

**SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

**Title:** Stereoselective Disposition of the Geminal Dimethyl Group in the Cyclization of Geranyl Acetate under Zeolite Confinement Conditions

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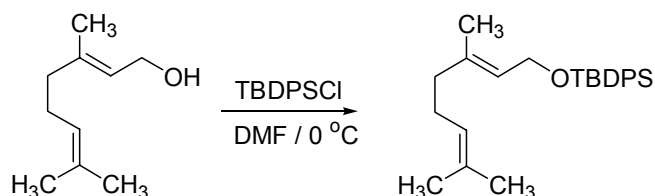
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## Experimental Section

Nuclear magnetic resonance spectra were obtained on a 500 MHz instrument. Isomeric purities were determined by  $^1\text{H}$  NMR and by GC analysis on a 60 meters HP-5 capillary column. All spectra reported herein were taken in  $\text{CDCl}_3$ .

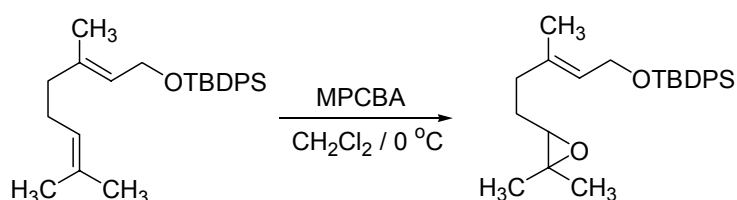
### Synthesis of geranyl acetate- $d_3$ (3)

#### (*E*)-1-*t*-Butyldiphenylsilyloxy-3,7-dimethyl-2,6-octadiene<sup>1</sup>



To a solution of geraniol (5.09 g, 33 mmol) and imidazole (5 g, 72.6 mmol) in dry DMF (30 mL) were added at 0 °C 10 gr (36.4 mmoles) of *t*-butyldiphenylsilyl chloride (TBDPSCI). The mixture was stirred for 1 h at room temperature, then quenched with water and extracted with diethyl ether (3 x 50 mL). The extract was washed with saturated aq.  $\text{NaHCO}_3$ , brine, dried over  $\text{MgSO}_4$ , and concentrated under reduced pressure to afford quantitatively the silyl-protected geraniol as a colorless oil.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR: 7.70 (d,  $J = 6.5$  Hz, 4H), 7.36-7.43 (m, 6H), 5.38 (t,  $J = 6.5$  Hz, 1H), 5.10 (t,  $J = 6.5$  Hz, 1H), 4.23 (d,  $J = 6.5$  Hz, 2H), 2.06 (m, 2H), 1.98 (t,  $J = 7.0$  Hz, 2H), 1.69 (s, 3H), 1.61 (s, 3H), 1.44 (s, 3H), 1.05 (s, 9H).

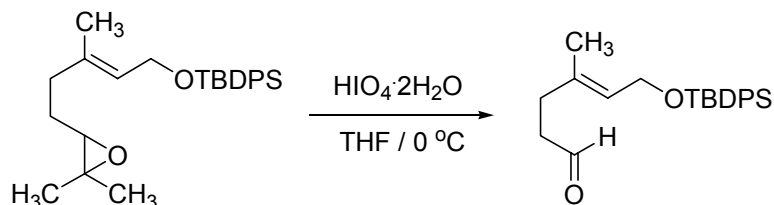
#### (*E*)-1-*t*-Butyldiphenylsilyloxy-3,7-dimethyl-6,7-epoxy-2-octene<sup>1</sup>



To a solution of (*E*)-1-*t*-butyldiphenylsilyloxy-3,7-dimethyl-2,6-octadiene (12.90 g, 32.9 mmol) in  $\text{CHCl}_3$  (120 mL) were added at 0 °C 8.9 g (36.2 mmol) of MCPBA (70%) in one portion. The mixture was stirred at 0 °C for 1 h, after which time chloroform was added and the organic layer was washed with water, saturated aq.  $\text{NaHCO}_3$  and brine, dried over  $\text{MgSO}_4$ , and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was chromatographed (hexane/ethyl acetate 100:1) to give 9.4 g of the  $\text{C}_6$ - $\text{C}_7$  epoxide (1-*t*-butyldiphenylsilyloxy-3,7-dimethyl-6,7-epoxy-2-octene) as a colorless oil (70% yield). The rest of the compounds isolated in <10% relative yield were starting material, the regioisomeric  $\text{C}_2$ - $\text{C}_3$  monoepoxide and the diepoxide as a mixture of distereomers.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR of (*E*)-1-*t*-butyldiphenylsilyloxy-3,7-dimethyl-6,7-epoxy-2-octene: 7.69 (d,  $J = 6.5$  Hz, 4H), 7.37-

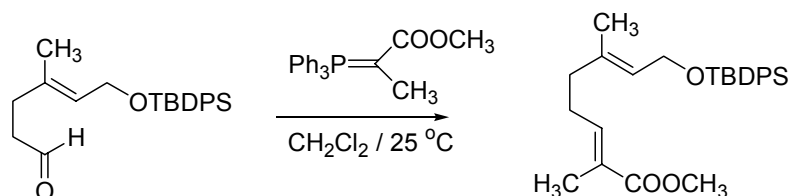
7.44 (m, 6H), 5.42 (t,  $J = 6.0$  Hz, 1H), 4.23 (d,  $J = 6.0$  Hz, 2H), 2.71 (t,  $J = 6.0$  Hz, 1H), 2.06-2.18 (m, 2H), 1.56-1.68 (m, 2H), 1.47 (s, 3H), 1.31 (s, 3H), 1.27 (s, 3H), 1.05 (s, 9H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR: 136.1, 135.6, 134.0, 129.5, 127.6, 124.2, 64.1, 61.1, 58.4, 36.1, 27.2, 26.9, 24.9, 19.2, 18.8, 16.3.

**(*E*)-6-*tert*-Butyldiphenylsilyloxy-4-methyl-4-hexanal**<sup>1</sup>



A solution of (*E*)-1-*t*-butyldiphenylsilyloxy-3,7-dimethyl-6,7-epoxy-2-octene (9.4 g, 23 mmol) in dry diethyl ether (30 mL) was added to a solution of  $\text{HIO}_4 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$  (6.3 g, 27.7 mmol) in dry THF (180 mL) at 0 °C under an inert atmosphere. The mixture was stirred for 1 h at 0 °C and then filtered. The filtrate was diluted with diethyl ether, washed with water, saturated aq.  $\text{NaHCO}_3$ , brine, dried over anhydrous  $\text{MgSO}_4$  and concentrated under reduced pressure to afford 8.2 g of crude (*E*)-6-*t*-butyldiphenylsilyloxy-4-methyl-4-hexanal, as a colourless oil, which was used in the next step without chromatographic purification.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR: 9.75 (t,  $J = 1.2$  Hz, 1H), 7.67 (d,  $J = 6.5$  Hz, 4H), 7.38-7.44 (m, 6H), 5.38 (t,  $J = 6.0$  Hz, 1H), 4.22 (d,  $J = 6.0$  Hz, 2H), 2.50 (dt,  $J_1 = 7.5$  Hz,  $J_2 = 1.2$  Hz, 2H), 2.30 (t,  $J = 7.5$  Hz, 2H), 1.45 (s, 3H), 1.04 (s, 9H).

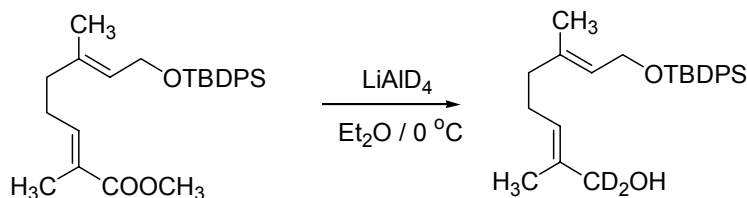
**Methyl (2*E*,6*E*)-8-[*t*-butyl(diphenyl)silyl]oxy-2,6-dimethyl-2,6-octadienoate**<sup>1</sup>



To a solution of crude (*E*)-6-*t*-butyldiphenylsilyloxy-4-methyl-4-hexanal (8.2 g, 22.4 mmol) in  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  (60 mL) were added 10 g (30 mmol) of the freshly prepared stabilized ylide methyl (triphenylphosphoranylidene)propionate. After stirring for 3 hours at room temperature, the solvent was removed under vacuum and the remaining waxy solids were washed 4 times with 30 mL of hexane each time. The hexane was removed under vacuum, and the residue was chromatographed using hexane/ethyl acetate (10/1 ratio), to afford stereoselectively 7.0 g of the  $\alpha,\beta$ -unsaturated ester methyl (2*E*,6*E*)-8-[*t*-butyl(diphenyl)silyl]oxy-2,6-dimethyl-2,6-octadienoate in >95% geometrical purity (70% yield for over two steps).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR: 7.70 (d,  $J = 6.5$  Hz, 4H), 7.36-7.44 (m, 6H), 6.75 (t,  $J =$

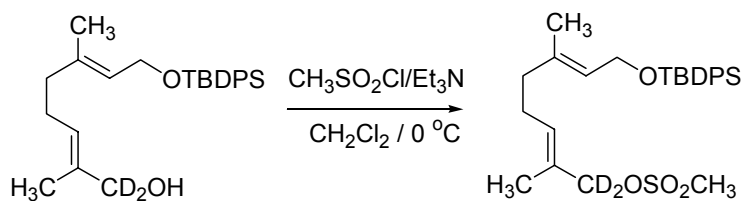
6.5 Hz, 1H), 5.40 (t,  $J = 6.0$  Hz, 1H), 4.23 (d,  $J = 6.0$  Hz, 2H), 3.72 (s, 3H), 2.26 (m, 2H), 2.09 (t,  $J = 7.5$  Hz, 2H), 1.85 (s, 3H), 1.45 (s, 3H), 1.05 (s, 9H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR: 168.6, 141.9, 135.9, 135.6, 134.0, 129.5, 127.7, 127.6, 124.8, 61.1, 51.7, 38.0, 27.0, 26.8, 19.2, 16.3, 12.4.

**(2*E*,6*E*)-8-[*t*-Butyl(diphenyl)silyl]oxy-2,6-dimethyl-2,6-octadien-1-ol-1,1-*d*<sub>2</sub>**



To a slurry of  $\text{LiAlD}_4$  (0.67 g, 16.0 mmol) in dry diethyl ether (50 ml) were added at  $0^\circ\text{C}$ , 7.0 g of methyl (2*E*,6*E*)-8-[*t*-butyl(diphenyl)silyl]oxy-2,6-dimethyl-2,6-octadienoate (16.1 mmol), under an inert atmosphere. After 30 min the reaction was quenched with water. The ether layer was washed with brine and then dried over  $\text{MgSO}_4$ . The residue was chromatographed (hexane/ethyl acetate 10:1) to afford 4.26 g of (2*E*,6*E*)-8-[*t*-butyl(diphenyl)silyl]oxy-2,6-dimethyl-2,6-octadien-1-ol-1,1-*d*<sub>2</sub> (65% yield).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR: 7.71 (d,  $J = 6.5$  Hz, 4H), 7.37-7.45 (m, 6H), 5.40 (t,  $J = 6.0$  Hz, 2H), 4.24 (d,  $J = 6.0$  Hz, 2H), 2.13 (m, 2H), 2.03 (t,  $J = 7.5$  Hz, 2H), 1.68 (s, 3H), 1.46 (s, 3H), 1.06 (s, 9H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR: 136.7, 135.6, 134.9, 134.1, 129.5, 127.6, 126.0, 124.3, 124.8, 68.3 (quintet,  $J = 22$  Hz), 61.1, 39.1, 25.9, 19.2, 16.3, 13.7.

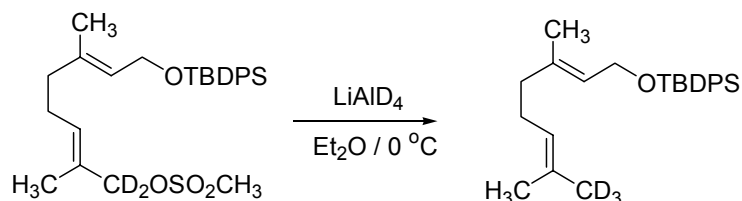
**(2*E*,6*E*)-8-[*t*-Butyl(diphenyl)silyl]oxy-2,6-dimethyl-2,6-octadienyl-1,1-*d*<sub>2</sub> 1-methanesulfonate**



To a solution of (2*E*,6*E*)-8-[*t*-butyl(diphenyl)silyl]oxy-2,6-dimethyl-2,6-octadien-1-ol-1,1-*d*<sub>2</sub> (4.26 g, 10.4 mmol) and triethyl amine (4.4 mL, 31.2 mmol) in 30 mL dry dichloromethane were added dropwise at  $0^\circ\text{C}$  methanesulfonyl chloride (1.05 mL, 13.5 mmol) under an inert atmosphere. The mixture was stirred 45 min at  $0^\circ\text{C}$  and then diluted with an aqueous solution of HCl 0.5 N, until  $\text{pH} < 7$ . The organic layer was dried over  $\text{MgSO}_4$  and the product was concentrated under reduced pressure to afford 4.66 g (90% yield) of the labile (2*E*,6*E*)-8-[*t*-butyl(diphenyl)silyl]oxy-2,6-dimethyl-2,6-octadienyl-1,1-*d*<sub>2</sub> 1-methanesulfonate which was used immediately in the next step without purification.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR: 7.71 (d,  $J = 6.5$  Hz, 4H), 7.37-7.45 (m, 6H), 5.60 (t,  $J = 6.5$  Hz, 1H), 5.39 (t,  $J =$

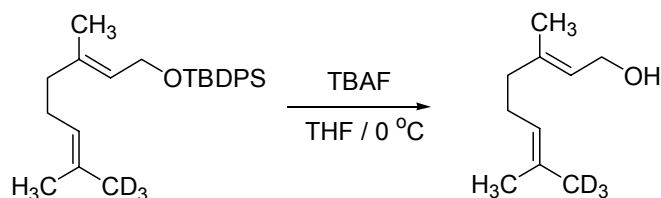
6.0 Hz, 1H), 4.24 (d, J = 6.0 Hz, 2H), 2.97 (s, 3H), 2.17 (m, 2H), 2.04 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 1.74 (s, 3H), 1.46 (s, 3H), 1.06 (s, 9H).

**(*E,E*)-1-*t*-Butyldiphenylsilyloxy-3,7-dimethyl-2,6-octadiene-8,8,8-*d*<sub>3</sub>**



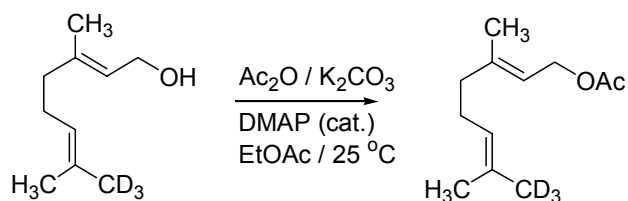
A solution of the crude (*2E,6E*)-8-[*t*-butyl(diphenyl)silyl]oxy-2,6-dimethyl-2,6-octadienyl-1,1-*d*<sub>2</sub> 1-methanesulfonate (4.66 g, 9.5 mmol) in dry diethyl ether (5 ml) was added dropwise to a slurry of LiAlD<sub>4</sub> (0.24 g, 5.7 mmol) in dry diethyl ether (10 mL) at 0 °C, under an inert atmosphere. After 12 h of stirring at room temperature the mixture was quenched with water. The ether layer was washed with brine and dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>. The residue was chromatographed (hexane/ethyl acetate 50:1) to afford 2.1 g (56%) of (*E,E*)-1-*t*-butyldiphenylsilyloxy-3,7-dimethyl-2,6-octadiene-8,8,8-*d*<sub>3</sub>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR: 7.70 (d, J = 6.5 Hz, 4H), 7.36-7.43 (m, 6H), 5.38 (t, J = 6.5 Hz, 1H), 5.10 (t, J = 6.5 Hz, 1H), 4.23 (d, J = 6.5 Hz, 2H), 2.06 (m, 2H), 1.98 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 1.61 (s, 3H), 1.44 (s, 3H), 1.05 (s, 9H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR: 137.0, 135.6, 134.1, 129.5, 127.6, 124.1, 124.1, 61.2, 39.5, 26.9, 26.4, 19.2, 17.7, 16.3.

**Geraniol-8,8,8-*d*<sub>3</sub><sup>2</sup>**



To a solution of (*E,E*)-1-*t*-butyldiphenylsilyloxy-3,7-dimethyl-2,6-octadiene-8,8,8-*d*<sub>3</sub> (1.4 g, 3.5 mmol) in THF (20 ml) were added dropwise at 0 °C 3.9 mL (3.9 mmol) of tetrabutylammonium fluoride (1 M solution in THF). After 3 hours the solution was diluted with diethyl ether, washed with water, and the organic layer was dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>. The residue was chromatographed (hexane/ethyl acetate 4:1) to afford 0.5 g of geraniol-8,8,8-*d*<sub>3</sub> (91% yield) in >95% geometrical purity <sup>1</sup>H NMR: 5.42 (t, J = 6.5 Hz, 1H), 5.09 (t, J = 6.5 Hz, 1H), 4.16 (t, J = 5.5 Hz, 2H), 2.10 (m, 2H), 2.03 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 1.68 (s, 3H), 1.64 (br. s, 1H, -OH), 1.60 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR: 139.8, 131.7, 123.9, 123.3, 59.4, 39.5, 26.4, 17.6, 16.3.

**Geranyl acetate-8,8,8-*d*<sub>3</sub>**

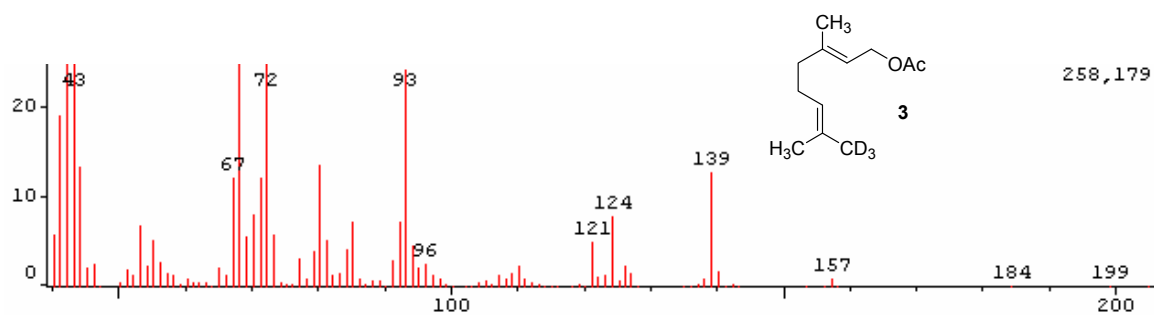
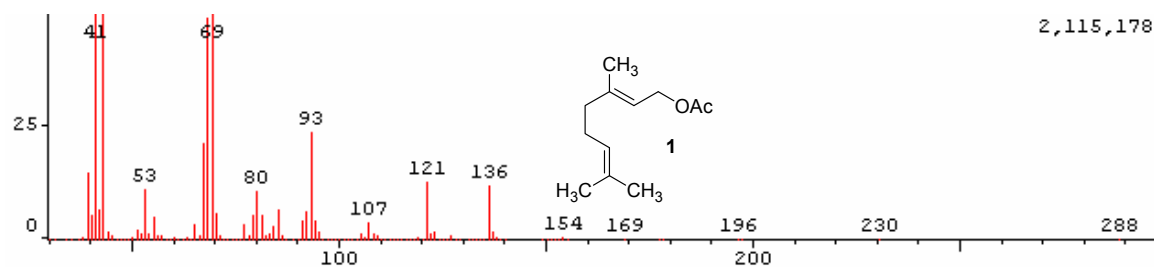


To a solution of geraniol-8,8,8- $d_3$  (0.18 g, 1.15 mmol) in ethyl acetate (5 mL) were added 0.23 g of  $\text{K}_2\text{CO}_3$  (1.7 mmol), acetic anhydride (0.16 mL, 1.7 mmol) and 0.01 g of DMAP. After stirring at 25 °C for 1 h, the reaction mixture was filtered and the filtrate was diluted with diethyl ether. The ether layer was washed with saturated aq.  $\text{NaHCO}_3$  and dried over  $\text{MgSO}_4$ . Removal of the solvent afforded 200 mg of pure geranyl acetate-8,8,8- $d_3$  (87% yield).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR: 5.34 (t,  $J = 7.0$  Hz, 1H), 5.08 (t,  $J = 6.5$  Hz, 1H), 4.59 (d,  $J = 7.0$  Hz, 2H), 2.02-2.11 (m, 4H), 2.05 (s, 3H), 1.70 (s, 3H), 1.60 (s, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR: 171.1, 142.3, 131.8, 123.7, 118.2, 61.4, 39.5, 26.3, 21.1, 17.6, 16.5.

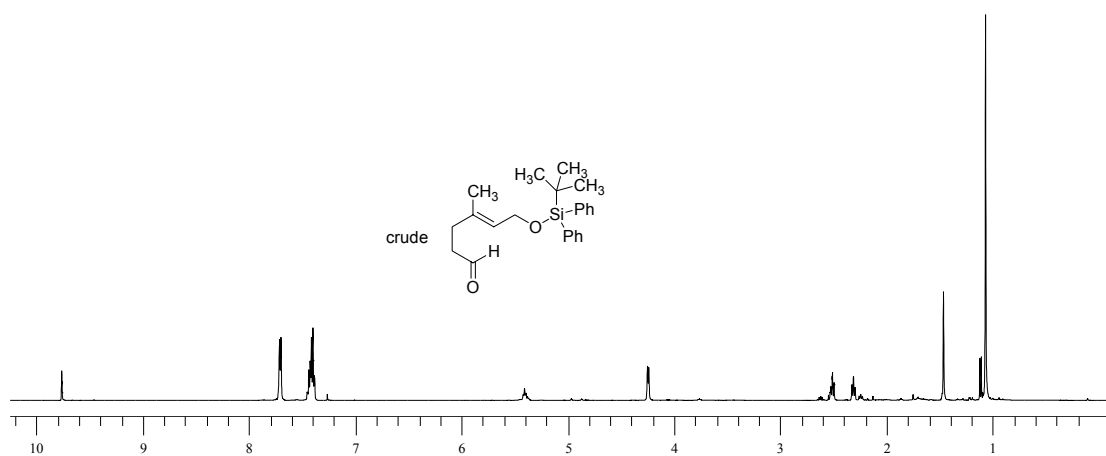
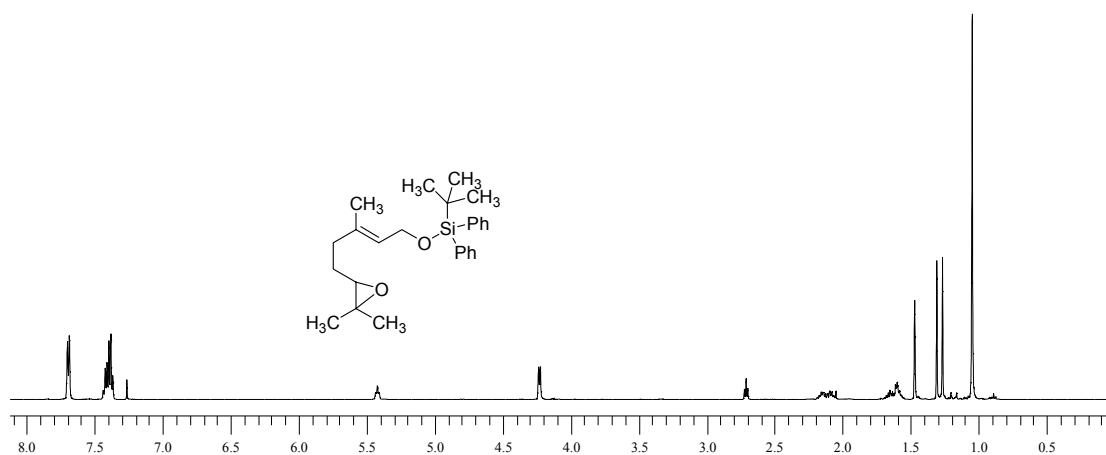
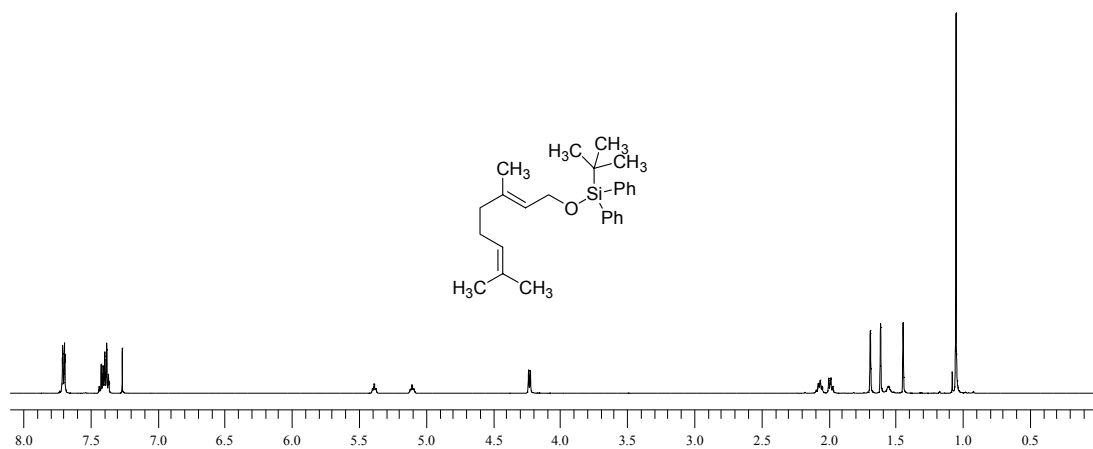
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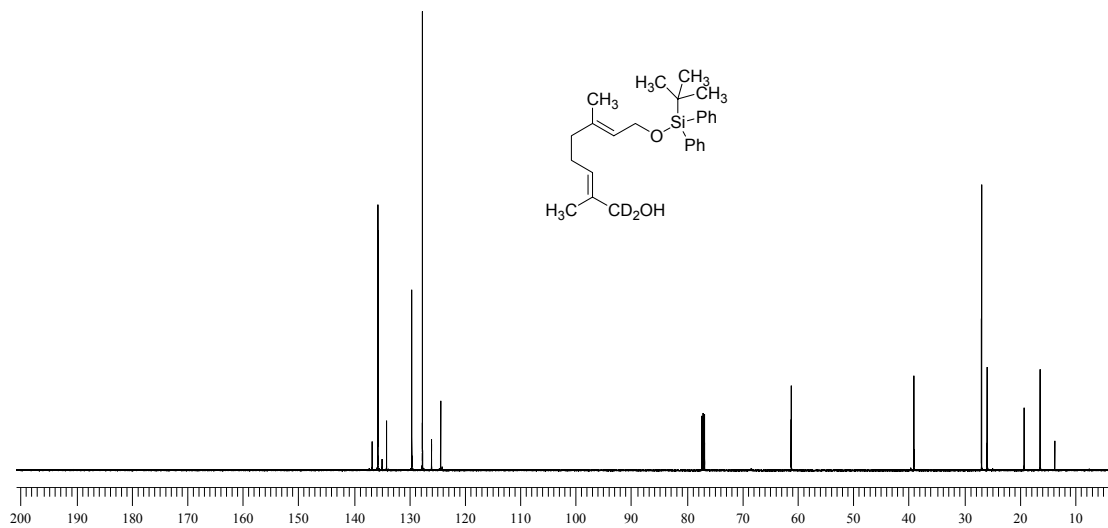
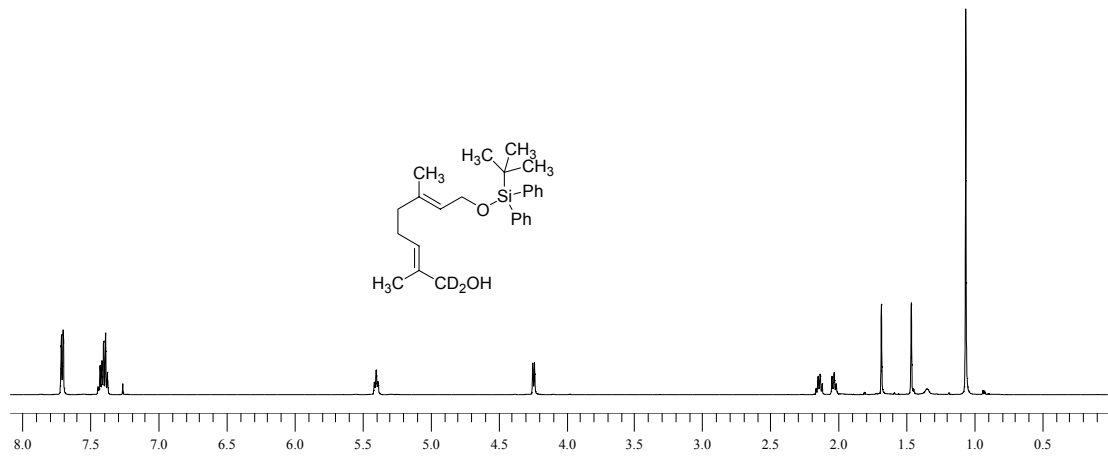
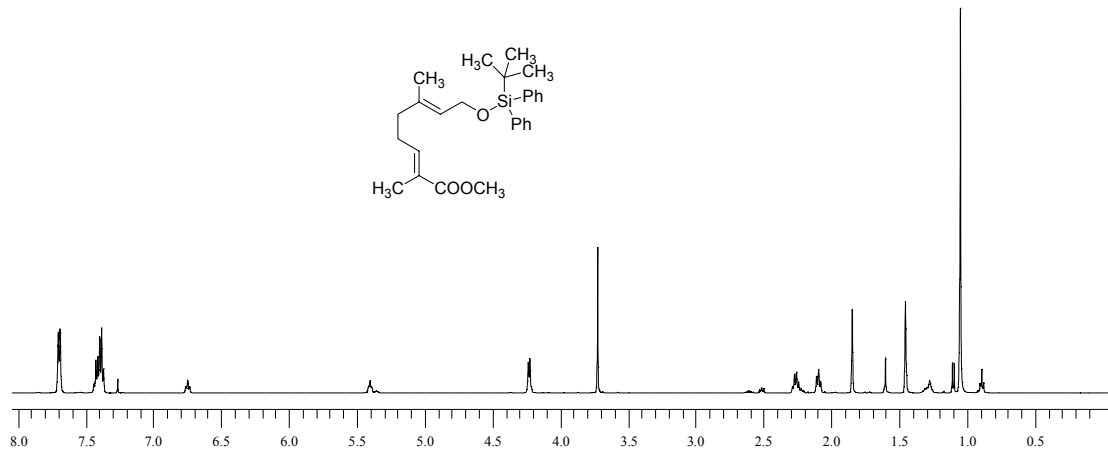
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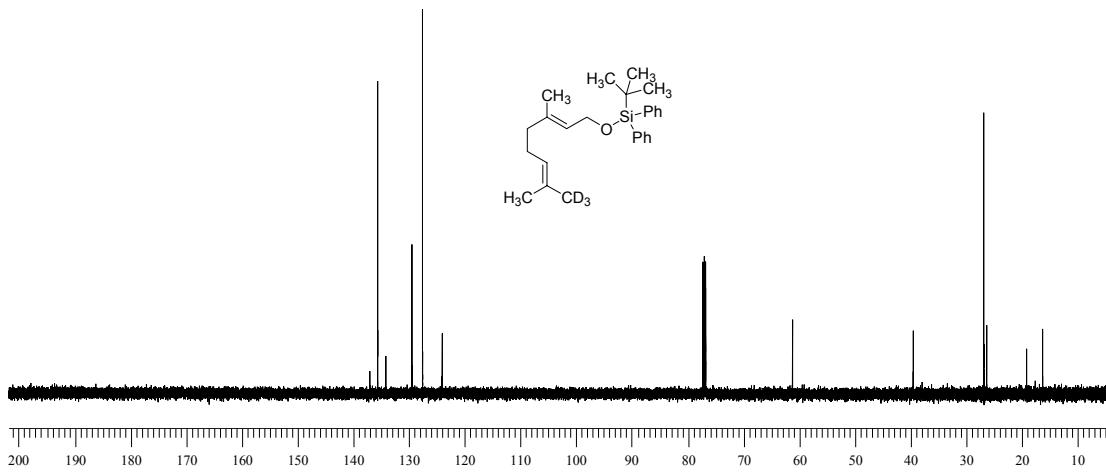
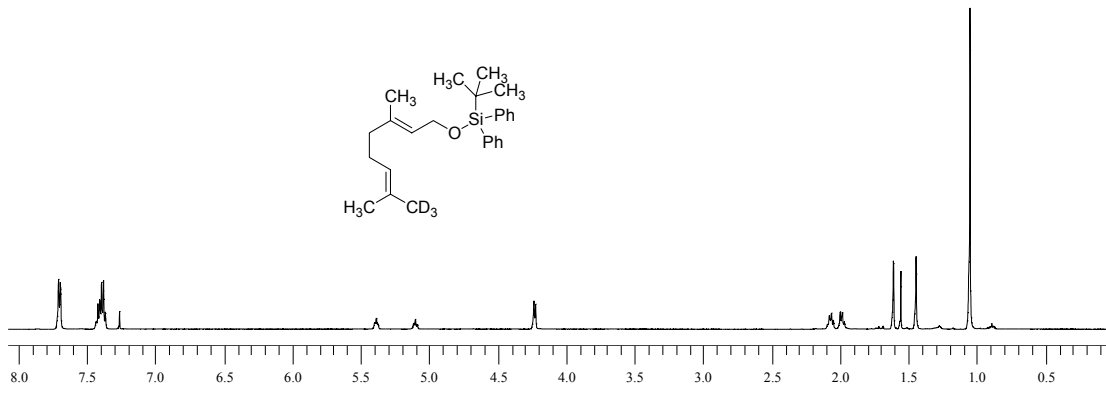
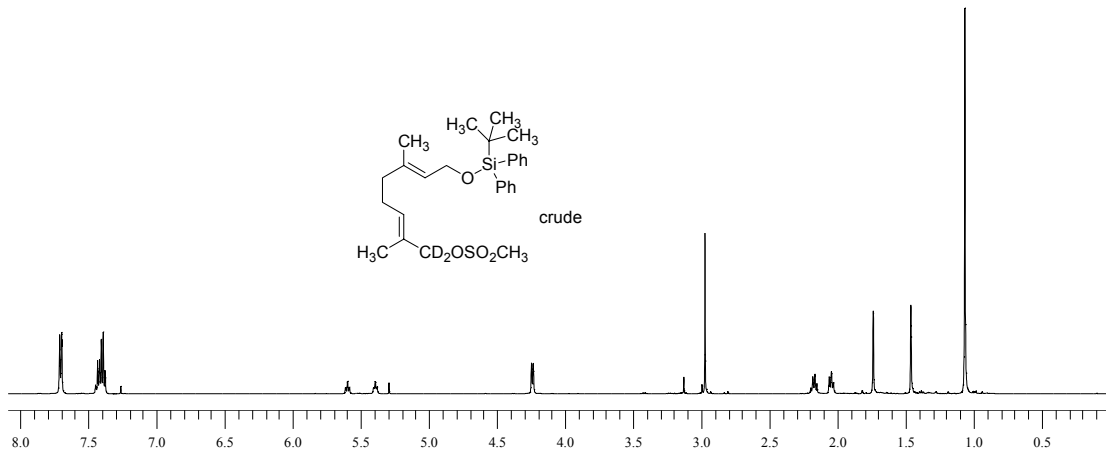


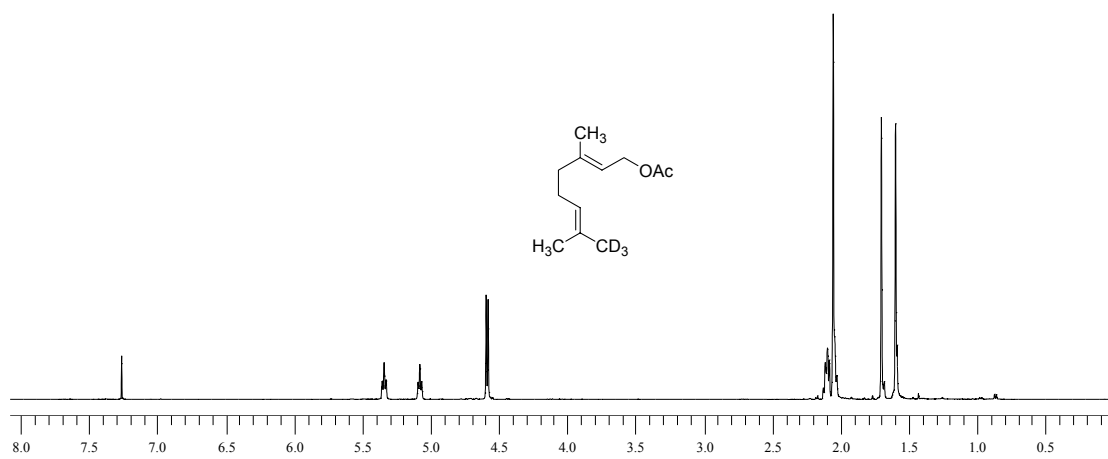
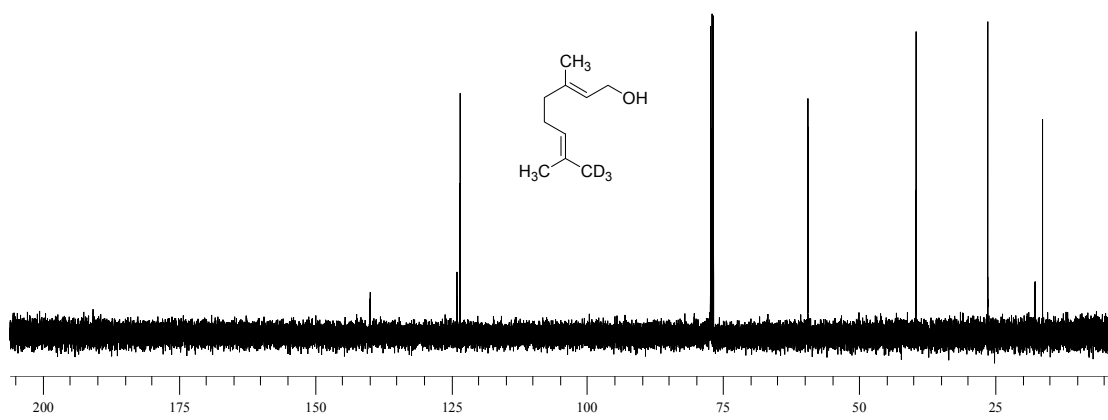
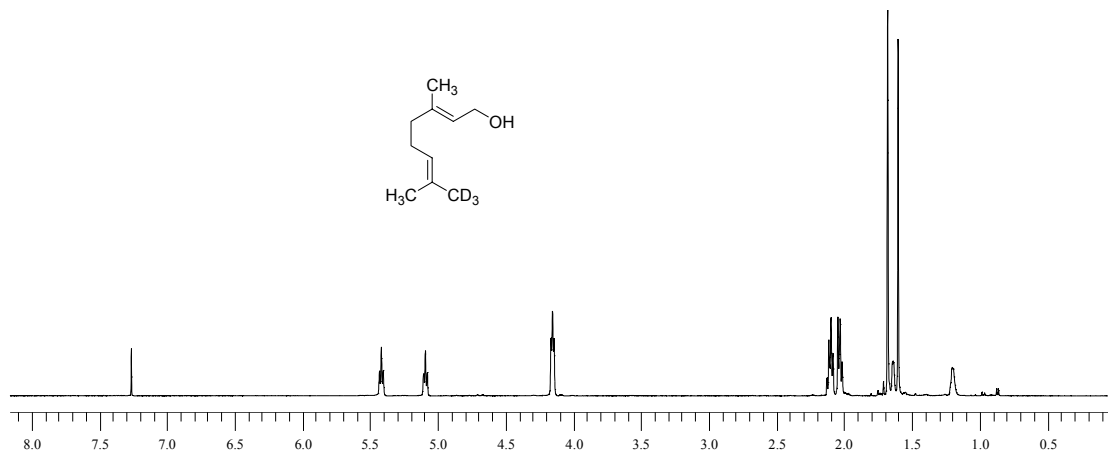
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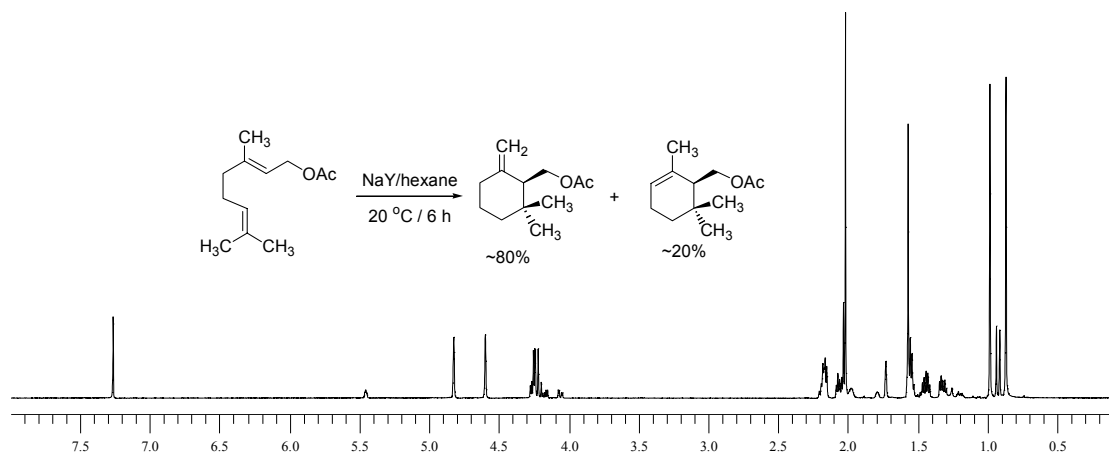
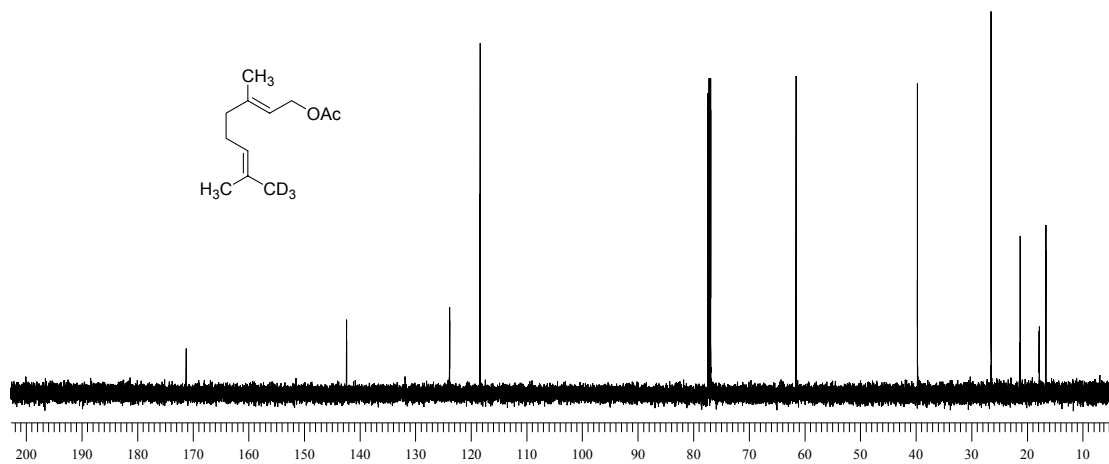
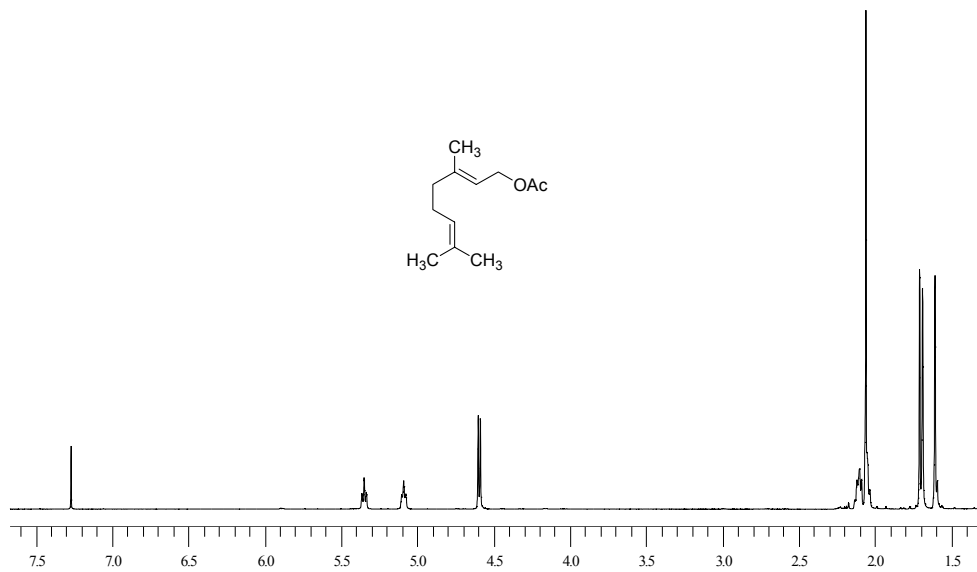


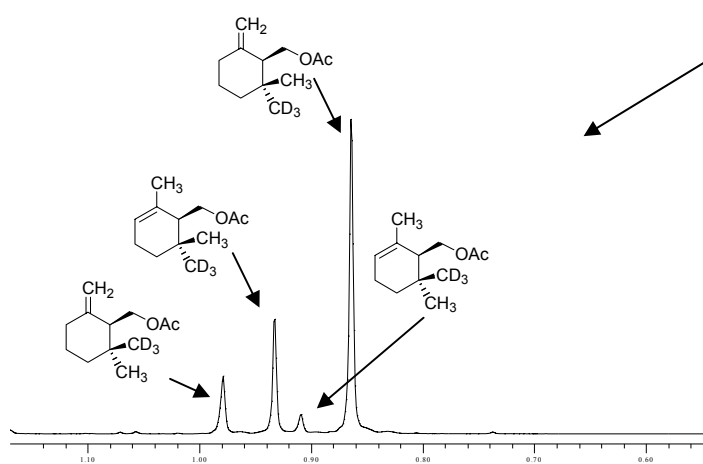
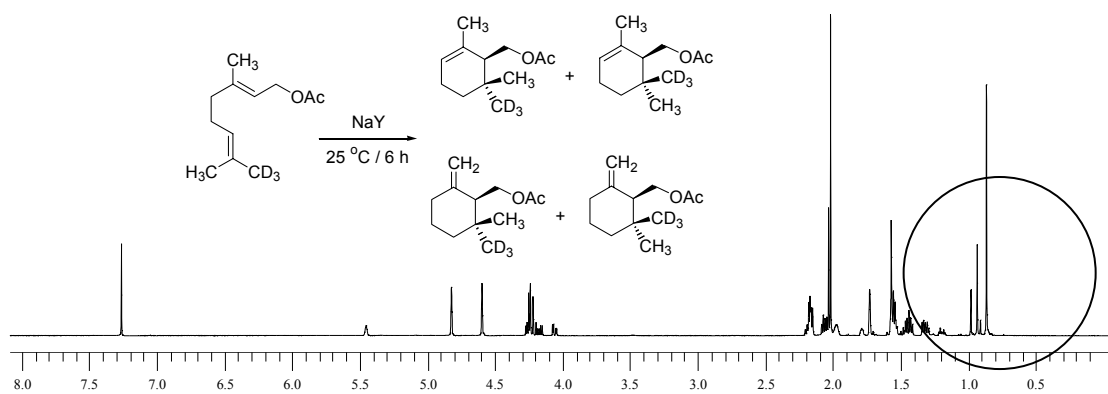


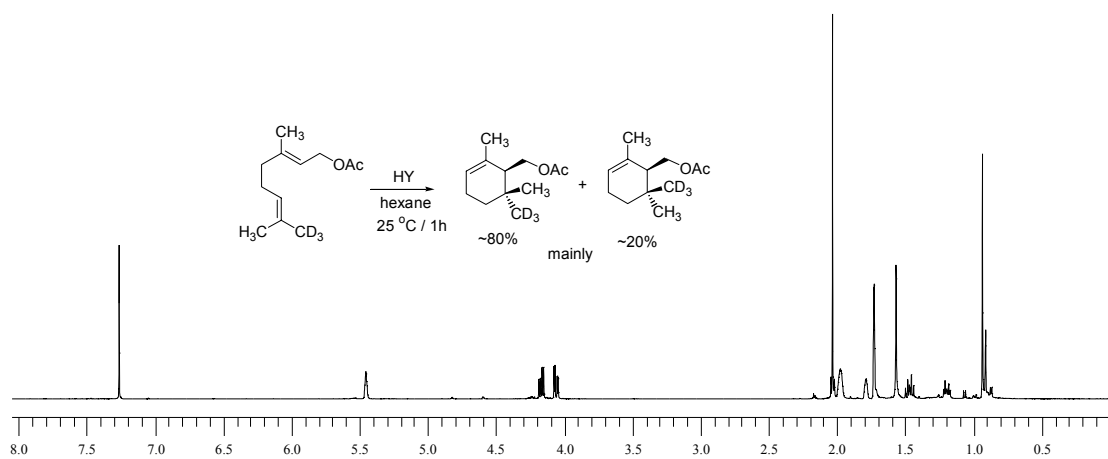
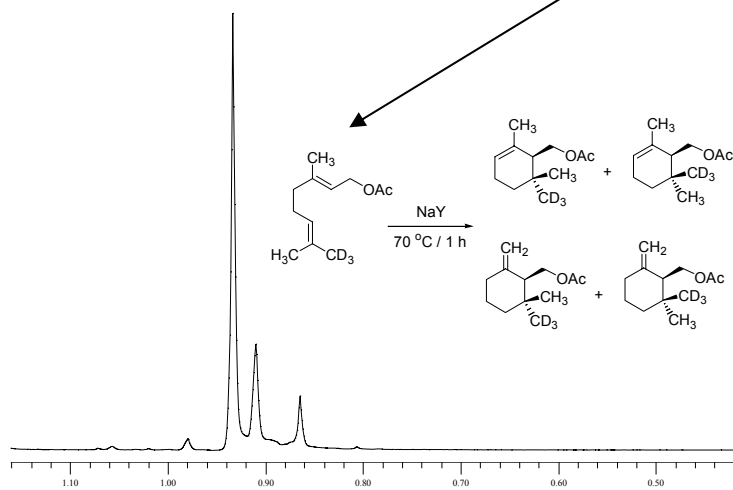
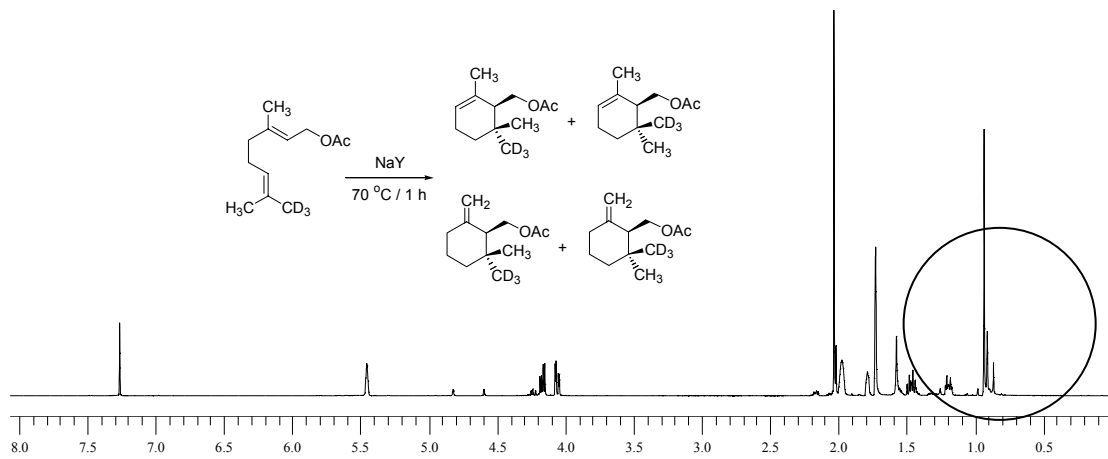


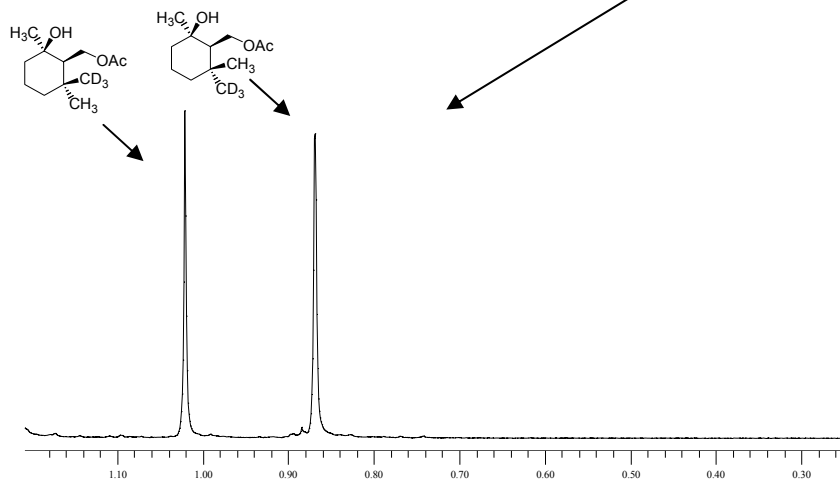
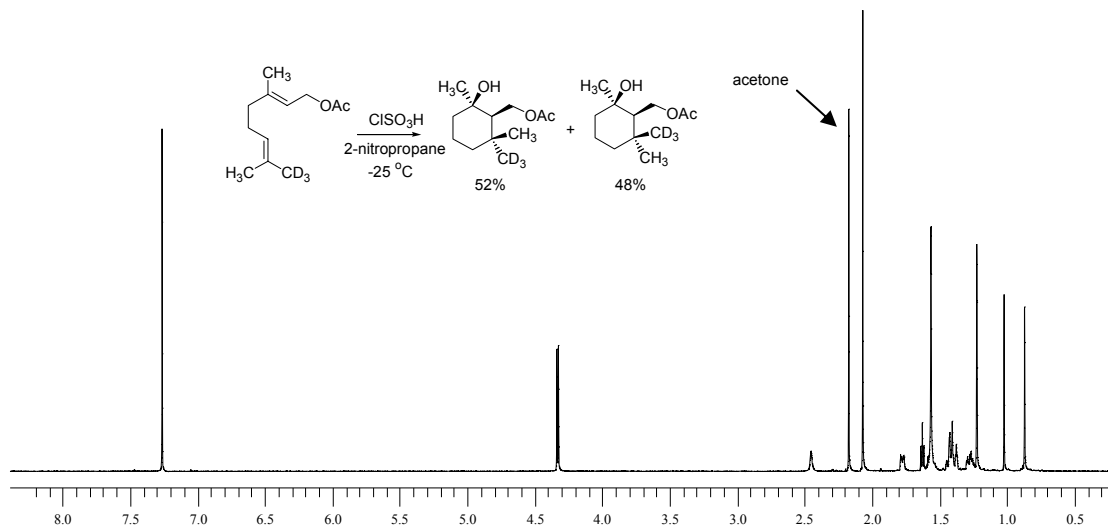






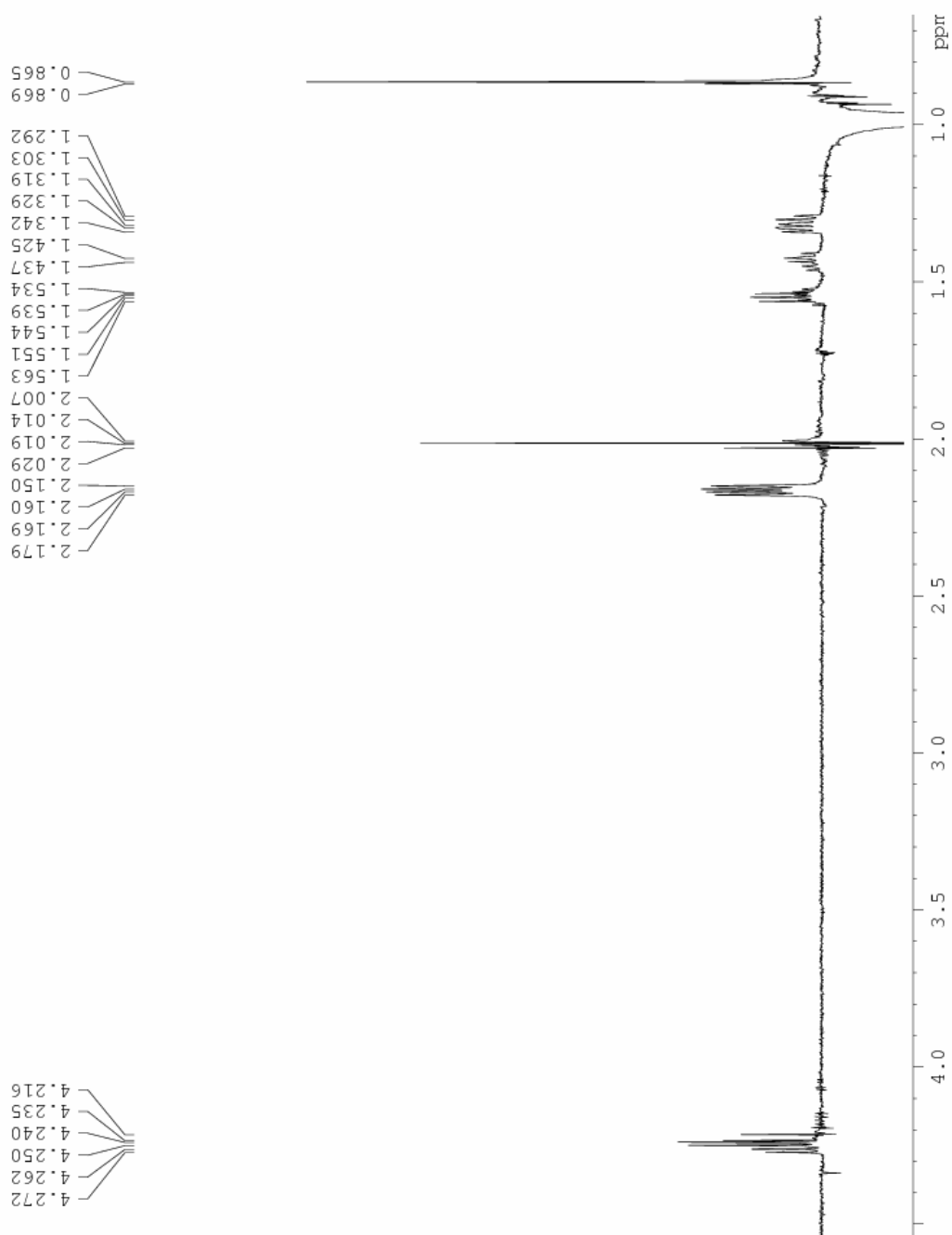






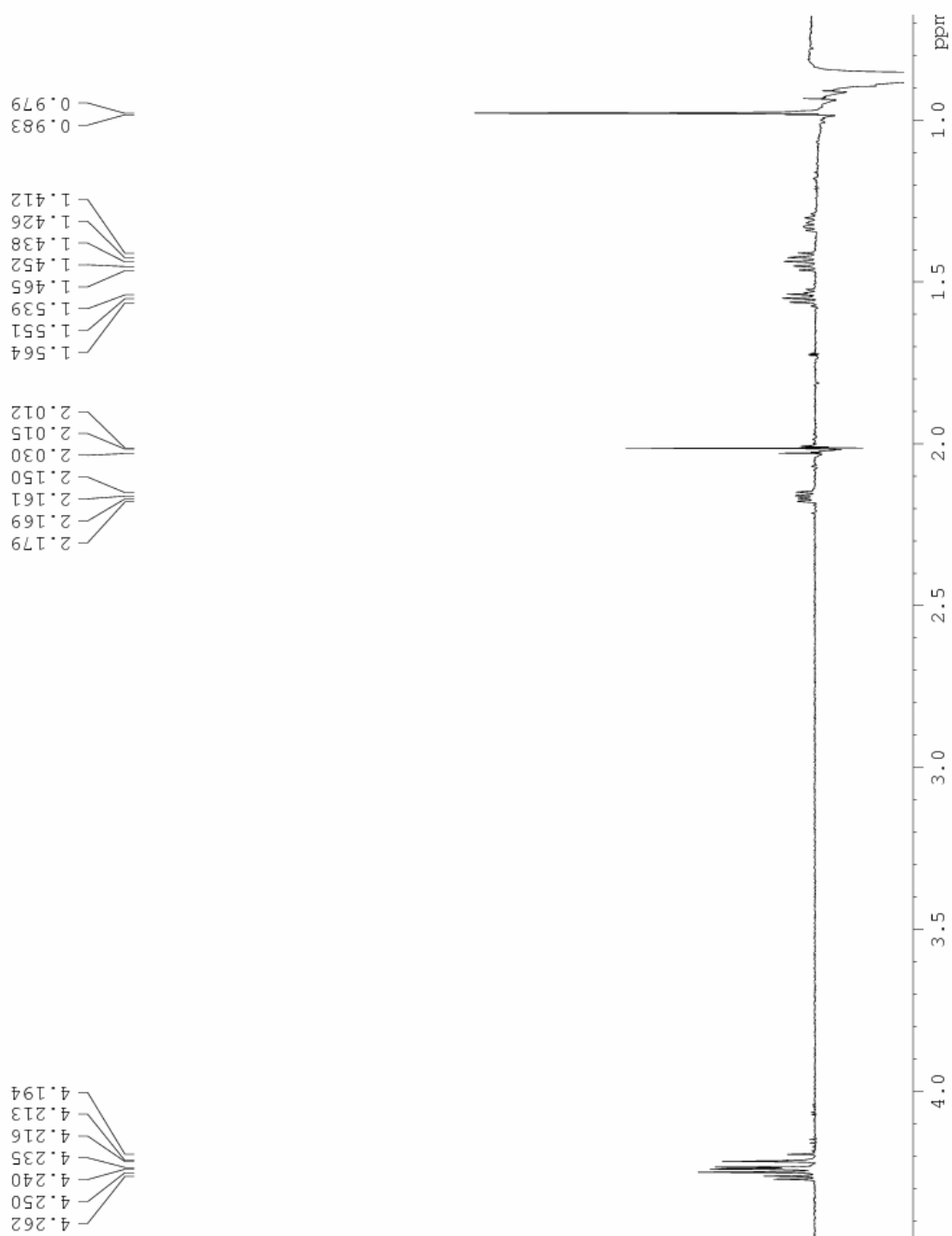
## nOe experiments on $\gamma$ - and $\alpha$ -cyclogeranyl acetate

Irradiation of the *gem*-methyl group of  $\gamma$ -cyclogeranyl acetate (**1a**) resonating at 0.99 ppm, which shows significant signal enhancement of the tertiary allylic H atom at 2.17 ppm.

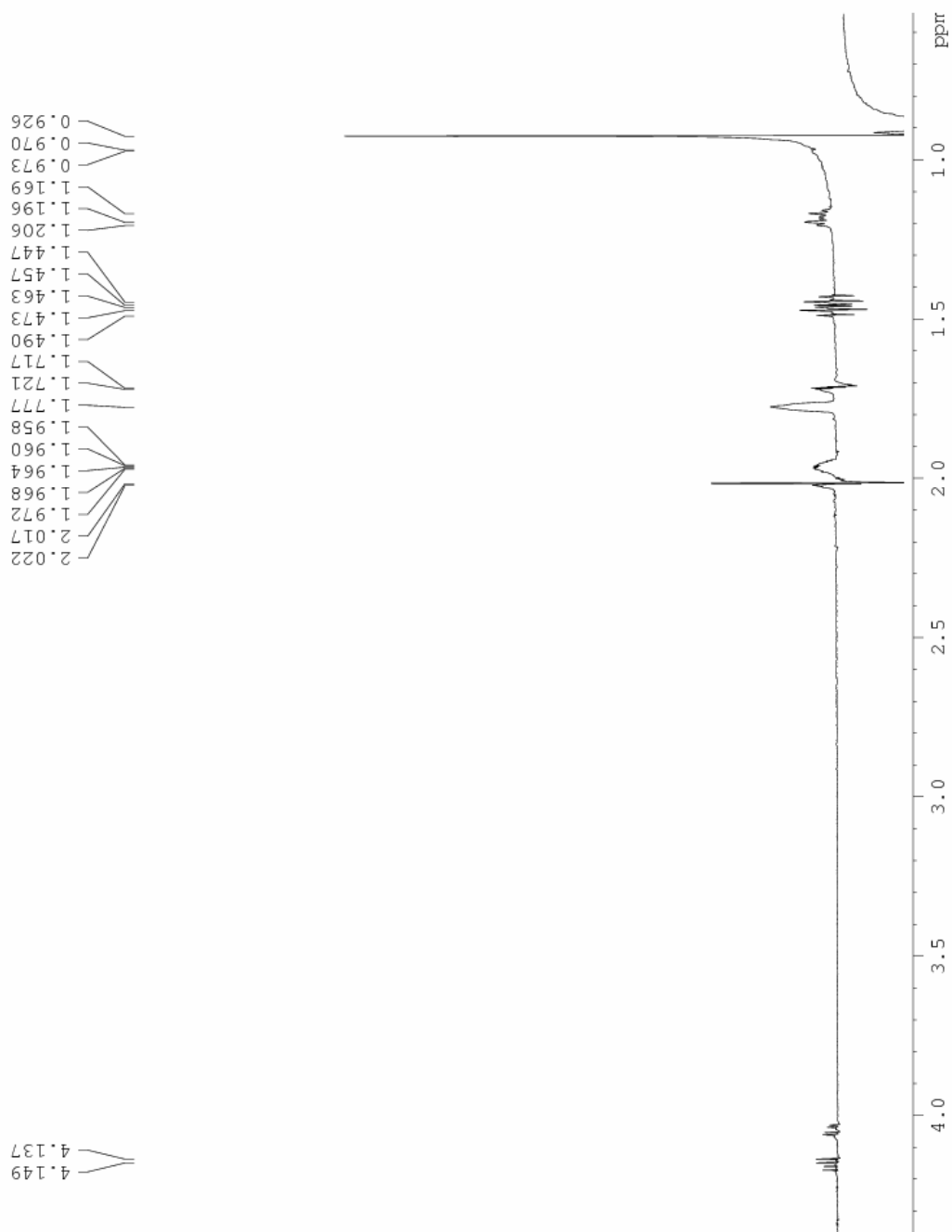




Irradiation of the *gem*-methyl group of  $\gamma$ -cyclogeranyl acetate (**1a**) resonating at 0.87 ppm, which shows lower signal enhancement of the tertiary allylic hydrogen atom at 2.17 ppm.



Irradiation of the *gem*-methyl group of  $\alpha$ -cyclogeranyl acetate (**1b**) resonating at 0.92 ppm, which shows significant signal enhancement of the tertiary allylic H atom at 1.72 ppm.



Irradiation of the *gem*-methyl group of  $\alpha$ -cyclogeranyl acetate (**1b**) resonating at 0.94 ppm which shows moderate signal enhancement of the tertiary allylic H atom at 1.72 ppm.

