

# Supporting Information

## **Design, Preparation, X-ray Crystal Structure, and Reactivity of *o*-Alkoxyphenyliodonium Bis(methoxycarbonyl)methanide, a Highly Soluble Carbene Precursor**

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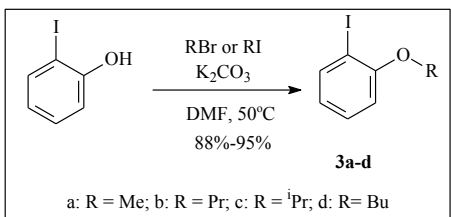
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### ***1. General experimental remarks***

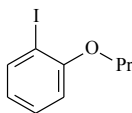
All reactions were performed under dry nitrogen atmosphere with flame-dried glassware. All commercial reagents were ACS reagent grade and used without further purification. Dichloromethane was distilled from  $\text{CaH}_2$  immediately prior to use. Diethyl ether was distilled from Na/benzophenone. All commercial reagents were ACS reagent grade and used without further purification. Melting points were determined in an open capillary tube with a Mel-temp II melting point apparatus. Infrared spectra were recorded as a KBr pellet on a Perkin-Elmer 1600 series FT-IR spectrophotometer. NMR spectra were recorded on a Varian Inova 500 MHz NMR spectrometer at 500 MHz ( $^1\text{H}$  NMR) and 125 MHz ( $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR). Chemical shifts are reported in parts per million (ppm).  $^1\text{H}$  and  $^{13}\text{C}$  chemical shifts are referenced relative to the tetramethylsilane. GC-MS analysis was carried out with a HP 5890A Gas Chromatograph using a 5970 Series mass selective detector. Microanalyses were carried out by Atlantic Microlab, Inc., Norcross, Georgia.

## 2. Preparation and characterization of ethers of 2-iodophenol 3a-d.



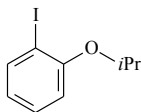
To a solution of 2-iodophenol (10.0 mmol) in dry DMF (20 mL) potassium carbonate (50.0 mmol) was added under stirring. After 10 min the appropriate alkyl bromide or alkyl iodide (15.0 mmol) was added to the reaction mixture. The reaction was stirred at 50 °C for 3 h. The solvent was evaporated in vacuum and the residue was extracted with ethyl acetate. Then the mixture was separated by column chromatography using the mixture EtOAc/hexanes (1:3) to afford the pure product **3**.

### 1-Iodo-2-propoxybenzene 3b.<sup>1</sup>



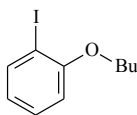
Reaction of propyl iodide with 2-iodophenol (2.2 g, 10.0 mmol) according to the general procedure afforded 2.2 g (85%) of product **3b**, isolated as colorless oil.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  7.76 (d,  $J = 7.5$ , 1H), 7.32-7.22 (m, 1H), 6.81 (d,  $J = 8$ , 1H), 6.69 (t,  $J = 7.5$ , 1H), 3.97 (t,  $J = 6.3$  Hz, 2H), 1.91-1.80 (m, 2H), 1.1 (t,  $J = 7.5$  Hz, 3H).

### 1-Iodo-2-isopropoxybenzene 3c.<sup>1</sup>



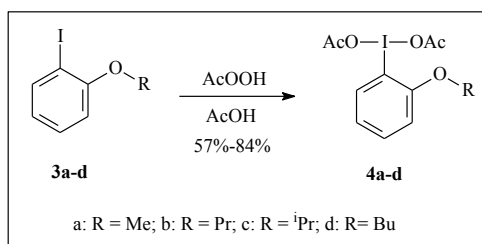
Reaction of isopropyl bromide with 2-iodophenol (2.2 g, 10.0 mmol) according to the general procedure afforded 2.4 g (90%) of product **3c**, isolated as colorless oil.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  7.76 (dd,  $J = 7.5$ , 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.29-7.24 (m, 1H), 6.82 (dd,  $J = 8.3$ , 1.0 Hz, 1H), 6.68 (td,  $J = 7.5$ , 1.0 Hz, 1H), 4.55 (sept,  $J = 6.3$  Hz, 1H), 1.38 (d,  $J = 6.3$  Hz, 6H).

### 1-Iodo-2-butoxybenzene **3d**.<sup>1</sup>



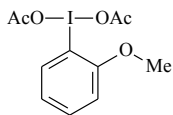
Reaction of butyl bromide with 2-iodophenol (2.2 g, 10.0 mmol) according to the general procedure afforded 2.6 g (95%) of product **3d**, isolated as colorless oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 7.75 (dd, *J* = 7.8, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.3-7.22 (m, 1H), 6.79 (dd, *J* = 8.0, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 6.68 (td, *J* = 7.8, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 4.0 (t, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 2H), 1.85-1.77 (m, 2H), 1.61-1.51 (m, 2H), 0.99 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 3H).

### 3. Preparation and characterization of 1-diacetoxy-2-alkoxyphenyl-λ<sup>3</sup>-iodanes **4**.



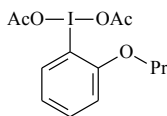
The mixture of acetic anhydride (30 mL) and 30% H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> (10 mL) was stirred at 40°C overnight, then the appropriate 2-iodophenol derivative **1** (5.0 mmol) was added and the mixture was stirred at 40°C for 8 h. Then the reaction mixture was concentrated in vacuum and washed with water followed by hexanes several times, then dried in vacuum to give products **4** in the form of light yellow solids, which can be used for the preparation of iodonium ylides **3** without additional recrystallization.

### 1-Diacetoxy-2-methoxyphenyl-λ<sup>3</sup>-iodane **4a**.



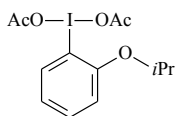
Reaction of 1-iodo-2-methoxybenzene **3a** (1.17 g, 5 mmol) with peracetic acid according to the general procedure afforded 1.51 g (87%) of product **4a**, isolated as light yellow solid, mp 140-142 °C (lit.<sup>2</sup>, mp 139-140 °C); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 8.14 (dd, *J* = 7.5, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.62-7.56 (m, 1H), 7.2-7.14 (m, 1H), 7.04 (td, *J* = 7.6, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 3.99 (s, 3H), 1.97 (s, 6H).

### 1-Diacetoxy-2-propoxyphenyl- $\lambda^3$ -iodane **4b**.



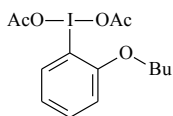
Reaction of 1-iodo-2-propoxybenzene **3b** (0.90 g, 3.43 mmol) with peracetic acid according to the general procedure afforded 1.19 g (85%) of product **4b**, isolated as light yellow solid, mp 98-100 °C (lit.<sup>2</sup>, mp 97.2-98 °C); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  8.13 (d,  $J$  = 8 Hz, 1H), 7.62-7.48 (m, 1H), 7.13 (d,  $J$  = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.06-6.98 (m, 1H), 4.11 (t,  $J$  = 5.5 Hz, 1H), 2.0 (s, 6H), 1.92 - 1.82 (m, 2H), 1.07 (t,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz, 3H).

### 1-Diacetoxy-2-isopropoxyphenyl- $\lambda^3$ -iodane **4c**.



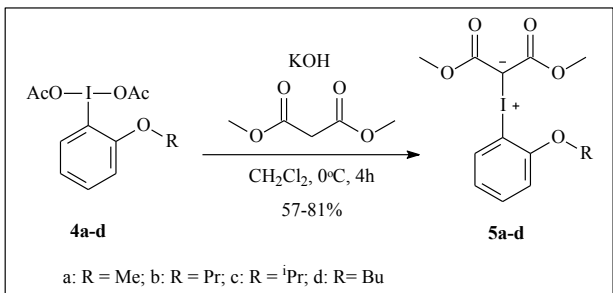
Reaction of 1-iodo-2-isopropoxybenzene **3c** (0.90 g, 3.43 mmol) with peracetic acid according to the general procedure afforded 0.63 g (53%) of product **4c**, isolated as light yellow solid, mp 84-86 °C (lit.<sup>2</sup>, mp 84.2-84.8 °C); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  8.12 (dd,  $J$  = 7.8, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.58-7.48 (m, 1H), 7.13 (d,  $J$  = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.0 (t,  $J$  = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 4.73 (sept,  $J$  = 6 Hz, 1H), 1.97 (s, 6H), 1.41 (d,  $J$  = 6 Hz, 6H).

### 1-Diacetoxy-2-butoxyphenyl- $\lambda^3$ -iodane **4d**.



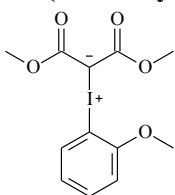
Reaction of 1-iodo-2-butoxybenzene **3d** (1.00 g, 3.62 mmol) with peracetic acid according to the general procedure afforded 1.08 g (72%) of product **4d**, isolated as light yellow solid, mp 73-75 °C (lit.<sup>2</sup>, mp 75-76 °C); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  8.12 (d,  $J$  = 8 Hz, 1H), 7.58 (t,  $J$  = 8 Hz, 1H), 7.13 (d,  $J$  = 8 Hz, 1H), 7.01 (t,  $J$  = 8 Hz, 1H), 4.15 (t,  $J$  = 5.8 Hz, 1H), 1.96 (s, 6H), 1.88-1.78 (m, 2H), 1.6-1.48 (m, 2H), 0.98 (t,  $J$  = 7 Hz, 3H).

#### 4. Preparation and characterization of 2-alkoxyphenyliodonium ylides 5.

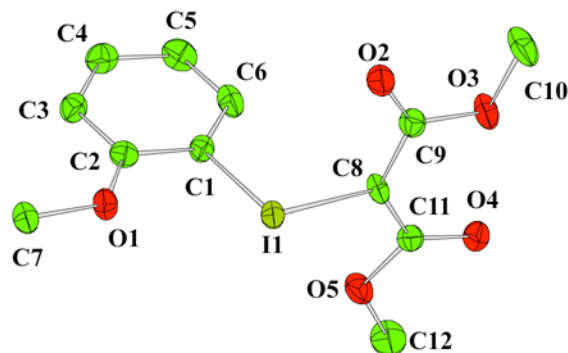


To a stirred solution of KOH (15 mmol) in  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  (15 mL) was added dimethyl malonate (4.0 mmol). The heterogeneous mixture was cooled at  $0^\circ\text{C}$  (ice/water bath) and stirred vigorously for 10 min to produce a milky white suspension. Then the appropriate 1-diacetoxy-2-alkoxyphenyl- $\lambda^3$ -iodanes **4** (3.0 mmol) was added and the reaction mixture was stirred vigorously for 4.0 h at  $0^\circ\text{C}$ . The reaction mixture was then filtered and washed three times with  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  (10 mL). The yellow solution was then concentrated under reduced pressure below  $20^\circ\text{C}$ , and dried in vacuum to give products **5** in the form of off-white solid, which was further recrystallized from  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ /Hexane.

##### Bis(methoxycarbonyl)-2-methoxyphenyliodonio-methanide **5a**.



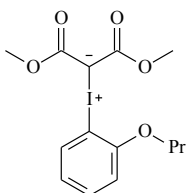
Reaction of 1-diacetoxy-2-methoxyphenyl- $\lambda^3$ -iodane **4a** (1.06 g, 3.0 mmol) according to the general procedure afforded 0.82 g (75%) of product **5a**, isolated as off-white solid, mp  $126^\circ\text{C}$  (with decomposition); IR (KBr)  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ : 3080, 2977, 2939, 2886, 1685, 1565, 1433, 1308, 1006, 813;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  7.77 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1H), 7.31 (t,  $J = 7.5$  Hz, 1H), 6.83 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1H), 6.71 (t,  $J = 7.5$  Hz, 1H), 3.85-3.88 (m, 9H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  162.6, 158.1, 139.5, 135.4, 129.5, 122.5, 111.0, 85.9, 56.3, 53.4. Anal. Calcd for  $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{13}\text{IO}_5$ : C, 39.58; H, 3.60; Found: C, 39.62; H, 3.59.



**Figure 1.** X-ray crystal structure of bis(methoxycarbonyl)-2-methoxyphenyliodinio-methanide **5a**.

Single crystals of product **5a** suitable for X-ray crystallographic analysis were obtained by slow evaporation of the  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ -hexane solution of **5a**. X-ray diffraction data were collected on Rigaku RAPID II diffractometer using graphite-monochromated  $\text{MoK}\alpha$  radiation ( $\lambda = 0.71073 \text{ \AA}$ ) at 123 K. Multi-scan absorption correction was applied to the data using CrystalClear 2.0 program (Rigaku Inc. 2010). The structure was solved by Patterson method (PATTY) using CrystalStructure 4.0 program and refined by full-matrix least-squares refinement on  $F^2$  using Crystals for Windows program. Crystal data for **5a**  $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{13}\text{I}_1\text{O}_5$ :  $M = 364.14$ ; monoclinic, space group  $P2_1/n$ ;  $a = 8.5395(5)$ ,  $b = 7.7736(5)$ ;  $c = 19.6400(13) \text{ \AA}$ ;  $\beta = 90.848(6)$ ;  $V = 1303.61(14) \text{ \AA}^3$ ;  $Z = 4$ ;  $\mu = 2.467 \text{ mm}^{-1}$ , 11928 reflections measured, 2971 unique; final  $R_1 = 0.0448$ ,  $R_w = 0.1206$ . A cif file containing crystallographic data for compound **5a** is provided as Supporting Information with this article.

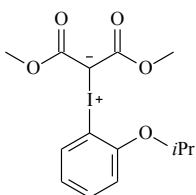
#### Bis(methoxycarbonyl) - 2- propoxyphenyliodinio-methanide **5b**.



Reaction of 1-diacetoxy-2-propoxyphenyl- $\lambda^3$ -iodane **4b** (1.14 g, 3.0 mmol) according to

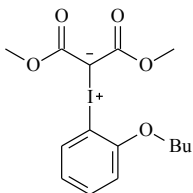
the general procedure afforded 0.95 g (81%) of product **5b**, isolated as off-white solid, mp 132 °C (with decomposition); IR (KBr)  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ : 3068, 2970, 2931, 1605, 1587, 1486, 1364, 1306, 1077, 986;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  7.77 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1H), 7.29 (d,  $J = 7.5$  Hz, 1H), 6.79 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1H), 6.69 (t,  $J = 7.5$  Hz, 1H), 3.96-3.99 (m, 2H), 3.86-3.90 (m, 6H), 1.84-1.87 (m, 2H), 1.09 (t,  $J = 7.5$  Hz, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  162.6, 157.6, 139.4, 135.4, 129.4, 122.3, 112.1, 86.7, 70.7, 53.4, 22.5, 10.8. Anal. Calcd for  $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{17}\text{IO}_5$ : C, 42.87; H, 4.37; Found: C, 42.95; H, 4.31.

**Bis(methoxycarbonyl)-2- isopropoxyphenyliodinio-methanide 5c.**



Reaction of 1-diacetoxy-2-isopropoxyphenyl- $\lambda^3$ -iodane **4c** (1.14 g, 3.0 mmol) according to the general procedure afforded 0.78 g (67%) of product **5c**, isolated as off-white solid, mp 117 °C (with decomposition); IR (KBr)  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ : 3040, 2954, 2927, 1590, 1534, 1352, 1321, 1031;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  7.77 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1H), 7.25-7.28 (m, 1H), 6.83 (d,  $J = 8.5$  Hz, 1H), 6.69 (t,  $J = 7.5$  Hz, 1H), 4.53-4.57 (m, 1H), 3.87 (s, 6H), 1.39 (d,  $J = 6.0$  Hz, 6H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  162.7, 156.8, 139.6, 135.4, 129.2, 122.4, 114.4, 88.6, 72.1, 53.4, 21.9. Anal. Calcd for  $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{17}\text{IO}_5$ : C, 42.87; H, 4.37; Found: C, 43.03; H, 4.29.

**Bis(methoxycarbonyl)-2-butoxyphenyliodinio-methanide 5d.**



Reaction of 1-diacetoxy-2-propoxyphenyl- $\lambda^3$ -iodane **4d** (1.18 g, 3.0 mmol) according to

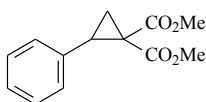


the general procedure afforded 0.69 g (57%) of product **5d**, isolated as off-white solid, mp 106 °C (with decomposition); IR (KBr)  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ : 3027, 2974, 2921, 1683, 1546, 1348, 1279, 1137, 948;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  7.77 (d,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.27-7.29 (m, 1H), 6.80 (d,  $J$  = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 6.69 (t,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 4.02 (t,  $J$  = 6.5 Hz, 2H), 3.85-3.88 (m, 6H), 1.81-1.83 (m, 2H), 1.54-1.58 (m, 2H), 0.97-1.01 (m, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  162.7, 157.7, 139.4, 135.4, 129.4, 122.3, 112.1, 86.7, 68.9, 53.4, 31.2, 19.4, 13.8. Anal. Calcd for  $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{19}\text{IO}_5$ : C, 44.35; H, 4.71; Found: C, 44.87; H, 4.24.

### 5. General procedure for the cyclopropanation of olefins with iodonium ylide **5a**.

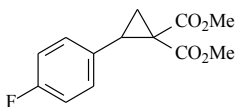
To a solution of the  $\text{Rh}_2(\text{OAc})_4$  (5 mol %) in 3 mL of  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  were added alkene (5.0 mmol) and **5a** (1 mmol). The reaction was stirred at room temperature. The solution was then concentrated and purified by chromatography on silica gel to give the corresponding cyclopropanedicarboxylates **6**.

#### Dimethyl 2-phenylcyclopropane-1,1-dicarboxylate **6a**.<sup>3</sup>



Reaction of styrene (1.0 mmol) with  $\text{Rh}_2(\text{OAc})_4$  (5 mol%) according to the general procedure, purified by chromatography on silica gel to afford 0.21 g (90%) of product, isolated as colorless oil.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  7.28-7.17 (m, 5H), 3.77 (s, 3H), 3.34 (s, 3H), 3.23 (t,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 2.19 (dd,  $J$  = 8.0, 5.0 Hz, 1H), 1.73 (dd,  $J$  = 9.0, 5.0 Hz, 1H)

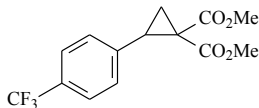
#### Dimethyl 2-(4-fluorophenyl)cyclopropane-1,1-dicarboxylate **6b**.<sup>3</sup>



Reaction of 4-fluorostyrene (1.0 mmol) with  $\text{Rh}_2(\text{OAc})_4$  (5 mol%) according to the general procedure, purified by chromatography on silica gel to afford 0.24 g (95%) of product, isolated as colorless oil.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  7.16-7.19 (m, 2H), 6.95-6.99 (m, 2H), 3.80 (s, 3H), 3.40 (s, 3H), 3.20 (t,  $J$  = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 2.16 (dd,  $J$  = 8.0,

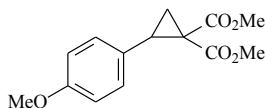
5.0 Hz, 1H), 1.74 (dd,  $J = 9.0, 5.0$  Hz, 1H).

**Dimethyl 2-(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)cyclopropane-1,1-dicarboxylate 6c.<sup>5</sup>**



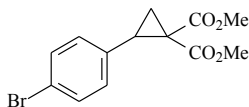
Reaction of 4-(trifluoromethyl)styrene (1.0 mmol) with  $\text{Rh}_2(\text{OAc})_4$  (5 mol%) according to the general procedure, purified by chromatography on silica gel to afforded 0.29 g (96%) of product, isolated as colorless oil.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  7.53 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2H), 7.31 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2H), 3.80 (s, 3H), 3.39 (s, 3H), 3.26 (t,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1H), 2.21 (dd,  $J = 8.0, 5.0$  Hz, 1H), 1.79 (dd,  $J = 9.0, 5.0$  Hz, 1H).

**Dimethyl 2-(4-methoxyphenyl)cyclopropane-1,1-dicarboxylate 6d.<sup>3</sup>**



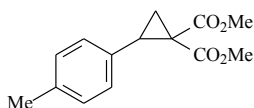
Reaction of 4-vinylanisole (1.0 mmol) with  $\text{Rh}_2(\text{OAc})_4$  (5 mol%) according to the general procedure, purified by chromatography on silica gel to afforded 0.21 g (81%) of product, isolated as colorless oil.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  7.11 (d,  $J = 8.5$  Hz, 2H), 6.80 (d,  $J = 8.5$  Hz, 2H), 3.77 (s, 3H), 3.76 (s, 3H), 3.38 (s, 3H), 3.18 (t,  $J = 8.5$  Hz, 1H), 2.14 (dd,  $J = 8.0, 5.0$  Hz, 1H), 1.71 (dd,  $J = 9.0, 5.0$  Hz, 1H).

**Dimethyl 2-(4-bromophenyl)cyclopropane-1,1-dicarboxylate 6e.<sup>4</sup>**



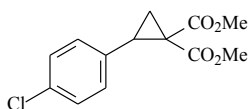
Reaction of 4-bromostyrene (1.0 mmol) with  $\text{Rh}_2(\text{OAc})_4$  (5 mol%) according to the general procedure, purified by chromatography on silica gel to afforded 0.28 g (91%) of product, isolated as colorless oil.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  7.40 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2H), 7.07 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2H), 3.79 (s, 3H), 3.41 (s, 3H), 3.17 (t,  $J = 9.0$  Hz, 1H), 2.15 (dd,  $J = 8.0, 5.0$  Hz, 1H), 1.75 (dd,  $J = 9.0, 5.0$  Hz, 1H).

**Dimethyl 2-(4-methylphenyl)cyclopropane-1,1-dicarboxylate 6f.<sup>3</sup>**



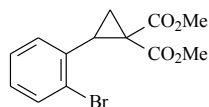
Reaction of 4-methylstyrene (1.0 mmol) with  $\text{Rh}_2(\text{OAc})_4$  (5 mol%) according to the general procedure, purified by chromatography on silica gel to afforded 0.21 g (83%) of product, isolated as colorless oil.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  7.07 (s, 4H), 3.78 (s, 3H), 3.38 (s, 3H), 3.19 (t,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1H), 2.30 (s, 3H), 2.17 (dd,  $J = 8.0, 5.0$  Hz, 1 H), 1.72 (dd,  $J = 9.0, 5.0$  Hz, 1H).

**Dimethyl 2-(4-chlorophenyl)cyclopropane-1,1-dicarboxylate 6g.<sup>5</sup>**



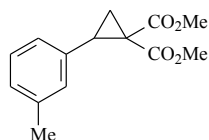
Reaction of 4-chlorostyrene (1.0 mmol) with  $\text{Rh}_2(\text{OAc})_4$  (5 mol%) according to the general procedure, purified by chromatography on silica gel to afforded 0.25 g (93%) of product, isolated as colorless oil.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  7.24 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2H), 7.13 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2H), 3.79 (s, 3H), 3.40 (s, 3H), 3.18 (t,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1H), 2.14 (dd,  $J = 8.0, 5.0$  Hz, 1H), 1.74 (dd,  $J = 9.0, 5.0$  Hz, 1H).

**Dimethyl 2-(2-bromophenyl)cyclopropane-1,1-dicarboxylate 6h.<sup>5</sup>**



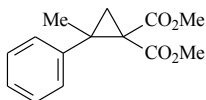
Reaction of 2-bromostyrene (1.0 mmol) with  $\text{Rh}_2(\text{OAc})_4$  (5 mol%) according to the general procedure, purified by chromatography on silica gel to afforded 0.22 g (71%) of product, isolated as colorless oil.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  7.54 (dd,  $J = 8.0, 1.5$  Hz, 1H), 7.21-7.28 (m, 1H), 7.02-7.13 (m, 2H), 3.81 (s, 3H), 3.36 (s, 3H), 3.32-3.34 (m, 1H), 2.25 (dd,  $J = 8.0, 5.0$  Hz, 1H), 1.79 (dd,  $J = 9.0, 5.0$  Hz, 1H).

**Dimethyl 2-(3-methylphenyl)cyclopropane-1,1-dicarboxylate 6i.<sup>6</sup>**



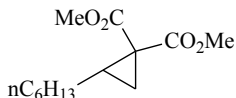
Reaction of 3-methylstyrene (1.0 mmol) with  $\text{Rh}_2(\text{OAc})_4$  (5 mol%) according to the general procedure, purified by chromatography on silica gel to afforded 0.19 g (76%) of product, isolated as colorless oil.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  7.15 (t,  $J = 7.5$  Hz, 1H), 7.04 (s, 1H), 7.02 (s, 1H), 6.96 (d,  $J = 7.5$  Hz, 1H), 3.78 (s, 3H), 3.38 (s, 3H), 3.18 (t,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1H), 2.30 (s, 3H), 2.17 (dd,  $J = 8.0, 5.0$  Hz, 1H), 1.72 (dd,  $J = 9.0, 5.0$  Hz, 1H).

**Dimethyl 2-methyl-2-phenylcyclopropane-1,1-dicarboxylate 6j.**<sup>7</sup>



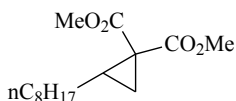
Reaction of  $\alpha$ -methylstyrene (1.0 mmol) with  $\text{Rh}_2(\text{OAc})_4$  (5 mol%) according to the general procedure, purified by chromatography on silica gel to afforded 0.18 g (73%) of product, isolated as colorless oil.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  7.28 (d,  $J = 4.5$  Hz, 4H), 7.22-7.23 (m, 1H), 3.83 (s, 3H), 3.33 (s, 3H), 2.22 (d,  $J = 5.5$  Hz, 1H), 1.70 (d,  $J = 5.5$  Hz, 1H), 1.52 (s, 3H).

**Dimethyl 2-hexylcyclopropane-1,1-dicarboxylate 6k.**<sup>5</sup>



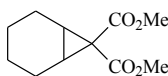
Reaction of 1-octene (1.0 mmol) with  $\text{Rh}_2(\text{OAc})_4$  (5 mol%) according to the general procedure, purified by chromatography on silica gel to afforded 0.19 g (81%) of product, isolated as colorless oil.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  3.76 (s, 3H), 3.72 (s, 3H), 1.82-1.93 (m, 1H), 1.10-1.49 (m, 12H), 0.84 (m, 3H).

**Dimethyl 2-octylcyclopropane-1,1-dicarboxylate 6l.**<sup>9</sup>



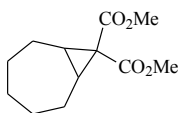
Reaction of 1-decene (1.0 mmol) with  $\text{Rh}_2(\text{OAc})_4$  (5 mol%) according to the general procedure, purified by chromatography on silica gel to afforded 0.21 g (78%) of product, isolated as colorless oil.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  3.76 (s, 3H), 3.72 (s, 3H), 1.88-1.96 (m, 1H), 1.12-1.51 (m, 16H), 0.88 (t,  $J = 7.0$  Hz, 3H).

**7,7-Dimethoxycarbonylbicyclo[4.1.0]heptane 6m.<sup>8</sup>**



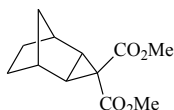
Reaction of cyclohexene (1.0 mmol) with Cu(acac)<sub>2</sub> (5 mol%) according to the general procedure, purified by chromatography on silica gel to afford 0.13 g (61%) of product, isolated as white solid: colorless needles (recrystallized from dichloromethane-hexane); mp 90-92 °C (lit.<sup>7</sup>, mp 91-93 °C); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 3.78 (s, 3H), 3.68 (s, 3H), 1.81-1.99 (m, 6H), 1.24-1.29 (m, 2H), 0.99-1.01 (m, 2H).

**8,8-Dimethoxycarbonylbicyclo[5.1.0]octane 6n.<sup>5</sup>**



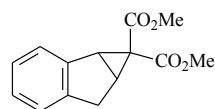
Reaction of cycloheptene (1.0 mmol) with Cu(acac)<sub>2</sub> (5 mol%) according to the general procedure, purified by chromatography on silica gel to afford 0.12 g (55%) of product, isolated as colorless oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 3.76 (s, 3H), 3.69 (s, 3H), 2.09-2.17 (m, 2H), 1.75-1.91 (m, 5H), 1.26-1.42 (m, 2H), 1.07-1.22 (m, 3H)

**Dimethoxycarbonyltricyclo[3.2.1]octane 6o.**



Reaction of norbornene (1.0 mmol) with Cu(acac)<sub>2</sub> (5 mol%) according to the general procedure, purified by chromatography on silica gel to afford 76 mg (34%) of product, isolated as colorless oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 3.83 (s, 3H), 3.59 (s, 3H), 2.91 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 1.52-1.42 (m, 4H), 1.28-1.20 (m, 2H), 0.75 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H).

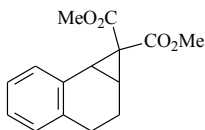
**Dimethyl cyclopropane-indene-1,1-dicarboxylate 6p.<sup>5</sup>**



Reaction of indene (1.0 mmol) with Rh<sub>2</sub>(OAc)<sub>4</sub> (5 mol%) according to the general

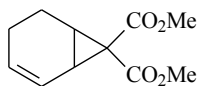
procedure, purified by chromatography on silica gel to afforded 0.19 g (83%) of product, isolated as colorless oil.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  7.34-7.42 (m, 1H), 7.08-7.22 (m, 3H), 3.74 (s, 3H), 3.25-3.24 (m, 3H), 3.23 (s, 3H), 2.66-2.69 (m, 1H).

**Dimethyl 2,3-dihydro-1*H*-cyclopropane-naphthalene-1,1-dicarboxylate 6q.**<sup>5</sup>



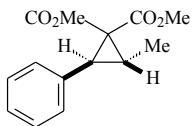
Reaction of 1, 2-dihydronaphthalene (1.0 mmol) with  $\text{Rh}_2(\text{OAc})_4$  (5 mol%) according to the general procedure, purified by chromatography on silica gel to afforded 0.21 g (80%) of product, isolated as white solid.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  7.33-7.35 (m, 1H), 7.08-7.19 (m, 2H), 6.96-7.02 (m, 1H), 3.75 (s, 3H), 3.53 (s, 3H), 2.82 (m, 2H), 2.58-2.76 (m, 1H), 2.18-2.46 (m, 3H).

**Dimethyl bicyclo[4.1.0]hept-2-ene-7,7-dicarboxylate 6r.**<sup>10</sup>



Reaction of 1,3-cyclohexadiene (1.0 mmol) with  $\text{Rh}_2(\text{OAc})_4$  (5 mol%) according to the general procedure, purified by chromatography on silica gel to afforded 0.14 g (66%) of product, isolated as white solid, mp 37-39 °C (lit.<sup>10</sup>, mp 38-39 °C);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  5.88-5.92 (m, 1H), 5.68-5.72 (m, 1H), 3.72 (s, 3H), 3.70 (s, 3H), 2.24-1.89 (m, 5H), 1.67-1.71 (m, 1H).

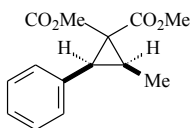
***Trans*-dimethyl 2-methyl-3-phenylcyclopropane-1,1-dicarboxylate 6s.**<sup>5</sup>



Reaction of *trans*- $\beta$ -methylstyrene (1.0 mmol) with  $\text{Rh}_2(\text{OAc})_4$  (5 mol%) according to the general procedure, purified by chromatography on silica gel to afforded 52 mg (21%) of product, isolated as colorless oil.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  7.29-7.16 (m, 5H), 3.78 (s, 3H), 3.36 (s, 3H), 3.06 (d,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 2.57 (dq,  $J$  = 8.0, 6.5 Hz, 1H), 1.27 (d,  $J$  =

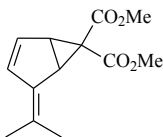
6.4 Hz, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ): 168.5, 167.8, 135.2, 128.9, 128.0, 127.6, 52.6, 52.0, 43.2, 37.9, 25.2, 12.7. The relative stereochemistry was established by NOESY.

***Cis*-dimethyl 2-methyl-3-phenylcyclopropane-1,1-dicarboxylate 6t.<sup>5</sup>**



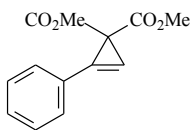
Reaction of *cis*- $\beta$ -methylstyrene (1.0 mmol) with  $\text{Rh}_2(\text{OAc})_4$  (5 mol%) according to the general procedure, purified by chromatography on silica gel to afford 0.18 g (72%) of product, isolated as colorless oil.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  7.37-7.04 (m, 5H), 3.70 (s, 3H), 3.54 (s, 3H), 3.02 (d,  $J$  = 10.5 Hz, 1H), 1.94-2.06 (m, 1H), 1.24 (d,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ): 177.6, 167.9, 133.5, 130.2, 128.1, 126.5, 52.5, 52.0, 27.4, 34.9, 26.8, 10.4. The relative stereochemistry was established by NOESY.

**Dimethyl bicyclo[3.1.0]hex-2-ene-6,6-dicarboxylate 6u.<sup>11</sup>**



Reaction of 6,6-dimethylfulvene (1.0 mmol) with  $\text{Rh}_2(\text{OAc})_4$  (5 mol%) according to the general procedure, purified by chromatography on silica gel to afford 0.13 g (53%) of product, isolated as yellow oil.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  6.23 (d,  $J$  = 5.5 Hz, 1H), 5.92-5.97 (m, 1H), 3.72 (s, 3H), 3.59 (s, 3H), 2.98-3.14 (m, 2H), 2.19 (s, 6H).

**Dimethyl 2-phenylcycloprop-2-ene-1,1-dicarboxylate 7.<sup>12</sup>**

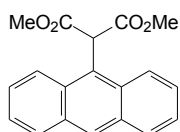


Reaction of phenylacetylene (1.0 mmol) with  $\text{Rh}_2(\text{OAc})_4$  (5 mol%) according to the general procedure, purified by chromatography on silica gel to afford 0.16 g (68%) of product **7**, isolated as pale yellow solid, mp 69-71 °C (lit.<sup>12</sup>, mp 67-70 °C);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  7.62-7.64 (m, 2H), 7.43-7.44 (m, 3H), 6.89 (s, 1H), 3.73 (s, 6H).

## 6. General procedure for C-H insertion reactions using **5a**.

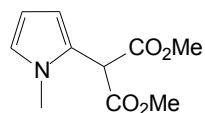
To a solution of the substrate (1 mmol) in 5 mL of CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> were added **5a** (1.5 mmol) and BF<sub>3</sub> • Et<sub>2</sub>O (3.0 mmol) at 0-5°C. Alternatively, the reaction can be conducted in the absence of BF<sub>3</sub> • Et<sub>2</sub>O by refluxing a mixture of ylide **5a** (1.5 equiv), substrate (1.0 equiv), and CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (3 mL). The solution was then concentrated and purified by chromatography on silica gel to give the corresponding C-H insertion product.

### Dimethyl 2-(anthracen-9-yl)malonate (Table 2, entries 1-4).<sup>13</sup>



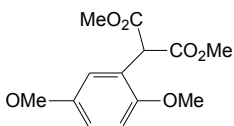
Reaction of anthracene (1.0 mmol) with BF<sub>3</sub> • Et<sub>2</sub>O (3.0 mmol) according to the general procedure, purified by chromatography on silica gel to afford 0.16 g (51%) of product, isolated as white solid, mp 129-131 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 8.48 (s, 1H), 8.24 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 8.01 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.53-7.56 (m, 2H), 7.44-7.48 (m, 2H), 6.10 (s, 1H), 3.71 (s, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 169.3, 131.7, 130.7, 129.4, 129.2, 126.7, 124.9, 124.8, 124.2, 52.8, 51.6.

### 2-bis(methoxycarbonyl)methyl pyrrole (Table 2, entries 5-8).<sup>14</sup>



Reaction of *N*-methyl pyrrole (1.0 mmol) with BF<sub>3</sub> • Et<sub>2</sub>O (3.0 mmol) according to the general procedure, purified by chromatography on silica gel to afford 0.1 g (48%) of product, isolated as colorless oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 6.65 (t, *J* = 2.5 Hz, 1H), 6.23-6.24 (m, 1H), 6.13 (t, *J* = 4.0 Hz, 1H), 4.79 (s, 1H), 3.81 (s, 6H), 3.62 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 167.9, 123.8, 123.0, 109.9, 107.3, 52.9, 50.3, 34.3.

### Dimethyl 2-(2,5-dimethoxyphenyl)malonate (Table 2, entries 9-12).<sup>15</sup>



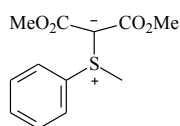


Reaction of *p*-dimethoxybenzene (1.0 mmol) with  $\text{BF}_3 \cdot \text{Et}_2\text{O}$  (3.0 mmol) according to the general procedure, purified by chromatography on silica gel to afforded 0.17 g (62%) of product, isolated as off-orange solid, mp 89-91 °C.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  6.95 (t,  $J = 2.0$  Hz, 1H), 6.85-6.86 (m, 2H), 5.16 (s, 1H), 3.81 (s, 3H), 3.79 (s, 3H), 3.78 (s, 6H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  168.9, 153.6, 151.2, 122.5, 115.7, 114.1, 111.9, 56.4, 55.7, 52.8, 50.8.

### 7. General procedure for the transylidation with various nucleophiles using **5a**

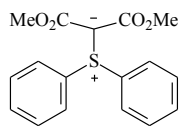
To a solution of the  $\text{Rh}_2(\text{OAc})_4$  (1 mol %) in 5 mL of  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  were added the substrate (1.0 mmol) and **5a** (1.2 mmol). The reaction was stirred at room temperature. The solution was then concentrated and purified by chromatography on silica gel to give the corresponding C-S, C-N, or C-P ylides **8**.

#### Thiophenium bismethoxycarbonylmethylide **8a**.<sup>17,18</sup>



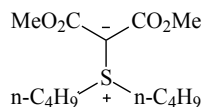
Reaction of thioanisole (1.0 mmol) with  $\text{Rh}_2(\text{OAc})_4$  (1 mol %) according to the general procedure, purified by chromatography on silica gel to afforded 0.23 g (91%) of product, isolated as reddish solid, mp 123-125 °C (lit.<sup>17</sup>, mp 126-127 °C);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  7.61-7.63 (m, 1H), 7.48-7.49 (m, 2H), 7.28-7.30 (m, 2H), 3.71 (s, 6H), 2.49 (s, 3H).

#### Dimethyl-2-(diphenylsulfuranylidene)malonate **8b**.<sup>22</sup>



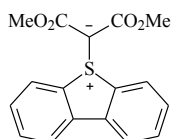
Reaction of diphenyl sulfoxide (1.0 mmol) with  $\text{Rh}_2(\text{OAc})_4$  (1 mol %) according to the general procedure, purified by chromatography on silica gel to afforded 0.29 g (93%) of product, isolated as colorless solid, mp 128-130 °C (lit.<sup>22</sup>, mp 126-127 °C);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  7.63-7.65 (m, 4H), 7.49-7.53 (m, 6H), 3.69 (s, 6H).

### Dimethyl-2-(dibutylsulfuranylidene)malonate 8c.<sup>19</sup>

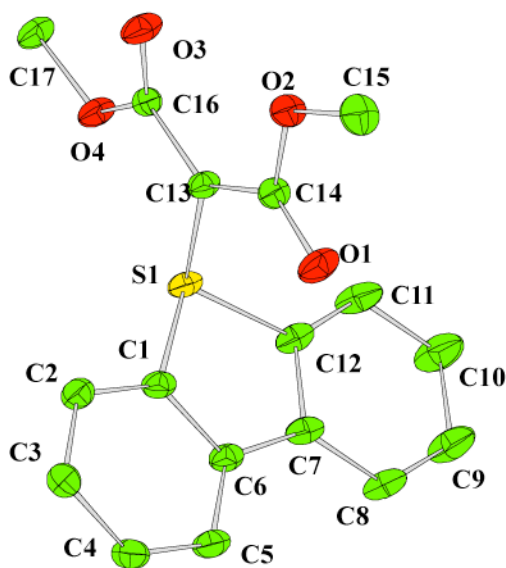


Reaction of dibutyl sulfide (1.0 mmol) with  $\text{Rh}_2(\text{OAc})_4$  (1 mol %) according to the general procedure, purified by chromatography on silica gel to afforded 0.22 g (80%) of product, isolated as colorless oil;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  3.67 (s, 6H), 2.76-2.82 (m, 4H), 1.56-1.62 (m, 4H), 1.35-1.45 (m, 3H), 0.90 (t,  $J = 7.5$  Hz, 6H).

### Dibenzothiophenium bismethoxycarbonylmethylide 8d.<sup>21</sup>



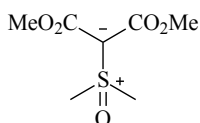
Reaction of dibenzothiophene (1.0 mmol) with  $\text{Rh}_2(\text{OAc})_4$  (1 mol %) according to the general procedure, purified by chromatography on silica gel to afforded 0.26 g (82%) of product, isolated as white solid, mp 159-160 °C (lit.<sup>21</sup>, mp 160-161 °C);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  7.97 (d,  $J = 7.5$  Hz, 2H), 7.77 (d,  $J = 7.5$  Hz, 2H), 7.63 (t,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2H), 7.51 (t,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2H), 3.85 (s, 3H), 3.29 (s, 3H).



**Figure 2.** X-ray crystal structure of product 8d.

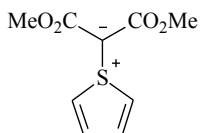
Single crystals of dibenzothiophenium bismethoxycarbonylmethylide **8d** suitable for X-ray crystallographic analysis were obtained by slow evaporation of CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>-hexane solution of the compound. X-ray diffraction data were collected on Rigaku RAPID II diffractometer using graphite-monochromated MoK $\alpha$  radiation ( $\lambda$  = 0.71073 Å) at 123 K. Multi-scan absorption correction was applied to the data using CrystalClear 2.0 program (Rigaku Inc. 2010). The structure was solved by direct method (SIR-2004) using CrystalStructure 4.0 program and refined by full-matrix least-squares refinement on F<sup>2</sup> using Crystals for Windows program. Disordered solvent molecule was eliminated from the unit cell using SQUIZE procedure implemented into Crystals for Windows program. Crystal data for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>14</sub>S<sub>1</sub>O<sub>4</sub>: M = 314.36; monoclinic, space group P21/c; a = 5.5663(3), b = 17.8925(9); c = 16.0834(11) Å;  $\beta$  = 90.338(6); V = 1601.80(16) Å<sup>3</sup>; Z = 4;  $\mu$  = 0.216 mm<sup>-1</sup>, 13884 reflections measured, 3663 unique; final R<sub>1</sub> = 0.0447, R<sub>w</sub> = 0.1247. A cif file containing crystallographic data for dibenzothiophenium bismethoxycarbonylmethylide is provided as Supporting Information with this article.

#### Dimethyl sulfoxonium bismethoxymethylide **8e**.<sup>23</sup>



Reaction of dimethyl sulfoxide (1.0 mmol) with Rh<sub>2</sub>(OAc)<sub>4</sub> (1 mol %) according to the general procedure, purified by chromatography on silica gel to afforded 0.15 g (74%) of product, isolated as yellowish solid, mp 159-160 °C (lit.<sup>23</sup>, mp 157-158 °C); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  3.73 (s, 6H), 3.67 (s, 6H).

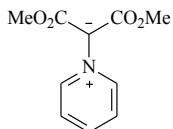
#### Thiophenium bis(methoxycarbonyl)methylide **8f**.<sup>20</sup>



Reaction of thiophene (1.0 mmol) with Rh<sub>2</sub>(OAc)<sub>4</sub> (1 mol %) according to the general procedure, purified by chromatography on silica gel to afforded 0.17 g (83%) of product, isolated as off-yellow solid, mp 148-150 °C (lit.<sup>20</sup>, mp 145-146 °C); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz,

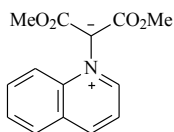
CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.19-7.20 (m, 2H), 6.96-6.98 (m, 2H), 3.69 (s, 6H).

**2-Pyridinium bis(methoxycarbonyl)methylide 8g.**<sup>24</sup>



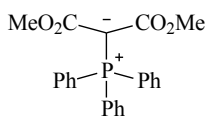
Reaction of pyridine (1.0 mmol) with Rh<sub>2</sub>(OAc)<sub>4</sub> (1 mol %) according to the general procedure, purified by chromatography on silica gel to afforded 0.18 g (85%) of product, isolated as yellowish solid, mp 184-185 °C (lit.<sup>24</sup>, mp 185-186 °C); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  8.59 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 8.19 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.76 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 3.71 (s, 6H).

**Quinolinium bis(methoxycarbonyl)methylide 8h.**<sup>25</sup>



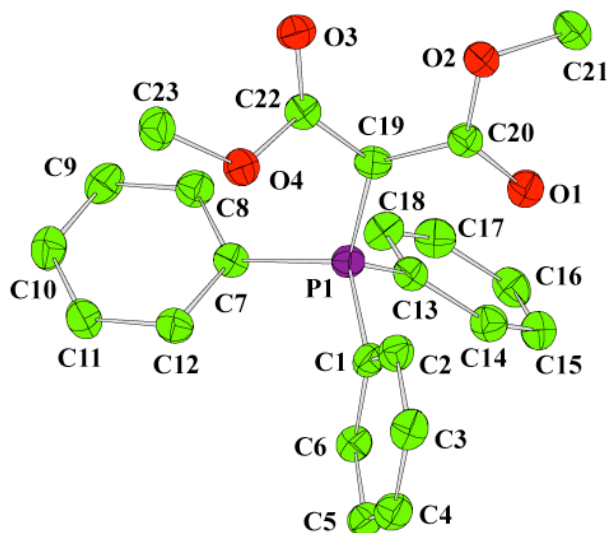
Reaction of quinoline (1.0 mmol) with Cu(acac)<sub>2</sub> (5 mol%) according to the general procedure, purified by chromatography on silica gel to afforded 0.24 g (91%) of product, isolated as red solid, mp 199-201 °C (lit.<sup>25</sup>, mp 197 °C); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  8.92 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 8.14 (t, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 7.78 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.70 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 7.52 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 7.36-7.38 (m, 1H), 3.79 (s, 6H).

**Triphenylphosphonium bis(methoxycarbonyl)methylide 8i.**<sup>25</sup>



Reaction of triphenylphosphine (1.0 mmol) with Cu(acac)<sub>2</sub> (5 mol%) according to the general procedure, purified by chromatography on silica gel to afforded 0.26 g (67%) of product, isolated as red solid, mp 179-181 °C (lit.<sup>25</sup>, mp 183 °C); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.69-7.74 (m, 6H), 7.53-7.56 (m, 3H), 7.45-7.49 (m, 6H), 3.34 (s, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  168.4 (d, *J* (PC) = 13.75 Hz), 133.3 (d, *J* (PC) = 10.00 Hz),

131.9 (d,  $J$  (PC) = 2.75 Hz), 128.5 (d,  $J$  (PC) = 12.75 Hz), 126.8, 126.1, 53.7, 52.8, 50.1;  $^{31}\text{P}$  NMR (81.0 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  26.8.



**Figure 3.** X-ray crystal structure of triphenylphosphonium bis(methoxycarbonyl)methylide **8i**.

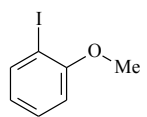
Single crystals of product **8i** suitable for X-ray crystallographic analysis were obtained by slow evaporation of the  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ -hexane solution. X-ray diffraction data were collected on Rigaku RAPID II diffractometer using graphite-monochromated  $\text{MoK}\alpha$  radiation ( $\lambda = 0.71073 \text{ \AA}$ ) at 123 K. Multi-scan absorption correction was applied to the data using CrystalClear 2.0 program (Rigaku Inc. 2010). The structure was solved by direct method (SIR-2004) using CrystalStructure 4.0 program and refined by full-matrix least-squares refinement on  $F^2$  using Crystals for Windows program. Crystal data for  $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{21}\text{P}_1\text{O}_4$ :  $M = 392.39$ ; triclinic, space group P-1;  $a = 9.3953(5)$ ,  $b = 10.2384(5)$ ;  $c = 10.6318(7) \text{ \AA}$ ;  $\alpha = 95.355(7)^\circ$ ,  $\beta = 92.172(7)^\circ$ ,  $\gamma = 109.933(8)^\circ$ ;  $V = 954.58(11) \text{ \AA}^3$ ;  $Z = 2$ ;  $\mu = 0.171 \text{ mm}^{-1}$ , 31331 reflections measured, 4371 unique; final  $R_1 = 0.0519$ ,  $R_w = 0.1062$ . A cif file containing crystallographic data for triphenylphosphonium bis(methoxycarbonyl)methylide is provided as Supporting Information with this article.

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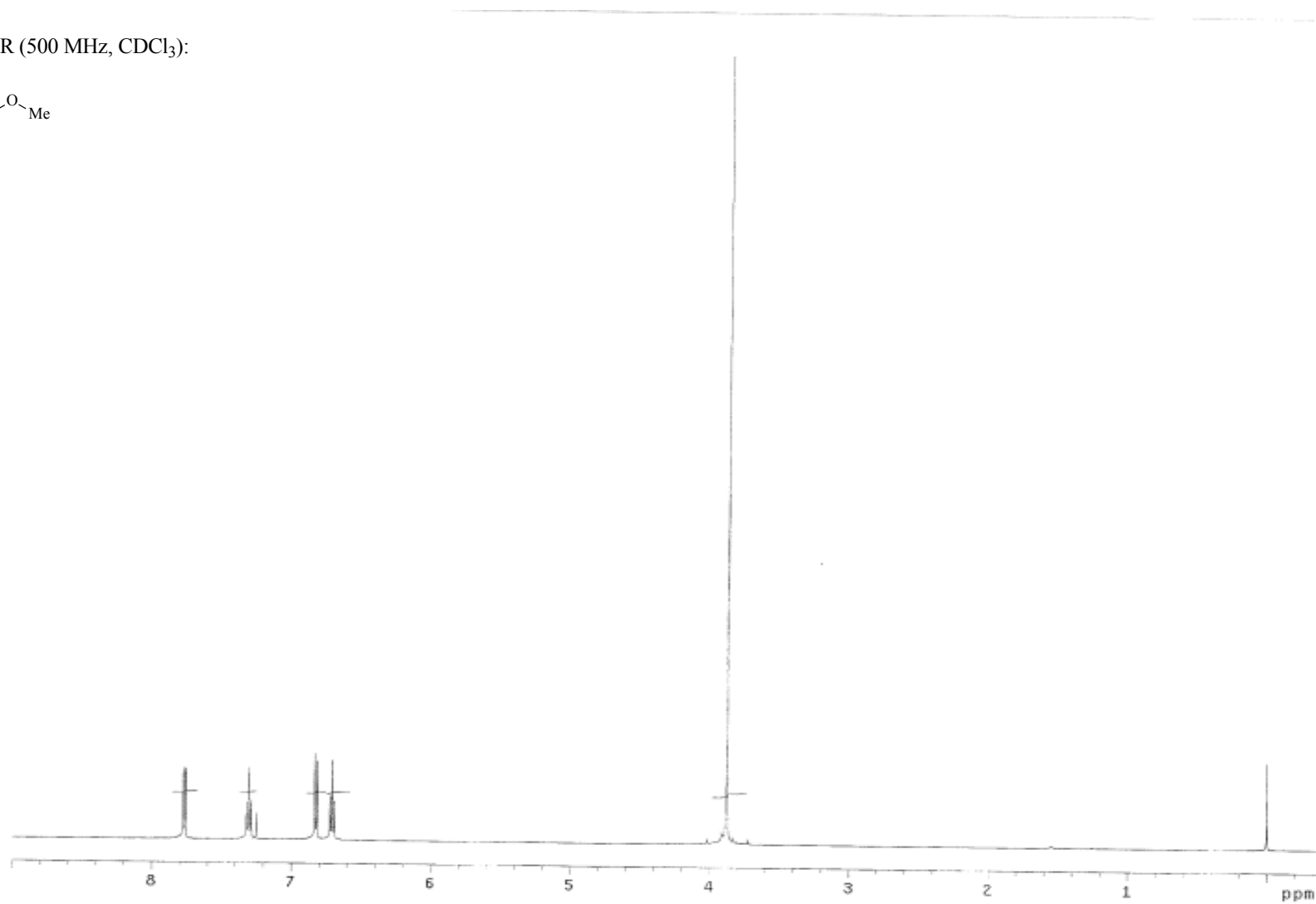
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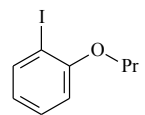


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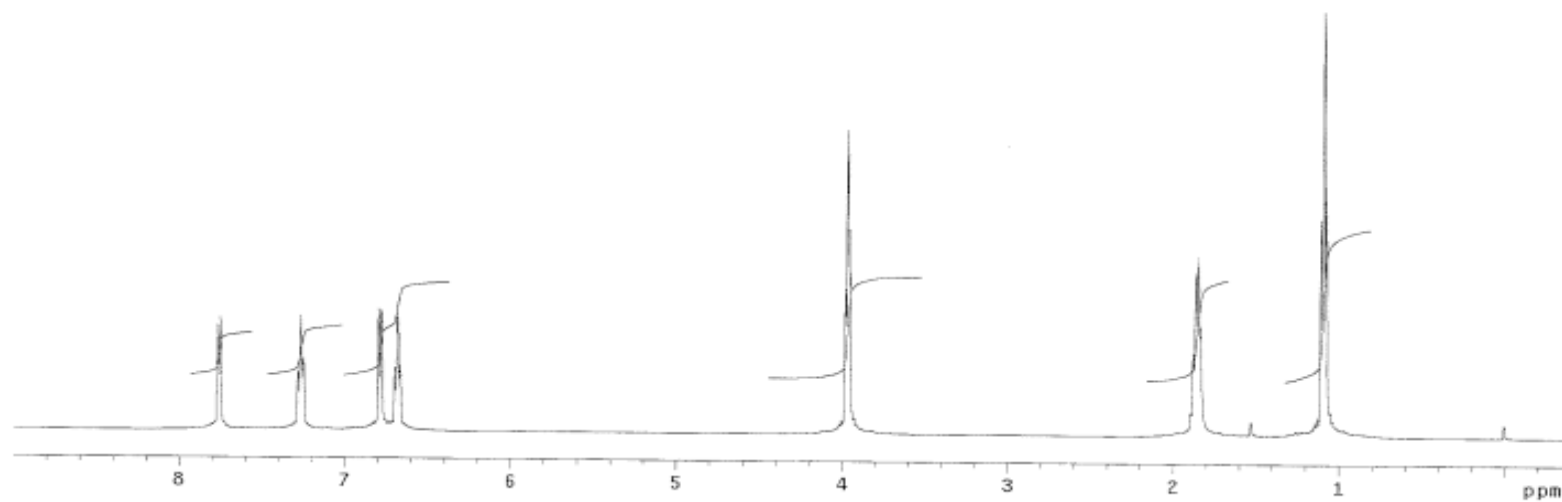




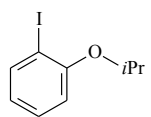
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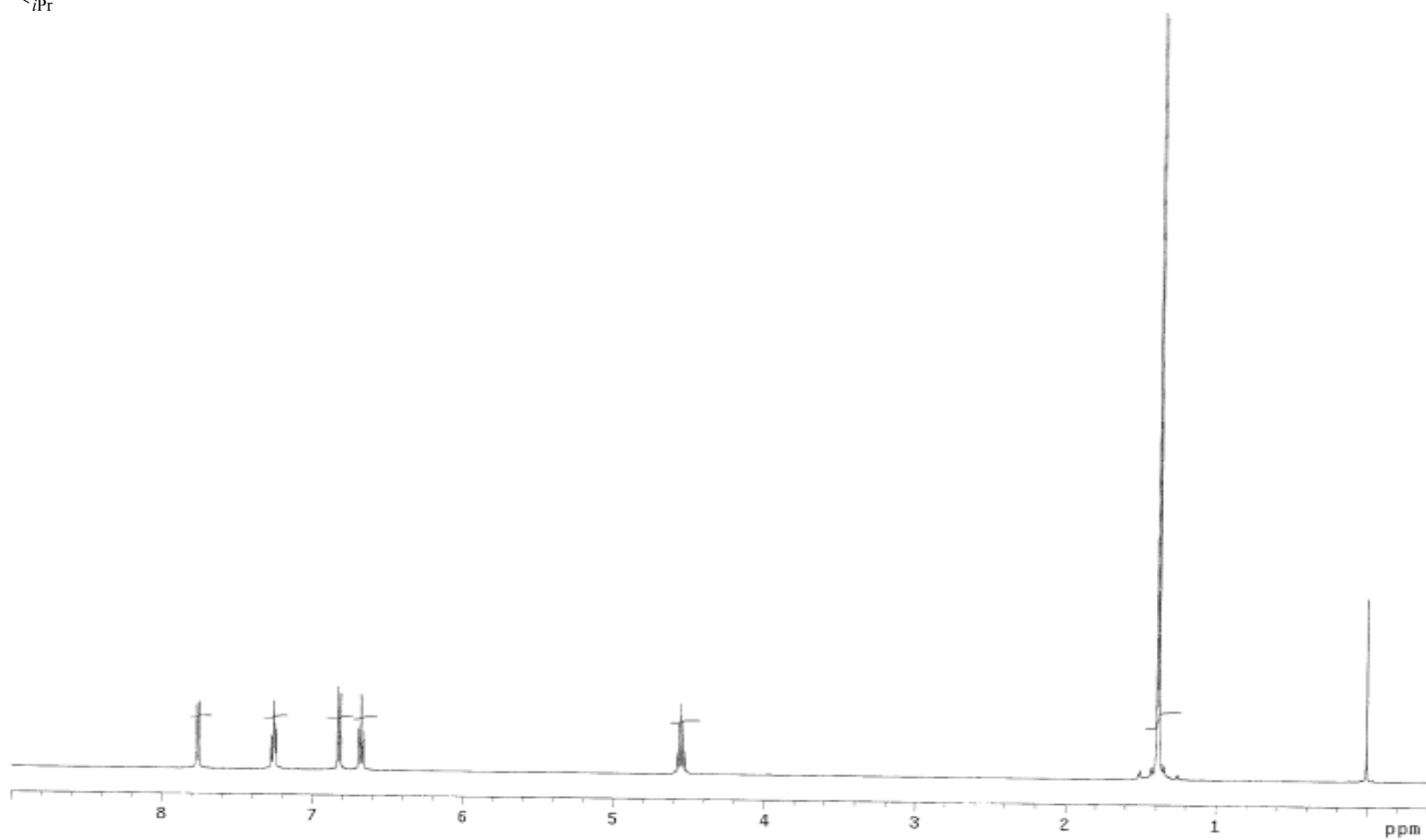
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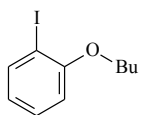
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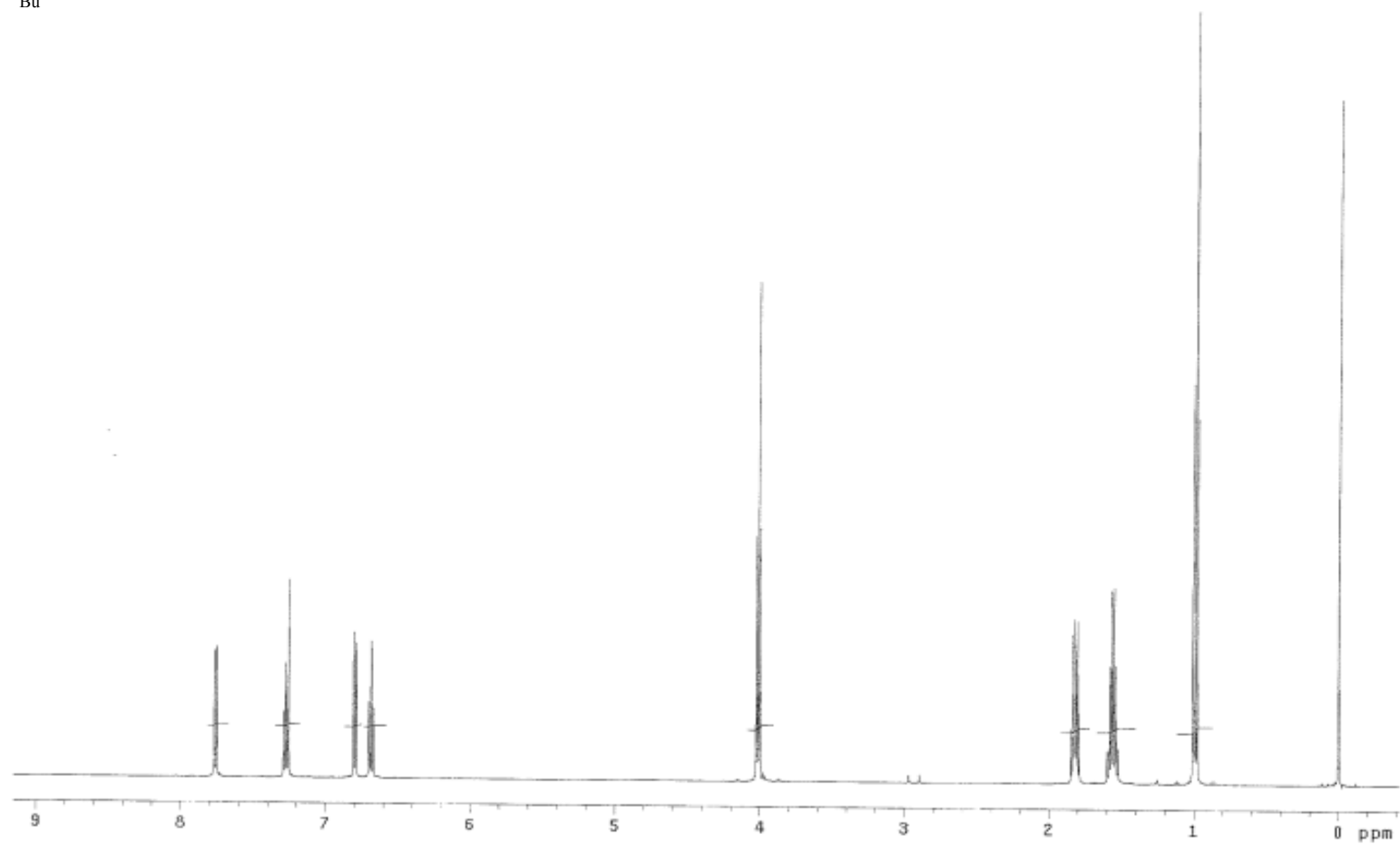
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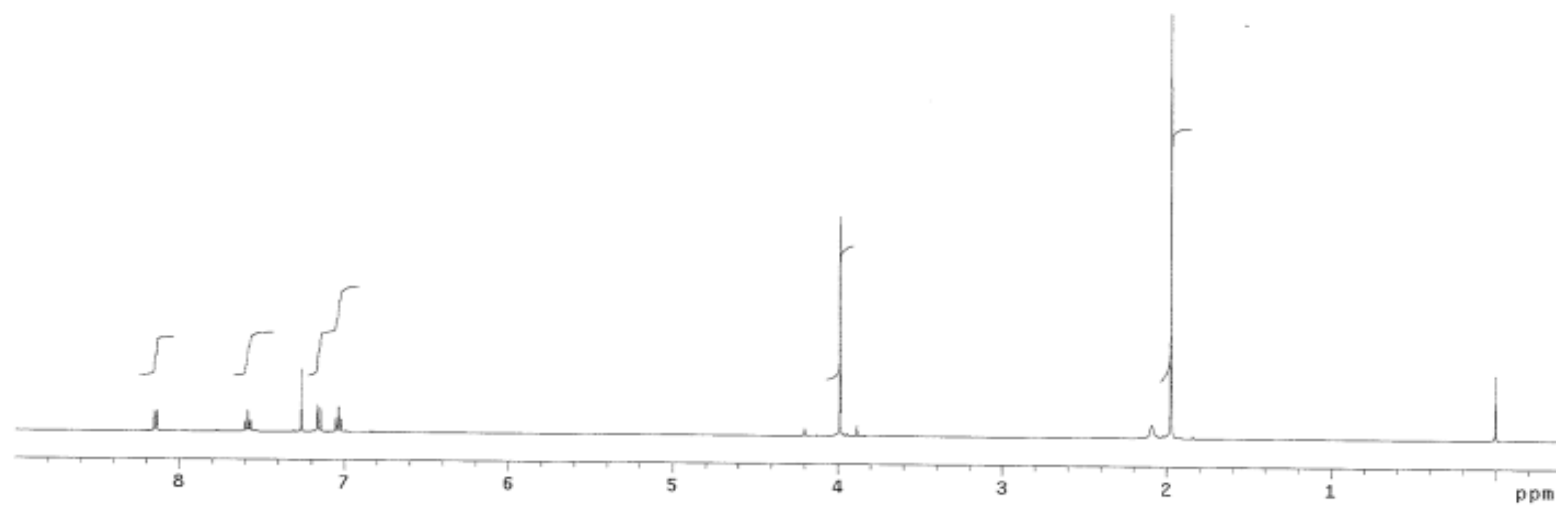


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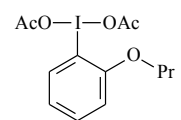


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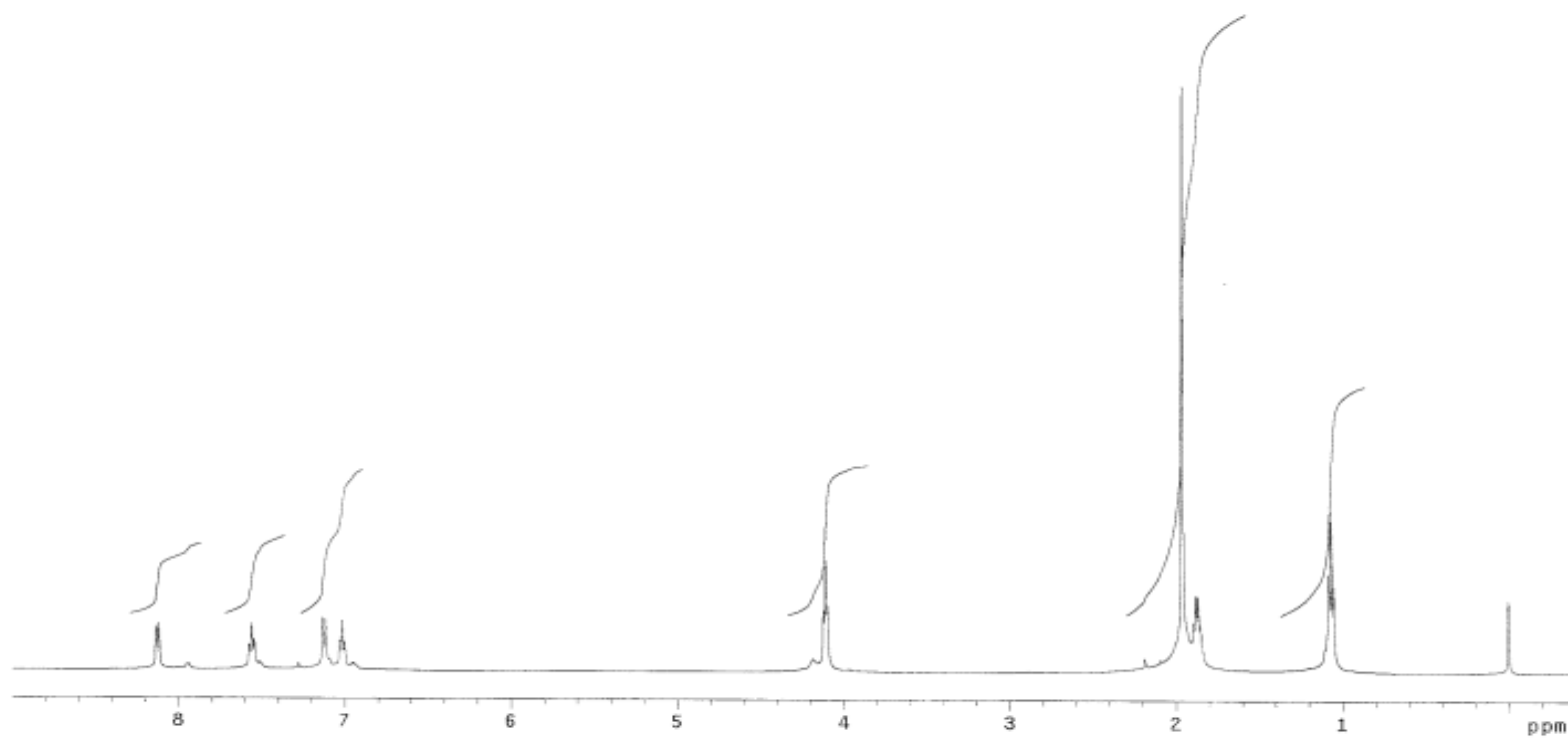


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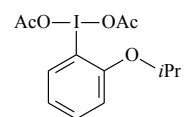
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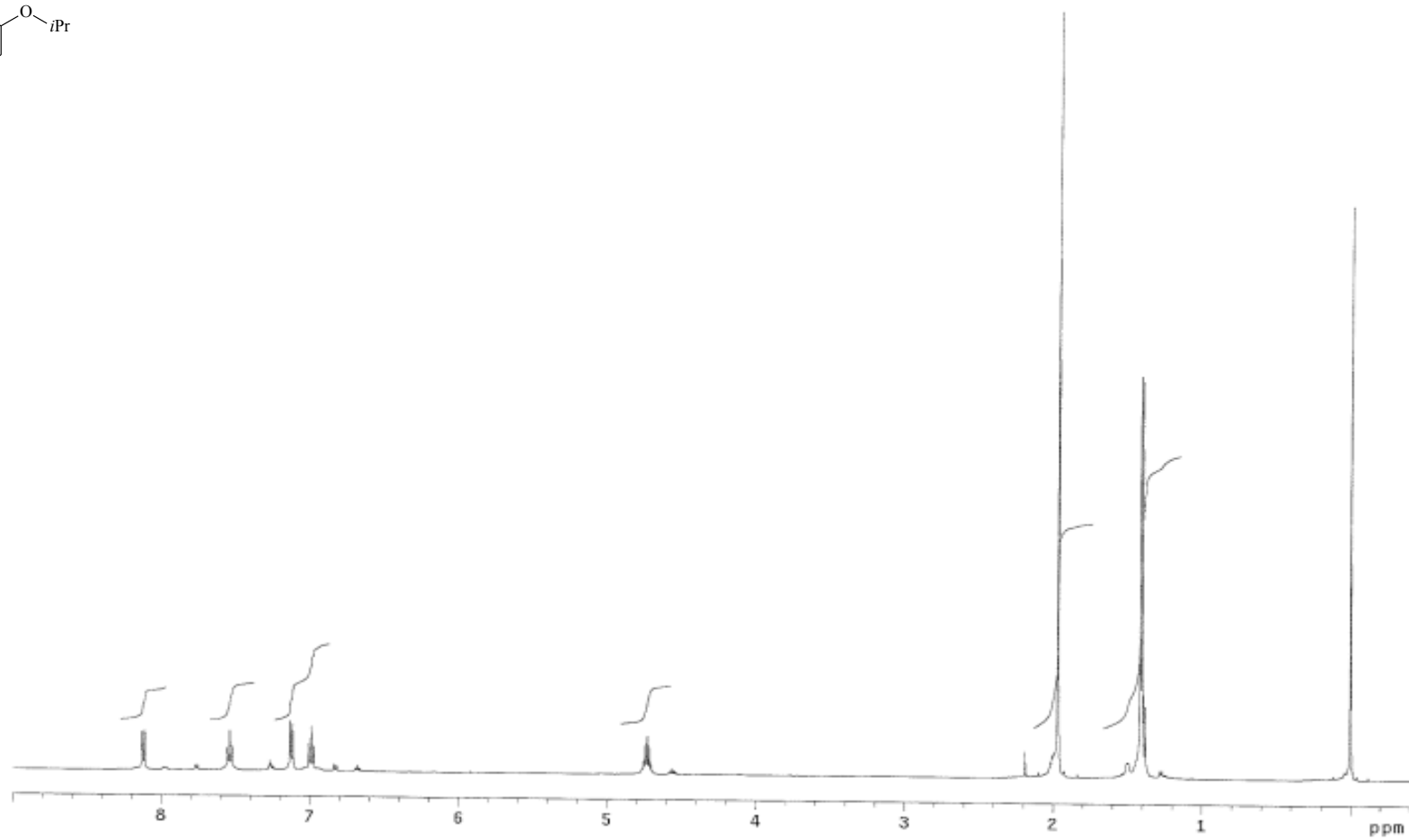
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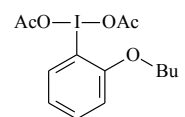
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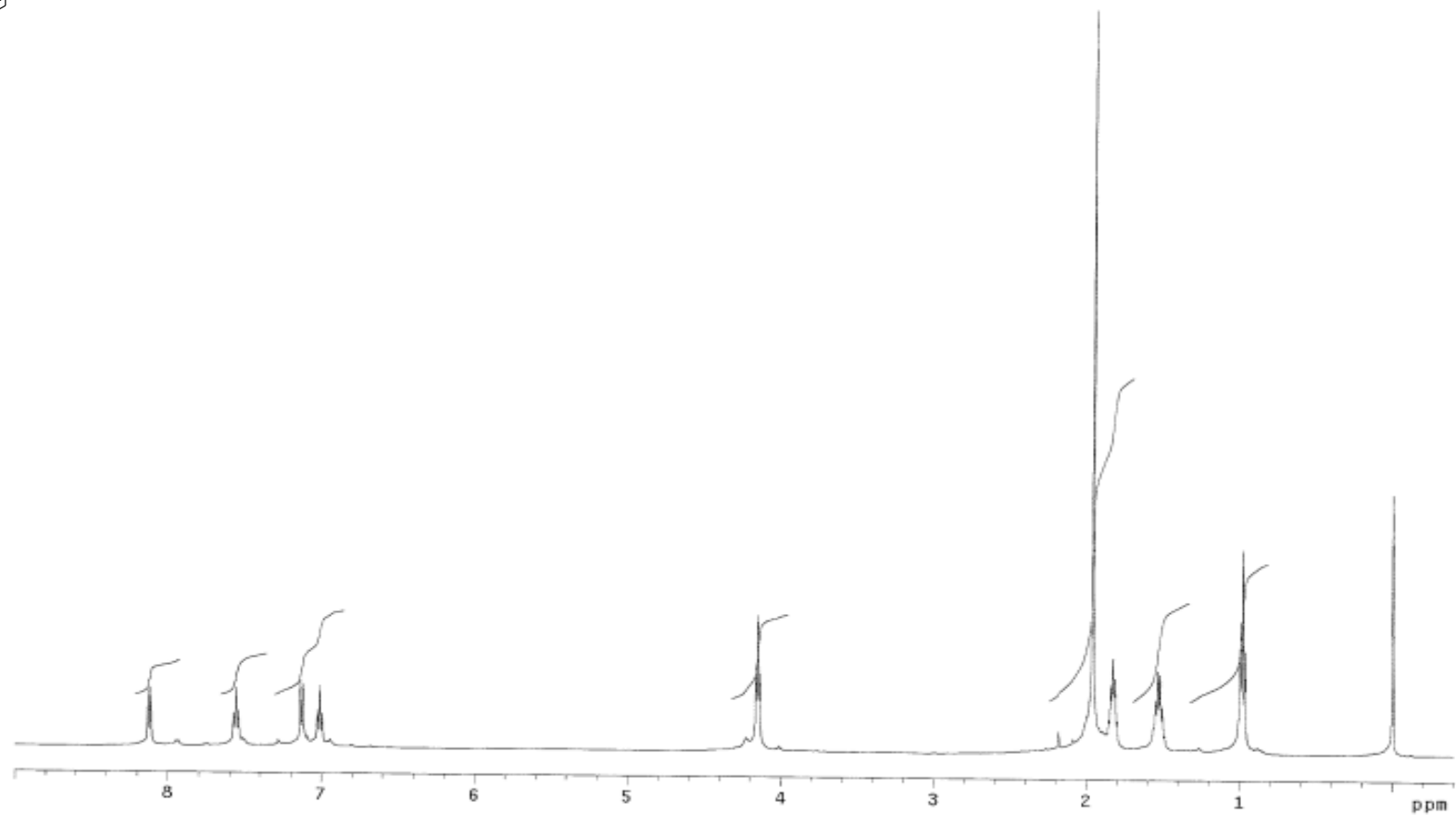
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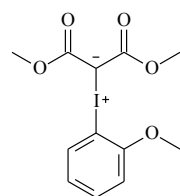
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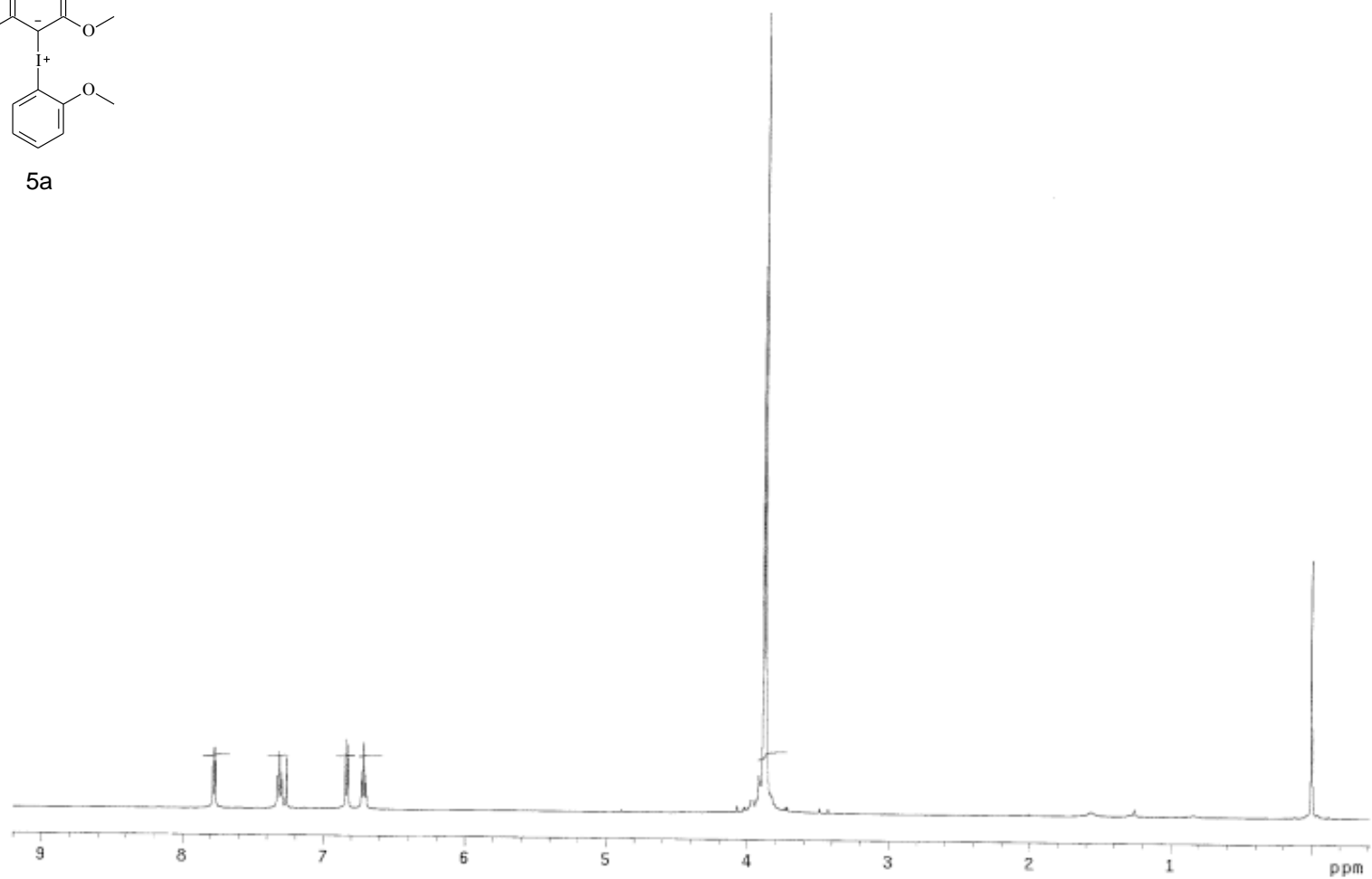
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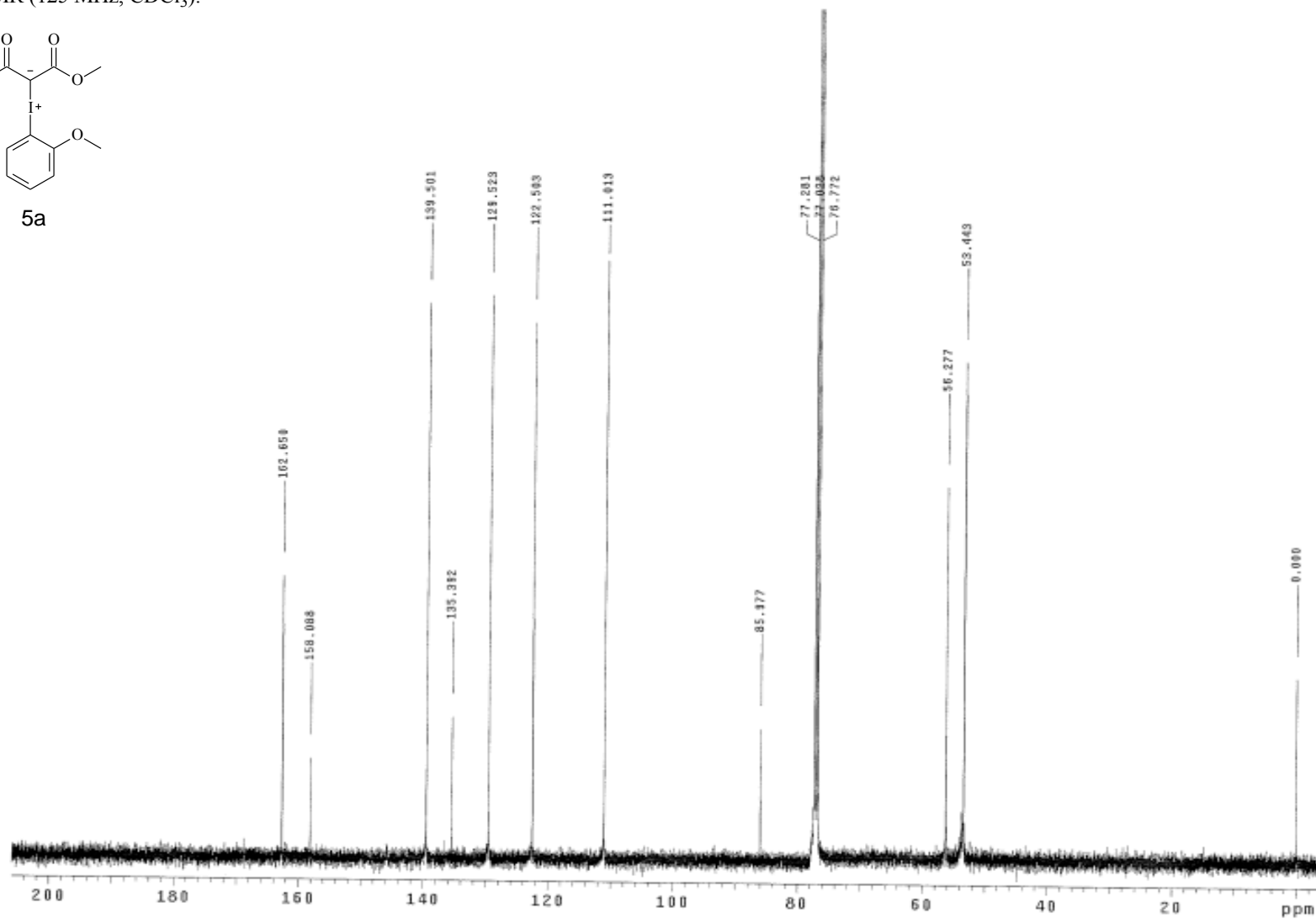
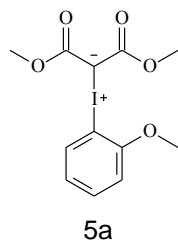


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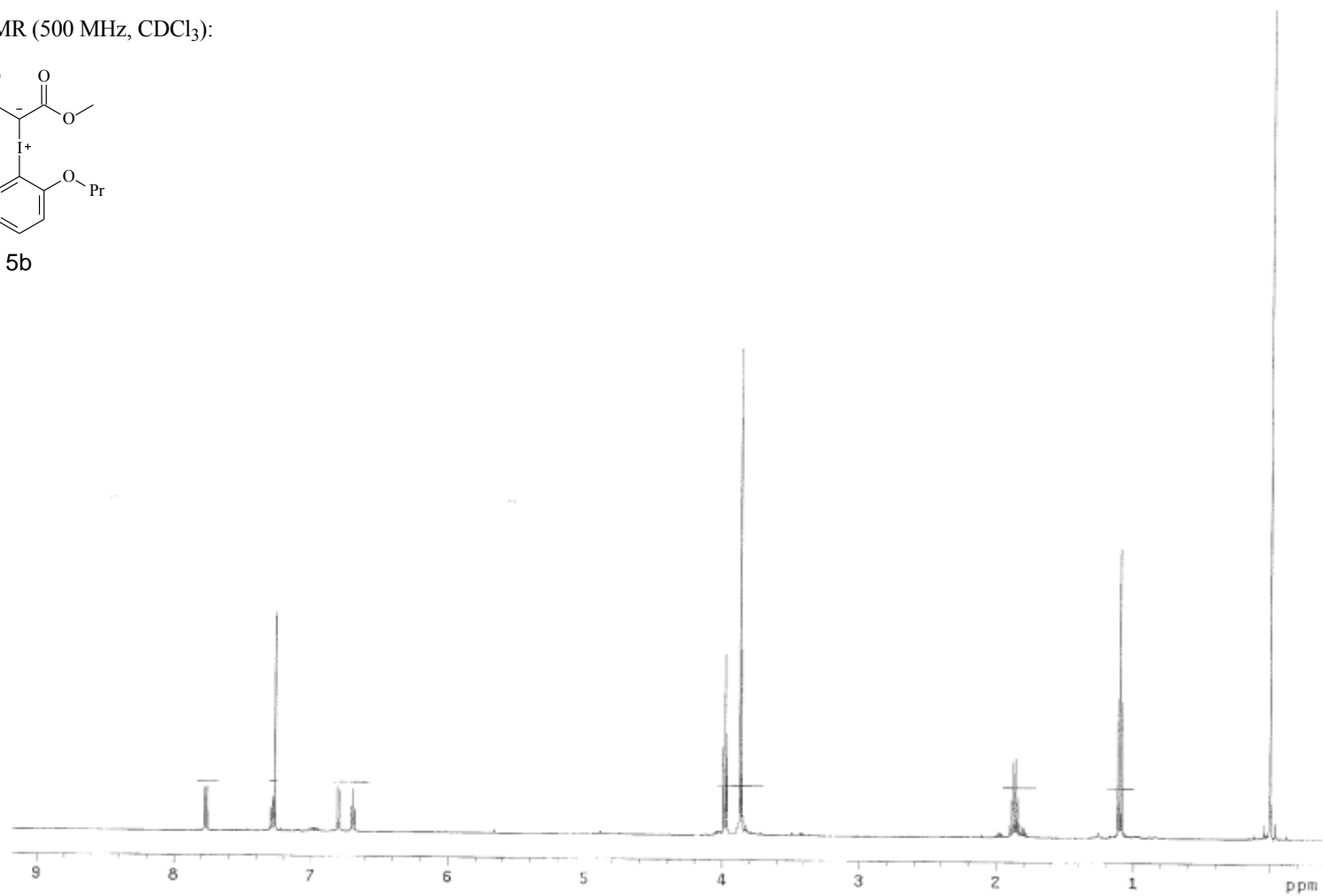
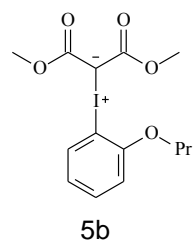




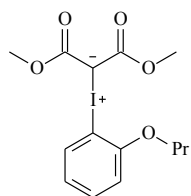
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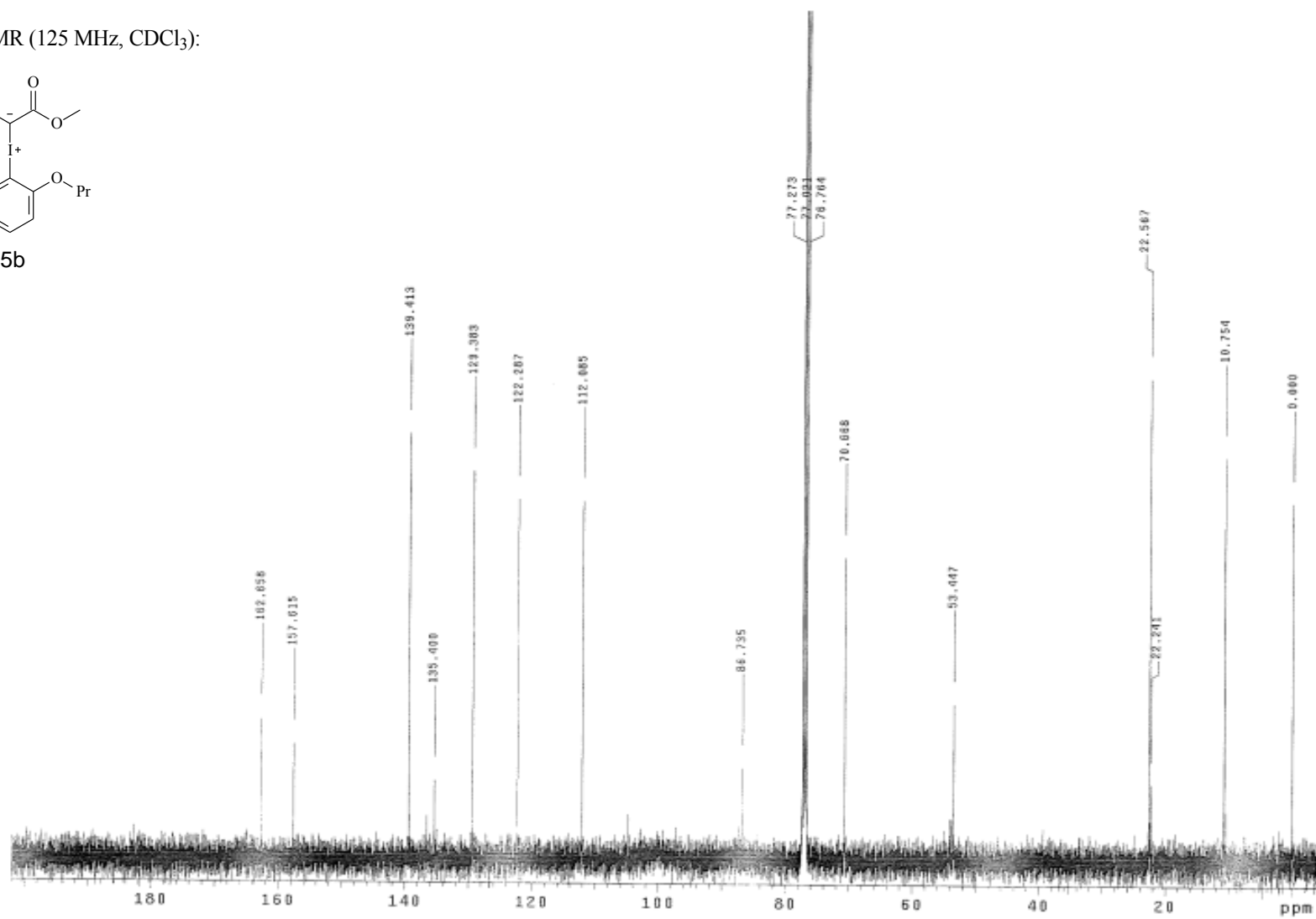
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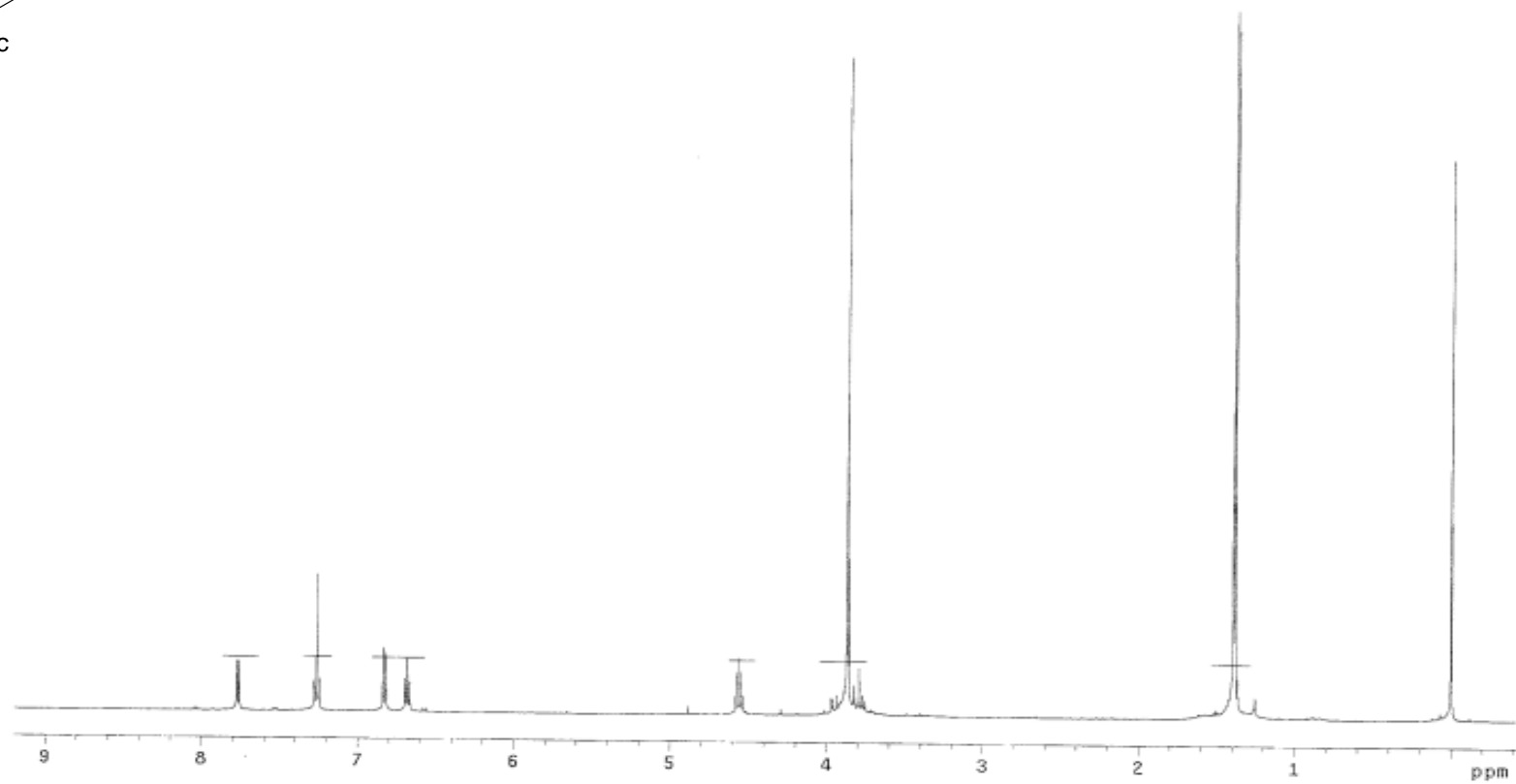
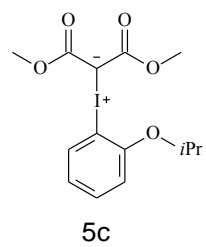
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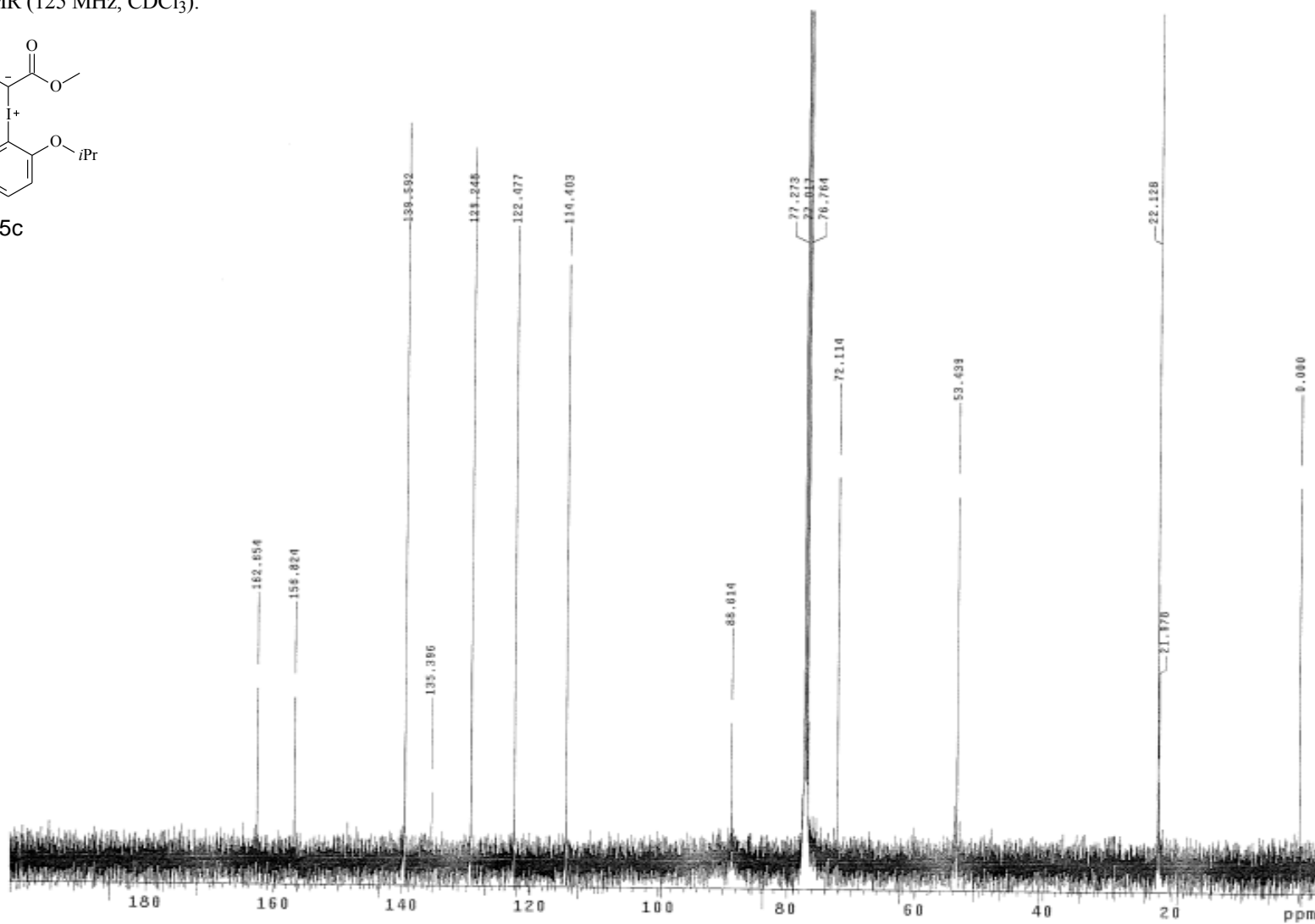
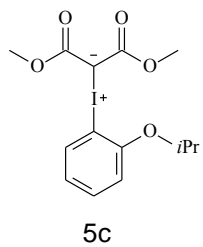
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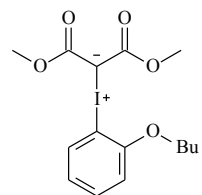
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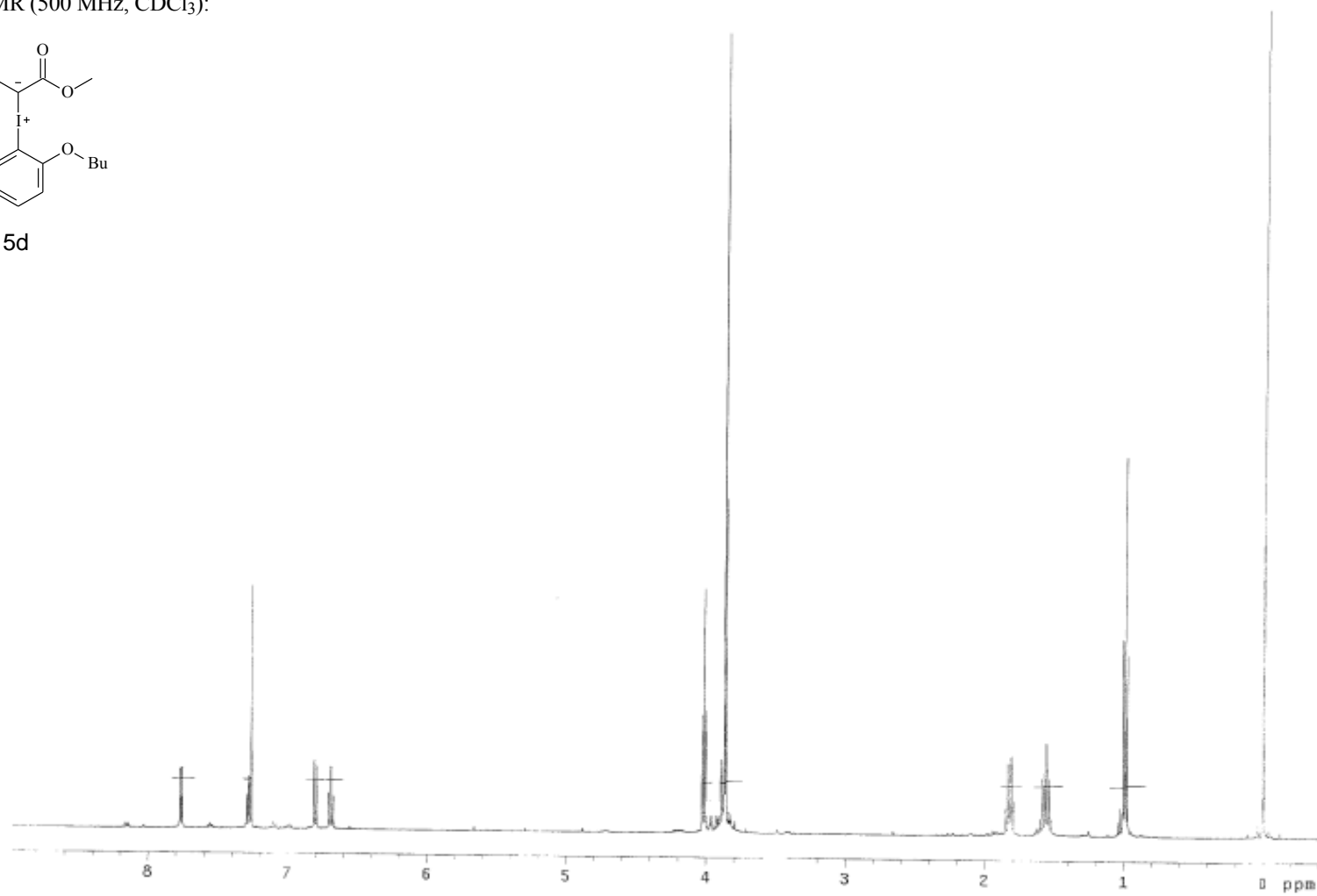
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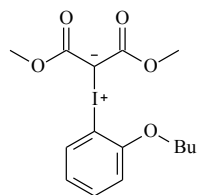
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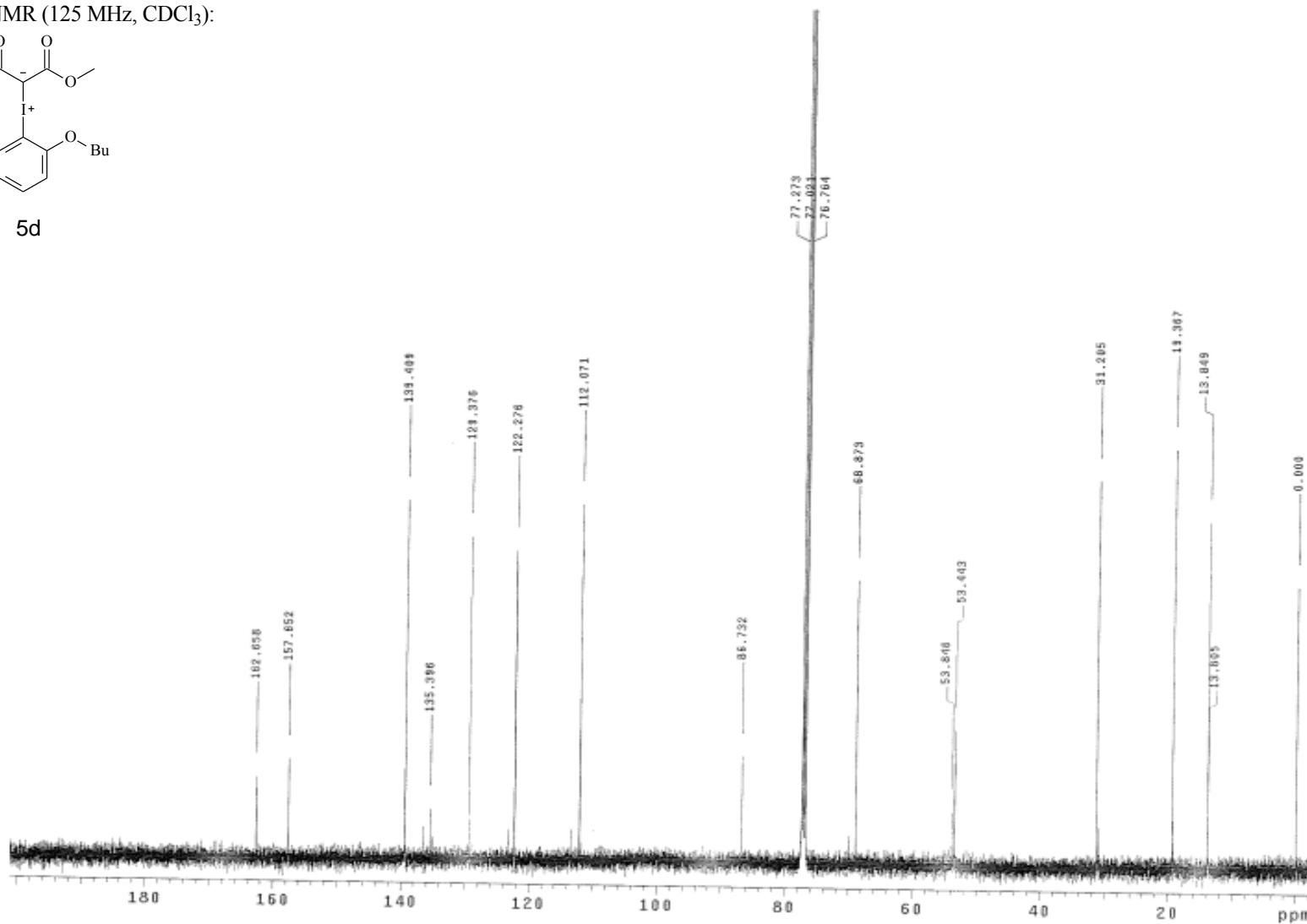
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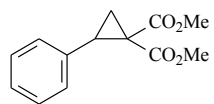
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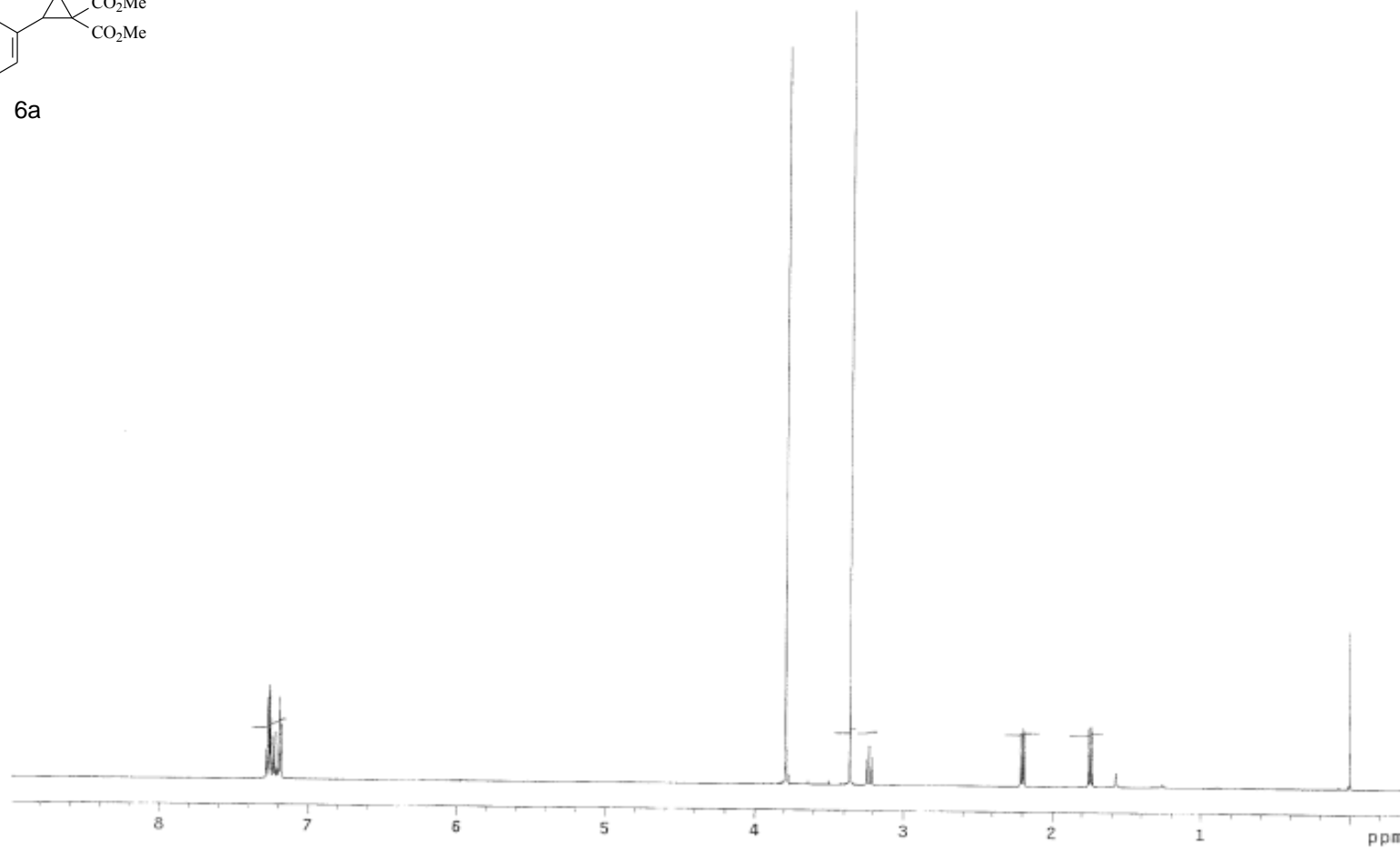
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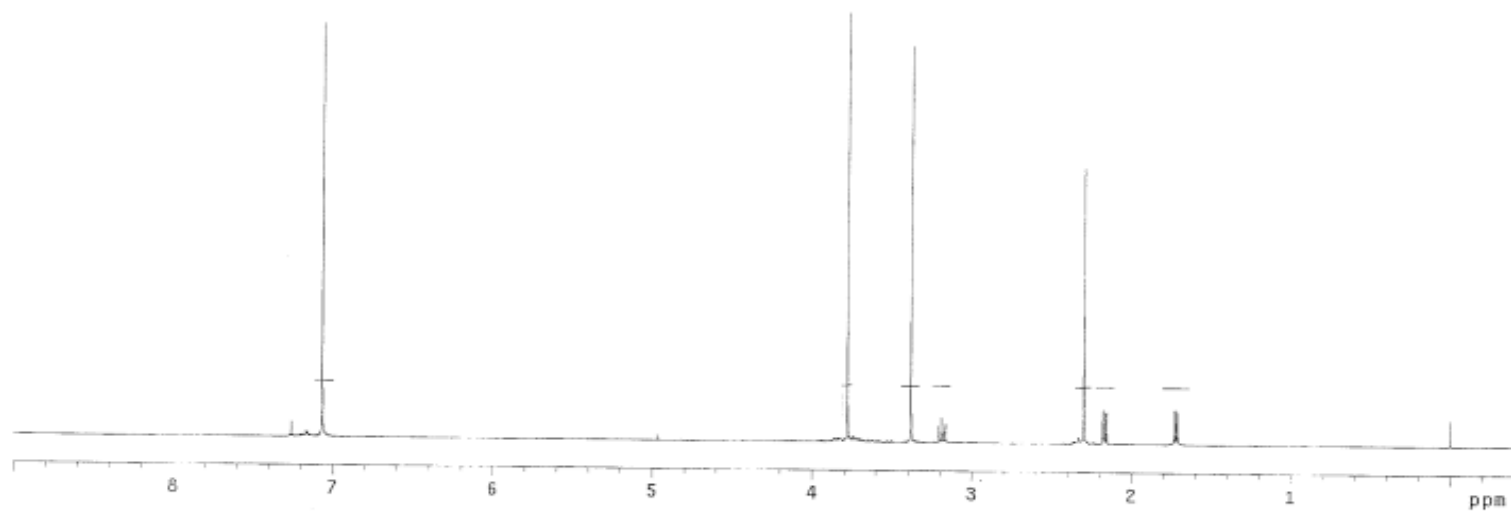
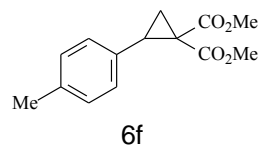


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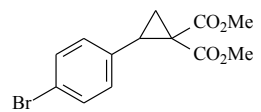




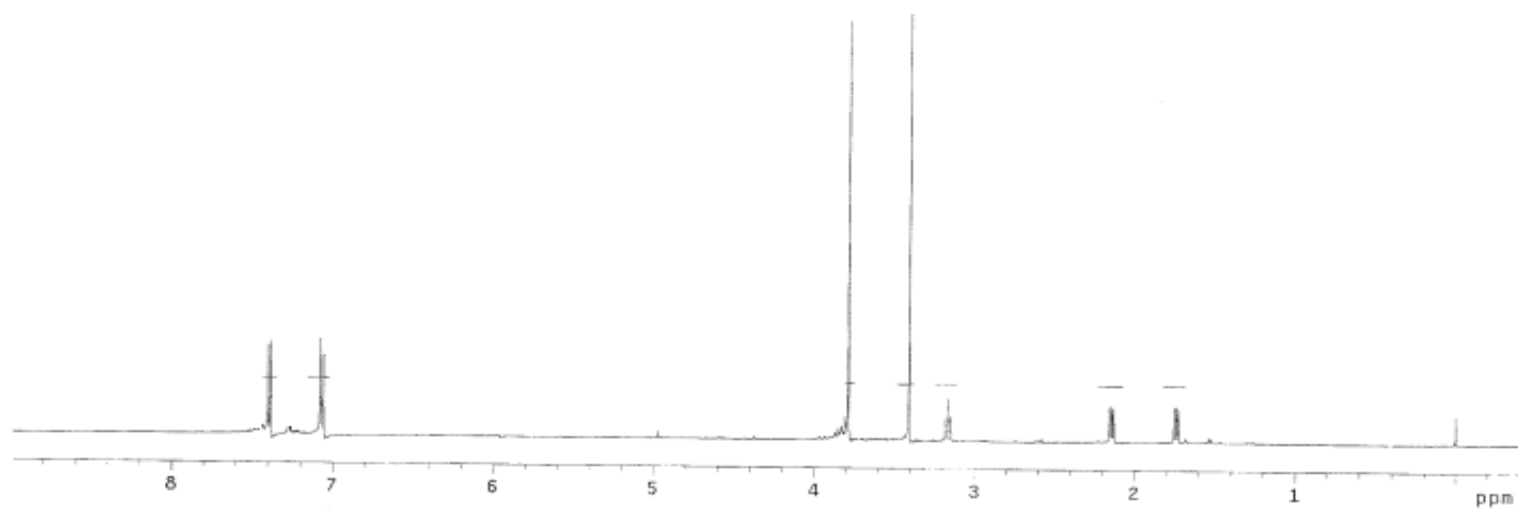
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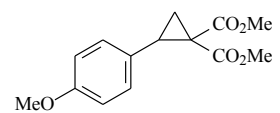
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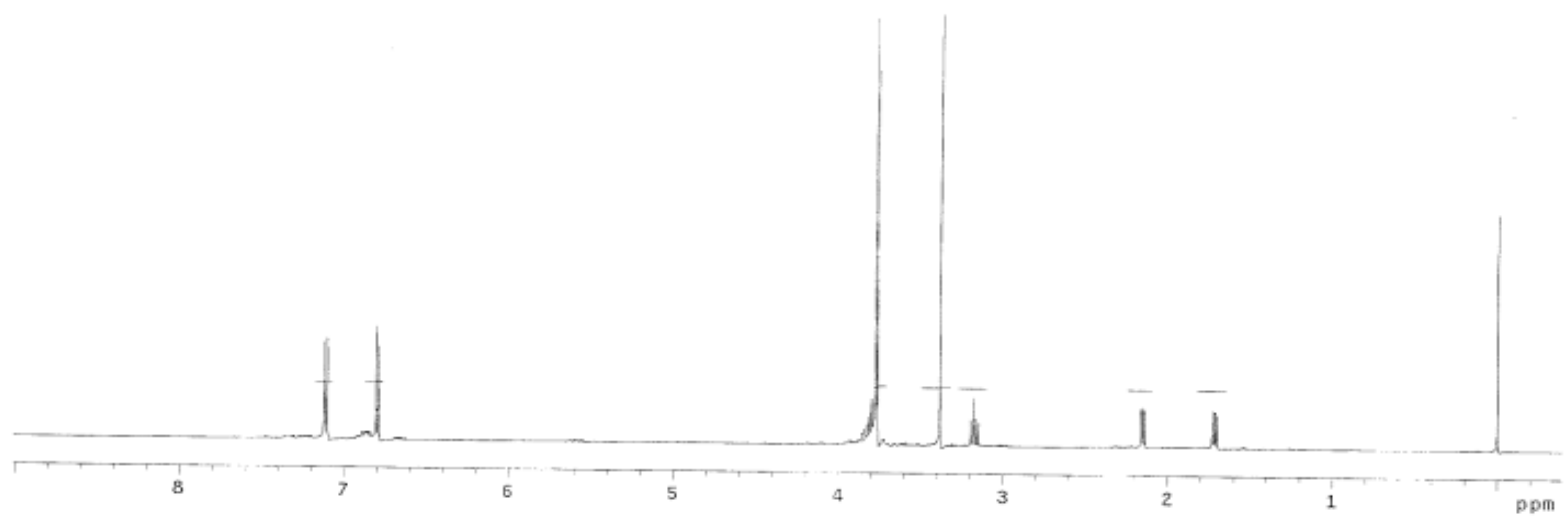
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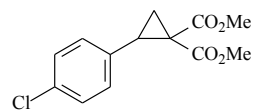
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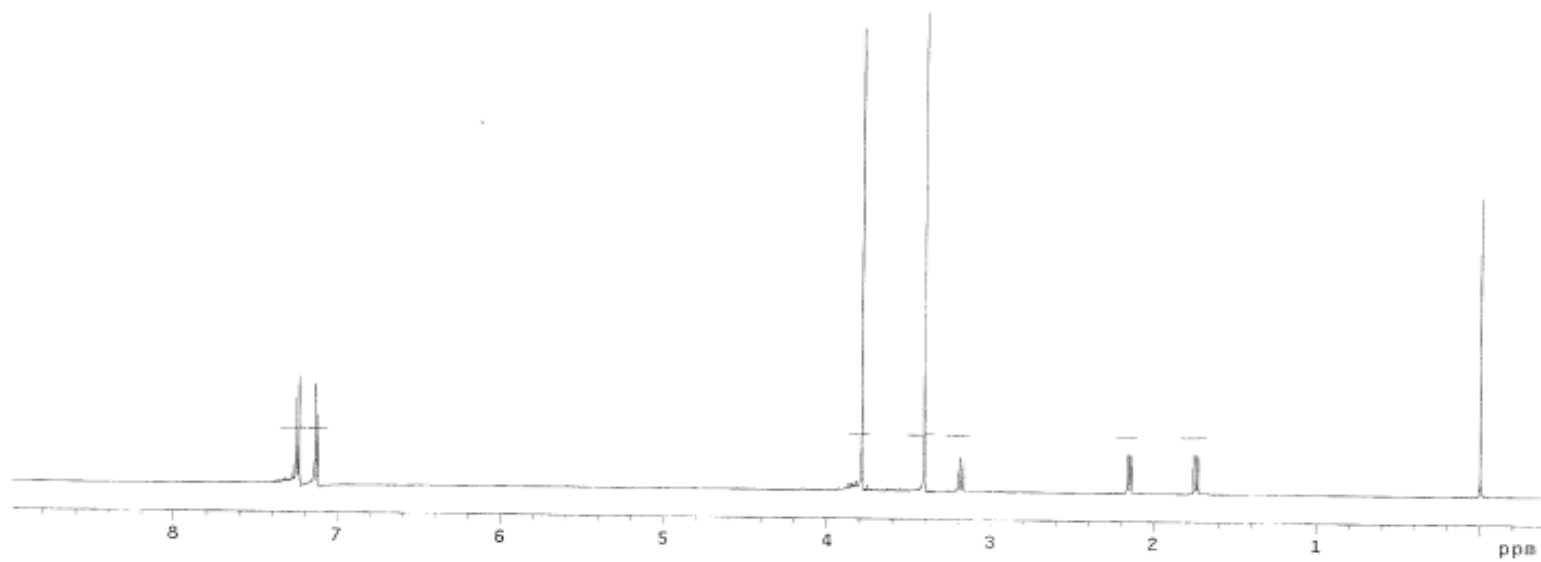
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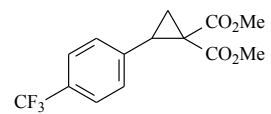
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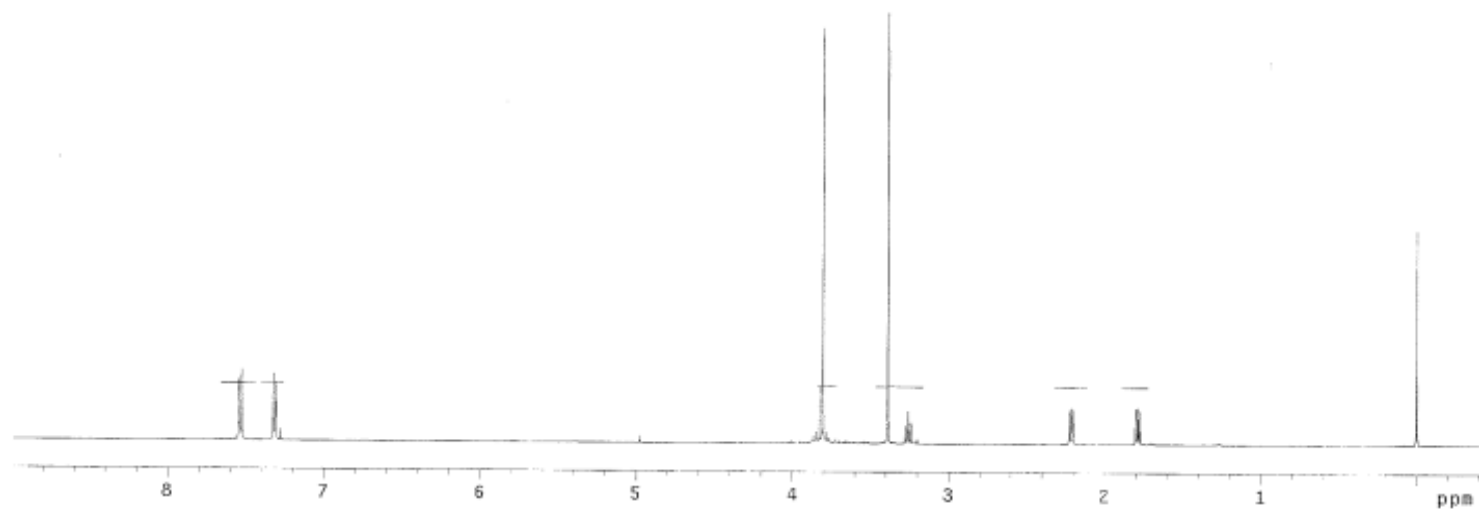
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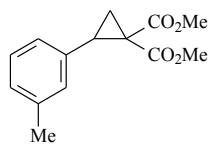
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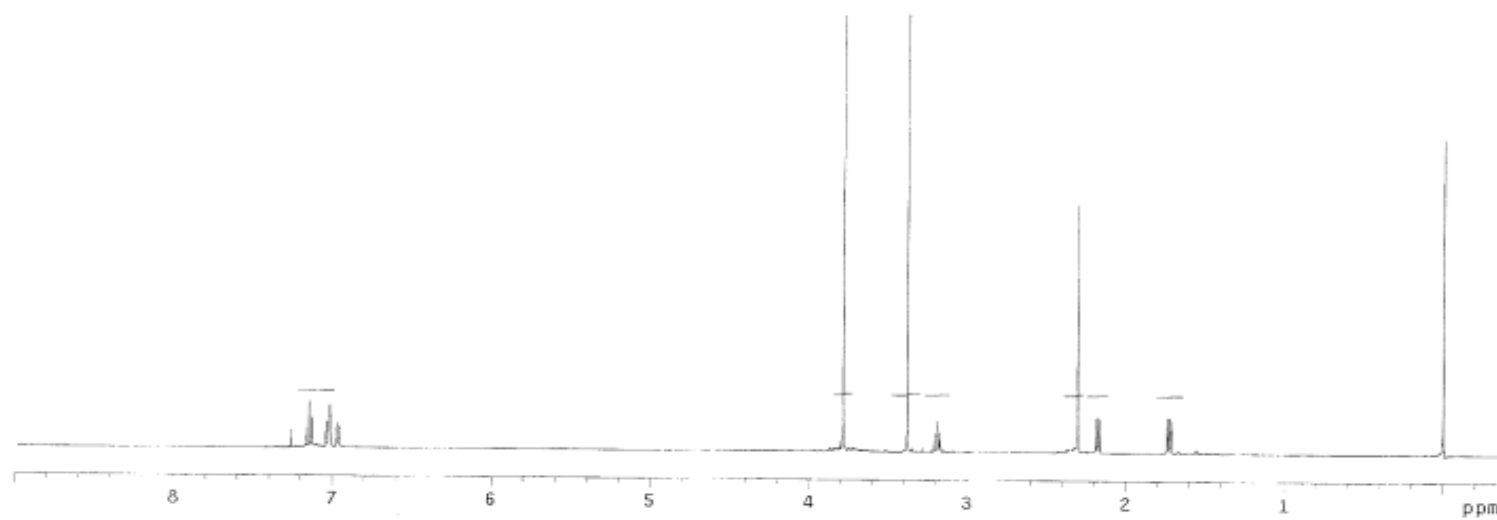
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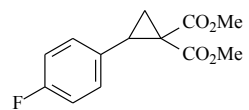
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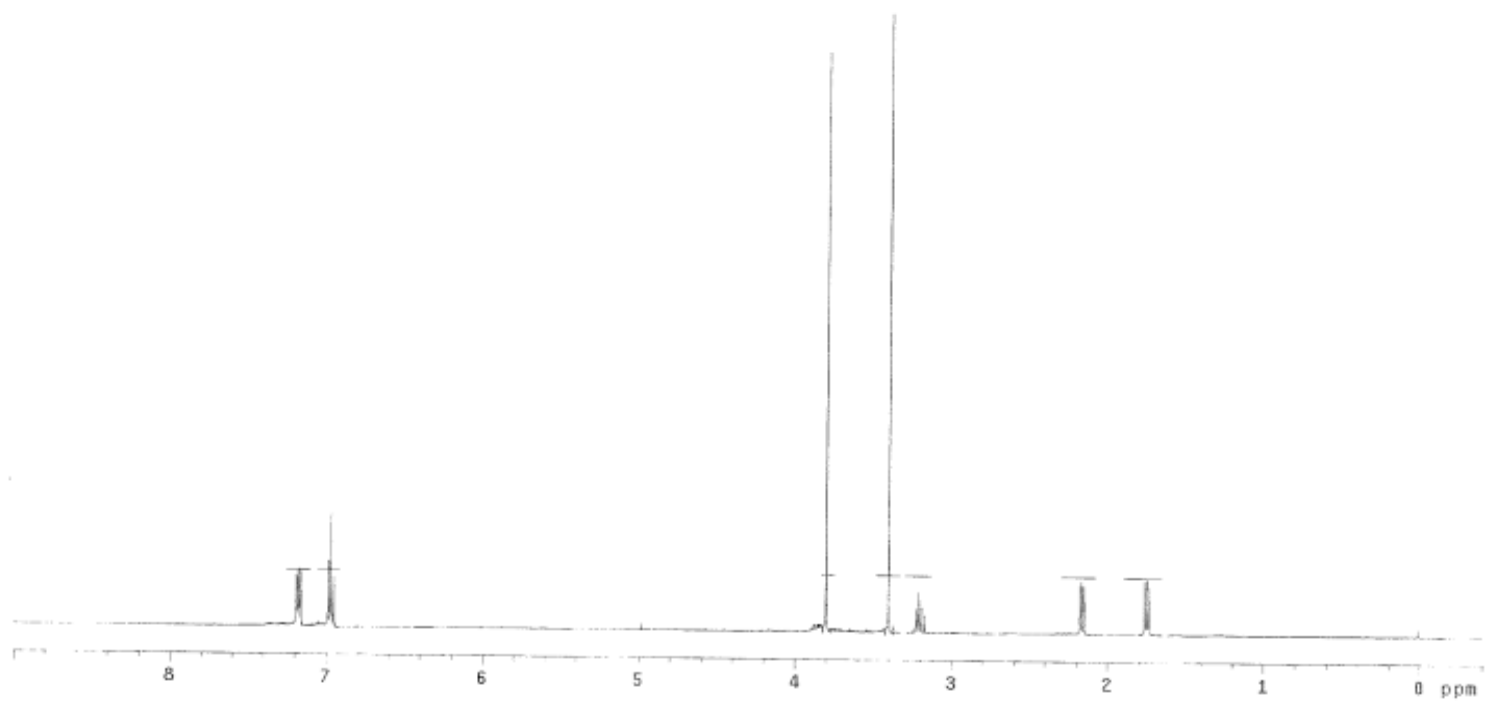
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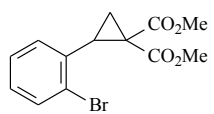
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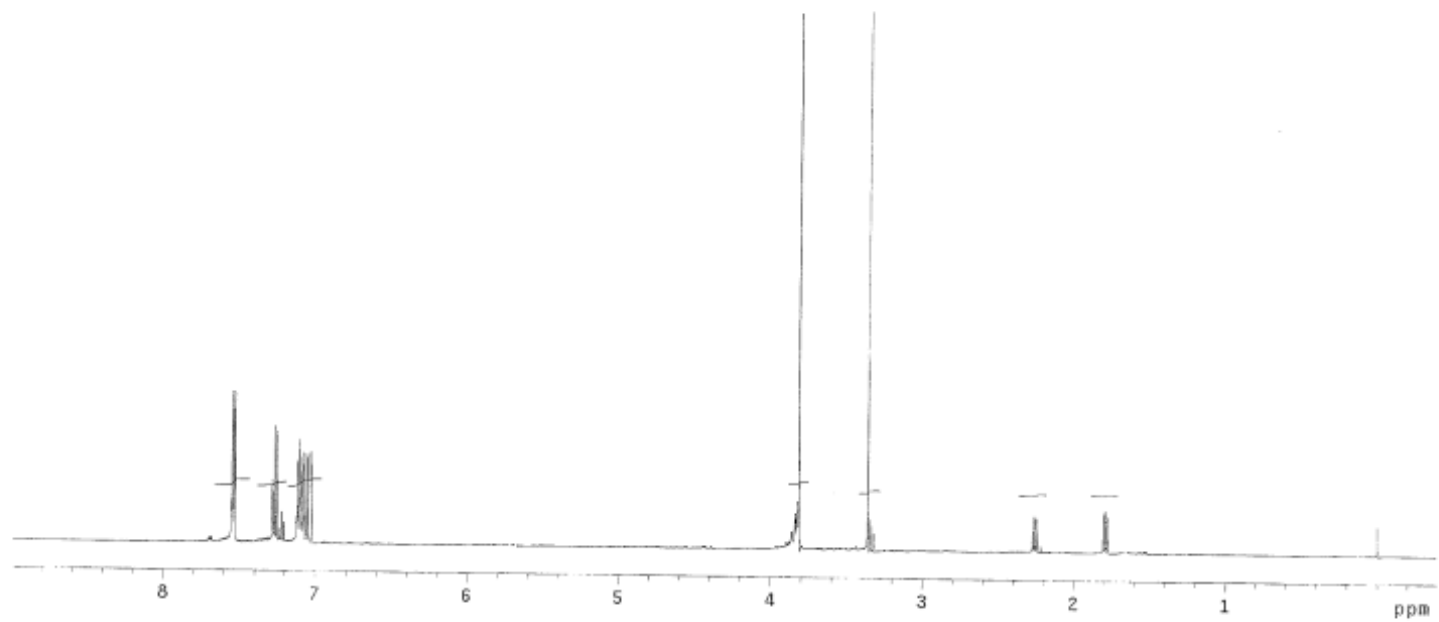
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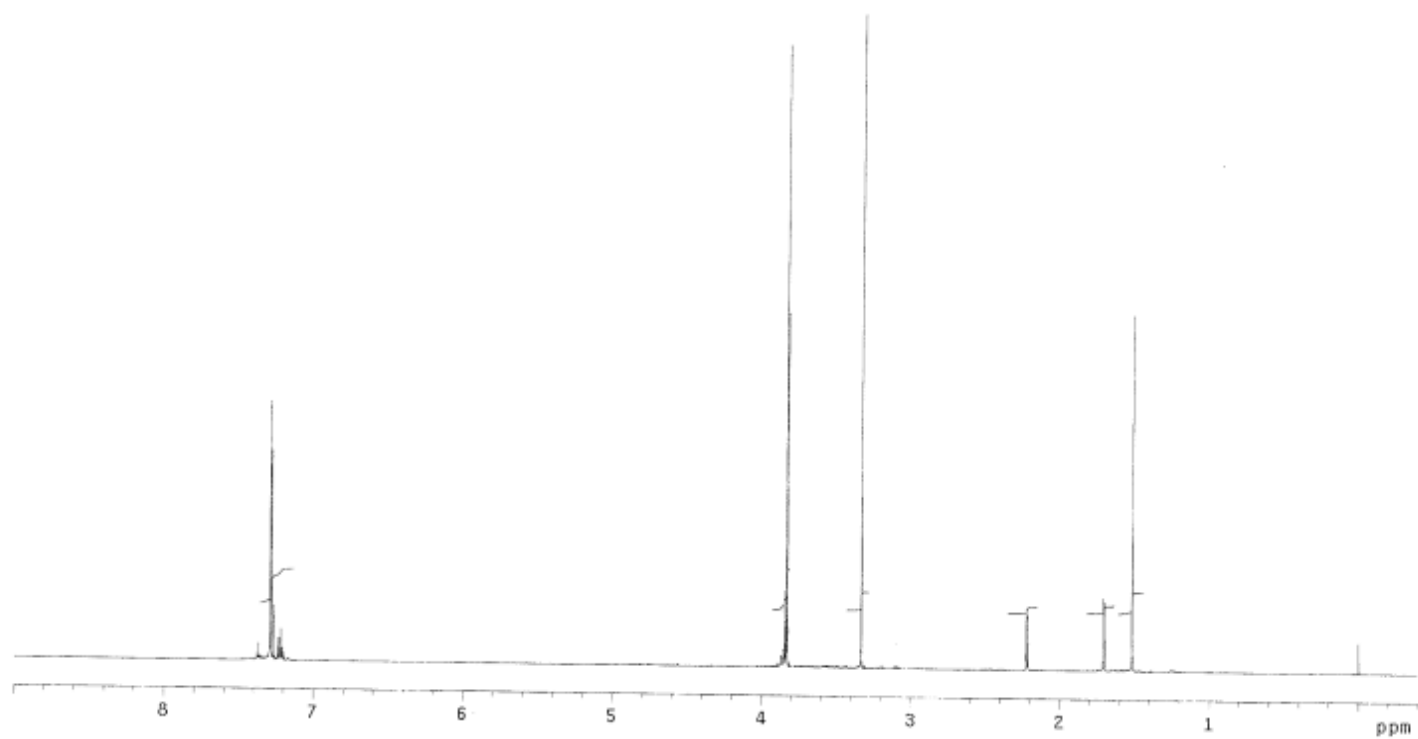
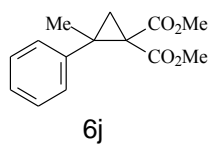


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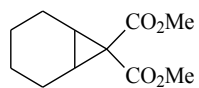




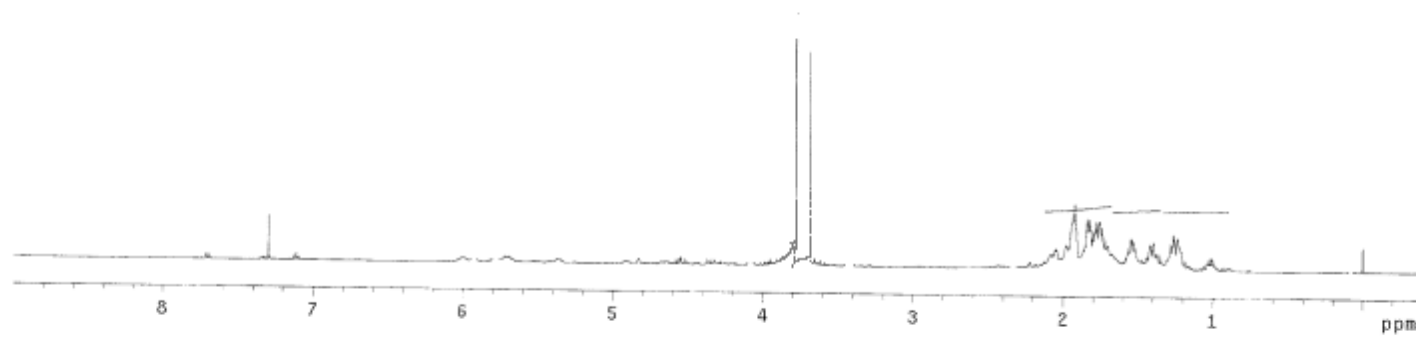
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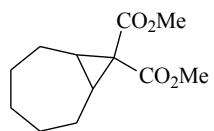
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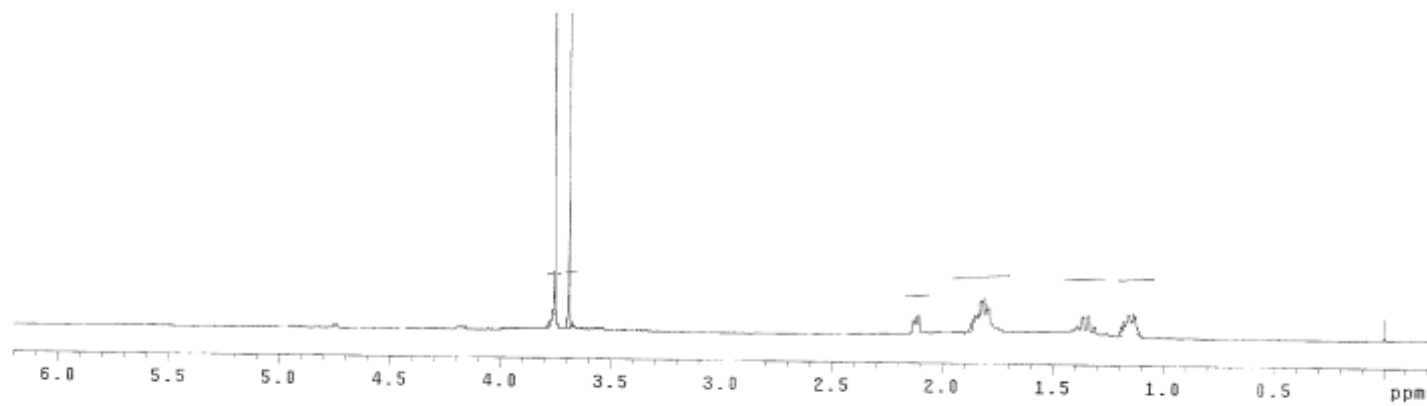
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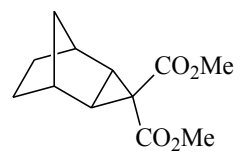
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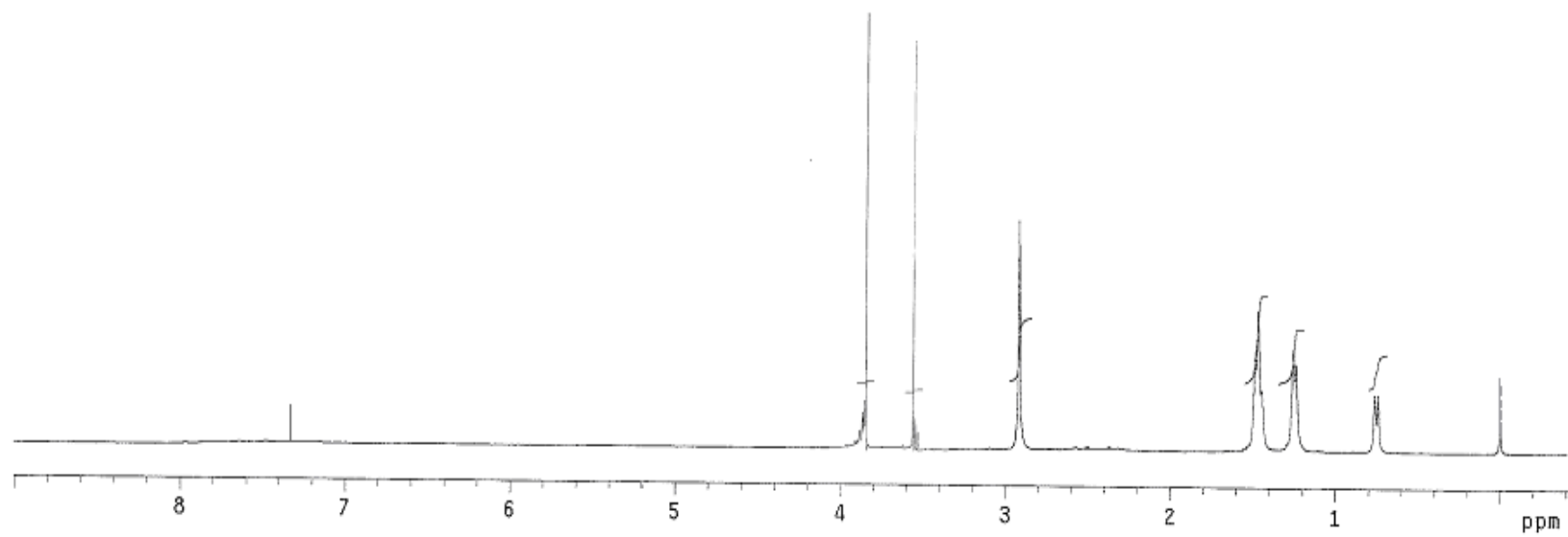
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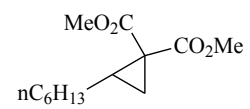
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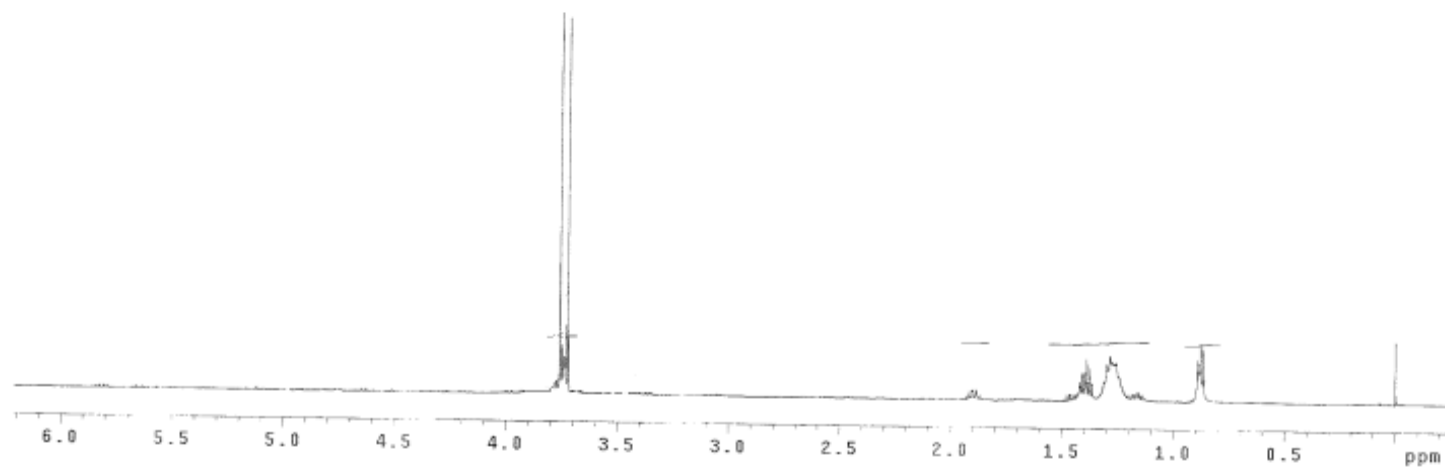
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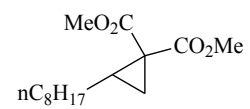
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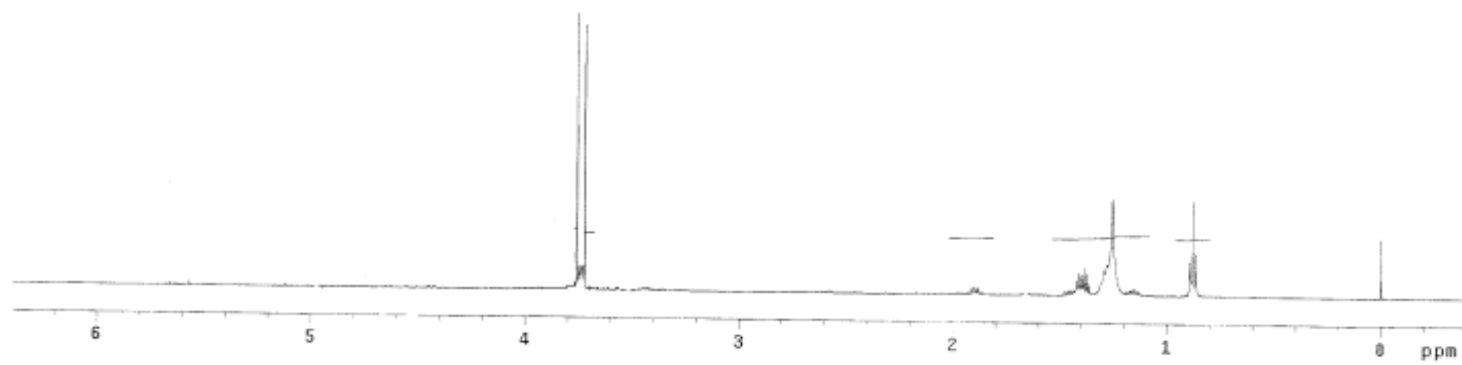
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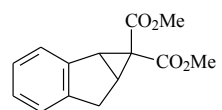
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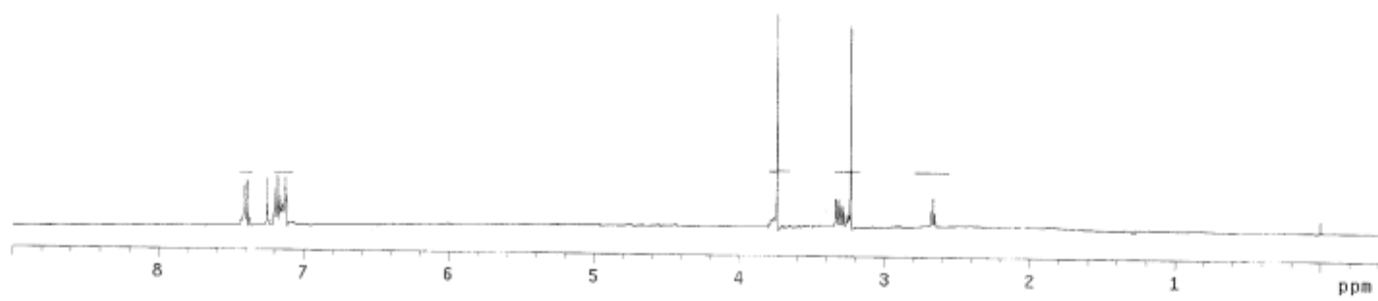
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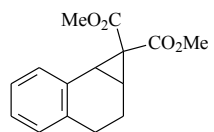
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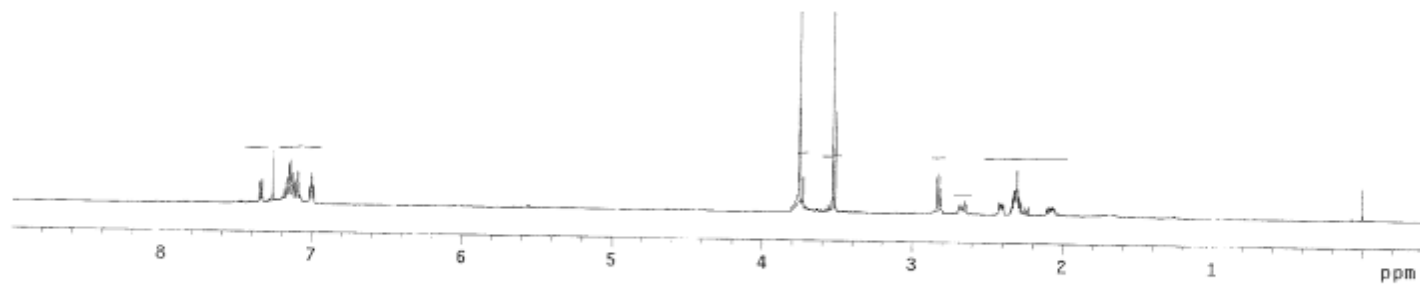
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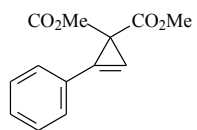


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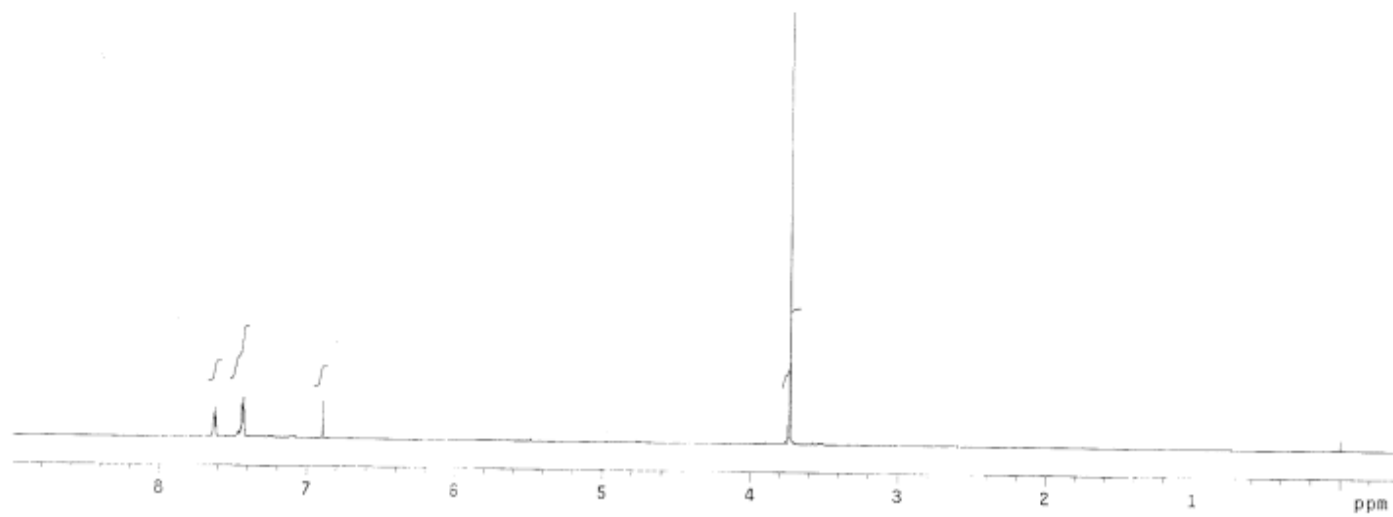




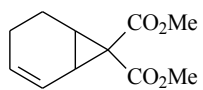
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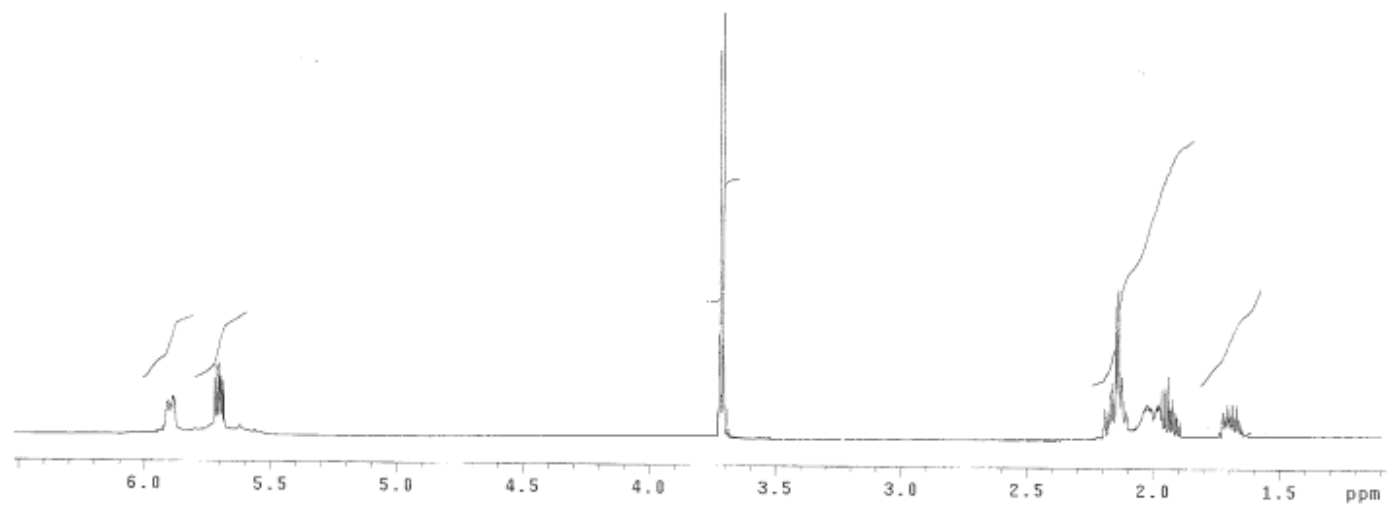
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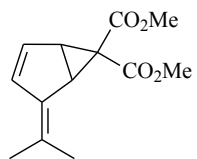
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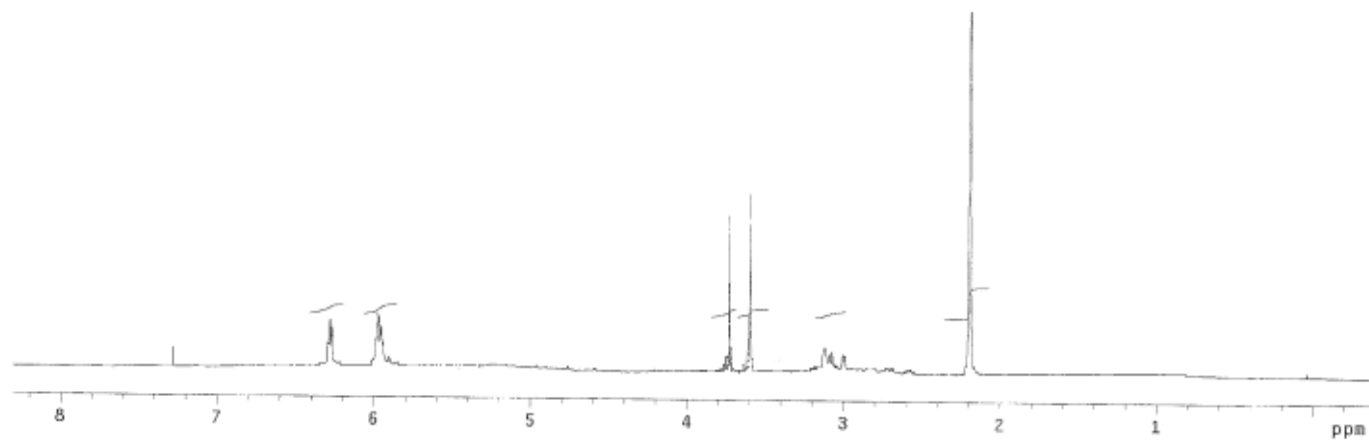
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$^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):



6u



$^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):

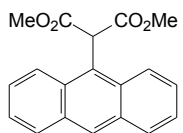
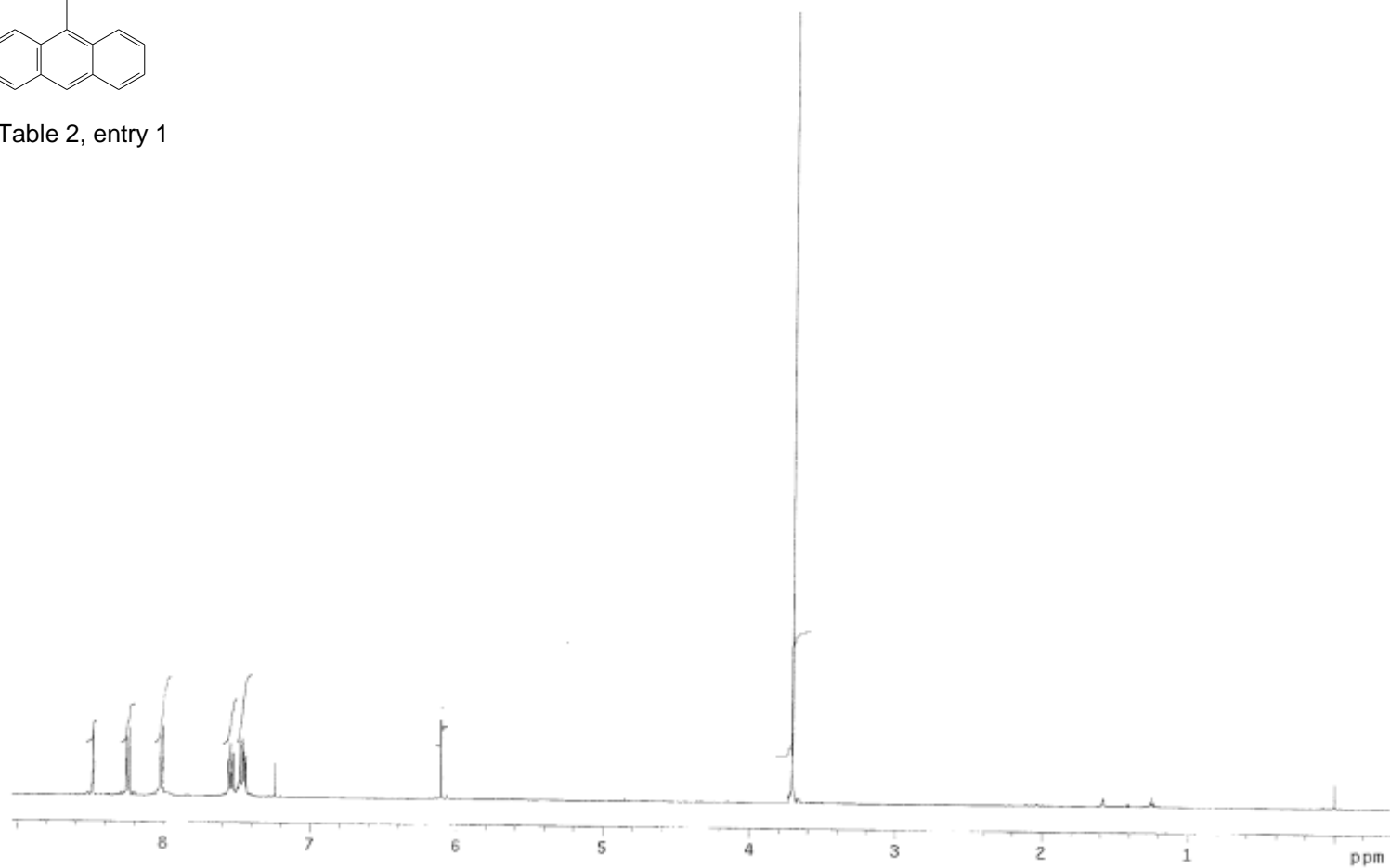


Table 2, entry 1



$^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):

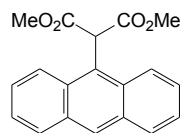
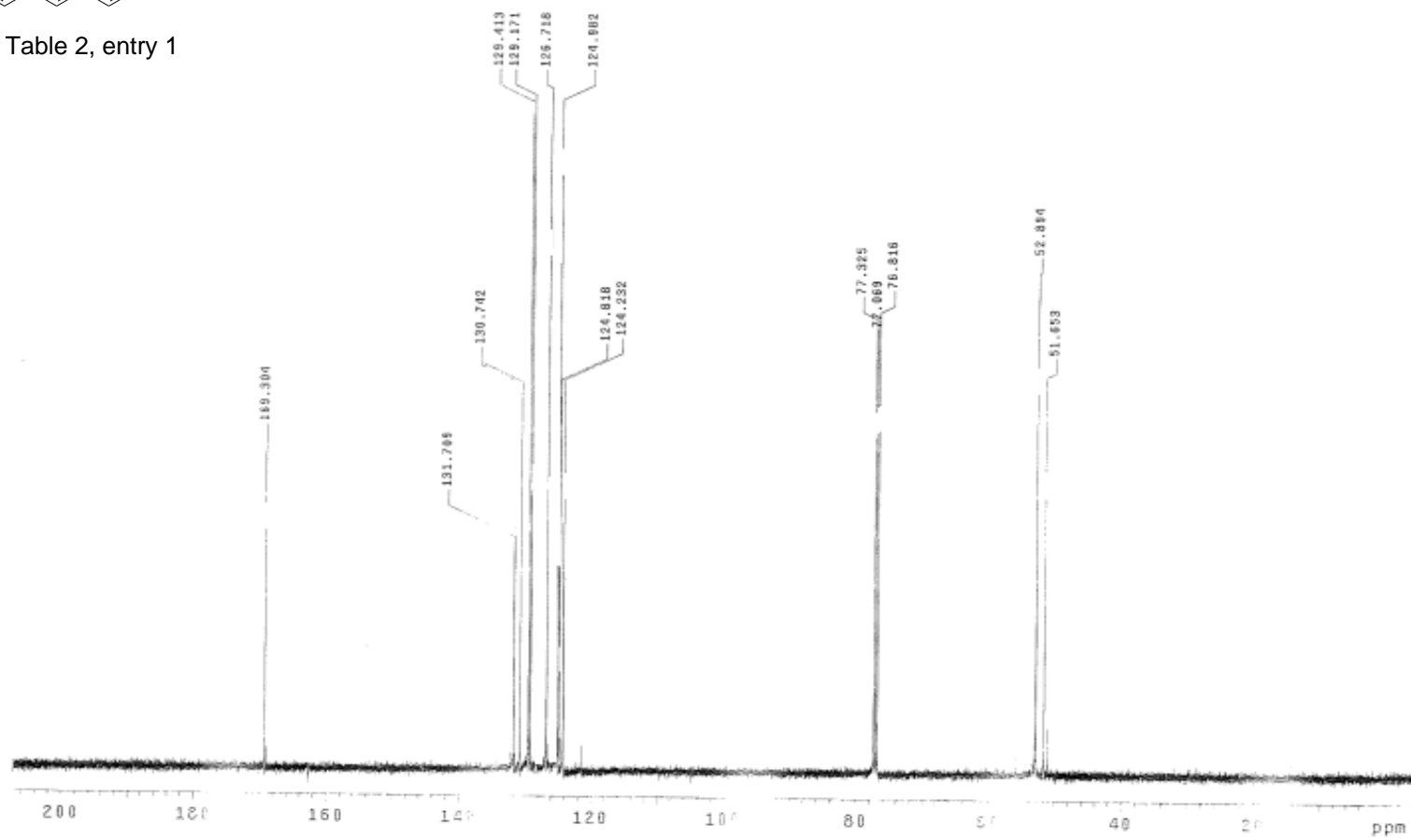


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$^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):

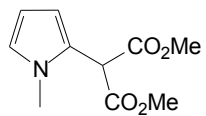
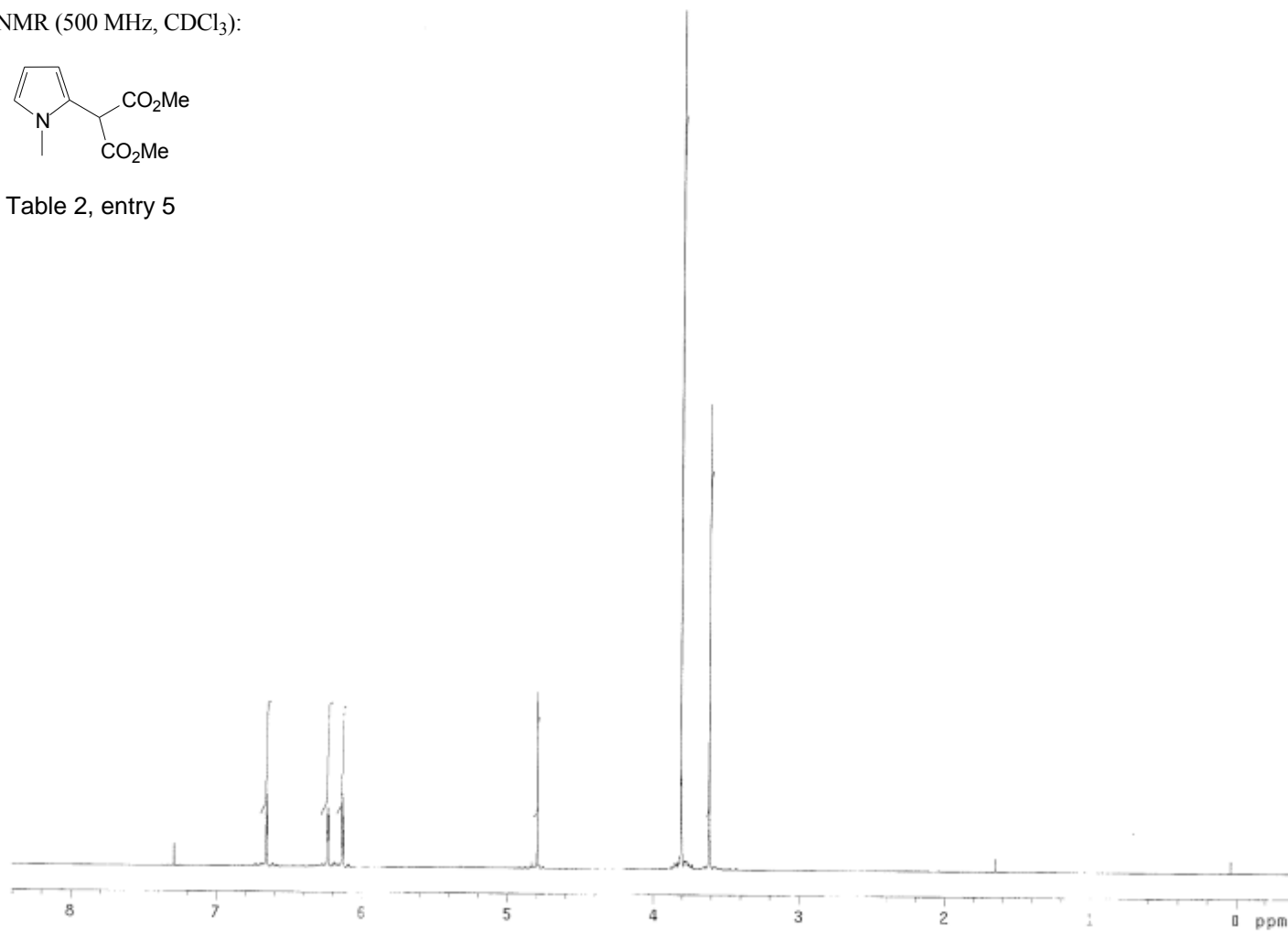


Table 2, entry 5



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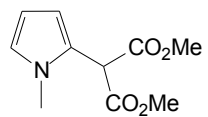
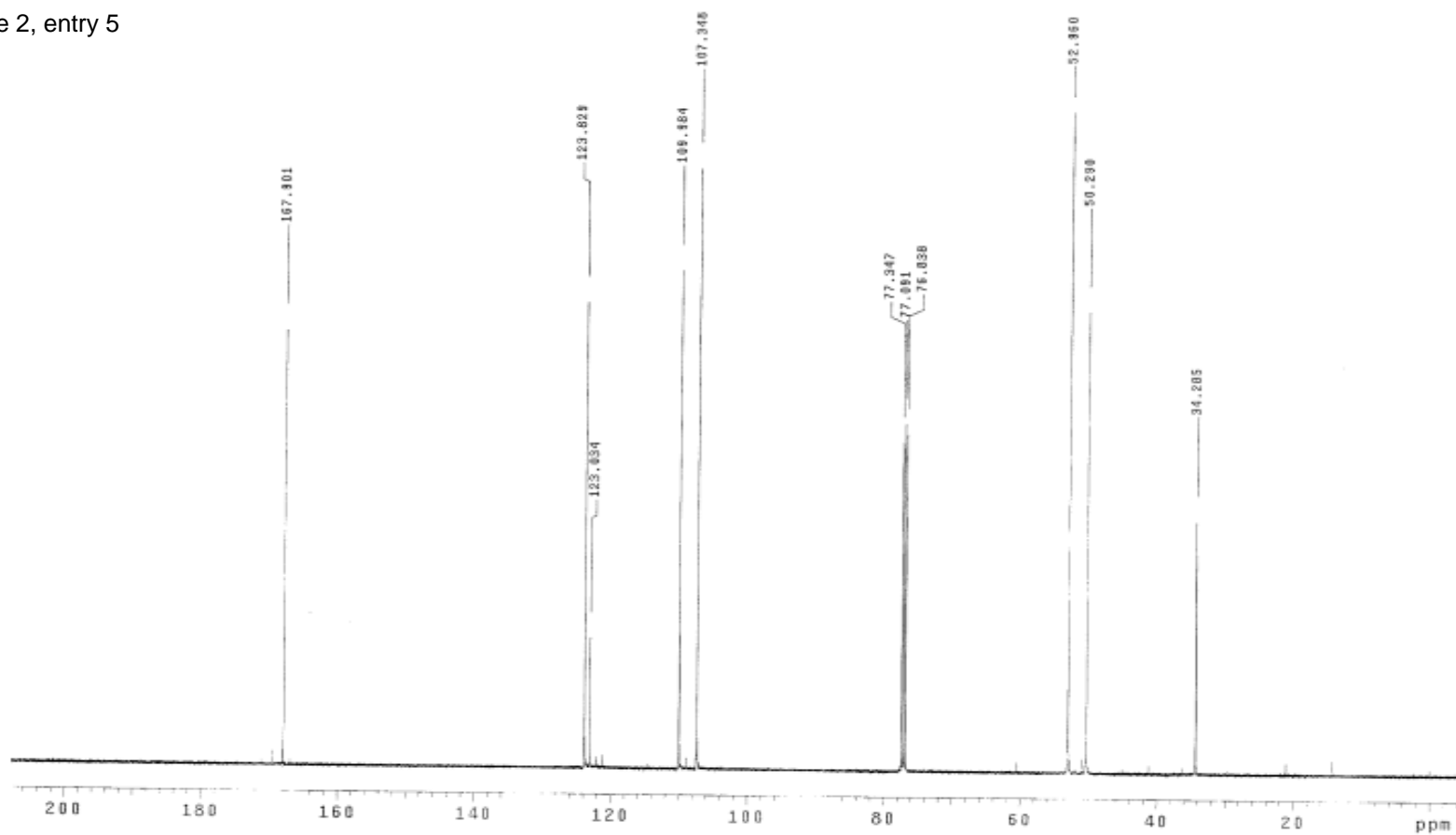


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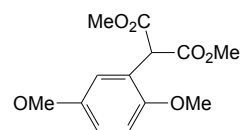
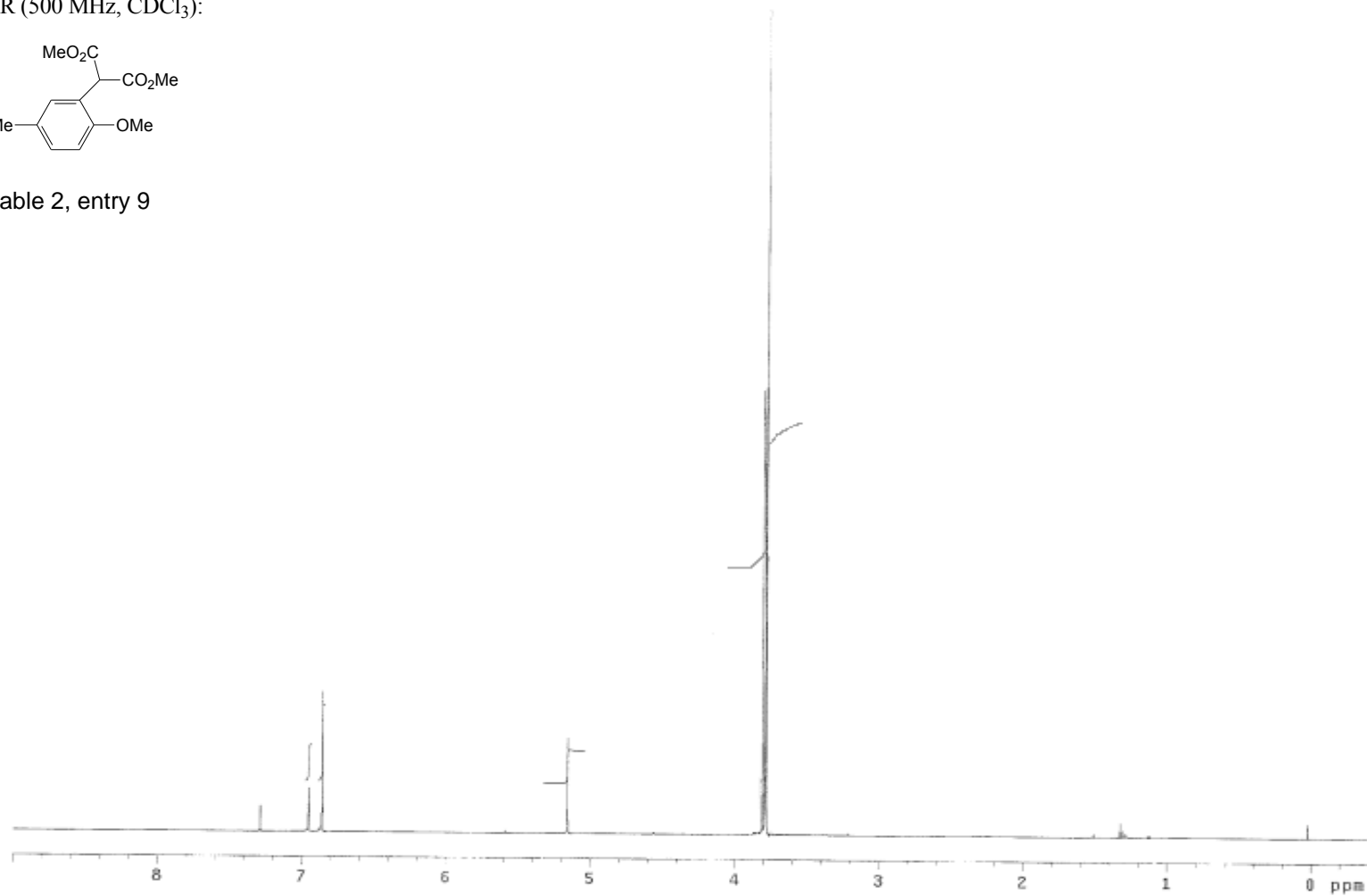


Table 2, entry 9





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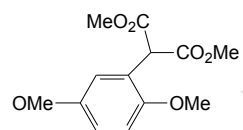
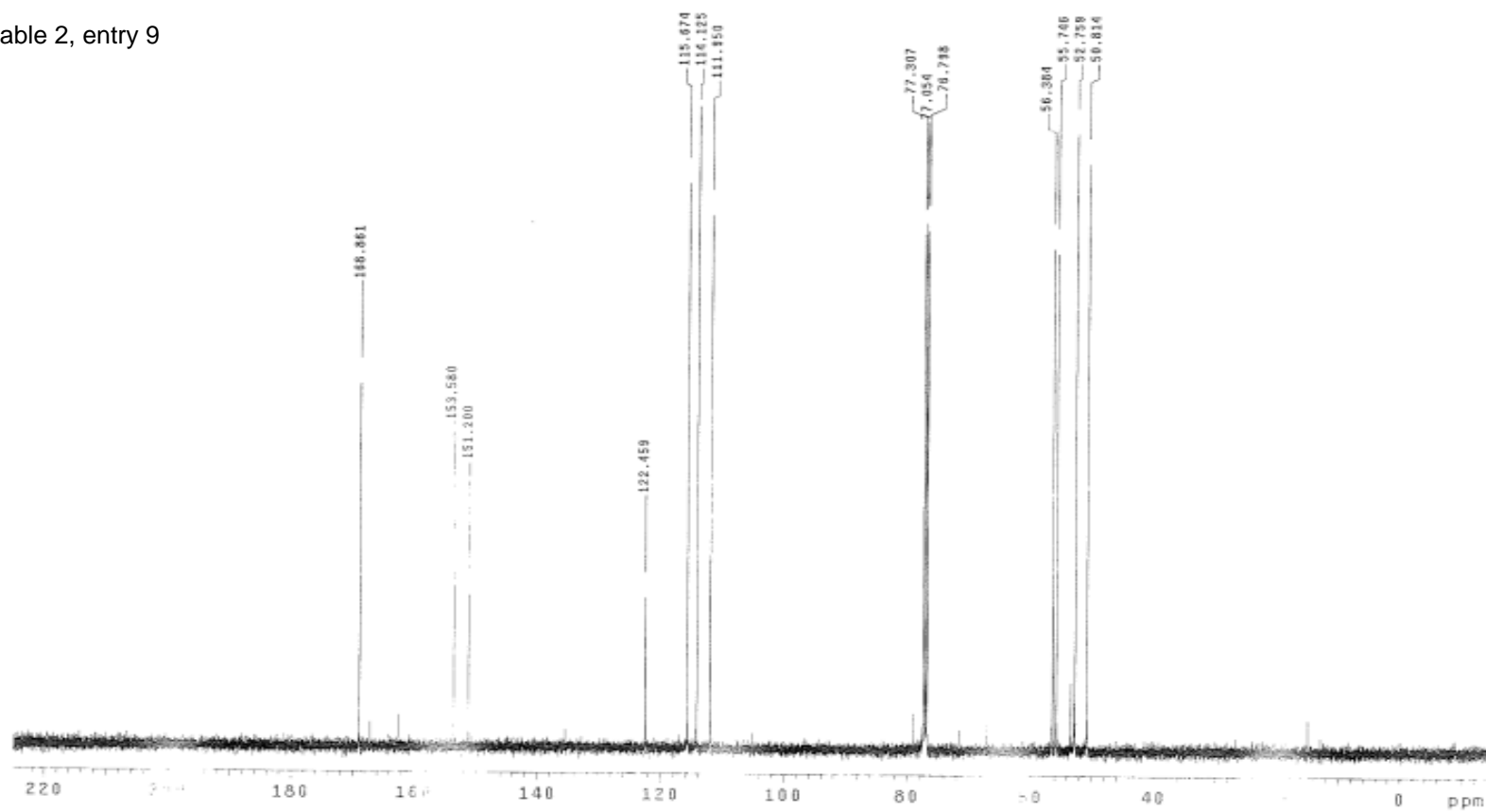
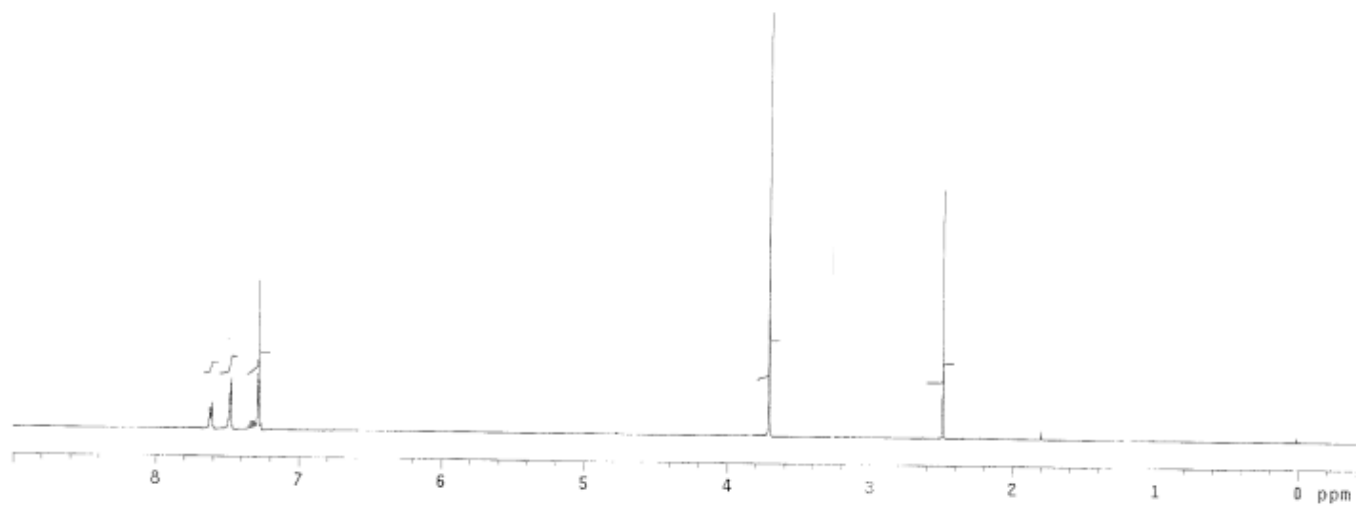
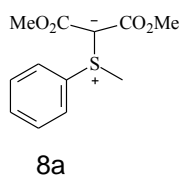


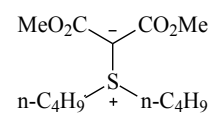
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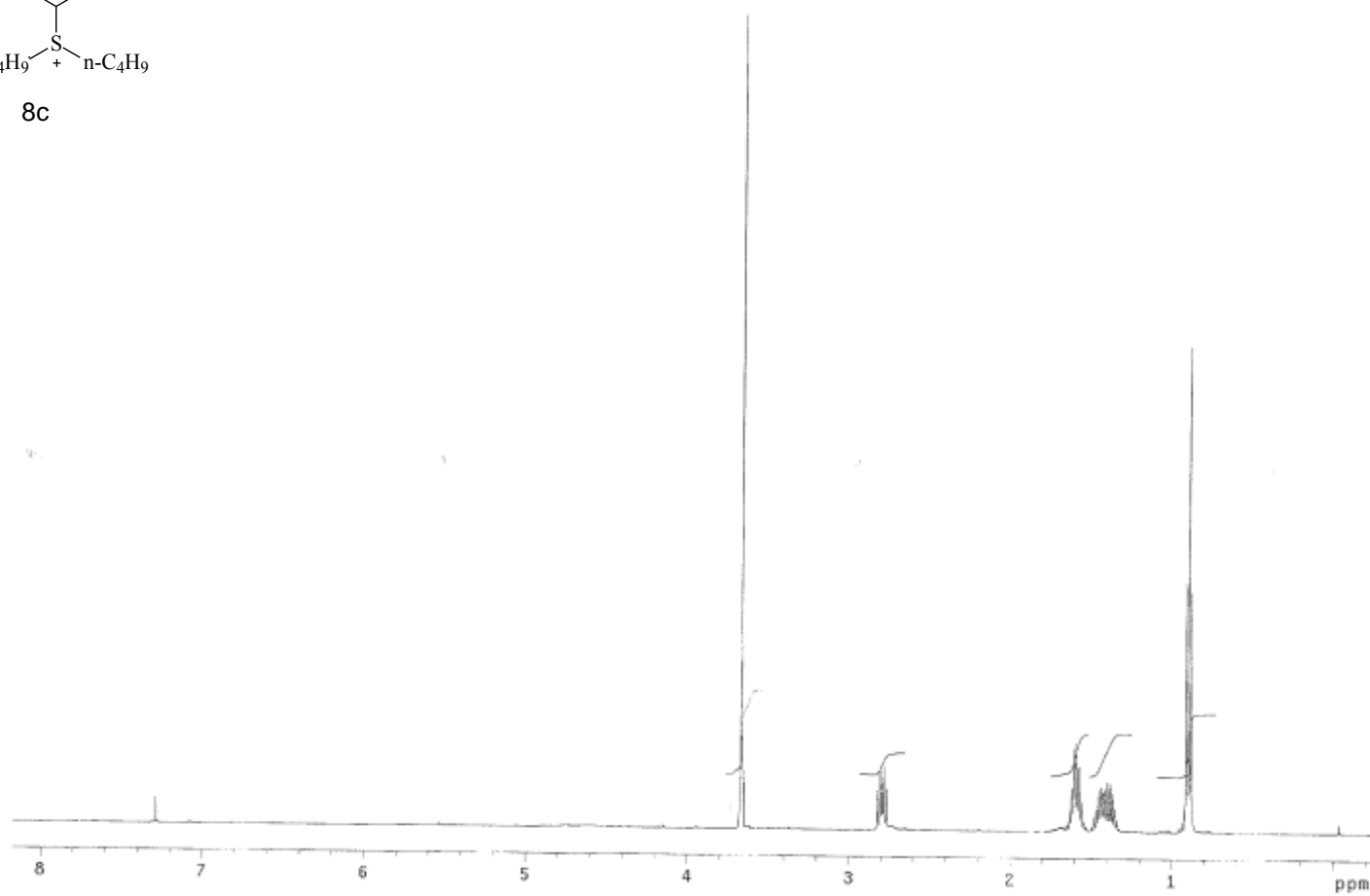
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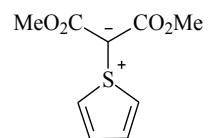
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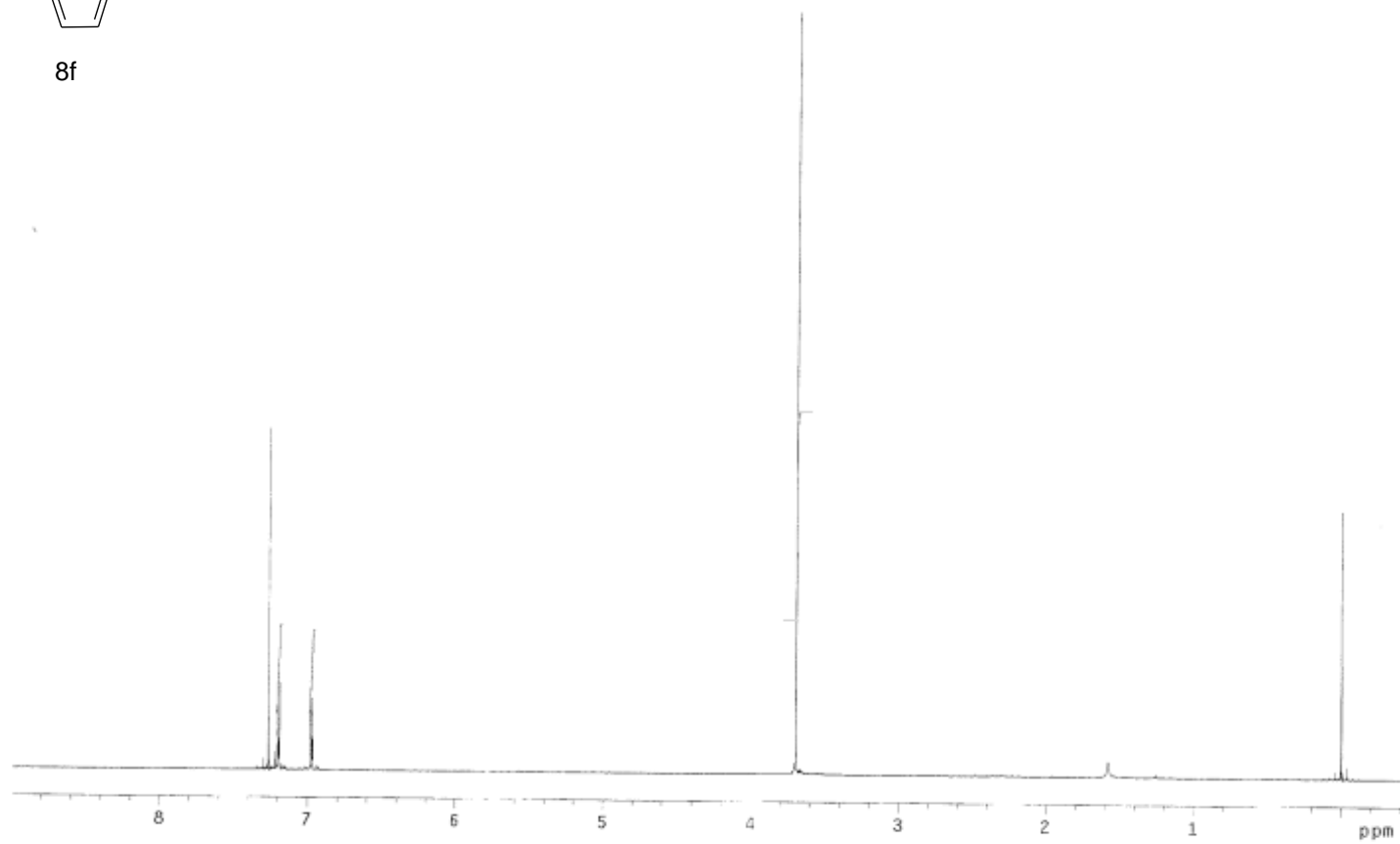
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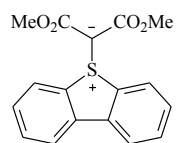
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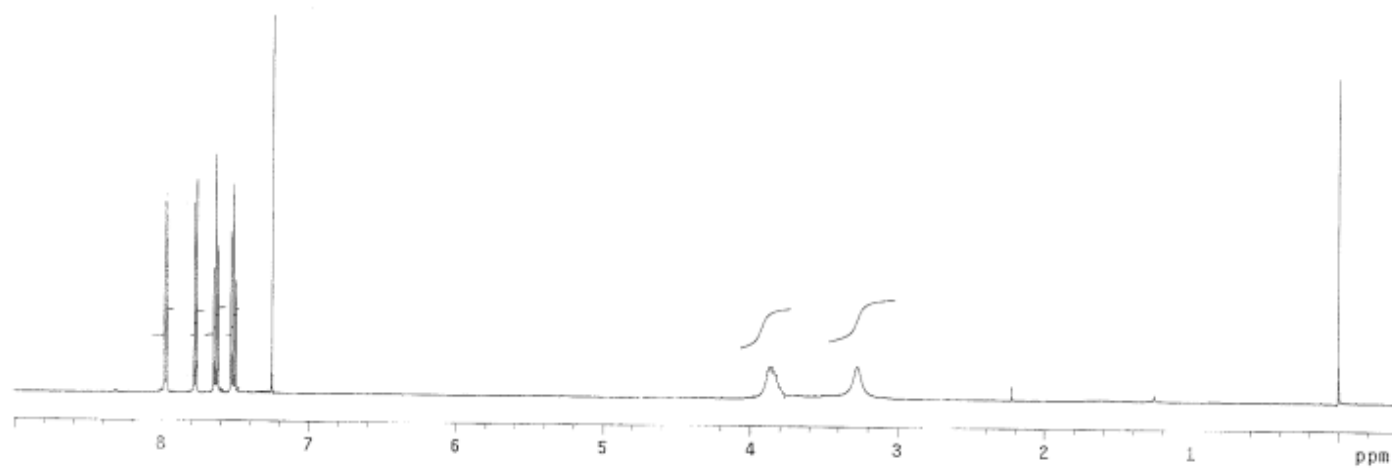
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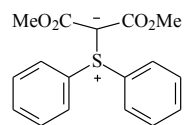
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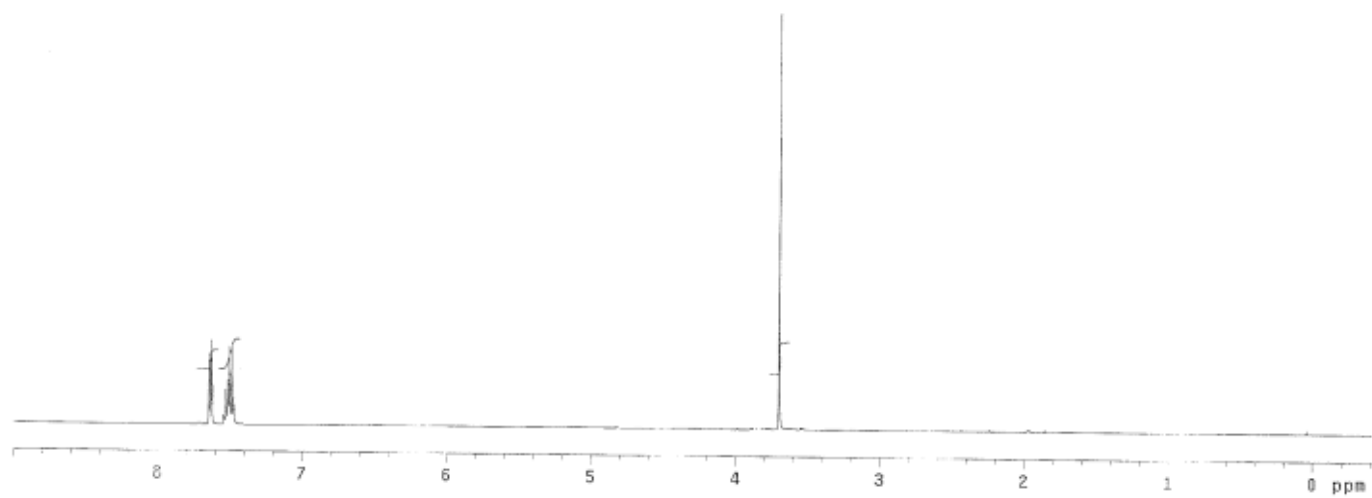
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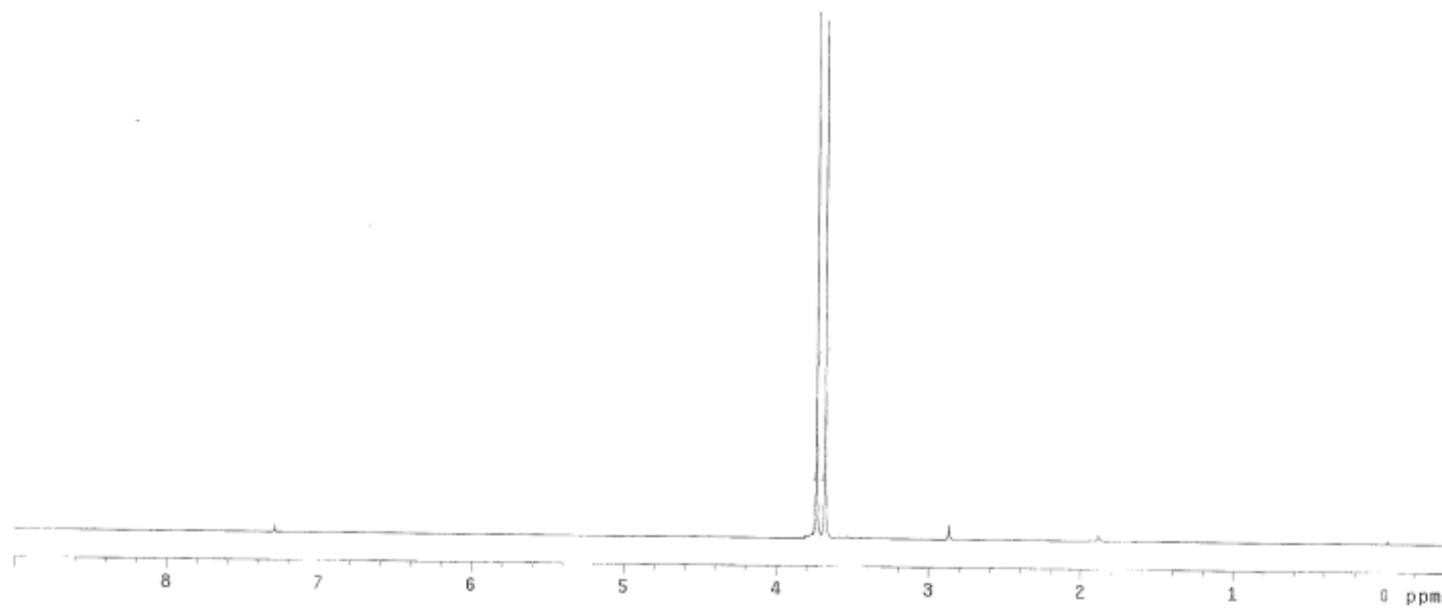
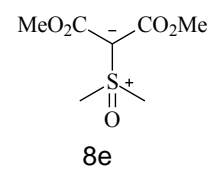
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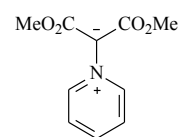
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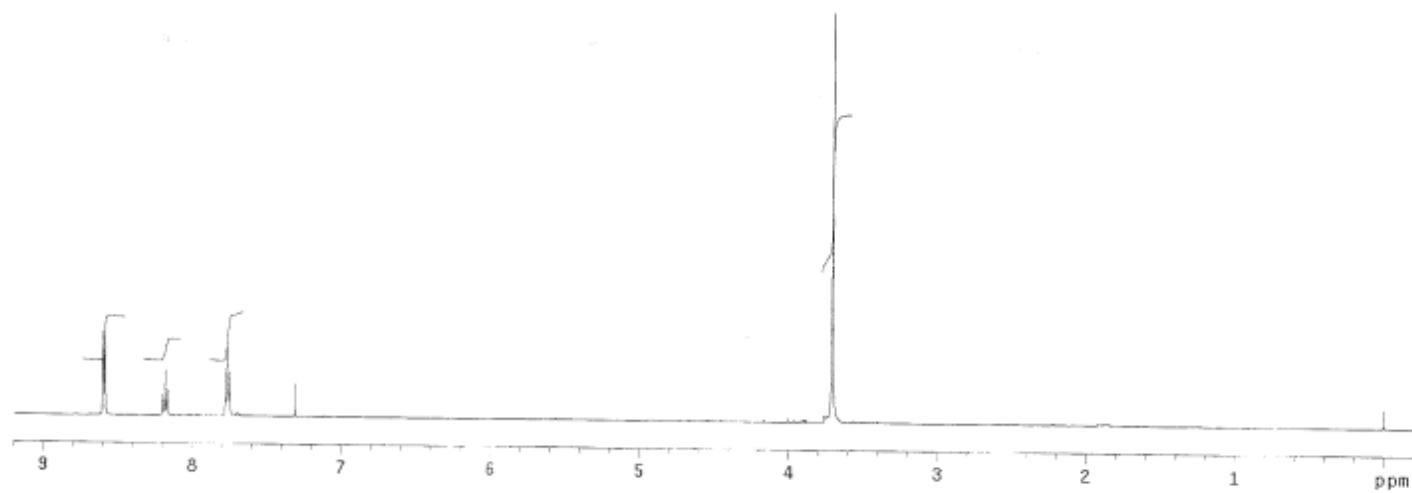
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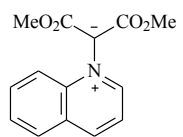


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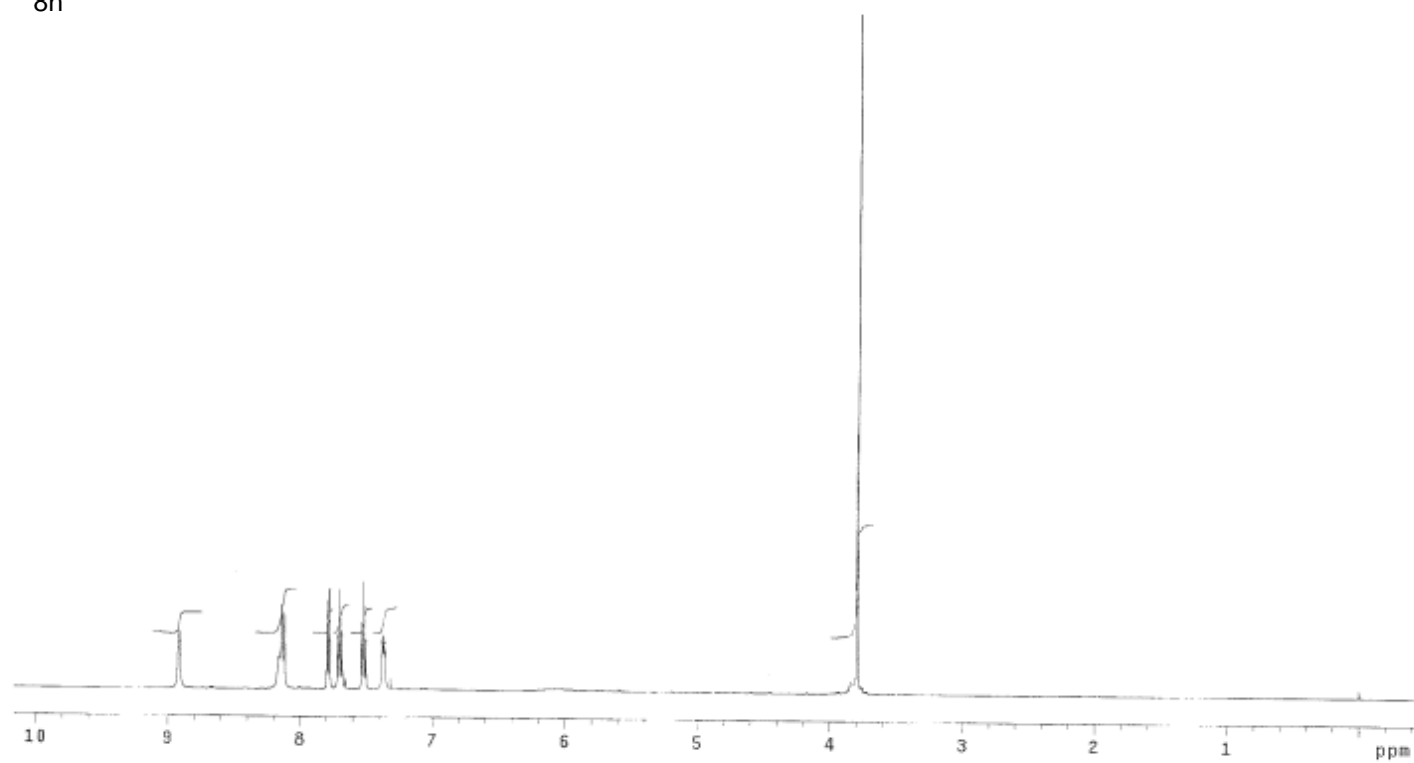




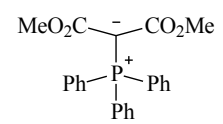
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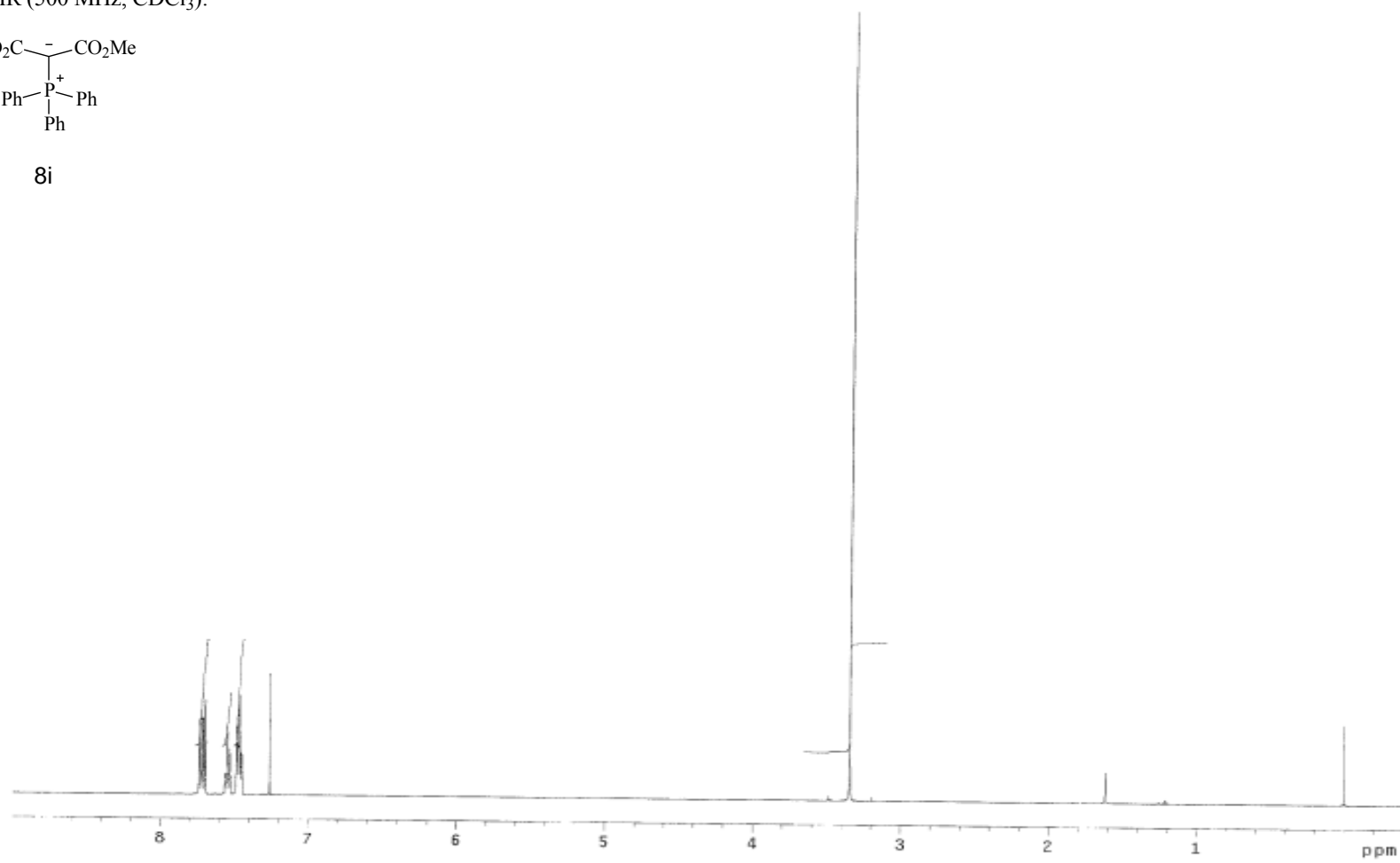
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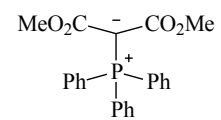
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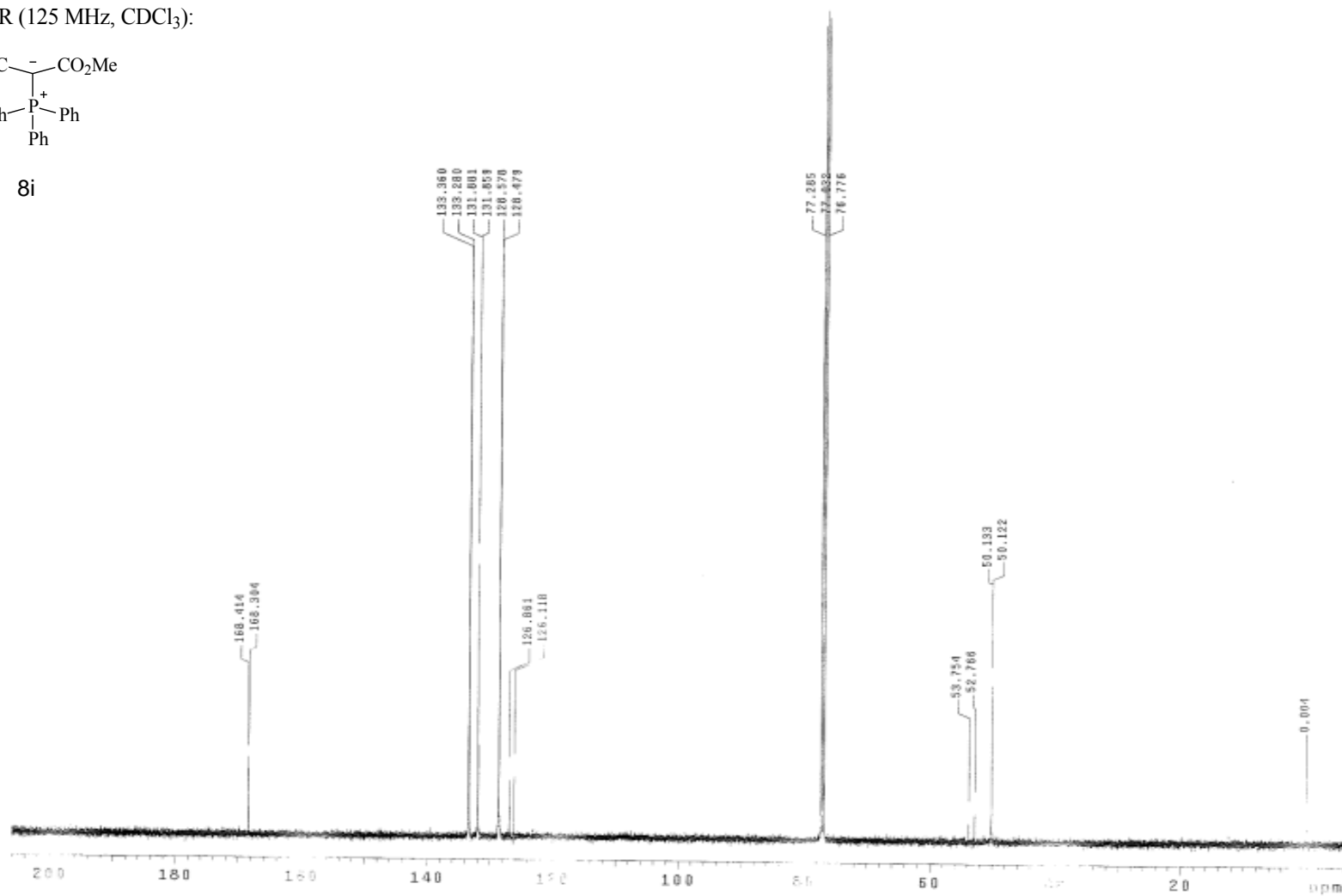
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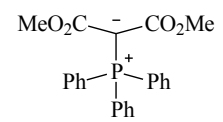
$^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):



8i



$^{31}\text{P}$  (81.0 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):



8i

