

Electronic supporting information

**On the decarboxylation of 2-methyl-1-tetralone-2-carboxylic acid –
oxidation of the enol intermediate by triplet oxygen**

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Experimental Section

Spectroscopic data

2-Hydroperoxy-2-methyl-1-tetralone (7)¹

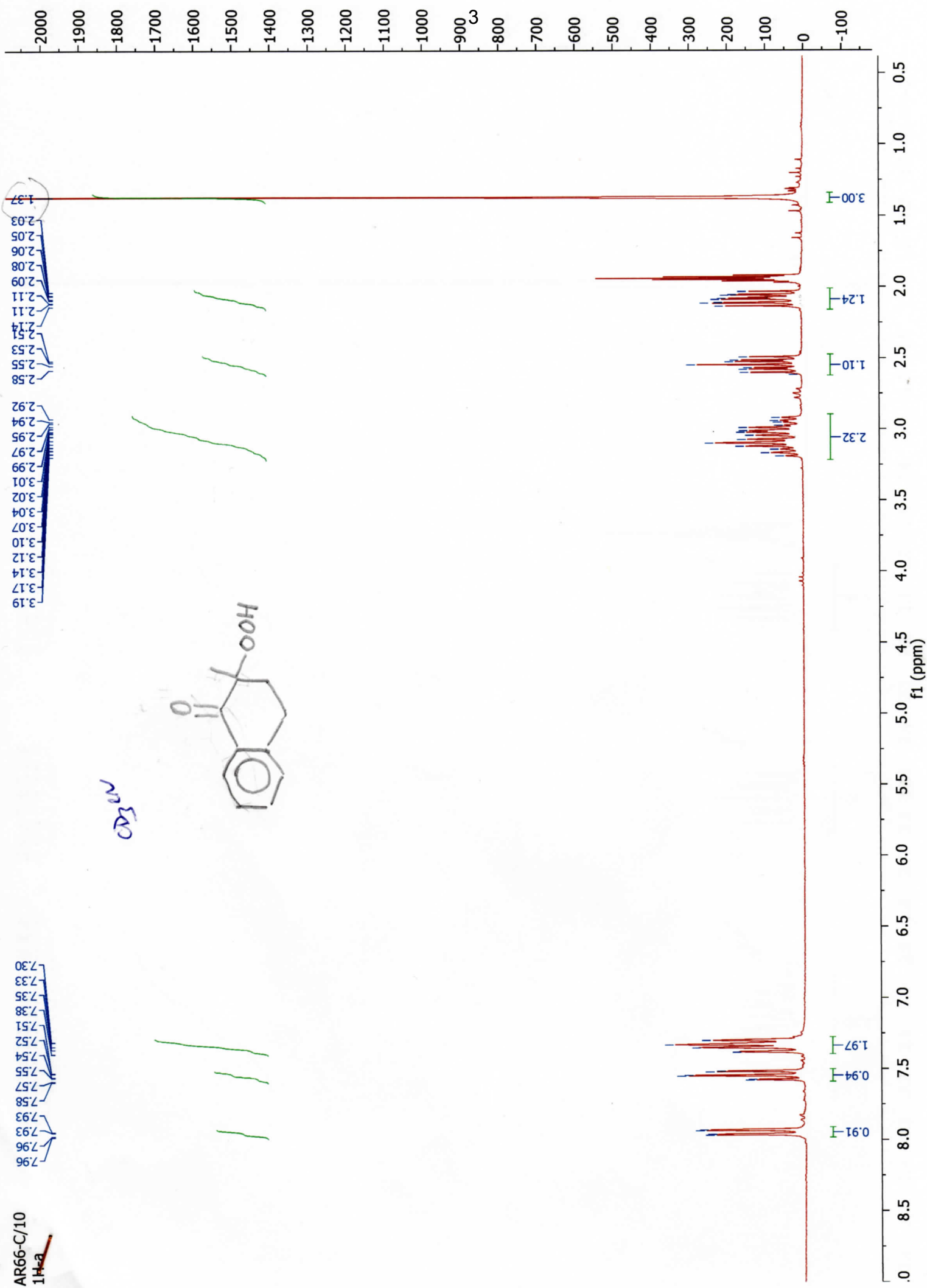
¹H NMR (250 MHz, CDCl₃): 1.48 (s, Me-C(2), 3 H), 2.05-2.14 (m, H-C(3), 1 H), 2.62-2.72 (m, H-C(3), 1 H), 3.11-3.17 (m, H-C(4), 2 H), 7.26 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, H-C(5), 1 H), 7.35 (dd, *J* = 7.5, 7.5 Hz, H-C(7), 1 H), 7.53 (ddd, *J* = 2.5, 7.5, 7.5 Hz, H-C(6), 1 H), 8.04 (dd, *J* = 2.5, 7.5 Hz, H-C(8), 1 H). ¹H NMR (250 MHz, CD₃CN): 1.37 (s, Me-C(2), 3 H), 2.03-2.14 (m, H-C(3), 1 H), 2.49-2.62 (m, H-C(3), 1 H), 2.92-3.19 (m, H-C(4), 2 H), 7.30-7.38 (m, H-C(5), H-C(7), 2 H), 7.54 (ddd, *J* = 2.5, 7.5, 7.5 Hz, H-C(6), 1 H), 7.95 (dd, *J* = 2.5, 7.5 Hz, H-C(8), 1 H). MS: 215 (M + Na).

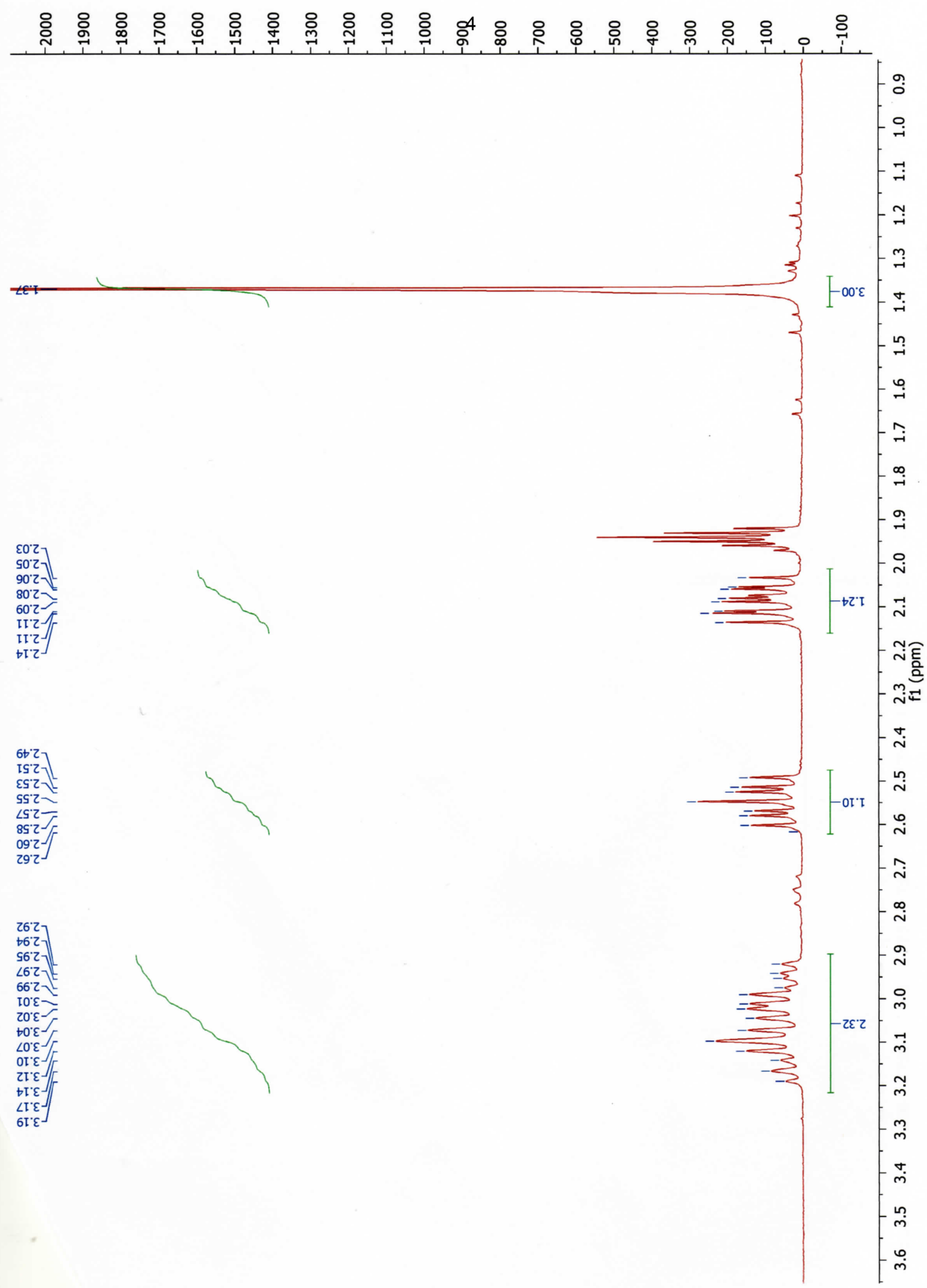
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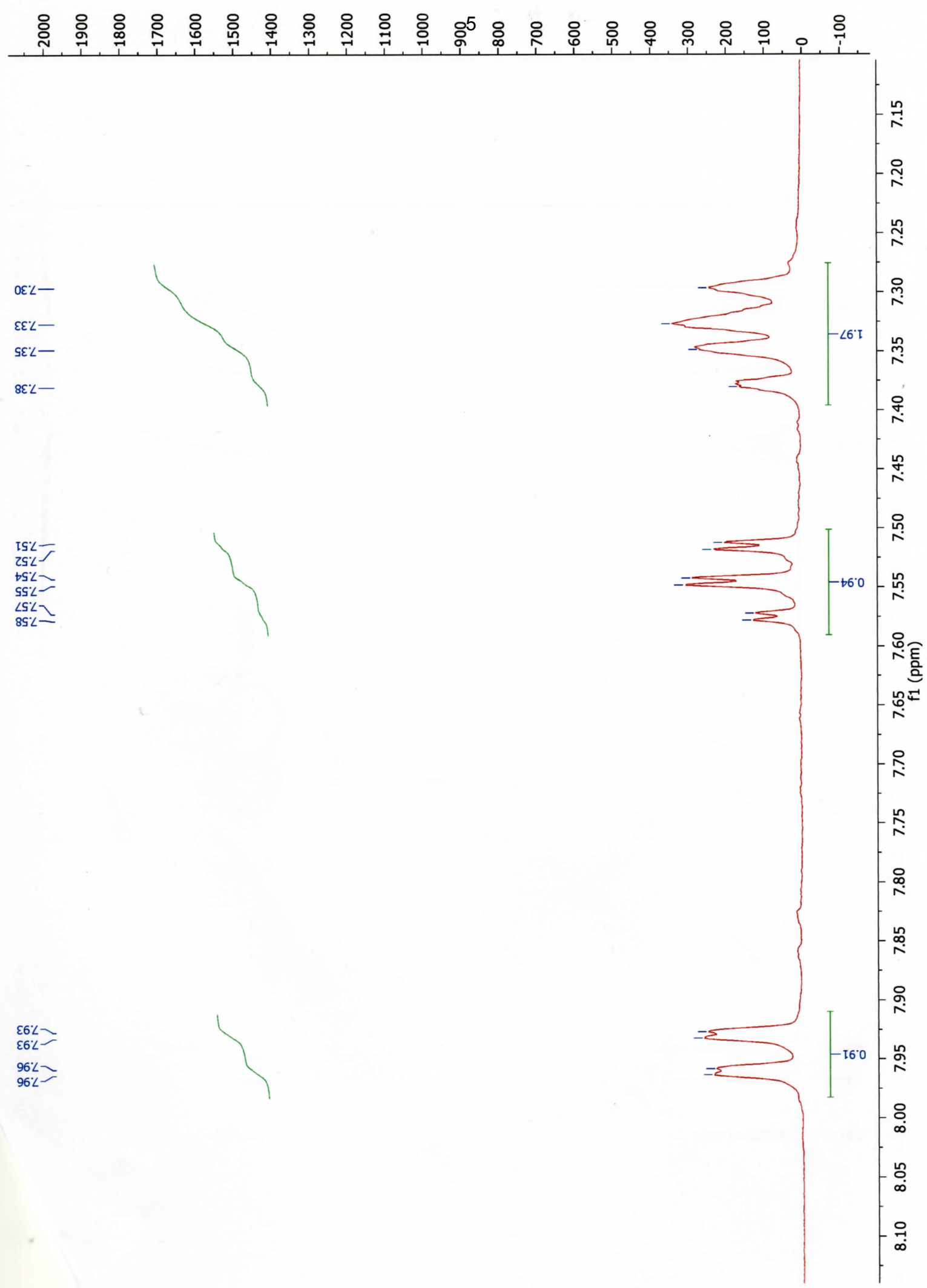
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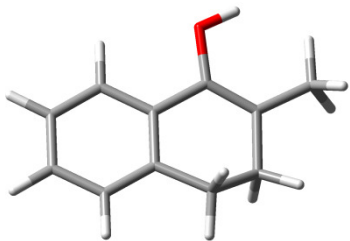
On pages 3 to 5: ¹H NMR spectra of compound 7.

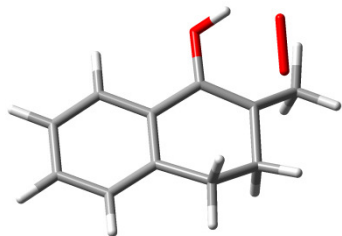
¹ T. Arai, H. Takasugi, T. Sato, H. Noguchi, H. Kanoh, K. Kaneko and A. Yanagisawa, *Chem. Lett.* 2005, **34**, 1590.





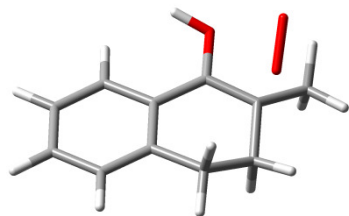


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TS1'

At UB3LYP / 6-31 G (d)

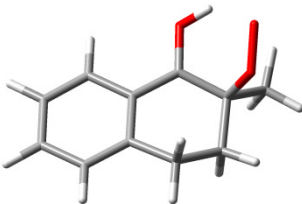


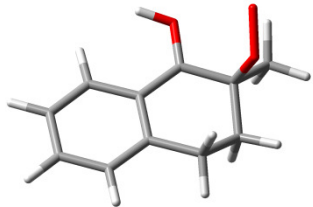
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Imaginary frequency; -426.3916

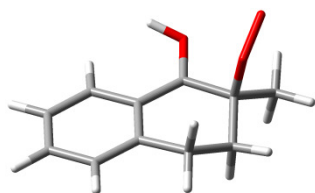
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T-DR At UB3LYP / 6-31 G (d) 	Zero-point correction 0.209187 (Hartree/Particle) Thermal correction to Energy= 0.221421 Thermal correction to Enthalpy= 0.222365 Thermal correction to Gibbs Free Energy= 0.170453 Sum of electronic and zero-point Energies= -651.704286 Sum of electronic and thermal Energies= -651.692052 Sum of electronic and thermal Enthalpies= -651.691108 Sum of electronic and thermal Free Energies= -651.743020 S**2 before annihilation 2.0279, after 2.0004
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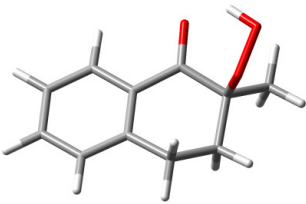
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Sum of electronic and thermal Free Energies= -651.737925

S**2 before annihilation 0.8601, after 0.1276

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