

Supporting Information

Gold-catalyzed Highly Efficient Benzylation of Alcohols with *N*-Cbz- *N*-benzyl-progargylamine

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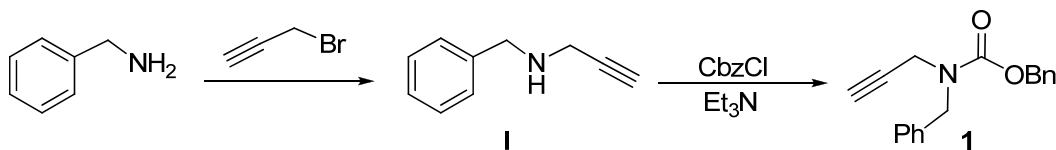
General information

Commercial grade solvents were distilled prior to use. Column chromatography was performed using either 300-400 Mesh silica gels. Thin layer chromatography (TLC) was performed on silica gel GF254 plates. Visualization of spots on TLC plate was accomplished with UV light at 254 nm or by dipping the plate into an H₂SO₄-EtOH solution followed by heating.

NMR spectra were obtained on a Bruker AVANCE DMX 400 spectrometer operating at 400 MHz for ¹H-NMR, 100 MHz for ¹³C-NMR. Unless otherwise noted, all the NMR spectra were recorded at room temperature. Chemical shifts were quoted in parts per million (ppm) referenced to the appropriate solvent peak or 0.0 ppm for tetramethylsilane. The following abbreviations were used to describe peak splitting patterns when appropriate: s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, dd = doublet of doublets, m = multiplet. Coupling constants *J* were reported in hertz unit (Hz). Chemical shifts (in ppm) were referenced to tetramethylsilane (δ = 0 ppm) in CDCl₃ as an internal standard. ¹³C NMR spectra were obtained by using the same NMR spectrometers and chemical shifts were reported in ppm referenced to the center line of a triplet at 77.0 ppm of CDCl₃. Mass spectra were obtained on a HP5989A or a VG Quatro mass spectrometer.

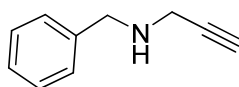
Unless otherwise noted, all the reagents and intermediates were obtained commercially and used without purification. Dichloromethane (DCM) was distilled over CaH₂. Analytical and spectral data of all the known compounds are exactly matching with the reported values.

Preparation of benzylation reagent *N*-Cbz-*N*-benzyl-progargylamine



Scheme 1. Preparation of Cbz-protected *N*-Benzyl-progargylamine

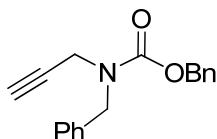
N-Benzyl-*N*-prop-2-ynylamine (I)



To a stirred benzylamine (10 mL, 91.6 mmol) was added dropwise propargylic bromide (1.64 mL, 15.3 mmol) over 30 min at room temperature. The solution was stirred overnight. The resulting solution was then quenched with water and extracted with Et₂O. The combined organic layer was washed with brine, dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered and concentrated under reduced pressure. The resulting residue was purified by gel column chromatography (petroleum ether-ethyl acetate, 2:1) to provide the *N*-Benzyl-*N*-prop-2-ynylamine as colourless oil (1.34 g, 57%). (The spectral data was in agreement with the reported data. ^[1])

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.29-7.21 (m, 10H), 5.2 (s, 2H), 4.62 (s, 2H), 3.80 (s, *J* 2H), 3.43 (s, 2H), 2.23 (s, 1H).

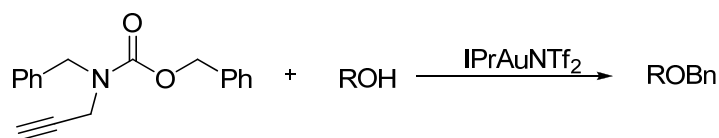
Preparation of *N*-Cbz-*N*-benzyl-progargylamine (1)



To a stirred mixture of benzyl chloroformate (15 mmol, 2.55 g) and Et₃N (15 mmol, 2 mL) in CH₂Cl₂ (20 mL) at room temperature was dropwise added over 0.5 h a solution

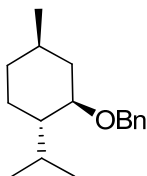
of *N*-benzyl-*N*-prop-2-ynylamine (10.0 mmol, 1.45g) in CH₂Cl₂ (10 mL). The mixtures were stirred for 1 h and then diluted with CH₂Cl₂ (20 mL). The mixture was washed with saturated NaHCO₃ (20 mL), brine (20 mL) and dried over Na₂SO₄. Removal of the solvent, followed by chromatography over silica gel (EtOAc-hexanes, 1:4), afforded the goal product (2.65 g, 95.0%) as a colorless oil. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.32-7.22 (m, 8H), 5.20 (s, 2H), 4.62 (s, 2H), 4.08 (s, 1H), 3.98 (s, 1H), 2.23 (s, 1H). ¹³C NMR (100MHz, CDCl₃): δ 155.7, 136.7, 136.3, 128.5, 128.4, 128.2, 128.0, 127.9, 127.5, 78.7, 72.1, 67.6, 49.5, 35.6. HRMS (ESI): m/z [M +H⁺] calcd for C₁₁H₁₂NO₂ 190.0868, found 190.0869.

General procedure for the synthesis of benzyl ethers compounds



To a stirred mixture of alcohol (0.1 mmol) and *N*-Cbz-*N*-benzyl-propargylamine (61 mg, 0.11 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (2.0 mL) at room temperature under Ar atmosphere was added IPrAuNTf₂ (8 mg, 0.01 mmol). After stirring at room temperature for 2 h (as monitored by TLC), the mixture was filtered through a Celite[®] pad and concentrated. The residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography to provide products.

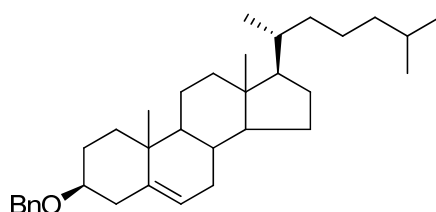
(1*R*, 2*S*, 5*R*)-(-)-*O*-benzylmenthol (**3a**)^[2]



Yield: 24 mg (94%); colorless oil. $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{20}$ -46.6 (*c* 0.1, CHCl₃). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.37-7.23 (m, 5 H), 4.65 (d, *J* = 11.5 Hz, 1H), 4.40 (d, *J* = 11.5 Hz, 1H), 3.17

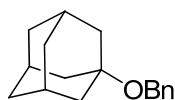
(td, $J = 10.5, 4.2$ Hz, 1H), 2.37-2.24 (m, 1H), 2.23-2.16 (m, 1H), 1.70-1.58 (m, 2H), 1.33 (m, 2H), 0.94 (d, $J = 6.9$ Hz, 3H), 0.90 (d, $J = 6.9$ Hz, 3H), 0.71 (d, $J = 6.9$ Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100MHz, CDCl_3): δ 139.1, 128.2, 127.8, 127.4, 78.7, 70.4, 48.3, 40.3, 34.5, 31.5, 25.5, 23.2, 22.4, 21.0, 16.0. HRMS (ESI): m/z $[\text{M} + \text{H}^+]$ calcd for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{27}\text{O}$ 247.2062, found 247.2060.

O-Benzyl cholesterol (3b) ^[3]



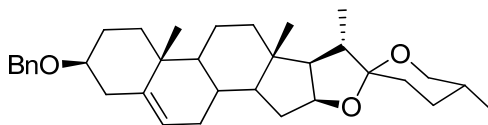
Yield: 42mg (89%); White solid; m.p 117-119 °C. $[\alpha]_D^{20}$ -31.7 (c 0.1, CHCl_3). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.15- 7.40 (m, 5H), 5.30-5.40 (m, 1H), 4.58 (s, 2H), 3.20-3.40 (m, 1H), 0.80-2.50 (m, 43H); ^{13}C NMR (100MHz, CDCl_3): δ 140.9, 139.0, 128.3, 127.7, 127.5, 127.3, 121.8, 78.5, 69.8, 56.7, 56.1, 50.1, 42.3, 39.7, 39.5, 39.1, 37.2, 36.8, 36.7, 36.1, 31.8, 29.6, 28.4, 28.2, 24.2, 23.8, 22.8, 22.5, 21.0, 19.3, 18.7, 11.8. HRMS (ESI): m/z $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ calcd for $\text{C}_{34}\text{H}_{53}\text{O}$ 477.4096, found 477.4097.

Benzyl adamantyl ether (3c) ^[4]



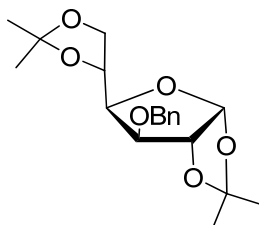
Yield: 20 mg (83%); Colorless oil. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.38-7.20 (m, 5H), 4.51 (s, 2H), 2.18 (s, 3H), 1.88-1.82 (m, 6H), 1.74-1.55 (m, 6H); ^{13}C NMR (100MHz, CDCl_3): δ 140.1, 128.2, 127.4, 127.0, 72.7, 62.3, 41.7, 36.4, 30.5. HRMS (ESI): m/z $[\text{M} + \text{H}^+]$ calcd for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{23}\text{O}$ 243.1749, found 243.1751.

O-Benzyl diosin (3d)



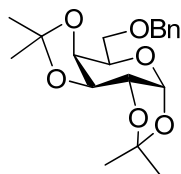
Yield: 44 mg (87%); colorless oil. $[\alpha]_D^{20}$ -46.1 (*c* 0.2, CHCl₃). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 4.56 (s, 2H), 4.40 (dd, *J* = 14.8, 7.6 Hz, 1H), 3.48 (m, 1H), 3.37 (t, *J* = 11.8 Hz, 1H), 3.30-3.24 (m, 1H), 2.45-2.41 (m, 1H), 2.28 (t, *J* = 3.2 Hz, 1H), 1.99-1.95 (m, 3H), 1.88-1.84 (m, 2H), 1.79-1.71 (m, 2H), 1.68-1.41 (m, 10H), 1.32-1.20 (m, 3H), 1.20-1.11 (m, 3H), 1.03 (s, 3H), 0.98 (d, *J* = 3.6 Hz, 3H), 0.96-0.93 (m, 1H), 0.79 (s, 3H), 0.78 (d, *J* = 3.2 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 140.0, 138.0, 128.5, 127.6, 121.2, 109.2, 80.7, 78.5, 66.7, 62.1, 56.5, 50.0, 41.5, 40.2, 39.7, 39.2, 37.1, 32.0, 31.8, 31.3, 30.2, 28.7, 28.4, 20.8, 19.3, 17.1, 16.2, 14.4. HRMS (ESI): *m/z* [M + H⁺] calcd for C₃₄H₄₉O₃ 505.3682; found 505.3685.

1, 2:5, 6-Di-O-isopropylidene-3-O-benzyl- α -D-glucopyranose (3e) ^[5]



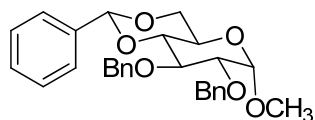
Yield: 30 mg (85%); Colorless oil. $[\alpha]_D^{20}$ -23.8 (*c* 1.0, EtOH). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.37-7.25 (m, 5H), 5.89 (d, *J* = 3.6 Hz, 1H), 4.69 (d, *J* = 11.6 Hz, 1H), 4.63 (d, *J* = 11.6 Hz, 1H), 4.57 (d, *J* = 2.8 Hz, 1H), 4.39 (dt, *J* = 6.8, 6.0 Hz, 1H), 4.15 (dd, *J* = 7.2, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 4.02-3.98 (m, 2H), 1.48 (s, 3H), 1.42 (s, 3H), 1.37 (s, 3H), 1.30 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 137.5, 128.3, 127.7, 127.5, 111.7, 108.9, 105.2, 82.5, 81.6, 81.2, 72.4, 72.3, 67.3, 26.7, 26.2, 25.4. HRMS (ESI): *m/z* [M + Na]⁺ calcd for C₁₉H₂₆NaO₆ 373.1627, found 373.1626.

1, 2:3, 4-Di-O-isopropylidene-6-O-benzyl- α -D-galactopyranose (3f)



Yield: 24 mg (94%); colorless oil. $[\alpha]_D^{20} +36.1$ (c 0.1, CHCl_3). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.35- 7.28 (5H, m), 5.53 (d, J = 4.8 Hz, 1H), 4.63 (d, J = 12.0 Hz, 1H), 4.58 (d, J = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 4.53(d, J = 12.0 Hz, 1H), 4.30 (dd, J = 2.0, 4.8 Hz, 1H), 4.28 (dd, J = 8.0, 6.8 Hz, 1H), 4.0 (t, J = 5.6 Hz, 1H), 3.67 (dd, J = 10.0, 5.6 Hz, 1H), 3.62 (dd, J = 10.0, 6.8 Hz, 1H), 1.53(s, 3H), 1.44 (s, 3H), 1.33 (s, 3H), 1.32 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100Hz, CDCl_3): δ 138.2, 128.2, 127.5, 127.4, 109.0, 108.4, 96.2, 73.1, 71.0, 70.5, 68.7, 66.7, 25.9, 25.8, 24.0, 24.3. HRMS (ESI): m/z $[\text{M} + \text{H}^+]$ calcd for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{27}\text{O}_6$ 351.1806, found 351.1809.

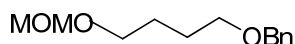
Methyl 4, 6-O-benzylidene-2, 3-Di-O-benzyl- α -D-glucopyranoside (3g) ^[6]



Yield: 38 mg (82%); white solid; M.p.95-97 °C. $[\alpha]_D^{20} -29.1$ (c 0.5, CHCl_3). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.48-7.50 (m, 2H), 7.24-7.39 (m, 13H), 5.55 (s, 1H), 4.92 (d, J = 11.2 Hz, 1H), 4.86 (d, J = 12.4 Hz, 1H), 4.84 (d, J = 11.2 Hz, 1H), 4.70 (d, J = 12.4 Hz, 1H), 4.60 (1H, d, J = 3.2 Hz), 4.27 (dd, J = 10.0, 4.0 Hz, 1H), 4.05 (1H, t, J = 9.2 Hz, H-3), 3.83-3.79 (1H, m, H-5), 3.71 (t, J = 9.6 Hz, 1H), 3.60 (d, J = 9.6 Hz), 3.56 (1H, dd, J = 9.2, 3.6 Hz) 3.41 (3H, s); ^{13}C NMR(100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 138.7, 138.1, 137.3, 128.8, 128.3, 128.2, 128.1, 128.0, 127.8, 127.5, 126.0, 101.2, 99.2, 82.0 , 79.1 ,78.5 , 75.3, 73.7 , 69.0 , 62.2, 55.3. HRMS (ESI): m/z $[\text{M} + \text{H}^+]$ calcd for $\text{C}_{28}\text{H}_{31}\text{O}_6$ 463.2042; found

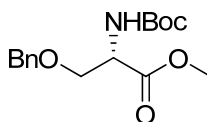
463.2041.

4-Methoxymethoxy-1-benzyoxy-propane (3h)



Yield: 21 mg (95%); Colorless oil. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.33 (m, 4H), 7.27 (m, H), 4.61(s, 2H), 4.50 (s, 2H), 3.54 (t, J = 5.6 Hz, 2H), 3.51(t, J = 5.6 Hz, 2H), 3.34 (s, 3H), 1.69 (m, 4H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 26.4, 55.0, 67.4, 69.9, 72.8, 96.3, 127.4, 127.5, 128.3, 138.5, 128.3, 127.5, 127.4, 96.3, 72.8, 69.9, 67.4, 55.0, 26.4. HRMS (ESI): m/z $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ calcd for $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{21}\text{O}_3$ 225.1491, found 225.1493.

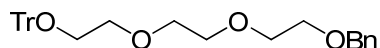
O-Benzyl-N-Boc-L-serine methyl ester (3i) ^[7]



Yield: 28 mg (93%); Colorless oil. $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{20}$ -28.2 (c 0.2, CHCl_3). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.24–7.34 (m, 5H), 5.76 (s, 1H), 5.20 (s, 1H), 4.69 (s, 2H), 3.76 (s, 3H), 1.43 (s, 9H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 165.2, 154.0, 137.8, 128.1, 127.3, 127.0, 81.4, 74.6, 71.4, 55.9, 55.3, 29.2.

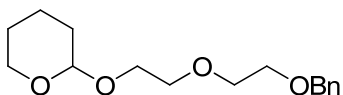
HRMS (ESI): m/z $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ calcd for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{24}\text{NO}_5$ 310.1654, found 310.1653.

1, 1, 1, 12-Tetraphenyl-2, 5, 8, 11-tetraoxadodecane (3j)



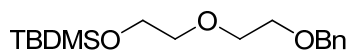
Yield: 46 mg (97%); Colorless oil. ^1H NMR (400 MHz; CDCl_3): δ 7.47-7.45 (m, 6H), 7.32-7.19 (m, 14H), 3.71-3.66 (m, 8H), 3.63-3.61 (m, 2H), 4.55 (s, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz; CDCl_3): δ 144.1, 138.2, 128.6, 128.3, 127.7, 127.5, 126.8, 86.4, 73.2, 70.7, 69.4, 63.3. HRMS (ESI): m/z $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ calcd for $\text{C}_{32}\text{H}_{35}\text{O}_4$ 483.2535, found 483.2537.

2-(2-(2-(Benzyloxy)ethoxy)ethoxy)tetrahydro-2H-pyran (3k)



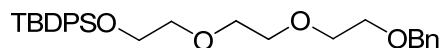
Yield: 23 mg (95%); Colorless oil. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.34-7.29 (m, 4H), 7.28-7.27 (m, 1H), 4.64 (d, $J = 3.6$ Hz, 1H), 4.57 (s, 2H), 3.90-3.87 (m, 2H), 3.86-3.84 (m, 4H), 3.70-3.68 (m, 2H), 3.65-3.60 (m, 3H), 3.50-3.47 (m, 1H), 1.86-1.79 (m, 1H), 1.79-1.71 (m, 1H), 1.68-1.51 (m, 4H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz; CDCl_3): δ 138.2, 128.2, 127.2, 127.5, 98.8, 73.1, 70.6, 70.5, 69.4, 66.6, 62.1, 30.5, 25.3, 19.4.

9, 9, 10, 10-Tetramethyl-1-phenyl-2, 5, 8-trioxa-9-silaundecane (3l)



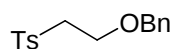
Yield: 29 mg (94%); Colorless oil. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.4-7.27 (m, 5H), 4.57 (s, 2H), 3.77 (t, $J = 5.6$ Hz, 2H), 3.68 (t, $J = 4.0$ Hz, 2H), 3.62 (t, $J = 4.0$ Hz, 2H), 3.57 (t, $J = 5.6$ Hz, 2H), 0.89 (s, 9H), 0.66 (s, 6H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 138.5, 128.3, 127.7, 127.5, 73.2, 72.6, 70.7, 69.5, 62.7, 25.9, 18.3, -5.26. HRMS (ESI): m/z $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ calcd for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{31}\text{O}_3\text{Si}$ 311.2042, found 311.2041.

14, 14-Dimethyl-1, 13, 13-triphenyl-2, 6, 9, 12-tetraoxa-13-silapentadecane (3m)



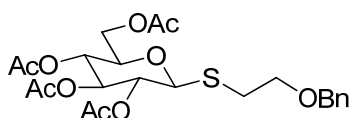
Yield: 46 mg (96%); Colorless oil. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.69 (s, 2H), 7.67 (s, 2H), 7.43-7.27 (m, 11H), 4.55 (s, 2H), 3.80 (t, $J = 5.2$ Hz, 2H), 3.68-3.59 (m, 10H), 1.04 (s, 9H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 138.2, 136.6, 135.6, 135.3, 133.6, 129.5, 128.4, 127.5, 73.1, 72.3, 70.6, 69.3, 63.3, 26.7, 19.1. HRMS (ESI): m/z $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ calcd for $\text{C}_{29}\text{H}_{39}\text{O}_4\text{Si}$ 479.2618, found 479.2617.

2-Benzyloxyethyl *p*-toluenesulfonate (3n)



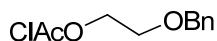
Yield: 27 mg (94%); Colorless oil. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.80-7.78 (m, 2H), 7.34-7.24 (m, 5H), 4.47 (s, 2H), 4.19 (t, $J = 4.4$ Hz, 2H), 3.65 (t, $J = 4.4$ Hz, 2H), 2.42 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 144.7, 137.5, 132.9, 129.7, 129.5, 128.3, 127.9, 127.7, 73.1, 69.2, 67.2, 21.5. HRMS (ESI): m/z $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ calcd for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{19}\text{O}_3\text{S}$ 291.1055, found 291.1057.

2'-(Benzyloxy)ethyl 2, 3, 4, 6-tetra-O-acetyl- β -D-thioglucopyranoside (3o)



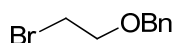
Yield: 43 mg (87%); Colorless oil. $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{20}$ -12.1 (c 1.0, CHCl_3). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.36-7.25 (m, 5H), 5.20 (t, $J = 9.2$ Hz, 1H), 5.07 (t, $J = 9.6$ Hz, 1H), 5.04 (t, $J = 9.6$ Hz, 1H), 4.59 (d, $J = 10.0$ Hz, 1H), 4.54 (s, 2H), 4.21 (dd, $J = 12.4, 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 4.09 (dd, $J = 12.4, 4.0$ Hz, 1H), 3.71-3.62 (m, 3H), 2.97 (t, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 1H), 2.81 (t, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 1H), 2.06 (s, 3H), 2.05 (s, 3H), 2.02 (s, 3H), 2.01 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz; CDCl_3): δ 170.5, 170.1, 169.3, 137.9, 128.4, 127.7, 127.6, 83.5, 75.7, 73.7, 72.9, 69.9, 68.1, 62.0, 29.5, 20.6, 20.5. HRMS (ESI): m/z $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ calcd for $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{31}\text{O}_{10}\text{S}$ 499.1638, found 449.1639.

2'-(Benzyloxy)ethyl 2-chloroacetate (3p)



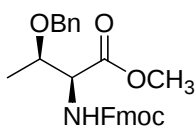
Yield: 22 mg (96%); Colorless oil. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.35 (m, 5H), 4.56 (s, 2H), 4.36 (t, $J = 4.4$ Hz, 2H), 4.09 (s, 2H), 3.69 (m, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 167.2, 137.6, 128.4, 127.6, 73.1, 67.4, 65.2, 40.7. HRMS (ESI): m/z $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ calcd for $\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_{14}\text{ClO}_3$ 229.0631, found 229.0630.

Benzyloxyethyl 2-bromoethylether (3q) ^[8]



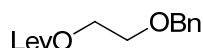
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O-Benzyl-N-Fmoc-L-threonine methyl ester (3r)



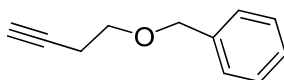
Yield: 38 mg (86%); Colorless oil. $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{20}$ -16.7 (c 0.1, CHCl_3). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.75 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 7.62 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 2H), 7.41-7.26 (m, 9H), 5.57 (d, $J = 9.6$ Hz, 1H), 4.58 (d, $J = 12.0$ Hz, 1H), 4.41 (m, 4H), 4.25 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 4.17-4.05 (m, 1H), 3.68 (s, 3H), 1.26 (d, $J = 6.4$ Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 171.2, 156.7, 143.9, 143.7, 141.2, 137.7, 128.8, 128.3, 127.7, 127.6, 127.0, 125.1, 119.9, 74.1, 70.8, 67.2, 58.7, 52.3, 47.1, 16.1. HRMS (ESI): m/z $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ calcd for $\text{C}_{27}\text{H}_{28}\text{NO}_5$ 446.1967, found 446.1969.

2-(Benzyloxy)ethyl 4-oxopentanoate (3s)



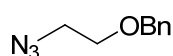
Yield: 25 mg (98%); Colorless oil. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.27-7.35 (m, 5H), 4.56 (s, 2H), 4.25 (t, $J = 4.8$ Hz, 3H), 3.66 (t, $J = 4.8$ Hz, 2H), 2.74 (t, $J = 4.8$ Hz, 2H), 2.61 (t, $J = 4.8$ Hz, 2H), 2.18 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 206.4, 172.6, 137.8, 128.3, 127.6, 73.0, 67.7, 63.7, 37.8, 29.7, 27.8. HRMS (ESI): m/z $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ calcd for $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{19}\text{O}_4$ 251.1283, found 251.1286.

1-Benzyloxy-3-propyne (3t) ^[9]



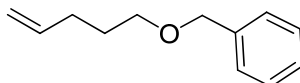
Yield: 15 mg (93%); Colorless oil. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.33 - 7.24 (m, 5H), 4.55 (s, 2H), 3.59 (t, 2H, $J = 6.9$ Hz), 2.48-2.51 (m, 2H), 1.99 (s, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 137.9, 128.3, 127.6, 81.2, 69.2, 68.0, 19.8. HRMS (ESI): m/z $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ calcd for $\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_{13}\text{O}$ 161.0966, found 161.0967.

1-Azido-2-benzyloxyethane (3u)



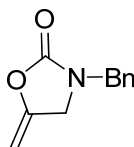
Yield: 16 mg (89%); Colorless oil. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.35 (m, 4H), 7.24 (m, 1H), 4.57 (s, 2H), 3.64 (t, $J = 4.4$ Hz, 2H), 3.40 (t, $J = 4.4$ Hz, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 137.6, 128.4, 127.7, 127.5, 76.6, 73.2, 68.8, 50.7. HRMS (ESI): m/z $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ calcd for $\text{C}_9\text{H}_{12}\text{N}_3\text{O}$ 178.0980, found 178.0983.

1-Benzyloxy-4-pentene (3v) ^[10]



Yield: 17 mg (92%); Colorless oil. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.40-7.32 (m, 4H), 7.32-7.26 (m, 1H), 5.80 (ddt, $J = 16.8, 9.6, 4.0$ Hz, 1H), 5.03-4.93 (m, 2H), 4.48 (s, 2H), 3.46 (t, $J = 6.4$ Hz, 2H), 2.19-2.12 (m, 2H), 1.74-1.67 (m, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 138.5, 138.2, 128.3, 127.5, 127.4, 114.6, 72.8, 69.6, 30.3, 28.9. HRMS (ESI): m/z $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ calcd for $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{17}\text{O}$ 177.1279, found 177.1279.

N-Benzyl-5-methylidene-2-oxazolidinone (D) ^[11]

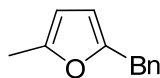


It was separated while compound **3a** was prepared. Yield: 17 mg (88%); White solid; M.p. 49-51 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.38-7.32 (m, 3H), 7.30 (dd, *J* = 9.2, 3.2 Hz, 2H), 4.74 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 4.46 (s, 2H), 4.24 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 4.02 (s, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 155.59, 148.8, 134.9, 128.9, 128.1, 128.1, 86.7, 47.7, 47.1. HRMS (ESI): *m/z* [M + H]⁺ calcd for C₁₀H₁₂NO₂ 190.0868, found 190.0869.

General Procedure of the IPrAuNTf₂ -catalyzed Friedel-Crafts reaction of 2-methylfuran

To a stirred mixture of 2-methylfuran (0.5 mmol) and *N*-Cbz- *N*-benzyl-progargylamine (61 mg, 0.1 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (2.0 mL) at room temperature under Ar atmosphere was added IPrAuNTf₂ (8 mg, 0.01 mmol). After stirring at room temperature for 2 h (as monitored by TLC), the mixture was filtered through a Celite[®] pad and concentrated. The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether) to provide 2-benzyl-5-methylfuran.

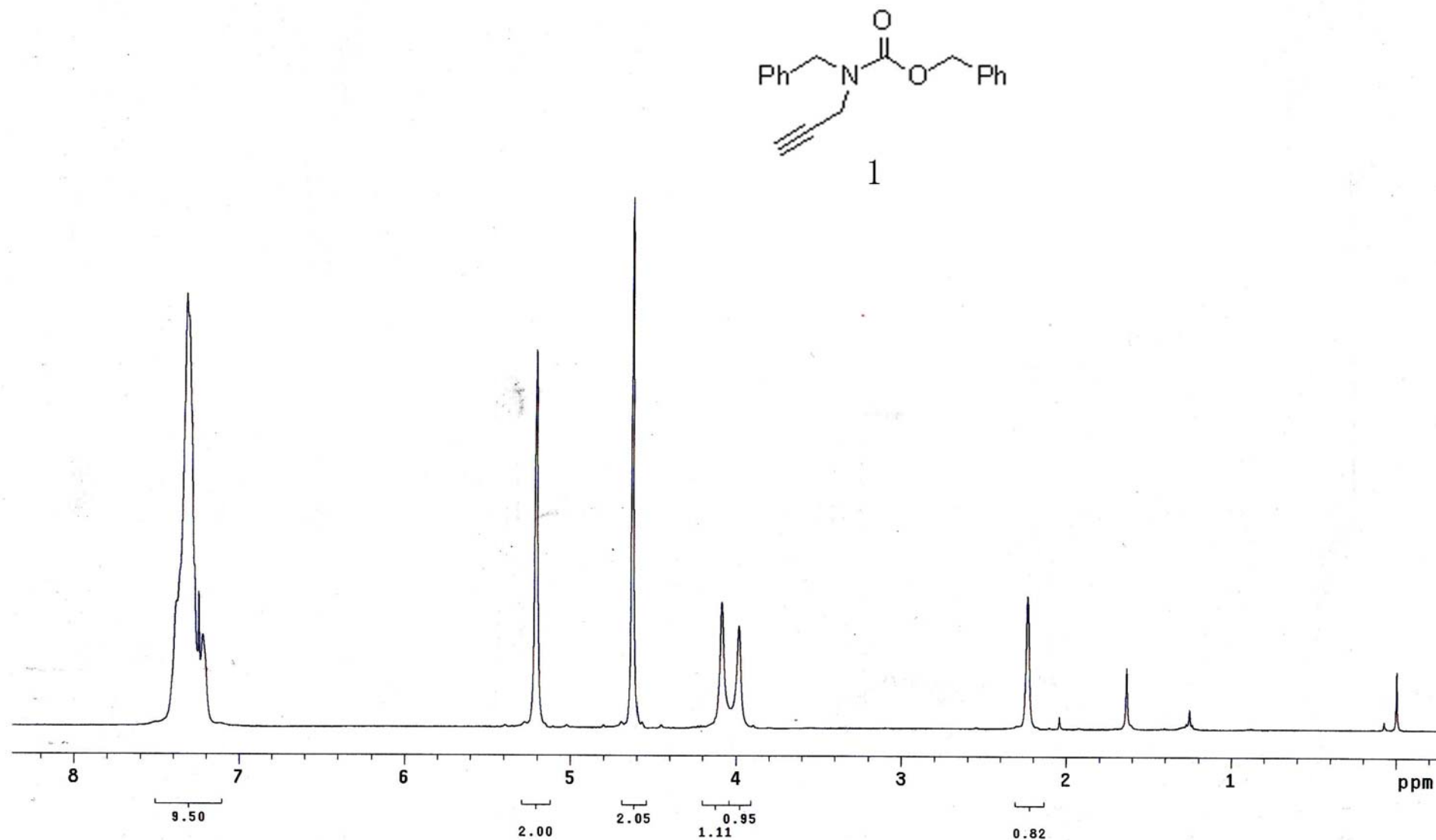
2-benzyl-5-methylfuran (F2)



Yield: 12 mg (69%); colorless oil. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 2.24 (s, 3H), 3.91 (s, 2H), 5.86 (s, 2H), 7.30-7.22 (m, 5H). The spectral data fully corresponds to the reported data. ¹² HRMS (ESI): *m/z* [M + H]⁺ calcd for C₁₂H₁₃O 173.0966, found 173.0967.

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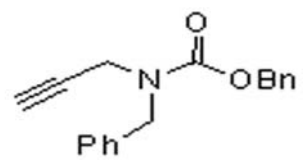
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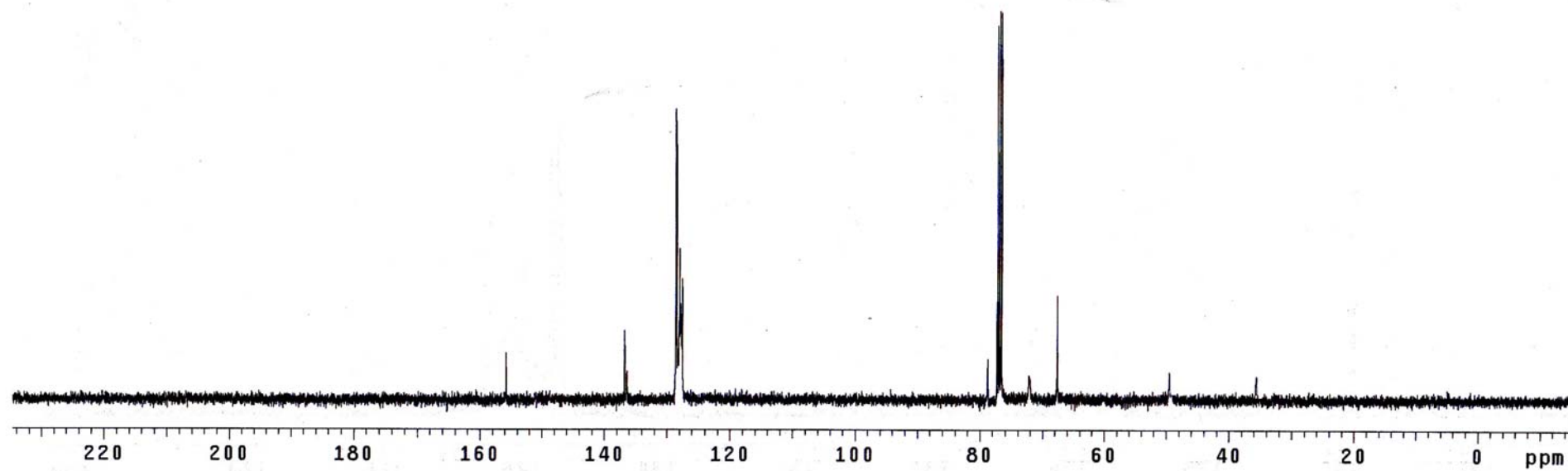
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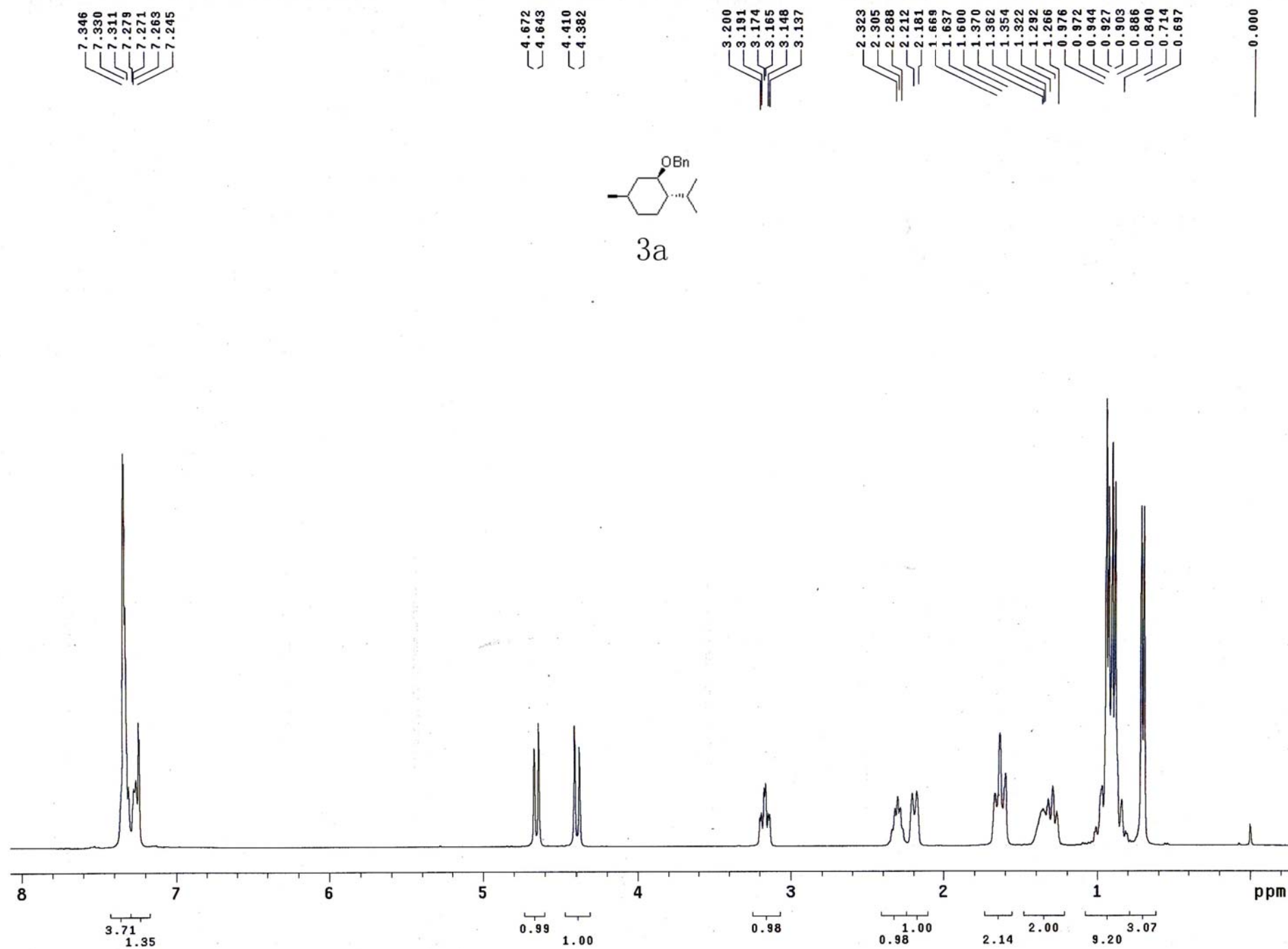
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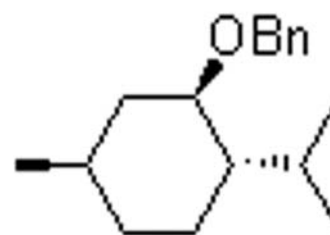
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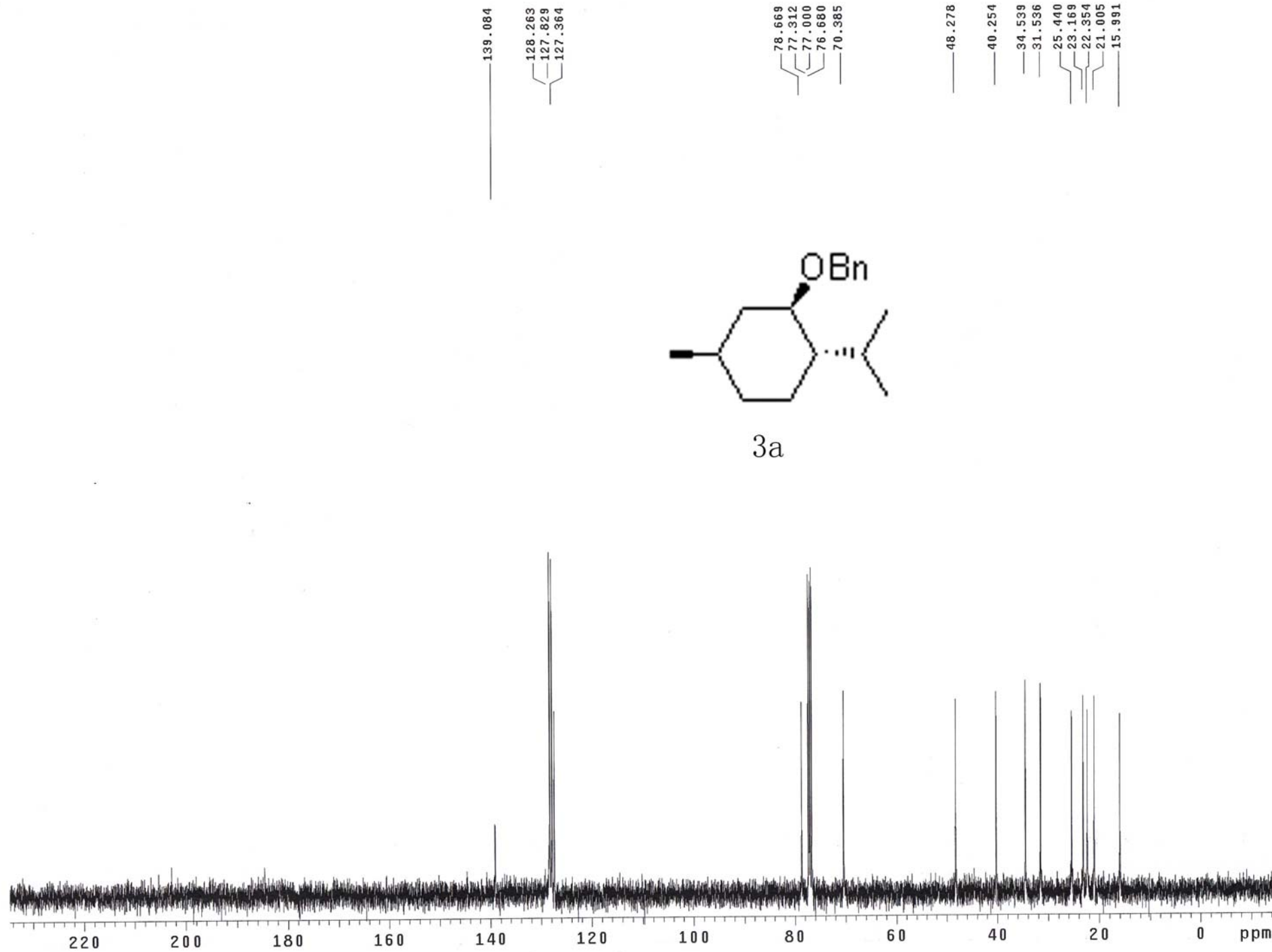
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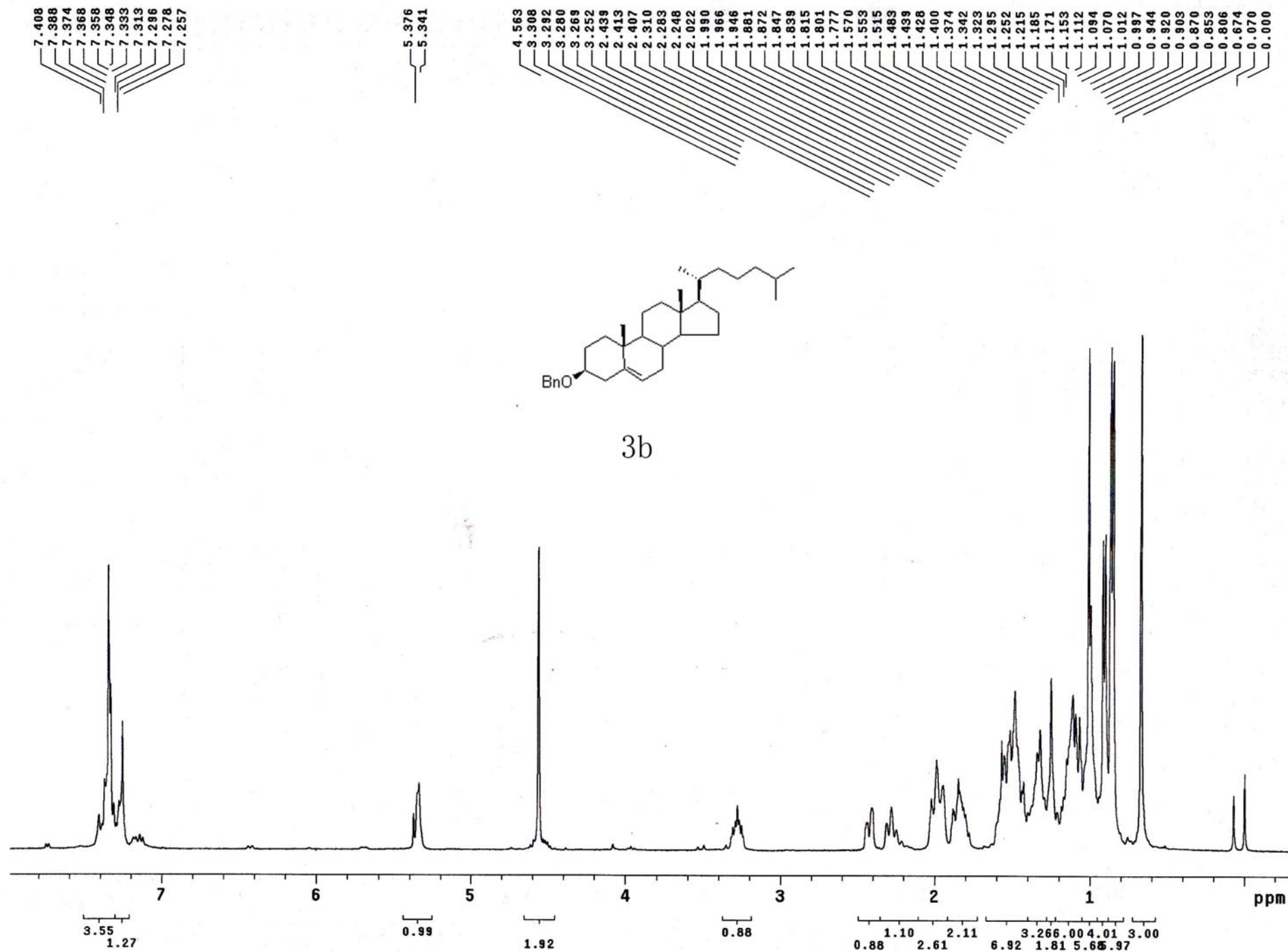


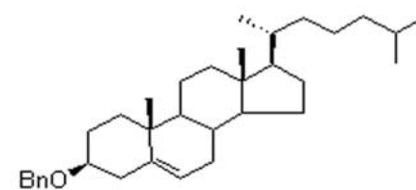




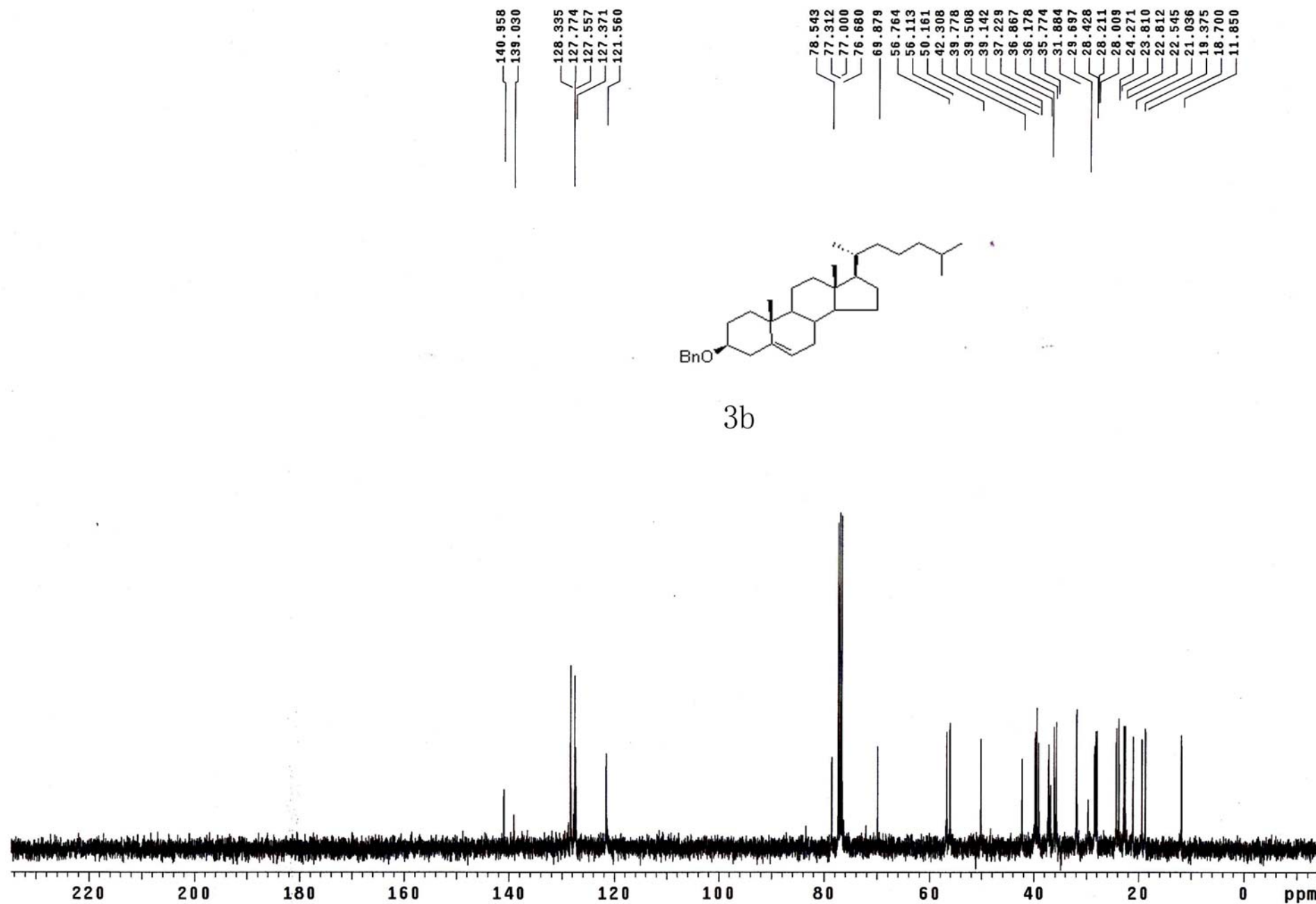
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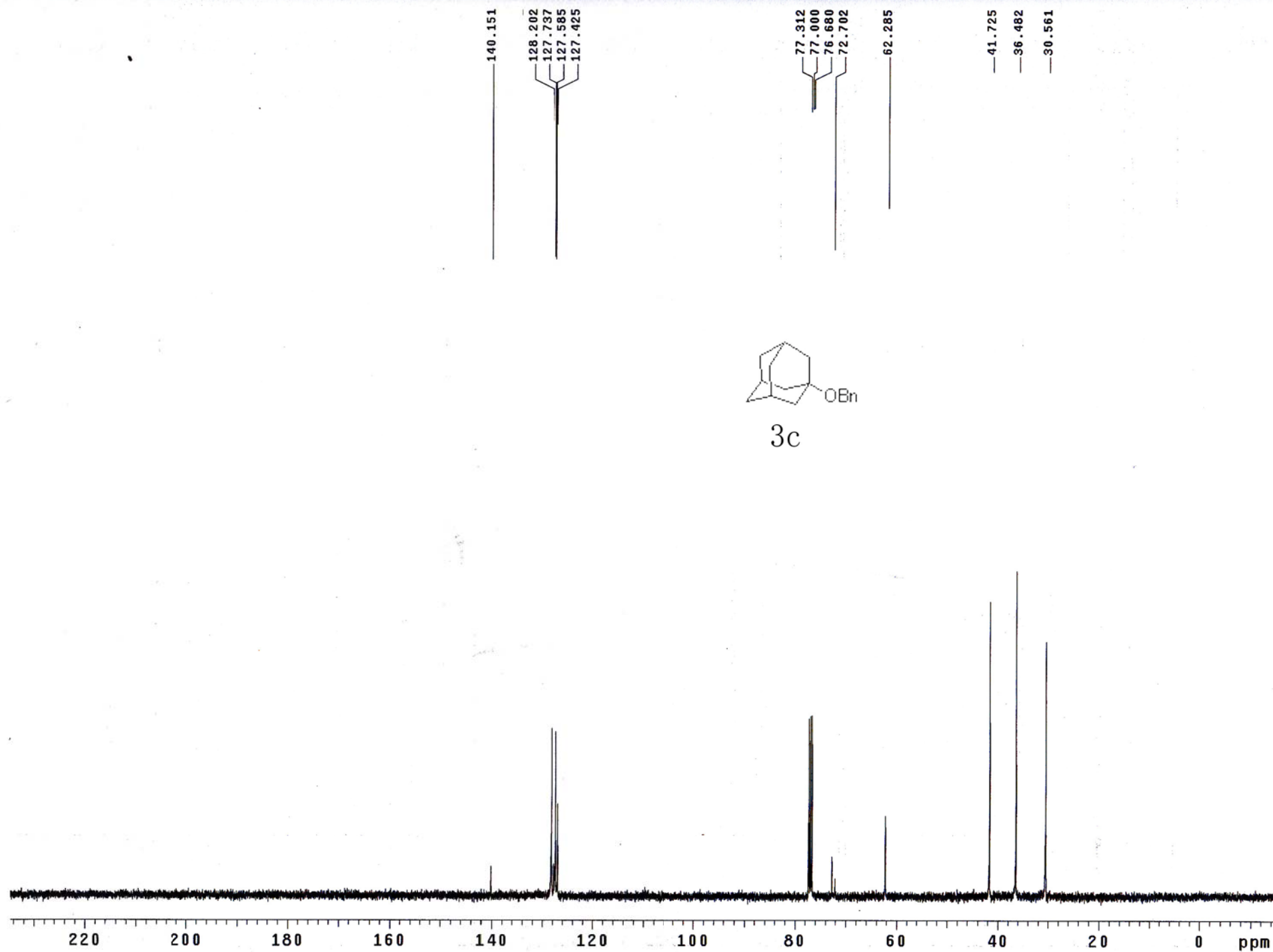


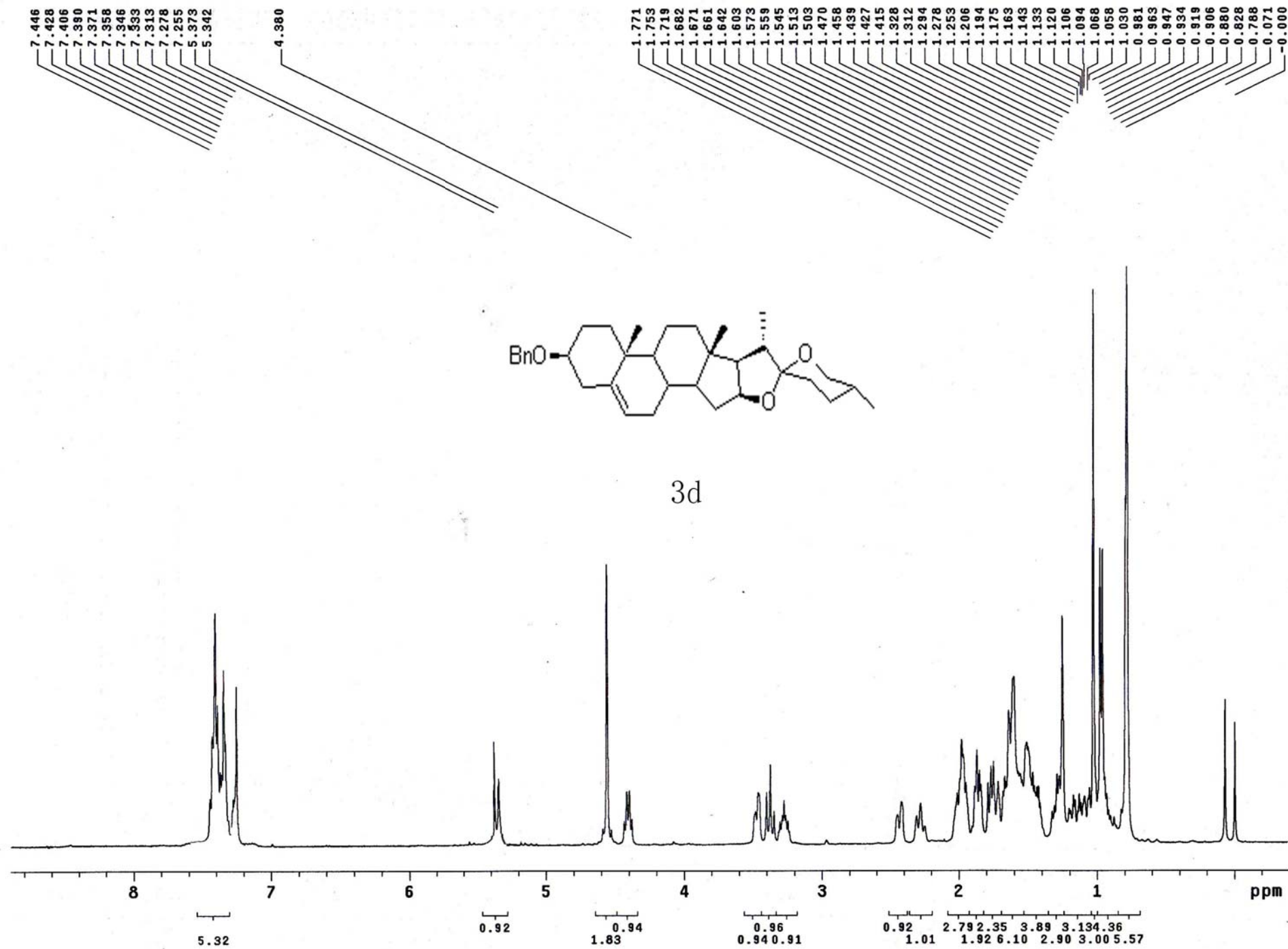


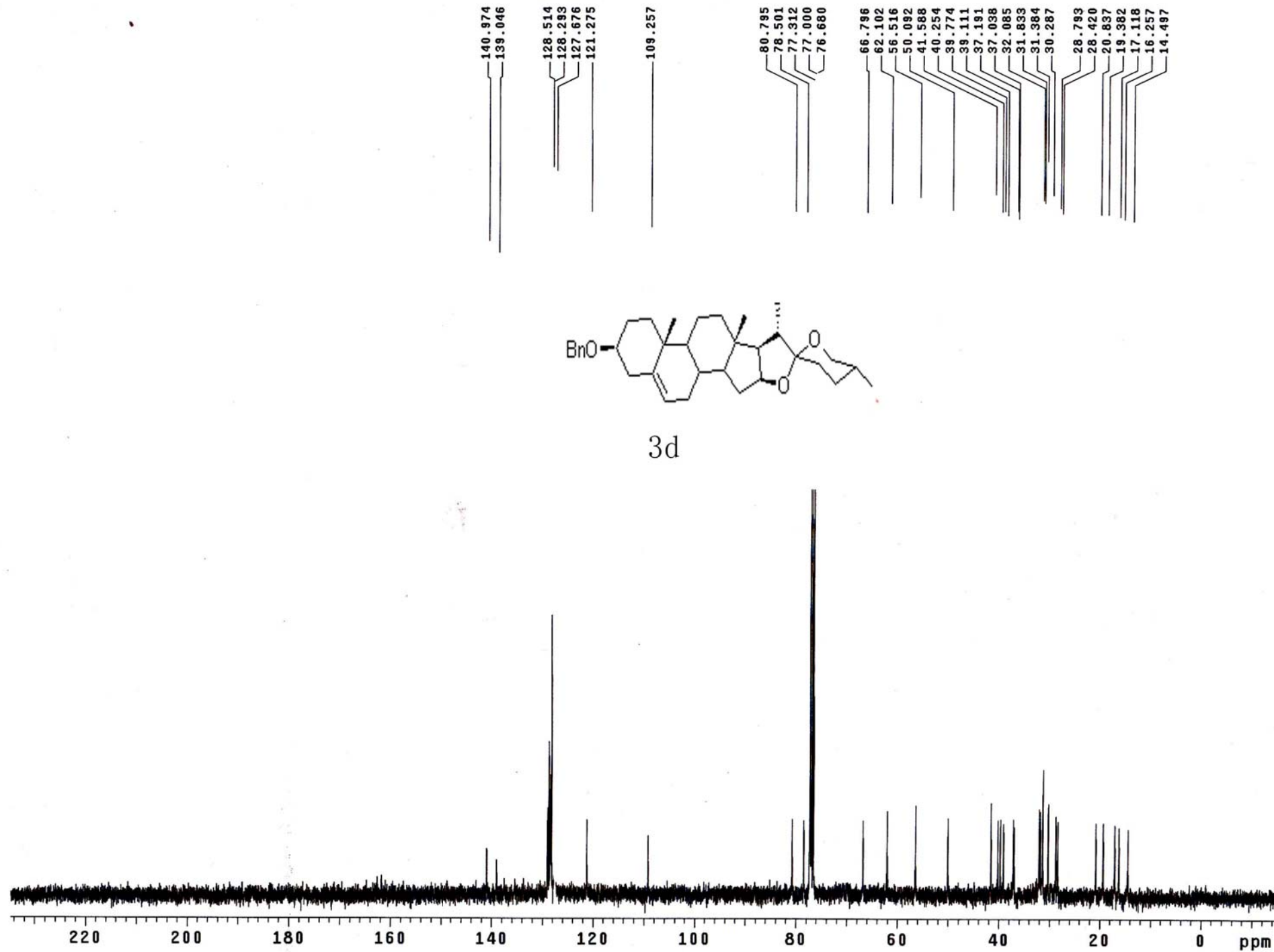


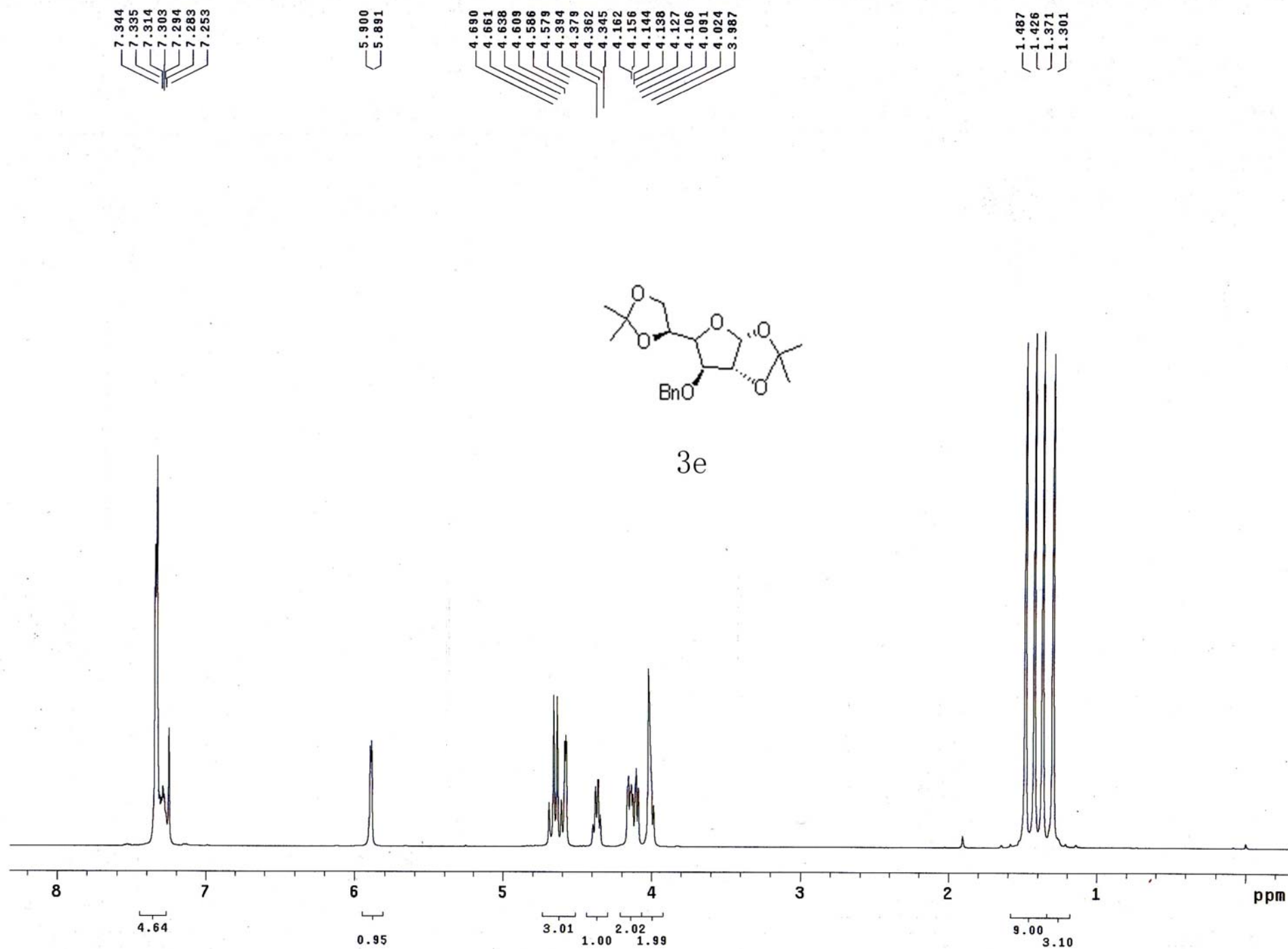
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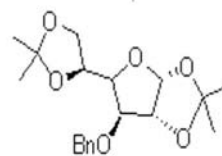
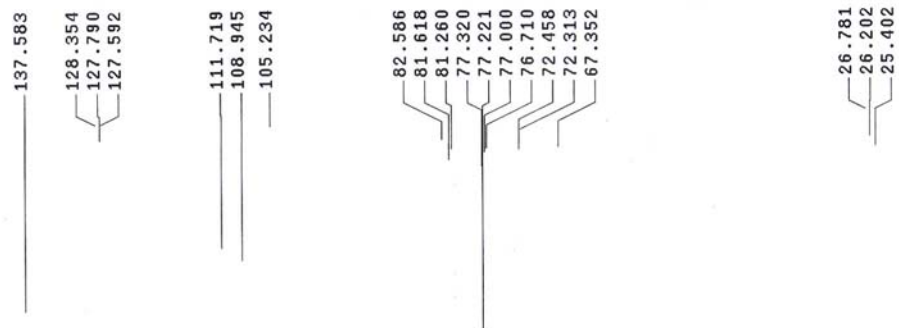




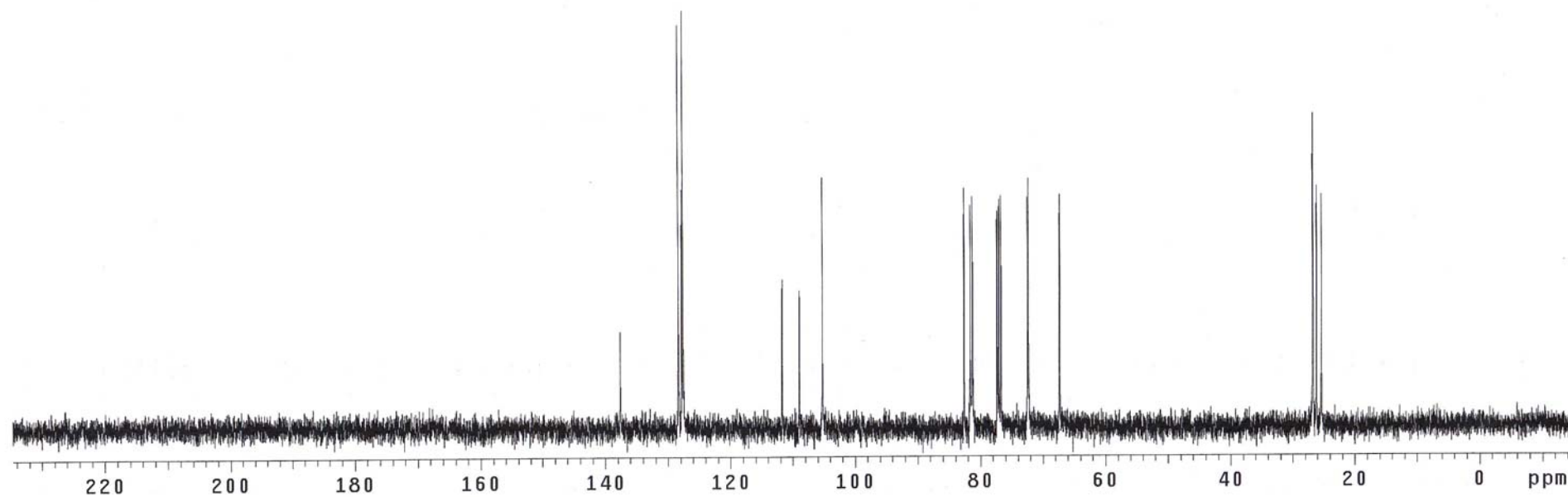


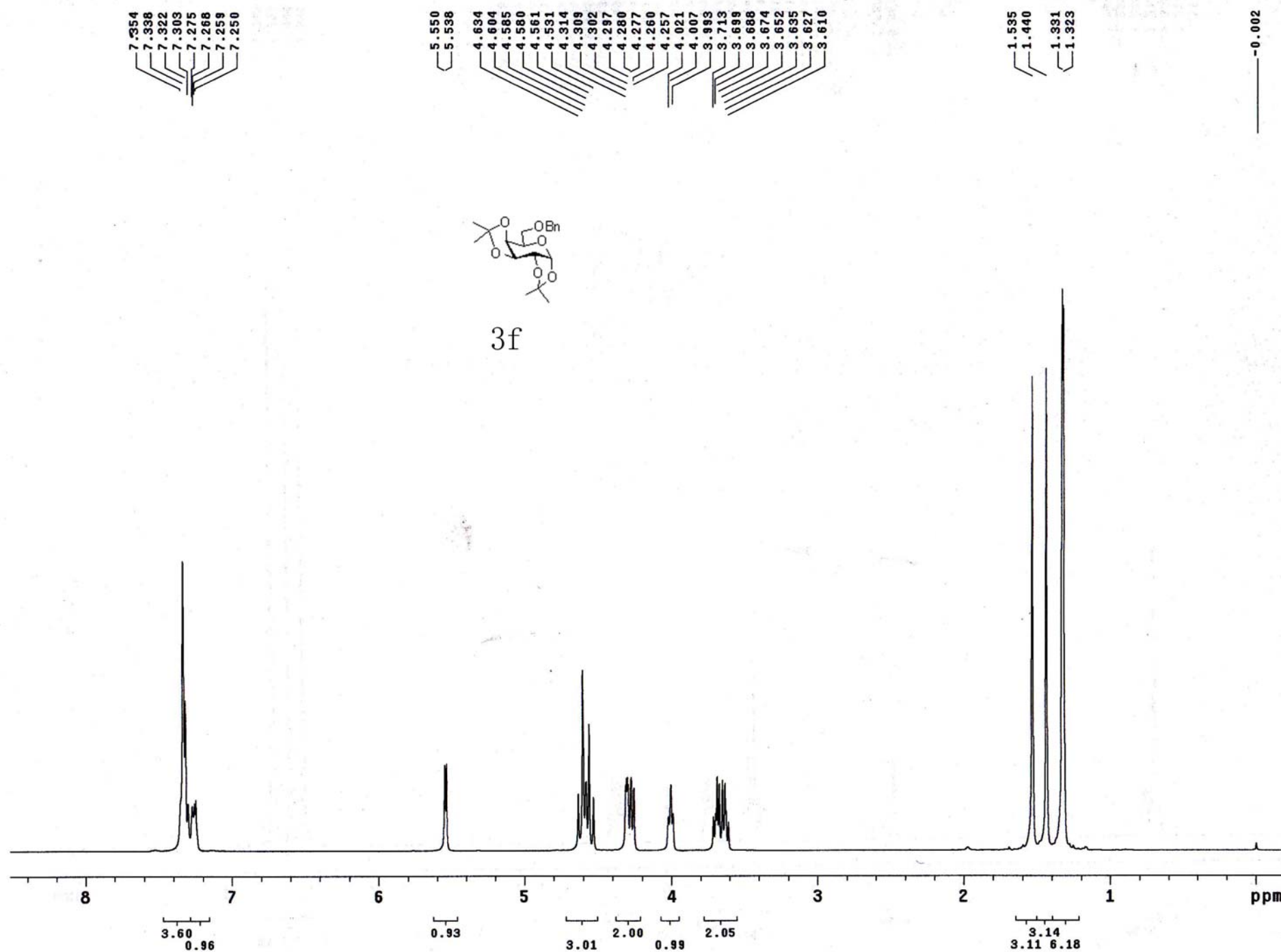


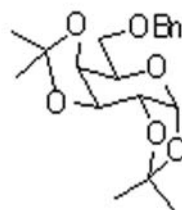




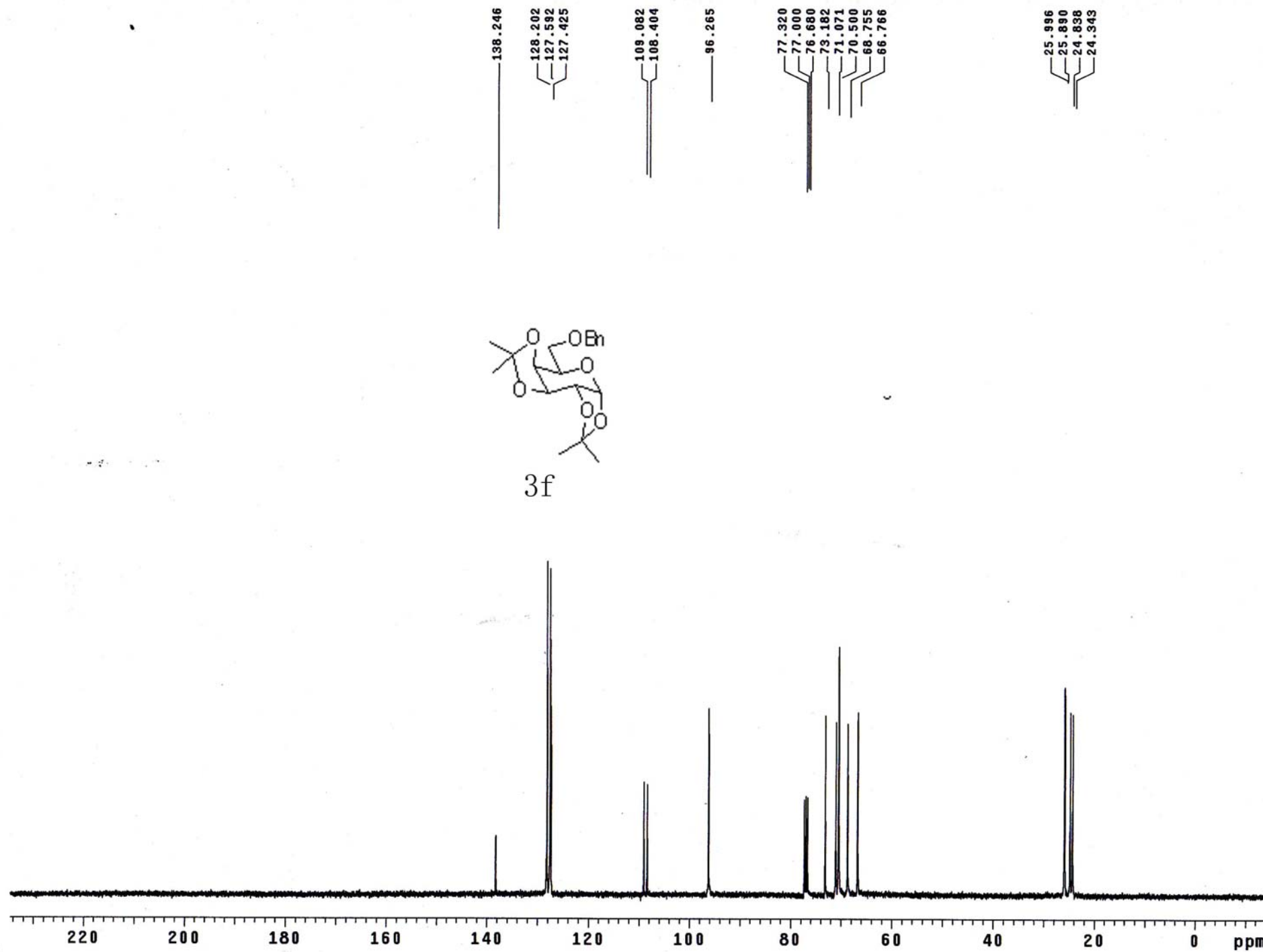
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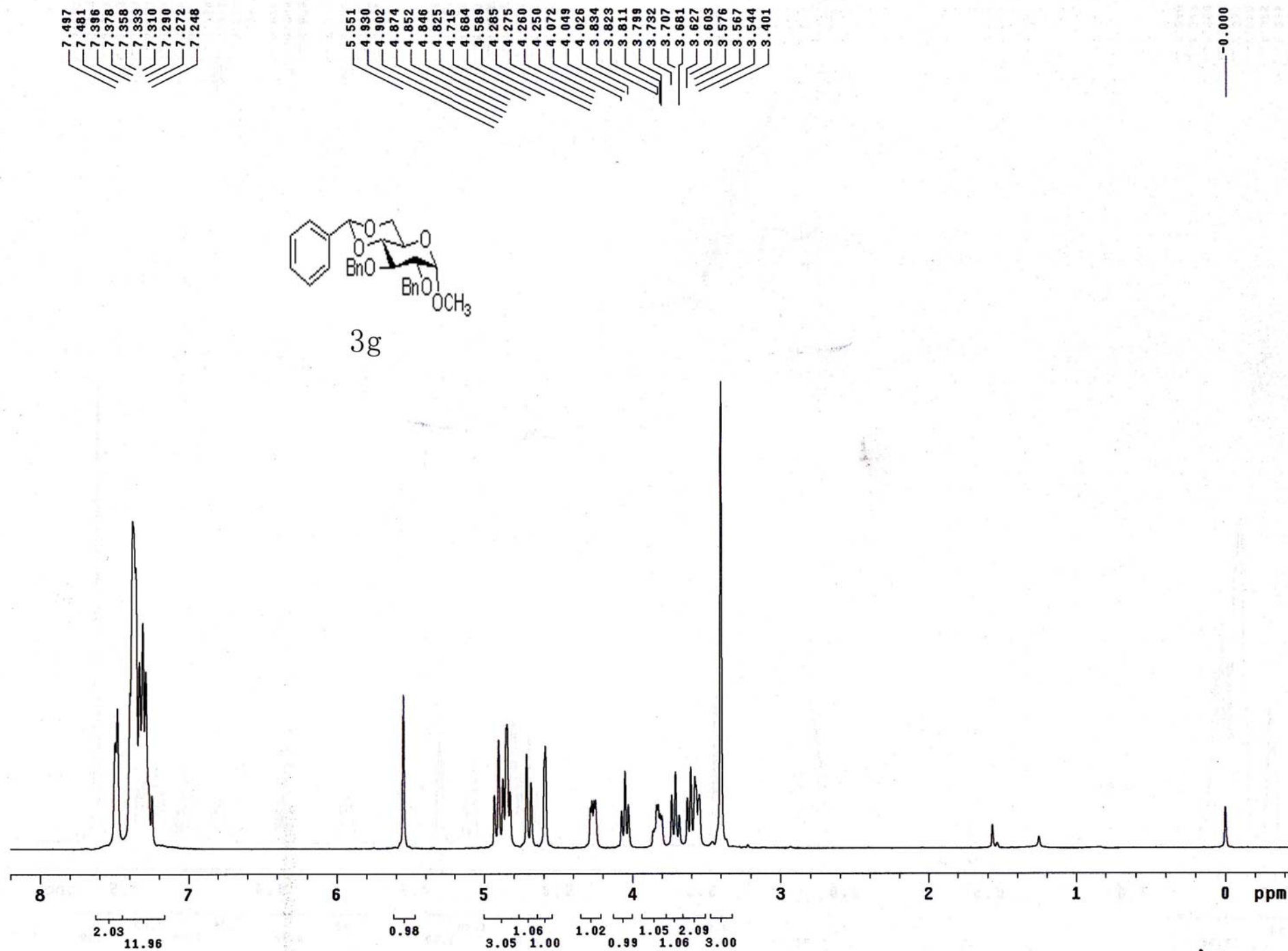


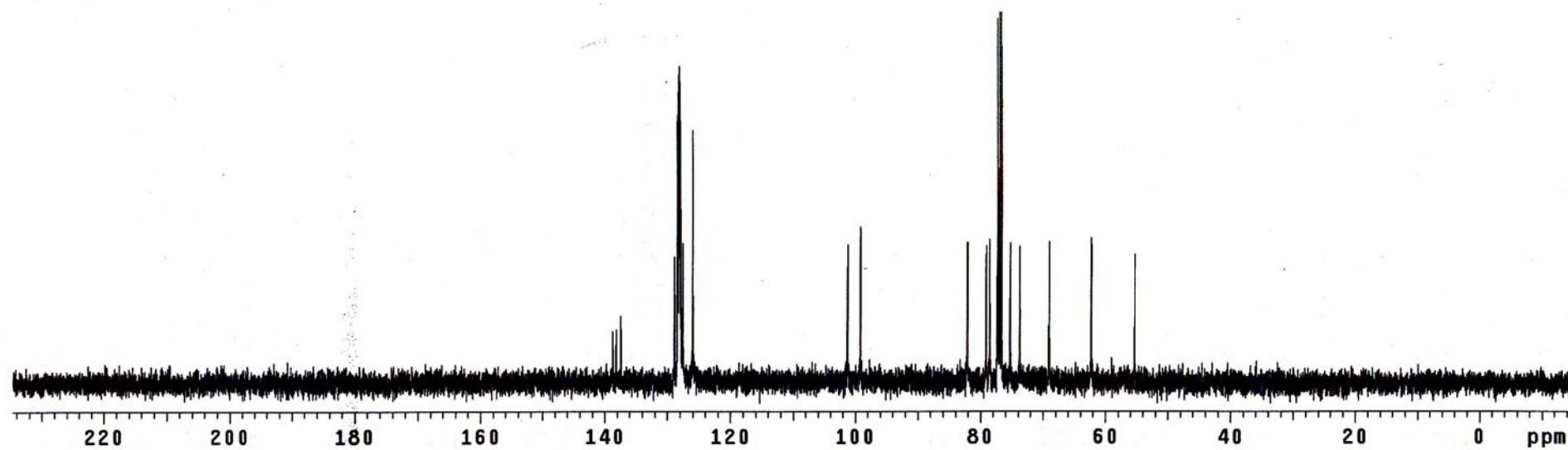
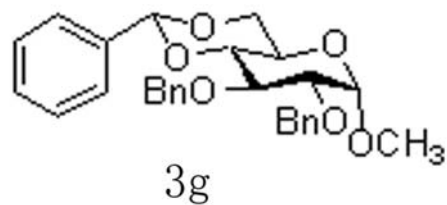
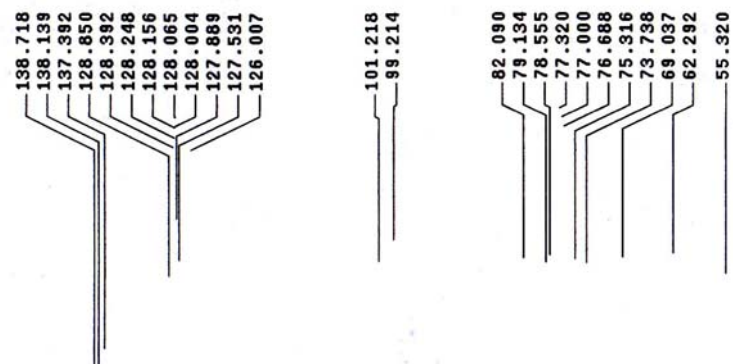




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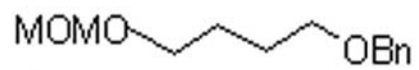
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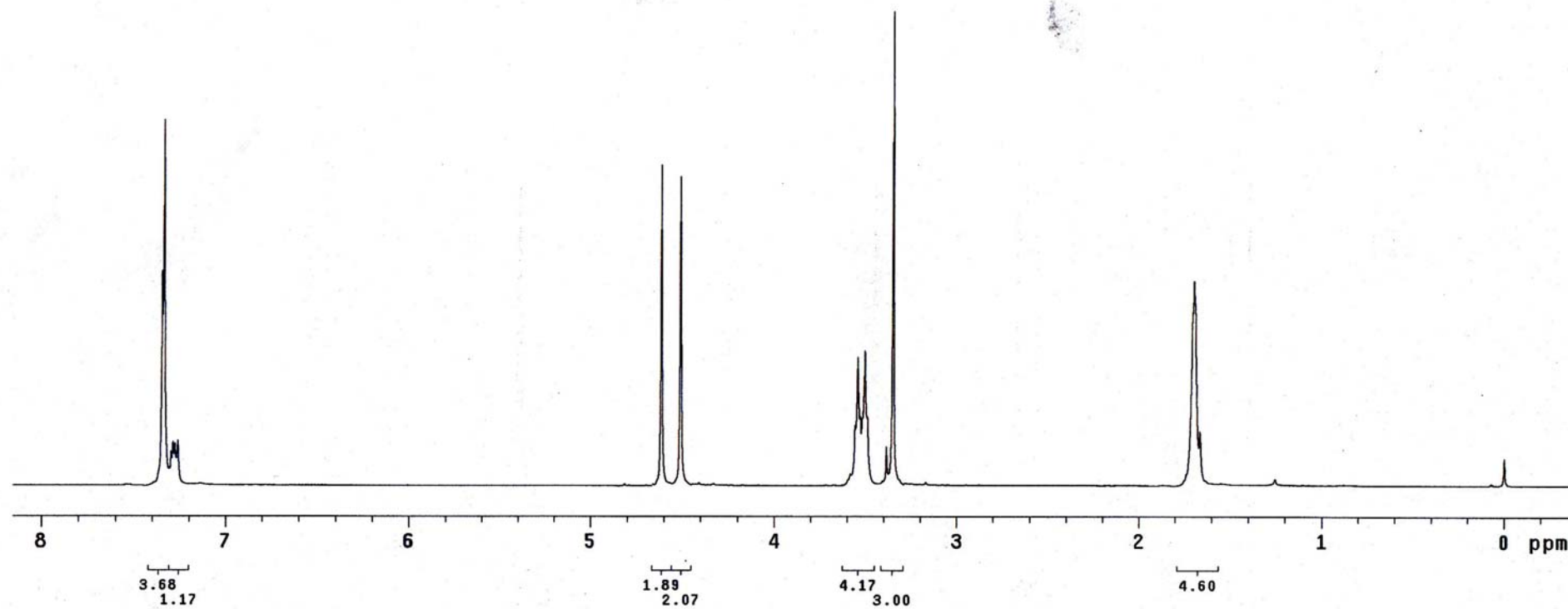
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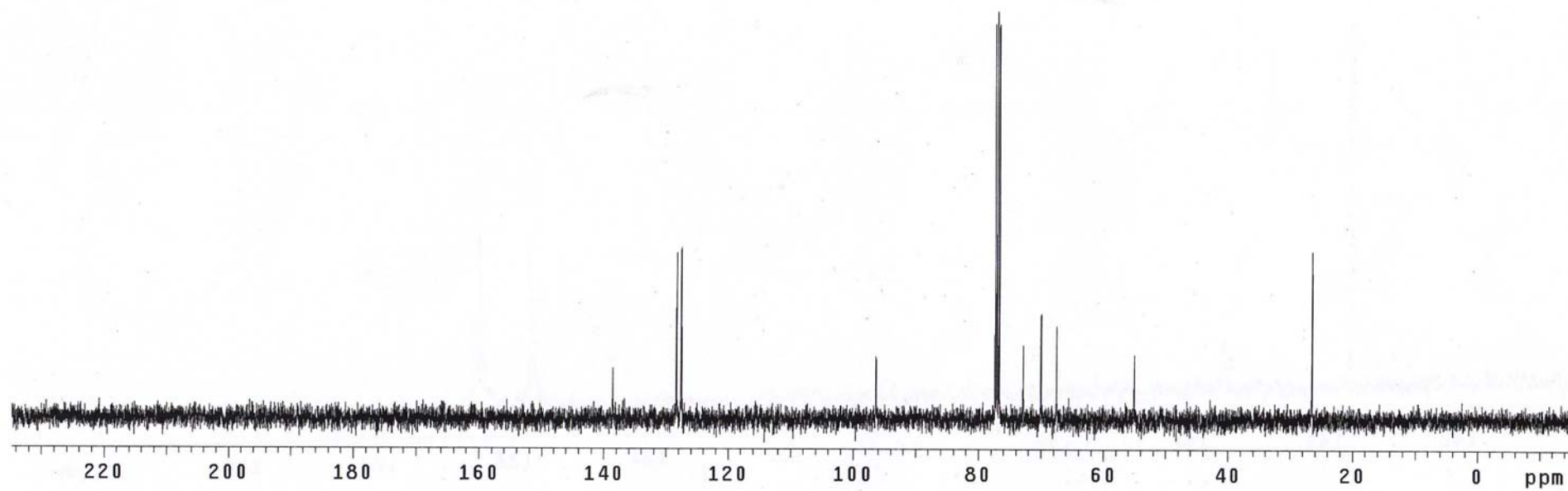


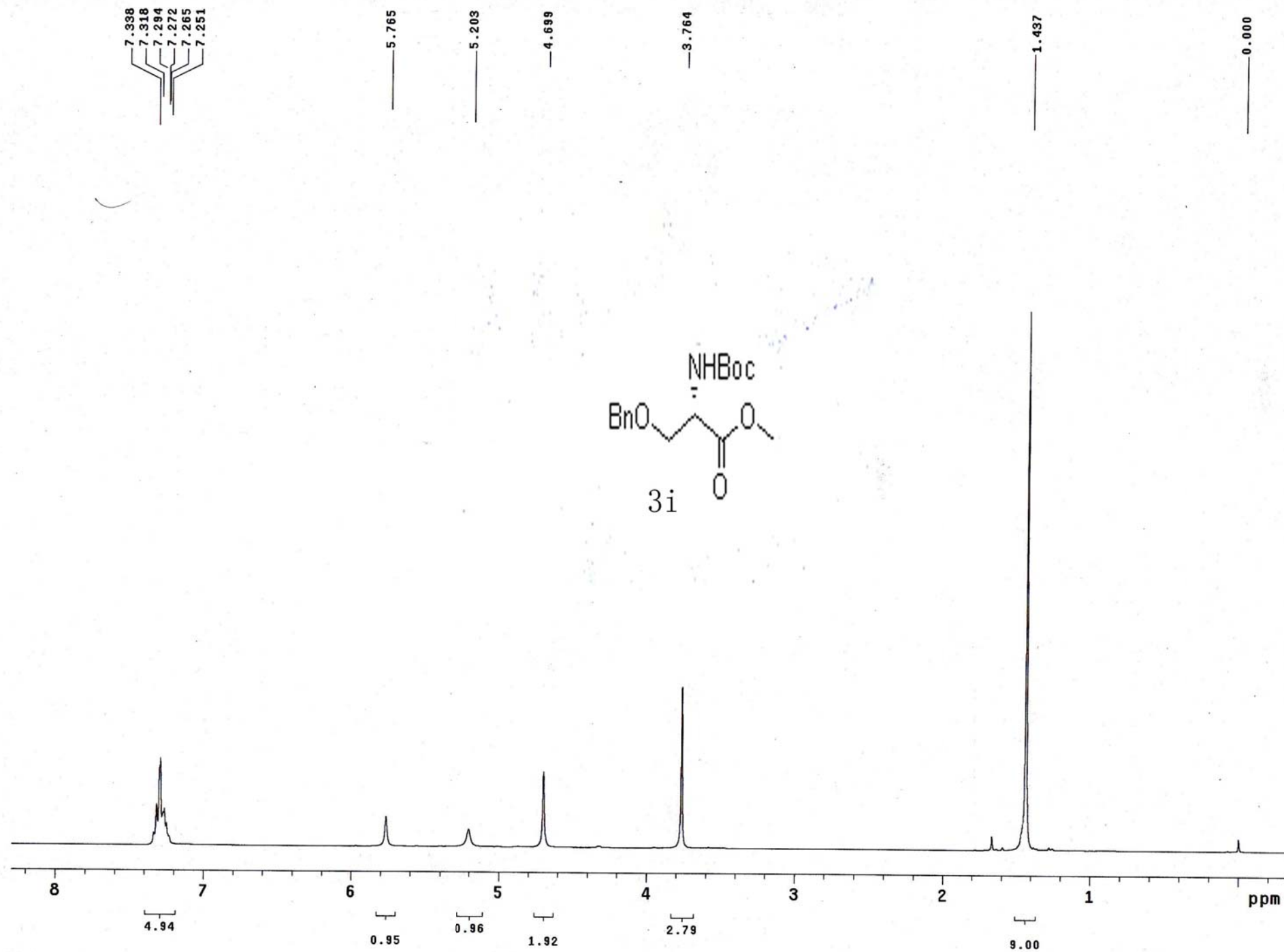
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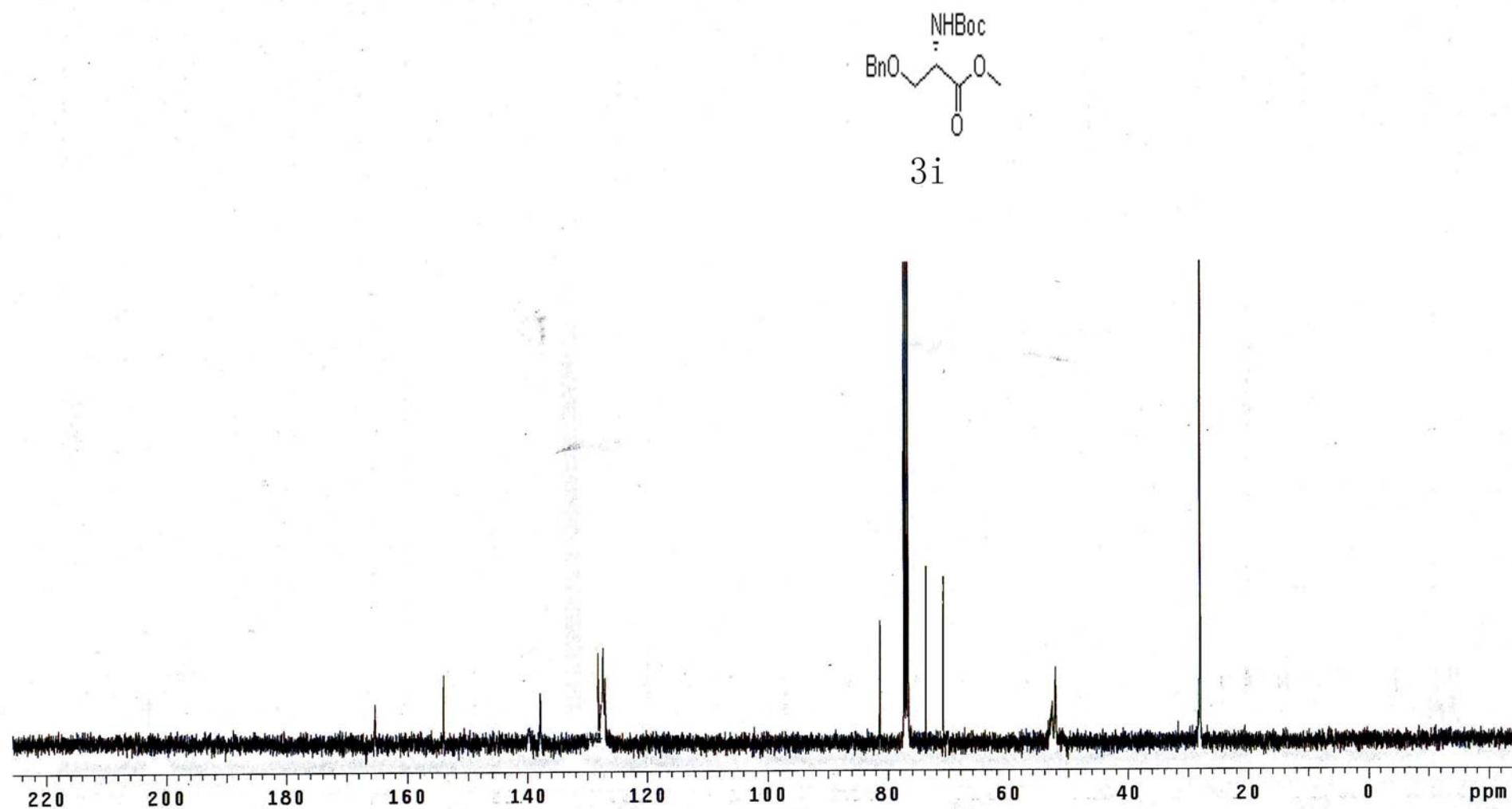


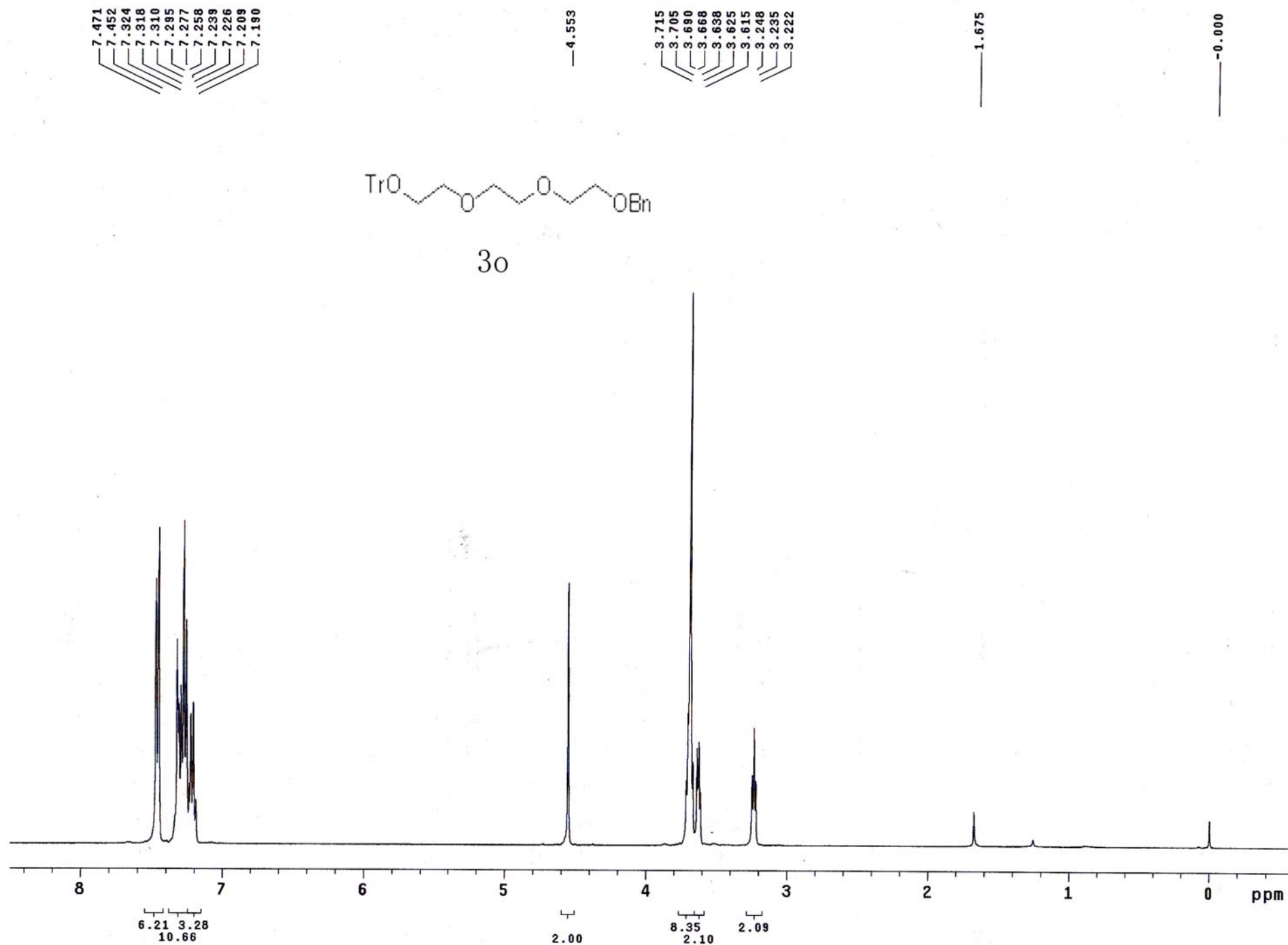


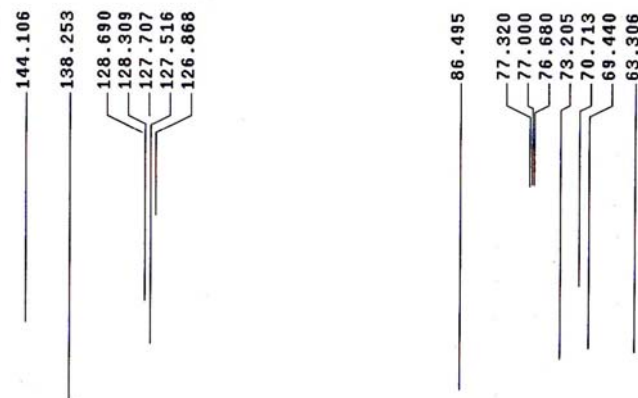
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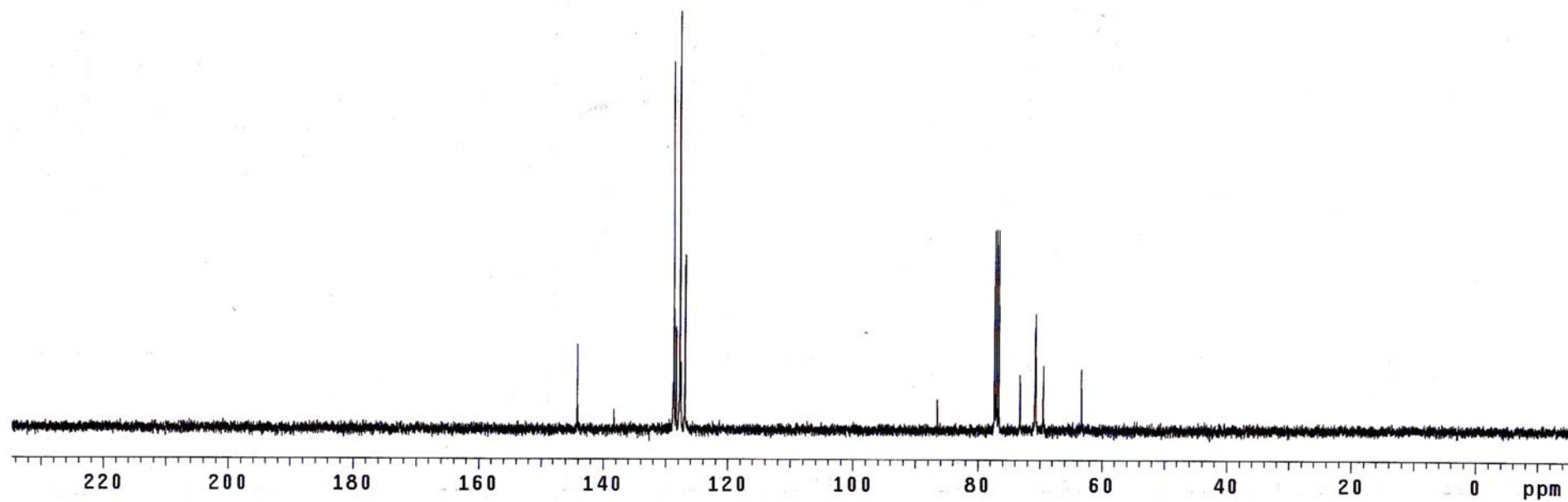


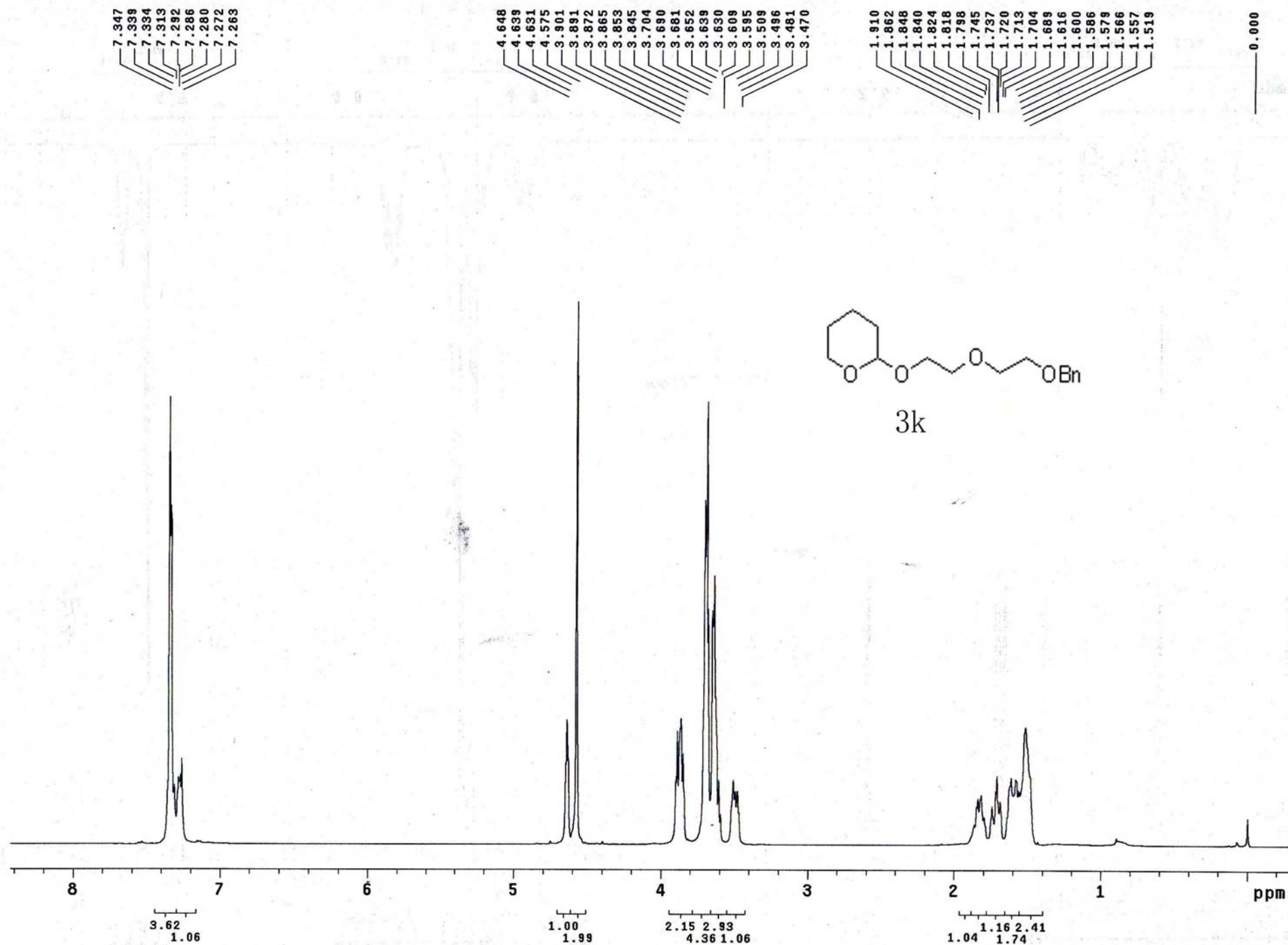






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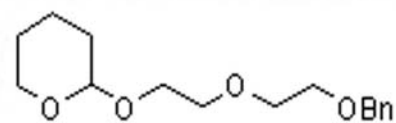
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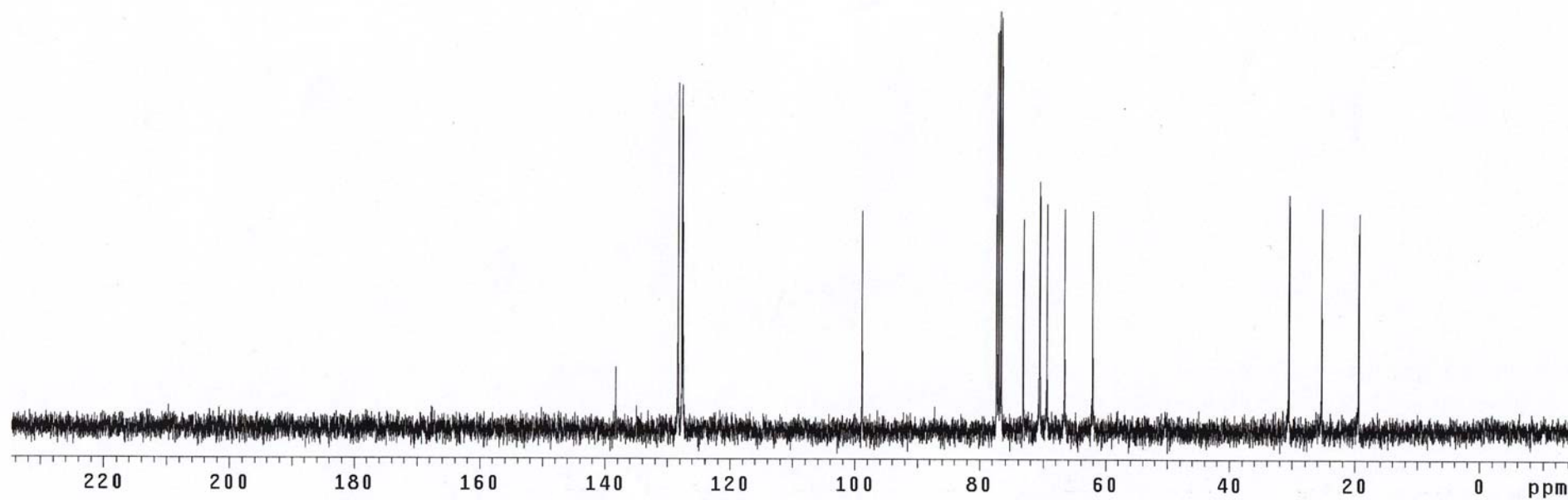
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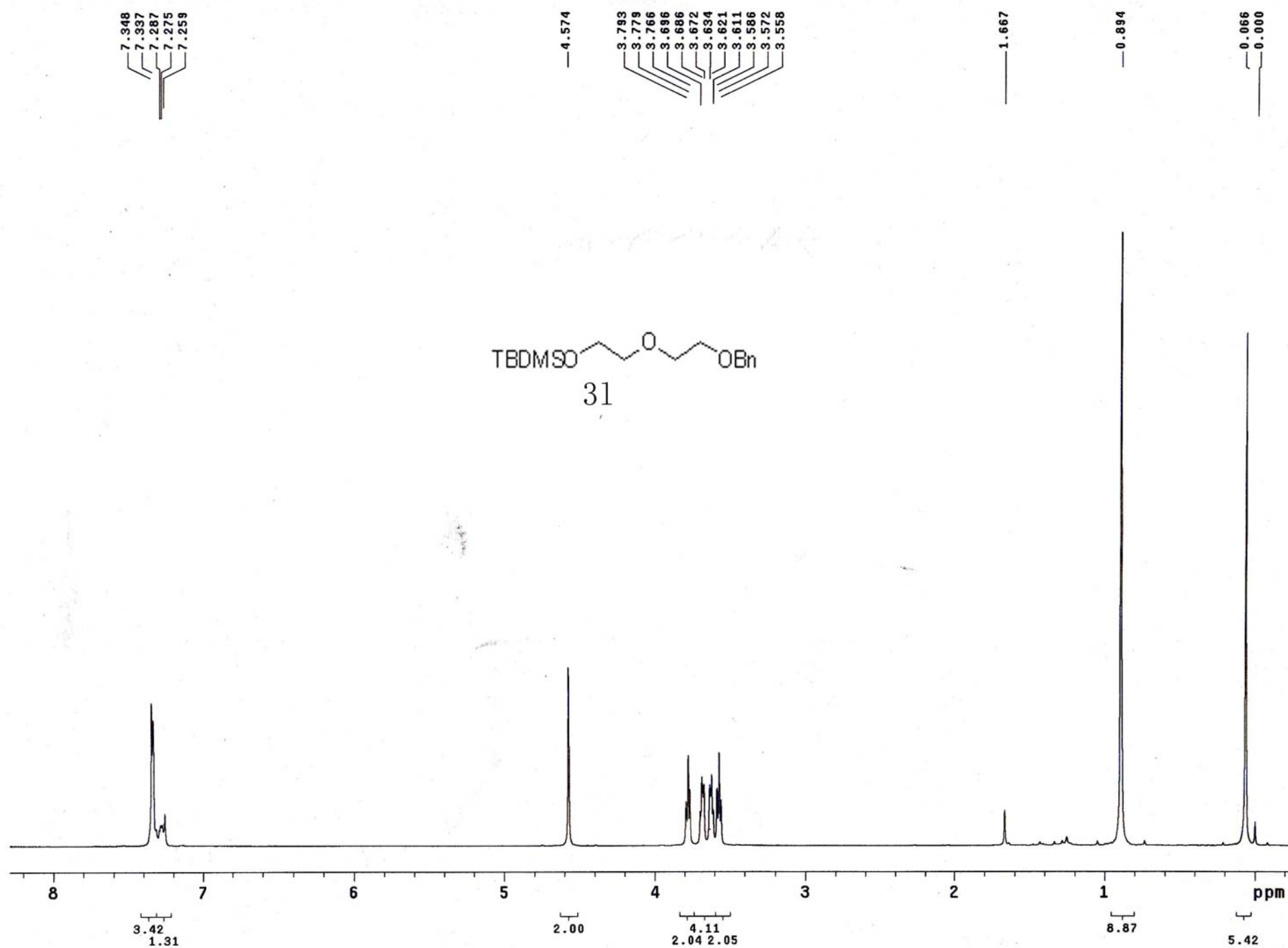
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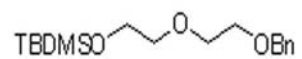
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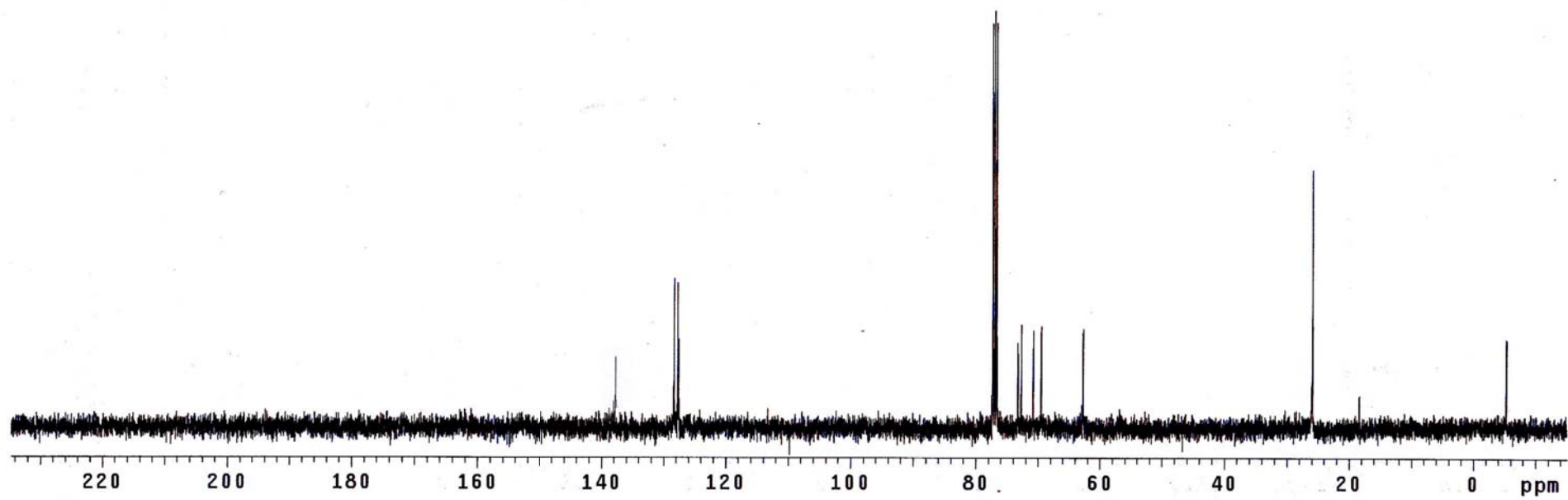
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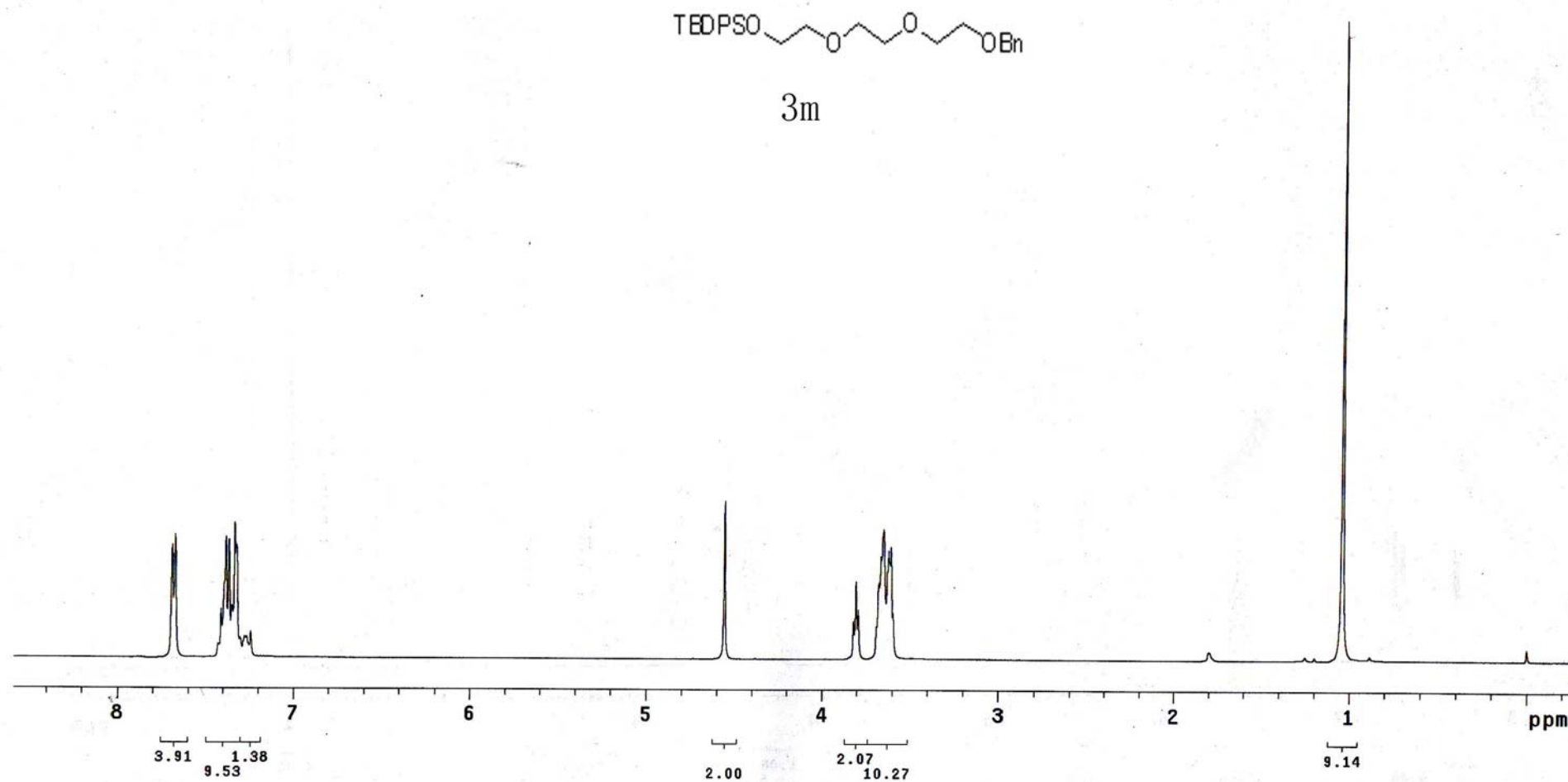






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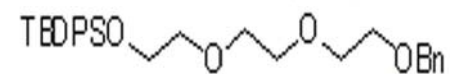


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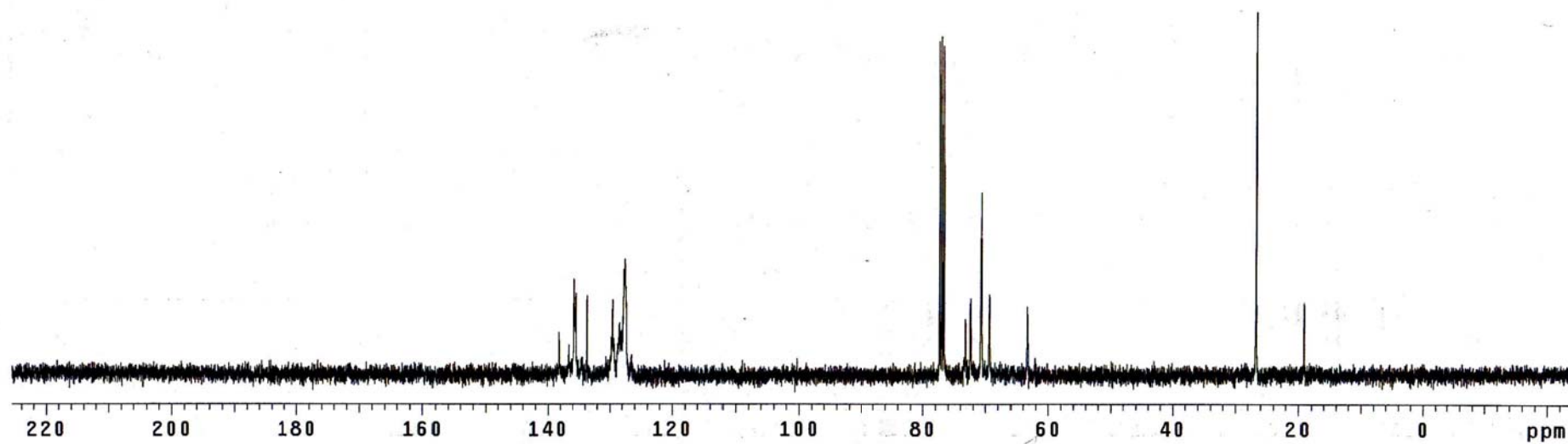
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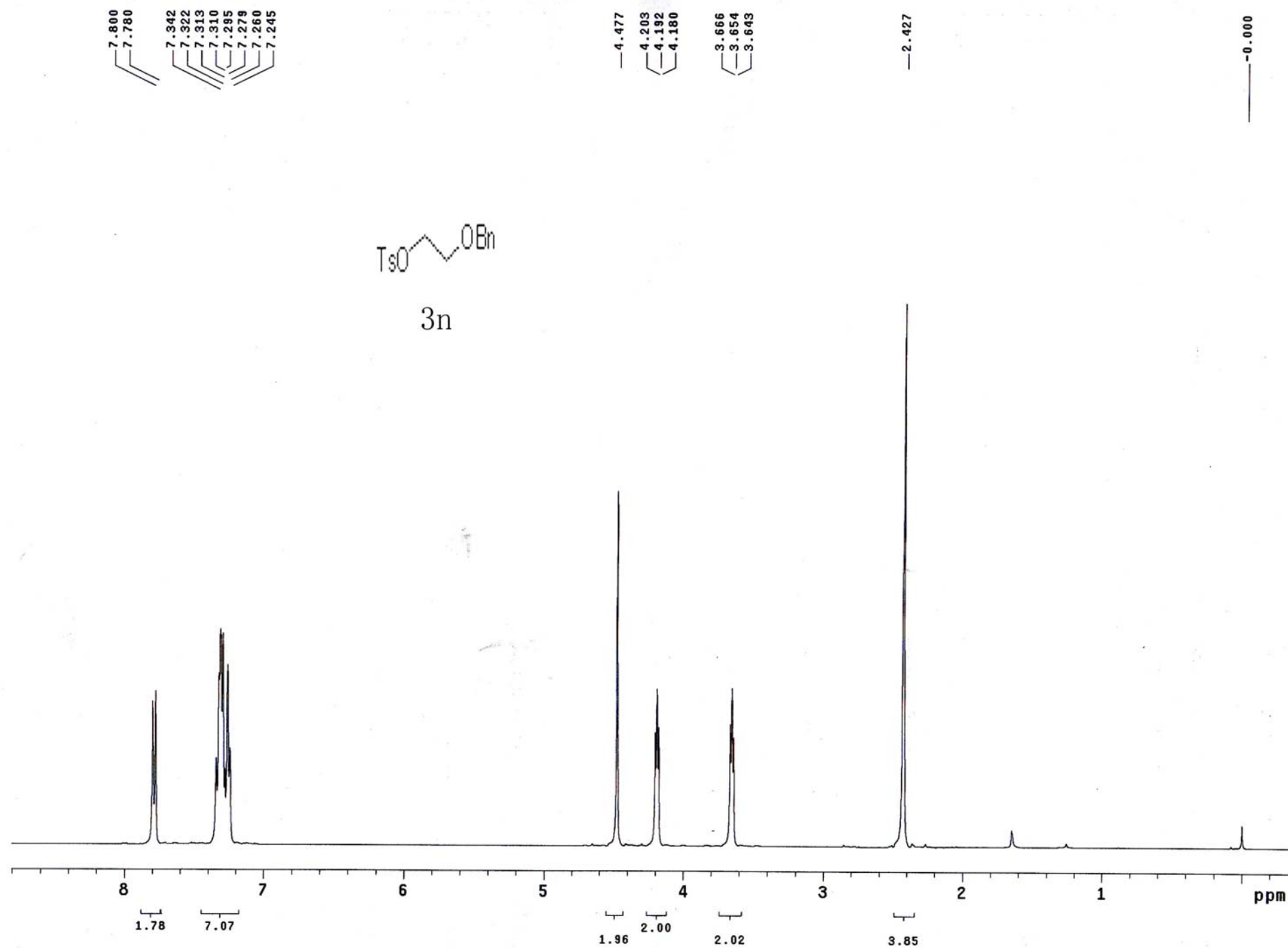
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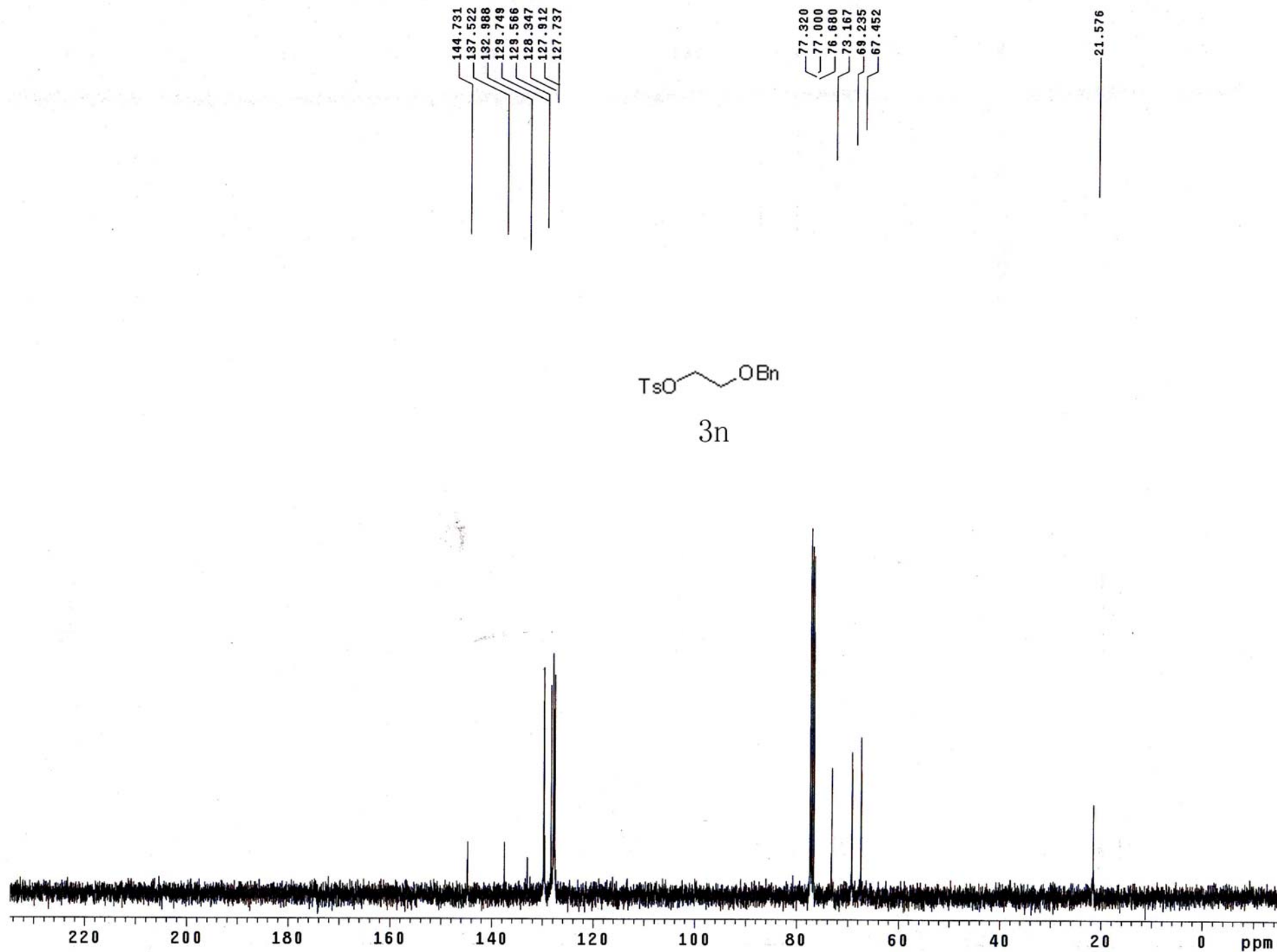
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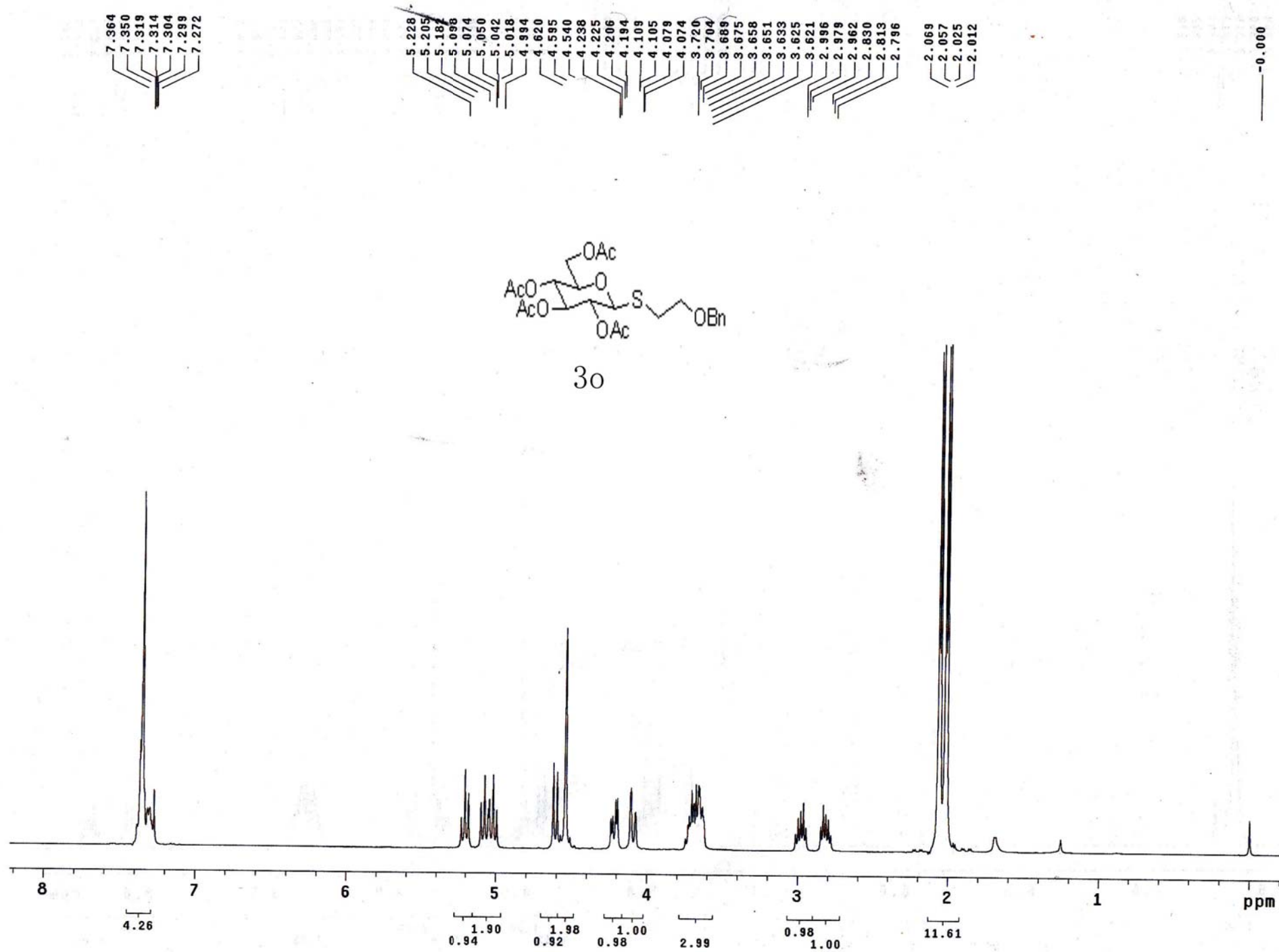


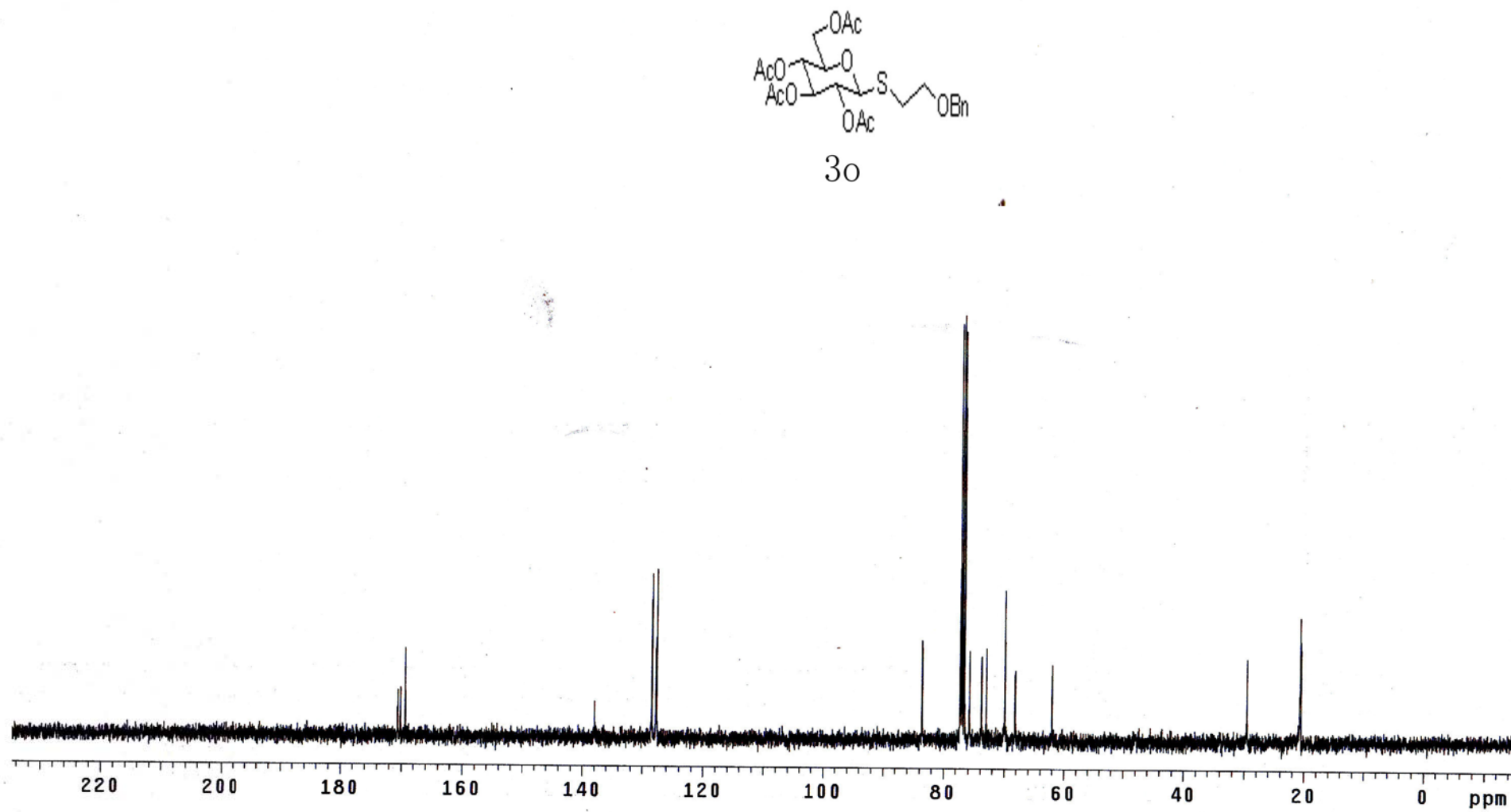
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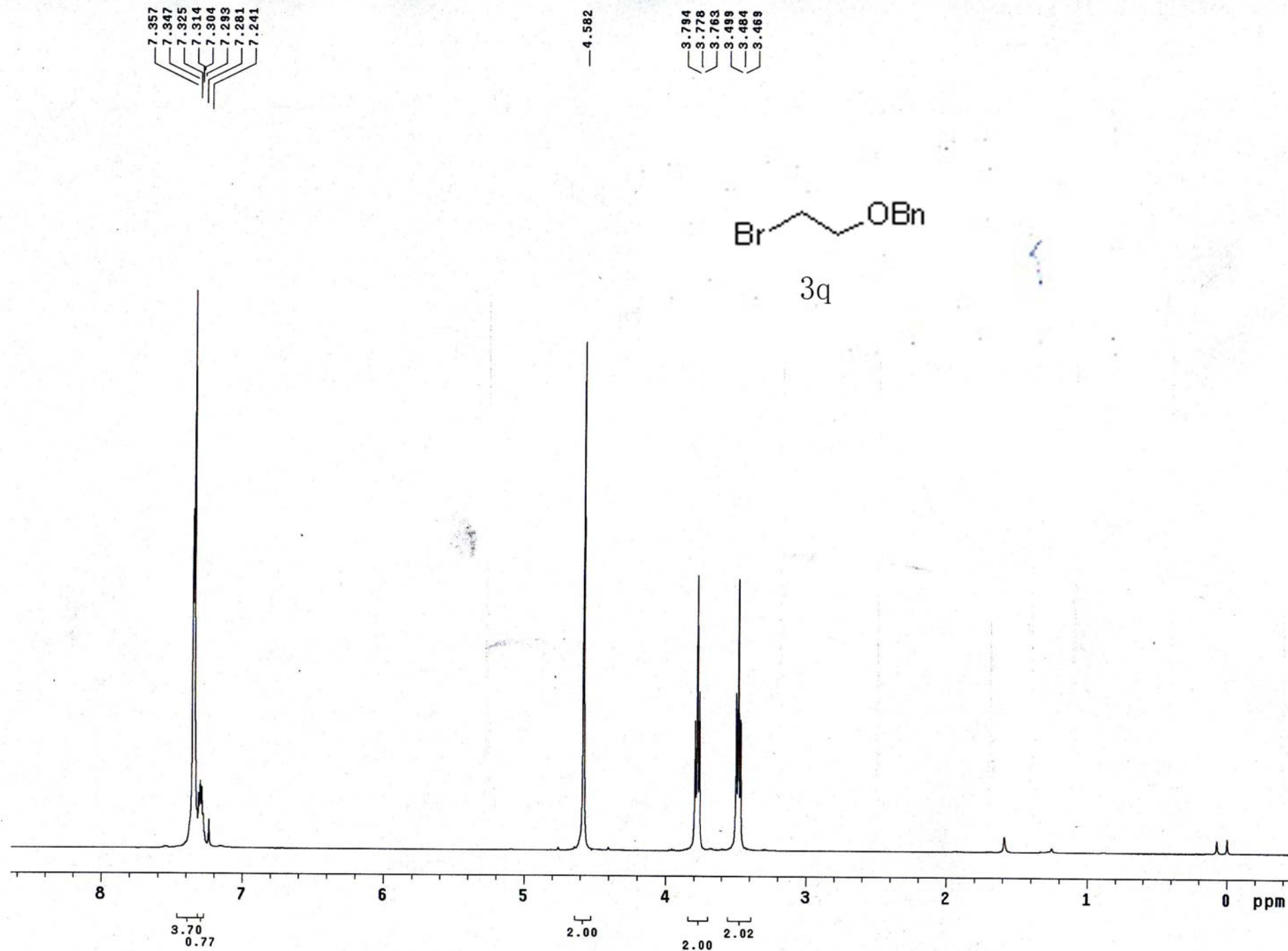


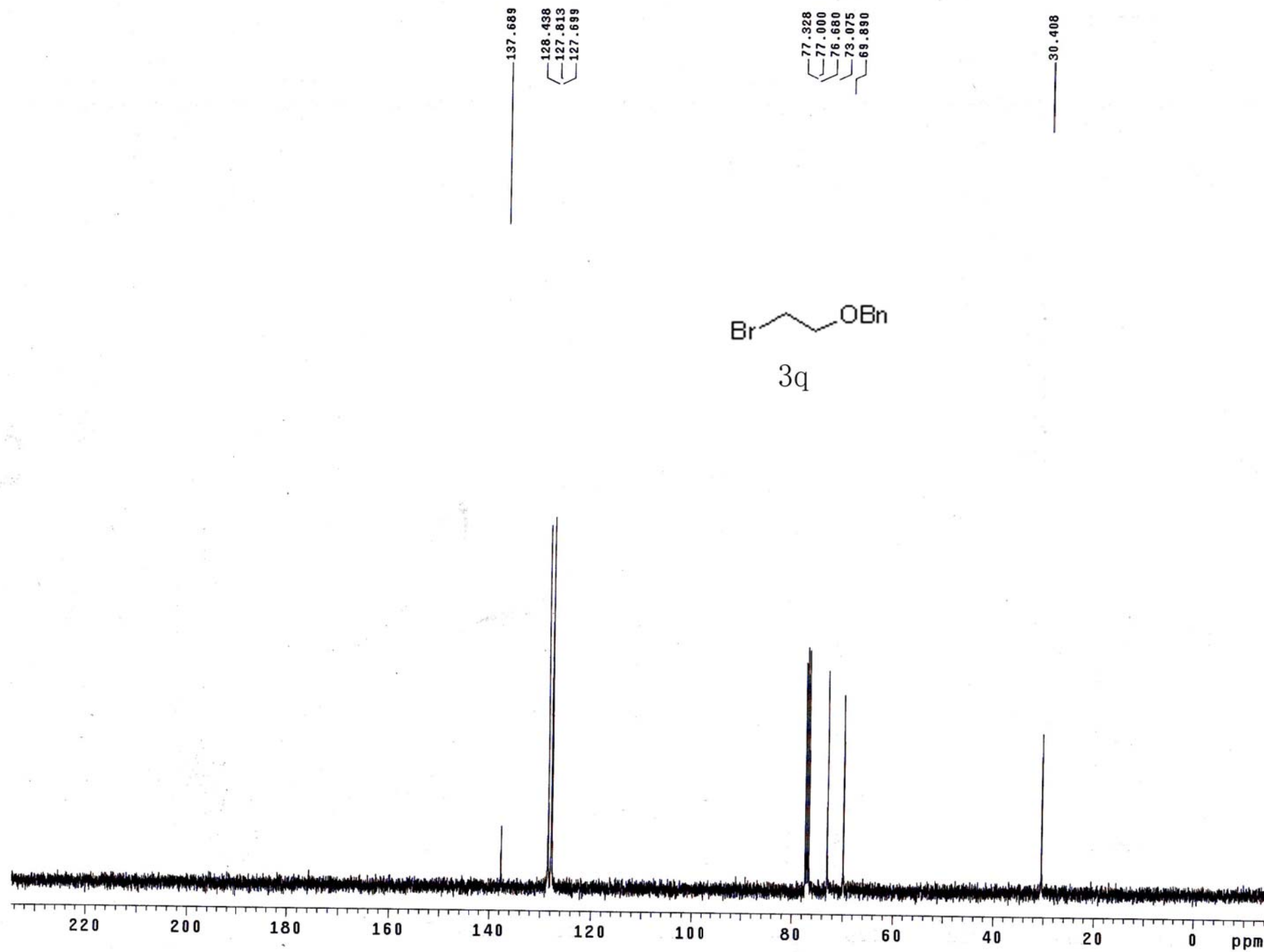


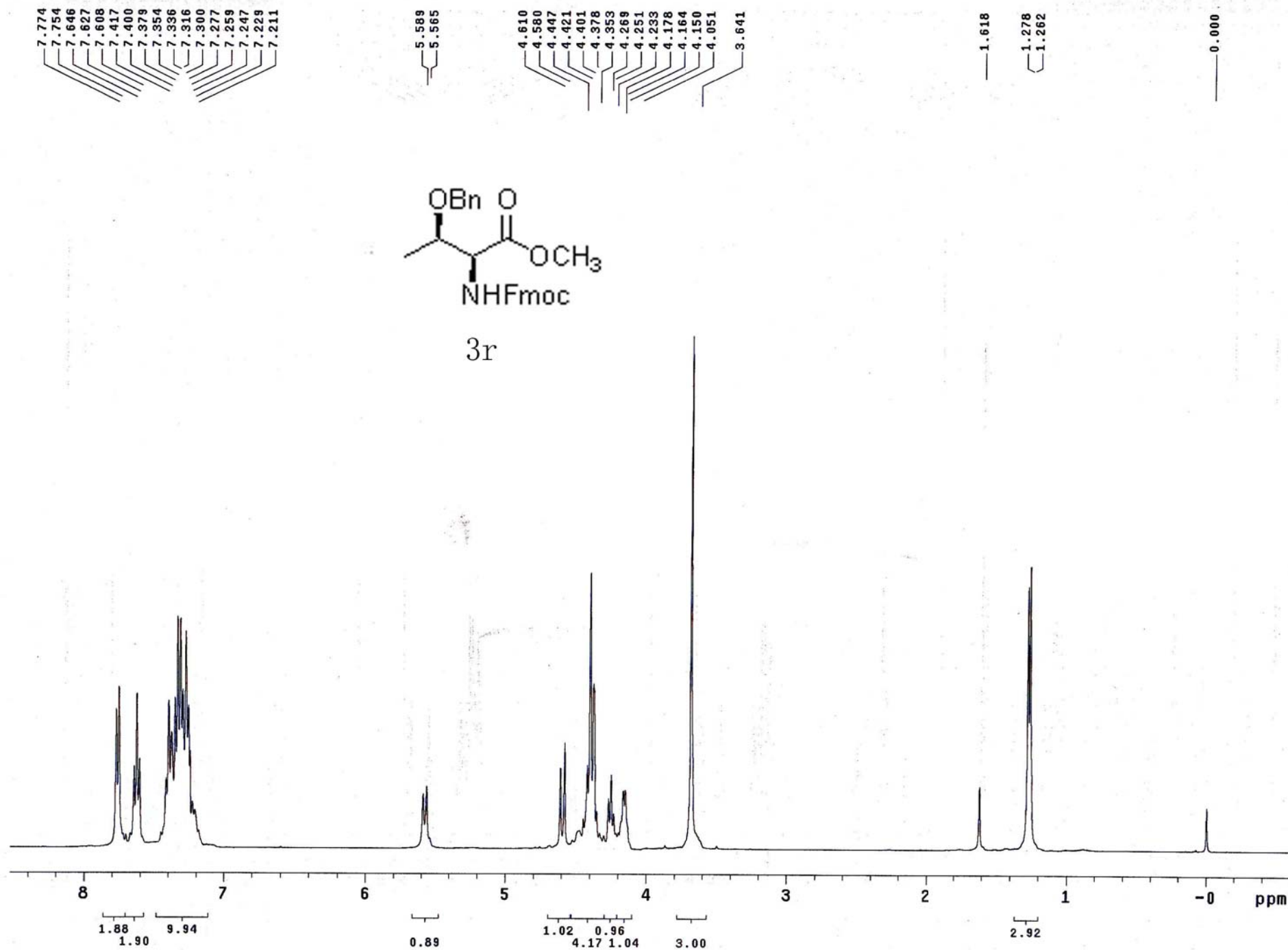


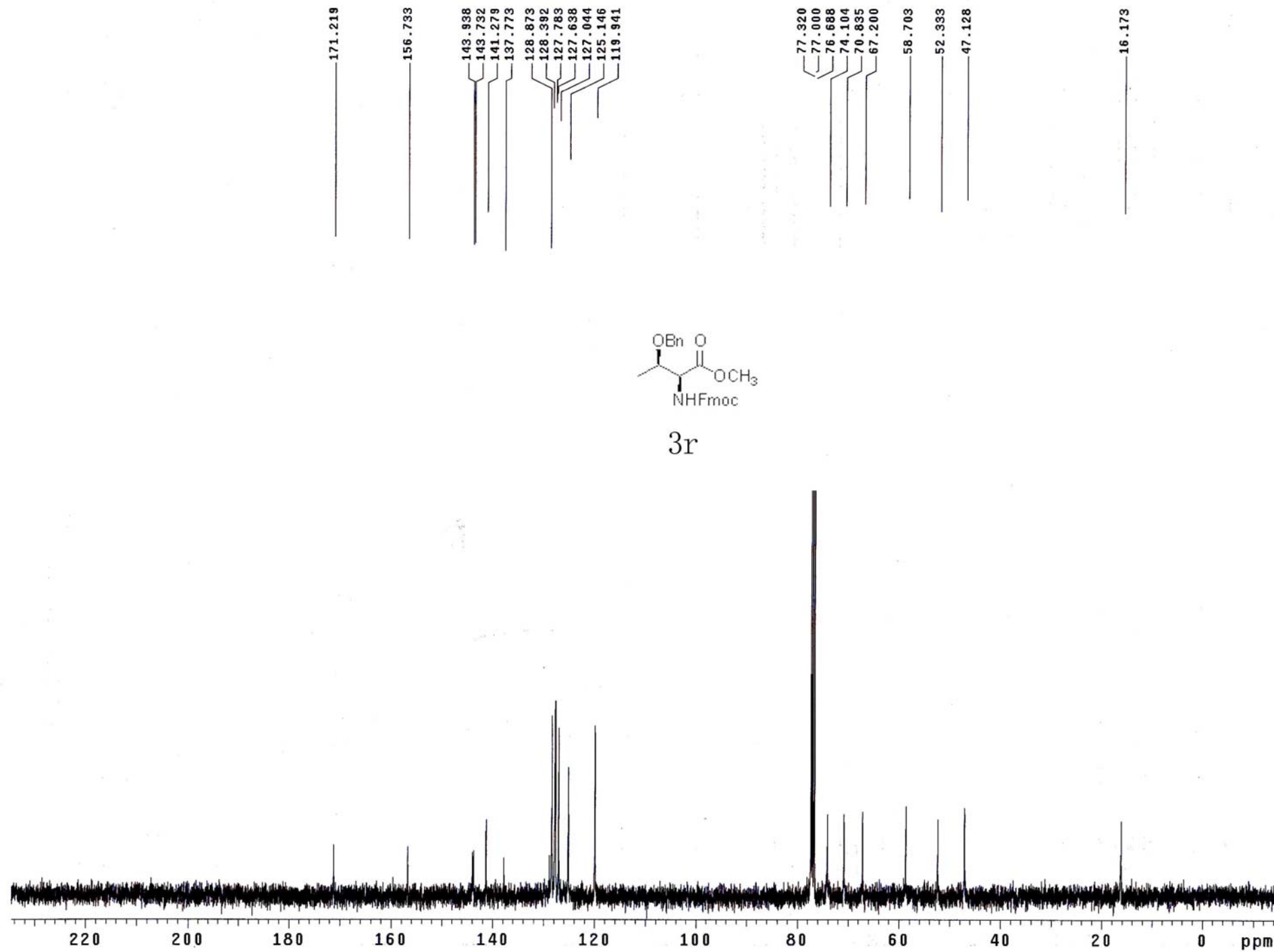


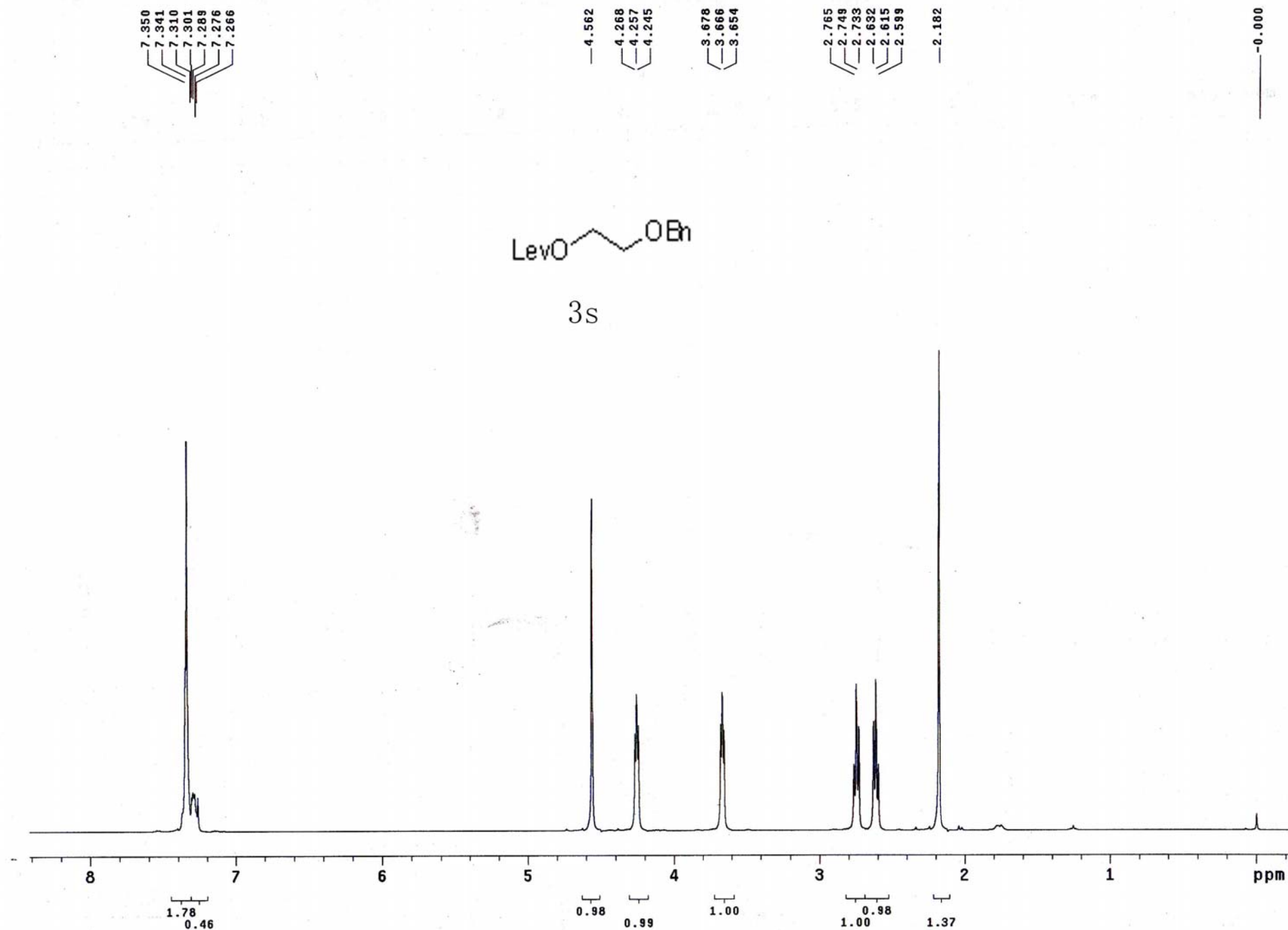


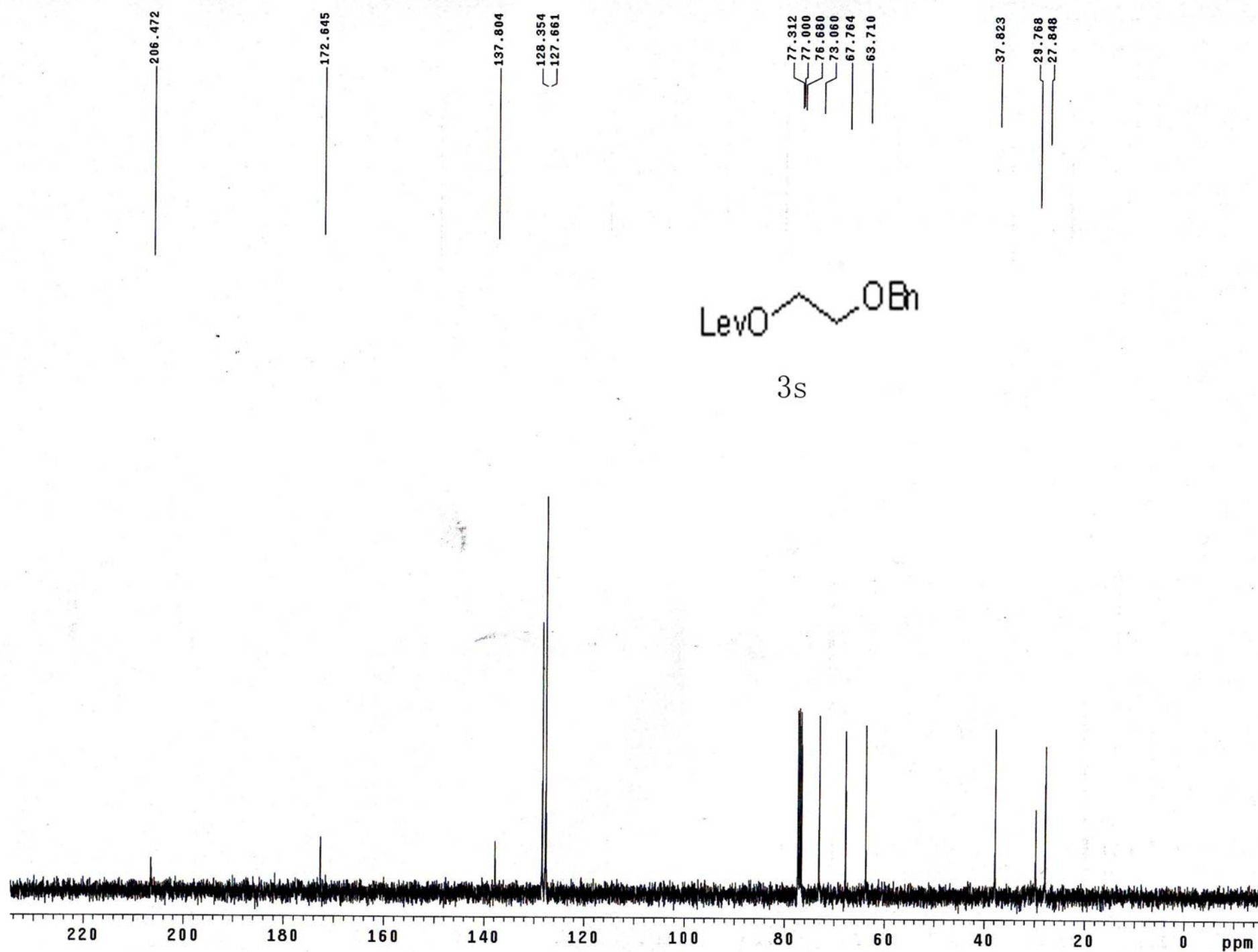


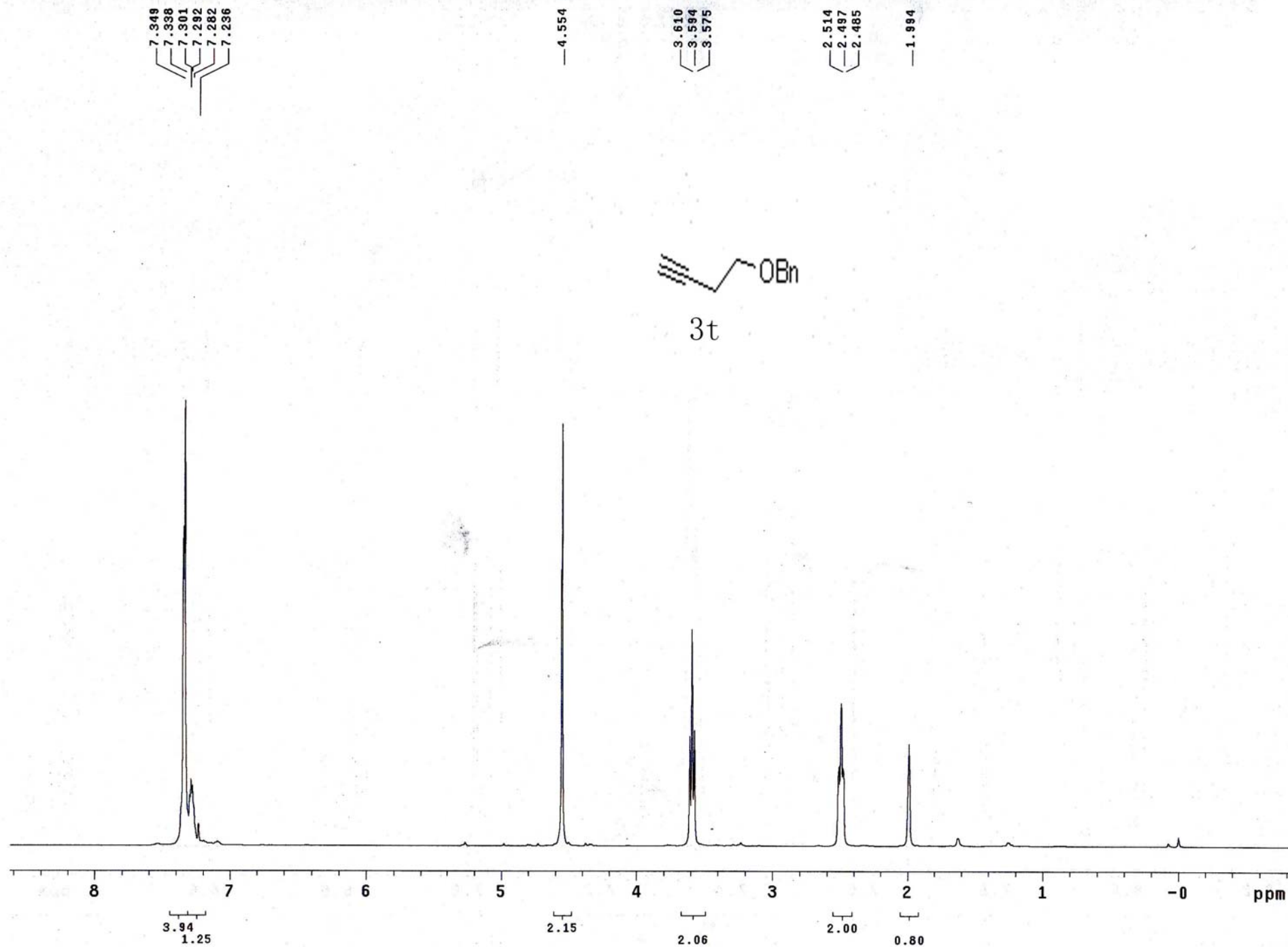


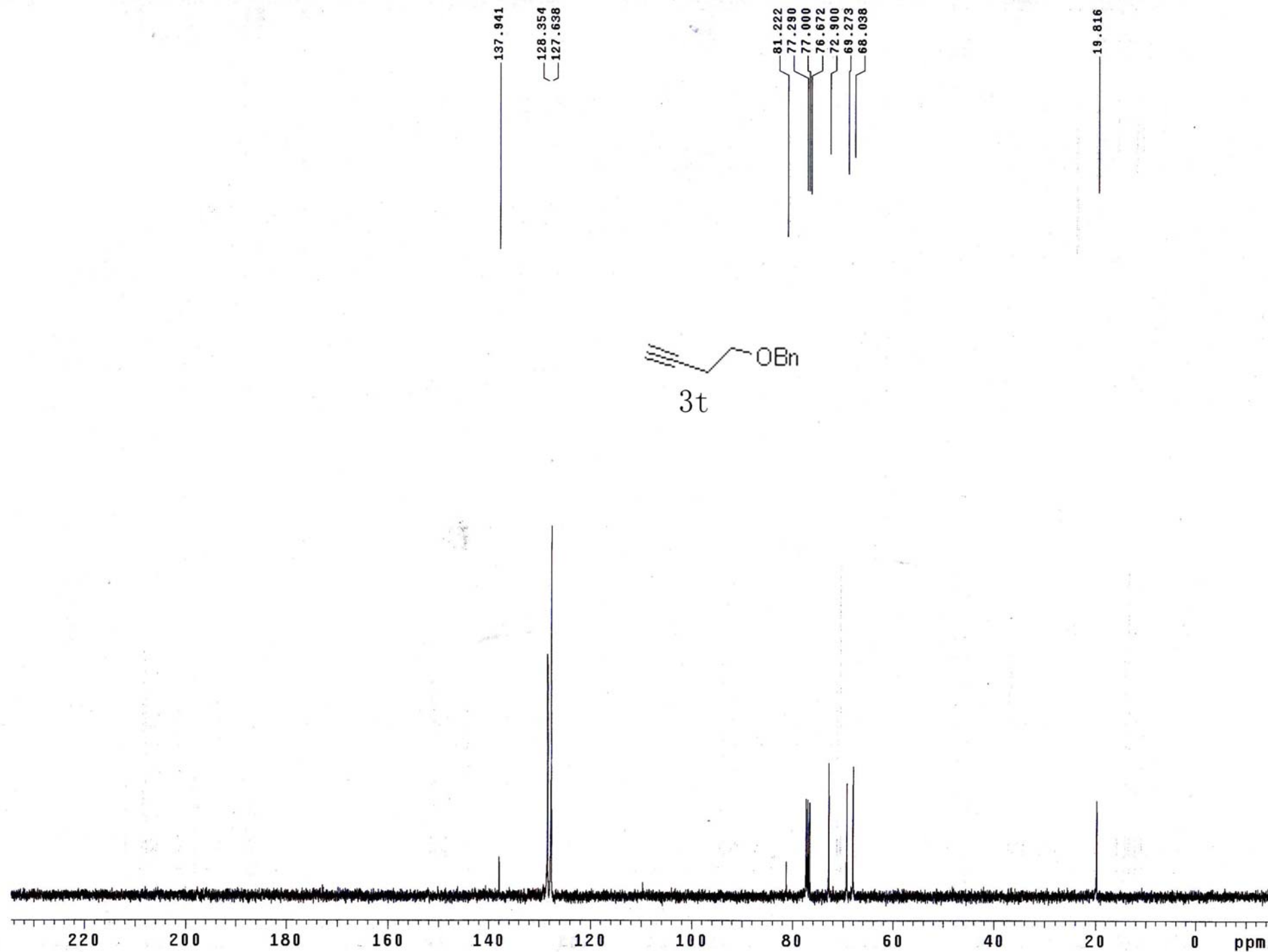


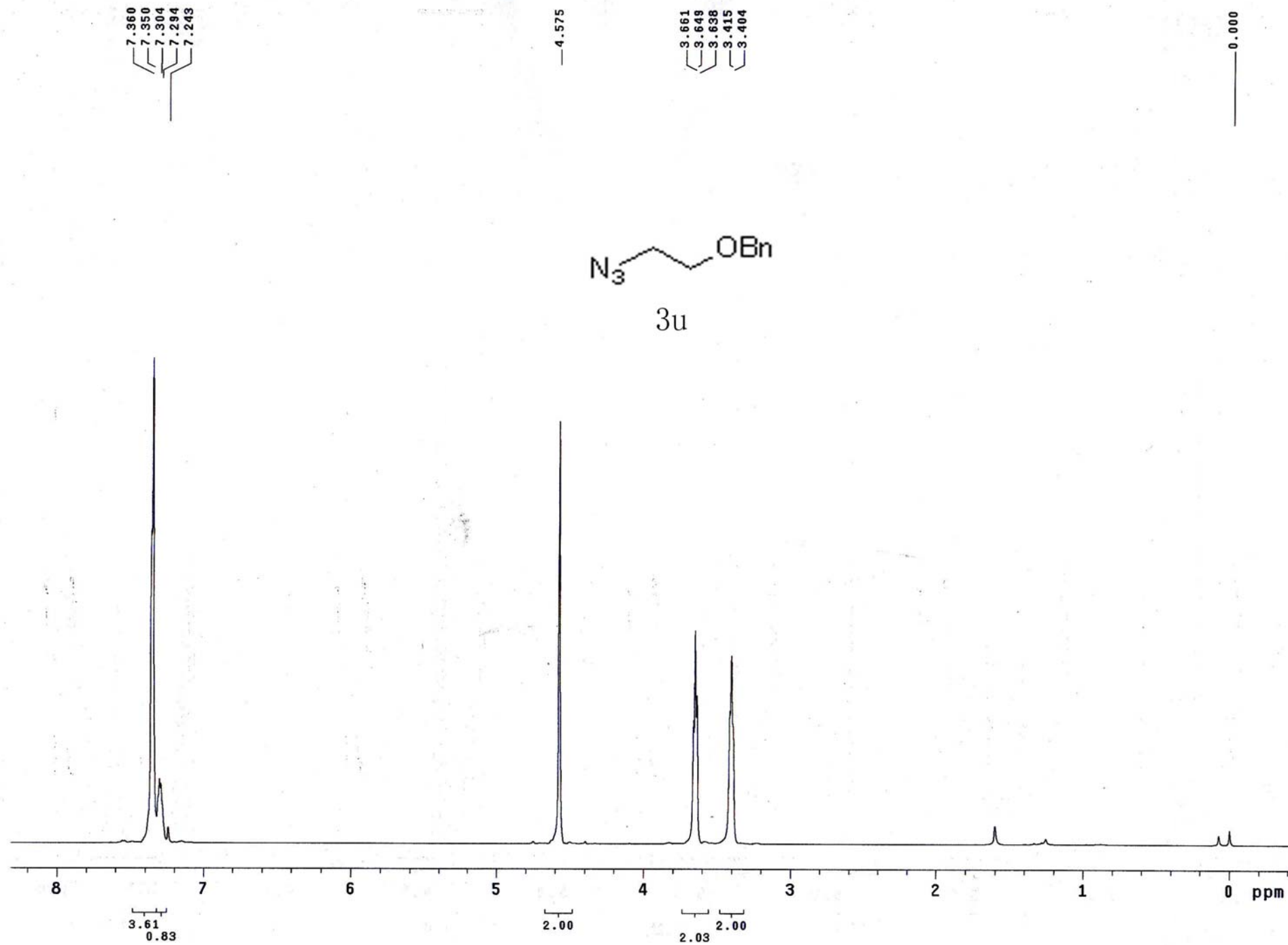


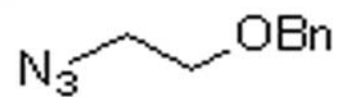




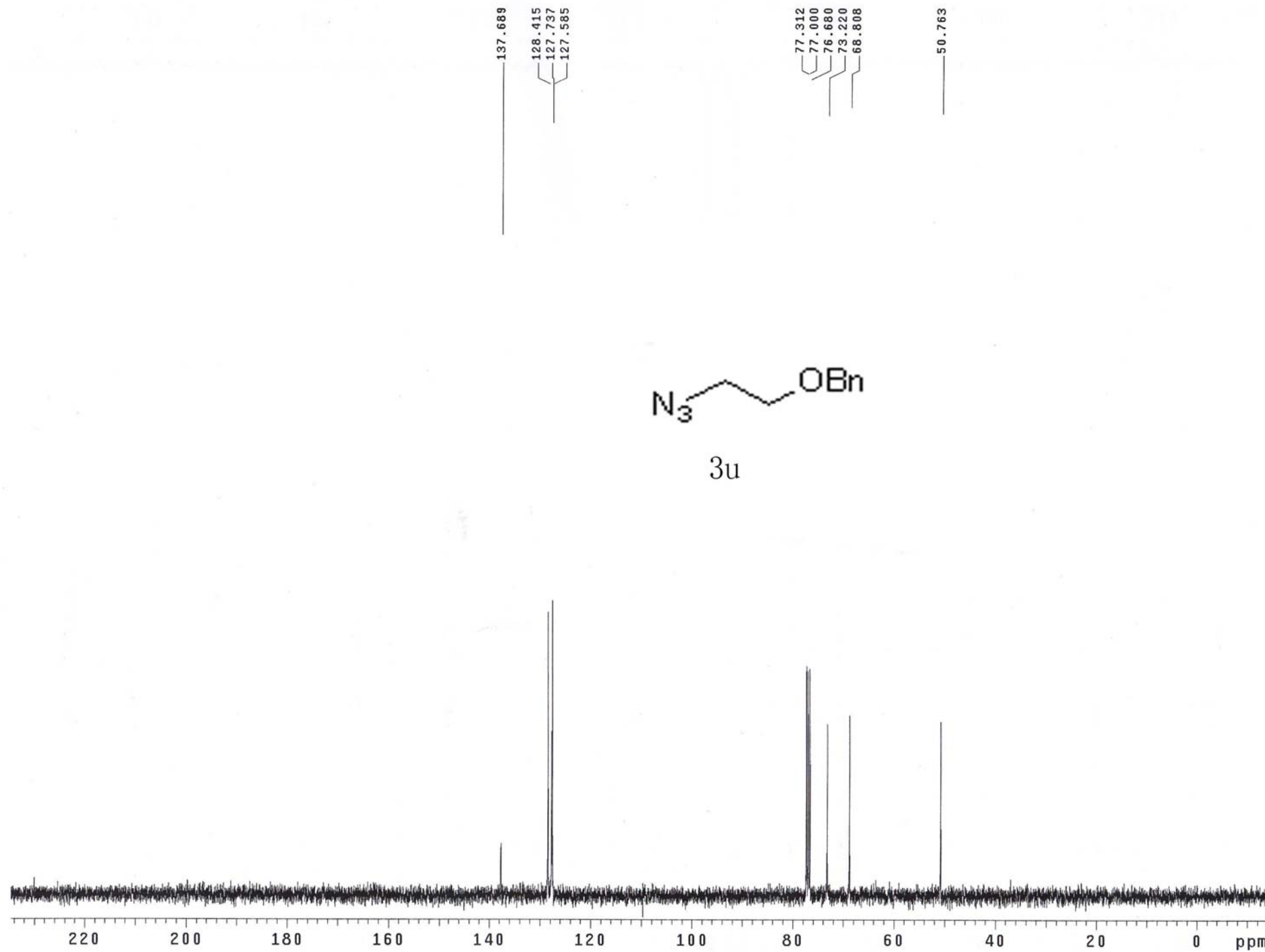


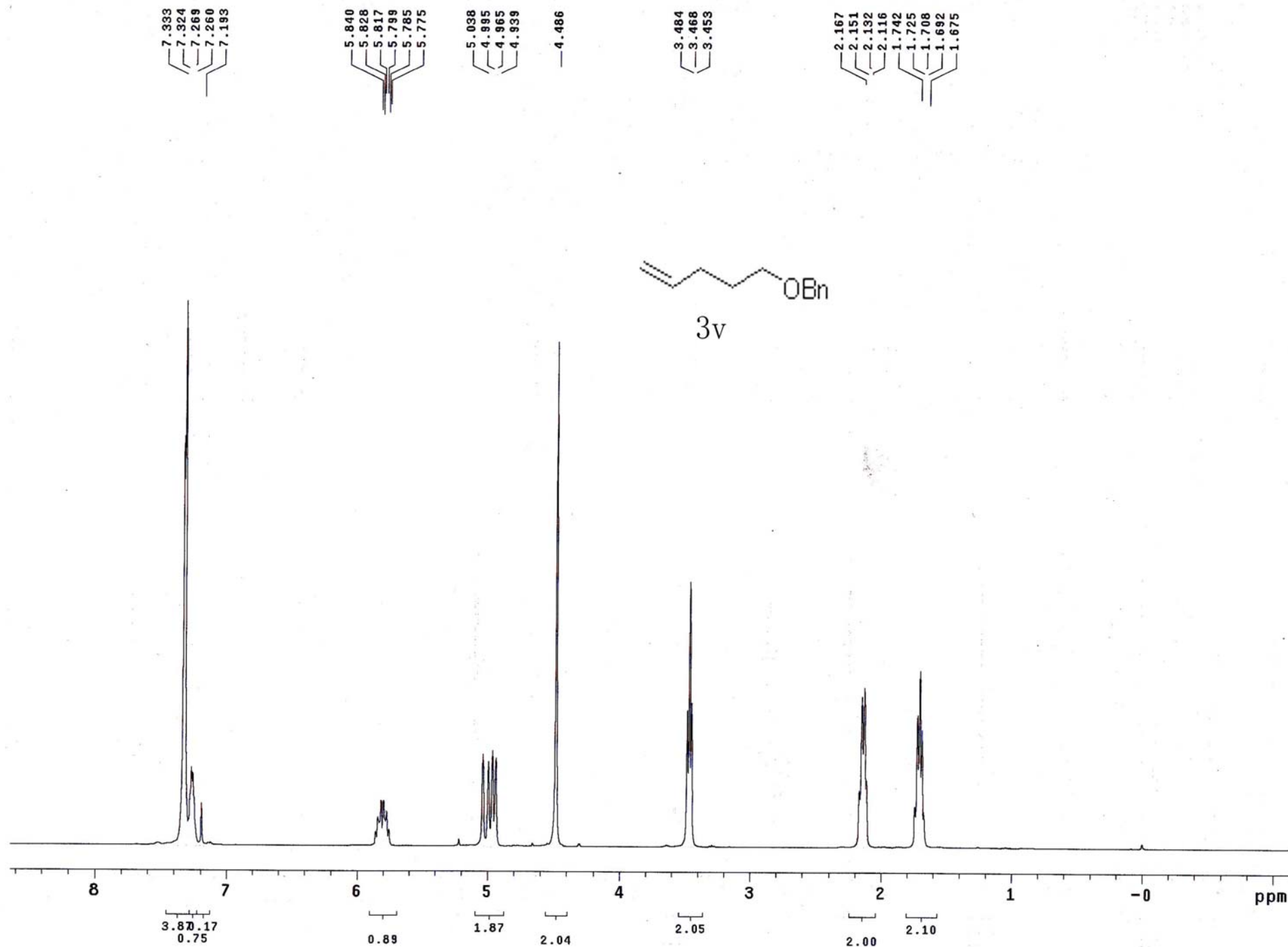






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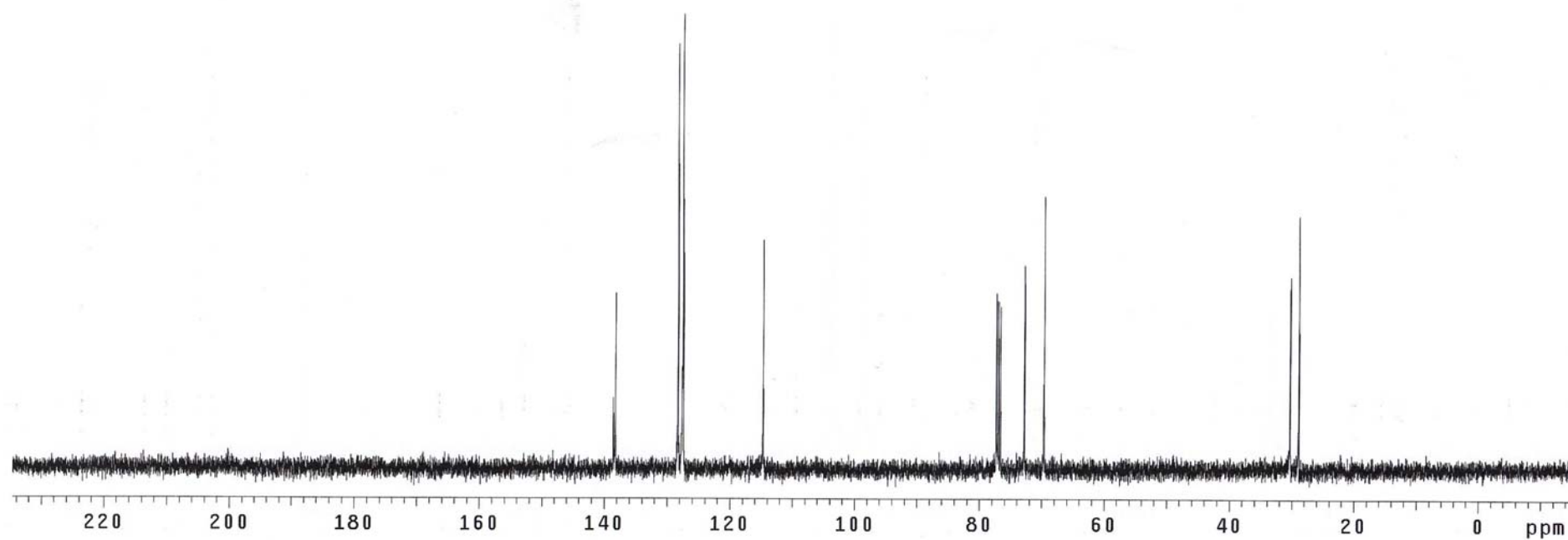
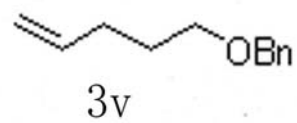


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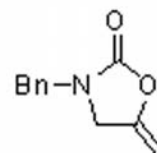
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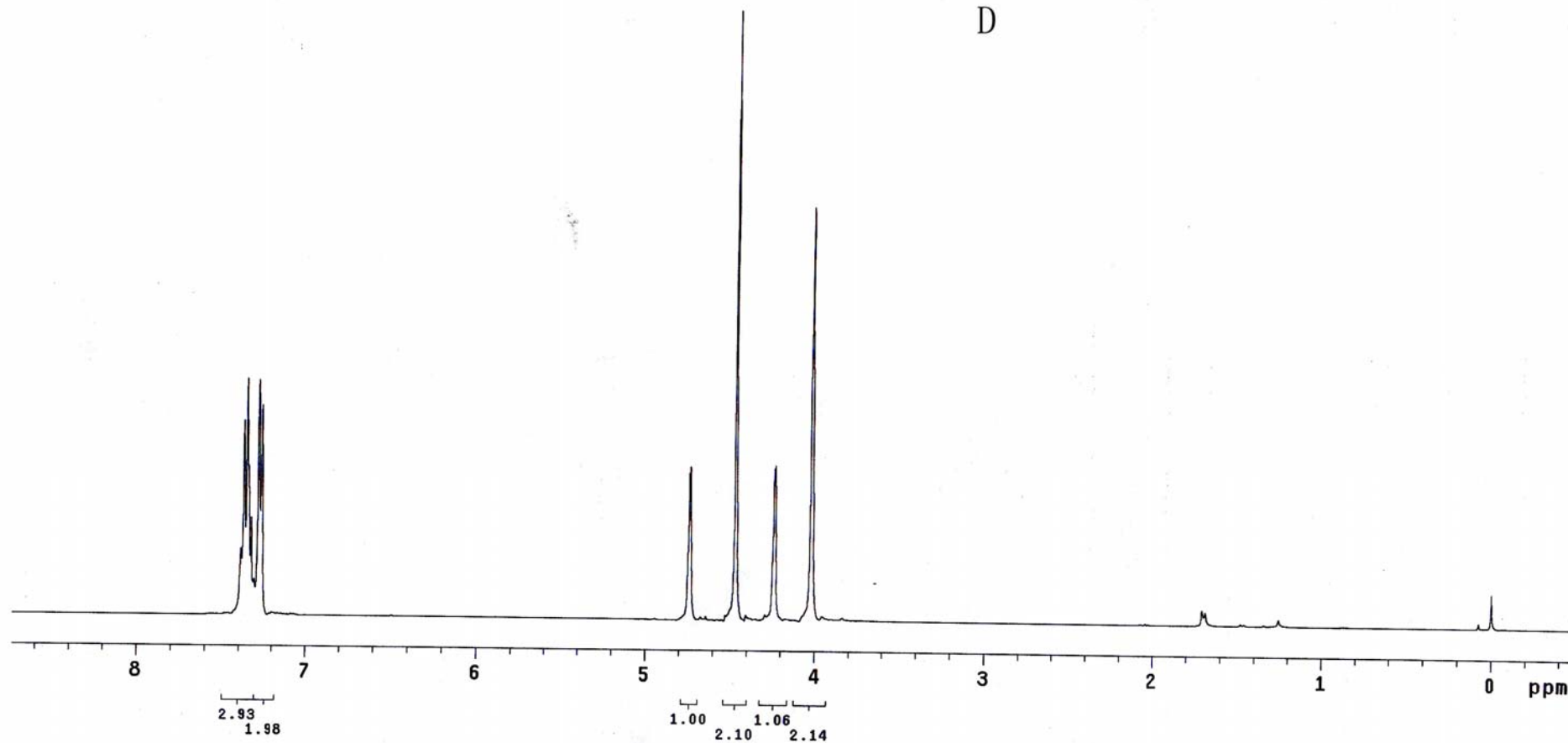
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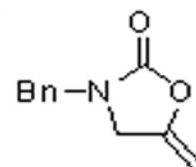
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