

Total synthesis of siphonazole and its *O*-methyl derivative, structurally unusual bis-oxazole natural products

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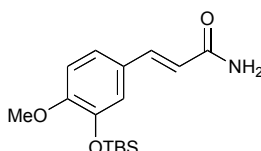
ELECTRONIC SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

Experimental details for compounds 4 , 5 , 9 – 14 , 20 , 21 , 2,4-pentadienylamine	ESI 2
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Methyl 2-diazo-3-oxobutanoate

Prepared by the literature method.¹

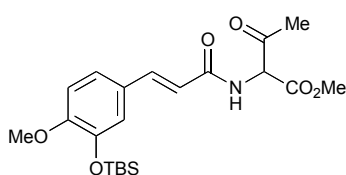
(E)-3-(3-*tert*-Butyldimethylsiloxy-4-methoxyphenyl)acrylamide **4a**



3-Hydroxy-4-methoxycinnamic acid **3a** (5.0 g, 25.7 mmol) was dissolved in DMF (30 mL), *tert*-butyldimethylchlorosilane (8.92 g, 59.2 mmol) and imidazole (7.30 g, 111 mmol) were added and the mixture stirred at room temperature for 20 h. The mixture was poured into water (50 mL), extracted with ether (2 × 100 mL), dried (MgSO₄) and the solvent removed under reduced pressure. The residue was dissolved in dichloromethane (80 mL), cooled to 0 °C and treated with oxalyl chloride (2.6 mL, 30.8 mmol) and DMF (2 drops). The mixture was stirred for 1 h at this temperature before ammonia (gas) was bubbled through for 45 min. Saturated aqueous sodium hydrogen carbonate (40 mL) was added, the layers separated and the aqueous layer extracted with dichloromethane (2 × 50 mL), the combined organic layers dried (MgSO₄) and the solvent removed *in vacuo*. Purification by chromatography (light petroleum: ethyl acetate 1:1 + 0.5% triethylamine) gave the *title compound 4a* as a colourless solid (6.5 g, 82%); *R*_f = 0.22 (light petroleum: ethyl acetate 1:1); mp 161-163 °C; (Found: C, 62.4; H, 8.1; N, 4.5. C₁₆H₂₅NO₃Si requires C, 62.5; H, 8.2; N, 4.6%); (Found: MH⁺, 308.1683. C₁₆H₂₆NO₃Si requires 308.1676); *v*_{max} (CHCl₃)/cm⁻¹ 3528, 3412 2931, 1676, 1628, 1587, 1376, 1275, 1139, 983; *δ*_H (400 MHz; CDCl₃) 7.51 (1H, d, *J* 15.6, ArCH=CH), 7.06 (1H, dd, *J* 8.3, 2.1, ArH-6), 7.02 (1H, d, *J* 2.1, ArH-2), 6.80 (1H, d, *J* 8.3, ArH-5), 6.29 (1H, d, *J* 15.6, ArCH=CH), 6.11 (1H, s, NH₂), 5.86 (1H, s, NH₂), 3.81 (3H, s, OMe), 0.99

(9H, s, CMe₃), 0.14 (6H, s, SiMe); δ_C (100 MHz; CDCl₃) 168.5 (C), 152.7 (C), 145.1 (C), 142.1 (CH), 127.5 (C), 122.8 (CH), 119.6 (CH), 117.3 (CH), 111.7 (CH), 55.4 (Me), 25.6 (Me), 18.4 (C), -4.7 (Me); m/z (ESI⁺) 308 (MH⁺, 100%).

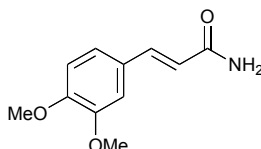
(E)-3-Methyl 2-((3-*tert*-butyldimethylsiloxy 4-methoxyphenyl)acrylamido)-3-oxobutanoate 5a



A solution of (*E*)-3-(3-*tert*-butyldimethylsiloxy-4-methoxyphenyl)acrylamide **4a** (2.0 g, 6.40 mmol) and dirhodium tetraacetate (71.0 mg, 0.20 mmol, 2.50 mol%) in dry dichloromethane (25 mL) was heated to reflux. A solution of methyl 2-diazo-3-oxobutanoate (1.50 g, 10.3 mmol) in dichloromethane (5 mL) was then added *via* syringe pump over a 16 h period. After the addition was complete the reaction mixture was heated under reflux for a further 4 h. After removal of the solvent under reduced pressure, and purification by chromatography (eluting ethyl acetate/light petroleum 2/3), the *title compound* **5a** was obtained as a colourless oil (2.40 g, 90%); R_f = 0.68 (light petroleum: ethyl acetate 2:3); (Found: MH⁺, 422.1993. C₂₁H₃₂NO₆Si requires 422.1998); ν_{\max} (CHCl₃)/cm⁻¹ 3416, 2939, 1756, 1729, 1668, 1626, 1491, 1361, 1275, 1137, 1031; δ_H (400 MHz; CDCl₃) 7.53 (1H, d, J 15.6, ArCH=CH), 7.08 (1H, dd, J 8.3, 2.1, ArH-6), 7.04 (1H, d, J 2.1, ArH-2), 6.82 (1H, d, J 8.3, ArH-5), 6.72 (1H, d, J 6.4, NH), 6.33 (1H, d, J 15.6, ArCH=CH), 5.40 (1H, d, J 6.4, CH), 3.84 (3H, s, OMe), 3.83 (3H, s, OMe), 2.43 (3H, s, Me), 1.01 (9H, s, CMe₃), 0.17 (6H, s, SiMe₂); δ_C (100 MHz; CDCl₃) 198.7 (C), 166.7 (C), 165.7 (C), 152.9 (C), 145.1 (CH), 142.4 (C), 127.4 (C), 123.0

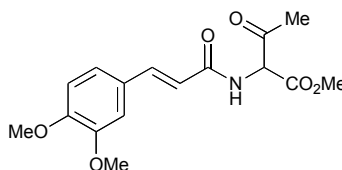
(CH), 119.6 (CH), 116.6 (CH), 111.7 (CH), 63.1 (C), 55.4 (Me), 53.4 (Me), 28.1 (Me), 25.7 (Me), 18.4 (C), -4.6 (Me); m/z (ESI⁺) 444 (MNa⁺, 100%), 422 (MH⁺, 31%), 291 (100%).

(*E*)-3-(3,4-Dimethoxyphenyl)acrylamide **4b**



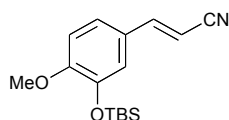
To a solution of 3,4-dimethoxycinnamic acid **3b** (10.0 g, 48.0 mmol) in THF (150 mL) was added triethylamine (14.7 mL, 111 mmol) and the solution cooled to 0 °C. A solution of ethyl chloroformate (10.6 mL, 111 mmol) in THF (25 mL) was added and the mixture stirred for 15 min. Aqueous ammonium hydroxide (30% in water; 40 mL) in THF (25 mL) was then added dropwise over 5 min. After 15 min, the reaction mixture was warmed to room temperature and stirred for a further 18 h. The solvent was evaporated to give a pale yellow solid. The crude product was dissolved in dichloromethane and washed with water and brine, dried (MgSO₄) and the solvent was evaporated under reduced pressure to give the *title compound* as a colourless solid (3.60 g, 36%); mp 162-164 °C (lit.,² mp 166.5 °C); (Found: C, 63.5; H, 6.3; N, 6.8. C₁₁H₁₃NO₃ requires C, 63.8; H, 6.3; N, 6.8%); (Found: MH⁺, 208.0978. C₁₁H₁₄NO₃ requires 208.0968); ν_{\max} (CHCl₃)/cm⁻¹ 3528, 3412, 2953, 1678, 1620, 1464, 1378, 1268, 1139, 1025; δ_{H} (400 MHz; DMSO-*d*₆) 7.45 (1H, br s), 7.37 (1H, d, *J* 15.8), 7.16 (1H, d, *J* 1.9), 7.10 (1H, dd, *J* 8.3, 1.9), 7.04 (1H, br s), 6.96 (1H, d, *J* 8.3), 6.51 (1H, d, *J* 15.8), 3.79 (3H, s), 3.77 (3H, s); δ_{C} (100 MHz; DMSO-*d*₆) 167.0 (C), 150.0 (C), 148.8 (C), 139.3 (CH), 127.6 (C), 121.4 (CH), 119.9 (CH), 111.6 (CH), 109.9 (CH), 55.4 (Me), 55.4 (Me); m/z (ESI⁺) 208 (MH⁺, 100 %).

(E)-Methyl 2-(-3-(3,4-dimethoxyphenyl)acrylamido)-3-oxobutanoate 5b



A solution of (*E*)-3-(3,4-dimethoxyphenyl)acrylamide **4b** (6.30 g, 30.4 mmol) and dirhodium tetraacetate (336 mg, 0.76 mmol, 2.50 mol%) in dry dichloromethane (60 mL) was heated to reflux. A solution of methyl 2-diazo-3-oxobutanoate (6.90 g, 48.6 mmol) in dichloromethane (15 mL) was then added *via* syringe pump over a 16 h period. After the addition was complete the reaction mixture was heated under reflux for a further 4 h. After removal of the solvent under reduced pressure, and purification by chromatography (eluting with ethyl acetate/light petroleum 3/2), the *title compound* **5b** was obtained as a light yellow solid (9.30 g, 95%); $R_f = 0.28$ (light petroleum: ethyl acetate 2:3); mp 46-48 °C; (Found: MH^+ , 322.1270. $C_{16}H_{20}NO_6$ requires 322.1285); ν_{max} ($CHCl_3$)/ cm^{-1} 3418, 2957, 1757, 1728, 1688, 1626, 1464, 1359, 1140, 1025; δ_H (400 MHz; $CDCl_3$) 7.58 (1H, d, J 15.6, ArCH=CH), 7.08 (1H, dd, J 8.3, 1.8, ArH-6), 7.03 (1H, d, J 1.8, ArH-2), 6.85 (1H, d, J 8.3, ArH-5), 6.78 (1H, d, J 6.4, NH), 6.39 (1H, d, J 15.6, ArCH=CH), 5.40 (1H, d, J 6.4, CH), 3.91 (3H, s, OMe), 3.90 (3H, s, OMe), 3.84 (3H, s, OMe), 2.43 (3H, s, Me); δ_C (100 MHz; $CDCl_3$) 198.7 (C), 166.7 (C), 165.6 (C), 150.8 (C), 149.0 (C), 142.3 (CH), 127.3 (C), 122.3 (CH), 116.9 (CH), 110.9 (CH), 109.5 (CH), 63.1 (CH), 55.9 (Me), 55.8 (Me), 53.3 (Me), 28.0 (Me); m/z (ESI^+) 344 (MNa^+ , 83%), 322 (MH^+ , 25%), 191 (100%).

(E)-(3-*tert*-Butyldimethylsilane-4-methoxyphenyl) acrylonitrile 9a



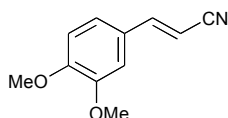
1,8-Diazabicyclo[5.4.0]undec-7-ene (3.70 mL, 24.5 mmol) and amide **4a** were dissolved in dichloromethane (25 mL) and stirred for 10 min at room temperature. Ethyl dichlorophosphate (1.70 mL, 14.6 mmol) was added and the mixture heated to reflux for 1 h. A solution of saturated aqueous ammonium chloride (10 mL) was added and the mixture stirred for further 10 min. The layers were separated, and the aqueous layer extracted with dichloromethane (20 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with brine (20 mL), dried (MgSO_4) and the solvent removed under reduced pressure. Chromatography (light petroleum/ethyl acetate 4/1) gave the *title compound* **9a** (1.10 g, 75%) as a colourless solid, $R_f = 0.72$ (light petroleum: ethyl acetate 1:1); mp 64-66 °C; (Found: MH^+ , 290.1577. $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{24}\text{NO}_2\text{Si}$ requires 290.1571); ν_{max} (CHCl_3)/ cm^{-1} 3011, 2934, 2218, 1598, 1512, 1431, 1274, 1139, 853; δ_{H} (400 MHz; CDCl_3) 7.27 (1H, d, J 16.6, $\text{ArCH}=\text{CH}$), 7.02 (1H, dd, J 8.3, 1.9, ArH-6), 6.95 (1H, d, J 1.9, ArH-2), 6.84 (1H, d, J 8.3, ArH-5), 5.30 (1H, d, J 16.6, $\text{ArCH}=\text{CH}$), 3.85 (3H, s, Me), 1.00 (9H, s, CMe_3), 0.12 (6H, s, SiMe_2); δ_{C} (100 MHz; CDCl_3) 153.7 (C), 150.1 (CH), 145.4 (C), 126.6 (C), 122.5 (CH), 118.8 (CH), 118.6 (C), 111.7 (CH), 93.4 (CH), 55.4 (Me), 25.6 (Me), 18.6 (C), -5.0 (Me); m/z (ESI^+) 312 (MNa^+ , 100%), 290 (MH^+ , 48 %).

Methyl 2-(3-*tert*-butyldimethylsiloxy-4-methoxystyryl)-5-methyloxazole-4-carboxylate **6a**

To a solution of nitrile **9a** (250 mg, 0.86 mmol) and dirhodium tetraacetate (9.50 mg, 0.02 mmol, 2.50 mol%) in dichloromethane (4 mL) heated to reflux was added dropwise a solution of methyl 2-diazo-3-oxobutanoate (246 mg, 1.73 mmol) in dichloromethane (1 mL)

over a period of 16 h. After removal of the solvent under reduced pressure, purification by chromatography (eluting with ethyl acetate/light petroleum 1/5) gave the *title compound 6a* as a light yellow solid (143 mg, 41%); data identical to previous sample.

(E)-3-(3,4-Dimethoxyphenyl)acrylonitrile 9b

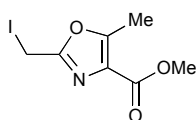


1,8-Diazabicyclo[5.4.0]undec-7-ene (3.60 mL, 24.2 mmol) and amide **4b** (1.0 g, 4.83 mmol) were dissolved in dichloromethane (20 mL) and stirred for 10 min at room temperature. Ethyl dichlorophosphate (1.72 mL, 14.5 mmol) was added and the mixture heated to reflux for 1 h. A solution of saturated aqueous ammonium chloride (10 mL) was added and the mixture stirred for further 10 min. The layers were separated, the aqueous extracted with dichloromethane (20 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with brine (20 mL), dried (MgSO₄) and the solvent removed under reduced pressure. Chromatography (light petroleum/ethyl acetate 3/1) gave the *title compound 9b* as a colourless solid (500 mg, 55%), $R_f = 0.57$ (light petroleum: ethyl acetate 1:1); mp 97-99 °C; (Found: C, 69.7; H, 5.8; N, 7.3. C₁₁H₁₁NO₂ requires C, 69.8; H, 5.9; N, 7.4%); (Found: MH⁺, 190.0862. C₁₁H₁₂NO₂ requires 190.0863); ν_{\max} (CHCl₃)/cm⁻¹ 3011, 2218, 1619, 1514, 1465, 1272, 1142, 1024; δ_H (400 MHz; CDCl₃) 7.30 (1H, d, J 16.6, ArCH=CH), 7.02 (1H, dd, J 8.3, 2.0, ArH-6), 6.93 (1H, d, J 2.0, ArH-5), 6.86 (1H, d, J 8.3, ArH-5), 5.71 (1H, d, J 16.6, ArCH=CH), 3.90 (6H, s, OMe); δ_C (100 MHz; CDCl₃) 157.8 (C), 150.2 (CH), 149.3 (C), 126.5 (C), 122.0 (CH), 118.5 (CH), 111.0 (CH), 108.8 (CH), 93.5 (CH), 56.0 (Me), 55.9 (Me); m/z (ESI⁺) 212 (MNa⁺, 100%), 190 (MH⁺, 43%).

(E)-Methyl 2-(3,4-dimethoxystyryl)-5-methyloxazole-4-carboxylate 6b

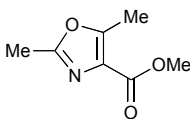
To a solution of nitrile **9b** (100 mg, 0.53 mmol) and dirhodium tetraacetate (5.80 mg, 0.01 mmol, 2.50 mol%) in dichloromethane (2 mL) heated to reflux was added dropwise a solution of methyl 2-diazo-3-oxobutanoate (151 mg, 1.06 mmol) in dichloromethane (0.8 mL) over a period of 16 h. After removal of the solvent under reduced pressure, purification by chromatography (eluting with ethyl acetate/light petroleum 1/2) gave the *title compound 6b* as a light yellow solid (37 mg, 23%); data identical to previous sample.

Methyl 2-(iodomethyl)-5-methyloxazole-4-carboxylate 10



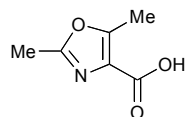
To a solution of iodoacetonitrile (9.40 g, 56.2 mmol) and dirhodium tetraacetate (310 mg, 0.70 mmol, 2.50 mol%) in dichloromethane (30 mL) heated to reflux was added dropwise a solution of methyl 2-diazo-3-oxobutanoate (4.0 g, 28.1 mmol) in dichloromethane (10 mL) over a period of 16 h. After the addition was complete the reaction mixture was heated to reflux for a further 2 h. After removal of the solvent under reduced pressure, purification by chromatography (eluting with ethyl acetate/light petroleum 1/4) gave the *title compound 10* as a yellow solid (6.0 g, 76%); $R_f = 0.56$ (light petroleum: ethyl acetate 1:1); mp 81-83 °C; (Found: MH^+ , 281.9616. $C_7H_9INO_3$ requires 281.9627); ν_{max} ($CHCl_3$)/ cm^{-1} 2954, 1727, 1618, 1424, 1353, 1103; δ_H (400 MHz; $CDCl_3$) 4.31 (2H, s, CH_2), 3.88 (3H, s, OMe), 2.59 (3H, s, Me); δ_C (100 MHz; $CDCl_3$) 162.2 (C), 158.4 (C), 157.2 (C), 128.2 (C), 52.0 (Me), 12.0 (Me), -11.9 (CH_2); m/z (ESI^+) 304 (MNa^+ , 100%), 282 (MH^+ , 23%).

Methyl 2,5-dimethyloxazole-4-carboxylate **11**



To a solution of dirhodium tetraacetate (310 mg, 0.7 mmol, 2.50 mol%) in acetonitrile (12 mL) heated to reflux was added dropwise a solution of methyl 2-diazo-3-oxobutanoate (4.0 g, 28.2 mmol) in acetonitrile (3 mL) over a period of 16 h. After the addition was complete the reaction mixture was heated to reflux for a further 4 h. After removal of the solvent under reduced pressure, purification by chromatography (eluting with ethyl acetate/ light petroleum 1/3 to 1:1) gave the *title compound 11* as a colourless solid (3.2 g, 73%); $R_f = 0.27$ (light petroleum: ethyl acetate 1:1); mp 42-44 °C (lit.,³ mp not given); (Found: M^+ , 156.0655. $C_7H_{10}NO_3$ requires 156.0655); ν_{max} ($CHCl_3$)/ cm^{-1} 3005, 1715, 1627, 1442, 1353, 1193, 1102; δ_H (400 MHz; $CDCl_3$) 3.85 (3H, s, OMe), 2.54 (3H, s, Me), 2.40 (3H, s, Me); δ_C (100 MHz; $CDCl_3$) 162.7 (C), 159.4 (C), 156.1 (C), 127.0 (C), 51.7 (Me), 13.5 (Me), 11.7 (Me); m/z (ESI⁺) 178 (MNa^+ , 100%), 156 (M^+ , 38%).

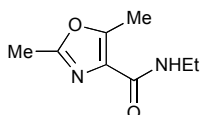
2,5-Dimethyloxazole-4-carboxylic acid **12**



Ester **11** (0.80 g, 5.2 mmol) was dissolved in THF (20 mL). A solution of lithium hydroxide (0.62 g, 26 mmol) in water (5 mL) was added and the reaction mixture was stirred for 18 h at room temperature. The reaction mixture was diluted with aqueous citric acid (10%; 20 mL) and stirred for 10 min. The THF was removed *in vacuo*, ethyl acetate (90 mL) added, and the organic layer was separated, washed with water (30 mL) and brine (30 mL), dried ($MgSO_4$)

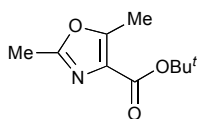
and the solvent evaporated under reduced pressure to give the *title compound 12* as a colourless solid (0.53 g, 72%); mp 191-194 °C (lit.,⁴ mp 182.5-184.5); (Found: M^- , 140.0355 $C_6H_6NO_3$ requires 140.0353); ν_{max} (solid)/ cm^{-1} 1703, 1634, 1328, 1223, 1099, 958; δ_H (400 MHz; $CDCl_3$) 2.50 (3H, s, Me), 2.36 (3H, s, Me); δ_C (100 MHz; $CDCl_3$) 163.3 (C), 158.8 (C), 155.3 (C), 127.4 (C), 13.3 (Me), 11.7 (Me); m/z (ESI) 140 (M^- , 29%).

***N*-Ethyl-2,5-dimethyloxazole-4-carboxamide 13**



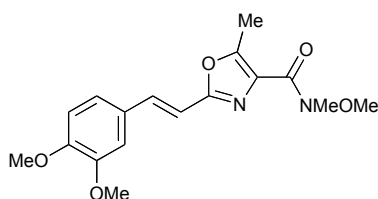
Carboxylic acid **12** (300 mg, 2.13 mmol) was dissolved in DMF (8 mL), diisopropylethylamine (1.77 mL, 10.7 mmol) and PyBOP (1.33 g, 2.55 mmol) were added and the mixture stirred at room temperature for 15 min. Ethylamine hydrochloride (208 mg, 2.55 mmol) was added and stirring continued at room temperature for 12 h. The mixture was diluted with diethyl ether (40 mL) and subsequently washed with water (2×10 mL) and brine (15 mL). After drying ($MgSO_4$) and removal of the solvent under reduced pressure, purification by chromatography (eluent: ethyl acetate/light petroleum 1/1) gave the *title compound 13* as colourless solid (310 mg, 87%); $R_f = 0.44$ (light petroleum: ethyl acetate 1:3); mp 32-33 °C; (Found: MH^+ , 169.0960. $C_8H_{13}N_2O_2$ requires 169.0972); ν_{max} ($CHCl_3$)/ cm^{-1} 3419, 3009, 1656, 1526, 1442, 1332, 1138; δ_H (400 MHz; $CDCl_3$) 6.87 (1H, br, NH), 3.42-3.35 (2H, m, CH_2CH_3), 2.56 (3H, s, Me), 2.37 (3H, s, Me), 1.18 (3H, t, J 7.3, CH_2CH_3); δ_C (100 MHz; $CDCl_3$) 161.7 (C), 158.3 (C), 152.5 (C), 128.8 (C), 33.6 (CH_2), 14.8 (Me), 13.6 (Me), 11.4 (Me); m/z (ESI⁺) 191 (MNa^+ , 100%), 169 (MH^+ , 38%).

tert*-Butyl 2,5-dimethyloxazole-4-carboxylate **14*



Di-*tert*-butyl dicarbonate (5.70 g, 25.5 mmol) and 4-dimethylaminopyridine (0.60 g, 5.10 mmol) were sequentially added to a solution of carboxylic acid **12** (2.40 g, 17.0 mmol) in *tert*-butanol (60 mL) at 35 °C and stirred for 48 h. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure, followed by chromatography (light petroleum/ethyl acetate 1/1) to give the *title compound* **14** (3.0 g, 90%) as a yellow solid (3.0 g, 90%); $R_f = 0.75$ (light petroleum: ethyl acetate 1:3); mp 30-31 °C (lit.,⁴ mp 33-35 °C); (Found: MNa^+ , 220.0964. $C_{10}H_{15}NO_3$ requires 220.0944); ν_{max} ($CHCl_3$)/ cm^{-1} 2984, 1716, 1623, 1392, 1358, 1166, 1100; δ_H (400 MHz; $CDCl_3$) 2.49 (3H, s, Me), 2.39 (3H, s, Me), 1.53 (9H, s, CM_e_3); δ_C (100 MHz; $CDCl_3$) 161.5 (C), 159.0 (C), 155.0 (C), 128.3 (C), 81.4 (C), 28.1 (Me), 13.6 (Me), 11.8 (Me); m/z (ESI⁺) 220 (MNa^+ , 100%).

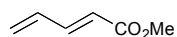
***N*-Methoxy-*N*-methyl-2-(3,4-dimethoxystyryl)-5-methyloxazole-4-carboxamide**



A solution of dimethylaluminum chloride (1 M; 8.25 mL, 8.25 mmol) in hexane was added over a 5 min period to a stirred suspension of *N,O*-dimethylhydroxylamine hydrochloride (805 mg, 8.25 mmol) in dichloromethane (20 mL) at 0 °C and the mixture stirred for 1 h at room temperature. A solution of ester **6b** (500 mg, 1.65 mmol) in dichloromethane (4 mL) was added dropwise over a period of 2 min and stirring continued. After completion of the

reaction, it was quenched with saturated aqueous sodium hydrogen carbonate (25 mL), diluted with dichloromethane (25 mL) and filtered through a short pad of Celite. The aqueous layer was extracted with dichloromethane (15 mL), the combined organic layers washed with brine (40 mL), dried (MgSO₄) and the solvent removed under reduced pressure. Purification by chromatography using ethyl acetate/ light petroleum (2/1) gave the *title compound* as a light yellow solid (350 mg, 64%); $R_f = 0.25$ (light petroleum: ethyl acetate 1:1); mp 85-87 °C; (Found: C, 61.4; H, 6.0; N, 8.3. C₁₇H₂₀N₂O₅ requires C, 61.4; H, 6.1; N, 8.4%); (Found: MH⁺, 333.1458 C₁₇H₂₁N₂O₅ requires 333.1445); ν_{\max} (CHCl₃)/cm⁻¹ 3011, 1730, 1640, 1512, 1465, 1266, 1140, 1025; δ_{H} (400 MHz; CDCl₃) 7.40 (1H, d, J 16.4, ArCH=CH), 7.08 (1H, dd, J 8.3, 1.9, ArH-6), 7.05 (1H, d, J 1.9, ArH-2), 6.87 (1H, d, J 8.3, ArH-5), 6.76 (1H, d, J 16.4, ArCH=CH), 3.92 (3H, s, OMe), 3.91 (3H, s, OMe), 3.83 (3H, s, OMe), 3.44 (3H, s, NMe), 2.59 (3H, s, Me); δ_{C} (100 MHz; CDCl₃) 163.3 (C), 158.5 (C), 154.1 (C), 150.2 (C), 149.2 (C), 136.0 (CH), 130.1 (C), 128.4 (C), 121.2 (CH), 111.5 (CH), 111.2 (CH), 108.9 (CH), 67.9 (Me), 61.6 (Me), 55.9 (Me), 55.8 (Me), 12.0 (Me); m/z (ESI⁺) 355 (MNa⁺, 100%), 333 (MH⁺, 50 %).

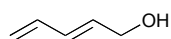
Methyl (*E*)-penta-2,4-dienoate



Acrolein (17.5 g, 310 mmol) and 4-dimethylaminopyridine (2.80 g, 23.0 mmol) were rapidly added to a solution of monomethyl malonate (37.0 g, 310 mmol) in pyridine (50 mL). The solution was warmed to 50 °C and stirred for 3 days at this temperature. The mixture was poured into water (250 mL) and extracted with ether (3 × 100 mL). The ether extract was washed with hydrochloric acid (2 M; 3 × 40 mL) and brine (80 mL), dried (MgSO₄) and the solvent removed under reduced pressure to yield a light yellow oil (17.5 g, 50%). Further

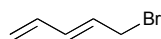
purification was done by distillation to obtain a colourless liquid (8.50 g, 25%); bp 45 °C at 15 mmHg; (lit.,⁵ bp 54 °C at 27 mmHg); ν_{\max} (CHCl₃)/cm⁻¹ 2953, 1711, 1646, 1601, 1363, 1312, 1149, 905; δ_{H} (400 MHz; CDCl₃) 7.13 (1H, dd, *J* 11.0, 15.4, CH₂=CH=CH), 6.32 (1H, dt, *J* 17.0, 10.5, CH₂=CH), 5.77 (1H, d, *J* 15.4, CHCO₂Me), 5.46 (1H, d, *J* 17.0, CHH *E*), 5.34 (1H, d, *J* 10.0, CHHZ), 3.60 (3H, s, OMe); δ_{C} (100 MHz; CDCl₃) 166.7 (C), 144.4 (CH), 134.4 (CH), 125.2 (CH₂), 121.5 (CH), 51.1 (Me).

(*E*)-2,4-Pentadienol



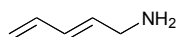
Lithium aluminum hydride (2.88 g, 76.0 mmol) was suspended in ether (50 mL) and cooled down to 0 °C. The above ester (8.50 g, 76.0 mmol) was dissolved in ether (10 mL) and added dropwise over a period of 1 h (*via* syringe pump) to the reaction mixture. The reaction was quenched by adding water (2.88 mL), aqueous sodium hydroxide (2 M; 2.88 mL), water (8.6 mL) and stirring continued for further 30 min. The mixture was poured through a short pad of Celite and diluted with ether (50 mL). The combined organic layers were dried (MgSO₄) and the solvent removed under reduced pressure to give the title compound as a colourless liquid (5.20 g, 81%) used without any further purification for the next step; the spectroscopic data corresponded to literature values,⁶ ν_{\max} (CHCl₃)/cm⁻¹ 3616, 3444, 2873, 2254, 1824, 1731, 1606, 1455, 1377, 1083, 994, 902; δ_{H} (400 MHz; CDCl₃) 6.25 (2H, m, CH₂=CH=CH), 5.74 (1H, dt, *J* 14.7, 5.7, CH=CH₂OH), 5.13 (1H, d, *J* 16.4, CHH *E*), 5.01 (1H, d, *J* 9.6, CHHZ), 4.07 (2H, m, CH₂OH); δ_{C} (100 MHz; CDCl₃) 136.2 (CH), 132.5 (CH), 131.2 (CH), 116.9 (CH₂), 62.3 (CH₂).

(E)-5-Bromo-1,3-pentadiene



The above alcohol (7.10 g, 84.0 mmol) was dissolved in ether (60 mL) and cooled to 0 °C. Phosphorus tribromide (27.3 g, 101 mmol) was added dropwise over 30 min (*via* syringe pump) and stirring continued at this temperature for further 30 min. The mixture was poured into ice–water (100 mL) and the aqueous layer extracted with ether (3 × 50 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with water (80 mL), saturated aqueous sodium hydrogen carbonate (80 mL), brine (80 mL) and dried (MgSO₄). The solvent was removed in *vacuo* and further purification by distillation gave a colourless liquid (7.20 g, 58%); bp 35 °C at 5.2 mmHg, (lit.,⁶ bp 54–55 °C at 34 mmHg); ν_{\max} (CHCl₃)/cm⁻¹ 2971, 1831, 1600, 1292, 1114, 1002, 949, 913; δ_{H} (400 MHz; CDCl₃) 6.30 (2H, m, CH₂=CH=CH), 5.90 (1H, m, CH=CH₂Br), 5.25 (1H, d, *J* 13.7, CHH *E*), 5.14 (1H, d, *J* 10.0, CHH *Z*), 4.00 (2H, d, *J* 7.9, CH₂Br); δ_{C} (100 MHz; CDCl₃) 135.3 (CH), 135.0 (CH), 129.0 (CH), 119.2 (CH₂), 32.7 (CH₂).

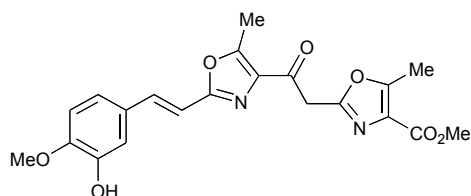
(E)-2,4-Pentadienylamine



The above bromide (6.80 g, 46.0 mmol) was dissolved in DMSO (80 mL) and sodium azide (4.50 g, 69.0 mmol) added in one portion at room temperature and the mixture stirred for 1.5 h. The reaction was diluted with water (100 mL) and extracted with ether (3 × 100 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with water (80 mL) and brine (80 mL), dried (MgSO₄) and the solvent removed under reduced pressure. The azide (4.80 g, 96%) was obtained as a yellow liquid and used without further purification.

Lithium aluminum hydride (1.20 g, 32.0 mmol) was suspended in ether (70 mL) and cooled down to 0 °C. The azide (4.60 g, 42.0 mmol) was dissolved in ether (10 mL) and added dropwise over a period of 30 min (*via* syringe pump) to the reaction mixture. Stirring was continued for further 30 min at 0 °C. The reaction was then quenched by adding water (1.20 mL), aqueous sodium hydroxide (2 M; 1.20 mL), water (3.60 mL) and stirred for 20 min. The mixture was poured through a short pad of Celite and diluted with ether (30 mL). The combined organic layers were dried (MgSO₄) and the solvent removed under reduced pressure to give a yellow liquid (2.80 g, 80%). After distillation (*E*)-2,4-pentadienylamine was obtained as colourless oil (1.50 g, 43%); bp 30-33 °C at 8 mmHg; (lit.,⁷ bp 43-45 °C at 40 mmHg); ν_{\max} (CHCl₃)/cm⁻¹ 3616, 3444, 2873, 2253, 1824, 1731, 1606, 1455, 1377, 1083, 994, 902; δ_{H} (400 MHz; CDCl₃) 6.30 (1H, dt, *J* 16.9, 10.3, CH₂=CH), 6.09 (1H, dd, *J* 15.2, 10.5, CH₂=CHCH), 5.77 (1H, dt, *J* 15.2, 5.6, CH=CH₂NH₂), 5.08 (1H, d, *J* 16.9, CHH *E*), 4.95 (1H, d, *J* 10.0, CHH *Z*), 3.15 (2H, d, *J* 5.6, CH₂NH₂), 2.0 (2H, br, NH₂); δ_{C} (100 MHz; CDCl₃) 137.0 (CH), 136.9 (CH), 129.0 (CH), 115.4 (CH₂), 43.1 (CH₂).

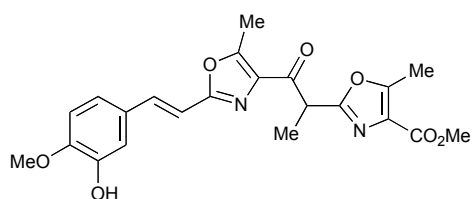
Methyl 2-(2-(2-(3-hydroxy-4-methoxystyryl)-5-methyloxazol-4-yl)-2-oxoethyl)-5-methyloxazole-4-carboxylate 20



Ester **15** (300 mg, 0.57 mmol) was dissolved in THF (5 mL), cooled to 0 °C and triethylamine trihydrofluoride (276 μ L, 1.71 mmol) was added dropwise over a period of 5 min. The mixture was stirred at 0 °C for 3 h before an aqueous solution of saturated ammonium chloride (5 mL) was added and the mixture warmed to room temperature. The

THF was removed under reduced pressure and the aqueous extracted with ethyl acetate (2×10 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with brine (10 mL), dried (MgSO_4) and evaporated to give the *title compound 20* as a light yellow solid (157 mg, 65%) used without further purification; mp 71-73 °C; (Found: MH^+ , 413.1346. $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{21}\text{N}_2\text{O}_7$ requires 413.1343); ν_{max} (CHCl_3)/ cm^{-1} 3544, 3011, 1719, 1588, 1511, 1442, 1353, 1281, 1106; δ_{H} (400 MHz; CDCl_3) 7.38 (1H, d, J 16.3, $\text{ArCH}=\text{CH}$), 7.12 (1H, d, J 2.0, ArH-2), 7.00 (1H, dd, J 8.3, 2.0, ArH-6), 6.84 (1H, d, J 8.3, ArH-5), 6.69 (1H, d, J 16.3, $\text{ArCH}=\text{CH}$), 5.9 (1H, br, OH), 4.47 (2H, s, CH_2), 3.90 (3H, s, OMe), 3.88 (3H, s, OMe), 2.63 (3H, s, Me), 2.62 (3H, s, Me); δ_{C} (100 MHz; CDCl_3) 189.3 (C), 162.7 (C), 159.1 (C), 157.2 (C), 156.5 (C), 155.4 (C), 148.0 (C), 145.9 (C), 137.1 (CH), 134.3 (C), 128.7 (C), 127.6 (C), 120.6 (CH), 112.4 (CH), 111.0 (CH), 110.6 (CH), 56.0 (Me), 51.8 (Me), 39.5 (CH_2), 12.3 (Me), 11.9 (Me); m/z (ESI^+) 435 (MNa^+ , 100%), 413 (MH^+ , 42%).

Methyl 2-(2-(2-(3-hydroxy-4-methoxystyryl)-5-methyloxazol-4-yl)-2-oxo-1-methylethyl)-5-methyloxazole-4-carboxylate 21



Phenol **20** (15.0 mg, 35.0 μmol) was dissolved in DMF (0.5 mL) and cooled to 0 °C. Subsequently potassium carbonate (15.0 mg, 110 μmol) and iodomethane (6.60 μL , 180 μmol) were added and the mixture stirred at this temperature for 30 min. Saturated aqueous ammonium chloride (5 mL) and ethyl acetate (20 mL) were added and the layers separated. The aqueous layer was extracted with ethyl acetate (10 mL) and the combined organic layers

washed with brine (15 mL), dried (MgSO_4) and the solvent removed under reduced pressure.

Purification by chromatography (eluent light petroleum/ethyl acetate 1/1 + 0.5%

triethylamine) gave the *title compound* **21** as a colourless solid (6.5 mg, 42%); $R_f = 0.22$

(light petroleum: ethyl acetate 1:1); mp 57-58 °C; (Found: MH^+ , 427.1501. $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{23}\text{N}_2\text{O}_7$

requires 427.1500; ν_{max} (CHCl_3)/ cm^{-1} 3543, 3012, 1724, 1601, 1511, 1442, 1267, 1103; δ_{H}

(400 MHz; CDCl_3) 7.38 (1H, d, J 16.3, $\text{ArCH}=\text{CH}$), 7.14 (1H, d, J 2.0, ArH-2), 7.03 (1H, dd,

J 8.3, 2.0, ArH-6), 6.86 (1H, d, J 8.3, ArH-5), 6.71 (1H, d, J 16.3, $\text{ArCH}=\text{CH}$), 5.0 (1H, q, J

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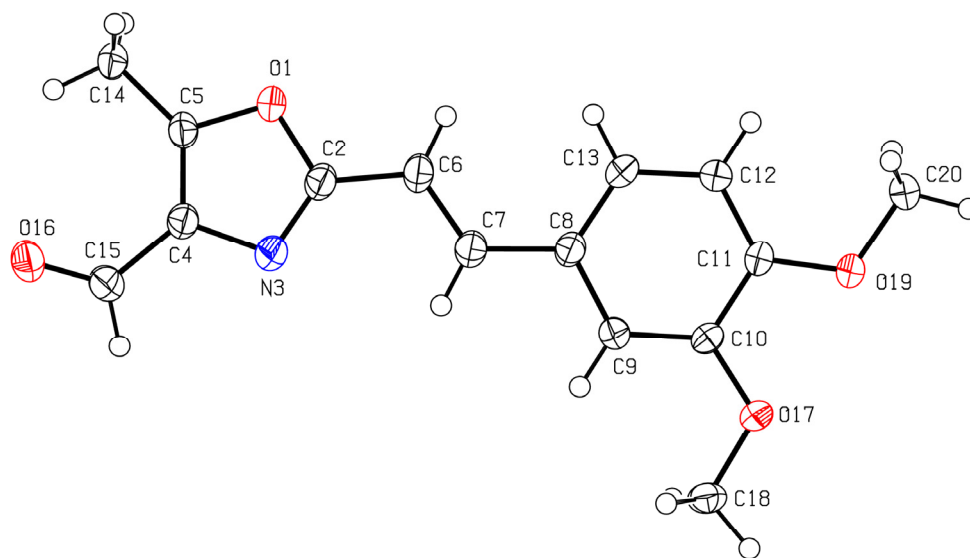
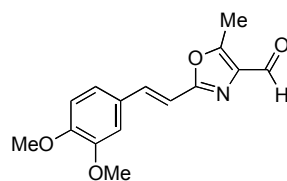
(3H, d, J 7.3, CHMe); OH not observed; δ_{C} (100 MHz; CDCl_3) 193.1 (C), 162.8 (C), 160.8

(C), 158.9 (C), 156.9 (C), 156.1 (C), 147.9 (C), 145.9 (C), 137.0 (CH), 134.0 (C), 128.8 (C),

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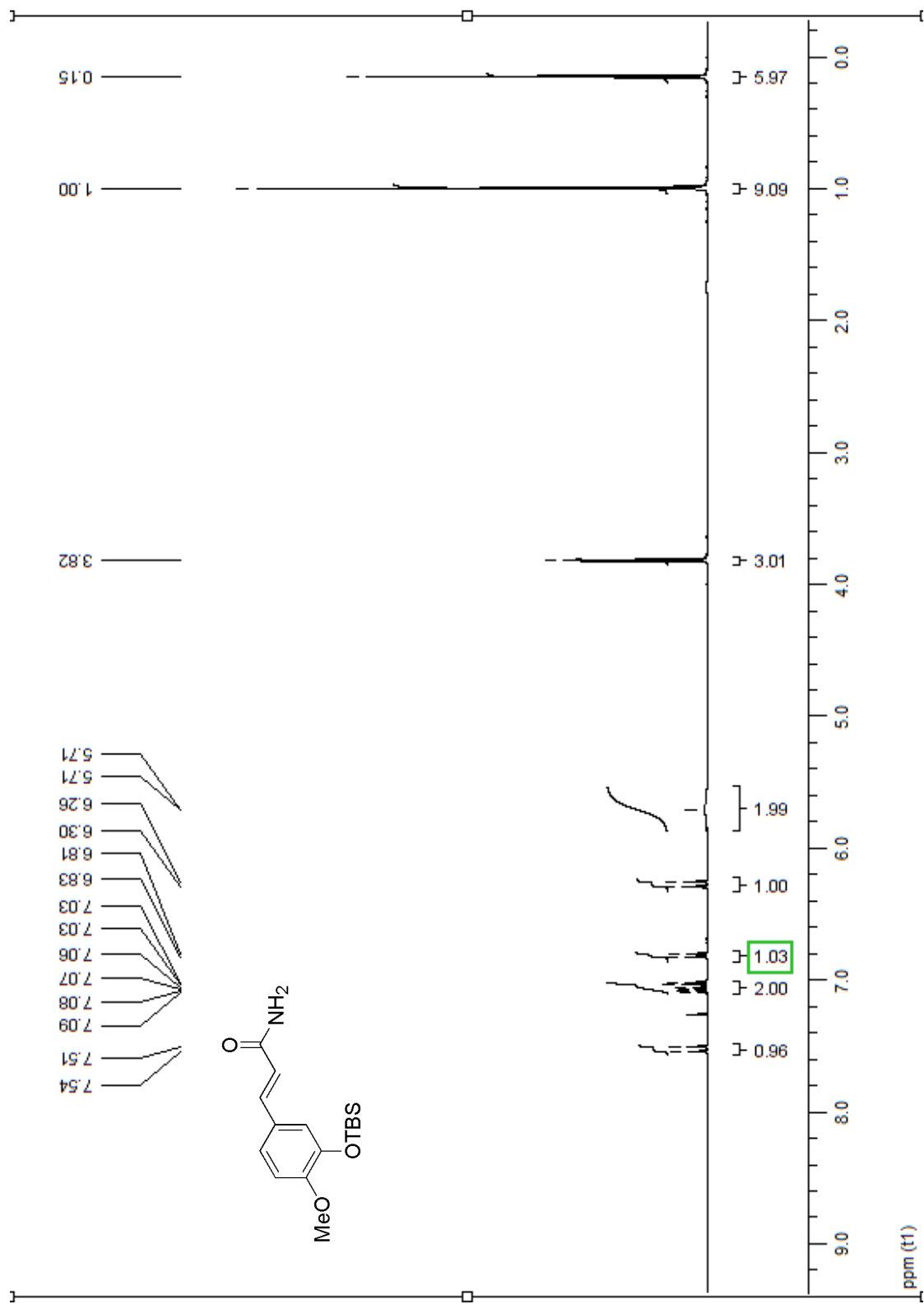
(CH), 14.7 (Me), 12.8 (Me), 12.0 (Me); m/z (ESI^+) 449 (MNa^+ , 87%), 427 (MH^+ , 65%).

X-Ray crystal structure of 2-(3,4-dimethoxystyryl)-5-methyloxazole-4-carbaldehyde 8b

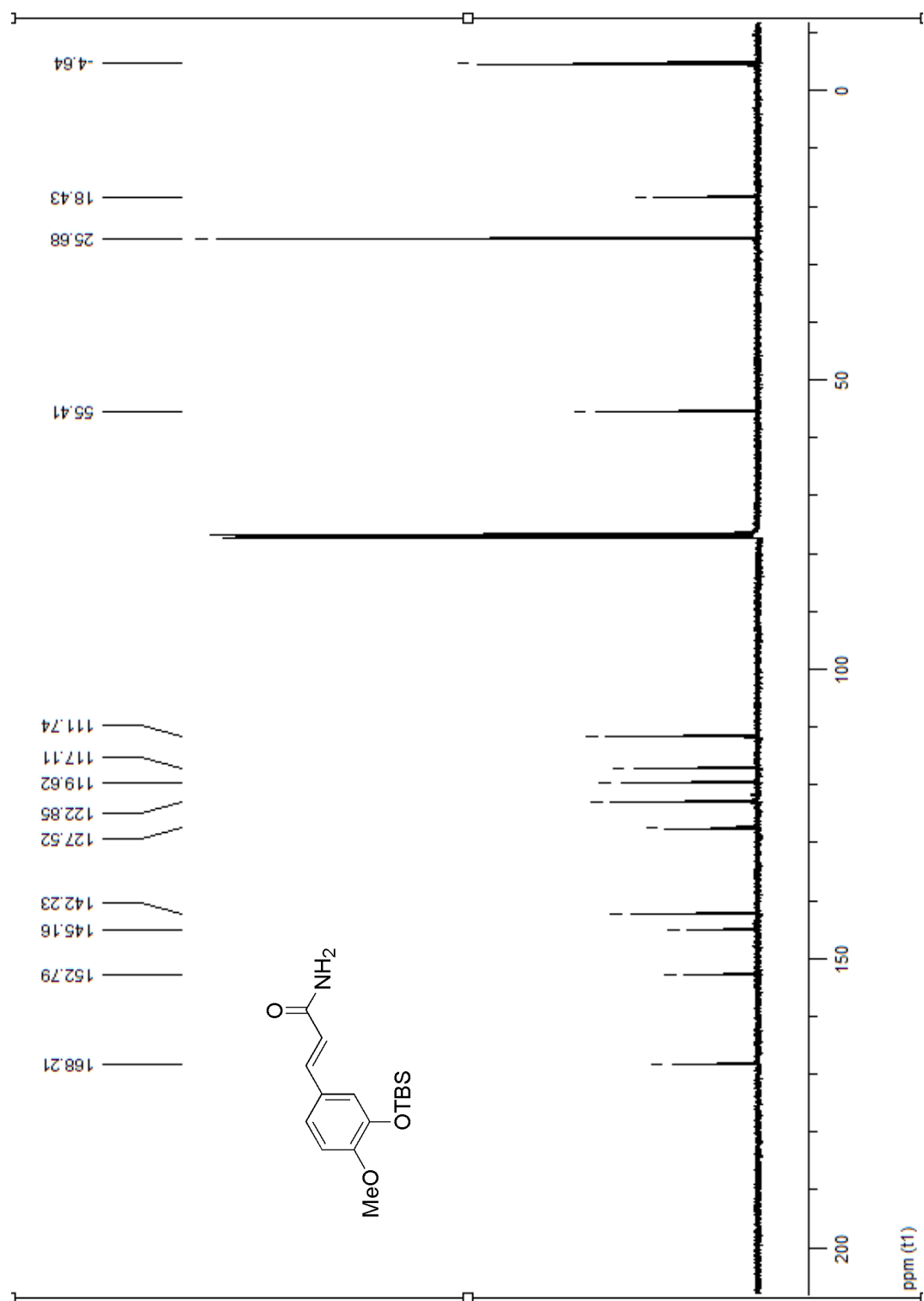


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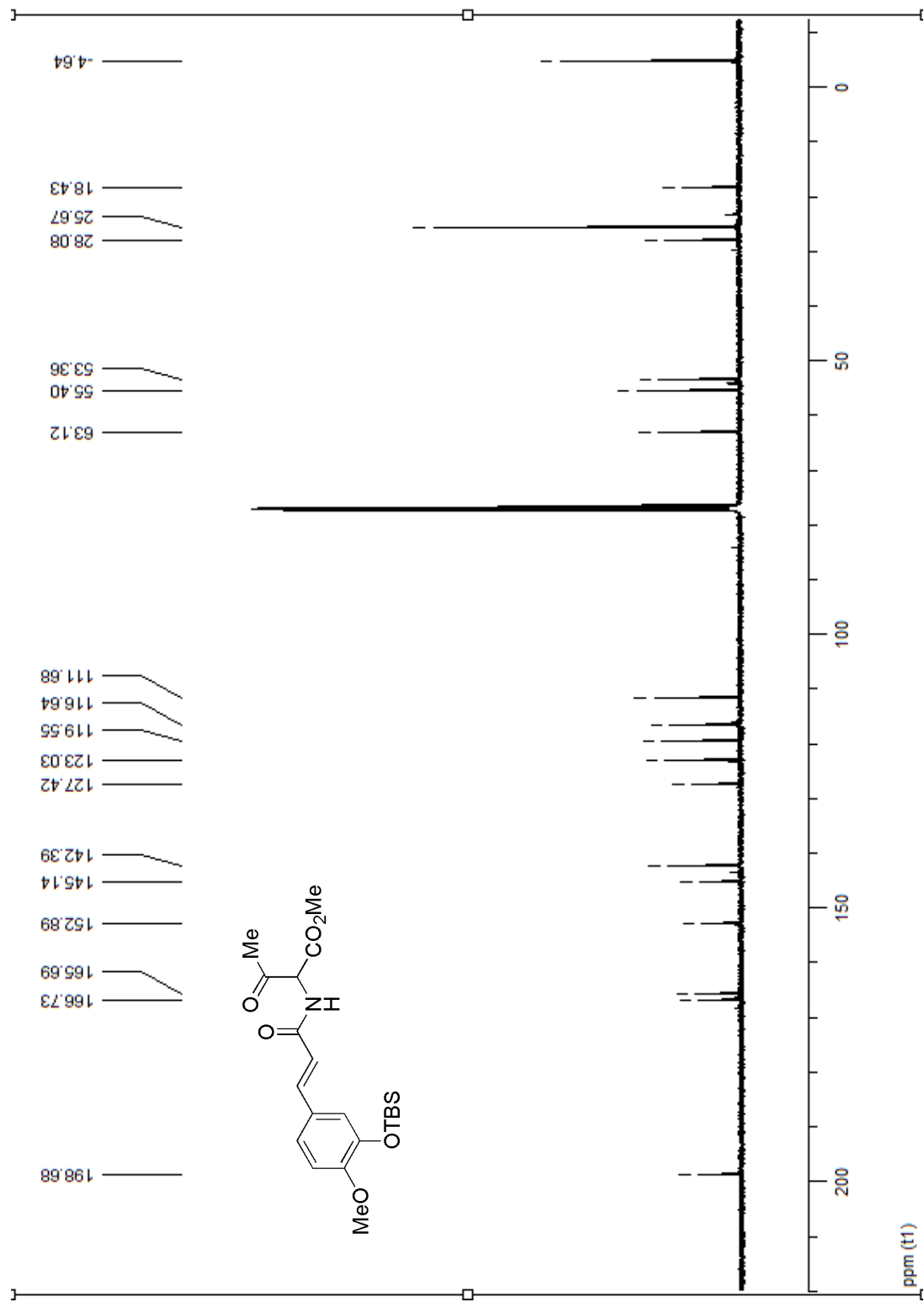
(E)-3-(3-(tert-Butyldimethylsilyloxy-4-methoxyphenyl)acrylamide 4a



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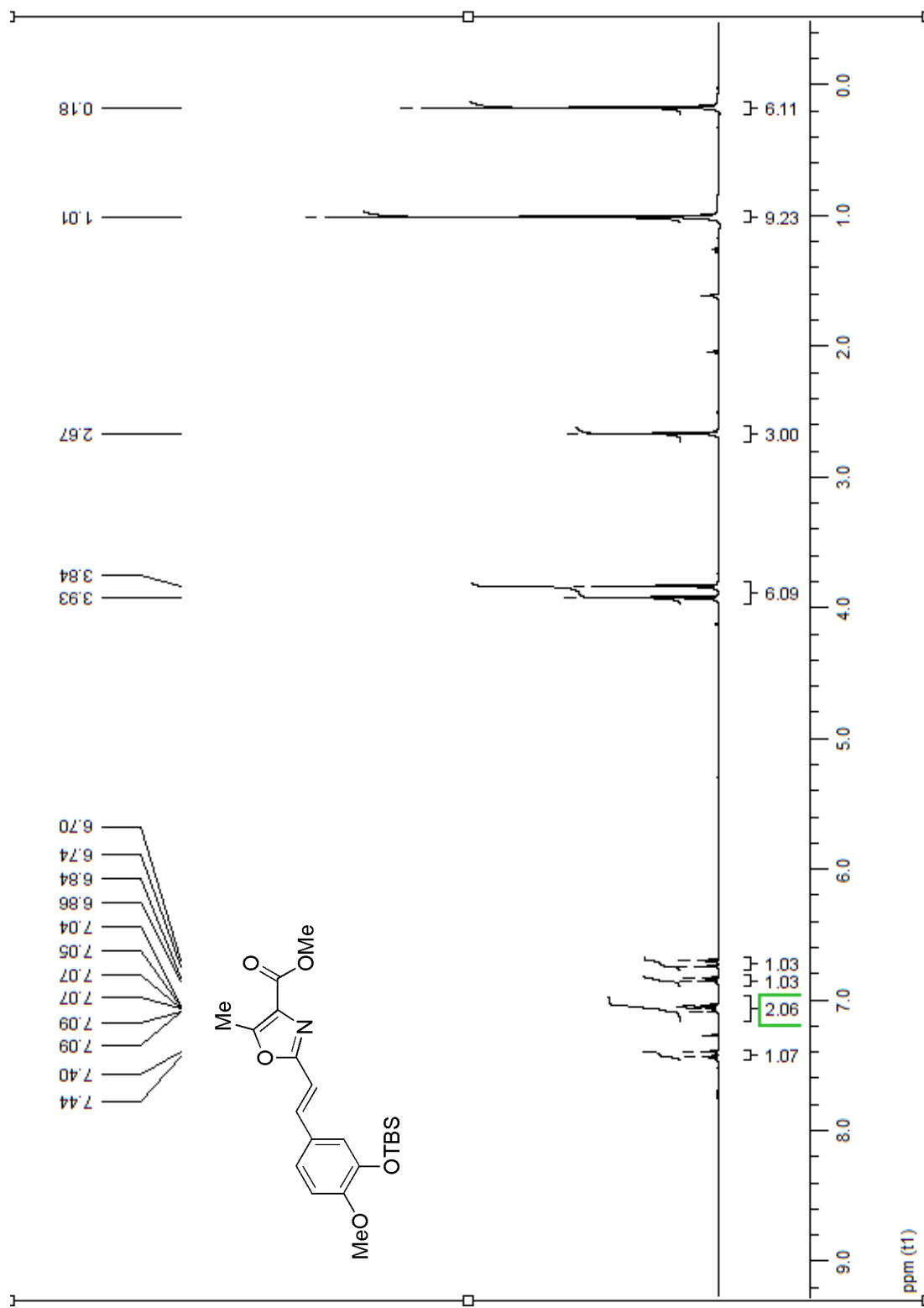


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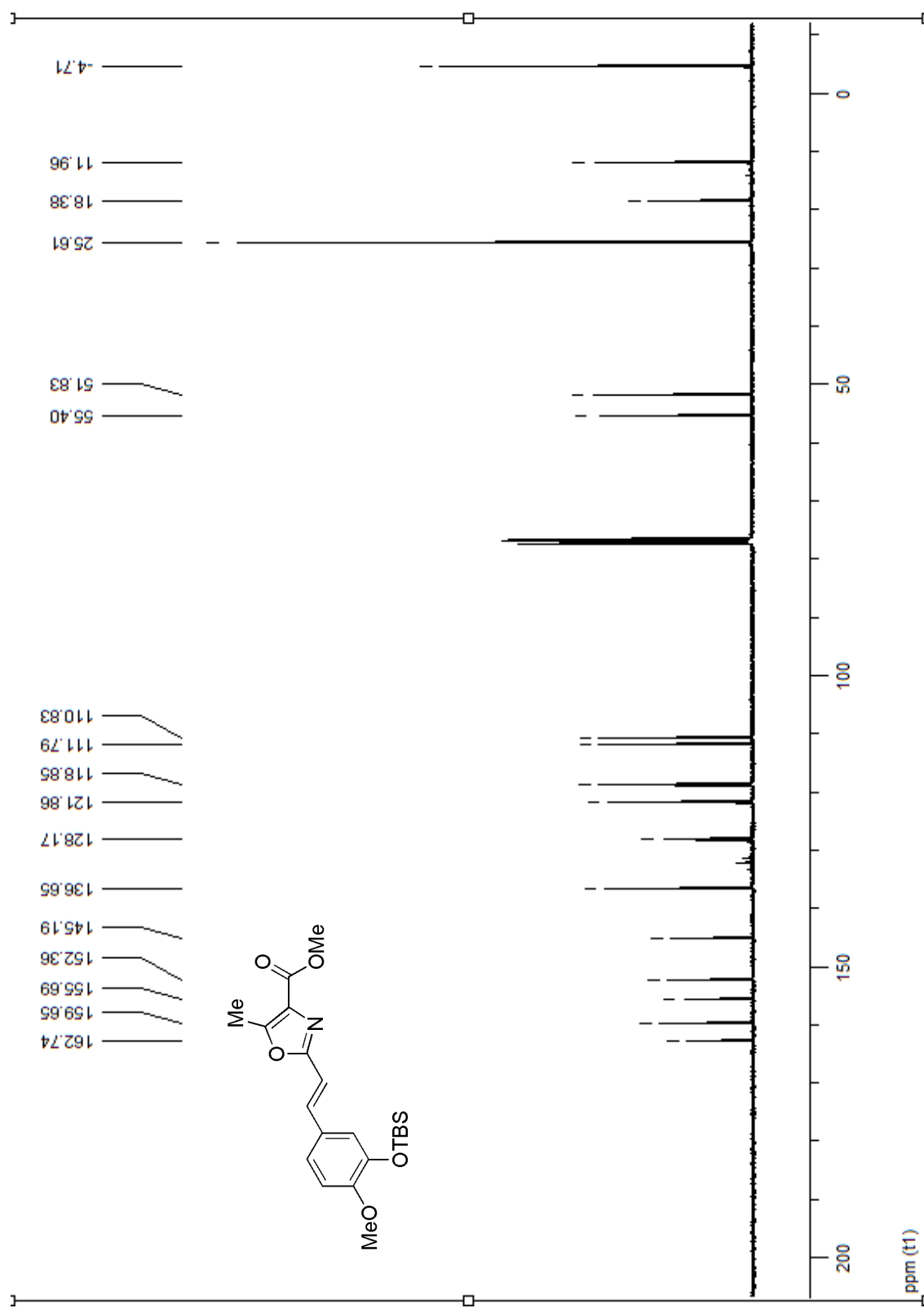


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Methyl 2-(3-*tert*-butyldimethylsilyloxy-4-methoxystyryl)-5-methyloxazole-4-carboxylate 6a

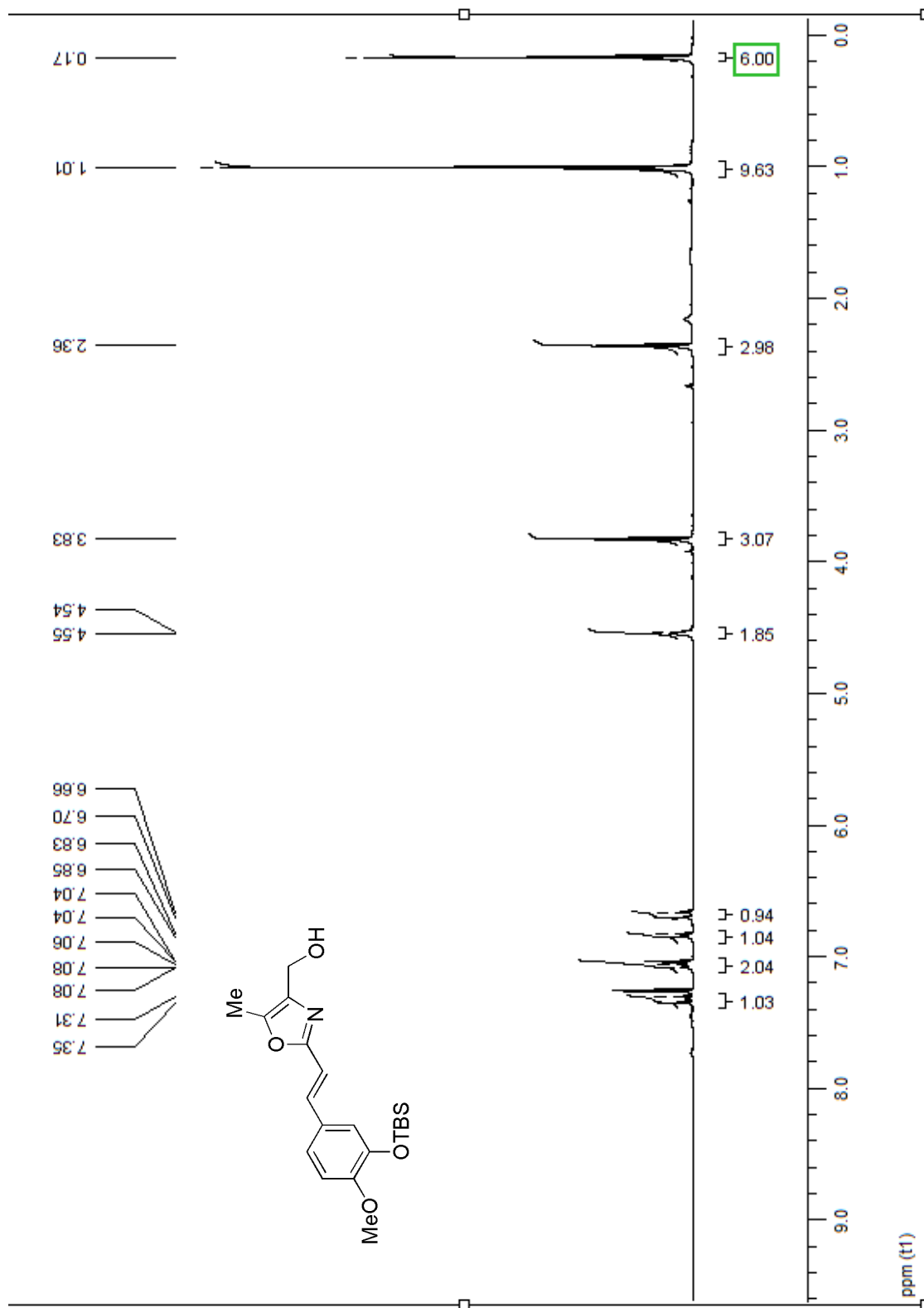


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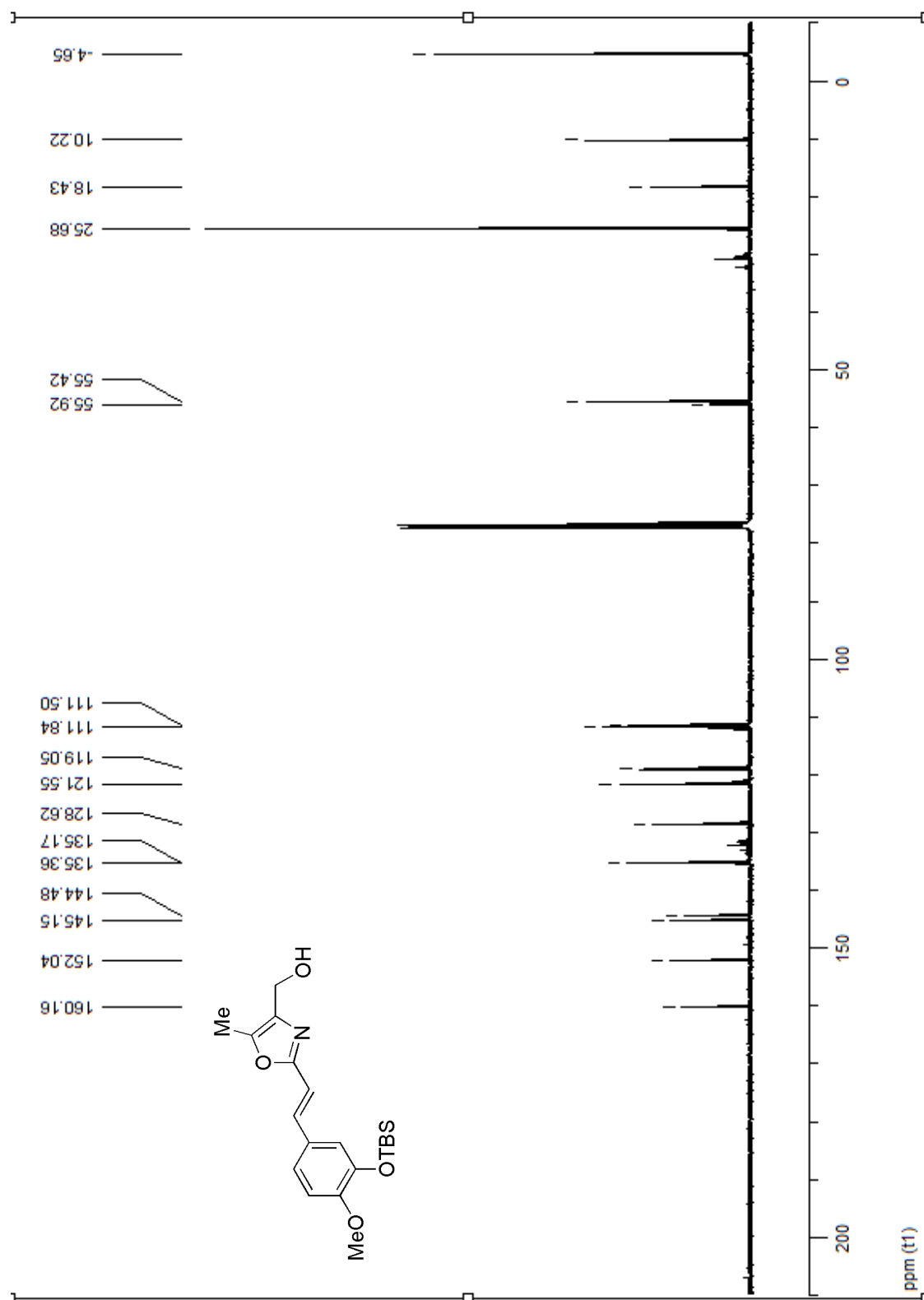


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[2-(3-*tert*-Butyldimethylsilyloxy-4-methoxystyryl)-5-methoxy-2-methyl-1H-imidazol-4-yl)methanol 7a

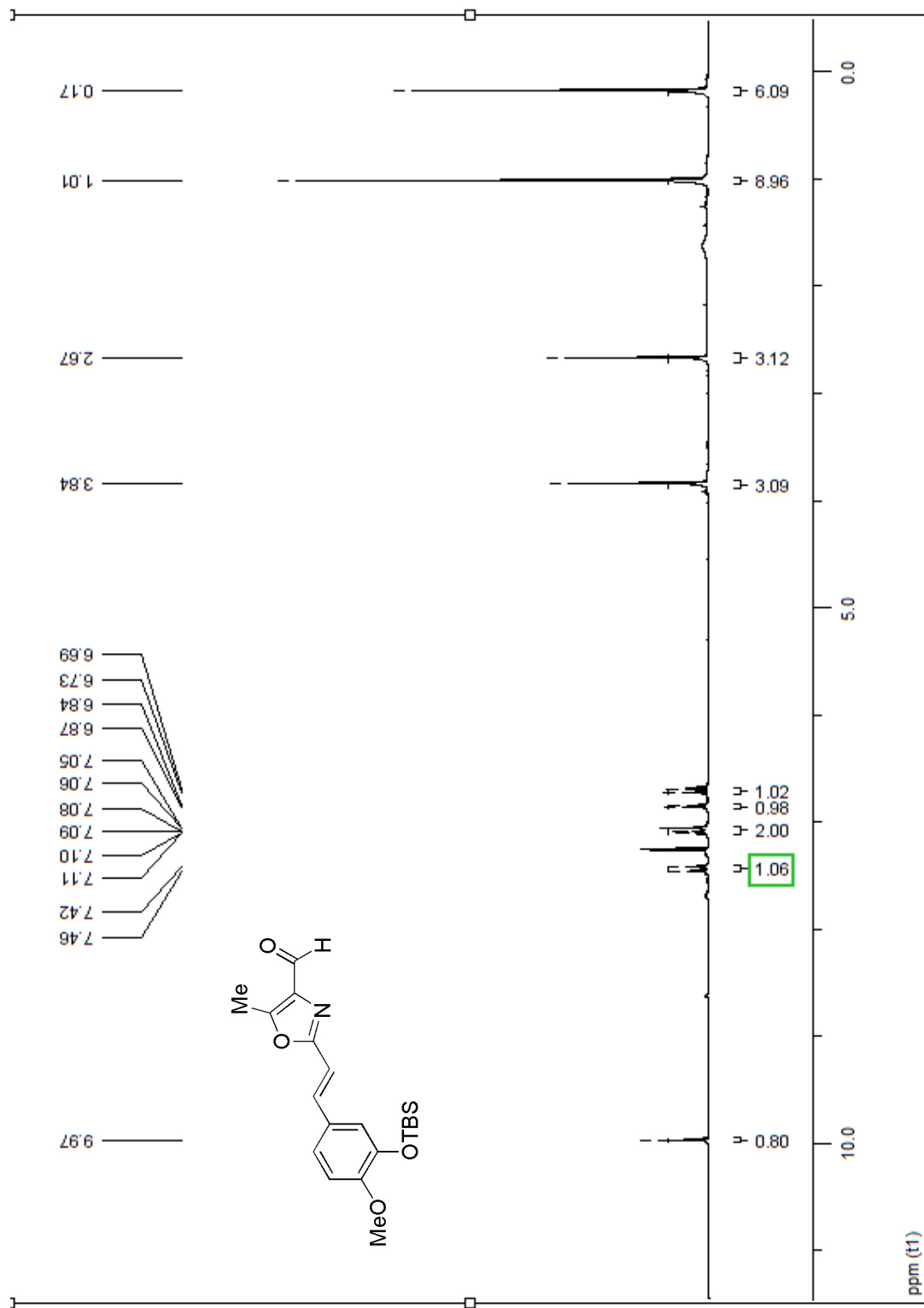


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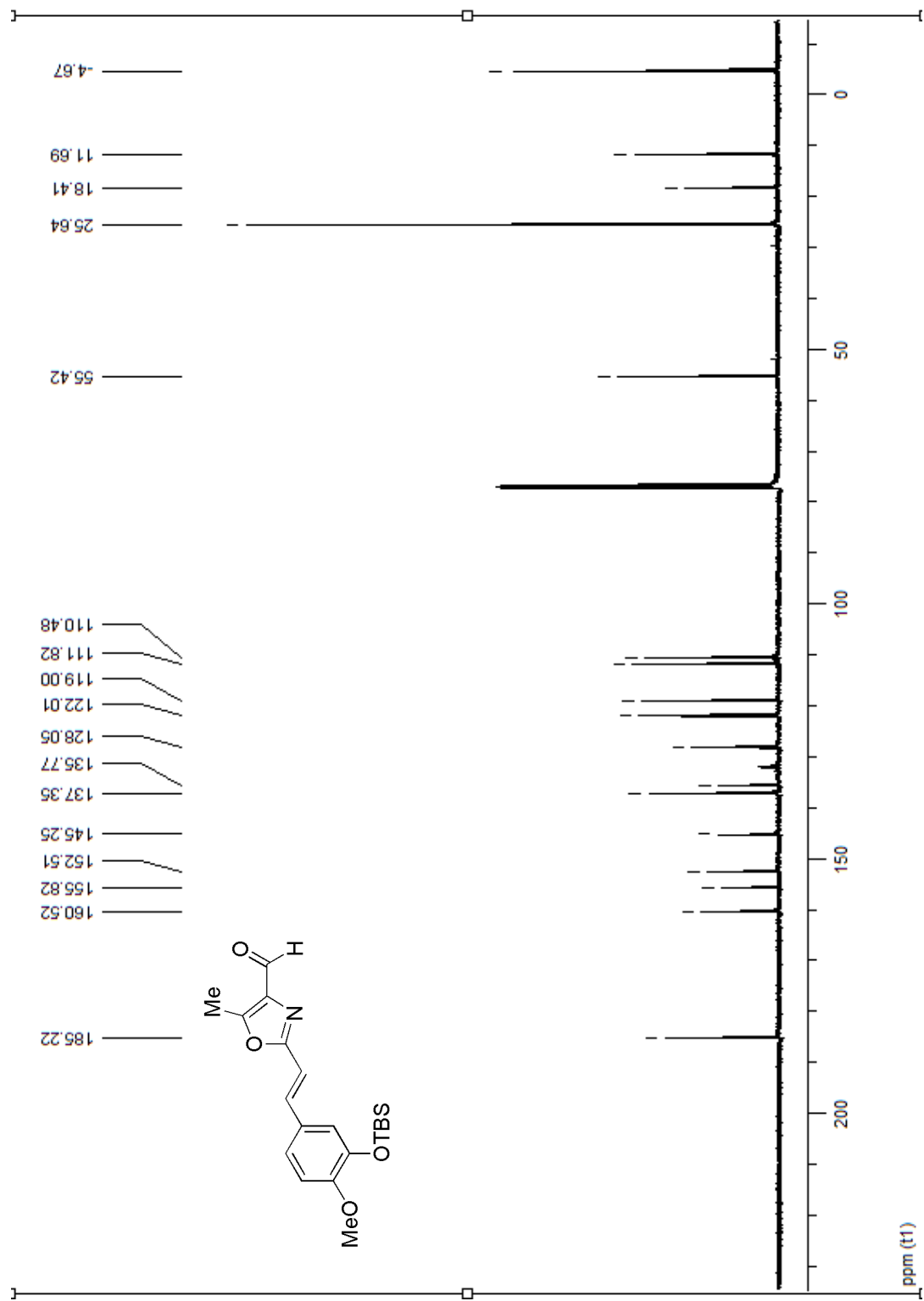


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2-(3-*tert*-Butyldimethylsilyloxy-4-methoxystyryl)-5-methyloxazole-4-carbaldehyde 8a

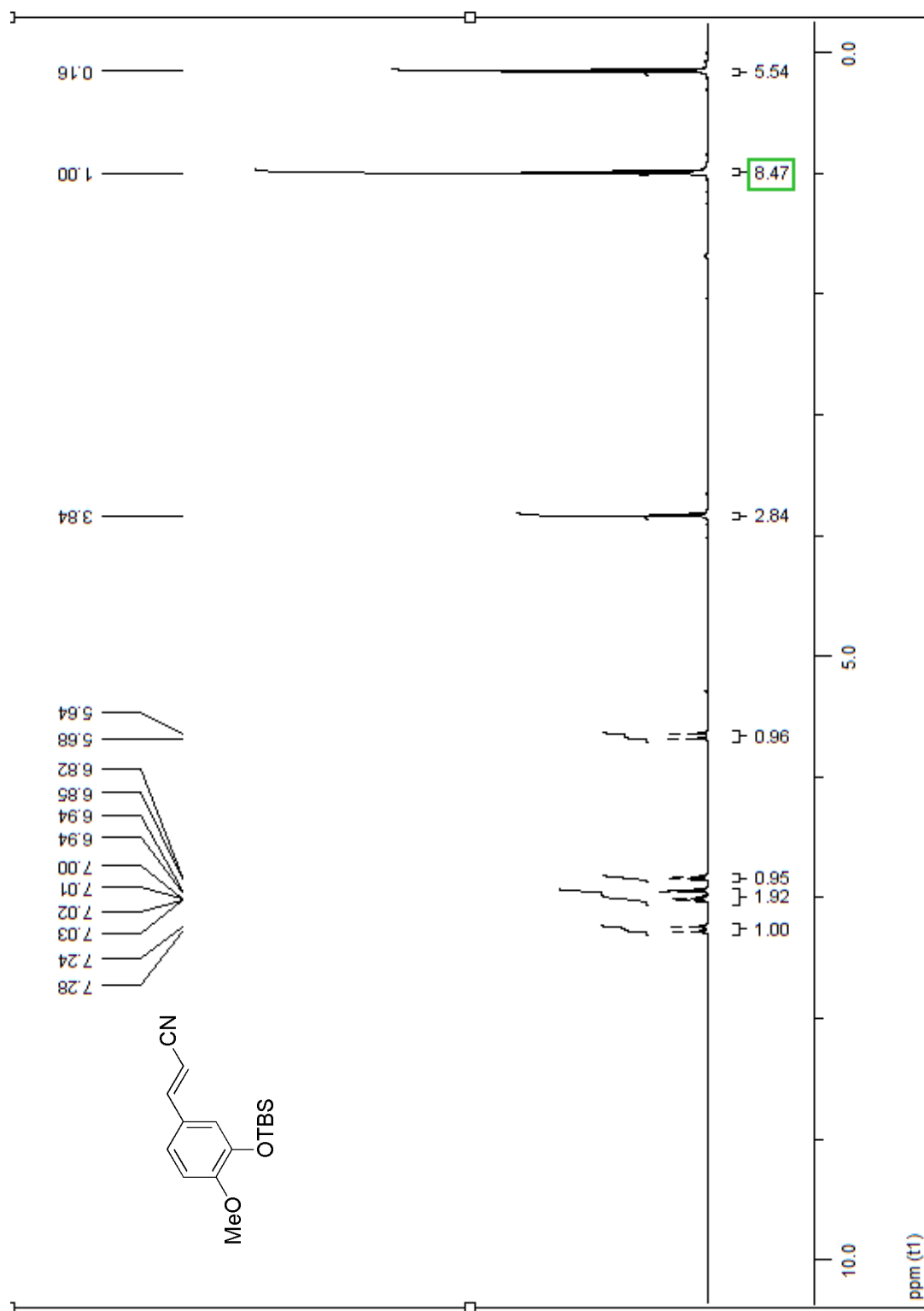


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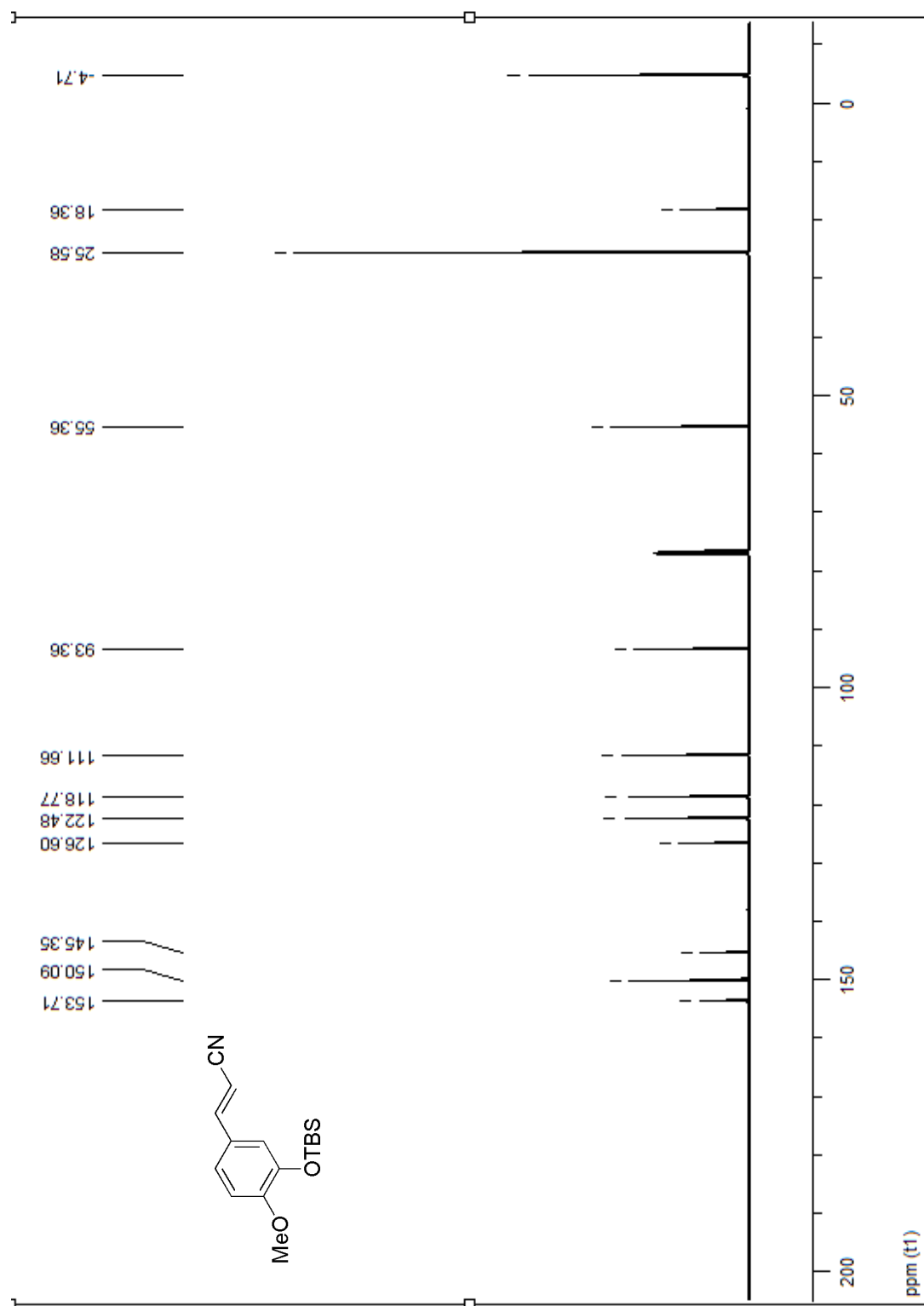


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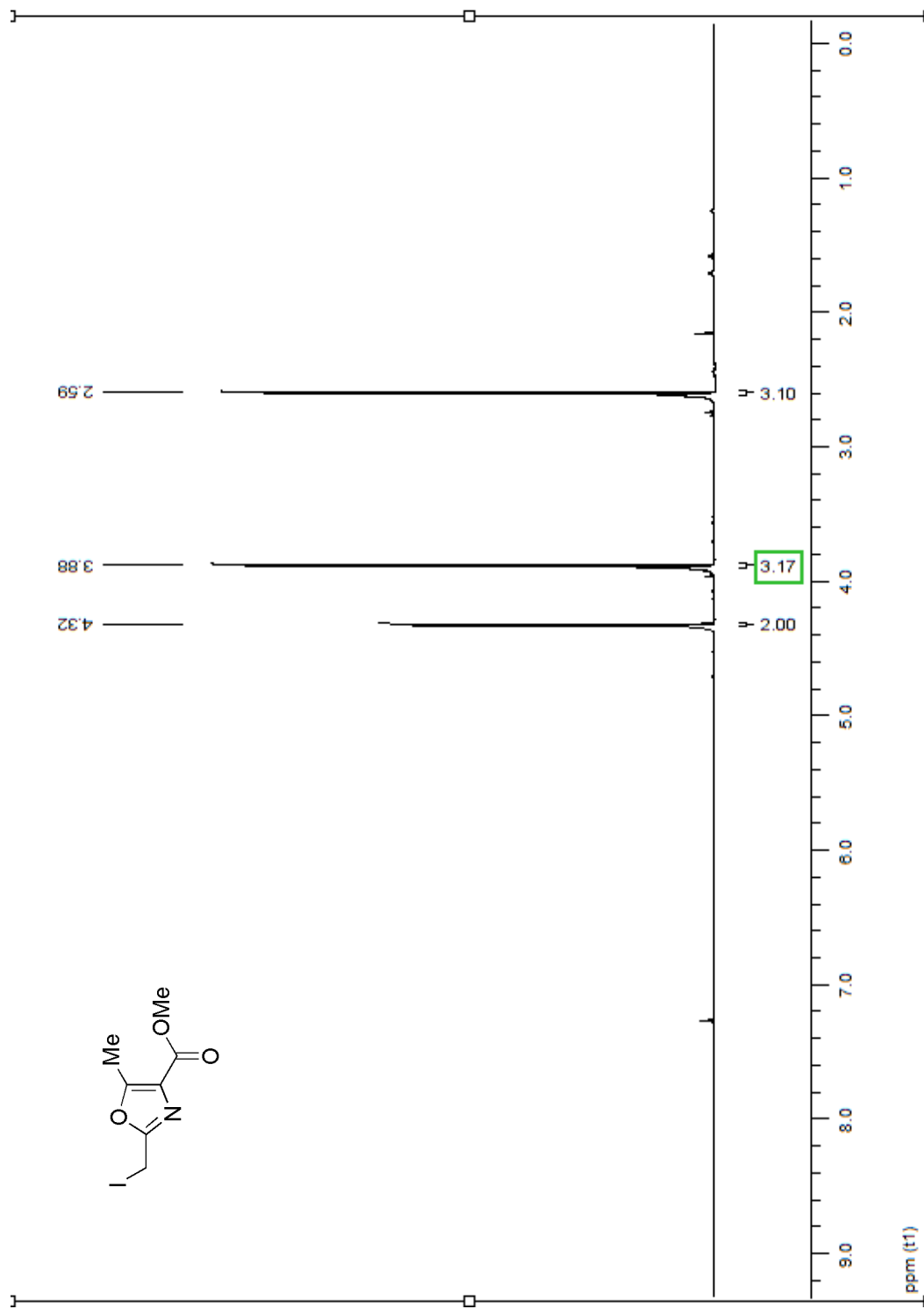


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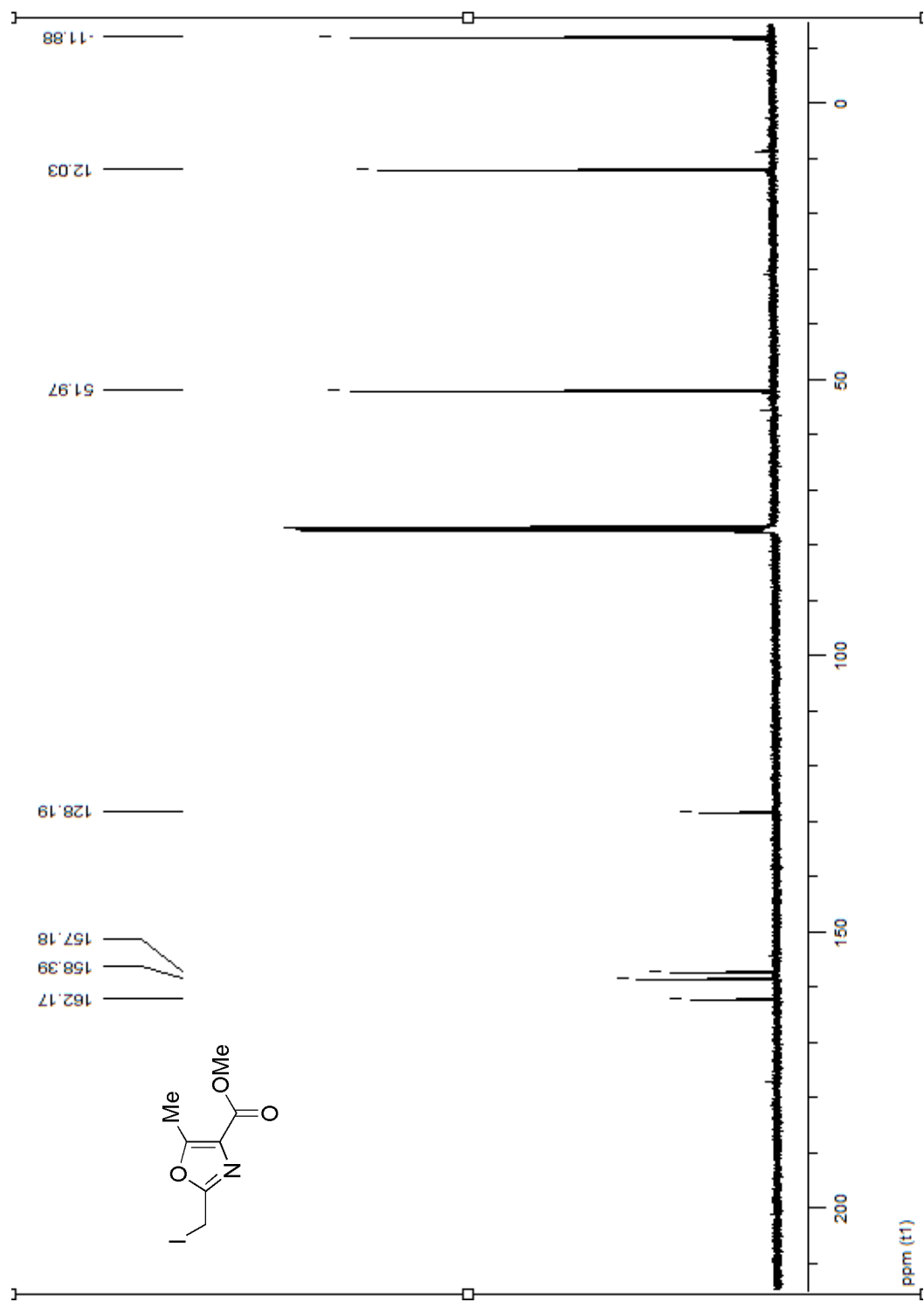


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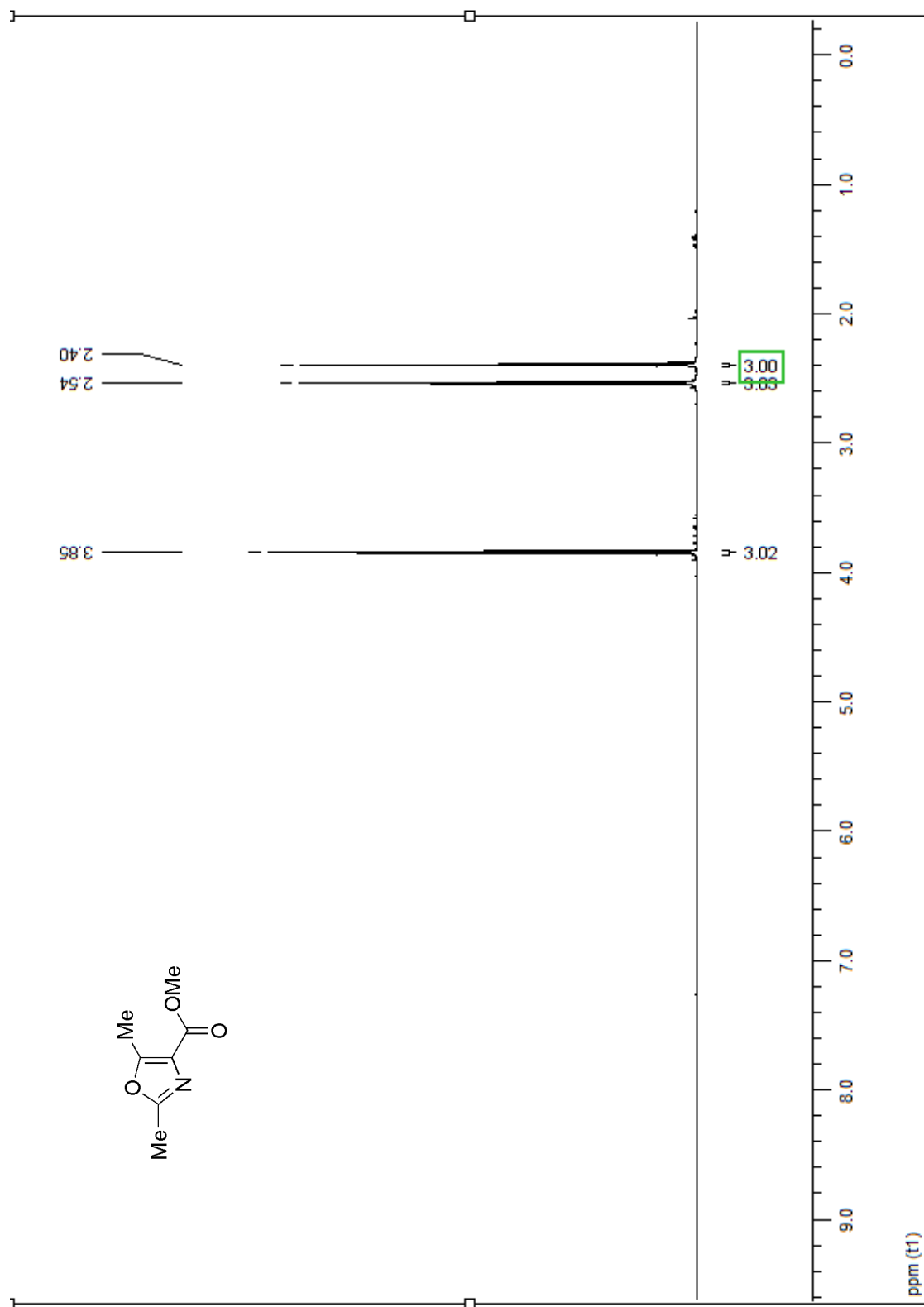


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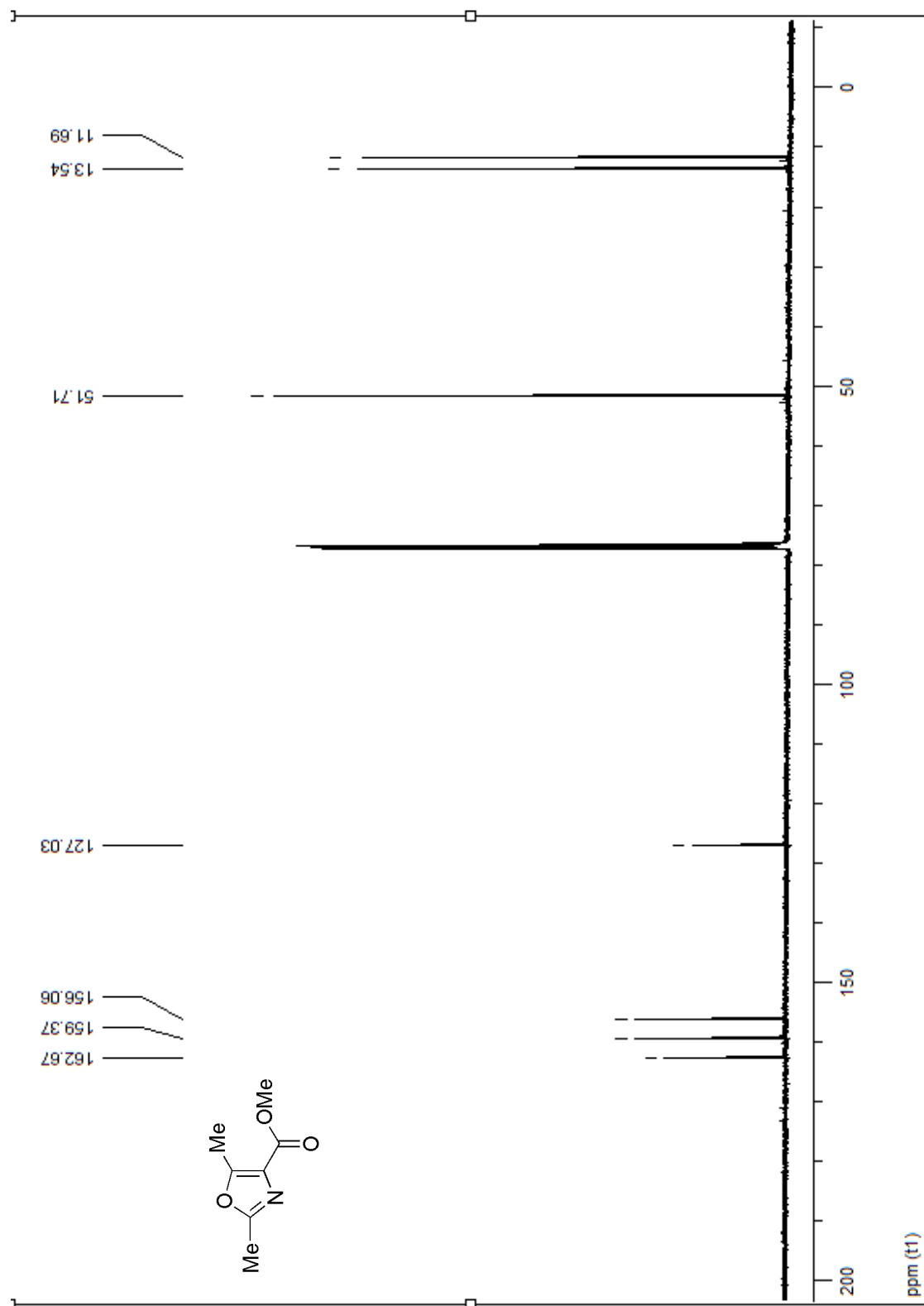


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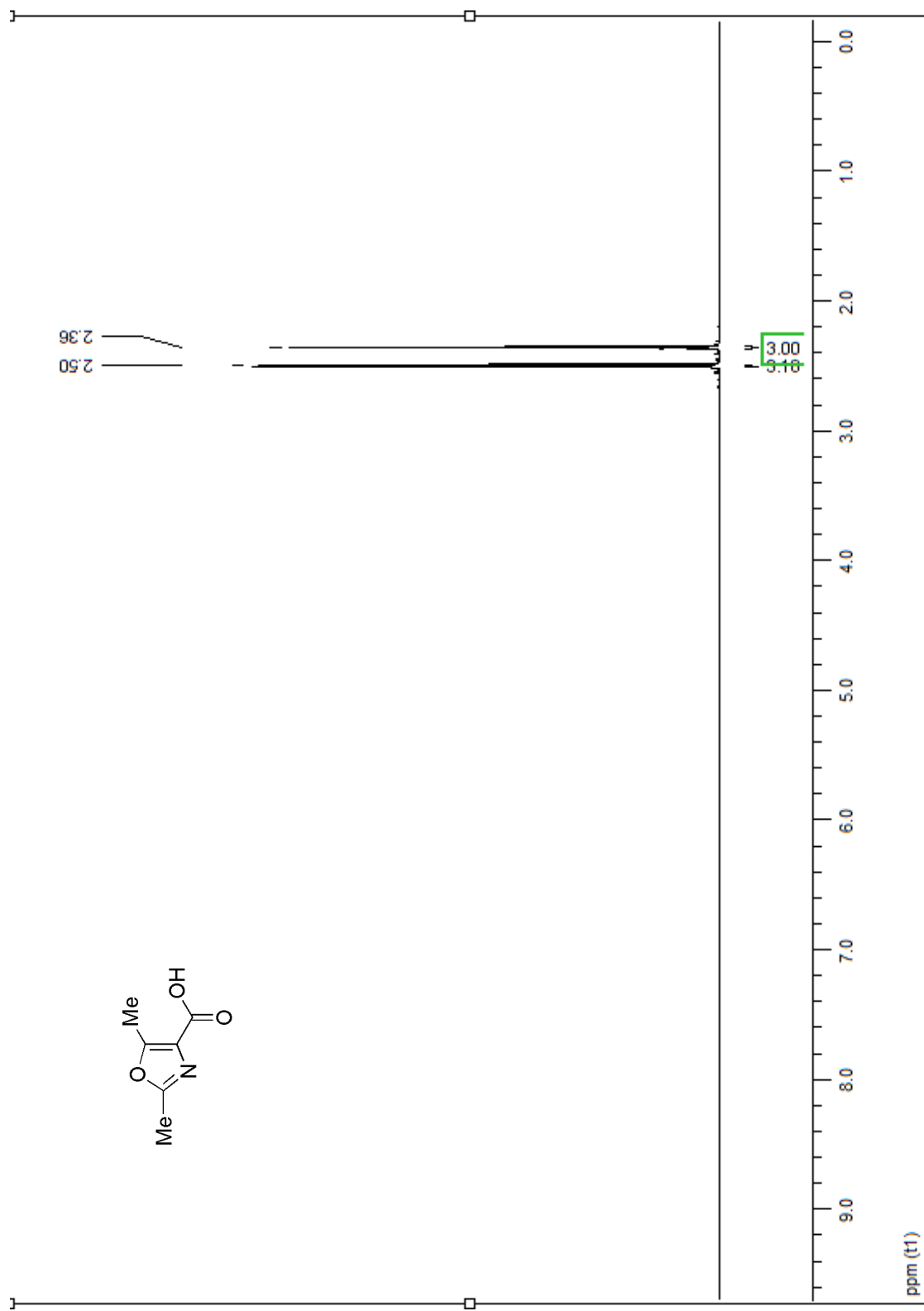


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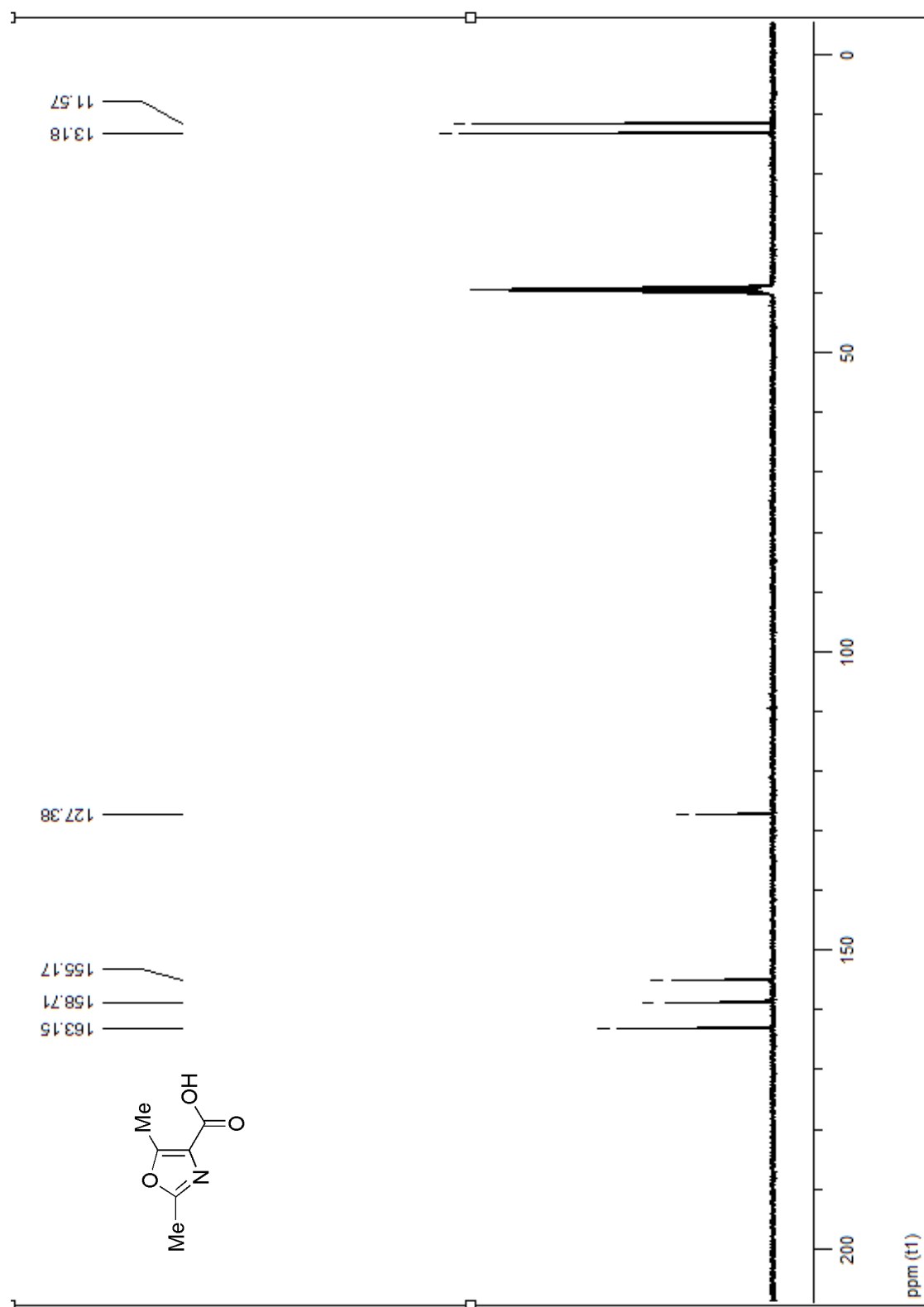


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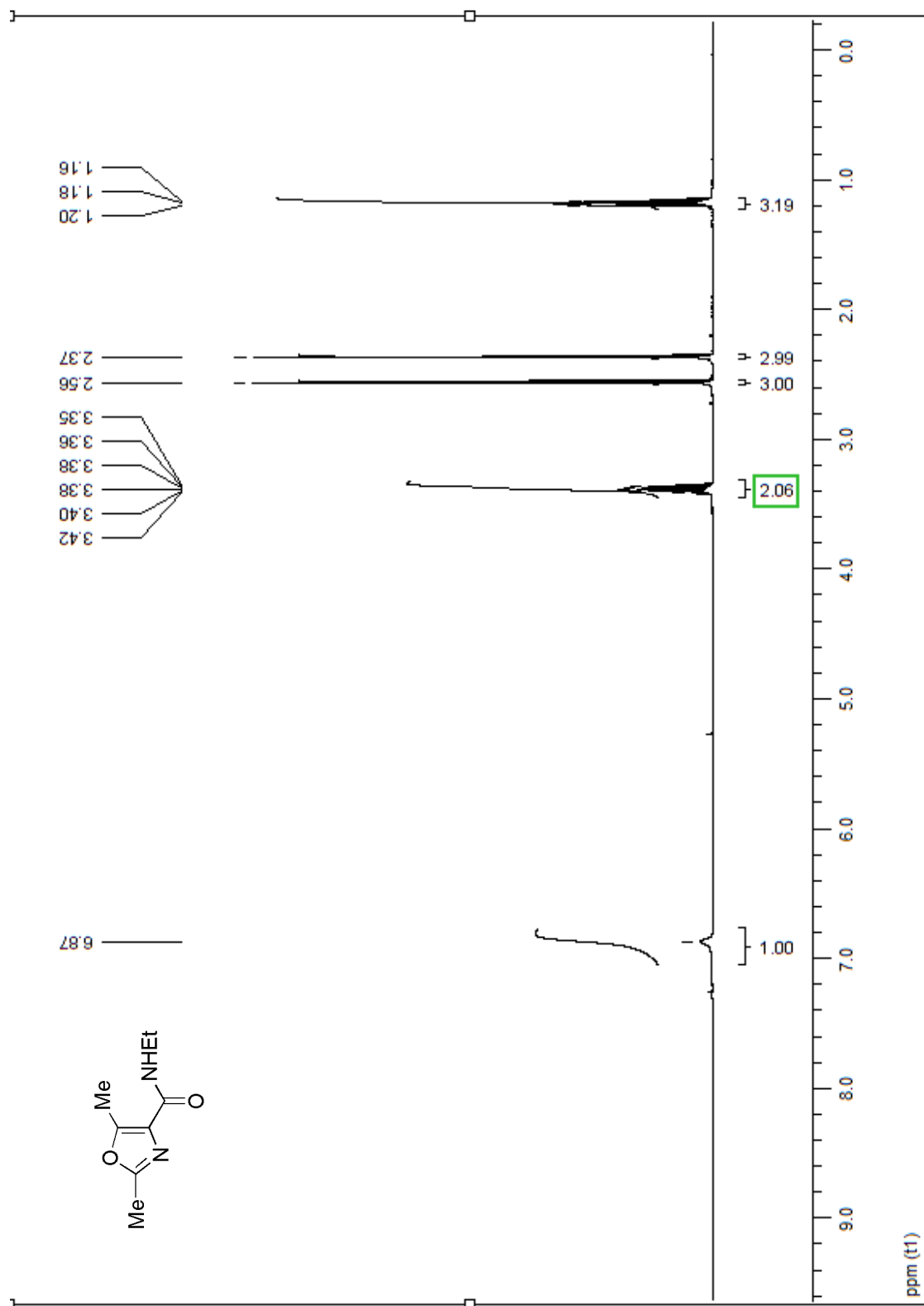


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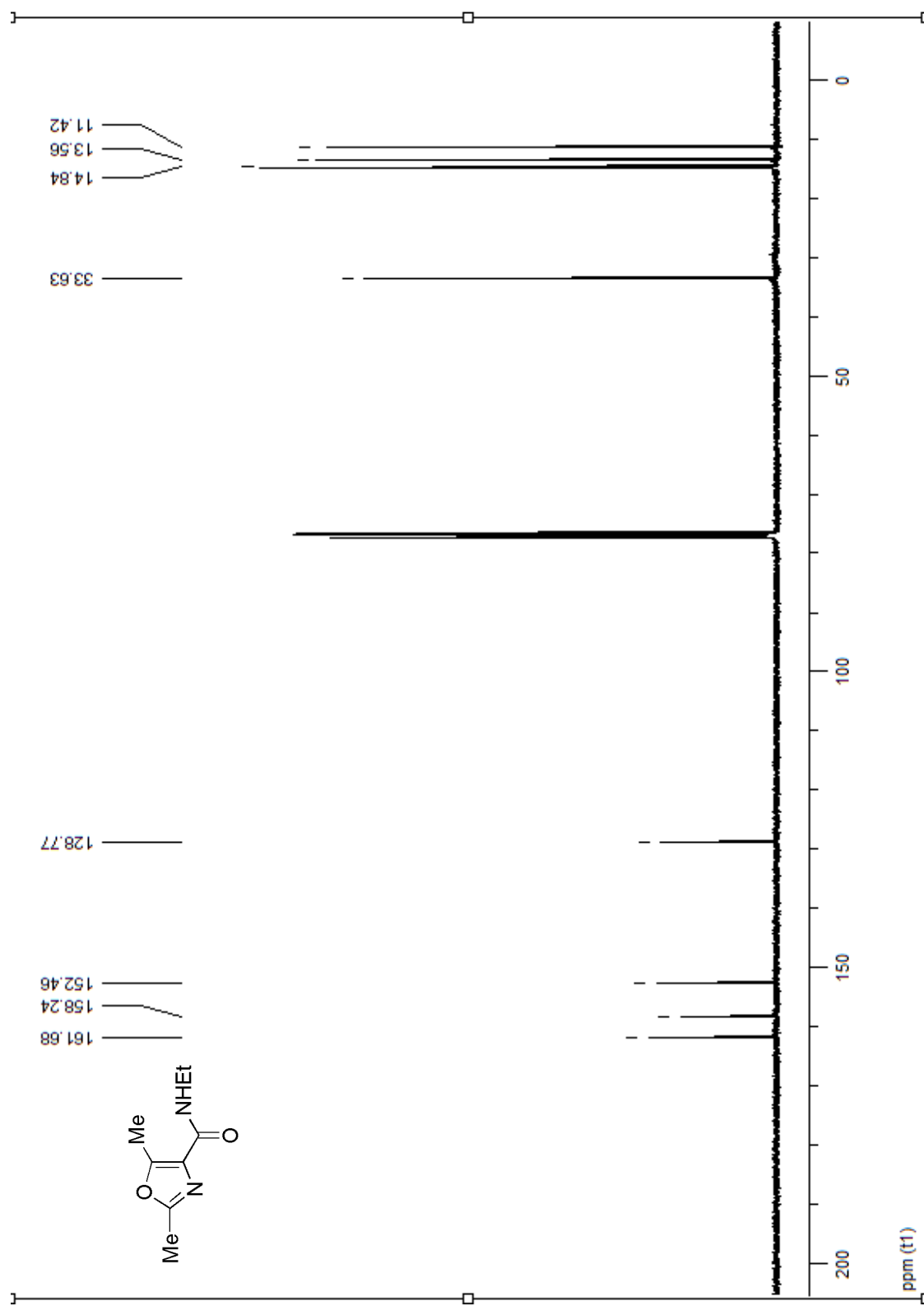


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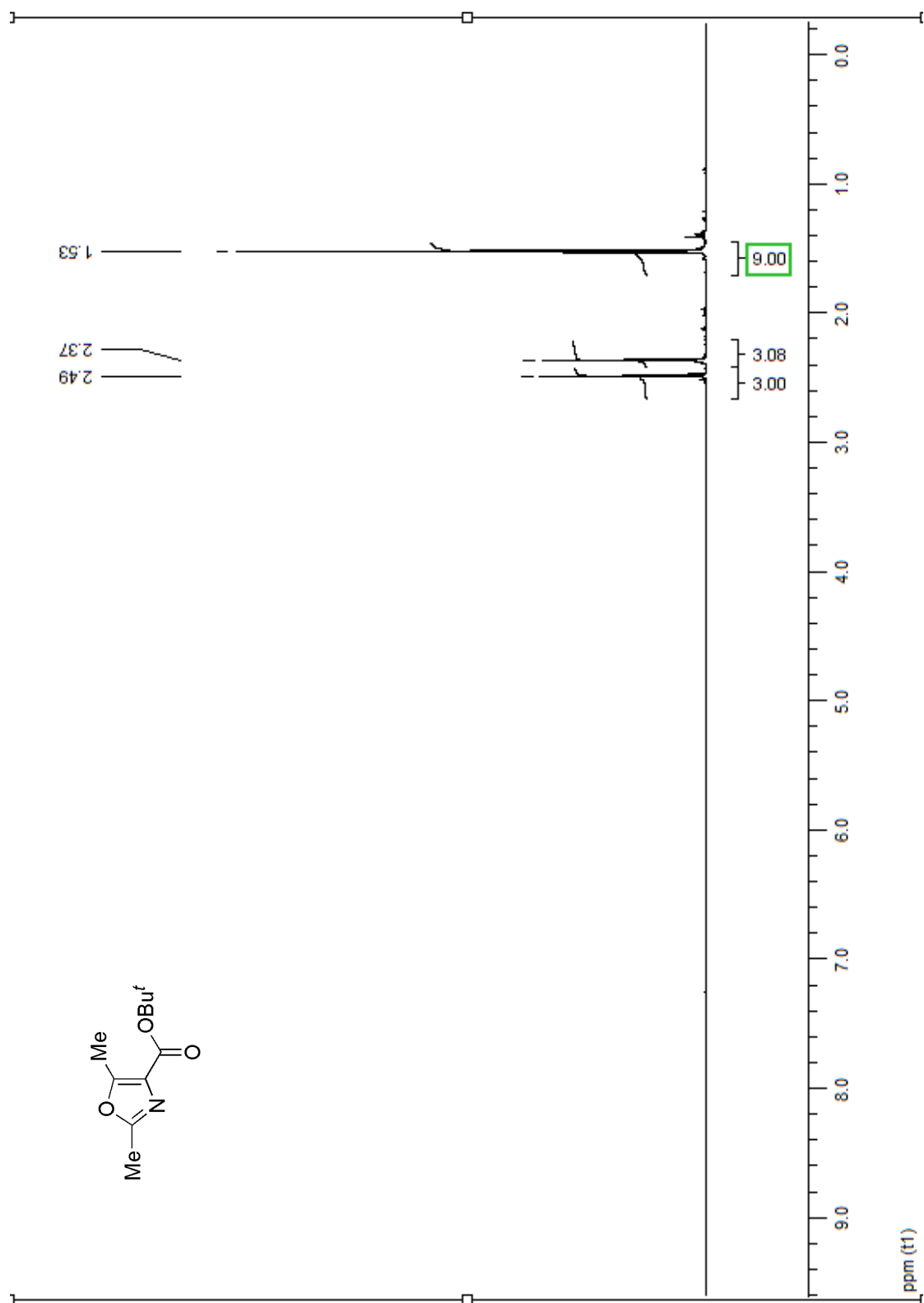


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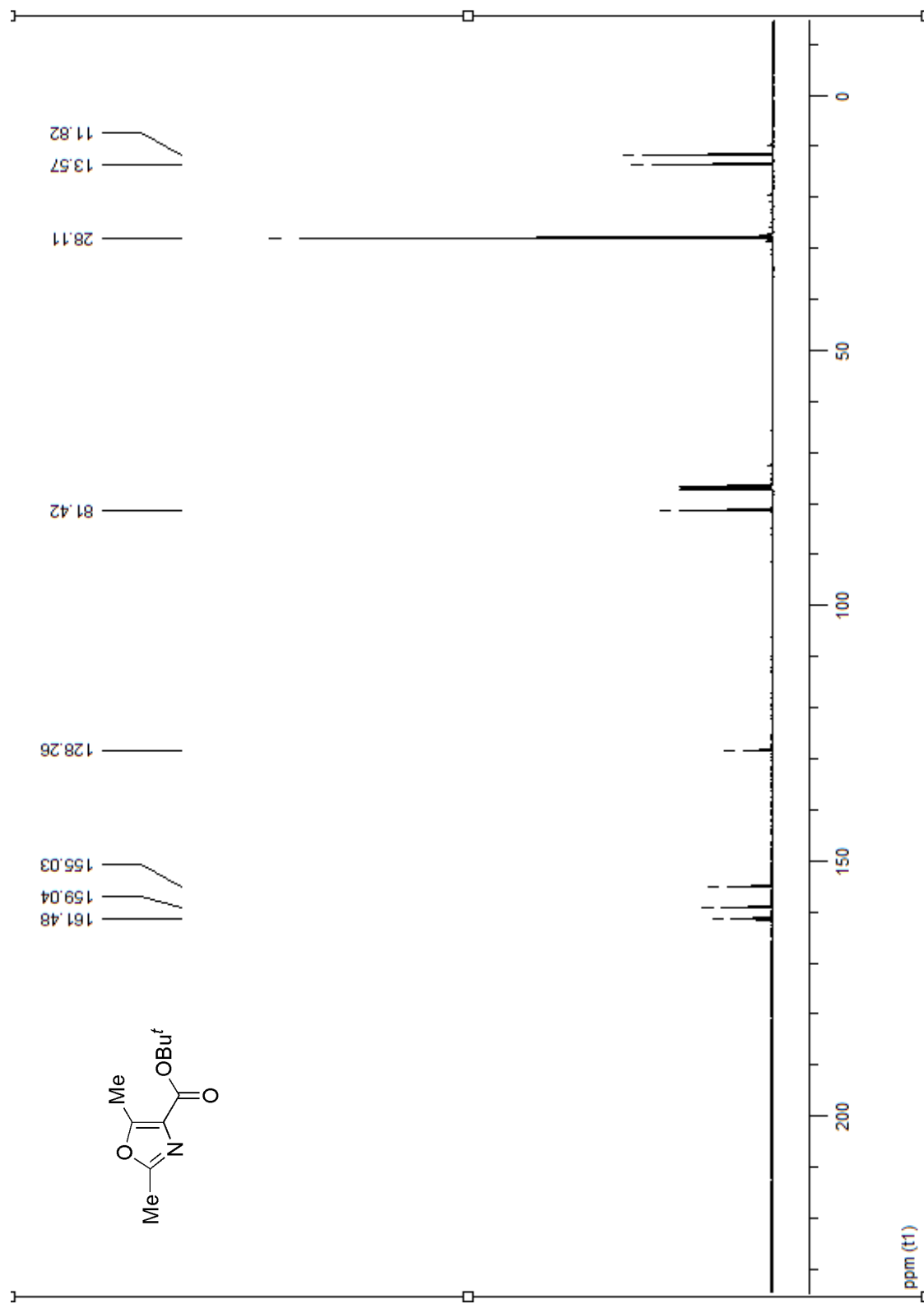


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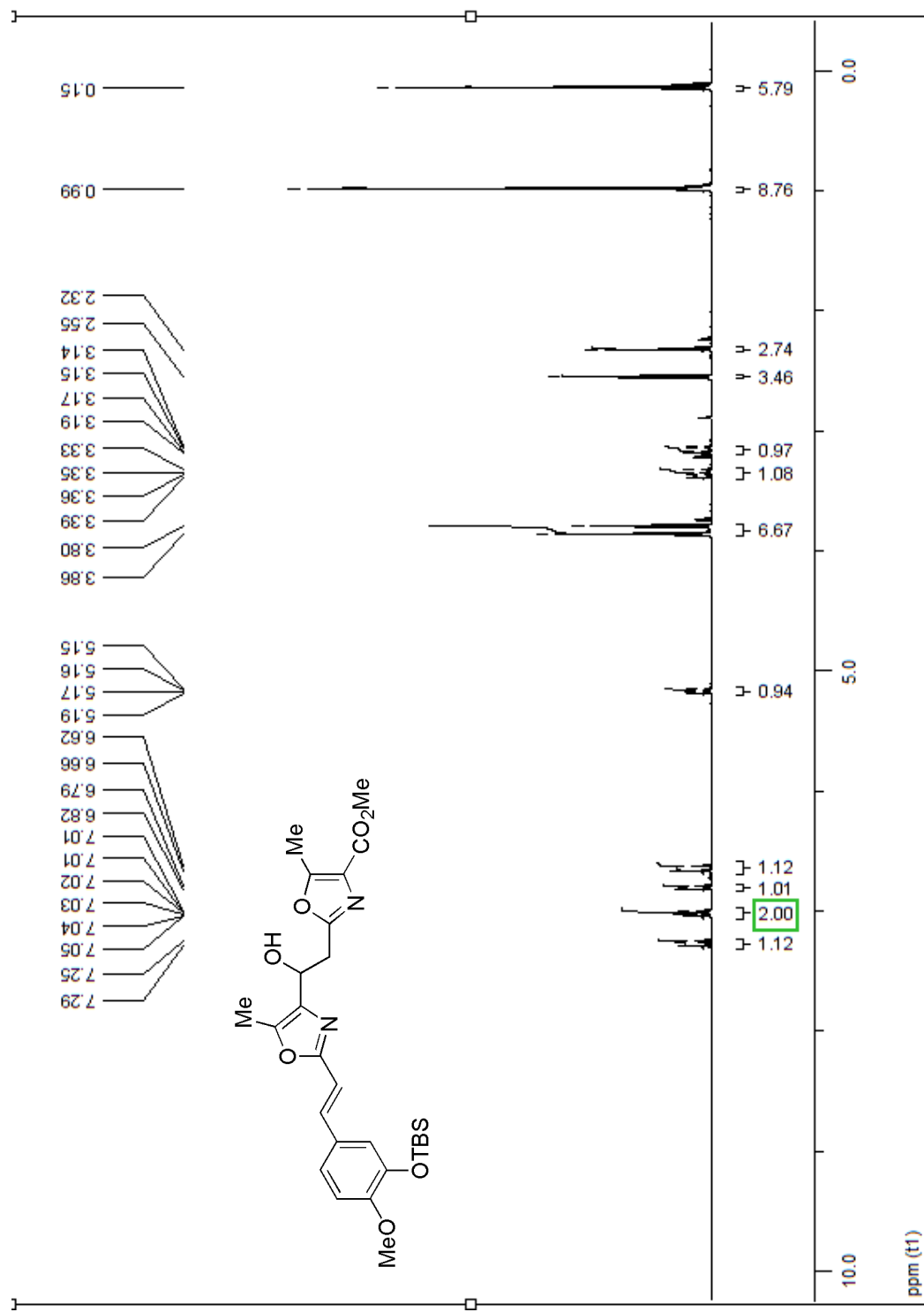


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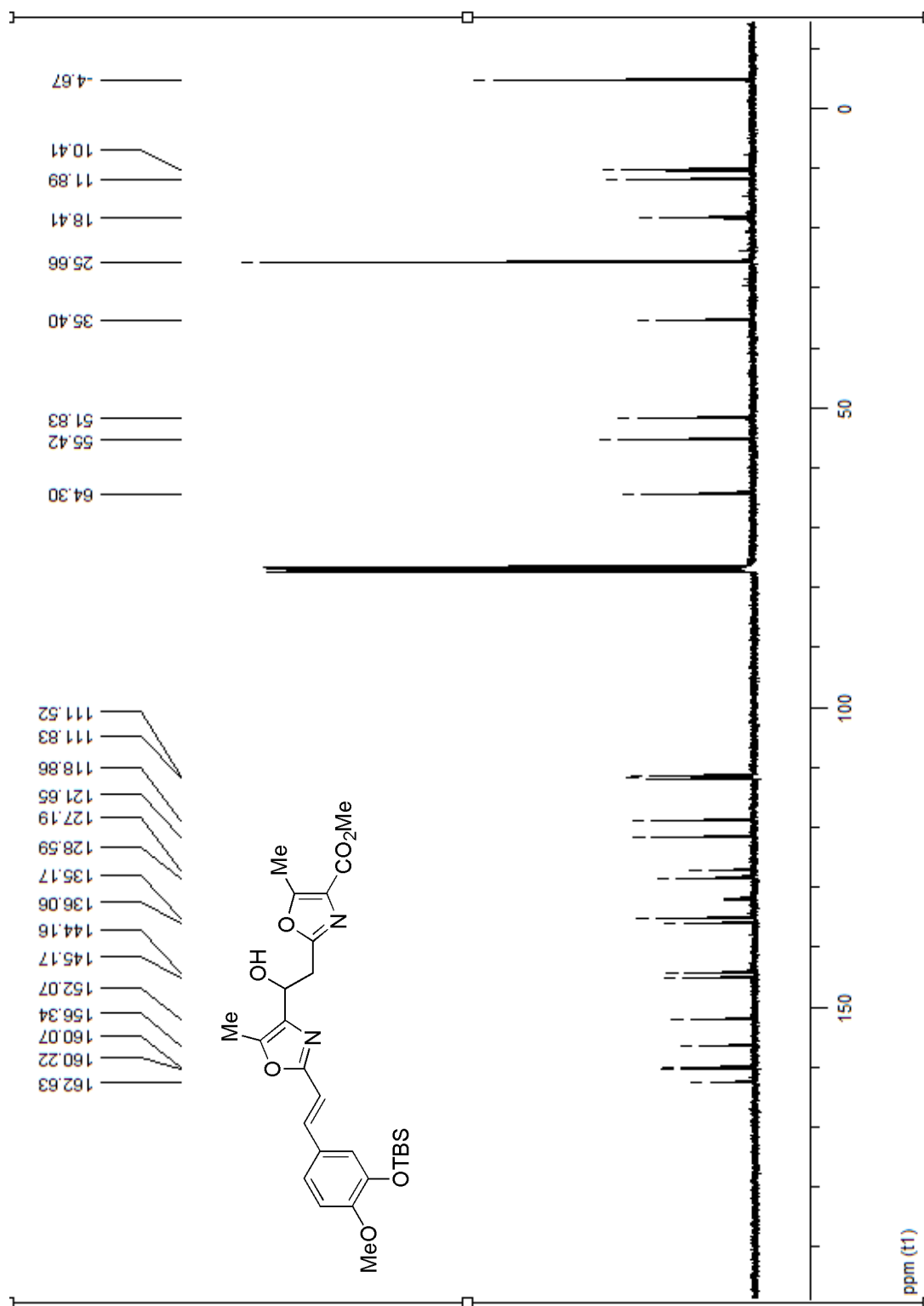


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Methyl 2-(2-(2-(3-*tert*-butyldimethylsilyloxy-4-methoxystyryl)-5-methyloxazol-4-yl)-2-hydroxyethyl)-5-methylloxazole-4-carboxylate 17a



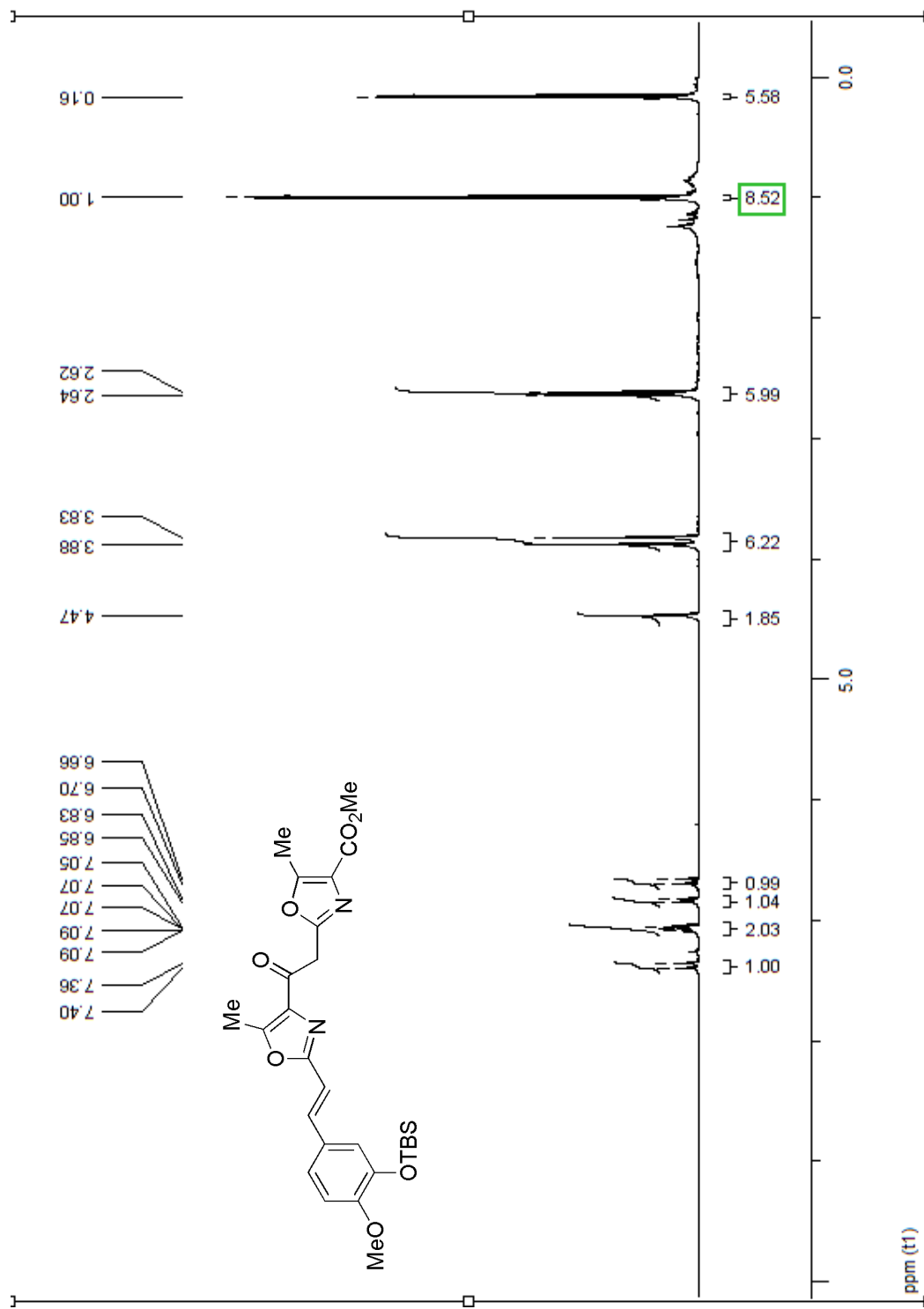
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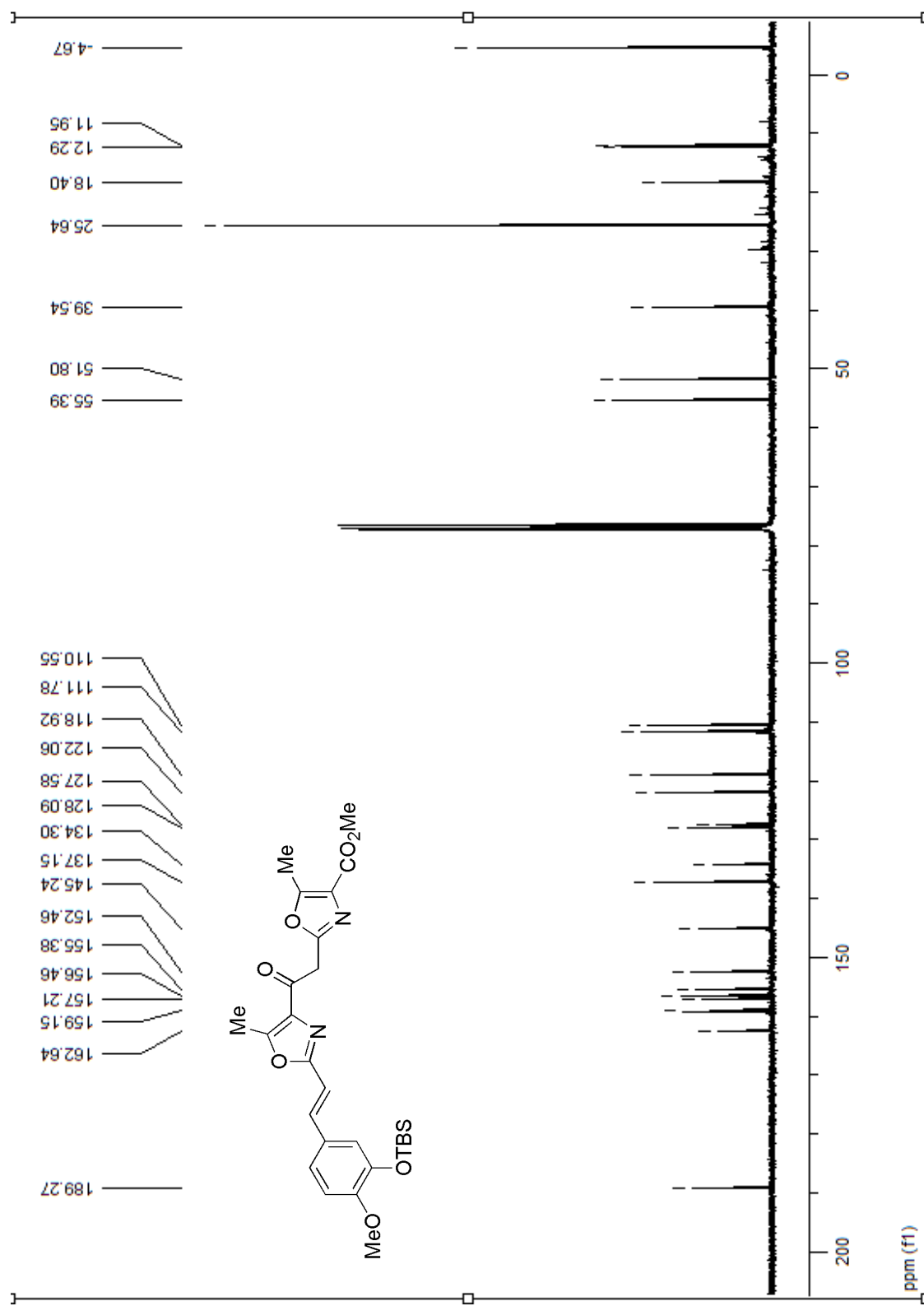
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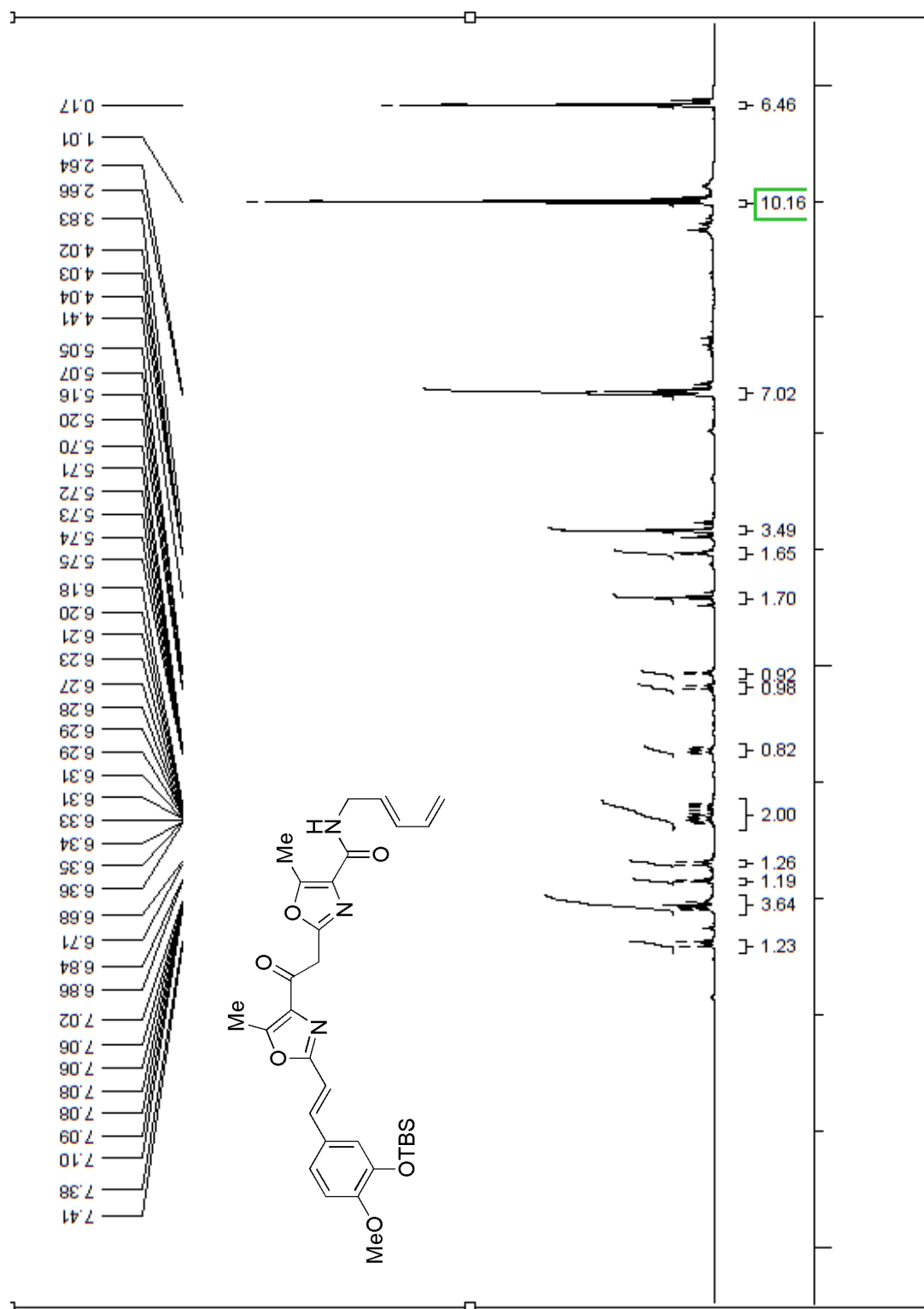


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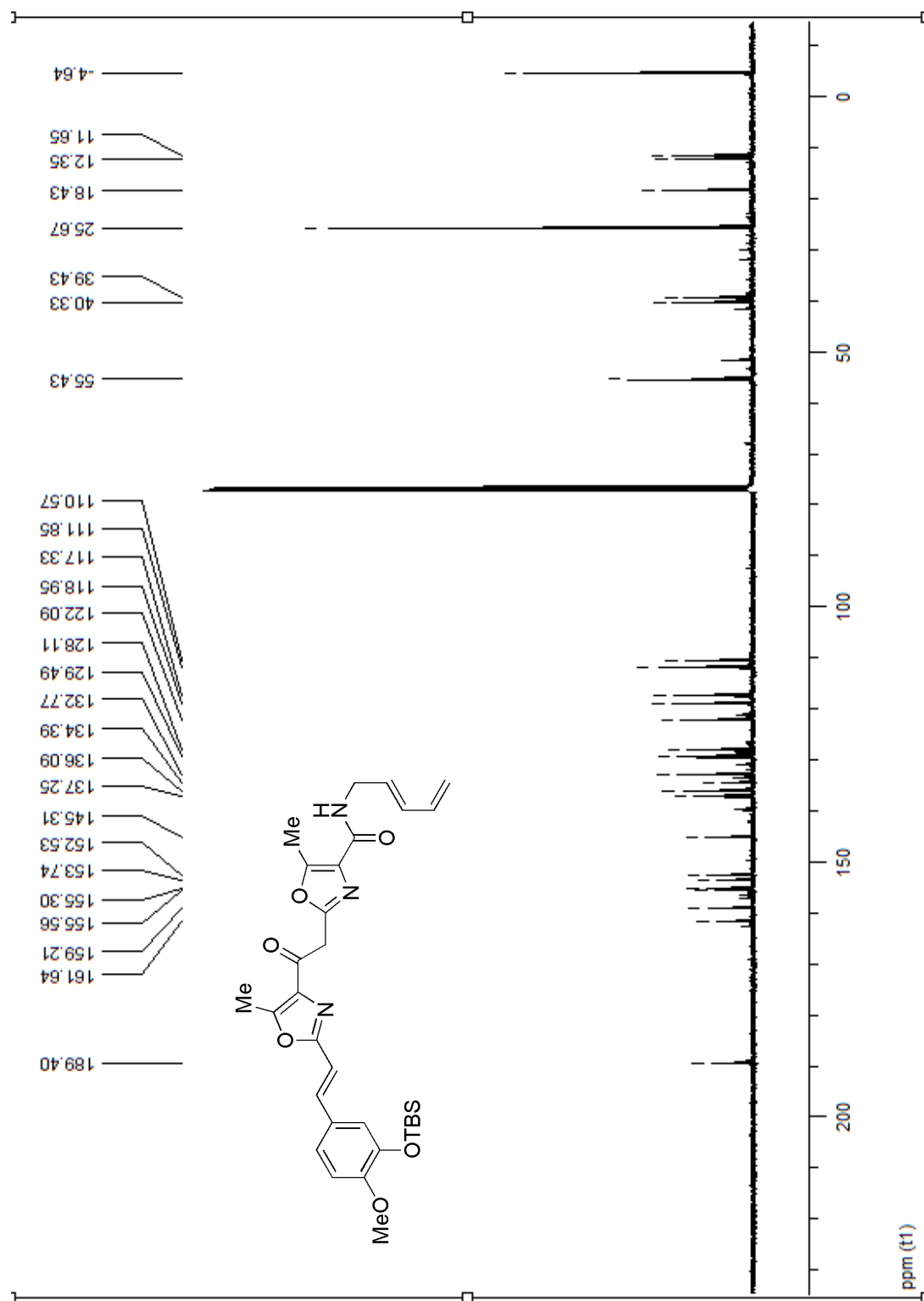


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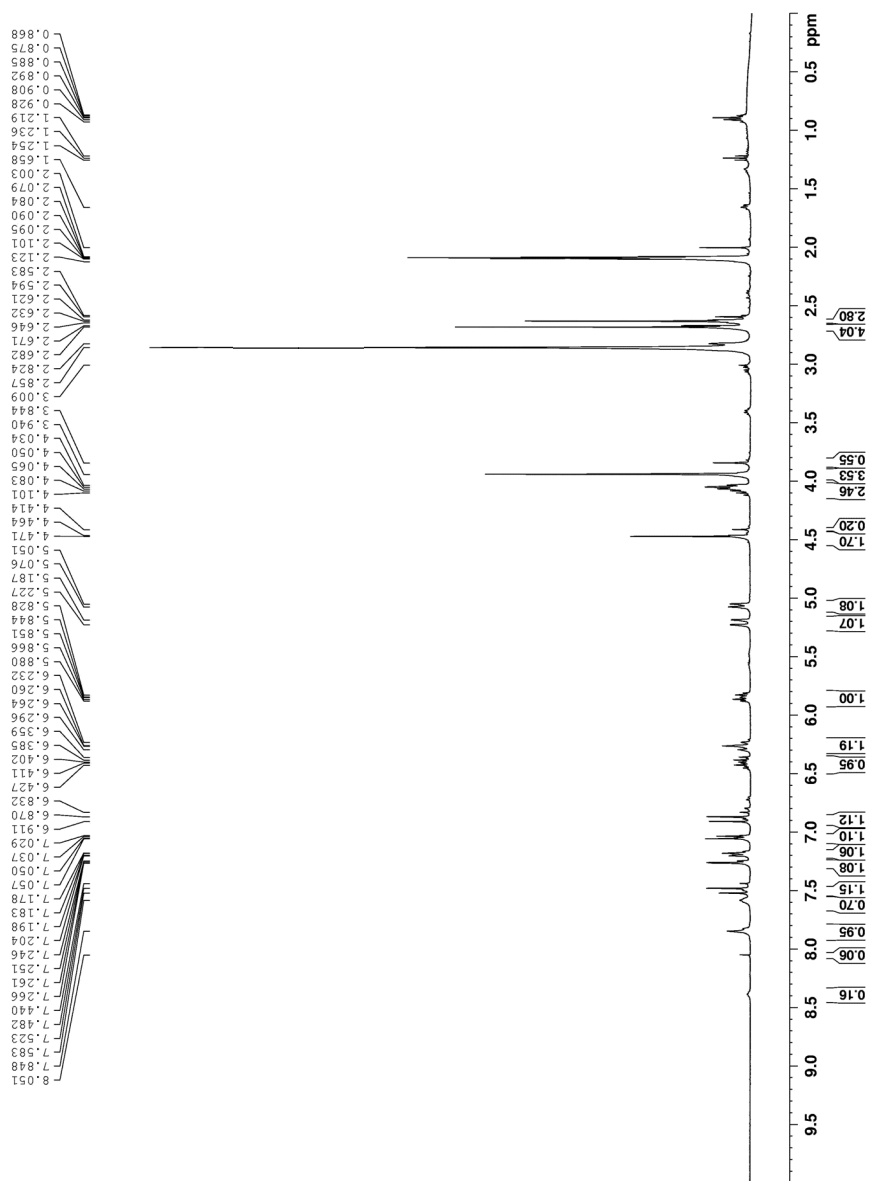
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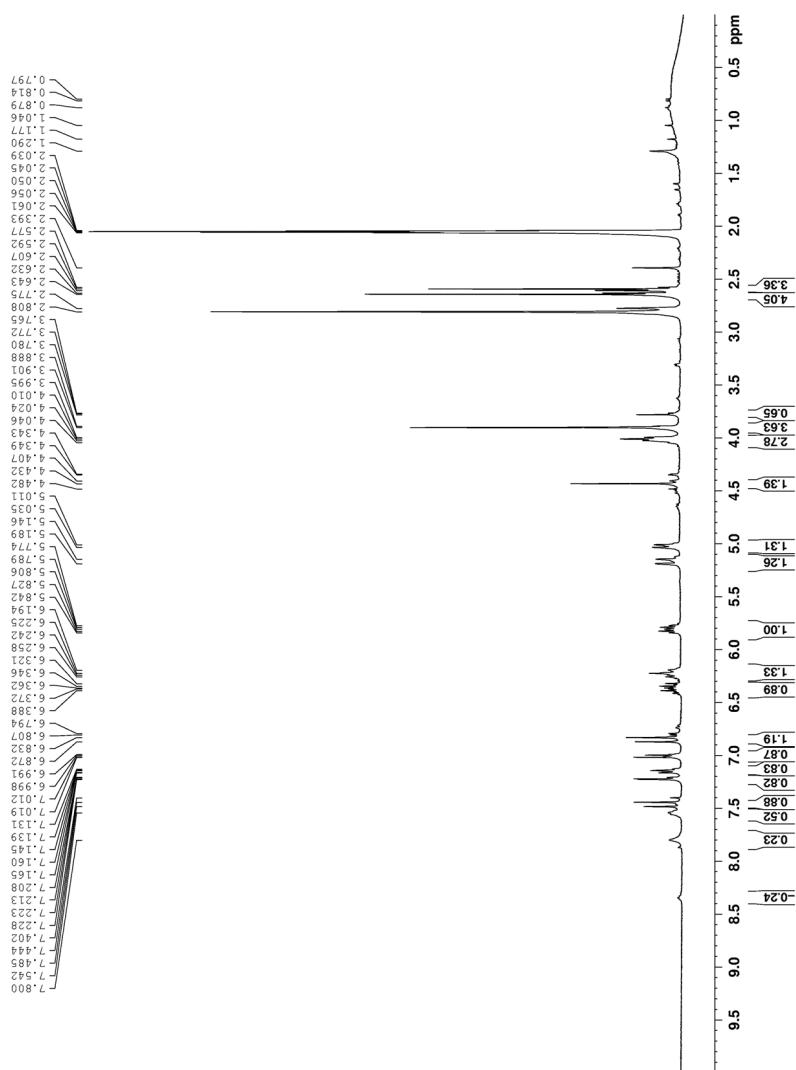
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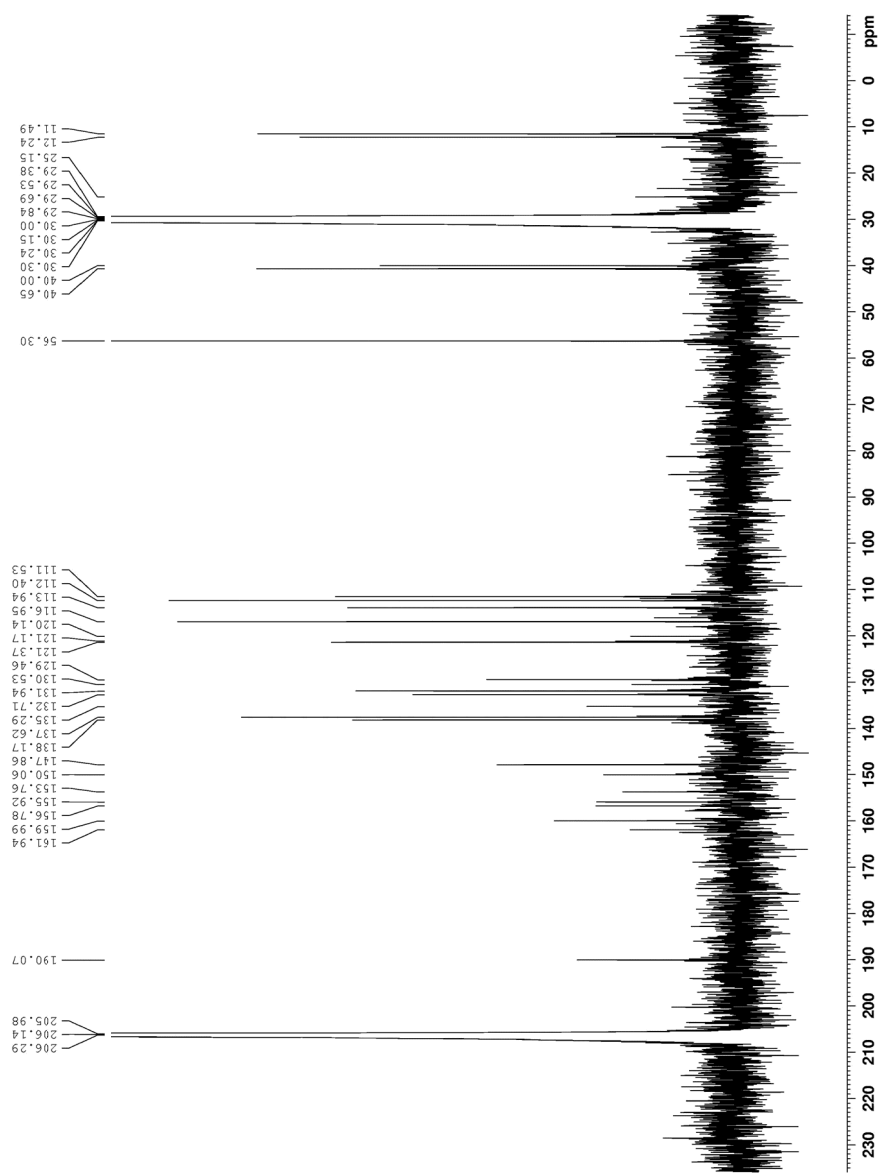
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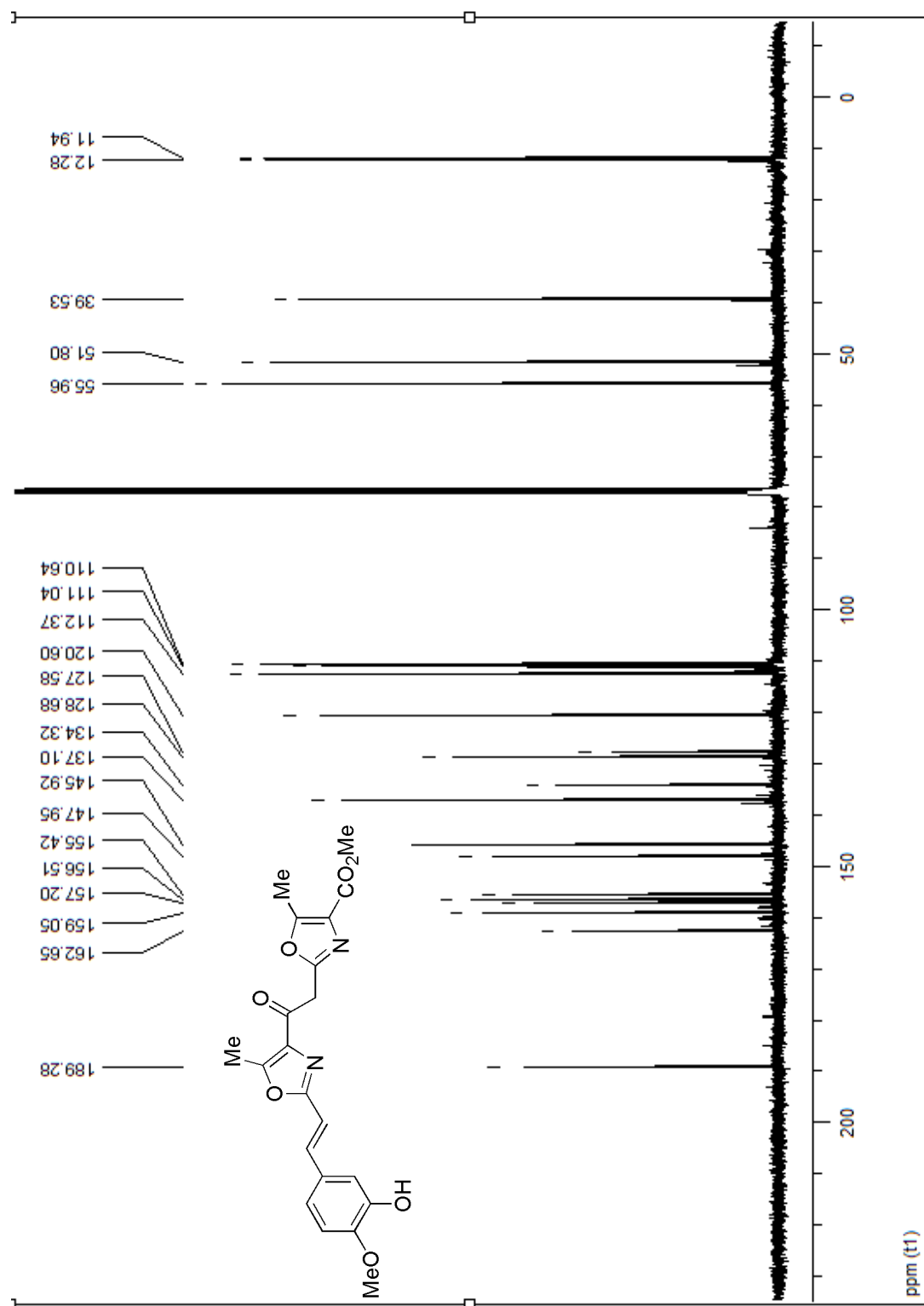
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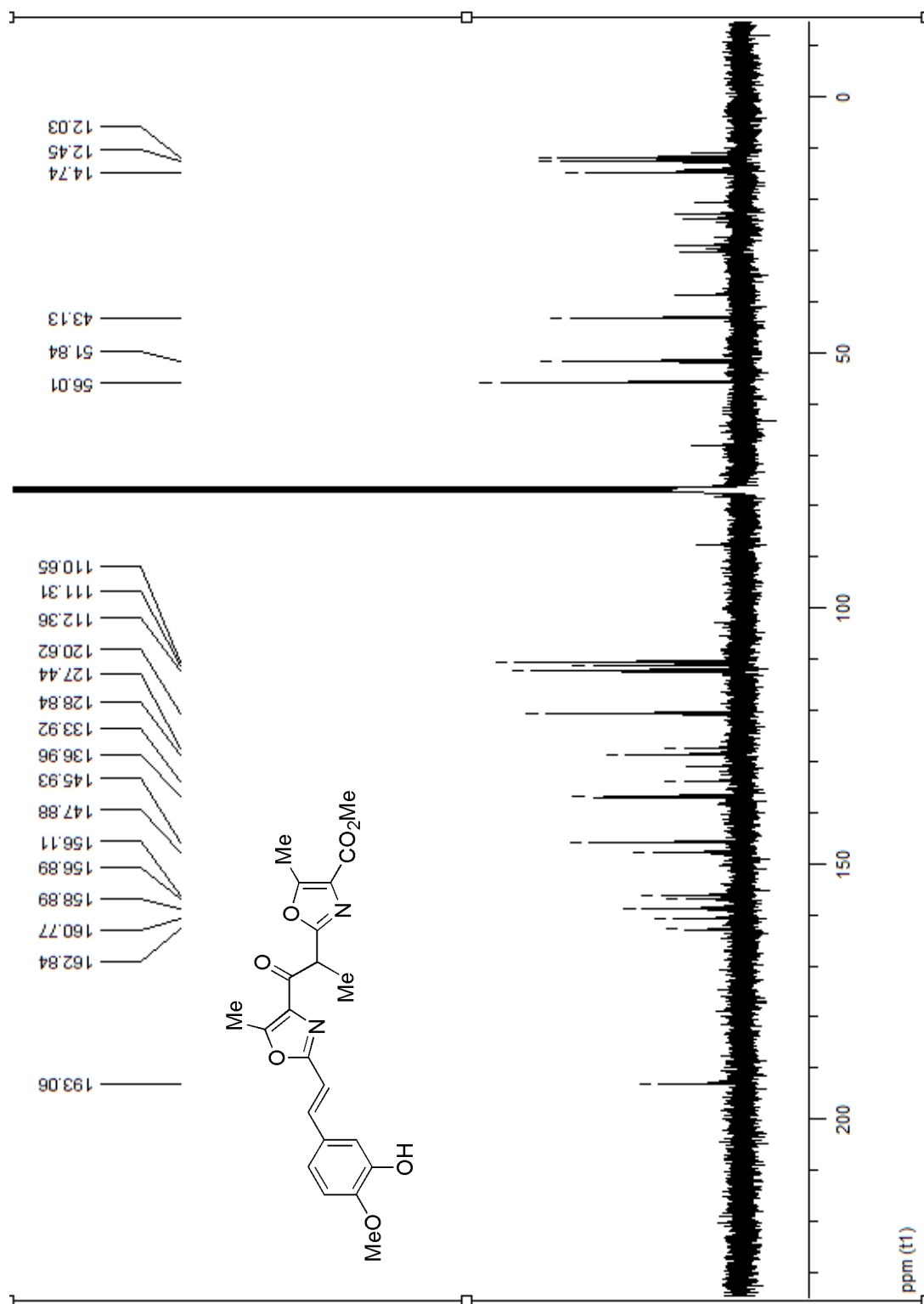
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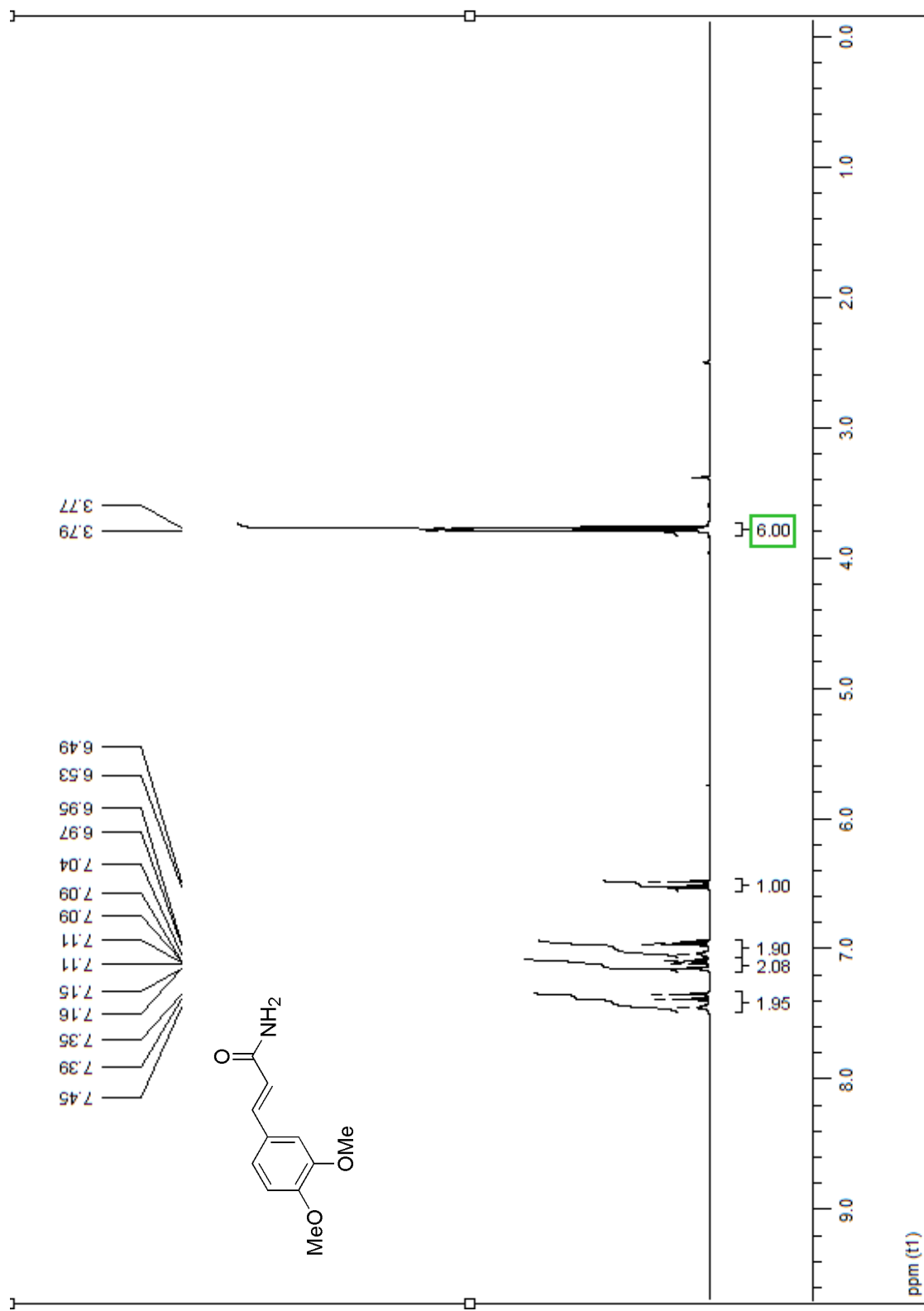


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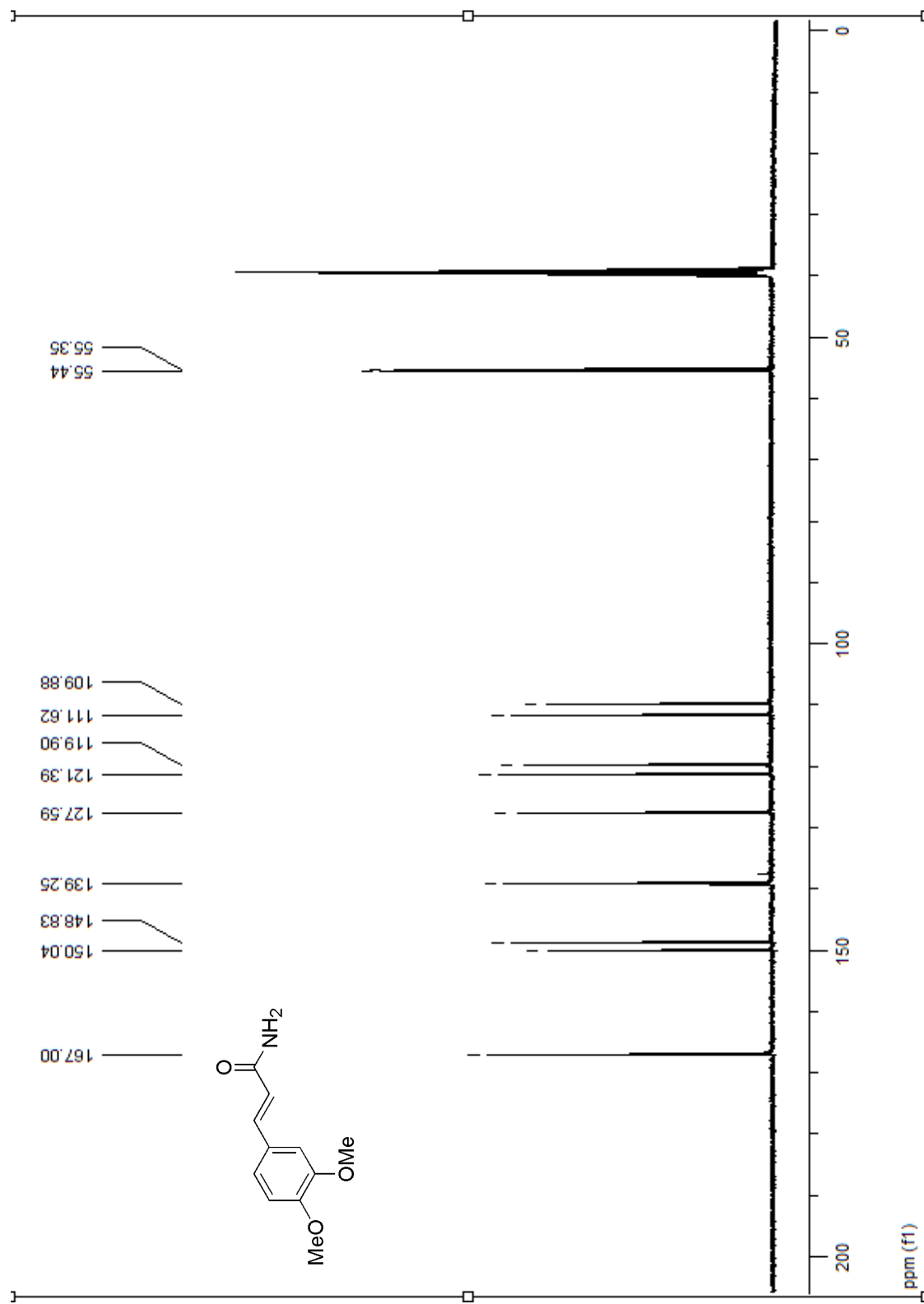


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(E)-3-(3,4-Dimethoxyphenyl)acrylamide 4b

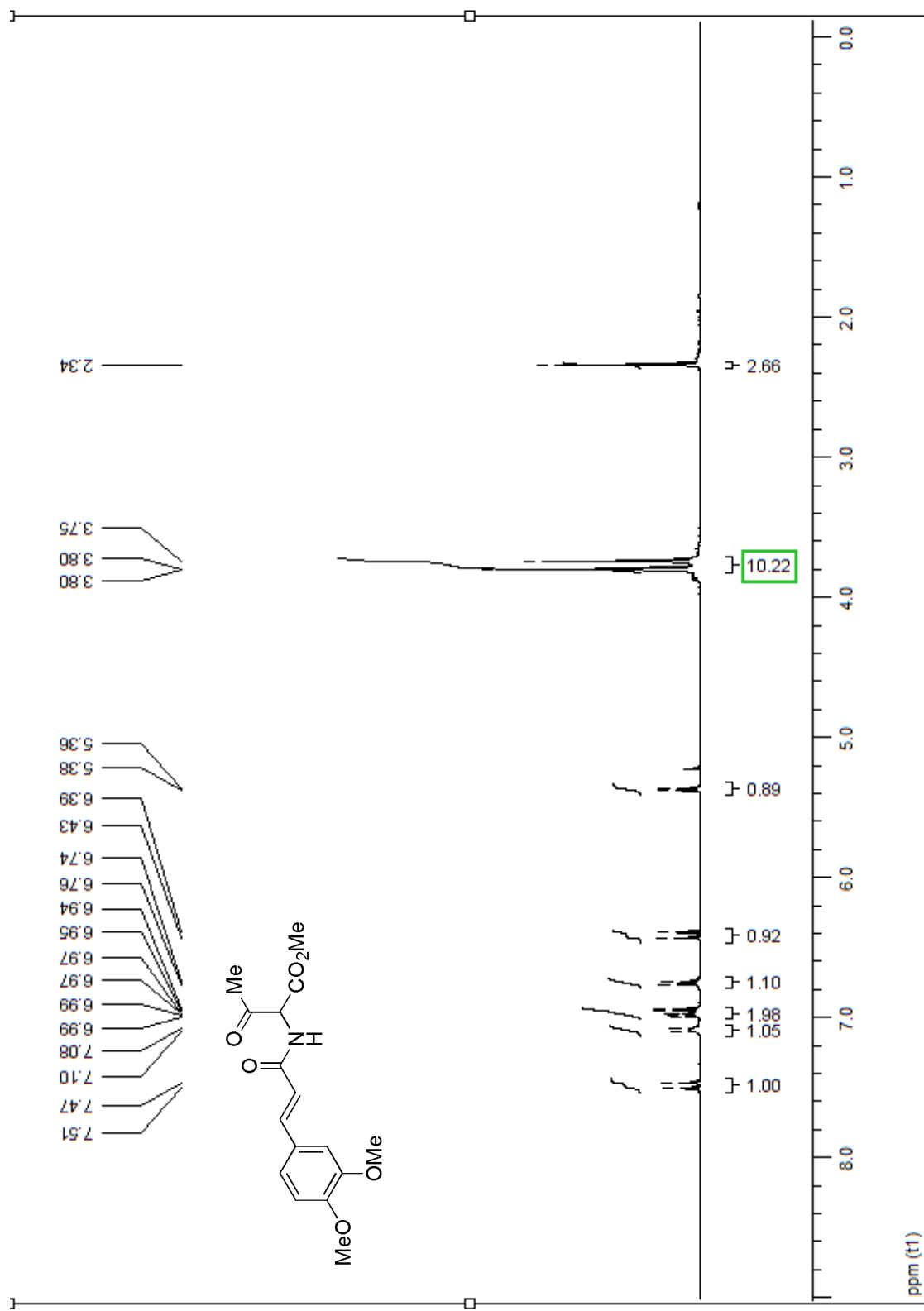


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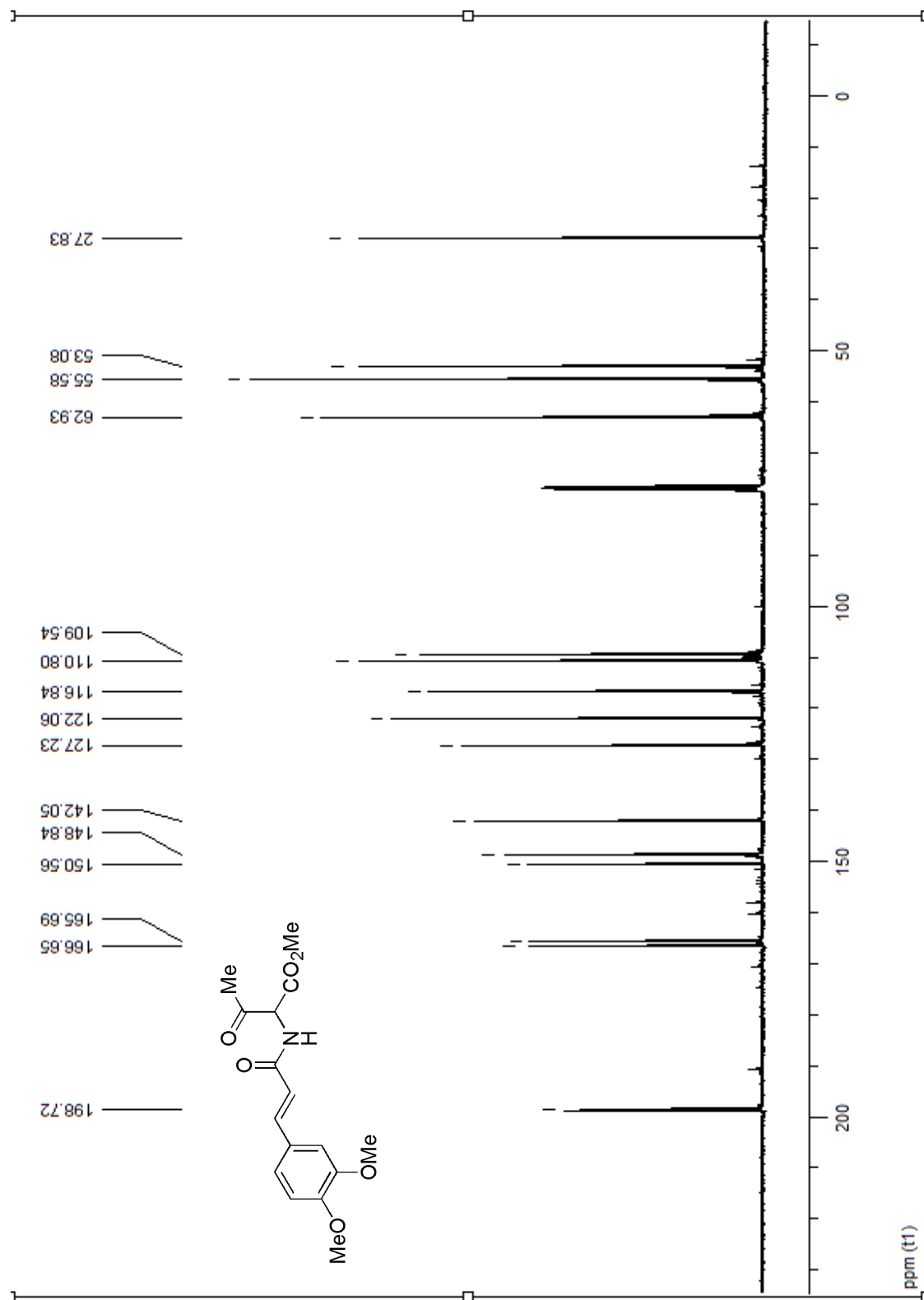


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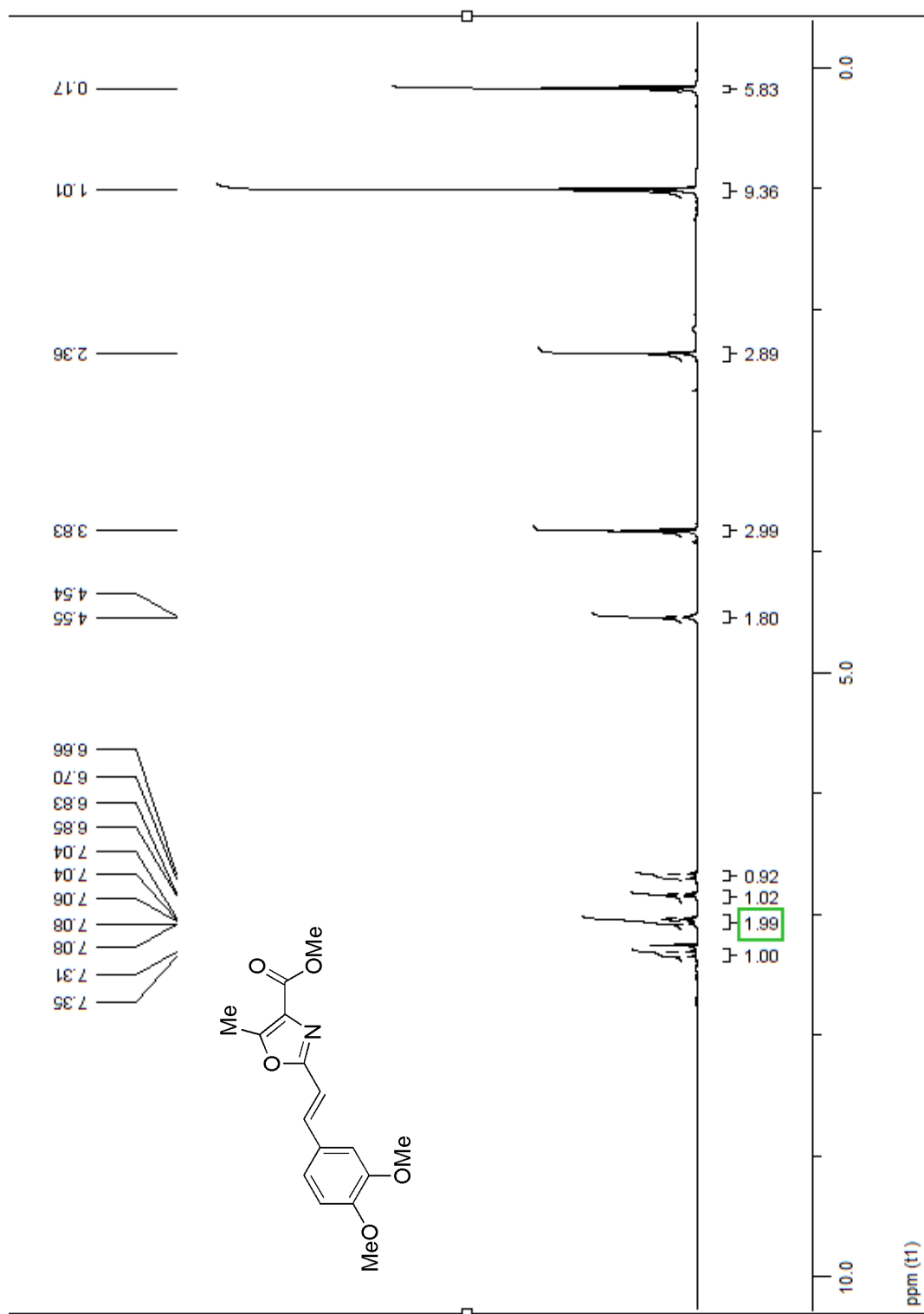


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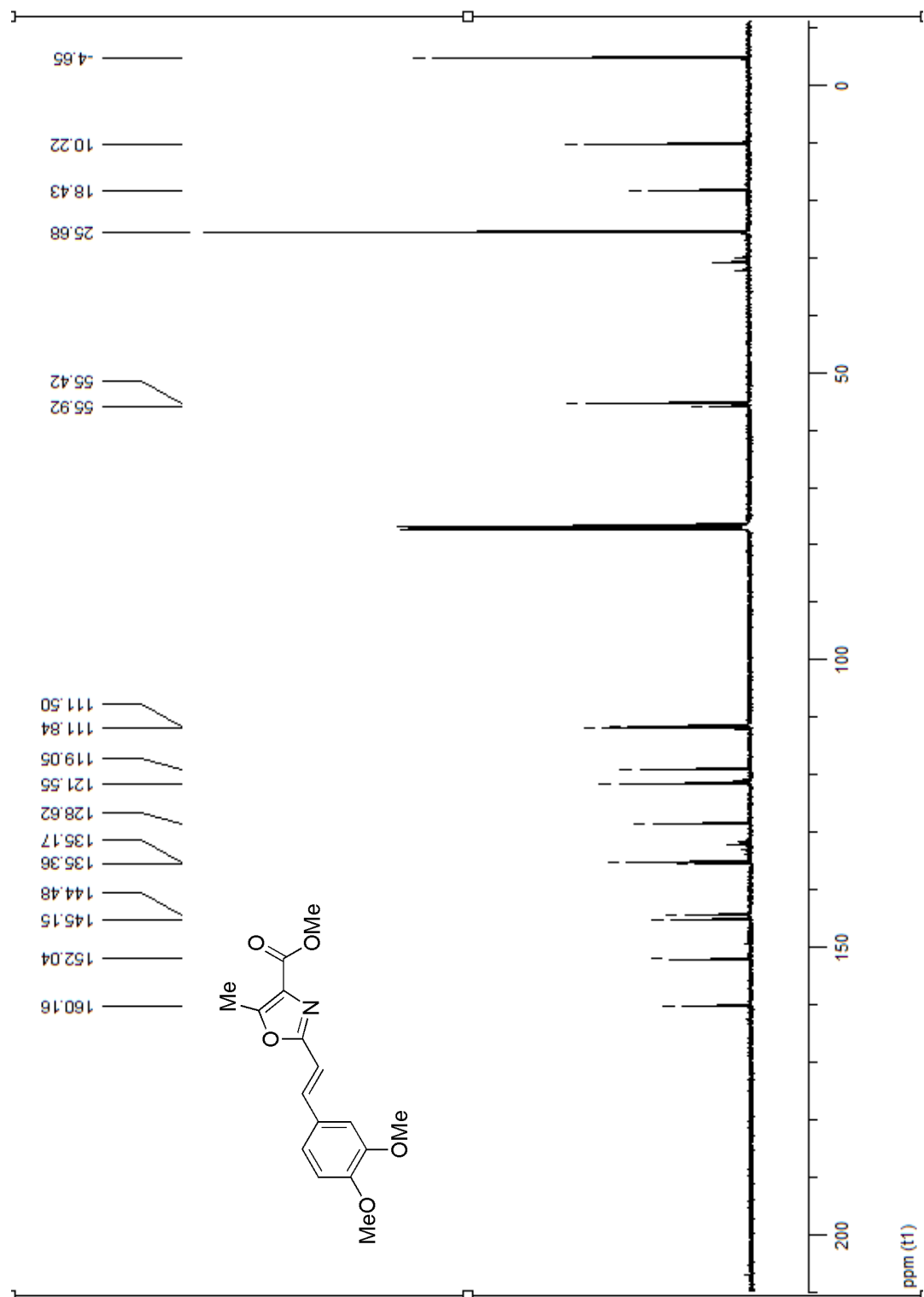


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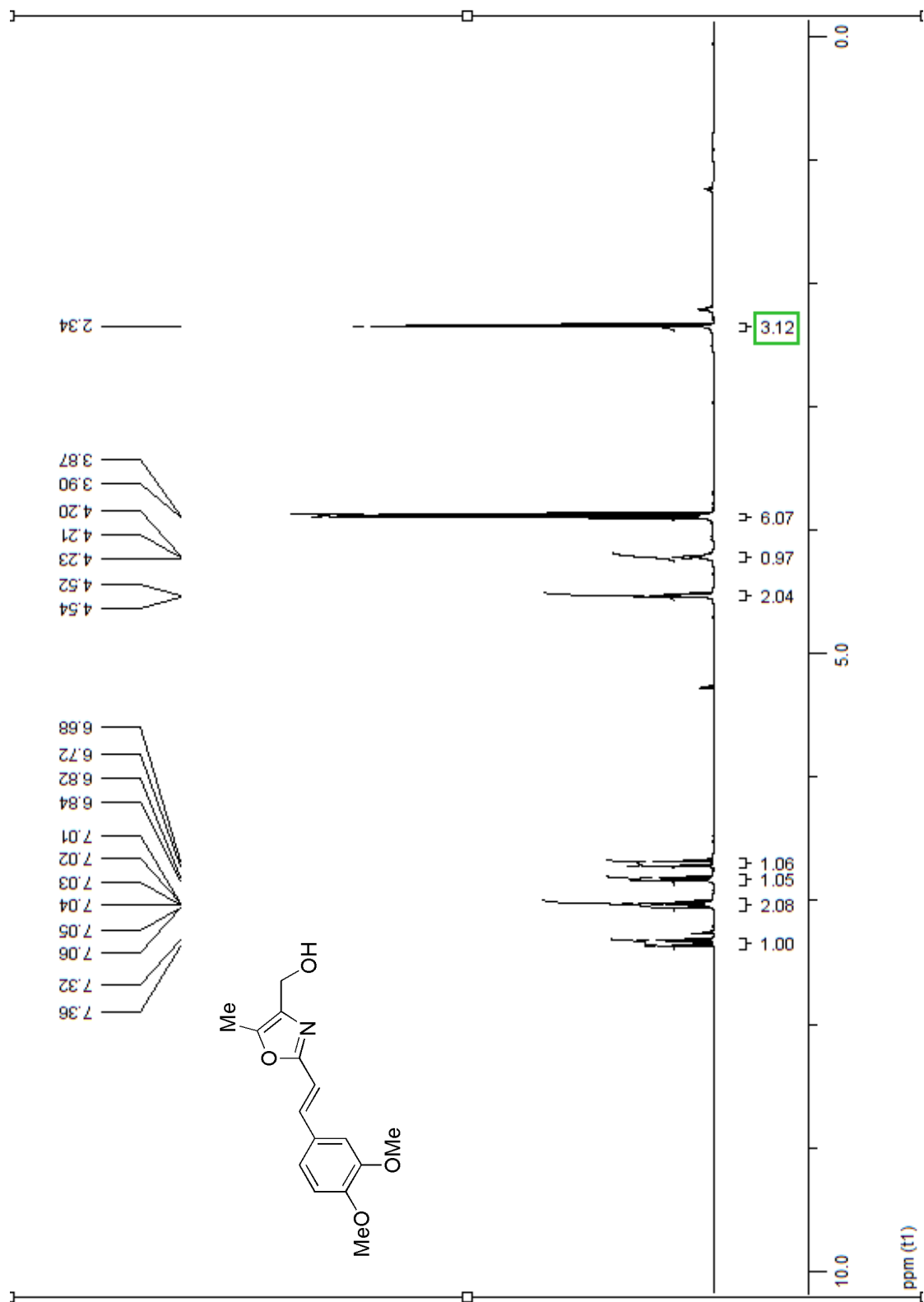


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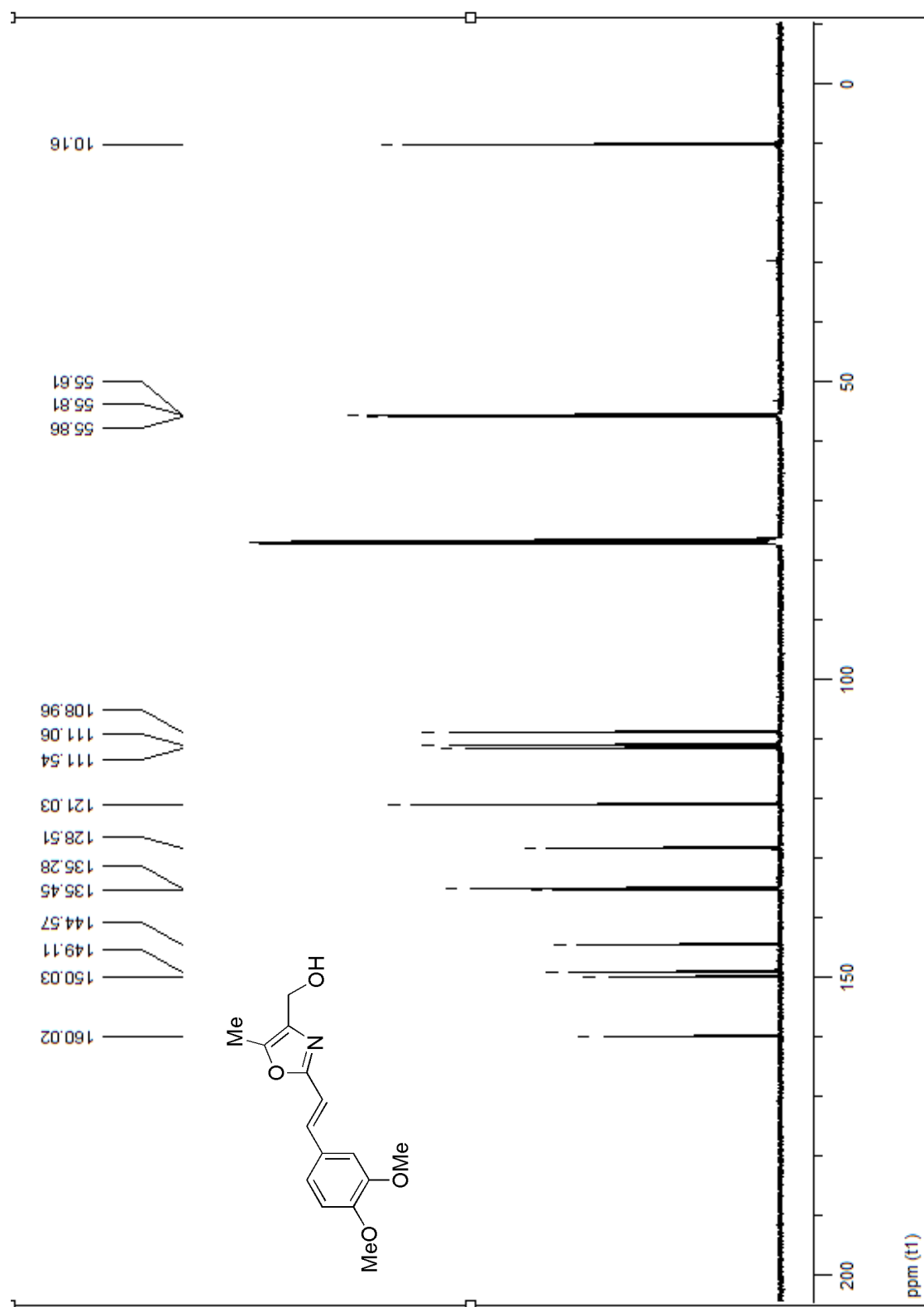


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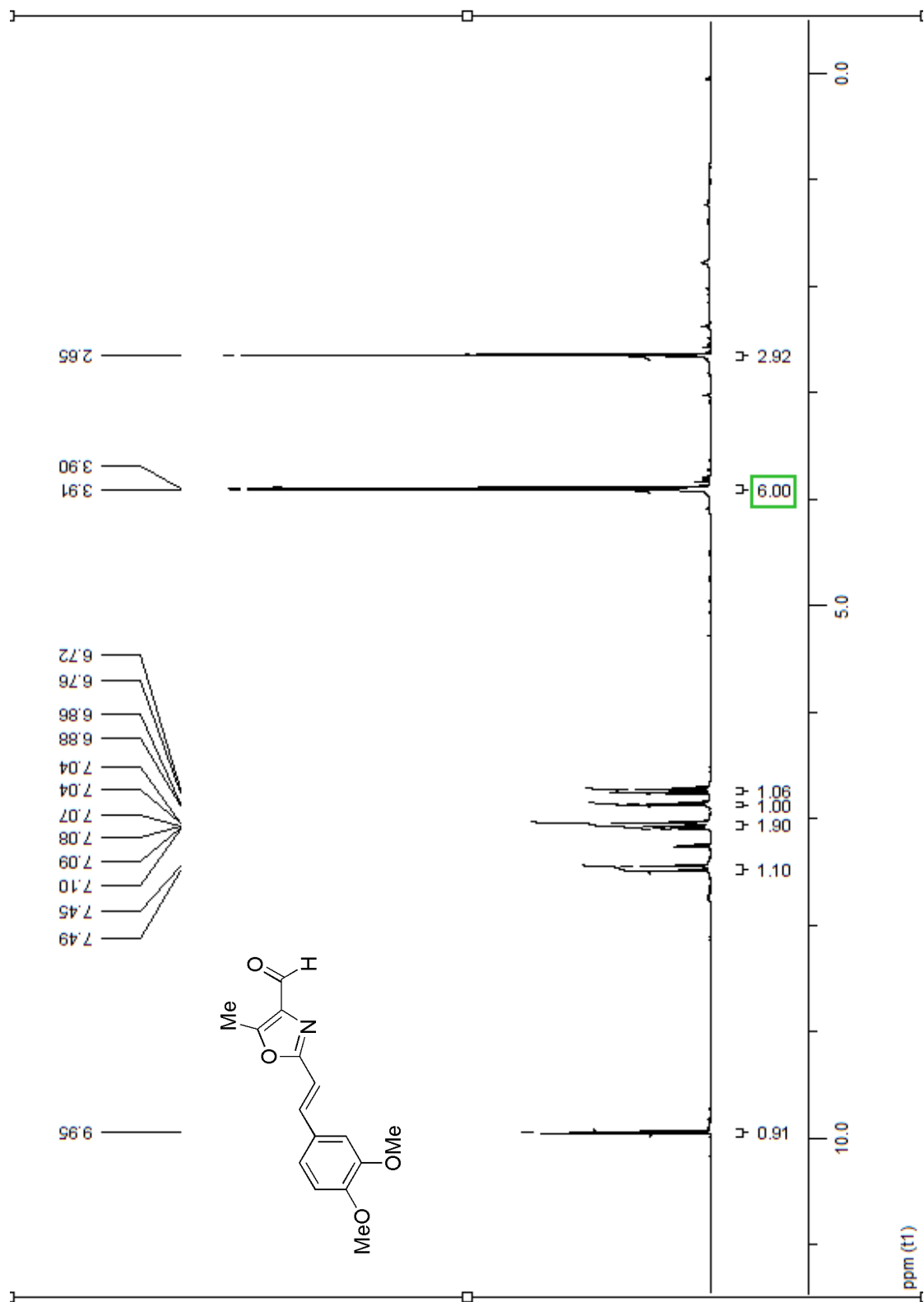


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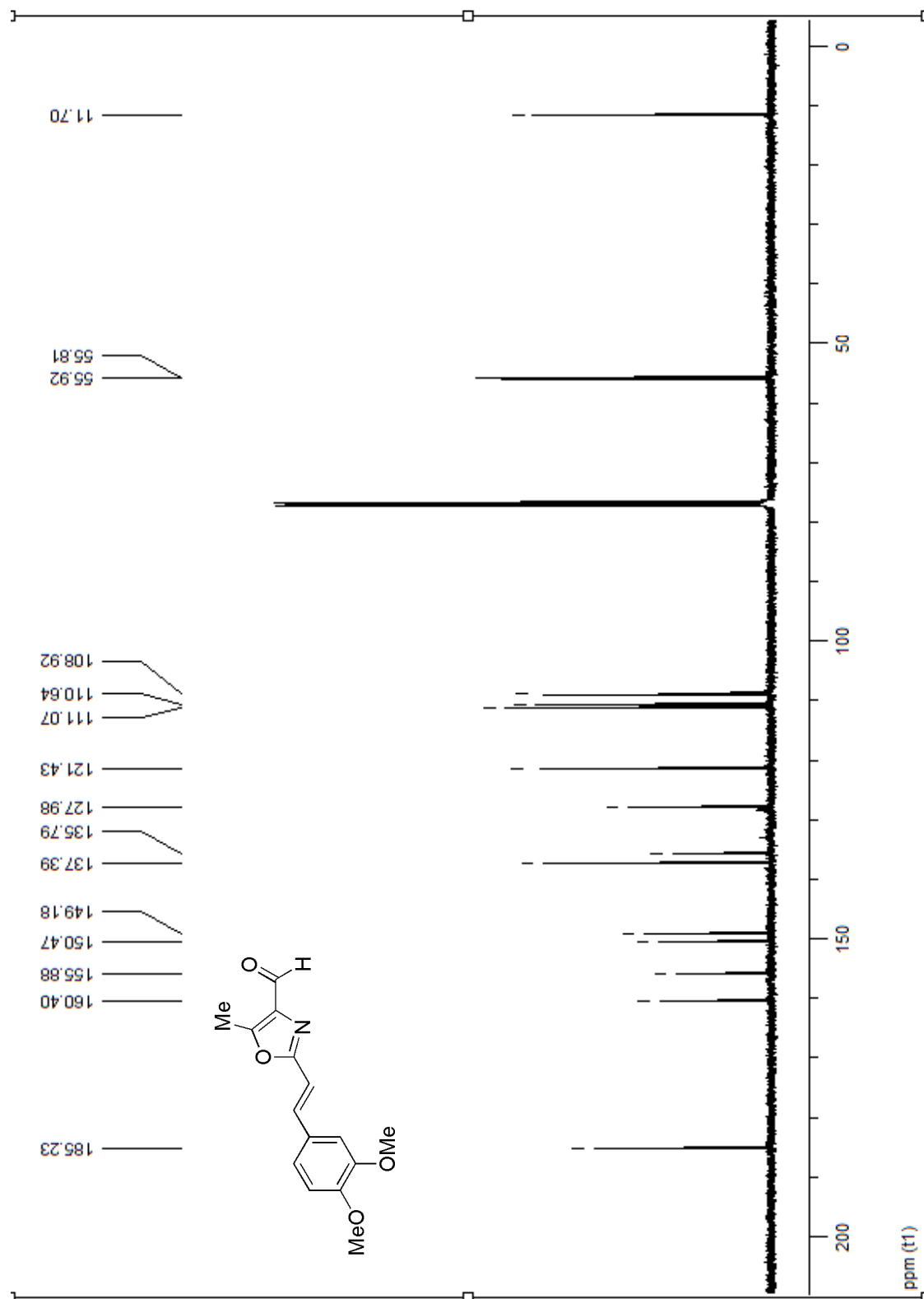


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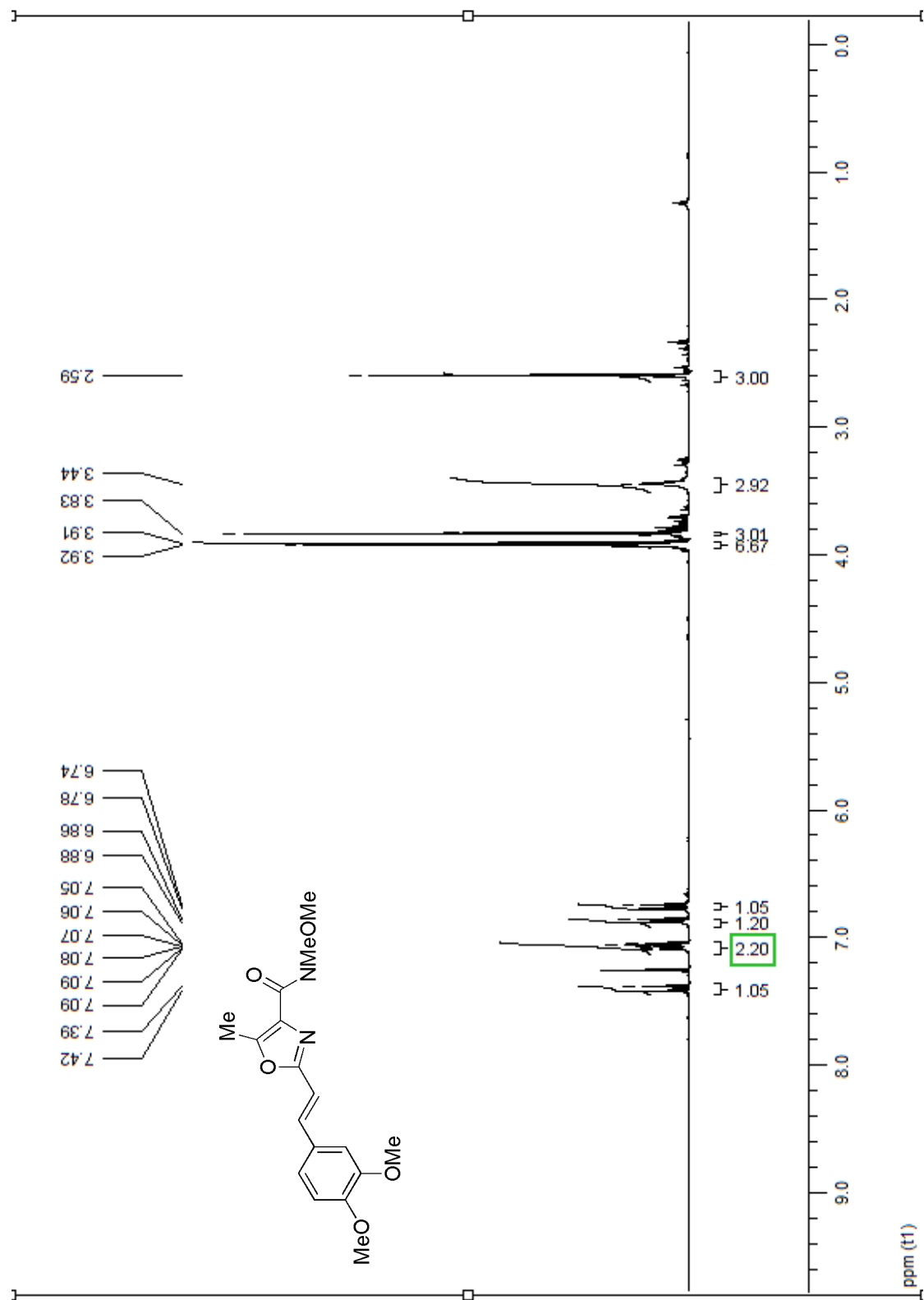


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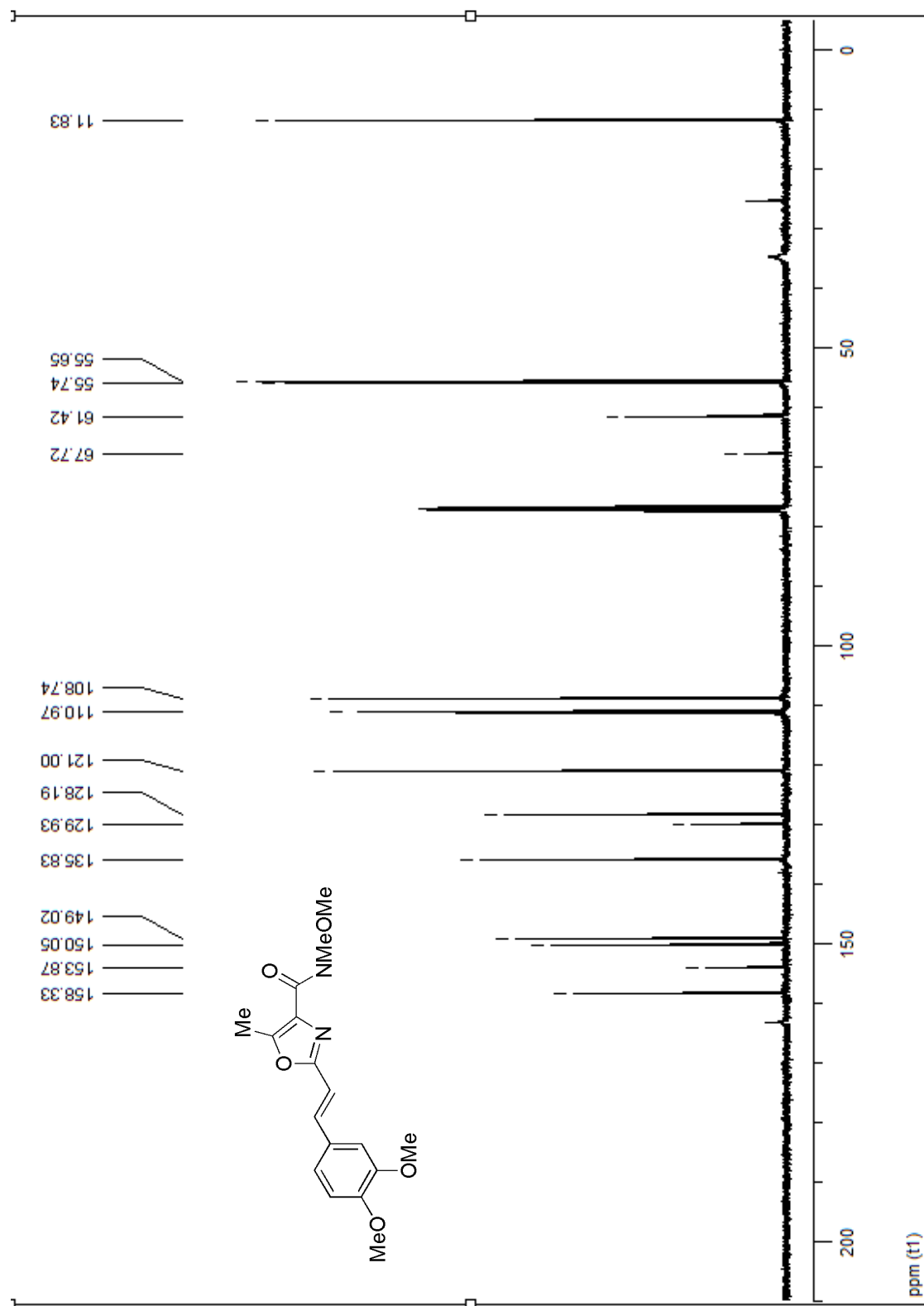


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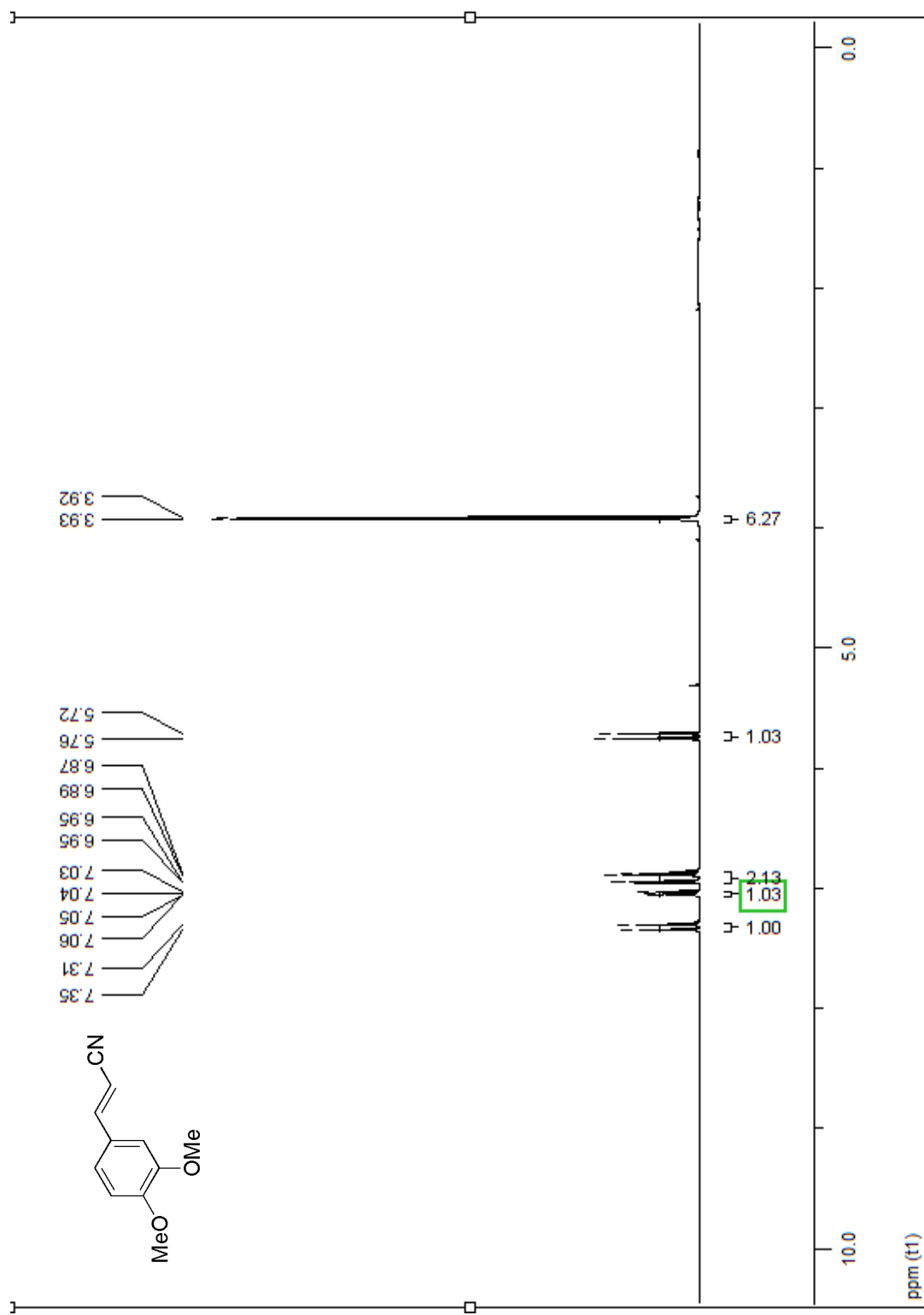


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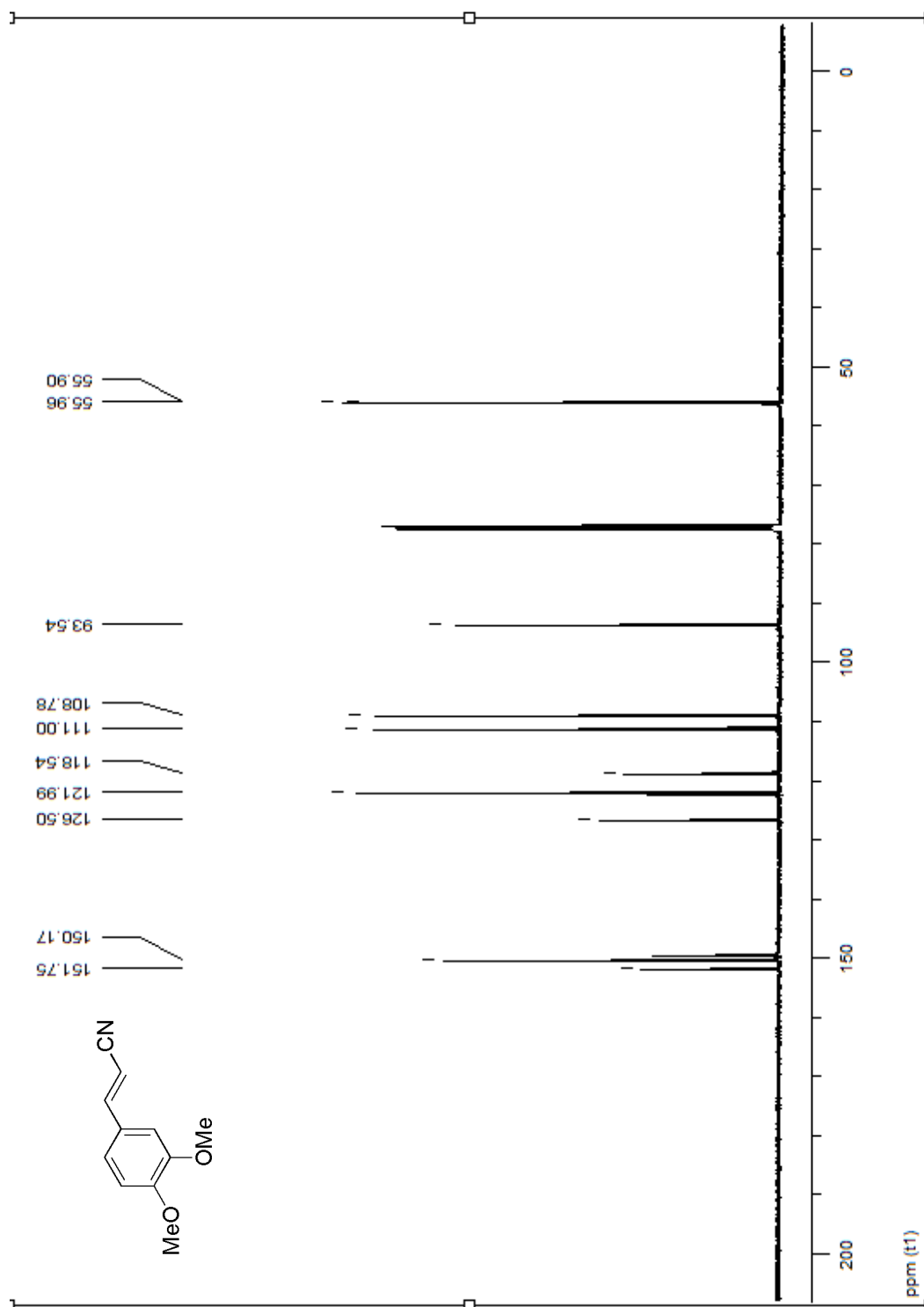


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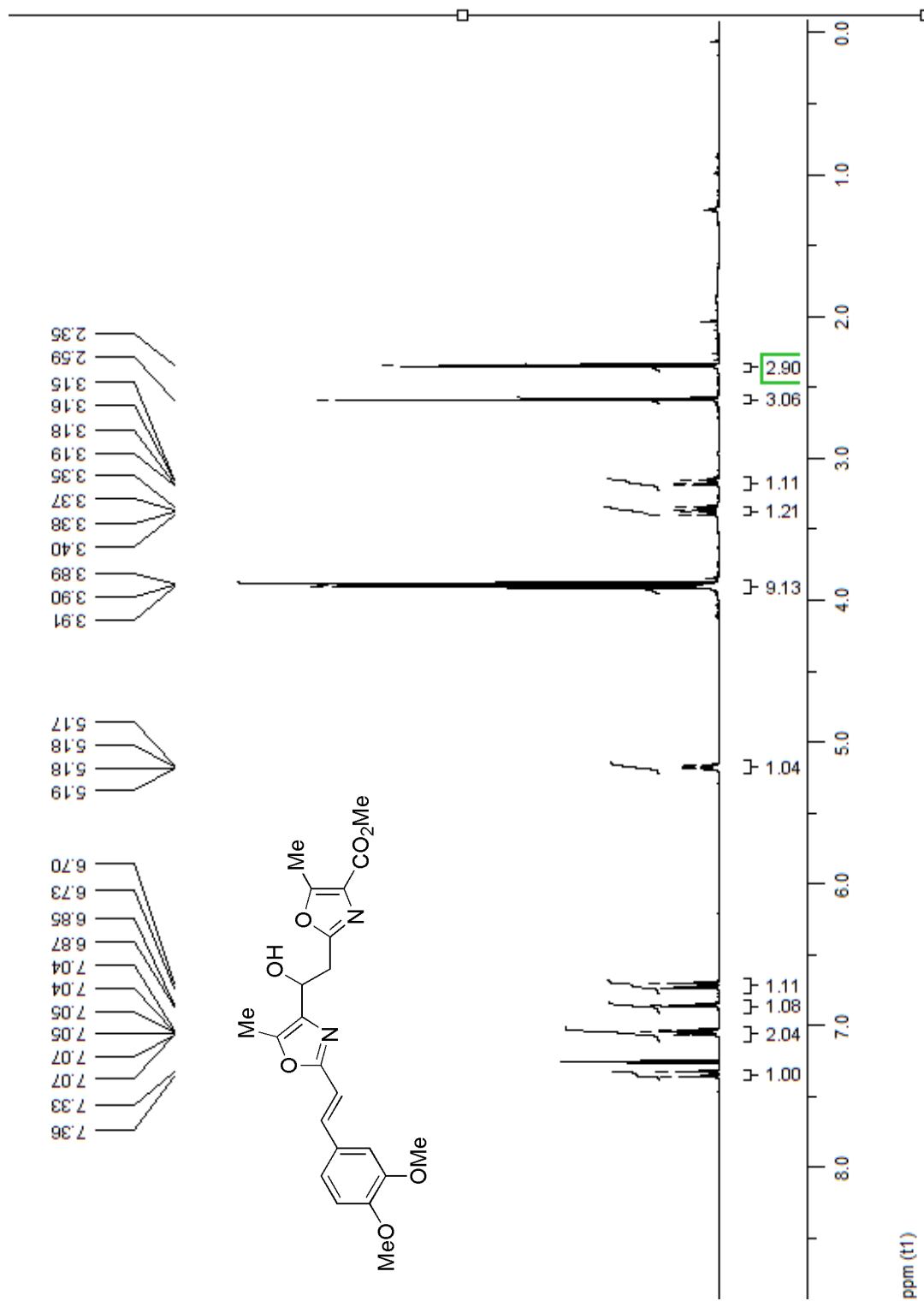


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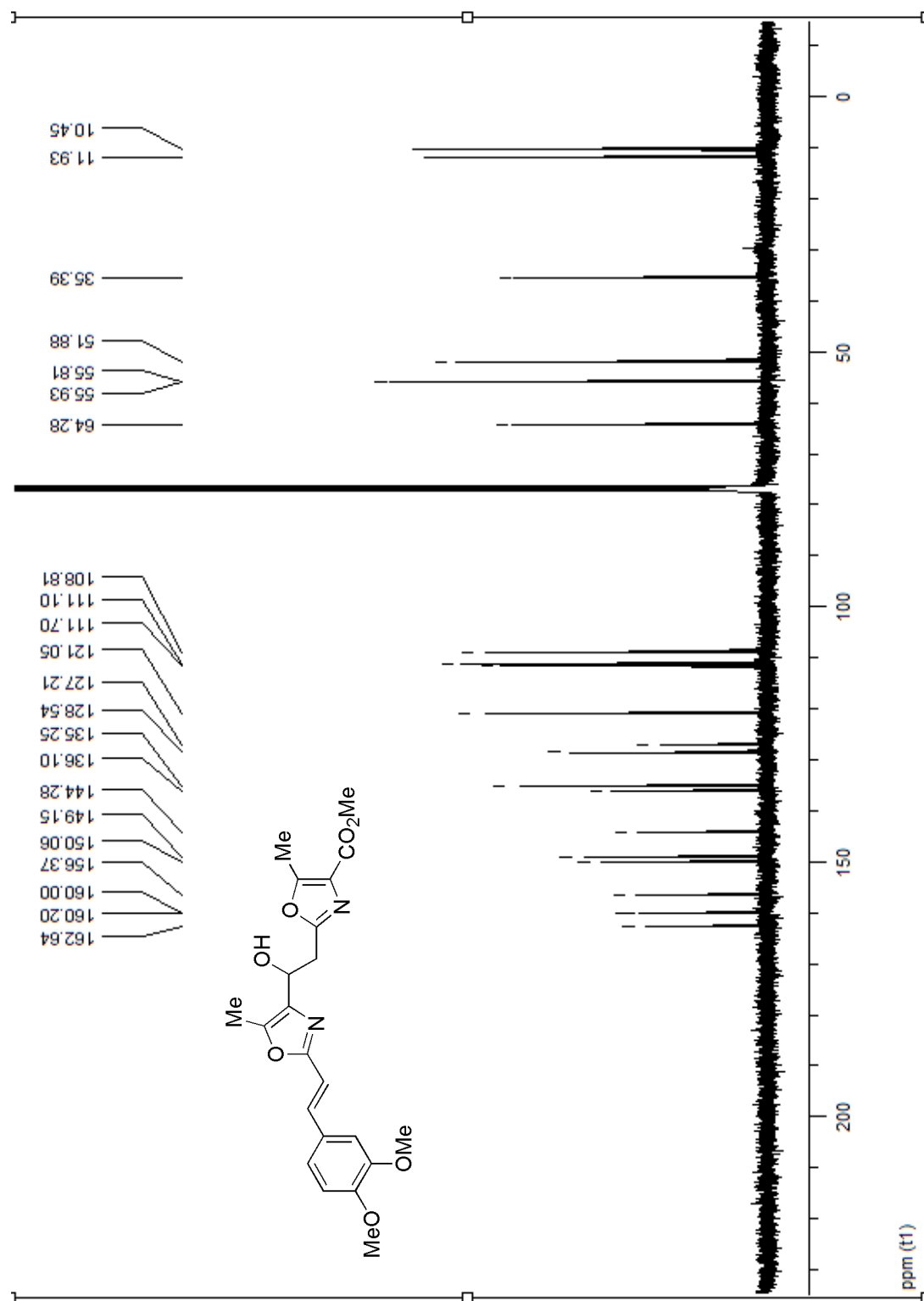


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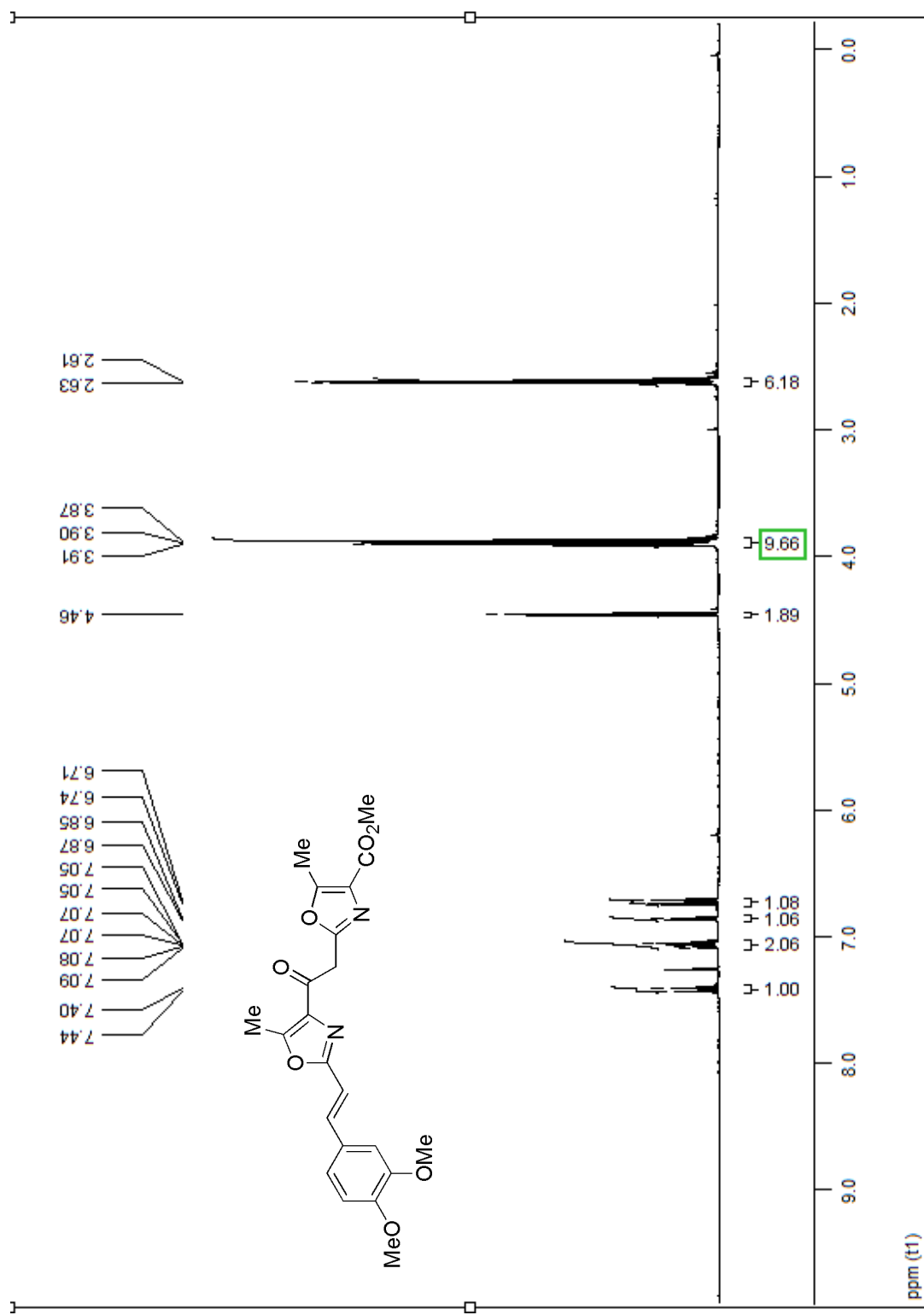


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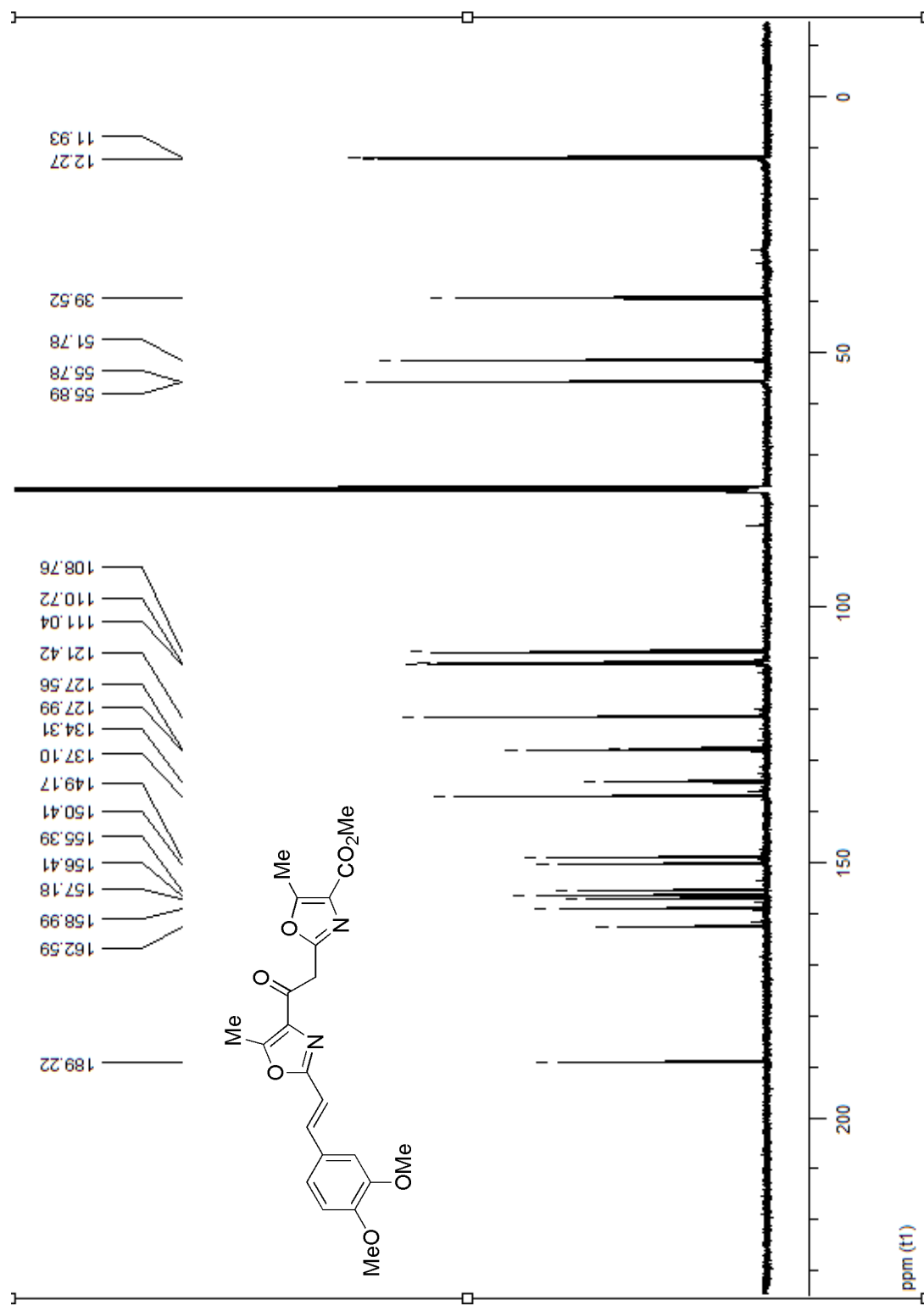


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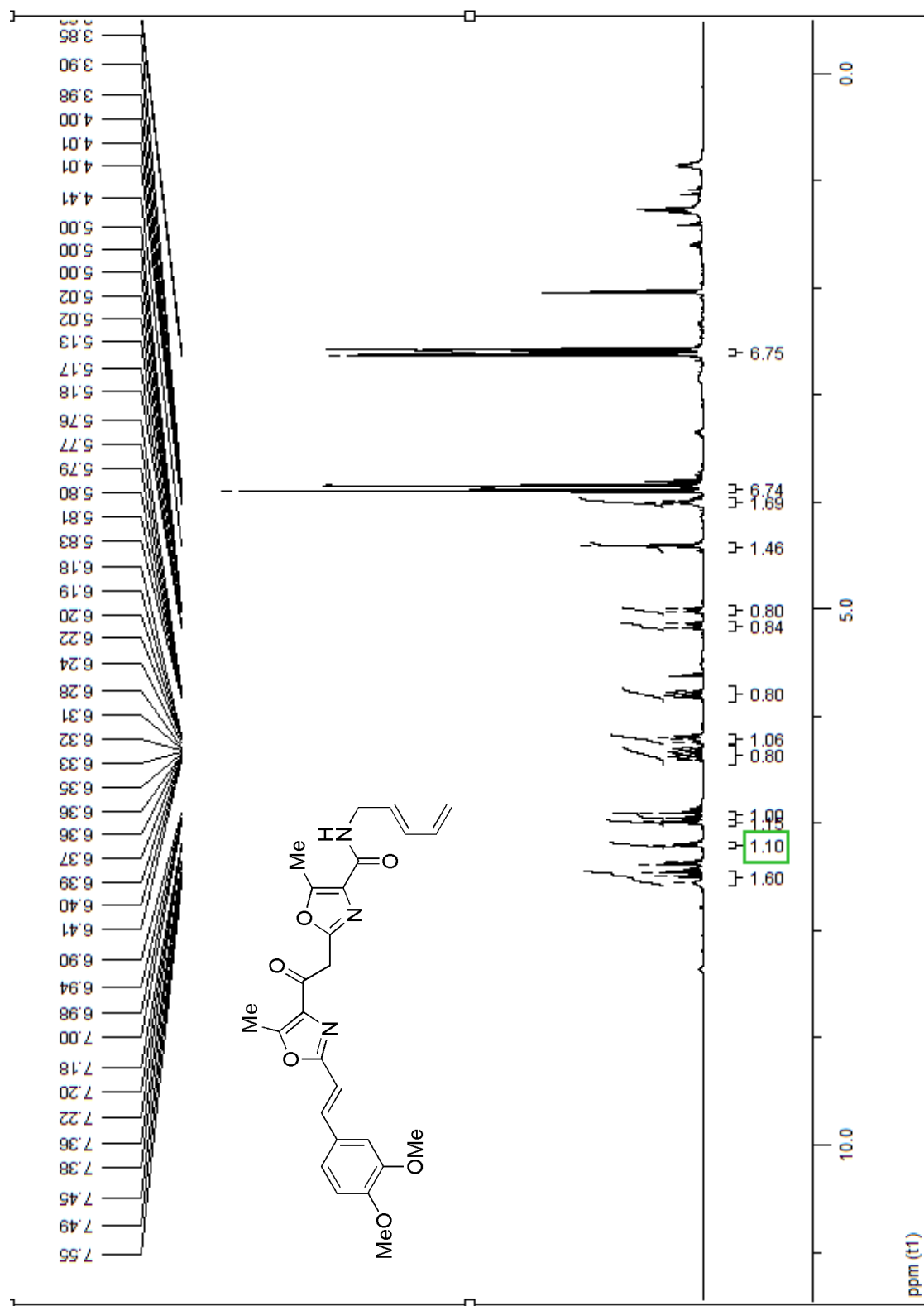


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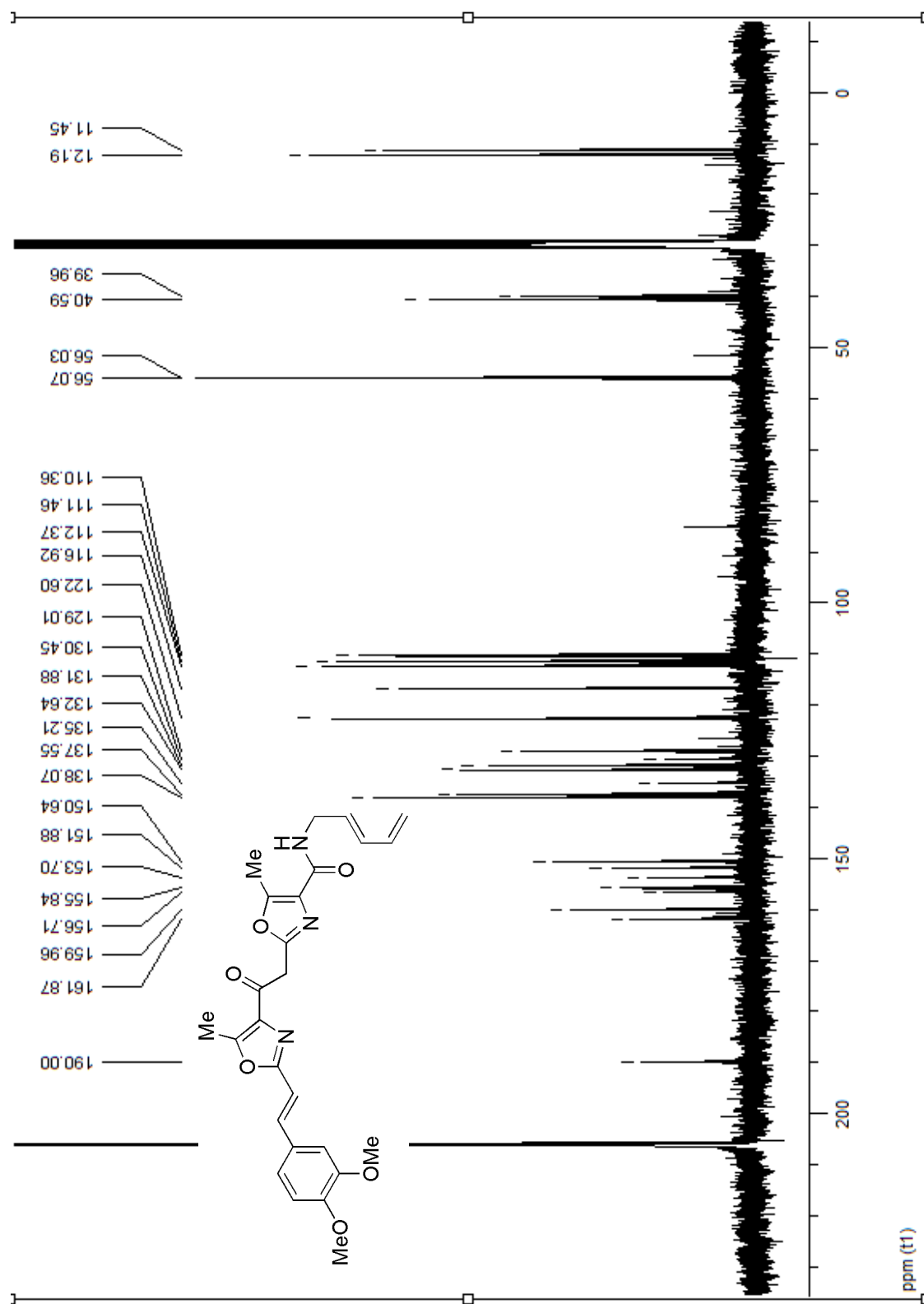


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***O*-Methyl siphonazole 2**

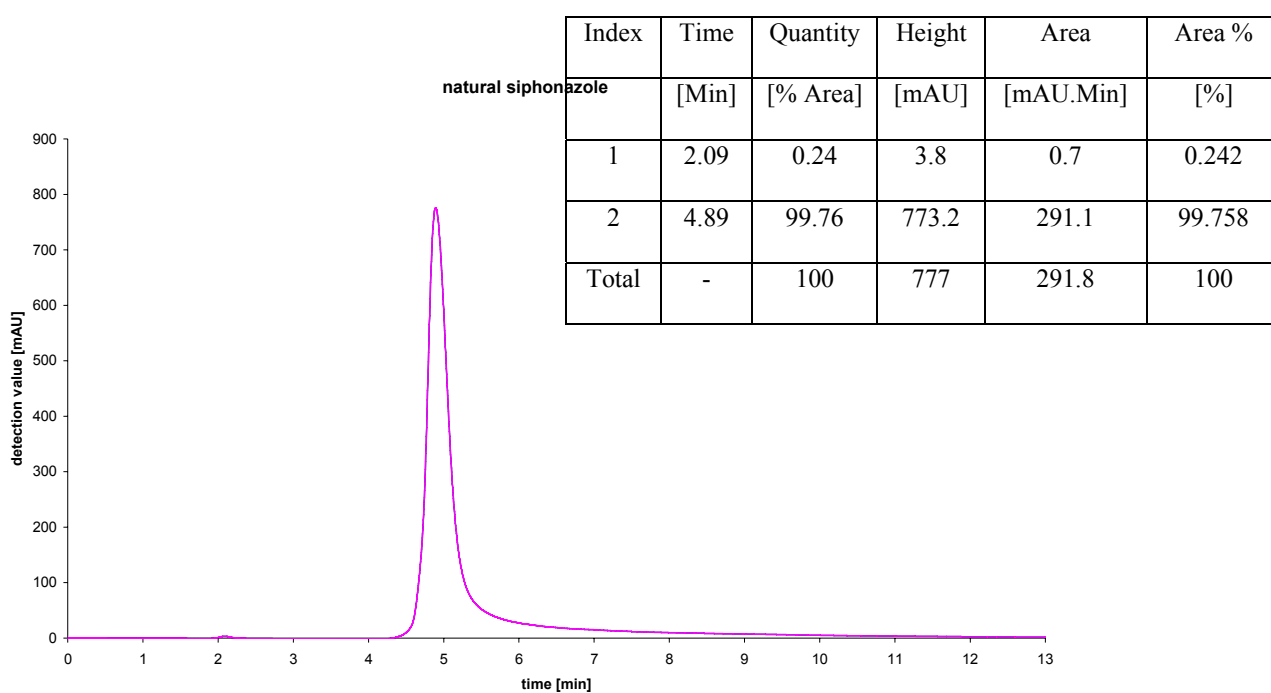


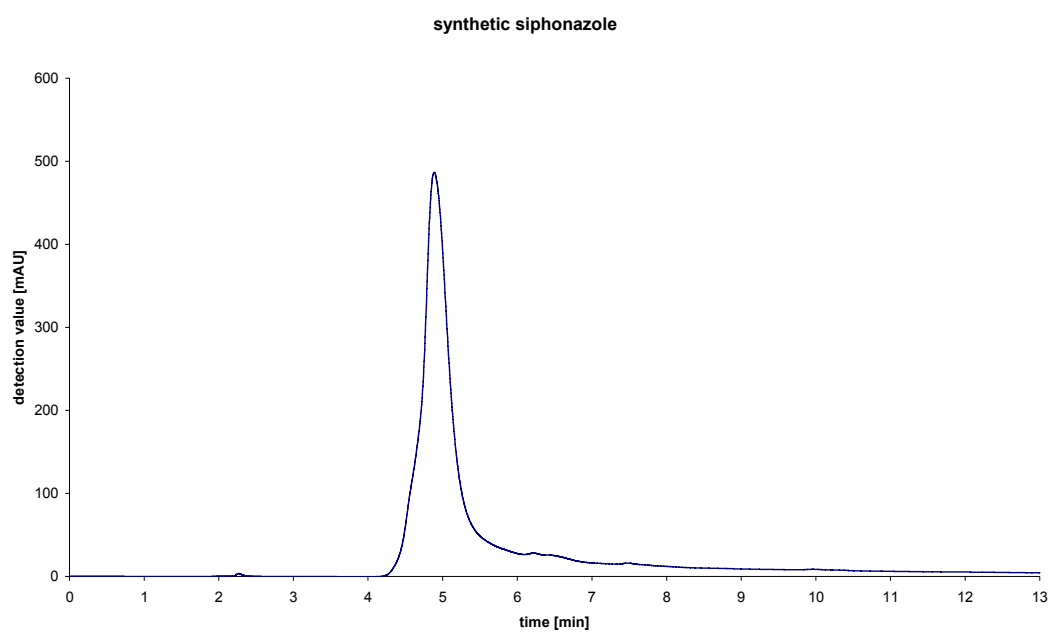
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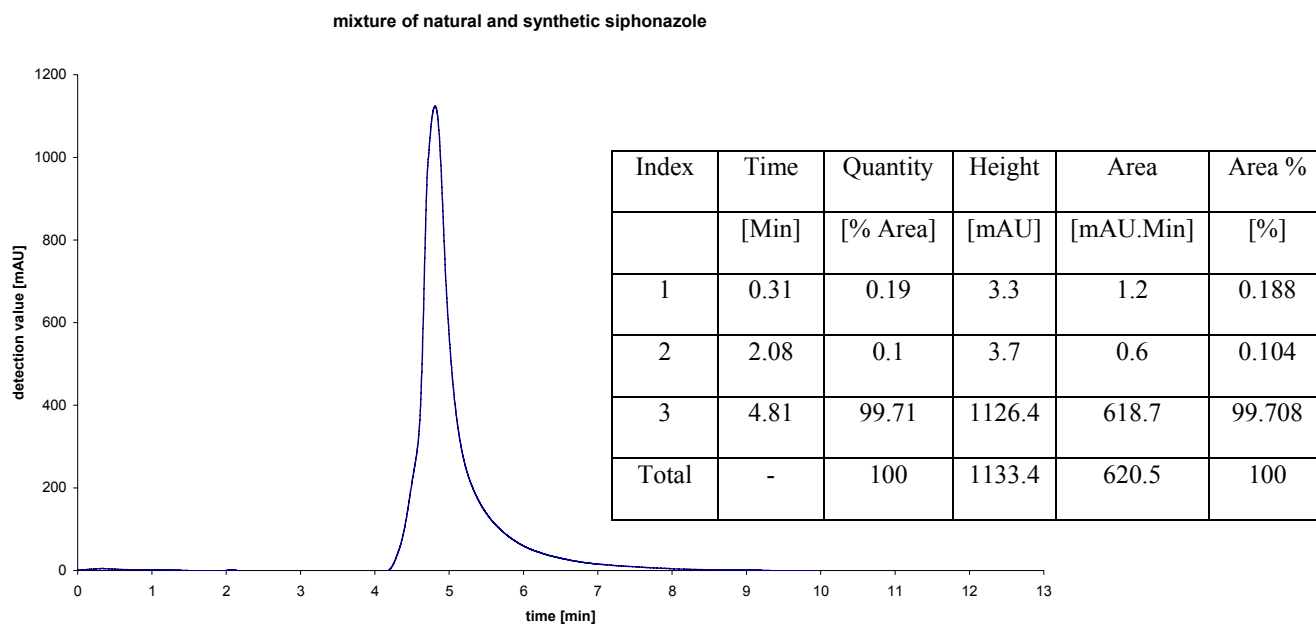
Comparison of HPLC-retention times of natural, synthetic and a mixture of natural and synthetic siphonazole

Column: Varian Polaris C₁₈, 5 mm, 250 x 4.6 mm, eluent: acetonitrile/water 75:25; flow rate: 1 mLmin⁻¹





Index	Time	Quantity	Height	Area	Area %
	[Min]	[% Area]	[mAU]	[mAU.Min]	[%]
1	2.27	0.21	3.5	0.5	0.205
2	4.88	99.14	478.4	217.6	99.144
3	6.2	0.34	4.2	0.8	0.344
4	7.49	0.24	1.8	0.5	0.237
5	9.97	0.07	0.7	0.2	0.069
Total	-	100	488.6	219.5	100



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