

Supporting Information

**Pd-Catalyzed Allylic Alkylation of Dienyl Carbonates with
Nitromethane in High C-5 Regioselectivity**

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1. General Methods

The reactions were carried out in flame-dried glassware under a dry argon atmosphere.

All solvents were purified and dried by using standard methods prior to use.

Commercially available reagents were used without further purification. ^1H NMR spectra were recorded on a NMR instrument operated at 400 MHz. Chemical shifts are reported in ppm from tetramethylsilane with the solvent resonance as the internal standard (CDCl_3 : δ 7.26 ppm). Data are reported as follows: chemical shift, multiplicity (s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, q = quartet, br = broad, m = multiplet or unresolved), coupling constants (Hz), and integration. ^{13}C NMR spectra were recorded on a NMR instrument operated at 100 MHz with complete proton decoupling. Chemical shifts are reported in ppm from tetramethylsilane with the solvent resonance as the internal standard (CDCl_3 : δ 77.1 ppm). Infrared spectra were recorded from thin films of pure samples. Mass and HRMS spectra were measured in EI or ESI mode and the mass analyzer type used for the HRMS was TOF. Thin layer chromatography was performed on pre-coated glassback plates and visualized with UV light at 254 nm. Flash column chromatography was performed on silica gel.

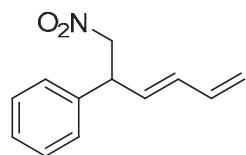
2. General Experimental Procedure for Table 2

To a flame dried Schlenk tube were added $\text{Pd}_2(\text{dba})_3 \cdot \text{CHCl}_3$ (5.2 mg, 0.005 mmol), ligand $^i\text{Pr-(}S_c, S_{\text{phos}}, R_a\text{)-L4}$ (6.84 mg, 0.010 mmol), freshly distilled anhydrous THF (1.0 mL). The resulting mixture was allowed to stir for 30 mins. The dienyl ester **1** (0.15 mmol) and DABCO (0.15 mmol) were added subsequently, then distilled

anhydrous THF (1.0 mL) and nitromethane 0.5 mL was added. The resulting reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature overnight (TLC control). After the ratio of compound **2**, **3**, **4** was determined by GC, the volatile was removed in vacuo. The resulting residue was purified by flash chromatography (FC) on silica gel with petroleum ether and EtOAc as eluent to give product **4**.

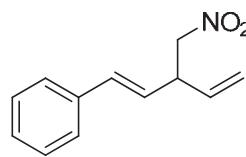
3. Characterization of the products

(*E*)-(1-nitrohexa-3,5-dien-2-yl)benzene (**4a**)



colorless oil, 87% yield (26.5 mg). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 4.25 (q, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 4.64 (dd, $J = 8, 12.4$ Hz, 1H), 4.66 (dd, $J = 7.6, 12$ Hz, 1H), 5.11 (d, $J = 10.2$ Hz, 1H), 5.20 (d, $J = 16.8$ Hz, 1H), 5.82 (dd, $J = 7.8, 15.3$ Hz, 1H), 6.15 (dd, $J = 10.5, 15$ Hz, 1H), 6.28 (dt, $J = 10.2, 16.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.21-7.36 (m, 5H); ^{13}C NMR (100 M Hz, CDCl_3) δ 46.9, 79.5, 118.3, 127.5, 127.8, 129.1, 130.8, 133.6, 135.9, 138.2; MS (EI) 77 (30), 91 (100), 115 (51), 128 (55), 156 (81), 203 (M^+ , 0.1); HRMS Calcd. for $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{13}\text{NO}_2$: 203.0946; Found: 203.0949; IR (film) ν_{max} 798, 1014, 1090, 1260, 1548, 2962 cm^{-1} .

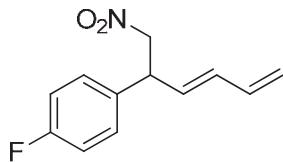
(*E*)-(3-(nitromethyl)penta-1,4-dienyl)benzene (**3a**)



^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 3.79 (q, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 4.49 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 2H), 5.24 (d, $J = 11.6$ Hz, 1H), 5.25 (d, $J = 16.4$ Hz, 1H), 5.83 (ddd, $J = 7.6, 10.4, 17.6$ Hz, 1H), 6.07 (dd, $J = 7.6, 15.6$ Hz, 1H), 6.53 (d, $J = 16$ Hz, 1H), 7.25-7.37 (m, 5H); ^{13}C NMR (100 M Hz, CDCl_3) δ 45.5, 78.9, 118.4, 125.5, 126.4, 128.0, 128.6, 133.4, 134.7, 136.2; MS (EI) 77 (26), 91 (100), 115 (60), 128 (79), 156 (70), 203 (M^+ , 0.3); HRMS Calcd. for $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{13}\text{NO}_2$: 203.0946; Found: 203.0944; IR (film) ν_{max} 798, 1014, 1090,

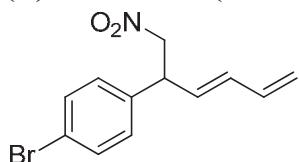
1260, 1548, 2962 cm⁻¹.

(E)-1-fluoro-4-(1-nitrohexa-3,5-dien-2-yl)benzene (4b)



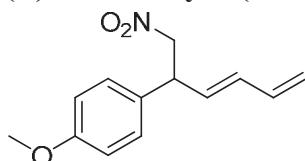
colorless oil, 91% yield (30.2 mg). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 4.23 (q, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 4.60 (dd, *J* = 8, 12.4 Hz, 1H), 4.66 (dd, *J* = 7.6, 12 Hz, 1H), 5.12 (d, *J* = 10 Hz, 1H), 5.20 (d, *J* = 16.8 Hz, 1H), 5.78 (dd, *J* = 7.6, 15.2 Hz, 1H), 6.13 (dd, *J* = 10.4, 15.2 Hz, 1H), 6.29 (dt, *J* = 10, 16.8 Hz, 1H), 7.02-7.07 (m, 2H), 7.18-7.22 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 46.0, 79.5, 115.9 (d, *J* = 21.5 Hz), 118.6, 129.1 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz), 130.5, 133.7, 133.9 (d, *J* = 3.3 Hz), 135.7, 162.5 (d, *J* = 245 Hz); ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz) δ -114.3 (m); MS (EI) 77 (11), 96 (8), 109 (100), 121 (13), 146 (34), 159 (33), 174 (53), 221 (M⁺, 0.07); HRMS Calcd. for C₁₂H₁₂NO₂F: 221.0852; Found: 221.0854; IR (film) ν_{max} 832, 1003, 1223, 1508, 1548, 3016 cm⁻¹.

(E)-1-bromo-4-(1-nitrohexa-3,5-dien-2-yl)benzene (4c)



colorless oil, 96% yield (40.5 mg). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 4.19 (q, *J* = 8 Hz, 1H), 4.62 (dd, *J* = 8, 12 Hz, 1H), 4.65 (dd, *J* = 7.6, 12 Hz, 1H), 5.12 (d, *J* = 10.4 Hz, 1H), 5.20 (d, *J* = 16.8 Hz, 1H), 5.75 (dd, *J* = 7.6, 15.2 Hz, 1H), 6.12 (dd, *J* = 10.8, 15.2 Hz, 1H), 6.29 (dt, *J* = 10.4, 17.2 Hz, 1H), 7.10 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.47 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 46.2, 79.1, 118.8, 121.8, 129.2, 130.1, 132.2, 133.9, 135.7, 137.2; MS (EI) 77 (37), 115 (51), 141 (51), 155 (100), 169 (35), 234 (43), 281 (M⁺, 0.2); HRMS Calcd. for C₁₂H₁₂NO₂Br: 281.0051; Found: 281.0047; IR (film) ν_{max} 755, 1002, 1374, 1548, 2916 cm⁻¹.

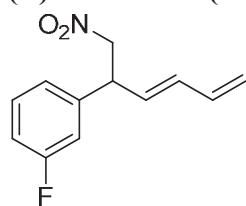
(E)-1-methoxy-4-(1-nitrohexa-3,5-dien-2-yl)benzene (4d)



colorless oil, 65% yield (22.7 mg). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 3.79 (s, 3H), 4.19

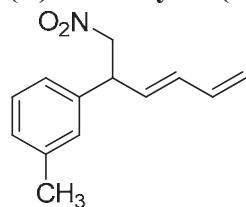
(q, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 4.60 (dd, $J = 8.4, 11.6$ Hz, 1H), 4.64 (dd, $J = 7.6, 12$ Hz, 1H), 5.09 (d, $J = 10$ Hz, 1H), 5.18 (d, $J = 16.8$ Hz, 1H), 5.79 (dd, $J = 7.6, 15.2$ Hz, 1H), 6.12 (dd, $J = 10.8, 15.6$ Hz, 1H), 6.30 (dt, $J = 10.4, 16.8$ Hz, 1H), 6.87 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 2H), 7.13 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (100 M Hz, CDCl_3) δ 46.1, 55.3, 79.7, 114.4, 118.2, 128.6, 130.1, 131.2, 133.2, 135.9, 159.0; MS (EI) 77 (29), 91 (24), 121 (100), 128 (27), 158 (21), 186 (28), 233 (M^+ , 8); HRMS Calcd. for $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{15}\text{NO}_3$: 233.1052; Found: 233.1051; IR (film) ν_{max} 828, 1004, 1376, 1511, 1548, 1609, 2962 cm^{-1} ;

(E)-1-fluoro-3-(1-nitrohexa-3,5-dien-2-yl)benzene (4e)



colorless oil, 95% yield (31.5 mg). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 4.24 (q, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 4.64-4.66 (m, 2H), 5.13 (d, $J = 10.4$ Hz, 1H), 5.22 (d, $J = 16.8$ Hz, 1H), 5.80 (dd, $J = 7.6, 15.2$ Hz, 1H), 6.13 (dd, $J = 10.4, 14.4$ Hz, 1H), 6.29 (dt, $J = 10.4, 17.2$ Hz, 1H), 6.92-7.02 (m, 3H), 7.30-7.38 (m, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (100 M Hz, CDCl_3) δ 46.4, 79.2, 114.6 (d, $J = 20.5$ Hz), 114.8 (d, $J = 19.4$ Hz), 118.8, 123.2 (d, $J = 2.7$ Hz), 129.9, 130.7 (d, $J = 7.9$ Hz), 134.0, 135.7, 140.7 (d, $J = 6.8$ Hz), 163.5 (d, $J = 246$ Hz); ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz) δ -111.7 (m); MS (EI) 77 (15), 96 (11), 109 (100), 133 (45), 146 (43), 174 (76), 221 (M^+ , 0.06); HRMS Calcd. for $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{12}\text{NO}_2\text{F}$: 221.0852; Found: 221.0854; IR (film) ν_{max} 795, 1013, 1090, 1259, 1549, 2962 cm^{-1} .

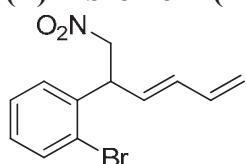
(E)-1-methyl-3-(1-nitrohexa-3,5-dien-2-yl)benzene (4f)



colorless oil, 94% yield (30.6 mg). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 2.33 (s, 3H), 4.19 (q, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 4.62 (d, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 4.64 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 5.09 (d, $J = 10$ Hz, 1H), 5.20 (d, $J = 16.8$ Hz, 1H), 5.80 (dd, $J = 7.6, 15.2$ Hz, 1H), 6.13 (dd, $J = 10.4, 15.2$ Hz, 1H), 6.29 (dt, $J = 10.4, 16.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.00-7.10 (m, 3H), 7.21-7.24 (m, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (100 M Hz, CDCl_3) δ 21.4, 46.9, 79.6, 118.2, 124.4, 128.2, 128.5, 128.9, 130.9, 133.4, 135.9, 138.2, 138.8; MS (EI) 77 (35), 91 (30), 105 (100), 115 (46), 129 (40), 142 (39), 155 (88), 170 (73), 217 (M^+ , 0.12); HRMS Calcd. for $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{15}\text{NO}_2$:

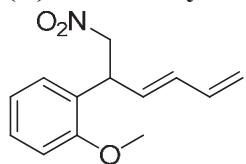
217.1103; Found: 217.1106; IR (film) ν_{max} 794, 1014, 1085, 1258, 1548, 2962 cm^{-1} .

(E)-1-bromo-2-(1-nitrohexa-3,5-dien-2-yl)benzene (4g)



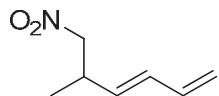
colorless oil, 93% yield (39.2 mg). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 4.61-4.73 (m, 2H), 4.80 (q, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 5.12 (d, $J = 10.0$ Hz, 1H), 5.21 (d, $J = 16.4$ Hz, 1H), 5.81 (dd, $J = 7.6, 15.2$ Hz, 1H), 6.13 (dd, $J = 10.4, 15.2$ Hz, 1H), 6.29 (dt, $J = 10.4, 16.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.15 (t, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.22 (t, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.26 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.60 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (100 M Hz, CDCl_3) δ 45.4, 77.9, 118.7, 124.4, 128.0, 128.5, 129.2, 129.3, 133.7, 134.4, 135.8, 137.3; MS (EI) 77 (36), 141 (42), 155 (100), 168 (36), 233 (47), 281 (M^+ , 0.1); HRMS Calcd. for $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{12}\text{NO}_2\text{Br}$: 281.0051; Found: 281.0050; IR (film) ν_{max} 755, 909, 1002, 1374, 1548, 2969 cm^{-1} .

(E)-1-methoxy-2-(1-nitrohexa-3,5-dien-2-yl)benzene (4h)



colorless oil, 83% yield (29.0 mg). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 3.86 (s, 3H), 4.52 (q, $J = 8$ Hz, 1H), 4.68 (dd, $J = 8.4, 12$ Hz, 1H), 4.72 (dd, $J = 8, 13$ Hz, 1H), 5.08 (d, $J = 9.2$ Hz, 1H), 5.20 (d, $J = 16.4$ Hz, 1H), 5.90 (dd, $J = 8, 14.8$ Hz, 1H), 6.13 (dd, $J = 10.4, 15.6$ Hz, 1H), 6.29 (dt, $J = 10.0, 16.8$ Hz, 1H), 6.88-6.95 (m, 2H), 7.13-7.16 (m, 1H), 7.24-7.35 (m, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (100 M Hz, CDCl_3) δ 42.6, 55.4, 78.3, 111.0, 117.7, 120.9, 126.4, 128.8, 128.9, 130.4, 133.6, 136.2, 156.8; MS (EI) 77 (27), 91 (56), 107 (14), 121 (100), 128 (28), 145 (13), 158 (16), 171 (25), 233 (M^+ , 1.5); HRMS Calcd. for $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{15}\text{NO}_3$: 233.1052; Found: 233.1055; IR (film) ν_{max} 752, 1005, 1024, 1243, 1547, 2963 cm^{-1} .

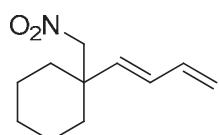
(E)-5-methyl-6-nitrohexa-1,3-diene (4i)



colorless oil, 63% yield (13.3 mg). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 1.15 (d, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 3H), 3.09 (q, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 4.27 (dd, $J = 7.2, 11.6$ Hz, 1H), 4.34 (dd, $J = 7.6, 12$ Hz,

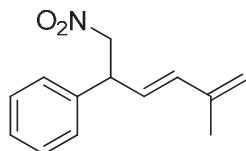
1H), 5.08 (d, $J = 9.6$ Hz, 1H), 5.19 (d, $J = 16.8$ Hz, 1H), 5.55 (dd, $J = 8, 15.2$ Hz, 1H), 6.14 (dd, $J = 10.4, 14.8$ Hz, 1H), 6.28 (dt, $J = 10.4, 17.2$ Hz, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (100 M Hz, CDCl_3) δ 17.3, 35.9, 80.8, 117.7, 132.6, 132.8, 136.1; MS (EI) 55 (40), 67 (38), 79 (100), 94 (49), 106 (0.14), 141 (M^+ , 0.39); HRMS Calcd. for $\text{C}_7\text{H}_{11}\text{NO}_2$: 141.0790; Found: 141.0796; IR (film) ν_{max} 797, 1015, 1089, 1259, 1552, 2917 cm^{-1} .

(E)-1-(buta-1,3-dienyl)-1-(nitromethyl)cyclohexane (4j)



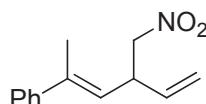
colorless oil, 64% yield (18.7 mg). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 1.31-1.35 (m, 1H), 1.49-1.57 (m, 7H), 1.75-1.78 (m, 2H), 4.31 (s, 2H), 5.09 (d, $J = 10$ Hz, 1H), 5.21 (d, $J = 16.8$ Hz, 1H), 5.54 (d, $J = 15.6$ Hz, 1H), 6.10 (dd, $J = 10.4, 15.6$ Hz, 1H), 6.34 (dt, $J = 10, 16.8$ Hz, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (100 M Hz, CDCl_3) δ 21.8, 25.7, 33.7, 40.9, 85.2, 117.2, 132.2, 136.4, 136.7; MS (EI) 67 (100), 79 (33), 91 (26), 123 (7), 165 (2), 195 (M^+ , 1.6); HRMS Calcd. for $\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_{17}\text{NO}_2$: 195.1259; Found: 195.1255; IR (film) ν_{max} 797, 902, 1005, 1260, 1376, 1544, 2856, 2930 cm^{-1} .

(E)-(5-methyl-1-nitrohexa-3,5-dien-2-yl)benzene (4k)



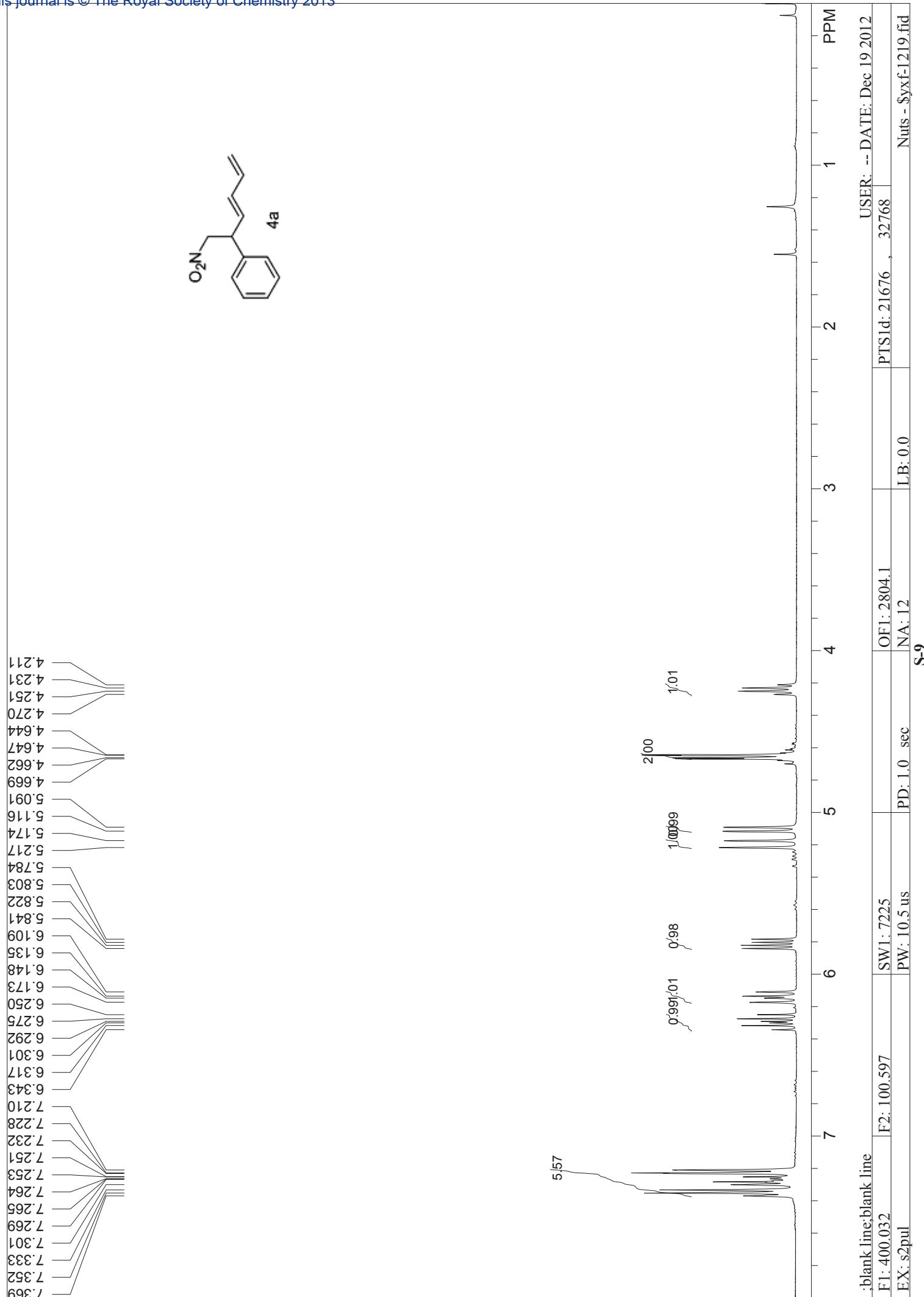
colorless oil, 56% yield (18.2 mg). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 1.82 (s, 3H), 4.25 (q, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 4.66 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 4.68 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 4.97 (d, $J = 11.2$ Hz, 2H), 5.73 (dd, $J = 7.6, 15.6$ Hz, 1H), 6.24 (d, $J = 16$ Hz, 1H), 7.22-7.41 (m, 5H); ^{13}C NMR (100 M Hz, CDCl_3) δ 18.4, 47.1, 79.7, 117.7, 126.8, 1127.5, 127.7, 129.1, 135.7, 138.6, 140.9; MS (EI) 65 (14), 77 (28), 91 (100), 129 (36), 155 (76), 170 (49), 217 (M^+ , 0.27); HRMS Calcd. for $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{15}\text{NO}_2$: 217.1103; Found: 217.1104; IR (film) ν_{max} 796, 1016, 1086, 1259, 1549, 2962 cm^{-1} .

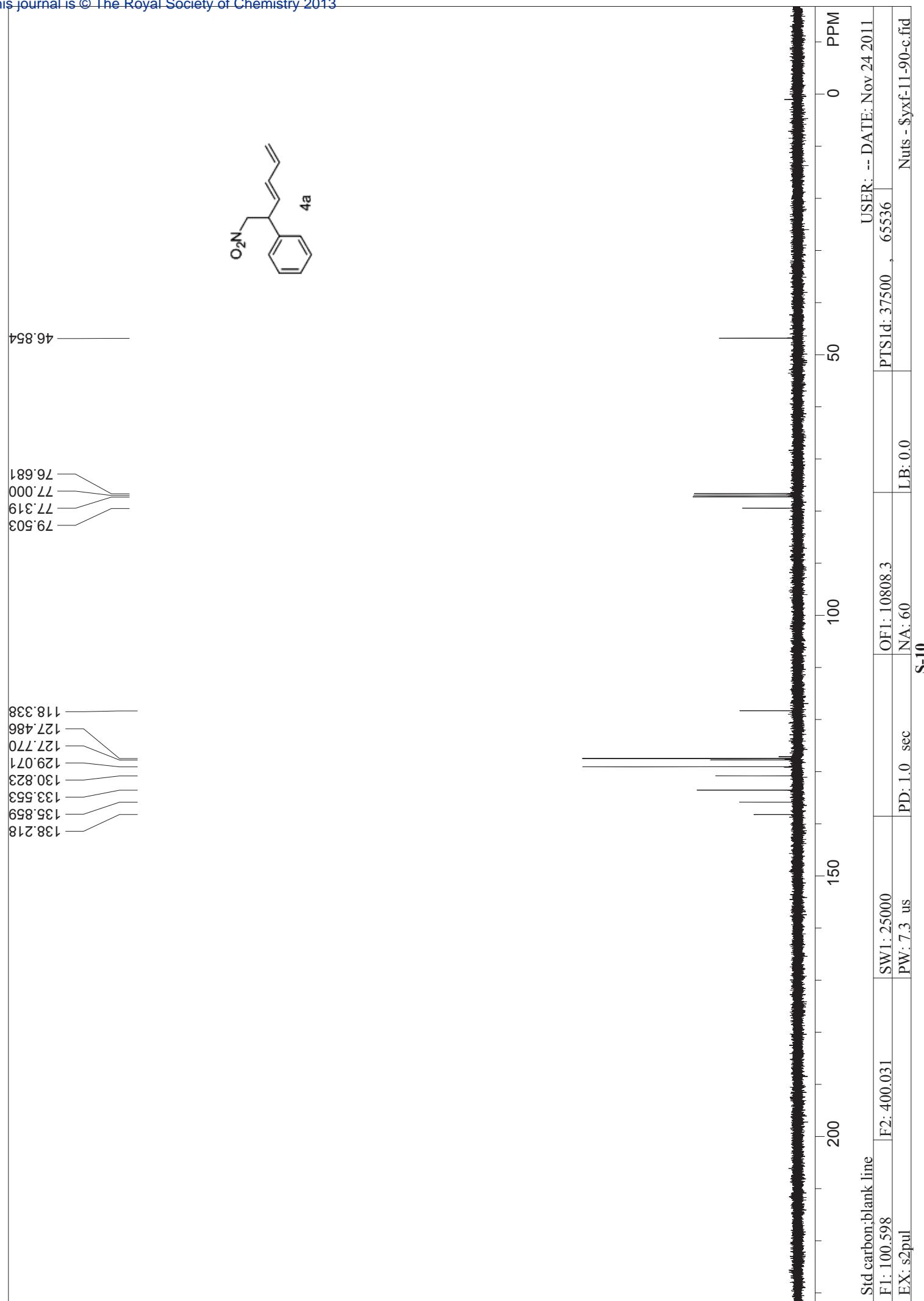
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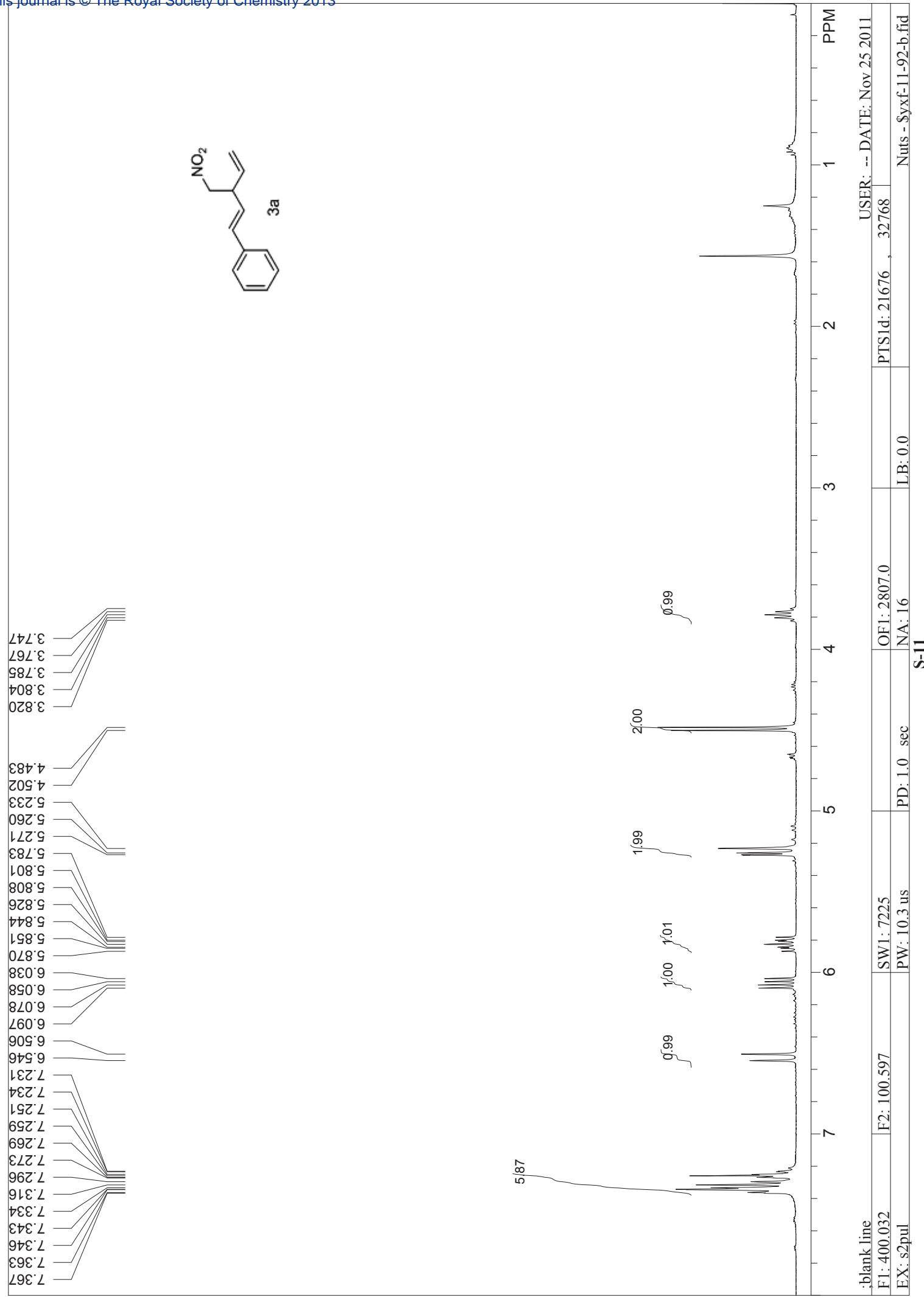
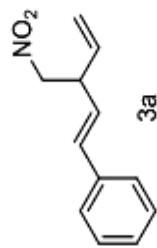


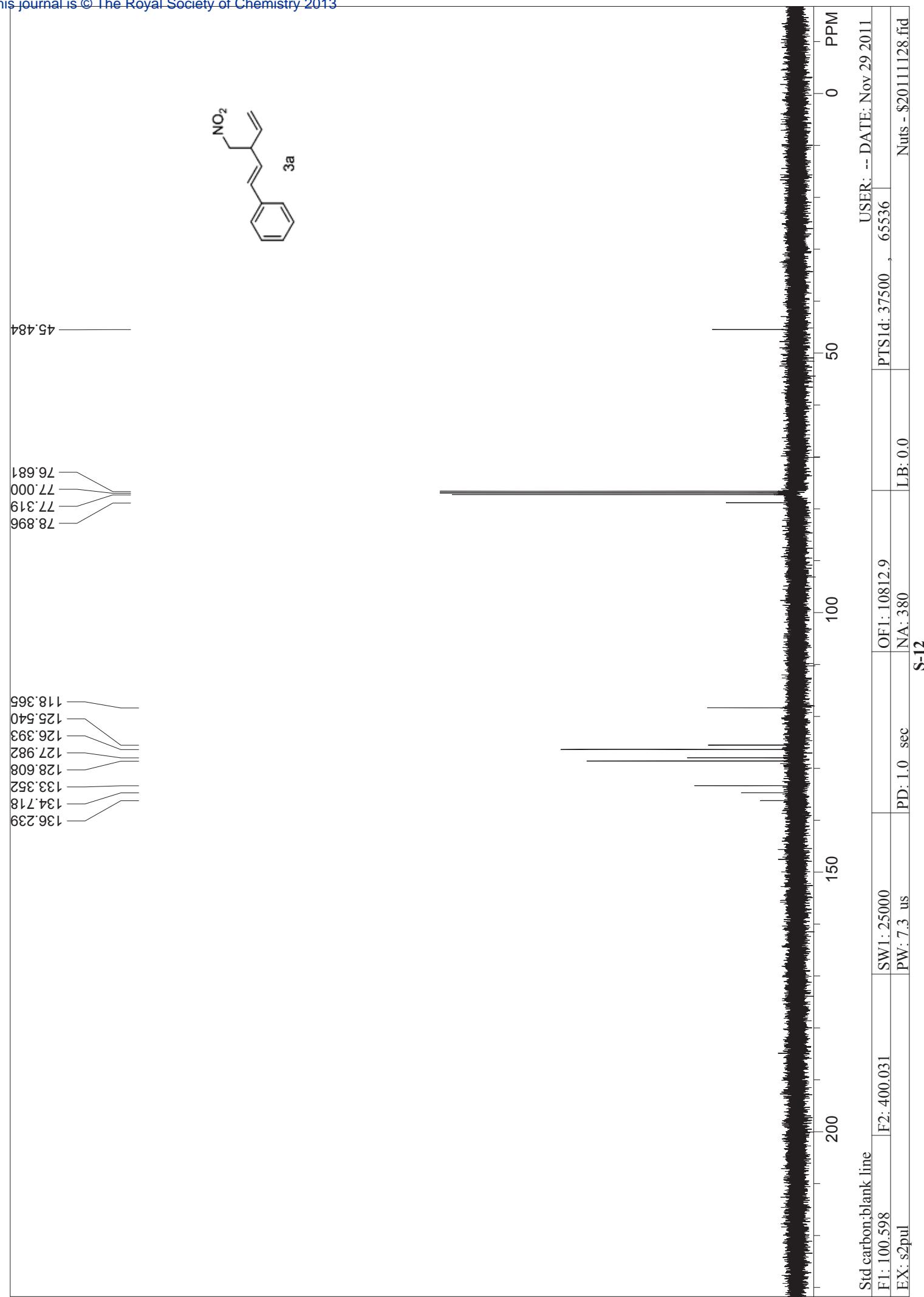
colorless oil, 56% yield (18.2 mg), ^1H NMR (300 M Hz, CDCl_3) δ 2.10 (s, 3H), 4.02

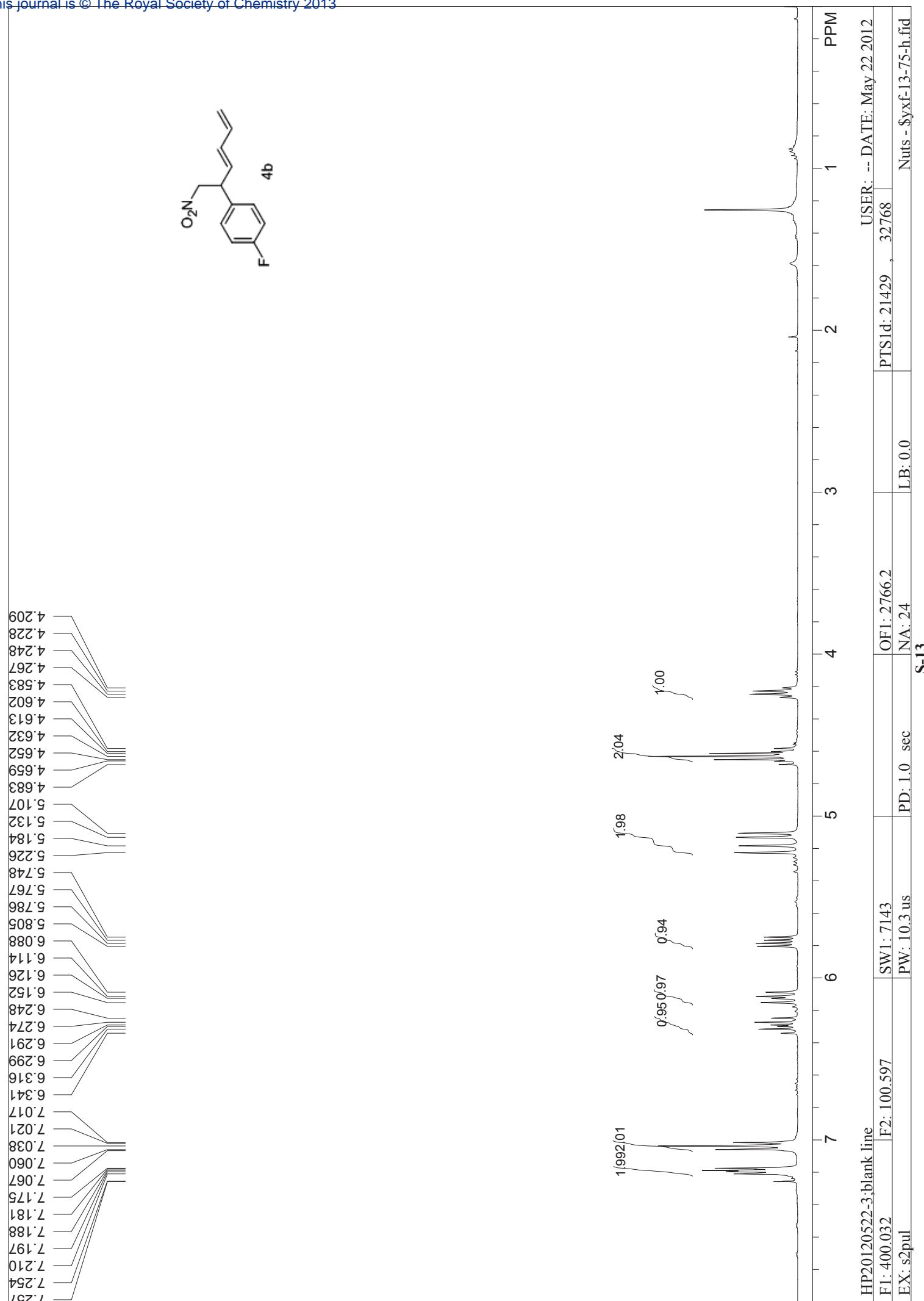
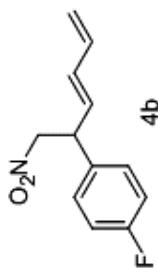
(q, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 4.40 (dd, $J = 7.8, 11.7$ Hz, 1H), 4.47 (dd, $J = 7.5, 11.7$ Hz, 1H), 5.19 (d, $J = 9.3$ Hz, 1H), 5.23 (d, $J = 16.5$ Hz, 1H), 5.54 (d, $J = 9.3$ Hz, 1H), 5.77 (ddd, $J = 7.2, 10.5, 16.9$ Hz, 1H) 7.25-7.37 (m, 5H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 16.3, 42.0, 79.0, 117.6, 123.2, 125.9, 127.4, 128.3, 134.8, 139.7, 142.8; MS (EI) 77 (61), 91 (81), 105 (100), 129 (96), 141 (34), 187 (24), 217 (M^+ , 10); HRMS Calcd. for $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{15}\text{NO}_2$: 217.1103; Found: 217.1105; IR (film) ν_{max} 694, 757, 1376, 1547, 2918 cm^{-1} ; Chiral HPLC: Chiralcel OJ, 0.46 cm \times 250 mm, *n*-hexane/2-propanol 80/20, flow rate 0.5 mL/min, UV 230 nm): $t_{\text{R}} = 25.5$ min (major), 33.7 min (minor).

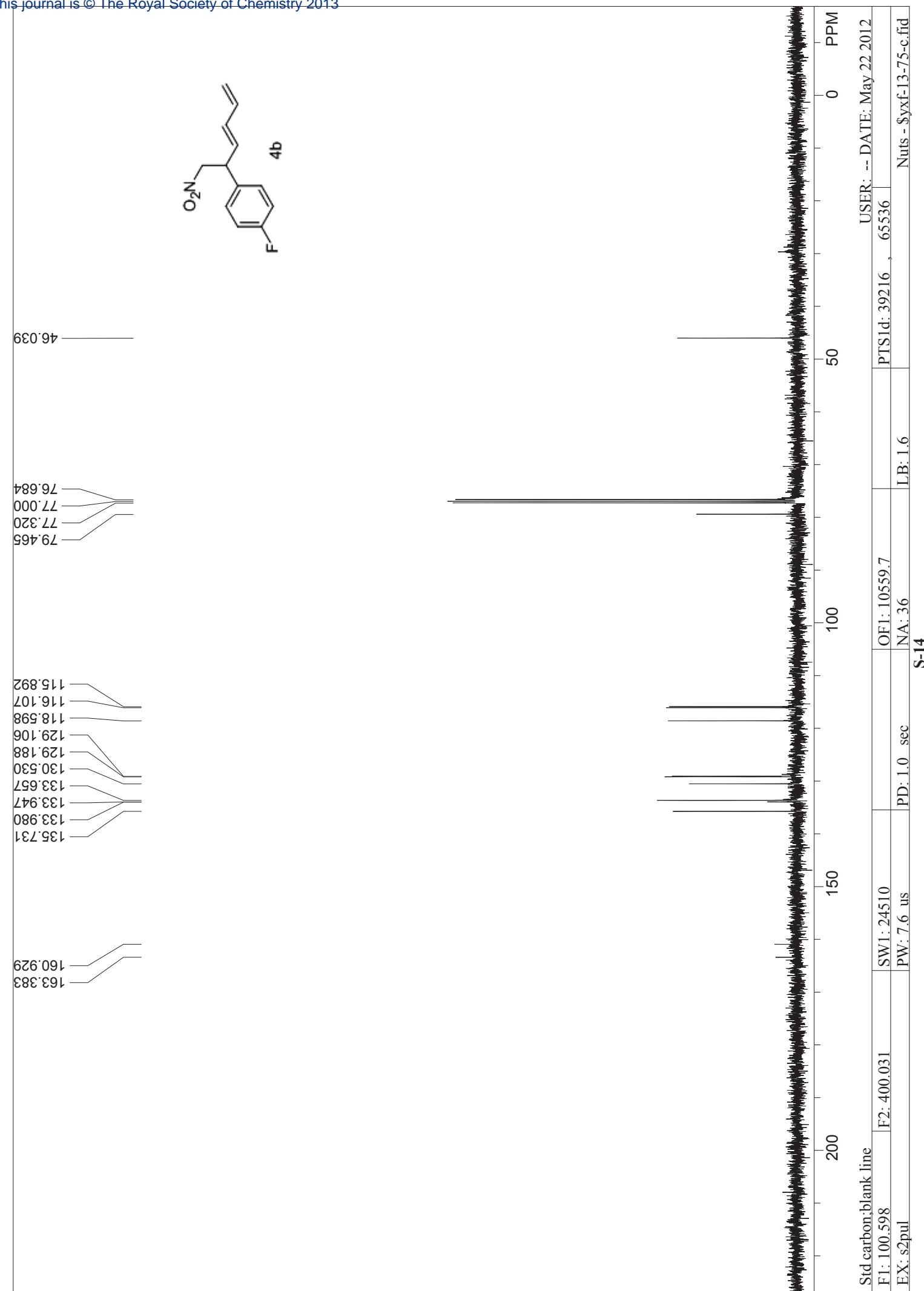


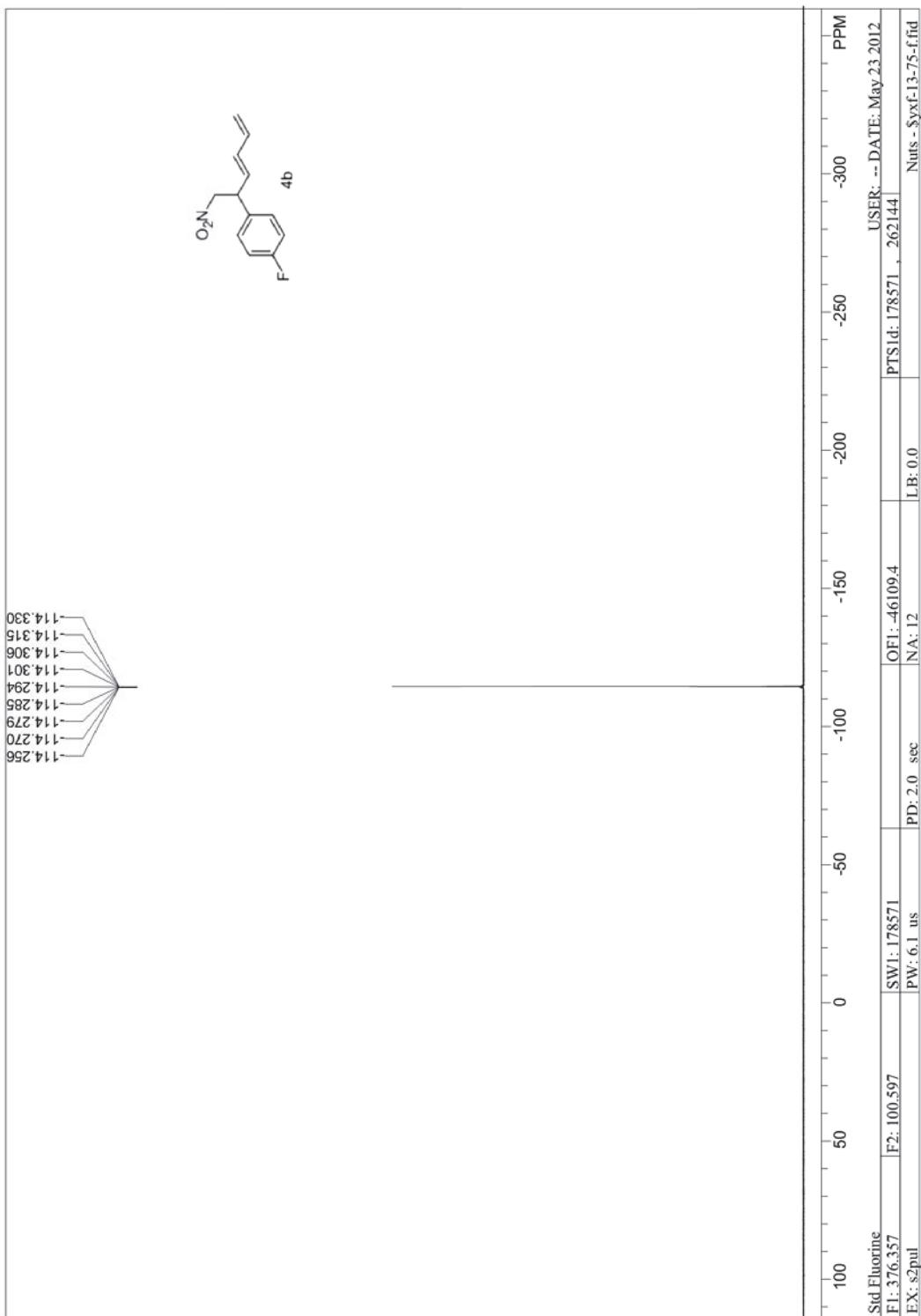


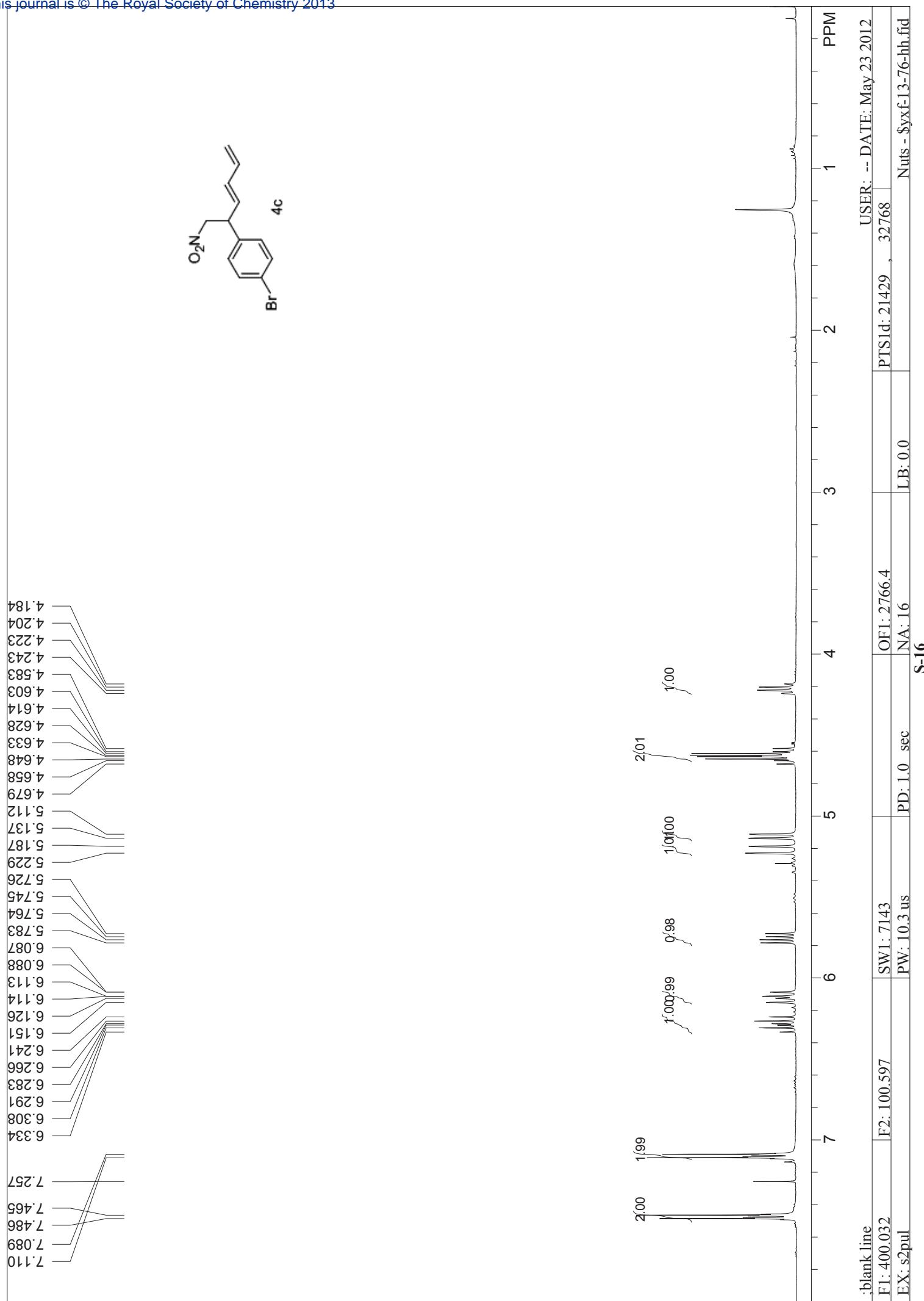


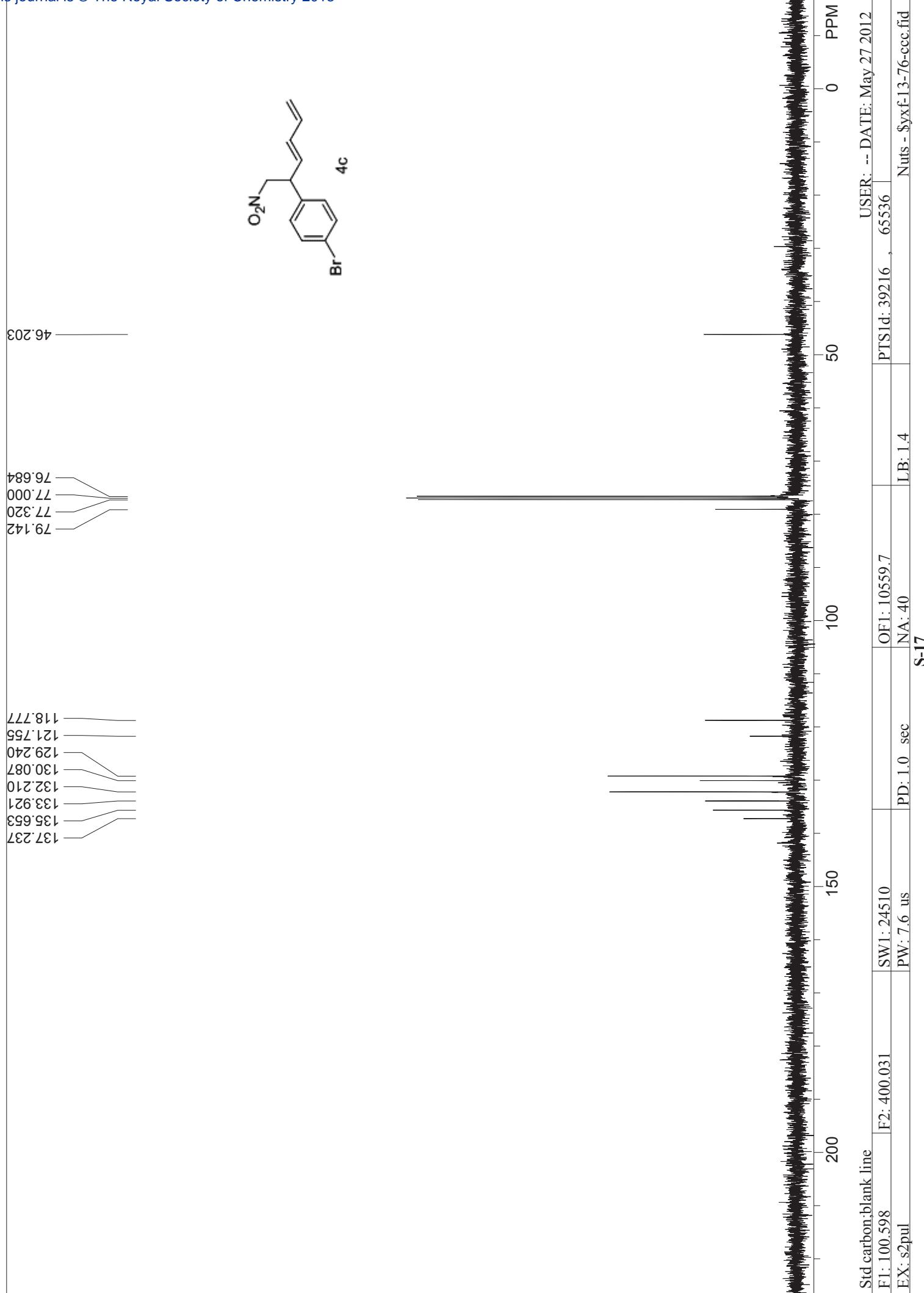
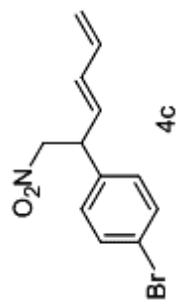


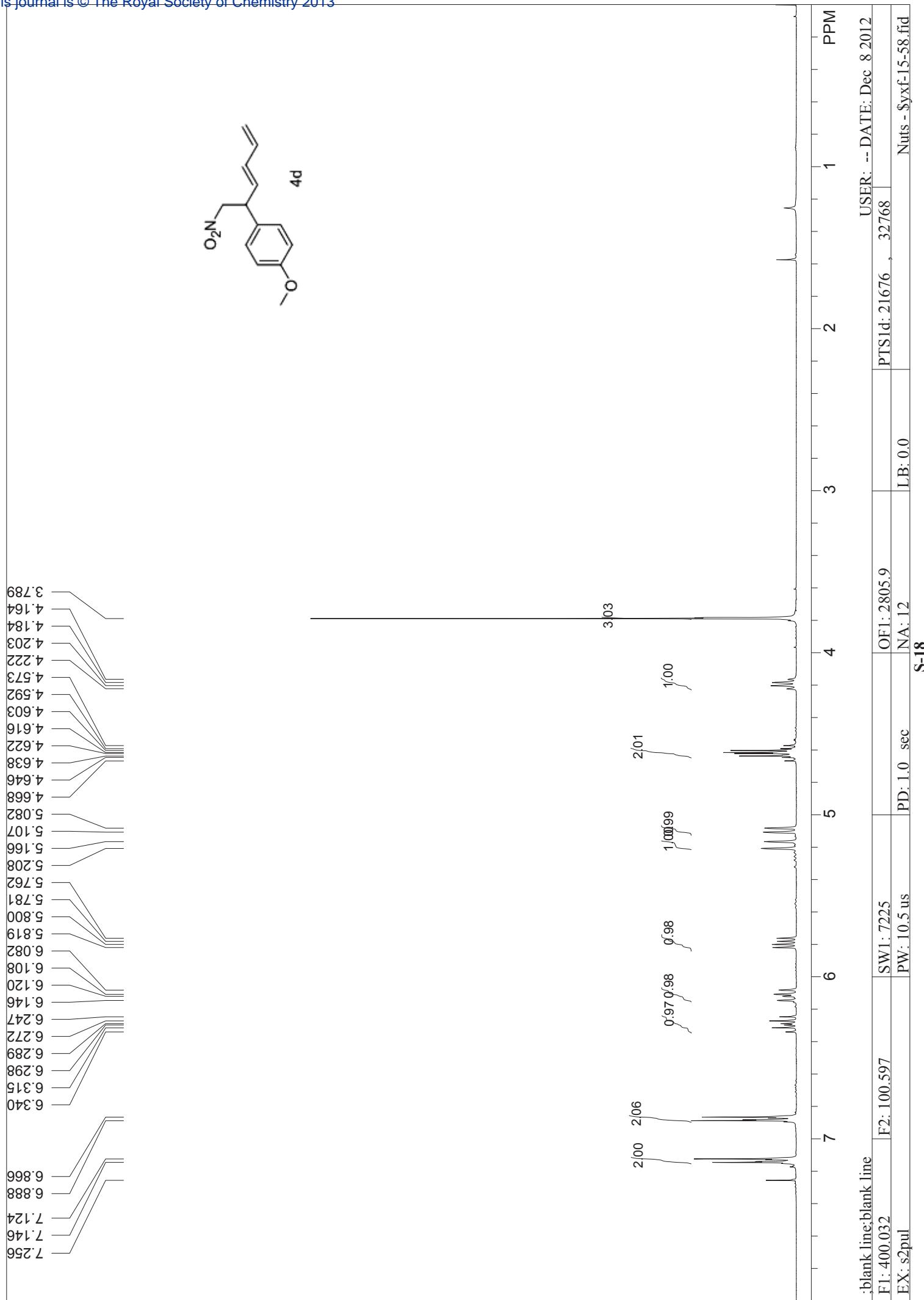
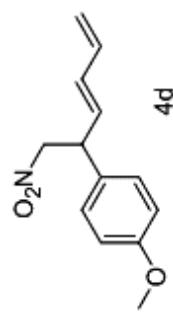


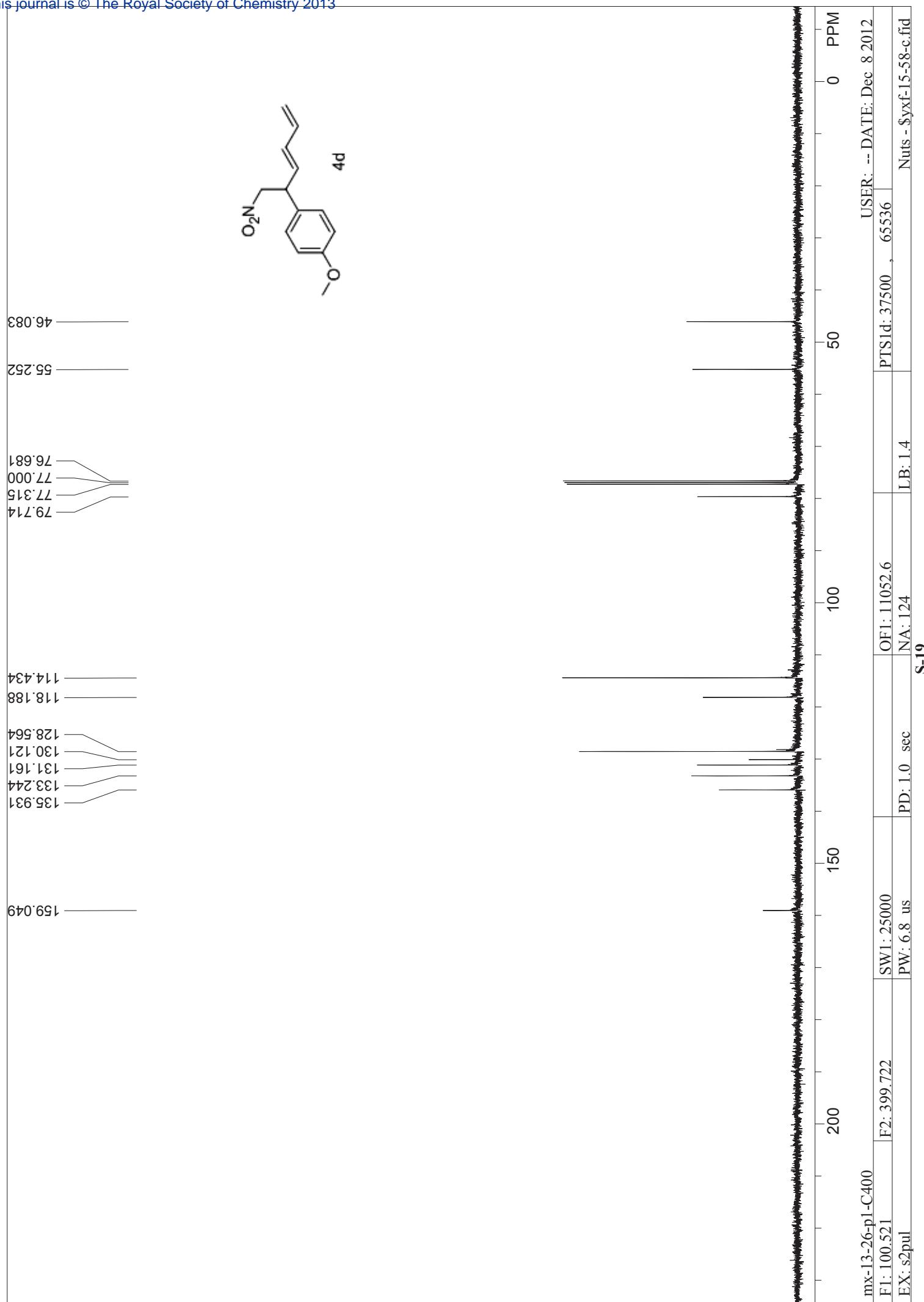


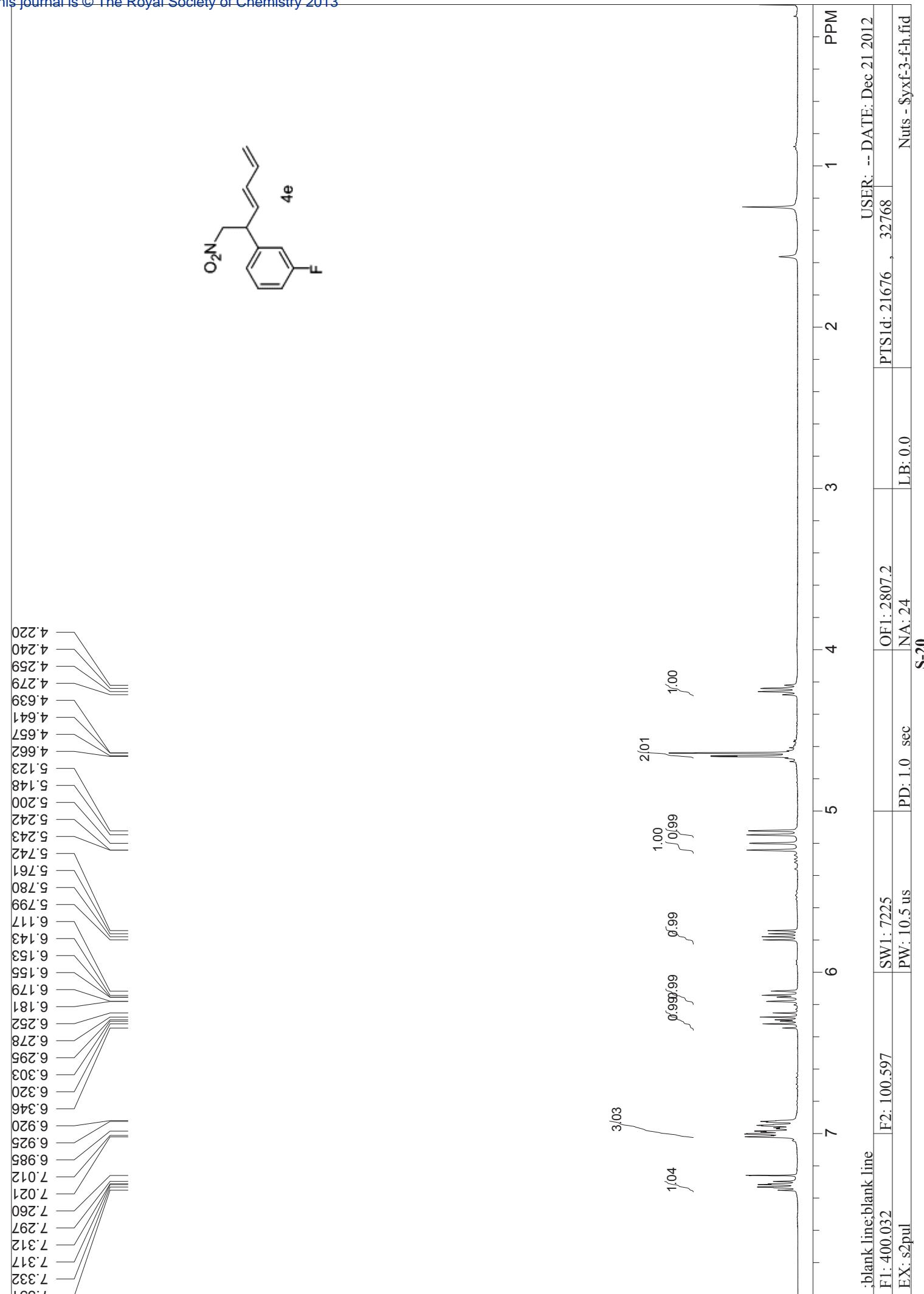


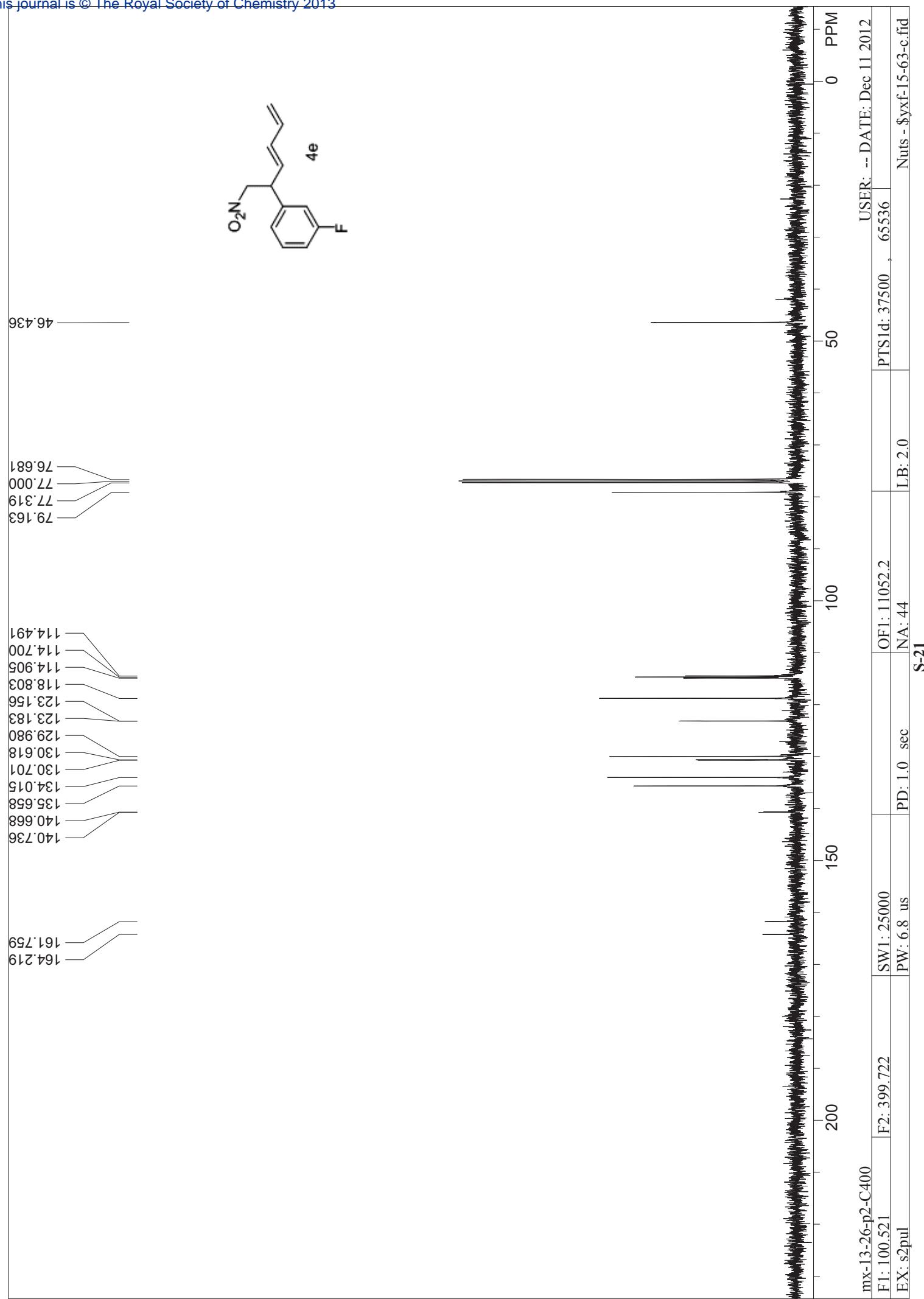


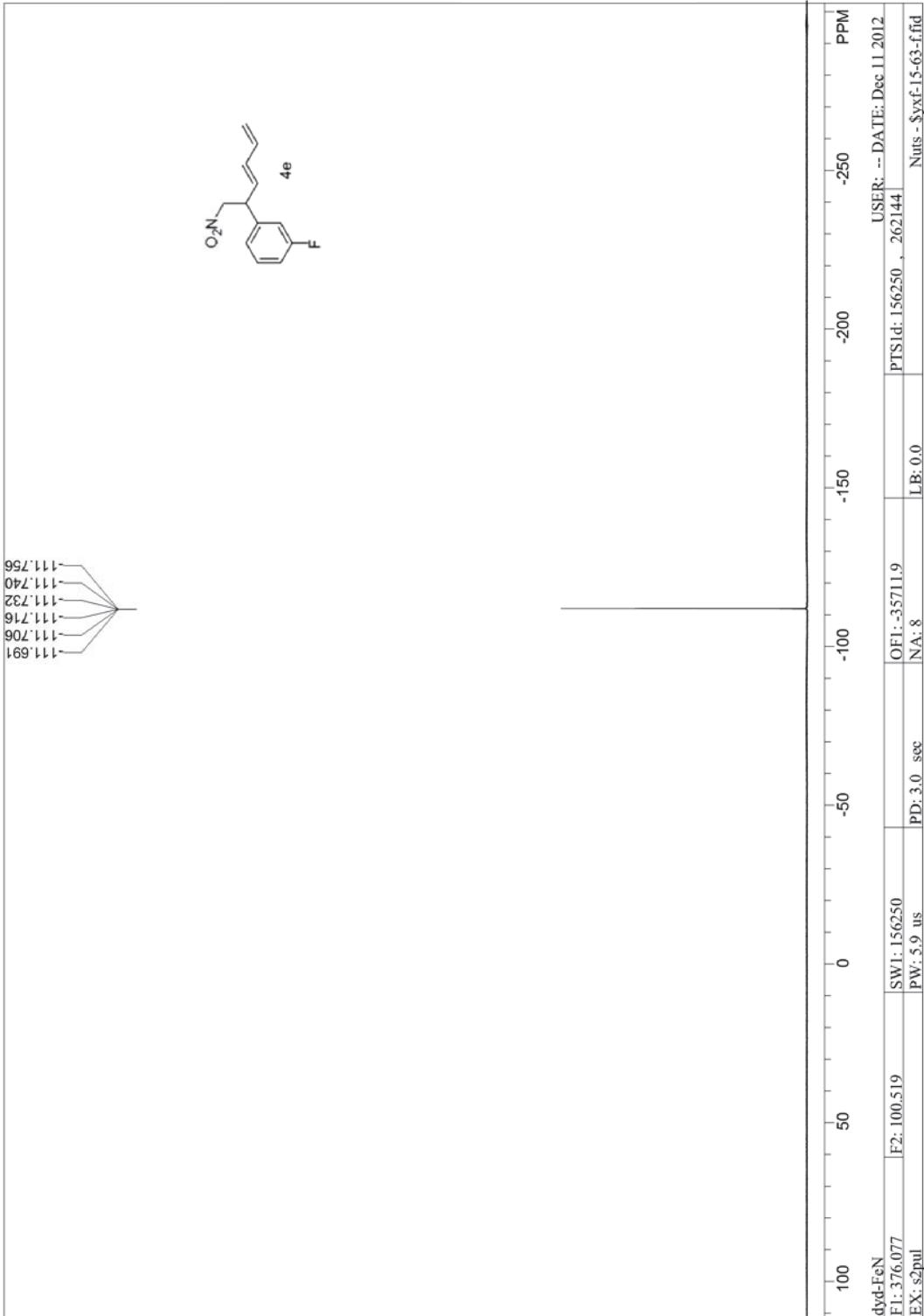


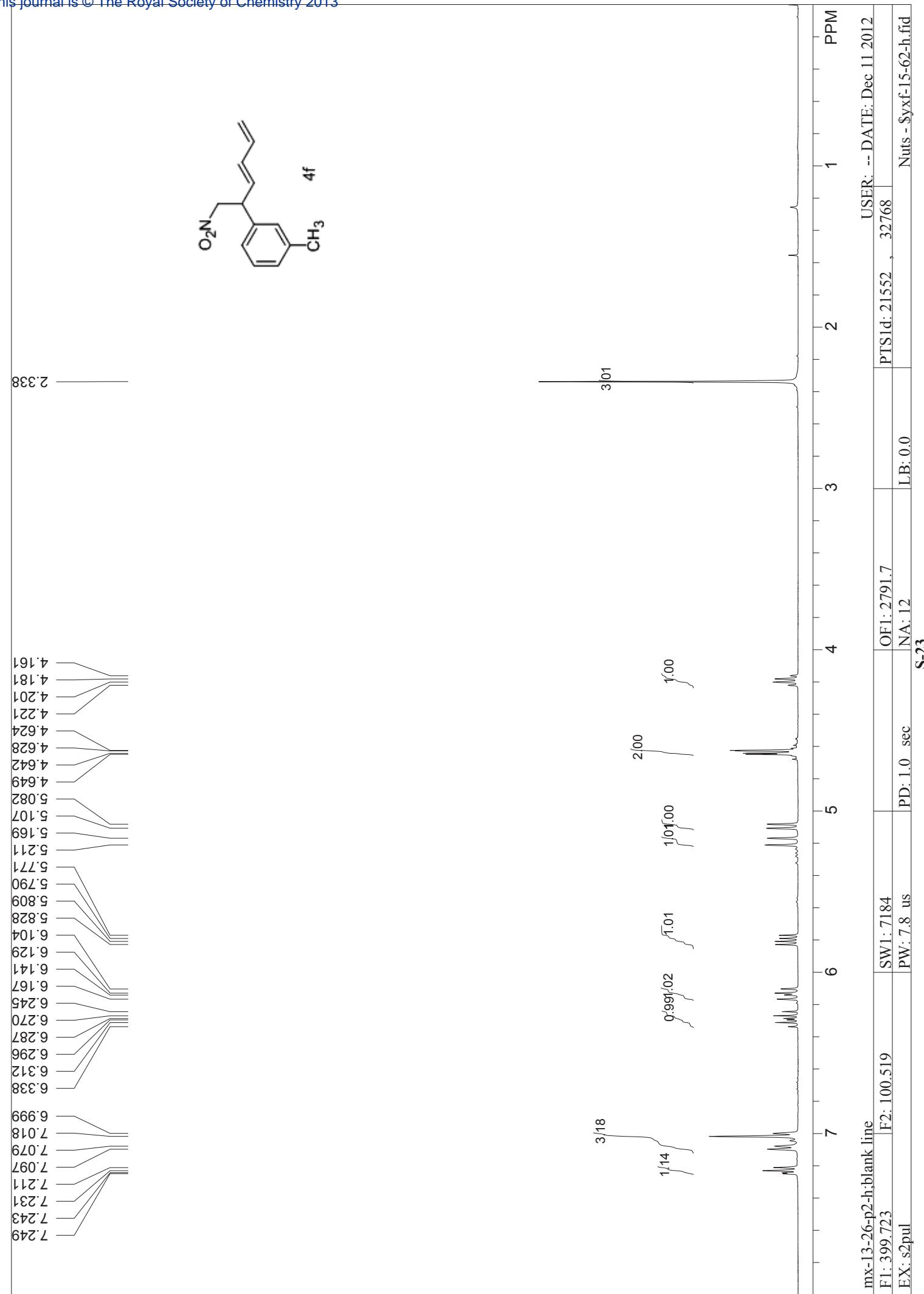


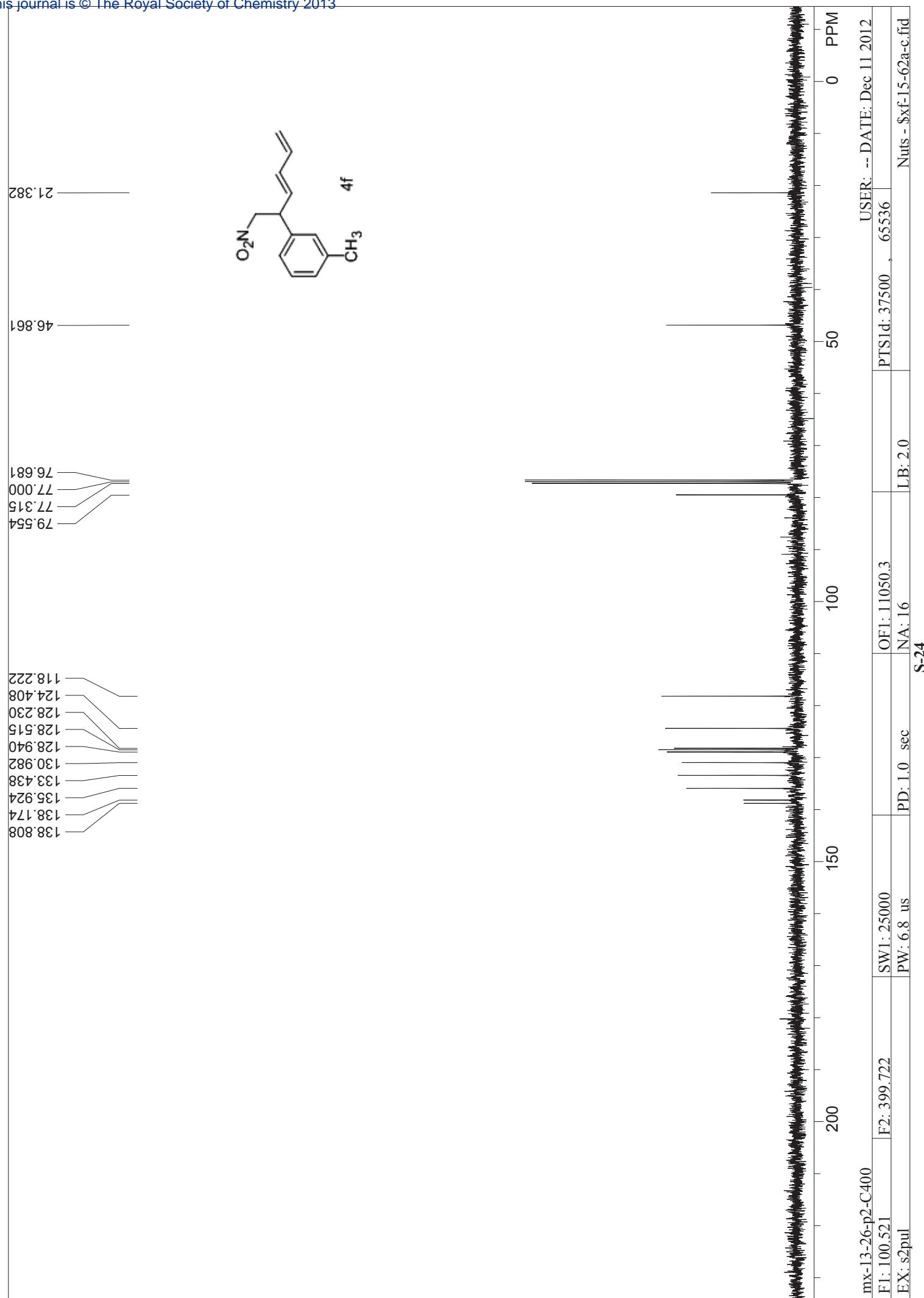


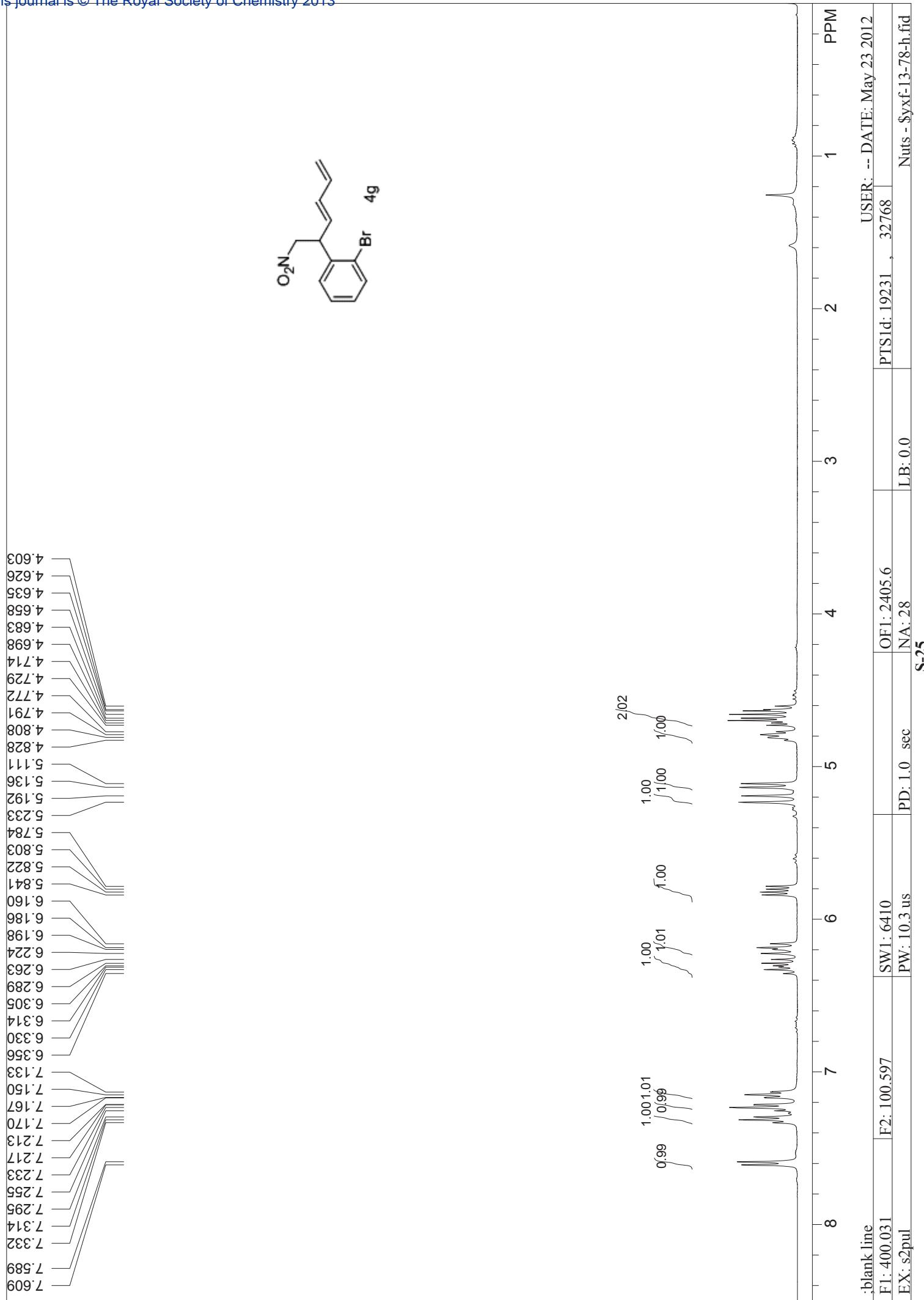
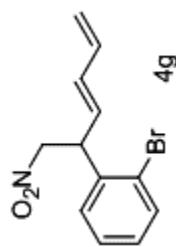


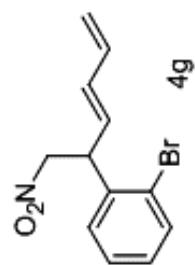




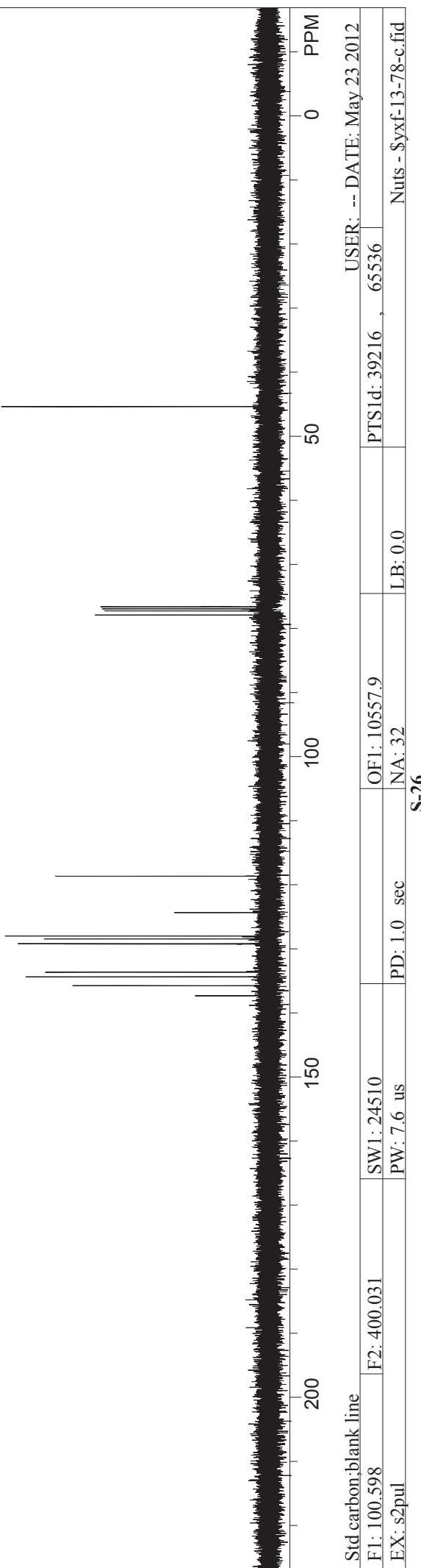


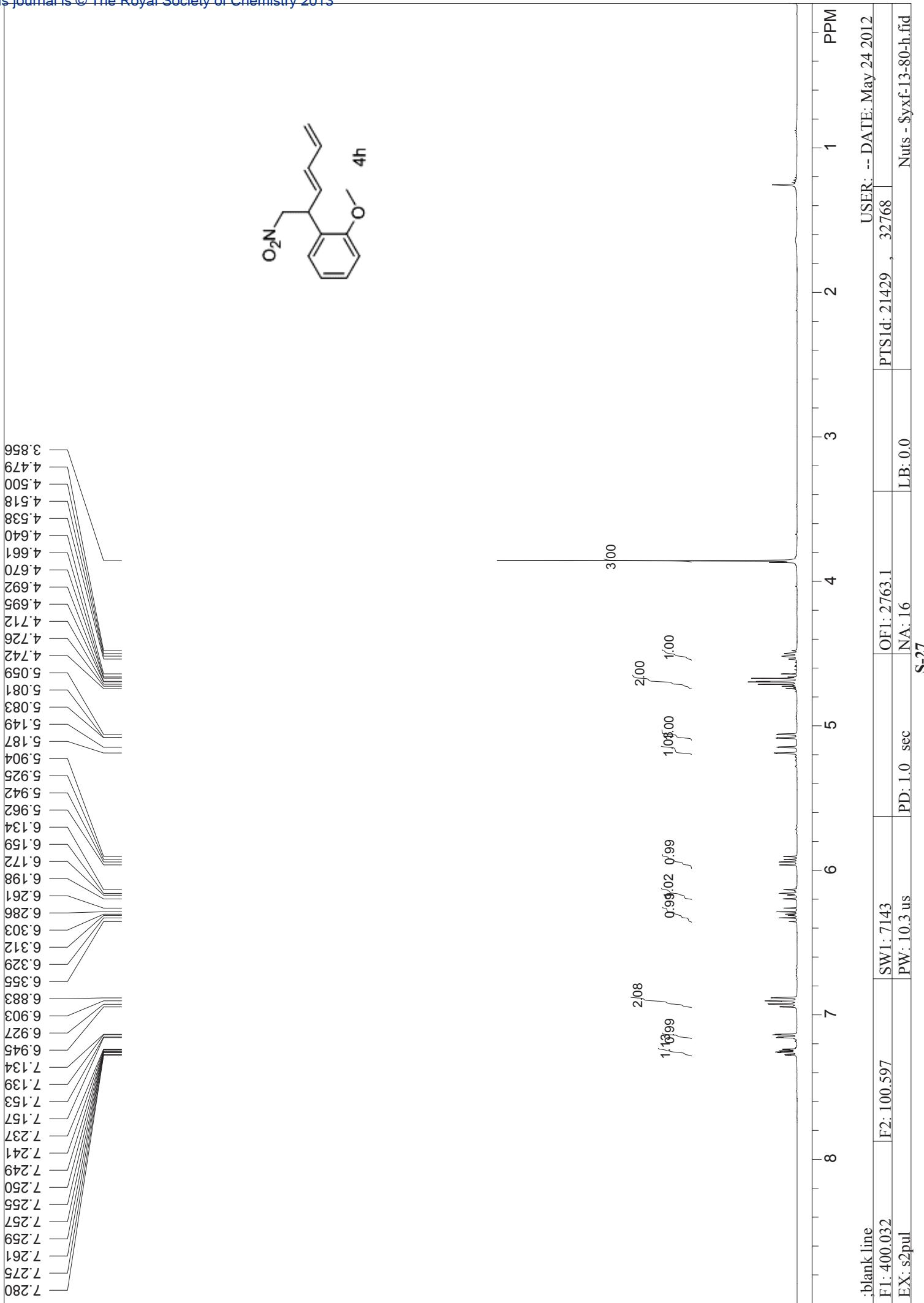


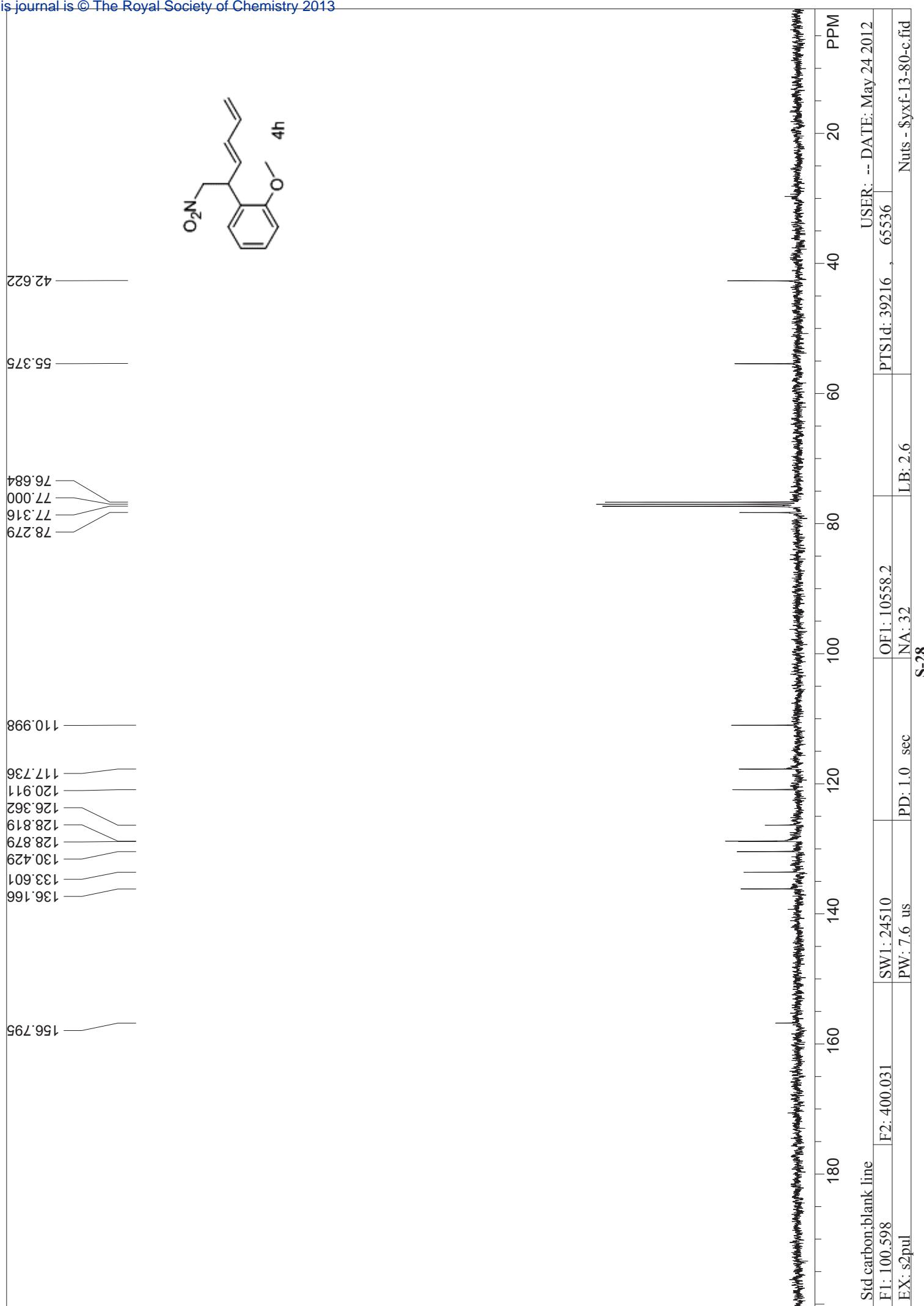


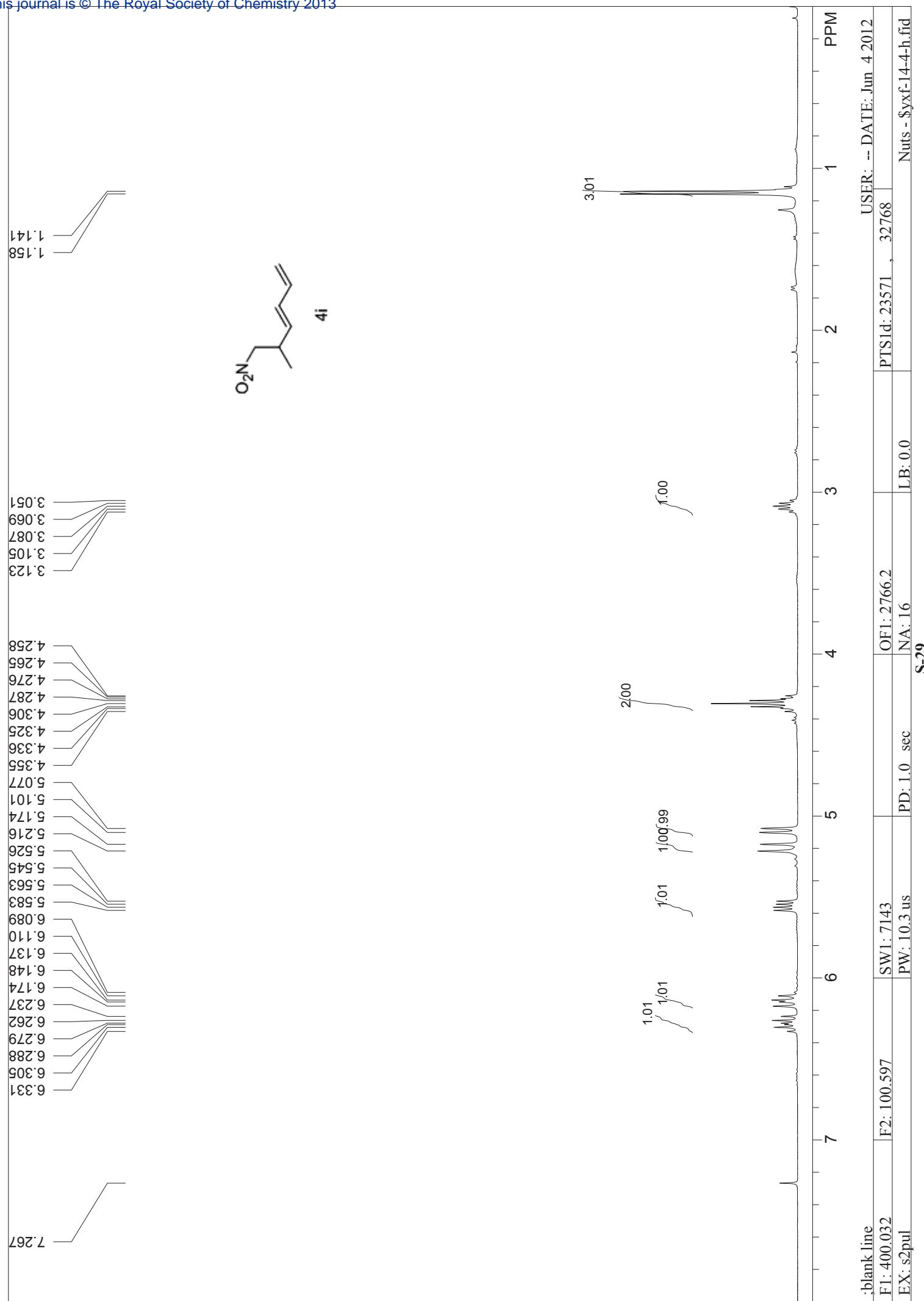


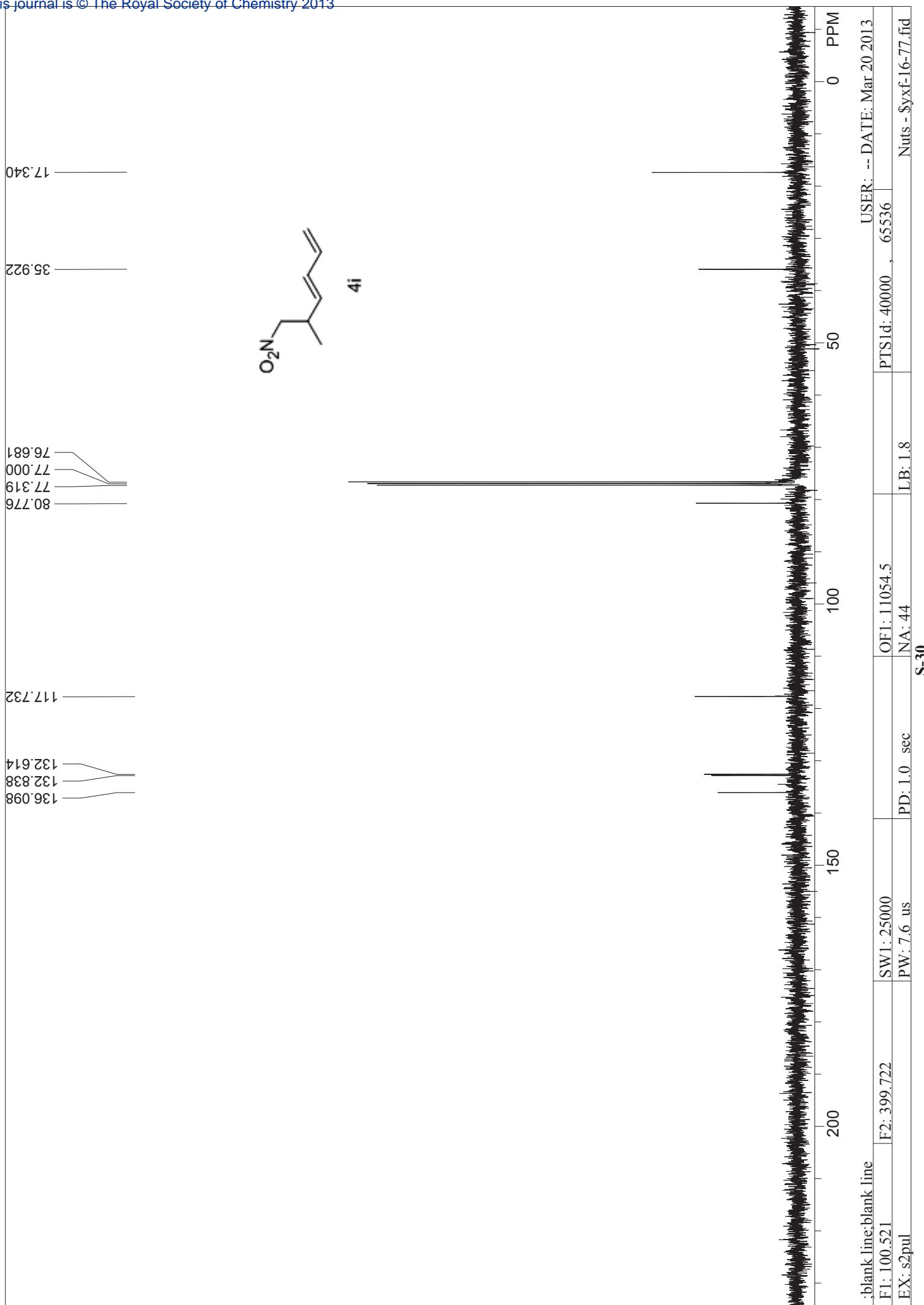
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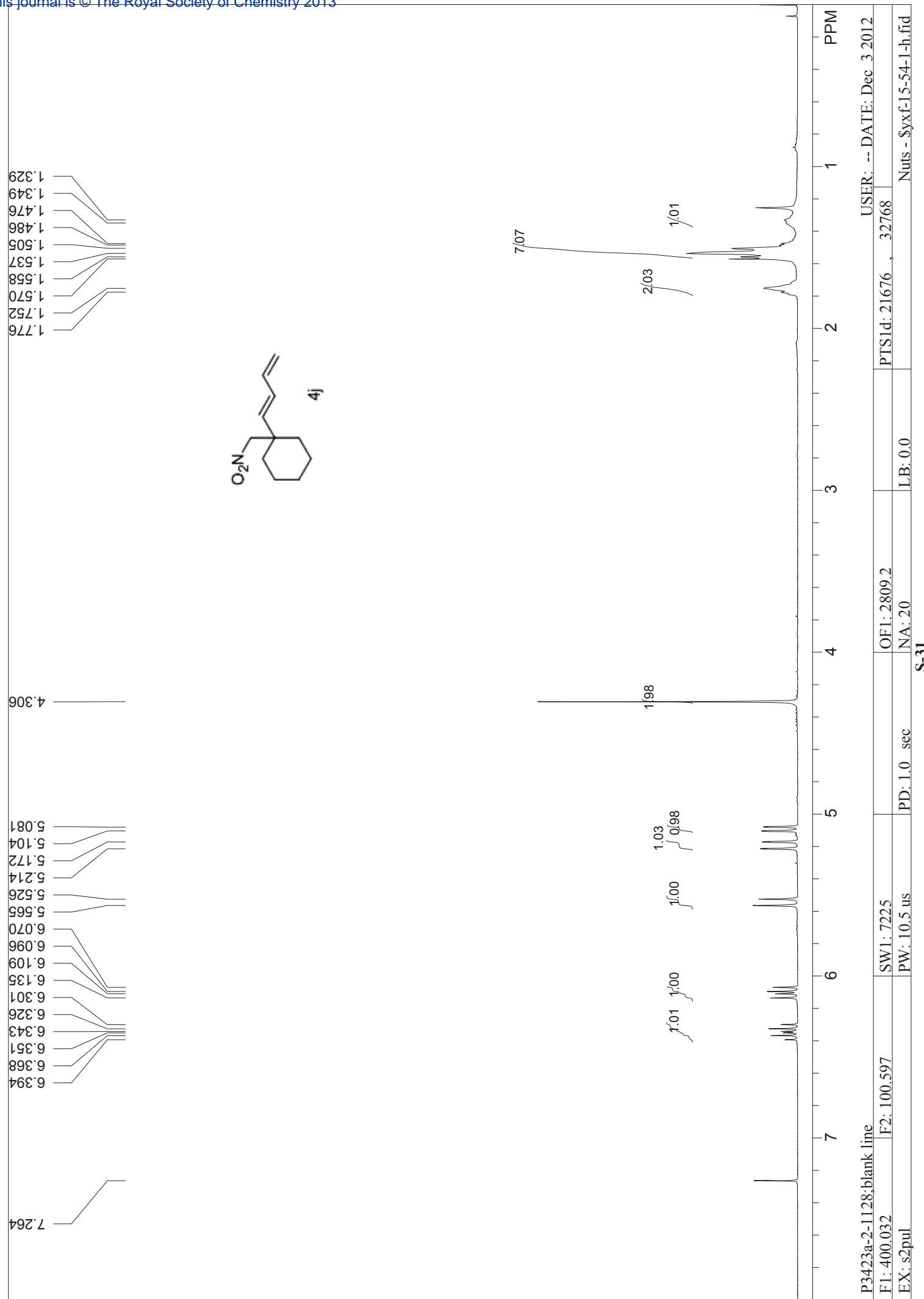


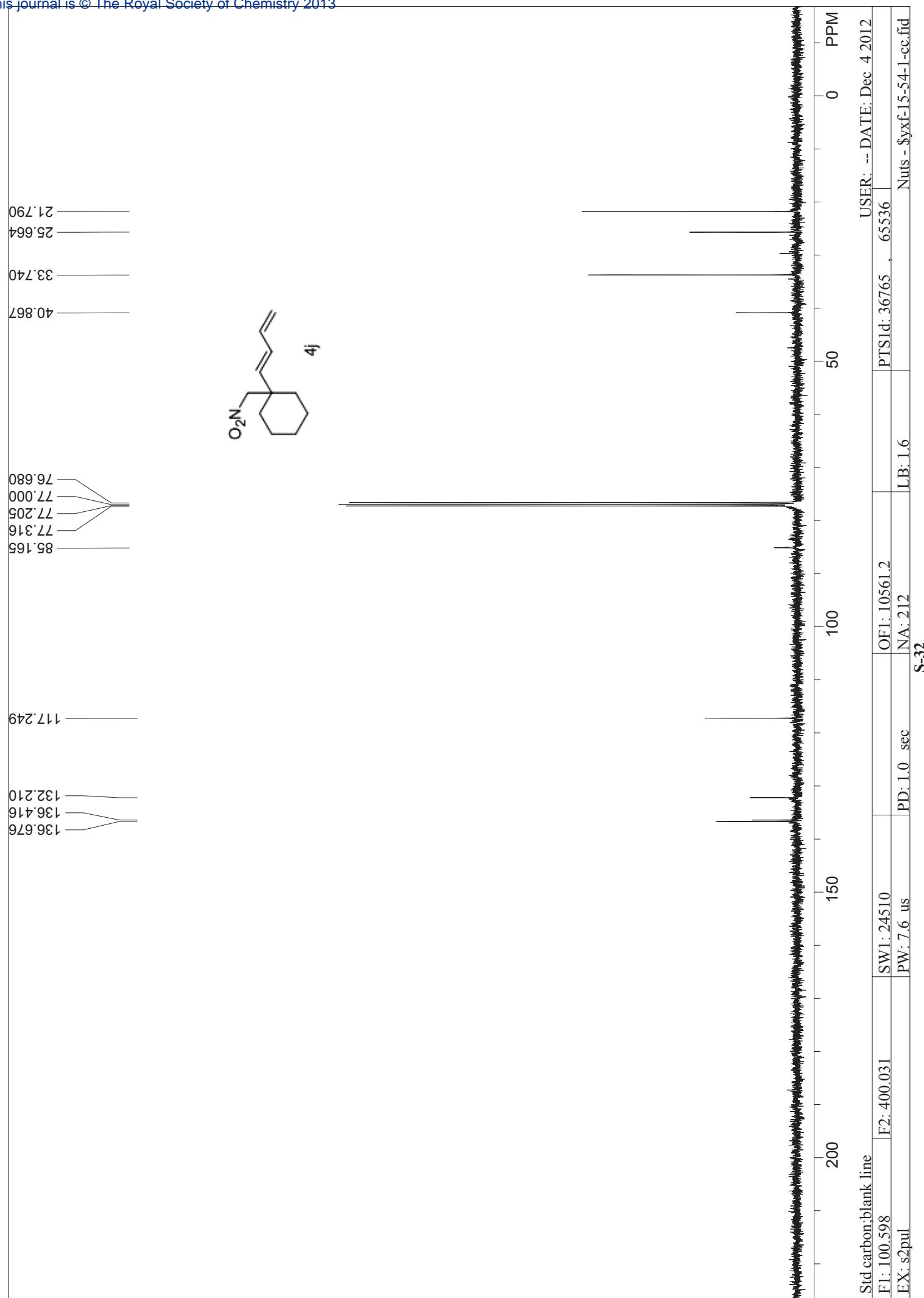


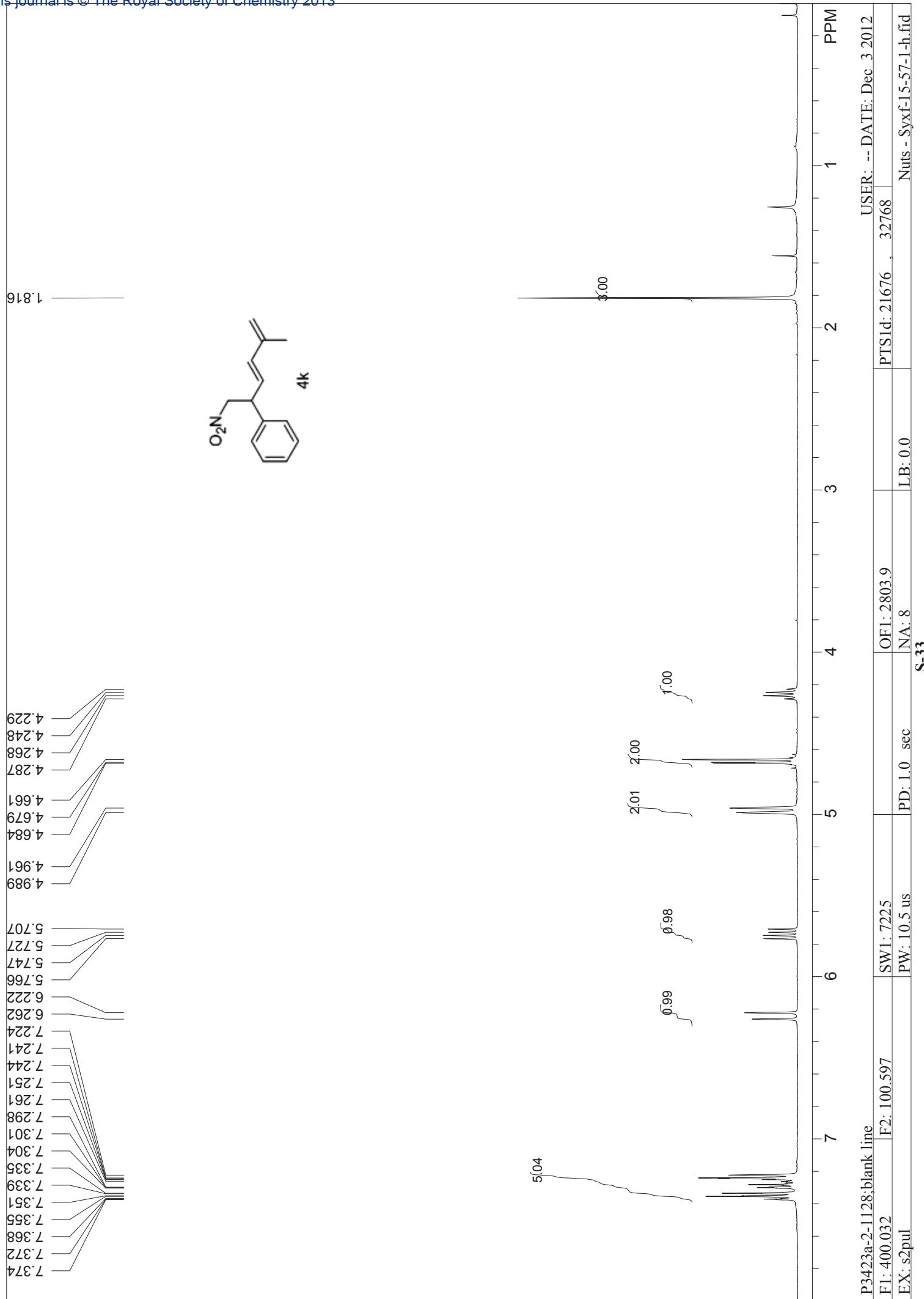


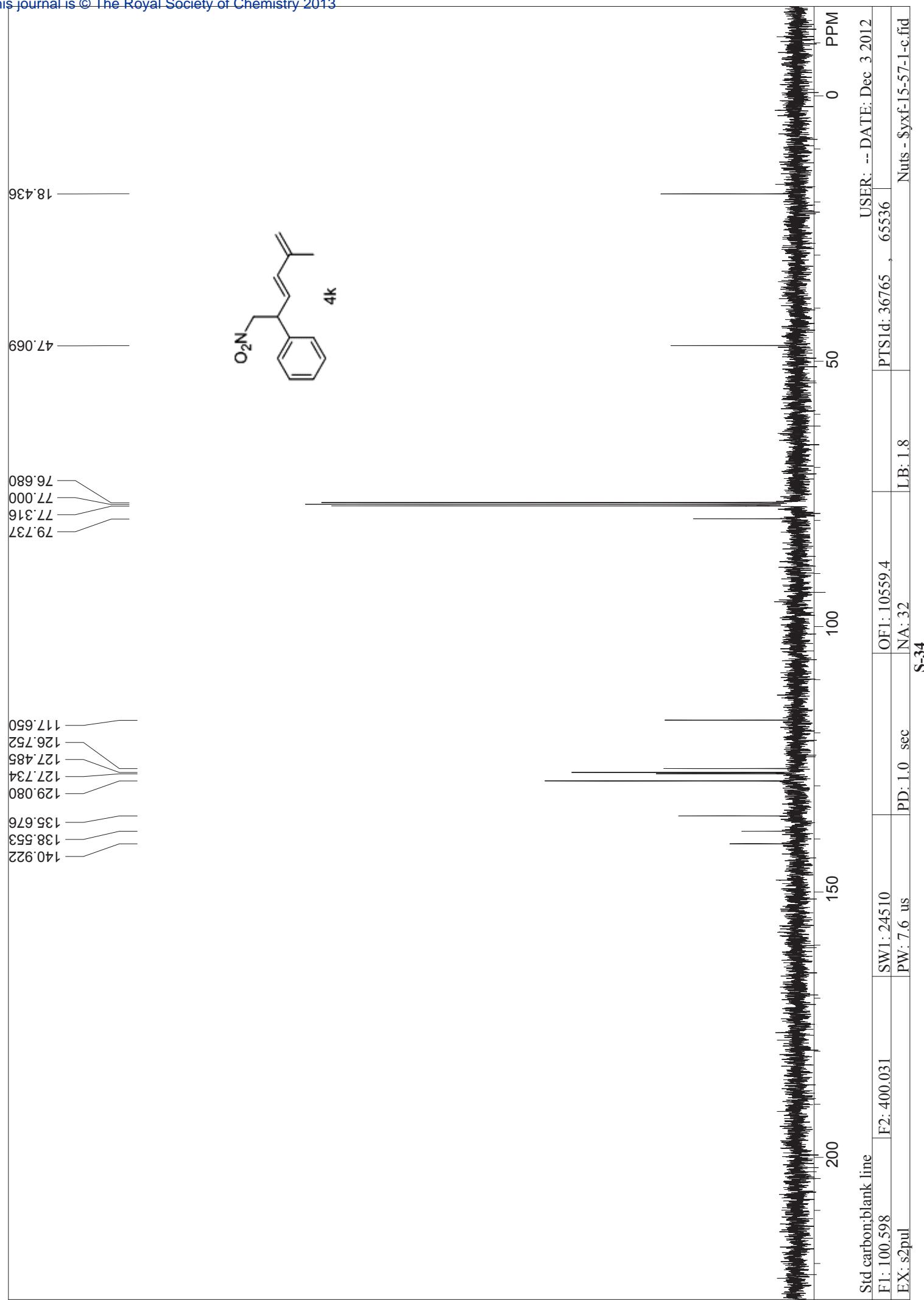


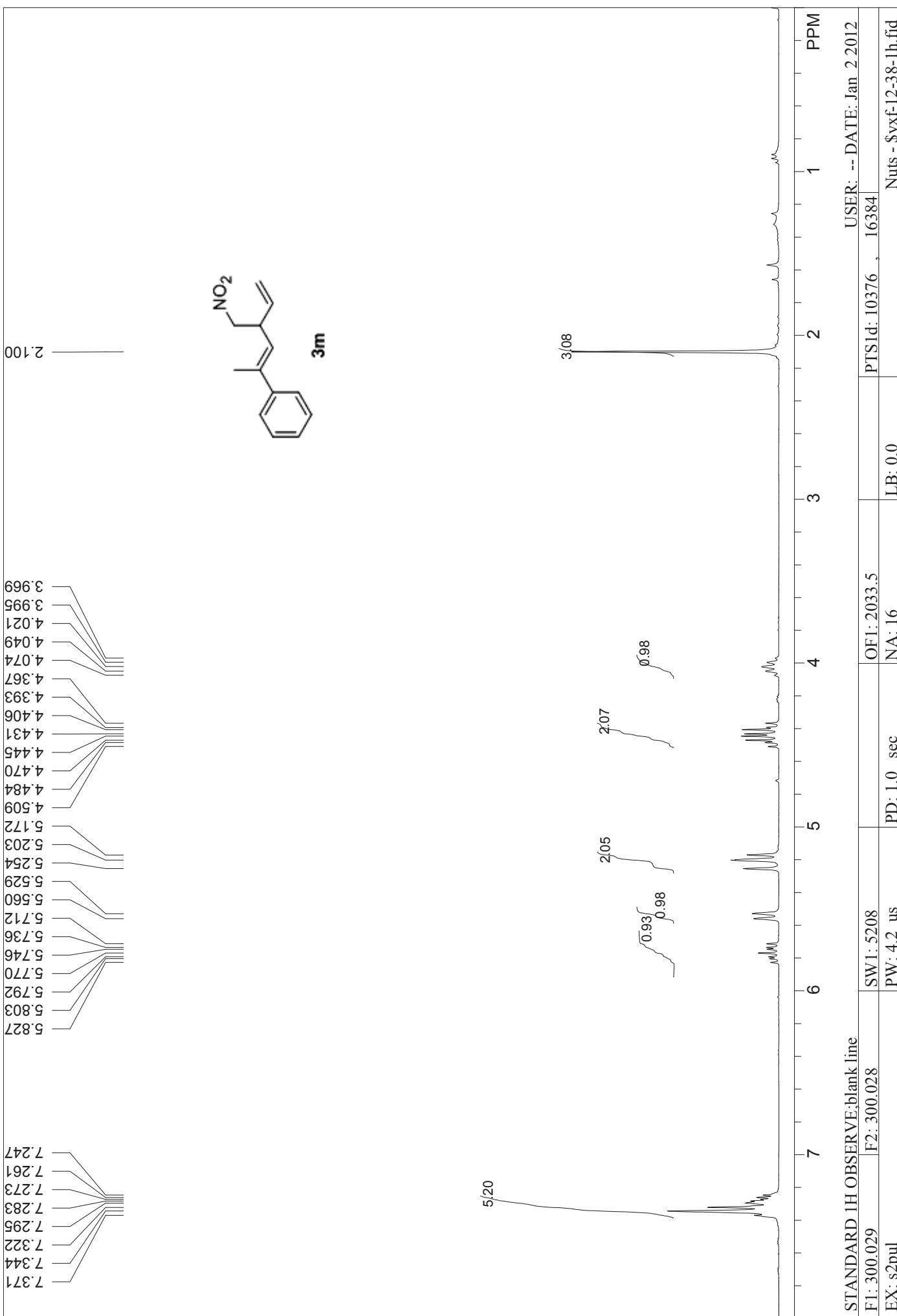


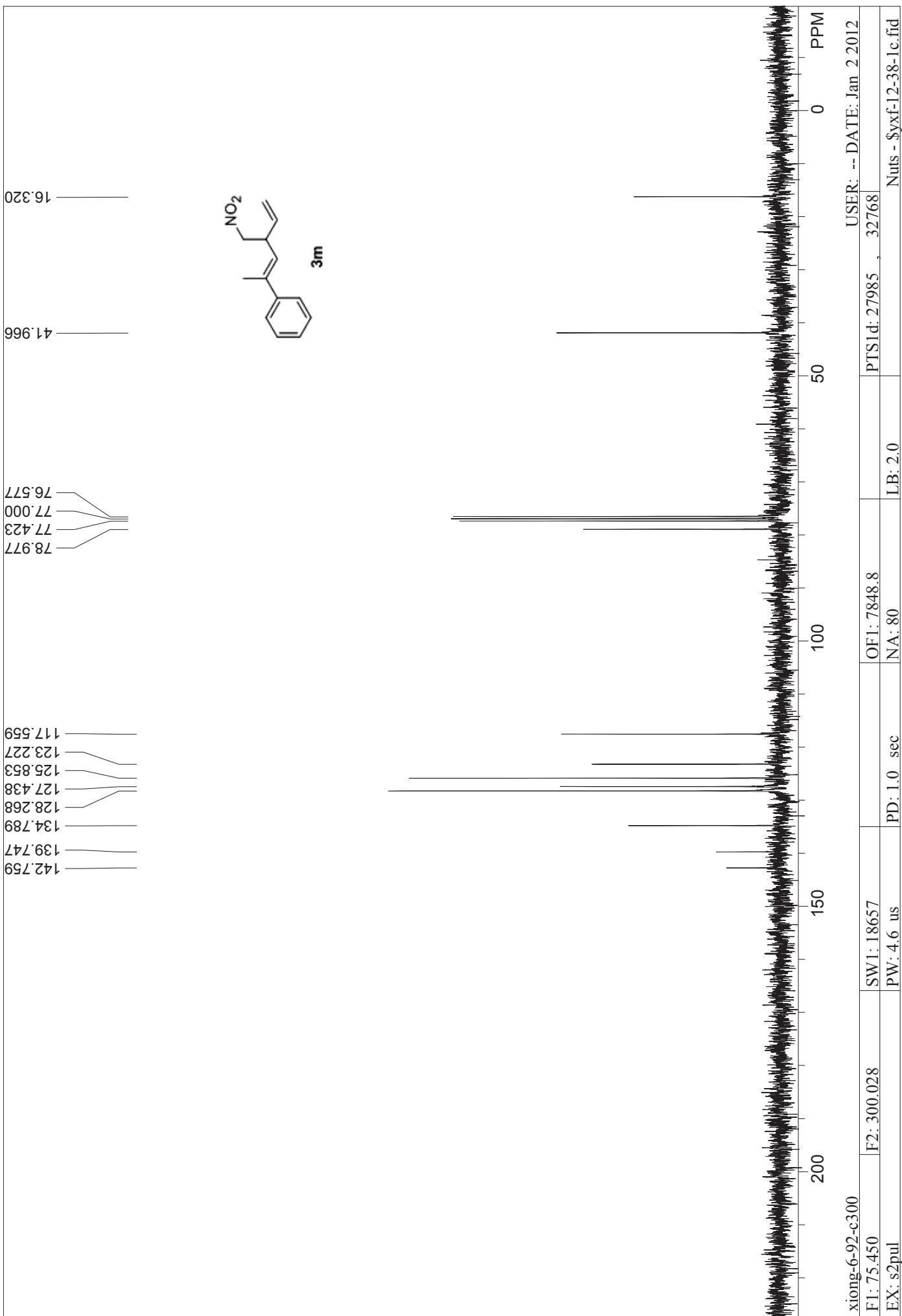












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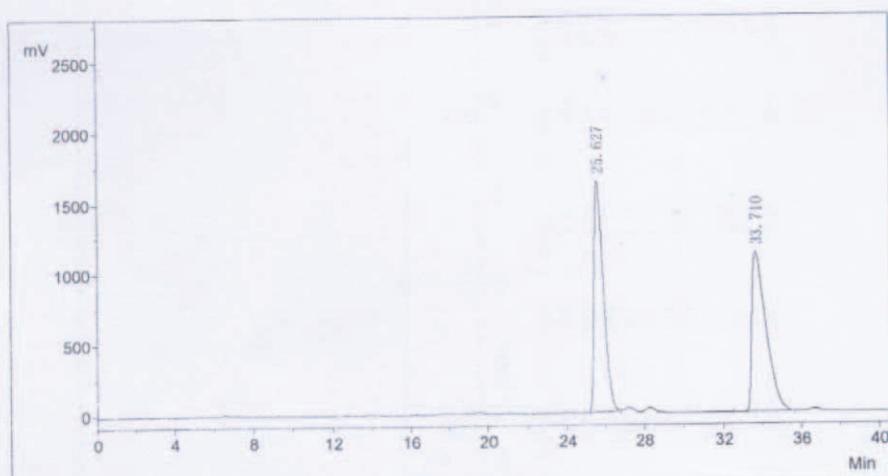
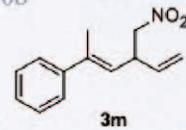
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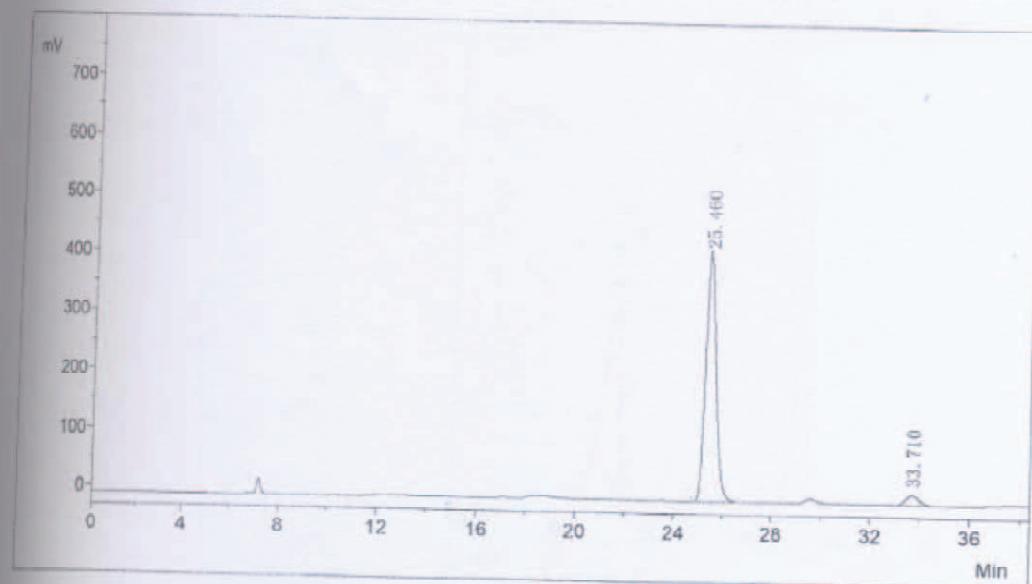
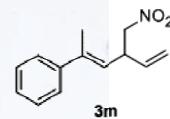
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