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Asymmetric β -boration of α,β -unsaturated carbonyl compounds promoted by chiral rhodium–bisoxazolinyphenyl catalysts

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1. Typical reactions.

Asymmetric β -borylation of (*E*)-isopropyl cinnamate and the oxidation (one pot procedure, Table 1, Entry 6). Rh(Phebox-*sb*) **1b** (2.8 mg, 0.0050 mmol), bis(pinacolato)diboron (152 mg, 0.60 mmol, 1.2 equiv.), NaOt-Bu (2.8 mg, 0.029 mmol) were placed in a flask with a stirring bar. Under an argon atmosphere, the cinnamate (94.8 mg, 0.50 mmol) and toluene (1.0 mL) were added. The mixture was stirred at 80 °C for 0.5 h; the borylated product, R_f = 0.52, ethyl acetate/hexane = 1:5. At room temperature, the solvent was removed under reduced pressure. Then, THF (1.0 mL), water (1.0 mL), and NaBO₃(H₂O)₄ (384 mg, 2.5 mmol) were added. The mixture was stirred for room temperature for 0.5 h; the hydroxy product, R_f = 0.34, ethyl acetate/hexane = 1:3. Water was added, and the mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate. The combined organic layer was washed with brine and was dried over MgSO₄. After concentration, the residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography with hexane/ethyl acetate as eluent to give the β -hydroxyester **5** (92.4 mg, 0.444 mmol) in 89% yield; 93% ee measured by chiral LC.

(*E*)-*tert*-Butyl cinnamate (101.2 mg, 0.50 mmol) was subjected to the similar procedure to give the corresponding β -hydroxyester **6** (82.9 mg, 0.373 mmol) in 75%; 85% ee measured by chiral LC (Table 1, Entry 10).

(*Z*)-Ethyl cinnamate (84.2 mg, 0.48 mmol) was subjected to the similar procedure with **1a** (2.6 mg, 0.0048 mmol), bis(pinacolato)diboron (147 mg, 0.58 mmol), NaOt-Bu (2.4 mg, 0.024 mmol), in toluene (1.0 mL) at 80 °C for 0.5 h to give **3** (112 mg, 0.368 mmol) in 77%. Oxidation of **3** (70.9 mg, 0.23 mmol) was carried out with NaBO₃(H₂O)₄ (246 mg, 1.6 mmol), THF (1.0 mL), water (1.0 mL), at room temperature for 3 h to give the β -hydroxyester (44.0 mg, 0.227 mmol) in 97% yield; 93% ee by chiral LC.

Asymmetric β -borylation of (*E*)-ethyl 5-phenylpent-2-enoate and the oxidation. Rh(Phebox-*sb*) **1b** (2.8 mg, 0.0050 mmol), bis(pinacolato)diboron (140 mg, 0.55 mmol, 1.1 equiv.), NaOt-Bu (2.4 mg, 0.025 mmol) were placed in a flask with a stirring bar. Under an argon atmosphere, the phenylpentenoate (102 mg, 0.50 mmol, a mixture of *E* and *Z*, 97:3) and toluene (1.0 mL) were added. The mixture was stirred at 80°C for 0.5

h. At room temperature, the mixture was directly charged to a silica-gel column with eluent of hexane/ethyl acetate (20:1) to give the borylated product **9** in 90% (149 mg, 0.45 mmol). The solution of **9** (67 mg, 0.20 mmol) and NaBO₃(H₂O)₄ (156 mg, 1.0 mmol) in THF (1.0 ml) and H₂O (1.0 mL) was stirred at room temperature for 0.5 h. The mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate. After concentration of the extract, the residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography with hexane/ethyl acetate as eluent to give the β -hydroxyester (42 mg, 0.188 mmol) in 94% yield; 90% ee by chiral LC.

Use of Rh(Phebox-*ip*) **1a** (2.7 mg, 0.0050 mmol), bis(pinacolato)diboron (152 mg, 0.60 mmol, 1.2 equiv.), NaO*t*-Bu (2.4 mg, 0.025 mmol), the pentenoate (102.5 mg, 0.50 mmol), toluene (1.0 mL), 80°C, 0.5 h: **9** (149 mg, 0.448 mmol), 90%; oxidation of **9** (80.9 mg, 0.24 mmol), NaBO₃(H₂O)₄ (185 mg, 1.2 mmol), THF (1.0 mL), water (1.0 mL), at room temperature, 3 h: the β -hydroxyester (50.6 mg, 0.228 mmol) in 98% yield; 86% ee by chiral LC.

Asymmetric β -borylation of (*E*)-benzyl but-2-enoate and the oxidation. Rh(Phebox-*sb*) **1b** (2.8 mg, 0.0050 mmol), bis(pinacolato)diboron (140 mg, 0.55 mmol, 1.1 equiv.), NaO*t*-Bu (2.4 mg, 0.025 mmol) were placed in a flask with a stirring bar. Under an argon atmosphere, the butenoate (88.1 mg, 0.50 mmol) and toluene (1.0 mL) were added. The mixture was stirred at 80°C for 0.5 h. At room temperature, the mixture was directly charged to a silica-gel column with eluent of hexane/ethyl acetate (20:1) to give the borylated product **10** in 87% (132 mg, 0.434 mmol). The solution of **10** (44.3 mg, 0.146 mmol) and NaBO₃(H₂O)₄ (112 mg, 0.72 mmol) in THF (0.8 ml) and H₂O (0.8 mL) was stirred at room temperature for 0.5 h. The mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate. After concentration of the extract, the residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography with hexane/ethyl acetate as eluent to give the β -hydroxyester (26.3 mg, 0.135 mmol) in 92% yield; 84% ee by chiral LC.

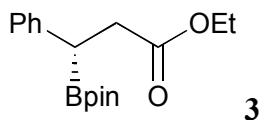
Use of Rh(Phebox-*ip*) **1a** (2.7 mg, 0.0050 mmol), bis(pinacolato)diboron (152 mg, 0.60 mmol, 1.2 equiv.), NaO*t*-Bu (2.4 mg, 0.025 mmol), the butenoate (88.1 mg, 0.50 mmol), toluene (1.0 mL), 80°C, 0.5 h: **10** (134 mg, 0.44 mmol), 88%; oxidation of **10** (96 mg, 0.32 mmol), NaBO₃(H₂O)₄ (246 mg, 1.6 mmol), THF (1.0 mL), water (1.0 mL), at room temperature, 3 h: the β -hydroxyester (55.9 mg, 0.288 mmol) in 91% yield; 82%

ee by chiral LC.

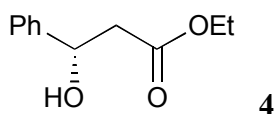
Asymmetric β -borylation of (*E*)-*N,N*-dimethylcinnamamide and the oxidation.

Rh(Phebox-*ip*) **1a** (2.7 mg, 0.0050 mmol), bis(pinacolato)diboron (152 mg, 0.60 mmol, 1.2 equiv.), NaOt-Bu (2.4 mg, 0.025 mmol) were placed in a flask with a stirring bar. Under an argon atmosphere, the cinnamamide (87.6 mg, 0.50 mmol) and toluene (1.0 mL) were added. The mixture was stirred at 80 °C for 0.5 h. At room temperature, the mixture was directly charged to a silica-gel column with eluent of hexane/ethyl acetate to give the borylated product **13** in 70% (106 mg, 0.35 mmol). The solution of **13** (68.7 mg, 0.227 mmol) and NaBO₃(H₂O)₄ (177 mg, 1.14 mmol) in THF (1.0 ml) and H₂O (1.0 mL) was stirred at room temperature for 3 h. The mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate (15 mL x 3). After concentration of the extract, the residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography with hexane/ethyl acetate as eluent to give the β -hydroxyester (36.5 mg, 0.189 mmol) in 83% yield; 97% ee by chiral LC.

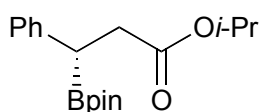
2. Characterization data of the products.



(*S*)-Ethyl 3-(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolan-2-yl)-3-phenylpropanoate: colorless oil. IR (film): 2978, 1731, 1371, 1323, 1141, 847, 701 cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 1.18 (s, 6H), 1.23 (s, 6H), 1.23 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 3H), 2.62-2.77 (m, 2H), 2.89 (dd, $J = 15.3, 9.6$ Hz, 1H), 4.11 (m, 2H), 7.11-7.31 (m, 5H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 14.4, 24.6, 24.7, 28.2 (CB, broad), 37.4, 60.4, 83.5, 125.4, 128.0, 128.2, 141.1, 173.0; FAB-HRMS: $[\text{M}^{+}]$ m/z , found: 304.1840; calcd ($\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{25}\text{O}_4\text{B}$): 304.1849; $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{27} = +20.7$ ($c = 1.07$, CHCl_3), corresponding to 93% ee of **4** from (*Z*)-cinnamate.



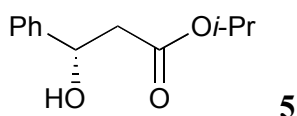
(*S*)-Ethyl 3-hydroxy-3-phenylpropanoate: colorless oil. IR (film): 3471 (broad), 2982, 1730, 1195, 1037, 760 cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 1.27 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 3H), 2.88 (m, 2H), 3.30 (d, $J = 3.3$ Hz, 1H), 4.19 (q, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 5.14 (m, 1H), 7.22-7.42 (m, 5H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 14.3, 43.4, 60.9, 70.3, 125.5, 127.6, 128.3, 142.2, 172.1. Chromatography: DAICEL CHIRALCEL OD-H, hexane/2-propanol (90:10, 0.5 mL/min), retention time: 15.2 min (major), 18.3 min (minor), 96.6% ee (*S*); FAB-HRMS: $[\text{M}+\text{H}^{+}]$ m/z , found: 195.1029; calcd ($\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_{15}\text{O}_3$): 195.1021; $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{26} = -46.5$ ($c = 1.04$, CHCl_3), 96.6% ee determined by chiral LC; from (*Z*)-cinnamate: $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{25} = -43.6$ ($c = 1.0$, CHCl_3), 93% ee determined by chiral LC; Lit.^{S1}, $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{28} = -45.8$ ($c = 0.25$, CHCl_3), 90% ee (*S*); Lit.^{S2}, $[\alpha]_{\text{D}} = -52$ ($c = 1$, CHCl_3).



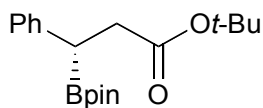
the borylation product from isopropyl cinnamate

(*S*)-Isopropyl 3-(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolan-2-yl)-3-phenylpropanoate:

colorless oil. IR (film): 2979, 1725, 1371, 1139, 970, 768, 706 cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 1.18 (s, 6H), 1.19 (d, $J = 6.3$ Hz, 6H), 1.28 (s, 6H), 2.62 (dd, $J = 5.7$, 15.3 Hz, 1H), 2.73 (dd, $J = 5.7$, 9.6 Hz, 1H), 2.85 (dd, $J = 9.6$, 15.3 Hz, 1H), 4.98 (m, 1H), 7.15-7.30 (m, 5H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 22.2, 24.8, 24.9, 67.8, 83.6, 125.5, 128.2, 128.4, 141.3, 172.8; C[B] was not detected; FAB-HRMS: $[\text{M}+\text{H}^+]$ m/z , found: 319.2085; calcd ($\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{28}\text{O}_4\text{B}$): 319.2084.

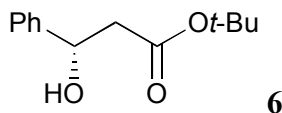


(*S*)-Isopropyl 3-hydroxy-3-phenylpropanoate: colorless oil. IR (film): 3060 (broad), 1729, 1107 cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 1.24 (d, $J = 6.0$ Hz, 3H), 1.25 (d, $J = 6.3$ Hz, 3H), 2.62-2.80 (m, 3H), 3.40 (b, 1H), 5.06 (m, 1H, $\text{CH}(\text{CH}_3)_2$), 5.12 (m, CHOH), 7.23-7.43 (m, 5H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 22.3, 44.0, 68.8, 70.1, 125.9, 127.9, 128.7, 142.6, 172.0. Chromatography: DAICEL CHIRALPAK AS-H, hexane/2-propanol (97:3, 0.5 mL/min), retention time: 23.1 min (minor), 24.8 min (major), 93% ee; absolute configuration was tentatively assigned to *S*, as analogy of the ethyl ester; FAB-HRMS: $[\text{M}+\text{H}^+]$ m/z , found: 209.1179; calcd ($\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{17}\text{O}_3$): 209.1178; $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{24} = -39.6$ ($c = 0.94$, CHCl_3), 93% ee determined by chiral LC; Lit.^{S3}, $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{20} = +39.4$ ($c = 1.1$, CHCl_3) for *R*.

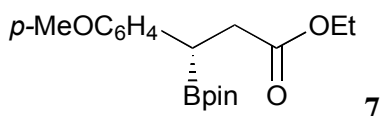


the borylation product from *tert*-butyl cinnamate

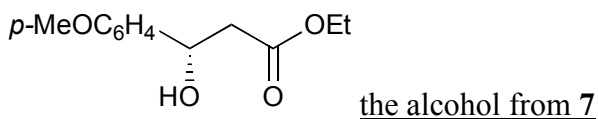
(*S*)-*tert*-Butyl 3-(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolan-2-yl)-3-phenylpropanoate: colorless oil. IR (film): 2977, 1728, 1369, 1140, 846, 701 cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 1.17 (s, 6H), 1.23 (s, 6H), 1.41 (s, 9H), 2.60 (dd, $J = 5.5$, 15.0 Hz, 1H), 2.68 (dd, $J = 5.5$, 9.9 Hz, 1H), 2.80 (dd, $J = 9.9$, 15.0 Hz, 1H), 7.05-7.30 (m, 5H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 24.8, 24.9, 28.4, 38.6, 80.2, 83.5, 125.4, 128.2, 128.3, 141.3, 172.6; C[B] was not detected; FAB-HRMS: $[\text{M}+\text{H}^+]$ m/z , found: 333.2244; calcd ($\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{30}\text{O}_4\text{B}$): 333.2241.



(*S*)-*tert*-Butyl 3-hydroxy-3-phenylpropanoate: colorless oil. IR (film): 3443 (broad), 1730, 1368, 1149 cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 1.46 (s, 9H), 2.60-2.74 (m, 2H), 3.45 (d, $J = 3.3$ Hz, 1H), 5.09 (ddd, $J = 3.3, 4.5, 7.8$ Hz, 1H, OH), 7.26-7.42 (m, 5H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 28.4, 44.5, 70.5, 81.7, 125.7, 127.6, 128.4, 142.5, 171.7; Chromatography: DAICEL CHIRALPAK AS-H, hexane/2-propanol (99:1, 1.0 mL/min), retention time: 41.4 min (minor), 45.2 min (major), 86% ee (Table 1, entry 9); FAB-HRMS: $[\text{M}+\text{H}^+]$ m/z , found: 223.1337; calcd ($\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{19}\text{O}_3$): 223.1334; $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{24} = -37.7$ ($c = 1.2$, CHCl_3), 85% ee (Table 1, entry 10) determined by chiral LC.

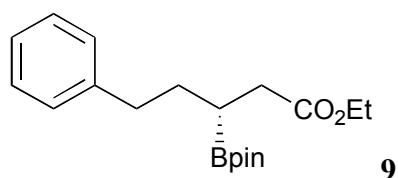


(*S*)-Ethyl 3-(4-methoxyphenyl)-3-(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolan-2-yl)propanoate: colorless oil. IR (film): 2981, 1731, 1369, 1249, 1033, 840 cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 1.18 (s, 6H), 1.23 (s, 6H), 1.23 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 3H), 2.58-2.73 (m, 2H), 2.80-2.90 (m, 1H), 3.77 (s, 3H), 4.10 (m, 2H), 6.81 (m, 2H), 7.14 (m, 2H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 14.5, 24.7, 24.8, 37.8, 55.2, 60.4, 83.4, 113.7, 128.9, 133.1, 157.3, 173.1; $\text{C}[\text{B}]$ was not observed; FAB-HRMS: $[\text{M}^+]$ m/z , found: 334.1943; calcd ($\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{27}\text{O}_5\text{B}$): 334.1955; $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{26} = +31.5$ ($c = 1.0$, CHCl_3), 94% ee of the corresponding alcohol.

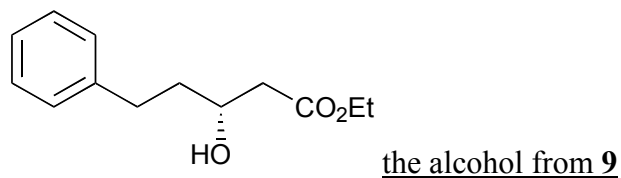


(*S*)-Ethyl 3-hydroxy-3-(4-methoxyphenyl)propanoate: colorless oil. IR (film): 3475 (broad), 2980, 1728, 1610, 1511, 1248, 1173, 1032, 838 cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR (300 MHz,

CDCl₃): δ 1.26 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H), 2.60-2.80 (m, 2H), 3.80 (s, 3H), 4.17 (q, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 5.08 (m, 1H), 6.87 (m, 2H), 7.28 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 14.3, 42.4, 55.3, 60.8, 69.9, 113.7, 126.7, 134.5, 158.8, 172.0. Chromatography: DAICEL CHIRALPAK AS-H, hexane/2-propanol (95:5, 1.0 mL/min), retention time: 14.7 min (minor), 18.4 min (major), 94% ee; FAB-HRMS: [M+Na⁺] m/z , found: 247.0944; calcd (C₁₂H₁₆O₄Na): 247.0946; [α]_D²⁶ = -28.6 (c = 1.0, CHCl₃), 94% ee by chiral LC; Lit.^{S4}, [α]_D = +34 (c = 2.0, CHCl₃), 86% ee for *R*.

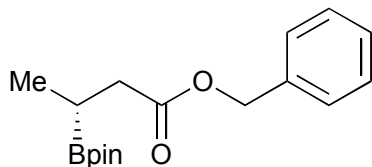


(*R*)-Ethyl 3-(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolan-2-yl)-5-phenylpentanoate: colorless oil. IR (film): 2981, 2930, 1731, 1378, 1320, 1146 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 1.25 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H), 1.26 (s, 6H), 1.27 (s, 6H), 1.40 (m, 1H), 1.67 (m, 1H), 1.79 (m, 1H), 4.12 (q, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.12-7.20 (m, 3H), 7.22-7.30 (m, 2H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 14.5, 20.0 (C-B), 24.9, 25.0, 32.8, 35.2, 35.9, 60.3, 83.2, 125.5, 128.1, 128.2, 142.3, 173.5; FAB-HRMS: [M+H⁺] m/z , found: 333.2244; calcd (C₁₉H₃₀O₄B): 333.2241; [α]_D²⁶ = +3.18 (c = 1.03, CHCl₃), 86% ee of the corresponding alcohol.



(*R*)-Ethyl 3-hydroxy-5-phenylpentanoate: colorless oil. IR (film): 3454, 2980, 1726, 1186, 1034 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 1.28 (t, J = 6.9 Hz, 3H), 1.72-1.92 (m, 2H), 2.40-2.56 (m, 2H), 2.70 (m, 1H), 2.80 (m, 1H), 3.12 (d, J = 4.2 Hz, 1H), 4.02 (m, 1H), 4.17 (q, J = 6.9 Hz, 2H), 7.16-7.21 (m, 3H), 7.24-7.29 (m, 2H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 14.3, 31.9, 38.2, 41.4, 60.7, 67.2, 125.6, 128.1, 128.2, 141.5, 172.6. Chromatography: DAICEL CHIRALCEL OD-H, hexane/2-propanol (90:10, 1.0

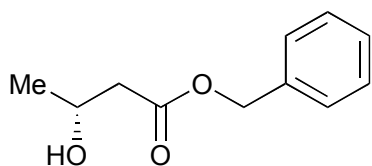
mL/min), retention time: 24.7 min (minor), 29.3 min (major), 90% ee; FAB-HRMS: $[M+Na^+]$ m/z , found: 245.1148; calcd ($C_{13}H_{18}O_3Na$): 245.1154; $[\alpha]_D^{26} = +0.58$ ($c = 1.0$, $CHCl_3$), 86% ee determined by chiral LC; Lit.^{S5}, $[\alpha]_D^{25} = +1.0$ ($c = 1.0$, $CHCl_3$), 99% ee for *R*.



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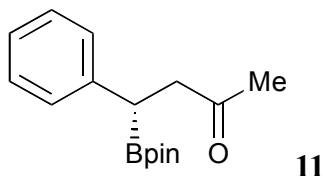
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(*R*)-Benzyl 3-(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolan-2-yl)butanoate: colorless oil. IR (film): 2975, 1735, 1380, 1148 cm^{-1} ; 1H NMR (300 MHz, $CDCl_3$): δ 1.02 (d, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 3H), 1.22 (s, 6H), 1.23 (s, 6H), 1.42 (m, 1H), 2.42 (dd, $J = 6.6, 16.5$ Hz, 1H), 2.51 (dd, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 16.5 Hz, 1H), 5.08 (d, $J = 14.4$ Hz, 1H), 5.13 (d, $J = 14.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.25-7.40 (m, 5H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, $CDCl_3$): δ 15.3, 24.8, 24.9, 33.8 (C-B), 37.8, 66.0, 83.1, 127.8, 127.9, 128.2, 136.0, 173.3; FAB-HRMS: $[M+H^+]$ m/z , found: 305.1938; calcd ($C_{17}H_{26}O_4B$): 305.1927; $[\alpha]_D^{27} = -2.38$ ($c = 0.99$, $CHCl_3$), 82% ee of the corresponding alcohol.

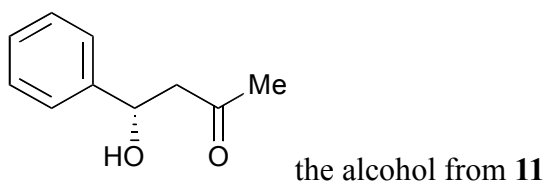


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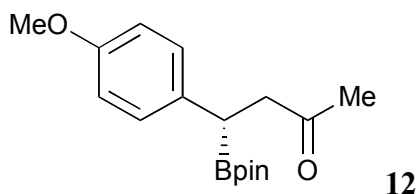
(*R*)-Benzyl 3-hydroxybutanoate: colorless oil. IR (film): 3430, 2970, 1729, 1382, 1290, 1172 cm^{-1} ; 1H NMR (300 MHz, $CDCl_3$): δ 1.24 (d, $J = 6.3$ Hz, 3H), 2.44-2.59 (m, 2H), 2.98 (broad, 1H), 4.22 (m, 1H), 5.16 (s, 2H), 7.33-7.40 (m, 5H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, $CDCl_3$): δ 22.6, 42.9, 64.3, 66.5, 128.0, 128.2, 128.4, 135.3, 172.3. Chromatography: DAICEL CHIRALCEL OD-H, hexane/2-propanol (98:2, 0.5 mL/min), retention time: 39.5 min (major), 56.1 min (minor), 82% ee; FAB-HRMS: $[M+H^+]$ m/z , found: 195.1017; calcd ($C_{11}H_{15}O_3$): 195.1021; $[\alpha]_D^{27} = -26.0$ ($c = 1.0$, $CHCl_3$), 82% ee; Lit.^{S6}, $[\alpha]_D = +29.0$ ($c = 1.0$, $CHCl_3$), 94% ee for *S*.



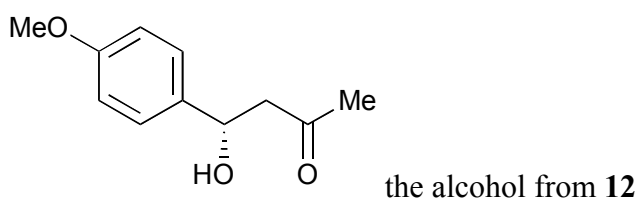
(*S*)-4-(4,4,5,5-Tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolan-2-yl)-4-phenylbutan-2-one: colorless oil. IR (film): 2981, 1711, 1365, 1321, 1145, 699 cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 1.17 (s, 6H), 1.23 (s, 6H), 2.15 (s, 3H), 2.64 (m, 1H), 2.84 (dd, $J = 5.1, 18.3$ Hz, 1H), 3.05 (dd, $J = 11.0, 18.3$ Hz, 1H), 7.10-7.30 (m, 5H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 24.67, 24.69, 29.8, 47.6, 83.4, 125.3, 128.0, 128.3, 141.4, 207.9; $[\text{C[B]}]$ was not observed; FAB-HRMS: $[\text{M}+\text{H}^+]$ m/z , found: 275.1818; calcd ($\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{24}\text{O}_3\text{B}$): 275.1822; $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{26} = +21.1$ ($c = 1.0$, CHCl_3), 56% ee of the corresponding alcohol.



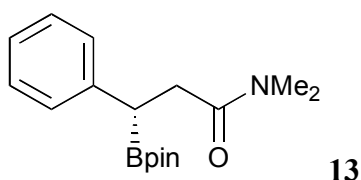
(*S*)-4-Hydroxy-4-phenylbutan-2-one: colorless oil. IR (film): 3452 (broad), 1707, 1362, 1059, 754, 697 cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 2.21 (s, 3H), 2.80-2.90 (m, 2H), 3.29 (broad s, 1H), 5.16 (m, 1H), 7.20-7.40 (m, 5H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 30.9, 52.0, 69.8, 125.4, 127.5, 128.3, 142.4, 208.7. Chromatography: DAICEL CHIRALPAK AS-H, hexane/2-propanol (95:5, 1.5 mL/min), retention time: 10.8 min (minor), 12.6 min (major), 56% ee; FAB-HRMS: $[\text{M}+\text{Na}^+]$ m/z , found: 187.0742; calcd ($\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_{12}\text{O}_2\text{Na}$): 187.0735; $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{26} = -35.6$ ($c = 1.0$, CHCl_3), 56% ee; Lit.^{S7}, $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{20} = -51.3$ ($c = 1.0$, CHCl_3), 79% ee for *S*; also see, Lit.^{S8}.



(*S*)-4-(4-Methoxyphenyl)-4-(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolan-2-yl)butan-2-one: colorless oil. IR (film): 2981, 1710, 1364, 1249, 1145, 833 cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 1.29 (s, 6H), 1.35 (s, 6H), 2.25 (s, 3H), 2.70 (dd, $J = 5.4, 10.5$ Hz, 1H), 2.92 (dd, $J = 5.4, 18.0$ Hz, 1H), 3.11 (dd, $J = 10.5, 18.0$ Hz, 1H), 3.89 (s, 3H), 6.92 (m, 2H), 7.24 (m, 2H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 24.61, 24.63, 25.8 (broad, C[B]), 29.7, 47.6, 55.1, 83.2, 113.7, 128.8, 133.2, 157.2, 208.0; FAB-HRMS: $[\text{M}^{++}]$ m/z , found: 304.1844; calcd ($\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{25}\text{O}_4\text{B}$): 304.1849; $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{26} = +23.3$ ($c = 1.0$, CHCl_3), 70% ee of the corresponding alcohol.

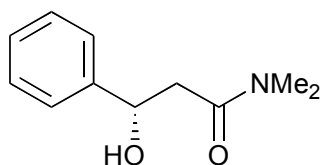


(*S*)-4-Hydroxy-4-(4-methoxyphenyl)butan-2-one. colorless oil. IR (film): 3500 (broad), 2929, 1707, 1513, 1249, 1173, 832 cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 2.20 (s, 3H), 2.78 (dd, $J = 3.6, 17.7$ Hz, 1H), 2.89 (dd, $J = 9.0, 17.7$ Hz, 1H), 3.80 (s, 3H), 5.10 (m, 1H), 6.87 (m, 2H), 7.27 (m, 2H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 30.9, 52.0, 55.3, 69.5, 113.7, 126.7, 134.6, 158.8, 208.7. Chromatography: DAICEL CHIRALPAK AD-H, hexane/2-propanol (95:5, 1.5 mL/min), retention time: 29.7 min (minor), 33.2 min (major), 70% ee; FAB-HRMS: $[\text{M}^{++}]$ m/z , found: 194.0940; calcd ($\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_{14}\text{O}_3$): 194.0943; $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{26} = -33.9$ ($c = 1.0$, CHCl_3), 70% ee by chiral LC.



(*S*)-*N,N*-Dimethyl-3-(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolan-2-yl)-3-phenylpropanamide: white solids. IR (KBr): 2978, 1642, 1361, 1139, cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 1.14 (s, 12H), 2.60 (m, 1H), 2.83 (m, 1H), 2.95 (m, 1H), 2.99 (s, 3H), 3.01 (s, 3H), 7.05-7.16 (m, 5H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 24.8, 24.9, 30.8 (C-B), 36.1, 37.3, 38.2, 82.0, 124.8, 127.9, 128.1, 142.8, 174.4; FAB-HRMS: $[\text{M}^{++}]$

m/z , found: 303.2011; calcd ($C_{17}H_{26}O_3NB$): 303.2009; $[\alpha]_D^{27} = +38.4$ ($c = 1.0$, $CHCl_3$), 97.3% ee of the corresponding alcohol.



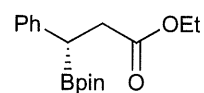
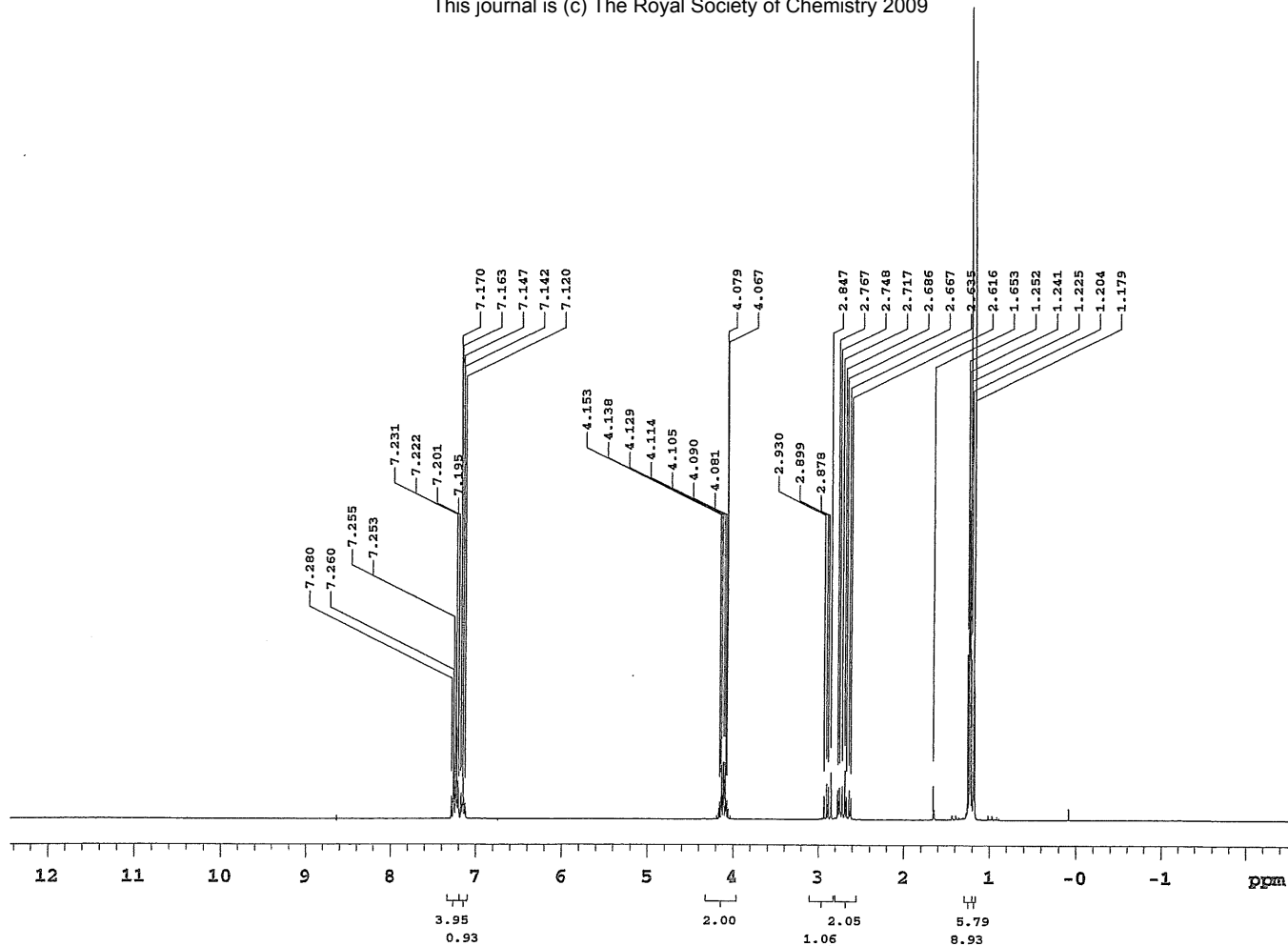
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(*S*)-3-Hydroxy-*N,N*-dimethyl-3-phenylpropanamide: colorless oil. IR (film): 3413 (broad), 1623, 1406 cm^{-1} ; 1H NMR (300 MHz, $CDCl_3$): δ 2.80-2.88 (m, 3H), 2.95 (s, 3H), 2.99 (s, 3H), 4.80 (s, 1H, OH), 5.14 (m, 1H, CHOH), 7.24-7.46 (m, 5H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, $CDCl_3$): δ 35.3, 37.2, 42.0, 70.4, 125.5, 127.3, 128.2, 142.7, 171.9. Chromatography: DAICEL CHIRALCEL OD-H, hexane/2-propanol (95:5, 0.5 mL/min), retention time: 44.0 min (major), 51.6 min (minor), 97% ee; FAB-HRMS: $[M^+H^+]$ m/z , found: 194.1175; calcd ($C_{11}H_{16}NO_2$): 194.1181; $[\alpha]_D^{26} = -90.5$ ($c = 1.07$, $CHCl_3$), 97.3% ee; Lit.^{S9}, $[\alpha]_D^{24} = -87.9$ ($c = 0.40$, $CHCl_3$), 96% ee for *S*.

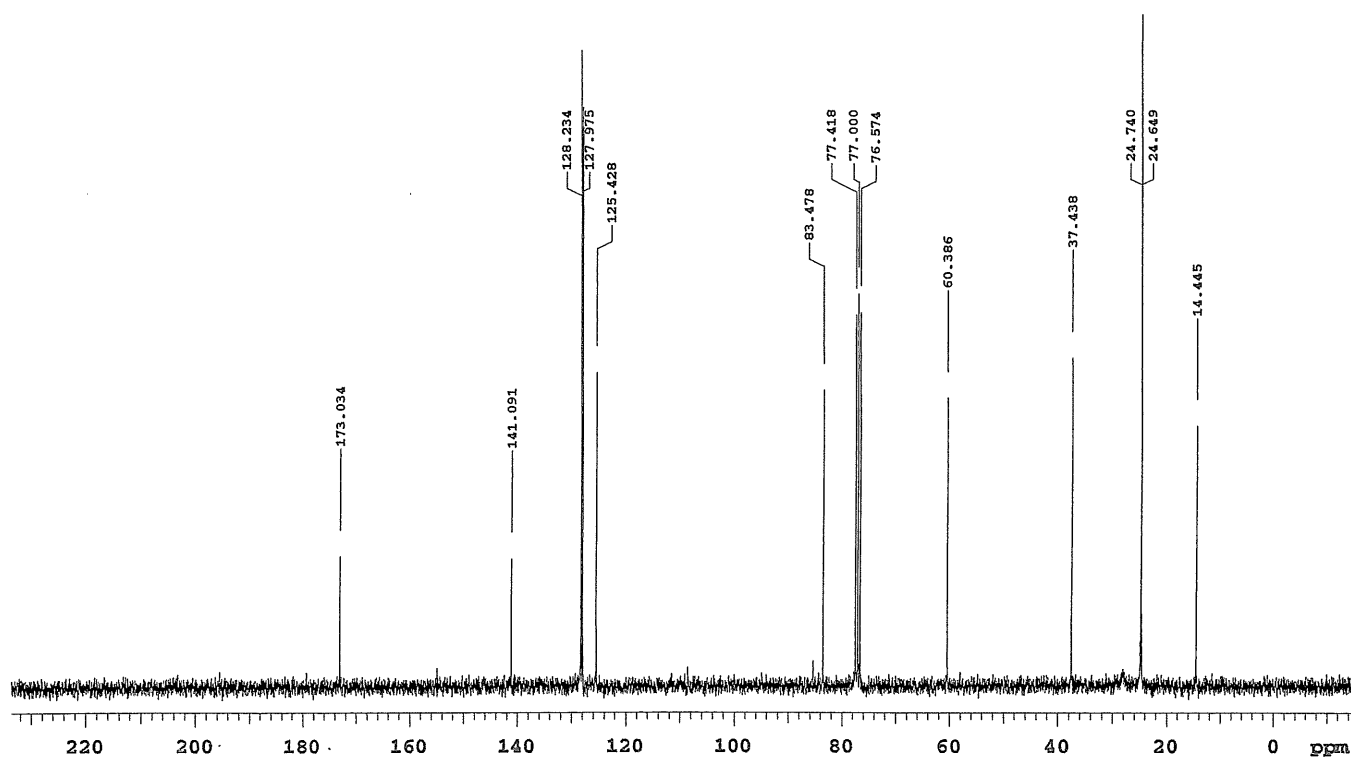
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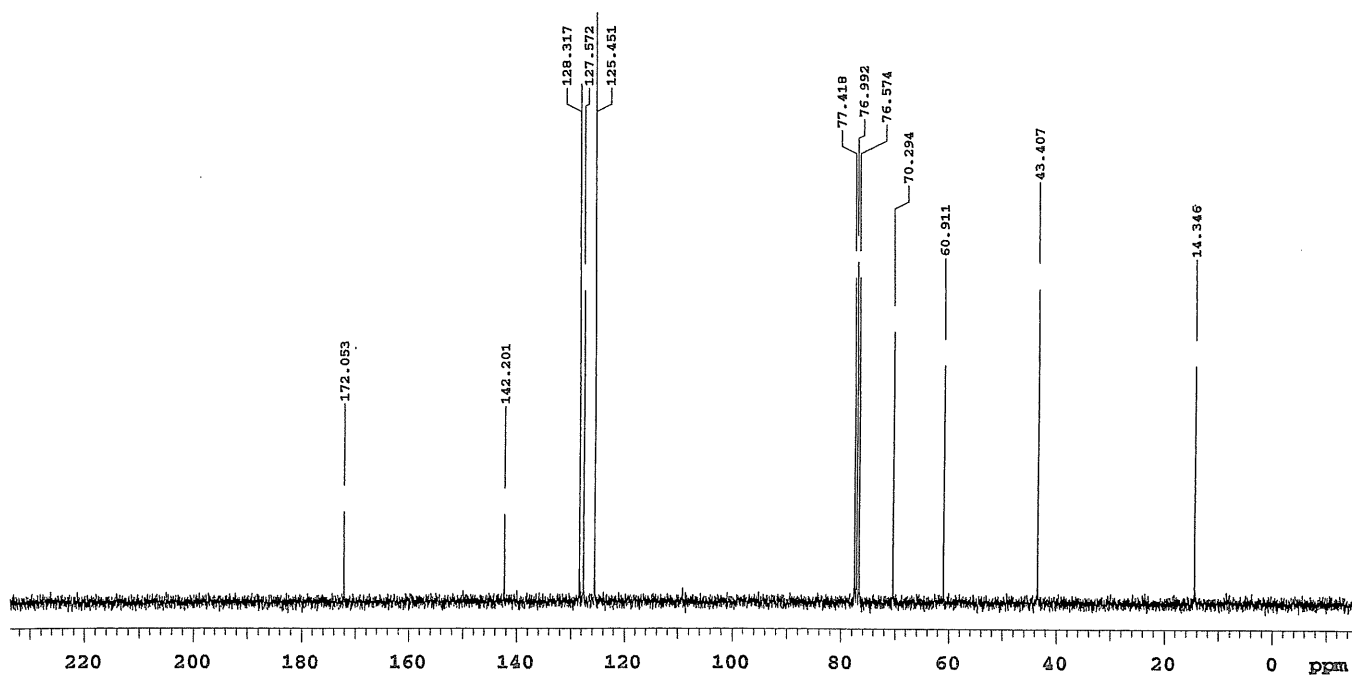
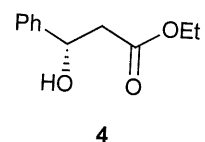
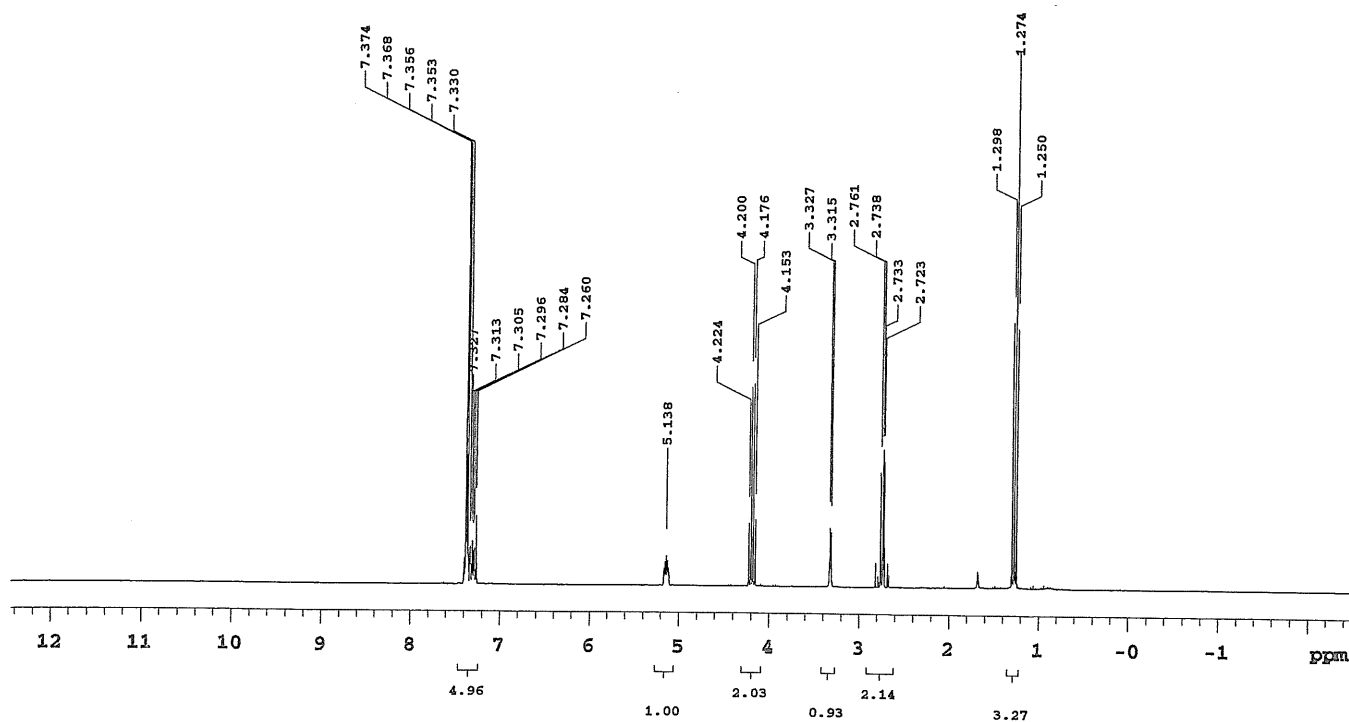
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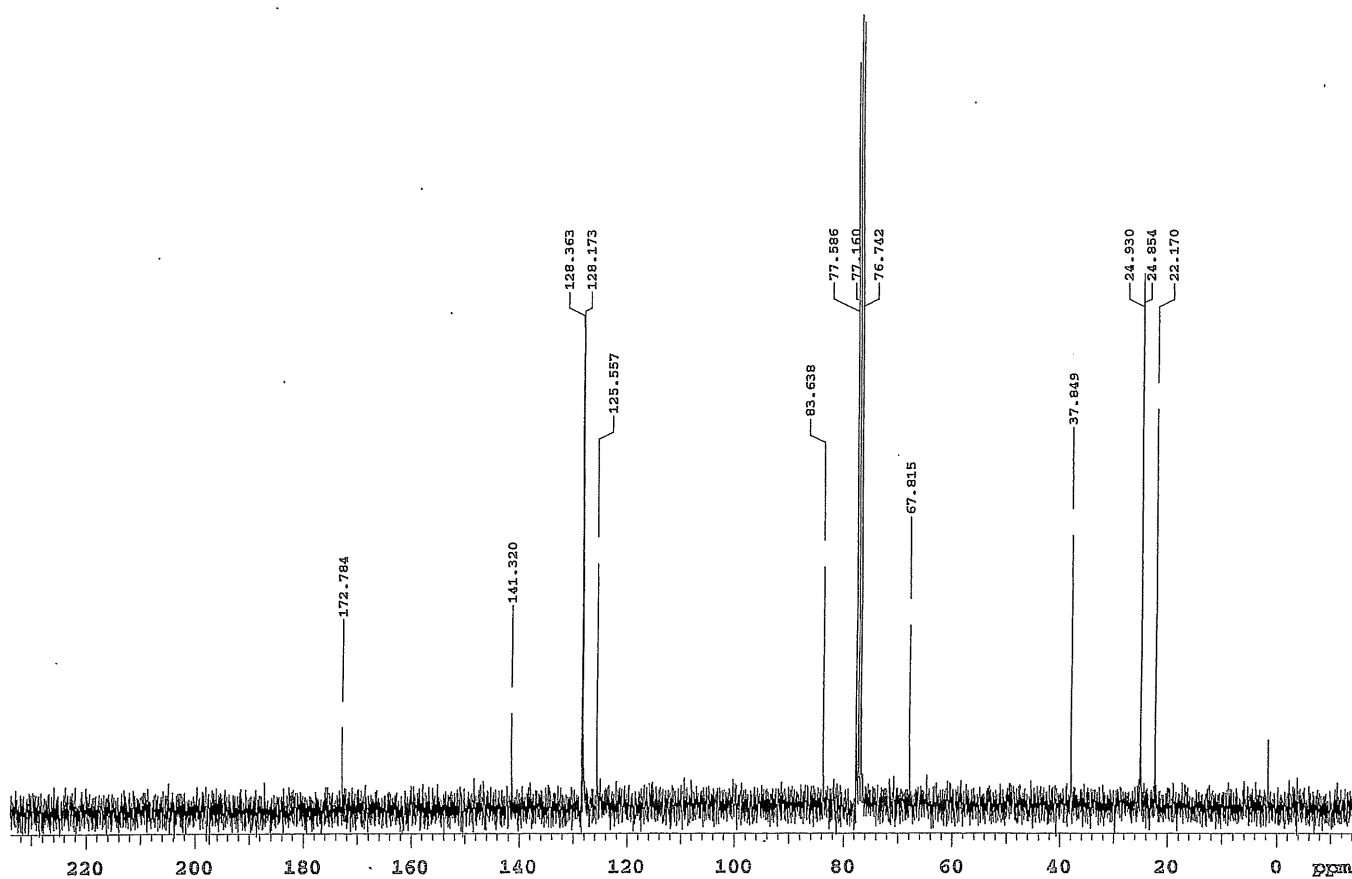
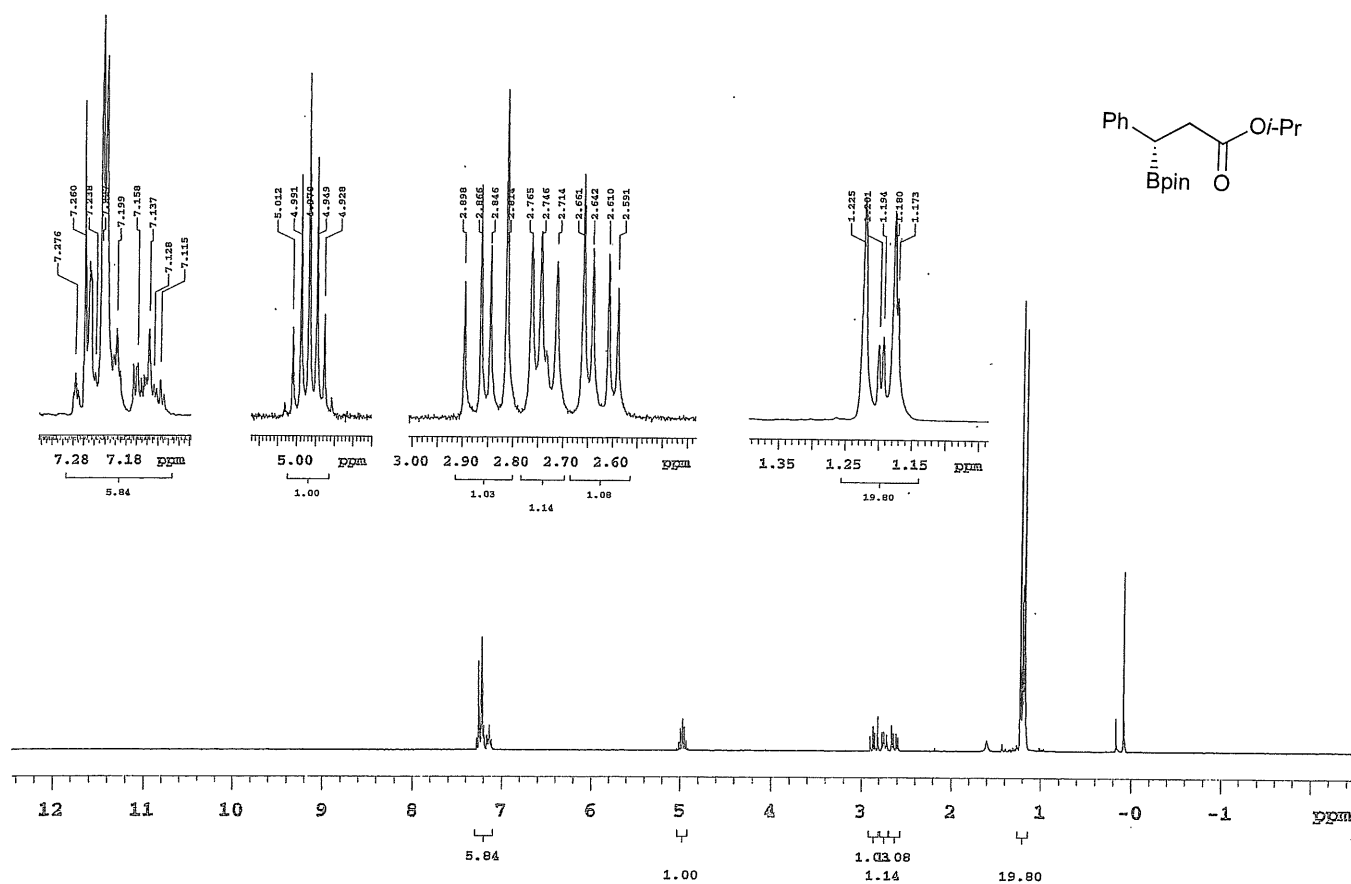
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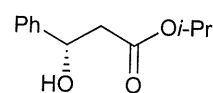
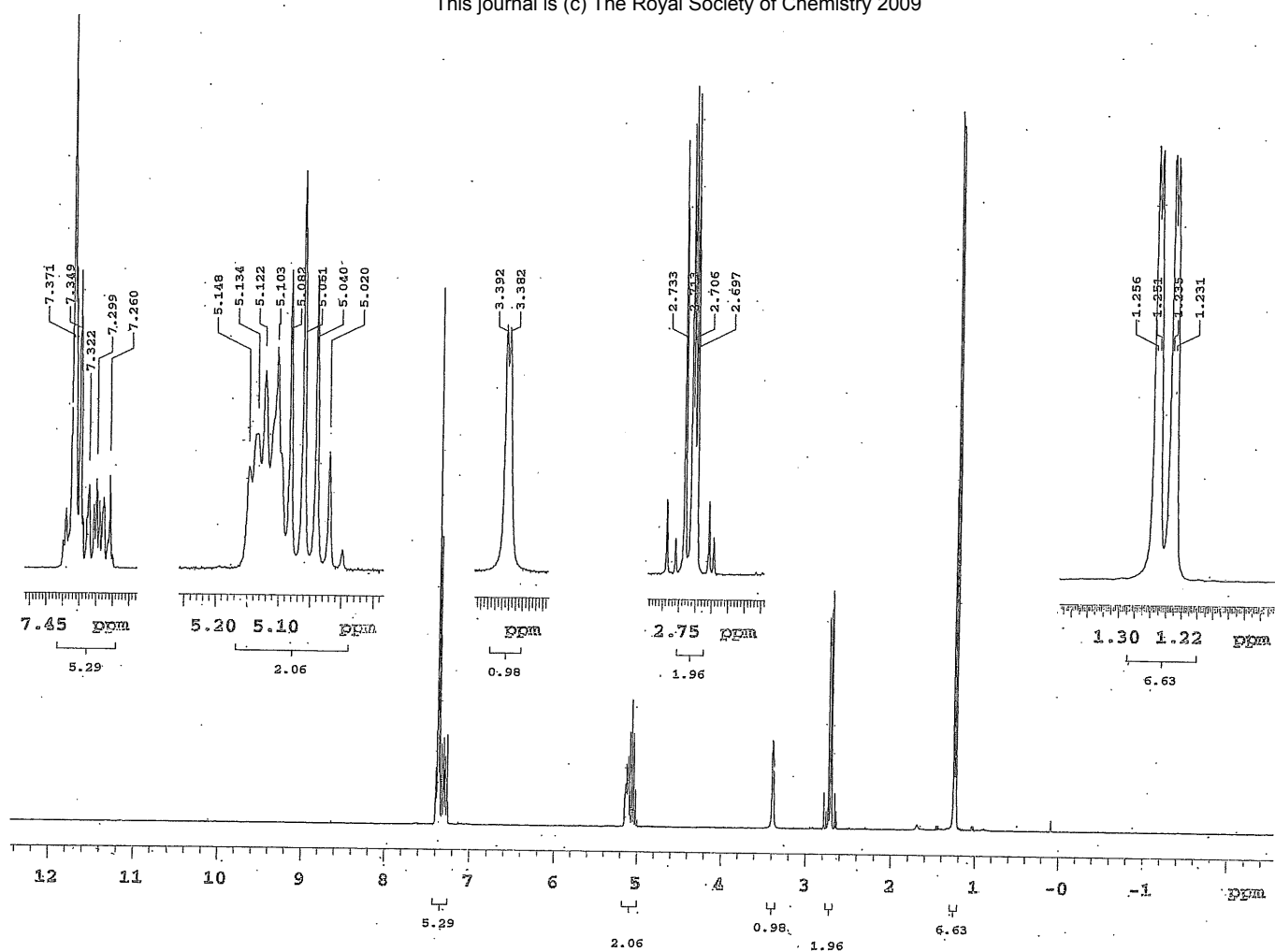


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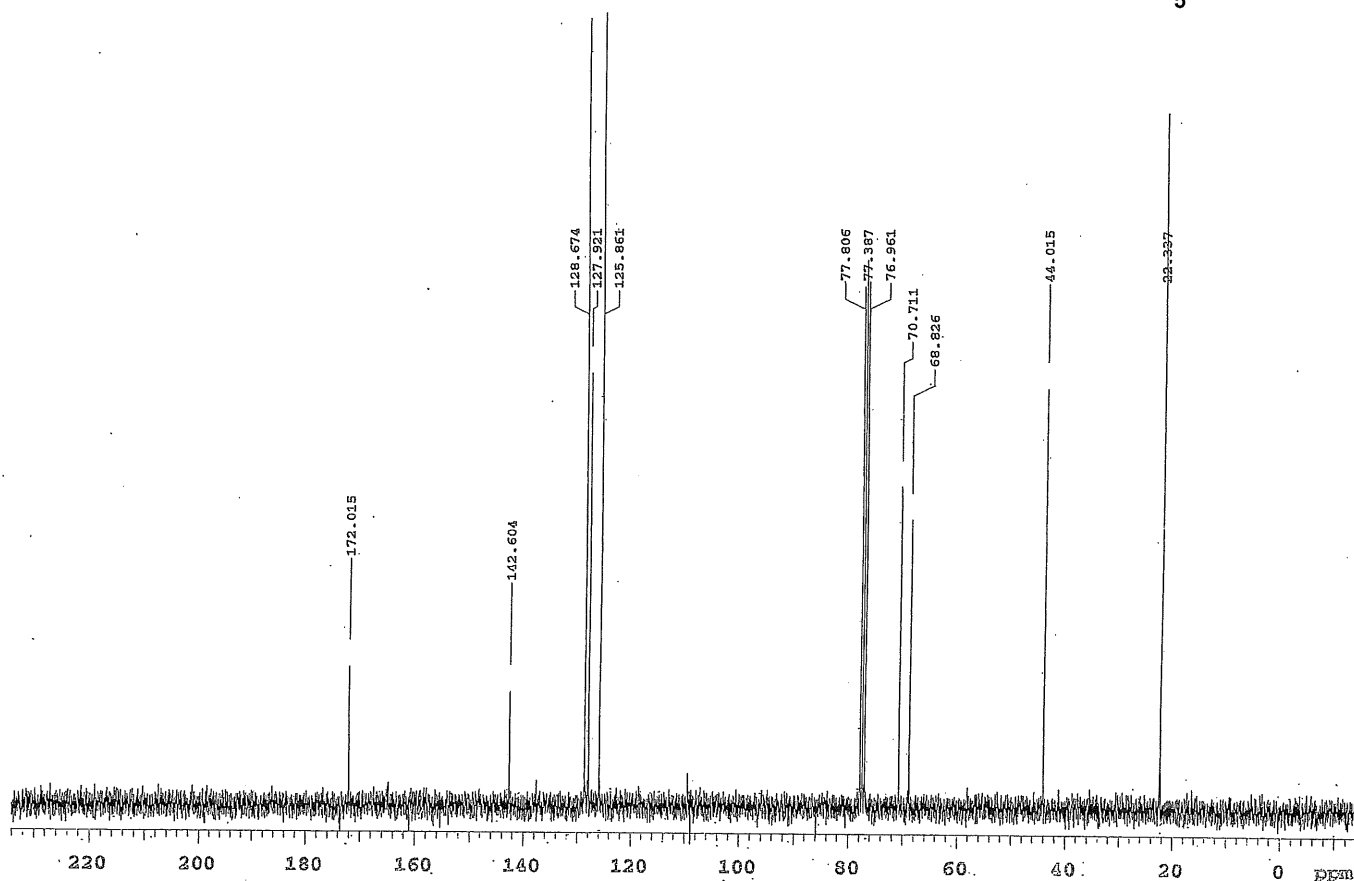


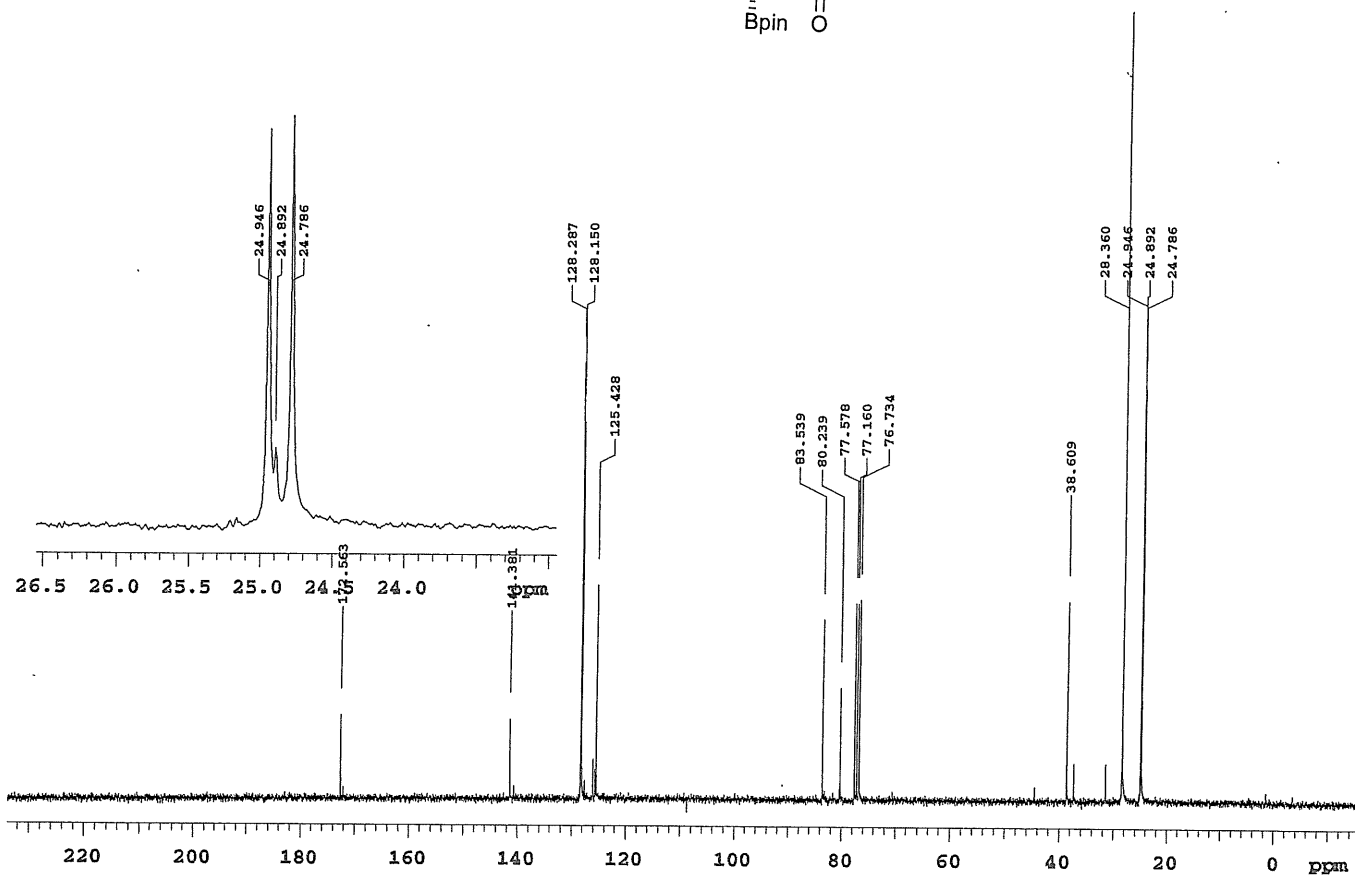
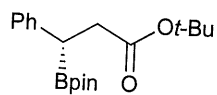
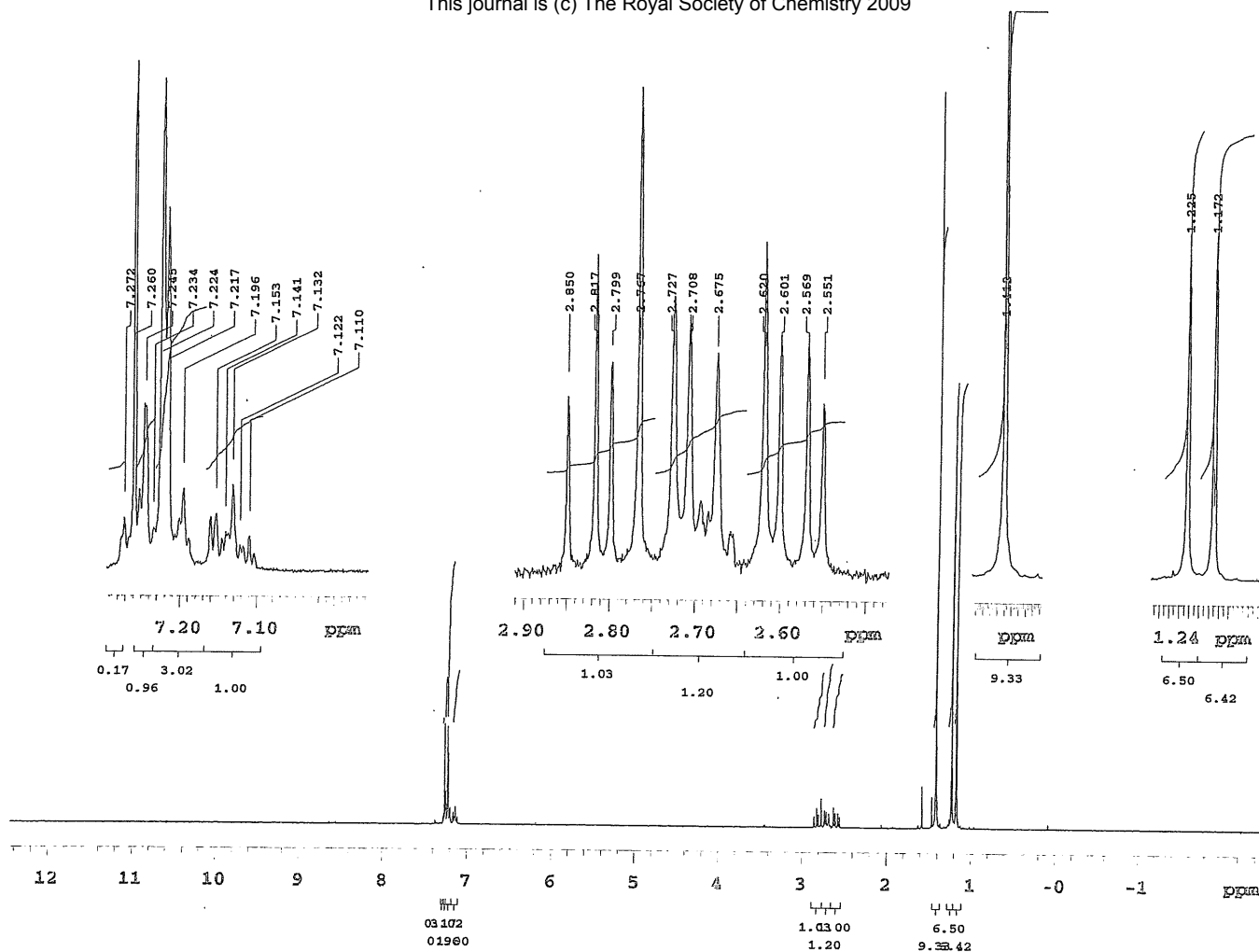


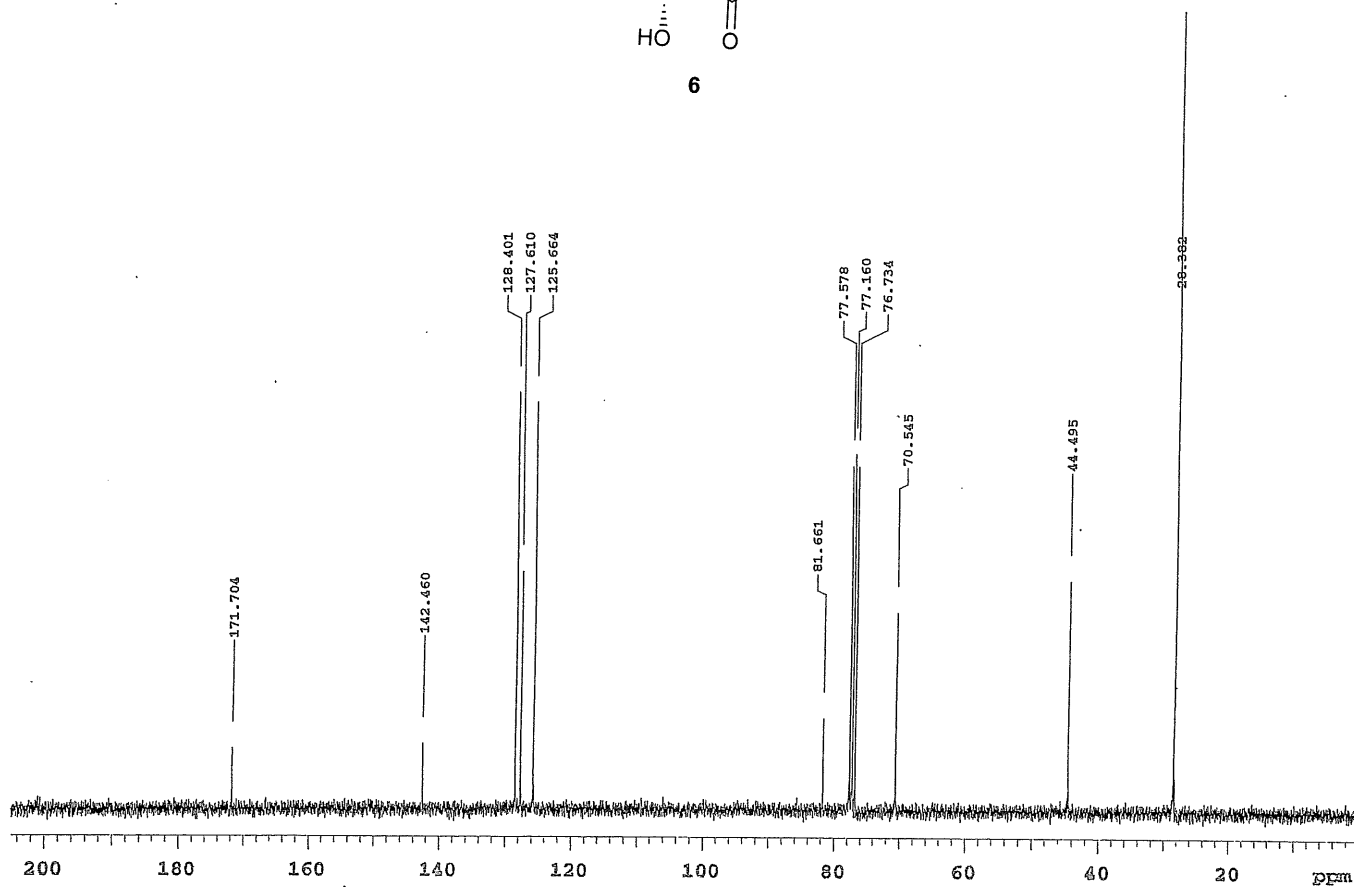
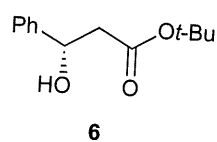
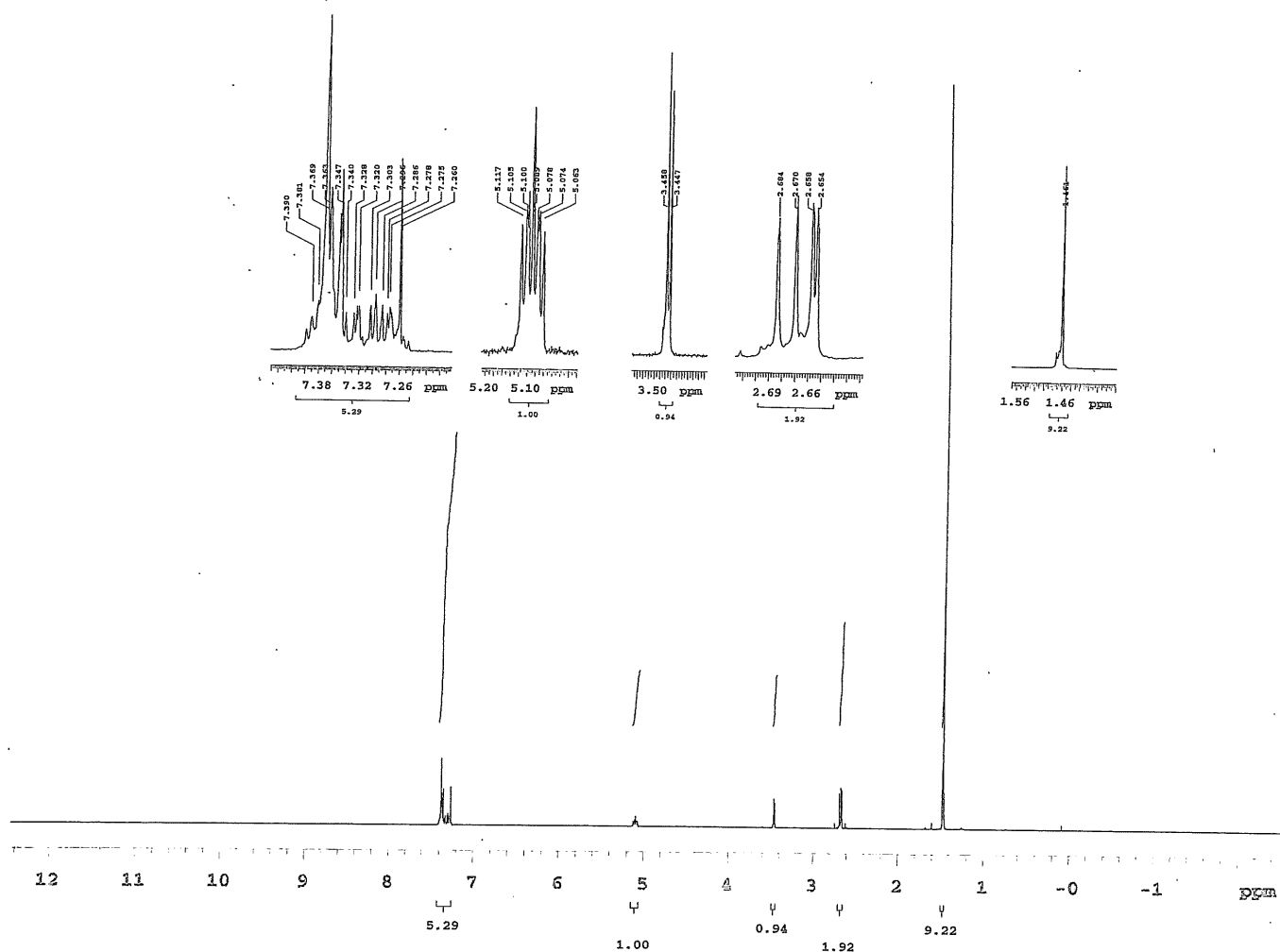


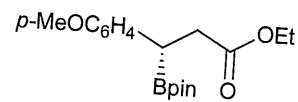
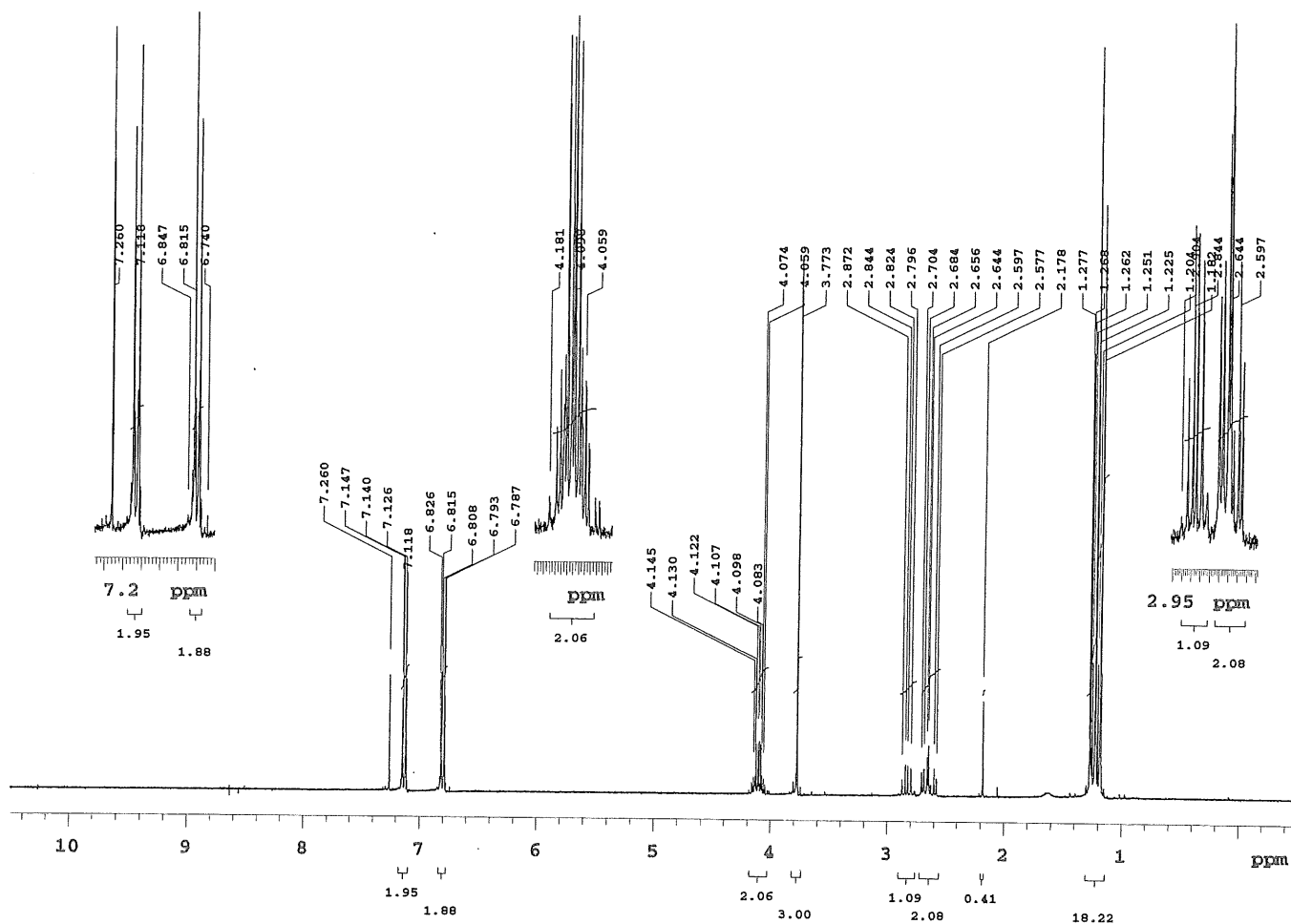


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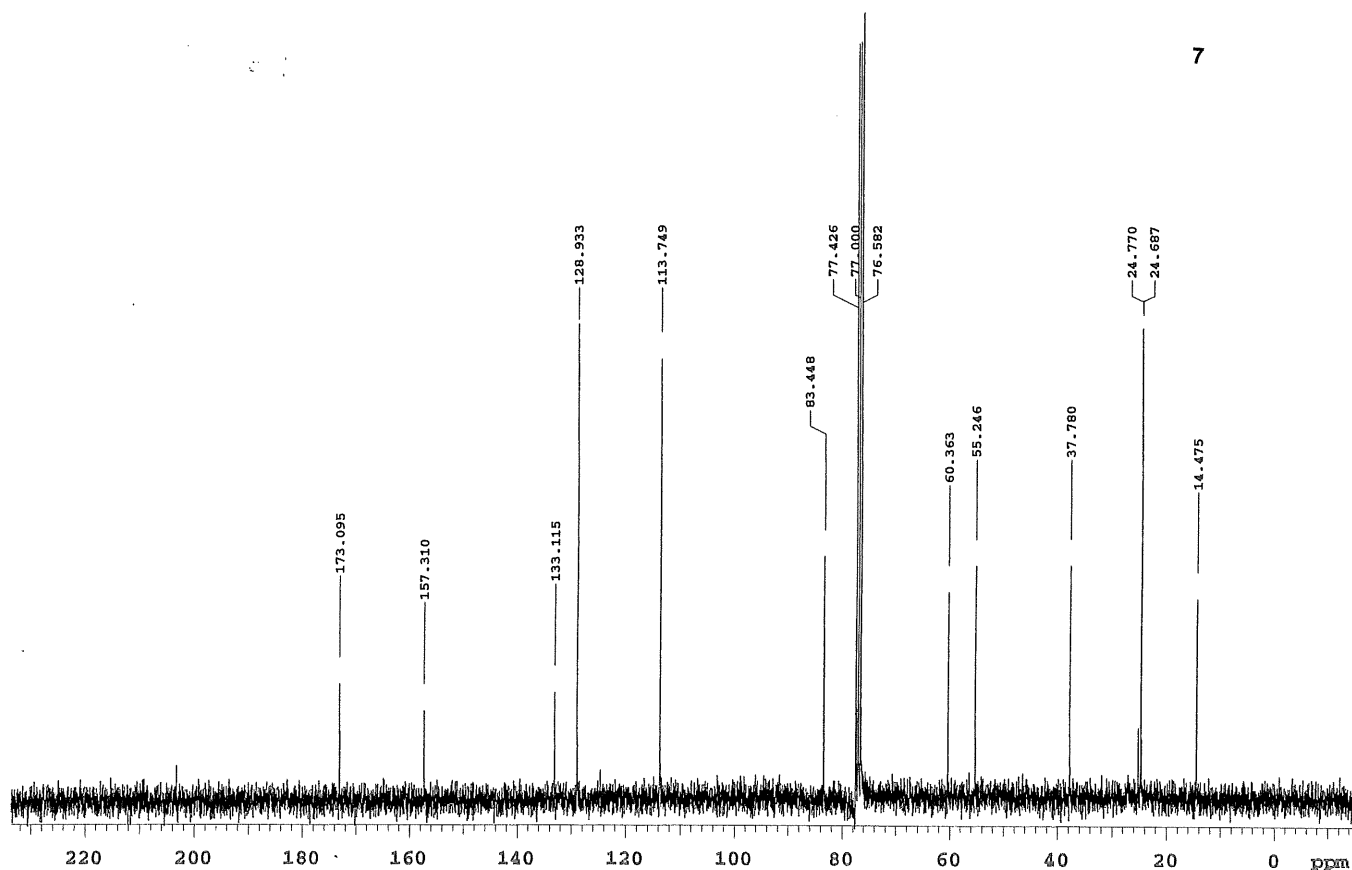


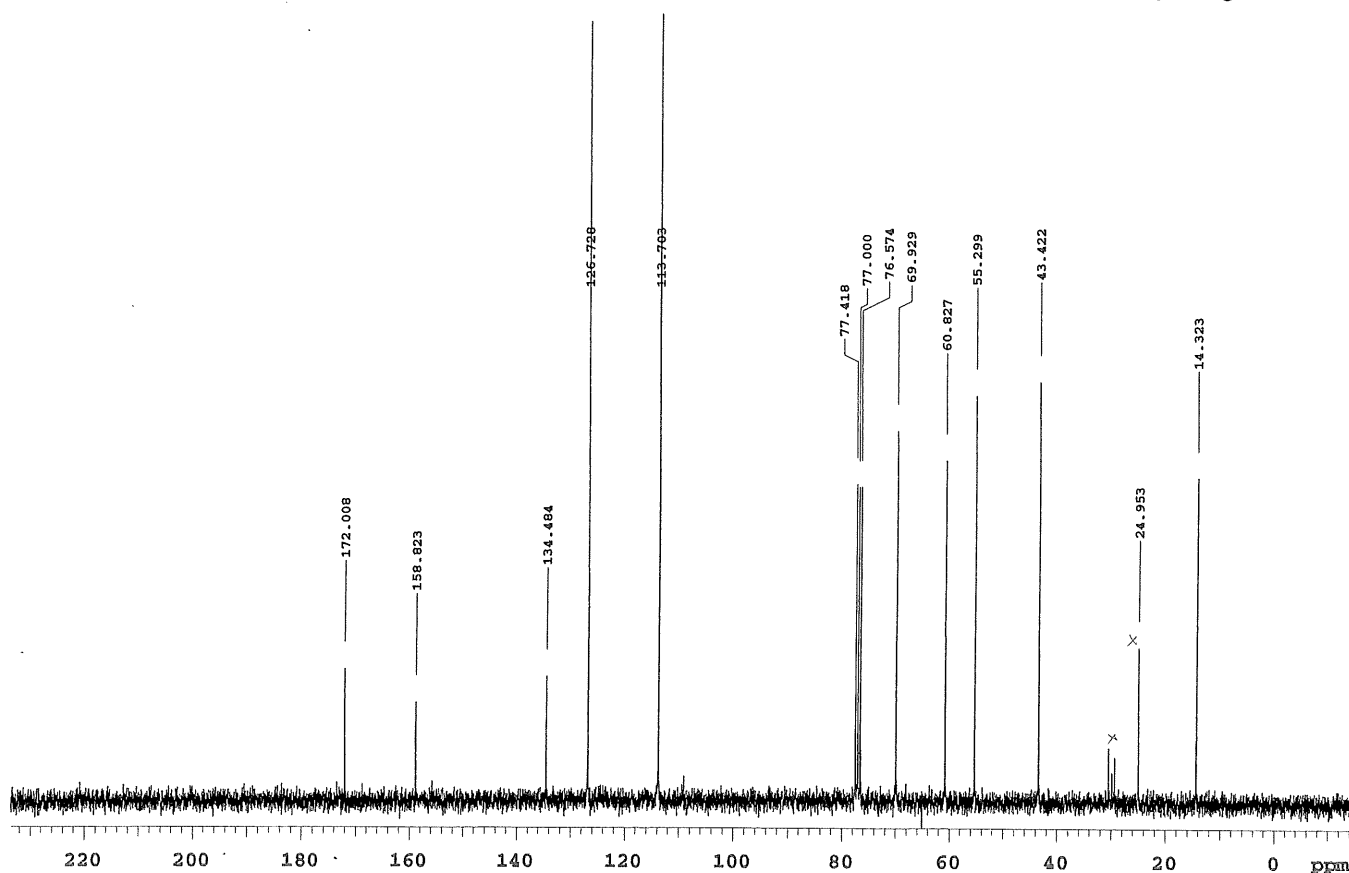
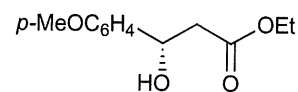
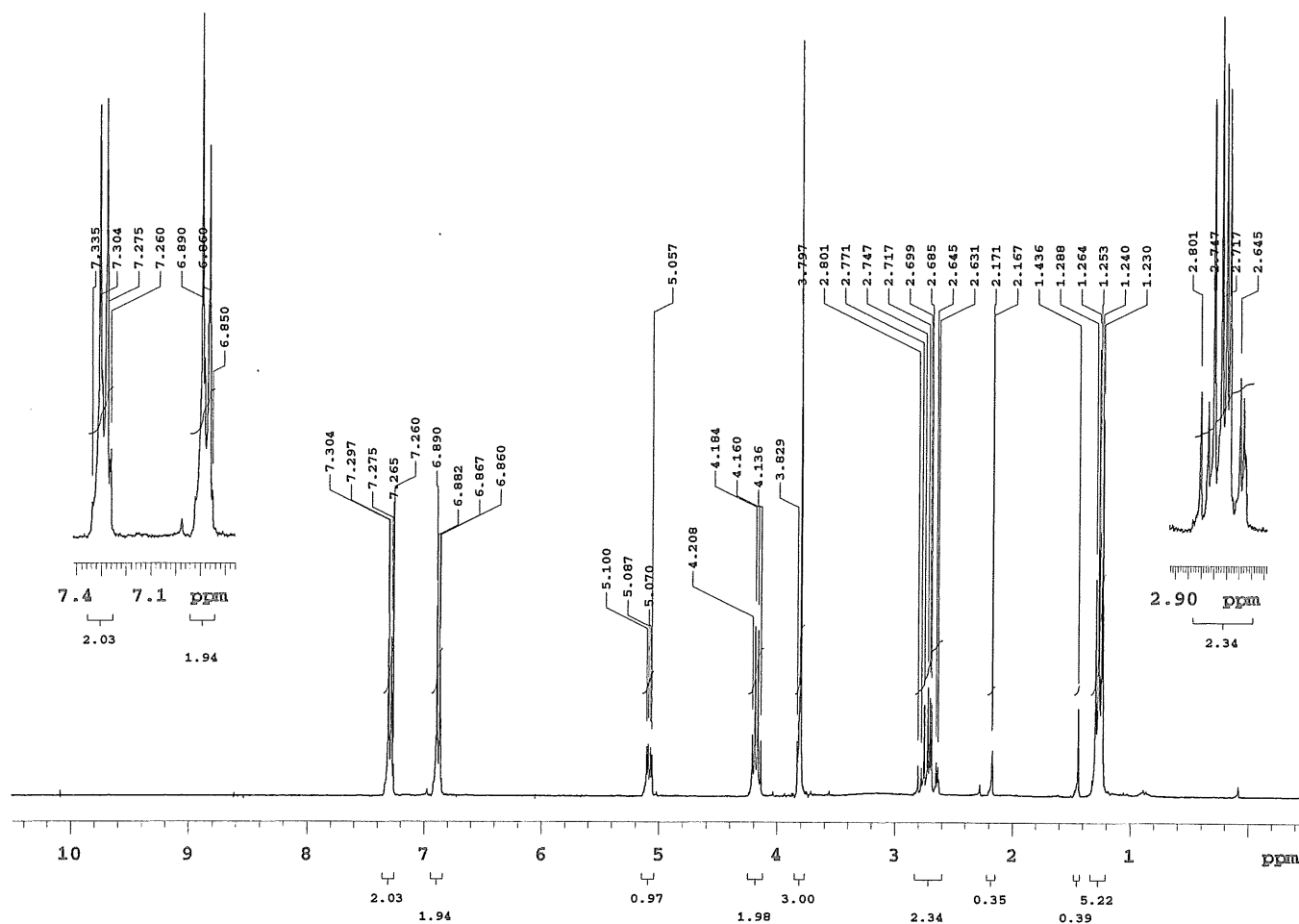


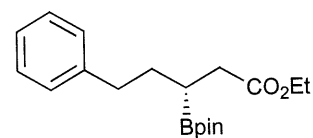
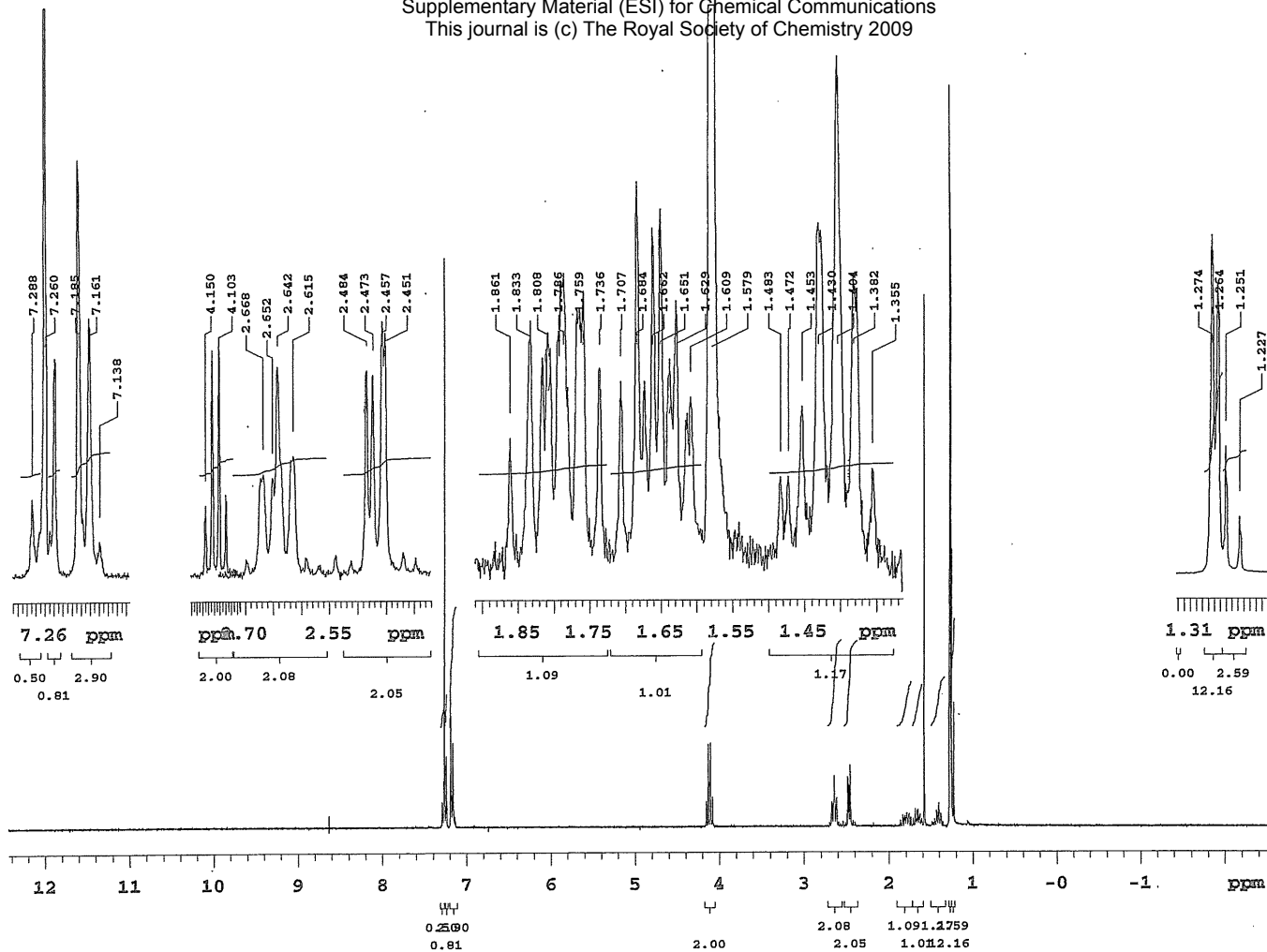




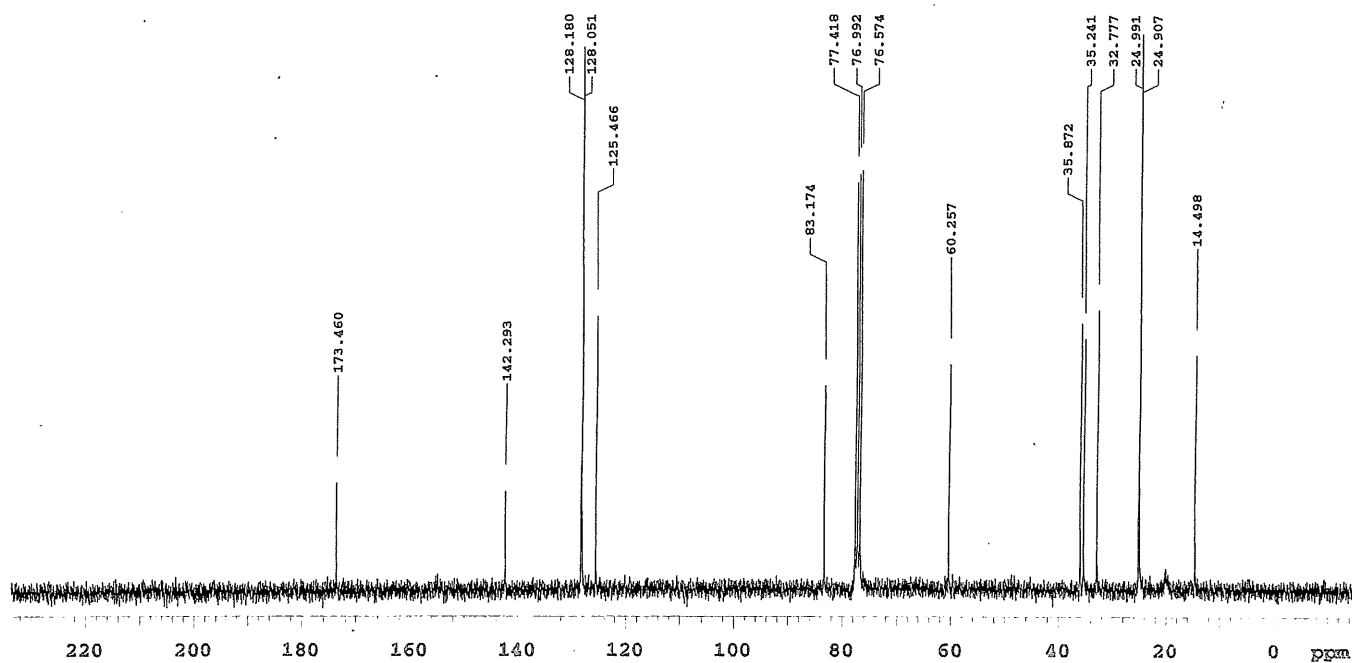
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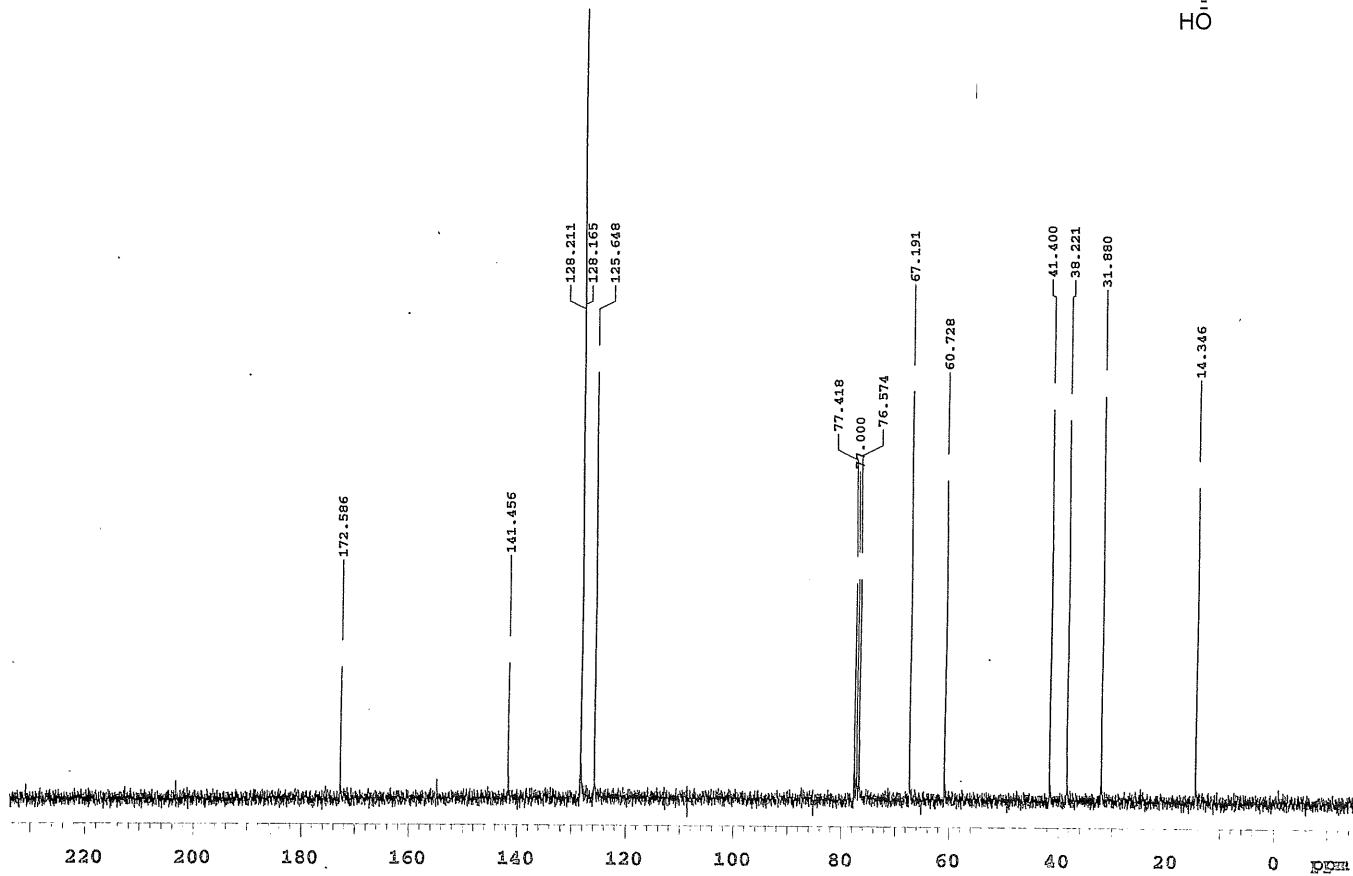
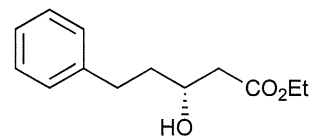
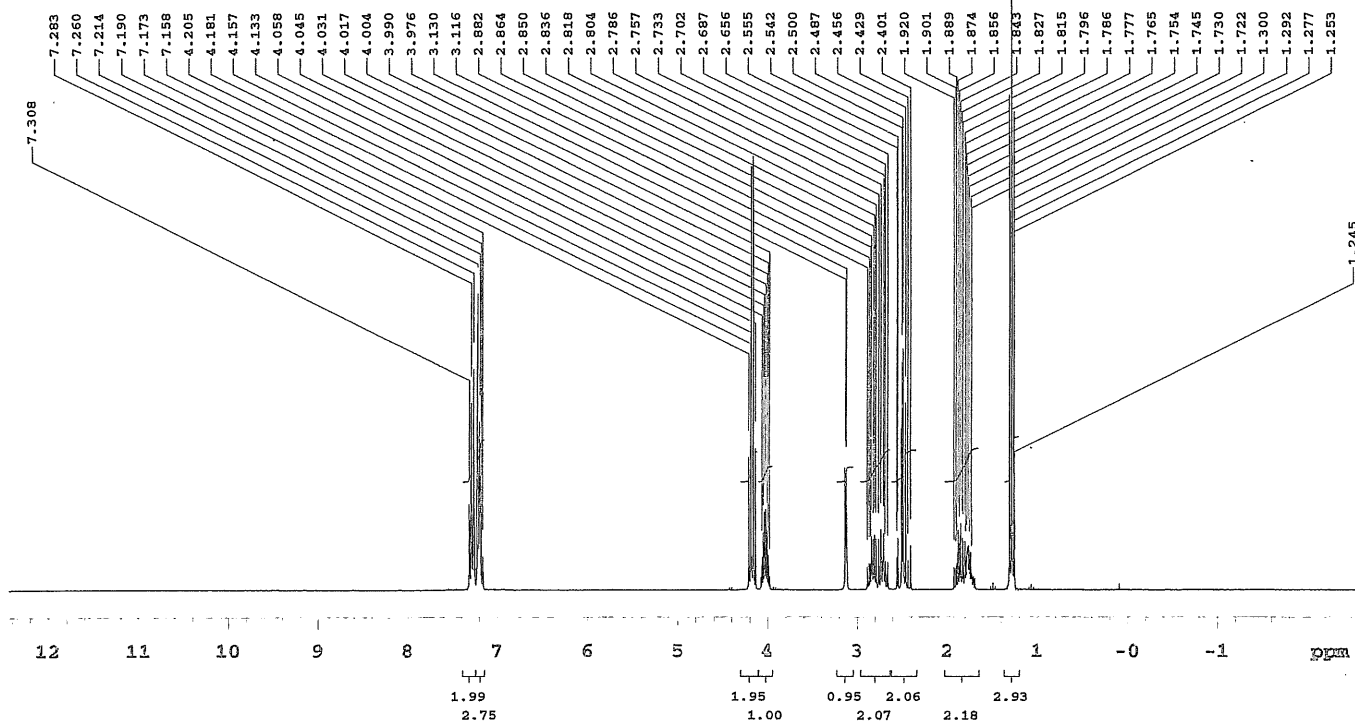


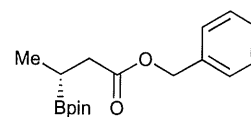
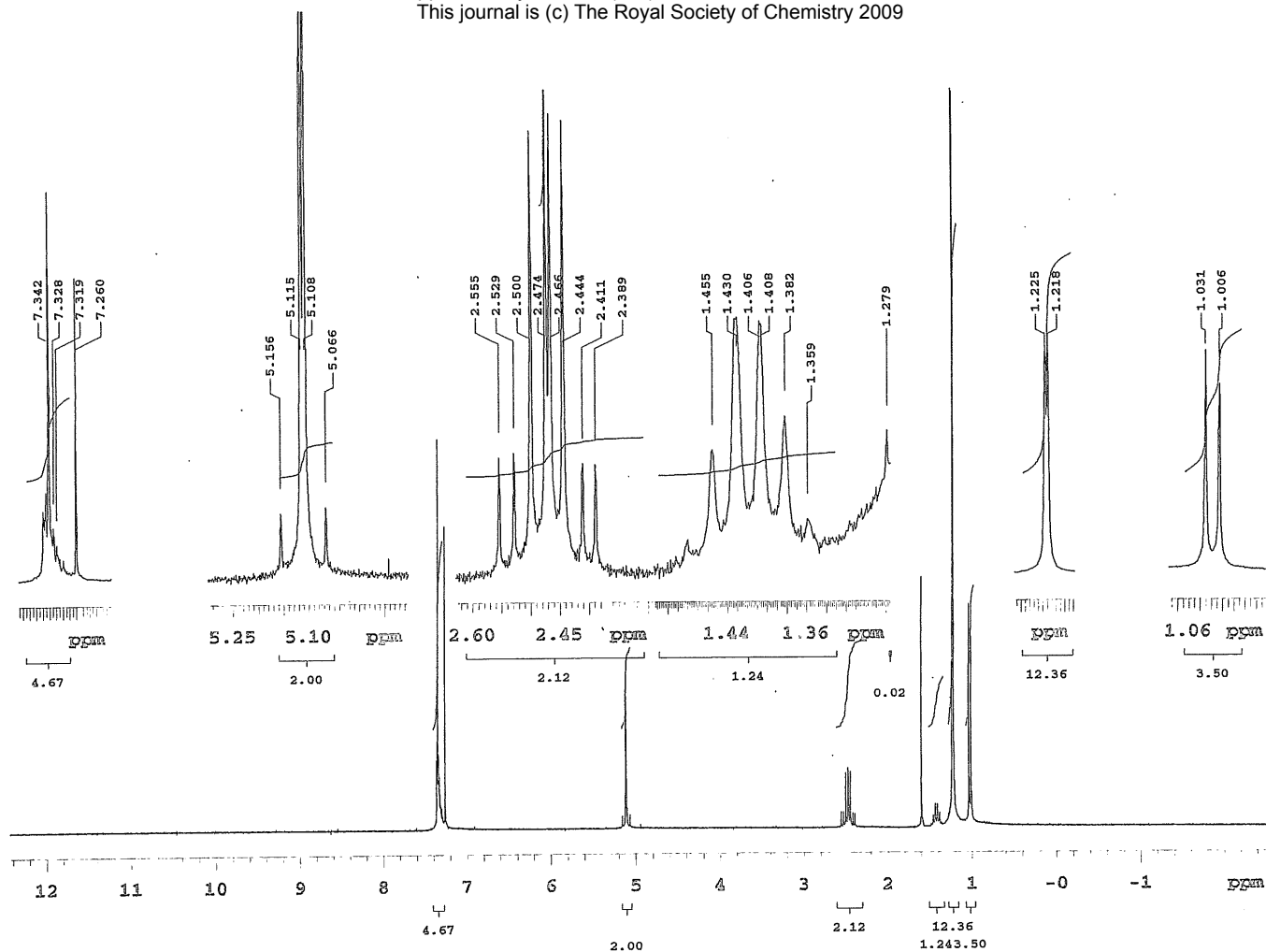




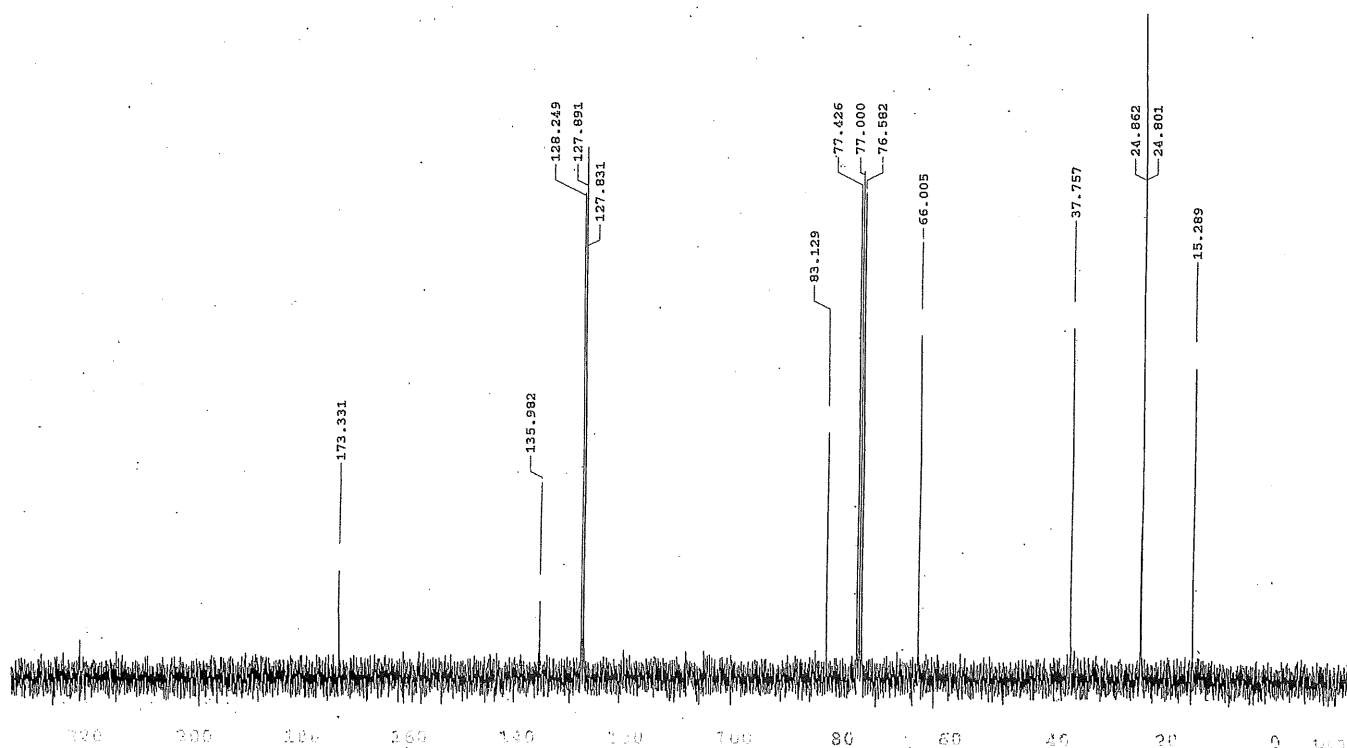
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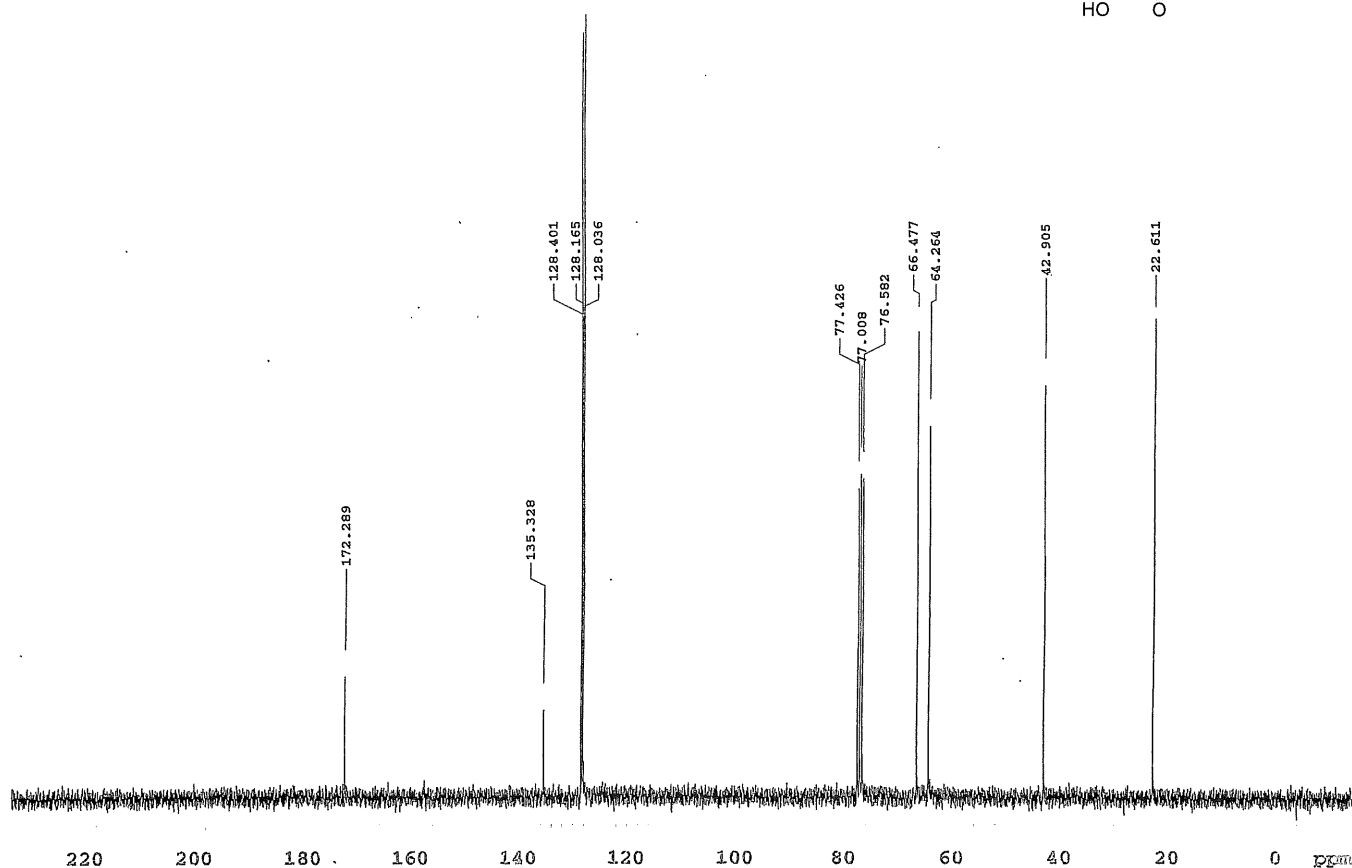
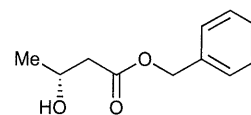
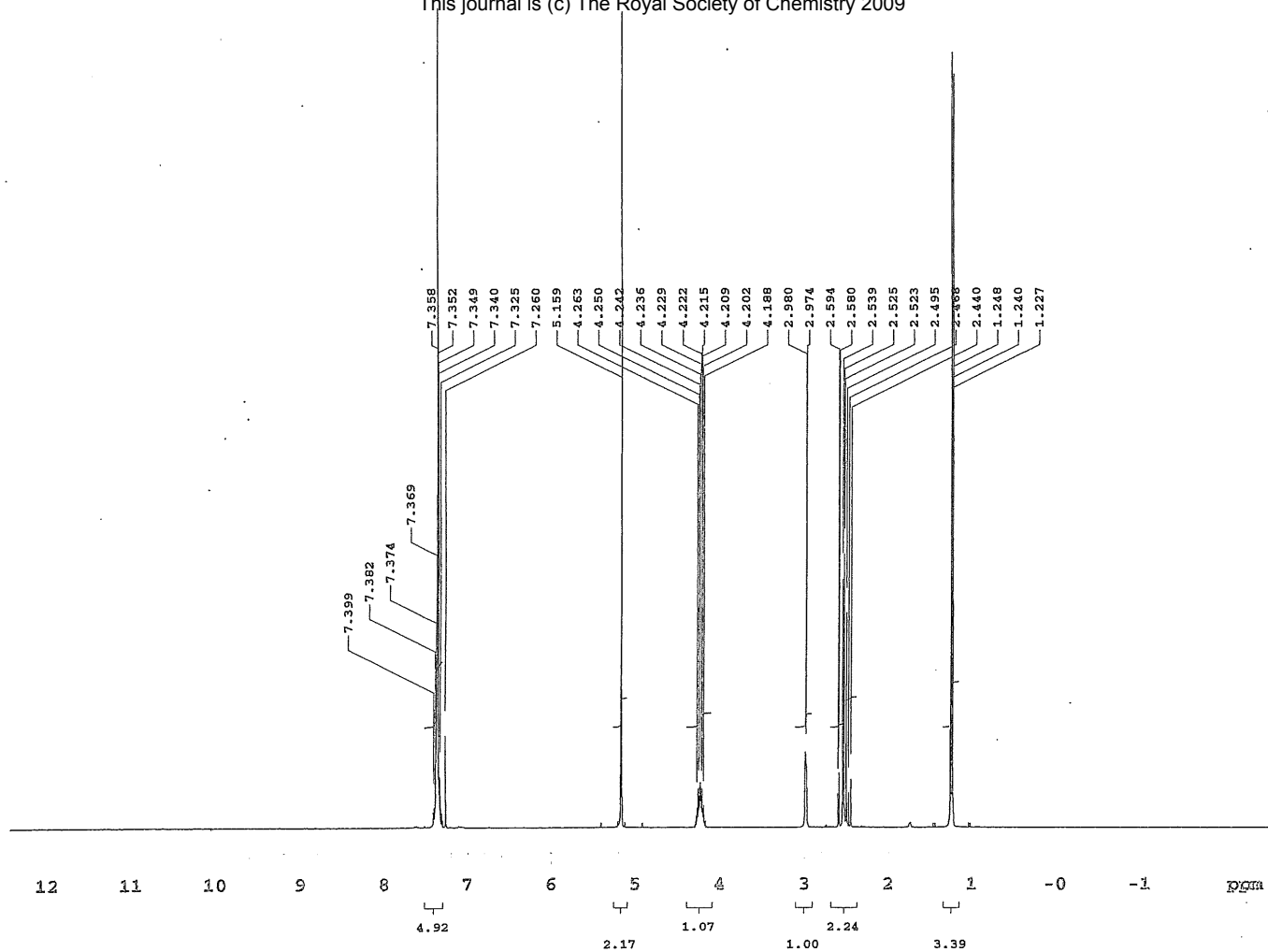


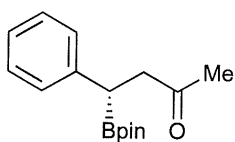
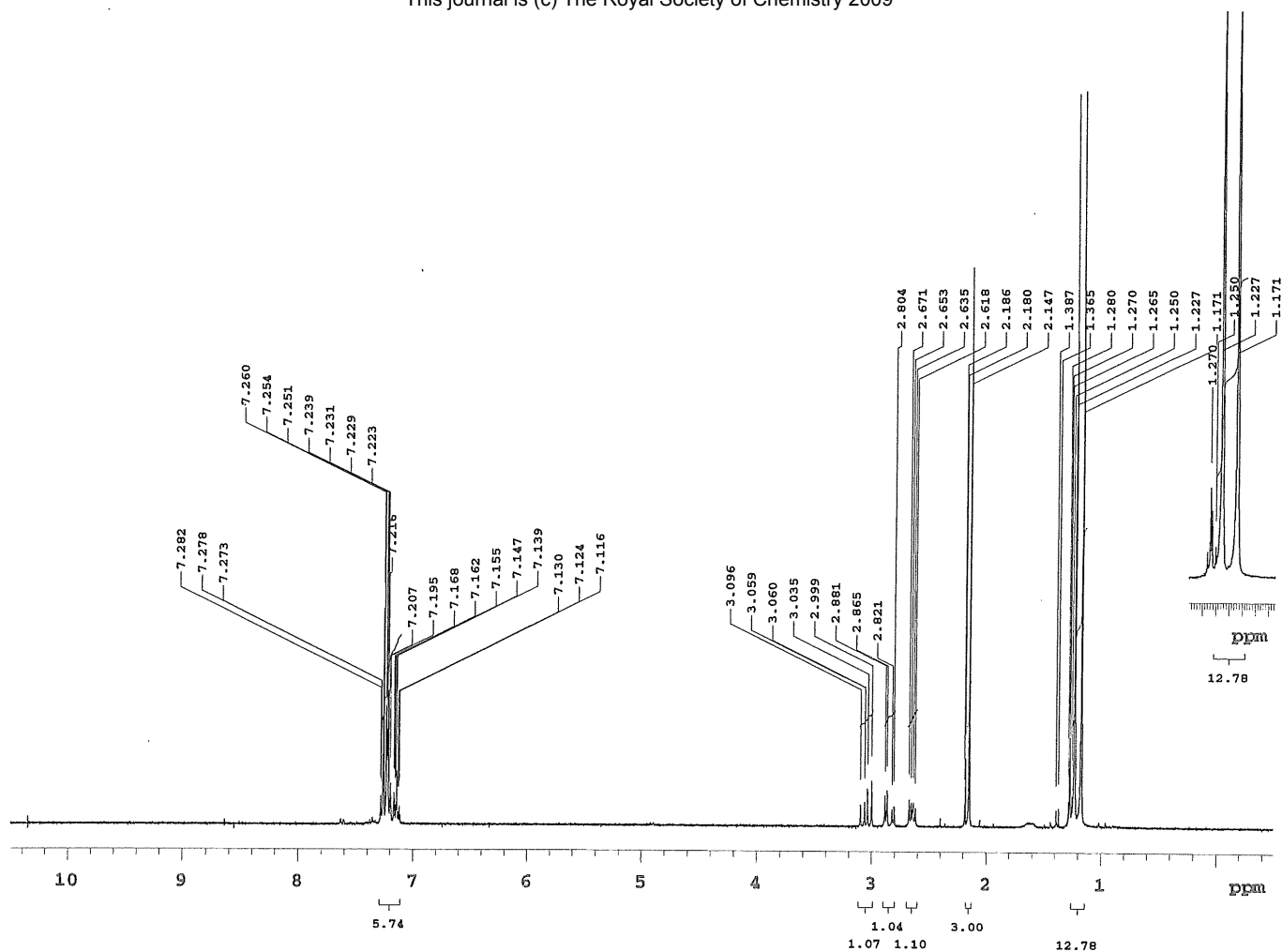




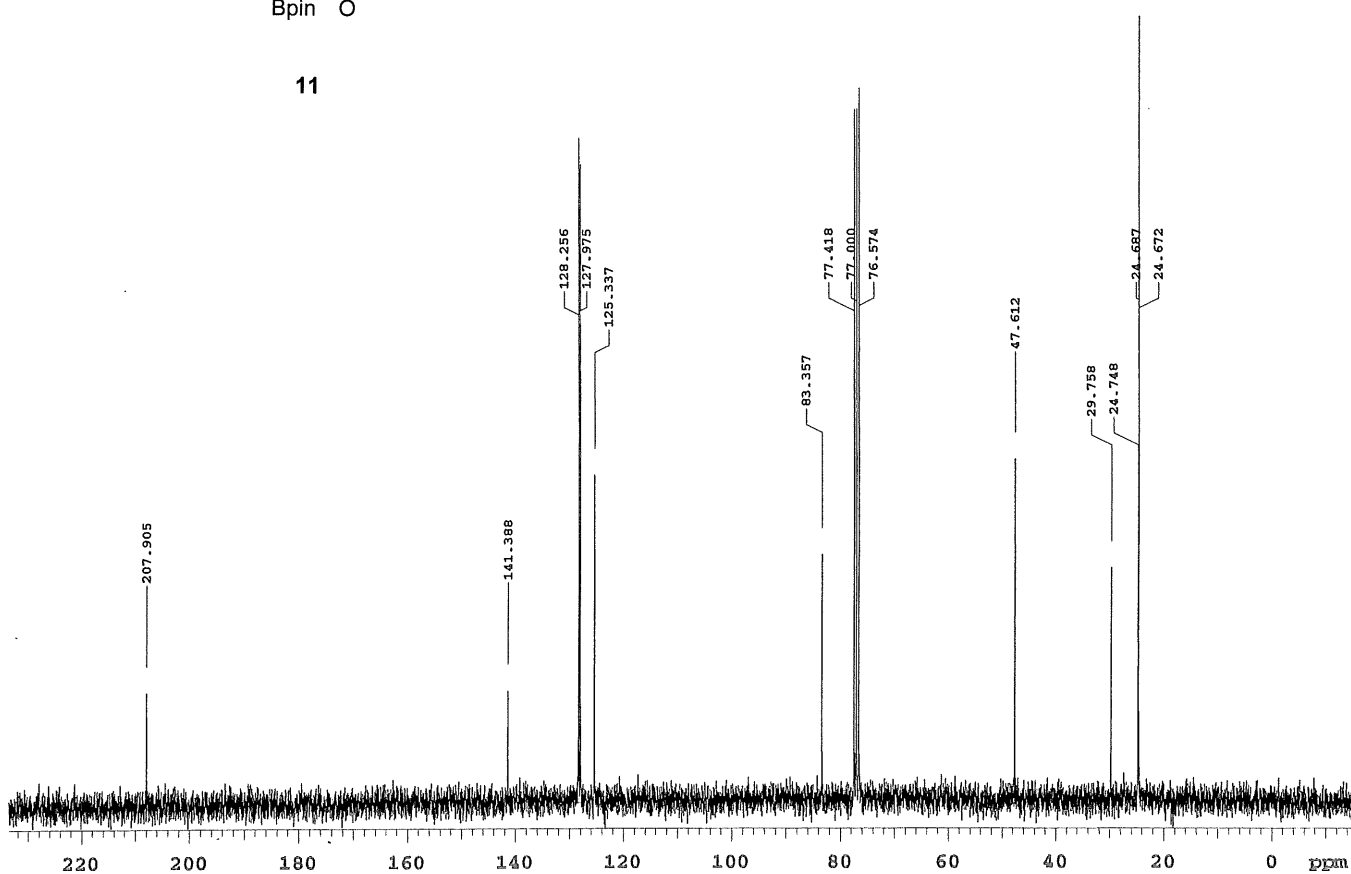
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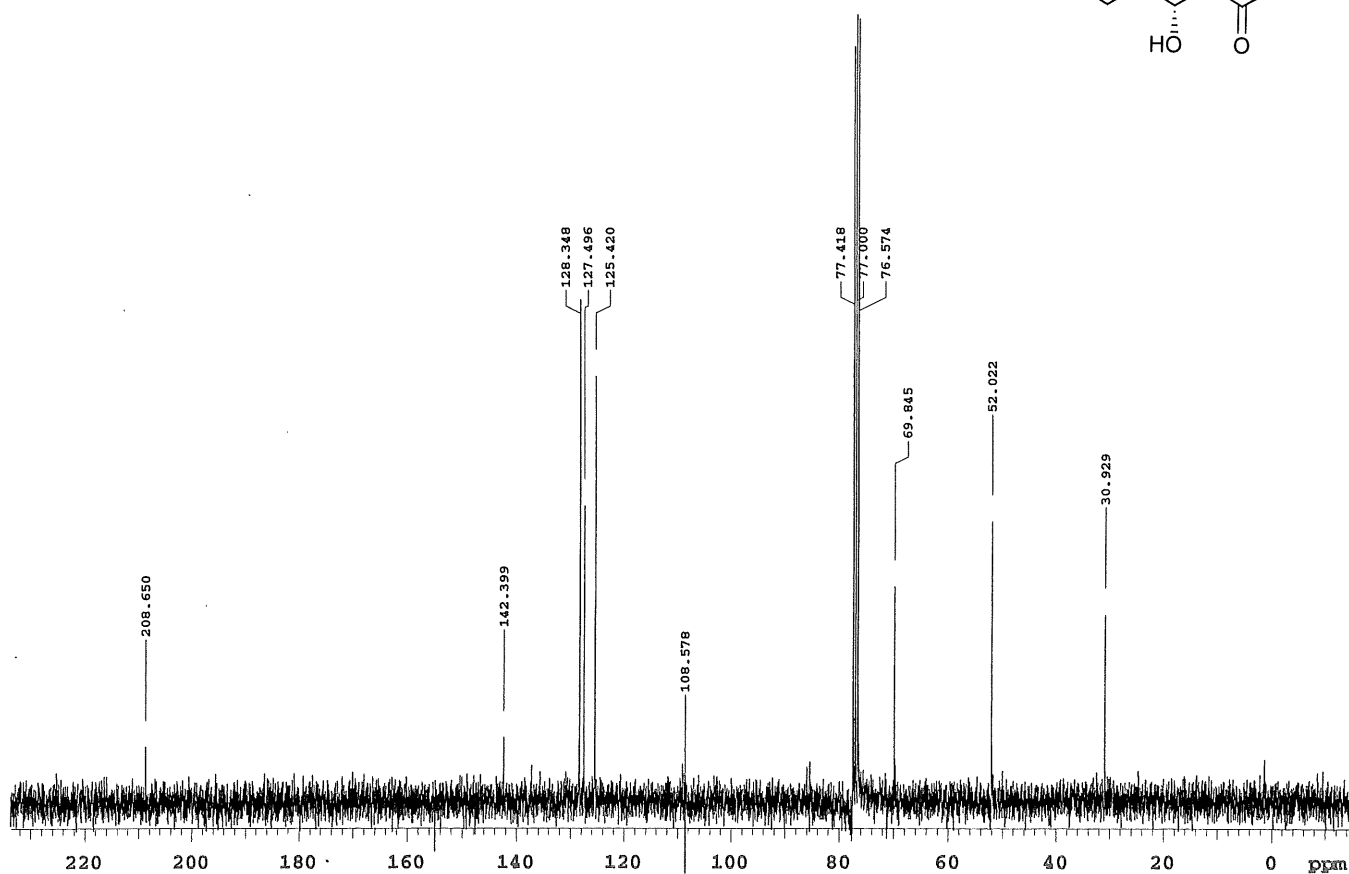
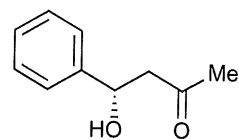
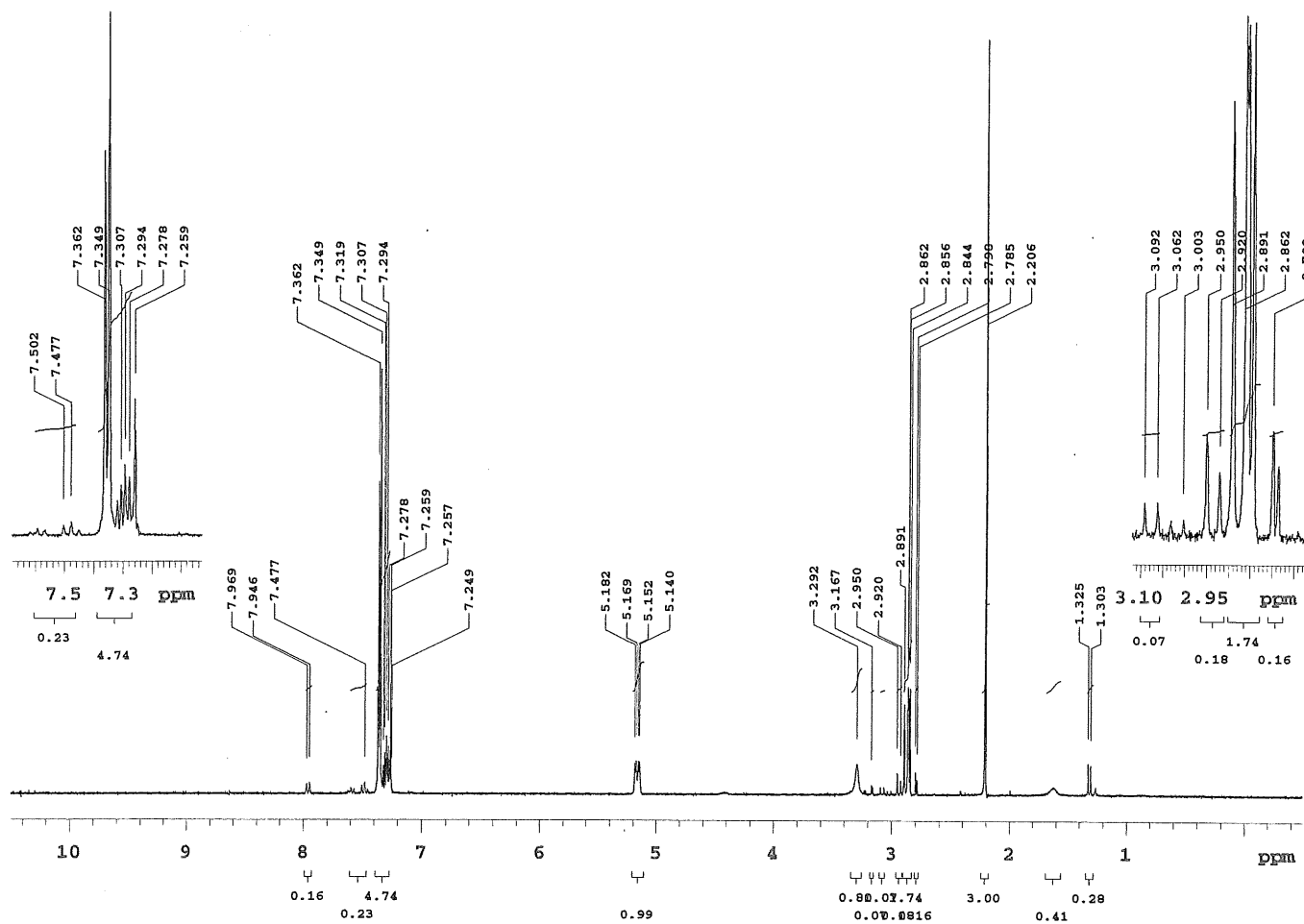


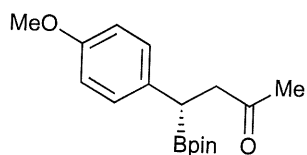
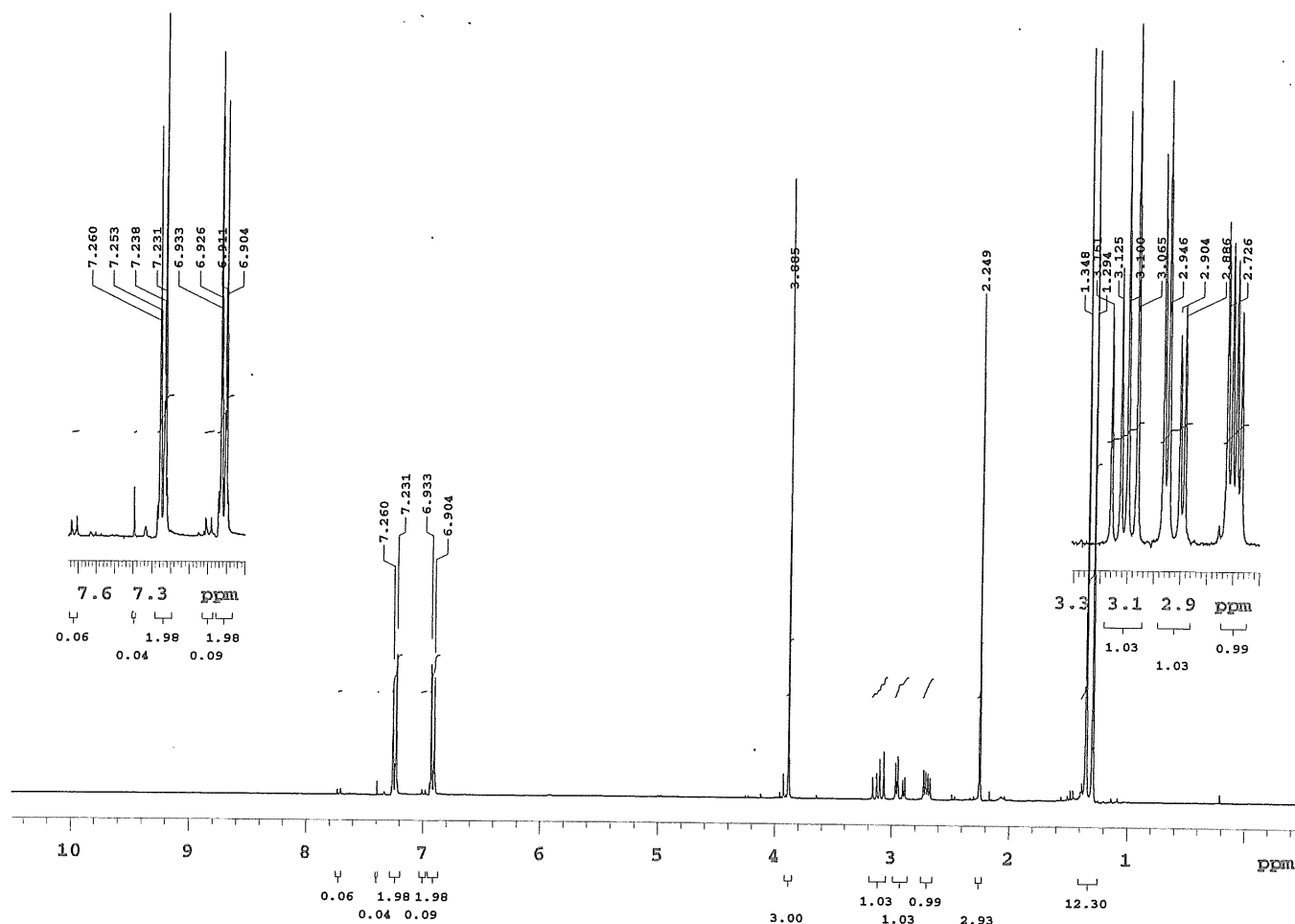




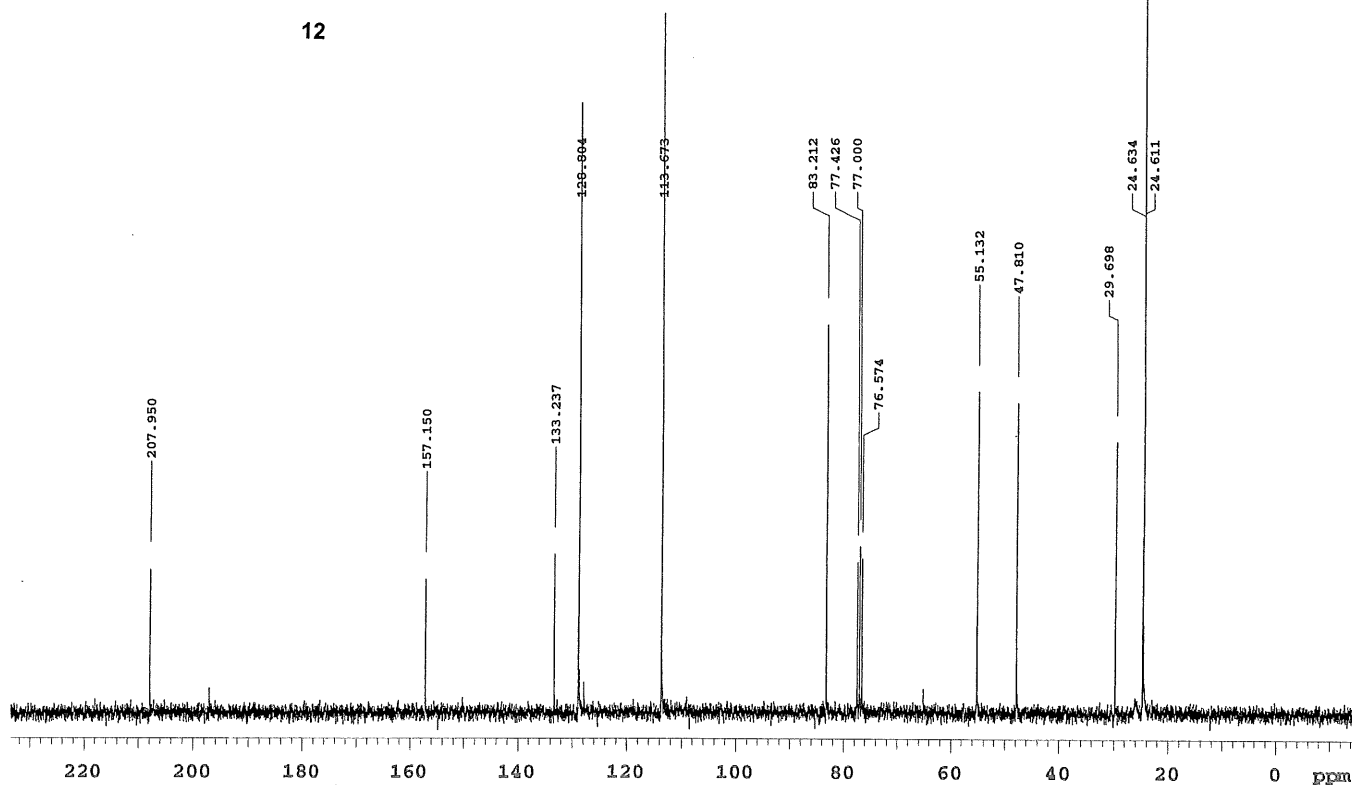
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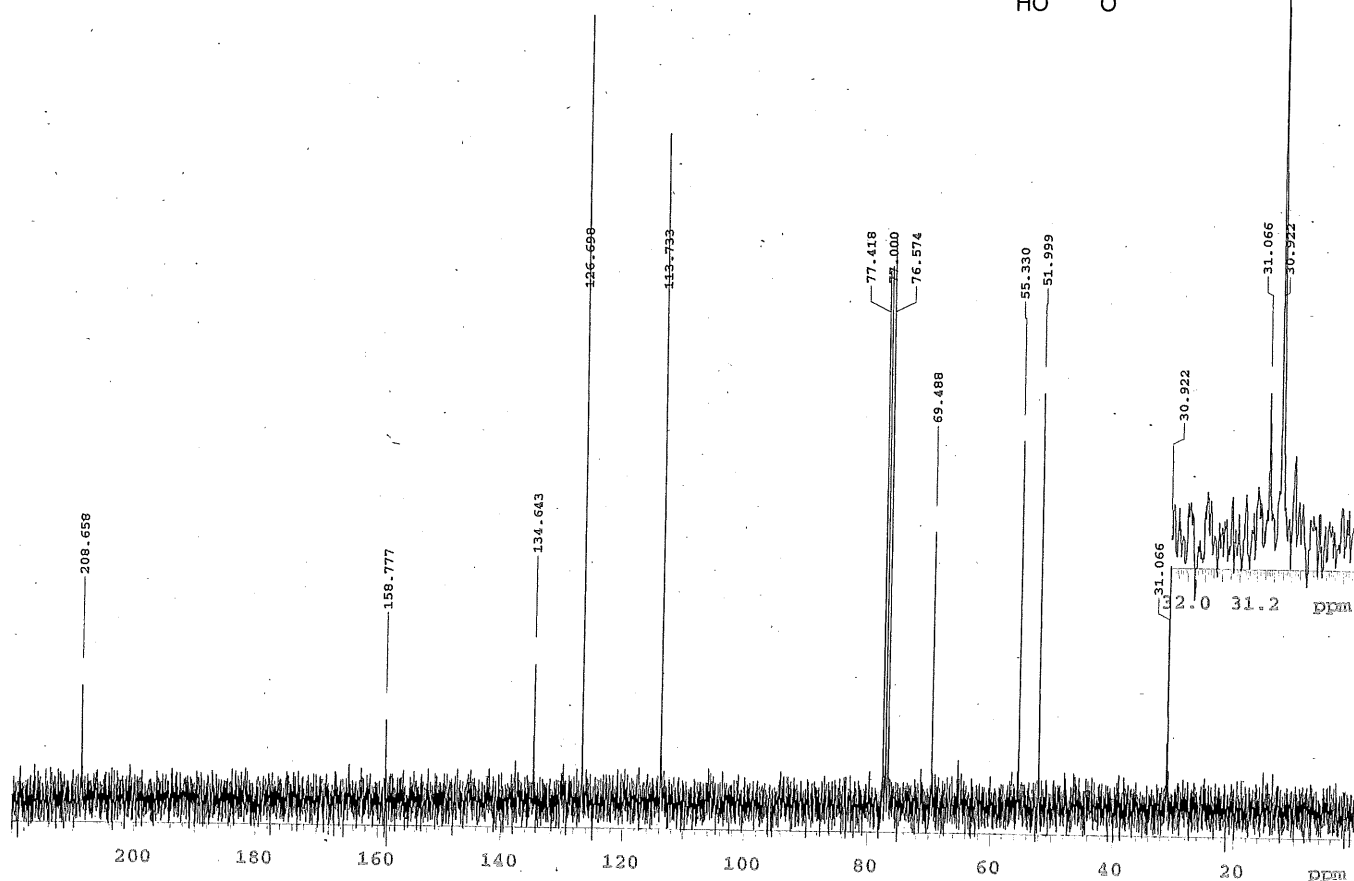
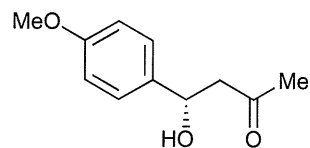
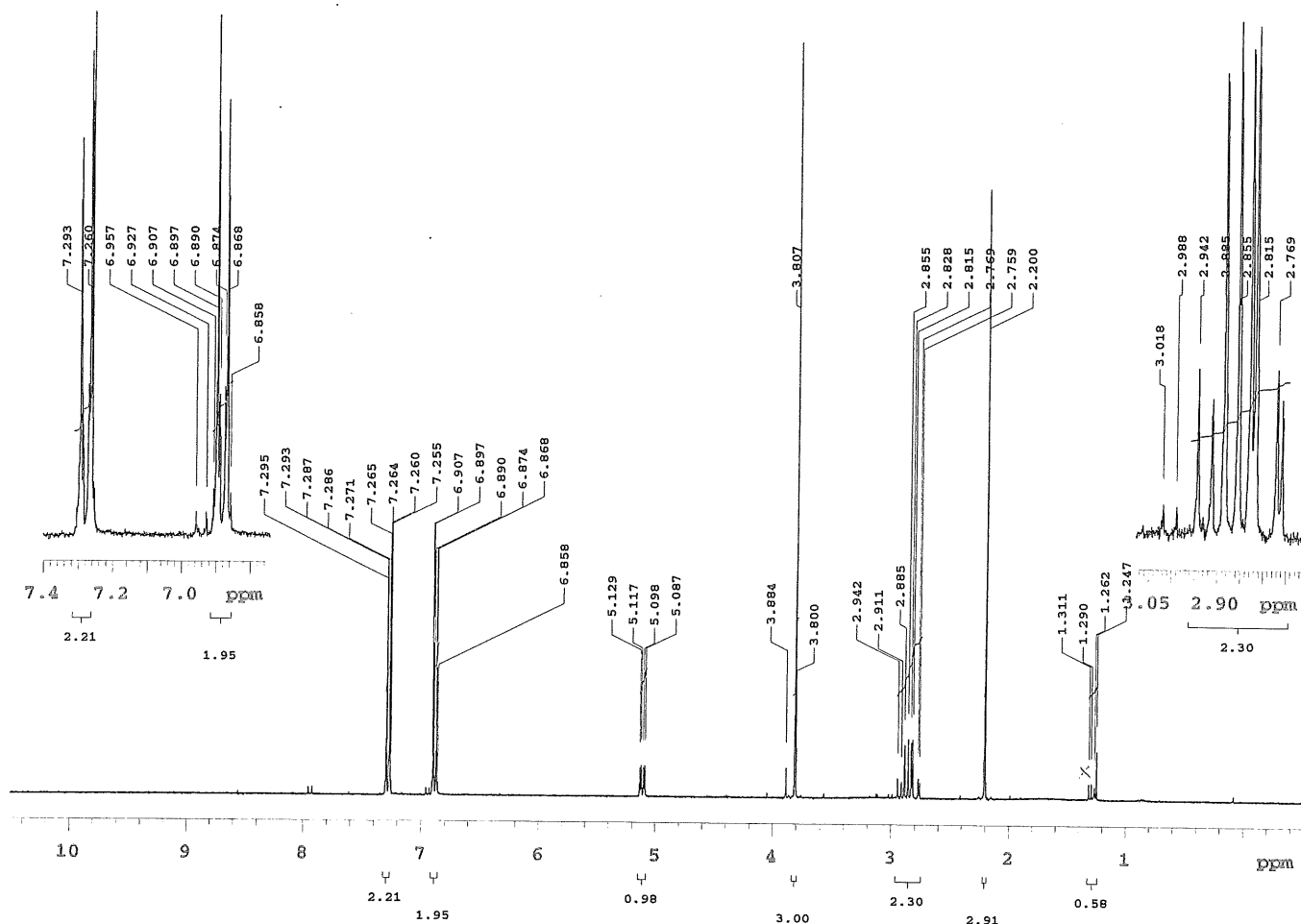


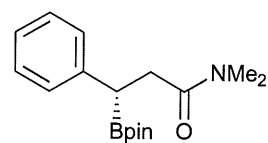
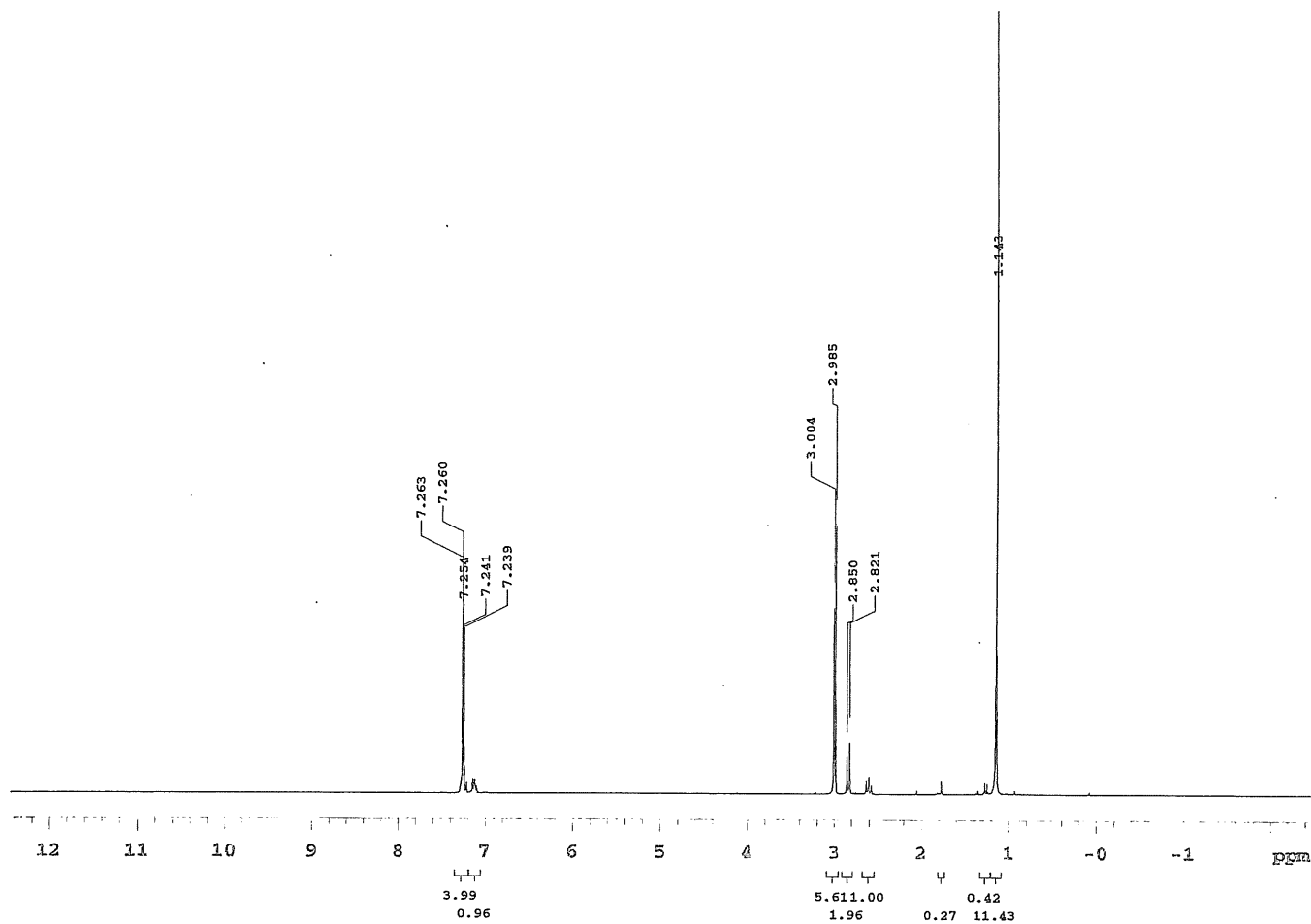




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