

Nanoporous iron(III) porphyrin frameworks: An efficient catalyst for [4+2] cycloaddition reactions of unactivated aldehydes with a diene

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Electronic Supplementary Information

I. Synthesis of 5,10,15,20-tetrakis(4-cyanophenyl)porphyrin [(CN)₄TPPH₂]

In a 500 mL two necked round bottom flask, dried dichloromethane (300 mL) was added and it was purged with argon for 30 minutes. Freshly distilled pyrrole (0.330 mL, 4.5 mmol), followed by *p*-cyanobenzaldehyde (0.60 g, 4.5 mmol) was added into it under inert atmosphere. After 10 minutes, BF₃·(OC₂H₅)₂ (0.04 mL, 0.3 mmol) was added by using gas tight syringe in the reaction mixture and it was covered with an aluminium foil. The color of the reaction mixture was changed from yellow to orange to wine red. The reaction mixture was stirred on a magnetic stirrer for four hours at room temperature. Then DDQ (0.816 g, 3.6 mmol) was added and the reaction mixture was immediately turned to dark purple. The reaction mixture was further stirred for 1 hour then one equivalent of triethylamine (0.025 mL, 0.33 mmol) was added to it and the reaction mixture was stirred for 5 minutes at room temperature. The excess of solvent was removed by using rotary evaporator. The purple compound was washed with methanol (75 mL). It was dried in air then under vacuum. The crude product was dissolved in dichloromethane and was loaded on a column (2.5 cm x 30 cm) packed with silica gel 60-120 mesh in hexane and the desired compound was eluted with 50% dichloromethane-hexane and solvent was evaporated to get solid product. Yield= 0.268 g (33%). ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz): δ (ppm) -2.86(s,2H,NH), 8.12(*m*-4-cyanophenyl), 8.33(d, 8H, J= 7.8, *o*-4-cyanophenyl) 8.83(s, 8H, β-pyrrole). ESI-MS: *m/z* calcd for C₄₈H₂₇N₈, 715.2352 [M+H]⁺; found, 715.2351 [M+H]⁺. UV-Vis (λ; nm; CH₂Cl₂ solution): 420 (2,05,918), 452 (8,696), 514 (10,002), 548 (4,248), 588(3,676), 645 (2,125).

II. Synthesis of 5,10,15,20-tetrakis(4-cyanophenyl) porphyrinato iron(III)chloride [(CN)₄TPPFe(III)Cl]

In a 250 mL two necked round bottom flask, 70 mL of dried DMF was degassed with dry argon for 30 minutes. It was heated up to 110-120°C and to this hot DMF solvent, solid (CN)₄TPPH₂ (0.100 g, 0.139 mmol) was added and after 10 minutes 2,4,6-collidine (100 μL,

0.91 mmol) was added into the reaction mixture and the solution was refluxed continuously. To this refluxing solution, ferrous chloride tetrahydrate (0.275 g, 1.38 mmol) (dissolved in pre-degassed DMF (10mL)) was added slowly in five batches of 2 mL each. The refluxing was continued and the progress of the reaction was monitored by TLC and the reaction was over in 15 minutes. It was cooled down to room temperature and dichloromethane (50 mL) was added and it was passed through a separating funnel containing distilled water (400 mL) without shaking it. It was further washed with brine solution (5 x 400 mL) and organic layer was dried over anhydrous sodium sulphate (25 g) for few hours. The organic layer was evaporated to dryness under reduced pressure.

The crude product was dissolved in minimum volume of dichloromethane and was loaded on a column (2.5 x 30 cm) packed with basic alumina in hexane. The desired product was eluted from the column by dichloromethane and HCl gas was purged for 5-10 seconds. The solution was evaporated to dryness under reduced pressure and pure product was obtained. The iron insertion into the porphyrin ligand was almost quantitative. Yield = 95 mg (90%). ESI-MS: m/z calcd for C₄₈H₂₄FeN₈, 768.1473 [M-Cl]⁺, found, 768.1498 [M-Cl]⁺. UV-Vis (λ; nm; CH₂Cl₂ solution): 373 (92,385), 417 (1,85,776), 510 (23,520).

III. Characteristic data of polymeric catalysts:

1. Table S1. Solubility and stability of compound 1.X

| Media | Solubility | Stability |
|-----------------|------------|-----------|
| Dichloromethane | Insoluble | Stable |
| Acetonitrile | Insoluble | Stable |
| Toluene | Insoluble | Stable |
| THF | Insoluble | Stable |
| Methanol | Insoluble | Stable |
| Acetone | Insoluble | Stable |
| m-Cresol | Insoluble | Stable |
| DMSO | Insoluble | Stable |
| Hexane | Insoluble | Stable |
| Water | Insoluble | Stable |
| Air | - | Stable |

Solubility and stability of the polymer was tested at room temperature for the corresponding media for one month.

2. FT IR spectroscopy

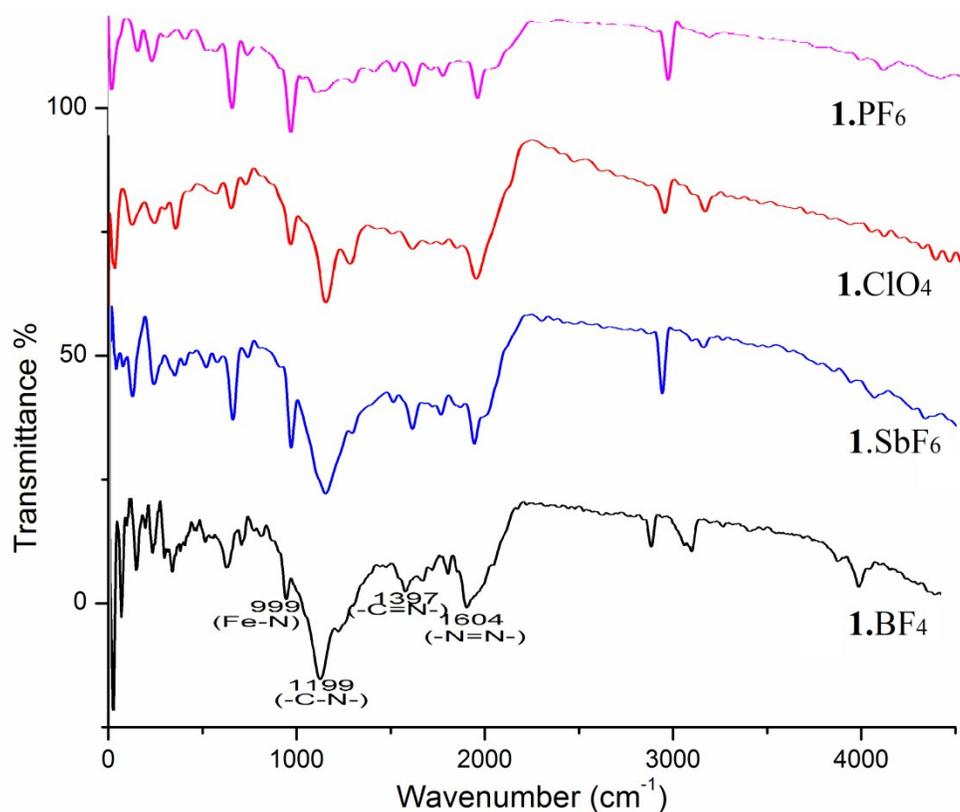


Figure S1: FT-IR spectra of compound **1.X** (where X= BF₄, SbF₆, ClO₄, PF₆). The peak at 999 cm⁻¹ indicates the vibration band due to N–Fe bond while peaks at 1604, 1397 & 1199 cm⁻¹ originate from –N=N–, –C=N– and –C-N– stretching of the tetrazine moiety in the respective sample.

Table S2. Assignment of FT-IR peaks of tetrazine linked iron(III)porphyrin

| Peak (cm ⁻¹) | Assignment and notes |
|--------------------------|--|
| 1604 | -N=N- stretching frequency in tetrazine |
| 1588 | C=C stretching of the pyrrole rings |
| 1504 | C=C vibrational mode of phenyl rings |
| 1397 | tetrazine ring stretching (-C=N-) |
| 1199 | C-N stretching |
| 999 | Fe-N Stretching |
| 858 | C-H perylene wag |
| 803 | C-H out of plane bending of phenyl rings |
| 736 | |

3. Solid state UV-Visible spectra of compound 1

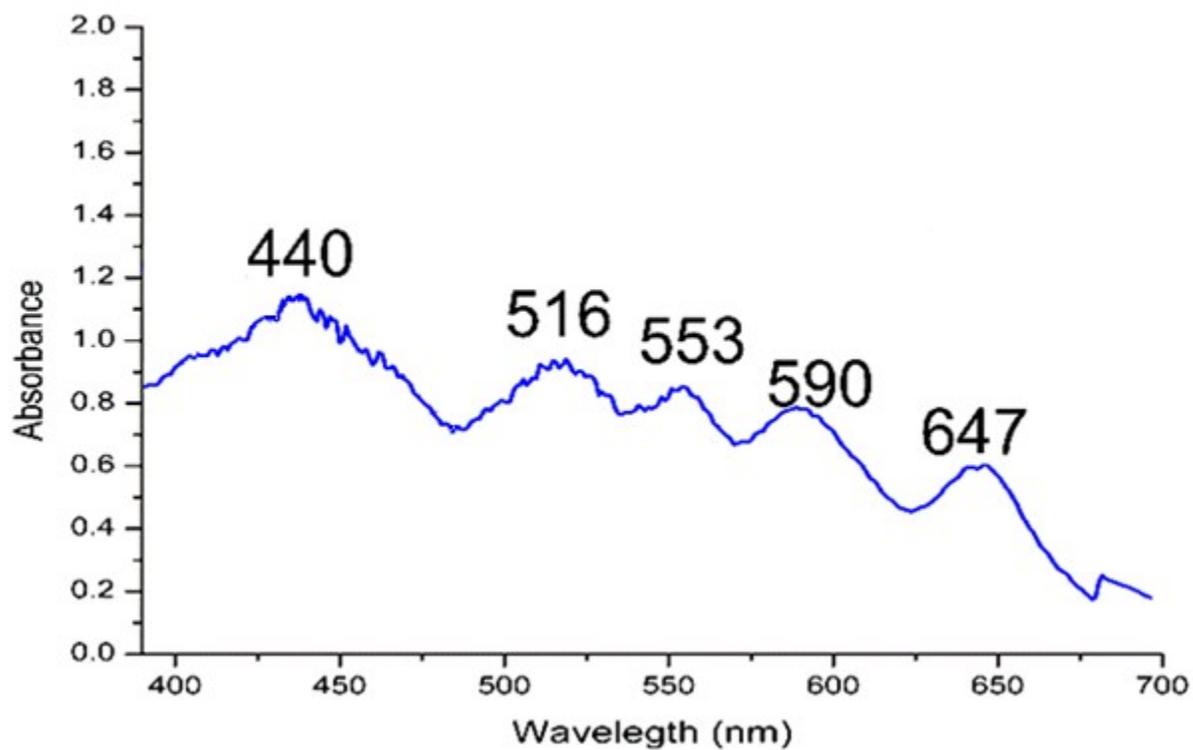


Figure S2: Solid state UV-Visible spectra of compound 1.BF₄.

4. EDX

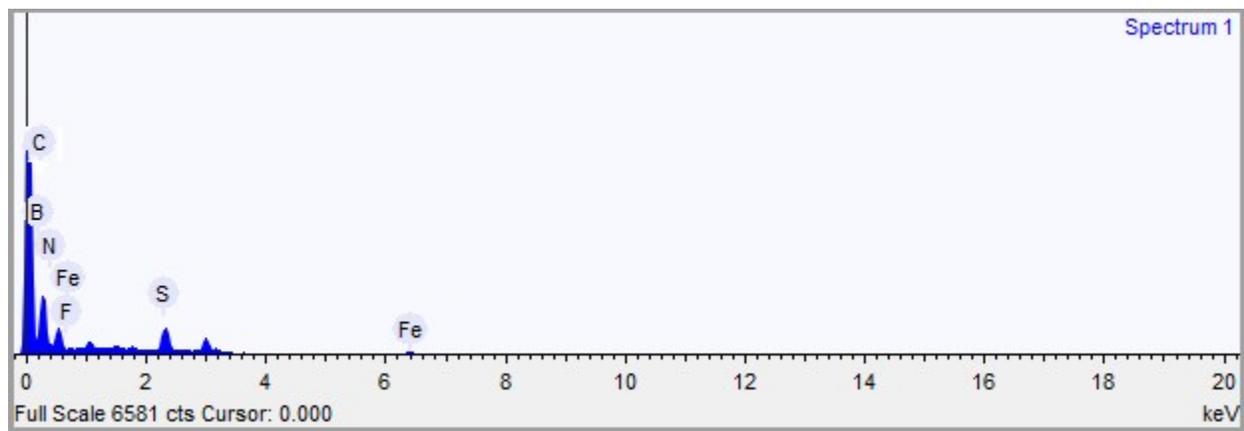


Figure S3: EDX for the compound **1.BF₄**

5. N₂ physisorption study and pore size distribution analysis

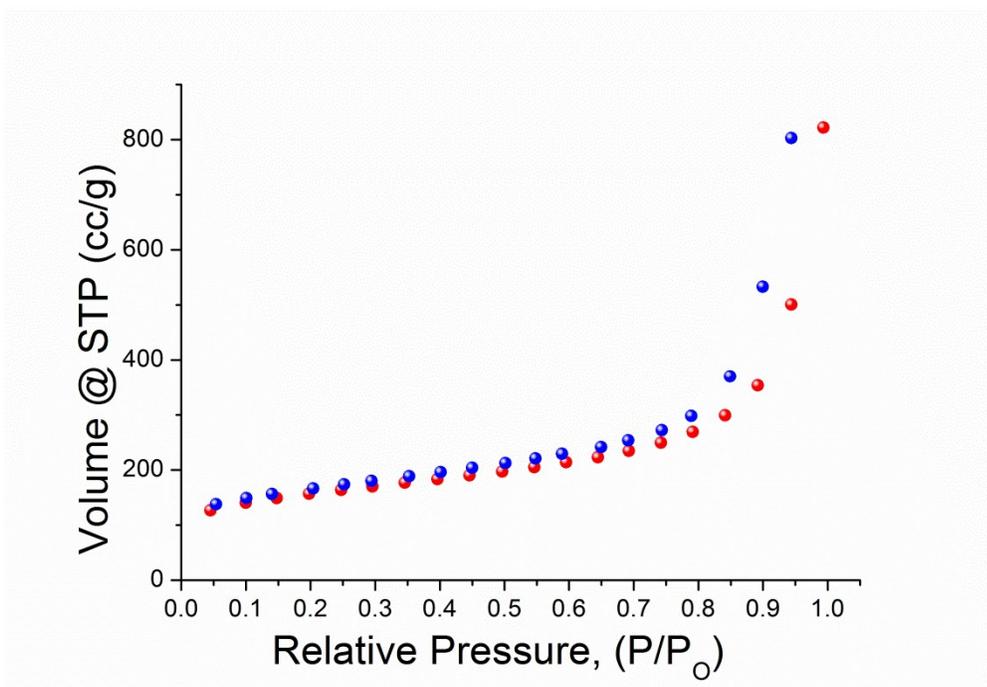


Figure S4: N₂ gas absorption study for compound 1.Cl.

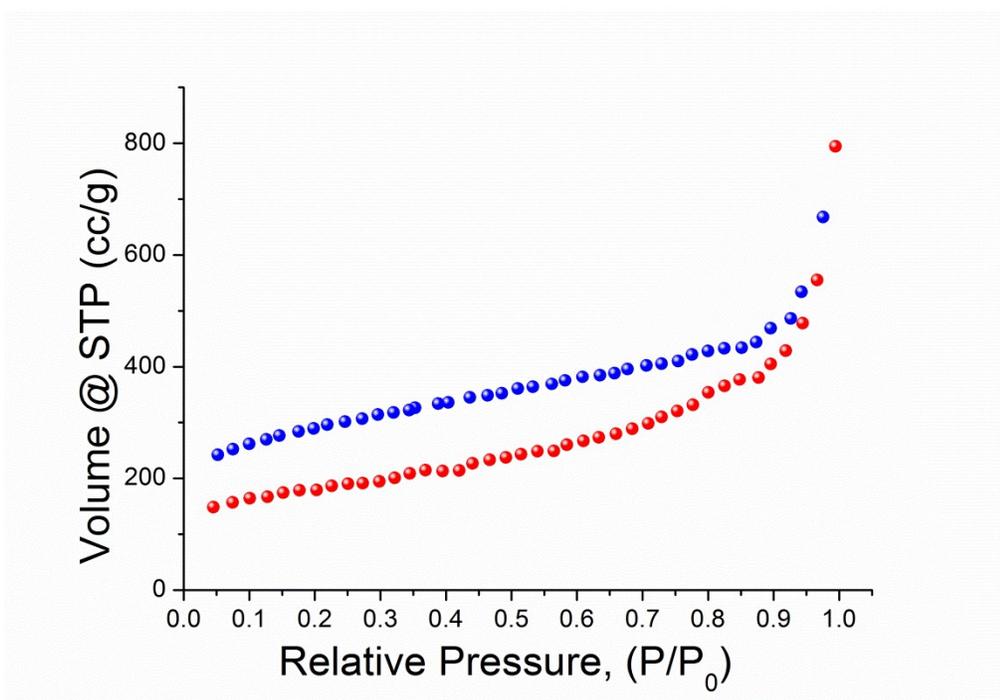


Figure S5: N₂ gas absorption study for compound 1.SbF₆.

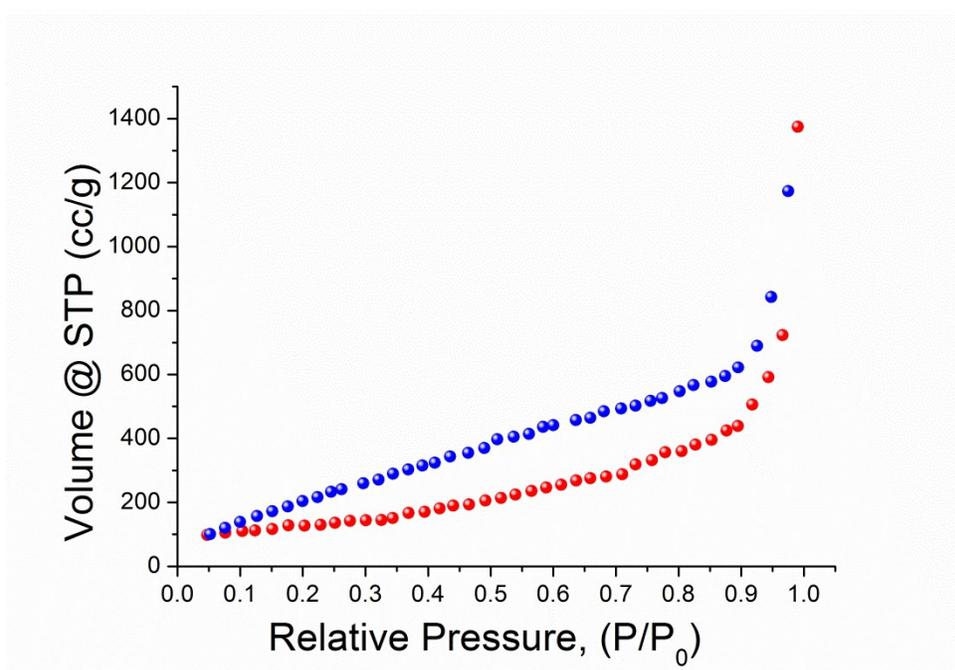


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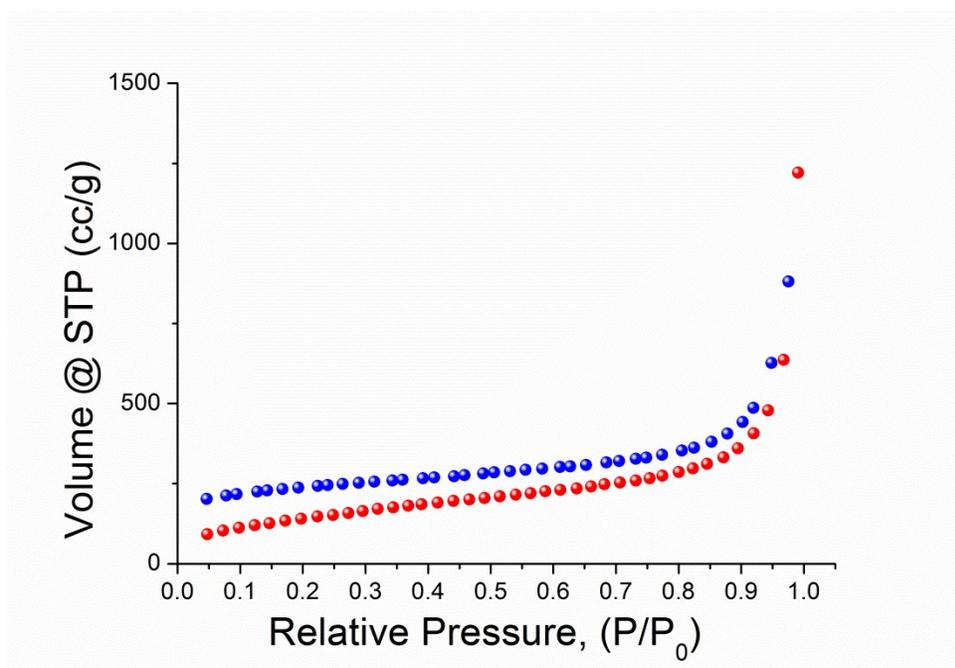


Figure S7: N₂ gas absorption study for compound **1.PF₆**.

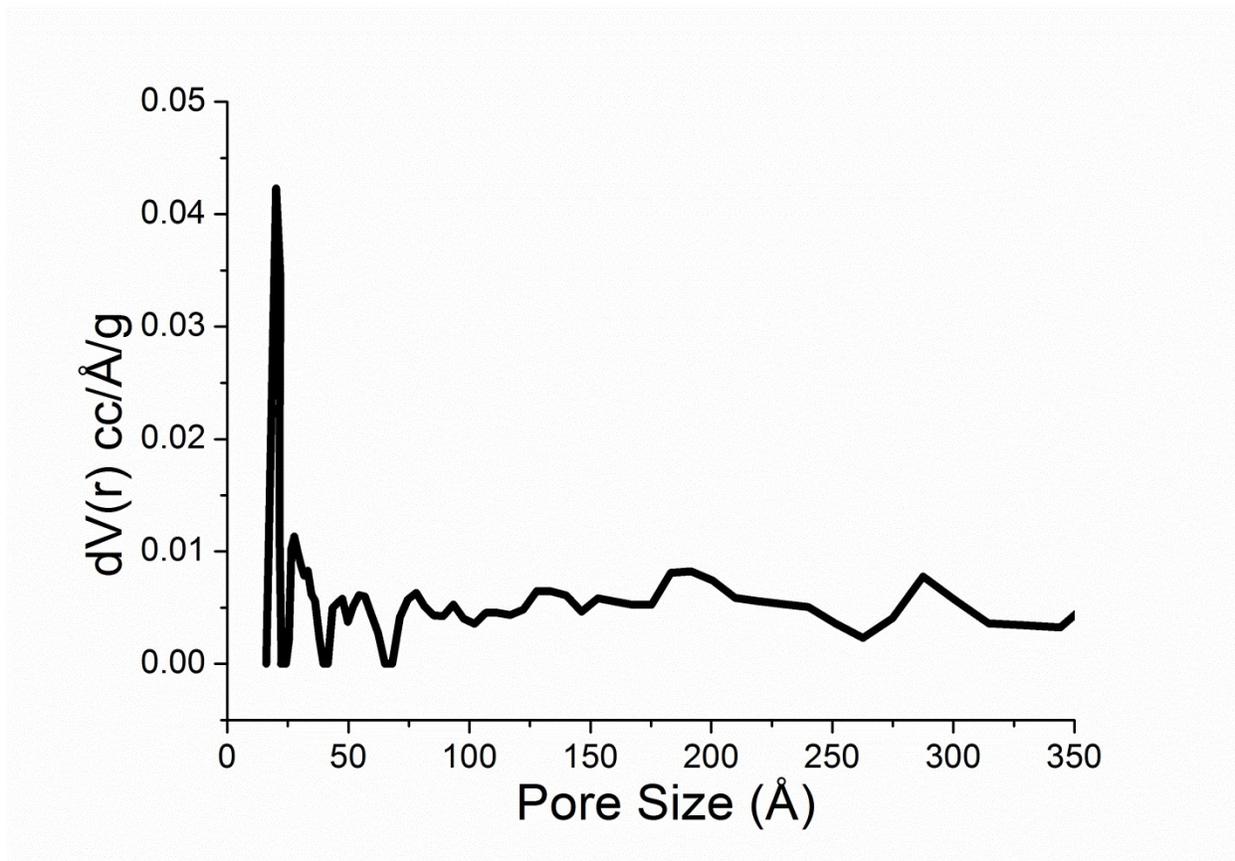


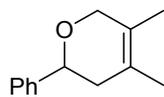
Figure S8: Pore size distribution by NLDFT.

Table S3: Optimization of reaction condition for the hDA reaction of 4-methyl benzaldehyde and 2,3-dimethyl-1,3-butadiene in the presence of catalyst **1**.BF₄ (1 mol%).

| Entry. No. | Number of eq. of 2,3-dimethyl-1,3-butadiene w.r.t. 4-methyl benzaldehyde | Reaction time (h) | Temperature (°C) | Solvents | Product Yield (%) |
|------------|--|-------------------|------------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| 1 | 1 | 12 | 90 | Toluene | 20 |
| 2 | 2 | 12 | 90 | Toluene | 52 |
| 3 | 3 | 12 | 90 | Toluene | 70 |
| 4 | 4 | 2 | 90 | Toluene | 40 |
| 5 | 4 | 4 | 90 | Toluene | 60 |
| 6 | 4 | 6 | 90 | Toluene | 74 |
| 7 | 4 | 8 | 90 | Toluene | 84 |
| 8 | 4 | 48 | r.t. (22) | Toluene | <5 |
| 9 | 4 | 48 | 40 | Toluene | 10 |
| 10 | 4 | 48 | 65 | Toluene | 40 |
| 11 | 4 | 48 | 90 | Ethanol | <1 |
| 12 | 4 | 48 | 90 | Methanol | <1 |
| 13 | 4 | 48 | 90 | Water | <1 |
| 14 | 4 | 48 | 90 | Dichloromethane | <1 |

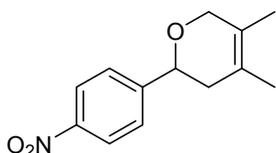
Characterization data of pyran derivatives:

1. 4, 5-Dimethyl-2-phenyl-3,6-dihydro-2H-pyran [IIIaa]



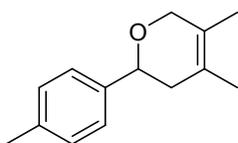
Yield = 94 %, yellow oil. Thin layer chromatography: $R_f = 0.58$ (hexane/ethyl acetate = 10/1) $^1\text{H NMR}$ (CDCl_3) δ 7.29–7.27 (m, 4H), 7.24–7.21 (m, 1H), 4.49 (dd, 1H), 4.12 (d, 1H), 4.06 (d, 1H), 2.28–2.24 (m, 1H), 2.09 (d, 1H), 1.68 (s, 3H), 1.62 (s, 3H); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (CDCl_3) δ 142.6, 128.3, 127.3, 125.8, 124.5, 123.8, 77.06, 70.3, 38.5, 18.3, 13.8; ESI-Mass found 211.1064, Calcd for $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{15}\text{O}$: $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ (211.1099).

2. 4, 5-Dimethyl-2-(4-nitrophenyl)-3,6-dihydro-2H-pyran [IIIba]



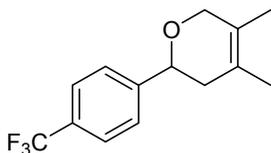
Yield = 87 %, yellow. Thin layer chromatography: $R_f = 0.28$ (hexane/ethyl acetate = 20/1) $^1\text{H NMR}$ (CDCl_3) δ 8.24 (d, 2H), 7.59 (d, 2H), 4.64 (dd, 1H), 4.16 (d, 1H), 4.13 (d, 1H), 2.17–2.13 (m, 1H), 2.98–2.93 (d, 1H), 1.67 (s, 3H), 1.57 (s, 3H); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (CDCl_3) δ 149.1, 125.6, 125.3, 123.7, 122.9, 122.5, 122.2, 76.4, 69.1, 37.3, 17.2, 12.8; ESI-Mass found 256.0957, Calcd for $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{15}\text{NO}_3$: $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ (256.0950).

3. 4, 5-Dimethyl-2-(p-tolyl)-3,6-dihydro-2H-pyran [IIIca]



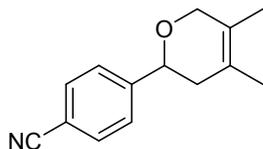
Yield = 95 %, colorless oil. Thin layer chromatography: $R_f = 0.42$ (hexane/ethyl acetate = 40/1) $^1\text{H NMR}$ (CDCl_3) δ 7.24 (d, 2H), 7.16 (d, 2H), 4.52 (dd, 1H), 4.20 (d, 1H), 4.11 (d, 1H), 2.33 (s, 3H), 2.31 (m, 1H), 2.06 (d, 1H), 1.67 (s, 3H), 1.58 (s, 3H); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (CDCl_3) δ 139.6, 136.9, 129.0, 125.8, 124.5, 123.8, 77.4, 76.2, 70.3, 38.5, 18.3, 13.8; ESI-Mass found 225.1264, Calcd for $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{18}\text{O}$: $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ (225.1255).

4. 4, 5-Dimethyl-2-(4-(trifluoromethyl) phenyl)-3,6-dihydro-2H-pyran [IIIda]



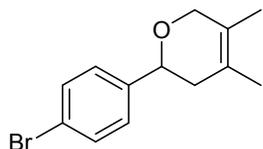
Yield = 90 %, white. Thin layer chromatography: $R_f = 0.40$ (hexane/ethyl acetate = 10/1) $^1\text{H NMR}$ (CDCl_3) δ 7.64 (d, 2H), 7.52 (d, 1H), 4.64 (dd, 1H), 4.22 (d, 1H), 4.17 (d, 1H), 2.20 (m, 1H), 2.15 (d, 1H), 1.72 (s, 3H), 1.62 (s, 3H); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (CDCl_3) δ 145.6, 128.6, 126.9, 124.9, 124.5, 124.2, 123.6, 75.9, 69.1, 37.4, 17.4, 12.8 ESI-Mass found 279.0977, Calcd for $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{14}\text{OF}_3$: $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ 279.0973

5. 4-(4,5-Dimethyl-3,6-dihydro-2H-pyran-2-yl)benzonitrile [IIIea]



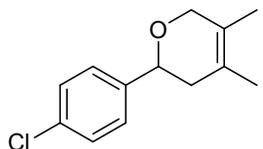
Yield = 64 %, white. Thin layer chromatography: R_f = 0.32 (hexane/ethyl acetate = 40/1) $^1\text{H NMR}$ (CDCl_3) δ 7.58 (d, 2H), 7.42 (d, 2H), 4.54 (dd, 1H), 4.16 (d, 1H), 4.07 (d, 1H), 2.17–2.12 (m, 1H), 2.10 (d, 1H), 1.74 (s, 3H), 1.62 (s, 3H); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (CDCl_3) δ 148.1, 132.1, 126.3, 124.6, 123.3, 111.06, 77.4, 70.1, 38.3, 18.2, 13.8; ESI-Mass found 236.1058, Calcd for $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{15}\text{NO}$: $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ (236.1051).

6. 2-(4-Bromophenyl)-4,5-dimethyl-3,6-dihydro-2H-pyran [IIIfa]



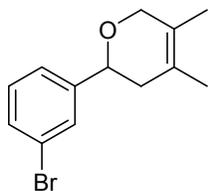
Yield = 90 %, white. Thin layer chromatography: R_f = 0.60 (hexane/ethyl acetate = 20/1) $^1\text{H NMR}$ (CDCl_3) δ 7.67–7.60 (d, 2H), 7.42–7.37 (d, 2H), 4.45 (dd, 1H), 4.09 (d, 1H), 4.04 (d, 1H), 2.15–2.10 (m, 1H), 2.02 (d, 1H), 1.65 (s, 3H), 1.51 (s, 3H); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (CDCl_3) δ 141.7, 131.4, 128.9, 124.5, 123.5, 121.1, 77.1, 70.2, 38.4, 18.3, 13.8; ESI-Mass found 289.0195, Calcd for $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{15}\text{BrO}$: $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ (289.0204).

7. 2-(4-Chlorophenyl)-4,5-dimethyl-3,6-dihydro-2H-pyran [IIIga]



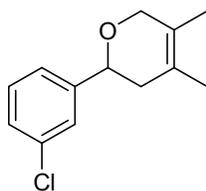
Yield: 90%, colorless liquid. TLC: R_f = 0.35 (hexane/ethyl acetate = 20/1). $^1\text{H NMR}$ (CDCl_3) δ 7.61–7.47 (m, 4H), 4.59 (dd, 1H), 4.19 (d, 1H), 4.14 (d, 1H), 2.23–2.20 (m, 1H), 2.17–2.13 (d, 1H), 1.69 (s, 3H), 1.60 (s, 3H); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (CDCl_3) δ 133.0, 128.4, 127.2, 124.6, 121.1, 77.1, 70.2, 38.4, 18.3, 13.8; ESI-Mass found 245.0702, Calcd for $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{15}\text{ClO}$: $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ (245.0709).

8. 2-(3-Bromophenyl)-4,5-dimethyl-3,6-dihydro-2H-pyran [IIIha]



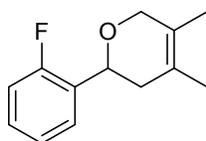
Yield = 91 %, colorless liquid. Thin layer chromatography: R_f = 0.58 (hexane/ethyl acetate = 10/1) $^1\text{H NMR}$ (CDCl_3) δ 7.40–7.28 (m, 2H), 7.16–7.13 (m, 1H), 7.09–7.04 (m, 1H), 4.50 (dd, 1H), 4.20 (d, 1H), 3.98 (d, 1H), 2.17–2.13 (m, 1H), 2.12–2.09 (d, 1H), 1.64 (s, 3H), 1.58 (s, 3H); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (CDCl_3) δ 145.0, 130.3, 128.9, 124.5, 124.3, 123.5, 77.4, 70.2, 38.4, 18.3, 13.8; ESI-Mass found 289.0196, Calcd for $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{15}\text{BrO}$: $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ (289.0204).

9. 2-(3-Chlorophenyl)-4,5-dimethyl-3,6-dihydro-2H-pyran [IIIia]



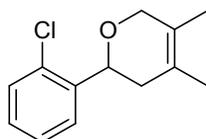
Yield = 90 %, colorless liquid. Thin layer chromatography: R_f = 0.38 (hexane/ethyl acetate = 10/1) $^1\text{H NMR}$ (CDCl_3) δ 7.31–7.27 (m, 2H), 7.24–7.221 (m, 1H), 7.18–7.10 (m, 1H), 4.46 (dd, 1H), 4.21 (d, 1H), 4.05 (d, 1H), 2.15–2.09 (m, 1H), 2.03 (d, 1H), 1.68 (s, 3H), 1.59 (s, 3H); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (CDCl_3) δ 144.7, 129.4, 126.0, 124.5, 123.8, 122.3, 77.4, 70.2, 38.4, 18.3, 13.8; ESI-Mass found 245.0701, Calcd for $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{15}\text{ClO}$: $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ (245.0709).

10. 2-(2-Fluorophenyl)-4,5-dimethyl-3,6-dihydro-2H-pyran [IIIja]



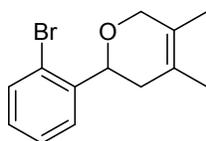
Yield = 90 %, colorless liquid. Thin layer chromatography: R_f = 0.24 (hexane/ethyl acetate = 10/1) $^1\text{H NMR}$ (CDCl_3) δ 7.51–7.49 (m, 2H), 7.18–7.13 (m, 1H), 7.04–6.99 (m, 1H), 4.87 (dd, 1H), 4.25 (d, 1H), 4.14 (d, 1H), 2.35–2.30 (m, 1H), 2.14 (d, 1H), 1.68 (s, 3H), 1.60 (s, 3H); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (CDCl_3) δ 157.3, 128.5, 127.1, 126.6, 124.3, 123.8, 76.4, 70.2, 38.5, 18.2, 13.8; ESI-Mass found 229.0996, Calcd for $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{15}\text{FO}$: $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ (229.1005).

11. 2-(2-Chlorophenyl)-4,5-dimethyl-3,6-dihydro-2H-pyran [IIIka]



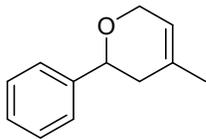
Yield = 92 %, colorless liquid. Thin layer chromatography: R_f = 0.35 (hexane/ethyl acetate = 10/1) $^1\text{H NMR}$ (CDCl_3) δ 7.63–7.60 (m, 2H), 7.36–7.28 (m, 1H), 7.22–7.20 (m, 1H), 4.96 (dd, 1H), 4.29 (d, 1H), 4.15 (d, 1H), 2.32–2.28 (m, 1H), 2.13 (d, 1H), 1.72 (s, 3H), 1.64 (s, 3H); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (CDCl_3) δ 188.7, 139.4, 129.5, 126.1, 125.9, 123.3, 122.9, 76.3, 69.3, 35.9, 17.3, 12.8; ESI-Mass found 245.0704, Calcd for $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{15}\text{ClO}$: $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ (245.0709).

12. 2-(2-Bromophenyl)-4,5-dimethyl-3,6-dihydro-2H-pyran [IIIla]



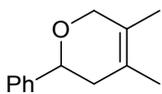
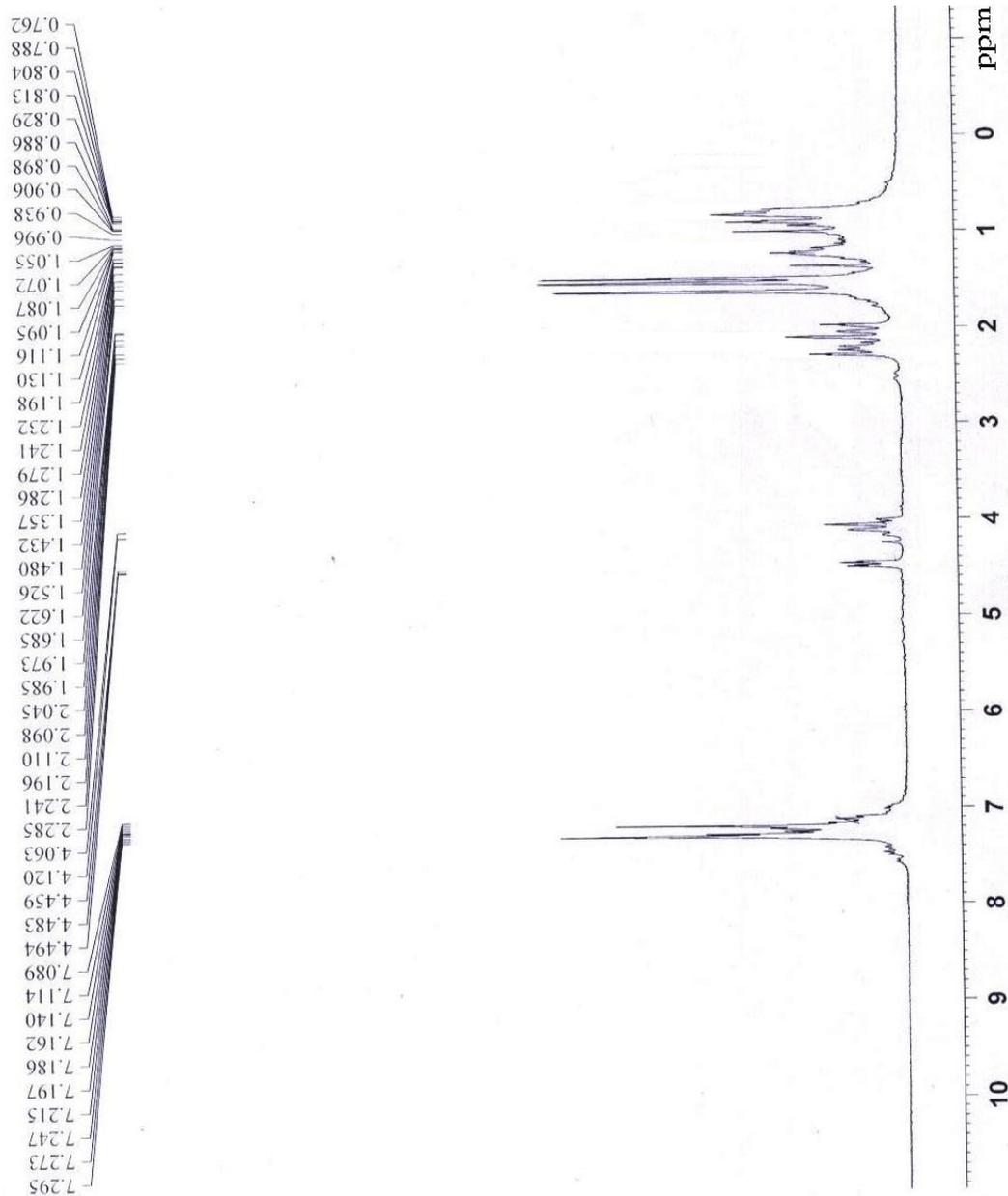
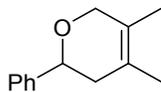
Yield = 92 %, colorless liquid. Thin layer chromatography: R_f = 0.48 (hexane/ethyl acetate = 10/1) $^1\text{H NMR}$ (CDCl_3) δ 7.61–7.58 (m, 2H), 7.38–7.33 (m, 1H), 7.17–7.14 (m, 1H), 4.90 (dd, 1H), 4.25 (d, 1H), 4.19 (d, 1H), 2.35 (m, 1H), 2.29 (d, 1H), 1.72 (s, 3H), 1.63 (s, 3H); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (CDCl_3) δ 141.0, 131.3, 127.6, 126.7, 126.2, 123.3, 122.8, 76.4, 69.3, 35.9, 17.2, 12.8; ESI-Mass found 289.0199, Calcd for $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{15}\text{BrO}$: $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ (289.0204).

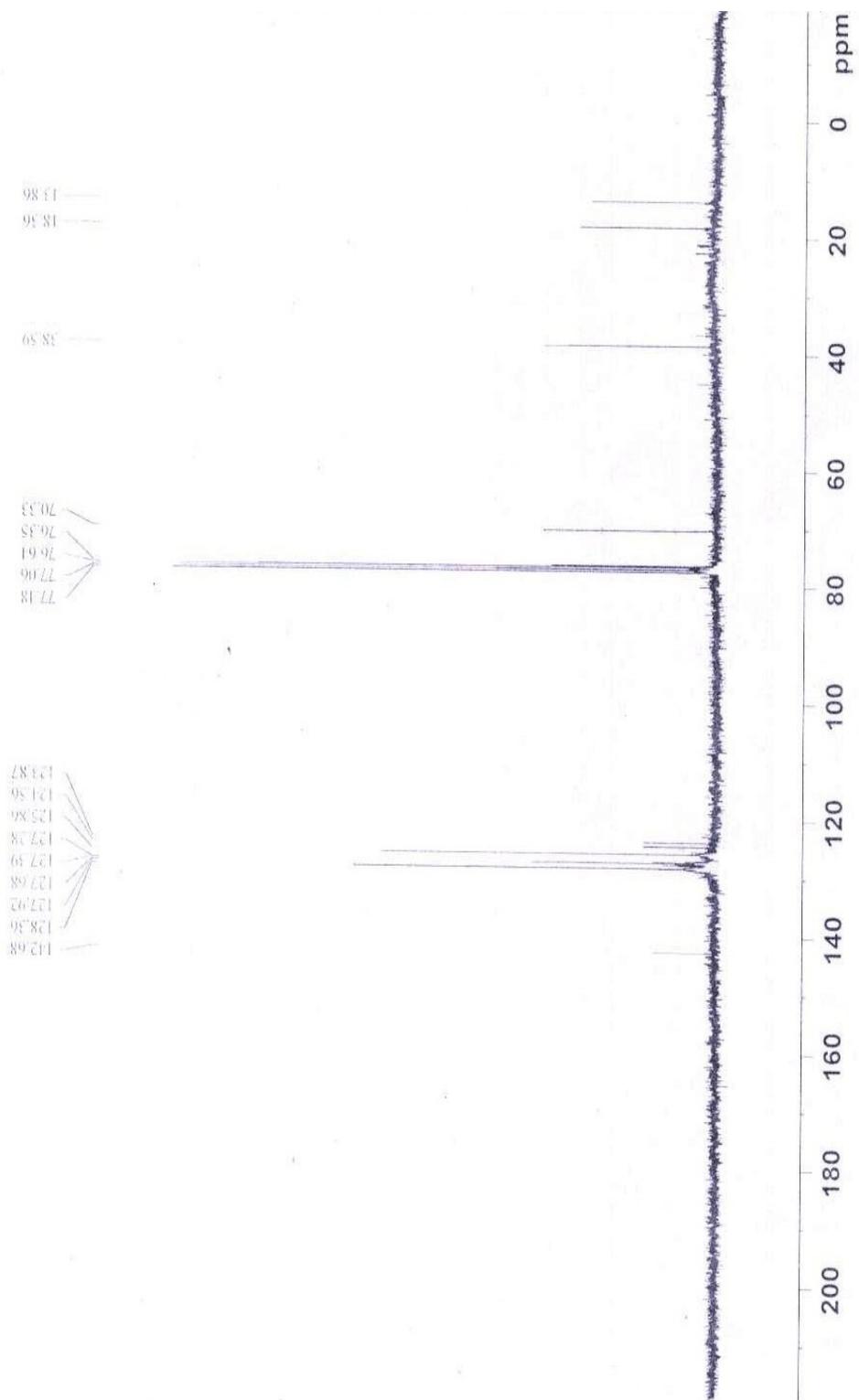
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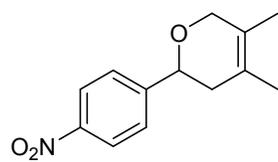


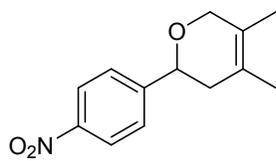
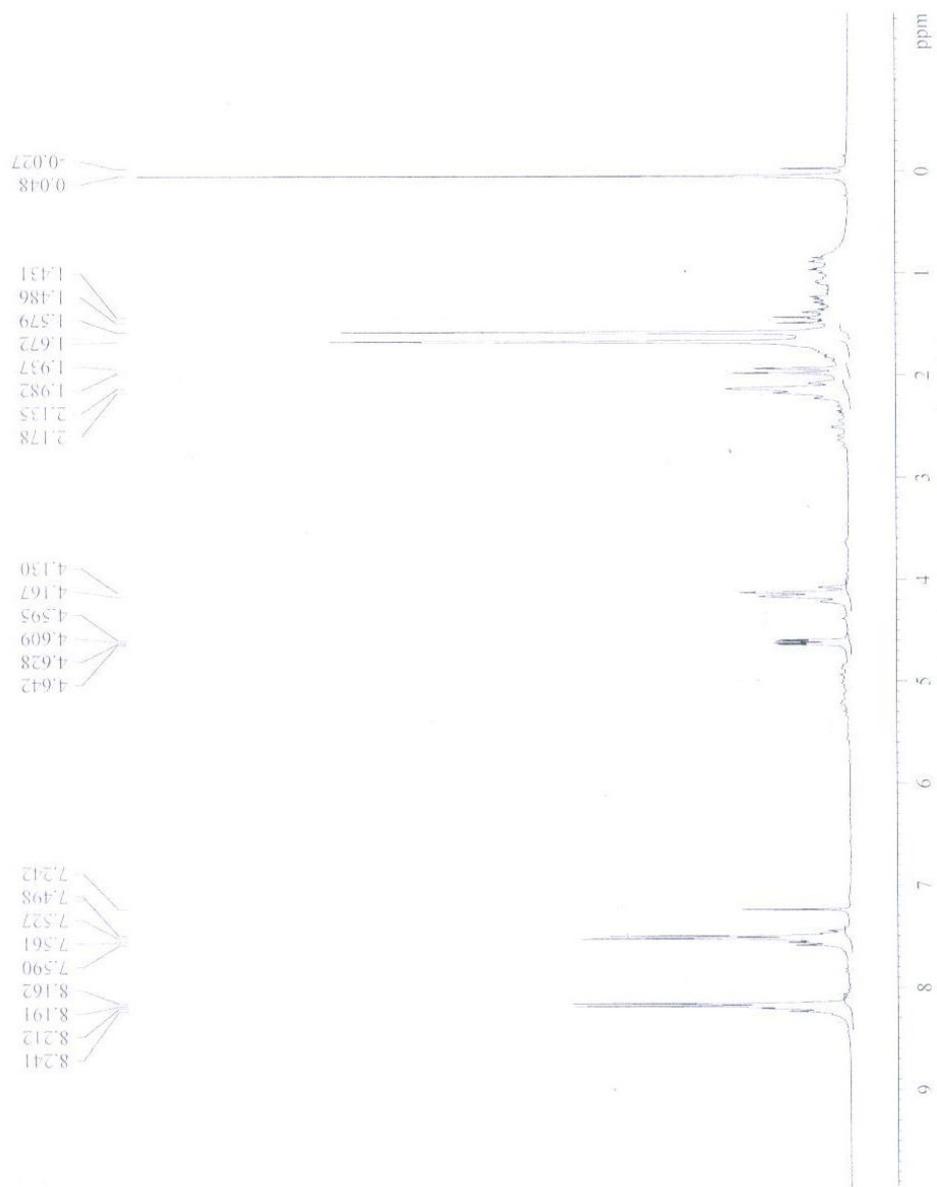
Yield: 85%, colorless oil. TLC: $R_f = 0.40$ (hexane/ethyl acetate = 20/1). ^1H NMR (CDCl_3) δ 7.38-7.34 (m, 4H), 7.27-7.26 (m, 1H), 5.50 (s, 1H), 4.56 (dd, 1H), 4.18-4.08 (m, 2H), 2.35-2.29 (m, 1H), 2.11 (d, 1H), 1.78 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3) δ 142.4, 128.3, 127.4, 125.9, 123.8, 77.4, 66.4, 38.4, 22.8 ; ESI-Mass found 197.0946, Calcd for $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{14}\text{O}$: $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ (197.0942).

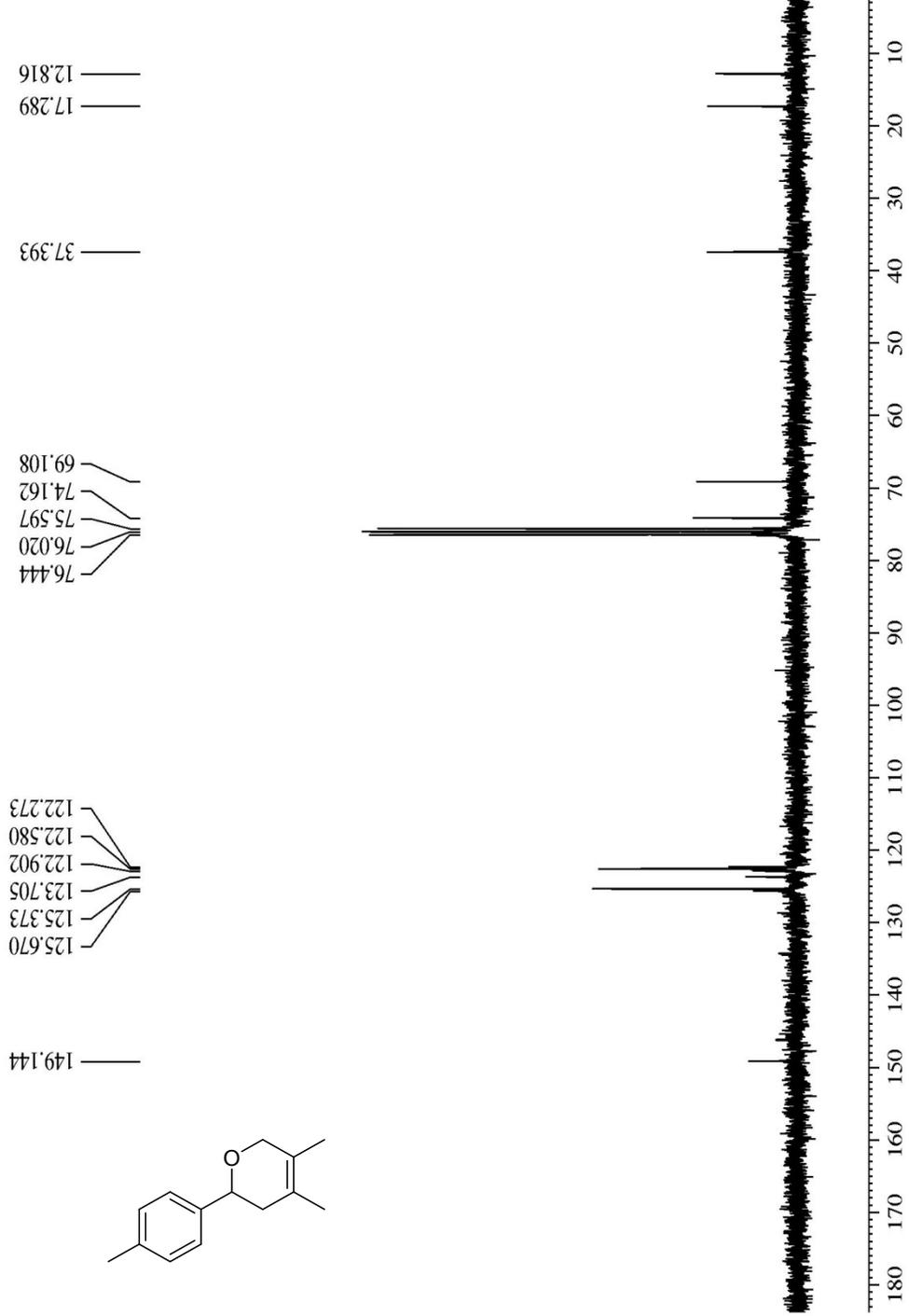
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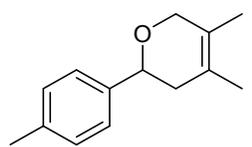
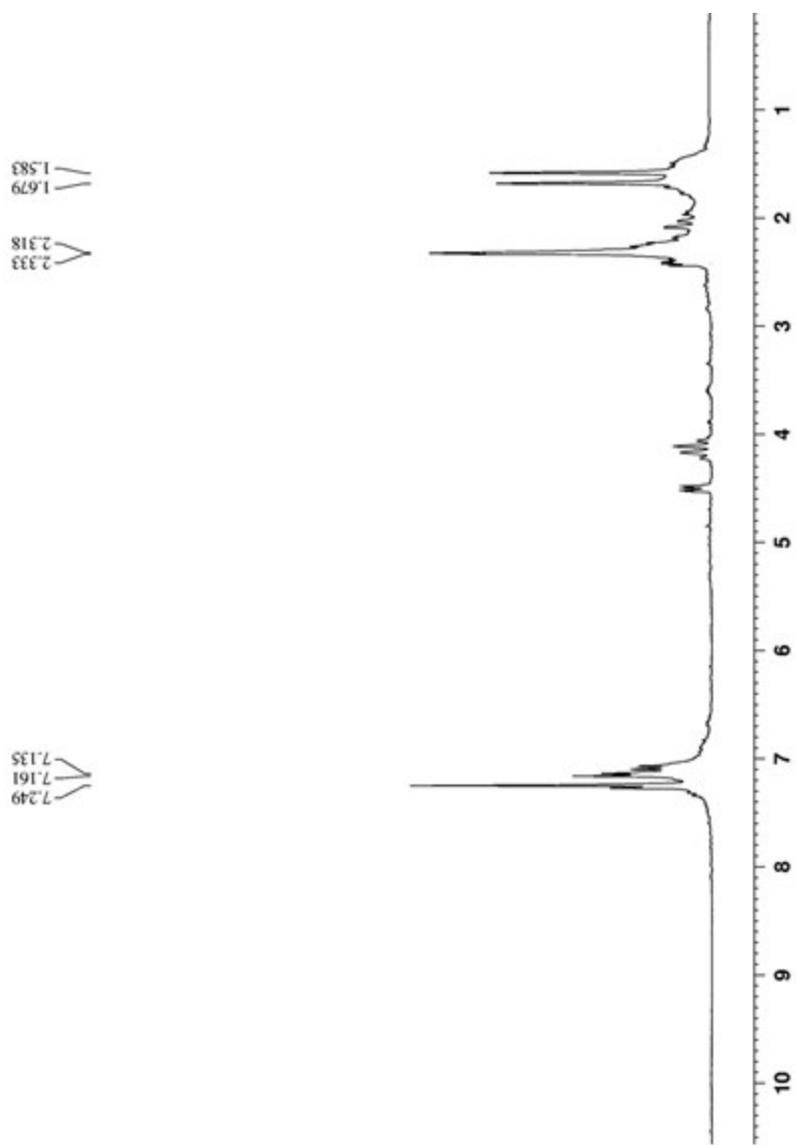


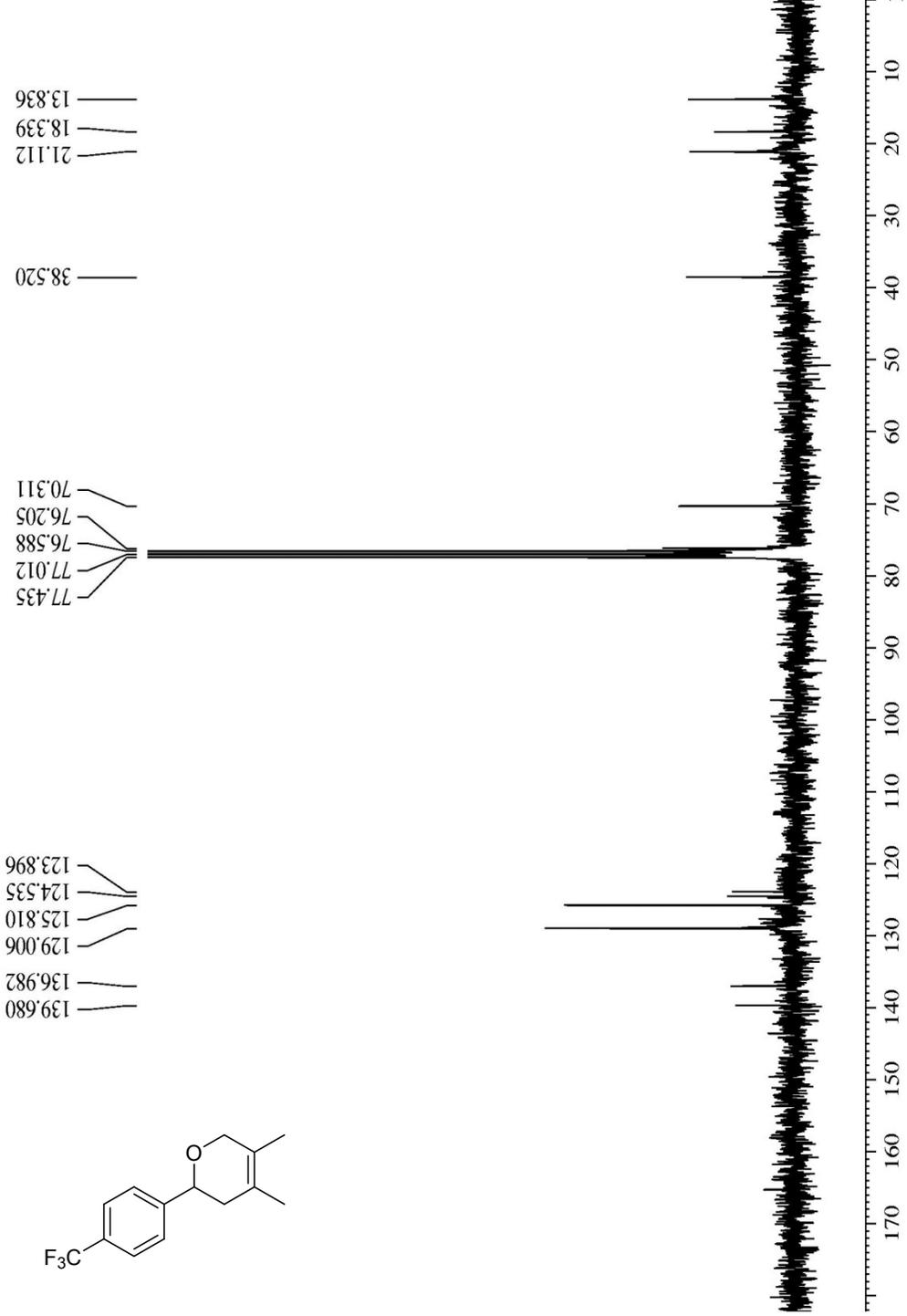


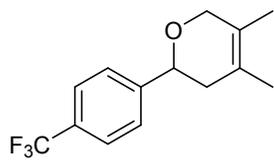
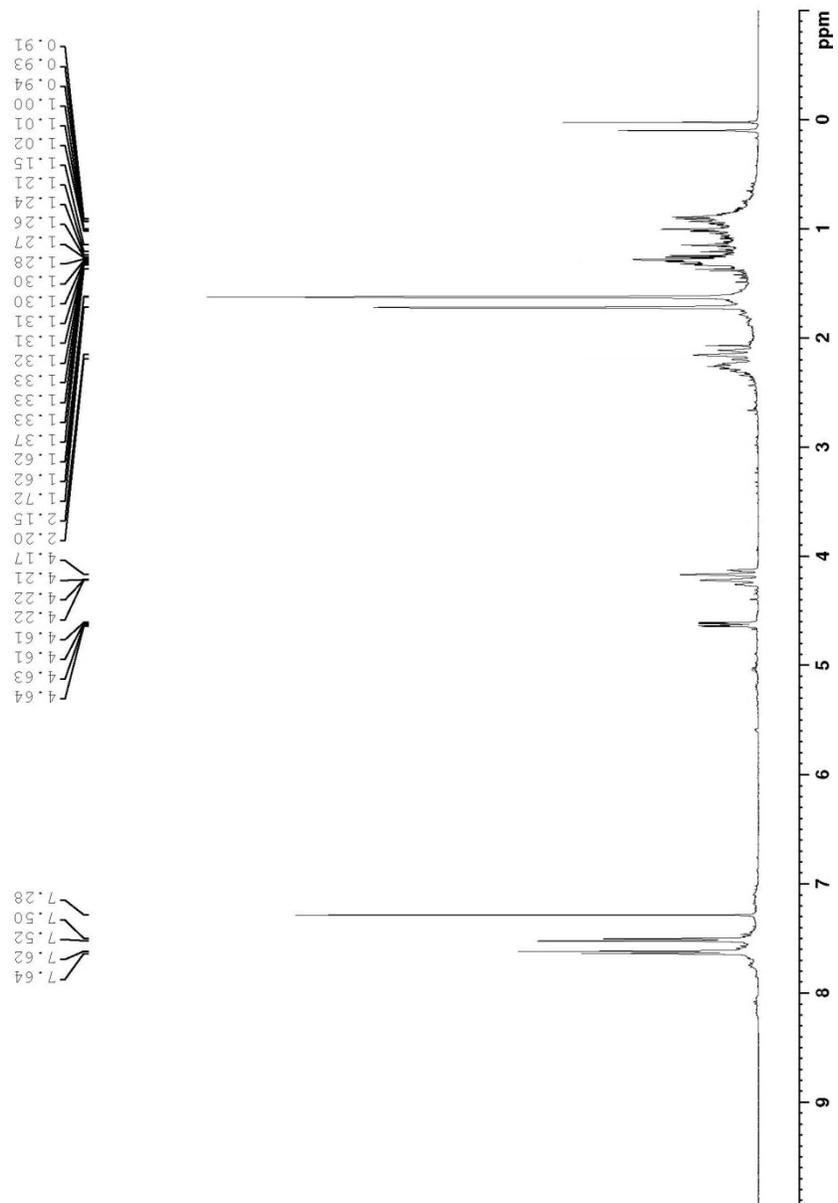


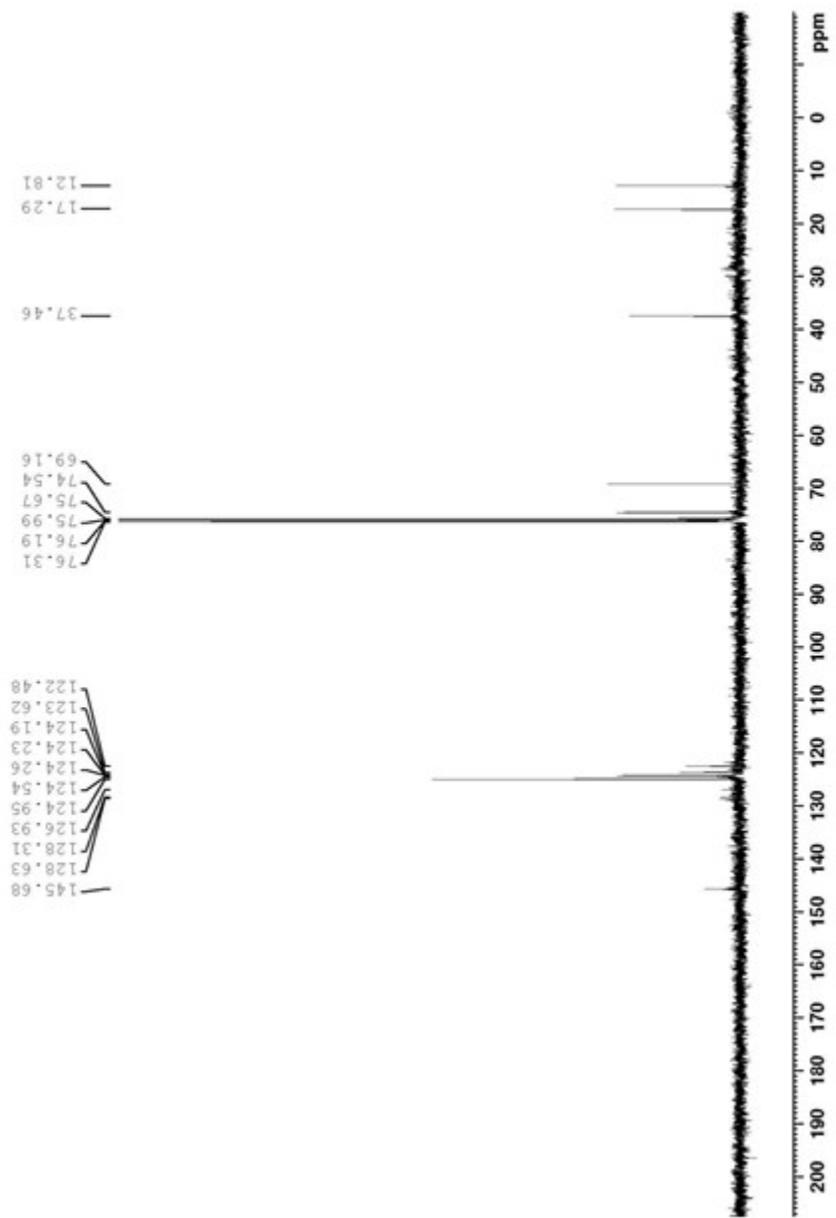


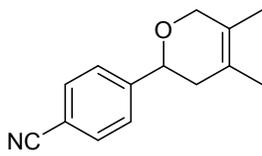
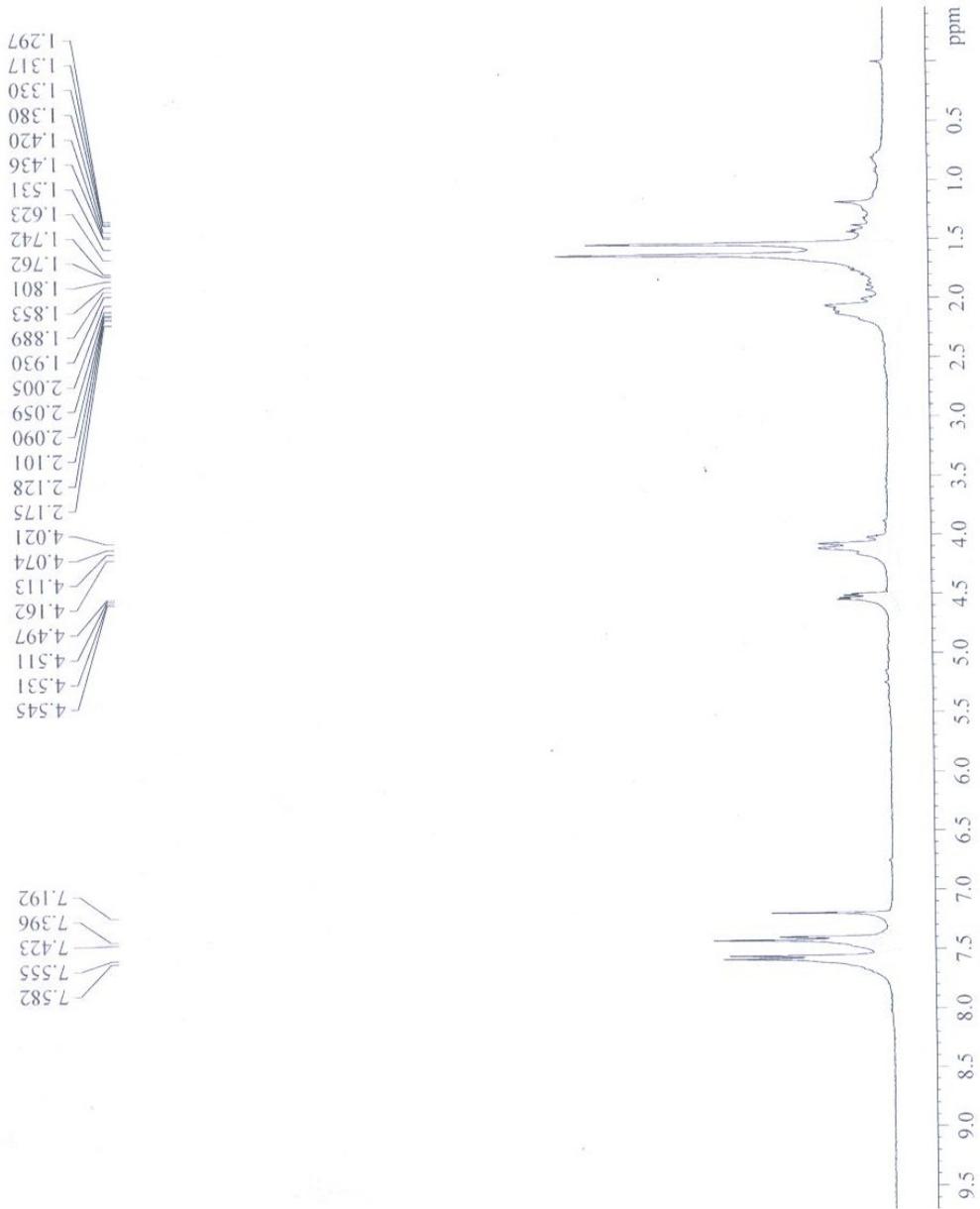
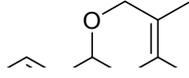


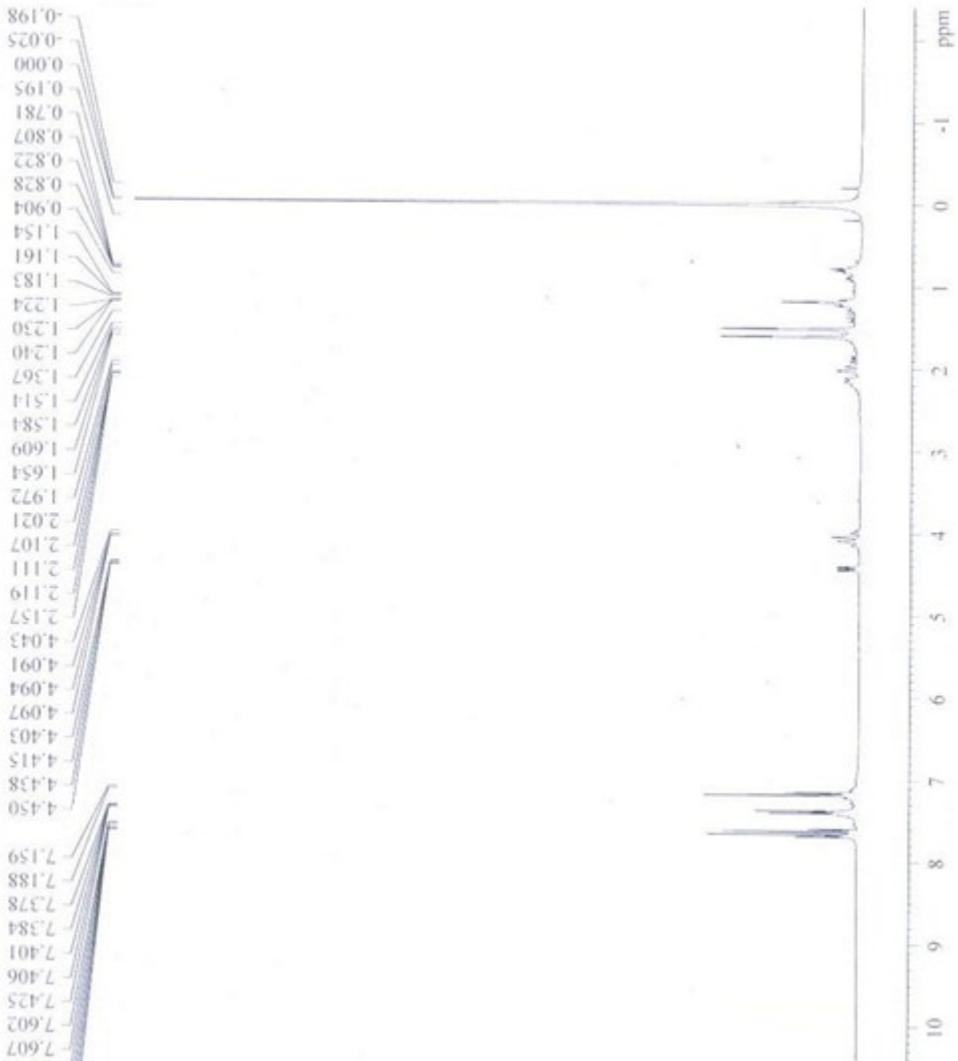
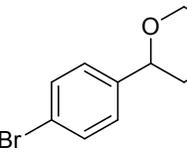




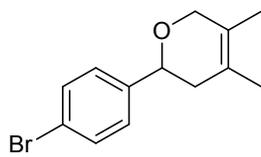


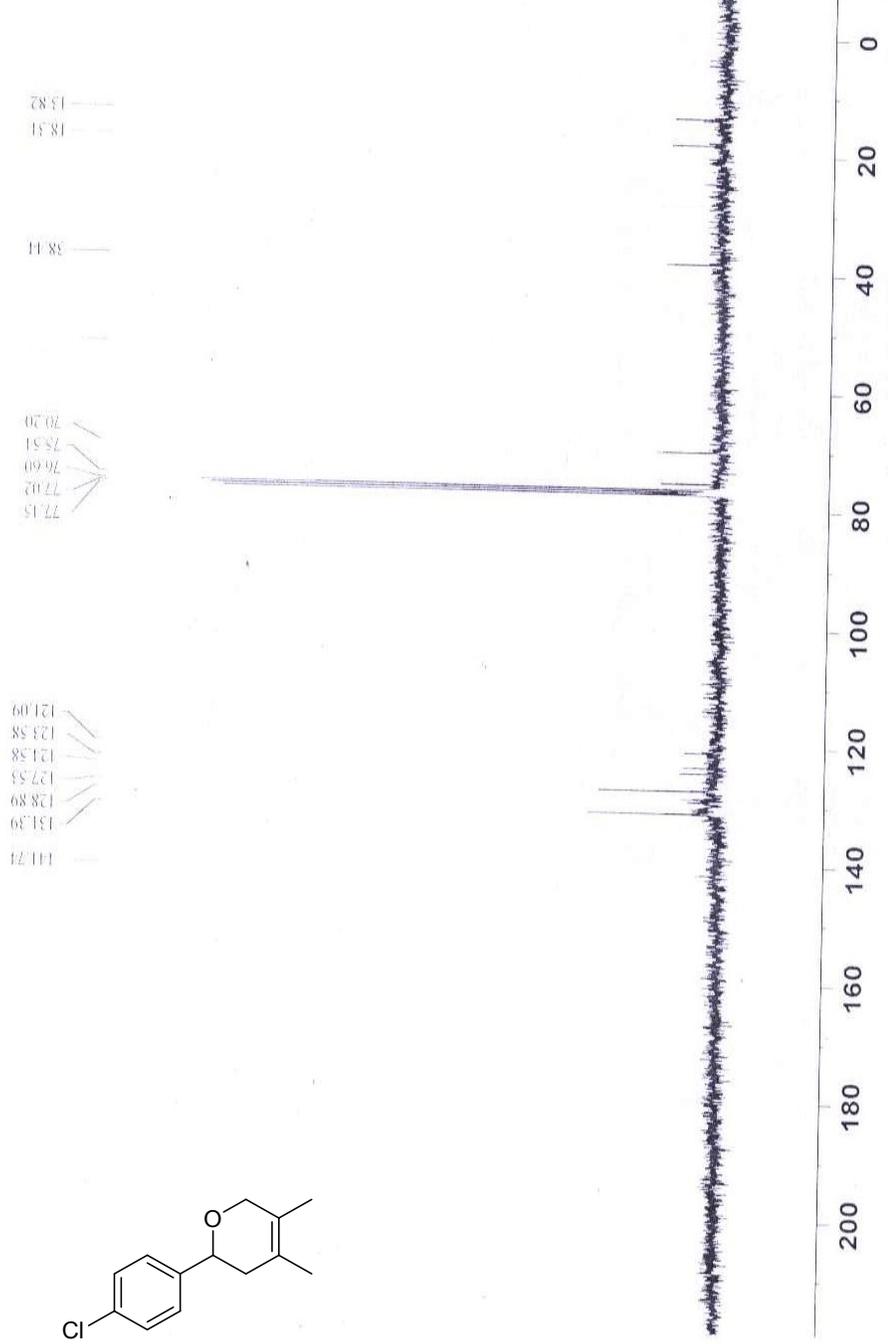


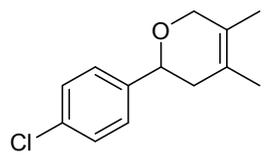
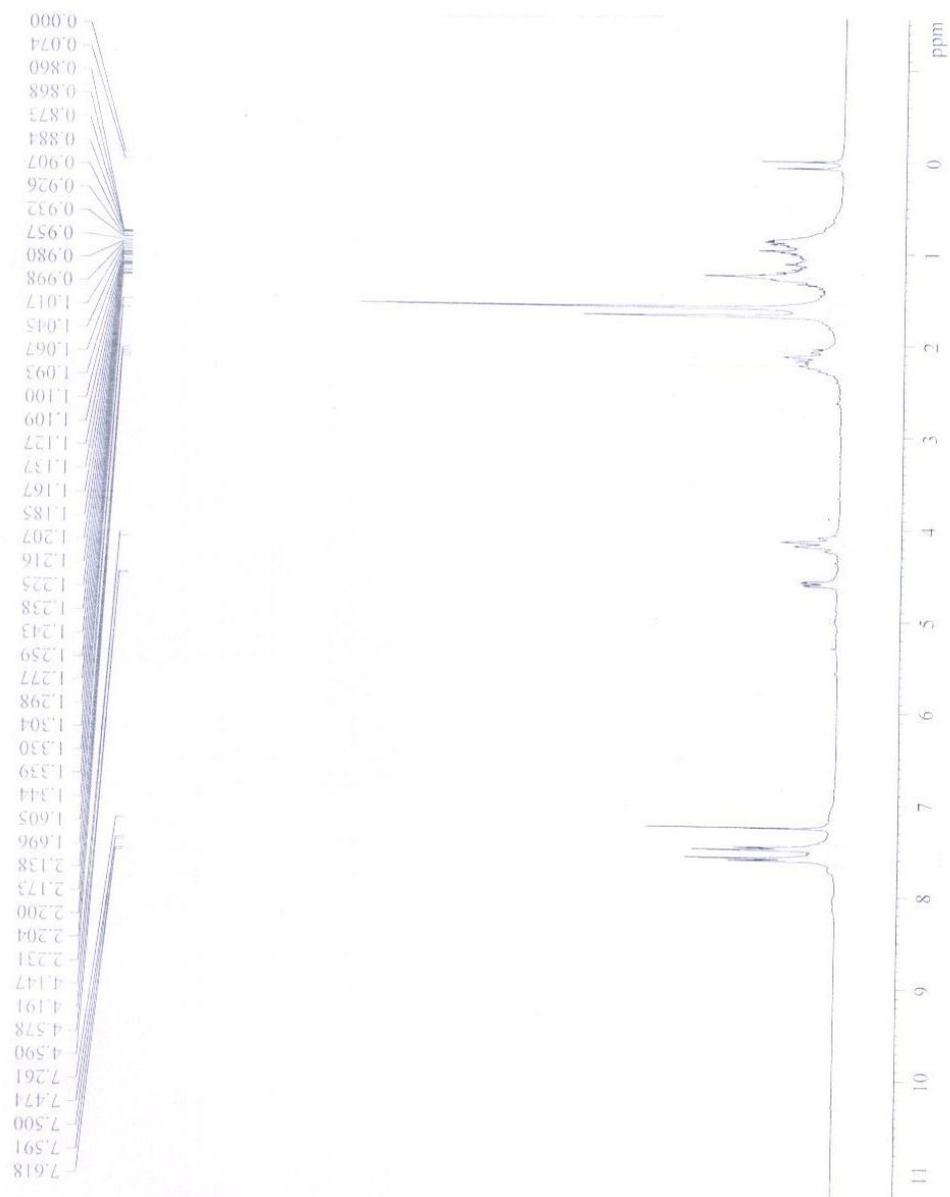


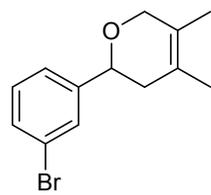
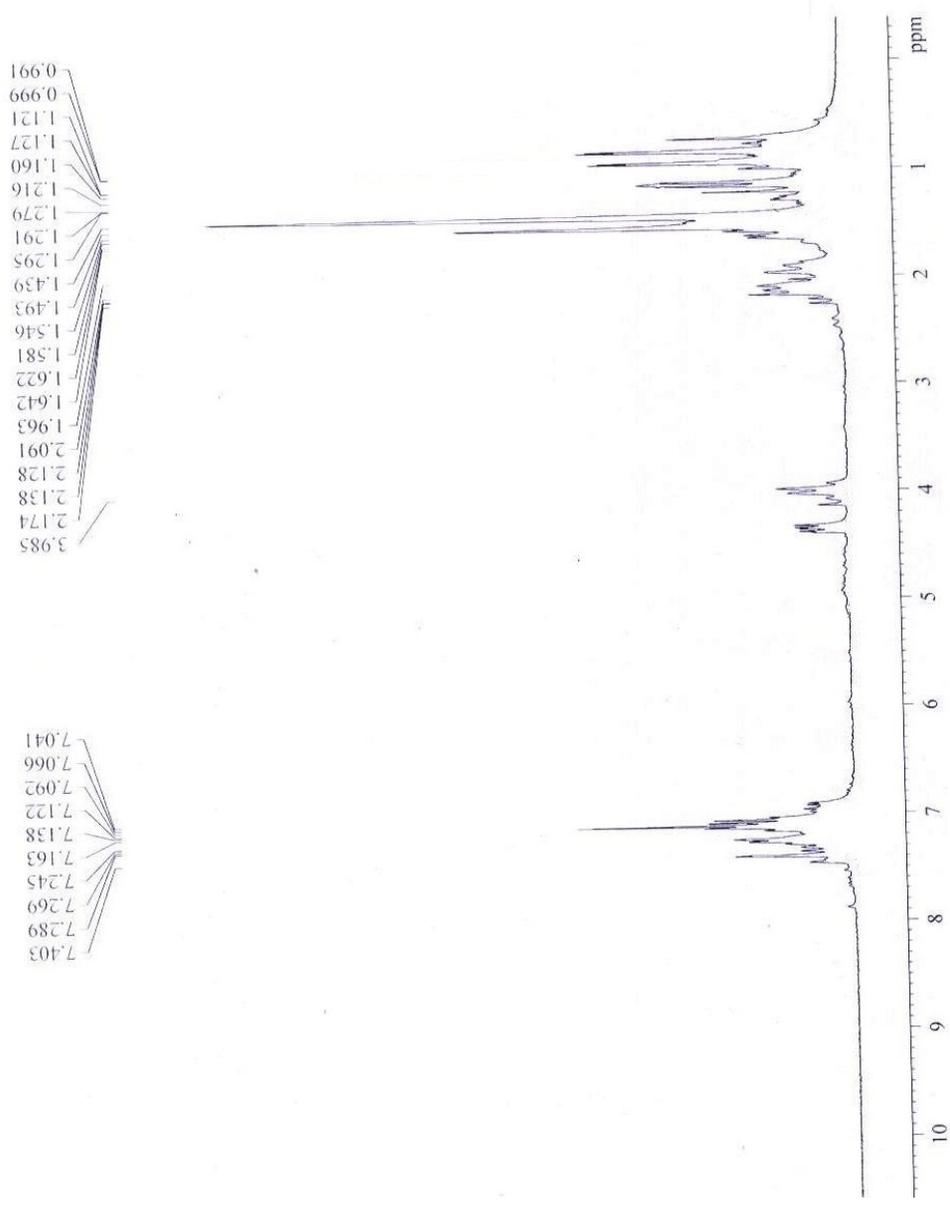


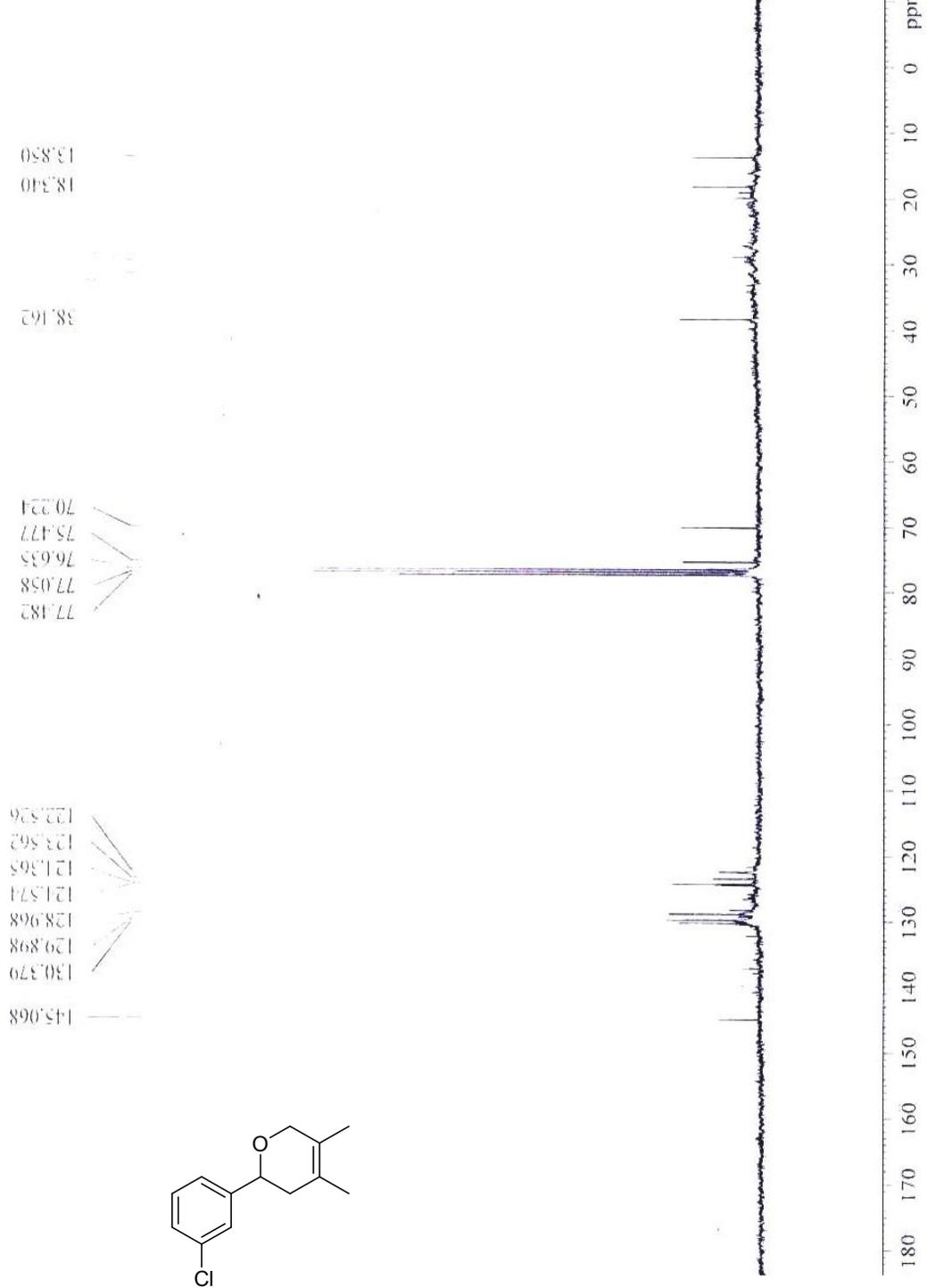
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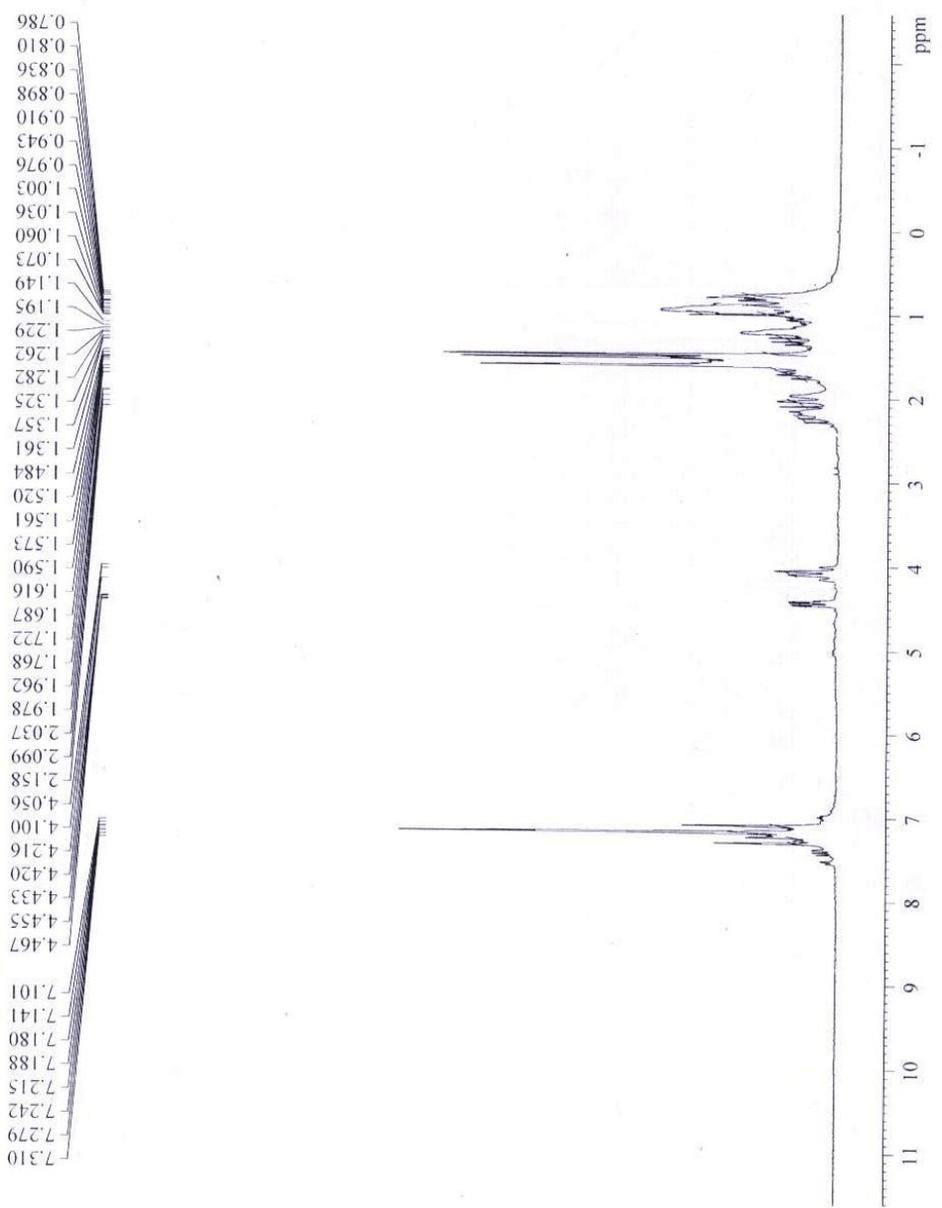


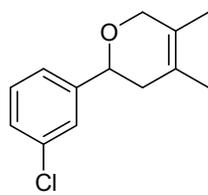


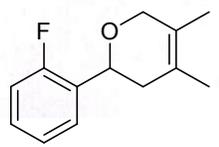
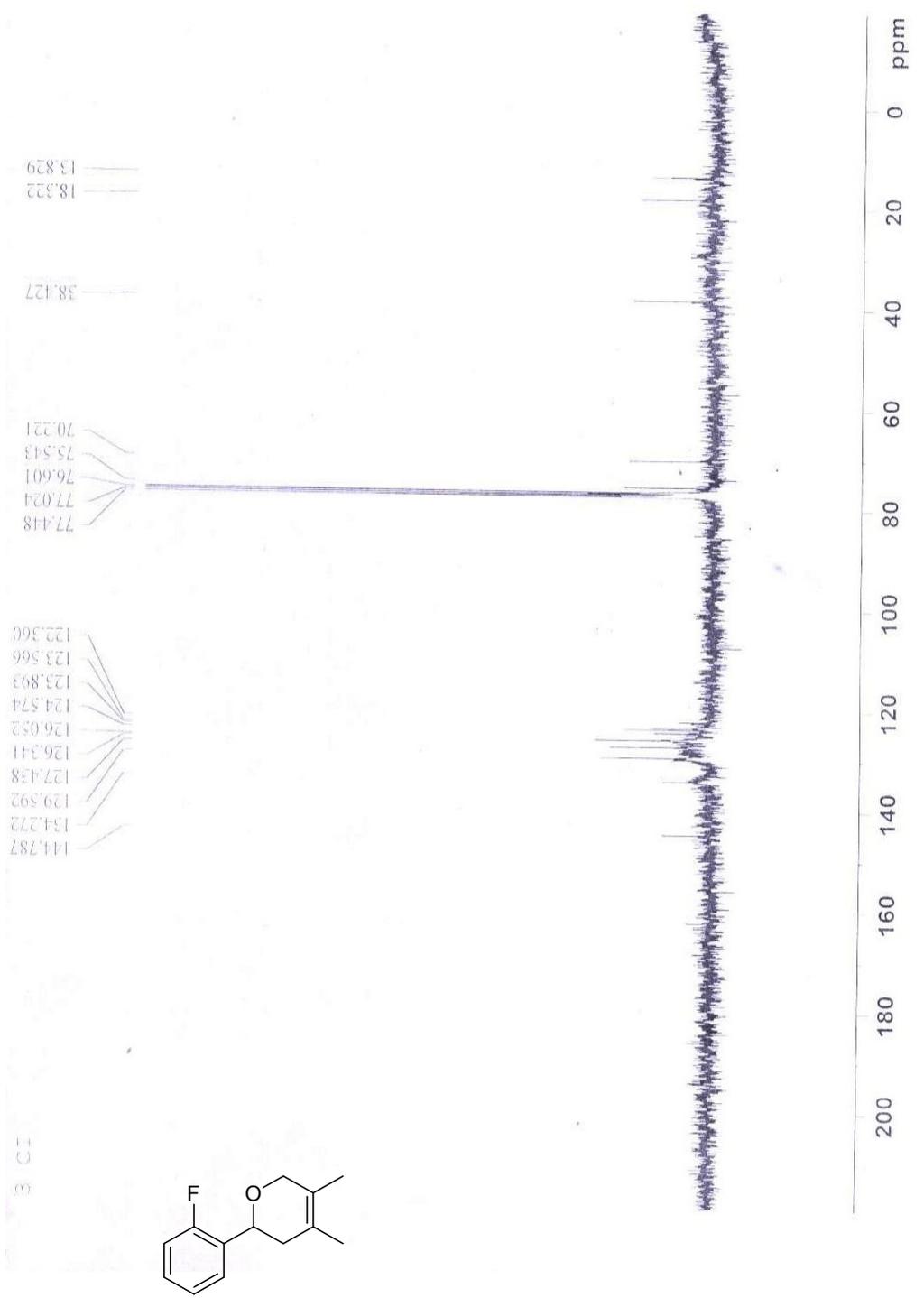


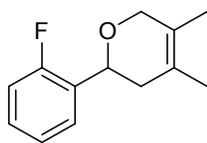
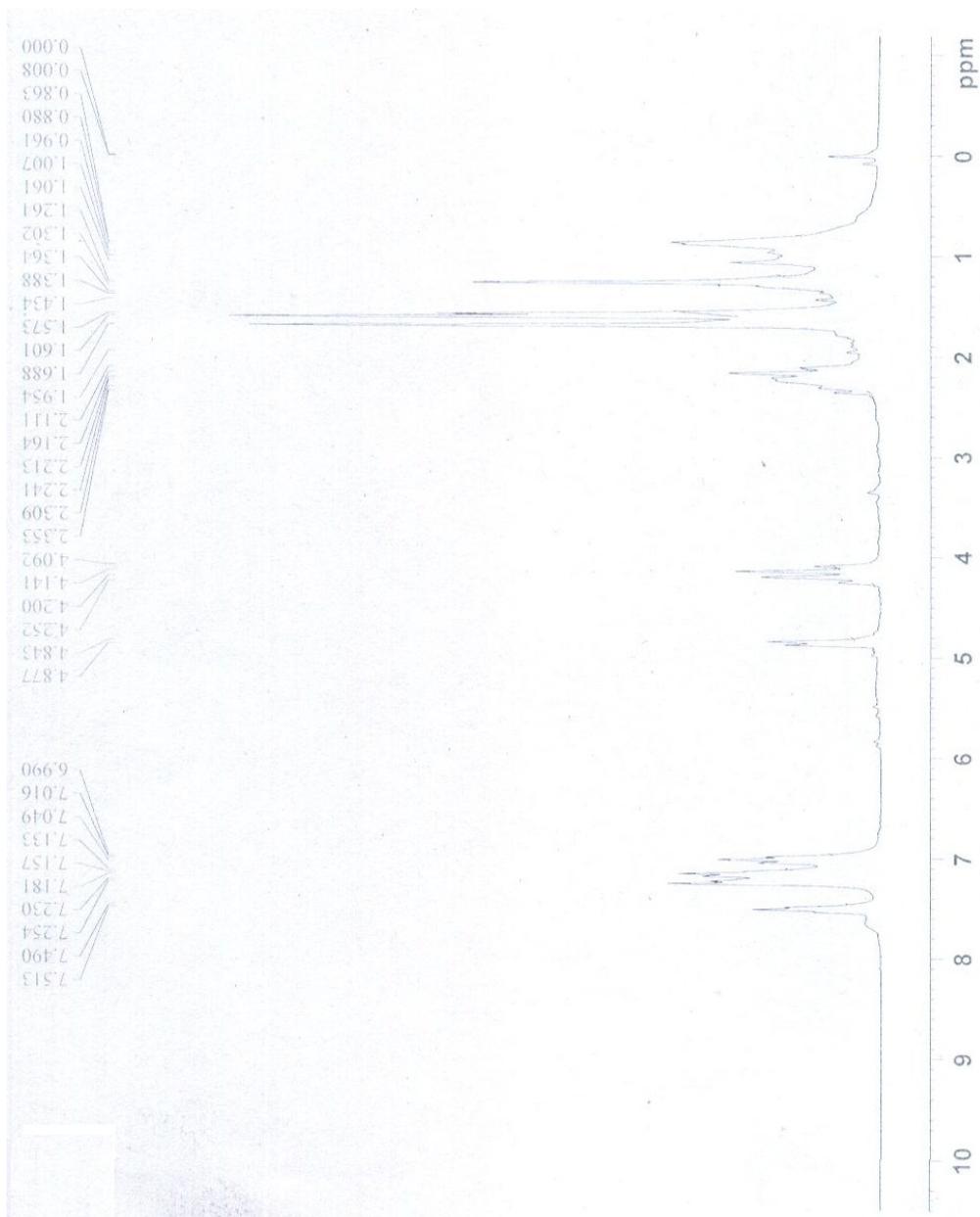


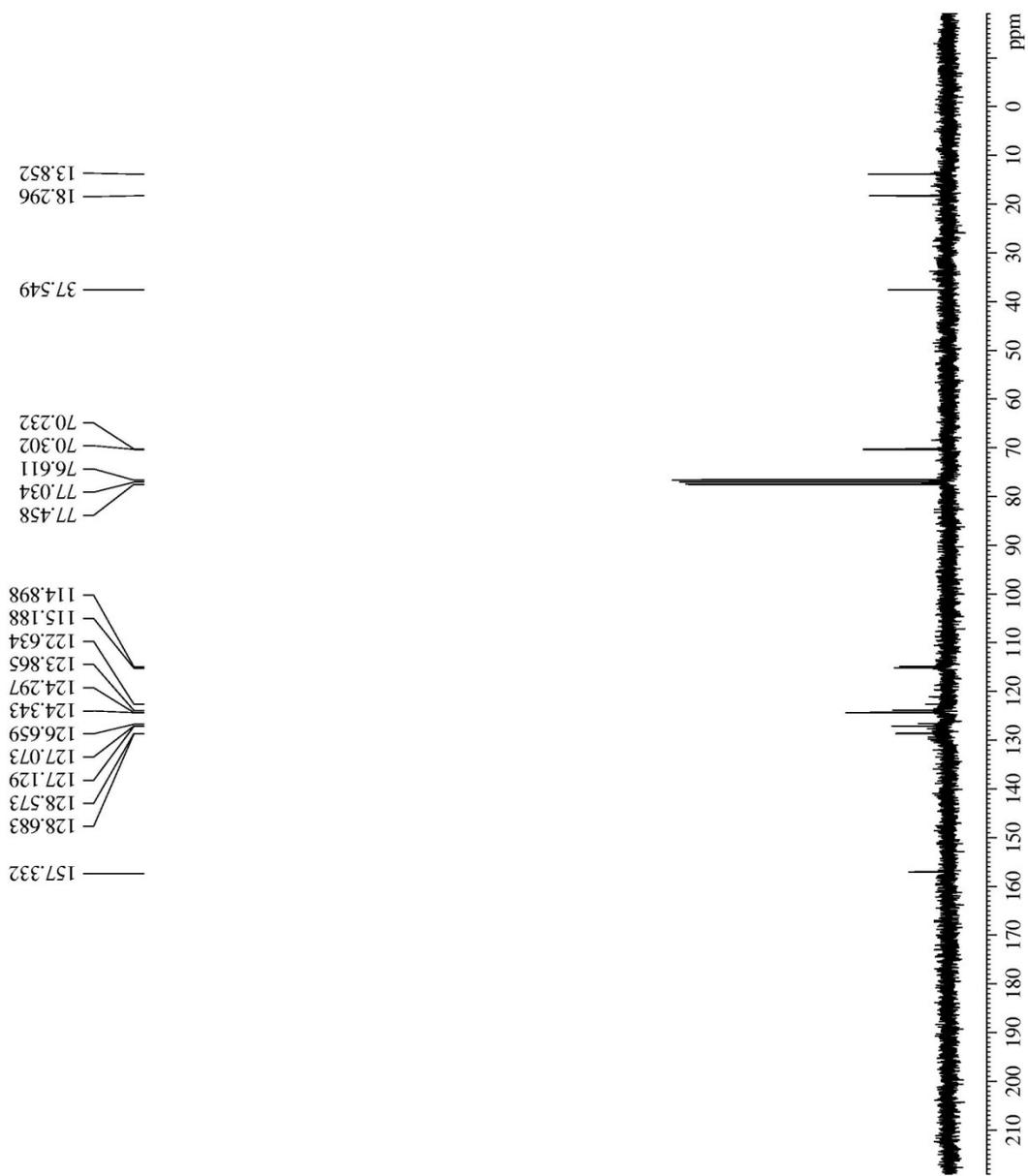
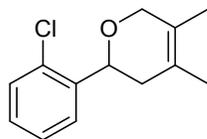


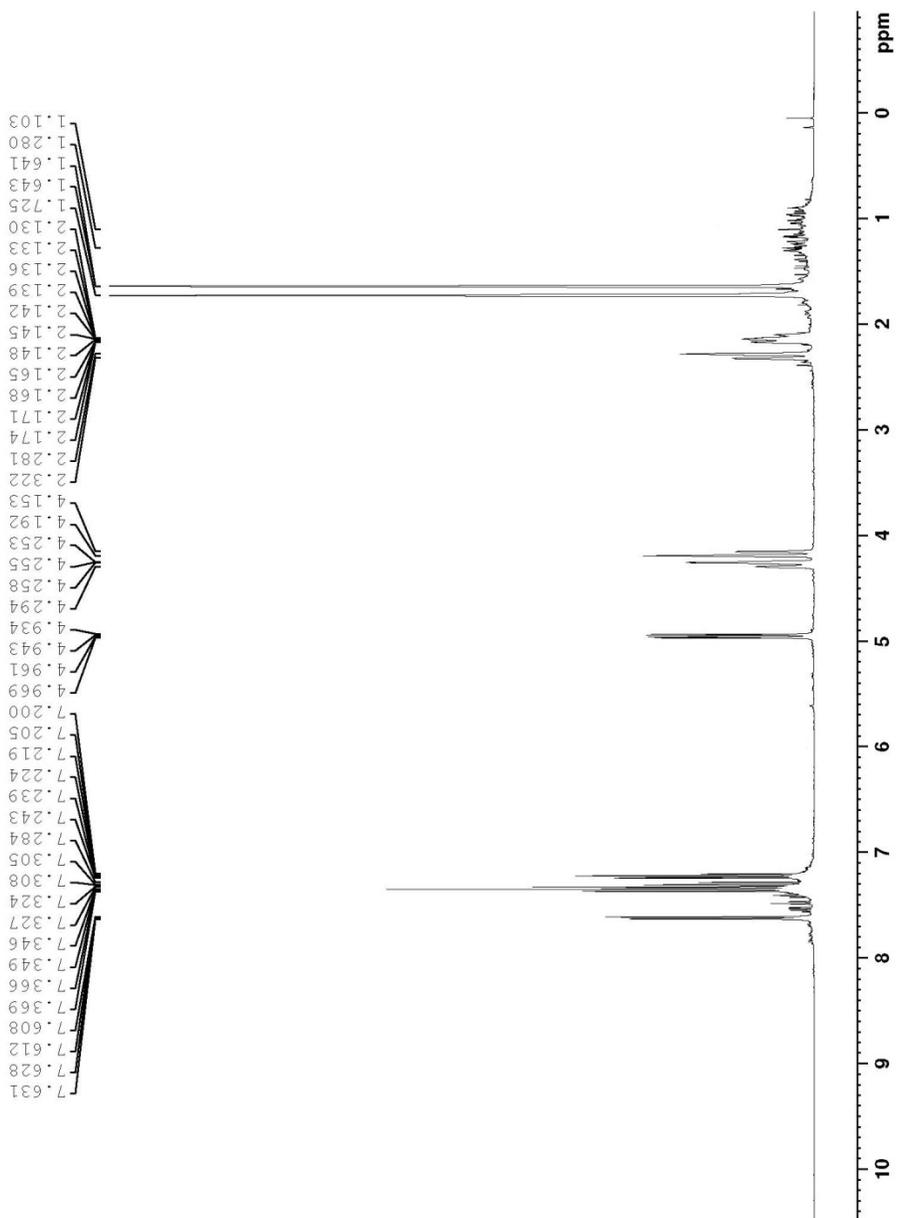


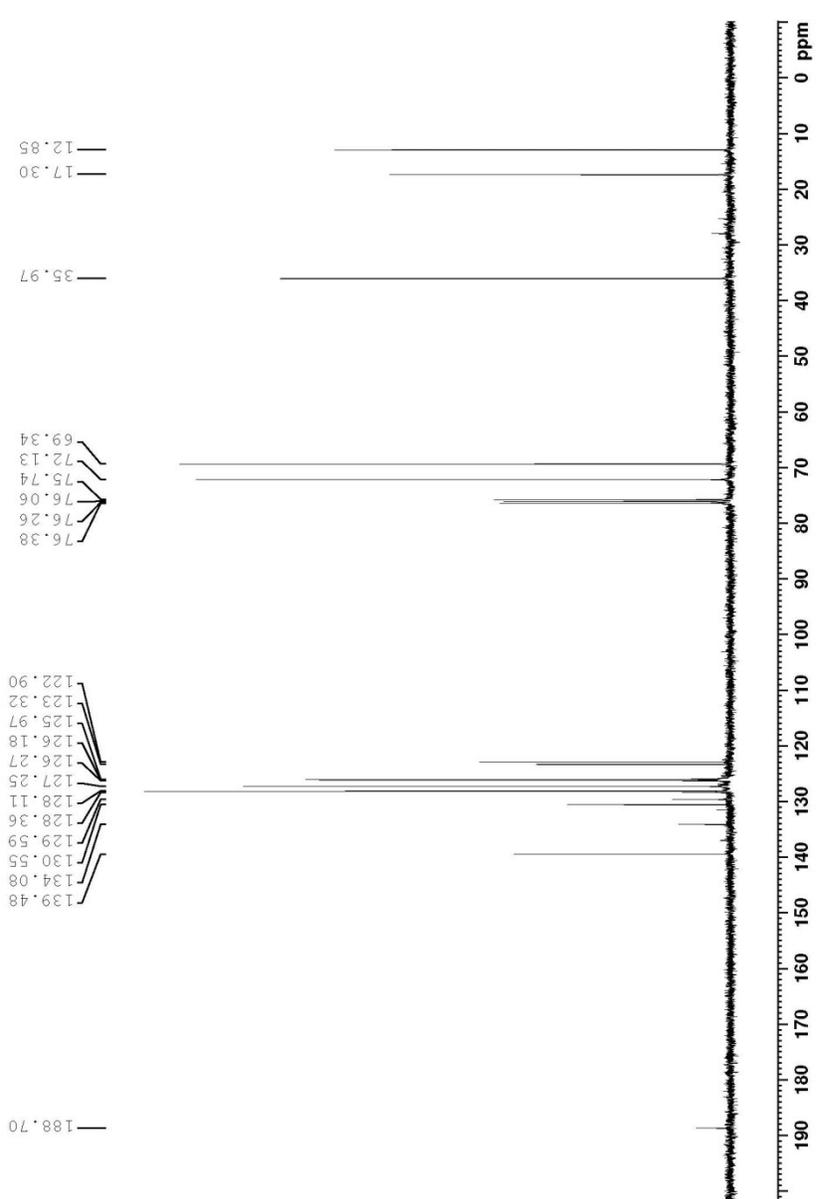
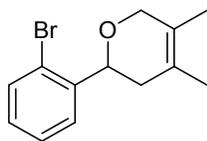


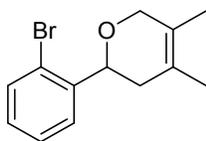
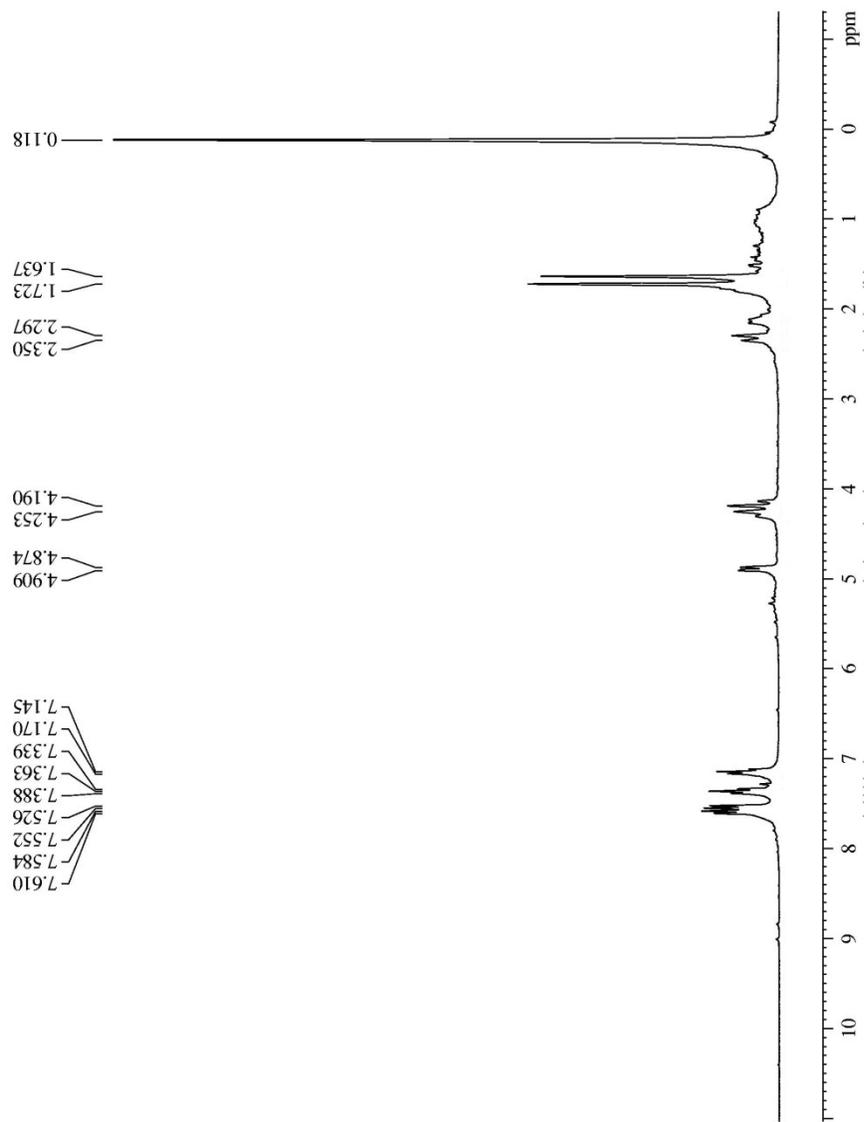


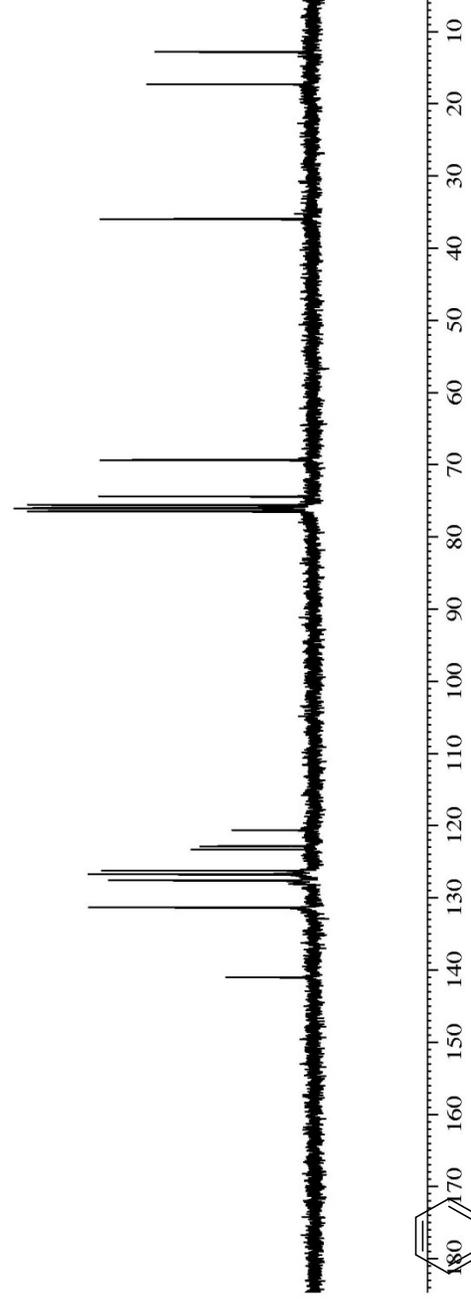
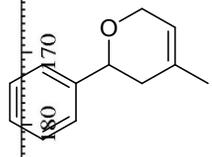




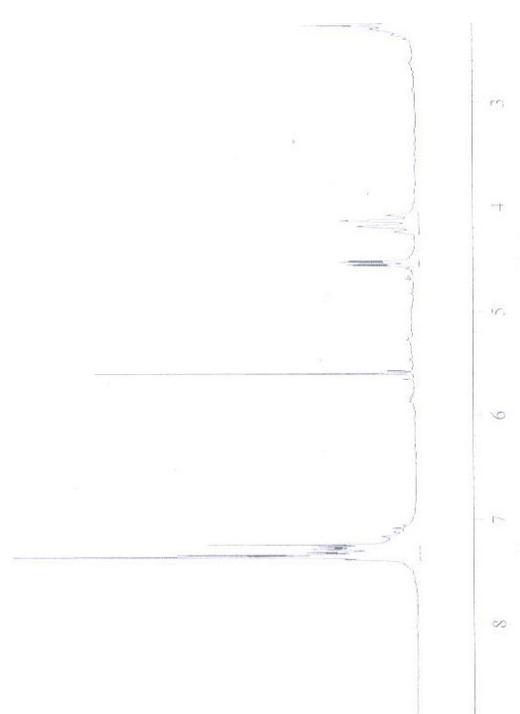








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