

Electronic Supplementary Information

Efficient ruthenium(IV)-catalyzed synthesis of [3]dendralenes from 1,3-dienic allylic carbonates

Kassem Beydoun, Hui-Jun Zhang, Basker Sundararaju, Bernard Demerseman, Mathieu Achard and Christian Bruneau*

email : christian.bruneau@univ-rennes1.fr

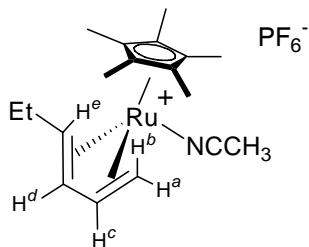
General:

All reactions were carried out under argon atmosphere. HPLC grade solvent (Acetone and Acetonitrile) were stored under nitrogen and used as received. Dichloromethane (CH_2Cl_2) was distilled under conventional method and stored under a nitrogen atmosphere. ^1H NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker GPX (200.131 MHz) spectrometer. ^1H NMR assignment abbreviations are the following: singlet (s), doublet (d), triplet (t), quartet (q), broad singlet (bs), doublet of doublets (dd), doublet of triplets (dt), and multiplet (m). ^{13}C NMR spectra were recorded at 50 MHz on the same spectrometer and reported in ppm. HRMS were recorded on Waters Q-Tof-2.

Part I : Synthesis and Analysis of the ruthenium complexes

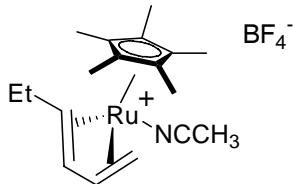
Synthesis of [Ru(C₅Me₅)(η⁴-CH₂=CH-CH=CHEt)(MeCN)][X] (X= PF₆⁻ and BF₄⁻) complexes

To a solution of [Ru(Cp*)(CH₃CN)₃][X] (1.0 mmol) in acetone or in dichloromethane (20 mL), the appropriate allylic carbonate (1.0 mmol) was added. The mixture was stirred overnight at room temperature and then evaporated under vacuum to leave a pale-yellow solid.



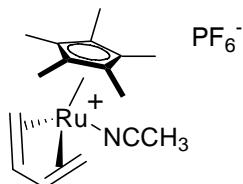
¹H NMR (CD₂Cl₂, 200 MHz): δ 4.83 (dd, ³J = 9.7 and 5.7 Hz, 1H, H^d), 4.62–4.50 (m, 1H, H^c), 3.20 (d, ³J = 8.0 Hz, 1H, H^a), 2.64 (s, 3H, MeCN), 2.13–1.64 (very broad resonances, 3H, H^e and CH₂CH₃), 1.72 (s, 15H, C₅Me₅), 1.37 (d, ³J = 11.7 Hz, 1H, H^b), 1.10 (t, ³J = 7.2 Hz, 3H, CH₂CH₃).

[Ru(C₅Me₅)(η⁴-CH₂=CH-CH=CHEt)(MeCN)][BF₄]



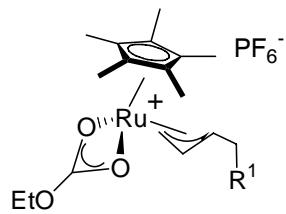
¹H NMR (CD₂Cl₂, 200 MHz): δ 4.85 (dd, ³J = 10.3 and 5.5 Hz, 1H, H^d), 4.63–4.51 (m, 1H, H^c), 3.13 (dd, ³J = 7.7, ²J = 1.2 Hz, 1H, H^a), 2.61 (s, 3H, MeCN), 2.18–1.72 (very broad resonances, 3H, H^e and CH₂CH₃), 1.69 (s, 15H, C₅Me₅), 1.37 (broad d, ³J = 10.4 Hz, 1H, H^b), 1.05 (t, ³J = 7.3 Hz, 3H, CH₂CH₃). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (CD₂Cl₂, 50 MHz): δ 132.08 (MeCN), 96.40 (C₅Me₅), 94.92 (CH=), 89.97 (CH=), 80.55 (CH=), 51.85 (=CH₂), 25.52 (CH₂CH₃), 15.68 (CH₂CH₃), 9.54 (C₅Me₅), 4.65 (MeCN).

[Ru(C₅Me₅)(η⁴-CH₂=CH-CH=CH₂)(MeCN)][PF₆]



¹H NMR (CD₂Cl₂, 200 MHz): δ 4.86–4.73 (m, 2H, CH=CH₂), 3.41 (d, ³J = 7.4 Hz, 2H, =CH₂, syn), 2.60 (s, 3H, MeCN), 1.73 (s, 15H, C₅Me₅), 1.40 (dd, ³J = 10.2, ⁴J = 1.2 Hz, 2H, =CH₂, anti). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (CD₂Cl₂, 50 MHz): δ 131.99 (MeCN), 97.42 (C₅Me₅), 94.00 (CH=CH₂), 53.34 (CH=CH₂), 9.44 (C₅Me₅), 4.69 (MeCN).

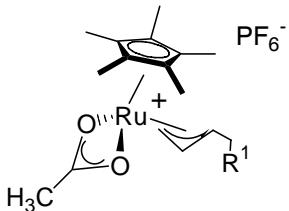
Detection of the [Ru(C₅Me₅)(η³-CH₂CHCHPrⁿ)(η²-O₂COEt)]⁺ intermediate



To a solution of [Ru(Cp*)(CH₃CN)₃][PF₆] (0.50 g, 1.0 mmol) in acetone or in dichloromethane (20 mL), PrⁿCH(OCO₂Et)CH=CH₂ (or PrⁿCH=CHCH₂(OCO₂Et) (0.17 g, 1.0 mmol) was added. The solution was stirred at room temperature for 30 min and then evaporated under vacuum. A sample of the resulting solid was dissolved in CD₂Cl₂ and immediately examined by ¹H NMR spectroscopy.

¹H NMR (CD₂Cl₂, 200 MHz): δ 5.11–4.97 (m, 1H, CH, medium), 4.45 (d, ³J = 6.7 Hz, 1H, CHH, syn), 4.25 (q, ³J = 7.1 Hz, 2H, OCH₂), 3.80–3.71 (m, 1H, PrⁿCH), 3.04 (d, ³J = 10.2 Hz, 1H, =CHH, anti), 1.65 (s, 15H, C₅Me₅), other resonances overlapped with resonances from the [Ru(C₅Me₅)(η⁴-CH₂=CH-CH=CHEt)(MeCN)][PF₆]

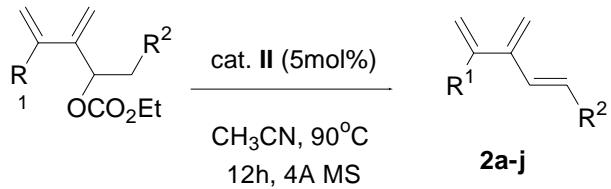
Synthesis of [Ru(C₅Me₅)(η³-CH₂CHCHPrⁿ)(η²-O₂CMe)][PF₆]



To a stirred solution of [Ru(Cp*)(CH₃CN)₃][PF₆] (0.50 g, 1.0 mmol) in dichloromethane (15 mL), acetic acid (0.06 g, 1.0 mmol) then PrⁿCH=CHCH₂(OCO₂Et) (0.17 g, 1.0 mmol) were added. The mixture was stirred overnight at room temperature and then evaporated under vacuum to leave a pale-brown solid.

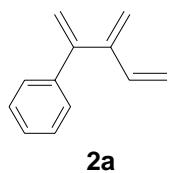
¹H NMR (CD₂Cl₂, 200 MHz): δ 5.35–5.21 (m, 1H, CH, medium), 4.39 (d, ³J = 6.4 Hz, 1H, CHH, syn), 3.77–3.66 (m, 1H, PrⁿCH), 3.00 (d, ³J = 10.3 Hz, 1H, =CHH, anti), 1.94 (s, 3H, MeCO₂), 1.80–1.31 (very broad resonances, 4H, 2 CH₂, Prⁿ), 1.65 (s, 15H, C₅Me₅), 1.05 (t, ³J = 7.1 Hz, 3H, Me, Prⁿ). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (CD₂Cl₂, 50 MHz): δ 194.22 (CO₂), 106.95 (C₅Me₅), 105.79 (CH, allyl), 92.11 (CH, allyl), 67.13 (CH₂, allyl), 33.18 (CH₂, Prⁿ), 25.52 (MeCO₂), 23.46 (CH₂, Prⁿ), 14.03 (Me, Prⁿ), 9.18 (C₅Me₅).

Part II. Synthesis of [3]Dendralenes



A Schlenk containing powdered 4Å molecular sieves (200 mg) was flame-dried under vacuum. After cooling at room temperature, acetonitrile (3 mL) and $[\text{Ru}(\text{Cp}^*)(4,4'\text{-di-Bu}^t\text{-2,2'-bipyridine})(\text{CH}_3\text{CN})]\text{PF}_6$ **II** (0.020 mmol, 5% mol) were successively added under an argon atmosphere and the resulting mixture was stirred for one minute. The appropriate diene carbonate **1** (0.40 mmol) was added directly via a microsyringe and the system was stirred at 90°C for 12h. Extraction of the acetonitrile layer with pure pentane (4*3mL) followed by direct chromatography using *n*-pentane as solvent affords the expected triene **2** after *careful concentration at room temperature* of the fractions.

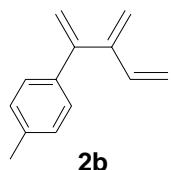
[1,2-bis(methylene)but-3-en-1-yl]benzene **2a**



Prepared from ethyl 1-methyl-2-methylene-3-phenylbut-3-en-1-yl carbonate **1a** (100 mg, 0.40 mmol). Chromatography afforded compound **2a** as a colourless oil, 48 mg (75%) and spectral data are in accordance with literature¹: ¹H NMR (200 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.44-7.25 (m, 5H), 6.46 (dd, $J= 10.3$ Hz, 17.6 Hz, 1H), 5.55 (d, $J= 1.5$ Hz, 1H), 5.33 (d, $J= 1.5$ Hz, 1H), 5.26 (d, $J= 1.5$ Hz, 1H), 5.20 (s, 1H), 5.11-5.03 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (50 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 148.2, 147.9, 139.9, 137.3, 128.2, 127.5, 126.7, 118.4, 117.5, 114.8.

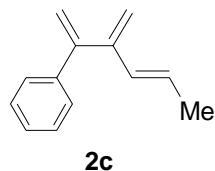
(1) T. N. Bradford, A. D. Payne, A. C. Willis, M. N. Paddon-Row and M. S. Sherburn, *Org. Lett.* 2007, **9**, 4861.

1-[1,2-bis(methylene)but-3-en-1-yl]-4-methylbenzene **2b**



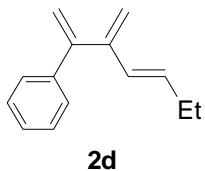
Prepared from ethyl 1-methyl-2-methylene-3-(4-methylphenyl)but-3-en-1-yl carbonate **1b** (100 mg, 0.38 mmol). Chromatography afforded compound **2b** as a colourless oil, 41 mg (63%): ¹H NMR (200 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.32-7.26 (m, 3H), 7.13-7.09 (m, 2H), 6.46 (dd, *J*= 10.0, 17.5 Hz, 1H), 5.50 (d, *J*= 1.0 Hz, 1H), 5.30 (d, *J*= 1.8 Hz, 1H), 5.20-5.00 (m, 4H), 2.33 (bs, 3H); ¹³C NMR (50 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 148.4, 147.8, 137.4, 137.3, 137.0, 128.9, 126.6, 118.2, 117.4, 114.0, 21.1.

[(3E)-1,2-bis(methylene)pent-3-en-1-yl]benzene **2c**



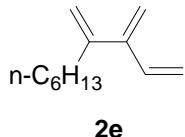
Prepared from ethyl 1-ethyl-2-methylene-3-phenylbut-3-en-1-yl carbonate **1c** (100 mg, 0.38 mmol). Chromatography afforded compound **2c** as a colourless oil, 47 mg (72%): ¹H NMR (200 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.46-7.30 (m, 5H), 6.19 (d, *J*= 15.5 Hz, 1H), 5.66-5.48 (m, 2H), 5.25 (bs, 1H), 5.21 (bs, 1H), 5.07 (bs, 1H), 1.70 (d, *J*= 6.5 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (50 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 148.7, 148.0, 139.7, 131.8, 129.4, 128.2, 127.5, 126.6, 115.8, 114.4, 18.3.

[(3*E*)-1,2-bis(methylene)hex-3-en-1-yl]benzene **2d**



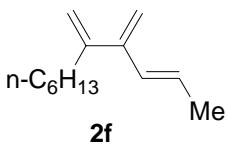
Prepared from ethyl 2-methylene-3-phenyl-1-propylbut-3-en-1-yl carbonate **1d** (100 mg, 0.36 mmol). Chromatography afforded compound **2d** as a colourless oil, 44 mg (66%): ^1H NMR (200 MHz, CD_2Cl_2) δ 7.43-7.23 (m, 5H), 6.12 (d, $J= 15.7$ Hz, 1H), 5.56 (dt, $J= 15.7, 6.6$ Hz, 1H), 5.49 (d, $J= 1.4$ Hz, 1H), 5.22 (d, $J= 1.5$ Hz, 1H), 5.20 (d, $J= 2.2$ Hz, 1H), 5.03 (d, $J= 2.2$ Hz, 1H), 2.08 (qu, $J= 6.5$ Hz, 2H), 0.90 (t, $J= 7.0$ Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (50 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 148.7, 148.0, 140.0, 136.2, 129.4, 128.1, 127.4, 126.7, 115.9, 114.3, 25.7, 13.2.

3,4-bis(methylene)dec-1-ene **2e**



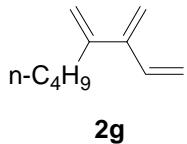
Prepared from ethyl 1-methyl-2,3-bis(methylene)nonyl carbonate **1e** (100 mg, 0.39 mmol). Chromatography afforded compound **2e** as a colourless oil, 42 mg (65%): ^1H NMR (200 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 6.41 (dd, $J= 9.8, 17.5$ Hz, 1H), 5.29 (dd, $J= 1.8, 17.5$ Hz, 1H), 5.14-4.96 (m, 5H), 2.21 (t, $J= 6.9$ Hz, 2H), 1.49-1.23 (m, 8H), 0.88 (t, $J= 6.9$ Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (50 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 148.9, 148.3, 137.9, 116.4, 114.5, 113.6, 35.7, 32.3, 29.4, 28.5, 23.0, 14.5

(2E)-4,5-bis(methylene)undec-2-ene **2f**



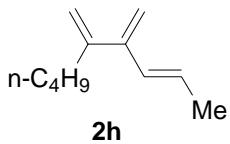
Prepared from ethyl 1-ethyl-2,3-bis(methylene)nonyl carbonate **1f** (100 mg, 0.37 mmol). Chromatography afforded compound **2f** as a colourless oil, 50 mg (75%): ¹H NMR (200 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 6.09 (d, *J*= 15.4 Hz, 1H), 5.75 (dt, *J*= 6.6, 15.4 Hz, 1H), 4.97-4.94 (m, 3H), 4.88 (d, *J*= 1.8 Hz, 1H), 2.19 (t, *J*= 6.9 Hz, 2H), 1.76 (dd, *J*= 1.4, 6.6 Hz, 3H), 1.44-1.20 (m, 8H), 0.87 (t, *J*= 6.6 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (50 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 148.8, 148.3, 131.6, 127.7, 112.7, 112.0, 35.4, 31.7, 29.0, 28.1, 22.6, 18.2, 14.0.

3,4-bis(methylene)oct-1-ene **2g**



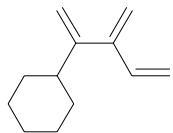
Prepared from ethyl 1-methyl-2,3-bis(methylene)heptyl carbonate **1g** (100 mg, 0.44 mmol). Chromatography afforded compound **2g** as a colourless oil, 47 mg (78%): ¹H NMR (200 MHz, CD₂Cl₂) δ 6.40 (dd, *J*= 10.0, 17.0 Hz, 1H), 5.29 (d, *J*= 17.0 Hz, 1H), 5.14-4.97 (m, 5H), 2.22 (t, *J*= 6.9 Hz, 2H), 1.46-1.25 (m, 4H), 0.89 (t, *J*= 6.5 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (50 MHz, CD₂Cl₂) δ 150.9, 150.4, 137.9, 116.4, 114.5, 113.6, 35.5, 30.9, 22.9, 14.2.

(2E)-4,5-bis(methylene)non-2-ene **2h**



Prepared from ethyl 1-ethyl-2,3-bis(methylene)heptyl carbonate **1h** (100 mg, 0.41 mmol). Chromatography afforded compound **2h** as a colourless oil, 46 mg (73%): ¹H NMR (200 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 6.06 (d, *J*= 15.7 Hz, 1H), 5.74 (dqu, *J*= 6.9, 15.7 Hz, 1H), 4.97-4.89 (m, 4H), 2.20 (t, *J*= 6.9 Hz, 2H), 1.76 (d, *J*= 6.5 Hz, 3H), 1.47-1.22 (m, 4H), 0.89 (t, *J*= 6.9 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (50 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 148.8, 148.3, 131.6, 127.7, 112.7, 112.0, 35.0, 30.4, 22.4, 18.2, 13.9.

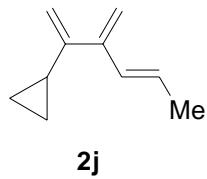
[1,2-bis(methylene)but-3-en-1-yl]cyclohexane **2i**



2i

Prepared from 3-cyclohexyl-1-methyl-2-methylenebut-3-en-1-yl ethyl carbonate **1i** (100 mg, 0.39 mmol). Chromatography afforded compound **2i** as a colourless oil, 53 mg (82%): ¹H NMR (200 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 6.39 (dd, *J*= 10.2, 17.2 Hz, 1H), 5.21 (dd, *J*= 1.5, 17.2 Hz, 1H), 5.12-5.06 (m, 2H), 4.98-4.94 (m, 2H), 4.87 (d, *J*= 1.8 Hz, 1H), 2.12-2.00 (m, 1H), 1.85-1.64 (m, 4H), 1.37-1.00 (m, 6H); ¹³C NMR (50 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 153.4, 149.5, 138.2, 116.0, 114.8, 111.0, 42.4, 32.3, 26.7, 26.4.

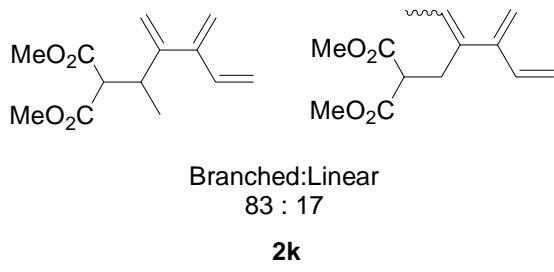
[(3E)-1,2-bis(methylene)pent-3-en-1-yl]cyclopropane **2j**



Prepared from 3-cyclopropyl-1-ethyl-2-methylenebut-3-en-1-yl ethyl carbonate **1j** (100 mg, 0.44 mmol). Chromatography afforded compound **2j** as a colourless oil, 41 mg (68%) which dimerized rapidly. Spectral analysis were performed on diluted sample in n-pentane: ^1H NMR (200 MHz, CD_2Cl_2) δ 6.17 (d, $J= 15.3$ Hz, 1H), 5.84 (dqu, $J= 6.5$, 15.3 Hz, 1H), 5.05 (bs, 2H), 4.92-4.89 (m, 2H), 1.80 (d, $J= 6.5$ Hz, 3H), 1.56-1.46 (m, 1H), 0.76-0.67 (m, 2H), 0.52-0.44 (m, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (50 MHz, CD_2Cl_2) δ 152.15, 150.3, 134.0, 130.3, 114.6, 112.0, 20.3, 17.6, 8.9.

Concurrent Catalysis: Allylation/Elimination sequence

Compounds **2k**



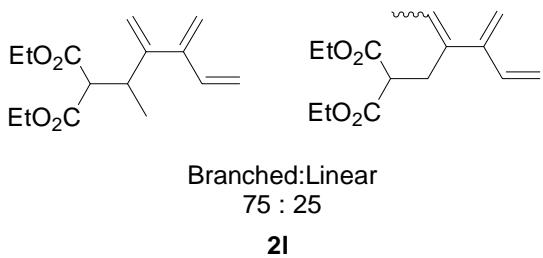
Branched:Linear
83 : 17

2k

A Schlenk containing powdered 4 \AA molecular sieves (200 mg) and potassium carbonate (62 mg, 0.44 mmol) was flame-dried under vacuum. After cooling at room temperature, acetonitrile (4 mL), dimethyl malonate (39 mg, 0.29 mmol) and diene dicarbonate **1k** (100 mg, 0.38 mmol) were successively added under an argon atmosphere and the resulting mixture was stirred for two minutes. Then, $[\text{Ru}(\text{Cp}^*)(4,4'\text{-di-Bu}^t\text{-2,2'-bipyridine})(\text{CH}_3\text{CN})]\text{PF}_6$ **II** (15 mg, 0.02 mmol, 7.5 mol%) was added and the system

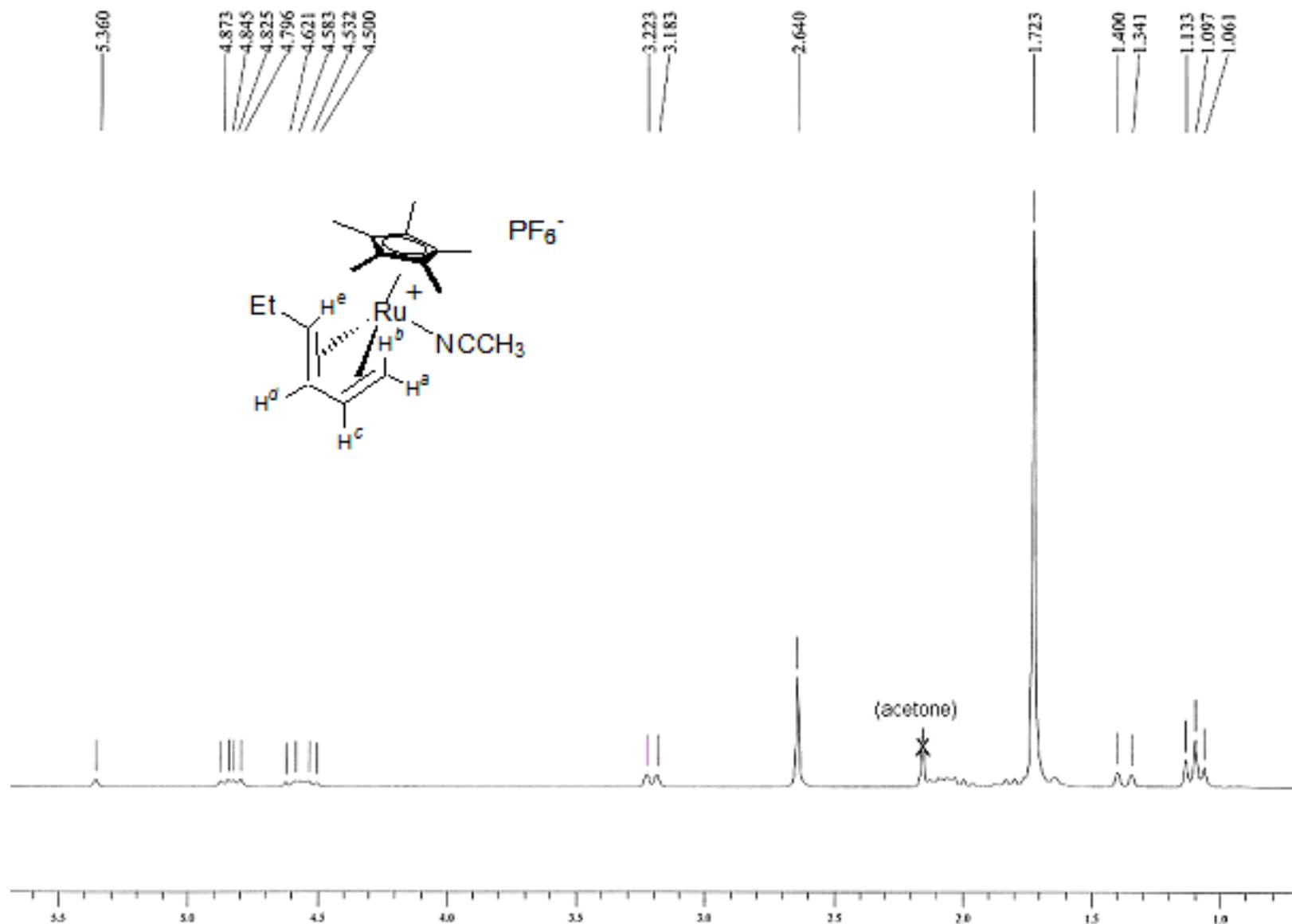
was stirred at 100°C for 24h. Chromatography (silica gel, n-pentane/diethyl ether : 90/10) of the crude (silica cake) affords 39 mg of the expected triene **2k** (55 %) in a 83:17 Branched:Linear ratio (*only the branched compound is described*): ¹H NMR (200 MHz, C₆D₆) δ 6.30 (ddd, *J*= 0.7, 10.7, 17.4 Hz, 1H), 5.36 (dd, *J*= 1.5, 17.4 Hz, 1H), 5.03-4.97 (m, 4H), 3.75 (d, *J*= 8.8 Hz, 1H), 3.55-3.40 (m, 1H), 3.26 (s, 3H), 3.24 (s, 3H), 1.19 (d, *J*= 6.9 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (50 MHz, C₆D₆) δ 168.7, 168.6, 149.8, 148.7, 137.9, 116.8, 116.2, 113.8, 56.5, 51.9, 51.7, 38.3, 17.4; HRMS calculated for [C₁₃H₁₈NaO₄]⁺, [M+Na]⁺ : 261.1097 found 261.1103.

Compounds **2l**

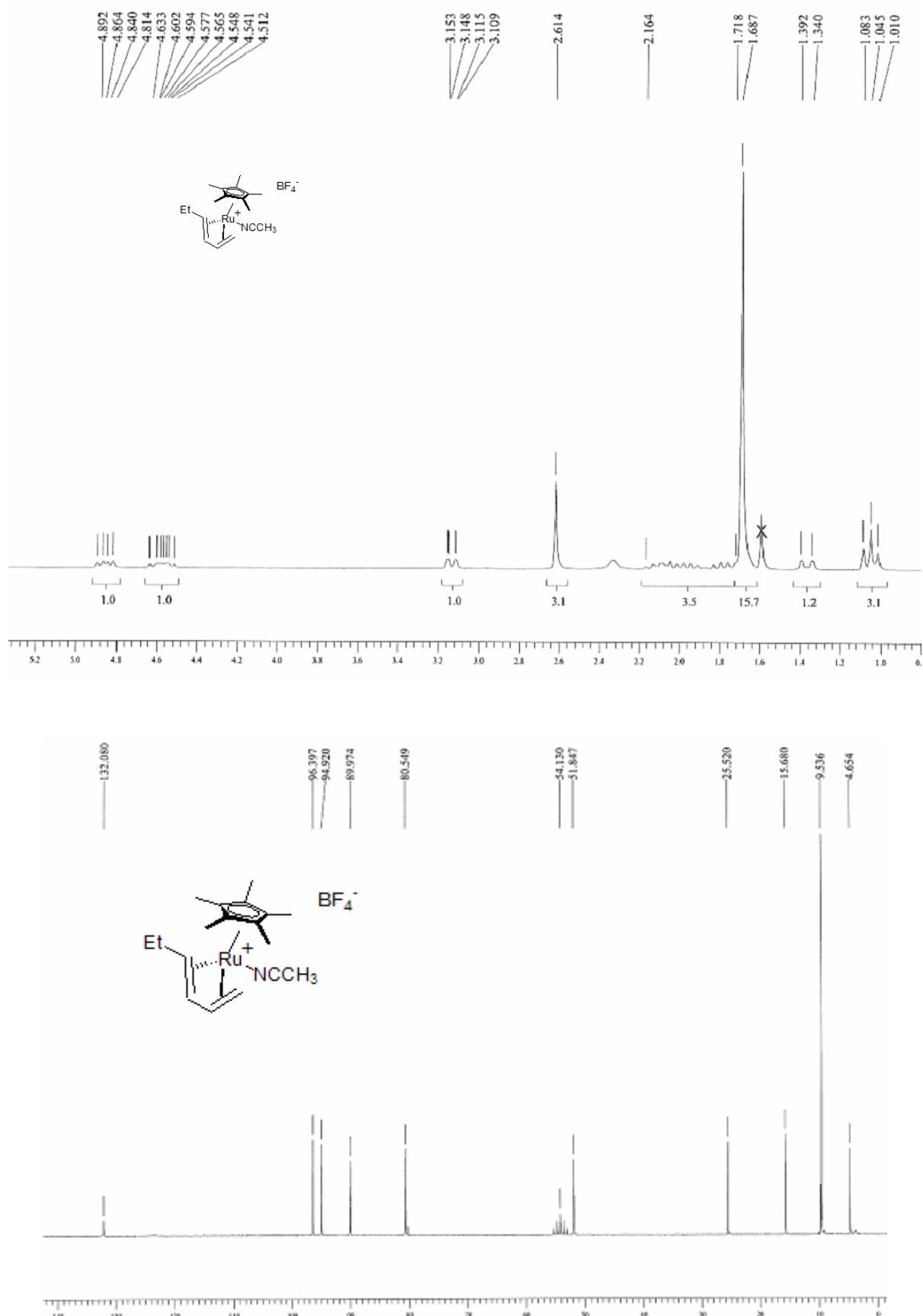


Compounds **2l** were obtained in 75:25 Branched:Linear ratio using the above protocol (*only the branched compound is described*): ¹H NMR (200 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 6.37 (dd, *J*= 10.3, 17.6 Hz, 1H), 5.30 (ddd, *J*= 1.0, 1.6, 17.6 Hz, 1H), 5.16-5.01 (m, 5H), 4.24-4.10 (m, 4H), 3.55 (d, *J*= 9.01 Hz, 1H), 3.27-3.12 (m, 1H), 1.30-1.19 (m, 6H), 1.12 (d, *J*= 6.9 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (50 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 168.5, 168.4, 149.1, 148.0, 137.6, 116.6, 115.9, 113.7, 61.3, 61.2, 56.3, 37.8, 17.2, 14.1, 14.0.

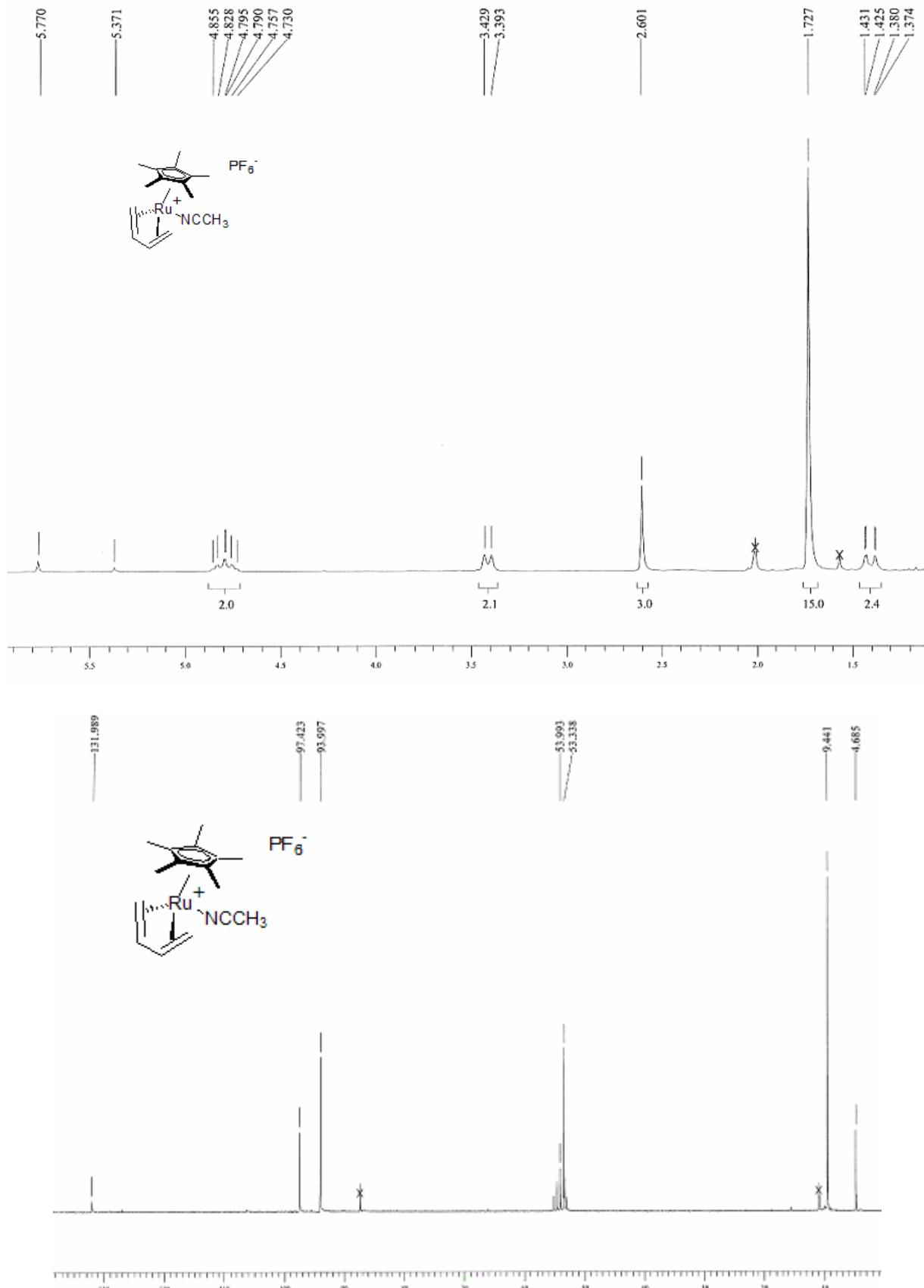
[Ru(C₅Me₅)(η⁴-CH₂=CH-CH=CHEt)(MeCN)][PF₆]



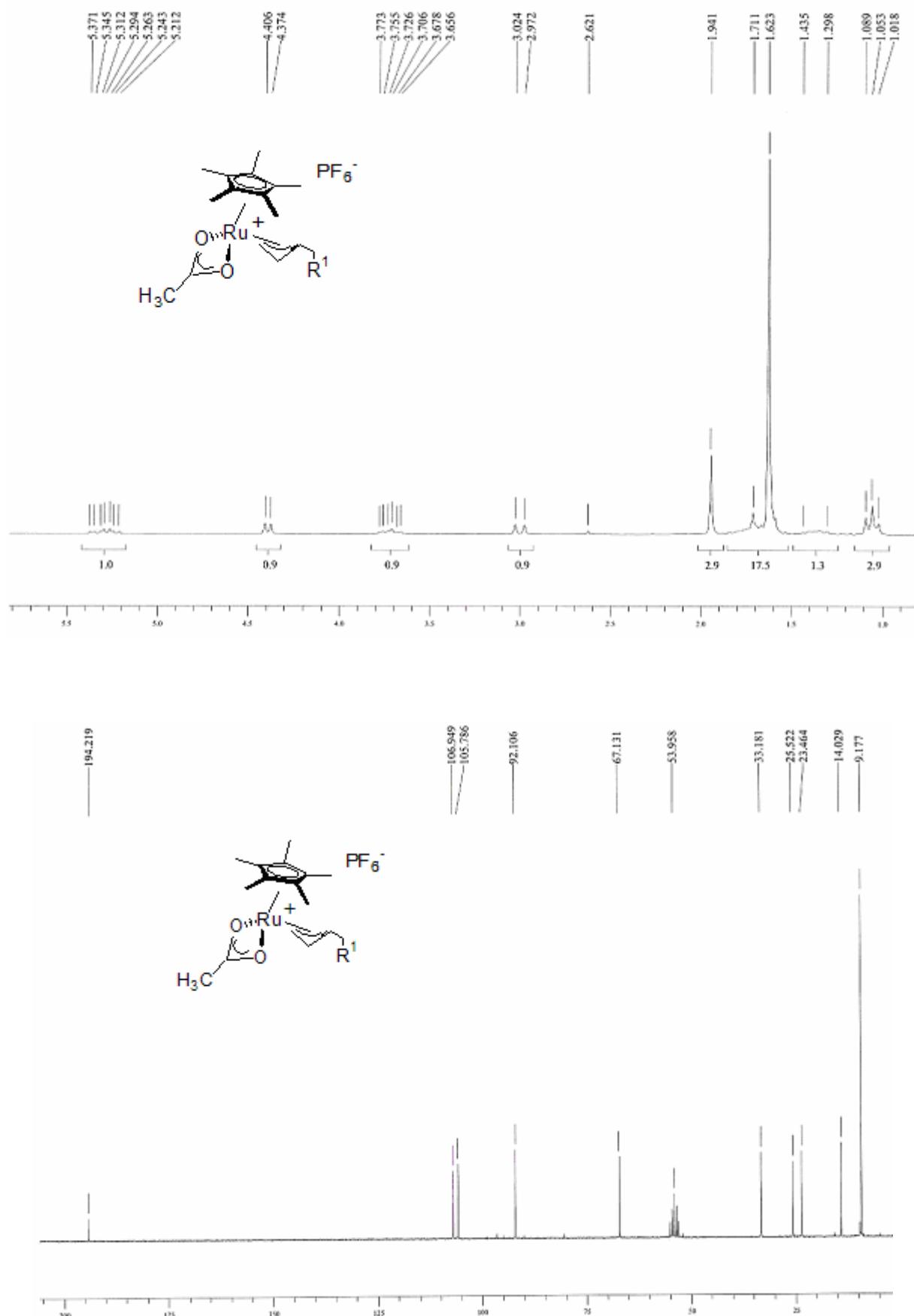
[Ru(C₅Me₅)(η⁴-CH₂=CH-CH=CHEt)(MeCN)][BF₄]

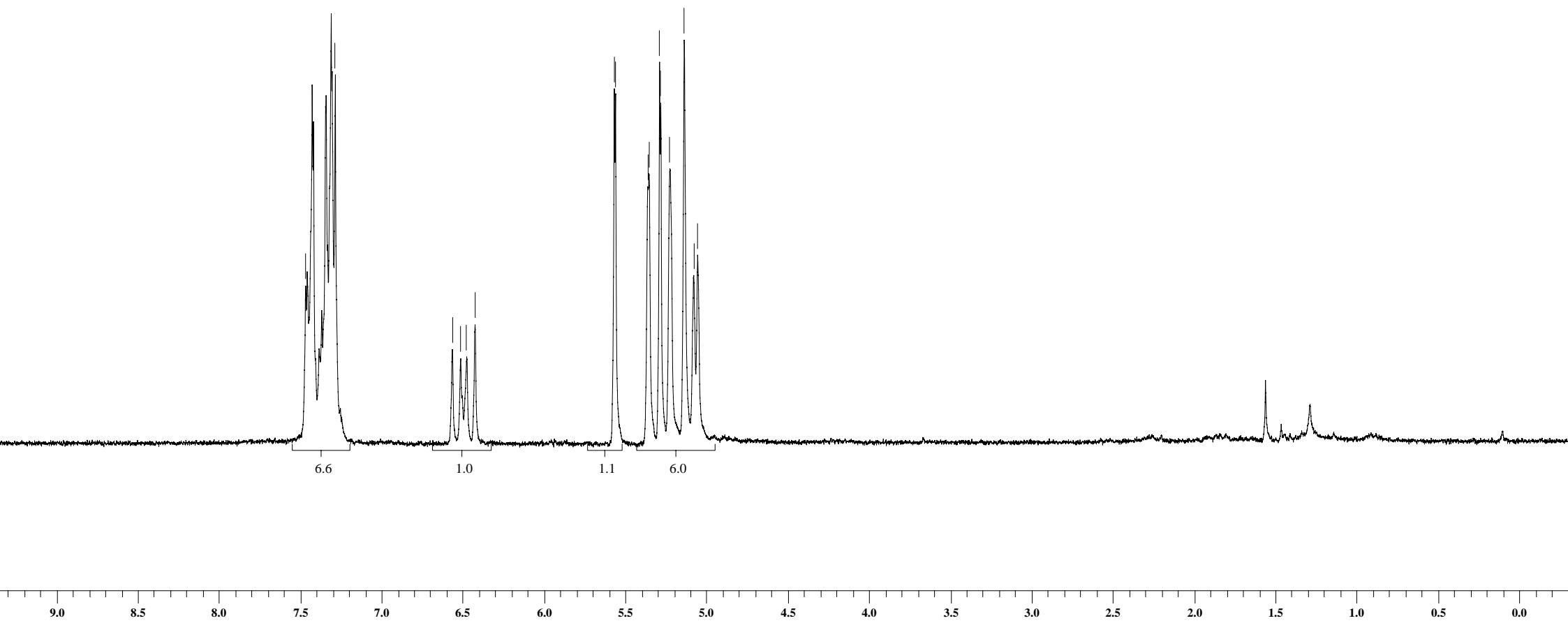
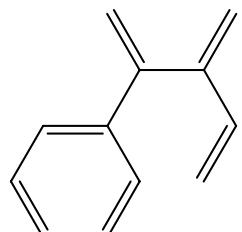
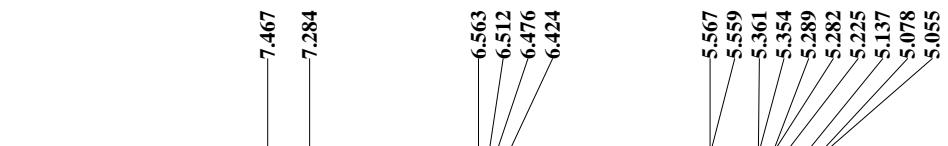


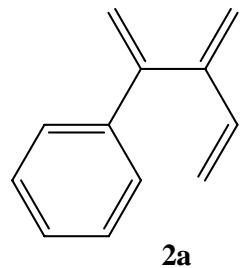
[Ru(C₅Me₅)(η⁴-CH₂=CH-CH=CH₂)(MeCN)][PF₆]



[Ru(C₅Me₅)(η³-CH₂CHCHPrⁿ)(η²-O₂CMe)][PF₆]

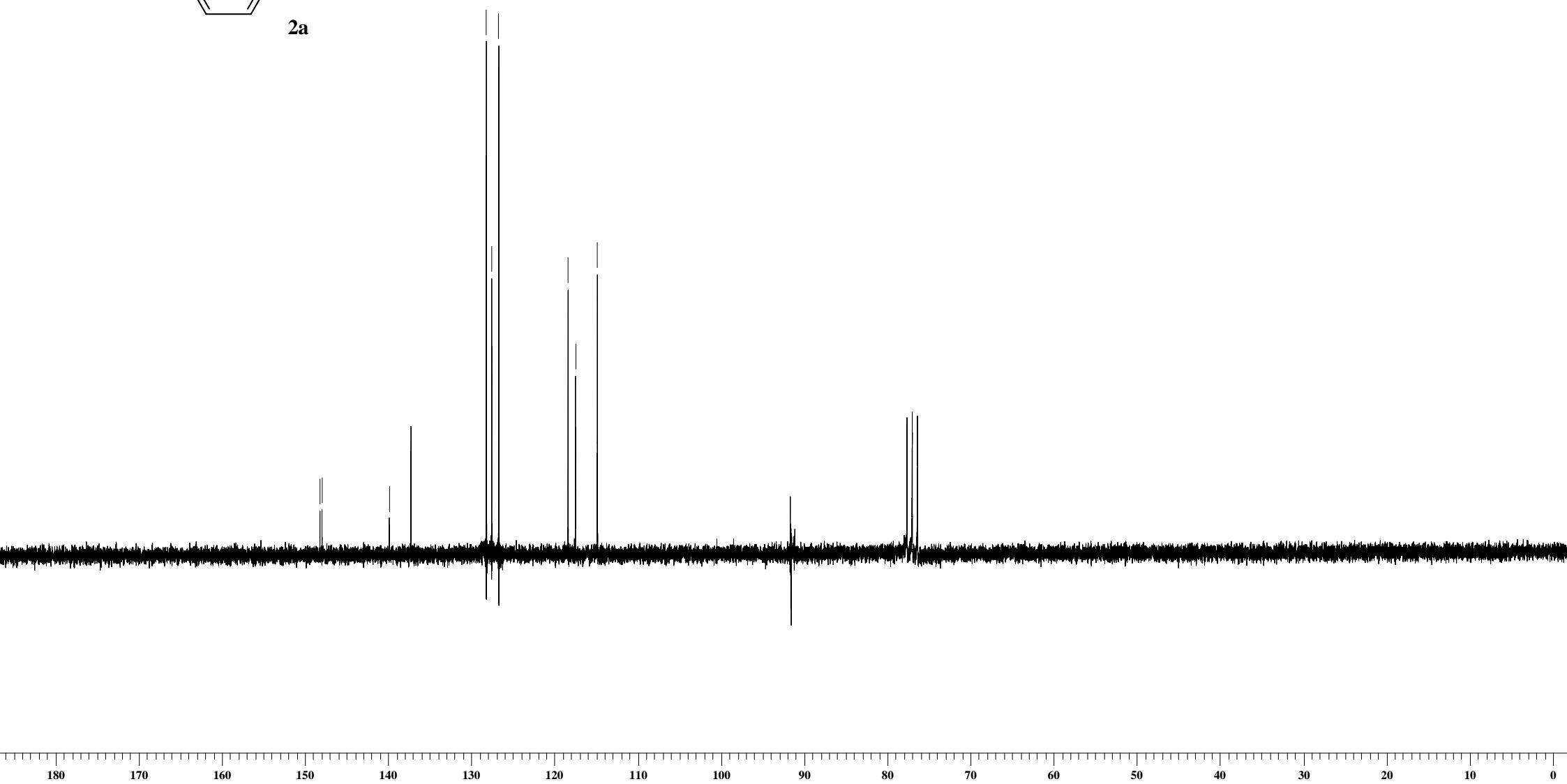






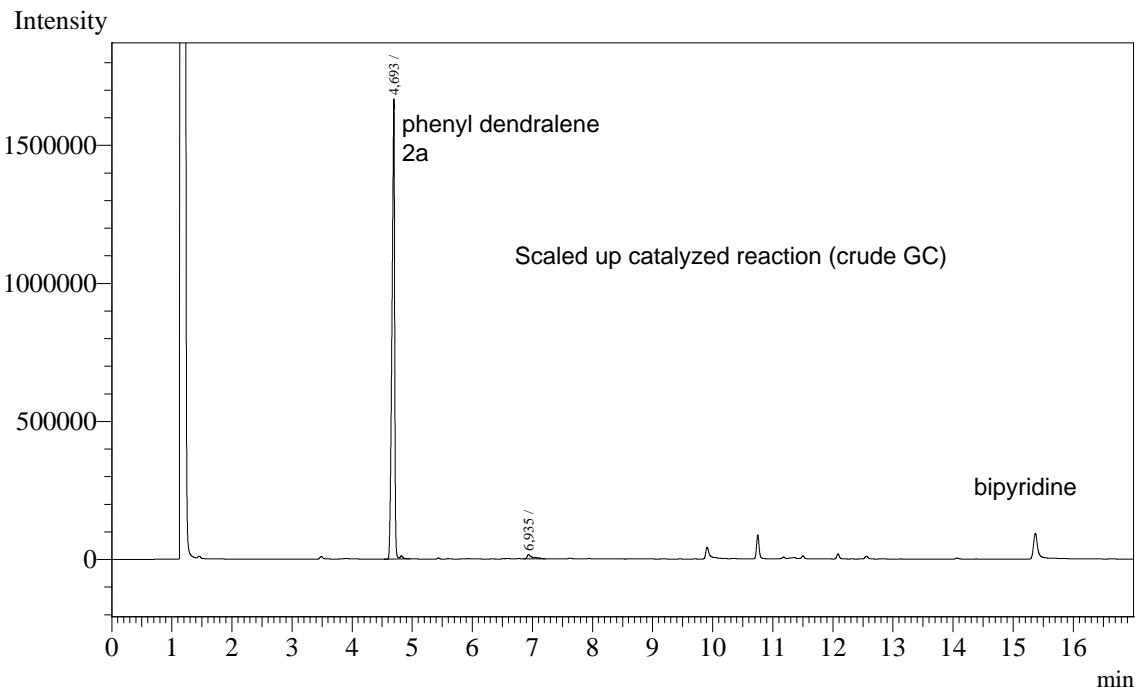
2a

148.202
147.953
139.878
137.278
128.192
127.555
126.698
118.364
117.486
114.853



Analysis Date & Time : 17/12/2008 09:50:20
User Name : Admin
Vial# : 12
Sample Name : MA17122008MS90ACNbip
Sample ID : MA17122008MS90ACNbip
Sample Type : Unknown
Injection Volume : 4,00
ISTD Amount :

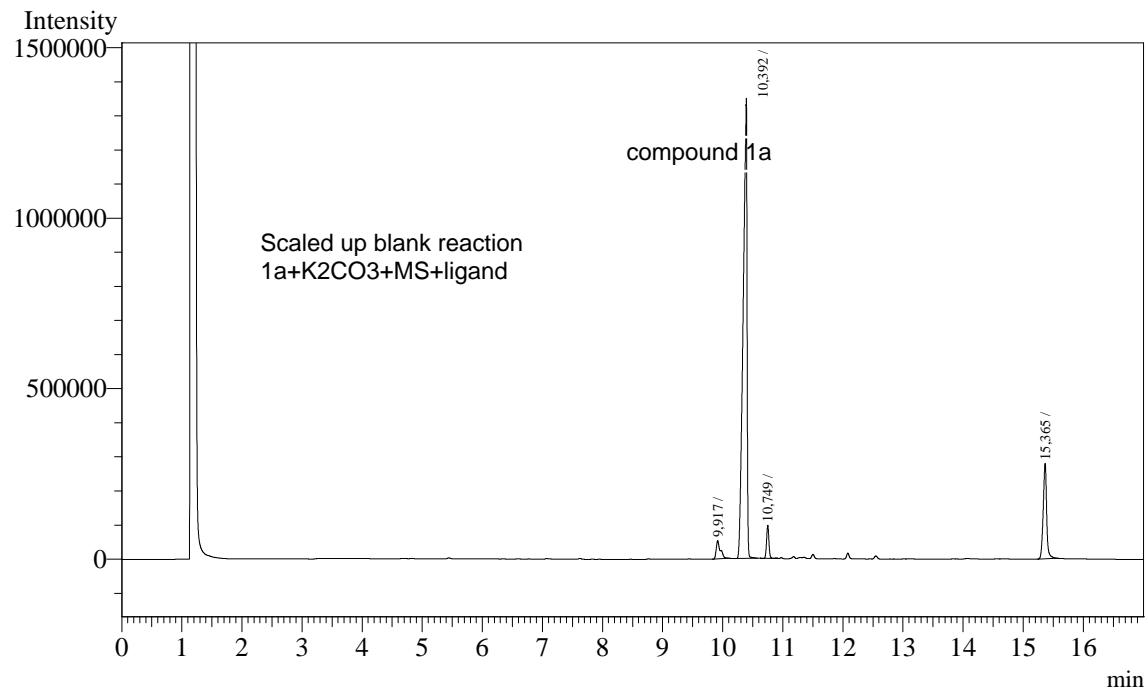
Data Name : D:\Eq. Achard\MA\MA17122008MS90ACNbip.gcd
Method Name : D:\Eq. Achard\MA\menyne.gcm



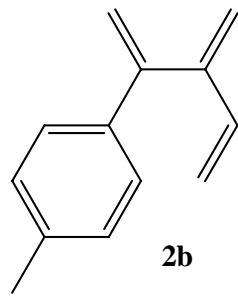
Peak#	Ret.Time	Area	Height	Conc.	Unit	Mark	ID#	Cmpd Name
1	4.693	5127713	1655687	98,083				
2	6.935	100241	16089	1,917				
Total		5227954	1671776					

Analysis Date & Time : 18/12/2008 14:26:55
User Name : Admin
Vial# : 12
Sample Name : ma18122008BLANCms
Sample ID : ma18122008BLANCms
Sample Type : Unknown
Injection Volume : 4,00
ISTD Amount :

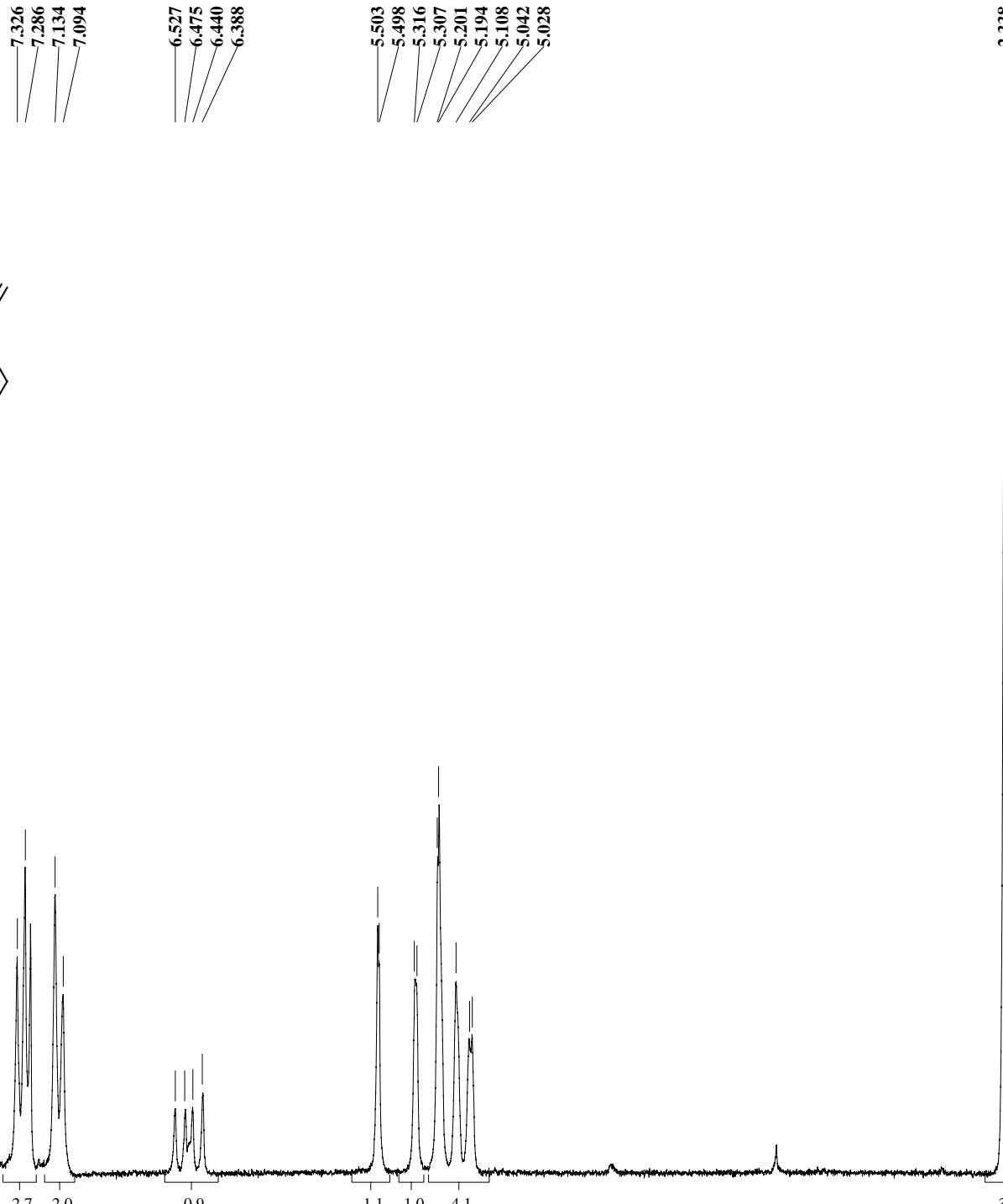
Data Name : D:\Eq. Achard\MA\ma18122008BLANCms.gcd
Method Name : D:\Eq. Achard\MA\menyne.gcm

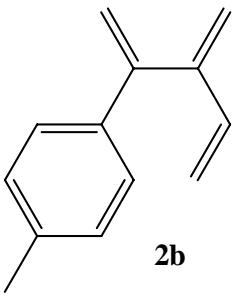


Peak#	Ret.Time	Area	Height	Conc.	Unit	Mark	ID#	Cmpd Name
1	9.917	257811	53204	3,372				
2	10.392	6015679	1335412	78,676				
3	10.749	258004	96084	3,374				
4	15.365	1114675	278763	14,578				
Total		7646169	1763463					

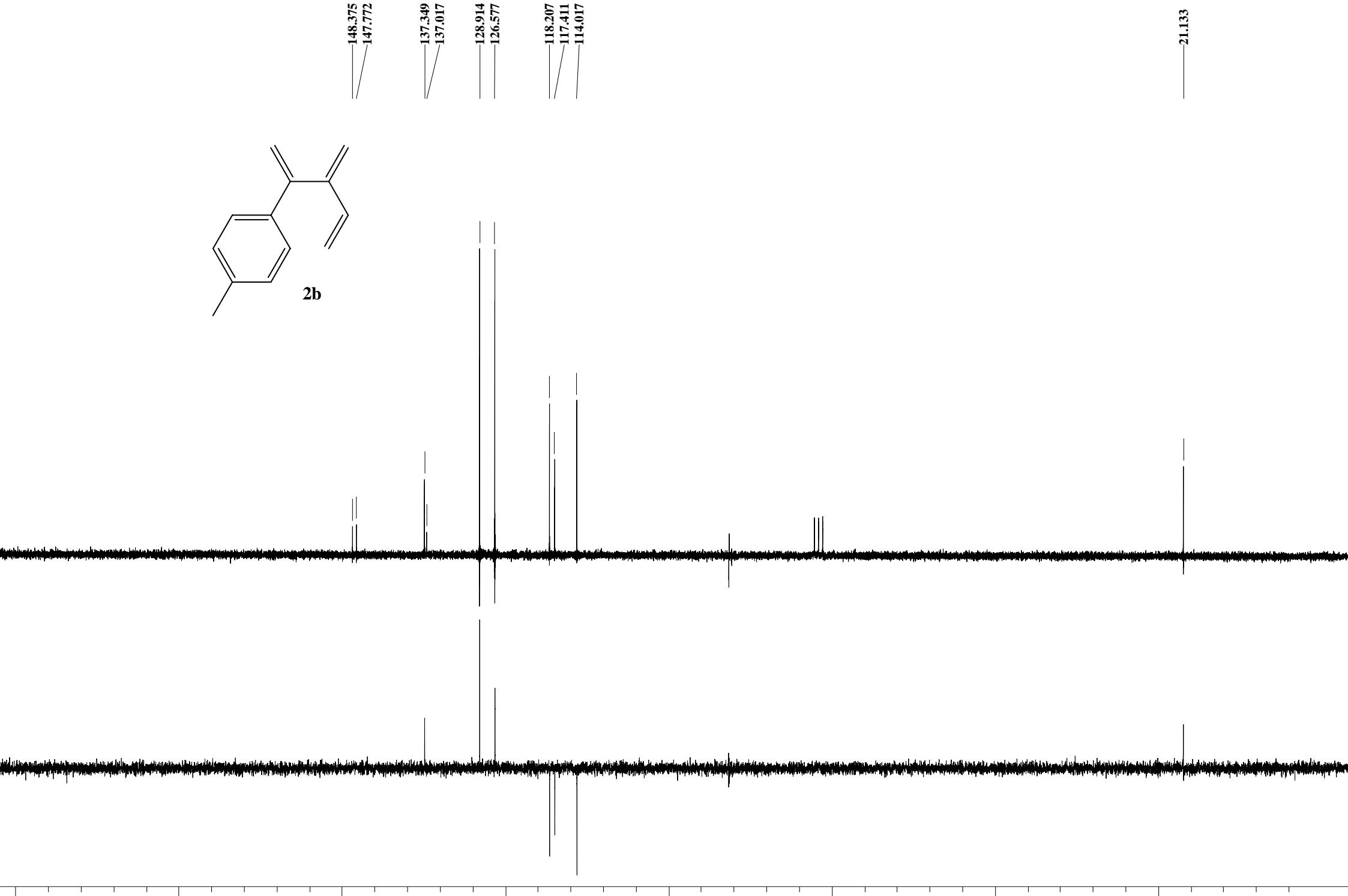


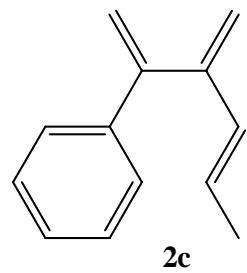
2b



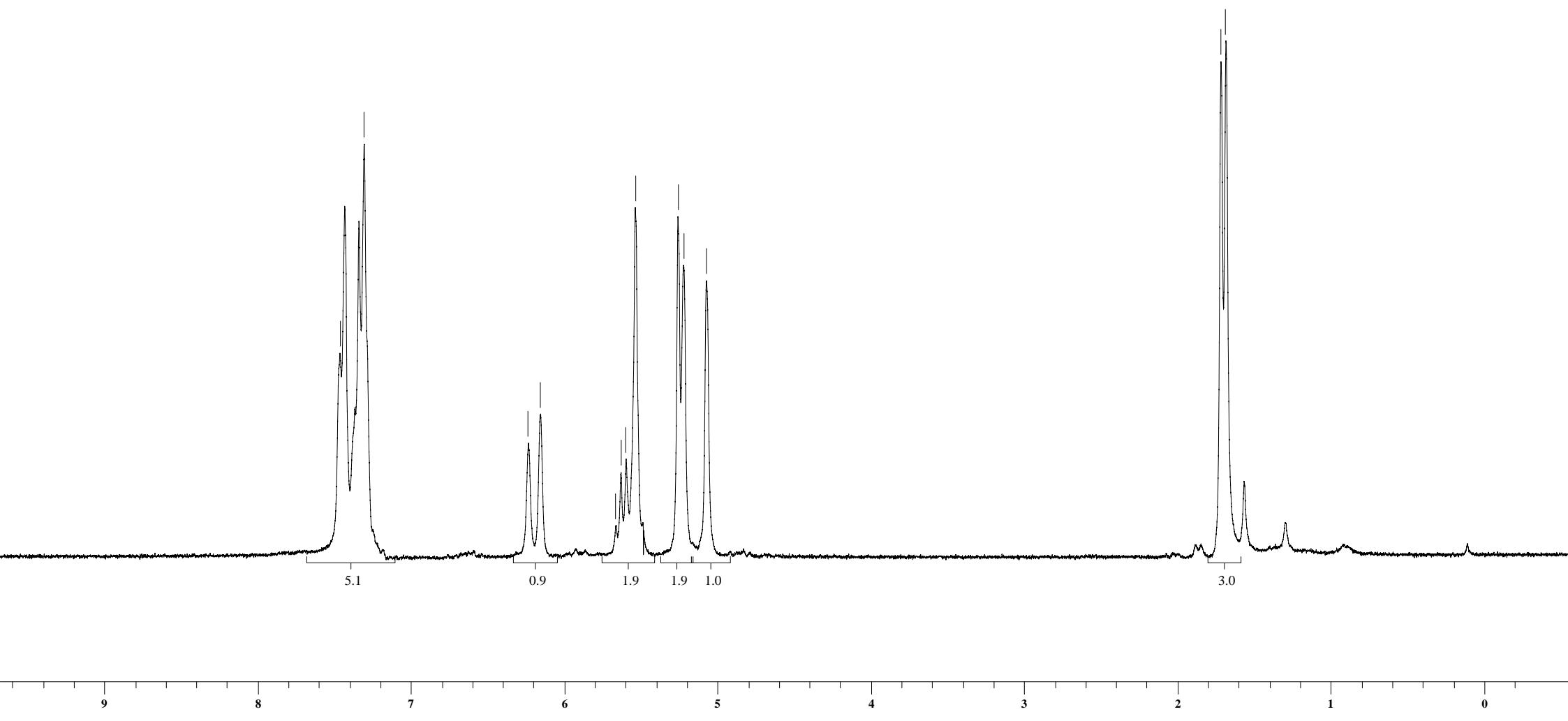


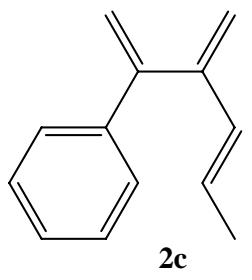
2b



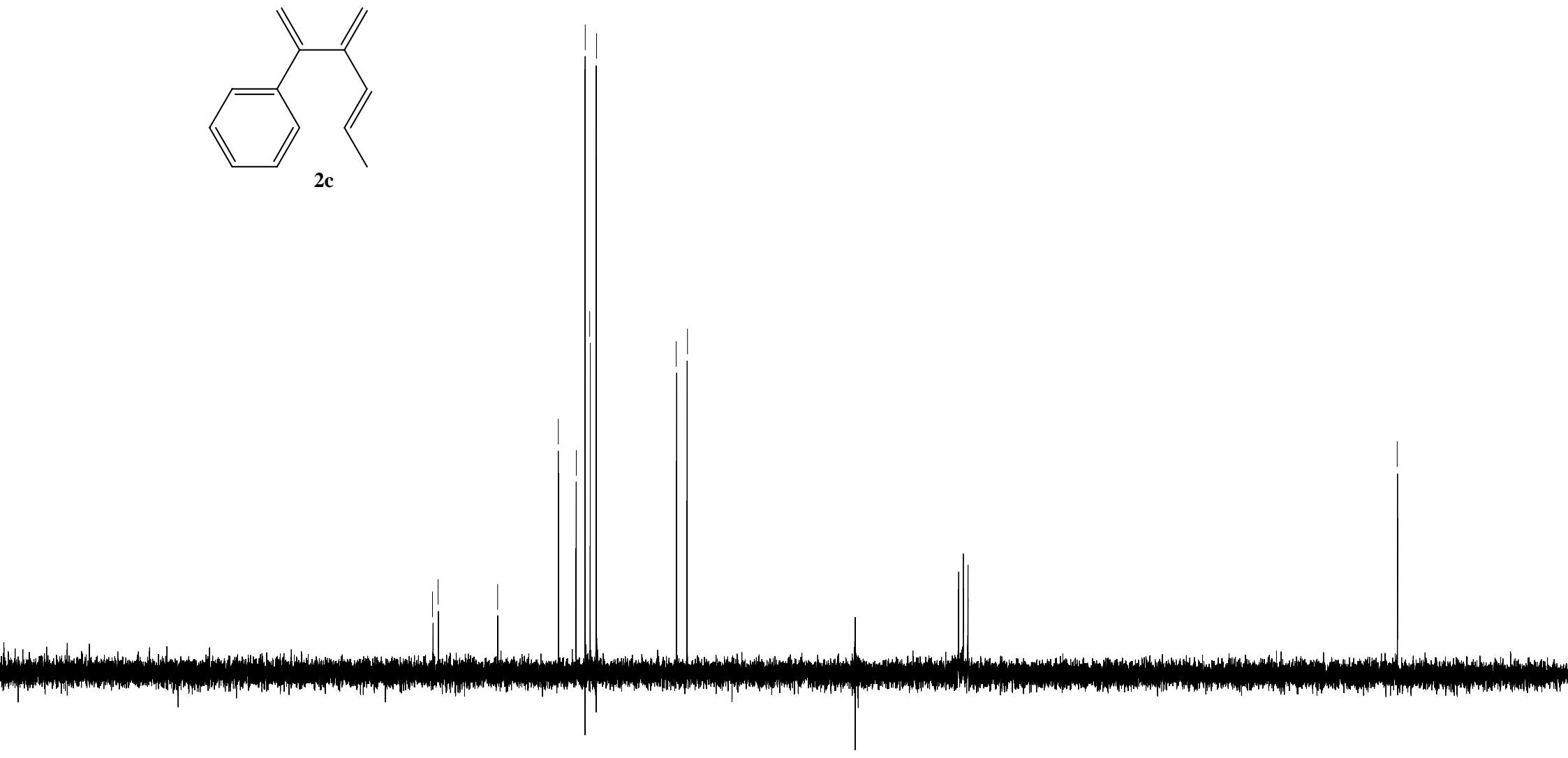


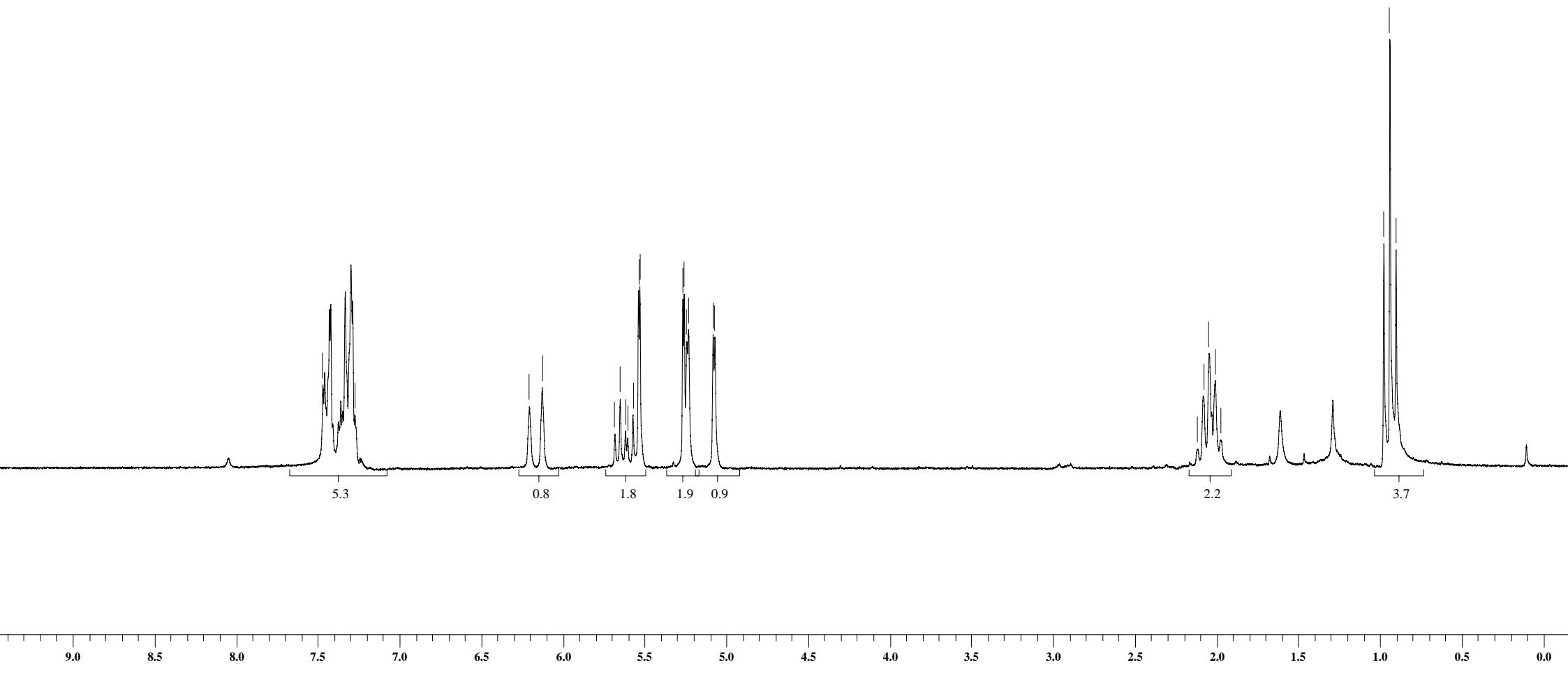
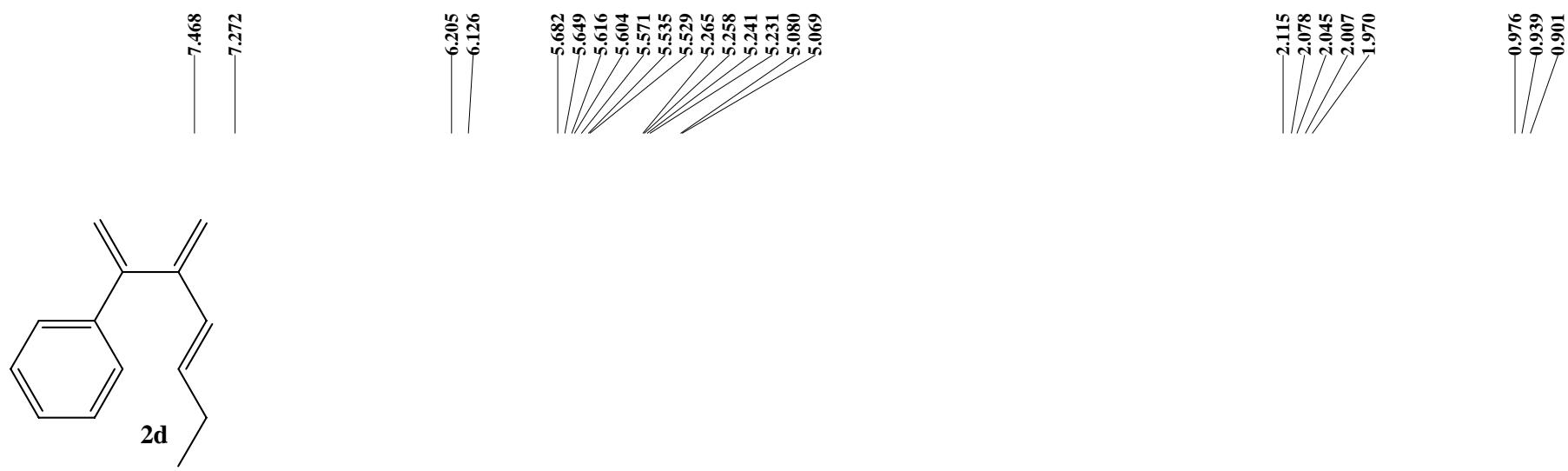
2c

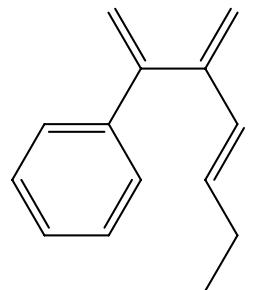




2c



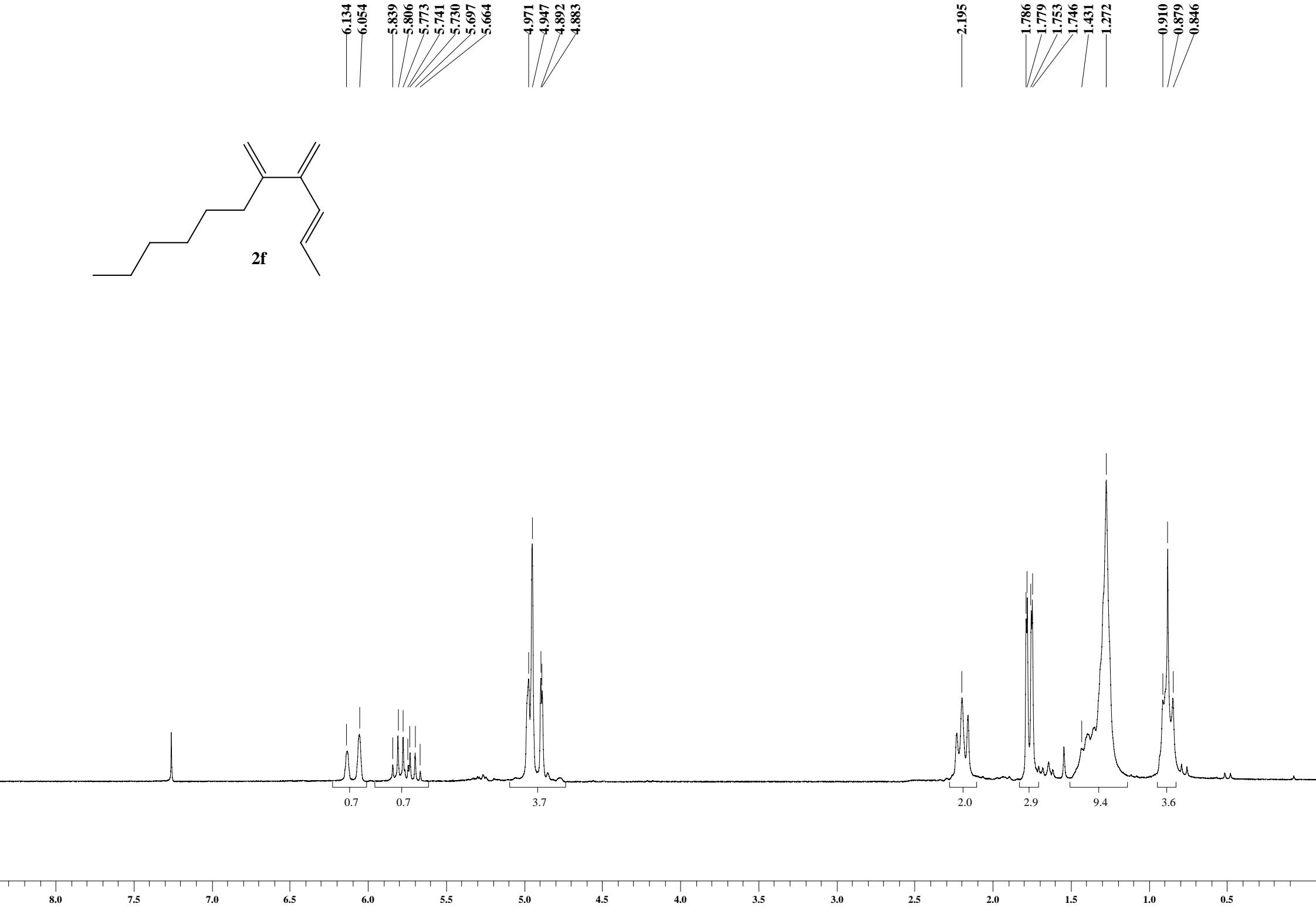
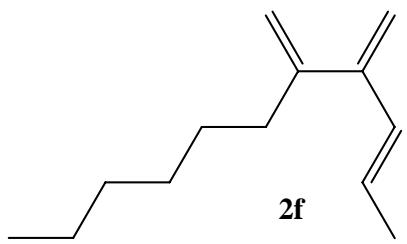


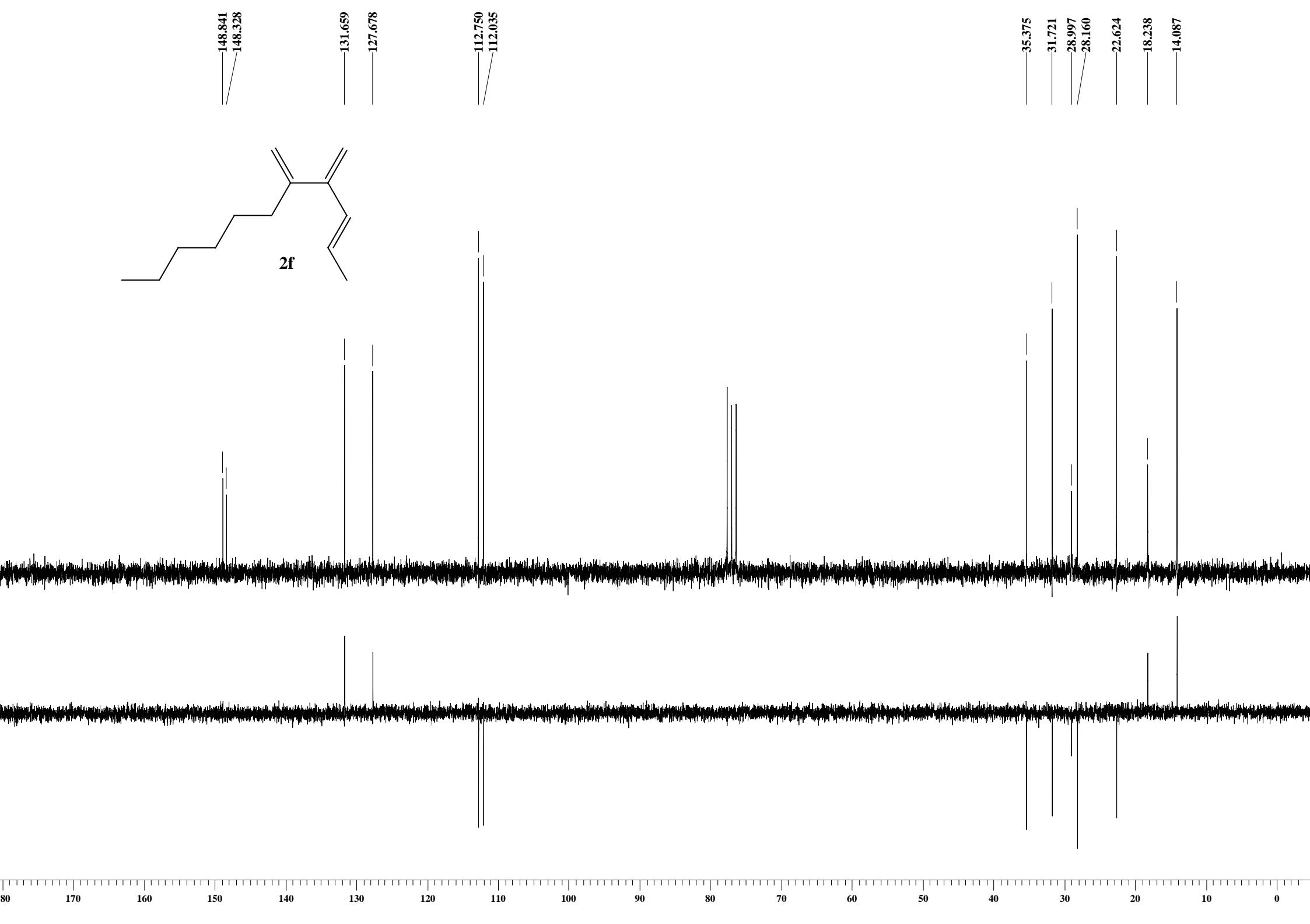


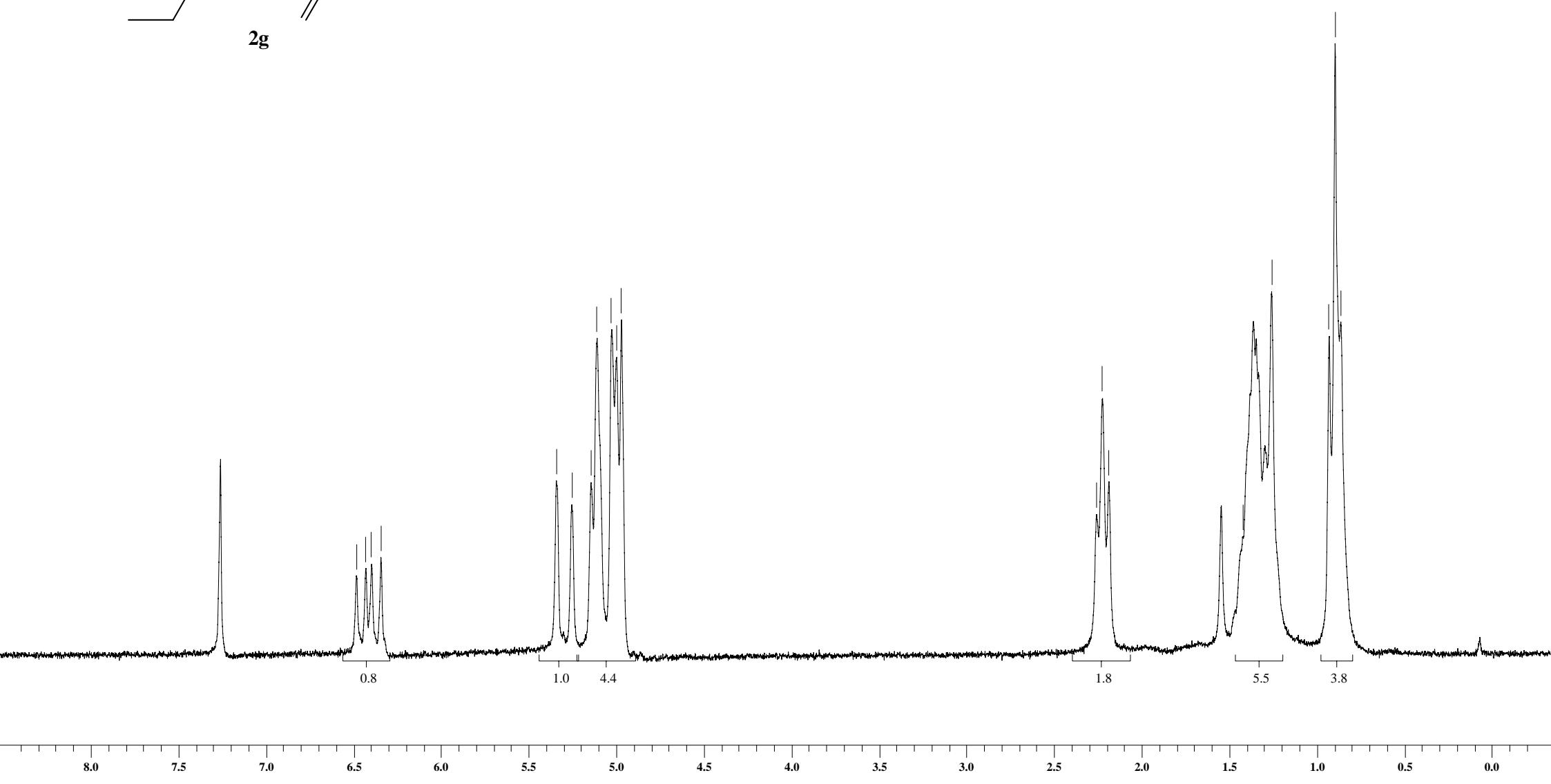
2d

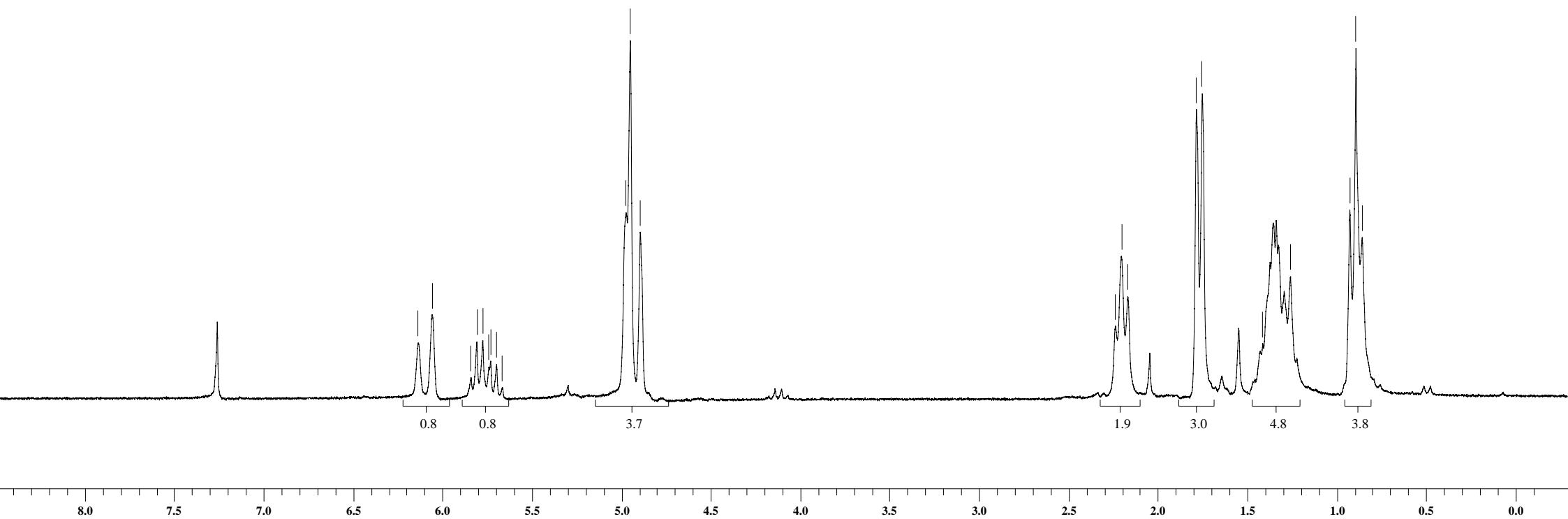
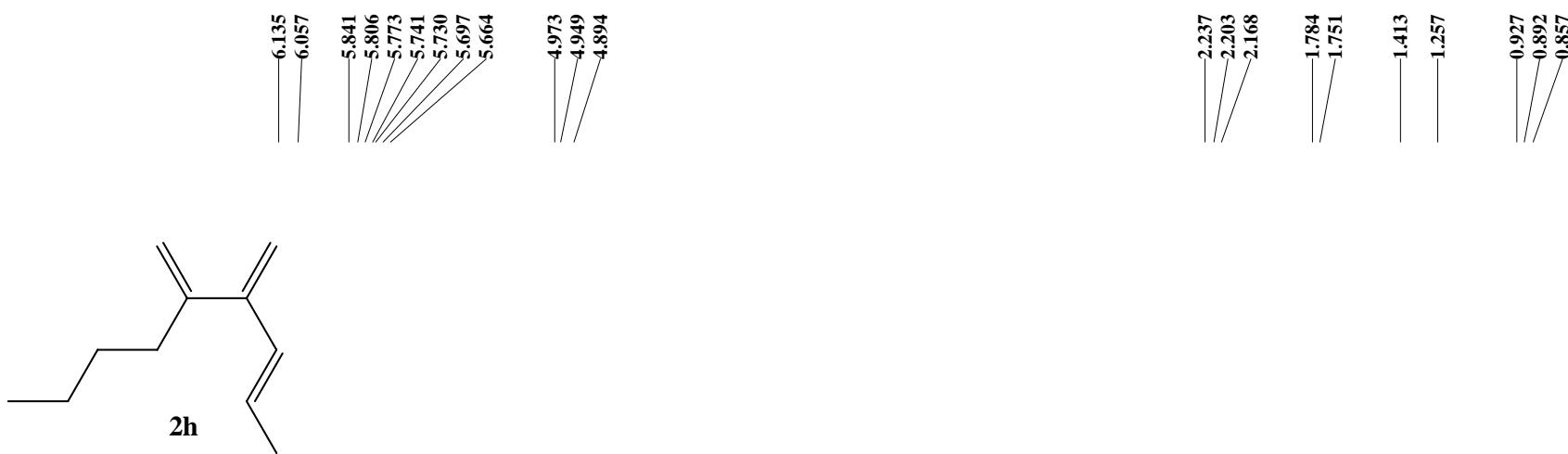


190 180 170 160 150 140 130 120 110 100 90 80 70 60 50 40 30 20 10

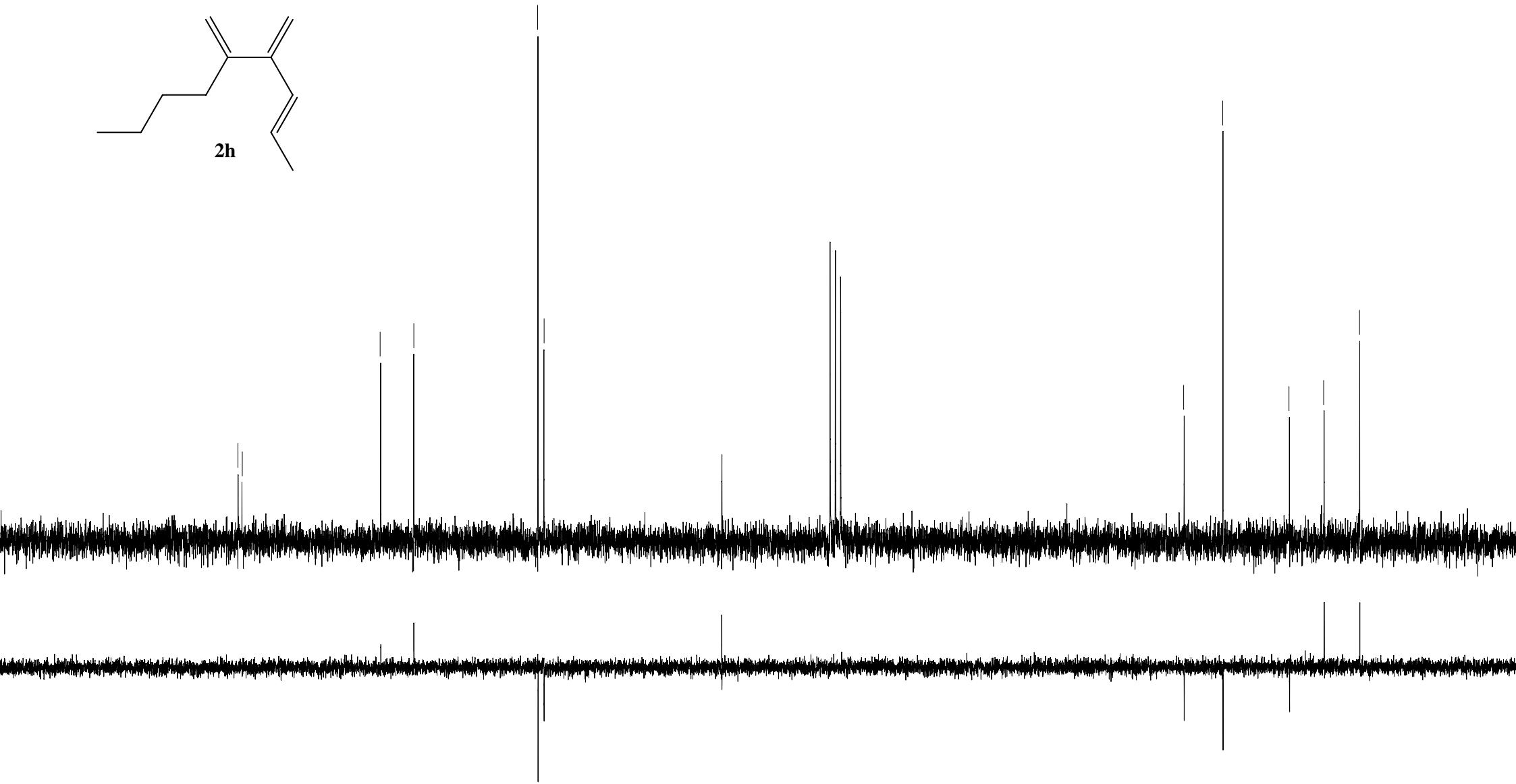
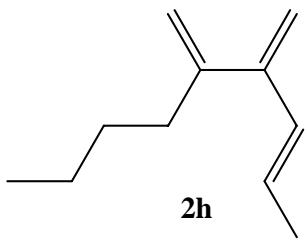




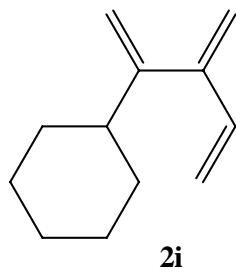




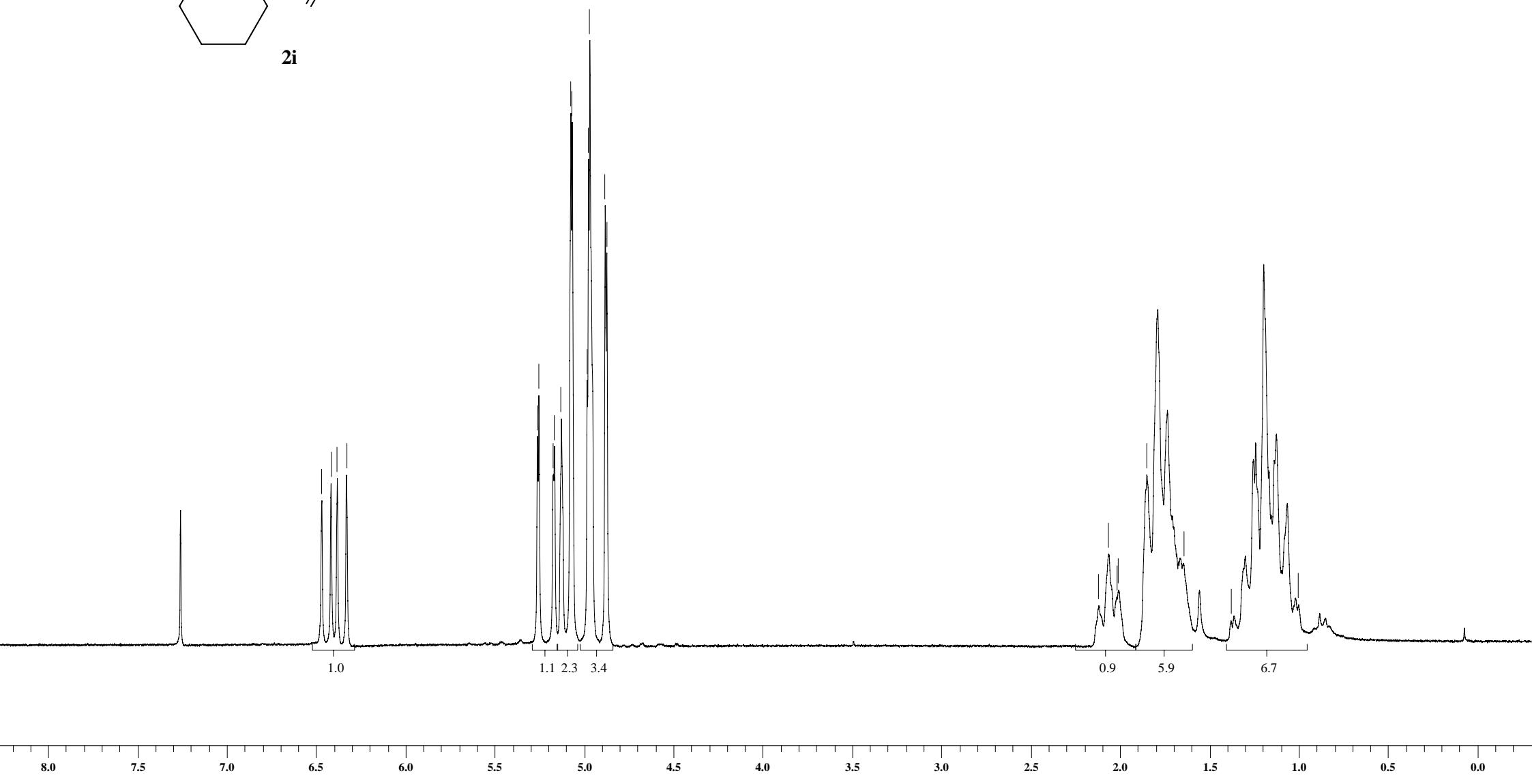
148.794	
148.328	
	131.659
	127.678
	112.750
	112.034
	35.063
	30.400
	22.407
	18.238
	13.963

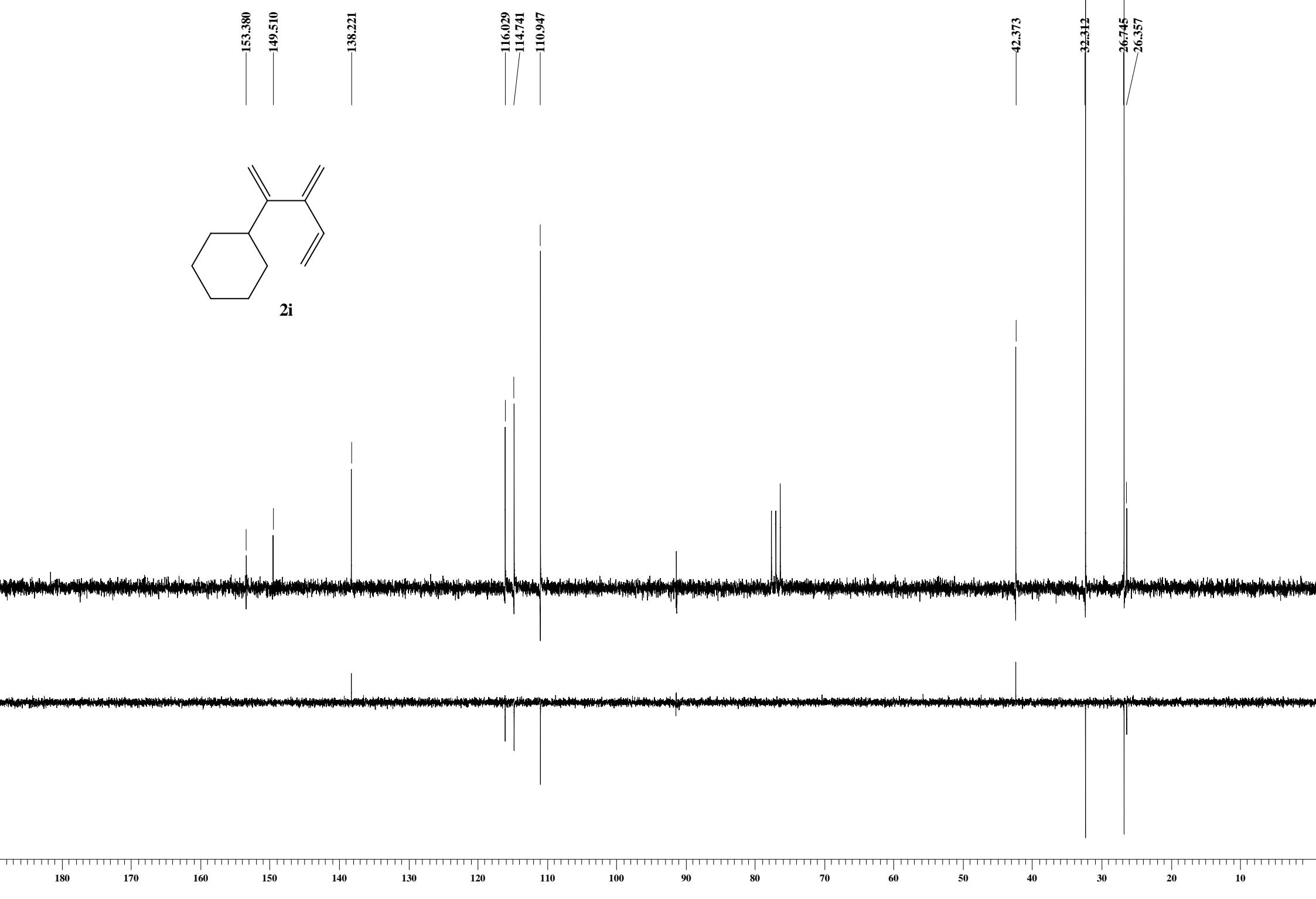


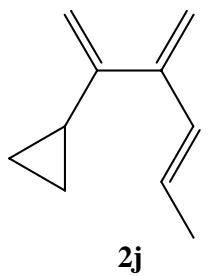
170 160 150 140 130 120 110 100 90 80 70 60 50 40 30 20 10 0



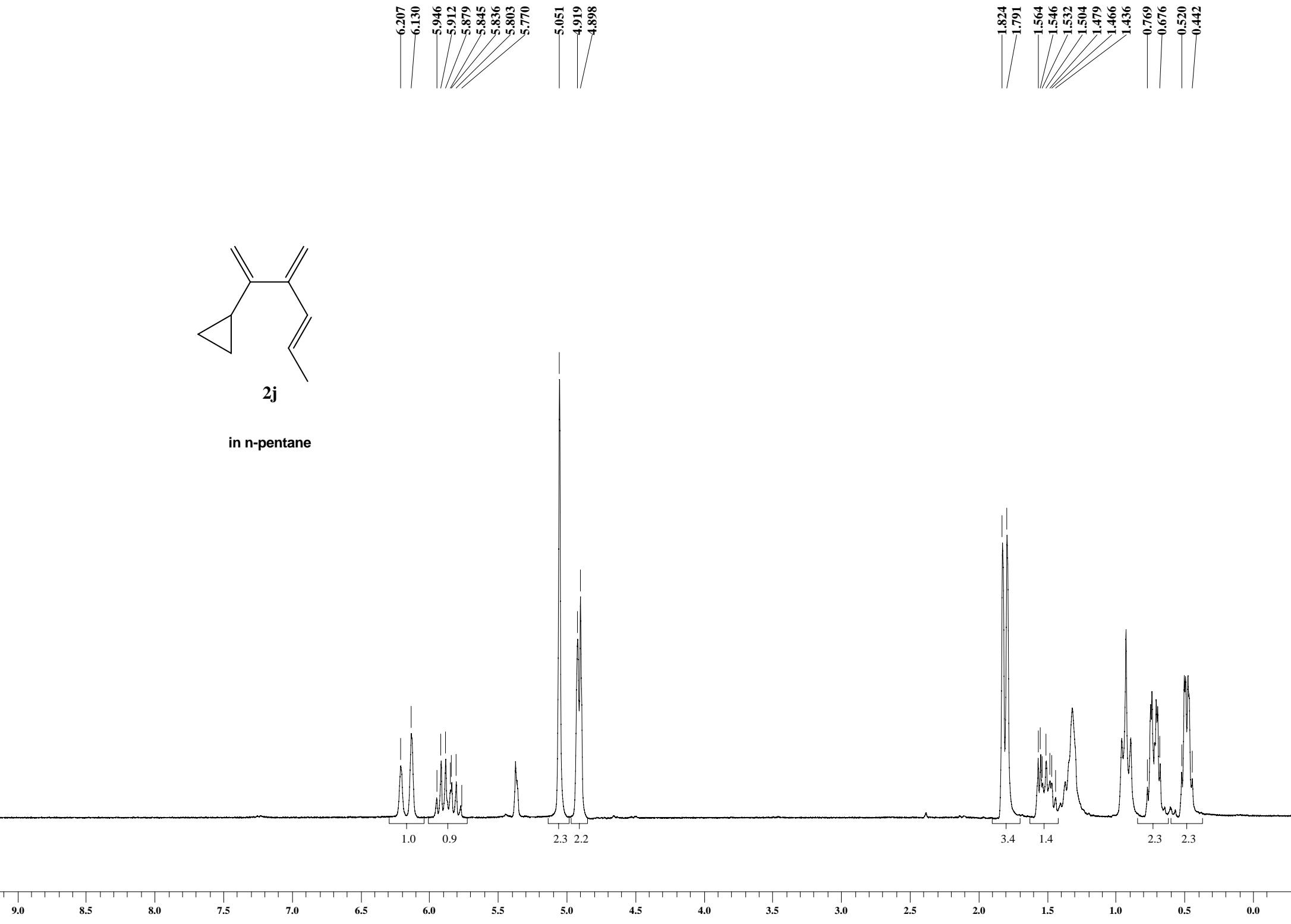
2i

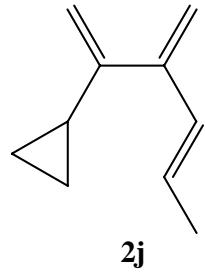






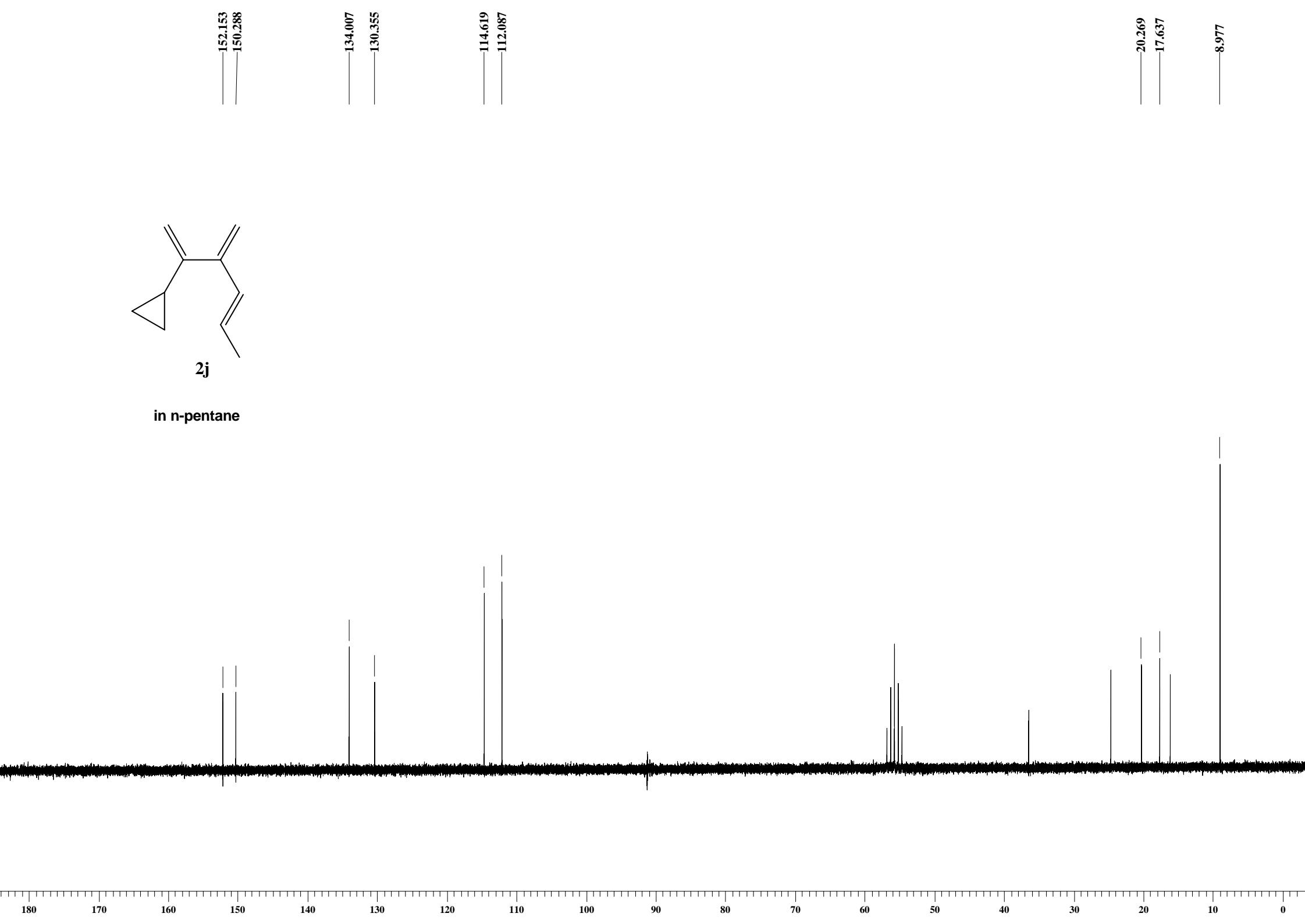
in n-pentane

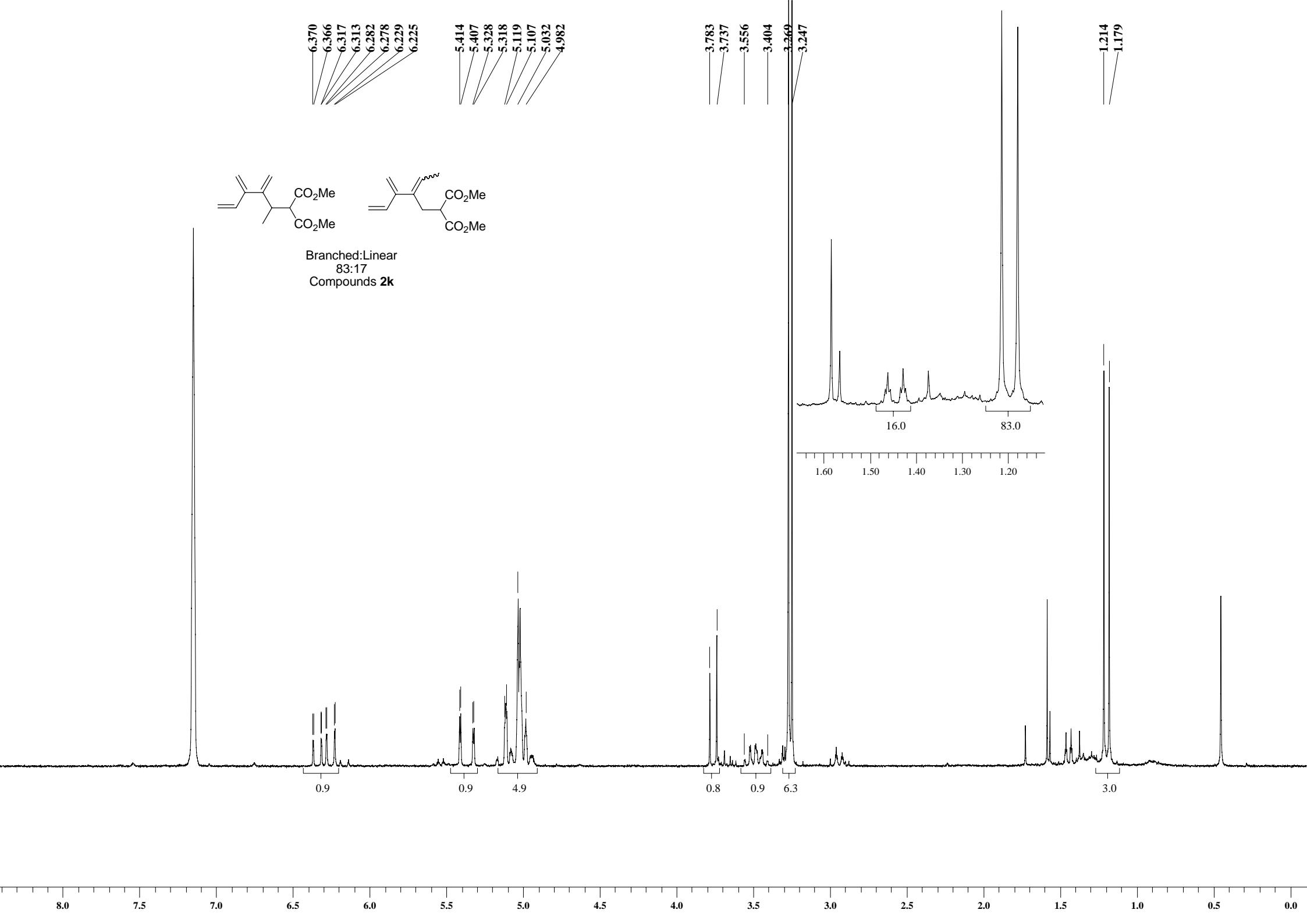


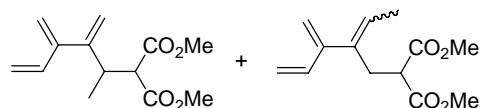
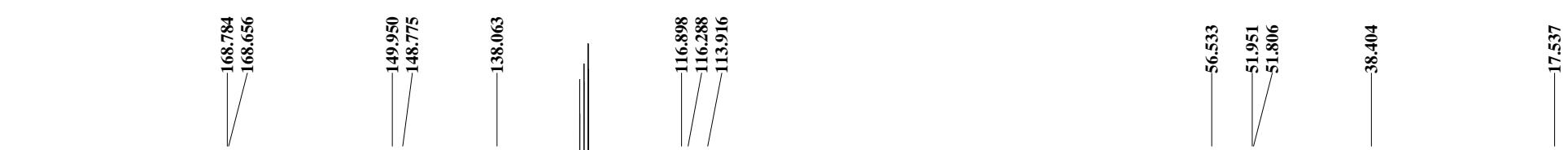


2j

in n-pentane







Compounds **2k**

