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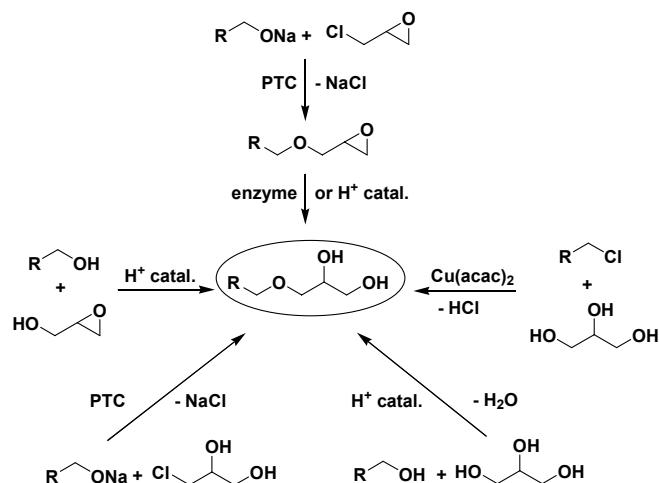
### **Heterogeneously catalyzed etherification of glycerol: new pathways for transformation of glycerol to more valuable chemicals**

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#### **General remarks**

Silica gel (60 ACC 40-63 µm, surface area: 550 m<sup>2</sup>/g) was purchased from CARLO ERBA REACTIFS-SDS. 3-Mercaptopropyltrimethoxy silane, glycerol, 1-phenyl-1-ethanol, 1-phenyl-1-propanol, 1-totyl-1-ethanol, 2-(4-chlorophenyl)propanol, dicyclopentadiene, *exo*-norborneol, hydrogen peroxide aqueous solution (30%), 1-phenyl-1-pentyn-3-ol, α-vinylbenzyl alcohol, 1-dodecanol, 2-dodecanol and *trans*-2-octen-1-ol were purchased from Aldrich Chemical Company. 1-Phenyl-2-propyn-1-ol and benzhydrol were purchased from Alfa Aesar Chemical Company. Dibenzyl ether and norbornylene were purchased from Across Chemical Company. Bis(1-phenylpropyl) ether was synthesized from 1-phenyl-1-propanol by our previous reported method.<sup>1</sup> <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker Avance 300 DPX 300. Chemical shifts are expressed in ppm relative to Me<sub>4</sub>Si in CDCl<sub>3</sub>. IR spectra were recorded on a FT-IR Perkin Elmer (spectrum one) using ATR technology. Elemental analysis were measured on a NA 2100 Instrument. The reaction progress was monitored on a Varian 3300 GPC equipped with a BPX5 column (12m × 0.22 mm; phase thickness: 0.25 µm) supplied by SGE, a Flame Detector Ionization and an injector on column.



**Scheme 1** Previous methods for synthesis of MAGEs

### Synthesis of covalently anchored sulfonic acid onto silica gel<sup>2</sup>

Silica was activated by an over-night heating at 150 °C. In order to remove trace amount of water, toluene was treated on typical water-carry reflux equipment under refluxed condition before use. Activated silica (2 g) and 3-mercaptopropyltrimethoxy silane (0.2-0.4 g) were added into a 200 ml of round-bottom flask containing 80-150 ml toluene. After 24 h of reflux, the 3-mercaptopropyl silica was filtered off, washed with hot toluene and dried at room temperature for 2 days. The obtained 3-mercaptopropyl silica (2 g) was then mixed with an aqueous solution of hydrogen peroxide (30%, 120 ml). The mixture was stirred at room temperature for 12 h after addition of three drops of conc. H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. The solid was then filtered off and washed with distilled water till washings were neutral.

### Titration of solid catalysts

0.2 g of acid solid catalysts was suspended in 20mL of aqueous solution of KCl (0.1M) and stirred for 30 mn. Titration of the resulting solution was then carried out with a solution of KOH 0.02M and the pH evolution was monitored by a Metrohm pH meter.

### A typical procedure for etherification between glycerol and 1-phenyl-1-propanol

All reactions were conducted in a 10 mL flask with equipped with magnetic stirring. In a typical reaction, Silica-supported sulfonic acid (SiO<sub>2</sub>-SO<sub>3</sub>H, H<sup>+</sup> exchange ability = 0.32 mmol) (60 mg, 1.7 mol%) was mixed with 1-phenyl-1-propanol (154 mg, 1.13 mmol) and glycerol (437 mg, 4.74 mmol) under air. The mixture was stirred for 4.5 hours at 80 °C. After reaction, products were extracted with ethyl acetate (6 mL × 3) from the glycerol phase.

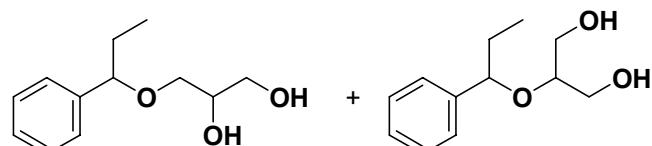
After concentration of organic phase, crude compounds were purified by silica column chromatography using a mixture of ethyl acetate and heptane (E/H<sub>v/v</sub> = 5/1) as eluting solvent to give color-less liquid. The structure was confirmed as a mixture of 1-phenyl-1-propyl  $\alpha$ -glyceryl ether (**1c**) and 1-phenyl-1-propyl  $\beta$ -glyceryl ether(**1d**) (**1c/1d** mole ratio is 9/1 determined by <sup>1</sup>H NMR) from the spectroscopic data and elemental analysis. (228 mg, 96% yield).

The recovering glycerol phase still contains the solid catalyst. For recycling experiments, glycerol phase (including the SiO<sub>2</sub>-SO<sub>3</sub>H catalyst) was treated under reduced pressure (15 mmHg) to remove all volatile components and then reactants were directly added for the next catalytic run.

Table 1 reuse of catalyst SiO<sub>2</sub>-SO<sub>3</sub>H **1**.

Run	1	2	3	4	5
Yield (%)	96	96	94	95	96

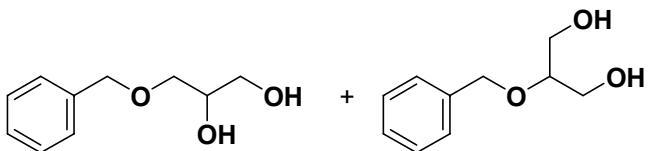
### 1-Phenyl-1-propyl $\alpha$ -glyceryl ether and 1-phenyl-1-propyl $\beta$ -glyceryl ether ( $\alpha/\beta$ = 90/10)



(colorless liquid, heptane/ethyl acetate = 1/5, 96% yield) <sup>1</sup>H NMR  $\delta$  0.85 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 3H),

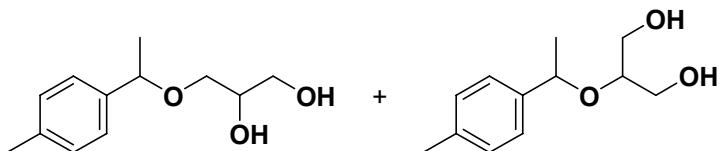
1.59-1.73 (m, 1H), 1.76-1.91 (m, 1H), 3.25-3.35 (m, 2H), 3.46-3.75 (m, 4H), 3.77-3.82 (m, 1H), 4.12 (t,  $J = 6.7$  Hz, 0.9 H), 4.30 (t,  $J = 6.8$  Hz, 0.1 H), 7.21-7.34 (m, 5H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR  $\delta$  10.2, 10.4, 30.8, 31.0, 61.1, 62.4, 64.0, 64.2, 70.1, 70.2, 70.9, 71.1, 82.8, 84.5, 84.6, 126.7, 126.8, 127.6, 127.8, 128.4, 128.5, 141.9, 142.4. IR (neat) 3381, 2965, 2933, 2876, 1452, 1103, 1042, 727, 755, 700  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . Anal. Calcd for  $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{18}\text{O}_3$ : C, 68.54; H, 8.63. Found: C, 68.35; H, 8.91.

**Benzyl  $\alpha$ -glyceryl ether and Benzyl  $\beta$ -glyceryl ether ( $\alpha/\beta = 84/16$ )<sup>3</sup>**



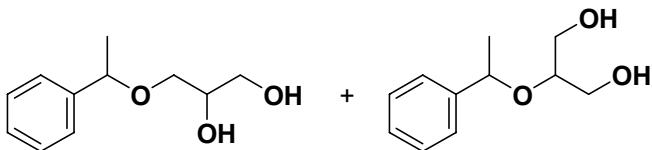
(colorless liquid, heptane/ethyl acetate = 1/5, 76% yield)  $^1\text{H}$  NMR  $\delta$  3.07 (bs, 0.5H), 3.35-3.75 (m, 5H), 3.85 (s, 1.5H), 4.49 (s, 1.67H), 4.58 (s, 0.33 H), 7.15-7.34 (m, 5H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR  $\delta$  61.7, 63.9, 70.9, 71.6, 71.8, 73.4, 79.2, 127.8, 127.9, 128.4, 128.5, 137.7, 138.0. IR (neat) 3367, 2937, 2868, 1454, 1067, 1040, 1028, 736, 697  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . Anal. Calcd for  $\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_{14}\text{O}_3$ : C, 65.91; H, 7.74. Found: C, 66.15; H, 7.91.

**1-Tolyl-1-ethyl  $\alpha$ -glyceryl ether and 1-tolyl-1-ethyl  $\beta$ -glyceryl ether ( $\alpha/\beta = 94/6$ )**



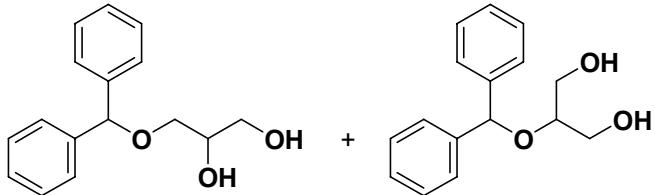
(colorless liquid, heptane/ethyl acetate = 1/5, 94% yield)  $^1\text{H}$  NMR  $\delta$  1.41 (d,  $J = 0.9$  Hz, 1.5H), 1.43 (d,  $J = 0.9$  Hz, 1.5H), 2.32 (s, 3H), 3.21-3.37 (m, 2H), 3.44-3.68 (m, 4H), 3.72-3.80 (m, 1H), 4.37 (dd,  $J_a = 12.2$  Hz,  $J_b = 5.8$  Hz, 0.94 H), 4.58 (dd,  $J_a = 12.9$  Hz,  $J_b = 6.5$  Hz, 0.06 H), 7.08-7.24 (m, 4H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR  $\delta$  21.1, 23.8, 24.1, 61.3, 62.5, 69.9, 70.0, 70.9, 71.0, 76.9, 78.5, 78.8, 126.1, 126.2, 129.2, 129.31, 137.3, 137.4, 140.1, 140.5. IR (KBr) 3379, 2975, 2926, 2868, 1514, 1370, 1204, 1056, 1085, 816  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . Anal. Calcd for  $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{18}\text{O}_3$ : C, 68.54; H, 8.63. Found: C, 68.77; H, 8.92.

**1-Phenyl-1-ethyl  $\alpha$ -glyceryl ether and 1-phenyl-1-ethyl  $\beta$ -glyceryl ether ( $\alpha/\beta = 93/7$ )**



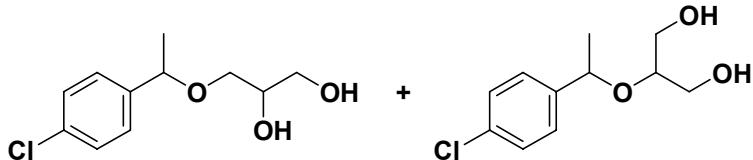
(colorless liquid, heptane/ethyl acetate = 1/5, 85% yield)  $^1\text{H}$  NMR  $\delta$  1.41 (d,  $J = 1.2$  Hz, 1.5H), 1.43 (d,  $J = 1.2$  Hz, 1.5H), 3.26-3.38 (m, 2H), 3.42-3.70 (m, 2H), 3.73-4.05 (m, 3H), 4.39 (dd,  $J_a = 12.6$  Hz,  $J_b = 6.2$  Hz, 0.93 H), 4.60 (dd,  $J_a = 12.9$  Hz,  $J_b = 6.4$  Hz, 0.07 H), 7.20-7.34 (m, 5H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR  $\delta$  23.8, 24.1, 61.0, 62.2, 63.9, 64.0, 69.9, 70.0, 70.9, 71.1, 76.7, 77.0, 78.5, 78.7, 126.1, 126.2, 127.5, 127.7, 128.5, 143.2, 143.6. IR (neat) 3378, 2975, 2929, 2870, 1451, 1103, 1050, 1029, 760  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . Anal. Calcd for  $\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_{16}\text{O}_3$ : C, 67.32; H, 8.22. Found: C, 67.56; H, 8.09.

**Benzhydryl  $\alpha$ -glyceryl ether and benzhydryl  $\beta$ -glyceryl ether ( $\alpha/\beta = 94/6$ )**



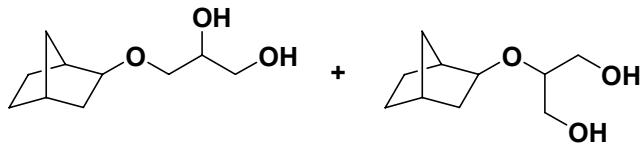
(colorless liquid, heptane/ethyl acetate = 1/5, 96% yield)  $^1\text{H}$  NMR  $\delta$  3.37-3.74 (m, 6H), 3.81-3.87 (m, 1H), 5.32 (s, 0.94 H), 5.55 (s, 0.06 H), 7.16-7.23 (m, 2H), 7.26-7.34 (m, 8H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR  $\delta$  61.9, 63.9, 70.4, 70.9, 77.4, 82.1, 84.2, 126.9, 127.0, 127.6, 127.7, 128.4, 141.6, 141.7, 142.0. IR (neat) 3371, 3028, 2924, 2870, 1493, 1452, 1066, 1028, 921, 741, 696  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . Anal. Calcd for  $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{18}\text{O}_3$ : C, 74.39; H, 7.02. Found: C, 74.68; H, 7.27.

**1-(4-Chlorophenyl)-1-ethyl  $\alpha$ -glyceryl ether and 1-(4-chlorophenyl)-1-ethyl  $\beta$ -glyceryl ether ( $\alpha/\beta = 93/7$ )**



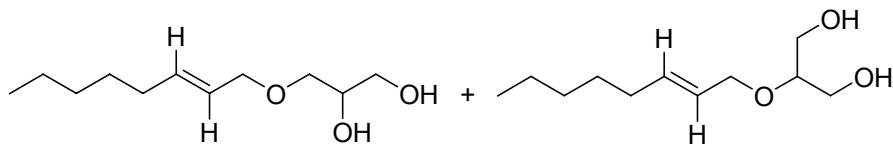
(colorless liquid, heptane/ethyl acetate = 1/5, 89% yield)  $^1\text{H}$  NMR  $\delta$  1.41 (d,  $J = 0.7 \text{ Hz}$ , 1.5H), 1.41 (d,  $J = 0.9 \text{ Hz}$ , 1.5H), 3.24-3.35 (m, 2H), 3.44-3.63 (m, 2H), 3.75-4.09 (m, 3H), 4.38 (dd,  $J_a = 11.9 \text{ Hz}$ ,  $J_b = 5.4 \text{ Hz}$ , 0.93 H), 4.60 (dd,  $J_a = 12.8 \text{ Hz}$ ,  $J_b = 6.4 \text{ Hz}$ , 0.07 H), 7.20-7.30 (dd,  $J_a = 22.8 \text{ Hz}$ ,  $J_b = 8.2 \text{ Hz}$ , 4H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR  $\delta$  23.8, 24.0, 61.1, 62.2, 63.9, 64.0, 69.9, 70.0, 76.1, 77.1, 77.9, 78.1, 127.5, 127.7, 128.7, 133.2, 133.3, 141.8, 142.1. IR (neat) 3370, 2975, 2929, 2873, 1597, 1489, 1408, 1100, 1055, 1013, 827  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . Anal. Calcd for  $\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_{15}\text{ClO}_3$ : C, 57.27; H, 6.55. Found: C, 57.49; H, 6.78.

**Norbornanyl  $\alpha$ -glyceryl ether and norbornanyl  $\beta$ -glyceryl ether ( $\alpha/\beta = 89/11$ , determined by GC)**



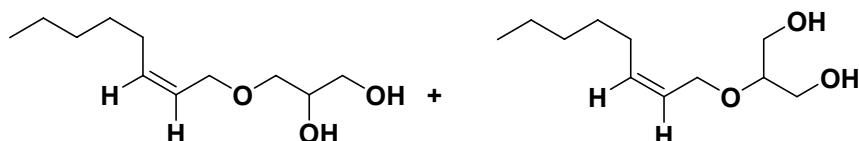
(colorless liquid, heptane/ethyl acetate = 1/5, 83% yield)  $^1\text{H}$  NMR  $\delta$  0.93-1.10 (m, 3H), 1.34-1.58 (m, 5H), 2.23 (s, 1H), 2.31 (d,  $J = 3.0 \text{ Hz}$ , 1H), 3.23-3.49 (m, 3H), 3.57-3.78 (m, 5H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR  $\delta$  24.5, 24.5, 28.4, 28.5, 34.8, 35.1, 35.2, 39.4, 39.4, 40.0, 40.2, 40.3, 41.1, 61.8, 62.0, 64.2, 64.2, 69.7, 70.8, 70.9, 77.3, 81.5, 83.2, 83.3. IR (neat) 3371, 2953, 2871, 1452, 1352, 1176, 1084, 1065, 988, 919, 731  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . Anal. Calcd for  $\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_{18}\text{O}_3$ : C, 64.49; H, 9.74. Found: C, 64.31; H, 9.89.

**trans-2-Octen-1-yl  $\alpha$ -glyceryl ether and trans-2-octen-1-yl  $\beta$ -glyceryl ether ( $\alpha/\beta = 76/24$ )**



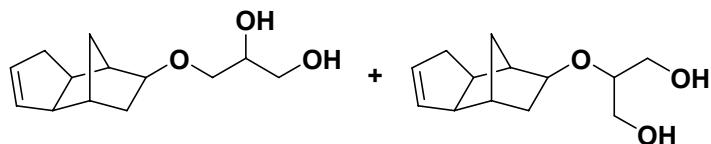
(colorless liquid, heptane/ethyl acetate = 1/5, 41% yield)  $^1\text{H}$  NMR  $\delta$  0.86 (t,  $J$  = 6.6 Hz, 3H), 1.21-1.43 (m, 6H), 2.04 (dd,  $J_a$  = 13.6 Hz,  $J_b$  = 6.6 Hz, 2 H), 3.08-3.30 (m, 1H), 3.41-3.51 (m, 2H), 3.52-3.61 (m, 1H), 3.66-3.73 (m, 2H), 3.83-3.88 (m, 1H), 3.95 (dd,  $J_a$  = 6.3 Hz,  $J_b$  = 0.80 Hz, 1.52H), 4.06 (dd,  $J_a$  = 6.3 Hz,  $J_b$  = 0.8 Hz, 0.48H), 5.48-5.60 (m, 1H), 5.65-5.77 (m, 1H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR  $\delta$  14.0, 22.5, 28.7, 31.4, 32.3, 61.9, 64.1, 70.7, 70.8, 71.3, 72.3, 78.7, 125.7, 126.0, 135.6, 135.6. IR (neat) 3370, 2957, 2925, 2858, 1456, 1379, 1260, 1104, 1048, 970  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . Anal. Calcd for  $\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_{22}\text{O}_3$ : C, 57.27; H, 6.55. Found: C, 57.49; H, 6.78.

**cis-2-Octen-1-yl  $\alpha$ -glyceryl ether and cis-2-octen-1-yl  $\beta$ -glyceryl ether ( $\alpha/\beta$  = 84/16, determined by GC)**



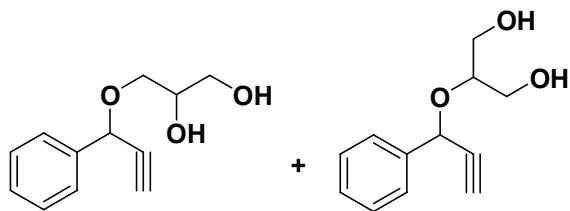
(colorless liquid, heptane/ethyl acetate = 1/5, 20% yield)  $^1\text{H}$  NMR  $\delta$  0.88 (t,  $J$  = 6.6 Hz, 3H), 1.24-1.40 (m, 6H), 1.43-1.55 (m, 1H), 1.57-1.70 (m, 1H), 2.72 (bs, 1H), 2.97 (bs, 1H), 3.35 (ddd,  $J_a$  = 15.8 Hz,  $J_b$  = 9.8 Hz,  $J_c$  = 4.1 Hz, 1H), 3.54-3.72 (m, 4H), 3.83-3.87 (m, 1H), 5.16 (dt,  $J_a$  = 8.9 Hz,  $J_b$  = 0.8 Hz, 1 H), 5.21-5.22 (m, 1H), 5.59-5.73 (m, 1H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR  $\delta$  14.0, 22.6, 25.0, 25.0, 25.1, 31.8, 35.3, 35.6, 61.8, 62.9, 64.2, 64.4, 70.1, 70.1, 70.7, 70.8, 76.8, 77.3, 80.8, 82.3, 82.5, 117.3, 117.3, 138.7, 139.3. IR (neat) 3382, 2957, 2929, 2860, 1461, 1421, 1258, 1048, 993, 923, 864, 727  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . Anal. Calcd for  $\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_{22}\text{O}_3$ : C, 57.27; H, 6.55. Found: C, 57.53; H, 6.81.

**3a,4,5,6,7,7a-hexahydro-1H-4,7-methanoinden-5-yl  $\alpha$ -glyceryl ether and 3a,4,5,6,7,7a-hexahydro-1H-4,7-methanoinden-5-yl  $\beta$ -glyceryl ether ( $\alpha/\beta$  = 74/26, determined by GC)**



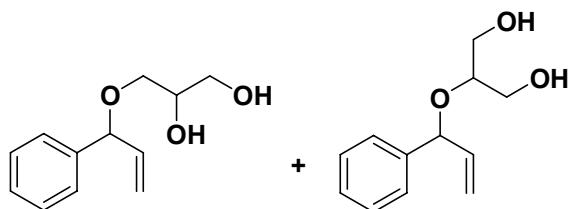
(light brown liquid, heptane/ethyl acetate = 1/5, 64% yield)  $^1\text{H}$  NMR  $\delta$  1.17-1.58 (m, 3H), 1.60-1.68 (m, 1H), 1.85-2.23 (m, 4H), 2.41-2.59 (m, 2H), 2.87-3.00 (m, 1H), 3.32-3.81 (m, 7H), 5.44-5.55 (m, 1H), 5.58-5.69 (m, 1H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR  $\delta$  28.4, 28.5, 32.6, 39.1, 39.3, 39.6, 41.7, 41.8, 43.2, 43.2, 44.9, 45.8, 51.2, 51.3, 61.9, 64.2, 64.2, 70.0, 70.0, 70.7, 70.8, 77.4, 81.5, 83.2, 83.2, 130.3, 130.9, 131.0, 131.1, 131.4, 131.5, 132.0, 132.1, 132.2, 132.4, 132.5. IR (neat) 3371, 2953, 2871, 1452, 1394, 1352, 1260, 1223, 1176, 1155, 1084, 1065, 988, 919, 881, 846, 731  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . Anal. Calcd for  $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{20}\text{O}_3$ : C, 69.61; H, 8.99. Found: C, 69.88; H, 9.23.

**1-Phenyl-1-ethynyl  $\alpha$ -glyceryl ether and 1-phenyl-1-ethynyl  $\beta$ -glyceryl ether ( $\alpha/\beta$  = 90/10)**



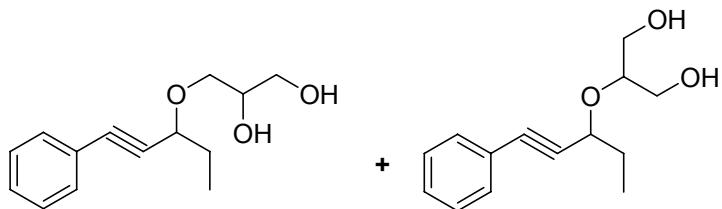
(colorless liquid, heptane/ethyl acetate = 1/5, 70% yield)  $^1\text{H}$  NMR  $\delta$  2.67 (d,  $J$  = 2.1 Hz, 1H), 3.09 (bs, 1H), 3.34 (bs, 1H), 3.48-3.57 (m, 2H), 3.61-3.78 (m, 3H), 3.82-3.95 (m, 1H), 5.20 (s, 0.90 H), 5.35 (s, 0.10 H), 7.29-7.39 (m, 3H), 7.48-7.50 (m, 2H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR  $\delta$  61.9, 62.5, 63.8, 63.9, 69.5, 70.7, 70.8, 71.8, 71.9, 76.1, 76.3, 78.3, 81.1, 127.4, 127.4, 128.6, 128.7, 128.7, 128.8, 137.6, 138.1. IR (neat) 3367, 3285, 2930, 2876, 2113, 1452, 1275, 1055, 1028, 920, 864, 759, 697  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . Anal. Calcd for  $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{14}\text{O}_3$ : C, 69.88; H, 6.84. Found: C, 70.20; H, 7.07.

#### $\alpha$ -Vinylbenzyl $\alpha$ -glyceryl ether and $\alpha$ -vinylbenzyl $\beta$ -glyceryl ether ( $\alpha/\beta$ = 92/8)



(colorless liquid, heptane/ethyl acetate = 1/5, 82% yield)  $^1\text{H}$  NMR  $\delta$  2.69 (bs, 2H), 3.52-3.62 (m, 4H), 3.71-3.78 (m, 1H), 3.89-4.15 (m, 1H), 5.22 (s, 0.92), 5.38 (s, 0.08), 7.26-7.39 (m, 4H), 7.49-7.52 (m, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR  $\delta$  60.5, 62.2, 62.8, 63.9, 63.9, 69.6, 69.9, 70.6, 70.7, 71.9, 72.0, 76.3, 78.5, 81.0, 126.6, 127.4, 128.5, 128.5, 128.6, 128.6, 128.7, 128.8, 128.9, 129.1, 131.3, 137.5. IR (neat) 3386, 2921, 2870, 1641, 1493, 1453, 1355, 1087, 1070, 1042, 992, 916, 758, 700  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . Anal. Calcd for  $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{16}\text{O}_3$ : C, 69.21; H, 7.74. Found: C, 69.54; H, 7.97.

#### 1-phenyl-1-pentyn-3-yl $\alpha$ -glyceryl ether and 1-phenyl-1-pentyn-3-yl $\beta$ -glyceryl ether ( $\alpha/\beta$ = 88/12)



(colorless liquid, heptane/ethyl acetate = 1/5, 83% yield)  $^1\text{H}$  NMR  $\delta$  1.06 (t,  $J$  = 7.2 Hz, 3H), 1.79-1.98 (m, 2H), 2.53 (bs, 1H), 2.90 (bs, 1H), 3.49-3.77 (m, 3H), 3.85-3.94 (m, 2H), 4.24 (t,  $J$  = 6.3 Hz, 0.88 H), 4.39 (t,  $J$  = 6.3 Hz, 0.12 H), 7.26-7.33 (m, 3H), 7.40-7.71 (m, 2H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR  $\delta$  9.75, 9.77, 9.86, 28.9, 29.4, 62.1, 62.9, 64.1, 64.2, 70.4, 70.4, 70.6, 70.8, 71.1, 72.1, 72.3, 77.3, 78.8, 86.0, 86.2, 87.6, 87.6, 88.3, 122.4, 122.5, 128.3, 128.5, 128.5, 131.7, 131.8. IR (neat) 3367, 3285, 2930, 2876, 2113, 1452, 1275, 1055, 1028, 920, 864, 759, 697  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . Anal. Calcd for  $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{18}\text{O}_3$ : C, 71.77; H, 7.74. Found: C, 71.89; H, 7.97.

### A typical procedure for etherification between glycerol and norbornylene

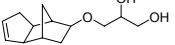
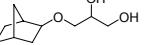
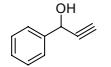
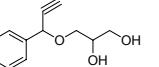
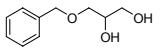
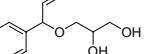
All reactions were conducted in a 10 mL flask with equipped with magnetic stirring. In a typical reaction, Silica-supported sulfonic acid ( $\text{SiO}_2\text{-SO}_3\text{H}$ ,  $\text{H}^+$  exchange ability = 0.57 mmol) (60 mg, 3.4 mol%) was mixed with norbornylene (94 mg, 1.0 mmol) and glycerol (278 mg, 3.02 mmol) under air. The mixture was stirred for 8 hours at 95 °C. After reaction, the mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate (6 mL × 3). After concentration of organic phase, the crude compounds were purified by silica column chromatography using a mixture of ethyl acetate and heptane ( $E/H_{v/v} = 5/1$ ) as eluting solvent to give color-less liquid. The structure was confirmed as a mixture of norbornanyl  $\alpha$ -glyceryl ether (**4a**) and norbornanyl  $\beta$ -glyceryl ether (**4b**) ( $\alpha/\beta = 89/11$ , determined by GC) from the spectroscopic data and elemental analysis. (166 mg, 89% yield).

### A typical procedure for reaction between glycerol and dibenzyl ether

All reactions were conducted in a 10 mL flask with equipped with magnetic stirring. In a typical reaction, Silica-supported sulfonic acid ( $\text{SiO}_2\text{-SO}_3\text{H}$ ,  $\text{H}^+$  exchange ability = 0.32 mmol) (60 mg, 2.2 mol%) was mixed with dibenzyl ether (173 mg, 0.87 mmol) and glycerol (320 mg, 3.48 mmol) under air. The mixture was stirred for 4 hours at 95 °C. After reaction, the mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate (6 mL × 3). After concentration of organic phase, the crude compounds were purified by silica column chromatography using a mixture of ethyl acetate and heptane ( $E/H_{v/v} = 5/1$ ) as eluting solvent to give color-less liquid. (145.8 mg, 92% yield).

**Table 1.** GC Response factors of some alcohols and products related to hexadecane

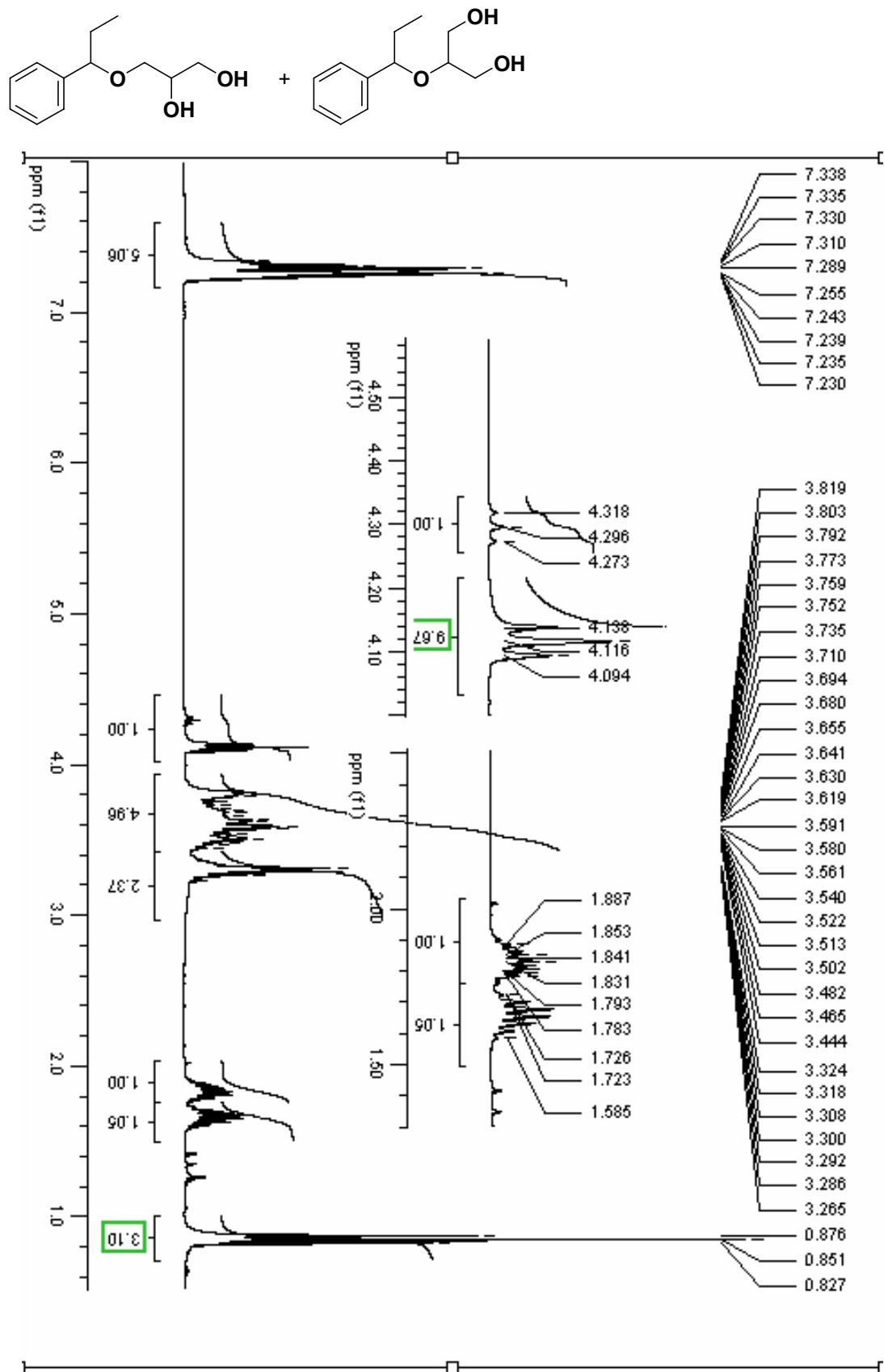
Compound	GC response factors	Compound	GC response factors
	1.3243		0.8413
	0.9252		0.7158
	1.3461		0.7858
	1.2958 <sup>a</sup>		0.9463 <sup>a</sup>
	1.3312		0.7869
	1.3077		0.5738
	1.4927 <sup>b</sup>		1.1901 <sup>b</sup>
			1.2716 <sup>b</sup>

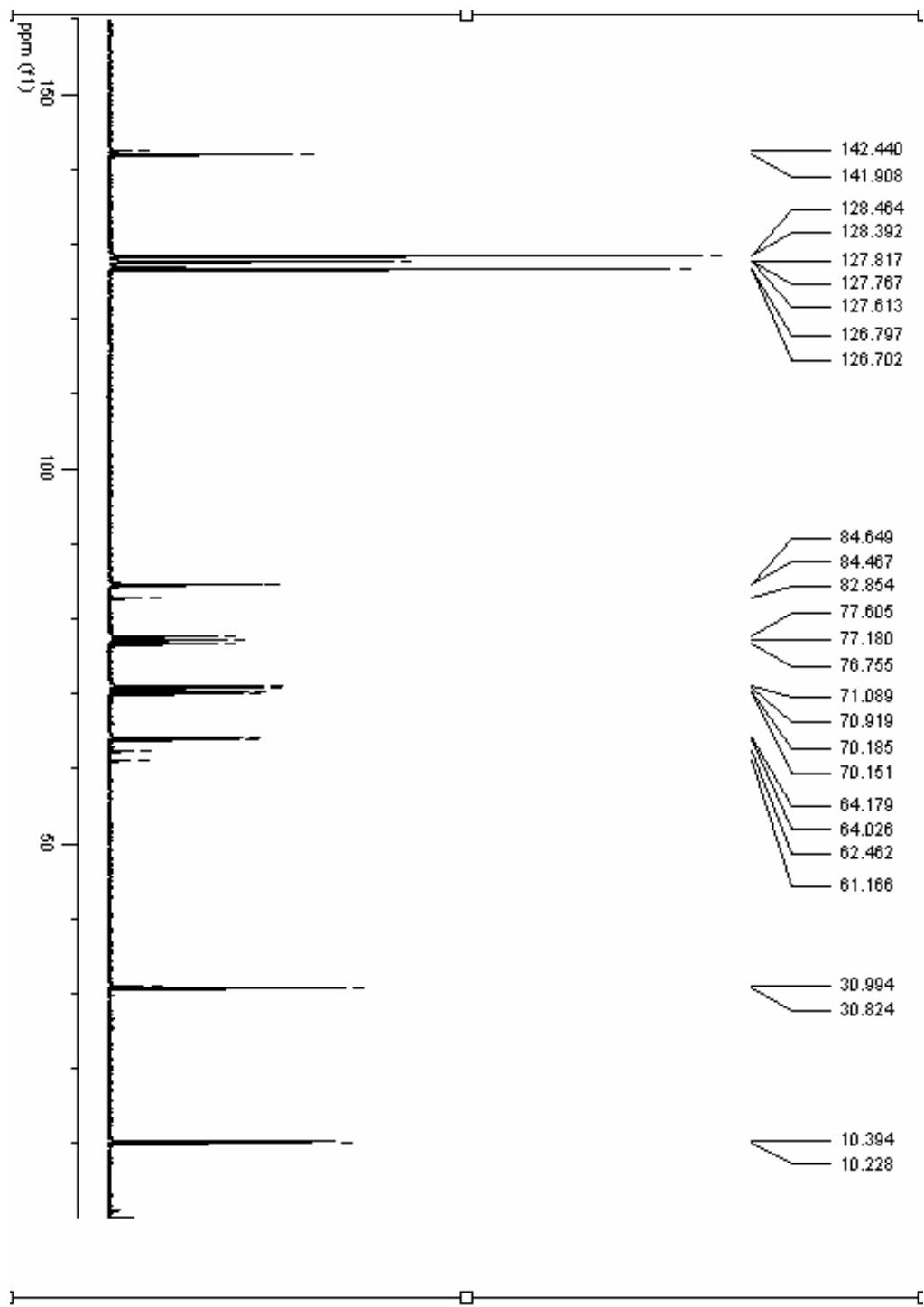
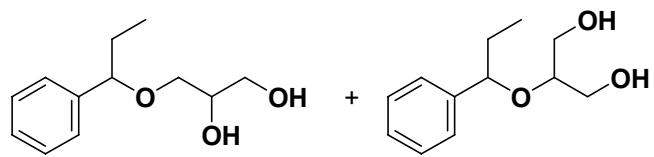
	0.3903		1.1807 <sup>b</sup>
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	1.0761 <sup>b</sup>		0.955 <sup>a</sup>

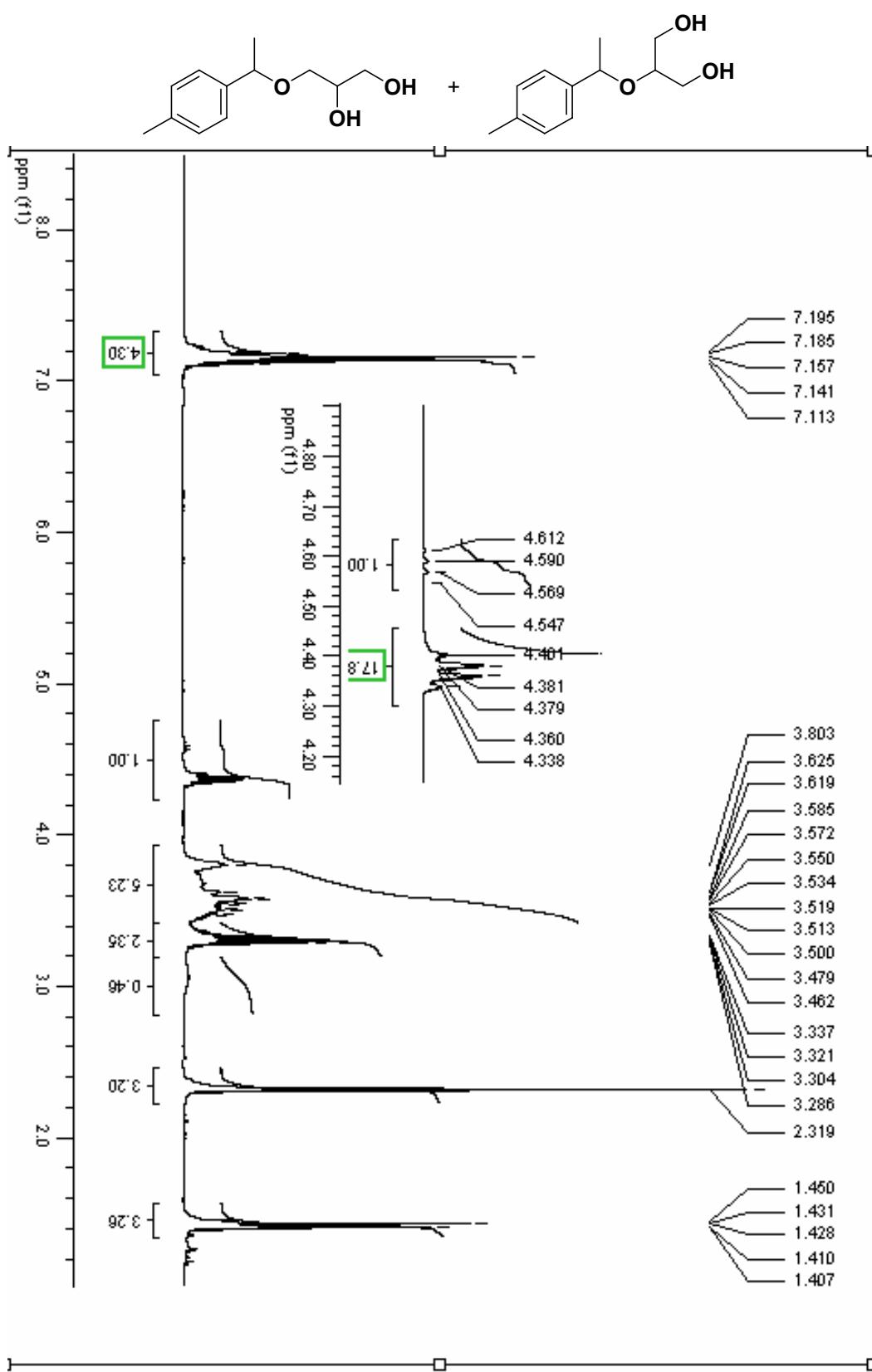
<sup>a</sup>: Dodecane was used as internal standard; <sup>b</sup>: methyl Laurate was used as internal standard.

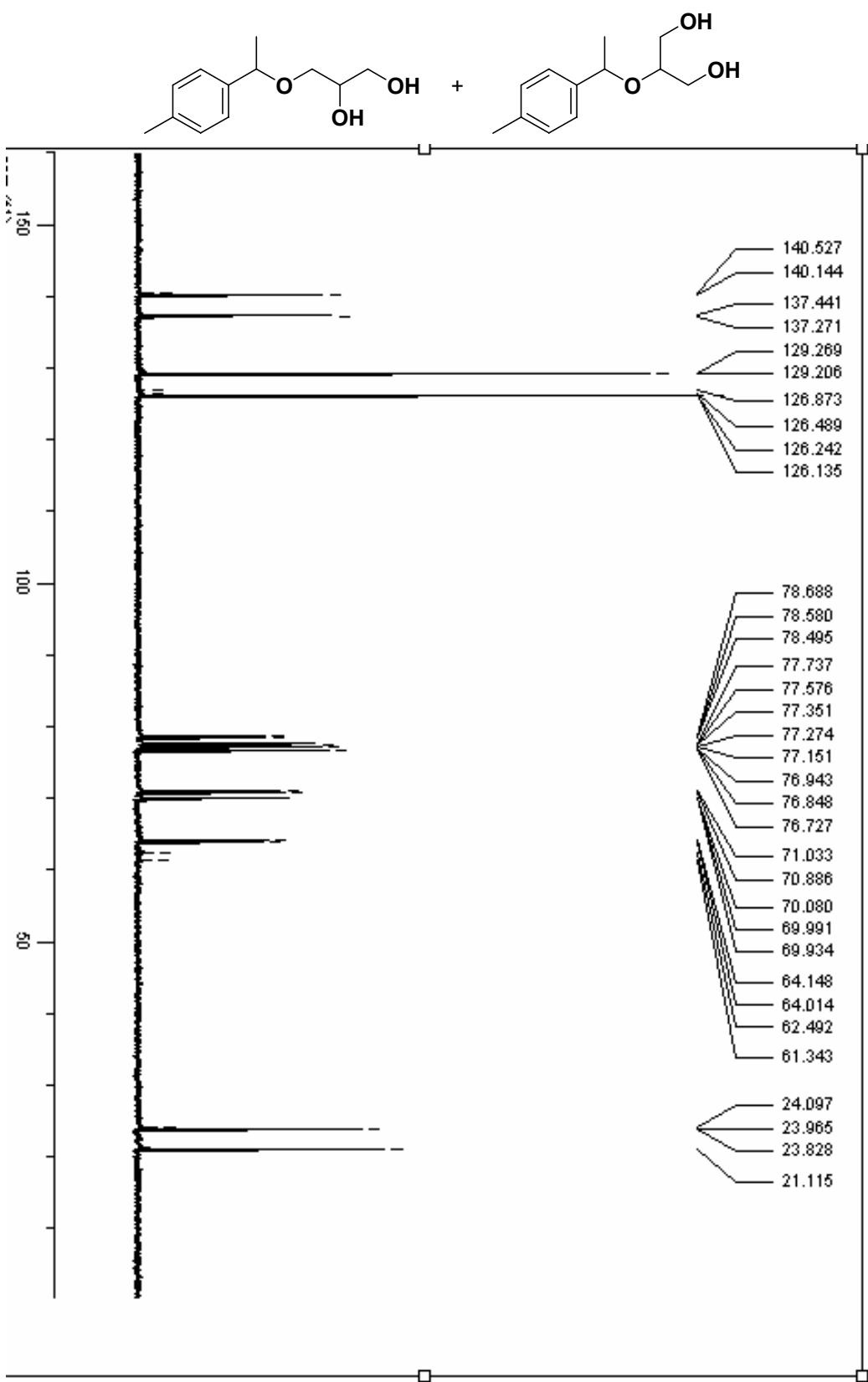
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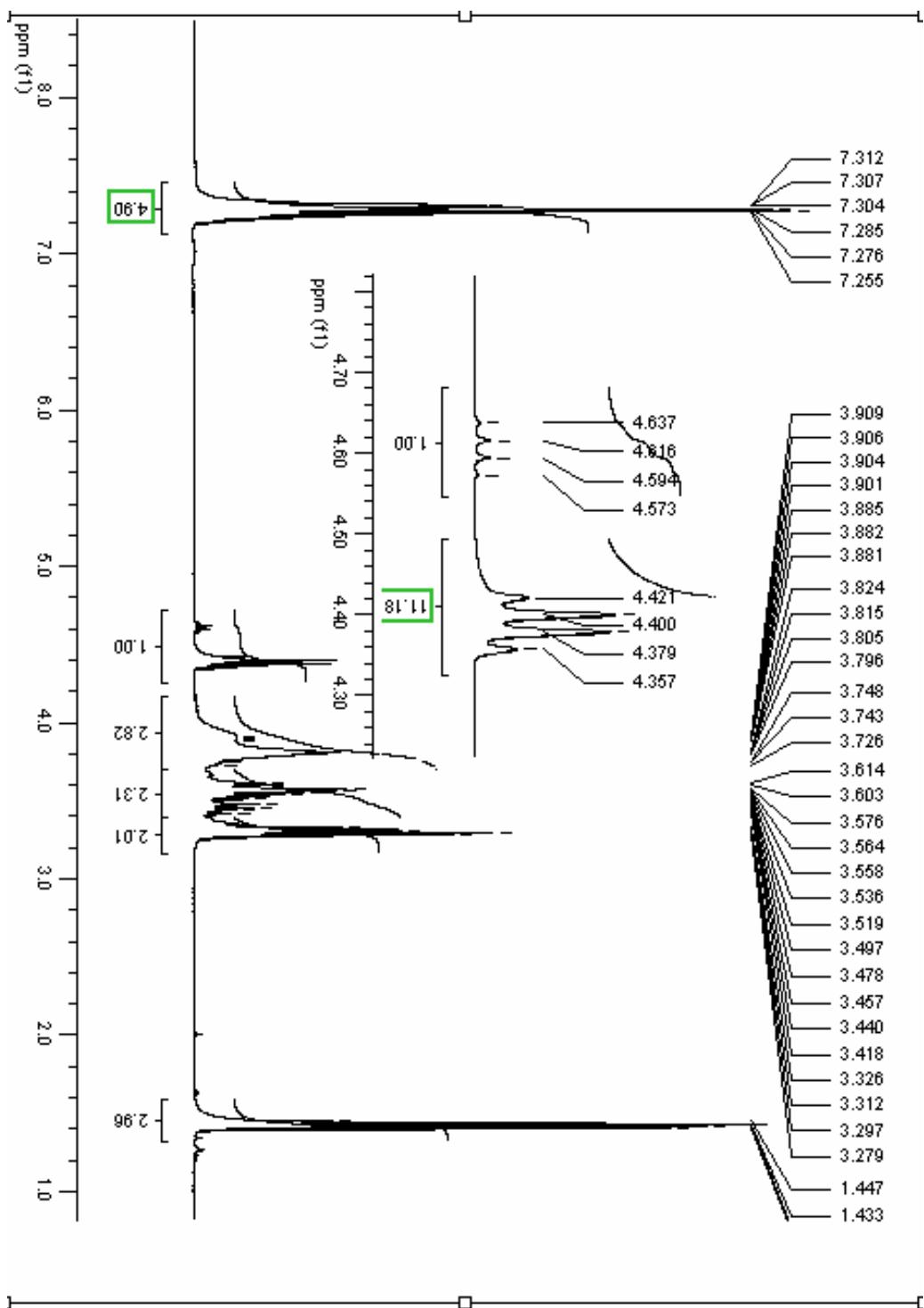
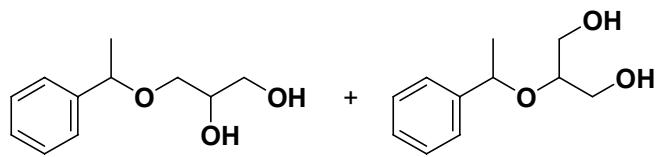
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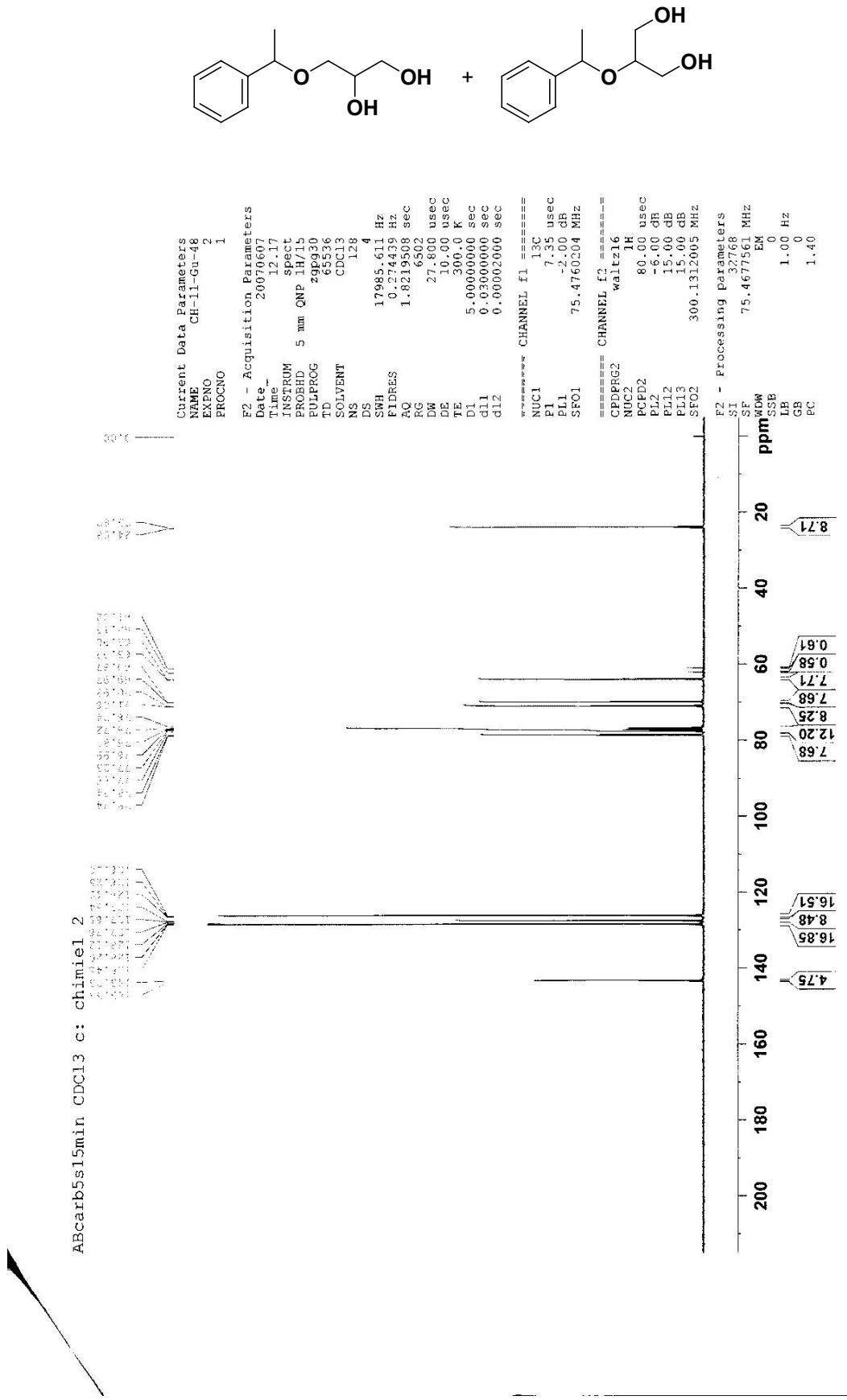


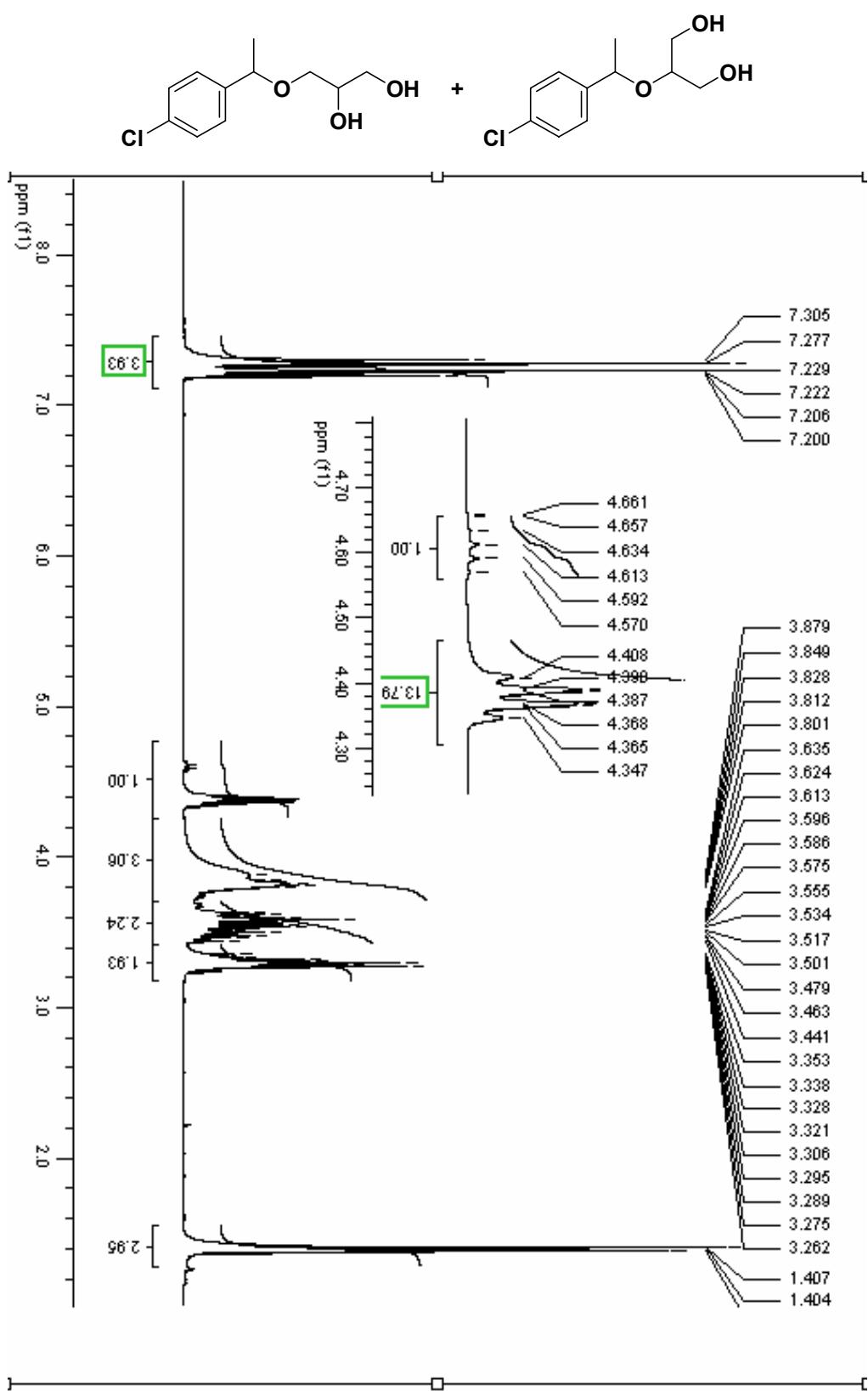


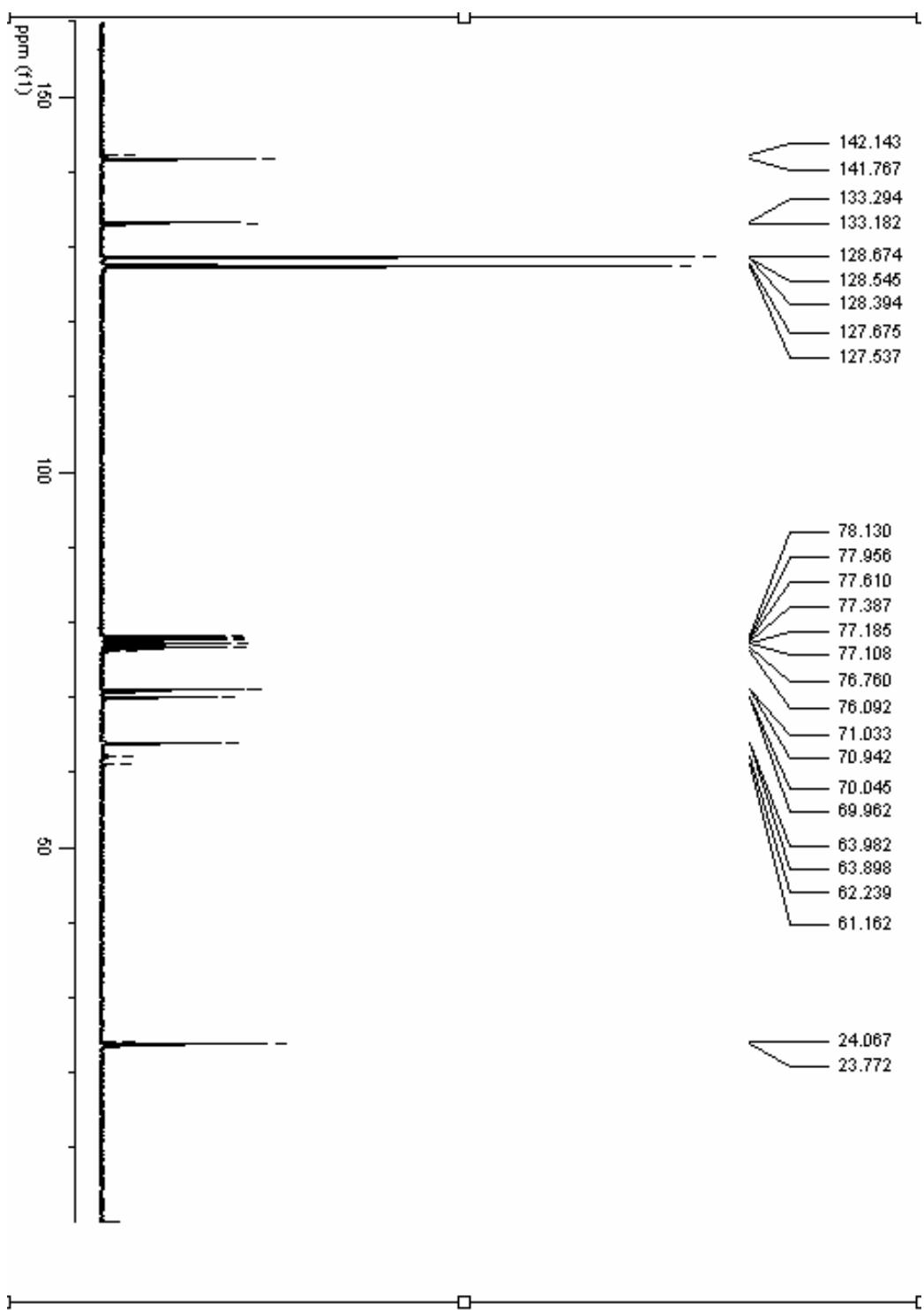
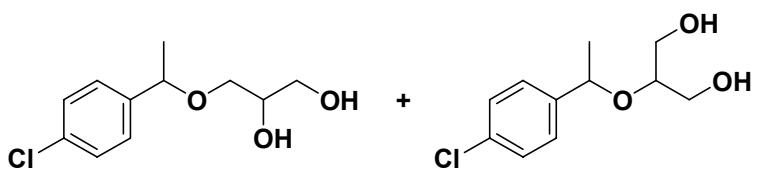


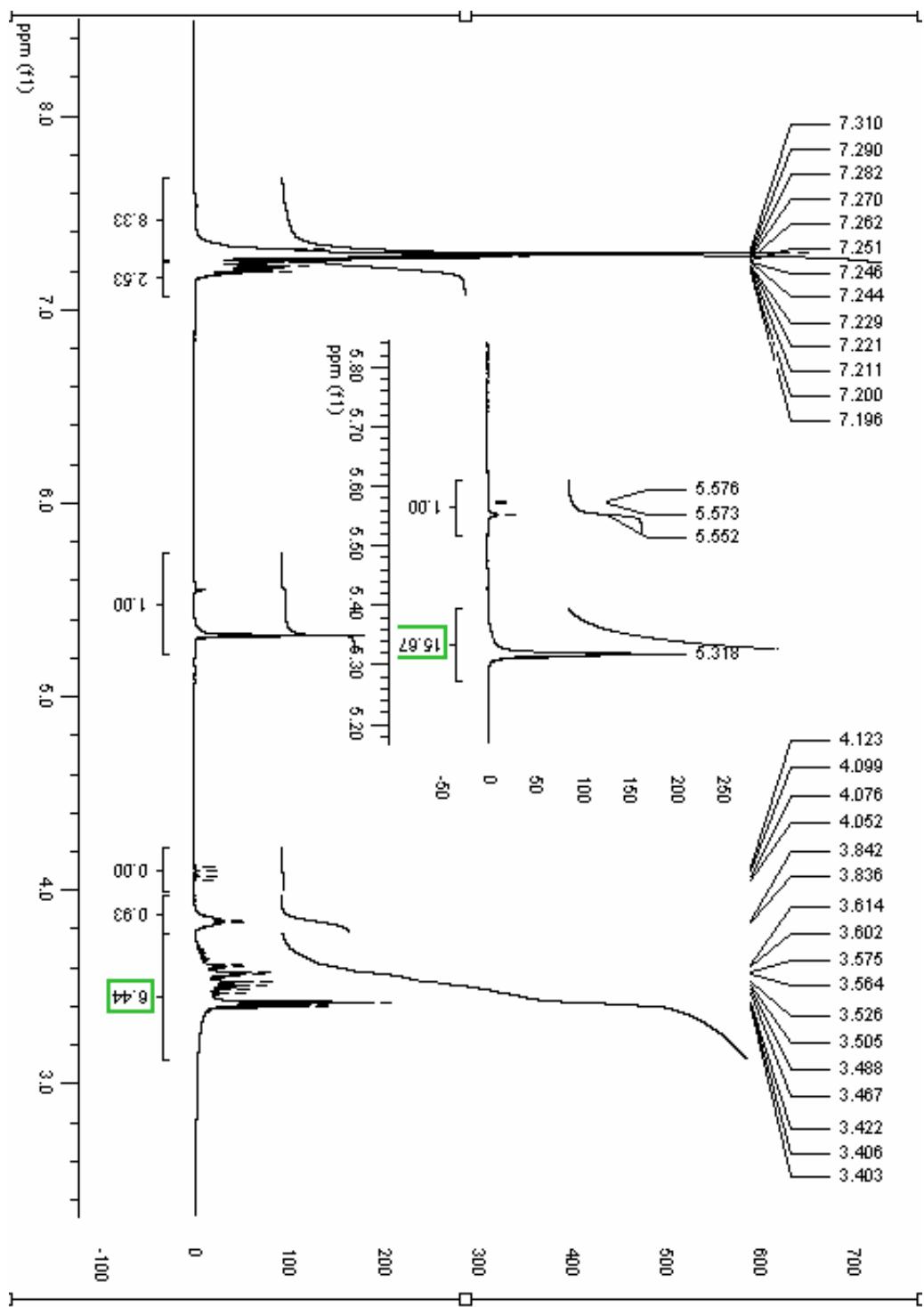
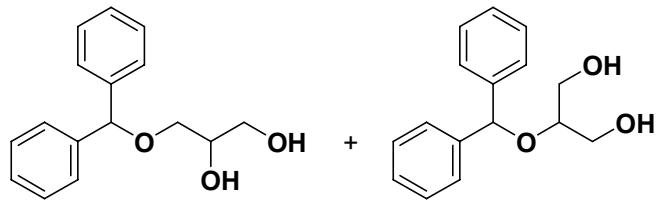


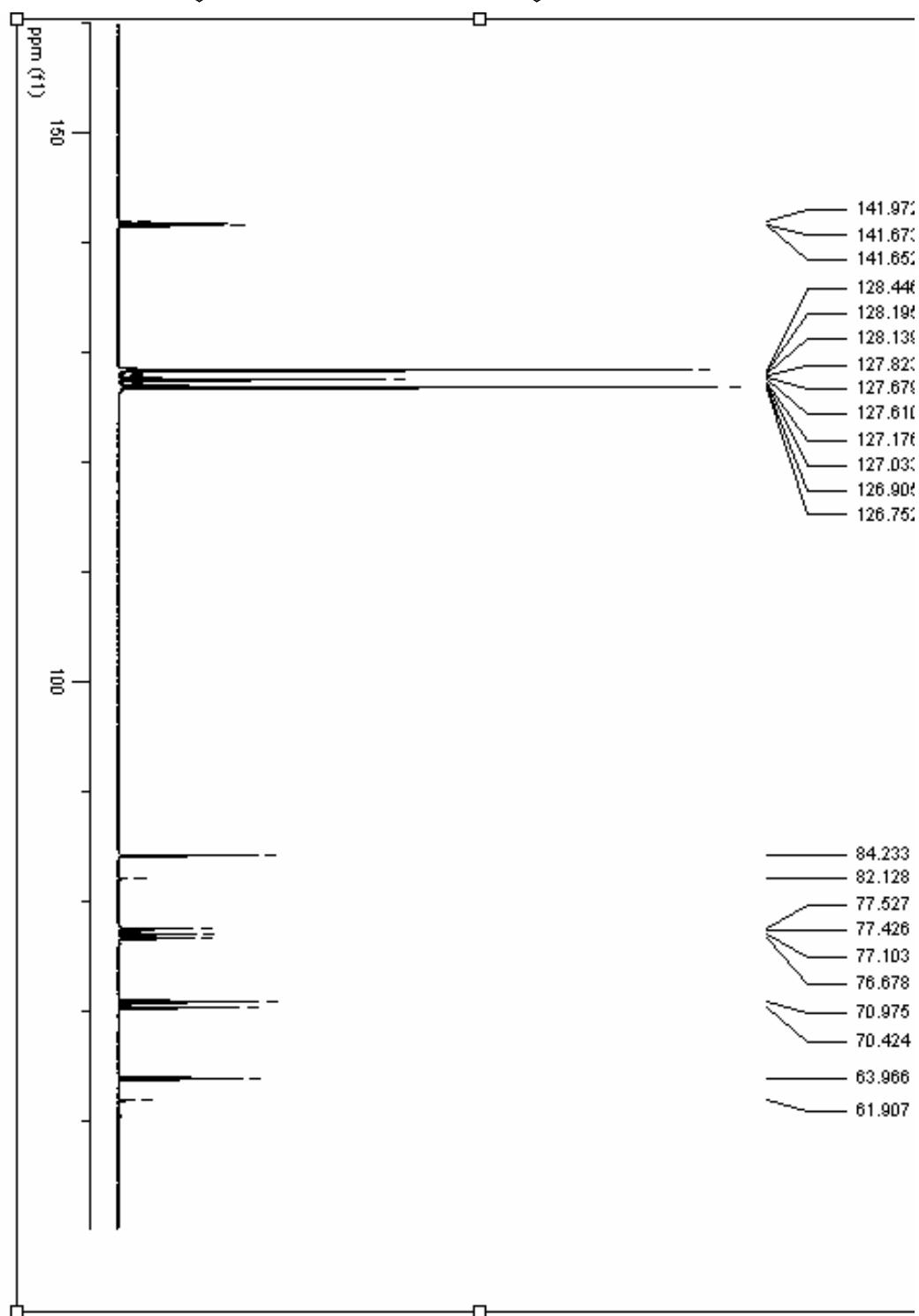
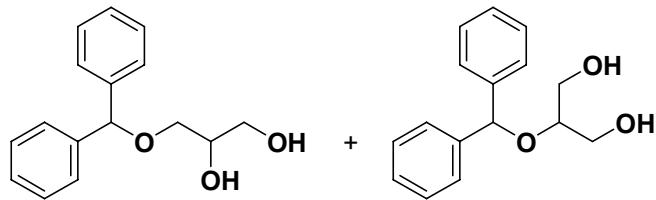


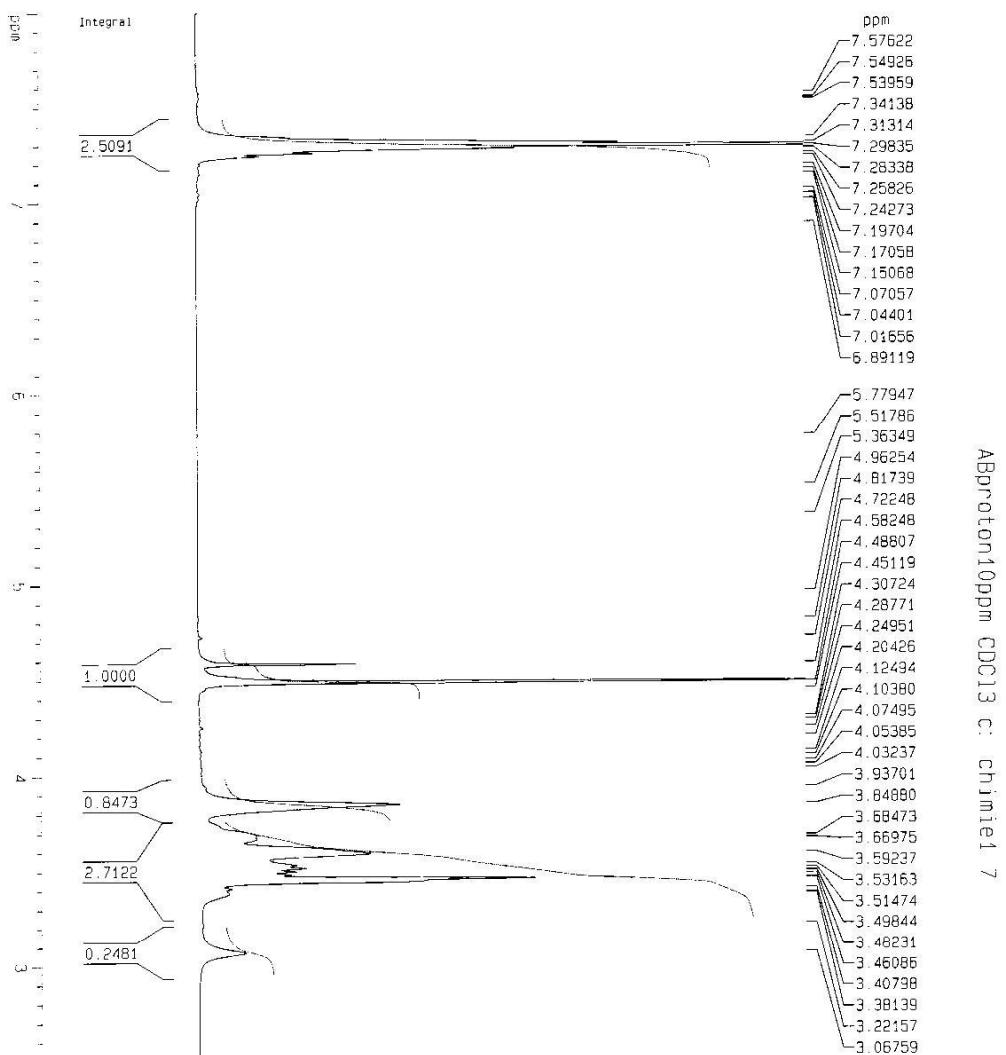
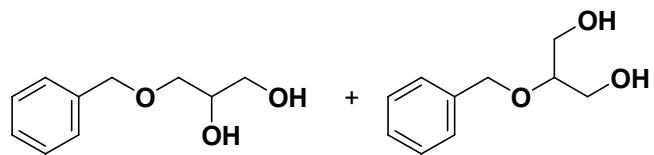






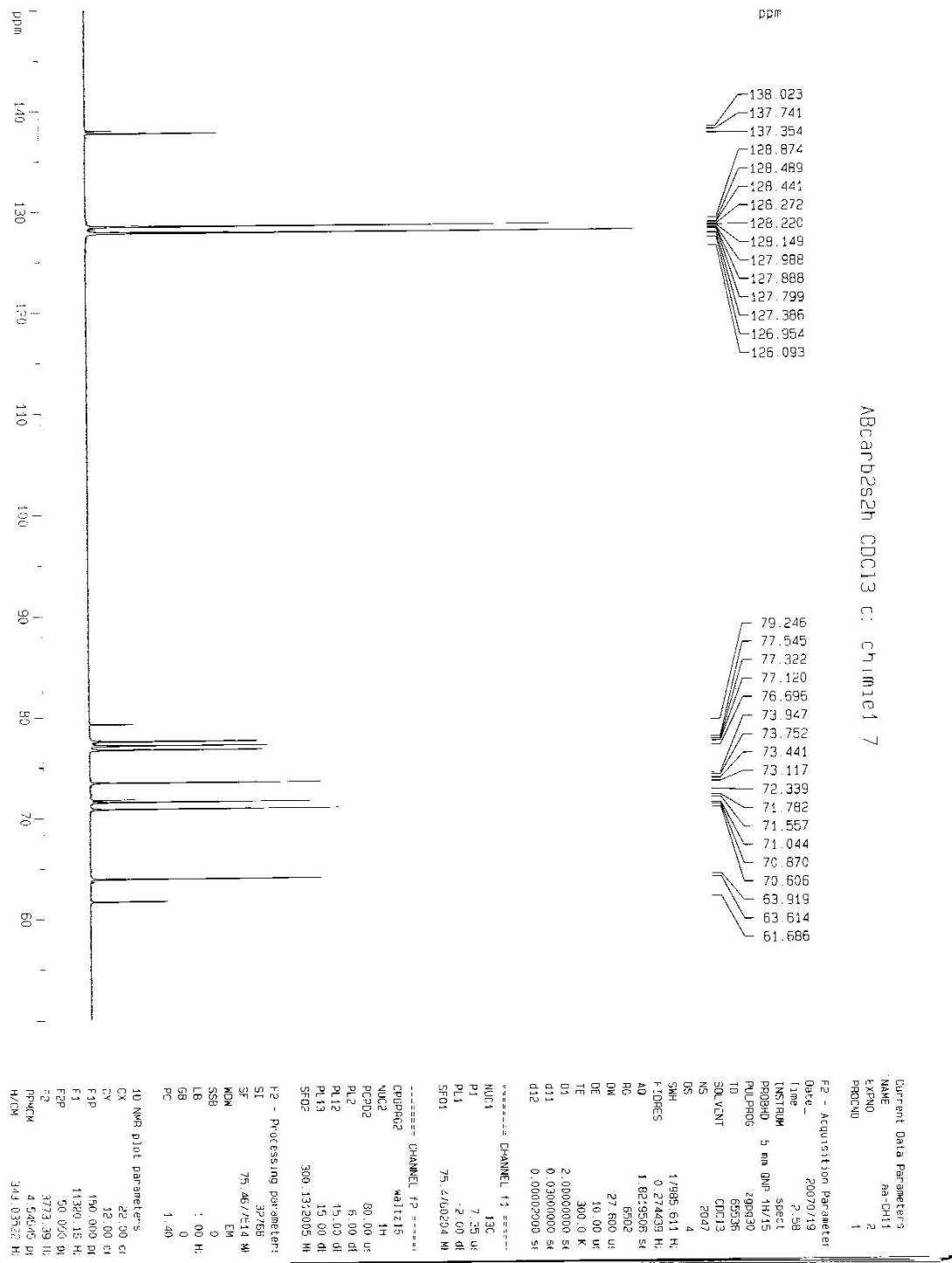
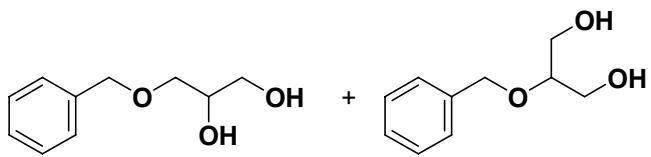


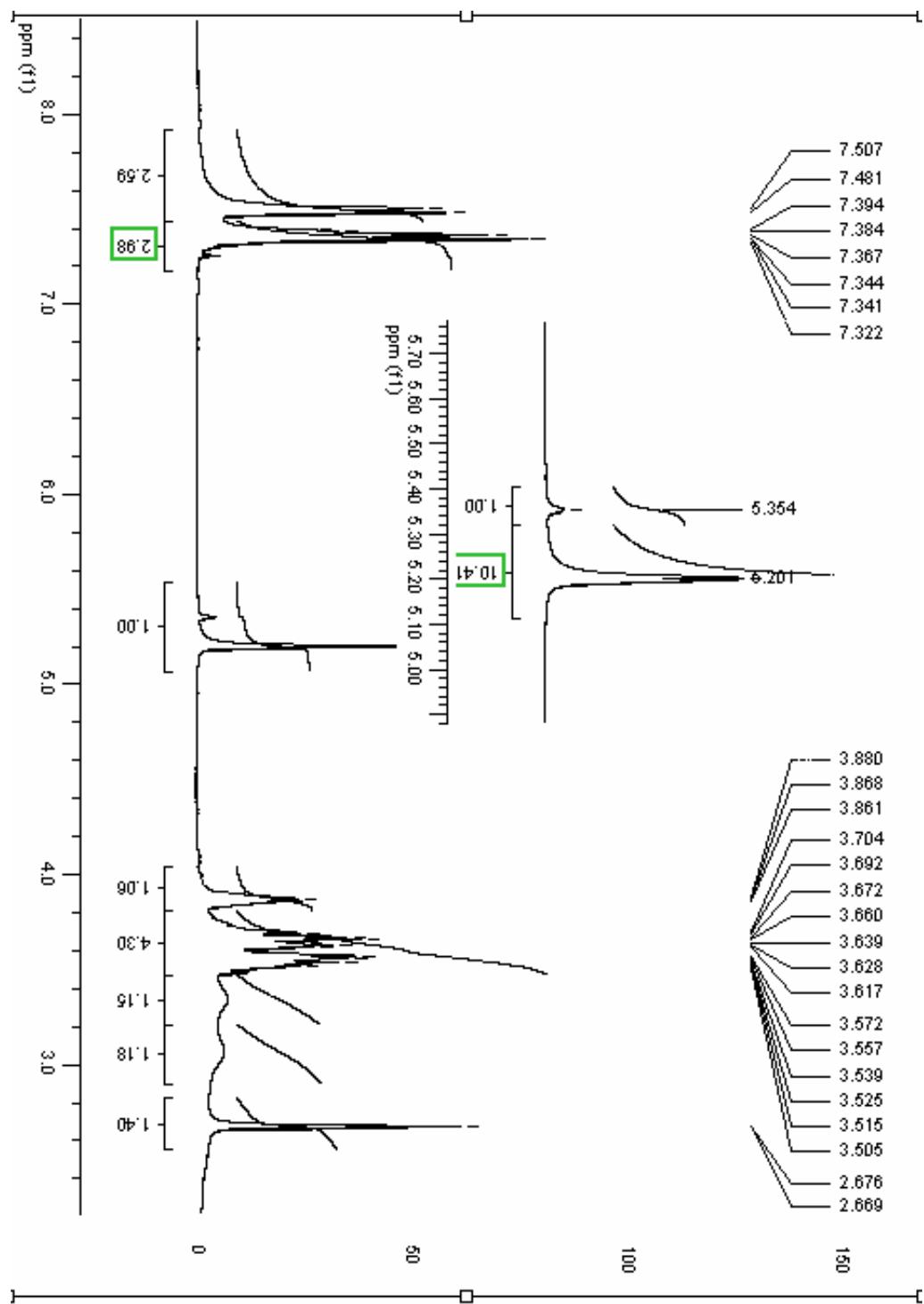
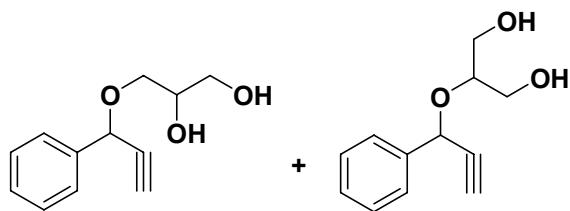


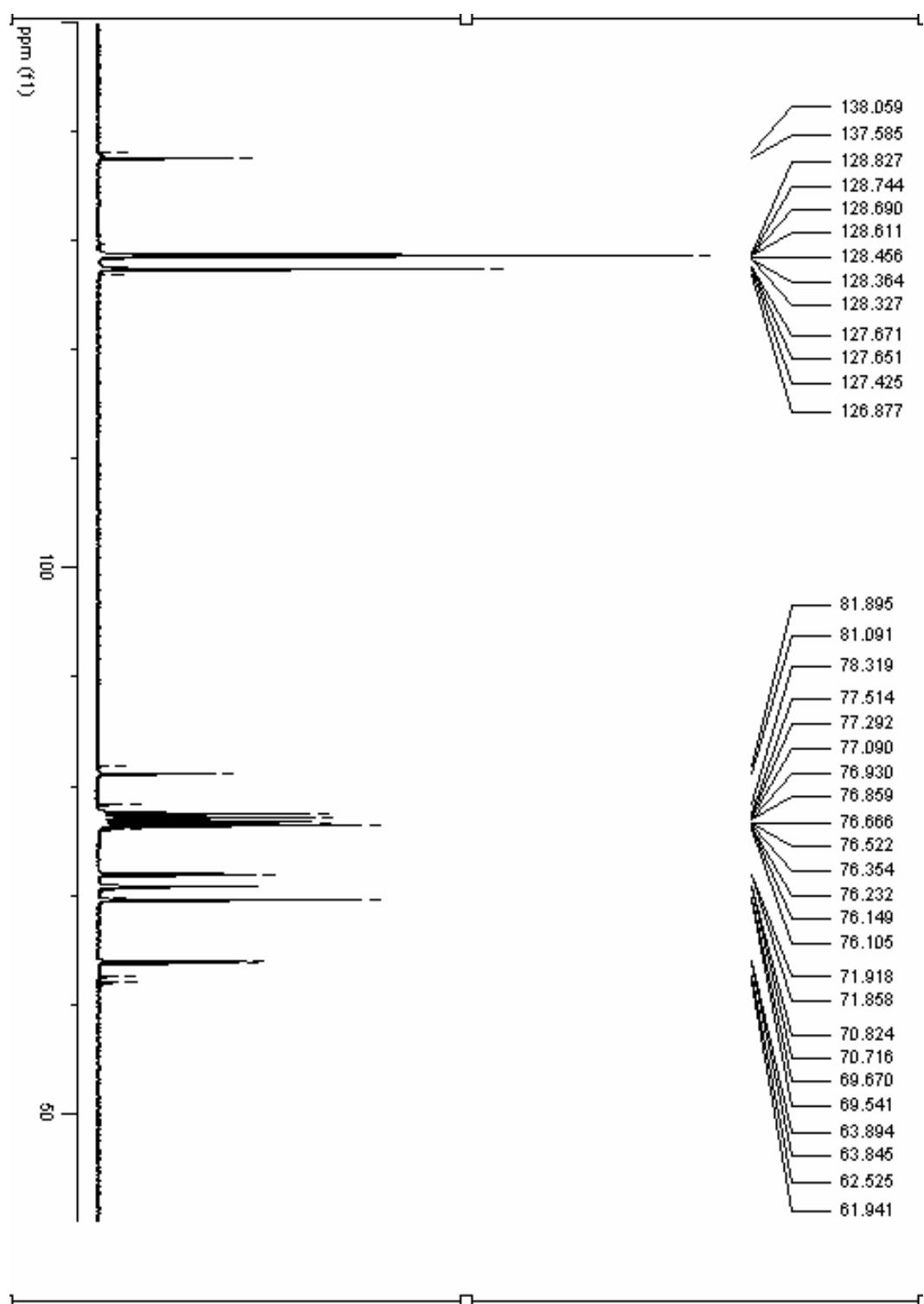
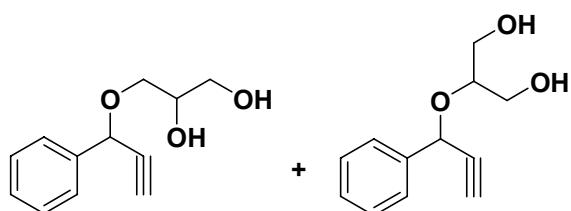


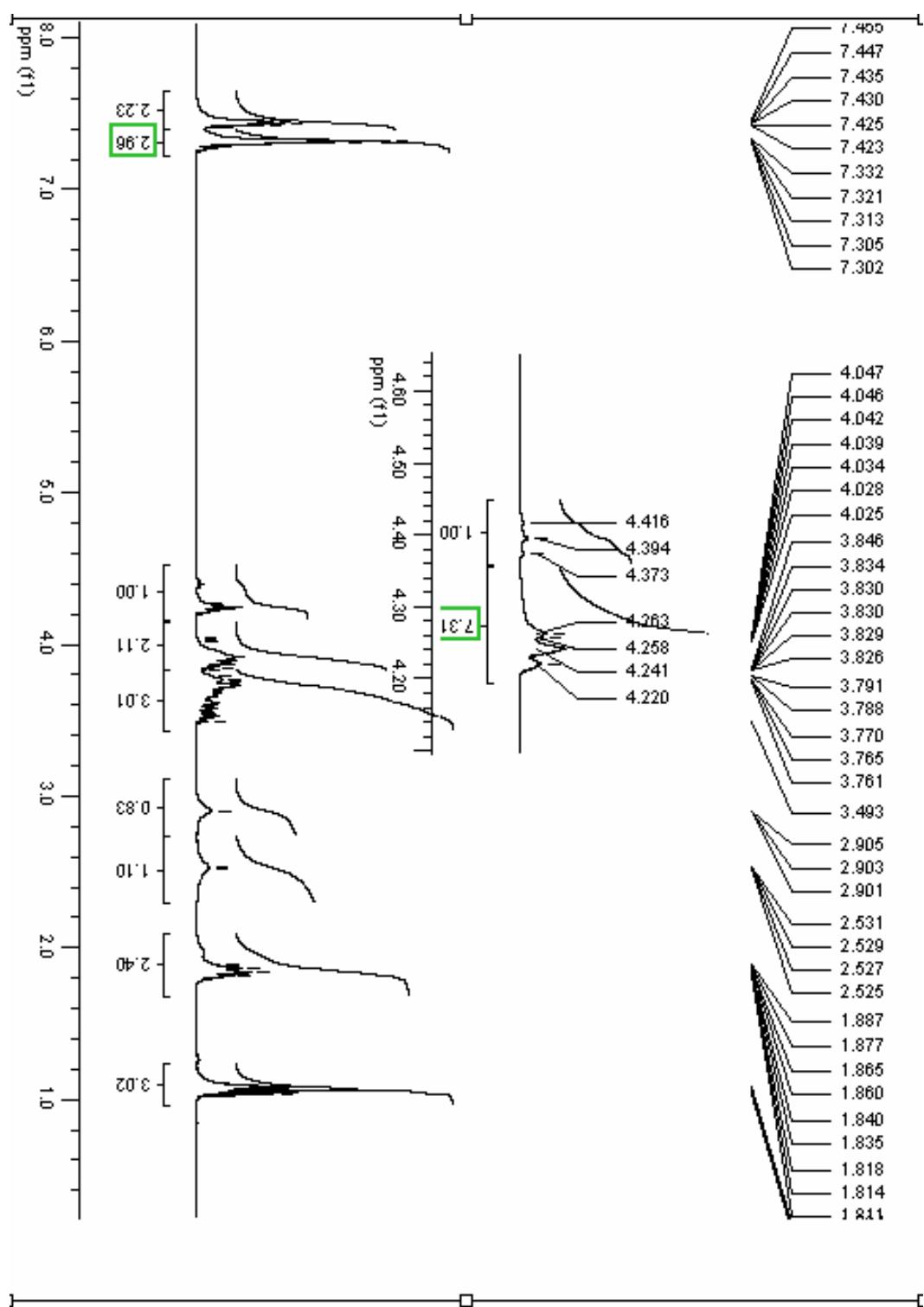
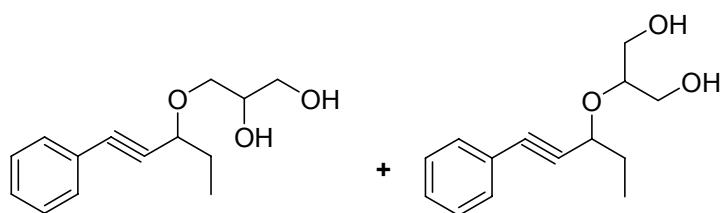
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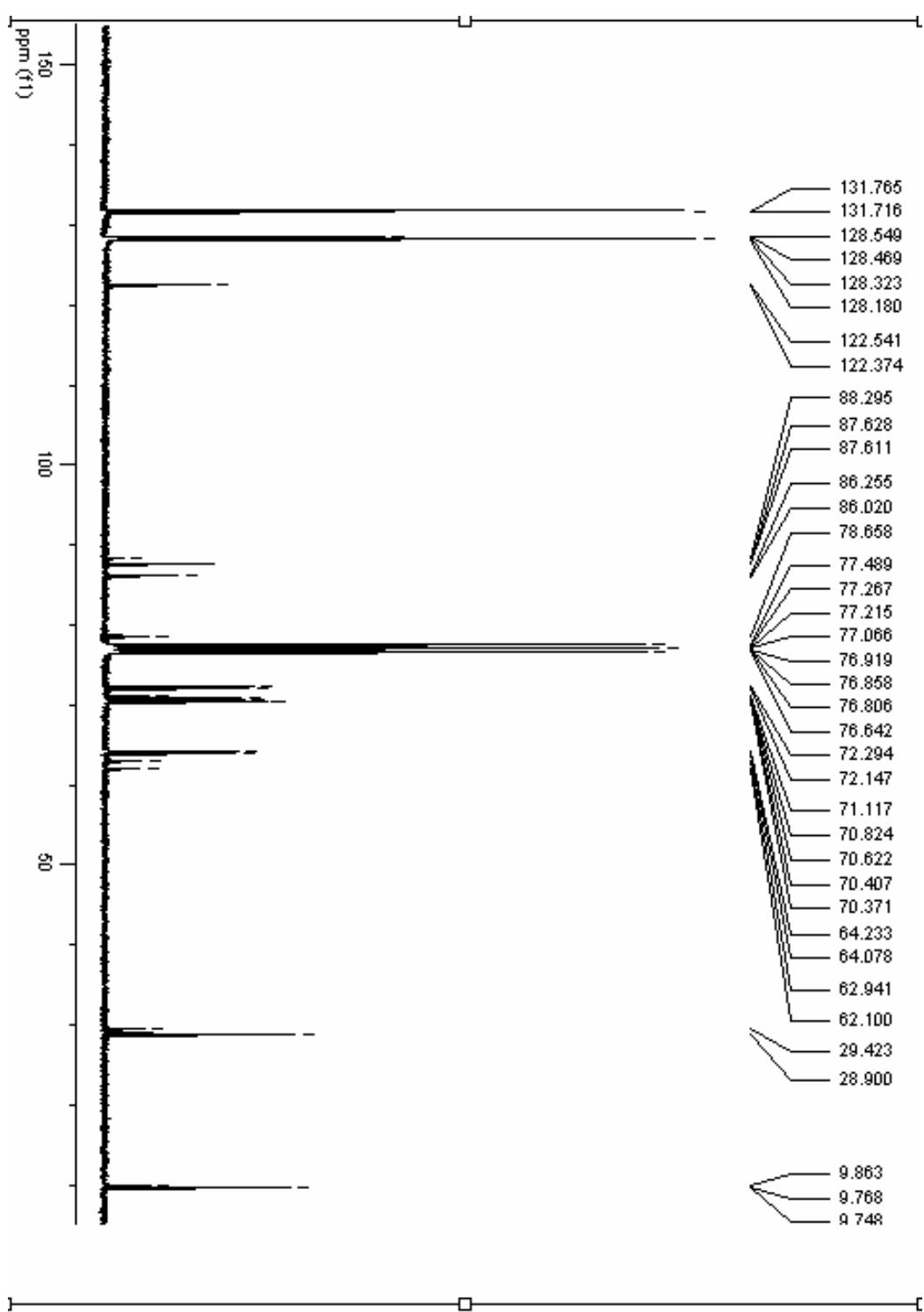
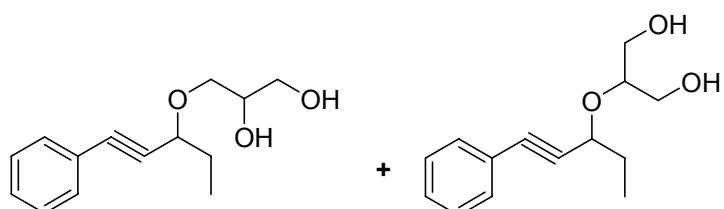
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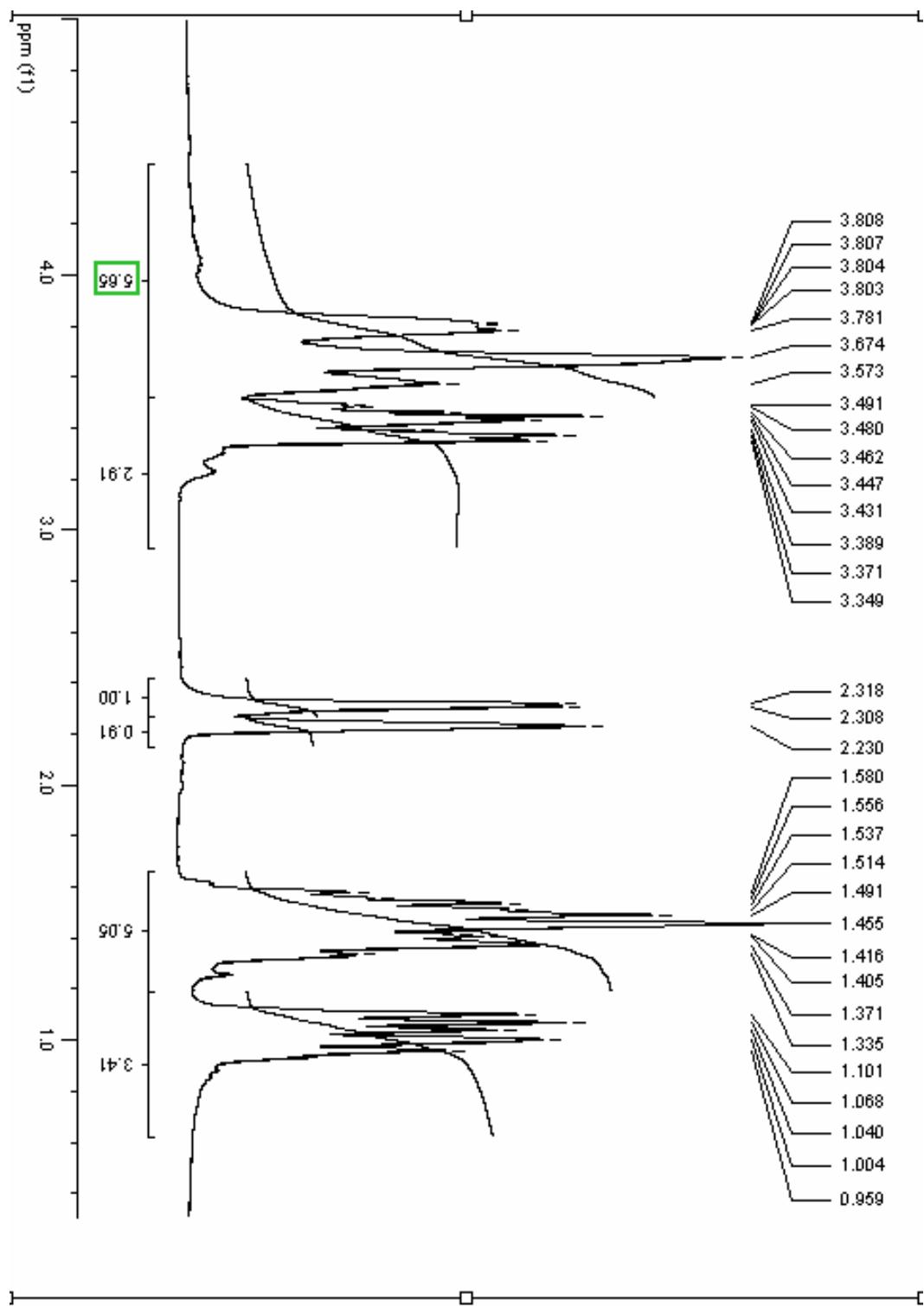
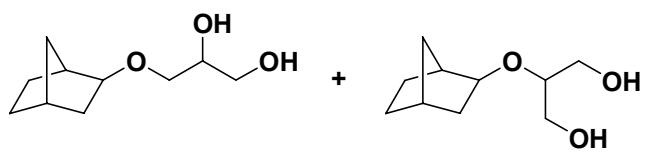


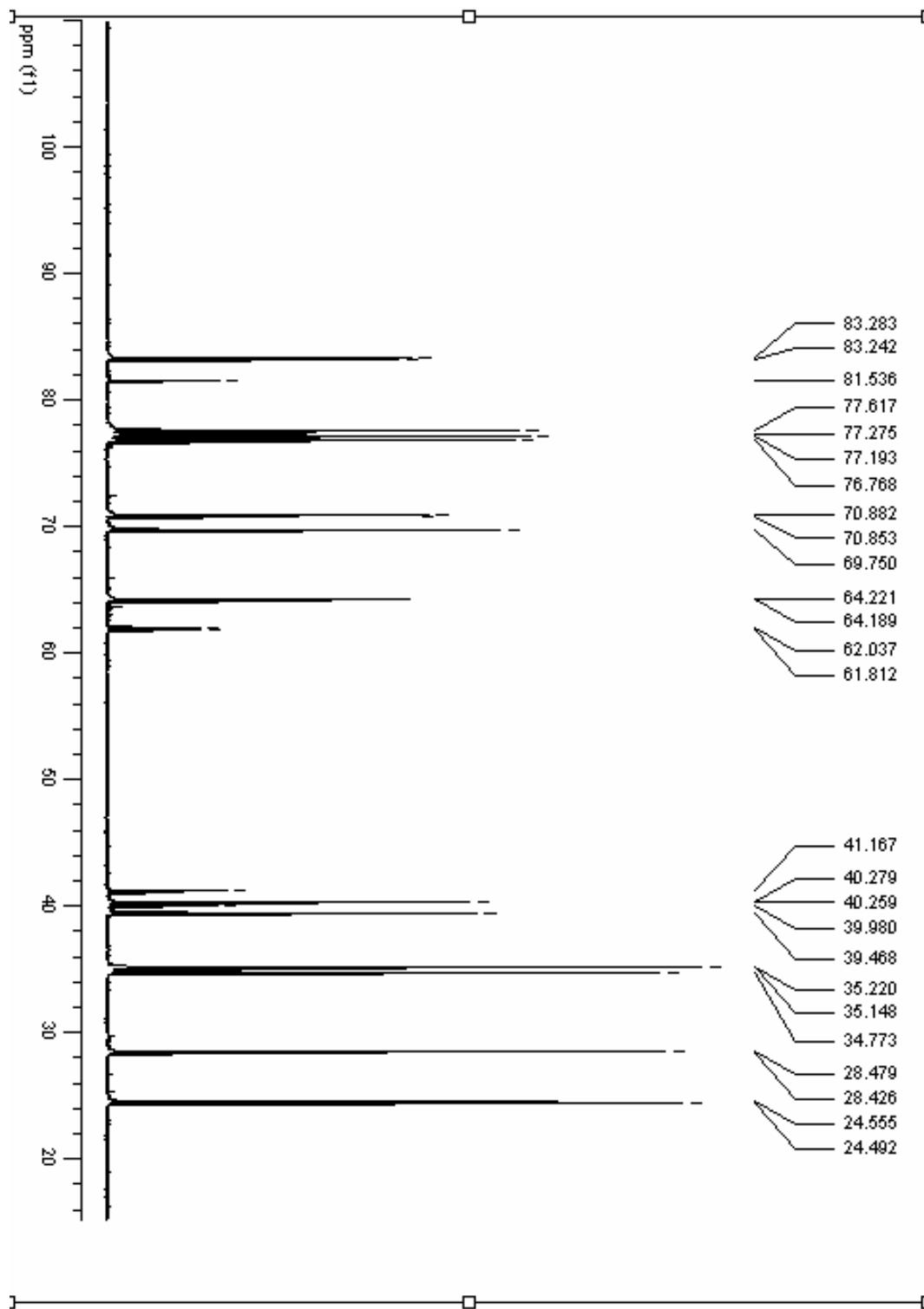
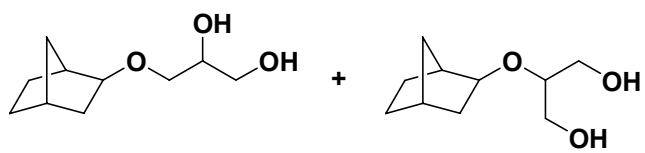


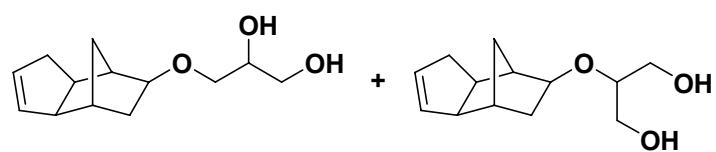




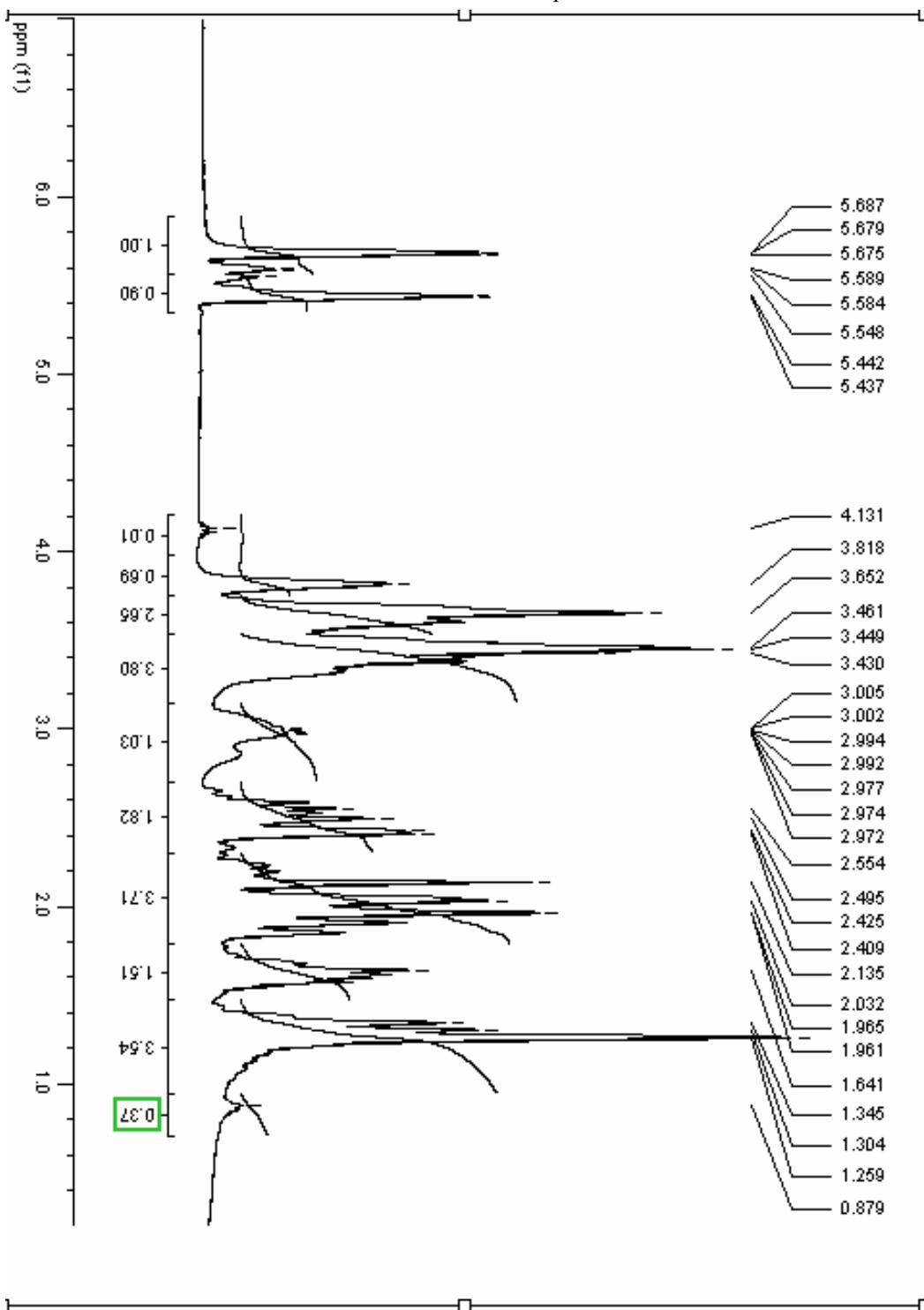


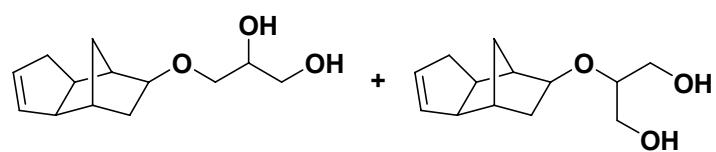






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