

Supplementary Information

Catalytic fluoride triggers dehydrative oxazolidinone synthesis from CO₂

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General

¹H NMR spectra were measured on JEOL ECA-600 (600 MHz), JEOL ECA-500 (500 MHz) or JEOL ECA-400 (400 MHz) at room temperature. Data were recorded as follows: Chemical shifts are presented in ppm δ relative to tetramethylsilane (for CDCl₃, 0 ppm) or solvent residual signal (for DMSO-*d*₆, 2.49 ppm; methanol-*d*₄, 3.31 ppm), coupling constants (*J*) in Hz, multiplicity (s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, q = quartet and m = multiplet), and integrations are based on the internal standard (anisole). ¹³C NMR spectra were measured on JEOL ECA-600 (150 MHz), JEOL ECA-500 (125 MHz) or JEOL ECA-400 (100 MHz) at room temperature. Chemical shifts were recorded in ppm based on the solvent residual signals (chloroform-*d*₁, 77.06 ppm; DMSO-*d*₆, 39.52 ppm; methanol-*d*₄, 49.00 ppm). High-resolution mass spectra (HRMS) were obtained from JEOL JMS-700 (FAB) and Bruker micrOTOF-QII (ESI). Organic element analyzer MT-6 (YANACO Co., Ltd.) was used for elemental analysis. For GC-MS analysis, Agilent GC-MS was used (GC: Agilent 6850 series GC system; MS: Agilent 5975 network Mass Selective Detector; Column: J&W 19091J-413 (HP-5, 30 m x 319 μ m x 0.25 μ m); Carrier gas: H₂). Chiral GC-MS analysis was performed on the another Agilent GC-MS machine (GC: Agilent 6890 series GC system; MS: Agilent 5973 network Mass Selective Detector; Chiral column: J&W 112-2532 (Cyclodex-B, 30 m x 250 μ m x 0.25 nominal); Carrier gas: **2c**, **2d**, **2e**, **2g** and **2h** (obtained from the reaction with TBAT) = H₂, other oxazolidinones including **2a** and **2p** (obtained from the reaction with TBAT or TBAF and (Me₂SiO)₃) and **2c**, **2d**, **2e**, **2g** and **2h** (obtained from the reaction with TBAF and (Me₂SiO)₃)) = He). HPLC (Shimadzu HPLC system. Detector: SPD-M20A) was equipped with chiral column (DAICEL CHIRALCEL OJ-RH) for chirality determination. For thin-layer chromatography (TLC) analysis throughout this work, Merck pre-coated TLC plates (silica gel 60 GF254 0.25mm) were used and products were observed under UV light or stain in iodine chamber or phosphomolybdic acid

solution. The products were purified by preparative column chromatography on silica gel 60 (230–400 mesh; Merck) or automated flash column chromatography (YAMAZEN WPrep2XY, column: Ultra Pack A. Biotage Isorela, column: column filled with silica gel 60 (230–400 mesh; Merck)). All 1 atm reactions were carried out in oven-dried glass tube connected with CO₂ balloon. Whereas, reactions more than 1 atm were carried out in oven-dried Teflon tube fitted into autoclave (Taiatsu Techno).

Materials

All starting materials including catalysts, Si–O agents, **1b**, (*S*)-**1d**, (*S*)-**1g**, (*S*)-**1k**•HCl, (*R*)-**1k**•HCl, (*S*)-**1l**, **1m**, *rac*-**1n**, **1o**, and (*R*)-**1p** were purchased from commercial suppliers and were directly used without further purification, unless otherwise stated. DMSO-*d*₆ (99.9%D) was distilled over CaH₂ before use. Several commercial amino acids were reduced by LiAlH₄ or combination of NaBH₄ and I₂ and purified in laboratory according to the reported methods in literatures,¹ i.e., L-valinol ((*S*)-**1a**), L-alaninol ((*S*)-**1c**), L-isoleucinol ((*S*)-**1e**), L-phenylalaninol((*S*)-**1f**), L-*tert*-leucinol ((*S*)-**1h**), L-phenylglycinol ((*S*)-**1i**), (*R*)-2-amino-3-(benzylthio)-1-propanol ((*R*)-**1j**) and D-tryptophanol ((*R*)-**1l**). **2b** is commercially available.

Typical procedure for oxazolidinone synthesis:

using carbon dioxide pressure of P_{CO_2} = 1 atm (catalyst: TBAT, Table 1, entry 9)

To a DMSO-*d*₆ (0.5 mL) solution of tetrabutylammonium difluorotriphenylsilicate (TBAT) (54.0 mg, 0.1 mmol) was added (*S*)-**1a** (55.7 μL, 0.5 mmol). A dried glass Schlenk tube containing the reaction mixture was frozen with liquid nitrogen (–196 °C) under vacuum for air removal, and then purged with CO₂ gas from a balloon (1 L) filled with CO₂ fitted to the glass tube and thawed at 25 °C. The glass tube was stirred at 150 °C for 12 h. Upon completion, the reaction mixture was subjected to ¹H NMR for determining crude product yield (94%), which was calculated based on an integral ratio between product and internal standard (anisole). After that, DMSO-*d*₆ was removed through distillation under vacuum conditions (1 mmHg, 50 °C); the syrupy product was then purified by column chromatography on silica gel (hexane/ethyl acetate 1:3) to give the product (*S*)-4-isopropylloxazolidin-2-one ((*S*)-**2a**) as white solids with an isolated yield of 90% (58.5 mg, 0.45 mmol).

using carbon dioxide pressure of $P_{\text{CO}_2} = 5$ atm (catalyst: TBAT, Table 2, entry 9)

To a DMSO- d_6 (1 mL) solution of TBAT (108.0 mg, 0.2 mmol) in a Teflon tube was added (*S*)-**1i** (81.6 mg, 0.5 mmol). The Teflon tube containing the reaction mixture was fitted into a 30 mL autoclave. The vessel was purged six times with CO₂ gas (9 atm), and then pressurized with CO₂ (5 atm). The autoclave was stirred at 150 °C for 12 h. Upon completion, the reaction mixture was subjected to ¹H NMR for determining crude product yield (85%), which was calculated based on an integral ratio between product and internal standard (anisole). After that, DMSO- d_6 was removed through distillation under vacuum conditions (1 mmHg, 50 °C); the syrupy product was then purified by column chromatography on silica gel (hexane/ethyl acetate 1:3) to give the product (*S*)-4-phenyloxazolidin-2-one ((*S*)-**2i**) as colorless solid with an isolated yield of 76% (62.0 mg, 0.38 mmol).

using carbon dioxide pressure of $P_{\text{CO}_2} = 1$ atm (catalyst: TBAF and siloxane, Table 3, entry 4)

To a DMSO- d_6 (1.0 mL) solution of hexamethylcyclotrisiloxane (7.4 mg, 0.033 mmol) and tetrabutylammonium fluoride (TBAF) (0.1 mmol, prepared from a commercial THF solution of TBAF by azeotropic removal of THF and H₂O for three times with dimethoxyethane–toluene, followed by evaporation under oil pump vacuum (0.01 mmHg) at r.t.) was added (*S*)-**1a** (0.111 mL, 1.0 mmol). A dried glass Schlenk tube containing the reaction mixture was frozen with liquid nitrogen (–196 °C) under vacuum for air removal, and then purged with CO₂ gas from a balloon (1 L) filled with CO₂ fitted to the glass tube and thawed at 25 °C. The glass tube was stirred at 150 °C for 24 h. Upon completion, the reaction mixture was subjected to ¹H NMR for determining crude product yield (91%), which was calculated based on an integral ratio between product and internal standard (anisole).

Preparation of **1k from **1k**·HCl**

To a **1k**·HCl (101.2 mg, 0.5 mmol) was added NaH (60%, dispersion in paraffin liquid, 20 mg, 0.5 mmol) in THF (1 mL) and stirred at room temperature for 8 h. The mixture was filtrated through a celite pad. The filtrate was used for oxazolidinone synthesis after the removal of THF.

Typical procedure for observation of the carbamic acid²

A 30 mL glass Schlenk tube equipped with a two-way cock was charged with (*S*)-**1a** (111.4 μ L, 1.0 mmol) and DMSO-*d*₆ (1 mL) under nitrogen atmosphere at room temperature. The mixture was frozen using liquid nitrogen prior to connecting to a vacuum line for air removal. After the mixture was evaporated under vacuum at -196 °C and warmed up to room temperature, a 1 L balloon filled with CO₂ was fitted to the Schlenk tube and CO₂ was introduced to the vessel by opening the cock of the Schlenk tube. The reaction mixture was monitored by ¹H and ¹³C NMR at room temperature and then stirred under CO₂ (1 atm) for 3 h at 150 °C followed by monitoring by ¹H and ¹³C NMR after cooling down to room temperature.

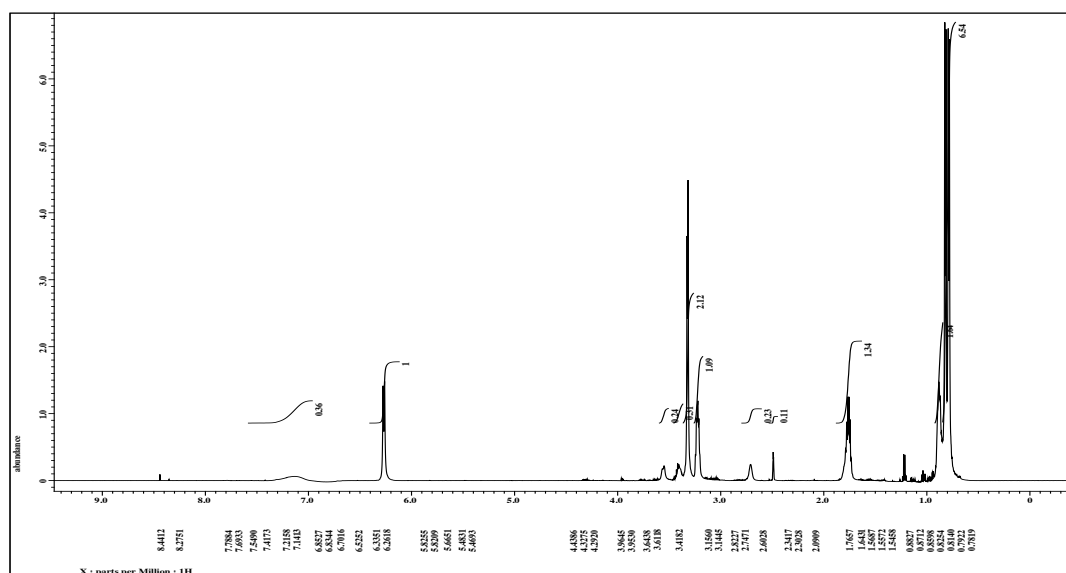


Figure S1. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) spectrum of a reaction mixture of (*S*)-**1a** and CO₂ at room temperature ($P_{\text{CO}_2} = 1$ atm).²

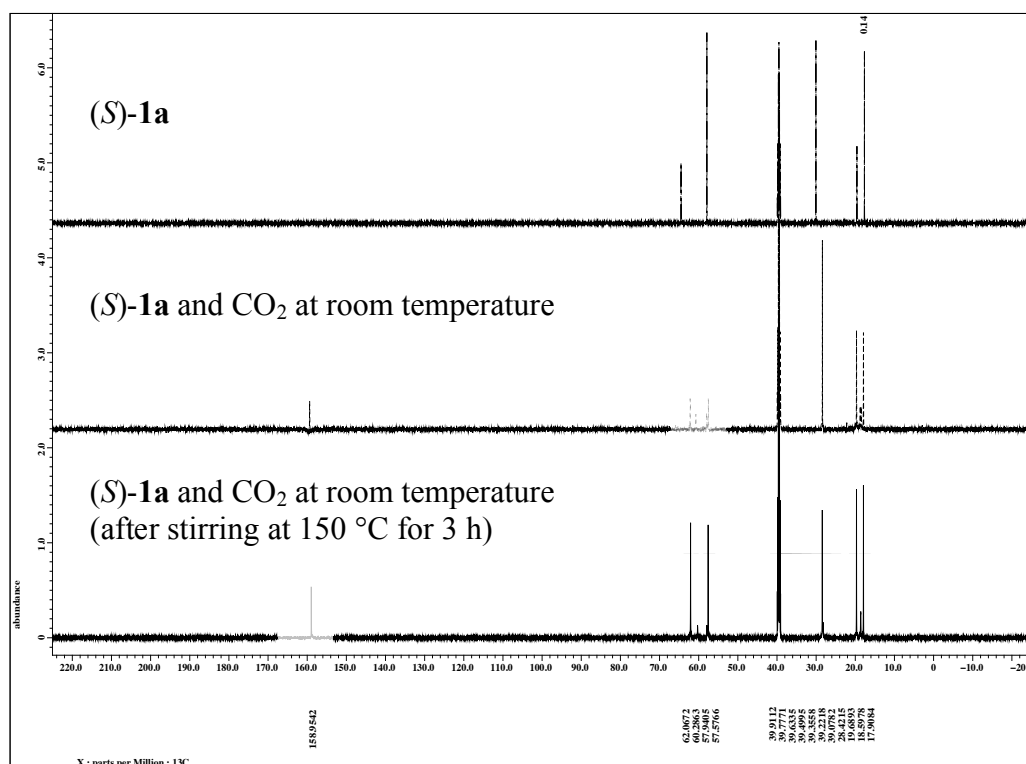


Figure S2. ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, $\text{DMSO-}d_6$) spectra of **(S)-1a** (above), a reaction mixture of **(S)-1a** and CO_2 at room temperature ($P_{\text{CO}_2} = 1\text{ atm}$) (middle) and a reaction mixture of **(S)-1a** and CO_2 at room temperature, obtained after stirring at $150\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ for 3 h and cooling down to room temperature, while keeping $P_{\text{CO}_2} = 1\text{ atm}$ (below).²

Control experiment: reaction of TBAT in the absence of valinol

TBAT solution in DMSO- d_6 was heated to 150 °C for 3 h under N₂ in the absence of valinol and reaction mixture was analyzed by GC-MS (Figure S3). Low-resolution mass spectroscopy of benzene region on gas chromatography showed generation of benzene- d_1 (C₆H₅D).

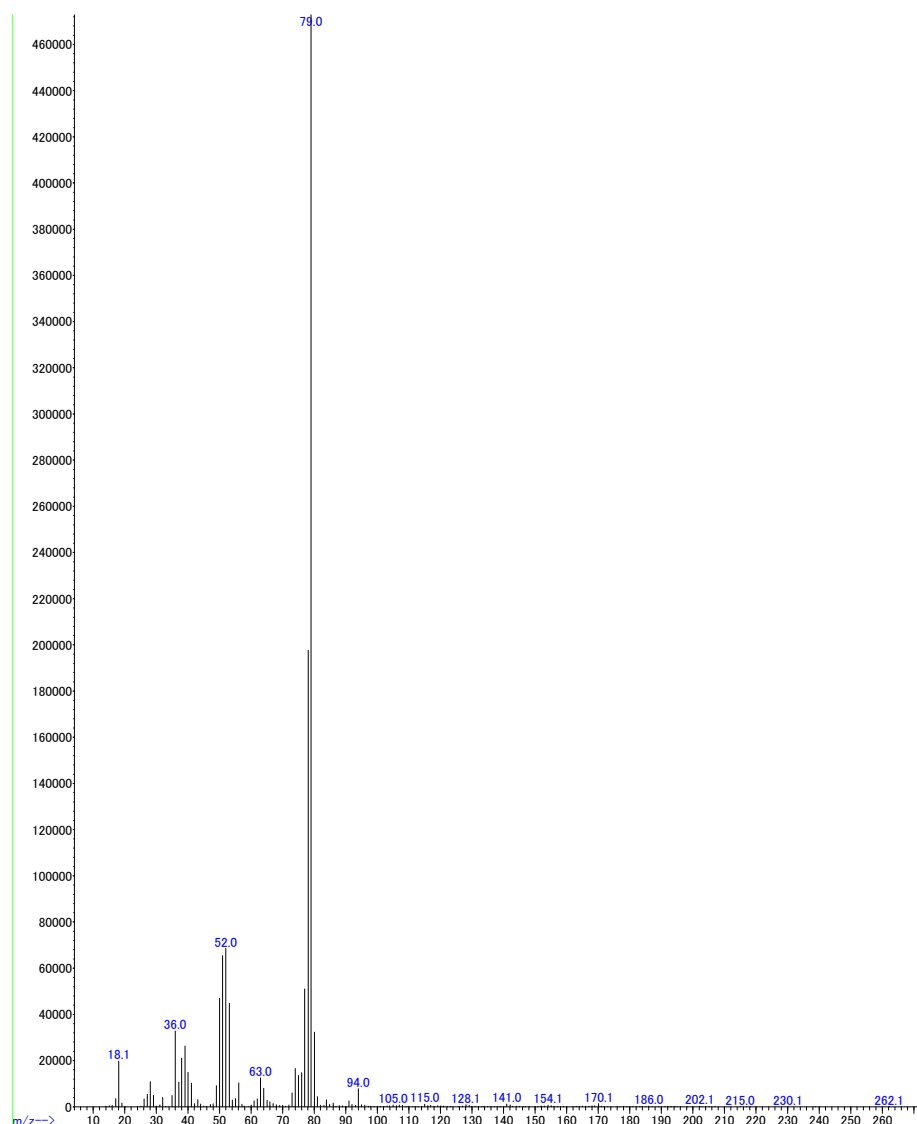


Figure S3. Low-resolution mass spectrum of benzene- d_1 (C₆H₅D) obtained from GC-MS analysis of a CHCl₃ solution of TBAT in DMSO- d_6 heated at 150 °C for 3 h under N₂.

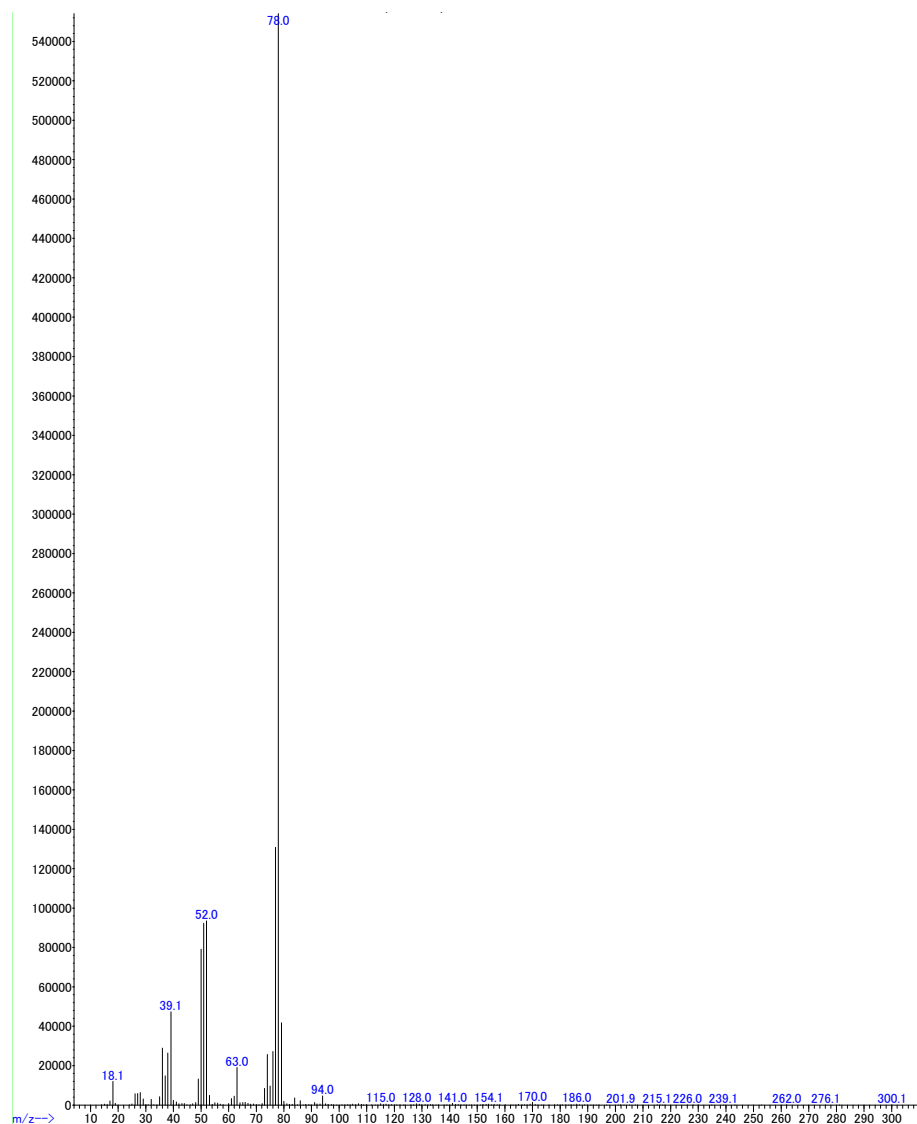


Figure S4. Gas chromatography–Low-resolution mass spectrum of a CHCl_3 solution of commercially available benzene (C_6H_6).

^{19}F NMR spectra of the reaction mixture during oxazolidione synthesis using TBAT as catalyst

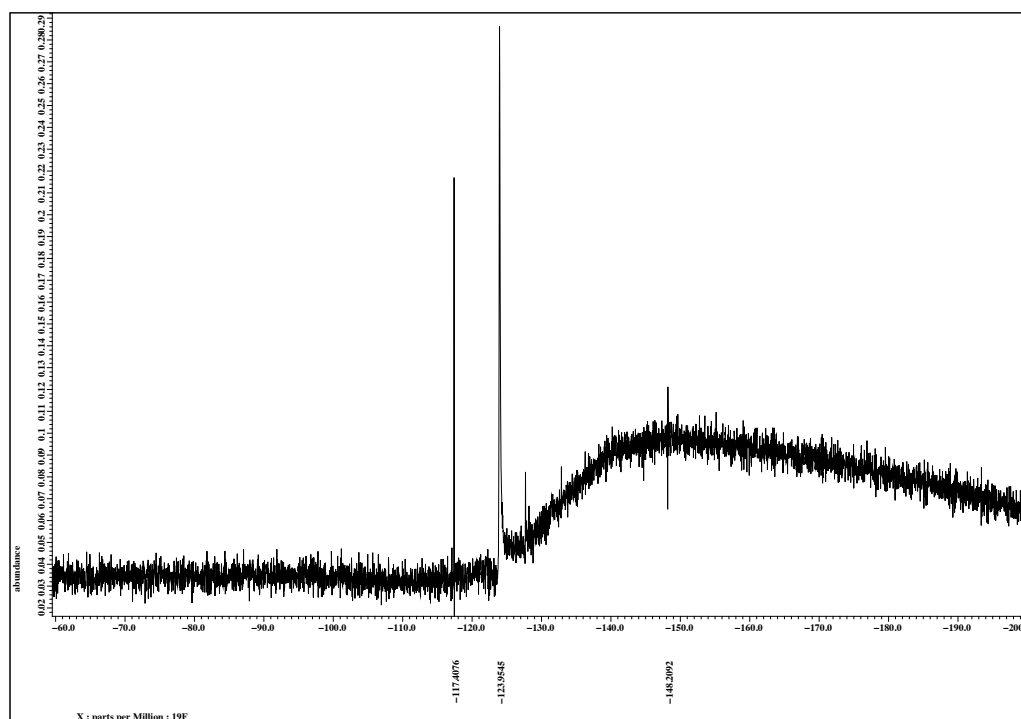


Figure S5. ^{19}F NMR spectrum of the reaction mixture of (*S*)-**1a** and TBAT in $\text{DMSO-}d_6$ heated at 150 °C for 5 h under CO_2 .

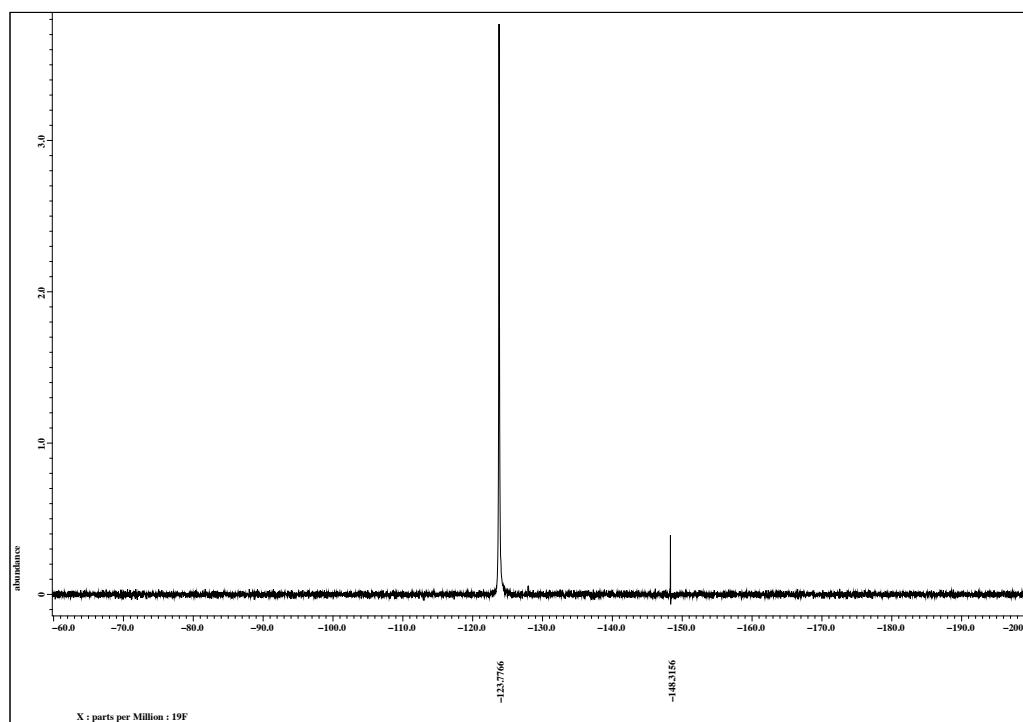
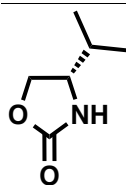


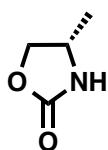
Figure S6. ^{19}F NMR spectrum of the reaction mixture of (*S*)-**1a** and TBAT in $\text{DMSO-}d_6$ heated at 150 °C for 12 h under CO_2 .

Spectral and analytical data for compounds

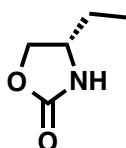
Obtained from reaction with TBAT



(S)-4-isopropylloxazolidin-2-one ((S)-2a):² After column chromatography on silica gel (hexane/ethyl acetate = 1:3) yielded (*S*)-**2a** (58.5 mg, 0.45 mmol, 90% (Table 1, entry 9)). R_f (hexane/ethyl acetate = 1:3) 0.55. ^1H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.36 (bs, 1H), 4.44 (t, J = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 4.10 (dd, J = 8.6, 6.3 Hz, 1H), 3.65–3.61 (m, 1H), 1.73 (oct, J = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 0.97 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 3H), 0.90 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 160.3, 68.1, 57.9, 32.2, 17.4, 17.1. HRMS (FAB) calcd for $\text{C}_6\text{H}_{12}\text{NO}_2^+$ ($\text{M}+\text{H}^+$): 130.0863; Found: 130.0882. $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{20}$ = +10.7 (c 1.0, CHCl_3) (lit.³ $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{16}$ = +8.9 (c 1.1, CHCl_3)). GC retention time: t_R [(*S*)-**2a**] = 15.47 min; t_R [(*R*)-**2a**] = 15.63 min; t_R [*rac*-**2a**] = 15.47 min, 15.64 min.

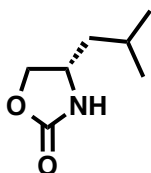


(S)-4-methyloxazolidin-2-one ((S)-2c):² After column chromatography on silica gel (hexane/ethyl acetate = 2:3 to 1:49) yielded (*S*)-**2c** (35.0 mg, 0.34 mmol, 69% (Table 2, entry 2)). R_f (hexane/ethyl acetate = 1:3) 0.55. ^1H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 6.62 (bs, 1H), 4.50 (t, J = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 4.04–3.99 (m, 1H), 3.94 (dd, J = 8.6, 6.3 Hz, 1H), 1.29 (d, J = 6.3 Hz, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 160.1, 71.5, 48.1, 20.6. HRMS (FAB) calcd for $\text{C}_4\text{H}_8\text{NO}_2^+$ ($\text{M}+\text{H}^+$): 102.0550; Found: 102.0573. $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{19}$ = +9.5 (c 1.0, CHCl_3) (lit.⁴ $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{20}$ = +9.2 (c 2.0, CHCl_3)). GC retention time: t_R [(*S*)-**2c**] = 8.88 min; t_R [*rac*-**2c**] = 8.89 min, 9.02 min.

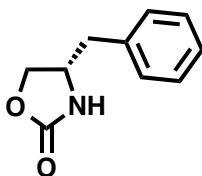


(S)-4-ethyloxazolidin-2-one ((S)-2d):² After column chromatography on silica gel (hexane/ethyl acetate = 3:1) yielded (*S*)-**2d** (53.7 mg, 0.47 mmol, 93% (Table 2, entry 3)). R_f (hexane/ethyl acetate = 1:3) 0.35. ^1H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 6.98 (bs, 1H), 4.48 (t, J = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 4.03 (dd, J = 8.6, 6.3 Hz, 1H), 3.84–3.80 (m, 1H), 1.67–1.54

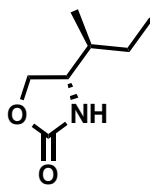
(m, 2H), 0.94 (t, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 160.3, 69.9, 53.8, 28.1, 9.1. HRMS (FAB) calcd for $\text{C}_5\text{H}_{10}\text{NO}_2^+$ ($\text{M}+\text{H}^+$): 116.0706; Found: 116.0721. $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{20} = -5.0$ (c 0.9, CHCl_3) (lit.⁵ $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{30} = -5.3$ (c 0.6, CHCl_3)). GC retention time: t_{R} [(*S*)-**2d**] = 10.71 min; t_{R} [*rac*-**2d**] = 10.76 min, 11.00 min.



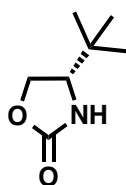
(*S*)-4-isobutyloxazolidin-2-one ((*S*)-2e**):**² After column chromatography on silica gel (hexane/ethyl acetate = 1:1) yielded (*S*)-**2e** (55.7 mg, 0.39 mmol, 77% (Table 2, entry 4)). R_{f} (hexane/ethyl acetate = 1:1) 0.33. ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 6.86 (bs, 1H), 4.49 (t, $J = 6.9$ Hz, 1H), 4.00–3.93 (m, 2H), 1.70–1.62 (m, 1H), 1.60–1.55 (m, 1H), 1.40–1.35 (m, 1H), 0.95–0.91 (m, 6H). ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 160.3, 70.7, 50.9, 44.4, 24.9, 22.8, 22.0. HRMS (FAB) calcd for $\text{C}_7\text{H}_{14}\text{NO}_2^+$ ($\text{M}+\text{H}^+$): 144.1019; Found: 144.1017. $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{21} = -12.2$ (c 1.1, CHCl_3) (lit.³ $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{16} = -11.6$ (c 1.0, CHCl_3)). GC retention time: t_{R} [(*S*)-**2e**] = 15.51 min; t_{R} [*rac*-**2e**] = 15.51 min, 15.61 min.



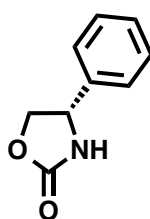
(*S*)-4-benzyloxazolidin-2-one ((*S*)-2f**):**² After column chromatography on silica gel (hexane/ethyl acetate = 3:1) yielded (*S*)-**2f** (56.4 mg, 0.032 mmol, 64%, (Table 2, entry 5)). R_{f} (hexane/ethyl acetate = 3:1) 0.04. ^1H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.33–7.30 (m, 2H), 7.27–7.24 (m, 1H), 7.18–7.14 (m, 2H), 6.36 (bs, 1H), 4.44 (t, $J = 8.6$ Hz, 1H), 4.15 (dd, $J = 8.6, 5.8$ Hz, 1H), 4.11–4.06 (m, 1H), 2.97–2.83 (m, 2H). ^{13}C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 159.6, 135.9, 129.0 (2C), 128.9 (2C), 127.1, 69.5, 53.7, 41.3. HRMS (FAB) calcd for $\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_{12}\text{NO}_2^+$ ($\text{M}+\text{H}^+$): 178.0863; Found: 178.0876. $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{22} = -63.3$ (c 1.0, CHCl_3) (lit.³ $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{23} = -63$ (c 1.0, CHCl_3)). HPLC retention time (acetonitrile/water = 1:4, 1 mL/min): t_{R} [(*S*)-**2f**] = 6.82 min; t_{R} [(*R*)-**2f**] = 6.30 min; t_{R} [*rac*-**2f**] = 6.36 min, 6.99 min.



(S)-4-((S)-sec-butyl)oxazolidin-2-one ((S)-2g):² After column chromatography on silica gel (hexane/ethyl acetate = 2:3 to 1:49) yielded (S)-**2g** (65.8 mg, 0.46 mmol, 92% (Table 2, entry 6)). R_f (hexane/ethyl acetate = 1:4) 0.64. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.02 (bs, 1H), 4.43 (t, J = 8.9 Hz, 1H), 4.10 (dd, J = 8.7, 6.9 Hz, 1H), 3.73–3.69 (m, 1H), 1.57–1.47 (m, 2H), 1.18–1.11 (m, 1H), 0.93 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 3H), 0.87 (d, J = 6.9 Hz, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 160.6, 68.3, 57.1, 38.9, 24.9, 13.6, 10.9. HRMS (FAB) calcd for $\text{C}_7\text{H}_{14}\text{NO}_2^+$ ($\text{M}+\text{H}^+$): 144.1019; Found: 144.1021. $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{21} = +5.8$ (c 1.0, CHCl_3) (lit.⁶ $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{27} = +6$ (c 6.5, CHCl_3)). GC retention time: t_R [(S)-**2g**] = 15.65 min; t_R [rac-**2g**] = 15.61 min, 15.76 min.

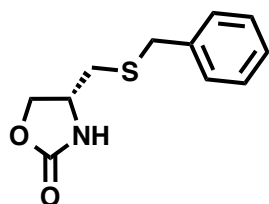


(S)-4-(tert-butyl)oxazolidin-2-one ((S)-2h):² After column chromatography on silica gel (hexane/ethyl acetate = 3:1) yielded (S)-**2h** (57.7 mg, 0.403 mmol, 81% (Table 2, entry 7)). R_f (hexane/ethyl acetate = 1:3) 0.49. ^1H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.29 (bs, 1H), 4.36 (t, J = 8.9 Hz, 1H), 4.18 (dd, J = 8.9, 5.5 Hz, 1H), 3.62–3.59 (m, 1H), 0.91 (s, 9H). ^{13}C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 160.8, 66.4, 61.4, 33.2, 24.6 (3C). HRMS (FAB) calcd for $\text{C}_7\text{H}_{14}\text{NO}_2^+$ ($\text{M}+\text{H}^+$): 144.1019; Found: 144.1021. $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{21} = +12.8$ (c 1.0, CHCl_3) (lit.,⁶ $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{25} = +12$ (c 1.8, CHCl_3)). GC retention time: t_R [(S)-**2h**] = 13.24 min; t_R [rac-**2h**] = 13.20 min, 13.33 min.

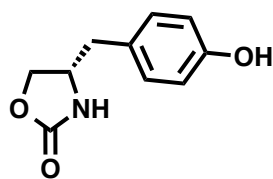


(S)-4-phenyloxazolidin-2-one ((S)-2i):³ After column chromatography on silica gel (hexane/ethyl acetate = 3:1) yielded (S)-**2i** (62.0 mg, 0.38 mmol, 76% (Table 2, entry 9)). R_f (hexane/ethyl acetate = 1:3) 0.51. ^1H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.38–7.30 (m,

5H), 6.63 (bs, 1H), 4.91–4.88 (m, 1H), 4.67 (t, $J = 8.3$ Hz, 1H), 4.12 (dd, $J = 8.2, 6.8$ Hz, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 160.0, 139.6, 129.1 (2C), 128.6, 125.9 (2C), 72.3, 56.2. HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_9\text{H}_{10}\text{NO}_2^+$ ($\text{M}+\text{H}^+$): 164.0706; Found: 164.0719. $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{19} = +45.4$ (c 1.0, CHCl_3) (lit.³ $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{20} = +49.5$ (c 1.0, CHCl_3)). HPLC retention time (acetonitrile/water = 1:4, 1 mL/min): $t_{\text{R}}[(R)\text{-2i}] = 5.92$ min, $t_{\text{R}}[(S)\text{-2i}] = 6.52$ min; $t_{\text{R}}[\text{rac-2i}] = 5.94$ min, 7.03 min;

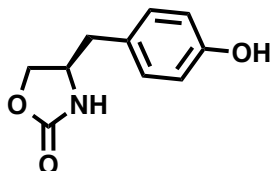


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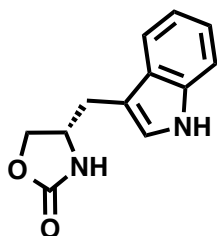


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Found: 194.0791. Elemental analysis Found: C, 62.10; H, 5.97; N, 6.85. Calc. for $C_{10}H_{11}NO_3$: C, 62.17; H, 5.74; N, 7.25%. $[\alpha]_D^{20} = -2.9$ (c 1.0, MeOH). HPLC retention time (acetonitrile/water = 1:9, 1 mL/min): $t_R[(S)\text{-}\mathbf{2k}] = 7.08$ min; $t_R[rac\text{-}\mathbf{2k}] = 5.81$ min, 7.05 min.

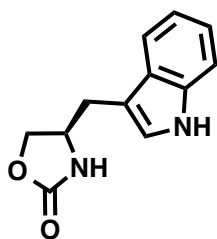


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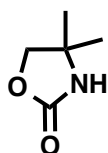


(*S*)-4-((1*H*-indol-3-yl)methyl)oxazolidin-2-one ((*S*)-2l**):**⁶ After column chromatography on silica gel (hexane/ethyl acetate = 3:1) yielded (*S*)-**2l** (75.4 mg, 0.35 mmol, 69% (Table 2, entry 16)). R_f (hexane/ethyl acetate = 1:4) 0.61. 1H NMR (600 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 9.03 (bs, 1H), 7.52 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.37 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.18 (dd, $J = 6.6, 15.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.10 (dd, $J = 6.6, 15.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.00 (s, 1H), 6.21 (bs 1H), 4.39–4.36 (m, 1H), 4.13–4.12 (m, 1H), 4.12–4.10 (m, 1H), 2.99 (dd, $J = 6.6, 14.4$ Hz, 1H), 2.94 (dd, $J = 6.6, 14.4$ Hz, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (150 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 160.0, 139.6, 127.0, 122.9, 121.9, 119.3, 118.1, 111.5, 109.5, 69.7, 52.7, 31.0. HRMS (ESI) calcd for $C_{12}H_{13}N_2O_2^+$ ($M+H^+$): 217.0972; Found: 217.098. $[\alpha]_D^{19} = +3.8$ (c 1.0,

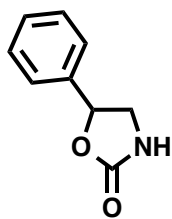
MeOH) (lit.⁶ $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{28} = +4$ (c 2.6, MeOH)). HPLC retention time (acetonitrile/water = 3:7, 1 mL/min): $t_{\text{R}}[(S)\text{-}\mathbf{2I}] = 6.25$ min; $t_{\text{R}}[rac\text{-}\mathbf{2I}] = 5.44$ min, 6.43 min.



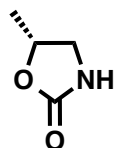
(*R*)-4-((1*H*-indol-3-yl)methyl)oxazolidin-2-one ((*R*)-2I**):** After column chromatography on silica gel (hexane/ethyl acetate = 3:1) yielded (*R*)-**2I** (58.6 mg, 0.27 mmol, 54% (Table 2, entry 18)). R_f (hexane/ethyl acetate = 1:3) 0.46. ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.38 (bs, 1H), 7.53 (d, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.36 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.20 (dd, $J = 6.9, 13.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.13 (dd, $J = 6.9, 13.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.00 (s, 1H), 5.85 (bs 1H), 4.44–4.40 (m, 1H), 4.15–4.14 (m, 1H), 4.14–4.13 (m, 1H), 2.95 (dd, $J = 6.7, 14.5$ Hz, 1H), 2.89 (dd, $J = 6.7, 14.5$ Hz, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 160.2, 136.8, 127.5, 123.3, 122.8, 120.2, 118.7, 112.0, 110.4, 70.4, 53.3, 31.6. HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{13}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2^+$ ($\text{M}+\text{H}^+$): 217.0972; Found: 217.0992. $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{19} = -4.2$ (c 1.0, MeOH) (lit.⁶ (*S*)-isomer: $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{28} = +4$ (c 2.6, MeOH)). HPLC retention time (acetonitrile/water = 3:7, 1 mL/min): $t_{\text{R}}[(R)\text{-}\mathbf{2I}] = 5.39$ min; $t_{\text{R}}[rac\text{-}\mathbf{2I}] = 5.44$ min, 6.43 min.



4-dimethyloxazolidin-2-one ((2m**):**⁷ After column chromatography on silica gel (hexane/ethyl acetate = 2:3 to 1:49) yielded **2m** (13.18 mg, 0.114 mmol, 23% (Table 2, entry 19)). R_f (hexane/ethyl acetate = 1:4) 0.53. ^1H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 6.12 (bs, 1H), 4.09 (s, 2H), 1.37 (s, 6H). ^{13}C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 159.2, 77.2, 55.2, 27.5(2C). HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_5\text{H}_{10}\text{NO}_2^+$ ($\text{M}+\text{H}^+$): 116.0706; Found: 116.0733.

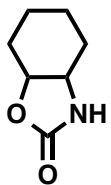


***rac*-5-phenyloxazolidin-2-one (*rac*-2n):**⁸ After column chromatography on silica gel (hexane/ethyl acetate = 1:3) yielded *rac*-2n (29.5 mg, 0.18 mmol, 36% (Table 2, entry 20)). R_f (hexane/ethyl acetate = 1:3) 0.41. ^1H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.41–7.35 (m, 5H), 6.44 (bs, 1H), 5.61 (t, J = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 3.97 (t, J = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 3.54 (t, J = 9.0 Hz, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 160.6, 138.9, 129.4 (3C), 126.2 (2C), 77.8, 48.8. HRMS (FAB) calcd for $\text{C}_9\text{H}_{10}\text{NO}_2^+$ ($\text{M}+\text{H}^+$): 164.0706; Found: 164.0702.



(*R*)-5-methyloxazolidin-2-one ((*R*)-2p):⁹ After column chromatography on silica gel (hexane/ethyl acetate = 2:3 to 1:49) yielded (*R*)-2p (18.3 mg, 0.18 mmol, 36% (Scheme 2)). R_f (hexane/ethyl acetate = 1:4) 0.67. ^1H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 6.21 (bs, 1H), 4.80–4.75 (m, 1H), 3.71 (dd, J = 9.0, 9.0 Hz, 1H), 3.20 (dd, J = 8.9, 7.8 Hz, 1H), 1.46 (d, J = 6.2 Hz, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 160.2, 73.5, 47.4, 20.5. HRMS (FAB) calcd for $\text{C}_4\text{H}_8\text{NO}_2^+$ ($\text{M}+\text{H}^+$): 102.0550; Found: 102.0545. $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{20}$ = +7.9 (c 1.0, CHCl_3) (lit.⁹ (*S*)-isomer: $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{\text{rt}}$ = –8.9 (c 1.0, CHCl_3) for 99% ee (rt = room temperature)). GC retention time: t_R [(*R*)-2p] = 16.77 min; t_R [(*S*)-2p] = 16.90 min; t_R [*rac*-2p] = 16.68 min, 16.99 min.

Obtained from the reaction with TBAF and $(\text{Me}_2\text{SiO})_3$



***rac*-hexahydrobenzo[d]oxazol-2(3H)-one (*rac*-2o):**¹⁰ After column chromatography on silica gel (hexane/ethyl acetate = 2:3 to 1:49) yielded *rac*-2o (48.5 mg, 0.34 mmol, 68% (Table 4, entry 6)). R_f (hexane/ethyl acetate = 1:4) 0.39. ^1H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 6.35 (bs, 1H), 4.59 (dt, J = 4.8, 6.2 Hz, 1H), 3.74–3.78 (m, 1H), 1.96–2.02 (m, 1H), 1.80–1.87 (m, 1H), 1.72–1.80 (m, 1H), 1.59–1.66 (m, 1H), 1.51–1.59 (m,

2H), 1.42–1.49 (m, 1H), 1.25–1.33 (m, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 160.8, 75.9, 51.7, 28.5, 26.6, 19.7, 19.4. HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_7\text{H}_{12}\text{NO}_2^+$ ($\text{M}+\text{H}^+$): 142.0862; Found: 142.0848.

Data collections for Table 4

GC and HPLC retention time of (S)-**2a**, (S)-**2c**, (S)-**2f**, (R)-**2j**, (S)-**2k**, (S)-**2l** and (R)-**2p** obtained from the reaction with TBAF and $(\text{Me}_2\text{SiO})_3$.

(S)-**2a**: GC retention time: $t_R[(S)\text{-2a}] = 14.97$ min; $t_R[\text{rac-2a}] = 14.96$ min, 15.20 min.

(S)-**2c**: GC retention time: $t_R[(S)\text{-2c}] = 10.40$ min; $t_R[\text{rac-2c}] = 10.38$ min, 10.55 min.

(S)-**2f**: HPLC retention time (acetonitrile/water = 1:5, 1 mL/min): $t_R[(S)\text{-2f}] = 4.93$ min; $t_R[\text{rac-2f}] = 4.60$ min, 4.92 min.

(R)-**2j**: HPLC retention time (acetonitrile/water = 1.1:8.9, 1 mL/min): $t_R[(R)\text{-2j}] = 18.52$ min; $t_R[\text{rac-2j}] = 17.69$ min, 18.60 min.

(S)-**2l**: HPLC retention time (acetonitrile/water = 1:1, 1 mL/min): $t_R[(S)\text{-2l}] = 2.73$ min; $t_R[\text{rac-2l}] = 2.55$ min, 2.72 min.

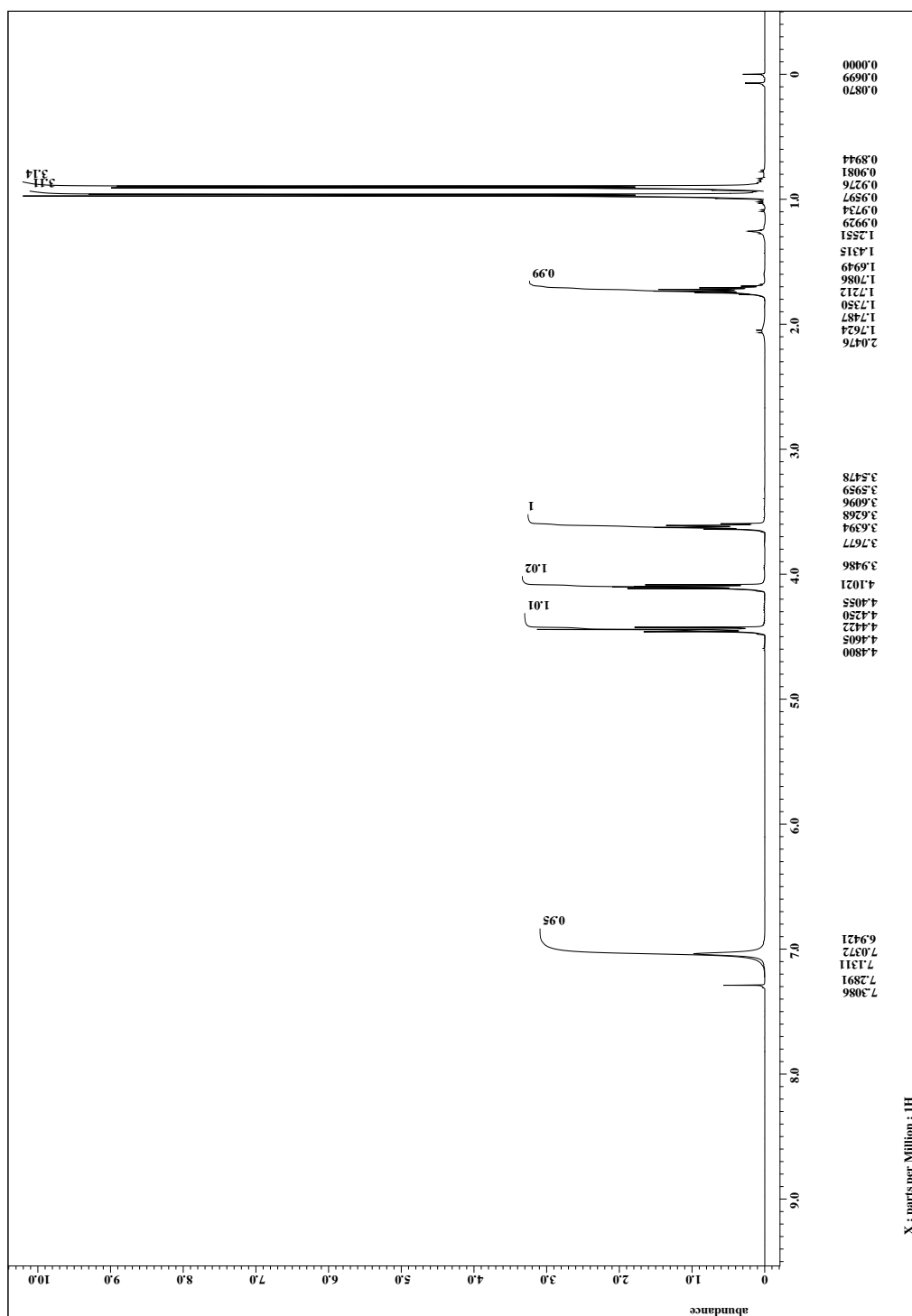
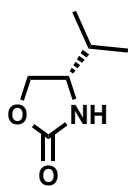
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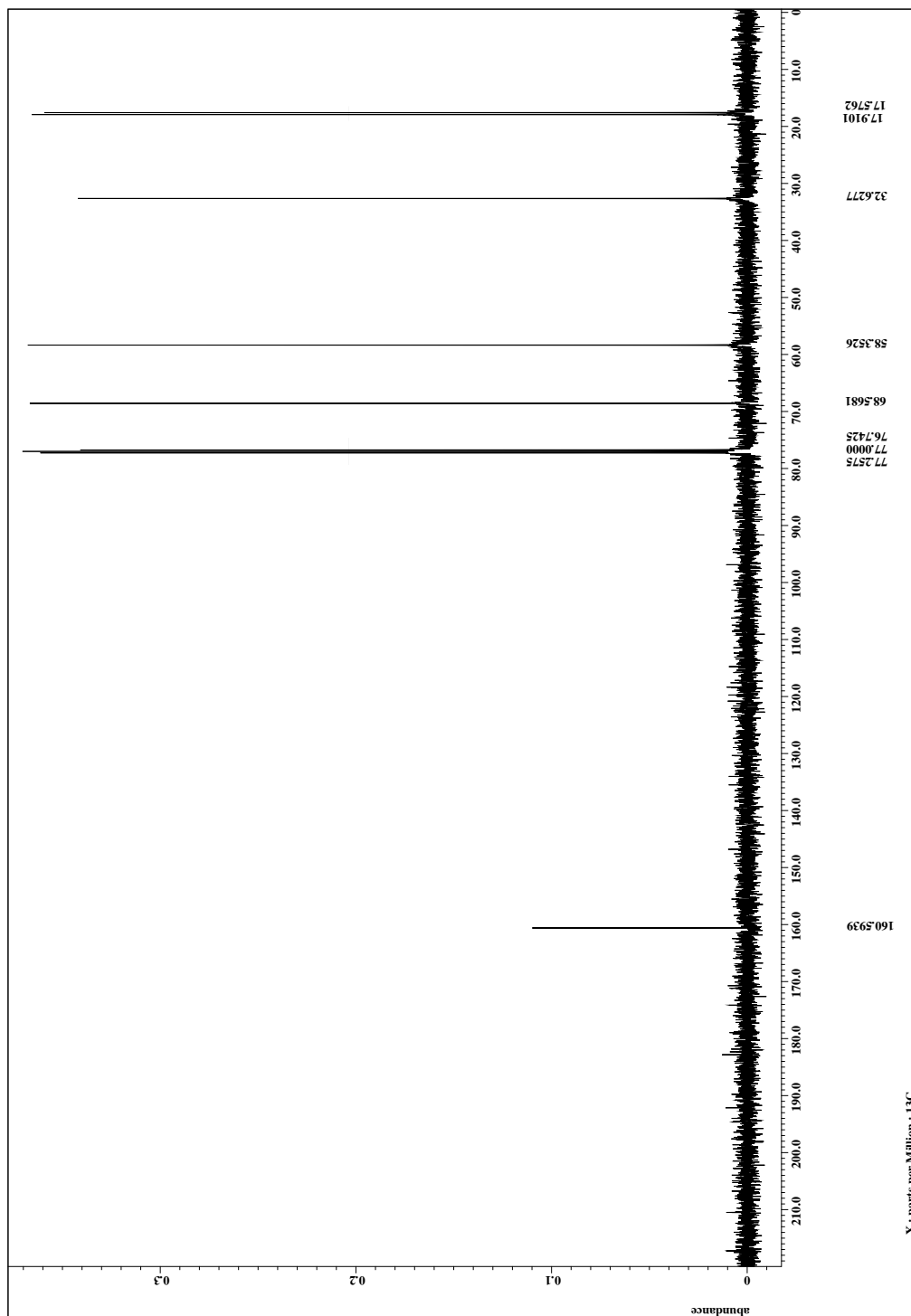
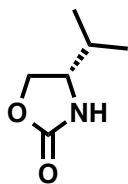
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Appendix: ^1H NMR and ^{13}C NMR Spectra of oxazolidinones (isolated)

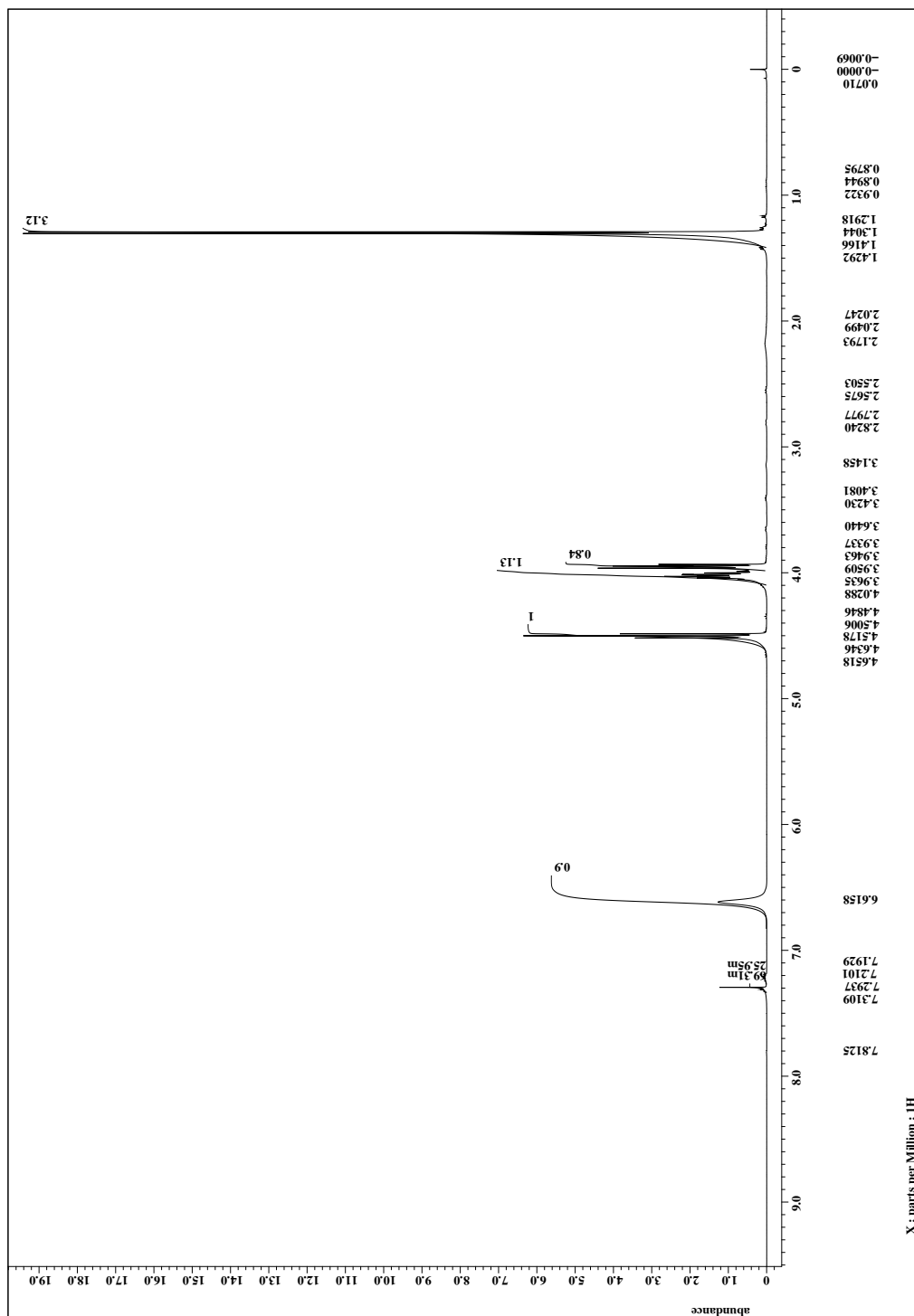
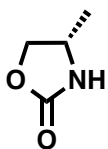
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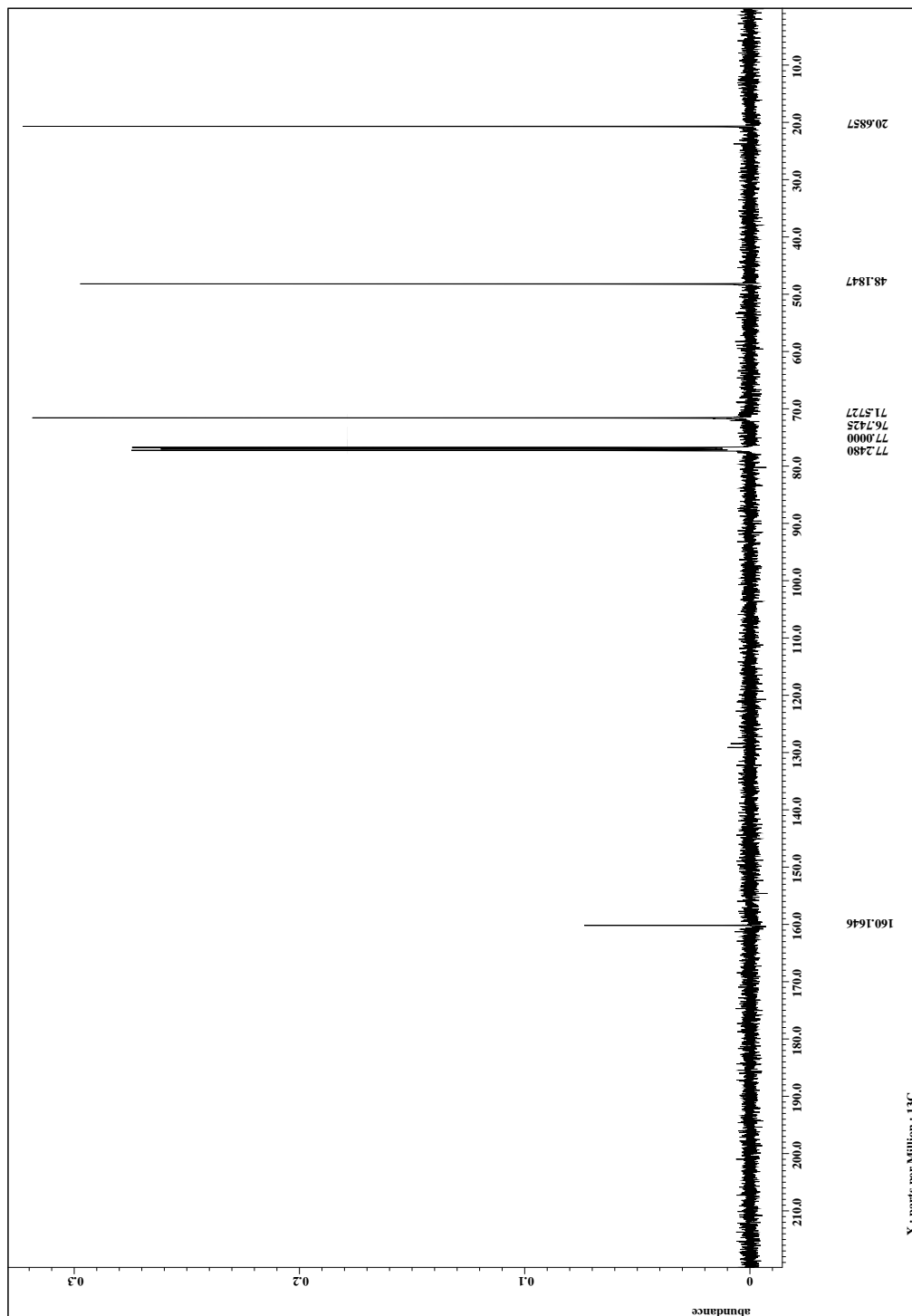
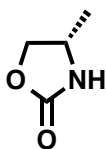
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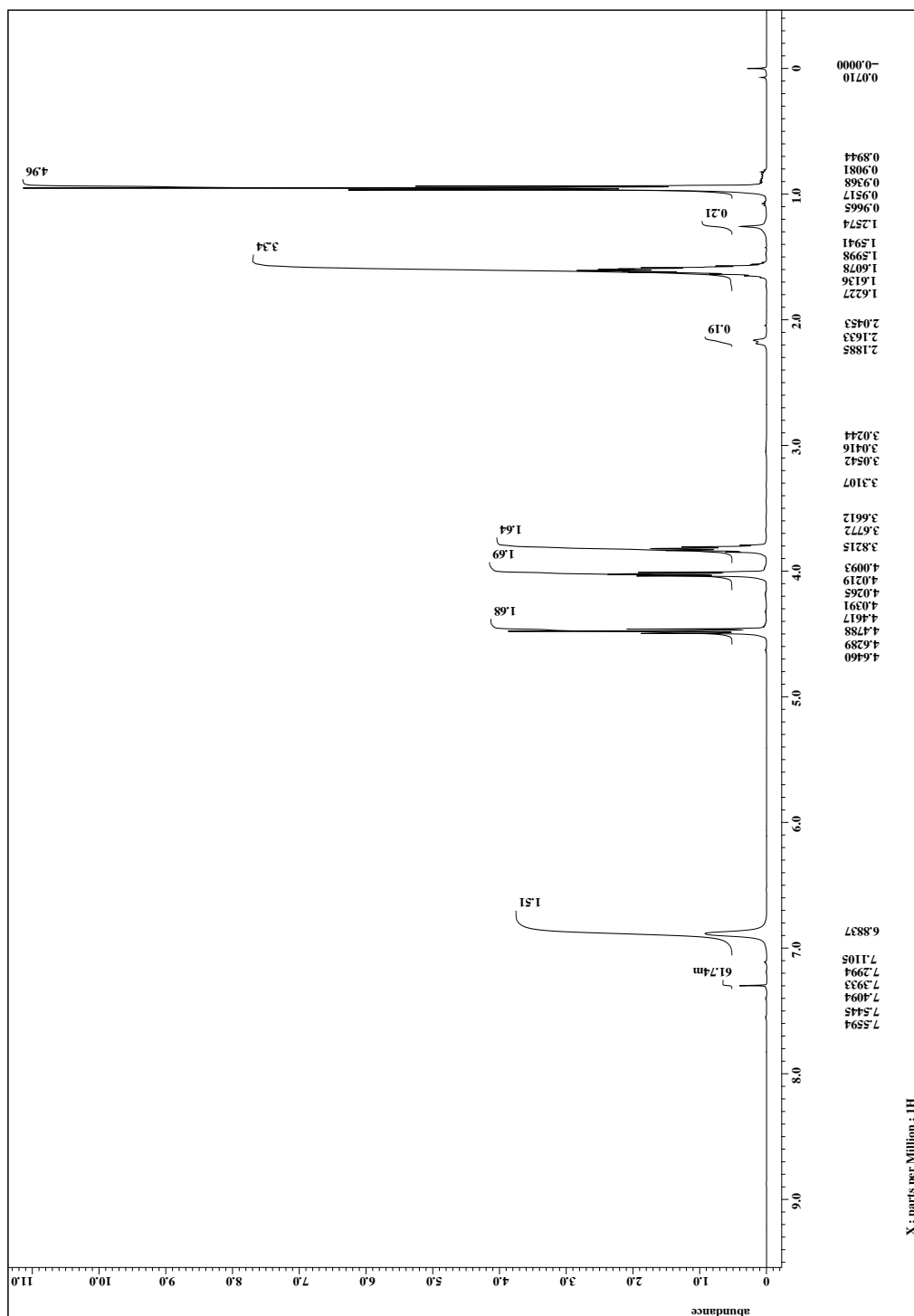
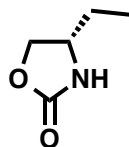
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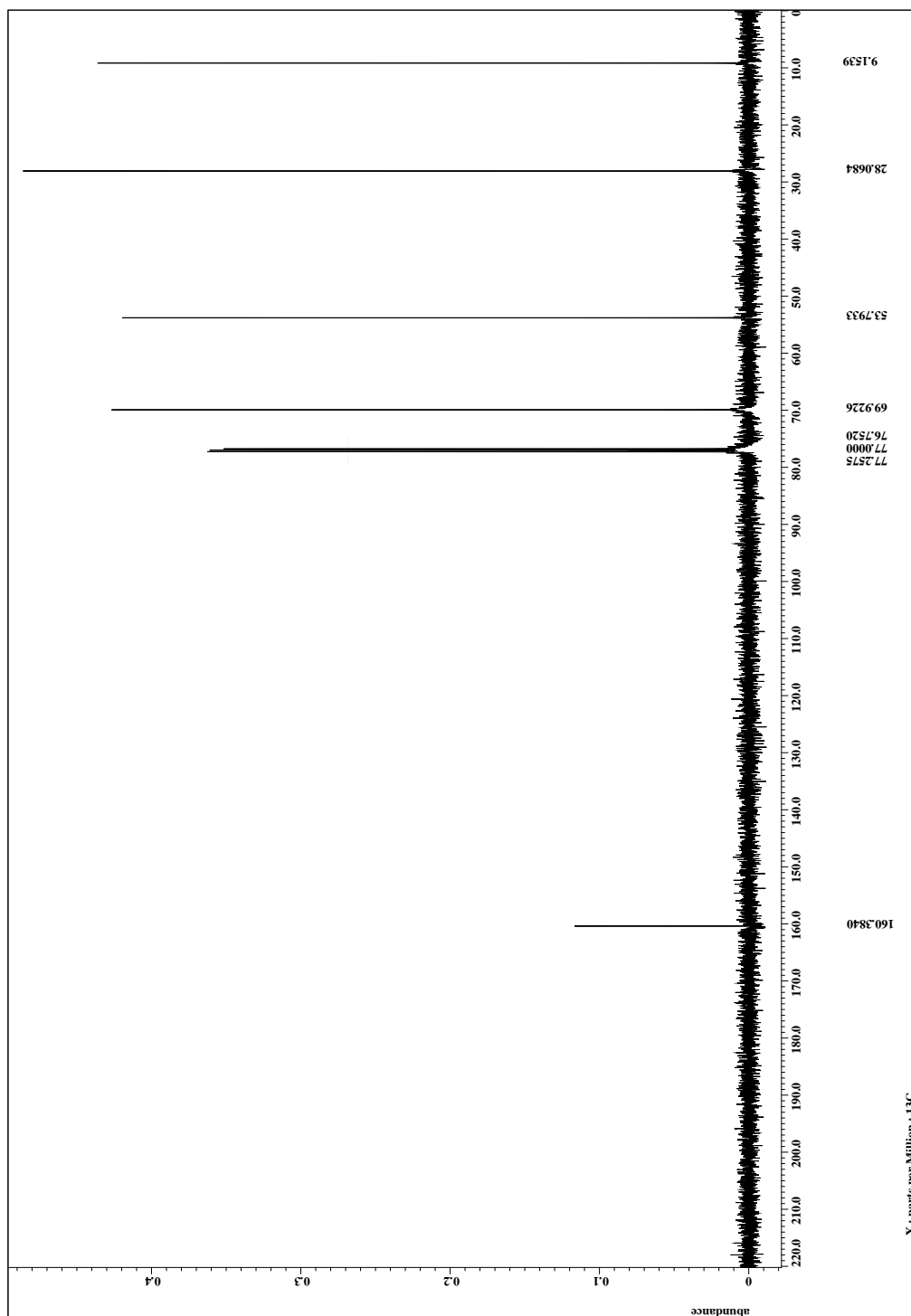
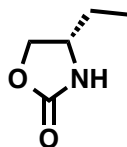
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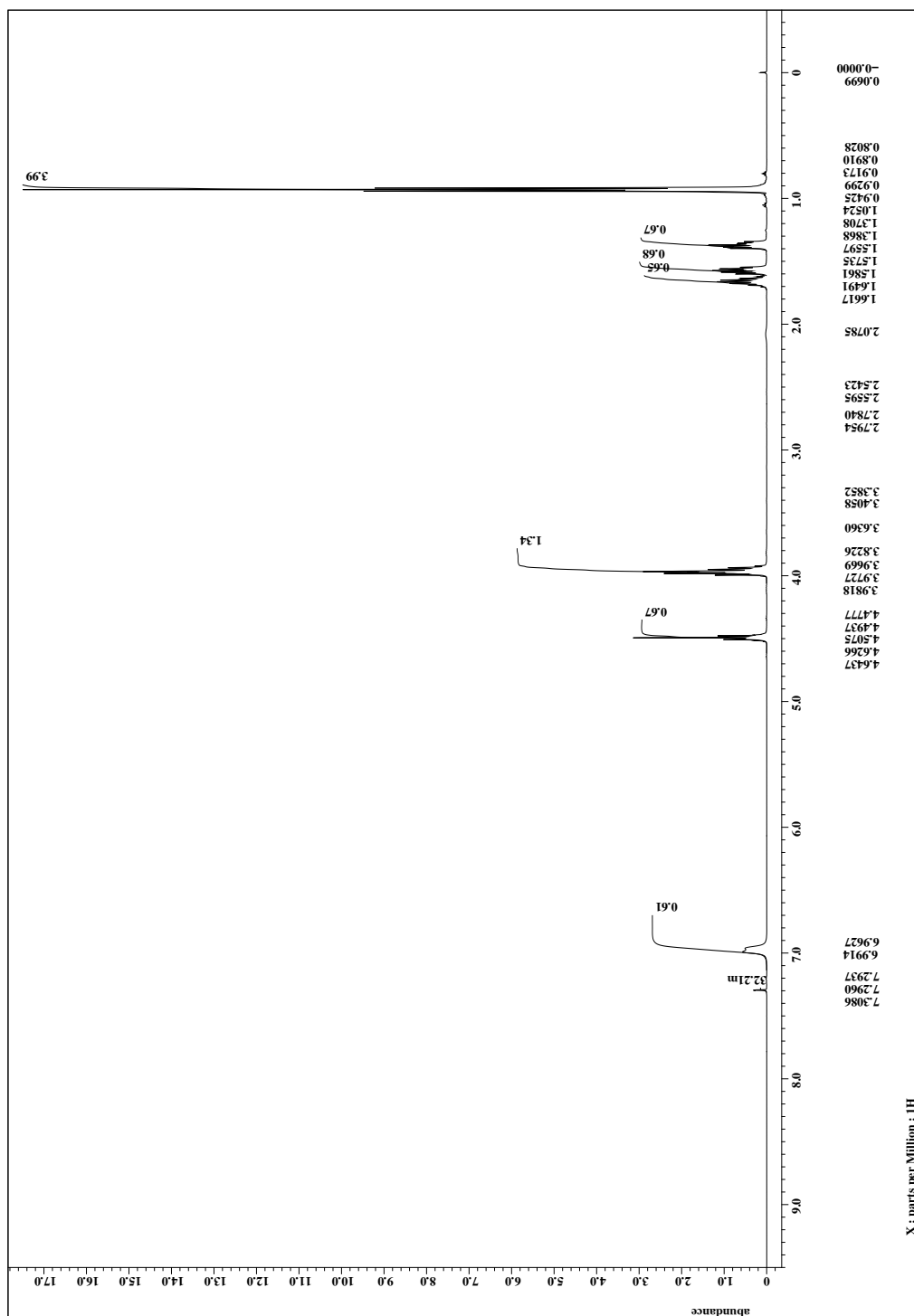
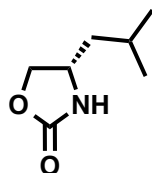
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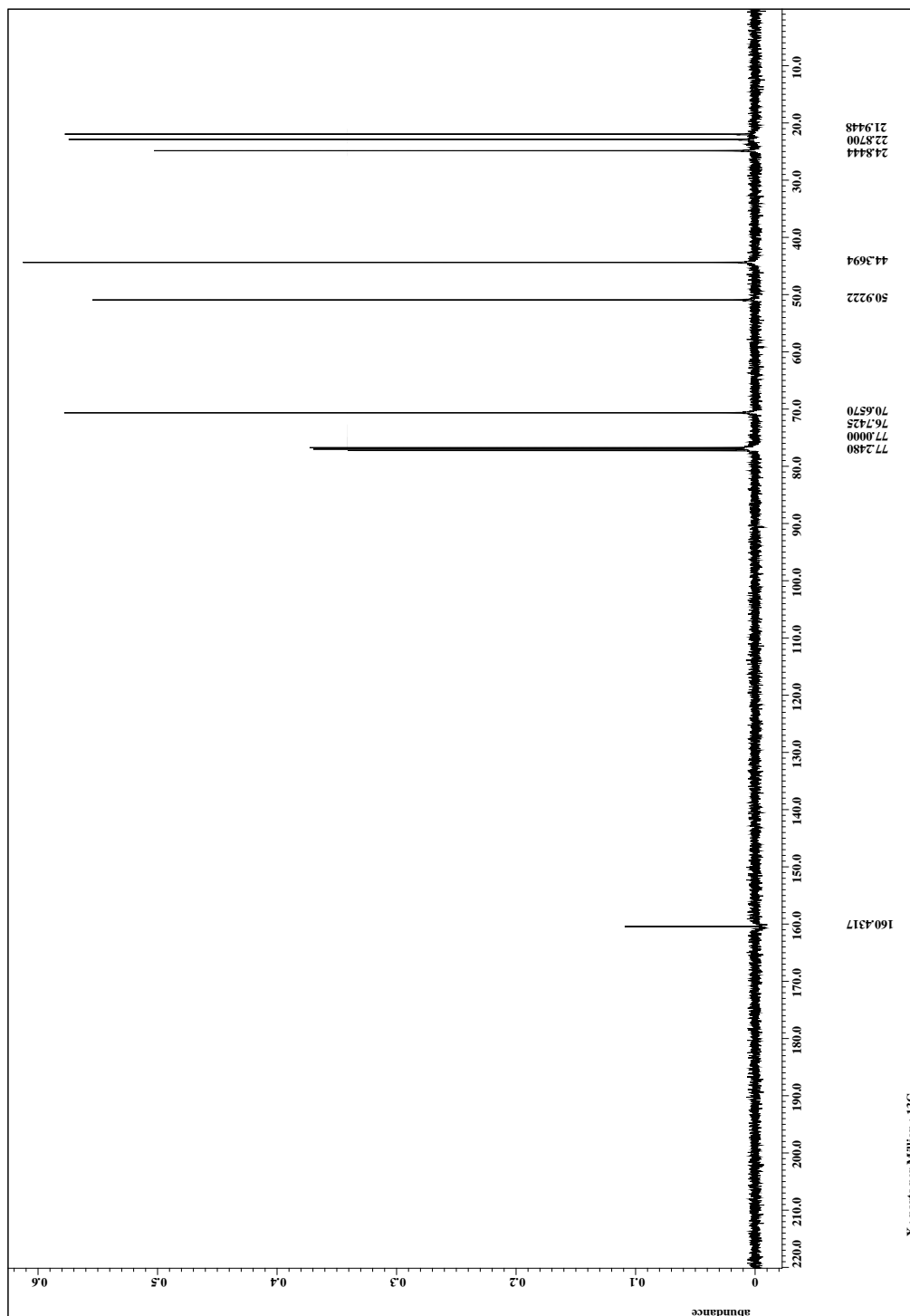
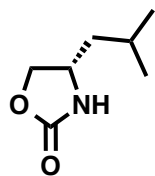
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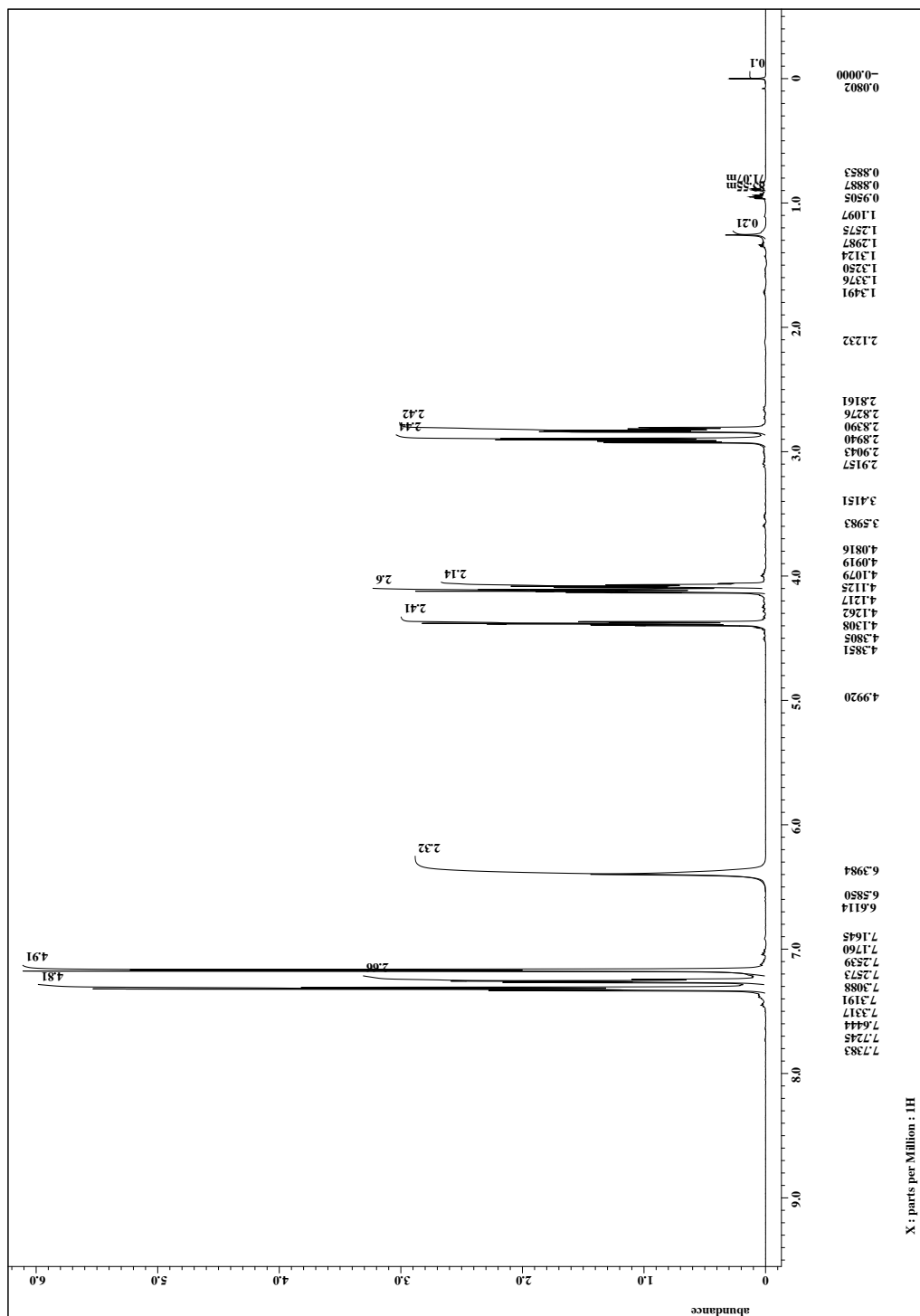
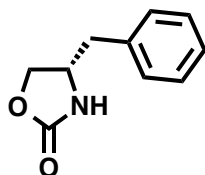
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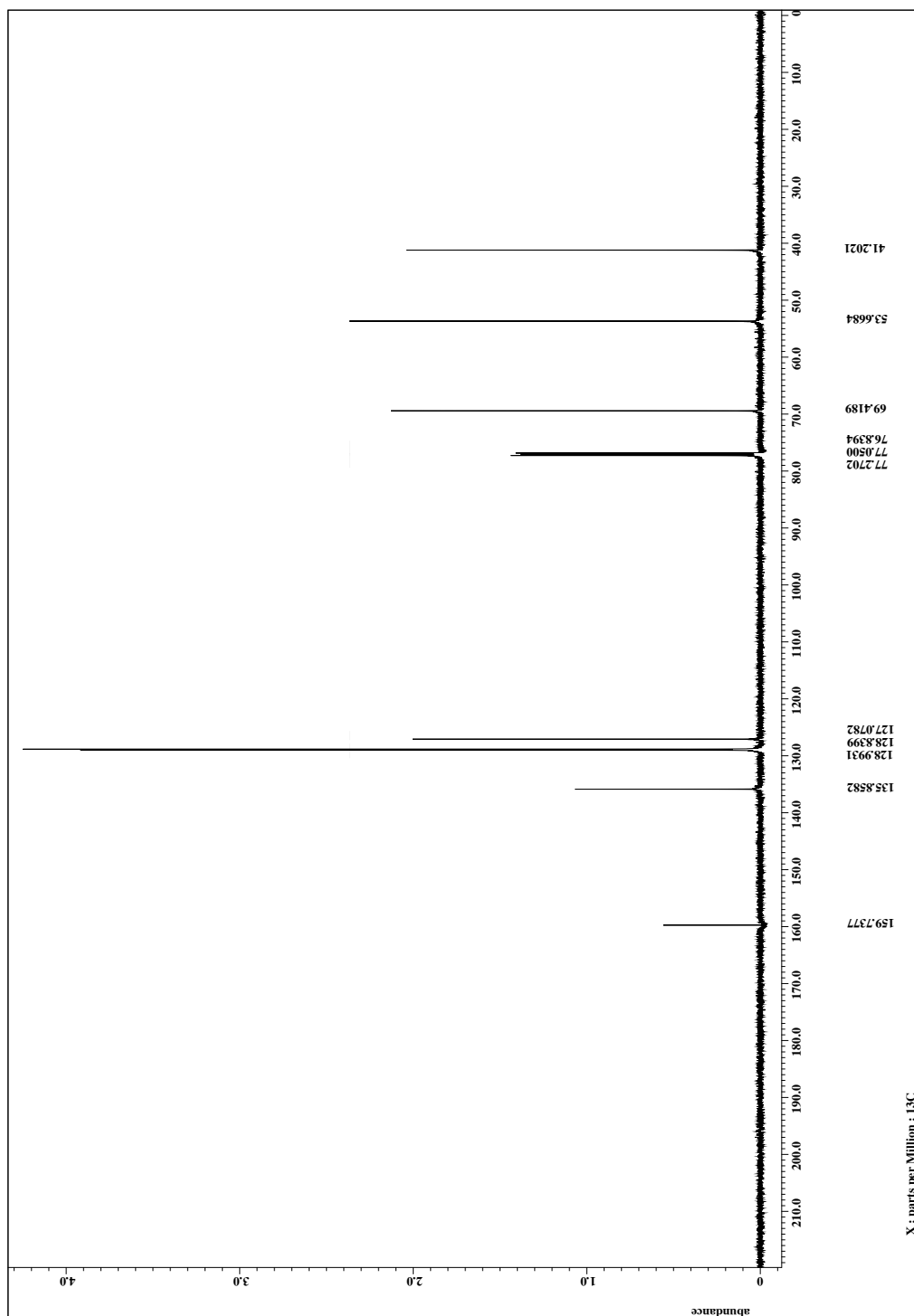
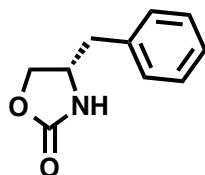
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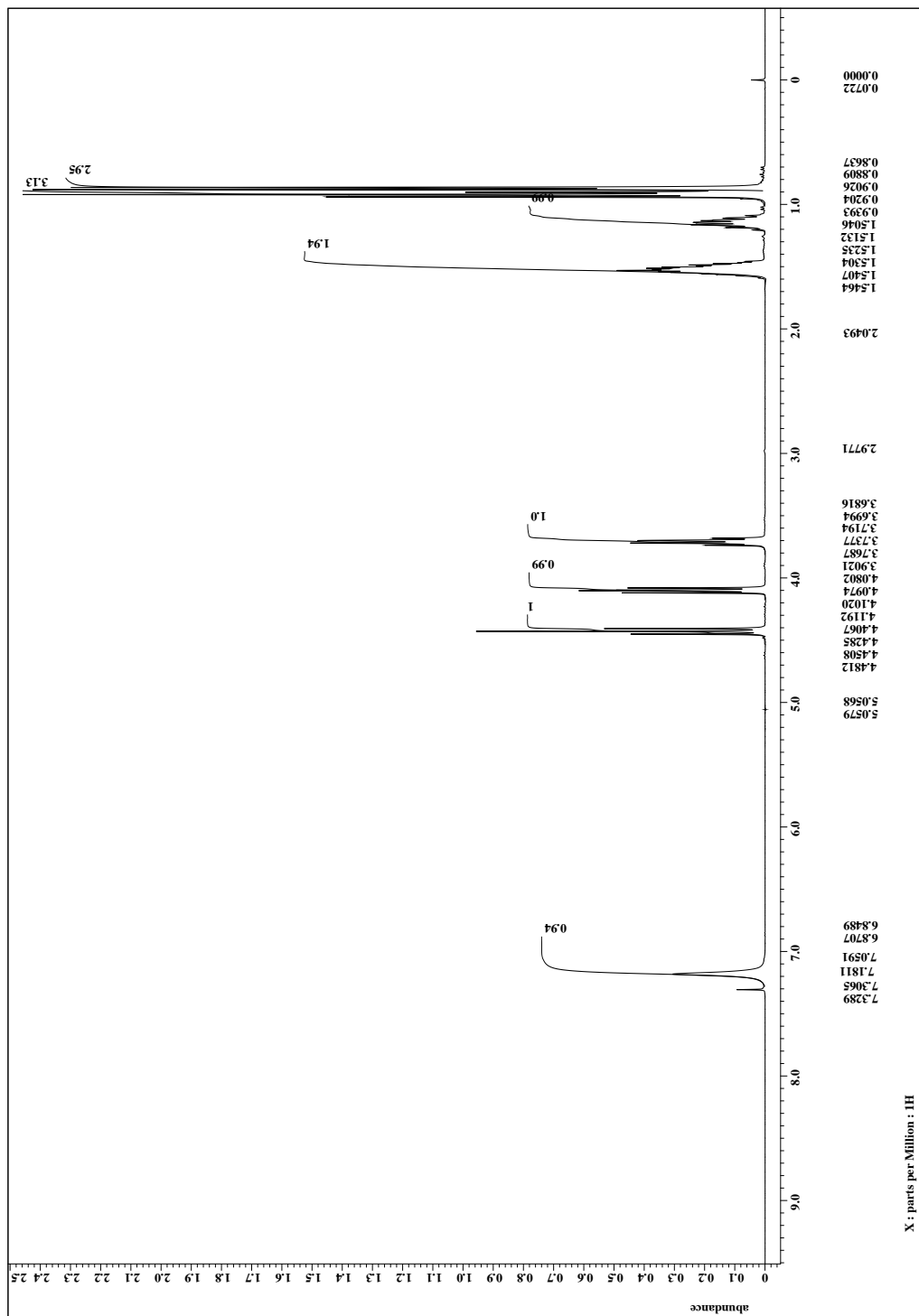
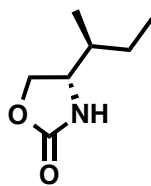
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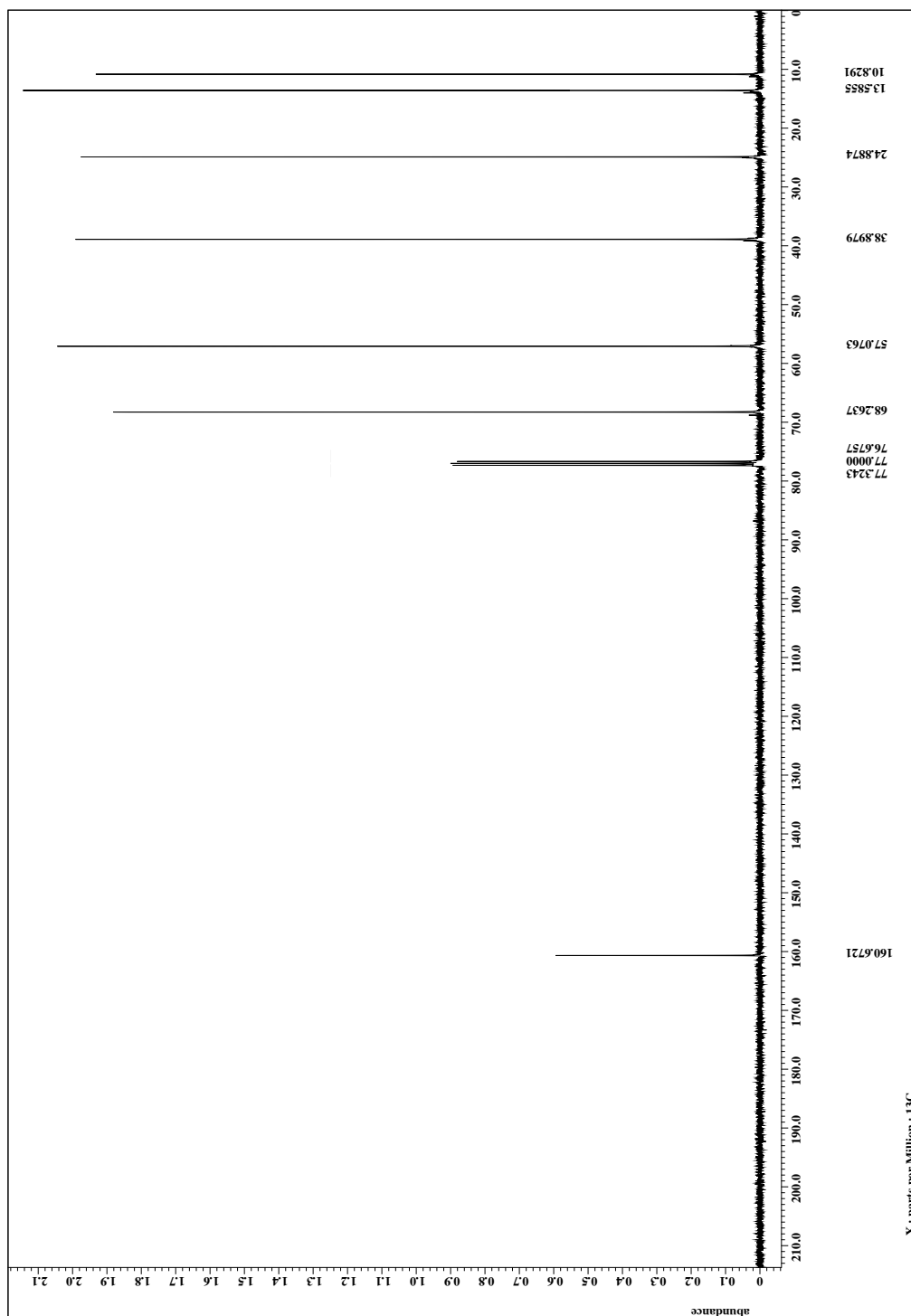
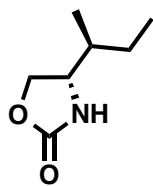
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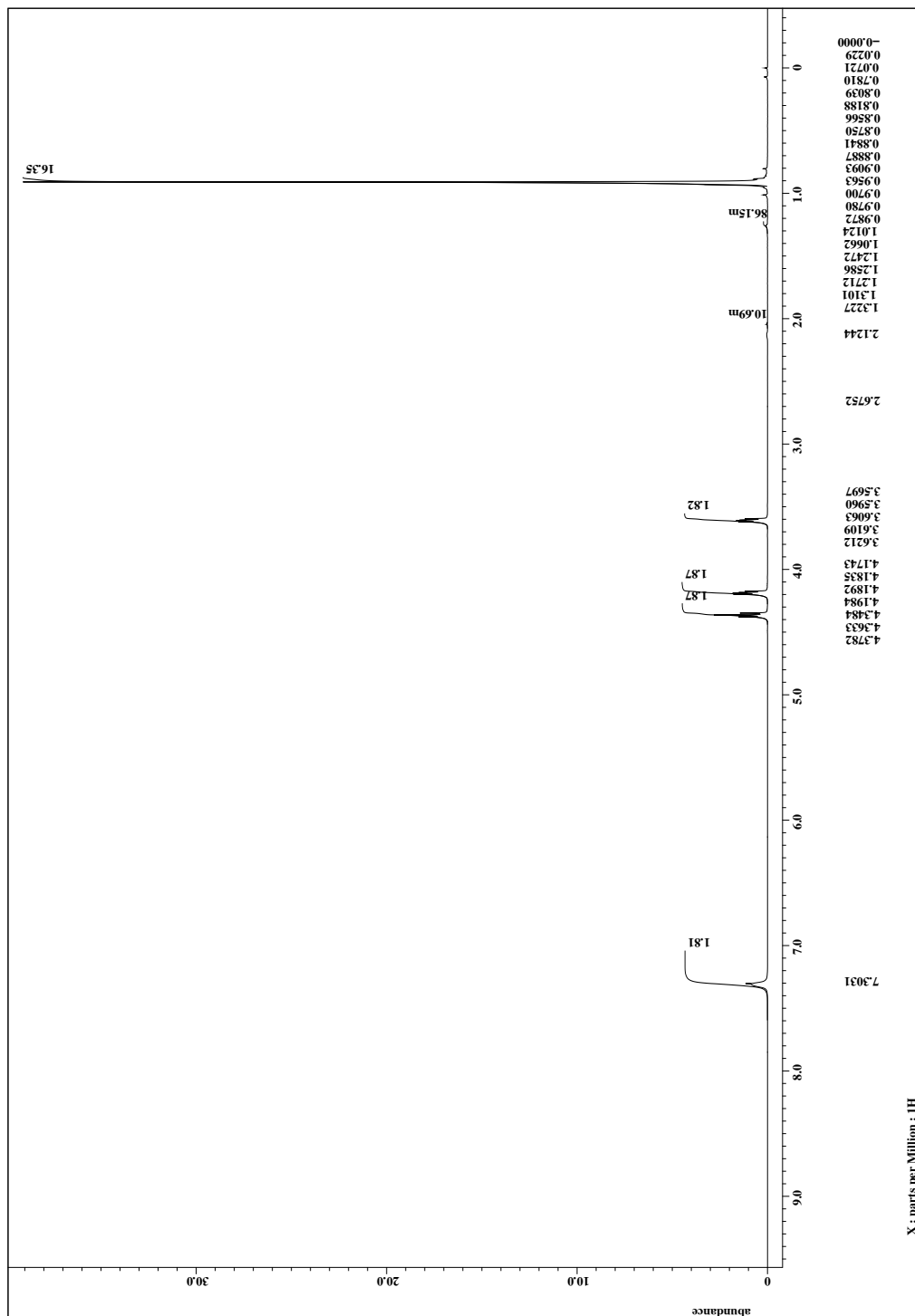
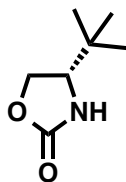
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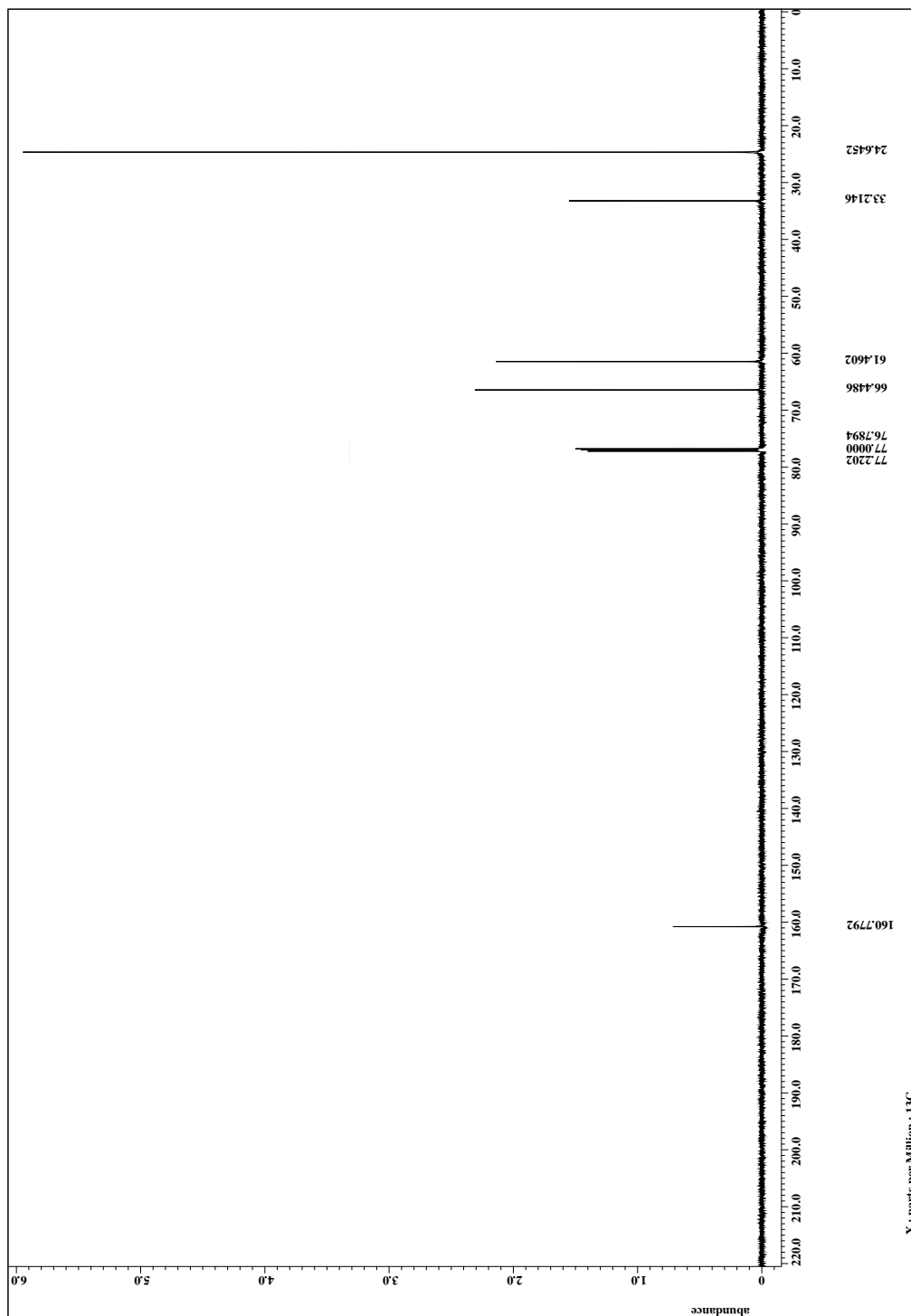
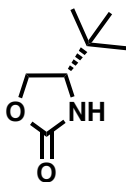
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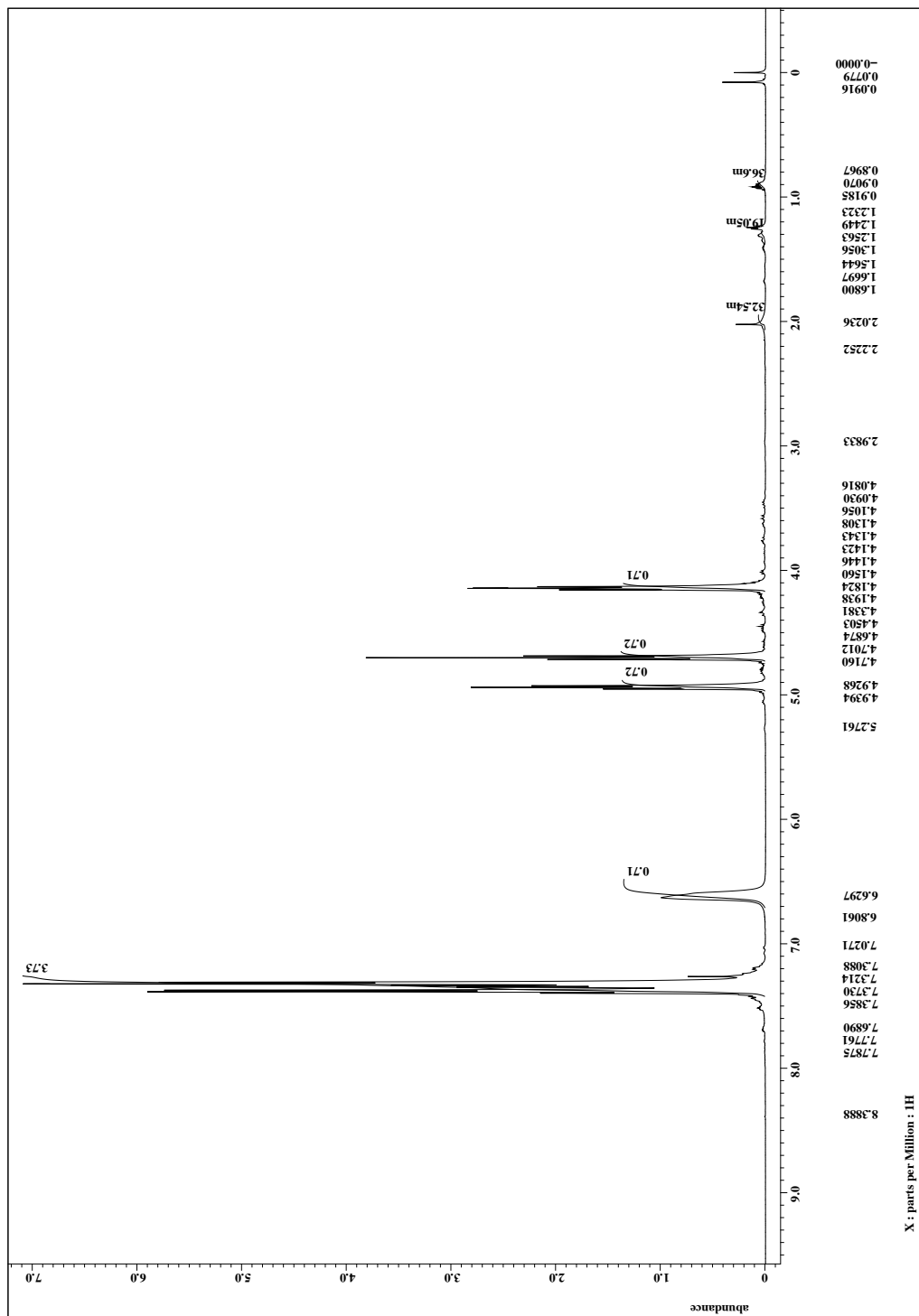
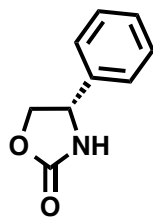
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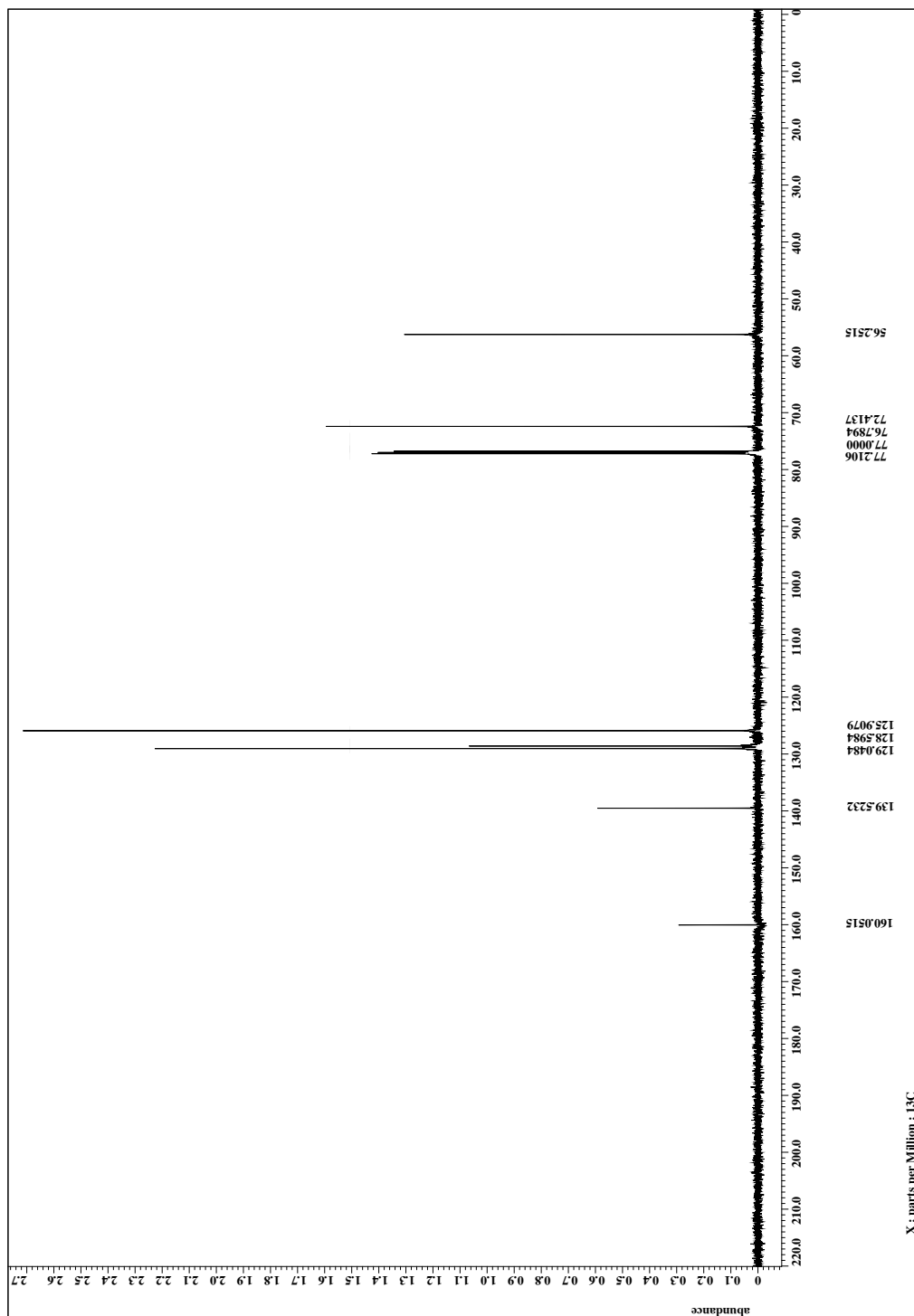
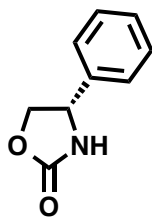
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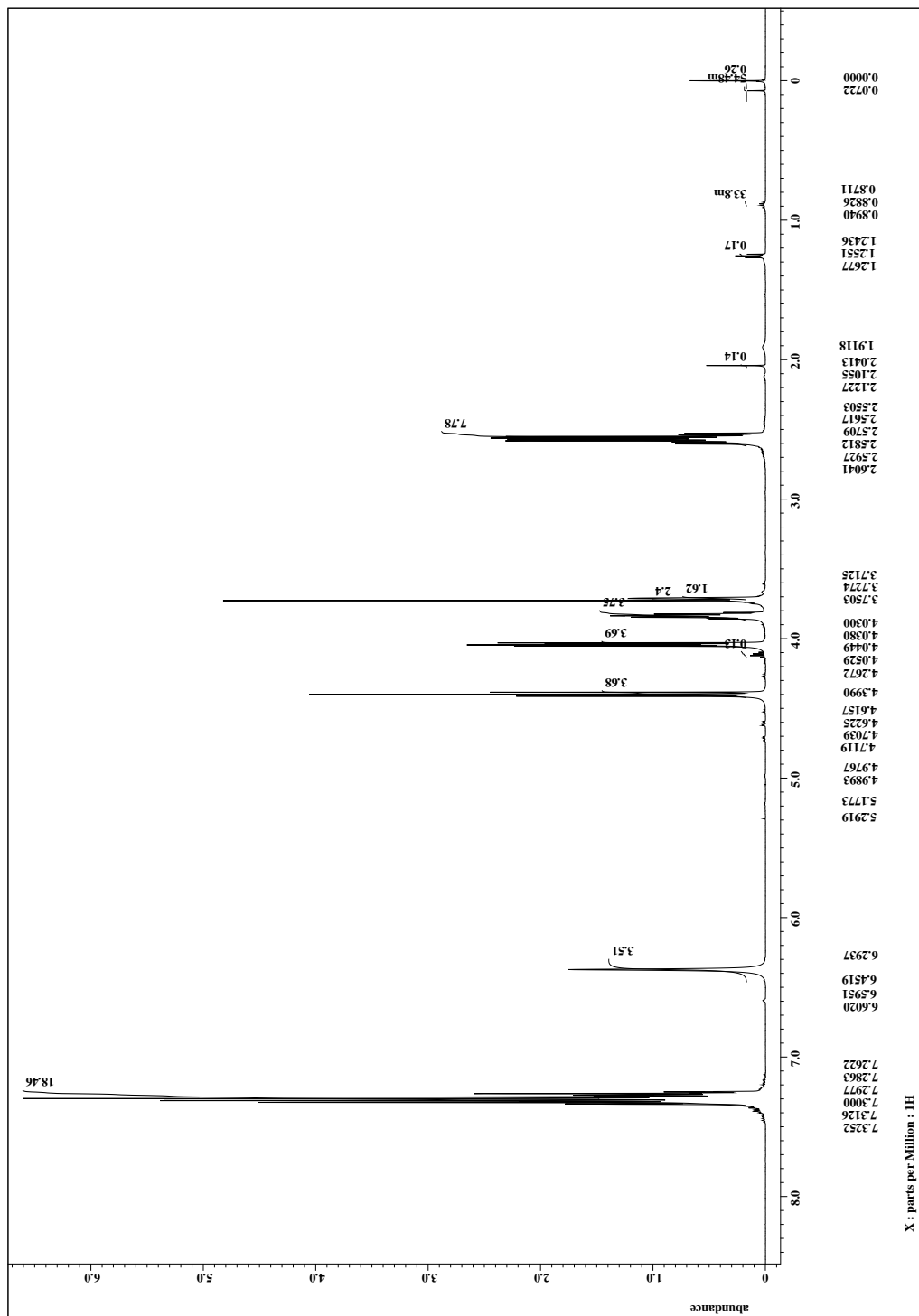
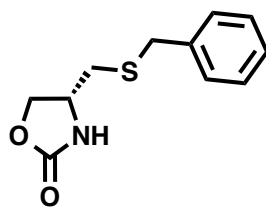
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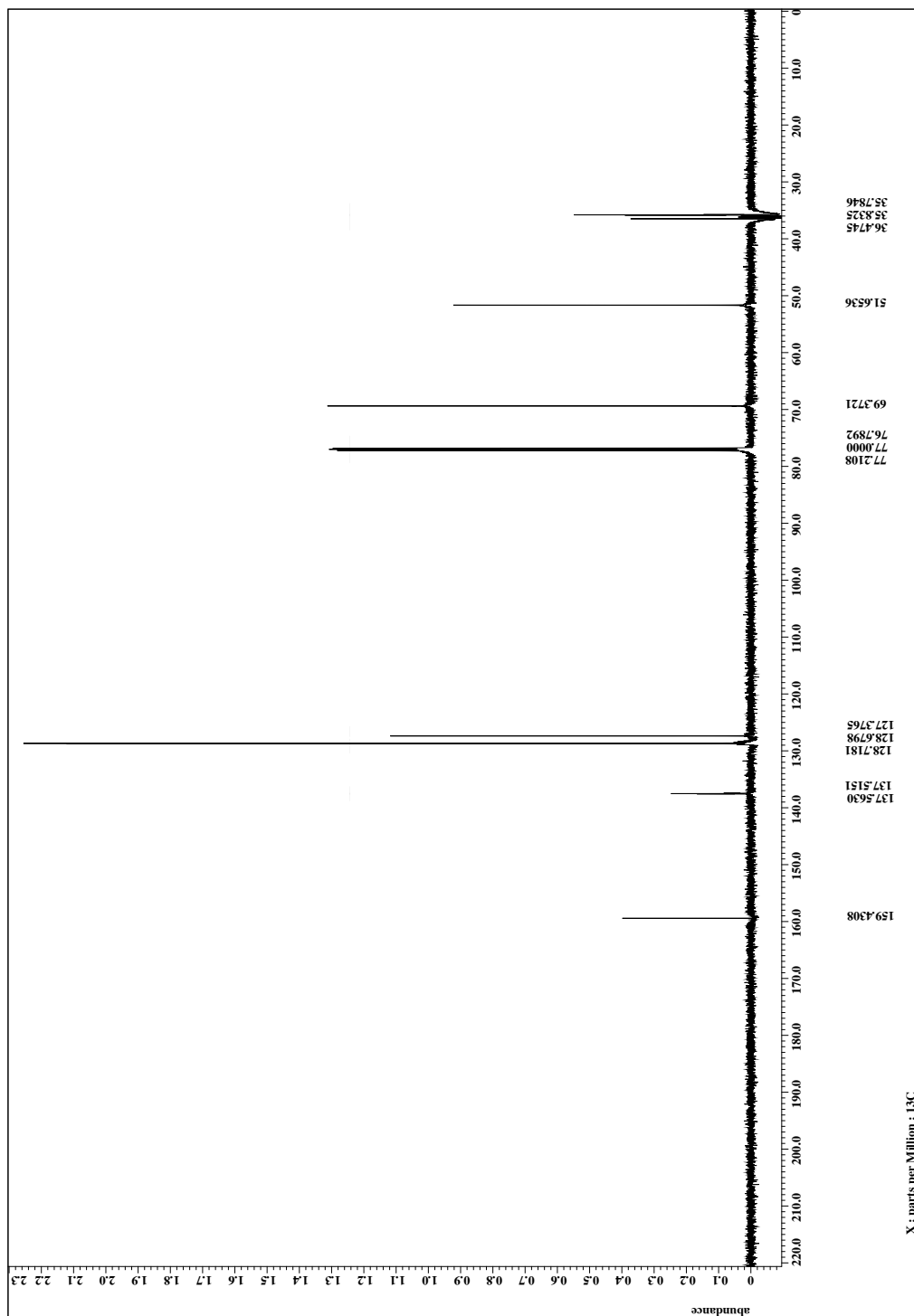
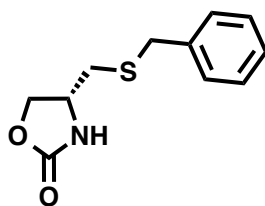
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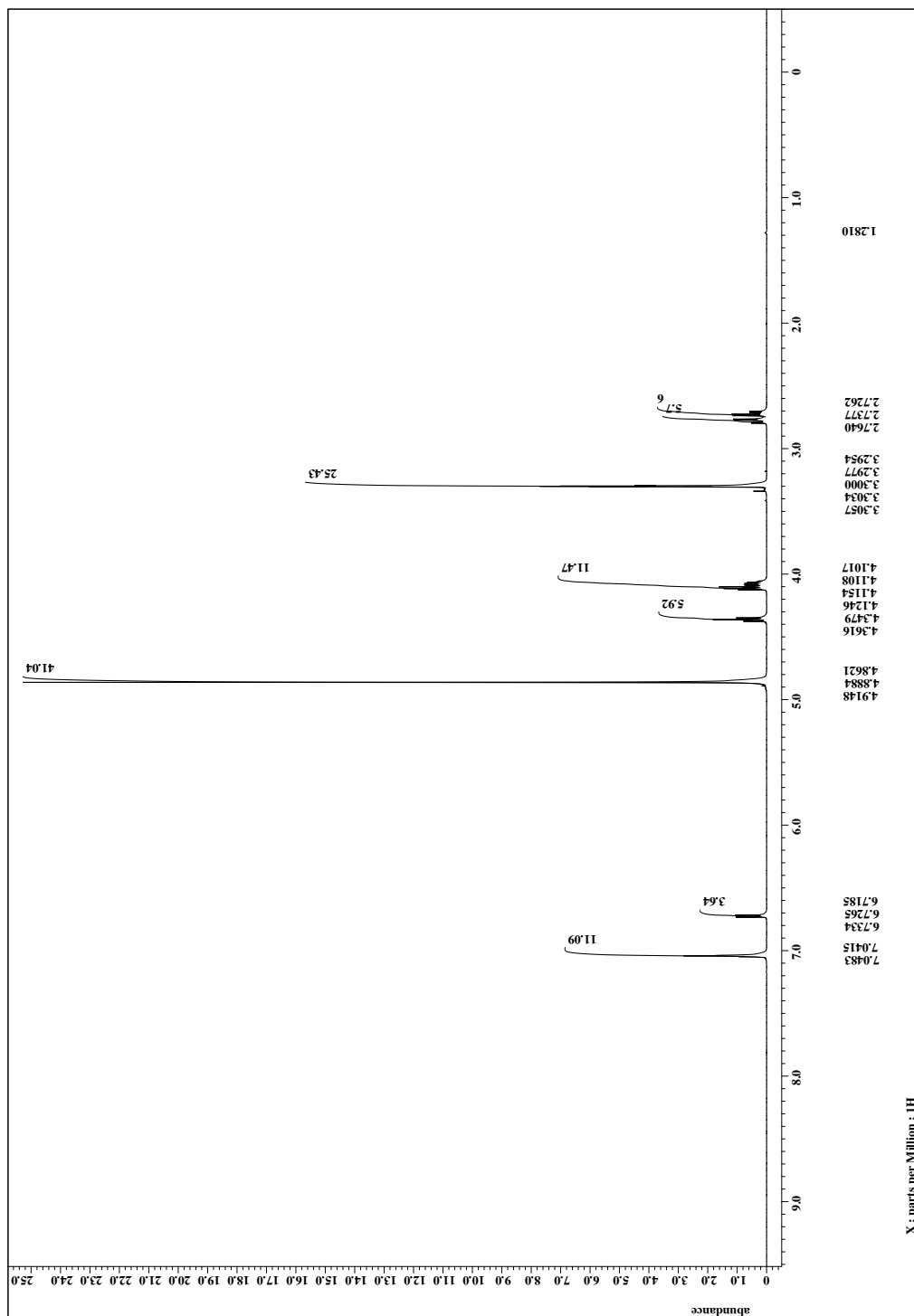
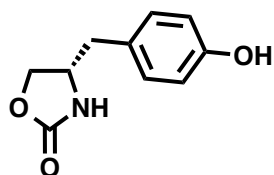
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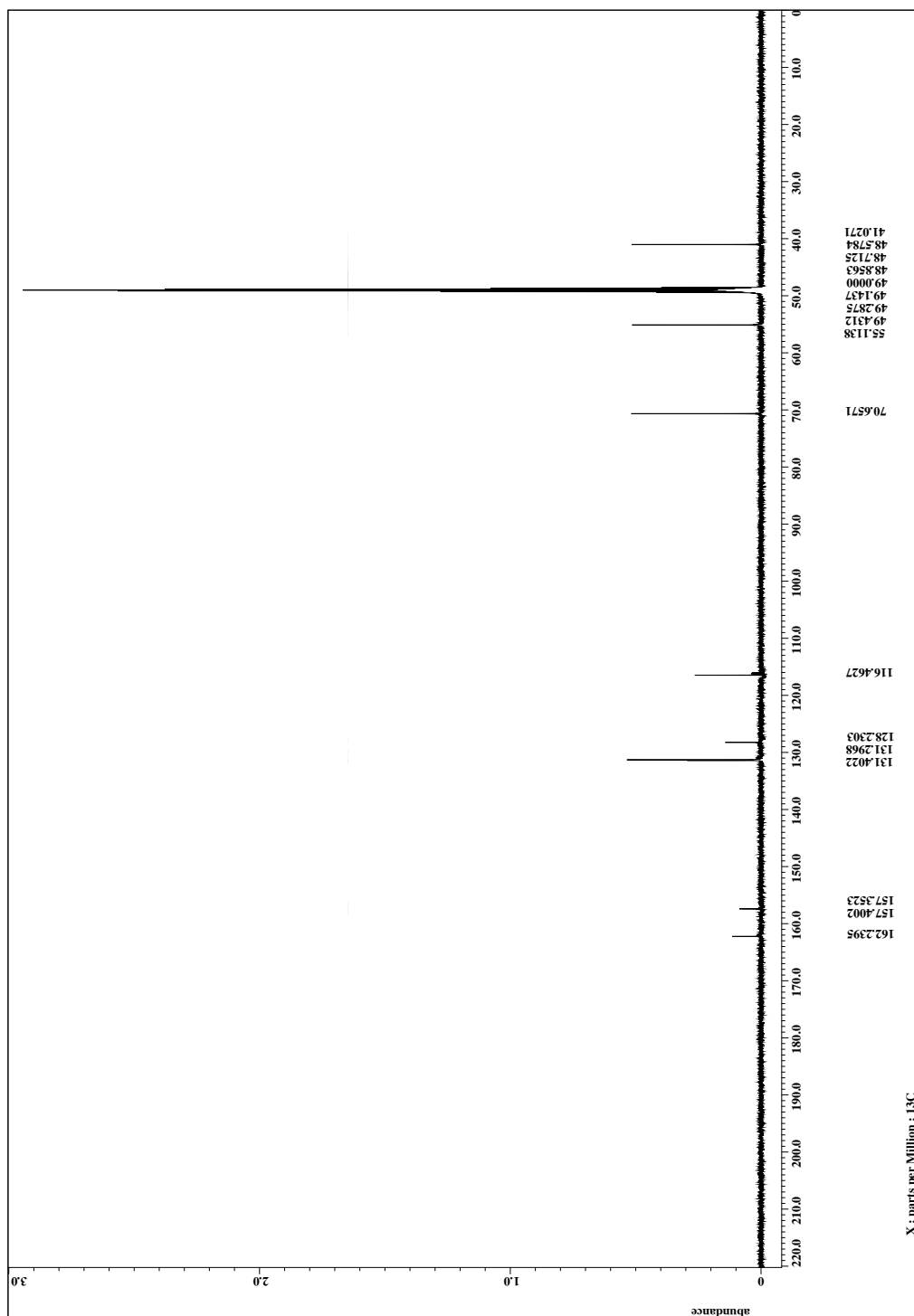
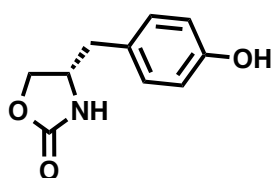
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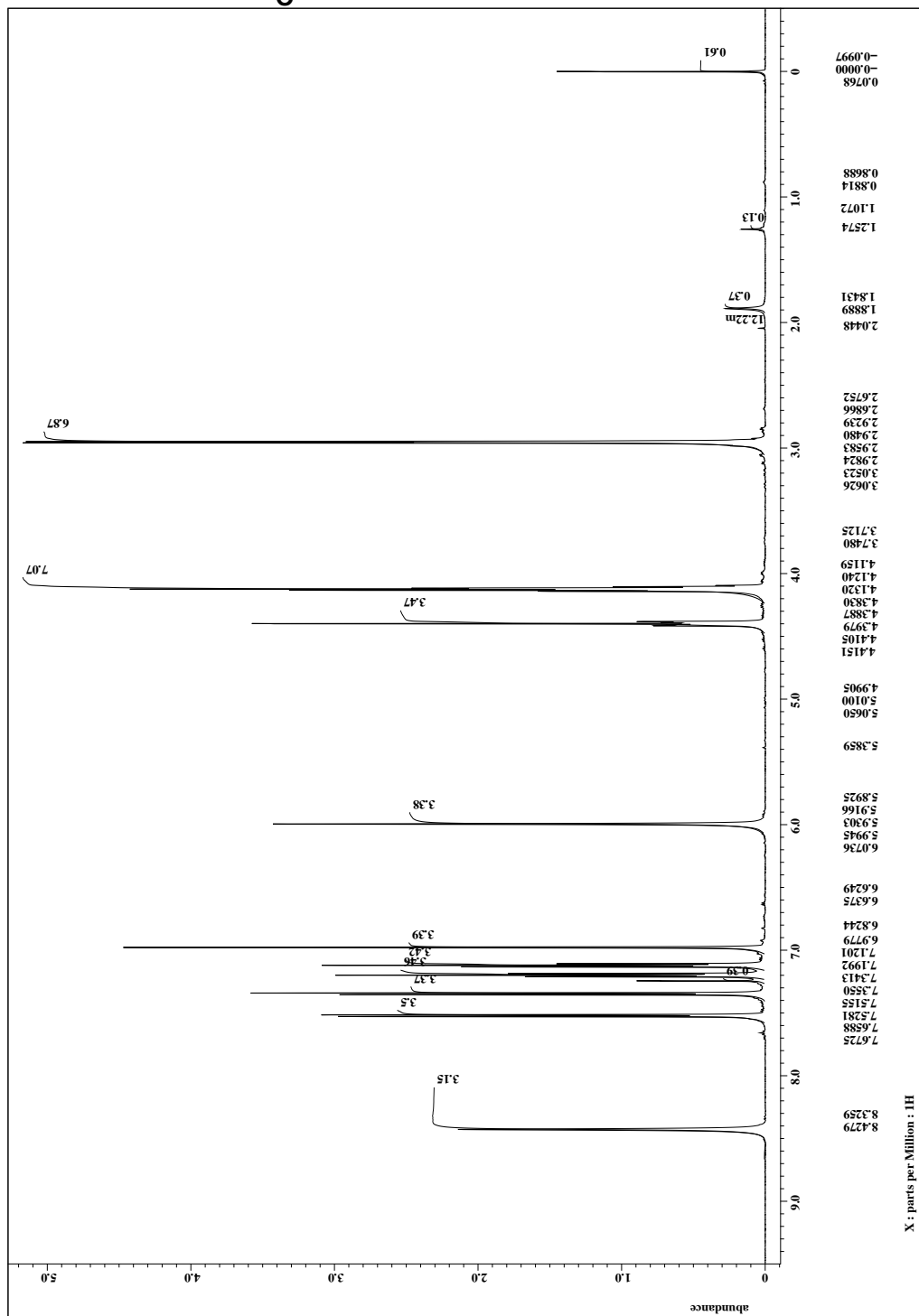
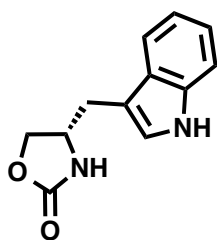
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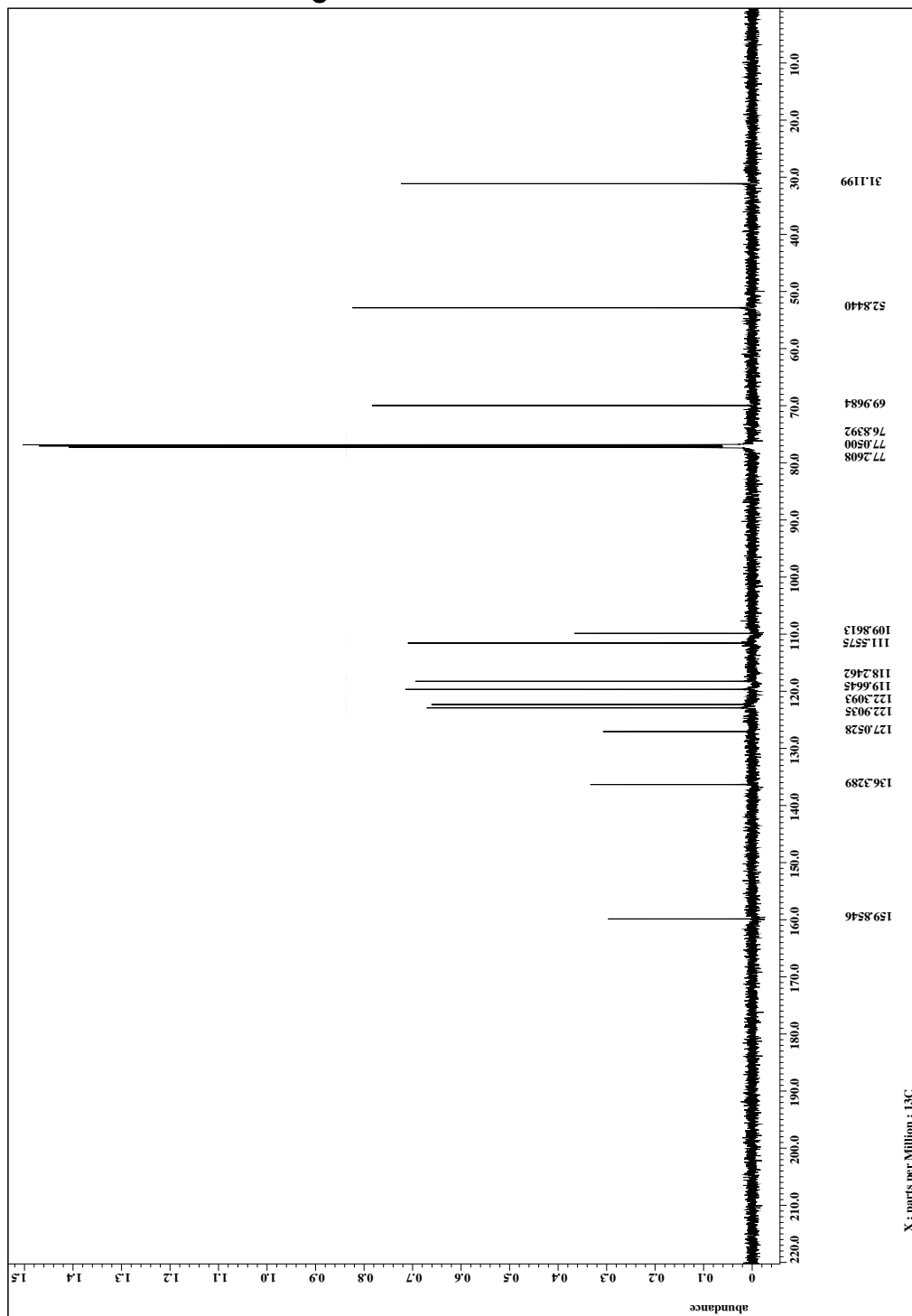
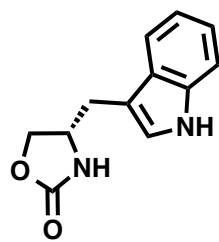
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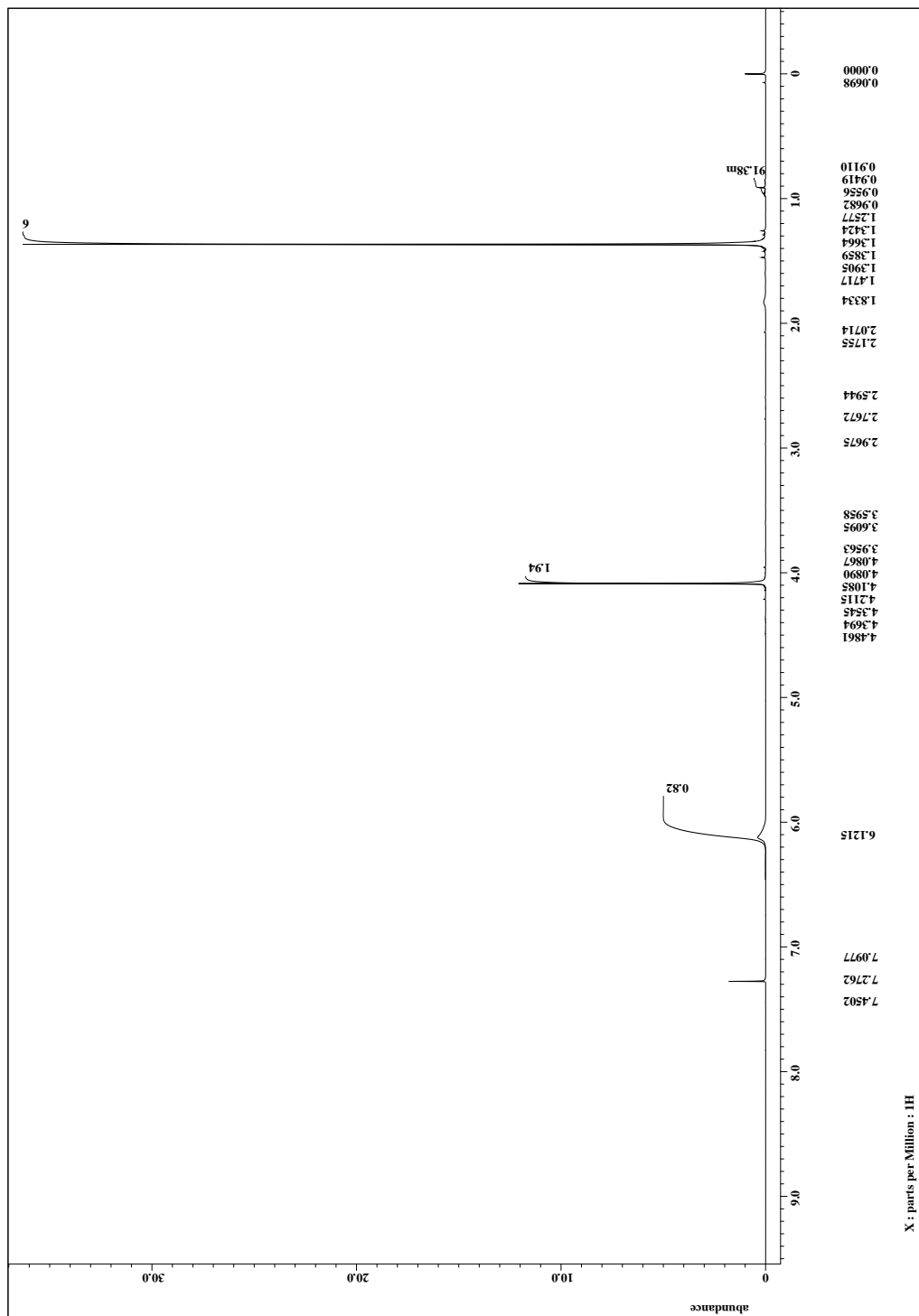
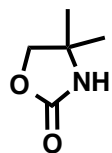
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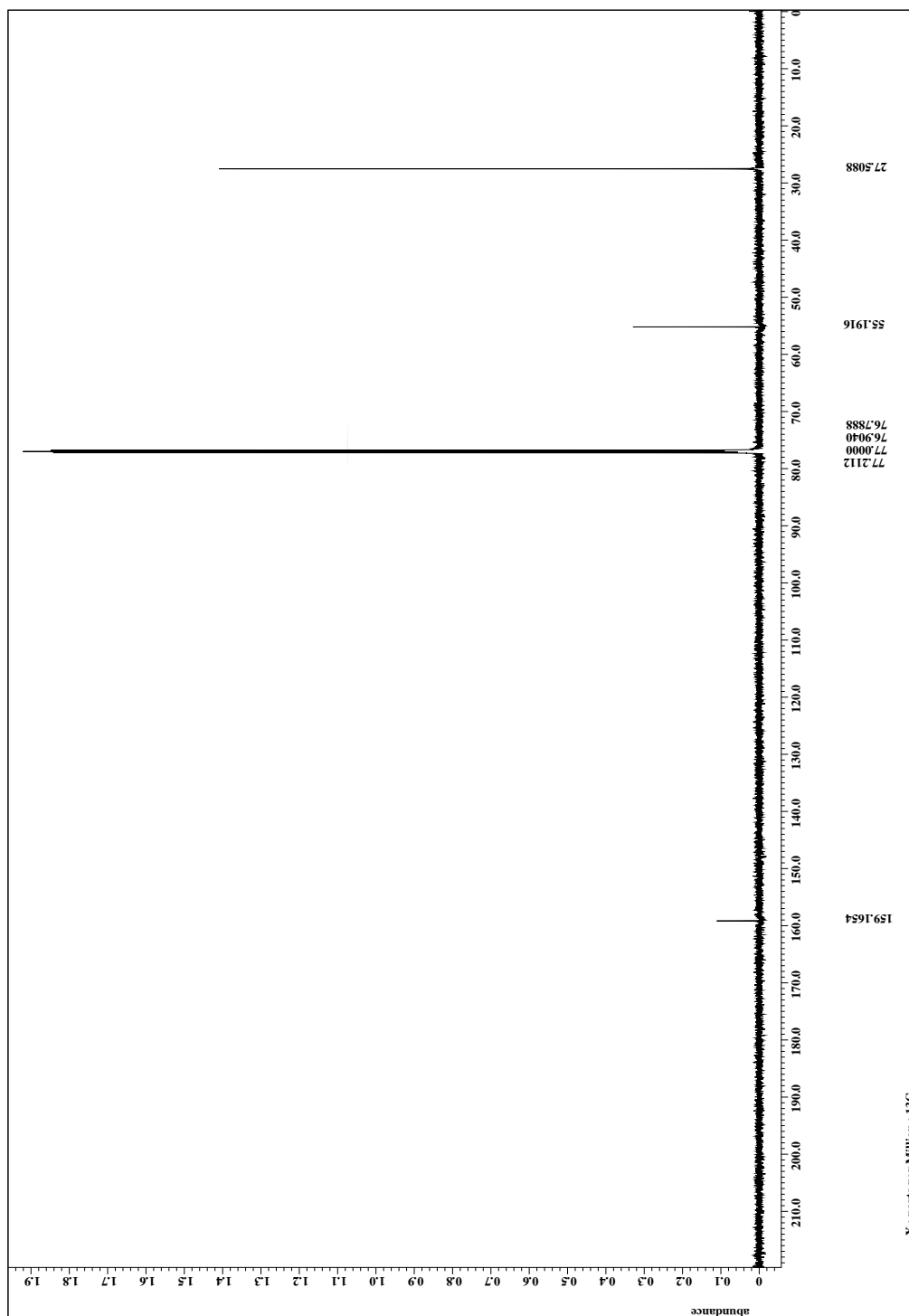
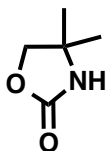
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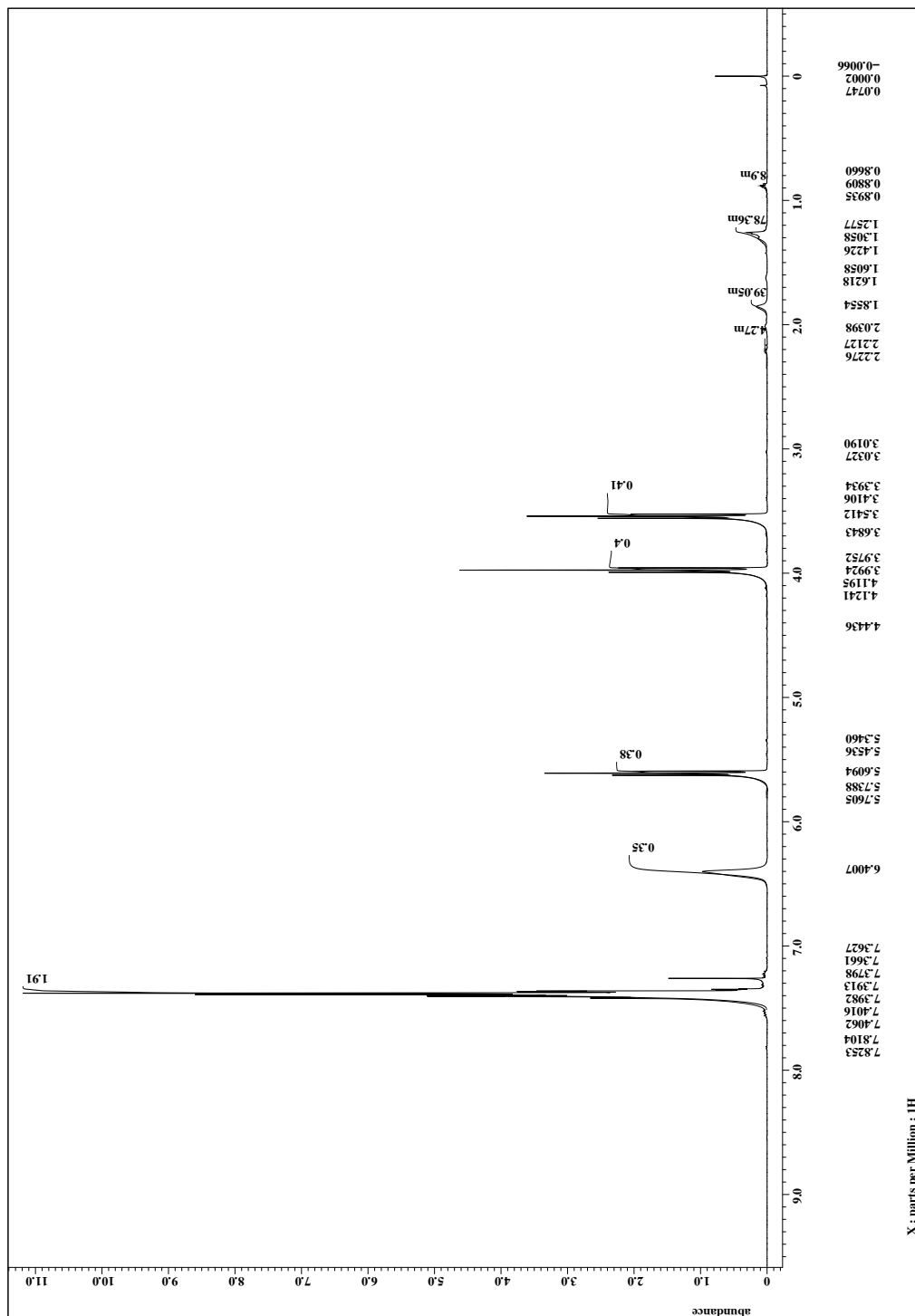
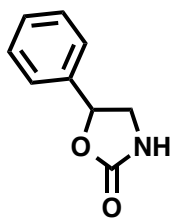
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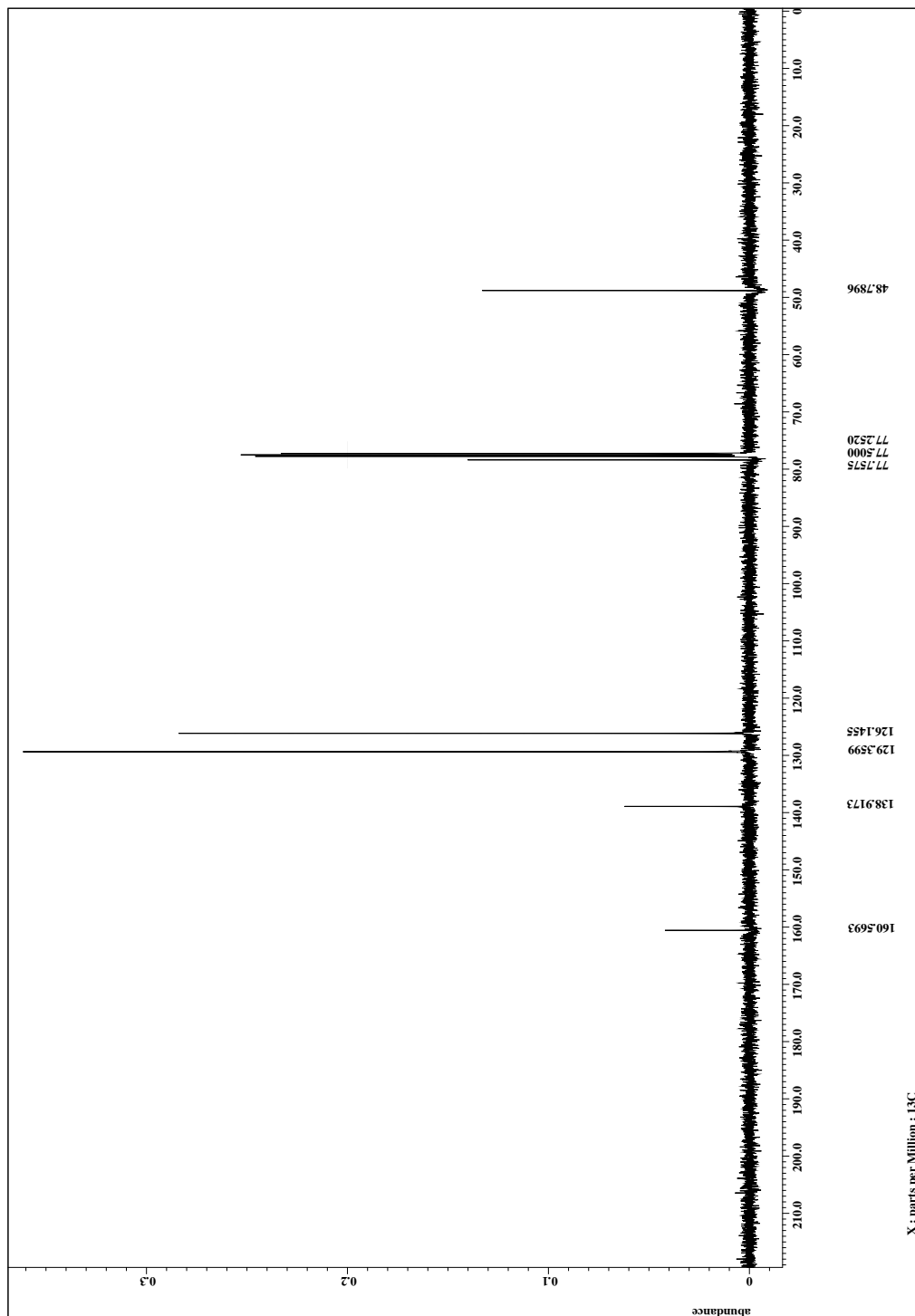
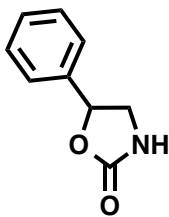
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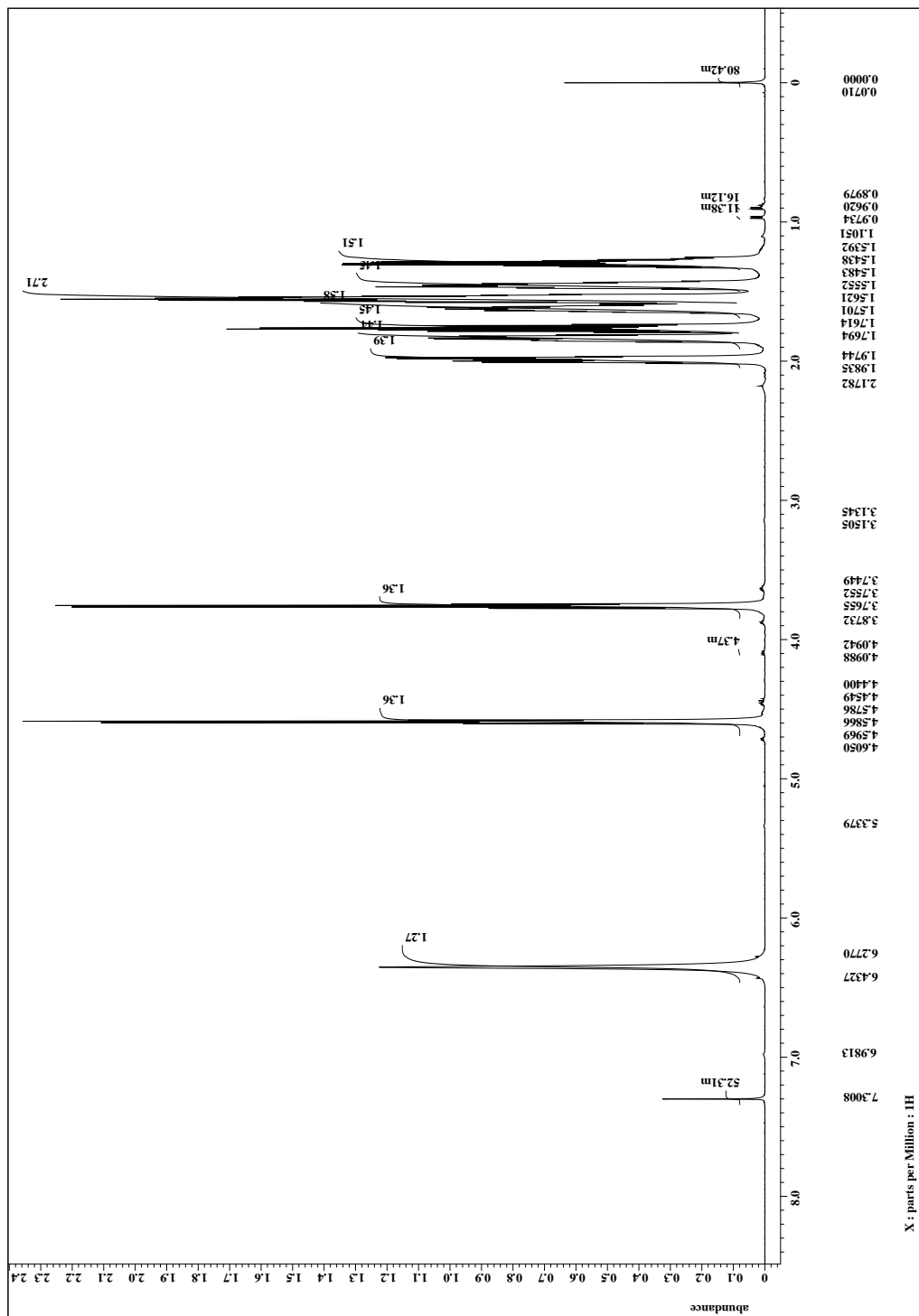
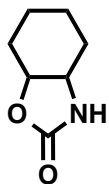
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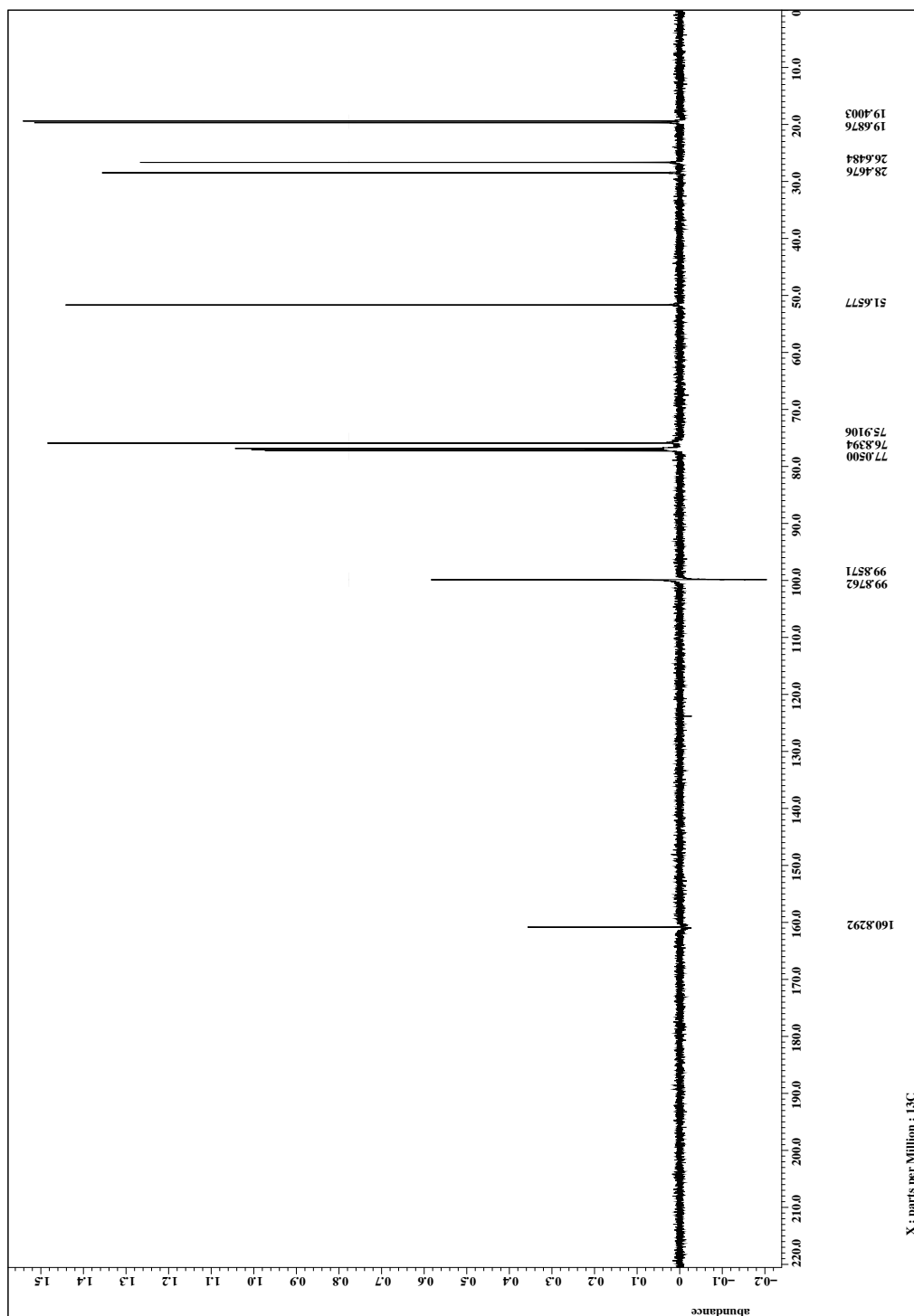
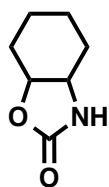
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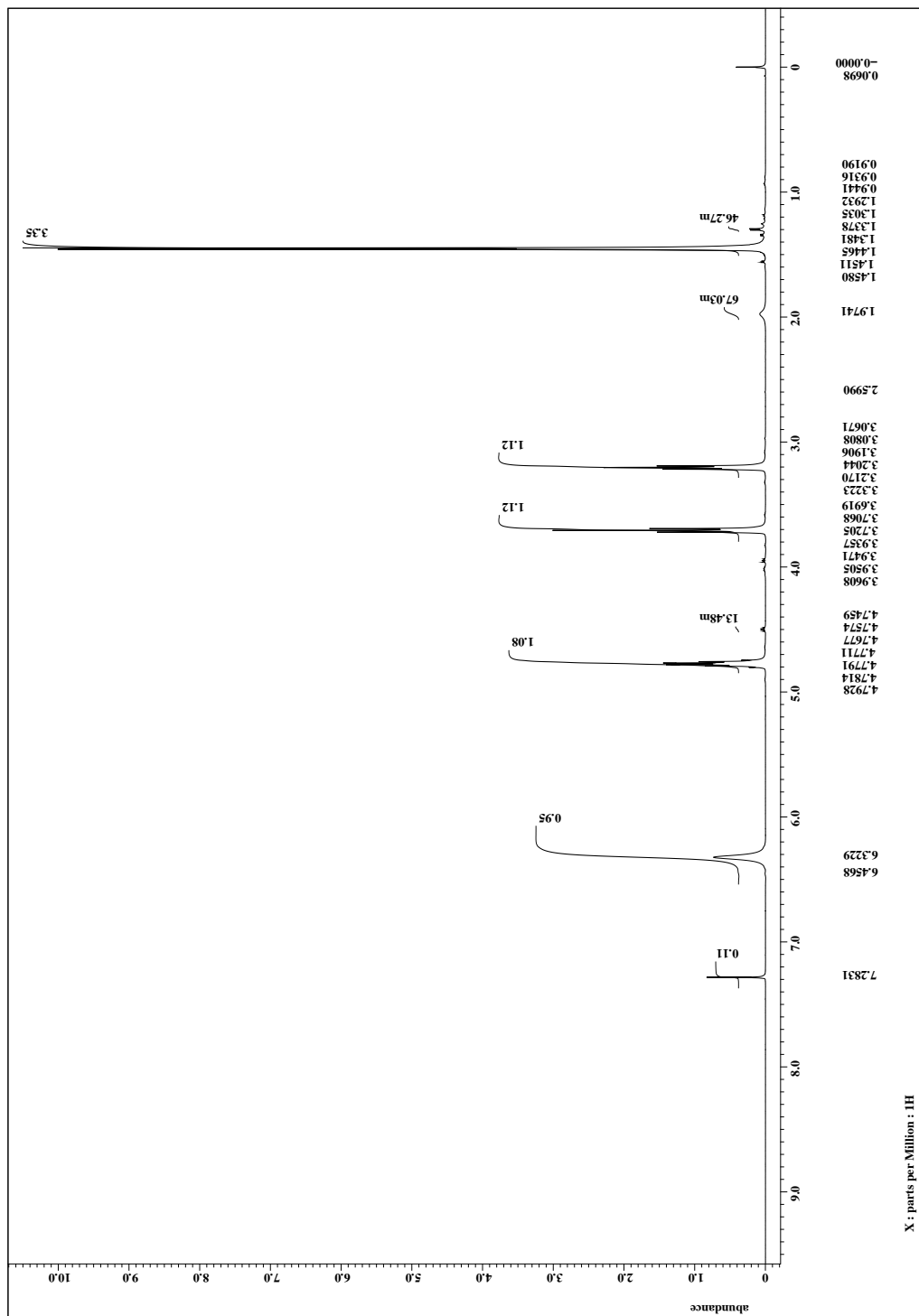
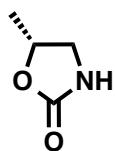
rac-2o (^1H NMR)



rac-2o (^{13}C NMR)



(*R*)-**2p** (^1H NMR)



(*R*)-**2p** (¹³C NMR)

