

# Supporting Information

## Rh-Catalyzed One-Pot Sequential Asymmetric Hydrogenation of $\alpha$ -Dehydroamino Ketones for the Synthesis of Chiral Cyclic *trans*- $\beta$ -Amino Alcohols

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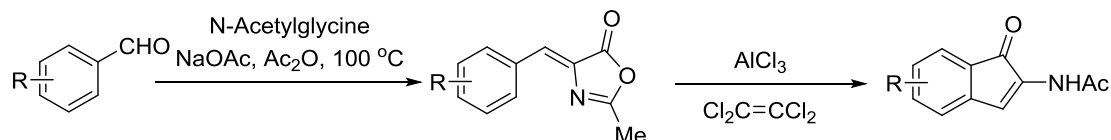
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## 1. General details

All reactions were performed in dried glassware under an atmosphere of dry nitrogen, and the workup was carried out in air, unless otherwise noted. Solvents were dried and distilled by standard procedures. Commercially available reagents were used without further purification. Column chromatography was performed using 100-200 mesh silica gel.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz) and  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz) spectra were recorded on a Varian MERCURY plus-400 spectrometer. HRMS was performed on a Waters Micromass Q-TOF Premier Mass Spectrometer at the Instrumental Analysis Center of Shanghai Jiao Tong University. The ee values were determined by HPLC using Daicel Chiralpak columns. Melting points were measured with SGW X-4 micro melting point apparatus. IR was measured with PerkinElmer Spectrum 100 FT-IR Spectrometer. Optical rotations were measured on a Rudolph Research Analytical Autopol VI automatic polarimeter using a 50 mm path-length cell at 589 nm. The absolute configuration of **2a** was assigned by H-H Noesy and HPLC spectra according to the literature.<sup>[1]</sup> The absolute configuration of other products **2b-2p** was considered to be the same as **2a**.

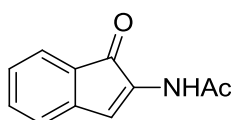
## 2. Syntheses of $\alpha$ -dehydroamino ketones



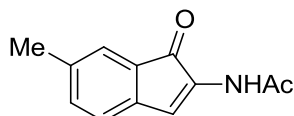
According to a literature procedure.<sup>[1]</sup>

Benzaldehyde or its derivative (50 mmol), N-acetylglycine (55 mmol), sodium acetate (50 mmol), and acetic anhydride (15 mL) were mixed and heated at 100 °C with stirring for 4 h. Then, the mixture was left stirring overnight at 25 °C. The precipitate was separated by filtration and washed with ice-cold alcohol, then with hot water to obtain the oxazolone (40-77% yields).

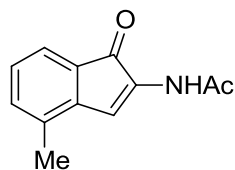
In a 500 mL round-bottom flask, fitted with a dropping funnel and a reflux condenser, was placed 0.036 mol of anhydrous aluminum chloride and 60 mL of dry acetylene tetrachloride. The mixture was stirred for 1 hour at room temperature. To this was added with stirring a solution containing 0.012 mol of (*Z*)-4-benzylidene-2-methyloxazol-5(4*H*)-one or its derivative in 60 mL of dry acetylene tetrachloride. When all the oxazolone has been added, the reaction mixture was stirred at 60 °C or 110 °C (by heating on an oil-bath) for 1 hour, then stirring was continued for 2 hours at room temperature. The complex was decomposed with 100 mL of dilute (1/15) hydrochloric acid and two clear layers were obtained. The acetylene tetrachloride layer were separated and the aqueous layer was extracted with dichloromethane. The combined organic phase was dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, and concentrated in vacuum. The residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography to give the pure product (19-58% yields).



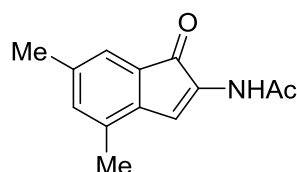
***N*-(1-oxo-1*H*-inden-2-yl)acetamide (1a).**<sup>[1]</sup> 1.30 g, 58% yield; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.48 (br s, 1H), 7.46 (s, 1H), 7.35-7.32 (m, 1H), 7.31-7.26 (m, 1H), 7.07-7.02 (m, 1H), 6.95 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 2.19 (s, 3H).



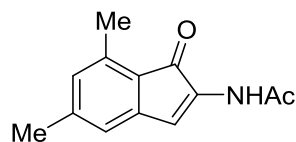
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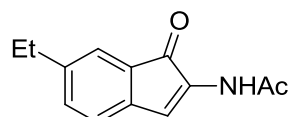
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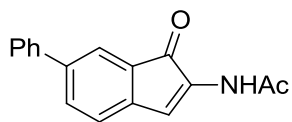
***N*-(4,6-dimethyl-1-oxo-1*H*-inden-2-yl)acetamide (1d).** Red solid, 1.03 g, 40% yield; Mp: 206-208 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  8.50 (d,  $J$  = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.44 (s, 1H), 7.13 (d,  $J$  = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.07 (s, 1H), 2.48 (s, 3H), 2.42 (s, 3H), 2.37 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  168.1, 165.7, 141.8, 139.8, 131.8, 131.7, 131.5, 129.0, 128.6, 127.4, 21.6, 19.9, 15.7; IR (KBr):  $\nu$  3279, 1721, 1669, 1532, 1291, 1244, 846, 784, 720 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (ESI):  $m/z$  calculated for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>14</sub>NO<sub>2</sub><sup>+</sup> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 216.1019, found 216.1019.



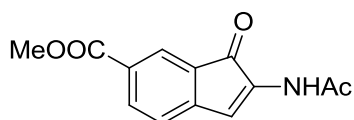
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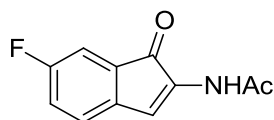
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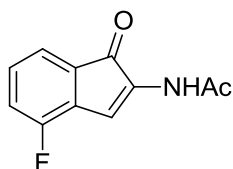
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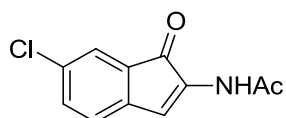
**Methyl 2-acetamido-1-oxo-1*H*-indene-6-carboxylate (1h).**<sup>[1]</sup> 0.62 g, 21% yield; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  8.02 (d,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.94 (s, 1H), 7.57 (br s, 1H), 7.51 (s, 1H), 7.01 (d,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 3.89 (s, 3H), 2.20 (s, 3H).



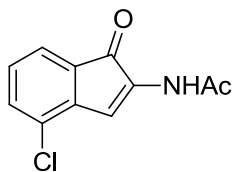
***N*-(6-fluoro-1-oxo-1*H*-inden-2-yl)acetamide (1i).**<sup>[1]</sup> 1.01 g, 41% yield; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.48 (br s, 1H), 7.47 (s, 1H), 7.06-7.02 (m, 1H), 6.96-6.90 (m, 1H), 6.89-6.86 (m, 1H), 2.18 (s, 3H).



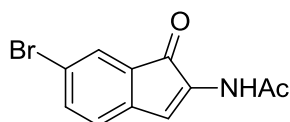
***N*-(4-fluoro-1-oxo-1*H*-inden-2-yl)acetamide (1j).**<sup>[1]</sup> 1.16 g, 47% yield; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.62 (s, 1H), 7.60 (br s, 1H), 7.15 (s, 1H), 7.06-7.00 (m, 2H), 2.20 (s, 3H).



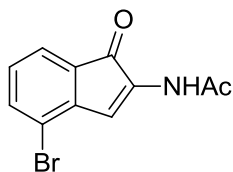
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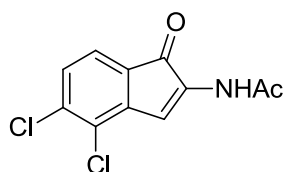
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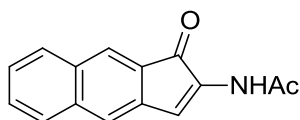
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***N*-(4-bromo-1-oxo-1*H*-inden-2-yl)acetamide (1n).**<sup>[1]</sup> 0.99 g, 31% yield; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.56 (s, 1H), 7.52 (br s, 1H), 7.39 (dd,  $J$  = 0.8 Hz, 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.25 (s, 1H), 6.94-6.90 (m, 1H), 2.21 (s, 3H).

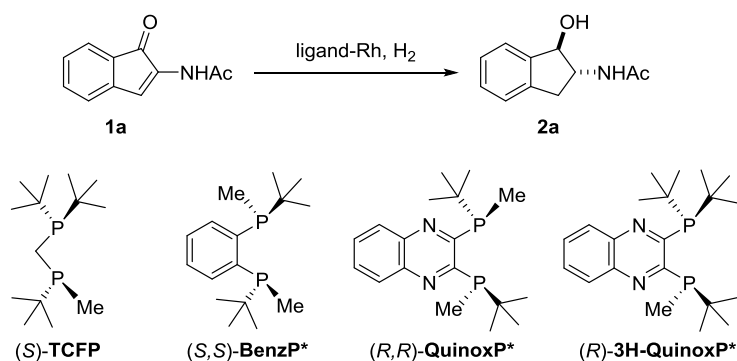


***N*-(4,5-dichloro-1-oxo-1*H*-inden-2-yl)acetamide (1o).**<sup>[1]</sup> 0.77 g, 25% yield; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.61 (s, 1H), 7.51 (br s, 1H), 7.16 (s, 2H), 2.21 (s, 3H).



***N*-(1-oxo-1*H*-cyclopenta[*b*]naphthalen-2-yl)acetamide (1p).**<sup>[1]</sup> 0.54 g, 19% yield; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.79 (s, 1H), 7.74 (s, 1H), 7.73 (d,  $J$  = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.64 (d,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.61 (br s, 1H), 7.48 (t,  $J$  = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.37 (t,  $J$  = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.21 (s, 1H), 2.21 (s, 3H).

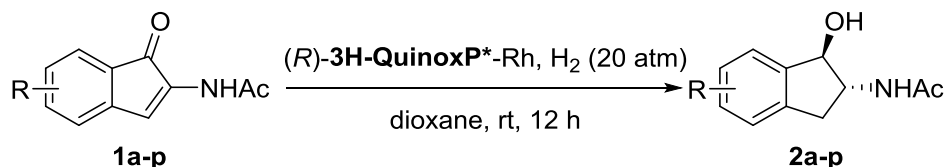
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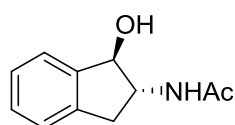
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1	<b>TCFP</b>	EtOH	34/66	99
2	<b>TCFP</b>	EtOAc	33/67	−94
3	<b>TCFP</b>	DCM	33/67	−94
4	<b>BenzP*</b>	EtOH	12/88	−33
5	<b>BenzP*</b>	EtOAc	8/92	−25
6	<b>BenzP*</b>	DCM	23/77	39
7	<b>BenzP*</b>	<i>i</i> PrOH	78/22	15
8	<b>QuinoxP*</b>	EtOH	23/77	39
9	<b>QuinoxP*</b>	EtOAc	1/99	97
10	<b>QuinoxP*</b>	DCM	75/25	68
11	<b>3H-QuinoxP*</b>	EtOH	65/35	97
12	<b>3H-QuinoxP*</b>	EtOAc	82/18	98
13	<b>3H-QuinoxP*</b>	DCM	79/21	67
14 <sup>d</sup>	<b>3H-QuinoxP*</b>	MeOH	35/20	93
15	<b>3H-QuinoxP*</b>	THF	83/17	90
16	<b>3H-QuinoxP*</b>	toluene	81/19	95
17	<b>3H-QuinoxP*</b>	dioxane	93/7	93

<sup>a</sup> Conditions: **1a** (0.2 mmol), ligand–Rh (1 mol %), H<sub>2</sub> (30 atm), solvent (2 mL), rt, 12 h. <sup>b</sup> Conversions were calculated from <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra. <sup>c</sup> The ee values were determined by HPLC using chiral columns. <sup>d</sup> Product **2a** was obtained in a yield of 55% with  $\alpha$ -amino ketone in a yield of 45%.

#### 4. Sequential asymmetric hydrogenation of $\alpha$ -dehydroanimo ketones

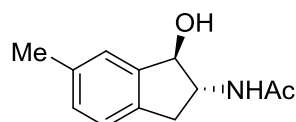


General procedure: Substrate **1** (0.2 mmol) and [Rh((*R*)-3H-QuinoxP\*)(cod)]SbF<sub>6</sub> (1 mol %) were charged in an autoclave. And the system was evacuated and filled with hydrogen. After repeating this operation 3 times, degassed 1,4-dioxane (2 mL) was added and the hydrogen pressure was adjusted to 20 atm. After vigorous stirring at room temperature for 12 h, the reaction mixture was evaporated under reduced pressure. The conversions were calculated from <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra of crude products, the yields were calculated based on the mixture of *trans*- and *cis*-products isolated by flash chromatography. The ee and dr values were directly determined by HPLC using chiral columns under the following conditions. Then the major *trans*-product **2** was obtained by reslurry ( EtOAc/Petroleum ether = 4 mL/12 mL) for additional characterization.



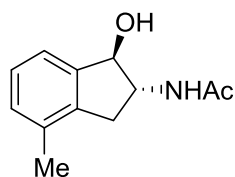
***N*-((1*R*,2*R*)-1-hydroxy-2,3-dihydro-1*H*-inden-2-yl)acetamide (2a).** White solid, 36.4 mg, 96% yield, 13/1 dr, 94% ee; Mp: 186-188 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>OD):  $\delta$  8.44 (br s, 1H), 7.44-7.13 (m, 4H), 4.99 (d, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 1H), 4.32 (q, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 3.31 (dd, *J* = 15.2, 8.0 Hz, 1H), 2.70 (dd, *J* = 15.6, 8.0 Hz, 1H), 2.00 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>OD):  $\delta$  172.4, 142.6, 139.3, 128.0, 126.7, 124.3, 123.8, 79.4, 59.7, 35.3, 21.2; IR (KBr):  $\nu$  3315, 1647, 1544, 1313, 1211, 1065, 741 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (ESI): *m/z* calculated for C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>14</sub>NO<sub>2</sub><sup>+</sup> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 192.1019, found 190.0874; HPLC conditions: DAICEL Chiralpak OJ column, Hexene/*i*-PrOH = 95/5, 220 nm, 1.0 mL/min, 25 °C, *t*<sub>major</sub> = 18.4 min, *t*<sub>minor</sub> = 44.6 min; [ $\alpha$ ]<sub>D</sub><sup>20</sup> = -18 (c 0.14, MeOH).

The *trans*-configuration of hydrogenated product **2a** was confirmed by H-H nousey spectra (see Page S40 for the spectra). The hydrogen atoms on the two CH group had an NOE effect with the two hydrogen atoms on CH<sub>2</sub>, respectively. The absolute configuration of the *trans*-product was confirmed to be (1*R*, 2*R*) by the known (*R*)-configuration of chiral center connected the nitrogen atom which was reported previously.<sup>[1]</sup>

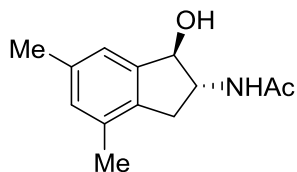




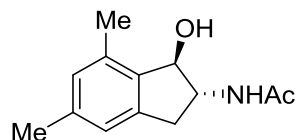
***N*-((1*R*,2*R*)-1-hydroxy-6-methyl-2,3-dihydro-1*H*-inden-2-yl)acetamide (2b).** White solid, 39.0 mg, 95% yield, 10/1 dr, 97% ee; Mp: 193-195 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>OD): δ 7.17 (s, 1H), 7.07 (s, 2H), 4.94 (d, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 1H), 4.29 (q, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 3.25 (dd, *J* = 15.5, 7.8 Hz, 1H), 2.63 (dd, *J* = 15.6, 7.9 Hz, 1H), 2.33 (s, 3H), 1.99 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>OD): δ 172.4, 142.6, 136.4, 136.2, 128.7, 124.2, 124.1, 79.4, 59.9, 34.9, 21.2, 20.0; IR (KBr): ν 3333, 1651, 1542, 1297, 1121, 1063, 1026, 818, 799 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (ESI): *m/z* calculated for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>16</sub>NO<sub>2</sub><sup>+</sup> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 206.1176, found 206.1189; HPLC conditions: DAICEL Chiralpak OZ column, Hexene/*i*-PrOH = 95/5, 220 nm, 40 °C, 1.0 mL/min, *t*<sub>major</sub> = 78.8 min, *t*<sub>minor</sub> = 66.3 min; [α]<sub>D</sub><sup>20</sup> = 4 (c 0.11, MeOH).



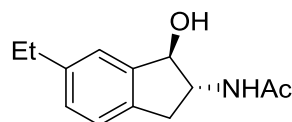
***N*-((1*R*,2*R*)-1-hydroxy-4-methyl-2,3-dihydro-1*H*-inden-2-yl)acetamide (2c).** White solid, 37.9 mg; 93% yield, 13/1 dr, 96% ee; Mp: 182-184 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>OD): δ 7.24-6.98 (m, 3H), 4.97 (d, *J* = 6.2 Hz, 1H), 4.29 (q, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 3.28 (dd, *J* = 15.8, 8.0 Hz, 1H), 2.58 (dd, *J* = 15.8, 7.5 Hz, 1H), 2.25 (s, 3H), 1.99 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>OD): δ 172.4, 142.2, 138.0, 133.7, 128.7, 126.9, 121.2, 79.7, 59.4, 33.9, 21.2, 17.2; IR (KBr): ν 3319, 2939, 1645, 1549, 1383, 1312, 1295, 1105, 790, 748 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (ESI): *m/z* calculated for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>15</sub>NO<sub>2</sub><sup>+</sup> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 206.1176, found 206.1190; HPLC conditions: DAICEL Chiralpak AD-H column, Hexene/*i*-PrOH = 95/5, 220 nm, 1.0 mL/min, 25 °C, *t*<sub>major</sub> = 10.1 min, *t*<sub>minor</sub> = 14.0 min; [α]<sub>D</sub><sup>20</sup> = -30 (c 0.13, MeOH).



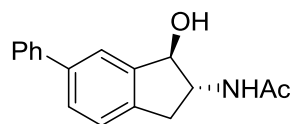
***N*-((1*R*,2*R*)-1-hydroxy-4,6-dimethyl-2,3-dihydro-1*H*-inden-2-yl)acetamide (2d).** White solid, 40.3 mg, 92% yield, 9/1 dr, 99% ee; Mp: 202-204 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>): δ 8.18 (d, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 1H), 6.89 (s, 1H), 6.83 (s, 1H), 5.41 (d, *J* = 6.3 Hz, 1H), 4.79 (t, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 1H), 4.15-3.98 (m, 1H), 3.05 (dd, *J* = 15.7, 8.0 Hz, 1H), 2.36 (dd, *J* = 15.6, 8.0 Hz, 1H), 2.23 (s, 3H), 2.12 (s, 3H), 1.82 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>): δ 169.9, 144.3, 136.1, 135.5, 133.4, 129.5, 122.3, 79.1, 59.6, 34.5, 23.2, 21.4, 18.6; IR (KBr): ν 3270, 1644, 1563, 1440, 1381, 1307, 1102, 861 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (ESI): *m/z* calculated for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>17</sub>NNaO<sub>2</sub><sup>+</sup> [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> 242.1151, found 242.1156; HPLC conditions: DAICEL Chiralpak AD-H column, Hexene/*i*-PrOH = 95/5, 220 nm, 1.0 mL/min, 25 °C, *t*<sub>major</sub> = 22.4 min, *t*<sub>minor</sub> = 35.9 min; [α]<sub>D</sub><sup>20</sup> = 33 (c 0.06, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>).



***N*-((1*R*,2*R*)-1-hydroxy-5,7-dimethyl-2,3-dihydro-1*H*-inden-2-yl)acetamide (2e).** White solid, 41.6 mg; 95% yield, 16/1 dr, 90% ee; Mp: 165-168 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>OD): δ 6.86 (s, 1H), 6.84 (s, 1H), 4.97 (d, *J* = 2.9 Hz, 1H), 4.29 (q, *J* = 3.8 Hz, 1H), 3.36 (dd, *J* = 16.3, 7.3 Hz, 1H), 2.61 (dd, *J* = 16.2, 4.1 Hz, 1H), 2.33 (s, 3H), 2.27 (s, 3H), 1.92 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>OD): δ 172.1, 141.2, 138.5, 137.4, 135.3, 128.9, 122.5, 79.3, 59.1, 35.9, 21.1, 20.0, 16.9; IR (KBr) ν: 3271, 2945, 1644, 1565, 1439, 1311, 1051, 1033, 850, 711, 611 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (ESI): *m/z* calculated for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>18</sub>NO<sub>2</sub><sup>+</sup> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 220.1332, found 220.1342; HPLC conditions: DAICEL Chiralpak OJ column, Hexene/*i*-PrOH = 95/5, 220 nm, 1.0 mL/min, 25 °C, *t*<sub>major</sub> = 15.0 min, *t*<sub>minor</sub> = 23.7 min; [α]<sub>D</sub><sup>20</sup> = 27 (c 0.17, MeOH).

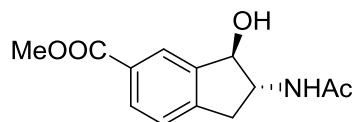


***N*-((1*R*,2*R*)-6-ethyl-1-hydroxy-2,3-dihydro-1*H*-inden-2-yl)acetamide (2f).** White solid, 42.1 mg; 96% yield, 12/1 dr, 97% ee; Mp: 179-181 °C, <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>OD): δ 7.19 (s, 1H), 7.09 (s, 2H), 4.94 (d, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 1H), 4.28 (q, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 3.25 (dd, *J* = 15.5, 7.9 Hz, 1H), 2.67-2.59 (m, 3H), 1.98 (s, 3H), 1.21 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>OD): δ 171.6, 142.3, 141.8, 135.7, 126.9, 123.4, 122.3, 78.7, 59.1, 34.2, 27.6, 20.4, 14.3; IR (KBr): ν 3390, 3333, 2960, 1650, 1541, 1492, 1382, 1297, 1120, 1059, 1026, 822 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (ESI): *m/z* calculated for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>18</sub>NO<sub>2</sub><sup>+</sup> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 220.1332, found 220.1348; HPLC conditions: DAICEL Chiralpak OJ column, Hexene/*i*-PrOH = 95/5, 220 nm, 1.0 mL/min, 25 °C, *t*<sub>major</sub> = 20.3 min, *t*<sub>minor</sub> = 25.8 min; [α]<sub>D</sub><sup>20</sup> = 5 (c 0.18, MeOH).

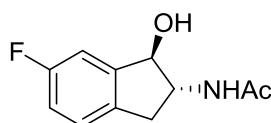


***N*-((1*R*,2*R*)-1-hydroxy-6-phenyl-2,3-dihydro-1*H*-inden-2-yl)acetamide (2g).** White solid, 49.3 mg, 93% yield, 7/1 dr, 95% ee; Mp: 172-173 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>OD): δ 7.63-7.57 (m, 3H), 7.51 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.42 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.31 (dd, *J* = 16.2, 7.6 Hz, 2H), 5.04 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 4.36 (q, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 3.35 (dd, *J* = 16.0, 7.6 Hz, 1H), 2.73 (dd, *J* = 15.8, 7.7 Hz, 1H), 2.01 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>OD): δ 172.7, 143.6, 141.4, 140.5, 138.7, 128.7, 127.1, 127.0, 126.8, 125.0, 122.5, 79.6, 60.1, 35.2, 21.4; IR (KBr): ν 3277, 1645, 1569, 1481, 1379, 1312, 1172, 1122, 1066, 757, 695, 607 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (ESI): *m/z* calculated for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>18</sub>NO<sub>2</sub><sup>+</sup> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 268.1332, found 268.1344; HPLC conditions: DAICEL Chiralpak AD column,

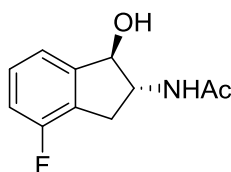
Hexene/*i*-PrOH = 95/5, 220 nm, 1.0 mL/min, 25 °C,  $t_{\text{major}} = 17.9$  min,  $t_{\text{minor}} = 32.1$  min;  $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{20} = 35$  (*c* 0.29, MeOH).



**Methyl (2*R*,3*R*)-2-acetamido-3-hydroxy-2,3-dihydro-1*H*-indene-5-carboxylate (2h).** White solid, 45.8 mg, 92% yield, 4/1 dr, 89% ee; Mp: 194-196 °C;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CD}_3\text{OD}$ ):  $\delta$  7.99 (s, 1H), 7.92 (d,  $J = 7.9$  Hz, 1H), 7.32 (d,  $J = 7.9$  Hz, 1H), 5.00 (d,  $J = 6.5$  Hz, 1H), 4.33 (q,  $J = 6.3$  Hz, 1H), 3.89 (s, 3H), 3.35 (dd,  $J = 16.4, 9.2$  Hz, 1H), 2.74 (dd,  $J = 16.1, 8.0$  Hz, 1H), 1.99 (s, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CD}_3\text{OD}$ ):  $\delta$  172.4, 167.1, 145.2, 143.5, 129.4, 129.0, 125.0, 124.6, 78.7, 59.7, 51.2, 35.4, 21.2; IR (KBr):  $\nu$  3509, 3296, 2956, 1712, 1642, 1560, 1437, 1380, 1308, 1269, 1207, 1129, 1099, 1057, 969, 764  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS (ESI):  $m/z$  calculated for  $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{16}\text{NO}_4^+$   $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$  250.1074, found 250.1069; HPLC conditions: DAICEL Chiralpak IE column, Hexene/*i*-PrOH = 90/10, 220 nm, 25 °C, 1.0 mL/min,  $t_{\text{major}} = 71.6$  min,  $t_{\text{minor}} = 84.5$  min;  $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{20} = 8$  (*c* 0.10, MeOH).

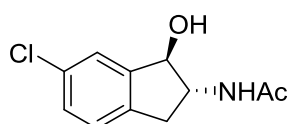


***N*-((1*R*,2*R*)-6-fluoro-1-hydroxy-2,3-dihydro-1*H*-inden-2-yl)acetamide (2i).** White solid, 39.7 mg; 95% yield, 6/1 dr, 95% ee; Mp: 177-179 °C;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CD}_3\text{OD}$ ):  $\delta$  7.19 (dd,  $J = 8.0, 5.3$  Hz, 1H), 7.04 (dd,  $J = 8.7, 1.5$  Hz, 1H), 6.96 (td,  $J = 9.4, 2.4$  Hz, 1H), 4.95 (d,  $J = 6.9$  Hz, 1H), 4.31 (q,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1H), 3.24 (dd,  $J = 15.5, 7.9$  Hz, 1H), 2.64 (dd,  $J = 15.4, 8.6$  Hz, 1H), 1.98 (s, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CD}_3\text{OD}$ ):  $\delta$  172.4, 162.4 (d,  $J_{\text{C-F}} = 242.8$  Hz), 145.1 (d,  $J_{\text{C-F}} = 7.6$  Hz), 134.7 (d,  $J_{\text{C-F}} = 2.6$  Hz), 125.8 (d,  $J_{\text{C-F}} = 8.4$  Hz), 114.7 (d,  $J_{\text{C-F}} = 22.8$  Hz), 110.5 (d,  $J_{\text{C-F}} = 22.6$  Hz), 79.0 (d,  $J_{\text{C-F}} = 1.8$  Hz), 60.0, 34.5, 21.2; IR (KBr):  $\nu$  3318, 1651, 1551, 1486, 1445, 1383, 1315, 1301, 1269, 1236, 1156, 1125, 1112, 1058, 1028, 863, 817, 764  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS (ESI):  $m/z$  calculated for  $\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_{13}\text{FNO}_2$   $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$  210.0925, found 210.0937; HPLC conditions: DAICEL Chiralpak AD column, Hexene/*i*-PrOH = 95/5, 220 nm, 1.0 mL/min, 25 °C,  $t_{\text{major}} = 10.6$  min,  $t_{\text{minor}} = 13.9$  min;  $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{20} = -33$  (*c* 0.10, MeOH).

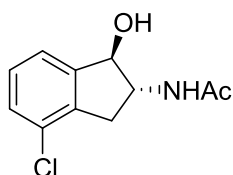


***N*-((1*R*,2*R*)-4-fluoro-1-hydroxy-2,3-dihydro-1*H*-inden-2-yl)acetamide (2j).** White solid, 39.3 mg, 94% yield, 6/1 dr, 97% ee; Mp: 194-195 °C;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CD}_3\text{OD}$ ):  $\delta$  7.33-7.23 (m,

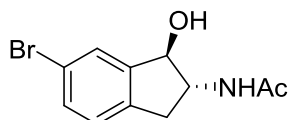
1H), 7.17 (d,  $J = 7.5$  Hz, 1H), 6.97 (t,  $J = 8.7$  Hz, 1H), 4.99 (d,  $J = 6.5$  Hz, 1H), 4.33 (q,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 1H), 3.36 (dd,  $J = 16.0, 7.9$  Hz, 1H), 2.65 (dd,  $J = 16.0, 7.7$  Hz, 1H), 1.98 (s, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CD}_3\text{OD}$ ):  $\delta$  172.4, 158.9 (d,  $J_{\text{C-F}} = 246.2$  Hz), 146.2 (d,  $J_{\text{C-F}} = 5.4$  Hz), 128.8 (d,  $J_{\text{C-F}} = 7.0$  Hz), 125.4 (d,  $J_{\text{C-F}} = 18.6$  Hz), 119.8 (d,  $J_{\text{C-F}} = 3.5$  Hz), 114.2 (d,  $J_{\text{C-F}} = 20.6$  Hz), 79.1 (d,  $J_{\text{C-F}} = 2.6$  Hz), 59.5, 30.9, 21.2; IR (KBr):  $\nu$  3310, 1647, 1552, 1477, 1271, 1245, 1107, 971, 793, 756  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS (ESI):  $m/z$  calculated for  $\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_{13}\text{FNO}_2^+$   $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$  210.0925, found 210.0931; HPLC conditions: DAICEL Chiralpak OZ column, Hexene/*i*-PrOH = 95/5, 220 nm, 1.0 mL/min, 40 °C,  $t_{\text{major}} = 41.5$  min,  $t_{\text{minor}} = 33.9$  min;  $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{20} = -27$  (c 0.17, MeOH).



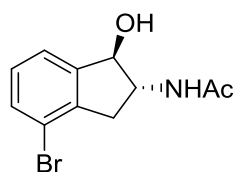
***N*-((1*R*,2*R*)-6-chloro-1-hydroxy-2,3-dihydro-1*H*-inden-2-yl)acetamide (2k).** White solid, 42.7 mg, 95% yield, 6/1 dr, 94% ee; Mp: 199-201 °C;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CD}_3\text{OD}$ ):  $\delta$  7.31 (s, 1H), 7.24 (d,  $J = 8.6$  Hz, 1H), 7.18 (d,  $J = 8.2$  Hz, 1H), 4.96 (d,  $J = 6.9$  Hz, 1H), 4.30 (q,  $J = 7.3$  Hz, 1H), 3.25 (dd,  $J = 16.0, 7.6$  Hz, 1H), 2.65 (dd,  $J = 15.6, 8.1$  Hz, 1H), 1.98 (s, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CD}_3\text{OD}$ ):  $\delta$  172.4, 145.0, 137.9, 132.4, 128.0, 125.9, 123.9, 78.9, 59.8, 34.7, 21.2; IR (KBr):  $\nu$  3333, 1652, 1540, 1489, 1073, 889, 817  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS (ESI):  $m/z$  calculated  $\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_{13}\text{ClNO}_2^+$   $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$  226.0629, found 226.0645; HPLC conditions: DAICEL Chiralpak OZ column, Hexene/*i*-PrOH = 95/5, 220 nm, 1.0 mL/min, 40 °C,  $t_{\text{major}} = 46.0$  min,  $t_{\text{minor}} = 32.8$  min;  $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{20} = 4$  (c 0.10, MeOH).



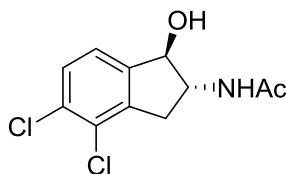
***N*-((1*R*,2*R*)-4-chloro-1-hydroxy-2,3-dihydro-1*H*-inden-2-yl)acetamide (2l).** White solid, 42.3 mg, 94% yield, 4/1 dr, 97% ee; Mp: 202-204 °C;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CD}_3\text{OD}$ ):  $\delta$  7.38-7.11 (m, 3H), 5.01 (d,  $J = 6.4$  Hz, 1H), 4.31 (q,  $J = 7.7$  Hz, 1H), 3.37 (dd,  $J = 16.3, 8.0$  Hz, 1H), 2.67 (dd,  $J = 16.2, 7.7$  Hz, 1H), 1.99 (s, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CD}_3\text{OD}$ ):  $\delta$  172.4, 145.1, 137.5, 130.3, 128.5, 127.8, 122.4, 79.6, 59.0, 34.3, 21.2; IR (KBr):  $\nu$  3274, 1646, 1559, 1450, 1377, 1326, 1307, 1172, 1130, 779  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS (ESI):  $m/z$  calculated for  $\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_{13}\text{ClNO}_2^+$   $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$  226.0629, found 226.0628; HPLC conditions: DAICEL Chiralpak AD column, Hexene/*i*-PrOH = 95/5, 220 nm, 1.0 mL/min, 25 °C,  $t_{\text{major}} = 10.5$  min,  $t_{\text{minor}} = 14.1$  min;  $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{20} = -51$  (c 0.11, MeOH).



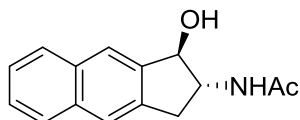
***N*-((1*R*,2*R*)-6-bromo-1-hydroxy-2,3-dihydro-1*H*-inden-2-yl)acetamide (2m).** White solid, 50.6 mg, 94% yield, 6/1 dr, 96% ee; Mp: 182-184 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>OD): δ 7.47 (s, 1H), 7.39 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.13 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 4.30 (q, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 3.25 (dd, *J* = 15.8, 7.8 Hz, 1H), 2.64 (dd, *J* = 15.8, 8.3 Hz, 1H), 1.99 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>OD): δ 172.4, 145.3, 138.5, 130.9, 127.0, 126.3, 120.2, 78.8, 59.7, 34.8, 21.2; IR (KBr): ν 3343, 1652, 1540, 1489, 1073, 889, 817 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (ESI): *m/z* calculated for C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>13</sub>BrNO<sub>2</sub><sup>+</sup> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 270.0124, found 270.1038; HPLC conditions: DAICEL Chiralpak OZ column, Hexene/*i*-PrOH = 95/5, 220 nm, 1.0 mL/min, 40 °C, *t*<sub>major</sub> = 49.1 min, *t*<sub>minor</sub> = 34.4 min; [α]<sub>D</sub><sup>20</sup> = 10 (*c* 0.18, MeOH).



***N*-((1*R*,2*R*)-4-bromo-1-hydroxy-2,3-dihydro-1*H*-inden-2-yl)acetamide (2n).** White solid, 49.4 mg, 92% yield, 6/1 dr, 98% ee; Mp 197-199 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>OD): δ 7.43 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.33 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.18 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 5.03 (d, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 1H), 4.30 (q, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 3.33 (dd, *J* = 16.0, 8.0 Hz, 1H), 2.66 (dd, *J* = 16.3, 7.7 Hz, 1H), 1.99 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>OD): δ 172.4, 145.0, 139.7, 130.9, 128.7, 123.0, 119.4, 79.9, 58.7, 36.4, 21.2; IR (KBr): ν 3277, 1636, 1559, 1450, 1377, 1326, 1307, 1172, 1130, 779 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (ESI): *m/z* calculated for C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>13</sub>BrNO<sub>2</sub><sup>+</sup> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 270.0124, found 270.1037; HPLC conditions: DAICEL Chiralpak AD column, Hexene/*i*-PrOH = 95/5, 220 nm, 1.0 mL/min, 25 °C, *t*<sub>major</sub> = 11.0 min, *t*<sub>minor</sub> = 14.7 min; [α]<sub>D</sub><sup>20</sup> = -51 (*c* 0.13, MeOH).



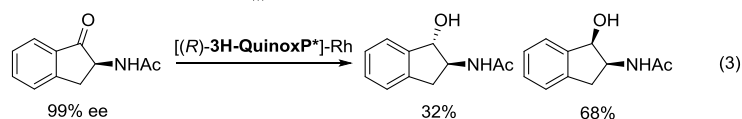
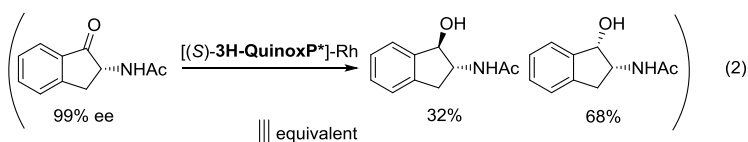
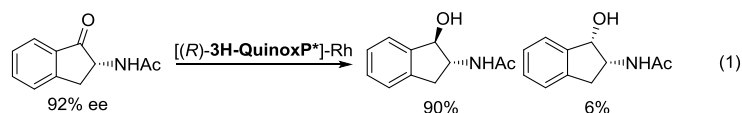
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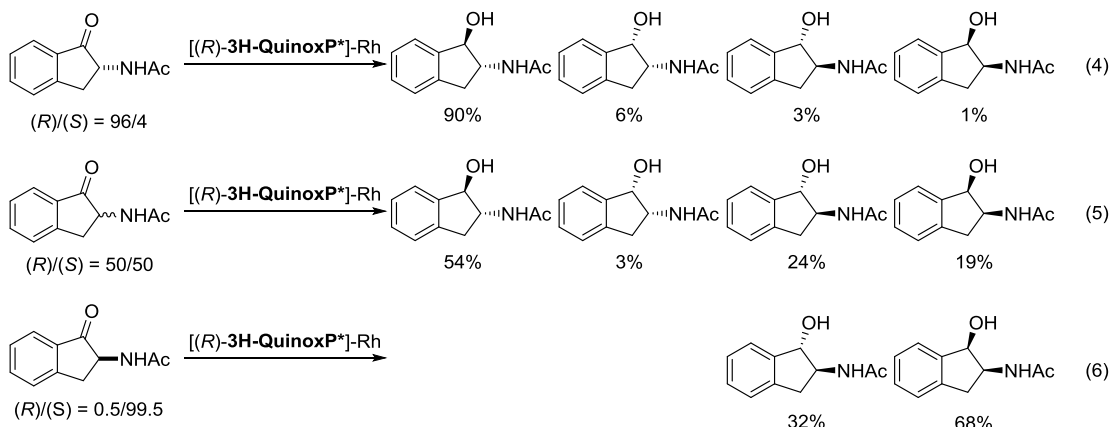
***N*-((1*R*,2*R*)-1-hydroxy-2,3-dihydro-1*H*-cyclopenta[*b*]naphthalen-2-yl)acetamide (2p).** White solid, 45.3 mg, 94% yield, 5/1 dr, 97% ee; Mp: 242-244 °C;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CD}_3\text{OD}$ ):  $\delta$  7.85-7.77 (m, 3H), 7.66 (s, 1H), 7.44-7.39 (m, 2H), 5.10 (d,  $J = 7.0$  Hz, 1H), 4.36 (q,  $J = 7.7$  Hz, 1H), 3.43 (dd,  $J = 15.9, 7.6$  Hz, 1H), 2.84 (dd,  $J = 15.8, 8.6$  Hz, 1H), 2.01 (s, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CD}_3\text{OD}$ ):  $\delta$  172.5, 141.6, 137.5, 134.0, 133.2, 127.7, 127.3, 125.4, 125.0, 122.6, 122.4, 78.6, 59.7, 34.8, 21.3; IR (KBr):  $\nu$  3310, 1652, 1551, 1477, 1416, 1384, 1270, 1245, 1107, 972, 793, 756  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS (ESI):  $m/z$  calculated for  $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{16}\text{NO}_2^+$   $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$  242.1176, found 242.1181; HPLC conditions: DAICEL Chiralpak AD column, Hexene/*i*-PrOH = 95/5, 220 nm, 1.0 mL/min, 25 °C,  $t_{\text{major}} = 18.7$  min,  $t_{\text{minor}} = 32.0$  min;  $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{20} = 31$  (c 0.11, MeOH).

## 5. More information about control experiments

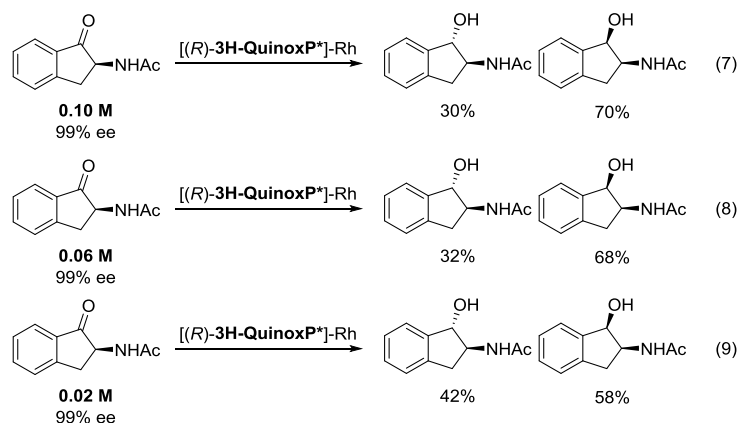
The asymmetric hydrogenation of intermediate (*S*)-alpha-amino ketones using ligand (*R*)-**3H-QuinoxP\*** was repeated twice and both gave the desired product with an incomplete conversion (about 90% conv.) and a *trans/cis* ratio of about 32/68 (eq. (3)). Compared with the previous data shown in eq. (1) (hydrogenation of intermediate (*R*)-alpha-amino ketone using the same ligand (*R*)-**3H-QuinoxP\***), the configuration of the carbon atom connected to the hydroxyl group in the major product is the same. This result reveals that the reduction of the carbonyl group is predominantly controlled by the catalyst and only partially influenced by the substrate (the intermediate alpha-amino ketone). Additionally there is a “match/mismatch” relationship between the catalyst and intermediate which influences the stereoselectivity and activity of the carbonyl reduction.



Compared to the data shown on the right-hand side of Scheme 4 in the manuscript (hydrogenation of (*S*)-alpha-amino ketone as the minor enantiomer catalyzed by [(*R*)-**3H-QuinoxP\***]-Rh, also shown in eq (4)), the above experiment (eq. (3), also shown in eq (6)) in which (*S*)-alpha-amino ketone is the major enantiomer gave an opposite result (the *trans/cis* ratio of products changed from 3%/1% to 32%/68%). Therefore an additional hydrogenation was conducted using the racemic alpha-amino ketone catalyzed by [(*R*)-**3H-QuinoxP\***]-Rh. This gave the desired products with a ratio of 54/3/24/19 (shown in eq. (5)). From these data, we can see that: the *trans/cis* ratio of products from (*R*)-alpha-amino ketone in eq. (5) (54/3) is consistent with the data in eq. (4) (90/6); and the *trans/cis* ratio of products from (*S*)-alpha-amino ketone changes under certain conditions.



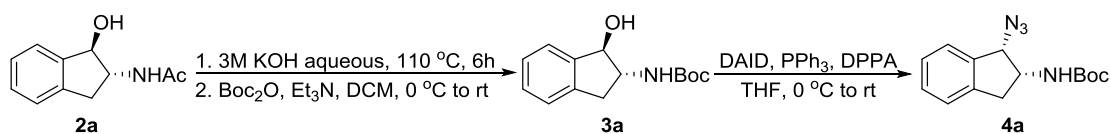
In order to make clear, two more hydrogenation reactions of (*S*)- $\alpha$ -amino ketone with different concentrations were set up (eq. (7) and eq. (9)). From the results listed in the following scheme, reducing the concentration of (*S*)- $\alpha$ -amino ketone (from 0.10 M to 0.02 M) increased the amount of product with the *trans*-configuration (the *trans/cis* ratio increased from 30/70 to 42/58).



Base on the above results, it's reasonable to assume that there are two different mechanisms (or transition-state intermediates) for the hydrogenation of  $\alpha$ -amino ketones with opposite configurations catalyzed by [(*R*)-3H-QuinoxP\*]-Rh. Mechanism for the “mismatched” couple ((*S*)- $\alpha$ -amino ketone and [(*R*)-3H-QuinoxP\*]-Rh) is more complex because the concentration of the substrate influences the outcome.



## 6. Application



### Gram scale hydrogenation:

Substrate **1a** (6 mmol) and Rh[*((R)*-**3H-QuinoxP\***)(cod)]SbF<sub>6</sub> (1 mol %) were charged in an autoclave. The system was evacuated and filled with hydrogen. After repeating this operation 3 times, degassed 1,4-dioxane (30 mL) was added and hydrogen pressure was adjusted to 20 atm. After vigorous stirring at room temperature for 12 h, the reaction mixture was evaporated under reduced pressure. The yield was 94% for the mixture of *trans*- and *cis*-products isolated by flash chromatography (eluent DCM/MeOH = 10/1). The ee value was 91% and the dr value was 9/1 as determined by chiral HPLC.

### Further application:

Compound **2a** (96.0 mg, 0.5 mmol) was transferred to a 10 mL round-bottle and dissolved in 3 mL EtOH. 5 mL 3 M KOH aqueous solution was added and the mixture was stirred at 110 °C for 6 h. After the solution was cooled to room temperature, DCM (20 mL × 3) was added and the mixture was extracted three times. The organic phase was combined, washed by brine and dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. The crude product as a white solid was obtained after evaporating the organic solvent.

The crude amino alcohol was dissolved in 10 mL anhydrous DCM. Then, Et<sub>3</sub>N (0.14 mL, 1.0 mmol) and Boc<sub>2</sub>O (0.18 mL, 0.8 mmol) were added to the solution under N<sub>2</sub> atmosphere at 0 °C. The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature overnight. 10 mL water was added to the solution to quench the reaction. DCM (10 mL × 3) was added to the solution and extracted for three times. The organic phase was combined, washed with brine and dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. White solid **3a** was obtained in 72% yield (for the above two steps) by flash chromatography (eluent PE/EA = 3/1).

***tert*-Butyl ((1*R*,2*R*)-1-hydroxy-2,3-dihydro-1*H*-inden-2-yl)carbamate (**3a**).** White solid, 89.6 mg, 72% yield, 90% ee; Mp: 136-137 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>OD): δ 7.33-7.16 (m, 4H), 4.94 (d, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 1H), 4.09-3.95 (m, 1H), 3.23 (dd, *J* = 15.5, 7.8 Hz, 1H), 2.67 (dd, *J* = 15.5, 8.5 Hz, 1H), 1.46 (s, 9H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>OD): δ 157.2, 142.7, 139.2, 127.8, 126.6, 124.3, 123.6, 79.3, 78.8, 60.9, 35.6, 27.4; IR (KBr): ν 3385, 2976, 2929, 1694, 1668, 1527, 1366, 1173, 1055, 1005, 755 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (ESI): *m/z* calculated for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>19</sub>NO<sub>3</sub>Na<sup>+</sup> [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> 272.1257, found 272.1257.

The product **3a** (89.3 mg, 0.36 mmol) was dissolved in 10 mL anhydrous THF and the solution was cooled in an ice-bath. Triphenylphosphane (188.6 mg, 0.72 mmol), diisopropyl azodicarboxylate (0.14 mL, 0.72 mmol) and diphenylphosphoryl azide (0.16 mL, 0.72 mmol) were added to the solution in sequence. The reaction was stirred at 0 °C for 2 h and then warmed to room temperature. The solution was extracted by EtOAc and washed with water. The organic

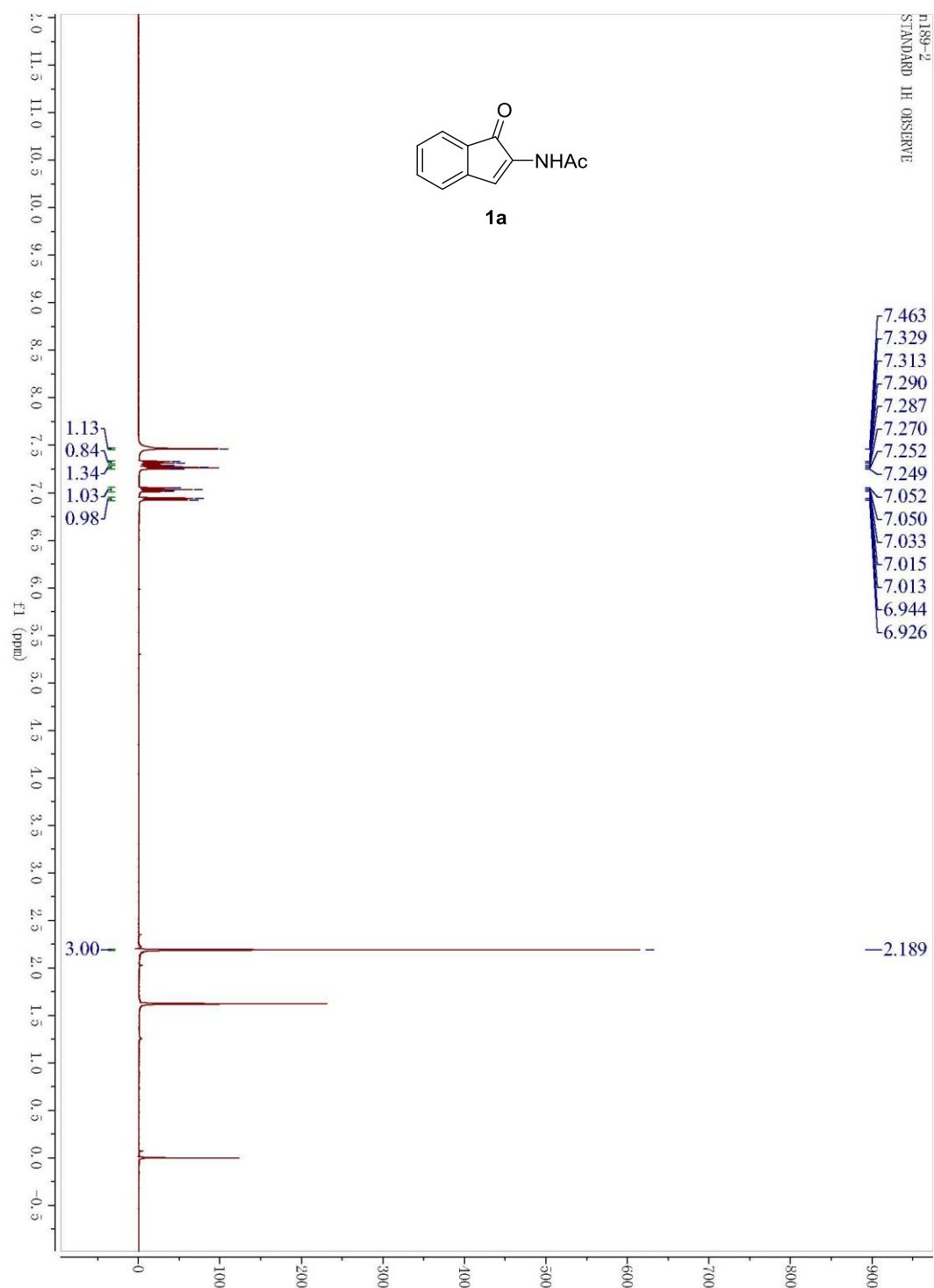
phase was combined, dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, and concentrated in vacuum. The residue was purified by flash chromatography (eluent PE/EA = 50/1) to afford **4a** as colorless oil in 67% yield.

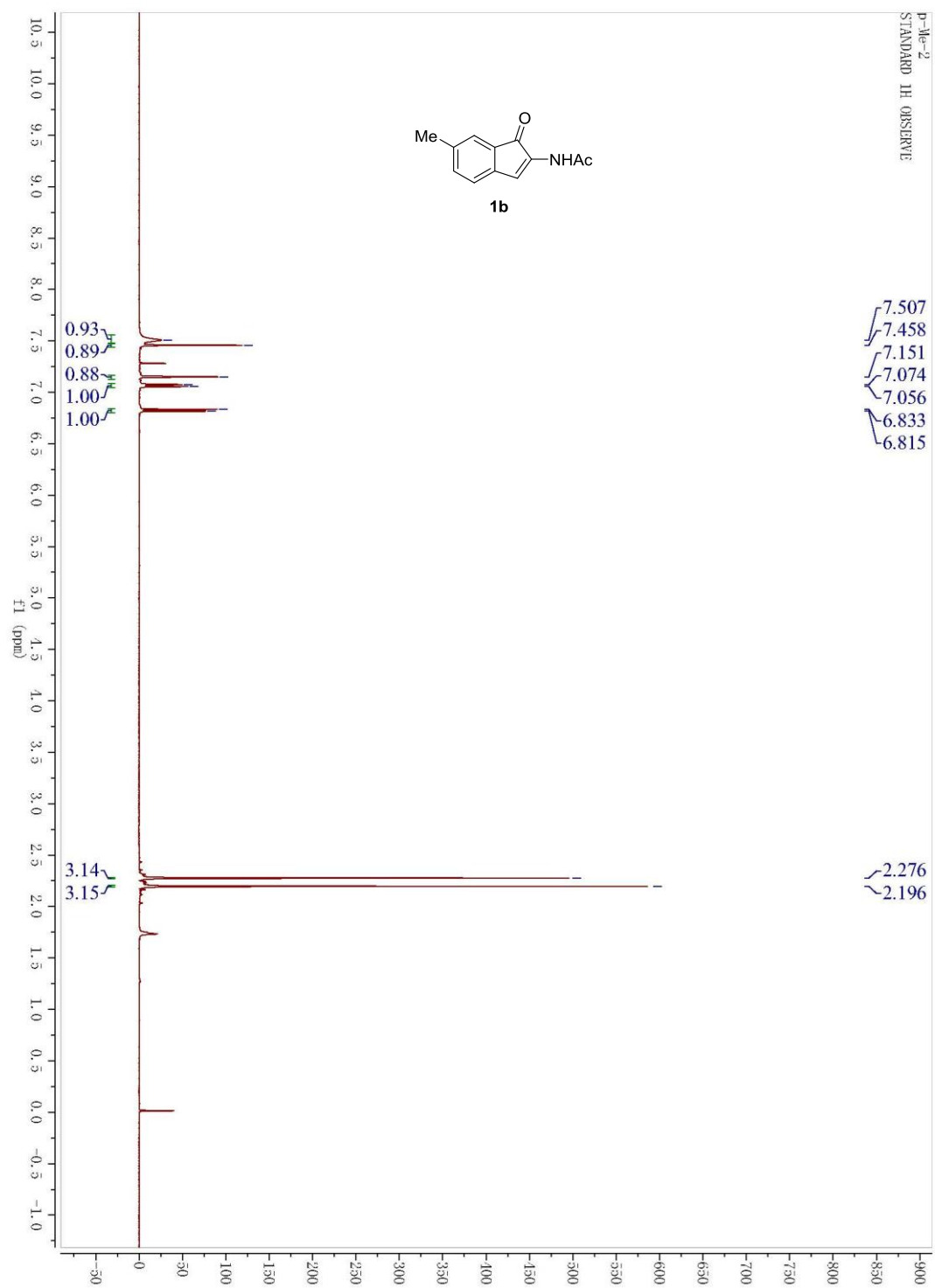
**tert-Butyl ((1*S*,2*R*)-1-azido-2,3-dihydro-1*H*-inden-2-yl)carbamate (4a).** Colorless oil, 66.2 mg, 67% yield, 88% ee; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>): δ 7.50-7.38 (m, 2H), 7.35-7.19 (m, 3H), 5.00 (d, *J* = 5.8 Hz, 1H), 4.22 (dt, *J* = 14.9, 7.5 Hz, 1H), 2.94 (qd, *J* = 15.8, 8.8 Hz, 2H), 1.41 (s, 9H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>): δ 155.9, 141.8, 139.1, 129.7, 127.4, 126.4, 125.3, 78.5, 66.1, 54.8, 35.0, 28.7; HPLC conditions: DAICEL Chiralpak IC-3 column, Hexene/*i*-PrOH = 98/2, 220 nm, 1.0 mL/min, 25 °C, *t*<sub>major</sub> = 10.5 min, *t*<sub>minor</sub> = 12.1 min.

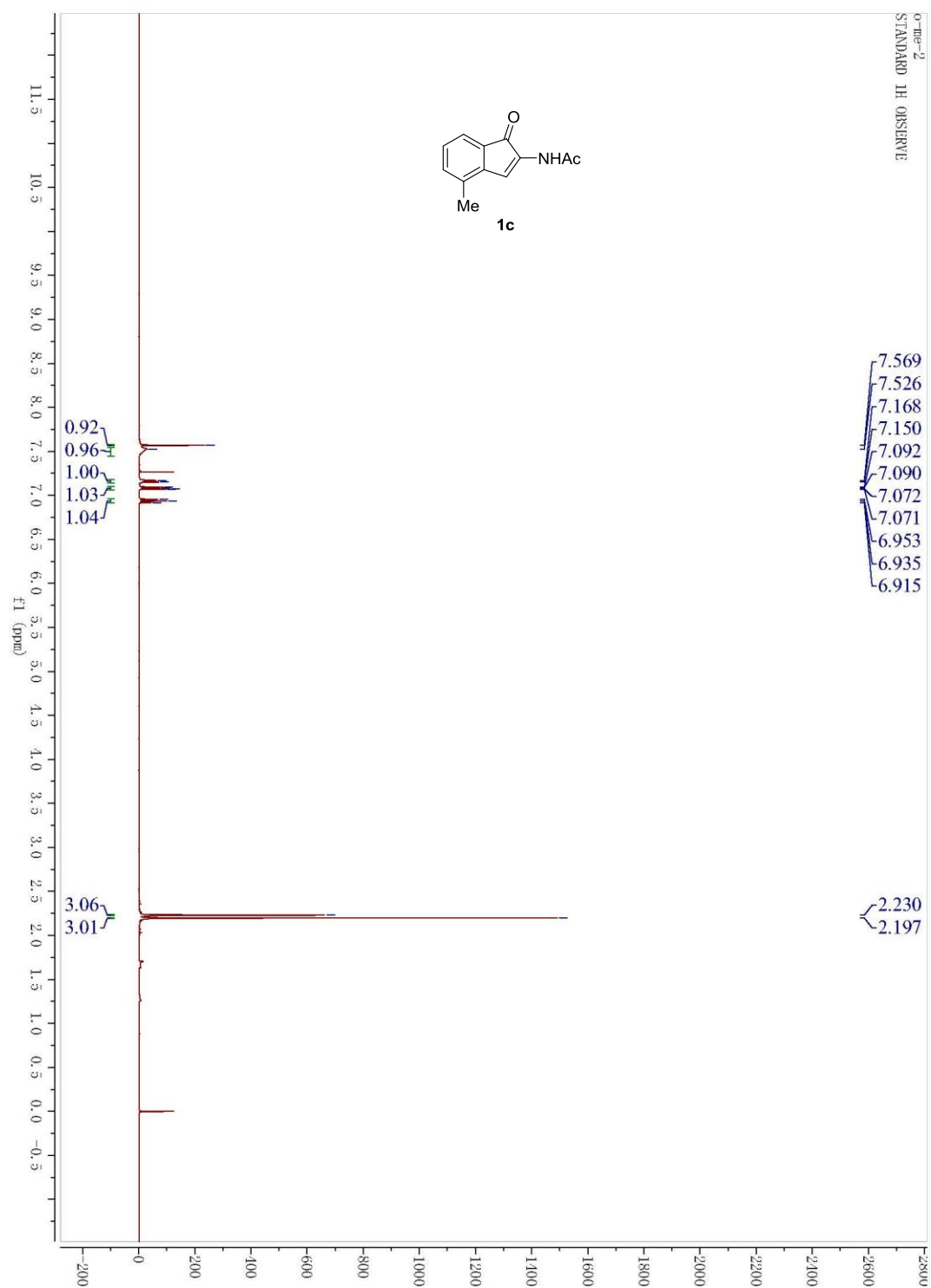
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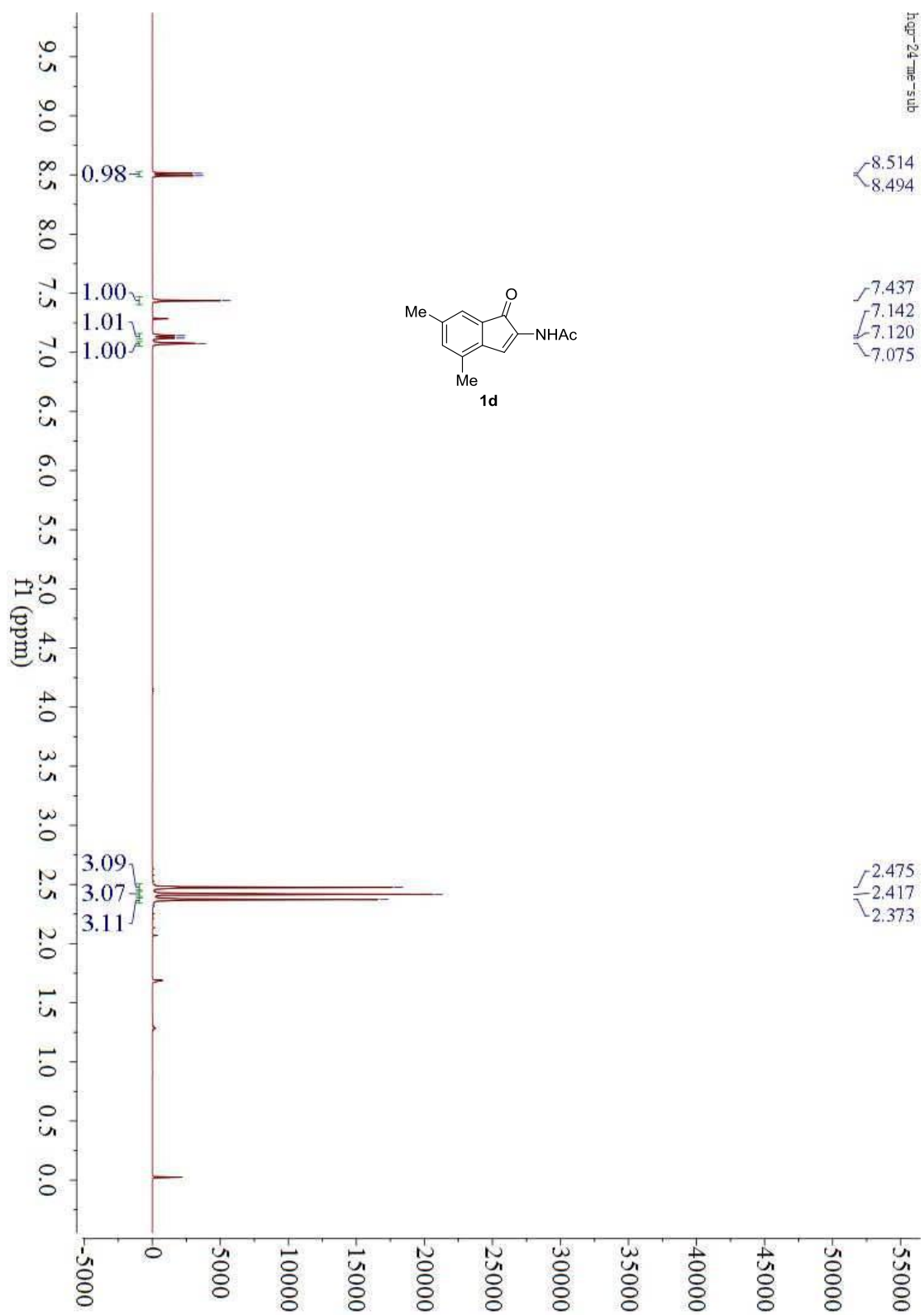
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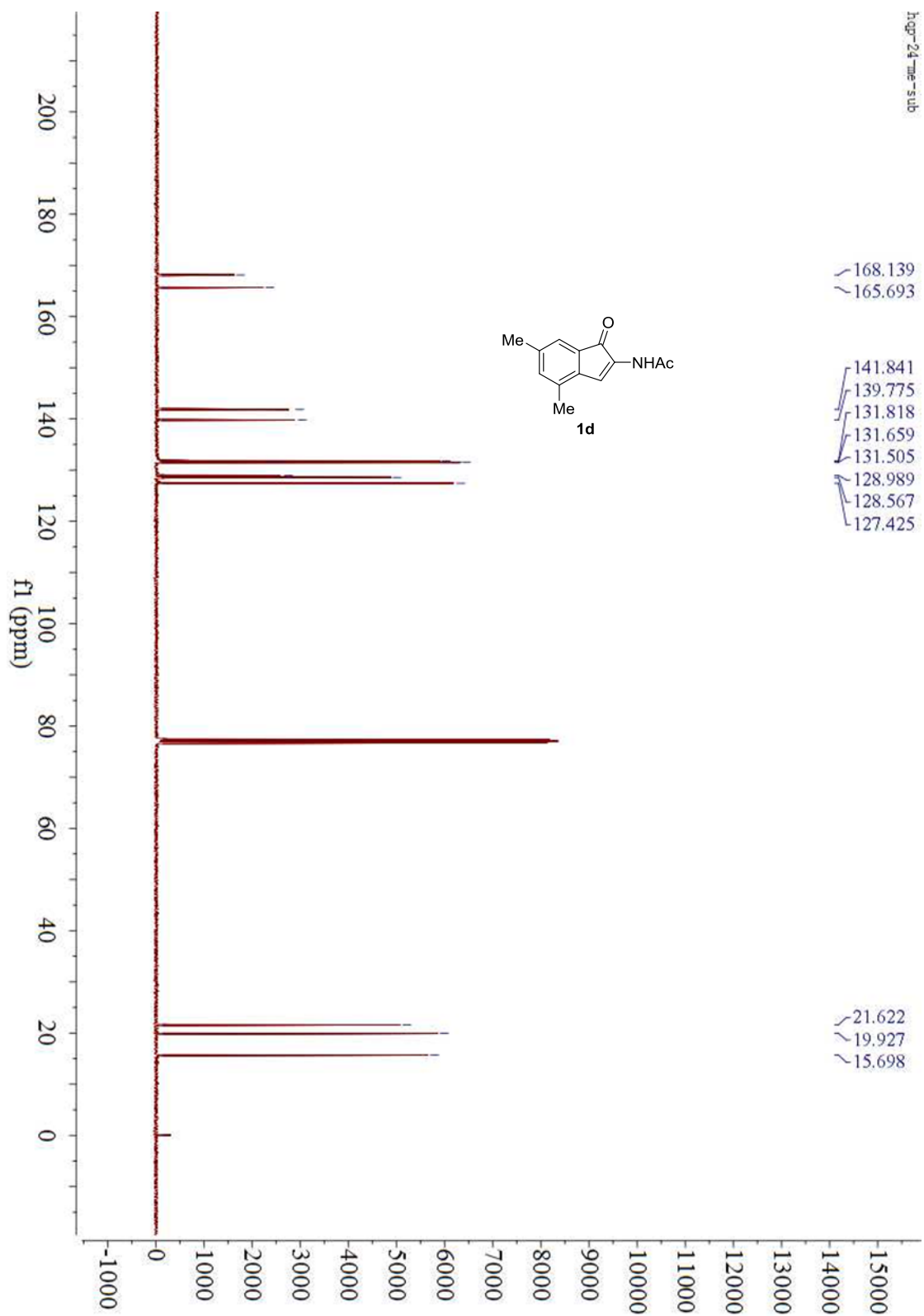
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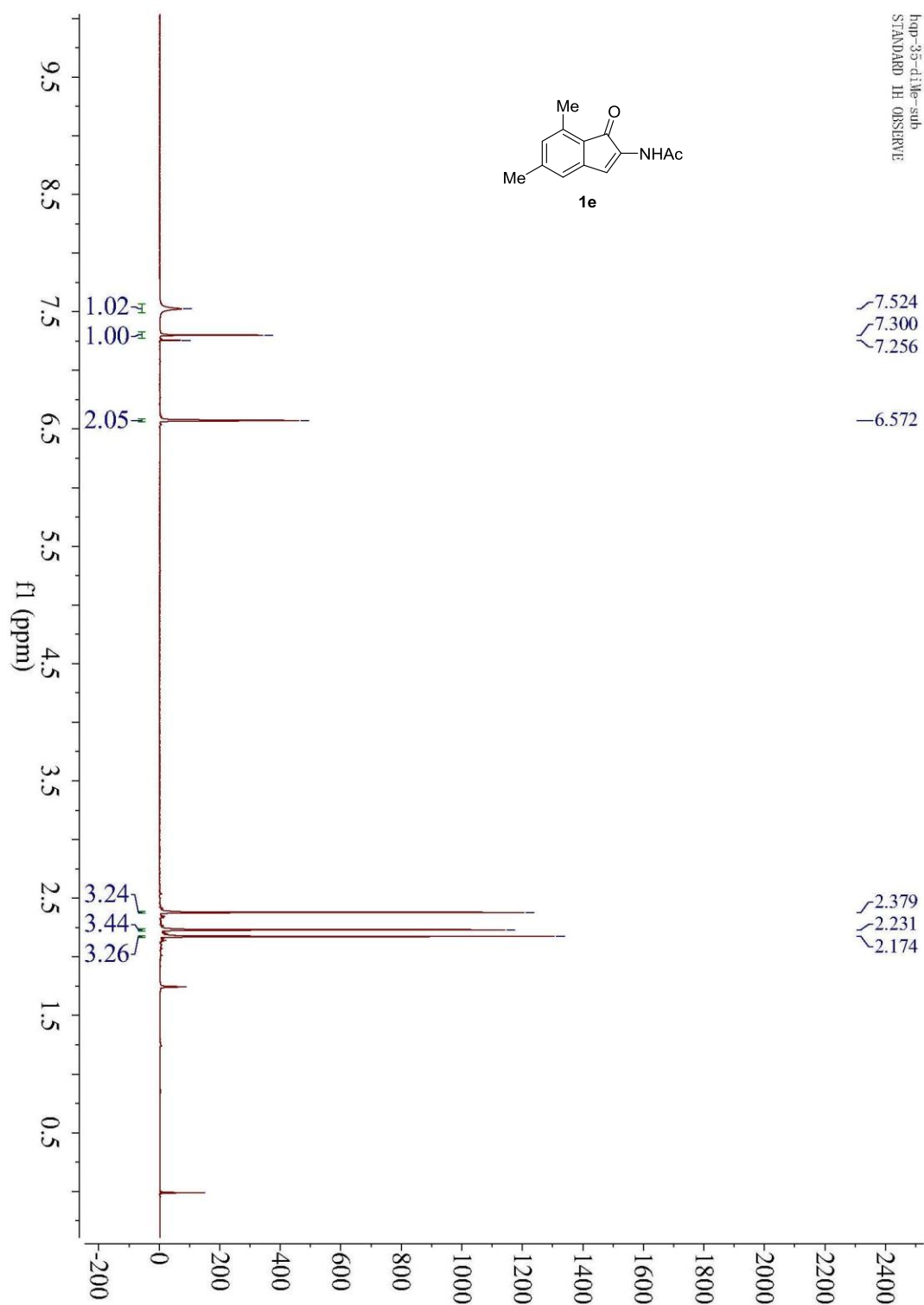
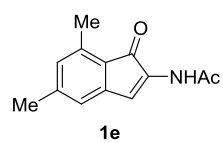


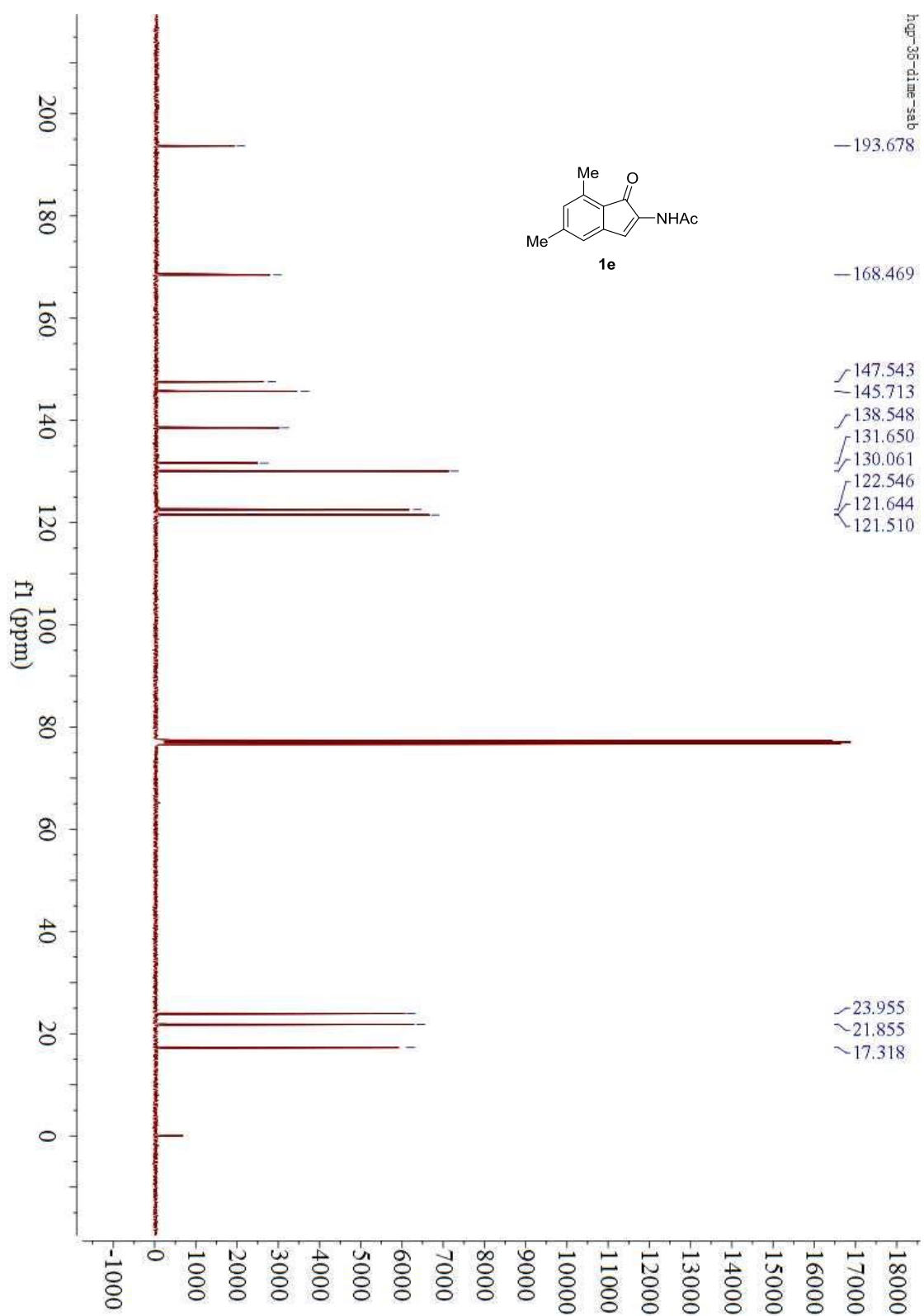


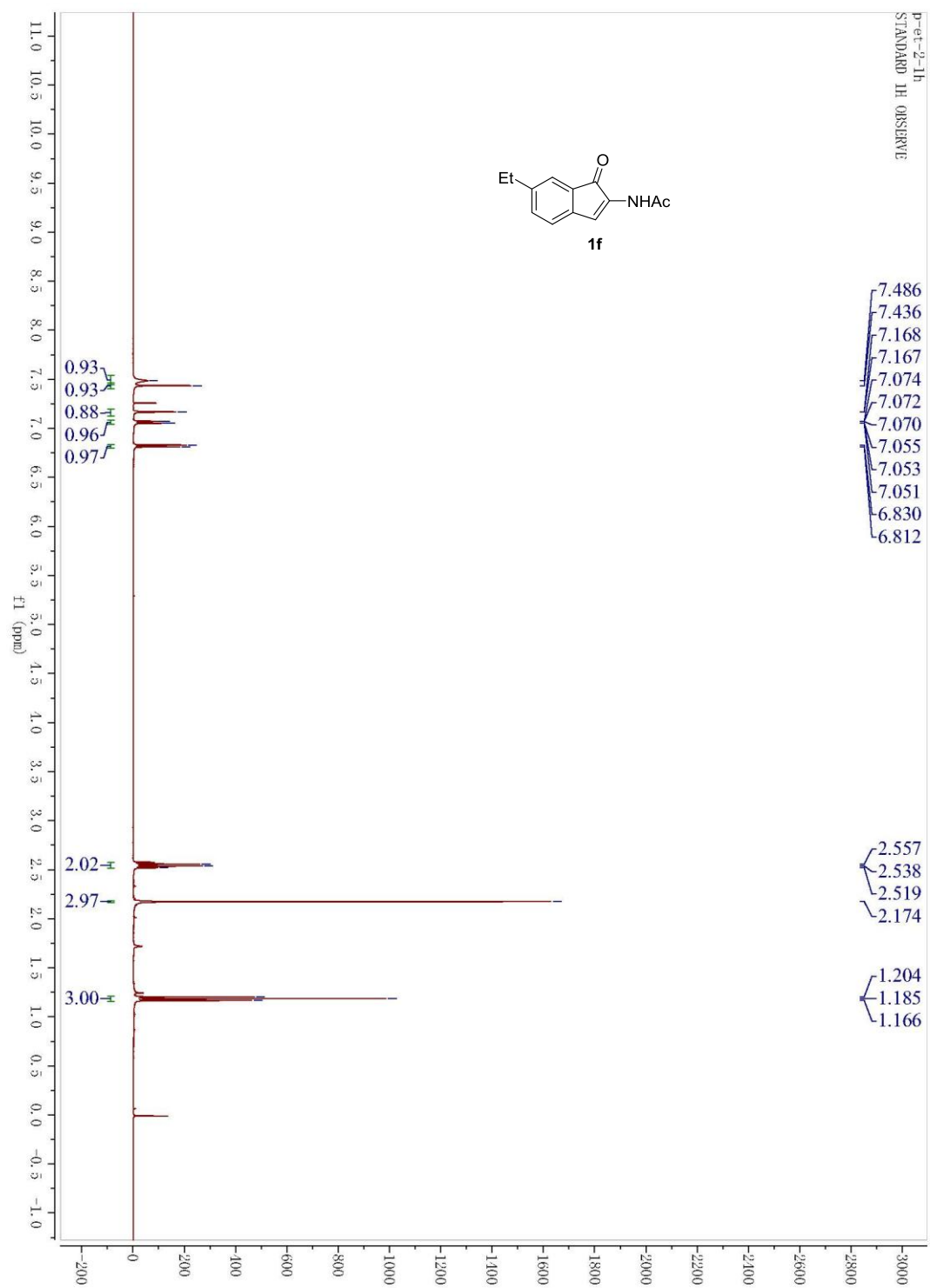


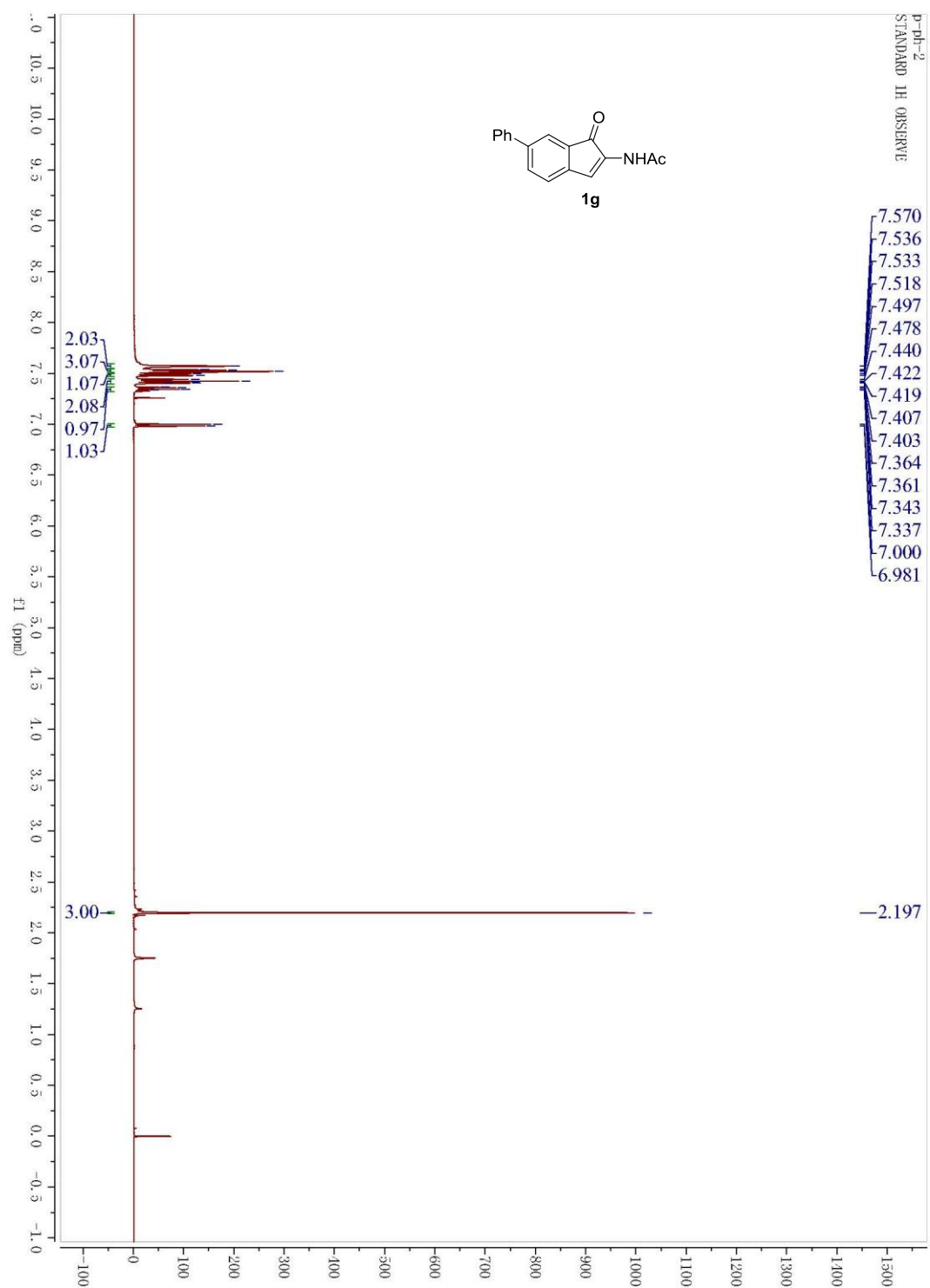


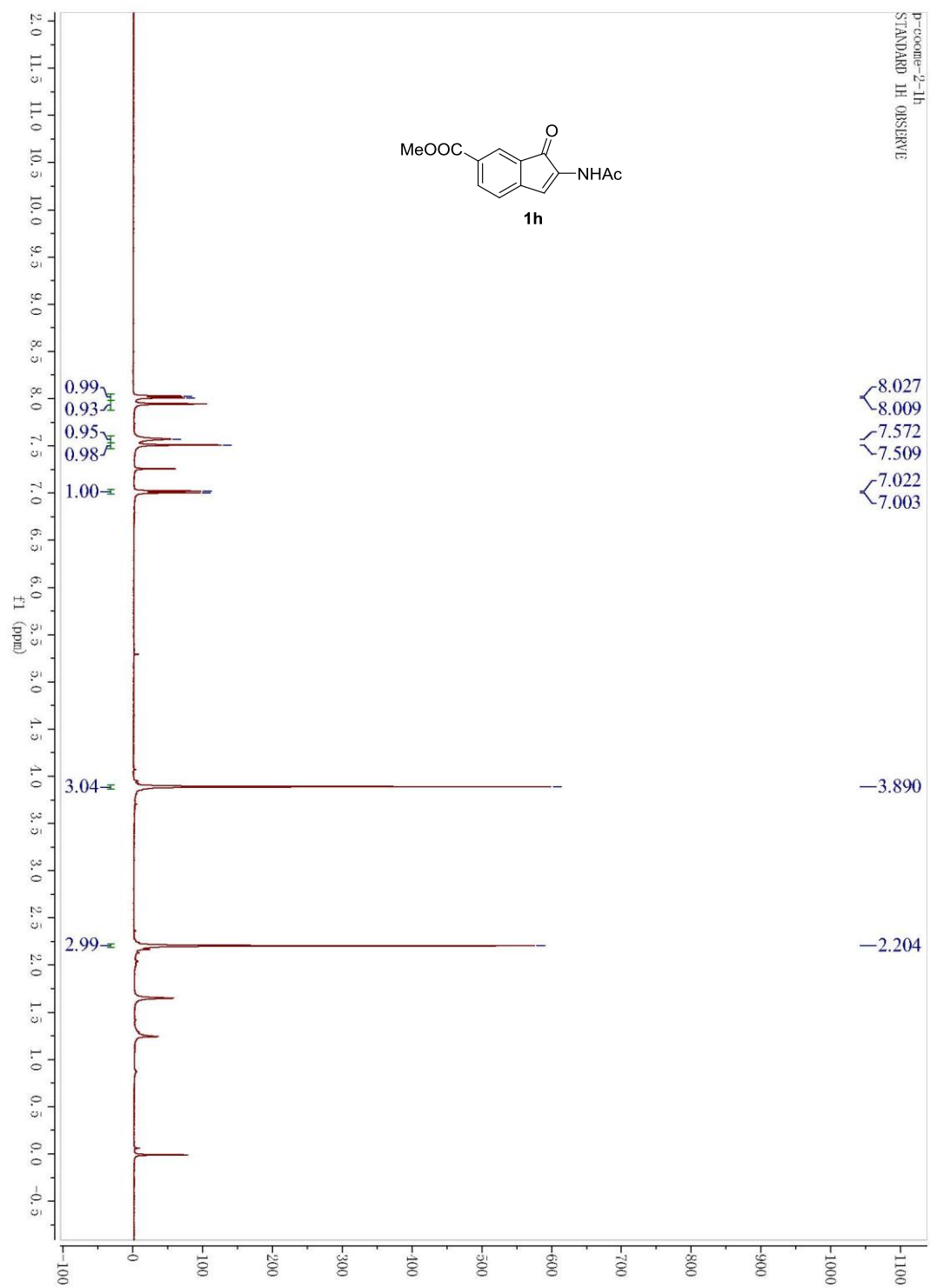
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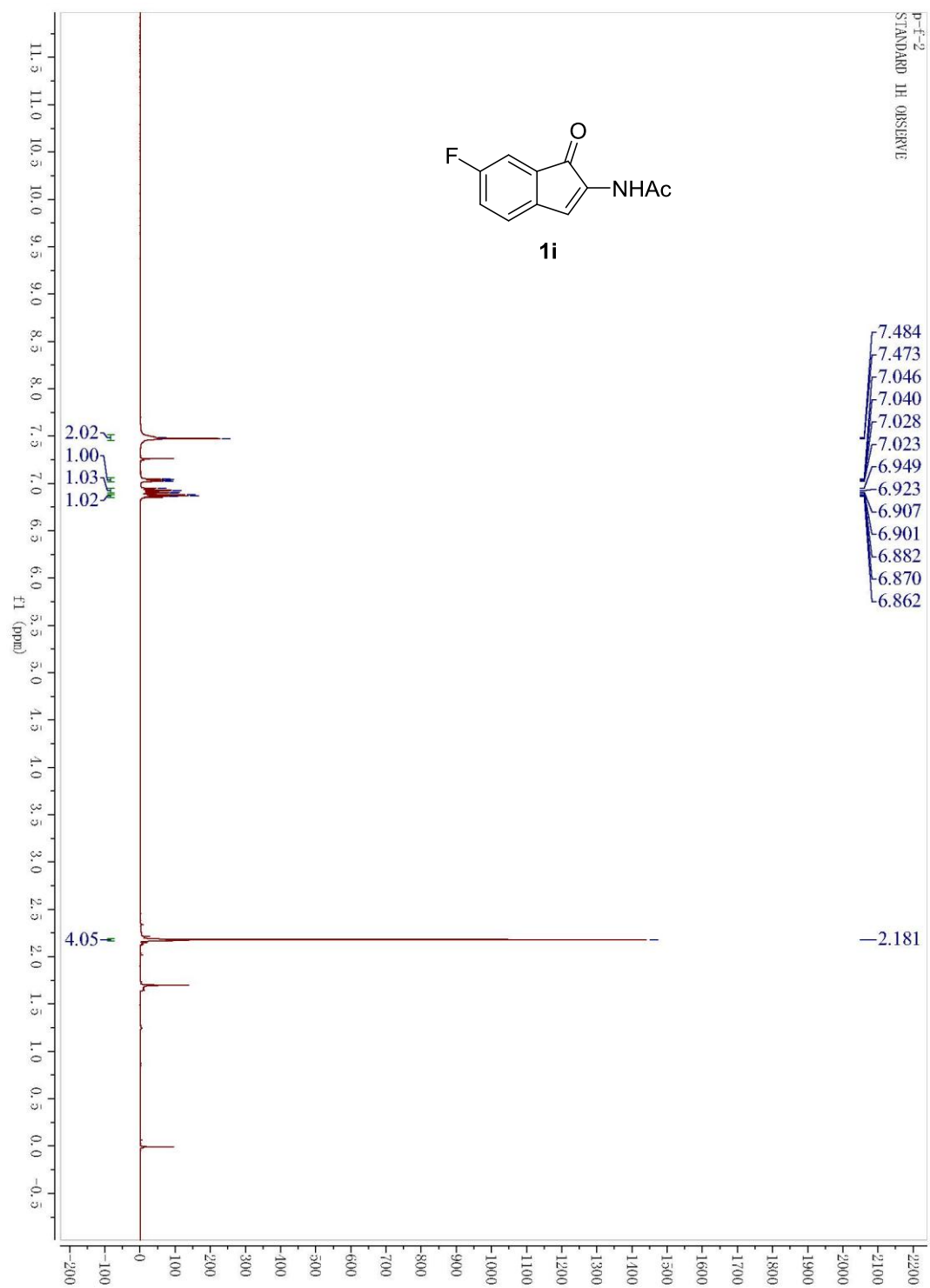


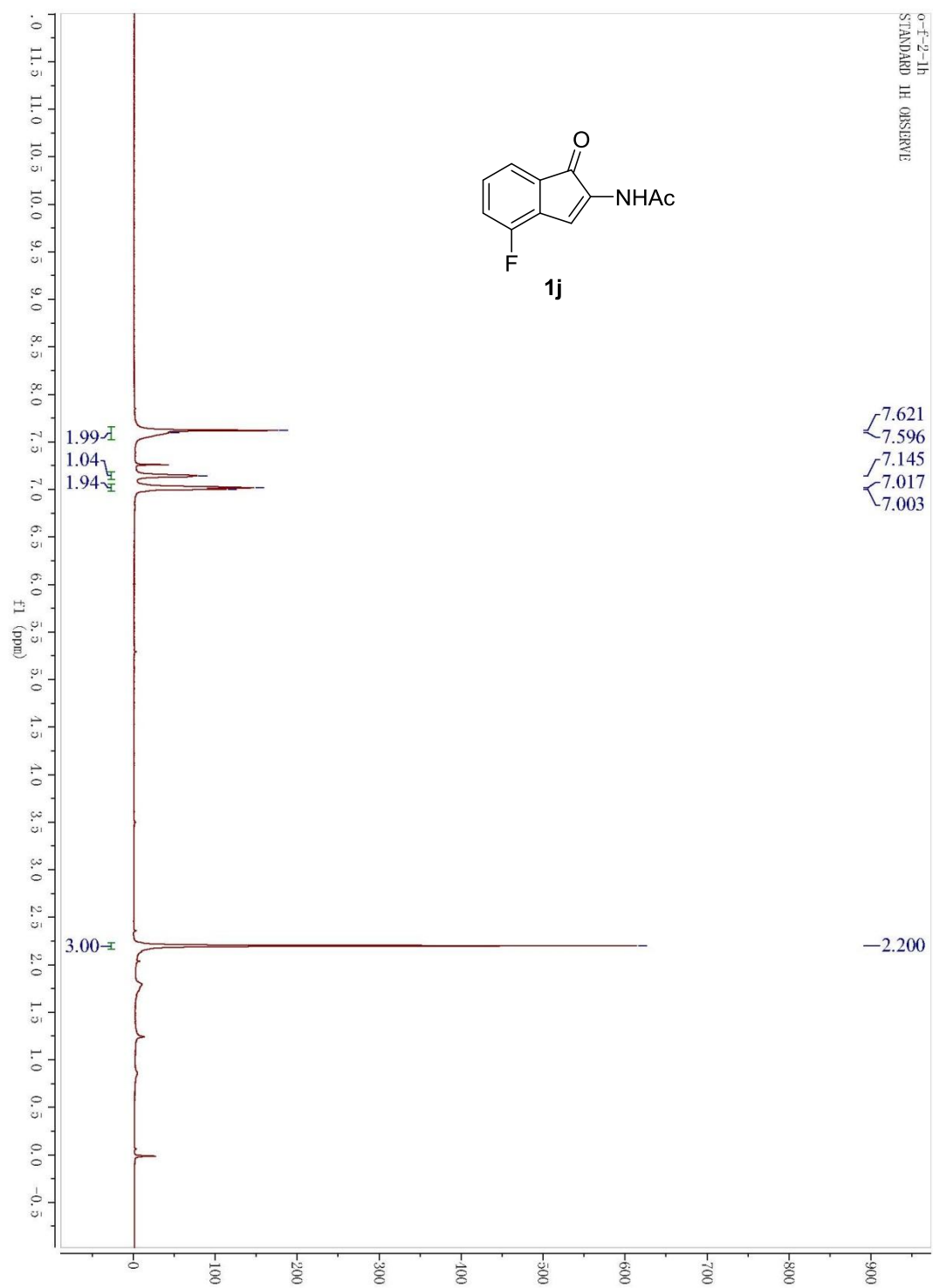


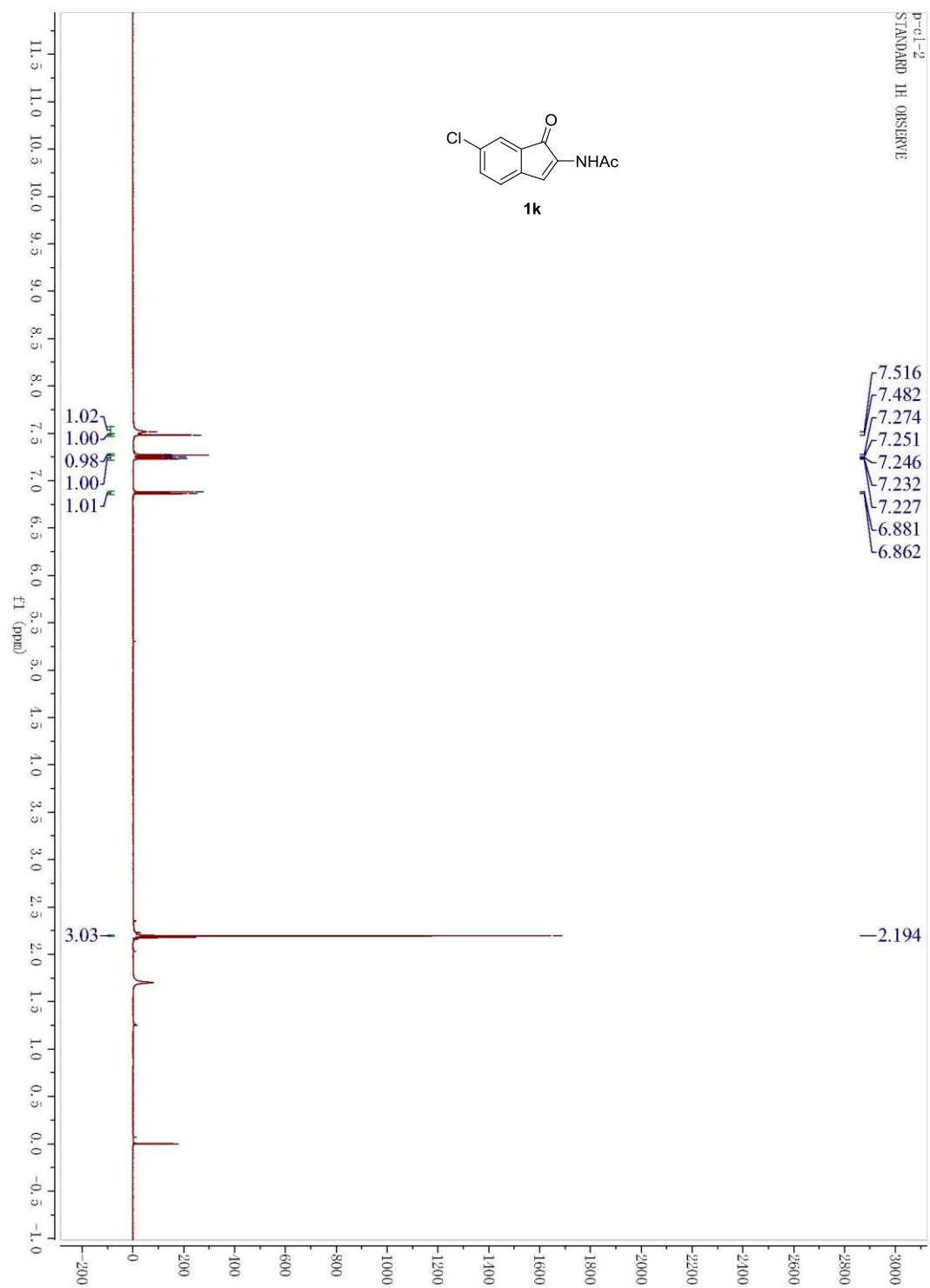




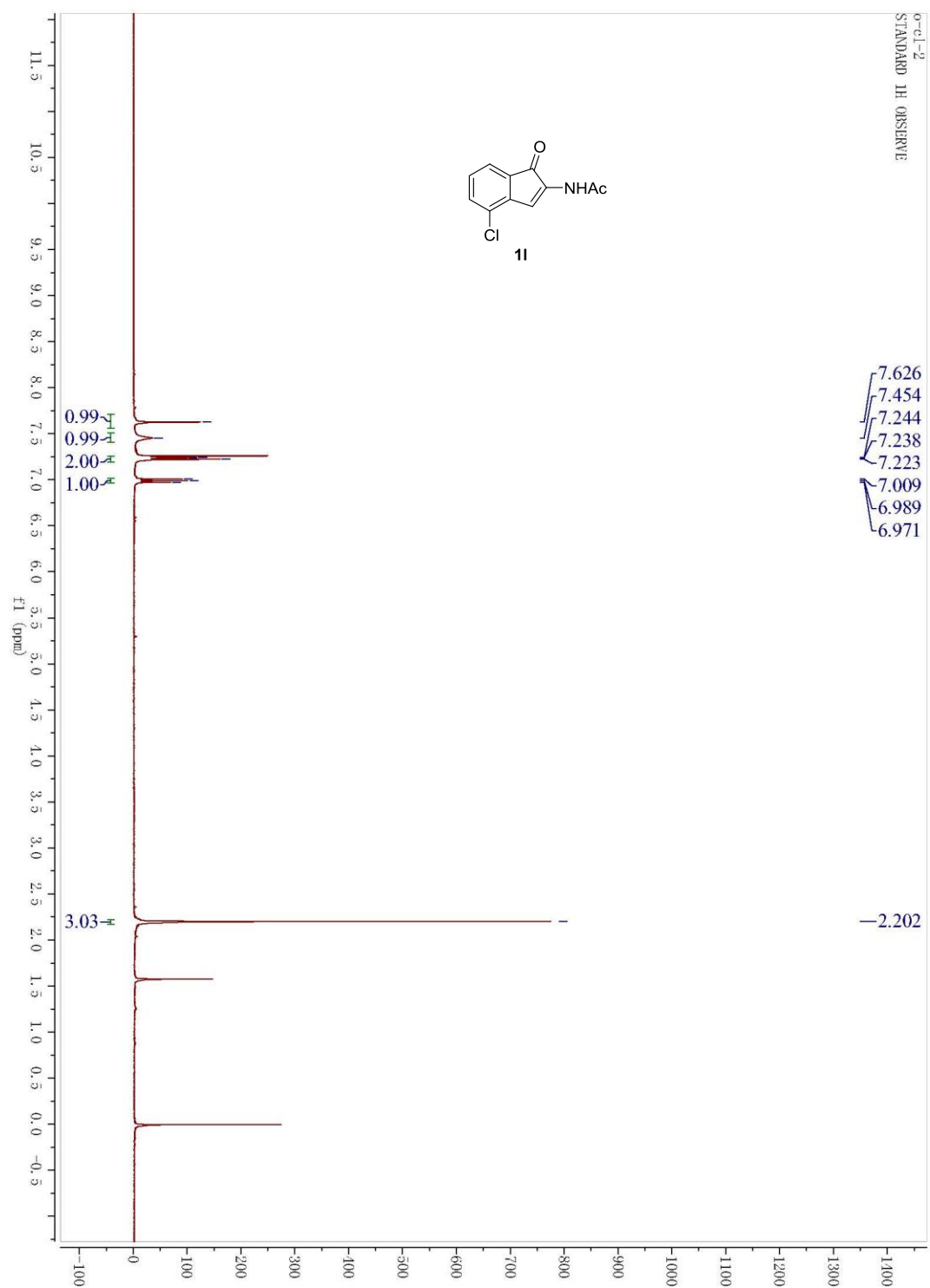


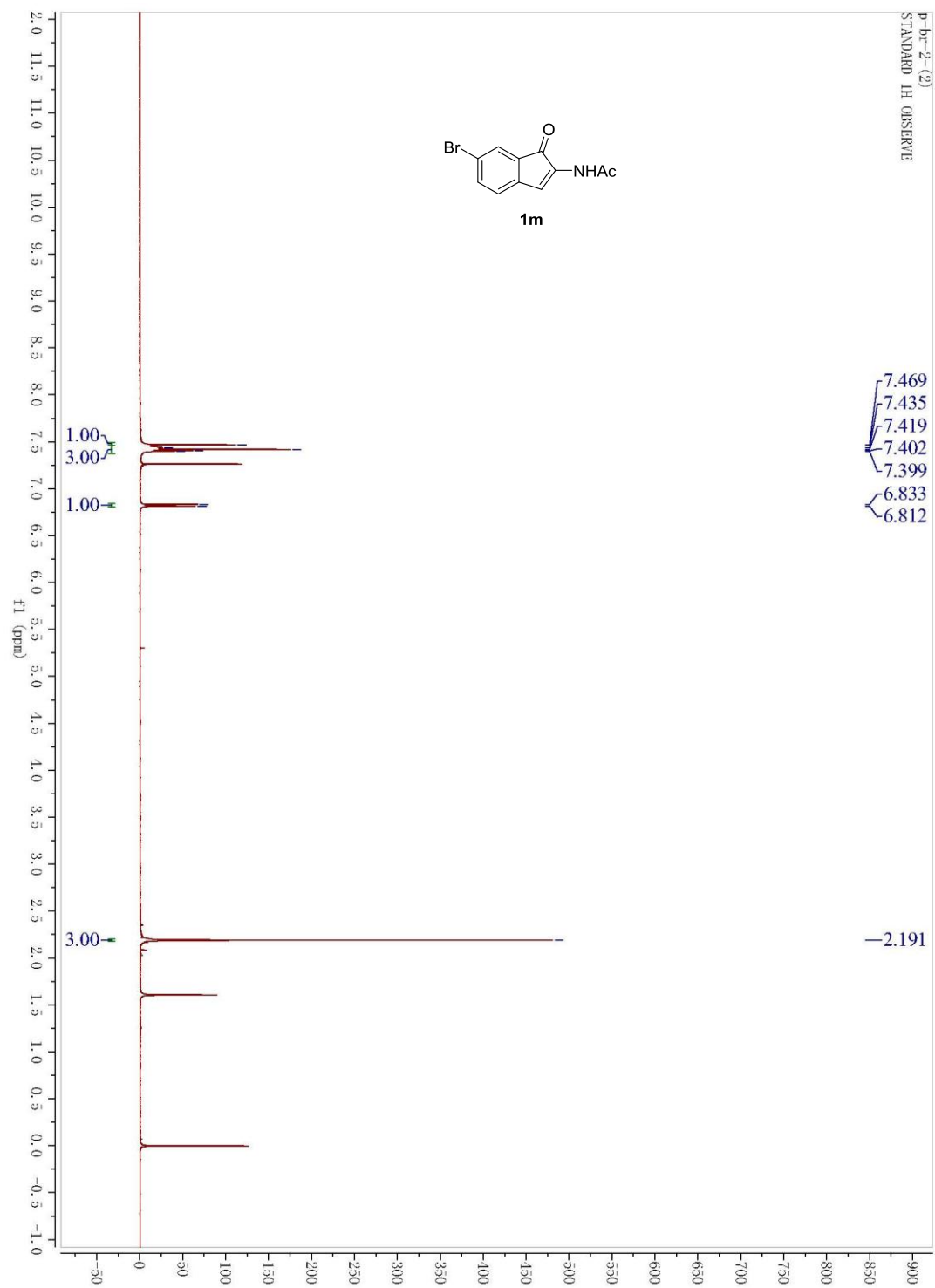


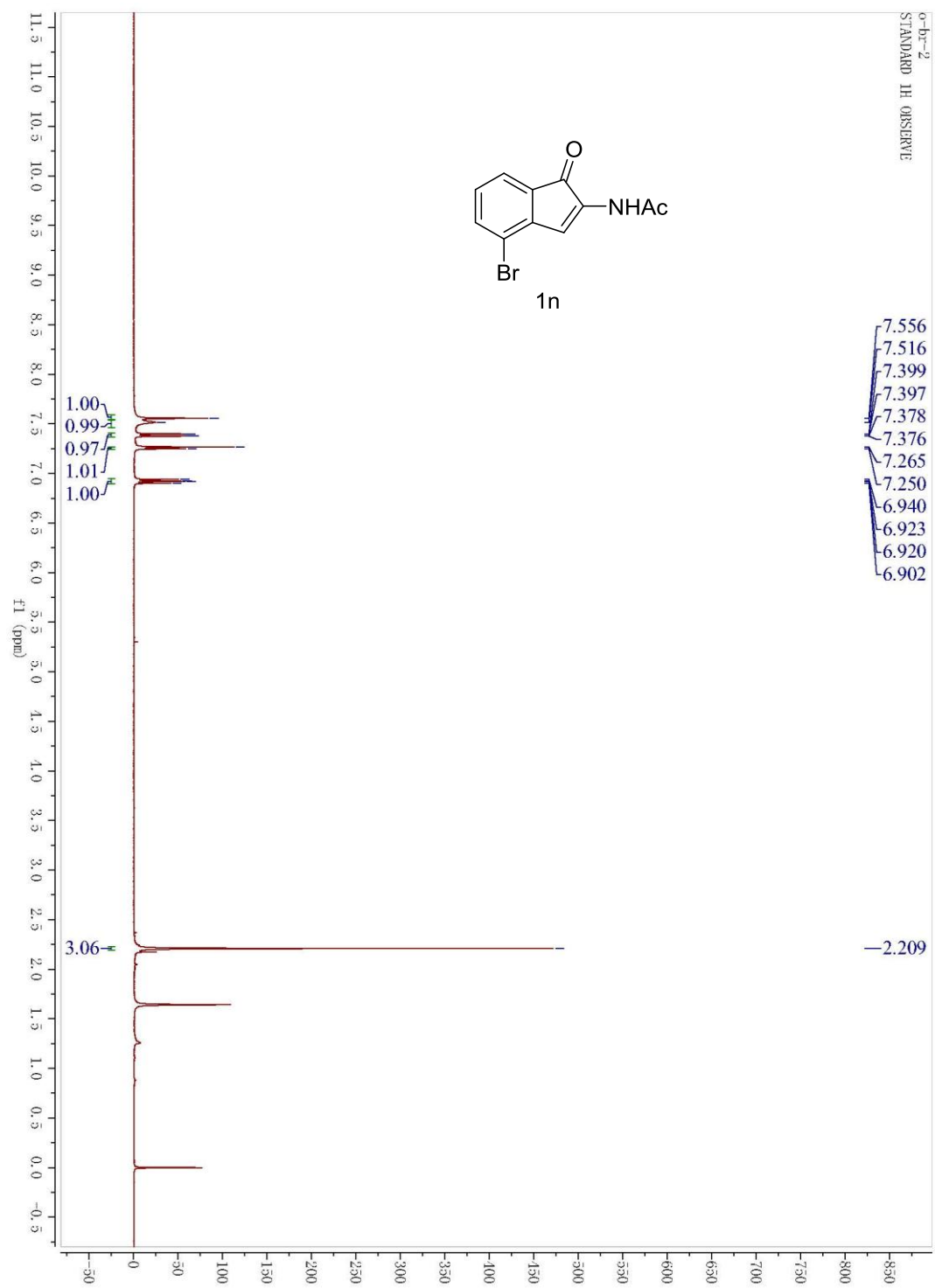


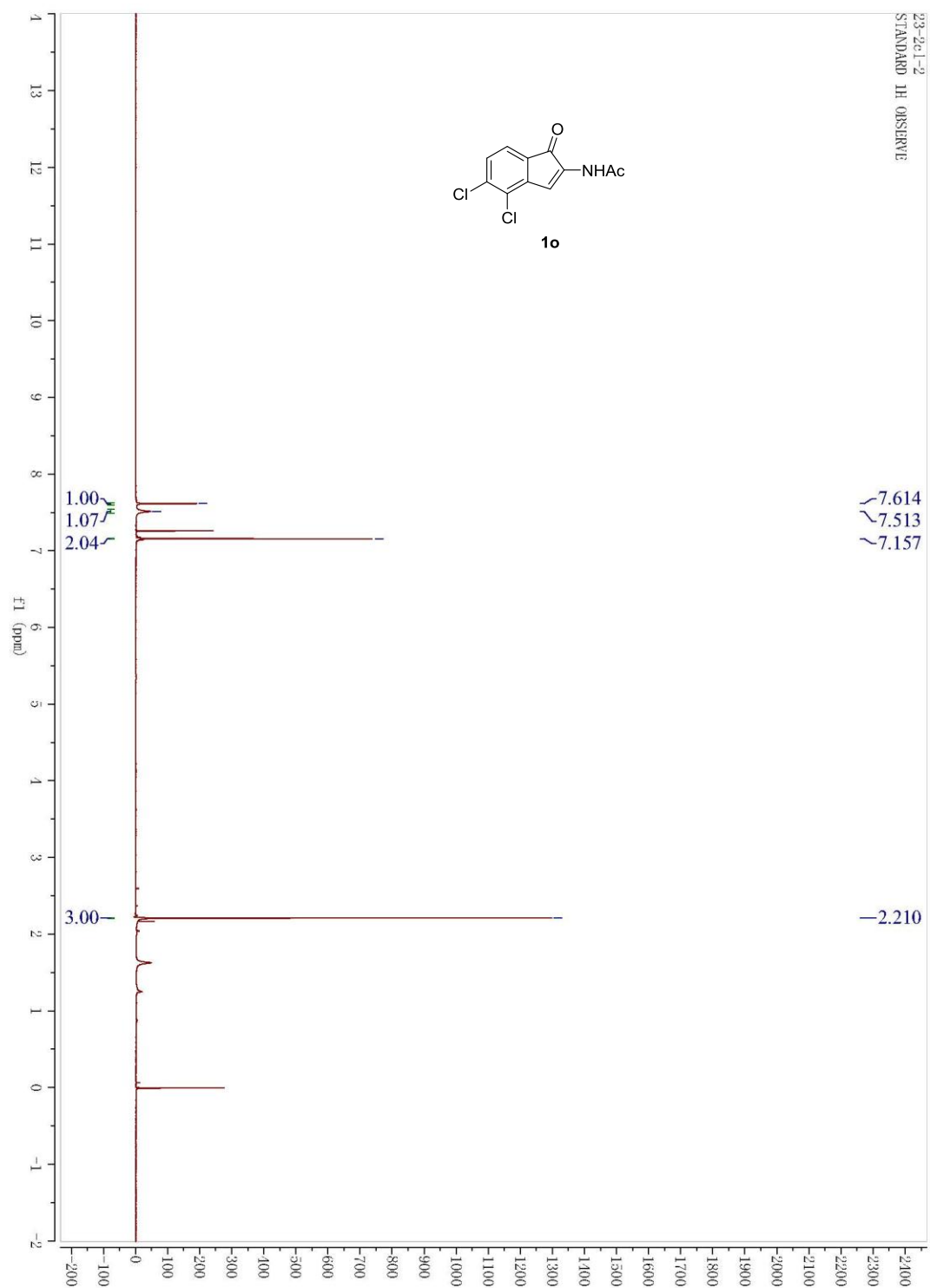


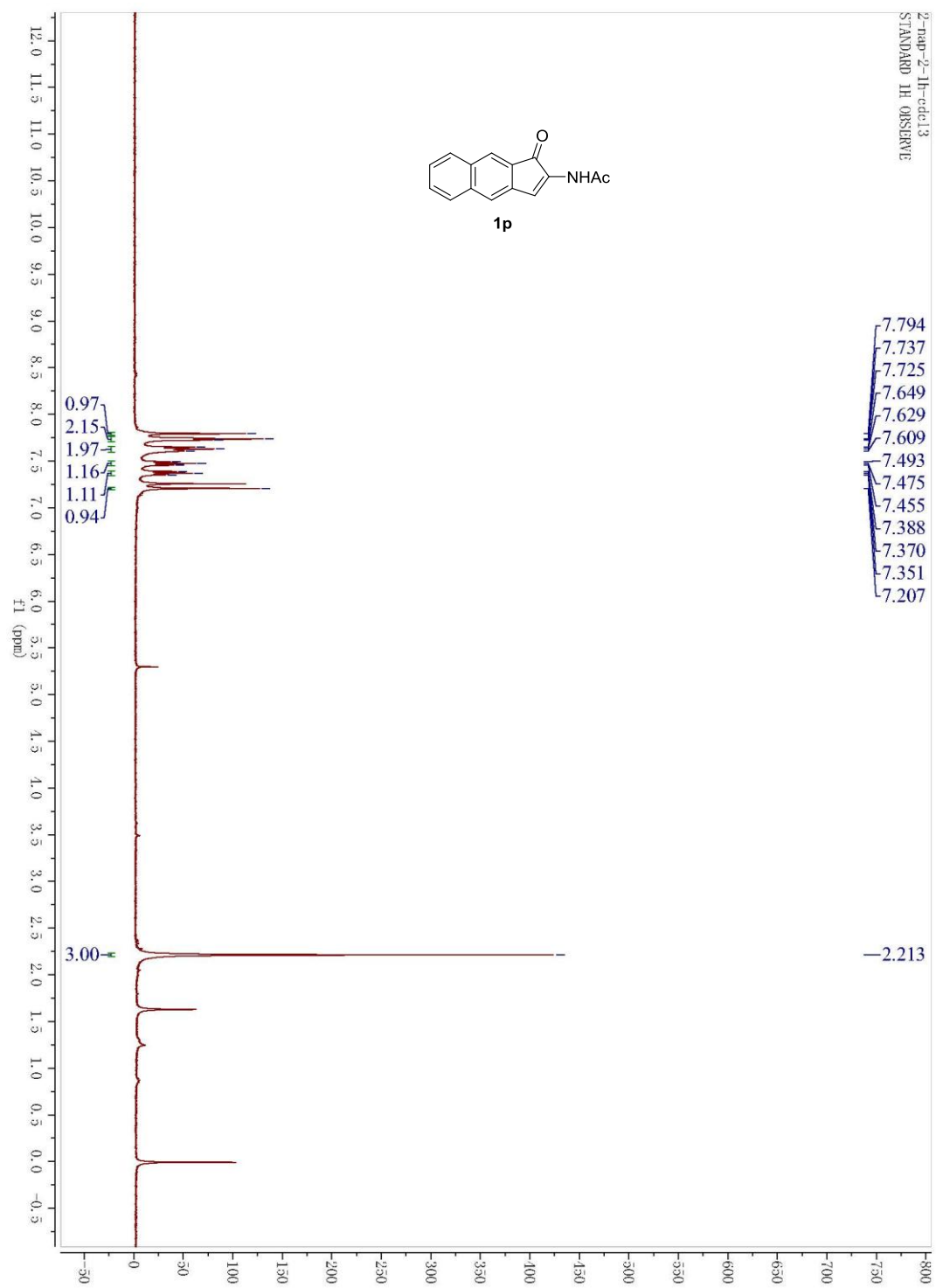


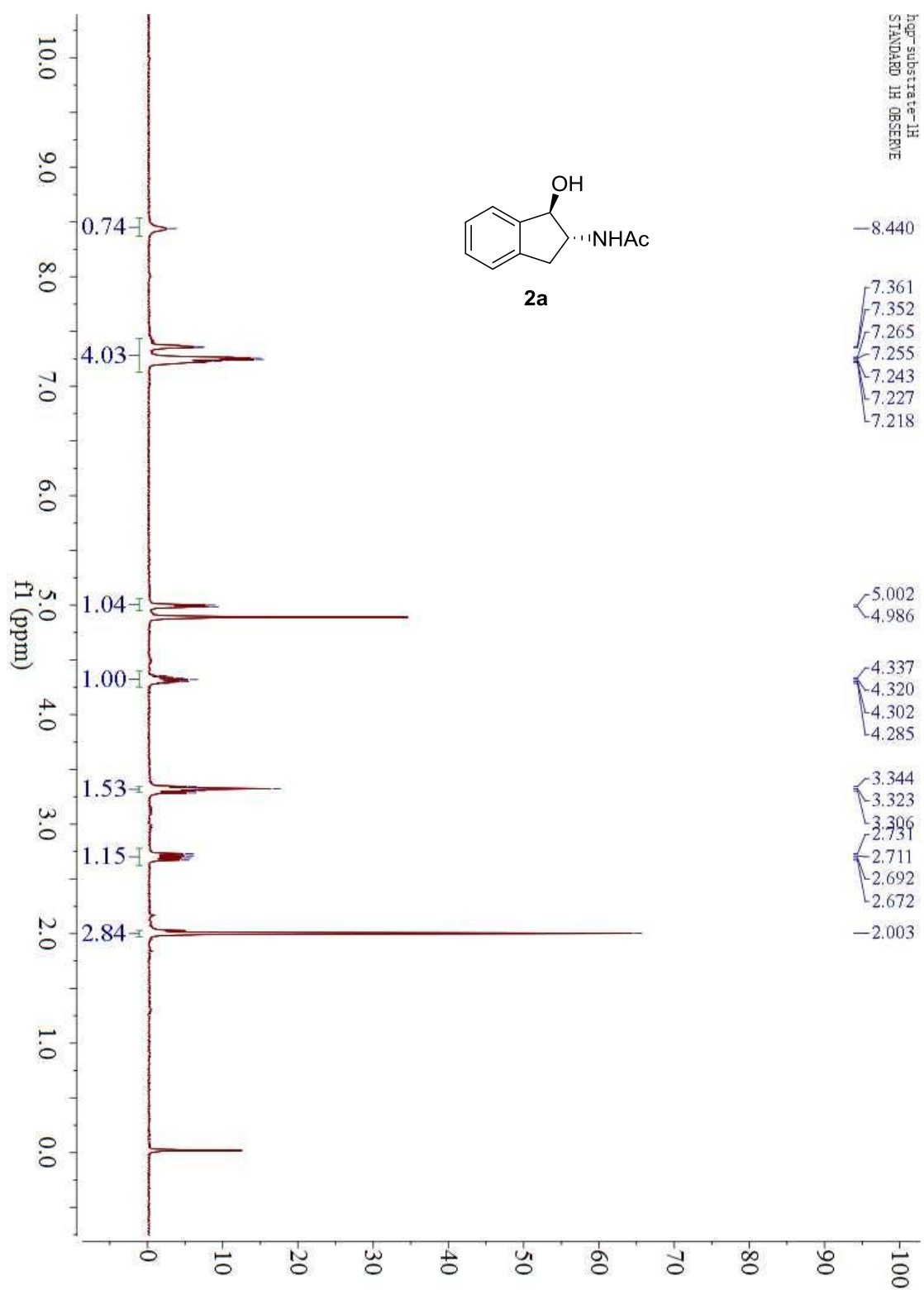


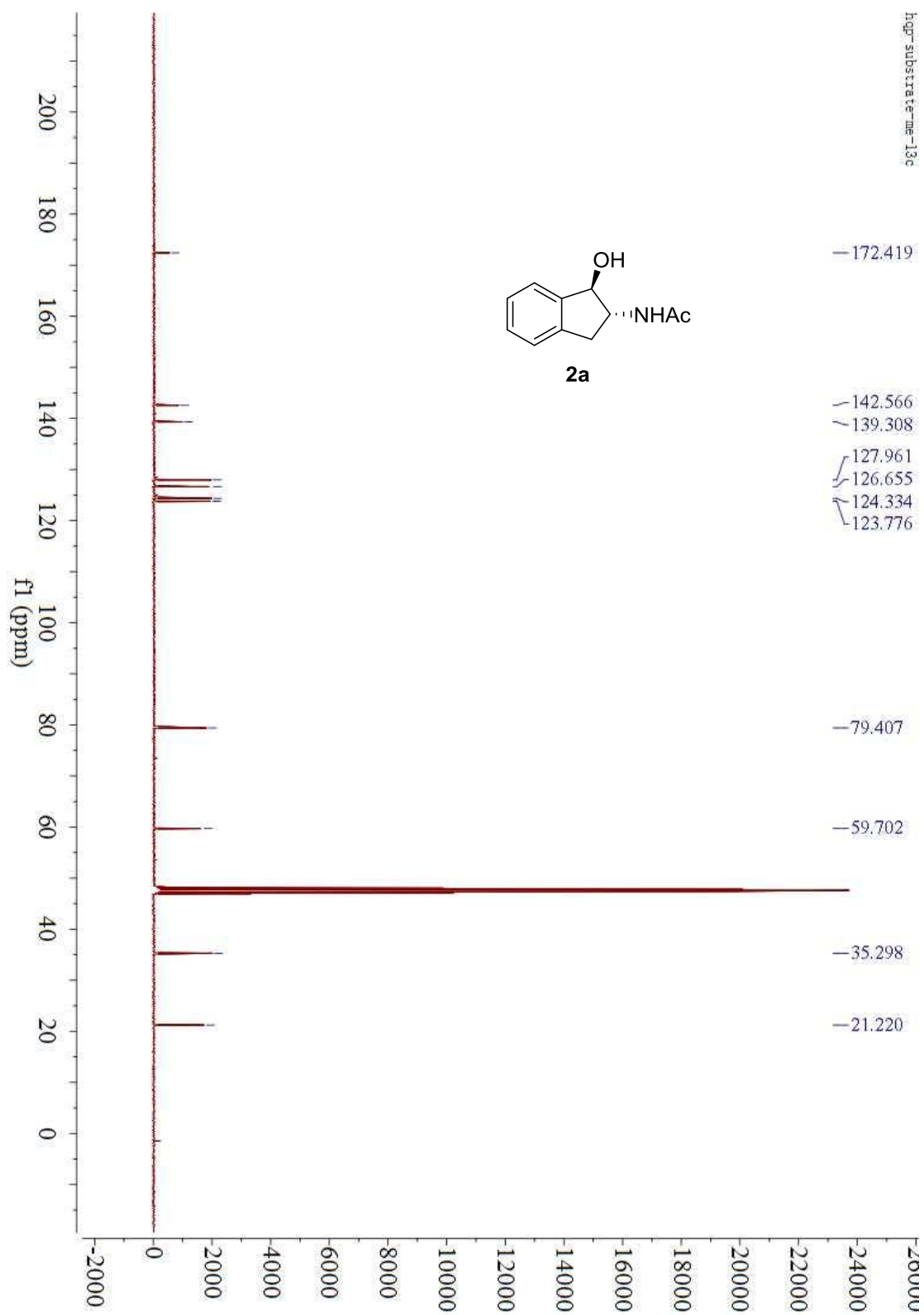


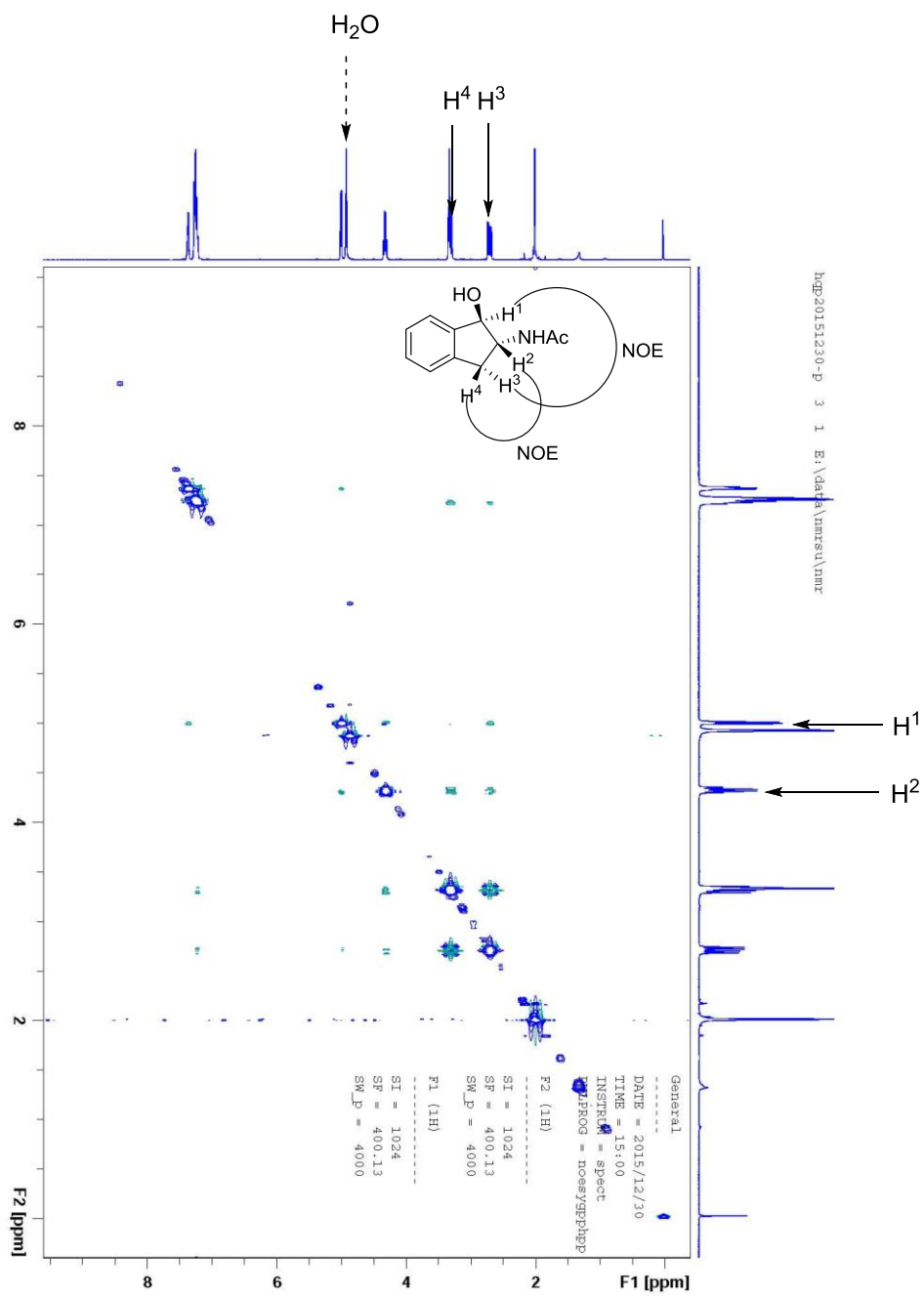






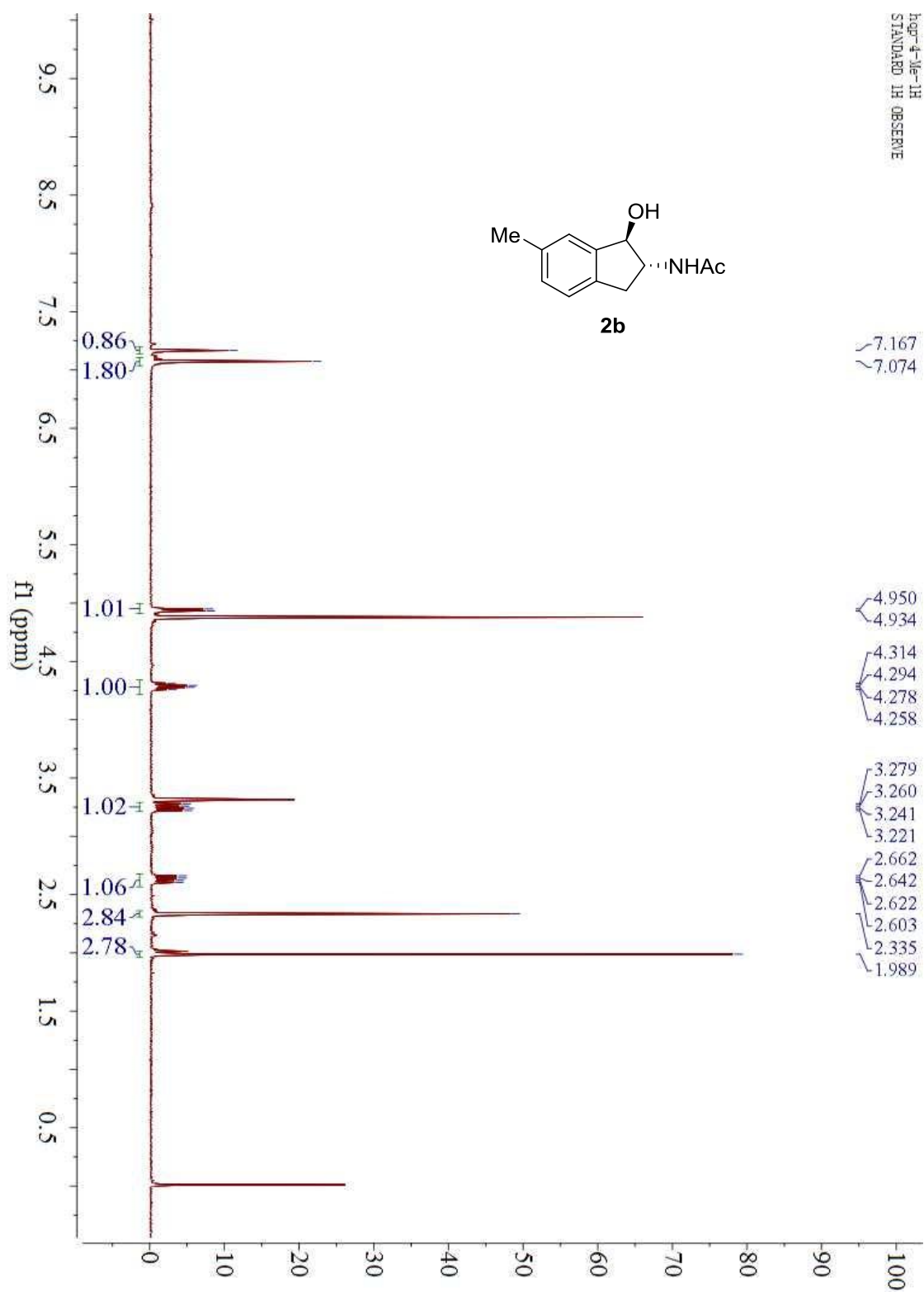
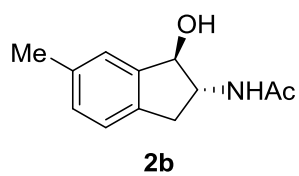


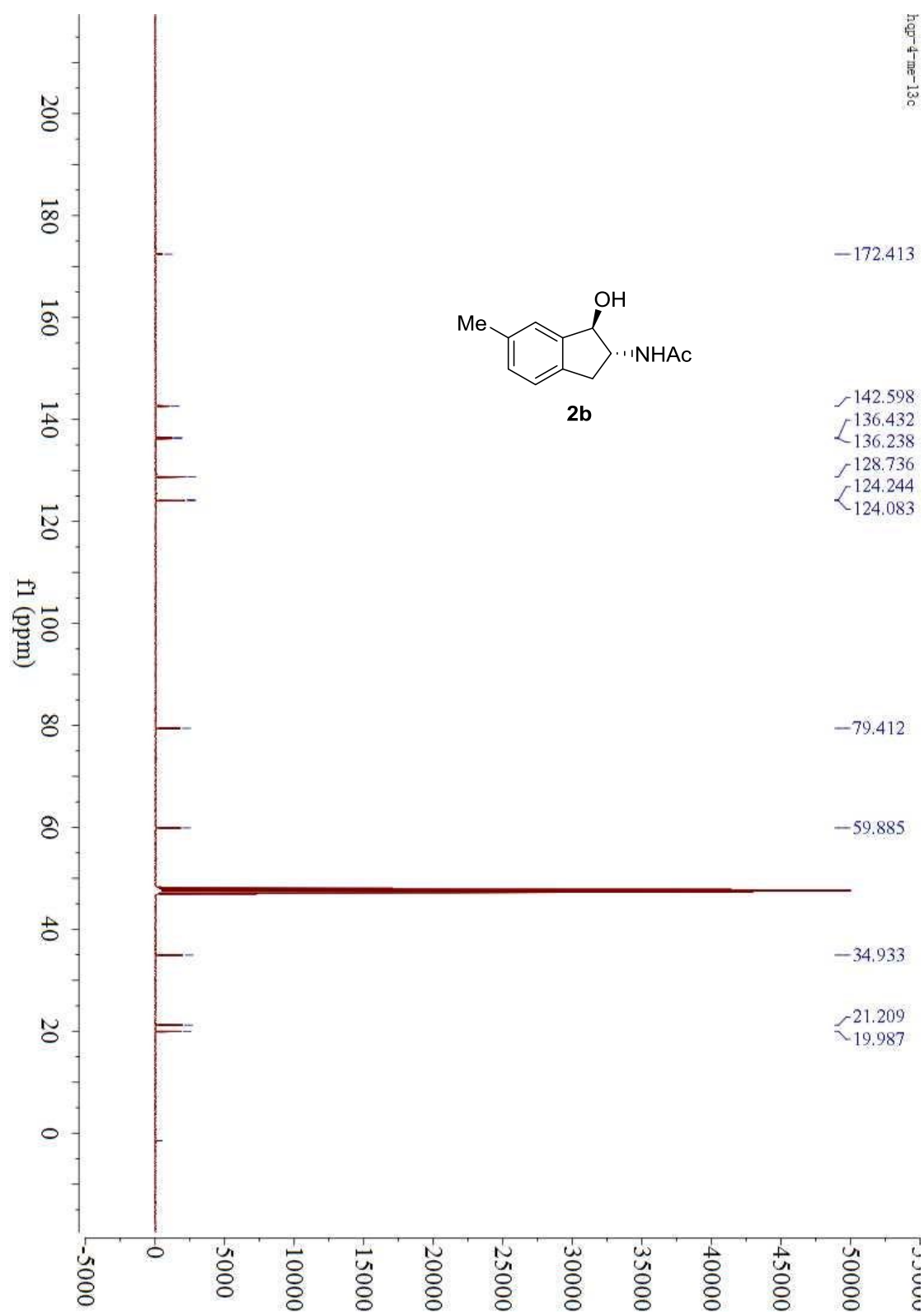


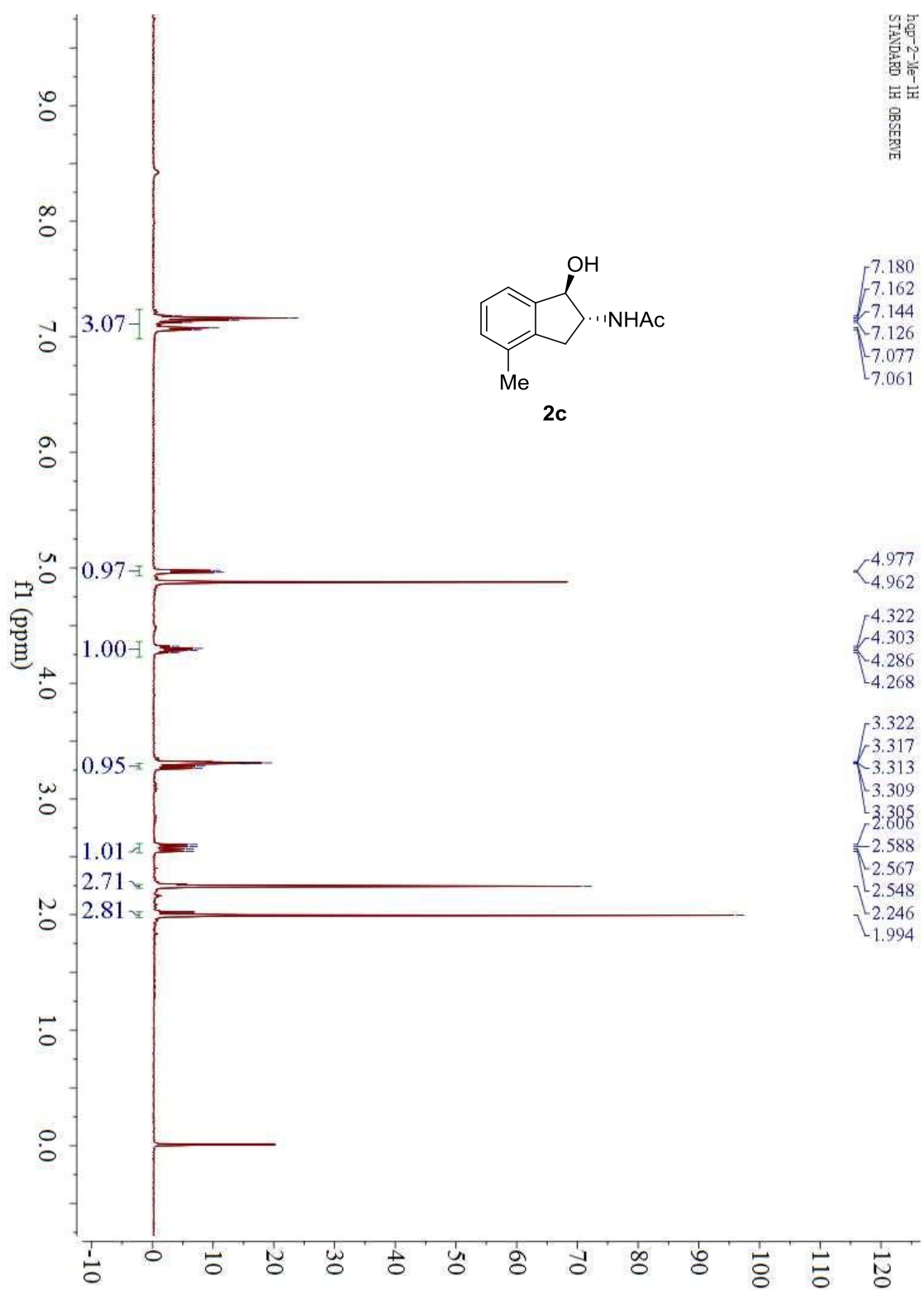


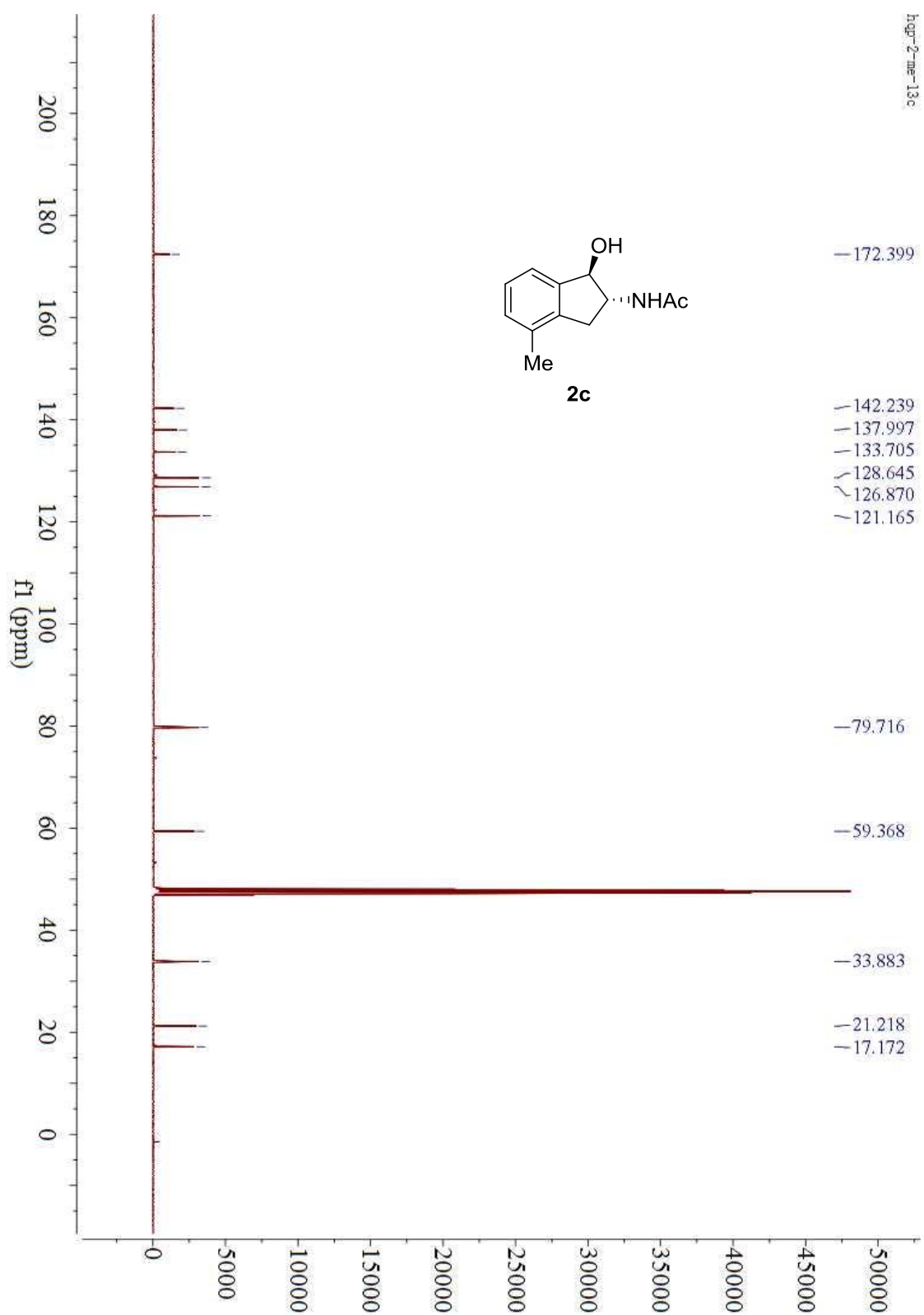


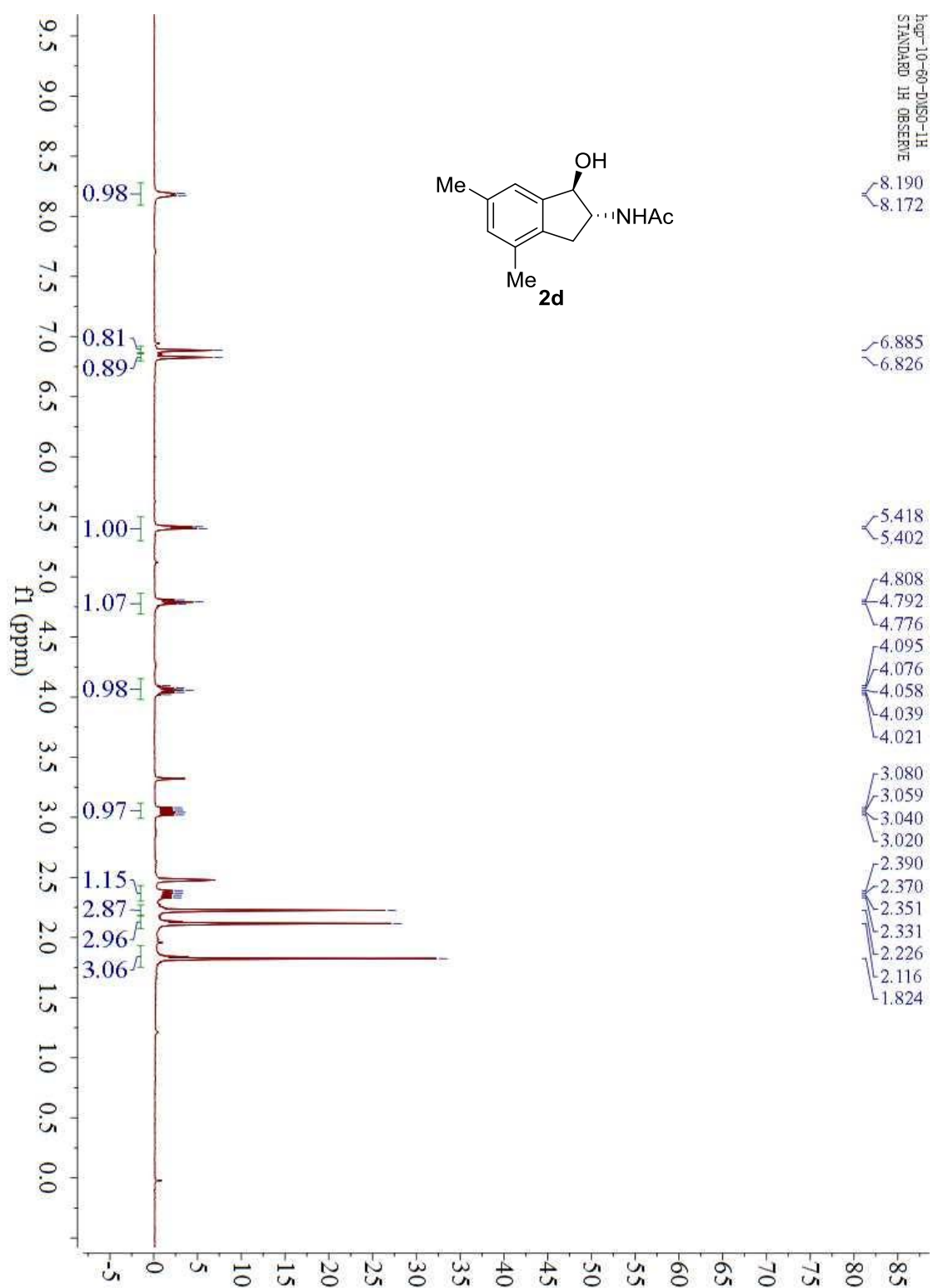
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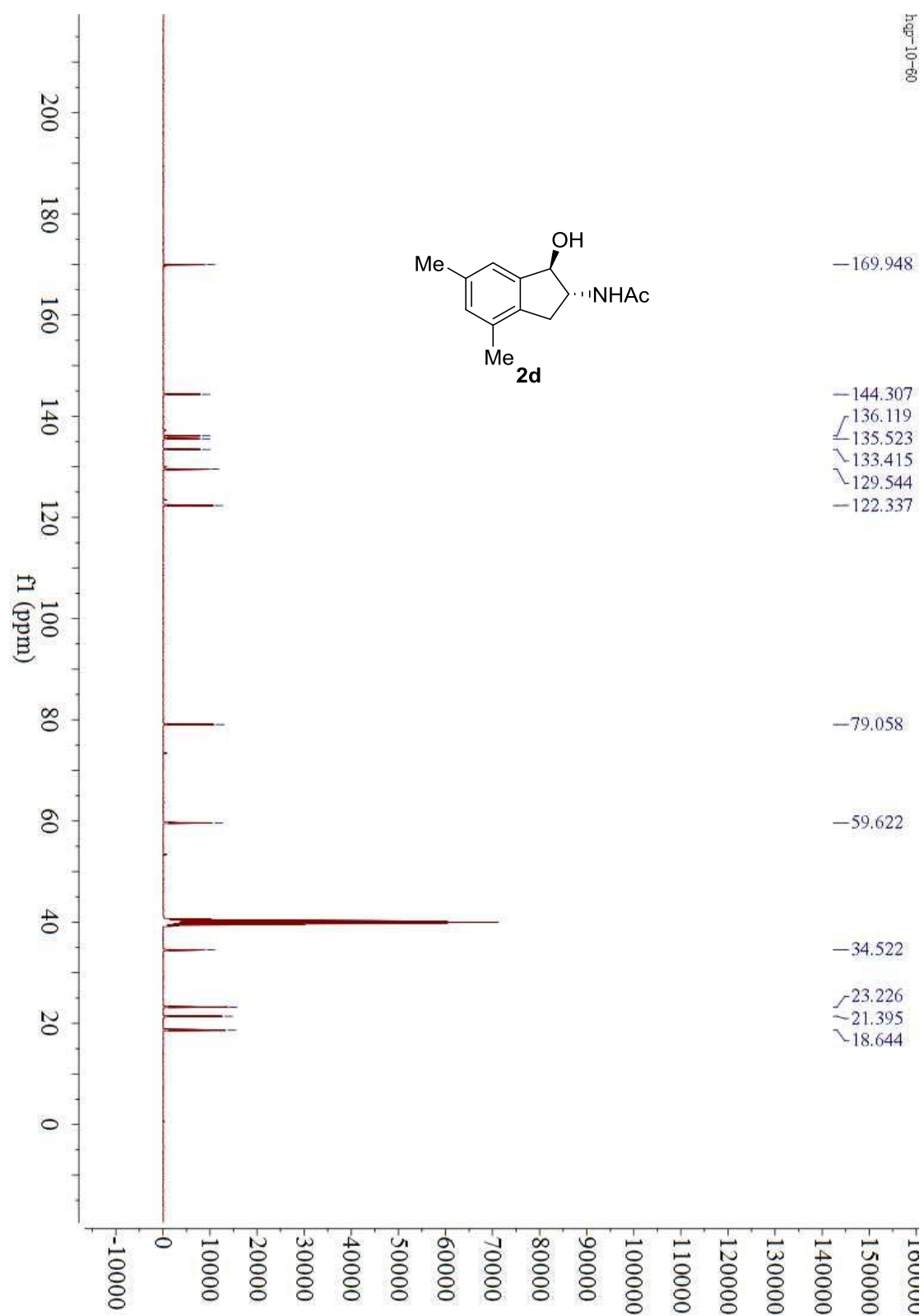




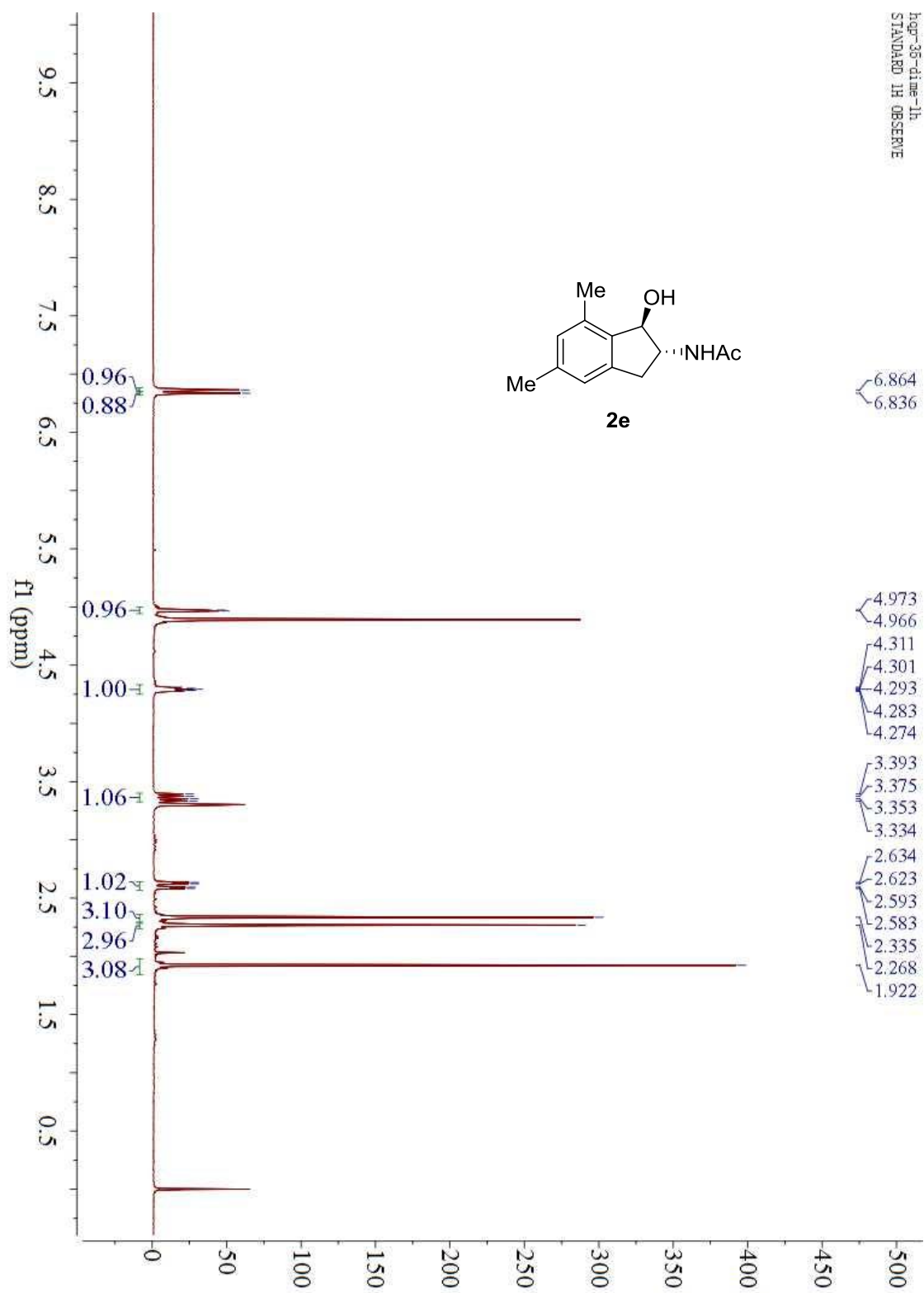
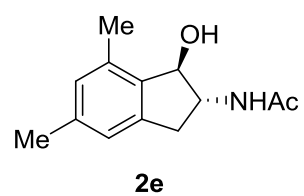


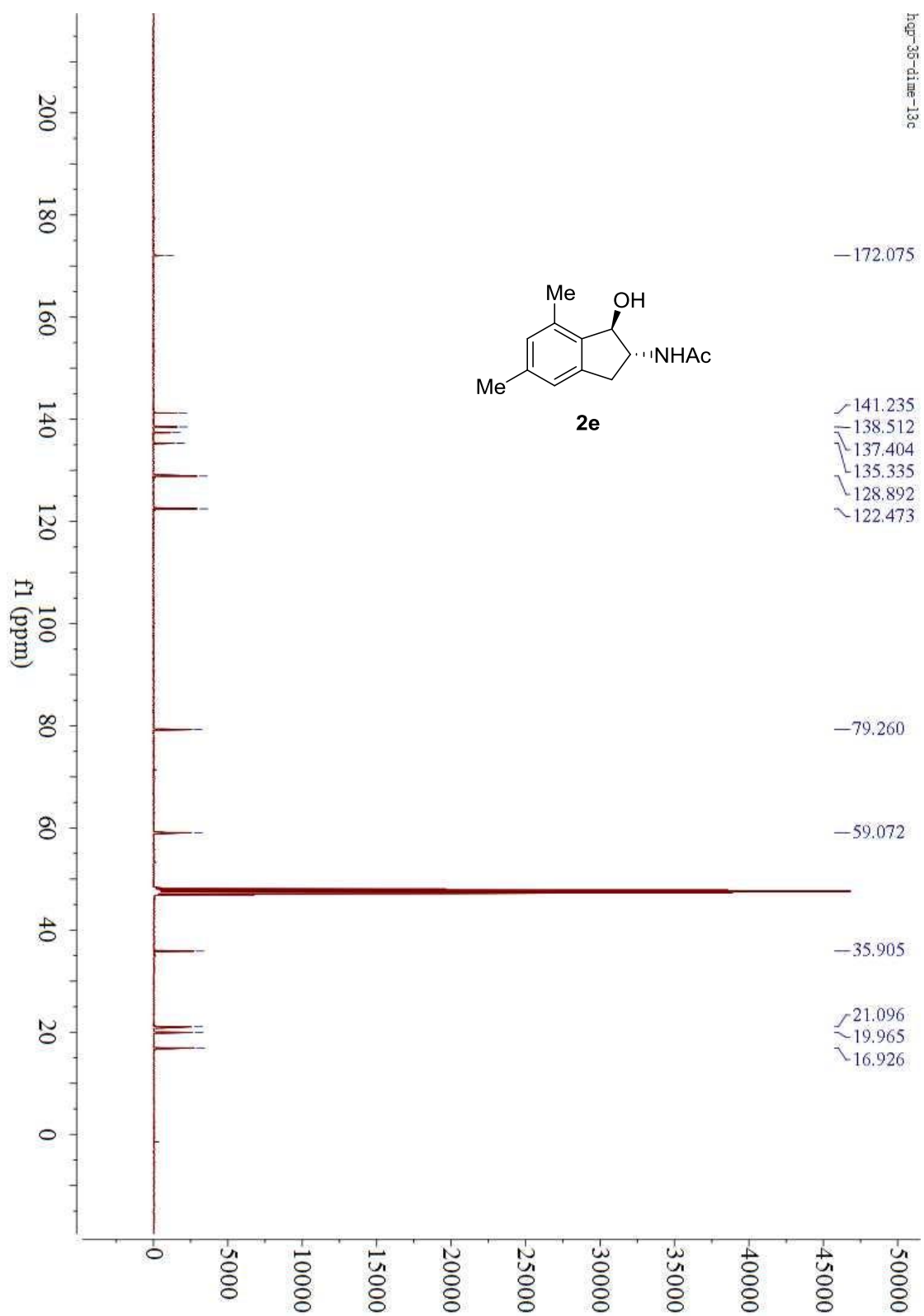






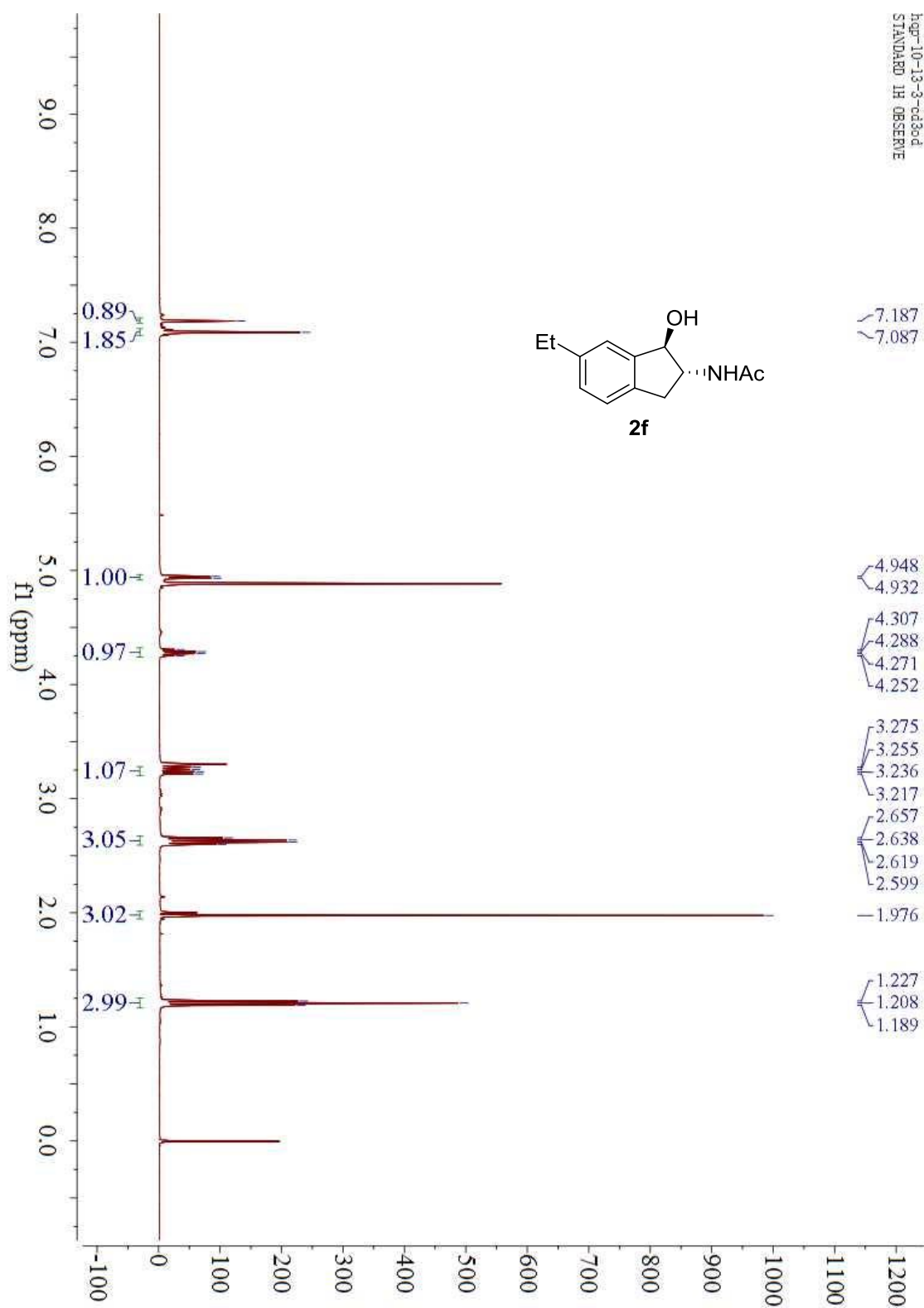
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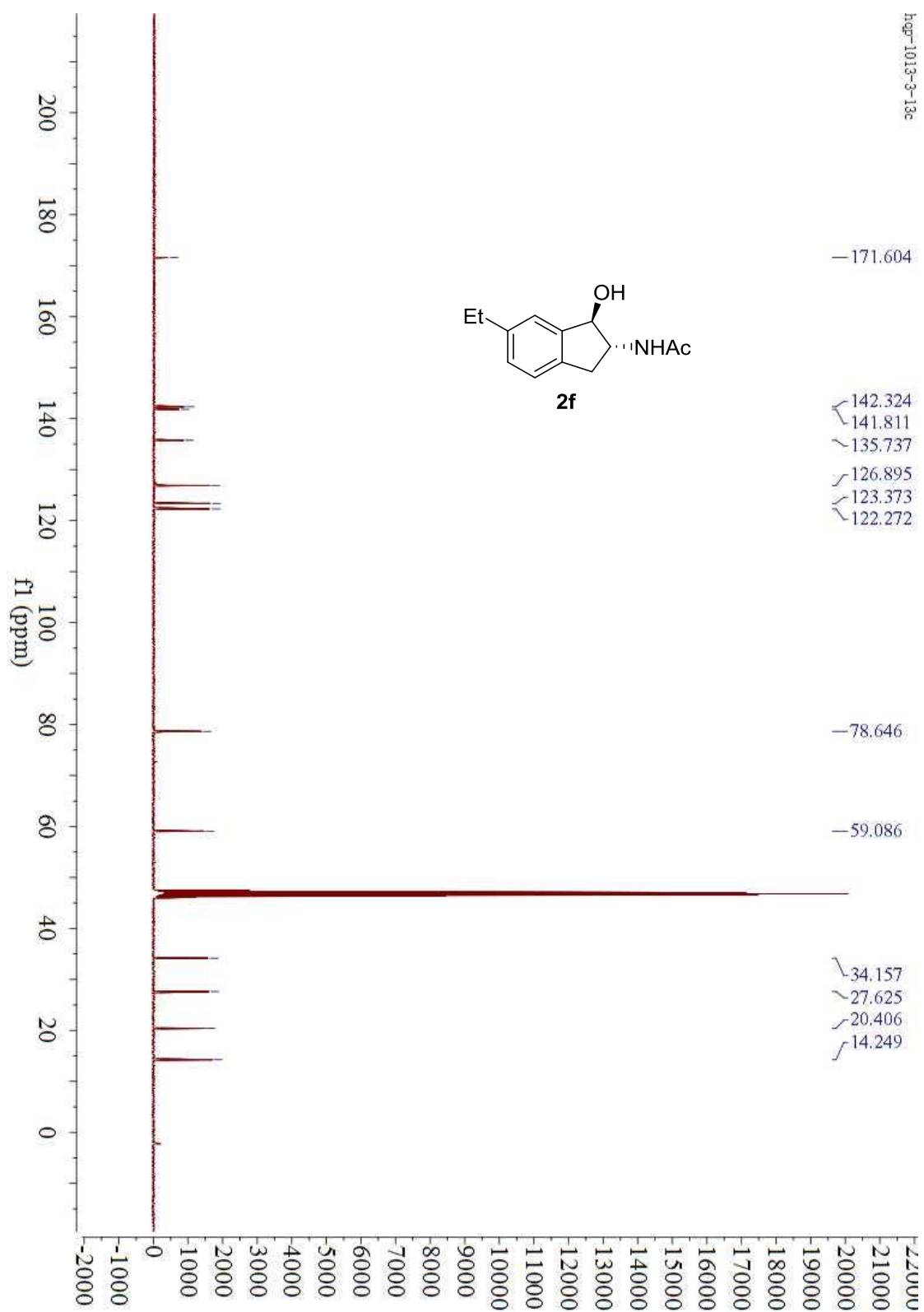


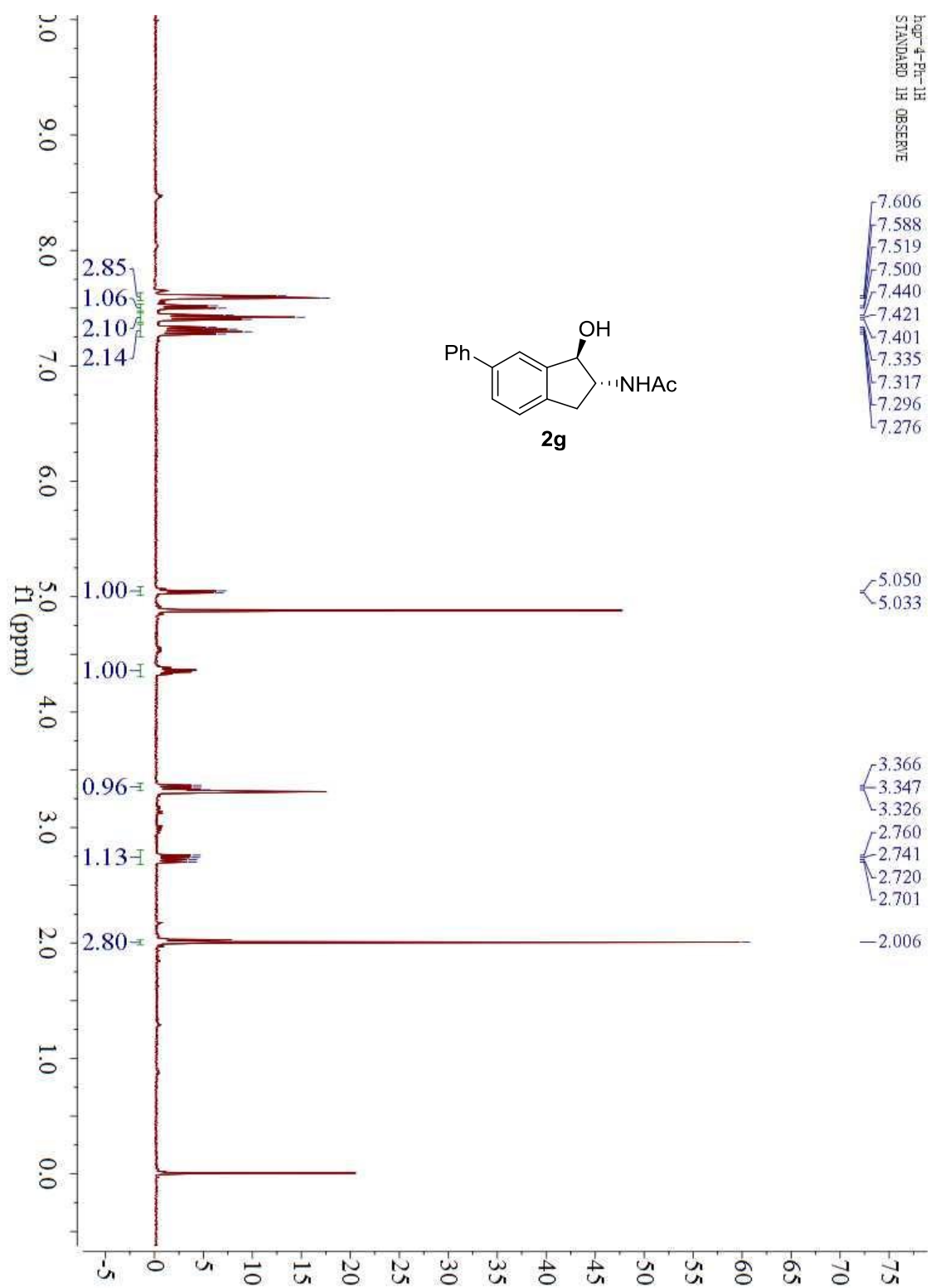




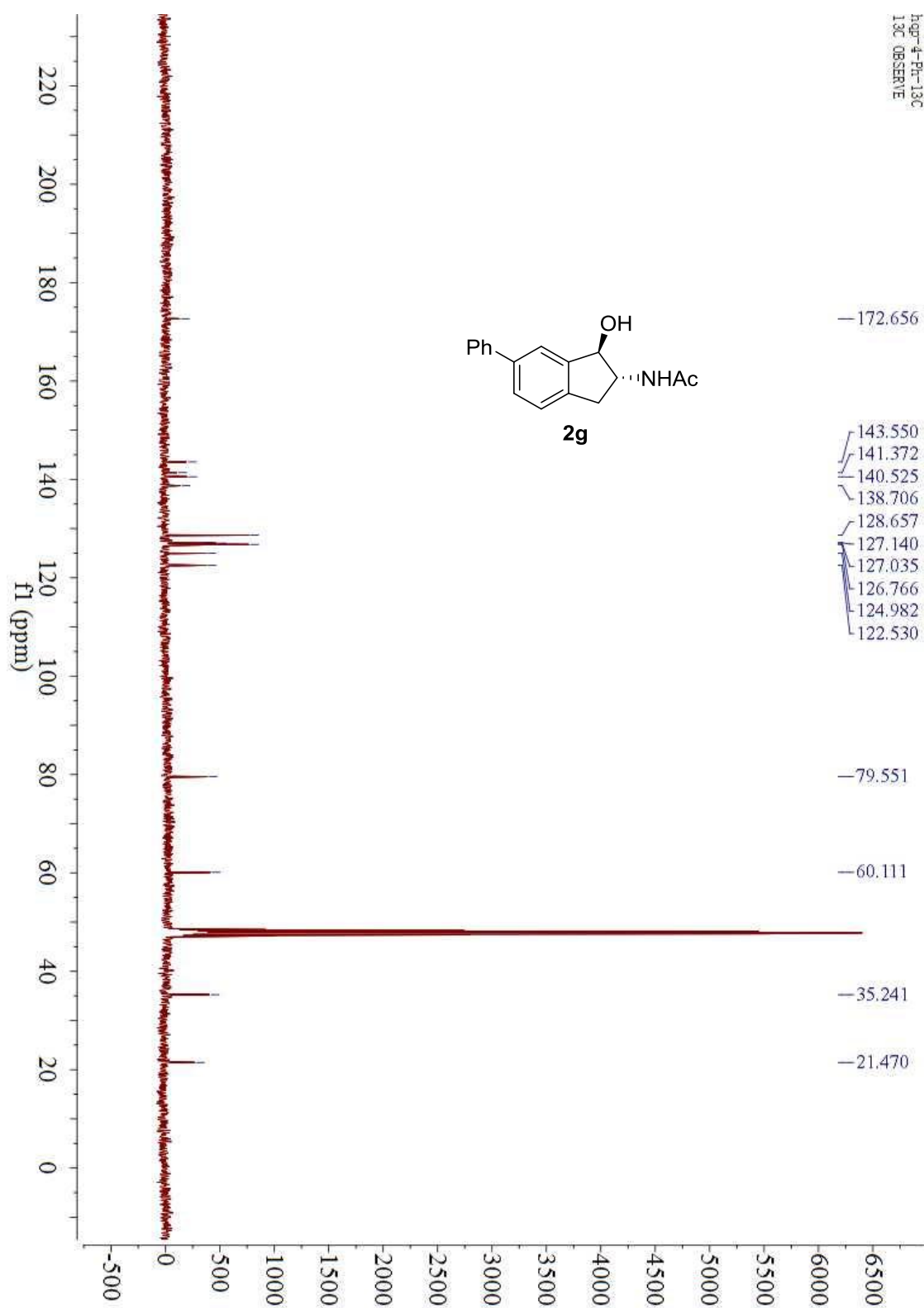
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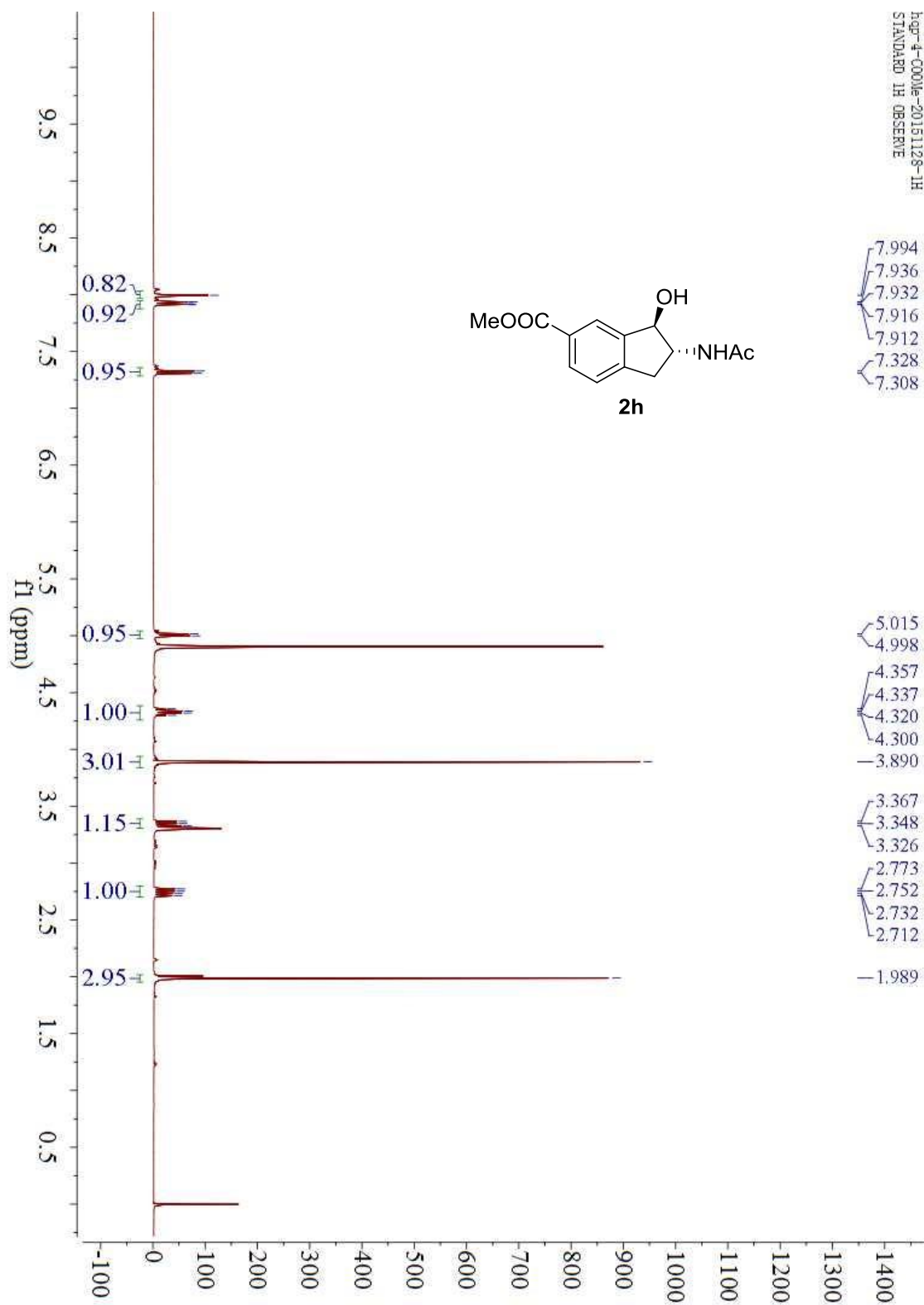


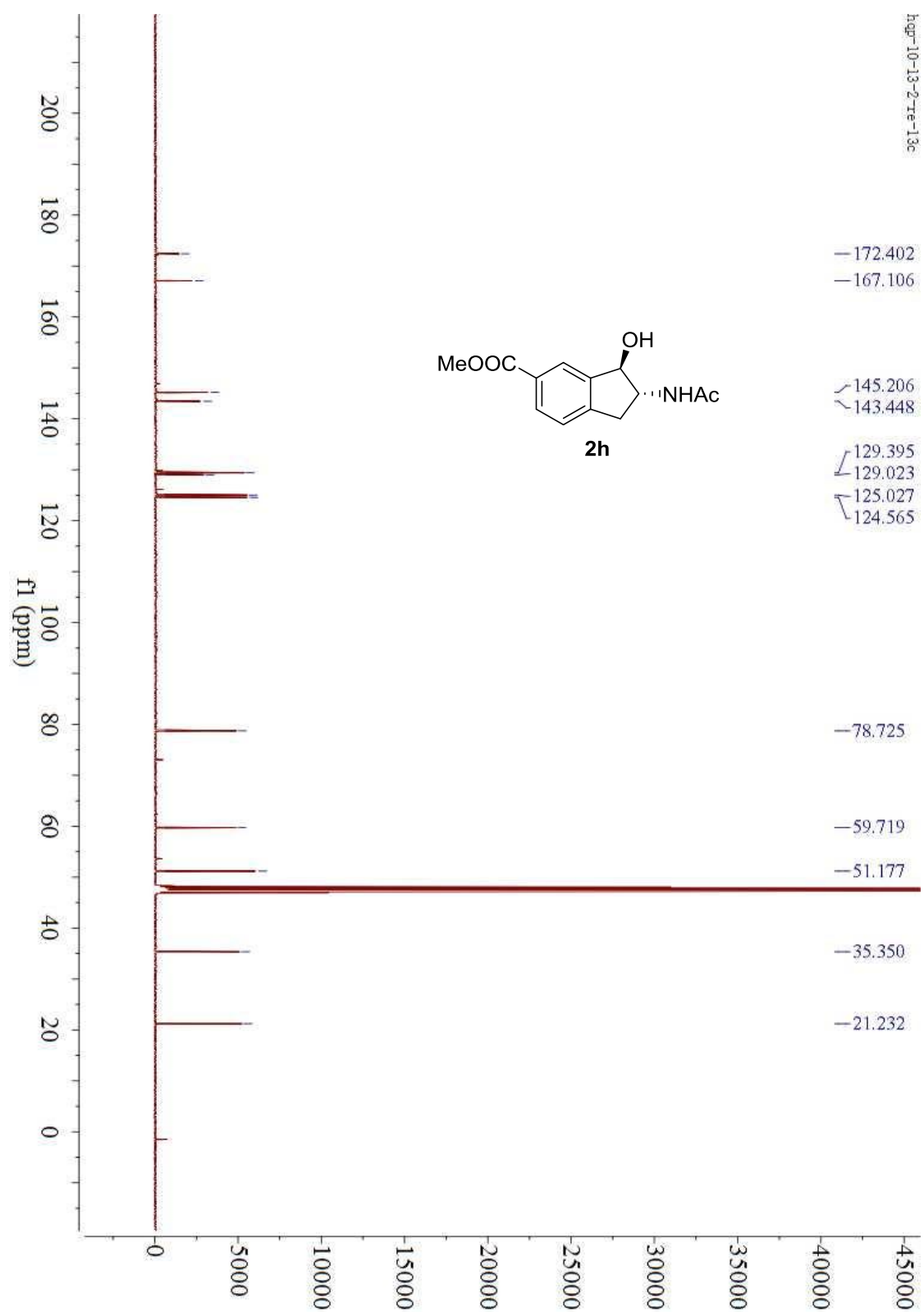


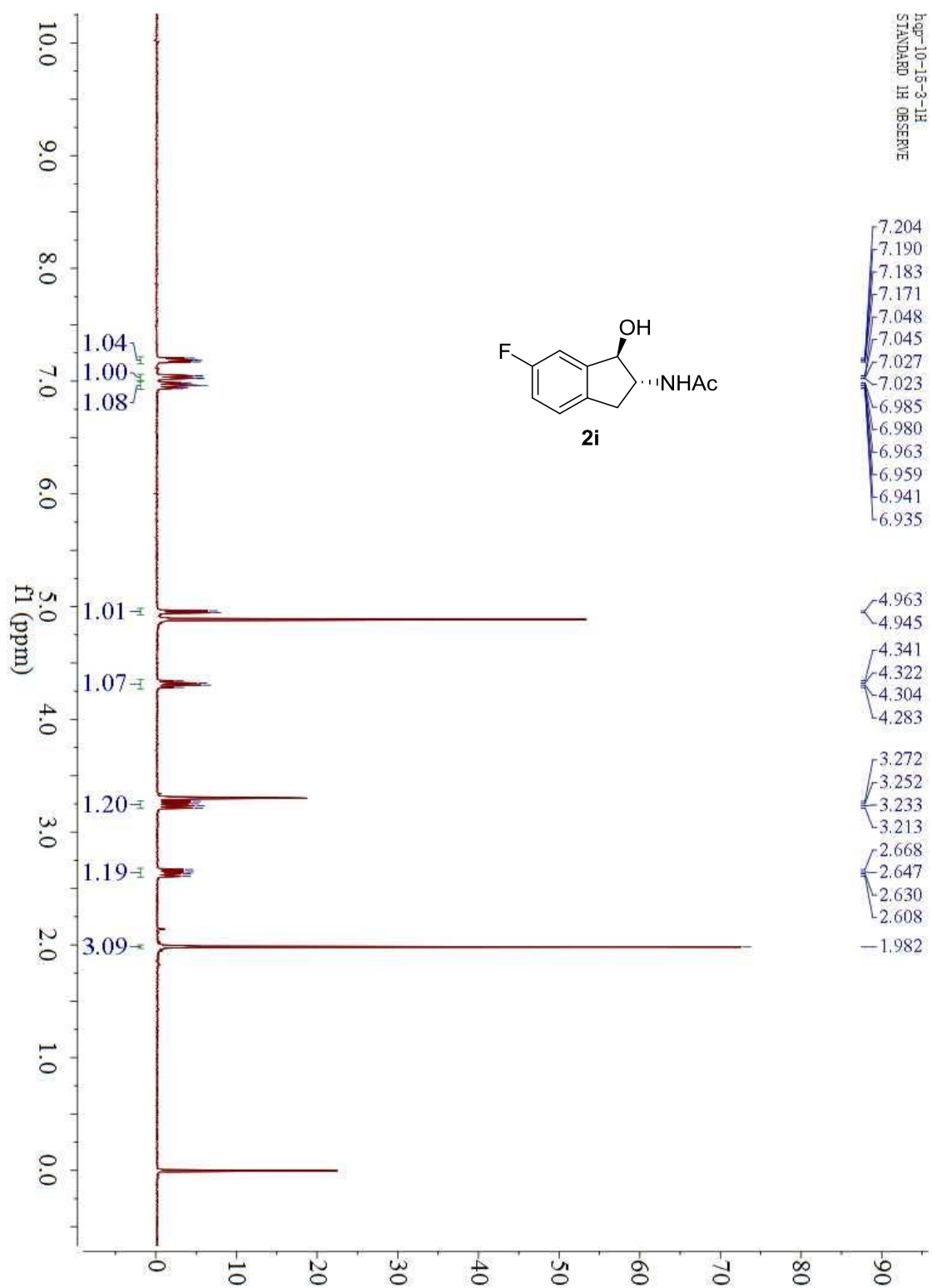
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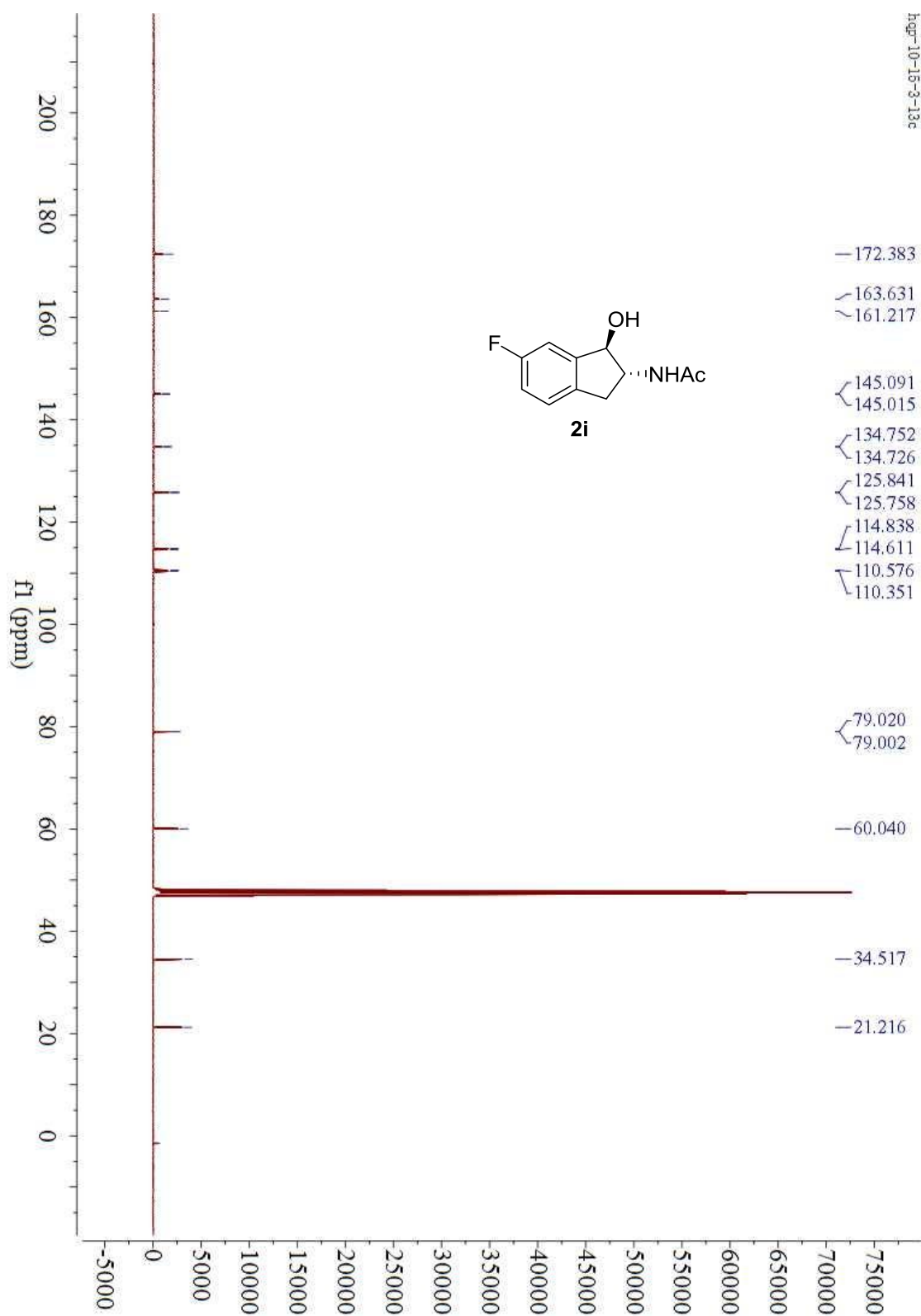
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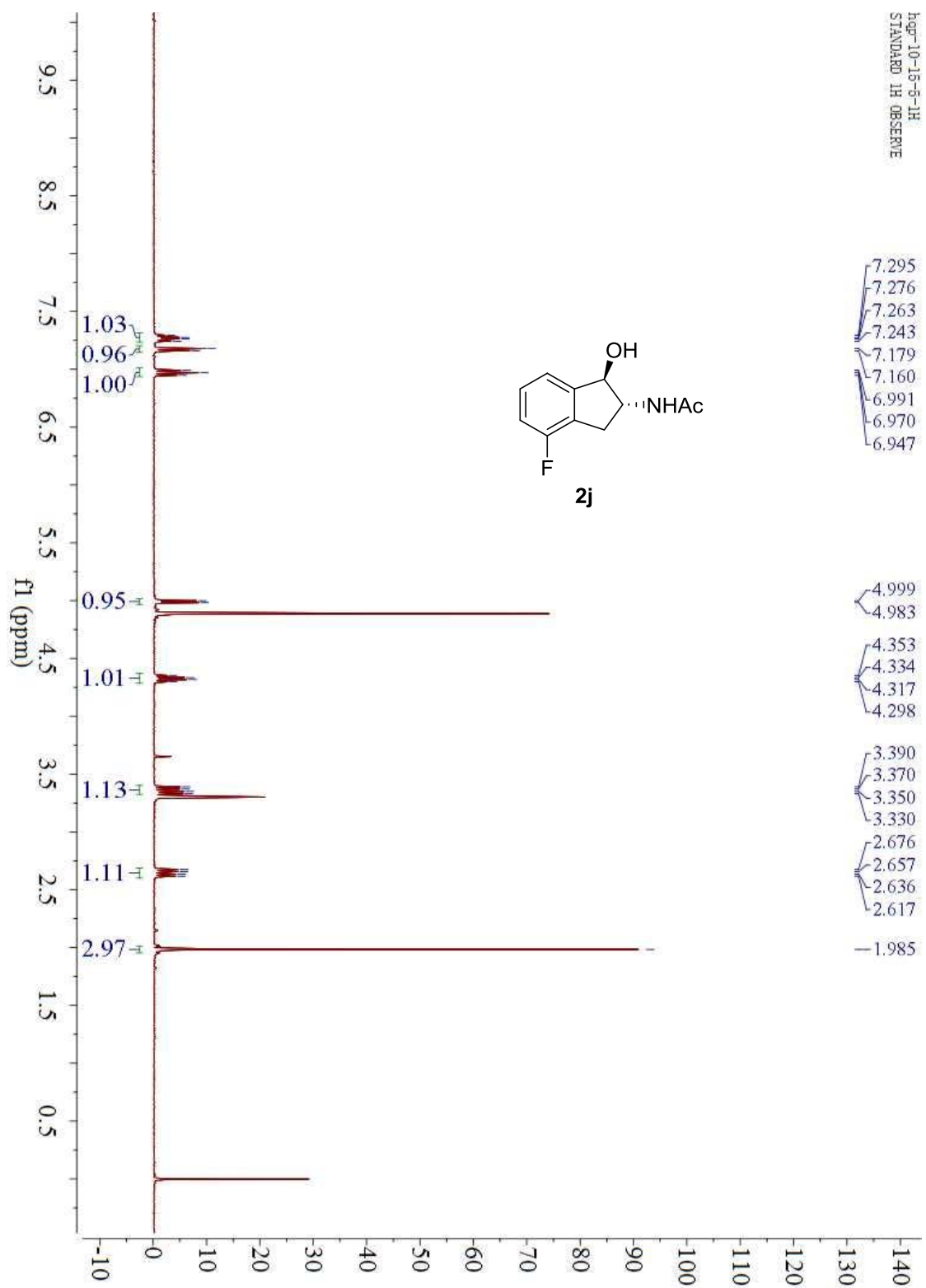


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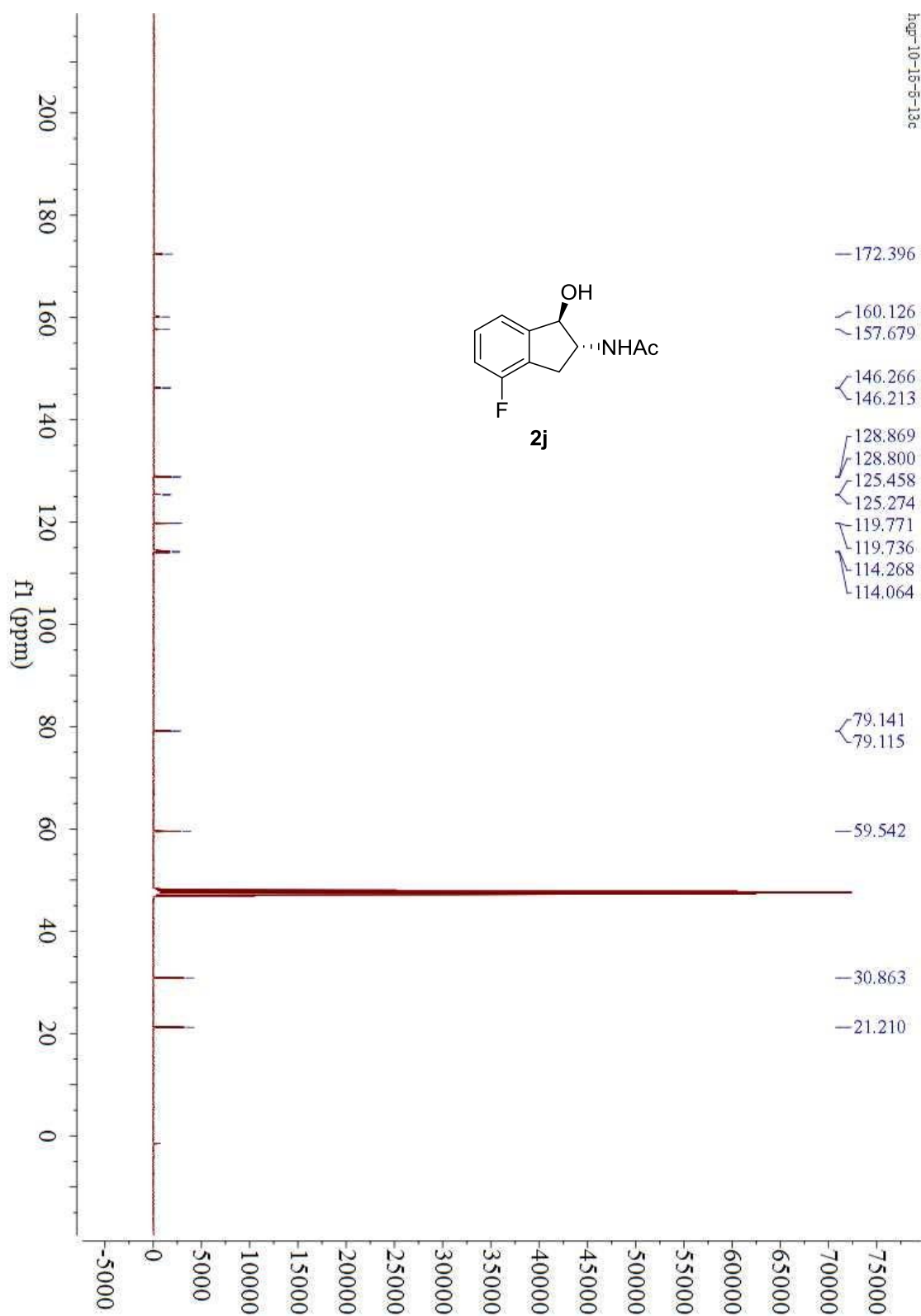




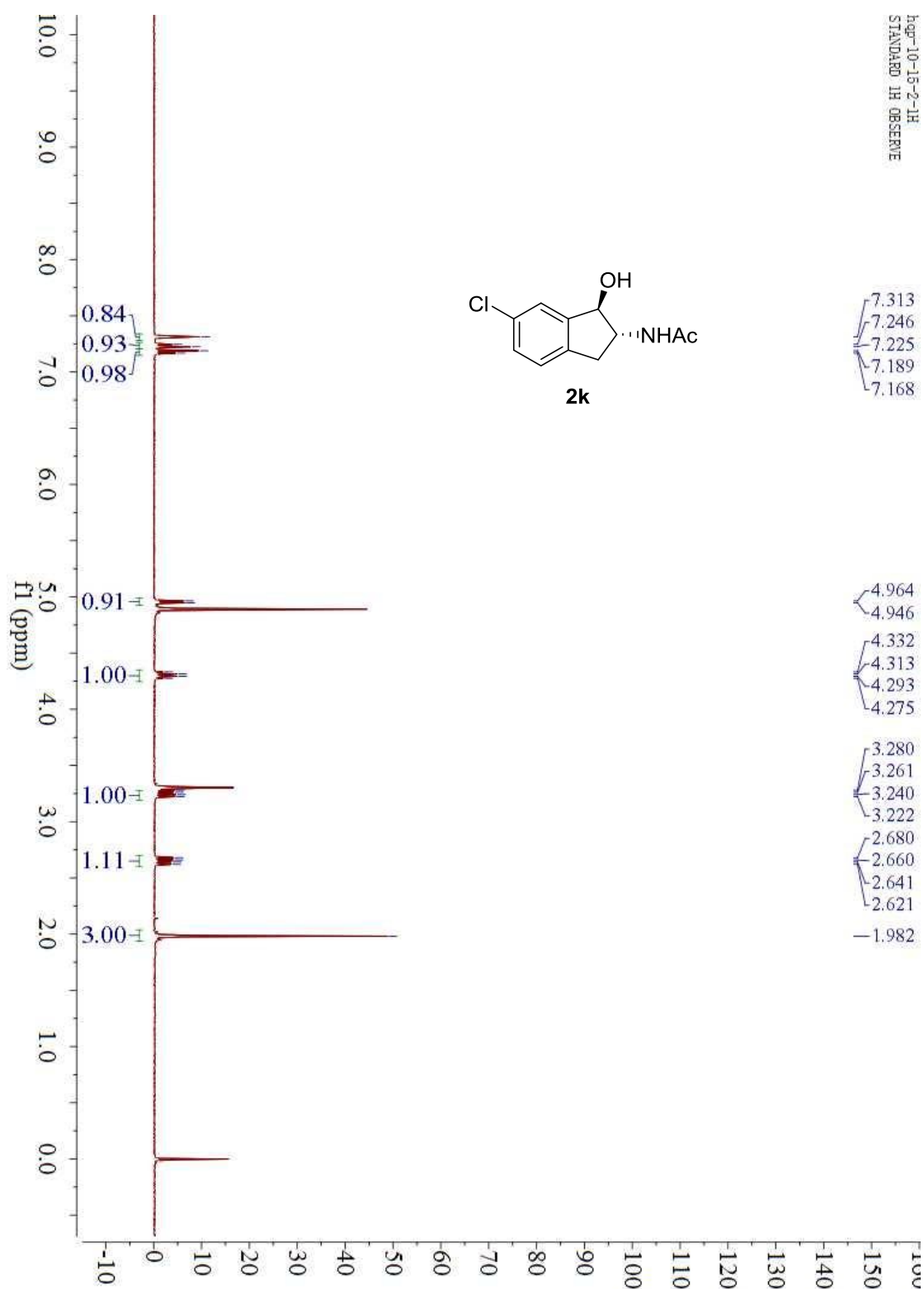
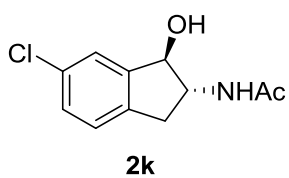
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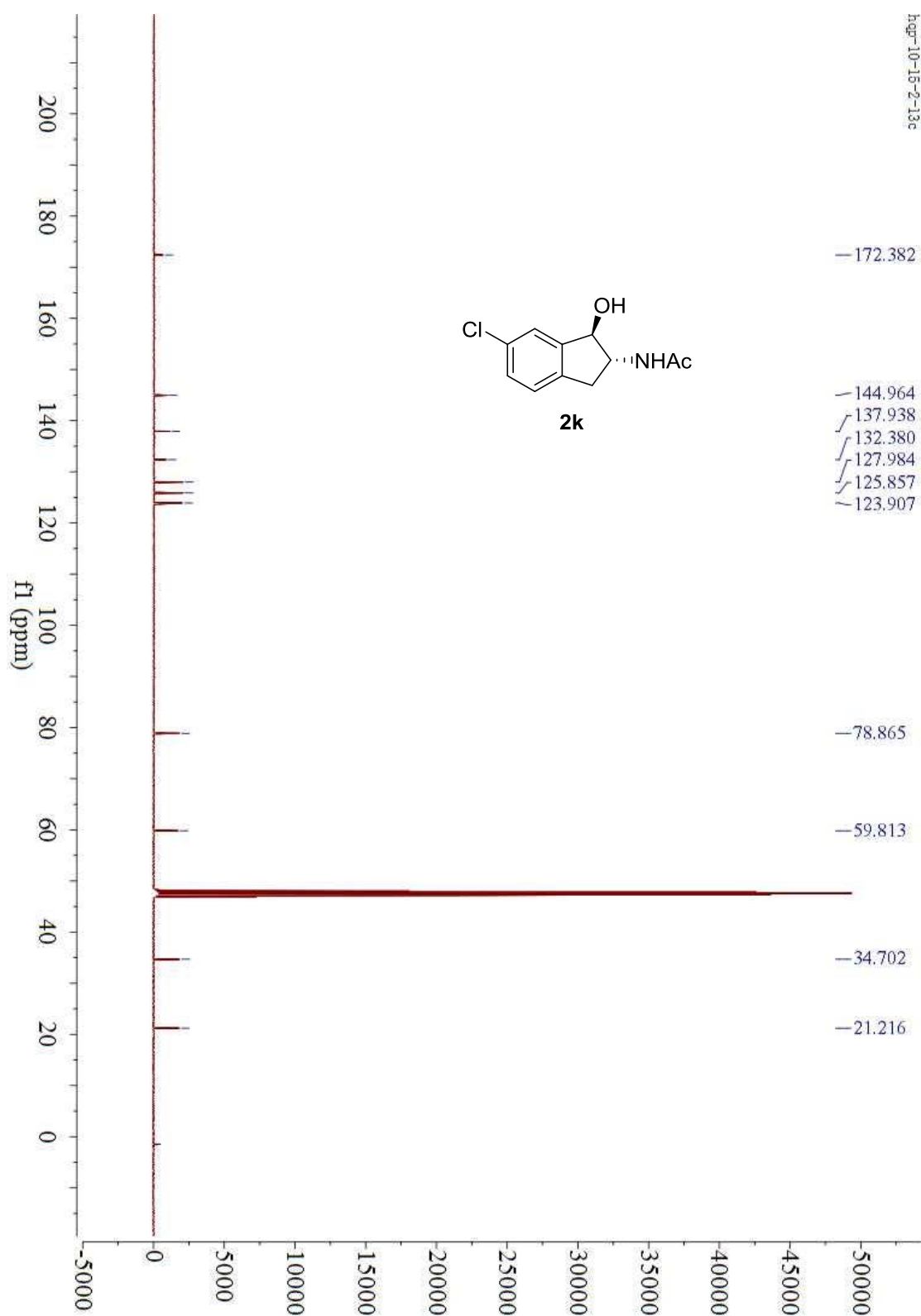
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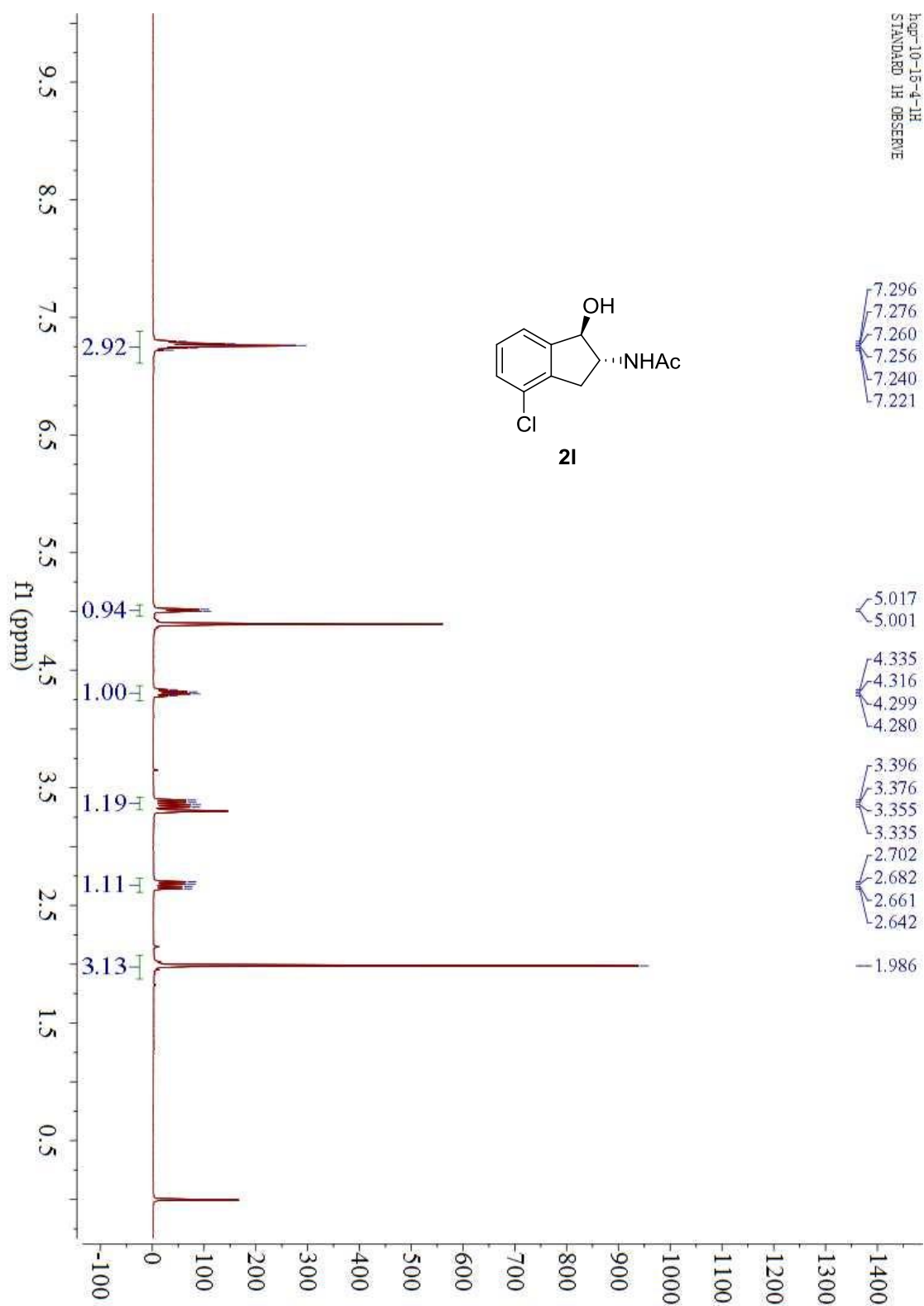
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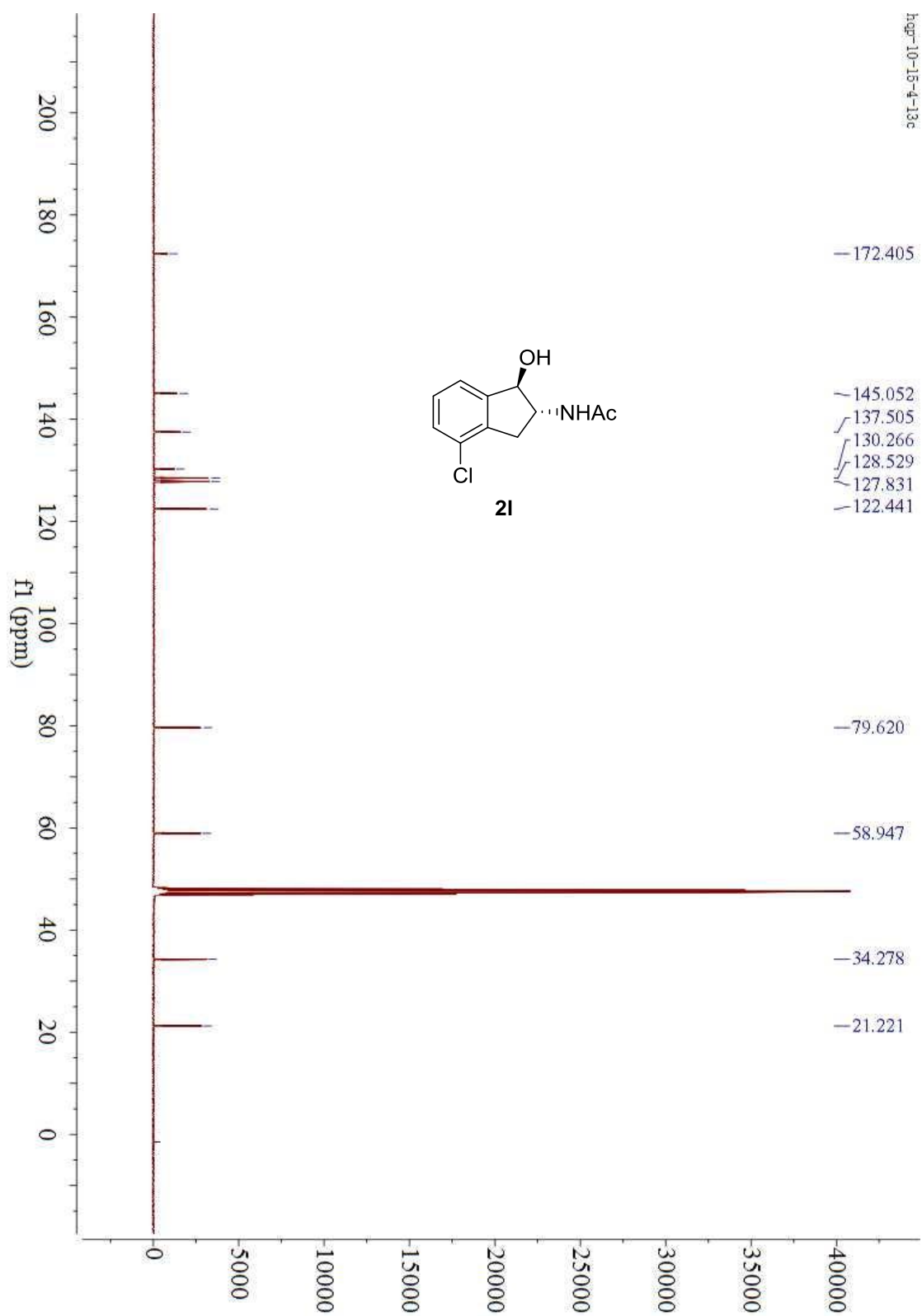


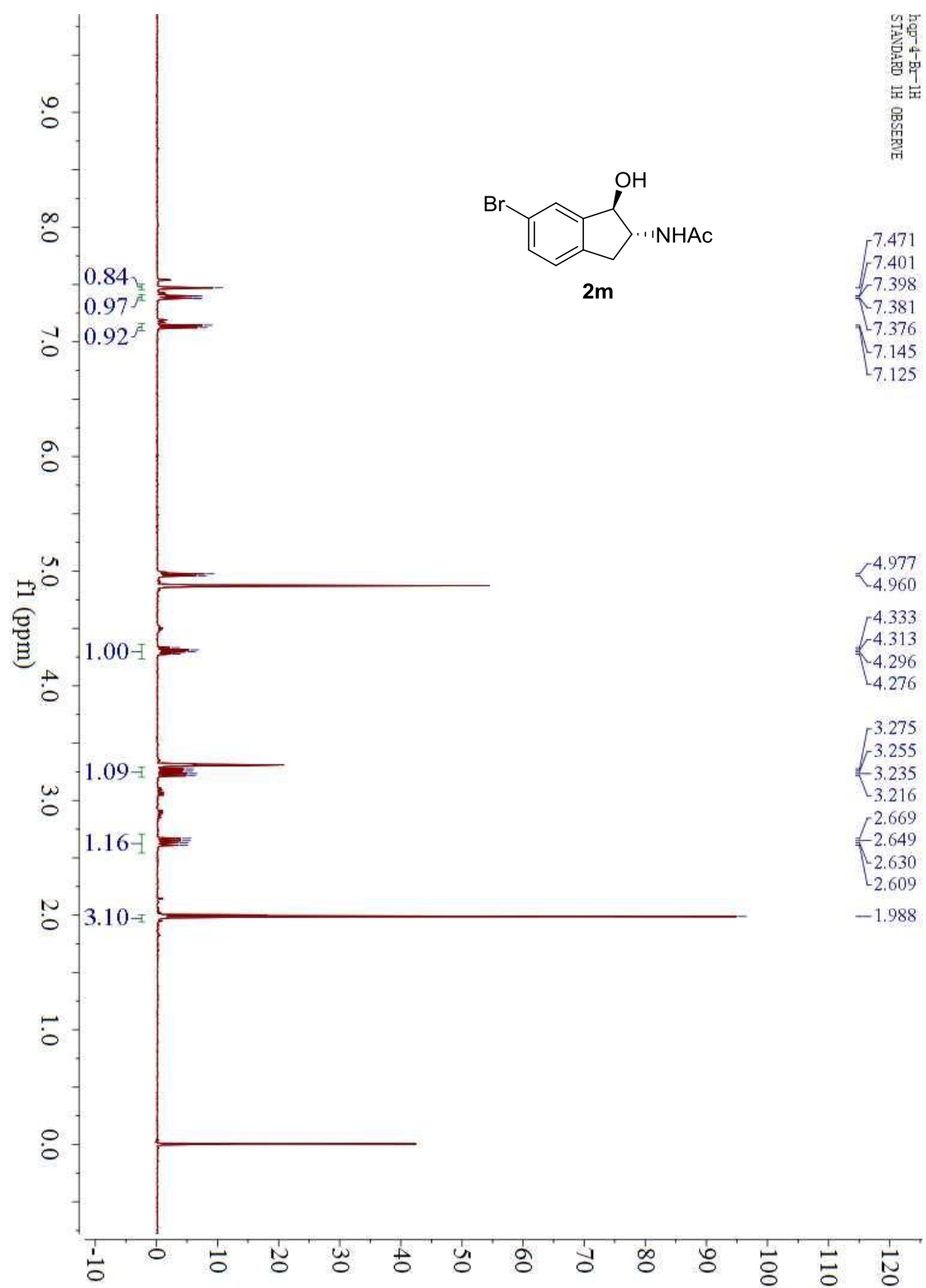
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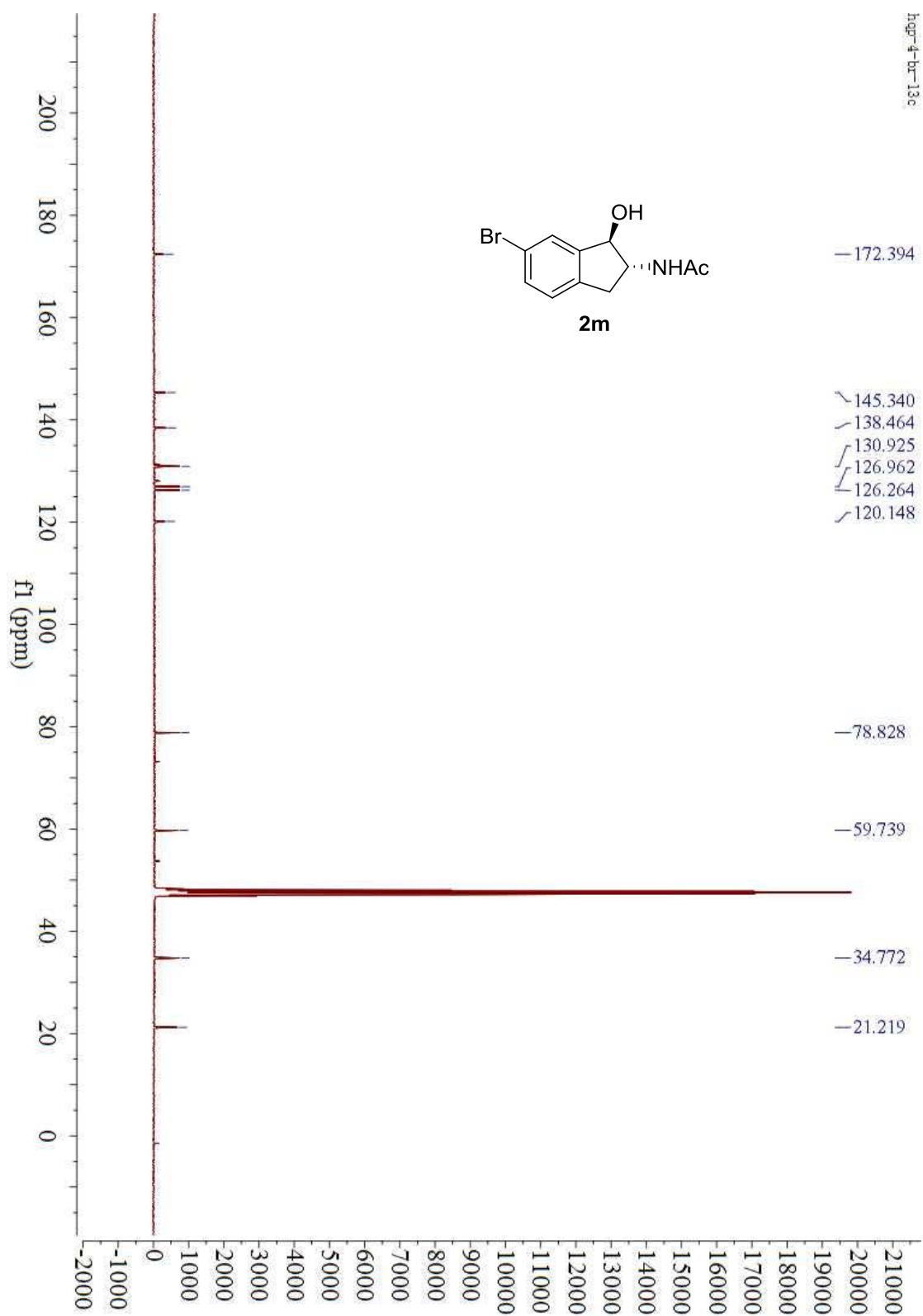


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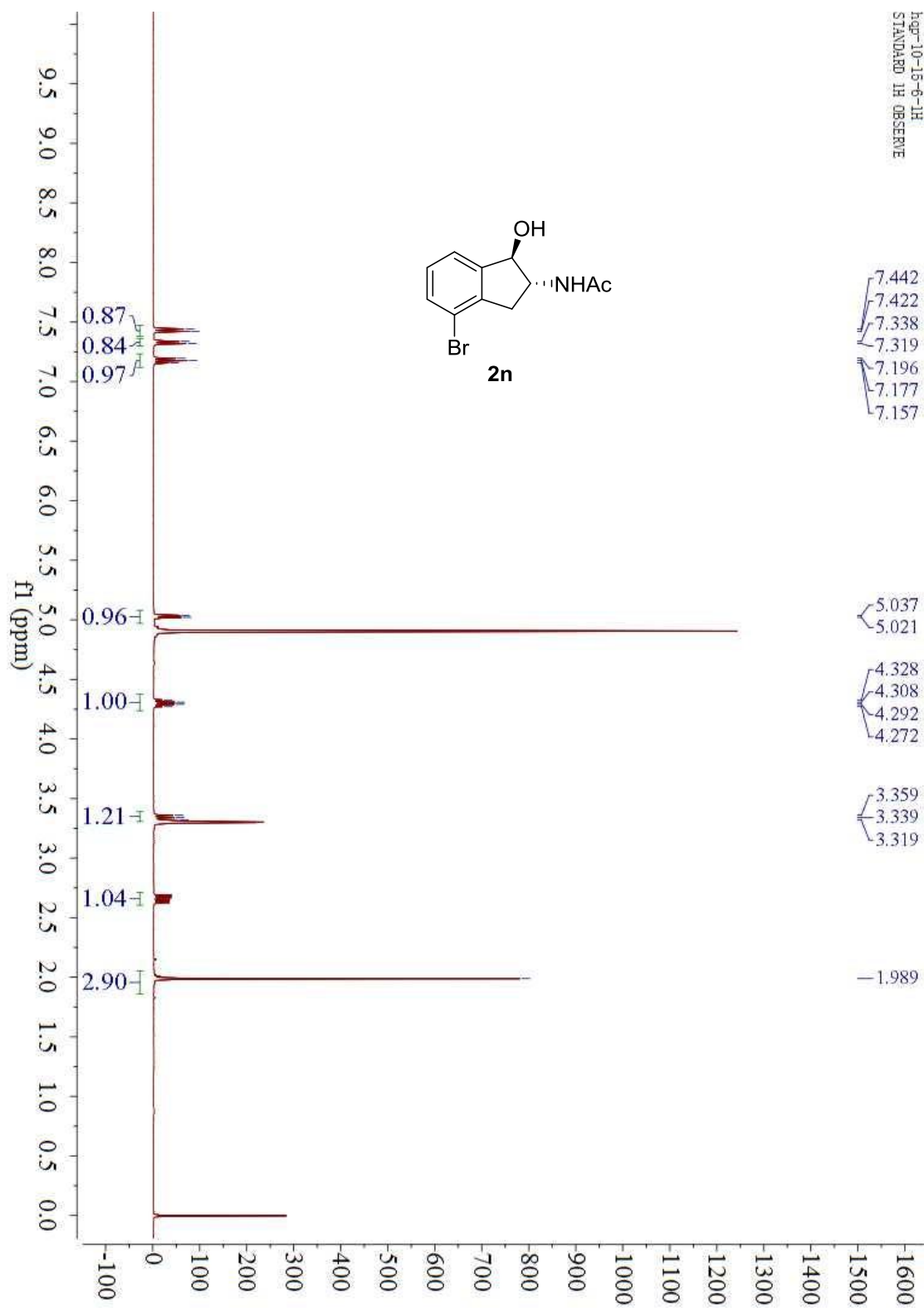




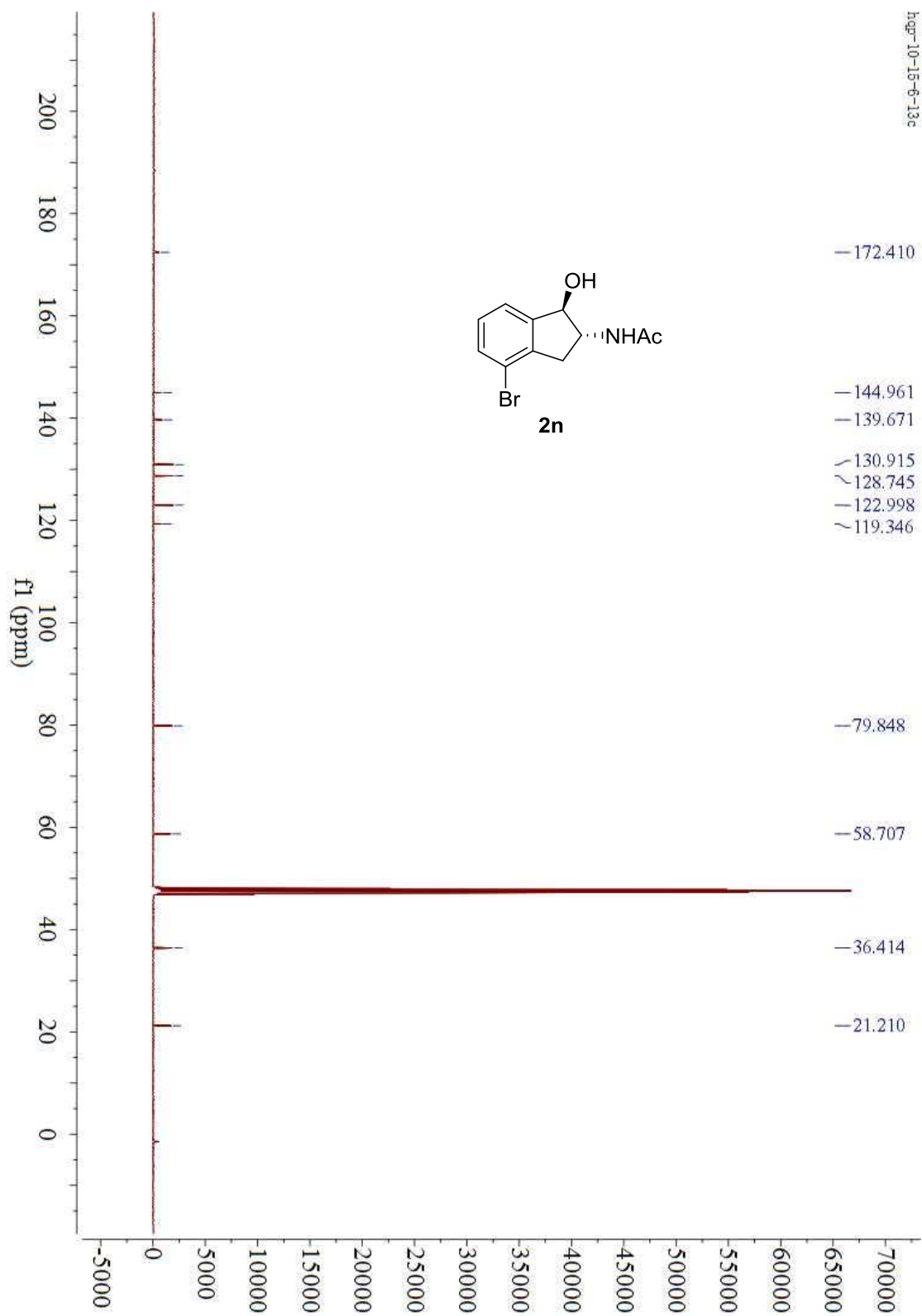




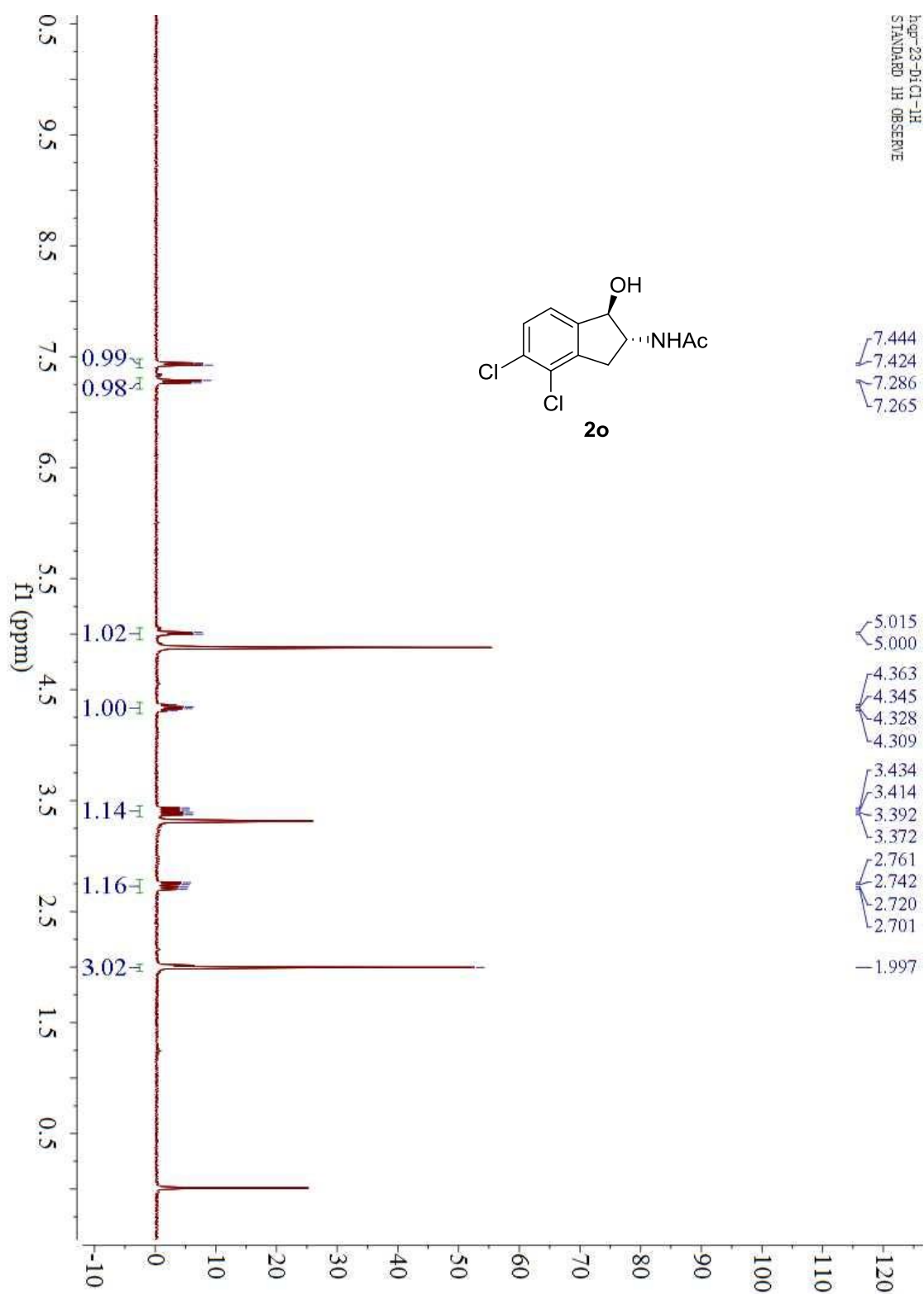
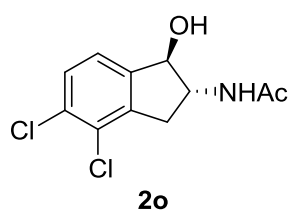
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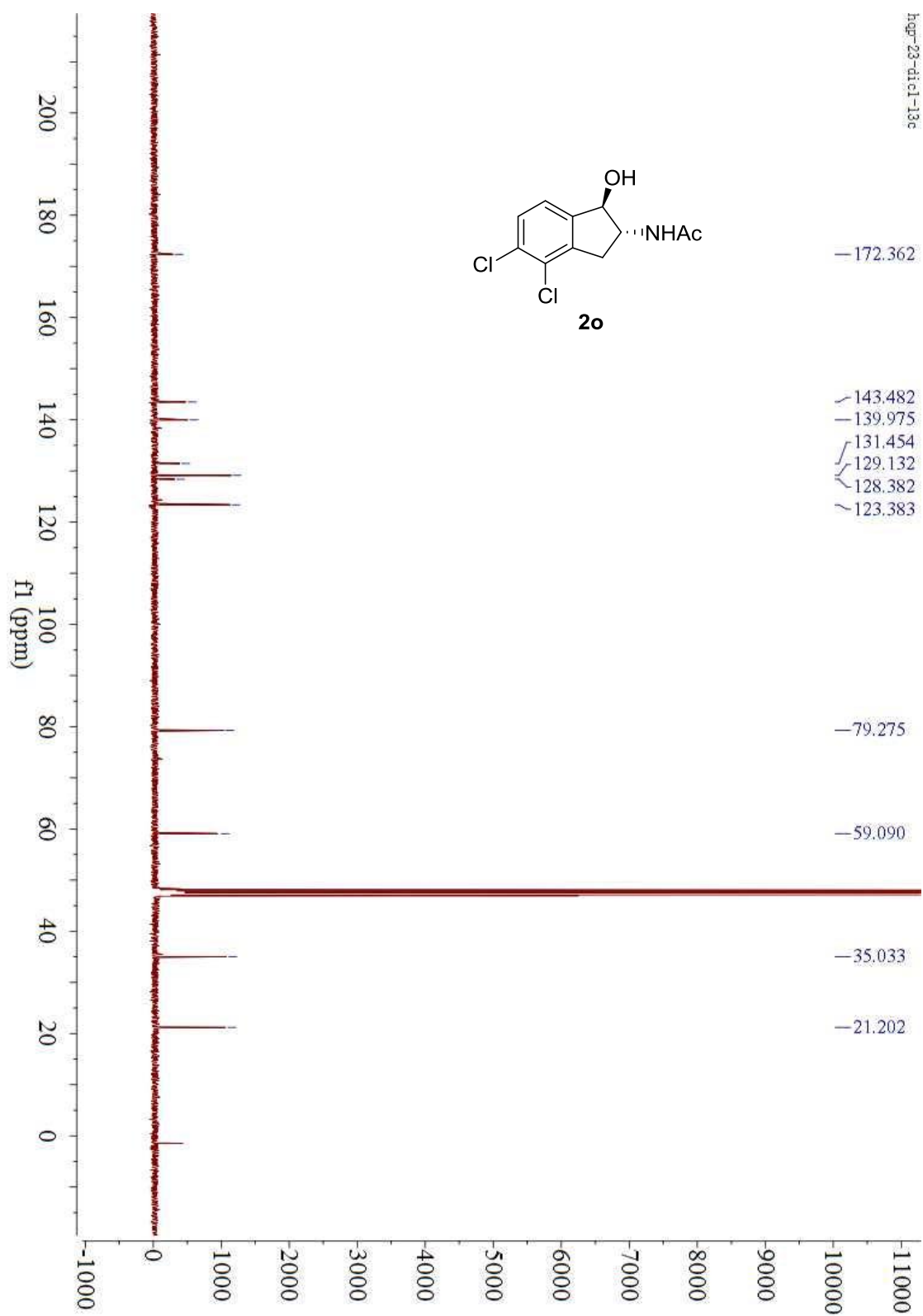


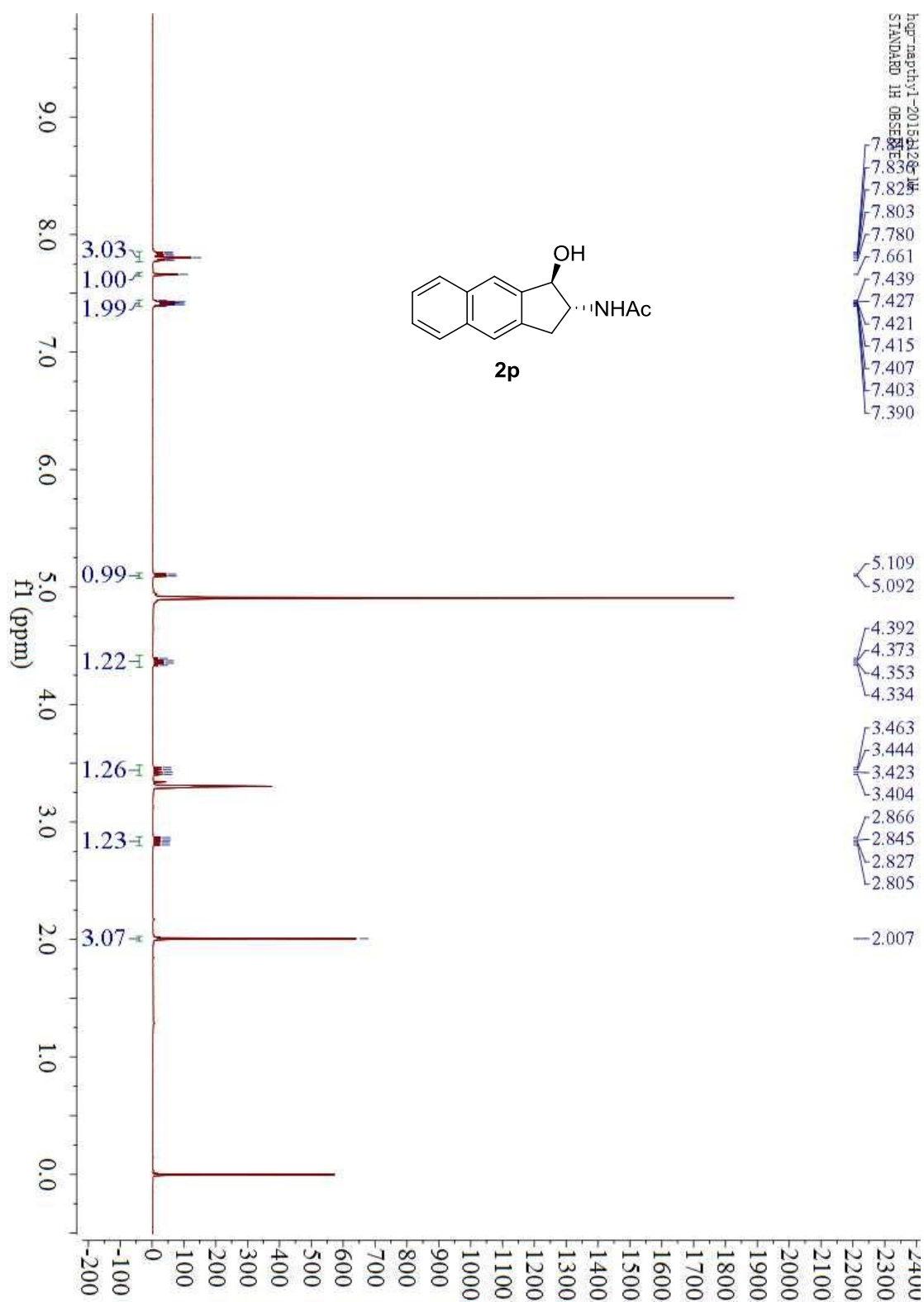
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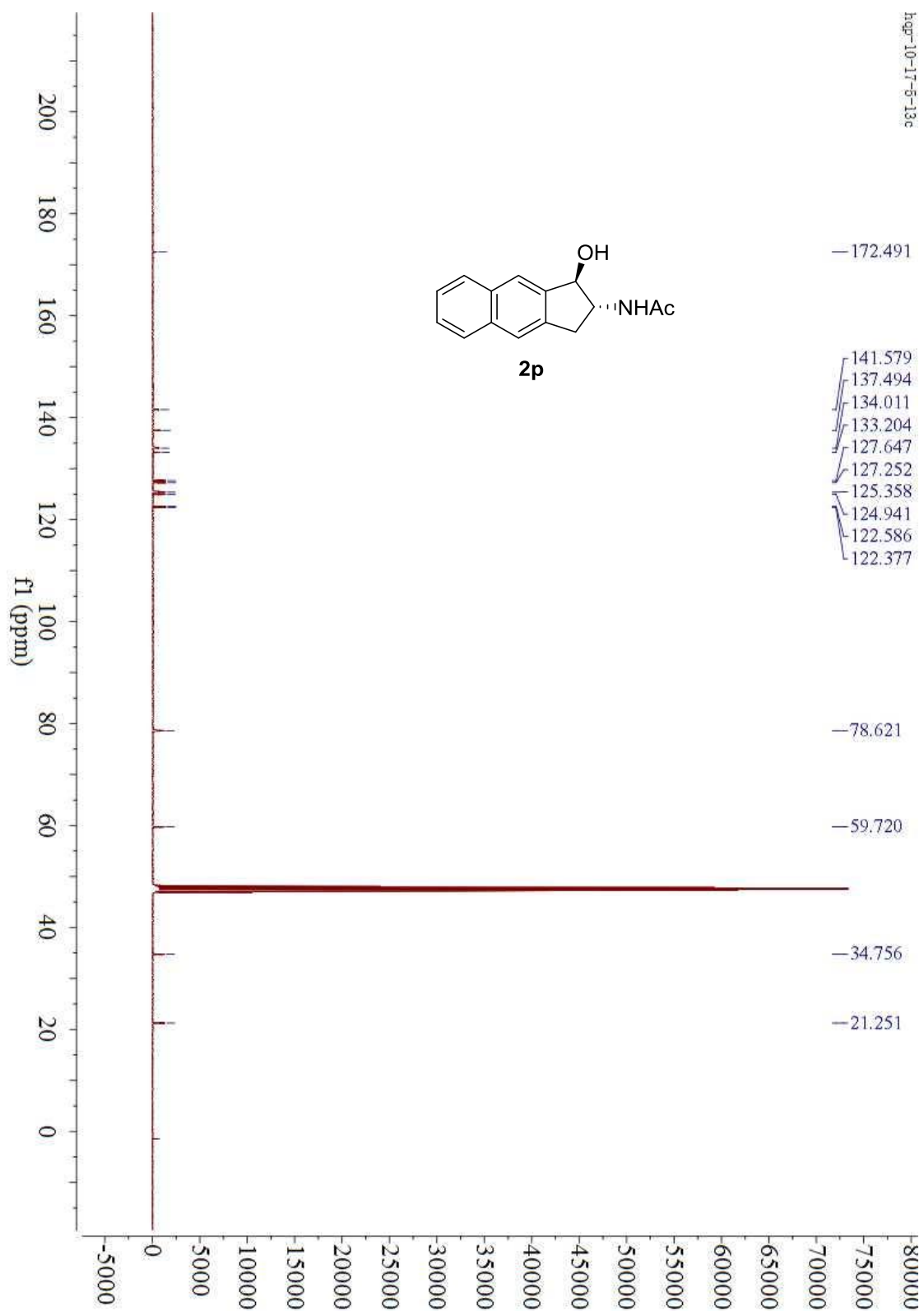


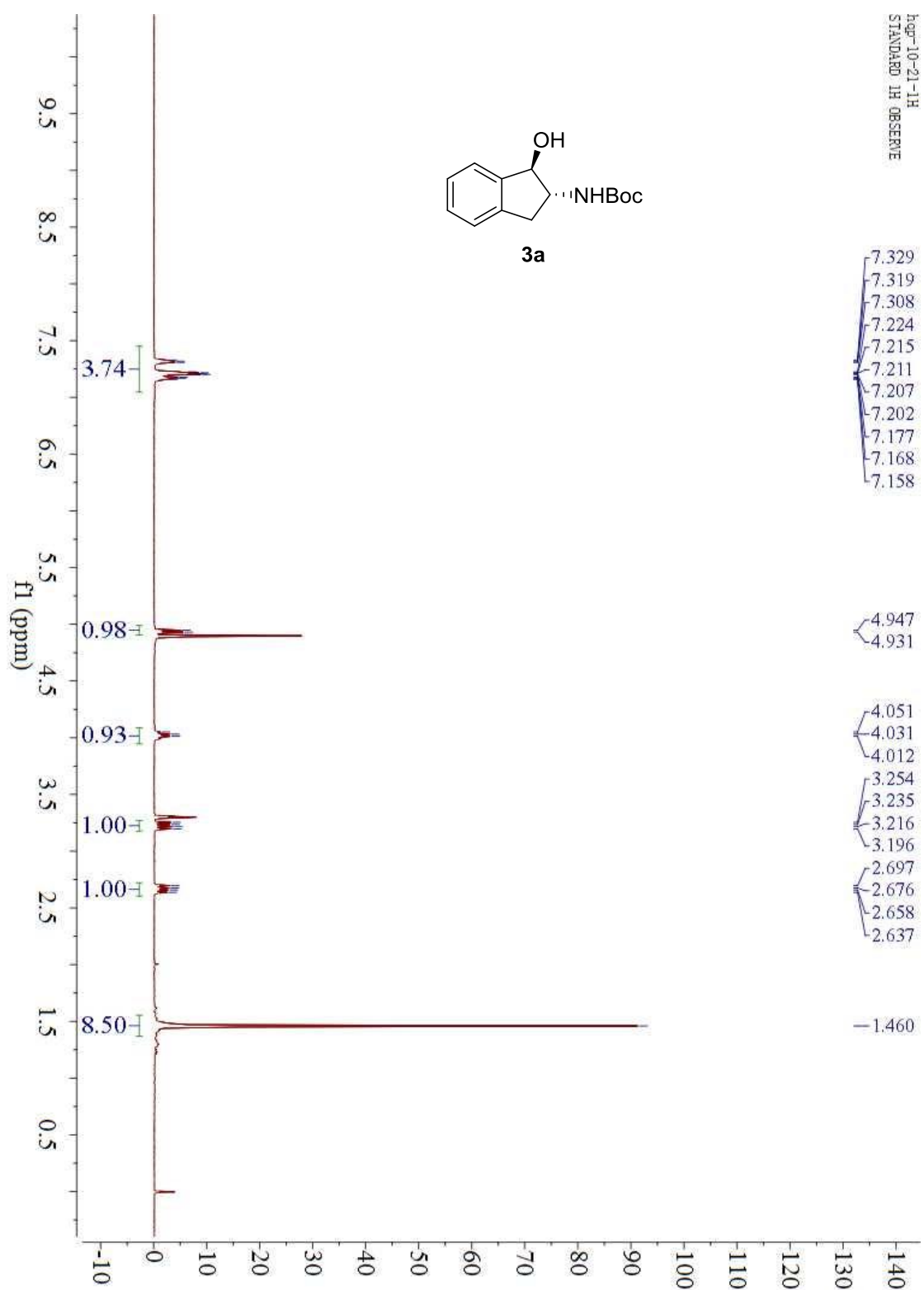
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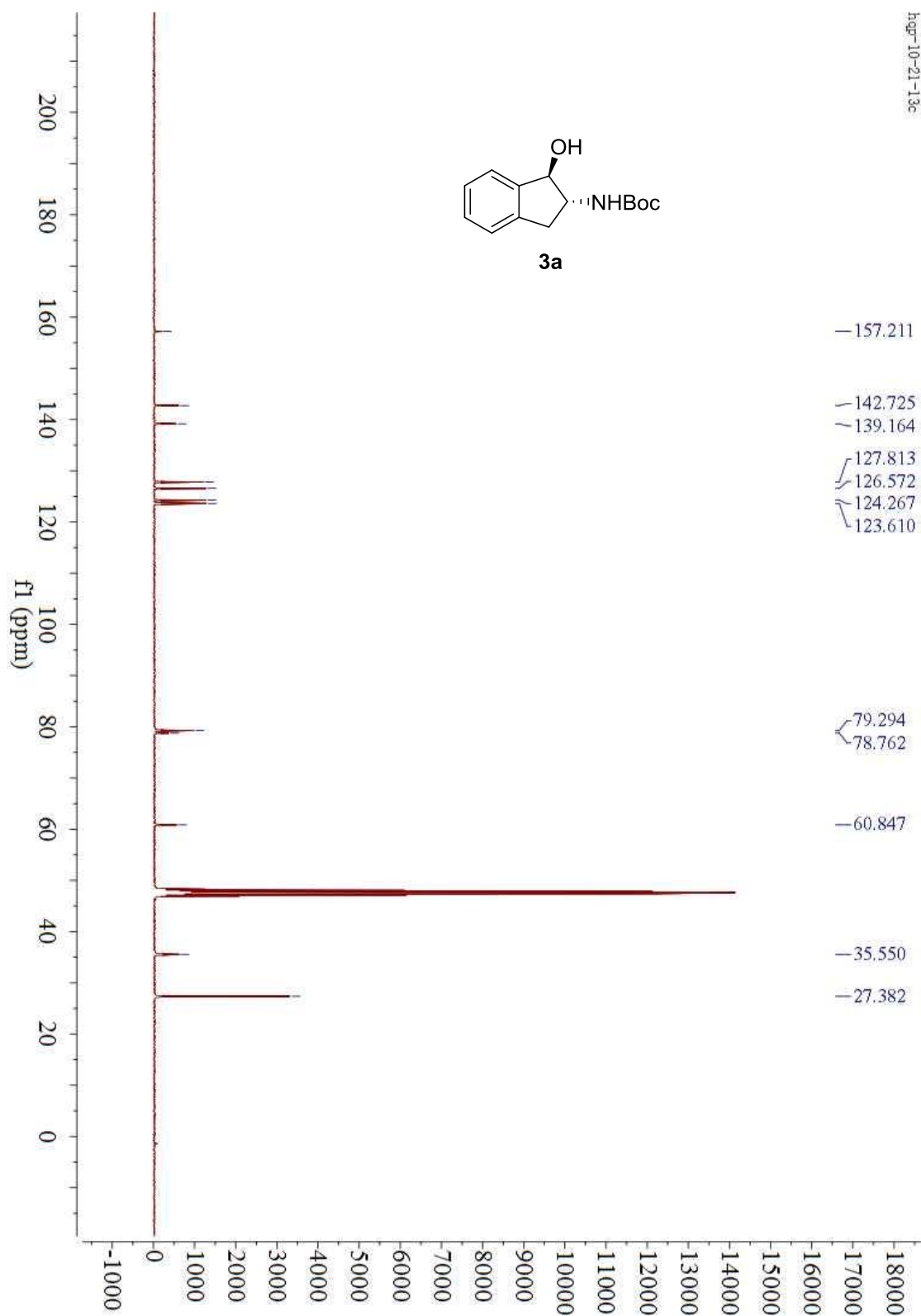




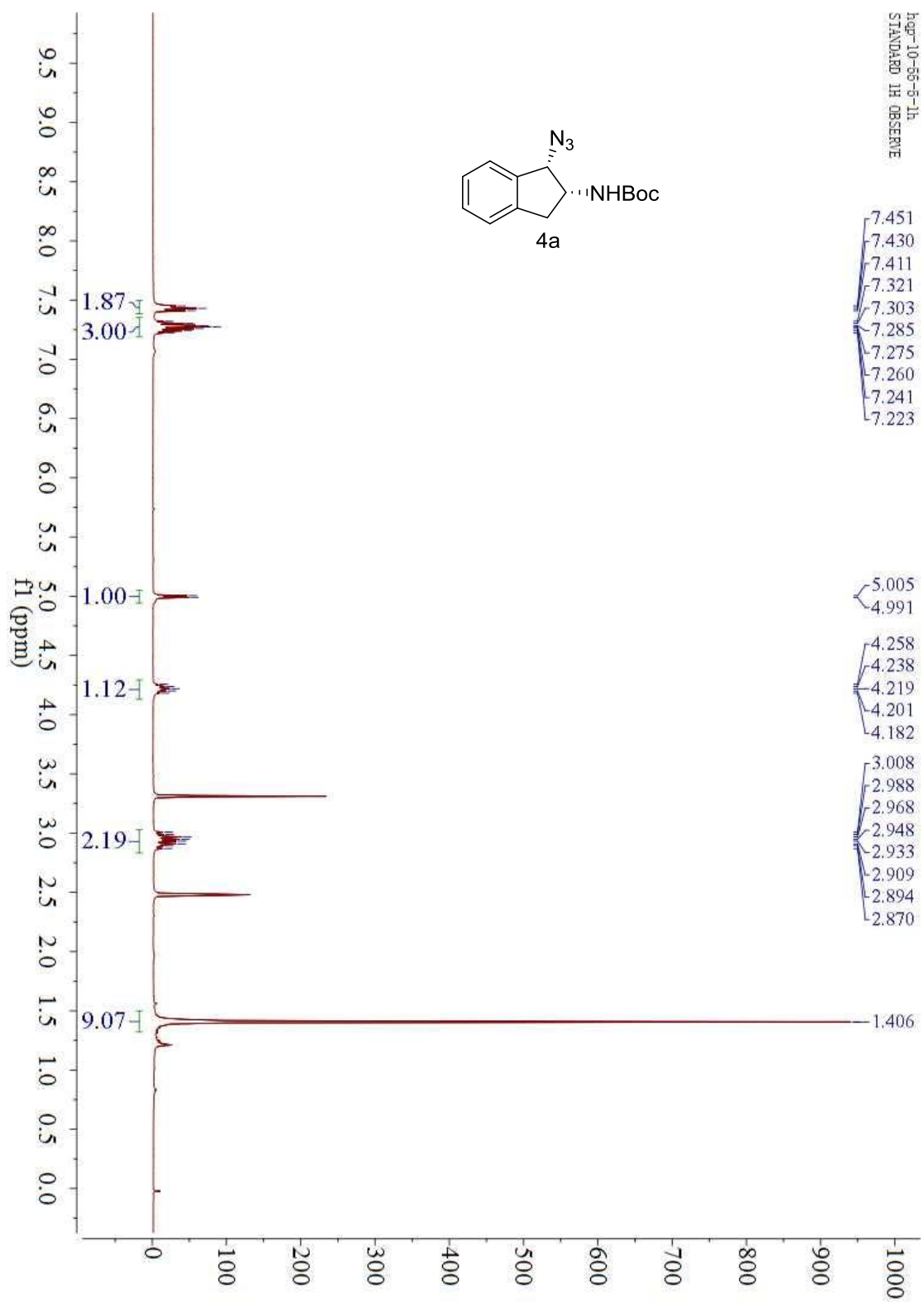


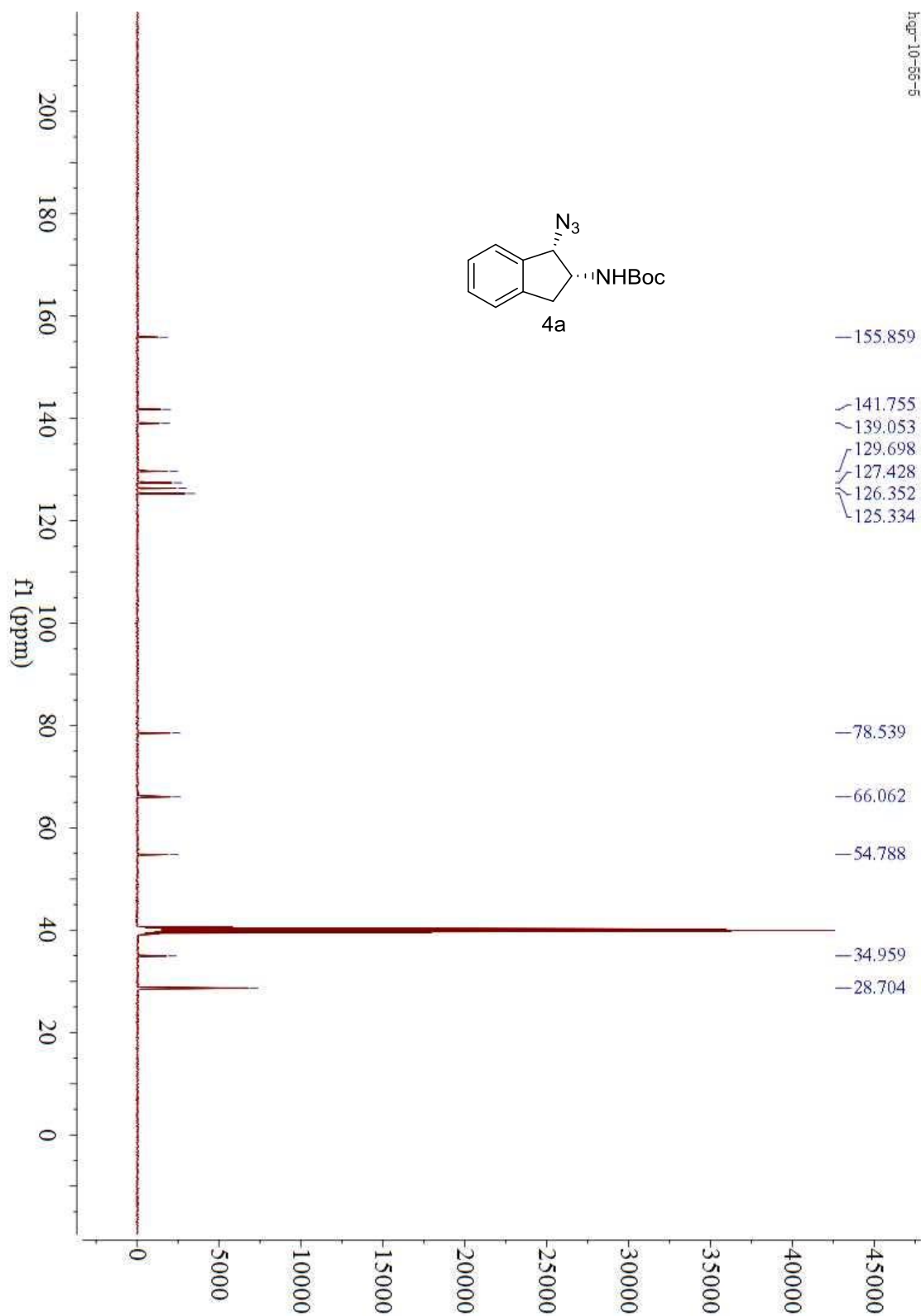










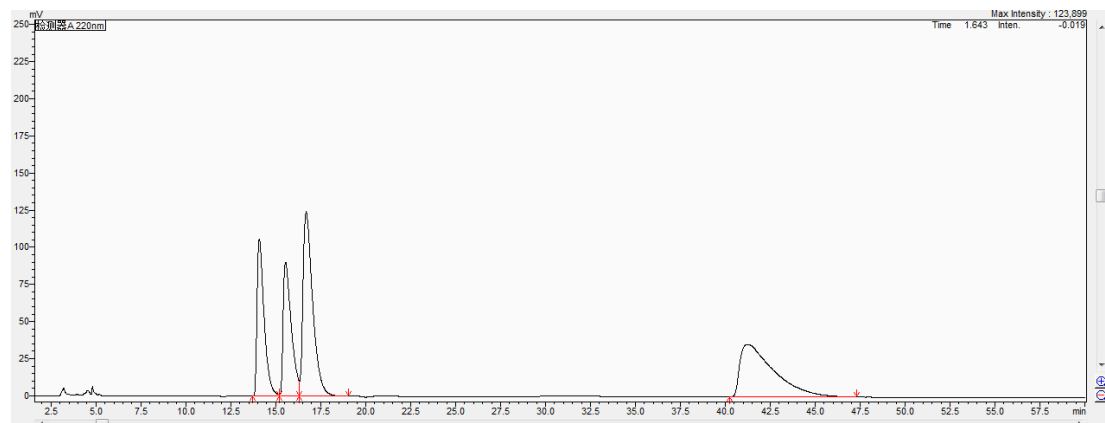


## 9. HPLC spectra

### *N*-((1*R*,2*R*)-1-hydroxy-2,3-dihydro-1*H*-inden-2-yl)acetamide (2a)

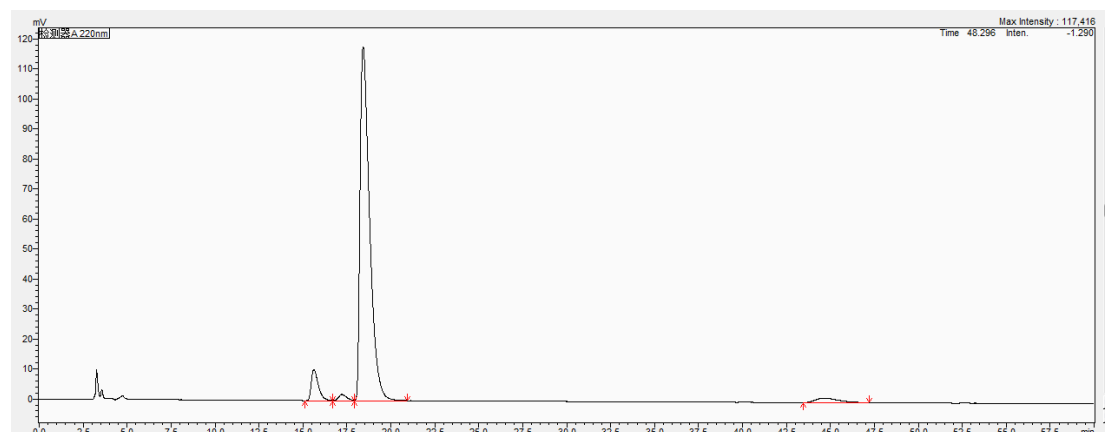
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Racemic



	Retention Time (min)	Area (%)
Peak 1	14.084	19.350
Peak 2	15.543	18.965
Peak 3	16.690	30.989
Peak 4	41.245	30.697

Chiral

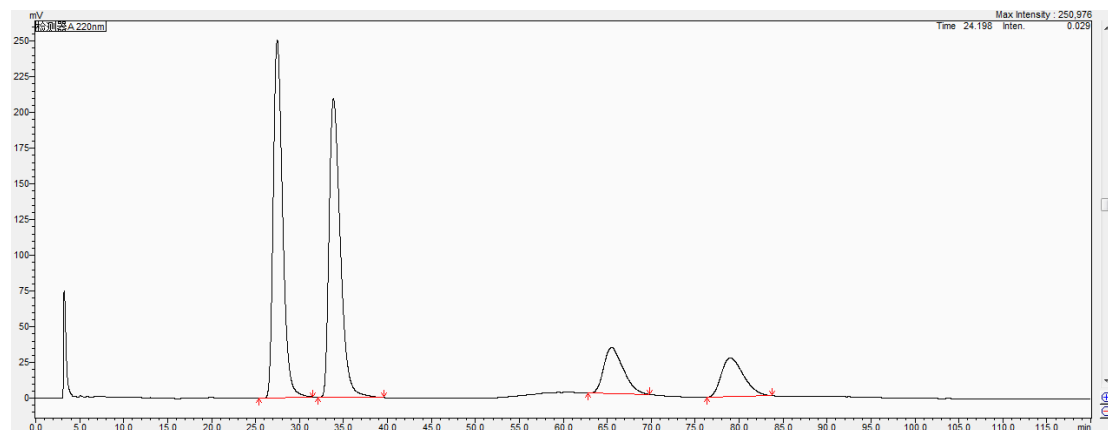


	Retention Time (min)	Area (%)
Peak 1	15.624	5.849
Peak 2	17.218	1.324
Peak 3	18.427	90.071
Peak 4	44.625	2.756

***N*-((1*R*,2*R*)-1-hydroxy-6-methyl-2,3-dihydro-1*H*-inden-2-yl)acetamide (2b).**

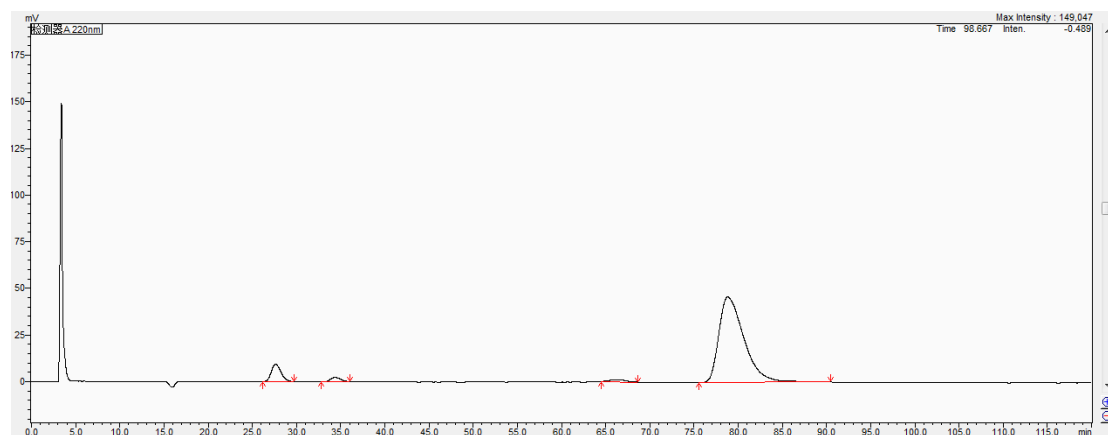
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Racemic



	Retention Time (min)	Area (%)
Peak 1	27.464	39.485
Peak 2	33.866	39.654
Peak 3	65.506	10.561
Peak 4	78.977	10.300

Chiral

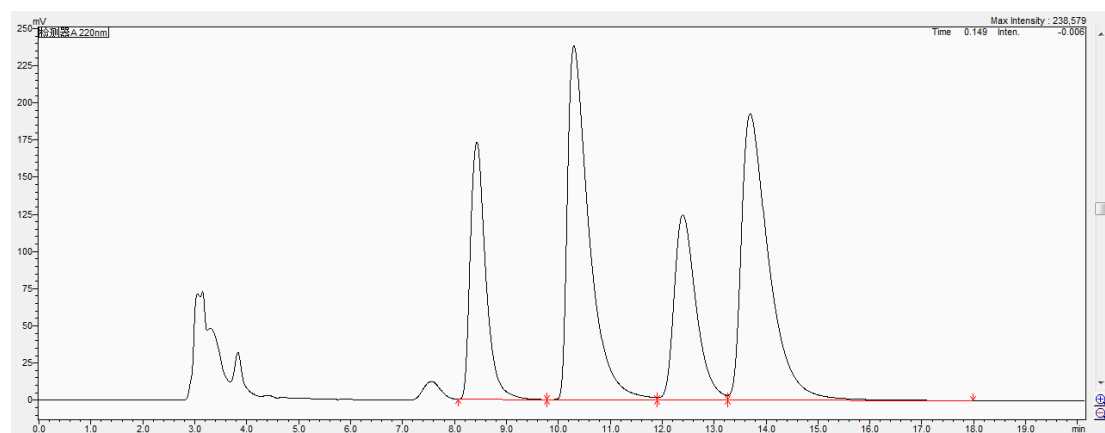


	Retention Time (min)	Area (%)
Peak 1	27.642	7.086
Peak 2	34.387	1.825
Peak 3	66.324	1.545
Peak 4	78.810	89.544

***N*-((1*R*,2*R*)-1-hydroxy-4-methyl-2,3-dihydro-1*H*-inden-2-yl)acetamide (2c).**

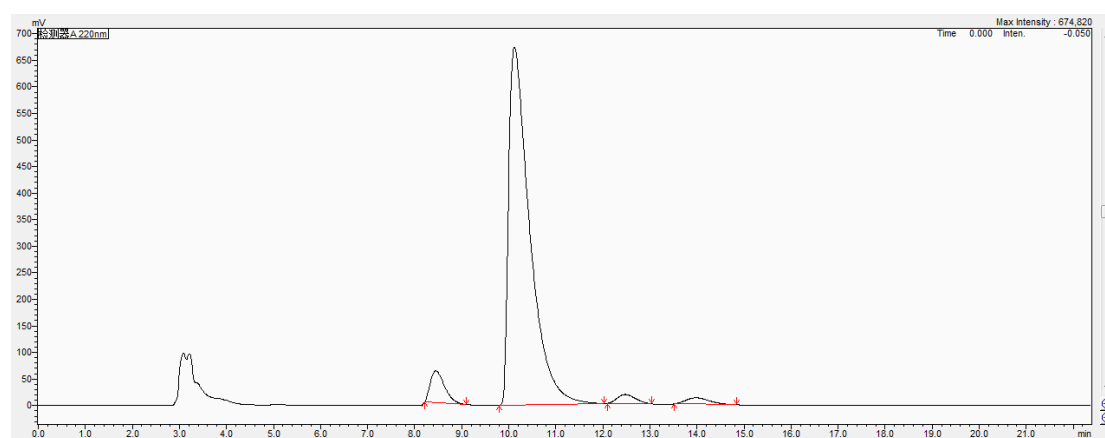
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Racemic



	Retention Time (min)	Area (%)
Peak 1	8.432	17.034
Peak 2	10.303	32.561
Peak 3	12.399	17.116
Peak 4	13.698	33.289

Chiral

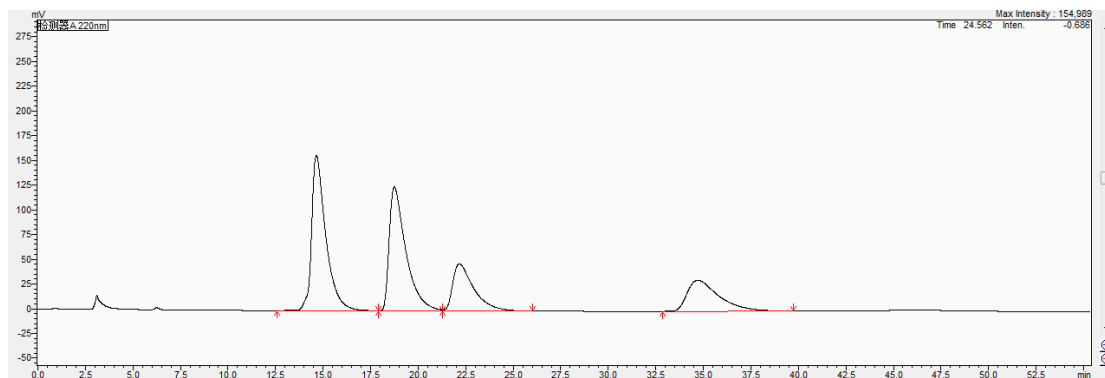


	Retention Time (min)	Area (%)
Peak 1	8.452	5.418
Peak 2	10.121	90.746
Peak 3	12.476	1.995
Peak 4	13.976	1.841

***N*-((1*R*,2*R*)-1-hydroxy-4,6-dimethyl-2,3-dihydro-1*H*-inden-2-yl)acetamide (2d)**

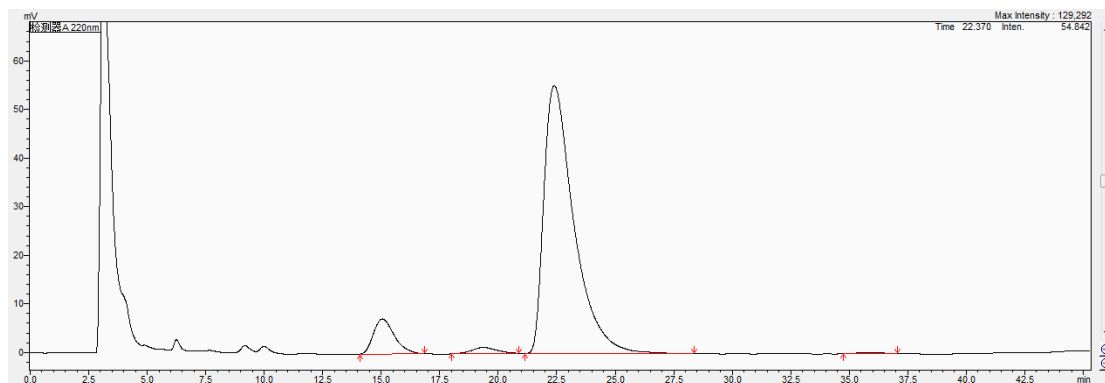
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Racemic



	Retention Time (min)	Area (%)
Peak 1	14.649	35.372
Peak 2	18.751	32.968
Peak 3	22.164	15.800
Peak 4	34.701	15.861

Chiral

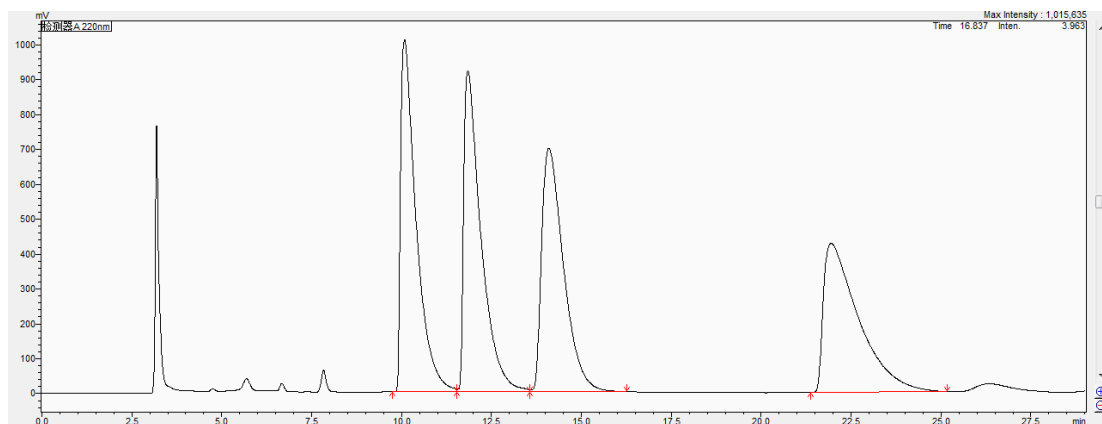


	Retention Time (min)	Area (%)
Peak 1	15.056	8.083
Peak 2	19.359	1.680
Peak 3	22.398	89.936
Peak 4	35.862	0.301

***N*-((1*R*,2*R*)-1-hydroxy-5,7-dimethyl-2,3-dihydro-1*H*-inden-2-yl)acetamide (2e)**

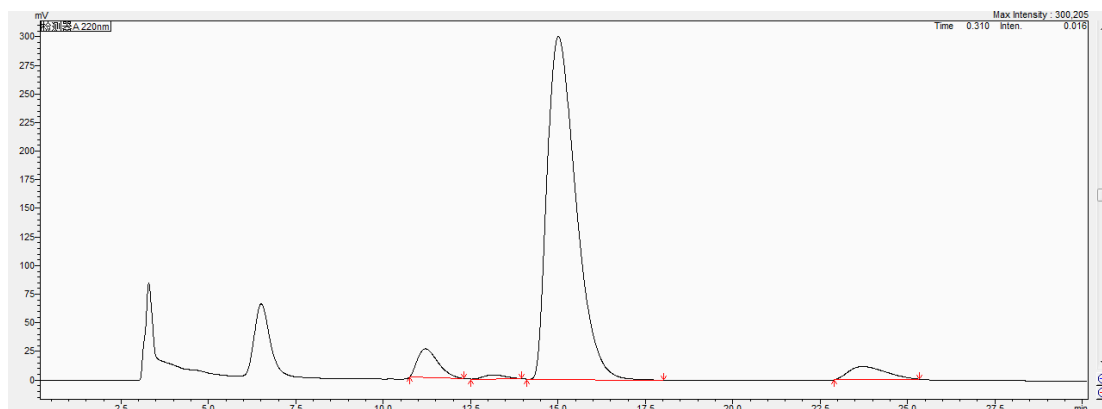
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Racemic



	Retention Time (min)	Area (%)
Peak 1	10.082	25.411
Peak 2	11.845	25.725
Peak 3	14.097	24.594
Peak 4	21.945	24.269

Chiral

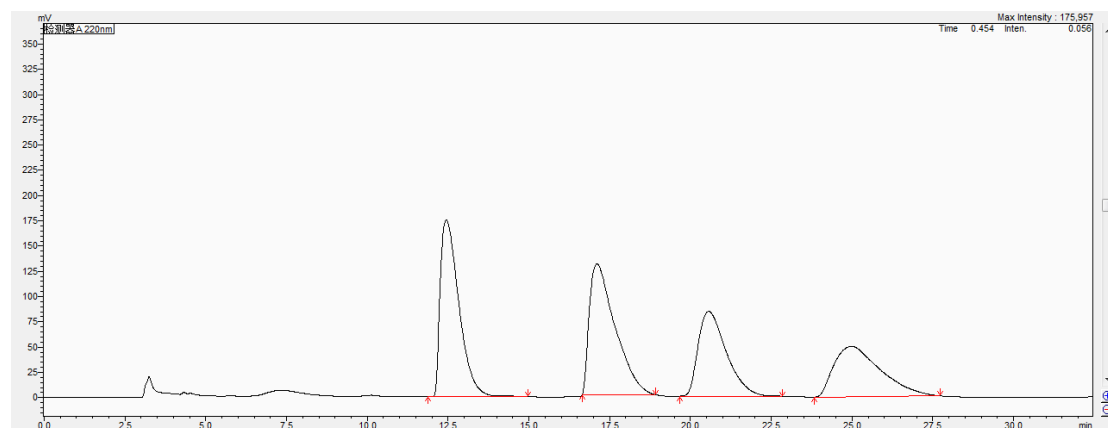


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Peak 1	11.210	5.353
Peak 2	13.170	0.798
Peak 3	15.013	89.398
Peak 4	23.720	4.451

***N*-((1*R*,2*R*)-6-ethyl-1-hydroxy-2,3-dihydro-1*H*-inden-2-yl)acetamide (2f)**

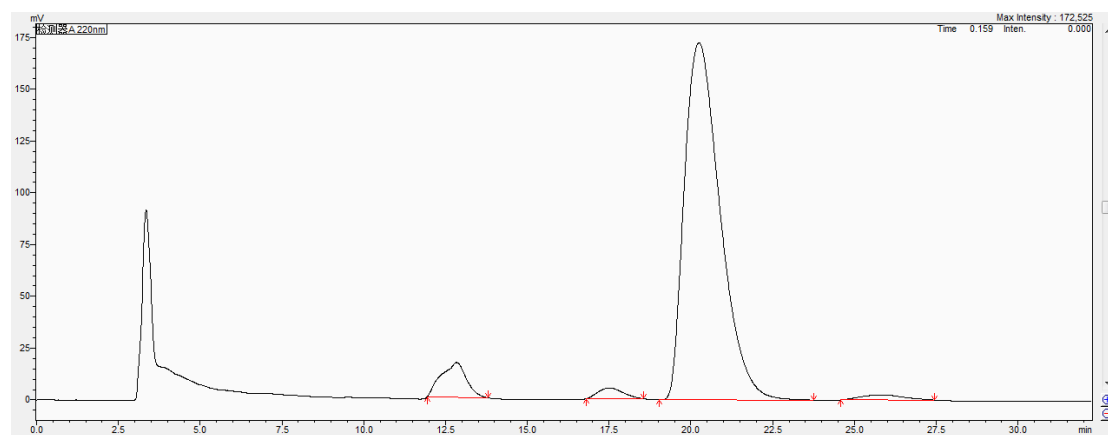
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Racemic



	Retention Time (min)	Area (%)
Peak 1	12.443	29.128
Peak 2	17.106	29.561
Peak 3	20.565	20.787
Peak 4	24.983	20.524

Chiral



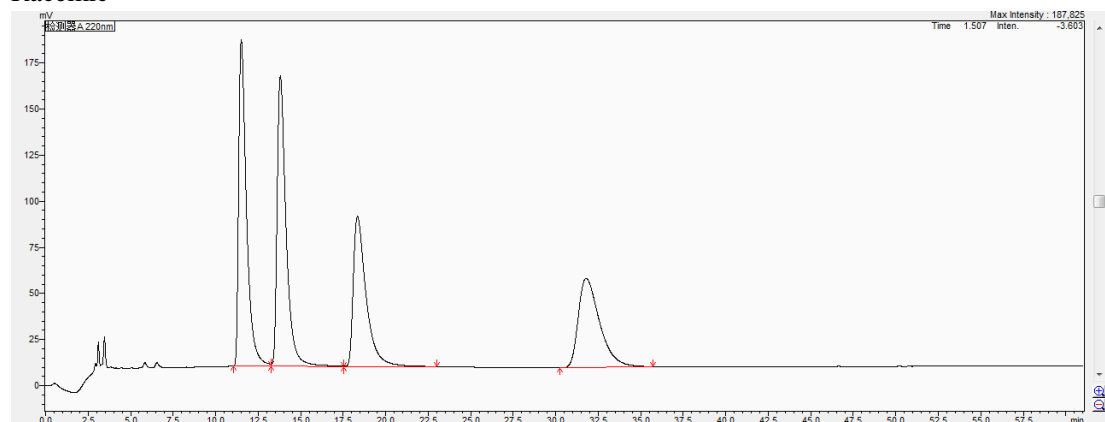
	Retention Time (min)	Area (%)
Peak 1	12.840	6.163
Peak 2	17.515	1.937
Peak 3	20.250	90.374
Peak 4	25.796	1.526



***N*-((1*R*,2*R*)-1-hydroxy-6-phenyl-2,3-dihydro-1*H*-inden-2-yl)acetamide (2g)**

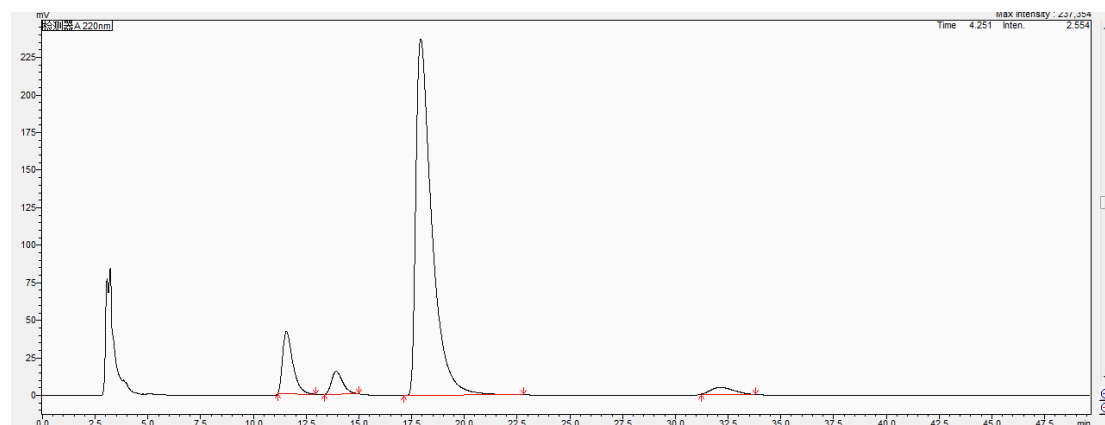
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Racemic



	Retention Time (min)	Area (%)
Peak 1	11.508	28.377
Peak 2	13.803	29.166
Peak 3	18.344	21.350
Peak 4	31.797	21.108

Chiral

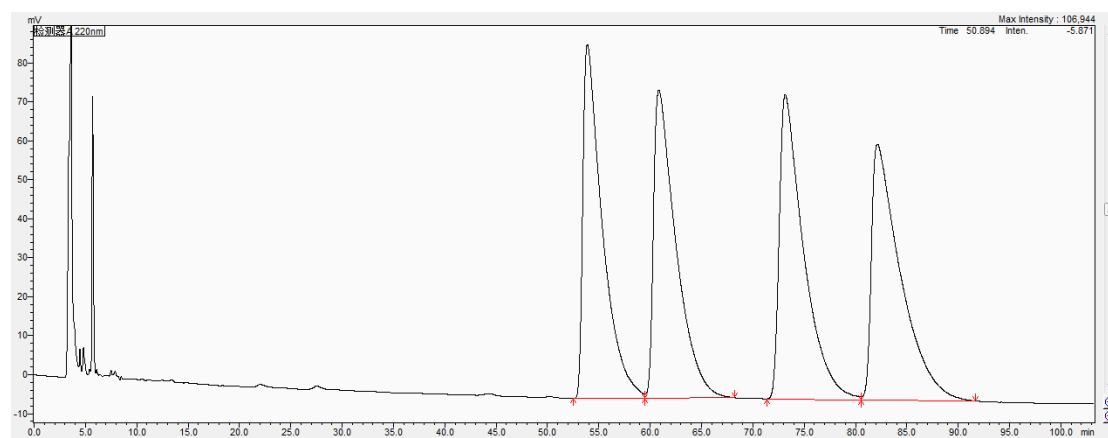


	Retention Time (min)	Area (%)
Peak 1	11.563	9.398
Peak 2	13.920	3.869
Peak 3	17.933	84.393
Peak 4	32.141	2.339

**Methyl (2*R*,3*R*)-2-acetamido-3-hydroxy-2,3-dihydro-1*H*-indene-5-carboxylate (2h)**

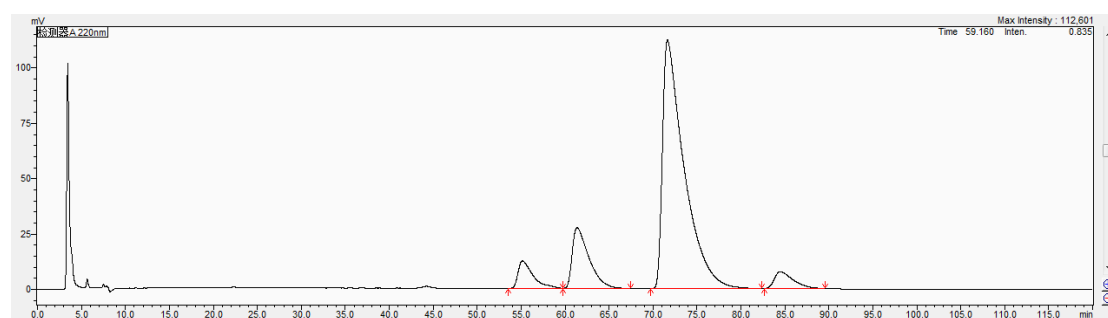
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Racemic



	Retention Time (min)	Area (%)
Peak 1	53.877	24.164
Peak 2	60.834	24.172
Peak 3	73.149	25.817
Peak 4	82.128	25.847

Chiral

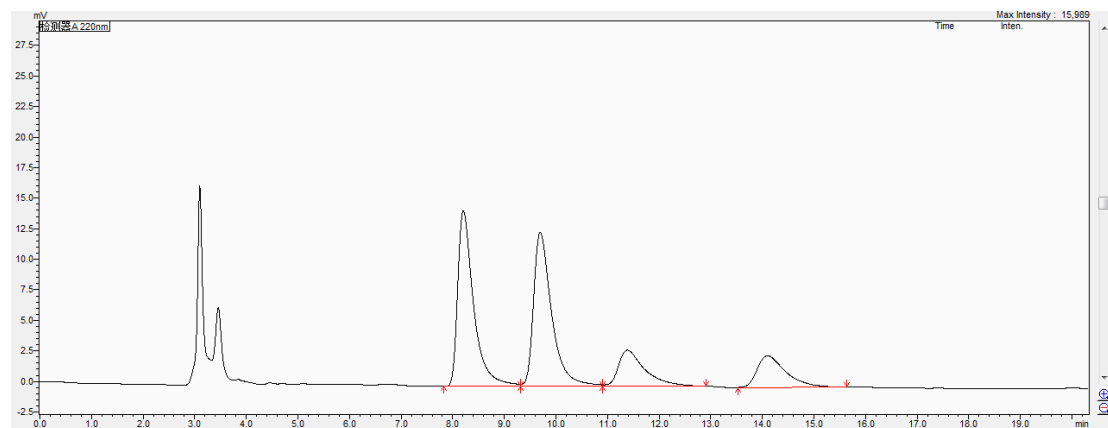


	Retention Time (min)	Area (%)
Peak 1	55.167	5.863
Peak 2	61.365	14.340
Peak 3	71.648	75.329
Peak 4	84.502	4.468

***N*-((1*R*,2*R*)-6-fluoro-1-hydroxy-2,3-dihydro-1*H*-inden-2-yl)acetamide (2i)**

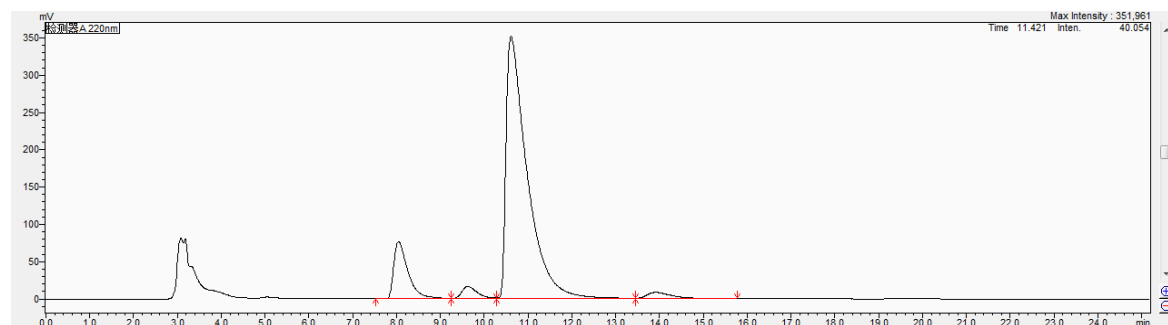
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Racemic



	Retention Time (min)	Area (%)
Peak 1	8.208	37.418
Peak 2	9.694	37.509
Peak 3	11.384	12.866
Peak 4	14.100	12.207

Chiral

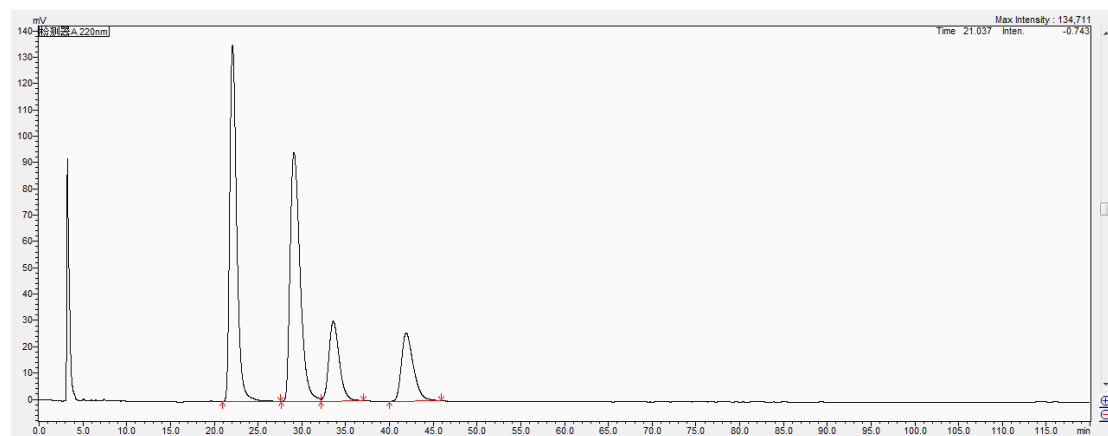


	Retention Time (min)	Area (%)
Peak 1	8.044	12.177
Peak 2	9.626	2.891
Peak 3	10.613	82.607
Peak 4	13.918	2.325

***N*-((1*R*,2*R*)-4-fluoro-1-hydroxy-2,3-dihydro-1*H*-inden-2-yl)acetamide (2j)**

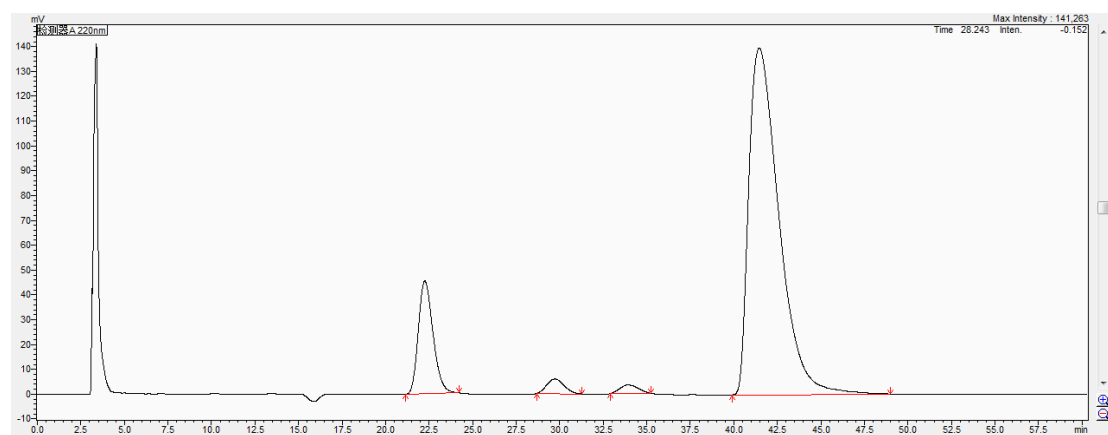
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Racemic



	Retention Time (min)	Area (%)
Peak 1	22.095	37.514
Peak 2	29.108	37.531
Peak 3	33.602	12.588
Peak 4	41.915	12.367

Chiral

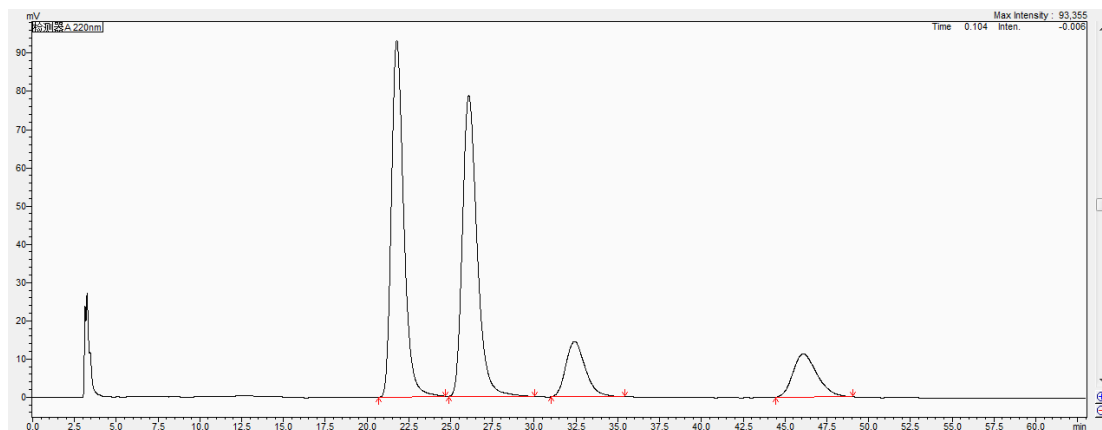


	Retention Time (min)	Area (%)
Peak 1	22.253	13.279
Peak 2	29.732	2.021
Peak 3	33.919	1.241
Peak 4	41.464	83.459

***N*-((1*R*,2*R*)-6-chloro-1-hydroxy-2,3-dihydro-1*H*-inden-2-yl)acetamide (2k)**

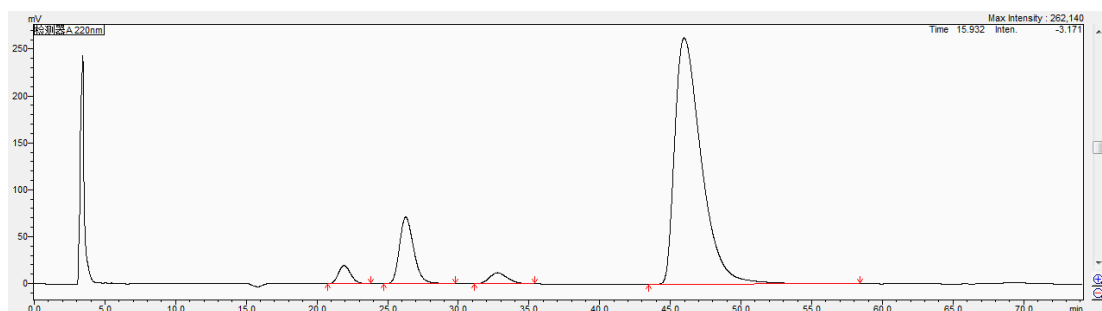
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Racemic



	Retention Time (min)	Area (%)
Peak 1	21.779	40.306
Peak 2	26.086	40.272
Peak 3	32.422	9.829
Peak 4	46.090	9.592

Chiral

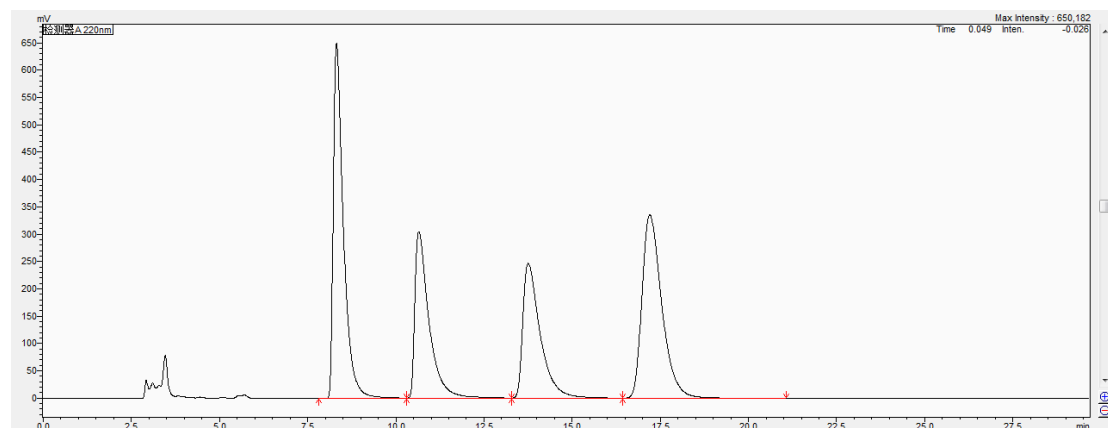


	Retention Time (min)	Area (%)
Peak 1	21.916	2.818
Peak 2	26.276	12.020
Peak 3	32.773	2.532
Peak 4	45.974	82.630

***N*-((1*R*,2*R*)-4-chloro-1-hydroxy-2,3-dihydro-1*H*-inden-2-yl)acetamide (2l)**

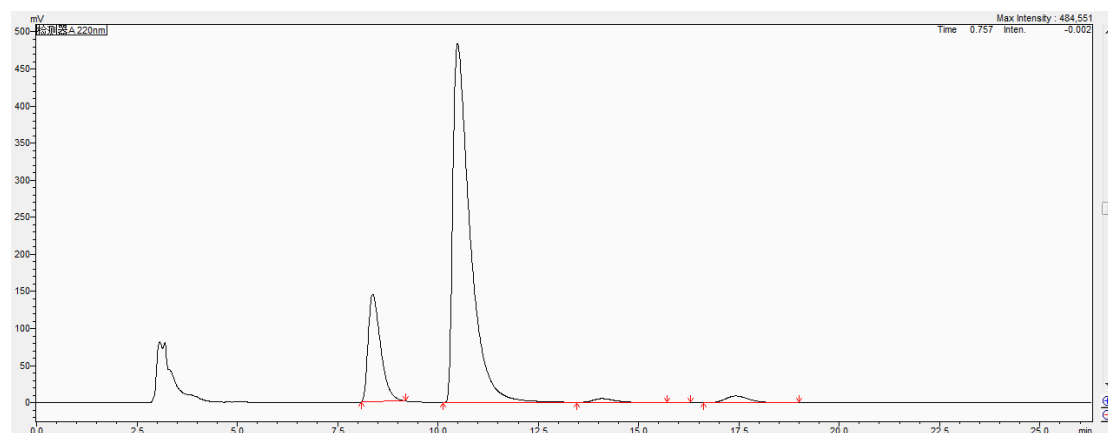
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Racemic



	Retention Time (min)	Area (%)
Peak 1	8.317	30.102
Peak 2	10.655	19.799
Peak 3	13.758	19.701
Peak 4	17.205	30.398

Chiral

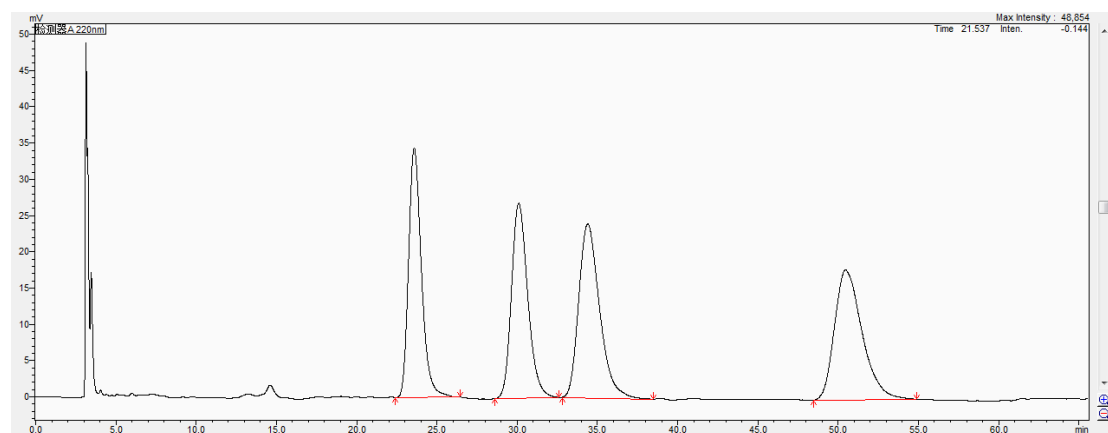


	Retention Time (min)	Area (%)
Peak 1	8.377	17.227
Peak 2	10.491	79.619
Peak 3	14.088	1.073
Peak 4	17.420	2.081

***N*-((1*R*,2*R*)-6-bromo-1-hydroxy-2,3-dihydro-1*H*-inden-2-yl)acetamide (2m)**

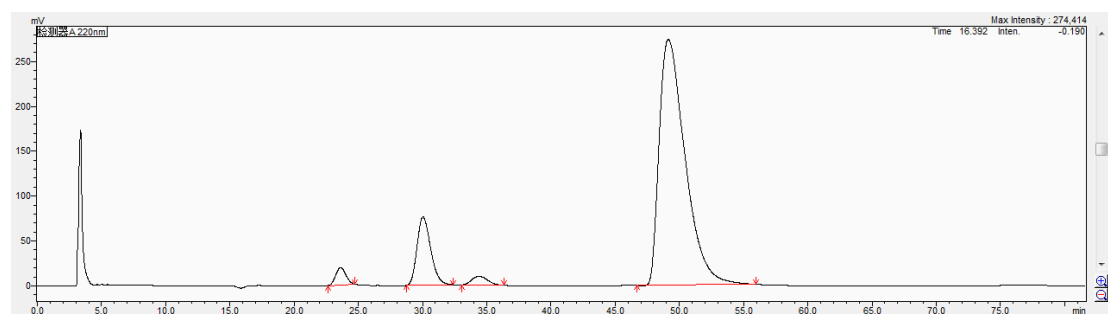
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Racemic



	Retention Time (min)	Area (%)
Peak 1	23.585	23.534
Peak 2	30.101	23.362
Peak 3	34.398	26.619
Peak 4	50.458	26.486

Chiral

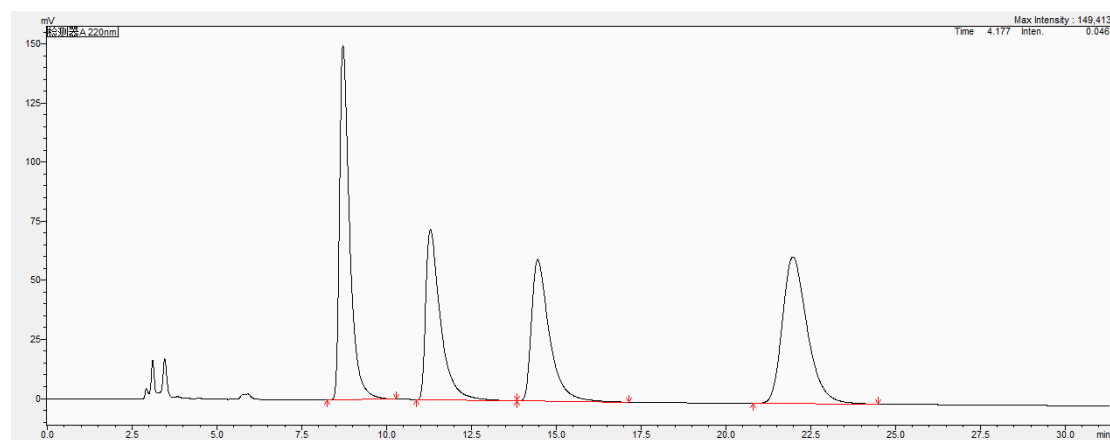


	Retention Time (min)	Area (%)
Peak 1	23.614	2.326
Peak 2	30.030	12.211
Peak 3	34.385	1.857
Peak 4	49.141	83.606

***N*-((1*R*,2*R*)-4-bromo-1-hydroxy-2,3-dihydro-1*H*-inden-2-yl)acetamide (2n)**

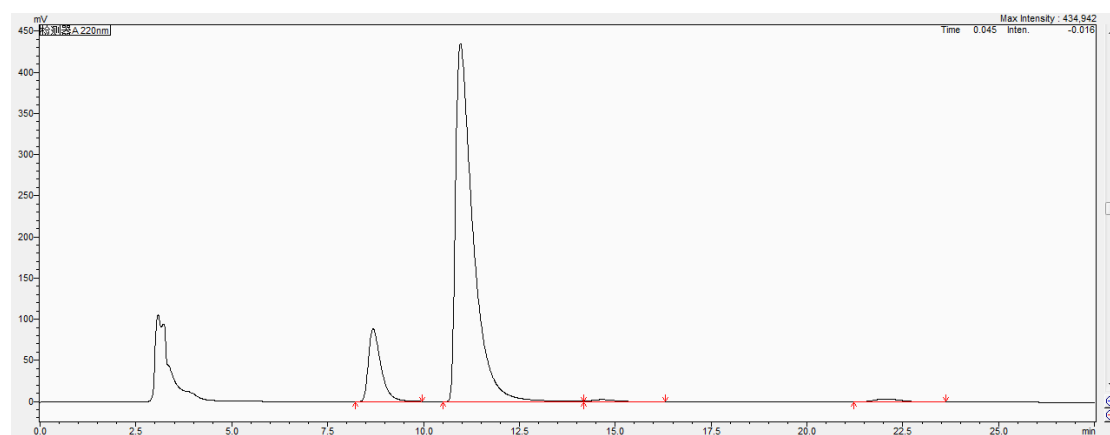
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Racemic



	Retention Time (min)	Area (%)
Peak 1	8.719	29.324
Peak 2	11.294	20.504
Peak 3	14.458	20.552
Peak 4	21.981	29.621

Chiral



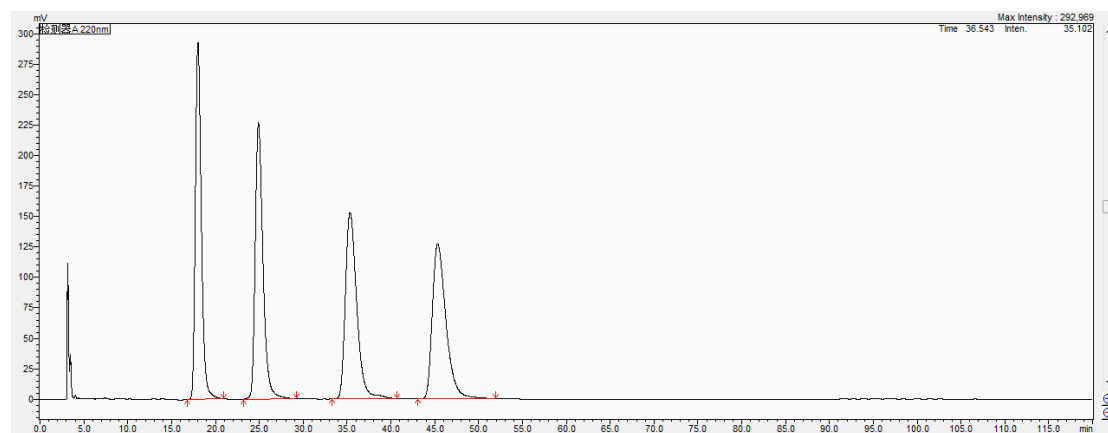
	Retention Time (min)	Area (%)
Peak 1	8.687	12.468
Peak 2	10.964	85.519
Peak 3	14.653	0.742
Peak 4	22.056	1.271



***N*-((1*R*,2*R*)-4,5-dichloro-1-hydroxy-2,3-dihydro-1*H*-inden-2-yl)acetamide (2o)**

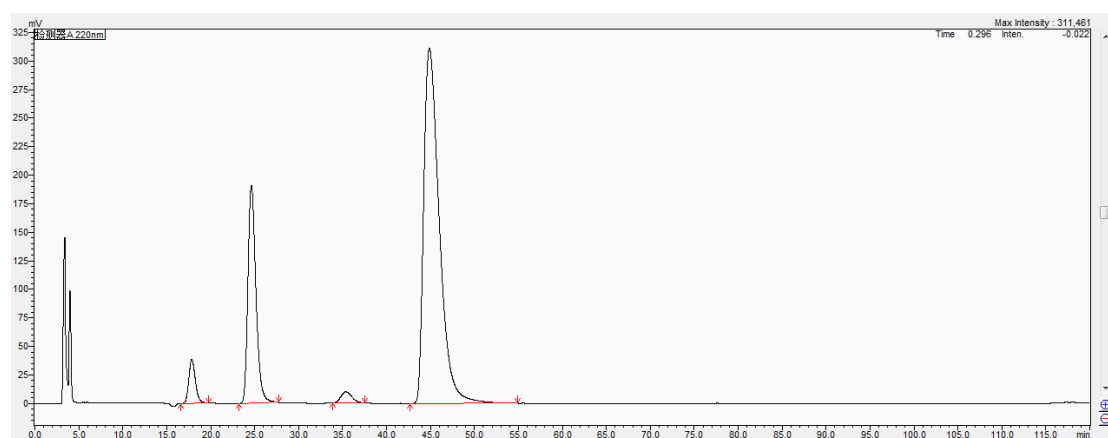
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Racemic



	Retention Time (min)	Area (%)
Peak 1	18.009	25.016
Peak 2	24.905	25.229
Peak 3	35.345	24.890
Peak 4	45.341	24.866

Chiral

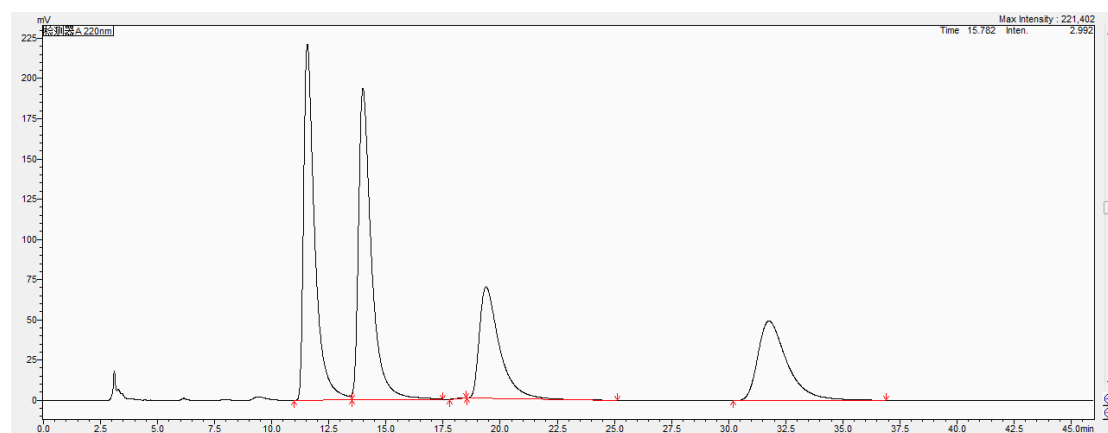


	Retention Time (min)	Area (%)
Peak 1	17.852	3.722
Peak 2	24.630	22.701
Peak 3	35.391	1.627
Peak 4	44.873	71.951

***N*-((1*R*,2*R*)-1-hydroxy-2,3-dihydro-1*H*-cyclopenta[*b*]naphthalen-2-yl)acetamide (2p)**

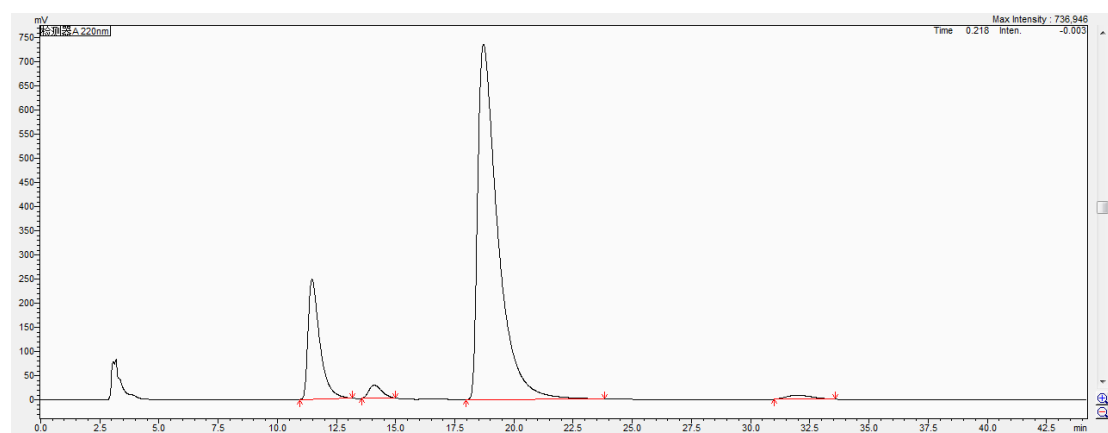
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Racemic



	Retention Time (min)	Area (%)
Peak 1	11.555	31.571
Peak 2	13.993	32.066
Peak 3	19.382	17.846
Peak 4	31.767	18.517

Chiral

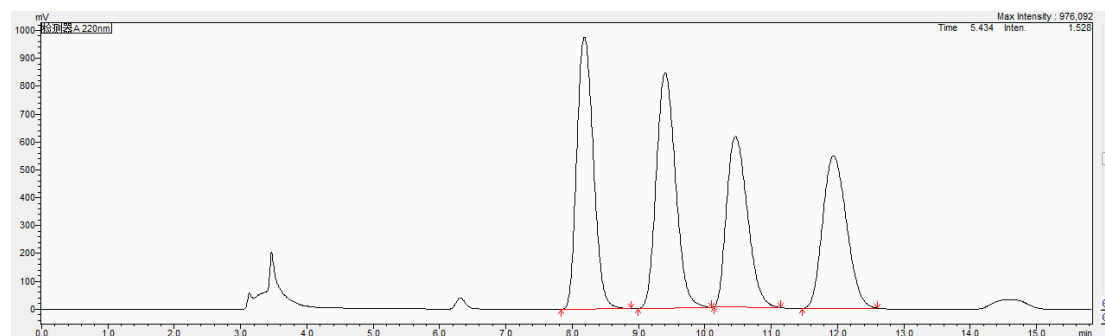


	Retention Time (min)	Area (%)
Peak 1	11.468	16.006
Peak 2	14.091	1.919
Peak 3	18.713	80.870
Peak 4	31.978	1.204

***tert*-Butyl ((1*S*,2*R*)-1-azido-2,3-dihydro-1*H*-inden-2-yl)carbamate (4a)**

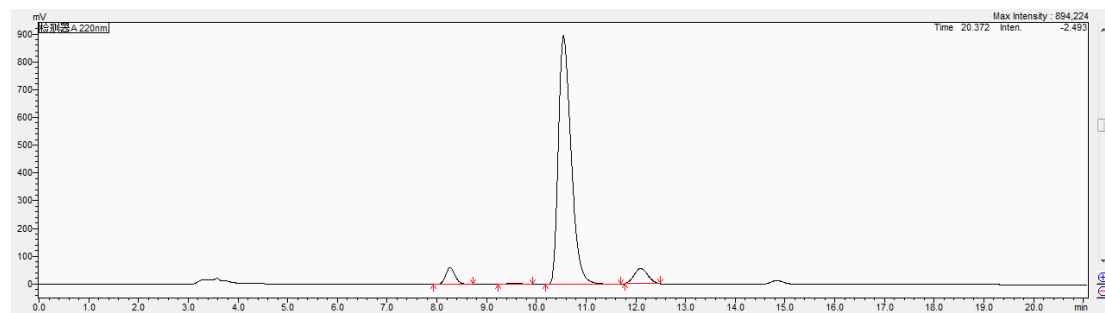
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**Racemic**



	Retention Time (min)	Area (%)
Peak 1	8.183	27.733
Peak 2	9.402	27.890
Peak 3	10.461	21.940
Peak 4	11.940	22.437

**Chiral**



	Retention Time (min)	Area (%)
Peak 1	8.264	4.391
Peak 2	9.554	0.458
Peak 3	10.547	89.277
Peak 4	12.097	5.874