

## Supplementary data

### Novel Pyridinium Based Cobalt Carbonyl Ionic Liquids: Synthesis, Full Characterization, Crystal Structure and Application in Catalysis

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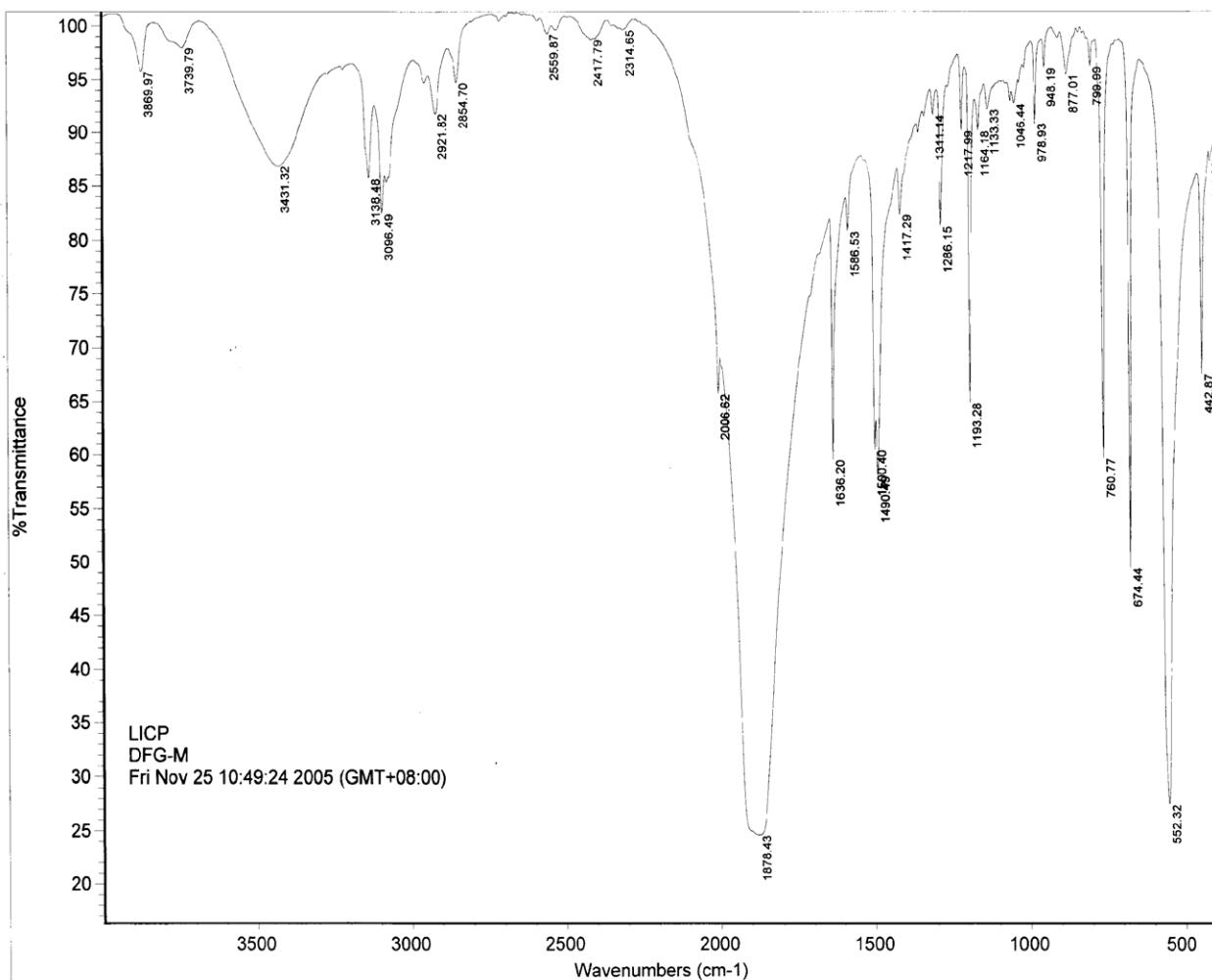
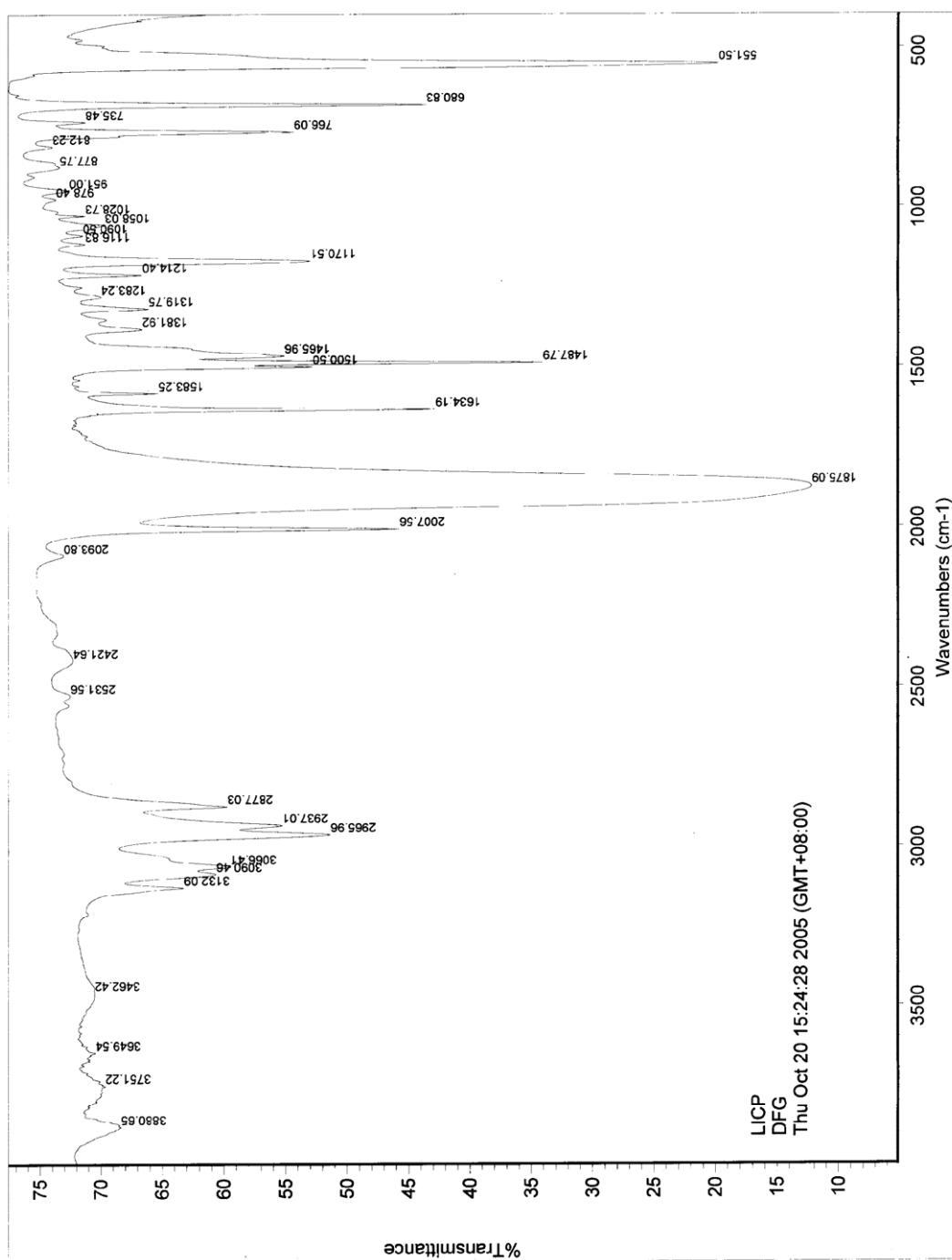
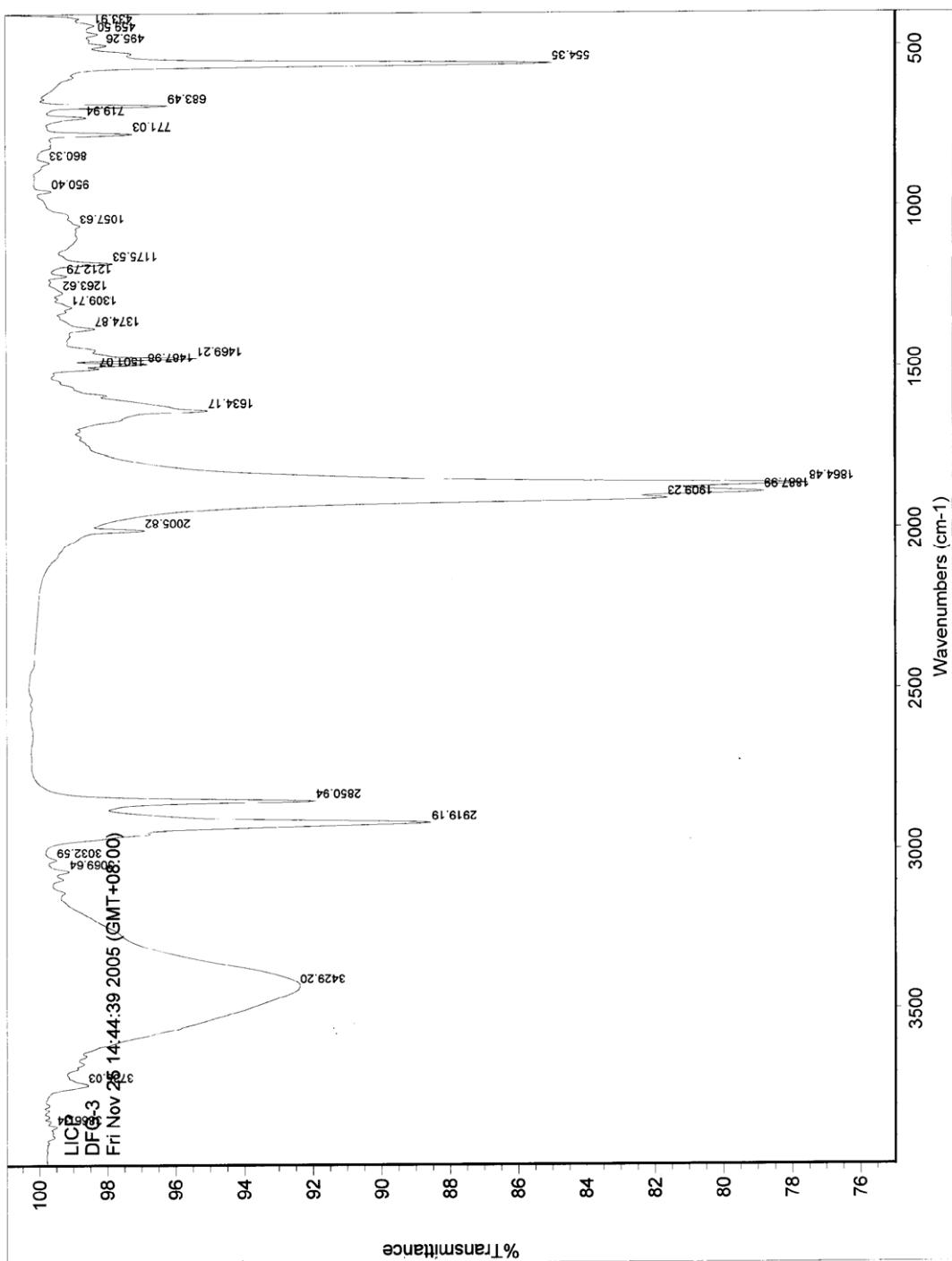


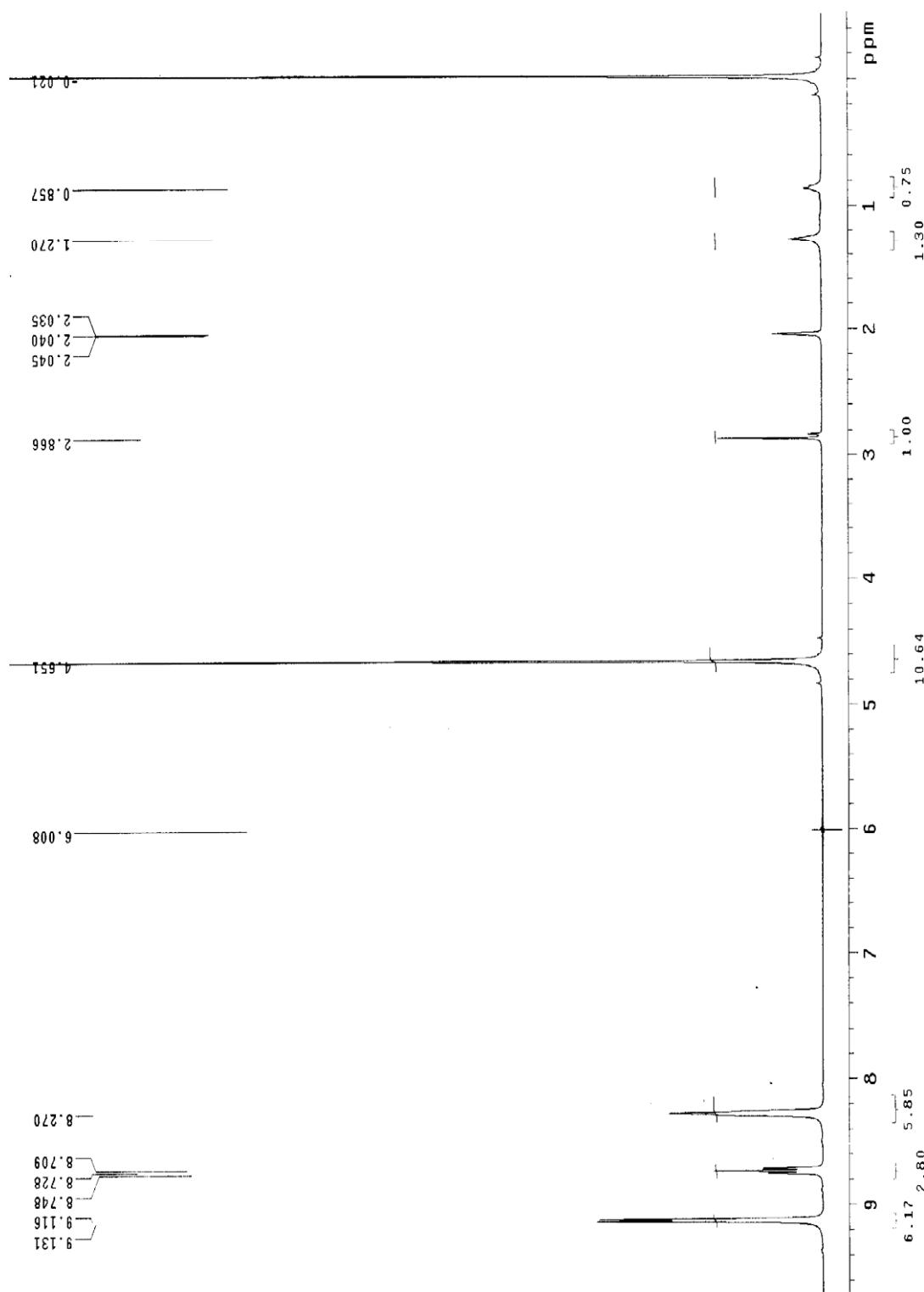
Figure 1. IR spectrum of **2a** (KBr)



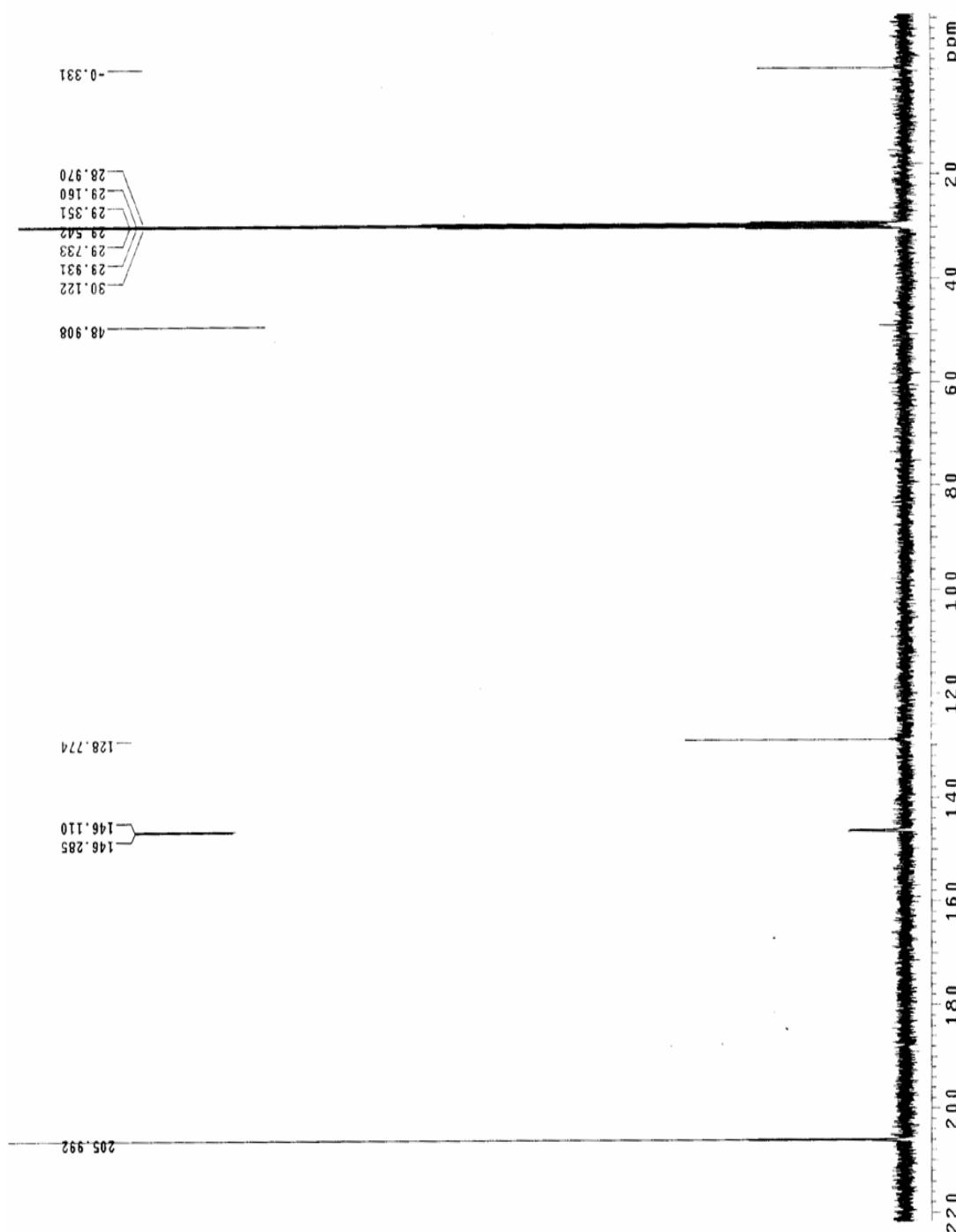
**Figure 2.** IR spectrum of **2b** (liquid film)



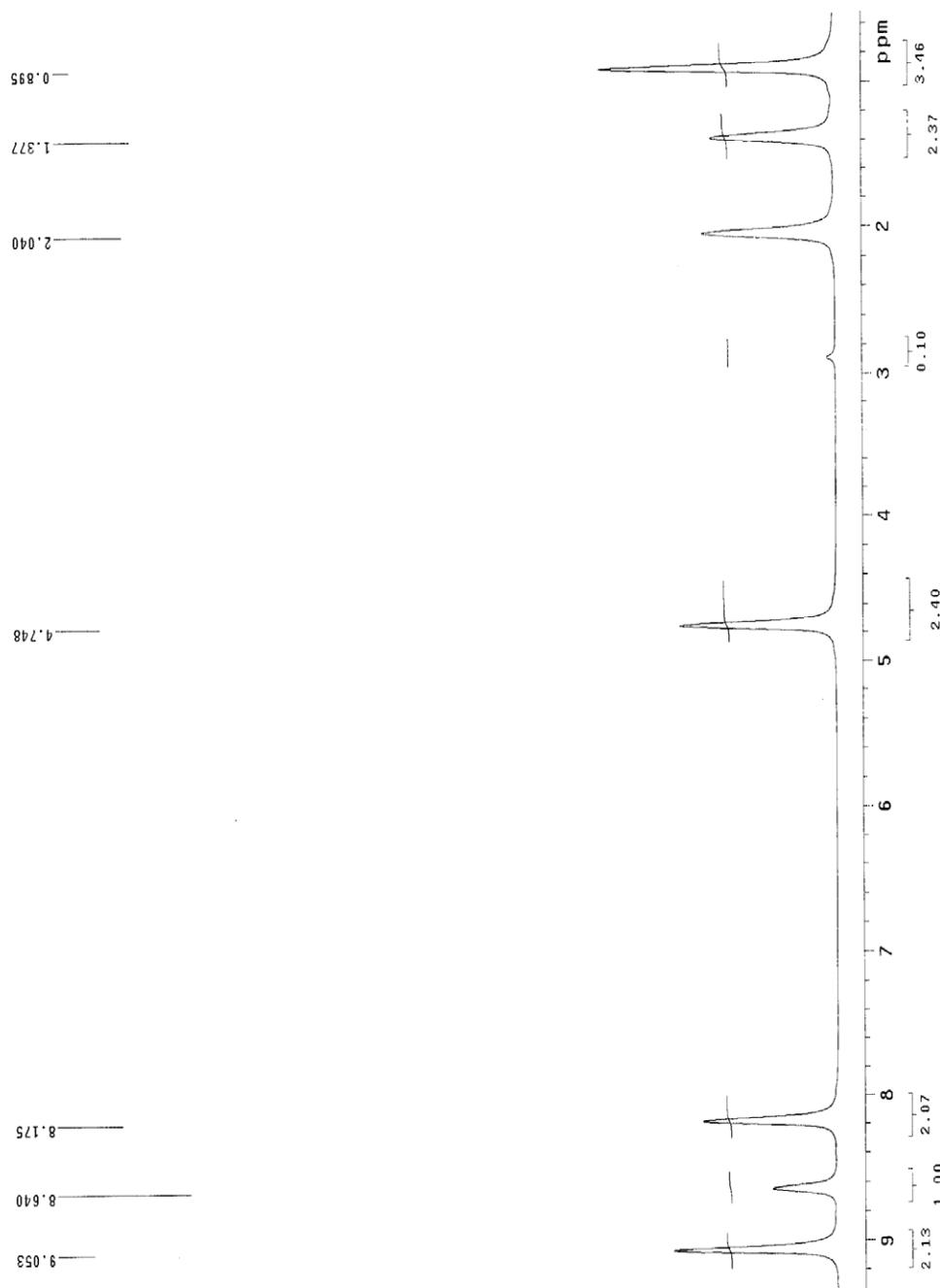
**Figure 3.** IR spectrum of **2c** (KBr)



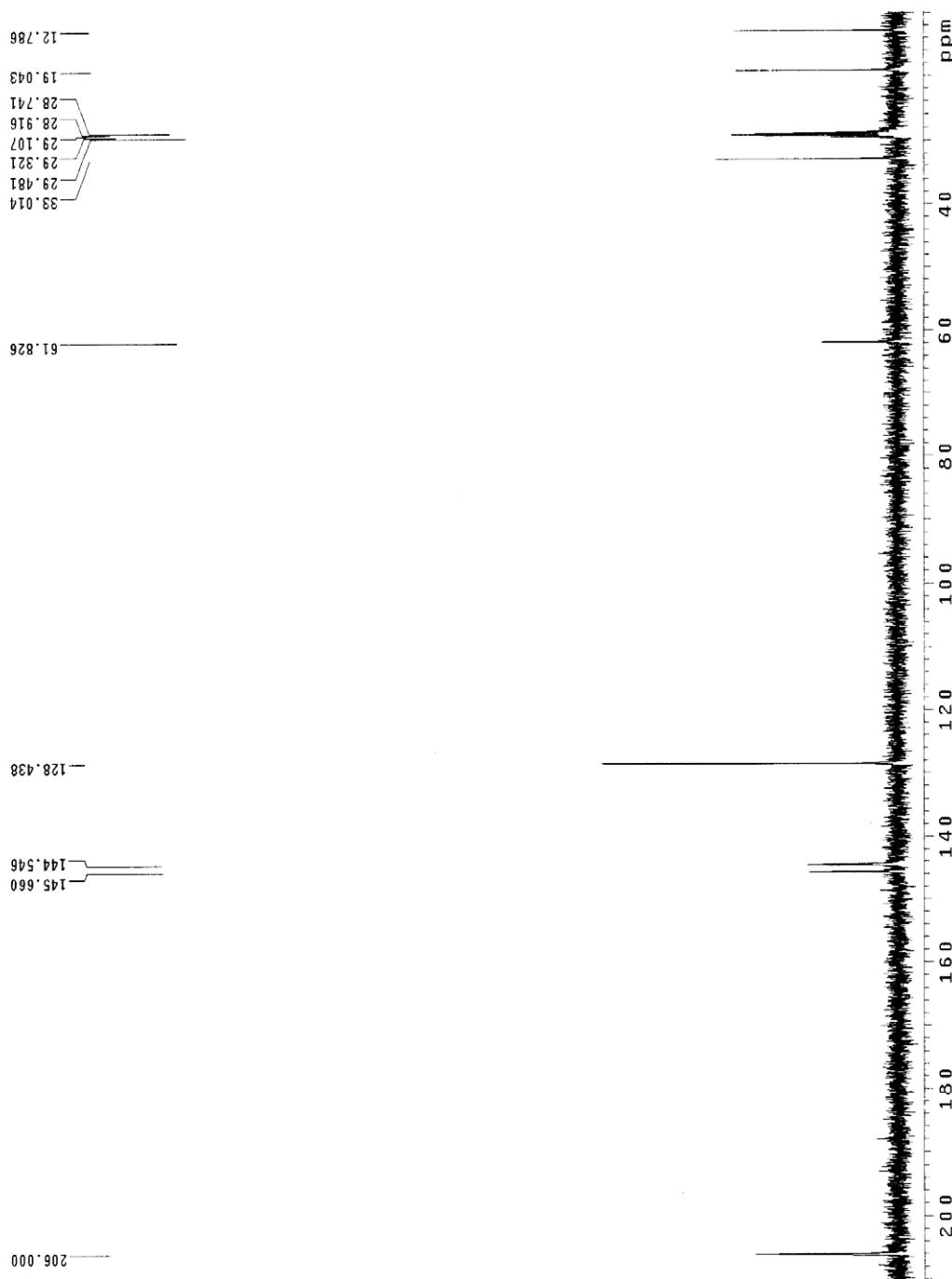
**Figure 4.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of **2a** (in acetone- $\text{d}_6$ )



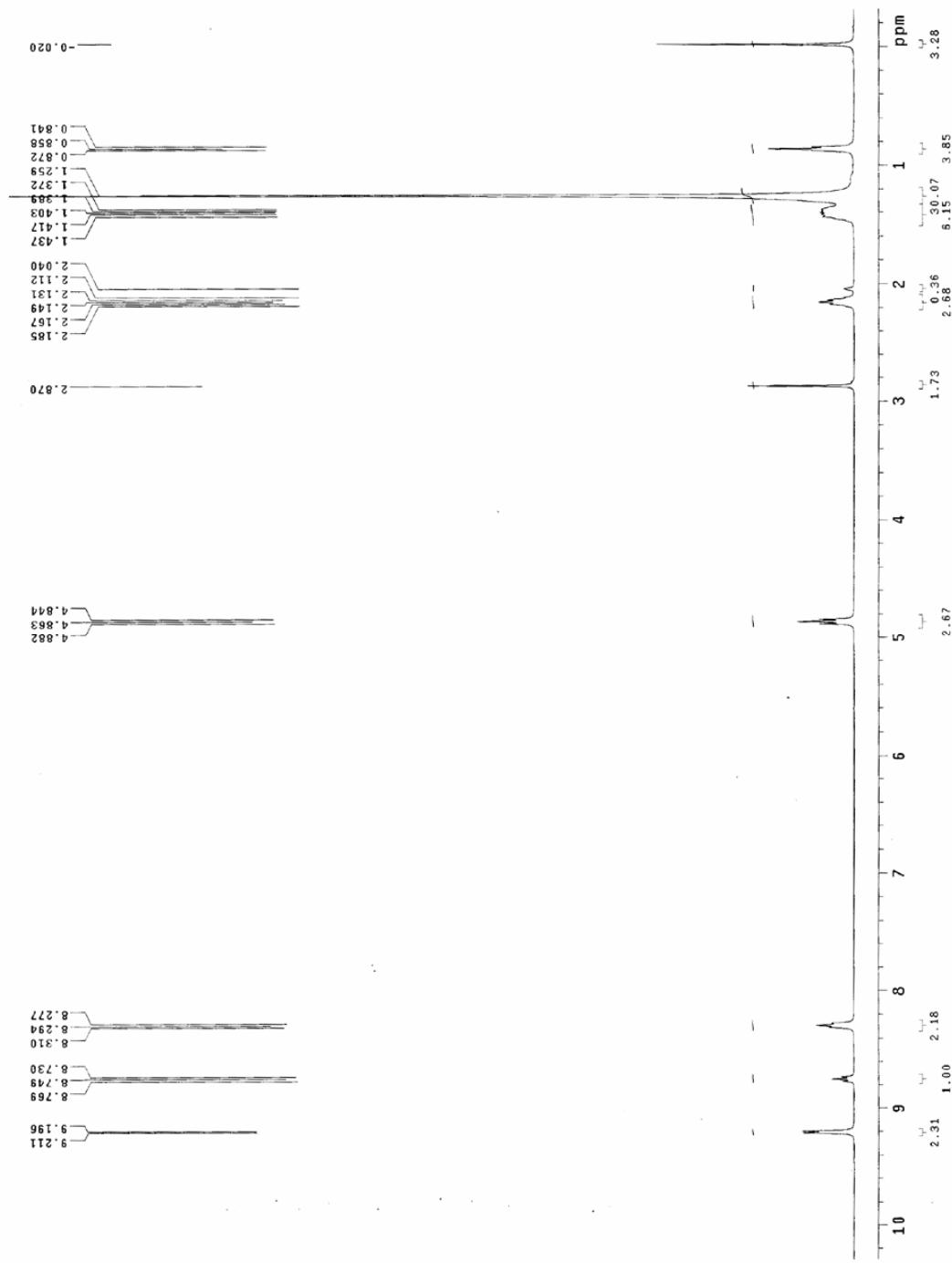
**Figure 5.**  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum of **2a** (in acetone- $\text{d}_6$ )



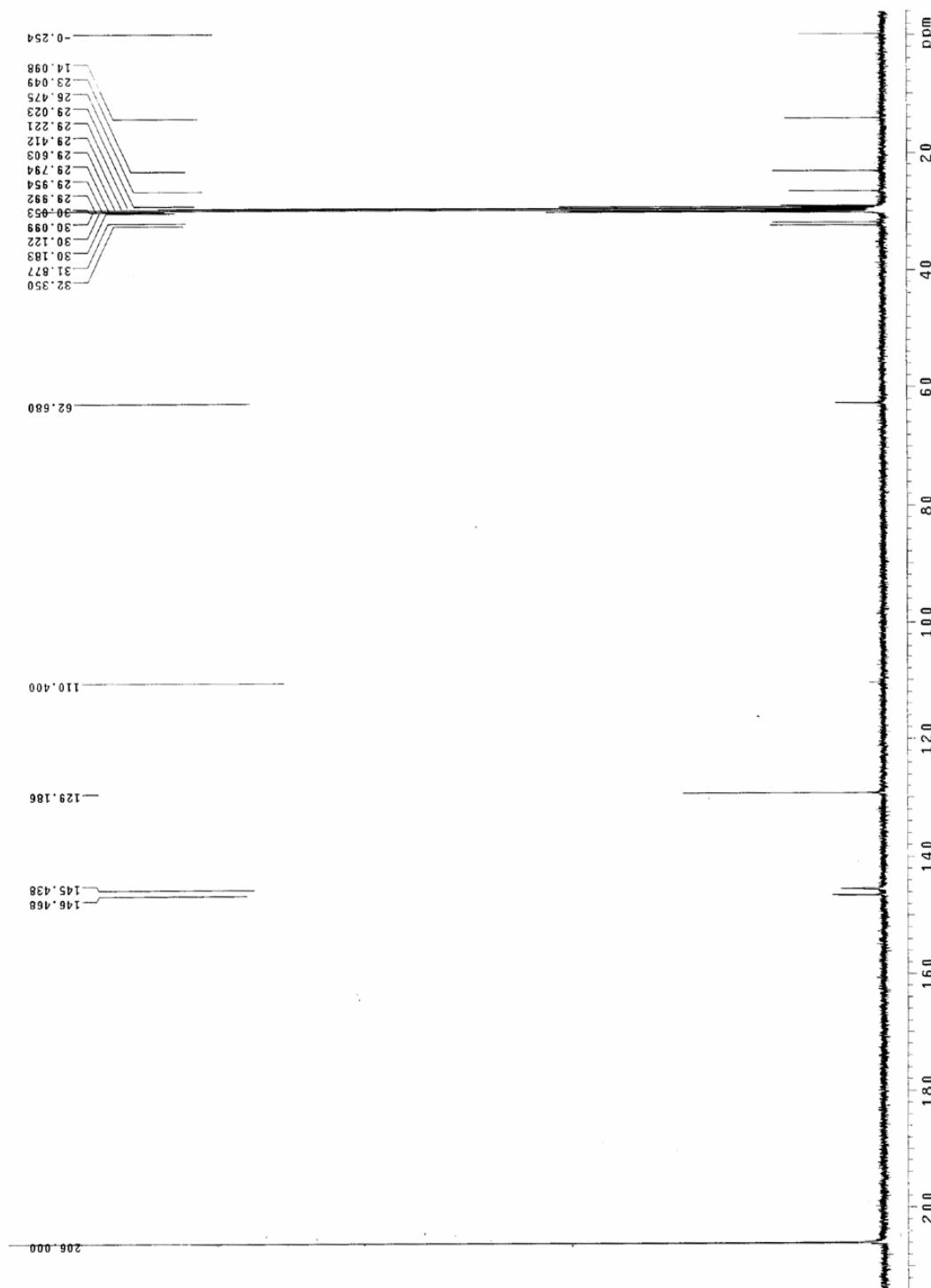
**Figure 6.**  ${}^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of **2b** (in acetone- $\text{d}_6$ )



**Figure 7.**  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum of **2b** (in acetone- $\text{d}_6$ )



**Figure 8.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of **2c** (in acetone- $\text{d}_6$ )



**Figure 9.**  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum of **2c** (in acetone- $\text{d}_6$ )

### **General Procedure for the carbonylation of propylene oxide**

Under no protection of an inert atmosphere, 0.1228g (0.4mmol) of **2b** was washed three times into a clean, dry 25mL stainless steel autoclave with 4mL of methanol, followed by the addition of 0.58g propylene oxide and a magnetic bar. The autoclave was sealed, purged three times with carbon monoxide, pressurized with the desired pressure of CO and then placed in a preheated oil bath and stirred for 24h. At the end of the reaction, the reactor was cooled in a -18°C freezer for 30min, and ventilated before qualitative and quantitative analyses were carried out.