

Oxidation of Terminal Diols Using an Oxoammonium Salt: A Systematic Study

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Key to Abbreviated Terms:

CDCl₃: deuterated chloroform

CH₂Cl₂: dichloromethane

TLC: Thin layer chromatography

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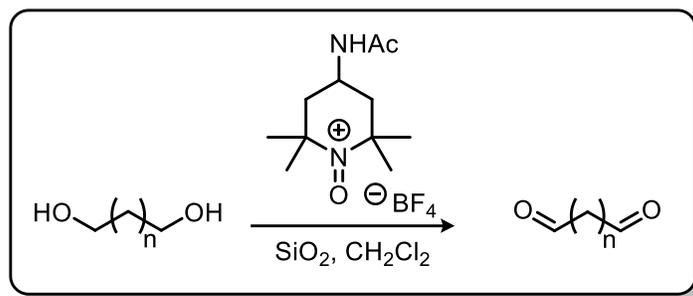
NMR Spectra (^1H , ^{13}C) were performed at 298 K on a Bruker DRX-400 400 MHz NMR. ^1H -NMR Spectra obtained in CDCl_3 were referenced to residual non-deuterated chloroform (7.26 ppm) in the deuterated solvent. ^{13}C -NMR Spectra obtained in CDCl_3 were referenced to chloroform (77.3 ppm). ^{19}F -NMR spectra were referenced to hexafluorobenzene (-164.9 ppm). Reactions in CH_2Cl_2 could be monitored with ^1H NMR by irradiating the solvent peak at 5.30 ppm. Flash chromatography and silica plugs utilized Dynamic Adsorbents Inc. Flash Silica Gel (60Å porosity, 32-63 μm). TLC analysis was performed using hexanes/ethyl acetate as the eluent and visualized using iodine. IR spectra were obtained on a Bruker ALPHA FT-IR spectrometer. High-resolution mass spectra were performed on either a JEOL AccuTOF-DART SVP 100 in positive direct analysis in real time (DART) ionization method, using PEG as the internal standard.

Chemicals:

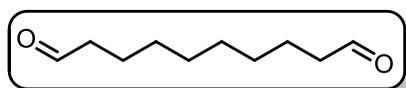
Deuterated chloroform was purchased from Cambridge Isotope Laboratories and stored over 4Å molecular sieves. All chemicals were purchased from commercial suppliers with exception of the oxoammonium salt 4-acetamido-2,2,6,6-tetramethylpiperidine-1-oxoammonium tetrafluoroborate, **1**, which was prepared according to an established protocol.¹

¹ M. A. Mercadante, C. B. Kelly, J. M. Bobbitt, L. J. Tilley and N. E. Leadbeater, *Nat. Protoc.* **2013**, 8, 666-676.

Oxidation of Diols



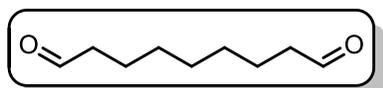
GENERAL PROCEDURE



1,10-Decanedial (3a) (1.294 g, 76%) was prepared from 1,10-decanediol (1.743 g, 10 mmol, 1 equiv). To a 250-mL round bottom flask equipped with a stir bar was added 1,10-decanediol and dichloromethane (100 mL, 0.1 M in diol). After stirring for 5 min, the oxoammonium salt (6.302 g, 21 mmol, 2.1 equiv) was added, followed by silica gel (2.644 g, 2 mass equiv to substrate). The flask was sealed with a rubber septa and the mixture was allowed to stir until the slurry became white. Once white, the slurry was filtered through a thin pad of silica gel. The solid was washed using CH_2Cl_2 . The CH_2Cl_2 was removed *in vacuo* by rotary evaporation to afford the pure dialdehyde product, 1,10-decanedial, as a pale yellow oil.²

$^1\text{H NMR}$ (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz) δ ppm 1.30 (s, 8 H) 1.56 - 1.65 (m, 4 H) 2.40 (td, $J=1.77, 7.30$ Hz, 4 H) 9.74 (t, $J=1.82$ Hz, 2 H)

$^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (CDCl_3 , 100 MHz) δ ppm 22.25 (CH_2) 29.29 (CH_2) 29.36 (CH_2) 44.10 (CH_2) 203.04 (CHO)



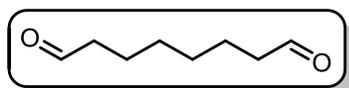
1,9-Nonanedial (3b) (0.690g, 83%) was prepared from 1,9-nonanediol (0.801 g, 5 mmol, 1 equiv) using the general procedure to afford the product as a colorless oil.³

$^1\text{H NMR}$ (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz) δ ppm 1.19 (bs, 6H) 1.48 (m, 4H) 2.29 (t, $J = 7.0$ Hz, 4H) 9.61 (bs, 2H)

$^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (CDCl_3 , 100 MHz) δ ppm 21.15 (CH_2) 28.10 (CH_2) 28.28 (CH_2) 43.00 (CH_2) 201.89 (CO)

² T. Suzuki, M. Tokunaga, Y. Wakatsuki, *Org. Lett.* **2001**, 3, 735-737.

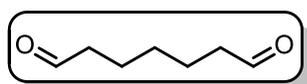
³ A. Ozanne, L. Pouységu, D. Depernet, B. François, S. Quideau, *Org. Lett.* **2003**, 5, 2903-2906.



1,8-Octanedial (3c) (1.201 g, 84%) was prepared from 1,8-octanediol (1.462 g, 10 mmol, 1 equiv) using the general procedure to afford the product as a colorless oil.⁴

¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) δ ppm 1.27 - 1.35 (m, 4 H) 1.54 - 1.64 (m, 4 H) 2.39 (td, *J*=1.70, 7.25 Hz, 4 H) 9.72 (t, *J*=1.75 Hz, 2 H)

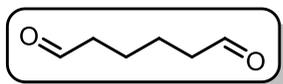
¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz) δ ppm 21.96 (CH₂) 29.01 (CH₂) 43.90 (CH₂) 202.78 (CHO)



Heptanedialdehyde (3d) (0.826 g, 64%) was prepared from 1,7-heptanediol (1.322 g, 10 mmol, 1 equiv) using the general procedure to afford the product as a pale yellow oil.⁵

¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) δ ppm 1.28 - 1.39 (m, 2 H) 1.62 (quin, *J*=7.52 Hz, 4 H) 2.41 (td, *J*=1.61, 7.27 Hz, 4 H) 9.73 (t, *J*=1.63 Hz, 2 H)

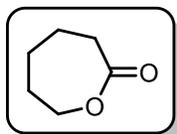
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Adipaldehyde (3e) (26%) was prepared from 1,6-hexanediol (1.182 g, 10 mmol, 1 equiv) using the general procedure to afford the products adipaldehyde and caprolactone (**4e**) as an inseparable mixture of a colorless oil (0.874 g, 87%).⁵

¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) δ ppm 1.62 (m, 4H) 2.44 (m, 4H) 9.73 (t, *J* = 1.5 Hz, 2H)

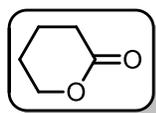
¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz) δ ppm 21.63 (CH₂) 43.71 (CH₂) 202.12 (CHO)



Caprolactone (4e) (74%)⁶

¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) δ ppm 2.24 (quin, *J*=7.58 Hz, 2 H) 2.47 (t, *J*=8.26 Hz, 2 H) 4.32 (t, *J*=7.06 Hz, 2 H)

¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz) δ ppm 29.12 (CH₂) 29.47 (CH₂) 23.11 (CH₂) 34.73 (CH₂) 69.48 (CH₂) 176.42 (CHO)



δ-Valerolactone (4f) (0.817 g, 82%) was prepared from 1,5-pentanediol (0.994 g, 10 mmol, 1 equiv) using the general procedure to afford the product as a white solid.⁶

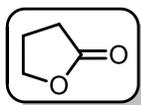
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¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz) δ ppm 19.03 (CH₂) 22.26 (CH₂) 29.79 (CH₂) 69.44 (OCH₂) 171.46 (CO)

⁴ X. Jiang, J. Zhang, S. Ma *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **2016**, *138*, 8344-8347.

⁵ B. Hong, H. Tseng, S. Chen, *Tetrahedron* **2007**, *63*, 2840-2850.

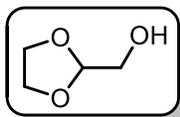
⁶ T. Miyazawa, T. Endo *J. Org. Chem.* **1985**, *50*, 3930-3931.



Butyrolactone (4g) (0.523 g, 61%) was prepared from 1,4-butanediol (0.901 g, 10 mmol, 1 equiv) using the general procedure to afford the product as a colorless oil.⁶

¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) δ ppm 2.24 (quin, *J*=7.58 Hz, 2 H) 2.47 (t, *J*=8.26 Hz, 2 H) 4.32 (t, *J*=7.06 Hz, 2 H)

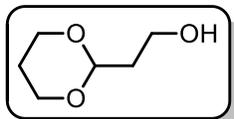
¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz) δ ppm 22.38 (CH₂) 27.98 (CH₂) 68.72 (CH₂) 177.92 (CO)



2-Hydroxymethyl-1,3-dioxolane (6) (1.363g, 65%) was prepared from freshly distilled ethylene glycol (2.483 g, 40 mmol, 1 equiv), using the following modification the general procedure: Ethylene glycol was stirred in CH₂Cl₂ (200 mL, 0.2 M in diol), then 0.55 equiv (6.602 g, 22 mmol) oxoammonium salt was added, followed by 1.98 g silica gel (0.8 mass equiv to the substrate). The mixture was refluxed for 20 h, at which point the white slurry was filtered through a pad of silica gel. Due to volatility, the solvent was removed *via* evaporation through a 30 cm Vigreux column to afford the product as a pale yellow oil.⁷

¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) δ ppm 3.64 (br. d, *J*=2.40 Hz, 2 H) 3.67 (br. s, 1 H) 3.85 - 4.04 (m, 4 H) 4.96 (t, *J*=3.24 Hz, 1 H)

¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz) δ ppm 62.68 (CH₂O) 65.09 (CH₂O) 103.21 (OCHO)



2-Hydroxyethyl-1,3-dioxane (7) (0.485 g, 73%) was prepared from 1,3-propanediol (0.761 g, 10 mmol, 1 equiv) using the following modifications to the general procedure: 0.5 equiv (1.501 g, 5 mmol) oxoammonium salt was added, followed by 1.501 g silica gel (1 mass equiv to the oxoammonium salt). The product was afforded as a yellow oil.⁸

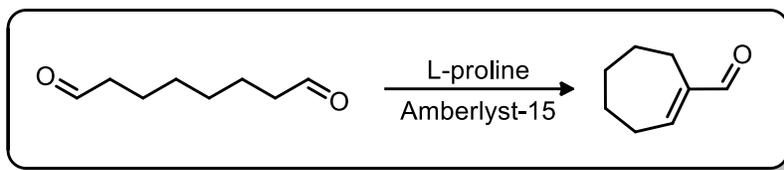
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¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz) δ ppm 25.91 (CH₂) 37.35 (CH₂) 58.87 (CH₂O) 67.10 (CH₂O) 102.01 (OCHO)

⁷ J. R. Sanderson, E. L. Yeakey, J. J. Lin, R. Duranleau, E. T. Marquis *J. Org. Chem.* **1987**, *52*, 3243-3246.

⁸ C. S. Shiner, T. Tsunoda, B. A. Goodman, S. Ingham, S.-H. Lee, P. E. Vorndam *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1989**, *111*, 1381-1392.

Aldol Reaction

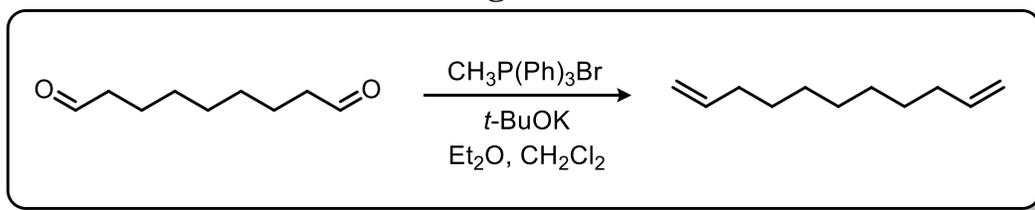


1-Cycloheptene-1-carboxaldehyde (9) (1.06 g, 50%) was prepared from the oxidation of 1,8-octanediol (2.5 g, 17.1 mmol, 1 equiv) using the procedure outlined above for oxidation, followed by a subsequent Aldol reaction. To the resulting solution of 1,8-octanedial, filtered off from the silica gel and oxoammonium salt, was added L-proline (1.5 g, 13 mmol, 0.76 eq) and 1.5 g of activated 4Å molecular sieves. The mixture was refluxed for 2 days, then filtered through a pad of silica gel. Due to volatility, the solvent was removed *via* evaporation through a 30 mm Vigreux column to afford the product as an orange oil.⁹

¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) δ ppm 1.45 (m, 1H) 1.56 (m, 1H) 1.75 (m, 1H) 2.37 (t, *J* = 5.6 Hz, 1H) 2.42 (q, *J* = 5.9 Hz, 1H) 6.83 (t, *J* = 6.3 Hz, 1H)

¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz) δ ppm 24.01 (CH₂) 26.17 (CH₂) 26.23 (CH₂) 30.08 (CH₂) 31.89 (CH₂) 147.64 (C) 157.22 (CH) 194.54 (CHO)

Wittig Reaction



1,10-Undecadiene (10) (0.655 g, 86%) was prepared from the oxidation of 1,9-nonanediol (0.801 g, 5 mmol, 1 equiv) using the procedure outlined above for oxidation, followed by a subsequent Wittig reaction. The Wittig reagent, methylenetriphenylphosphorane, was prepared by stirring methyltriphenylphosphonium bromide (5.355 g, 15 mmol, 3 equiv to diol) and potassium *t*-butoxide (1.68 g, 15 mmol, 3 equiv to diol) in dry diethyl ether (75 mL, 0.2 M) for 7 hours. The filtered solution of 1,9-nonanedial was added directly to this solution and the mixture was filtered overnight. The solution was filtered and the solvent was removed *in vacuo*, resulting in a thick oil. Pentane (50 mL) was added to precipitate excess triphenylphosphine and the oxide byproduct. The resulting slurry was filtered through silica and the solvent was removed *in vacuo* to afford the product as a colorless oil.¹⁰

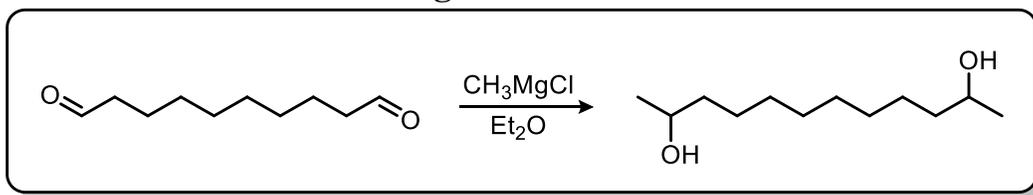
¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) δ ppm 1.34 (m, 10H). 2.05 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 4H), 4.94 (dd, *J* = 1.4, 8.00 Hz, 2H) 5.00 (dd, *J* = 1.9, 17.1 Hz, 2H) 5.84 (tq, *J* = 6.8, 14.8 Hz, 2H),

¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz) δ ppm 29.25 (CH₂) 29.41 (CH₂) 29.66 (CH₂) 34.12 (CH₂) 114.41 (CH₂) 139.46 (CH)

⁹ I. G. Molnár, E. Tanzer, C. Daniliuc, R. Gilmour, *Chem. Eur. J.* **2014**, *20*, 794-800.

¹⁰ X. Li, C. E. Burrell, R. J. Staples, B. Borhan, *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **2012**, *134*, 9026-9029.

Grignard Reaction

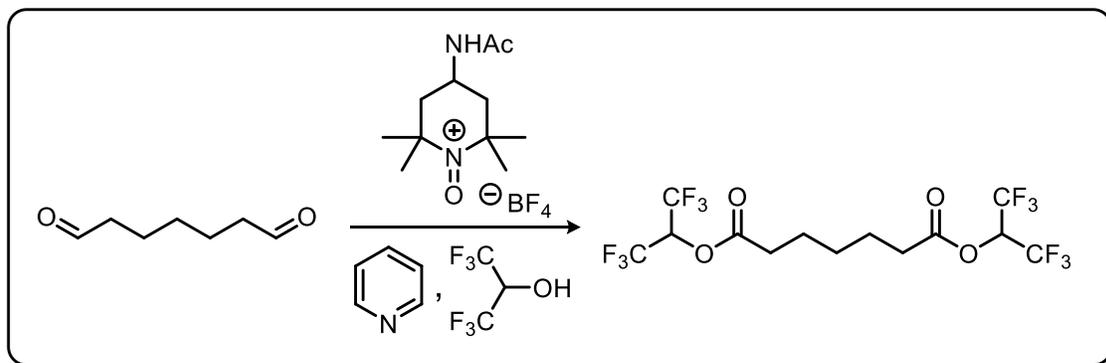


2,11-Dodecanediol (11) (0.900 g, 89%) was prepared from 1,10-decanediol (0.870 g, 5 mmol, 1 equiv) using the procedure outlined above for oxidation, followed by a subsequent Grignard reaction. A solution of 1,10-decanedial, filtered off of the silica gel and oxoammonium salt, was added to a solution of commercially available 3 M methylmagnesium chloride in anhydrous diethyl ether (7 mL, 21 mmol, 4.2 equiv). The solution was stirred overnight, then aliquots (~25 drops) of aqueous saturated potassium carbonate were added dropwise about 10 min apart. After 5 aliquots a white precipitate formed. The solution was filtered, and the solvent removed *in vacuo* to afford the product as white solid.¹⁰

¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) δ ppm 1.13 (d, $J=8.00$ Hz, 6H) 1.33 (m, 16H) 1.98 (br. s, 2 H) 3.72 (m, 2H)

¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz) δ ppm 23.62 (CH₂) 25.95 (CH₂) 29.73 (CH₂) 29.83 (CH₂) 29.53 (CH₃) 68.21 (CHOH)

Oxidative Functionalization



Bis(1,1,1,3,3,3-hexafluoroisopropoxy) heptanedioate (12) (0.768 g, 77%) was prepared from 1,7-heptanedial (0.676 g, 5 mmol, 1 equiv) using the procedure outlined above for oxidation, followed by subsequent oxidative functionalization using previously published method.¹¹ To the resulting solution of 1,7-heptanedialdehyde (5 mmol), filtered off the silica gel and oxoammonium salt slurry, was added pyridine (10.085 g, 127.5 mmol, 25.5 equiv) and hexafluoroisopropanol (5.041 g, 30 mmol, 6 equiv). After stirring for 5 min, the oxoammonium salt (7.502 g, 25 mmol, 5 equiv) was added all at once. The flask was sealed with a rubber septum and stirred until the solution turned red. Once the reaction was determined complete by TLC, the hexafluoroisopropanol and CH₂Cl₂ was removed *in vacuo*. Pentane or diethyl ether was

¹¹ C. B. Kelly, M. A. Mercadante, R. J. Wiles, N. E. Leadbeater, *Org. Lett.* **2013**, *15*, 2222-2225.

added to the resulting slurry to precipitate the nitroxide. After stirring for 5 min, the solution was filtered through a fritted funnel with medium porosity and transferred to a separatory funnel. The organic layer was washed with 1 M HCl (2×150 mL), deionized water (150 mL), and brine (150 mL). The organic layer was dried over sodium sulfate, and the solvent was removed *in vacuo*, affording the ester as a pale yellow oil. (Note: The CH₂Cl₂ may be removed *in vacuo* before the oxidative functionalization, however the reaction is slightly exothermic. With this particular substrate, the formation of the nitroxide, and subsequent red color, occurs within 5 min when concentrated and within 30 min when dilute).

¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) δ ppm 1.42 (m, 2H) 1.74 (m, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 2.53 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 4H), 5.77 (m, *J* = 6.1 Hz, 2H),

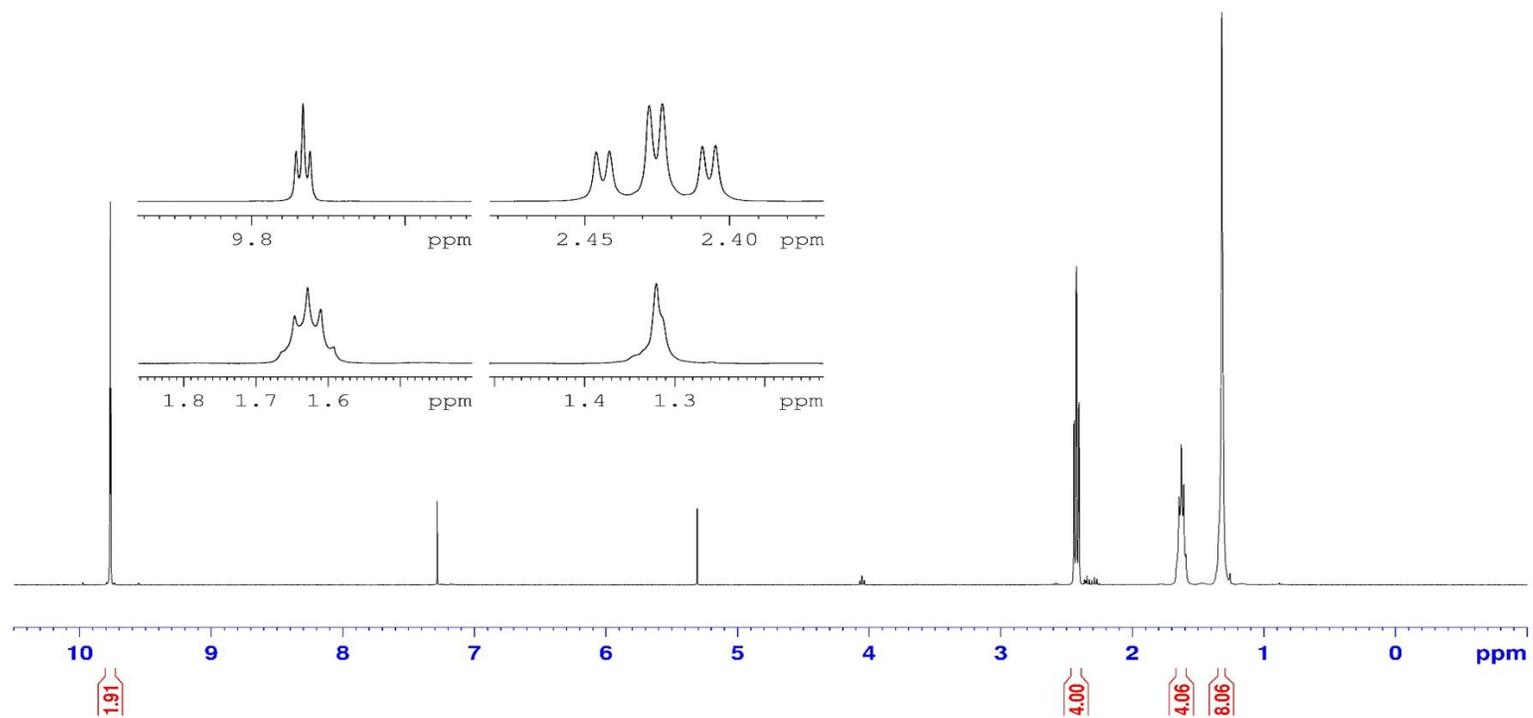
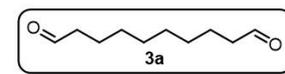
¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz) δ ppm 24.29 (CH₂) 28.17 (CH₂) 33.23 (CH₂) 66.69 (m, *J*_{O-CH-(CF₃)₂} = 34.74 Hz) 120.71 (q, *J*_{C-F₃})₂ = 282.77 Hz) 170.25 (CO)

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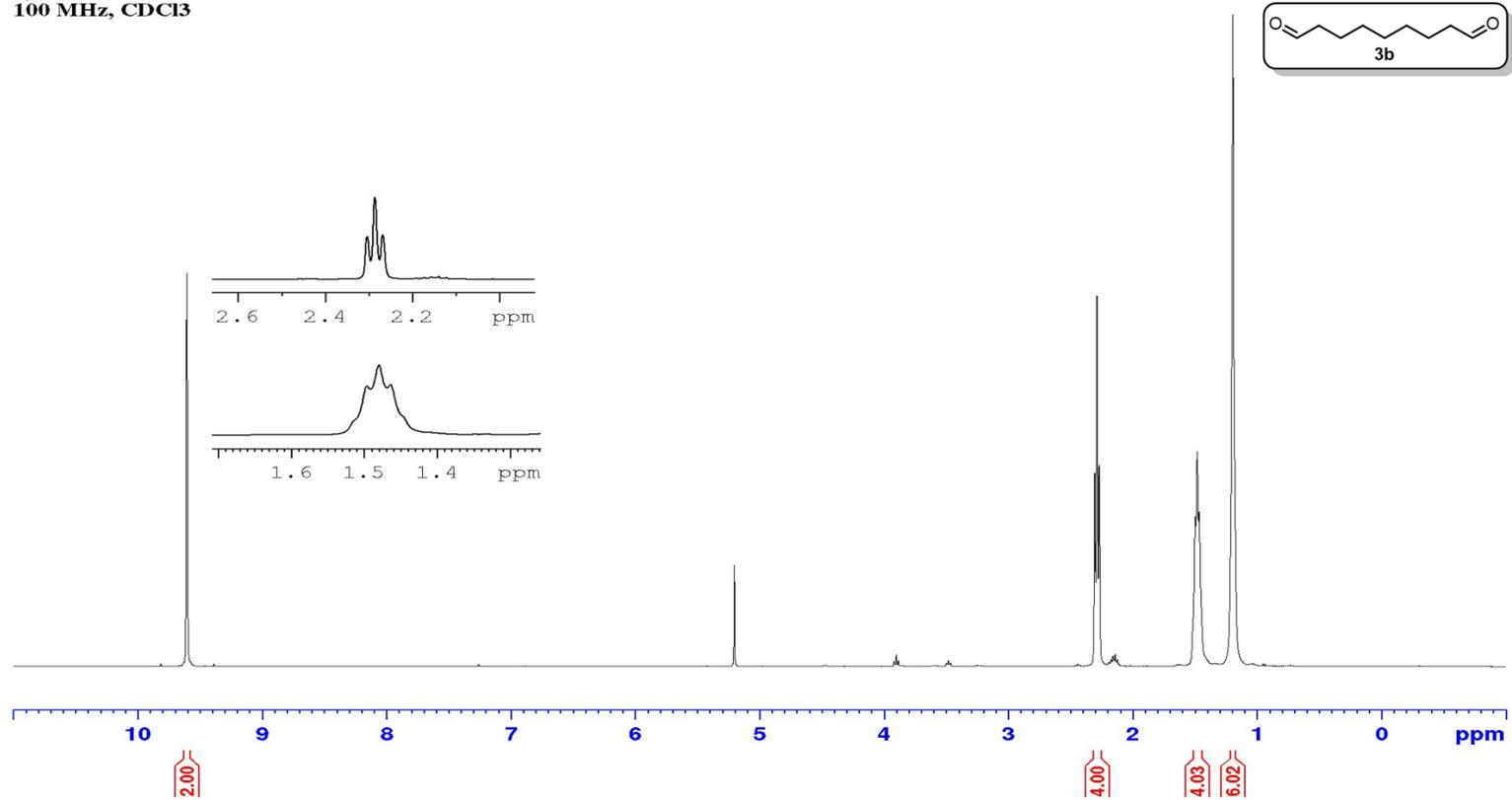
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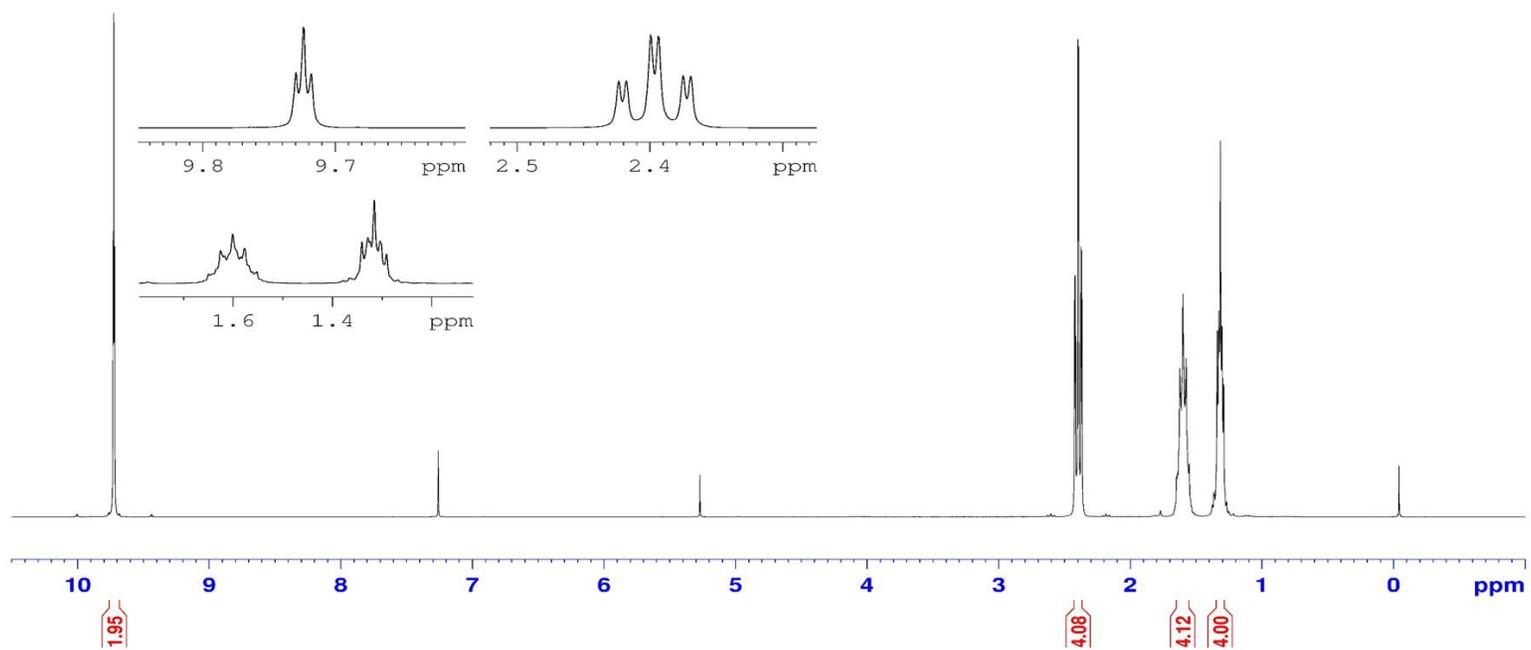
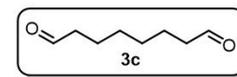
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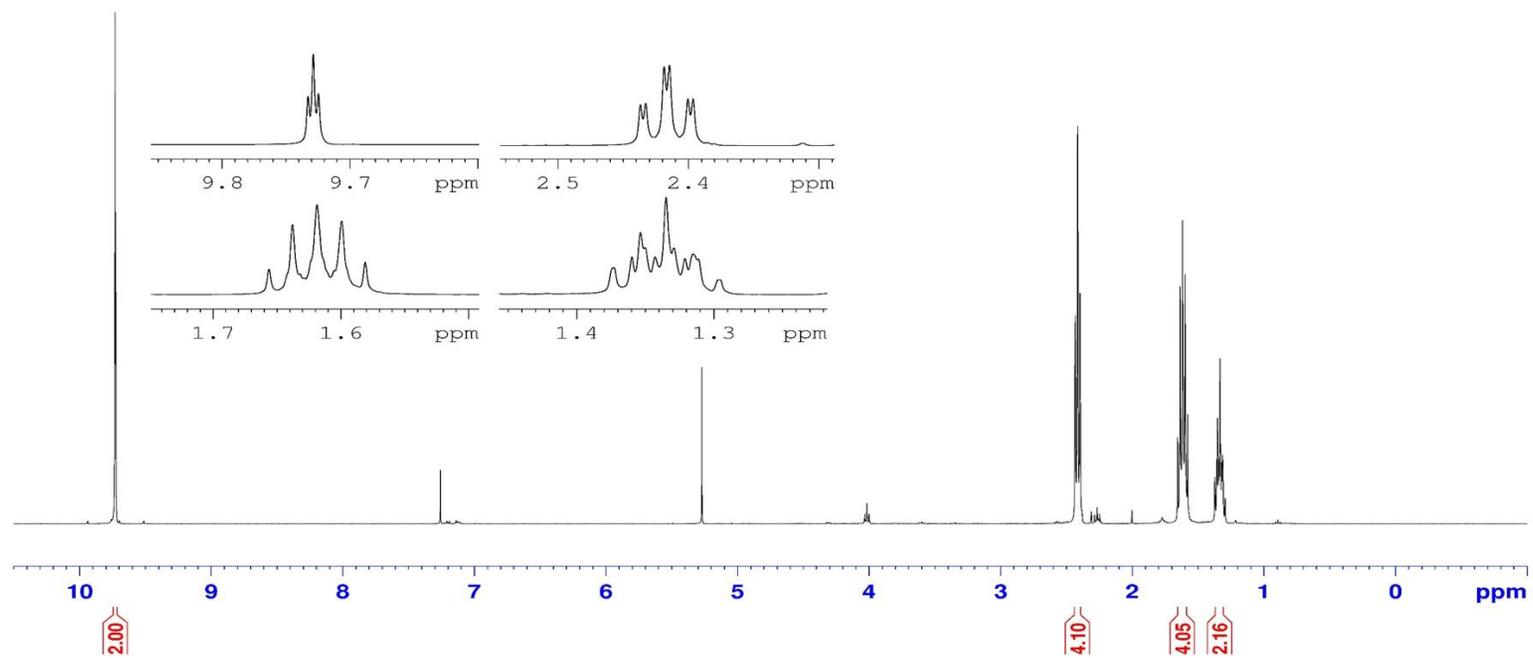
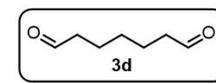
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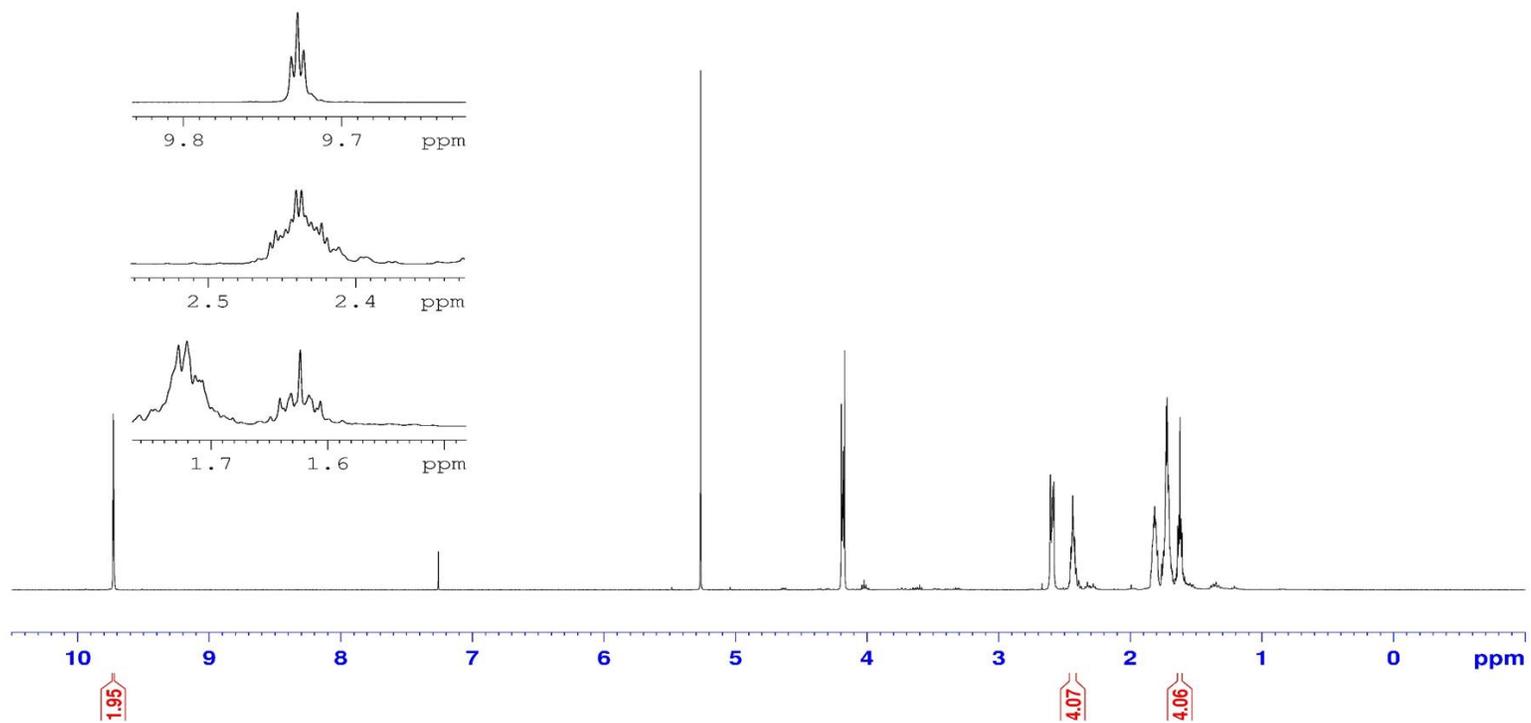
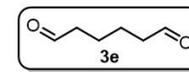
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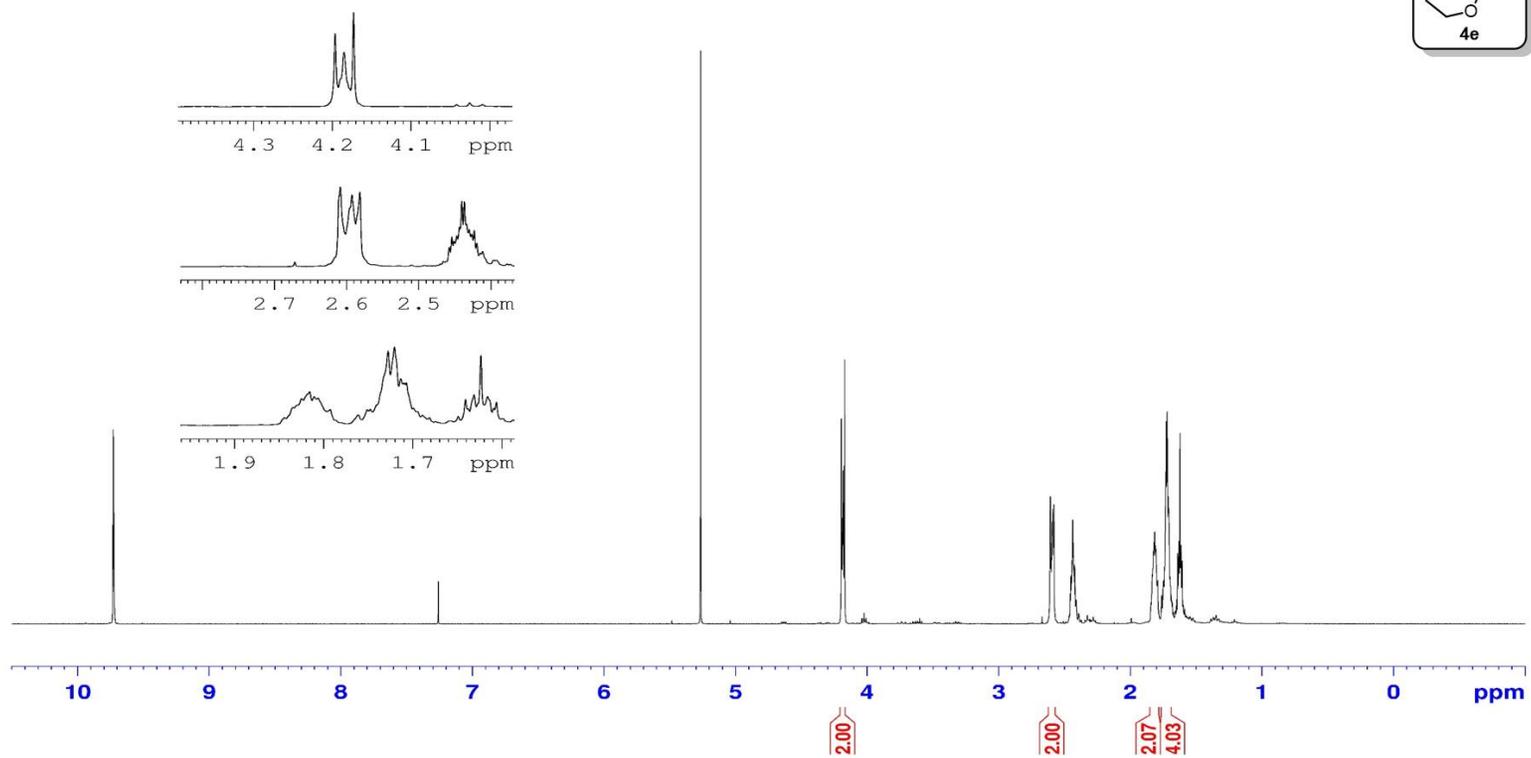
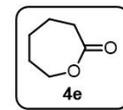
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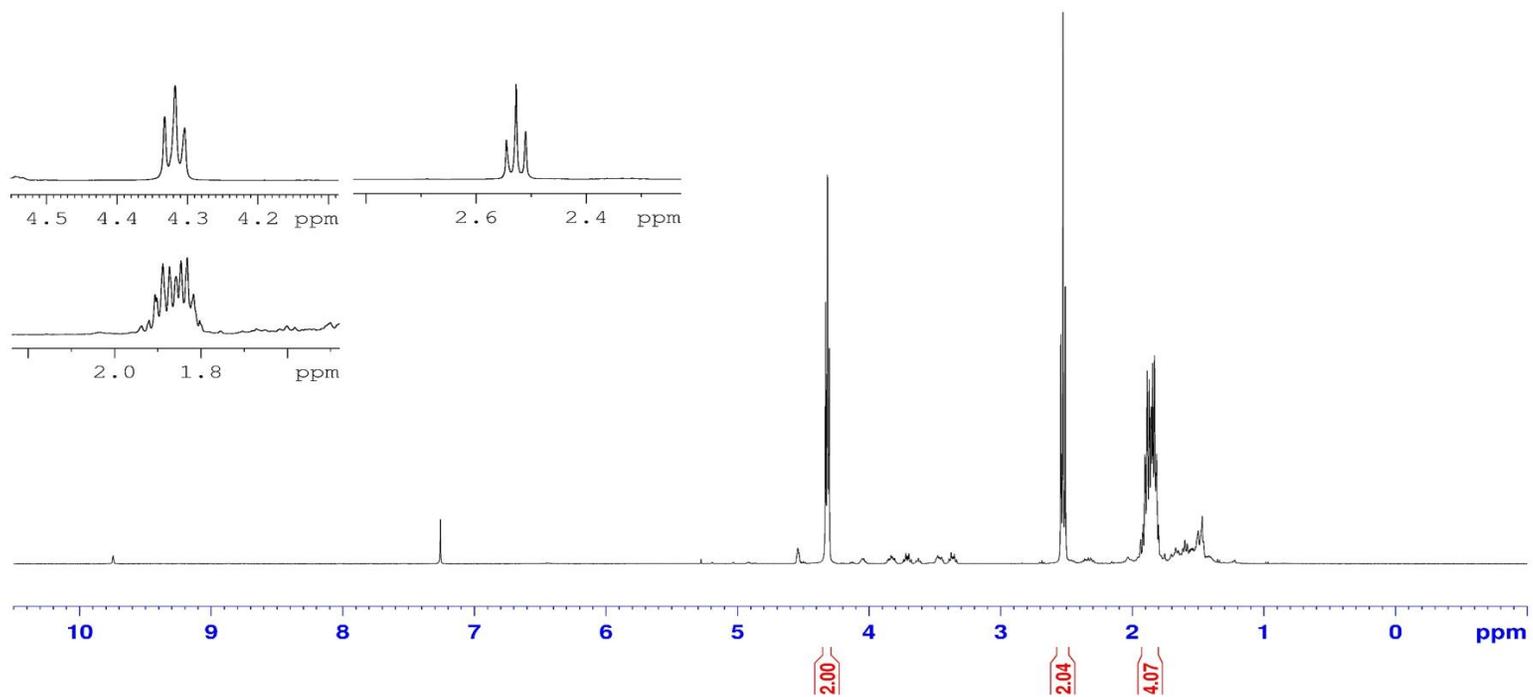
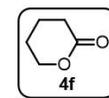
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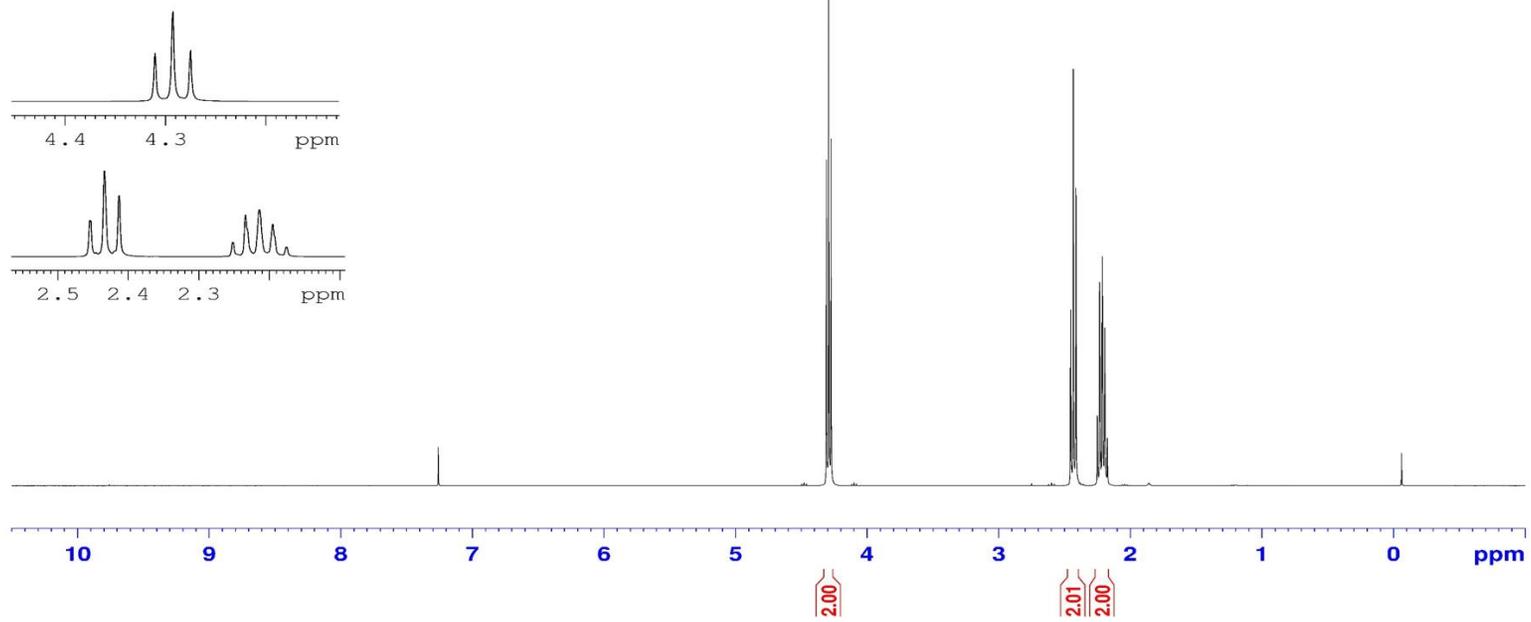
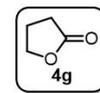
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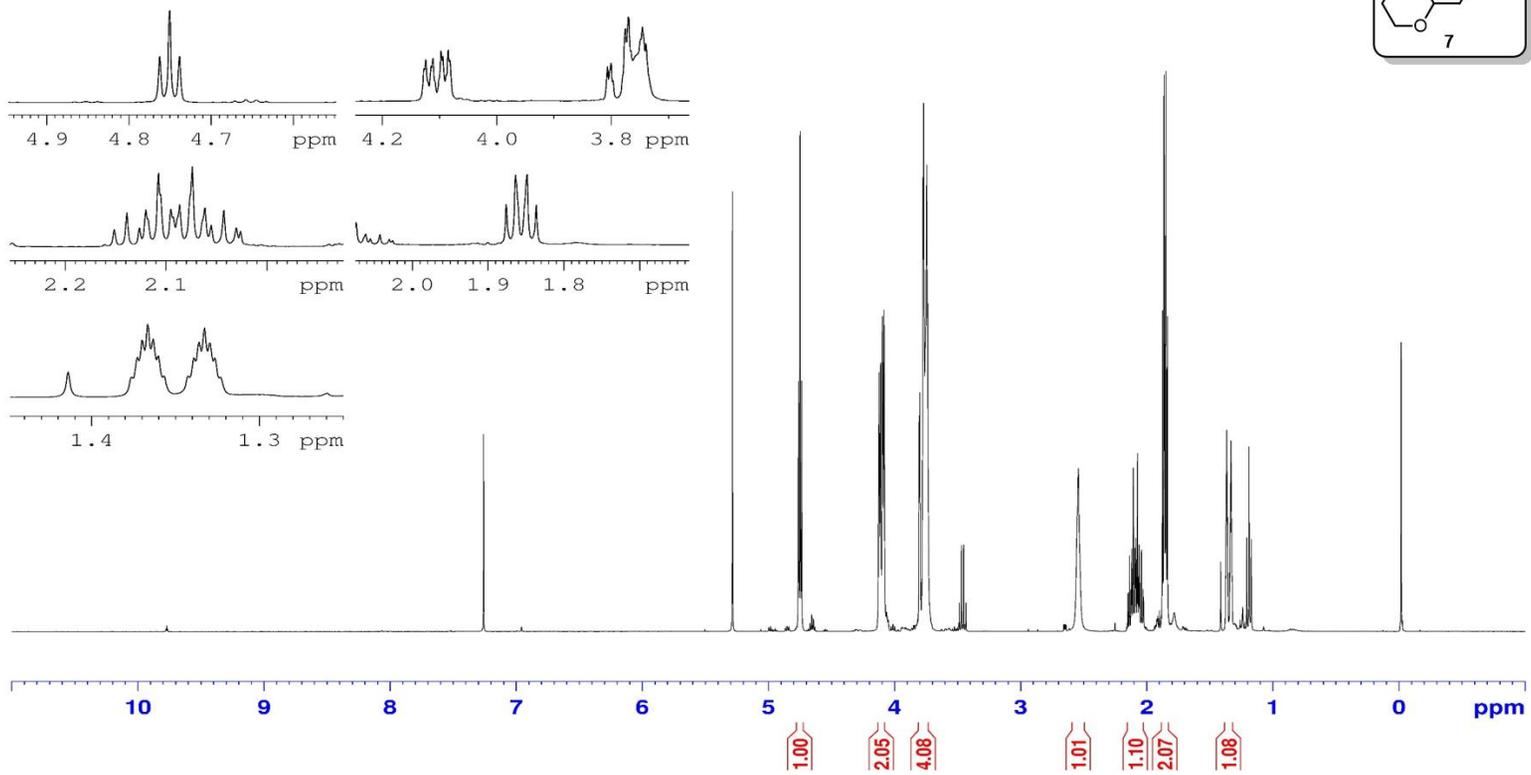
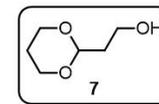
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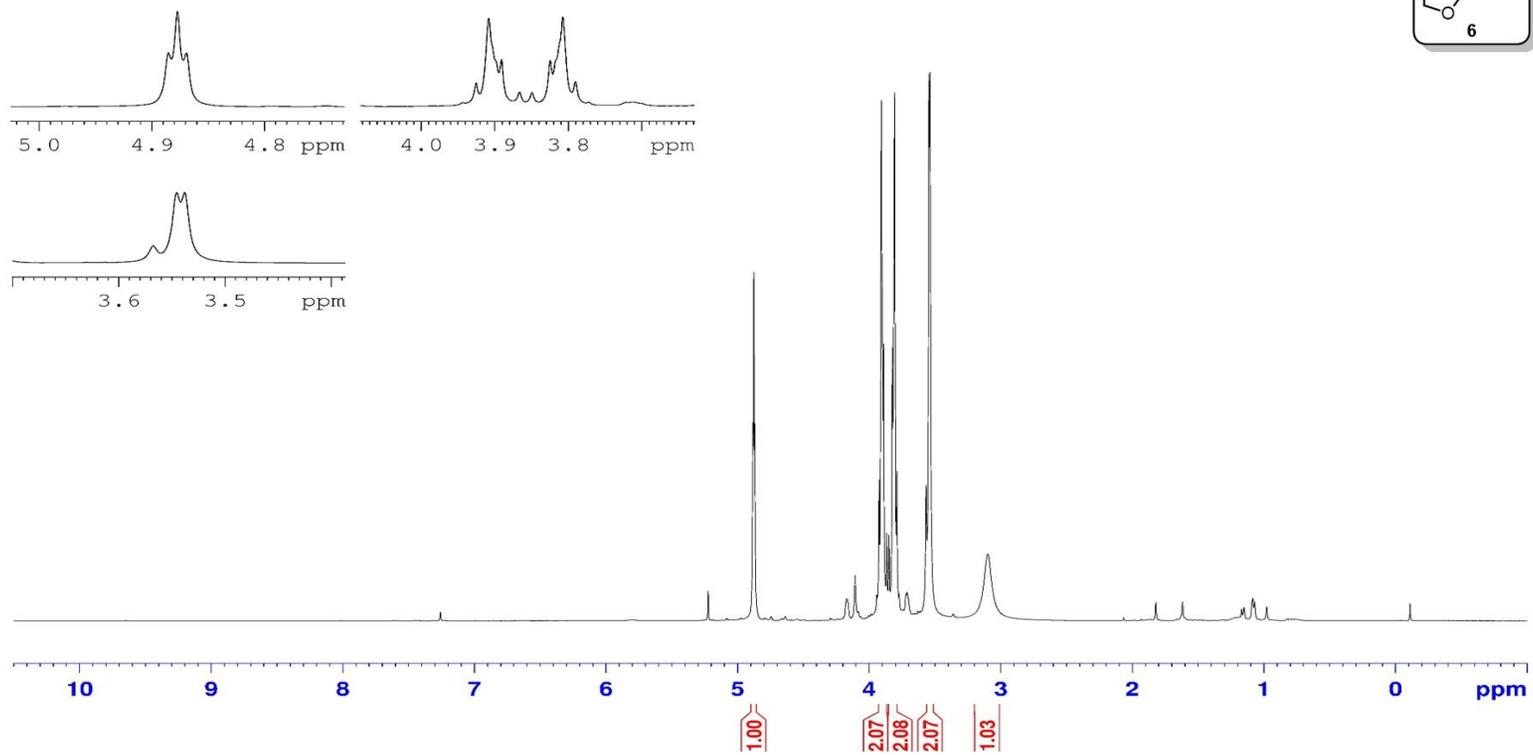
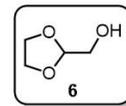
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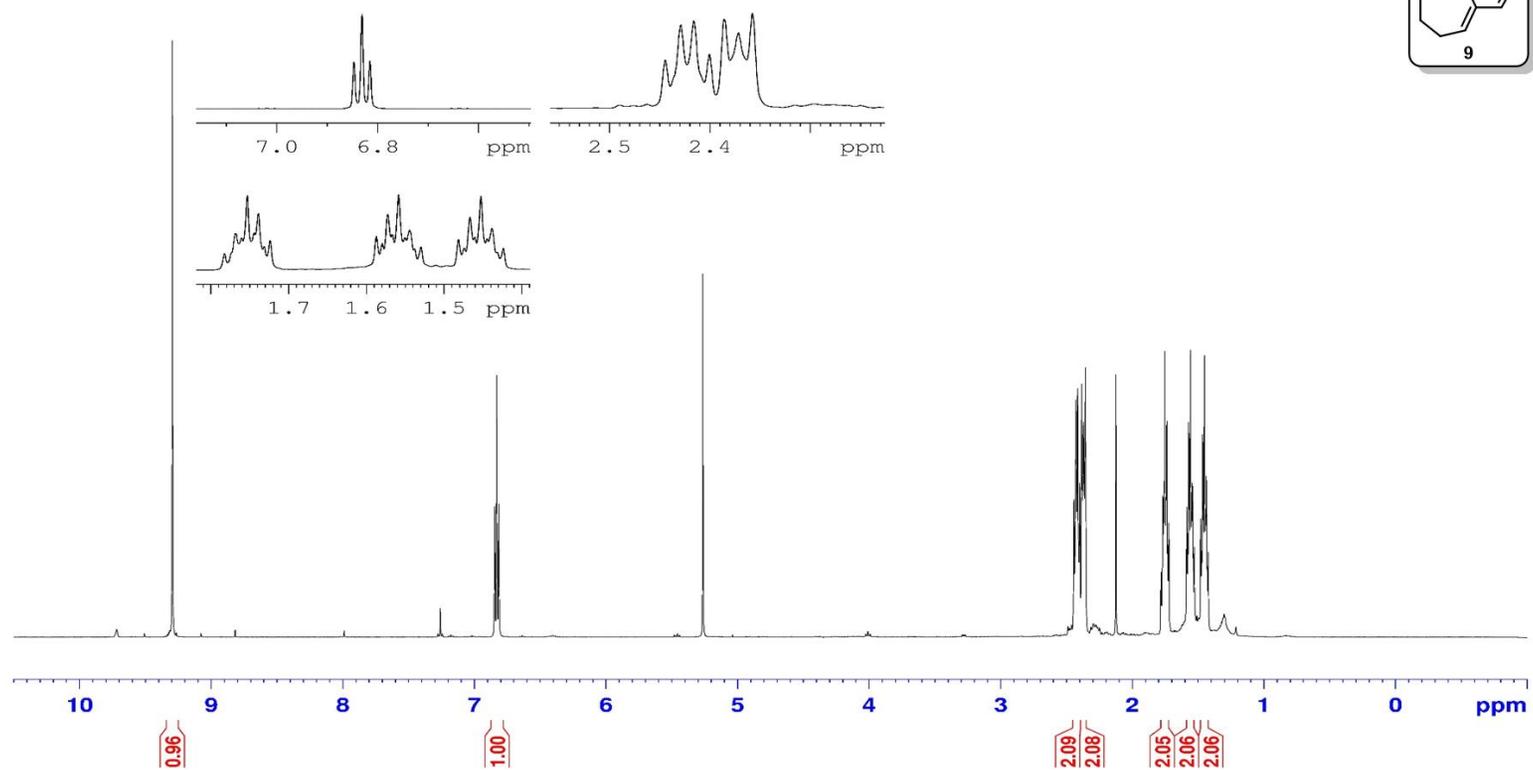
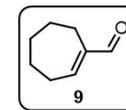
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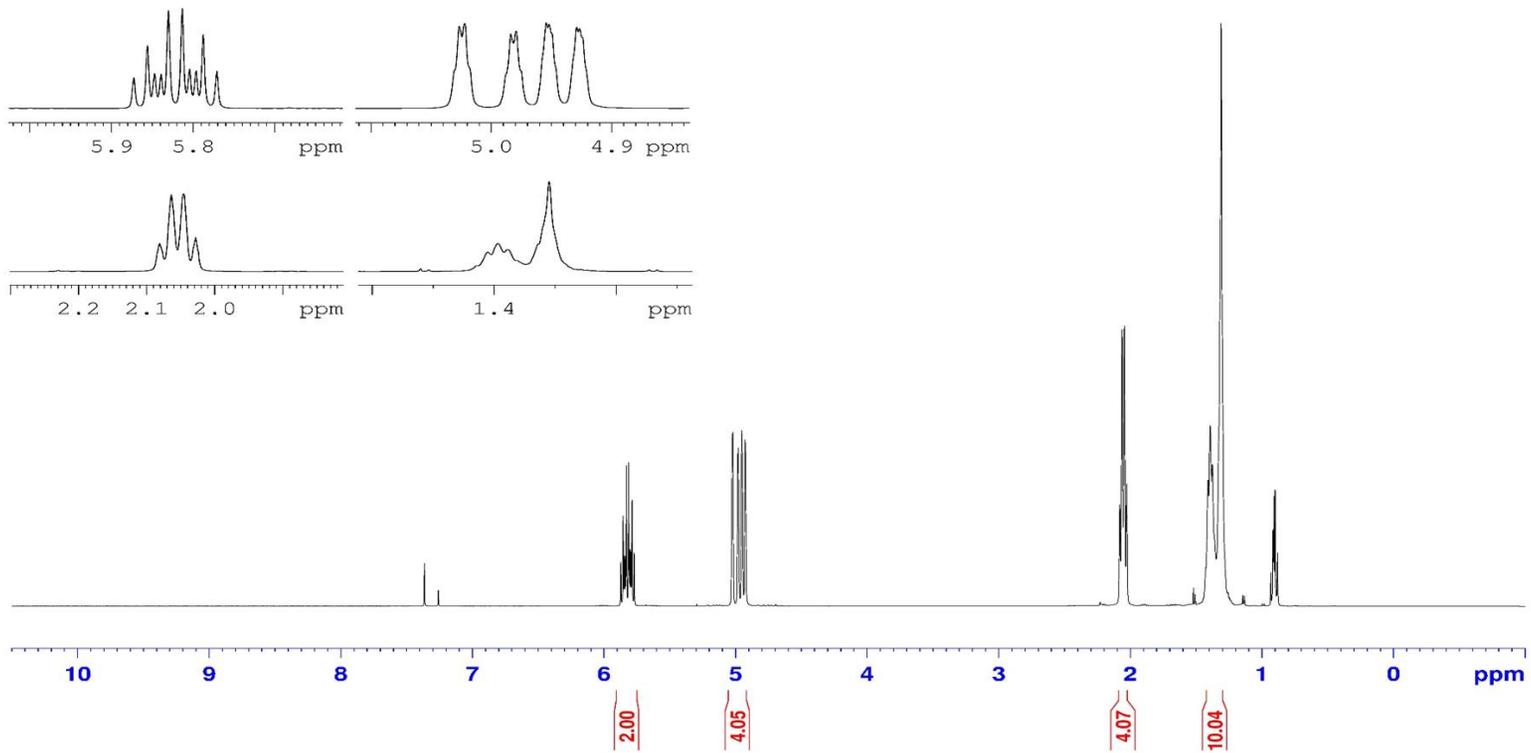
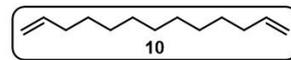
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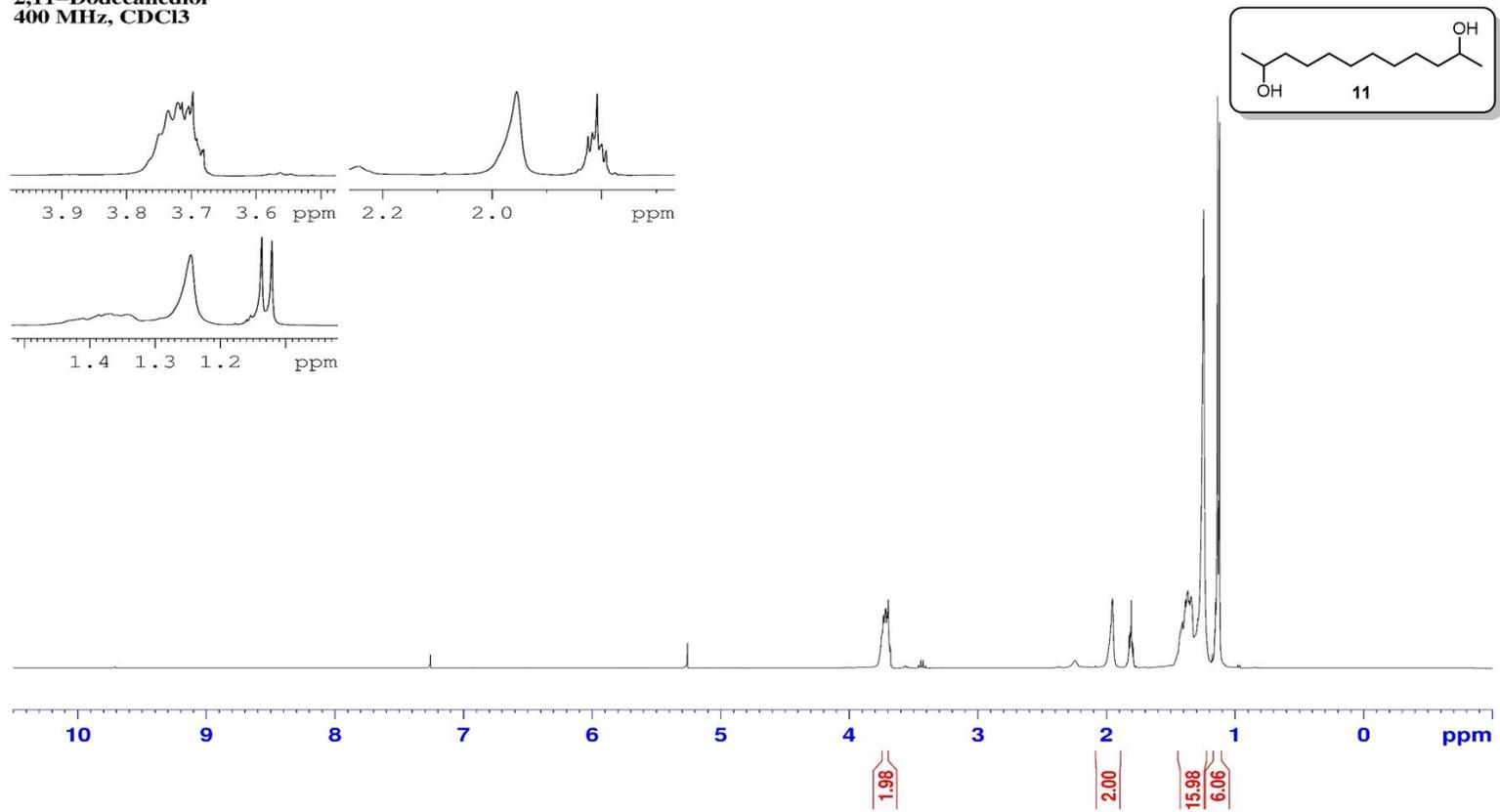
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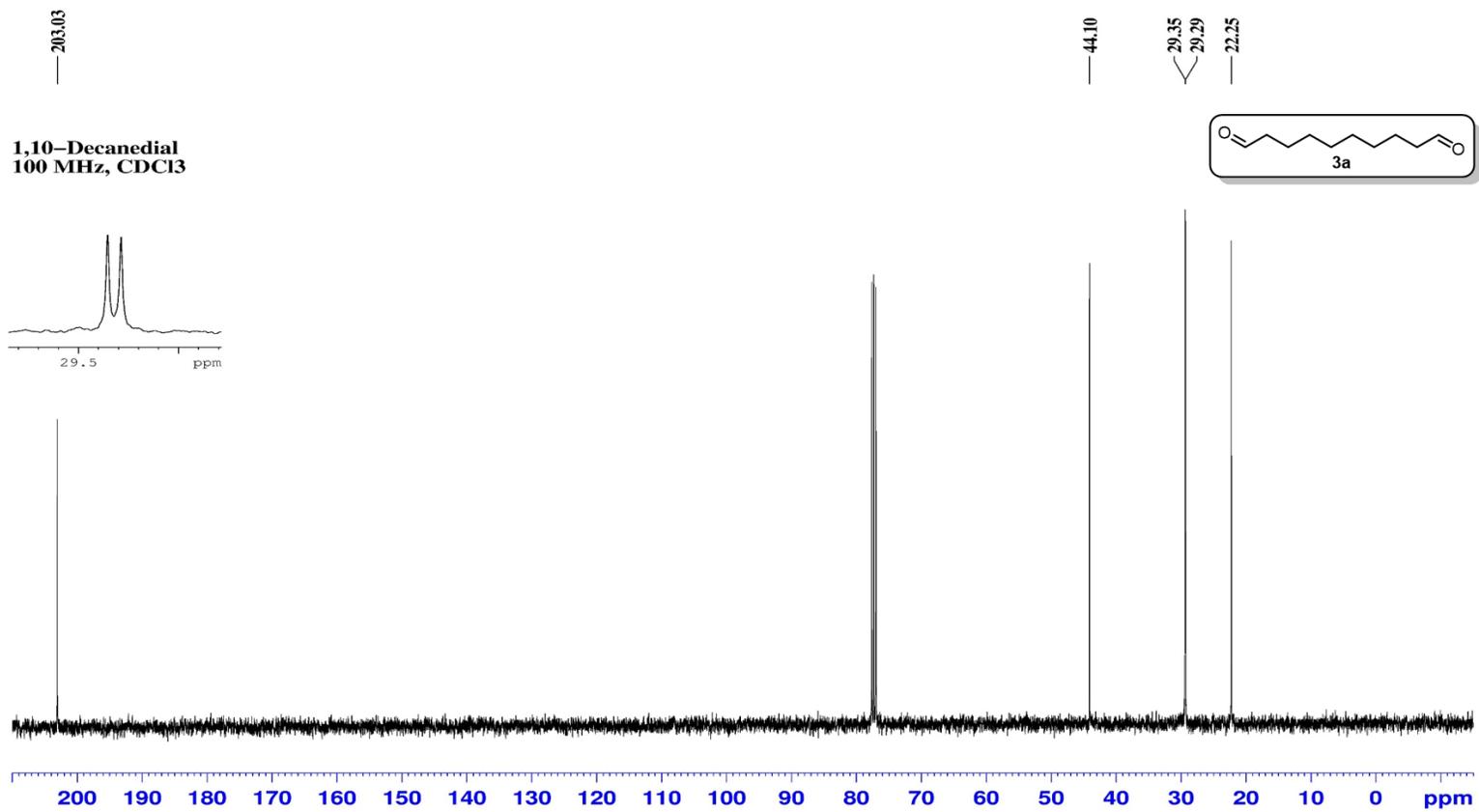


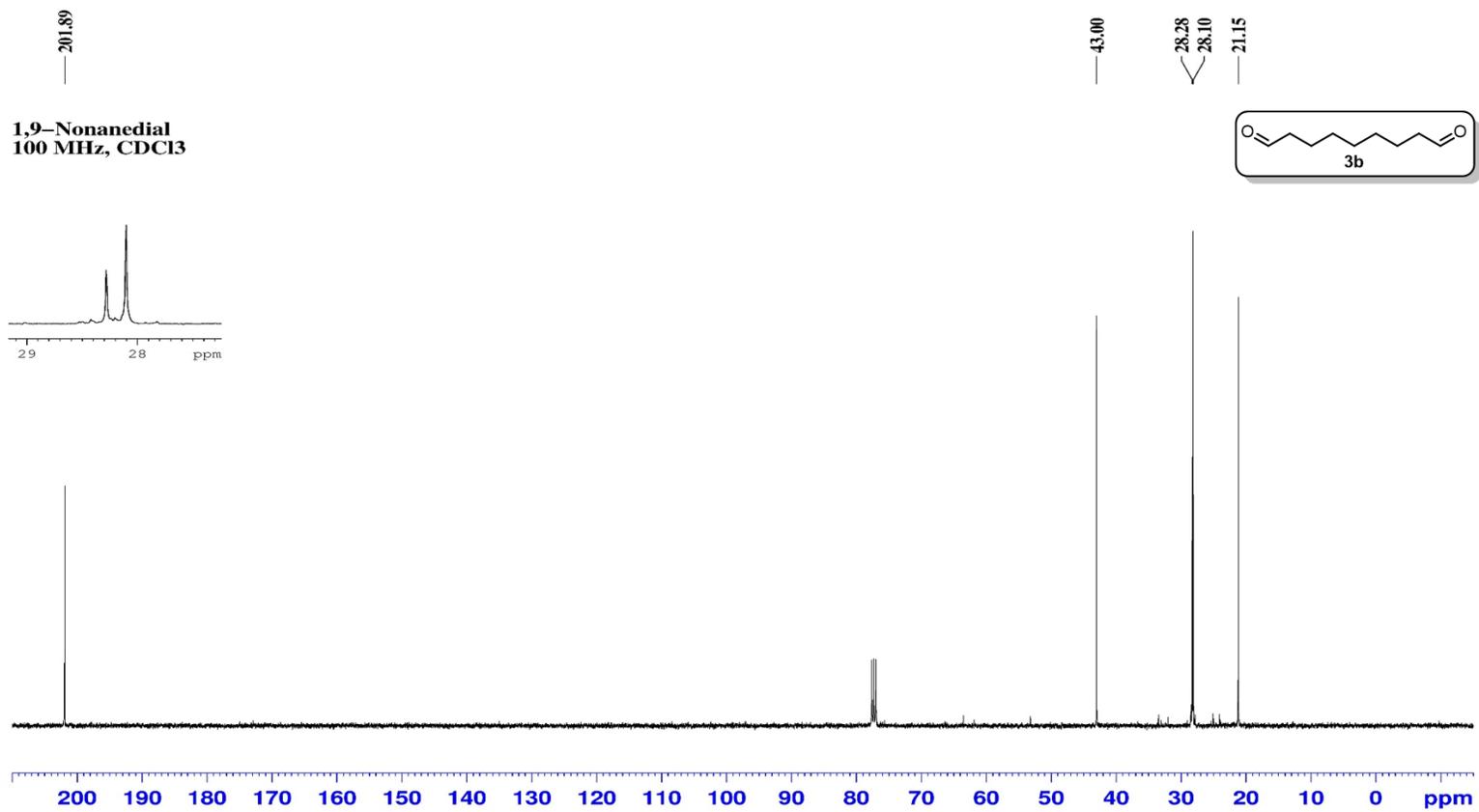
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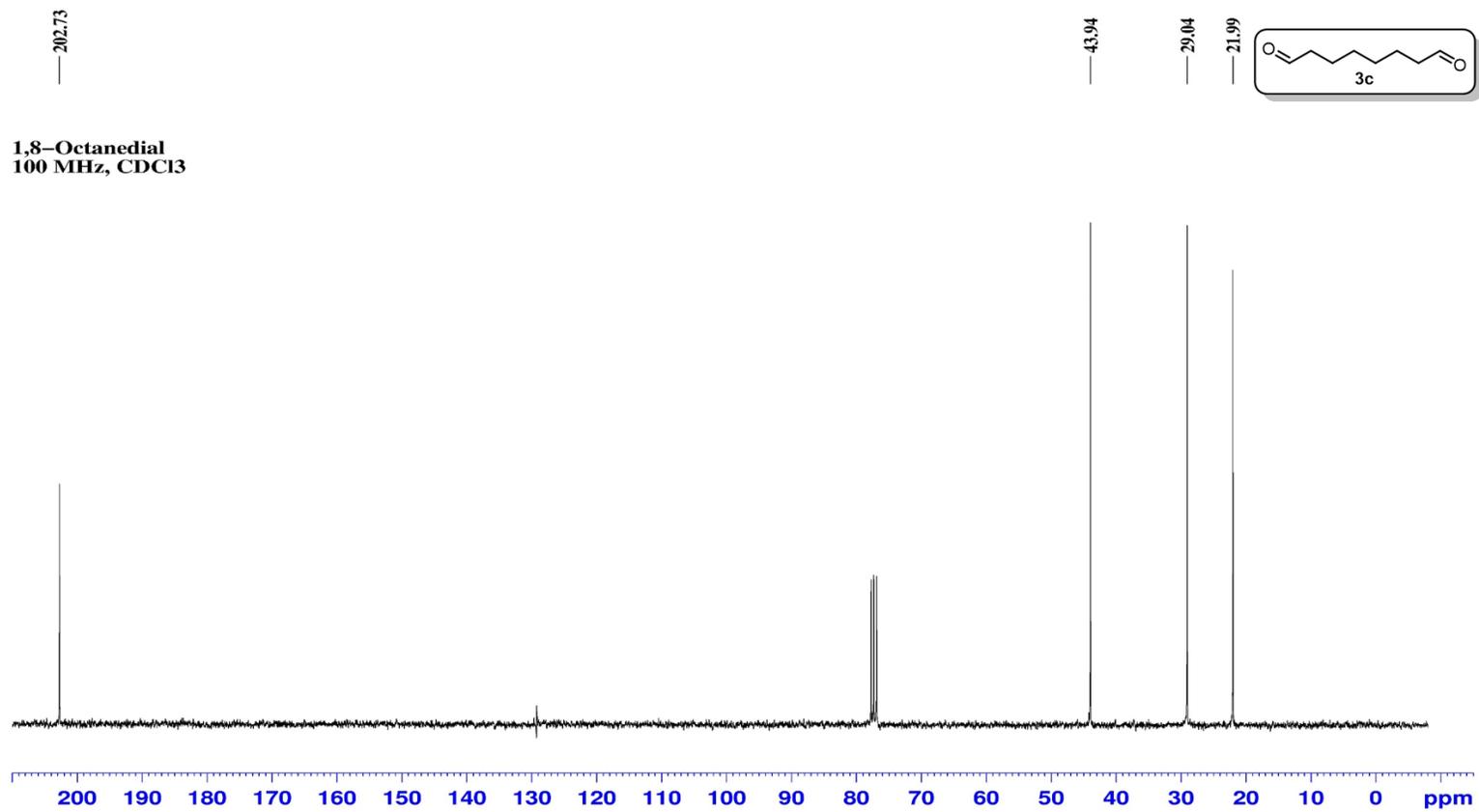


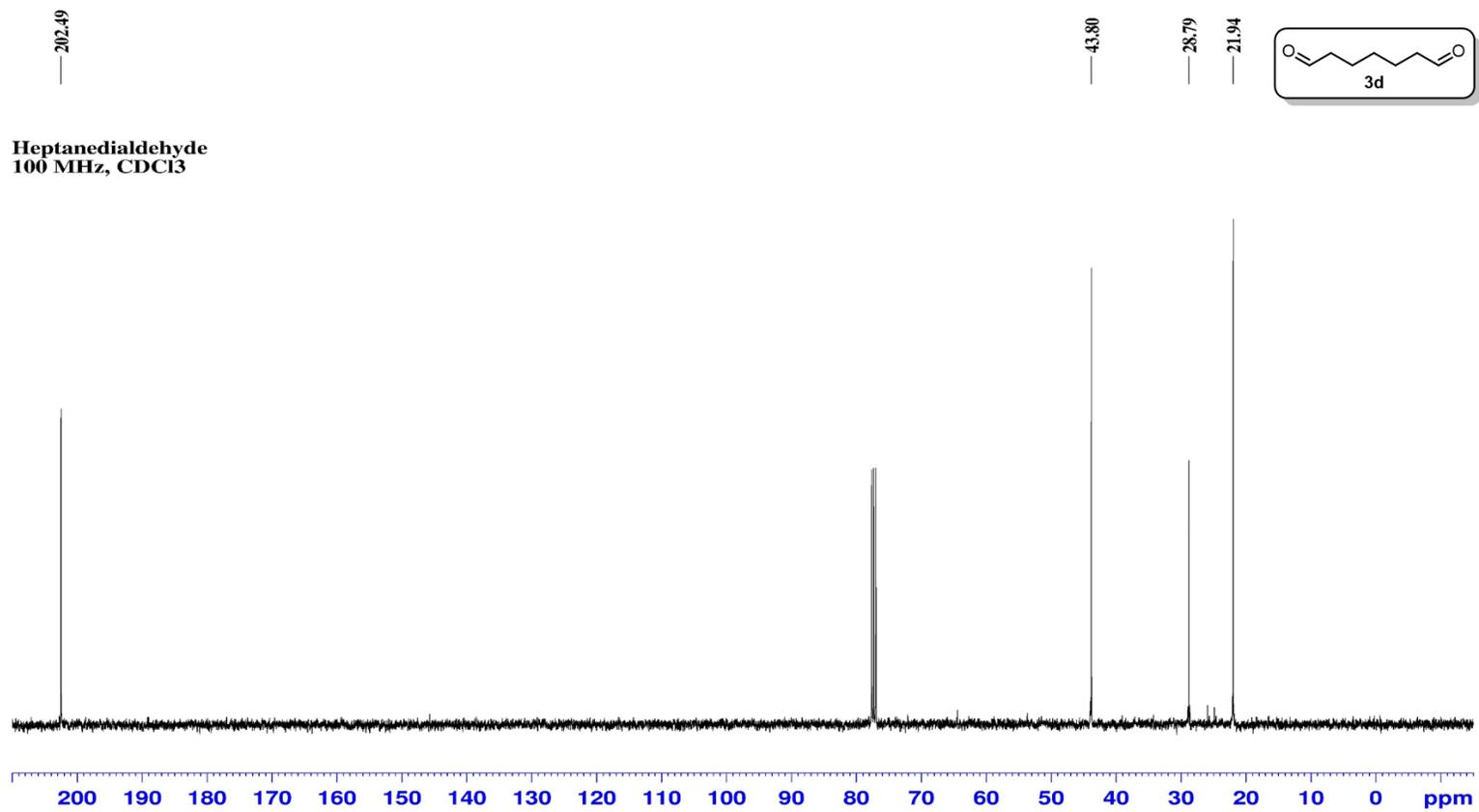
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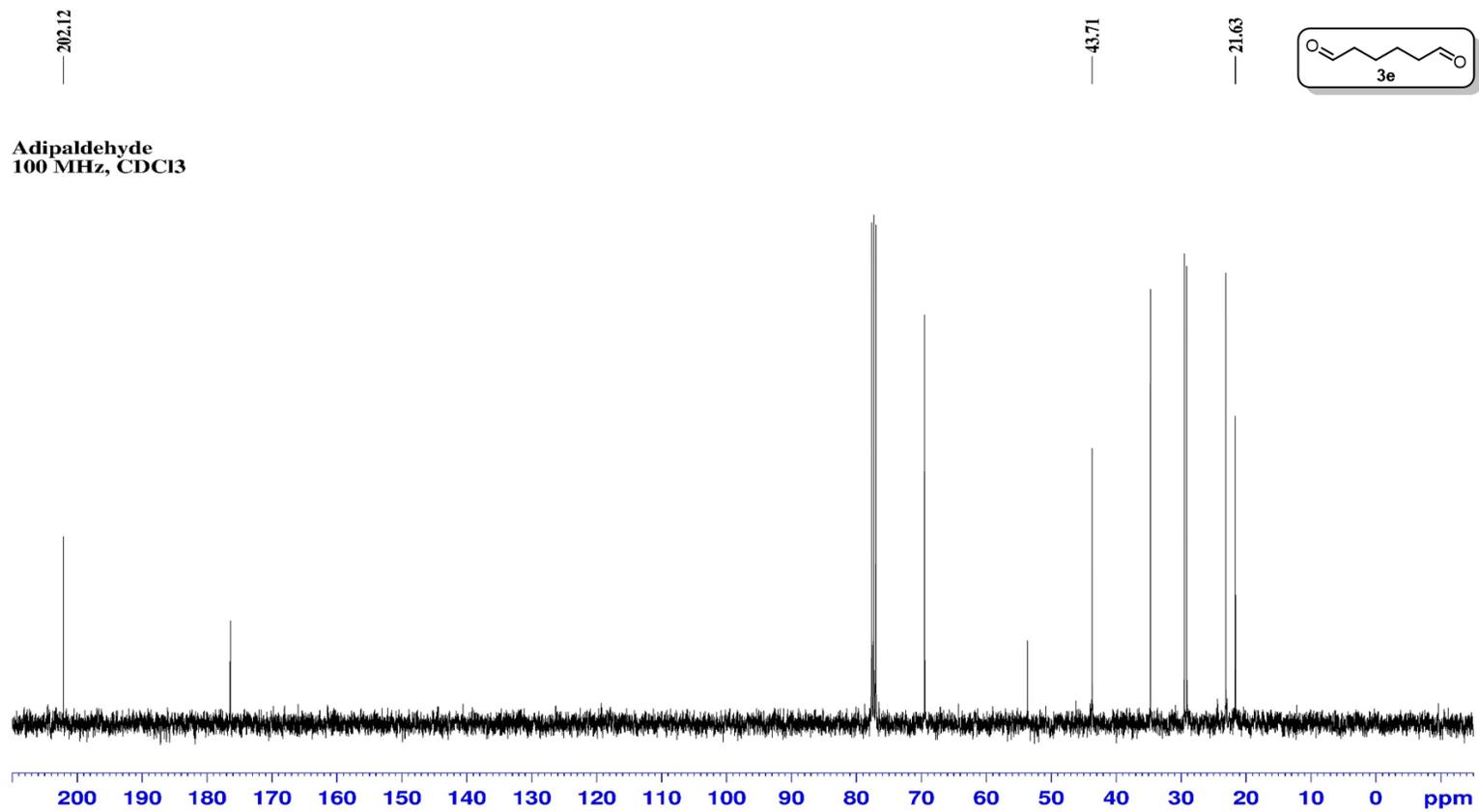


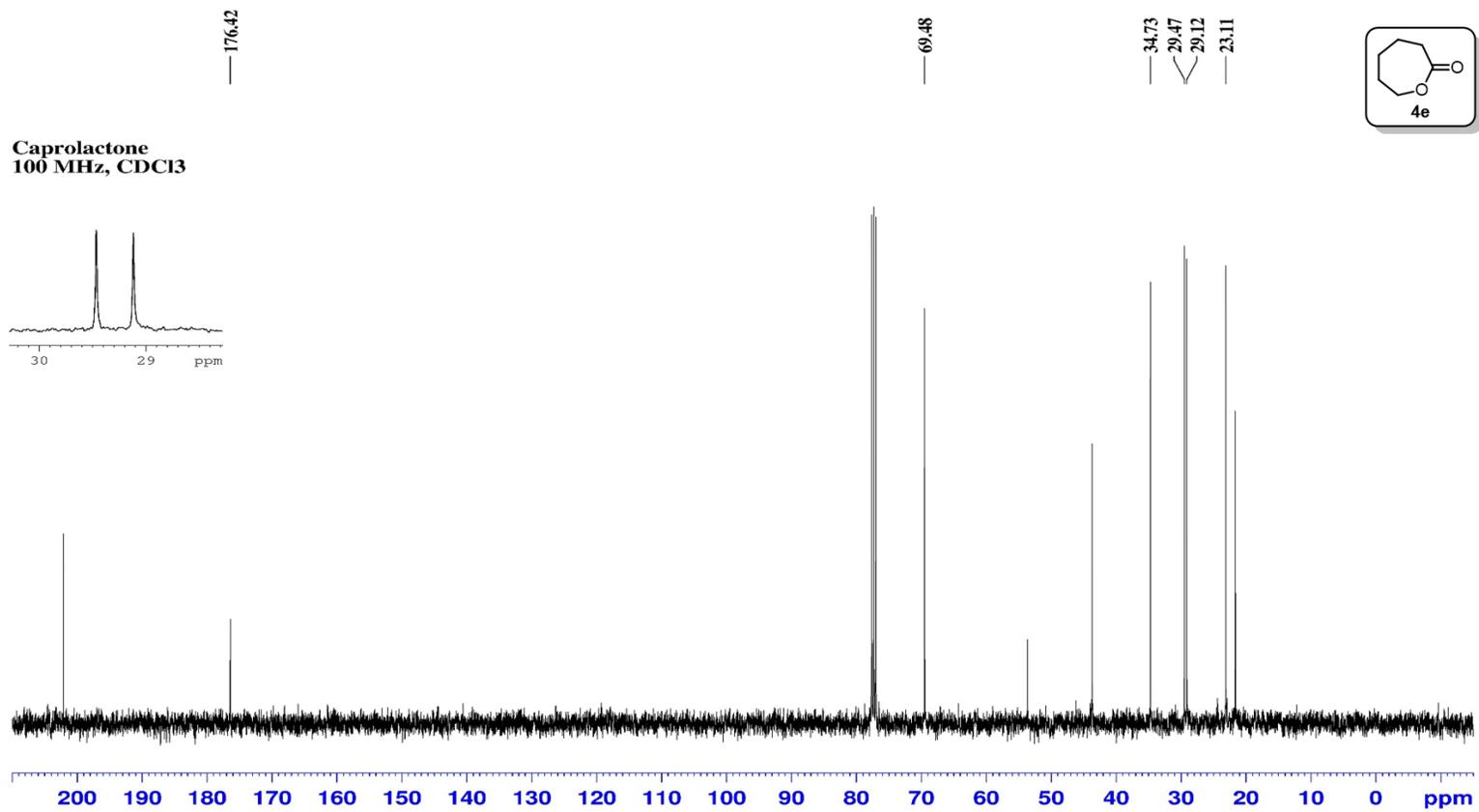




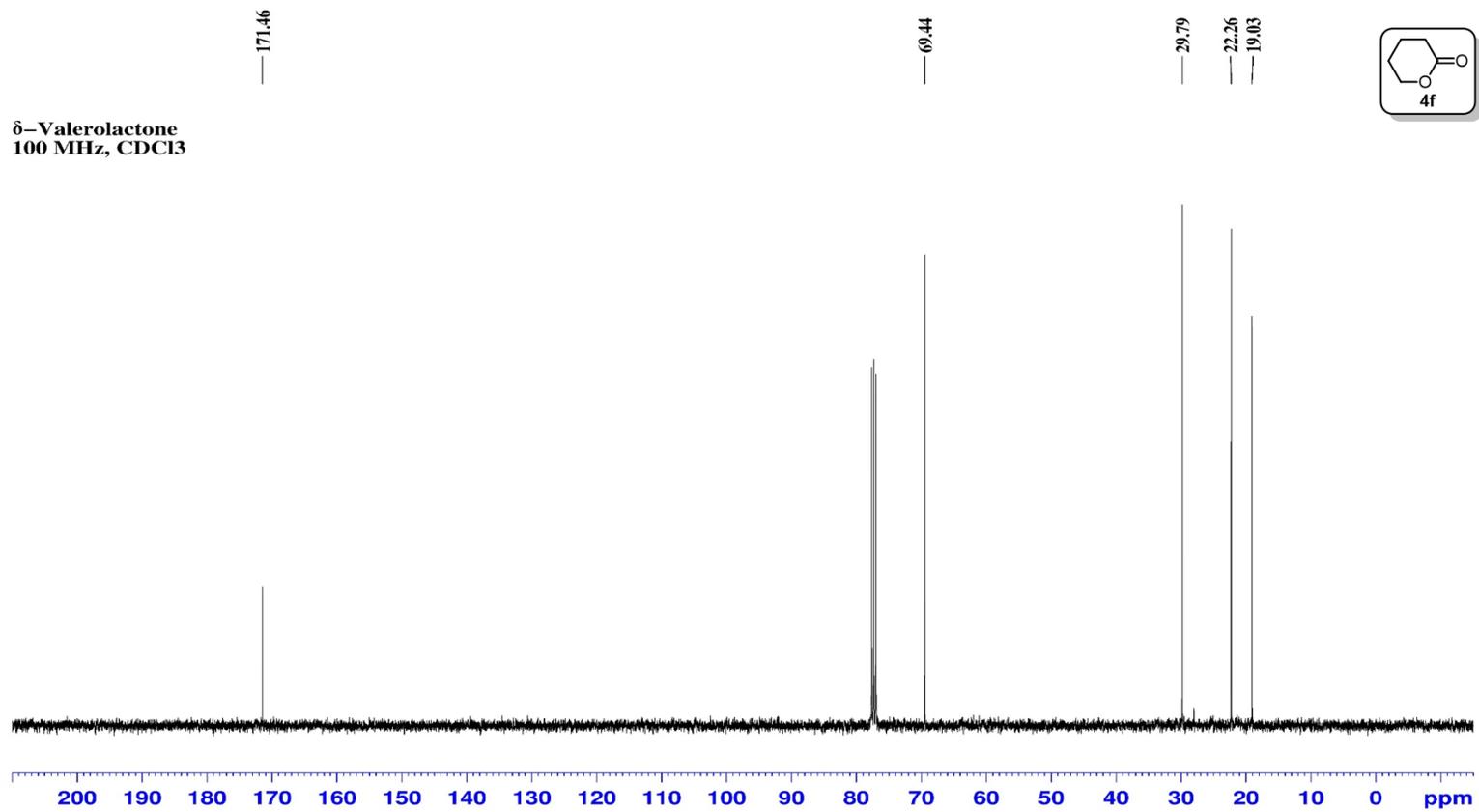


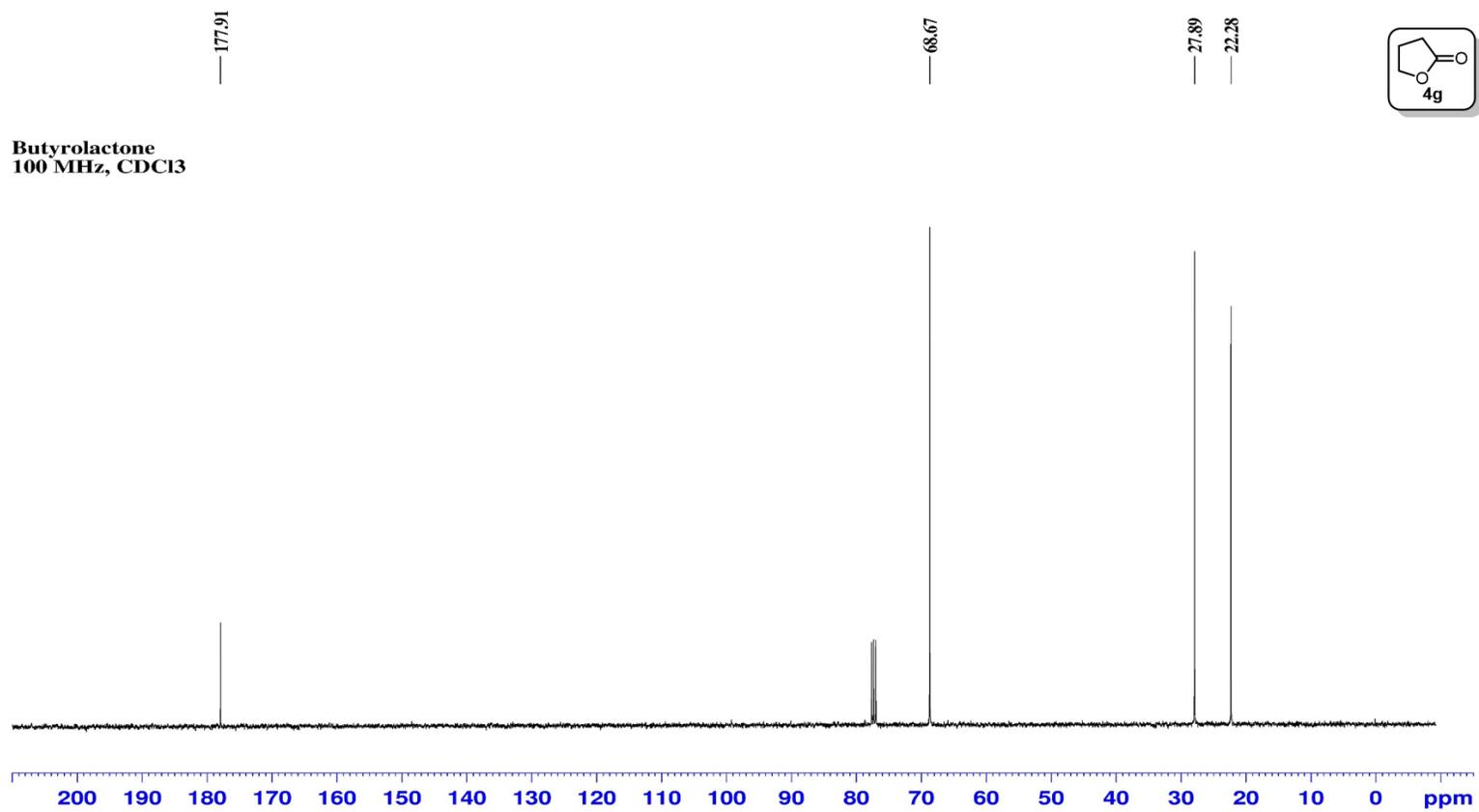




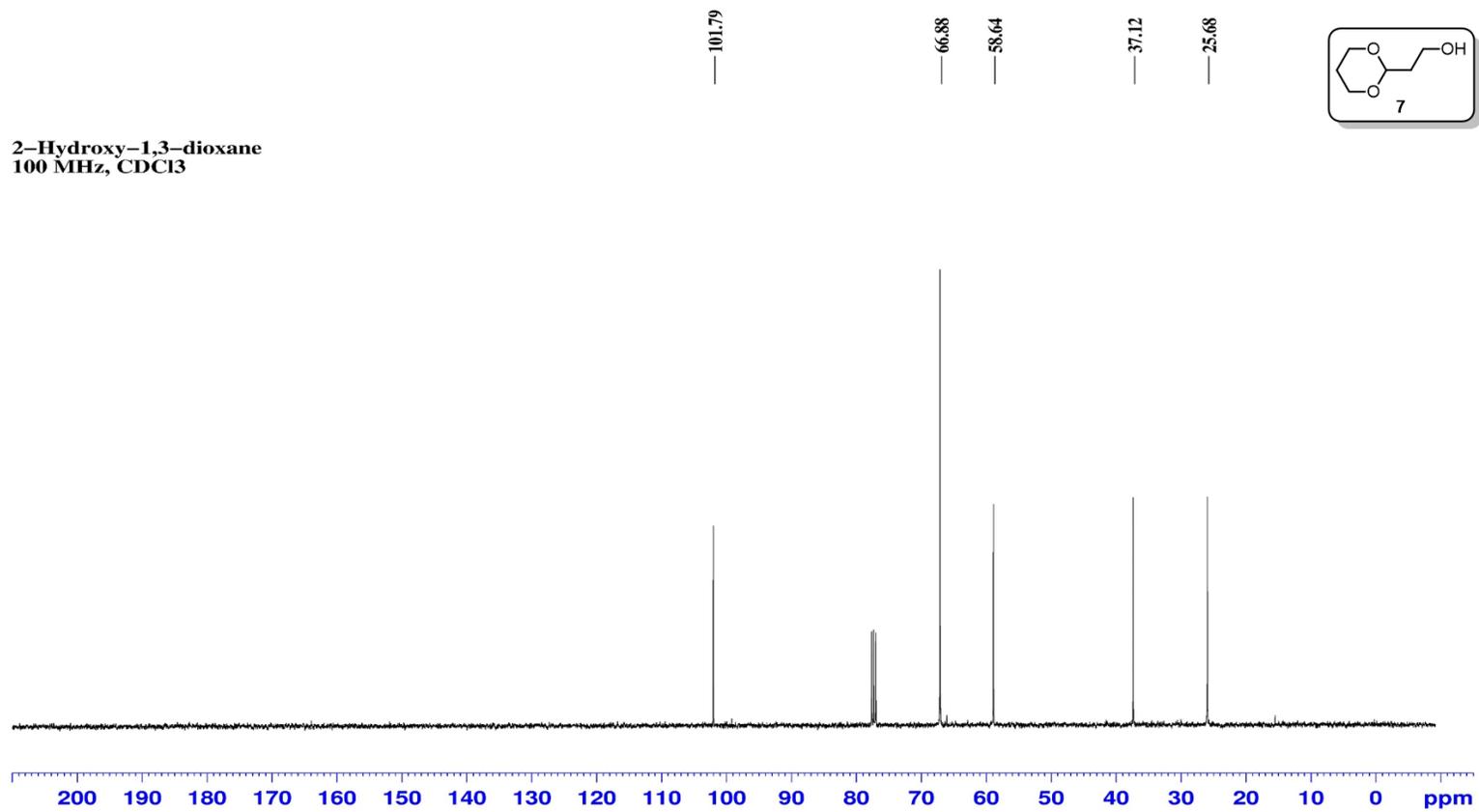


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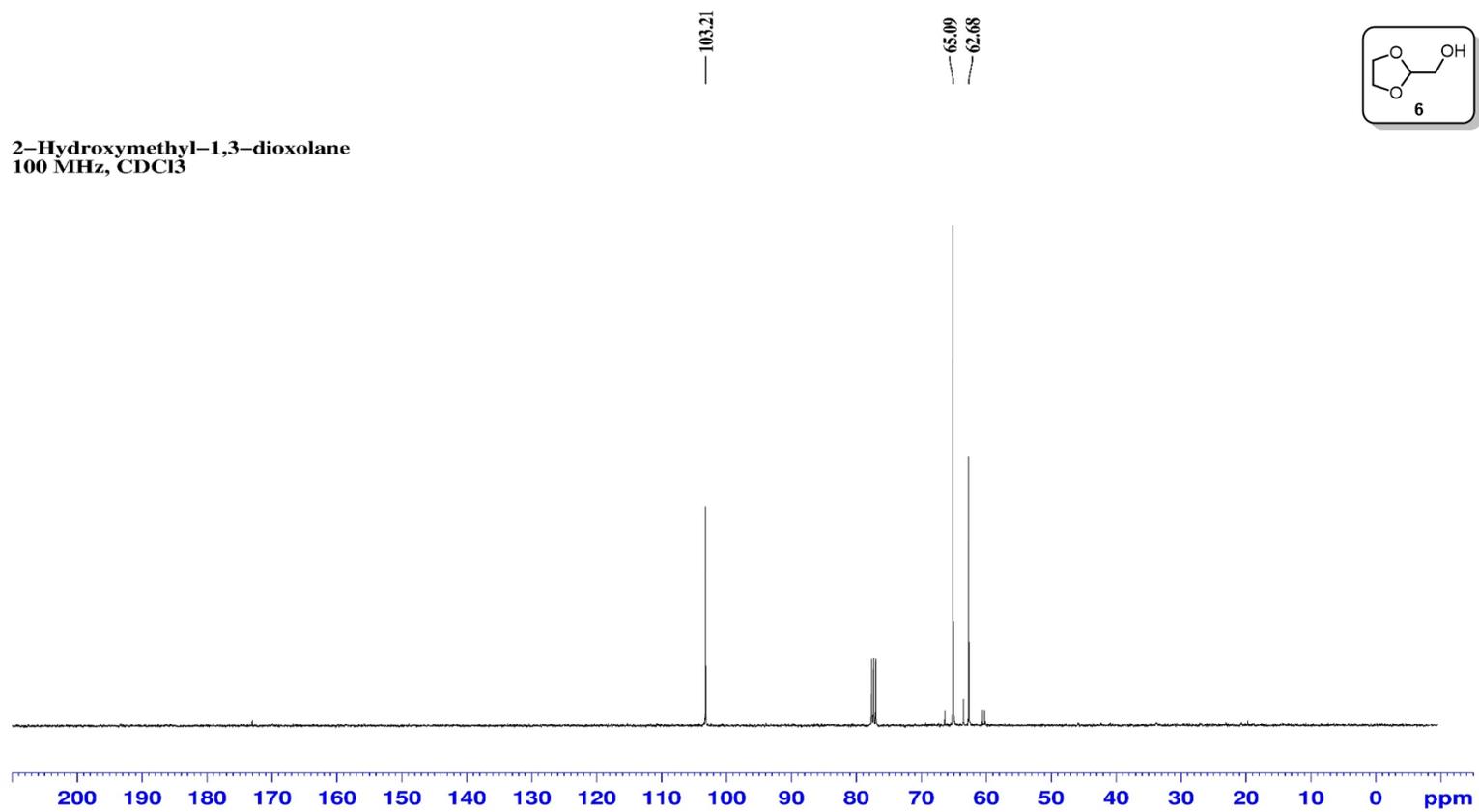
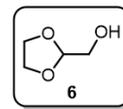


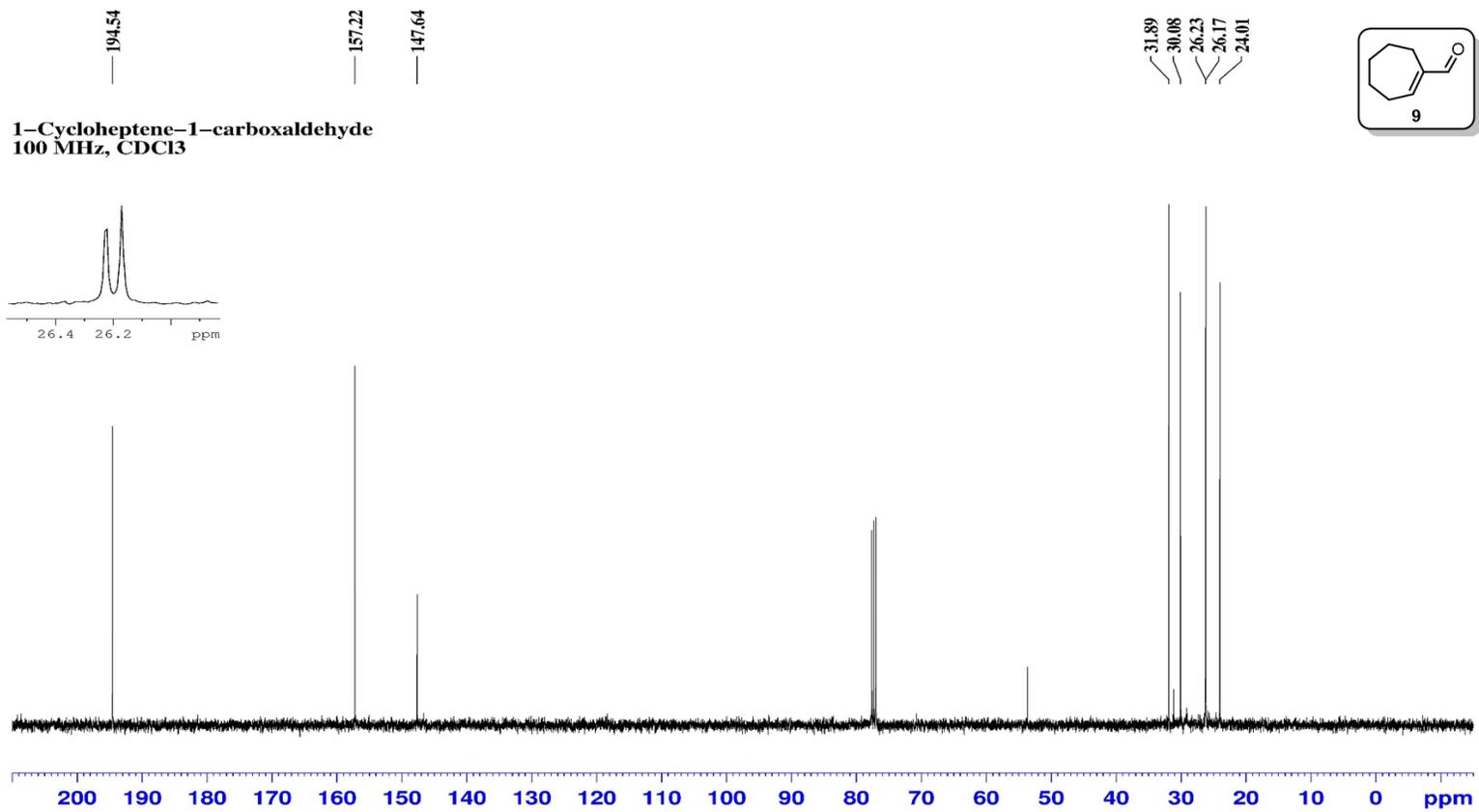


2-Hydroxy-1,3-dioxane
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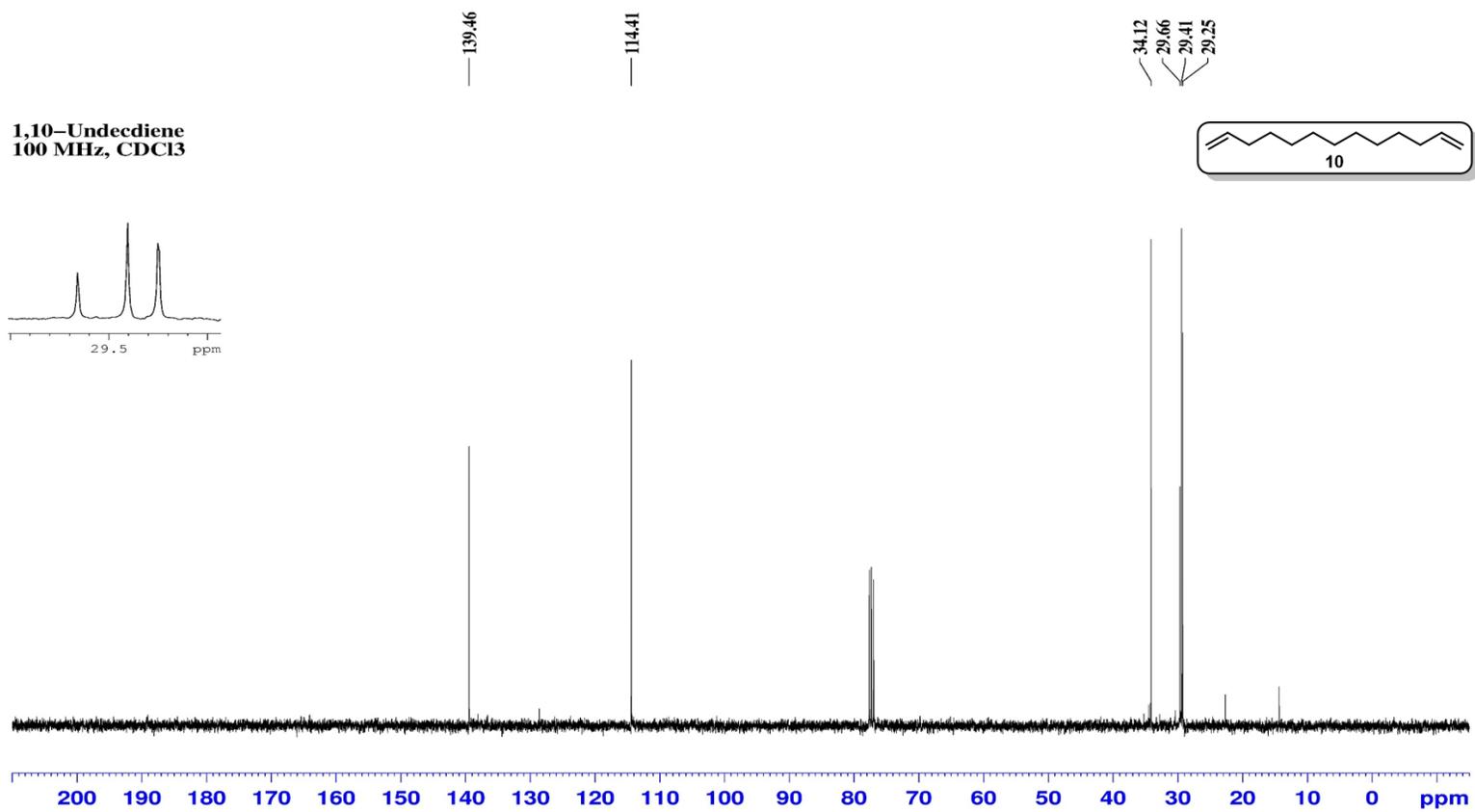
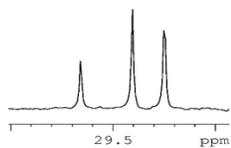


2-Hydroxymethyl-1,3-dioxolane
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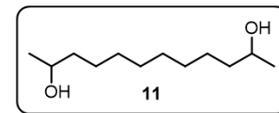
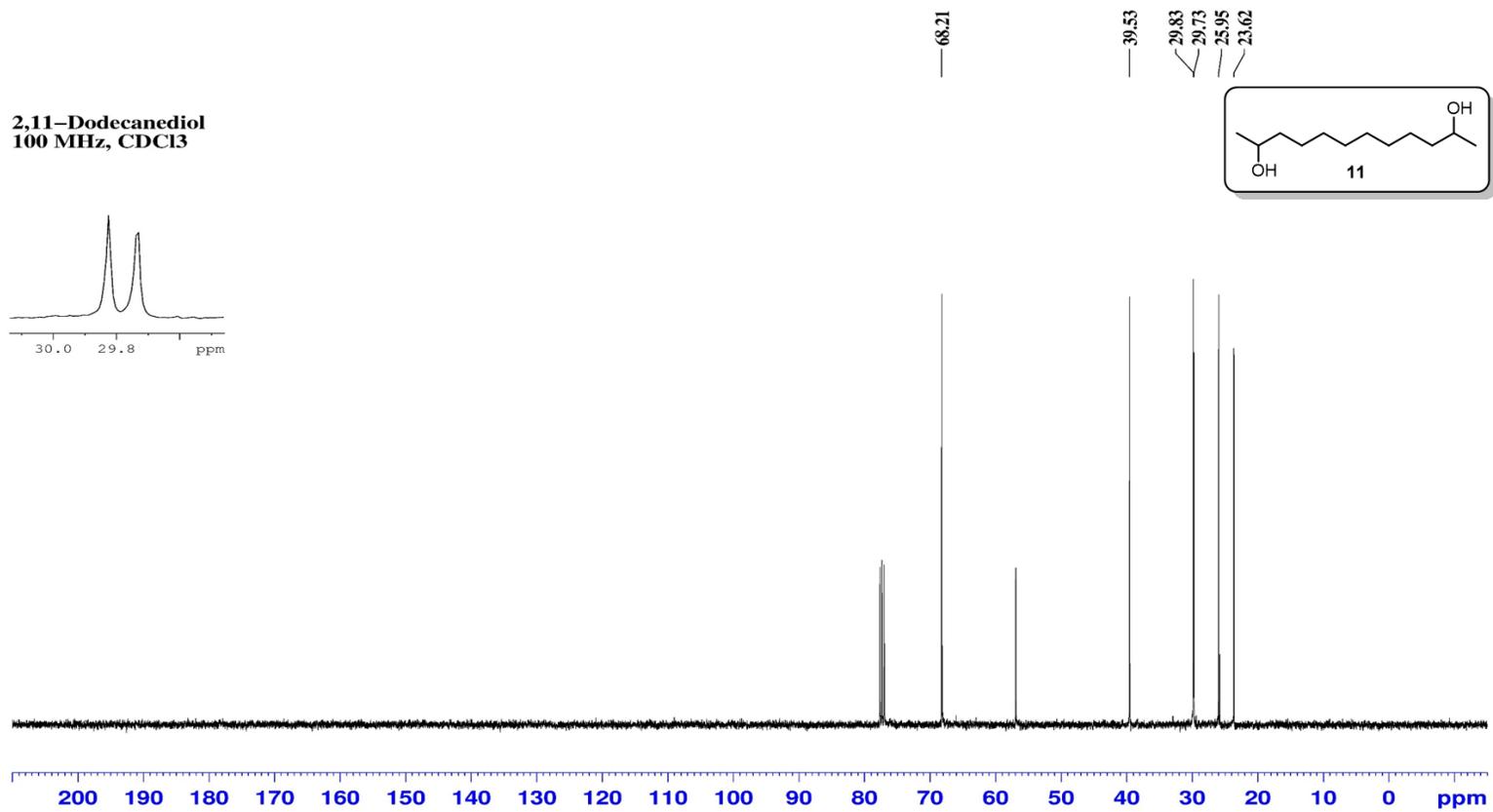
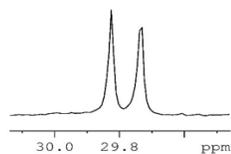


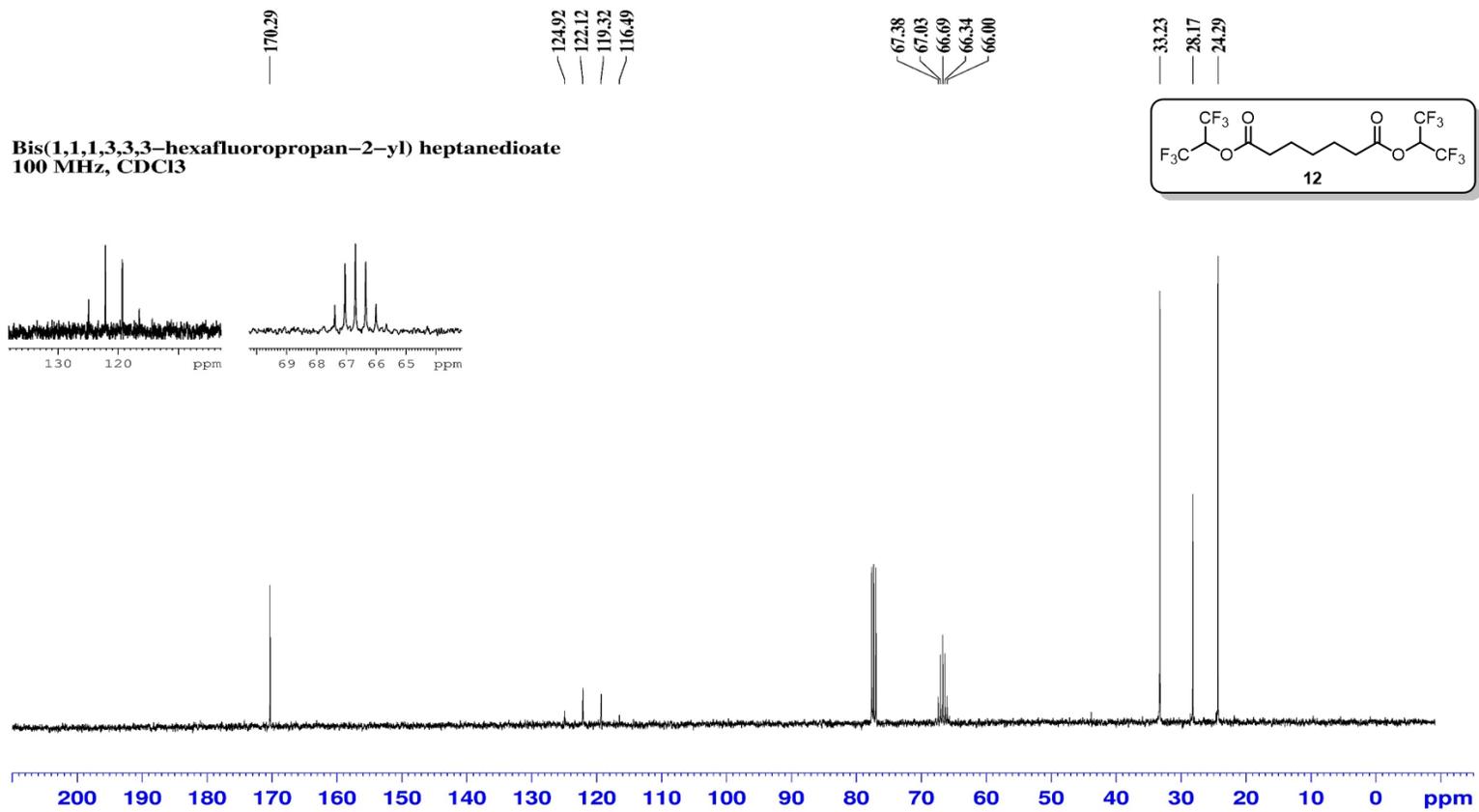


1,10-Undeciene
100 MHz, CDCl₃



2,11-Dodecanediol
100 MHz, CDCl₃





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-76.57

Bis(1,1,1,3,3,3-hexafluoropropan-2-yl) heptanedioate
377 MHz, CDCl₃

