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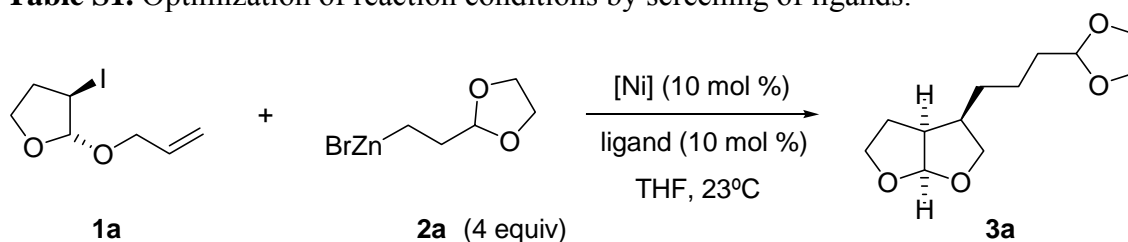
# Ni-Catalyzed Cascade Formation of C(sp<sup>3</sup>)-C(sp<sup>3</sup>) Bonds by Cyclization and Cross-coupling of Alkyl Iodides with Alkylzinc Halides

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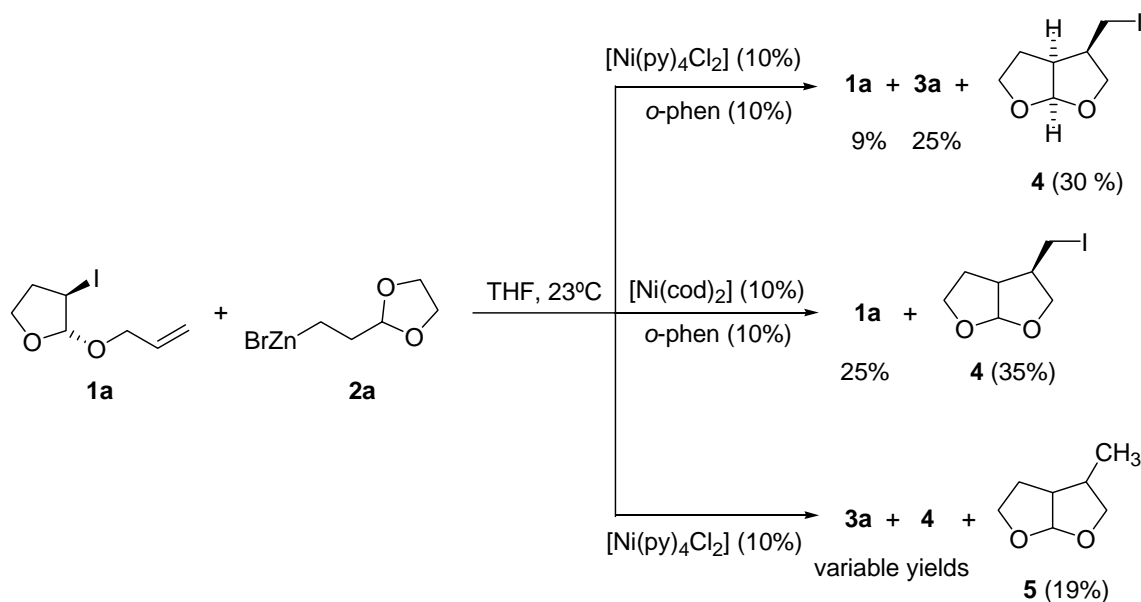
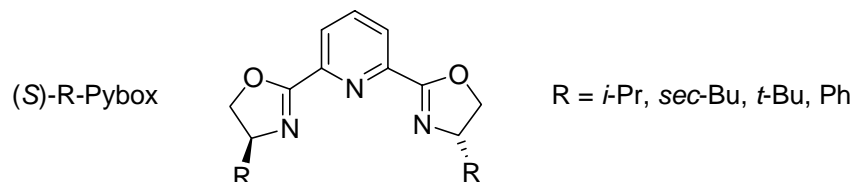
Iodoketals were synthesized by reaction of 2,3-dihydrofuran with the suitable allylic alcohol and NIS according to the described procedure.<sup>1</sup> Iodoethers were prepared in the same way from cyclopentene. 3-(2-iodoethoxy) cyclohex-1-ene<sup>2</sup>, Dimethyl 2-allyl-2-(2-bromoethyl) malonate<sup>3</sup>, *N*-(2-iodoethyl)-*N*-tosylprop-2-en-1-amine<sup>4</sup>, **7a**<sup>5</sup>, 8-Iodo-2, 6-dimethyl oct-2-ene,<sup>6</sup> 1-allyl-2-(iodomethyl) benzene<sup>7</sup>, 6-iodohex-1-ene<sup>8</sup> and 3-(2-iodoethoxy)prop-1-ene<sup>9</sup> were previously described. The preparations of other starting compounds are described below.

**Table S1.** Optimization of reaction conditions by screening of ligands.



entry	catalyst	ligand	time (h)	yield (%)
1	Ni(cod) <sub>2</sub>	terpyridine	48	24
2		bipyridine	48	19
3	Ni(py) <sub>4</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub>	terpyridine	27	57
4		<i>i</i> -Pr-Pybox	12	61

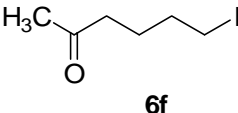
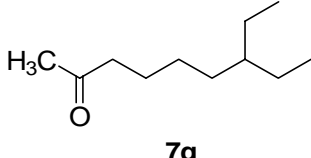
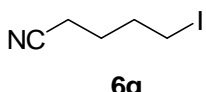
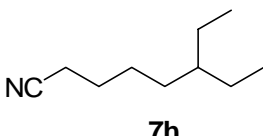
5		<i>t</i> -Bu-Pybox	14	34
6		Ph-Pybox	15	38
7		<i>s</i> -Bu-Pybox	7	79



**Scheme S1.** Cross-coupling reactions in the presence of mono- and bidentate nitrogen ligands.

**Table S2.** Ni-catalyzed cross-couplings of additional alkyl iodides. Conditions: [Ni(py)<sub>4</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>] (10 mol %), (*S*)-(*s*-Bu)-Pybox (10 mol %), THF, 23°C.

entry	substrate	RZnBr	product	t (h)	yield (%) <sup>a</sup>
1				18	61

2	 <chem>CCCCC(=O)C.I</chem> <b>6f</b>	 <chem>CCCCC(=O)C.CCC(C)CC</chem> <b>7g</b>	11	66
3	 <chem>CCCCC#CC#N.I</chem> <b>6g</b>	 <chem>CCCCC#CC#N.CCC(C)CC</chem> <b>7h</b>	11	71

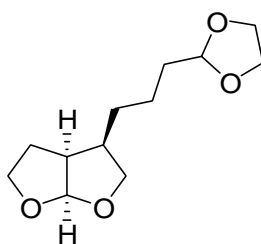
<sup>a</sup> Approximate yields. Pure compounds could not be obtained by column chromatography. In the case of entry 1, GC-MS indicates the presence of at least an isomer.

For full experimental details, see below.

#### General procedure for the cross-coupling reactions:

A 25 mL flask was charged with Ni(py)<sub>4</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (17.5 mg, 0.039 mmol), (*S*)-(*s*-Bu)-Pybox<sup>2</sup> (12.9 mg, 0.039 mmol) and a stir bar in air. The flask was sealed with a septum and backfilled with Ar. A solution of the alkyl iodide<sup>1</sup> (0.393 mmol) in dry THF (2 mL) was added via syringe. After stirring for 3-4 min at rt, the resulting deep-blue solution was treated in turn with the corresponding alkylzinc bromide, (0.5 M THF solution, 0.787 mmol) was added, and the reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for half of the total indicated reaction time. Then again alkylzinc bromide, (0.5 M THF solution, 0.787 mmol) was added, and the reaction mixture was then stirred for the rest of the total time. The reaction mixture was then transferred to a reparatory funnel with diethyl ether (20 mL), the product was extracted with ether (2×30 mL) and the combined organic extracts were washed with water (20 mL) and brine (20 mL). After drying (anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>), the solution was filtered and concentrated and the residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography (Hexane: EtOAc) which afforded the compounds as pale yellow oils. Modifications of this general procedure concerning the molar ratio for the reagents are indicated in every particular case below.

(3*R*\*, 3*aS*\*, 6*aR*\*)-3-[3-(1,3-dioxolan-2-yl)propyl]-hexahydrofuro [2, 3-*b*] furan (**3a**):  
7 h, (Hexane: EtOAc = 6:4), Pale yellow oily liquid (71 mg, 79 %).



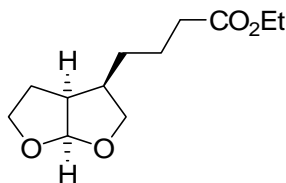
Procedure: General procedure described above.

$^1\text{H}$  NMR (300MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  5.71 (d,  $J = 5.0$  Hz, 1H), 4.84 (t,  $J = 4.7$  Hz, 1H), 3.98-3.81 (m, 7H), 3.39 (dd,  $J = 11.4, 8.4$  Hz, 1H), 2.83-2.72 (m, 1H), 2.35-2.21 (m, 1H), 1.89-1.76 (m, 2H), 1.70-1.61 (m, 2H), 1.49-1.36 (m, 4H).

$^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (300MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , DEPT-135)  $\delta$  109.91 (CH), 104.40 (CH), 72.70 ( $\text{CH}_2$ ), 69.26 ( $\text{CH}_2$ ), 65.05 ( $2 \cdot \text{CH}_2$ ), 45.53 (CH), 42.37 (CH), 34.12 ( $\text{CH}_2$ ), 27.69 ( $\text{CH}_2$ ), 25.12 ( $\text{CH}_2$ ), 23.10 ( $\text{CH}_2$ ).

TOF MS EI+: Calcd. for  $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{20}\text{O}_4$ : 228.1362; Found: 228.1371

Ethyl 4-[(3*R*\*, 3*aS*\*, 6*aR*\*)-hexahydrofuro[2,3-*b*]furan-3-yl]butanoate (**3a'**)  
13 h, (Hexane: EtOAc = 8:2), Pale yellow oily liquid (58 mg, 65 %).



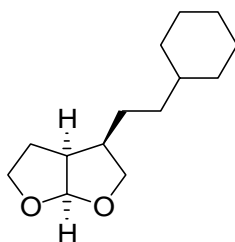
Procedure: General procedure described above.

$^1\text{H}$  NMR (300MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  5.70 (d,  $J = 5.0$  Hz, 1H), 4.11 (q,  $J = 7.1$  Hz, 2H), 3.95-3.81 (m, 3H), 3.39 (dd,  $J = 11.4, 8.5$  Hz, 1H), 2.84-2.73 (m, 1H), 2.34-2.23 (m, 3H), 1.88-1.79 (m, 2H), 1.72-1.53 (m, 2H), 1.46-1.35 (m, 2H), 1.23 (t,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 3H).

$^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (500MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , DEPT-135)  $\delta$  173.59 (C), 110.05 ( $\text{CH}_2$ ), 72.74 ( $\text{CH}_2$ ), 69.42 ( $\text{CH}_2$ ), 60.66 ( $\text{CH}_2$ ), 42.31 (CH), 42.31 (CH), 34.57 ( $\text{CH}_2$ ), 27.35 ( $\text{CH}_2$ ), 25.19 ( $\text{CH}_2$ ), 24.09 ( $\text{CH}_2$ ), 14.55 ( $\text{CH}_3$ ).

TOF MS EI+: Calcd. for  $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{19}\text{O}_4$  ( $\text{M}^+ - 1$ ): 227.1283; Found: 227.1283.

(3*R*\*, 3*aS*\*, 6*aR*\*)-3-(2-cyclohexyl)-hexahydrofuro [2, 3-*b*] furan (**3a''**)  
15 h, (Hexane: EtOAc = 9:1), Colourless oily liquid (53 mg, 60 %).



Procedure: General procedure described above.

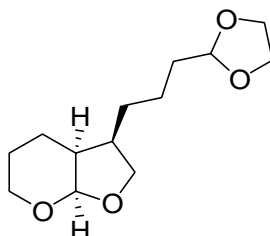
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$^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (300MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , DEPT-135)  $\delta$  110.14 (CH), 73.12 ( $\text{CH}_2$ ), 69.49 ( $\text{CH}_2$ ), 45.77 (CH), 42.77 (CH), 38.23 (CH), 36.57 ( $\text{CH}_2$ ), 33.78 ( $2 \cdot \text{CH}_2$ ), 27.00 ( $2 \cdot \text{CH}_2$ ), 26.70 ( $\text{CH}_2$ ), 25.30 ( $\text{CH}_2$ ), 25.15 ( $\text{CH}_2$ ).

TOF MS EI+: Calcd. for  $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{24}\text{O}_2$ : 224.1776; Found: 224.1767.

(3*R*\*,3*aS*\*,7*aR*\*)-3-[3-(1,3-dioxolan-2-yl)propyl]-hexahydrofuro[2,3-*b*]pyran  
(**3b\_major**)

8h, (Hexane: EtOAc= 7:3), Pale yellow oily liquid (76 %).



Procedure: Compound **3b\_major** and **3b\_major** are prepared by following the general procedure as described above, with the following amounts of reagents.

- trans*-3-Iodo-2-(2-propenyloxy) tetrahydropyran (100 mg, 0.373 mmol)
- Organozinc reagent 4 equiv. (2+2), (1.5mL, 0.746 mmol) + (1.5mL, 0.746 mmol),
- Ni (py)<sub>4</sub> Cl<sub>2</sub> (16.6 mg, 0.037 mmol),
- s*-Bu-Pybox (12.3 mg, 0.037 mmol).

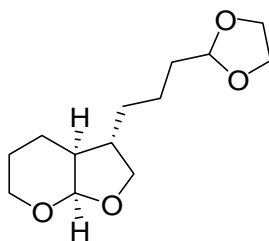
$^1\text{H}$  NMR (300MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  5.24, (d,  $J = 3.8$  Hz, 1H), 4.81 (t,  $J = 4.7$  Hz, 1H), 4.01-3.57 (m, 8H), 2.82-2.25 (m, 1H), 1.97-1.86 (m, 1H), 1.71-1.51 (m, 5H), 1.49-1.23 (m, 5H).

$^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (500MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , DEPT-135)  $\delta$  104.59 (CH), 102.31 (CH), 70.30 ( $\text{CH}_2$ ), 65.16 ( $2 \cdot \text{CH}_2$ ), 61.23 ( $\text{CH}_2$ ), 41.34 (CH), 36.74 (CH), 34.26 ( $\text{CH}_2$ ), 27.30 ( $\text{CH}_2$ ), 23.51 ( $\text{CH}_2$ ), 23.00 ( $\text{CH}_2$ ), 19.49 ( $\text{CH}_2$ ).

EI+: Calcd. for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>22</sub>O<sub>4</sub>: 242.151809; Found: 242.151100.

(3*R*\*, 3*aR*\*, 7*aS*\*)-3-[3-(1, 3-dioxolan-2-yl) propyl]-hexahydrofuro [2, 3-*b*] pyran (**3b<sub>minor</sub>**)

8h, (Hexane: EtOAc = 7:3), Pale yellow oily liquid (7%, mixture of two diastereomers).

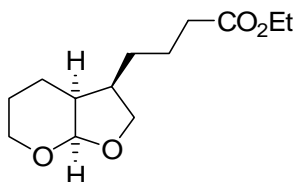


<sup>1</sup>H NMR (300MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 4.96 (d, *J* = 3.6 Hz, 1H), 4.26 (t, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 3.95-3.35 (m, 8H), 1.84-1.77 (m, 1H), 1.73-1.69 (m, 1H), 1.66-1.09 (m, 10H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (500MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ Most signals overlap with those of the other major isomer.

Ethyl 4-[(3*R*\*, 3*aS*\*, 7*aR*\*)-hexahydro [2, 3-*b*] pyran-3-yl] butanoate (**3b'**)

16 h, (Hexane: EtOAc = 9:1), Pale yellow oily liquid (85 mg, 94%), (combined yield for both diastereoisomers).



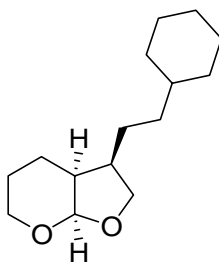
Procedure: Compound **3b'** was prepared according to the same procedure as described for **3b<sub>major</sub>**, as a pale yellow oily liquid.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (300MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 5.25 (d, *J* = 3.6 Hz, 1H), 4.11 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 3.94 (t, *J* = 8.2 Hz 1H), 3.77- 3.58 (m, 3H), 2.33-2.25 (m, 3H), 1.99-1.88 (m, 1H), 1.65-1.32 (m, 8H), 1.24 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (500MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 173.3 (C), 102.05 (CH), 69.89 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 61.1 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 60.3 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 40.9 (CH), 36.26 (CH), 39.5 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 26.6 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 23.6 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 23.18 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 19.3 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 14.16 (CH<sub>3</sub>).

(3*R*\*, 3*aS*\*, 7*aR*\*)-3-(2-cyclohexylethyl)-hexahydrofuro [2, 3-*b*] pyran (**3b''**)

8h, (Hexane: EtOAc =20: 1), yellowish oily liquid (75 %)



Procedure: Compound **3b''** was prepared according to the same procedure as described for **3b\_major**, as a pale yellow oily liquid.

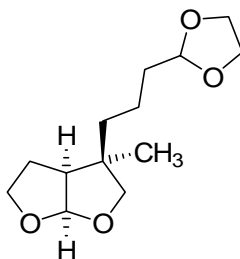
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$^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (300MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , DEPT-135)  $\delta$  102.46 (CH), 70.58 ( $\text{CH}_2$ ), 61.34 ( $\text{CH}_2$ ), 41.67 (CH), 38.26 (CH), 36.87 (CH), 36.38 ( $\text{CH}_2$ ), 33.80 ( $2 \cdot \text{CH}_2$ ), 27.03 ( $\text{CH}_2$ ), 26.73 ( $2 \cdot \text{CH}_2$ ), 24.64 ( $\text{CH}_2$ ), 23.66 ( $\text{CH}_2$ ), 19.2 ( $\text{CH}_2$ ).

EI+: Calcd. for  $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{25}\text{O}_2$  ( $\text{M}^+ - 1$ ): 237.185455; Found: 237.185500.

( $3R^*$ ,  $3aS^*$ ,  $6aR^*$ )-3-[3-(1, 3-dioxolan-2-yl) propyl]-hexahydro3-methylfuro [2, 3-*b*] furan (**3c**)

8 h, (Hexane: EtOAc = 8:2), Pale yellow oily liquid (59 mg, 64 %).



Procedure: Compound **3c** was prepared according to the general procedure as a pale yellow oily liquid, with the following amounts of reagents.

- 2-(2-methylallyloxy)-tetrahydro -3-iodo furan (100 mg, 0.375 mmol)
- Organozinc reagent 4 equiv. (2+2), (1.55mL, 0.752 mmol) + (1.55mL, 0.752 mmol),
- Ni (py) $_4$  Cl $_2$  (16.7 mg, 0.037 mmol),
- s*-Bu-Pybox (12.4 mg, 0.037 mmol).

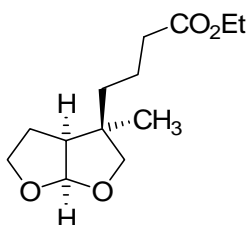
$^1\text{H}$  NMR (300MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  5.74 (d,  $J = 4.8$  Hz, 1H), 4.84 (t,  $J = 4.7$  Hz, 1H), 4.02-3.76 (m, 6H), 3.54 (dd,  $J = 12.1, 8.4$  Hz, 2H), 2.42-2.33 (m, 1H), 1.90-1.32 (m, 8H), 1.08 (s, 3H).



$^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (300MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , DEPT-135)  $\delta$  109.97 (CH), 104.63 (CH), 78.85 ( $\text{CH}_2$ ), 69.15 ( $\text{CH}_2$ ), 65.23 (2- $\text{CH}_2$ ), 52.90 (CH), 45.31 (C), 34.84 (2- $\text{CH}_2$ ), 26.49 ( $\text{CH}_2$ ), 25.63 ( $\text{CH}_3$ ), 19.93 ( $\text{CH}_2$ ).

TOF MS EI+: Calcd. for  $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{21}\text{O}_4$  ( $\text{M}^+-1$ ): 241.1450; Found: 241.1440.

Ethyl 4-[(3*R*\*, 3*aS*\*, 6*aR*\*)-hexahydro3-methylfuro [2, 3-*b*] furan-3-yl] butanoate (**3c'**)  
15 h, (Hexane: EtOAc = 7:3), Pale yellow oily liquid (62 mg, 68 %).



Procedure: Compound **3c'** was prepared according to the general procedure as a pale yellow oily liquid, with varying molar ratios of the reactant **3c**.

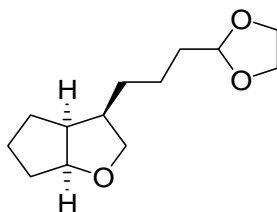
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$^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (500MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , DEPT-135)  $\delta$  173.67 (C), 109.98 ( $\text{CH}_2$ ), 78.79 ( $\text{CH}_2$ ), 69.16 ( $\text{CH}_2$ ), 60.72 ( $\text{CH}_2$ ), 52.79 (CH), 45.20 (C), 35.03 ( $\text{CH}_2$ ), 34.31 ( $\text{CH}_2$ ), 26.46 ( $\text{CH}_2$ ), 25.58 ( $\text{CH}_3$ ), 20.86 ( $\text{CH}_2$ ), 14.61 ( $\text{CH}_3$ ).

EI+: Calcd. for  $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{21}\text{O}_4$  ( $\text{M}^+-1$ ): 241.143984; Found: 241.143800.

Ethyl 4-[(3*R*\*,3*aS*\*,6*aS*\*)-3-(3-(1,3-dioxolan-2-yl)propyl)-hexahydro-2*H*-cyclopenta [*b*] furan (**3d\_major**):

9 h, (Hexane: EtOAc = 9:1), Pale yellow oily liquid (44 mg, 49 %).



Procedure: Compounds **3d\_major** and **3d\_minor** are prepared by following the general procedure as a pale yellow oily liquid, with the following amounts of reagents.

- 1-(allyloxy)-2-iodocyclopentane (100 mg, 0.396 mmol),
- Organozinc reagent 4 equiv. (2+2), (1.58mL, 0.793 mmol) + (1.58mL, 0.793 mmol),
- Ni (py)<sub>4</sub> Cl<sub>2</sub> (17.6 mg, 0.039 mmol),
- s*-Bu-Pybox (13.0 mg, 0.039 mmol).

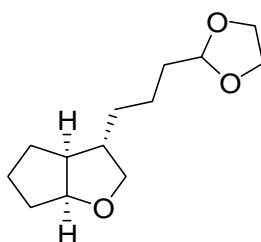
$^1\text{H}$  NMR (300MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  4.83 (t,  $J = 4.7$  Hz, 1H), 4.53-4.46 (m, 1H), 3.93-3.79 (m, 5H), 3.29 (dtd,  $J = 8.4, 2.1, 1.7$  Hz, 1H), 2.56-2.44 (m, 1H), 2.34-2.20 (m, 1H), 1.83-1.29 (m, 12H).

$^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (300MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , DEPT-135)  $\delta$  102.73 (CH), 86.25 (CH), 72.56 ( $\text{CH}_2$ ), 65.12 ( $2 \cdot \text{CH}_2$ ), 46.71 (CH), 43.50 (CH), 35.04 ( $\text{CH}_2$ ), 34.38 ( $\text{CH}_2$ ), 28.09 ( $\text{CH}_2$ ), 26.26 ( $\text{CH}_2$ ), 25.37 ( $\text{CH}_2$ ), 23.61 ( $\text{CH}_2$ ).

TOF MS EI+: Calcd. for  $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{20}\text{O}_3$  ( $\text{M}^+ - 2$ ): 226.1569; Found: 226.1576.

Ethyl 4-[(3*S*\*,3*aS*\*,6*aS*\*)-3-(3-(1,3-dioxolan-2-yl)propyl)-hexahydro-2*H*-cyclopenta [*b*]furan (**3d\_minor**).

9h, (Hexane: EtOAc = 9:1), Pale yellow oily liquid (25 mg, 27 %).



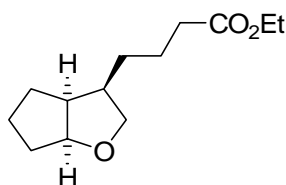
$^1\text{H}$  NMR (300MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  4.83 (t,  $J = 4.8$  Hz, 1H), 4.42-4.35 (m, 1H), 4.01-3.78 (m, 5H), 3.17 (dt,  $J = 8.7$  Hz, 1H), 2.24-2.12 (m, 1H), 1.84-1.31 (m, 13H).

$^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (300MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , DEPT-135)  $\delta$  104.83 (CH), 85.47 (CH), 73.98 ( $\text{CH}_2$ ), 65.24 ( $2 \cdot \text{CH}_2$ ), 50.10 (CH), 48.27 (CH), 34.51 ( $\text{CH}_2$ ), 34.42 ( $\text{CH}_2$ ), 33.26 ( $\text{CH}_2$ ), 32.95 ( $\text{CH}_2$ ), 24.24 ( $\text{CH}_2$ ), 23.38 ( $\text{CH}_2$ ).

TOF MS EI+: Calcd. for  $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{22}\text{O}_3$ : 226.1569; Found: 226.1566

Ethyl 4-[(3*R*\*,3*aS*\*,6*aS*\*)-hexahydro-2*H*-cyclopenta[*b*]furan-3-yl]butanoate (**3d\_major**)

13 h, (Hexane: EtOAc = 9: 1), Pale yellow oily liquid (41 mg, 46%).



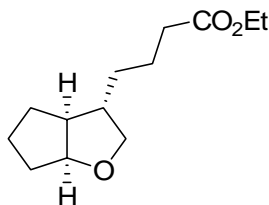
Procedure: Compounds **3d'\_major** and **3d'\_minor** are prepared by following the same procedure as described for **3d\_major** as a pale yellow oily liquid.

$^1\text{H}$  NMR (300MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  4.49 (ddd,  $J = 5.8, 2.4$  Hz, 1H), 4.11 (q,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 2H), 3.84 (t,  $J = 7.7$  Hz, 1H), 3.28 (dd,  $J = 10.6, 8.3$  Hz, 1H), 2.56-2.44 (m, 1H), 2.33-2.19 (m, 3H), 1.83-1.29 (m, 10H), 1.23 (t,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 3H).

$^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (300MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , DEPT-135)  $\delta$  173.83 (C), 86.33 (CH), 72.53 ( $\text{CH}_2$ ), 60.61 ( $\text{CH}_2$ ), 46.69 (CH), 43.33 (CH), 35.05 ( $\text{CH}_2$ ), 34.82 ( $\text{CH}_2$ ), 27.72 ( $\text{CH}_2$ ), 26.31 ( $\text{CH}_2$ ), 25.39 ( $\text{CH}_2$ ), 24.55 ( $\text{CH}_2$ ), 14.60 ( $\text{CH}_3$ ).

TOF MS EI+: Calcd. for  $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{20}\text{O}_3$  ( $\text{M}^+-2$ ): 224.1412; Found: 224.1420.

Ethyl 4-[(3*S*\*,3*aS*\*,6*aS*\*)-hexahydro-2*H*-cyclopenta[*b*]furan-3-yl]butanoate (**3d'** minor)  
13h, (Hexane: EtOAc = 9:1), Pale yellow oily liquid (32 mg, 35 %).

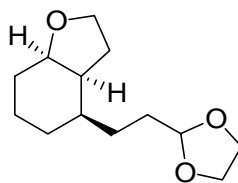


$^1\text{H}$  NMR (300MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  4.39 (t,  $J = 6.2$  Hz, 1H), 4.12 (q,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 2H), 3.93 (dd,  $J = 8.5, 6.6$  Hz, 1H), 3.17 (t,  $J = 8.6$  Hz, 1H), 2.29 (t,  $J = 7.4$  Hz, 2H), 2.23-2.13 (m, 1H), 1.90-1.32 (m, 11H), 1.25 (t,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 3H).

$^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (300MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , DEPT-135)  $\delta$  173.87 (C), 85.48 (CH), 73.87 ( $\text{CH}_2$ ), 60.64 ( $\text{CH}_2$ ), 50.06 (CH), 48.04 (CH), 34.86 ( $\text{CH}_2$ ), 34.39 ( $\text{CH}_2$ ), 32.97 ( $\text{CH}_2$ ), 32.81 ( $\text{CH}_2$ ), 24.27 ( $\text{CH}_2$ ), 24.24 ( $\text{CH}_2$ ), 14.62 ( $\text{CH}_3$ ).

TOF MS EI+: Calcd. for  $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{20}\text{O}_3$  ( $\text{M}^+-2$ ): 224.1412; Found: 224.1415.

(3*aS*\*, 4*R*\*, 7*aR*\*)-4-[2-(1, 3-dioxolan-2-yl) ethyl]-octahydrobenzofuran (**3e**).  
11 h, (Hexane: EtOAc = 9: 1), colourless oily liquid (44 mg, 46 %)



Procedure: Compound **3e** and **3e'** are prepared according to the general procedure as a colourless oily liquid, with varying molar ratios of the reactant.

- 3-(2-iodoethoxy) cyclohex-1-ene, (100 mg, 0.423 mmol)
- Organozinc reagent 4 equiv. (2+2), (1.69 mL, 0.847 mmol) + (1.69 mL, 0.847 mmol),
- Ni (py)<sub>4</sub> Cl<sub>2</sub> (18.8 mg, 0.042 mmol),
- s*-Bu-Pybox (13.9 mg, 0.042 mmol).

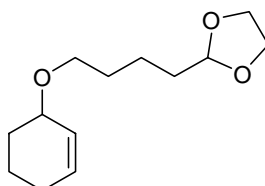
$^1\text{H}$  NMR (300MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  4.82 (t,  $J = 4.6$  Hz, 1H), 3.99-3.73 (m, 7H), 2.09-1.39 (m, 11H), 1.19-0.75 (m, 3H).

$^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (300MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , DEPT-135)  $\delta$  105.19 (CH), 77.91 (CH), 66.27 ( $\text{CH}_2$ ), 65.21 ( $2 \cdot \text{CH}_2$ ), 43.97 ( $\text{CH}_2$ ), 37.06 (CH), 31.64 ( $\text{CH}_2$ ), 31.23 ( $\text{CH}_2$ ), 30.33 ( $\text{CH}_2$ ), 29.37 ( $\text{CH}_2$ ), 28.62 ( $\text{CH}_2$ ), 20.53 ( $\text{CH}_2$ ).

TOF MS EI<sup>+</sup>: Calcd. for  $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{22}\text{O}_3$ : 226.1569; Found: 226.1564.

2-[(4-cyclohex-2-enyloxy) butyl]-1, 3-dioxolane (**3e'**).

11 h, (Hexane: EtOAc = 9: 1), colourless oily liquid (35 mg, 36 %).



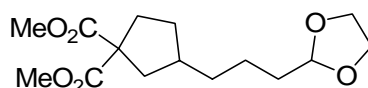
$^1\text{H}$  NMR (300MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  5.86-5.70 (m, 2H), 4.84 (t,  $J = 4.8$  Hz, 1H), 3.98-3.77 (m, 5H), 3.54-3.38 (m, 2H), 2.11-1.41 (m, 12H).

$^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (300MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , DEPT-135)  $\delta$  130.92 (CH), 128.40 (CH), 104.92 (CH), 73.15 (CH), 68.35 ( $\text{CH}_2$ ), 65.17 ( $2 \cdot \text{CH}_2$ ), 34.06 ( $\text{CH}_2$ ), 30.43 ( $\text{CH}_2$ ), 28.69 ( $\text{CH}_2$ ), 25.69 ( $\text{CH}_2$ ), 21.22 ( $\text{CH}_2$ ), 19.65 ( $\text{CH}_2$ ).

TOF MS EI<sup>+</sup>: Calcd. for  $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{22}\text{O}_3$ : 226.1569; Found 225.1526.

Dimethyl 3-[3-(1, 3-dioxolan-2-yl)propyl]cyclopentane-1,1-dicarboxylate (**3f**)

6h, (Hexane: EtOAc = 9: 1), colourless oily liquid (58 mg, 64 %)



Procedure: Compound **3f** was prepared according to the general procedure with the following amounts of reagents.

- Dimethyl 2-allyl-2-(2-iodoethyl) malonate (100 mg, 0.307 mmol), prepared by iodination (NaI/acetone) of Dimethyl 2-allyl-2-(2-bromoethyl) malonate<sup>3</sup>
- Organozinc reagent 4 equiv. (2+2), (1.23 mL, 0.613 mmol) + (1.23 mL, 0.613 mmol),
- Ni (py)<sub>4</sub> Cl<sub>2</sub> (13.6 mg, 0.037 mmol),
- s*-Bu-Pybox (10.1 mg, 0.037 mmol).

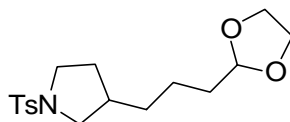
$^1\text{H}$  NMR (300MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  4.83 (t,  $J = 4.8$  Hz, 1H), 3.99-3.80 (m, 4H), 3.71 (s, 3H), 3.70 (s, 3H), 2.51-2.41 (m, 1H), 2.35-2.05 (m, 2H), 2.00-1.80 (m, 2H), 1.74-1.59 (m, 3H), 1.47-1.21 (m, 5H).

$^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (300MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , DEPT-135)  $\delta$  173.52 (C), 173.51 (C), 104.83 (CH), 65.17 (2 $\cdot$ CH $_2$ ), 60.23 (C), 50.95 (CH $_3$ ), 52.93 (CH $_3$ ), 41.14 (CH $_2$ ), 40.10 (CH $_2$ ), 35.49 (CH $_2$ ), 34.33 (CH $_2$ ), 34.23 (CH $_2$ ), 32.44 (CH $_2$ ), 23.32 (CH $_2$ ).

FAB $^+$  MS: Calcd. for  $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{25}\text{O}_6$  ( $\text{M}^++1$ ): 301.165114. Found: 301.164100

3-[3-(1,3-dioxolan-2-yl)propyl]-1-tosylpyrrolidine (**3g**)

16 h, (Hexane: EtOAc = 7: 3), faint yellow oily liquid (66 mg, 83 %).



Procedure: Compound **3g** was prepared according to the general procedure with the following amounts of reagents.

- N*-(2-iodoethyl)-*N*-tosylprop-2-en-1-amine (100 mg, 0.274 mmol),
- Organozinc reagent 4 equiv. (2+2), (1.1 mL, 0.549 mmol) + (1.1 mL, 0.549 mmol),
- Ni (py) $_4$  Cl $_2$  (12.2 mg, 0.027 mmol),
- s*-Bu-Pybox (9.0 mg, 0.027 mmol).

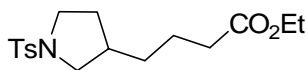
$^1\text{H}$  NMR (300MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.73-7.67 (m, 2H), 7.35-7.28 (m, 2H), 4.79 (t,  $J$  = 4.7 Hz, 1H), 3.98-3.79 (m, 4H), 3.43 (dd,  $J$  = 9.7, 7.5 Hz, 1H), 3.38-3.13 (m, 2H), 2.77 (dd,  $J$  = 9.8, 8.0 Hz, 1H), 2.43 (s, 3H), 2.05-1.85 (m, 2H), 1.63-1.52 (m, 2H), 1.45-1.21 (m, 5H).

$^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (300MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , DEPT-135)  $\delta$  143.62 (C), 134.23 (C), 129.94 (2 $\cdot$ CH), 127.85 (2 $\cdot$ CH), 104.55 (CH), 65.20 (2 $\cdot$ CH $_2$ ), 53.55 (CH $_2$ ), 47.90 (CH $_2$ ), 39.13 (CH), 34.08 (CH $_2$ ), 33.29 (CH $_2$ ), 31.74 (CH $_2$ ), 22.83 (CH $_2$ ), 21.85(CH $_3$ ).

FAB $^+$ : Calcd. for  $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{26}\text{NO}_4\text{S}$  ( $\text{M}^++1$ ): 340.158255. Found: 340.158400.

Ethyl 4-(1-tosylpyrrolidin-3-yl) butanoate (**3g'**)

19 h, (Hexane: EtOAc = 6: 4), faint yellow oily liquid (62 mg, 66 %).



Procedure:- Compound **3g'** was prepared according to the same procedure as used for the preparation of **3g**.

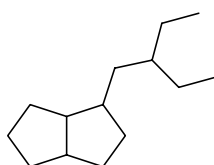
$^1\text{H}$  NMR (300MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.73-7.67 (m, 2H), 7.35-7.28 (m, 2H), 4.10 (q,  $J$  = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 3.43 (dd,  $J$  = 9.3, 7.3 Hz, 1H), 3.38-3.12 (m, 2H), 2.77(dd,  $J$  = 9.8, 8.0 Hz, 1H), 2.43 (s, 3H), 2.23 (t,  $J$  = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 2.06-1.86 (m, 3H), 1.58-1.47 (m, 2H), 1.40-1.25 (m, 2H), 1.24 (t,  $J$  = 7.1 Hz, 3H).

$^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (300MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , DEPT-135)  $\delta$  173.57 (C), 143.65 (C), 134.06 (C), 129.93 (2·CH), 127.80 (2·CH), 60.62 ( $\text{CH}_2$ ), 53.43 ( $\text{CH}_2$ ), 47.83 ( $\text{CH}_2$ ), 38.87 (CH), 34.40 ( $\text{CH}_2$ ), 32.78 ( $\text{CH}_2$ ), 31.62 ( $\text{CH}_2$ ), 23.69 ( $\text{CH}_2$ ), 21.82 ( $\text{CH}_3$ ), 14.53 ( $\text{CH}_3$ ).

FAB<sup>+</sup>-MS. Calcd. for  $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{26}\text{NO}_4\text{S}$  ( $\text{M}^++1$ ): 340.158255. Found: 340.159600.

1-(2-ethylbutyl)-octahdropentalene (**3h**):

22h, (Hexane only), colourless oily liquid (43 mg, 73 %).



Procedure: Compound **3h** was prepared according to the general procedure as a pale yellow oily liquid with the following amounts of reagents.

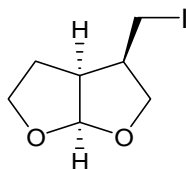
- 1-(but-3-enyl)-2-iodocyclopentane<sup>10</sup>. (75mg, 0.3 mmol)
- Organozinc reagent 4 equiv. (2+2), (1.2 mL, 0.6 mmol) + (1.2 mL, 0.6 mmol),
- Ni (py)<sub>4</sub> Cl<sub>2</sub> (13.4 mg, 0.03 mmol),
- s*-Bu-Pybox (10 mg, 0.03 mmol).

$^1\text{H}$  NMR (300MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  2.47-2.21 (m, 1H), 1.96-1.42 (m, 6H), 1.39-0.93 (m, 13H), 0.93-0.77 (m, 6H).

$^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (300MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , DEPT-135)  $\delta$  46.94 (CH), 42.90 (CH), 41.42 (CH), 39.62 (CH), 35.95 ( $\text{CH}_2$ ), 34.65 ( $\text{CH}_2$ ), 33.13 (2· $\text{CH}_2$ ), 31.98 ( $\text{CH}_2$ ), 28.13 ( $\text{CH}_2$ ), 28.03 (2· $\text{CH}_2$ ), 11.29 (2· $\text{CH}_3$ ).

(3*R*\*, 3*aS*\*, 6*aR*)-hexahydro-3-(iodomethyl)furo[2,3-*b*]furan (**4**):

4.5h, (Hexane: EtOAc = 8: 2), pale yellow oily liquid (220 mg, 91 %).



Procedure:

1 mmol of 2-(allyloxy)-3-iodo-tetrahydrofuran was taken in 10 ml of distilled water stirred of 5 min; flushed with argon, added 0.1 ml solution of Et<sub>3</sub>B (1.0 M in hexanes), allowed to stir at rt for 4.5 hrs. Then extracted with ethyl acetate (2×20 ml), combined organic extracts dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, concentrated and purified by silica gel chromatography.

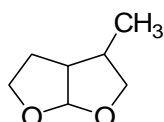
$^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  5.77 (d,  $J = 4.86$  Hz, 1H), 4.03 (dd,  $J = 7.13$  Hz, 1H), 3.90 (dd,  $J = 6.21$  Hz, 2H), 3.46 (dd,  $J = 8.66, 8.57$  Hz, 1H), 3.17 (dd,  $J = 9.81, 7.60$  Hz, 1H), 3.08 (dd,  $J = 9.81, 8.36$  Hz, 1H), 2.97-2.72 (m, 2H), 2.01-1.76 (m, 2H).

$^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  109.99 (CH), 72.38 ( $\text{CH}_2$ ), 69.34 ( $\text{CH}_2$ ), 46.89 (CH), 45.68 (CH), 24.78 ( $\text{CH}_2$ ), 0.76 ( $\text{CH}_2$ ).

TOF MS  $\text{EI}^+$ : Calcd. for  $\text{C}_7\text{H}_{11}\text{IO}_2$ : 253.9804; Found: 253.9800.

Hexahydro-3-methylfuro [2, 3-*b*] furan (**5**):

4.5h, (Hexane: EtOAc = 8: 2), pale yellow oily liquid (220 mg, 91 %).

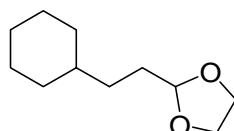


$^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  5.73 (d,  $J = 5.0$  Hz, 1H), 3.96-3.79 (m, 3H), 3.37 (dd,  $J = 11.3, 8.5$  Hz, 1H), 2.83-2.69 (m, 1H), 2.47-2.33 (m, 1H), 1.96-1.75 (m, 2H), 1.02 (d,  $J = 6.9$ , 3H).

$^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  110.32 (CH), 74.21 ( $\text{CH}_2$ ), 69.62 ( $\text{CH}_2$ ), 46.90 (CH), 36.43 (CH), 25.47 ( $\text{CH}_2$ ), 12.01 ( $\text{CH}_2$ ).

2-(2-cyclohexylethyl)-1, 3-dioxolane (**7b**):

11h, (Hexane: EtOAc = 9: 1), colourless oily liquid (65 mg, 74 %).



Procedure: Compound **7b** was prepared according to the general procedure as a colourless oily liquid with the following amounts of reagents.

- Cyclohexyl iodide (100 mg, 0.476 mmol) (commercial grade- Aldrich)
- Organozinc reagent 4 equiv. (2+2), (1.9 mL, 0.952 mmol), + (1.9 mL, 0.952 mmol),
- $\text{Ni}(\text{py})_4\text{Cl}_2$  (21.2 mg, 0.047 mmol),
- s*-Bu-Pybox (15.6 mg, 0.047 mmol).

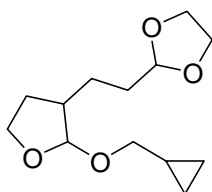
$^1\text{H}$  NMR (300MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  4.82 (t,  $J = 4.8$  Hz, 1H), 4.02-3.86 (m, 4H), 1.76-1.57 (m, 7H), 1.34-1.07 (m, 6H), 0.95-0.77 (m, 2H).

$^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (300MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , DEPT-135)  $\delta$  105.30 (CH), 65.16 (2 $\cdot\text{CH}_2$ ), 37.88 (CH), 33.58 (2 $\cdot\text{CH}_2$ ), 31.90 ( $\text{CH}_2$ ), 31.63 ( $\text{CH}_2$ ), 26.98 ( $\text{CH}_2$ ), 26.67 (2 $\cdot\text{CH}_2$ ).

TOF MS  $\text{EI}^+$ : Calcd. for  $\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_{19}\text{O}_2$  ( $\text{M}^+ - 1$ ): 183.1385; Found: 183.1395.

2-(2-[(2*R*\*, 3*R*\*)-2-(cyclopropylmethoxy)-tetrahydrofuran-3-yl] ethyl)-1, 3-dioxolane (**7c<sub>major</sub>**):

6h, (Hexane: EtOAc = 9: 1), colourless oily liquid (66 mg, 73 %)



Procedure: Compound **7c<sub>major</sub>** and **7c<sub>minor</sub>** was prepared according to the general procedure as a yellow oily liquid with the following amounts of reagents.

- 2-(cyclopropyl methoxy) tetrahydro-3-iodofuran (100 mg, 0.373 mmol),
- Organozinc reagent 4 equiv. (2+2), (1.49 mL, 0.746 mmol) + (1.49 mL, 0.746 mmol),
- Ni (py)<sub>4</sub> Cl<sub>2</sub> (16.6 mg, 0.037 mmol),
- s*-Bu-Pybox (11.2 mg, 0.037 mmol).

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (300MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 4.85 (t, *J* = 4.6 Hz, 1H), 4.81 (d, *J* = 1.5 Hz, 1H), 3.98-3.81 (m, 6H), 3.42 (dd, *J* = 10.4, 7.1 Hz, 1H), 3.25 (dd, *J* = 10.4, 6.9 Hz, 1H), 2.19-2.07 (m, 2H), 1.74-1.35 (m, 5H), 1.08-0.96 (m, 1H), 0.56-0.45 (m, 2H), 0.24-0.13 (m, 2H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (300MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, DEPT-135) δ 108.55 (CH), 104.56 (CH), 72.43 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 66.88 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 65.22 (2·CH<sub>2</sub>), 45.59 (CH), 32.65 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 30.90 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 27.24 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 10.89 (CH), 3.58 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 3.16 (CH<sub>2</sub>).

TOF MS EI+: Calcd. for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>22</sub>O<sub>4</sub>: 241.1440; Found: 241.1443.

2-(2-[(2*R*\*, 3*S*\*)-2-(cyclopropylmethoxy)-tetrahydrofuran-3-yl]ethyl)-1,3-dioxolane (**7c<sub>minor</sub>**):

6h, (Hexane: EtOAc = 9: 1), colourless oily liquid, (Yield: 6 mg, 6 %)

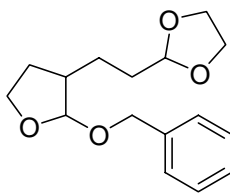
<sup>1</sup>H NMR (300MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 4.85 (d, *J* = 4.9 Hz, 1H), 4.81 (t, *J* = 4.5 Hz, 1H), 3.98-3.78 (m, 6H), 3.47 (dd, *J* = 10.5, 6.6 Hz, 1H), 3.24 (dd, *J* = 10.6, 6.8 Hz, 1H), 1.79-1.59 (m, 2H), 1.79-1.58 (m, 4H), 1.08-0.78 (m, 2H), 0.55-0.40 (m, 2H), 0.26-0.11 (m, 2H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (300MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, DEPT-135) δ 105.01 (CH), 103.39 (CH), 71.72 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 67.00 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 65.25 (2·CH<sub>2</sub>), 44.37 (CH), 33.15 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 29.71 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 23.55 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 10.89 (CH), 3.55 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 2.94 (CH<sub>2</sub>).

2-(2-[(2*R*\*, 3*R*\*)-2-(benzyloxy)-tetrahydrofuran-3-yl] ethyl)-1, 3-dioxolane (**7d**):

16h, (Hexane: EtOAc = 8: 2), colourless oily liquid (66 mg, 72 %).





Procedure: Compound **7d** was prepared according to the general procedure as a yellow oily liquid with the following amounts of reagents.

- a) 2-(benzyl oxy)-tetrahydro-3-iodofuran (100 mg, 0.329 mmol)
- b) Organozinc reagent 4 equiv. (2+2), (1.31 mL, 0.657 mmol), + (1.31 mL, 0.657 mmol),
- c) Ni (py)<sub>4</sub> Cl<sub>2</sub> (14.6 mg, 0.032 mmol),
- d) *s*-Bu-Pybox (10.8 mg, 0.032 mmol).

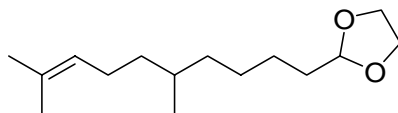
<sup>1</sup>H NMR (300MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.36-7.24 (m, 5H), 4.88 (d, *J* = 1.4 Hz, 1H), 4.84 (t, *J* = 4.6 Hz, 1H), 4.71 (d, *J* = 11.8 Hz, 1H), 4.46 (d, *J* = 11.8 Hz, 1H), 4.01-3.80 (m, 6H), 2.27-2.10 (m, 2H), 1.80-1.33 (m, 5H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (300MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, DEPT-135) δ 138.62 (C), 128.75 (2·CH), 128.62 (2·CH), 127.89 (CH), 108.21 (CH), 104.56 (CH), 69.43 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 67.18 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 65.27 (2·CH<sub>2</sub>), 45.71 (CH), 32.65 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 30.88 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 27.18 (CH<sub>2</sub>).

EI+: Calcd. for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>21</sub>O<sub>4</sub> (M<sup>+</sup>-1) 277.143984; Found: 277.143400.

2-(5, 9-dimethyldec-8-enyl)-1, 3-dioxolane (**7e**)

8h, (Hexane: EtOAc = 9: 1), colourless oily liquid (68 mg, 76 %)



Procedure: Compound **7e** was prepared according to the general procedure as a yellow oily liquid with the following amounts of reagents.

- a) 8-iodo-2, 6-dimethyl oct-2-ene (100 mg, 0.375 mmol)
- b) Organozinc reagent 4 equiv. (2+2), (1.5 mL, 0.751 mmol) + (1.5 mL, 0.751 mmol),
- c) Ni (py)<sub>4</sub> Cl<sub>2</sub> (16.7 mg, 0.037 mmol),
- d) *s*-Bu-Pybox (12.3 mg, 0.037 mmol).

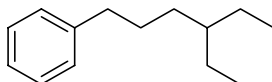
<sup>1</sup>H NMR (300MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 5.13-5.05 (m, 1H), 4.84 (t, *J* = 4.9 Hz, 1H), 3.99-3.81 (m, 4H), 2.06-1.84 (m, 2H), 1.67 (s, 3H), 1.59 (s, 3H), 1.71 (m, 3H), 1.47-1.03 (m, 8H), 0.85 (d, 3H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (300MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, DEPT-135) δ 131.29 (C), 125.40 (CH), 105.06 (CH), 65.18 (2·CH<sub>2</sub>), 37.48 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 37.20 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 34.32 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 32.66 (CH), 27.31 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 26.06 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 25.92 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 24.77 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 19.92 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 17.97 (CH<sub>3</sub>).

EI+: Calcd. for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>28</sub>O<sub>2</sub>: 240.208930; Found: 240.208800.

(4-ethylhexyl)benzene (**7f**):

18h, (Hexane only), pale yellow oily liquid (47 mg, not pure. GC-MS indicates de presence of isomers which could not be separated by column chromatography).



Procedure: Compound **7f** was prepared according to the general procedure as a pale yellow oily liquid with the following amounts of reagents.

- (3-iodopropyl) benzene (100 mg, 0.406 mmol)
- Organozinc reagent 4 equiv. (2+2), (1.62 mL, 0.815 mmol) + (1.62 mL, 0.815 mmol),
- Ni (py)<sub>4</sub> Cl<sub>2</sub> (18.1 mg, 0.041 mmol),
- s*-Bu-Pybox (13.4 mg, 0.041 mmol).

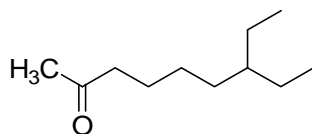
<sup>1</sup>H NMR (300MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.31-7.13 (m, 5H), 2.58 (t, *J*=7.8 Hz, 2H), 1.66-1.50 (m, 2H), 1.34-1.17 (m, 7H), 0.82 (t, *J*=7.2 Hz, 6H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (300MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, DEPT-135) δ 143.37 (C), 128.75 (2·CH), 128.60 (2·CH), 125.94 (CH), 40.66 (CH), 36.82 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 32.86 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 29.13 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 25.79 (2·CH<sub>2</sub>), 11.29 (2·CH<sub>3</sub>).

TOF MS EI+: Calcd. for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>22</sub>: 190.1722; Found: 190.1717.

7-ethylnonan-2-one (**7g**):

11h, (Hexane: EtOAc = 50: 1), colourless oily liquid (50 mg, not pure).



Procedure: Compound **7g** was prepared according to the general procedure as a colourless oily liquid with the following amounts of reagents.

- 6-iodohexan-2-one (100 mg, 0.442 mmol)
- Organozinc reagent 4 equiv. (2+2), (1.77 mL, 0.885 mmol) + (1.77 mL, 0.885 mmol),
- Ni (py)<sub>4</sub> Cl<sub>2</sub> (19.7 mg, 0.044 mmol),
- s*-Bu-Pybox (14.5 mg, 0.044 mmol).

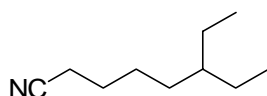
$^1\text{H}$  NMR (300MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  2.42 (t,  $J=7.5$  Hz, 2H), 2.13 (s, 3H), 1.63-1.48 (m, 2H), 1.34-1.19 (m, 8H), 0.95-0.82 (m, 1H), 0.82 (t,  $J=7.2$  Hz, 6H).

$^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (300MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , DEPT-135)  $\delta$  209.73 (C), 44.25 ( $\text{CH}_2$ ), 40.59 (CH), 32.90 ( $\text{CH}_2$ ), 30.22 ( $\text{CH}_3$ ), 26.75 ( $\text{CH}_2$ ), 25.76 ( $2\cdot\text{CH}_2$ ), 24.71 ( $\text{CH}_2$ ), 11.25 ( $2\cdot\text{CH}_3$ ).

TOF MS EI+: Calcd. for  $\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_{22}\text{O}$ : 170.1671; Found: 170.1671.

6-ethyloctanenitrile (**7h**):

11h, (Hexane: EtOAc = 50: 1), colourless oily liquid (52 mg, not pure).



Procedure: Compound **7h** was prepared according to the general procedure as a colourless oily liquid with the following amounts of reagents.

- 6-iodopentanenitrile (100 mg, 0.476 mmol)
- Organozinc reagent 4 equiv. (2+2), (1.91 mL, 0.957 mmol) + (1.91 mL, 0.957 mmol),
- $\text{Ni}(\text{py})_4\text{Cl}_2$  (21.3 mg, 0.048 mmol),
- s*-Bu-Pybox (15.7 mg, 0.048 mmol).

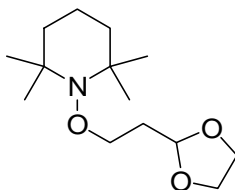
$^1\text{H}$  NMR (300MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  2.34 (t,  $J=7.1$  Hz, 2H), 1.71-1.57 (m, 2H), 1.49-1.17 (m, 7H), 0.93-0.83 (m, 2H), 0.83 (t,  $J=7.2$  Hz, 6H).

$^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (300MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , DEPT-135)  $\delta$  120.16 (C), 40.51 (CH), 32.26 ( $\text{CH}_2$ ), 26.29 ( $\text{CH}_2$ ), 26.17 ( $\text{CH}_2$ ), 25.67 ( $2\cdot\text{CH}_2$ ), 17.49 ( $\text{CH}_2$ ), 11.18 ( $2\cdot\text{CH}_3$ ).

TOF MS EI+: Calcd. for  $\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_{19}\text{N}$  ( $\text{M}^+-1$ ): 152.1439; Found: 152.1432.

1-[2-(1,3-dioxolan-2-yl)ethoxy]-2,2,6,6-tetramethylpiperidine (**8**).

20h, (Hexane: EtOAc = 20: 1), yellow oily liquid (68 mg, 60 %).



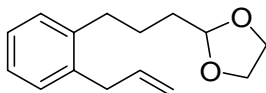
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(see  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum below).

ESI MS: Calcd. for  $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{28}\text{NO}_3$  ( $\text{M}^+ + 1$ ): 258.2063; Found: 258.2060.

2-[3-(2-allylphenyl) propyl]-1, 3-dioxolane (**11a**):

3h, (Hexane: EtOAc = 20: 1), colourless oily liquid (71 mg, 82 %).



Procedure: Compound **11a** was prepared according to the general procedure as a yellow oily liquid with the following amounts of reagents.

- 1-allyl-2-(iodomethyl) benzene<sup>7</sup> (100 mg, 0.364 mmol)
- Organozinc reagent 4 equiv. (2+2), (1.46 mL, 0.729 mmol) + (1.46 mL, 0.729 mmol),
- Ni (py)<sub>4</sub> Cl<sub>2</sub> (16.2 mg, 0.036 mmol),
- s*-Bu-Pybox (12.0 mg, 0.036 mmol).

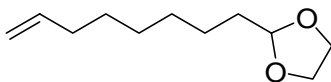
$^1\text{H}$  NMR (300MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.24-7.12 (m, 4H), 5.96 (ddt,  $J=16.5, 10.2, 6.3$  Hz, 1H), 5.06 (dm,  $J=10.0, 1.8$  Hz, 1H), 5.00 (dm,  $J=16.9, 1.8$  Hz, 1H), 4.02-3.81 (m, 4H), 3.40 (dt,  $J=6.4, 1.6$  Hz, 2H), 2.71-2.62 (m, 2H), 1.78-1.68 (m, 4H).

$^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (300MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , DEPT-135)  $\delta$  140.59 (C), 137.88 (C), 137.70 (CH), 129.91 (CH), 129.56 (CH), 126.67 (CH), 126.41 (CH), 115.95 ( $\text{CH}_2$ ), 104.77 (CH), 65.20 ( $2 \cdot \text{CH}_2$ ), 37.36 ( $\text{CH}_2$ ), 34.05 ( $\text{CH}_2$ ), 32.81 ( $\text{CH}_2$ ), 25.49 ( $\text{CH}_2$ ).

TOF MS EI+: Calcd. for  $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{20}\text{O}_2$ : 232.1463; Found: 232.1470.

2-(oct-7-enyl)-1, 3-dioxolane (**11b**)

5 h, (Hexane: EtOAc = 20: 1), colourless oily liquid (36 mg, 41 %).



Procedure: Compound **11b** was prepared according to the general procedure as a yellow oily liquid with the following amounts of reagents.

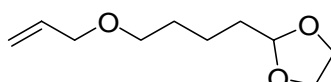
- 6-iodohex-1-ene (100 mg, 0.476 mmol), prepared by iodination (NaI/acetone) of 6-bromohex-1-ene
- Organozinc reagent 4 equiv. (2+2), (1.9 mL, 0.95 mmol), + (1.9 mL, 0.95 mmol),
- Ni (py)<sub>4</sub> Cl<sub>2</sub> (21.2 mg, 0.047 mmol),
- s*-Bu-Pybox (14.1 mg, 0.047 mmol).

$^1\text{H}$  NMR (300MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.79 (ddt,  $J = 17.0, 10.1, 6.6$  Hz, 1H), 5.02-4.87 (m, 2H), 4.83 (t,  $J = 4.8$  Hz, 1H), 3.99-3.80 (m, 4H), 2.07-1.97 (m, 2H), 1.66-1.60 (m, 2H), 1.41-1.28 (m, 8H).

$^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (300MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , DEPT-135)  $\delta$  139.49 (CH), 114.54 ( $\text{CH}_2$ ), 105.03 (CH), 65.19 ( $2 \cdot \text{CH}_2$ ), 34.25 ( $\text{CH}_2$ ), 34.12 ( $\text{CH}_2$ ), 29.74 ( $\text{CH}_2$ ), 29.37 ( $\text{CH}_2$ ), 29.14 ( $\text{CH}_2$ ), 24.39 ( $\text{CH}_2$ ).

2-[4-(allyloxy) butyl]-1, 3-dioxolane (**11c**)

11 h, (Hexane: EtOAc = 10: 1), faint yellow oily liquid (22 mg, 25 %).



Procedure: Compound **11c** was prepared according to the General procedure, with varying molar ratios of all reactants.

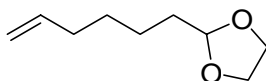
- 3-(2-iodoethoxy)prop-1-ene<sup>8</sup> (100 mg, 0.472 mmol)
- Organozinc reagent 4 equiv. (2+2), (1.9 mL, 0.943 mmol), + (1.9 mL, 0.943 mmol),
- Ni (py)<sub>4</sub> Cl<sub>2</sub> (21.0 mg, 0.047 mmol),
- s*-Bu-Pybox (15.5 mg, 0.047 mmol).

$^1\text{H}$  NMR (300MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  5.90 (ddt,  $J = 16.0, 10.4, 5.6$  Hz, 1H), 5.25 (dm,  $J = 17.3, 1.6$  Hz, 1H), 5.15 (dm,  $J = 10.4, 1.4$  Hz, 1H), 4.84 (t,  $J = 4.7$  Hz, 1H), 3.97-3.80 (m, 6H), 3.42 (t,  $J = 6.5$  Hz, 2H), 1.66-1.44 (m, 4H), 0.95-0.80 (m, 2H).

$^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (300MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , DEPT-135)  $\delta$  135.41 (CH), 117.09 ( $\text{CH}_2$ ), 104.92 (CH), 72.18 ( $\text{CH}_2$ ), 70.54 ( $\text{CH}_2$ ), 65.21 ( $2 \cdot \text{CH}_2$ ), 34.03 ( $\text{CH}_2$ ), 29.97 ( $\text{CH}_2$ ), 21.13 ( $\text{CH}_2$ ).

2-(hex-5-enyl)-1,3-dioxolane (**11d**):

5h, (Hexane: EtOAc = 20: 1), colourless oily liquid (54 mg, 63 %).



Procedure:- same as General procedure, with varying molar ratios of all reactants.

- (iodomethyl) cyclopropane (100 mg, 0.549 mmol), prepared by following the procedure described in reference number 6.
- Organozinc reagent 4 equiv. (2+2), (2.2 mL, 1.09 mmol), + (2.2 mL, 1.09 mmol),
- Ni (py)<sub>4</sub> Cl<sub>2</sub> (24.4 mg, 0.054 mmol),
- s*-Bu-Pybox (18.1 mg, 0.054 mmol).

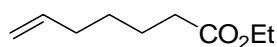
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$^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (300MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , DEPT-135)  $\delta$  139.15 (CH), 114.4 ( $\text{CH}_2$ ), 104.99 (CH), 65.2 ( $2\cdot\text{CH}_2$ ), 34.12 ( $\text{CH}_2$ ), 34.05 ( $\text{CH}_2$ ), 29.20 ( $\text{CH}_2$ ), 23.95 ( $\text{CH}_2$ ).

TOF MS EI+: Calcd. for  $\text{C}_9\text{H}_{16}\text{O}_2$ : 156.1150; Found: 155.1136

Ethyl hept-6-enoate (**11d'**)

4h, (Hexane: EtOAc = 20: 1), colourless oily liquid(59 %).



Procedure: same as general procedure with same molar ratios as used for preparation of **11d**.

$^1\text{H}$  NMR (300MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  5.78 (ddt,  $J=17.0, 10.2, 6.6$  Hz, 1H), 5.03-4.91 (m, 2H), 4.11 (q,  $J=7.1$  Hz, 2H), 2.29 (t,  $J=7.5$  Hz, 2H), 2.10-2.01 (m, 2H), 1.69-1.57 (m, 2H), 1.47-1.35 (m, 2H), 1.24 (t,  $J=7.1$  Hz, 3H).

$^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (300MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  174.07 (C), 138.81 (CH), 115.02 ( $\text{CH}_2$ ), 60.55 ( $\text{CH}_2$ ), 34.57 ( $\text{CH}_2$ ), 33.73 ( $\text{CH}_2$ ), 28.73 ( $\text{CH}_2$ ), 24.85 ( $\text{CH}_2$ ), 14.61 ( $\text{CH}_3$ ).

TOF MS EI+: Calcd. for  $\text{C}_9\text{H}_{16}\text{O}_2$ : 156.1150; Found: 155.1154.

### Computational methods

Calculations were performed with Gaussian 03 at DFT level.<sup>10a</sup> The geometries of all complexes here reported were optimized using the B3LYP hybrid functional.<sup>10b</sup> For radical species UB3LYP was used. Optimizations were carried out using the standard 6-31G(d) basis set for C, H, and N. The LANL2DZ basis set, which includes the relativistic effective core potential (ECP) of Hay and Wadt and employs a split-valence (double- $\zeta$ ) basis set, was used for Ni and I.<sup>10c</sup> Harmonic frequencies were calculated at the same level to characterize the stationary points and to determine the zero-point energies (ZPE). The starting approximate geometries for the transition states (TS) were graphically located. Intrinsic reaction coordinate (IRC) studies were performed to confirm the relation of the transition states with the corresponding minima.

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Zero-point correction=                                0.356799
(Hartree/Particle)

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Zero-point correction=                                0.355423
(Hartree/Particle)
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Thermal correction to Enthalpy=                     0.380727
Thermal correction to Gibbs Free Energy=            0.296193
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Zero-point correction=                0.354433
(Hartree/Particle)
Thermal correction to Energy=         0.379945
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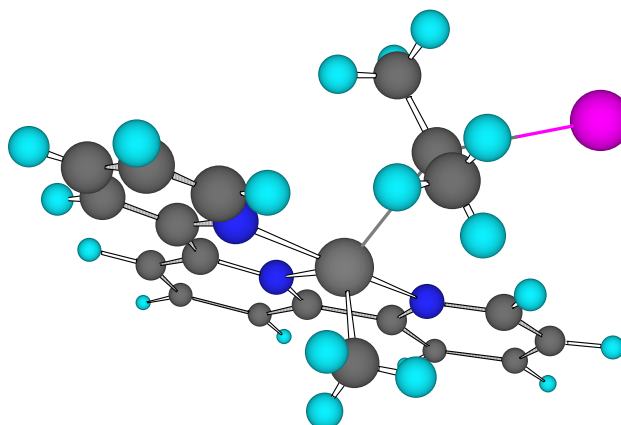
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**Transition state for the reaction of (tpy)NiMe with 2-iodopropane releasing atomic iodine:**



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(Hartree/Particle)  
Thermal correction to Energy= 0.380824  
Thermal correction to Enthalpy= 0.381769  
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Sum of electronic and zero-point Energies= -1081.236351  
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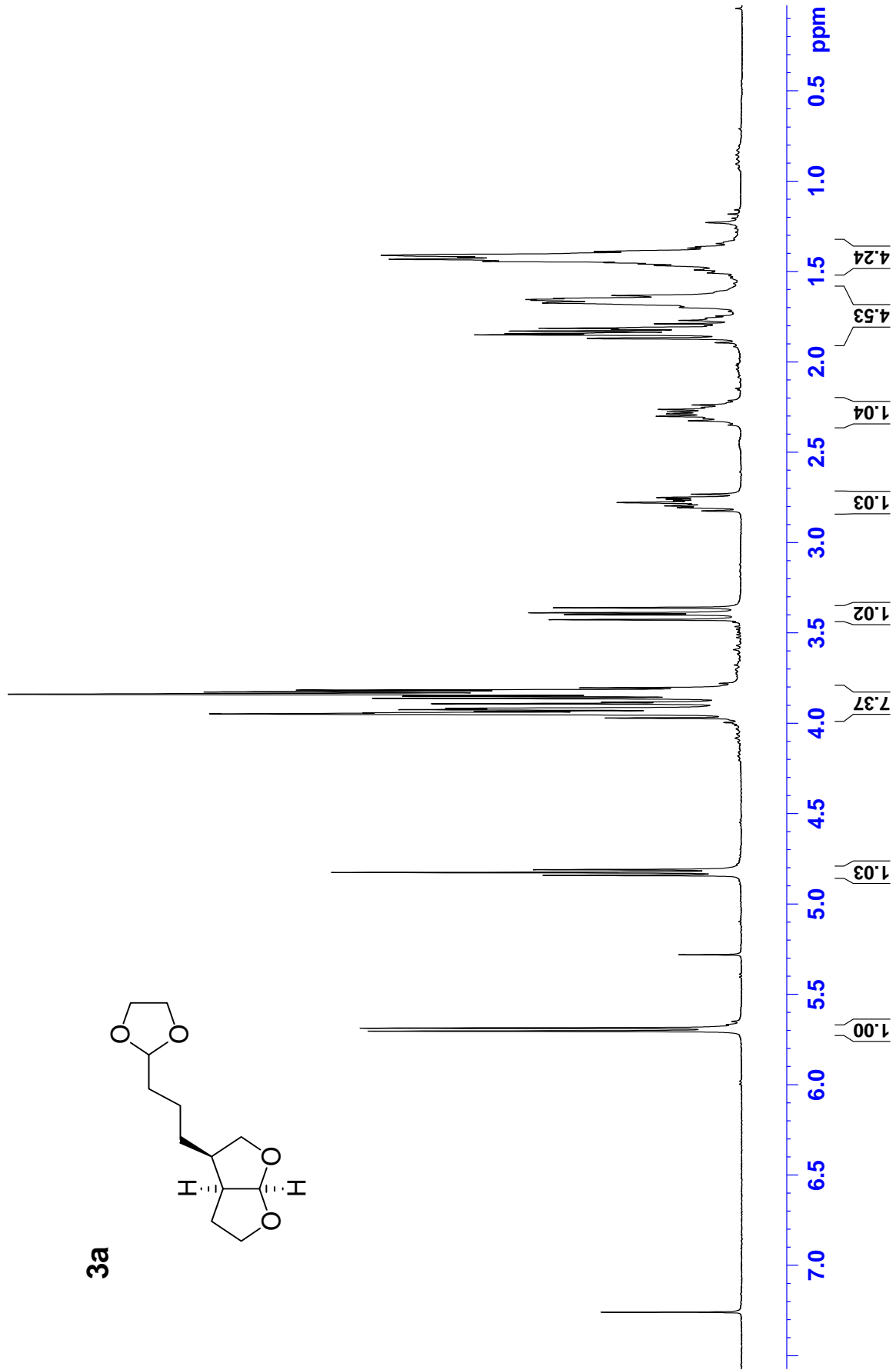
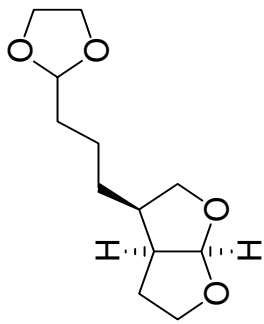
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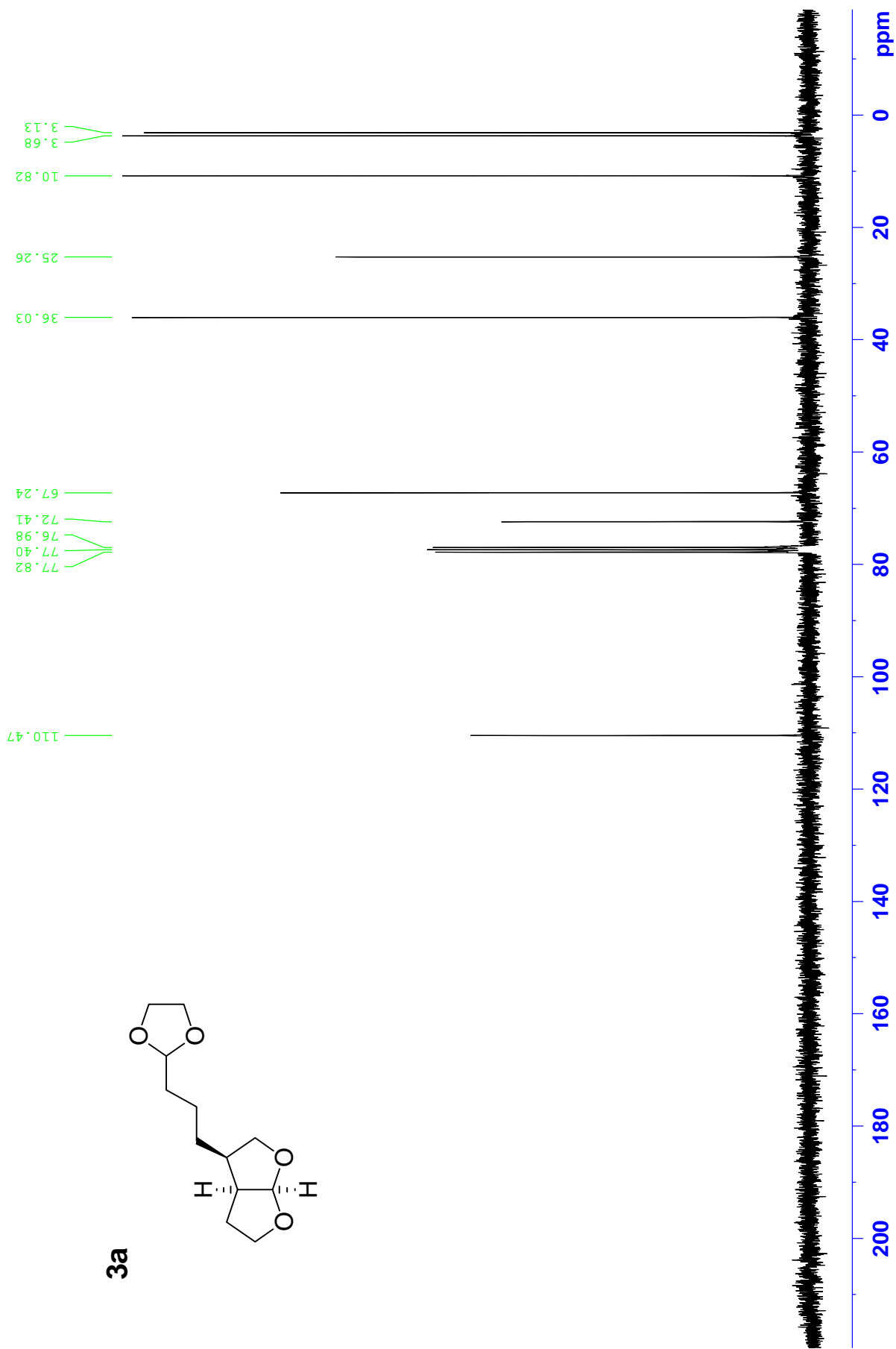
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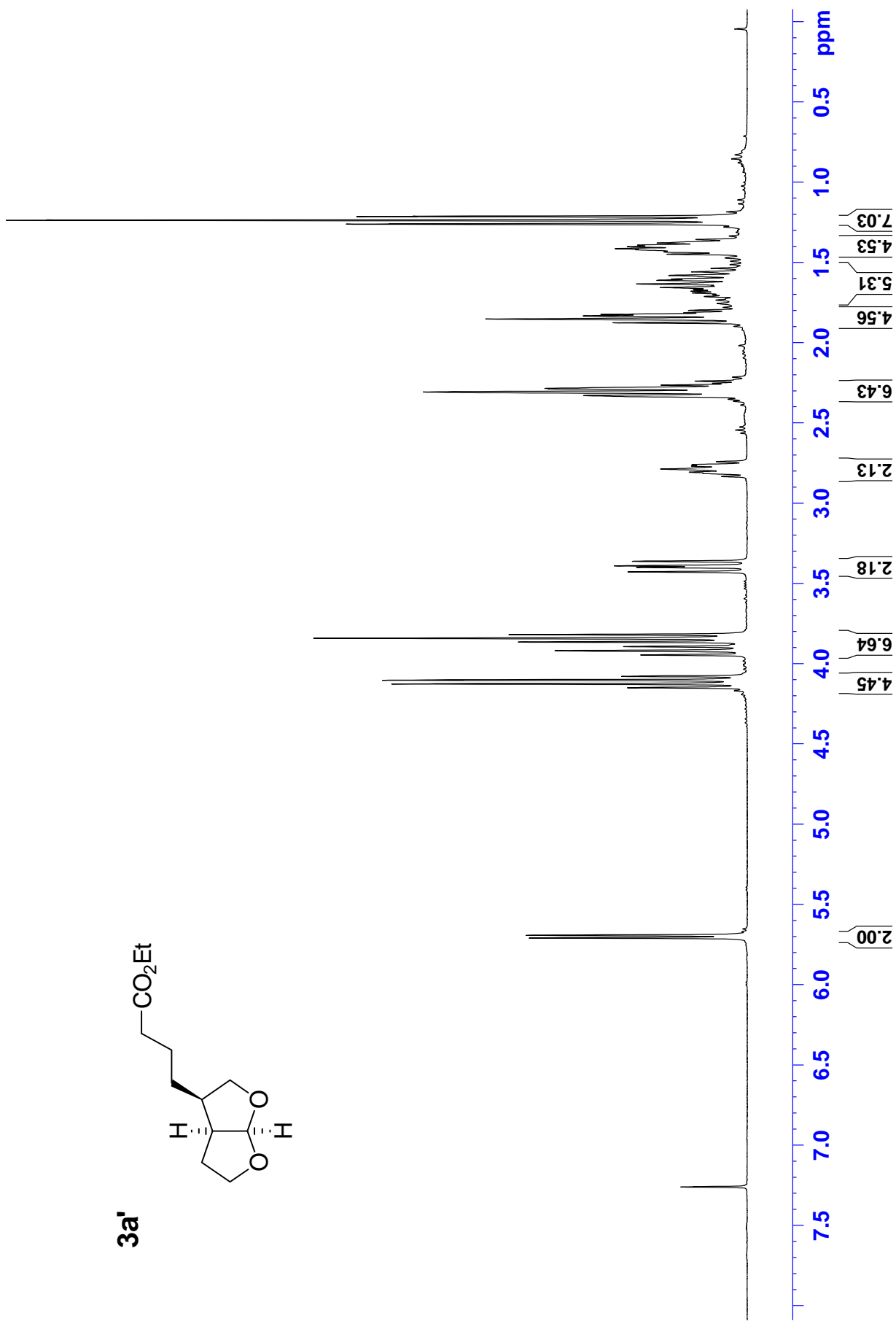
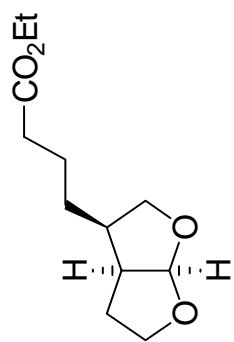


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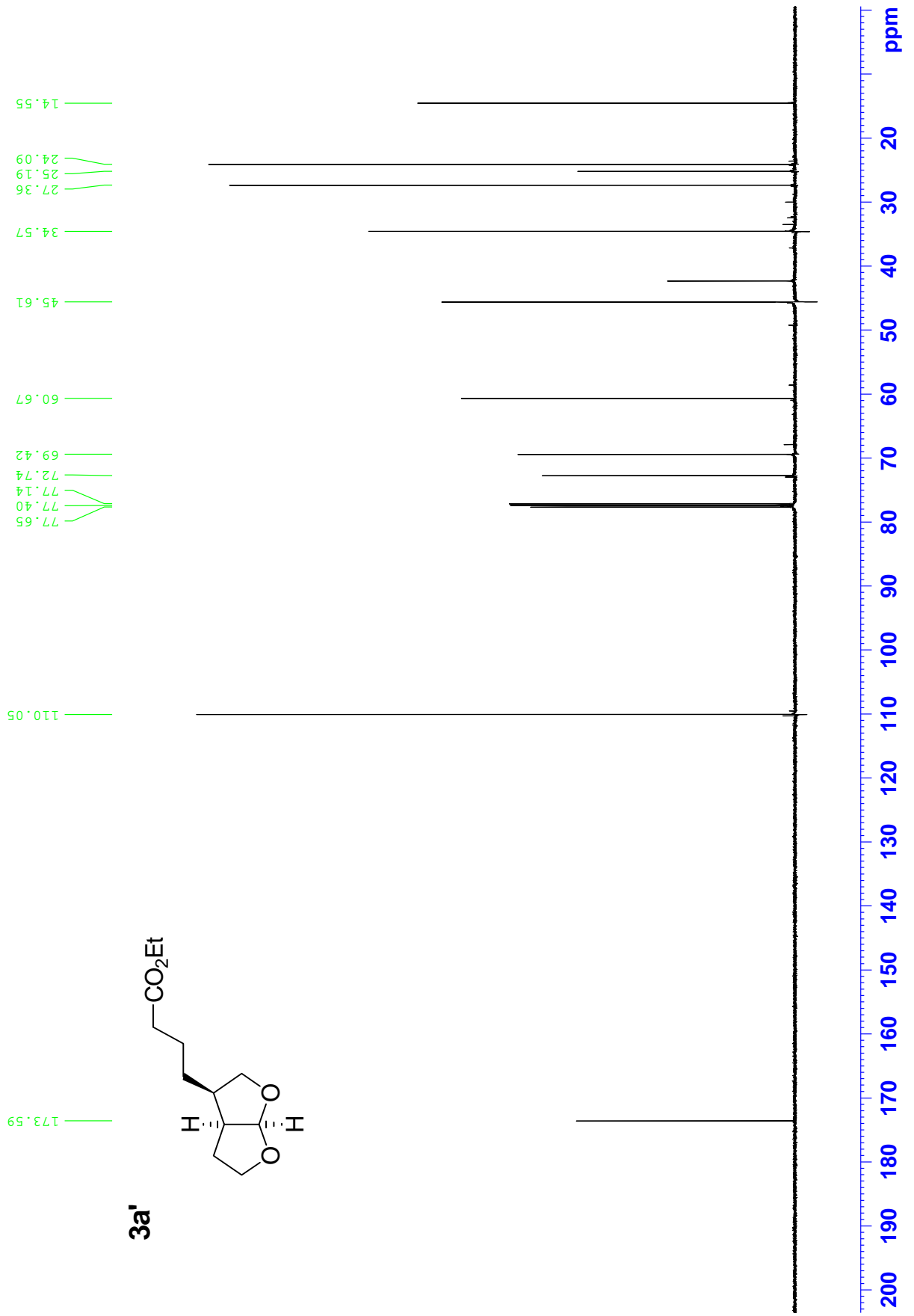




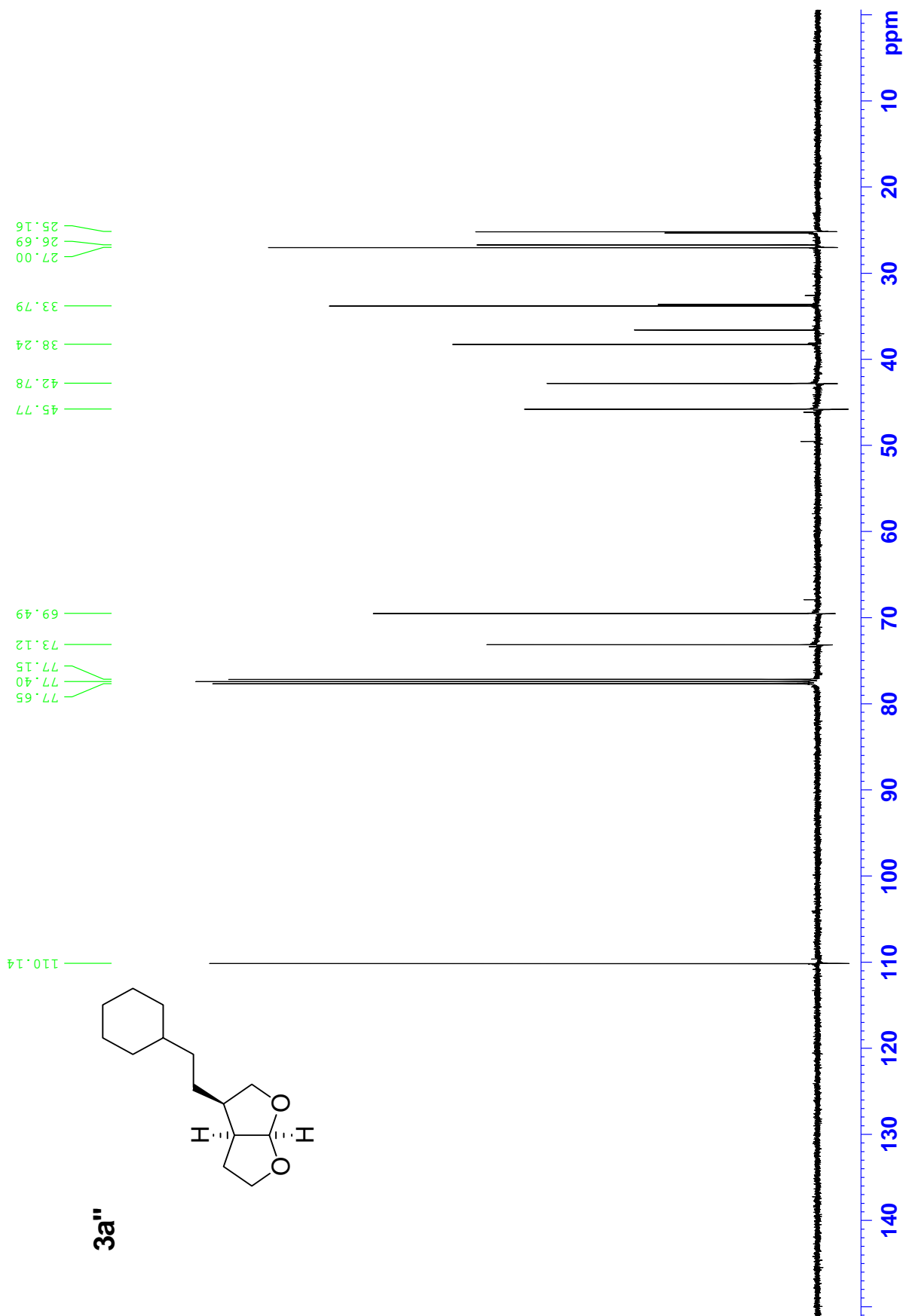
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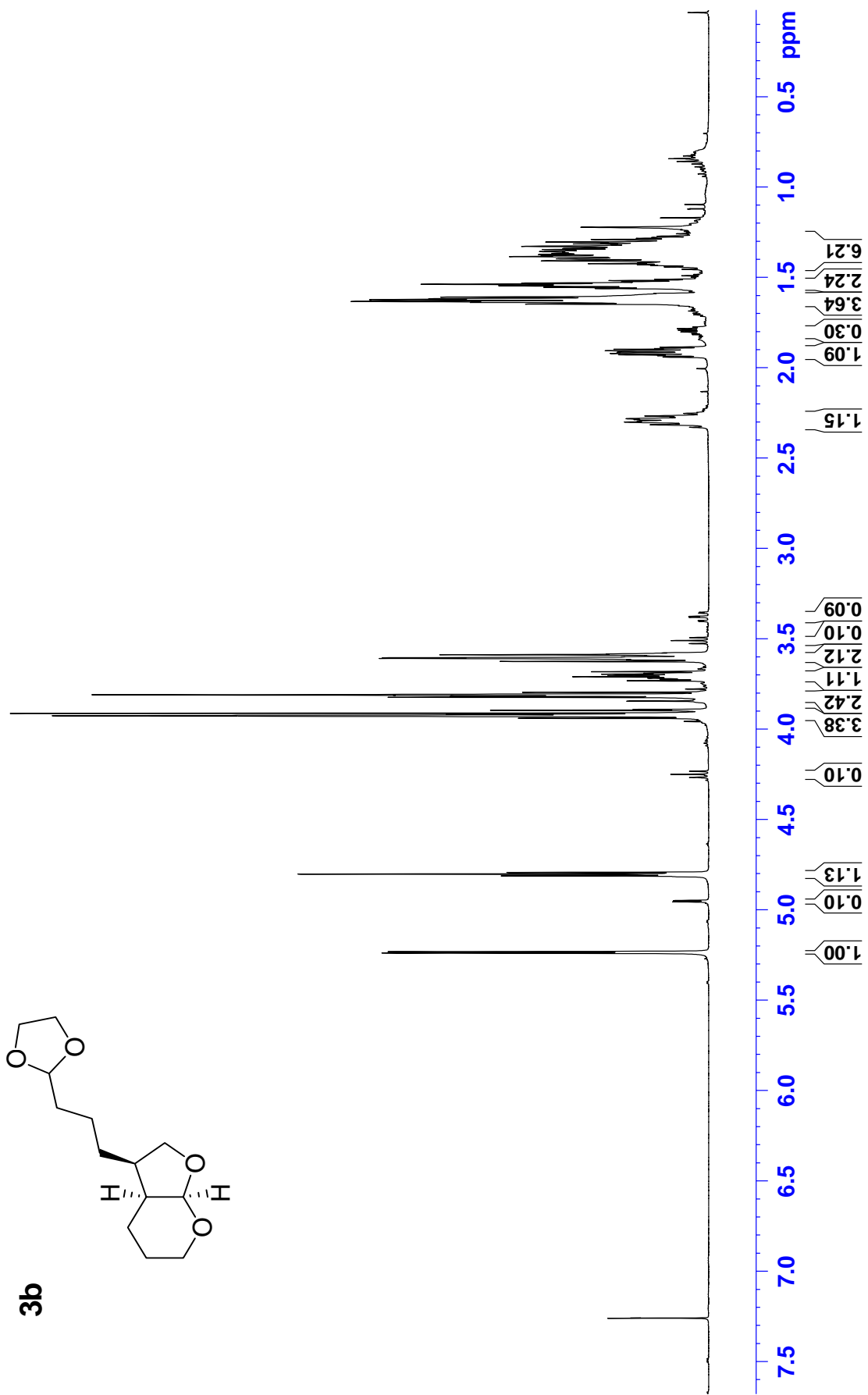
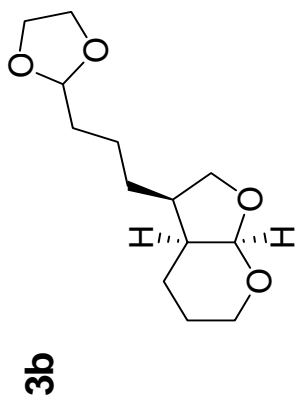


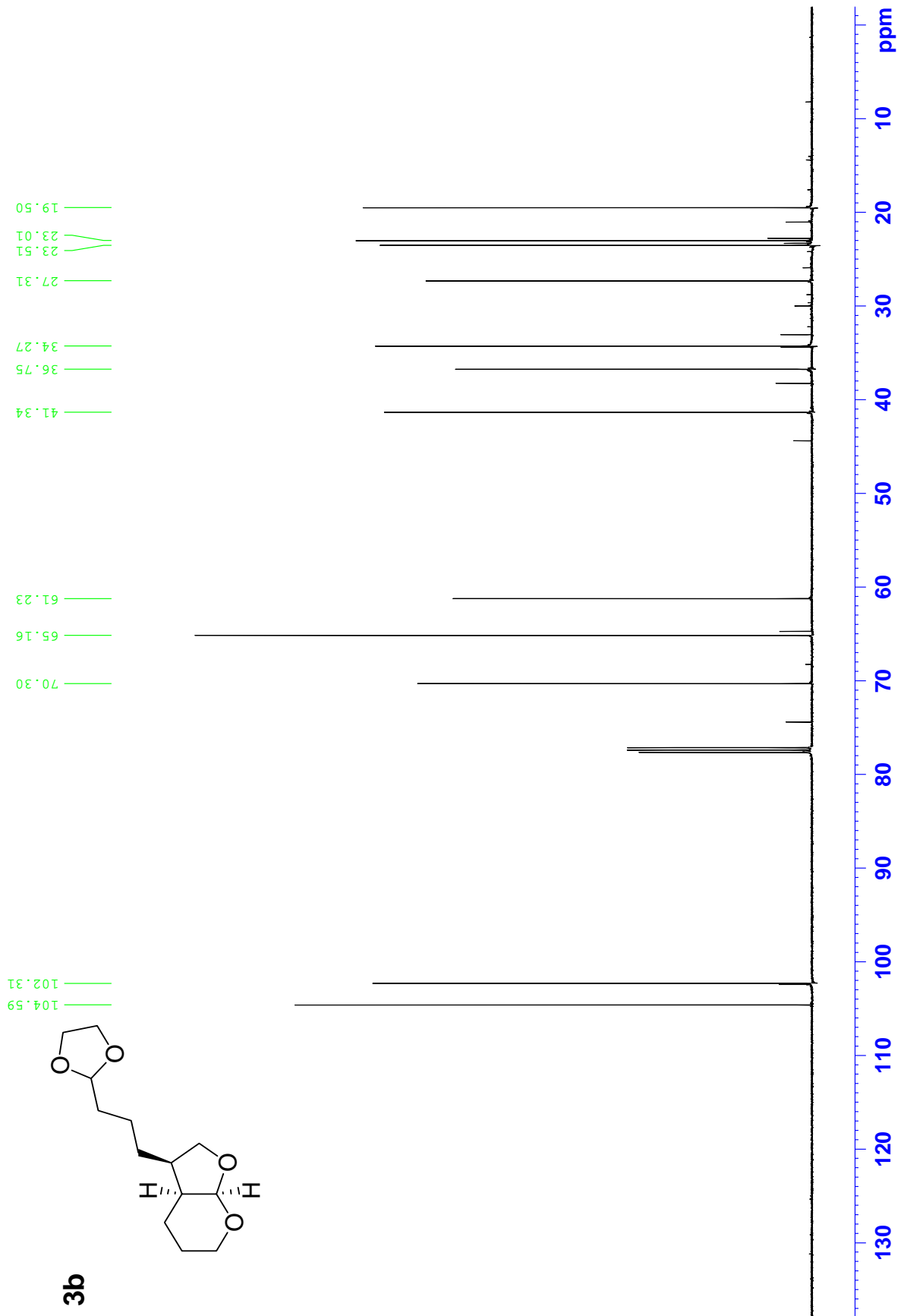




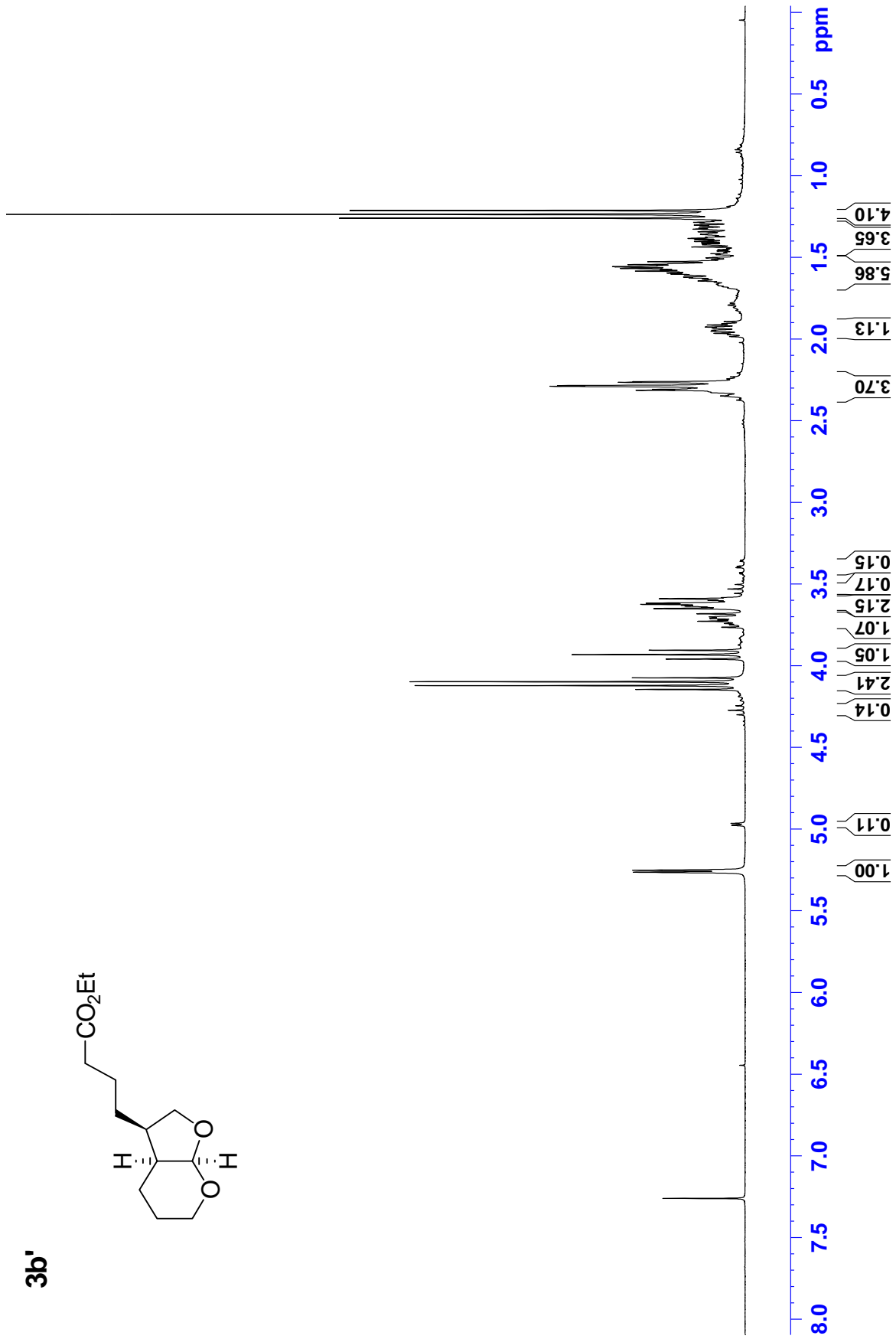
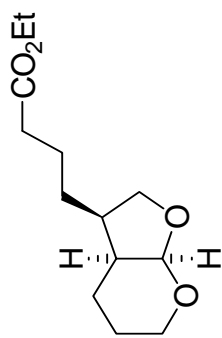


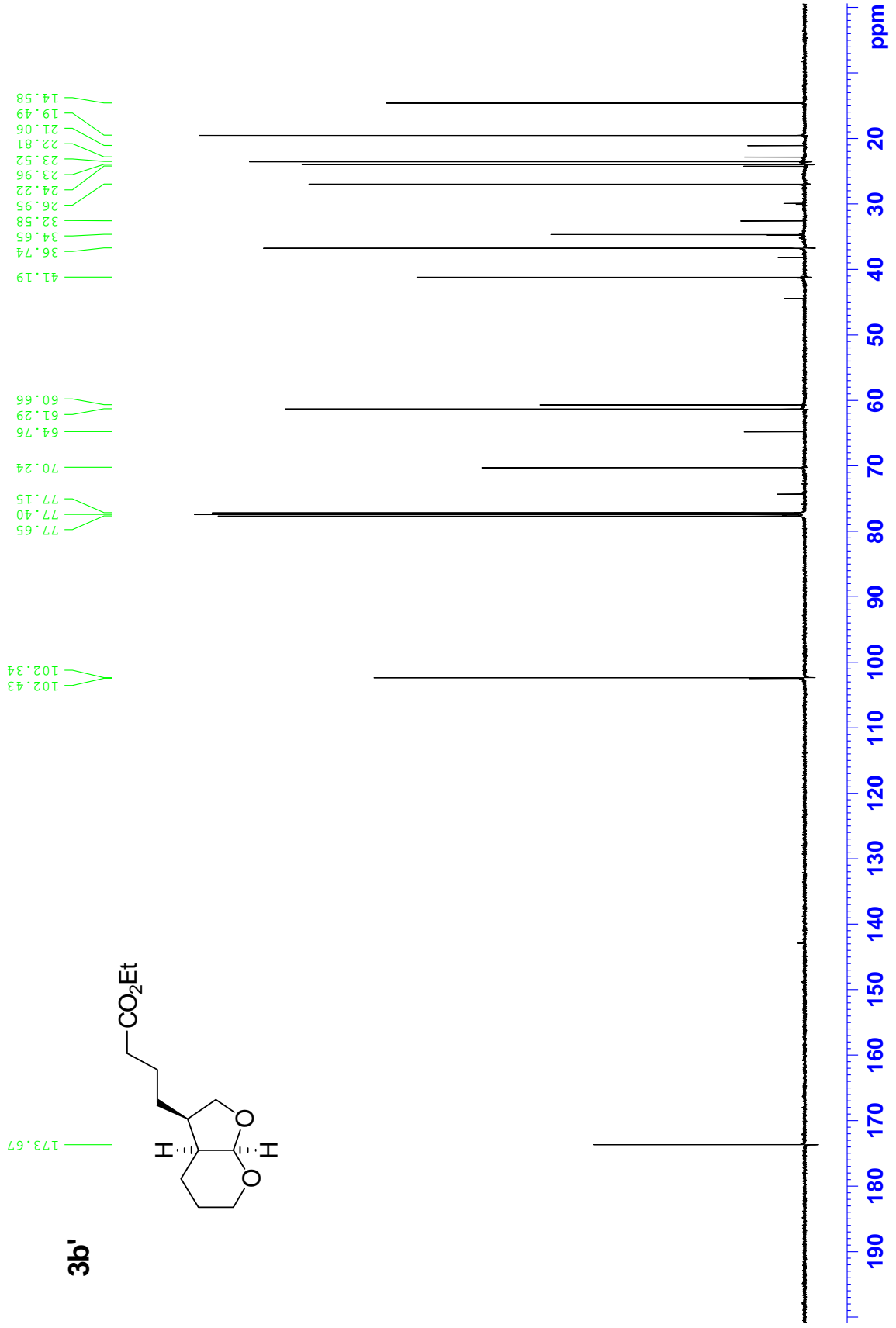
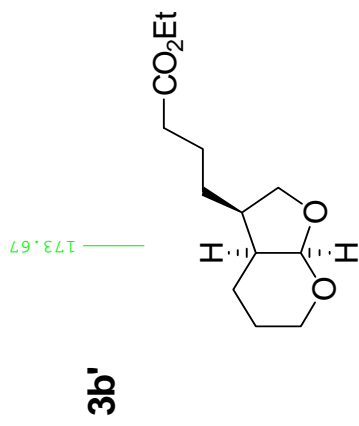




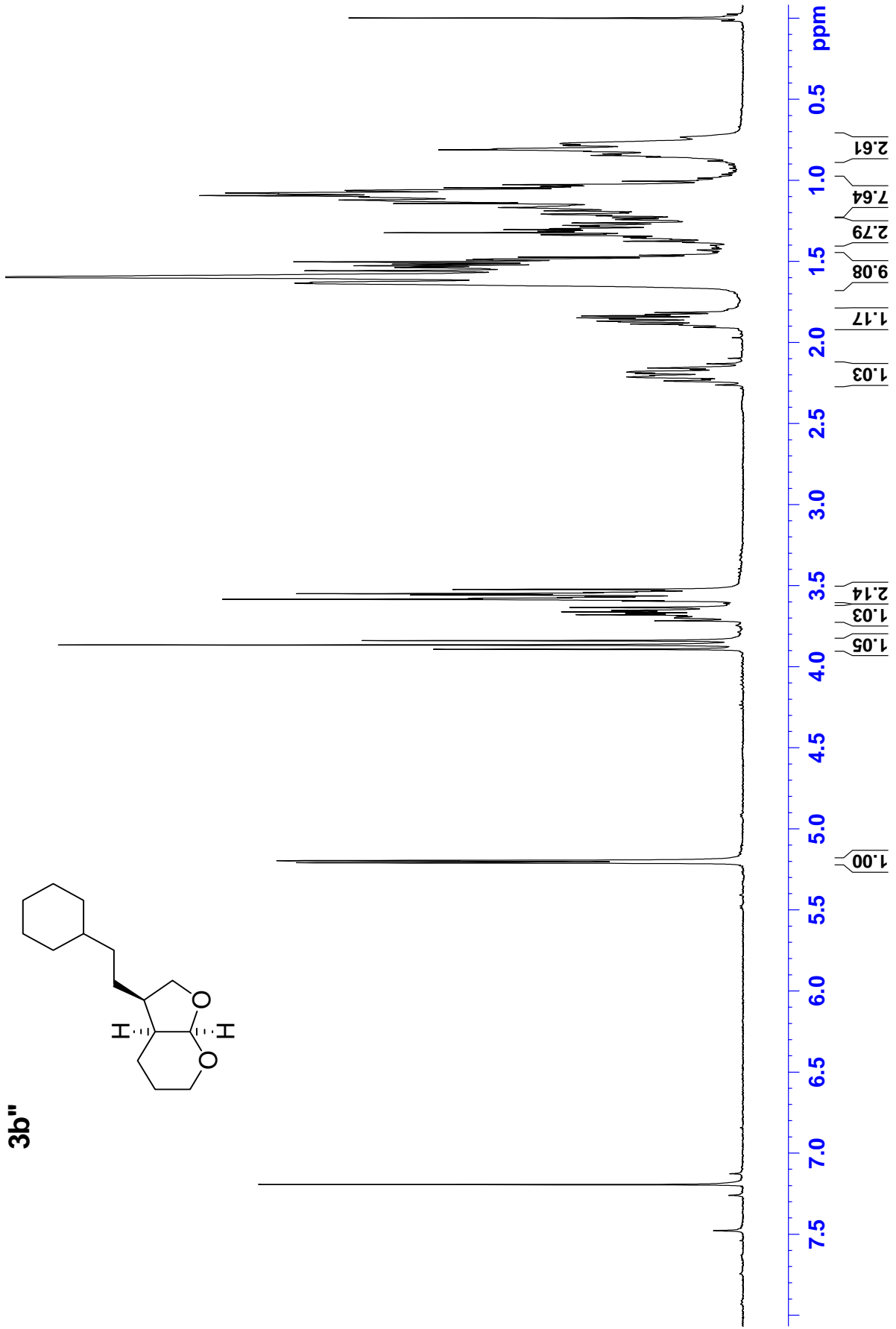
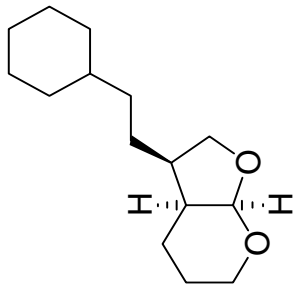


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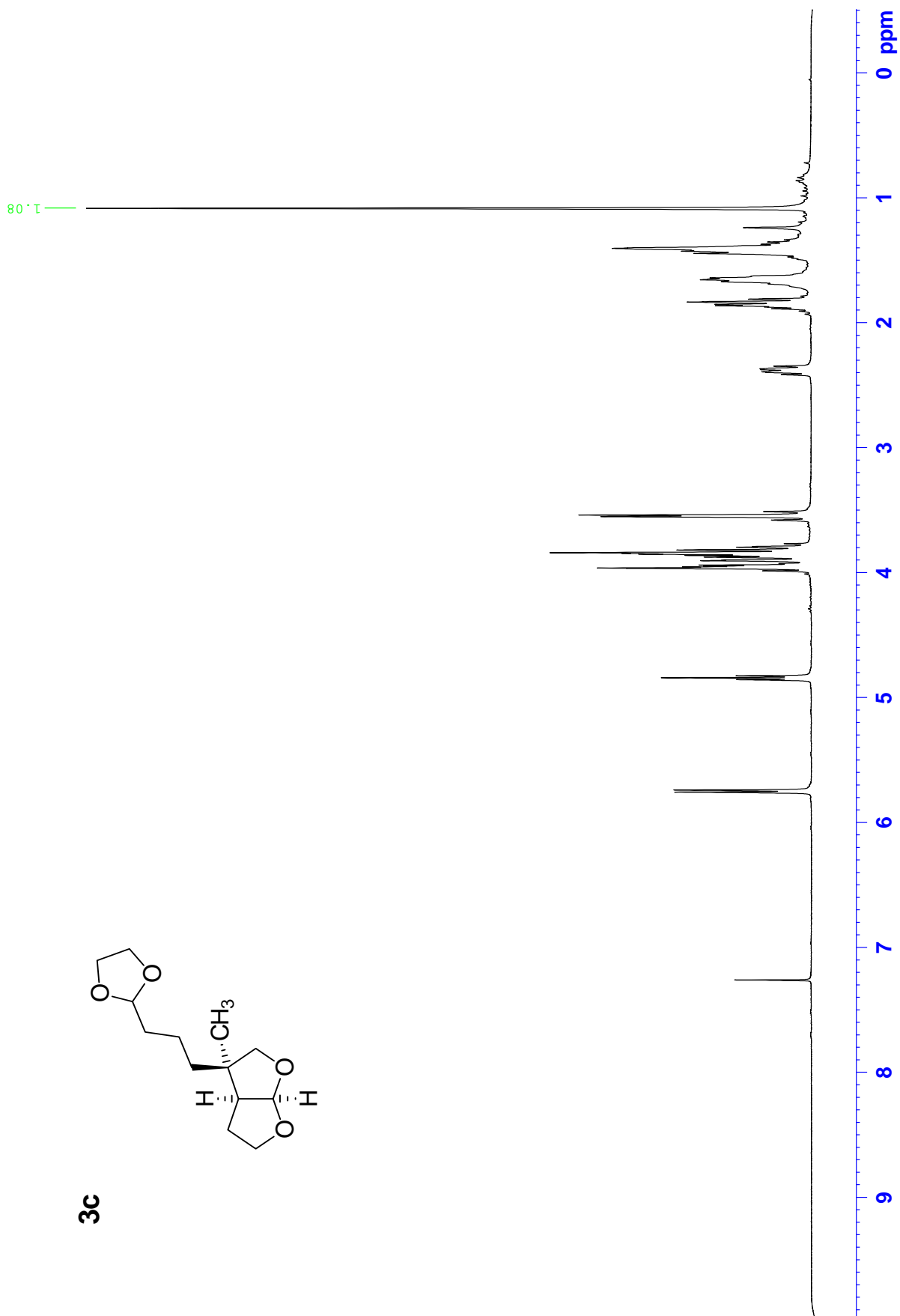
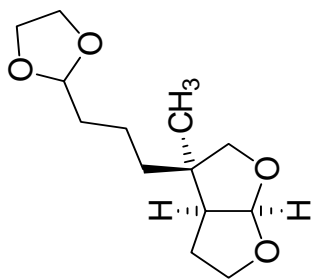
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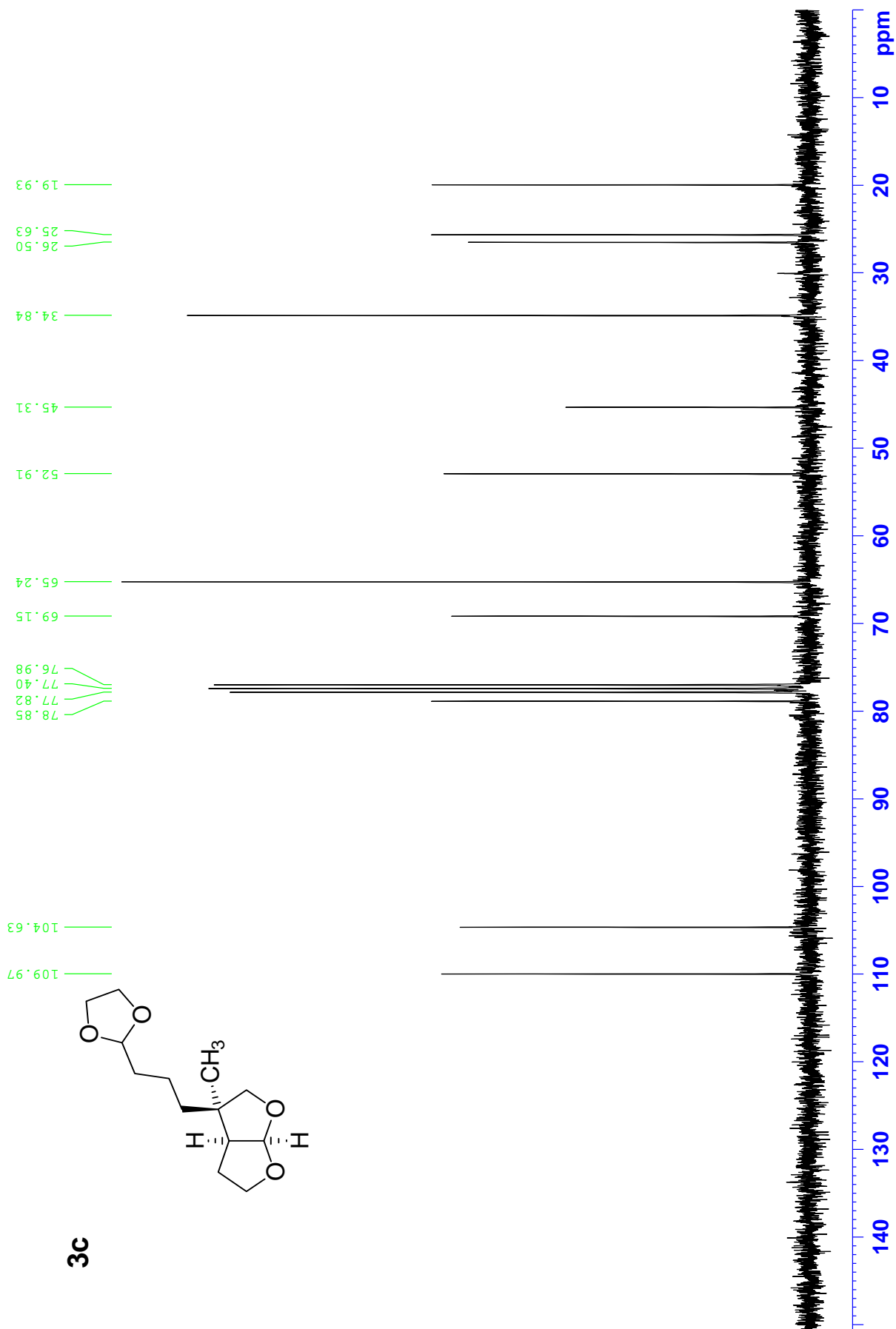




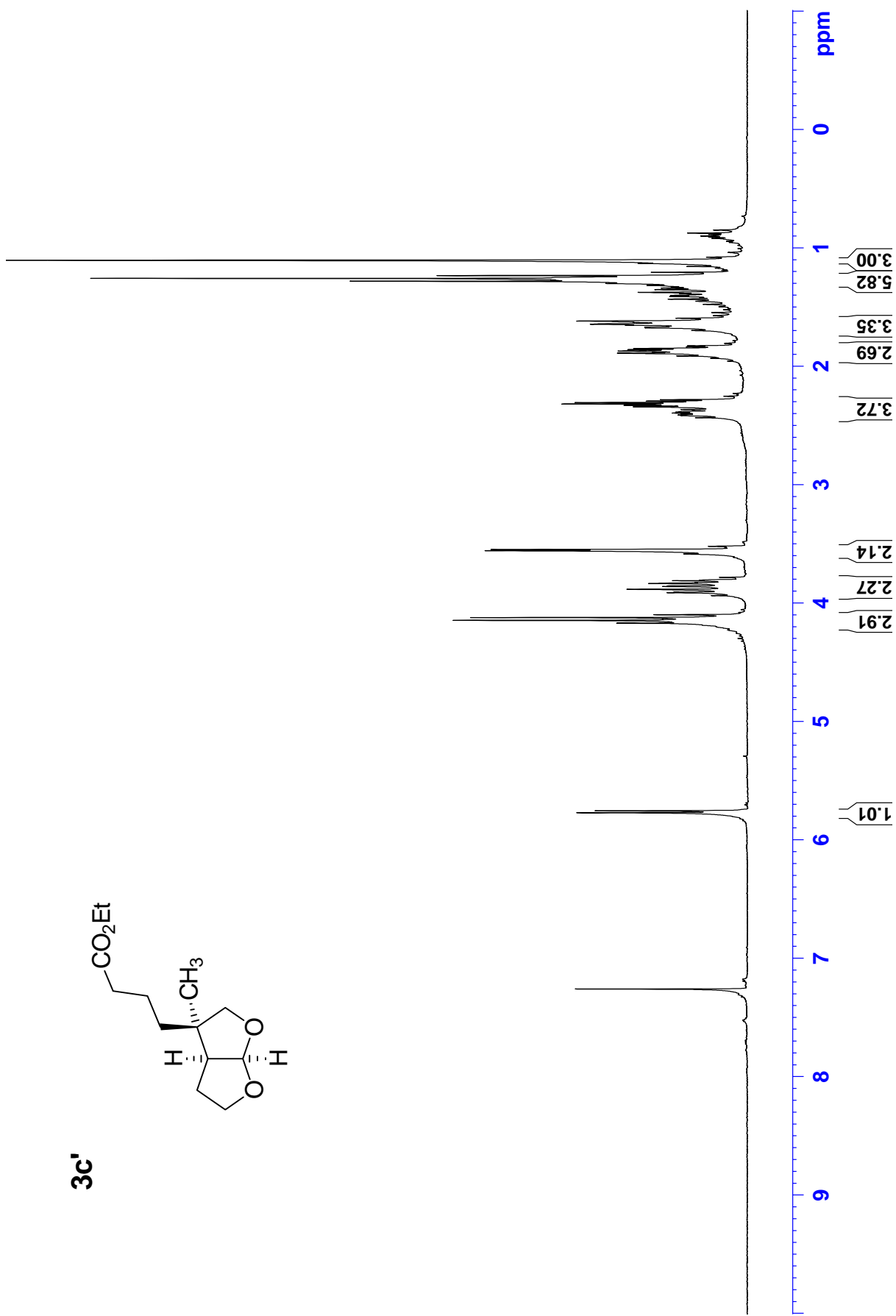
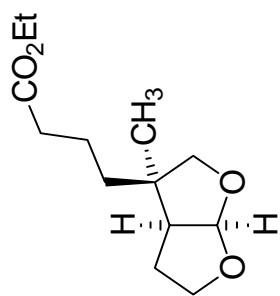


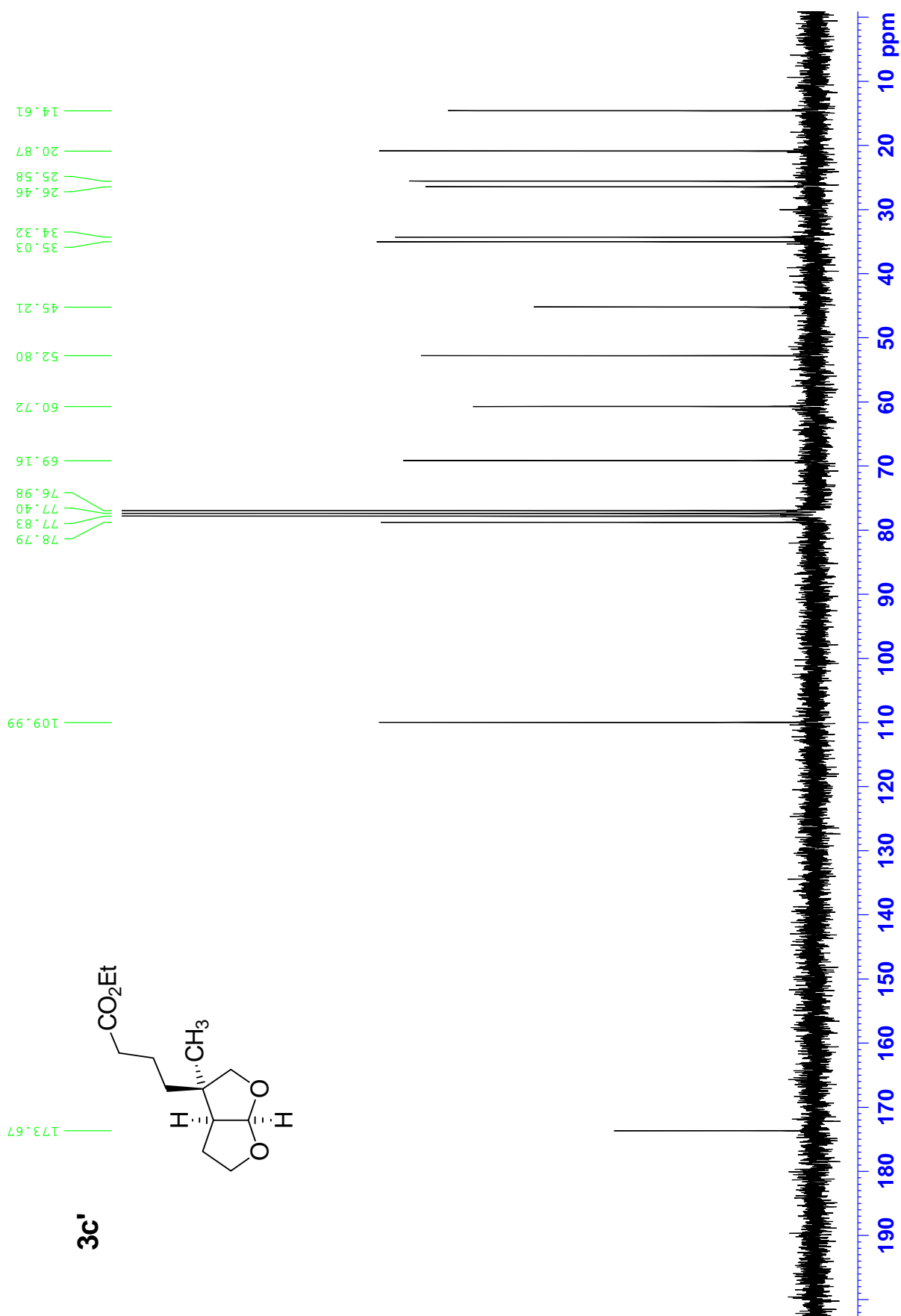
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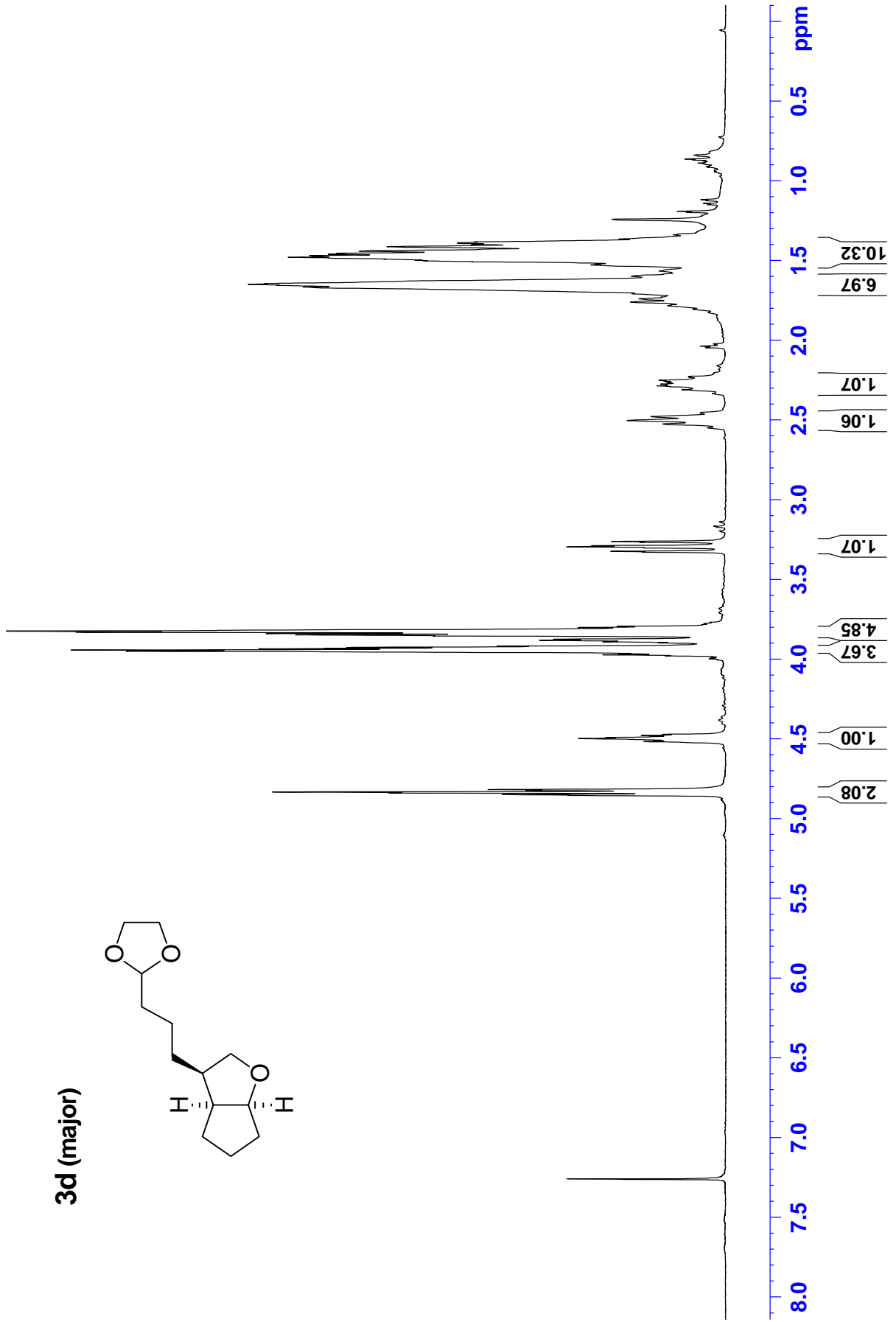
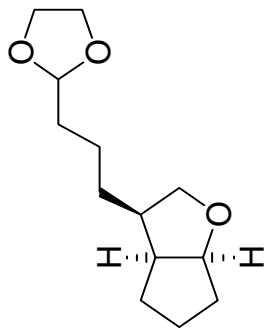


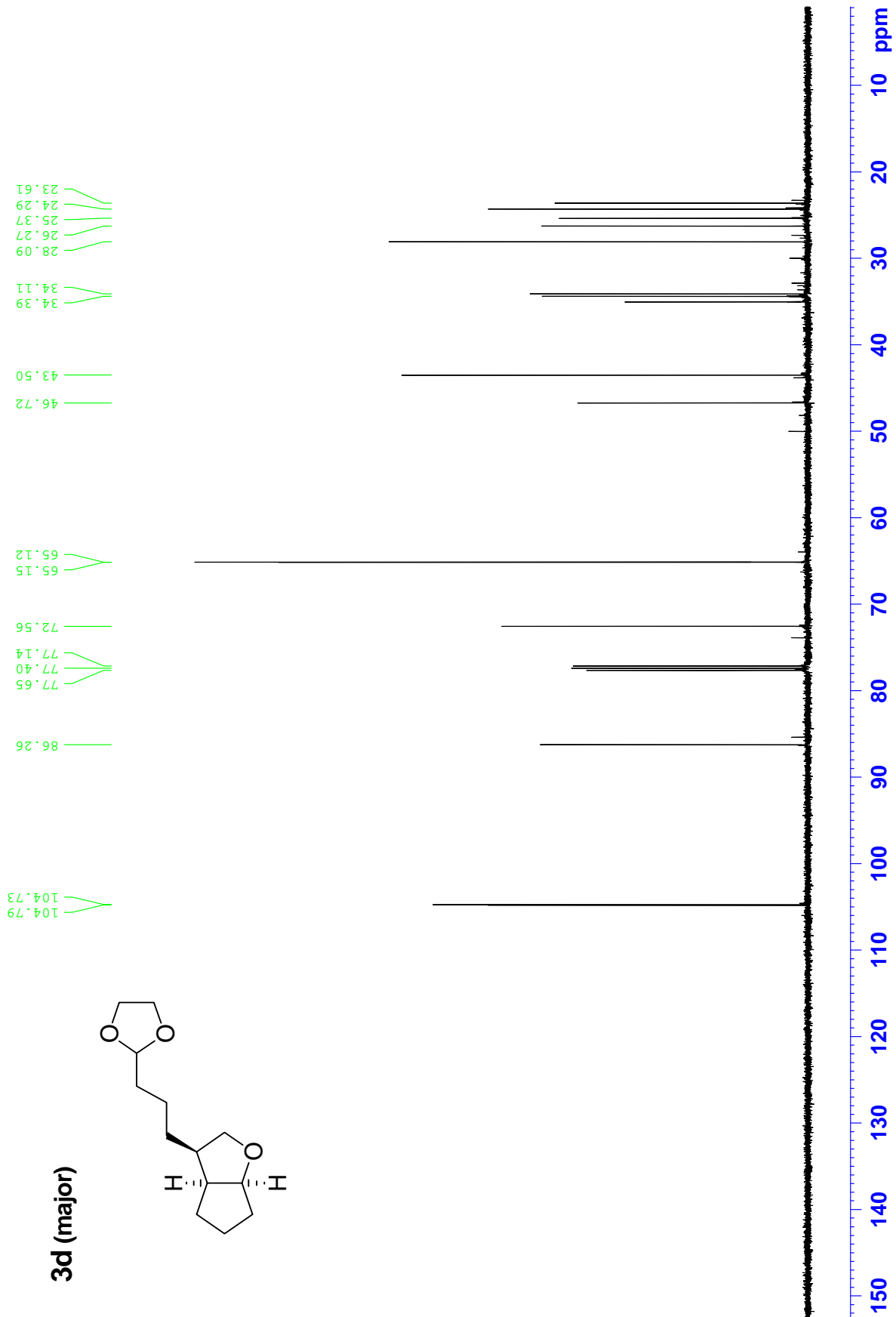
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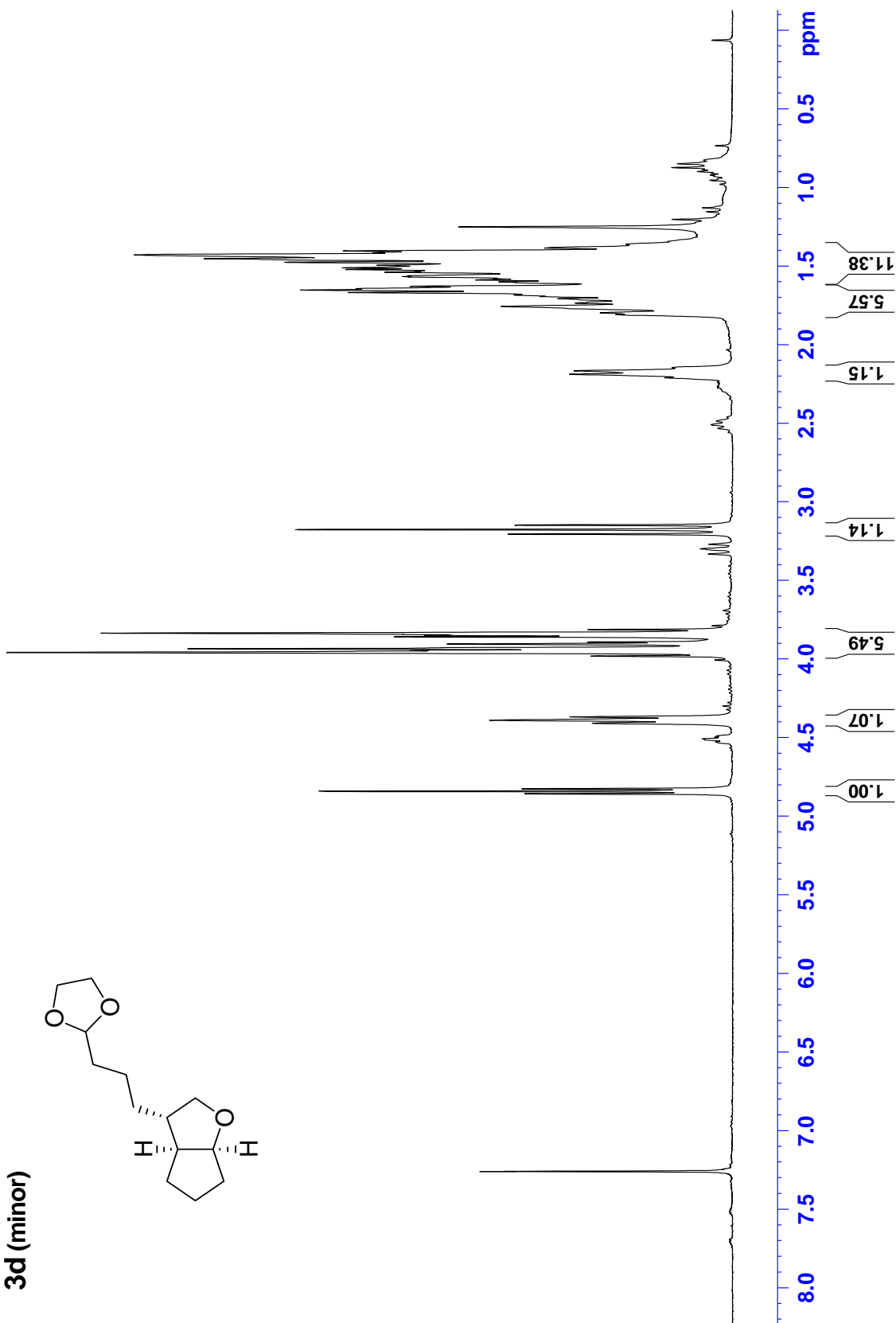
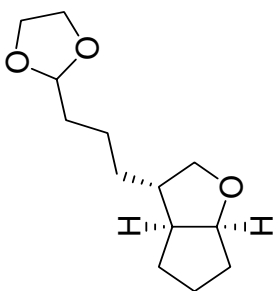


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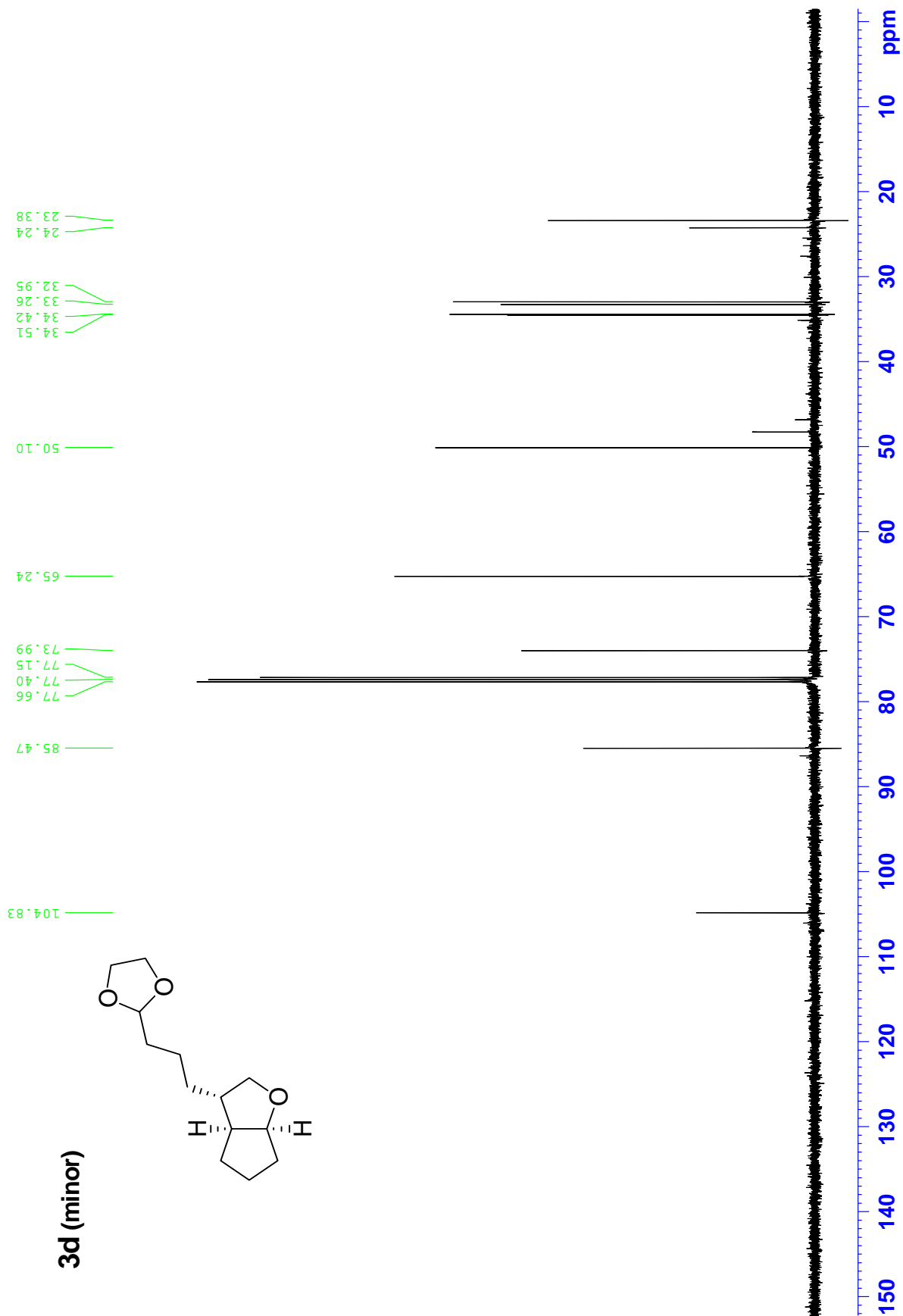




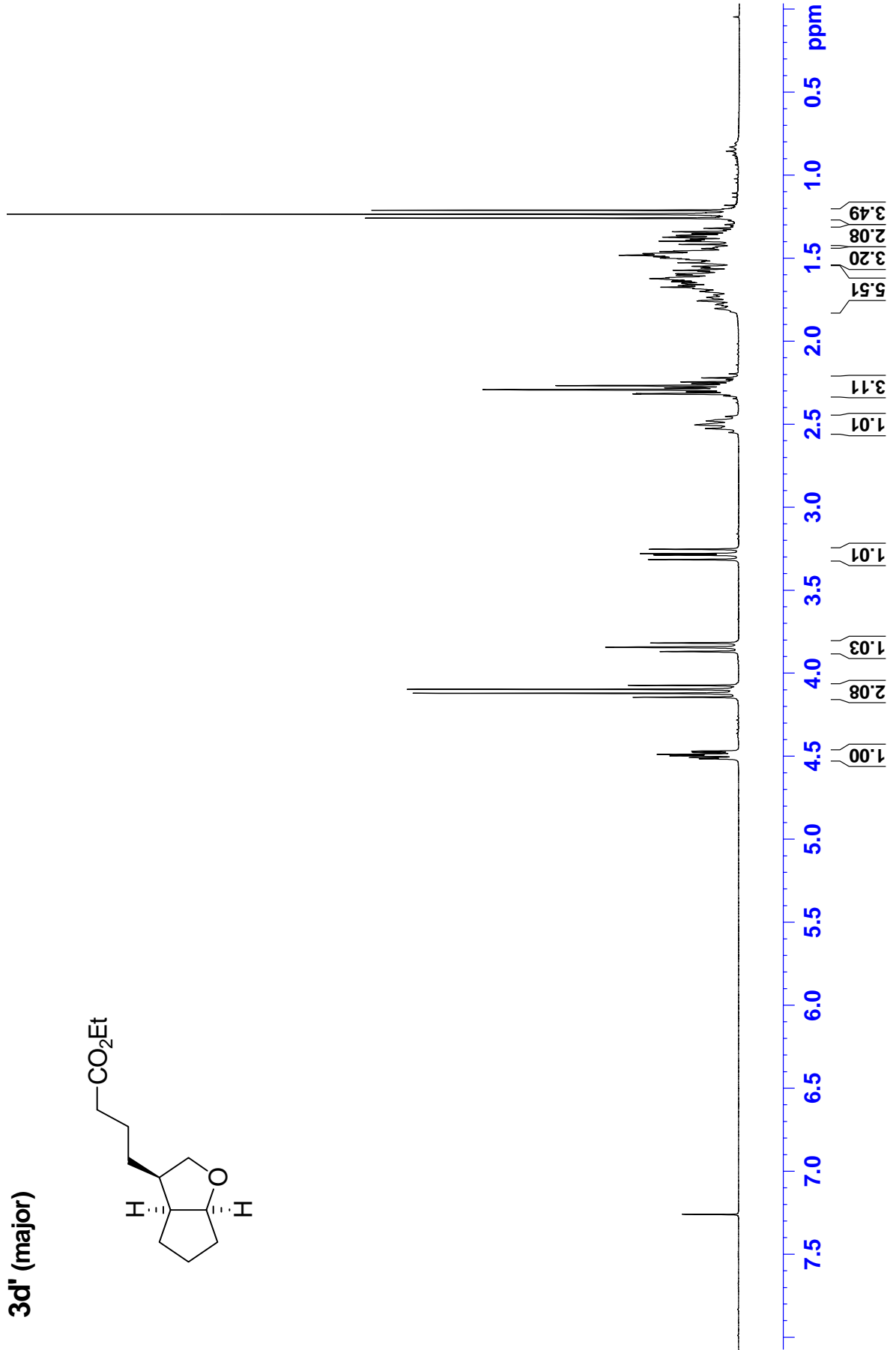
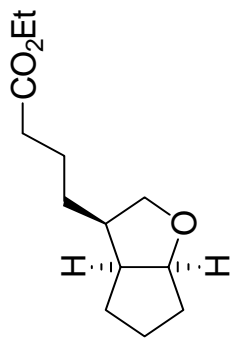
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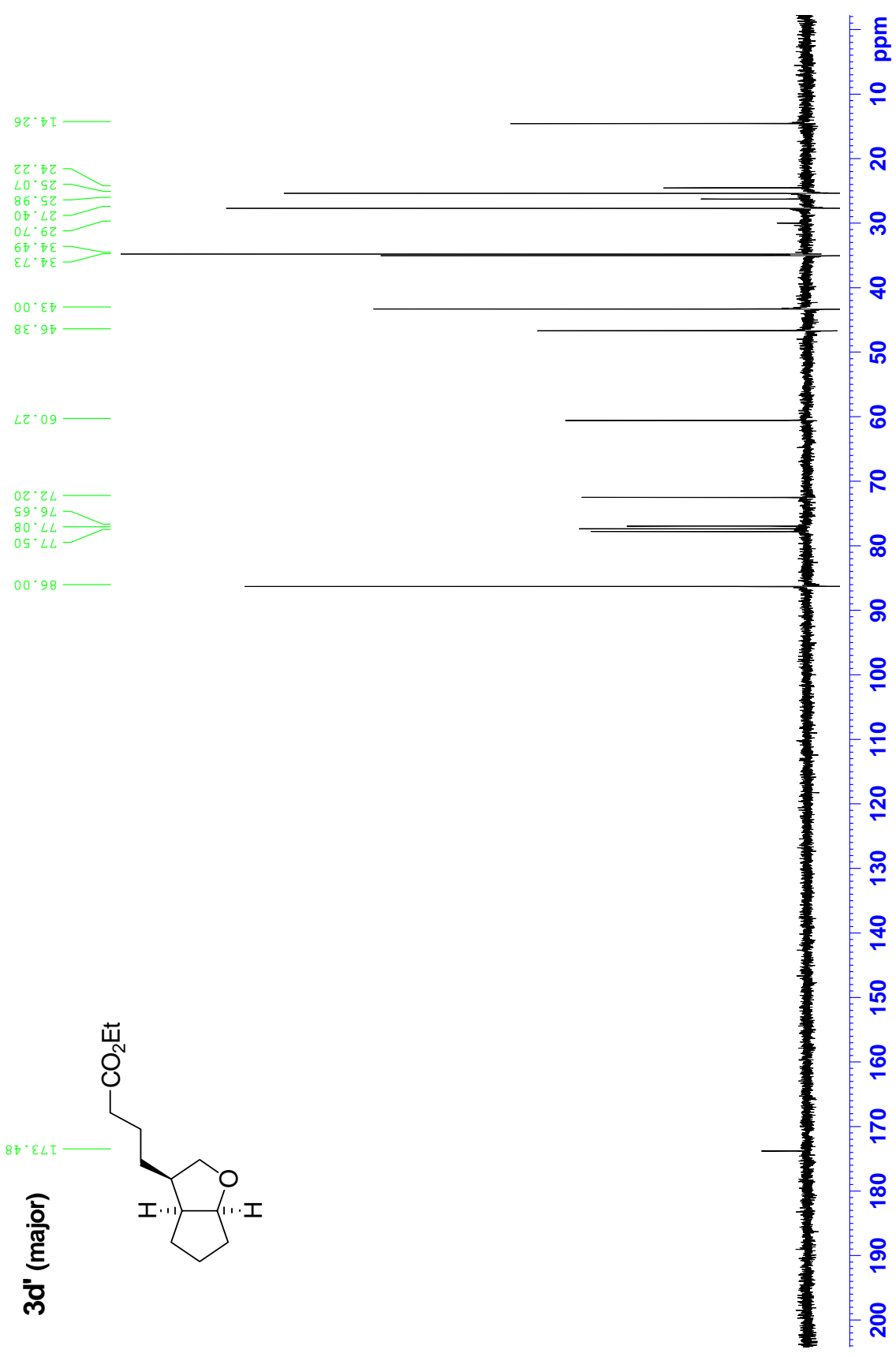
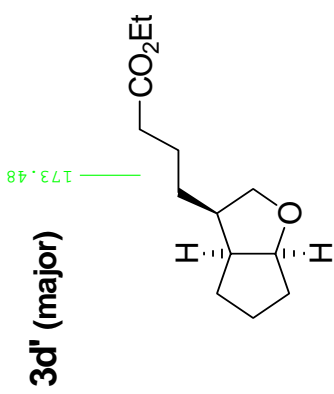




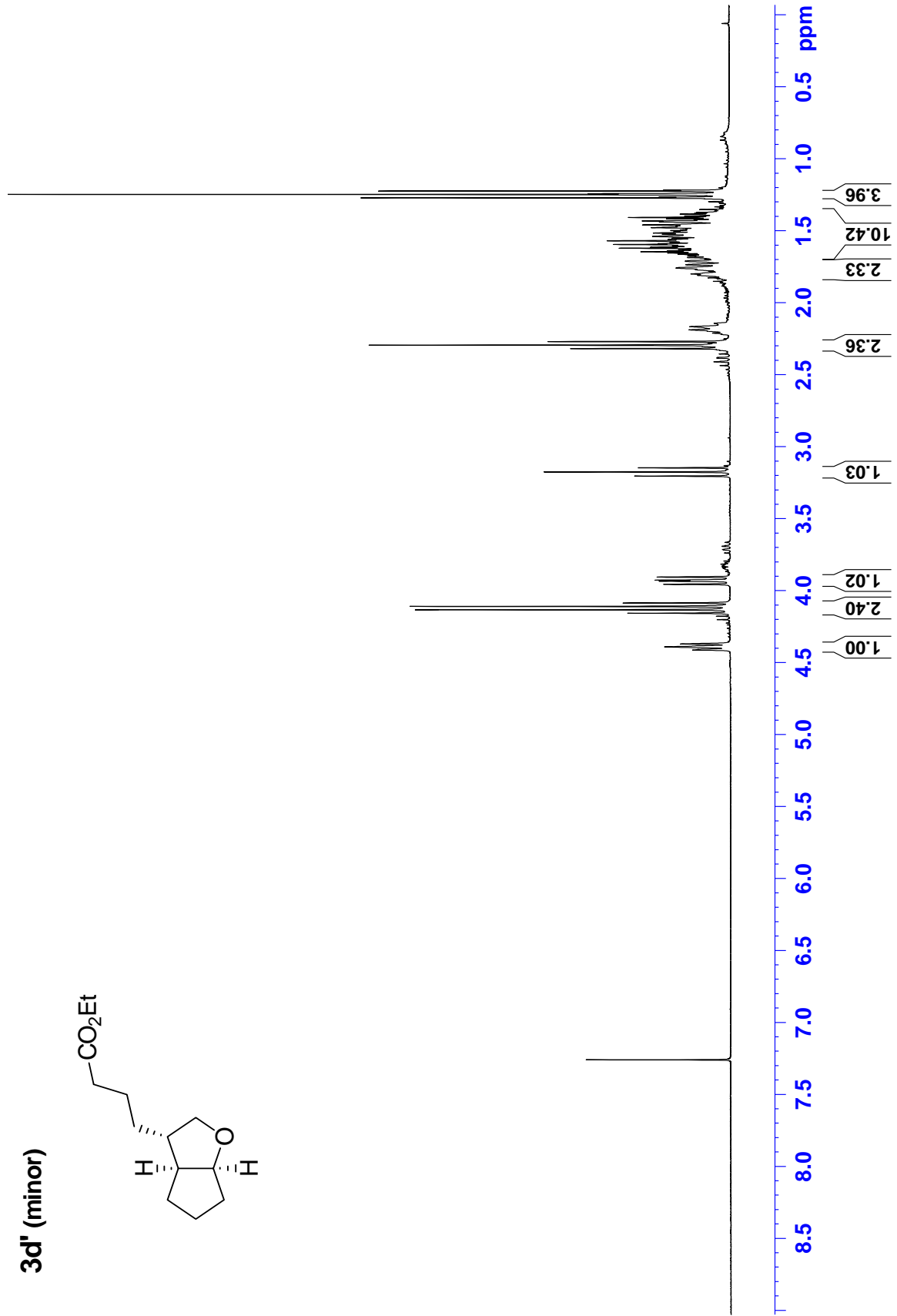
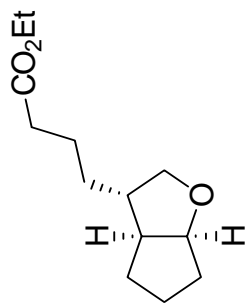


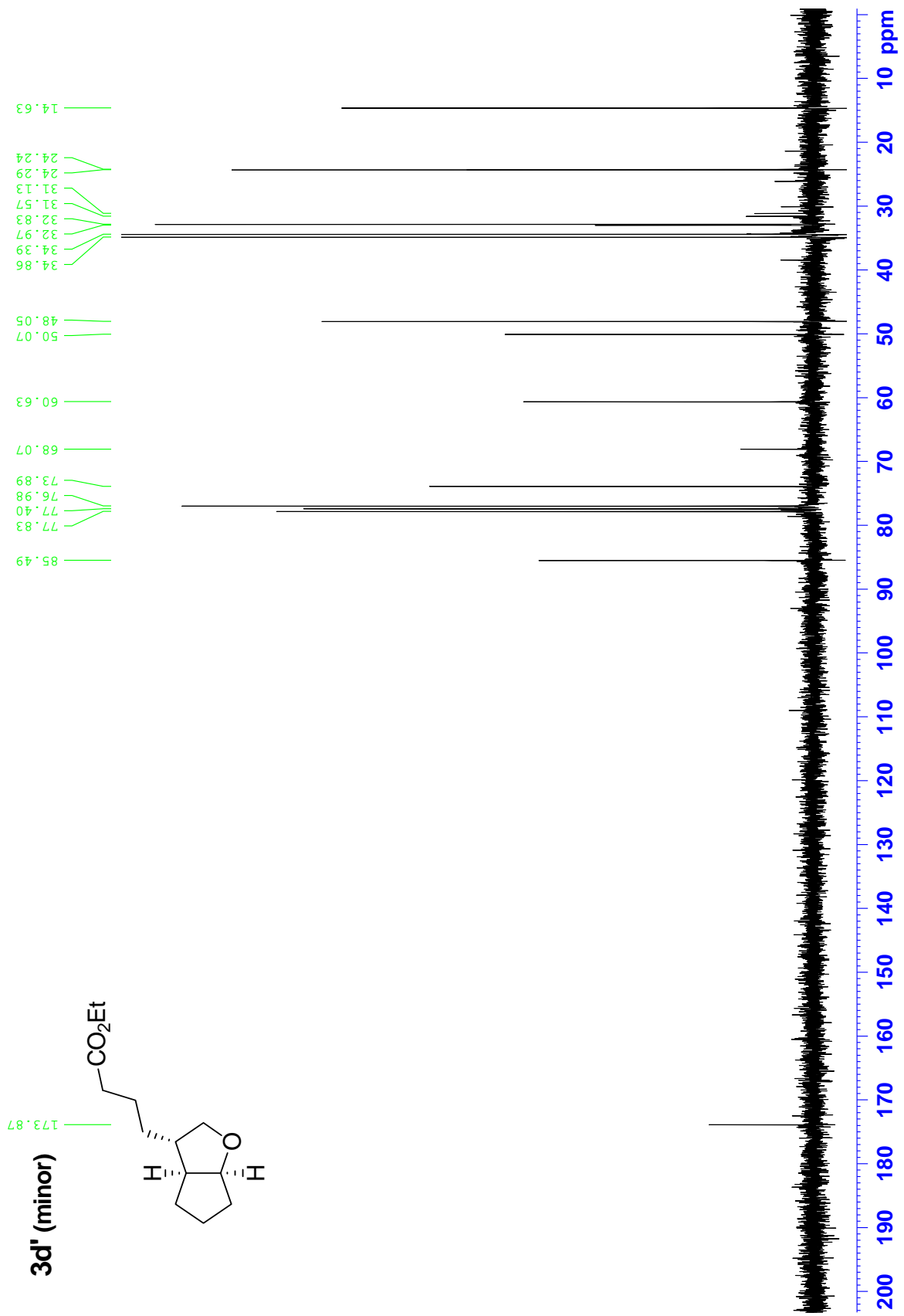
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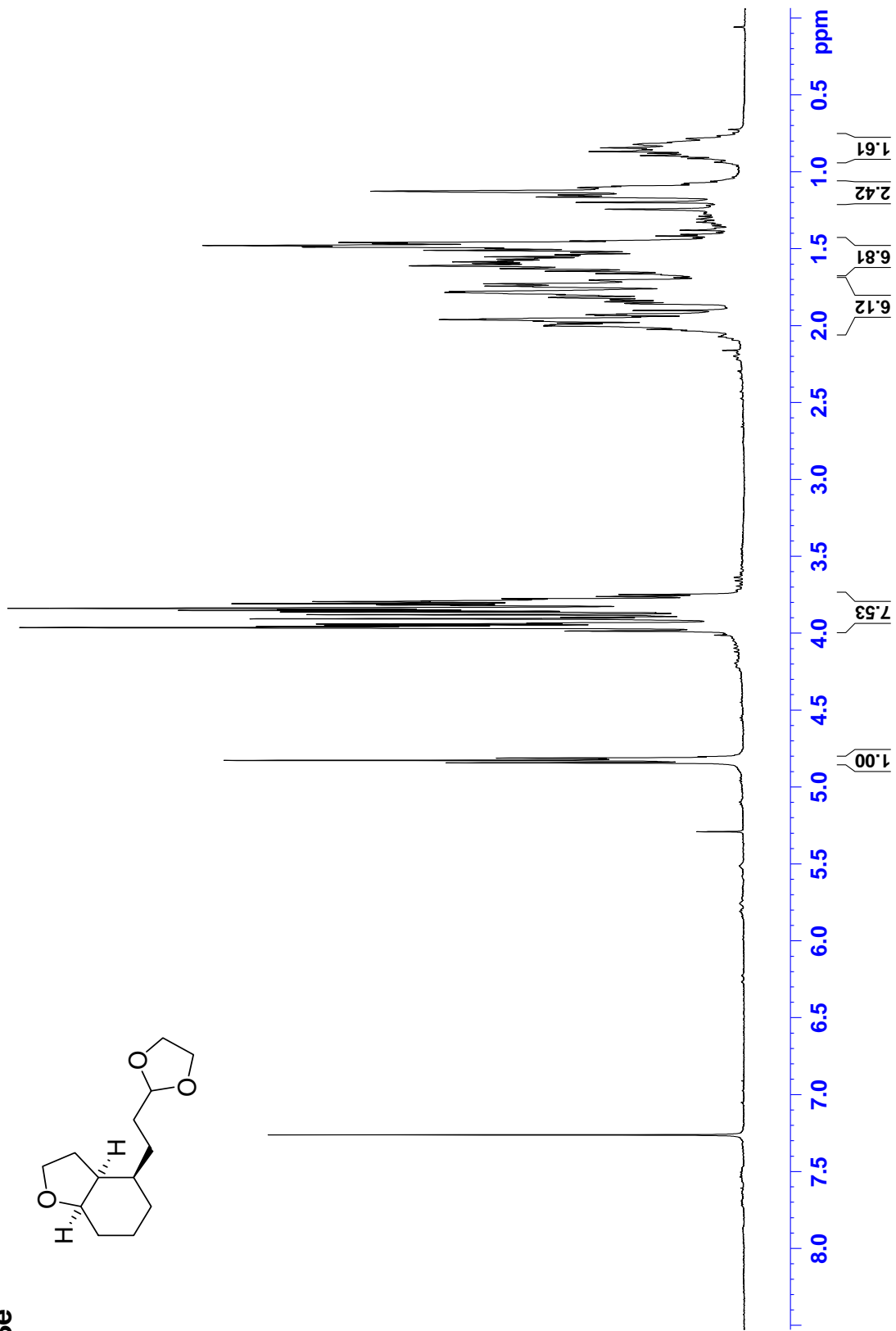
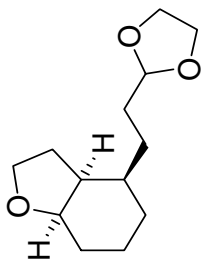


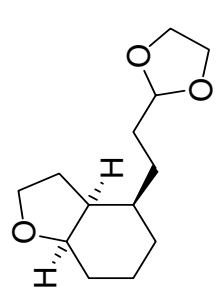
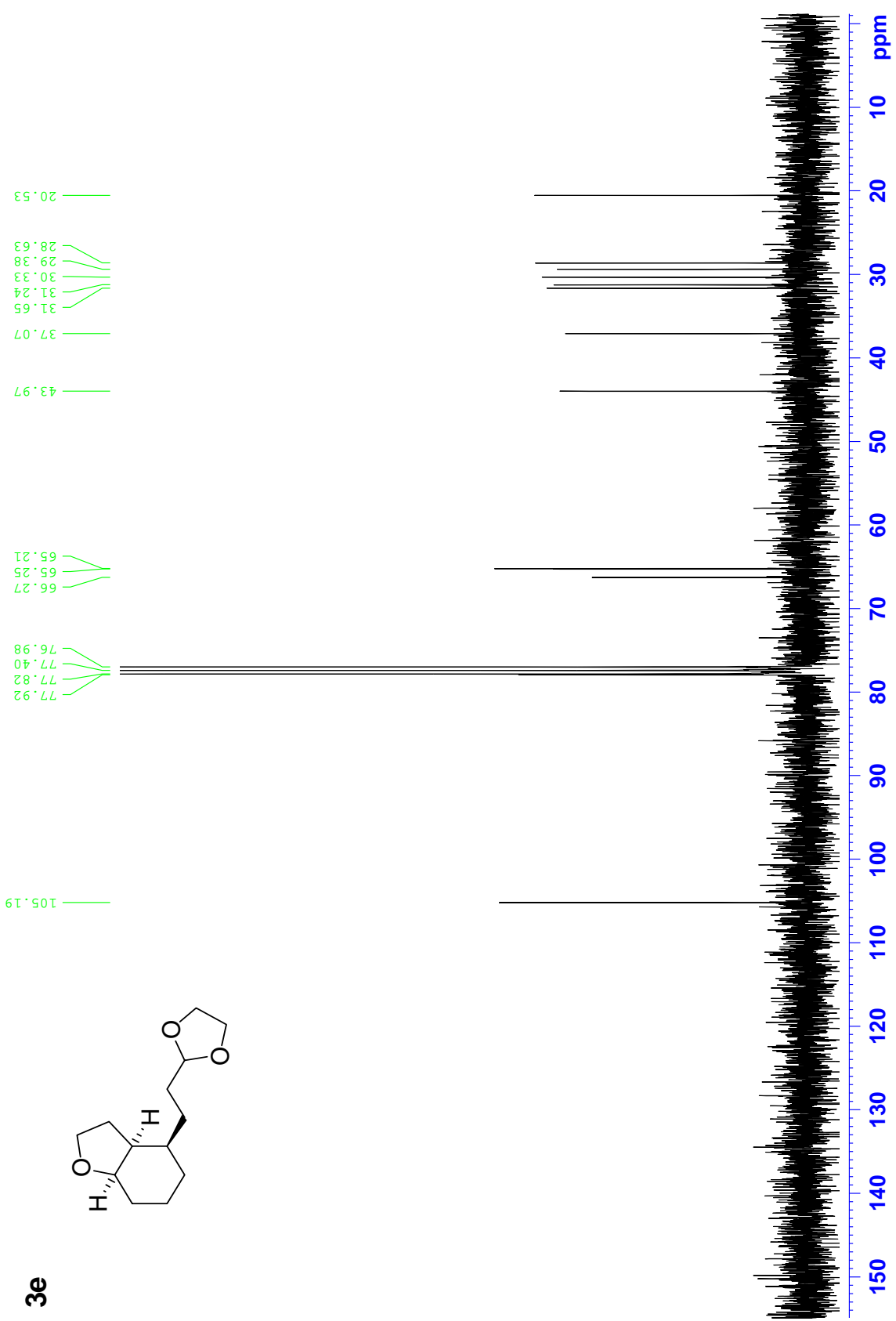
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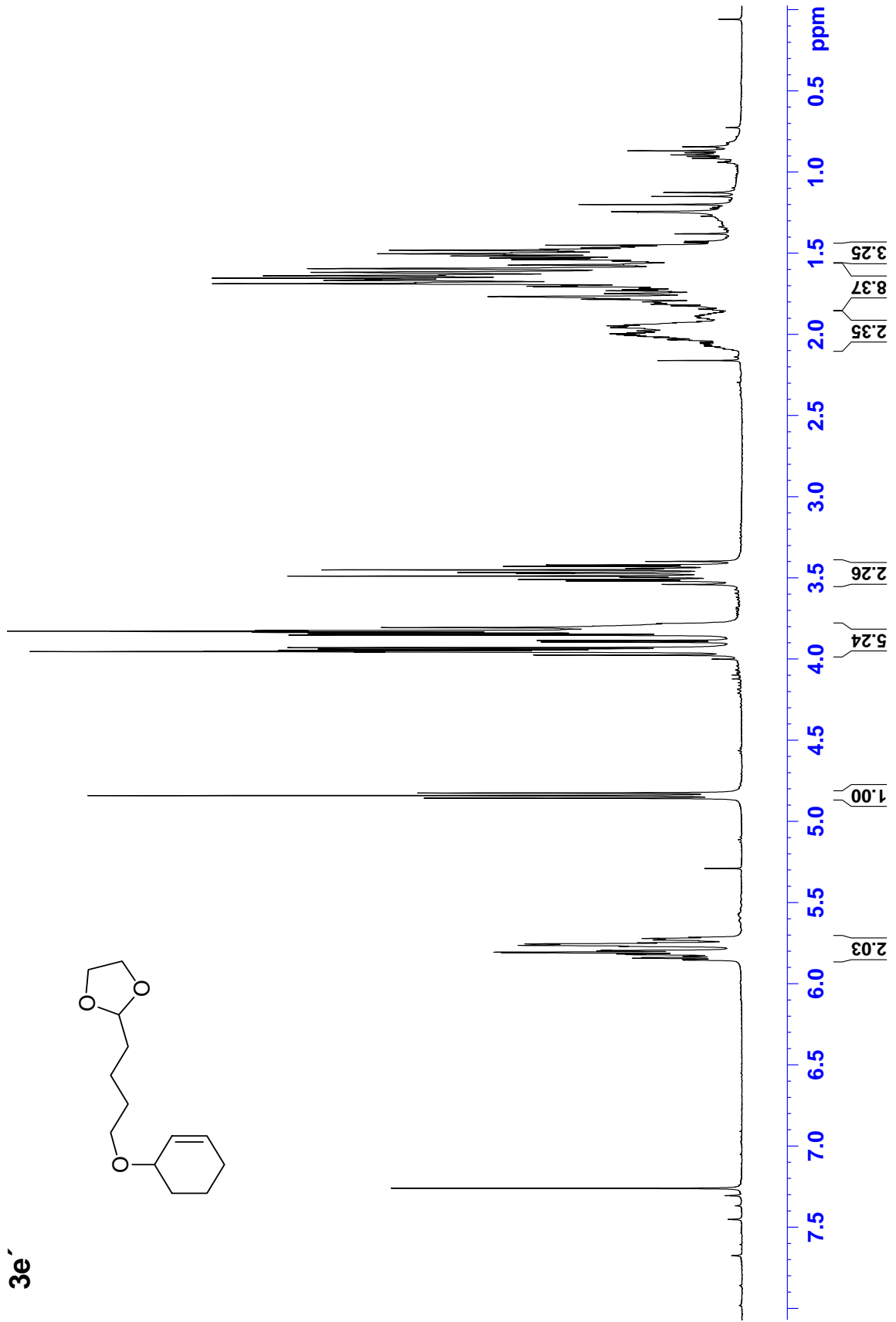
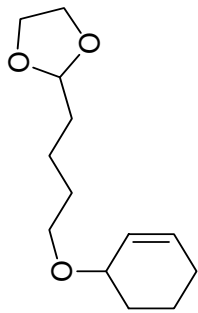
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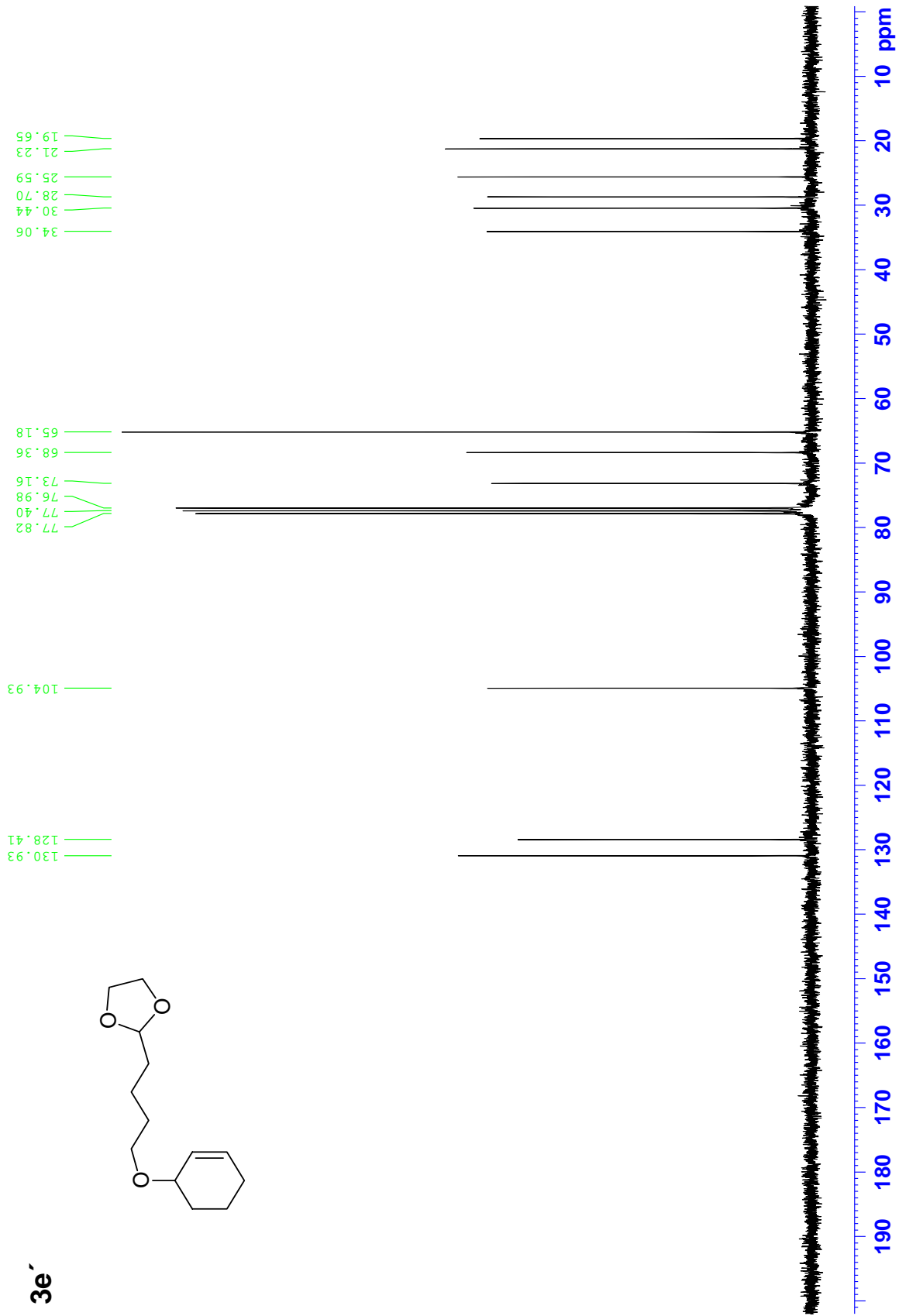
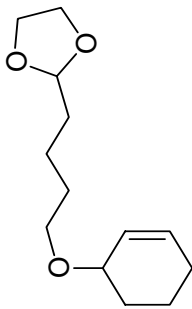
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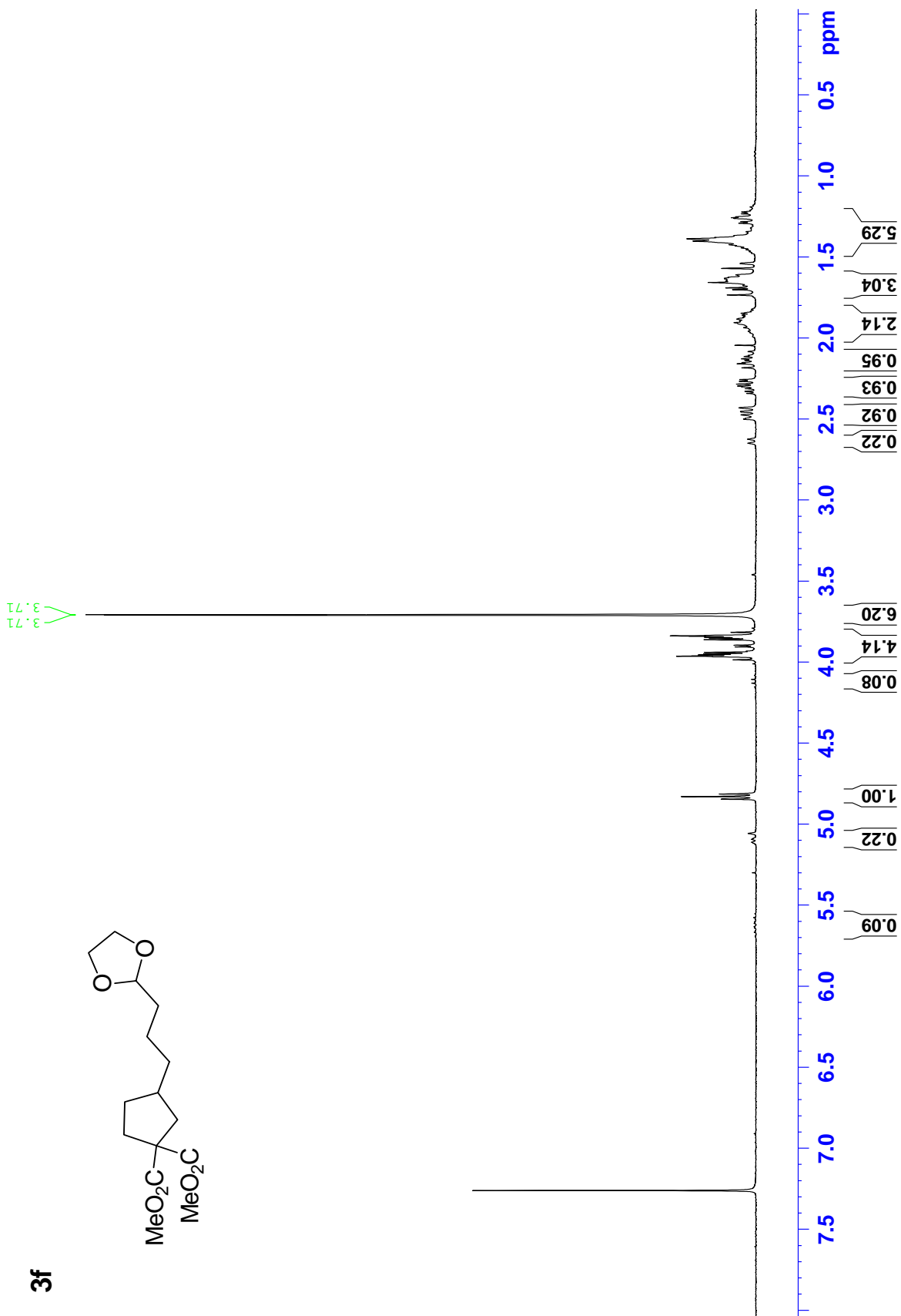
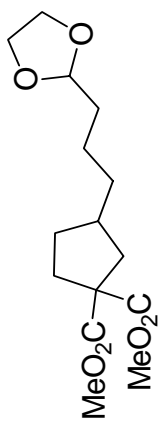


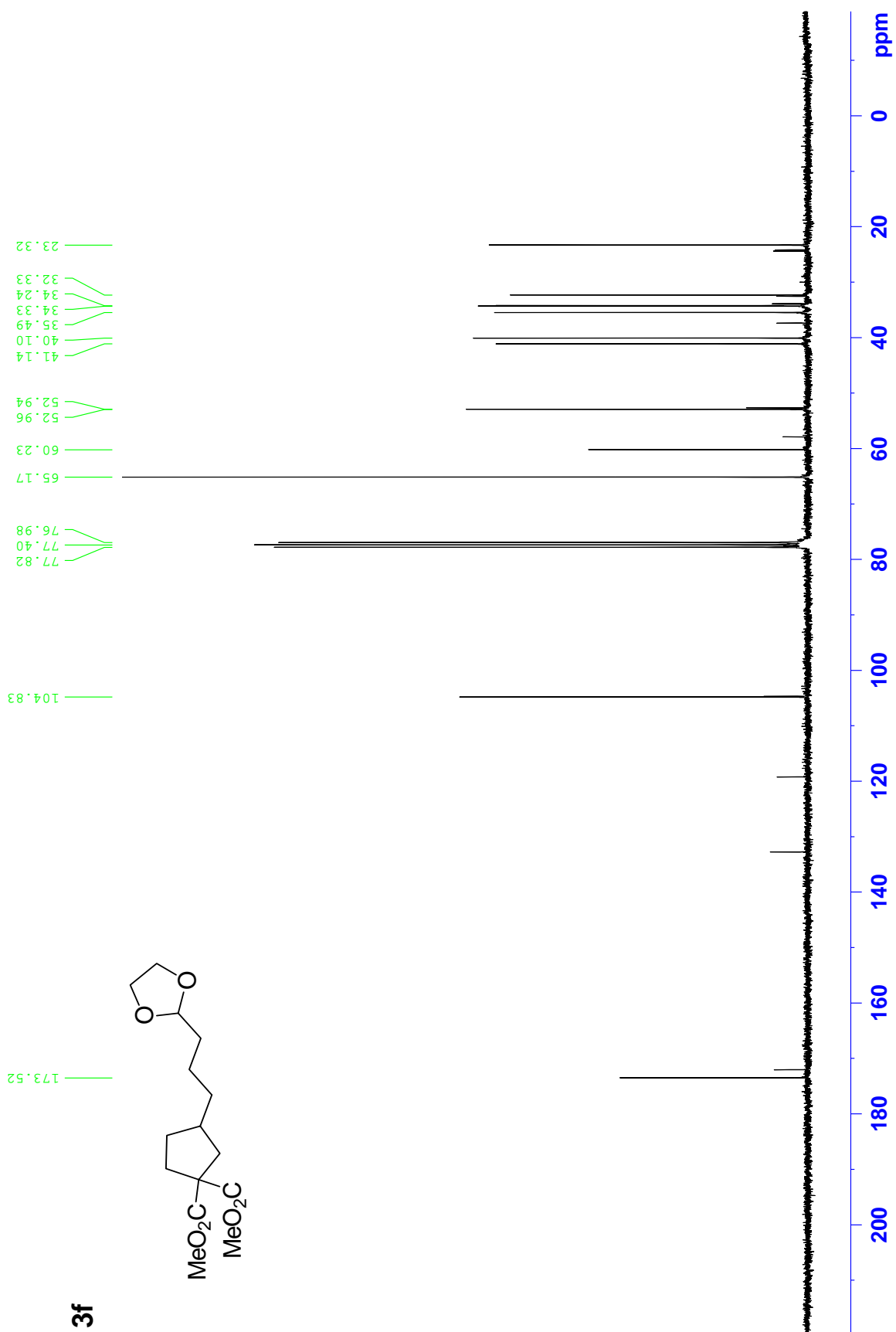


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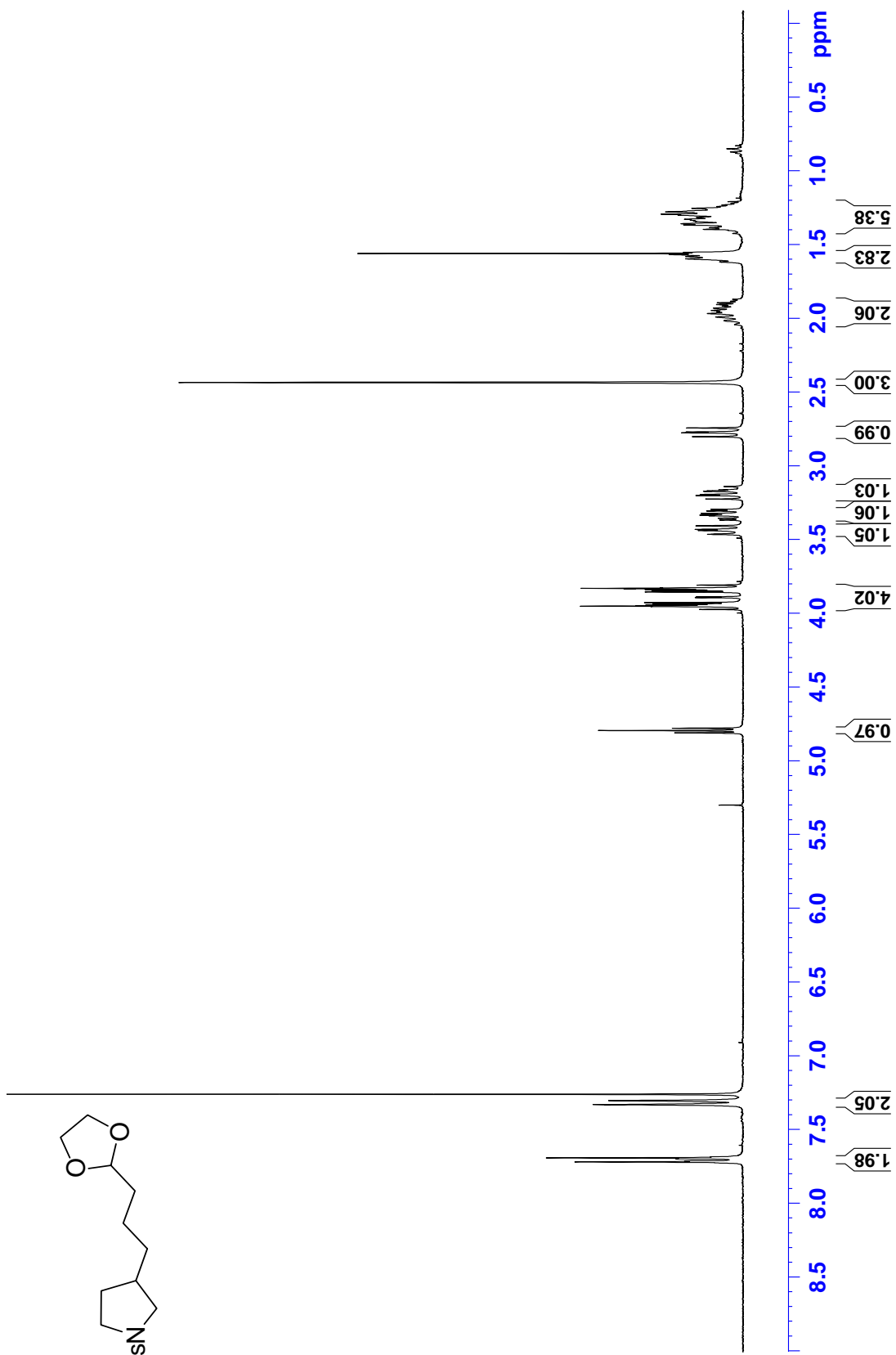
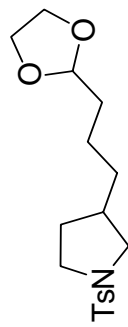


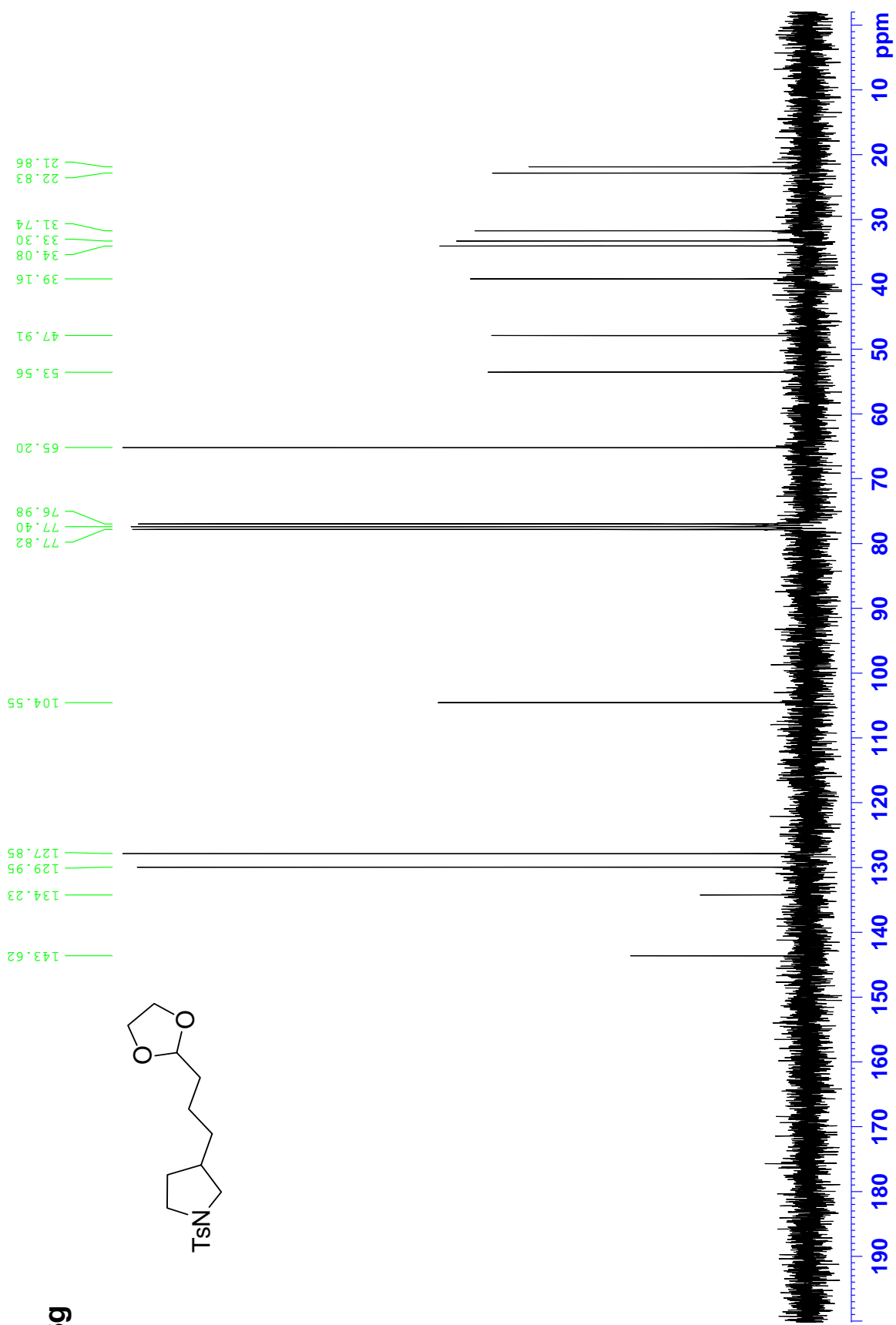
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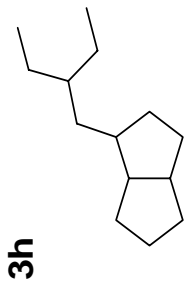




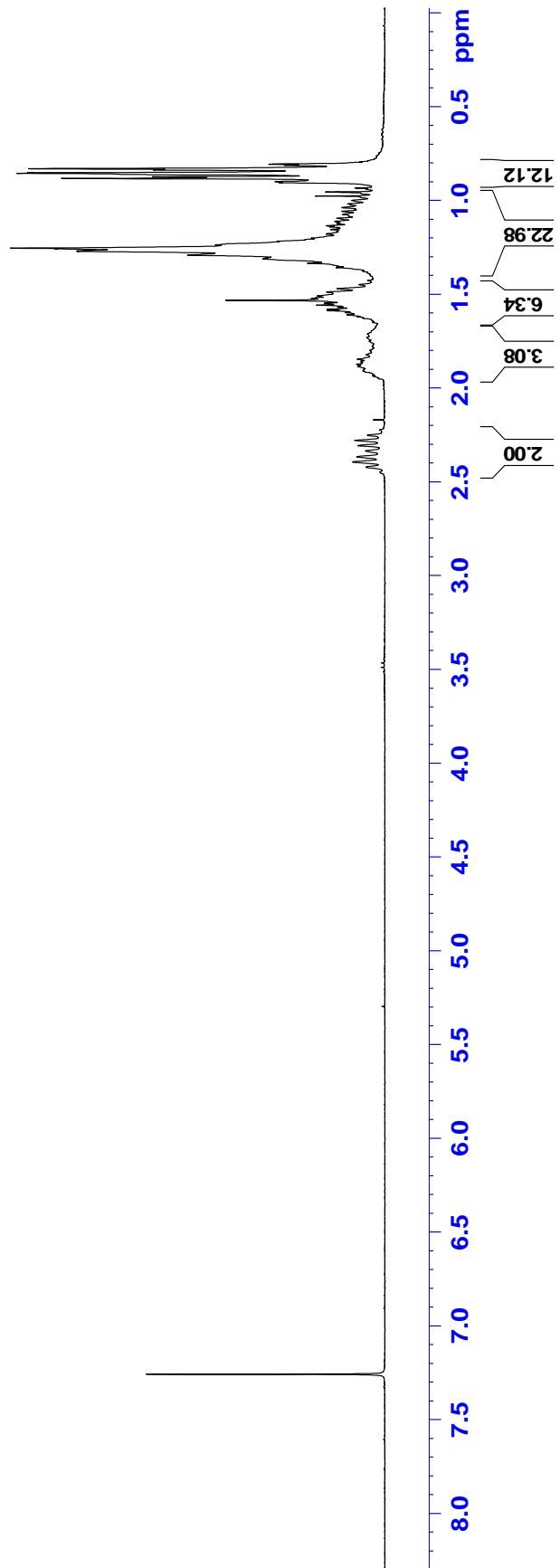
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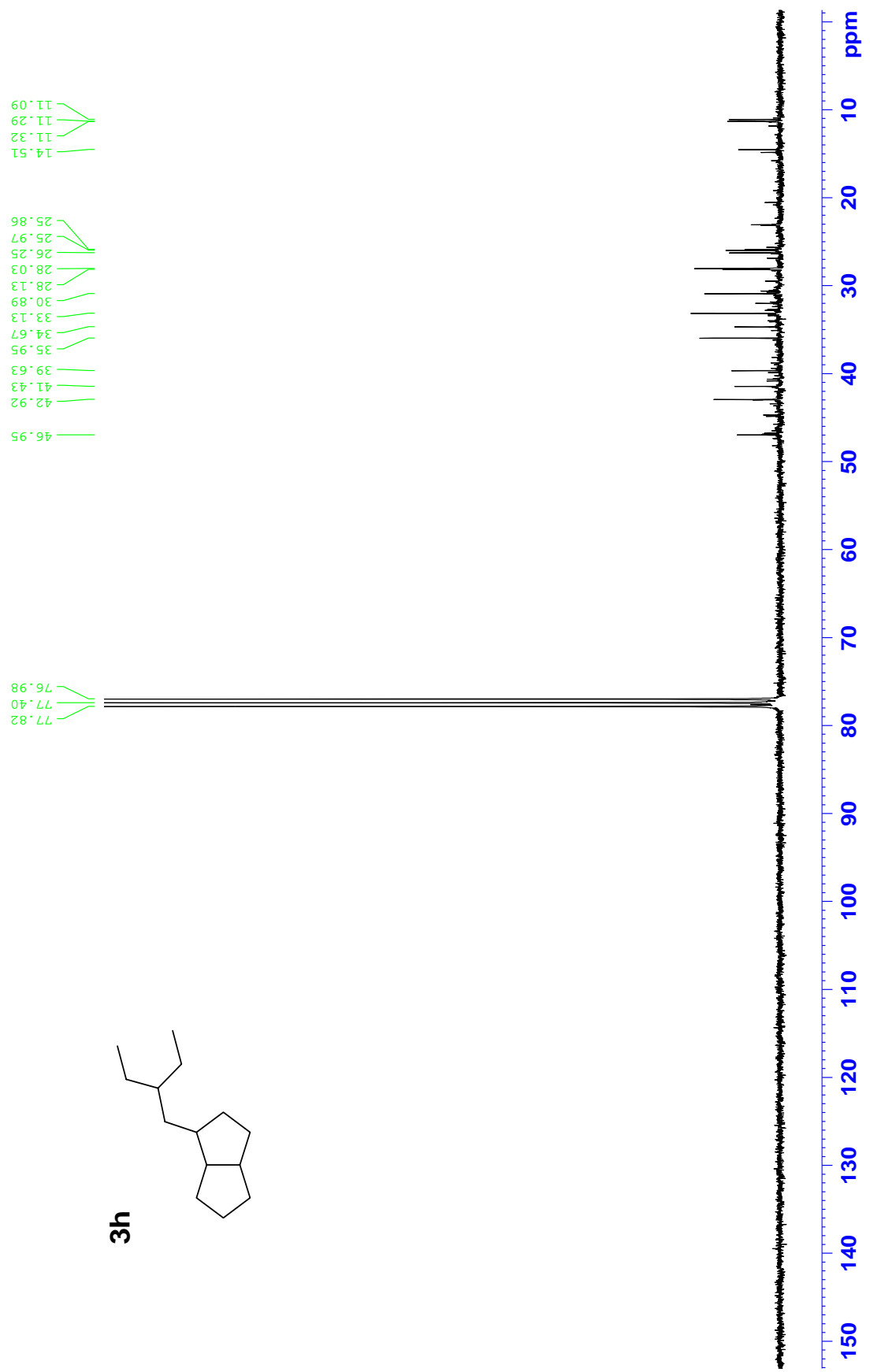
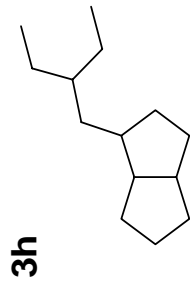




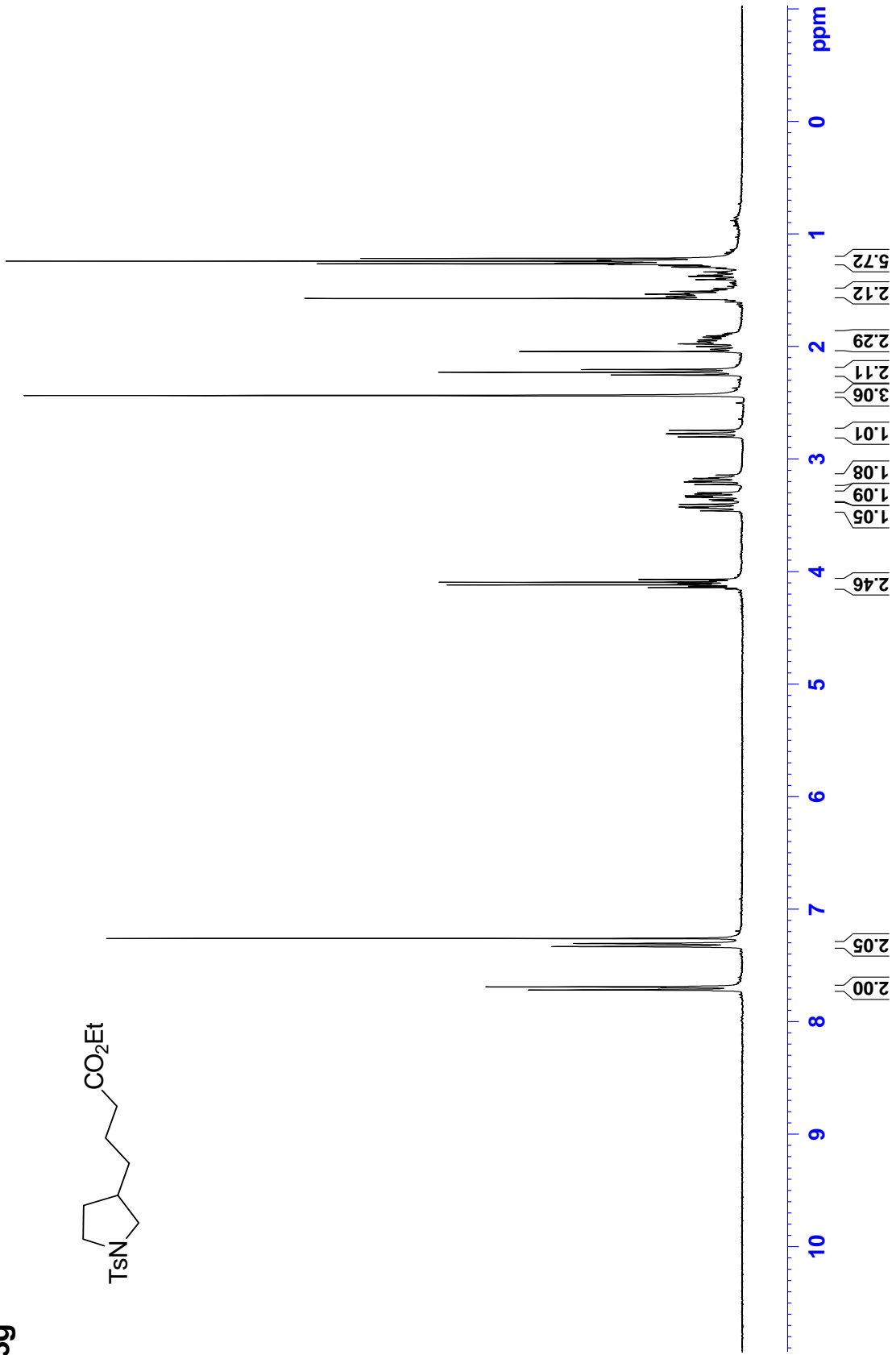


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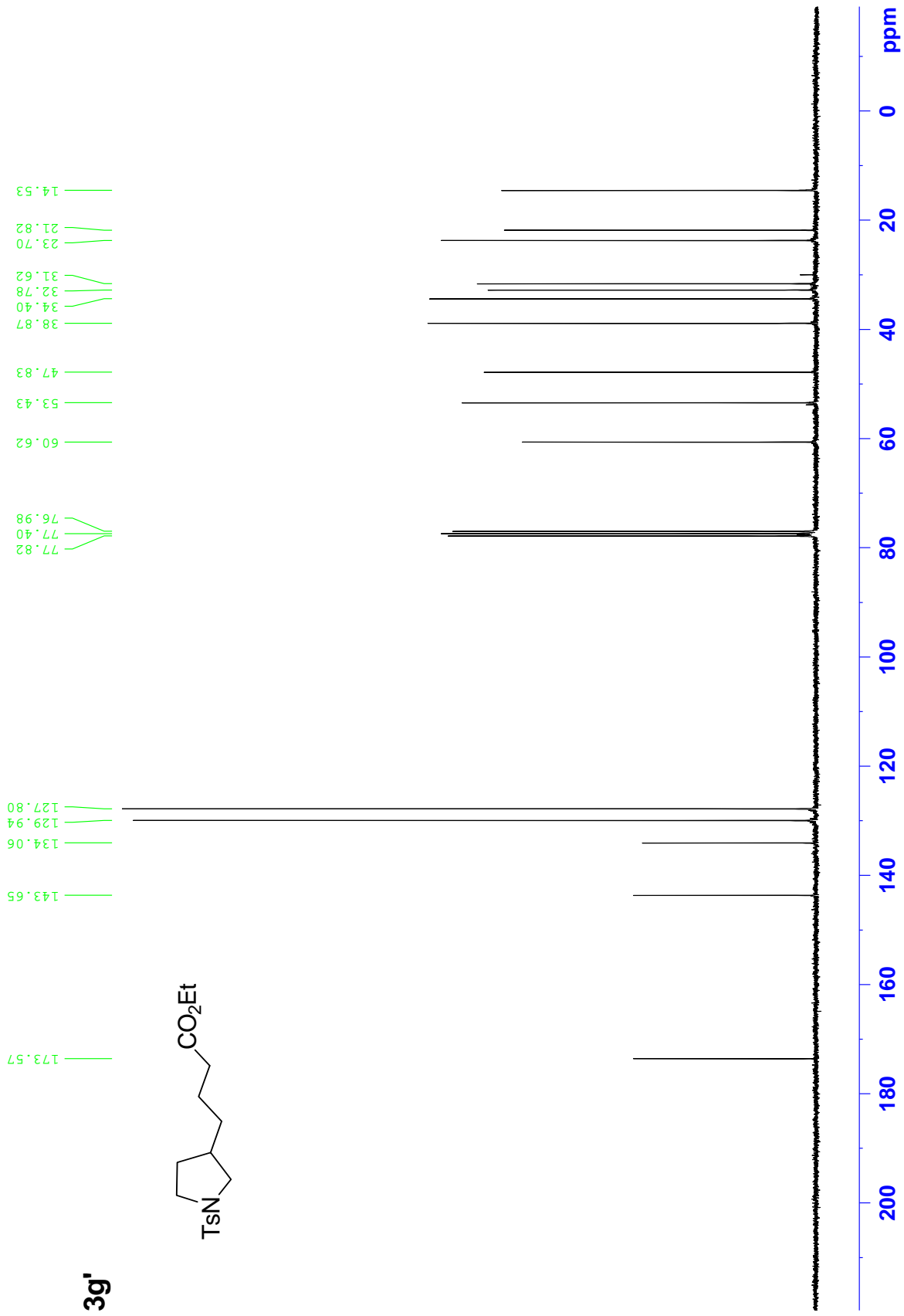




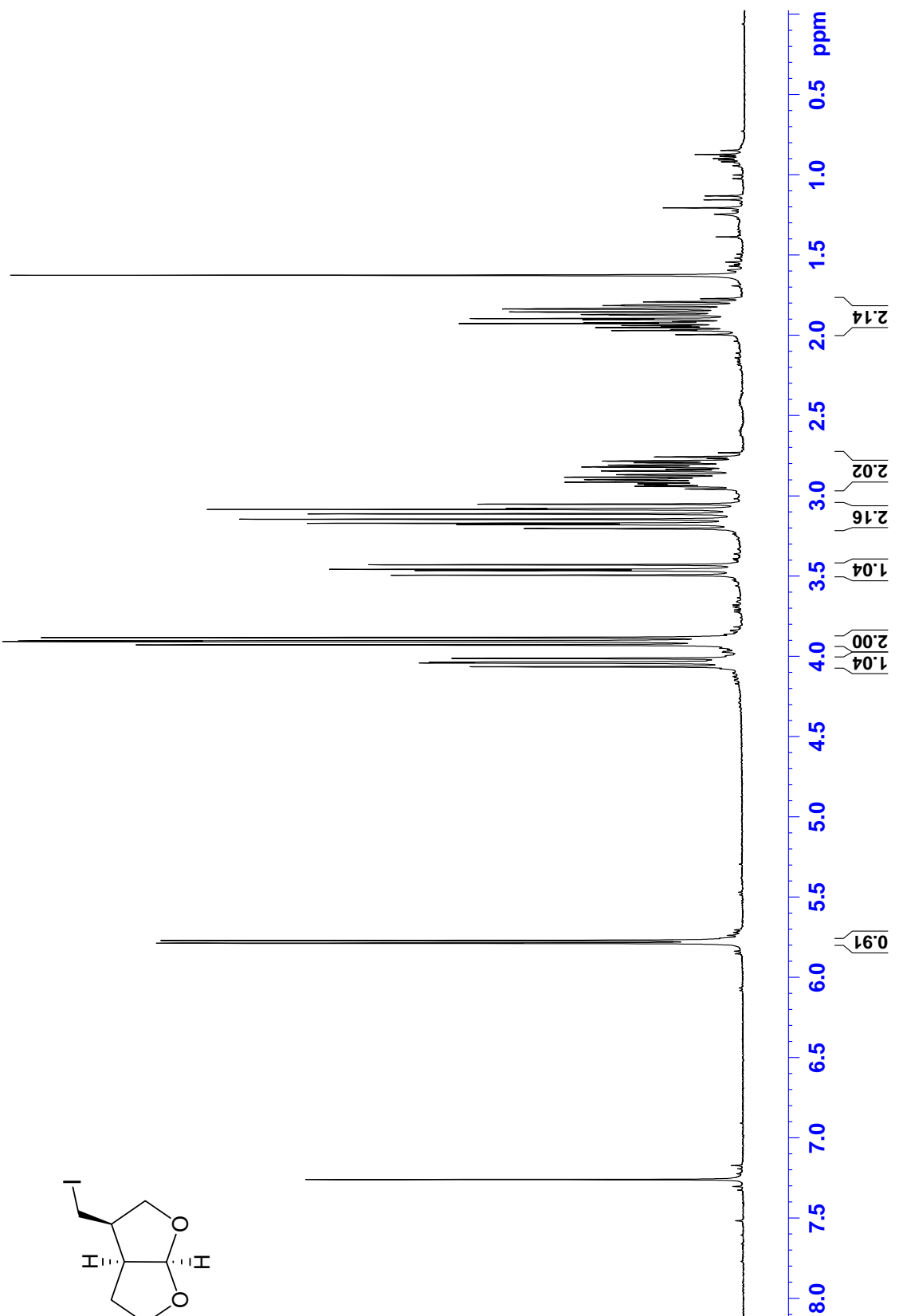
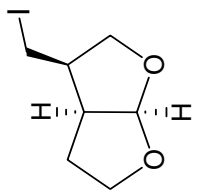
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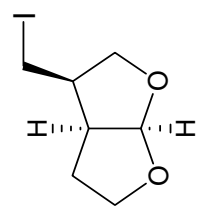
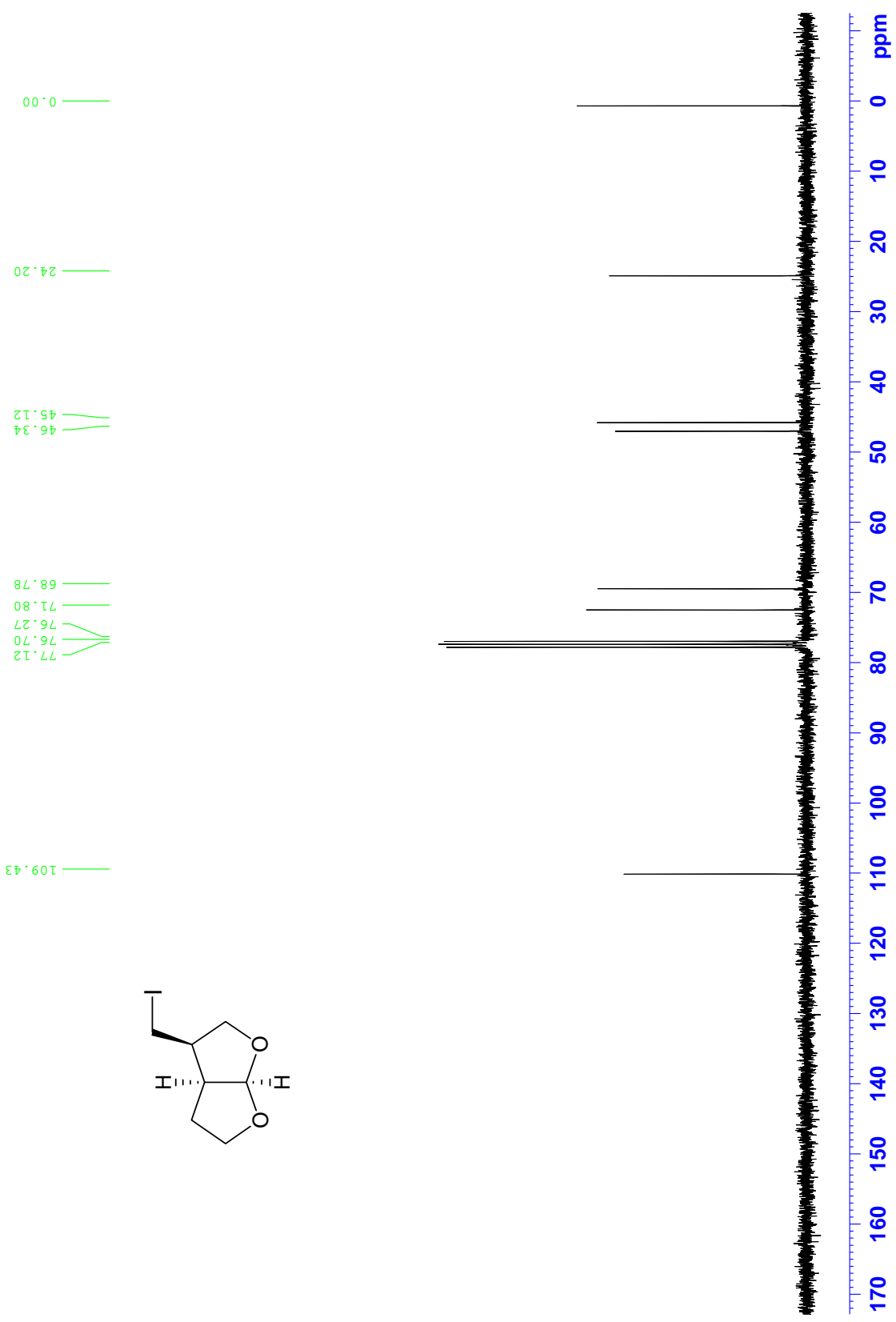




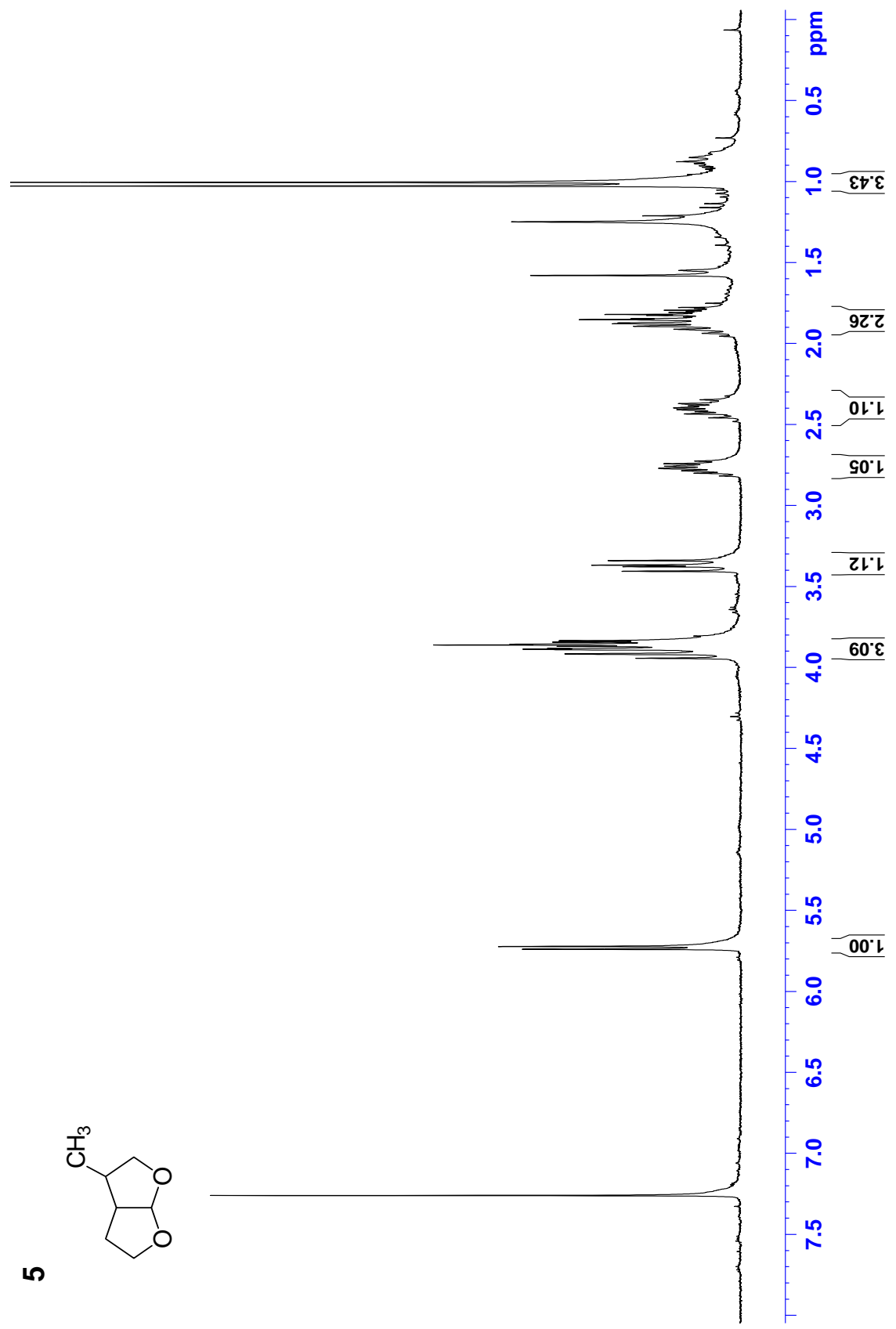
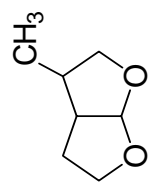


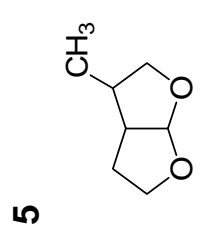
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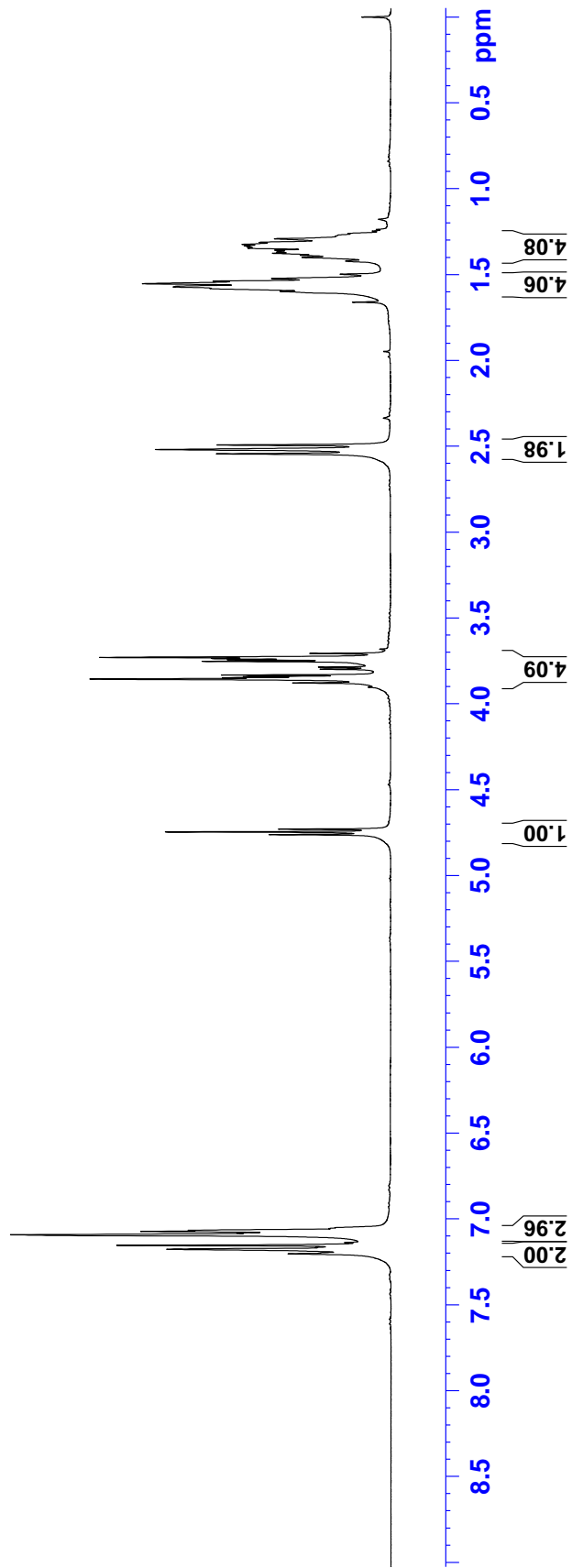
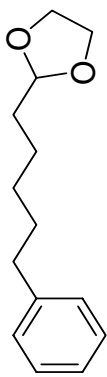


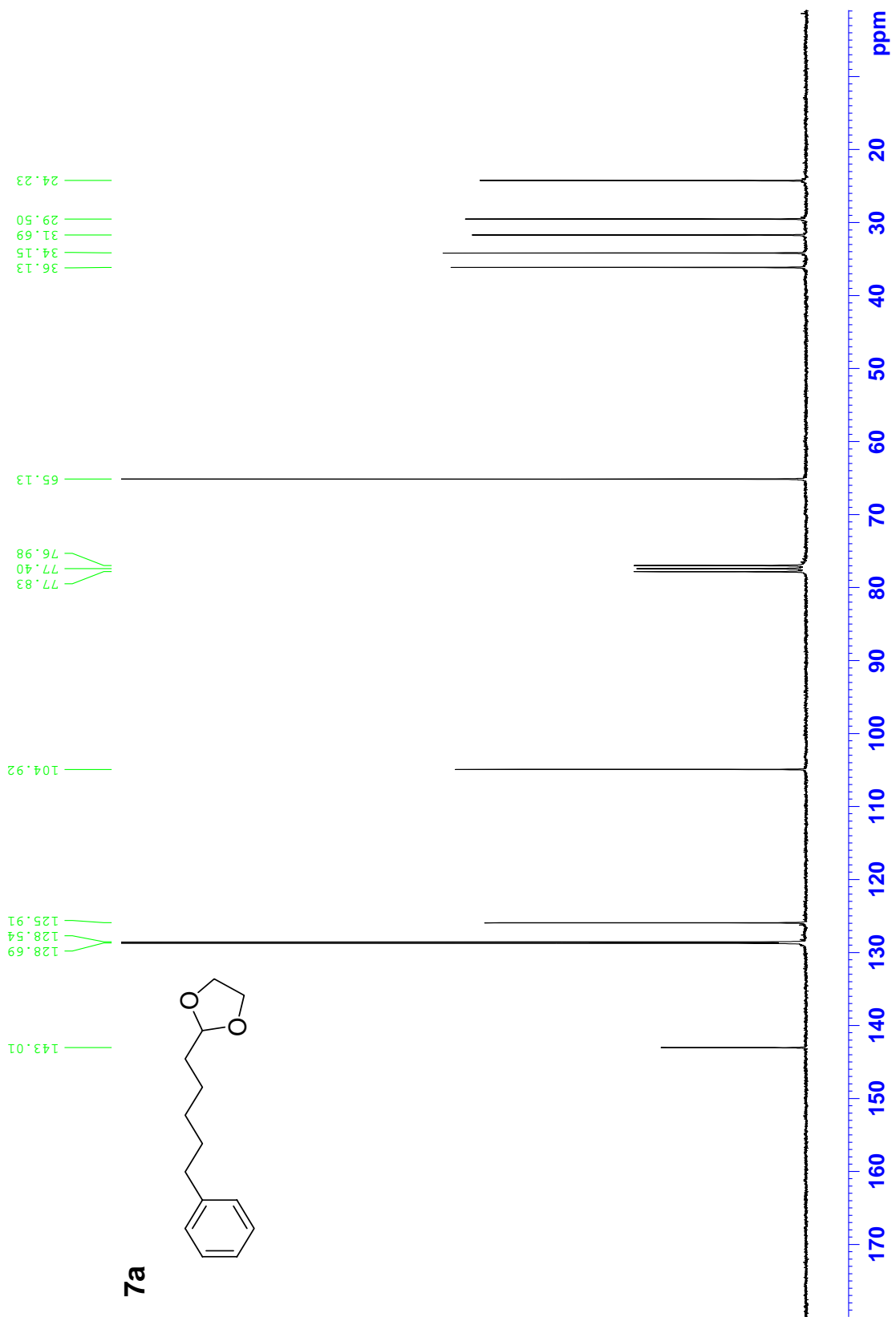
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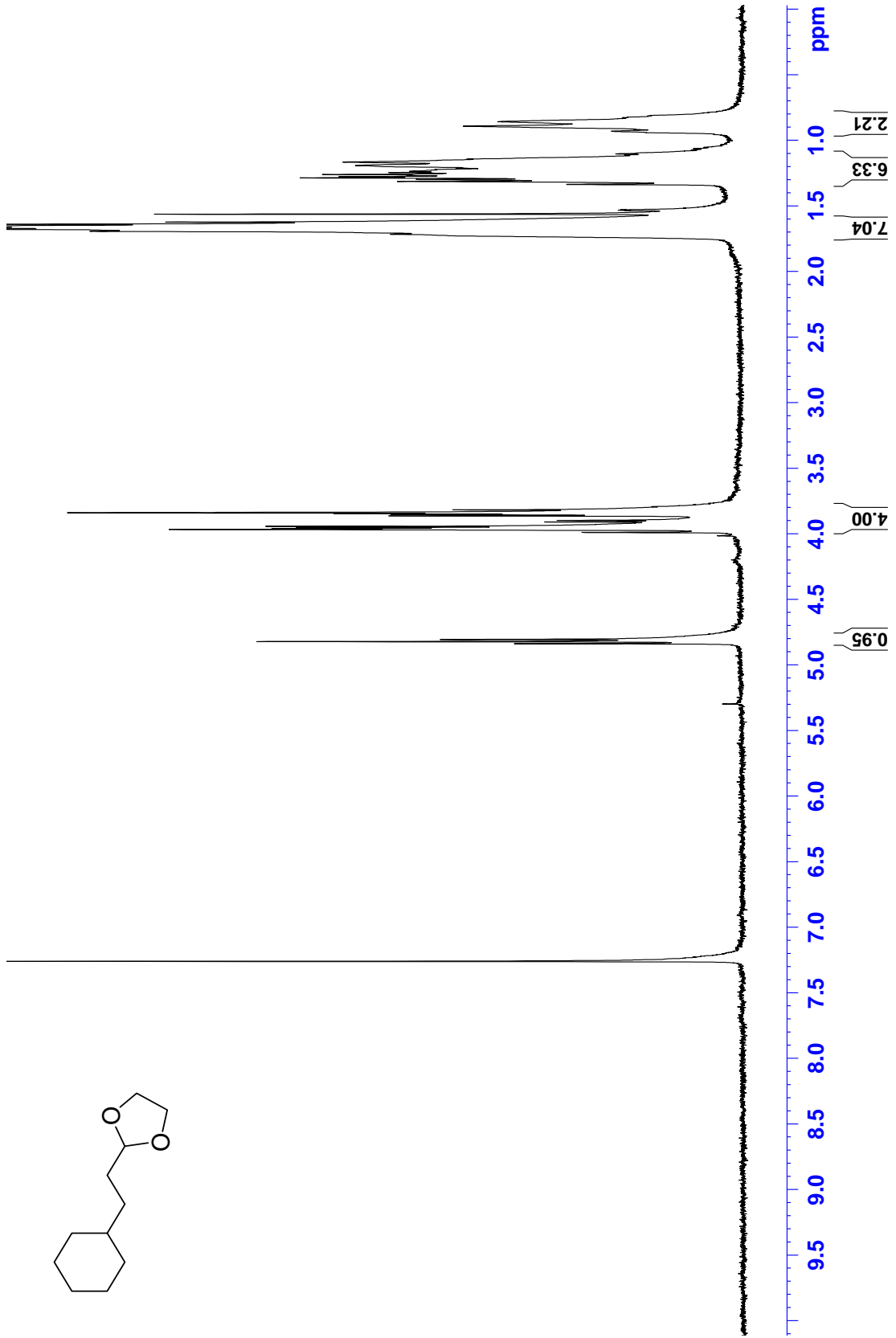
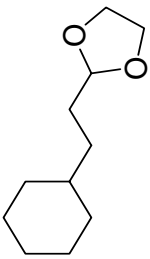


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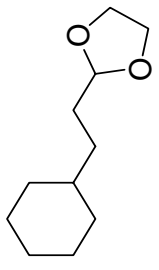
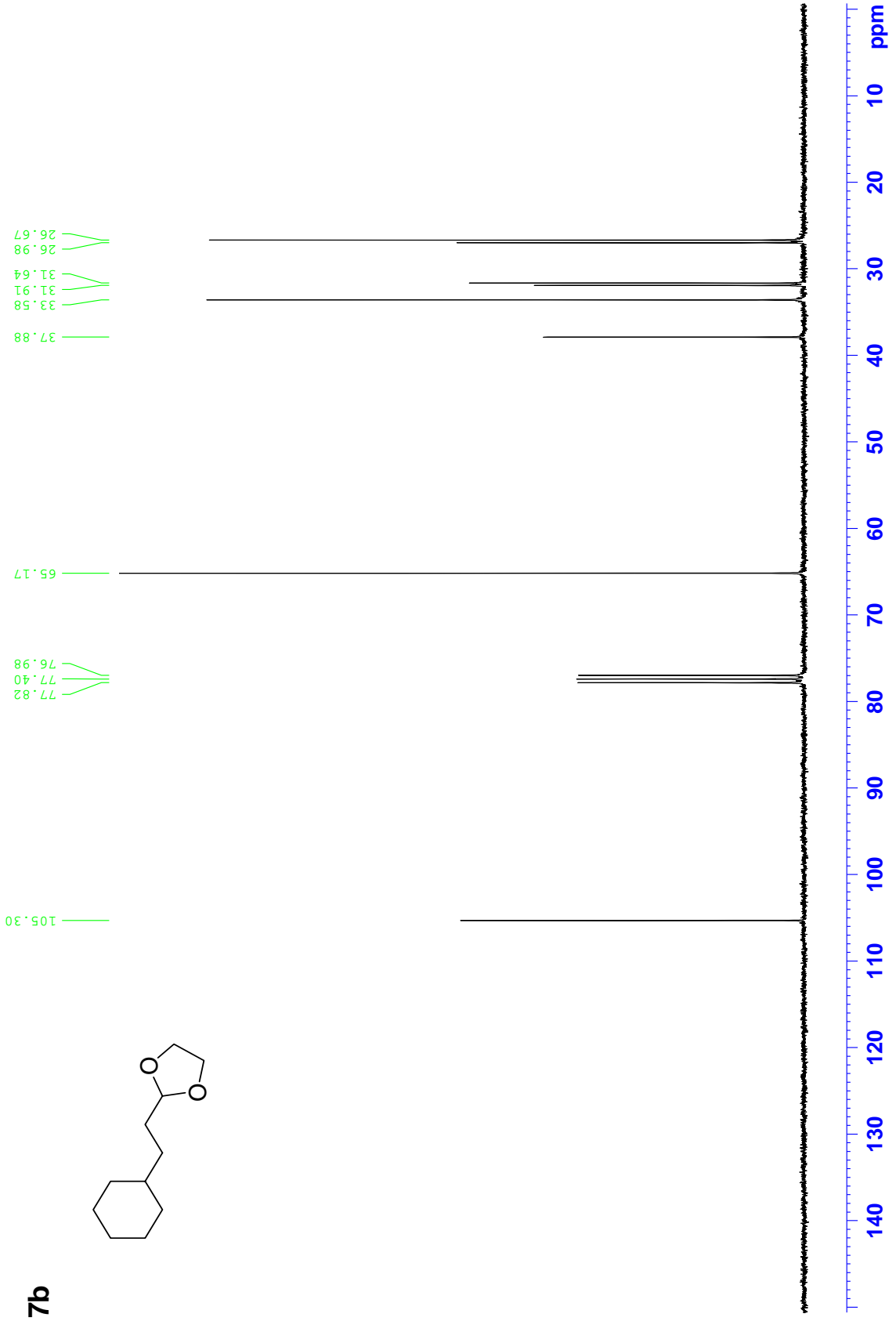




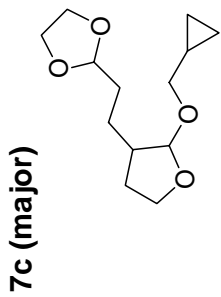
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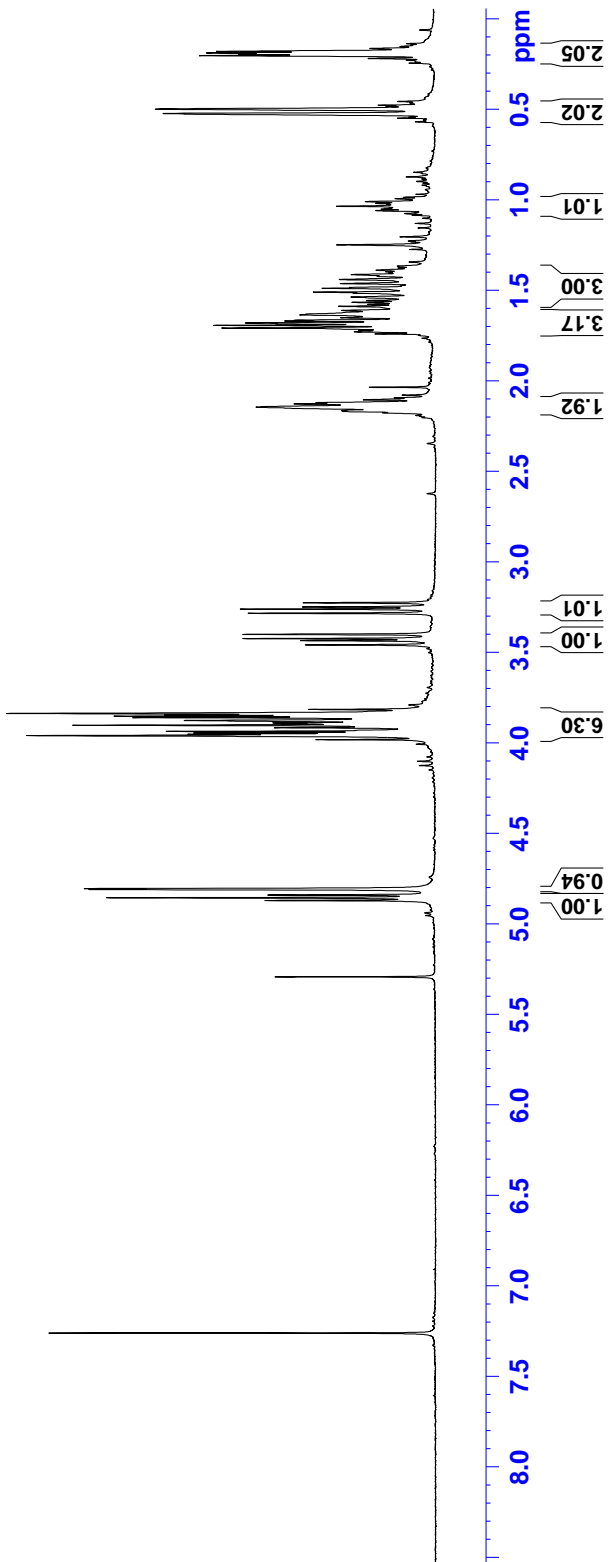
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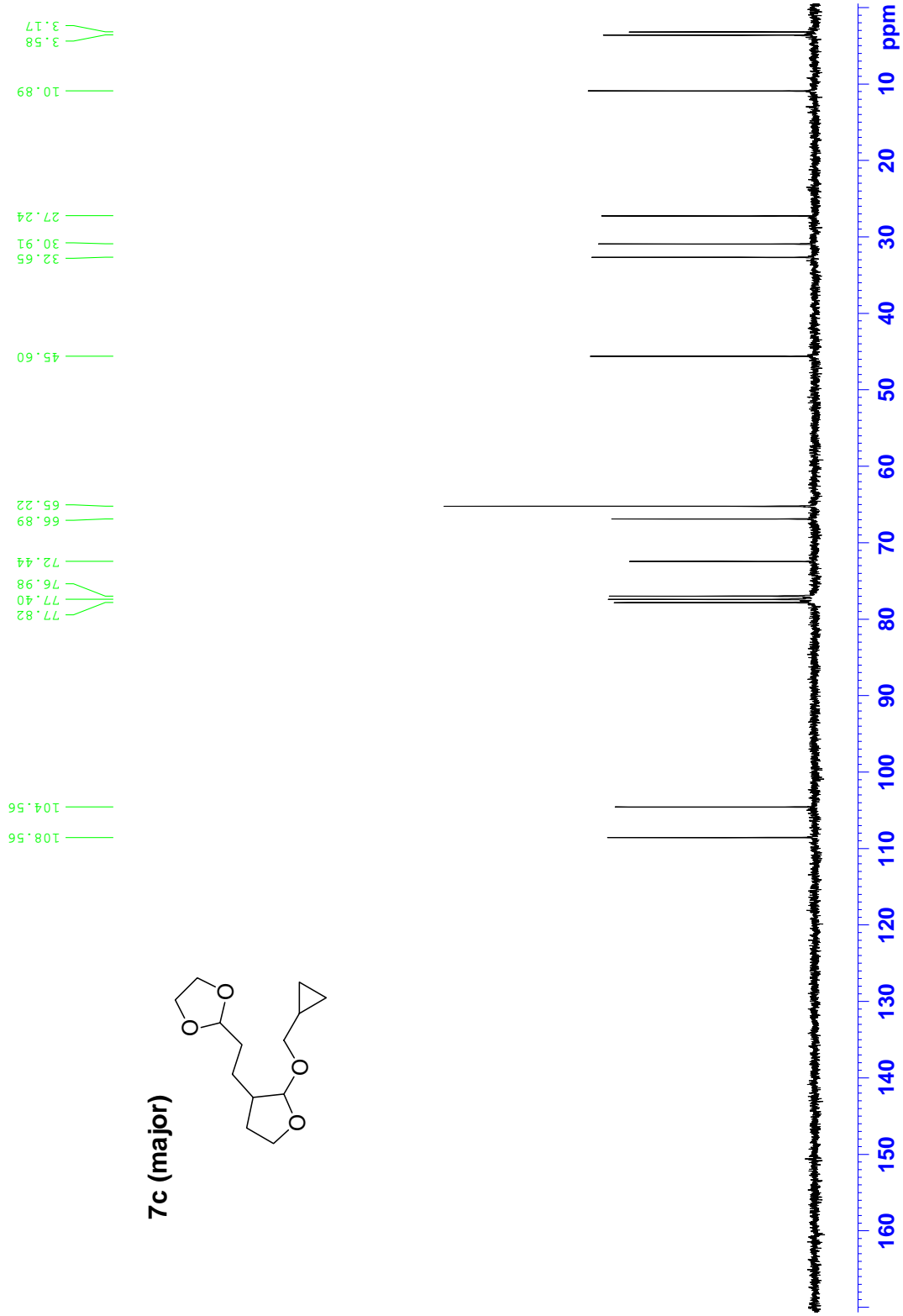
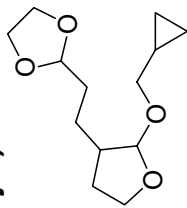
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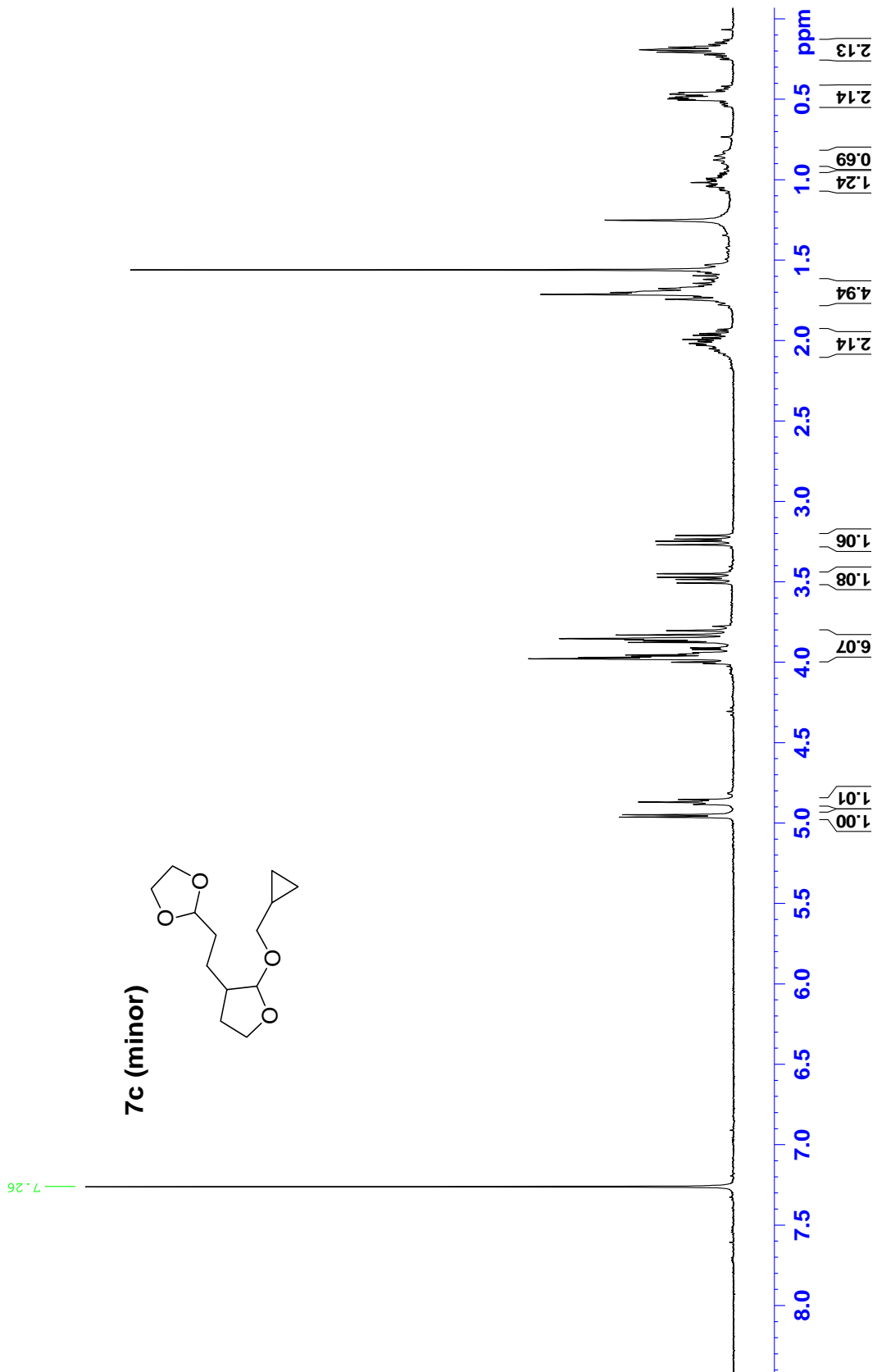
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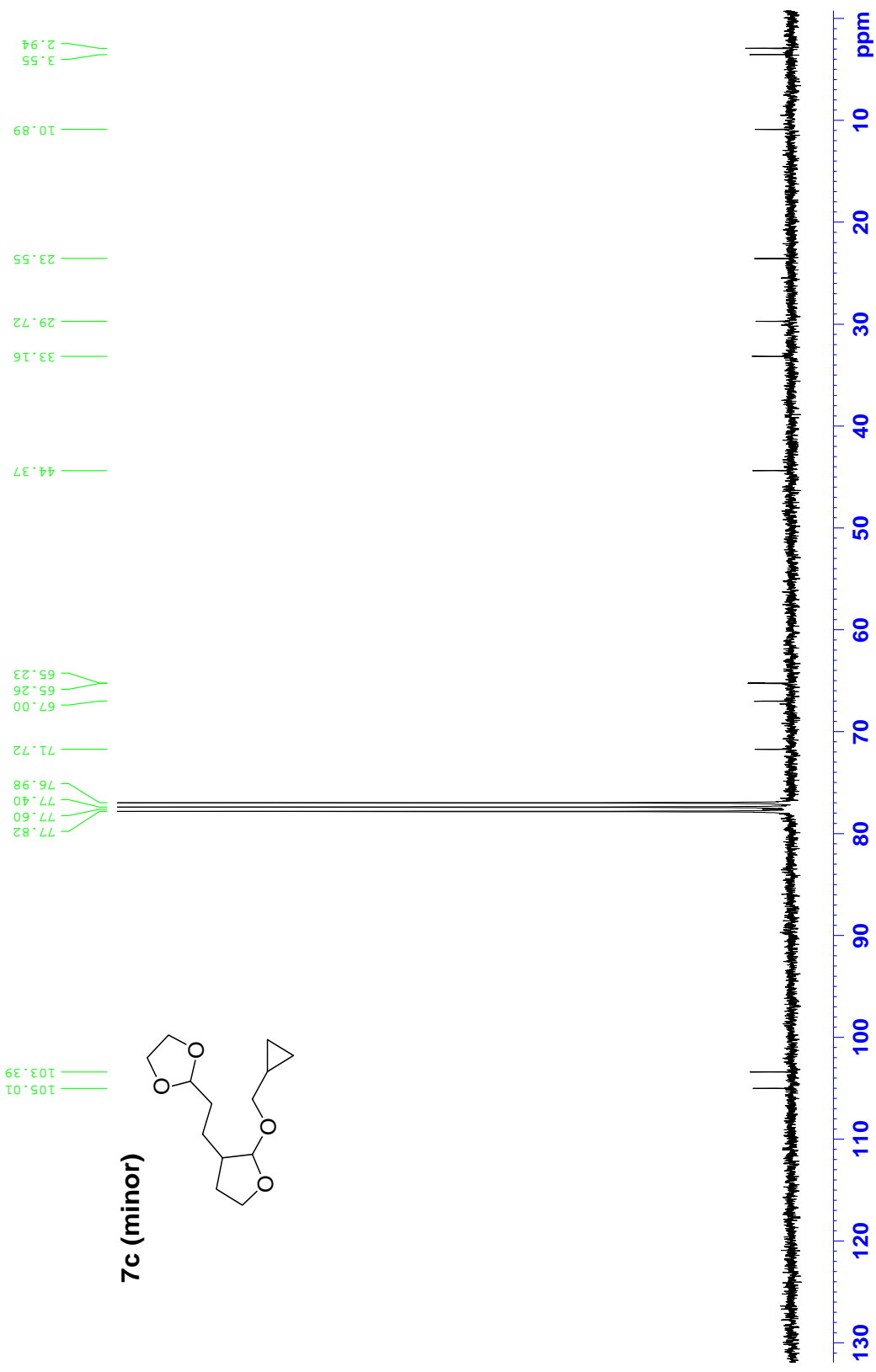
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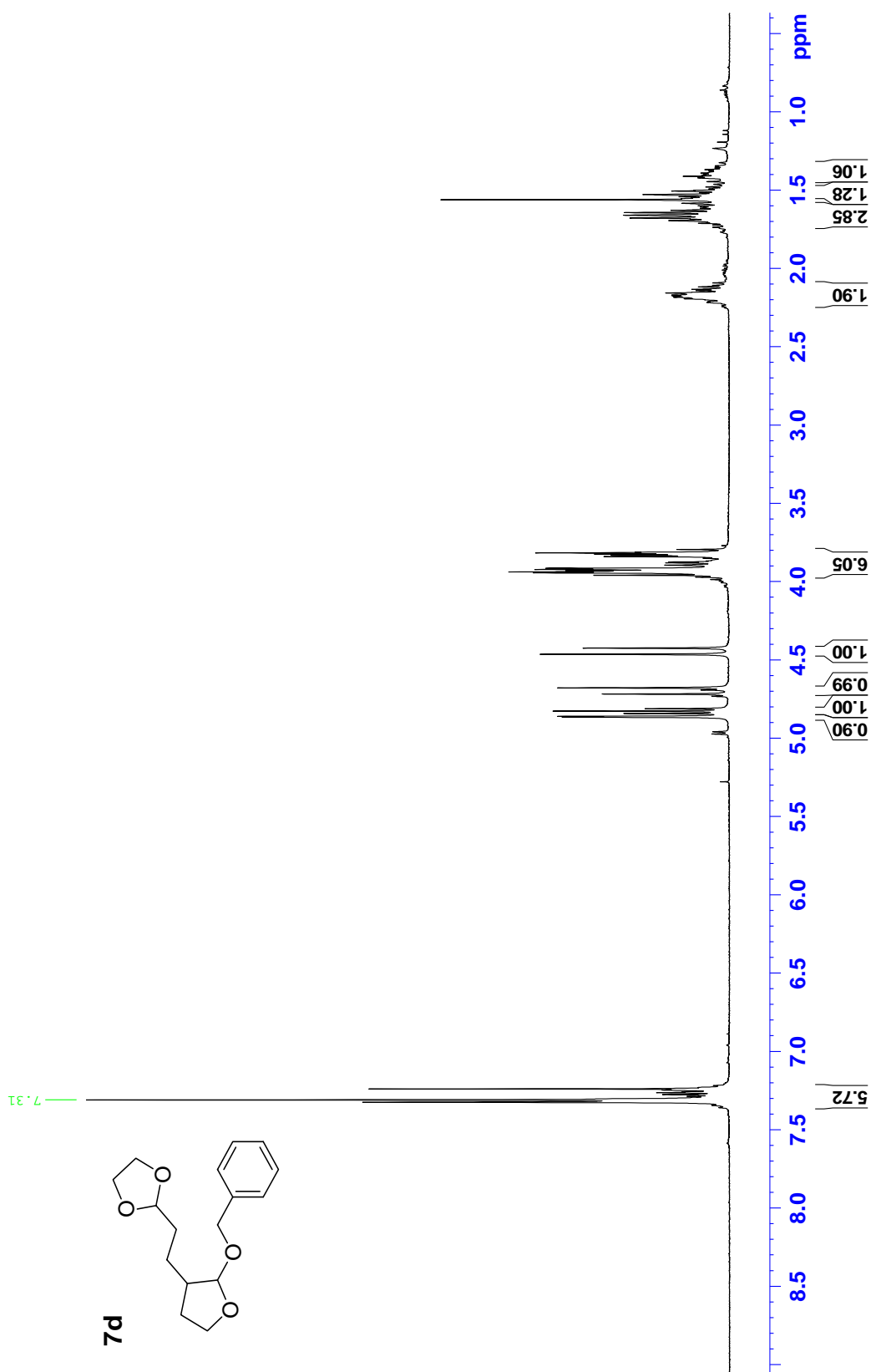


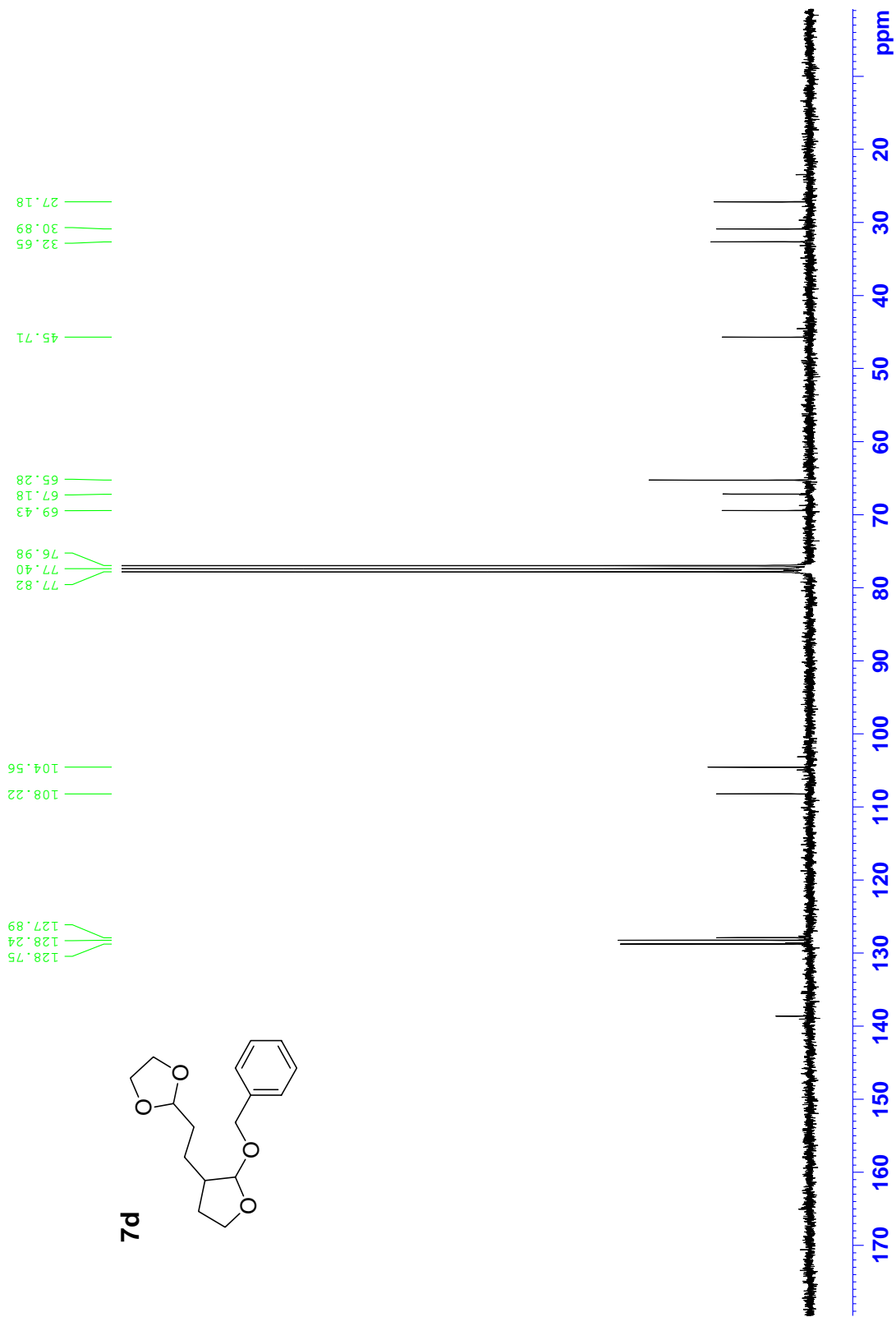
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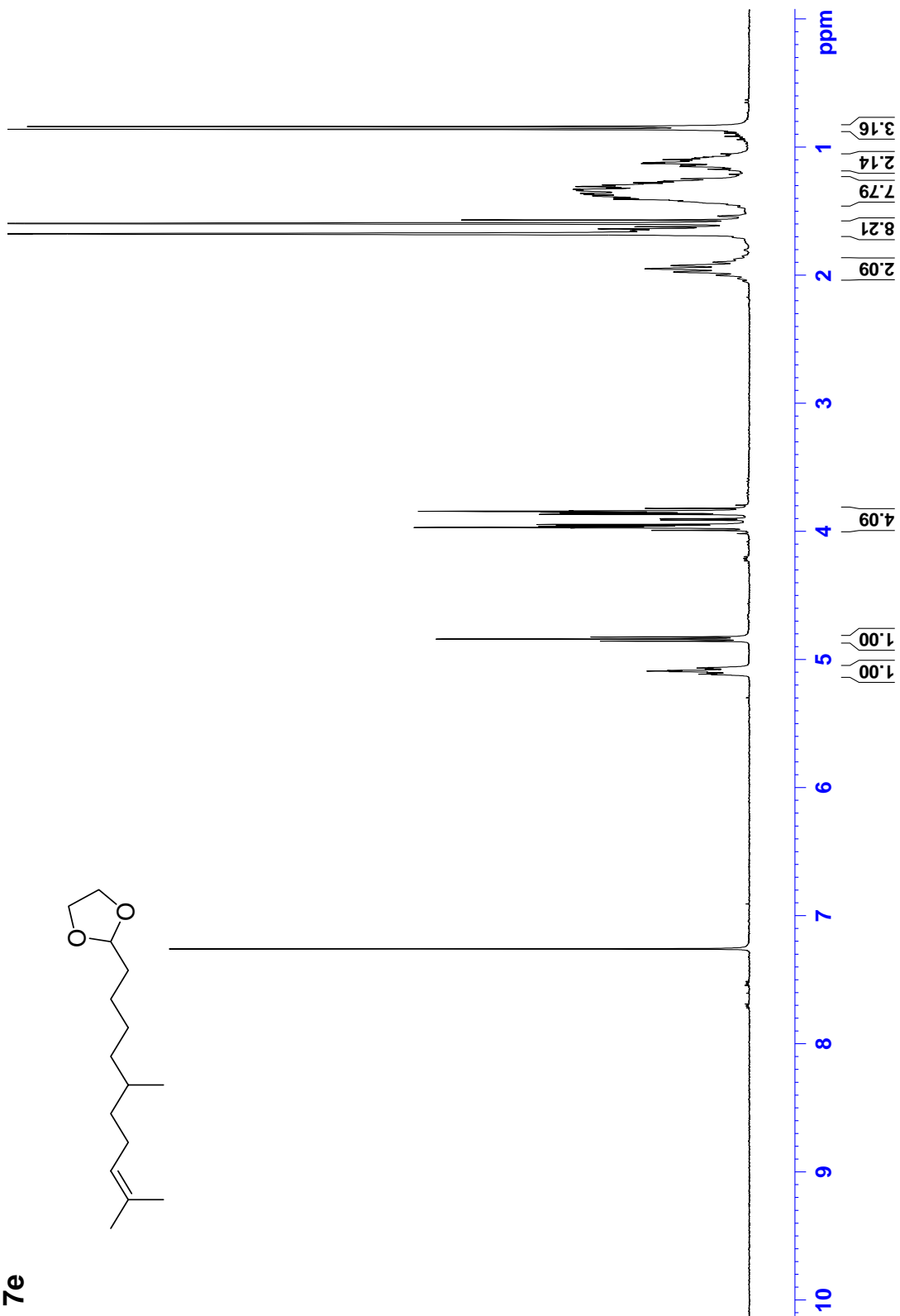
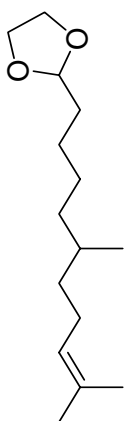




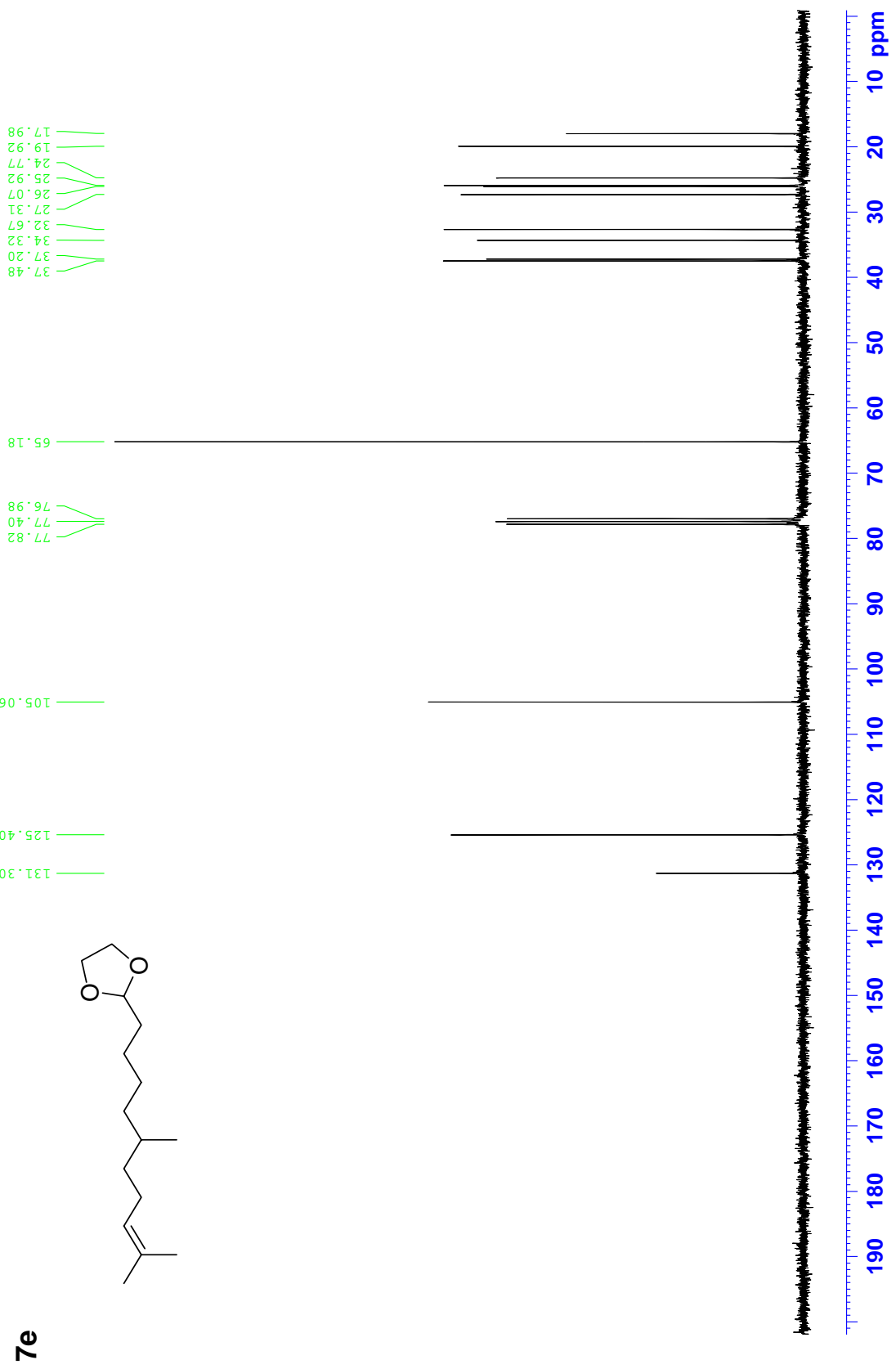




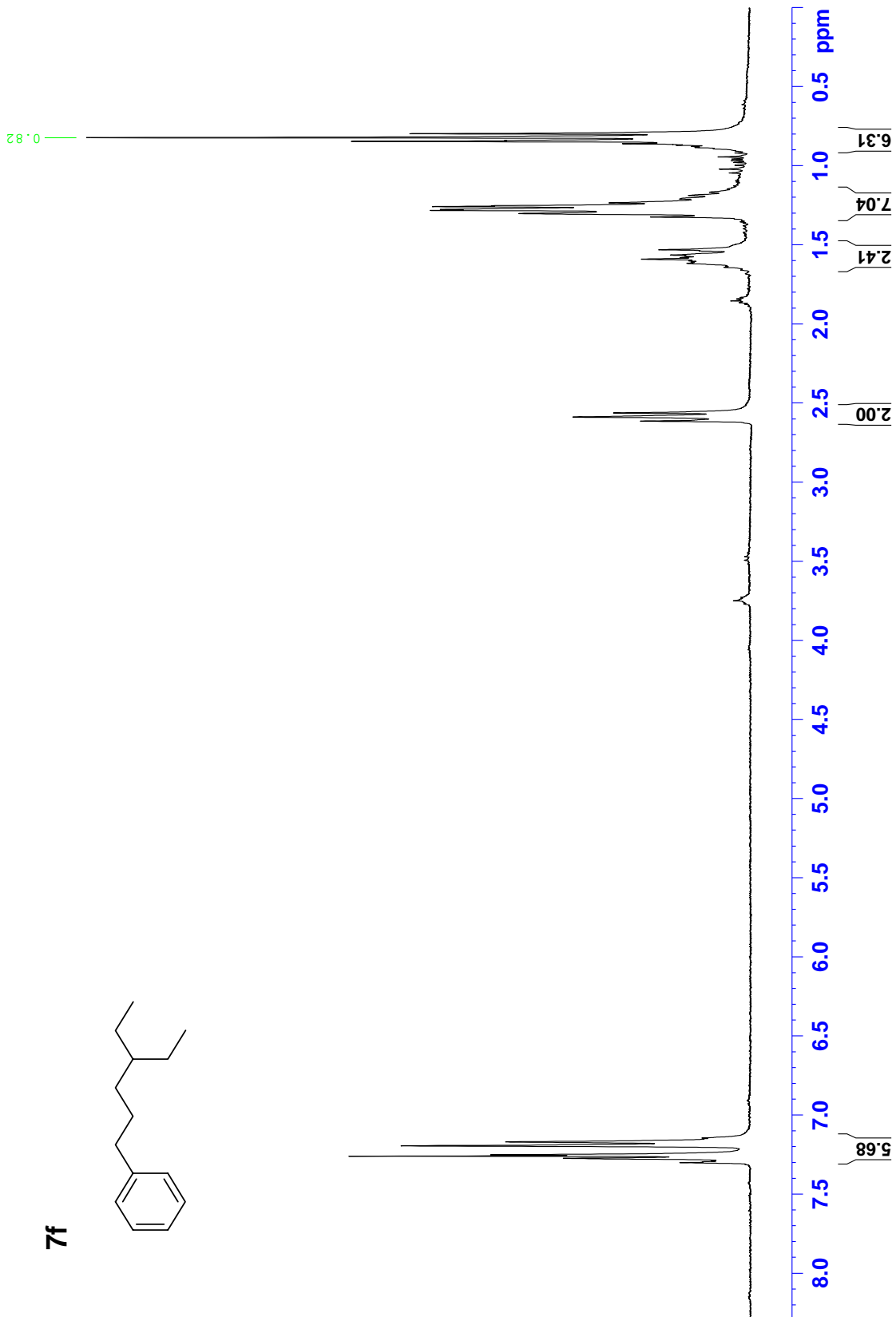
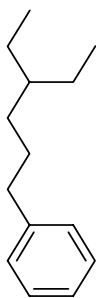
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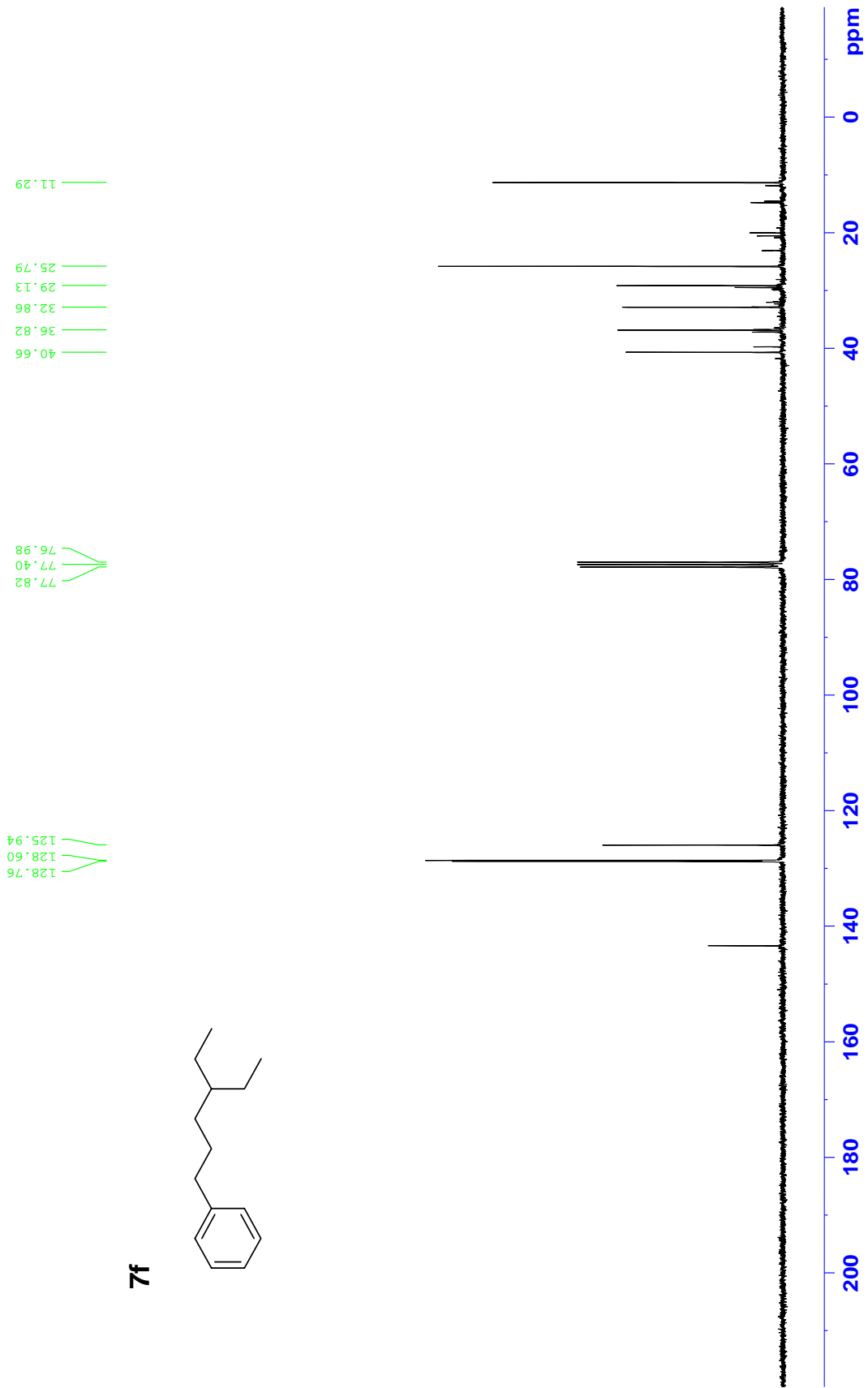
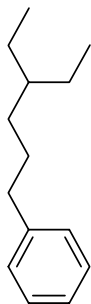




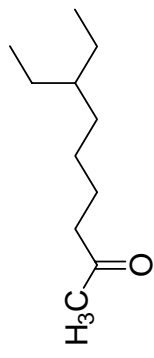
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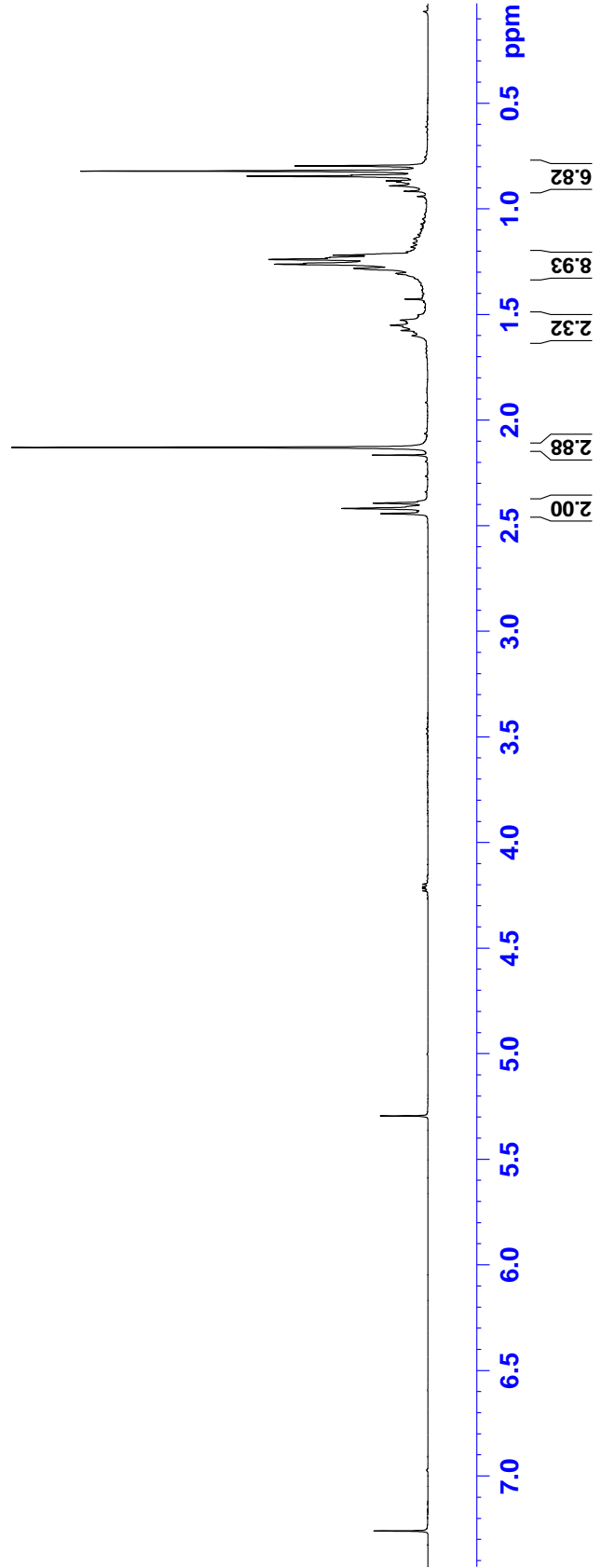
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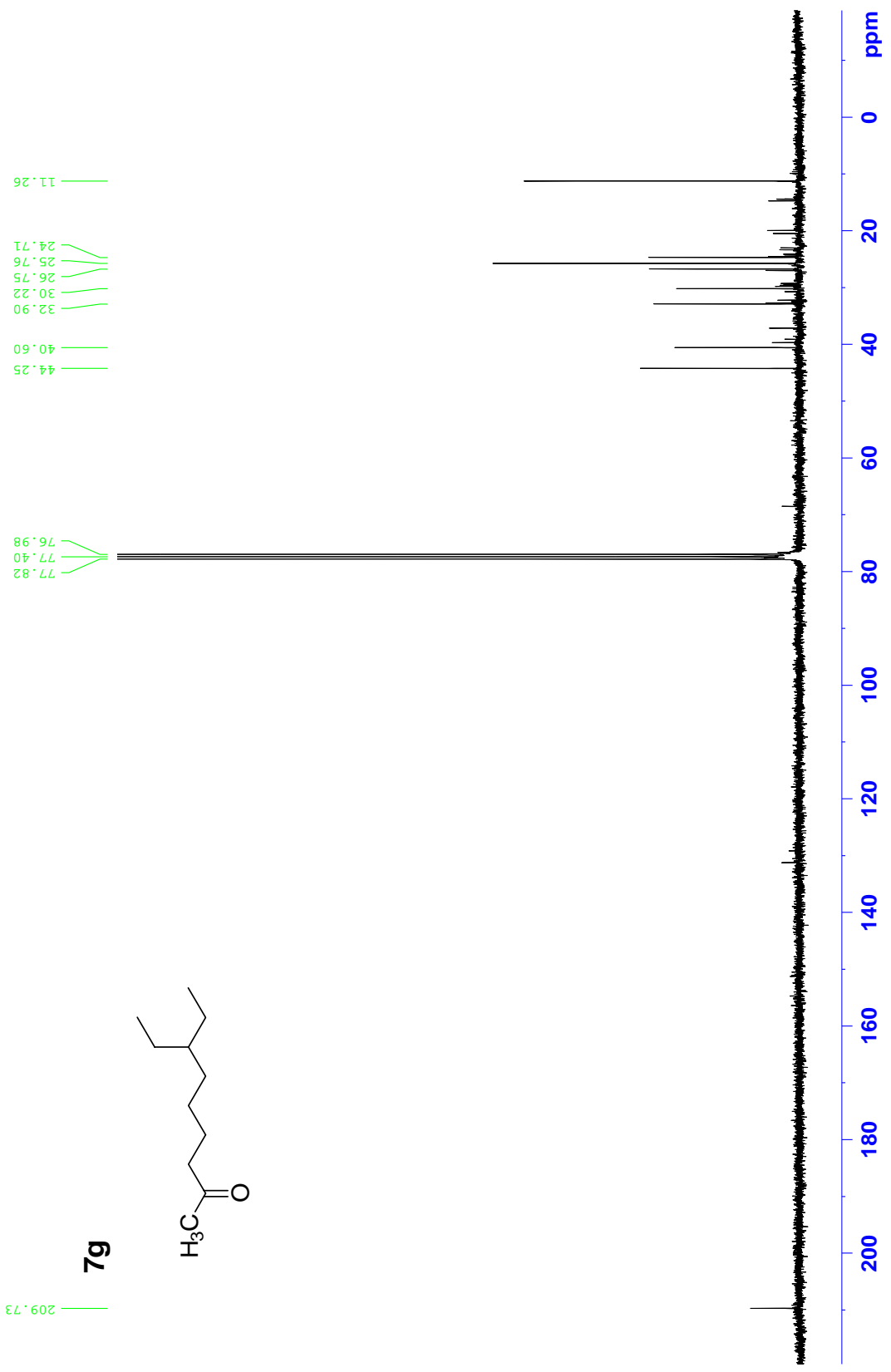


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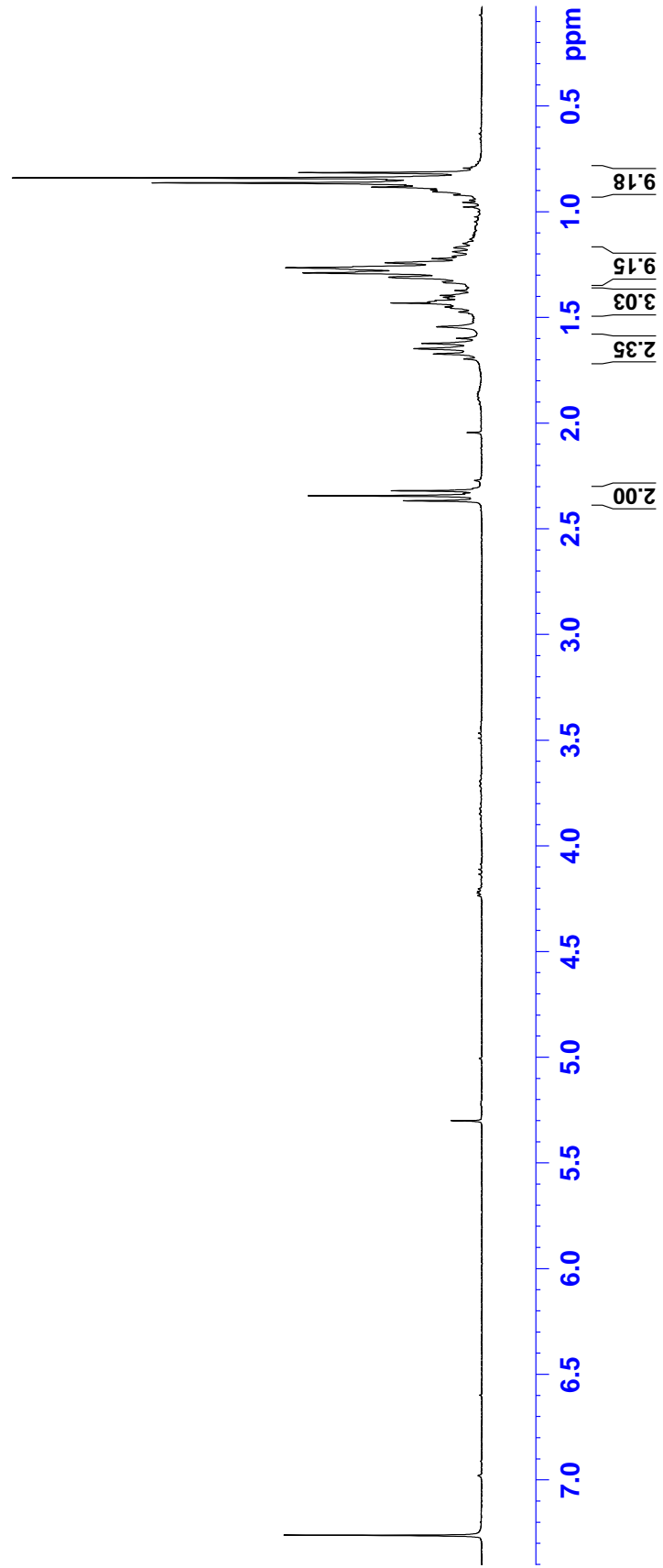
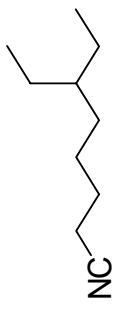


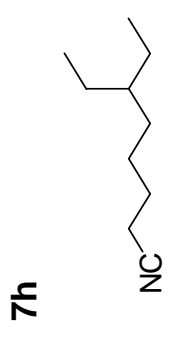
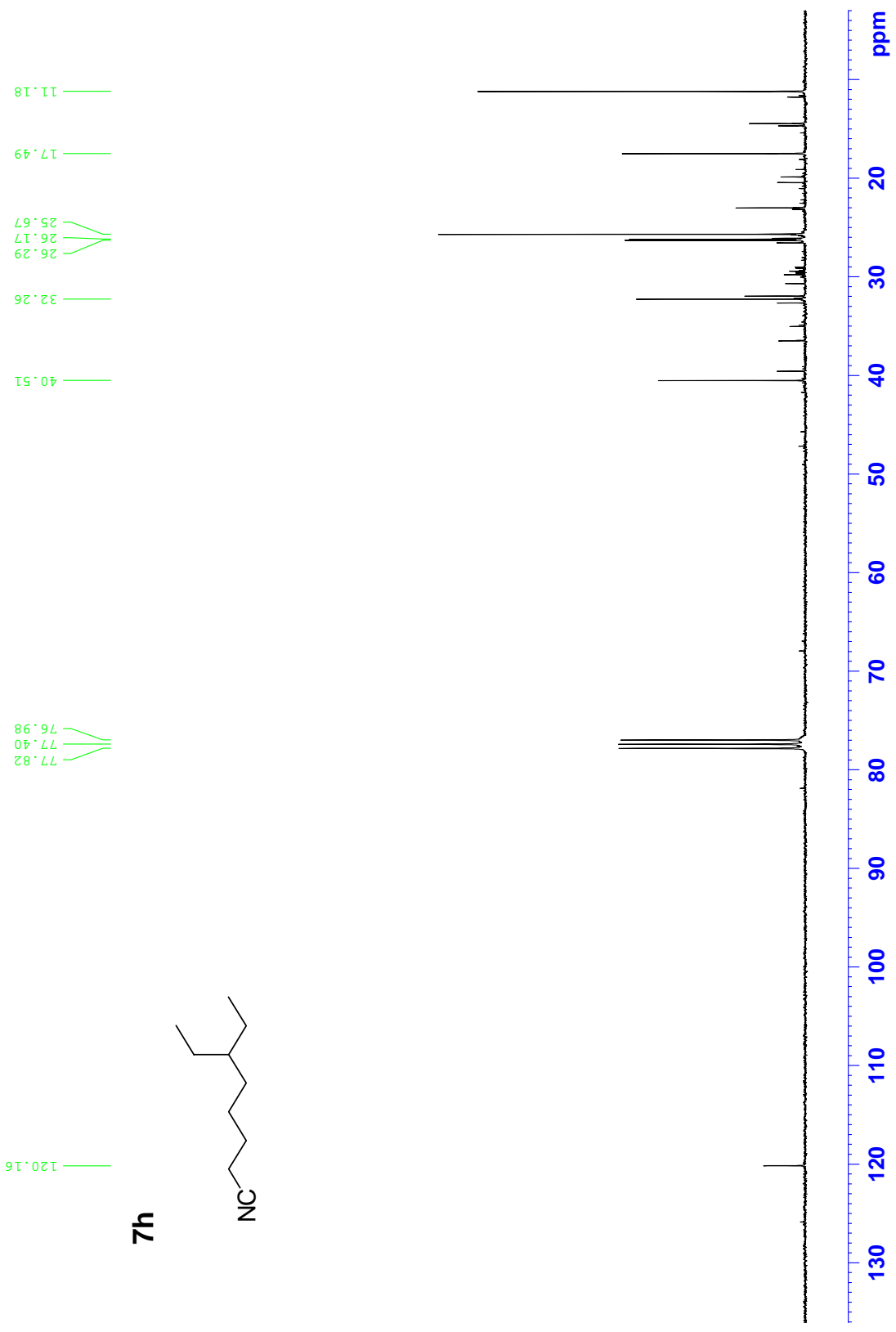
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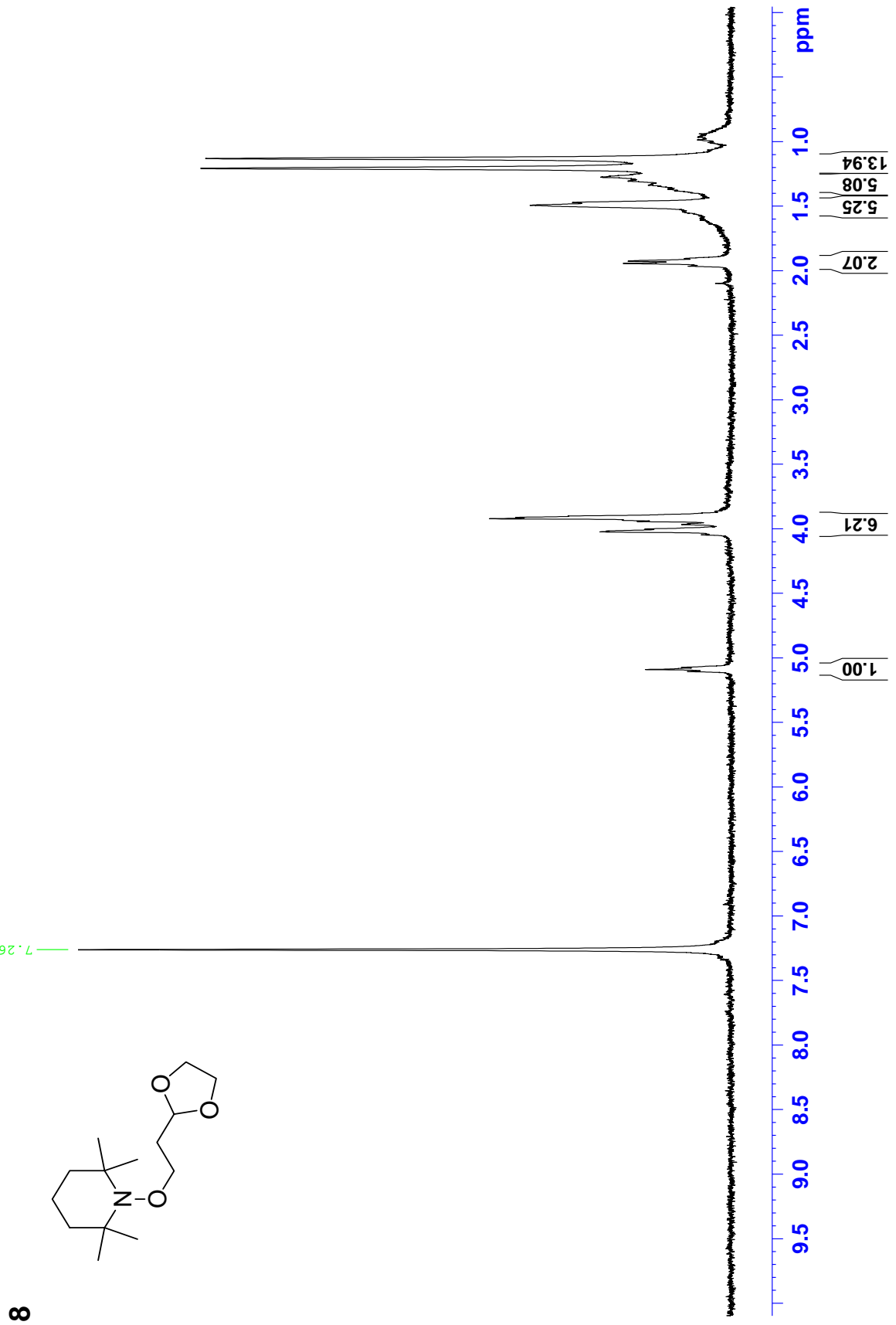




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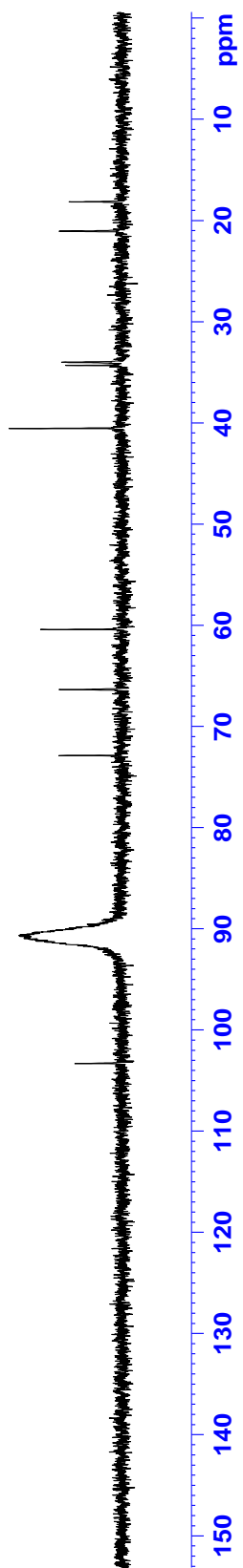
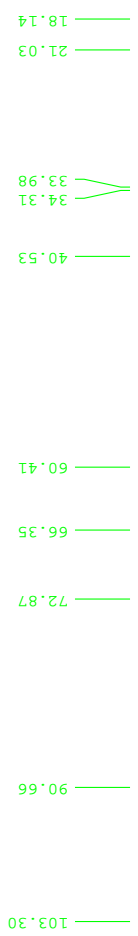
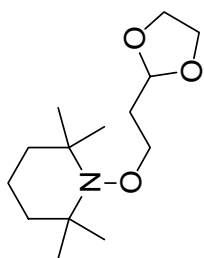




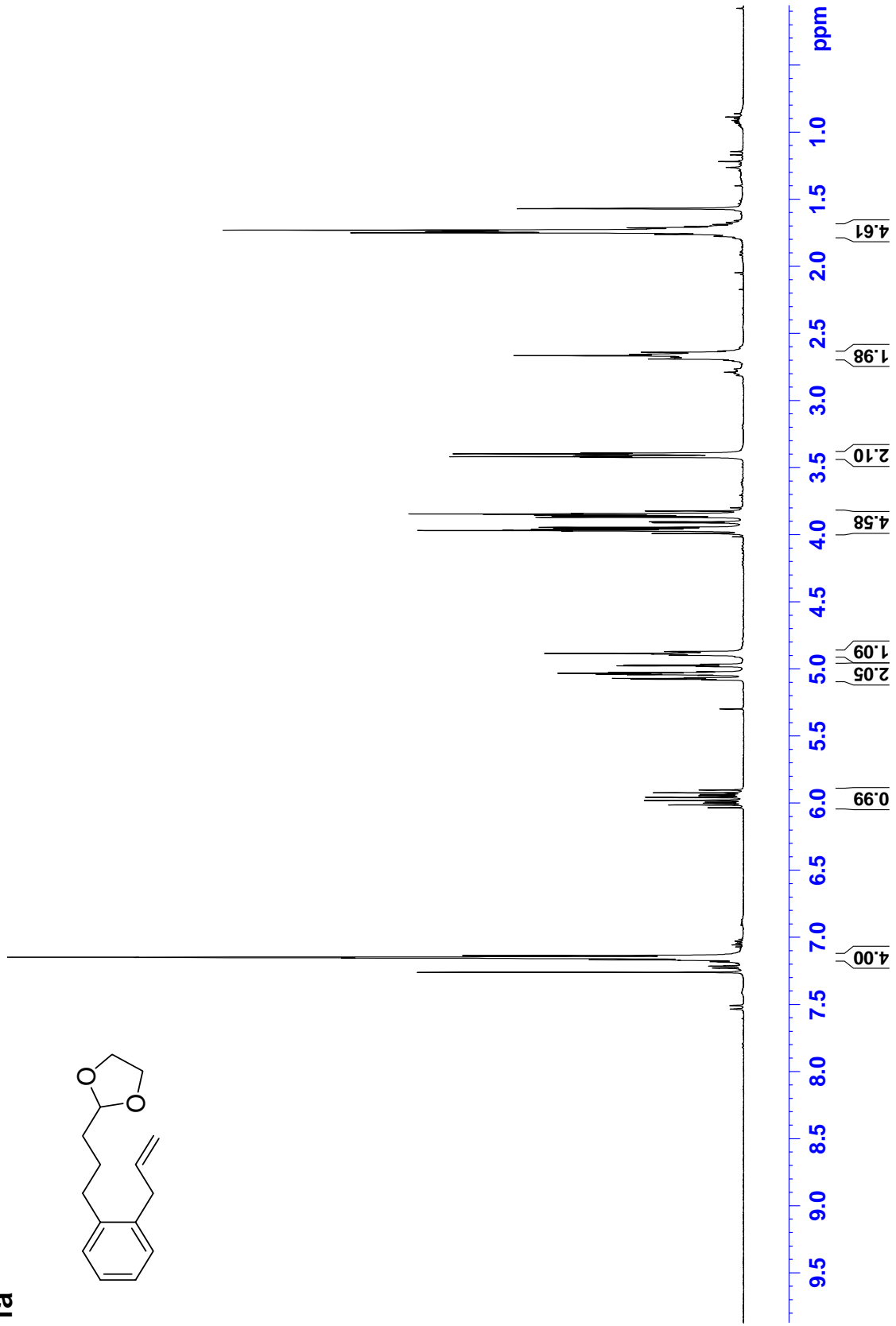
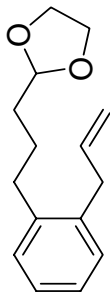
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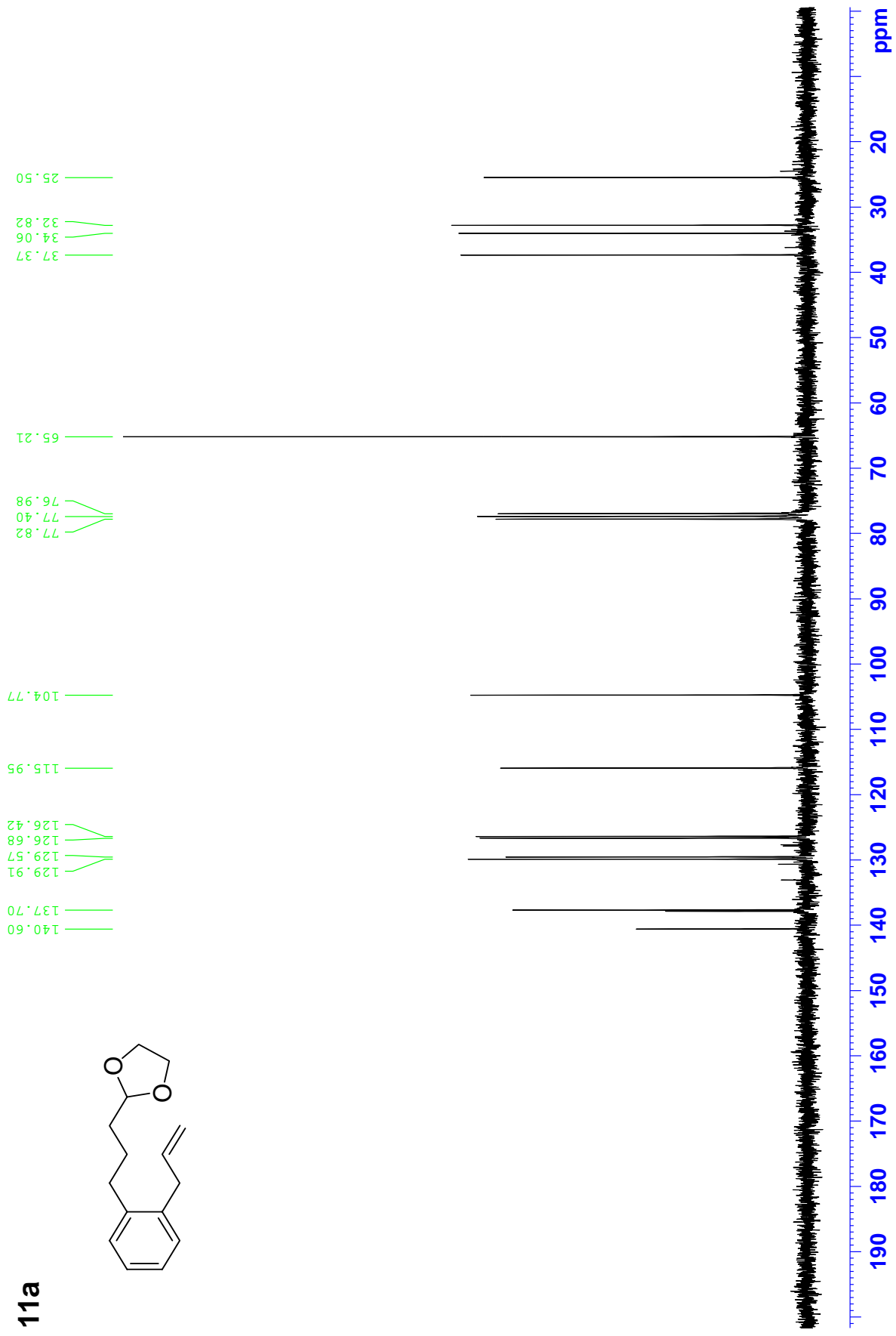
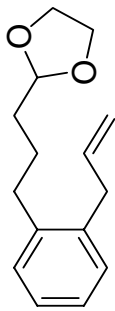
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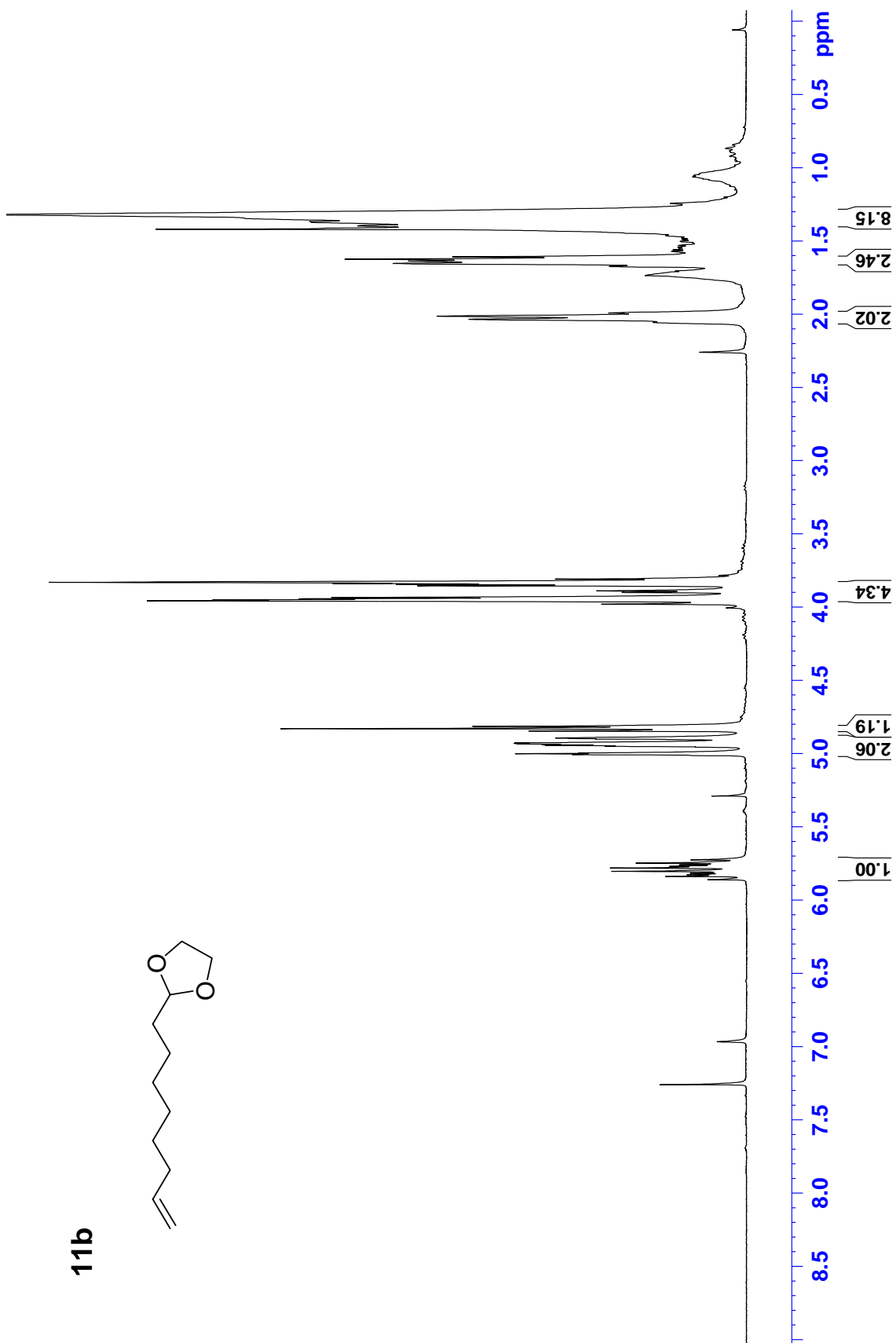
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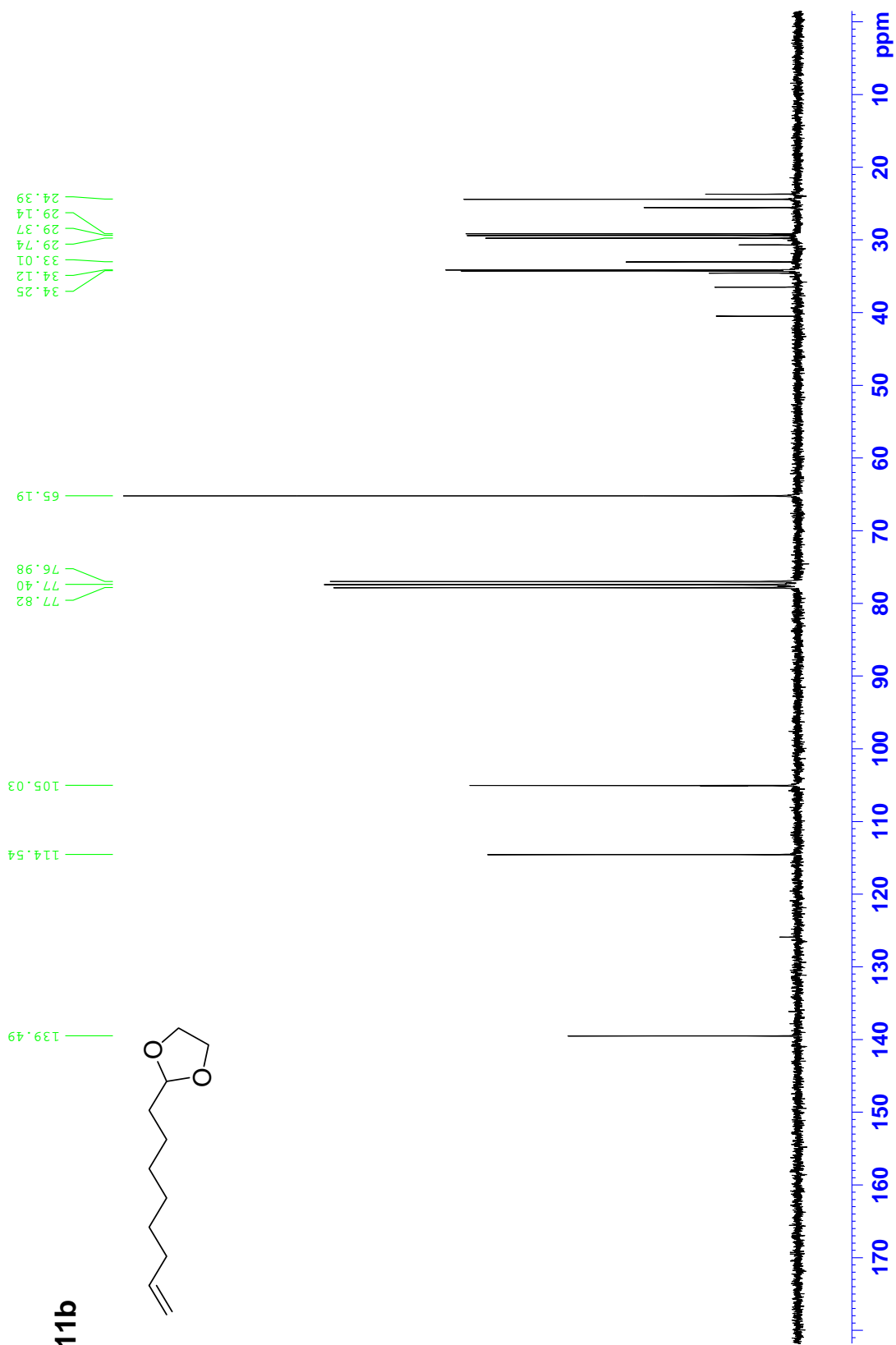


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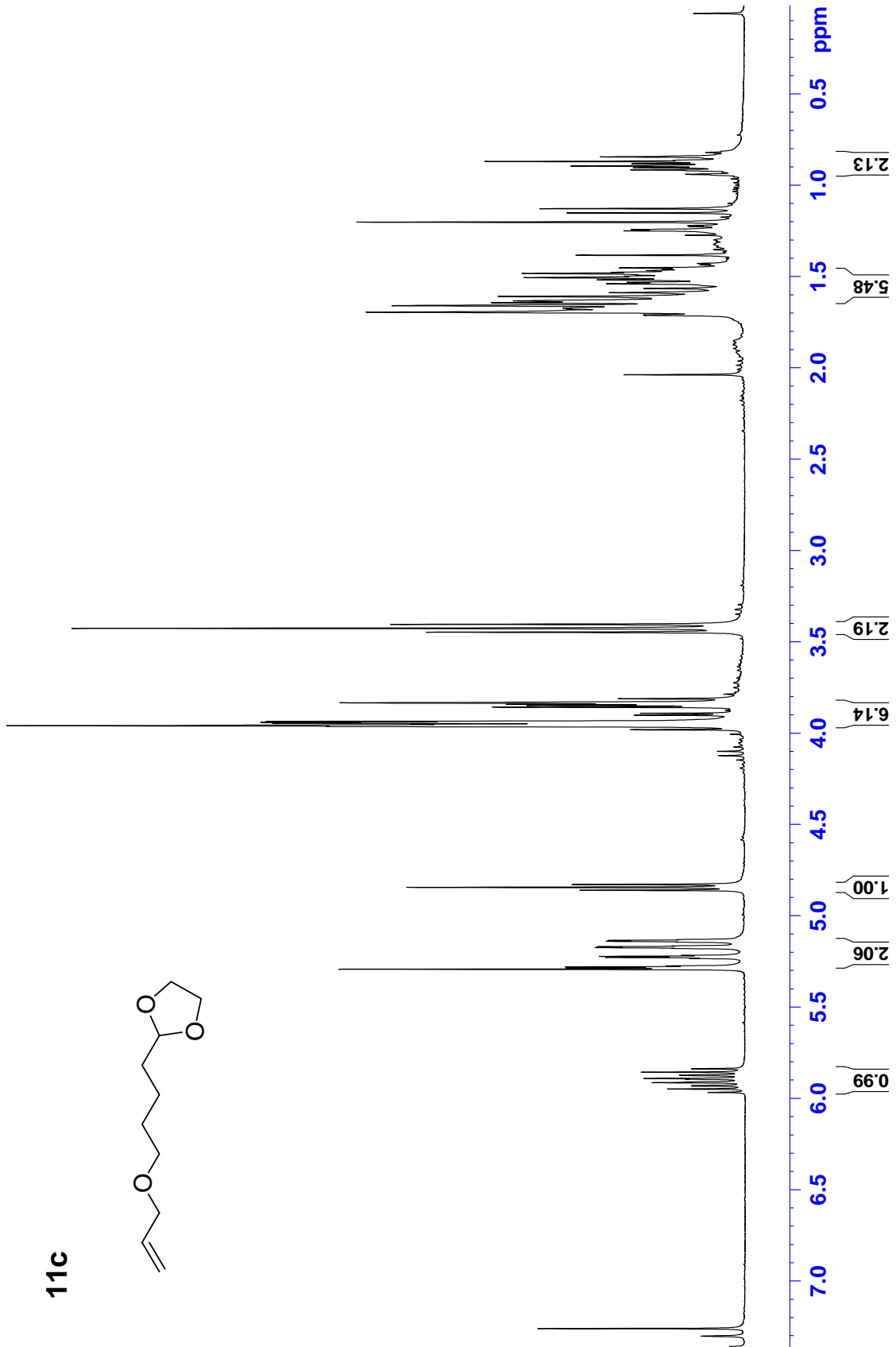


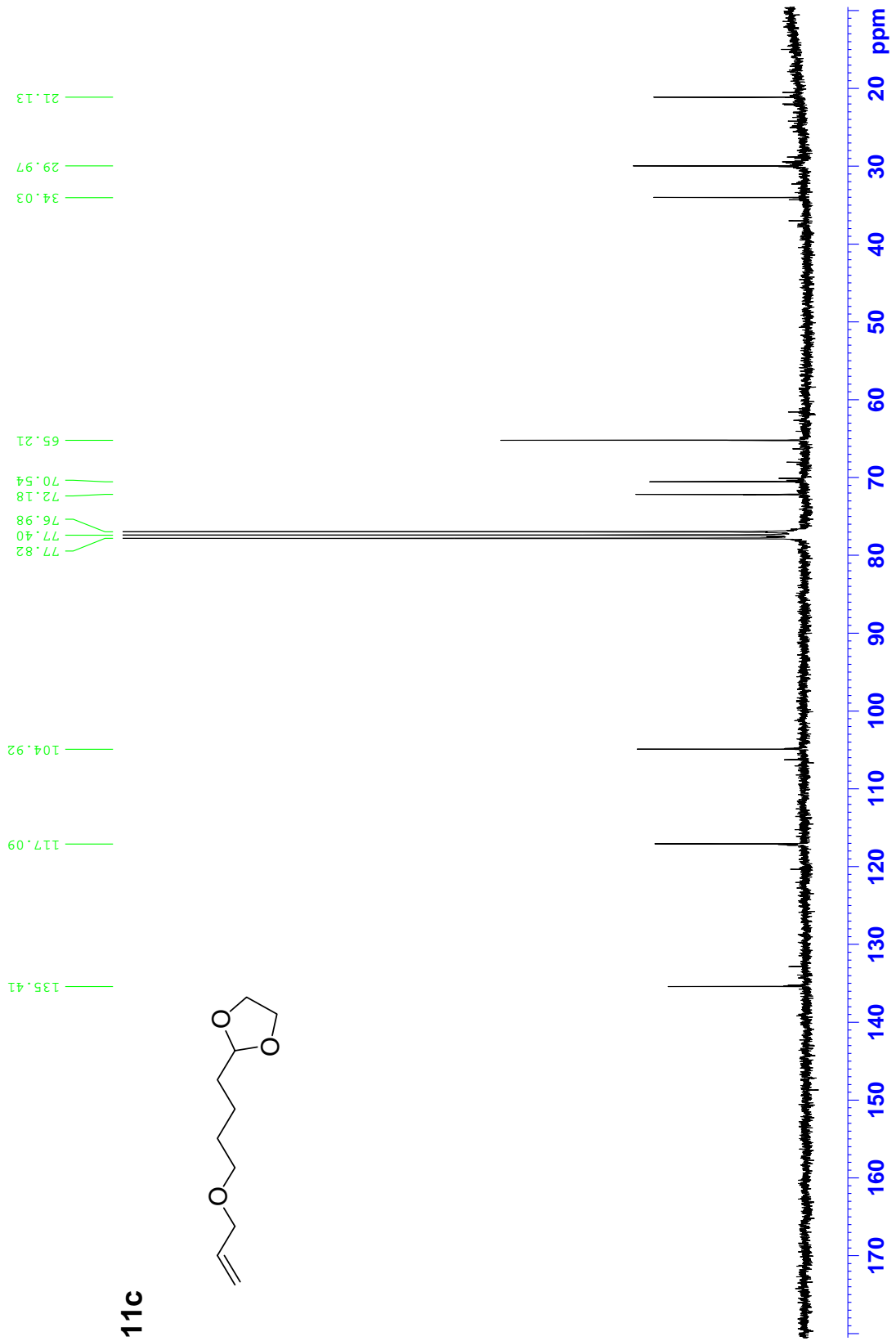
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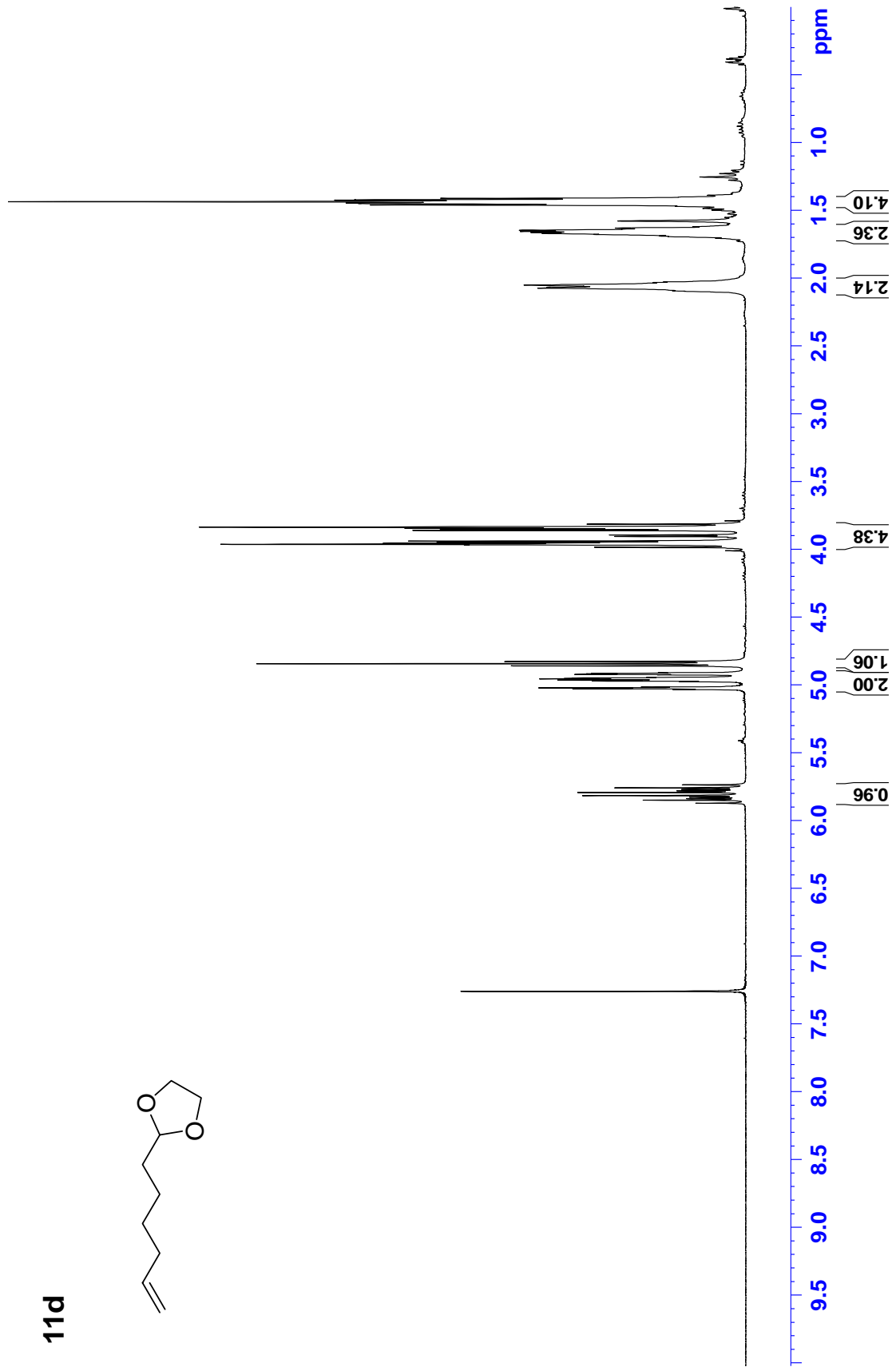


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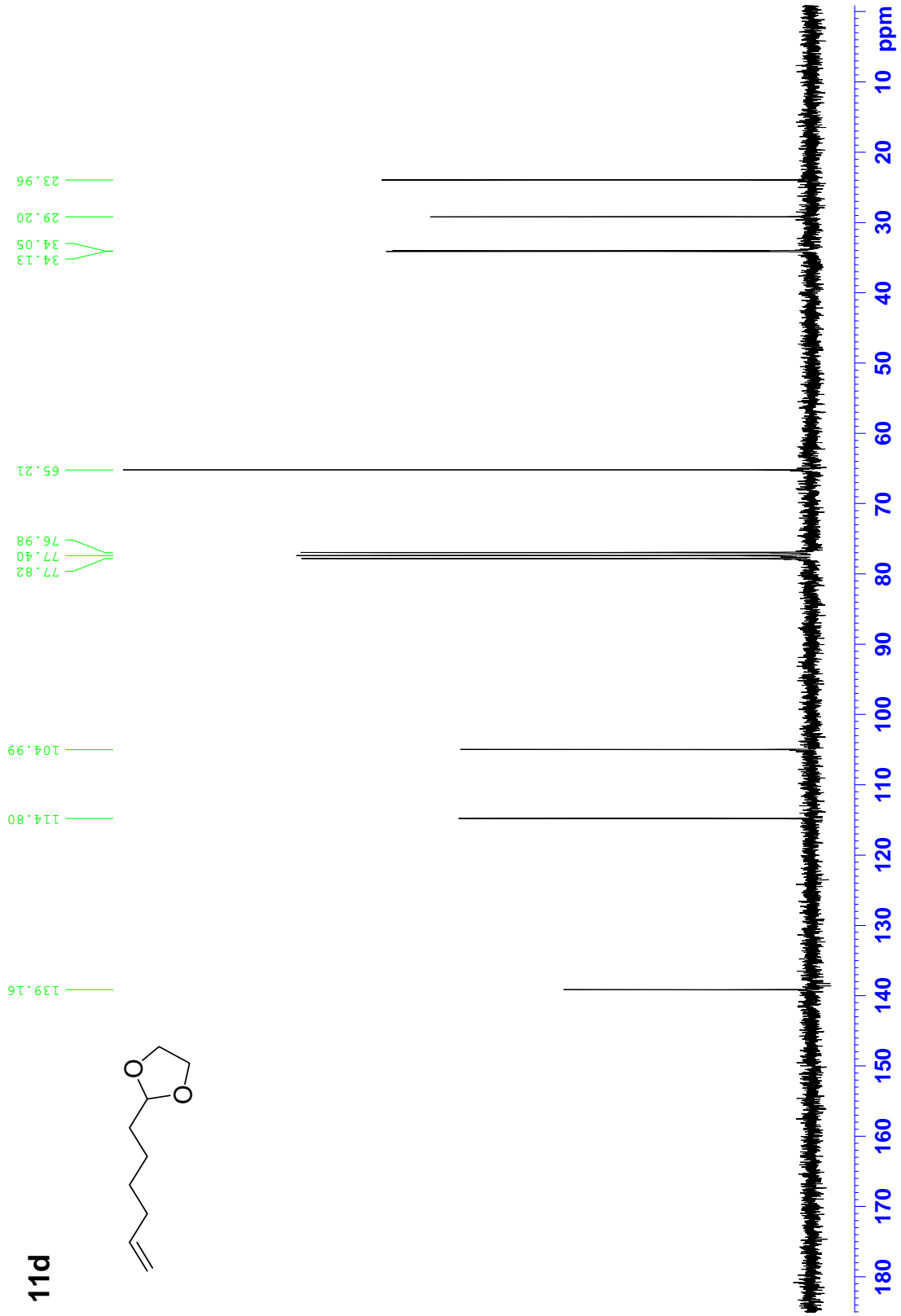


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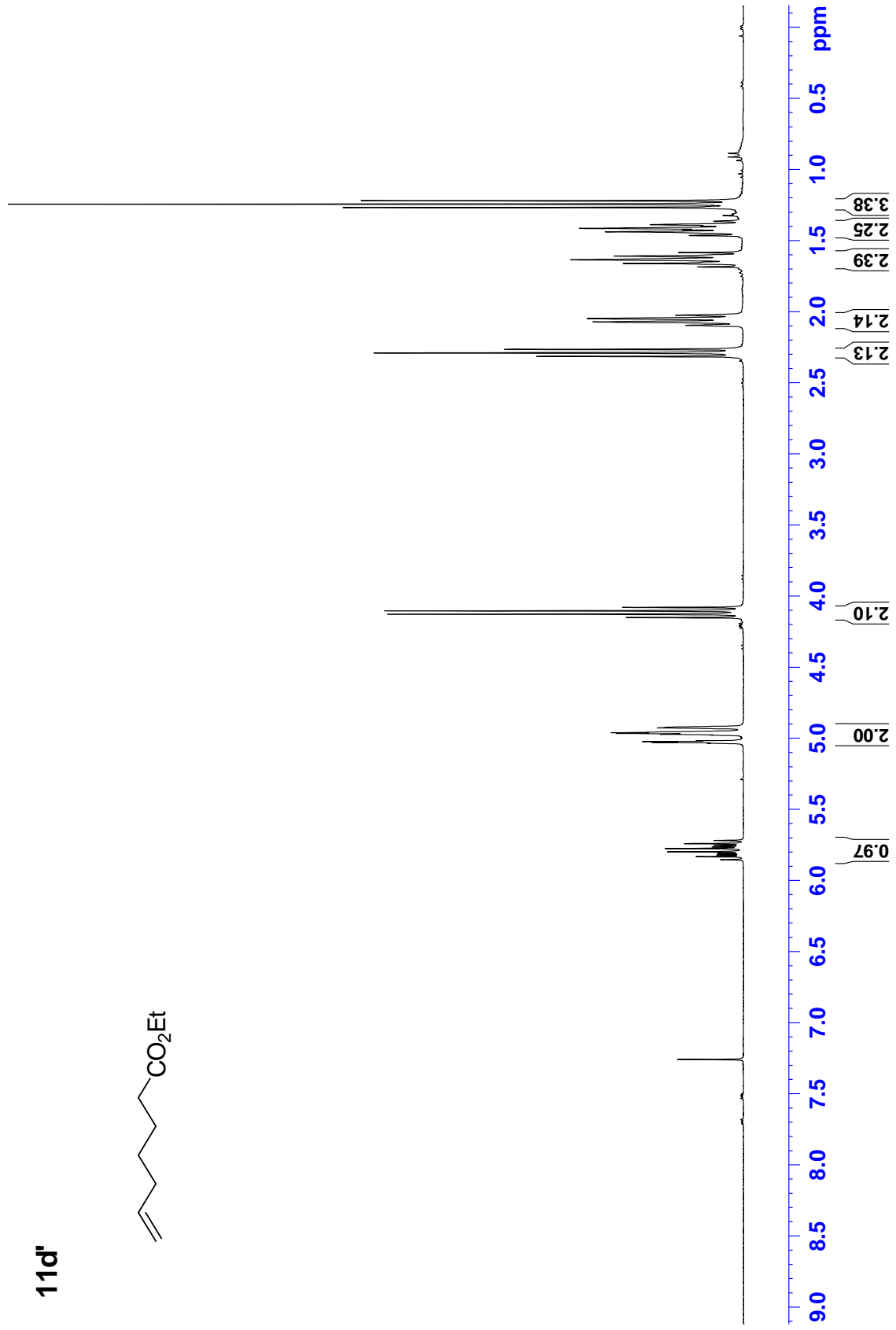




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