

## Electronic supplementary information

# The Reaction of Primary Aromatic Amines with Alkylene Carbonates for the Selective Synthesis of bis-N-(2-Hydroxy)alkylanilines: the Catalytic Effect of Phosphonium-based Ionic Liquids

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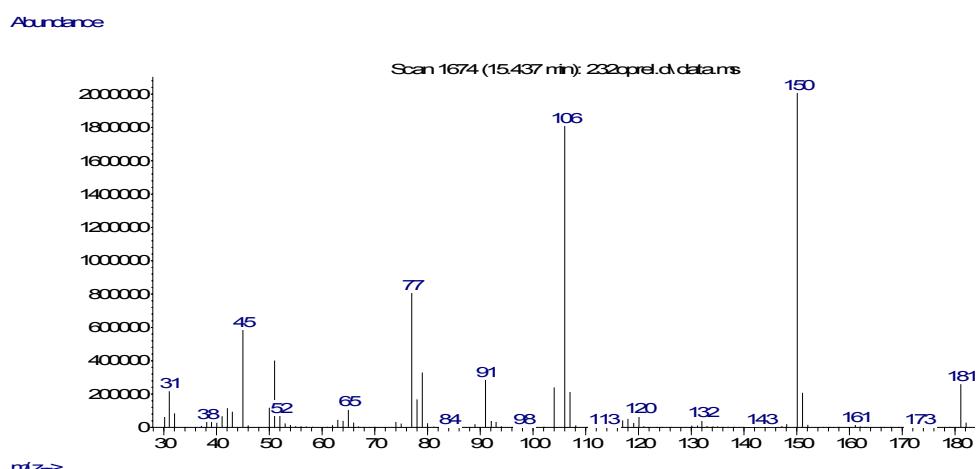
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Synoptic table of major MS signals of reaction products **2a-d**, **3a-d**, **4a-d**, **5a-d**, **6a-b**, **7a-b**, **8a-b** and **9a-b**

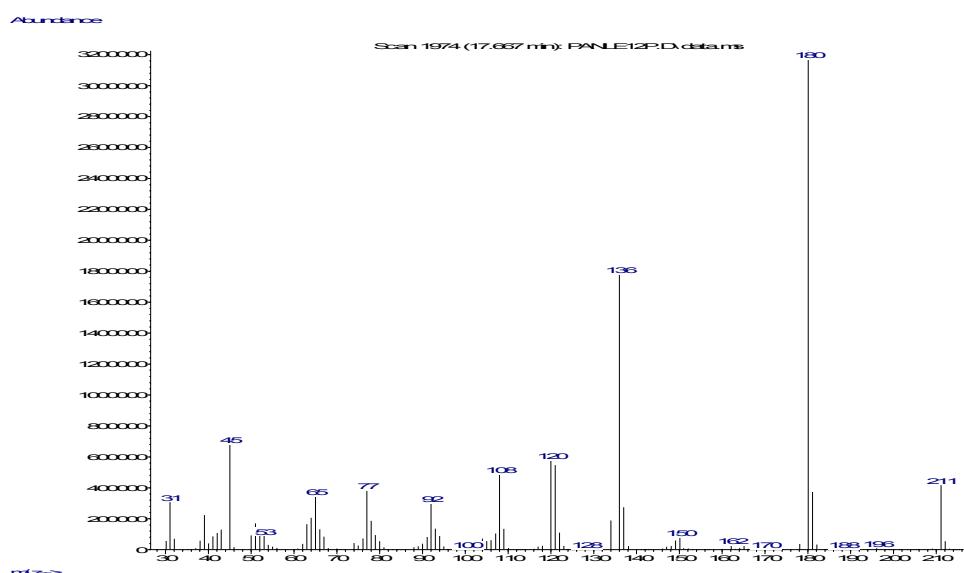
Compound	GC/MS (EI, 70 eV)
N-(2-hydroxy)ethyl aniline <b>(2a)</b>	m/z: 137 ([M] <sup>+</sup> , 18%), 106 [M-CH <sub>2</sub> OH] <sup>+</sup> , 100), 79 (16), 77 (34), 54 (18), 32 (16)
Bis-N-(2-hydroxy)ethyl aniline <b>(3a)</b>	m/z: 181 ([M] <sup>+</sup> , 12%), 151 (10), 150 ([M-CH <sub>2</sub> OH] <sup>+</sup> , 100), 107 (10), 106 ([M-(CH <sub>2</sub> OH)-(CH <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> O)] <sup>+</sup> , 86), 104 (11), 91 ([M-(CH <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> OH) <sub>2</sub> ] <sup>+</sup> , 14), 79 (16), 77 (38), 51 (19), 45 (28), 31 ([CH <sub>2</sub> OH] <sup>+</sup> , 10)
N-phenylmorpholine <b>(4a)</b>	m/z: 163 ([M] <sup>+</sup> , 38%), 106 (13), 105 ([C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>5</sub> N=CH <sub>2</sub> ] <sup>+</sup> , 100), 104 (53), 77 (40), 51 (23), 32 (26)
3-phenyloxazolidin-2-one <b>(5a)</b>	m/z: 163 ([M] <sup>+</sup> , 50%), 118 ([M-CO <sub>2</sub> -H] <sup>+</sup> , 16), 104 [M-CO <sub>2</sub> -H-CH <sub>2</sub> ] <sup>+</sup> , 81), 91 (16), 77 (100), 52 (15), 51 (27), 50 (10), 29 (10)
N-(2-hydroxy)ethyl <i>p</i> -anisidine <b>(2b)</b>	m/z: 167 ([M] <sup>+</sup> , 20%), 136 ([M-CH <sub>2</sub> OH] <sup>+</sup> , 100), 121 (13), 108 (13), 32 (14)
Bis-N-(2-hydroxy)ethyl <i>p</i> -anisidine <b>(3b)</b>	m/z: 211 ([M] <sup>+</sup> , 13%), 181 (12), 180 ([M-CH <sub>2</sub> OH] <sup>+</sup> , 100), 136 ([M-CH <sub>2</sub> OH-CHCH <sub>2</sub> OH] <sup>+</sup> , 55), 121 ([M-(CH <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> OH) <sub>2</sub> ] <sup>+</sup> , 17), 120 (18), 108 (15), 77 (12), 65 (11), 45 (28), 31 ([CH <sub>2</sub> OH] <sup>+</sup> , 10)
4-(4-methoxyphenyl) morpholine <b>(4b)</b>	m/z: 193 ([M] <sup>+</sup> , 61%), 178 (23), 136 (10), 135 ([M-CH <sub>2</sub> OH] <sup>+</sup> , 100), 121 (10), 120 (66), 92 (13), 77 (15), 65 (17), 64 (10), 39 (11)
3-(4-methoxyphenyl) oxazolidin-2-one <b>(5b)</b>	m/z: 193 ([M] <sup>+</sup> , 60%), 148 ([M-CO <sub>2</sub> -H] <sup>+</sup> , 10), 135 (11), 134 ([M-CO <sub>2</sub> -H-CH <sub>2</sub> ] <sup>+</sup> , 100), 121 (17), 107 (15), 91 (12), 80 (10), 79 (10), 78 (11), 77 (25), 65 (11), 64 (16), 63 (13), 52 (13), 51 (12), 39 (12), 32 (12)
N-(2-hydroxy)ethyl <i>p</i> -toluidine <b>(2c)</b>	m/z: 151 ([M] <sup>+</sup> , 18%), 121 (10), 120 ([M-CH <sub>2</sub> OH] <sup>+</sup> , 100), 91 (27), 77 (11), 65 (16)
Bis-N-(2-hydroxy)ethyl <i>p</i> -toluidine <b>(3c)</b>	m/z: 195 ([M] <sup>+</sup> , 12%), 165 (11), 164 ([M-CH <sub>2</sub> OH] <sup>+</sup> , 100), 121 (10), 120 ([M-CH <sub>2</sub> OH-CHCH <sub>2</sub> OH] <sup>+</sup> , 71), 118 (12), 105 ([M-(CH <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> OH) <sub>2</sub> ] <sup>+</sup> , 10), 91 (33), 65 (18), 45 (28), 31 ([CH <sub>2</sub> OH] <sup>+</sup> , 10)
4-p-tolylmorpholine <b>(4c)</b>	m/z: 177 ([M] <sup>+</sup> , 36%), 120 (18), 119 ([M-CH <sub>2</sub> OH] <sup>+</sup> , 100), 118 (31), 91 (45), 65 (22), 39 (12), 32 (36)

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N-(2-hydroxy)ethyl <i>p</i> -chloroaniline <b>(2d)</b>	m/z: 171 ([M] <sup>+</sup> , 15%), 142 (33), 141 (10), 140 ([M-CH <sub>2</sub> OH] <sup>+</sup> , 100), 111 (11), 105 (12), 77 (19), 75 (16)
Bis-N-(2-hydroxy)ethyl <i>p</i> -chloroaniline <b>(3d)</b>	m/z: 215 ([M] <sup>+</sup> , 14%), 186 (35), 185 (13), 184 ([M-CH <sub>2</sub> OH] <sup>+</sup> , 100), 142 (24), 141 (12), 140 ([M-CH <sub>2</sub> OH-CHCH <sub>2</sub> OH] <sup>+</sup> , 76), 138 (13), 125 ([M-(CH <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> OH) <sub>2</sub> ] <sup>+</sup> , 10), 111 (20), 105 (10), 77 (19), 75 (19), 51 (11), 45 (28), 31 ([CH <sub>2</sub> OH] <sup>+</sup> , 10)
4-(4-chlorophenyl)morpholine <b>(4d)</b>	m/z: 197 ([M] <sup>+</sup> , 42%), 141 (33), 140 (22), 139 ([M-CH <sub>2</sub> OH] <sup>+</sup> , 100), 138 (40), 111 (20), 75 (16)
3-(4-chlorophenyl) oxazolidin-2-one <b>(5d)</b>	m/z: 197 ([M] <sup>+</sup> , 44%), 152 ([M-CO <sub>2</sub> -H] <sup>+</sup> , 15), 140 (33), 139 (12), 138 ([M-CO <sub>2</sub> -H-CH <sub>2</sub> ] <sup>+</sup> , 100), 125 (13), 113 (26), 111 (79), 90 (10), 76 (16), 75 (36), 74 (10), 69 (14), 63 (19), 51 (14), 50 (19), 39 (10), 38 (10), 32 (93)
1-(phenylamino)propan-2-ol 2-(phenylamino)propan-1-ol <b>(6a)</b>	m/z: 151 ([M] <sup>+</sup> , 11%), 106 ([M-CH(CH <sub>3</sub> )OH] <sup>+</sup> , 100), 79 (11), 77 (23), 51 (12)
Bis-N-(2-hydroxy)propyl aniline 2-(N-(2-hydroxypropyl)-N-phenylamino)propan-1-ol <b>(7a)</b>	m/z: 209 ([M] <sup>+</sup> , 11%), 165 (11), 164 ([M-CH(CH <sub>3</sub> )OH] <sup>+</sup> , 100), 107 (13), 106 ([M-CH(CH <sub>3</sub> )OH-CH <sub>2</sub> CH(CH <sub>3</sub> )O] <sup>+</sup> , 84) 104 (10), 91 (10) 77 (25), 59 ([CH <sub>2</sub> CH(CH <sub>3</sub> )OH] <sup>+</sup> , 28), 31 ([CH <sub>2</sub> OH] <sup>+</sup> , 12)
2,6-dimethyl-4-phenyl morpholine 2,5-dimethyl-4-phenyl morpholine <b>(8a)</b>	m/z: 191 ([M] <sup>+</sup> , 24%), 106 (10), 105 ([C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>5</sub> N=CH <sub>2</sub> ] <sup>+</sup> , 100), 104 (29), 77 (21)
5-methyl-3-phenyl oxazolidin-2-one 4-methyl-3-phenyl oxazolidin-2-one <b>(9a)</b>	m/z: 177 ([M] <sup>+</sup> , 24%), 163 (10), 162 ([M-CH <sub>3</sub> ] <sup>+</sup> , 100), 134 ([M-CH <sub>3</sub> -CO] <sup>+</sup> , 36), 118 ([M-CH <sub>3</sub> -CO <sub>2</sub> ] <sup>+</sup> , 32], 117 (11), 105 ([M-CO <sub>2</sub> CHCH <sub>3</sub> ] <sup>+</sup> , 15), 104 (23), 91 (22), 77 (69), 51 (28), 43 (14)
1-(4-methoxyphenylamino) propan-2-ol 2-(4-methoxyphenylamino) propan-1-ol <b>(6b)</b>	m/z: 181 ([M] <sup>+</sup> , 14%), 136 ([M-CH(CH <sub>3</sub> )OH] <sup>+</sup> , 100), 121 (11), 108 (11), 77 (6)
Bis-N-(2-hydroxy)propyl <i>p</i> -anisidine 2-(N-(2-hydroxypropyl)-N-(4-methoxyphenyl)amino)propan-1-ol <b>(7b)</b>	m/z: 239 ([M] <sup>+</sup> , 11%), 195 (12), 194 ([M-CH(CH <sub>3</sub> )OH] <sup>+</sup> , 100), 137 (17), 136 ([M-(CH(CH <sub>3</sub> )OH)-(CH <sub>2</sub> CH(CH <sub>3</sub> )O)] <sup>+</sup> , 76), 121 ([M-(CH <sub>2</sub> CH(CH <sub>3</sub> )OH) <sub>2</sub> ] <sup>+</sup> , 15), 120 (13), 77 (10), 59 ([CH <sub>2</sub> CH(CH <sub>3</sub> )OH] <sup>+</sup> , 14), 31 ([CH <sub>2</sub> OH] <sup>+</sup> , 14)
4-(4-methoxyphenyl)-2,6-dimethylmorpholine 4-(4-methoxyphenyl)-2,5-dimethylmorpholine <b>(8b)</b>	m/z: 221 ([M] <sup>+</sup> , 39%), 136 (17), 135 ([CH <sub>3</sub> OC <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub> N=CH <sub>2</sub> ] <sup>+</sup> , 100), 134 (11), 120 (39), 92 (9), 77 87)
3-(4-methoxyphenyl)-5-methyloxazolidin-2-one 3-(4-methoxyphenyl)-4-methyloxazolidin-2-one <b>(9b)</b>	m/z: 207 ([M] <sup>+</sup> , 44%), 193 (13), 192 ([M-CH <sub>3</sub> ] <sup>+</sup> , 100], 164 ([M-CH <sub>3</sub> -CO] <sup>+</sup> , 48), 162 (12), 150 (10), 148 ([M-CO <sub>2</sub> -CH <sub>3</sub> ] <sup>+</sup> , 26), 136 (11), 135 ([M-CO <sub>2</sub> CHCH <sub>3</sub> ] <sup>+</sup> , 14), 134 (76), 122 (14), 121 (35), 120 (11), 109 (11), 108 (14), 107 (20), 92 (18), 79 (10), 77 (17), 65 (13), 64 (11), 63 (13), 51 (10), 43 (13), 41 (23)

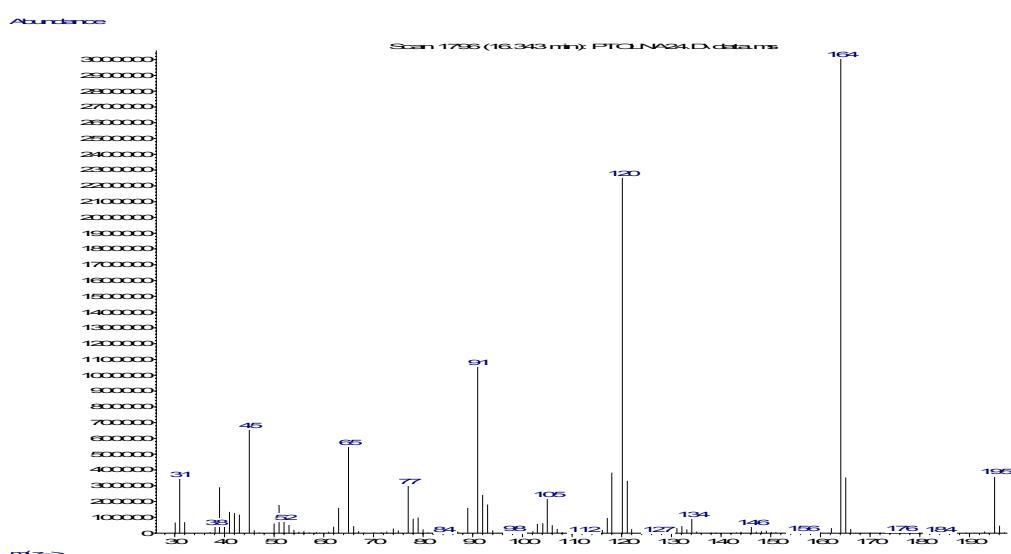
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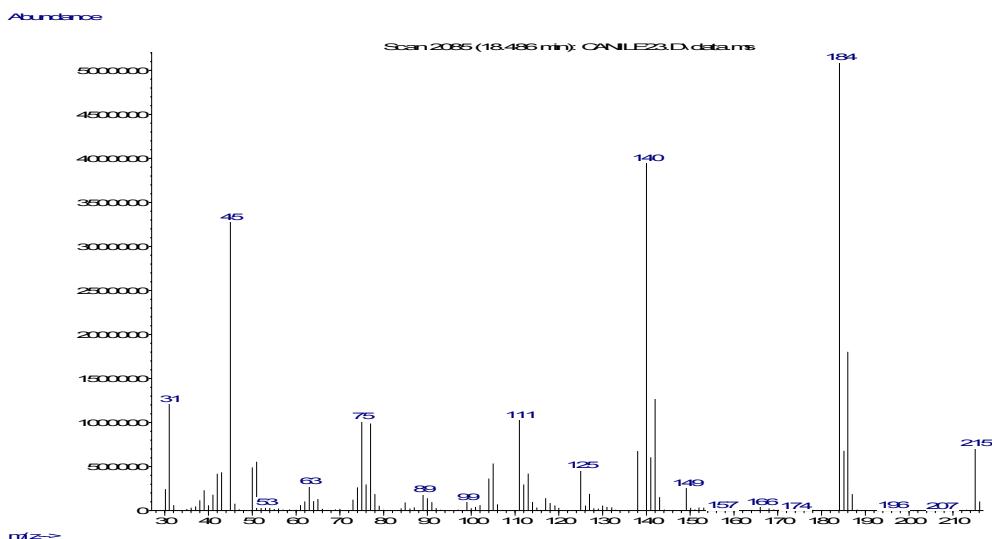
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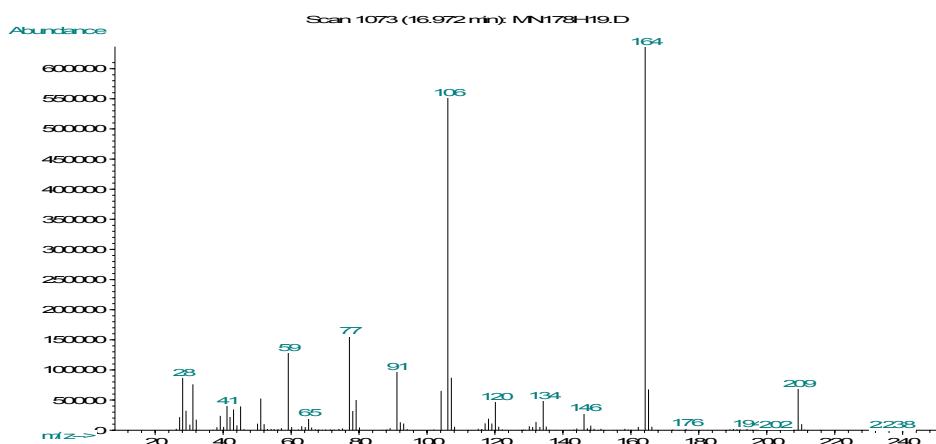
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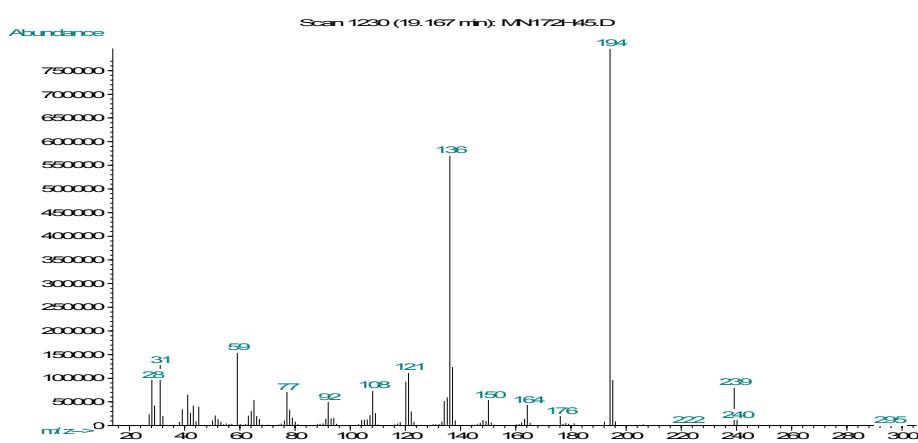
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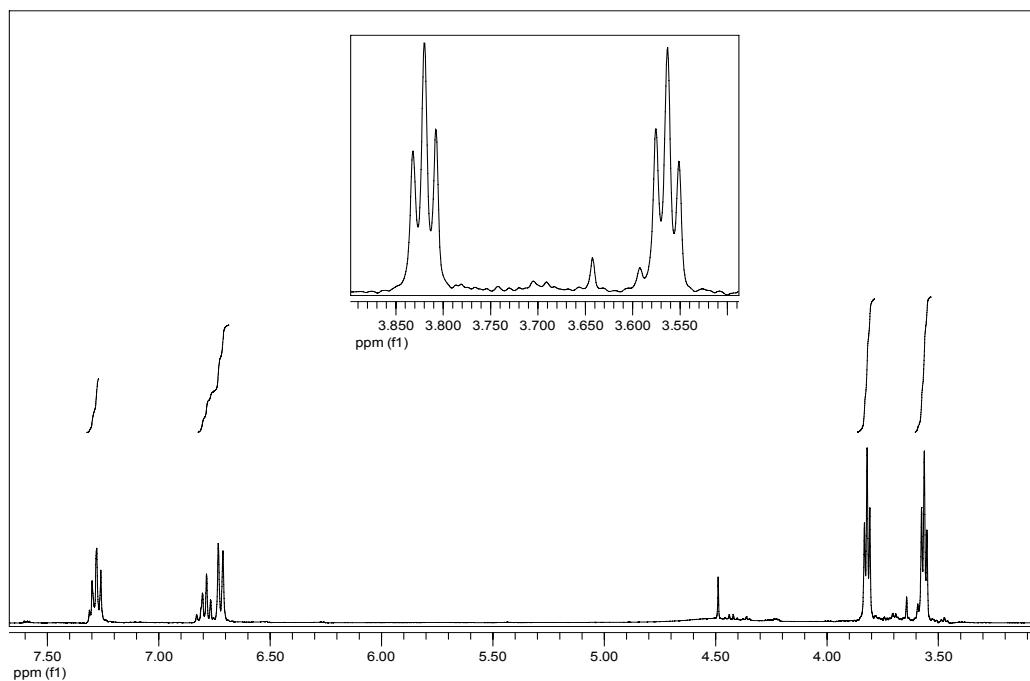
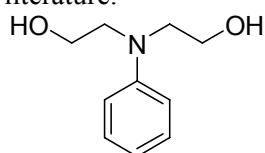
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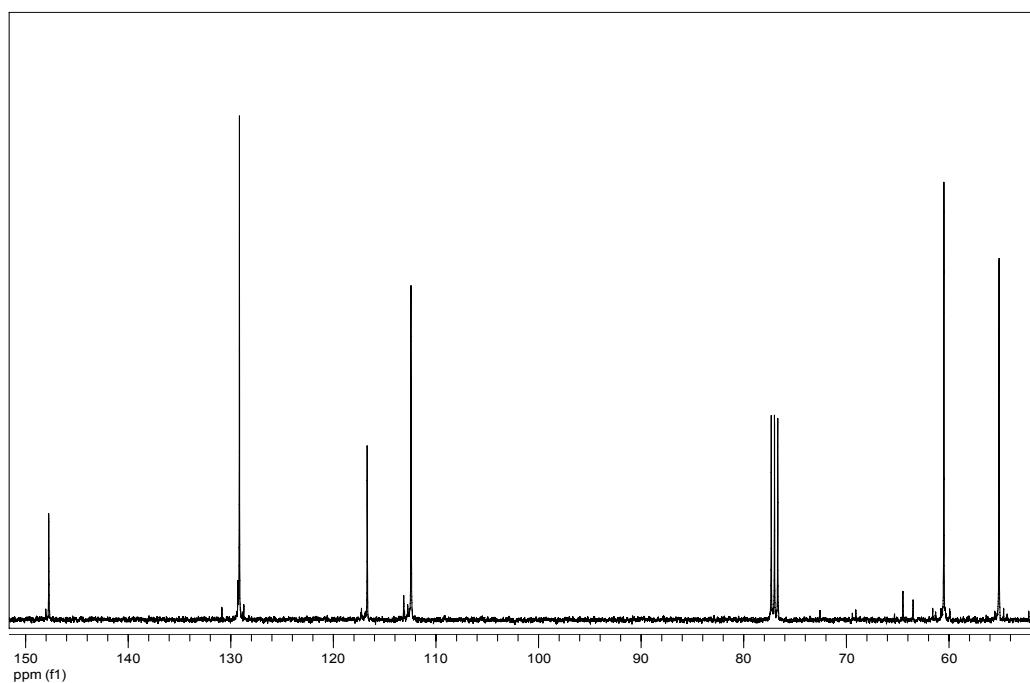
Bis-*N*-(2-hydroxy)propyl anisidine, **7b**.

<sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra of products **3a-d**, **7a-b**, **PIL2-7** and **PIL9-13**.

Bis-*N*-(2-hydroxy)ethyl aniline, **3a**. The spectroscopic data were consistent with those reported in the literature.

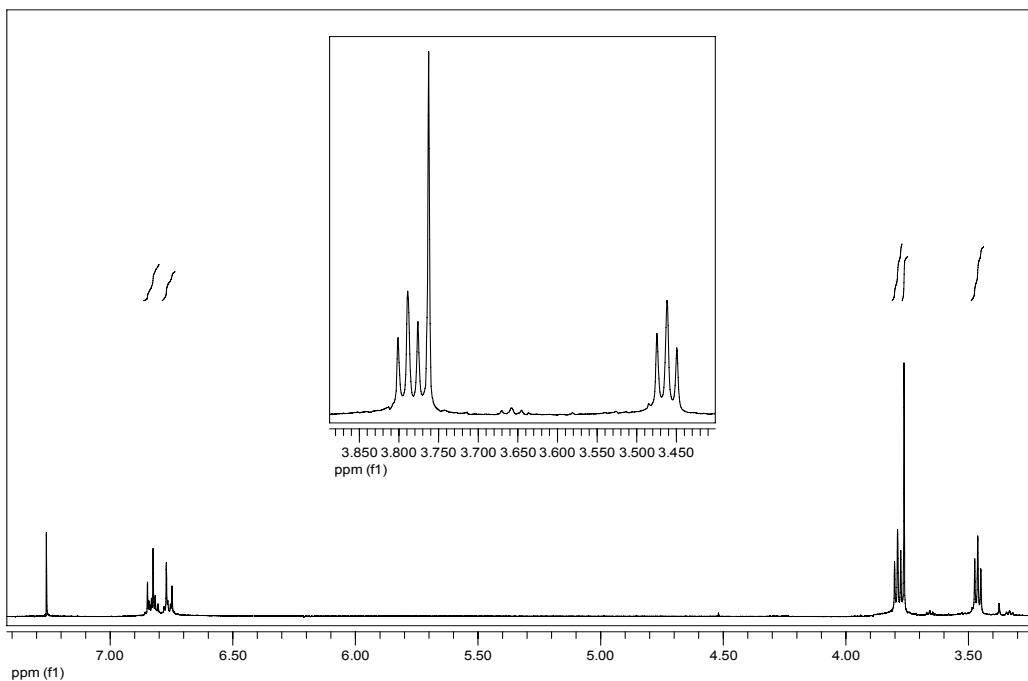
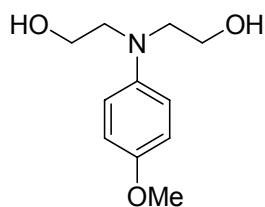


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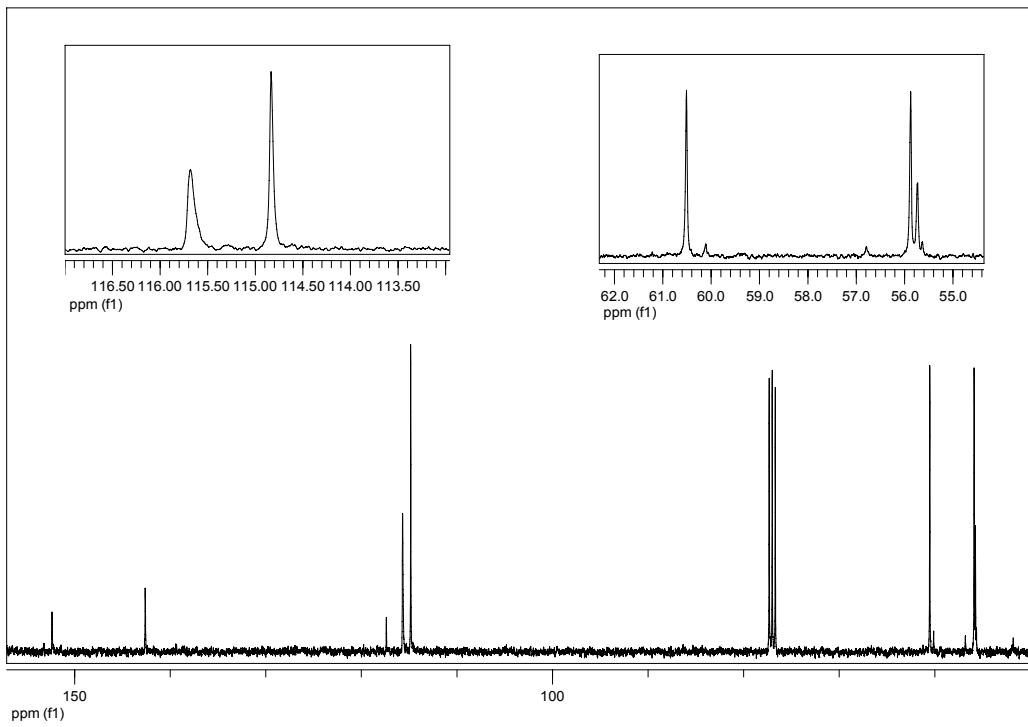


$^{13}\text{C}$  NMR

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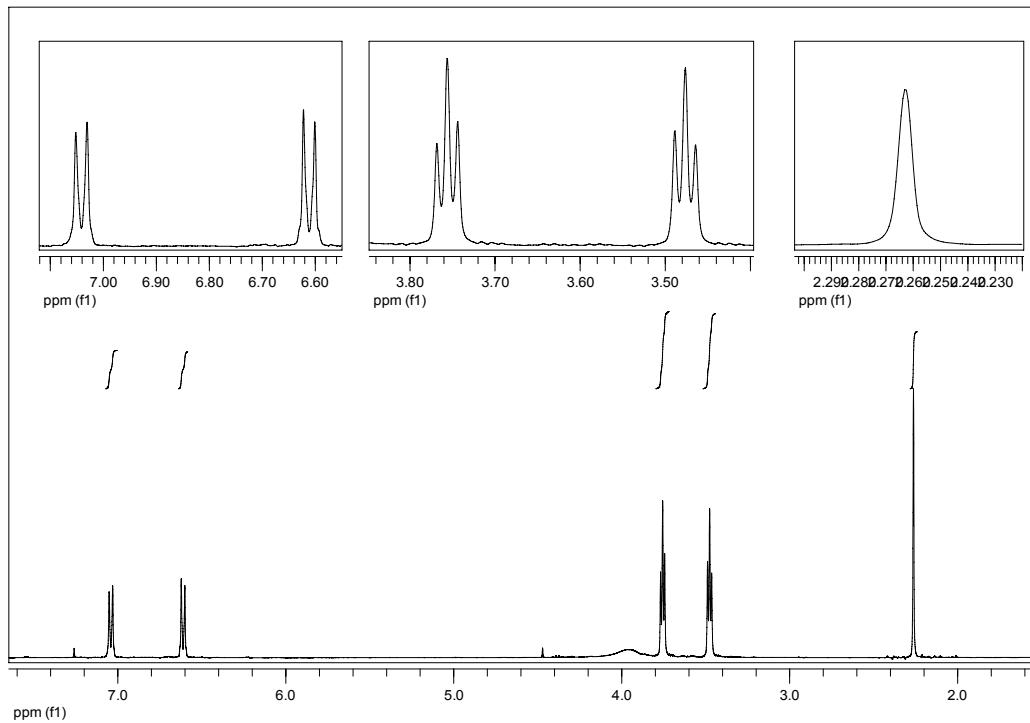
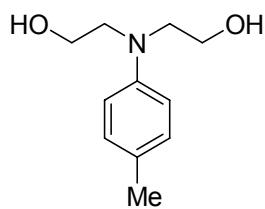


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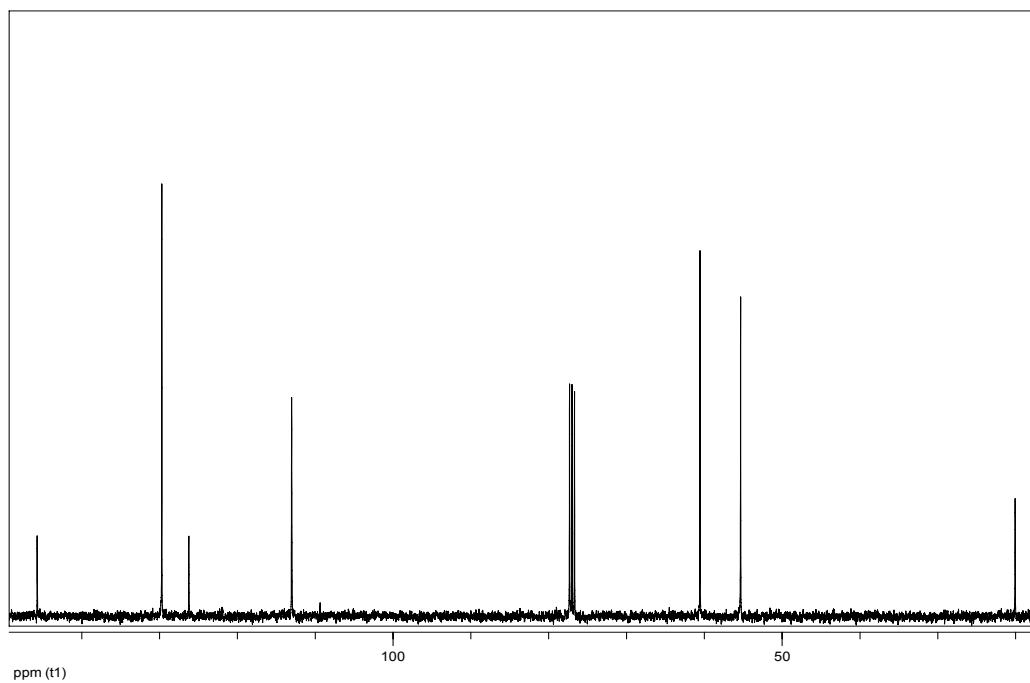


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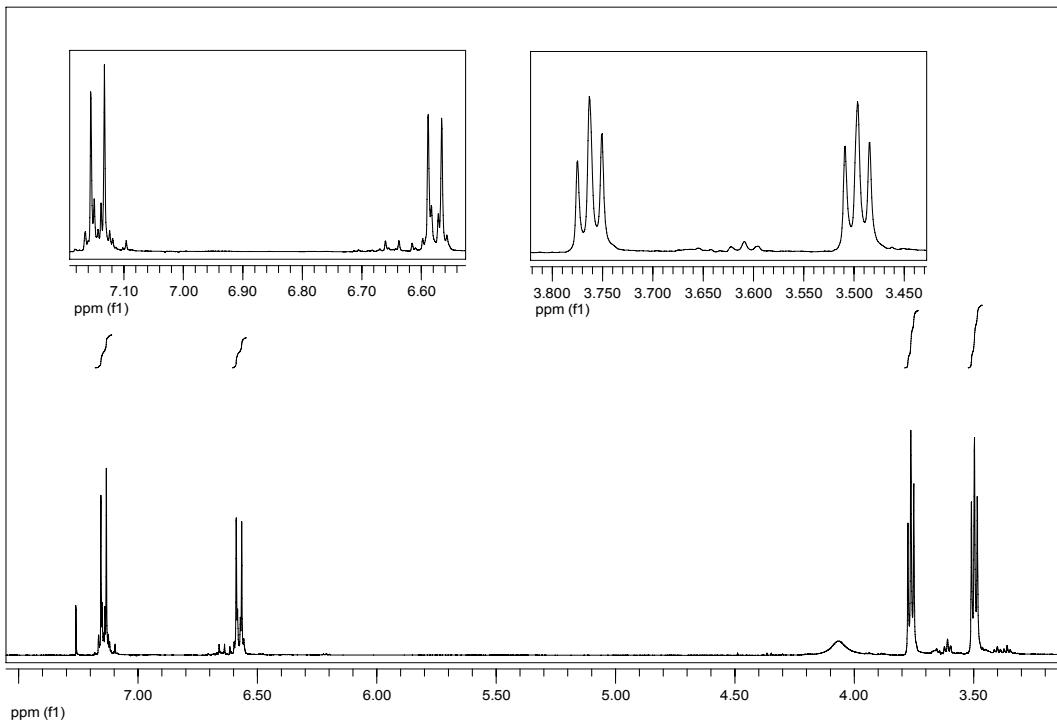
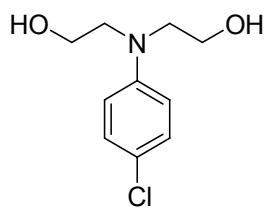


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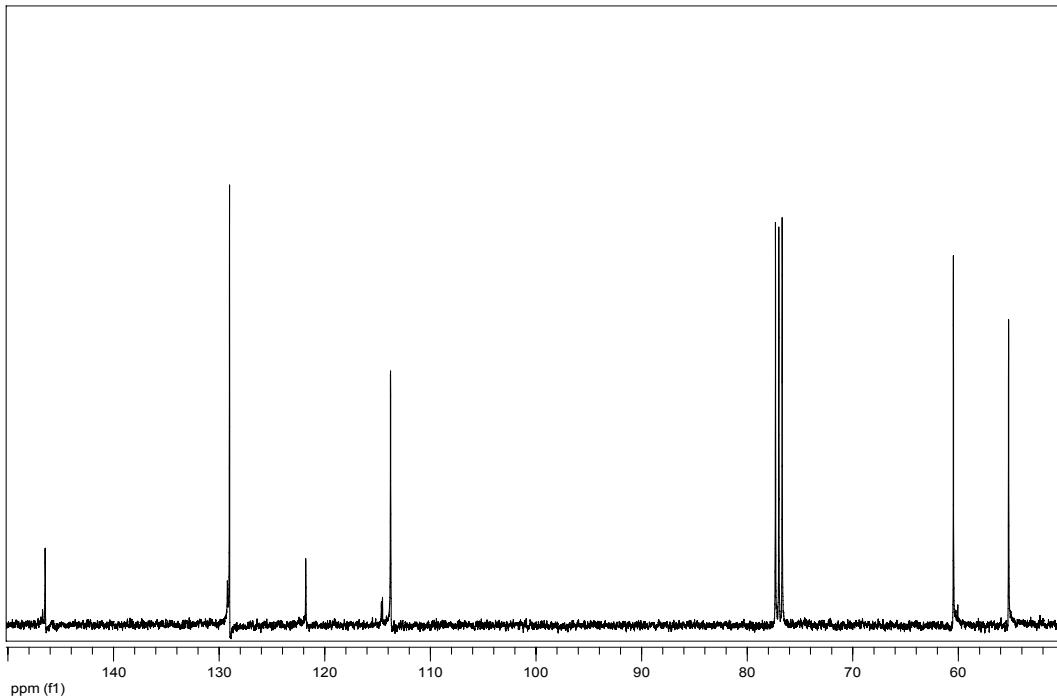


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Bis-*N*-(2-hydroxyethyl)*p*-chloroaniline, **3d**.

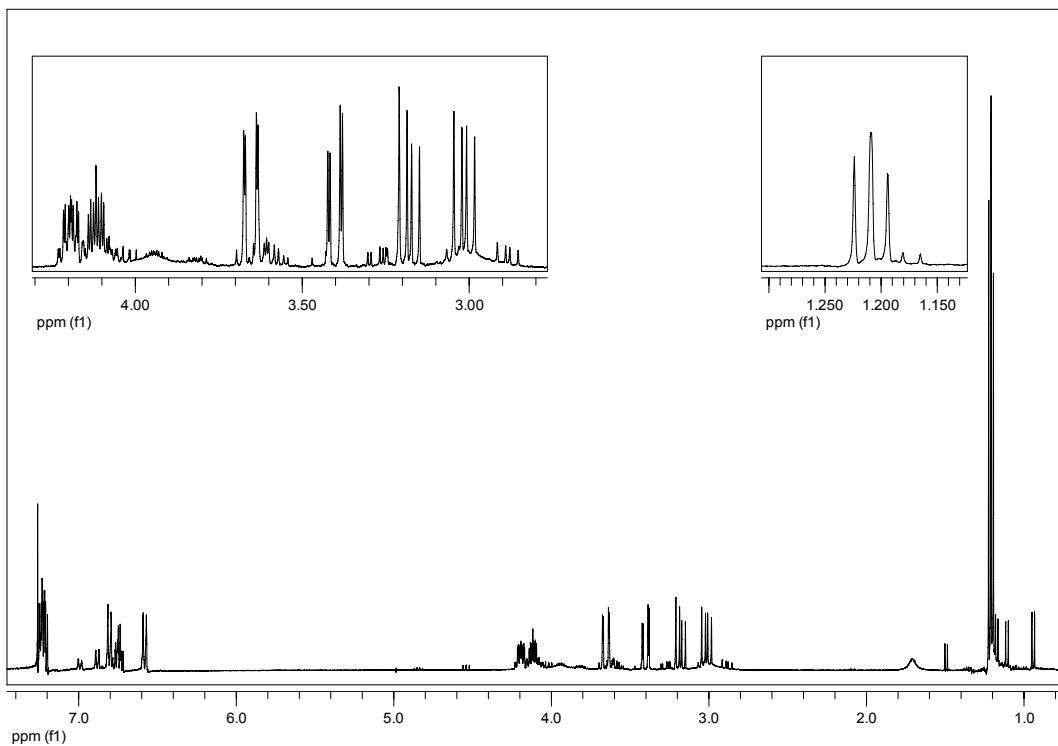
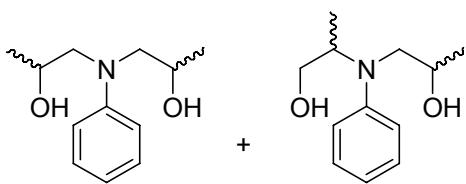


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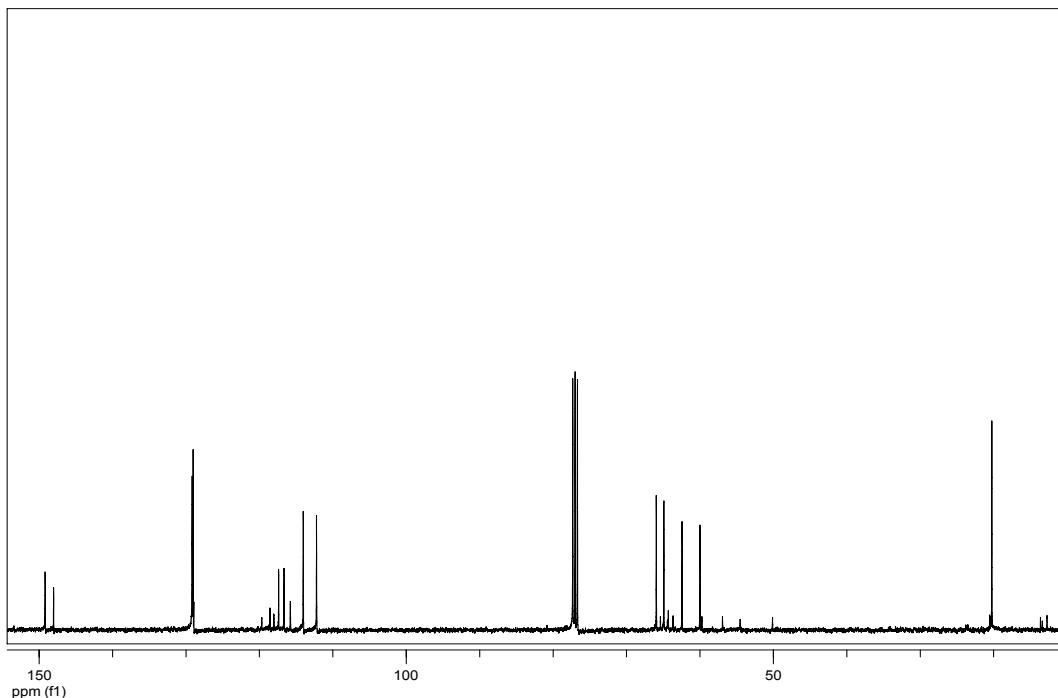


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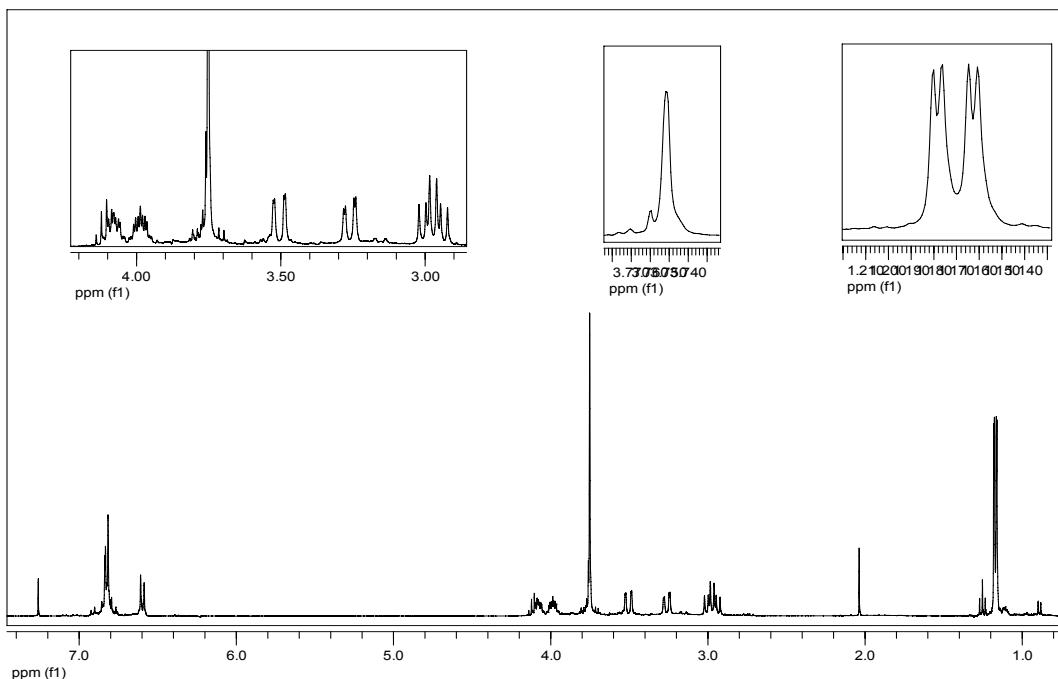
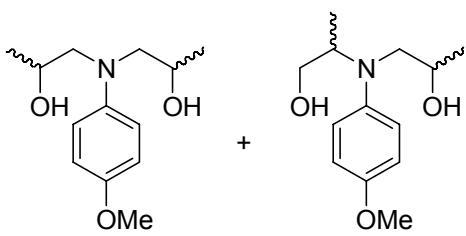


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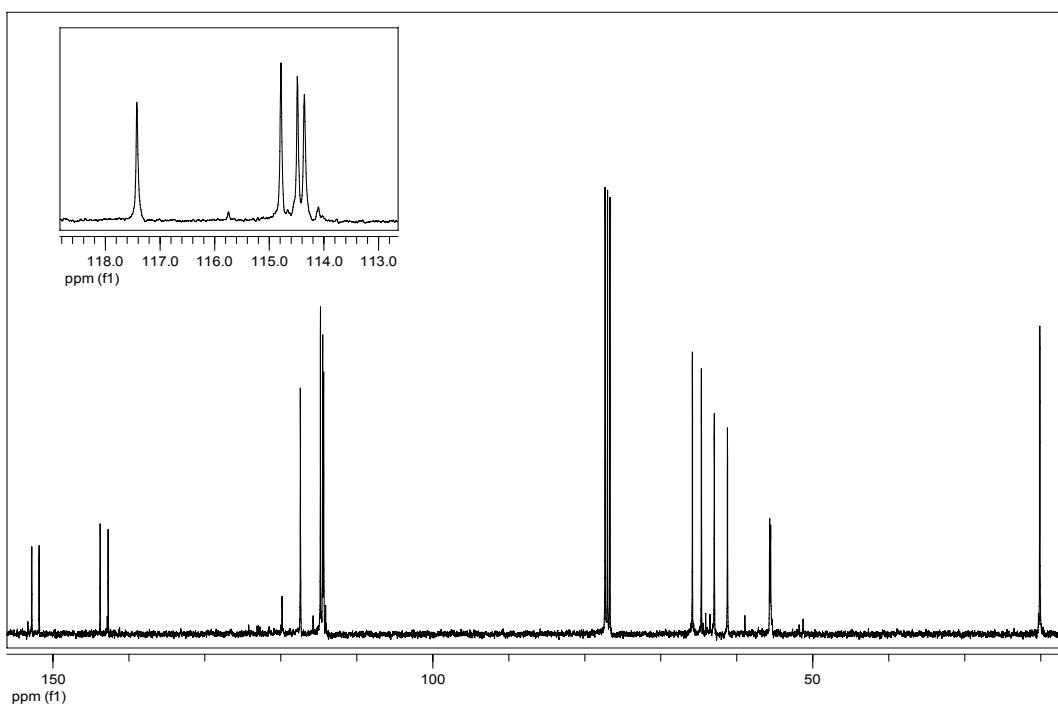


<sup>13</sup>C NMR

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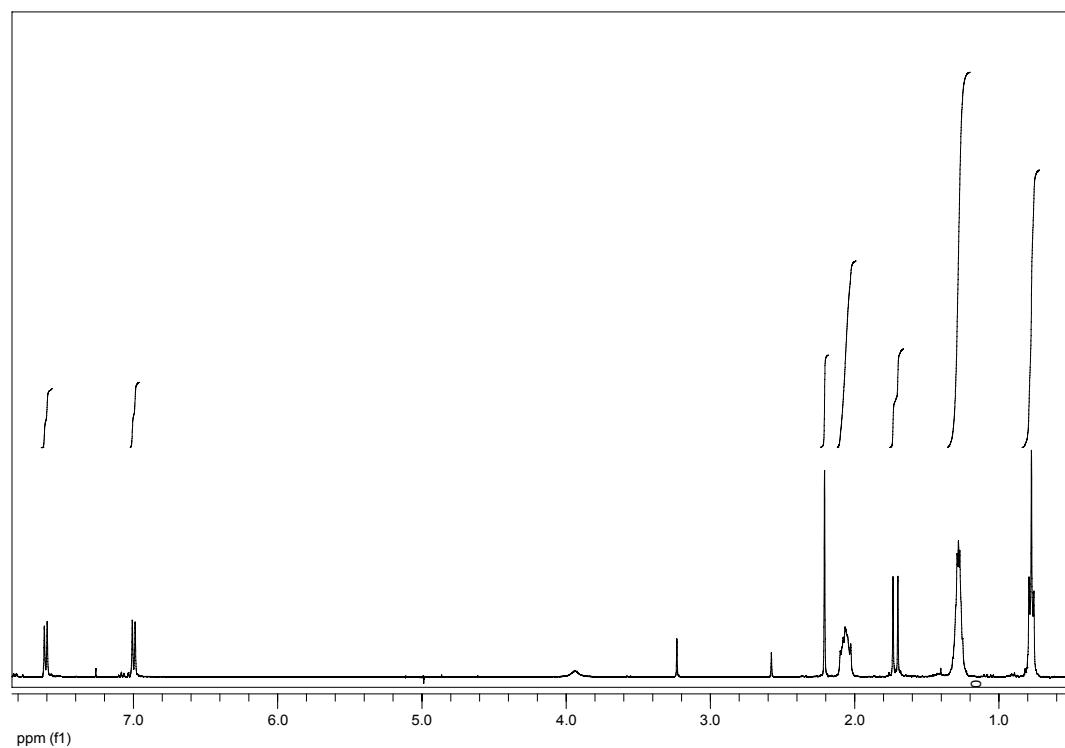


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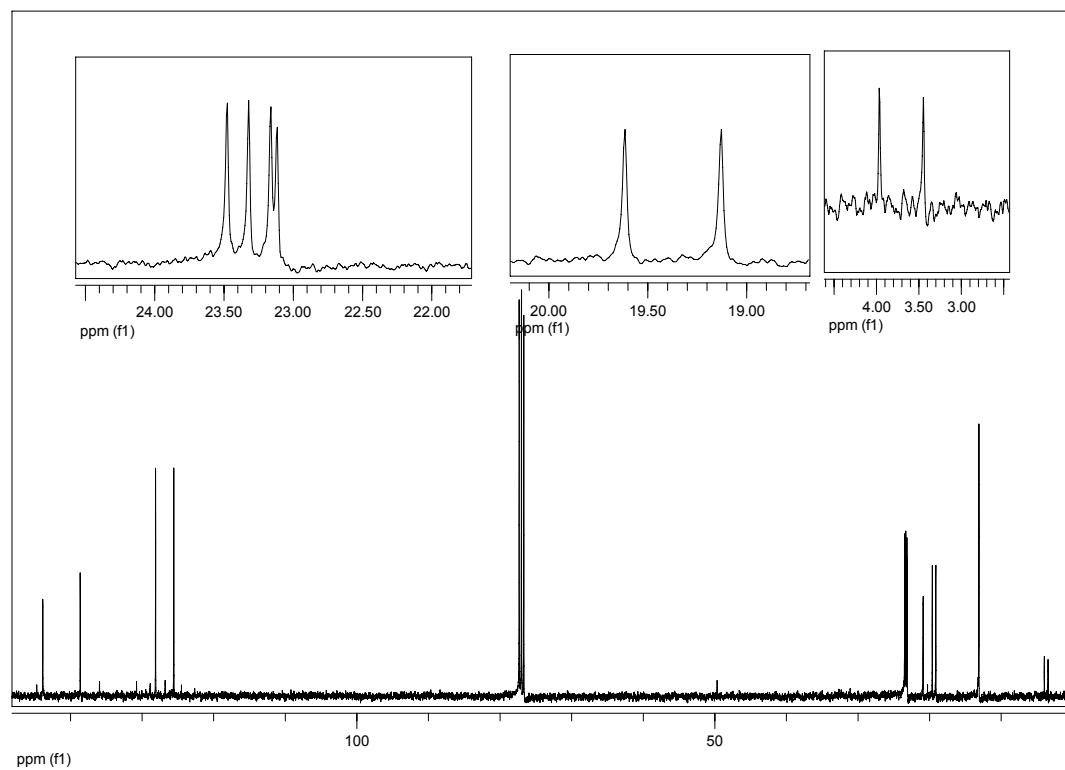


<sup>13</sup>C NMR

$[(n\text{-Bu})_3\text{MeP}][\text{TosO}]$ , **PIL2**.

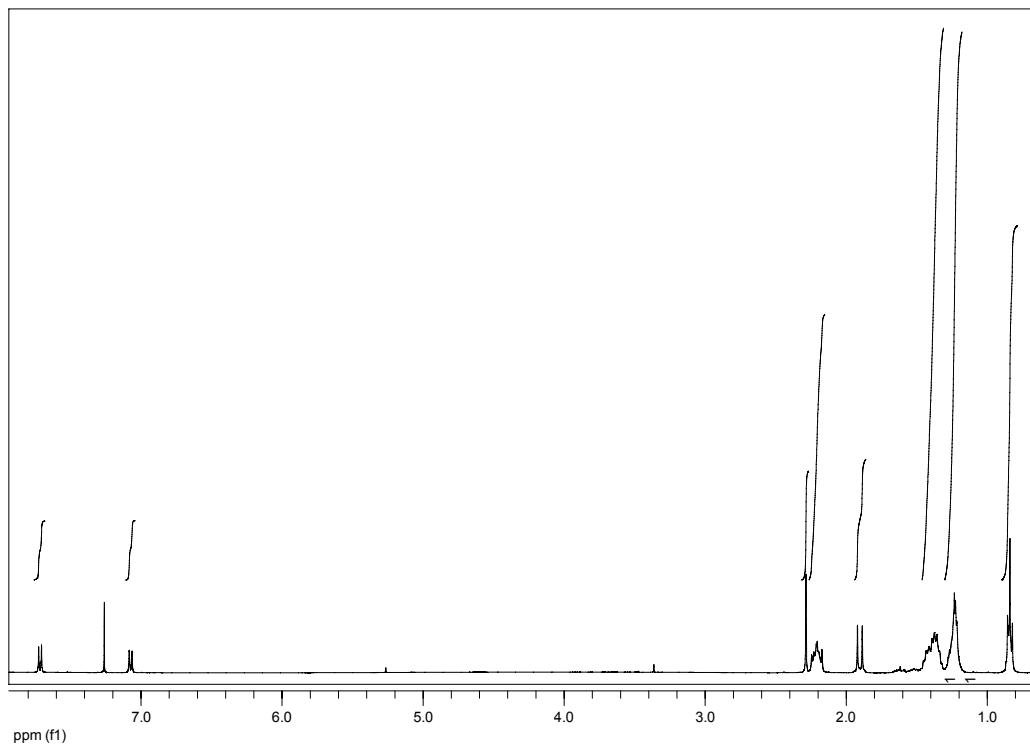


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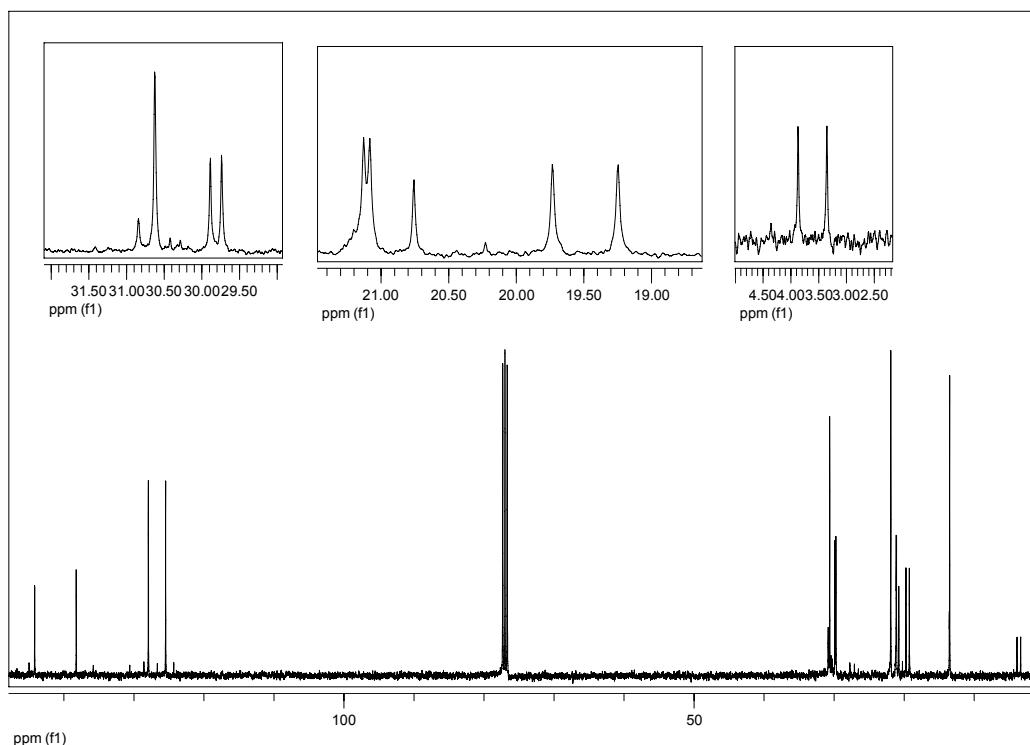


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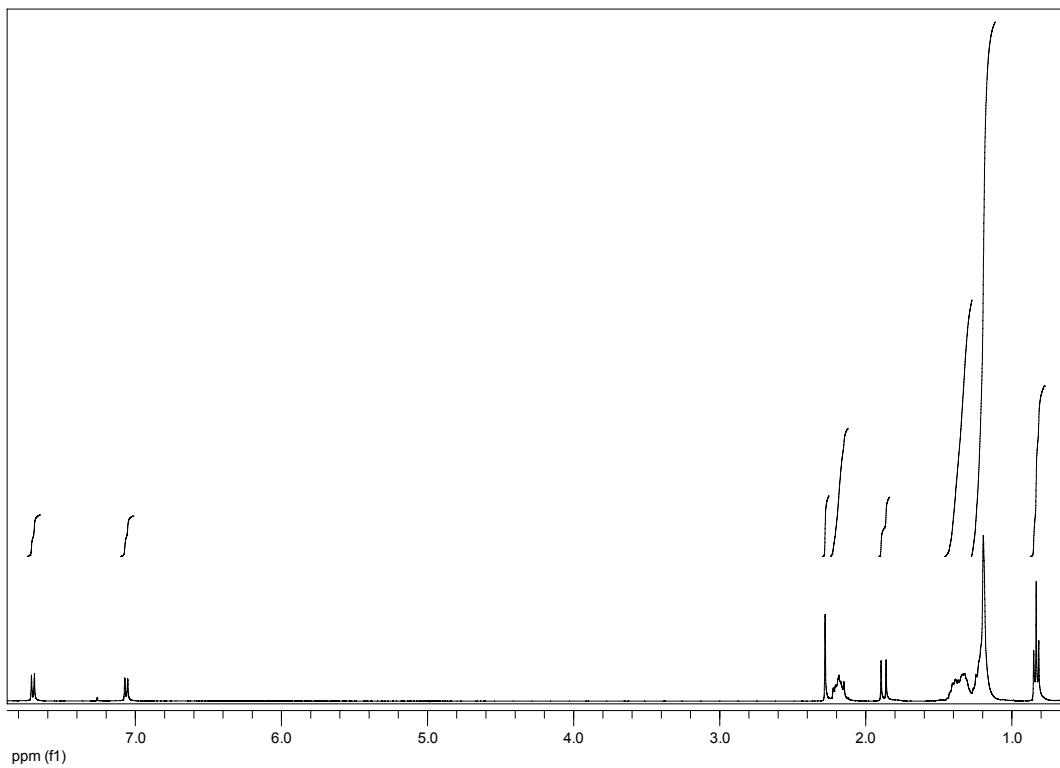


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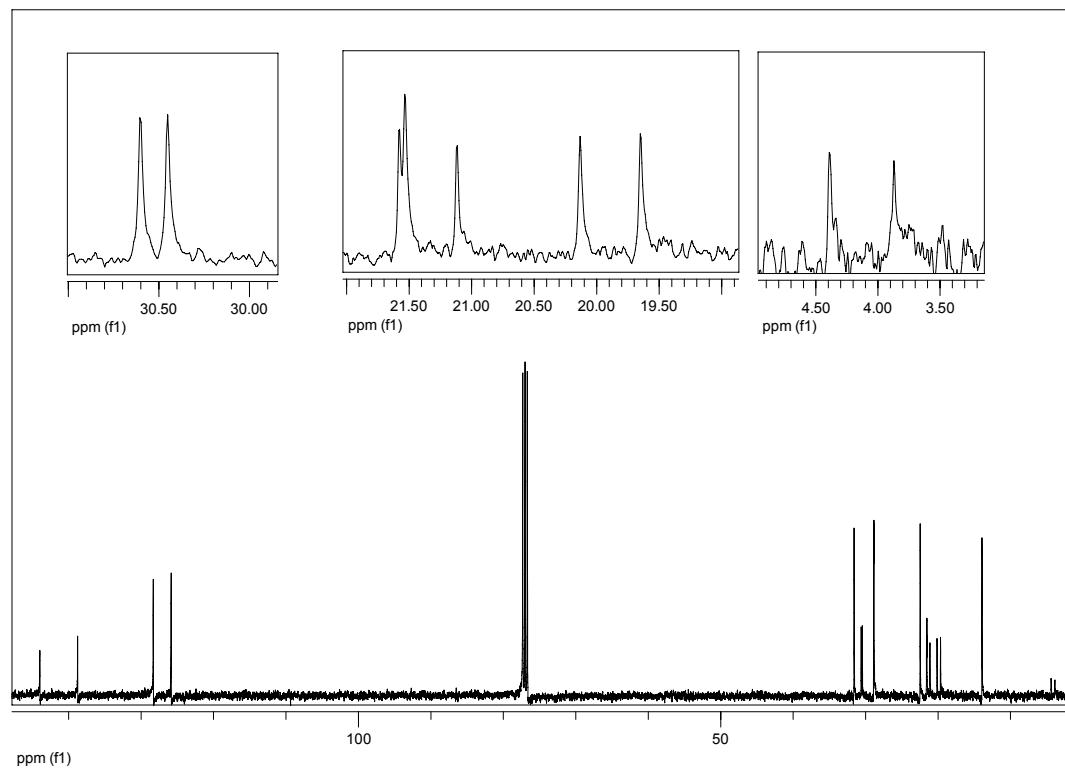


$^{13}\text{C}$  NMR

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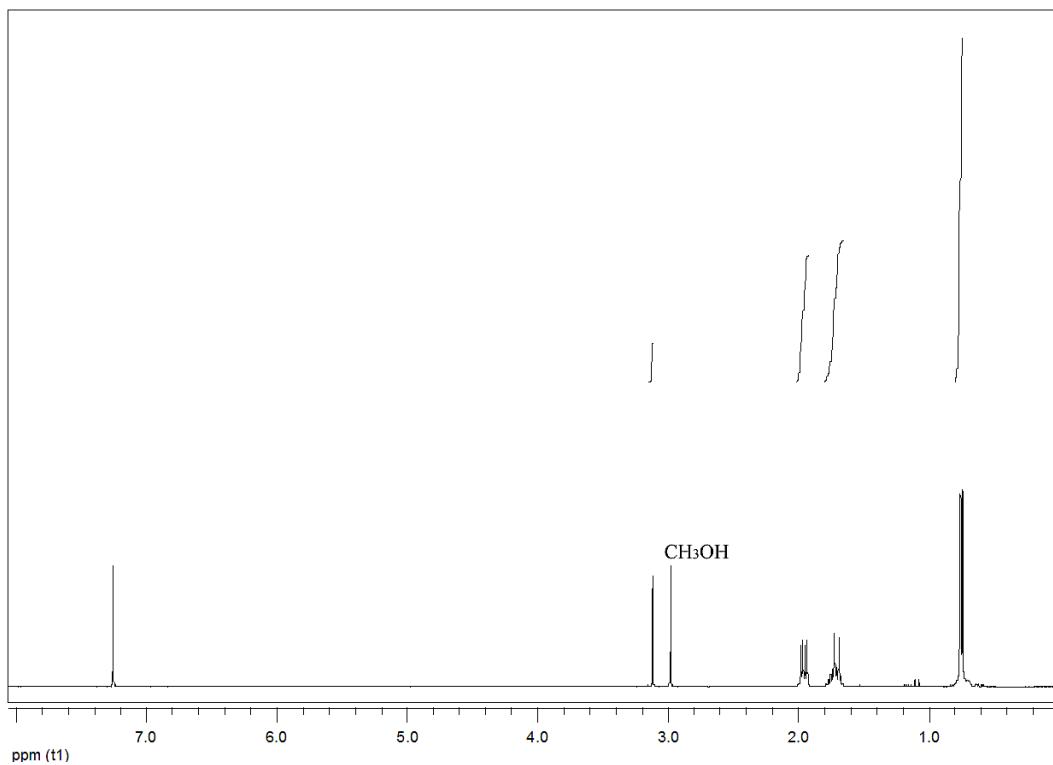


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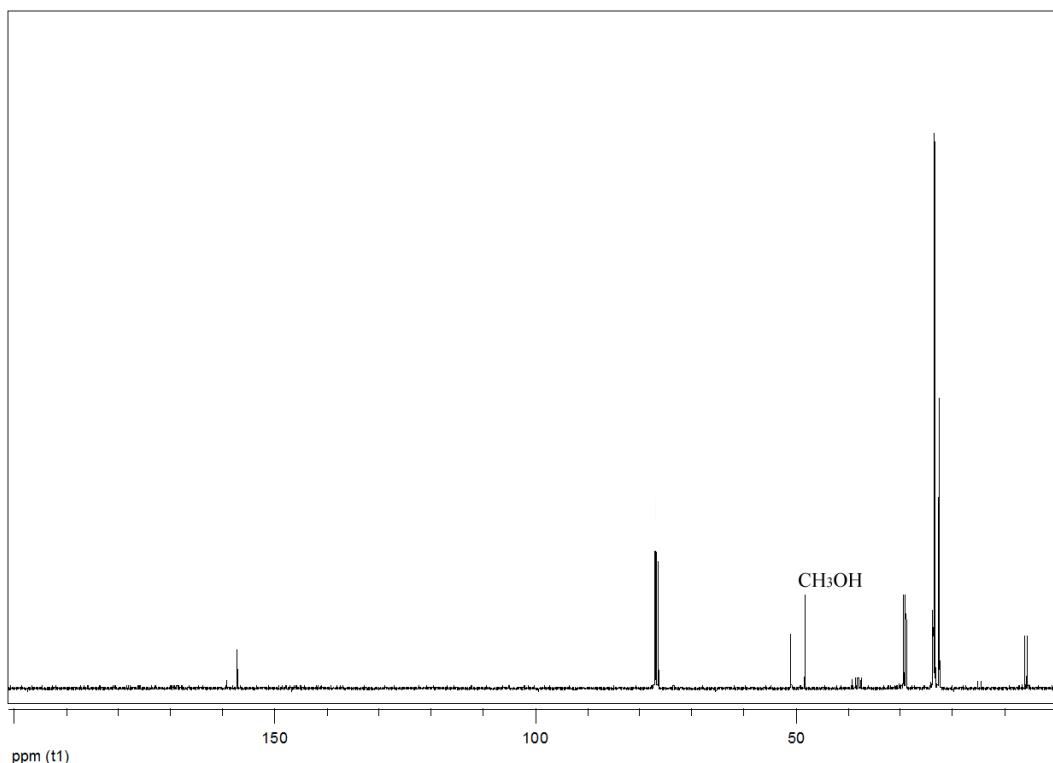


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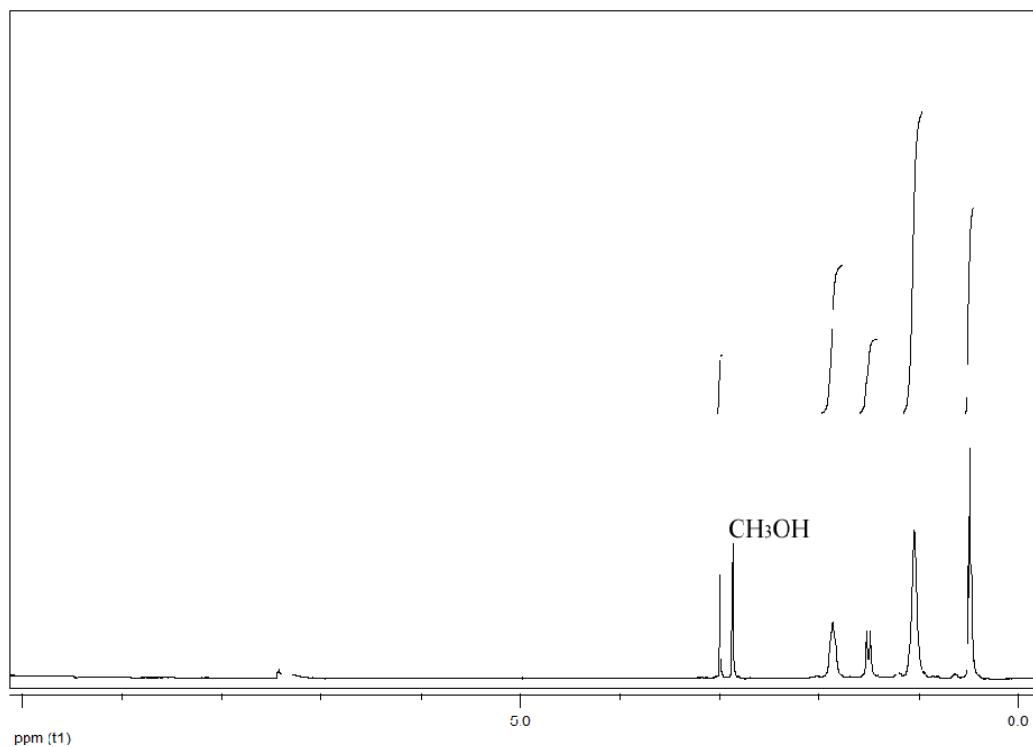


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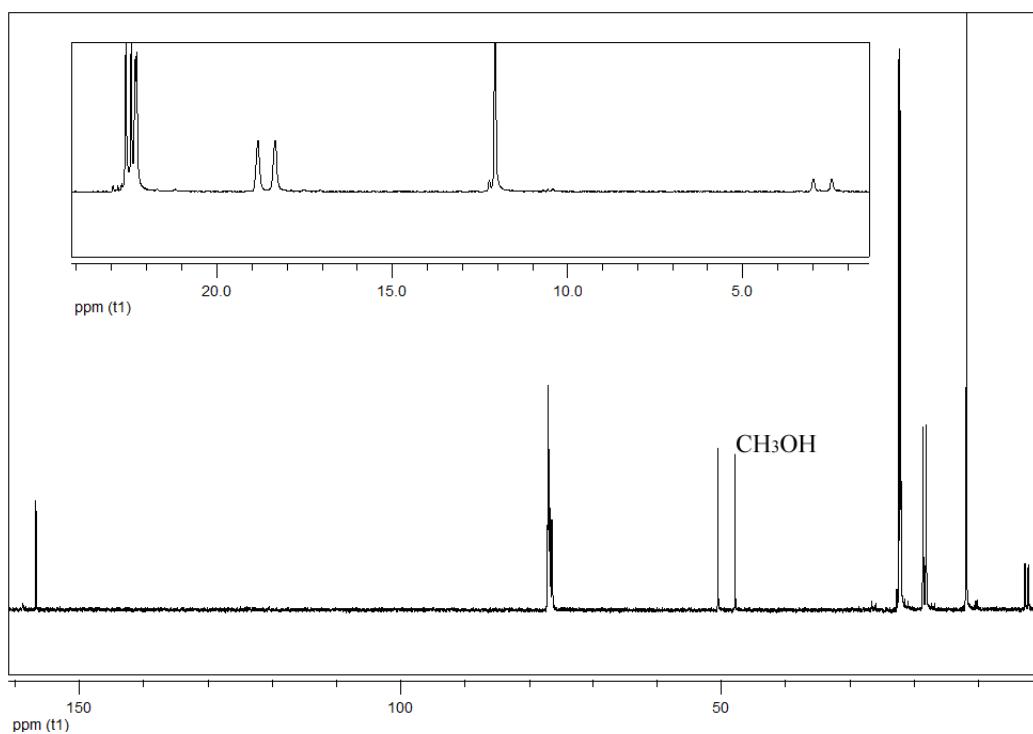


<sup>13</sup>C NMR

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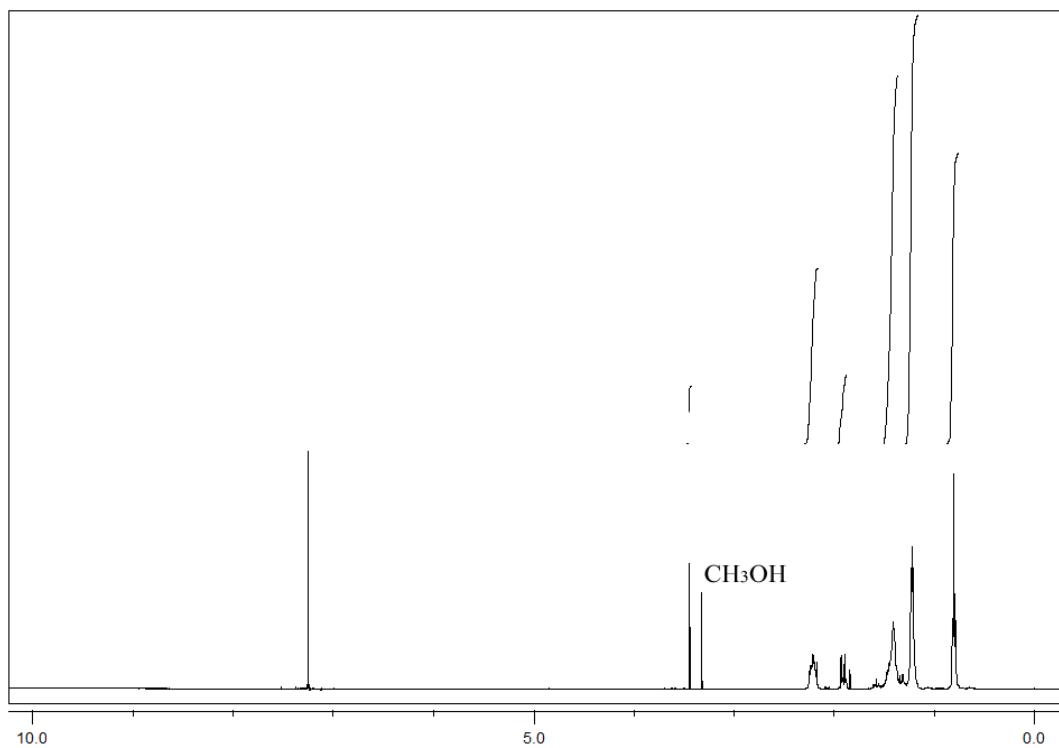


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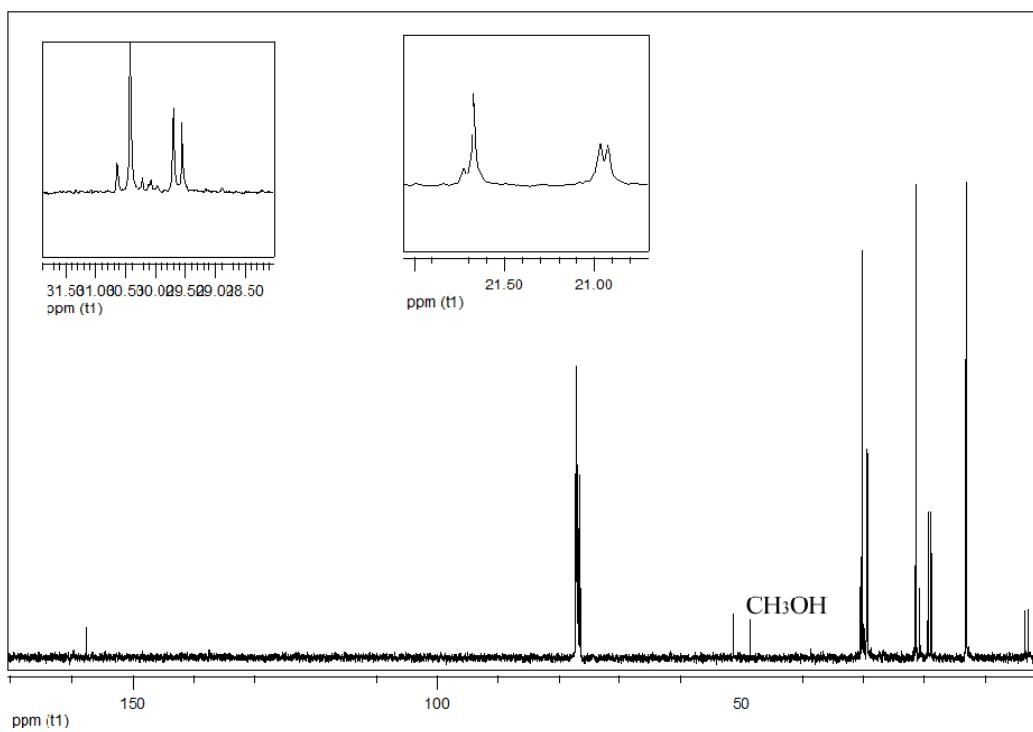


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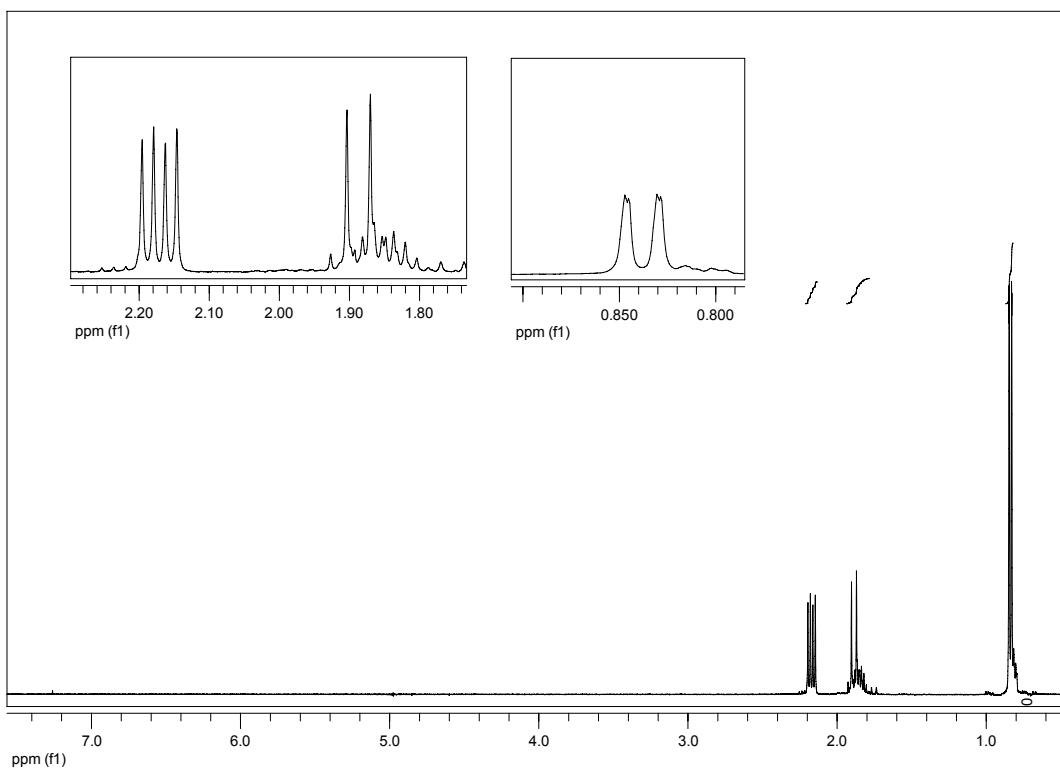


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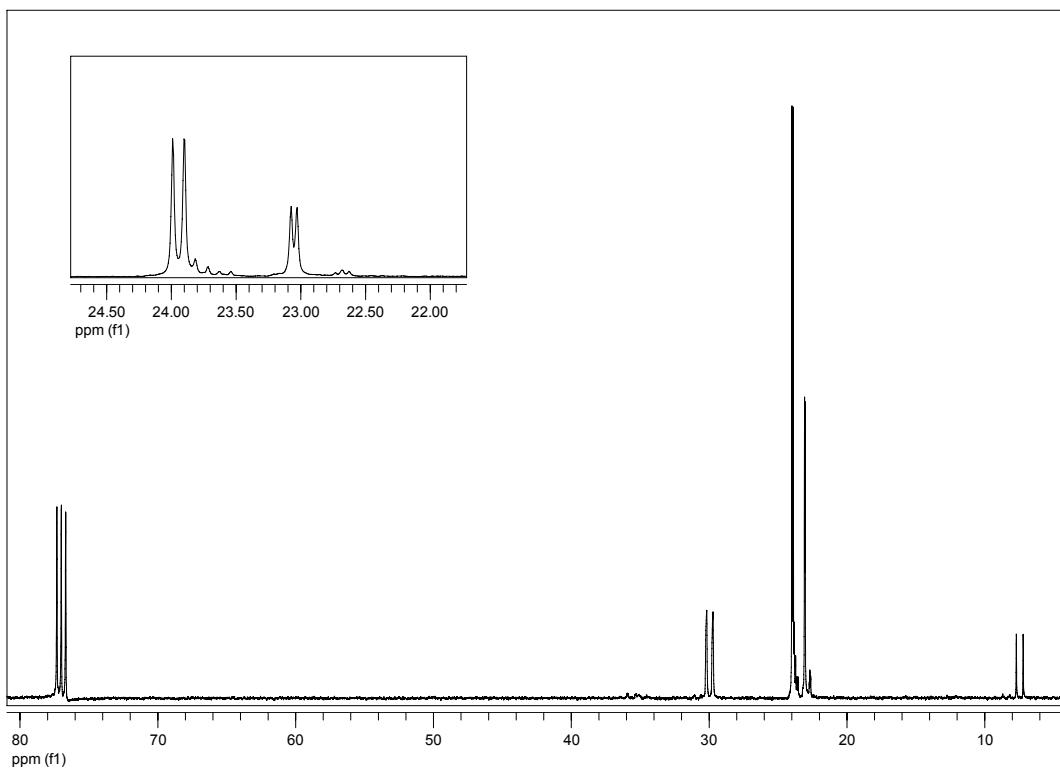


<sup>13</sup>C NMR

[(*i*-Bu)<sub>3</sub>MeP][Br], **PIL9**.

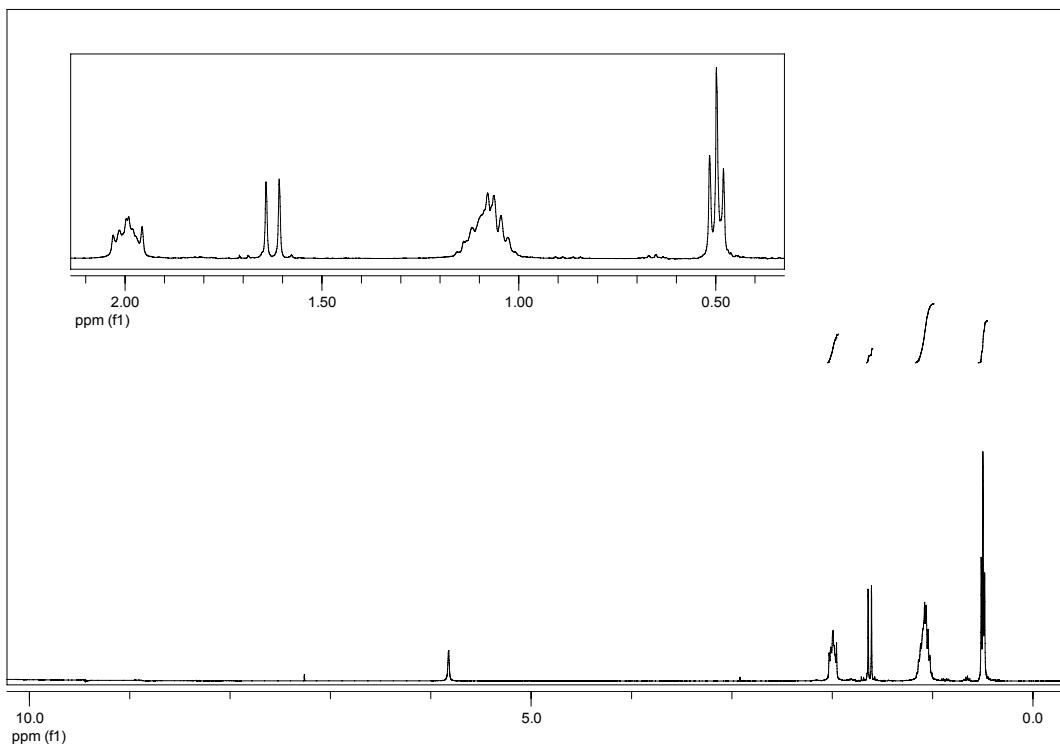


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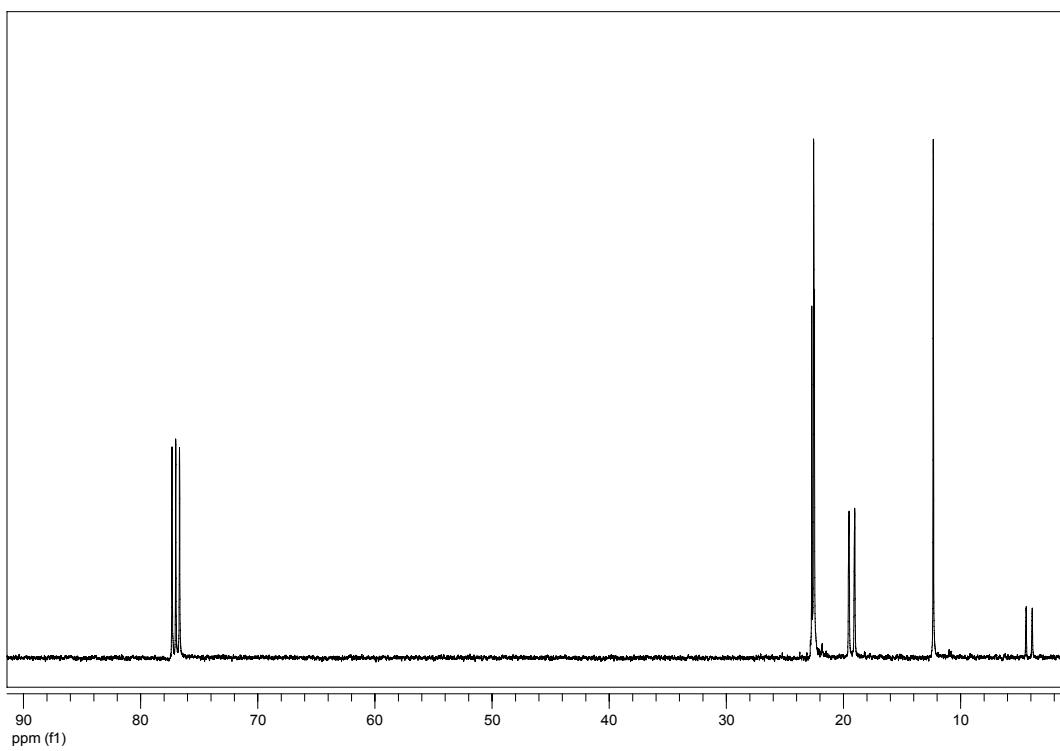


<sup>13</sup>C NMR

$[(n\text{-Bu})_3\text{MeP}][\text{Br}]$ , **PIL10**.

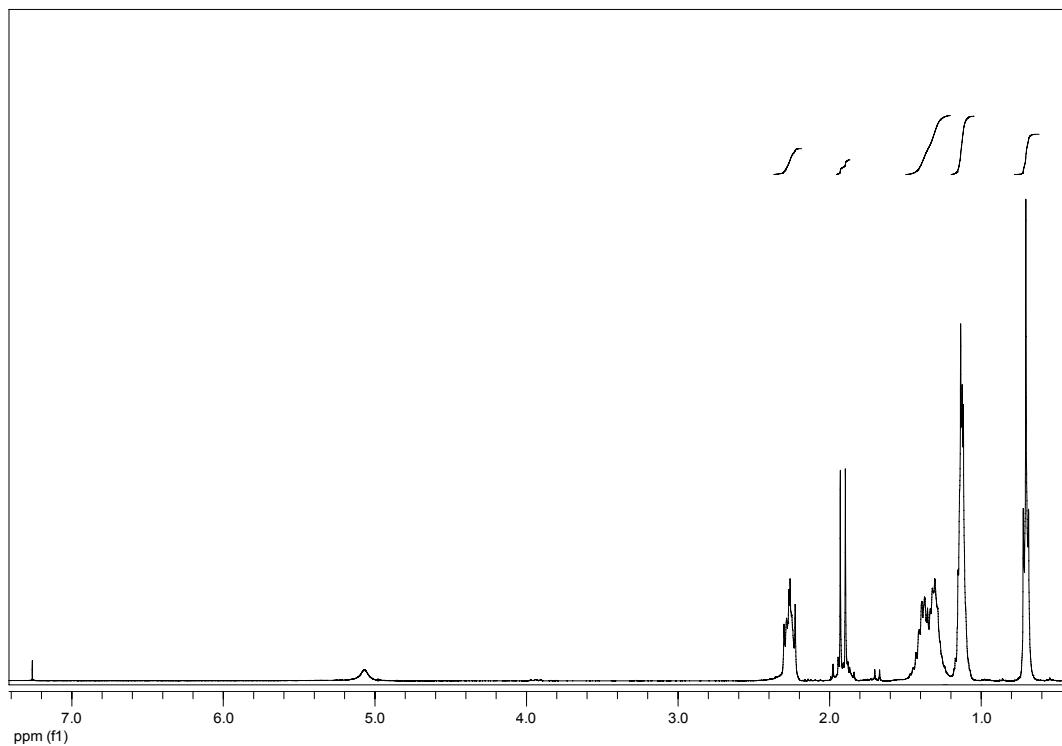


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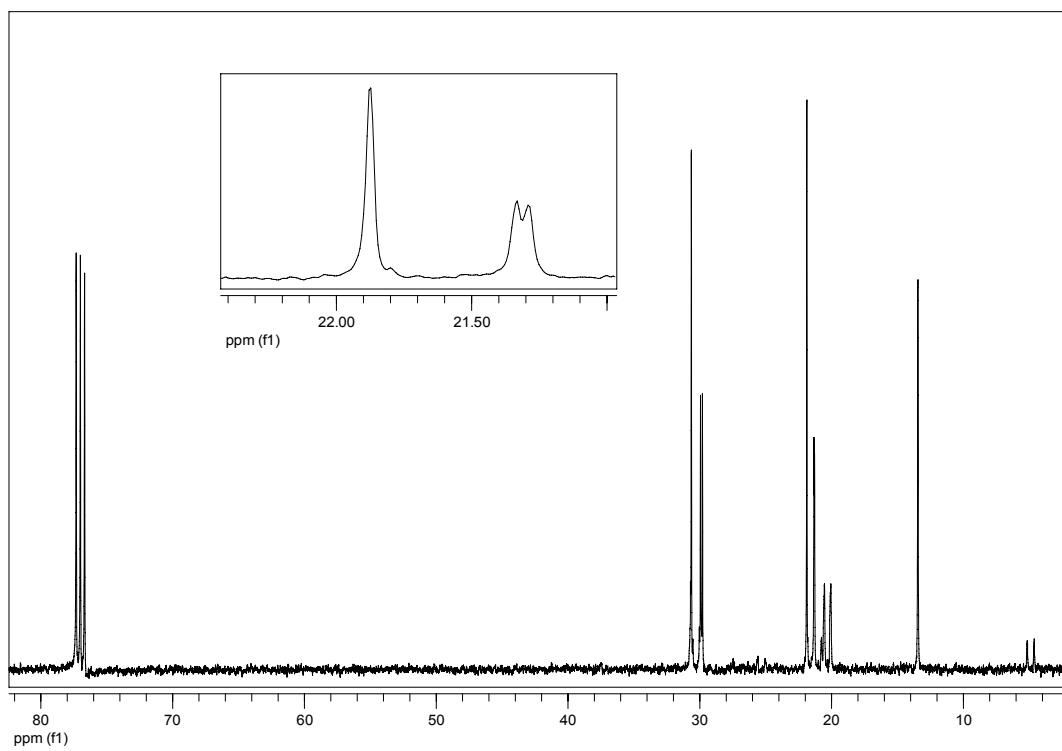


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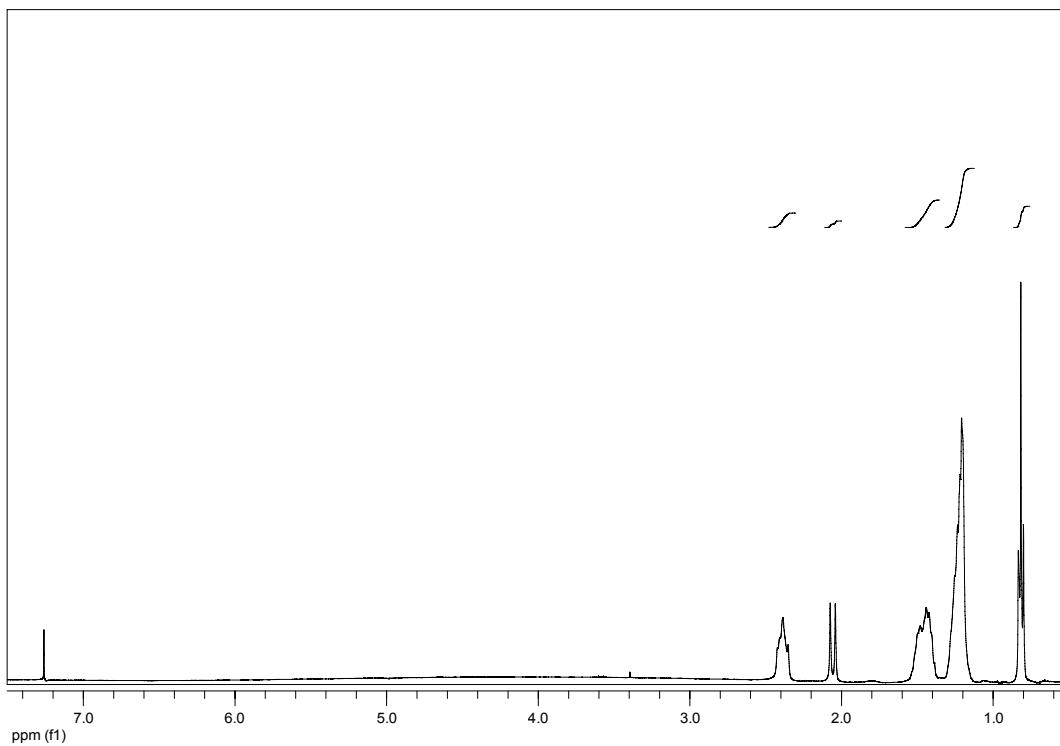


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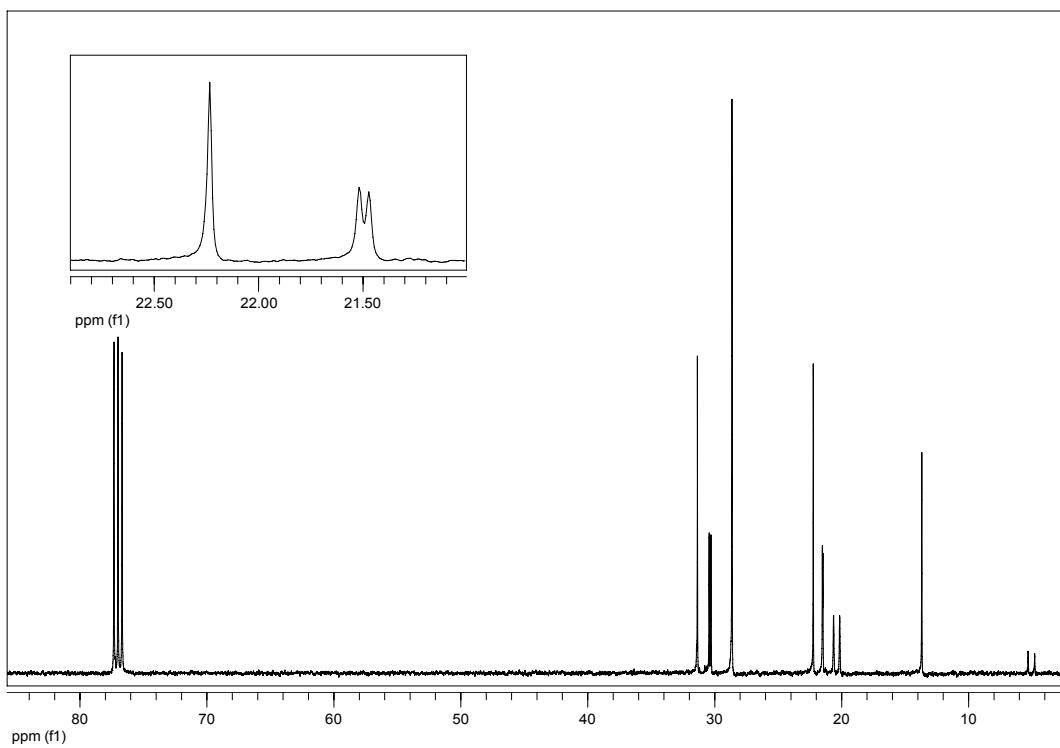


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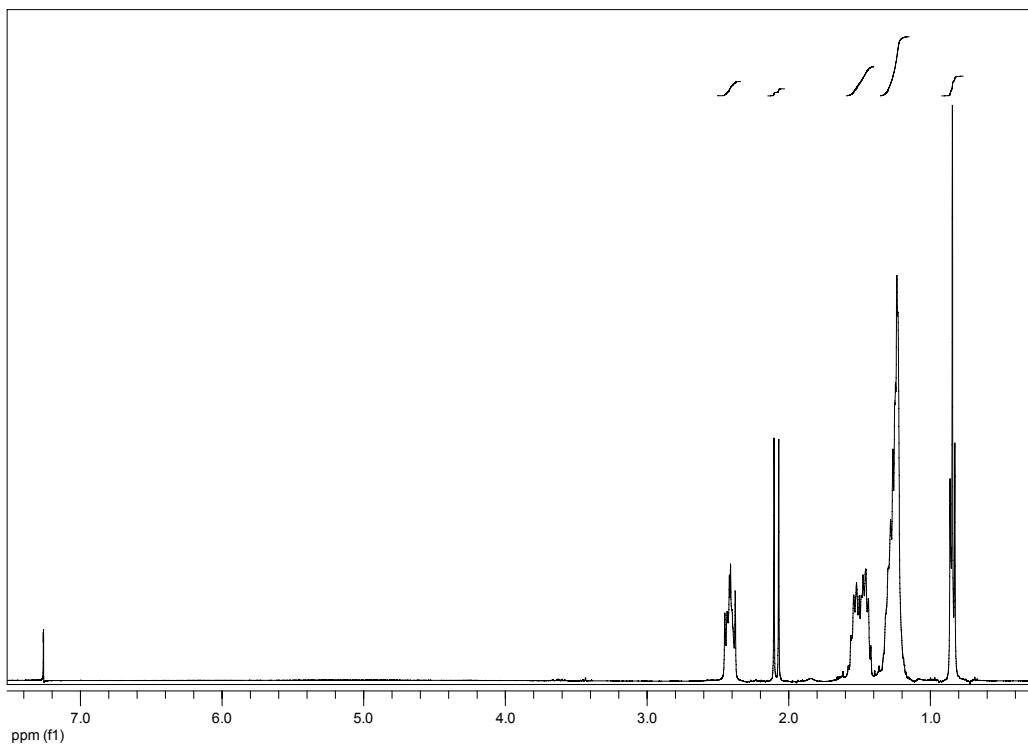


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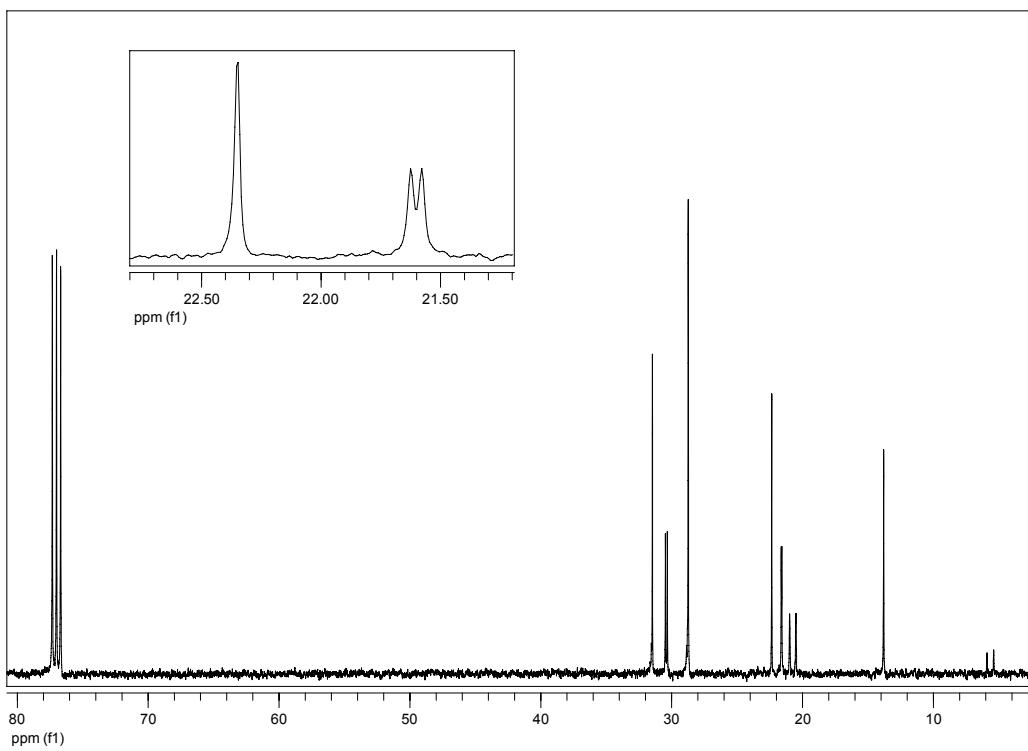


<sup>13</sup>C NMR

$[(n\text{-Oct})_3\text{MeP}][\text{I}]$ , **PIL13**.



<sup>1</sup>H NMR



<sup>13</sup>C NMR

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