

An anomalous hydration/dehydration sequence for the mild generation of a nitrile oxide

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Preparation of Nitroisoxazolone **5a**

Nitroisoxazolone **5a** was easily prepared from commercially available ethyl nitroacetate by three steps with simple experimental manipulations; 1) condensation of nitroacetate with orthoformate, 2) condensation with hydroxylamine, and 3) *N*-methylation with dimethyl sulfate.

1) Condensation of nitroacetate with orthoformate¹

To a solution of ethyl nitroacetate (40 mL, 0.36 mol) in acetic anhydride (80 mL), trimethyl orthoformate (58 mL, 0.53 mol) was added, and the resultant mixture was heated at 100 °C for 2 d. The mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure, and the residue was used for next step without further purification.

2) Condensation with hydroxylamine²

To a solution of ethyl 3-methoxy-2-nitropropenoate (17.5 g, 100 mmol) in ethanol (175 mL), were added hydroxylamine hydrochloride (7.73 g, 120 mmol) and pyridine (20.2 mL, 250 mmol). The mixture was heated at 60 °C for 3 h. After cooling, pale yellow precipitates were formed and were collected to give pyridinium salt **4a** (14.8 g, 71 mmol, 71% yield).

3) *N*-Methylation with dimethyl sulfate³

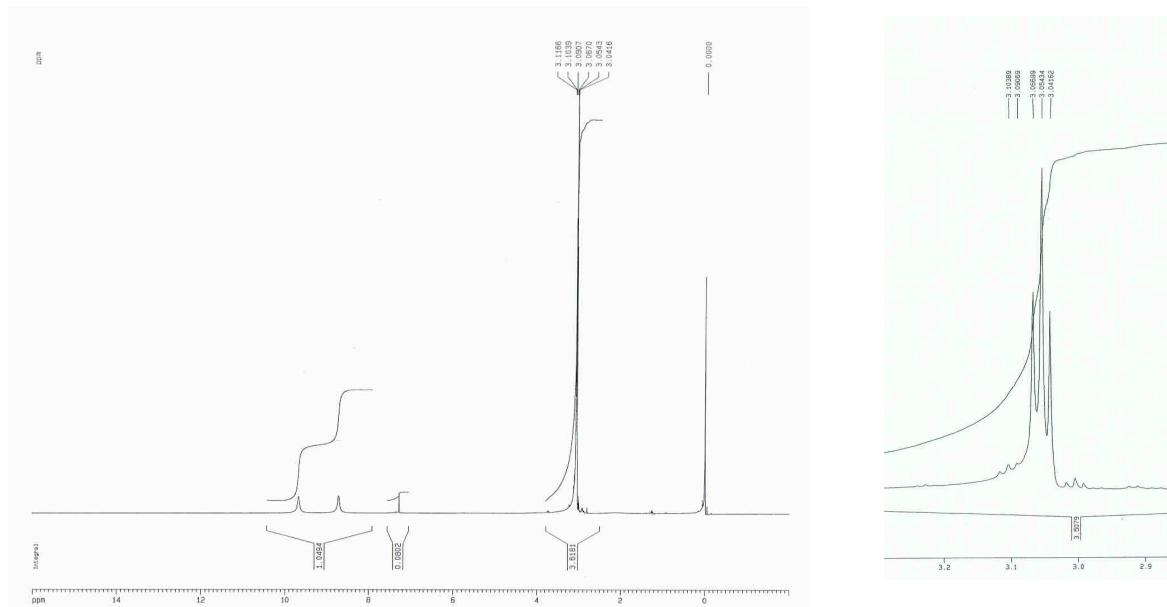
Pyridinium salt **4a** (4.18 g, 20 mmol) was heated with freshly distilled dimethyl sulfate (2.3 mL, 24 mmol) without solvent at 65 °C for 3 h. The reaction mixture was cooled to room temperature, and water (100 mL) was added. Generated white precipitates were collected, and recrystallized from acetonitrile to afford isoxazolone **5a** (2.26 g, 15.7 mmol, 79%).

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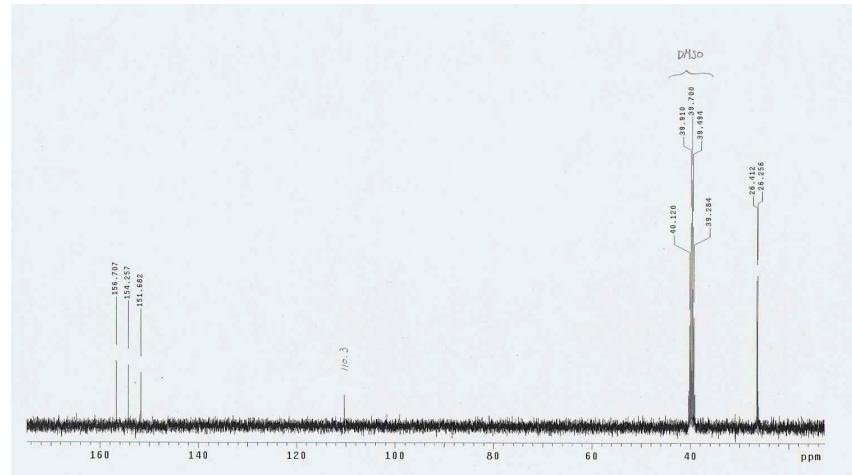
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¹H NMR (CDCl_3)

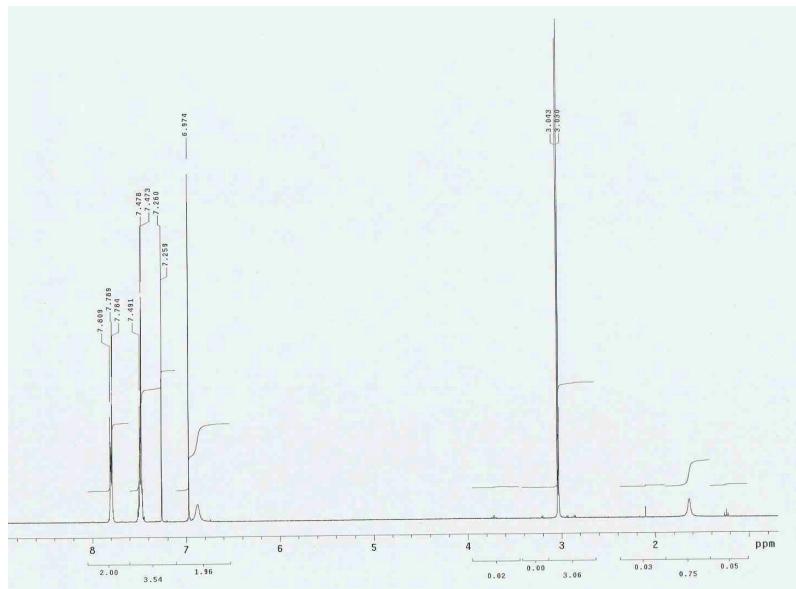


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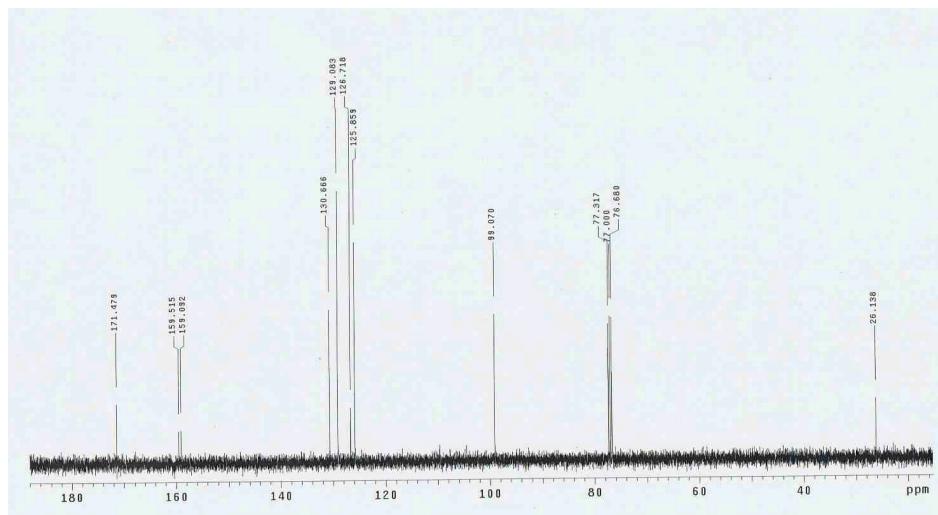


3-(*N*-methylcarbamoyl)-5-phenylisoxazole (8a)

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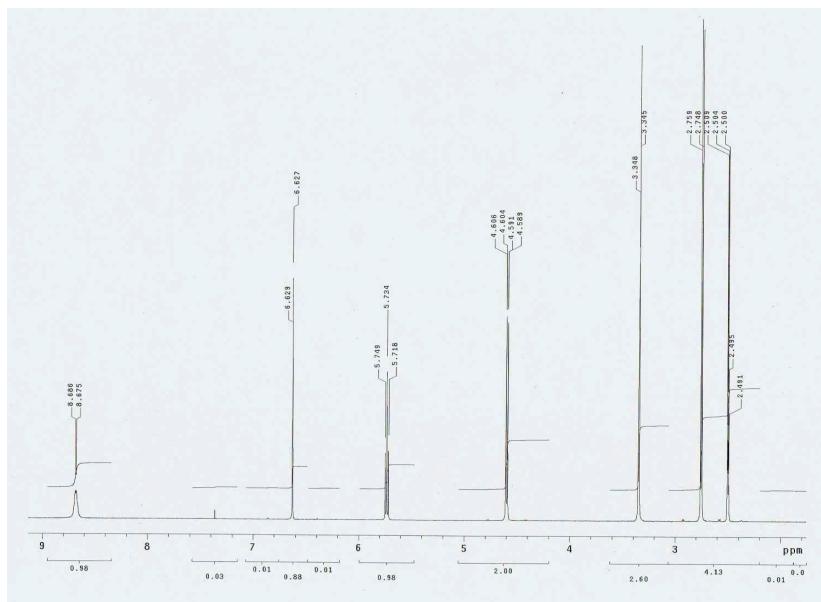


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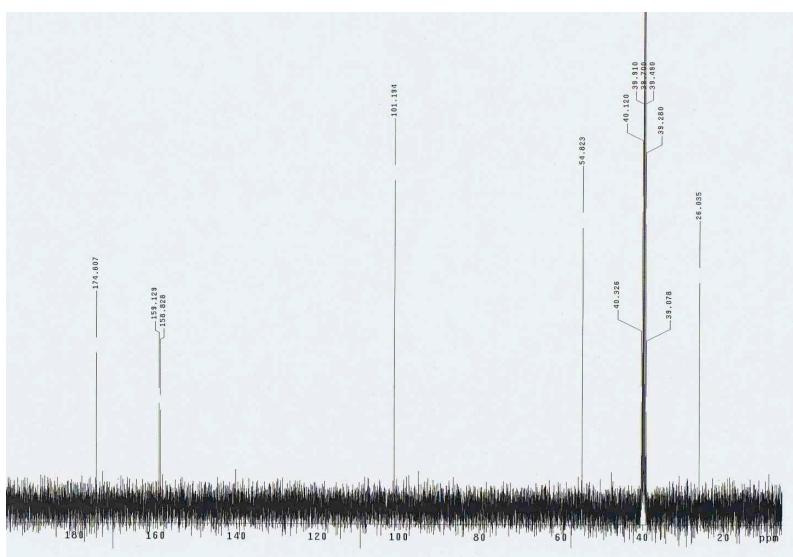


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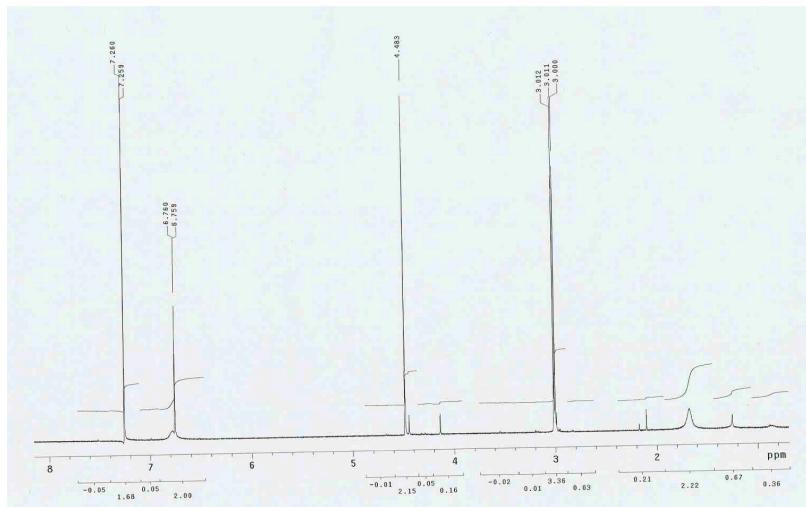


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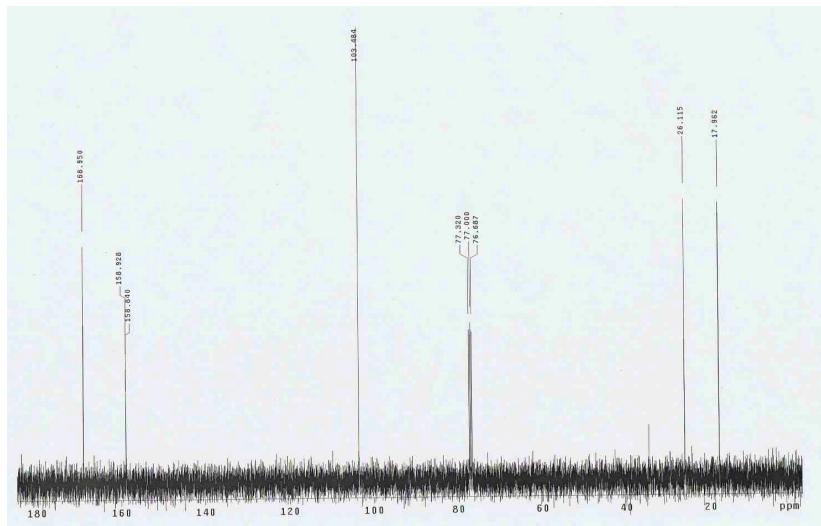


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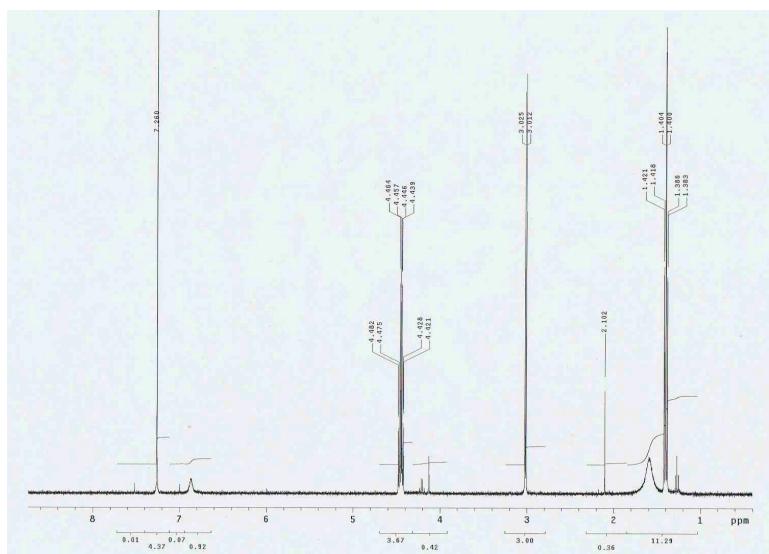


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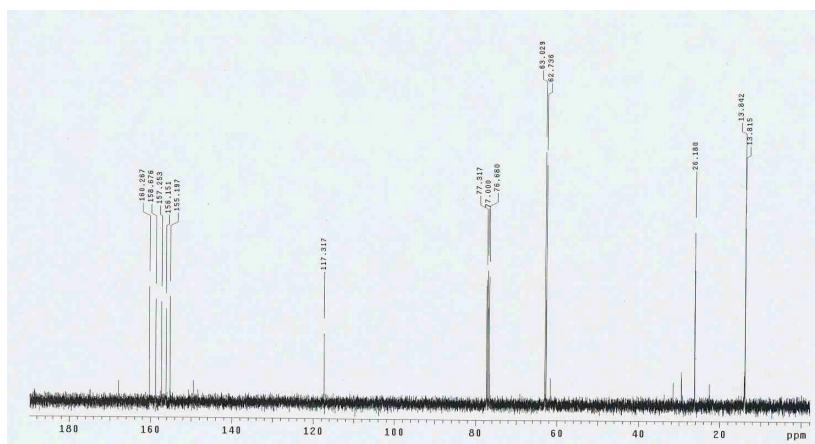


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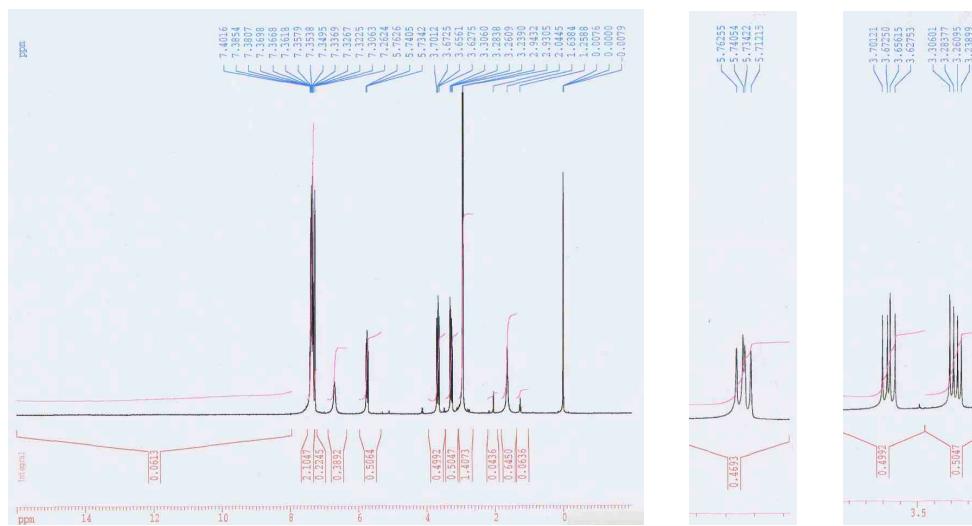


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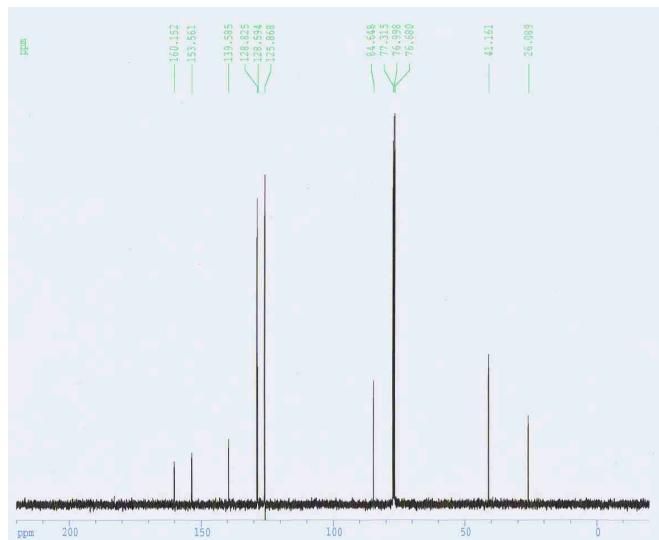


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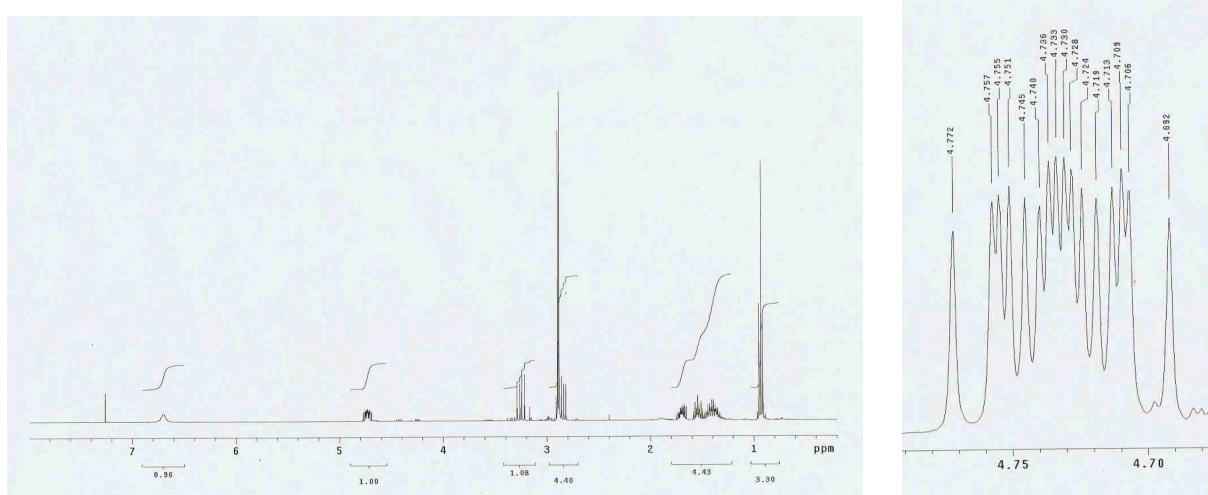


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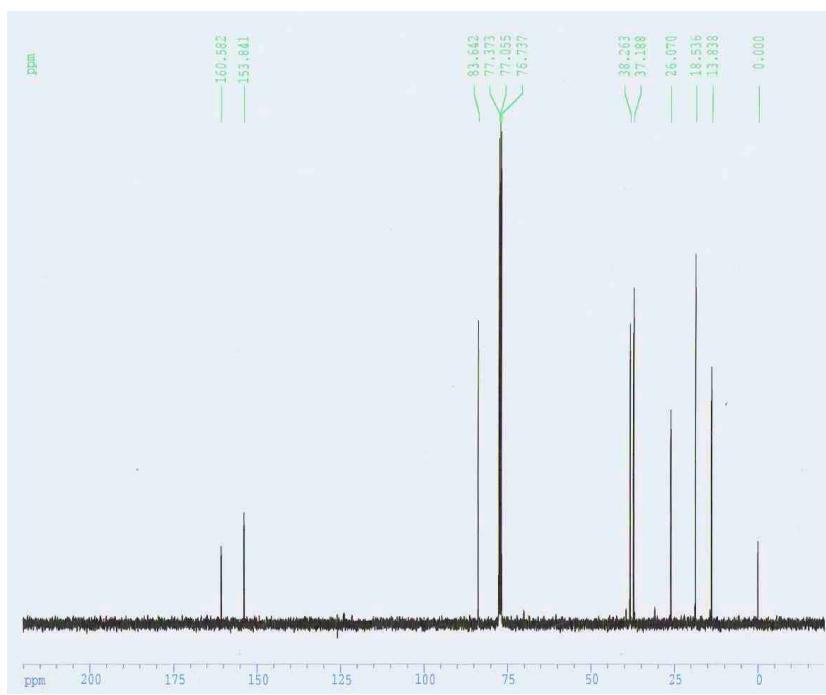


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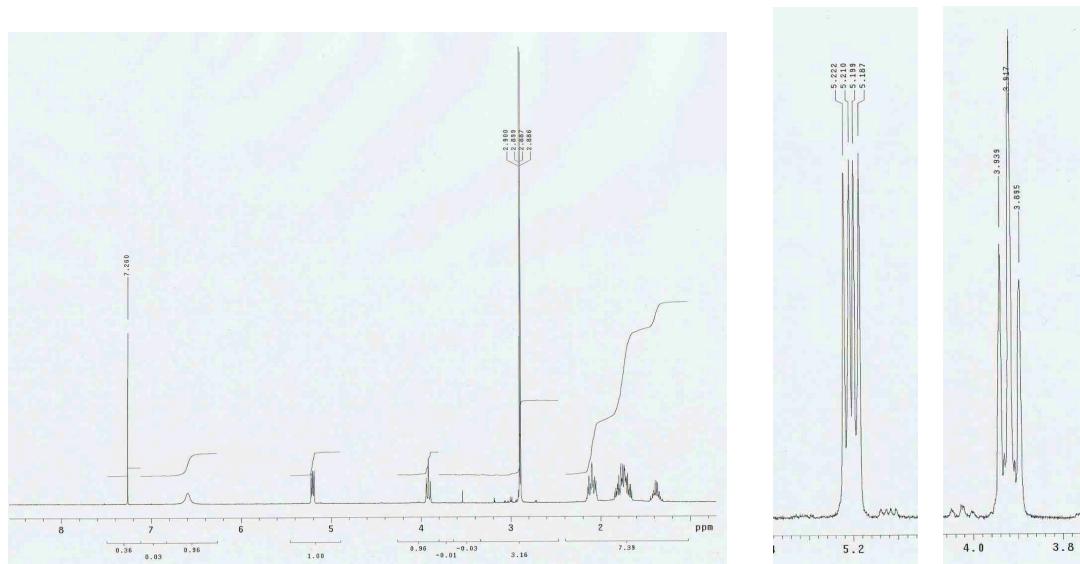


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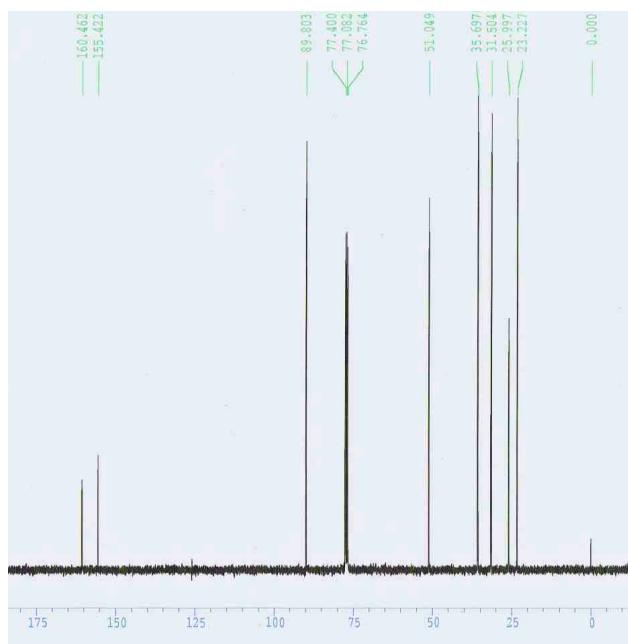


3-(*N*-Methylcarbamoyl)-3a,5,6,6a-tetrahydro-4*H*-cyclopent[*d*]isoxazole (11c)

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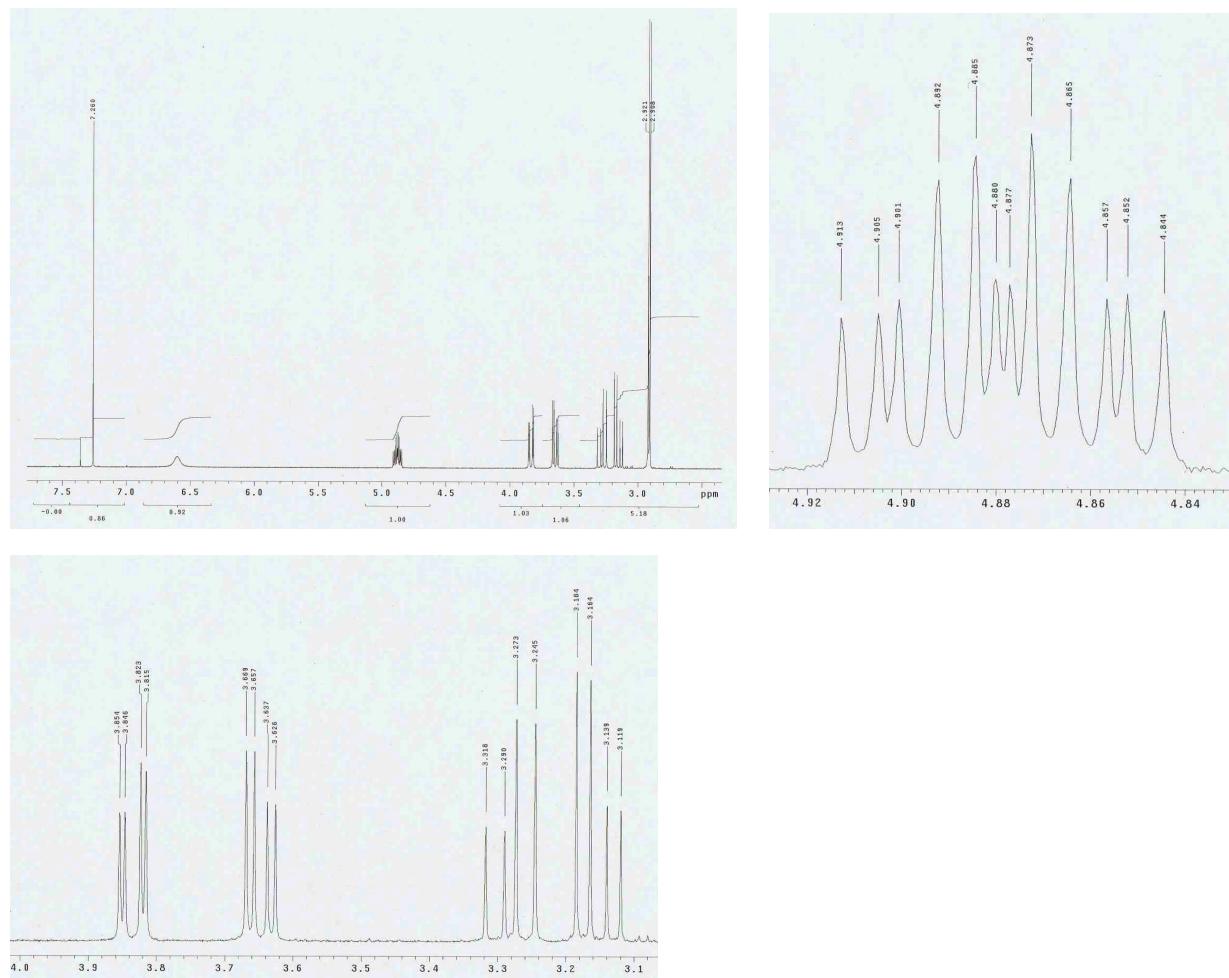


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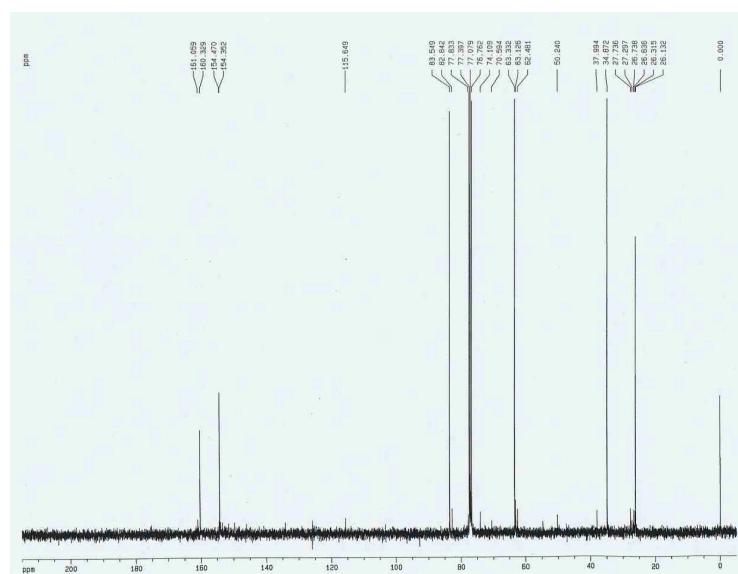


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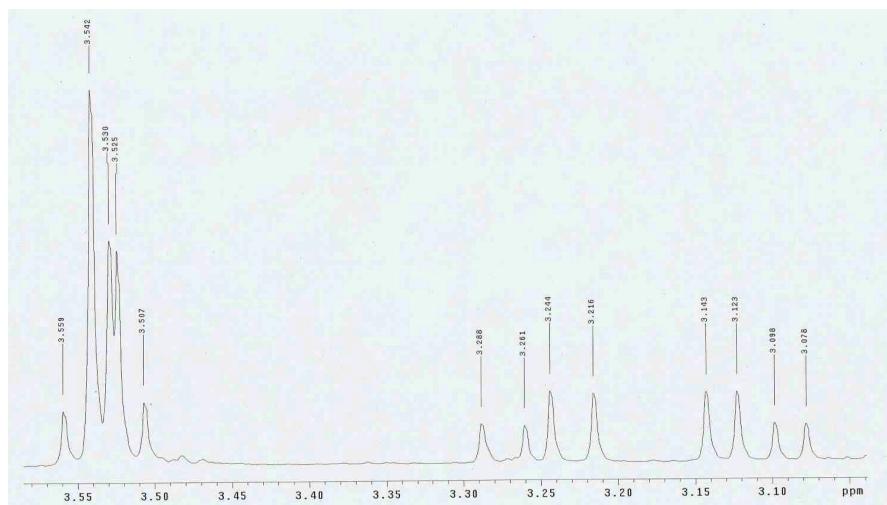
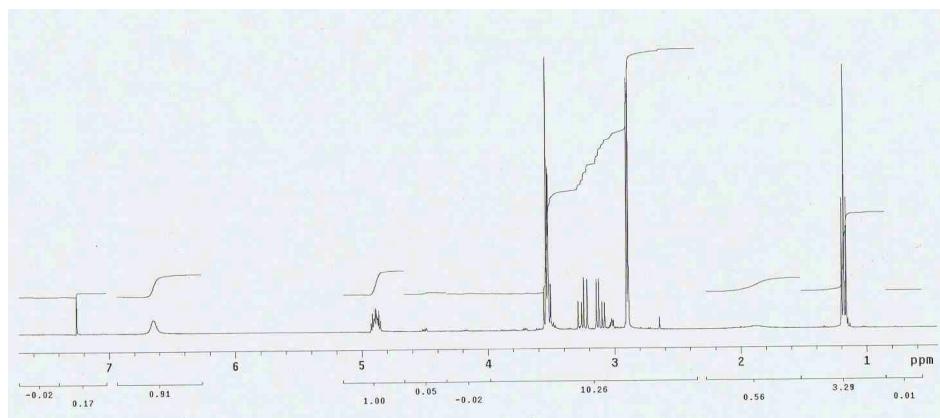


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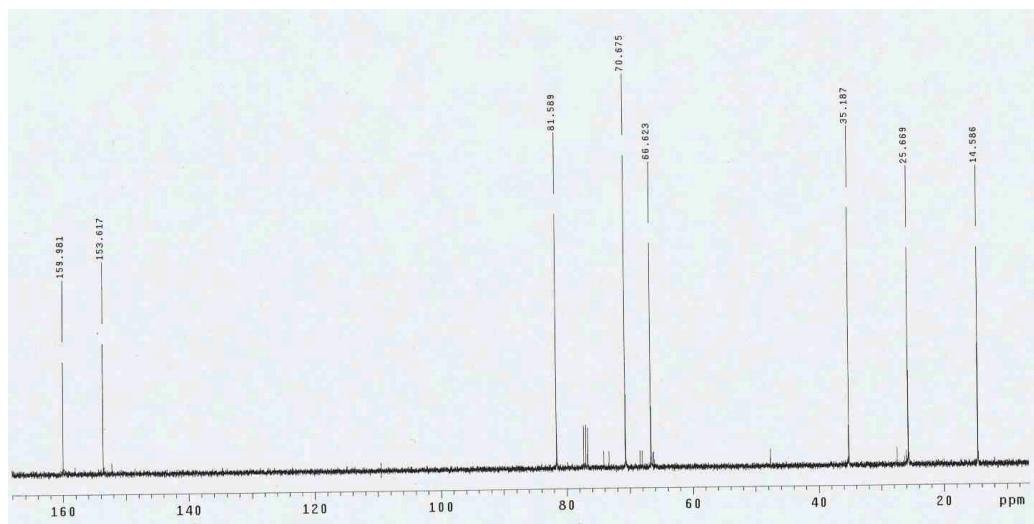


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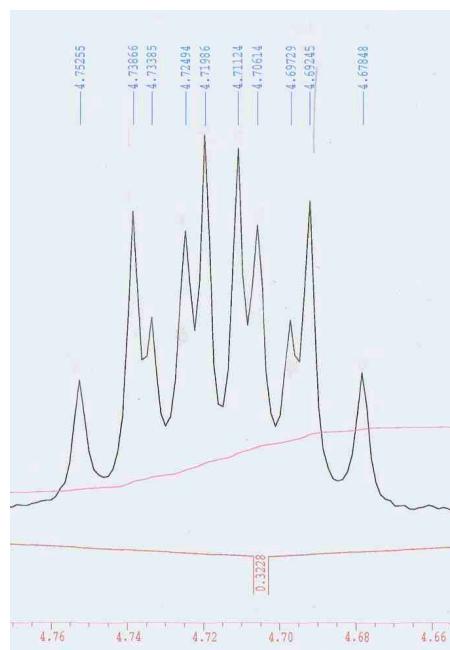
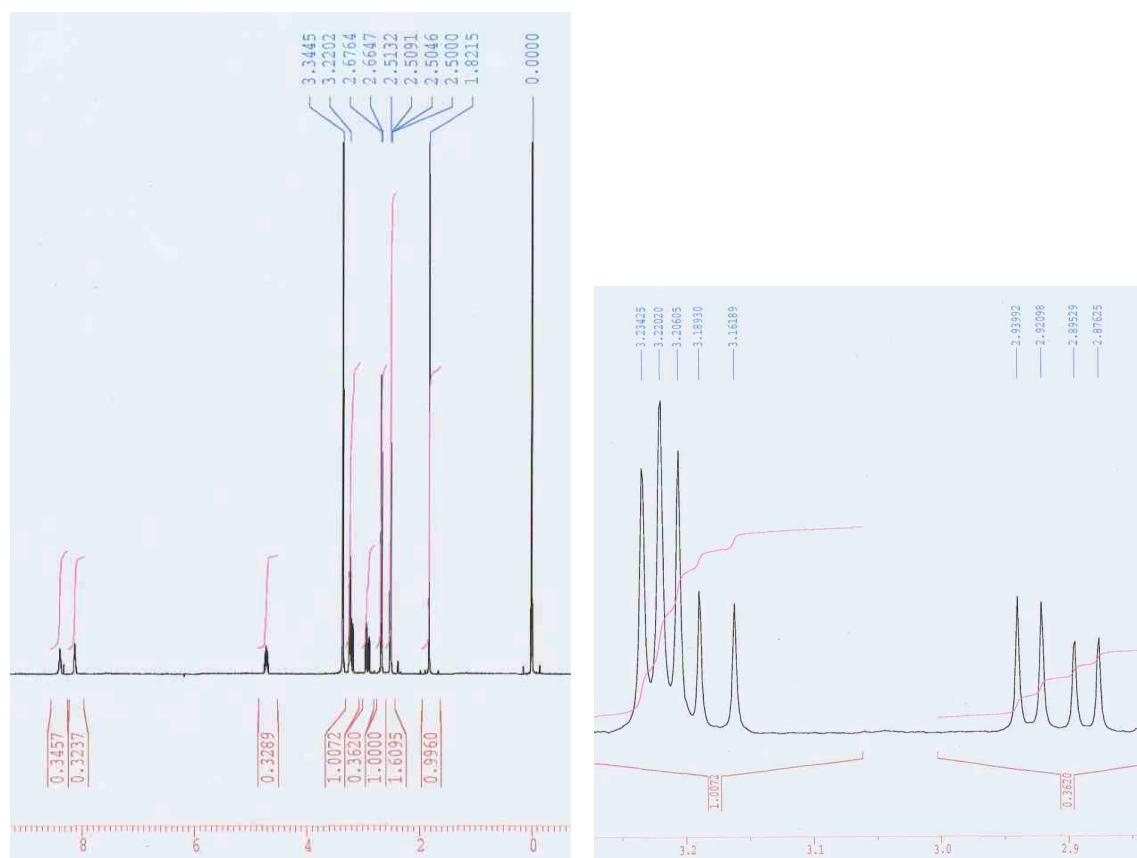


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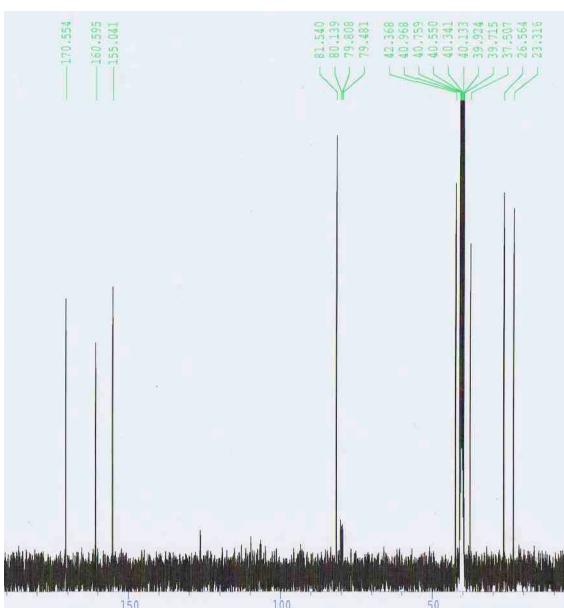


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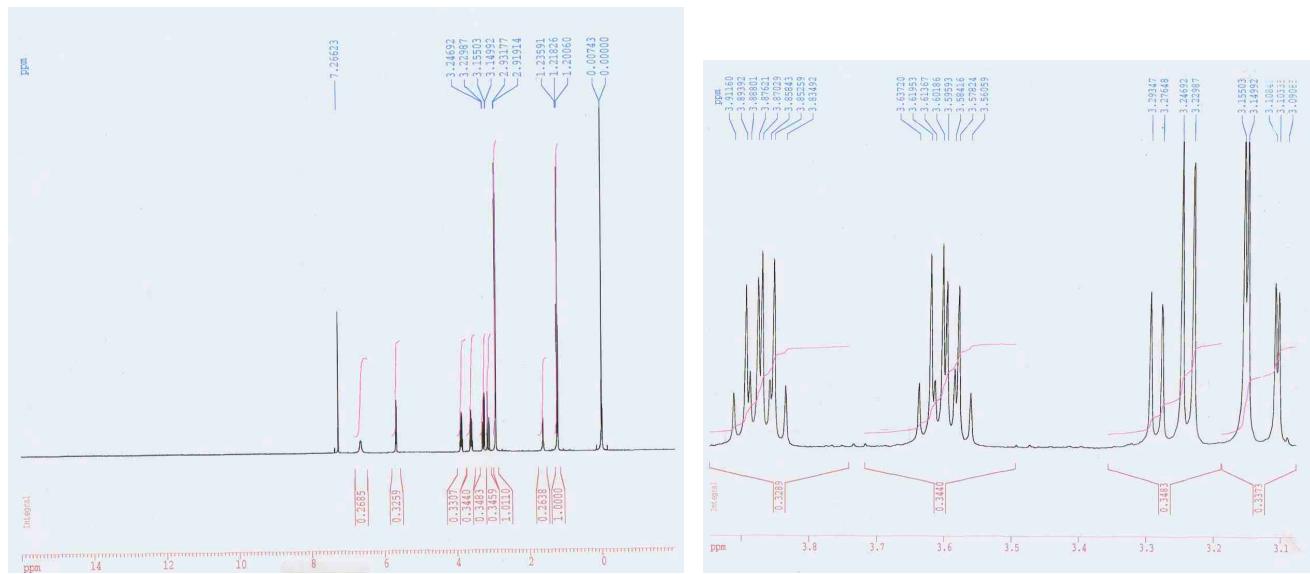


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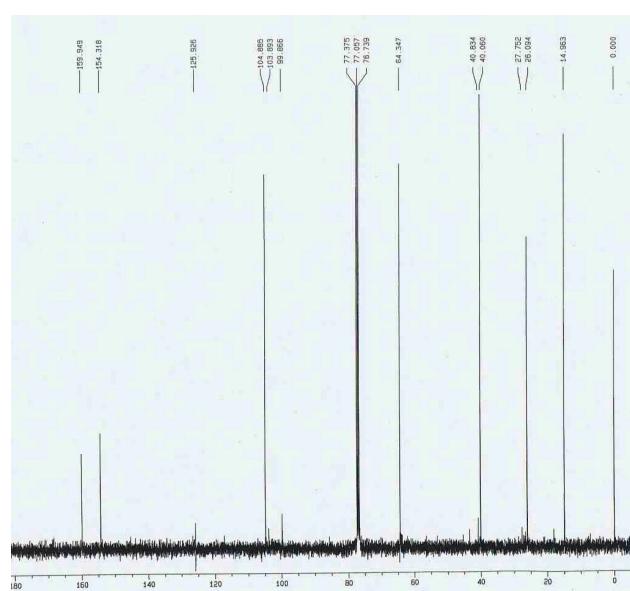


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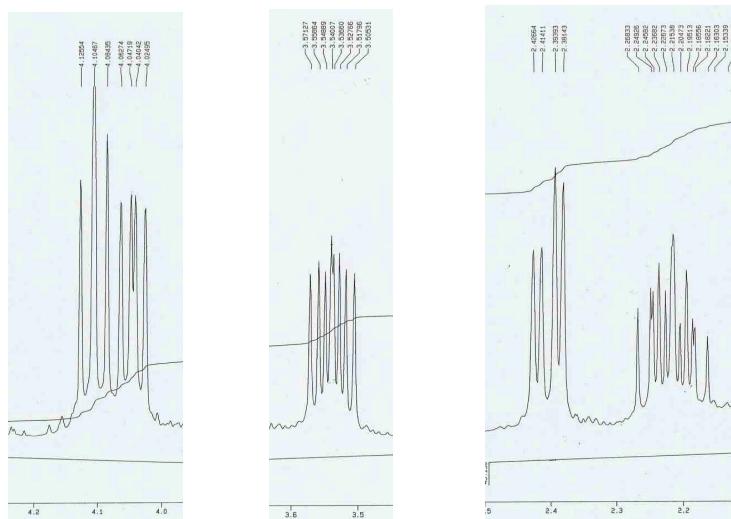
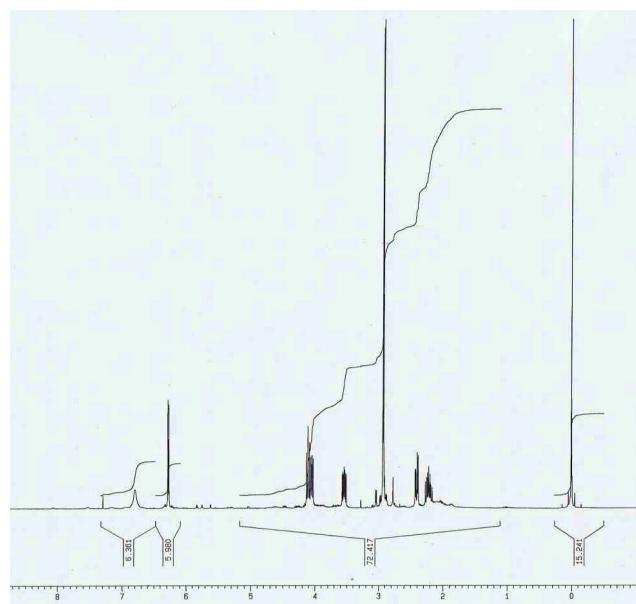


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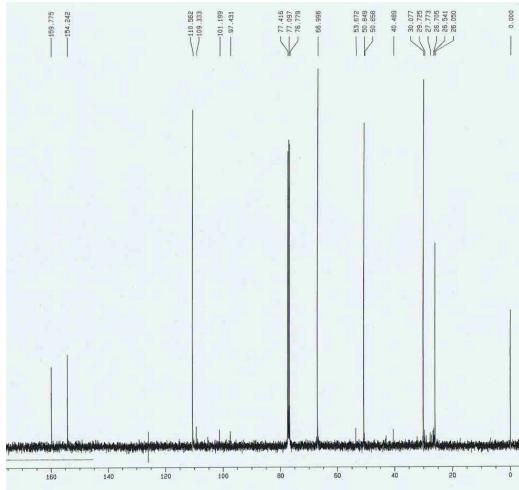


3-(*N*-Methylcarbamoyl)-3a,4,5,6a-tetrahydrofuro[3,2-*d*]isoxazole (11i)

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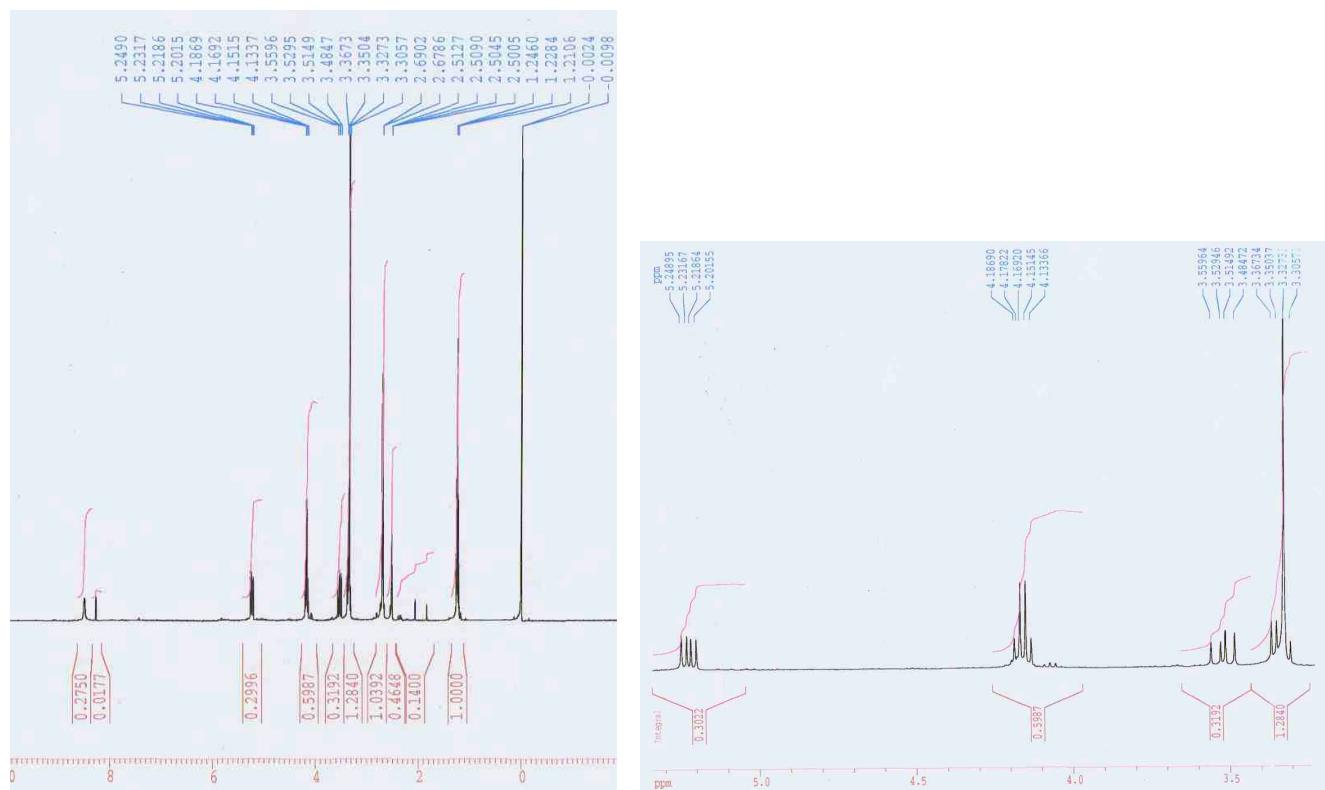


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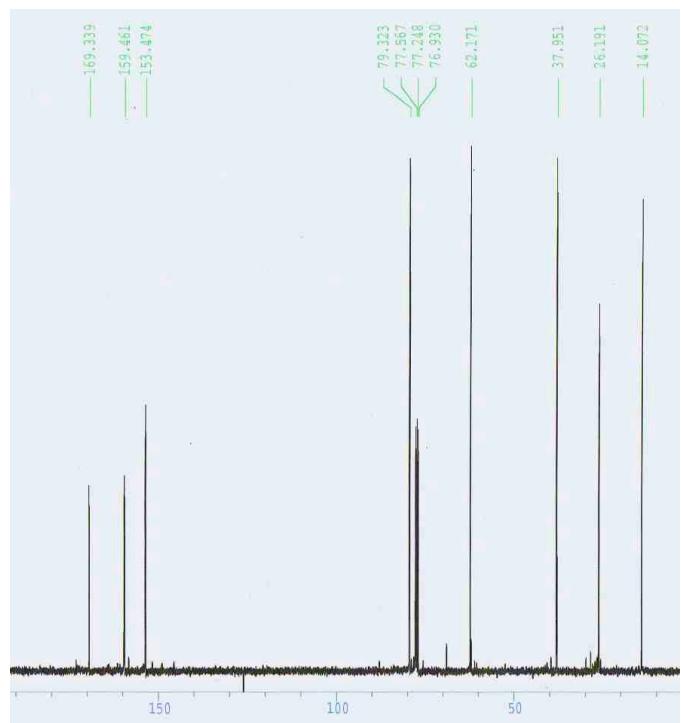


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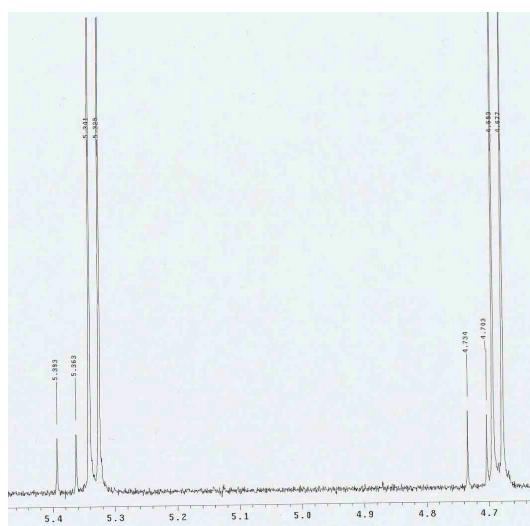
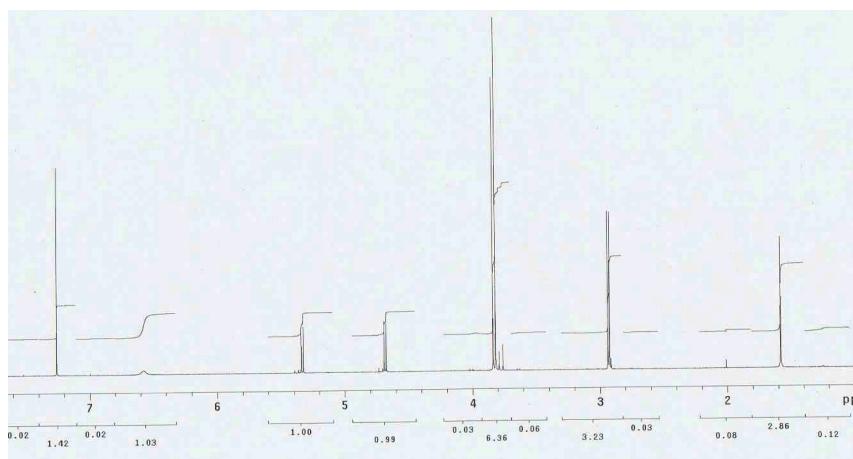


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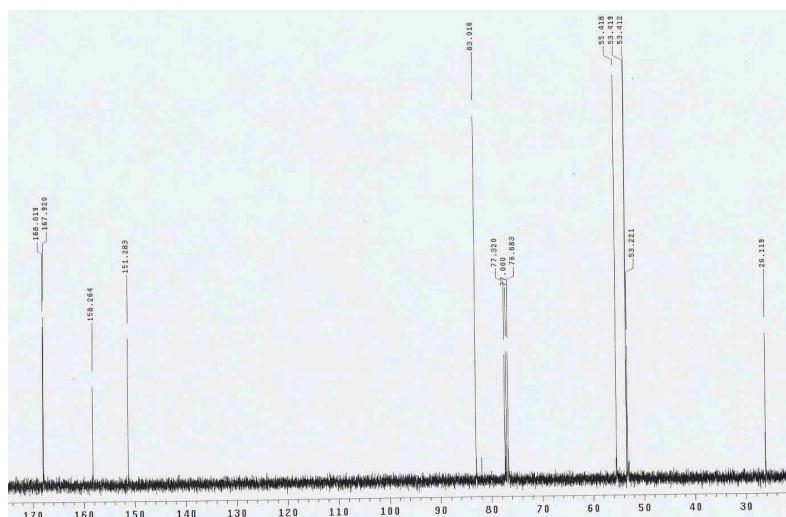


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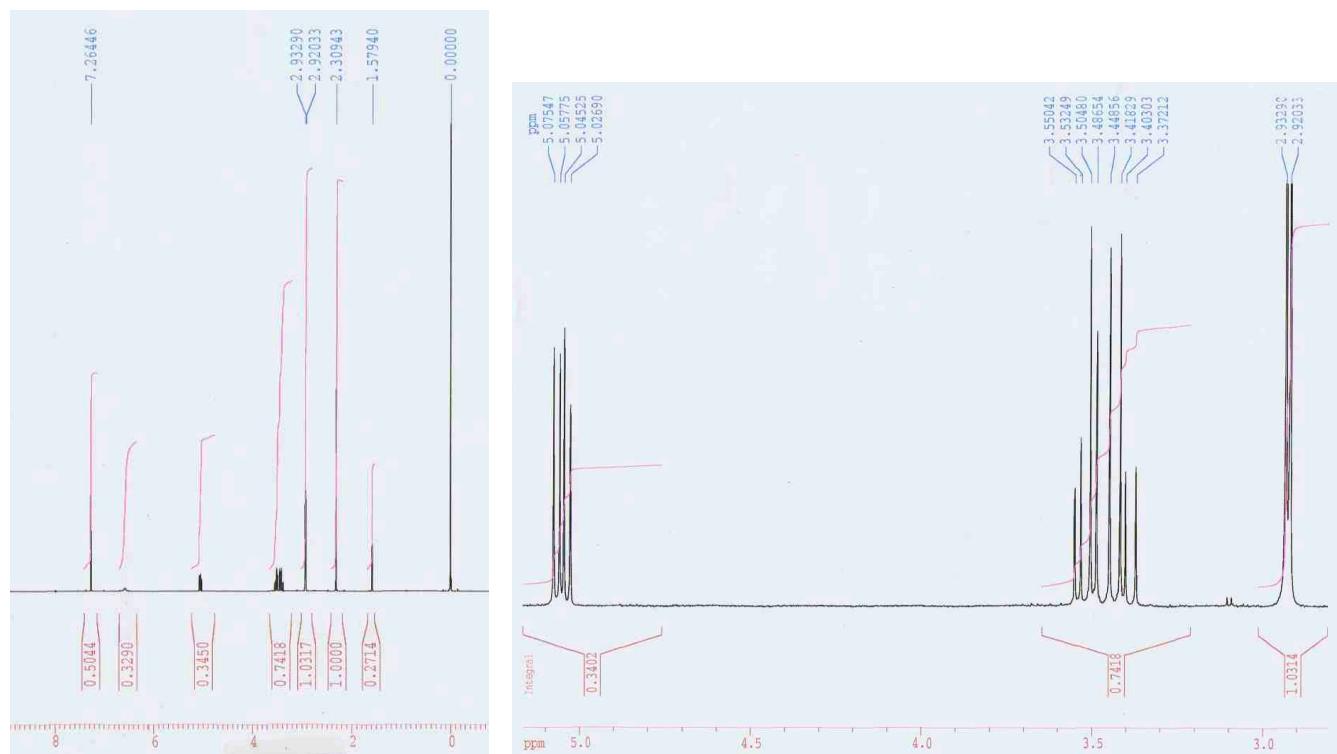


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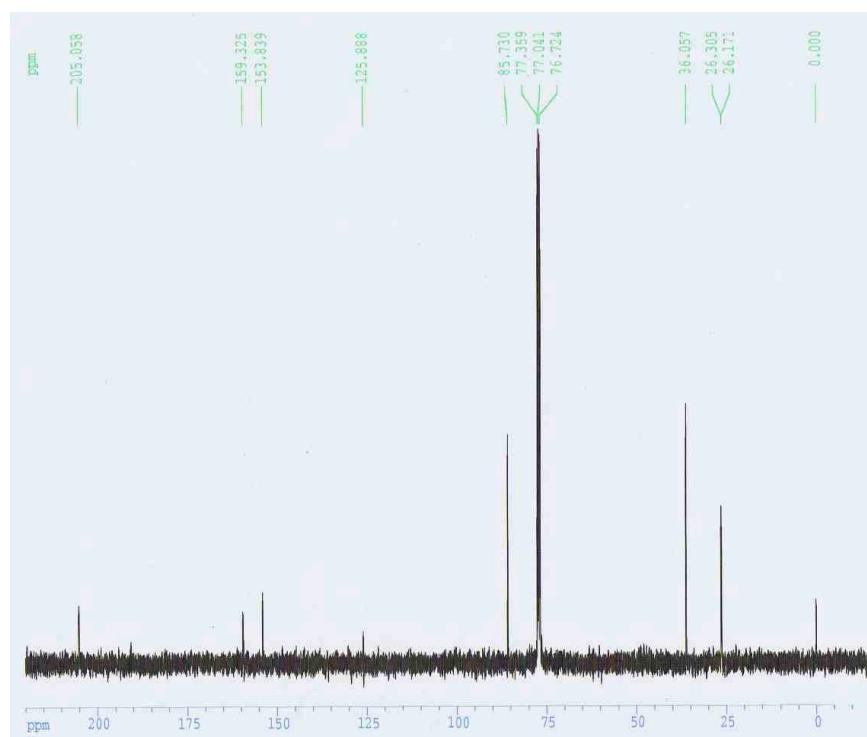


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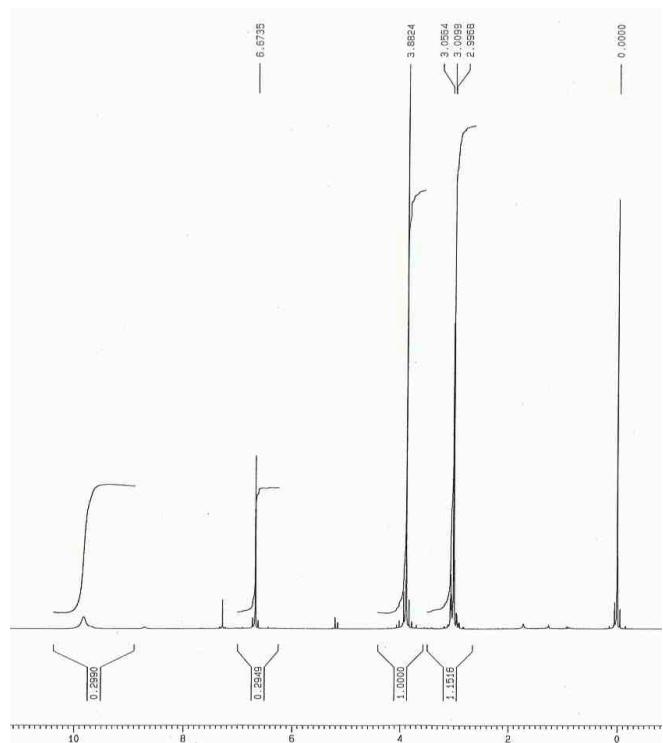


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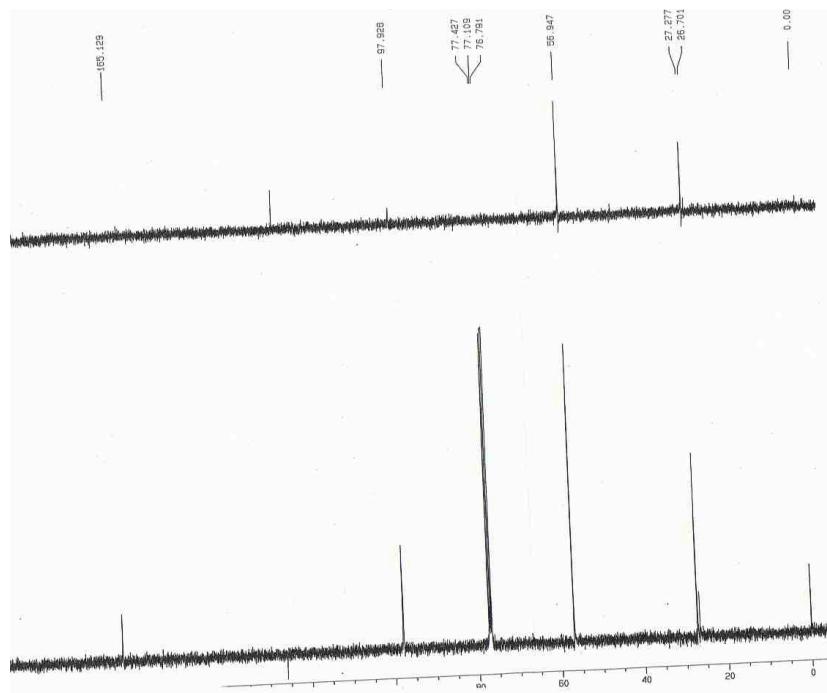


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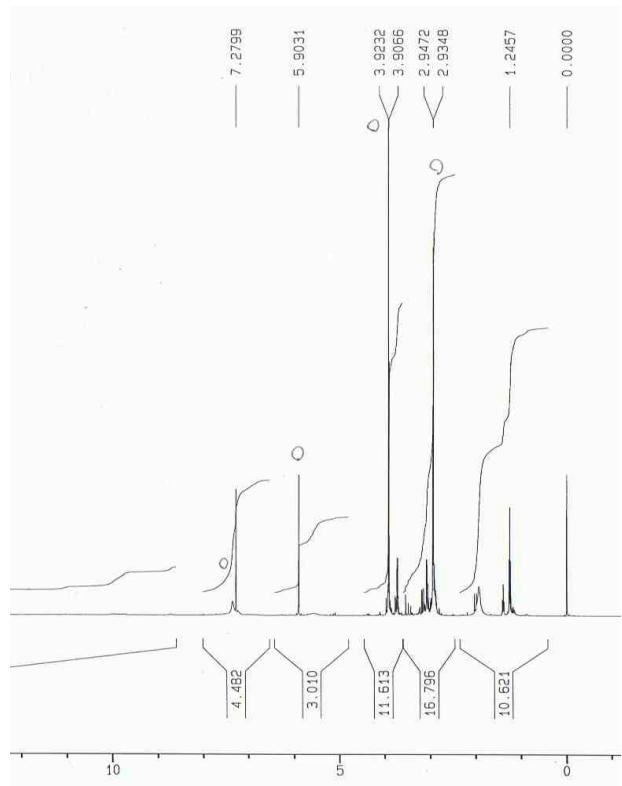


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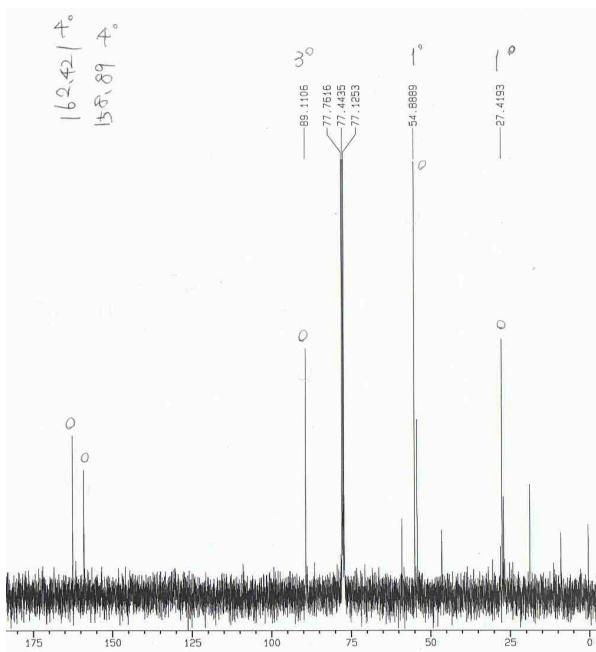


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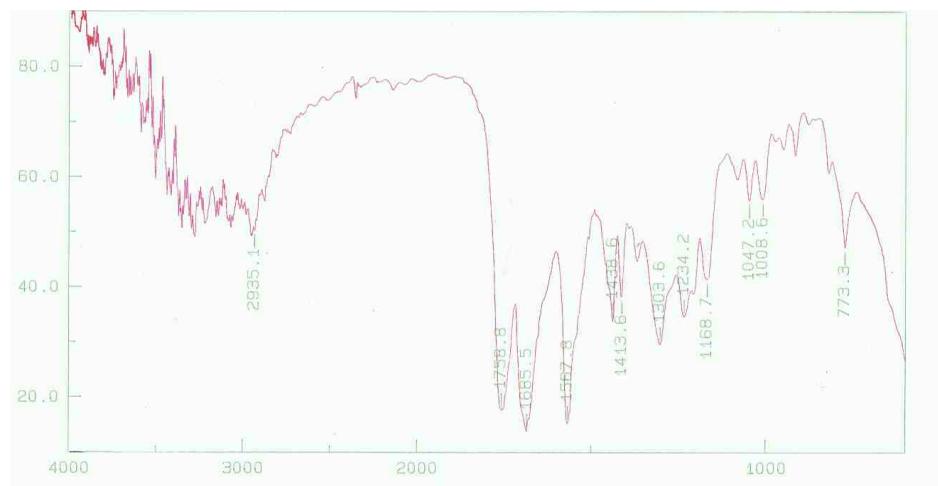
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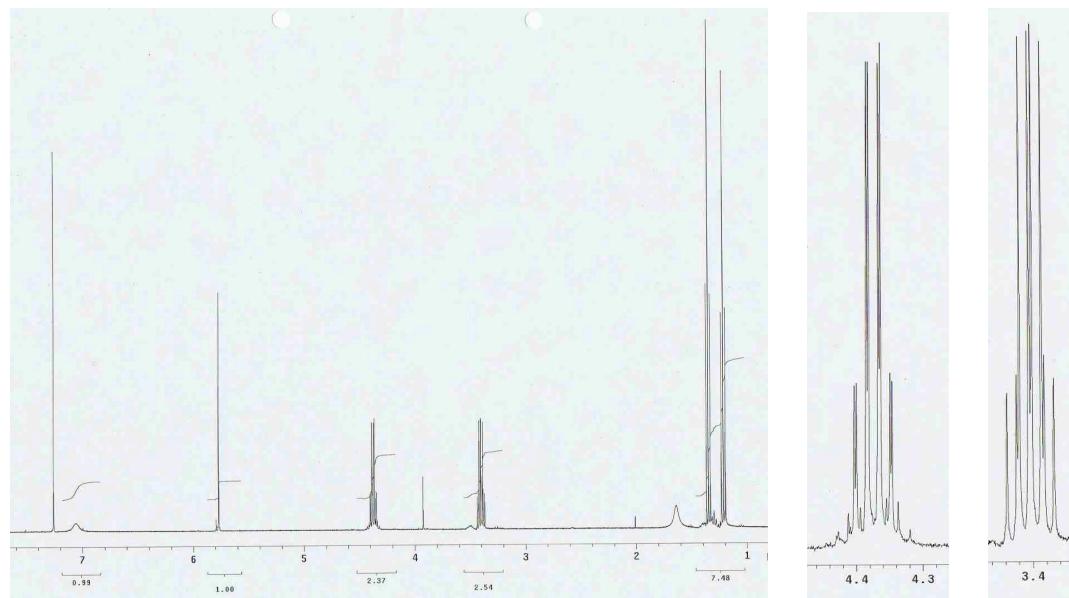


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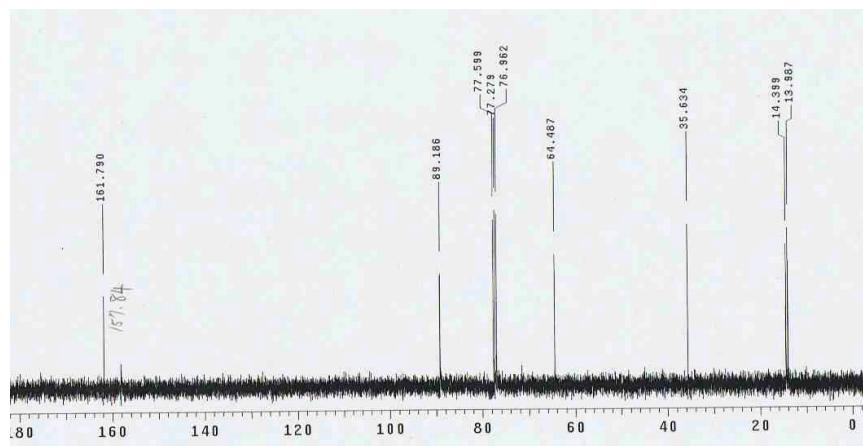


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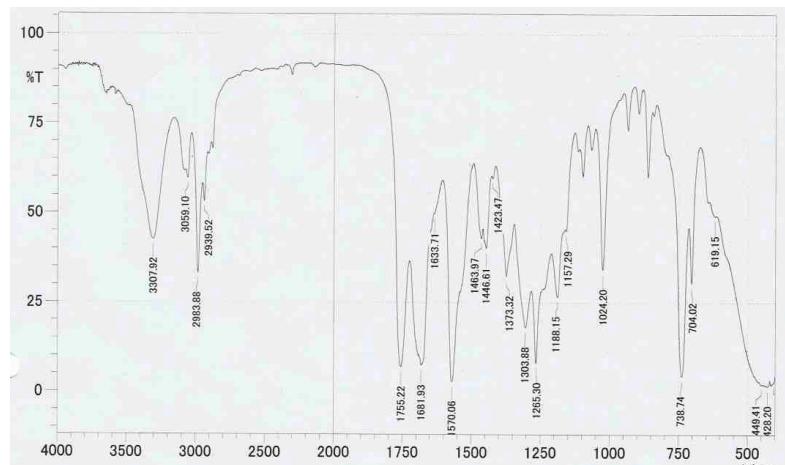
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¹³C NMR (CDCl₃)



IR (neat)



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