

Organocatalytic alkynylation of heterocyclic compounds using hypervalent iodine reagent

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1 General procedure

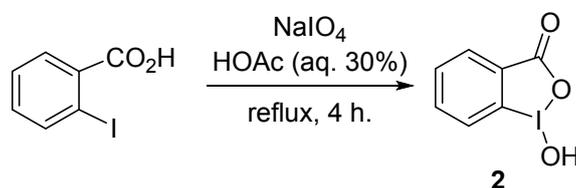
Chemicals and solvents were either purchased (puriss p.A.) from commercial suppliers or purified by standard techniques. For thin-layer chromatography (TLC), silica gel plates Merck 60 F254 were used, and compounds were visualized by irradiation with UV light and/or by treatment with a solution of phosphomolybdic acid (25 g), $\text{Ce}(\text{SO}_4)_2 \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}$ (10 g), conc. H_2SO_4 (60 mL), and H_2O (940 mL) followed by heating or by treatment with a solution of p-anisaldehyde (23 mL), conc. H_2SO_4 (35 mL), acetic acid (10 mL), and ethanol (900 mL) followed by heating.

Flash chromatography was performed by using silica gel Merck 60 (particle size 0.040–0.063 mm). ^1H and ^{13}C NMR spectra were measured on FT-NMR spectrometer Bruker AVANCE III 600 MHz. Chemical shifts are given in ppm relative and coupling constants J are given in Hz. The spectra were recorded in CDCl_3 as solvent at room temperature and served as internal standard ($\delta = 7.26$ ppm) for ^1H NMR and ($\delta = 77.0$ ppm) for ^{13}C NMR. IR DRIFT spectras were recorded with Nicolet AVATAR 370 FT-IR in cm^{-1} . Chiral HPLC was carried out using a LC20AD Shimadzu liquid chromatograph with SPD-M20A diode array detector with columns Daicel Chiralpak[®] IA, Daicel Chiralpak[®] IB, Daicel Chiralpak[®] AD. High-resolution mass spectroscopic data were obtained at Institute of Organic Chemistry and Biochemistry, Academy of Science, v.v.i.

2 Preparation of Reagents and Substrates

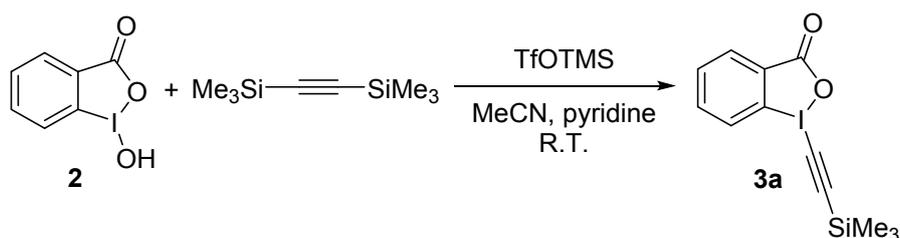
2.1 Preparation of alkynyl hypervalent iodine compounds

1-hydroxy-1 λ^3 -benzo[d][1,2]iodoxol-3(1*H*)-one (1)



Following the reported procedure¹, NaIO₄ (1.05 eq., 31 mmol, 6.7 g) and 2-iodobenzoic acid (1.00 eq., 30 mmol, 7.4 g) were suspended in 30% (w:w) aq. HOAc (45 mL). The mixture was vigorously stirred and refluxed for 4 h. The reaction mixture was then diluted with cold water (180 mL) and allowed to cool to r.t, protecting it from light. After 1 h, the crude product was filtered, the filter cake was washed with ice water (3x) and acetone (3x), dried on the air in the dark to afford the pure product **1** in 91% yield as white solid. NMR data fit with that published in the literature.

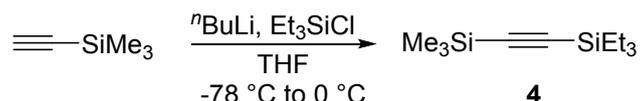
1-[(trimethylsilyl)ethynyl]-1,2-benziodoxol-3(1*H*)-one (3a)



¹ L. Kraszkievicz, L. Skulski, *Arkivoc*, 2003, 6, 120.

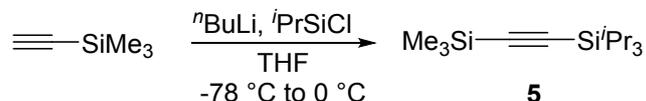
According to a slight modified reported procedure², to a stirred solution of 2-iodosylbenzoic acid **2** (1 eq., 11.4 mmol, 3 g) in dry MeCN was added trimethylsilyl triflate (1.3 eq., 15 mmol, 2.8 mL). After stirring 15 min the bis(trimethylsilyl)acetylene (**2**) (1.1 eq., 12.5 mmol, 2.14 g) was added. The reaction mixture was stirred for next 20 min, and then pyridine (1.1 eq., 12.5 mmol, 1.2 mL) was added and the solvent was evaporated. The residual crude oil was washed with water, saturated solution of NaHCO₃. Organic layer was dried over MgSO₄, filtered and evaporated to afford a white solid, which was recrystallized from acetonitrile to get pure product **3a** (65 %).

Triethyl((trimethylsilyl)ethynyl)silane (**4**)



Following the reported procedure³, to a stirred solution of ethynyltrimethylsilane (1.0 eq., 30 mmol, 4.2 mL) in THF was dropped ⁿBuLi (1.6M in hexane, 1 eq., 30 mmol, 18.70 mL) at -70°C. The reaction mixture was allowed to reach 0°C and stirred for 5 min a then cooled again to -70°C. Triethylsilyl chloride (1.0 eq., 30 mmol, 3.8 mL) was then added dropwise and reaction mixture was stirred overnight at RT. To a solution was poured saturated solution of NH₄Cl and organic layer was extracted with Et₂O (2x) and washed with brine (2x) and dried over MgSO₄ followed by filtration and evaporation to afforded crude product **4**, which was purified by vacuum distillation (1 mbarr at 70°C) affording pure **4** in 65% yield.

Triisopropyl((trimethylsilyl)ethynyl)silane (**5**)

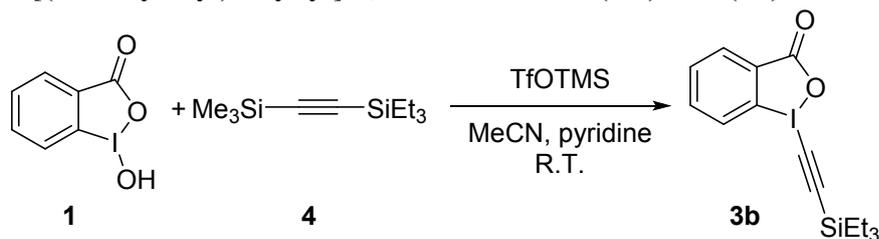


Following the reported procedure³, to a stirred solution of ethynyltrimethylsilane (1.0 eq., 30 mmol, 4.2 mL) in THF was dropped ⁿBuLi (1.6M in hexane, 1 eq., 30 mmol, 18.70 mL) at -70°C. The reaction mixture was allowed to reach 0°C and stirred for 5 min a then cooled again to -70°C. Triisopropylsilyl chloride (1.0 eq., 30 mmol, 6.4 mL) was then added dropwise and reaction mixture was stirred overnight at RT. To a solution was poured saturated solution of NH₄Cl and organic layer was extracted with Et₂O (2x) and washed with brine (2x) and dried over MgSO₄ followed by filtration and evaporation to afforded crude product **5**, which was purified by vacuum distillation (1 mbarr at 70°C) affording pure **5** in 73% yield.

² V. V. Zhdankin, C. J. Kuehl, A. P. Krasutsky, J. T. Bolz and A. J. Simonsen, *J. Org. Chem.*, 1996, **61**, 6547-6551.

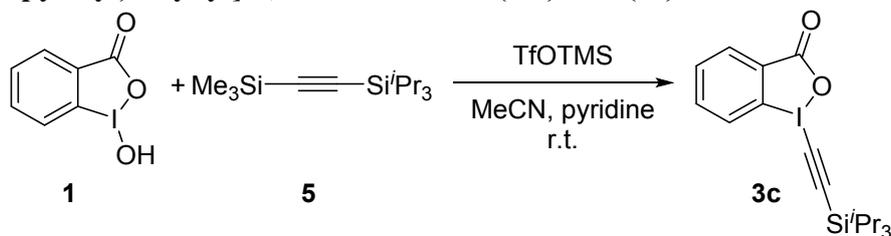
³ C. J. Helal, P. A. Magriotis and E. J. Corey, *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* 1996, **118**, 10938-10939.

1-[(Triethylsilyl)ethynyl]-1,2-benziodoxol-3(*1H*)-one (**3b**)



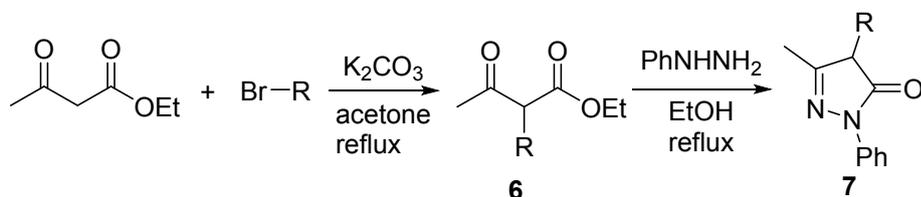
According to a described reported procedure⁴, to a stirred solution of 2-iodosylbenzoic **1** acid (1 eq., 3 mmol, 792 mg) in dry MeCN was added trimethylsilyl triflate (1.1 eq., 3.3 mmol, 0.6 mL). After 15 minutes of stirring the triethyl((trimethylsilyl)ethynyl)silane **4** (1.1 eq., 3.3 mmol, 700 mg) was added. The reaction mixture was stirred for next 20 min, and then pyridine (1.1 eq., 3.3 mmol, 0.3 mL) was added and the solvent was evaporated. The residual crude oil was washed with water and saturated solution of NaHCO₃. Organic layer was dried over MgSO₄, filtered and evaporated affording a white, solid product **3b**, which was recrystallized from acetonitrile (59% yield).

1-[(Triisopropylsilyl)ethynyl]-1,2-benziodoxol-3(*1H*)-one (**3c**)



According to a slightly modified reported procedure¹, to a stirred solution of 2-iodosylbenzoic **1** acid (1 eq., 2.9 mmol, 766 mg) in dry MeCN was added trimethylsilyl triflate (1.1 eq., 3.2 mmol, 0.6 mL). After 15 minutes of stirring the triisopropyl((trimethylsilyl)ethynyl)silane **5** (1.1 eq., 3.2 mmol, 821 mg) was added. The reaction mixture was stirred for next 20 min, and then pyridine (1.1 eq., 3.2 mmol, 0.3 mL) was added and the solvent was evaporated. The residual crude oil was washed with water and saturated solution of NaHCO₃. Organic layer was dried over MgSO₄, filtered and evaporated affording a white, solid product **3c**, which was recrystallized from acetonitrile (70% yield). NMR data fit with data published in the literature.

2.2 Preparation of pyrazolones (**7**)



R = Me, Bn, *p*-BrC₆H₄CH₂, *p*-ClC₆H₄CH₂, *p*-CNC₆H₄CH₂,
p-NO₂C₆H₄CH₂, *m*-NO₂C₆H₄CH₂, *o*-NO₂C₆H₄CH₂, naphthyl

⁴ J. P. Brand, C. Chevalley, C.; R. Scopelliti, J. Waser, *Chem. Eur. J.*, **2012**, *18*, 5655-5666.

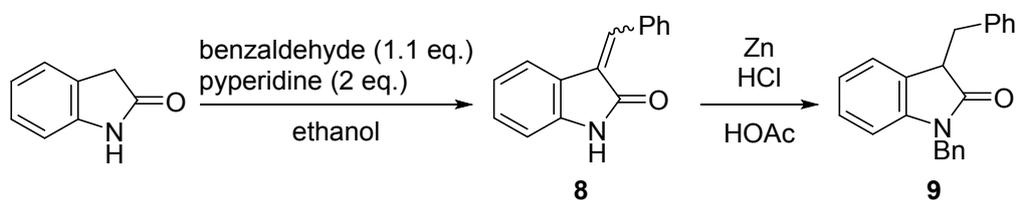
Preparation of α -alkylated acetoacetate (6)

According a published procedure⁵, a mixture of acetoacetate (1.0 equiv) and anhydrous K_2CO_3 (1.3 equiv) in dry acetone was stirred under argon atmosphere for five minutes. Then, methyl iodide or corresponding benzyl bromide (1.3 equiv) was added carefully. The reaction was refluxed overnight and after filtration and the solvent evaporation was the crude mixture purified by flash chromatography on silica gel with mixture of hexane/ethyl acetate affording corresponding pure compound **6**. NMR data fit with data published in the literature.

Preparation of corresponding pyrazolones (7)

According to a published procedure⁶, a mixture of alkylated acetoacetate (1eq.) and phenylhydrazine (1 eq.) was refluxed in EtOH until full conversion. The solvent was removed a residue was crystallized from Et₂O. Solid material was filtered affording corresponding product. NMR data fit with data published in the literature.

2.3 1,3-Dibenzyl-1,3-dihydroindol-2-one (9)



3-Benzylideneindolin-2-one (8). According to a published procedure⁷, to a solution of a oxindole (1 eq., 3.8 mmol, 0.5 g) in ethanol (30 mL) were added benzaldehyde (1.1 eq., 4.2 mmol, 0.43 mL) and piperidine (2 eq., 7.6 mmol, 0.75 mL). The solution was heated at 80 °C for 3 hours and then allowed to cool to room temperature. The precipitate was filtered, washed with ethanol and dried affording corresponding product **8** as a yellow solid (560 mg, 67% yield). The spectral data correspond with previously reported in the literature.

1,3-Dibenzylindolin-2-one (9). To a solution of **8** (2.5 mmol, 560 mg) in DMF (10 mL) was added a 60% dispersion of NaH (1.1 eq., 2.75 mmol, 110 mg) at room temperature. After stirring for 15 min, benzyl bromide (1.1 eq., 2.75 mmol, 0.33 mL) was added. After 3 h, was the reaction mixture quenched with H₂O and washed with MTBE. The organic layers was dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered and concentrated affording an orange residue (quant. yield), which was directly used without further purification.

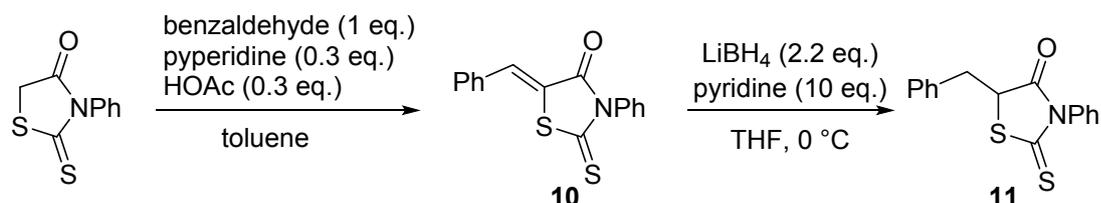
To a orange residue in acetic acid were added zinc powder (excess) and concentrated HCl. The reaction was stirred overnight and then filtered through celite. The filter cake was washed with EtOAc and the filtrate was washed with solution of saturated aqueous NaHCO₃, than with brine and combined organic layers were dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered, and concentrated affording a brown-green residue. After column chromatography was the compound **9** obtained in 51% yield (400 mg) as yellowish solid. The spectral data correspond with data published in literature.

⁵ A. Rioz-Martínez, A. Cuetos, C. Rodríguez, G. de Gonzalo, I. Lavandera, M. W. Fraaije, W. Gotor, *Angew. Chem. Int. Ed.*, 2011, **50**, 8387-8390.

⁶ H. Nakagawa, R. Ohyama, A. Kimata, T. Suzuki, N. Miyata, *Bioorg. Med. Chem. Lett.* 2006, **16**, 5939-5942.

⁷ A. Huang, J. J. Kodanko, L. E. Overman, *J. Am. Chem. Soc.*, 2004, **126**, 14043-14053.

2.4 Preparation of benzylated *N*-Phenylrhodanine (11)

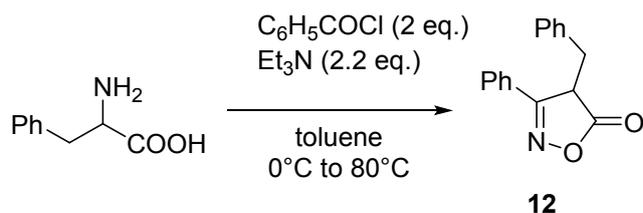


5-Benzylidene-2-thioxothiazolidin-4-one (10). According to a described procedure⁸, to a solution *N*-phenylrhodanine (1 eq., 2.4 mmol, 0.5 g) in toluene were added benzaldehyde (1 eq., 2.4 mmol, 0.25 mL), piperidine (0.3 eq., 0.07 mmol, 6 mg) and acetic acid (0.3 eq., 0.07 mmol, 4 mg). Reaction mixture was then refluxed overnight and after cooling to the room temperature precipitated the product **10** as yellow solid (700 mg, 90% yield). Spectral data corresponds with data published in the literature.⁹

5-benzyl-2-thioxothiazolidin-4-one (11). According to a modified procedure⁸, to a solution of **10** (2.36 mmol, 700 mg) and pyridine (23.6 mmol, 1.9 mL) in THF (10 mL) was dropwise added 2M solution of LiBH₄ in THF (5.19 mmol, 2.6 mL) at 0 °C. Full conversion was reached after 10 minutes of stirring at the same temperature. Reaction mixture was then quickly washed with 0.1M HCl and brine. Organic layer was then dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered, concentrated and purified by column chromatography. Compound **11** was obtained as yellow solid in 56% yield.

¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 7.52 – 7.44 (m, 3H), 7.39 – 7.32 (m, 5H), 7.30 (dd, *J* = 5.0, *J*' = 3.1 Hz, 2H), 7.00 (d, *J* = 4.0 Hz, 2H), 4.67 (dd, *J* = 8.6, *J*' = 3.9 Hz, 1H), 3.53 (dd, *J* = 14.0, *J*' = 3.8 Hz, 1H), 3.35 (dd, *J* = 14.0, *J*' = 8.6 Hz, 1H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 200.27, 175.39, 135.10, 135.00, 129.68, 129.54 (2C), 128.84 (2C), 128.27 (2C), 127.84, 53.27, 38.42 ppm; IR (KBr): ν = 3060, 2905, 1736, 1497, 1344, 1239, 1180 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd for C₁₆H₁₃NOS₂ [M+Na]⁺ = 322.0331, found = 322.0331.

2.5 Preparation of 4-Benzyl-2-phenyloxazol-5(4*H*)-one (12)



According to described procedure¹⁰, to the solution of Phenyl alanine (1 eq., 0.5 g, 3.03 mmol) in toluene (10 mL) cooled to 0 °C was added benzoyl chloride (2.0 eq., 6.06 mmol, 0.7 mL). After stirring for 2 h at the same temperature was the reaction mixture placed into a oilbath, pre-warmed to 80 °C. Et₃N (2.2 eq., 6.67 mmol, 0.93 mL) was added dropwise and the resulting mixture was stirred at 80 °C for 10 h. After cooling to room temperature was the reaction mixture washed twice with sat. aq. NH₄Cl, sat. aq. NaHCO₃ and once with brine.

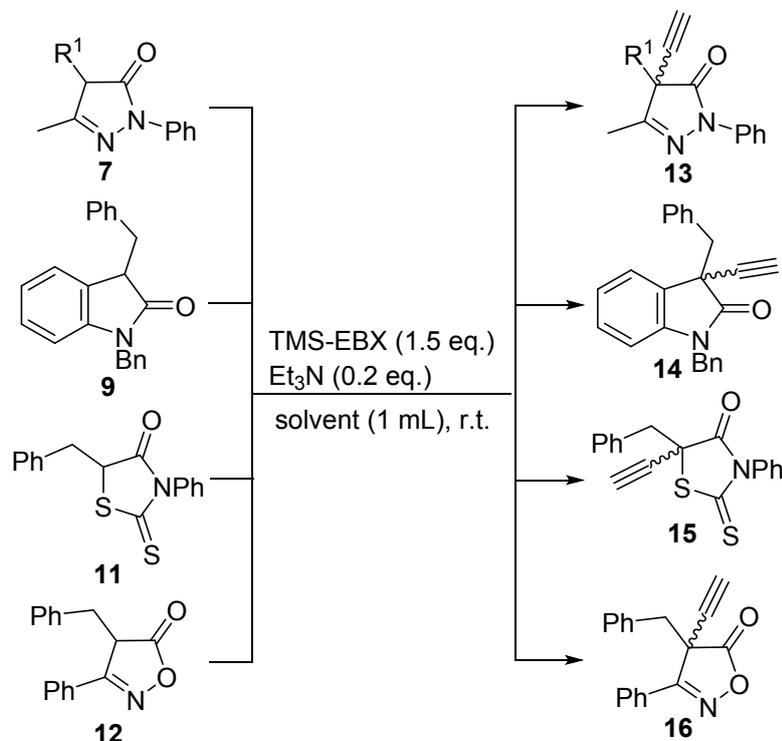
⁸ R. G. Giles, N. J. Lewis, J. K. Quick, M. J. Sasse and J. W. J. Urquhart, L. Youssef, *Tetrahedron*, 2000, **56**,4531-4537.

⁹ K. A. Kandeel, A. M. Youssef, H. M. El-Bestawy and M. T. Omar, *Monatshefte für Chemie*, 2002, **133**, 1211.

¹⁰ M. Weber, S. Jautze, W. Frey, R. Peters, *Chem. Eur. J.*, 2012, **18**,14792-14804.

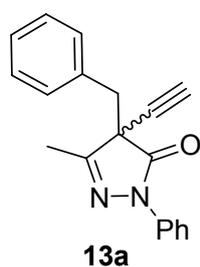
After drying over MgSO_4 , filtration and concentration was the residue purified by column chromatography yielding pure compound **12** as a yellowish solid (162 mg, 21%). The spectral data correspond with data published in the literature.

2.6 Organocatalytic alkylation



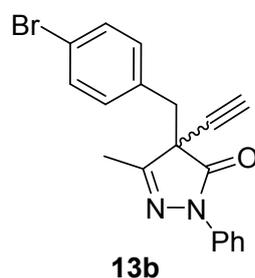
To a stirred solution of Et_3N (0.020 mmol) and heterocycle (**7**, **9**, **11**, **12**) (0.10 mmol) in solvent (1 mL) was added TMS-EBX (**3**) (0.15 mmol) at room temperature. After completion of the reaction was the crude reaction mixture purified by column chromatography (Hex/EtOAc mixtures) affording corresponding compound **13-16**.

4-Benzyl-4-ethynyl-3-methyl-1-phenyl-1,4-dihydro-1H-pyrazol-5-one



Yellowish oil, yield 82 %. ^1H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 7.62-7.60 (m, 2H), 7.34-7.31 (m, 2H), 7.21-7.14 (m, 5H), 3.49 (d, J = 13.7 Hz, 1H), 3.27 (d, J = 13.7 Hz, 1H), 2.53 (s, 1H), 2.21 (s, 3H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 170.21, 158.10, 137.34, 133.12, 129.41 (2C), 128.70 (2C), 128.42 (2C), 127.88, 125.47, 119.44 (2C), 77.27, 74.54, 54.52, 42.44, 14.49 ppm; IR (KBr): ν = 3276, 3258, 3084, 3060, 3052, 3031, 2920, 2851, 1709, 1488, 1362, 1332, 764 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (TOF) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{16}\text{N}_2\text{O}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ = 289.1341, found = 289.1339.

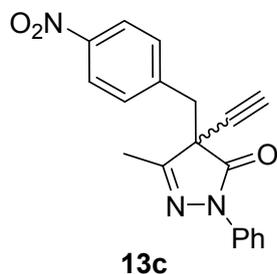
4-(4-Bromobenzyl)-4-ethynyl-3-methyl-1-phenyl-1,4-dihydro-1H-pyrazol-5-one



Yellowish oil, yield 70 %. ^1H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 7.63-7.62 (m, 2H), 7.36-7.33 (m, 4H), 7.19-7.17 (m, 1H), 7.10-7.04 (m, 2H), 3.42 (d, J = 13.7 Hz, 1H), 3.21 (d, J = 13.7 Hz, 1H), 2.54 (s, 1H), 2.21 (s, 3H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 169.93, 157.89, 137.15, 132.07, 131.58 (2C), 131.11 (2C), 128.80 (2C), 125.63, 122.06, 119.30 (2C), 76.79 (overlapped with

residual solvent peak), 74.88, 54.18, 41.56, 14.50 ppm; IR (KBr): $\nu = 3279, 3105, 3043, 2926, 1793, 1712, 1595, 1488, 1443, 1392, 1362, 1278, 1272 \text{ cm}^{-1}$; HRMS (TOF) m/z calcd for $C_{19}H_{16}N_2OBr [M+H]^+ = 367.0446$, found = 367.0443.

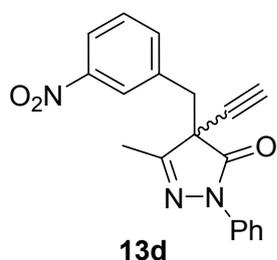
4-Ethynyl-3-methyl-4-(4-nitrobenzyl)-1-phenyl-1,4-dihydro-1H-pyrazol-5-one



13c

Yellowish oil, yield 85 %. 1H NMR (600 MHz, $CDCl_3$): $\delta = 8.10$ (m, 2H), 7.64-7.62 (m, 2H), 7.37-7.32 (m, 4H), 7.19-7.16 (m, 1H), 3.54 (d, $J = 13.6$ Hz, 1H), 3.32 (d, $J = 13.6$ Hz, 1H), 2.58 (s, 1H), 2.24 (s, 3H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (151 MHz, $CDCl_3$): $\delta = 169.45, 157.52, 147.56, 140.45, 136.98, 130.56$ (2C), 128.87 (2C), 125.77, 123.55 (2C), 119.02 (2C) 76.28, 75.47, 53.96, 41.42, 14.44 ppm; IR (KBr): $\nu = 3282, 3105, 3075, 2920, 2854, 1715, 1592, 1521, 1503, 1368, 1344, 1278 \text{ cm}^{-1}$; HRMS (TOF) m/z calcd for $C_{19}H_{15}N_3O_3 [M+H]^+ = 334.1192$, found = 334.1203.

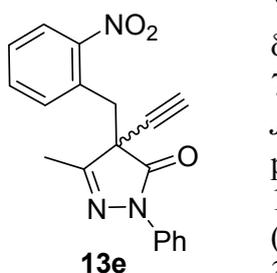
4-Ethynyl-3-methyl-4-(3-nitrobenzyl)-1-phenyl-1,4-dihydro-1H-pyrazol-5-one



13d

Yellowish oil, yield 76 %. 1H NMR (600 MHz, $CDCl_3$): $\delta = 8.10-8.08$ (m, 2H), 7.64-7.62 (m, 2H), 7.54-7.62 (m, 1H), 7.41-7.39 (m, 1H), 7.35-7.32 (m, 2H), 7.18-7.16 (m, 1H), 3.54 (d, $J = 13.7$ Hz, 1H), 3.33 (d, $J = 13.7$ Hz, 1H), 2.59 (s, 1H), 2.26 (s, 3H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (151 MHz, $CDCl_3$): $\delta = 169.49, 157.58, 147.99, 136.99, 135.80, 134.99, 129.42, 128.84$ (2C), 125.70, 124.43, 123.01, 119.06 (2C), 76.21, 75.55, 53.98, 41.37, 14.46 ppm; IR (KBr): $\nu = 3264, 3111, 3069, 3037, 2122, 1975, 1709, 1595, 1535, 1503, 1488, 1398, 1362, 1347, 1308, 1272 \text{ cm}^{-1}$; HRMS (TOF) m/z calcd for $C_{19}H_{15}N_3O_3 [M+H]^+ = 334.1192$, found = 334.1187.

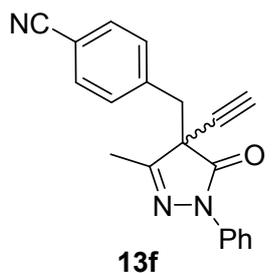
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13e

Yellowish oil, yield 82 %. 1H NMR (600 MHz, $CDCl_3$): $\delta = 8.00-7.99$ (m, 1H), 7.75-7.74 (m, 2H), 7.57-7.53 (m, 2H), 7.46-7.43 (m, 1H), 7.38-7.35 (m, 2H), 7.19-7.17 (m, 1H), 3.76 (d, $J = 13.7$ Hz, 1H), 3.68 (d, $J = 13.7$ Hz, 1H), 2.51 (s, 1H), 2.19 (s, 3H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (151 MHz, $CDCl_3$): $\delta = 169.52, 158.12, 149.65, 137.36, 133.68, 132.80, 128.96, 128.80$ (2C), 128.24, 125.47, 125.10, 119.11 (2C), 76.21, 75.88, 52.97, 37.12, 13.93 ppm; IR (KBr): $\nu = 3273, 3105, 3075, 2914, 2116, 1700, 1529, 1503, 1491, 1362, 1344, 1287, 1245 \text{ cm}^{-1}$; HRMS (TOF) m/z calcd for $C_{19}H_{15}N_3O_3 [M+H]^+ = 334.1192$, found = 334.1187.

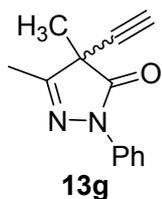
4-((4-Ethynyl-3-methyl-5-oxo-1-phenyl-4,5-dihydro-1H-pyrazol-4-yl)methyl)benzonitrile



13f

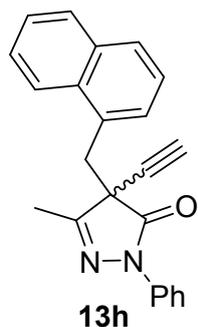
Yellowish oil, yield 94 %. 1H NMR (600 MHz, $CDCl_3$): $\delta = 7.61-7.59$ (m, 2H), 7.52-7.50 (m, 2H), 7.36-7.33 (m, 2H), 7.30-7.28 (m, 2H), 7.19-7.17 (m, 1H), 3.49 (d, $J = 13.6$ Hz, 1H), 3.28 (d, $J = 13.6$ Hz, 1H), 2.57 (s, 1H), 2.23 (s, 3H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (151 MHz, $CDCl_3$): $\delta = 169.49, 157.53, 138.40, 136.96, 132.12$ (2C), 130.33 (2C), 128.85 (2C), 125.76, 119.07 (2C), 118.31, 111.93, 76.33, 75.34, 53.99, 41.80, 14.42 ppm; IR (KBr): $\nu = 3258, 3072, 2956, 2926, 2226, 1736, 1709, 1595, 1503, 1398, 1371, 1278, 1248 \text{ cm}^{-1}$; HRMS (TOF) m/z calcd for $C_{20}H_{15}N_3O [M+H]^+ = 314.1293$, found = 314.1292.

4-Ethynyl-3,4-dimethyl-1-phenyl-1,4-dihydro-1H-pyrazol-5-one



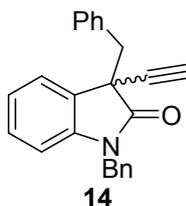
Yellowish oil, yield 95 %. ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 7.90–7.88 (m, 2H), 7.42–7.38 (m, 2H), 7.21–7.18 (m, 1H), 2.43 (s, 1H), 2.23 (s, 3H), 1.63 (s, 3H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 171.12, 159.95, 137.73, 128.82 (2C), 125.24, 118.77 (2C), 77.72, 73.46, 48.60, 22.03, 13.43 ppm; IR (KBr): ν = 3395, 3222, 3072, 3031, 2989, 2932, 2116, 1709, 1631, 1598, 1500, 1488, 1374, 1296, 1153 cm⁻¹; HRMS (TOF) m/z calcd for C₁₃H₁₂N₂O [M+H]⁺ = 213.1028, found = 213.1022.

4-Ethynyl-3-methyl-4-(naphthalen-1-yl)-1-phenyl-1,4-dihydro-1H-pyrazol-5-one



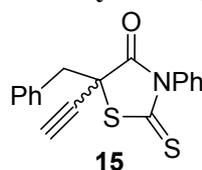
Yellowish oil, yield 90 %. ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 8.14 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 7.82 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 7.75 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.65–7.63 (m, 2H), 7.54–7.45 (m, 3H), 7.36–7.32 (m, 3H), 7.17–7.15 (m, 1H), 3.92 (d, J = 14.3 Hz, 1H), 3.81 (d, J = 14.3 Hz, 1H), 2.54 (s, 1H), 1.97 (s, 1H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 170.64, 158.80, 137.45, 133.81, 132.08, 129.73, 128.85, 128.73 (2C), 128.64, 128.43, 128.19, 126.12, 125.73, 125.39, 125.17, 125.00, 123.62, 119.21 (2C), 77.43, 75.12, 54.47, 38.04, 14.90 ppm; IR (KBr): ν = 3261, 3090, 3049, 3010, 2968, 2920, 1715, 1595, 1494, 1398, 1365, 1278, 1123 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C₂₃H₁₈ON₂ [M+Na]⁺ = 361.1311, found = 361.1312.

1,3-dibenzyl-3-ethynylindolin-2-one



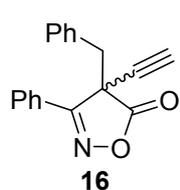
Yellowish oil, yield 85 %. ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 7.28 – 7.25 (m, 1H), 7.20 – 7.12 (m, 2H), 7.11 – 7.06 (m, 2H), 7.04 (td, J = 7.5, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 6.96 – 6.91 (m, 1H), 6.75 – 6.70 (m, 1H), 6.43 – 6.42 (m, 1H), 4.93 (d, J = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 4.53 (d, J = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 3.45 (q, J = 13.1 Hz, 1H), 2.41 (s, 1H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 174.43, 142.39, 135.12, 134.47, 130.72 (2C), 129.25, 129.08, 128.85 (2C), 128.14 (2C), 127.53, 127.38, 126.94 (2C), 124.53, 123.04, 109.76, 81.99, 72.28, 48.77, 44.68, 44.24 ppm; IR (KBr): ν = 3291, 3087, 3031, 1793, 1721, 1488 cm⁻¹; HRMS (TOF) m/z calcd for C₂₄H₁₉NO [M+H]⁺ = 338.1545, found = 338.1544.

5-benzyl-5-ethynyl-3-phenyl-2-thioxothiazolidin-4-one



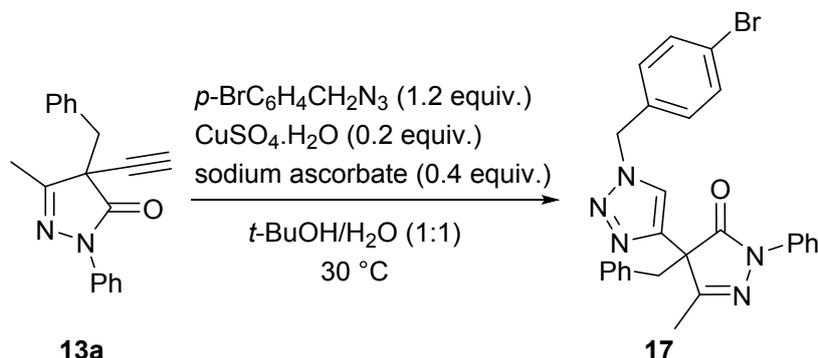
Colorless oil, yield 94 %. ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 7.48 – 7.43 (m, 3H), 7.41 – 7.33 (m, 5H), 6.84 (s, 2H), 3.65 (d, J = 13.7 Hz, 1H), 3.51 (d, J = 13.7 Hz, 1H), 2.82 (s, 1H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 197.42, 172.75, 134.85, 132.73, 130.92 (2C), 129.86, 129.56 (2C), 128.63 (2C), 128.50, 128.25 (2C), 78.50, 77.32, 56.60, 45.90 ppm; IR (KBr): ν = 3267, 2920, 1793, 1730, 1350, 1251, 1072 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C₁₈H₁₃NOS₂ [M+H]⁺ = 324.0511, found = 324.0511.

4-benzyl-4-ethynyl-3-phenylisoxazol-5(4H)-one



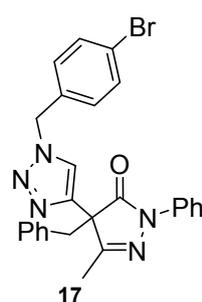
Colorless oil, yield 85 %. ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 7.92 – 7.85 (m, 2H), 7.59 – 7.53 (m, 1H), 7.44 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.24 – 7.16 (m, 5H), 3.51 (d, J = 13.6 Hz, 1H), 3.42 (d, J = 13.6 Hz, 1H), 2.65 (s, 1H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 174.32, 161.86, 133.17, 132.57, 130.51 (2C), 128.73 (2C), 128.22 (2C), 128.10 (2C), 127.80, 125.01, 77.73, 75.03, 67.40, 44.85 ppm; IR (KBr): ν = 3234, 2932, 1823, 1652, 1458 cm⁻¹; HRMS (TOF) m/z calcd for C₁₈H₁₃NO₂ [M+H]⁺ = 276.1025, found = 276.1028.

2.7 Preparation of 4-(1-(4-bromobenzyl)-1H-1,2,3-triazol-4-yl)-3-methyl-1-phenyl-1,4-dihydro-1H-pyrazol-5-one



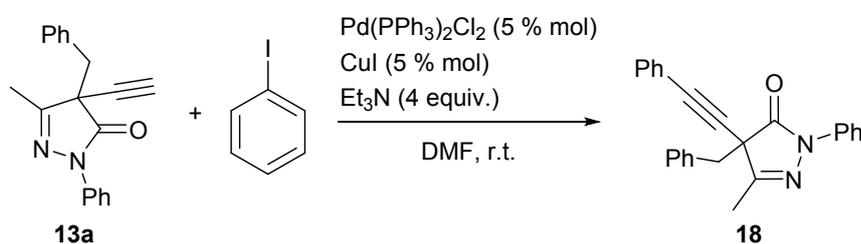
According to described procedure¹¹, to a solution of pyrazolone derivative **13a** (0.12 mmol, 1 eq.) and 1-(azidomethyl)-4-bromobenzene (0.14 mmol, 1.2 eq.) in solution of *t*-BuOH/H₂O (1:1, 2 mL) was added copper(II) sulphate (0.024 mmol, 0.2 eq.) and sodium ascorbate (0.05 mmol, 0.4 eq.). Reaction mixture was stirred at 30 °C overnight and then washed with EtOAc and organic phase was washed with brine and dried over MgSO₄, filtered and purified with column chromatography yielding the corresponding product **17** as colorless oil (92% yield).

4-(1-(4-bromobenzyl)-1H-1,2,3-triazol-4-yl)-3-methyl-1-phenyl-1,4-dihydro-1H-pyrazol-5-one



White solid, yield 92 %, m. p. 120-121 °C. ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 7.64 – 7.61 (m, 2H), 7.56 (s, 1H), 7.52-7.50 (m, 2H), 7.32-7.31 (m, 2H), 7.19 – 7.15 (m, 8H), 5.46 (s, 2H), 3.53 (dd, *J* = 36.0, *J'* = 13.6 Hz, 2H), 2.39 (s, 3H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 172.11, 160.12, 143.36, 136.87, 133.35, 132.64, 131.95 (2C), 129.45 (2C), 128.78 (2C), 128.26 (2C), 127.95 (2C), 127.17, 124.97, 122.71, 121.29, 118.98 (2C), 58.68, 53.02, 41.44, 15.30 ppm; IR (KBr): ν = 3031, 2923, 1709, 1592, 1497, 1368 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd for C₂₆H₂₂N₅OBr [M+Na]⁺ = 522.0900, found = 522.0900.

2.8 Preparation of 4-benzyl-3-methyl-1-phenyl-4-(phenylethynyl)-1,4-dihydro-3H-pyrazol-5-one



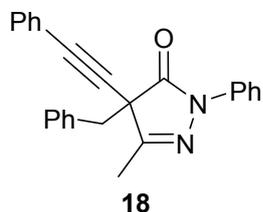
According to described procedure¹², to a solution of iodobenzene (0.13 mmol, 1 eq.) in dry DMF was added Pd(PPh₃)₂Cl₂ (0.007 mmol, 0.05 eq.), CuI (0.007 mmol, 0.05 eq.) and Et₃N (0.52 mmol, 4 eq.) and pyrazolone derivative **13a**. Reaction mixture was stirred for 2 hours

¹¹ Ch. Menendez, A. Chollet, F. Rodriguez, C. Inard, M. R. Pasca, Ch. Lherbet and M. Baltas, *E. J. Med. Chem.*, **2012**, *52*, 275.

¹² M. Toyota, Ch. Komori and M. Ihara, *J. Org. Chem.*, **2000**, *65*, 7110.

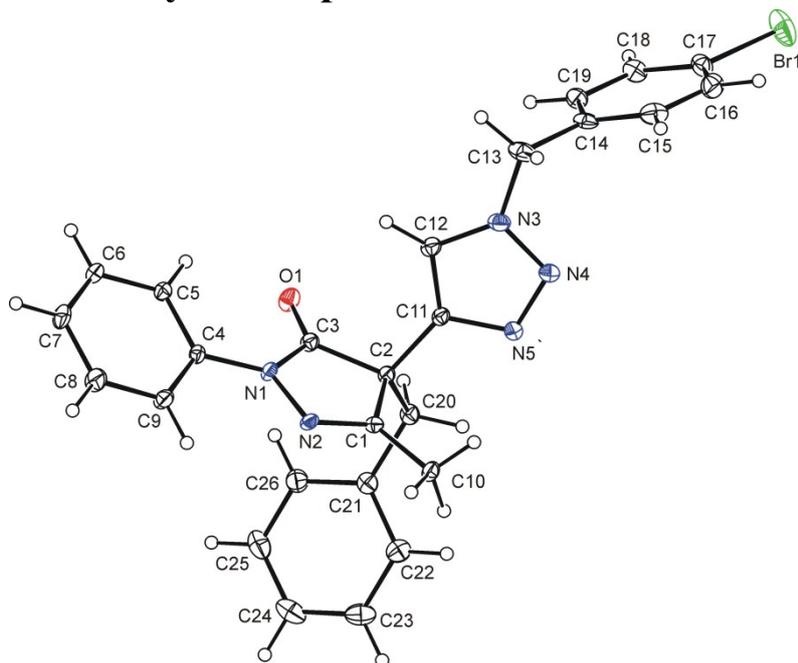
and then flashed through celite and then diluted in Et₂O. Organic layer was washed with water, brine and then dried over MgSO₄. After evaporation of the solvent was the residue purified with column chromatography affording corresponding product **18** as yellow oil in 56% yield.

4-benzyl-3-methyl-1-phenyl-4-(phenylethynyl)-1,4-dihydro-3H-pyrazol-5-one



Colorless oil, yield 56 %. ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 7.70 – 7.68 (m, 2H), 7.53-7.51 (m, 2H), 7.39-7.36 (m, 5H), 7.27-7.25 (m, 5H), 7.21 – 7.19 (m, 1H), 3.59 (d, *J* = 13.6 Hz, 1H), 3.39 (d, *J* = 13.6 Hz, 1H), 2.30 (s, 3H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 170.63, 158.74, 137.41, 133.41, 131.97, 129.63, 129.51 (2C), 128.87, 128.72 (2C), 128.41 (2C), 128.31 (2C), 127.81, 125.41, 121.92, 119.41 (2C), 86.23, 82.15, 55.28, 42.51, 14.74. ppm; IR (KBr): ν = 2926, 2848, 1715, 1598, 1500, 1362 cm⁻¹; IR (KBr): ν = 2926, 2848, 1715, 1598, 1500, 1362 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd for C₂₅H₂₀N₂O [M+H]⁺ = 365.1648, found = 365.1649.

3 X-Ray of compound 18



Single-crystal X-ray diffraction data for compound **8** were obtained from Bruker ApexII-CCD diffractometer by monochromatized MoK α radiation ($\lambda = 0.71073 \text{ \AA}$) at 150(2)K. The structure was solved by direct methods (SHELXS, Sheldrik, 2008) and refined by full-matrix least squares based on F^2 (SHELXL97). The hydrogen atoms were fixed into idealised positions (riding model) and assigned temperature factors $H_{\text{iso}}(\text{H}) = 1.2 U_{\text{eq}}(\text{pivot atom})$.

Crystal data for **18**: C₂₆H₂₂BrN₅O, $M_r = 500.40$, Monoclinic, $P2_1/n$ (No 14), $a = 9.6625 (2) \text{ \AA}$, $b = 23.9818 (6) \text{ \AA}$, $c = 10.8059 (2) \text{ \AA}$, $V = 2255.29 (8) \text{ \AA}^3$, $Z = 4$, $D_x = 1.474 \text{ Mg m}^{-3}$, colourless crystal of dimensions $0.27 \times 0.21 \times 0.18 \text{ mm}$, numerical absorption correction ($\mu = 1.85 \text{ mm}^{-1}$), $T_{\text{min}} = 0.634$, $T_{\text{max}} = 0.738$; a total of 29307 measured reflections ($\theta_{\text{max}} = 27.5^\circ$), from which 5177 were unique ($R_{\text{int}} = 0.038$) and 3951 observed according to the $I > 2\sigma(I)$ criterion. The refinement converged ($\Delta/\sigma_{\text{max}} < 0.001$) to $R = 0.050$ for observed reflections and $wR(F^2) = 0.126$, $GOF = 1.06$ for 299 parameters and all 5177 reflections. The final difference map displayed no peaks of chemical significance ($\Delta\rho_{\text{max}} = 2.01$, $\Delta\rho_{\text{min}} -1.39 \text{ e.\AA}^{-3}$).

Crystallographic data (excluding structure factors) for the structures has been deposited with the Cambridge Crystallographic Data Centre with CCDC number 1038569. Copies of the data can be obtained, free of charge, on application to Cambridge Crystallographic Data Centre, 12

Union Road, Cambridge CB2 1EZ, UK, (fax: +44-(0)1223-336033 or e-mail: deposit@ccdc.cam.ac.Uk).

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4 Detection of EBX using low temperature ^1H NMR experiment

Figure 1: Generation and decomposition of EBX at $-30\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ during 30 minutes time period. Signals of EBX are highlighted by *. ^1H NMR (CD_2Cl_2): $\delta = 8.36$ (d, $J = 8.05$ Hz, 1H), 8.22 (dd, $J = 7.3$ Hz, $J' = 1.7$ Hz, 1 H), 7.74 (m, 2H), 3.49 (s, 1H) ppm. ^1H NMR spectrum corresponds with data published by Waser et al.¹³

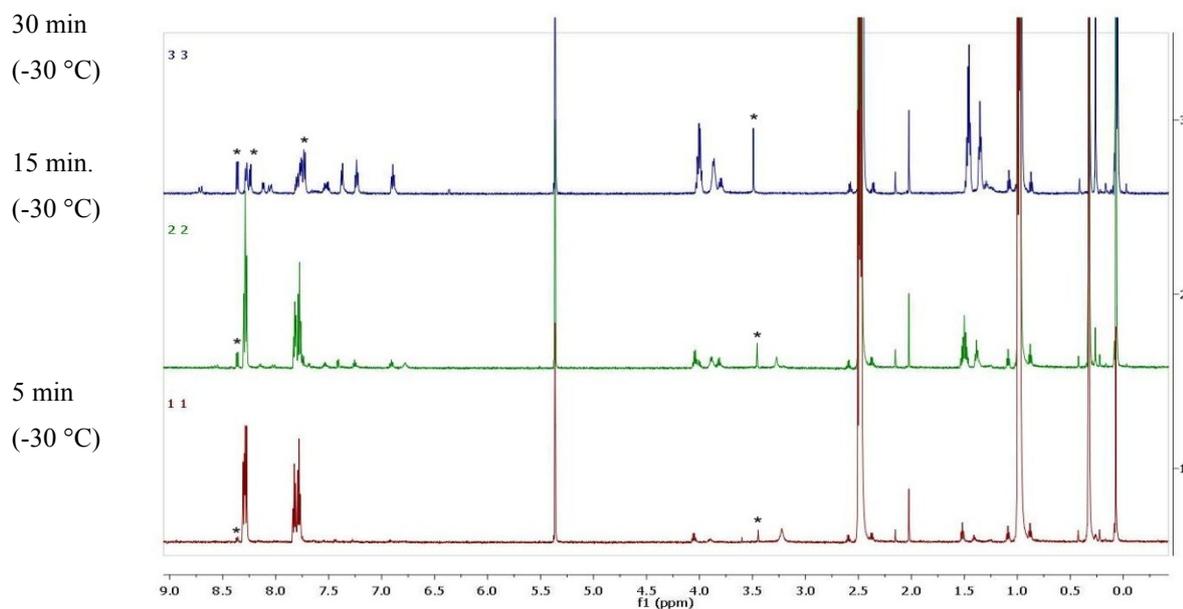
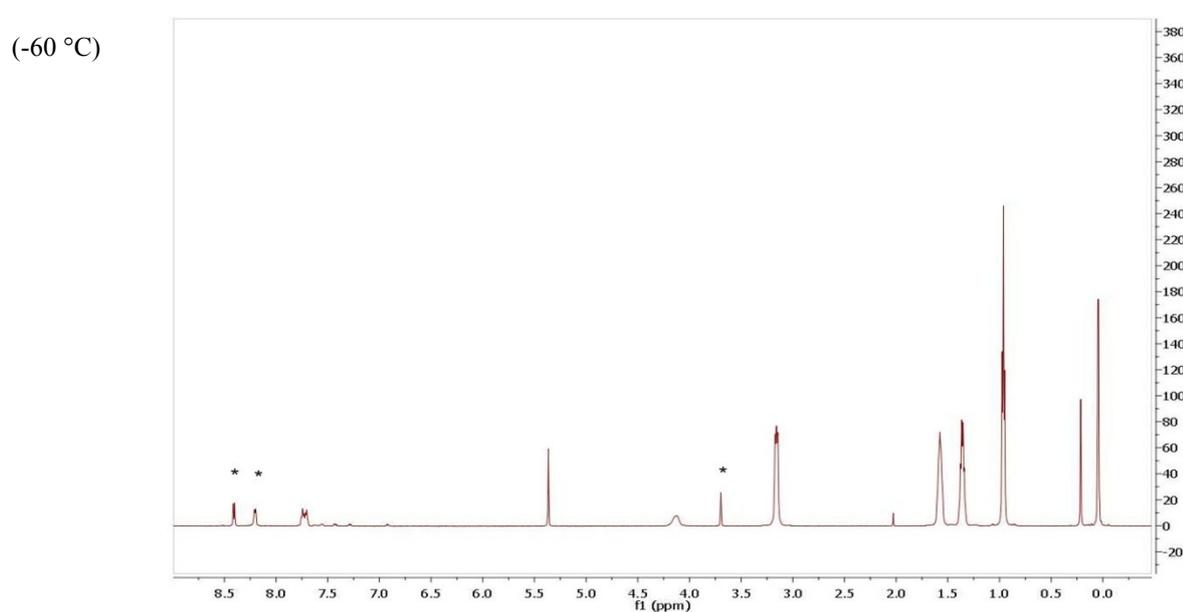
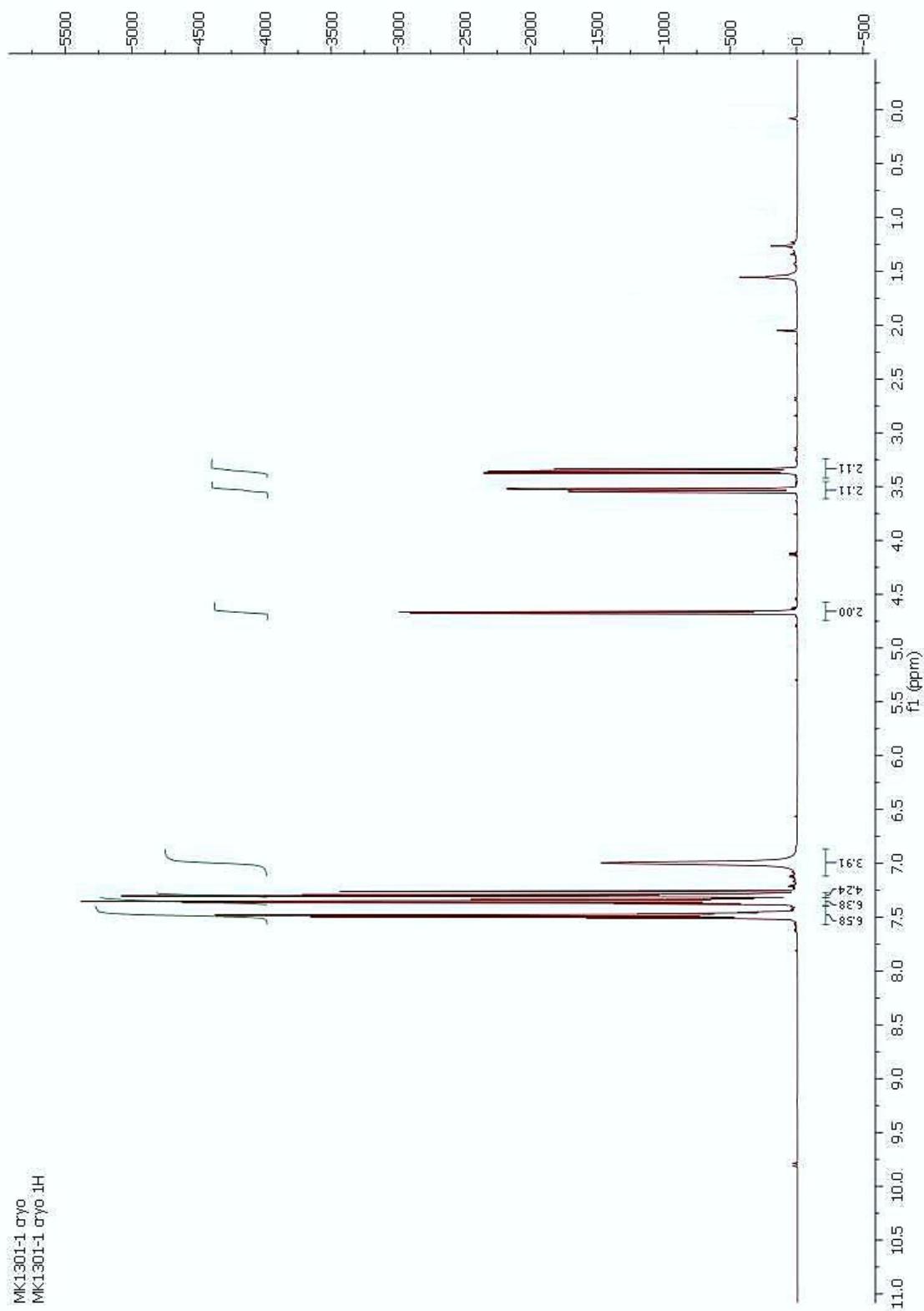
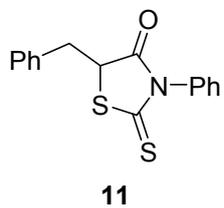


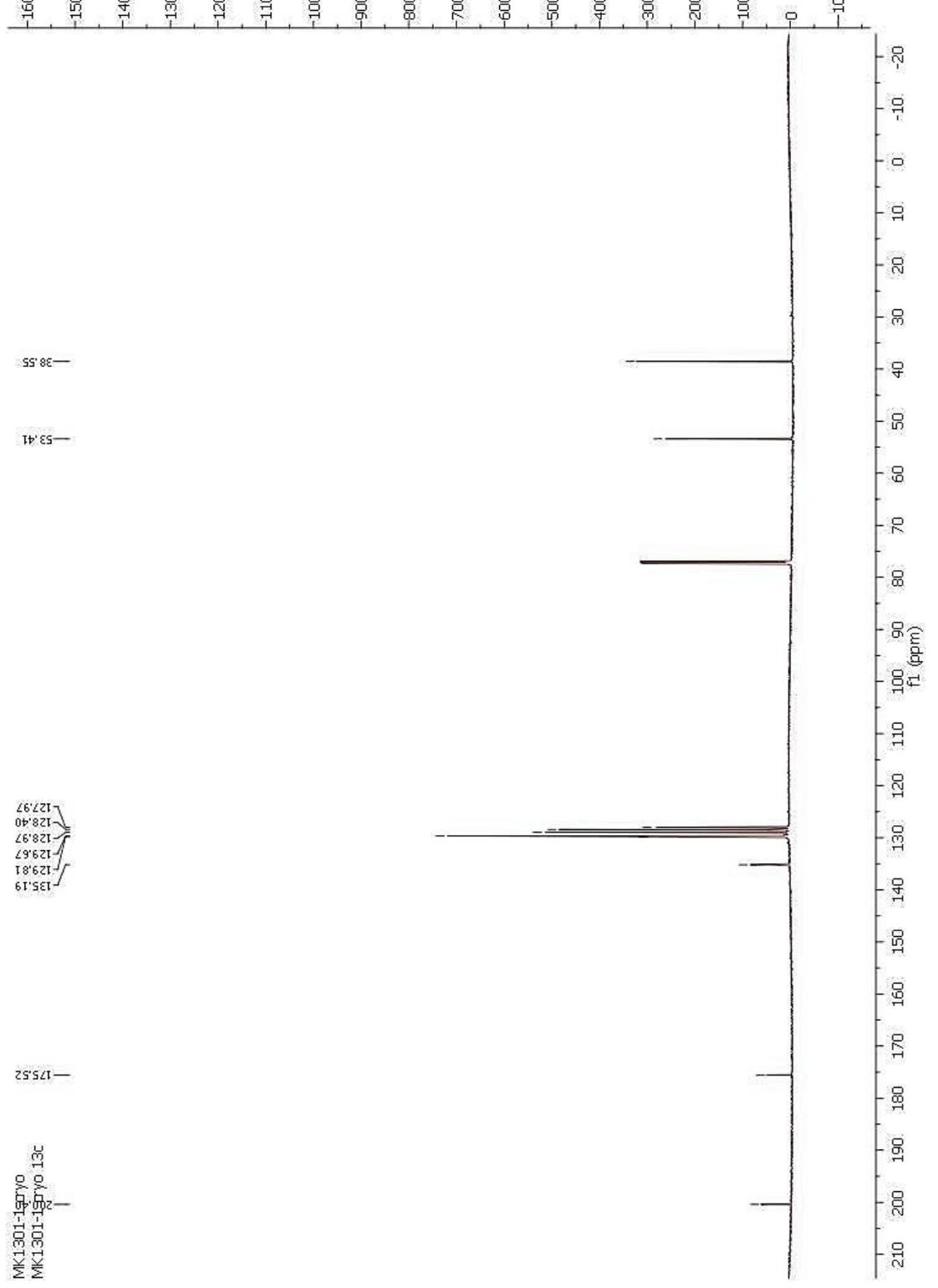
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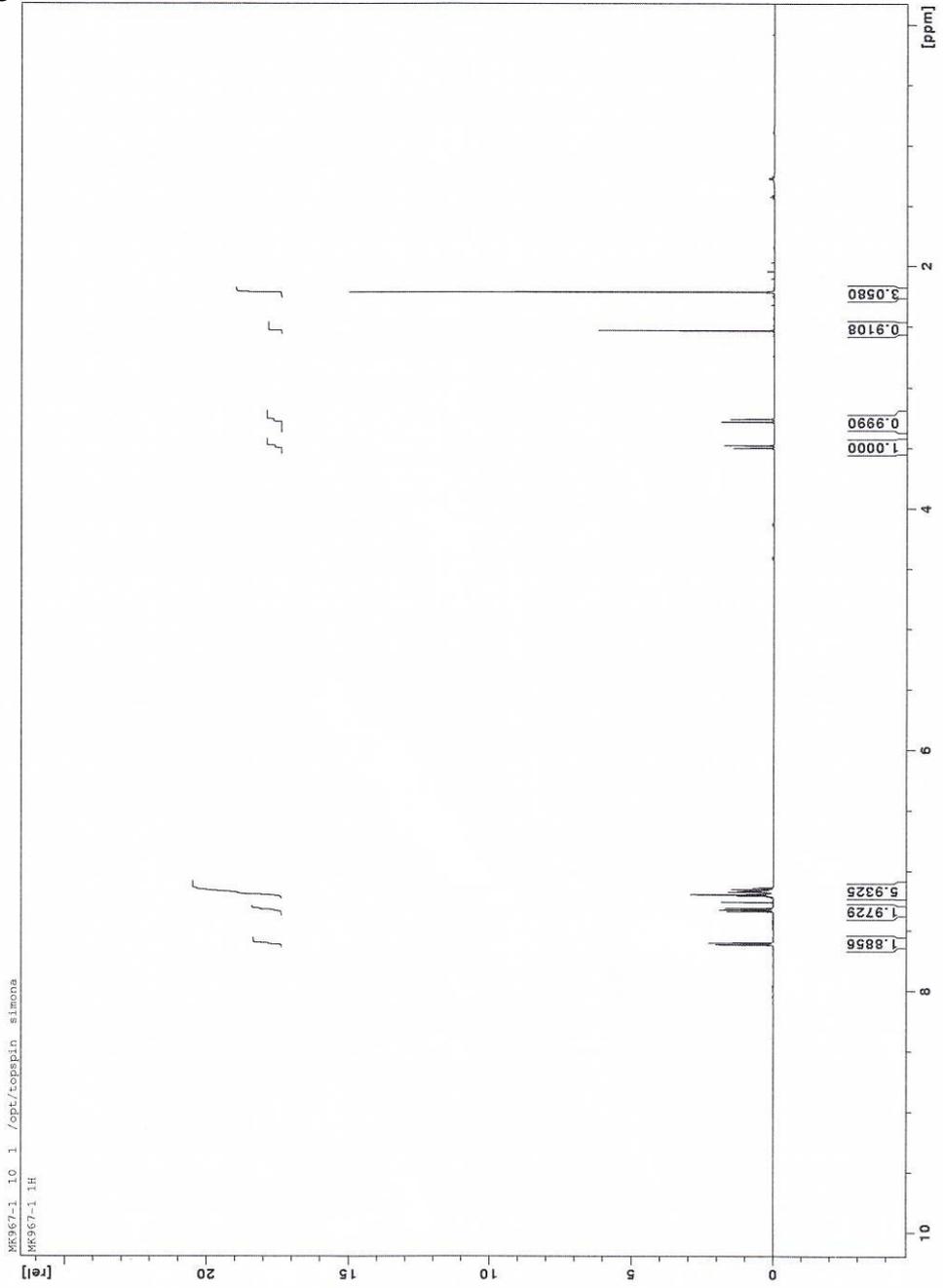
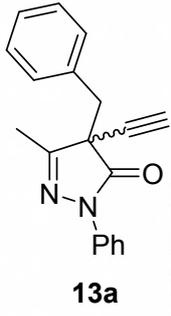


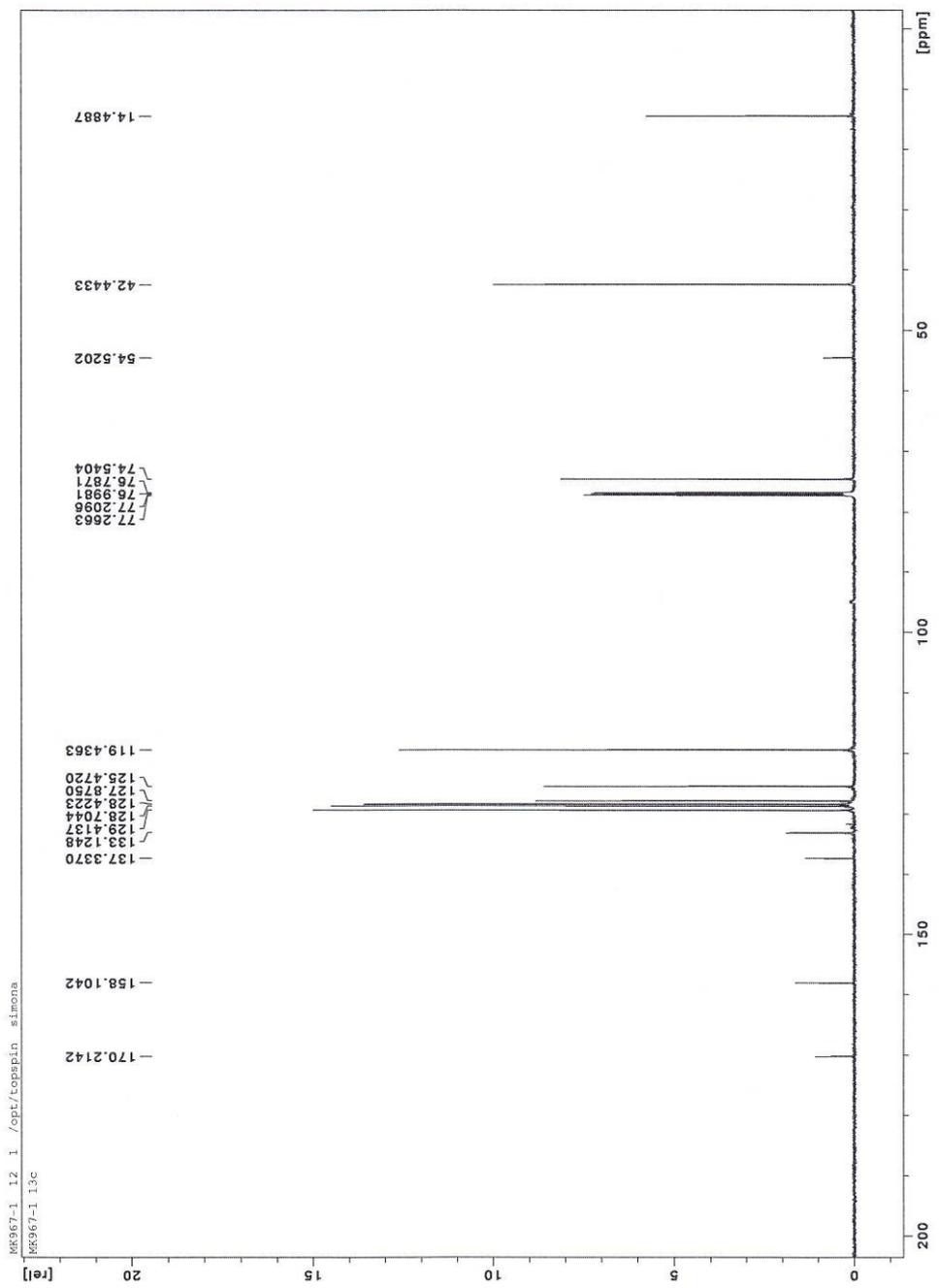
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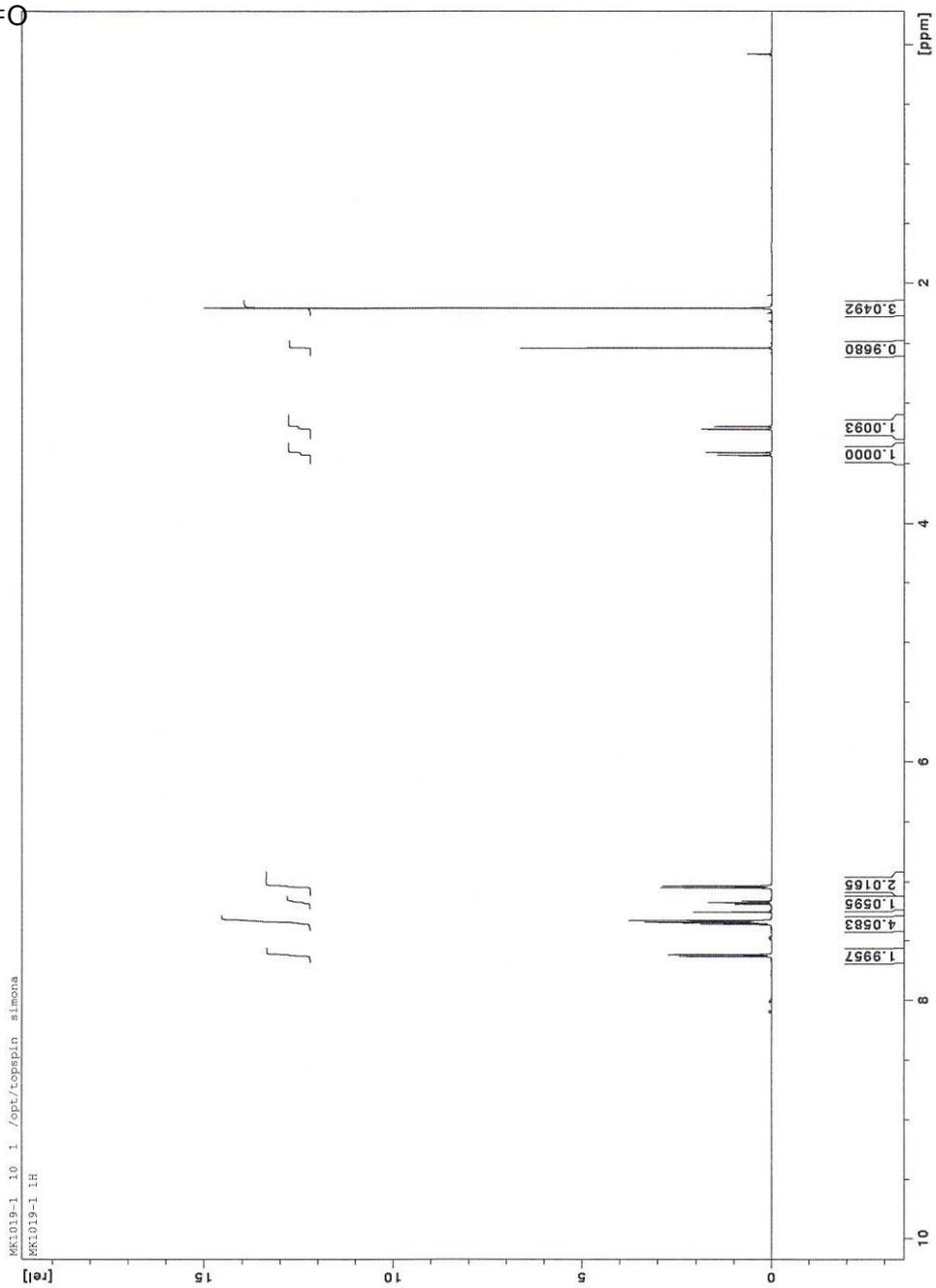
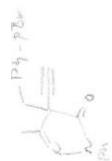
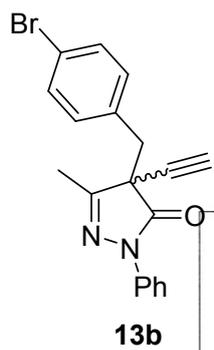
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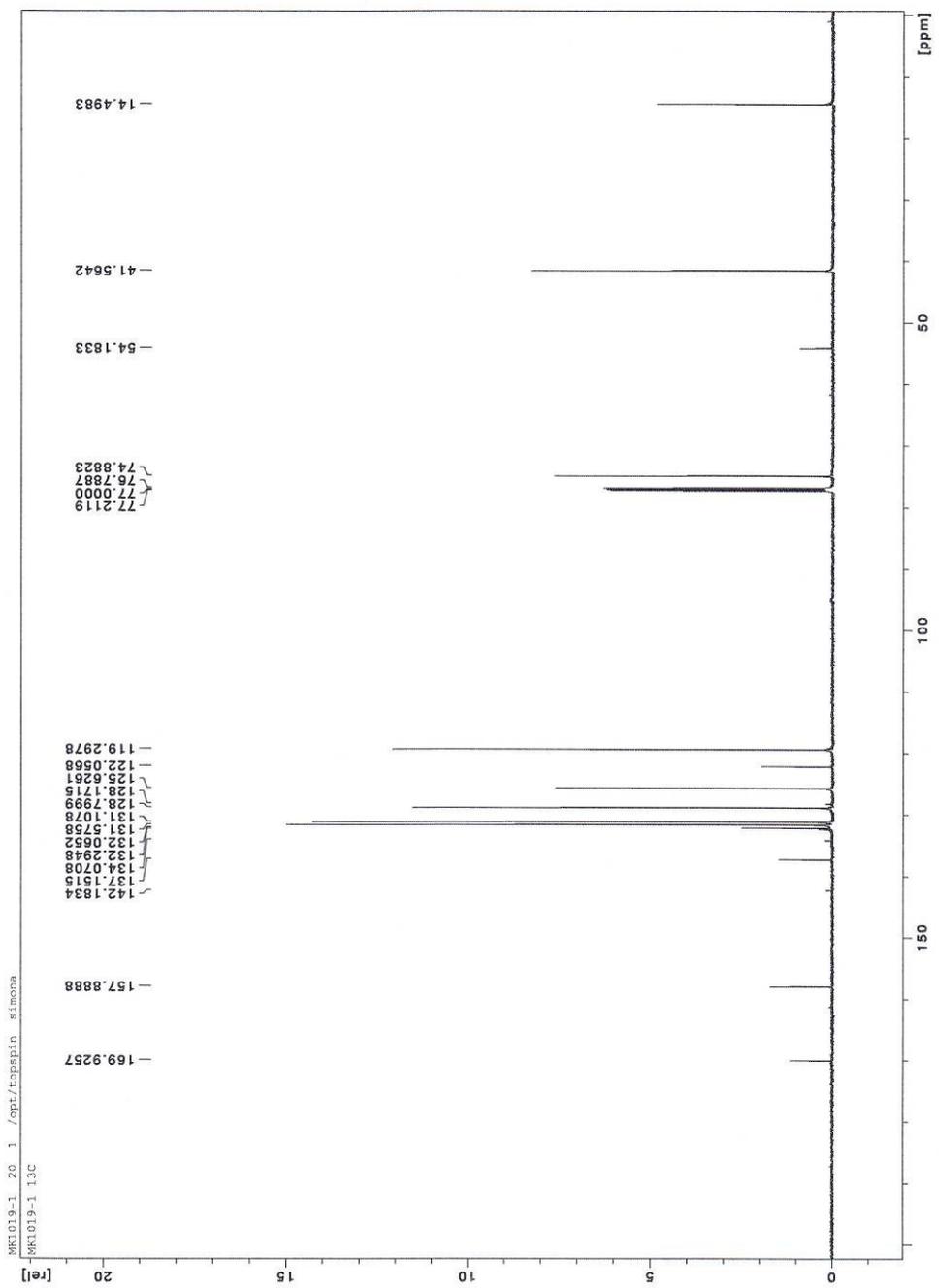


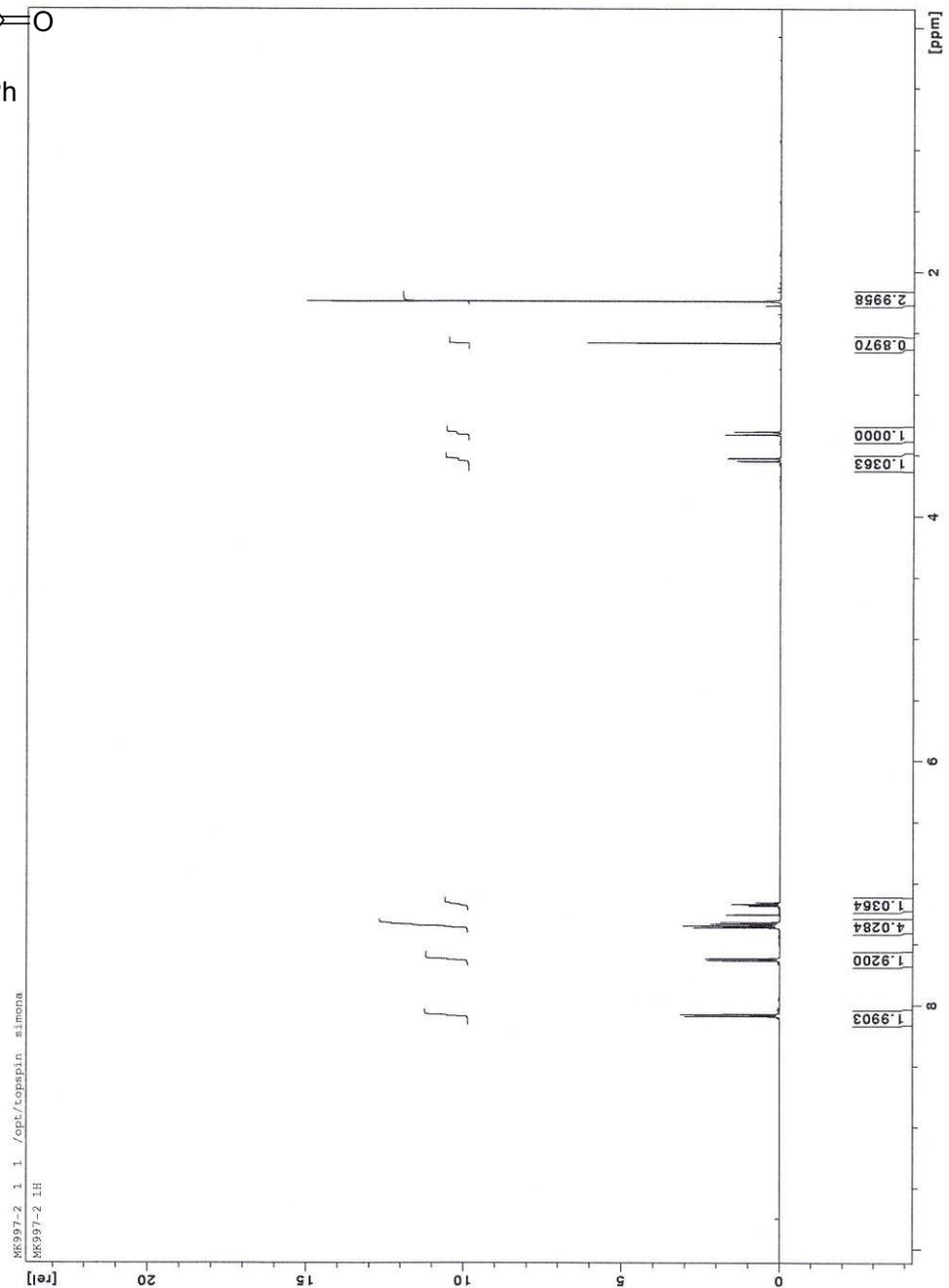
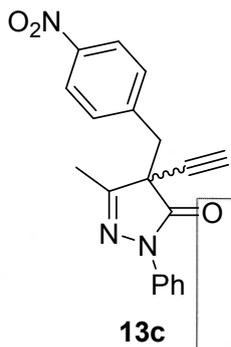


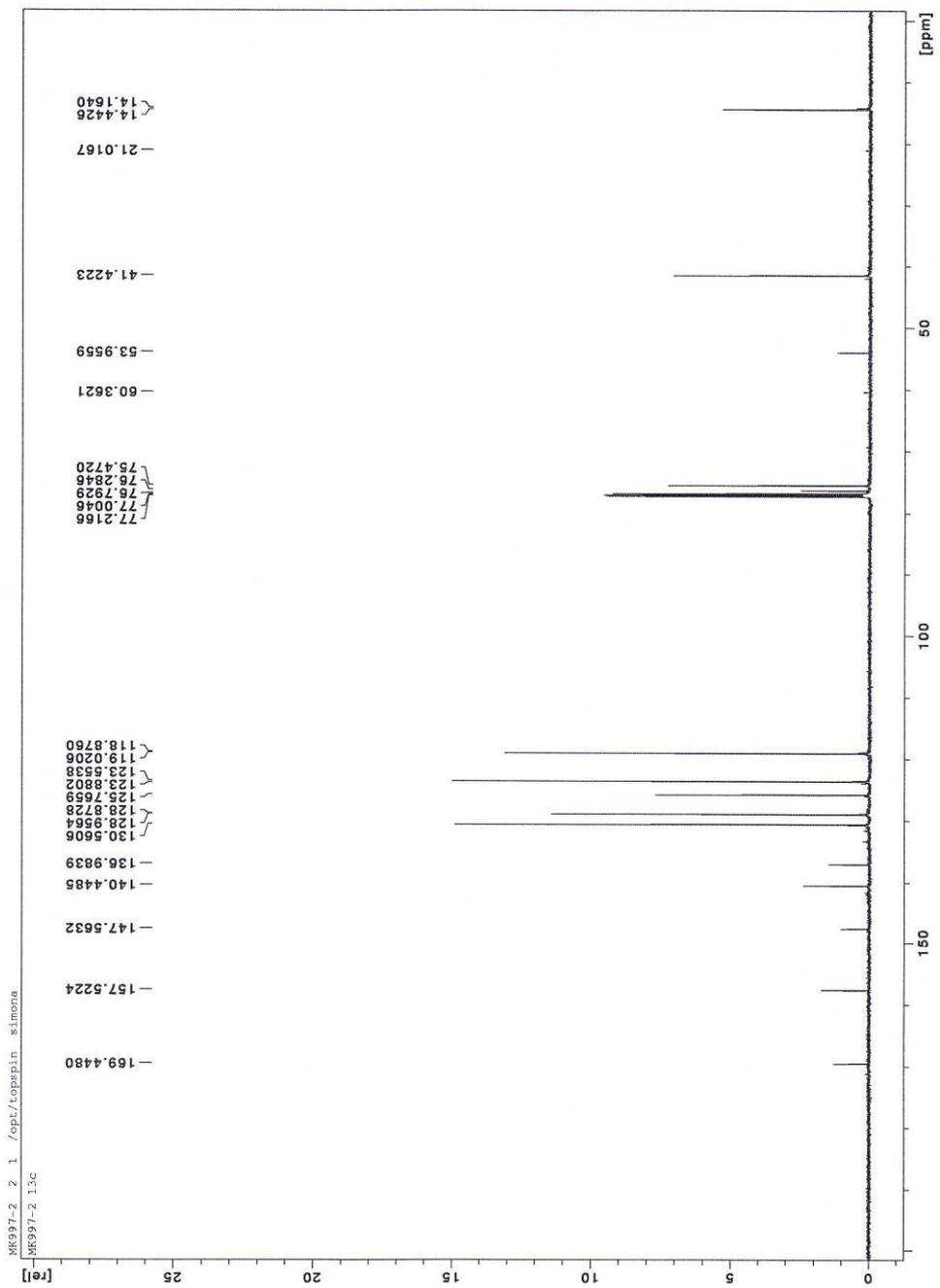


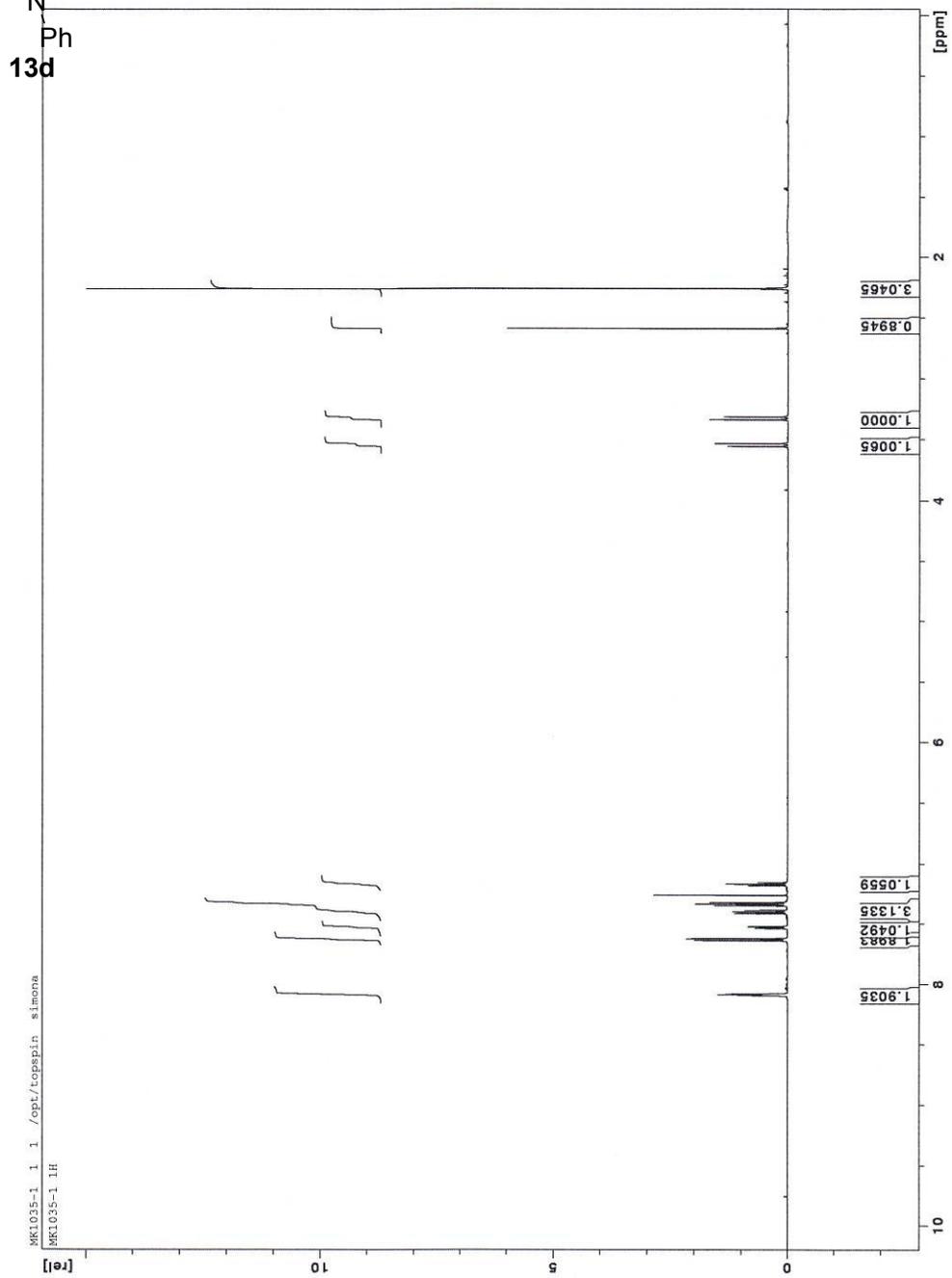
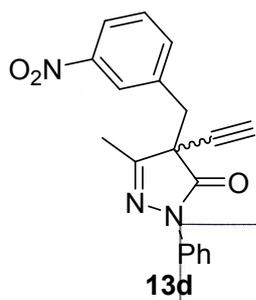


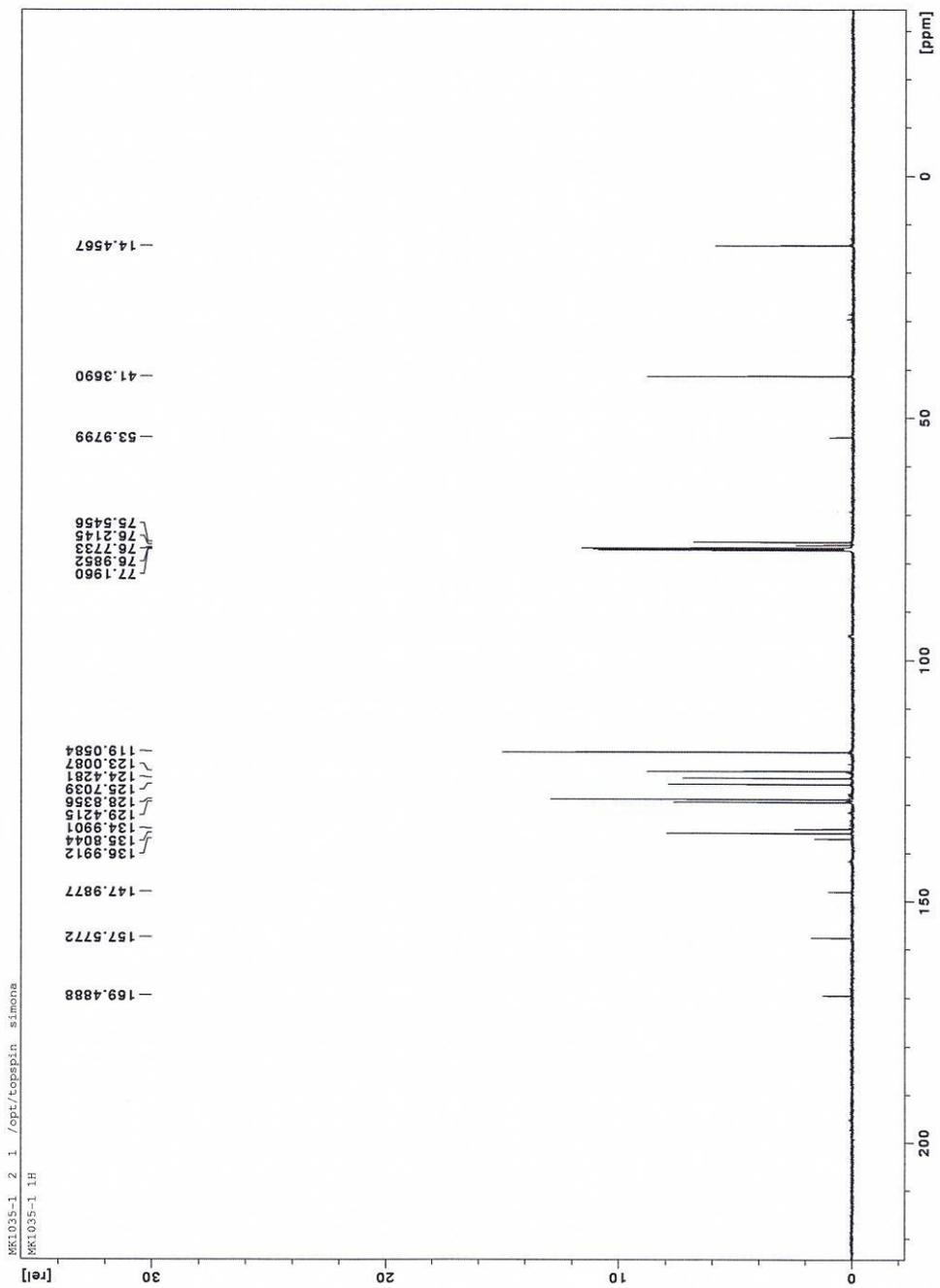


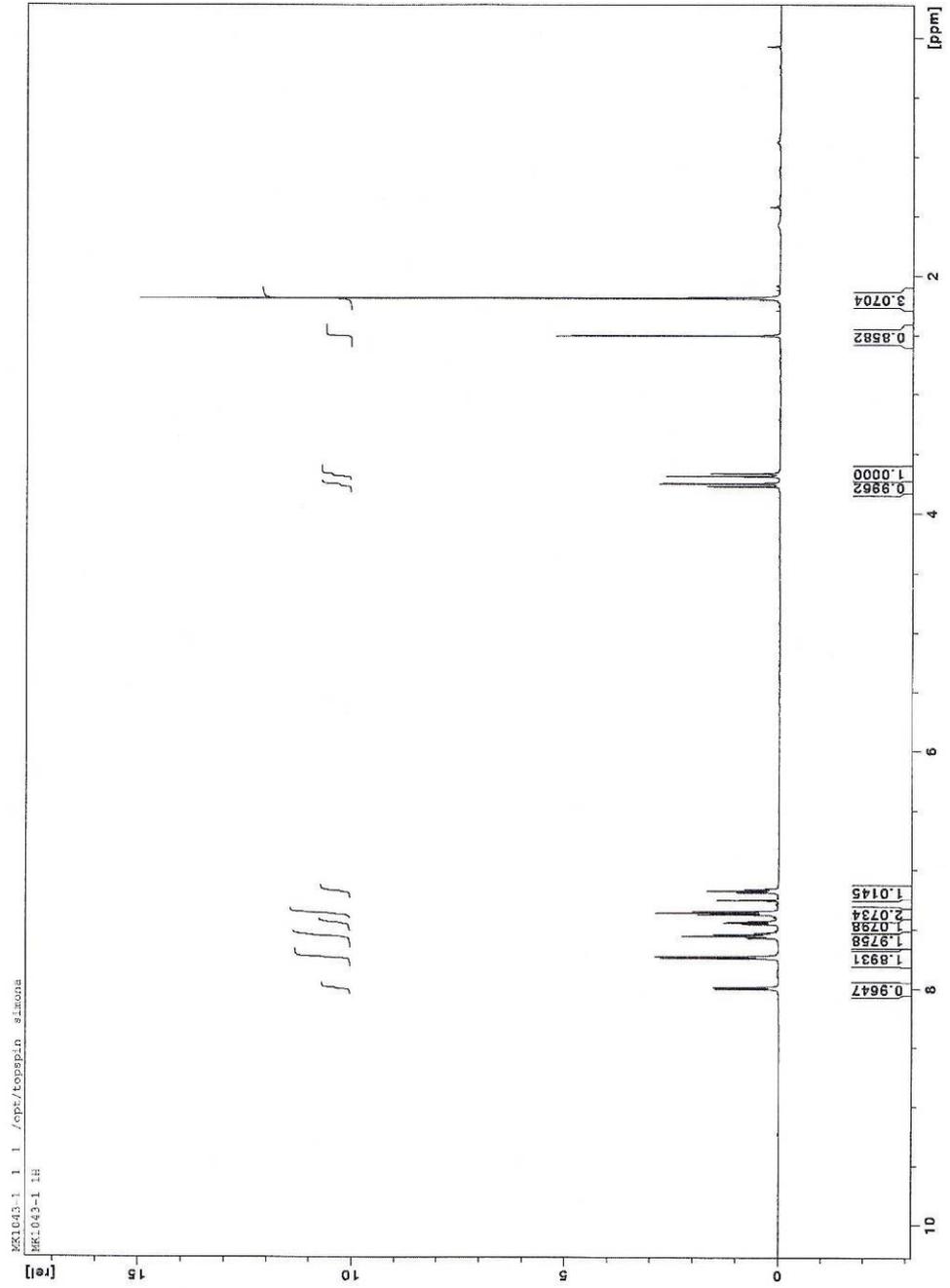
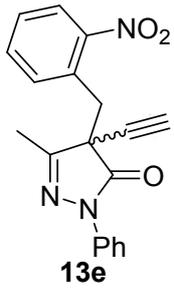


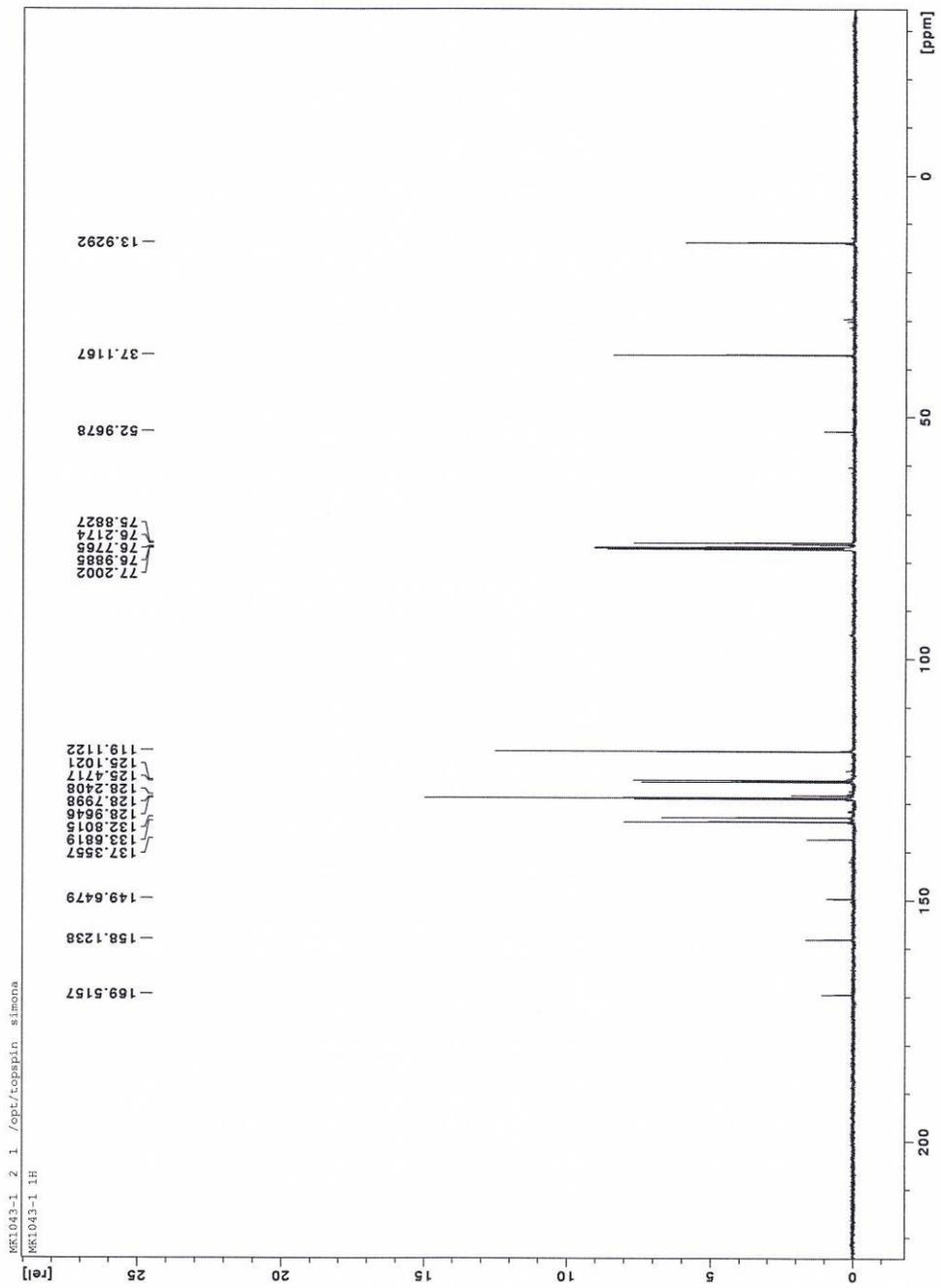


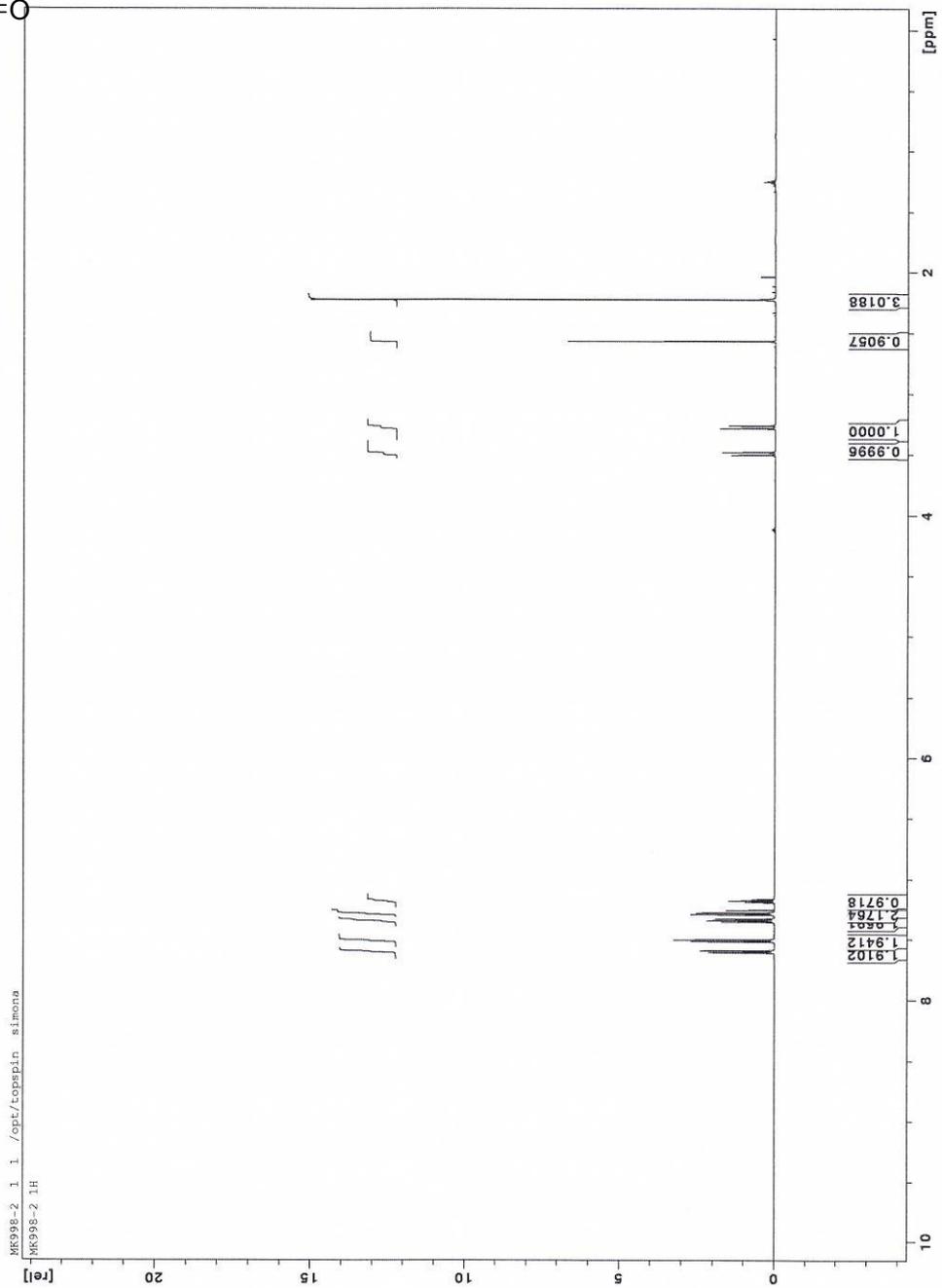
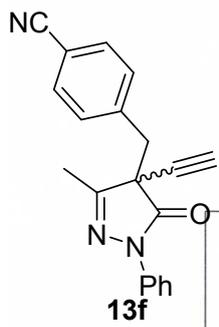


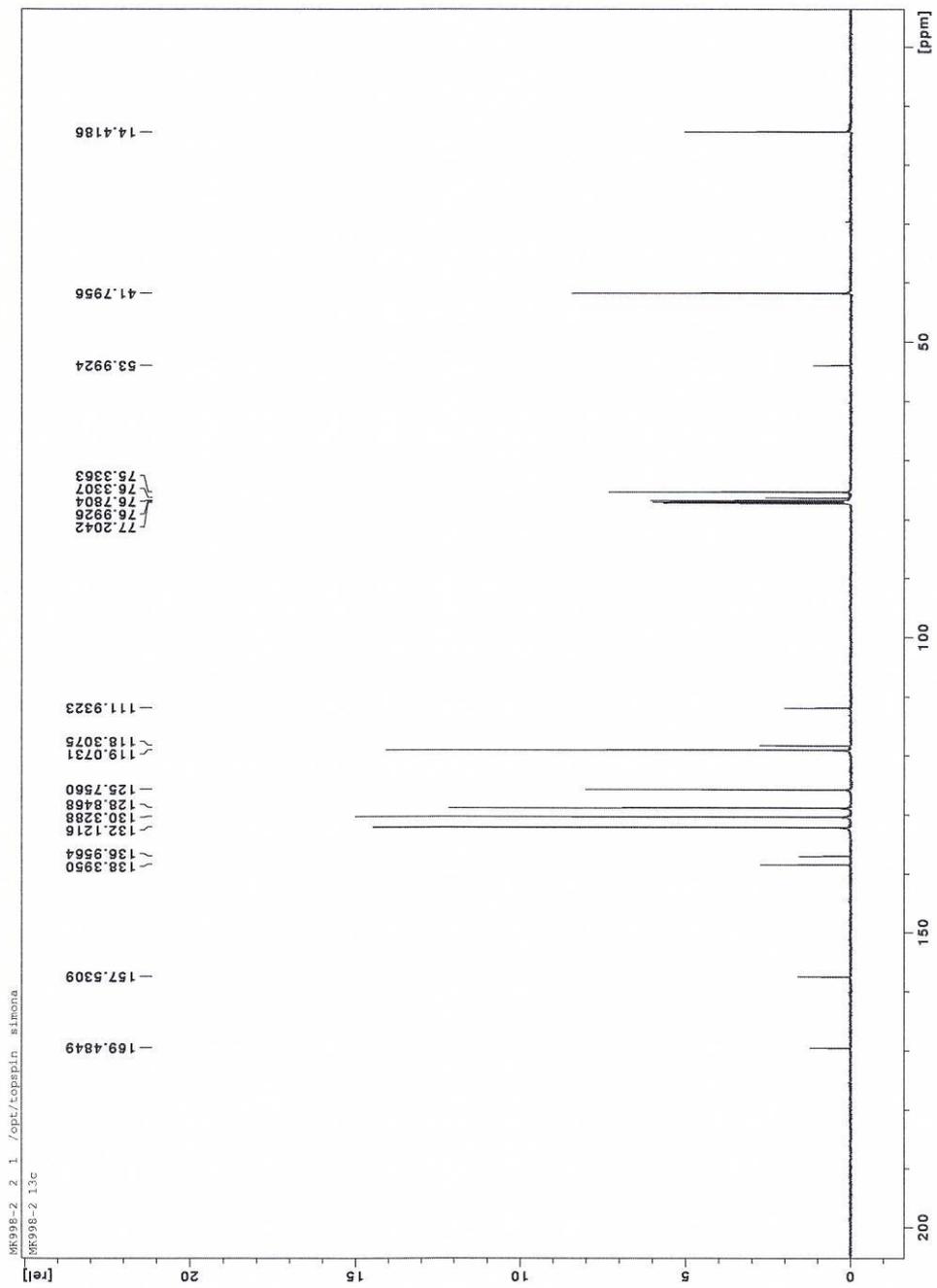


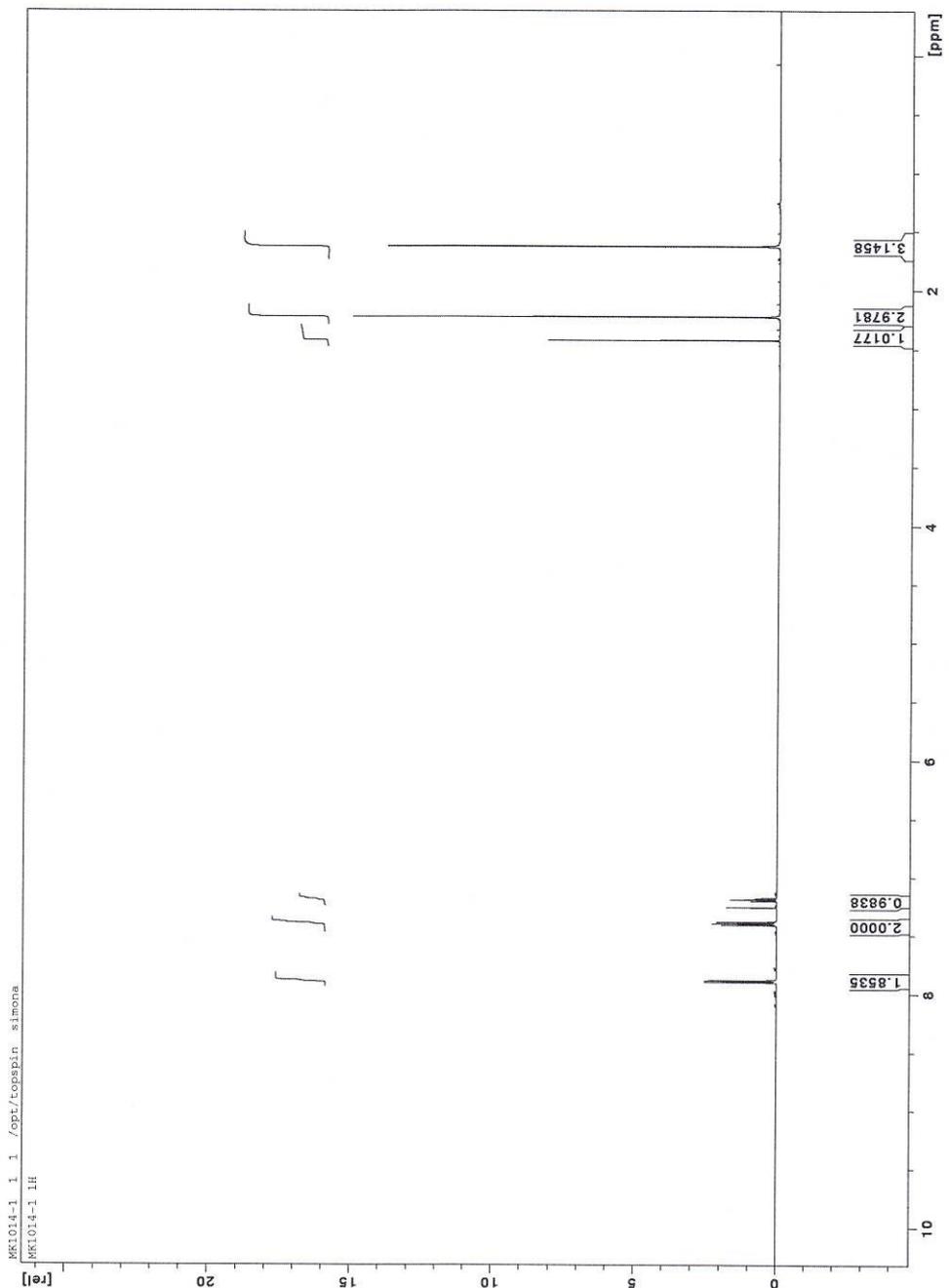
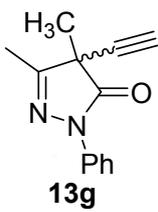


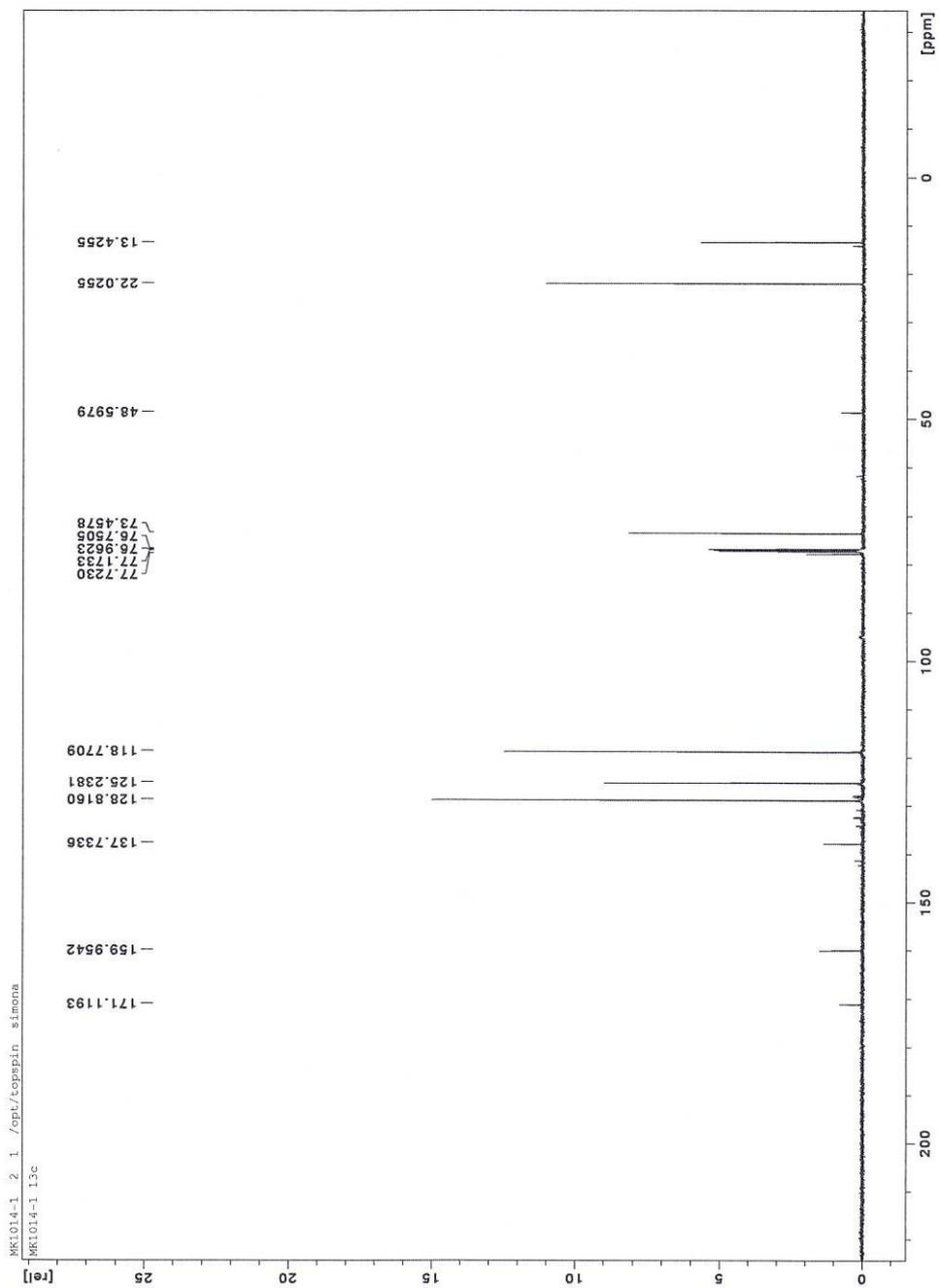


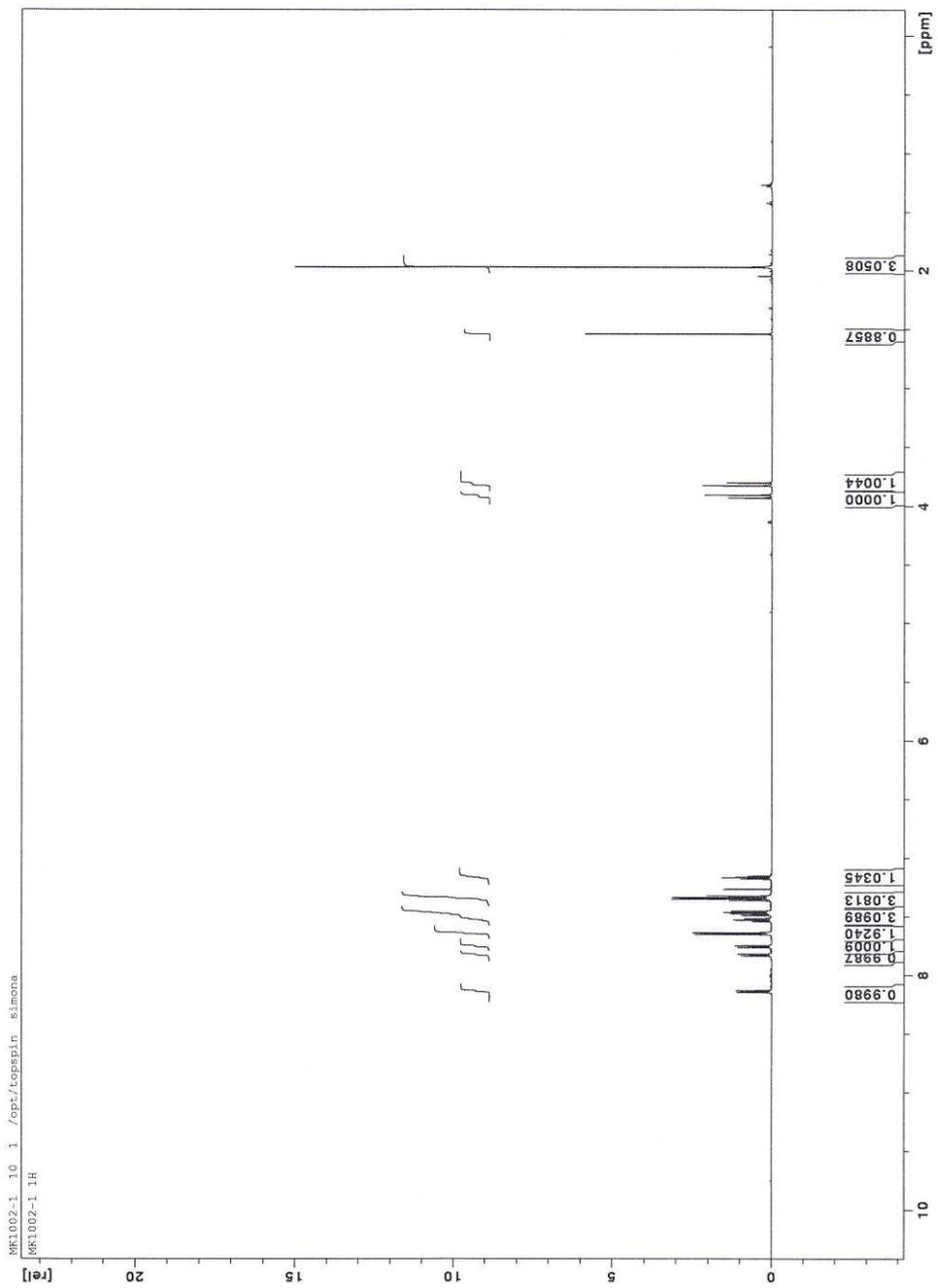
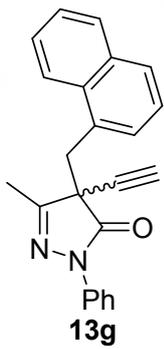


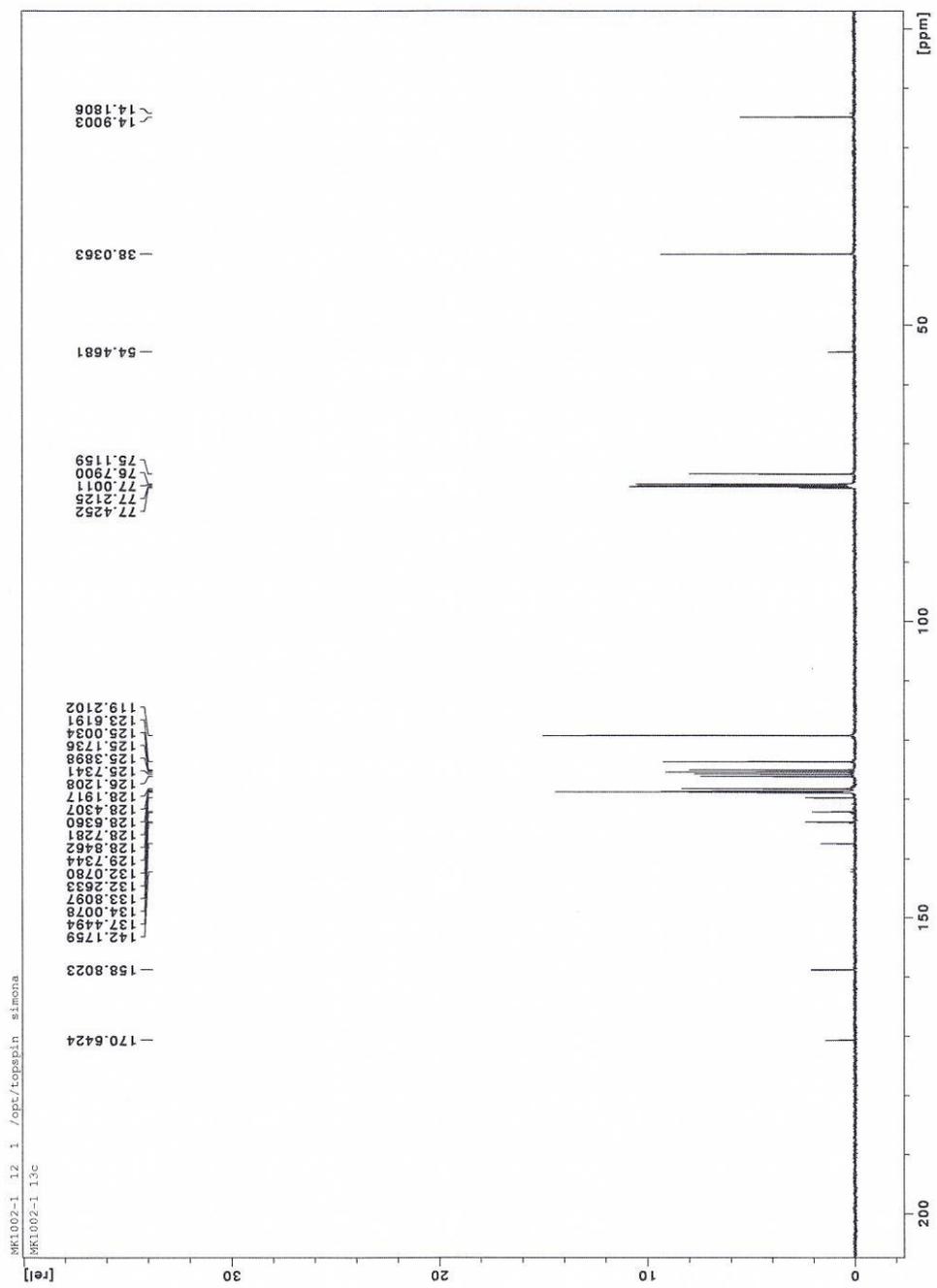


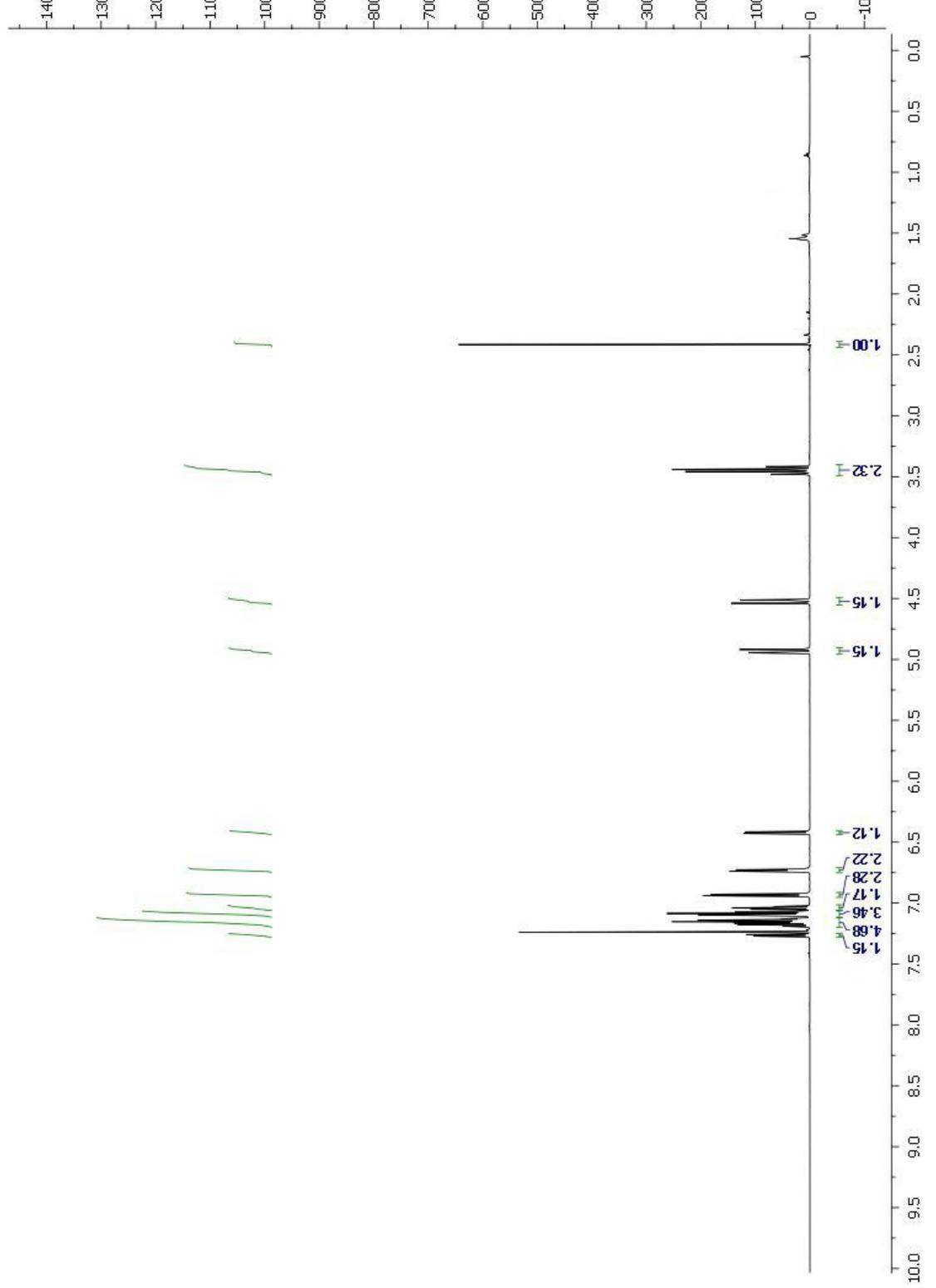
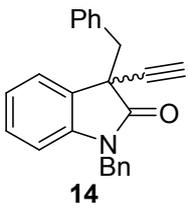


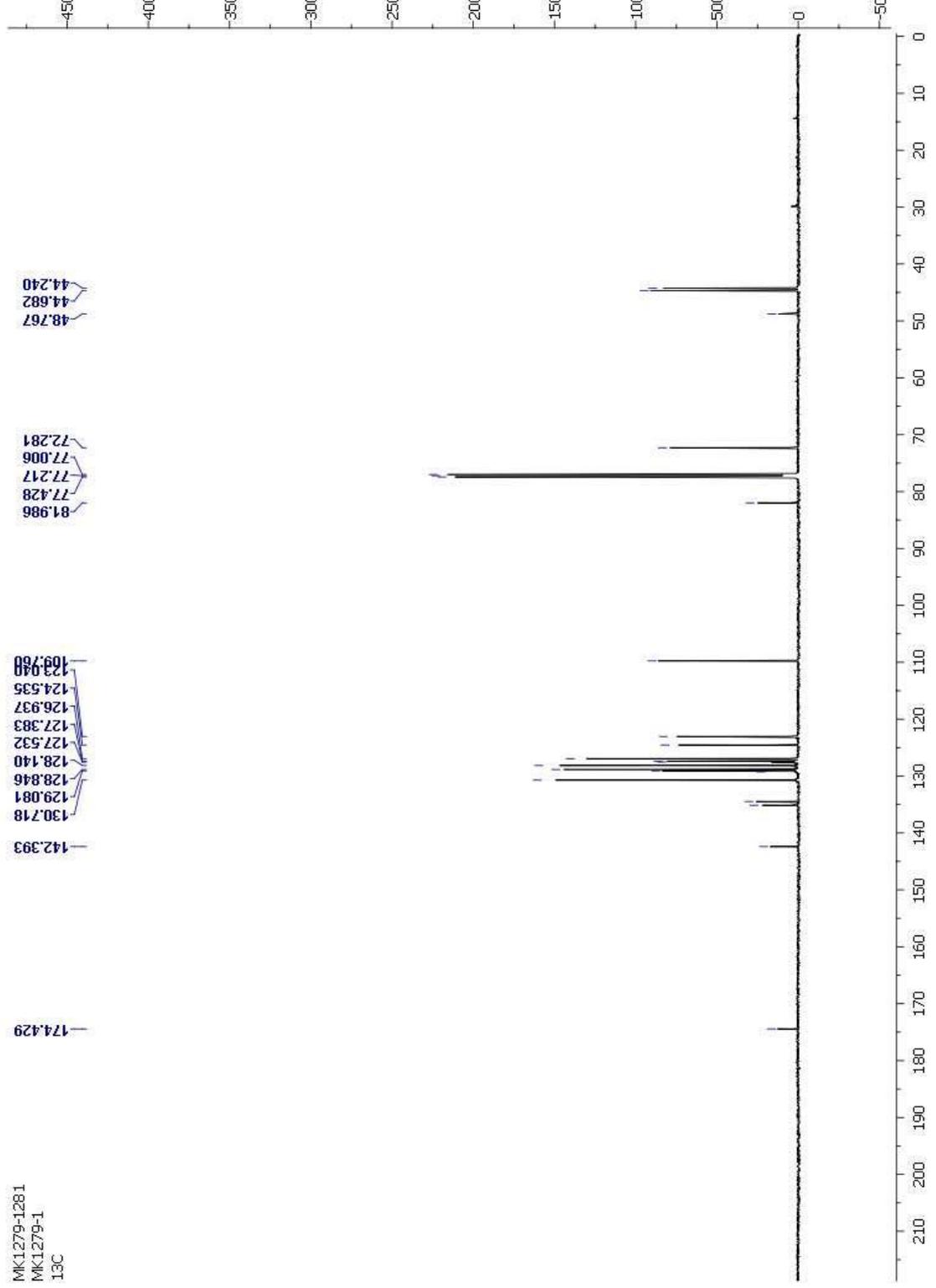


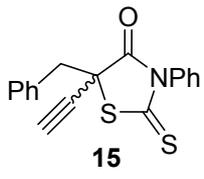




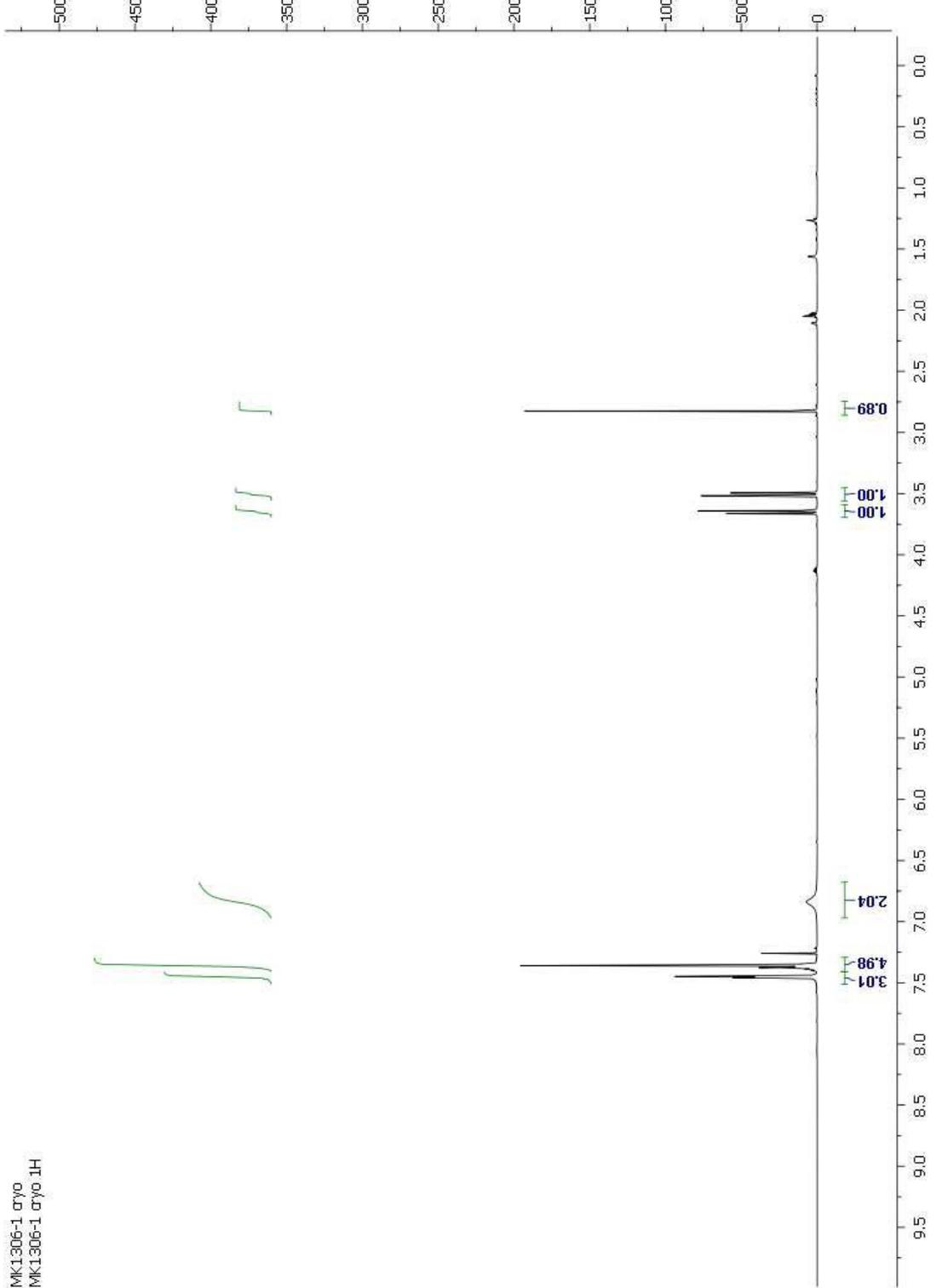


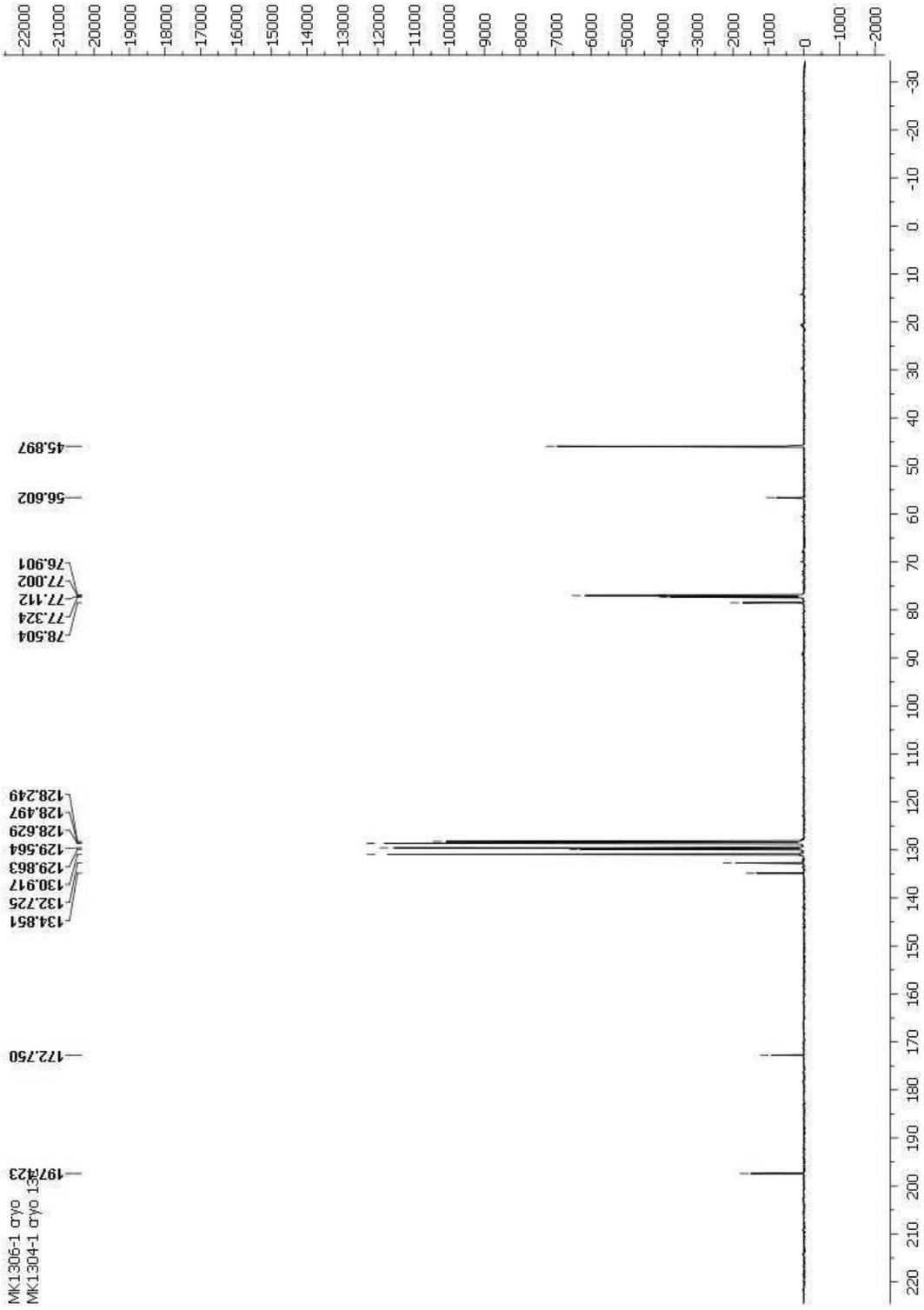


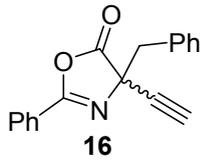




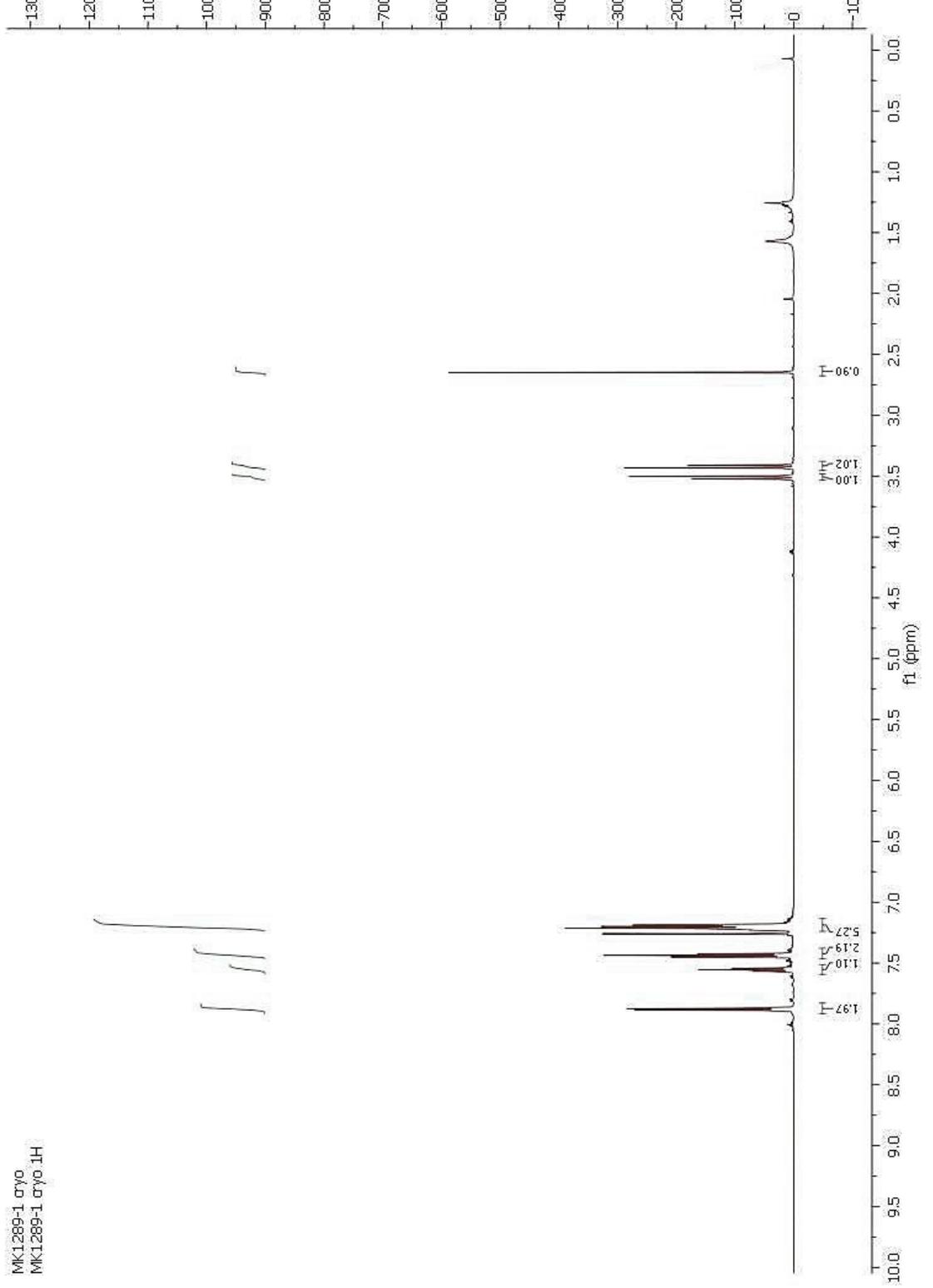
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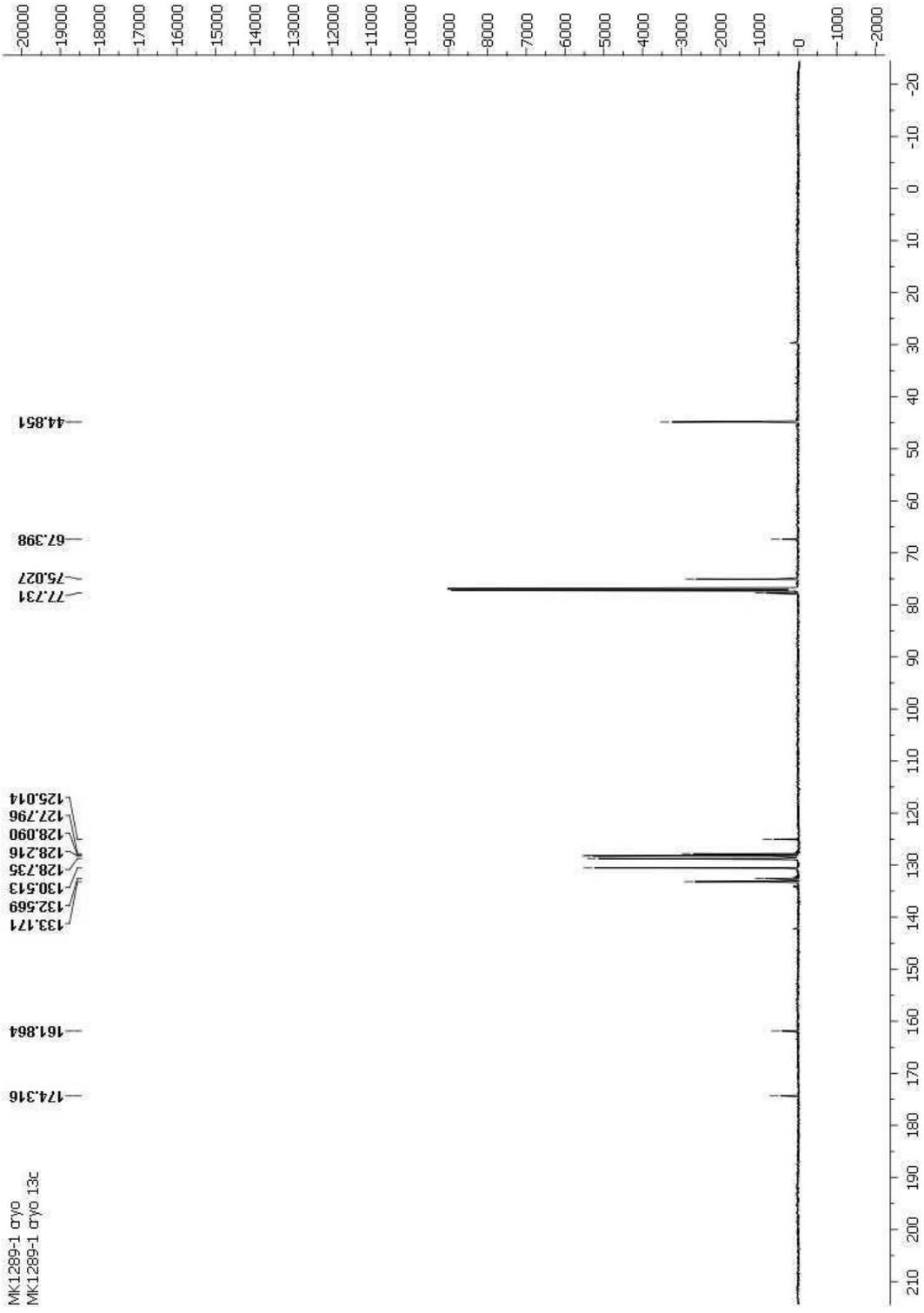


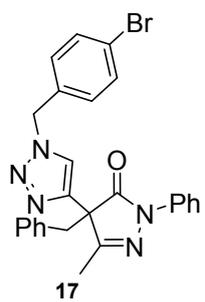




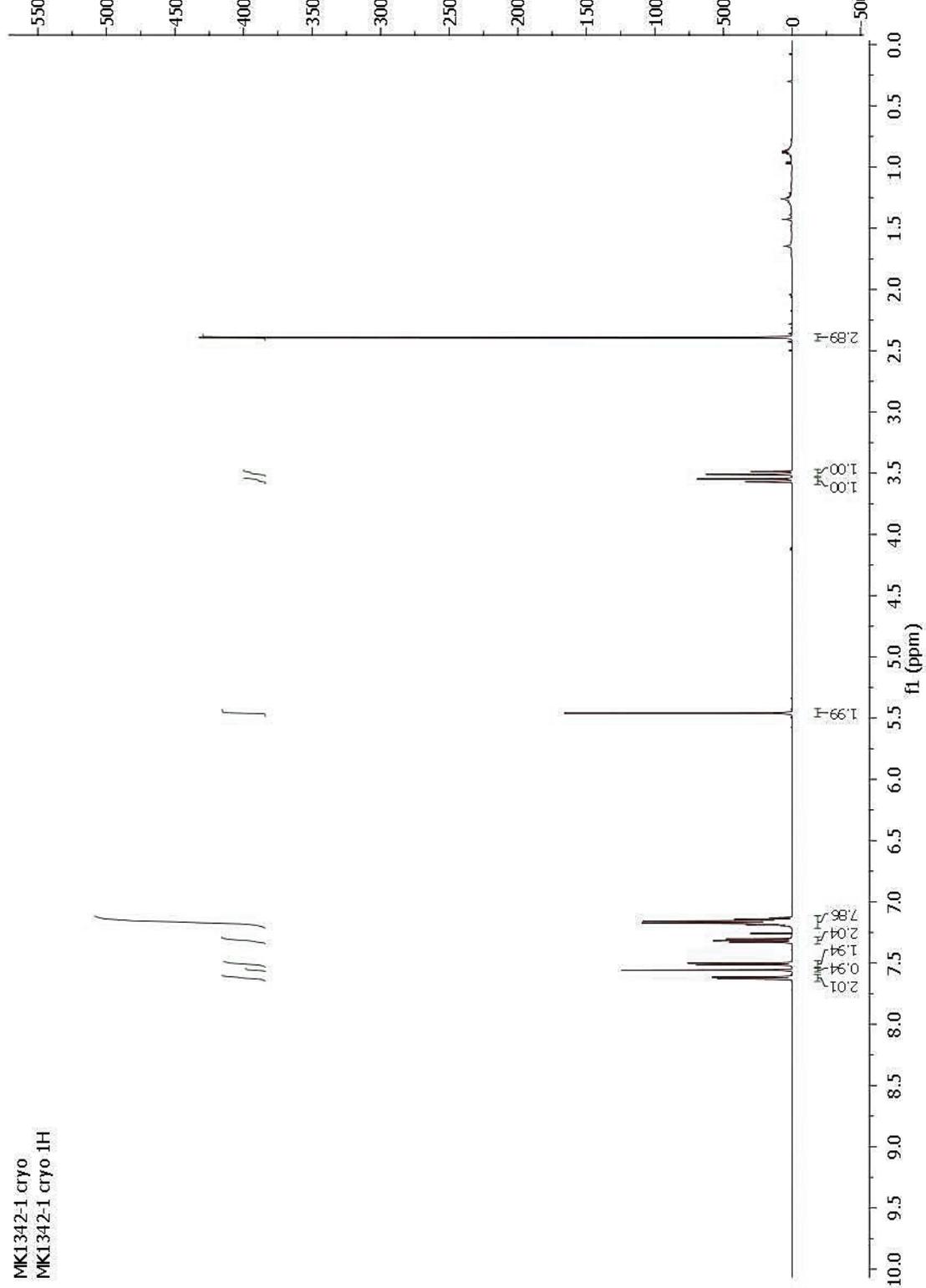
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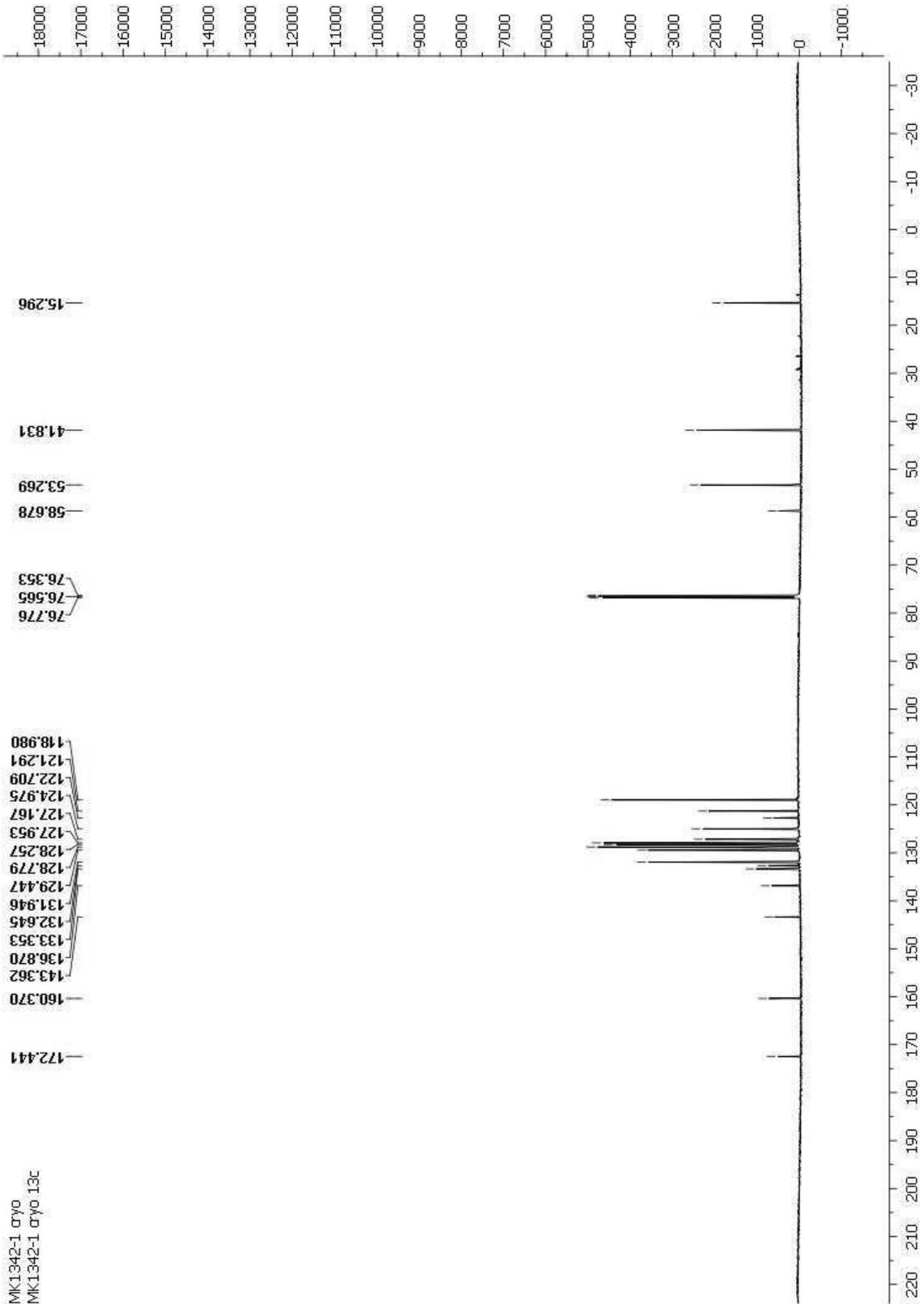




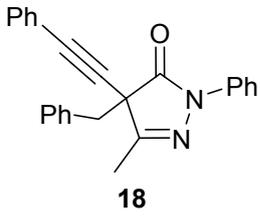


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MK1342-1 σyo
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