

Asymmetric synthesis of 2-arylpyrrolidines starting from γ -chloro *N*-(*tert*-butanesulfinyl)ketimines

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Experimental data

General Experimental Methods

¹H NMR (300 MHz) and ¹³C NMR (75 MHz) spectra were recorded with a JEOL EX 300 Eclipse NMR spectrometer. Peak assignments were obtained with the aid of DEPT, 2D-COSY and 2D-HSQC spectra. The compounds were diluted in deuterated solvents and the used solvent is indicated for each compound. Low resolution mass spectra were recorded with an Agilent 1100 Series VS (ES = 4000 V) mass spectrometer. IR spectra were recorded on a Perkin-Elmer Spectrum BX FT-IR spectrophotometer. All compounds were analysed in neat form with an ATR (Attenuated Total Reflectance) accessory. Melting points of crystalline compounds were measured with a Büchi 540 apparatus. The elemental analysis was performed with a Perkin-Elmer 2400 Elemental Analyzer. The purification of reaction mixtures by column chromatography was performed in a glass column with silica gel (Acros, particle size, 0.035-0.070 mm, pore diameter ca. 6 nm). TLC was performed on glass plates coated with silica gel 60 with F254 indicator (Merck, 0.25 mm), using UV and KMnO₄ as a visualizing agent.

All common reagents and solvents were obtained from commercial suppliers and used without further purification. Dichloromethane was distilled over calcium hydride, while diethyl ether and

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toluene was dried over sodium benzophenone ketyl. Other solvents were used as received from the supplier.

NMR data are reported as follows: chemical shift, integration, multiplicity (s: singlet, d: doublet, t: triplet, q: quadruplet, br: broad, m: multiplet), coupling constants (J in Hz), allocation of the peaks.

Typical procedure for the synthesis of (*R_S*)-*N*-[1-aryl-4-chlorobutylidene]-*tert*-butanesulfinamides **1**

As a representative example, the synthesis of (*R_S*)-*N*-[4-chloro-1-phenylbutylidene]-*tert*-butanesulfinamide **1a** is described here. Titanium(IV) ethoxide (12.49 g, 54.8 mol) and (*R_S*)-*tert*-butanesulfinamide (3.32 g, 27.4 mmol) were added to a solution of 4-chlorobutyrophenone (5 g, 27.4 mmol) in tetrahydrofuran (30 mL). The reaction was stirred for 48 hours at reflux temperature. After cooling, brine was added, and the resulting mixture was subsequently filtered over Celite[®]. The solution was extracted with EtOAc (3 x 25 mL), and the combined organic layers were dried (MgSO₄), filtered and evaporated under reduced pressure to afford (*R_S*)-**1a** (6.73 g) in 86% yield. The crude compound was purified by column chromatography (petroleum ether/EtOAc 17/3) to yield (*R_S*)-*N*-[4-chloro-1-phenylbutylidene]-*tert*-butanesulfinamide (*R_S*)-**1a** in 75% yield (5.87 g) as a brown oil. **Chromatography:** petroleum ether/EtOAc 17/3 R_f = 0.10; **Elemental analysis (%):** Found: C, 58.50; H, 7.21; N, 4.98. C₁₄H₂₀ClNOS requires C, 58.83; H, 7.05; N, 4.90; **IR:** $\nu_{\max}/\text{cm}^{-1}$ 2956, 1570, 1360, 1077; **δ_{H} (300 MHz, CDCl₃, Me₄Si)** 1.33 (9H, s, *t*Bu), 2.03-2.27 (2H, m, $\underline{\text{CH}}_2\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}$), 3.23-3.36 and 3.40-3.52 (2H, m, $\underline{\text{CH}}_2\text{-C=N}$), 3.64 (2H, t, J = 6.3 Hz, CH₂Cl), 7.40-7.51 and 7.87-7.89 (5H, m, C₆H₅); **δ_{C} (75 MHz, CDCl₃, Me₄Si)** 22.70 (CH₃, *t*Bu), 30.03 ($\underline{\text{CH}}_2\text{-C=N}$), 31.62 ($\underline{\text{CH}}_2\text{-CH}_2\text{Cl}$), 44.64 (CH₂Cl), 57.85 (C_q, *t*Bu), 127.40 (CH,

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Ar), 128.69 (CH, Ar), 131.73 (CH, Ar), 137.47 (C_q, Ar), 178.04 (C=N); *m/z* (ESI) 286.2/288.3 ([M+H]⁺, 100%); [α]_D = +11.9 (c 0.64, CH₂Cl₂).

(*S_S*)-*N*-[4-Chloro-1-phenylbutylidene]-*tert*-butanesulfinamide 1a (63%)

[α]_D = -10.0 (c 1.00, CH₂Cl₂).

(*R_S*)-*N*-[4-Chloro-1-(4-methylphenyl)butylidene]-*tert*-butanesulfinamide 1b (68%)

Brown oil; **Chromatography:** petroleum ether/EtOAc 17/3 *R_f* = 0.19; **Elemental analysis (%)**:

Found: C, 59.94; H, 7.48; N, 4.73. C₁₅H₂₂ClNOS requires C, 60.08; H, 7.40; N, 4.67; **IR:** $\nu_{\text{max}}/\text{cm}^{-1}$ 2958, 1590, 1455, 1360, 1077; δ_{H} (300 MHz, CDCl₃, Me₄Si) 1.32 (9H, s, *t*Bu), 2.06-2.27 (2H, m, CH₂CH₂Cl), 2.41 (3H, s, CH₃-Ar), 3.21-3.34 and 3.38-3.49 (2H, m, CH₂-C=N), 3.63-3.67 (2H, m, CH₂Cl), 7.24 (2H, d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, CH, Ar), 7.79 (2H, d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, CH, Ar); δ_{C} (75 MHz, CDCl₃, Me₄Si) 21.39 (CH₃, CH₃-Ar), 22.61 (CH₃, *t*Bu), 29.89 (CH₂-C=N), 31.67 (CH₂-CH₂Cl), 44.57 (CH₂Cl), 57.58 (C_q, *t*Bu), 127.38 (CH, Ar), 129.35 (CH, Ar), 134.66 (C_q-C=N, Ar), 142.27 (C_q-CH₃, Ar), 177.84 (C=N); *m/z* (ESI) 300.3/302.3 ([M+H]⁺, 100%); [α]_D = +26.9 (c 1.07, CH₂Cl₂).

(*S_S*)-*N*-[4-Chloro-1-(4-methylphenyl)butylidene]-*tert*-butanesulfinamide 1b (66%)

[α]_D = -33.2 (c 1.02, CH₂Cl₂).

(*R_S*)-*N*-[4-Chloro-1-(4-chlorophenyl)butylidene]-*tert*-butanesulfinamide 1c (62%)

Orange oil; **Chromatography:** petroleum ether/EtOAc 17/3 *R_f* = 0.16; **Elemental analysis (%)**:

Found: C, 52.44; H, 6.02; N, 4.29. C₁₄H₁₉Cl₂NOS requires C, 52.50; H, 5.98; N, 4.37; **IR:** $\nu_{\text{max}}/\text{cm}^{-1}$ 2959, 1585, 1456, 1360, 1077; δ_{H} (300 MHz, CDCl₃, Me₄Si) 1.33 (9H, s, *t*Bu), 2.03-2.27 (2H, m, CH₂CH₂Cl), 3.22-3.34 and 3.38-3.50 (2H, m, CH₂-C=N), 3.63-3.67 (2H, m,

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CH₂Cl), 7.39-7.44 and 7.81-7.84 (4H, m, C₆H₄); δ_{C} (75 MHz, CDCl₃, Me₄Si) 22.70 (CH₃, *t*Bu), 29.80 (CH₂-C=N), 31.56 (CH₂-CH₂Cl), 44.57 (CH₂Cl), 57.97 (C_q, *t*Bu), 128.73 (CH, Ar), 128.91 (CH, Ar), 135.79 (C_q, Ar), 137.95 (C_q, Ar), 176.67 (C=N); *m/z* (ESI) 320.2/322.3/324.2 ([M+H]⁺, 100%); [α]_D = +43.4 (*c* 1.10, CH₂Cl₂).

(*S*_S)-*N*-[4-Chloro-1-(4-chlorophenyl)butylidene]-*tert*-butanesulfinamide 1c (73%)

[α]_D = -51.9 (*c* 0.99, CH₂Cl₂)

(*R*_S)-*N*-[4-Chloro-1-(4-methoxyphenyl)butylidene]-*tert*-butanesulfinamide 1d (63%)

Orange oil; **Chromatography:** hexane/EtOAc 17/3 *R*_f = 0.08; **Elemental analysis (%)**: Found: C, 57.21; H, 7.13; N, 4.17. C₁₅H₂₂ClNO₂S requires C, 57.04; H, 7.02; N, 4.43; **IR:** ν_{max} /cm⁻¹ 2958, 1586, 1456, 1360, 1253, 1063; δ_{H} (300 MHz, CDCl₃, Me₄Si) 1.32 (9H, s, *t*Bu), 2.05-2.29 (2H, m, CH₂CH₂Cl), 3.21-3.30 and 3.38-3.47 (2H, m, CH₂-C=N), 3.63-3.68 (2H, m, CH₂Cl), 3.86 (3H, s, OMe), 6.91-6.96 and 7.87-7.90 (4H, m, C₆H₄); δ_{C} (75 MHz, CDCl₃, Me₄Si) 22.61 (CH₃, *t*Bu), 29.91 (CH₂-C=N), 31.76 (CH₂-CH₂Cl), 44.77 (CH₂Cl), 55.39 (OMe), 57.44 (C_q, *t*Bu), 113.95 (CH, Ar), 129.43 (CH, Ar), 129.89 (C_q-C=N, Ar), 162.59 (C_q-OMe, Ar), 177.51 (C=N); *m/z* (ESI) 316.3/318.3 ([M+H]⁺, 100%); [α]_D = +46.2 (*c* 0.95, CH₂Cl₂).

(*S*_S)-*N*-[4-Chloro-1-(4-methoxyphenyl)butylidene]-*tert*-butanesulfinamide 1d (68%)

[α]_D = -54.6 (*c* 1.02, CH₂Cl₂).

Typical procedure for the synthesis of *N*-[1-aryl-4-chlorobutyl]-*tert*-butanesulfinamides (*R*_S,*R*)-2a-d and (*R*_S,*S*)-2a-d

As a representative example, the synthesis of *N*-[4-chloro-1-phenylbutyl]-*tert*-butanesulfinamides (*R*_S,*R*)-2a and (*R*_S,*S*)-2a is described here. (*R*_S)-*N*-[4-chloro-1-phenylbutylidene]-*tert*-

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butanesulfinamide **1a** (1.45 g, 5.08 mmol) was dissolved in tetrahydrofuran (10 mL) and cooled to -78 °C. To the stirred solution was then added MeOH (0.33 g, 10.16 mmol) and NaBH₄ (0.38 g, 10.16 mmol). The reaction was stirred for one hour at -78 °C before quenching with NaHCO₃ (15 mL) and EtOAc (15 mL). The reaction mixture was filtered and the filtrate was extracted three times with EtOAc (20 mL). The combined organic layers were dried (MgSO₄), filtered and concentrated to furnish a mixture of *N*-[4-chloro-1-phenylbutyl]-*tert*-butanesulfinamides (*R*_S,*R*)-**2a** and (*R*_S,*S*)-**2a** in a diastereomeric ratio of 74:26. The two diastereomers were separated via column chromatography (petroleum ether/EtOAc 3/2 + 2% Et₃N) in 53% yield for (*R*_S,*R*)-**2a** (0.77 g) and 26% yield for (*R*_S,*S*)-**2a** (0.38 g). (*R*_S,*R*)-**2a**: White crystals; **Chromatography**: petroleum ether/EtOAc 3/2 + 2% Et₃N *R*_f = 0.16; **Melting point**: 59.2 °C - 60.2 °C; **Elemental analysis (%)**: Found: C, 58.12; H, 7.87; N, 4.63. C₁₄H₂₂ClNOS requires C, 58.42; H, 7.70; N, 4.87; **IR**: $\nu_{\text{max}}/\text{cm}^{-1}$ 3214, 2957, 1454, 1363, 1054; **δ_{H} (300 MHz, CDCl₃, Me₄Si)** 1.24 (9H, s, *t*Bu), 1.52-1.82 (2H, m, CH₂CH₂Cl), 1.85-1.97 and 2.11-2.23 (2H, m, CHCH₂), 3.40 (1H, d, *J* = 3.3 Hz, NH), 3.48 (2H, t, *J* = 6.3 Hz, CH₂Cl), 4.38 (1H, d x d x d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, *J* = 5.2 Hz, *J* = 3.3 Hz, CHNH), 7.28-7.39 (5H, m, C₆H₅); **δ_{C} (75 MHz, CDCl₃, Me₄Si)** 22.58 (CH₃, *t*Bu), 28.73 (CH₂-CH₂Cl), 33.88 (CH₂-CH), 44.63 (CH₂Cl), 55.70 (C_q, *t*Bu), 58.35 (CH-NH), 127.02 (CH, Ar), 127.93 (CH, Ar), 128.73 (CH, Ar), 141.93 (C_q, Ar); ***m/z* (ESI)** 288.3/290.3 ([M+H]⁺, 100%); **$[\alpha]_{\text{D}}$** = -56.3 (c 0.54, CH₂Cl₂).

(*R*_S,*S*)-**2a**: Pale yellow (off-white) crystals; **Chromatography**: petroleum ether/EtOAc 3/1 + 2% Et₃N *R*_f = 0.05; **Melting point**: 81.5 °C - 82.5 °C; **Elemental analysis (%)**: Found: C, 58.20; H, 8.04; N, 4.56. C₁₄H₂₂ClNOS requires C, 58.42; H, 7.70; N, 4.87; **IR**: $\nu_{\text{max}}/\text{cm}^{-1}$ 3197, 2924, 1451, 1366, 1028; **δ_{H} (300 MHz, CDCl₃, Me₄Si)** 1.18 (9H, s, *t*Bu), 1.55-2.04 (4H, m, CHCH₂CH₂CH₂Cl), 3.44 (1H, d_{br}, *J* = 2.8 Hz, NH), 3.49 (2H, t x d, *J* = 6.6 Hz, *J* = 1.7 Hz,

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CH₂Cl), 4.39 (1H, d x d x d, $J = 8.3$ Hz, $J = 6.1$ Hz, $J = 3.3$ Hz, CHNH), 7.26-7.37 (5H, m, C₆H₅); δ_{C} (75 MHz, CDCl₃, Me₄Si) 22.52 (CH₃, *t*Bu), 28.95 (CH₂-CH₂Cl), 35.86 (CH₂-CH), 44.55 (CH₂Cl), 55.56 (C_q, *t*Bu), 58.77 (CH-NH), 127.55 (CH, Ar), 127.84 (CH, Ar), 128.60 (CH, Ar), 141.35 (C_q, Ar); m/z (ESI) 288.3/290.3 ([M+H]⁺, 100%); $[\alpha]_{\text{D}} = -98.9$ (*c* 0.69, CH₂Cl₂).

(*R*,*R*)-*N*-[4-Chloro-1-(4-methylphenyl)butyl]-*tert*-butanesulfinamide 2b (41%)

Orange oil; **Chromatography**: petroleum ether/EtOAc 17/3 + 2% Et₃N $R_{\text{f}} = 0.07$; **Elemental analysis (%)**: Found: C, 59.61; H, 8.14; N, 4.56. C₁₅H₂₄ClNOS requires C, 59.68; H, 8.01; N, 4.64; **IR**: $\nu_{\text{max}}/\text{cm}^{-1}$ 3218, 2955, 1455, 1362, 1054; δ_{H} (300 MHz, CDCl₃, Me₄Si) 1.23 (9H, s, *t*Bu), 1.52-1.67 and 1.68-1.79 (2H, m, CH₂CH₂Cl), 1.81-1.94 and 2.10-2.21 (2H, m, CHCH₂), 2.34 (3H, s, CH₃-Ar), 3.36 (1H, s_{br}, NH), 3.48 (2H, t, $J = 6.6$ Hz, CH₂Cl), 4.34 (1H, d x d, $J = 8.3$ Hz, $J = 5.5$ Hz, CHNH), 7.14-7.22 (4H, m, C₆H₄); δ_{C} (75 MHz, CDCl₃, Me₄Si) 21.12 (CH₃, CH₃-Ar), 22.63 (CH₃, *t*Bu), 28.84 (CH₂-CH₂Cl), 33.76 (CH₂-CH), 44.71 (CH₂Cl), 55.70 (C_q, *t*Bu), 58.17 (CH-NH), 127.02 (CH, Ar), 129.52 (CH, Ar), 137.81 (C_q, Ar), 138.88 (C_q, Ar); m/z (ESI) 302.3/304.3 ([M+H]⁺, 100%); $[\alpha]_{\text{D}} = -51.0$ (*c* 1.11, CH₂Cl₂).

(*R*,*S*)-*N*-[4-Chloro-1-(4-methylphenyl)butyl]-*tert*-butanesulfinamide 2b (11%)

Pale yellow crystals (off-white); **Elemental analysis (%)**: Found: C, 59.58; H, 8.12; N, 4.50. C₁₅H₂₄ClNOS requires C, 59.68; H, 8.01; N, 4.64; **Chromatography**: petroleum ether/EtOAc 17/3 + 2% Et₃N $R_{\text{f}} = 0.02$; **Melting point**: 59.9 °C - 60.9 °C; **IR**: $\nu_{\text{max}}/\text{cm}^{-1}$ 3140, 2922, 1458, 1024; δ_{H} (300 MHz, CDCl₃, Me₄Si) 1.18 (9H, s, *t*Bu), 1.55-2.04 (4H, m, CHCH₂CH₂CH₂Cl), 2.35 (3H, s, CH₃-Ar), 3.39 (1H, d_{br}, $J = 2.2$ Hz, NH), 3.50 (2H, d x d x d, $J = 6.9$ Hz, $J = 5.8$ Hz, $J = 1.1$ Hz, CH₂Cl), 4.35 (1H, d x d x d, $J = 8.3$ Hz, $J = 6.1$ Hz, $J = 2.2$ Hz, CHNH), 7.13-7.20 (4H, m, C₆H₄); δ_{C} (75 MHz, CDCl₃, Me₄Si) 21.13 (CH₃, CH₃-Ar), 22.51 (CH₃, *t*Bu), 28.95

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(CH₂-CH₂Cl), 35.85 (CH₂-CH), 44.57 (CH₂Cl), 55.45 (C_q, *t*Bu), 58.43 (CH-NH), 127.44 (CH, Ar), 129.26 (CH, Ar), 137.43 (C_q, Ar), 138.22 (C_q, Ar); *m/z* (ESI) 302.3/304.3 ([M+H]⁺, 100%); [α]_D = -91.6 (*c* 1.01, CH₂Cl₂).

(*R*_S,*R*)-*N*-[4-Chloro-1-(4-chlorophenyl)butyl]-*tert*-butanesulfinamide **2c** (48%)

Orange oil; **Chromatography**: petroleum ether/EtOAc 1/1 + 2% Et₃N *R*_f = 0.27; **Elemental analysis (%)**: Found: C, 51.88; H, 6.69; N, 4.53. C₁₄H₂₁Cl₂NOS requires C, 52.17; H, 6.57; N, 4.35; **IR**: $\nu_{\text{max}}/\text{cm}^{-1}$ 3214, 2957, 1491, 1363, 1053; δ_{H} (300 MHz, CDCl₃, Me₄Si) 1.23 (9H, s, *t*Bu), 1.52-1.66 and 1.68-1.95 (3H, m, CHCH(H)CH₂CH₂Cl), 2.09-2.21 (1H, m, CHCH(H)), 3.36 (1H, d, *J* = 3.9 Hz, NH), 3.49 (2H, t, *J* = 6.3 Hz, CH₂Cl), 4.35 (1H, d x d x d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, *J* = 5.2 Hz, *J* = 3.9 Hz, CHNH), 7.25-7.28 and 7.32-7.36 (4H, m, C₆H₄); δ_{C} (75 MHz, CDCl₃, Me₄Si) 22.60 (CH₃, *t*Bu), 28.73 (CH₂-CH₂Cl), 33.83 (CH₂-CH), 44.57 (CH₂Cl), 55.91 (C_q, *t*Bu), 58.02 (CH-NH), 128.50 (CH, Ar), 129.03 (CH, Ar), 133.81 (C_q, Ar), 140.44 (C_q, Ar); *m/z* (ESI) 322.2/324.2/326.2 ([M+H]⁺, 100%), 218.2/220.2/222.2 ([M+H-*t*BuS(O)]⁺, 50%); [α]_D = -36.0 (*c* 1.08, CH₂Cl₂).

(*R*_S,*S*)-*N*-[4-Chloro-1-(4-chlorophenyl)butyl]-*tert*-butanesulfinamide **2c** (17%)

Yellow crystals; **Chromatography**: petroleum ether/EtOAc 7/3 + 2% Et₃N *R*_f = 0.09; **Melting point**: 91.5 °C - 92.5 °C; **Elemental analysis (%)**: Found: C, 52.03; H, 6.66; N, 4.29. C₁₄H₂₁Cl₂NOS requires C, 52.17; H, 6.57; N, 4.35; **IR**: $\nu_{\text{max}}/\text{cm}^{-1}$ 3205, 2956, 1490, 1364, 1051; δ_{H} (300 MHz, CDCl₃, Me₄Si) 1.18 (9H, s, *t*Bu), 1.51-2.04 (4H, m, CHCH₂CH₂CH₂Cl), 3.43 (1H, d_{br}, *J* = 2.2 Hz, NH), 3.50 (2H, t, *J* = 6.3 Hz, CH₂Cl), 4.38 (1H, d x d x d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, *J* = 5.8 Hz, *J* = 2.2 Hz, CHNH), 7.22-7.34 (4H, m, C₆H₄); δ_{C} (75 MHz, CDCl₃, Me₄Si) 22.51 (CH₃, *t*Bu), 28.83 (CH₂-CH₂Cl), 35.76 (CH₂-CH₂Cl), 44.43 (CH₂Cl), 55.62 (C_q, *t*Bu), 58.00 (CH-NH),

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128.85 (CH, Ar), 128.97 (CH, Ar), 133.61 (C_q, Ar), 139.89 (C_q, Ar); *m/z* (ESI) 322.0/324.0/326.0 ([M+H]⁺, 100%); [α]_D = -75.3 (*c* 0.97, CH₂Cl₂).

(*R*_S,*R*)-N-[4-Chloro-1-(4-methoxyphenyl)butyl]-*tert*-butanesulfinamide 2d (39%)

Viscous colorless oil; **Chromatography**: petroleum ether/EtOAc 1/1 + 2% Et₃N *R*_f = 0.17; **Elemental analysis (%)**: Found: C, 56.61; H, 7.74; N, 4.53. C₁₅H₂₄ClNO₂S requires C, 56.68; H, 7.61; N, 4.41; **IR**: $\nu_{\text{max}}/\text{cm}^{-1}$ 3218, 2955, 1513, 1362, 1052; **δ_{H} (300 MHz, CDCl₃, Me₄Si)** 1.23 (9H, s, *t*Bu), 1.51-1.93 (3H, m, CHCH(H)CH₂CH₂Cl), 2.10-2.21 (1H, m, CHCH(H)), 3.33 (1H, d, *J* = 3.3 Hz, NH), 3.48 (2H, t, *J* = 6.6 Hz, CH₂Cl), 3.81 (3H, s, OMe), 4.33 (1H, d x d x d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, *J* = 5.0 Hz, *J* = 3.3 Hz, CHNH), 6.87-6.91 and 7.22-7.26 (4H, m, C₆H₄); **δ_{C} (75 MHz, CDCl₃, Me₄Si)** 22.64 (CH₃, *t*Bu), 28.89 (CH₂-CH₂Cl), 33.77 (CH₂-CH), 44.74 (CH₂Cl), 55.29 (OMe), 55.68 (C_q, *t*Bu), 57.88 (CH-NH), 114.19 (CH, Ar), 128.28 (CH, Ar), 133.89 (C_q-CHN, Ar), 159.38 (C_q-OMe, Ar); *m/z* (ESI) 318.3/320.2 ([M+H]⁺, 100%); [α]_D = -38.6 (*c* 1.03, CH₂Cl₂).

(*R*_S,*S*)-N-[4-Chloro-1-(4-methoxyphenyl)butyl]-*tert*-butanesulfinamide 2d (14%)

Yellow crystals; **Chromatography**: petroleum ether/EtOAc 7/3 + 2% Et₃N *R*_f = 0.06; **Melting point**: 77.3 °C - 78.3 °C; **Elemental analysis (%)**: Found: C, 56.58; H, 7.44; N, 4.61. C₁₅H₂₄ClNO₂S requires C, 56.68; H, 7.61; N, 4.41; **IR**: $\nu_{\text{max}}/\text{cm}^{-1}$ 3210, 2955, 1512, 1363, 1244, 1050; **δ_{H} (300 MHz, CDCl₃, Me₄Si)** 1.18 (9H, s, *t*Bu), 1.54-2.01 (4H, m, CHCH₂CH₂CH₂Cl), 3.37 (1H, d_{br}, *J* = 2.2 Hz, NH), 3.49 (2H, d x d x d, *J* = 6.3 Hz, *J* = 5.8 Hz, *J* = 1.1 Hz, CH₂Cl), 3.81 (3H, s, OMe), 4.34 (1H, d x d x d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, *J* = 5.8 Hz, *J* = 2.2 Hz, CHNH), 6.85-6.90 and 7.19-7.23 (4H, m, C₆H₄); **δ_{C} (75 MHz, CDCl₃, Me₄Si)** 22.52 (CH₃, *t*Bu), 28.98 (CH₂-CH₂Cl), 35.83 (CH₂-CH₂Cl), 44.58 (CH₂Cl), 55.19 (OMe), 55.42 (C_q, *t*Bu), 58.06 (CH-NH), 113.93 (CH,

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Ar), 128.71 (CH, Ar), 133.11 ($\underline{\text{C}}_{\text{q}}$ -CHN, Ar), 159.15 ($\underline{\text{C}}_{\text{q}}$ -OMe, Ar); ***m/z* (ESI)** 318.3/320.2 ([M+H]⁺, 100%); [α]_D = -89.2 (*c* 0.39, CH₂Cl₂).

Typical procedure for the synthesis of 2-aryl-1-(*tert*-butanesulfinyl)pyrrolidines (*R_S,R*)-**3a-d**

As a representative example, the synthesis of (*R_S,R*)-1-*tert*-butylsulfinyl-2-phenylpyrrolidine **3a** is described here. To a solution of (*R_S,R*)-*N*-[4-chloro-1-phenylbutyl]-*tert*-butanesulfinamide **2a** (0.35 g, 1.22 mmol) in a 1:1 mixture of H₂O/THF (10 mL) was added KOH (0.20 g, 3.65 mmol) and the reaction mixture was stirred for 24 hours at reflux temperature. After cooling to room temperature, a saturated solution of NaHCO₃ (10 mL) was added and the mixture was extracted with EtOAc (3 x 10 mL). The combined organic fractions were dried (MgSO₄), filtered and the solvent was removed under reduced pressure to afford (*R_S,R*)-1-*tert*-butylsulfinyl-2-phenylpyrrolidine **3a**, which was purified by recrystallisation from diethyl ether in 94% yield (0.29 g, 1.14 mmol), [α]_D = +124.0 (*c* 0.84, CH₂Cl₂). All ¹H-NMR data were in good agreement with reported data for (*R_S,R*)-1-*tert*-butylsulfinyl-2-phenylpyrrolidine **3a**, [α]_D = +108.8 (*c* 1.00, CHCl₃),¹ [α]_D = +141.2 (*c* 1.10, CHCl₃).²

(*R_S,R*)-1-*tert*-Butylsulfinyl-2-phenylpyrrolidine **3a** (94%)

Pale yellow crystals; **Melting point:** 89.9 °C - 90.9 °C; **Elemental analysis (%)**: Found: C, 66.68; H, 8.43; N, 5.77. C₁₄H₂₁NOS requires C, 66.89; H, 8.42; N, 5.57; **IR:** $\nu_{\text{max}}/\text{cm}^{-1}$ 2924, 1448, 1057; **δ_{H} (300 MHz, CDCl₃, Me₄Si)** 1.05 (9H, s, *t*Bu), 1.71-1.94 (3H, m, CHCH(H)CH₂), 2.10-2.23 (1H, m, CHCH(H)), 3.46-3.71 (2H, m, CH₂N), 5.08 (1H, d x d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, *J* = 2.8 Hz, CHN), 7.18-7.34 (5H, m, C₆H₅); **δ_{C} (75 MHz, CDCl₃, Me₄Si)** 23.10 (CH₃, *t*Bu), 24.18 (CH₂-

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CH₂N), 36.66 (CH₂-CH), 54.98 (CH₂N), 57.47 (CHN), 57.47 (C_q, *t*Bu), 126.51 (CH, Ar), 126.56 (CH, Ar), 128.36 (CH, Ar), 144.65 (C_q, Ar); *m/z* (ESI) 252.2 ([M+H]⁺, 100%); [α]_D = +124.0 (*c* 0.84, CH₂Cl₂).

(*R*_S,*R*)-1-*tert*-Butylsulfinyl-2-(4-methylphenyl)pyrrolidine 3b (85%)

Yellow crystals; **Melting point:** 116.2 °C - 117.2 °C; **Elemental analysis (%)**: Found: C, 67.79; H, 8.85; N, 5.31. C₁₅H₂₃NOS requires C, 67.88; H, 8.73; N, 5.28; **IR:** $\nu_{\text{max}}/\text{cm}^{-1}$ 2949, 1454, 1362, 1057; **δ_{H} (300 MHz, CDCl₃, Me₄Si)** 1.06 (9H, s, *t*Bu), 1.69-1.92 (3H, m, CHCH(H)CH₂), 2.07-2.19 (1H, m, CHCH(H)), 2.33 (3H, s, CH₃-Ar), 3.45-3.70 (2H, m, CH₂N), 5.04 (1H, d x d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, *J* = 2.2 Hz, CHN), 7.07-7.19 (4H, m, C₆H₄); **δ_{C} (75 MHz, CDCl₃, Me₄Si)** 21.05 (CH₃, CH₃-Ar), 23.16 (CH₃, *t*Bu), 24.12 (CH₂-CH₂N), 36.69 (CH₂-CH), 54.68 (CH₂N), 57.45 (CHN), 57.45 (C_q, *t*Bu), 126.45 (CH, Ar), 129.05 (CH, Ar), 136.12 (C_q, Ar), 141.60 (C_q, Ar); *m/z* (ESI) 266.2 ([M+H]⁺, 100%); [α]_D = +145.4 (*c* 0.99, CH₂Cl₂).

(*R*_S,*R*)-1-*tert*-Butylsulfinyl-2-(4-chlorophenyl)pyrrolidine 3c (91%)

White crystals; **Melting point:** 108.8 °C - 109.8 °C; **Elemental analysis (%)**: Found: C, 58.61; H, 7.32; N, 4.97. C₁₄H₂₀ClNOS requires C, 58.83; H, 7.05; N, 4.90; **IR:** $\nu_{\text{max}}/\text{cm}^{-1}$ 2962, 1489, 1364, 1057; **δ_{H} (300 MHz, CDCl₃, Me₄Si)** 1.05 (9H, s, *t*Bu), 1.67-1.99 (3H, m, CHCH(H)CH₂), 2.10-2.21 (1H, m, CHCH(H)), 3.51-3.68 (2H, m, CH₂N), 5.04 (1H, d x d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, *J* = 2.2 Hz, CHN), 7.17-7.30 (4H, m, C₆H₄); **δ_{C} (75 MHz, CDCl₃, Me₄Si)** 23.07 (CH₃, *t*Bu), 24.17 (CH₂-CH₂N), 36.57 (CH₂-CH), 54.93 (CH₂N), 56.87 (CHN), 57.50 (C_q, *t*Bu), 127.92 (CH, Ar), 128.56 (CH, Ar), 132.30 (C_q, Ar), 143.26 (C_q, Ar); *m/z* (ESI) 286.2/288.3 ([M+H]⁺, 100%); [α]_D = +161.3 (*c* 0.73, CH₂Cl₂).

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(*R_S*,*R*)-1-*tert*-Butylsulfinyl-2-(4-methoxyphenyl)pyrrolidine 3d (87%)

All ¹H-NMR data were in good agreement with reported data for (*R_S*,*R*)-1-*tert*-butylsulfinyl-2-phenylpyrrolidine **3a**, [α]_D = +139.98 (*c* 1.13, MeOH).²

Yellow crystals; **Melting point:** 89.6 °C - 90.6 °C; **Elemental analysis (%)**: Found: C, 64.15; H, 8.23; N, 4.71. C₁₅H₂₃NO₂S requires C, 64.02; H, 8.24; N, 4.98; **IR:** $\nu_{\text{max}}/\text{cm}^{-1}$ 2862, 1607, 1509, 1357, 1054; **δ_{H} (300 MHz, CDCl₃, Me₄Si)** 1.06 (9H, s, *t*Bu), 1.68-1.94 (3H, m, CHCH(H)CH₂), 2.07-2.18 (1H, m, CHCH(H)), 3.47-3.56 and 3.63-3.70 (2H, m, CH₂N), 3.80 (3H, s, OMe), 5.00 (1H, d x d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, *J* = 2.5 Hz, CHN), 6.83-6.87 and 7.14-7.18 (4H, m, C₆H₄); **δ_{C} (75 MHz, CDCl₃, Me₄Si)** 23.16 (CH₃, *t*Bu), 24.14 (CH₂-CH₂N), 36.66 (CH₂-CH), 54.34 (CH₂N), 55.21 (MeO), 57.35 (CHN), 57.44 (C_q, *t*Bu), 113.70 (CH, Ar), 127.64 (CH, Ar), 136.66 (C_q-CHN, Ar), 158.25 (C_q-OMe, Ar); ***m/z* (ESI)** 282.3 ([M+H]⁺, 100%), 176.2 ((M+H⁺)-*t*BuS(O), 10%); [α]_D = +148.0 (*c* 1.02, CH₂Cl₂).

Typical procedure for the synthesis of 2-aryl-1-(*tert*-butanesulfinyl)pyrrolidines (*R_S*,*S*)-3a-d and (*S_S*,*R*)-3a-d

As a representative example, the synthesis of (*S_S*,*R*)-1-(*tert*-butanesulfinyl)-2-phenylpyrrolidine **3a** is described here. To a solution of (*S_S*)-*N*-[4-chloro-1-phenylbutylidene]-*tert*-butanesulfinamide **1a** (1.53 g, 5.36 mmol) in tetrahydrofuran (20 mL) at -78 °C was added LiBEt₃H (5.90 mL, 1 M solution in THF, 5.90 mmol). The reaction was stirred at -78 °C for one hour, subsequently allowed to warm up to room temperature and stirred for 20 hours. The reaction was quenched by adding a saturated solution of NaHCO₃ (15 mL) and filtered. The mixture was extracted with EtOAc (3 x 20 mL) and the combined organic fractions were dried (MgSO₄), filtered and the solvent was removed under reduced pressure to afford (*S_S*,*R*)-1-(*tert*-

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butanesulfinyl)-2-phenylpyrrolidine **3a** (1.31 g) in 97% yield. Purification by means of column chromatography (petroleum ether/EtOAc 4/1) yielded (*S,S*)-**3a** (1.10 g) in 82% as a yellow viscous oil. $[\alpha]_{\text{D}} = +122.2$ (*c* 1.02, CH₂Cl₂). All spectroscopic data were in good agreement with reported data for (*S,S*)-**3a**, $[\alpha]_{\text{D}} = +93.6$ (*c* 0.99, CHCl₃).¹

(*R,S*)-1-*tert*-Butylsulfinyl-2-phenylpyrrolidine **3a** (91%)

Yellow viscous oil; **Chromatography**: petroleum ether/EtOAc 3/1 + 2% Et₃N *R*_f = 0.10; **Elemental analysis (%)**: Found: C, 66.74; H, 8.53; N, 5.51. C₁₄H₂₁NOS requires C, 66.89; H, 8.42; N, 5.57; **IR**: $\nu_{\text{max}}/\text{cm}^{-1}$ 3464, 2961, 1454, 1362, 1059; **δ_{H}** (300 MHz, CDCl₃, Me₄Si) 1.09 (9H, s, *t*Bu), 1.72-2.01 (3H, m, CHCH(H)CH₂), 2.18-2.29 (1H, m, CHCH(H)), 2.93-3.01 (1H, m, CH(H)N), 3.86-3.93 (1H, m, CH(H)N), 4.63 (1H, d x d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, *J* = 7.2 Hz, CHN), 7.19-7.35 (5H, m, C₆H₅); **δ_{C}** (75 MHz, CDCl₃, Me₄Si) 23.74 (CH₃, *t*Bu), 26.31 (CH₂-CH₂N), 35.93 (CH₂-CH), 42.03 (CH₂N), 57.06 (C_q, *t*Bu), 69.26 (CHN), 127.15 (CH, Ar), 128.22 (CH, Ar), 143.17 (C_q, Ar); ***m/z*** (ESI) 252.2 ([M+H]⁺, 100%); $[\alpha]_{\text{D}} = -135.4$ (*c* 0.60, CH₂Cl₂).

(*R,S*)-1-*tert*-Butylsulfinyl-2-(4-methylphenyl)pyrrolidine **3b** (87%)

White crystals; **Chromatography**: petroleum ether/EtOAc 3/1 + 2% Et₃N, *R*_f = 0.14; **Melting point**: 68.1 °C - 69.1 °C; **Elemental analysis (%)**: Found: C, 67.73; H, 8.82; N, 5.33. C₁₅H₂₃NOS requires C, 67.88; H, 8.73; N, 5.28; **IR**: $\nu_{\text{max}}/\text{cm}^{-1}$ 2968, 1455, 1364, 1056; **δ_{H}** (300 MHz, CDCl₃, Me₄Si) 1.10 (9H, s, *t*Bu), 1.17-2.03 (3H, m, CHCH(H)CH₂), 2.17-2.25 (1H, m, CHCH(H)), 2.33 (3H, s, Me), 2.97 (1H, d x d x d, *J* = 10.5 Hz, *J* = 8.3 Hz, *J* = 6.6 Hz, CH(H)N), 3.88 (1H, d x d x d, *J* = 10.5 Hz, *J* = 8.3 Hz, *J* = 3.9 Hz, CH(H)N), 4.60 (1H, d x d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, *J* = 6.6 Hz, CHN), 7.12 and 7.18 (2 x 2H, 2 x d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, C₆H₄); **δ_{C}** (75 MHz, CDCl₃, Me₄Si) 21.07 (CH₃, CH₃-Ar), 23.82 (CH₃, *t*Bu), 26.31 (CH₂-CH₂N), 36.02 (CH₂-CH), 42.00 (CH₂N),

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57.09 (C_q, *t*Bu), 69.00 (CHN), 127.12 (CH, Ar), 128.95 (CH, Ar), 136.74 (C_q, Ar), 140.13 (C_q, Ar); *m/z* (ESI) 266.2 ([M+H]⁺, 100%), 160.5 (M-(*t*BuS(O))+H⁺, 60%); [α]_D = -129.0 (*c* 0.48, CH₂Cl₂).

(*S,S,R*)-1-*tert*-Butylsulfinyl-2-(4-methylphenyl)pyrrolidine 3b (86%)

[α]_D = +141.4 (*c* 1.01, CH₂Cl₂).

(*R,S,S*)-1-*tert*-Butylsulfinyl-2-(4-chlorophenyl)pyrrolidine 3c (92%)

Yellow crystals; **Chromatography:** petroleum ether/EtOAc 7/3 + 2% Et₃N *R*_f = 0.12; **Melting point:** 74.3 °C - 75.3 °C; **Elemental analysis (%)**: Found: C, 59.02; H, 6.84; N, 5.03. C₁₄H₂₀ClNOS requires C, 58.83; H, 7.05; N, 4.90; **IR:** $\nu_{\text{max}}/\text{cm}^{-1}$ 2923, 1490, 1361, 1060; **δ_{H}** (300 MHz, CDCl₃, Me₄Si) 1.10 (9H, s, *t*Bu), 1.71-2.05 (3H, m, CHCH(H)CH₂), 2.20-2.29 (1H, m, CHCH(H)), 2.97 (1H, d x d x d, *J* = 10.2 Hz, *J* = 8.3 Hz, *J* = 6.6 Hz, CH(H)N), 3.89 (1H, d x d x d, *J* = 10.5 Hz, *J* = 8.3 Hz, *J* = 4.4 Hz, CH(H)N), 4.60 (1H, d x d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, *J* = 6.6 Hz, CHN), 7.21-7.31 (4H, m, C₆H₄); **δ_{C}** (75 MHz, CDCl₃, Me₄Si) 23.82 (CH₃, *t*Bu), 26.34 (CH₂-CH₂N), 36.02 (CH₂-CH), 42.11 (CH₂N), 57.22 (C_q, *t*Bu), 68.63 (CHN), 128.48 (CH, Ar), 128.62 (CH, Ar), 132.89 (C_q, Ar), 141.83 (C_q, Ar); *m/z* (ESI) 286.2/288.3 ([M+H]⁺, 100%); [α]_D = -134.3 (*c* 1.05, CH₂Cl₂).

(*S,S,R*)-1-*tert*-Butylsulfinyl-2-(4-chlorophenyl)pyrrolidine 3c (91%)

[α]_D = +110.6 (*c* 1.00, CH₂Cl₂).

(*R,S,S*)-1-*tert*-Butylsulfinyl-2-(4-methoxyphenyl)pyrrolidine 3d (85%)

Yellow crystals; **Chromatography:** petroleum ether/EtOAc 7/3 + 2% Et₃N *R*_f = 0.12; **Melting point:** 61.2 °C - 62.2 °C; **Elemental analysis (%)**: Found: C, 64.09; H, 8.32; N, 4.69.

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$C_{15}H_{23}NO_2S$ requires C, 64.02; H, 8.24; N, 4.98; **IR:** $\nu_{\max}/\text{cm}^{-1}$ 2963, 1509, 1364, 1244, 1053; **δ_H (300 MHz, $CDCl_3$, Me_4Si)** 1.09 (9H, s, *t*Bu), 1.17-2.05 and 2.17-2.27 (4H, m, $CHCH_2CH_2$), 2.96 (1H, d x d x d, $J = 9.9$ Hz, $J = 8.3$ Hz, $J = 6.6$ Hz, $CH(H)N$), 3.80 (3H, s, OMe), 3.87 (1H, d x d x d, $J = 10.5$ Hz, $J = 8.3$ Hz, $J = 3.9$ Hz, $CH(H)N$), 4.58 (1H, d x d, $J = 8.3$ Hz, $J = 6.6$ Hz, CHN), 6.83-6.88 and 7.19-7.29 (2 x 2H, 2 x m, C_6H_4); **δ_C (75 MHz, $CDCl_3$, Me_4Si)** 23.83 (CH_3 , *t*Bu), 26.32 (CH_2-CH_2N), 35.93 (CH_2-CH), 41.93 (CH_2N), 55.21 (OMe), 57.09 (C_q , *t*Bu), 68.65 (CHN), 113.63 (CH, Ar), 128.40 (CH, Ar), 135.11 (C_q-CHN , Ar), 158.79 (C_q-OMe , Ar); **m/z (ESI)** 282.3 ($[M+H]^+$, 65%), 176.2 ($[M-tBuS(O)+H]^+$, 100%); **$[\alpha]_D = -123.9$** (c 1.05, CH_2Cl_2).

(*S,S*)-1-*tert*-Butylsulfinyl-2-(4-methoxyphenyl)pyrrolidine 3d (85%)

$[\alpha]_D = +131.2$ (c 1.01, CH_2Cl_2).

Typical procedure for the synthesis of 2-arylpyrrolidine hydrochlorides (*S*)-4a-d and (*R*)-4a-d

As a representative example, the synthesis of (*S*)-2-(4-methoxyphenyl)pyrrolidine hydrochloride **4d** is described here. To a solution of (*R,S*)-1-(*tert*-butanesulfinyl)-2-(4-methoxyphenyl)pyrrolidine **3d** (0.17 g, 0.60 mmol) in dioxane (10 mL) was added dropwise a freshly prepared saturated solution of dioxane/HCl (1.5 mL, ~4 M solution, 6.05 mmol) under stirring. The mixture was allowed to stir for one hour at room temperature and then concentrated in vacuo. (*S*)-2-(4-Methoxyphenyl)pyrrolidine hydrochloride **4d** was obtained after precipitation in diethyl ether in 91% yield as white crystals. **Melting point:** 158.5 °C - 159.5 °C; **Elemental analysis (%)**: Found: C, 61.54; H, 7.89; N, 6.26. $C_{11}H_{16}ClNO$ requires: C, 61.82; H, 7.55; N, 6.55; **IR:** $\nu_{\max}/\text{cm}^{-1}$ 2851, 1514, 1250; **δ_H (300 MHz, D_2O)** 2.07-2.29 and 2.35-2.48 (4H, m, $CHCH_2CH_2$), 3.35-3.49 (2H, m, CH_2N), 3.82 (3H, s, OMe), 4.61 (1H, d x d, $J = 9.4$ Hz, $J = 7.2$

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Hz, CHN), 7.00-7.06 and 7.39-7.44 (2 x 2H, 2 x m, C₆H₄); δ_{C} (75 MHz, D₂O, MeCN) 24.10 (CH₂-CH₂N), 30.57 (CH₂-CH), 45.76 (CH₂N), 56.02 (OMe), 63.46 (CHN), 115.20 (CH, Ar), 127.36 (C_q, Ar), 129.75 (CH, Ar), 160.21 (C_q, Ar); m/z (ESI) 178.2 ([M-HCl+H]⁺, 100%); [α]_D = +9.8 (c 1.05, EtOH).

(R)-2-(4-Methoxyphenyl)pyrrolidine hydrochloride 4d (99%)

[α]_D = -12.4 (c 1.01, MeOH). All spectroscopic data were in good agreement with reported data for (R)-2-(4-methoxyphenyl)pyrrolidine hydrochloride **4d**, [α]_D = -14.3 (c 0.98, MeOH).³

(S)-2-Phenylpyrrolidine hydrochloride 4a (84%)

[α]_D = +12.8 (c 1.00, MeOH).

(R)-2-Phenylpyrrolidine hydrochloride 4a (88%)

[α]_D = -9.3 (c 1.01, MeOH). All spectroscopic data were in good agreement with reported data for (R)-**4a**, [α]_D = -9.1 (c 1.00, MeOH).¹

(S)-2-(4-Methylphenyl)pyrrolidine hydrochloride 4b (81%)

Viscous orange oil; **Elemental analysis (%)**: Found: C, 66.63; H, 8.21; N, 7.15. C₁₁H₁₆ClN requires: C, 66.83; H, 8.16; N, 7.08; **IR**: $\nu_{\text{max}}/\text{cm}^{-1}$ 3396, 2918, 1454, 1022; δ_{H} (300 MHz, D₂O) 2.10-2.28 and 2.38-2.47 (4H, m, CHCH₂CH₂), 2.34 (3H, s, Me), 3.41-3.47 (2H, m, CH₂N), 4.62 (1H, d x d, $J = 9.4$ Hz, $J = 7.2$ Hz, CHN), 7.30-7.38 (2 x 2H, 2 x m, C₆H₄); δ_{C} (75 MHz, D₂O, MeCN) 20.83 (CH₃, CH₃-Ar), 24.08 (CH₂-CH₂N), 30.68 (CH₂-CH), 45.87 (CH₂N), 63.67

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(CHN), 128.07 (CH, Ar), 130.39 (CH, Ar), 132.00 (C_q, Ar), 140.59 (C_q, Ar); *m/z* (ESI) 162.2 ([M-HCl+H]⁺, 100%); [α]_D = +12.9 (*c* 0.65, MeOH).

(R)-2-(4-Methylphenyl)pyrrolidine hydrochloride 4b (99%)

[α]_D = -11.8 (*c* 0.78, MeOH).

(S)-2-(4-Chlorophenyl)pyrrolidine hydrochloride 4c (87%)

Viscous orange oil; **Elemental analysis (%)**: Found: C, 54.93; H, 6.17; N, 6.33. C₁₀H₁₃Cl₂N requires: C, 55.06; H, 6.01; N, 6.42; **IR**: $\nu_{\text{max}}/\text{cm}^{-1}$ 2910, 1496, 1014; **δ_{H} (300 MHz, D₂O)** 2.12-2.32 and 2.43-2.54 (4H, m, CHCH₂CH₂), 3.42-3.51 (2H, m, CH₂N), 4.68 (1H, d x d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, *J* = 7.2 Hz, CHN), 7.43-7.53 (2 x 2H, 2 x m, C₆H₄); **δ_{C} (75 MHz, D₂O, MeCN)** 24.07 (CH₂-CH₂N), 30.65 (CH₂-CH), 46.01 (CH₂N), 63.15 (CHN), 129.71 (CH, Ar), 129.83 (CH, Ar), 133.69 (C_q, Ar), 135.39 (C_q, Ar); *m/z* (ESI) 182.3/184.2 ([M-HCl+H]⁺, 100%); [α]_D = +7.7 (*c* 0.98, MeOH).

(R)-2-(4-Chlorophenyl)pyrrolidine hydrochloride 4c (99%)

[α]_D = -8.6 (*c* 1.00, MeOH).

Typical procedure for the synthesis of 2-arylpyrrolidines (S)-5a-d and (R)-5a-d

As a representative example, the synthesis of (S)-2-(4-methoxyphenyl)pyrrolidine **5d** is described here. To a suspension of (S)-2-(4-methoxyphenyl)pyrrolidine hydrochloride **4d** (0.050 g, 0.23 mmol) in diethyl ether (5 mL) was added a saturated solution of sodium bicarbonate (5 mL) and the resulting mixture was stirred for ten minutes at room temperature. Subsequently the mixture

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was extracted three times with diethyl ether (3 x 5 mL) and the combined organic fractions were dried (MgSO₄), filtered and the solvent was removed under reduced pressure to afford (*S*)-2-(4-methoxyphenyl)pyrrolidine **5d** (0.04 g, 0.23 mmol) as a yellow liquid in quantitative yield without further purification. All spectroscopic data were in good agreement with reported data for racemic 2-(4-methoxyphenyl)pyrrolidine **5d**,^{3b} (*S*)-**5d**: [α]_D = -25.6 (*c* 0.89, MeOH).

(*R*)-2-(4-Methoxyphenyl)pyrrolidine **5d** (99%)

[α]_D = +23.4 (*c* 0.75, MeOH).

(*R*)-2-Phenylpyrrolidine **5a** (99%)

[α]_D = +29.7 (*c* 0.32, MeOH). All spectroscopic data were in good agreement with reported data for (*R*)-**5a**, [α]_D = +24.3 (*c* 0.30, MeOH) for an enantiomeric excess of 75%,⁴ and [α]_D = +64.2 (*c* 1.02, CH₂Cl₂).²

(*S*)-2-Phenylpyrrolidine **5a** (99%)

[α]_D = -27.9 (*c* 0.38, MeOH). All spectroscopic data were in good agreement with reported data for (*S*)-**5a**, [α]_D = -22 (*c* 0.30, MeOH),^{4,5} and [α]_D = -64.4 (*c* 1.02, CH₂Cl₂).²

(*S*)-2-(4-Methylphenyl)pyrrolidine **5b** (99%)⁶

[α]_D = -37.1 (*c* 0.38, MeOH).

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(R)-2-(4-Methylphenyl)pyrrolidine 5b (99%)

$[\alpha]_{\text{D}} = +35.3$ (*c* 0.20, MeOH).

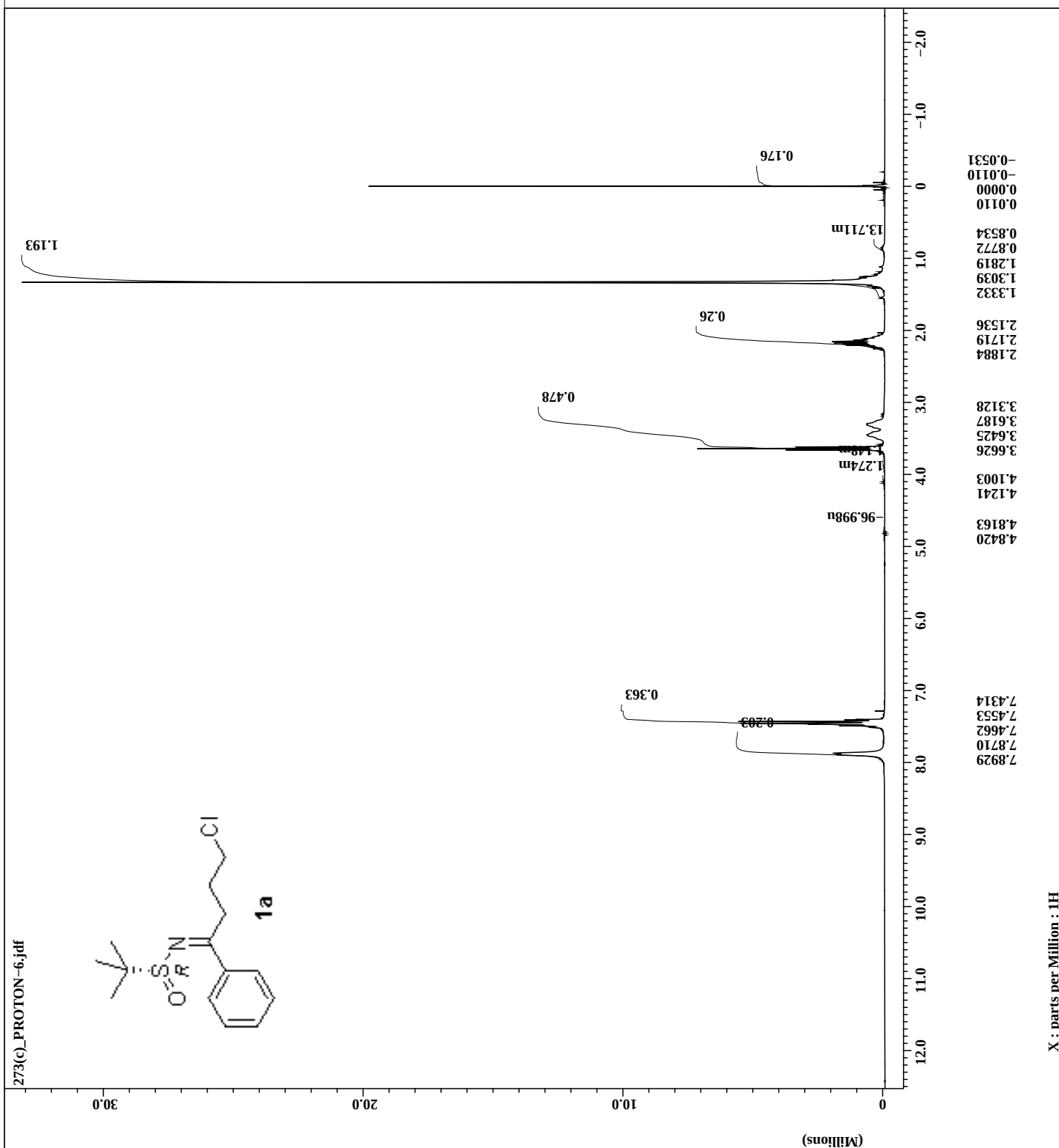
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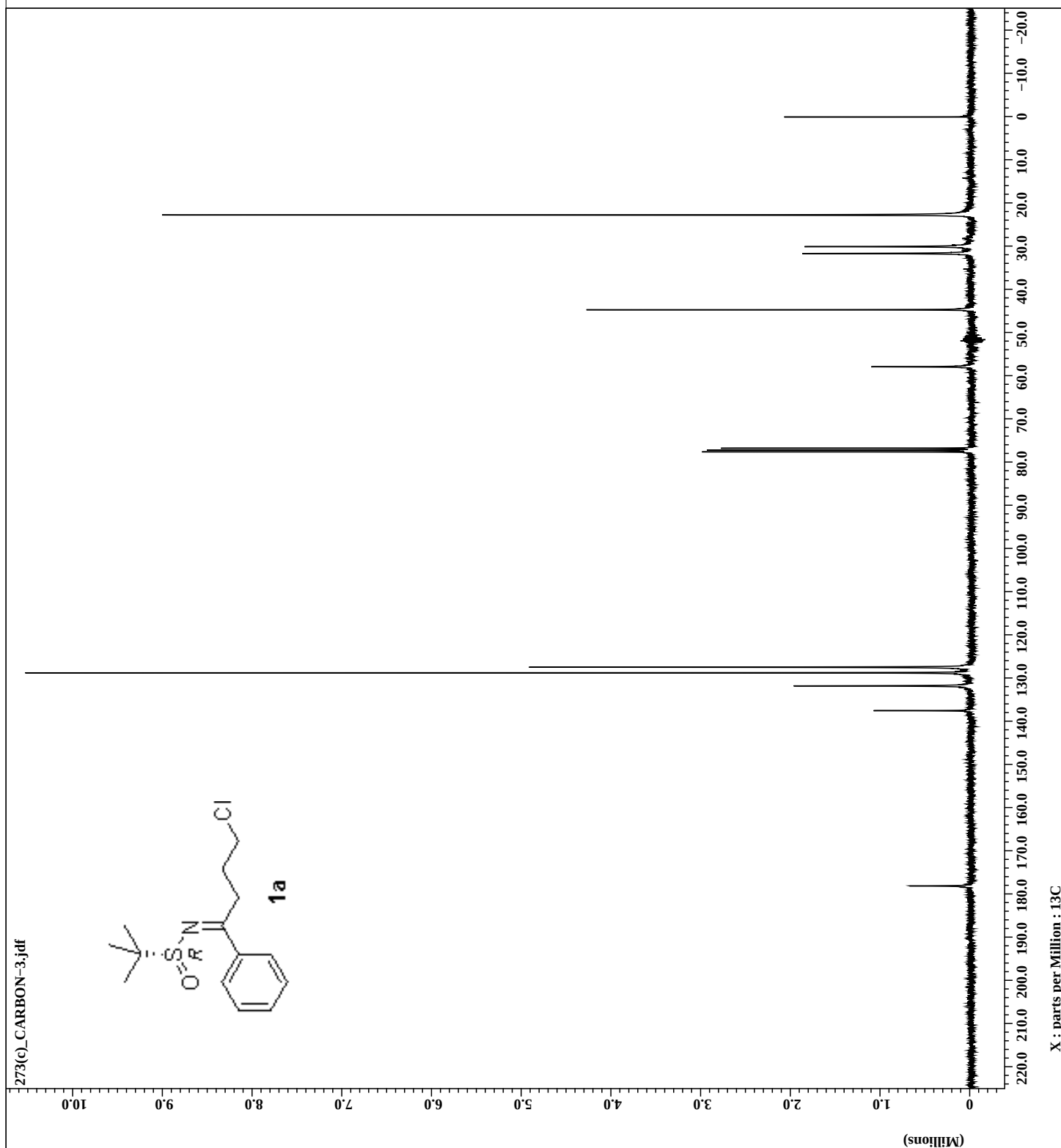
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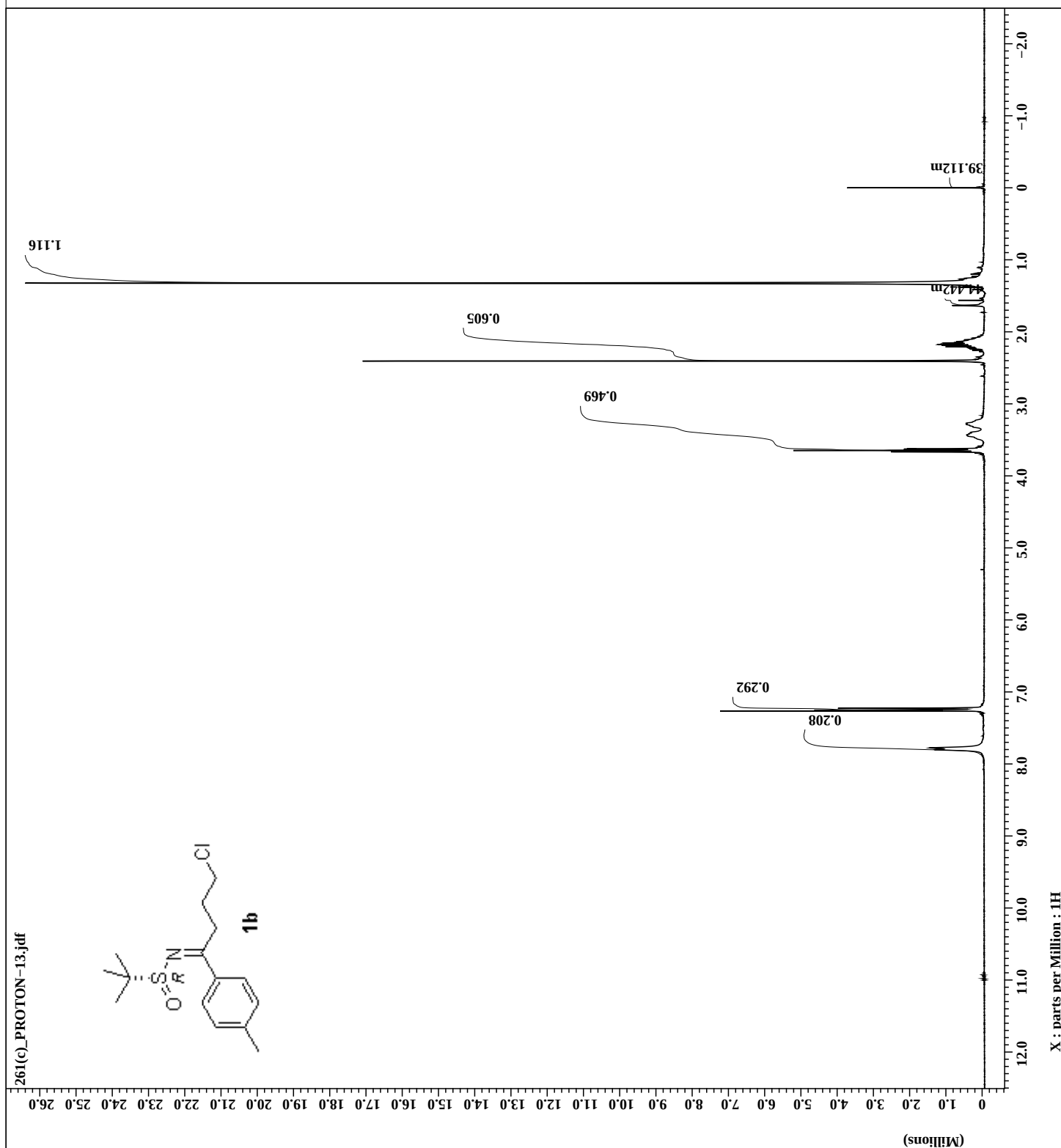
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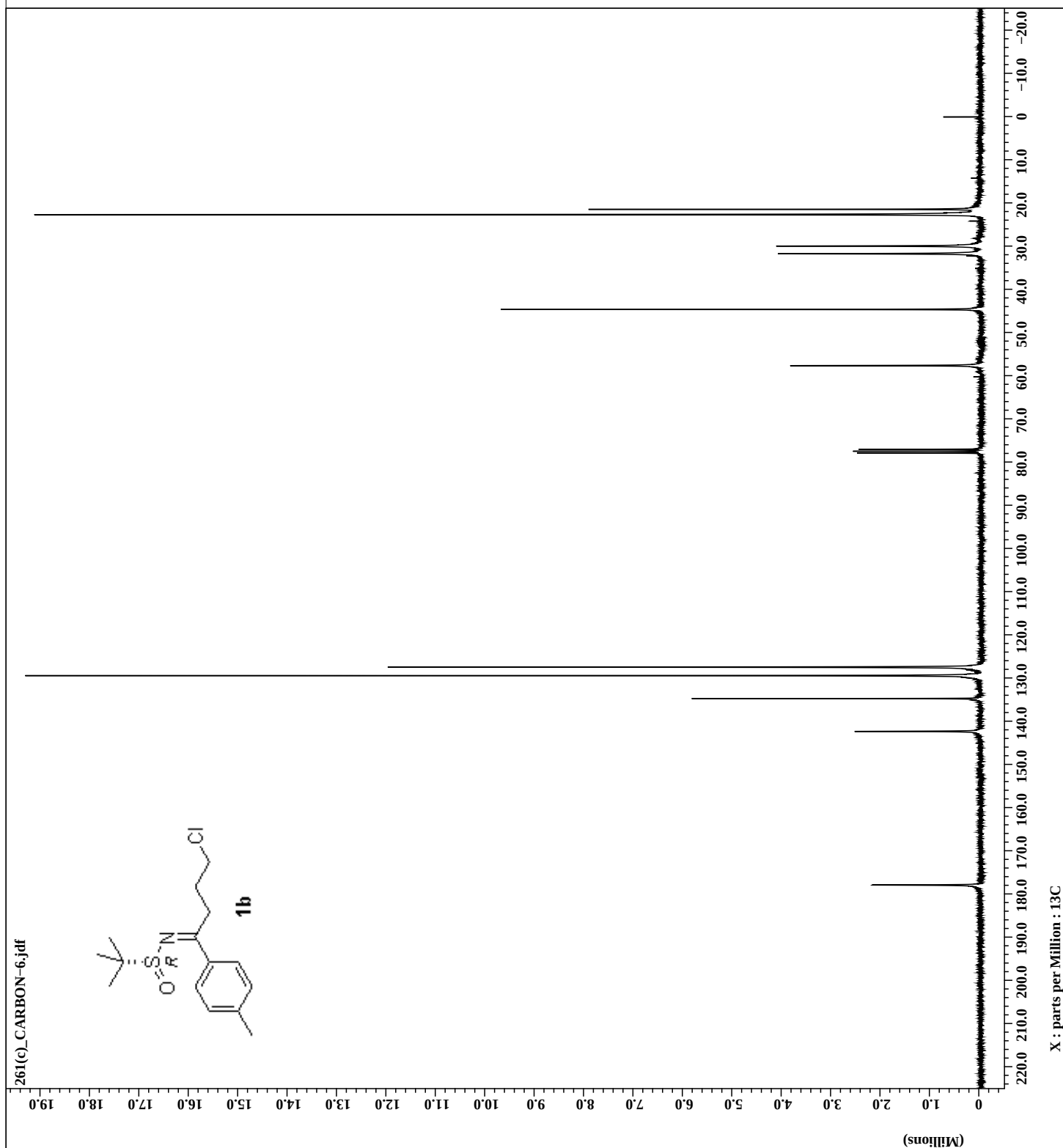
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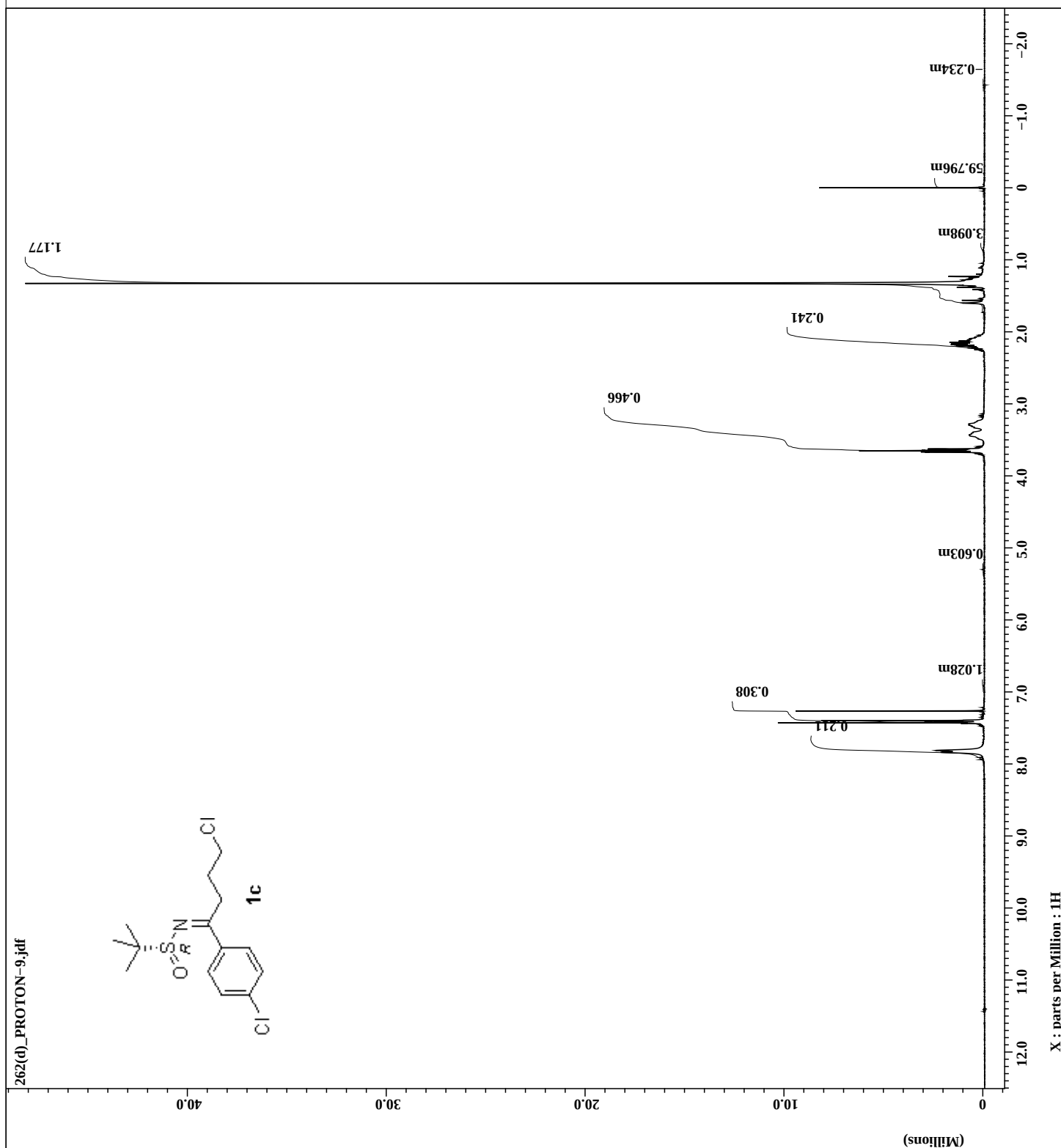
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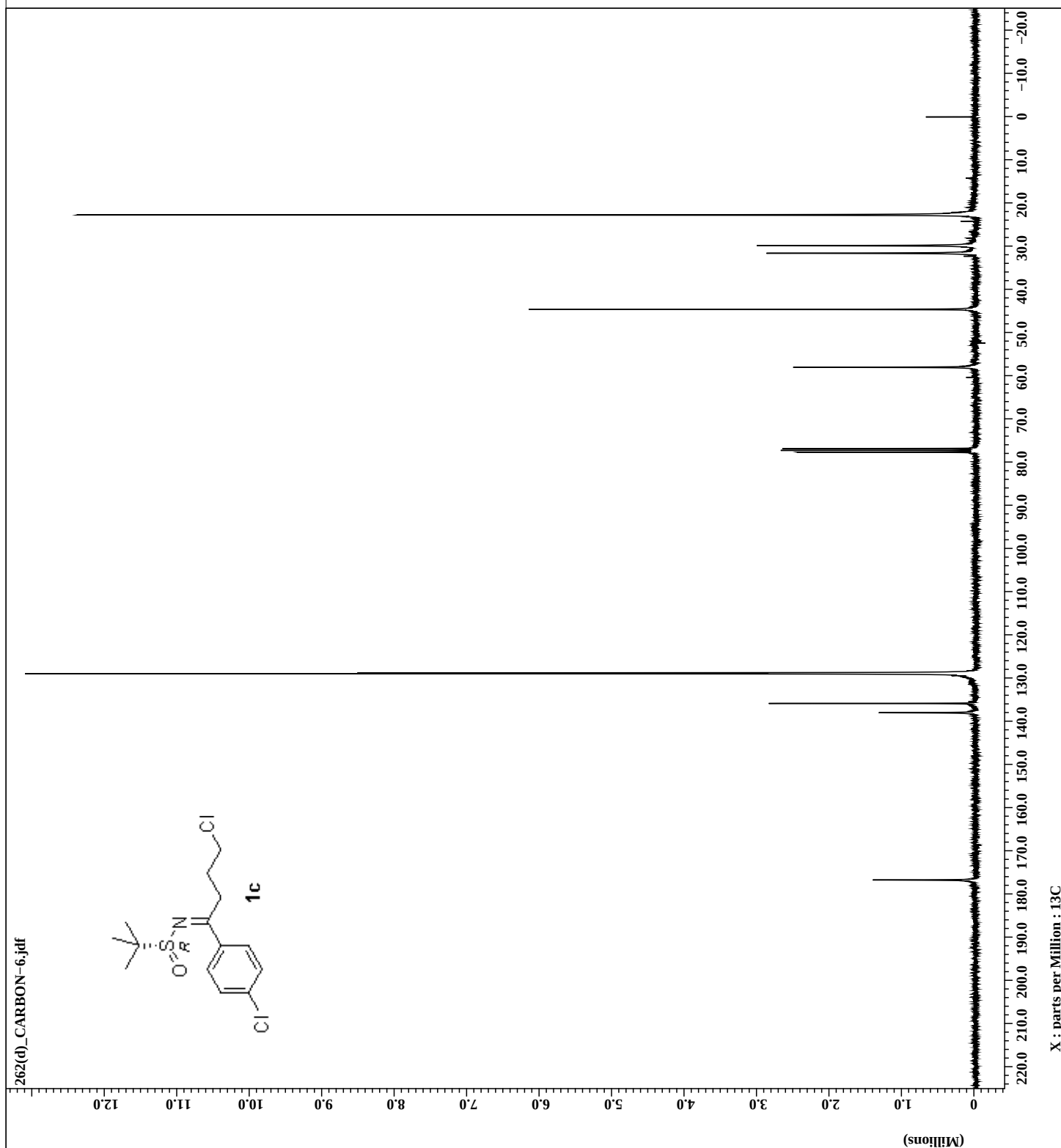


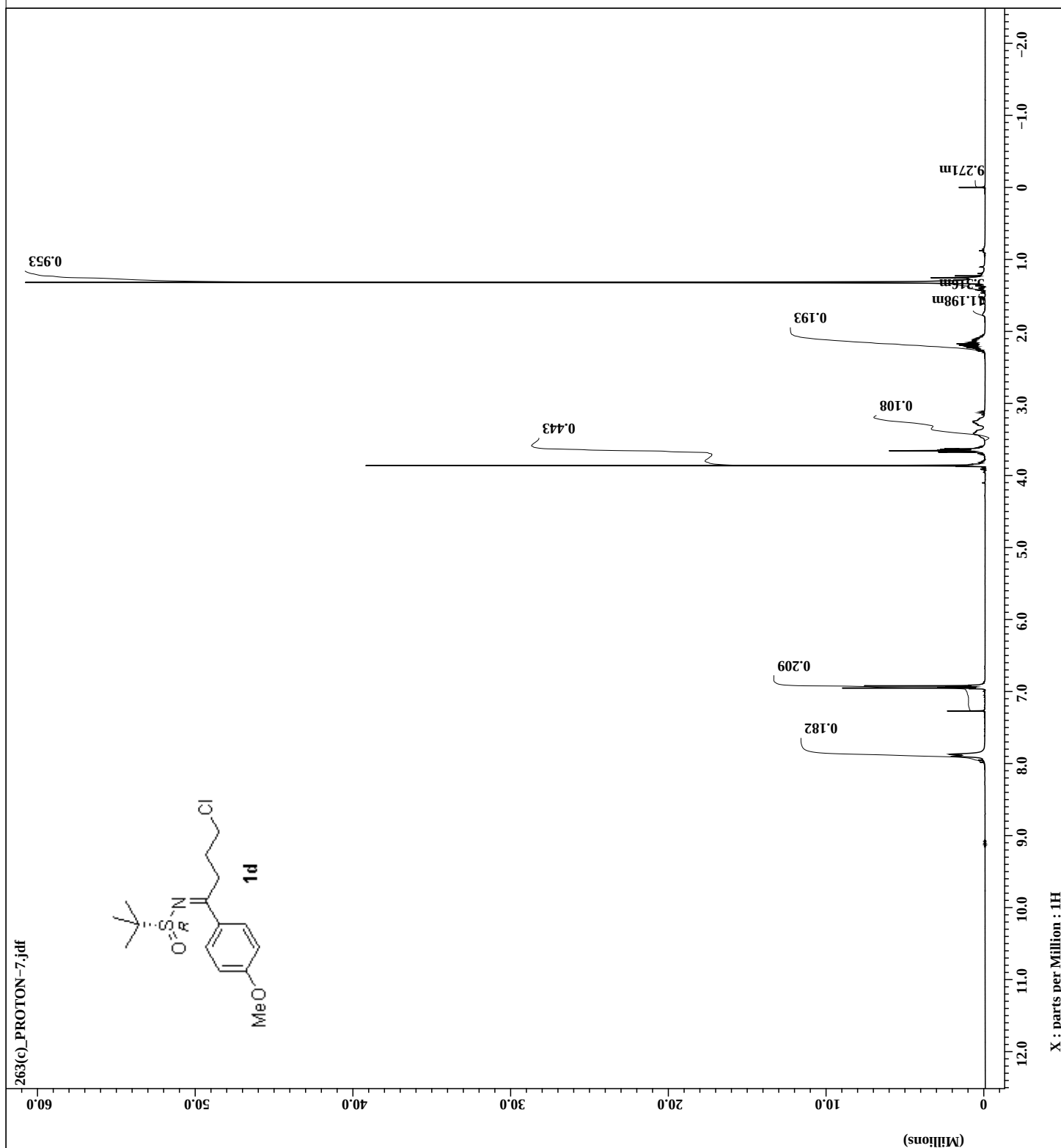


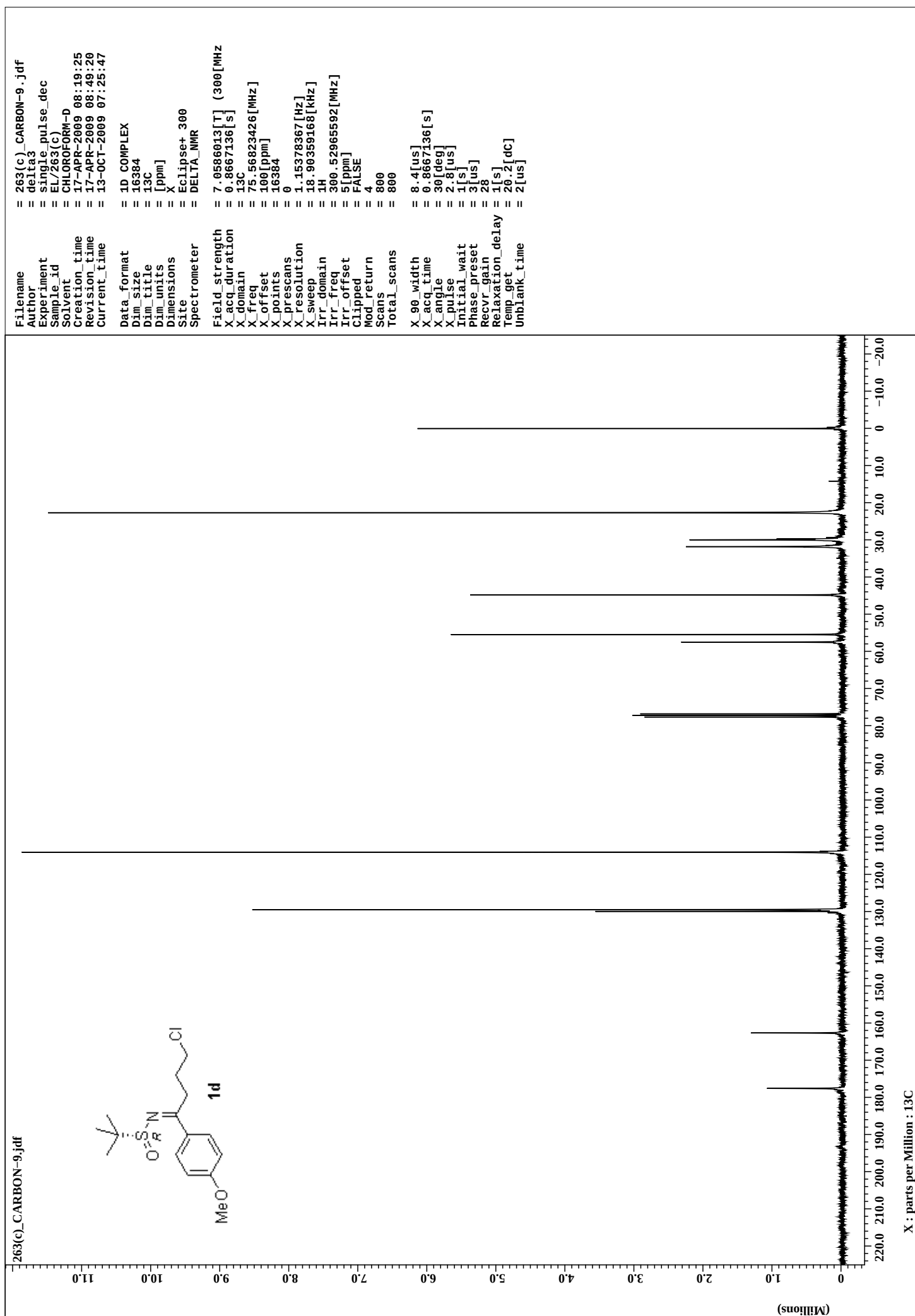


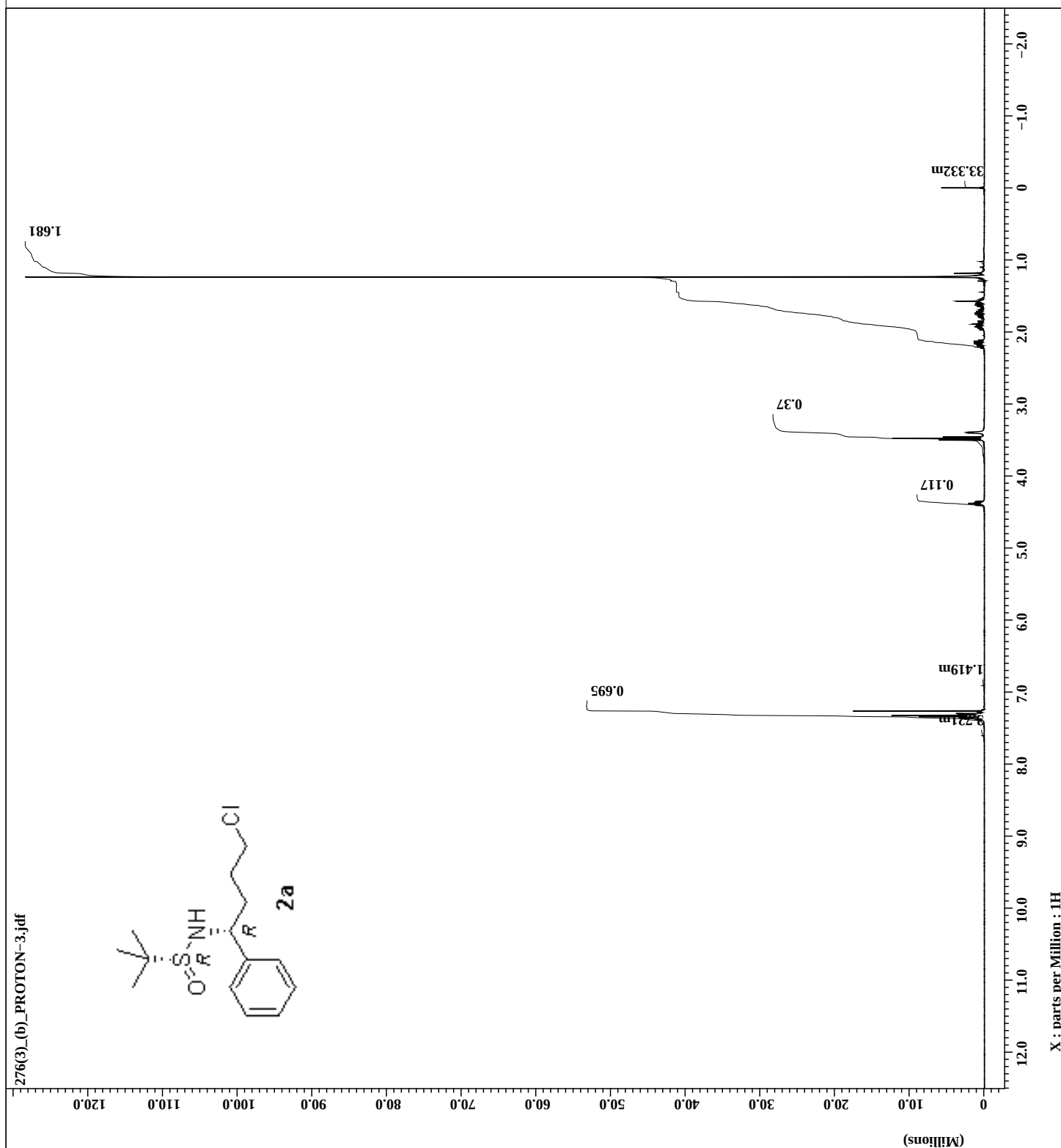


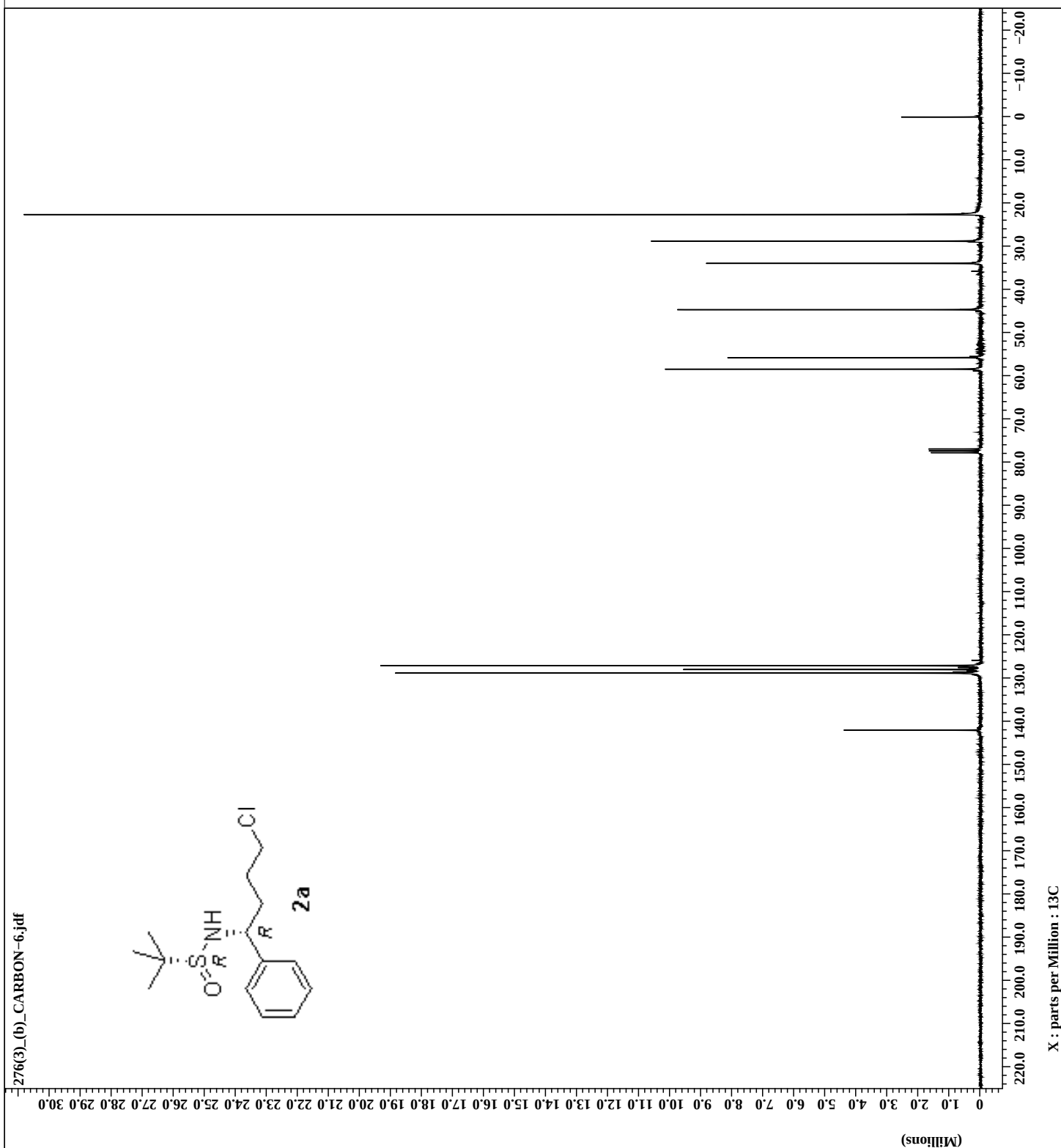


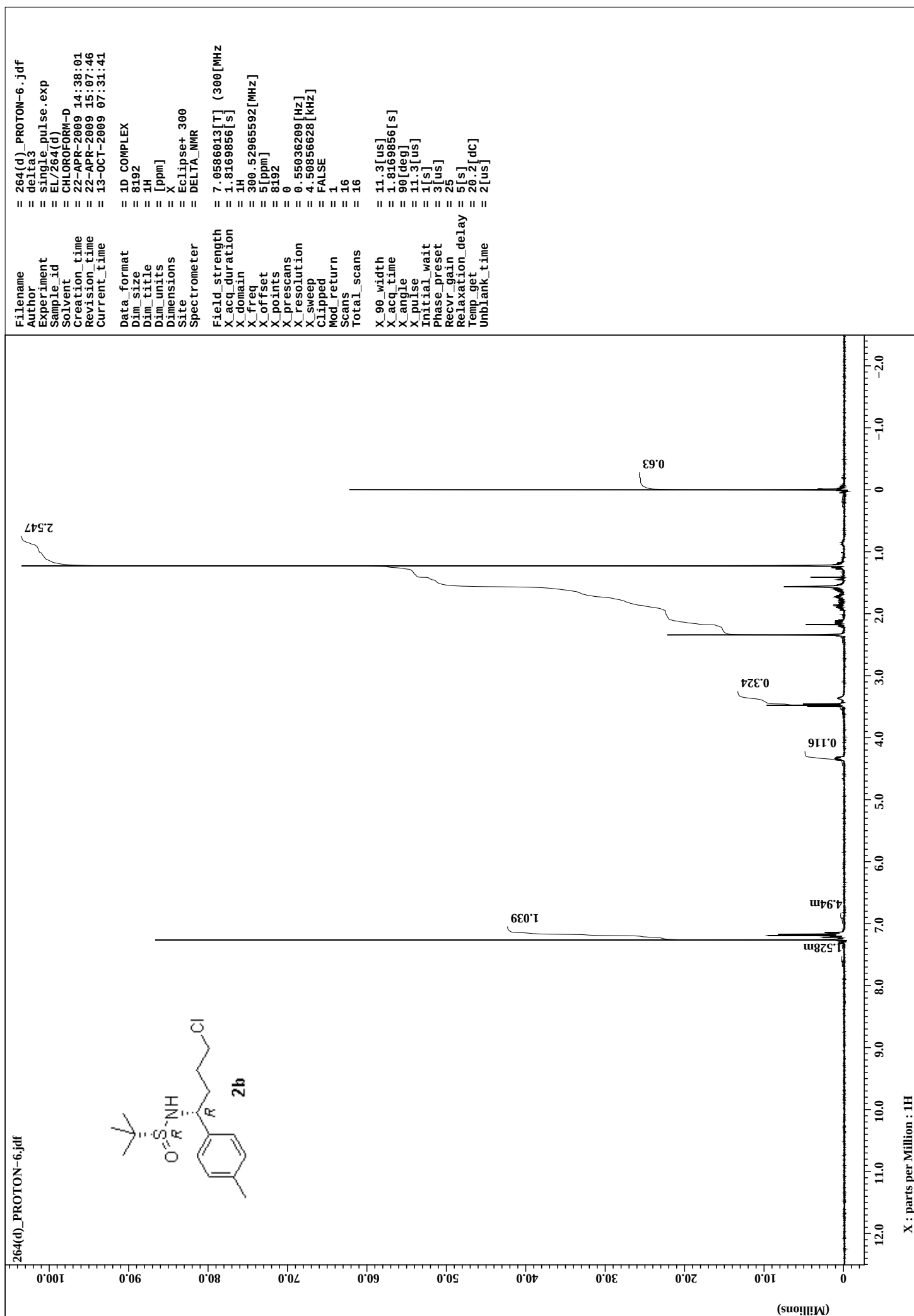


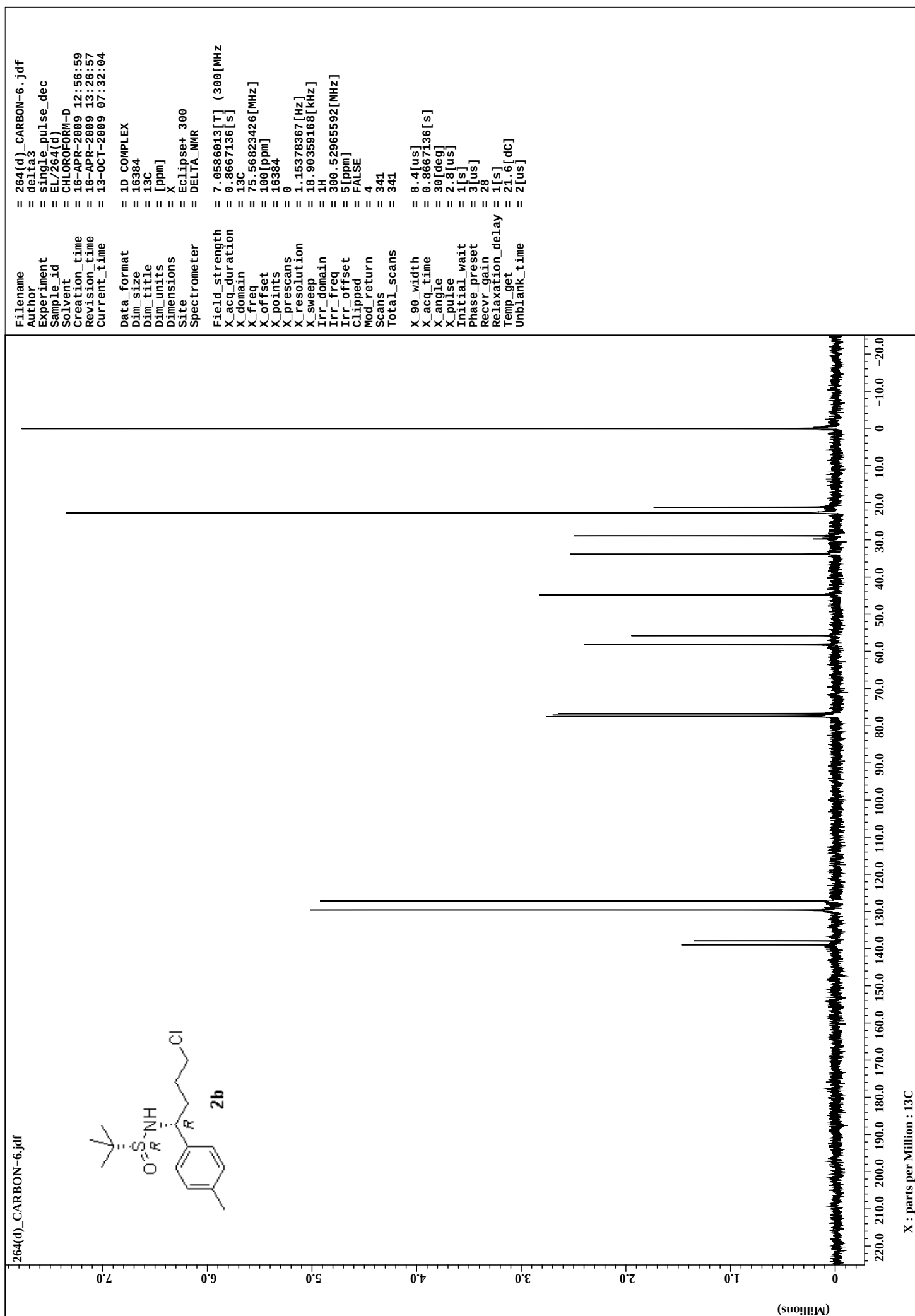


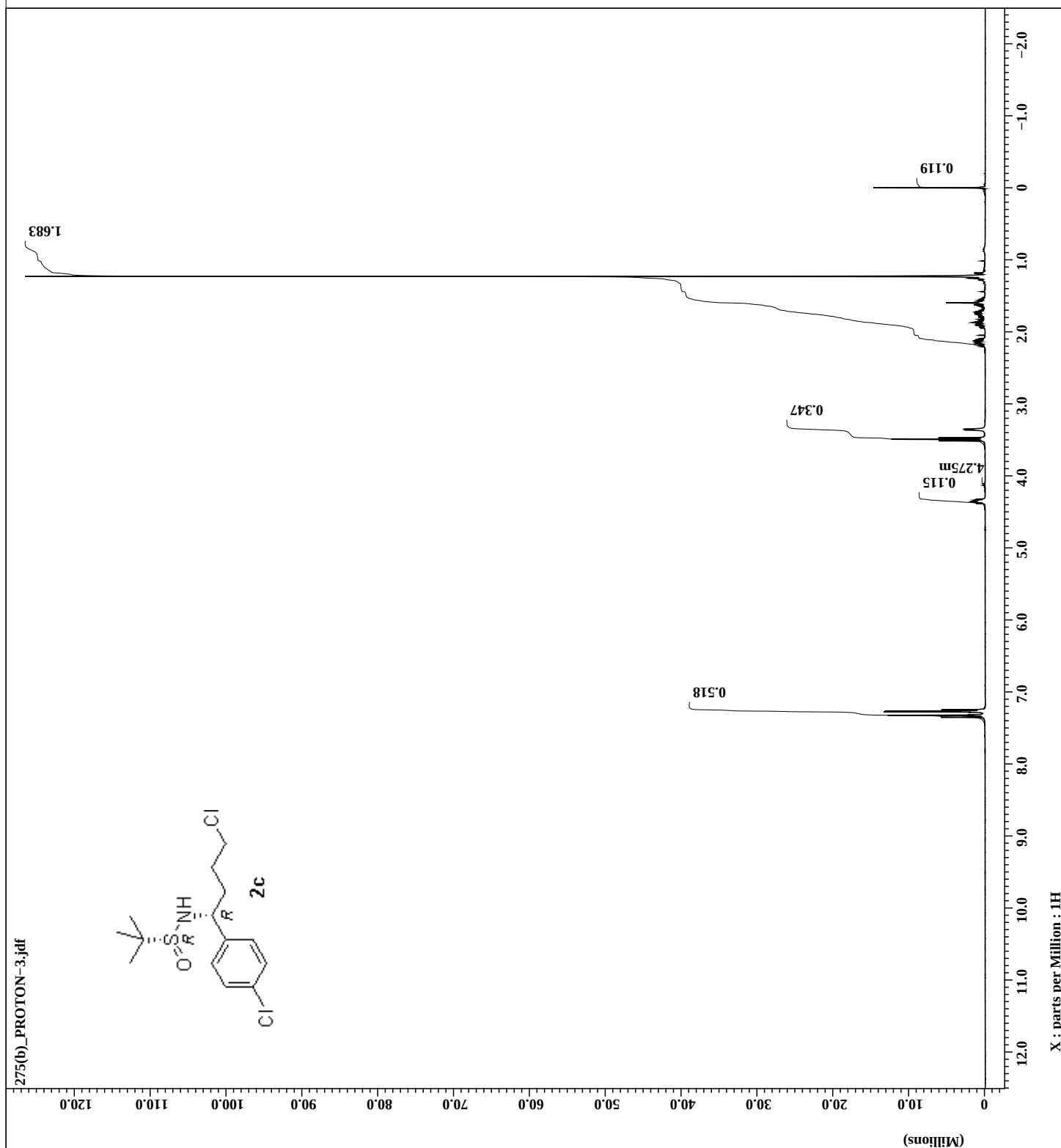


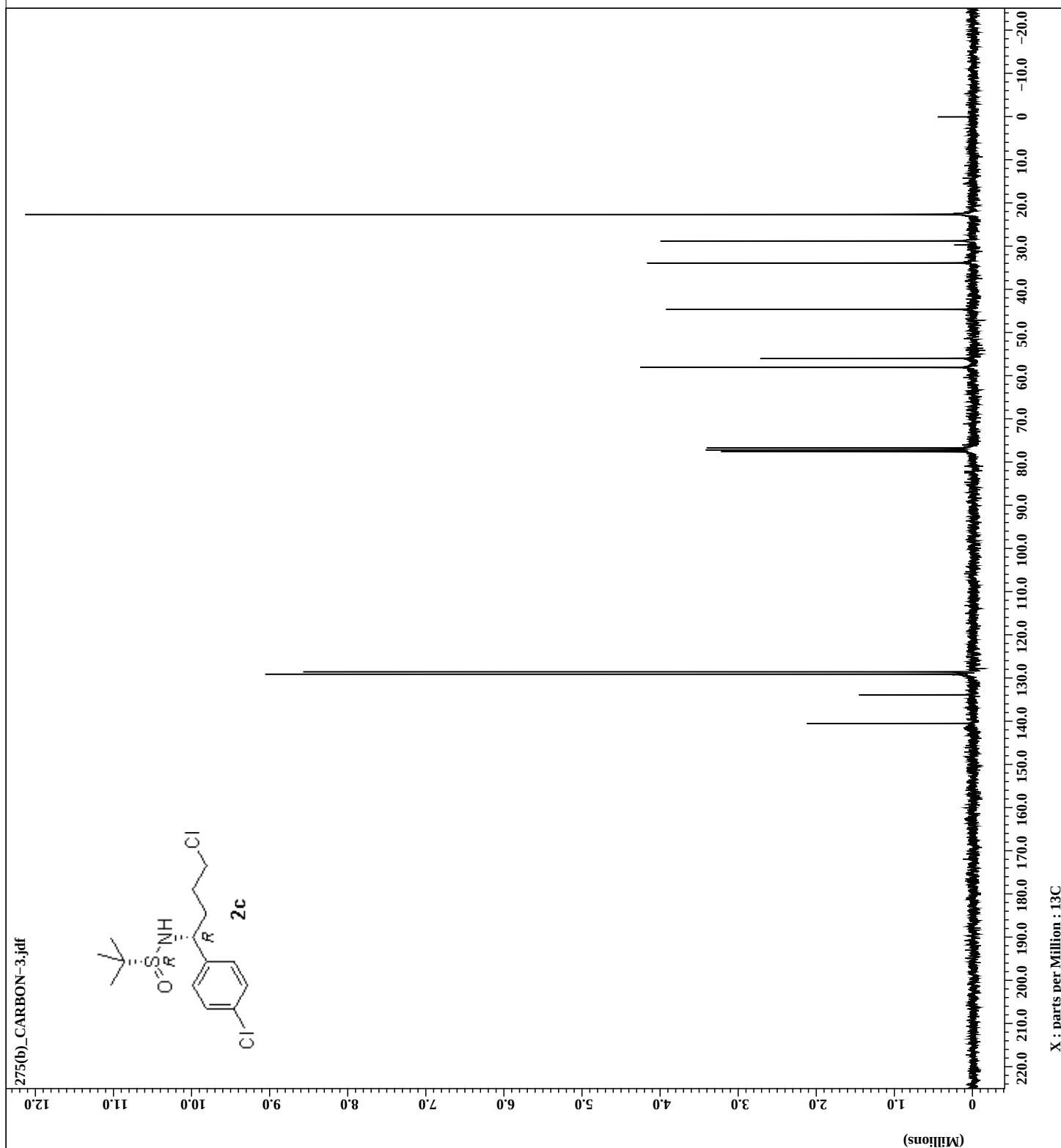


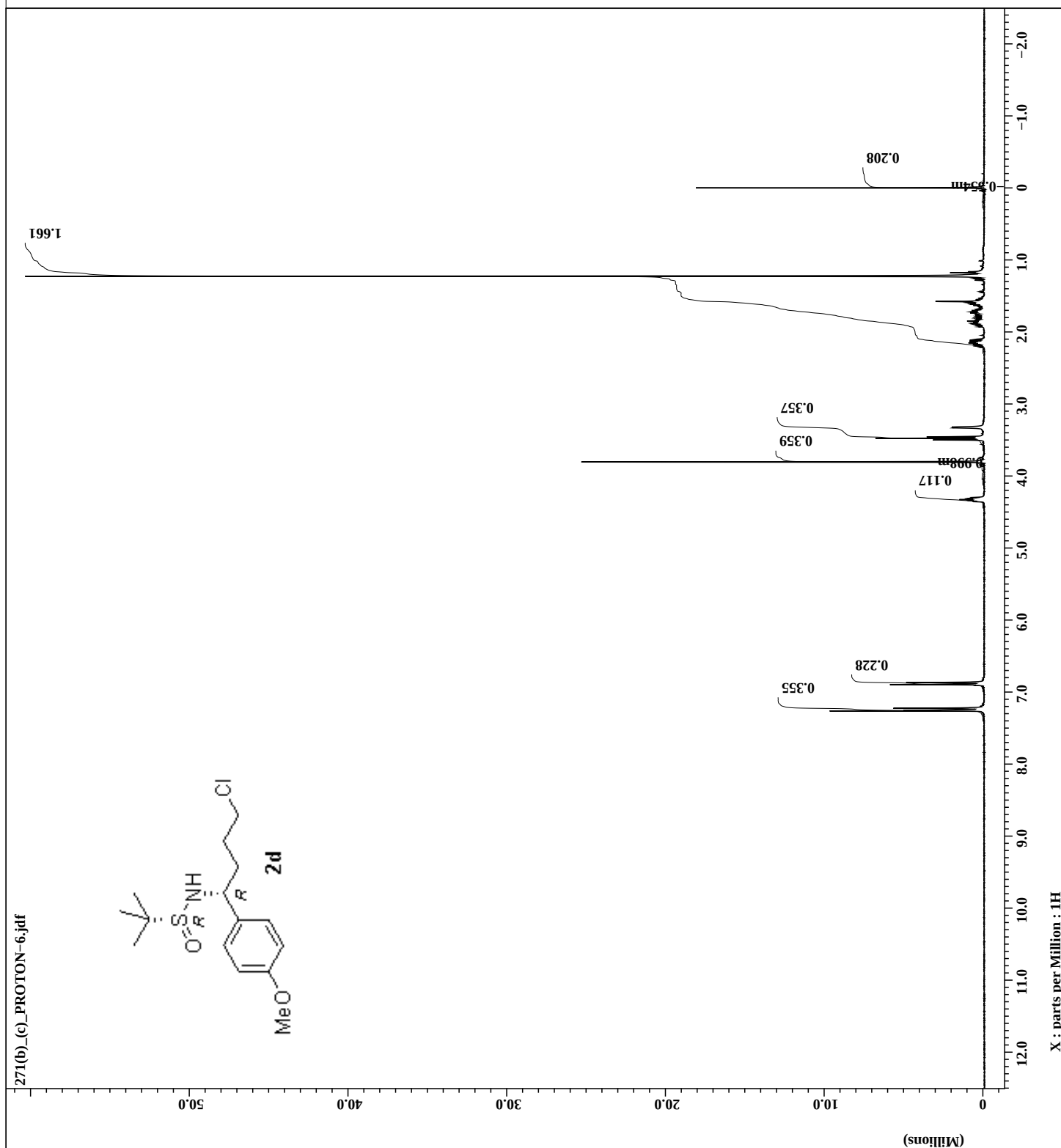


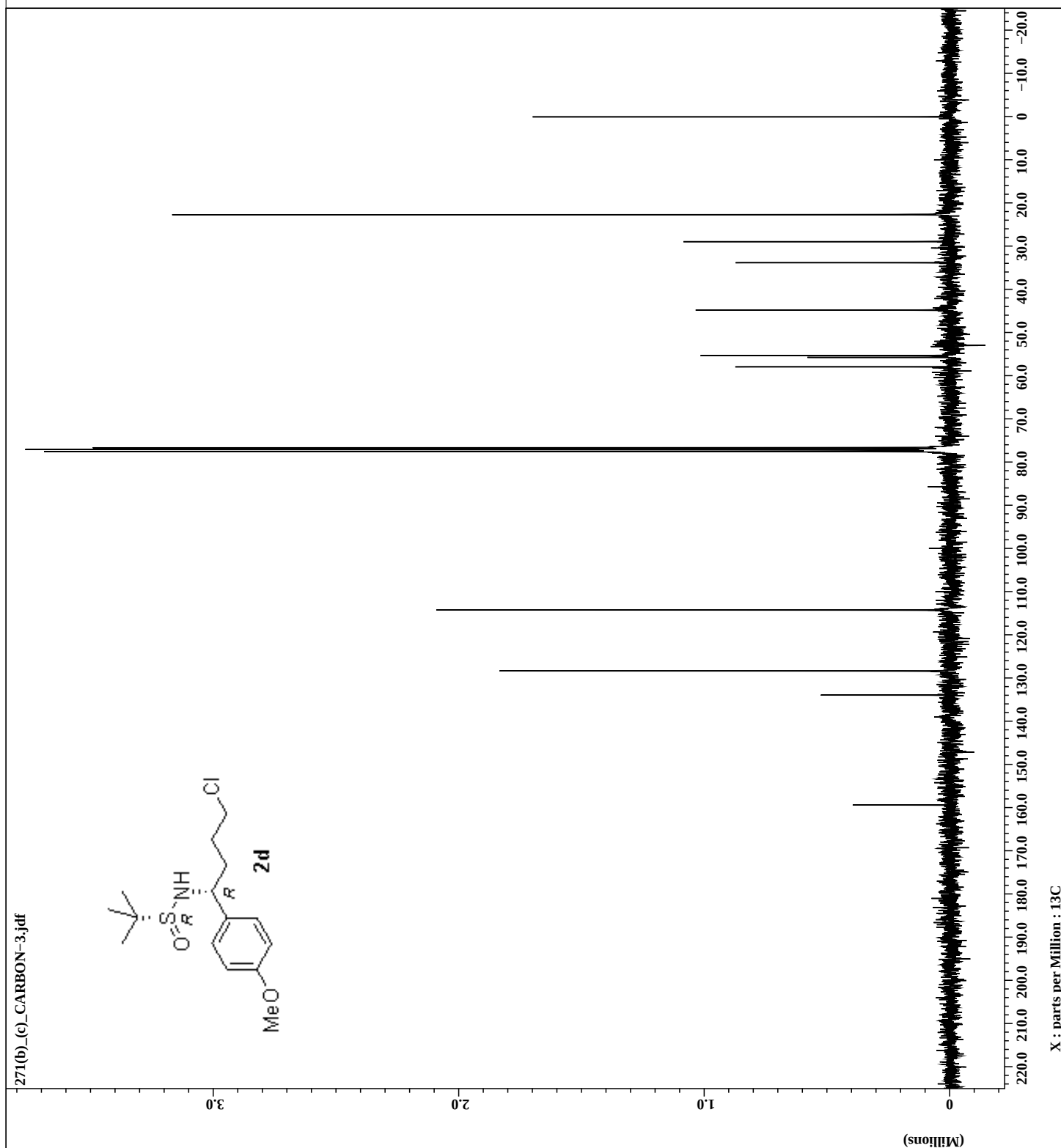


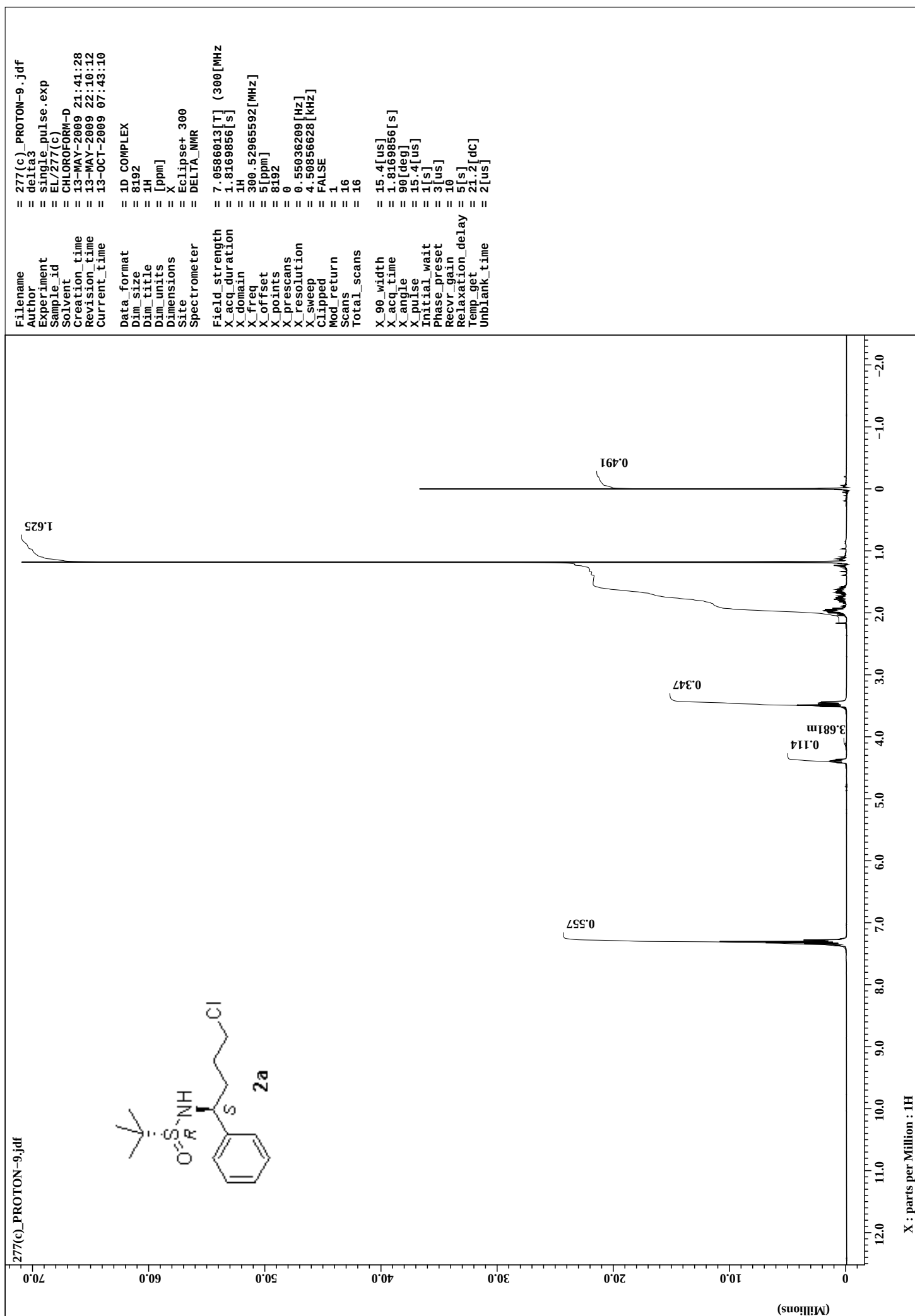


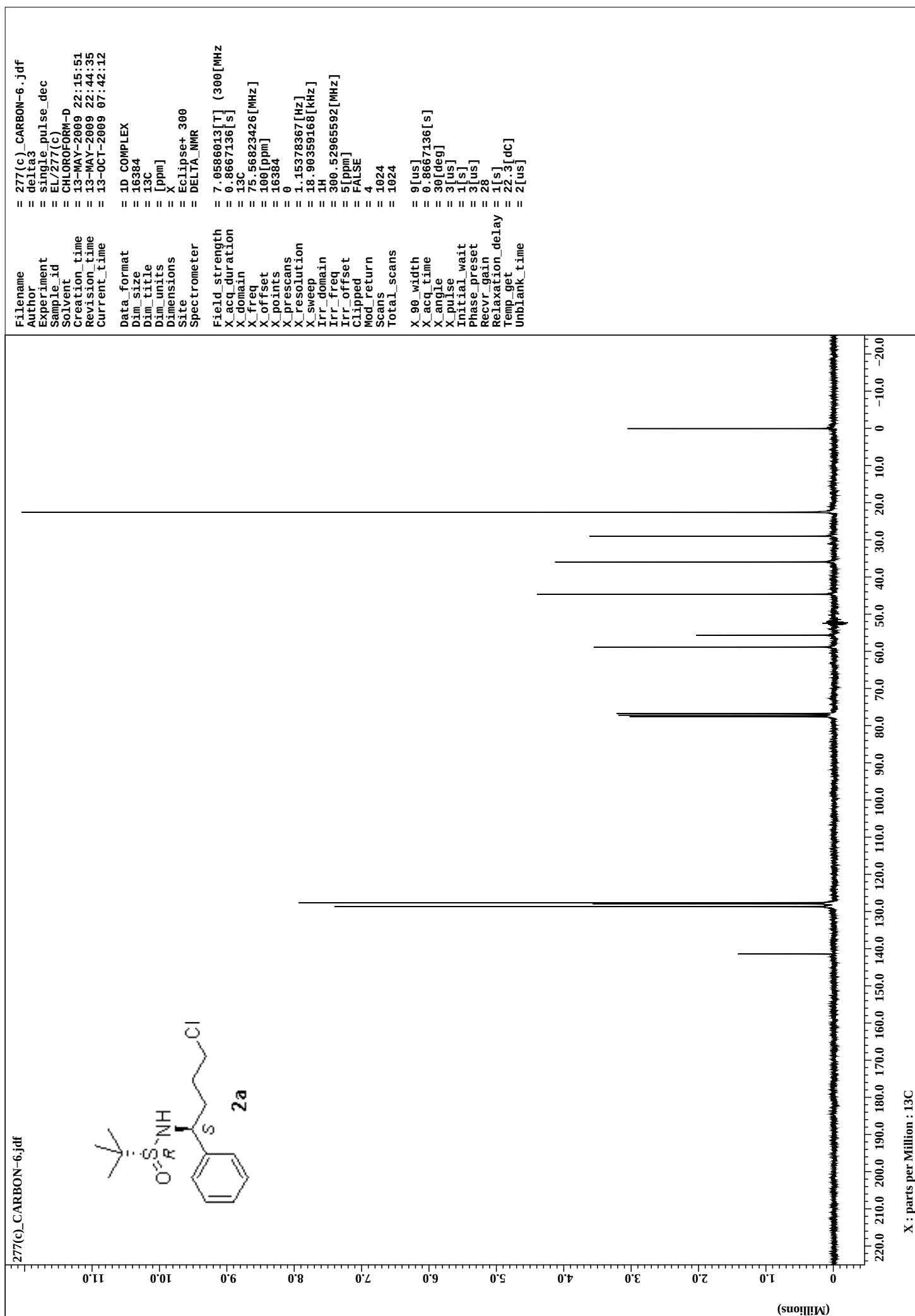


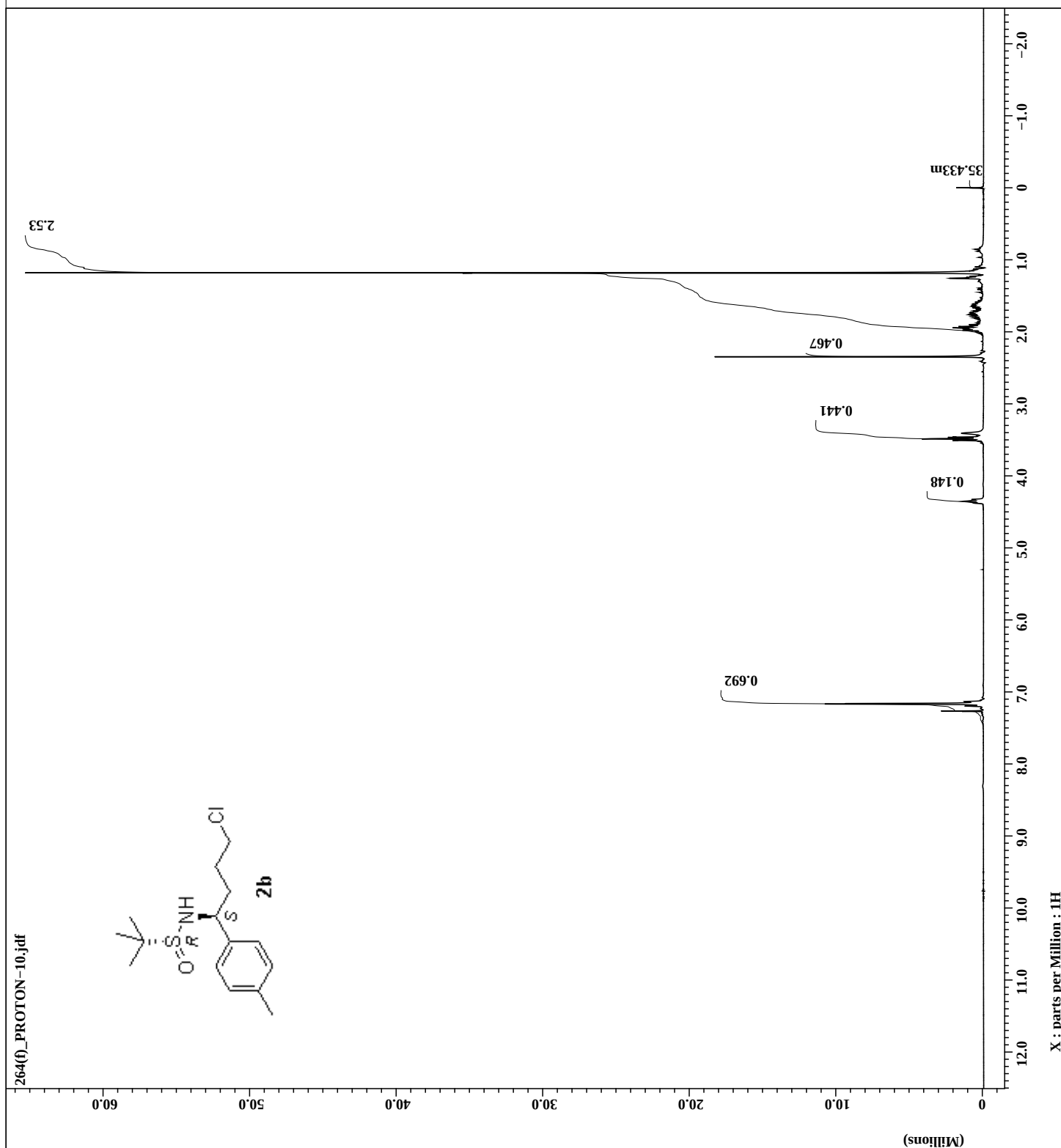


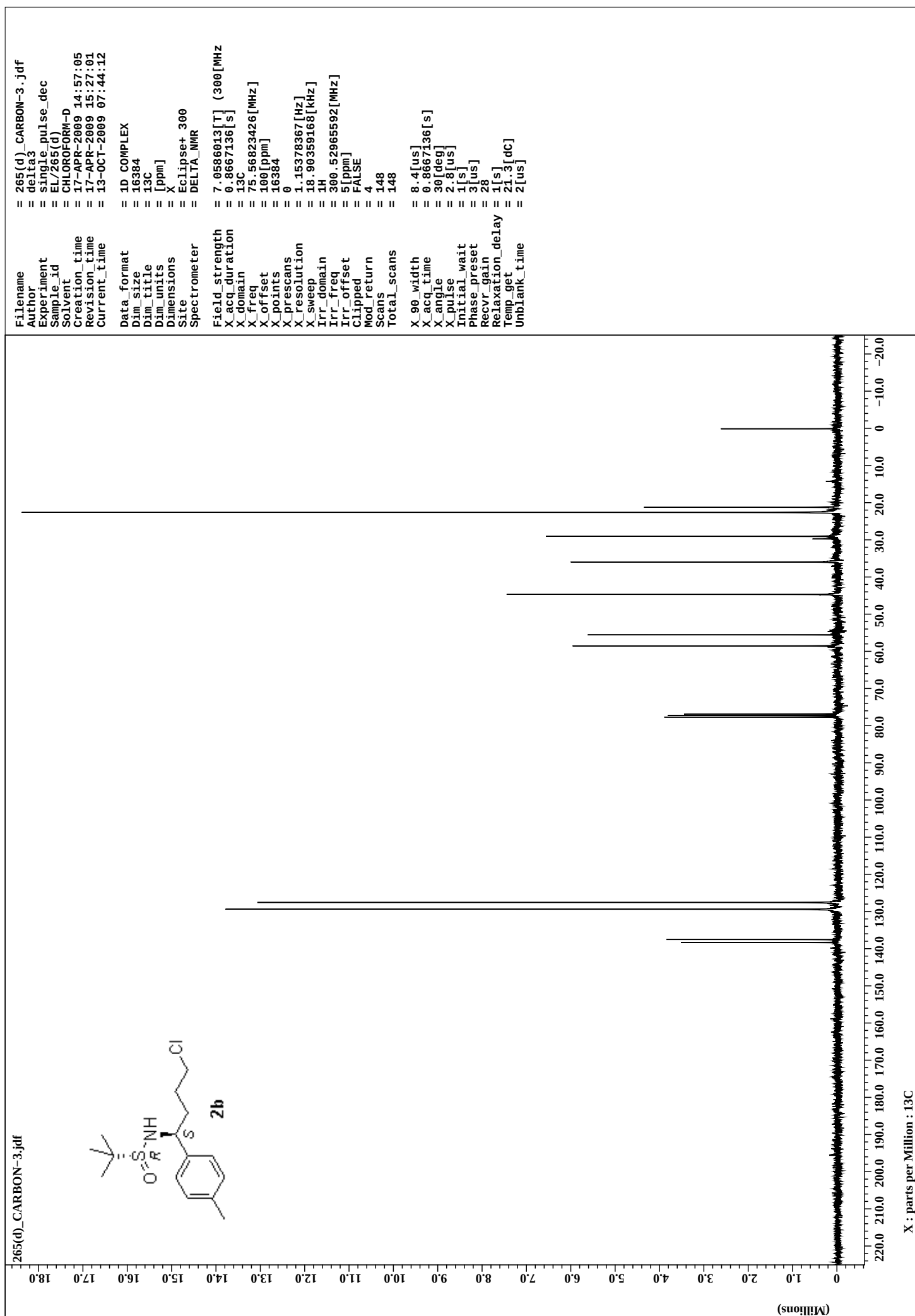


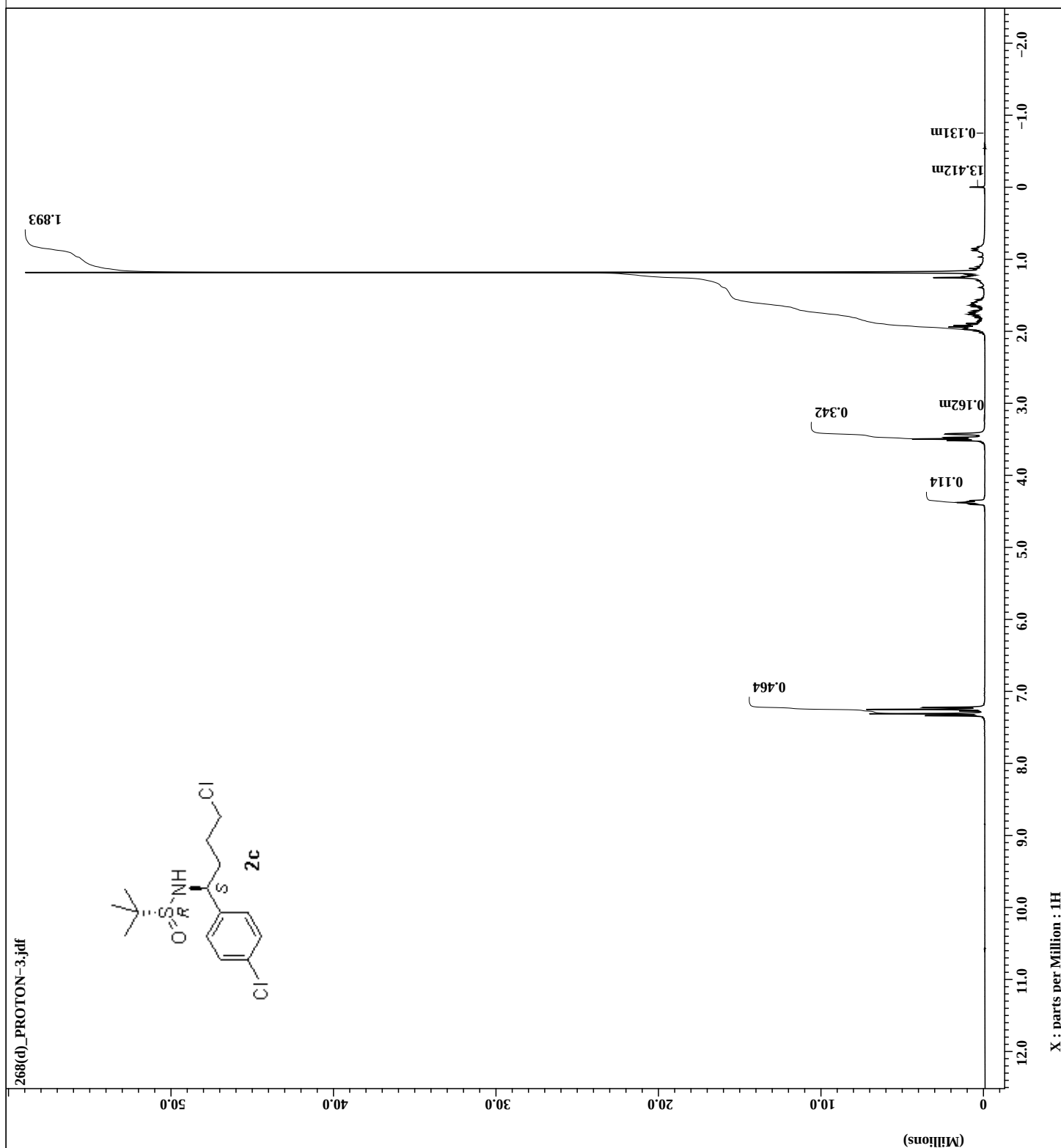


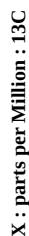


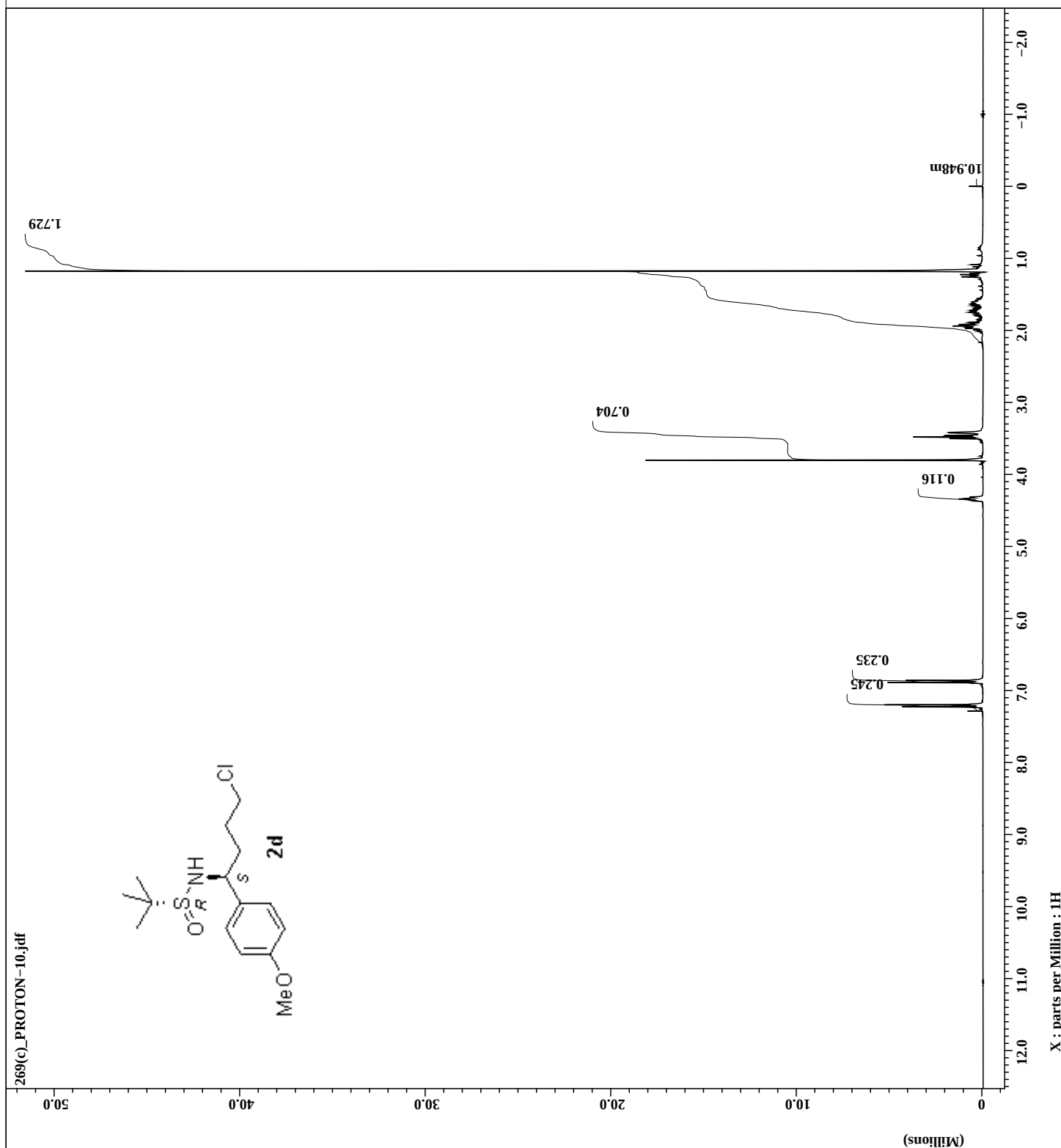


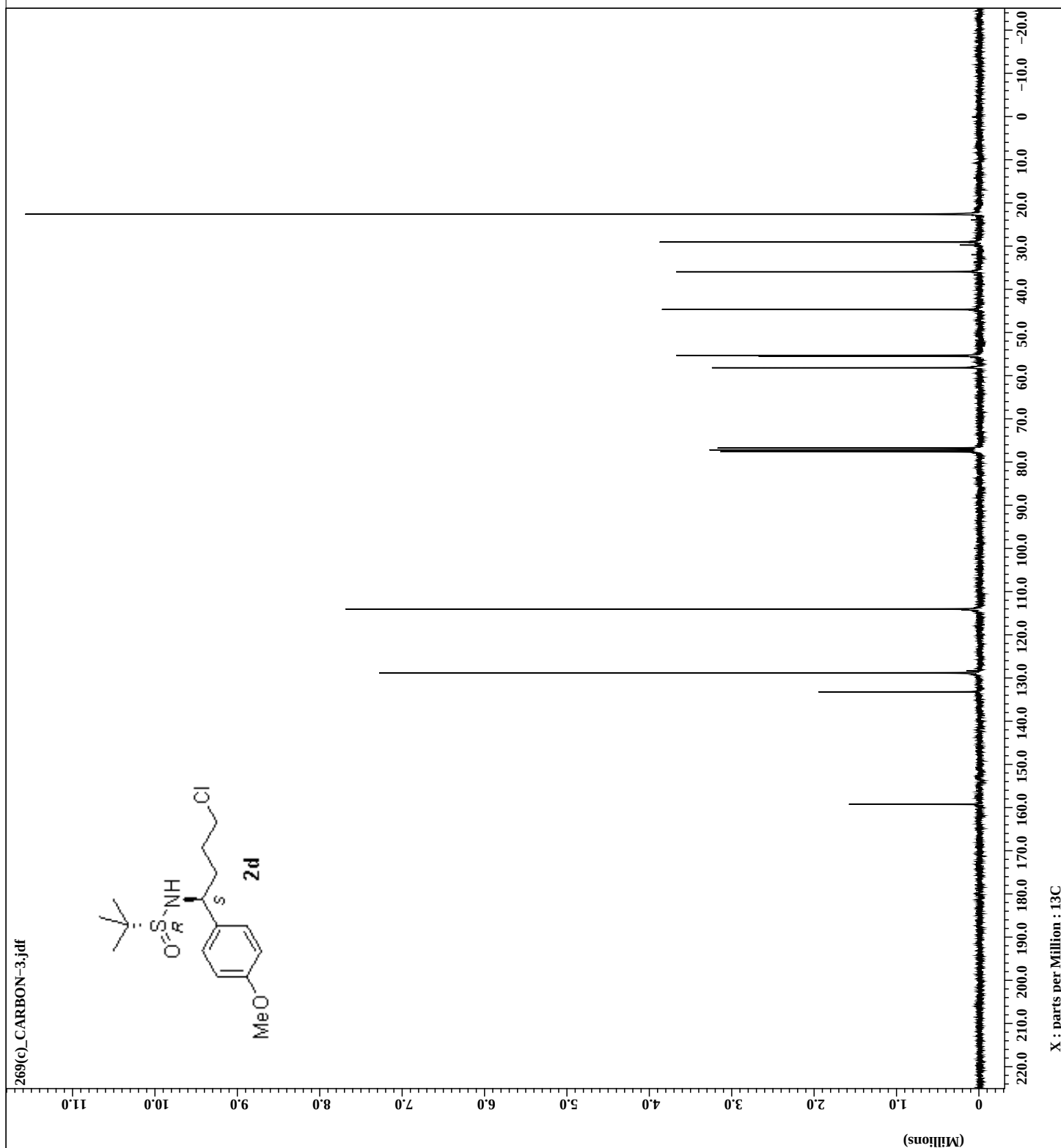


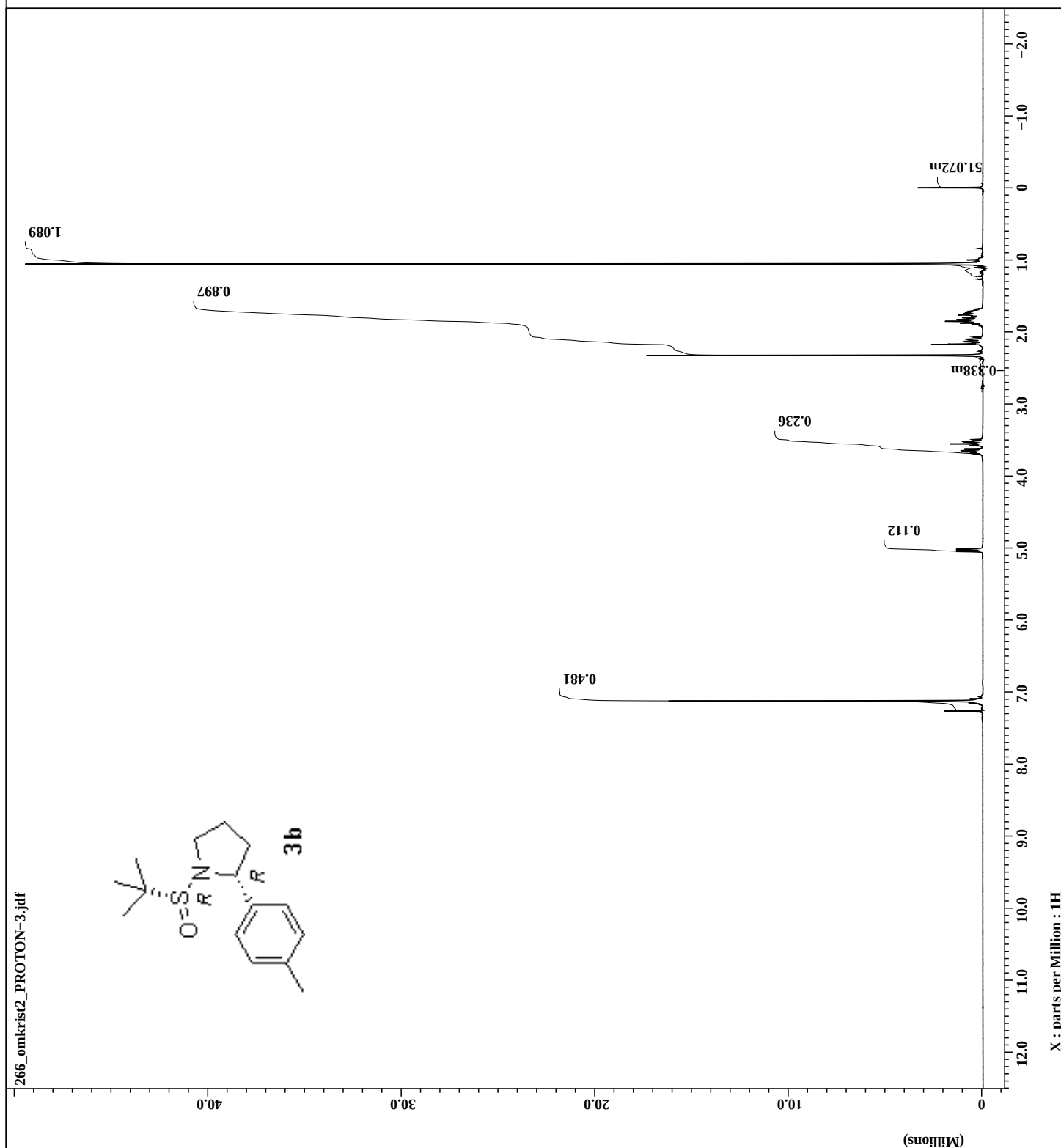


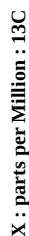


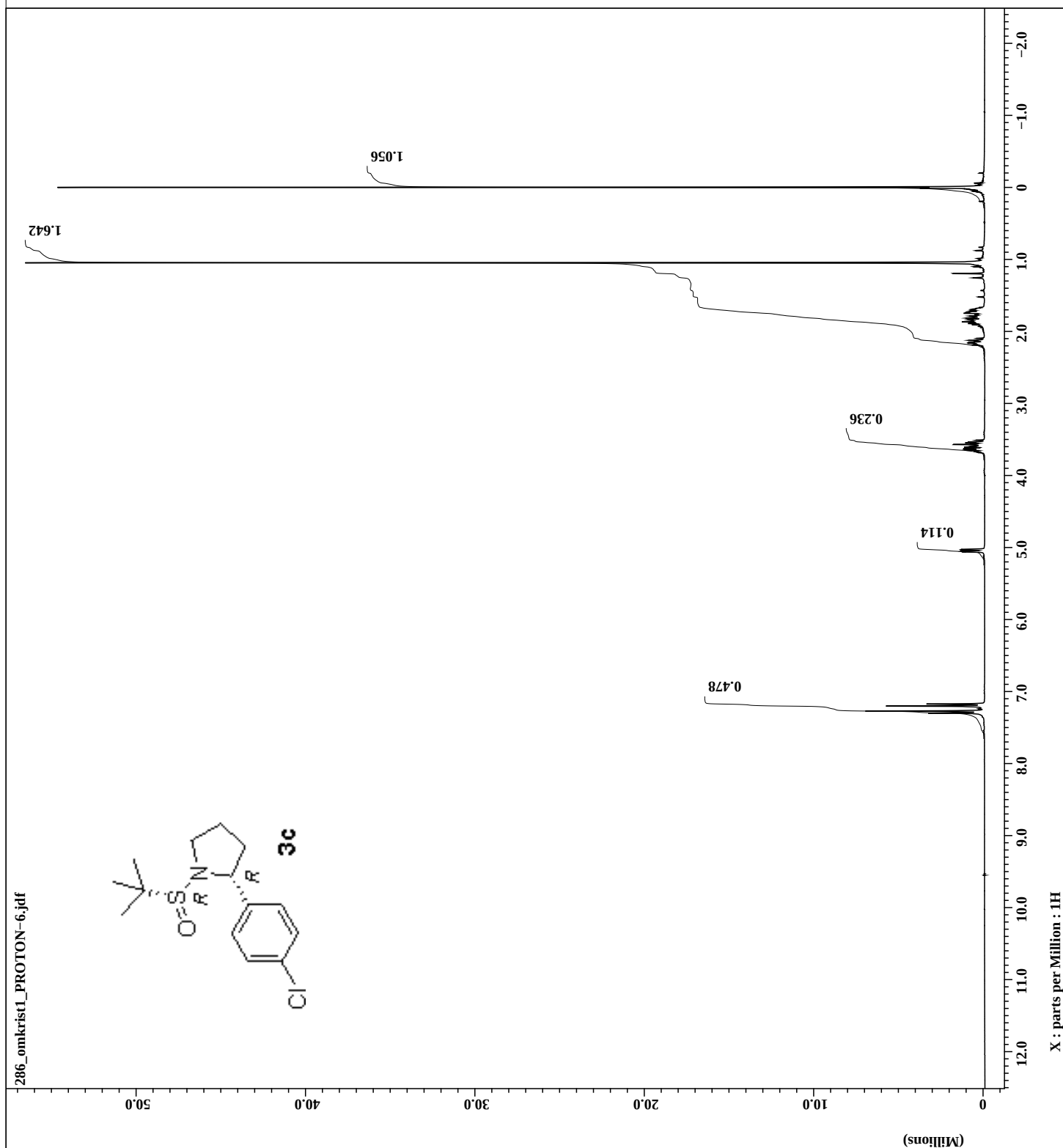


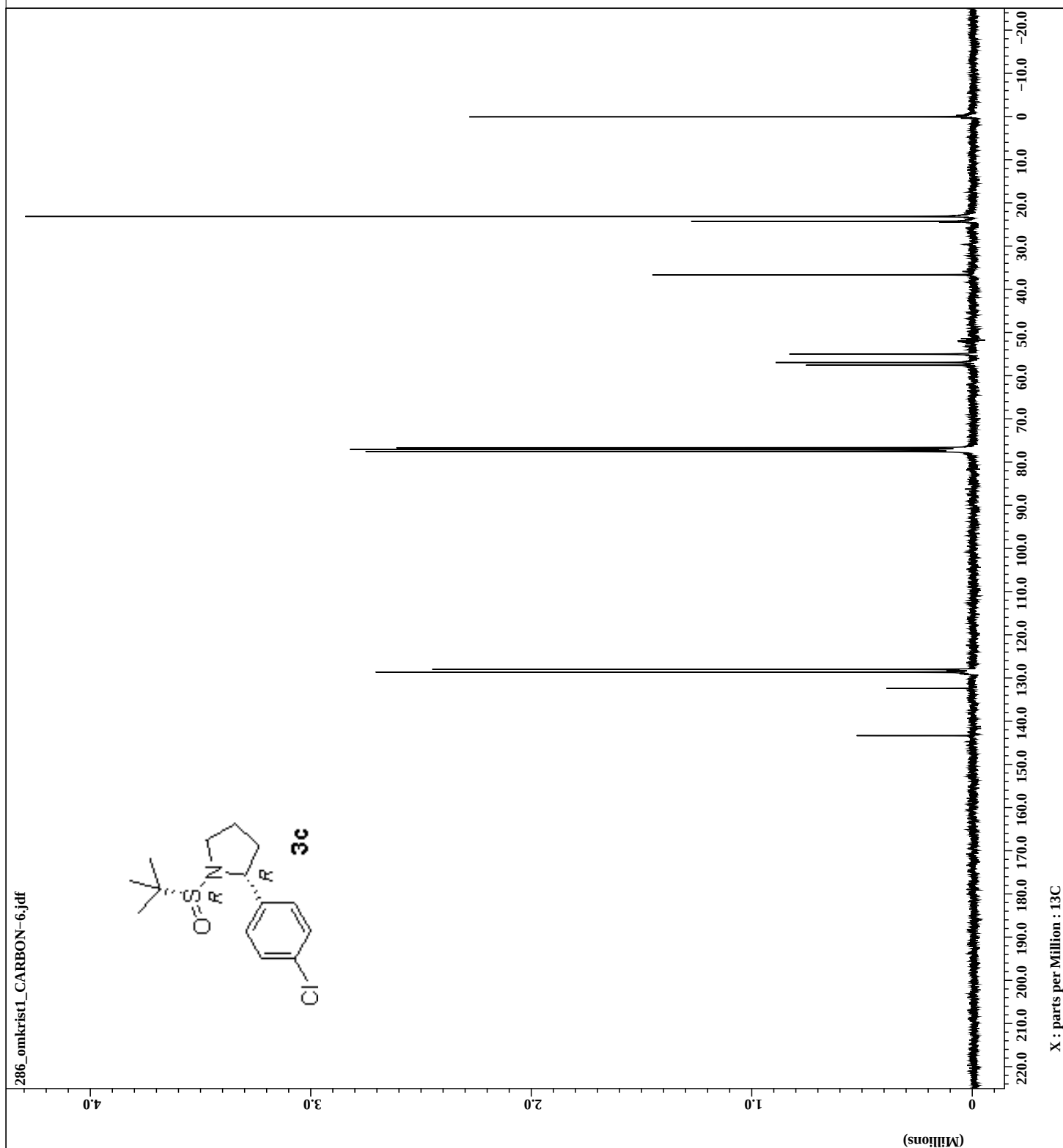


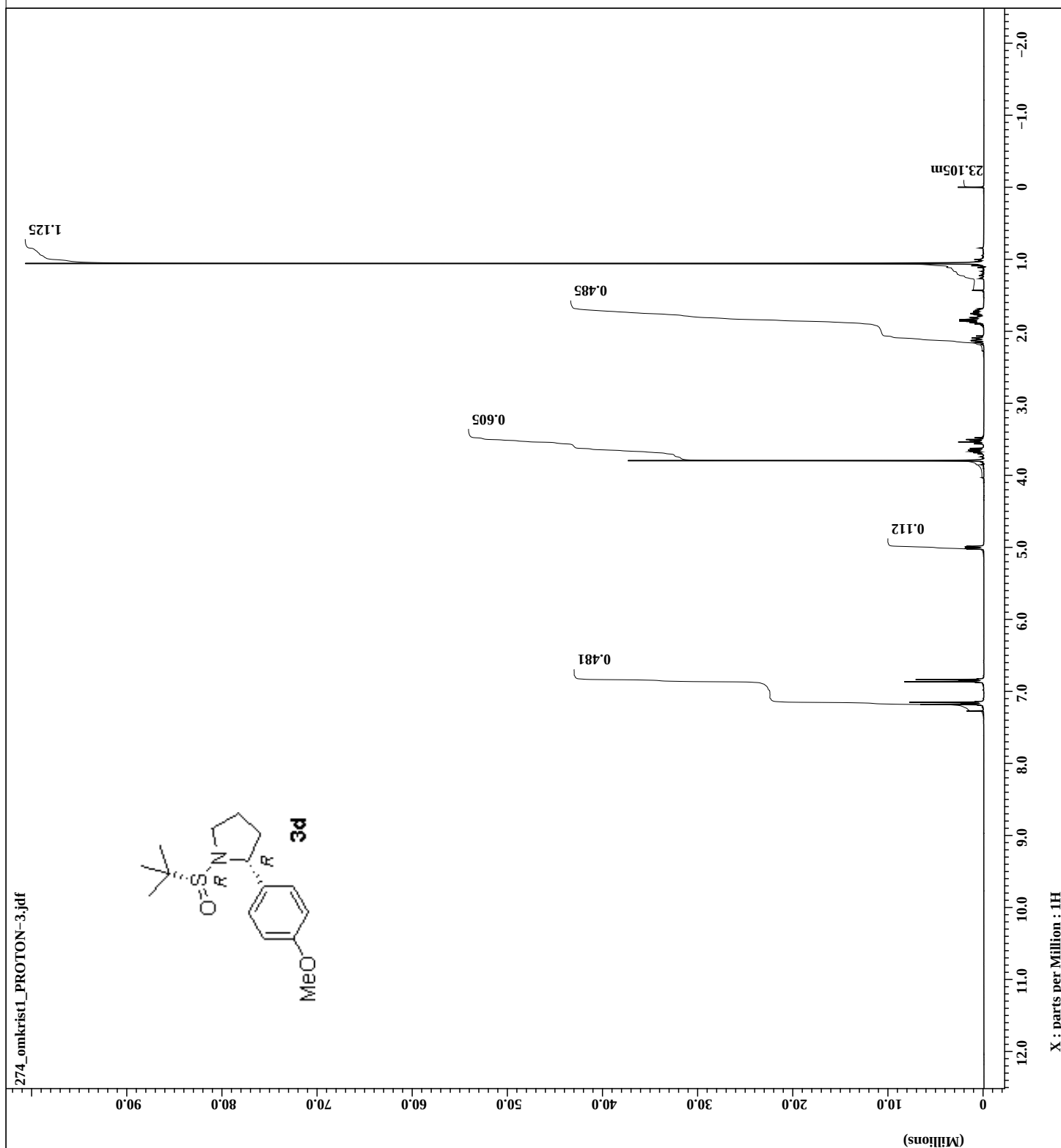


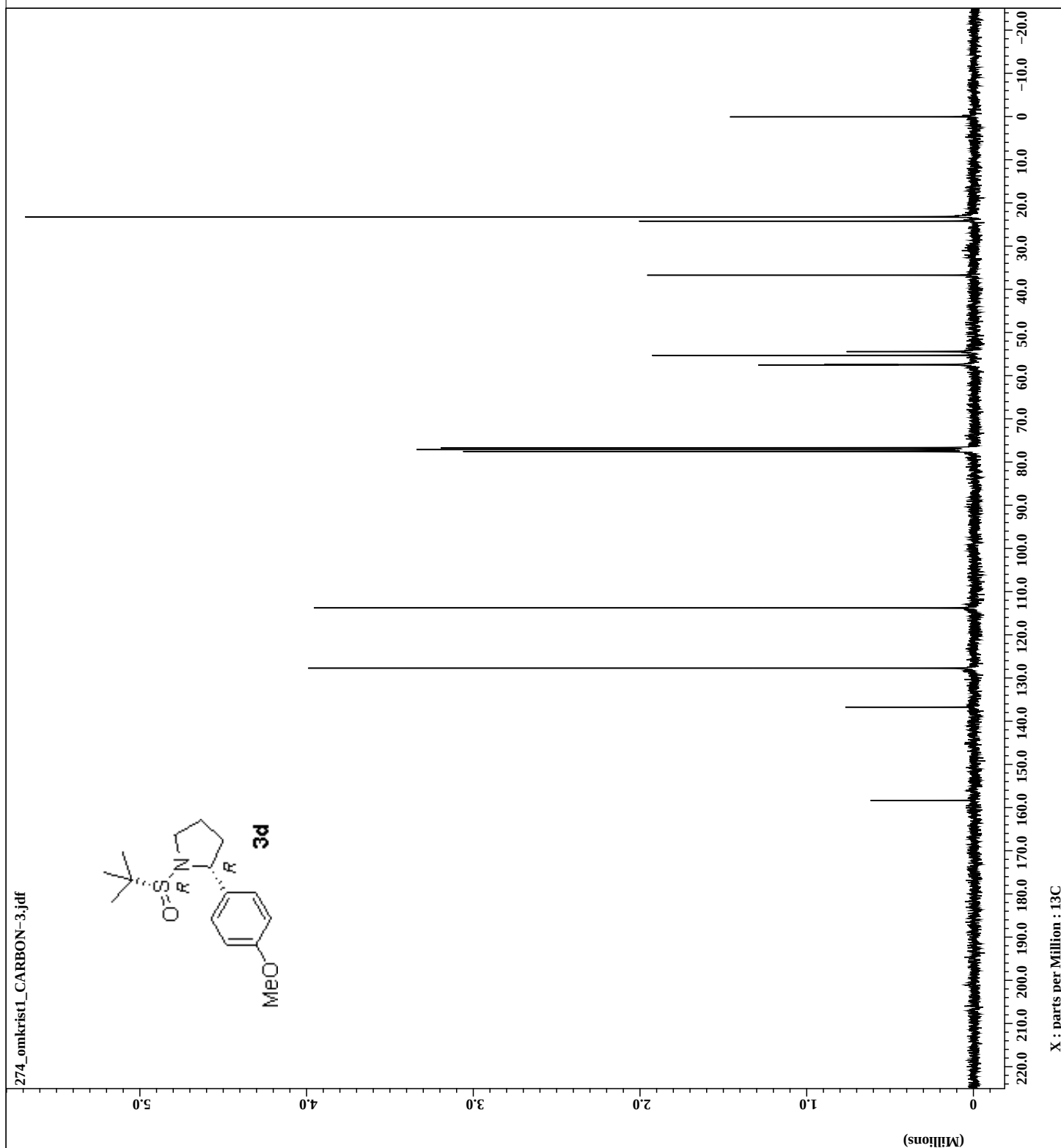


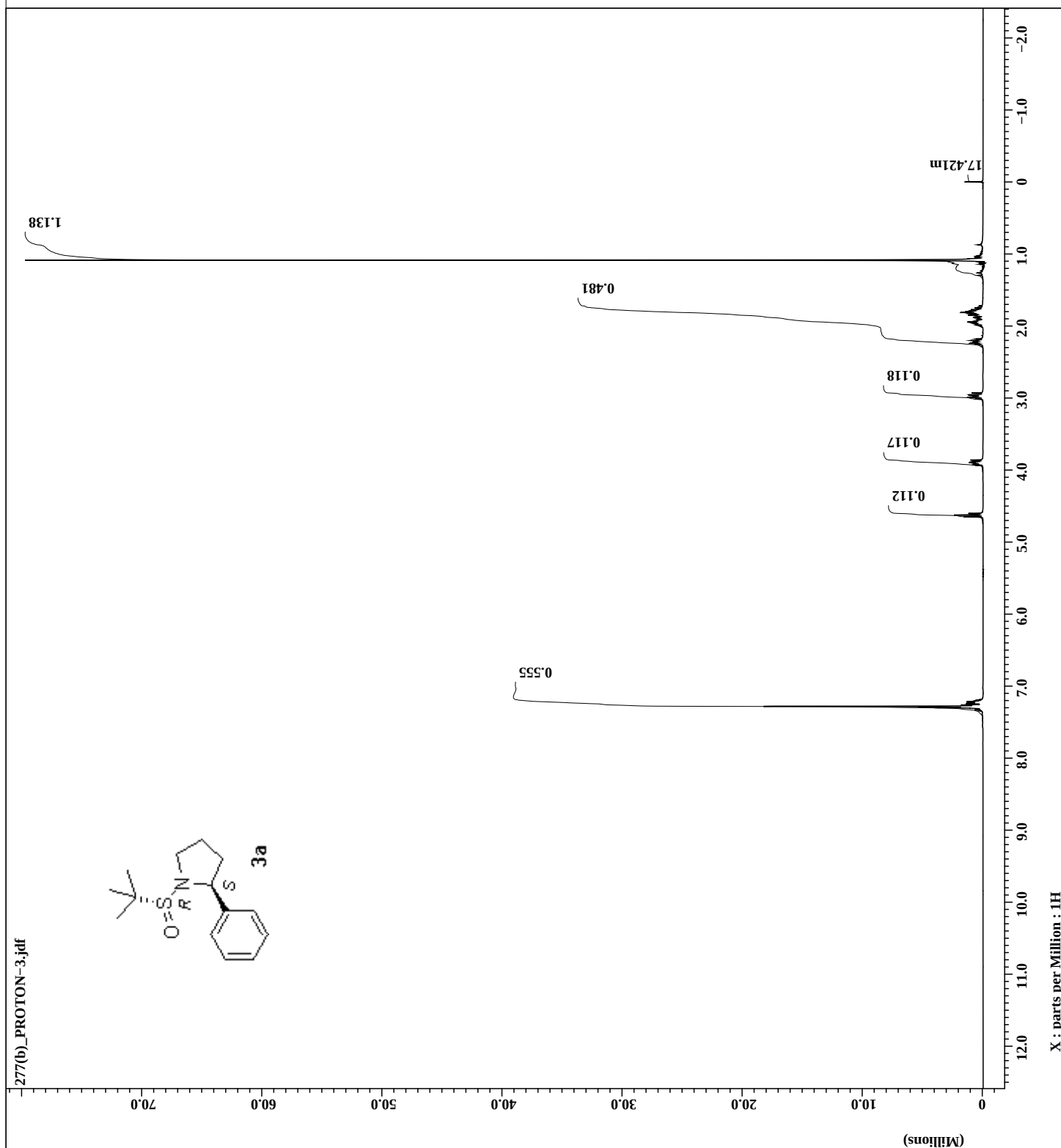


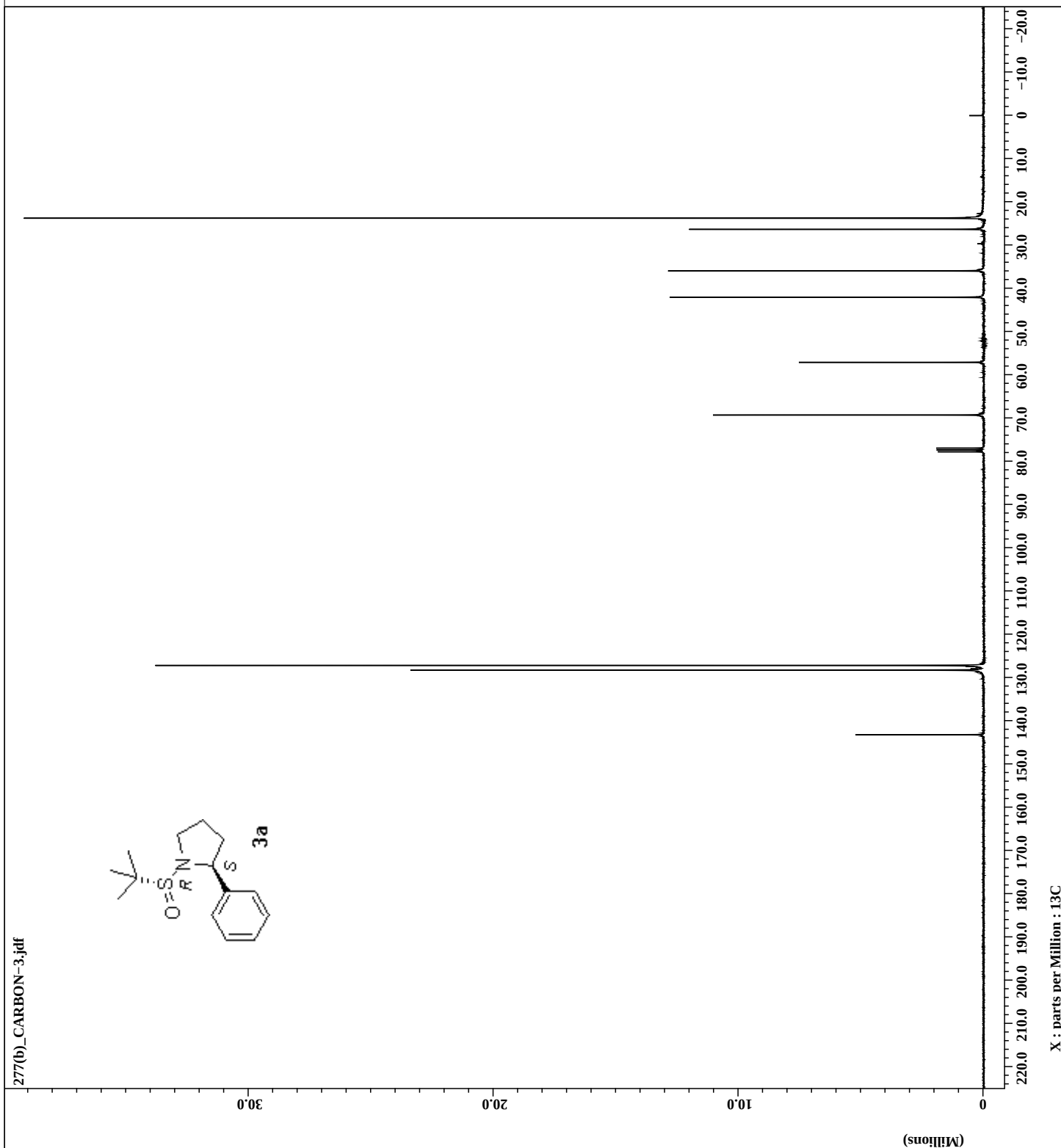


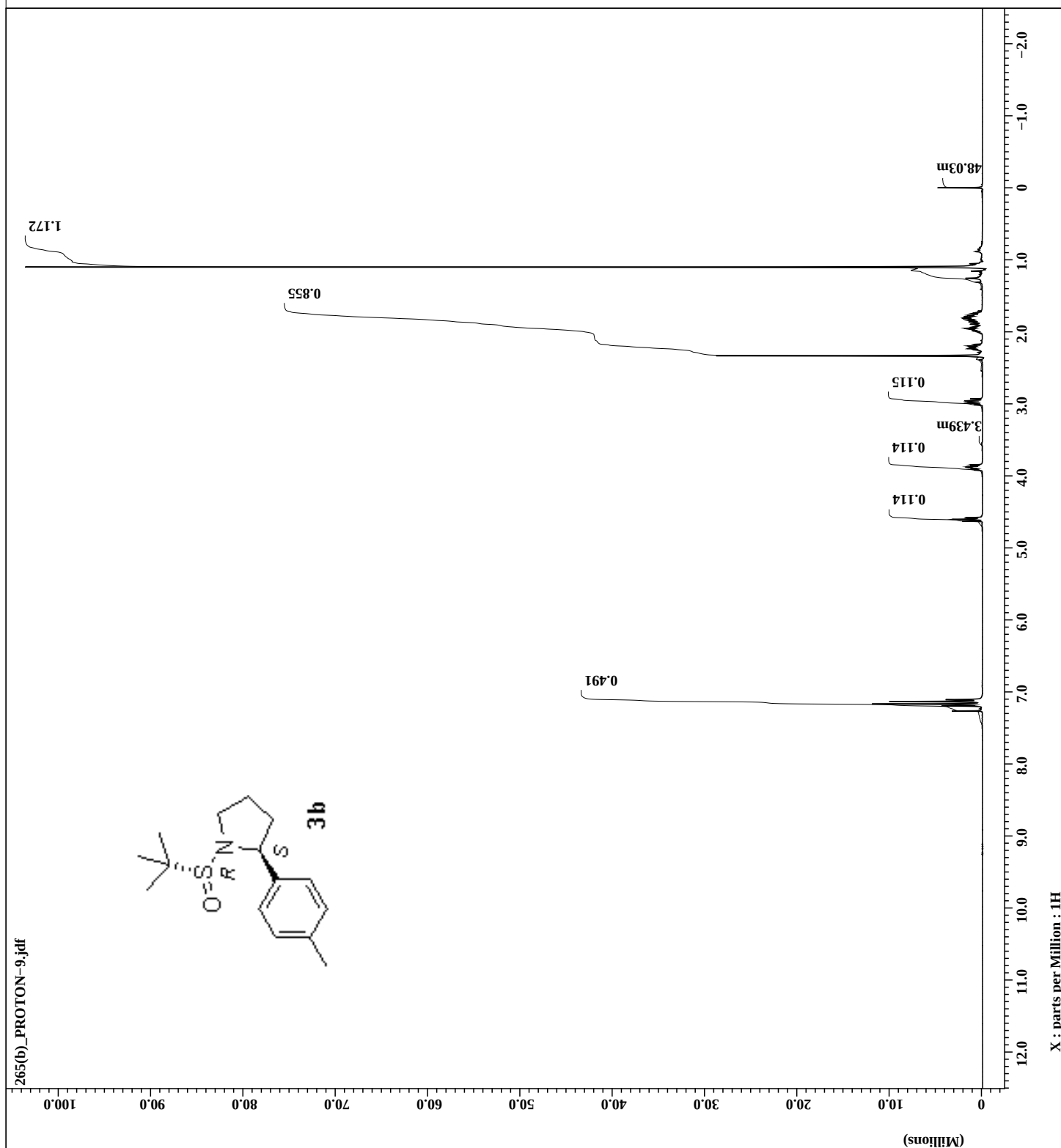


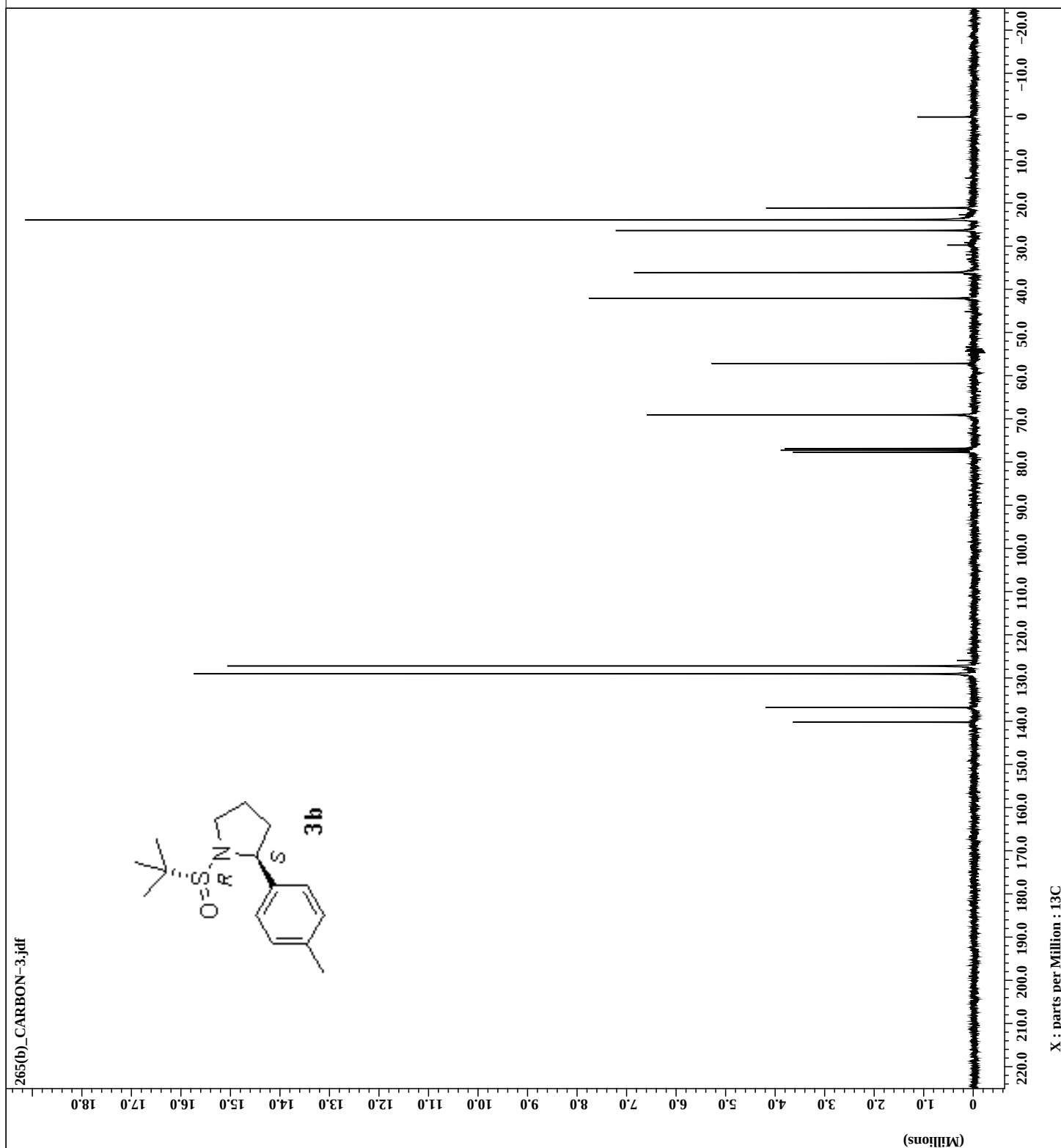


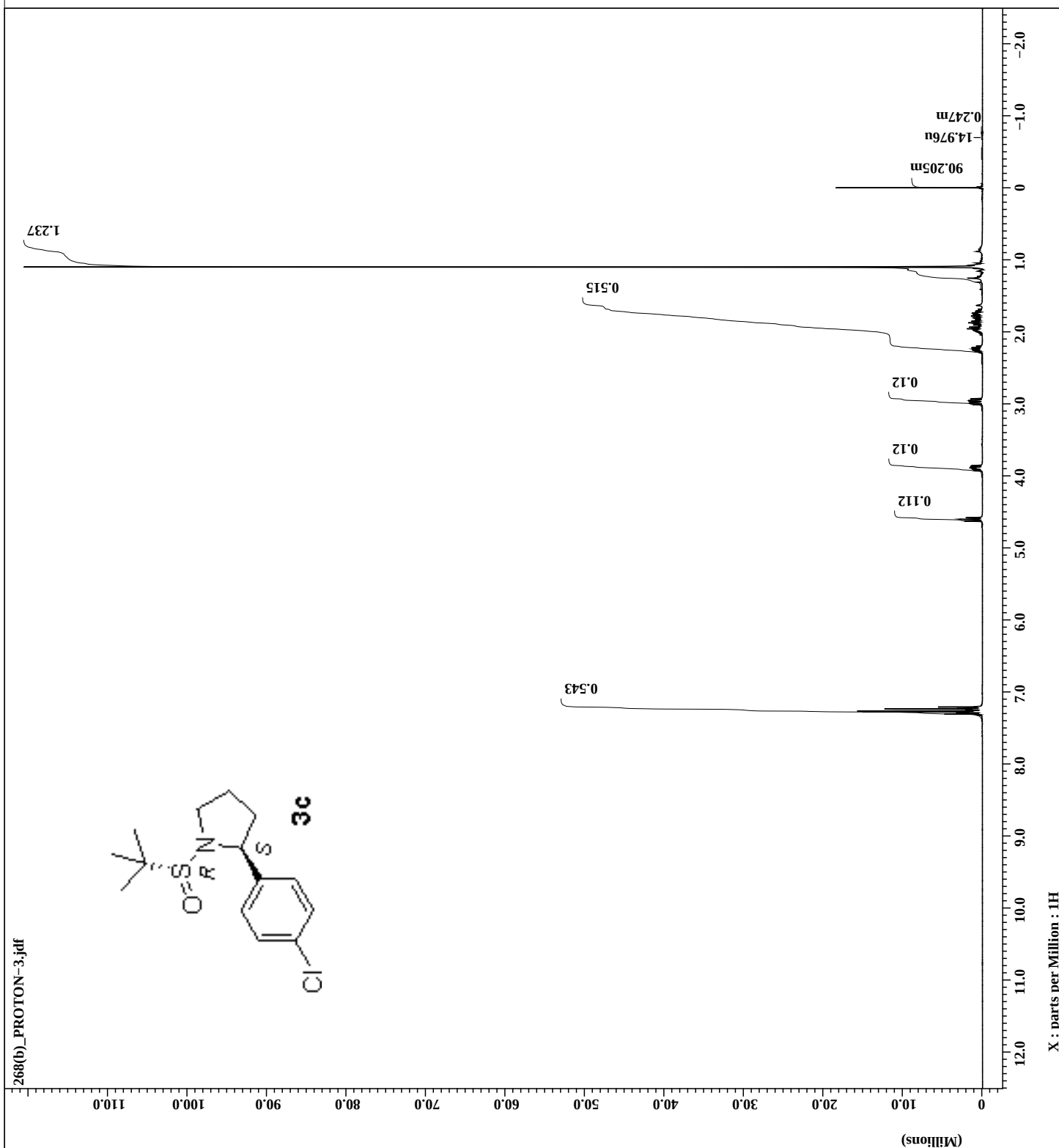


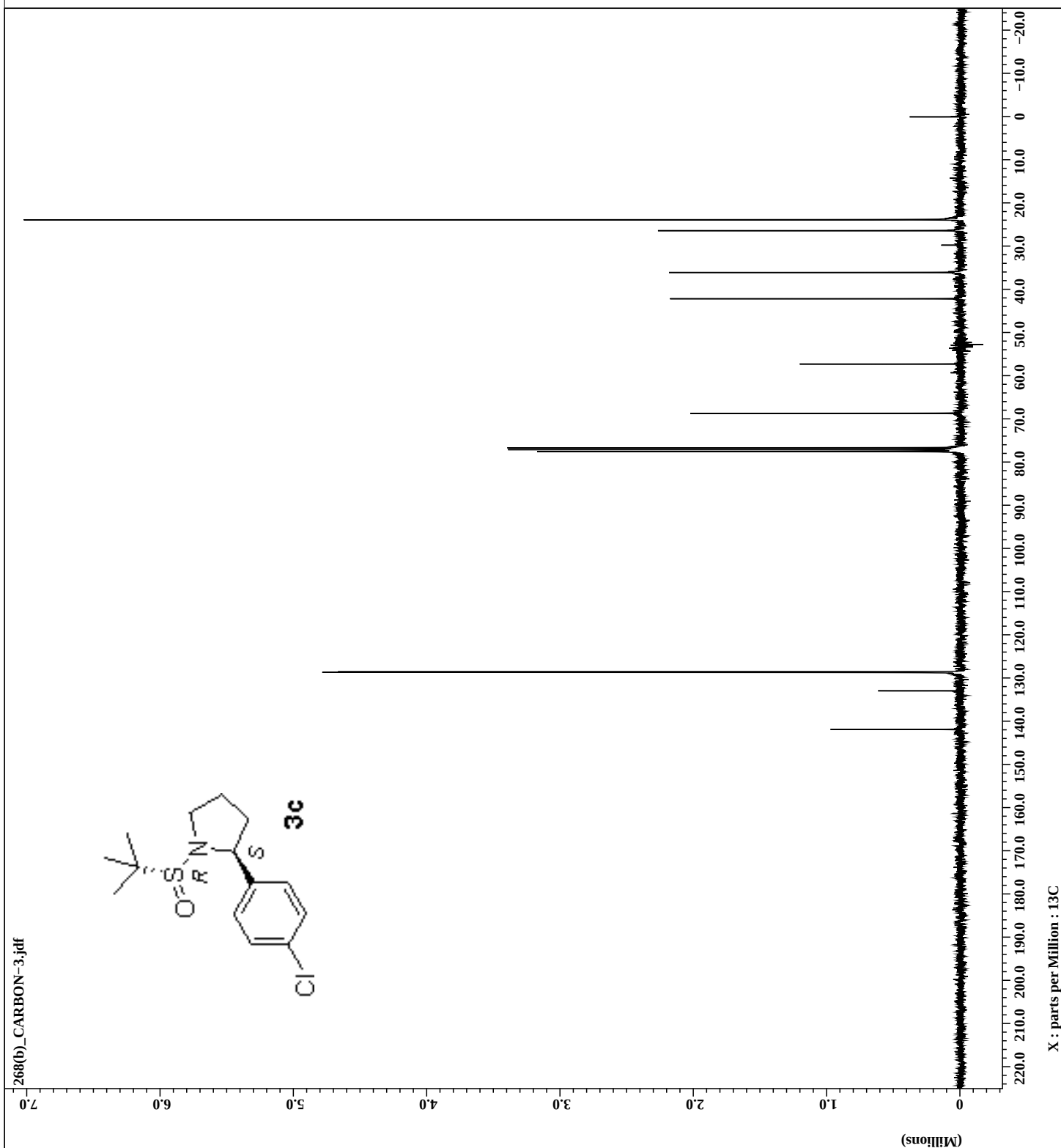


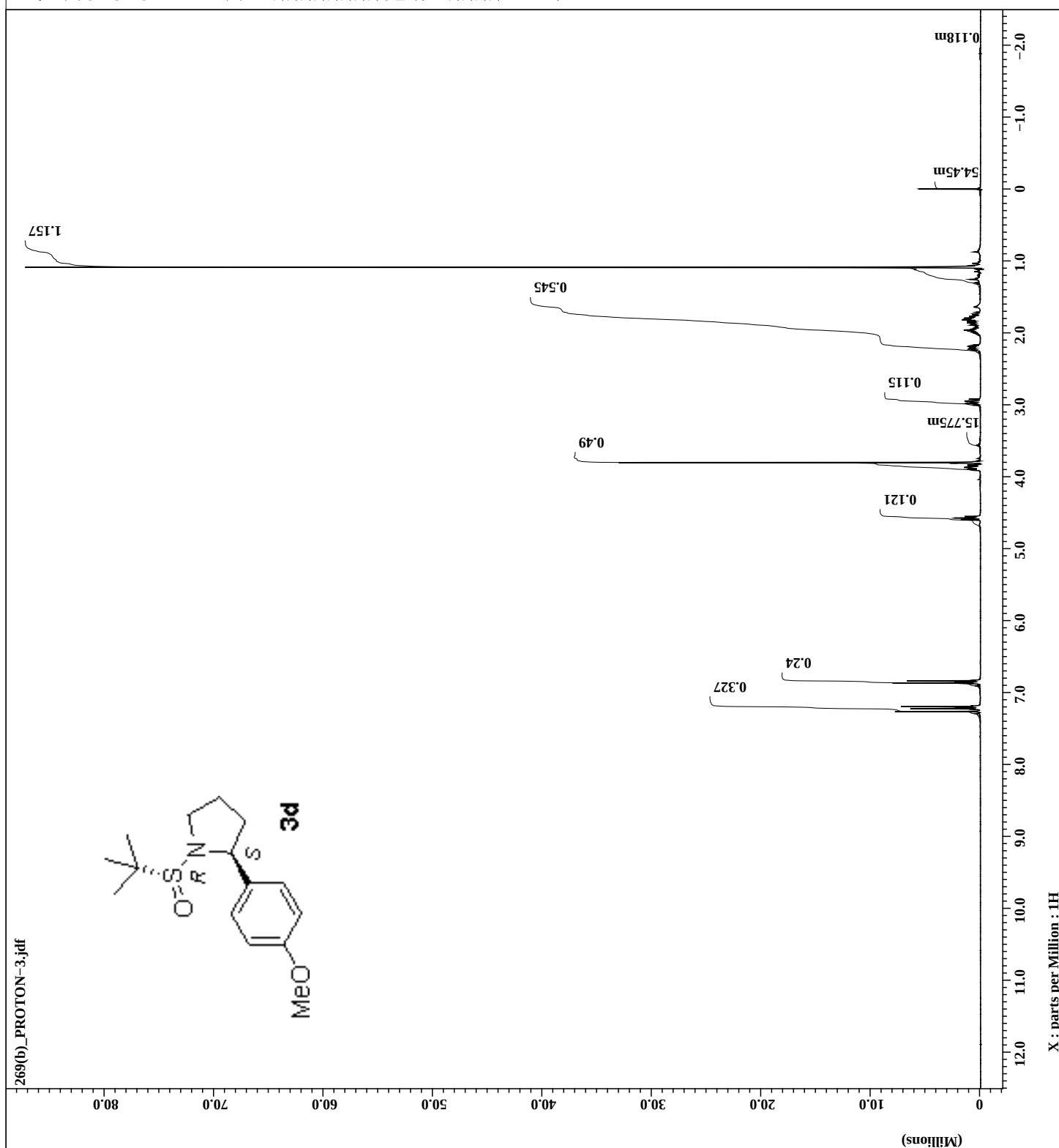


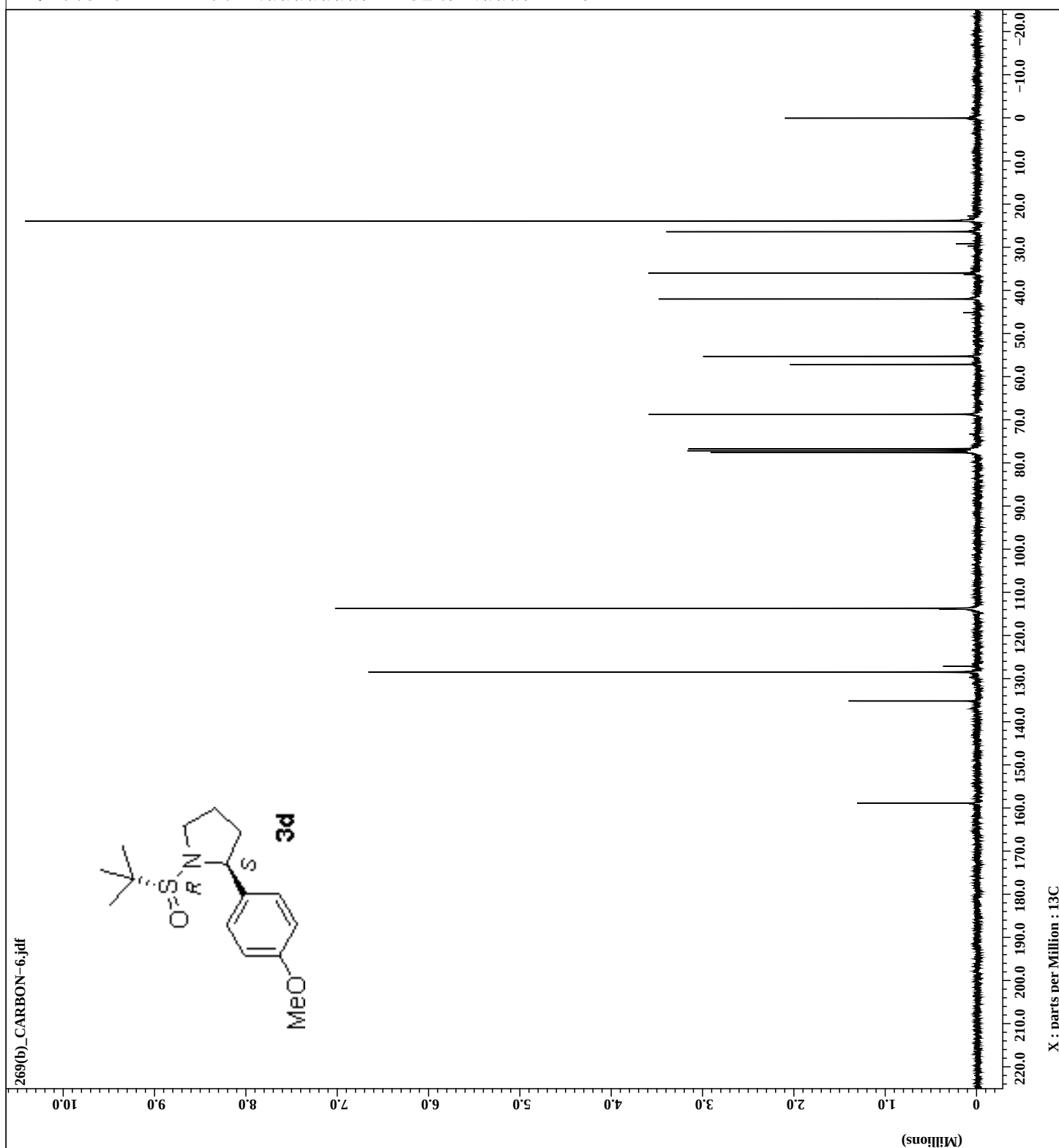


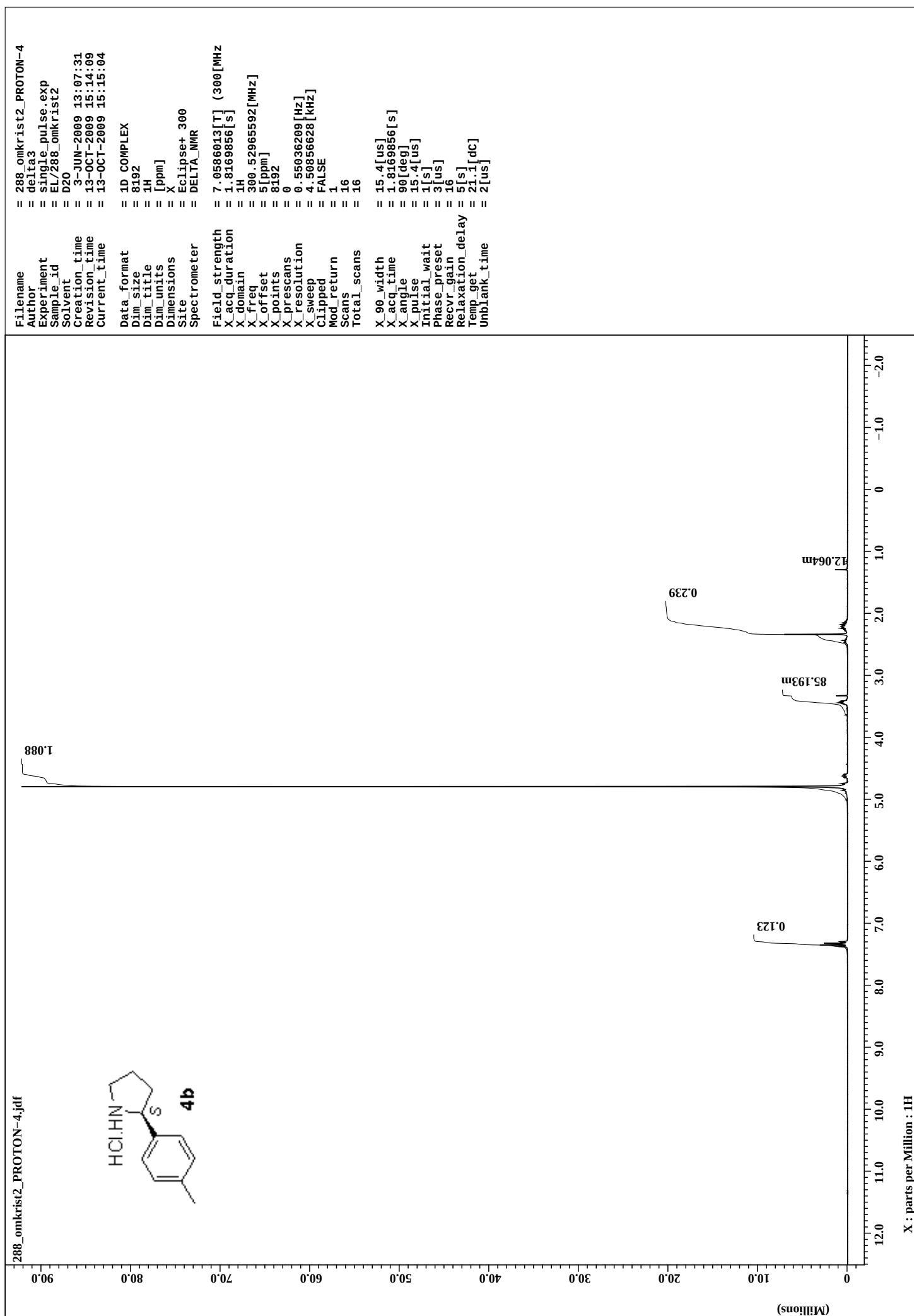


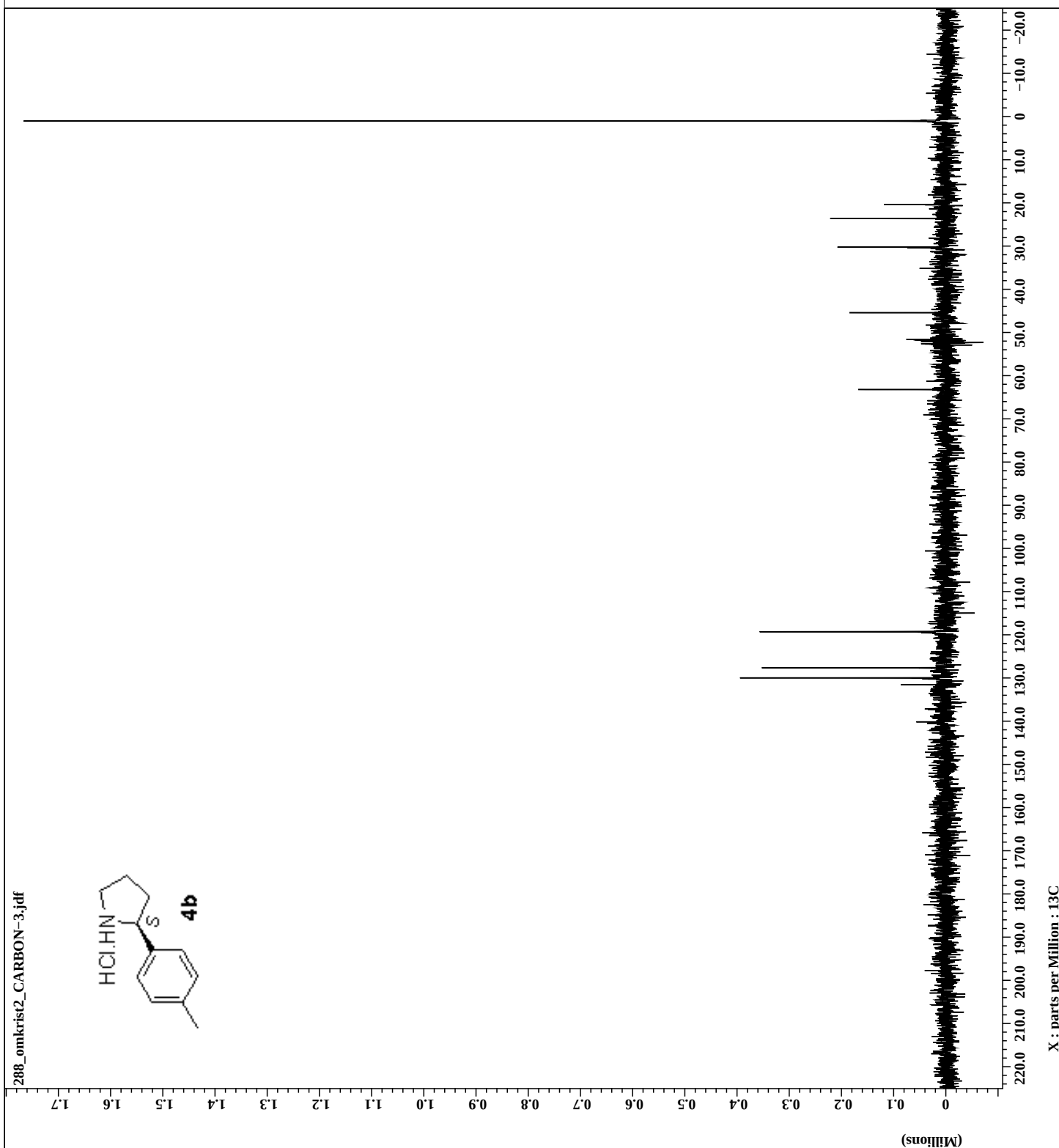


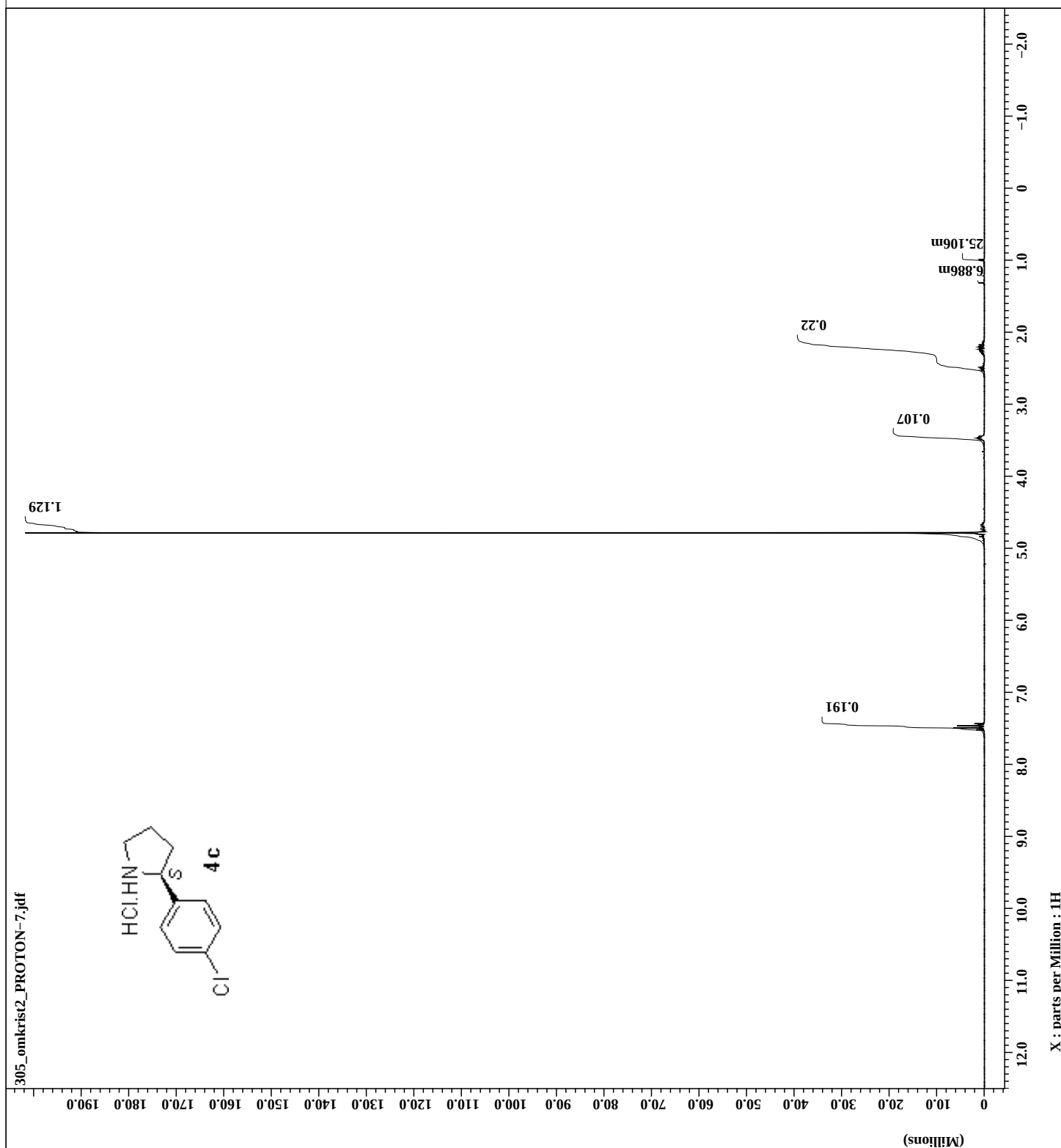


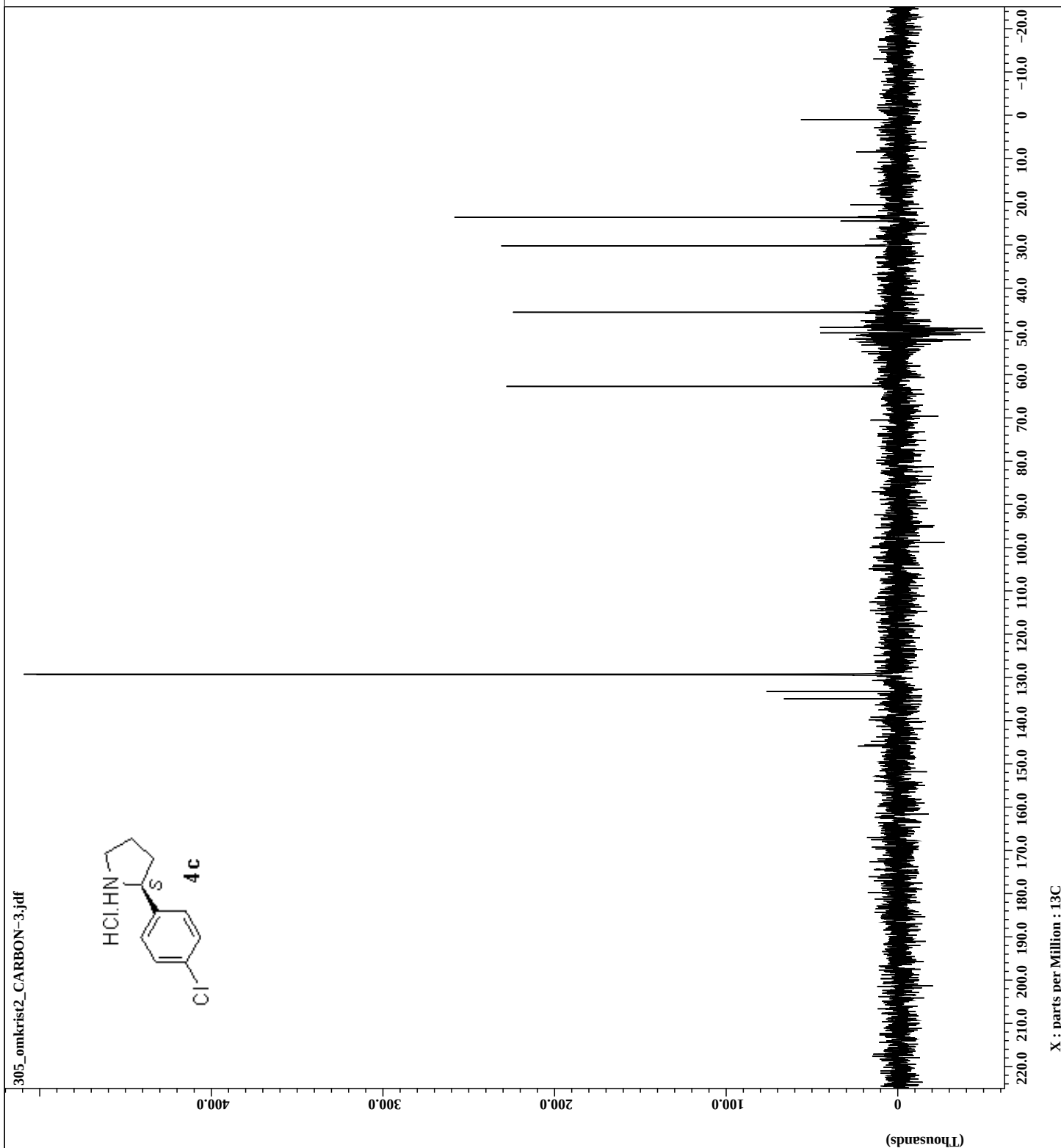
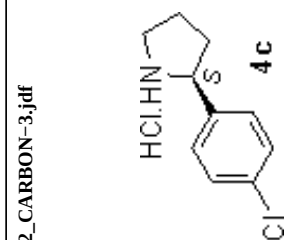












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