

Supporting Information

Enantioselective Transformation of Na₂SO₃ into Allylic Sulfonic Acids under Pd catalysis

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General Experimental Details

All manipulations were carried out under an argon atmosphere using standard Schlenk techniques. All glassware was oven or flame dried immediately prior to use. All solvents were purified and dried according to standard methods prior to use, unless stated otherwise.

All reagents were obtained from commercial sources and used without further purification. ^1H NMR spectra were obtained at 400 MHz and recorded relative to the tetramethylsilane signal (0 ppm) or residual protio-solvent (3.31 ppm for CD_3OD ; 7.26 ppm for CDCl_3). ^{13}C NMR spectra were obtained at 100 MHz, and chemical shifts were recorded relative to the solvent resonance (CD_3OD , 49.00 ppm; CDCl_3 , 77.0 ppm). ^{19}F NMR spectra were obtained at 377 MHz and CF_3COOH ($\delta = -76.55$) was used as internal standard. Data for NMR are recorded as follows: chemical shift (δ , ppm), multiplicity (s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, m = multiplet or unresolved, coupling constant(s) in Hz, integration).

General Procedure for Pd-catalyzed Allylic Sulfonations of the Symmetrical Allylic

Acetates

In a reaction tube equipped with a magnetic stirring bar were added in sequence allylic acetate **1** (1.0 mmol, 5 equiv.) and a mixture of THF (2.0 mL) and H_2O (0.5 mL) at room temperature under argon. To this solution were sequentially added catalyst made from $\text{Pd}_2(\text{dba})_3$ (0.01 mmol, 5 mol%) and (*R*)-BINAP (0.02 mmol, 10 mol%) and sodium sulfite Na_2SO_3 **2a** (0.20 mmol, 1 equiv.). The reaction was vigorously stirred at room temperature.

Work-up was performed through a plug of freshly activated acidic ion exchange resin.¹ The crude residue was purified by flash column chromatography (methanol/ethyl acetate) to give the desired products **3**.² The allylic sulfonic acid **3** (0.10 mmol) was added into the mixture of DCM (2.0 mL) and HBF_4 (50% aq, 20 μL) at room temperature, and then trimethylsilyl diazomethane ($\text{Me}_3\text{SiCHN}_2$, 0.5 mmol, 0.5 mL) was added dropwise into the above-mentioned solution. The reaction mixture was stirred for 1 hour then the volatile solvent was removed under reduced pressure. The methylated sulfonic acids **3aa-3ja** was obtained by purifying the crude residue with column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate).

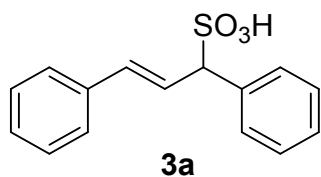
Methanol- d_4 was chosen as an internal standard and the peak at 3.31 ppm is distributed to MeOD. The peak at 4.87 ppm is assigned to H_2O . After purification, there was a peak at 4.87 ppm for H_2O in ^1H NMR spectra of the sulfonic acids due to the hygroscopic property of the sulfonic acids. The allylic sulfonic acids are difficult to be dried absolutely and this phenomena is in accord with previous works.² The yields of products were reduced the weight of water according the integration of H_2O in all cases.

Reference

[1] F. Fini, M. Nagabelli, M. F. A. Adamo, *Adv. Synth. Catal.* 2010, **352**, 3163.

[2] The sulfonic acids **3** with water were obtained after purification, which are inseparable, see: (a) Moccia, M.; Fini, F.; Scagnetti, M.; Adamo, M. F. A. *Angew. Chem. Int. Ed.* 2011, **50**, 6893; b) Koch, F. M.; Peters, R. *Chem. -Eur. J.* 2011, **17**, 3679.

Characterization Data



(*E*)-1,3-Diphenylprop-2-ene-1-sulfonic acid (**3a**)

The isolated hydrated sulfonic acid **3a** is 30.9 mg, which contains 2.4 mg of H₂O. The integration of the hydrogen of H₂O was determined as 2.19 by ¹H NMR at 4.87 ppm and the calculated yield was calculated by the following equations:

$$[\text{H}_2\text{O}] \% = ([\text{H}] * 18/2) / ([\text{H}] * 18/2 + \text{MW})$$

$$W[\text{H}_2\text{O}] = W * [\text{H}_2\text{O}] \%$$

$$\text{CW} = W - W[\text{H}_2\text{O}]$$

W = weight of the hydrated sulfonic acid

MW = molecular weight of the sulfonic acid

[H₂O] % = the percent of water in the hydrated sulfonic acid

W[H₂O] = weight of H₂O

CW = calculated weight of the sulfonic acid

[H] = the integration of the hydrogen of H₂O in ¹H NMR spectra.

For example, CW of **3a** was calculated by the following equations:

$$[\text{H}_2\text{O}] \% = 2.19 * 9 / (2.19 * 9 + 237) = 7.7 \%$$

$$W[\text{H}_2\text{O}] = 30.9 * 7.7 \% = 2.4 \text{ mg}$$

$$\text{CW} = 30.9 \text{ mg} - 2.4 \text{ mg} = 28.5 \text{ mg}$$

Calculated yield: 60% (28.5 mg). White solid. The sulfonic acid **3a** is hygroscopic^[2] and is decomposed over 300 °C.

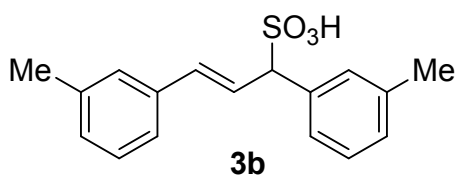
¹H NMR (400 MHz, CD₃OD) δ = 7.58 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 7.43 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.37 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.32 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.29 – 7.22 (m, 2H), 6.78 (dd, *J* = 15.8, 8.7 Hz, 1H), 6.62 (d, *J* = 15.8 Hz, 1H), 4.82 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 1H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CD₃OD) δ = 138.61, 138.31, 135.38, 130.52, 130.44, 129.56, 129.30, 129.13, 128.71, 128.56, 127.49, 126.86, 71.38.

HRMS (ESI) found: 237.0597, C₁₅H₁₃O₃S [M-H]⁻ requires: 237.0591.

Enantiomeric excess was determined with the sulfonic acid methyl ester generated by esterification of **3a** with Me₃SiCHN₂ and analyzed by HPLC (254 nm, 25 °C) on a chiral stationary phase [(Daicel CHIRALPAK AD, 0.46 cm × 25 cm). t_R = 19.06 min (major); 22.02 min (minor); hexane/2-propanol = 80/20, 1.0 mL/min] to be 90%. [α]₂₀^D = -13.5° (c 1.0, MeOH).

IR (KBr): ν max (cm⁻¹) = 3480, 2960, 2913, 2852, 1633, 1511, 1489, 1396, 1357, 1169, 1089, 1070, 984, 775, 587, 510, 453.



(E)-1,3-Di-m-tolylprop-2-ene-1-sulfonic acid (3b)

The isolated hydrated sulfonic acid **3b** is 31.5 mg, which contains 0.8 mg of H₂O (the integration of the hydrogen of H₂O was determined as 0.89 by ¹H NMR at 4.87 ppm). Calculated yield by the same method as shown in **3a**: 51% (30.7 mg). White solid. The sulfonic acid **3b** is hygroscopic^[2] and is decomposed over 300 °C.

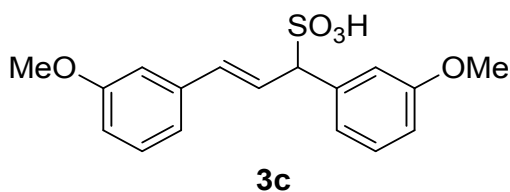
¹H NMR (400 MHz, CD₃OD) δ = 7.29 – 7.24 (m, 2H), 7.13 – 7.01 (m, 4H), 6.97 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 6.89 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 6.62 (dd, *J* = 15.8, 8.7 Hz, 1H), 6.44 (d, *J* = 15.8 Hz, 1H), 4.68 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 2.21 (s, 3H), 2.16 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CD₃OD) δ = 139.09, 138.87, 138.27, 138.09, 135.44, 131.01, 129.39, 129.22, 129.17, 128.06, 127.47, 126.44, 124.62, 71.27, 21.51, 21.38.

HRMS (ESI) found: 301.0891, C₁₇H₁₇O₃S [M-H]⁻ requires: 301.0904.

Enantiomeric excess was determined with the sulfonic acid methyl ester generated by esterification of **3b** with Me₃SiCHN₂ and analyzed by HPLC (254 nm, 25 °C) on a chiral stationary phase [(Daicel CHIRALPAK AD, 0.46 cm × 25 cm). t_R = 12.56 min (major); 14.68 min (minor); hexane/2-propanol = 70/30, 1.0 mL/min] to be 83%. [α]₂₀^D = -14.0° (c 1.0, MeOH).

IR (KBr): ν max (cm⁻¹) = 3493, 2978, 2958, 2851, 1625, 1502, 1474, 1387, 1351, 1160, 1081, 1065, 974, 763, 597, 525, 441.



(E)-1,3-Bis(3-methoxyphenyl)prop-2-ene-1-sulfonic acid (3c)

The isolated hydrated sulfonic acid **3c** is 46.3 mg, which contains 1.0 mg of H₂O (the integration of the hydrogen of H₂O was determined as 0.80 by ¹H NMR at 4.87 ppm). Calculated yield by the same method as shown in **3a**: 68% (45.3 mg).

White solid. The sulfonic acid **3c** is hygroscopic^[2] and is decomposed over 300 °C.

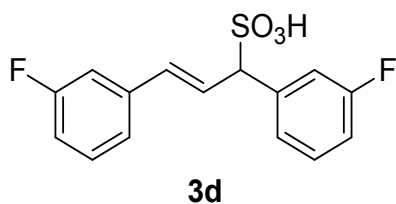
¹H NMR (400 MHz, CD₃OD) δ = 7.26 – 7.12 (m, 4H), 7.04 – 6.97 (m, 2H), 6.86 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 6.80 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 6.73 (dd, *J* = 15.7, 8.6 Hz, 1H), 6.59 (d, *J* = 15.8 Hz, 1H), 4.78 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 3.82 (s, 3H), 3.79 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CD₃OD) δ = 161.31, 161.01, 139.90, 139.69, 135.33, 130.52, 130.26, 127.07, 122.78, 120.11, 116.15, 114.47, 114.06, 112.70, 71.25, 55.69, 55.63.

HRMS (ESI) found: 333.0808, C₁₇H₁₇O₅S [M-H]⁻ requires: 333.0802.

Enantiomeric excess was determined with the sulfonic acid methyl ester generated by esterification of **3c** with Me₃SiCHN₂ and analyzed by HPLC (254 nm, 25 °C) on a chiral stationary phase [(Daicel CHIRALPAK AD, 0.46 cm × 25 cm). t_R = 21.91 min (major); 24.10 min (minor); hexane/2-propanol = 70/30, 1.0 mL/min] to be 91%. [α]₂₀^D = -15.9° (c 1.1, MeOH).

IR (KBr): ν max (cm⁻¹) = 3486, 3450, 2980, 2923, 2868, 1645, 1578, 1441, 1385, 1352, 1162, 1087, 1067, 963, 752, 578, 528, 468.



(E)-1,3-Bis(3-fluorophenyl)prop-2-ene-1-sulfonic acid (**3d**)

The isolated hydrated sulfonic acid **3d** is 34.0 mg, which contains 1.2 mg of H₂O (the integration of the hydrogen of H₂O was determined as 1.3 by ¹H NMR at 4.87 ppm). Calculated yield by the same method as shown in **3a**: 53% (32.8 mg).

White solid. The sulfonic acid **3d** is hygroscopic^[2] and is decomposed over 300 °C.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CD₃OD) δ = 7.34 – 7.14 (m, 6H), 7.10 – 6.91 (m, 2H), 6.78 (dd, *J* = 15.8, 8.9 Hz, 1H), 6.63 (d, *J* = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 4.82 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 1H).

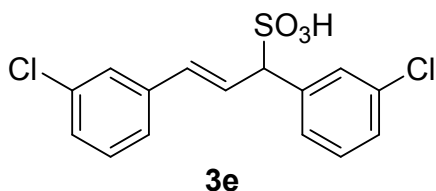
¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CD₃OD) δ = 165.45 (d, *J* = 47.3 Hz), 163.03 (d, *J* = 46.9 Hz), 134.28 (d, *J* = 2.2 Hz), 131.25 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz), 130.86 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz), 130.44 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz), 129.03 (s), 128.35 (s), 126.34 (d, *J* = 2.6 Hz), 123.58 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz), 117.00 (d, *J* = 22.5 Hz), 115.31 (d, *J* = 10.8 Hz), 115.10 (d, *J* = 10.4 Hz), 113.72 (d, *J* = 22.1 Hz), 70.65 (s).

¹⁹F NMR (377 MHz, MeOD) δ = -115.52, -115.69.

HRMS (ESI) found: 309.0407, C₁₅H₁₁F₂O₃S [M-H]⁻ requires: 309.0402.

Enantiomeric excess was determined with the sulfonic acid methyl ester generated by esterification of **3d** with Me₃SiCHN₂ and analyzed by HPLC (254 nm, 25 °C) on a chiral stationary phase [(Daicel CHIRALPAK AD, 0.46 cm × 25 cm). t_R = 11.49 min (minor); 13.36 min (major); hexane/2-propanol = 70/30, 1.0 mL/min] to be 85%. [α]₂₀^D = -14.2° (c 0.9, MeOH).

IR (KBr): ν max (cm⁻¹) = 3495, 2971, 2925, 2868, 1689, 1544, 1475, 1386, 1341, 1156, 1025, 1010, 956, 796, 575, 569, 457.



(E)-1,3-Bis(3-chlorophenyl)prop-2-ene-1-sulfonic acid (**3e**)

The isolated hydrated sulfonic acid **3e** is 42.8 mg, which contains 1.3 mg of H₂O (the integration of the hydrogen of H₂O was determined as 1.22 by ¹H NMR at 4.87 ppm). Calculated yield by the same method as shown in **3a**: 61% (41.5 mg).

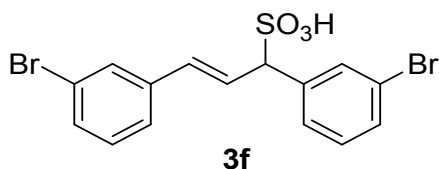
White solid. The sulfonic acid **3e** is hygroscopic^[2] and is decomposed over 300 °C.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CD₃OD) δ = 7.58 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 7.43 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.37 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.32 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.29 – 7.22 (m, 2H), 6.78 (dd, *J* = 15.8, 8.7 Hz, 1H), 6.62 (d, *J* = 15.8 Hz, 1H), 4.82 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 1H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CD₃OD) δ = 140.71, 140.22, 135.51, 135.00, 134.33, 131.06, 130.80, 130.53, 130.34, 129.10, 128.88, 128.64, 128.61, 128.09, 127.35, 125.90, 70.49.

HRMS (ESI) found: 340.9814, C₁₅H₁₁Cl₂O₃S [M-H]⁻ requires: 340.9811.

Enantiomeric excess was determined with the sulfonic acid methyl ester generated by esterification of **3e** with Me₃SiCHN₂ and analyzed by HPLC (254 nm, 25 °C) on a chiral stationary phase [(Daicel CHIRALPAK AD, 0.46 cm × 25 cm). t_R = 12.67 min (minor); 15.46 min (major); hexane/2-propanol = 70/30, 1.0 mL/min] to be 81%. [α]₂₀^D = -15.3° (c 1.0, MeOH). IR (KBr): ν max (cm⁻¹) = 3489, 2986, 2942, 2874, 1656, 1529, 1480, 1342, 1311, 1109, 1056, 1014, 963, 761, 556, 512, 482.



(E)-1,3-Bis(3-bromophenyl)prop-2-ene-1-sulfonic acid (**3f**)

The isolated hydrated sulfonic acid **3f** is 47.0 mg, which contains 0.7 mg of H₂O (integration of the hydrogen of H₂O was determined as 0.70 by ¹H NMR at 4.87 ppm). Calculated yield by the same method as shown in **3a**: 54% (46.3 mg).

White solid. The sulfonic acid **3f** is hygroscopic^[2] and is decomposed over 300 °C.

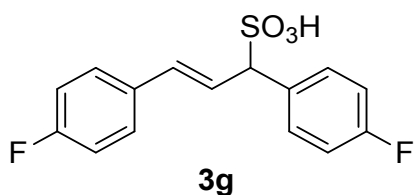
¹H NMR (400 MHz, CD₃OD) δ = 7.65 (s, 1H), 7.46 – 7.38 (m, 2H), 7.31 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.24 – 7.17 (m, 2H), 7.17 – 7.11 (m, 1H), 7.07 – 7.00 (m, 1H), 6.61 (dd, *J* = 15.8, 8.8 Hz, 1H), 6.44 (d, *J* = 15.8 Hz, 1H), 4.74 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 1H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CD₃OD) δ = 140.69, 140.23, 134.34, 133.20, 131.63, 131.56, 131.26, 131.08, 130.25, 129.26, 127.75, 126.24, 123.52, 123.05, 70.28.

HRMS (ESI) found: 428.8800, C₁₅H₁₁Br₂O₃S [M-H]⁻ requires: 428.8801.

Enantiomeric excess was determined with the sulfonic acid methyl ester generated by esterification of **3f** with Me₃SiCHN₂ and analyzed by HPLC (254 nm, 25 °C) on a chiral stationary phase [(Daicel CHIRALPAK AD, 0.46 cm × 25 cm). t_R = 13.98 min (minor); 17.57 min (major); hexane/2-propanol = 70/30, 1.0 mL/min] to be 86%. [α]₂₀^D = -15.7° (c 1.0, MeOH).

IR (KBr): ν max (cm⁻¹) = 3452, 2963, 2922, 2888, 2802, 1683, 1602, 1522, 1475, 1348, 1316, 1108, 1012, 1027, 959, 729, 587, 509, 469.



(E)-1,3-Bis(4-fluorophenyl)prop-2-ene-1-sulfonic acid (**3g**)

The isolated hydrated sulfonic acid **3g** is 38.9 mg, which contains 1.4 mg of H₂O (the integration of the hydrogen of H₂O was determined as 1.32 by ¹H NMR at 4.87 ppm). Calculated yield by the same method as shown in **3a**: 61% (37.5 mg).

White solid. The sulfonic acid **3g** is hygroscopic^[2] and is decomposed over 300 °C.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CD₃OD) δ = 7.60 (dd, *J* = 8.0, 5.6 Hz, 2H), 7.45 (dd, *J* = 8.1, 5.7 Hz, 2H), 7.14 – 7.06 (m, 2H), 7.06 – 6.99 (m, 2H), 6.70 (dd, *J* = 15.7, 8.3 Hz, 1H), 6.60 (d, *J* = 15.7 Hz, 1H).

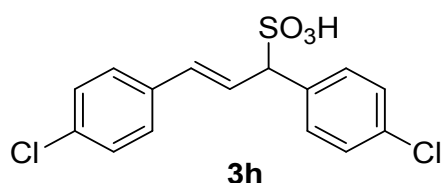
^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CD_3OD) δ = 164.89 (d, J = 9.6 Hz), 162.45 (d, J = 8.6 Hz), 134.69 (d, J = 3.1 Hz), 134.63 (d, J = 3.3 Hz), 134.16 (s), 132.21 (d, J = 8.1 Hz), 129.26 (d, J = 8.0 Hz), 126.67 (s), 116.23 (d, J = 21.8 Hz), 115.87 (d, J = 21.6 Hz), 70.28 (s).

^{19}F NMR (377 MHz, CD_3OD) δ = -116.21, -116.92.

HRMS (ESI) found: 309.0402, $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{11}\text{F}_2\text{O}_3\text{S}$ $[\text{M}-\text{H}]^-$ requires: 309.0402.

Enantiomeric excess was determined with the sulfonic acid methyl ester generated by esterification of **3g** with $\text{Me}_3\text{SiCHN}_2$ and analyzed by HPLC (254 nm, 25 °C) on a chiral stationary phase [(Daicel CHIRALPAK OD, 0.46 cm \times 25 cm). t_{R} = 6.40 min (minor); 6.89 min (major); hexane/2-propanol = 70/30, 1.0 mL/min] to be 83%. $[\alpha]_{20}^{\text{D}}$ = -13.4 ° (c 1.0, MeOH).

IR (KBr): ν max (cm^{-1}) = 3460, 2981, 2901, 2859, 1652, 1524, 1492, 1385, 1369, 1175, 1090, 1075, 996, 780, 590, 530, 456.



(*E*)-1,3-Bis(4-chlorophenyl)prop-2-ene-1-sulfonic acid (**3h**)

The isolated hydrated sulfonic acid **3h** is 38.5 mg, which contains 1.2 mg of H_2O (integration of the hydrogen of H_2O was determined as 1.21 by ^1H NMR at 4.87 ppm). Calculated yield by the same method as shown in **3a**: 55% (37.3 mg).

White solid. The sulfonic acid **3h** is hygroscopic^[2] and is decomposed over 300 °C.

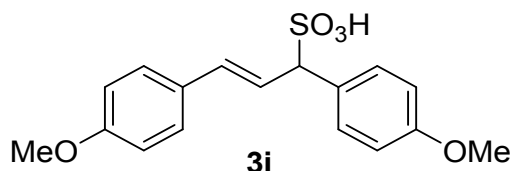
^1H NMR (400 MHz, CD_3OD) δ = 7.57 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.38 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.34 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.26 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 6.76 (dd, J = 15.7, 8.6 Hz, 1H), 6.59 (d, J = 15.8 Hz, 1H), 4.88 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 1H).

^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CD_3OD) δ = 137.07, 136.74, 134.33, 134.23, 131.96, 129.55, 129.29, 128.91, 127.12, 70.22.

HRMS (ESI) found: 340.9811, $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{11}\text{Cl}_2\text{O}_3\text{S}$ $[\text{M}-\text{H}]^-$ requires: 340.9811.

Enantiomeric excess was determined with the sulfonic acid methyl ester generated by esterification of **3h** with $\text{Me}_3\text{SiCHN}_2$ and analyzed by HPLC (254 nm, 25 °C) on a chiral stationary phase [(Daicel CHIRALPAK AD, 0.46 cm \times 25 cm). t_{R} = 20.00 min (major); 22.24 min (minor); hexane/2-propanol = 70/30, 1.0 mL/min] to be 87%. $[\alpha]_{20}^{\text{D}}$ = -14.6° (c 1.0, MeOH).

IR (KBr): ν max (cm^{-1}) = 3501, 2963, 2927, 2845, 1670, 1569, 1432, 1352, 1359, 1174, 1092, 1085, 950, 763, 585, 532, 440.



(*E*)-1,3-Bis(4-methoxyphenyl)prop-2-ene-1-sulfonic acid (**3i**)

The isolated hydrated sulfonic acid **3i** is 65.0 mg, which contains 3.7 mg of H_2O (the integration of the hydrogen of H_2O was determined as 2.25 by ^1H NMR at 4.87 ppm). Calculated yield by the same method as shown in **3a**: 92% (61.3 mg).

White solid. The sulfonic acid **3i** is hygroscopic^[2] and is decomposed over 300 °C.

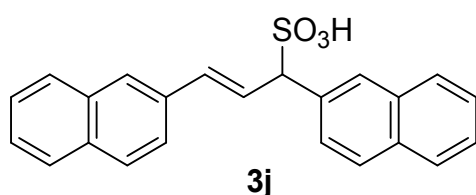
^1H NMR (400 MHz, CD_3OD) δ = 7.48 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 7.36 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 6.91 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 6.86 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 6.60 (dd, J = 15.7, 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.53 (d, J = 15.8 Hz, 1H), 4.74 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 3.78 (s, 3H), 3.77 (s, 3H).

^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CD_3OD) δ = 160.85, 160.61, 134.73, 131.50, 131.08, 130.65, 128.71, 124.59, 114.96, 114.70, 70.73.

HRMS (ESI) found: 333.0799, $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{17}\text{O}_5\text{S}$ $[\text{M}-\text{H}]^-$ requires: 333.0802.

Enantiomeric excess was determined with the sulfonic acid **3i** and analyzed by HPLC (267 nm, 25 °C) on a chiral stationary phase [(Daicel CHIRALPAK IB, 0.46×25 cm, 5 μm). t_{R} = 17.62 min (major); 26.42 min (minor); hexane/2-propanol/diethyl amine = 50/50/0.2, 0.7 mL/min] to be 98%. $[\alpha]_{20}^{\text{D}}$ = -10.8° (c 1.0, MeOH).

IR (KBr): ν max (cm^{-1}) = 3510, 2996, 2905, 2849, 1626, 1505, 1493, 1382, 1369, 1189, 1050, 1010, 970, 785, 575, 520, 442.



(*E*)-1,3-Di(naphthalen-2-yl)prop-2-ene-1-sulfonic acid (**3j**)

The isolated hydrated sulfonic acid **3j** is 31.1 mg, which contains 1.1 mg of H_2O (the integration of the hydrogen of H_2O was determined as 1.51 by ^1H NMR at 4.87 ppm). Calculated yield by the same method as shown in **3a** : 40% (30.0 mg).

White solid. The sulfonic acid **3j** is hygroscopic^[2] and is decomposed over 300 °C.

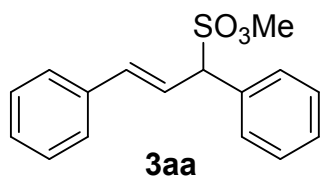
^1H NMR (400 MHz, CD_3OD) δ = 8.06 (s, 1H), 7.87 – 7.79 (m, 3H), 7.75 – 7.71 (m, 3H), 7.67 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 7.48 – 7.42 (m, 2H), 7.41 – 7.36 (m, 3H), 7.24 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.03 (dd, J = 15.8, 8.7 Hz, 1H), 6.80 (d, J = 15.9 Hz, 1H), 5.08 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 1H).

^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CD_3OD) δ = 136.11, 135.74, 135.65, 134.99, 134.82, 134.48, 134.32, 130.53, 129.55, 129.16, 129.01, 128.79, 128.58, 128.55, 128.36, 127.55, 127.28, 127.24, 127.03, 126.97, 126.93, 124.58, 71.57.

HRMS (ESI) found: 373.0917, $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{17}\text{O}_3\text{S}$ $[\text{M}-\text{H}]^-$ requires: 373.0904.

Enantiomeric excess was determined with the sulfonic acid methyl ester generated by esterification of **3j** with $\text{Me}_3\text{SiCHN}_2$ and analyzed by HPLC (254 nm, 25 °C) on a chiral stationary phase [(Daicel CHIRALPAK OD, 0.46 cm × 25 cm). t_{R} = 31.28 min (minor); 38.62 min (major); hexane/2-propanol = 90/10, 1.0 mL/min] to be 87%. $[\alpha]_{20}^{\text{D}}$ = -11.5° (c 0.9, MeOH).

IR (KBr): ν max (cm^{-1}) = 3475, 2997, 2956, 2810, 2755, 1652, 1506, 1475, 1380, 1342, 1175, 1093, 1052, 974, 769, 574, 532, 442.



(*E*)-Methyl 1,3-diphenylprop-2-ene-1-sulfonate (**3aa**)

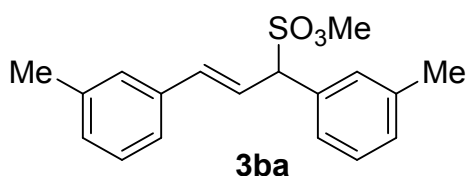
Yield: 45%, 15.0 mg. White solid. Melting point: 118-119 °C.

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ = 7.61 – 7.54 (m, 2H), 7.50 – 7.40 (m, 5H), 7.39 – 7.30 (m, 3H), 6.79 (d, J = 15.8 Hz, 1H), 6.63 (dd, J = 15.7, 8.8 Hz, 1H), 5.09 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 3.77 (s, 3H).

^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ = 137.50, 135.59, 132.57, 129.32, 129.22, 129.06, 128.70, 126.86, 120.48, 70.81, 57.53.

HRMS (ESI) found: 311.0707, $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{16}\text{O}_3\text{SNa}$ [$\text{M}+\text{Na}$] $^+$ requires: 311.0712.

IR (KBr): ν max (cm^{-1}) = 3460, 2982, 2978, 2810, 2715, 1650, 1515, 1463, 1392, 1322, 1155, 1096, 1014, 961, 779, 563, 512, 478.



(*E*)-Methyl 1,3-di-*m*-tolylprop-2-ene-1-sulfonate (**3ba**)

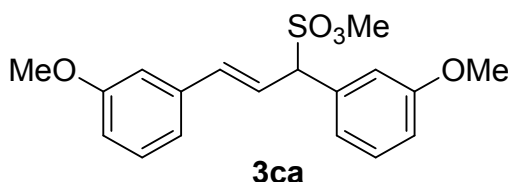
Yield: 42%, 12.8 mg. White solid. Melting point: 124-125 °C.

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ = 7.37 – 7.27 (m, 3H), 7.26 – 7.16 (m, 4H), 7.13 – 7.04 (m, 1H), 6.71 (d, J = 15.7 Hz, 1H), 6.58 (dd, J = 15.6, 8.9 Hz, 1H), 5.02 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 3.75 (s, 3H), 2.38 (s, 3H), 2.33 (s, 3H).

^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ = 138.88, 138.35, 137.50, 135.61, 132.53, 130.03, 129.92, 129.50, 128.96, 128.63, 127.48, 126.40, 124.17, 120.45, 70.84, 57.65, 21.50, 21.39.

HRMS (ESI) found: 339.1025, $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{20}\text{O}_3\text{SNa}$ [$\text{M}+\text{Na}$] $^+$ requires: 339.1025.

IR (KBr): ν max (cm^{-1}) = 3347, 2913, 1547, 1526, 1505, 1473, 1406, 1372, 1170, 1178, 1049, 806, 659, 676, 618, 600, 495.



(*E*)-Methyl 1,3-bis(3-methoxyphenyl)prop-2-ene-1-sulfonate (**3ca**)

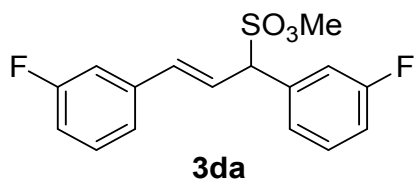
Yield: 48%, 16.7 mg. White solid. Melting point: 153-154 °C.

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ = 7.37 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.29 (t, J = 3.9 Hz, 1H), 7.14 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.11 (s, 1H), 7.04 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 6.96 (d, J = 6.4 Hz, 2H), 6.87 (dd, J = 8.2, 1.9 Hz, 1H), 6.75 (d, J = 15.7 Hz, 1H), 6.59 (dd, J = 15.7, 8.8 Hz, 1H), 5.04 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 3.86 (s, 3H), 3.85 (s, 3H), 3.80 (s, 3H).

^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ = 159.96, 159.88, 137.41, 136.99, 133.89, 130.08, 129.71, 121.56, 120.77, 119.57, 115.09, 114.61, 114.43, 112.11, 70.72, 55.39, 55.33.

HRMS (ESI) found: 371.0916, $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{20}\text{O}_5\text{SNa}$ [$\text{M}+\text{Na}$] $^+$ requires: 371.0924.

IR (KBr): ν max (cm^{-1}) = 3510, 2969, 2930, 2847, 1601, 1556, 1478, 1312, 1300, 1156, 1089, 1020, 960, 785, 563, 520, 463.



(E)-Methyl 1,3-bis(3-fluorophenyl)prop-2-ene-1-sulfonate (**3da**)

Yield: 50%, 16.2 mg. White solid. Melting point: 107-108 °C.

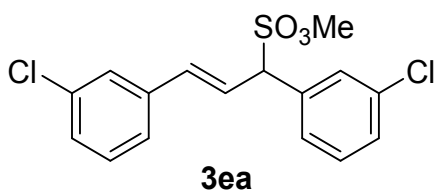
¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 7.47 – 7.39 (m, 1H), 7.38 – 7.28 (m, 3H), 7.21 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.13 (dd, *J* = 13.1, 5.5 Hz, 2H), 7.05 – 6.99 (m, 1H), 6.76 (d, *J* = 15.7 Hz, 1H), 6.58 (dd, *J* = 15.7, 8.8 Hz, 1H), 5.08 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 3.83 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 164.18 (d, *J* = 19.8 Hz), 161.72 (d, *J* = 21.4 Hz), 137.64 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz), 136.74 (d, *J* = 2.6 Hz), 134.59 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz), 130.71 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz), 130.30 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz), 125.08 (d, *J* = 3.1 Hz), 122.83 (d, *J* = 2.8 Hz), 121.39 (s), 116.50 (d, *J* = 4.0 Hz), 116.28 (d, *J* = 5.9 Hz), 115.72 (d, *J* = 21.3 Hz), 113.41 (d, *J* = 22.1 Hz), 69.88 (d, *J* = 1.7 Hz), 57.52 (s).

¹⁹F NMR (377 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = -111.19, -112.84.

HRMS (ESI) found: 347.0530, C₁₆H₁₄F₂O₃SNa [M+Na]⁺ requires: 347.0524.

IR (KBr): ν max (cm⁻¹) = 3486, 2951, 2900, 2847, 1679, 1552, 1415, 1312, 1358, 1126, 1048, 1000, 923, 796, 585, 547, 452.



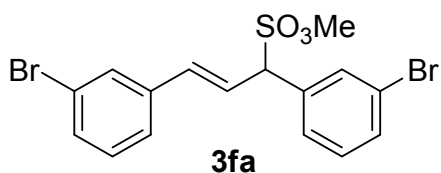
(E)-Methyl 1,3-bis(3-chlorophenyl)prop-2-ene-1-sulfonate (**3ea**)

Yield: 53%, 18.9 mg. White solid. Melting point: 127-128 °C.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 7.55 (s, 1H), 7.49 – 7.39 (m, 4H), 7.37 – 7.29 (m, 3H), 6.72 (d, *J* = 15.8 Hz, 1H), 6.57 (dd, *J* = 15.7, 8.8 Hz, 1H), 5.03 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 3.83 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 137.14, 136.59, 135.02, 134.81, 134.21, 130.37, 130.02, 129.58, 129.36, 128.85, 127.46, 126.79, 125.16, 121.42, 69.88, 57.49.

HRMS (ESI) found: 378.9937, C₁₆H₁₄Cl₂O₃SNa [M+Na]⁺ requires: 378.9933.



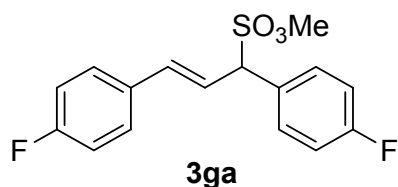
(E)-Methyl 1,3-bis(3-bromophenyl)prop-2-ene-1-sulfonate (**3fa**)

Yield: 46%, 20.5 mg. White solid. Melting point: 150-151 °C.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 7.67 (s, 1H), 7.55 – 7.38 (m, 4H), 7.31 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.21 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.68 (d, *J* = 15.7 Hz, 1H), 6.53 (dd, *J* = 15.7, 8.8 Hz, 1H), 5.00 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 3.80 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 137.40, 136.51, 134.46, 132.52, 132.21, 131.76, 130.66, 130.30, 129.69, 127.92, 125.64, 123.06, 122.94, 121.42, 69.78, 57.58.

HRMS (ESI) found: 466.8915, C₁₆H₁₄BrO₃SNa [M+Na]⁺ requires: 466.8923.



(*E*)-Methyl 1,3-bis(4-fluorophenyl)prop-2-ene-1-sulfonate (**3ga**)

Yield: 55%, 18.0 mg. White solid. Melting point: 125-126°C.

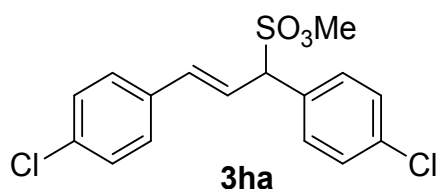
¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.52 (dd, *J* = 8.6, 5.2 Hz, 2H), 7.40 (dd, *J* = 8.5, 5.4 Hz, 2H), 7.17 – 7.09 (m, 2H), 7.06 – 7.00 (m, 2H), 6.71 (d, *J* = 15.7 Hz, 1H), 6.48 (dd, *J* = 15.7, 8.8 Hz, 1H), 5.04 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 3.77 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 164.32 (d, *J* = 16.2 Hz), 161.84 (d, *J* = 15.9 Hz), 136.49 (s), 131.64 (d, *J* = 3.3 Hz), 131.12 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz), 128.57 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz), 128.35 (d, *J* = 3.4 Hz), 119.93 (d, *J* = 2.1 Hz), 116.19 (d, *J* = 21.8 Hz), 115.78 (d, *J* = 21.8 Hz), 69.77 (s), 57.44 (s).

¹⁹F NMR (377 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = -111.66, -112.25.

HRMS (ESI) found: 347.0518, C₁₆H₁₄F₂O₃SNa [M+Na]⁺ requires: 347.0524.

IR (KBr): ν max (cm⁻¹) = 3496, 2985, 2974, 2823, 1656, 1585, 1452, 1332, 1300, 1170, 1089, 1070, 910, 777, 559, 512, 427.



(*E*)-Methyl 1,3-bis(4-chlorophenyl)prop-2-ene-1-sulfonate (**3ha**)

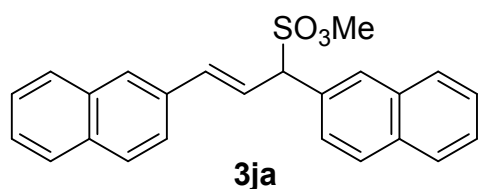
Yield: 56%, 20.0 mg. White solid. Melting point: 128-129 °C.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 7.51 – 7.43 (m, 4H), 7.40 – 7.37 (m, 1H), 7.37 – 7.33 (m, 3H), 6.72 (d, *J* = 15.8 Hz, 1H), 6.54 (dd, *J* = 15.7, 8.7 Hz, 1H), 5.05 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 3.80 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 136.58, 135.48, 134.65, 133.87, 130.87, 130.80, 130.62, 129.56, 129.38, 129.25, 128.98, 128.10, 120.60, 69.81, 57.47.

HRMS (ESI) found: 378.9934, C₁₆H₁₄Cl₂O₃SNa [M+Na]⁺ requires: 378.9933.

IR (KBr): ν max (cm⁻¹) = 3461, 3061, 2963, 2843, 1895, 1692, 1596, 1492, 1403, 1356, 1163, 1095, 987, 846, 821, 781, 590, 529, 504, 443.



(*E*)-Methyl 1,3-di(naphthalen-2-yl)prop-2-ene-1-sulfonate (**3ja**)

Yield: 45%, 13.9 mg. White solid. Melting point: 164-165°C.

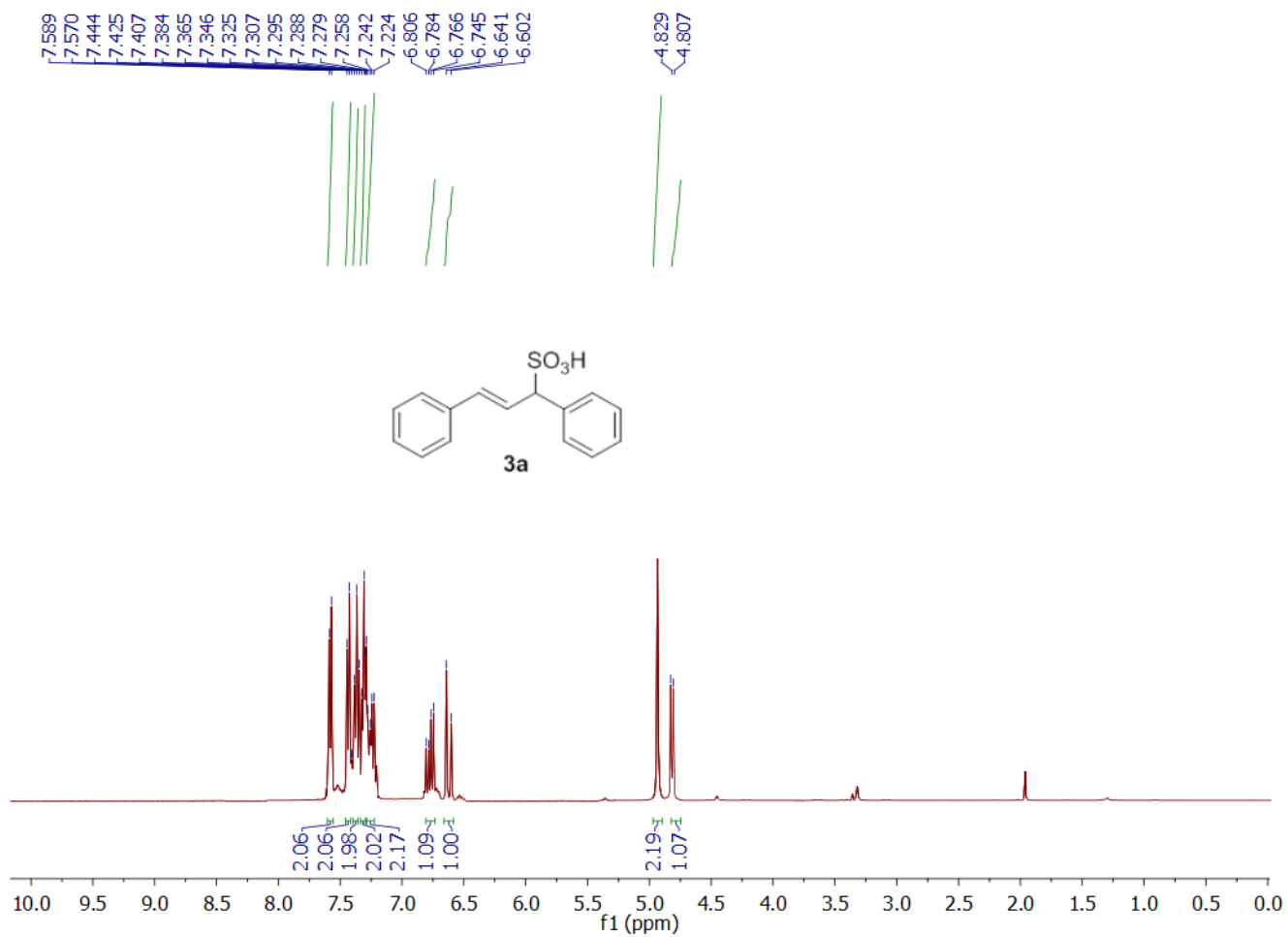
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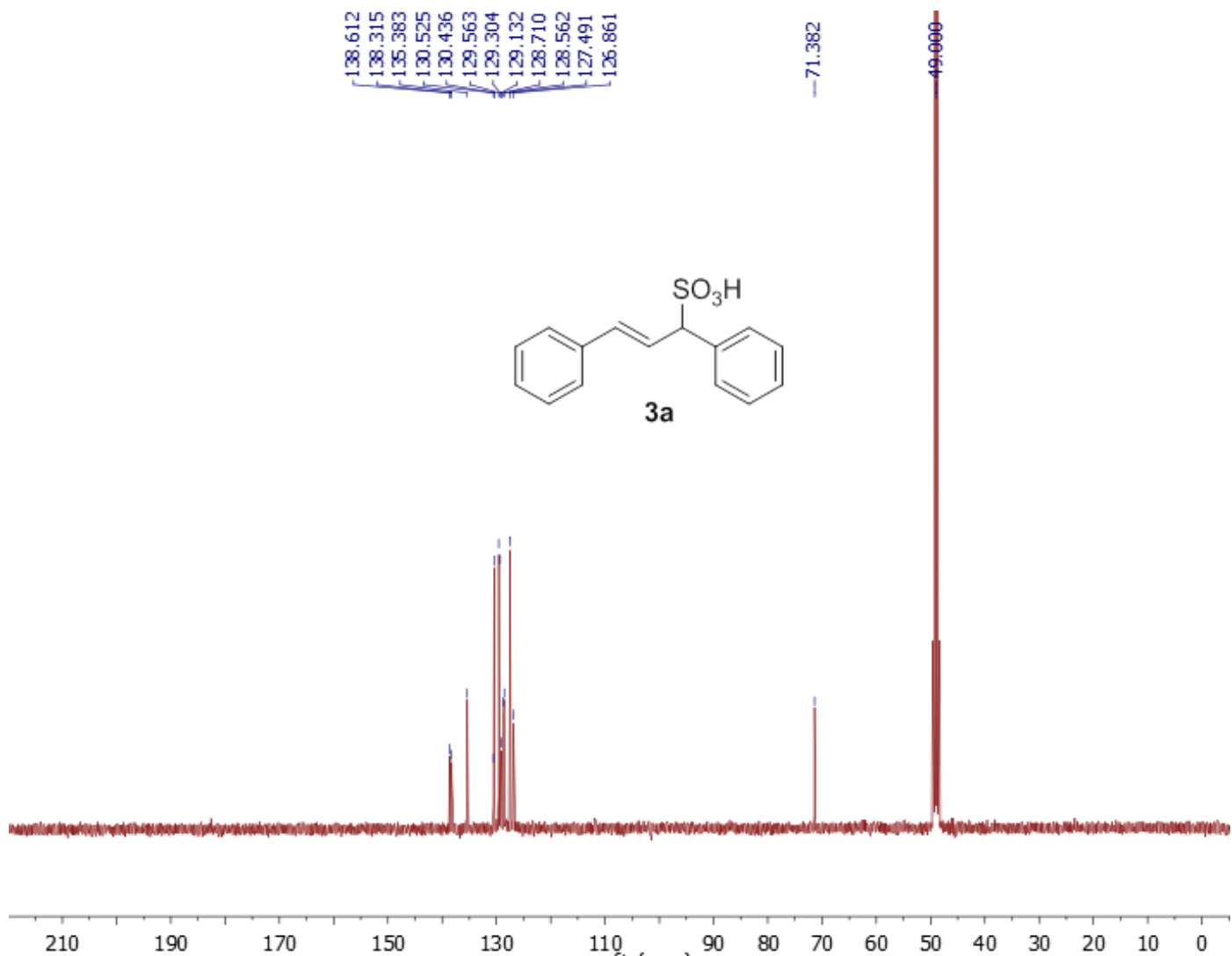
^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ = 137.74, 133.47, 133.42, 133.29, 133.07, 129.92, 129.14, 128.96, 128.49, 128.23, 128.17, 127.78, 127.73, 127.46, 126.98, 126.71, 126.53, 126.48, 126.29, 123.45, 120.78, 71.08, 57.60.

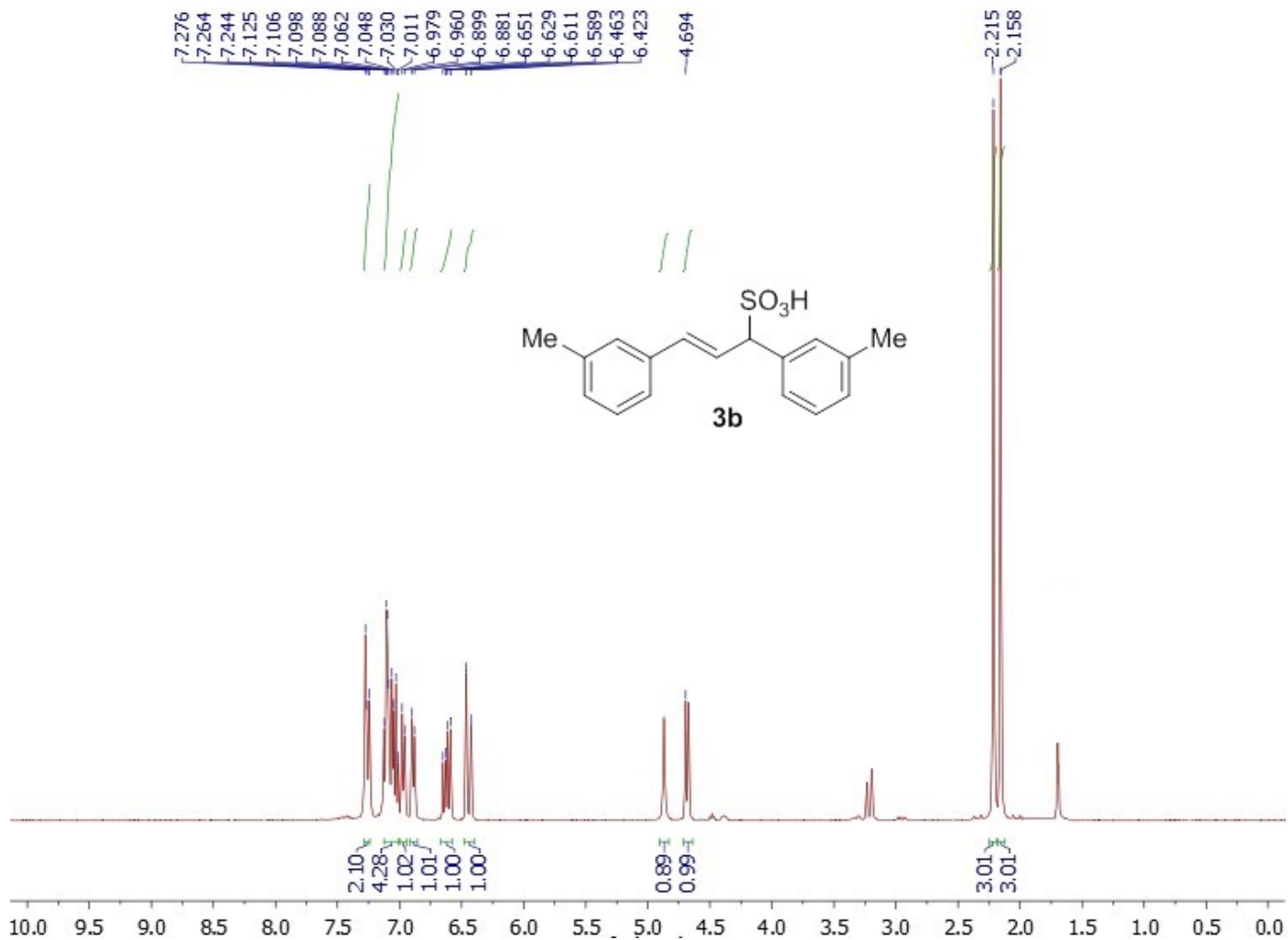
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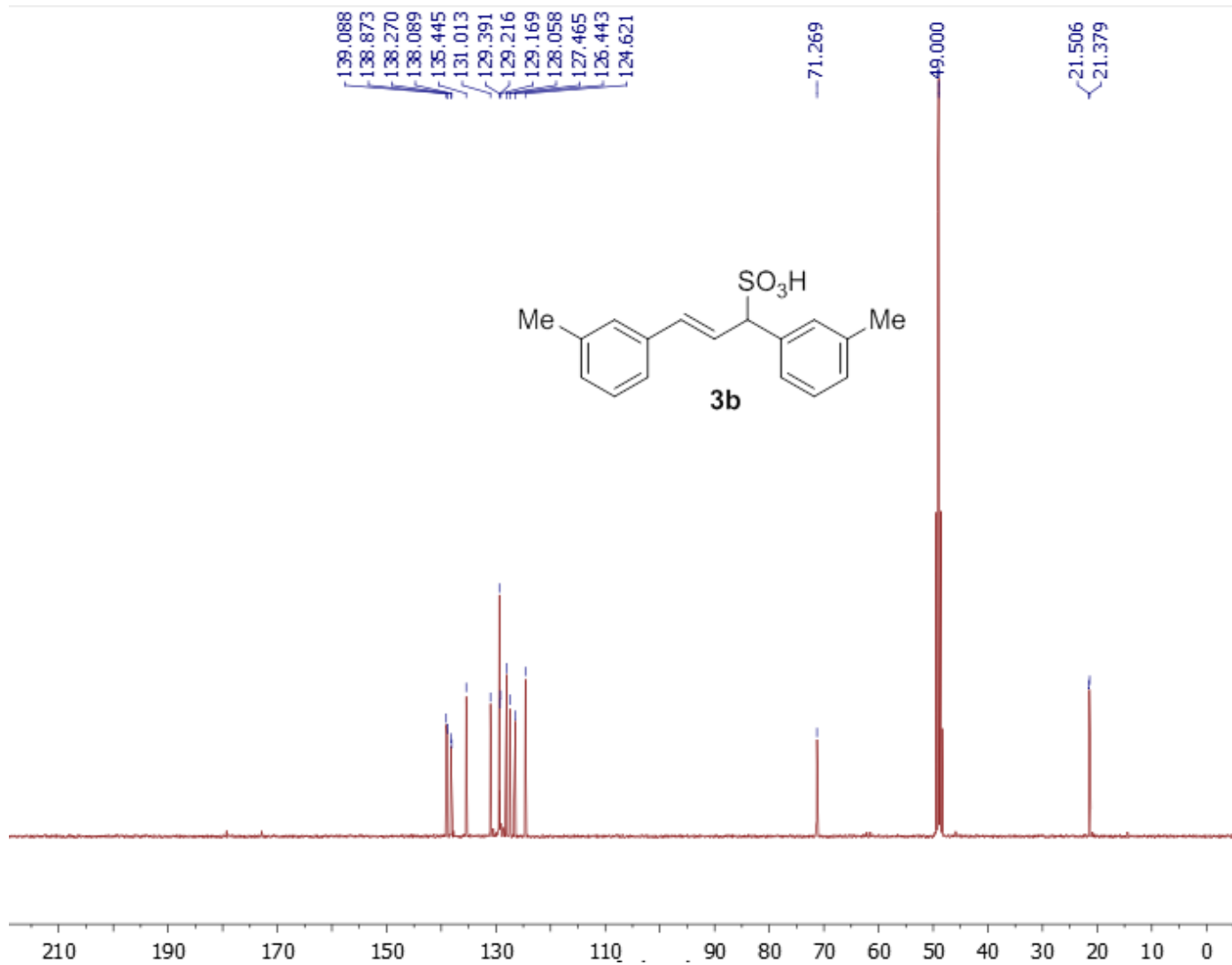
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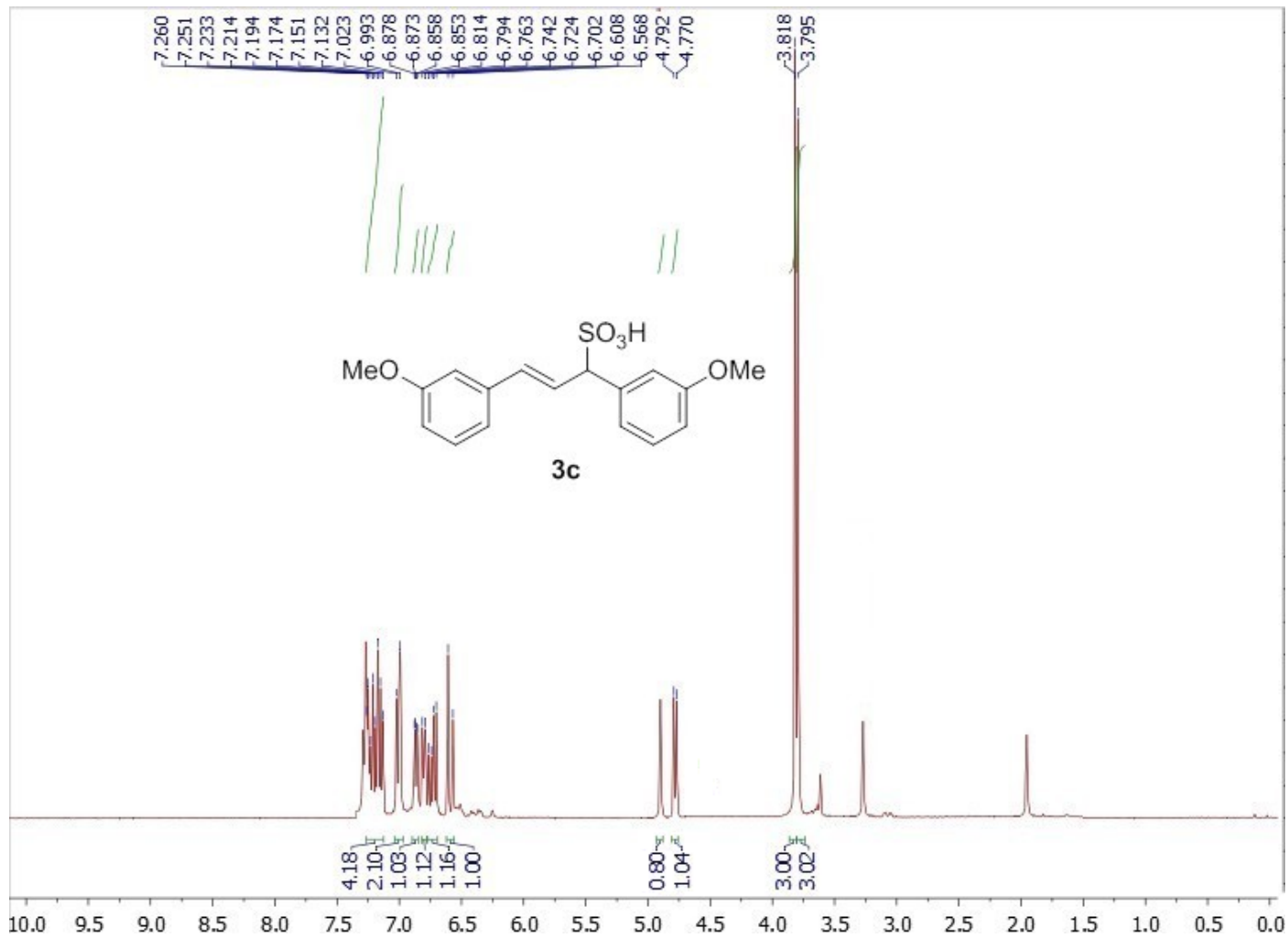
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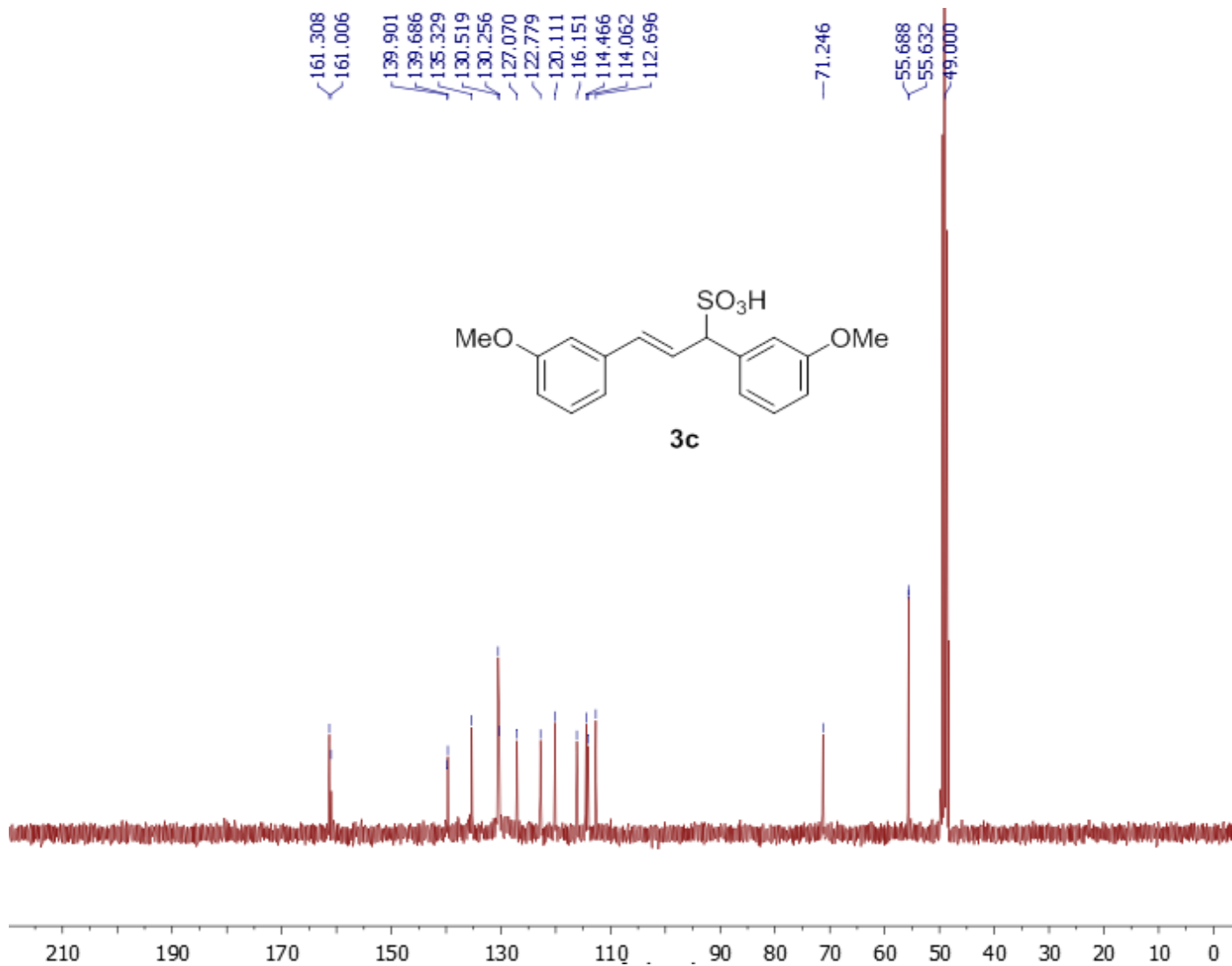






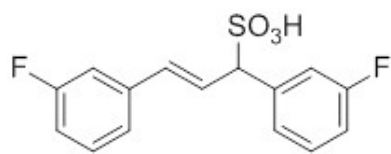




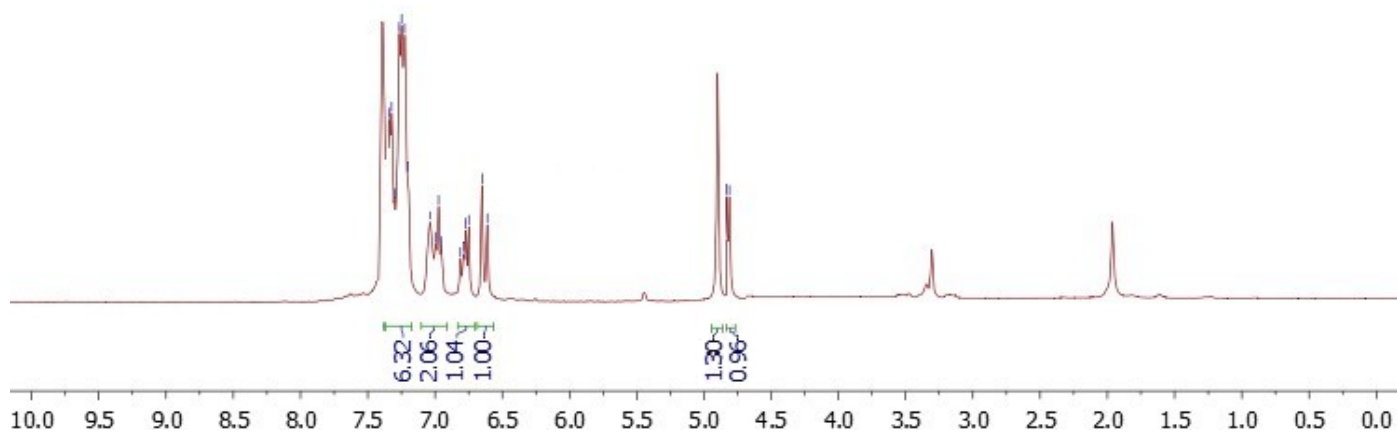


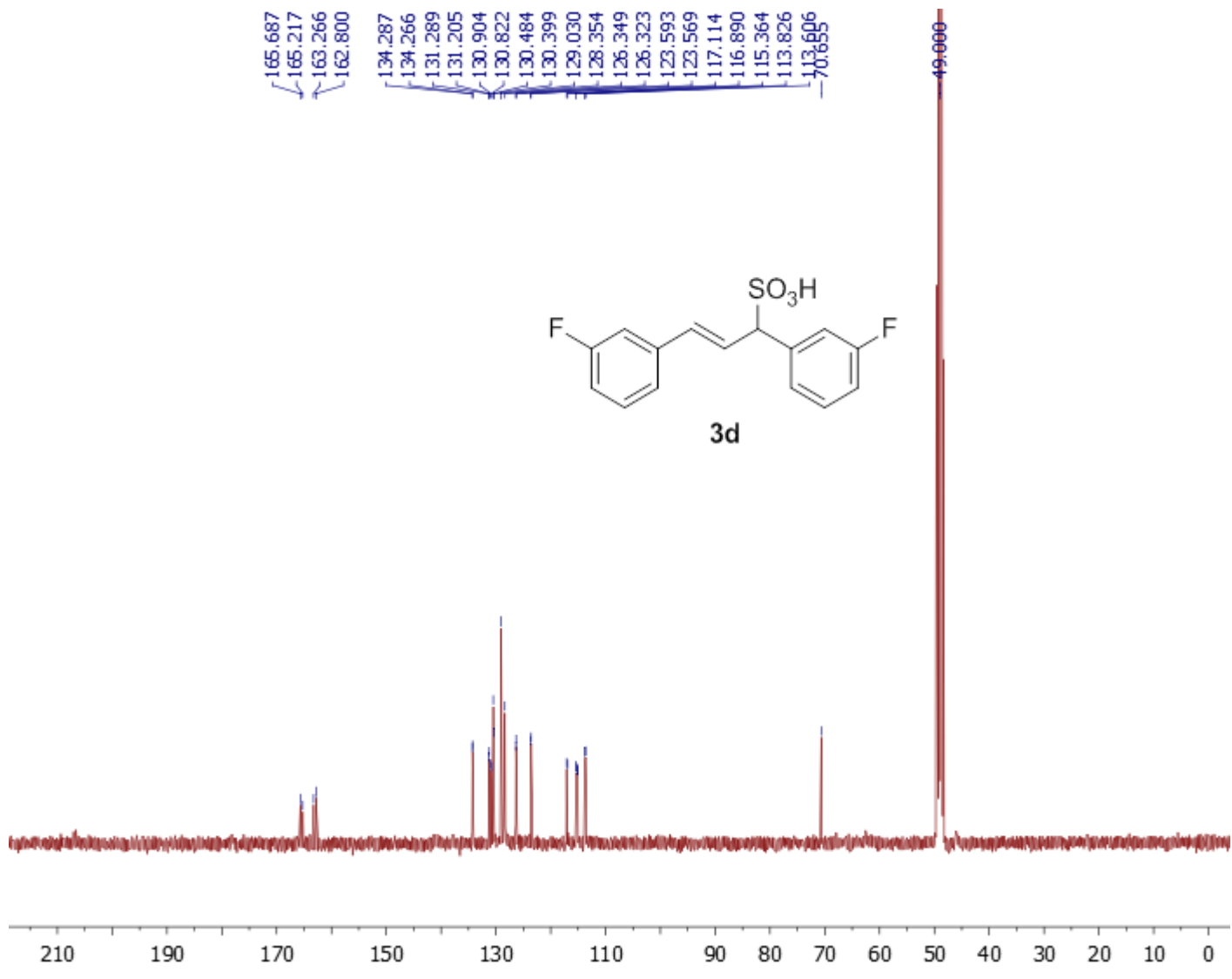
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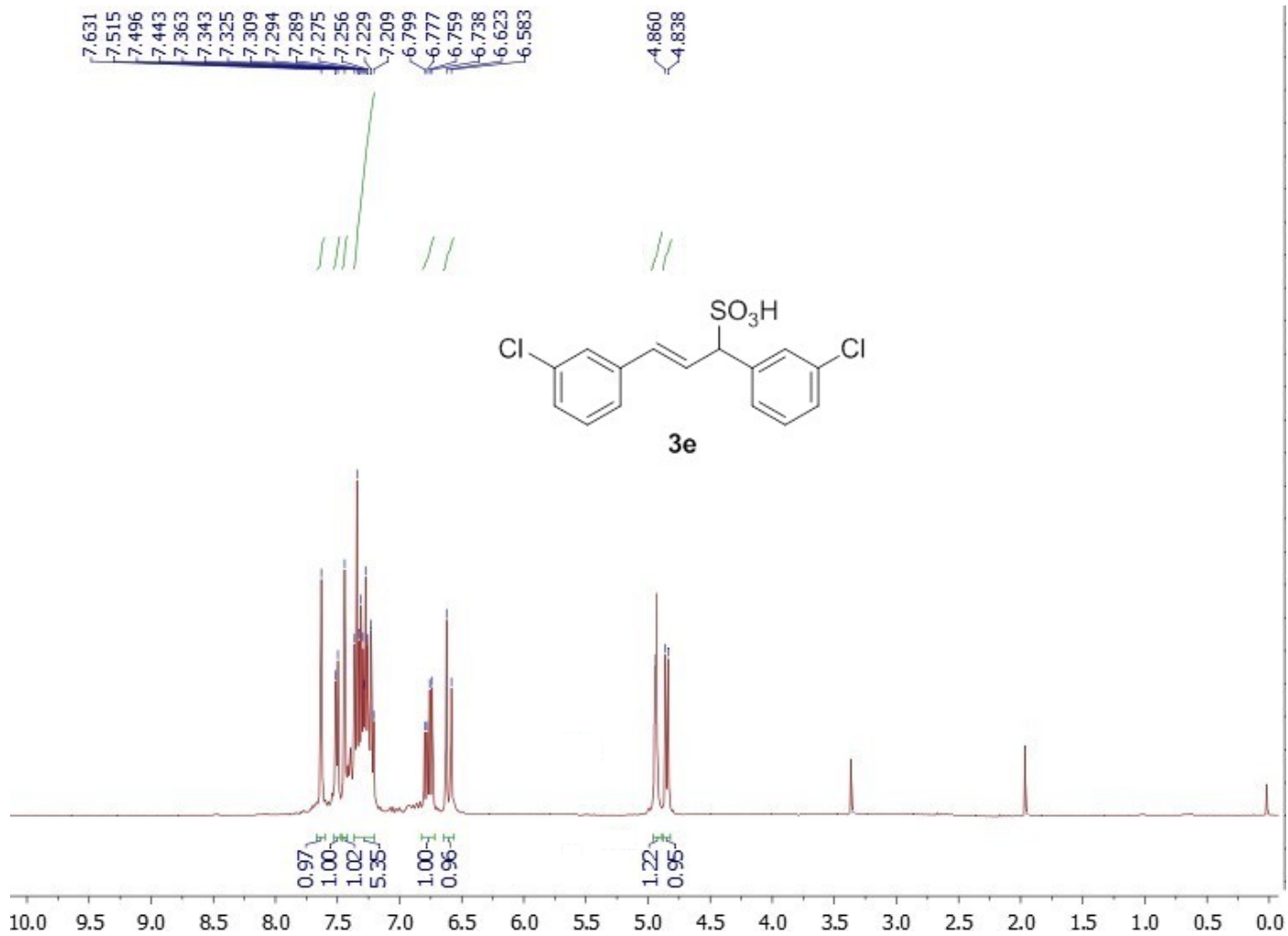
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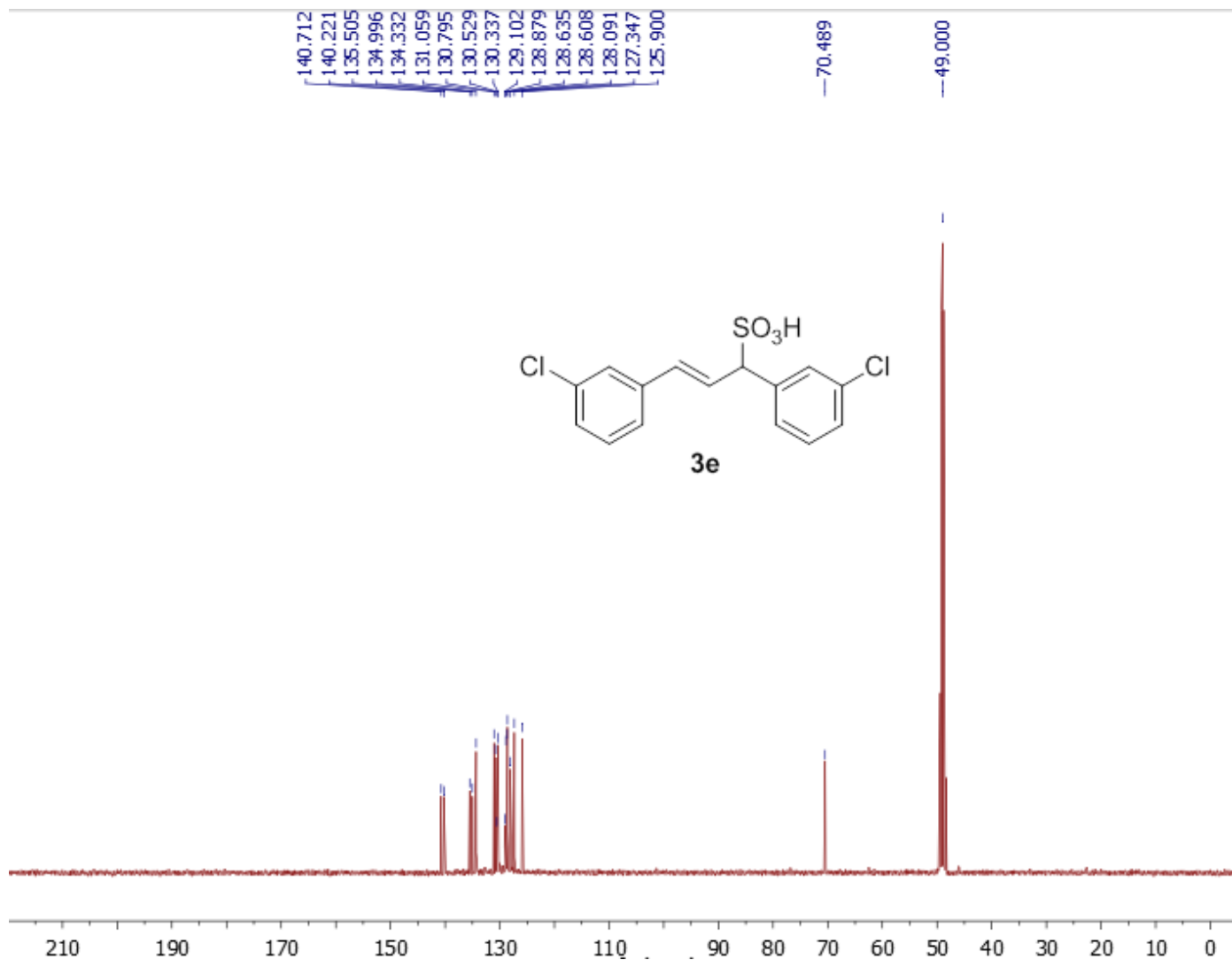


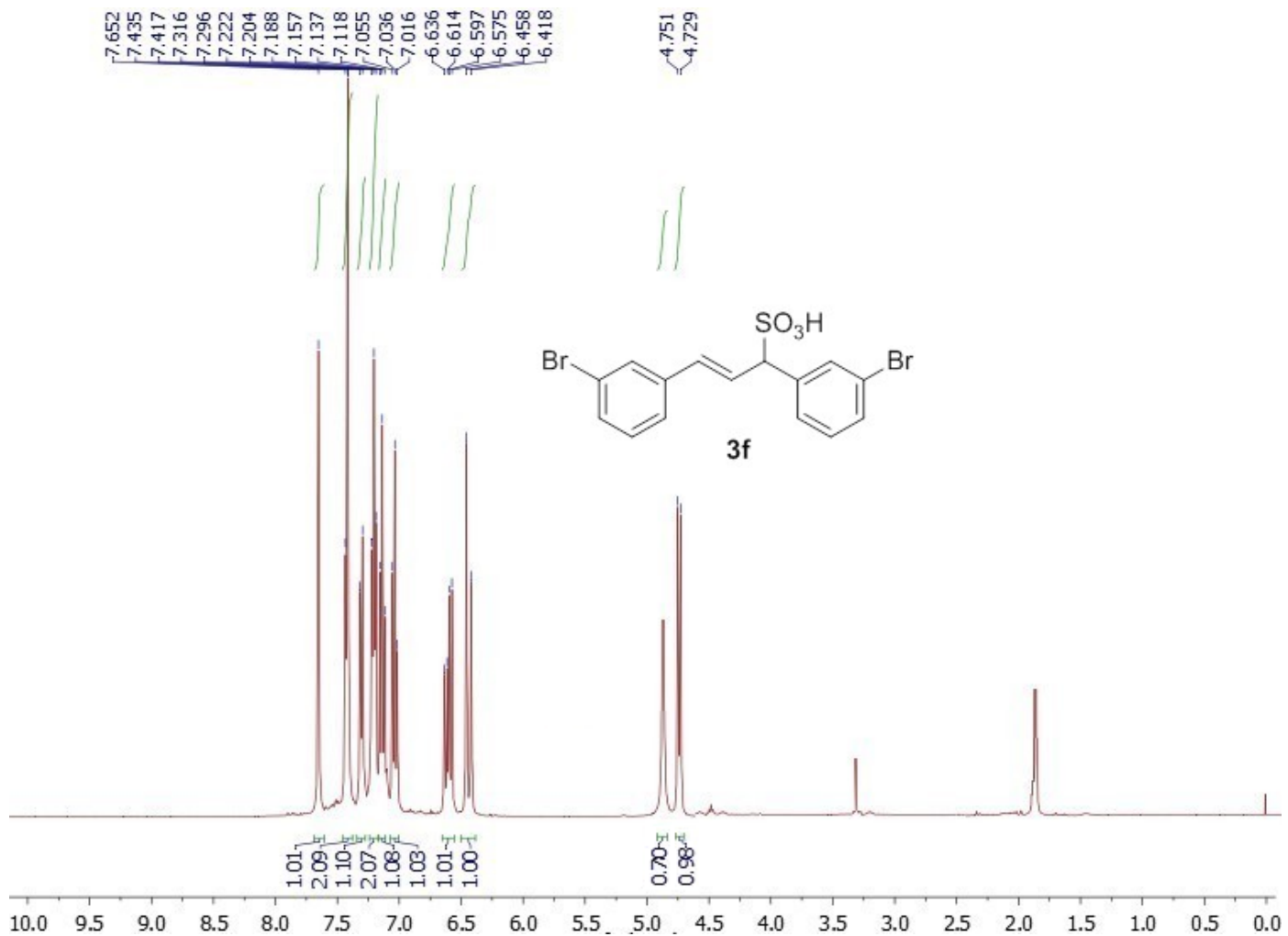
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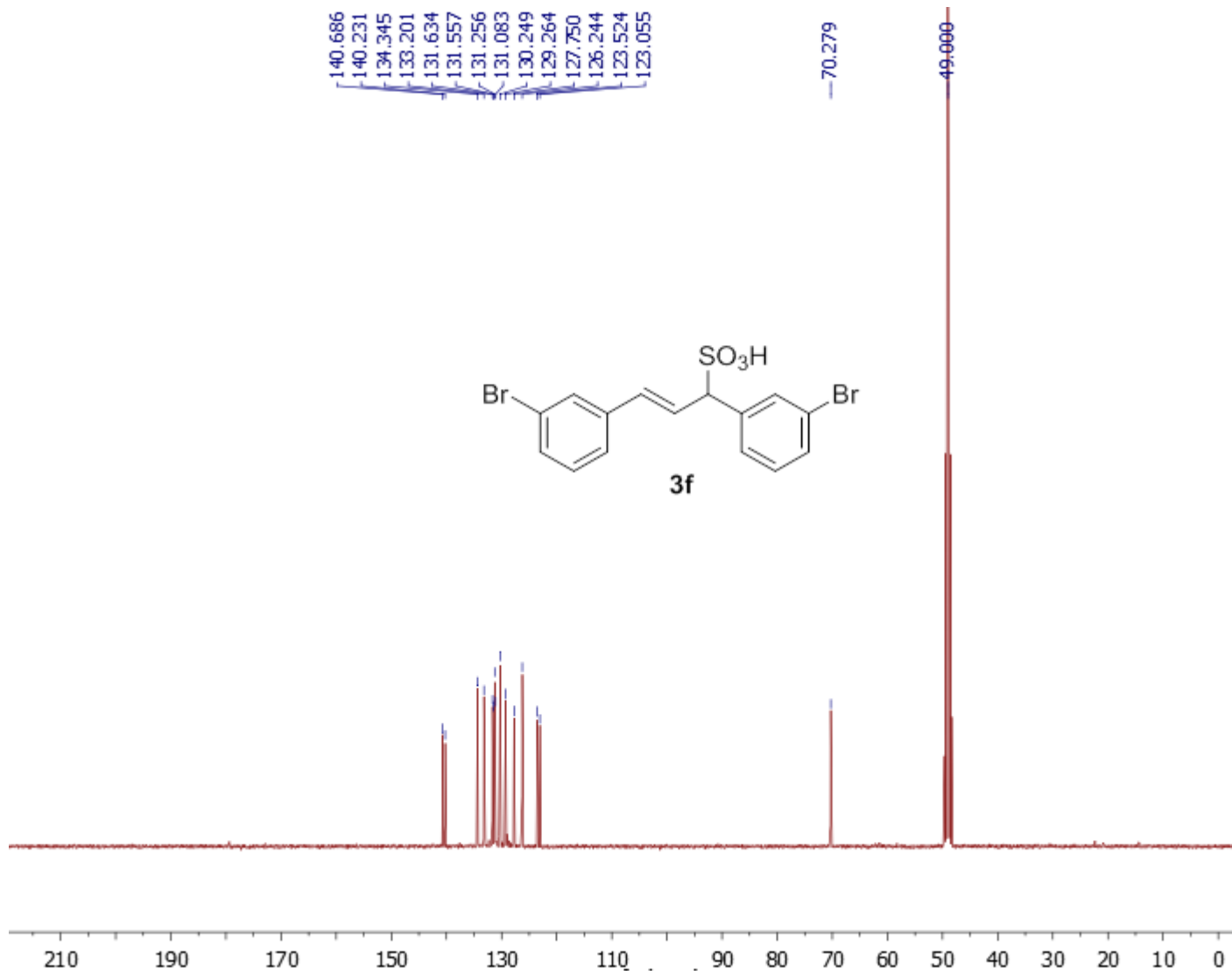


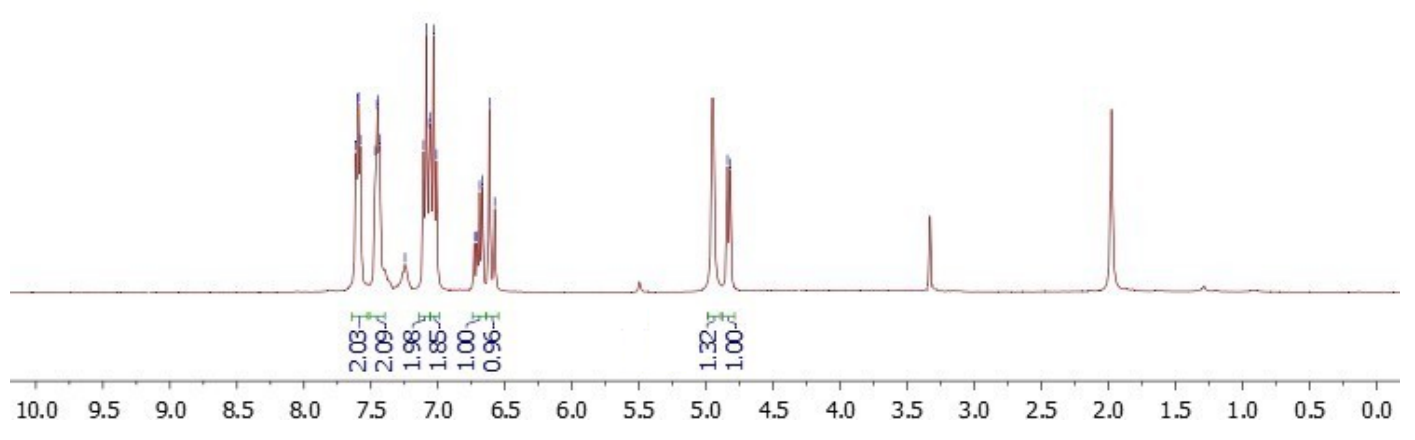
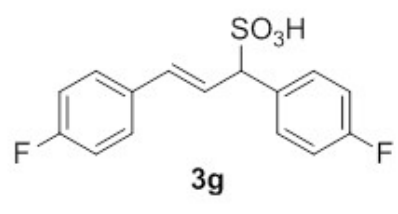
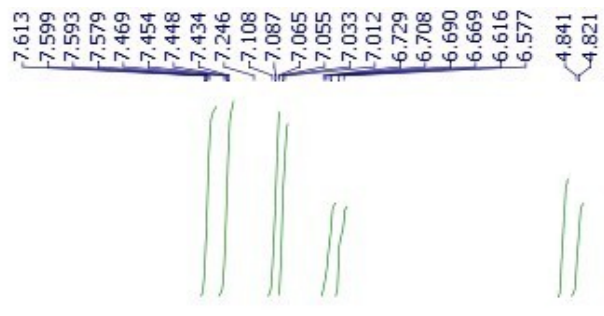


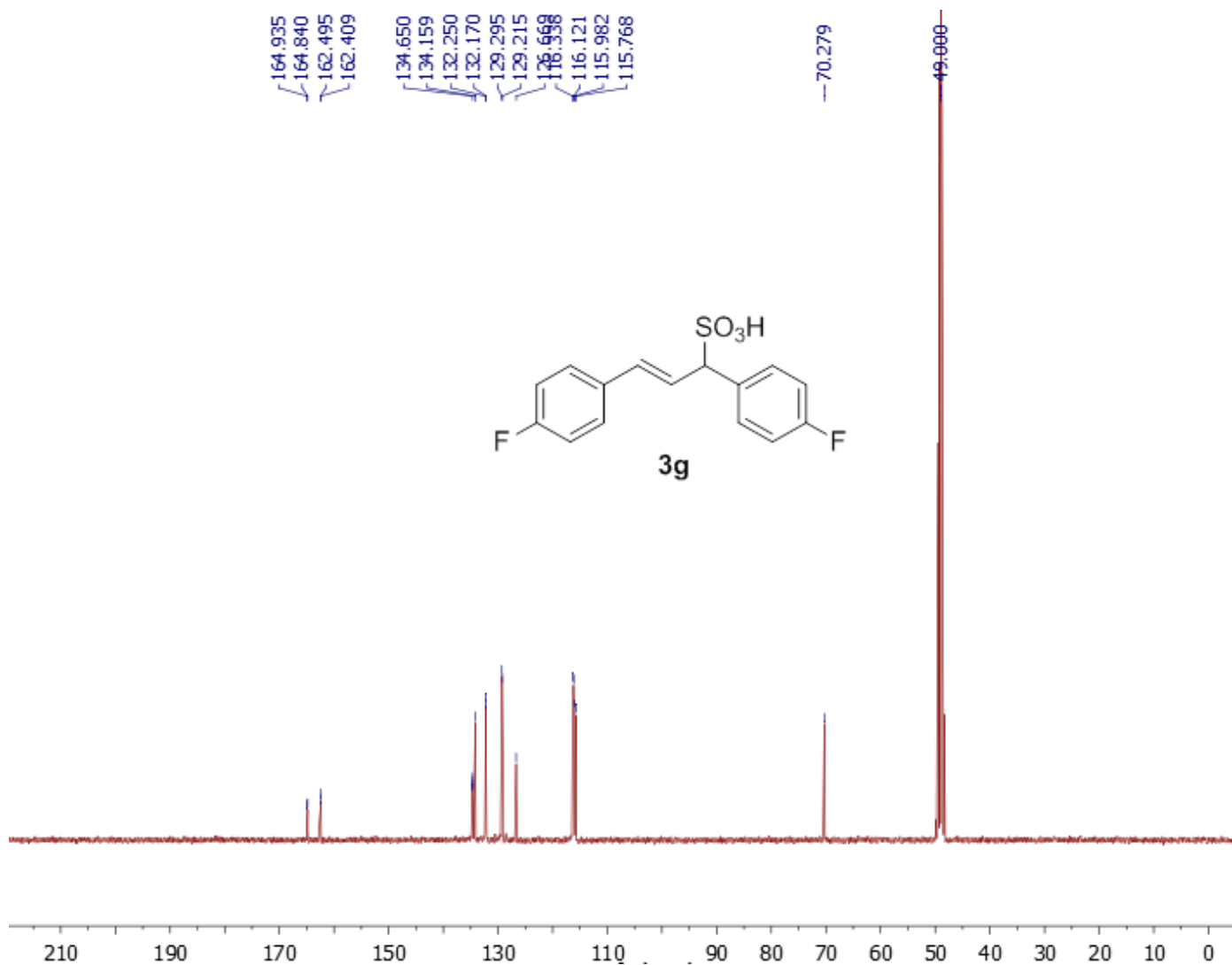


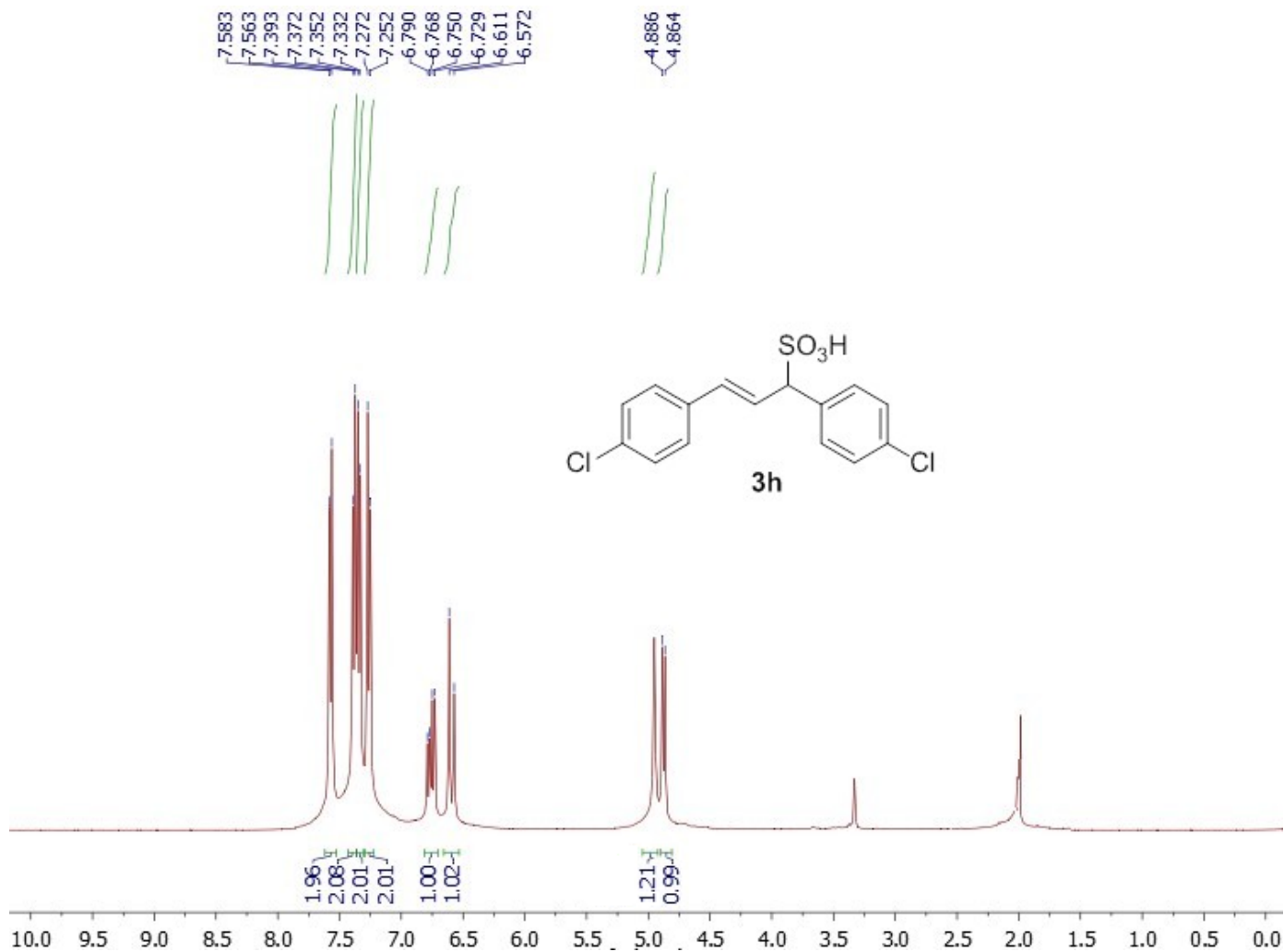


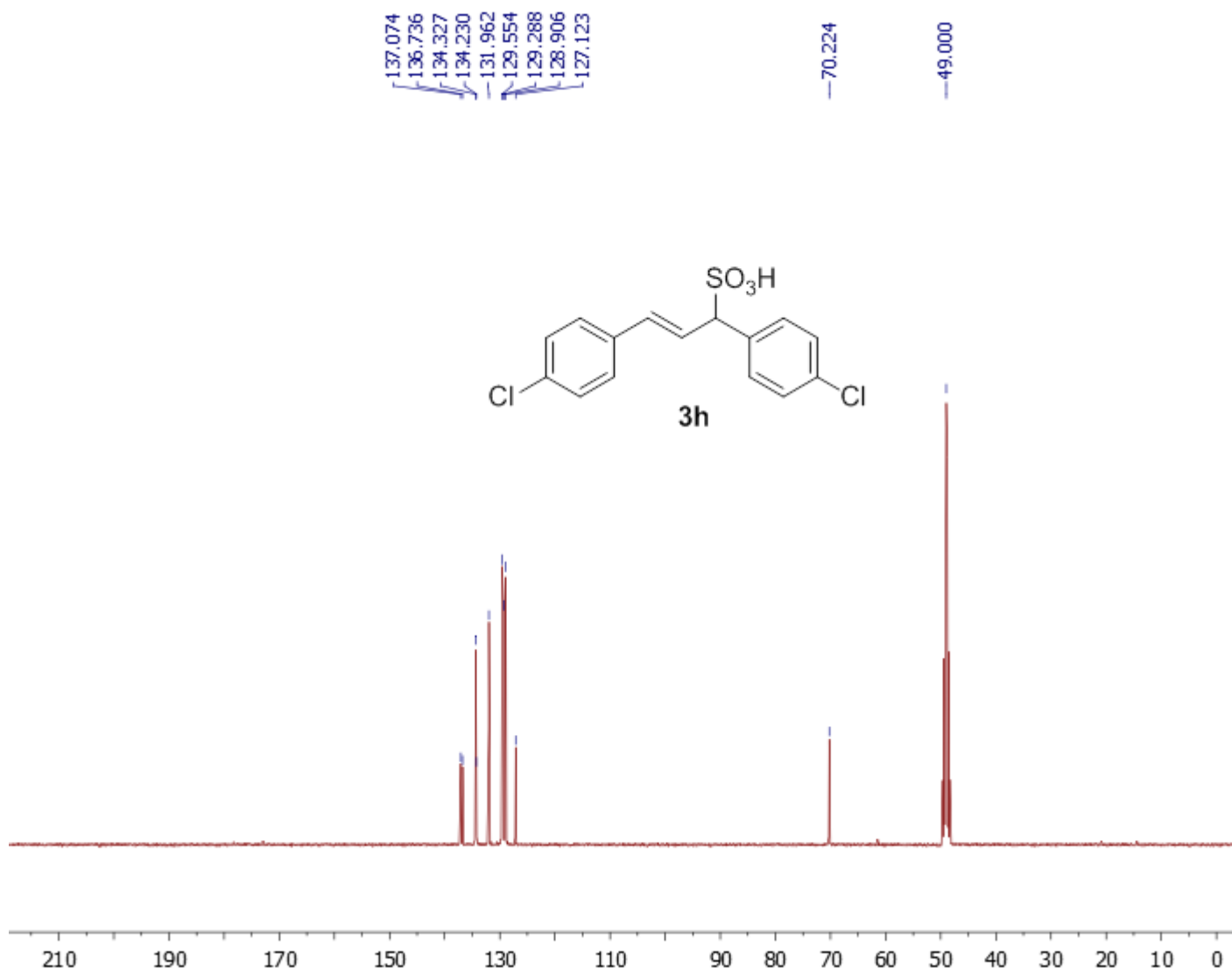


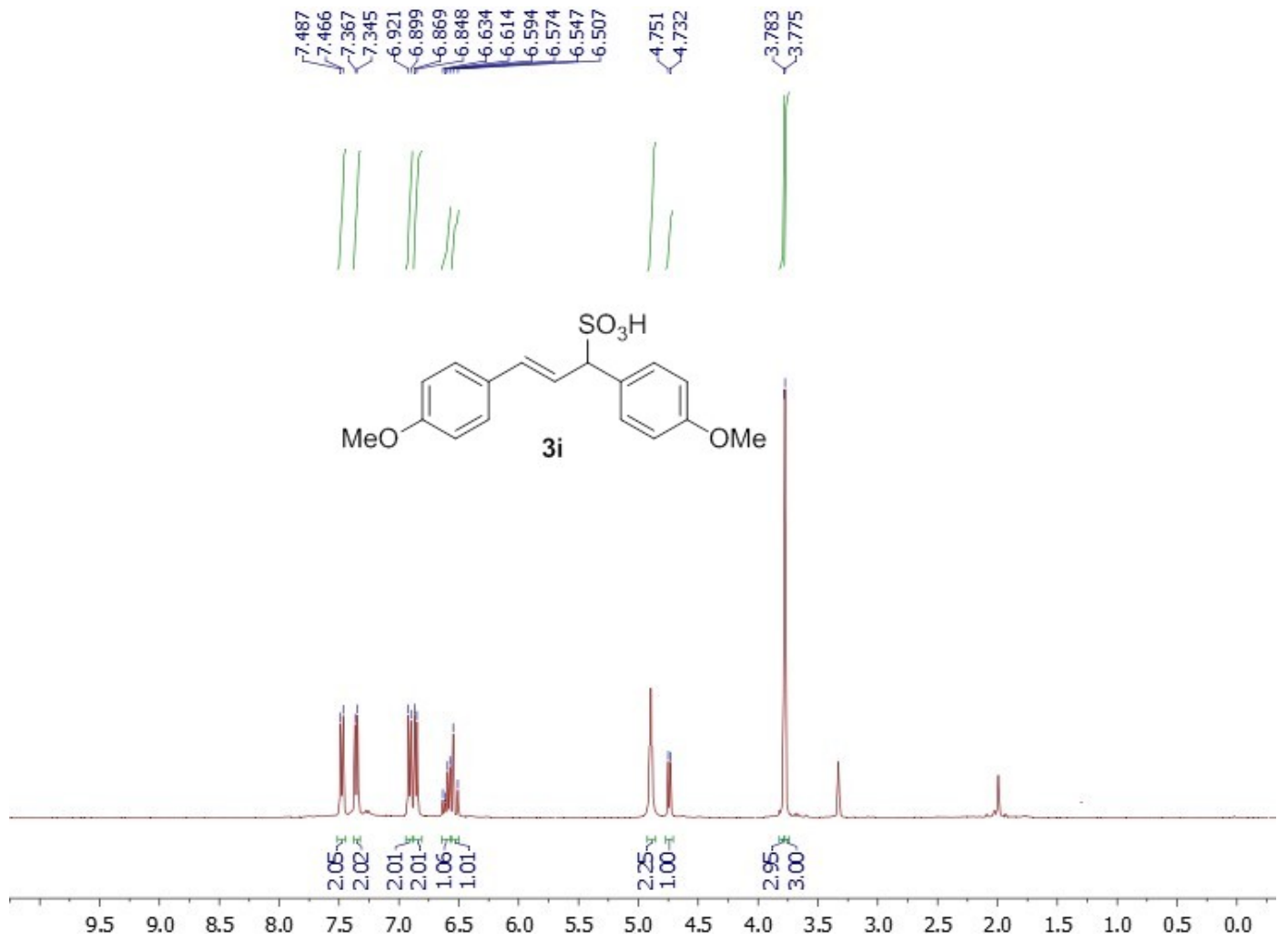


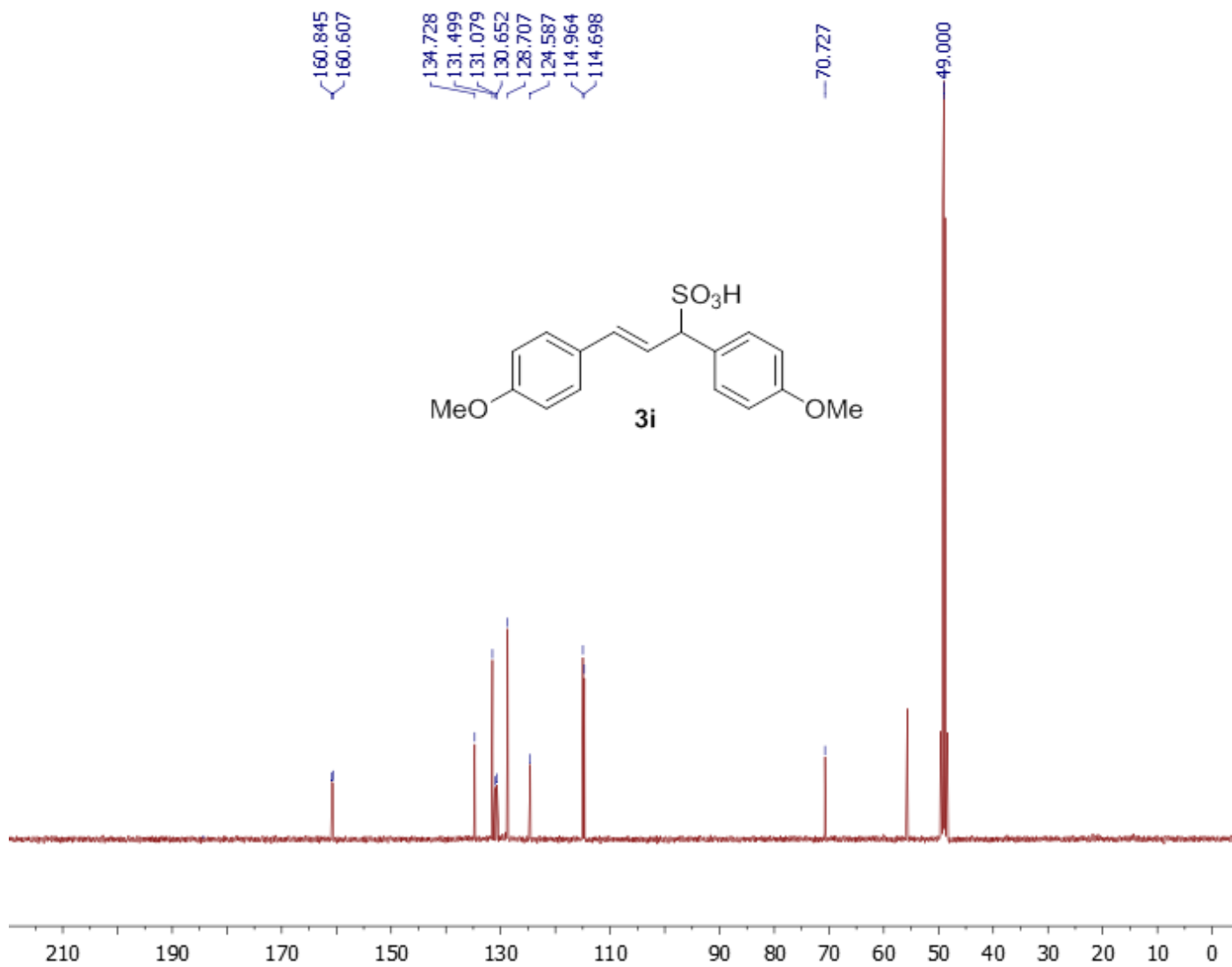


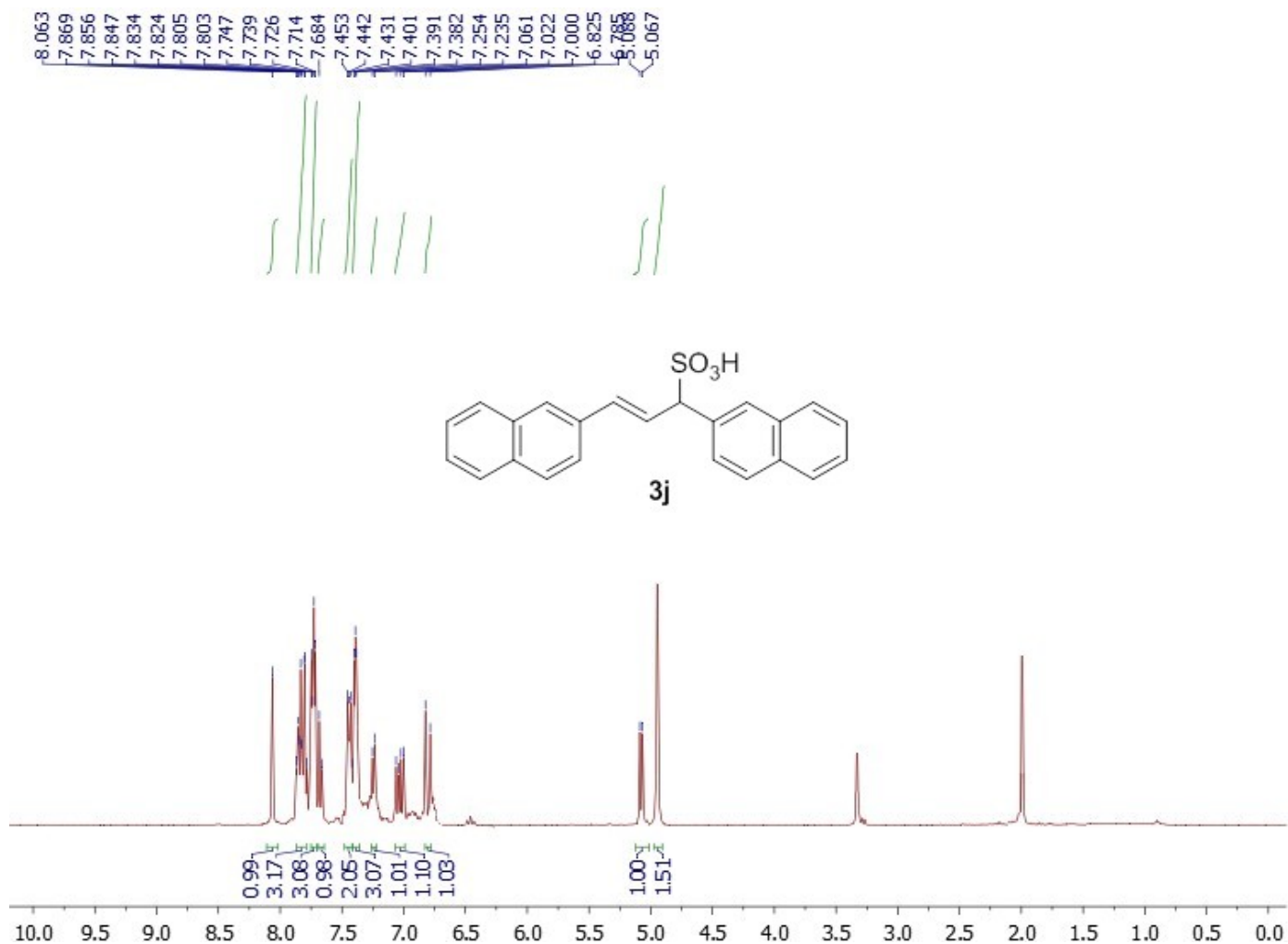


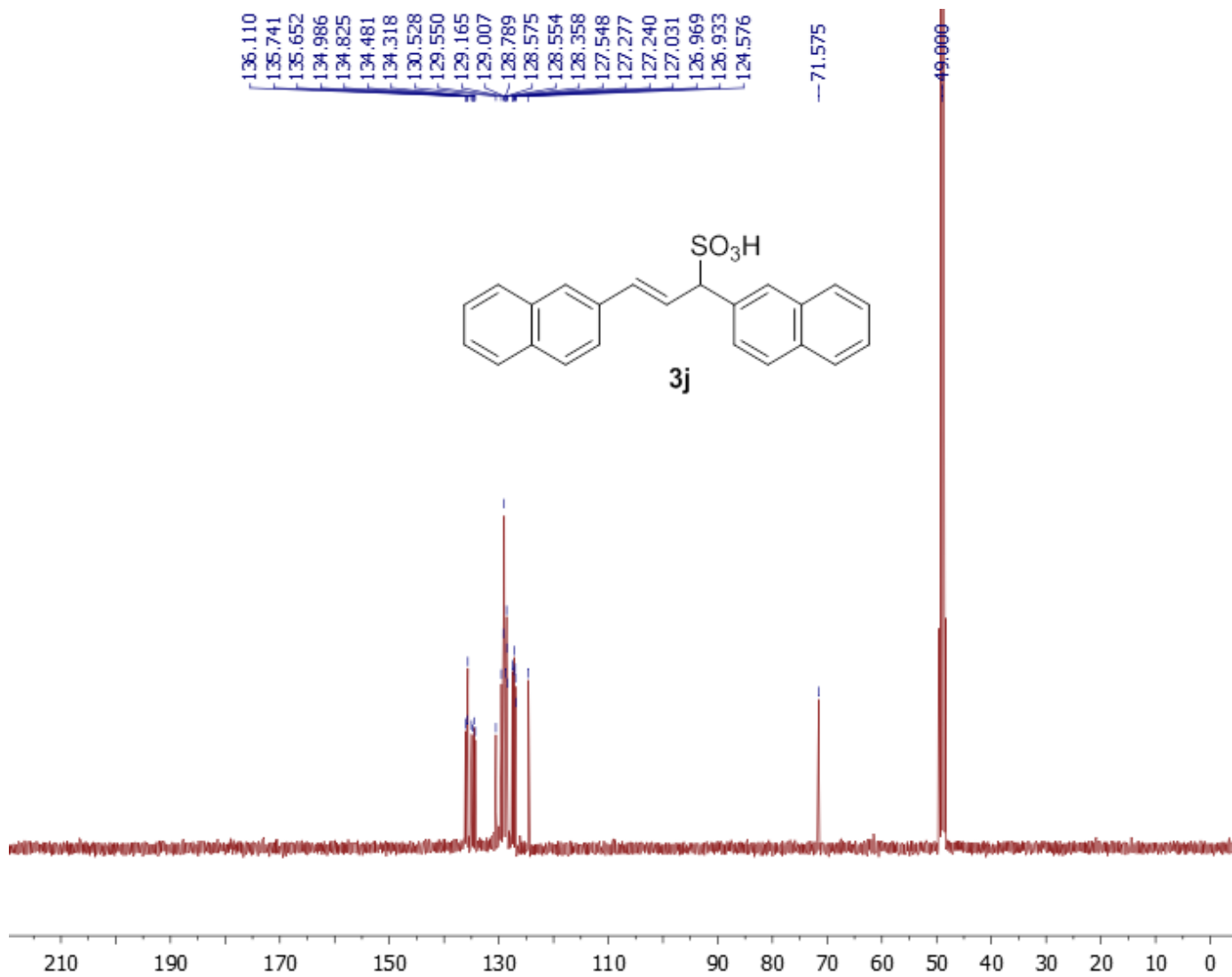


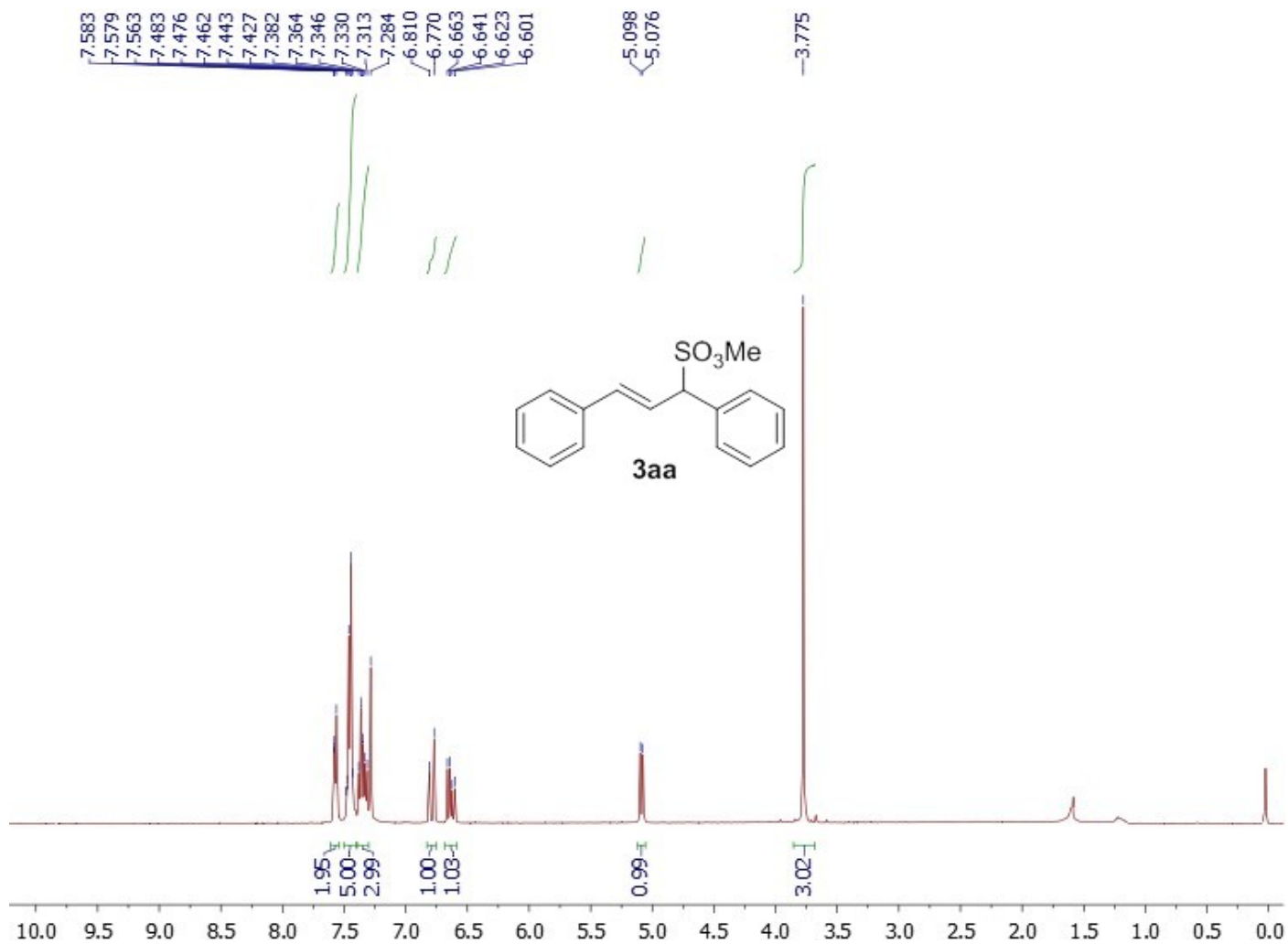


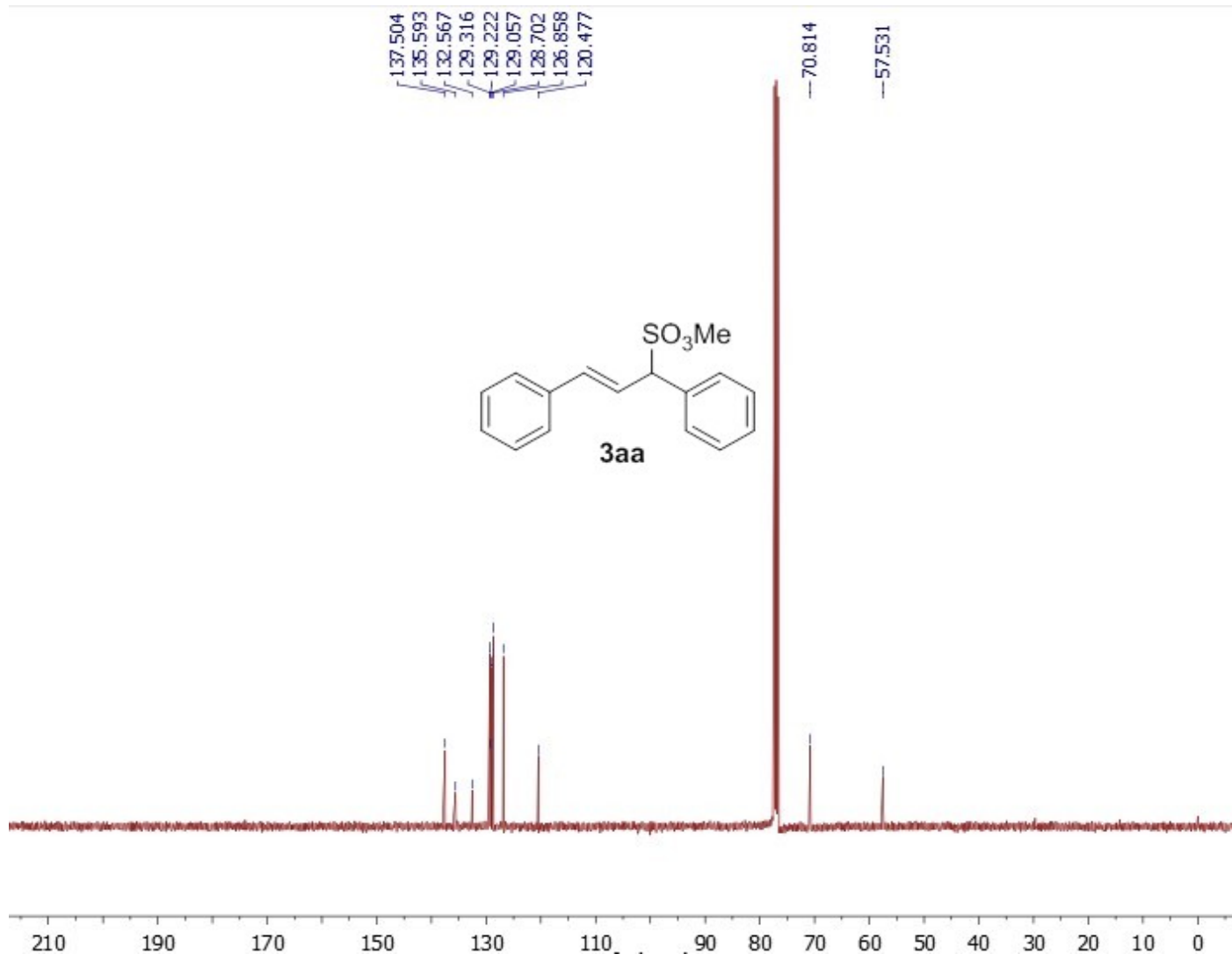


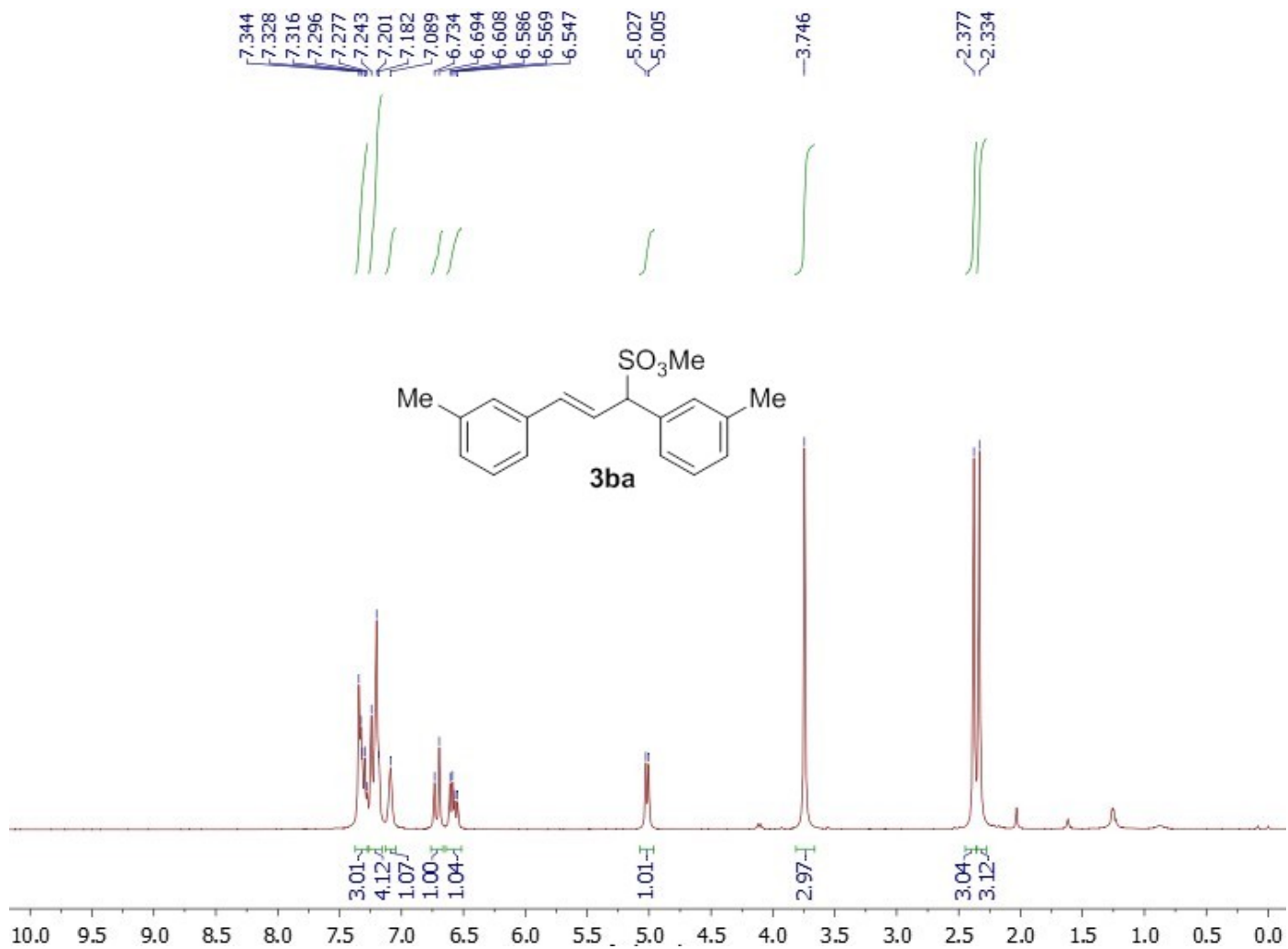










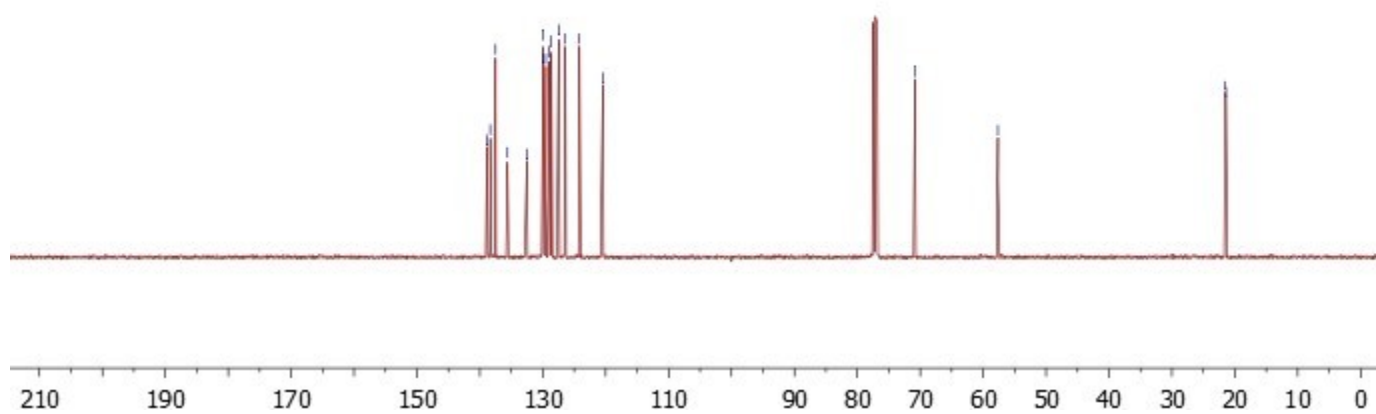
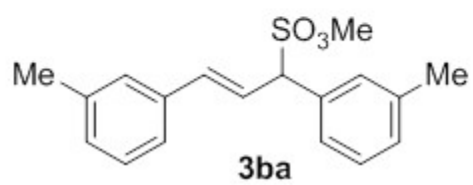


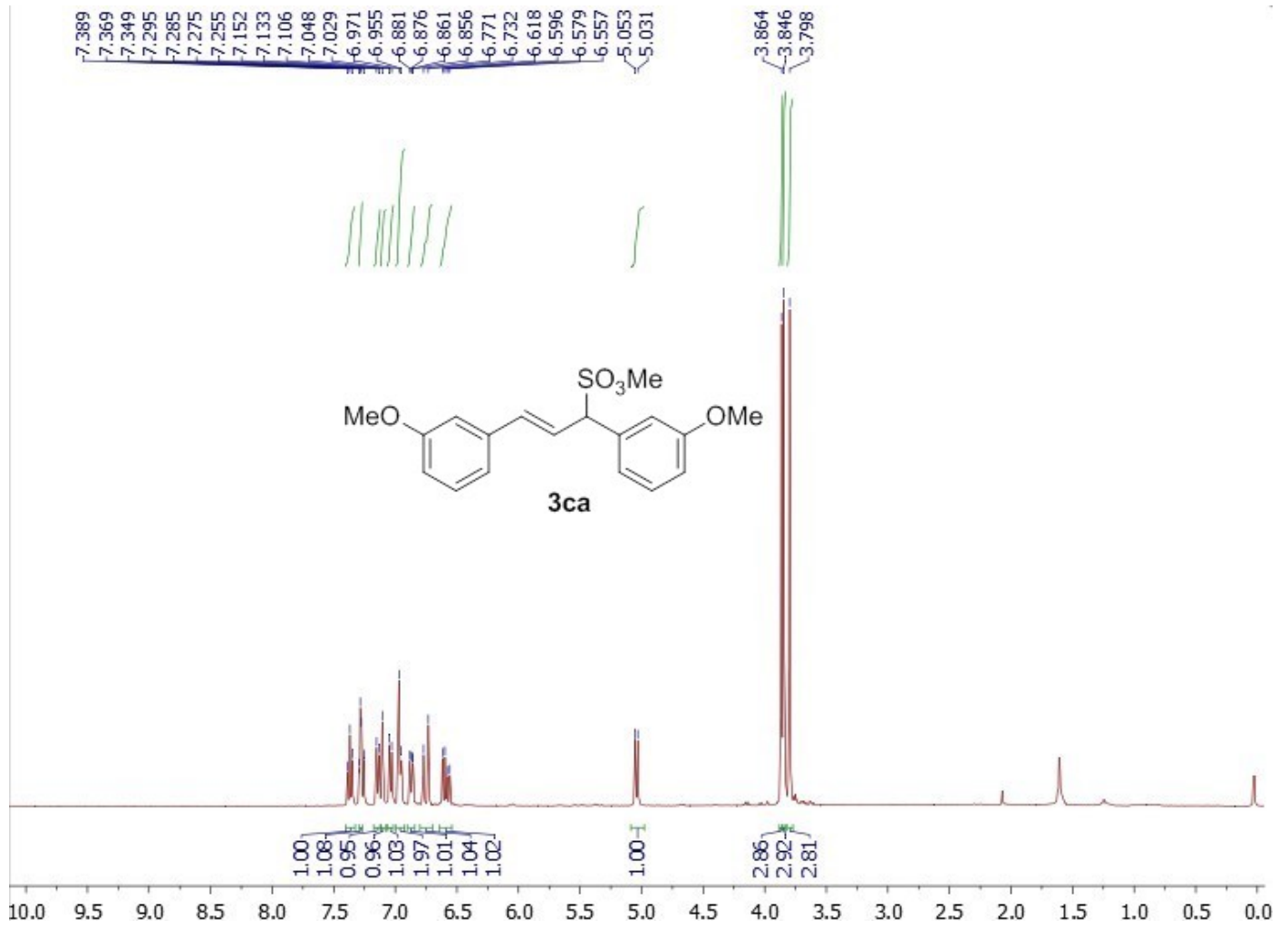
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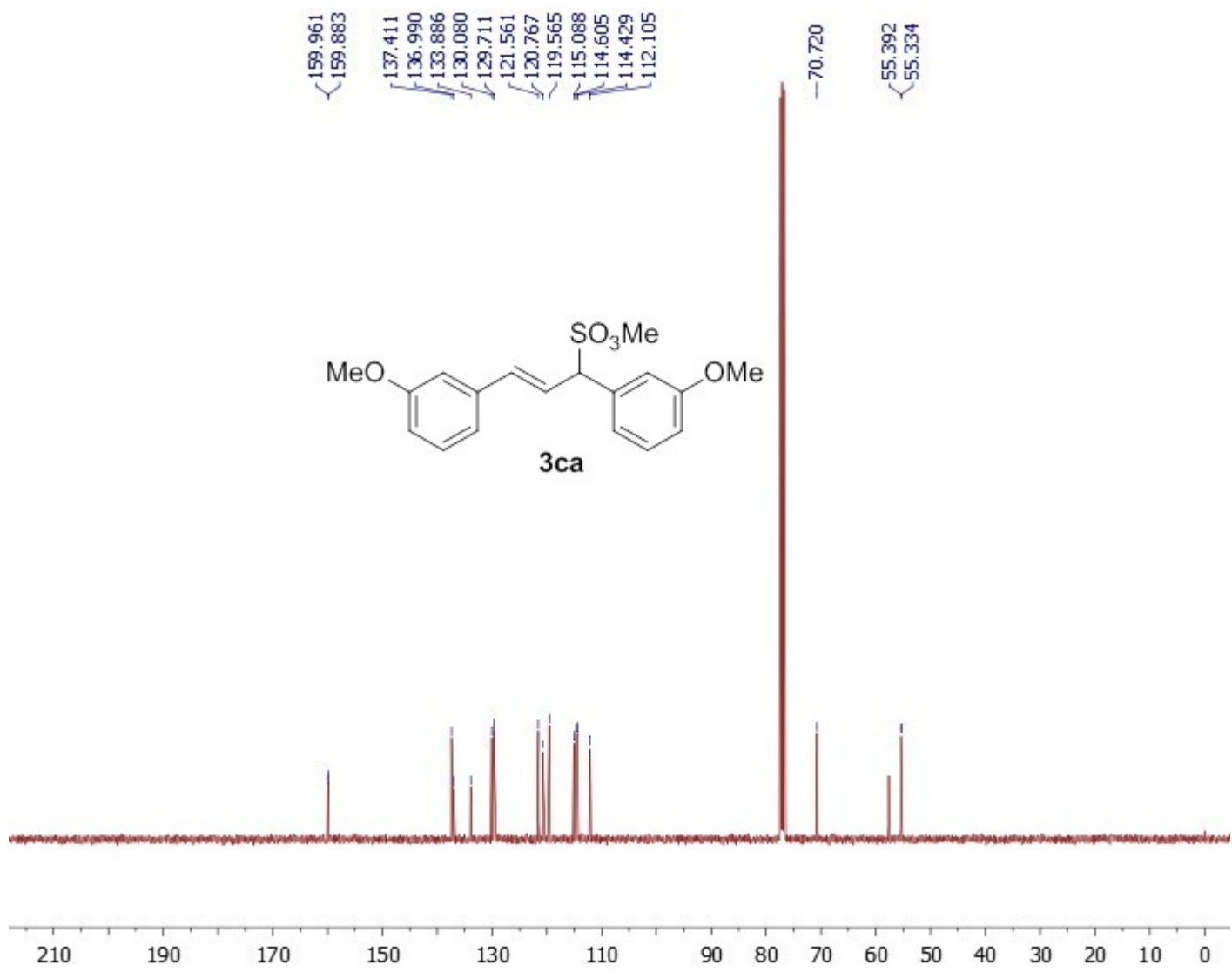
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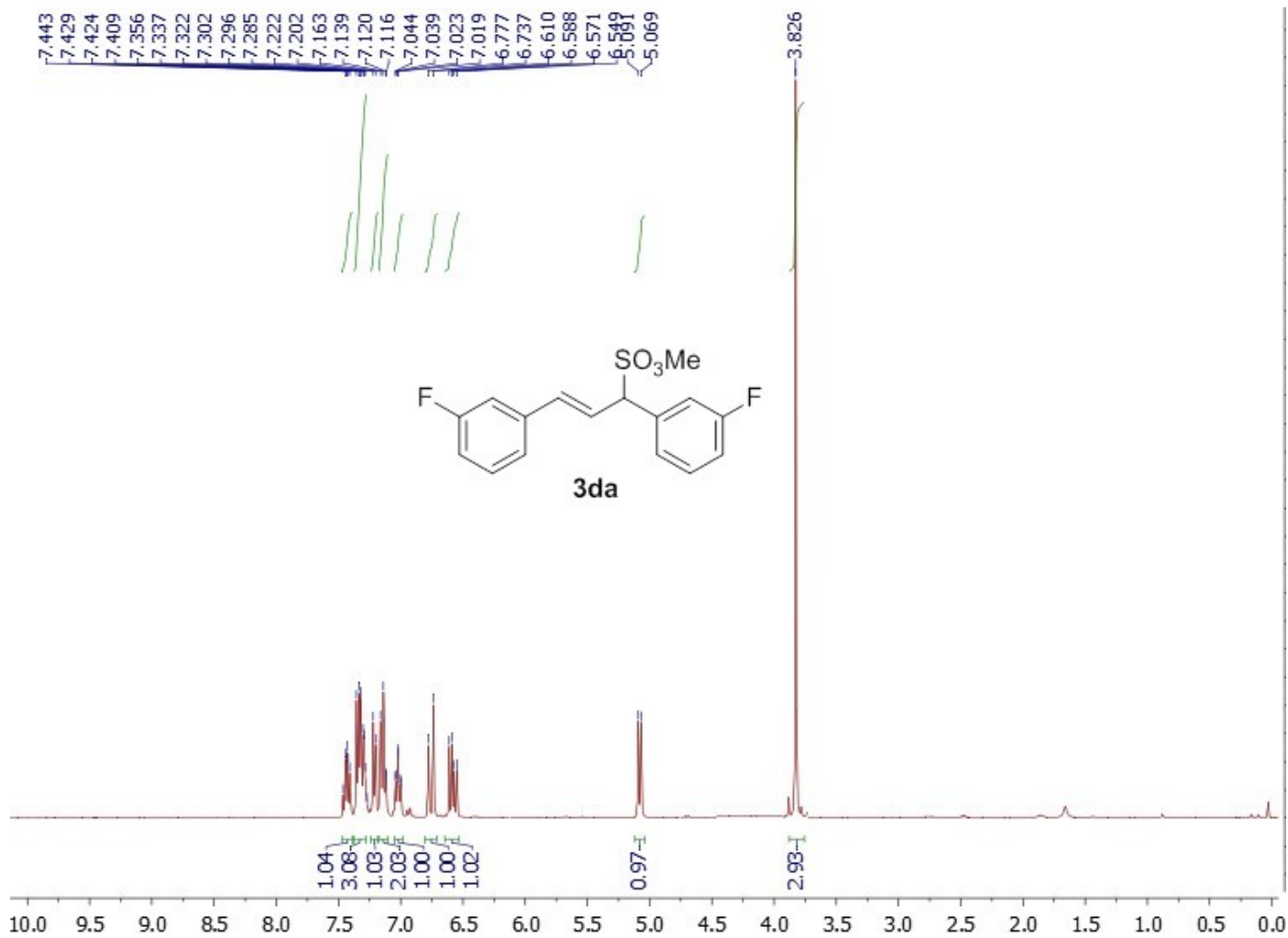
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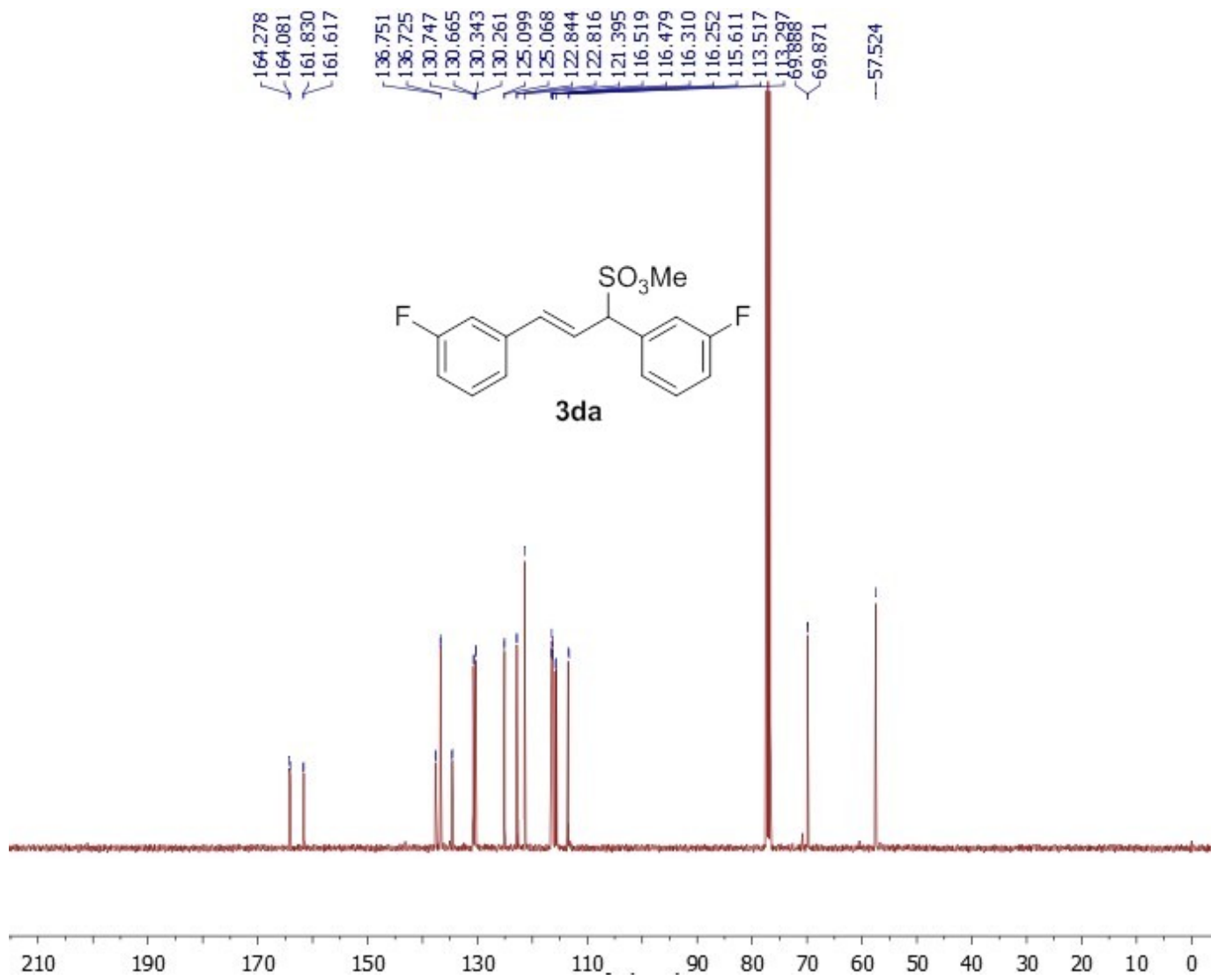
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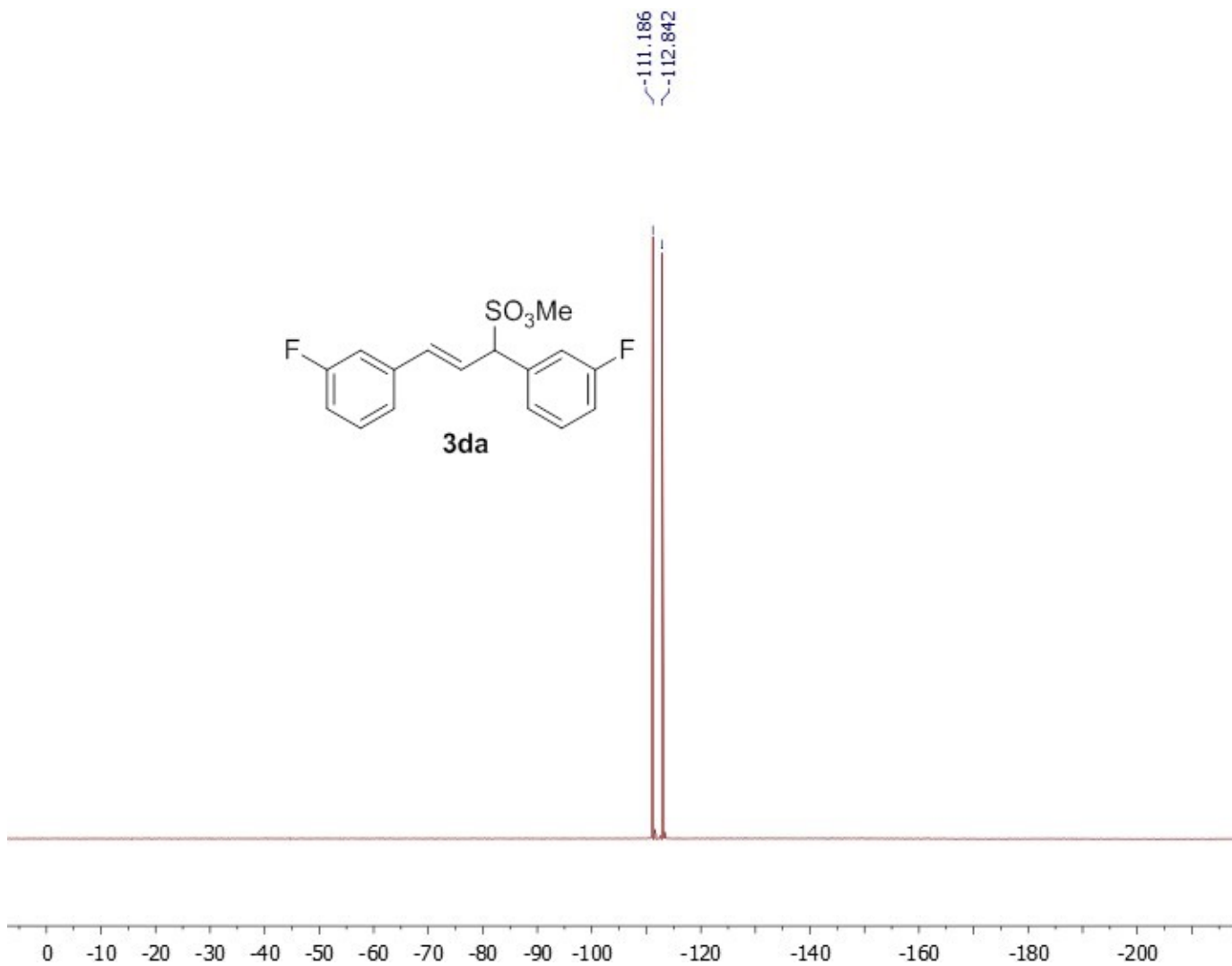


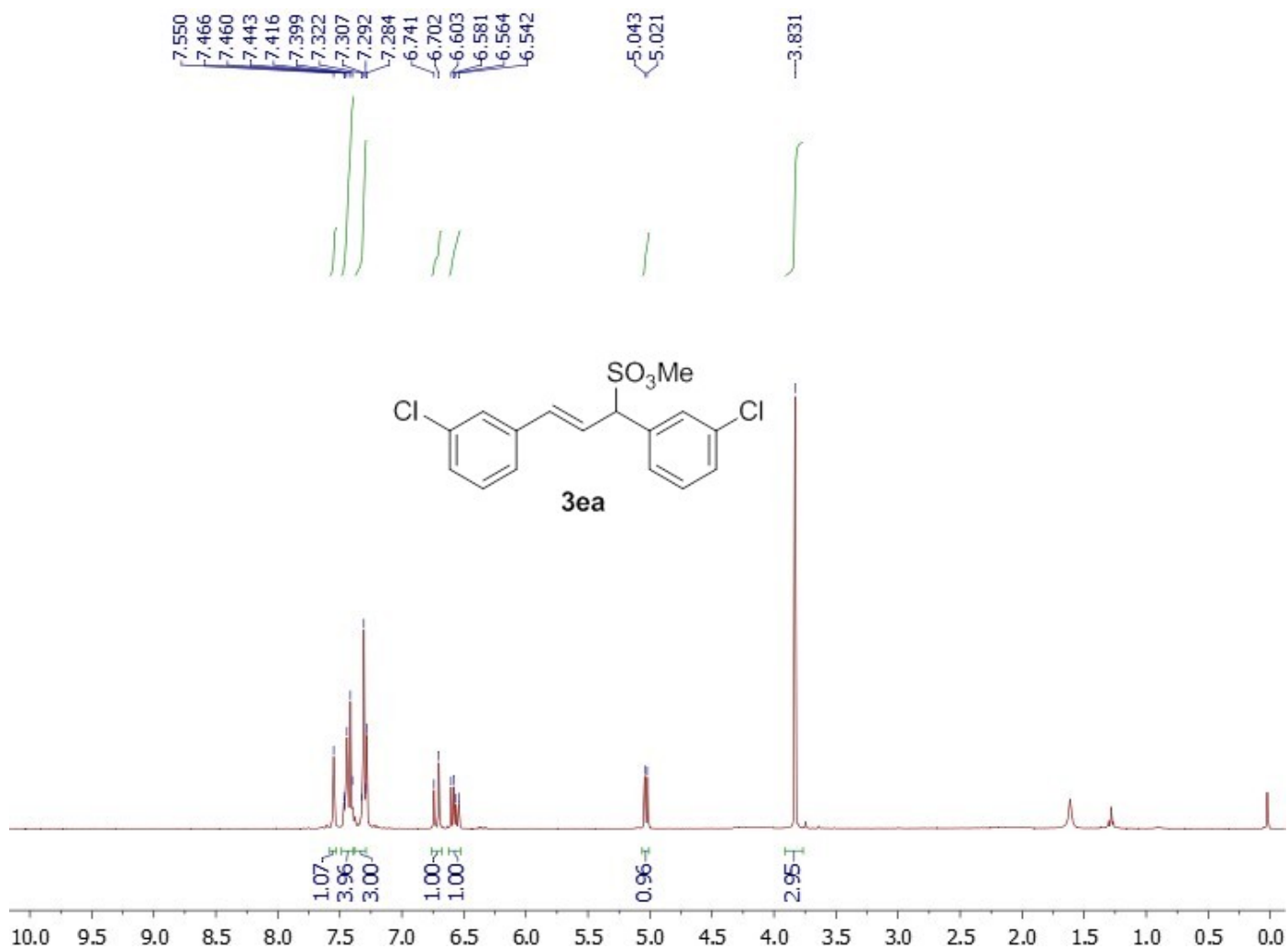








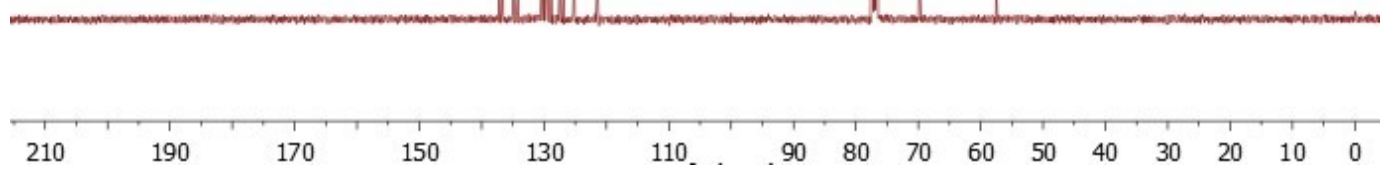
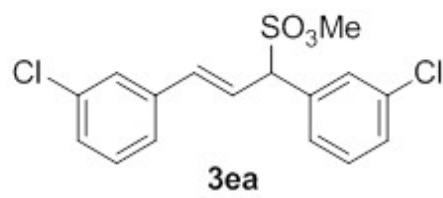


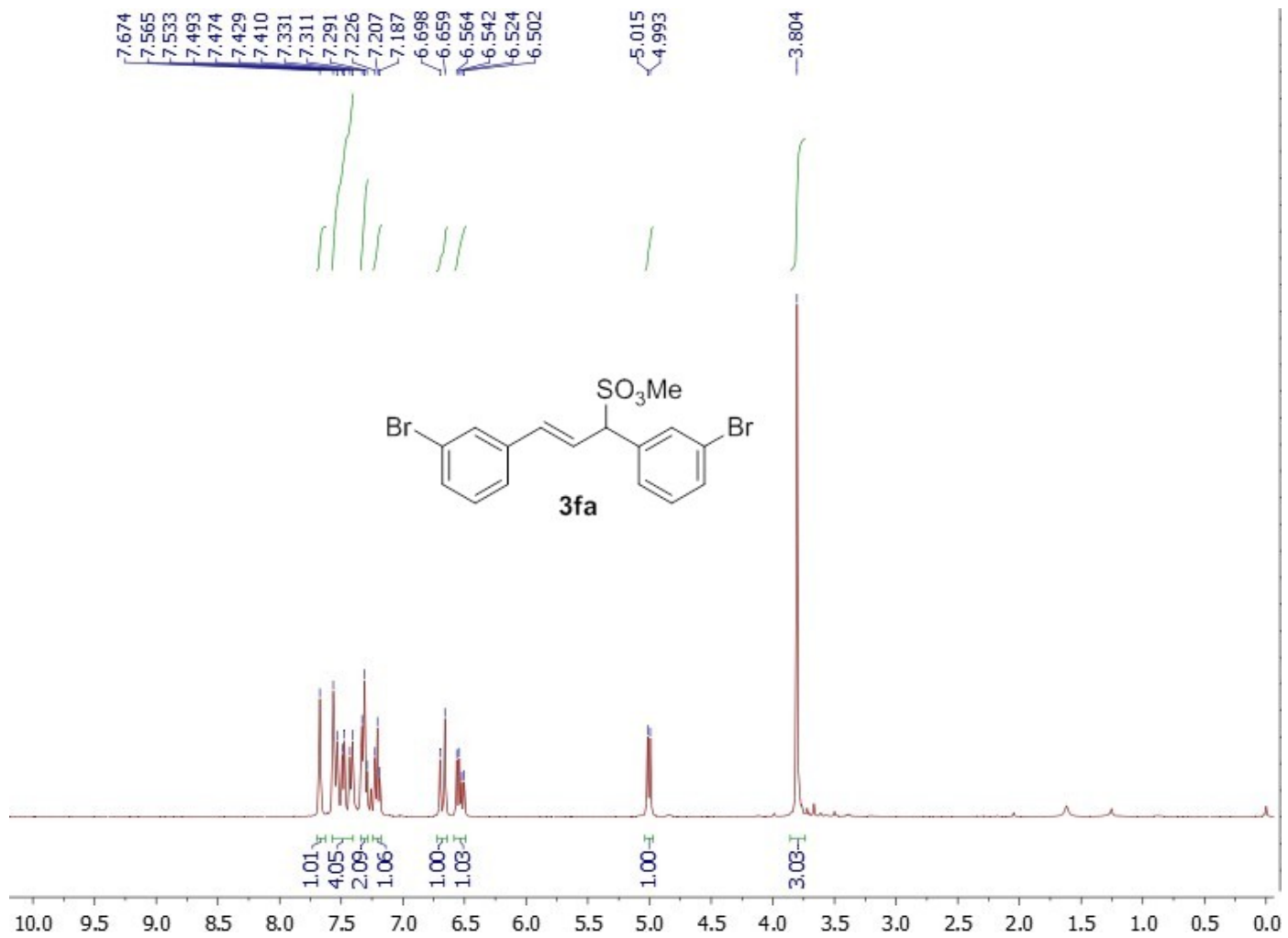


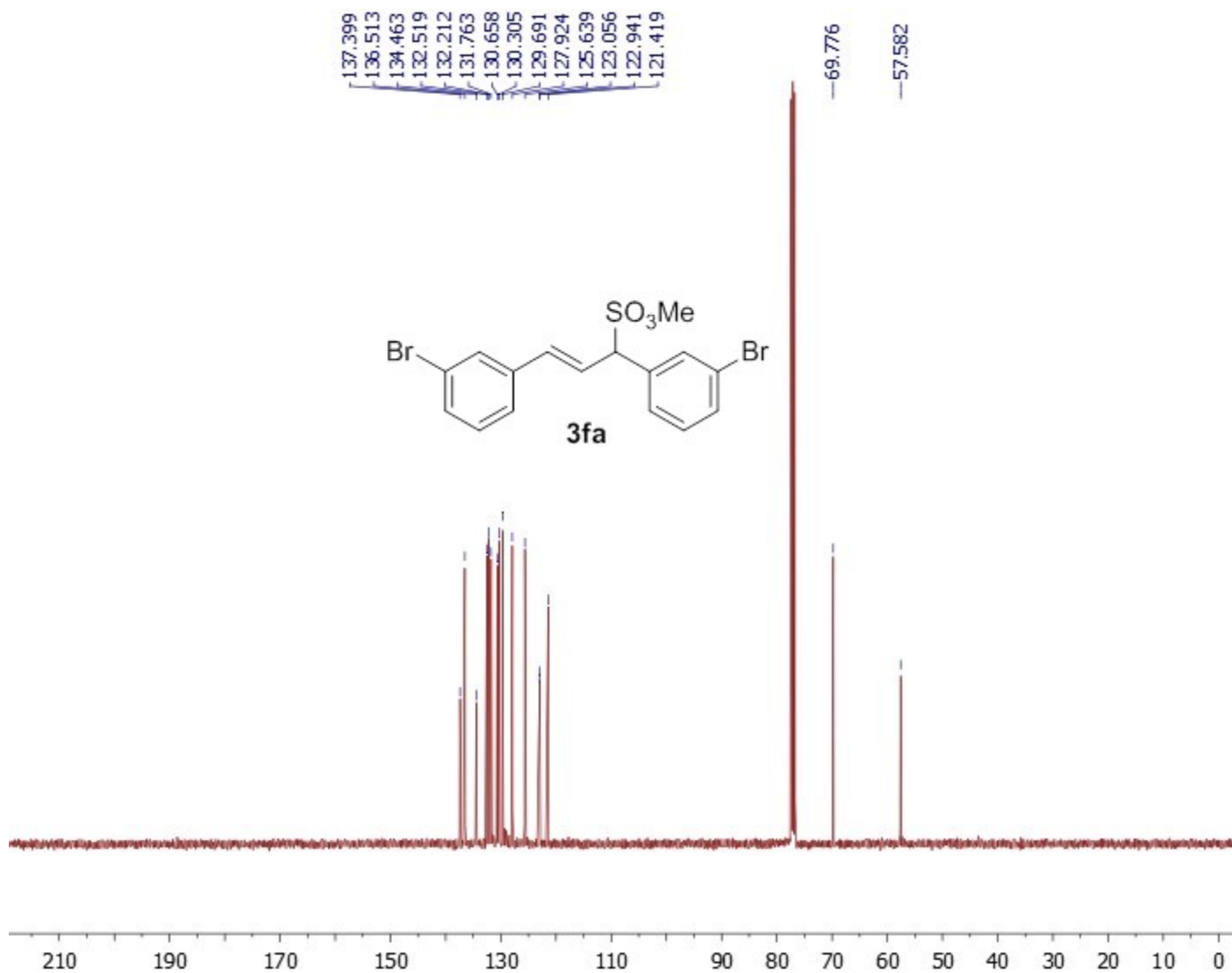
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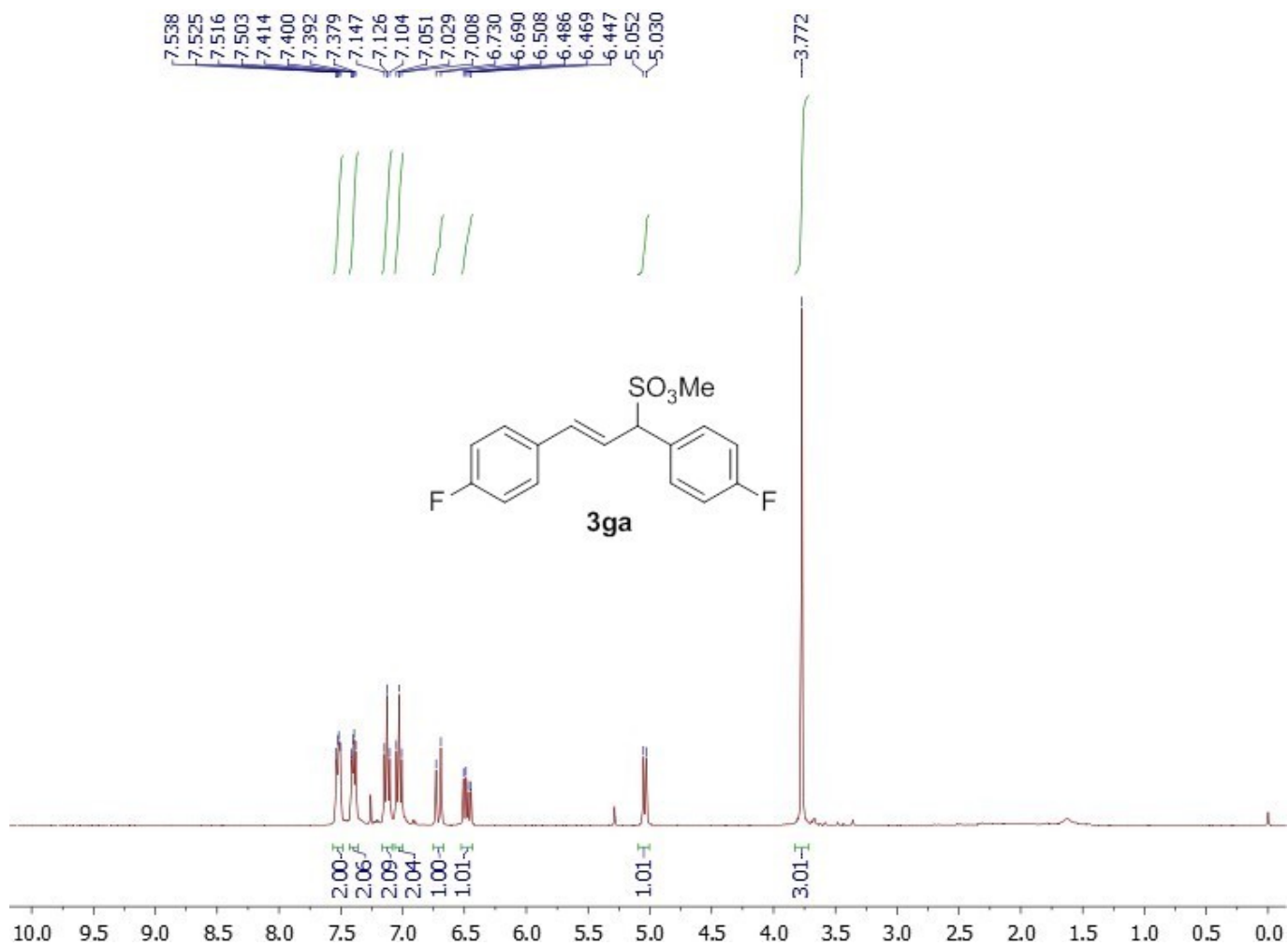
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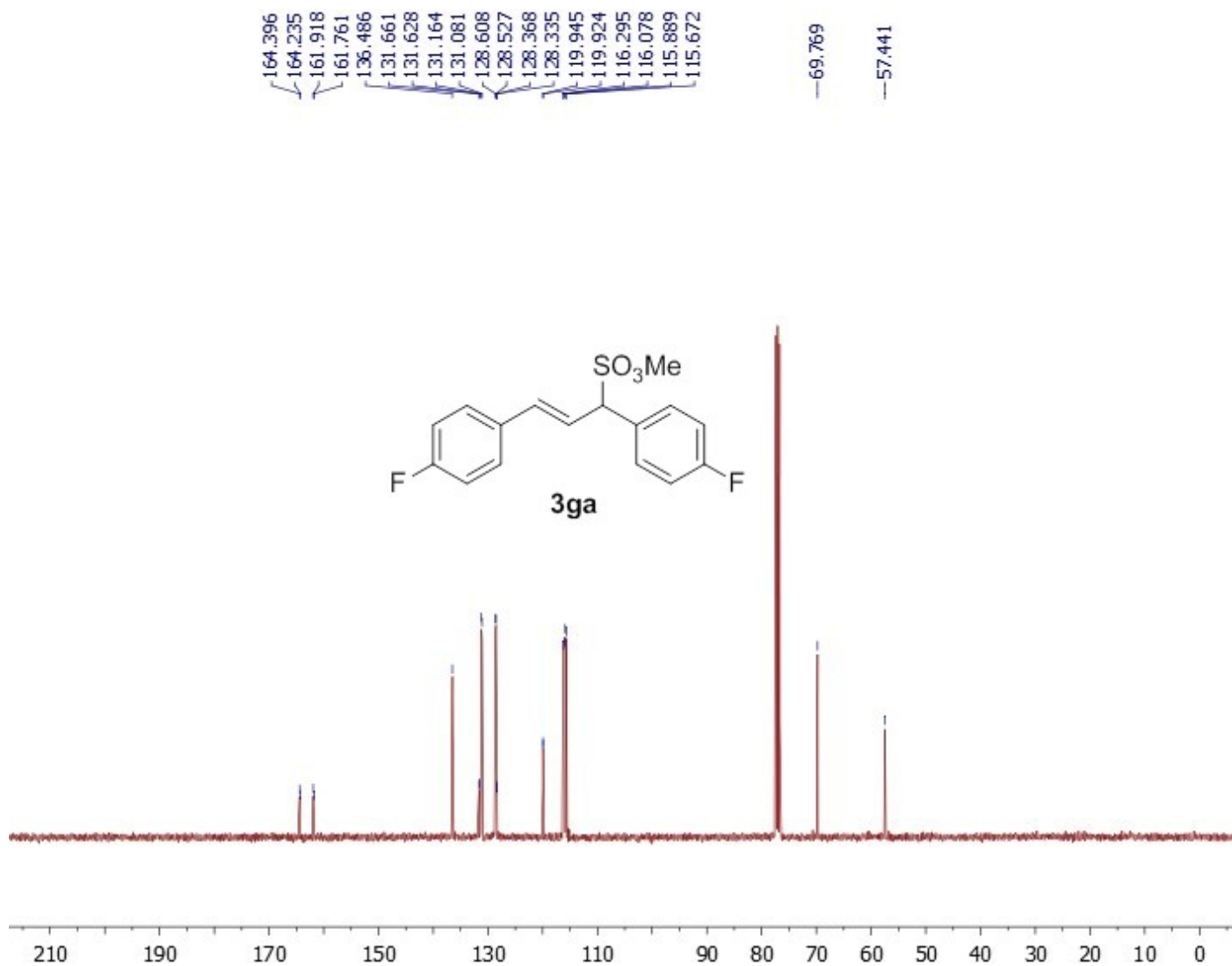
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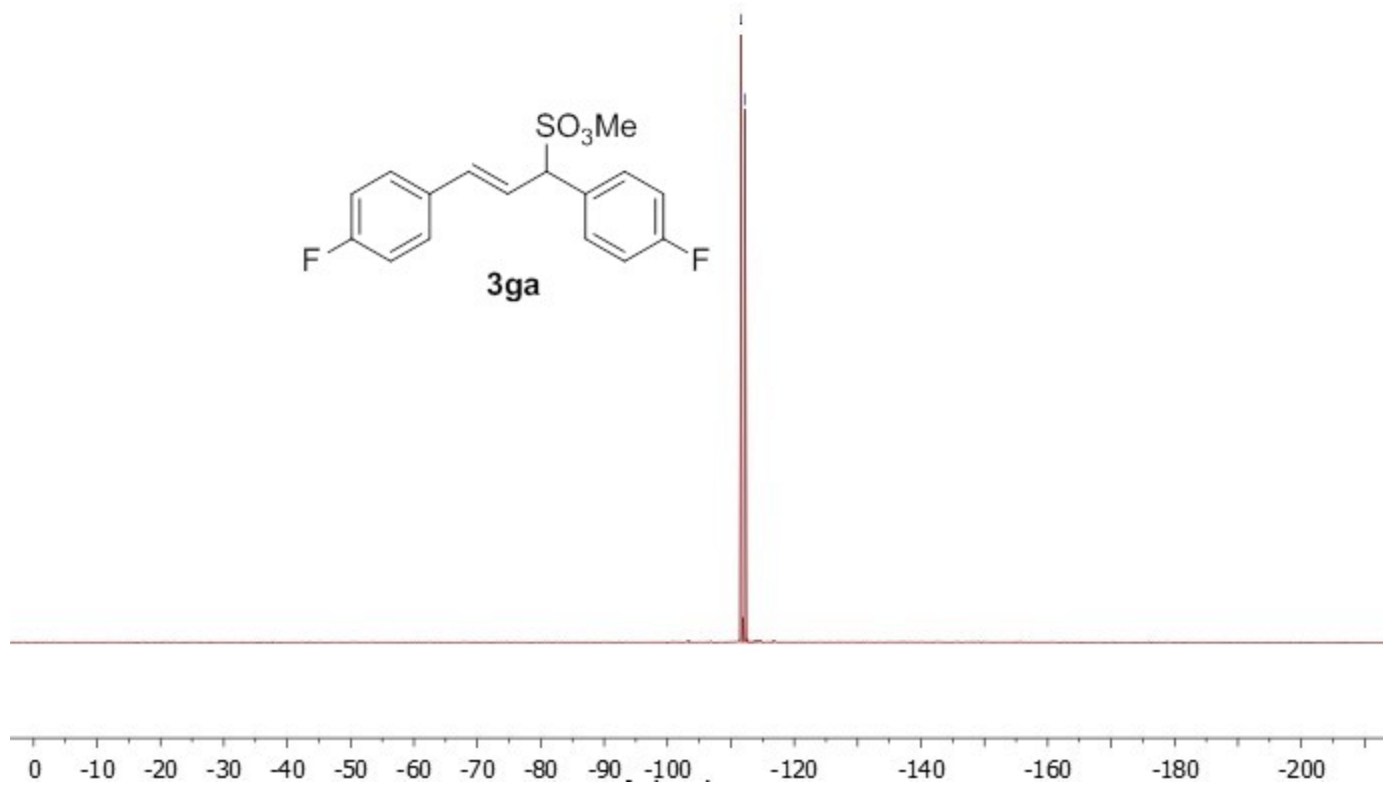
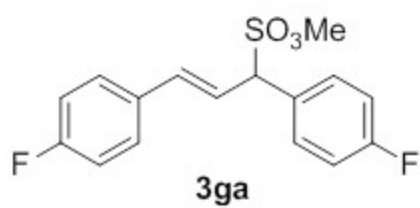


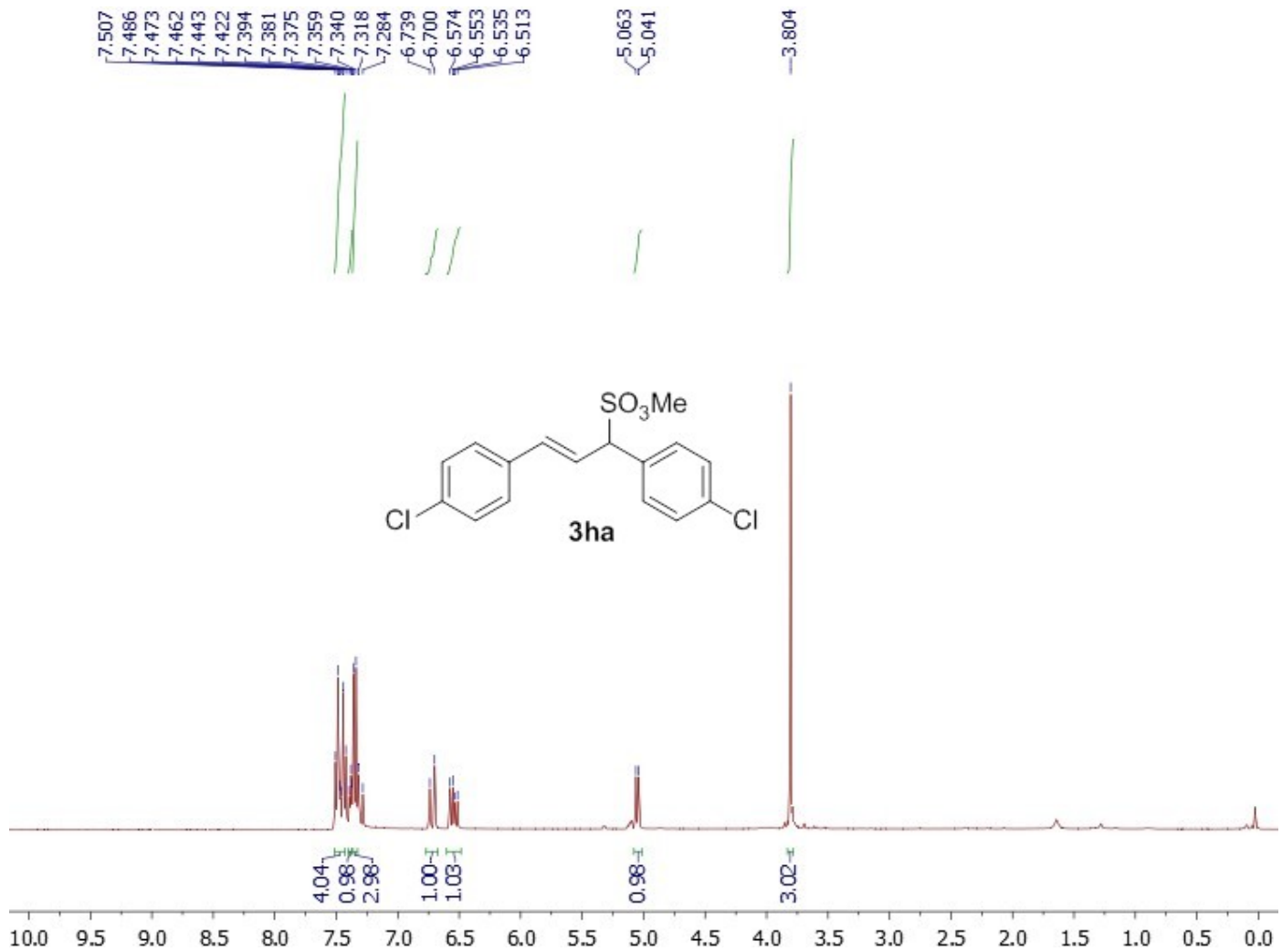






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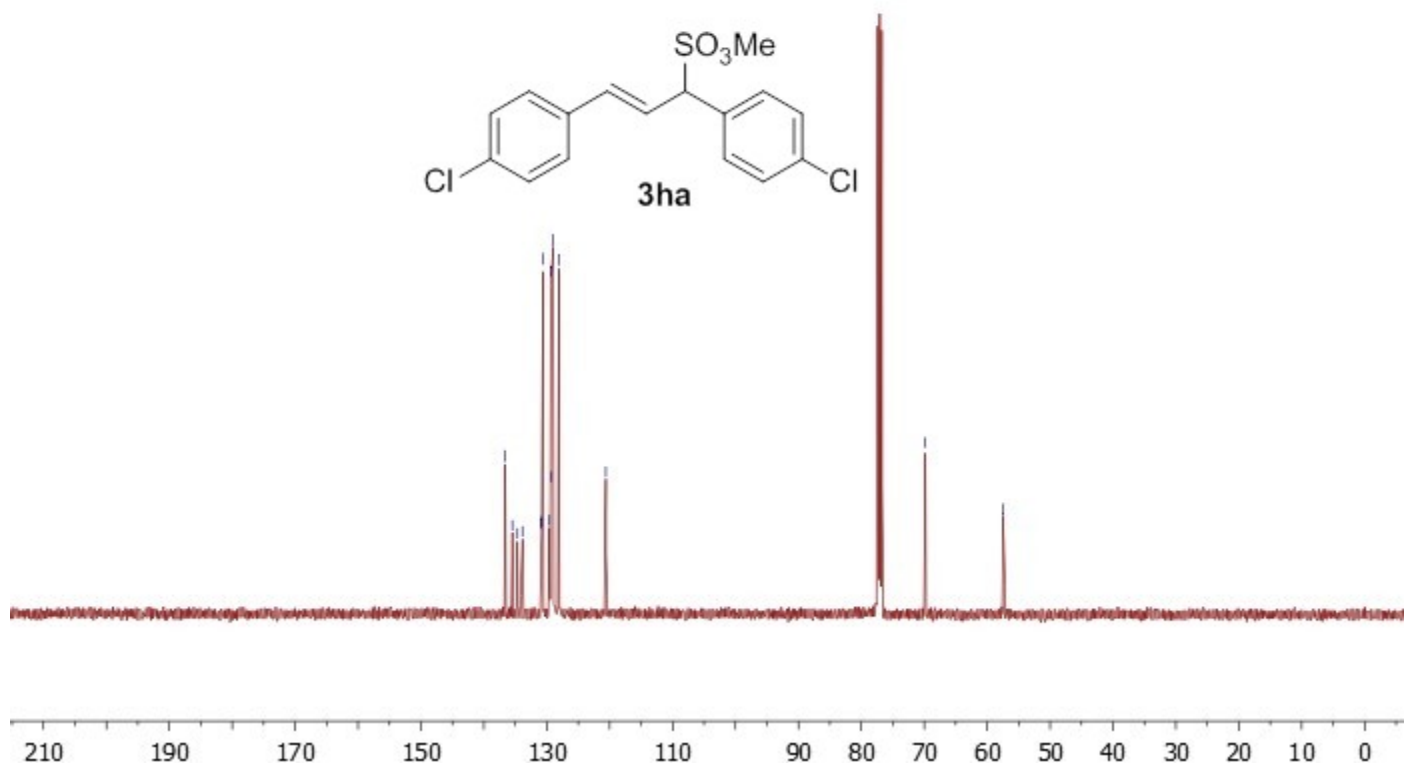
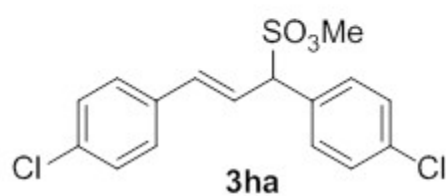


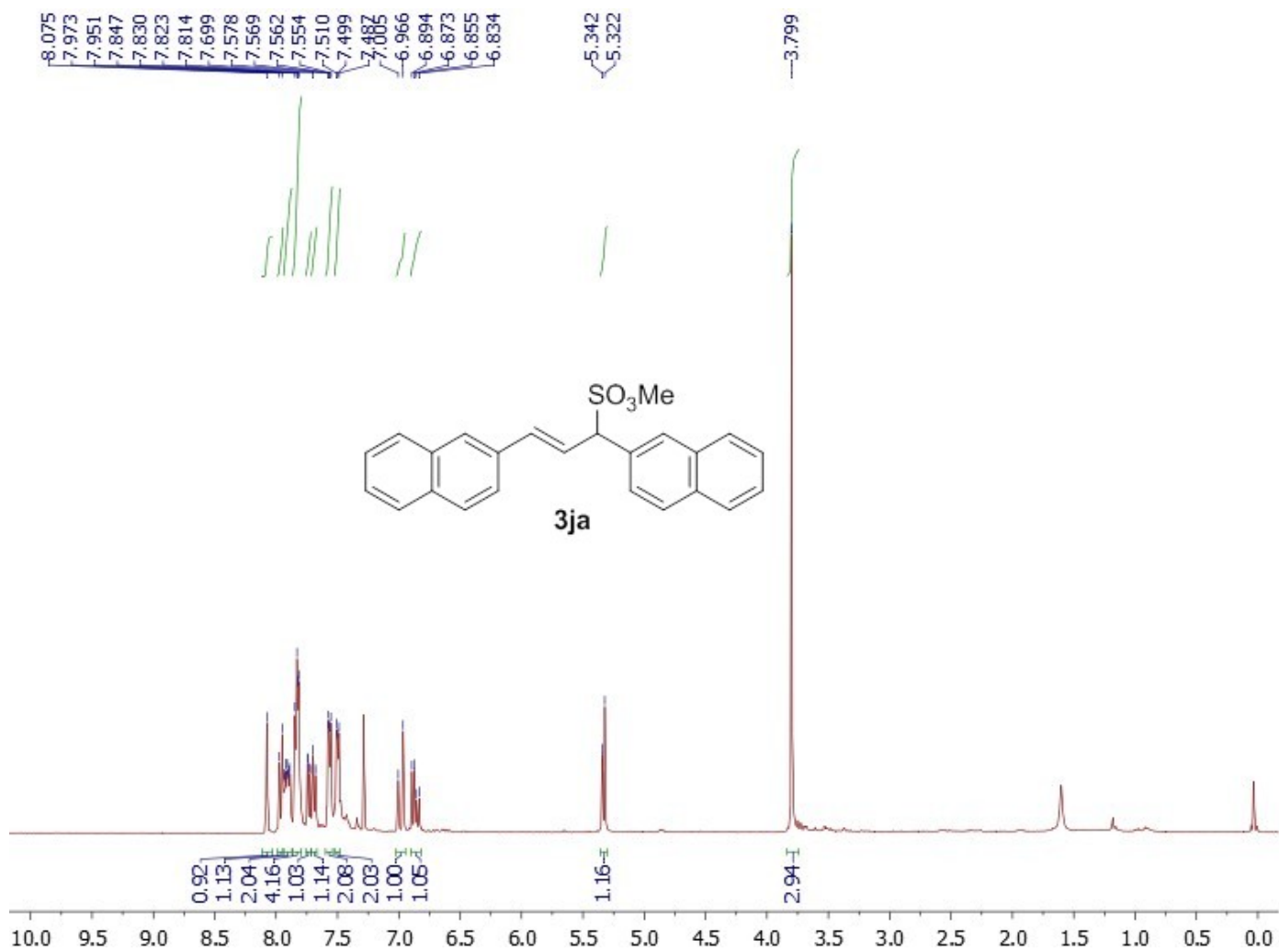


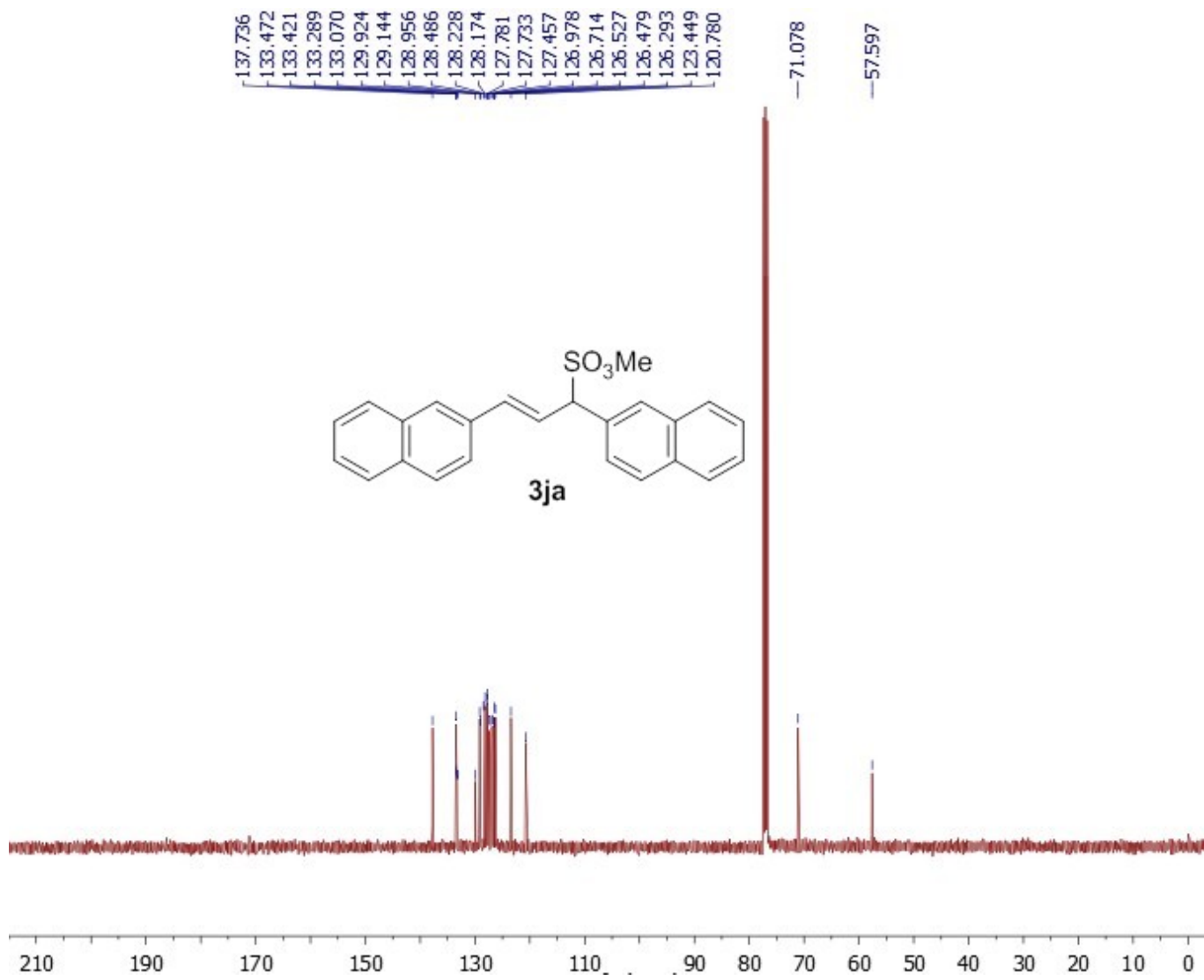
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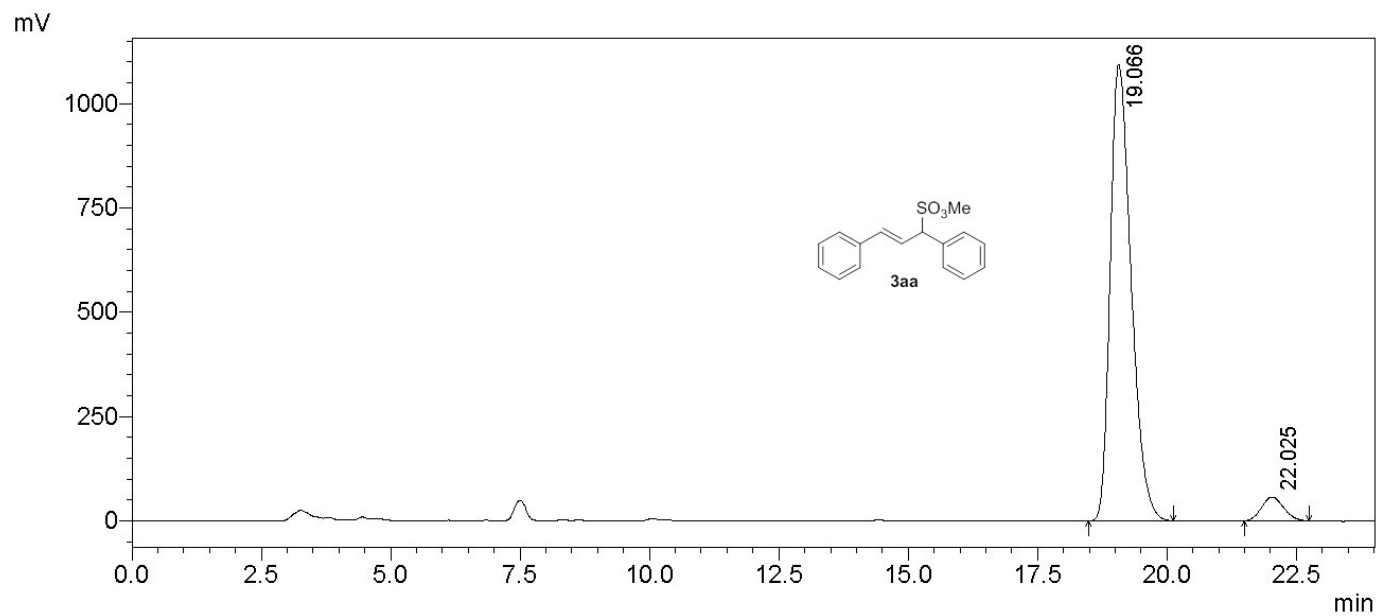
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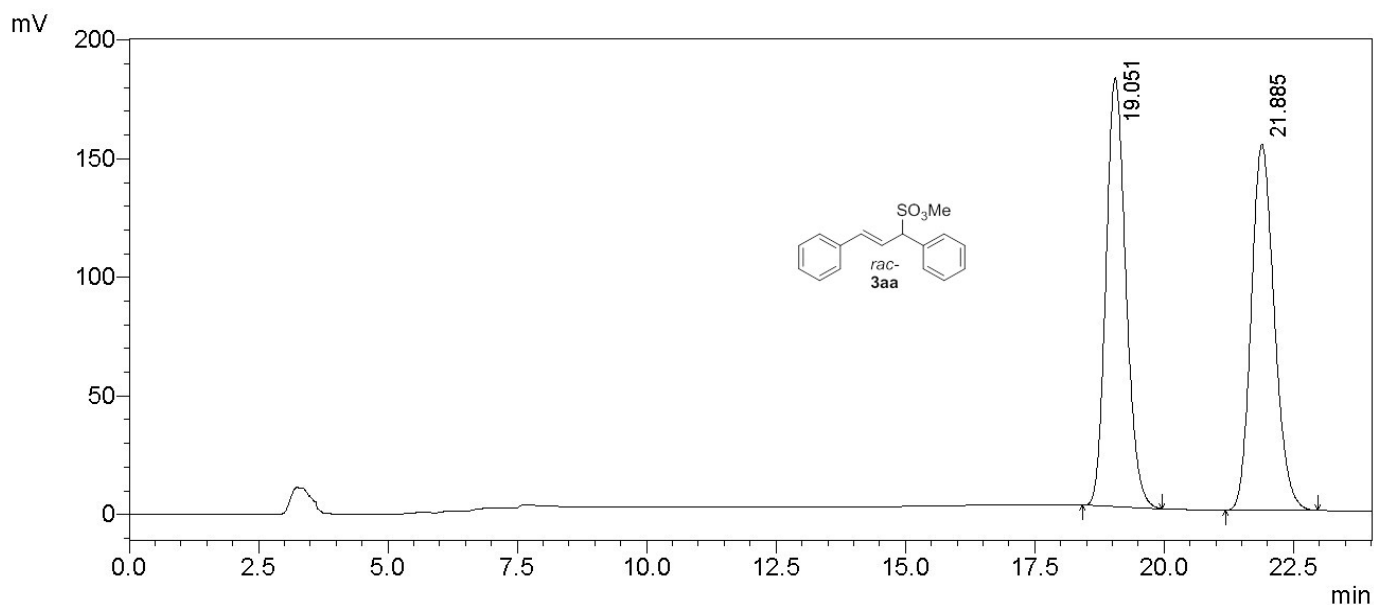


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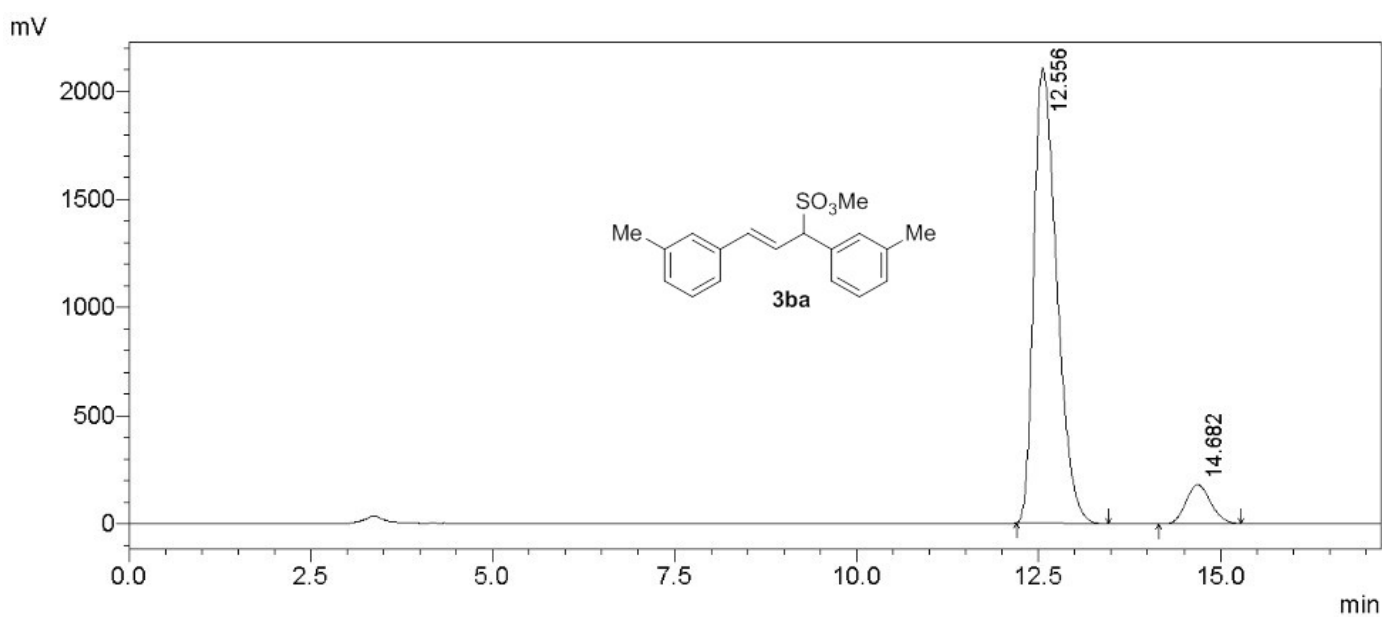
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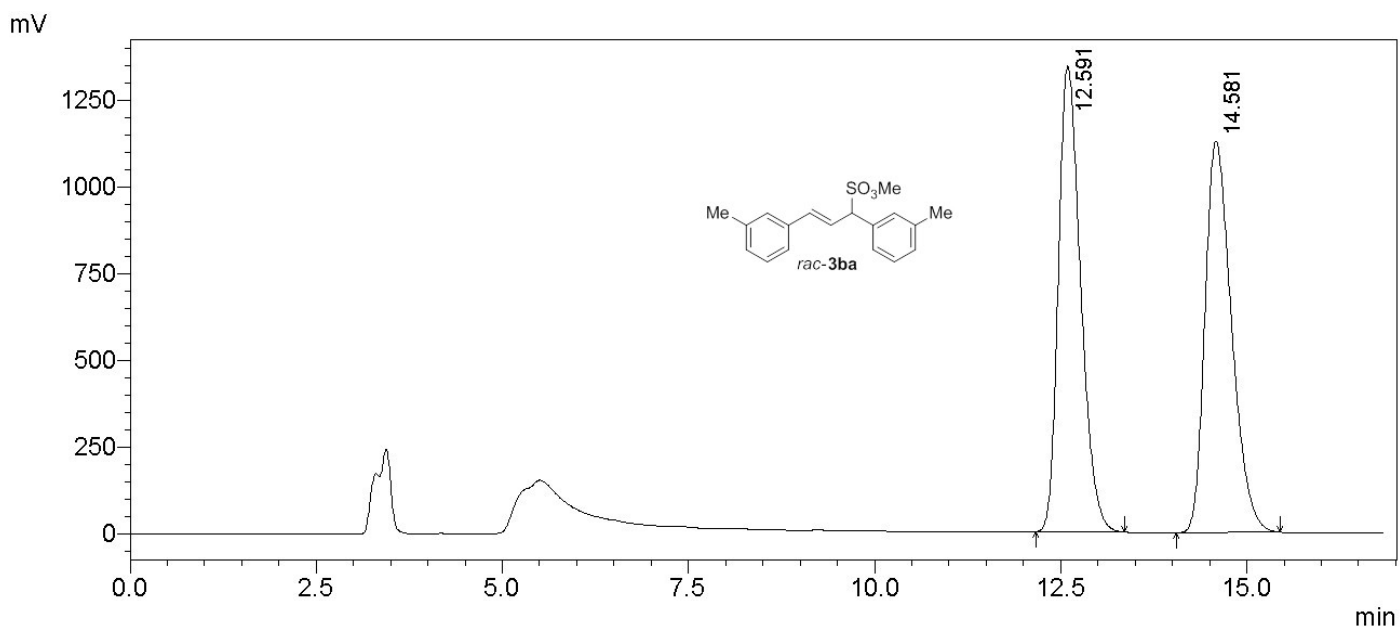
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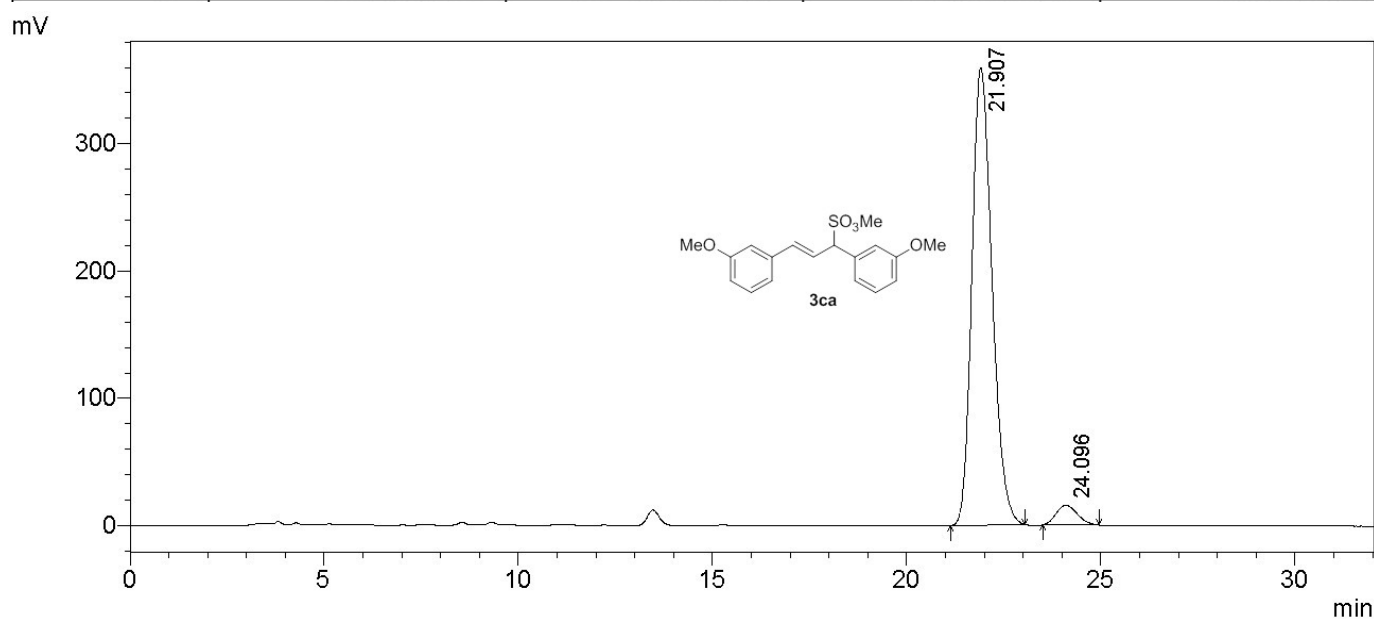
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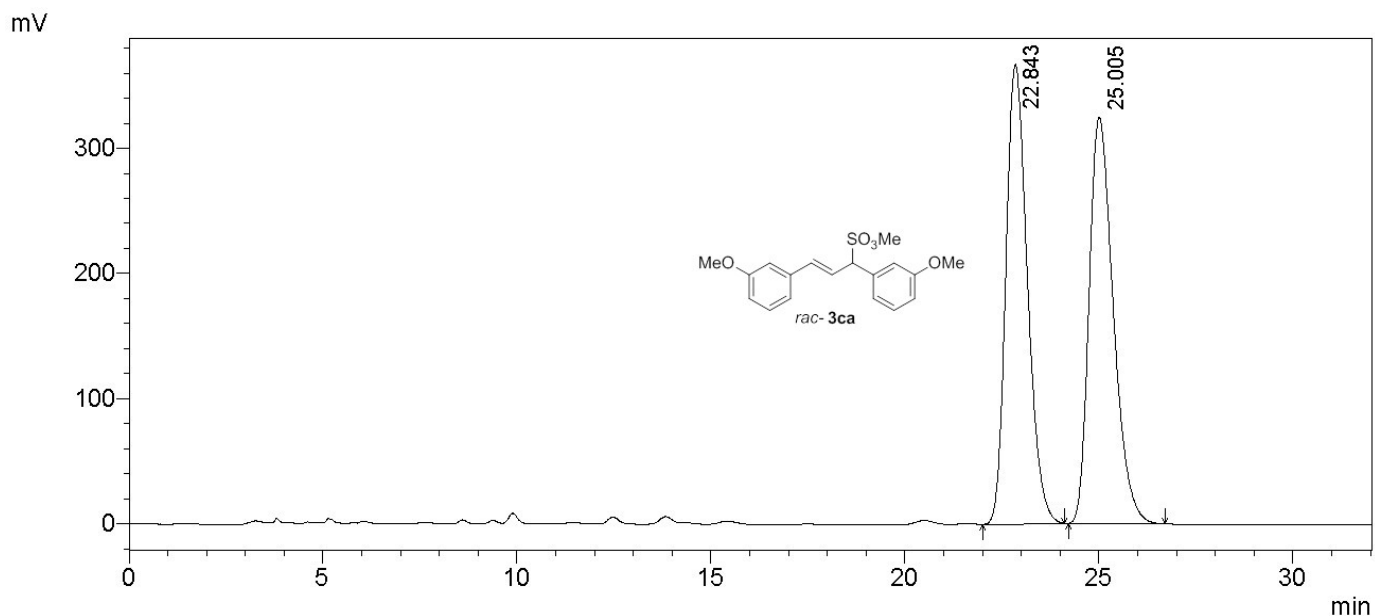
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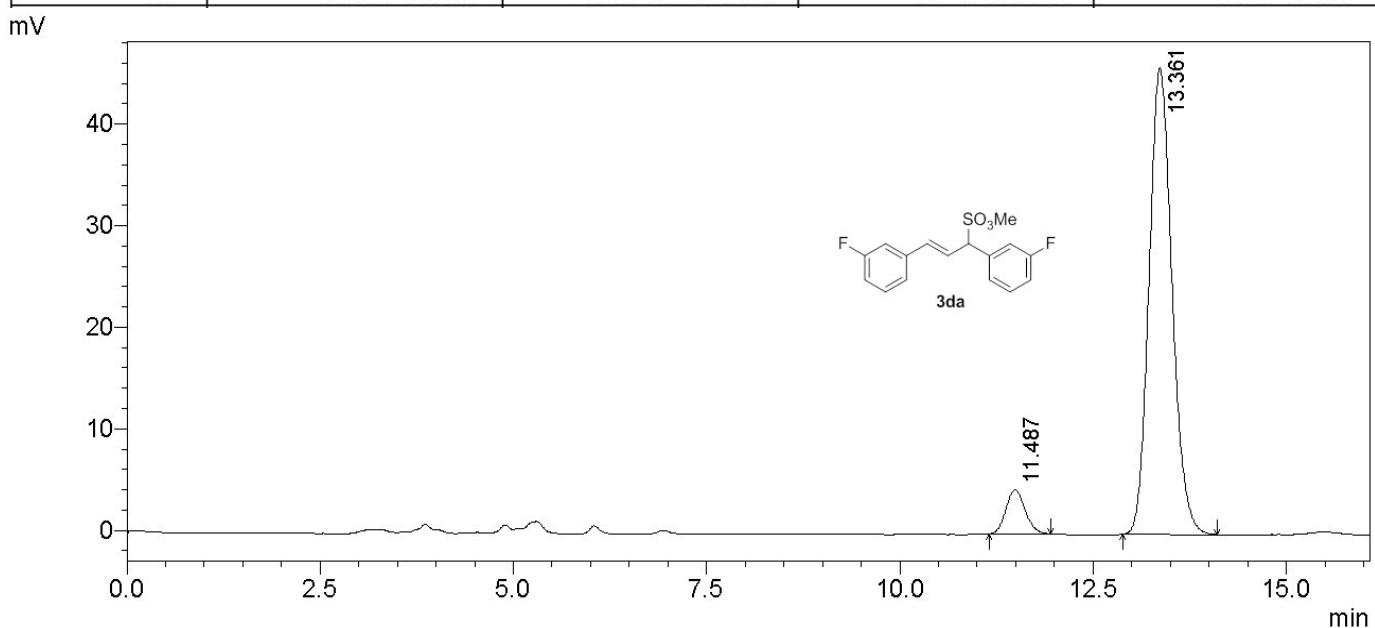
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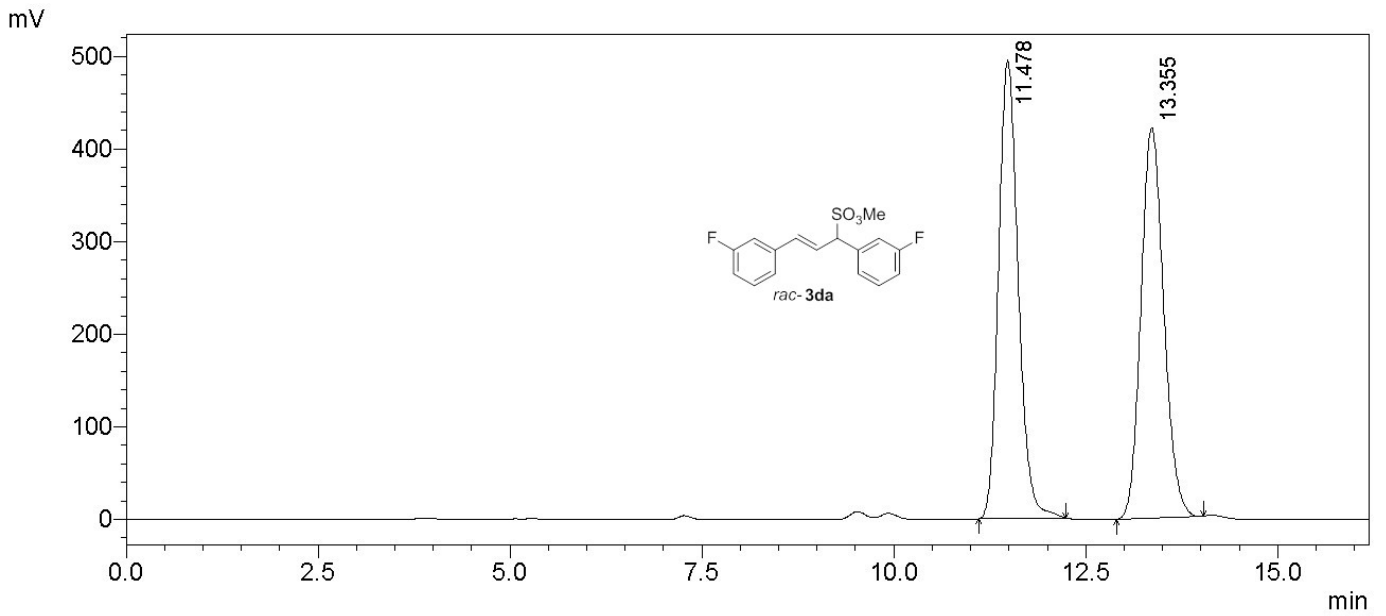
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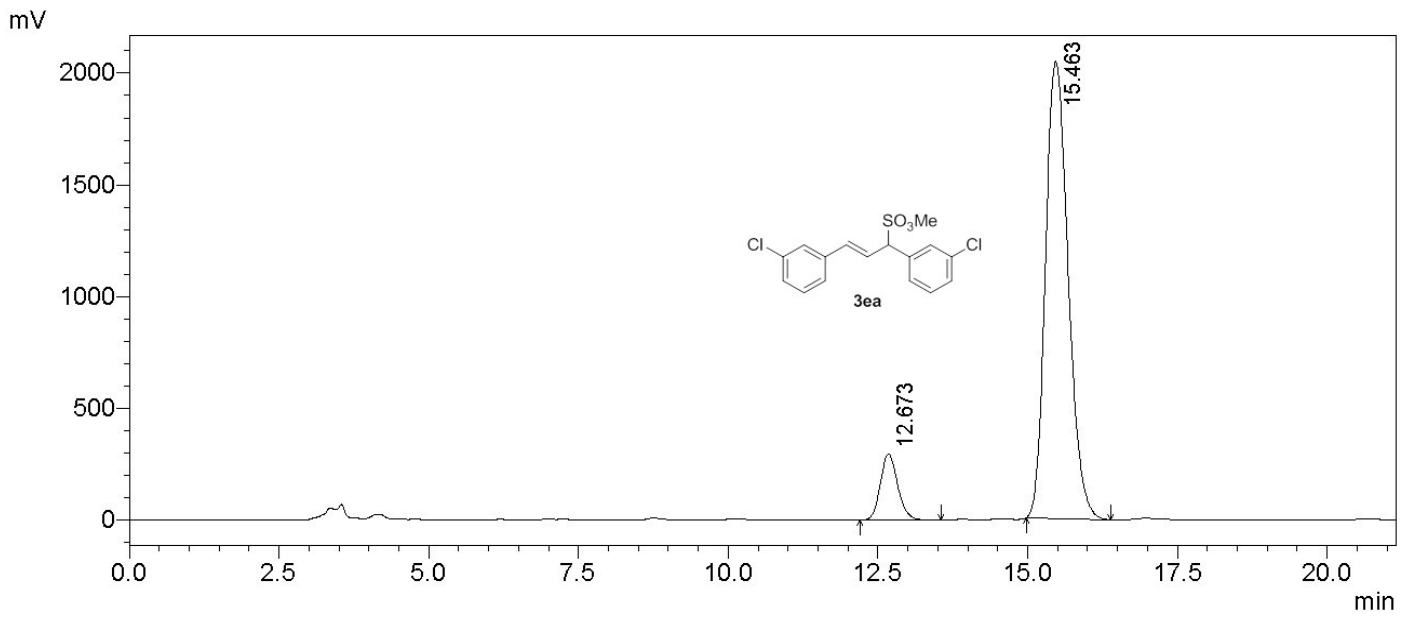
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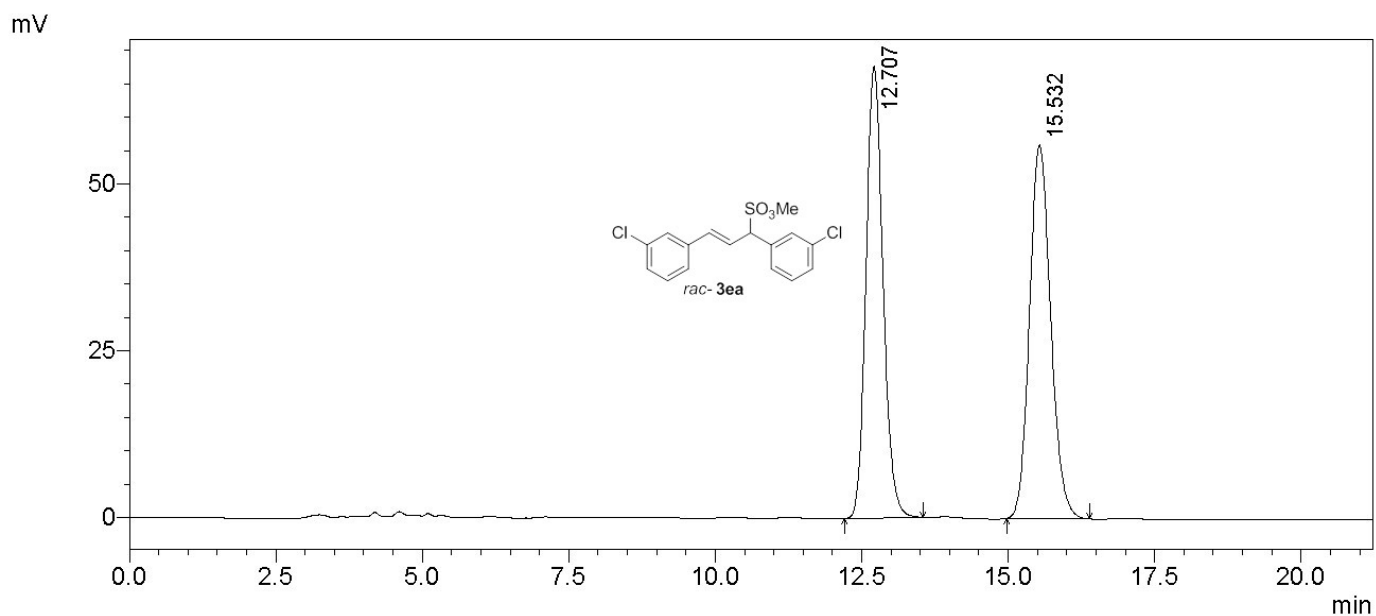
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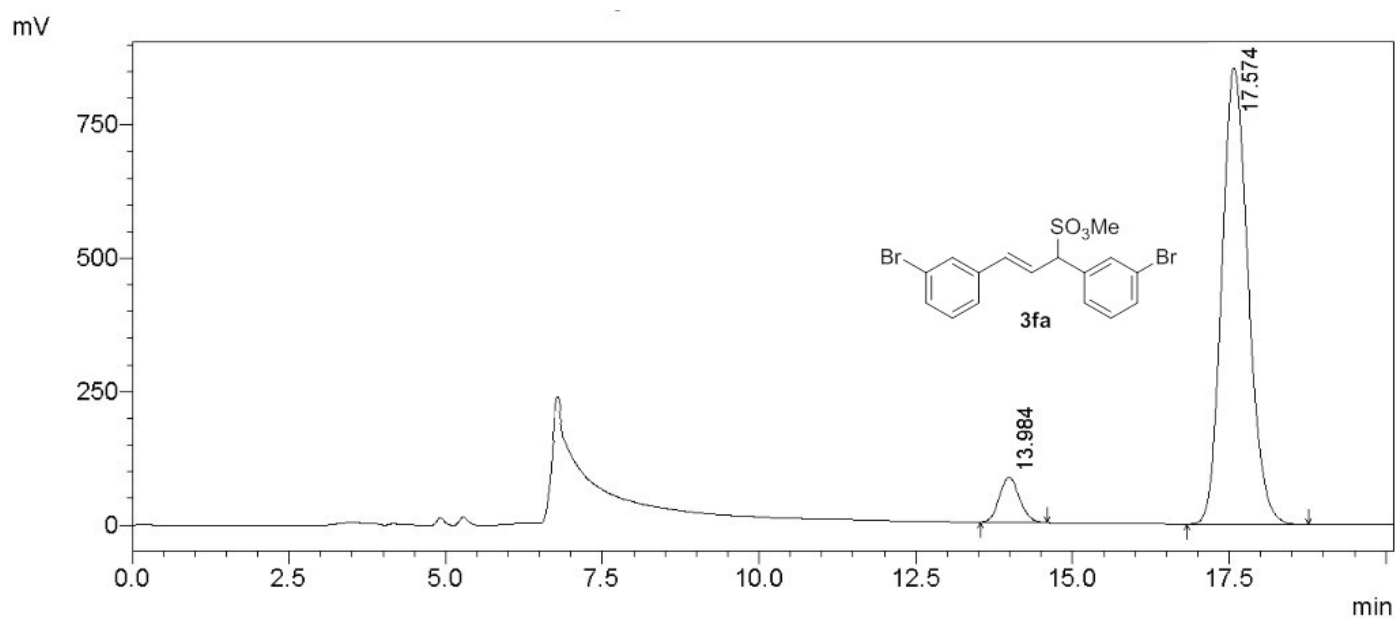
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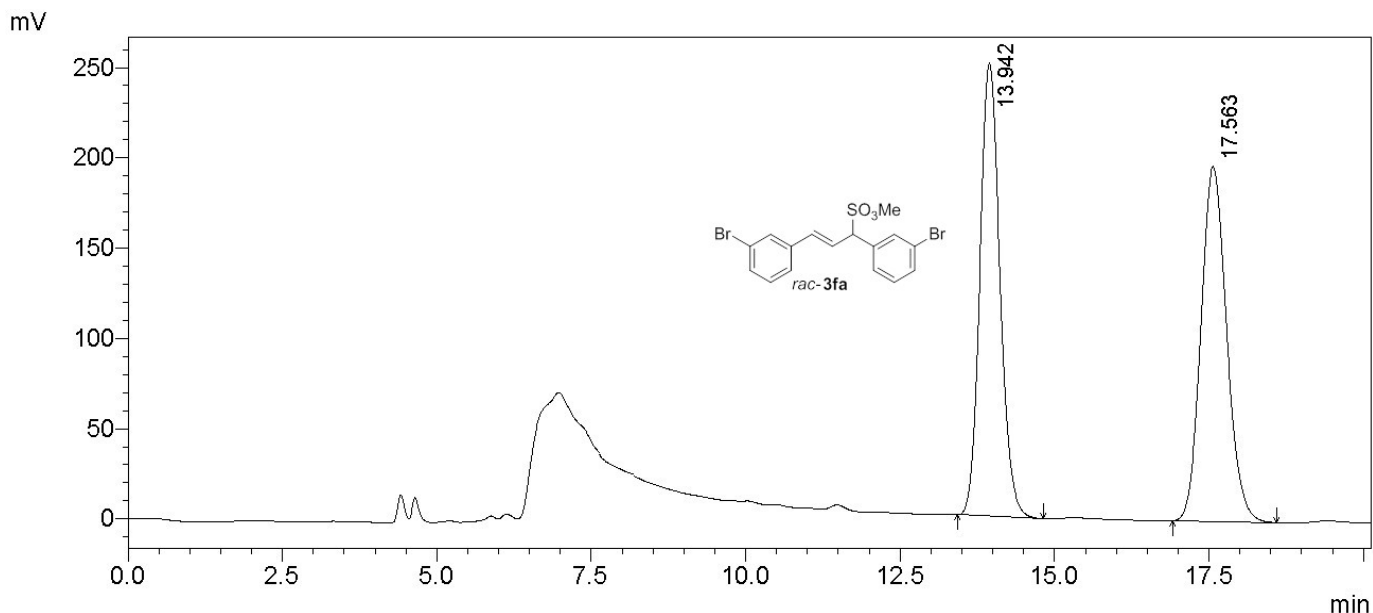
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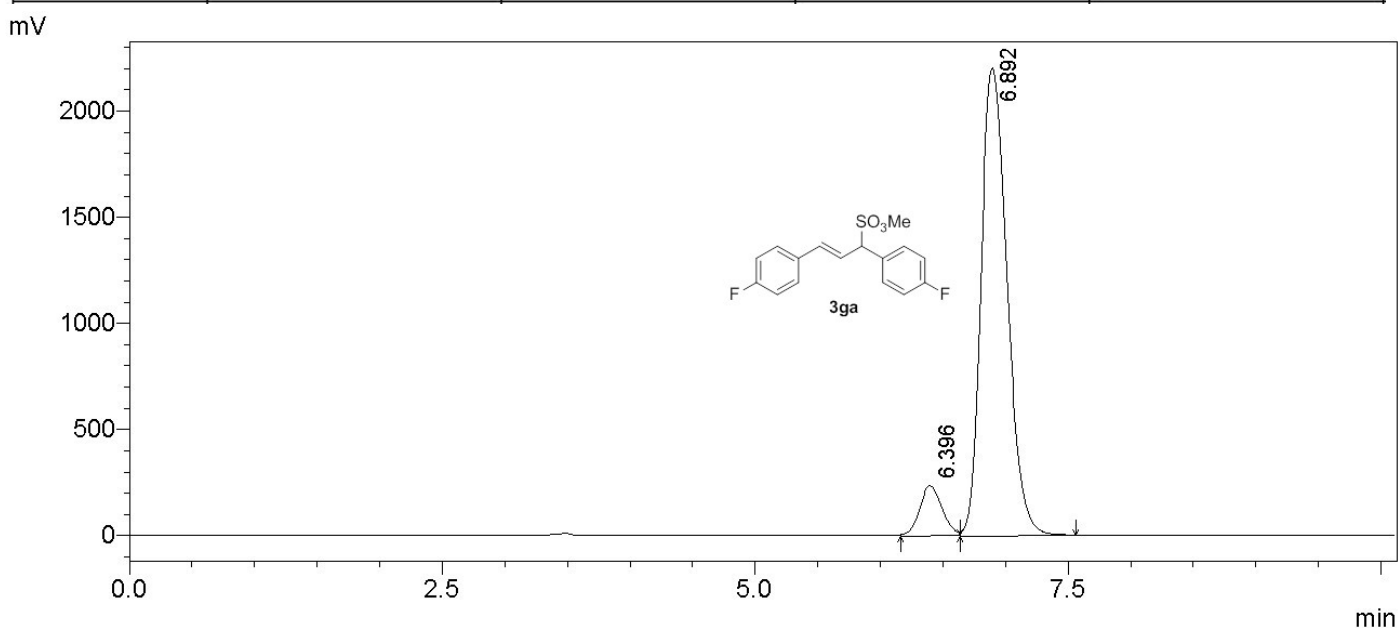
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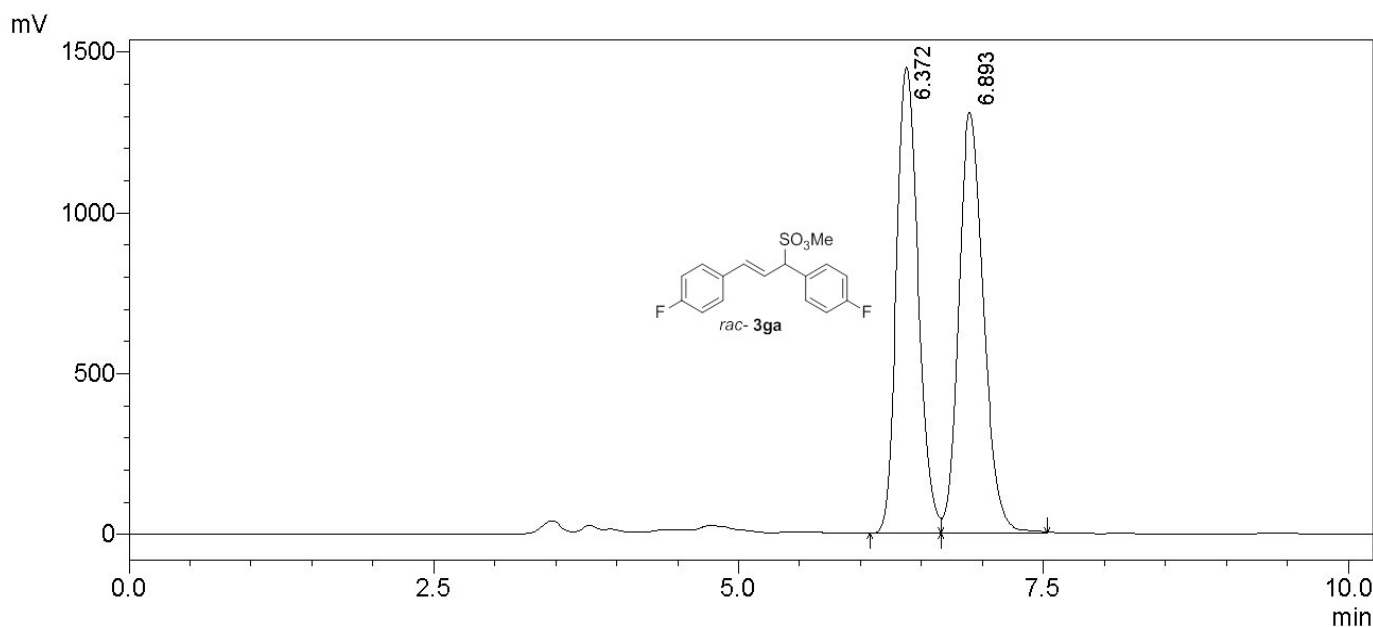
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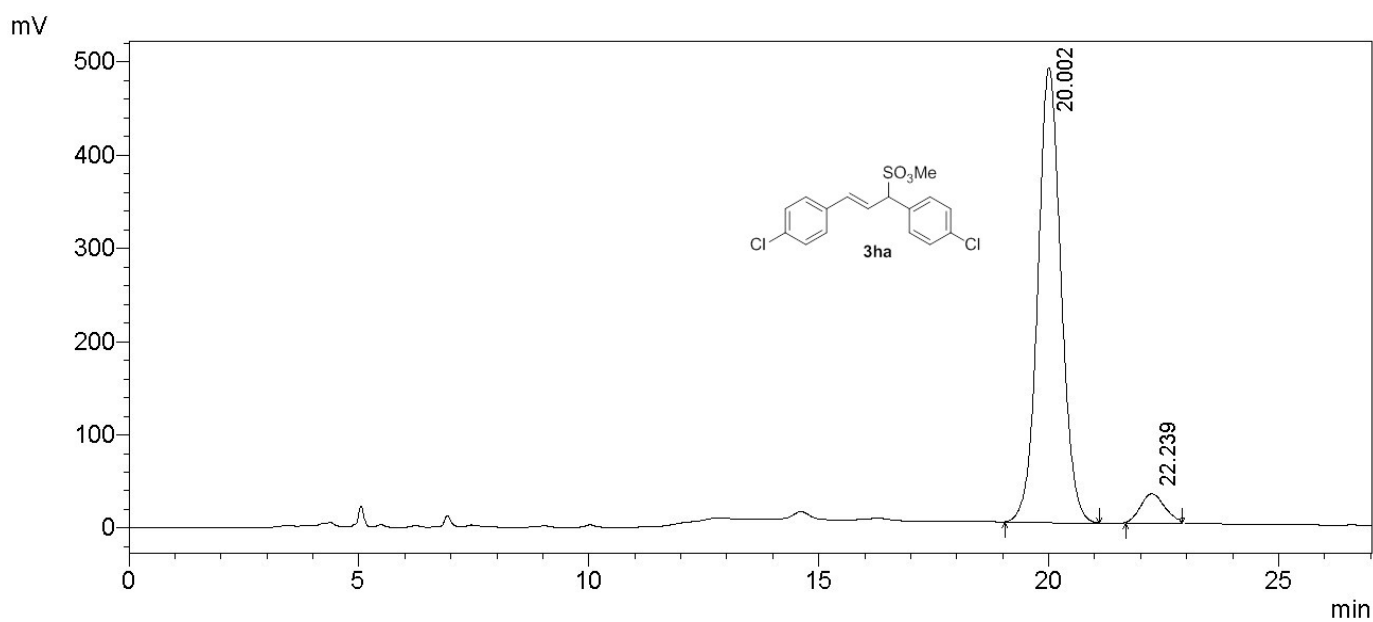
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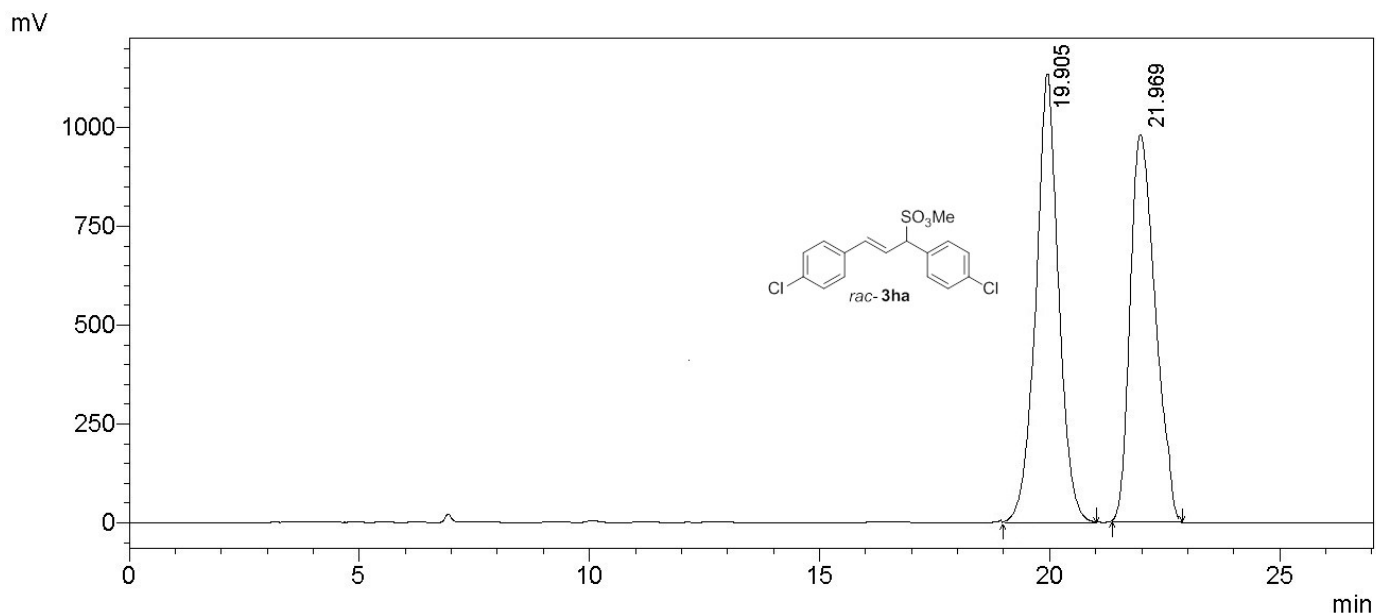
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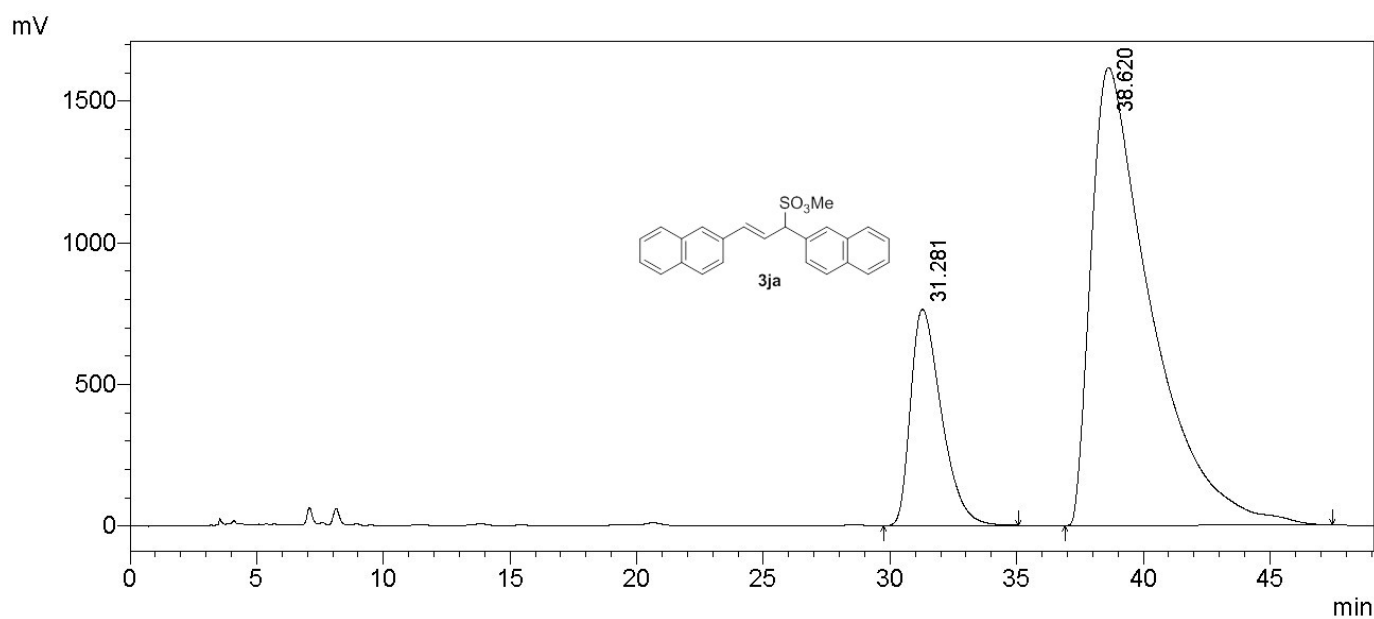
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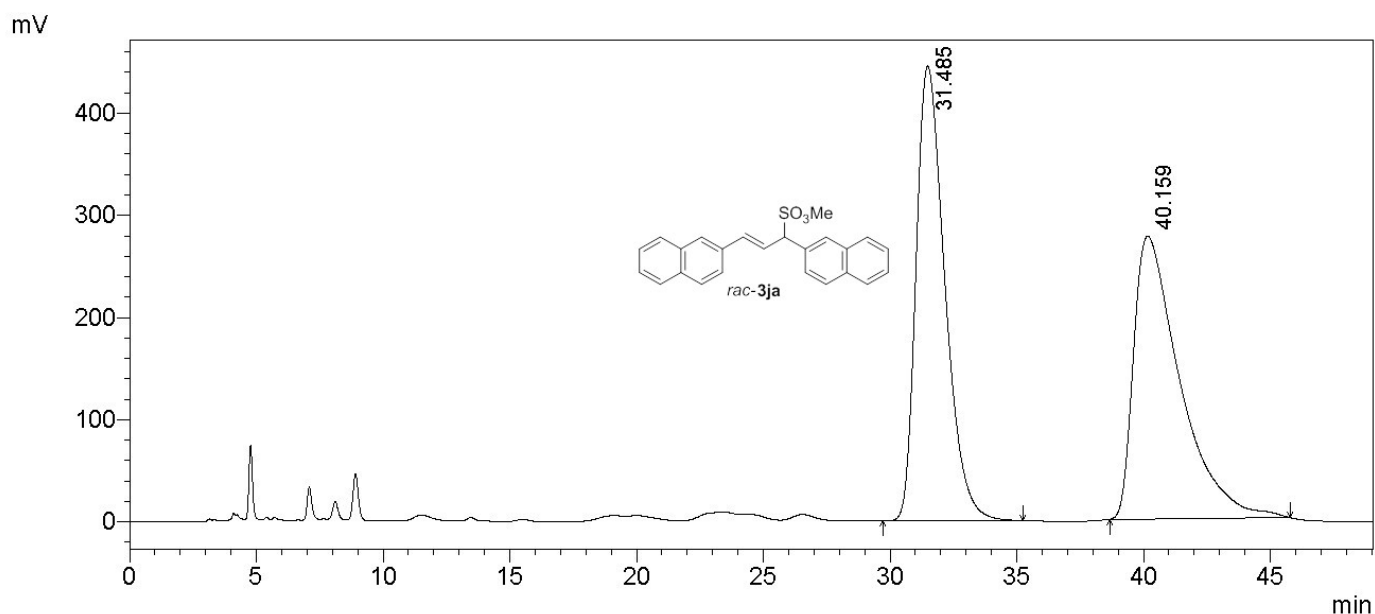
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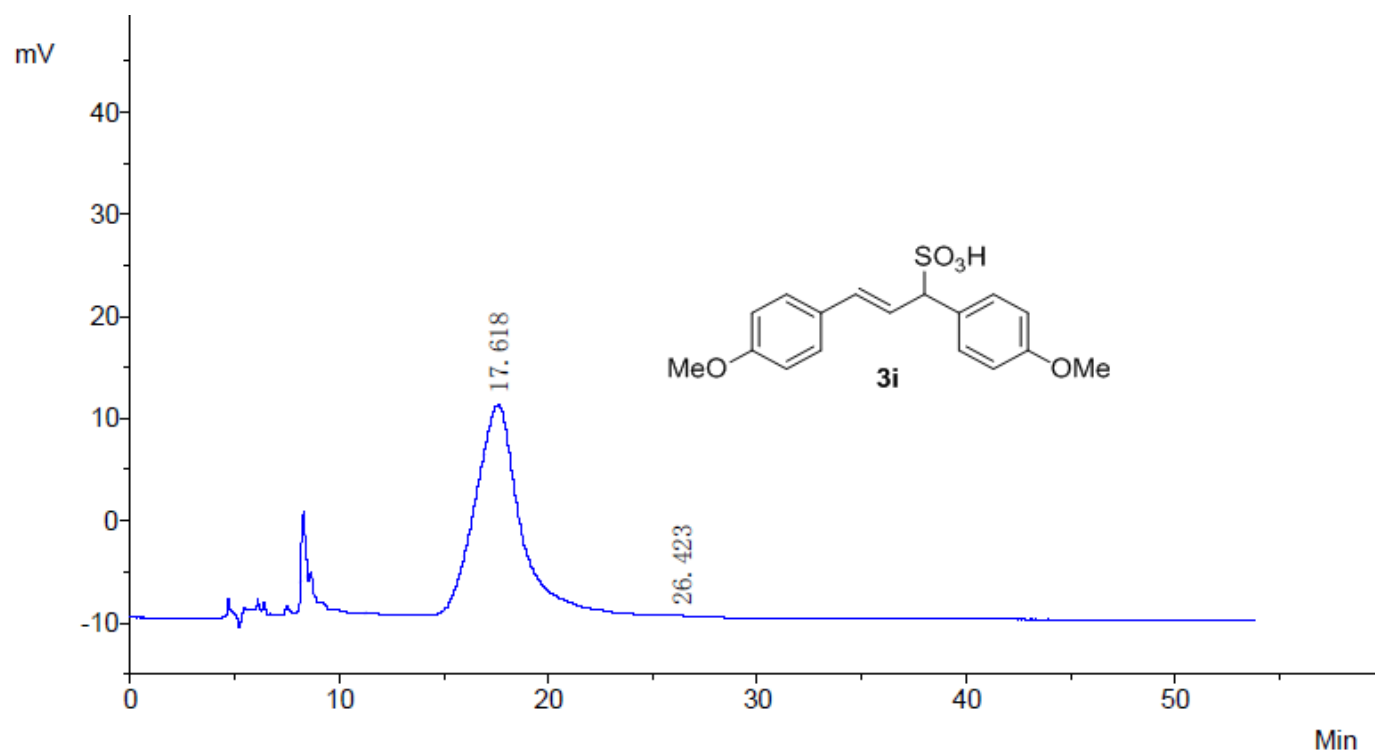
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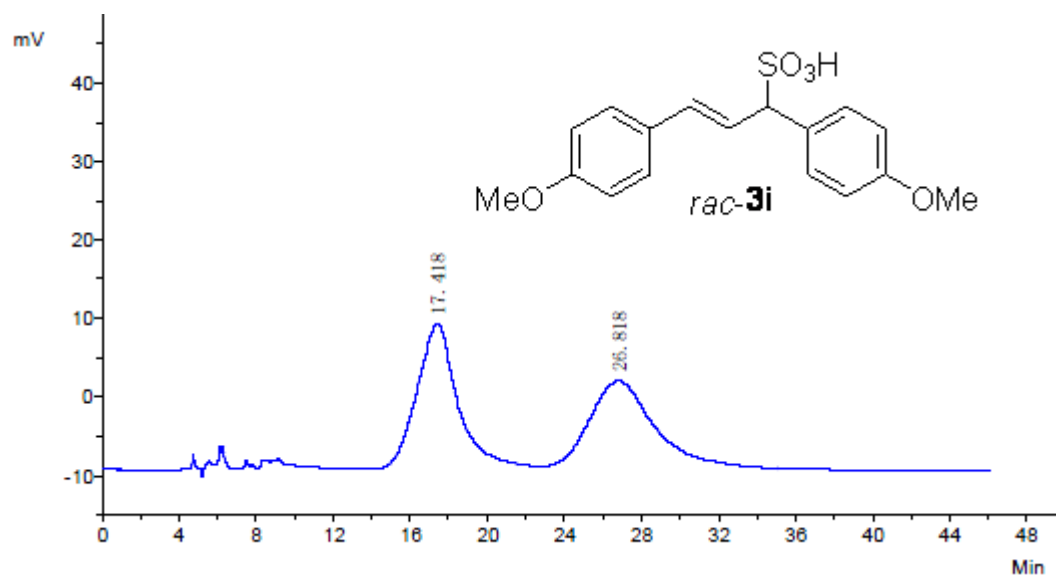


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Peak#	R. Time	Area	Height	Conc. %
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