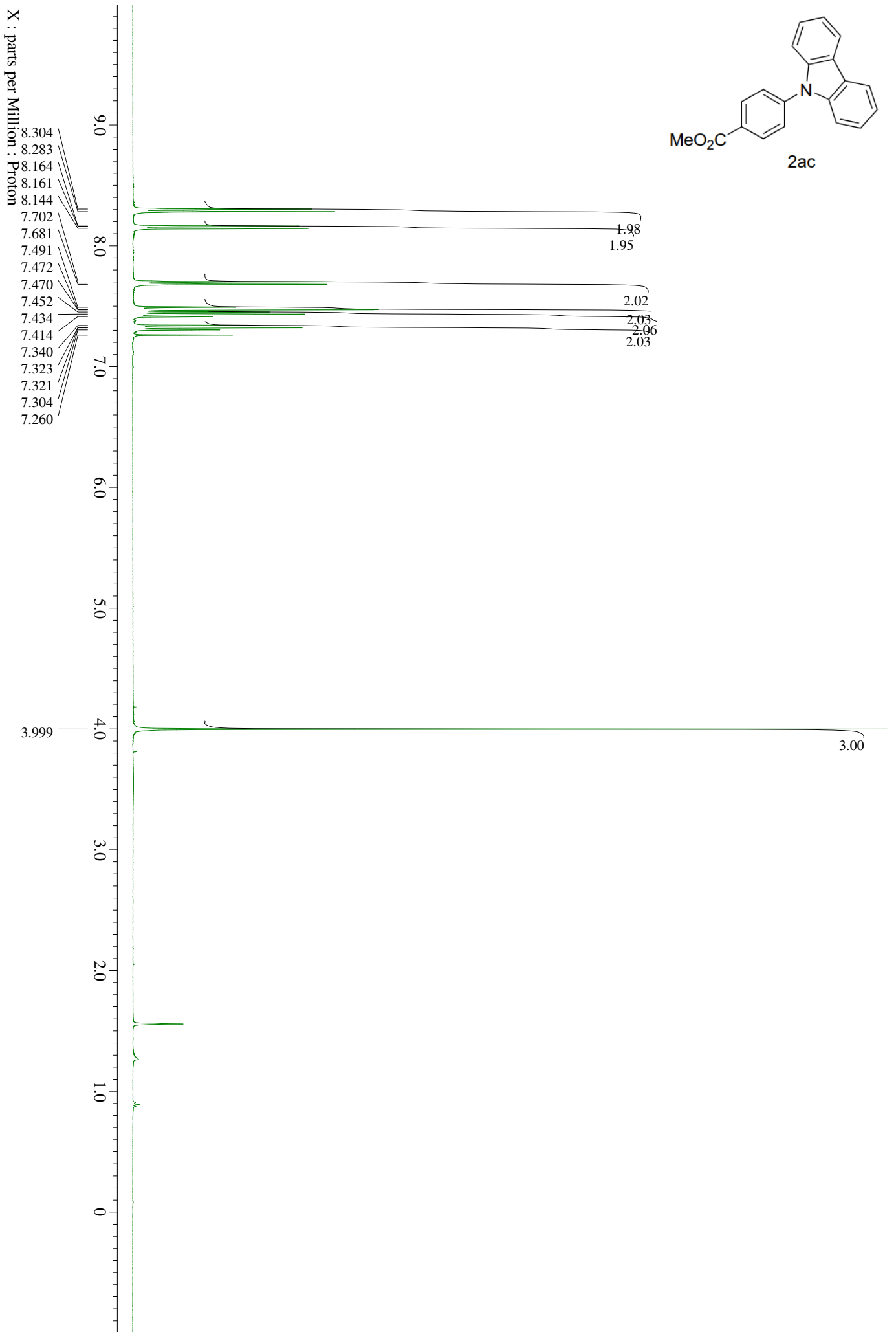
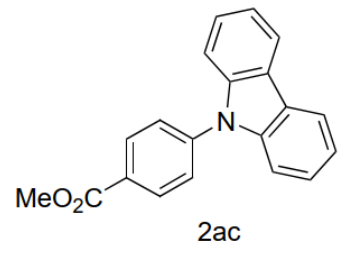


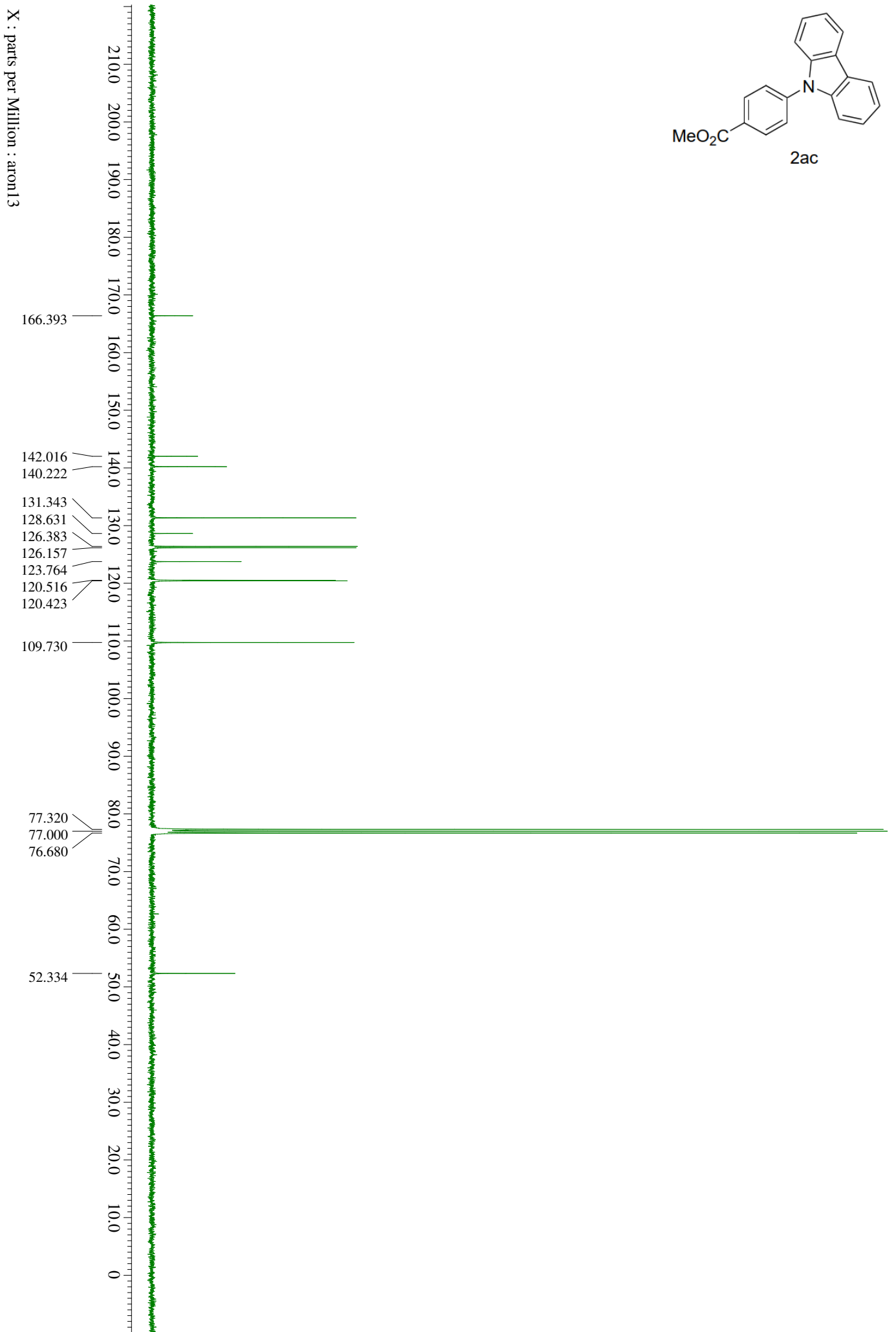
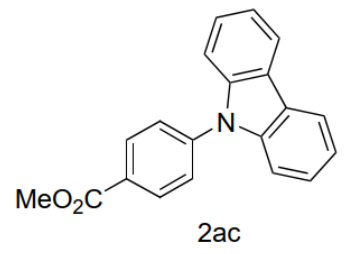


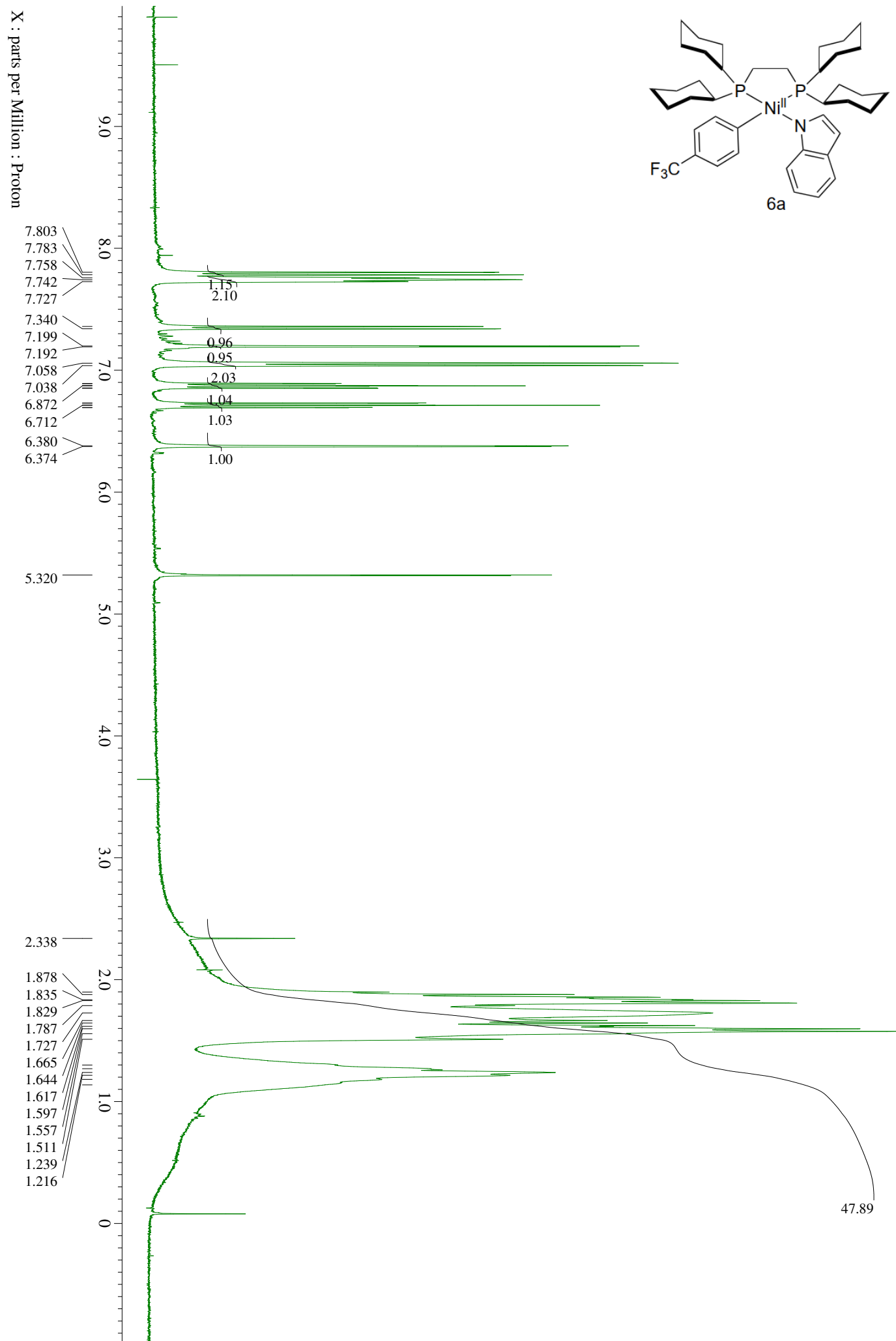
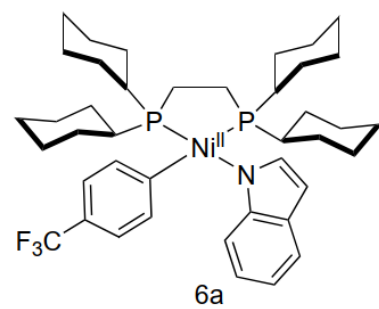


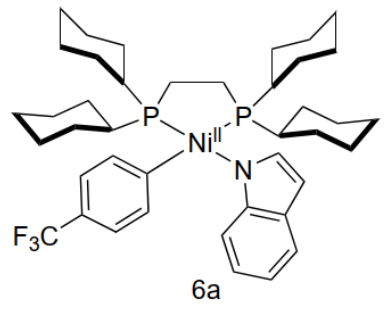




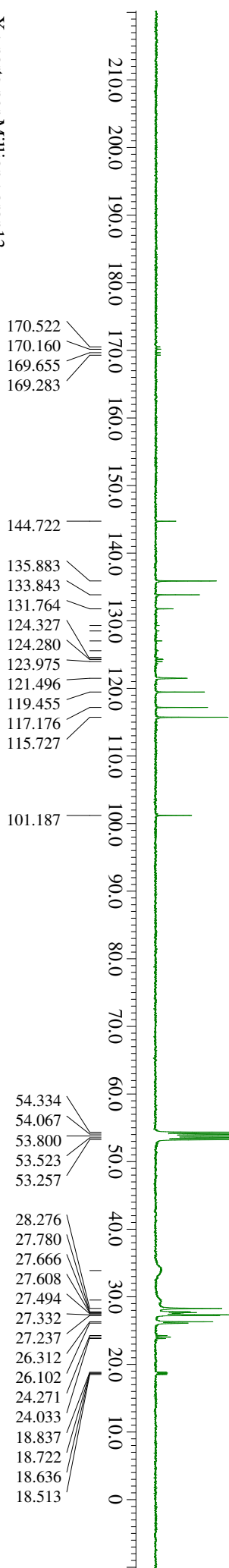


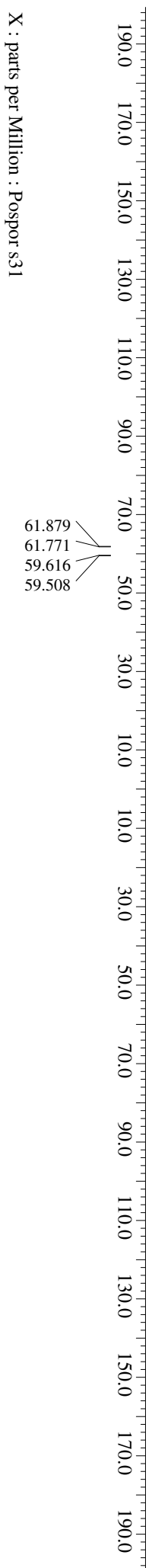
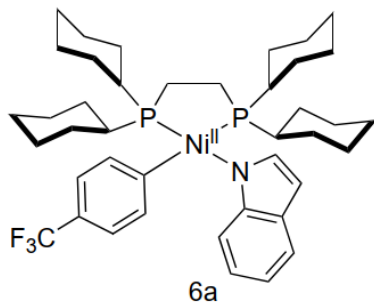


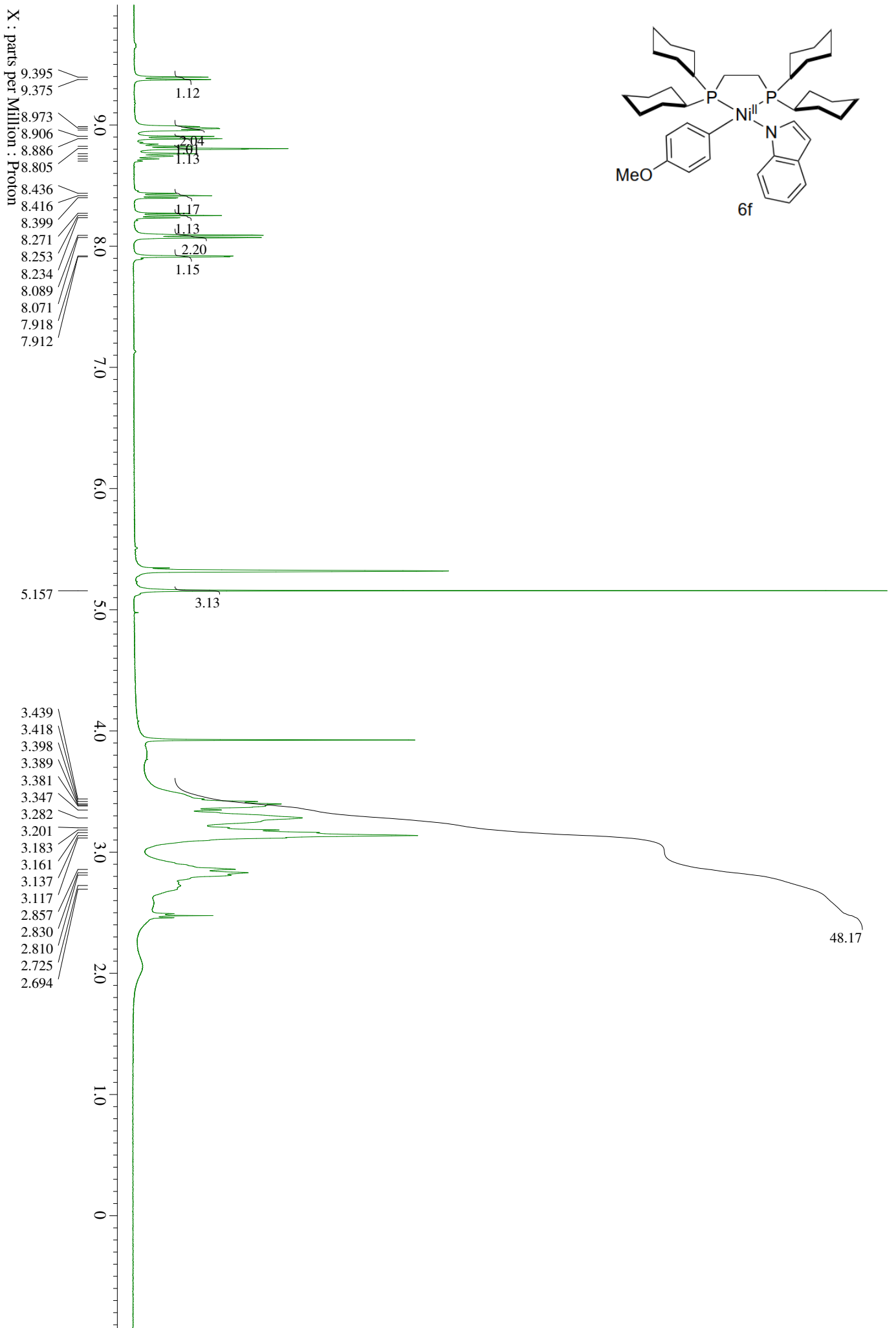
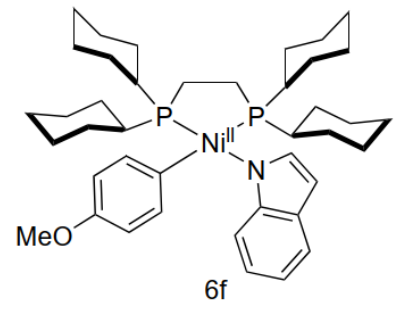


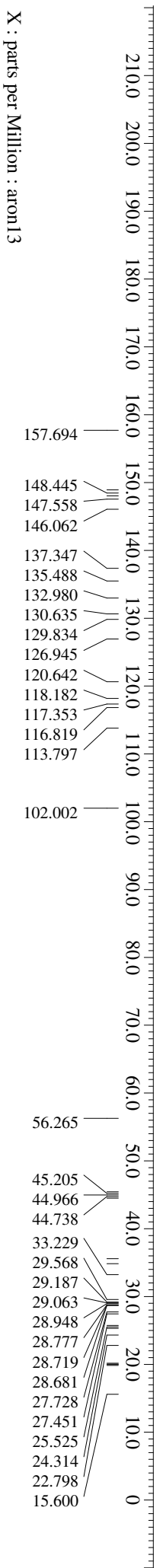
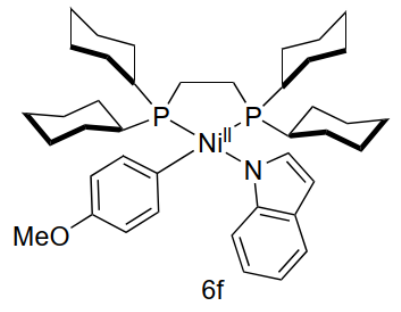


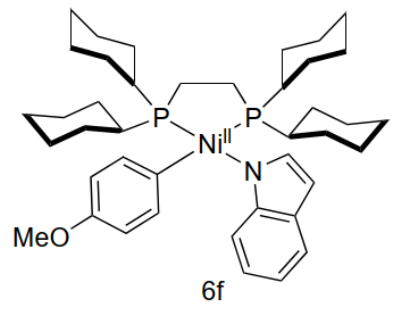
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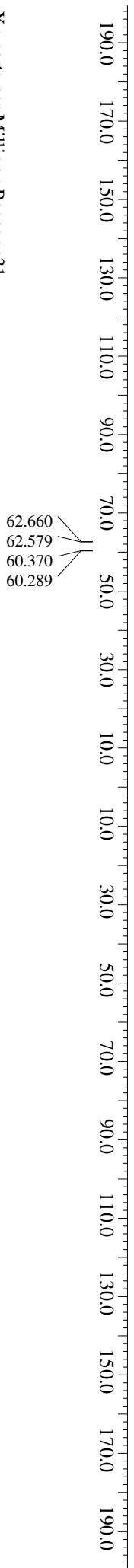




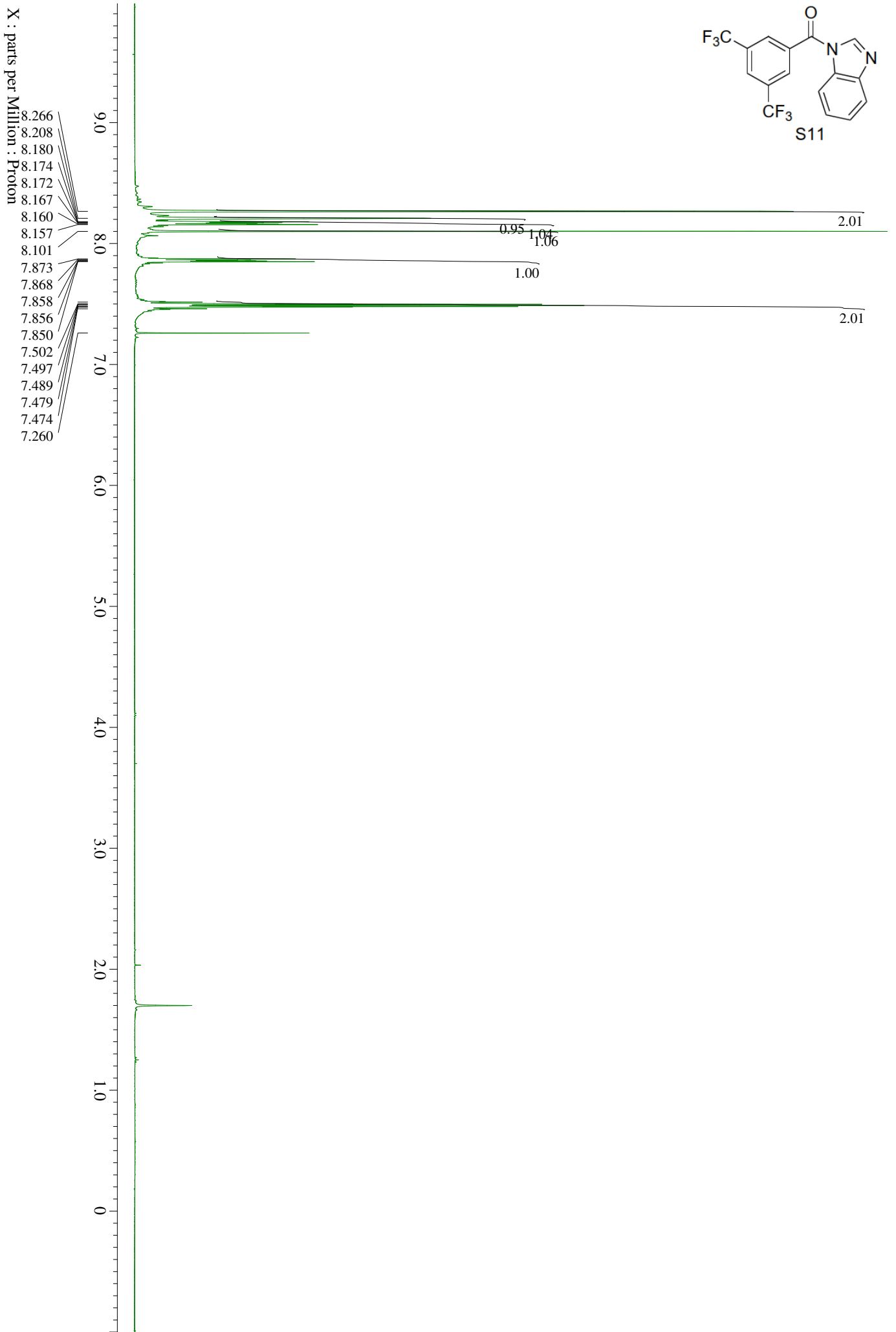
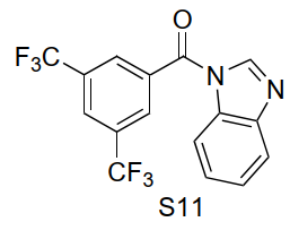


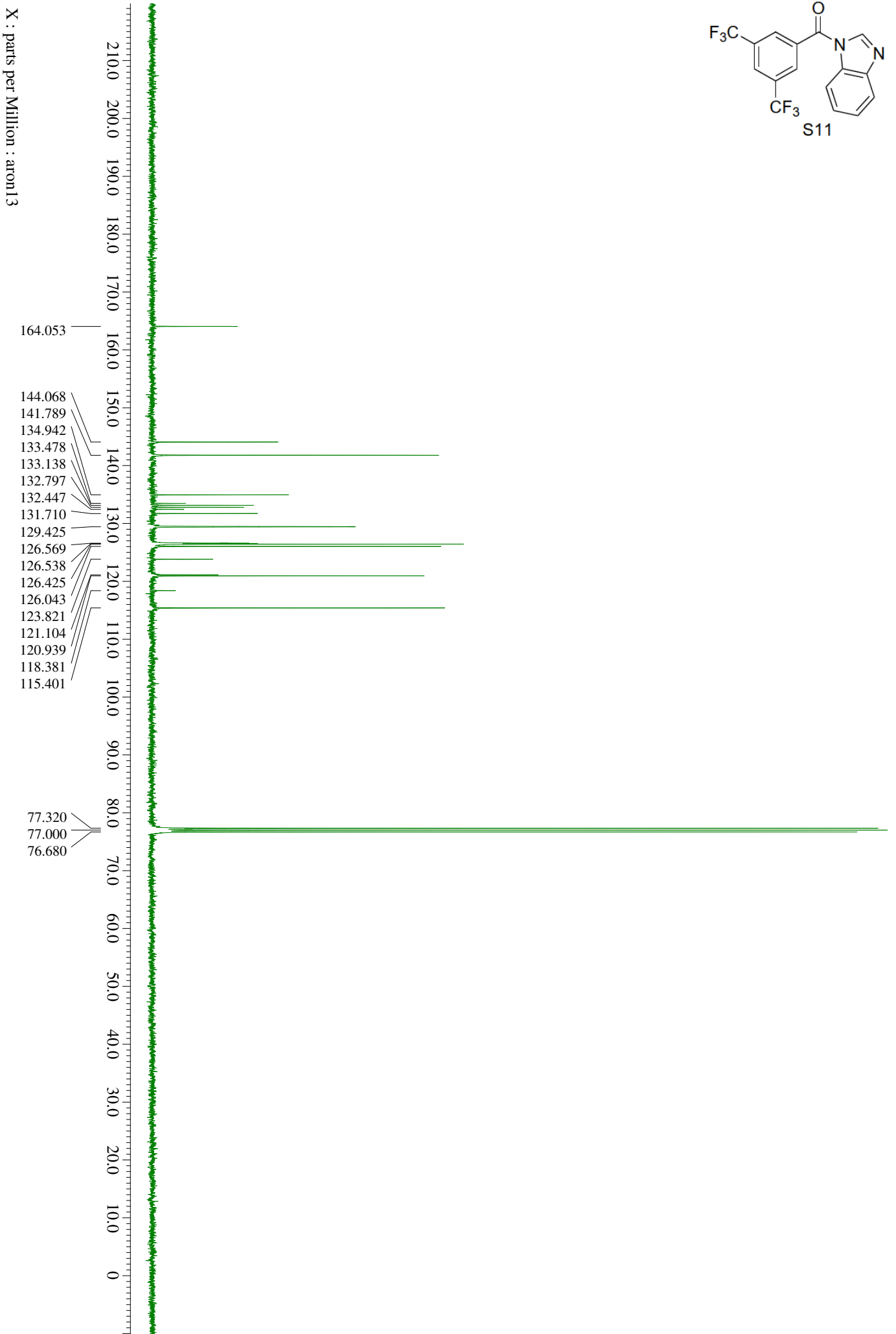
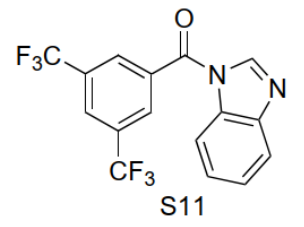


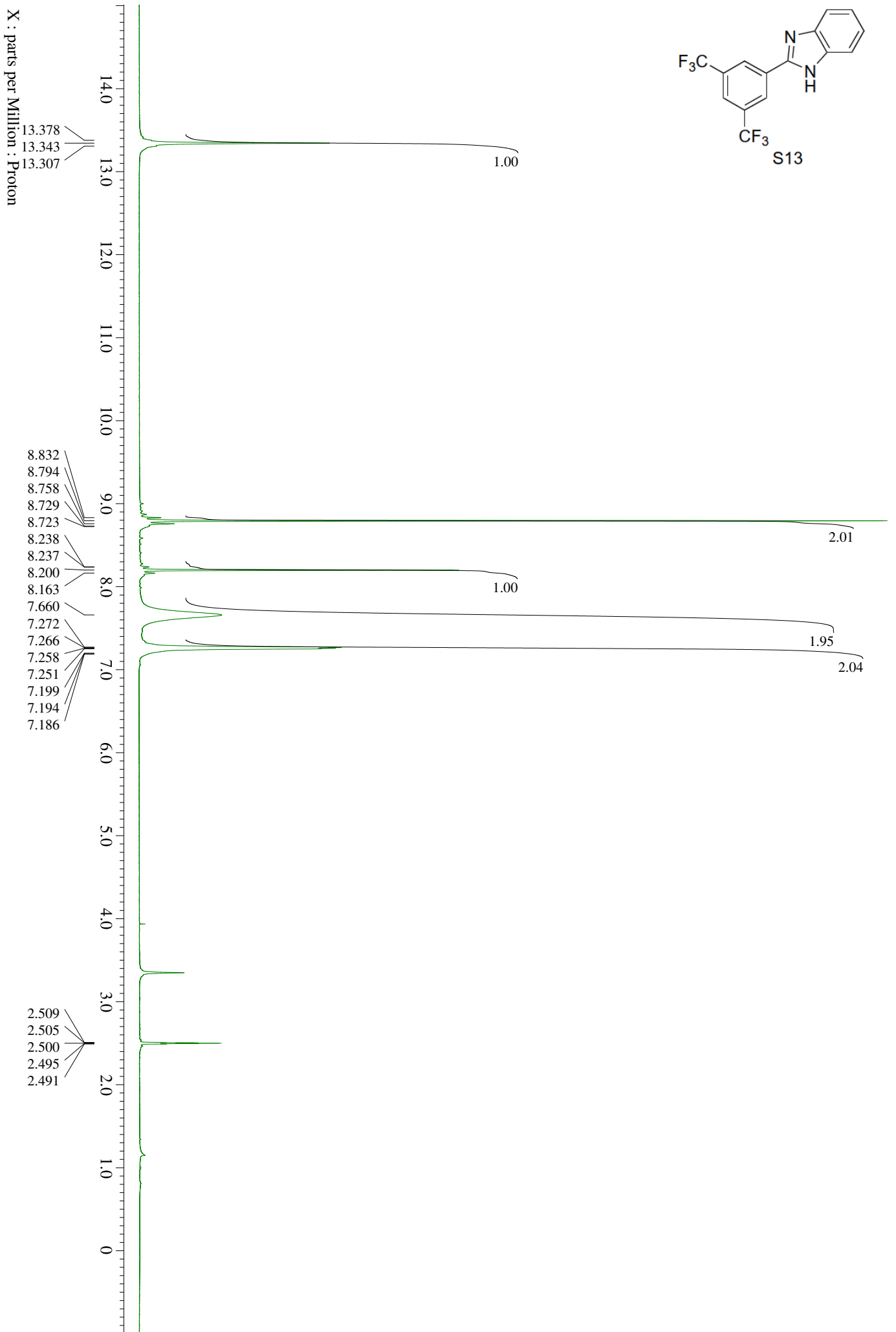
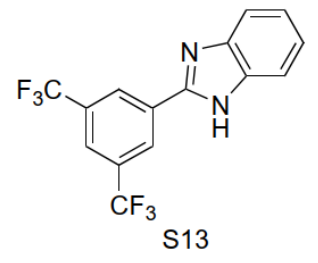
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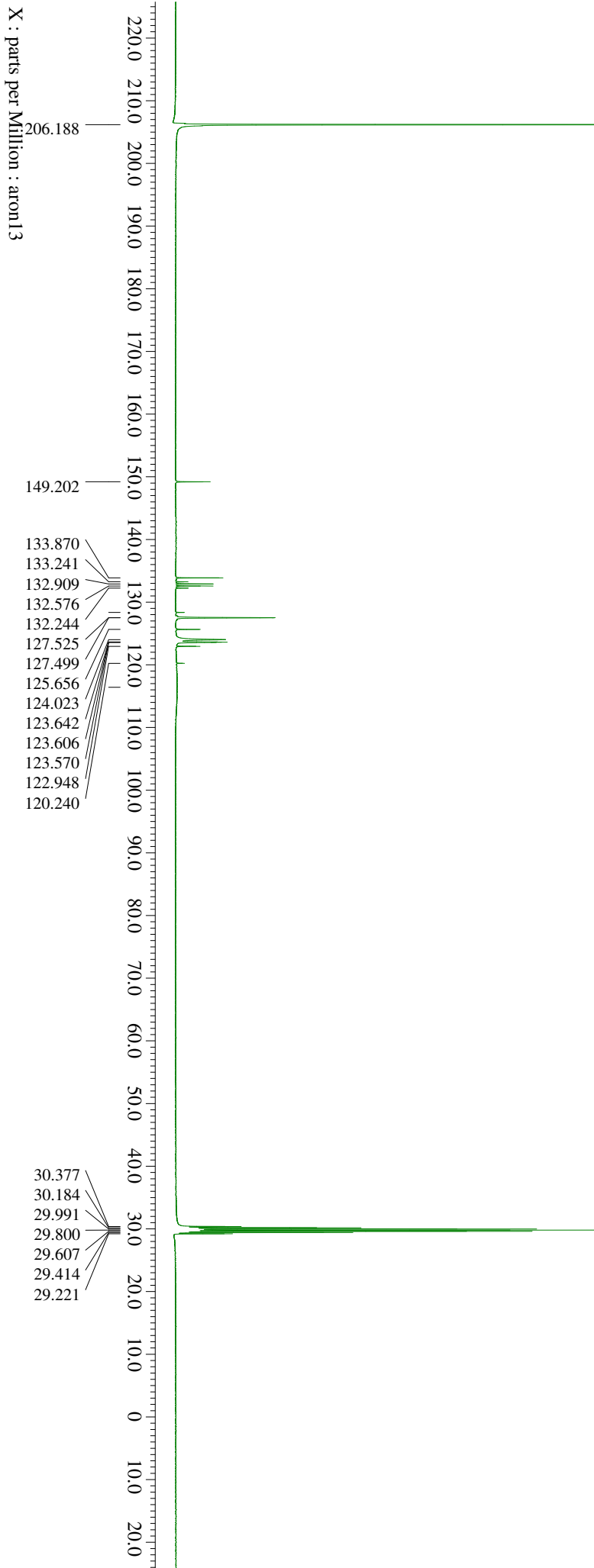
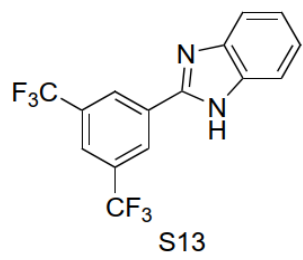


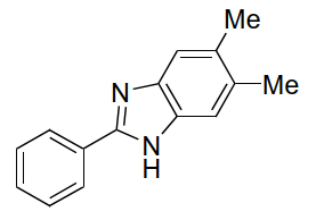
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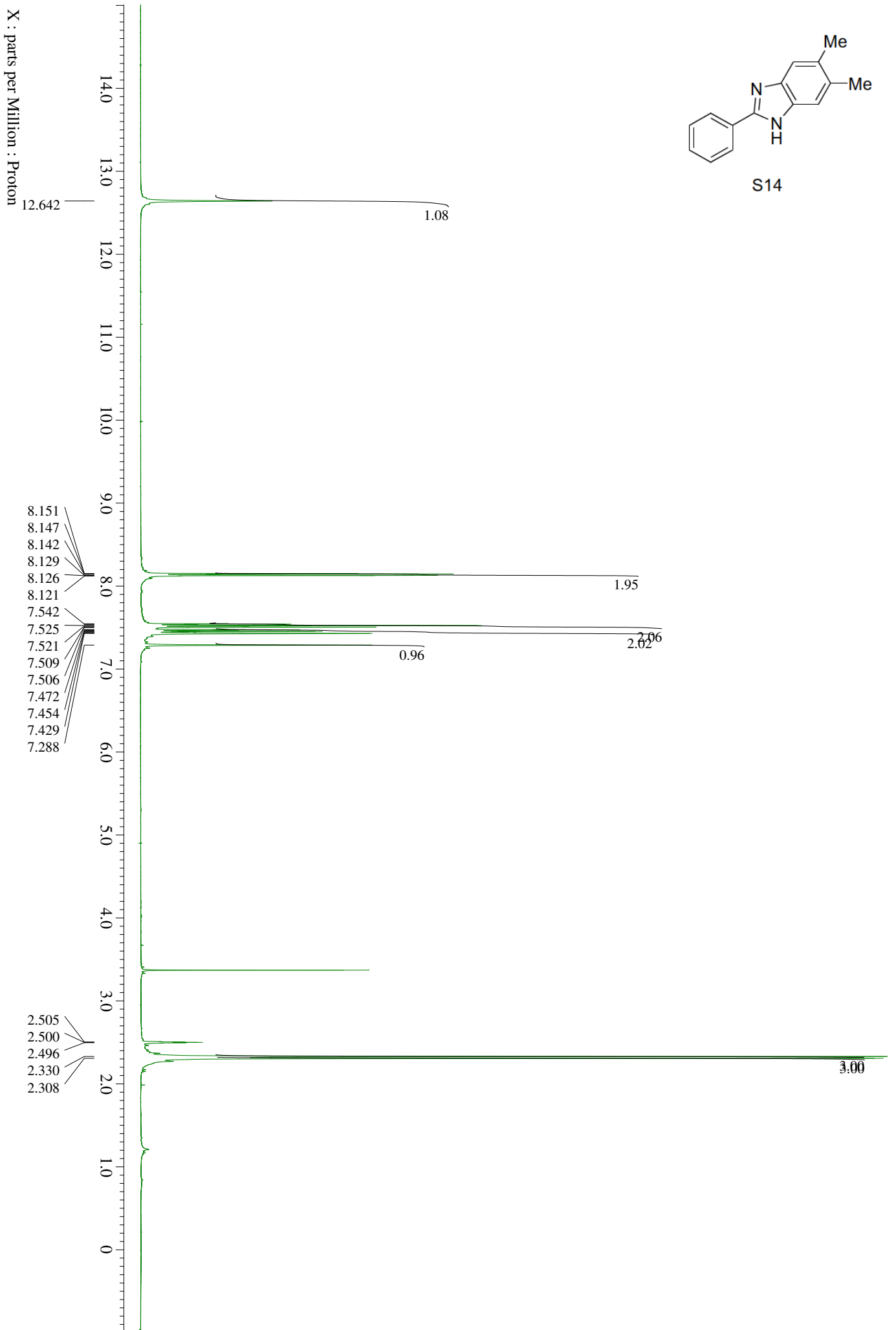


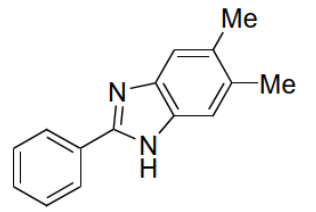






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