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**Partial Hydrogenation of Alkynes to *cis*-Olefins Using Novel
Pd(0)-Polyethyleneimine Catalyst**

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General experimental. Pd(OAc)₂ was purchased from Kishida (catalog No. 000-59012). Polyethyleneimine (average M_w ~25,000 by LS) was purchased from Aldrich (catalog No. 408727). MeOH and cyclohexane for HPLC, dehydrated AcOEt were purchased from Wako Pure Chemical Industries, Ltd., dehydrated dioxane was purchased from Kanto Chemical Co., and The were used without purification. CH₂Cl₂ were distilled from calcium hydride. All other reagents were purchased from commercially sources and used without further purification. Flash column chromatography was performed using Silica Gel 60 N (Kanto Chemical Co., Inc., 63-210 μm spherical, neutral). ¹H NMR and ¹³C NMR spectra were recorded on a JEOL AL 400 spectrometer or JEOL EX 400 spectrometer (400 MHz for ¹H NMR and 100 MHz for ¹³C NMR). Chemical shifts (δ) are expressed in ppm and are internally referenced (0.00 ppm for TMS for CDCl₃ for ¹H NMR and 77.0 ppm for CDCl₃ for ¹³C NMR). EI and FAB mass spectra were taken on a JEOL JMS-SX102A instrument.

Preparation of 5% Pd(0)-PEI catalyst (Scheme 1). Polyethyleneimine (2.11 g) was put in a 200 mL-round-bottom flask and deaerated for 48 h *in vacuo*. MeOH (100 mL, HPLC grade) was added and the resulting solution was poured into Pd(OAc)₂ (225 mg, 1.00 mmol), which was placed in a 200 mL round bottom flask under an argon atmosphere, in one portion. After Pd(OAc)₂ was completely solved (about 10.0 min), the air inside the flask was replaced with H₂ (balloon) by three vacuum/H₂ cycles. The resulting solution was stirred at rt for 24 h and concentrated *in vacuo* to give 5% Pd(0)-PEI catalyst (2.58 g) as a black gummy solid.

Solvent effect of partial hydrogenation of diphenylacetylene using 5% Pd(0)-PEI catalyst (Table 1). In a test tube were placed diphenylacetylene (178 mg, 1.00 mmol), 5% Pd(0)-PEI (17.8 mg, 10 wt % of diphenylacetylene), a stir bar, and solvent given in Table 1. The air inside the test tube was replaced with H₂ by three vacuum/H₂ (balloon) cycles, and the mixture was vigorously stirred at ambient temperature. After 24 h, the reaction mixture was partitioned between Et₂O (10 mL) and H₂O (10 mL) and the organic layer was washed with brine (10 mL), dried (MgSO₄), and filtered, and concentrated *in vacuo* to afford the residue which could include **1a–4a**. The product ratio was determined by the comparison of the integration of the following three peaks at 6.60 ppm (olefin protonss of **2a**), 7.12 ppm (olefin protonss of **3a**) and 2.92 ppm (methylene protonss of **4a**) in ¹H NMR spectrum. The structures of all compounds, **1a**, **2a**, **3a**, and **4a**, were assigned on the basis

of ^1H NMR of authentic commercial samples.

Typical procedure for Pd(0)-PEI-catalyzed partial hydrogenation of *di*-substituted alkynes (Table 2). In a test tube were placed substrate (1.00 mmol), 5% Pd(0)-PEI (10 wt % of substrate), a stir bar, and the mixed-solvent of MeOH (1 mL) and dioxane (1 mL). The air inside the test tube was replaced with H_2 (balloon) by three vacuum/ H_2 cycles, and the mixture was vigorously stirred at ambient temperature. After 24 h, the reaction mixture was partitioned between Et_2O (10 mL) and H_2O (10 mL) and the organic layer was washed with brine (10 mL), dried (MgSO_4), and filtered, and concentrated *in vacuo* to afford the residue which could include **1**, **2**, **3**, and **4**. The ratio of **1**, **2**, **3**, and **4** was determined by ^1H NMR analysis.

***cis*-Cinnamic Acid and *trans*-Cinnamic Acid (Entry 1).**

Obtained from phenylpropynoic acid (146 mg, 1.00 mmol), 5% Pd(0)-PEI (14.6 mg, 10 wt % of phenylpropionic acid) and K_2CO_3 (138 mg, 1.00 mmol) according to the typical procedure. The ratio of *cis*- to *trans*-cinnamic acids was determined based on the integration of the following ^1H NMR signals at 5.95 ppm (olefin protons of *cis*-cinnamic acid) and 6.43 ppm (olefin protons of *trans*-cinnamic acid) to be 96 : 4. The chemical shifts of *cis*-isomer and *trans*-isomer were confirmed by those of the literature¹ and commercial authentic sample, respectively.

Ethyl *cis*-Cinnamate and Ethyl 3-Phenylpropionate (Entry 2).

Obtained from ethyl phenylpropiolate (174 mg, 1.00 mmol), 5% Pd(0)-PEI (17.4 mg, 10 wt % of ethyl phenylpropiolate) according to the typical procedure. The ratio of ethyl *cis*-cinnamate and ethyl 3-phenylpropionate was determined based on the integration of the following ^1H NMR signals at 5.93 ppm (olefin protons of ethyl *cis*-cinnamate) and 2.60 ppm (methylene protons of ethyl 3-phenylpropionate) to be 94 : 6. The chemical shifts of ethyl *cis*-cinnamate and ethyl 3-phenylpropionate were confirmed by those of the literature² and commercial authentic sample, respectively.

***cis*-4-Phenyl-3-buten-2-one and *trans*-4-Phenyl-3-buten-2-one and Benzylacetone (Entry 3).**

Obtained from 4-phenyl-3-buten-2-one (144 mg, 1.00 mmol), 5% Pd(0)-PEI (14.4 mg, 10 wt % of 4-phenyl-3-buten-2-one) according to the typical procedure. The ratio of *cis*-4-phenyl-3-buten-2-one and *trans*-4-phenyl-3-buten-2-one and benzylacetone was determined based on the integration of the following ^1H NMR signals at 6.18 ppm (olefin protons of *cis*-4-phenyl-3-buten-2-one), 6.72 ppm (olefin protons of *trans*-4-phenyl-3-buten-2-one) and 2.76 ppm (methylene protons of benzylacetone) to be 36 : 58 : 6. The chemical shifts of *cis*-isomer and *trans*-isomer, benzylacetone were confirmed by those of the literature³ and commercial authentic sample, respectively.

***cis*-6-Dodecene (Entry 4).**

Obtained from 6-dodecyne (166 mg, 1.00 mmol), 5% Pd(0)-PEI (16 mg, 10 wt % of 6-dodecyne) according to the typical procedure. ¹H NMR spectrum of the residue was identical with that of *cis*-dodecene in the literature.⁴

***cis*-3-Octen-1-ol (Entry 5).**

Obtained from 3-octyn-1-ol (126 mg, 1.00 mmol), 5% Pd(0)-PEI (12.6 mg, 10 wt % of 3-octyn-1-ol) according to the typical procedure. ¹H NMR spectrum of the residue was identical with that of commercial authentic sample.

***cis*-2,5-Dimethyl-3-hexene-2,5-diol (Entry 6).**

Obtained from 2,5-dimethyl-3-hexyne-2,5-diol (142 mg, 1.00 mmol), 5% Pd(0)-PEI (14.2 mg, 10 wt % of 2,5-dimethyl-3-hexyne-2,5-diol) according to the typical procedure. ¹H NMR spectra showed that other products were not included in the residue. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 5.32 (2H, s), 4.23 (2H, s*), 1.37 (12H, s). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃) δ: 135.4, 71.0, 31.5. MS (EI) m/z 129 (M⁺-CH₃, 21%), 111 (100%), 43 (49%); HRMS (EI) Calcd for C₇H₁₃O₂ (M⁺-CH₃)129.0916. Found 129.0922.

Typical procedure for Pd(0)-PEI-catalyzed partial hydrogenation of *mono*-substituted alkynes (Table 3). In a test tube were placed substrate (1.00 mmol), 5% Pd(0)-PEI (10 wt % of substrate), a stir bar, and solvent given in Table 3. The air inside the test tube was replaced with H₂ (balloon) by three vacuum/H₂ cycles, and the mixture was vigorously stirred at ambient temperature. After 24 h, the reaction mixture was partitioned between Et₂O (10 mL) and H₂O (10 mL) and the organic layer was washed with brine (10 mL), dried (MgSO₄), filtered, and concentrated *in vacuo* to afford the residue which could include **5**, **6**, and **7**. The ratio of **5**, **6**, and **7** was determined by ¹H NMR analysis.

4-Ethynylaniline and 4-Vinyylaniline and 4-Ethylaniline (Entry 1).

Obtained from 4-ethynylaniline (117 mg, 1.00 mmol), 5% Pd(0)-PEI (11.7 mg, 10 wt % of 4-ethynylaniline) according to the typical procedure. The ratio of 4-ethynylaniline and 4-vinyylaniline and 4-ethylaniline was determined based on the integration of the following ¹H NMR signals at 2.95 ppm (alkyne protons of 4-ethynylaniline), 5.03 ppm (olefin protons of 4-vinyylaniline) and 1.17 ppm (methyl protons of 4-ethylaniline) to be 11 : 85 : 4. The chemical shifts of these compounds were confirmed by those of commercial authentic sample.

***N*-Benzyloxycarbonyl-4-vinyylaniline and *N*-Benzyloxycarbonyl-4-ethylaniline (Entry 2).**

Obtained from *N*-benzyloxycarbonyl-4-ethynylaniline (126 mg, 0.5 mmol), 5% Pd(0)-PEI (12.6 mg,

10 wt % of *N*-benzyloxycarbonyl-4-ethynylaniline) according to the typical procedure. The ratio of *N*-benzyloxycarbonyl-4-vinylaniline and *N*-benzyloxycarbonyl-4-ethylaniline was determined based on integration of the following ^1H NMR signals at 5.68 ppm (olefin protons of *N*-benzyloxycarbonyl-4-vinylaniline) and 1.21 ppm (methyl protons of *N*-benzyloxycarbonyl-4-ethylaniline) to be 93 : 7. These chemical shifts were confirmed by those of the literature⁵.

1-Dodecene and 1-dodecane (Entry 3).

Obtained from 1-dodecyne (166 mg, 1.00 mmol), 5% Pd(0)-PEI (16.6 mg, 10 wt % of 1-dodecyne) according to the typical procedure. The ratio of 1-dodecene and 1-dodecane was determined based on integration of the following ^1H NMR signals 4.94 ppm (olefin protons of 1-dodecene) and 0.88 ppm (methyl protons of 1-dodecane) to be 83 : 17. These chemical shifts were confirmed by those of commercial authentic sample.

Allylphenylsulfide and Phenylpropylsulfide (Entry 4).

Obtained from phenylpropargylsulfide (148 mg, 1.00 mmol), 5% Pd(0)-PEI (14.8 mg, 10 wt % of phenylpropargylsulfide) according to the typical procedure. The ratio of allylphenylsulfide and phenylpropylsulfide was determined based on integration of the following ^1H NMR signals 5.09 ppm (olefin protons of allylphenylsulfide) and 1.02 ppm (methyl protons of phenylpropylsulfide) to be 98 : 2. These chemical shifts were confirmed by those of commercial authentic sample.

Benzylheptenoate (Entry 5).

Obtained from benzylheptynoate (108 mg, 0.5 mmol), 5% Pd(0)-PEI (10.8 mg, 10 wt % of benzylheptynoate) according to the typical procedure. ^1H NMR spectra showed that other products were not included in the residue. ^1H NMR (CDCl_3) δ 7.39-7.30 (5H, m), 5.83-5.73 (1H, m), 5.12 (2H, s), 4.98 (2H, m), 2.37 (2H, t, $J = 7.7$ Hz), 2.06 (2H, m), 1.67 (2H, m), 1.46-1.38 (2H, m). MS (EI) m/z 218 (M^+ , 2%), 91 (100%); HRMS (EI) Calcd for $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{18}\text{O}_2$ (M^+) 218.1307. Found 218.1295.

4-(Benzyloxy)butene and Benzyl butyl ether (Entry 6).

Obtained from 4-(benzyloxy)butyne (80.0 mg, 1.00 mmol), 5% Pd(0)-PEI (8.00 mg, 10 wt % of 4-(benzyloxy)butyne) according to the typical procedure. The ratio of 4-(benzyloxy)butene and benzyl butyl ether was determined based on the integration of the following ^1H NMR signals 5.08 ppm (olefin protons of 4-(benzyloxy)butene) and 3.48 ppm (methylene protons of benzyl butyl ether) to be 96 : 4. These chemical shifts of 4-(benzyloxy)butene and benzyl butyl ether were confirmed by those of the literature⁶ and commercial authentic sample, respectively.

(17 α , 20E)-19-Norpregna-1, 3, 5(10), 20-tetraene-3, 7-diol (Entry 7).

Obtained from ethynylestradiol (296 mg, 1.00 mmol), 5% Pd(0)-PEI (29.6 mg, 10 wt % of ethynylestradiol) and K₂CO₃ (138 mg, 1.00 mmol) according to the typical procedure. ¹H NMR spectrum of the residue was identical with that in the literature.⁷

9-Vinyl-9-fluorenol and 9-Ethyl-9-fluorenol (Entry 8).

Obtained from 9-ethynyl-9-fluorenol (206 mg, 1.00 mmol), 5% Pd(0)-PEI (20.6 mg, 10 wt % of 9-ethynyl-9-fluorenol) according to the typical procedure. The ratio of 9-vinyl-9-fluorenol and 9-ethyl-9-fluorenol was determined based on the integration of the following ¹H NMR signals 5.22 ppm (olefin protons of 9-vinyl-9-fluorenol) and 0.55 ppm (methyl protons of 9-ethyl-9-fluorenol) to be 88 : 12. The chemical shifts of 9-vinyl-9-fluorenol and 9-ethyl-9-fluorenol were confirmed by those of the literature 8 and literature 9, respectively.

Allylbenzoate and Propargylbenzoate (Entry 9).

Obtained from propargylbenzoate (160 mg, 1.00 mmol), 5% Pd(0)-PEI (16.0 mg, 10 wt % of propargylbenzoate) according to the typical procedure. The ratio of allylbenzoate and propargylbenzoate was determined based on the integration of the following ¹H NMR signals 5.38 ppm (olefin protons of allylbenzoate) and 1.02 ppm (methyl protons of propargylbenzoate) to be 83 : 17. The chemical shifts of allylbenzoate and propargylbenzoate were confirmed by those of the literature¹⁰ and commercial authentic sample, respectively.

2-*tert*-Butyldimethylsilyloxy-2-phenyl-3-butene (Entry 10).

Obtained from 2-*tert*-butyldimethylsilyloxy-2-phenyl-3-butyne (130 mg, 0.5 mmol), 5% Pd(0)-PEI (13.0 mg, 10 wt % of 2-*tert*-butyldimethylsilyloxy-2-phenyl-3-butyne) according to the typical procedure. ¹H NMR spectra showed that other products were not included in the residue. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 7.44 - 7.20 (5H, m), 5.99 (1H, dd, *J* = 17.2, 10.5 Hz), 5.27 (1H, dd, *J* = 17.2, 1.0 Hz), 5.09 (1H, dd, *J* = 10.5, 1.0 Hz), 1.65 (3H, s), 0.95 (9H, s), 0.05 (3H, s), 0.00 (3H, s); MS (EI) *m/z* 247 (M⁺-CH₃, 6%), 205 (98%), 131 (20%), 91 (11%), 75 (100%), 44 (14%); HRMS (EI) Calcd for C₁₅H₂₃OSi (M⁺-CH₃) 247.1518. Found 247.1509.

2-Phenyl-3-buten-2-ol and 2-phenyl-2-butanol (Entry 11).

Obtained from 2-phenyl-3-buten-2-ol (146 mg, 1.00 mmol), 5% Pd(0)-PEI (14.6 mg, 10 wt % of 2-phenyl-3-buten-2-ol) according to the typical procedure. The ratio of 2-phenyl-3-buten-2-ol and 2-phenyl-2-butanol was determined based on the integration of the following ¹H NMR signals 6.17 ppm (olefin protons of 2-phenyl-3-buten-2-ol) and 0.80 ppm (methyl protons of 2-phenyl-2-butanol) to be 88 : 12. The chemical shifts of 2-phenyl-3-buten-2-ol and 2-phenyl-2-butanol were confirmed

by those of the literature¹¹ and commercial authentic sample, respectively.

Synthesis of the substrate (Table 3, Entries 2, 5, 6, and 10).

***N*-(benzyloxycarbonyl-4-ethynylaniline (Table 3, Entry 2)⁵**

To a solution of 4-ethynylaniline (586 mg, 5.00 mmol) in THF (10.0 mL) was added *N*-(benzyloxycarbonyloxy)succinimide (1.50 g, 6.00 mmol). After 16 h, the mixture was extracted with AcOEt (150 mL) and H₂O (100 mL). The organic layer was washed with brine (100 mL), dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered, and concentrated *in vacuo*. The residue was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (*n*-hexane/Et₂O, 10/1) in 93% (1.17 g) as a pale brownish yellow solid. The ¹H NMR data was identical with that of the literature.⁵

Benzylheptynoate (Table 3, Entry 5)¹²

To a solution of 6-heptynoic acid (1.26 g, 10.0 mmol), EDC·HCl (1.92 g, 10.0 mmol), and DMAP (122 mg, 1.00 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (20.0 mL) was added benzyl alcohol (1.08 g, 10.0 mmol). After 44 h, the mixture was extracted with AcOEt (150 mL) and H₂O (100 mL). The organic layer was washed with brine (100 mL), dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered, and concentrated *in vacuo*. The residue was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (*n*-hexane/Et₂O, 20/1) in 84% (1.82 g) as a pale yellow oil. The ¹H NMR data was identical with that of the literature.¹²

4-(Benzyloxy)butyne (Table 3, Entry 6)¹³

To a suspension of NaH (60% W/W in mineral oil, 300 mg, 7.50 mmol) in THF (5.00 mL) and DMF (4.00 mL) was added THF solution (5.00 mL) of 3-butyne-1-ol (351 mg, 5.00 mmol) at 0 °C. After 30 min, the resulting solution was stirred at rt for 1 h, benzyl bromide (1.31 g, 7.50 mmol) was added dropwise, and the mixture was stirred at 0 °C for 30 min and at rt for 16 h. The mixture was extracted with Et₂O (150 mL) and H₂O (100 mL). The organic layer was washed with brine (100 mL), dried over MgSO₄, filtered, and concentrated *in vacuo*. The residue was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (*n*-hexane/Et₂O, 20/1) in 96% (766 mg) as a pale yellow oil. The ¹H NMR data was identical with that of the literature.¹³

2-*tert*-Butyldimethylsilyloxy-2-phenyl-3-butyne (Table 3, Entry 10)

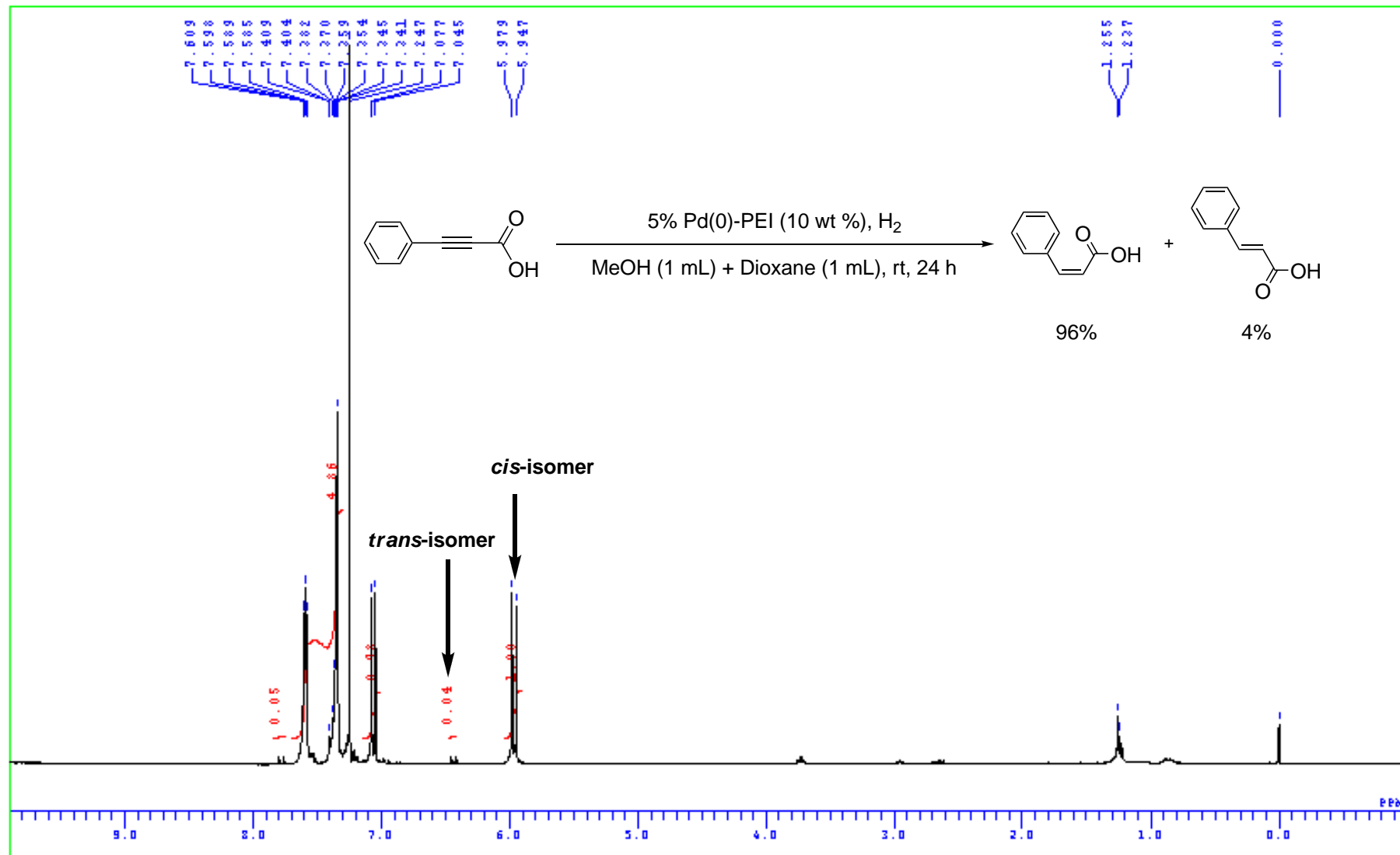
To a solution of 2-phenyl-3-butyne-2-ol (731 mg, 5.00 mmol), 2,6-lutidine (1.07 g, 10.0 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (5.00 mL) was added dropwise *tert*-butyldimethylsilyl trifluoromethanesulfonate (1.98 g, 7.5 mmol) at 0 °C under argon atmosphere and the mixture was stirred at rt. After 30 min, the mixture was extracted with Et₂O (150 mL) and H₂O (100 mL). The organic layer was washed with brine (100 mL), dried over MgSO₄, filtered, and concentrated *in vacuo*. The residue was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (*n*-hexane) in 95% (1.24 g) as a colorless oil. ¹H NMR

(CDCl₃) δ 7.44 - 7.20 (5H, m), 5.99 (1H, dd, J = 17.2, 10.5 Hz), 5.27 (1H, dd, J = 17.2, 1.0 Hz), 5.09 (1H, dd, J = 10.5, 1.0 Hz), 1.65 (3H, s), 0.95 (9H, s), 0.05 (3H, s), 0.00 (3H, s); MS (EI) m/z 247 (M^+ -CH₃, 6%), 205 (98%), 131 (20%), 91 (11%), 75 (100%), 44 (14%); HRMS (EI) Calcd for C₁₅H₂₃OSi (M^+ -CH₃) 247.1518. Found 247.1509.

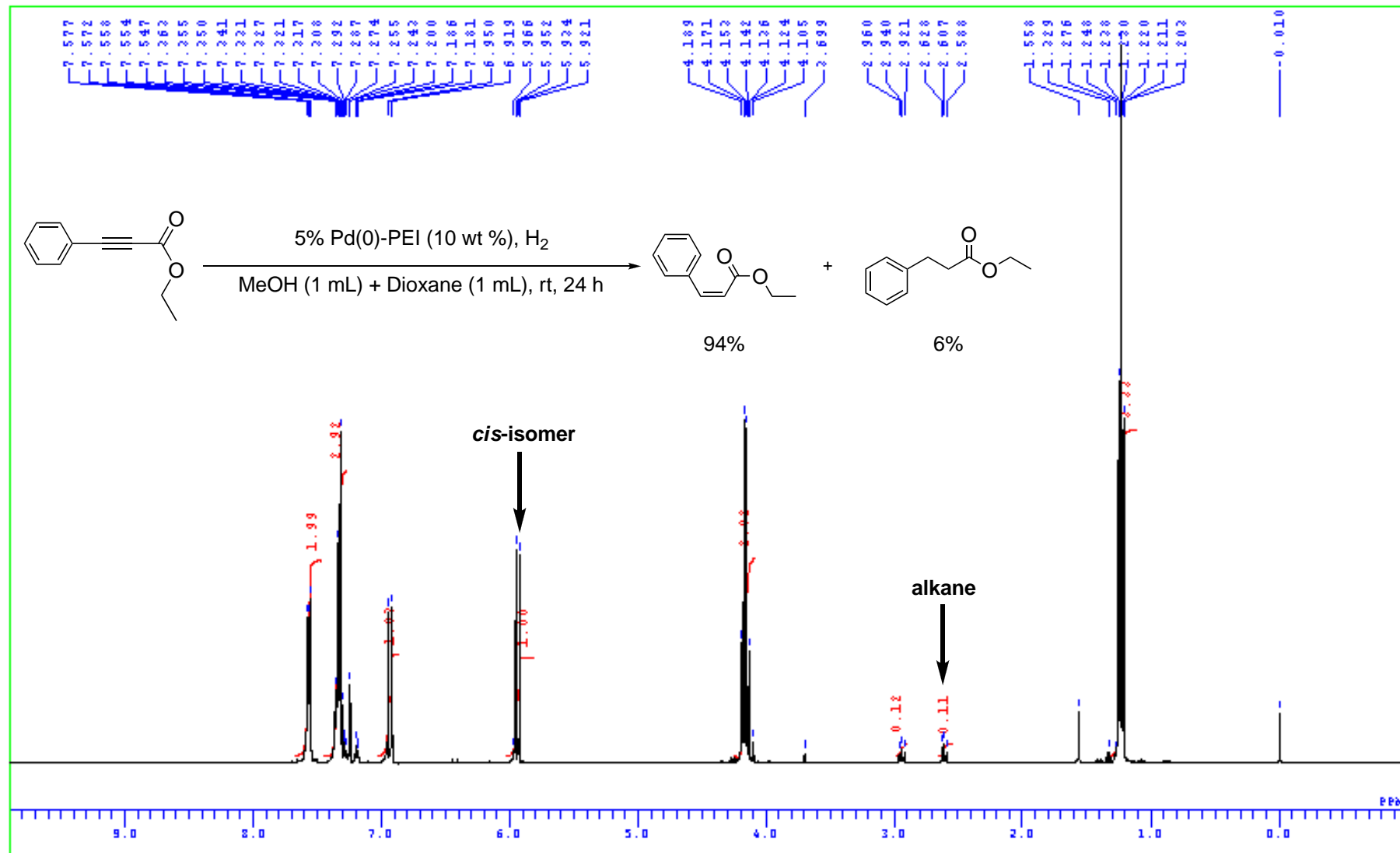
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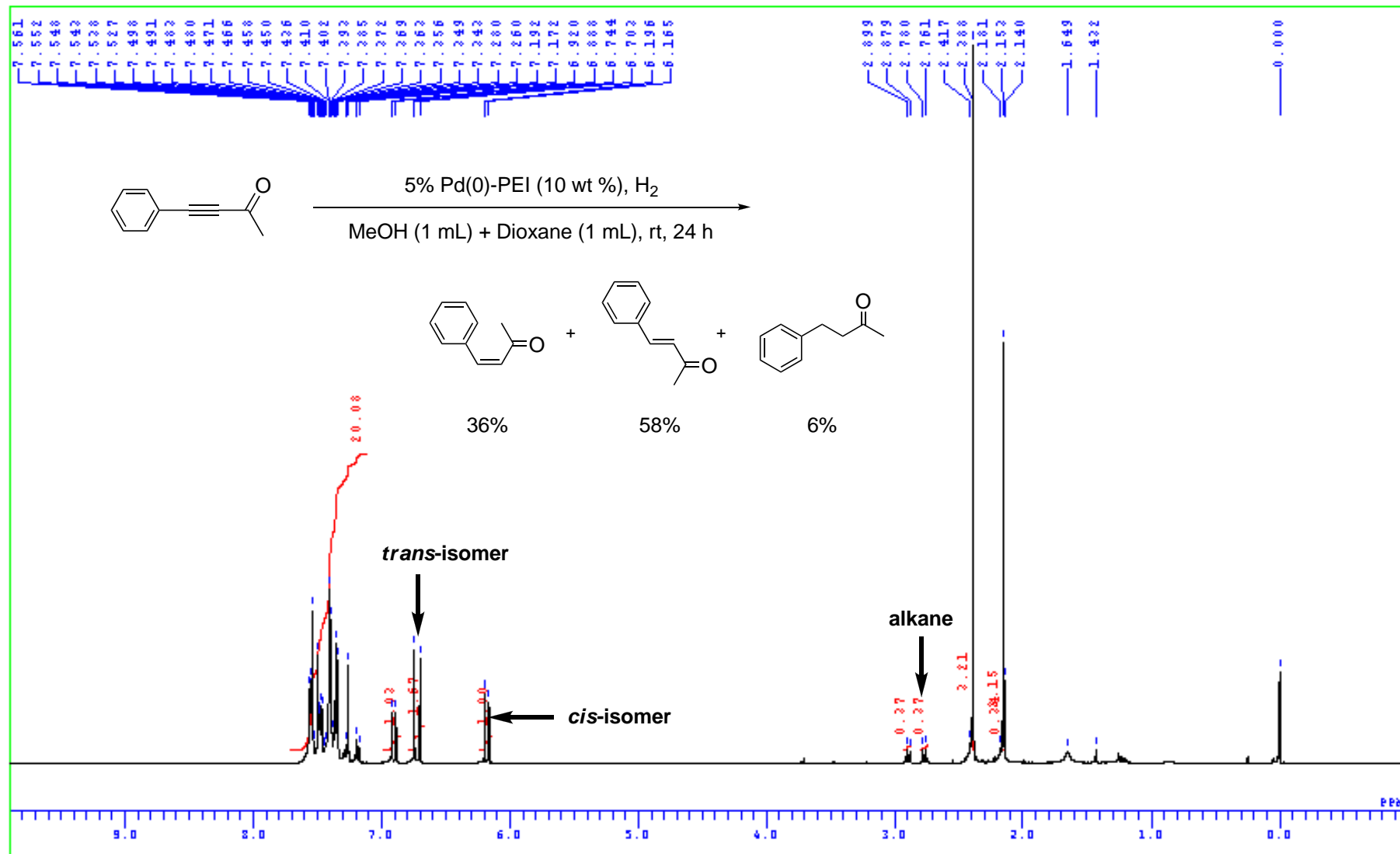
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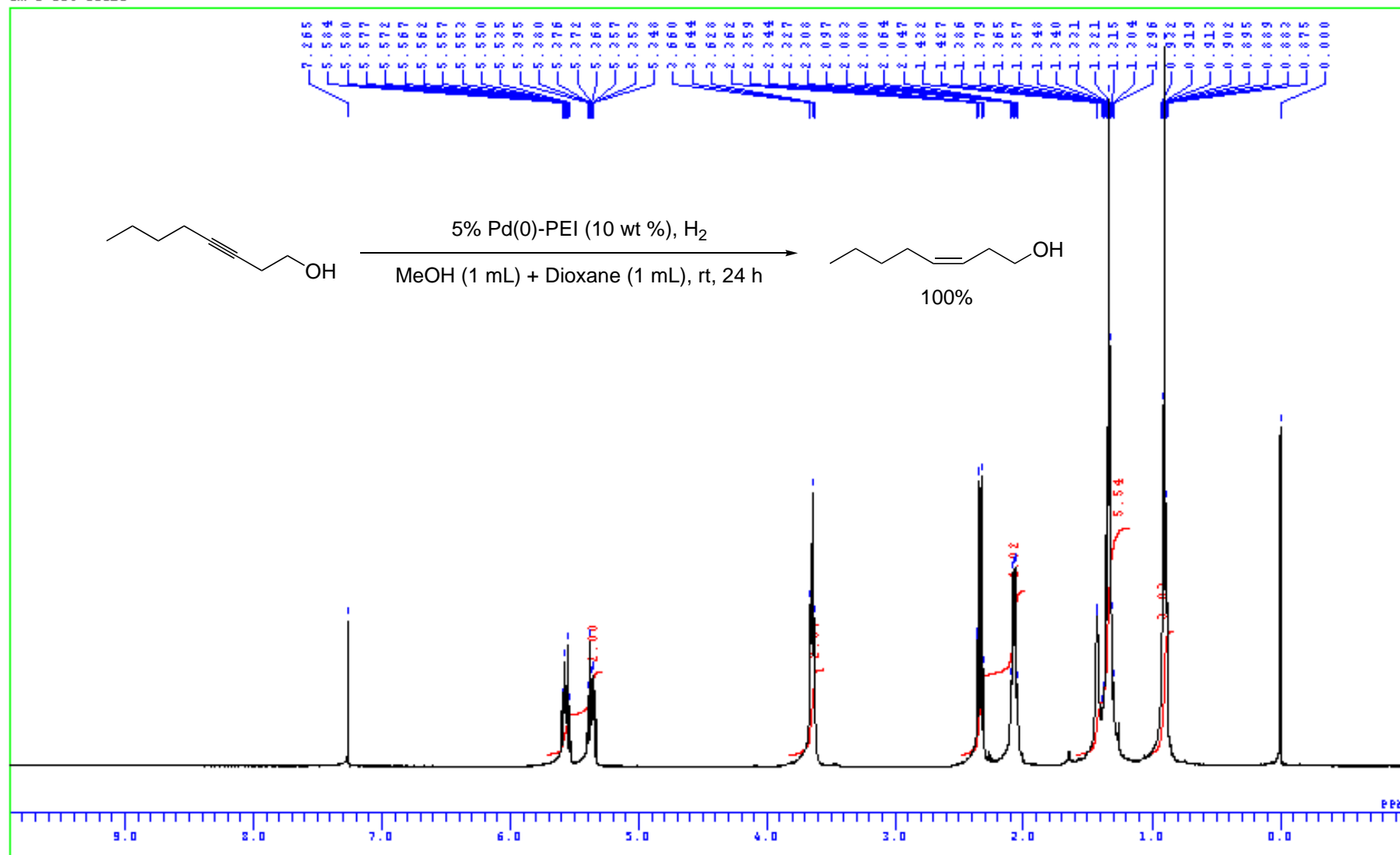
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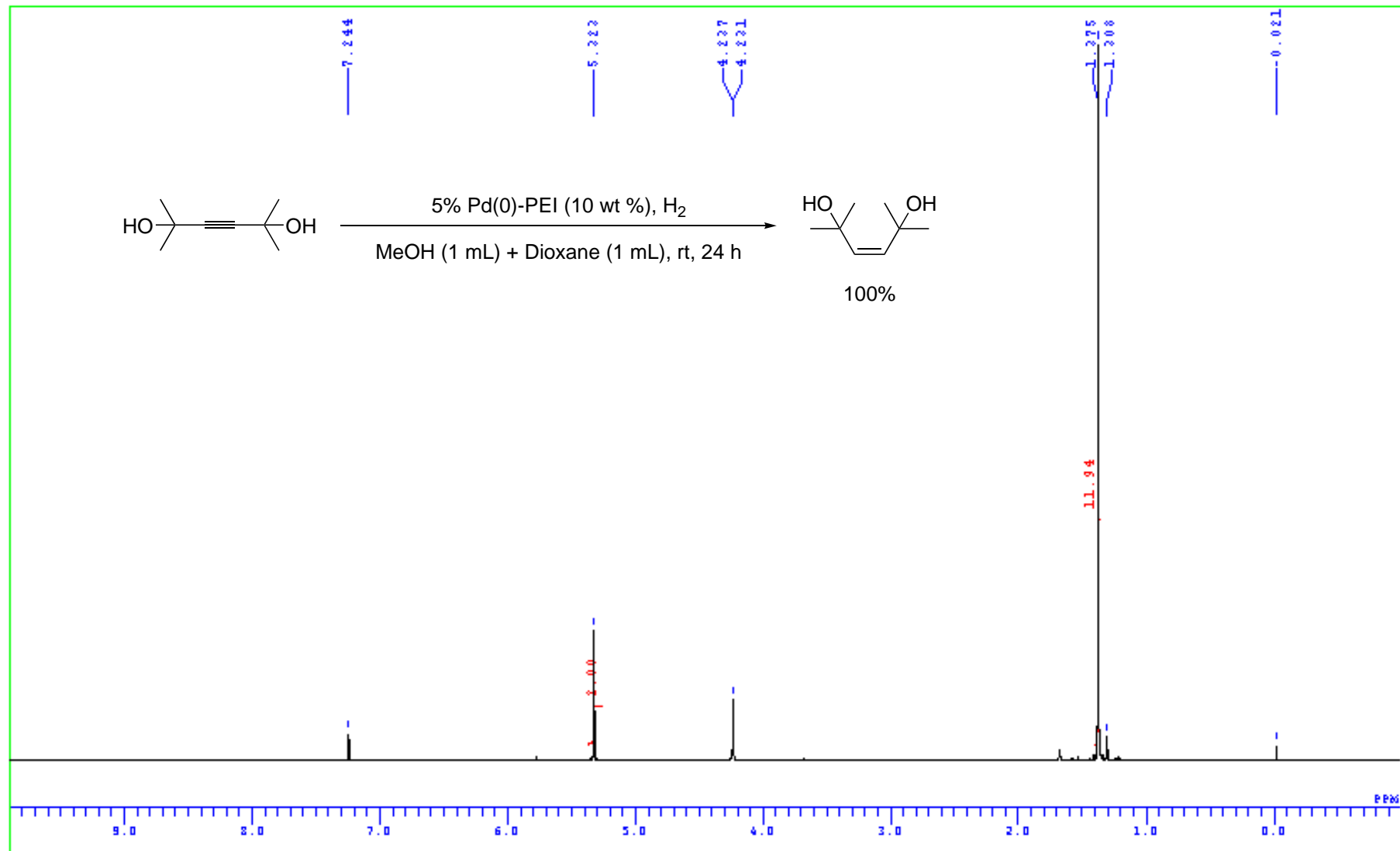
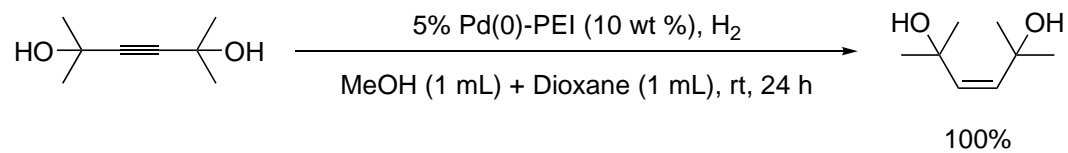
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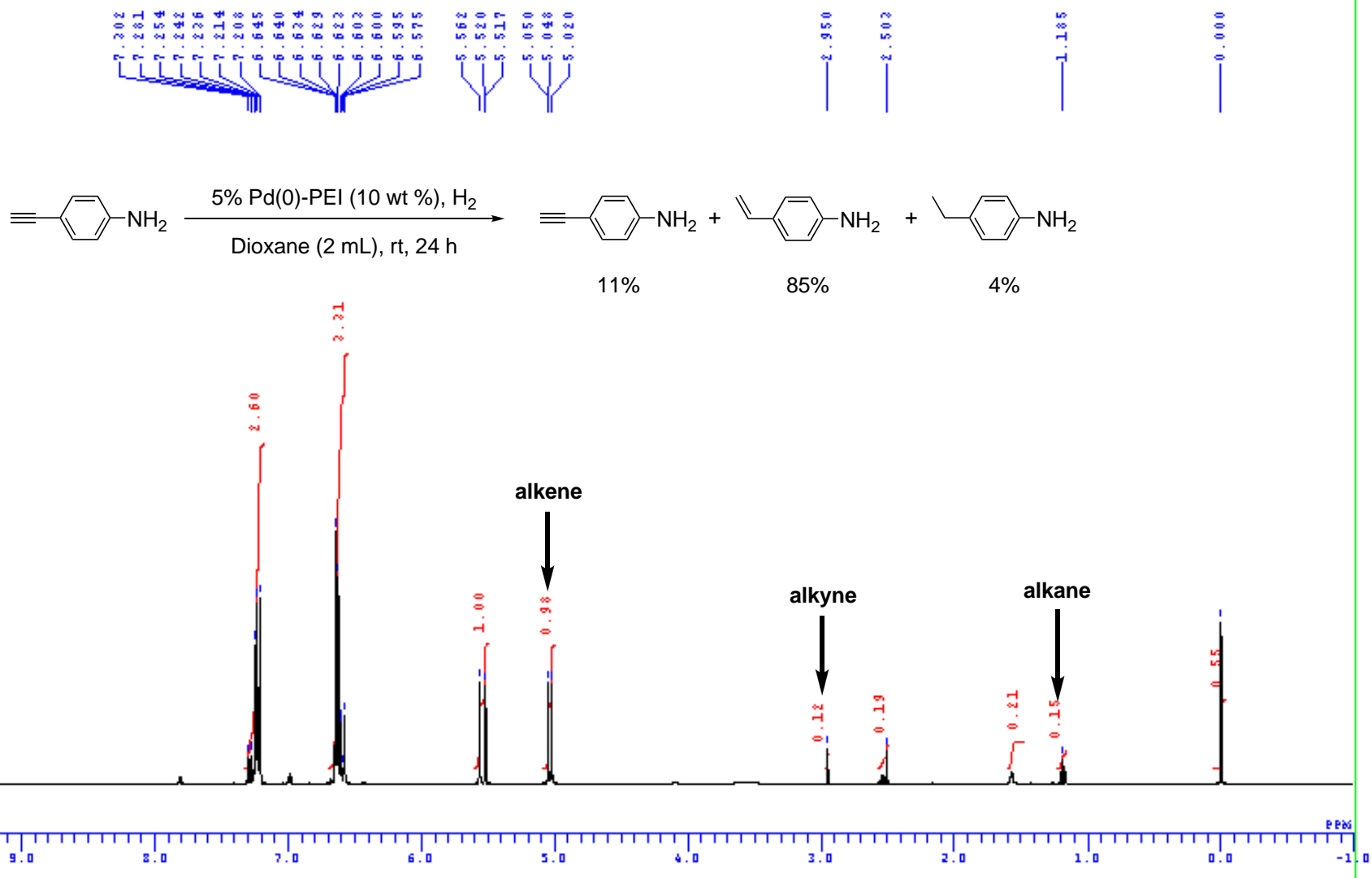
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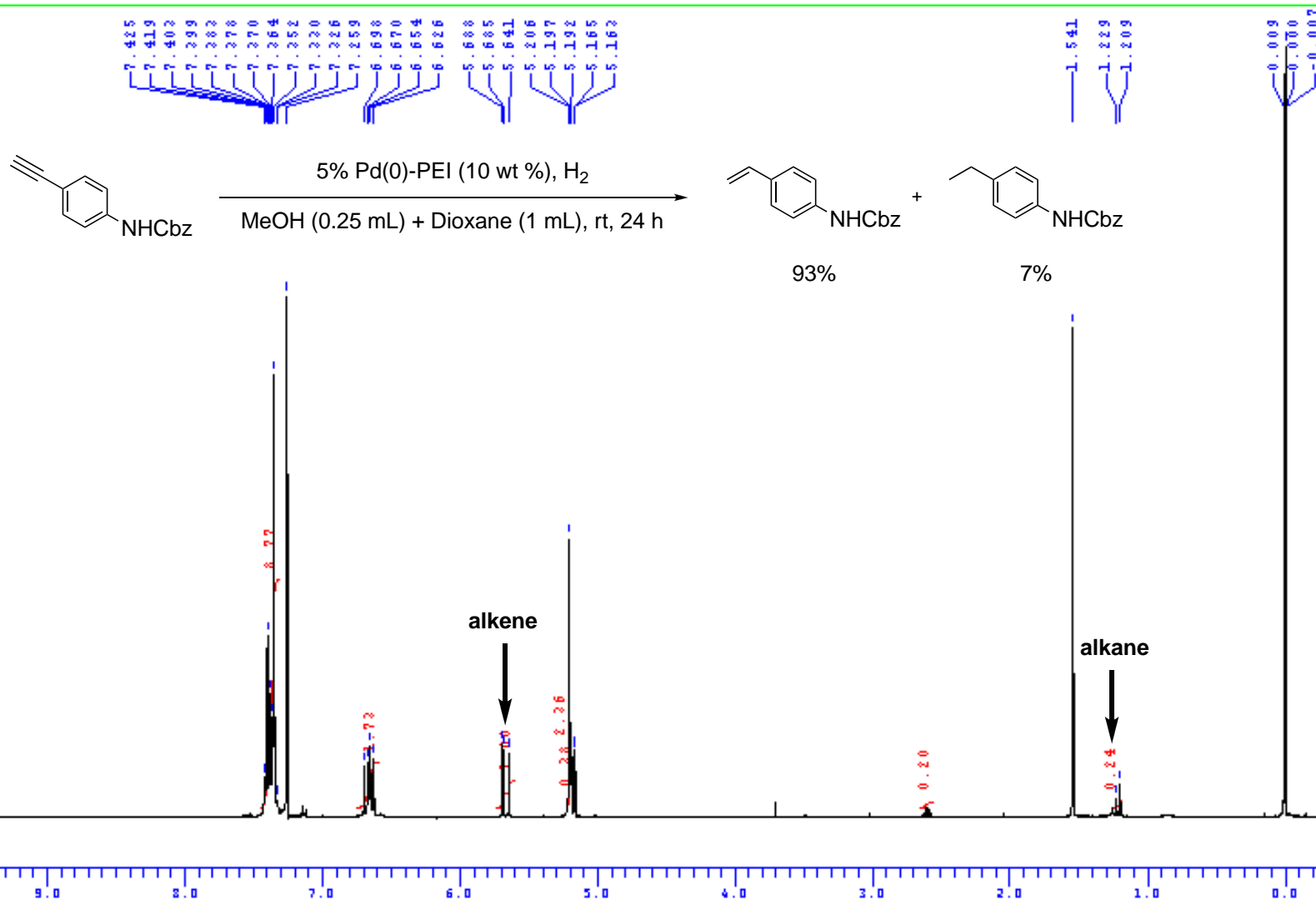
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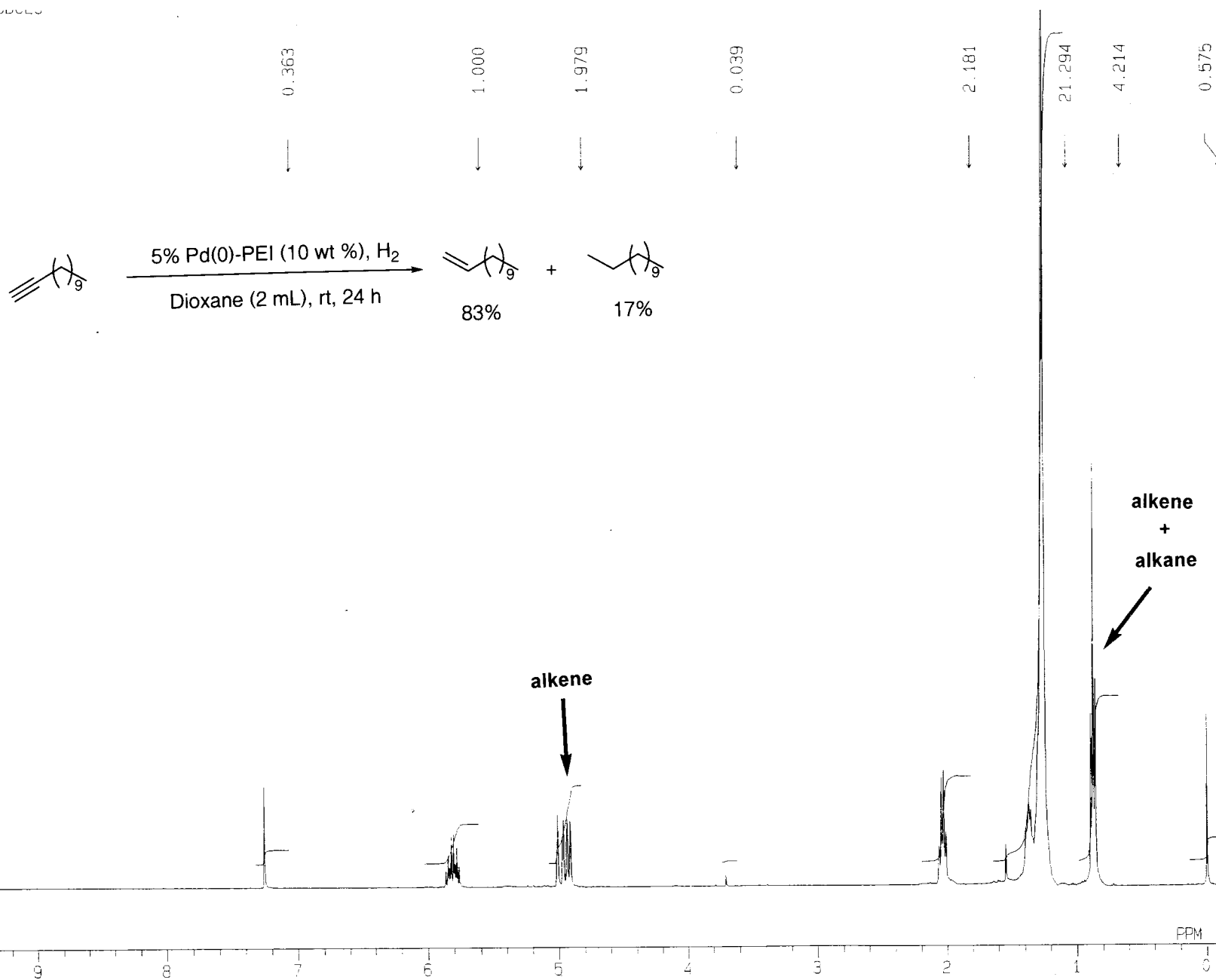


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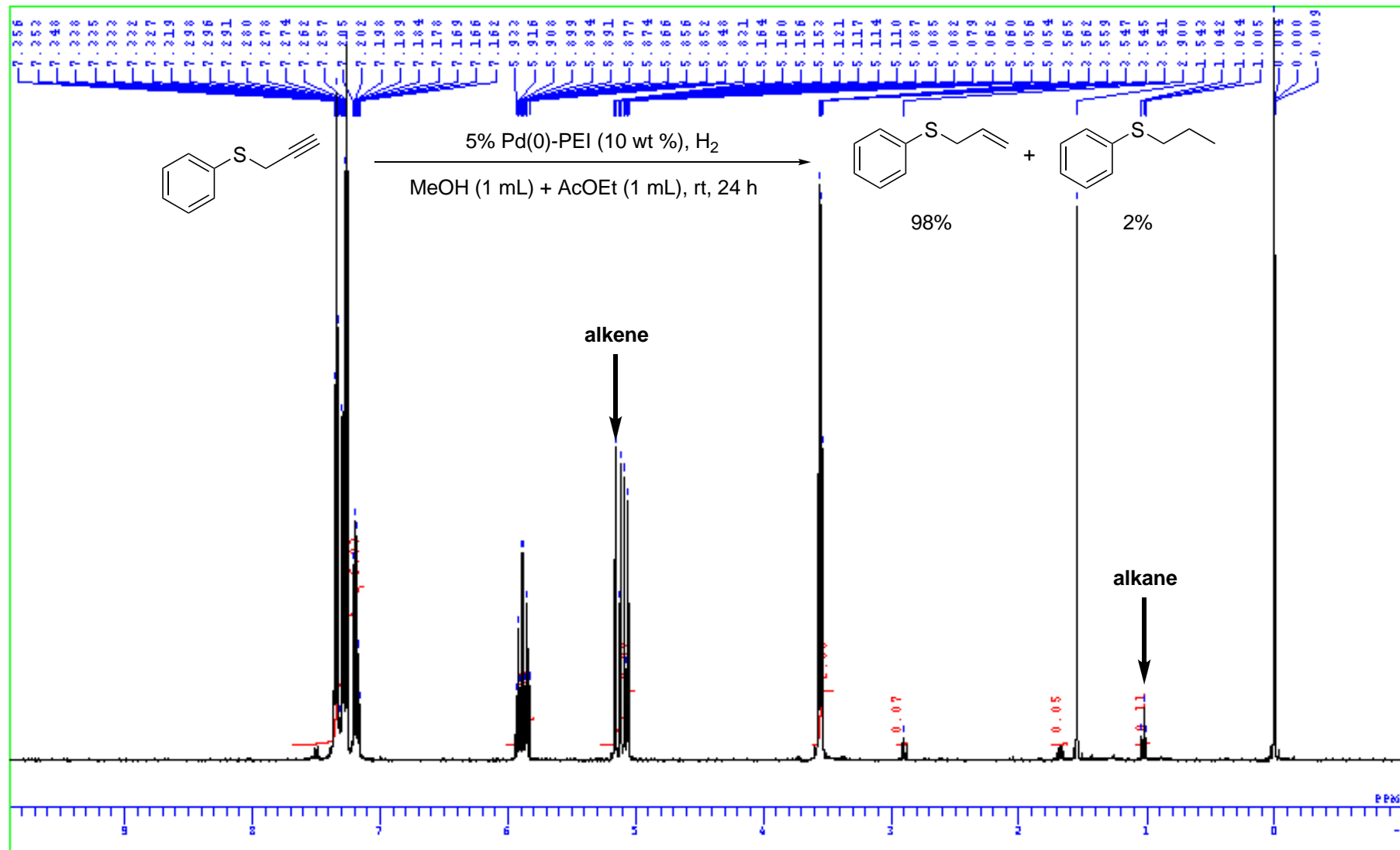


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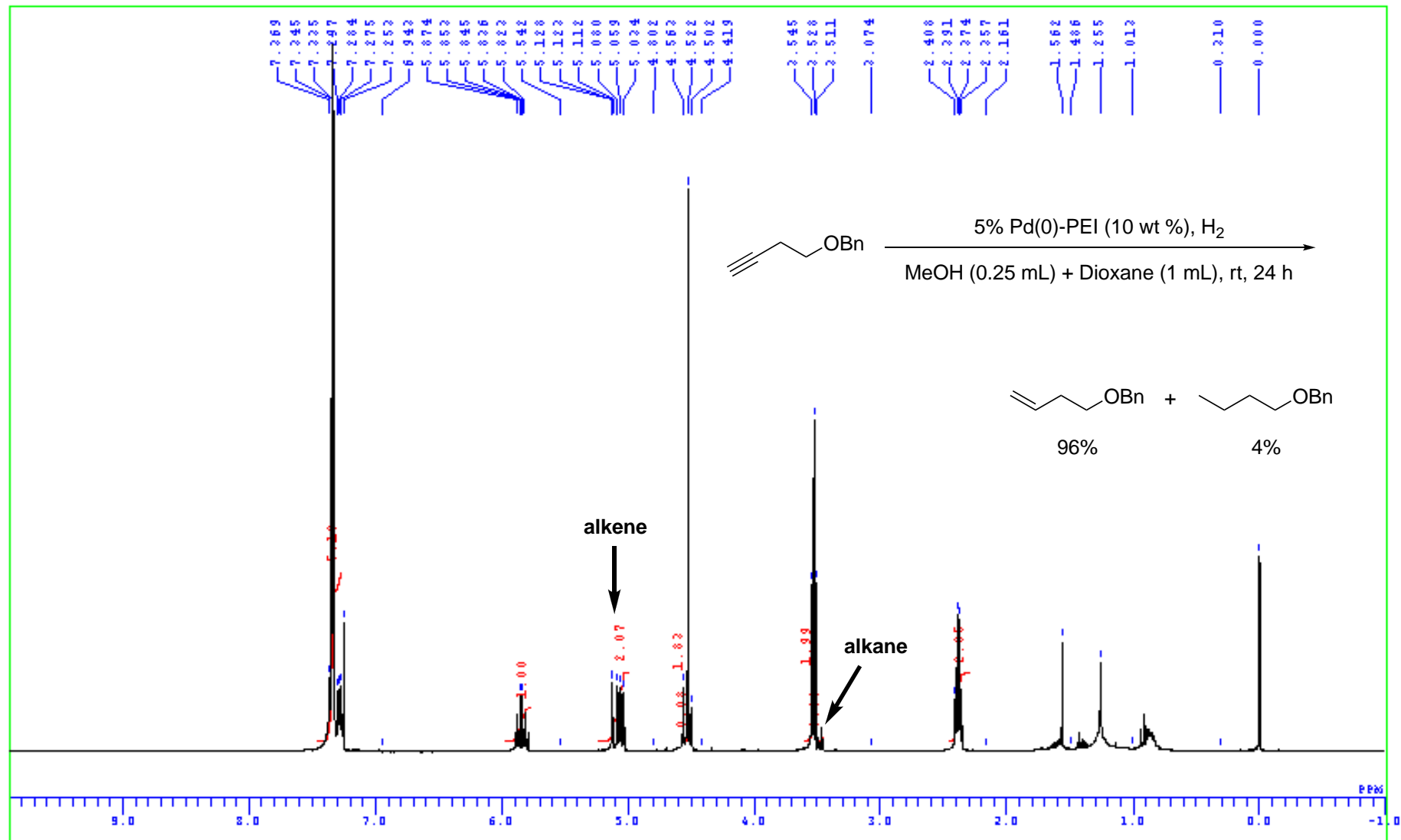




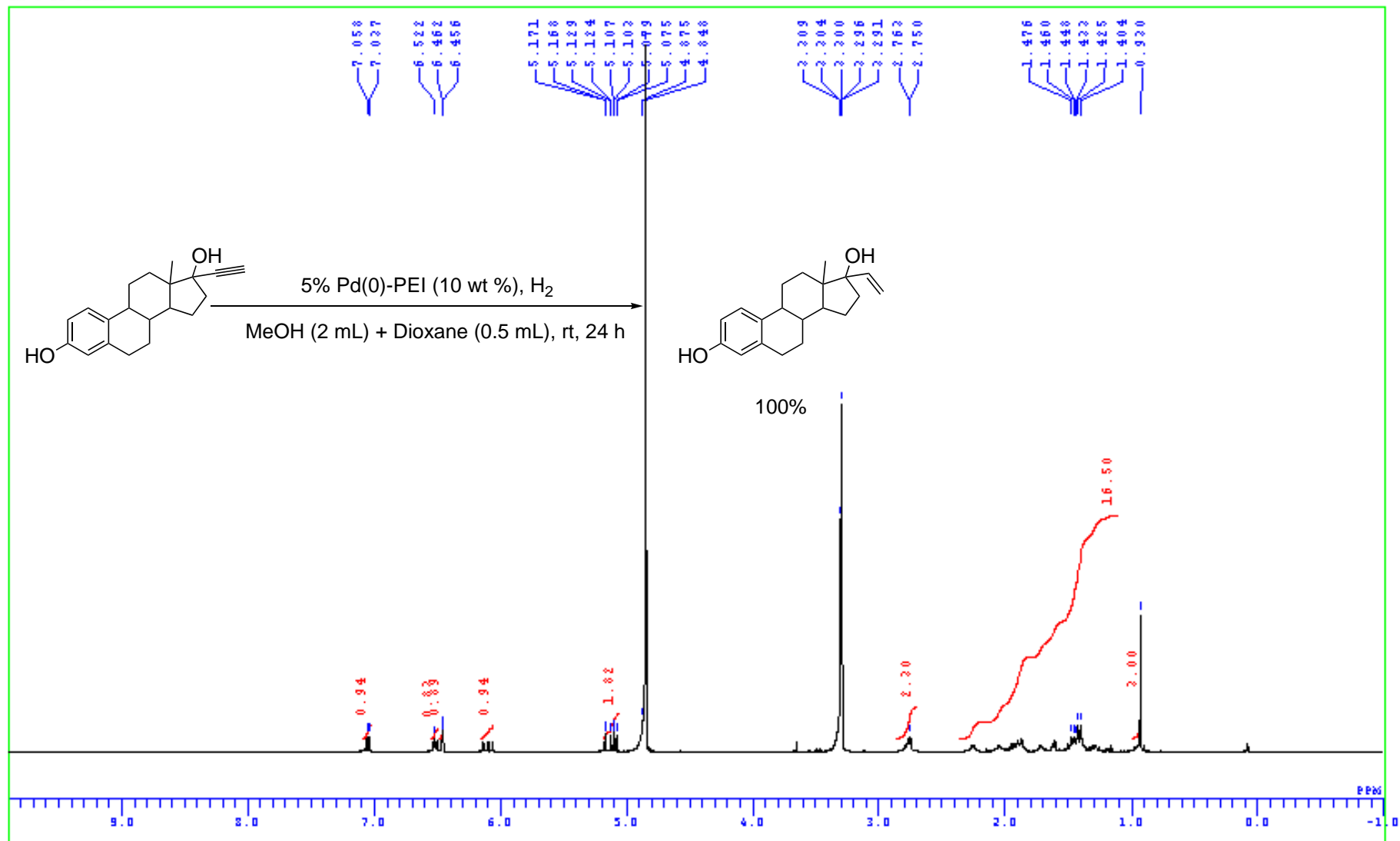
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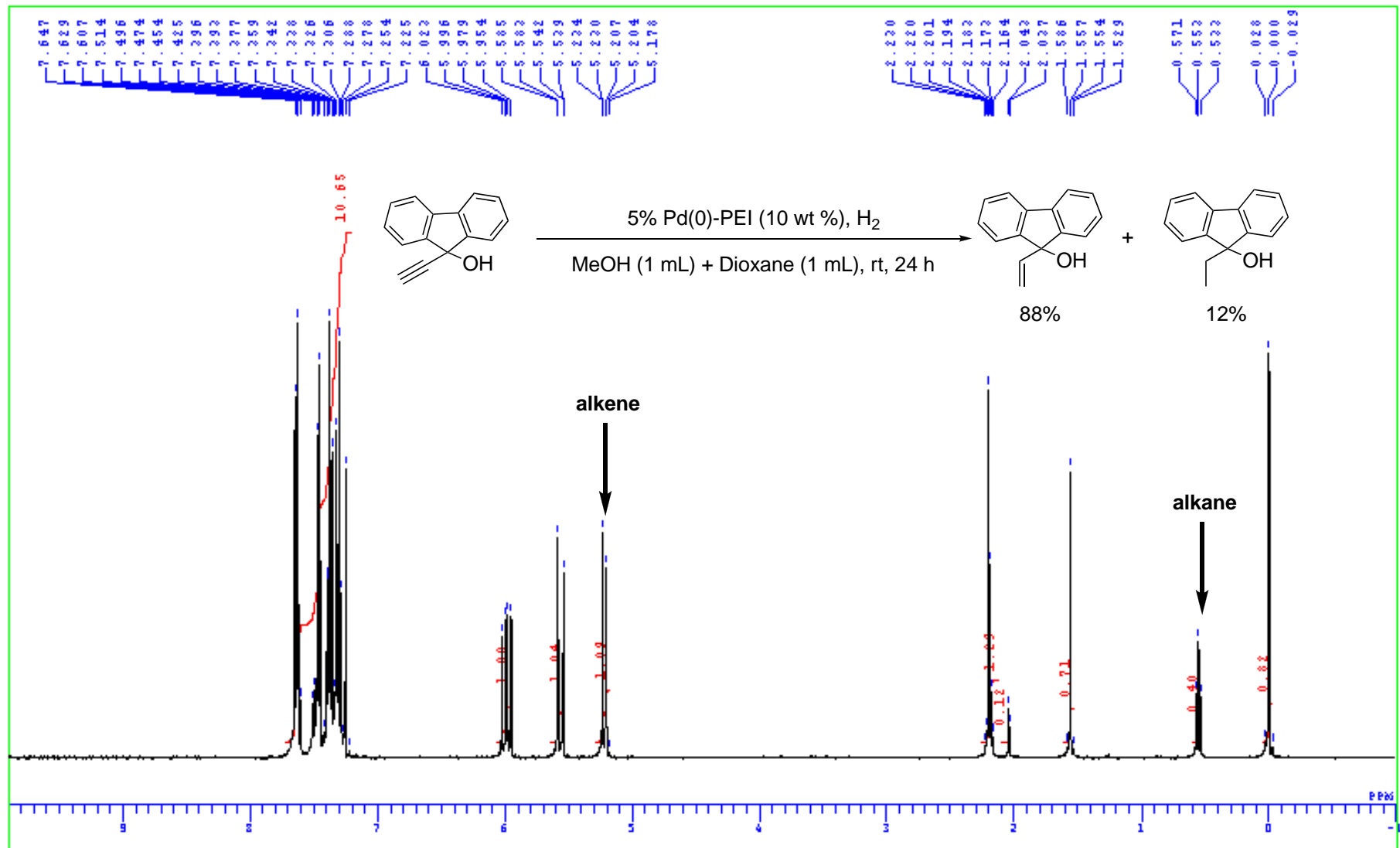
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