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Abstract

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Described herein is the exploration of a novel methodology whereby boronate-ester bearing cyclopentanes are produced by reaction between an unactivated olefin and what is described as a boron alkylidene. The mechanism is evaluated and concluded to proceed through a boracyclic intermediate that is achieved by a closed-shell, carbanion addition to the olefin. This mechanistic conclusion is arrived upon by considering two likely alternative routes (an open-shell, radical cyclization and a [2+2] concerted process) and providing evidence to refute them. A reaction scope is established as well as the utility of the methodology through the racemic synthesis of a natural sesquiterpene: aphanamal. Finally, the future of the reaction development will be considered by providing a single example of a 6-endo cyclization.

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List of Abbreviations

Å: angstrom

AlMe₃: trimethylaluminum

Ar: aryl

aq: aqueous

Bn: benzyl

BnBr: benzyl bromide

CAM: ceric ammonium nitrate

CCl₄: carbon tetrachloride

(COCl)₂: oxalyl chloride

COSY: correlation spectroscopy

Cy: cyclohexyl

DART: direct analysis in real time

DCM: dichloromethane

DFT: density functional theory

DMAP: 4-dimethylaminopyridine

DMF: dimethylformamide

DMP: Dess-Martin periodinane

DMSO: dimethyl sulfoxide

dr: diastereomeric ratio

ee: enantiomeric excess

er: enantiomeric ratio

ESI: electrospray ionization

EtCO₂H: propionic acid

Et₂O: diethyl ether

EtOAc: ethyl acetate

(EtO)₃CMe: trimethyl orthoacetate

h: hour(s)

HCl: hydrogen chloride

HGII: Hoveyda-Grubbs catalyst™ 2nd generation

H₂O₂: hydrogen peroxide

HPLC: high performance liquid chromatography

HRMS: high resolution mass spectrometry

I₂: iodine

IPr: 1,3-bis(2,6-diisopropylphenyl)imidazol-2-ylidene

KMnO₄: potassium permanganate

KOtBu: potassium *tert*-butoxide

LAH: lithium aluminum hydride

LTMP: lithium 2,2,6,6-tetramethylpiperidide

M: molar or metal

mCPBA: *meta*-chloroperoxybenzoic acid

MeI: methyl iodide

MeOH: methanol

min: minute(s)

MO: molecular orbital

NaBH₄: sodium borohydride

NaOMe: sodium methoxide

NaOtBu: sodium *tert*-butoxide

NBS: *N*-bromosuccinimide

*n*BuLi: *n*-butyllithium

NCS: *N*-chlorosuccinimide

NEt₃: trimethylamine

NMP: *N*-methyl-2-pyrrolidone

NOESY: nuclear overhauser effect spectroscopy

Nu: nucleophile

OTf: trifluoromethanesulfonate

Ph: phenyl

PhMe: toluene

pin: pinacol

PMA: phosphomolybdic acid

PMHS: polymethylhydrosiloxane

PPh₃: triphenylphosphine

*p*TsOH: *para*-toluenesulfonic acid

rt: room temperature

SeO₂: Selenium dioxide

SFC: supercritical fluid chromatography

SiO₂: silica gel

TBAF: tetrabutylammonium fluoride

TBAI: tetrabutylammonium iodide

TBDPS: *tert*-butyldiphenylsilyl

TBME: *tert*-butyl methyl ether

TBS: *tert*-butyldimethylsilyl

*t*BuLi: *tert*-butyllithium

TEMPO: 2,2,6,6-Tetramethyl-1-piperidin-1-yl

THF: tetrahydrofuran

TMANO: trimethylamine *N*-oxide

TMSCl: trimethylsilyl chloride

TS: transition state

TsCl: 4-toluenesulfonyl chloride

I. Introduction and Background

The discovery and expansion of a boron-alkylidene/alkene 2+2 is described in detail herein; a unique reaction whereby a nucleophilic boron-alkylidene reacts intramolecularly, in a net 2+2 fashion with an unactivated alkene to furnish a boracyclobutane. The resultant boracyclobutane has the capacity to react productively with a number of electrophiles to result in a highly functionalized cyclopentane (Figure 1).

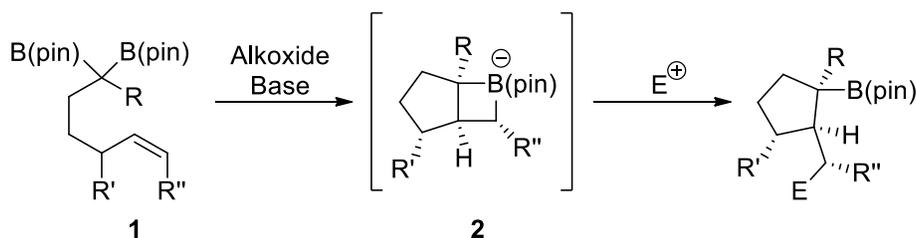


Figure 1 - A general depiction of the title reaction - A deborylative cyclization

In the text that follows, the intermediacy of a boracyclobutane will be supported and the utility of the final products will be validated. Moreover, a substantial amount of effort will be focused on arriving at a mechanistic conclusion for how the starting compound **1** arrives at intermediate **2**.

A. Background

Geminal bis(boronates), correctly identified in 1960 by H. C. Brown and G. Zweifel, have recently garnered renewed interest as practical synthetic intermediates.^{1,2,3,4} Recently disclosed by our

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2. Coombs, J. R.; Zhang, L.; Morken, J. P., Synthesis of Vinyl Boronates from Aldehydes by a Practical Boron–Wittig Reaction. *Org. Lett.* **2015**, *17* (7), 1708-1711.

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4. Sun, C.; Potter, B.; Morken, J. P., A Catalytic Enantiotopic-Group-Selective Suzuki Reaction for the Construction of Chiral Organoboronates. *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **2014**, *136* (18), 6534-6537.

group is the deborylation of geminal bis(boronates) to generate boron-alkylidenes, which could subsequently be trapped by alkyl halides (Figure 2).⁵

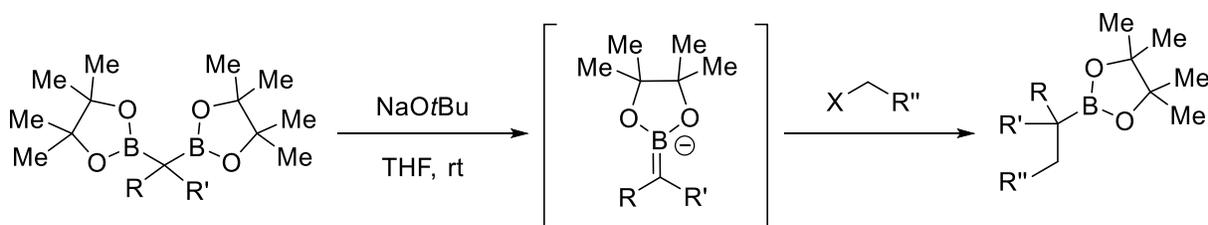


Figure 2 - Previously reported deborylative alkylation

Presented in this communication was strong support for the intermediacy of a boron-alkylidene, which had been speculated upon in prior works. H. C. Brown and G. Zweifel had suggested that geminal bis(*boranes*) were extremely susceptible to hydrolytic cleavage under alkaline conditions to generate a stabilized anion (Figure 3).¹ In their work, Brown and Zweifel also provided evidence that the analogous, less Lewis-acidic geminal bis(*boronates*) had an increased hydrolytic stability.

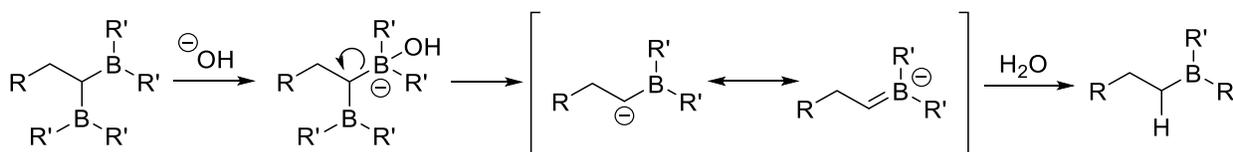


Figure 3 - Brown and Zweifel's proposed deborylation pathway

In a separate publication, G. Zweifel suggested a similar intermediate was obtainable by subjecting geminal bis(boranes) to organolithium bases. In this work, it was suggested that the addition of a second equivalent of base prevented the reverse reaction by coordinating to the fragmented, Lewis-acidic borane (Figure 4).⁶

5. Hong, K.; Liu, X.; Morken, J. P., Simple Access to Elusive α -Boryl Carbanions and Their Alkylation: An Umpolung Construction for Organic Synthesis. *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **2014**, *136* (30), 10581-10584.

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6. Zweifel, G.; Fisher, R. P.; Horng, A., A Convenient Procedure for the Synthesis of Secondary Alcohols From 1-Alkynes via the Alkylation of Boron-Stabilized Carbanions. *Synthesis* **1973**, *1973* (01), 37-38.

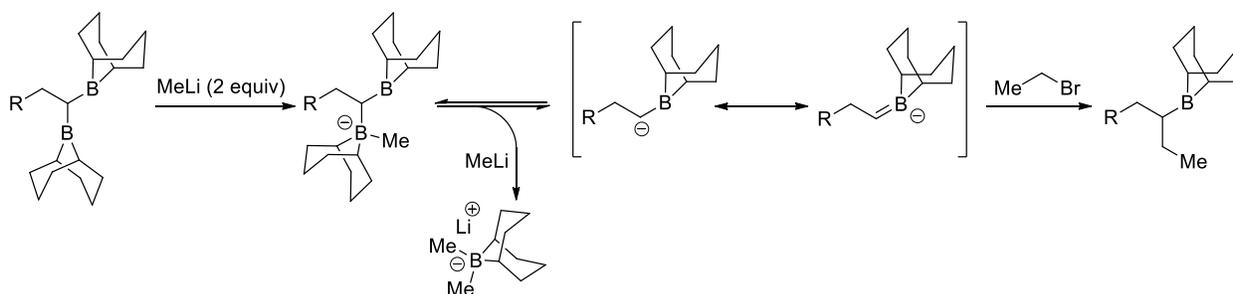


Figure 4 - Zweifel's deborylative alkylation; note the use of 2 equivalents of base to prevent the recapture of the departing borane

G. Zweifel and H. C. Brown's original proposition of a boron-alkylidene intermediate was later validated by other groups. The existence of a boron-alkylidene was substantiated by our group with two experiments. First, a ^{13}C enriched geminal bis(boronate) was prepared and its alkoxide-induced deborylation was monitored by ^{13}C NMR spectroscopy. The deborylated species was assigned to a broad singlet with a chemical shift of 49.1 ppm (Figure 5). The downfield chemical-shift of this species implies the structure has alkylidene character.^{7,8,9}

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9. Oakes, F. T.; Yang, F. A.; Sebastian, J. F., Allylic vs. vinylic deprotonation reactions of cyclic vinyl ethers. 7-Lithio-2,3,4,5-tetrahydrooxepin: synthesis and carbon-13 NMR spectrum. *J. Org. Chem.* **1982**, *47* (16), 3094-3097.

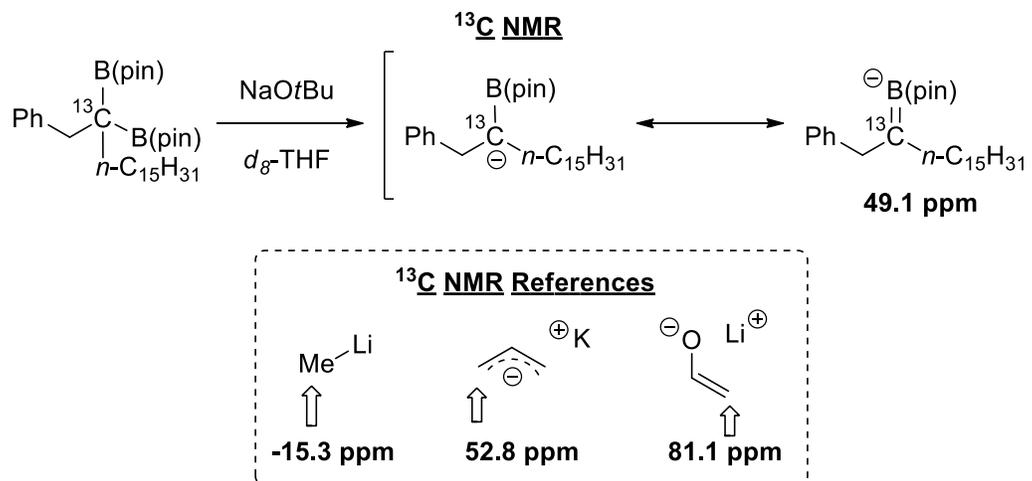


Figure 5 - ¹³C NMR analysis of deborylative alkylation intermediates. Inset is ¹³C NMR references depicting the general trend of more π-character, further downfield

Secondly, an enantioenriched, ¹⁰B-labeled substrate was prepared and subjected to the deborylative-alkylation conditions. The enantiomeric products were then separated on chiral-phase SFC and analyzed by mass spectrometry. The results of this experiment show a statistical distribution of ¹⁰B-labeled compound for each enantiomer of product, implying a stereo-randomizing step is involved in the mechanism (Figure 6). Had the process been stereospecific, the ¹⁰B-labeling would have only been present in one product isomer, and the mass distribution for both isomers would have been closer to a singular value.

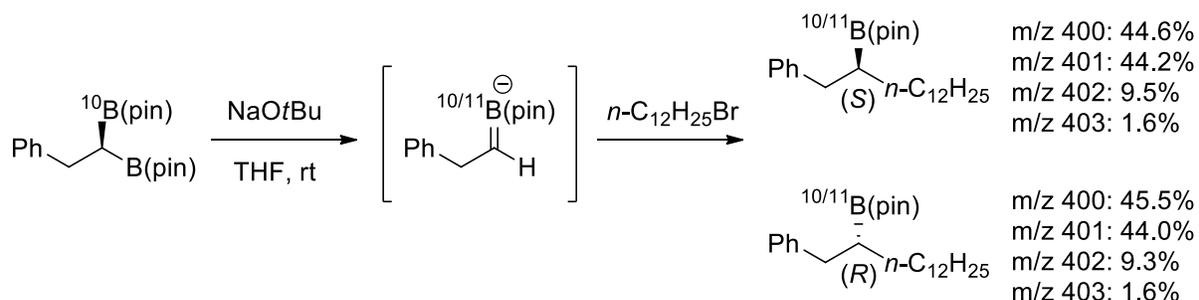


Figure 6 - Mass spectrometric evaluation of deborylative alkylation reaction products after separation of enantiomers: stereo-randomization observed

Though this stereo-randomization could be explained by direct pyramidal inversion of the carbanion, it is most readily explained by the formation of the boron-alkylidene.¹⁰ Additionally, Boron-Carbon double bonds have been observed in the solid state via X-ray crystallography (Figure 7).¹¹

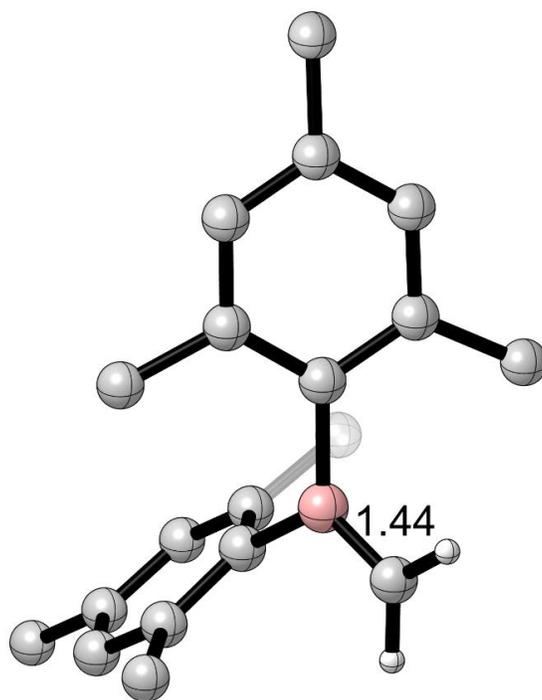


Figure 7 - Crystal structure of a boron-alkylidene with the B-C double-bond distance labeled in Å (hydrogen atoms calculated)

B. Discovery

In the presence of metal alkoxides, geminal bis(boronates) are known to generate carbon-centered, α -borylanions. Based on previously reported ^{13}C NMR analysis of these deborylated complexes, it was determined that their structure is more accurately described by that of an anionic, boron-alkylidene, and hence forth will be referred to as such (Figure 2).⁵

10. Rauk, A.; Allen, L. C.; Mislow, K., Pyramidal Inversion. *Angew. Chem. Int. Ed.* **1970**, *9* (6), 400-414.

11. Olmstead, M. M.; Power, P. P.; Weese, K. J.; Doedens, R. J., Isolation and x-ray crystal structure of the boron methylenide ion $[\text{Mes}_2\text{BCH}_2]^-$ (Mes = 2,4,6-Me₃C₆H₂): a boron-carbon double bonded alkene analog. *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1987**, *109* (8), 2541-2542.

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In the course of investigating the mechanism of this reaction, coined deborylative-alkylation, it was discovered that if R=pent-4-enyl, a substrate shown to be competent in the reaction, an alternate reactivity path was followed if the electrophile were initially omitted (Figure 8).

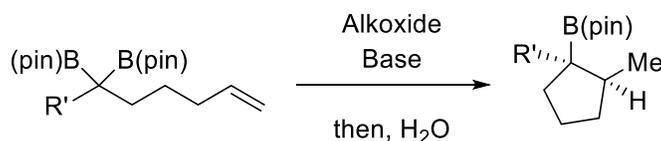


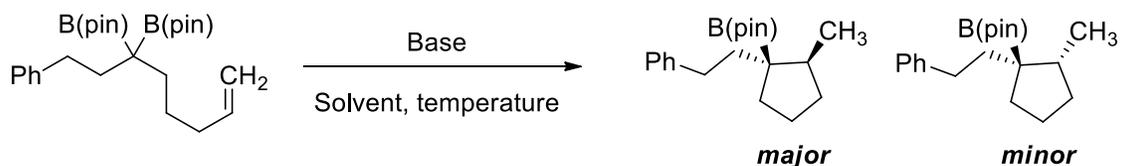
Figure 8 – Serendipitous discovery of deborylative cyclization; omitted electrophile in deborylative alkylation

Discovery of this novel reactivity prompted us to undertake a full practical development and mechanistic investigation of this “deborylative cyclization”. This reactivity mode was considered to be unique in nature and appealed to our interest in the reactivity of bis(boronic) esters. We anticipated that these boronic ester-containing cyclopentanes would be powerful synthons in the context of natural product synthesis, and we sought to give credence to this concept.

II. Development of a Boron-Alkylidene/Alkene 2+2 Cycloaddition Reaction

A. Optimization

The discovery that the boron-alkylidenes react intramolecularly with tethered olefins led to the exploration of this reaction pathway as a novel methodology. The reaction is found to be optimal with potassium *tert*-butoxide as the metal oxide and competent in both toluene and THF as solvents. THF is selected as the reaction solvent due to higher observed diastereoselectivities and comparable yields to toluene (Figure 9).



entry	base	solvent	yield (%)	dr
1	NaOtBu	THF	12	13:1
2	NaOtBu	toluene	<5	N/A
3	KOMe	toluene	<5	N/A
4	KOtBu	DCE	<5	N/A
5	KOtBu	hexanes	39	2.2:1
6	KOtBu	THF	51	5:1 ^b
7	KOtBu	THF	52	4:1
8	KOtBu	toluene	52	2:1 ^b
9	KOtBu	toluene	61	1.2:1

Figure 9 - Deborylative cyclization optimization results. ^a Reaction conditions: 1,1-diboronate ester (0.10 mmol, 0.2 M), and base (0.20 mmol) at rt. Yield refers to the isolated yield of purified material. ^b Reaction conducted at 50 °C

B. Substrate Exploration

With the optimum conditions established, attention was turned to identifying competent reaction substrates. The scope of the reaction is shown in Figure 10.

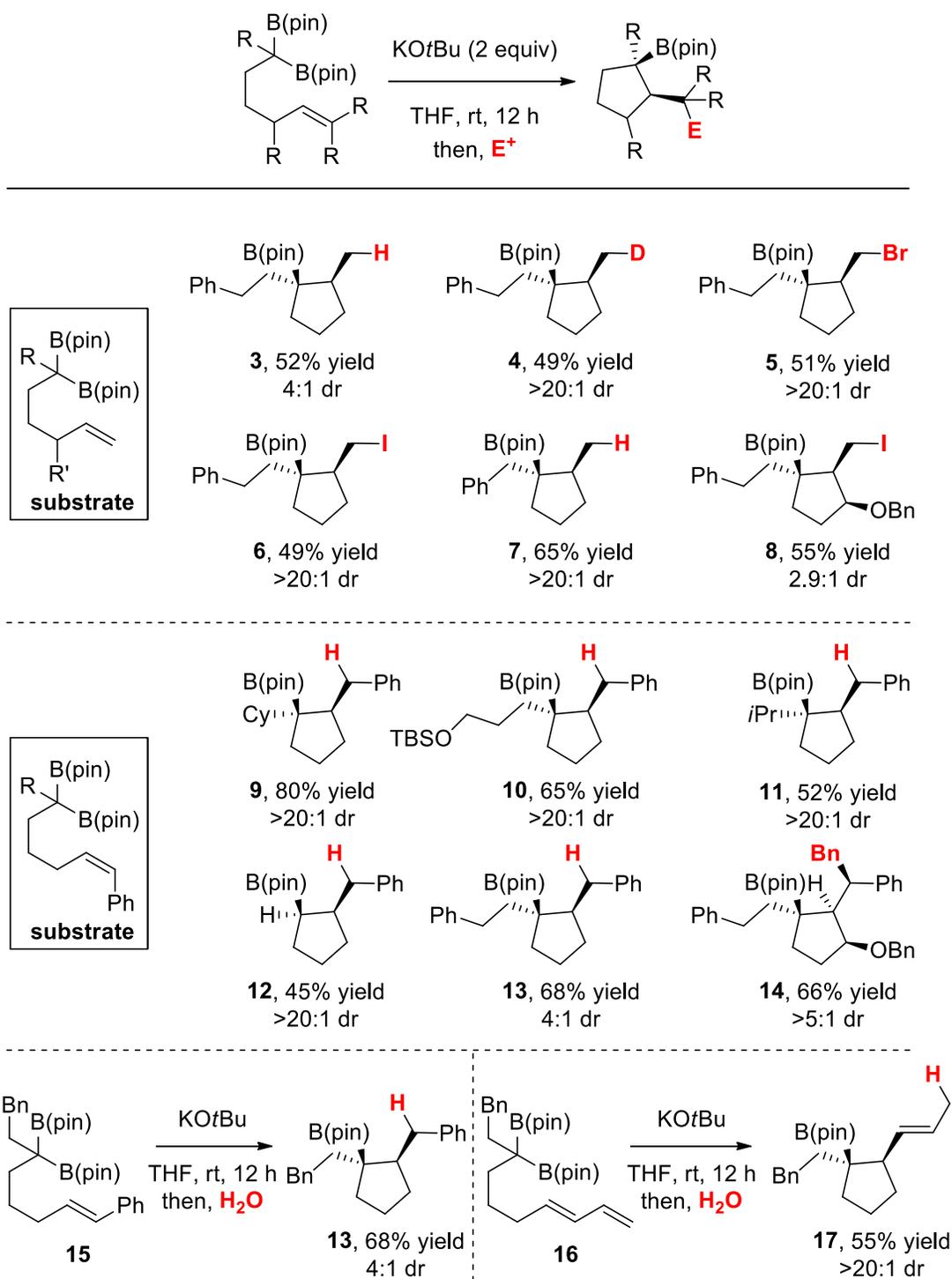


Figure 10 - Substrate scope of deborylative cyclization

Early in the course of exploring the substrate compatibility of the reaction, it was observed that olefin substitution is largely untolerated. Of the tested substrates, only π -conjugating olefin-

substituents afforded the desired reactivity. Specifically, phenyl (**9-15**) and vinyl (**16**) olefin-substituents were tolerated while alkyl, such as methyl, were not. This observation perhaps provides some insight into the reaction mechanism. During the reaction studies, it was also discovered that a range of electrophiles could be incorporated into the product with high fidelity if anhydrous conditions were maintained. As illustrated in Figure 10, deuterium could be installed if the reaction was quenched with D₂O (**4**). Similarly, bromine or iodine could be incorporated if the reaction were quenched with *N*-bromosuccinimide (**5**) or molecular iodine (**6 & 8**), respectively. Notably, an enhanced diastereoselectivity is observed for products **4-6** when compared to the protonated analogue **3** (>20:1 dr vs. 4:1 dr). This upgraded diastereomeric ratio is attributed to protonation of the minor, *trans*- diastereomer prior to the addition of an electrophile. This selective protonolysis of the minor isomer, in effect, siphons off the minor diastereomer, while the major persists until the electrophile is introduced into the mixture. Below, calculations are provided that support the notion of a higher-reactivity, *trans*- diastereomer. The source of the proton has yet to be determined; the use of *d*₈-THF and *d*₉-KO*t*Bu did not result in deuterated products. Substrates bearing allylic substituents were also discovered to be tolerated, and even induced stereocontrol (**8**). Substitution about the bis(boronate)-carbon was found to be largely tolerated, and some examples include cyclohexyl (**9**), isopropyl (**11**), and even no substituent (**12**).

C. Mechanistic Investigation

i) Boracyclobutane Intermediate and Background

With a useful substrate scope established, a working understanding of the mechanism at play was then sought. Spectroscopic investigations were among the first mechanistic experiments for the boron-alkylidene/alkene [2+2] cycloaddition reaction. Two ¹³C-enriched substrates were prepared then subjected to the reaction conditions while monitoring via ¹³C NMR (Figure 11).

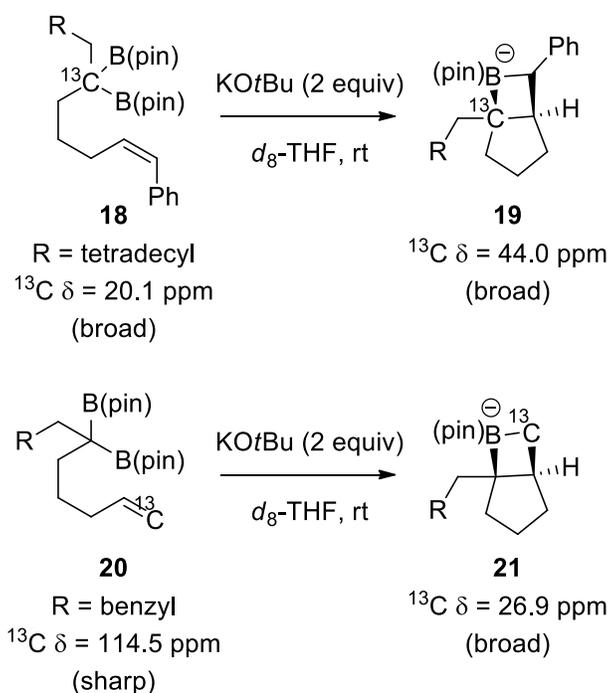


Figure 11 - ^{13}C NMR analysis of deborylative cyclization intermediates and proposed structure

The compound having its boron-pendent carbon labeled (**18**) was found to have a significant downfield shift when exposed to the reaction conditions. A broad singlet (broad due to the boron quadrupole) at 20.1 ppm in the starting material is replaced by a broad signal at 44.0 ppm. The signal at 44.0 ppm is assigned to the boracyclobutane containing structure shown above (**19**). To confirm the assignment of the boracyclobutane as an intermediate structure, an olefin-labeled compound (**20**) was exposed to the reaction conditions under spectroscopic scrutinization. This time, a sharp signal at 114.5 ppm in the starting material is replaced by a broad signal at 26.9 ppm. A broad signal strongly supports a boracyclobutane intermediate as it is hard to conceive an alternative intermediate where the labeled carbon atom is bonded to the quadrupolar boron atom. In both cases, the signal assigned to the intermediate boracyclobutane disappears upon addition of water to the mixture.

Regarding the reaction mechanism, perhaps a reasonable assumption would be a single electron pathway since radical, 5-exo cyclizations are plentiful in the literature; whereas, concerted 2+2

reactions and anion-additions to unactivated olefins are exceedingly rare.¹² According to Woodward and Hoffmann, concerted 2+2 reactions are disfavored due to HOMO/LUMO orbital-symmetry mismatch between the two reacting species (Figure 12).¹³

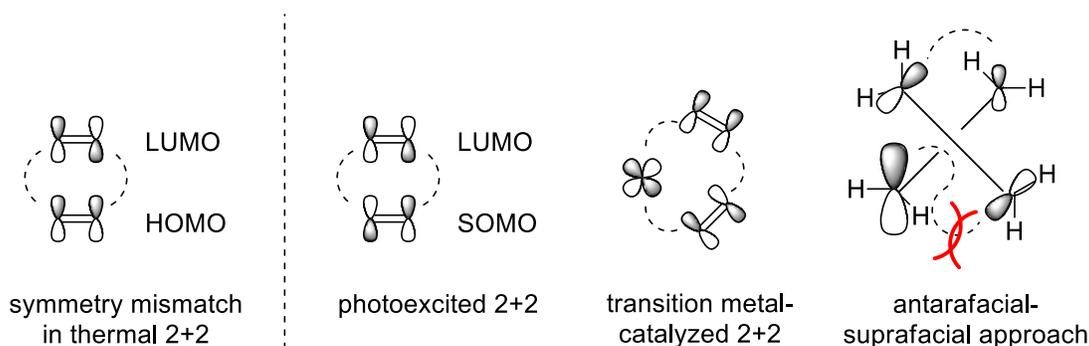


Figure 12 - Left: intrinsic obstacle of concerted 2+2 cyclization. Right: 3 possible pathways of concerted 2+2 reaction

This symmetry mismatch, however, does not “forbid” the 2+2 cycloaddition from occurring. It is still possible that the two can react via one of the following ways: 1) photoexcitation of one of the species whereby the resulting singly occupied orbital (SOMO) symmetry now matches the LUMO 2) transition metal-catalyzed 2+2 or 3) antarafacial-suprafacial orbital alignment.^{14,15,16} Early in the study of the reaction, the process was shown to perform comparably with or without the exclusion of light – leading to the conclusion that photoexcitation was not necessary. In order to address the possibility of a transition metal-catalyzed pathway, trace-metal impurities were considered.¹⁷ The KO t Bu was sourced from several vendors of varying quality (eg. sublimed grade)

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17. Takai, K.; Tagashira, M.; Kuroda, T.; Oshima, K.; Utimoto, K.; Nozaki, H., Reactions of alkenylchromium reagents prepared from alkenyl trifluoromethanesulfonates (triflates) with chromium(II) chloride under nickel catalysis. *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1986**, *108* (19), 6048-6050.

and found to have no effect on the reaction outcome. Antarafacial-suprafacial reactivity is possible even though the steric clash between the two reacting species makes this unlikely; it still is an avenue that need be explored.

Although rare addition of carbon nucleophiles to unactivated olefins have been presented in the literature. Bailey et al. demonstrated that carbo-lithium species can intramolecularly add to olefins (Figure 13).¹⁸

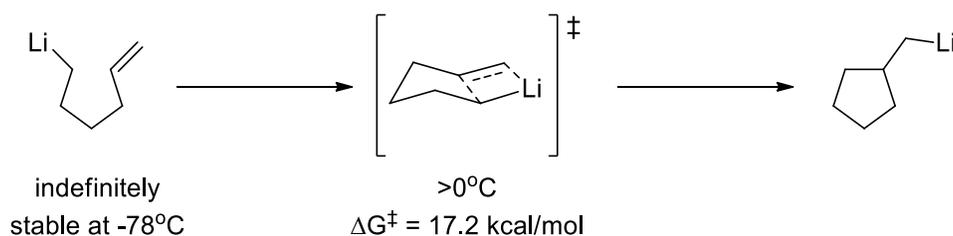


Figure 13 - Bailey's carbo-lithiation of unactivated olefins (activation energy based on ab initio MO calculations, 3-21G basis set)

In their report, Bailey et al. rule out the intermediacy of a carboradical by demonstrating spectroscopically that 5-hexenyllithium is produced in near-quantitative yield via low-temperature, lithium-iodide exchange. 5-hexenyllithium is then indefinitely stable until warmed above 0°C , whereupon it isomerizes to (cyclopentylmethyl)lithium. The authors also perform ab initio molecular orbital calculations of the anionic cyclization, at the 3-21G level, which suggest a reasonable energy barrier of 17.2 kcal/mol.¹⁹

Other examples of carbo-alkali metallation of unactivated alkenes have been reported as early as 1956: Magnus and Levine demonstrated that carbanions derived from various nitriles treated with

18. Bailey, W. F.; Gavaskar, K. V., Anionic cyclization of olefinic alkyllithiums: ring closure of terminally substituted 5-hexenyllithiums. *Tetrahedron* **1994**, *50* (20), 5957-5970.

19. Bailey, W. F.; Khanolkar, A. D.; Gavaskar, K.; Ovaska, T. V.; Rossi, K.; Thiel, Y.; Wiberg, K. B., Stereoselectivity of cyclization of substituted 5-hexen-1-ylolithiums: regiospecific and highly stereoselective insertion of an unactivated alkene into a carbon-lithium bond. *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1991**, *113* (15), 5720-5727.

sodium metal could add to 2- and 4-vinylpyridines.²⁰ Following this seminal work, other bases have been shown to react comparably (Figure 14).²¹

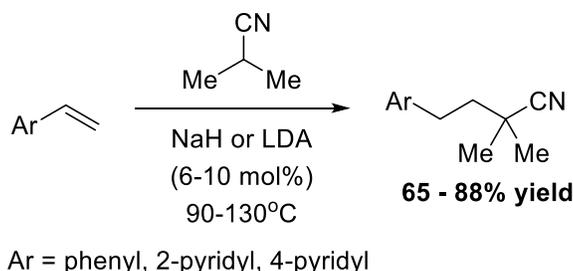


Figure 14 – Example of carbanion addition to an unactivated olefin

Additional examples include the KO t Bu promoted addition of DMSO to styrenes resulting in a sulfoxide which could then be pyrolyzed to the homologue of the starting olefin (Figure 15)²² and Knochel's KO t Bu catalyzed addition of carbonyl derivatives to styrenes (Figure 16).²³

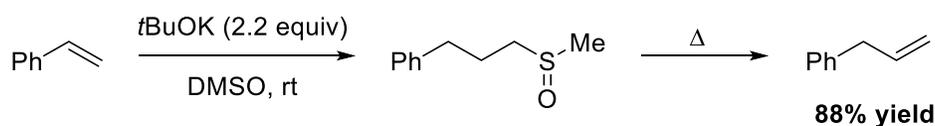


Figure 15 - Example of a stabilized carbanion addition to an unactivated olefin

20. Magnus, G.; Levine, R., The Pyridylethylation of Active Hydrogen Compounds. V. The Reaction of Ammonia, Certain Amines, Amides and Nitriles with 2- and 4-Vinylpyridine and 2-Methyl-5-vinylpyridine. *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1956**, *78* (16), 4127-4130.

21. Narula, A. P. S., The Search for New Fragrance Ingredients for Functional Perfumery. *Chem. Biodiversity* **2004**, *1* (12), 1992-2000.

22. Walling, C.; Bollyky, L., The Addition of Dimethyl Sulfoxide Anion to Olefins and the Pyrolysis of Sulfoxides. *J. Org. Chem.* **1964**, *29* (9), 2699-2701.

23. Rodriguez, A. L.; Bunlaksananusorn, T.; Knochel, P., Potassium tert-Butoxide Catalyzed Addition of Carbonyl Derivatives to Styrenes. *Org. Lett.* **2000**, *2* (21), 3285-3287.

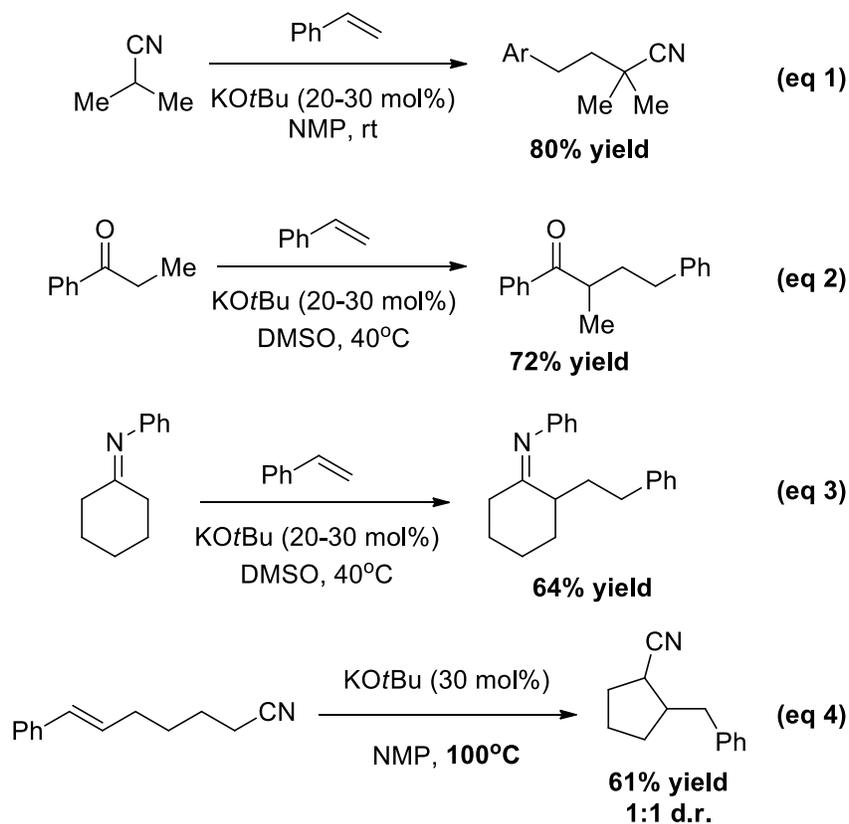


Figure 16 - Knochel's alkoxide-catalyzed addition of stabilized carbanion additions to unactivated olefins

Notably, in the former report, the reaction fails with simple aliphatic olefins. In the report by Knochel et al., potassium salts of nitriles, ketones and imines (eqs 1-3) were shown to all be competent reaction partners with styrenes. Interestingly, the authors demonstrate that 2-substituted olefins react much more sluggishly (eq 4), supporting the proposed, anionic pathway. These listed examples also bear the similarity with the title reaction of being mesomerically stabilized anions. Though stabilized alkali-carbanion additions to alkenes are rare, this pathway need be explored as well.

With strong spectroscopic evidence for two intermediate structures in the reaction pathway (the boron-alkylidene and the boracyclobutane), three separate mechanistic possibilities are devised (Figure 17). All three mechanistic possibilities (an anionic pathway, a radical pathway, and a concerted pathway) share common intermediates supported by spectroscopic evidence. In order to

establish mechanistic understanding of the reaction, experimentation was conceived and carried out, described below.

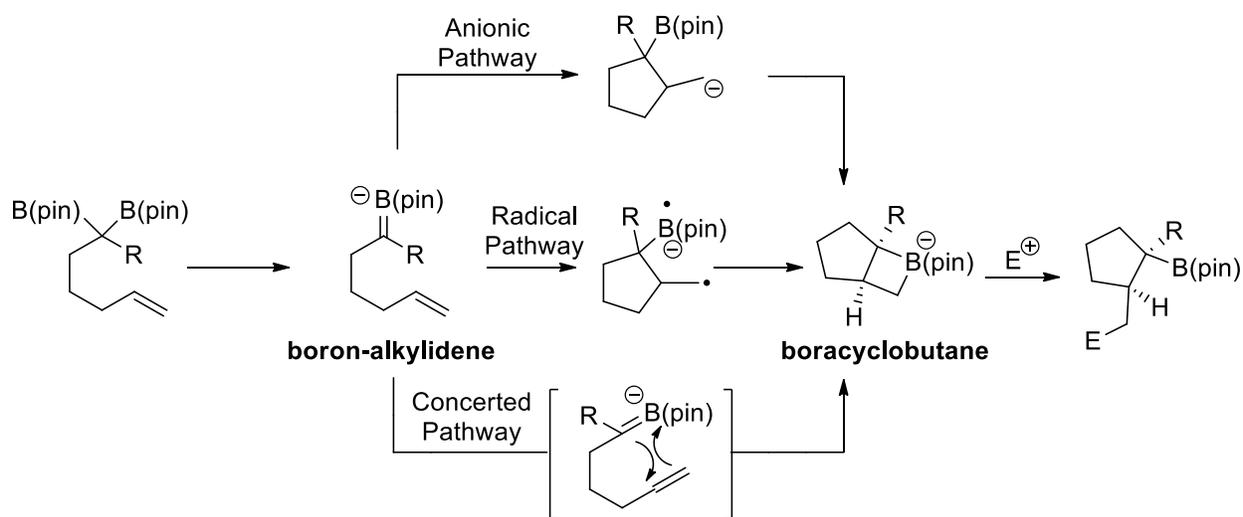


Figure 17 - Proposed, possible mechanisms of deborylative cyclization; all include 2 common intermediates

ii) Empirical Observations Addressing the Concerted [2+2] Cycloaddition

Experimentation to examine the concerted mechanistic possibility was planned. If two substrates were constructed that varied only about the geometry of the olefin, these two compounds could be treated with the reaction conditions and trapped with the same electrophile and the outcome evaluated. A concerted mechanism would presumably result in epimeric products for the two isomeric substrates.

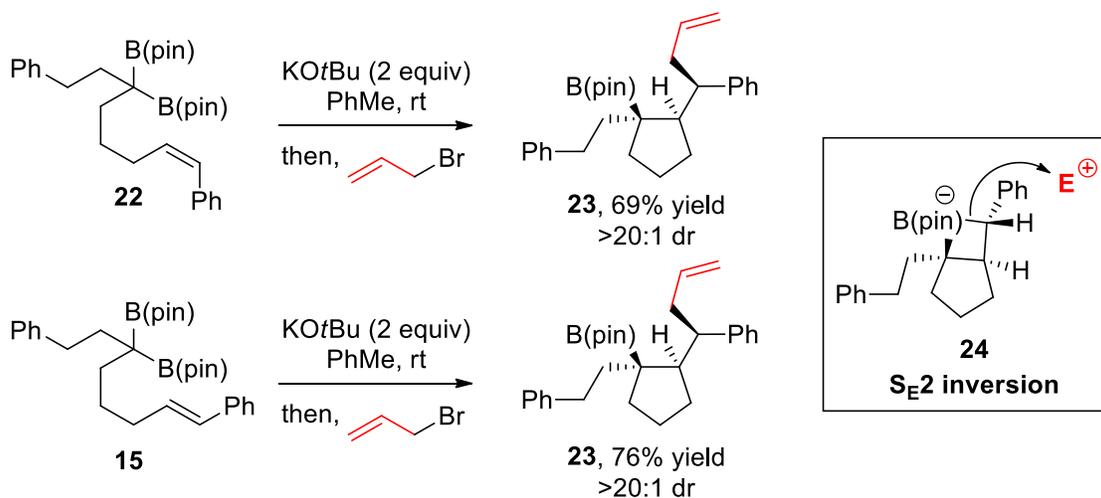


Figure 18 - Mechanistic experiment showing convergent nature of reaction. Inset is a depiction of typical S_E2 reactivity of quaternary boronates, providing insight into the configuration of the intermediate

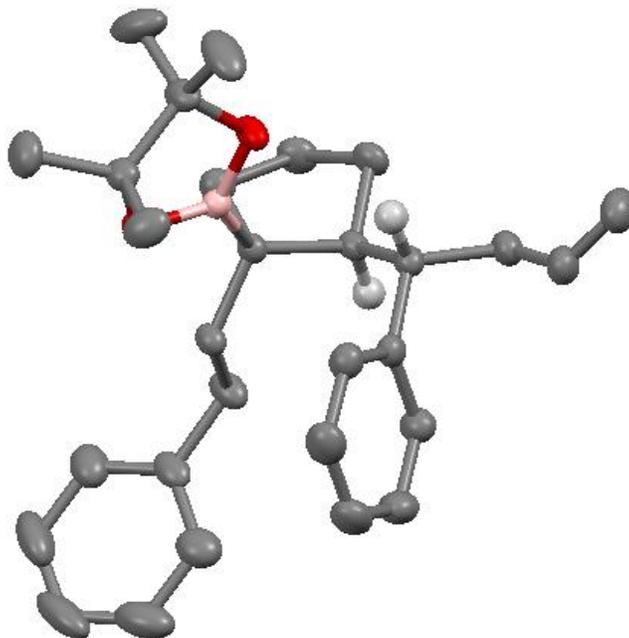


Figure 19 - Crystal structure of reaction product from Figure 18

The aforementioned substrates (**22** & **15**, Figure 18) are prepared and subjected to the reaction conditions whereby the reaction outcomes are then inspected. A stereoconvergent process is discovered to be operative, indicating a step-wise mechanism whereby a bond rotation can occur prior to cyclization to the boracycle (Figure 18). The relative configuration is assigned by

crystallography and is presumably achieved via an invertive, S_E2 electrophilic trapping by the boracycle (**24**, Figure 18).²⁴

By similar logic, a *cis*-deuterated compound **25** is prepared and subjected to the reaction conditions (Figure 20). Product **26** is then isolated and revealed to be a 1:1 mixture of epimers about the iodinated carbon. This result again is inconsistent with a concerted pathway and supports an anionic or radical intermediate that is capable of inversion prior to closure to the boracycle.

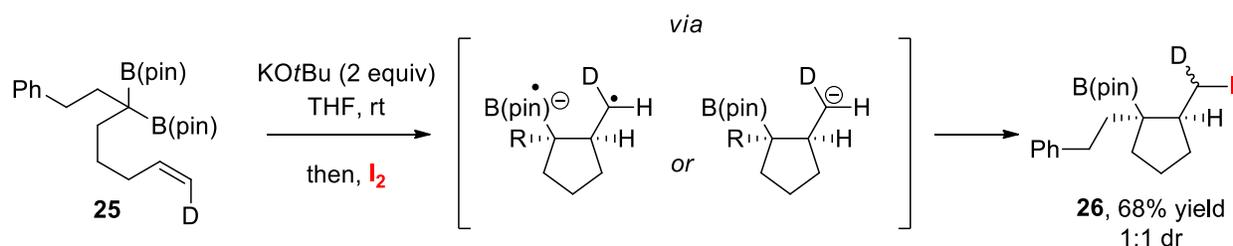


Figure 20 - Mechanistic experiment showing the stereo-randomization of the cyclization, eliminating a concerted process from consideration

iii) Empirical Observations Addressing the Anionic vs. Radical Pathways

With the concerted possibility dismissed from consideration, attention was then turned to discerning between the anionic or the radical mechanism. Initial experiments were designed to probe the nature of the boron-alkylidene. The introduction of a stereo-defined, secondary alkylbromide (**28**) as an electrophile in the deborylative-alkylation process results in a strictly invertive process (Figure 21). This result demonstrates the proclivity of the boron-alkylidene to react by a two-electron process as opposed to a single electron transfer to the alkyl halide, followed by fragmentation and radical combination.

24. Larouche-Gauthier, R.; Elford, T. G.; Aggarwal, V. K., Ate Complexes of Secondary Boronic Esters as Chiral Organometallic-Type Nucleophiles for Asymmetric Synthesis. *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **2011**, *133* (42), 16794-16797.

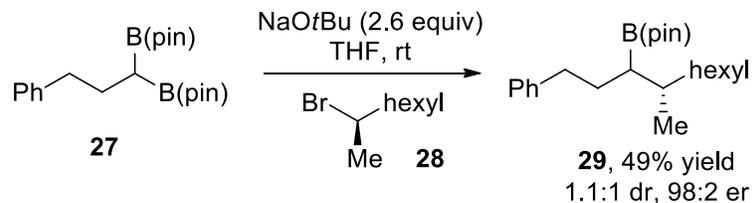


Figure 21 - Mechanistic experiment showing the proclivity of the deborylated species to react via a closed-shell process

A radical-clock experiment was also carried out by constructing a cyclopropane-pendant substrate (**30**) and subjecting it to the reaction conditions (Figure 22). No ring opening product was observed and reasonable yields of the typical cyclization product (**31**) were recorded.

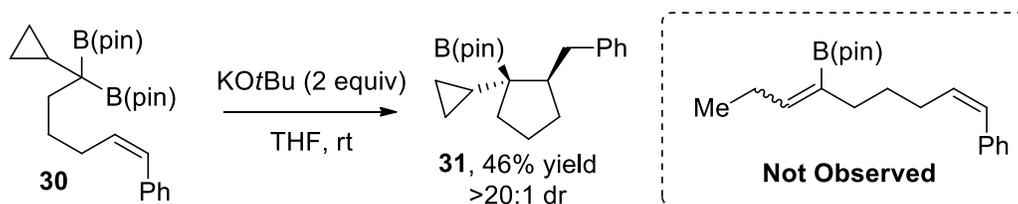


Figure 22 - Radical-clock experiment

Although the radical fragmentation of a cyclopropyl group is 1,000 times faster than a radical, 5-exo cyclization, this result does not preclude the existence of a radical mechanism.²⁵ The observed results could still be explained by a reversible cyclopropyl fragmentation and an irreversible radical, 5-exo cyclization.

iv) DFT Calculations

In order to provide insight into the operating mechanism, the reaction was studied with Density Functional Theory (DFT) by Dr. Fredrik Haeffner (Figure 23).

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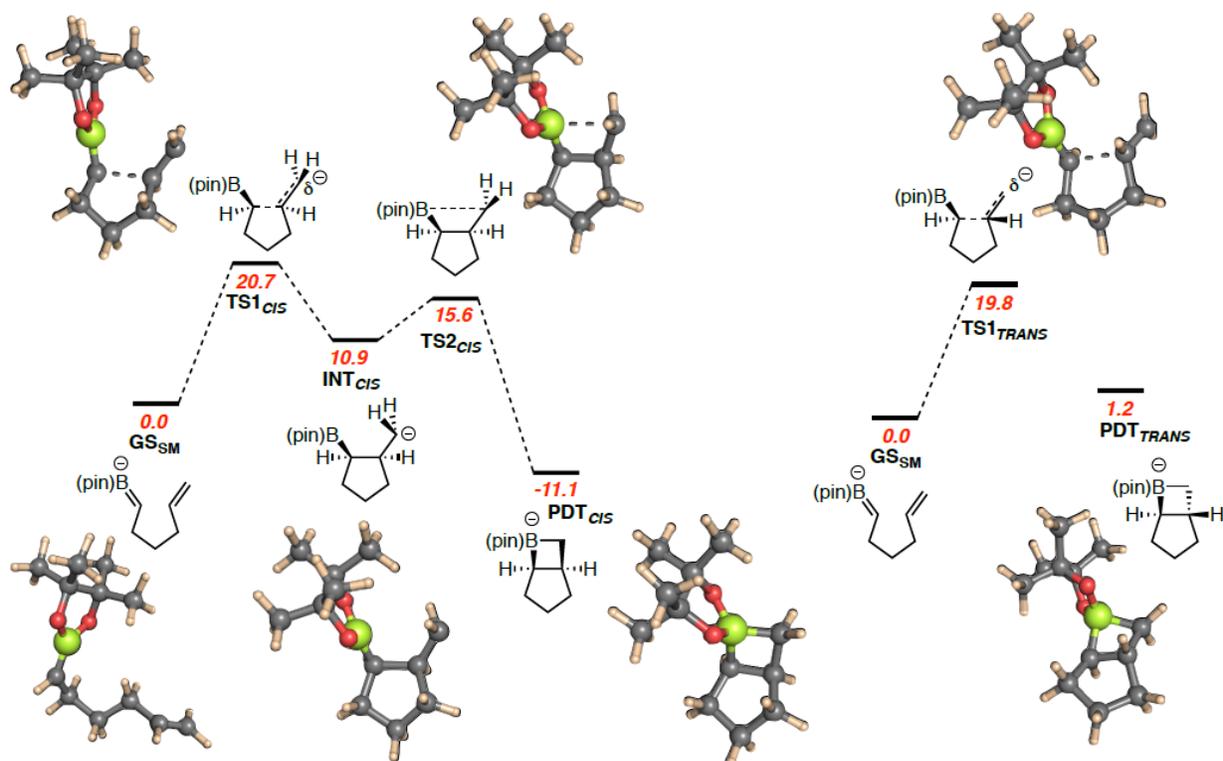


Figure 23 - DFT analysis of a closed-shell mechanism with omission of cation. M06-2x/6-31+G* with PCM solvent model (THF)

These calculations revealed that starting from the boron-alkylidene (**GS_{SM}**), intermediate (**INT_{CIS}**) is achievable through an energy barrier of 20.7 kcal/mol (**TS1_{CIS}**). Because nucleophilic additions to C-C multiple bonds requires the activation via complexation with a metal salt, the omission of the potassium ion likely inflates the activation barrier values.²⁶ The intermediate (**INT_{CIS}**) could undergo a bond rotation and inversion prior to combining with the adjacent boronate ester to form the boracycle (**PDT_{CIS}**). This could explain the stereoconvergence found with the *cis* and *trans*-styrene derivatives as well as the stereochemical scrambling observed with deuterium-labeled terminal alkene substrate. Also depicted is the activation energy (**TS1_{TRANS}**) to achieve the *trans*-boracycle (**PDT_{TRANS}**). The relatively, much larger ground-state energy of the **PDT_{TRANS}** offers

26. Dénès, F.; Pérez-Luna, A.; Chemla, F., Addition of Metal Enolate Derivatives to Unactivated Carbon–Carbon Multiple Bonds. *Chem. Rev.* **2010**, *110* (4), 2366-2447.

an explanation as to why the *trans*- isomer of the product is not persistent under the reaction conditions.

D. Application to the Racemic Synthesis of Aphanamal

Cyclopentanoid containing natural products' ubiquitous nature (>49,000 natural isolates according to the Reaxys database) inspired an attempt to demonstrate the utility of the reaction products in the context of total synthesis. It was deemed worthwhile to determine how the substitution pattern and the stereogenicity of the reaction products would impact further transformations. In order to address this question, the natural product 10-oxo-isodauc-3-en-15-al (aphanamal) was chosen as a synthetic target (Figure 24).²⁷

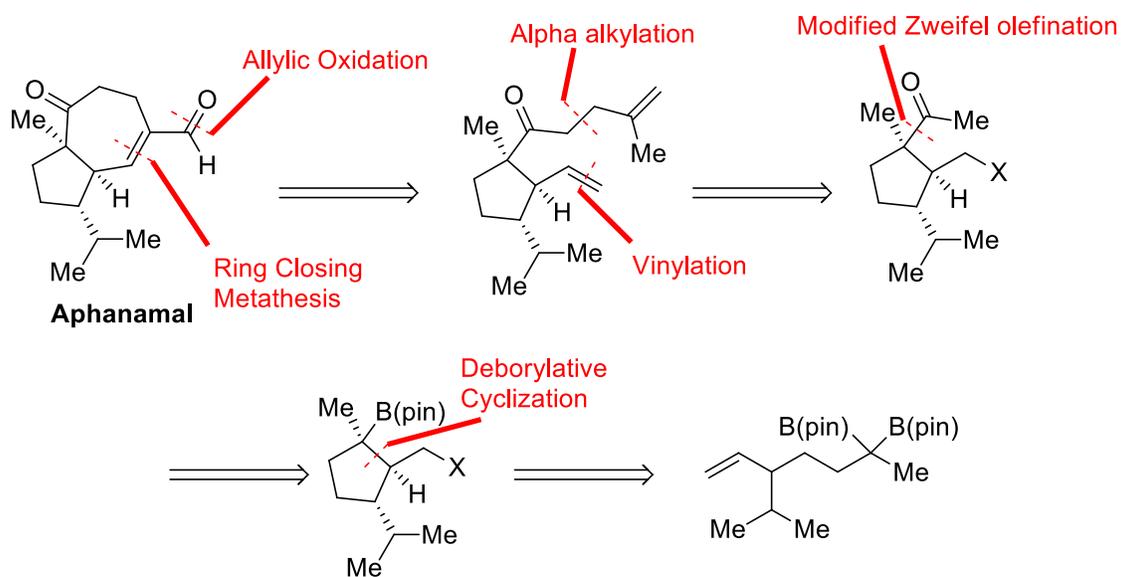


Figure 24 - Retrosynthetic analysis of natural product aphanamal

As depicted in Figure 24, aphanamal was retrosynthetically deconstructed. An allylic oxidation is proposed to install the aldehyde functionality in the final step of the synthesis. A ring closing metathesis is proposed to immediately precede the allylic oxidation. The two olefins are proposed

27. Hansson, T.; Wickberg, B., A short enantiospecific route to isodaucane sesquiterpenes from limonene. On the absolute configuration of (+)-aphanamol I and II. *J. Org. Chem.* **1992**, *57* (20), 5370-5376.

to be installed via α -allylation and a vinylation. This vinylation step will prove to be a problematic step and will be discussed in detail below. The methyl ketone can be installed via modified-Zweifel reaction and the cyclopentane is proposed to be constructed with the title reaction, trapping with an electrophile that can later be transformed into the vinyl moiety.

The vinyl fragment was originally proposed to be installed via a Wittig route. This was proposed to be carried out by first performing the deborylative cyclization and trapping with iodine. The resultant alkyl iodide **33** could then be converted into a phosphonium salt which could be utilized in the Wittig reaction (Figure 25). The phosphonium salt **34** was constructed without difficulty; however, when attempting the subsequent Wittig reaction, none of the desired product **35** was formed under several reaction conditions. Instead, an unexpected phosphine oxide was the major isolated product (**36**).

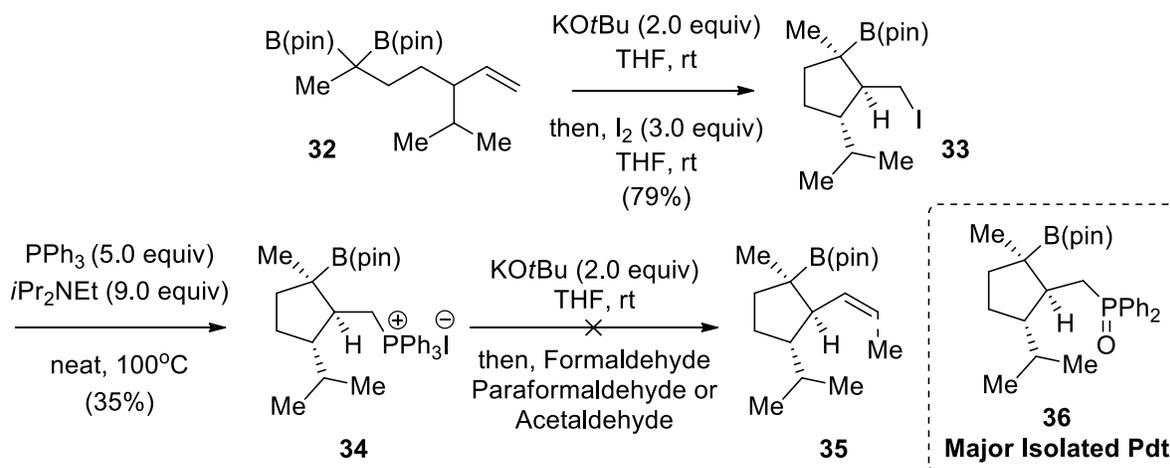


Figure 25 - Explored route to install vinyl fragment

This phosphine oxide product can be rationalized by considering the ylide to be pseudo-stable and unreactive with aldehydes. The ylide pseudo-stability could arise from its coordination to the adjacent boronate ester to form a boracyclobutane – similar to the intermediate in the title reaction. Upon water work-up, the unreacted ylide could be protonated and the resultant phosphonium salt

reacted with water, under the alkaline conditions, to extrude benzene and form the isolated phosphine oxide.²⁸

A second route, continuing from the iodinated compound **33** was then devised that exploits the Ramberg-Bäcklund reaction in order to install the vinyl fragment (Figure 26).²⁹

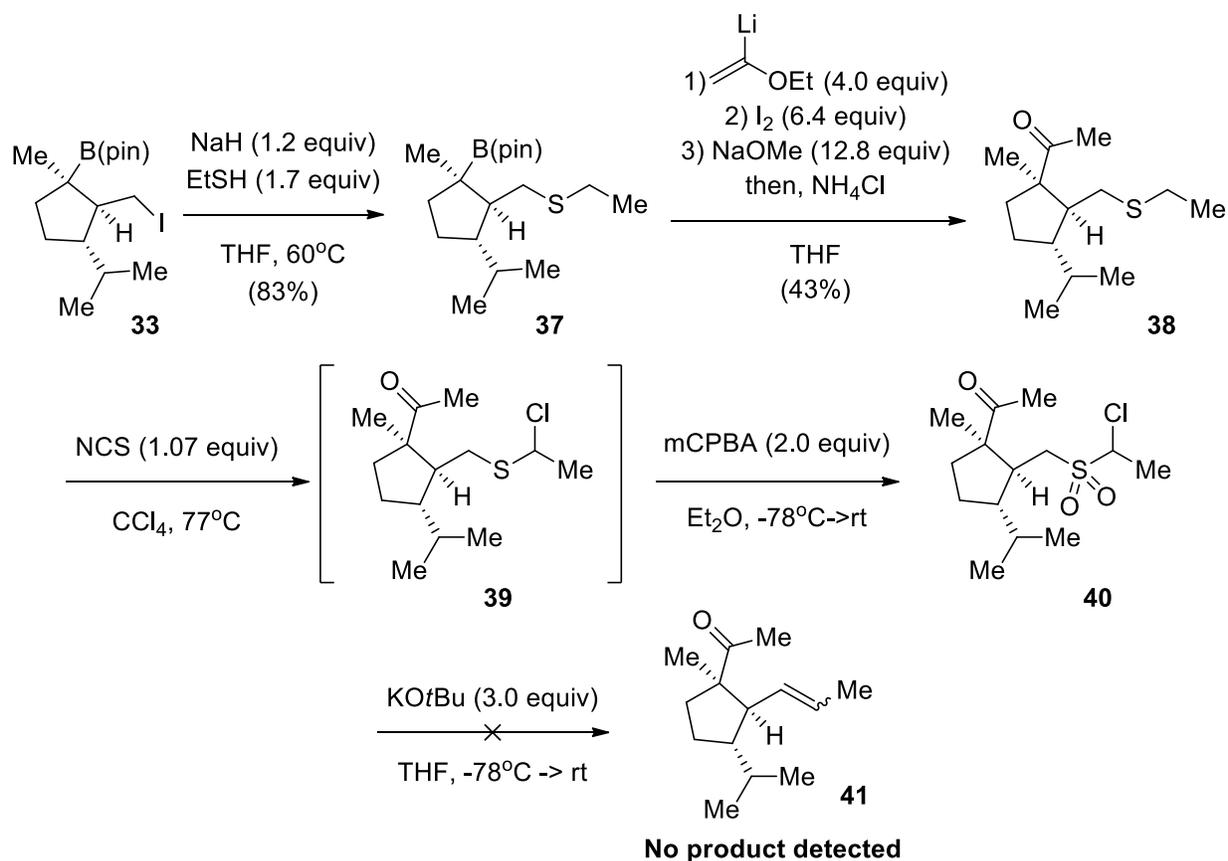


Figure 26 – Additional, explored route to install vinyl fragment

When attempting this proposed route, no product was detected after exposing the α -chloro sulfone (**40**) to typical Ramberg-Bäcklund conditions. A likely cause of the reaction failure is neighboring-group interference from the flanking ketone. Indeed, ketones are generally protected in Ramberg-

28. Worrall, D. E., STUDIES IN THE DIPHENYL SERIES. III. SOME PHOSPHORUS DERIVATIVES OF DIPHENYL. *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1930**, 52 (7), 2933-2937.

29. Paquette, L. A., The base-induced rearrangement of α -halo sulfones. *Acc. Chem. Res.* **1968**, 1 (7), 209-216.

Bäcklund reactions as the corresponding ketal.³⁰ While attempts to protect the sterically hindered ketone as a ketal failed, it was shown that a ketone reduction/silyl-protection prior to the Ramberg-Bäcklund was productive, but deemed impractical (Figure 27).

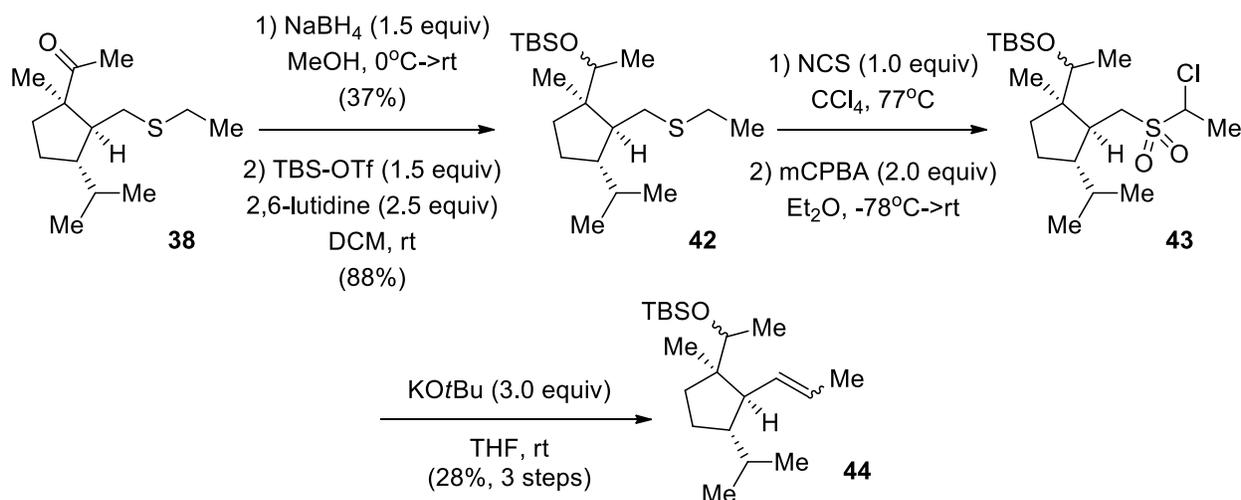


Figure 27 - A successful vinyl installation utilizing the Ramberg-Bäcklund reaction: ultimately deemed impractical. After failing to find a productive route to aphanamal from alkyl iodide **33**, a new electrophilic partner was sought in the deborylative cyclization. A single carbon electrophile that could later be eliminated was proposed to be an ideal electrophile. While carbon dioxide could fill this role, it was found to be an unreactive partner in the reaction. Eschenmoser's salt was then selected as an ideal candidate as the resultant tertiary amine could then be eliminated via Cope or Hofmann eliminations. This route was explored and indeed discovered to be effective (Figure 28).

30. Taylor, R. J. K.; Casey, G., The Ramberg-Bäcklund Reaction. In *Organic Reactions*, John Wiley & Sons, Inc.: 2004.

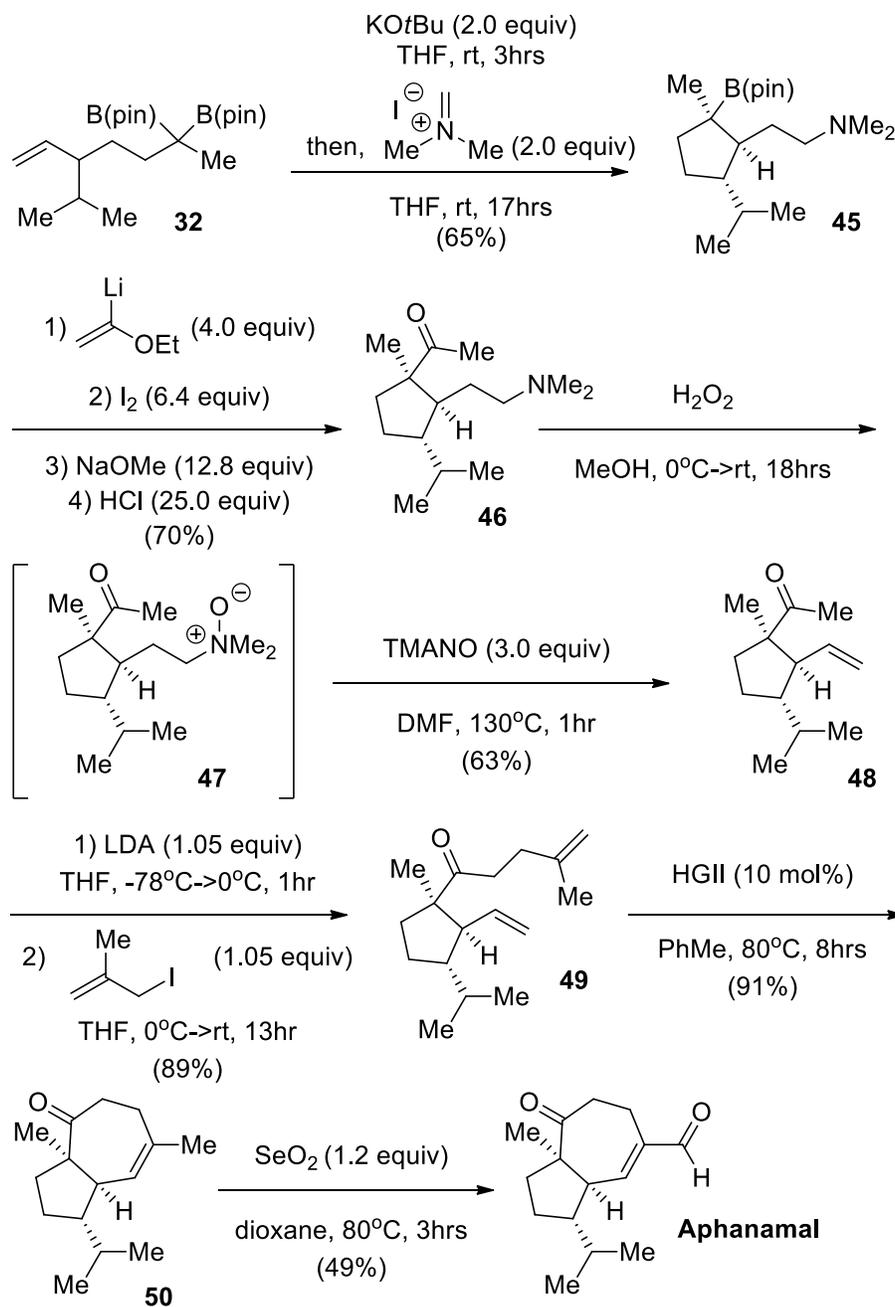


Figure 28 - Total synthesis of natural product aphanamal (isolated yields in parenthesis)

Starting from compound **32**, the title reaction was performed with standard conditions, trapping with freshly prepared Eschenmoser's salt yielded compound **45**.³¹ Compound **45** is then subjected

31. Schreiber, J.; Maag, H.; Hashimoto, N.; Eschenmoser, A., Dimethyl(methylene)ammonium Iodide. *Angew. Chem. Int. Ed.* **1971**, *10* (5), 330-331.

to modified-Zweifel conditions, resulting in ketone **46**. A Cope elimination is then achieved by oxidizing **46** to *N*-oxide **47** with hydrogen peroxide and subsequently heating in the presence of trimethylamine *N*-oxide (TMANO) in DMF. The addition of TMANO was shown to increase yields in small-scale trials (41% yield with no TMANO versus a 90% yield with 3 equivalents TMANO; ¹H NMR of product compared to 1,1,2,2-tetrachloroethane). The addition of TMANO is thought to act as a sacrificial oxidant; thereby, preserving some of the starting *N*-oxide substrate. The route of reduction of the *N*-oxide is illustrated in Figure 29.³²

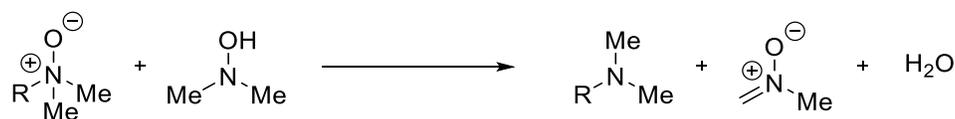


Figure 29 – *N*-oxide disproportionation pathway

The conventional method to avoid this degradation pathway is to remove the forming *N,N*-dimethylhydroxylamine by conducting the high-temperature reaction in vacuo. This method was avoided due to the possible volatility of the desired alkene. With Cope-elimination product **48** in hand, an α -allylation is then performed using freshly-prepared LDA and methallyl iodide to give compound **49**. Methallyl iodide is chosen over methallyl bromide due to the significant level of bis-allylation product observed when using the methallyl bromide (3.6 : 3.6 : 1, Product : SM : bis-allylation). Next, the seven-member ring **50** is fashioned via olefin metathesis using Hoveyda-Grubbs 2nd Generation Catalyst in toluene.³³ Finally, a selenium oxide mediated allylic oxidation is performed to furnish the final product, aphanamal.³⁴ The regioselectivity of the allylic oxidation

32. Laughlin, R. G., Reversible Cycloelimination and Disproportionation Reactions in Aliphatic Amine Oxide-*N,N*-Dimethylhydroxylamine-Olefin Systems. *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1973**, *95* (10), 3295-3299.

33. Hoveyda, A. H.; Zhugralin, A. R., The remarkable metal-catalysed olefin metathesis reaction. *Nature* **2007**, *450* (7167), 243-251.

34. Bennett, N. B.; Stoltz, B. M., A Unified Approach to the Daucane and Sphenolobane Bicyclo[5.3.0]decane Core: Enantioselective Total Syntheses of Daucene, Daucenal, Epoxydaucenal B, and 14-para-Anisoyloxydauc-4,8-diene. *Chemistry – A European Journal* **2013**, *19* (52), 17745-17750.

is surprising due to the typical endocyclic oxidation of cyclic-olefins.³⁵ An alternative approach, had the allylic oxidation not been productive, would have been to allylate with an oxygenated allyl fragment prior to ring-closing metathesis; in fact, this option was briefly explored and shown to be viable (Figure 30). This route was abandoned after the above synthesis was completed.

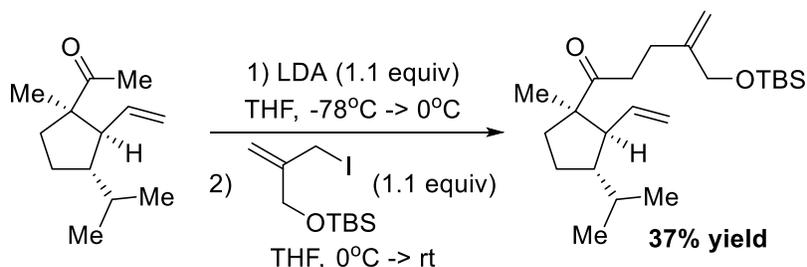


Figure 30 - Alternative route to allylic oxidized species

III. Conclusion

Based on empirical evidence, the title reaction was determined not to proceed through a concerted [2+2] mechanism. Likewise, experimentation suggests radical intermediates are not involved in the reaction. Supported by DFT computations, a carbanion addition to an unactivated olefin is deemed to be operational. As previously illustrated, the addition of stabilized anions to unactivated olefins is a known phenomenon, however, a rare observance in the literature. The reaction products also proved to be functionally modifiable; this was demonstrated through the synthesis of aphanamal. As Evans, Seebach and Hudlicky have noted: “the inherent synthetic dissonance present in any ring of an odd number of atoms makes the particular design of connective reagents difficult”.³⁶ As such, this reaction is sure to find use as a powerful synthetic tool to access cyclopentanoids. Further development of this reaction could give rise to its application towards a

35. McNally, J. J.; Jackson, Y. A.; Downer-Riley, N. K., Selenium(IV) Oxide–tert-butyl Hydroperoxide. In *Encyclopedia of Reagents for Organic Synthesis*, John Wiley & Sons, Ltd: 2001.

36. Hudlicky, T.; Price, J. D., Anionic approaches to the construction of cyclopentanoids. *Chem. Rev.* **1989**, *89* (7), 1467-1486.

variety of ring sizes (eg. 4, 6, 7). Preliminary results show that 6-endo cyclizations are feasible, given an electron-stabilizing group is located in the correct position (Figure 31).

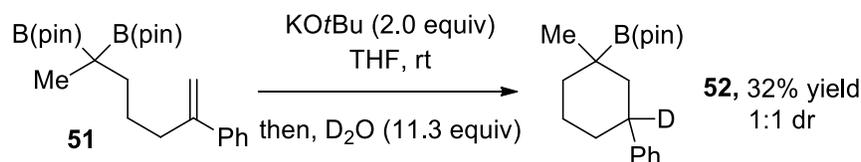


Figure 31 - Preliminary result showing the reactivity can be used to access different ring sizes

This result gives great optimism towards future development of the reaction.

IV. Experimental

A. General Information

¹H NMR spectra were recorded on a Varian Gemini-500 (500 MHz), or a Varian Inova-500 (500 MHz), or a Varian Inova-600 (600 MHz) spectrometer. Chemical shifts are reported in ppm with the solvent resonance as the internal standard (CDCl₃: 7.26 ppm, THF-*d*₈: 3.58 ppm). Data are reported as follows: chemical shift, integration, multiplicity (s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, q = quartet, qi = quintet, sx = sextet, sp = septet, m = multiplet, br = broad), and coupling constants (Hz). ¹³C NMR spectra were recorded on a Varian Gemini-500 (125 MHz), or a Varian Inova-500 (125 MHz), or a Varian Inova-600 (150 MHz) spectrometer with complete proton decoupling. Chemical shifts are reported in ppm with the solvent resonance as the internal standard (CDCl₃: 77.0 ppm, THF-*d*₈: 67.57 ppm). Infrared (IR) spectra were recorded on a Bruker alpha-P Spectrometer. Frequencies are reported in wavenumbers (cm⁻¹) as follows: strong (s), broad (br), medium (m), and weak (w). High-resolution mass spectrometry (DART+) was performed at the Mass Spectrometry Facility, Boston College, Chestnut Hill, MA.

Liquid chromatography was performed using forced flow (flash chromatography) on silica gel (SiO₂, 230 x 400 Mesh) purchased from Silicycle. Thin layer chromatography (TLC) was performed on 25 μm silica gel glass backed plates from Silicycle. Visualization was performed

using ultraviolet light (254 nm), phosphomolybdic acid (PMA) in ethanol and ceric ammonium molybdate (CAM) in ethanol and potassium permanganate (KMnO₄) in water.

Analytical chiral supercritical fluid chromatography (SFC) was performed on a TharSFC Method Station II equipped with Waters 2998 Photodiode Array Detector.

All reactions were conducted in oven- or flame-dried glassware under an inert atmosphere of nitrogen or argon. Tetrahydrofuran (THF), diethyl ether (EtO₂), dichloromethane (DCM) and toluene (PhMe) were purified using Pure Solv MD-4 solvent purification system, from Innovative Technology, Inc., by passing the solvent through two activated alumina columns after being purged with argon.

Bis(pinacolato)diboron was purchased from Frontier Scientific and used without further purification. Triethylamine (NEt₃) was purchased from Alfa Aesar and distilled over calcium hydride (CaH₂) prior to use. The following reagents were purchased and used without purification: copper (I) iodide (CuI) (Strem), lithium 2,2,6,6-tetramethylpiperidide (LTMP) (Aldrich), potassium *tert*-butoxide (KO*t*Bu) (Aldrich, reagent or sublimed grade), palmitic acid-1-¹³C (Cambridge Isotope Laboratories), and *N,N*-dimethylformamide (DMF) (Acros). All other reagents were purchased from either Aldrich, Alfa Aesar or Acros and used without further purification.

B. Reaction Substrates

i) Representative Procedures for Preparation of geminal-Diboronate Esters

Method A:

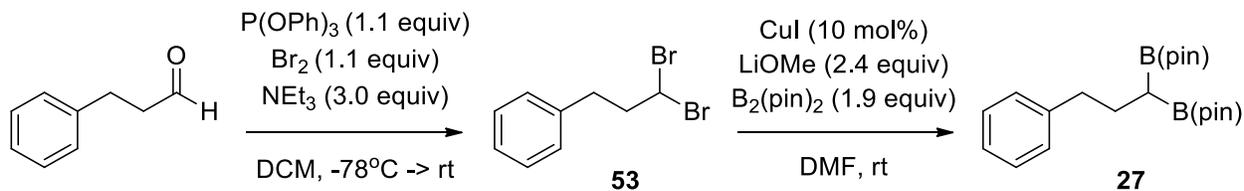


Figure 32 - Method A for geminal-Diboronate Ester synthesis

The 1,1-dibromide **53** was prepared according to the literature procedure with modification.³⁷ To a stirred solution of triphenyl phosphite (8.53 g, 27.5 mmol) in anhydrous DCM (250 mL) at -78°C under N_2 was added bromine (1.41 mL, 27.5 mmol) dropwise. Freshly distilled triethylamine (10.45 mL, 75.0 mmol) and hydrocinnamaldehyde (3.29 mL, 25.0 mmol) were added at -78°C . The reaction mixture was allowed to warm to room temperature and stirred for 2 hours. Upon completion, the solvent was evaporated in vacuo and the crude reaction mixture was purified on silica gel (100% hexanes) to afford the **53**.

In the glove box, an oven-dried 100 mL round-bottom flask with magnetic stir bar was charged with CuI (190 mg, 1.00 mmol), LiOMe (949 mg, 25.0 mmol) and $\text{B}_2(\text{pin})_2$ (5.08 g, 20.0 mmol). The flask was sealed with a rubber septum, removed from the glove box, followed by the addition of DMF (20 mL) under N_2 . After stirring at room temperature for 10 min, a solution of **51** (2.92 g, 10.5 mmol) in DMF (5 mL) was added via syringe at room temperature. The reaction mixture was allowed to stir at room temperature for 12 hours. Upon completion, 40 mL diethyl ether was added. The slurry was filtered through a silica gel plug, rinsed with diethyl ether, and concentrated in vacuo. The crude reaction mixture (DMF solution) was directly purified on silica gel (hexanes: diethyl ether = 10:1) to afford **27** as a white solid (3.09 g, 83%).

37. Spaggiari, A.; Vaccari, D.; Davoli, P.; Torre, G.; Prati, F., A Mild Synthesis of Vinyl Halides and gem-Dihalides Using Triphenyl Phosphite–Halogen-Based Reagents. *J. Org. Chem.* **2007**, *72* (6), 2216-2219.

Method B:

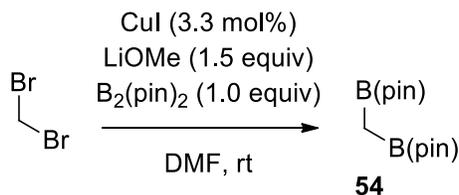


Figure 33 - Method B for geminal-Diboronate Ester synthesis

In the glove box, an oven-dried 500 mL round-bottom flask with magnetic stir bar was charged with CuI (1.428 g, 7.500 mmol), LiOMe (8.543 g, 225 mmol) and B₂(pin)₂ (38.09 g, 150.0 mmol). The flask was sealed with a rubber septum, removed from the glove box, followed by the addition of DMF (150 mL) under N₂. After stirring at room temperature for 10 min, dibromomethane (10.53 mL, 150.0 mmol) was added via syringe at room temperature. The reaction mixture was allowed to stir at room temperature for 12 hours. Upon completion, 200 mL diethyl ether was added. The slurry was filtered through a silica gel plug, rinsed with diethyl ether, and concentrated in vacuo. The crude reaction mixture in DMF was diluted with hexanes (300 mL), washed with H₂O (75 mL × 4), dried over Na₂SO₄, then concentrated in vacuo to afford **54** as a white solid (15.72 g, 78%) and used without further purification.

Method C:

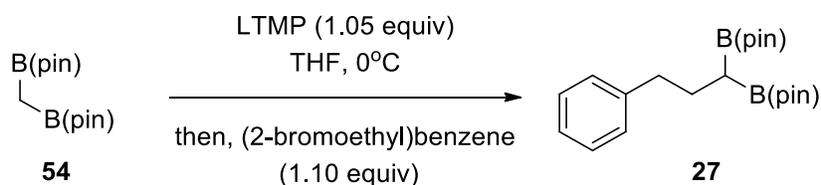


Figure 34 - Method C for geminal-Diboronate Ester synthesis

In the glove box, an oven-dried 25 mL round-bottom flask with magnetic stir bar was charged with LTMP (773 mg, 5.25 mmol). The flask was sealed with a rubber septum, removed from the glove box, followed by the addition of THF (20 mL) under N₂. The reaction mixture was cooled to 0 °C,

and a solution of **54** (1.34 g, 5.00 mmol) in THF (5 mL) was added via syringe and the mixture was allowed to stir at 0 °C for 10 minutes. (2-Bromoethyl)benzene (751 μL, 5.50 mmol) was added dropwise and the reaction was allowed to stir at 0 °C for 15 min. Upon completion, the reaction mixture was warmed to room temperature, filtered through a silica gel plug, rinsed with diethyl ether, and concentrated in vacuo. The crude reaction mixture was purified on silica gel (hexanes: diethyl ether = 9:1) to afford **27** as a white solid (1.54 g, 83%).

Method D:

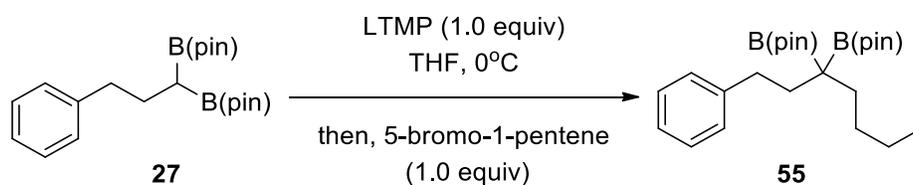


Figure 35 - Method D for geminal-Diboronate Ester synthesis

In the glove box, an oven-dried 2 dram vial with magnetic stir bar was charged with LTMP (147 mg, 1.0 mmol). The flask was sealed with a rubber septum, removed from the glove box, followed by the addition of THF (2 mL) under N₂. The reaction mixture was cooled to 0 °C, and was transferred into a solution of **27** (372 mg, 1.0 mmol) in THF (2 mL) via syringe at 0 °C and the mixture was allowed to stir at 0 °C for 10 minutes. Then, 5-bromopent-1-ene (120 μL, 1.0 mmol) was added into the above mixture via syringe at 0 °C. The reaction mixture was allowed to stir at 0 °C for 15 min, then warmed to room temperature, filtered through a silica gel plug, rinsed with diethyl ether, and concentrated in vacuo. The crude reaction mixture was purified on silica gel (hexanes: diethyl ether = 20:1) to afford **55** as a white solid (360 mg, 84%).

Method E:

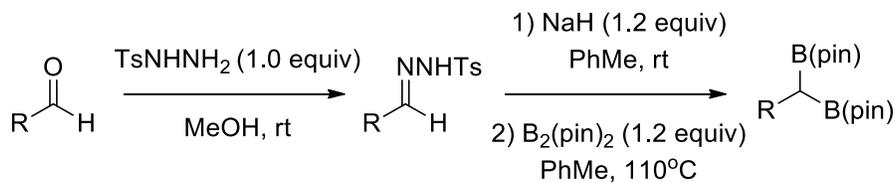


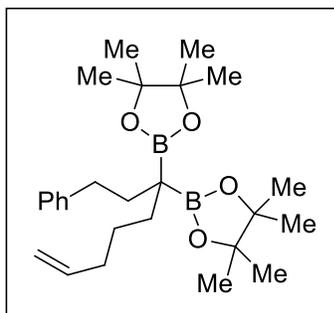
Figure 36 - Method E for geminal-Diboronate Ester synthesis

The geminal bis(pinacolato)diboronate esters were prepared according to the literature procedure.³⁸ A 6-dram vial with magnetic stir bar is charged with aldehyde (1.0 equiv), tosylhydrazine (1.0 equiv), and methanol (5 mL). The mixture was stirred at room temperature. *N*-tosylhydrazone precipitates after ca. 15 minutes and the reaction is monitored by TLC analysis (disappearance of aldehyde). The precipitate is then collected, washed with pentane (3x 5 mL), and dried under vacuum.

In the glove box, an oven-dried 6-dram vial with a magnetic stir bar is charged with *N*-tosylhydrazone (1.00 mmol, 1.00 equiv), NaH (1.20 mmol, 1.20 equiv), and toluene (8 mL). The mixture is then stirred at room temperature for 1 hour. Next, B₂(pin)₂ (1.20 mmol, 1.20 equiv) in toluene is added, then the vial sealed and removed from the glove box and heated at 110 °C for 12 hours. Upon completion, the reaction mixture is allowed to cool to room temperature, and Et₂O (10 mL) and H₂O (10 mL) added. The mixture is stirred vigorously for 10 minutes. After separation of the organic layer, the aqueous layer was extracted with Et₂O (2x5 mL). The combined organic layers are washed with brine (10 mL) and dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄. After the solvent is evaporated, the crude product is purified by silica gel chromatography.

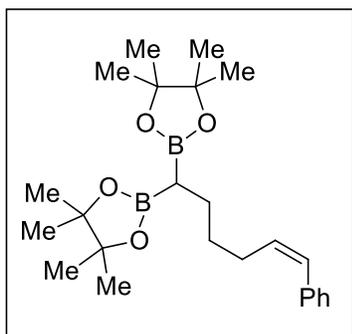
ii) Full Characterization of geminal-Diboronate Esters

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2,2'-(1-phenyloct-7-ene-3,3'-diyl)bis(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolane) (53). The reaction was performed according to *Representative Procedure (Method D)* with diboronate ester (372 mg, 1.0 mmol), LTMP (147 mg, 1.0 mmol), 5-bromo-1-pentene (120 μ L, 1.0 mmol) and THF (4 mL). The crude reaction mixture was purified

by column chromatography on silica gel (20:1 hexanes/diethyl ether, stain in CAM) to afford **53** as a white solid (360 mg, 84%). $^1\text{H NMR}$ (500 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.26-7.23 (m, 2H), 7.20-7.19 (m, 2H), 7.15-7.12 (m, 1H), 5.86 (ddt, $J = 17.1, 10.3, 6.9$ Hz, 1H), 5.01 (ddt, $J = 17.1, 2.0, 1.5$ Hz, 1H), 4.93 (ddt, $J = 10.3, 2.4, 1.0$ Hz, 1H), 2.52-2.49 (m, 2H), 2.10-2.06 (m, 2H), 1.91-1.88 (m, 2H), 1.74-1.71 (m, 2H), 1.41-1.35 (m, 2H), 1.23 (s, 24H); The $^1\text{H NMR}$ spectrum was in accord with previously reported data.⁵

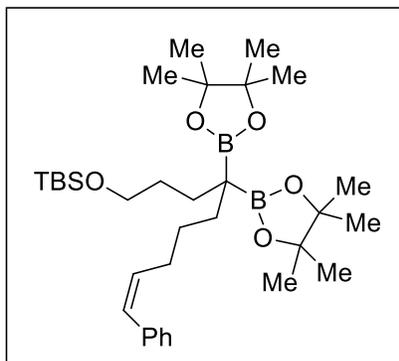


(Z)-2,2'-(6-phenylhex-5-ene-1,1'-diyl)bis(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolane) (56). The reaction was performed according to *Representative Procedure (Method D)* with methyl diboronate ester **54** (429 mg, 1.60 mmol), LTMP (236 mg, 1.60 mmol), (Z)-(5-bromopent-1-en-1-yl)benzene (361 mg, 1.60 mmol) and THF (8

mL). The crude reaction mixture was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (50:1 – 20:1 hexanes/ethyl acetate, stain in CAM) to afford a white solid (500 mg, 76%). $^1\text{H NMR}$ (500 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.36 – 7.22 (m, 4H), 7.22 – 7.17 (m, 1H), 6.37 (d, $J = 11.7$ Hz, 1H), 5.67 (dt, $J = 11.6, 7.3$ Hz, 1H), 2.31 (qd, $J = 7.5, 1.9$ Hz, 2H), 1.60 (q, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 2H), 1.50 – 1.40 (m, 2H), 1.22 (s, 12H), 1.21 (s, 12H), 0.74 (t, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 137.79, 133.27, 128.68, 128.43, 128.01, 126.27, 82.89, 82.83, 76.67, 32.88, 28.85, 25.56, 24.83, 24.47; **IR**

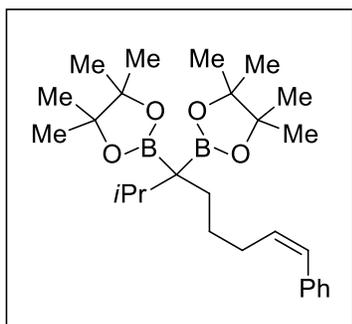
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(neat): 2976.8 (m), 2927.3 (w), 1368.7 (m), 1311.6 (s), 1267.5 (m), 1214.5 (w), 1139.3 (s), 969.4 (m), 849.7 (m), 699.8 (w) cm^{-1} ; HRMS-(DART+) for $^{12}\text{C}_{24}^{1}\text{H}_{39}^{11}\text{B}_2^{16}\text{O}_4$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: calculated: 413.3034, found: 413.3052.



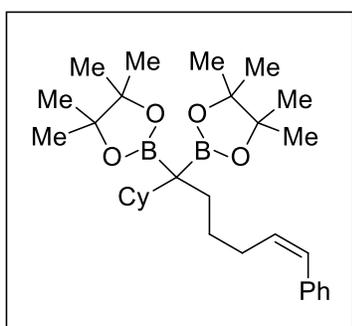
(Z)-tert-butyl dimethyl((9-phenyl-4,4-bis(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolan-2-yl)non-8-en-1-yl)oxy)silane (57). Prepared according to *Representative Procedure (Method D)* with LTMP (177 mg, 1.0 mmol), diboronate ester **56** (412 mg, 1.0 mmol), (3-bromopropoxy)-*tert*-butyldimethylsilane (253 mg, 1.0 mmol), and THF (5 mL).

The crude reaction mixture was purified on silica gel (hexanes: ethyl acetate = 50:1) to afford the desired product as a white solid (455 mg, 77%). $^1\text{H NMR}$ (600 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.33 – 7.22 (m, 4H), 7.21 – 7.16 (m, 1H), δ 6.36 (d, $J = 11.7$ Hz, 1H), 5.68 (dt, $J = 11.6, 7.3$ Hz, 1H), 3.58 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 2.31 (dt, $J = 8.4, 6.5$ Hz, 2H), 1.70 – 1.62 (m, 2H), 1.60 – 1.55 (m, 2H), 1.51 – 1.44 (m, 2H), 1.39 – 1.34 (m, 2H), 1.21 (s, 24H), 0.88 (s, 9H), 0.03 (s, 6H); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (150 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 137.85, 133.44, 128.73, 128.38, 128.02, 126.27, 82.92, 64.32, 30.64, 29.55, 28.95, 27.59, 26.02, 24.74, 24.70, 18.40, -5.19; IR (neat): 2977.1 (m), 2929.4 (m), 2857.6 (w), 1461.6 (w), 1378.1.5 (m), 1371.8 (m), 1355.5 (m), 1307.2 (m), 1139.6 (s), 973.4 (w), 853.3 (m), 853.8 (m), 774.4 (w) cm^{-1} ; HRMS-(DART+) for $^{12}\text{C}_{33}^{1}\text{H}_{59}^{11}\text{B}_2^{16}\text{O}_5^{28}\text{Si}_1$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: calculated: 585.4318, found: 585.4309.



(Z)-2,2'-(2-methyl-8-phenyloct-7-ene-3,3-diyl)bis(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolane) (58). The reaction was performed according to *Representative Procedure (Method D)* with 2,2'-(2-methylpropane-1,1-diyl)bis(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolane) (509 mg, 1.6 mmol, made according to previous

procedure³⁸), LTMP (236 mg, 1.60 mmol), (*Z*)-(5-bromopent-1-en-1-yl)benzene (361 mg, 1.60 mmol) and THF (8 mL). The crude reaction mixture was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (100:1 – 50:1 hexanes/ethyl acetate, stain in CAM) to afford **58** as a white solid (530 mg, 83%). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.37 – 7.25 (m, 4H), 7.19 (m, 1H), 6.36 (d, *J* = 11.7, 1H), 5.71 (dt, *J* = 11.6, 7.2 Hz, 1H), 2.31 (qd, *J* = 7.4, 1.8 Hz, 2H), 2.04 (p, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 1.68 – 1.59 (m, 2H), 1.59 – 1.45 (m, 2H), 1.21 (s, 24H), 0.98 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 6H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 137.94, 133.71, 128.76, 128.75, 128.24, 128.01, 126.24, 82.55, 30.04, 29.75, 29.21, 28.43, 24.81, 24.77, 21.29; IR (neat): 2976.8 (m), 2929.6 (m), 1728.5 (w), 1459.8 (w), 1378.0 (m), 1370.6 (m), 1296.1 (s), 1264.8 (m), 1215.1 (w), 1140.7 (s), 972.8 (w), 854.0 (w), 757.8 (s), 699.5 (w) cm⁻¹; HRMS-(DART+) for ¹²C₂₇¹H₄₅¹¹B₂¹⁶O₄ [M+H]⁺: calculated: 455.3504, found: 455.3504.



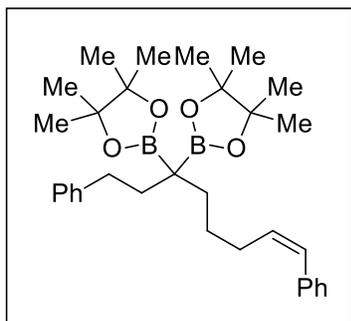
(*Z*)-2,2'-(1-cyclohexyl-6-phenylhex-5-ene-1,1-diyl)bis(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolane) (59). The reaction was performed according to *Representative Procedure (Method D)* with 2,2'-(cyclohexylmethylene)bis(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolane) (350 mg, 1.0 mmol; made according to previously

reported procedure⁵), LTMP (147 mg, 1.0 mmol), (*Z*)-(5-bromopent-1-en-1-yl)benzene (225 mg, 1.60 mmol) and THF (5 mL). The crude reaction mixture was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (100:1 – 50:1 hexanes/ethyl acetate, stain in CAM) to afford **59** as a colorless oil (378 mg, 76%). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.37 – 7.28 (m, 4H), 7.31 – 7.15 (m, 1H), 6.37 (d, *J* = 11.6, 1H), 5.72 (dt, *J* = 11.6, 7.2 Hz, 1H), 2.30 (qd, *J* = 7.4, 1.8 Hz, 2H), 1.80 – 1.73 (m, 2H), 1.73

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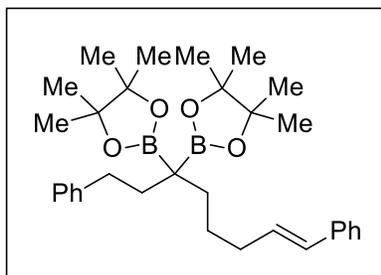
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– 1.58 (m, 6H), 1.57 – 1.46 (m, 2H), 1.21 (s, 24H), 1.31 – 1.02 (m, 4H), 0.91 – 0.82 (m, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 137.97, 133.80, 128.78, 128.20, 128.01, 126.24, 82.56, 40.24, 31.53, 30.12, 29.41, 28.66, 27.42, 26.96, 24.83, 24.80; IR (neat): 2977.4 (m), 2925.9 (m), 2851.9 (w), 1447.1 (w), 1377.5 (m), 1370.6 (m), 1344.1 (m), 1293.8 (m), 1137.7 (s), 974.0 (w), 850.9 (w), 699.5 (w) cm^{-1} ; HRMS-(DART+) for $^{12}\text{C}_{30}^{1}\text{H}_{49}^{11}\text{B}_2^{16}\text{O}_4$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: calculated: 495.3817, found: 495.3819.

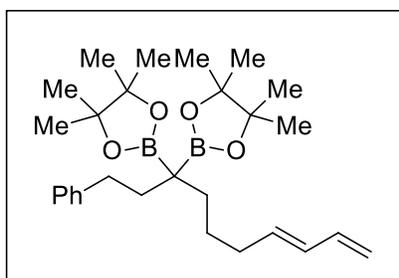


(Z)-2,2'-(1,8-diphenyloct-7-ene-3,3-diyl)bis(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolane) (**22**). The reaction was performed according to *Representative Procedure (Method D)* with diboronate ester **27** (441 mg, 1.18 mmol), LTMP (174.5 mg, 1.18 mmol), (Z)-(5-bromopent-1-en-1-yl)benzene (267 mg, 1.186 mmol)

and THF (6 mL). The crude reaction mixture was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (20:1 hexanes/ethyl acetate, stain in CAM) to afford **22** as a white solid (543 mg, 89%). ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.37 – 7.10 (m, 10H), 6.40 (d, $J = 11.7$ Hz, 1H), 5.73 (dt, $J = 11.6, 7.3$ Hz, 1H), 2.56 – 2.48 (m, 2H), 2.37 (qd, $J = 7.4, 1.8$ Hz, 2H), 1.96 – 1.88 (m, 2H), 1.82 – 1.73 (m, 2H), 1.52 – 1.41 (m, 2H), 1.24 (two sets of singlet, 24H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 143.71, 137.83, 133.37, 128.73, 128.52, 128.45, 128.08, 128.04, 126.32, 125.35, 82.98, 33.82, 31.92, 29.56, 28.96, 27.68, 24.78, 24.70; IR (neat): 2977.2 (m), 2928.4 (w), 1454.5 (w), 1370.5 (m), 1352.4 (m), 1308.8 (s), 1254.6 (m), 1214.1 (w), 1138.1 (s), 968.9 (w), 854.6 (w), 699.2 (m) cm^{-1} . HRMS-(DART+) for $^{12}\text{C}_{32}^{1}\text{H}_{47}^{11}\text{B}_2^{16}\text{O}_4$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: calculated: 517.3660, found: 517.3639.

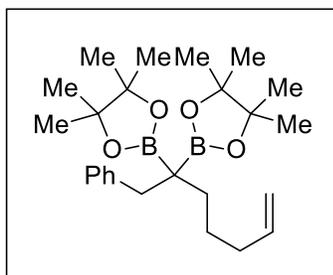


(E)-2,2'-(1,8-diphenyloct-7-ene-3,3-diyl)bis(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolane) (15). The reaction was performed according to *Representative Procedure (Method D)* with diboronate ester **27** (1.0 g, 2.69 mmol), LTMP (417 mg, 2.83 mmol), (*E*)-(5-bromopent-1-en-1-yl)benzene (636 mg, 2.83 mmol) and THF (10.8 mL). The crude reaction mixture was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (20:1 hexanes/ethyl acetate, stain in CAM) to afford **15** as a white solid (543 mg, 39%). $^1\text{H NMR}$ (600 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.36 (dd, $J = 8.2, 1.4$ Hz, 2H), 7.32 – 7.22 (m, 4H), 7.23 – 7.17 (m, 3H), 7.20 – 7.11 (m, 1H), 6.40 (d, $J = 15.7$ Hz, 1H), 6.28 (dt, $J = 15.9, 6.7$ Hz, 1H), 2.56 – 2.49 (m, 2H), 2.25 (q, $J = 6.9$ Hz, 2H), 1.95 – 1.89 (m, 2H), 1.81 – 1.75 (m, 2H), 1.52 – 1.43 (m, 2H), 1.24 (s, 24H); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (150 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 143.72, 138.06, 131.42, 129.47, 128.48, 128.40, 128.09, 126.62, 125.91, 125.35, 83.00, 33.86, 33.83, 31.90, 28.76, 27.09, 24.81, 24.71; IR (neat): 2977.5 (w), 2929.4 (w), 1453.7 (w), 1378.5 (m), 1307.6 (m), 1253.4 (m), 1138.4 (s), 967.5 (w), 851.2 (w), 751.4 (m), 698.1 (w) cm^{-1} ; $^1\text{HRMS}$ -(DART+) for $^{12}\text{C}_{32}\text{H}_{47}\text{B}_2\text{O}_4$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: calculated: 517.3660, found: 517.3664.



(E)-2,2'-(1-phenyldeca-7,9-diene-3,3-diyl)bis(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolane) (16). The reaction was performed according to *Representative Procedure (Method D)* with diboronate ester **27** (633 mg, 1.7 mmol), LTMP (250 mg, 1.7 mmol), (*E*)-7-bromohepta-1,3-diene (296 mg, 1.7 mmol) and THF (7 mL). The crude reaction mixture was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (50:1 hexanes/ethyl acetate, stain in CAM) to afford **16** as a white solid (713 mg, 90%). $^1\text{H NMR}$ (600 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.28 – 7.10 (m, 5H), 6.32 (dt, $J = 17.0, 10.3$ Hz, 1H), 6.06 (dd, $J = 15.3, 10.3$ Hz, 1H), 5.75 (dt, $J = 14.5, 6.8$ Hz, 1H), 5.08 (dd, $J = 17.0, 1.7$ Hz, 1H), 4.94 (dd, $J = 10.1, 1.7$ Hz, 1H), 2.53 – 2.47 (m, 2H), 2.11

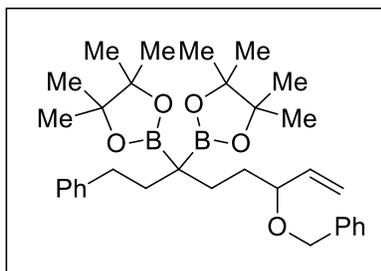
(q, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 1.92 – 1.86 (m, 2H), 1.75 – 1.69 (m, 2H), 1.42 – 1.34 (m, 2H), 1.23 (s, 24H); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (150 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 143.74, 137.51, 135.85, 130.64, 128.47, 128.09, 125.35, 114.37, 82.99, 33.84, 33.33, 31.87, 28.75, 26.89, 24.80, 24.70; IR (neat): 2976.8 (w), 2929.1 (w), 1455.0 (w), 1378.0 (m), 1305.6 (m), 1252.2 (m), 1137.0 (s), 1003.9 (m), 852.2 (m), 699.2 (w) cm^{-1} ; HRMS -(DART+) for $^{12}\text{C}_{28}^{1}\text{H}_{45}^{11}\text{B}_2^{16}\text{O}_4$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: calculated: 467.3504, found: 467.3519.



2,2'-(1-phenylhept-6-ene-2,2-diyl)bis(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolane) (60). The reaction was performed according to *Representative Procedure (Method D)* with 2,2'-(2-phenylethane-1,1-diyl)bis(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolane) (429.7 mg, 1.2

mmol, made according to previous procedure⁵), LTMP (194.3 mg, 1.32 mmol), 5-bromo-1-pentene (197 mg, 1.32 mmol) and THF (6 mL). The crude reaction mixture was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (50:1 hexanes/ethyl acetate, stain in CAM) to afford **60** as a colorless oil (450 mg, 88%). $^1\text{H NMR}$ (500 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.26 – 7.17 (m, 4H), 7.15 – 7.07 (m, 1H), 5.82 (ddt, $J = 16.9, 10.2, 6.6$ Hz, 1H), 4.97 (dq, $J = 17.2, 1.8$ Hz, 1H), 4.90 (ddt, $J = 10.2, 2.4, 1.3$ Hz, 1H), 2.97 (s, 2H), 2.00 (q, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 2H), 1.56 – 1.51 (m, 2H), 1.49 – 1.41 (m, 2H), 1.24 (s, 12H), 1.20 (s, 12H); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (125 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 141.82, 139.32, 129.70, 127.65, 125.41, 113.82, 83.16, 34.58, 34.44, 28.44, 26.77, 25.00, 24.69; IR (neat): 2978.4 (m), 2931.7 (w), 2862.9 (m), 1378.4 (m), 1353.4 (m), 1261.8 (m), 1138.8 (s), 854.3 (w), 699.9 (w) cm^{-1} ; HRMS -(DART+) for $^{12}\text{C}_{25}^{1}\text{H}_{41}^{11}\text{B}_2^{16}\text{O}_4$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: calculated: 427.3191, found: 427.3189.

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2,2'-(6-(benzyloxy)-1-phenyloct-7-ene-3,3-diyl)bis(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolane) (**61**). The reaction was performed according to *Representative Procedure (Method D)* with diboronate ester **27** (186 mg, 0.5 mmol), LTMP (73.6 mg, 0.5 mmol), 3-(benzyloxy)pent-4-en-1-yl 4-methylbenzenesulfonate (193 mg, 0.56 mmol) and THF (5 mL). The crude reaction mixture was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (100:2 – 100:4 hexanes/ethyl acetate, stain in CAM) to afford **61** as a colorless oil (220 mg, 81%). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.37 – 7.30 (m, 4H), 7.26 – 7.21 (m, 3H), 7.20 – 7.16 (m, 2H), 7.13 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 5.84 – 5.69 (m, 1H), 5.25 – 5.22 (m, 2H), 4.60 (d, *J* = 12.1 Hz, 1H), 4.40 (d, *J* = 12.1 Hz, 1H), 3.73 (q, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 2.50 (td, *J* = 7.3, 3.7 Hz, 2H), 1.88 (dd, *J* = 10.7, 6.9 Hz, 2H), 1.80 – 1.63 (m, 4H), 1.22 (s, 24H); ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 143.76, 139.03, 128.51, 128.21, 128.07, 127.58, 127.21, 125.32, 117.22, 82.99, 81.33, 69.77, 33.79, 32.81, 31.95, 24.91, 24.78, 24.65; IR (neat): 2977.4 (m), 2932.1 (w), 1378.5 (w), 1370.5 (w), 1309.9 (s), 1138.56 (s), 851.8 (w), 698.5 (w) cm⁻¹; HRMS-(DART+) for ¹²C₃₃¹H₅₂¹¹B₂¹⁶O₅¹⁴N₁ [M+NH₄]⁺: calculated: 564.4032, found: 564.4058.

The 3-(benzyloxy)pent-4-en-1-yl 4-methylbenzenesulfonate was prepared as shown in the scheme below:

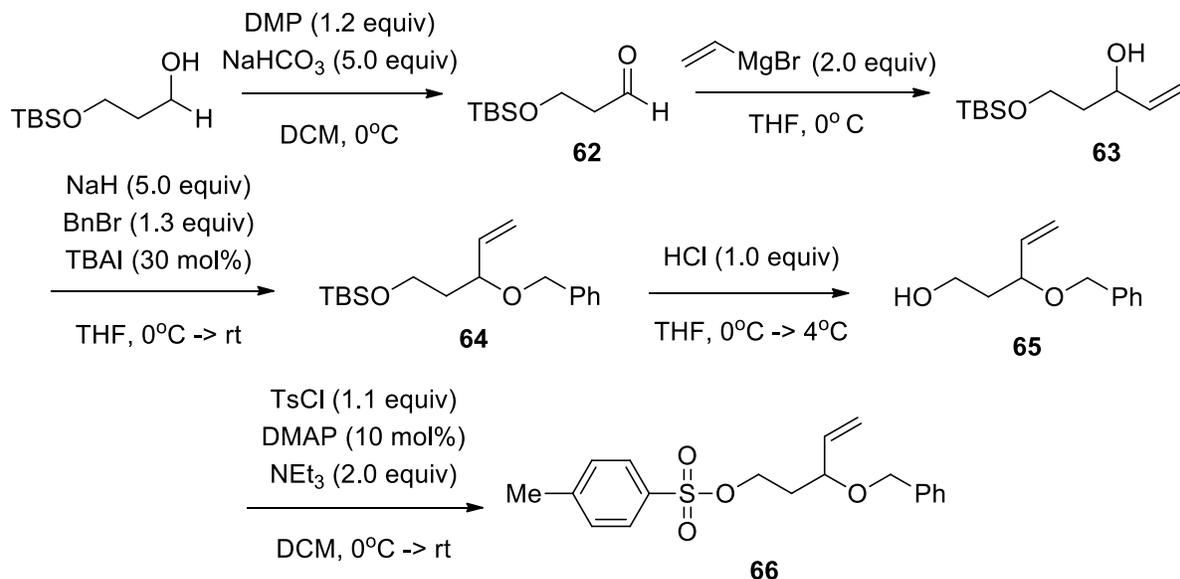
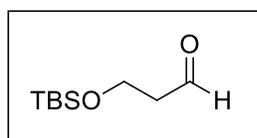
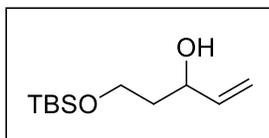


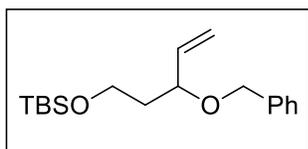
Figure 37 – Forward synthesis of 3-(benzyloxy)pent-4-en-1-yl 4-methylbenzenesulfonate



3-((*tert*-butyldimethylsilyl)oxy)propanal (62). To an oven dried 20 mL vial, 3-((*tert*-butyldimethylsilyl)oxy)propan-1-ol (522 mg, 2.9 mmol) is added followed by anhydrous DCM (6 mL). The solution is brought to 0°C then Dess-Martin periodinane (1.48 g, 3.48 mmol) and NaHCO₃ (1.22 g, 14.5 mmol) added. The reaction is then allowed to stir for 4h, gradually reaching room temperature. At this point, the mixture is concentrated in vacuo then extracted with 1:1 hexane/Et₂O and the combined extracts filtered through a pad of silica gel, rinsing with 1:1 hexane/Et₂O. The filtrate is concentrated in vacuo and the resulting crude oil is purified by column chromatography on silica gel (80:20 pentane/diethyl ether, stain in PMA) to afford **62** as a clear, colorless oil (380 mg, 69%). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 9.80 (s, 1H), 3.98 (t, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 2H), 2.59 (td, *J* = 6.1, 2.0 Hz, 2H), 0.88 (s, 9H), 0.06 (s, 6H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 201.93, 57.38, 46.54, 25.78, 18.18, -5.48; IR (neat): 2868.7 (m), 1725.6 (w), 1256.2 (w), 1141.3 (s), 908.6 (s), 835.7 (s), 778.1 (m), 732.3 (s) cm⁻¹; HRMS-(DART+) for ¹²C₉¹H₂₁²⁸Si¹⁶O₂ [M+H]⁺: calculated: 189.1311, found: 189.1319.

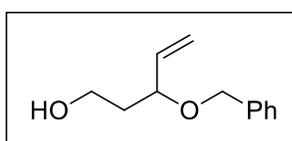


5-((*tert*-butyldimethylsilyl)oxy)pent-1-en-3-ol (63). An oven-dried 125 mL round bottom flask fitted with magnetic stir bar is sealed and evacuated/refilled with N₂ 3x then charged with 3-((*tert*-butyldimethylsilyl)oxy)propanal (**62**) (3.18 g, 16.9 mmol) followed by anhydrous THF (32 mL). The vessel and contents are then cooled to 0°C and vinylmagnesium bromide solution (33.8 mL, 1 M in THF, 33.8 mmol) added across ca. 15 min. The resulting clear, yellow solution is allowed to stir overnight at room temperature, then quenched with a saturated aqueous solution of ammonium chloride. The reaction mixture is then poured into a separatory funnel where it is diluted with deionized water and the organics are extracted with diethyl ether 5x. The combined organics are dried over Na₂SO₄ then concentrated in vacuo. The crude residue is then purified by column chromatography on silica gel (100:3 to 80:20 pentane/diethyl ether, stain in KMnO₄) to afford **63** as a clear, orange oil. (1566 mg, 43%). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 6.01 – 5.77 (m, 1H), 5.29 (dd, *J* = 17.2, 2.1 Hz, 1H), 5.11 (dd, *J* = 10.5, 2.1 Hz, 1H), 4.39 – 4.33 (m, 1H), 3.95 – 3.87 (m, 1H), 3.81 (ddt, *J* = 10.1, 7.3, 4.1 Hz, 1H), 3.31 (d, *J* = 3.6 Hz, 1H), 1.85 – 1.67 (m, 2H), 0.91 (s, 9H), 0.08 (s, 6H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 140.51, 113.98, 72.32, 61.78, 38.15, 25.73, 18.00, -5.65; IR (neat): 3462.4(broad), 2954.5 (w), 2857.9 (w), 1255.4 (w), 1082.1 (w), 906.4 (s), 834.6 (s), 777.4 (m), 729.4 (s), 648.5 (m) cm⁻¹; HRMS-(DART+) for ¹²C₁₁¹H₂₅²⁸Si₁¹⁶O₂ [M+H]⁺: calculated: 217.1624, found: 217.1632.



((3-(benzyloxy)pent-4-en-1-yl)oxy)(*tert*-butyl)dimethylsilane (64). An oven-dried 20 mL vial is charged with sodium hydride (220 mg, 60 wt%, 5.5 mmol), and anhydrous THF (5 mL) then cooled to 0°C. A solution of 5-((*tert*-butyldimethylsilyl)oxy) pent-1-en-3-ol (**63**) (237 mg, 1.1 mmol) in anhydrous THF (2 mL) is then gradually added to the reaction vessel and the resulting mixture allowed to stir

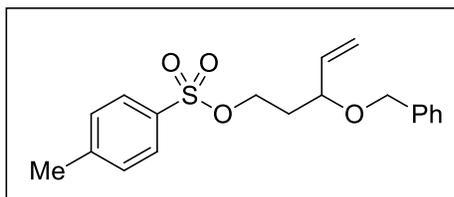
for 30 minutes at 0°C. Benzyl bromide (0.17 mL, 1.43 mmol) is then added followed by tetrabutylammonium iodide (122 mg, 0.33 mmol). The resulting light yellow slurry is allowed to stir overnight, gradually warming to room temperature. Upon return, the mixture is brought back to 0°C where it is quenched by a saturated aqueous solution of ammonium chloride. Organics are then extracted with diethyl ether 3x and combined organics dried over Na₂SO₄, and concentrated in vacuo. The crude reaction mixture was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (100:2 to 100:5 pentane/diethyl ether, stain in KMnO₄) to afford **64** as a clear, colorless oil (313 mg, 89%). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.28 – 7.23 (m, 3H), 7.22 – 7.16 (m, 2H), 5.73 – 5.64 (m, 1H), 5.21 – 5.12 (m, 2H), 4.52 (d, *J* = 11.7 Hz, 1H), 4.28 (d, *J* = 11.6 Hz, 1H), 3.93 – 3.83 (m, 1H), 3.67 (ddd, *J* = 10.1, 7.2, 5.8 Hz, 1H), 3.63 – 3.58 (m, 1H), 1.80 (ddt, *J* = 13.7, 7.7, 5.9 Hz, 1H), 1.69 – 1.58 (m, 1H), 0.81 (s, 9H), -0.04 (s, 6H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 138.89, 128.27, 127.75, 127.67, 127.35, 116.98, 70.23, 59.31, 38.72, 25.91, 18.24, -5.34; IR (neat): 2953.7 (w), 2928.0 (w), 2856.4 (w), 1253.8 (m), 1090.6 (s), 925.3 (m), 834.8 (s), 775.2 (m), 733.2 (m), 696.7 (w) cm⁻¹; HRMS-(DART+) for ¹²C₁₈¹H₃₁²⁸Si₁¹⁶O₂ [M+H]⁺: calculated: 307.2093, found: 307.2089.



3-(benzyloxy)pent-4-en-1-ol (65). A 125 mL round bottom flask is charged with ((3-(benzyloxy)pent-4-en-1-yl)oxy)(*tert*-butyl)dimethylsilane) (**64**) (180 mg, 0.54 mmol), and THF (54 mL) then

cooled to 0°C and HCl (0.54 mL, 1N, 0.54 mmol) slowly added. The resulting clear, colorless solution is then allowed to stir at 4°C overnight. Upon completion, the reaction is cooled to 0°C and slowly treated with saturated, aqueous NaHCO₃ solution (0.54 mL). The mixture is then concentrated in vacuo and the crude residue purified by column chromatography on silica gel (100:3 to 80:20 pentane/diethyl ether, stain in KMnO₄) to afford **65** as a clear, colorless oil (101 mg, 86%). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.36 – 7.15 (m, 5H), 5.73 (ddd, *J* = 17.6, 10.5, 7.8 Hz,

1H), 5.20 (d, $J = 17.1$ Hz, 1H), 5.19 (d, $J = 10.5$ Hz, 1H), 4.56 (d, $J = 11.8$ Hz, 1H), 4.29 (d, $J = 11.7$ Hz, 1H), 3.95 (td, $J = 8.0, 4.4$ Hz, 1H), 3.79 – 3.61 (m, 2H), 2.31 (dd, $J = 6.5, 4.4$ Hz, 1H), 1.81 (dtd, $J = 15.3, 7.7, 4.2$ Hz, 1H), 1.73 (ddt, $J = 10.5, 6.7, 4.1$ Hz, 1H); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (125 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 138.17, 138.10, 128.45, 127.79, 127.67, 117.51, 79.88, 70.29, 60.58, 37.78; IR (neat): 3383.2 (w, broad), 2865.8 (w), 1454.3(w), 1055.7 (s), 927.9 (m), 736.3 (m), 698.0 (m) cm^{-1} ; HRMS -(DART+) for $^{12}\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{17}^{16}\text{O}_2$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: calculated: 193.1229, found: 193.1229.



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(66). An oven dried 20 mL vial equipped with magnetic stir bar is charged with 4-toluenesulfonyl chloride (203.4 mg, 1.07 mmol), DMAP (11.8 mg, 0.097 mmol), DCM (2 mL), and reagent grade triethylamine (0.27 mL, 1.94 mmol) in succession. The vessel and contents are then cooled to 0°C and a solution of 3-(benzyloxy)pent-4-en-1-ol (**65**) (187 mg, 0.97 mmol) in DCM (2 mL) is slowly added under nitrogen protection. The resulting clear-yellow solution is then allowed to stir overnight and upon return is quenched by deionized H_2O . The organics are then extracted with DCM, and dried over Na_2SO_4 and the combined organics concentrated in vacuo. The crude residue is then purified by column chromatography on silica gel (50:1 to 100:5 hexanes/ethyl acetate, stain in KMnO_4) to afford **66** as a clear, colorless oil (268 mg, 80%). $^1\text{H NMR}$ (500 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.81 – 7.75 (m, 2H), 7.35 – 7.29 (m, 4H), 7.29 – 7.27 (m, 1H), 7.24 – 7.21 (m, 2H), 5.67 (ddd, $J = 17.1, 10.4, 7.7$ Hz, 1H), 5.25 – 5.19 (m, 2H), 4.51 (d, $J = 11.5$ Hz, 1H), 4.27 – 4.17 (m, 2H), 4.10 (dt, $J = 9.7, 5.6$ Hz, 1H), 3.87 (td, $J = 8.0, 4.9$ Hz, 1H), 2.42 (s, 3H), 2.02 – 1.80 (m, 2H); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (125 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 144.67, 138.18, 137.61, 133.09, 129.79, 128.32, 127.90, 127.66, 127.55, 118.14, 76.47, 70.36, 67.15, 34.87, 21.60; IR (neat): 2927.4 (w), 2865.8 (w), 1598.2 (w), 1496.2 (w), 1454.5

(w), 1359.8 (m), 1176.5 (s), 916.0 (m), 836.7 (w), 739.9 (w), 664.0 (m), 554.5 (m) cm^{-1} ; HRMS-
(DART+) for $^{12}\text{C}_{19}^{1}\text{H}_{26}^{14}\text{N}_1^{32}\text{S}_1^{16}\text{O}_4$ $[\text{M}+\text{NH}_4]^+$: calculated: 364.1583, found: 364.158.

C. Reaction Products

i) Representative Procedure for Deborylative Cyclization

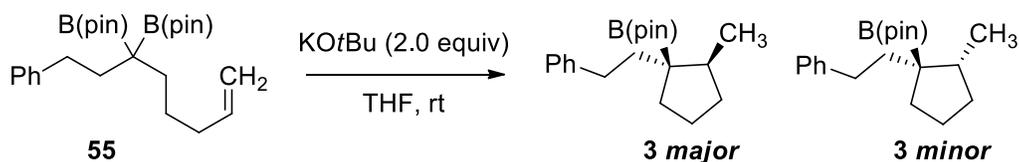
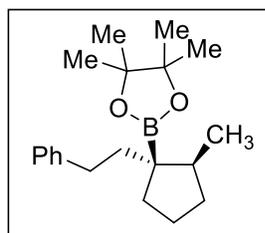


Figure 38 - Representative deborylative cyclization

In the glove box, an oven-dried 2-dram vial equipped with magnetic stir bar is charged with 1,1-diboronate ester **55** (48.4 mg, 0.10 mmol), base (0.20 mmol) and THF (0.50 mL). The vial is sealed with a polypropylene cap, removed from the glove box, and allowed to stir at room temperature for overnight. Upon completion, the reaction mixture is diluted with wet diethyl ether (2 mL), filtered through a silica gel plug, rinsed with diethyl ether, and concentrated in vacuo. Diastereomeric ratio is determined by ^1H NMR of the crude residue, then purification is done on silica gel (hexanes: ethyl acetate = 100 : 0.8) to afford the desired products **3 major** and **3 minor**.

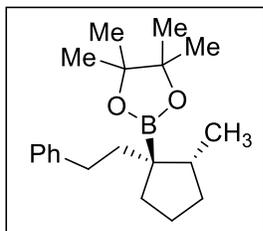
ii) Full Characterization of Reaction Products and Proof of Stereochemistry



4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-2-(2-methyl-1-phenethylcyclopentyl)-1,3,2-dioxaborolane (3, major diastereomer). The reaction was performed according to *Representative Procedure for Deborylative Cyclization* with 1,1-diboronate ester **55** (88 mg, 0.2 mmol), KOtBu (44.8 mg, 0.4 mmol)

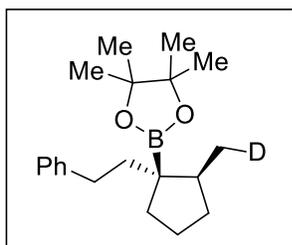
and THF (1 mL). The crude reaction mixture was purified on silica gel (hexanes: ethyl acetate = 100 : 0.8) to afford the desired product as a colorless oil (32.7 mg, 52%, 4:1 dr). ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.28-7.25(m, 2H), 7.20 (d, $J = 7.3$ Hz, 2H), 7.16 (t, $J = 7.3$ Hz, 1H), 2.59-2.53 (m, 2H), 2.05-1.95 (m, 2H), 1.84-1.78 (m, 1H), 1.77-1.70 (m, 1H), 1.64-1.56 (m, 2H), 1.40-1.22

(m,3H), 1.27 (12H, s, overlap), 1.00 (d, $J = 6.9$ Hz, 3H); The ^1H NMR spectrum was in accord with previously reported data.¹



4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-2-(1-phenyltetradecan-2-yl)-1,3,2-dioxaborolane (3, minor diastereomer). ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.27 (t, $J = 7.3$ Hz, 2H), 7.21 (d, $J = 7.3$ Hz, 2H), 7.18-7.15 (m, 1H), 2.58-2.49 (m, 2H), 2.04 (sx, $J = 7.3$ Hz, 1H), 1.89-1.83 (m, 1H), 1.79-1.54 (m, 5H), 1.44-1.36

(m, 1H), 1.31-1.24 (m, 1H), 1.27 (s, overlap, 12H), 0.91 (dd, $J = 7.3, 1.4$ Hz, 3H); The ^1H NMR spectrum was in accord with previously reported data.⁵

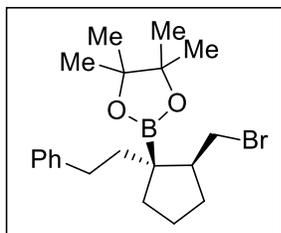


4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-2-((1R,2S)-2-(methyl-d)-1-phenethylcyclopentyl)-1,3,2-dioxaborolane (4). The reaction was performed according to *Representative Procedure for Deborylative Cyclization* with 1,1-diboronate ester **55** (88 mg, 0.2 mmol), KOtBu

(44.8 mg, 0.4 mmol) and THF (1 mL). Upon completion, the reaction mixture was quenched with D_2O (100 μL , 5.0 mmol), then diluted with diethyl ether (2 mL) and filtered through a silica gel plug, rinsing with diethyl ether, and concentrated in vacuo. The crude reaction mixture was purified on silica gel (hexanes: ethyl acetate = 100 : 0.8, stain in CAM) to afford the desired product as a colorless oil (31 mg, 49%, 4:1 dr). ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.27 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 2H), 7.23 – 7.14 (m, 3H), 2.63 – 2.50 (m, 2H), 2.07 – 1.92 (m, 2H), 1.86 – 1.68 (m, 2H), 1.63 – 1.55 (m, 2H), 1.39 – 1.20 (m, 3H), 1.27 (s, 12H), 0.99 (d, $J = 7.0$, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 143.88, 128.30, 128.19, 125.40, 125.40, 82.89, 44.93, 41.24, 34.26, 34.19, 34.14, 25.28, 24.82, 22.70, 17.63, 17.50, 17.37; IR (neat): 2977.4 (m), 2931.9 (m), 2857.6 (w), 1730.2 (w), 1454.4 (w),

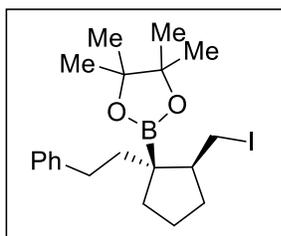
5. Hong, K.; Liu, X.; Morken, J. P., Simple Access to Elusive α -Boryl Carbanions and Their Alkylation: An Umpolung Construction for Organic Synthesis. *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **2014**, *136* (30), 10581-10584.

1387.8 (m), 1301.7 (m), 1195.1 (w), 1143.6 (s), 966.8 (w), 855.5 (w), 748.8 (w), 698.9 (w) cm^{-1} ;
HRMS-(DART+) for $^{12}\text{C}_{20}^{1}\text{H}_{31}^{11}\text{B}_1^{16}\text{O}_2$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: calculated: 316.2558, found: 316.2560.



2-((1R,2S)-2-(bromomethyl)-1-phenethylcyclopentyl)-4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolane (5). The reaction was performed

according to *Representative Procedure for Deborylative Cyclization n* with 1,1-diboronate ester **55** (88 mg, 0.2 mmol), $\text{KO}t\text{Bu}$ (44.8 mg, 0.4 mmol) and THF (1 mL). Upon completion, the reaction mixture was quenched with NBS (71.2 mg, 0.4 mmol) in anhydrous THF (1 mL), then diluted with diethyl ether (2 mL) and filtered through a silica gel plug, rinsing with diethyl ether. Filtrate was then concentrated in vacuo and crude purified on silica gel (hexanes: ethyl acetate = 100 : 0.8, stain in CAM) to afford the desired product as a white solid (40.3 mg, 51.2%, >20:1 dr). ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.32 – 7.23 (m, 2H), 7.18 (dd, $J = 7.7, 1.1$ Hz, 2H), 3.72 (dd, $J = 9.6, 3.7$ Hz, 1H), 3.37 (dd, $J = 11.4, 9.6$ Hz, 1H), 2.62 – 2.50 (m, 2H), 2.18 – 2.04 (m, 2H), 2.06 – 1.91 (m, 2H), 1.79 – 1.56 (m, 2H), 1.51 – 1.37 (m, 3H), 1.26 (d, $J = 1.6$ Hz, 12H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 143.13, 128.30, 128.23, 125.64, 83.31, 53.24, 41.18, 37.96, 35.71, 33.87, 32.22, 25.10, 24.82, 22.35; IR (neat): 2976.4 (m), 2956.2 (m), 2932.3 (m), 2868.7 (w), 1454.3 (w), 1381.0 (m), 1312.3 (m), 1210.3 (m), 1142.9 (s), 967.1 (w), 855.0 (w), 748.5 (w), 698.8 (m) cm^{-1} ; HRMS-(DART+) for $^{12}\text{C}_{20}^{1}\text{H}_{31}^{11}\text{B}_1^{79}\text{Br}_1^{16}\text{O}_2$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: calculated: 393.1601, found: 393.1608.



2-((1R,2S)-2-(iodomethyl)-1-phenethylcyclopentyl)-4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolane (6). The reaction was performed

according to *Representative Procedure for Deborylative Cyclization* with 1,1-diboronate ester **55** (88 mg, 0.2 mmol), $\text{KO}t\text{Bu}$ (44.8 mg, 0.4 mmol) and THF (1 mL). Upon completion, the reaction mixture was quenched with I_2 (101.5 mg, 0.4

mmol) in anhydrous THF (1 mL), then diluted with diethyl ether (2 mL) and filtered through a silica gel plug, rinsing with diethyl ether. Filtrate was then concentrated in vacuo and the crude residue purified on silica gel (hexanes: ethyl acetate = 100 : 0.8, stain in CAM) to afford the desired product as a white solid (43mg, 49%, >20:1 dr). ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.30 – 7.24 (m, 2H), 7.22 – 7.14 (m, 3H), 3.53 (dd, *J* = 9.4, 3.3 Hz, 1H), 3.14 (dd, *J* = 12.1, 9.4 Hz, 1H), 2.61 – 2.50 (m, 2H), 2.20 – 2.10 (m, 2H), 2.04 – 1.94 (m, 2H), 1.81 – 1.70 (m, 1H), 1.69 – 1.57 (m, 1H), 1.48 – 1.40 (m, 2H), 1.43 – 1.32 (m, 1H), 1.26 (s, 6H), 1.26 (s, 6H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 143.13, 128.30, 128.22, 125.64, 83.30, 53.97, 41.19, 36.08, 33.90, 25.11, 24.82, 21.83, 11.61; IR (neat): 2976.5 (m), 2956.3 (m), 2932.3 (m), 2867.2 (w), 1454.1 (w), 1380.7 (m), 1345.3 (m), 1210.3 (w), 1142.4 (s), 966.8 (w), 854.2 (w), 755.1 (m), 698.4 (m) cm⁻¹; HRMS-(DART+) for ¹²C₂₀¹H₃₁¹¹B₁¹²⁷I₁¹⁶O₂ [M+H]⁺: calculated: 441.1462, found: 441.1478. The relative stereochemistry was assigned by X-ray crystallography.

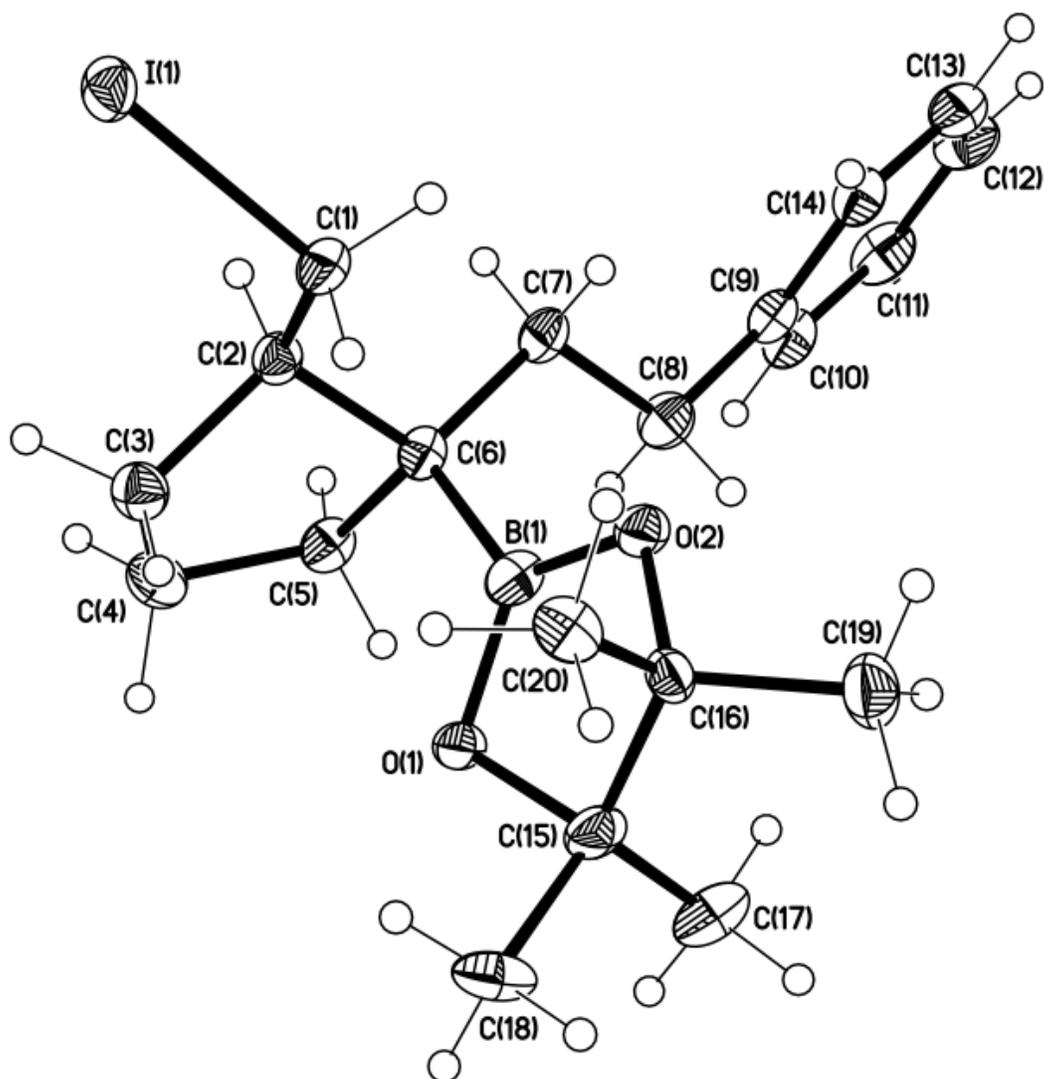
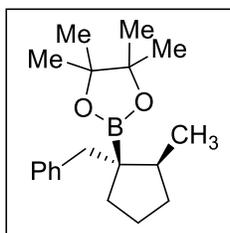


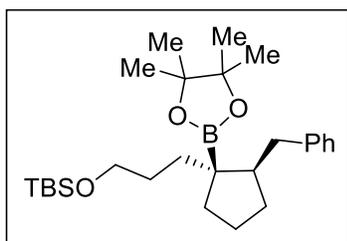
Figure 39 - Crystal of 2-((1R,2S)-2-(iodomethyl)-1-phenethylcyclopentyl)-4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolane



2-((1R,2S)-1-benzyl-2-methylcyclopentyl)-4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolane (7). The reaction was performed according to *Representative Procedure for Deborylative Cyclization* with 1,1-diboronate ester **60** (85.2 mg, 0.2 mmol), KOtBu (44.8 mg, 0.4 mmol) and THF (1 mL). The crude

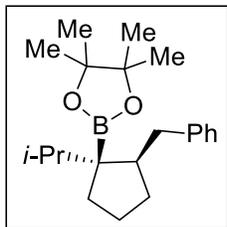
reaction mixture was purified on silica gel (hexanes: ethyl acetate = 100 : 0.8, stain in CAM) to afford the desired product as a colorless oil (39.2 mg, 65%, > 20:1 dr). $^1\text{H NMR}$ (600 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.27 – 7.18 (m, 4H), 7.17 – 7.10 (m, 1H), 2.97 (d, $J = 13.2$ Hz, 1H), 2.43 (d, $J = 13.3$ Hz, 1H),

1.87 – 1.79 (m, 2H), 1.75 – 1.50 (m, 3H), 1.47 – 1.36 (m, 1H), 1.30 – 1.20 (m, 1H), 1.19 (s, 6H), 1.14 (s, 6H), 1.05 (d, $J = 6.9$ Hz, 3H); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (125 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 141.15, 130.14, 127.56, 125.49, 82.91, 44.35, 42.89, 33.97, 33.77, 25.14, 24.93, 22.24, 17.55; IR (neat): 2976.8 (m), 2953.6 (m), 2930.1 (m), 2869.0 (w), 1453.4 (w), 1387.9 (m), 1298.8 (m), 1211.8 (w), 1143.0 (s), 965.7 (w), 858.5 (w), 758.5 (w), 701.1 (m) cm^{-1} ; HRMS -(DART+) for $^{12}\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{29}^{11}\text{B}_1^{16}\text{O}_2$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: calculated: 301.2339, found: 301.2336.



(3-(((1R,2R)-2-benzyl-1-(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolan-2-yl)cyclopentyl)propoxy)(tert-butyl)dimethylsilane (10). The reaction was performed according to *Representative Procedure for Deborylative Cyclization* with 1,1-

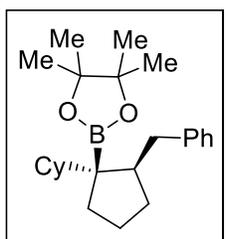
diboronate ester **57** (58.5 mg, 0.1 mmol), KOtBu (22.4 mg, 0.2 mmol) and THF (0.5 mL). The crude reaction mixture was purified on silica gel (hexanes: ethyl acetate = 100 : 0.8, stain in CAM) to afford the desired product as a white solid (30 mg, 65%, > 20:1 dr). $^1\text{H NMR}$ (600 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.29 – 7.22 (m, 2H), 7.18 – 7.13 (m, 3H), 3.67 – 3.54 (m, 2H), 2.98 (dd, $J = 13.2, 3.3$ Hz, 1H), 2.33 (dd, $J = 13.2, 11.6$ Hz, 1H), 1.98 (ddd, $J = 12.5, 8.7, 4.8$ Hz, 1H), 1.82 – 1.43 (m, 7H), 1.35 – 1.21 (m, 2H), 1.27 (s, 12H), 1.21 – 1.06 (m, 1H), 0.91 (s, 9H), 0.06 (s, 6H); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (125 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 143.00, 128.80, 128.07, 125.41, 82.93, 64.26, 53.02, 39.37, 34.41, 34.35, 31.36, 30.94, 26.02, 25.12, 24.89, 22.41, 18.40, -5.17; IR (neat): 2975.9 (w), 2951.9 (m), 2929.1 (m), 2856.3 (m), 1453.9 (w), 1386.9 (m), 1299.6 (m), 1253.8 (m), 1215.5 (w), 1142.3 (s), 1098.6 (m), 990.1 (w), 835.3 (s), 775.1 (m), 698.6 (w) cm^{-1} ; HRMS -(DART+) for $^{12}\text{C}_{27}\text{H}_{48}^{11}\text{B}_1^{16}\text{O}_3^{28}\text{Si}_1$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: calculated: 459.3466, found: 459.3454.



2-((1R, 2R)-2-benzyl-1-isopropylcyclopentyl)-4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolane (11). The reaction was performed according to *Representative*

Procedure for Deborylative Cyclization with 1,1-diboronate ester **58** (90.9 mg, 0.2 mmol), KO^tBu (44.8 mg, 0.4 mmol) and THF (1 mL). The crude reaction

mixture was purified on silica gel (hexanes: ethyl acetate = 100 : 0.8, stain in CAM) to afford the desired product as a white solid (34.5 mg, 52.5%, > 20:1 dr). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.29 – 7.22 (m, 2H), 7.19 – 7.12 (m, *J* = 6.9, 5.7, 1.4 Hz, 3H), 2.97 (dd, *J* = 13.2, 3.1 Hz, 1H), 2.34 (dd, *J* = 13.3, 11.7 Hz, 1H), 2.02 – 1.75 (m, 3H), 1.74 – 1.61 (m, 1H), 1.64 – 1.52 (m, 1H), 1.45 – 1.32 (m, 2H), 1.28 (s, 12H), 1.28 – 1.18 (m, 1H), 0.97 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 3H), 0.89 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 143.29, 128.77, 128.07, 125.39, 82.83, 48.45, 39.32, 31.82, 31.14, 29.17, 25.19, 24.93, 22.49, 21.15, 17.15; IR (neat): 2955.3 (m), 2870.1 (w), 1495.1 (w), 1380.1 (m), 1297.7 (m), 1212.7 (w), 1140.6 (s), 982.1 (w), 864.9 (w), 745.6 (w), 699.2 (m) cm⁻¹; HRMS- (DART+) for ¹²C₂₁¹H₃₄¹¹B₁¹⁶O₂ [M+H]⁺: calculated: 329.2652, found: 329.2655.



2-((1R,2R)-2-benzyl-1-cyclohexylcyclopentyl)-4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolane (9). The reaction was performed according to *Representative*

Procedure for Deborylative Cyclization with 1,1-diboronate ester **59** (98.9 mg, 0.2 mmol), KO^tBu (44.8 mg, 0.4 mmol) and THF (1 mL). The crude reaction

mixture was purified on silica gel (hexanes: ethyl acetate = 100 : 0.8, stain in CAM) to afford the desired product as a white solid (59 mg, 80%, > 20:1 dr). ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.34 – 7.21 (m, 2H), 7.21 – 7.12 (m, 3H), 2.97 (dd, *J* = 13.3, 3.2 Hz, 1H), 2.34 (dd, *J* = 13.3, 11.9 Hz, 1H), 2.00 – 1.91 (m, 1H), 1.84 – 1.76 (m, 1H), 1.79 – 1.67 (m, 3H), 1.66 – 1.58 (m, 3H), 1.61 – 1.50 (m, 2H), 1.45 – 1.31 (m, 2H), 1.33 – 1.19 (m, 14H), 1.22 – 1.17 (m, 2H), 1.17 – 1.08 (m, 1H), 1.09 – 0.95 (m, 1H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 143.30, 128.78, 128.05, 125.36, 82.80, 47.14,

41.83, 39.18, 31.65, 31.56, 30.06, 27.34, 27.12, 27.08, 27.04, 25.22, 24.90, 22.39; **IR** (neat): 2976.2 (m), 2925.3 (s), 2851.6 (m), 1449.0 (w), 1378.7 (m), 1297.3 (m), 1212.8 (w), 1141.8 (s), 864.2 (w), 746.5 (w), 698.8 (m) cm^{-1} ; **HRMS**-(DART+) for $^{12}\text{C}_{24}^{1}\text{H}_{38}^{11}\text{B}_1^{16}\text{O}_2$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: calculated: 369.2965, found: 369.2967. The relative stereochemistry was assigned by X-ray crystallography.

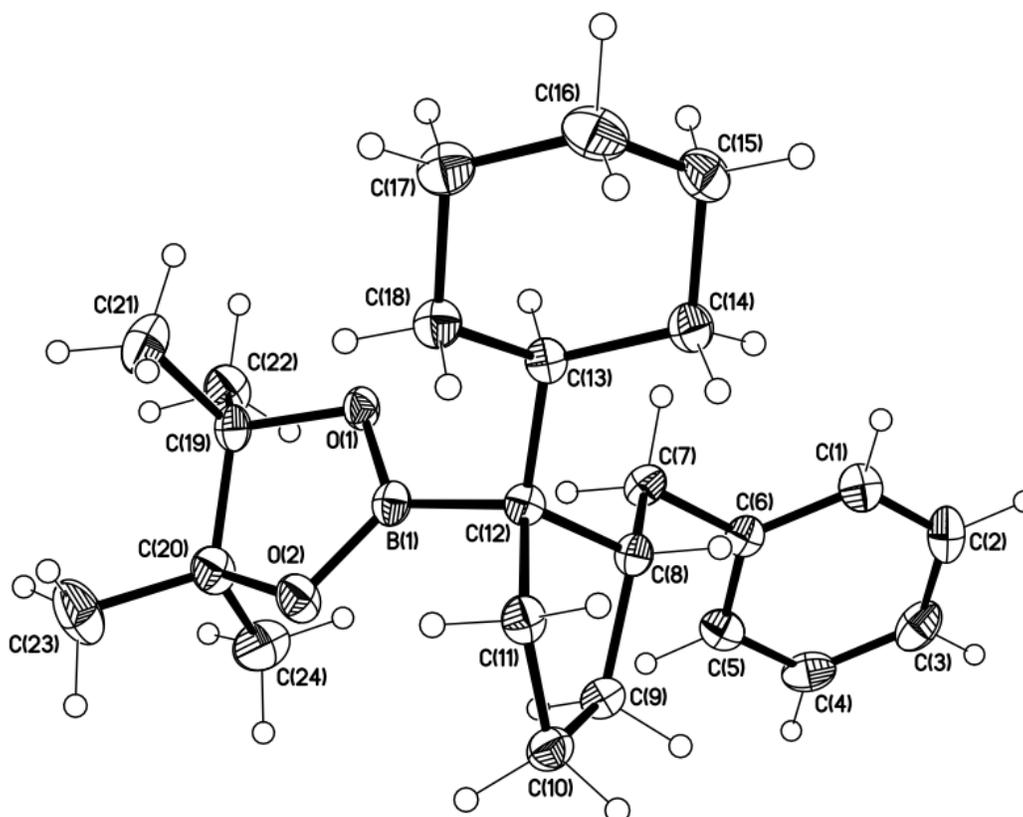
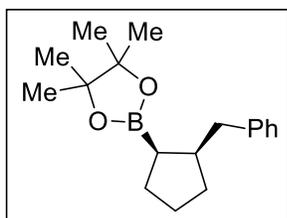


Figure 40 – Crystal of 2-((1*R*,2*R*)-2-benzyl-1-cyclohexylcyclopentyl)-4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolane



2-((1*R*,2*R*)-2-benzylcyclopentyl)-4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-

dioxaborolane (12). The reaction was performed according to

Representative Procedure for Deborylative Cyclization with 1,1-

diboronate ester **56** (82.4 mg, 0.2 mmol), KO^tBu (44.8 mg, 0.4 mmol)

and THF (1 mL). The crude reaction mixture was purified on silica gel (hexanes: ethyl acetate =

100 : 0.8, stain in CAM) to afford the desired product as a colorless oil (25.7 mg, 45%, > 20:1 dr).

$^1\text{H NMR}$ (600 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.29 – 7.21 (m, 2H), 7.20 – 7.12 (m, 3H), 2.78 (dd, $J = 13.4, 5.9$ Hz, 1H), 2.51 (dd, $J = 13.4, 8.6$ Hz, 1H), 2.21 – 2.11 (m, 1H), 1.87 – 1.77 (m, 1H), 1.77 – 1.65 (m, 1H), 1.66 – 1.44 (m, 3H), 1.27 (d, $J = 4.5$ Hz, 1H), 1.18 (s, 6H), 1.17 (s, 6H), 0.99 – 0.86 (m, 1H); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (125 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 142.22, 128.98, 128.05, 125.48, 82.72, 45.07, 42.49, 33.51, 28.47, 25.84, 24.72, 24.70; IR (neat): 2956.1 (s), 2932.8 (m), 2919.8 (m), 2876.6 (w), 2861.0 (w), 2361.0 (m), 2163.9 (s), 2013.9 (w), 1728.4 (s), 1379.0 (m), 1290.6 (s), 1316.8 (m), 1145.8 (m), 763.7 (w) cm^{-1} ; HRMS -(DART+) for $^{12}\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{27}^{11}\text{B}_1^{16}\text{O}_2$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: calculated: 287.2182, found: 287.2194. Relative configuration was determined after oxidation and comparison with reported data.³⁹ To a 20 mL vial containing **12** (10 mg, 0.035 mmol), NaOH solution (3M, 1 mL) is added followed by THF (1 mL). The vial is then cooled to 0°C and H_2O_2 (30 wt%, 1 mL) is carefully added. The reaction mixture is then allowed to stir at room temperature for three hours, at which point, the mixture is cooled back to 0°C and saturated, aqueous $\text{Na}_2\text{S}_2\text{O}_3$ (1 mL) is added to degrade excess H_2O_2 . The mixture is then extracted with ethyl acetate three times and the combined organics dried over Na_2SO_4 , and concentrated in vacuo. $^1\text{H NMR}$ (500 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.32 – 7.27 (m, 2H), 7.22 – 7.17 (m, 3H), 3.96 – 3.87 (m, 1H), 2.76 (dd, $J = 13.6, 6.9$ Hz, 1H), 2.55 (dd, $J = 13.6, 8.2$ Hz, 1H), 2.08 – 2.00 (m, 1H), 1.99 – 1.92 (m, 1H), 1.89 – 1.80 (m, 1H), 1.77 – 1.66 (m, 1H), 1.66 – 1.54 (m, 2H), 1.34 – 1.25 (m, 1H), 1.23 (d, $J = 4.1$ Hz, 1H).

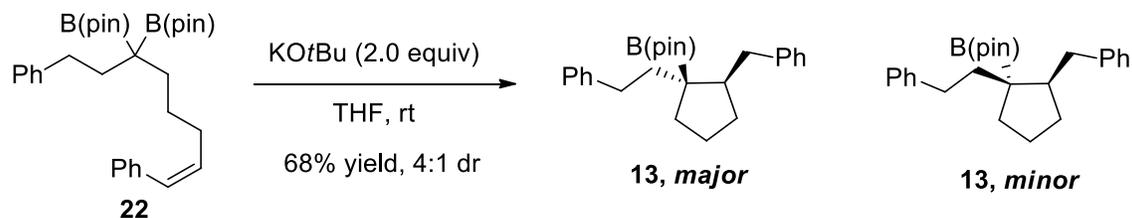
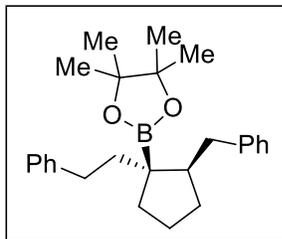


Figure 41 – Deborylative cyclization of (Z)-2,2'-(1,8-diphenyloct-7-ene-3,3'-diyl)bis(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolane)

39. Simpson, A. F.; Bodkin, C. D.; Butts, C. P.; Armitage, M. A.; Gallagher, T., Asymmetric reduction of prochiral cycloalkenones. The influence of exocyclic alkene geometry. *Perkin Trans. 1* **2000**, (18), 3047-3054.



2-((1*R*,2*R*)-2-benzyl-1-phenethylcyclopentyl)-4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolane (13, major diastereomer). The reaction was

performed according to *Representative Procedure for Deborylative Cyclization* with 1,1-diboronate ester **22** (103.3 mg, 0.2 mmol), KOtBu (44.8 mg, 0.4 mmol) and THF (1 mL). The crude reaction mixture was purified on silica gel (hexanes: ethyl acetate = 100 : 0.8, stain in CAM) to afford the desired product as a white solid (52.7 mg, 68%, 4:1 dr). $^1\text{H NMR}$ (500 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.32 – 7.12 (m, 10H), 3.01 (dd, $J = 13.2$, 3.3 Hz, 1H), 2.62 (ddd, $J = 10.4$, 5.8, 3.5 Hz, 2H), 2.36 (dd, $J = 13.2$, 11.6 Hz, 1H), 2.20 – 2.04 (m, 2H), 1.81 – 1.47 (m, 5H), 1.46 – 1.31 (m, 2H), 1.31 (s, 6H), 1.31 (s, 6H); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (125 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 143.76, 142.91, 128.80, 128.34, 128.25, 128.09, 125.50, 125.44, 83.07, 53.06, 41.31, 39.41, 34.42, 34.17, 31.42, 25.28, 24.89, 22.49; ; IR (neat): 2976.2 (m), 2930.8 (m), 2857.6 (w), 1495.3 (w), 1453.6 (m), 1386.7 (m), 1344.8 (w), 1300.7 (m), 1213.8 (m), 1141.2 (s), 1029.5 (w), 967.3 (w), 855.4 (w), 746.9 (m), 697.9 (s) cm^{-1} ; HRMS -(DART+) for $^{12}\text{C}_{26}^{1}\text{H}_{39}^{11}\text{B}_1^{14}\text{N}_1^{16}\text{O}_2$ $[\text{M}+\text{NH}_4]^+$: calculated: 408.3074, found: 408.3091. The relative stereochemistry was assigned by X-ray crystallography.

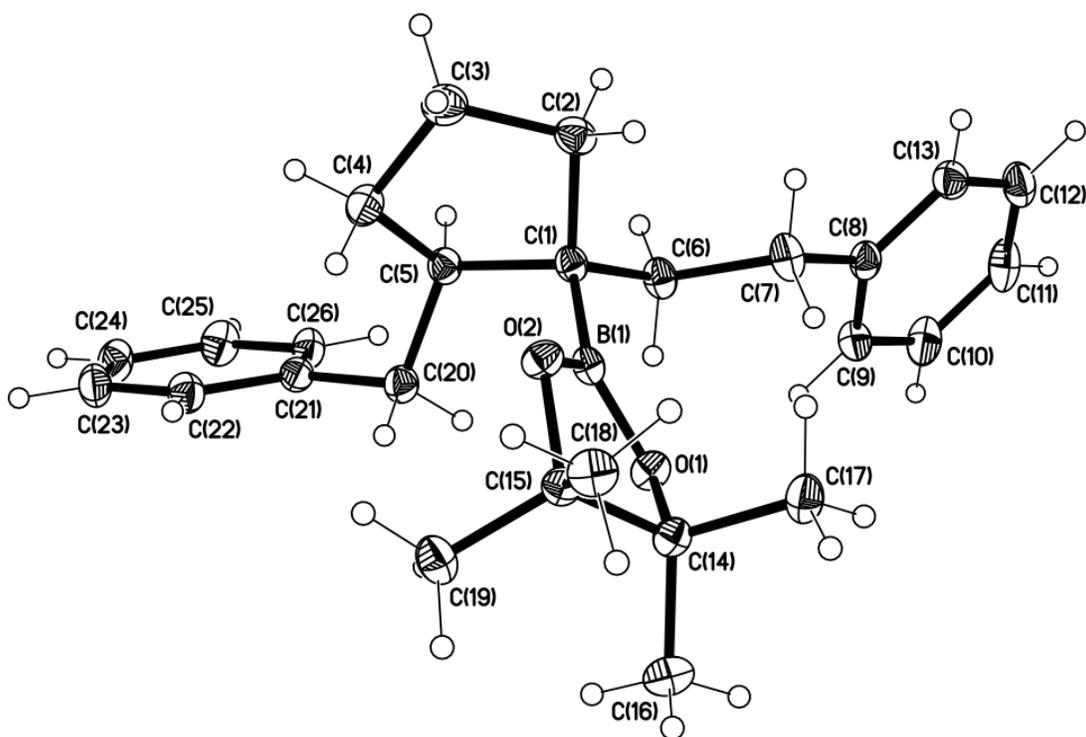
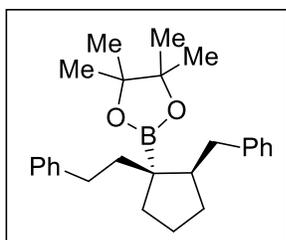


Figure 42 - Crystal of 2-((1R,2R)-2-benzyl-1-phenethylcyclopentyl)-4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolane



2-((1S,2R)-2-benzyl-1-phenethylcyclopentyl)-4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-

1,3,2-dioxaborolane (13, *minor diastereomer*). ¹H NMR (600 MHz,

CDCl₃): δ 7.29 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.29 – 7.16 (m, 4H), 7.19 – 7.07 (m, 4H), 2.96 (dd, *J* = 13.1, 3.3 Hz, 1H), 2.63 – 2.55 (m, 2H), 2.29 (dd, *J* =

13.1, 11.8 Hz, 1H), 2.18 – 2.10 (m, 1H), 1.87 (ddd, *J* = 13.3, 10.4, 6.4 Hz, 2H), 1.74 – 1.64 (m,

2H), 1.61 – 1.44 (m, 3H), 1.38 – 1.27 (m, 1H), 1.31 (s, 6H), 1.31 (s, 6H); ¹³C NMR (150 MHz,

CDCl₃): δ 143.80, 142.83, 128.81, 128.38, 128.28, 128.11, 125.55, 125.42, 83.05, 48.64, 36.78,

34.07, 33.33, 32.55, 29.80, 24.99, 24.71, 22.71; IR (neat): 2957.0 (s), 2930.9 (s), 2863.3 (m),

1728.6 (m), 1455.6 (w), 1376.6 (m), 1272.7 (m), 1142.1 (s), 1072.5 (w), 747.1 (w), 699.6 (m) cm⁻¹;

¹; HRMS-(DART+) for ¹²C₂₆¹H₃₉¹¹B₁¹⁴N₁¹⁶O₂ [M+NH₄]⁺: calculated: 408.3074, found: 408.3079.

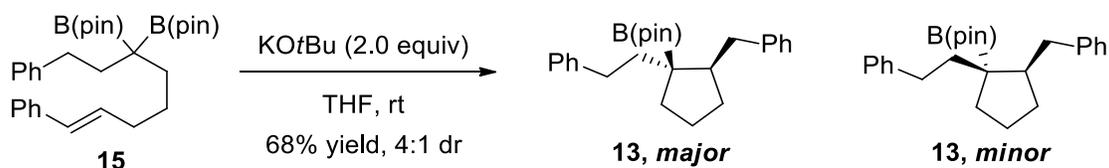
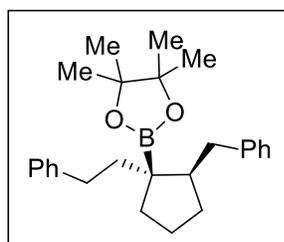
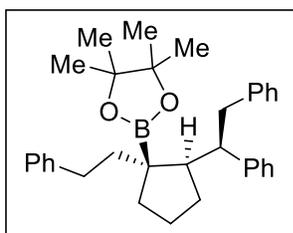


Figure 43 - Deborylative cyclization of (*E*)-2,2'-(1,8-diphenyloct-7-ene-3,3-diyl)bis(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolane)



2-((1*R*,2*R*)-2-benzyl-1-phenethylcyclopentyl)-4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolane (13, major diastereomer). The reaction was performed according to *Representative Procedure for Deborylative Cyclization* with 1,1-diboronate ester **15** (103.3 mg, 0.2 mmol), KOtBu

(44.8 mg, 0.4 mmol) and THF (1 mL). The crude reaction mixture was purified on silica gel (hexanes: ethyl acetate = 100 : 0.8, stain in CAM) to afford the desired product as a white solid (53.5 mg, 68%, 4:1 dr). The spectra is the same as **13** above.



2-((1*R*,2*R*)-2-((*R*)-1,2-diphenylethyl)-1-phenethylcyclopentyl)-4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolane (67). The reaction was performed according to *Representative Procedure for Deborylative Cyclization* with 1,1-diboronate ester **22** (103.2 mg, 0.2 mmol), KOtBu

(44.8 mg, 0.4 mmol) and THF (1 mL). Upon completion, the reaction mixture is quenched with benzyl bromide (171 mg, 1.0 mmol) and allowed to stir for an additional two hours. Mixture is then diluted with diethyl ether (2 mL) and filtered through a silica gel plug, rinsing with diethyl ether, and concentrated in vacuo. The crude residue is then purified on silica gel (hexanes: ethyl acetate = 100 : 0.8, stain in CAM) to afford the desired product as a white solid (64 mg, 66 %, >20:1 dr). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.14 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.12 – 6.98 (m, 9H), 6.86 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 4H), 3.19 (dd, *J* = 13.1, 3.7 Hz, 1H), 3.13 (ddd, *J* = 12.1, 8.6, 3.8 Hz, 1H), 2.69 (dd, *J* = 13.2, 11.6 Hz, 1H), 2.40 (td, *J* = 13.2, 4.5 Hz, 1H), 2.37 – 2.29 (m, 1H), 2.17 – 2.07 (m, 1H), 2.00 (ddd,

$J = 12.5, 8.4, 3.9$ Hz, 2H), 1.84 – 1.67 (m, 2H), 1.68 – 1.57 (m, 1H), 1.45 – 1.33 (m, 1H), 1.32 – 1.24 (m, 1H), 1.27 (s, 6H), 1.27 (s, 6H), 0.84 (td, $J = 12.9, 5.1$ Hz, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 143.65, 141.22, 129.03, 128.71, 128.36, 128.10, 127.87, 127.59, 127.53, 125.51, 125.12, 125.10, 82.77, 54.96, 50.49, 41.69, 39.54, 35.67, 32.65, 30.95, 25.33, 24.83, 21.93; IR (neat): 3026.1 (w), 2929.9 (m), 2859.7 (w), 1728.7 (w), 1495.2 (w), 1453.2 (w), 1380.2 (m), 1141.5 (s), 967.6 (w), 862.8 (w), 746.1 (w), 697.9 (s) cm^{-1} ; HRMS-(DART+) for $^{12}\text{C}_{33}\text{H}_{42}\text{B}_1\text{O}_2$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: calculated: 481.3278, found: 481.3291. The relative stereochemistry was assigned by X-ray crystallography.

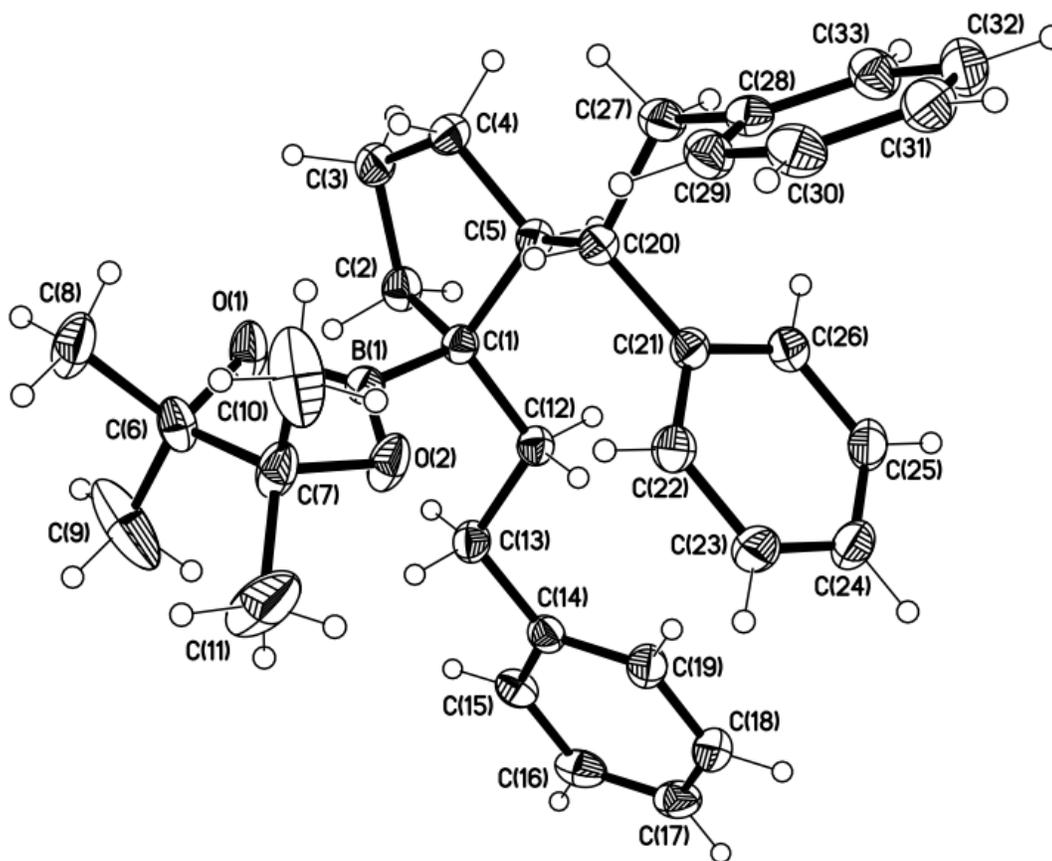
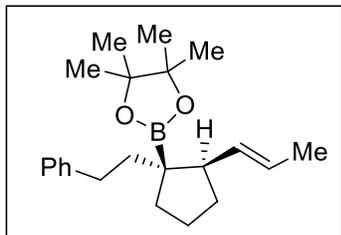
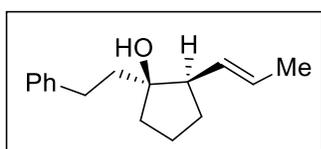


Figure 44 - Crystal of 2-((1*R*,2*R*)-2-((*R*)-1,2-diphenylethyl)-1-phenethylcyclopentyl)-4,5,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolane



4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-2-((1R,2R)-1-phenethyl-2-((E)-prop-1-en-1-yl)cyclopentyl)-1,3,2-dioxaborolane (17). The reaction was performed according to *Representative Procedure for Deborylative Cyclization* with 1,1-diboronate ester **16** (46.6 mg, 0.1 mmol),

KOtBu (22.4 mg, 0.2 mmol) and THF (0.5 mL). Upon completion, the reaction mixture is diluted with diethyl ether (2 mL) and filtered through a silica gel plug, rinsing with diethyl ether, and concentrated in vacuo. The crude residue is then purified on silica gel (hexanes: diethyl ether = 100 : 1, stain in CAM) to afford the desired product as a colorless oil (18.8 mg, 55%, >20:1 dr). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.33 – 7.22 (m, 2H), 7.21 – 7.13 (m, 3H), 5.52 – 5.35 (m, 2H), 2.57 (td, *J* = 12.8, 4.9 Hz, 2H), 2.47 (td, *J* = 12.9, 5.0 Hz, 1H), 1.99 – 1.82 (m, 1H), 1.80 – 1.66 (m, 3H), 1.65 (dd, *J* = 4.8, 0.7 Hz, 3H), 1.63 – 1.55 (m, 2H), 1.53 – 1.47 (m, 1H), 1.42 (td, *J* = 12.9, 5.0 Hz, 1H), 1.26 (s, 12H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 143.93, 132.52, 128.35, 128.16, 125.39, 124.38, 82.98, 49.25, 34.75, 34.01, 33.06, 31.10, 24.86, 24.71, 23.10, 18.07; IR (neat): 2976.5 (m), 2955.3 (m), 2870.6 (m), 1726.8 (w), 1454.8 (w), 1379.3 (s), 1304.3 (m), 1272.9 (m), 1143.3 (s), 968.1 (w), 857.0 (w), 757.3 (s), 699.3 (w) cm⁻¹; HRMS-(DART+) for ¹²C₂₂¹H₃₄¹¹B¹⁶O₂ [M+H]⁺: calculated: 341.2652, found: 341.2660.



(1S,2R)-1-phenethyl-2-((E)-prop-1-en-1-yl)cyclopentan-1-ol (68).

This reaction was performed to confirm the structure of compound **17**. A 20 mL vial containing compound **17** (25 mg, 0.0745 mmol) is charged with THF (1 mL) followed by aqueous NaOH (0.6 mL, 3 M, 1.8 mmol) then cooled to 0 °C. Hydrogen peroxide (0.3 mL, 30% in H₂O) is then added dropwise and the resulting mixture is allowed to stir overnight, slowly reacting room temperature. Upon return, the reaction is cooled to 0 °C and carefully quenched with saturated, aqueous Na₂S₂O₃ (1 mL) and stirred for 30 minutes.

The mixture is then extracted with diethyl ether, dried over Na₂SO₄, and the combined extracts evaporated in vacuo. The crude residue is then purified by column chromatography (hexanes: ethyl acetate = 100 : 5 to 100 : 10, stain in CAM) on silica gel to afford desired product (11.8 mg, 70 % yield). ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.32 – 7.26 (m, 2H), 7.22 – 7.16 (m, 3H), 5.49 (dq, *J* = 15.1, 6.4, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 5.29 (ddq, *J* = 15.1, 9.2, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 2.80 (ddd, *J* = 13.4, 9.4, 7.5 Hz, 1H), 2.69 (ddd, *J* = 13.5, 9.6, 7.7 Hz, 1H), 2.51 – 2.40 (m, 1H), 2.10 – 2.02 (m, 1H), 1.84 – 1.71 (m, 5H), 1.70 – 1.65 (m, overlap, 1H), 1.67 (dd, *J* = 6.4, 1.7 Hz, 3H), 1.53 – 1.45 (m, 1H), 1.32 (s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 142.99, 131.63, 128.88, 128.37, 125.96, 125.68, 83.62, 54.55, 39.24, 37.23, 30.28, 30.19, 21.02, 18.07. The structure was further confirmed by COSY spectra, shown below.

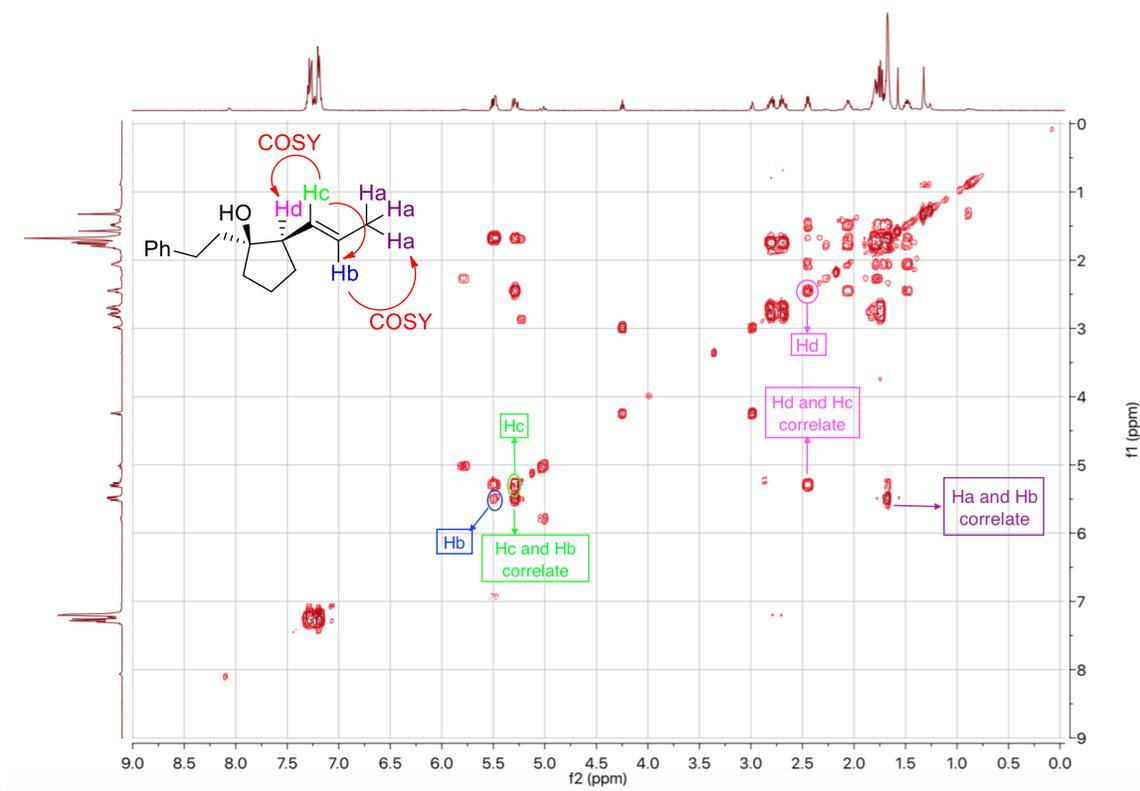
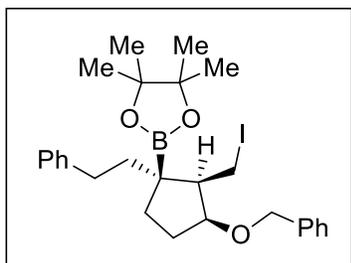


Figure 45 - COSY of (1S,2R)-1-phenethyl-2-((E)-prop-1-en-1-yl)cyclopentan-1-ol



(1S,2R,3S)-2-(iodomethyl)-3-phenethyl-3-(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolan-2-yl)cyclopentyl benzoate (8**, major product).**

The reaction was performed according to *Representative Procedure for Deborylative cyclization* with diboronate ester **61** (55 mg, 0.1 mmol), KO^tBu (22.4 mg, 0.20 mmol) and THF (0.5 mL) for overnight. Upon completion, the reaction mixture is quenched with a solution of I₂ (50.8 mg, 0.20 mmol) in anhydrous THF (0.3 mL) and allowed to stir at room temperature for three hours. Reaction mixture is then diluted with diethyl ether (2 mL) and filtered through a silica gel plug, rinsing with diethyl ether. Filtrate is then concentrated in vacuo and the crude residue purified by column chromatography on silica gel (100 : 0.8 Hexanes/EtOAc, gradient to 100 : 3 Hexanes/EtOAc, stain in CAM) to afford a colorless oil (29.3 mg, 55%, product **8** : product **69** = 2.9 : 1). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.42 – 7.38 (m, 2H), 7.36 – 7.30 (m, 2H), 7.29 – 7.24 (m, 3H), 7.20 – 7.14 (m, 3H), 4.55 (d, *J* = 1.9 Hz, 2H), 3.81 (qd, *J* = 4.6, 3.2 Hz, 1H), 3.52 (dd, *J* = 9.8, 4.8 Hz, 1H), 3.21 (t, *J* = 10.1 Hz, 1H), 2.67 – 2.50 (m, 2H), 2.28 (dt, *J* = 10.0, 4.8 Hz, 1H), 2.10 – 1.94 (m, 3H), 1.85 – 1.75 (m, 1H), 1.75 – 1.61 (m, 2H), 1.26 (two sets of singlet, 12H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 143.05, 138.81, 128.30, 128.26, 128.24, 127.85, 127.36, 125.59, 87.16, 83.41, 71.26, 57.60, 41.33, 33.47, 33.27, 30.50, 25.07, 24.90, 8.22; IR (neat): 2975.4 (w), 2926.7 (w), 2855.7 (w), 1495.8 (w), 1378.8 (m), 1310.9 (m), 1198.9 (m), 1166.4 (s), 1140.4 (s), 1099.2 (m), 1066.9 (m), 856.9 (m), 735.0 (s), 697.3 (s) cm⁻¹; HRMS-(DART+) for ¹²C₂₇¹H₃₆¹¹B₁¹⁶O₃¹²⁷I₁²³Na₁ [M+Na]⁺: calculated: 569.1700, found: 569.1707. The relative stereochemistry was assigned by COSY and NOESY spectra, shown below.

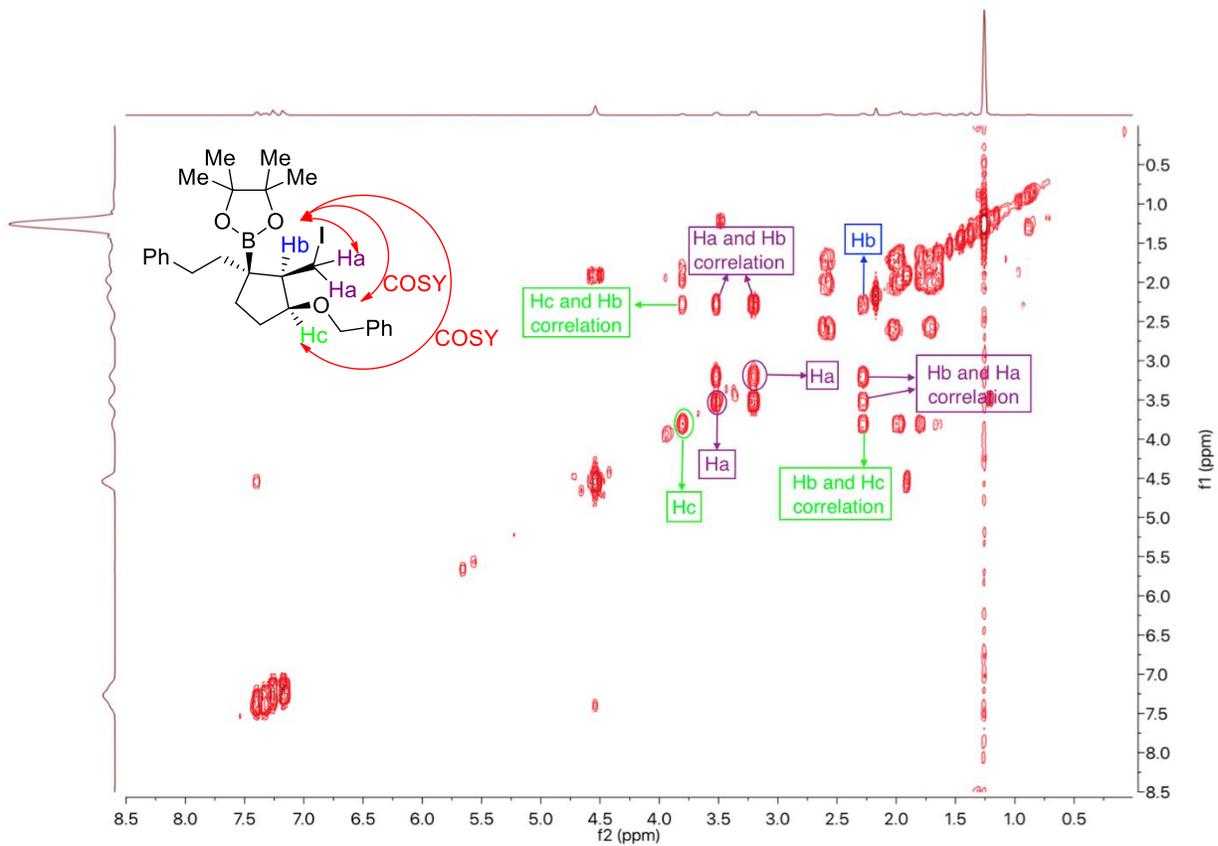


Figure 46 - COSY of (1*S*,2*R*,3*S*)-2-(iodomethyl)-3-phenethyl-3-(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolan-2-yl)cyclopentyl benzoate

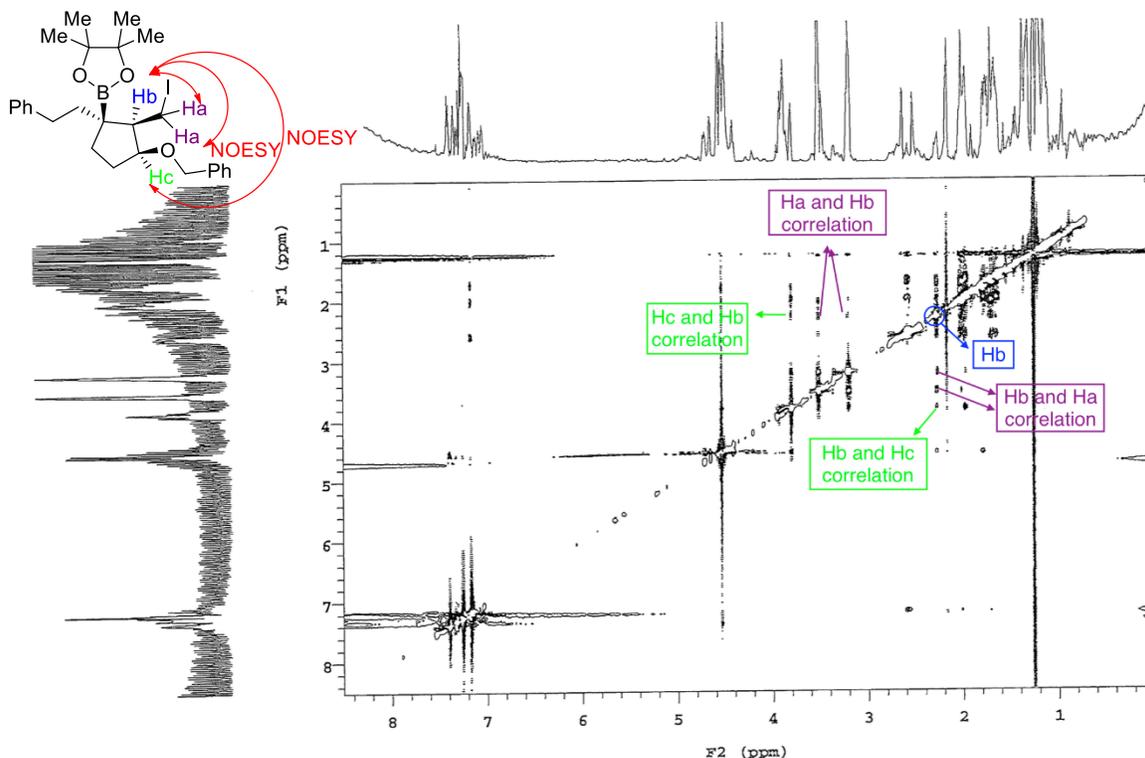
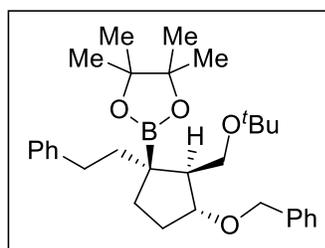


Figure 47 - NOESY of (1S,2R,3S)-2-(iodomethyl)-3-phenethyl-3-(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolan-2-yl)cyclopentyl benzoate



2-((1S,2S,3R)-3-(benzyloxy)-2-(tert-butoxymethyl)-1-phenethylcyclopentyl)-4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolane (69, minor product). This product was isolated along side the above product (8). $^1\text{H NMR}$ (500 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.37 – 7.33 (m, 2H), 7.33 – 7.28 (m, 2H), 7.28 – 7.22 (m, 3H), 7.21 – 7.17 (m, 2H), 7.17 – 7.13 (m, 1H), 4.57 (d, $J = 12.3$ Hz, 1H), 4.50 (d, $J = 12.3$ Hz, 1H), 3.82 (dt, $J = 6.9, 3.5$ Hz, 1H), 3.52 (dd, $J = 8.8, 5.0$ Hz, 1H), 3.18 (dd, $J = 9.8, 8.8$ Hz, 1H), 2.68 – 2.47 (m, 2H), 2.07 – 1.92 (m, 3H), 1.87 (ddd, $J = 11.5, 7.1, 4.1$ Hz, 1H), 1.83 – 1.67 (m, 2H), 1.63 (ddd, $J = 11.9, 9.5, 7.4$ Hz, 1H), 1.26 (s, 12H), 1.16 (s, 9H); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (125 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 143.68, 139.66, 128.39, 128.17, 128.12, 127.59, 127.00, 125.38, 84.60, 82.99, 72.49, 70.49, 62.86, 56.23, 41.83, 33.73, 32.97, 31.65, 27.66, 25.11, 24.93; IR (neat): 3026.0 (w), 2972.8 (s), 2927.6 (m), 2857.0 (m), 1496.0 (m), 1378.4 (s), 1307.1 (m), 1198.5 (m),

1143.6 (s), 1073.9 (m), 857.5 (w), 698.5 (w) cm^{-1} ; HRMS-(DART+) for $^{12}\text{C}_{31}^{1}\text{H}_{45}^{11}\text{B}_1^{16}\text{O}_4^{23}\text{Na}_1$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$: calculated: 515.3309, found: 515.3320. The relative stereochemistry was assigned by X-ray crystallography, shown below:

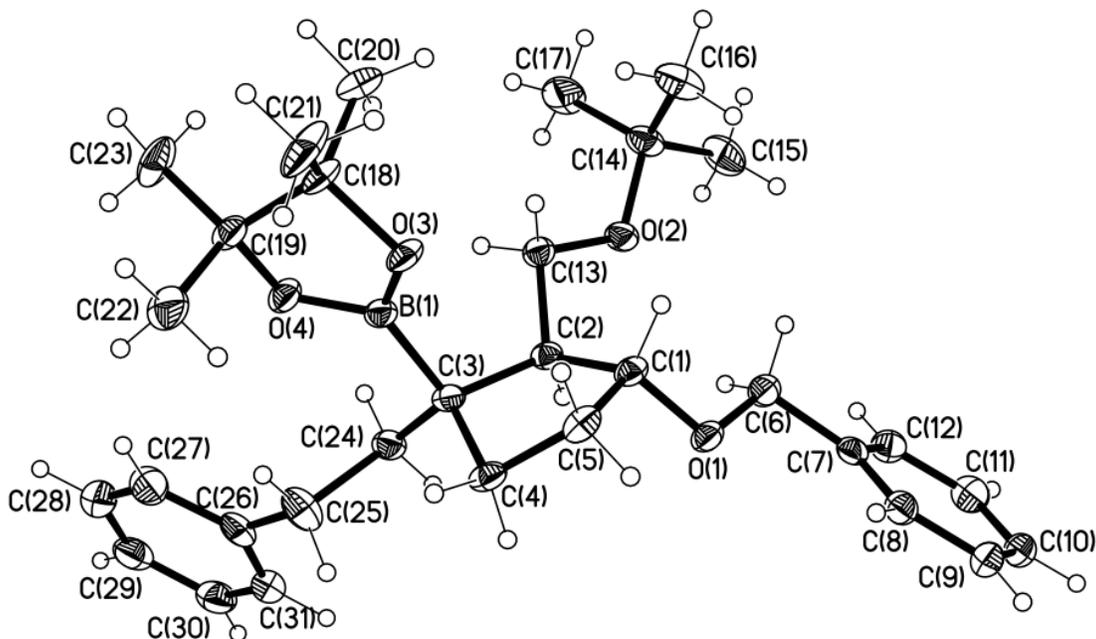
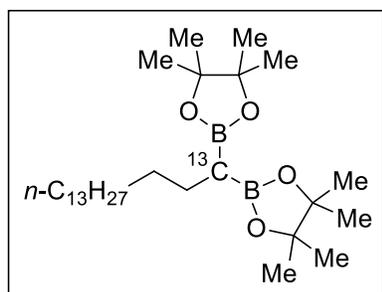


Figure 48 – Crystal of 2-((1S,2S,3R)-3-(benzyloxy)-2-(tert-butoxymethyl)-1-phenethylcyclopentyl)-4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolane

D. Mechanistic Studies

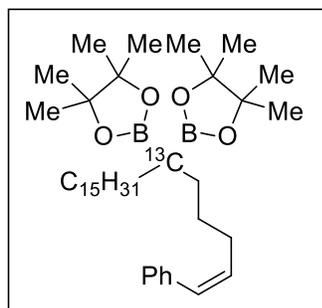
i) Analysis of Reaction Intermediates by ^{13}C NMR Experiments



2,2'-(hexadecane-1,1-diyl-1- ^{13}C)bis(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolane (70). Prepared from palmitic acid-1- ^{13}C according to the literature procedure.⁵ ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 1.55-1.53 (m, 2H), 1.31-1.22 (m, 50H), 0.88 (t, $J = 6.9$ Hz, 3H), 0.71 (2dt, $J = 111.5, 7.8$ Hz, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz,

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CDCl₃): δ 82.8, 32.6, 31.9, 29.71, 29.70, 29.67, 29.65, 29.62, 29.59, 29.55, 29.4, 25.8, 25.6, 24.8, 24.5, 22.7, 14.1, 10.7 (br, ¹³C-B).



(Z)-2,2'-(1-phenylhenicos-1-ene-6,6-diyl-6-¹³C)bis(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolane) (18). Prepared according to *Representative Procedure for Preparation of geminal-Diboronate Esters (Method D)* with **70** (250 mg, 0.52 mmol), LTMP (92 mg, 0.624 mmol), (Z)-(5-bromopent-1-en-1-yl)benzene (141 mg,

0.624mmol) and THF (2.5 mL). The crude reaction mixture was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (100:1 hexanes/ethyl acetate, stain in CAM) to afford a colorless oil (191 mg, 59%). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.40 – 7.24 (m, 4H), 7.19 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 6.36 (d, J = 11.7 Hz, 1H), 5.70 (dt, J = 11.8, 7.2 Hz, 1H), 2.60 – 2.22 (m, 2H), 1.71 – 1.63 (m, 2H), 1.59 (dt, J = 7.8, 4.1 Hz, 2H), 1.37 (t, J = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 1.31 – 1.22 (m, 26H), 1.21 (s, 24H), 0.88 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 3H); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, THF-*d*₈): δ 7.38 – 7.20 (m, 4H), 7.20 – 7.11 (m, 1H), 6.48 – 6.25 (d, J = 11.8 Hz, 1H), 5.71 – 5.58 (m, 1H), 2.36 – 2.22 (m, 2H), 1.67 – 1.52 (m, 4H), 1.48 – 1.37 (m, 2H), 1.29 (d, J = 2.6 Hz, 26H), 1.22 – 1.11 (m, 24H), 0.93 – 0.84 (m, 3H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 137.87, 133.55, 128.73, 128.34, 128.01, 126.27, 82.84, 31.91, 30.40, 30.37, 29.71, 29.69, 29.66, 29.64, 29.61, 29.34, 29.01, 28.94, 28.78, 28.70, 27.67, 27.11, 24.71, 22.67, 19.28 (br, ¹³C-B), 14.09; ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, THF-*d*₈): δ 139.00, 134.07, 129.71, 129.61, 128.95, 127.25, 83.55, 33.05, 31.73, 30.84, 30.78, 30.76, 30.49, 30.36, 28.81, 28.17, 23.74, 20.13(br, ¹³C-B), 14.60; IR (neat): 2958.2 (m), 2924.6 (s), 2854.5 (m), 1729.3 (m), 1463.0 (w), 1377.4 (w), 1344.6 (w), 1288.6 (s), 1269.5 (s), 1138.7 (s), 1072.3 (w), 854.8 (w), 700.0 (w) cm⁻¹; HRMS-(DART+) for ¹²C_{38¹³C_{1¹H₆₈¹¹B₂¹⁶O₄ [M+H]⁺: 624.5416, found: 624.5418.}}

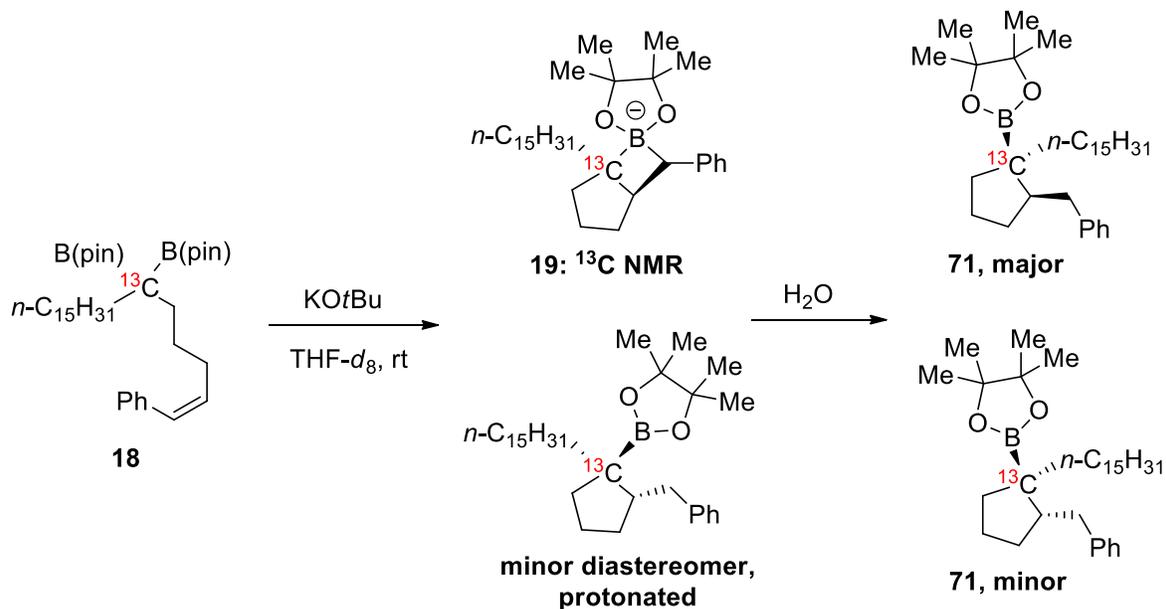


Figure 49 - ^{13}C NMR experiment of (Z)-2,2¹-(1-phenylhenicos-1-ene-6,6-diyl-6- ^{13}C)bis(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolane)

In the glove box, an oven-dried NMR tube is charged with diboronate ester **18** (31.2 mg, 0.05 mmol), KOtBu (11.2 mg, 0.1 mmol) and THF- d_8 (0.60 mL). The NMR tube is then sealed with a rubber septum, removed from the glove box, and monitored by ^{13}C NMR at 25 °C. After 7 hours, water (2.7 μL , 0.15 mmol) is added via syringe, and the mixture again observed by ^{13}C NMR. At this point, the reaction mixture is diluted with diethyl ether, filtered through a silica gel plug, rinsed with diethyl ether, and concentrated in vacuo. The crude reaction mixture is purified on silica gel (hexanes: ethyl acetate = 100:0.6) to afford the desired product **71** (19.6 mg, 79% yield, dr > 10:1) together with protodeborylation byproduct (2.1 mg).

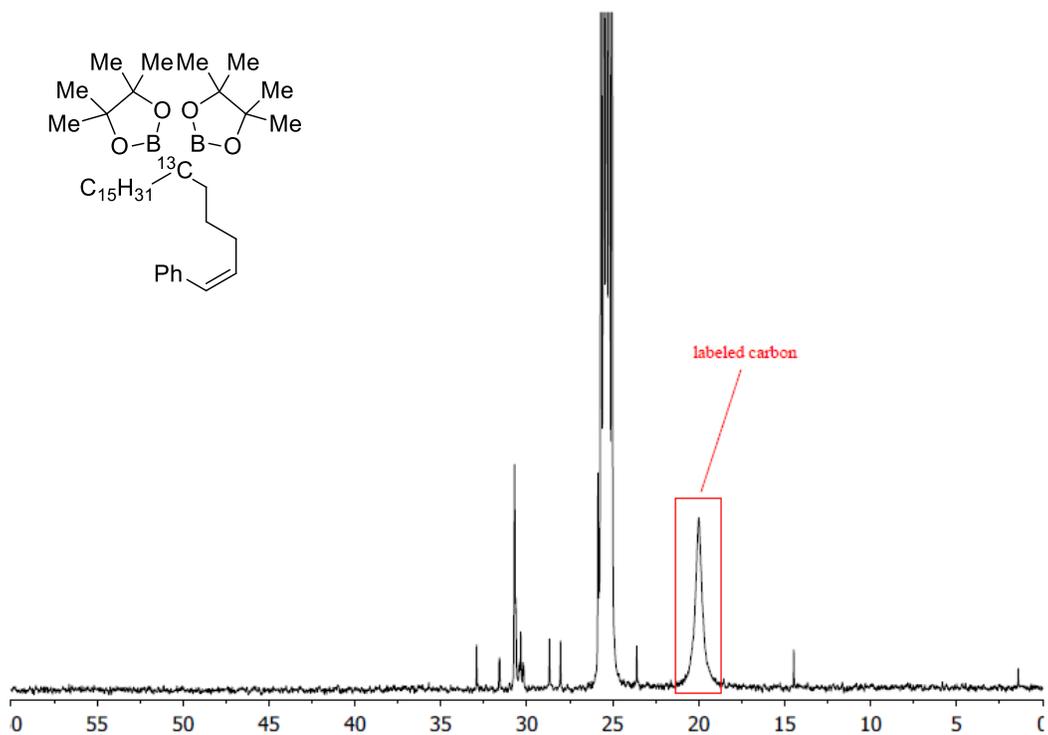


Figure 50 - ^{13}C NMR of ^{13}C labeled starting material **18** in d_8 -THF

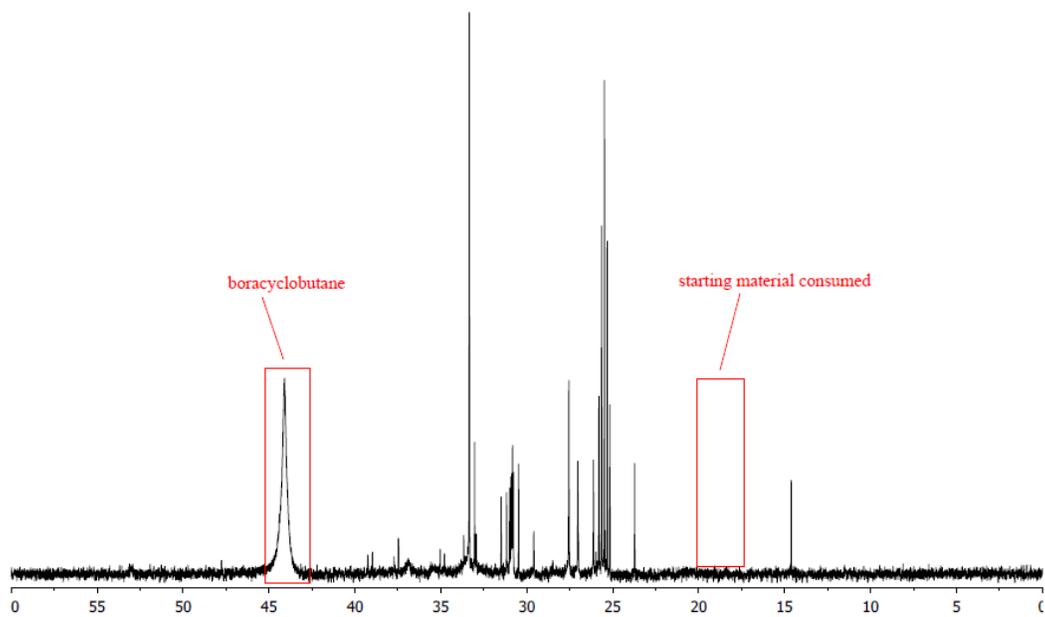


Figure 51 – *in situ* ^{13}C NMR analysis of the reaction of ^{13}C -labeled substrate **18** with KOtBu after 30 minutes in d_8 -THF

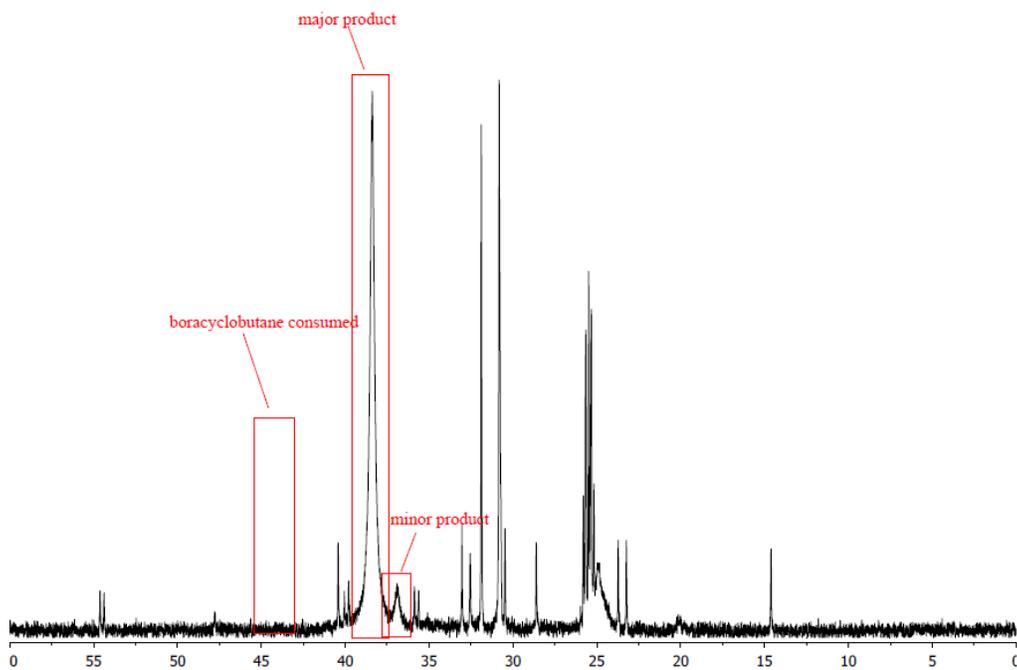


Figure 52 - *in situ* ^{13}C NMR analysis of reaction of ^{13}C -labeled substrate **18** with KOtBu, 1 minute after quenching with H_2O

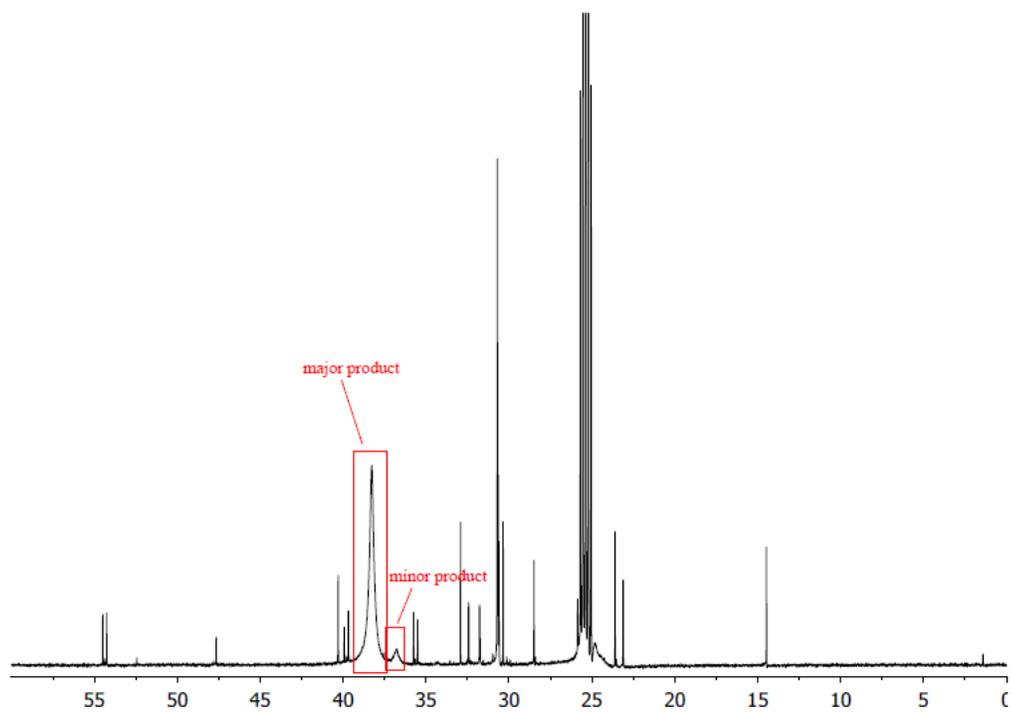
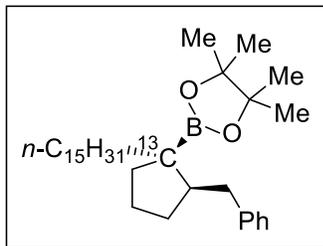


Figure 53 - ^{13}C NMR of 2-(2-benzyl-1-pentadecylcyclopentyl-1- ^{13}C)-4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolane in d_8 -THF



2-(2-benzyl-1-pentadecylcyclopentyl-1-¹³C)-4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolane. (71, major diastereomer) ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.27 – 7.22 (m, 2H), 7.17 – 7.13 (m, 3H), 2.99 (dt, *J* = 13.4, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 2.32 (ddd, *J* = 13.1, 11.5, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 1.97 (dddd, *J* = 12.5, 8.7, 4.7, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 1.82 – 1.74 (m, 1H), 1.73 – 1.56 (m, 3H), 1.52 – 1.41 (m, 1H), 1.35 – 1.18 (m, 40H), 1.12 – 1.03 (m, 1H), 0.88 (t, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 3H); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, THF-*d*₈): δ 7.21 – 7.16 (m, 2H), 7.13 – 7.06 (m, 3H), 2.98 (dt, *J* = 13.5, 2.6 Hz, 1H), 2.41 – 2.28 (m, 1H), 2.08 – 1.96 (m, 1H), 1.90 – 1.78 (m, 1H), 1.67 – 1.52 (m, 2H), 1.51 – 1.41 (m, 2H), 1.37 – 1.23 (m, 38H), 1.22 – 1.14 (m, 2H), 1.11 – 1.02 (m, 1H), 0.89 (td, *J* = 6.9, 2.4 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 143.12, 128.80, 128.03, 125.35, 82.85, 53.05, 52.82, 39.37, 38.77, 38.52(br, ¹³C-B), 37.33, 34.40, 34.16, 31.91, 31.32, 31.29, 30.70, 30.66, 29.69, 29.67, 29.64, 29.62, 29.34, 27.45, 25.14, 24.83, 24.79, 22.67, 22.38, 14.09; ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, THF-*d*₈): δ 144.03, 144.00, 129.64, 128.94, 126.31, 83.89, 54.63, 54.40, 47.79, 40.43, 40.07, 39.81, 38.41(br, ¹³C-B), 35.88, 35.64, 33.05, 32.57, 32.55, 31.91, 31.88, 30.86, 30.83, 30.79, 30.74, 30.49, 28.62, 23.74, 23.25, 14.61; IR (neat): 2956.4 (m), 2923.6 (s), 2853.7 (m), 1728.8 (m), 1462.6 (w), 1378.0 (w), 1287.5 (m), 1141.5 (m), 1072.2 (w), 743.0 (w), 699.7 (w) cm⁻¹; HRMS-(DART+) for ¹²C₃₂¹³C₁¹H₅₈¹¹B₁¹⁶O₂ [M+H]⁺: calculated: 498.4563, found: 498.4574.

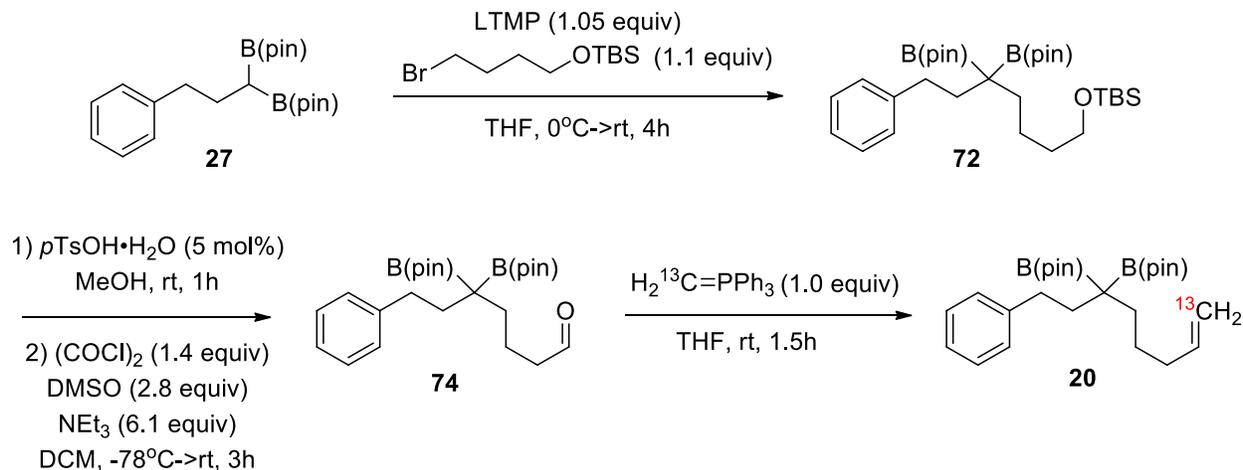
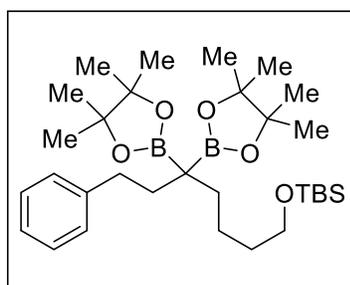


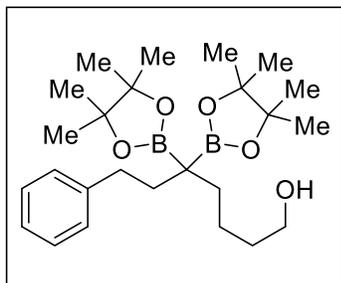
Figure 54 - Forward synthesis of 2,2'-(1-phenyloct-7-ene-3,3-diyl-8-13C)bis(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolane)



***tert*-butyldimethyl((7-phenyl-5,5-bis(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolan-2-yl)heptyloxy)silane (72). The reaction was performed according to *Representative Procedure (Method D)* with diboronate ester **27** (372.3 mg, 1.0 mmol), LTMP (155 mg, 1.05 mmol), (4-bromobutoxy)(*tert*-butyl)dimethylsilane (294.0 mg, 1.10**

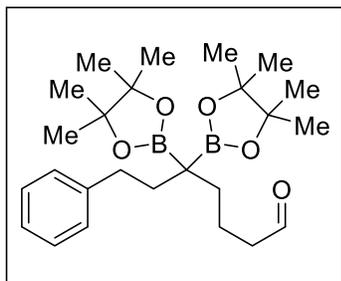
mmol) and THF (4 mL). The crude reaction mixture was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (1% EtOAc/Hexanes, gradient to 3% EtOAc/Hexanes, visualized with CAM stain) to afford a clear, colorless oil (522.9 mg, 94%). $^1\text{H NMR}$ (500 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.27 – 7.21 (m, 2H), 7.21 – 7.17 (m, 2H), 7.16 – 7.10 (m, 1H), 3.62 (t, $J = 6.5$ Hz, 2H), 2.55 – 2.45 (m, 2H), 1.94 – 1.84 (m, 2H), 1.76 – 1.66 (m, 2H), 1.58 – 1.49 (m, 2H), 1.38 – 1.27 (m, 2H), 1.23 (s, 24H), 0.89 (s, 9H), 0.04 (s, 3H); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (125 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 143.83 (s), 128.50 (s), 128.07 (s), 125.32 (s), 82.95 (s), 63.52 (s), 33.89 (s), 33.84 (s), 31.92 (s), 29.02 (s), 26.00 (s), 24.82 (s), 24.70 (s), 23.64 (s), 18.34 (s), -5.22 (s); IR (neat): 2977.0 (w), 2928.8 (m), 2857.4 (w), 1349.2 (m), 1306.0 (m), 1253.9

(m), 1138.3 (s), 1101.4 (m), 850.4 (m), 835.8 (m), 775.0 (m), 699.0 (m) cm^{-1} . HRMS-(DART+) for $^{12}\text{C}_{31}\text{H}_{57}^{11}\text{B}_2^{16}\text{O}_5^{28}\text{Si}_1$ [M+H]: calculated: 559.4161, found: 559.4183.



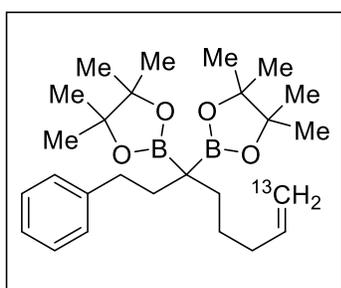
7-phenyl-5,5-bis(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolan-2-yl)heptan-1-ol (73). A 20 mL vial containing **72** (482 mg, 0.86 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and magnetic stirbar is loaded with reagent grade MeOH (6.9 mL, 0.125 M). The heterogeneous mixture is set to stir at room temperature, then *p*-TsOH monohydrate added (8.2 mg, 0.04

mmol, 0.05 equiv). The mixture almost immediately becomes homogeneous. Allowed to stir 1h at rt then volatile components removed in vacuo. Resulting crude oil is then purified by SiO_2 chromatography (5% EtOAc/Hexanes, gradient to 25% EtOAc/Hexanes, visualized with KMnO_4 stain). Product isolated as white solid (356.3 mg, 93%). $^1\text{H NMR}$ (500 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.27 – 7.22 (m, 2H), 7.22 – 7.17 (m, 2H), 7.16 – 7.11 (m, 1H), 3.73 – 3.65 (m, 2H), 2.56 – 2.48 (m, 2H), 1.93 – 1.85 (m, 2H), 1.75 – 1.64 (m, 3H), 1.64 – 1.56 (m, 2H), 1.44 – 1.31 (m, 2H), 1.23 (s, 24H); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (125 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 143.67 (s), 128.46 (s), 128.11 (s), 125.39 (s), 83.06 (s), 62.33 (s), 33.84 (s), 32.72 (s), 32.13 (s), 27.98 (s), 24.79 (s), 24.66 (s), 23.03 (s); IR (neat): 3457.7 (w, br), 2977.0 (w), 2929.0 (w), 2861.0 (w), 1348.8 (m), 1307.5 (s), 1250.7 (m), 1137.6 (s), 853.2 (m), 699.8 (w) cm^{-1} . HRMS-(DART+) for $^{12}\text{C}_{25}\text{H}_{43}^{11}\text{B}_2^{16}\text{O}_5$ [M+H]: calculated: 445.3297, found: 445.3286.



7-phenyl-5,5-bis(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolan-2-yl)heptanal (74). A flame dried 20 mL vial equipped with magnetic stirbar is sealed with rubber septum then evacuated/backfilled with N_2 3x. The vial is then charged with $(\text{COCl})_2$ (71.1 μL , 0.84 mmol, 1.4 equiv) followed by anhydrous DCM (0.3 mL). The solution is

then set to stir at -78°C and anhydrous DMSO (119 μL , 1.67 mmol, 2.8 equiv) was added dropwise, significant gas evolution noted. The mixture was allowed to stir at -78°C for ca. 10min. A solution of **73** in anhydrous DCM (0.3 mL) is then added dropwise, followed immediately by the slow addition of freshly distilled NEt_3 (507 μL , 3.64 mmol, 6.1 equiv; salt formation observed). The vessel and contents were then allowed to warm to room temperature and stir an additional 3h. Volatiles were then removed by high vacuum and the organics redissolved in EtOAc. Organics were washed with a saturated, aqueous Na_2CO_3 solution then concentrated to yield crude oil. Oil purified by SiO_2 chromatography (5% EtOAc/Hexanes, gradient to 10% EtOAc/Hexanes, visualized with CAM stain). Product isolated as white solid (232 mg, 0.52 mmol, 88%). $^1\text{H NMR}$ (600 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 9.77 (s, 1H), 7.27 – 7.22 (m, 2H), 7.22 – 7.18 (m, 2H), 7.18 – 7.11 (m, 1H), 2.55 – 2.49 (m, 2H), 2.46 – 2.40 (m, 2H), 1.95 – 1.89 (m, 2H), 1.75 – 1.69 (m, 2H), 1.66 – 1.59 (m, 2H), 1.23 (s, 24H); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (150 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 203.07 (s), 143.53 (s), 128.48 (s), 128.14 (s), 125.45 (s), 83.12 (s), 44.61 (s), 33.83 (s), 31.89 (s), 28.98 (s), 24.81 (s), 24.72 (s), 19.86 (s); IR (neat): 2977.3 (w), 2931.7 (w), 1708.3 (m), 1454.9 (w), 1310.4 (m), 1252.4 (m), 1137.5 (s), 853.9 (w) cm^{-1} . HRMS -(DART+) for $^{12}\text{C}_{25}^{1}\text{H}_{41}^{11}\text{B}_2^{16}\text{O}_5$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]$: calculated: 443.3140, found: 443.3138.



2,2'-(1-phenyloct-7-ene-3,3-diyl-8- ^{13}C)bis(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolane) (20). A flame dried, 20 mL vial equipped with magnetic stirbar is charged with Methyl- ^{13}C -triphenylphosphonium iodide⁴⁰ (212 mg, 0.52 mmol, 1 equiv) and KO^tBu (59 mg, 0.52 mmol, 1 equiv) inside an argon-filled glovebox. Anhydrous THF is

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then charged into the vessel (1.5 mL) to give a vivid yellow solution. Vessel is sealed with a rubber septum and moved to the fume hood where it is allowed to stir for 1h at room temperature. A solution of **74** (231 mg, 0.52 mmol, 1 equiv) in anhydrous THF (1.5 mL) is then added to the reaction vessel. The yellow color fades and a white suspension remains. The suspension is allowed to stir for 1.5h at room temperature at which point it is passed through a pad of SiO₂, rinsing with Et₂O. The resulting clear, colorless solution is concentrated to give a white solid. Product is isolated by SiO₂ chromatography (1% EtOAc/Hexanes, gradient to 5% EtOAc/Hexanes, visualized by CAM stain) to give white solid (208 mg, 0.47 mmol, 91%). ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.26 – 7.22 (m, 2H), 7.22 – 7.18 (m, 2H), 7.16 – 7.09 (m, 1H), 5.86 (ddt, *J* = 16.8, 10.2, 6.6 Hz, 1H), 5.01 (ddd, *J* = 153.4, 17.2, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 4.93 (ddd, *J* = 156.8, 10.2, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 2.54 – 2.47 (m, 2H), 2.11 – 2.04 (m, 2H), 1.93 – 1.85 (m, 2H), 1.75 – 1.69 (m, 2H), 1.43 – 1.34 (m, 2H), 1.23 (s, 24H); ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 143.78 (s), 139.32 (d, *J* = 69.2 Hz), 128.49 (s), 128.09 (s), 125.35 (s), 113.98 (s, ¹³C), 82.98 (s), 34.55 (s), 33.84 (s), 31.88 (s), 28.67 (s), 26.65 (d, *J* = 3.6 Hz), 24.80 (s), 24.71 (s); ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, THF-*d*₈): δ 144.93 (s), 140.06 (d, *J* = 69.4 Hz), 129.10 (s), 128.85 (s), 126.08 (s), 114.36 (s, ¹³C), 94.79 (s), 83.58 (s), 35.70 (s), 34.87 (s), 33.59 (s), 29.96 (s), 27.61 (d, *J* = 3.6 Hz); IR (neat): 2977.9 (w), 2927.4 (w), 2858.9 (w), 1352.9 (w), 1307.7 (2), 1255.5 (w), 1139.2 (m), 855.6 (w) cm⁻¹. HRMS-(DART+) for ¹²C_{25¹³C₁¹H₄₃¹¹B₂¹⁶O₄ [M+H]: calculated: 442.3381, found: 442.3388.}

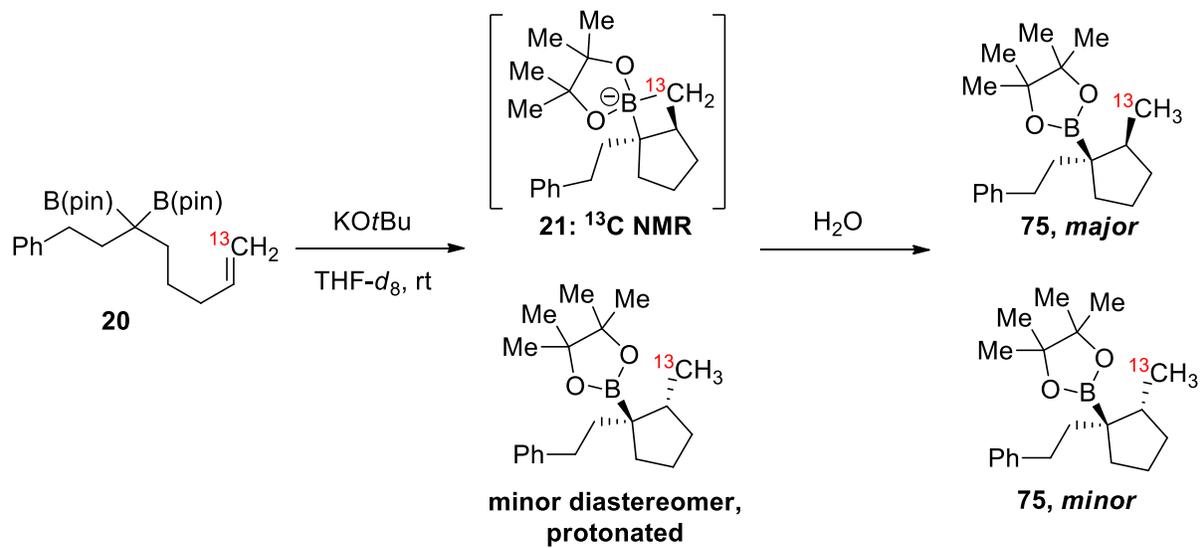


Figure 55 - ^{13}C NMR experiment of 2,2'-(1-phenyloct-7-ene-3,3-diyl-8- ^{13}C)bis(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolane)

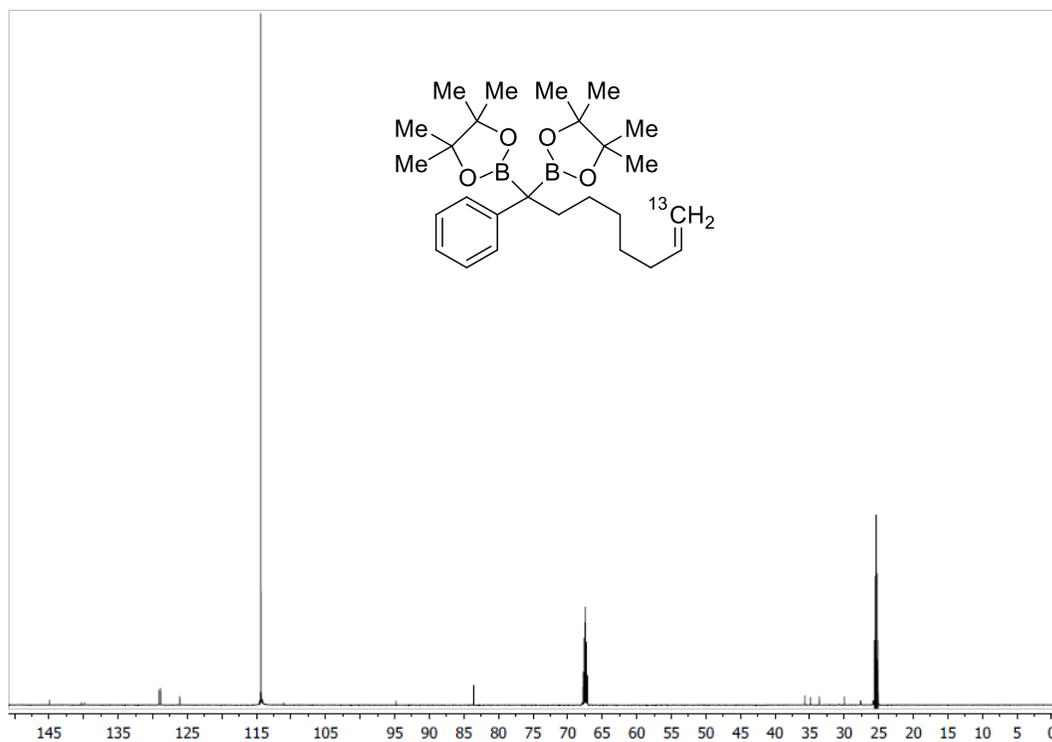


Figure 56 - ^{13}C NMR of ^{13}C -labeled starting material **20** in d_8 -THF

-26.66 -17.72 -15.51

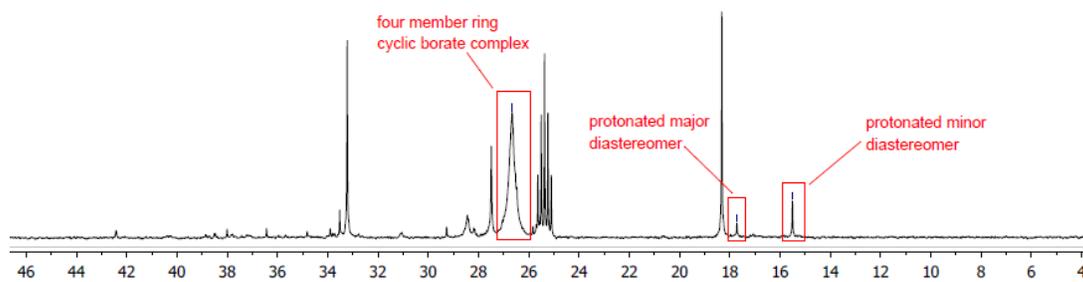


Figure 57 - in situ ^{13}C NMR analysis of the reaction of ^{13}C -labeled substrate **20** with KOtBu after 20 minutes in d_8 -THF

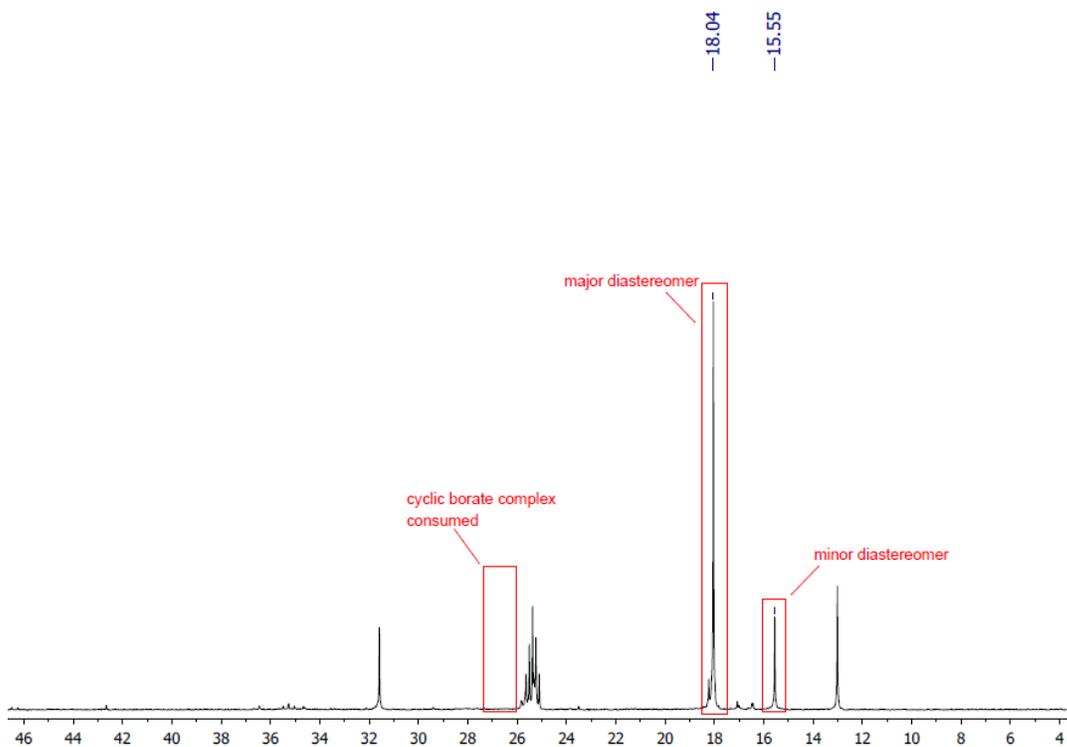


Figure 58 - in situ ^{13}C NMR analysis of reaction of ^{13}C -labeled substrate **20** with KOtBu, 1 minute after quenching with H_2O

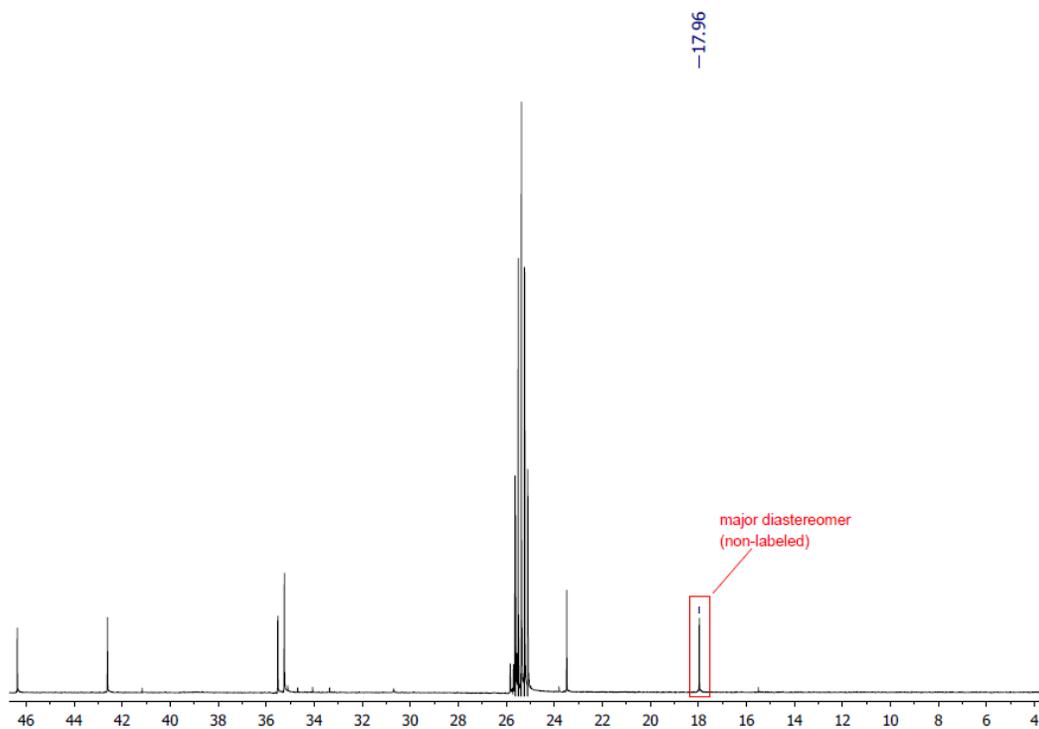


Figure 59 - ^{13}C NMR of 4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-2-(2-methyl-1-phenethylcyclopentyl)-1,3,2-dioxaborolane (non- ^{13}C labeled) in d_8 -THF

ii) Concerted 2+2 Cycloaddition Pathway

Convergent Alkene-Diastereomer Experiment

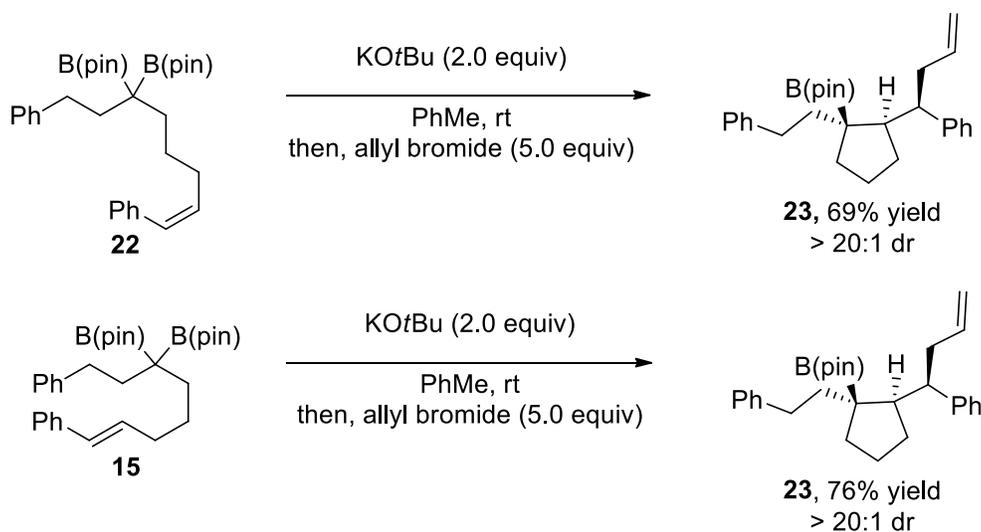
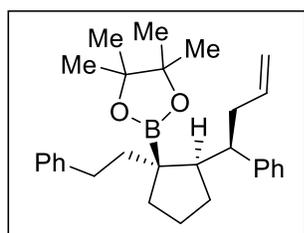


Figure 60 – (*E*) and (*Z*) Phenyl-substituted alkene substrates converging to the same epimer product



4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-2-((1*R*,2*R*)-1-phenethyl-2-((*R*)-1-phenylbut-3-en-1-yl)cyclopentyl)-1,3,2-dioxaborolane (23**). The reaction was performed according to *Representative Procedure for Deborylative Cyclization* with (*Z*)-2,2'-(1,8-diphenyloct-7-ene-3,3-diyl)bis(4,4,5,5-**

tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolane) (**22**) (56.13 mg, 0.1 mmol), KOtBu (22.4 mg, 0.2 mmol) and toluene (0.5 mL). Upon completion, the reaction mixture is quenched with allyl bromide (60.5 mg, 0.5 mmol) and allowed stir an additional two hours. Mixture then diluted with diethyl ether (2 mL) and filtered through a silica gel plug, rinsing with diethyl ether. Filtrate is then concentrated in vacuo and the crude residue purified on silica gel (hexanes: ethyl acetate = 100 : 0.8, stain in CAM) to afford the desired product as a white solid (30.7 mg, 69%, >20:1 dr). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.30 – 7.18 (m, 4H), 7.19 – 7.11 (m, 3H), 7.14 – 7.04 (m, 1H), 6.91 – 6.85 (m, 2H), 5.50 (dddd, *J* = 18.0, 10.0, 7.4, 6.0 Hz, 1H), 4.85 (dd, *J* = 17.1, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 4.81 – 4.76 (d, *J* = 10.0, 1H), 2.92 (td, *J* = 10.2, 8.8, 3.7 Hz, 1H), 2.59 – 2.47 (m, 1H), 2.40 (td, *J* = 13.2, 4.5 Hz, 1H), 2.36

– 2.25 (m, 2H), 1.97 (td, $J = 8.9, 8.4, 4.8$ Hz, 2H), 1.87 (q, $J = 8.7$ Hz, 1H), 1.73 (p, $J = 9.9, 8.7$ Hz, 1H), 1.66 – 1.49 (m, 2H), 1.43 – 1.31 (m, 2H), 1.29 (s, 6H), 1.28 (s, 6H), 0.83 (td, $J = 13.0, 5.2$ Hz, 1H); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (125 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 145.71, 143.69, 137.68, 128.66, 128.13, 127.90, 127.78, 125.68, 125.13, 115.16, 82.78, 55.13, 48.35, 39.72, 39.16, 35.60, 32.68, 30.42, 25.29, 24.91, 22.08; IR (neat): 2956.9 (s), 2930.5 (s), 2872.6 (m), 1729.4 (s), 1457.5 (m), 1379.2 (m), 1288.9 (s), 1239.1 (w), 1141.6 (s), 1073.0 (m), 755.5 (m), 700.3 (m) cm^{-1} ; HRMS -(DART+) for $^{12}\text{C}_{29}\text{H}_{40}\text{B}_1\text{O}_2$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: calculated: 431.3121, found: 431.3115. The relative stereochemistry was assigned by X-ray crystallography.

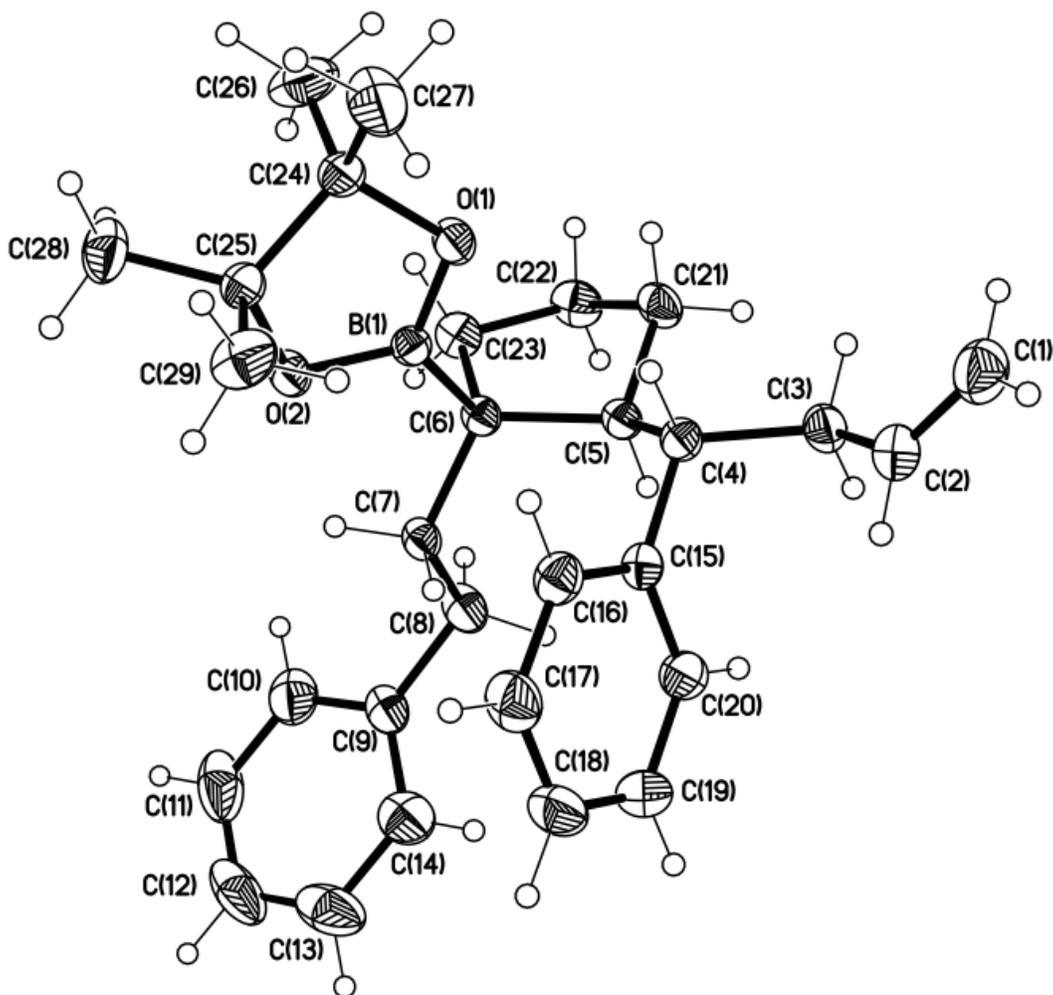
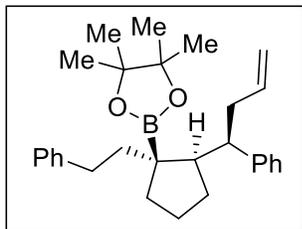


Figure 61 – Crystal of 4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-2-((1*R*,2*R*)-1-phenethyl-2-((*R*)-1-phenylbut-3-en-1-yl)cyclopentyl)-1,3,2-dioxaborolane



4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-2-((1R,2R)-1-phenethyl-2-((R)-1-phenylbut-3-en-1-yl)cyclopentyl)-1,3,2-dioxaborolane (23). The reaction was performed according to *Representative Procedure for Deborylative Cyclization* with (*E*)-2,2'-(1,8-diphenyloct-7-ene-3,3-diyl)bis(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolane) (**15**) (56.13 mg, 0.1 mmol), *KOtBu* (22.4 mg, 0.2 mmol) and toluene (0.5 mL). Upon completion, the reaction mixture was quenched with allyl bromide (60.5 mg, 0.5 mmol), stir for another two hours, then diluted with diethyl ether (2 mL), filtered through a silica gel plug, rinsed with diethyl ether, and concentrated in vacuo. The crude reaction mixture was purified on silica gel (hexanes: ethyl acetate = 100 : 0.8, stain in CAM) to afford the desired product as a white solid (32.7 mg, 76%, >20:1 dr). ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectral data and X-ray crystallographic data identical to that **above**.

²D-Labeled Experiment

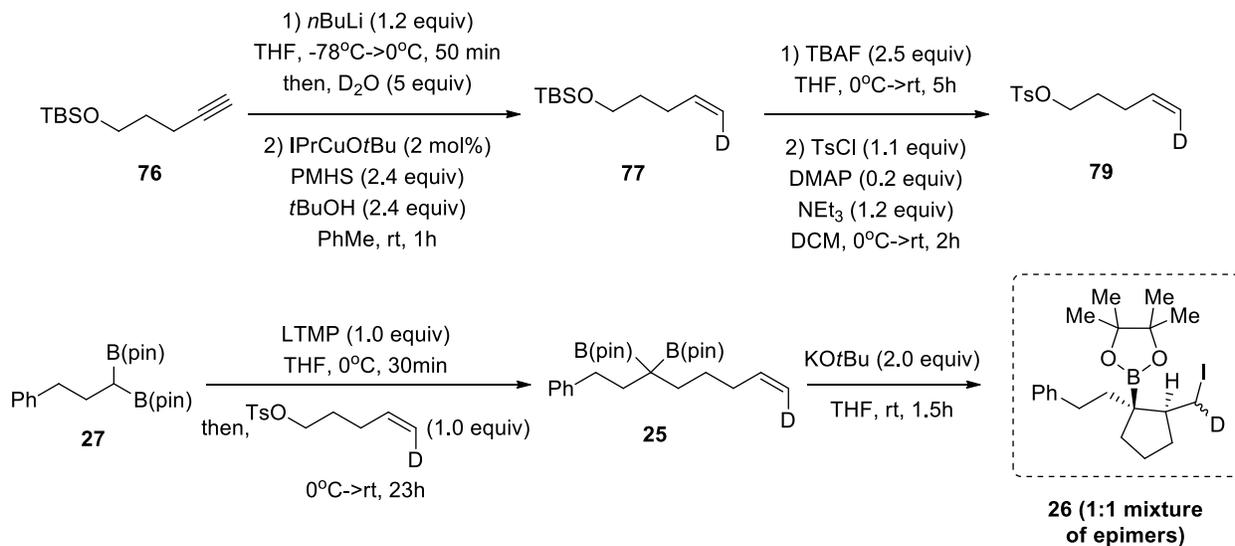
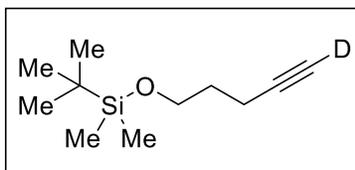
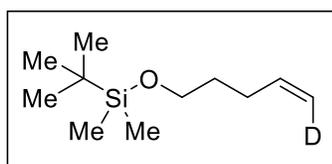


Figure 62 - Forward synthesis and reaction of (*Z*)-2,2'-(1-phenyloct-7-ene-3,3-diyl-8-*d*)bis(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolane)



tert-butyltrimethylsilyloxy-1-pentyn-5-d (76). A flame dried 20 mL vial equipped with stir bar is charged with *tert*-butyltrimethylsilyloxy-1-pentyn-5-d (1.87 g, 9.43 mmol, 1.0

equiv), then sealed and evacuated/backfilled with N₂ 3x. Anhydrous THF (9.4 mL) is then charged in the vessel and the clear, colorless solution set to stir at -78°C. A solution of *n*BuLi in Hexanes (4.20 mL, 2.70 M, 11.3 mmol, 1.2 equiv) is then added dropwise, resulting in a clear, yellow solution. After stirring for 30min at -78°C, the mixture is brought to 0°C and allowed to stir an additional 20min. At this point, the reaction is quenched by slow addition of D₂O (853 μL, 47.2 mmol, 5.0 equiv), resulting in a white slurry. The resulting mixture is allowed to stir for 4h, then directly dried over Na₂SO₄ and passed through a pad of SiO₂, rinsing with Et₂O. Filtrate is then concentrated to yield clear, colorless oil (1.88 g, 9.43 mmol, quantitative). No further purification necessary. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 3.70 (t, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 2H), 2.27 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 1.78 – 1.68 (m, 2H), 0.89 (s, 9H), 0.06 (s, 6H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 61.41, 31.51, 25.90, 18.29, 14.78, -5.38; IR (neat): 2988.3 (s), 2946.7 (w), 2870.2 (s), 1393.6 (w), 1142.5 (s) cm⁻¹; HRMS-(DART+) for ¹²C₁₁¹H₂₂²D₁²⁹Si₁¹⁶O₁ [M+H]⁺: calculated: 200.1581, found: 200.1572.



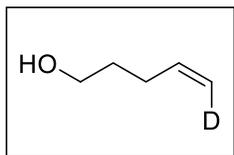
(Z)-tert-butyltrimethylsilyloxy-1-penten-5-d (77).

Adapted from published procedure.⁴¹ A flame dried 250 mL round bottom equipped with magnetic stir bar is charged with **76** (1.43 g, 7.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv) inside an argon-filled glovebox. *t*BuOH (990 mg, 13.4 mmol, 2.4 equiv) is then added to the vessel, followed by toluene (60 mL) then Polymethylhydrosiloxane (979 μL, 17.3 mmol (monomer), 2.4 equiv). The mixture is set to stir, then IPrCuOtBu⁴² (75.6 mg, 0.14

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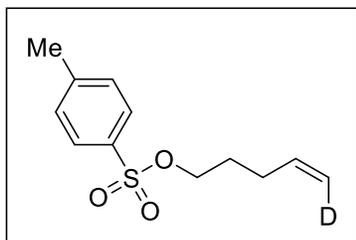
mmol, 2 mol %) is added, at which point bubbling is observed. The vessel is sealed with a rubber septum, then moved to the fume hood where it is allowed to stir for 1h at room temperature. At this point, the reaction mixture turns dark brown and it is passed through a pad of silica gel, rinsing with Et₂O. The filtrate is concentrated then SiO₂ chromatography performed (0% Et₂O/Pentanes, gradient to 2.5% Et₂O/Pentanes, visualizing with KMnO₄). Product coelutes with PMHS and yield is carried across two steps. ¹H NMR (600 MHz, cdcl₃) δ 5.85 – 5.77 (m, 1H), 4.94 (d, *J* = 10.2 Hz, 1H), 3.62 (t, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 2H), 2.10 (td, *J* = 7.6, 0.9 Hz, 2H), 1.64 – 1.58 (m, 2H), 1.33 – 1.26 (m, 12H), 0.90 (s, 9H), 0.05 (s, 6H); ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃): 138.45 (s), 114.19 (t, *J*=23.5 Hz), 62.53 (s), 31.99 (s), 29.97 (s), 25.95 (s), 18.34 (s), -5.30 (s); IR (neat): 2987.3 (m), 2871.0 (m), 1142.4 (s) cm⁻¹; HRMS-(DART+) for ¹²C₁₁¹H₂₄²D₁²⁹Si₁¹⁶O₁ [M+H]⁺: calculated: 202.1737, found: 202.1741.



(Z)-pent-4-en-5-d-1-ol (78). A 50 mL round bottom equipped with magnetic stir bar is charged with a solution of **77** (1.36 g, 6.75 mmol, 1.0 equiv; mixed with PMHS, see above) in anhydrous THF (6.75 mL). The vessel and

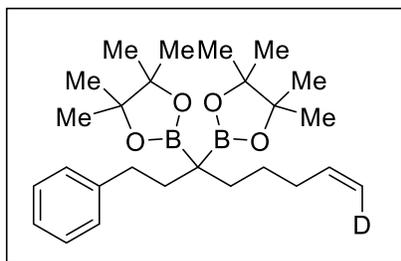
contents are then brought to 0°C, at which point TBAF solution in THF (16.8 mL, 1 M, 16.8 mmol, 2.5 equiv) is added dropwise (exothermic process). After addition, the mixture is allowed to stir at room temperature for 5h. The reaction mixture is then poured into a separatory funnel containing ca. 10 mL brine and the organics are extracted 3x with ca. 10 mL Et₂O. Combined organics are then dried over Na₂SO₄ and concentrated to yield crude oil. Oil is purified by SiO₂ chromatography (2.5% Et₂O/Pentanes, gradient to 10% Et₂O/Pentanes, visualized with KMnO₄ to yield clear, colorless oil (343.9 mg, 3.95 mmol, 55% across 2 steps). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 5.87 – 5.79 (m, 1H), 4.97 (d, *J* = 10.2 Hz, 1H), 3.67 (t, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 2H), 2.15 (td, *J* = 7.6, 0.8 Hz, 2H), 1.71 – 1.64 (m, 2H), 1.57 (br s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 138.30 (s), 114.81 (t, *J*=23.5

Hz), 62.65 (s), 31.95 (s), 30.20 (s); IR (neat): 2988.5 (w), 2869.8 (w), 1141.9 (m) cm^{-1} ; HRMS-
(DART+) for $^{12}\text{C}_5^1\text{H}_{10}^2\text{D}_1^{16}\text{O}_1$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: calculated: 88.0873, found: 88.0870.



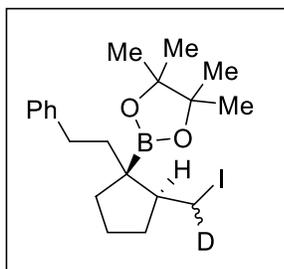
(Z)-pent-4-en-1-yl-5-d 4-methylbenzenesulfonate (79). A flame dried 20 mL vial equipped with magnetic stir bar is charged with TsCl (904 mg, 4.74 mmol, 1.10 equiv) followed by DMAP (105 mg, 0.86 mmol, 0.20 equiv). The vial is sealed and evacuated/refilled

with N_2 3x, then a solution of **78** (375 mg, 4.31 mmol, 1.0 equiv) in anhydrous DCM (21.6 mL) is charged in. The mixture is brought to 0°C then reagent grade NEt_3 (720 μL , 5.17 mmol, 1.2 equiv) is added dropwise. The reaction is then allowed to stir at room temperature for 2h. At this point, the reaction mixture is treated with ca. 5 mL H_2O and the organics are extracted 3x with ca. 5 mL DCM. Combined organics are dried over Na_2SO_4 then concentrated to yield crude oil. Crude material is purified by SiO_2 chromatography (2.5% Et_2O /Pentanes, gradient to 10% Et_2O /Pentanes, visualized with CAM stain) to render clear, colorless oil (666 mg, 2.76 mmol, 64%). ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.79 (d, $J = 7.7$ Hz, 2H), 7.34 (d, $J = 7.9$ Hz, 2H), 5.72 – 5.64 (m, 1H), 4.94 (d, $J = 10.1$ Hz, 1H), 4.04 (t, $J = 6.4$ Hz, 2H), 2.45 (s, 3H), 2.08 (q, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 2H), 1.74 (p, $J = 6.9$ Hz, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 144.66 (s), 136.51 (s), 133.19 (s), 129.80 (s), 127.89 (s), 115.56 (t, $J = 23.6$ Hz), 69.78 (s), 29.32 (s), 27.99 (s), 21.63 (s); IR (neat): 2957.1 (w), 1598.4 (w), 1359.0 (s), 1188.7 (s), 1097.8 (w), 928.0 (m), 810.6 (m), 664.2 (m), 554.6 (s) cm^{-1} ; HRMS-
(DART+) for $^{12}\text{C}_{12}^1\text{H}_{15}^2\text{D}_1^{32}\text{S}_1^{16}\text{O}_3^{23}\text{Na}_1$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$: calculated: 264.0781, found: 264.0780.



(Z)-2,2'-(1-phenyloct-7-ene-3,3-diyl-8-d)bis(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolane) (25). A flame dried 20 mL vial equipped with magnetic stir bar is charged with LTMP (405 mg, 2.75 mmol, 1.0 equiv) inside an argon-filled glovebox. The

vial is sealed then moved to the hood where it is charged with anhydrous THF (9 mL). The orange solution is set to stir at 0°C then charged with a solution of **27** (1.02 g, 2.75 mmol, 1.0 equiv) in anhydrous THF (2 mL) where it is allowed to stir for 30 min. At this point, a solution of **79** (663 mg, 2.75 mmol, 1.0 equiv) in anhydrous THF (2 mL) is added gradually. The mixture is brought to room temperature and allowed to stir overnight (23h). Upon return, the reaction mixture is diluted with Et₂O and passed through a pad of silica gel, rinsing with Et₂O. Filtrate is concentrated to render crude solid. Solid is purified by SiO₂ chromatography (0% EtOAc/Hexanes, gradient to 3% EtOAc/Hexanes, visualized with CAM stain). Product isolated as a white solid (938 mg, 2.13 mmol, 77%). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ ¹H NMR (500 MHz, cdcl₃) δ 7.25 – 7.21 (m, 2H), 7.22 – 7.16 (m, 2H), 7.16 – 7.10 (m, 1H), 5.89 – 5.80 (m, 1H), 4.92 (d, *J* = 10.3 Hz, 1H), 2.54 – 2.46 (m, 2H), 2.08 (q, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 1.93 – 1.86 (m, 2H), 1.75 – 1.69 (m, 2H), 1.42 – 1.34 (m, 2H), 1.23 (s, 24H); ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 143.93 (s), 139.40 (s), 128.63 (s), 128.24 (s), 125.50 (s), 113.85 (t, *J*=23.5 Hz), 83.13 (s), 34.65 (s), 33.99 (s), 32.04 (s), 28.82 (s), 26.80 (s), 24.95 (s), 24.86 (s); IR (neat): 2978.5 (m), 2931.5 (w), 2858.9 (w), 1456.2 (w), 1378.6 (m), 1309.7 (s), 1255.2 (w), 1138.6 (s), 968.9 (w), 909.9 (m), 853.4 (m), 733.1 (s), 699.4 (w) cm⁻¹; HRMS- (DART+) for ¹²C₂₆¹H₄₂²D₁¹¹B₂¹⁶O₄ [M+H]⁺: calculated: 442.3410, found: 442.3422.



2-((1R,2S)-2-(iodomethyl-*d*)-1-phenethylcyclopentyl)-4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolane (26**).** The reaction was performed according to *Representative Procedure for Deborylative Cyclization* with **25** (88.2 mg, 0.2 mmol, 1.00 equiv), KO^tBu (44.9 mg, 0.4 mmol, 2.0

equiv) in THF (1 mL) for 1h 30min. Yellow reaction mixture was then quenched with an I₂ solution in anhydrous THF (0.8 mL, 0.5 M, 0.4 mmol, 2.0 equiv), where the reaction turns white, then purple. The crude reaction mixture was purified by SiO₂ chromatography (0% EtOAc/Hexanes,

gradient to 1% EtOAc/Hexanes, visualized with CAM stain) to afford a white solid (60.0 mg, 0.136 mmol, 68%; 1:1 mixture of epimers). $^1\text{H NMR}$ (600 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.29 – 7.25 (m, 2H), 7.20 – 7.15 (m, 3H), 3.52 (d, $J = 3.1$ Hz, 0.5H), 3.13 (d, $J = 12.1$ Hz, 0.5H), 2.60 – 2.51 (m, 2H), 2.20 – 2.11 (m, 2H), 2.03 – 1.94 (m, 2H), 1.79 – 1.70 (m, 1H), 1.68 – 1.59 (m, 1H), 1.47 – 1.40 (m, 2H), 1.40 – 1.33 (m, 1H), 1.26 (s, 12H). $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (150 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 143.12 (s), 128.30 (s), 128.22 (s), 125.64 (s), 83.30 (s), 53.87 (s), 53.85 (s), 41.20 (s), 41.18 (s), 36.11 (s), 36.08 (s), 33.91 (s), 33.88 (s), 25.12 (s), 24.83 (s), 21.86 (s), 21.84 (s), 11.49 (t, $J=22.9$ Hz), 11.47 (t, $J=22.9$ Hz); IR (neat): 2976.1 (m), 2930.8 (m), 2867.2 (w), 1454.0 (w), 1380.7 (s), 1311.3 (s), 1199.0 (w), 1141.5 (s), 966.9 (w), 853.6 (w), 748.3 (w), 698.5 (m) cm^{-1} ; HRMS -(DART+) for $^{12}\text{C}_{20}^{1}\text{H}_{29}^2\text{D}_1^{11}\text{B}_1^{16}\text{O}_2^{127}\text{I}_1^{23}\text{Na}_1$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$: calculated: 464.1344, found: 464.1339.

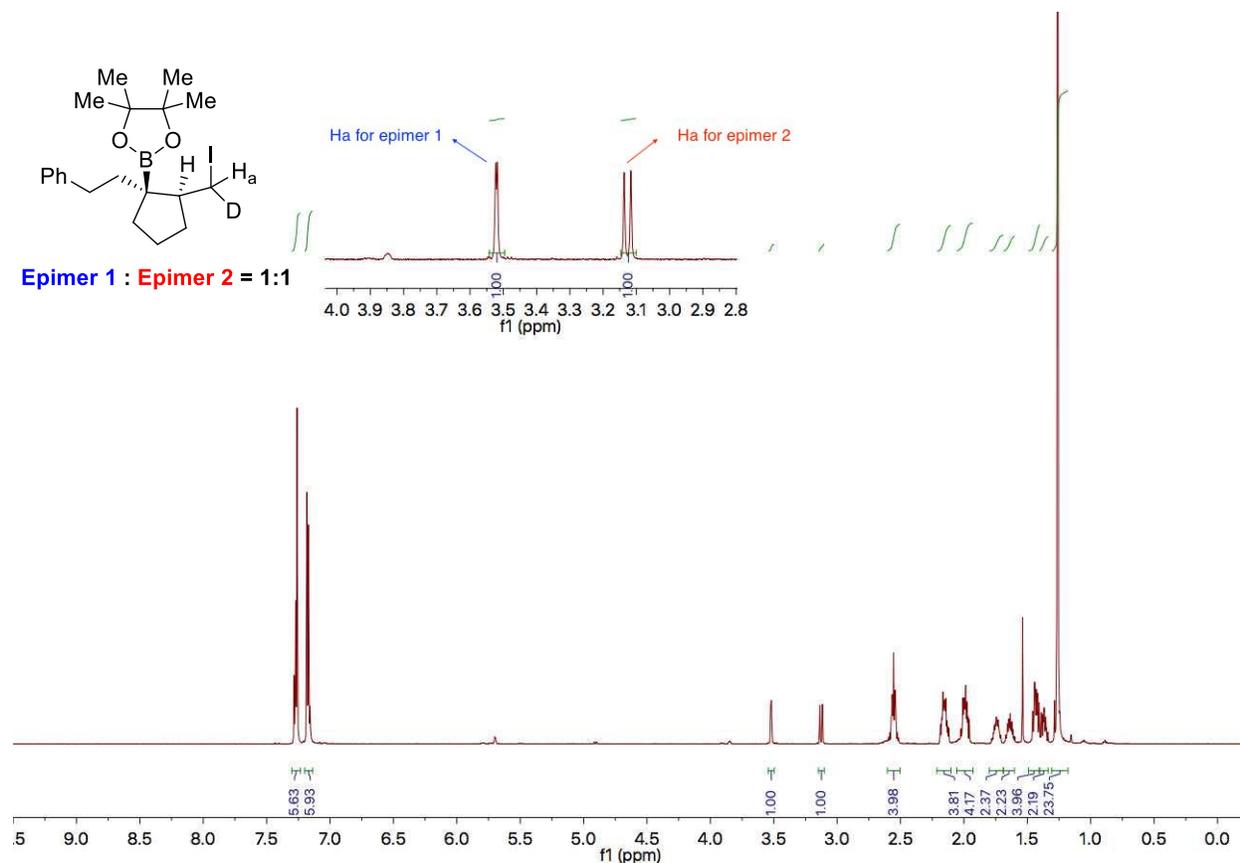


Figure 63 – $^1\text{H NMR}$ of 2-((1R,2S)-2-(iodomethyl-d)-1-phenethylcyclopentyl)-4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolane

iii) Radical vs. Anionic Pathway

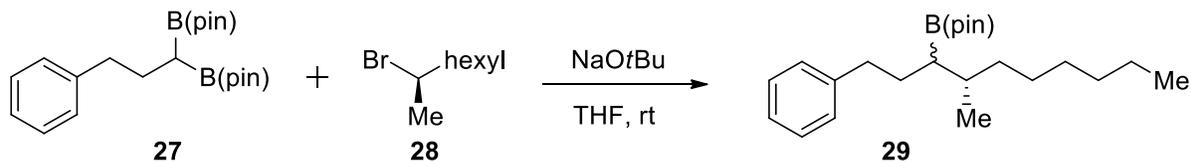
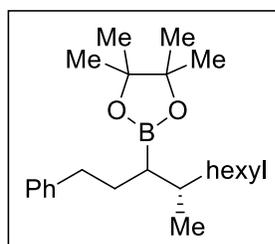
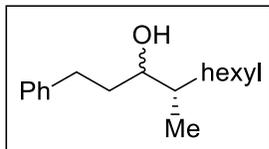


Figure 64 – Stereo-invertive deborylative alkylation with enriched, secondary alkylhalide



4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-2-((4*S*)-4-methyl-1-phenyldecan-3-yl)-1,3,2-dioxaborolane (29). In the glove box, an oven-dried 2-dram vial equipped with magnetic stir bar is charged with 1,1-diboronate ester **27** (96.8 mg, 0.26 mmol), *NaOtBu* (50 mg, 0.52 mmol), and THF (1 mL).

The reaction mixture is allowed to stir at room temperature for 15 min, then (*R*)-2-bromooctane (**28**) (35.1 μ L, 0.20 mmol) is charged in the reaction vessel. The vial is then sealed with a polypropylene cap, removed from the glove box, and allowed to stir at room temperature overnight. Upon completion, the reaction mixture is diluted with diethyl ether (2 mL), filtered through a silica gel plug, rinsed with diethyl ether, and concentrated in vacuo. The crude residue is then purified on silica gel (hexanes: ethyl acetate = 100:1 to 50:1) to isolate the desired product (35 mg, 49%, 1.1:1 dr 98:2 er). $^1\text{H NMR}$ (600 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.28 – 7.26 (m, 3H), 7.21 – 7.13 (m, 2H), 2.72 – 2.57 (m, 1H), 2.57 – 2.43 (m, 1H), 1.87 – 1.68 (m, 1H), 1.68 – 1.56 (m, 2H), 1.43 – 1.33 (m, 1H), 1.32 – 1.19 (m, 8 H, overlap), 1.27 (s, 12H), 1.18 – 1.07 (m, 1H), 1.04 – 0.98 (m, 1H), 0.93 – 0.84 (m, 6H); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (125 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 143.26, 128.37, 128.17, 125.48, 82.83, 36.42, 36.14, 36.09, 35.91, 34.62, 34.37, 31.89, 31.51, 30.20, 29.58, 29.56, 27.52, 27.25, 25.08, 25.06, 24.79, 22.64, 18.75, 18.43, 14.09; IR (neat): 2956.5 (m), 2926.9 (s), 2856.3 (m), 1729.6 (w), 1456.9 (w), 1379.1 (m), 1313.8 (m), 1270.7 (w), 1143.9 (s), 699.1 (m) cm^{-1} ; HRMS -(DART+) for $^{12}\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{40}\text{B}_1\text{O}_2$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: calculated: 359.3121, found: 359.3139.



(4S)-4-methyl-1-phenyldecan-3-ol (80). To a 20 mL vial containing compound **29** (35 mg, 0.1 mmol) in THF (1 mL), aqueous NaOH (0.6 mL, 3 M, 1.8 mmol) is added then the vial is cooled 0 °C. Aqueous Hydrogen Peroxide (0.3 mL, 30% in H₂O) is then slowly added to the reaction vessel and reaction allowed to stir overnight. Upon return, the vessel is cooled back to 0 °C and quenched slowly with saturated, aqueous Na₂S₂O₃ (1 mL), stirred for 30 minutes, then extracted with diethyl ether. Combined extracts are then dried over Na₂SO₄ and concentrated in vacuo. The crude residue is then purified by column chromatography on silica gel. ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.32 – 7.27 (m, 4H), 7.24 – 7.16 (m, 2H), 3.58 – 3.51 (m, 1H), 3.48 (dtd, *J* = 9.8, 5.1, 2.9 Hz, 1H), 2.95 – 2.78 (m, 2H), 2.73 – 2.59 (m, 2H), 1.84 – 1.73 (m, 4H), 1.57 – 1.47 (m, 2H), 1.46 – 1.38 (m, 2H), 1.38 – 1.22 (m, 17H), 1.21 – 1.14 (m, 2H), 1.14 – 1.05 (m, 1H), 0.95 – 0.84 (m, 12H); ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 142.36, 142.30, 128.42, 128.39, 128.36, 125.76, 75.44, 74.72, 39.01, 38.45, 36.26, 35.19, 33.23, 32.70, 32.56, 31.92, 31.85, 29.69, 29.60, 29.57, 27.31, 27.24, 22.65, 15.20, 14.09, 13.69; IR (neat): 3357.0 (w), 2956.7 (m), 2927.8 (s), 2855.0 (m), 1724.7 (m), 1455.3 (w), 1275.3 (w), 1131.9 (w), 751.2 (m), 698.4 (m) cm⁻¹; HRMS-(DART+) for ¹²C₁₇¹H₂₇ [M+H-H₂O]⁺: calculated: 231.2113, found: 231.2118.

Proof of Stereochemistry:

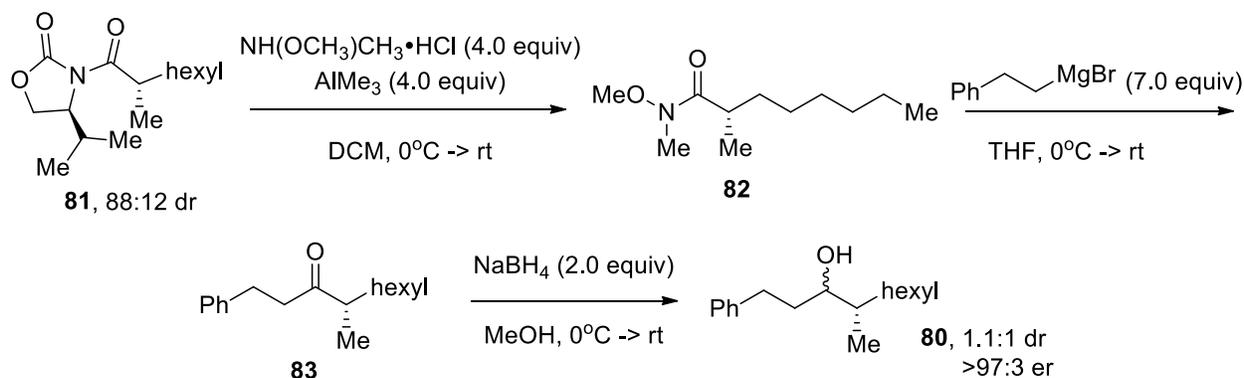
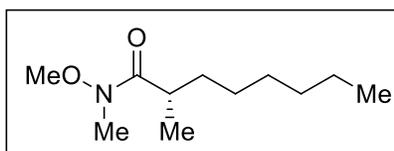


Figure 65 - Authentic synthesis of (4S)-4-methyl-1-phenyldecan-3-ol via Evans Auxiliary

(S)-N-methoxy-N,2-dimethyloctanamide (82).



Adapted from literature procedure.⁴³ To a stirred solution of *N,O*-dimethylhydroxylamine hydrochloride (312.1 mg, 3.2

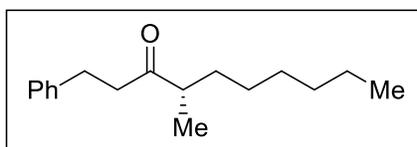
mmol) in DCM (5 ml) at 0 °C, neat AlMe₃ (307 μL, 3.2 mmol) is carefully added. The reaction mixture is stirred at 0 °C for 10 min and then one hour at room temperature. The mixture is then cooled back to 0 °C and a solution of **81**^{44,45} (227 mg, 0.8 mmol) in DCM (5 ml) is added to the reaction vessel. The resulting mixture is then allowed to stir overnight, gradually reaching room temperature. Upon return, the reaction solution is diluted with DCM (10 mL) and poured into a separatory funnel containing ice-cold aqueous 0.5 N HCl (25 ml) and organics are extracted 3x with DCM. The combined extracts are then washed with saturated, aqueous NaHCO₃ and saturated, aqueous NaCl, in succession, then dried over Na₂SO₄. Volatiles are then removed in vacuo and the crude, colorless oil is then purified by silica gel chromatography (8:2 pentane:Et₂O, gradient to

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7:3 pentane:Et₂O) to afford (*S*)-*N*-methoxy-*N*,2-dimethyloctanamide **82** as a colorless oil (38.2 mg, 22 %). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 3.68 (s, 3H), 3.19 (s, 3H), 2.86 (s, 1H), 1.67 (ddd, *J* = 13.2, 8.3, 5.3 Hz, 1H), 1.32 – 1.18 (m, 9H), 1.11 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 3H), 0.87 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 61.40, 35.09, 33.83, 31.73, 29.68, 29.31, 27.50, 22.61, 17.45, 14.04; IR (neat): 2964.0 (m), 2930.4 (m), 2871.7 (m), 1779.3 (s), 1699.3 (m), 1385.5 (m), 1300.8 (w), 1204.9 (m), 1141.6 (m), 911.6 (w), 733.4 (m) cm⁻¹; HRMS-(DART+) for ¹²C₁₁¹H₂₄¹⁴N₁¹⁶O₂ [M+H]⁺: calculated: 202.1807, found: 202.1797.



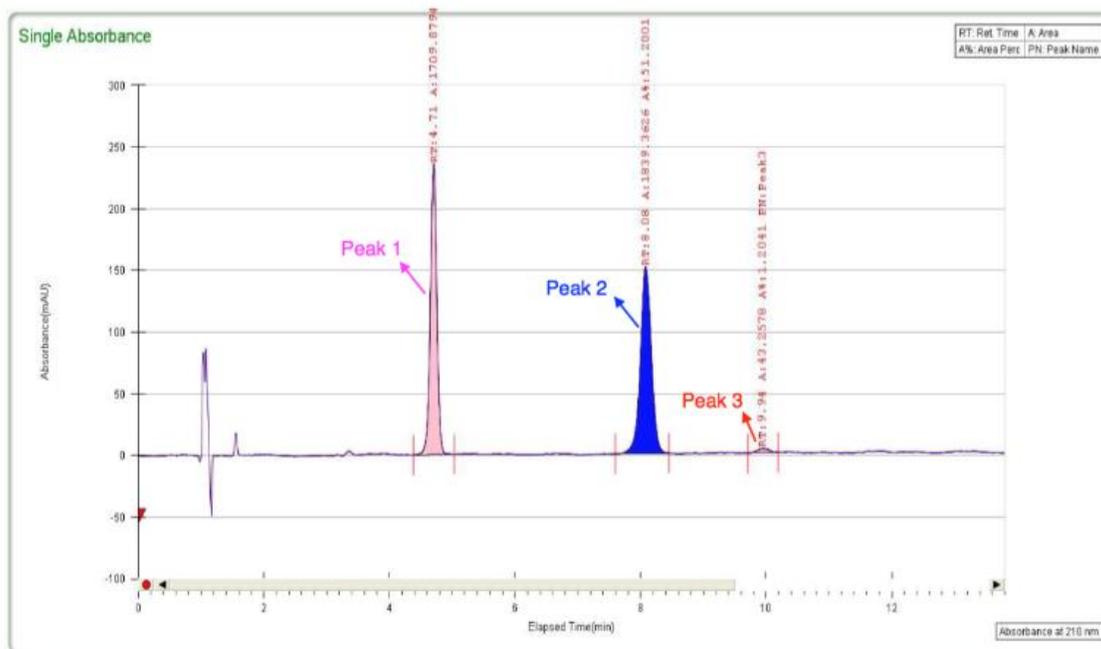
(*S*)-4-methyl-1-phenyldecan-3-one (83). To a dried flask fitted with magnetic stir bar and charged with Mg⁰ (36.5 mg, 1.5 mmol) and anhydrous THF (5 mL), (2-bromoethyl)benzene (0.17 mL, 1.25 mmol) is added slowly under N₂. Mixture is then stirred at 60 °C for two hours and the resulting Grignard solution is cooled back to room temperature where it is added to a solution of amide **82** (38.2 mg, 0.177 mmol) in anhydrous THF (1 mL) drop wise at 0 °C. The reaction mixture is allowed to stir for 3h, gradually warming to room temperature. Upon completion, reaction is cooled to 0 °C and quenched with saturated, aqueous NH₄Cl (1 mL). Organics are then extracted with diethyl ether (3 × 3 mL) and the combined extracts washed with brine and dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄. Volatiles are then removed in vacuo and the crude residue was purified on silica gel (hexane: ethyl acetate= 100:1, gradient to 20:1) to afford compound **83** as an colorless oil (34 mg, 78%). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.32 – 7.26 (m, 2H), 7.21 – 7.16 (m, 3H), 2.89 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 2.78 – 2.70 (m, 2H), 2.48 (h, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 1.65 – 1.56 (m, 1H), 1.35 – 1.12 (m, 9H), 1.03 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 3H), 0.87 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 213.81, 141.35, 128.41, 128.33, 126.00, 46.54, 42.65, 32.94, 31.63, 29.74, 29.30, 27.18, 22.56, 16.16, 14.03; IR (neat): 2958.0 (s), 2928.3 (s), 2858.2 (m), 1728.0 (s), 1462.1 (m), 1272.6

(s), 1122.5 (m), 1072.6 (m), 744.7 (w), 699.4 (w) cm^{-1} ; HRMS-(DART+) for $^{12}\text{C}_{17}^{1}\text{H}_{27}^{16}\text{O}_1$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: calculated: 247.2062, found: 247.2053.

To a vial containing a solution of (*S*)-4-methyl-1-phenyldecan-3-one **83** (34 mg, 0.14 mmol) in MeOH (1 mL), NaBH_4 (10.6 mg, 0.28 mmol) is added at 0 °C. The reaction mixture is then allowed to stir for 20 min at room temperature, then quenched with saturated aqueous NH_4Cl (1 mL). Organics are then extracted with diethyl ether (3x 3 mL) and the combined organic layers washed with brine and dried over anhydrous Na_2SO_4 . Volatiles are then removed in vacuo and the crude residue purified on silica gel (hexane: ethyl acetate = 10:1) to yield (*4S*)-4-methyl-1-phenyldecan-3-ol **80** as a colorless oil (32 mg, 92%, 1.1:1 dr, 97:3 er). (diastereoselectivity was determined based on NMR integration). The spectra data is the same as shown above.

Analysis of Stereochemistry

The enantioselectivity was determined by SFC analysis of the reaction products (shown below).



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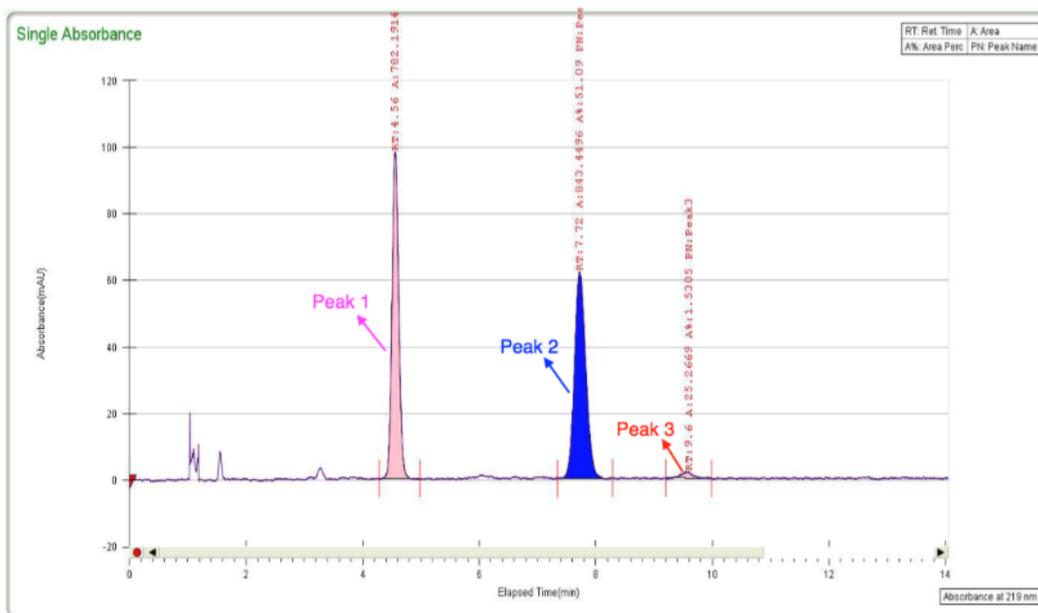
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Figure 66 - SFC trace of base promoted deborylative alkylation product (after oxidation) (OD-H, Chiraldex, 3 mL/min, 10% *i*-PrOH, 100 bar, 35 °C)



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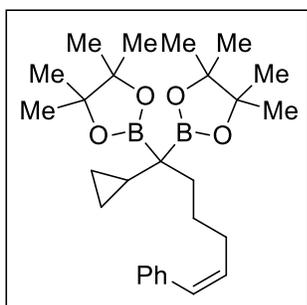
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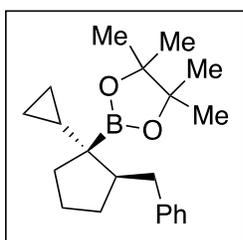
Figure 67 - SFC trace of authentic product prepared from Evans auxiliary. (OD-H, Chiraldex, 3 mL/min, 10% *i*-PrOH, 100 bar, 35 °C)

Radical Clock Experiment



(Z)-2,2'-(1-cyclopropyl-6-phenylhex-5-ene-1,1-diyl)bis(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolane) (30). The reaction was performed according to *Representative Procedure (Method D)* with 2,2'-(cyclopropylmethylene)bis(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolane)

(154 mg, 0.5 mmol, made according to previous procedure⁵), LTMP (77.3 mg, 0.53 mmol), (*Z*)-(5-bromopent-1-en-1-yl)benzene (118.2 mg, 0.53 mmol) and THF (2 mL). The crude reaction mixture was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (100:1 – 50:1 hexanes/ethyl acetate, stain in CAM) to afford a white solid (226 mg, 86%). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.42 – 7.24 (m, 4H), 7.25 – 7.17 (m, 1H), 6.38 (d, *J* = 11.7 Hz, 1H), 5.73 (dt, *J* = 11.5, 7.7 Hz, 1H), 2.35 (q, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 1.82 – 1.53 (m, 4H), 1.22 (s, 24H), 0.86 (tt, *J* = 8.1, 5.6 Hz, 1H), 0.49 – 0.28 (m, 4H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 137.92, 133.70, 128.76, 128.27, 128.02, 126.26, 82.76, 33.04, 29.80, 28.64, 24.72, 24.71, 12.93, 3.62; IR (neat): 2977.3 (m), 2931.1 (w), 1378.7 (m), 1342.2 (m), 1305.2 (s), 1268.1 (m), 1214.4 (w), 1137.5 (s), 853.5 (w), 699.2 (w) cm⁻¹; HRMS-(DART+) for ¹²C₃₀¹H₄₉¹¹B₂¹⁶O₄ [M+H]⁺: calculated: 495.3817, found: 495.3819.



2-((1*R*,2*R*)-2-benzyl-1-cyclopropylcyclopentyl)-4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolane (31). The reaction was performed according to *Representative Procedure for Deborylative cyclization* with diboronate ester **30** (45.2 mg, 0.1 mmol), KO^tBu (22.4 mg, 0.2 mmol), and THF (0.5 mL)

for 6 hours. The crude reaction mixture was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (100:0.8 hexanes/ethyl acetate, stain in CAM) to afford a colorless oil (15 mg, 46 %, dr > 20:1). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.29 – 7.22 (m, 2H), 7.24 – 7.12 (m, 3H), 3.07 (dd, *J* = 13.2, 3.5 Hz, 1H), 2.43 (dd, *J* = 13.2, 11.7 Hz, 1H), 1.87 (tdd, *J* = 9.0, 6.6, 3.5 Hz, 1H), 1.76 – 1.62 (m, 1H), 1.66 – 1.57 (m, 2H), 1.52 – 1.40 (m, 1H), 1.35 – 1.19 (m, 1H), 1.26 (s, 12H), 1.15 – 1.02 (m, 1H), 0.86 (ddt, *J* = 11.3, 8.6, 3.7 Hz, 1H), 0.44 – 0.26 (m, 1H), 0.29 – 0.16 (m, 3H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 143.17, 128.88, 128.04, 125.35, 82.84, 52.53, 39.17, 30.96, 30.57, 24.91, 24.83, 22.42, 16.75, 2.07, 0.29; IR (neat): 2976.4 (w), 2954.8 (w), 2866.4 (w), 1495.0 (w), 1387.8 (m),

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1299.9 (m), 1214.2 (w), 1141.6 (s), 1013.6 (w), 967.5 (w), 862.4 (w), 744.8 (w), 699.3 (m) cm^{-1} ;

HRMS-(DART+) for $^{12}\text{C}_{21}^{1}\text{H}_{32}^{11}\text{B}_1^{16}\text{O}_2$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: calculated: 327.2495, found: 327.2492.

E. Total Synthesis of Aphanamal

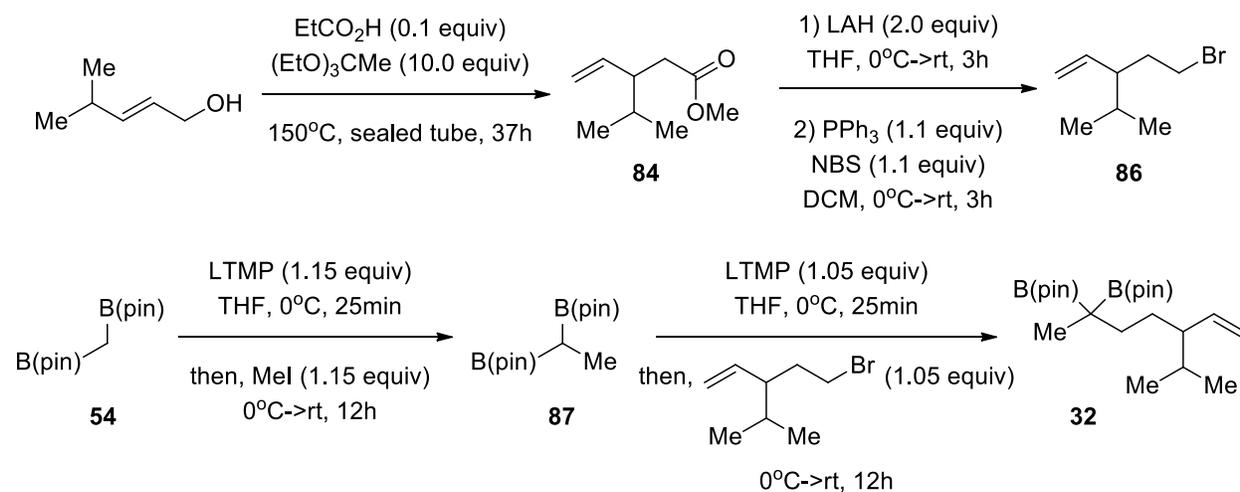
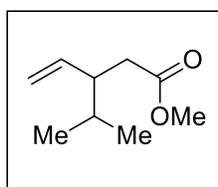


Figure 68 - Forward synthesis of aphanamal precursor, 2,2'-(5-isopropylhept-6-ene-2,2'-diyl)bis(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolane)



Ethyl 3-isopropylpent-4-enoate (84). A flame dried 150 mL pressure vessel

equipped with magnetic stir bar is charged with (E) -4-methylpent-2-en-1-ol⁴⁶

(3.17 g, 31.6 mmol, 1.0 equiv), triethyl orthoacetate (57.9 mL, 316 mmol, 10

equiv) and propionic acid (239 μL , 3.20 mmol, 0.1 equiv) in succession. The vessel is sealed with

a threaded, teflon cap and allowed to stir heated at 150°C for 1.5 days. At this point, the vessel and

contents are cooled to 0°C and the excess triethyl orthoacetate consumed by combining the reaction

mixture with 50 mL H_2O , 50 mL THF and ca. 20 mg p -TsOH $\cdot\text{H}_2\text{O}$ (this process is exothermic).

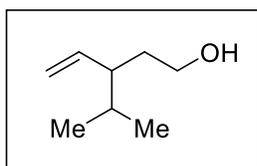
Organics are then extracted 3x with Et_2O and dried of Na_2SO_4 . Concentration of solution yields

clear, yellow oil with fruity fragrance (4.66 g, 27.4 mmol, 87%). No further purification necessary.

^1H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 5.65 (ddd, $J = 17.1, 10.4, 8.6$ Hz, 1H), 5.05 – 4.98 (m, 2H), 4.10

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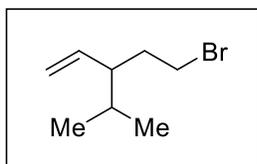
(q, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 2H), 2.44 – 2.35 (m, 2H), 2.32 – 2.24 (m, 1H), 1.68 – 1.61 (m, 1H), 1.23 (t, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 3H), 0.90 (d, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 3H), 0.86 (d, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 172.94 (s), 138.76 (s), 115.97 (s), 60.14 (s), 46.70 (s), 37.49 (s), 31.29 (s), 20.25 (s), 18.79 (s), 14.25 (s); IR (neat): 2962.8 (m), 2876.7 (m), 1732.2 (s), 1465.7 (w), 1387.4 (w), 1265.6 (m), 1182.5 (m), 1142.6 (m), 1034.6 (w), 914.7 (s), 733.4 (s) cm^{-1} ; HRMS-(DART+) for $^{12}\text{C}_{10}^1\text{H}_{19}^{16}\text{O}_2$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: calculated: 171.1385, found: 171.1379.



3-isopropylpent-4-en-1-ol (85). A flame dried 500 mL round bottom equipped with magnetic stir bar is charged with LAH (1.60 g, 29.2 mmol, 2.0 equiv) inside an argon-filled glovebox. The vessel is sealed with a

rubber septum and moved to the fume hood where it is brought to 0°C and charged with anhydrous THF (200 mL). A solution of **84** (4.66 g, 27.4 mmol, 1.0 equiv) in anhydrous THF (15 mL) is then added to the reaction vessel dropwise. The reaction mixture is then allowed to stir for 3h, slowly reaction room temperature. At this point, the vessel and contents are brought back to 0°C and the excess LAH carefully quenched with 1.6 mL H_2O , 1.6 mL 3M NaOH and 4.8 mL H_2O in succession. The grey slurry is then brought to rt and ca. 5 g Na_2SO_4 added. This mixture is allowed to stir for 10 min then passed through a pad of celite, rinsing with Et_2O . Concentration of the filtrate yields a clear, colorless oil (3.31 g, 25.8 mmol, 94%). No further purification necessary. ^1H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 5.60 (ddd, $J = 17.1, 10.2, 9.5$ Hz, 1H), 5.04 (dd, $J = 10.2, 2.1$ Hz, 1H), 5.00 (ddd, $J = 17.1, 2.1, 0.7$ Hz, 1H), 3.67 (ddd, $J = 10.7, 7.0, 5.5$ Hz, 1H), 3.59 (dt, $J = 10.6, 7.1$ Hz, 1H), 1.97 – 1.90 (m, 1H), 1.75 – 1.68 (m, 1H), 1.63 – 1.54 (m, 1H), 1.54 – 1.46 (m, 1H), 1.41 (br s, 1H), 0.89 (d, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 3H), 0.84 (d, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 140.56 (s), 115.84 (s), 61.67 (s), 47.53 (s), 34.85 (s), 31.83 (s), 20.45 (s), 18.92 (s); IR (neat): 3325.1 (w, br), 2988.0 (m), 2870.1 (s), 1450.4 (w), 1391.6 (m), 1360.6 (w), 1295.9 (w), 1141.8

(s), 1073.6 (w), 911.4 (w), 734.3 (w) cm^{-1} ; HRMS-(DART+) for $^{12}\text{C}_8\text{H}_{17}^{16}\text{O}_1$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: calculated: 129.1279, found: 129.1281.



5-bromo-3-isopropylpent-1-ene (86). A flame dried 100 mL round bottom

equipped with magnetic stir bar is charged with PPh_3 (3.41 g, 12.7 mmol,

1.1 equiv) then sealed with a rubber septum. A solution of **85** (1.47 g, 11.5

mmol, 1.0 equiv) in anhydrous DCM (11.5 mL) is then charged into the reaction vessel. The

homogeneous mixture is allowed to stir at 0°C and the vessel temporarily opened to allow for the

slow addition of solid NBS (2.25 g, 12.7 mmol, 1.1 equiv; this process is highly exothermic).

Vessel is re-sealed and allowed to stir at rt for 3h, at which point it is concentrated in vacuo to

render crude solid/oil mixture. Solid is suspended in Pentanes and loaded onto a SiO_2 column. The

column is then eluted with 1% Et_2O /Pentane, visualizing the product with KMnO_4 . Product

isolated as clear, colorless oil (1.80 g, 9.42 mmol, 82%). $^1\text{H NMR}$ (600 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 5.50 (ddd,

$J = 17.0, 10.3, 9.3$ Hz, 1H), 5.09 (dd, $J = 10.3, 2.1$ Hz, 1H), 5.04 (dd, $J = 17.1, 2.0$ Hz, 1H), 3.45

(ddd, $J = 9.6, 7.7, 4.6$ Hz, 1H), 3.29 (m, 1H), 2.03 – 1.93 (m, 2H), 1.82 – 1.74 (m, 1H), 1.60 (m,

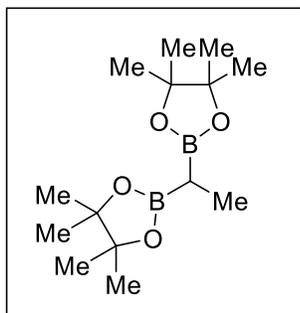
1H), 0.90 (d, $J = 6.7$ Hz, 3H), 0.86 (d, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 3H); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (150 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 138.85 (s),

116.88 (s), 49.18 (s), 34.98 (s), 32.55 (s), 31.53 (s), 20.43 (s), 19.04 (s); IR (neat): 3076.2 (w),

2959.5 (s), 2929.7 (m), 2873.3 (m), 1638.1 (w), 1465.5 (w), 1368.8 (w), 1256.9 (m), 1212.1 (w),

999.3 (m), 917.4 (s), 639.5 (w), 568.5 (w) cm^{-1} ; HRMS-(DART+) for $^{12}\text{C}_8\text{H}_{16}^{79}\text{Br}_1$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$:

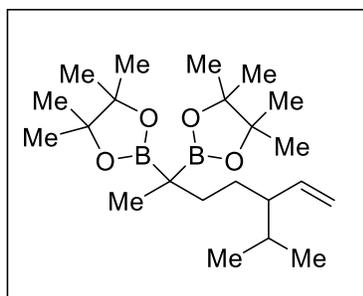
calculated: 191.0435, found: 191.0438.



2,2'-(ethane-1,1-diyl)bis(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolane)

(87). The reaction was performed according to *Representative Procedure (Method C)* with 1,1-diborylmethane **54** (2.68 g, 10.0 mmol, 1.00 equiv), LTMP (1.69 g, 11.5 mmol, 1.15 equiv), Iodomethane (716 μ L, 11.5 mmol, 1.15 equiv) and THF (40 mL). The crude reaction mixture was

purified by column chromatography on silica gel (0% EtOAc/Hexanes, gradient to 6% EtOAc/Hexanes, visualized with CAM stain) to afford a clear, colorless oil (1.80 g, 6.38 mmol, 64%). $^1\text{H NMR}$ (500 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 1.21 (s, 12H), 1.21 (s, 12H), 1.02 (d, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 3H), 0.70 (q, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1H); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (125 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 82.85 (s), 24.80 (s), 24.50 (s), 9.02 (s); IR (neat): 2976.8 (w), 2934.5 (w), 2879.4 (w), 1460.5 (w), 1304.2 (s), 1268.8 (m), 1216.1 (w), 1142.1 (s), 1105.9 (m), 846.1 (m) cm^{-1} ; HRMS -(DART+) for $^{12}\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{29}\text{B}_2\text{O}_4$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: calculated: 283.2252, found: 283.2265.



2,2'-(5-isopropylhept-6-ene-2,2-diyl)bis(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolane) (32). The reaction was performed according to *Representative Procedure (Method D)* with diboronate ester **87** (1.76 g, 6.24 mmol, 1.00 equiv), LTMP (964 mg, 6.55 mmol, 1.05 equiv), alkyl bromide **86** (1.25 g, 6.55 mmol, 1.05 equiv) and THF

(25 mL). The crude reaction mixture was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (1% EtOAc/Hexanes, gradient to 3% EtOAc/Hexanes, visualized with CAM stain) to afford a clear, colorless oil (2.32 g, 5.92 mmol, 94%). $^1\text{H NMR}$ (600 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 5.56 (ddd, $J = 17.0, 10.3, 9.0$ Hz, 1H), 4.97 (dd, $J = 10.3, 2.3$ Hz, 1H), 4.92 (dd, $J = 17.1, 2.3$ Hz, 1H), 1.78 – 1.69 (m, 1H), 1.60 (ddd, $J = 13.6, 12.1, 6.8$ Hz, 1H), 1.55 – 1.41 (m, 2H), 1.42 – 1.33 (m, 1H), 1.28 – 1.22 (m, 1H), 1.22 – 1.18 (m, 24H), 1.03 (s, 3H), 0.84 (d, $J = 6.7$ Hz, 3H), 0.79 (d, $J = 6.9$ Hz, 3H). ^{13}C

NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 141.17 (s), 114.87 (s), 82.82 (s), 82.80 (s), 51.01 (s), 31.82 (s), 31.24 (s), 29.67 (s), 24.73 (s), 24.70 (s), 24.61 (s), 20.58 (s), 18.79 (s), 15.99 (s). IR (neat): 2976.3 (w), 2930.3 (w), 2869.8 (w), 1458.9 (w), 1298.5 (s), 1138.0 (s), 1080.9 (w), 968.3 (w), 848.9 (m), 668.7 (w) cm⁻¹; HRMS-(DART+) for ¹²C₂₂¹H₄₃¹¹B₂¹⁶O₄ [M+H]⁺: calculated: 393.3347, found: 393.3358.

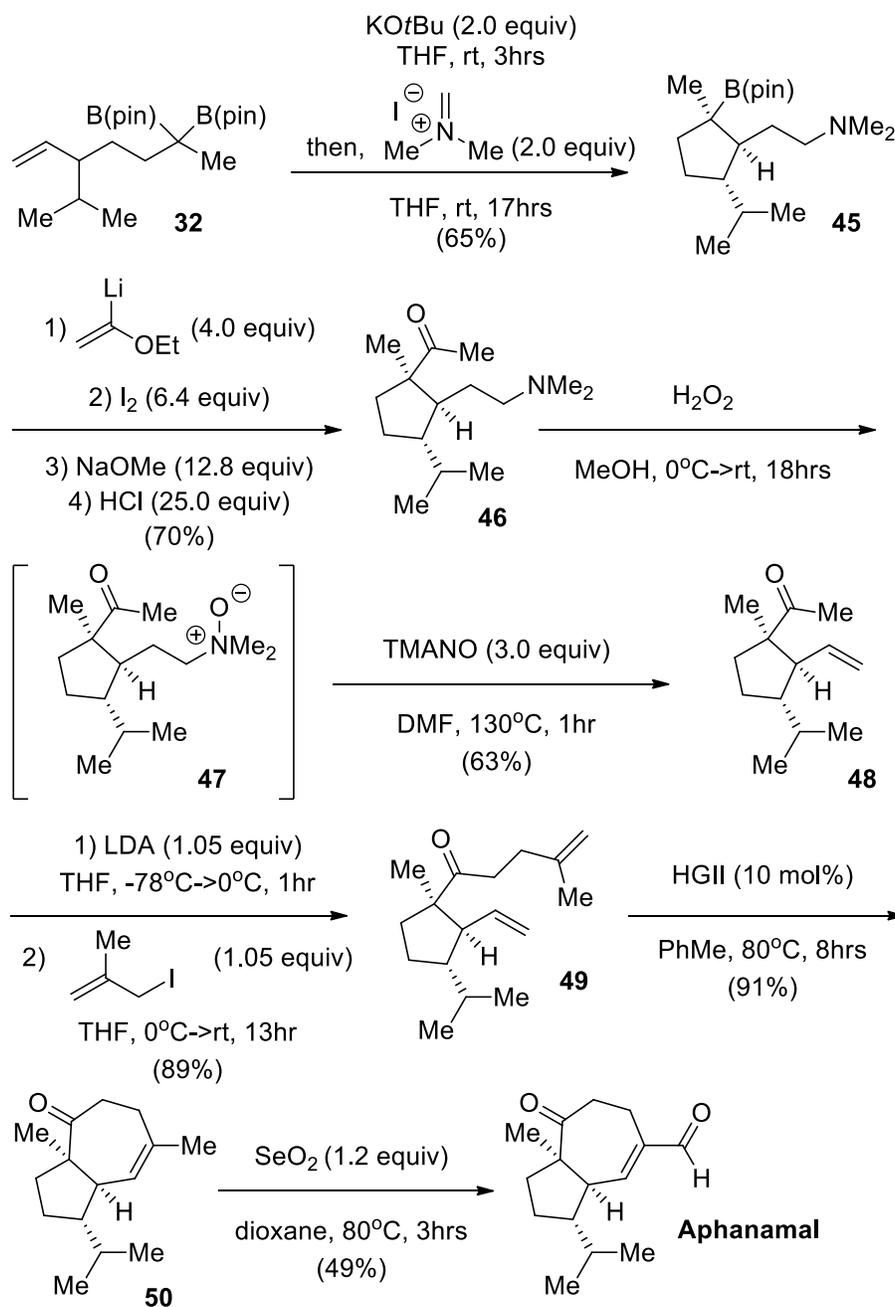
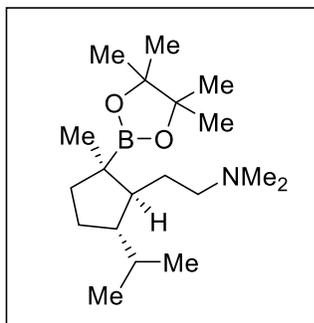


Figure 69 - Total synthesis of aphanamal



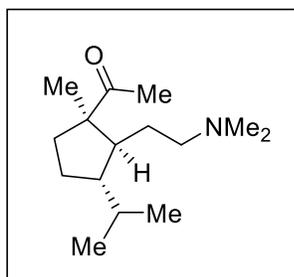
2-((1*S*,2*S*,5*S*)-5-isopropyl-2-methyl-2-(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolan-2-yl)cyclopentyl)-*N,N*-dimethylethan-1-amine (45).

A flame-dried, 250mL round bottom equipped with magnetic stirbar is charged with **32** (2.97 g, 7.57 mmol) inside an Argon filled glovebox.

A solution is then prepared with anhydrous THF (37.9 mL, 0.2 M).

KOtBu (1.70 g, 15.1 mmol, 2 equiv.) is then added to the solution neat, in one portion. The reaction mixture is allowed to stir for 3hrs inside the glovebox at room temperature and gradually becomes clear, pale yellow. At this point, freshly prepared Eschenmoser's Salt³¹ (2.80 g, 15.1 mmol, 2 equiv.) is added neat, in one portion; white slurry results. The sealed reaction vessel is then brought to the fume hood where it is allowed to stir for 17h at room temperature. Mixture is then diluted with reagent grade Et₂O and passed through a pad of silica, rinsing with 50% EtOAc/1.5% NEt₃/Hexanes. After concentration, ¹H NMR suggests ca. 7:1 epimeric ratio (presumably about the isopropyl group). SiO₂ chromatography performed (5% NEt₃/Hexanes, then 5% NEt₃/5% EtOAc/Hexanes), rendering product of acceptable purity as clear, colorless oil (1.59 g, 4.92 mmol, 65%). ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 2.30 – 2.24 (m, 2H), 2.20 (s, 6H), 1.79 – 1.71 (m, 1H), 1.70 – 1.60 (m, 4H), 1.58 – 1.48 (m, 1H), 1.40 – 1.32 (m, 1H), 1.21 (s, 12H), 1.19 – 1.08 (m, 2H), 1.01 (s, 3H), 0.89 (d, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 3H), 0.78 (d, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 82.60 (s), 59.82 (s), 52.54 (s), 51.78 (s), 45.55 (s), 37.69 (s), 31.97 (s), 30.01 (s), 24.87 (s), 24.83 (s), 24.78 (s), 24.75 (s), 22.71 (s), 16.93 (s). IR (neat): 2949.7 (br m), 2867.3 (w), 1460.8 (m), 1379.8 (s), 1369.2 (s), 1300.1 (s), 1142.2 (s), 856.5 (m), 693.4 (w) cm⁻¹; HRMS-(DART+) for ¹²C₁₉¹H₃₉¹¹B₁¹⁴N₁¹⁶O₂ [M+H]⁺: calculated: 324.3074, found: 324.3063.

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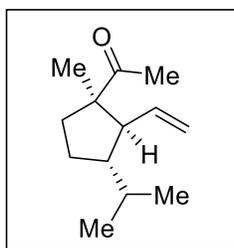
1-((1R,2S,3S)-2-(2-(dimethylamino)ethyl)-3-isopropyl-1-methylcyclopentyl)ethan-1-one (46). Adapted from published

procedure.⁴⁷ A flame-dried, 500mL round bottom equipped with magnetic stirbar is sealed then evacuated/refilled with Nitrogen gas 3x.

The vessel is then charged with Ethyl vinyl ether (3.00 mL, 31.3 mmol, 6.4 equiv.) followed by 60 mL anhydrous THF. The solution is allowed to then stir at -78°C, and *t*-BuLi in Pentanes (11.5 mL, 1.7 M, 19.6 mmol, 4.0 equiv.) added across ca. 10min. The resulting mixture is a bright yellow solution. This solution is allowed to stir for 30min at -78°C, then the mixture brought to 0°C, where it is allowed to stir for an additional 30min (mixture becomes clear, colorless during the heating process and a black discoloration of the Teflon stirbar is noted). Mixture is cooled back to -78°C and a solution of **45** (1.58 g, 4.89 mmol, 1.0 equiv) in 60 mL anhydrous THF added across ca. 10min. The mixture is allowed to stir for 30min at -78°C, then brought to room temperature where it is allowed to stir for 5min (warming with a water bath). Mixture is again lowered to -78°C and a solution of I₂ in anhydrous THF (62.6 mL, 0.5 M, 31.3 mmol, 6.4 equiv.) added gradually across ca. 10min. The resulting deep purple mixture is allowed to stir for 30min at -78°C, then brought to room temperature where it is allowed to stir an additional 10min (warming with a water bath). Mixture is cooled back to -78°C and a solution of NaOMe in methanol (62.6 mL, 1.0 M, 62.6 mmol, 12.8 equiv.) is added gradually. The mixture is then allowed to stir overnight at room temperature. Upon return, the mixture is pale yellow. An aqueous solution of HCl is added gradually (122 mL, 1.0 M, 122 mmol, 25 equiv.). Mixture becomes orange. A saturated, aqueous solution of Na₂S₂O₃ then added (ca. 30 mL) and the mixture made basic with

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saturated, aqueous NaHCO₃. Organics are then extracted 3x with Et₂O and combined organics washed 2x with H₂O and once with Brine. Organics dried over Na₂SO₄ then concentrated to give crude oil. Crude oil purified by SiO₂ chromatography (10% EtOAc/pentane, then 25% EtOAc/pentane, then 10% EtOAc/5% NEt₃/Pentane, then 25% EtOAc/5% NEt₃/Pentane), visualizing with Cerium Ammonium Molybdate stain. Product isolated as pale yellow oil (823 mg, 3.44 mmol, 70%). ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 2.19 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 2.16 (s, 6H), 2.13 (s, 3H), 2.03 – 1.95 (m, 1H), 1.77 – 1.58 (m, 3H), 1.55 – 1.48 (m, 1H), 1.48 – 1.31 (m, 4H), 1.21 (s, 3H), 0.91 (d, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 3H), 0.81 (d, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 213.22 (s), 58.80 (s), 58.71 (s), 52.19 (s), 50.52 (s), 45.46 (s), 35.69 (s), 31.09 (s), 30.27 (s), 28.25 (s), 25.27 (s), 24.97 (s), 22.65 (s), 17.64 (s). IR (neat): 2953.9 (br s), 2871.7 (m), 2763.9 (w), 1698.0 (s), 1461.2 (s), 1352.6 (m), 1041.4 (w) cm⁻¹; HRMS-(DART+) for ¹²C₁₅¹H₃₀¹⁴N₁¹⁶O₁ [M+H]⁺: calculated: 240.2327, found: 240.2337.



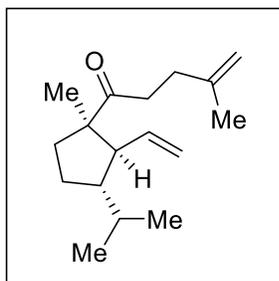
1-((1R,2S,3S)-3-isopropyl-1-methyl-2-vinylcyclopentyl)ethan-1-one (48).

Adapted from published procedure.⁴⁸ A 50 mL round bottom equipped with magnetic stirbar is charged with **46** (823 mg, 3.44 mmol) and solution made with reagent grade MeOH (18.8 mL, 0.18 M). The reaction vessel and

contents are brought to 0°C and aqueous H₂O₂ (2.96 mL, ca. 30% w/w) added gradually. The mixture is allowed to stir overnight (19.5h), slowly reaching room temperature. Upon return, excess H₂O₂ is degraded by adding two spatula tips (ca. 50 mg) MnO₂ to mixture and stirring for 1h at room temperature (or until bubbling ceases). The mixture is then filtered through a pad of celite, rinsing with MeOH. Filtrate concentrated, then redissolved in DCM and dried over Na₂SO₄. Solution decanted then concentrated to yield crude, *N*-oxide intermediate **47** as a yellow oil. A 40

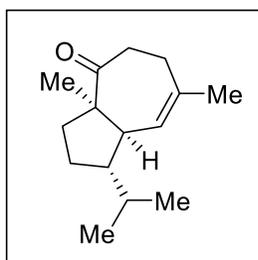
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mL vial containing *N*-oxide intermediate and magnetic stirbar is charged with TMANO dihydrate (1.15 g, 10.3 mmol, 3.0 equiv.). The vessel is then charged with 14.5 mL DMF (purchased as anhydrous from Acros, stored over sieves in sealed container with septum). Reaction vessel is sealed and set to stir at 130°C in preheated oil bath for 1h, where the mixture gradually becomes more yellow in color. Reaction removed from oil bath and allowed to cool to room temperature then poured into a separatory funnel and diluted with Et₂O (ca. 50 mL). Organics washed 4x with ca. 10 mL H₂O the once with Brine. Organics dried over Na₂SO₄ then decanted and concentrated to yield yellow oil. Crude yellow oil is purified by SiO₂ chromatography (2% Et₂O/pentane, visualized with KMnO₄ stain) to render product as pale yellow oil with pleasant, turpentine-like smell. (425 mg, 2.19 mmol, 63%). ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 5.57 (dt, *J* = 17.0, 10.0 Hz, 1H), 5.03 – 4.96 (m, 2H), 2.16 (m, 1H), 2.06 (s, 3H), 2.01 (m, 1H), 1.82 – 1.73 (m, 2H), 1.63 – 1.54 (m, 1H), 1.45 – 1.35 (m, 1H), 1.35 – 1.29 (m, 1H), 1.26 (s, 3H), 0.89 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 3H), 0.80 (d, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 213.07 (s), 139.94 (s), 115.90 (s), 59.57 (s), 59.51 (s), 51.03 (s), 35.21 (s), 30.35 (s), 28.61 (s), 25.92 (s), 24.41 (s), 21.95 (s), 18.19 (s). IR (neat): 2956.8 (s), 2872.6 (m), 1700.7 (s), 1464.5 (m), 1352.7 (m), 1002.7 (w), 912.2 (m) cm⁻¹; HRMS- (DART+) for ¹²C₁₃¹H₂₃¹⁶O₁ [M+H]⁺: calculated: 195.1749, found: 195.1750.



1-((1R,2S,3S)-3-isopropyl-1-methyl-2-vinylcyclopentyl)-4-methylpent-4-en-1-one (49). A flamed dried 20 mL vial equipped with magnetic stirbar is sealed with rubber septum, then evacuated/refilled with N₂ 3x. LDA is prepared freshly in the vial at -78°C by slow addition of *n*BuLi in Hexanes (812 μL, 2.5 M, 1.05 equiv.) to a solution of diisopropyl amine (285 μL, 2.03 mmol, 1.05 equiv.) in 0.5 mL anhydrous THF. Mixture is allowed to stir for ca. 15min at -78°C then a solution of **48** (376 mg, 1.93 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) in 1.5 mL

anhydrous THF added dropwise. Resulting mixture allowed to stir for 40min at -78°C then 20min at 0°C. At this point, freshly prepared, neat methallyl iodide (218 μ L, 2.03 mmol, 1.05 equiv.) charged in at once. Resulting mixture allowed to stir overnight (14h), slowly reaching room temperature. Upon return, mixture is quenched with ca. 1 mL H₂O then extracted 3x with ca. 5 mL Et₂O. Combined organics dried over Na₂SO₄ then decanted and concentrated to render crude oil. Crude oil purified by SiO₂ chromatography (pentane, then 1% Et₂O/pentane, visualized with KMnO₄). Product isolated as clear, colorless oil (428 mg, 1.73 mmol, 89%). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 5.54 (ddd, J = 17.3, 9.9 Hz, 9.9 Hz, 1H), 5.05 – 4.92 (m, 2H), 4.70 (s, 1H), 4.65 (s, 1H), 2.51 (t, J = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 2.31 – 2.07 (m, 3H), 2.02 (t, J = 9.1 Hz, 1H), 1.84 – 1.74 (m, 2H), 1.71 (s, 3H), 1.63 – 1.52 (m, 1H), 1.47 – 1.29 (m, 2H), 1.28 (s, 3H), 0.89 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 3H), 0.81 (d, J = 6.7 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 214.04 (s), 145.18 (s), 140.02 (s), 115.82 (s), 109.88 (s), 59.83 (s), 59.38 (s), 51.10 (s), 38.76 (s), 35.43 (s), 31.44 (s), 30.44 (s), 26.01 (s), 24.15 (s), 22.65 (s), 21.96 (s), 18.27 (s). IR (neat): 2956.4 (s), 2872.7 (m), 1700.0 (s), 1649.7 (w), 1459.4 (m), 1375.9 (w), 1003.2 (m), 911.3 (m), 887.0 (m) cm⁻¹; HRMS-(DART+) for ¹²C₁₇¹H₂₉¹⁶O₁ [M+H]⁺: calculated: 249.2198, found: 249.2220.

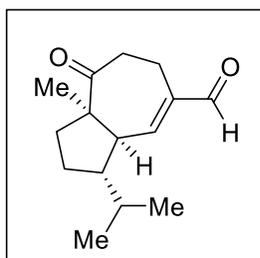


(1S,3aR,8aR)-1-isopropyl-3a,7-dimethyl-2,3,3a,5,6,8a-

hexahydroazulen-4(2H)-one (50). A 25 mL, 2-neck round bottom is fixed with a stopcock side-arm and a reflux condenser. The vessel is equipped with a magnetic stirbar then the whole apparatus flame dried. Upon cooling

to near room temperature, the vessel is charged with Hoveyda-Grubbs 2nd Generation (94 mg, 0.15 mmol, 10 mol%) then sealed and evacuated/refilled with N₂ 3x. A solution of **49** (368 mg, 1.48 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) in 8.9 mL anhydrous toluene is then transferred to the reaction vessel. The green mixture is then set to stir at 80°C with a steady stream of N₂ blowing across the solution, from the

side-arm out the reflux condenser (in order to remove forming ethylene from solution). Reaction is allowed to stir for 8.5h then cooled to room temperature. The reaction solution is then concentrated in vacuo and crude oil purified by SiO₂ chromatography (1% Et₂O/Pentane, then 2.5% Et₂O/Pentane, visualized with KMnO₄). Clear, colorless oil results (298 mg, 1.35 mmol, 91%). ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 5.22 (d, *J* = 4.2 Hz, 1H), 2.74 (ddd, *J* = 14.6, 5.6, 4.0 Hz, 1H), 2.61 – 2.49 (m, 1H), 2.42 (ddd, *J* = 14.6, 12.0, 5.7 Hz, 1H), 2.27 – 2.18 (m, 1H), 2.09 – 1.98 (m, 2H), 1.79 – 1.73 (m, 1H), 1.71 (s, 3H), 1.61 (ddd, *J* = 14.7, 10.5, 7.4 Hz, 1H), 1.55 (dq, *J* = 13.6, 6.7 Hz, 1H), 1.38 – 1.26 (m, 2H), 1.22 (s, 3H), 0.90 (d, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 3H), 0.88 (d, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 212.06 (s), 192.63 (s), 158.54 (s), 143.71 (s), 59.58 (s), 55.32 (s), 53.10 (s), 38.86 (s), 35.09 (s), 32.30 (s), 26.74 (s), 24.94 (s), 21.91 (s), 19.62 (s), 19.41 (s). IR (neat): 2953.7 (m), 2869.7 (m), 1698.7 (s), 1459.0 (w), 1446.4 (w), 1384.9 (w), 1072.2 (w), 1006.4 (w), 816.1 (w) cm⁻¹; HRMS-(DART+) for ¹²C₁₅¹H₂₅¹⁶O₁ [M+H]⁺: calculated: 221.1905, found: 221.1904.

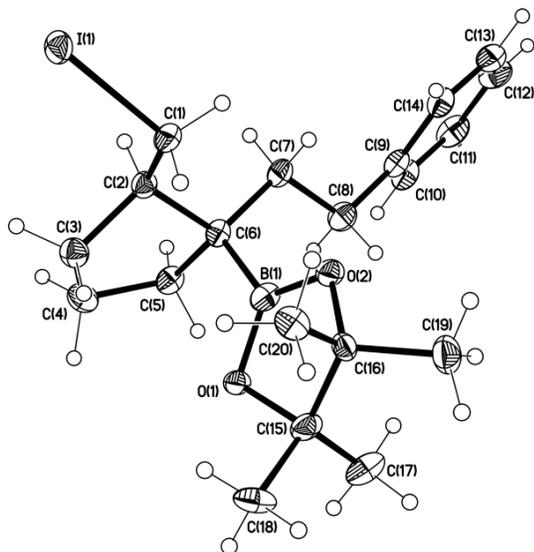


(3*S*,3*aR*,8*aR*)-3-isopropyl-8*a*-methyl-8-oxo-1,2,3,3*a*,6,7,8,8*a*-octahydroazulene-5-carbaldehyde (Aphanamal). A 20 mL vial containing **50** (294 mg, 1.33 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) was equipped with magnetic stirring bar and charged with SeO₂ (177 mg, 1.6 mmol, 1.2 equiv.). The vial was then sealed with a rubber septum and evacuated/refilled with N₂ 3x. Anhydrous 1,4-dioxane (6.6 mL, 0.2 M) was then charged in and the resulting, heterogeneous mixture set to stir (ca. 800 rpm) at 80°C in a preheated oil bath. The mixture becomes clear, orange in appearance and homogeneous within 30min of heating. After stirring at 80°C for 3h, the mixture is cooled to room temperature then passed through a pad of SiO₂, rinsing with Et₂O. The filtrate is concentrated to render crude, orange oil. SiO₂ chromatography performed (5% Et₂O/Pentane, gradient to 20%

Et₂O/Pentane). Product isolated as yellow oil (153 mg, 0.65 mmol, 49%). ¹³C and ¹H NMR spectra are in accord with published values.⁴⁹ ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 9.33 (s, 1H), 6.62 (d, *J* = 5.3 Hz, 1H), 2.80 – 2.75 (m, 1H), 2.73 – 2.67 (m, 1H), 2.52 (dd, *J* = 8.7, 5.4 Hz, 1H), 2.51 – 2.46 (m, 1H), 2.45 – 2.39 (m, 1H), 2.24 – 2.15 (m, 1H), 1.88 – 1.76 (m, 2H), 1.64 (dq, *J* = 13.4, 6.7 Hz, 1H), 1.47 – 1.36 (m, 2H), 1.31 (s, 3H), 0.92 (d, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 6H). ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 212.06 (s), 192.63 (s), 158.54 (s), 143.71 (s), 59.58 (s), 55.32 (s), 53.10 (s), 38.86 (s), 35.09 (s), 32.30 (s), 26.74 (s), 24.94 (s), 21.91 (s), 19.62 (s), 19.41 (s). IR (neat): 2957.2 (m), 2871.5 (w), 1683.9 (s), 1635.7 (w), 1459.1 (w), 1313.1 (w), 1173.5 (w), 793.5 (w) cm⁻¹; HRMS-(DART+) for ¹²C₁₅¹H₂₃¹⁶O₂ [M+H]⁺: calculated: 235.1698, found: 235.1701.

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F. X-ray crystallographic data



Crystal data and structure refinement for **2-((1*R*,2*S*)-2-(iodomethyl)-1-phenethylcyclopentyl)-4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolane. (Compound 6).**

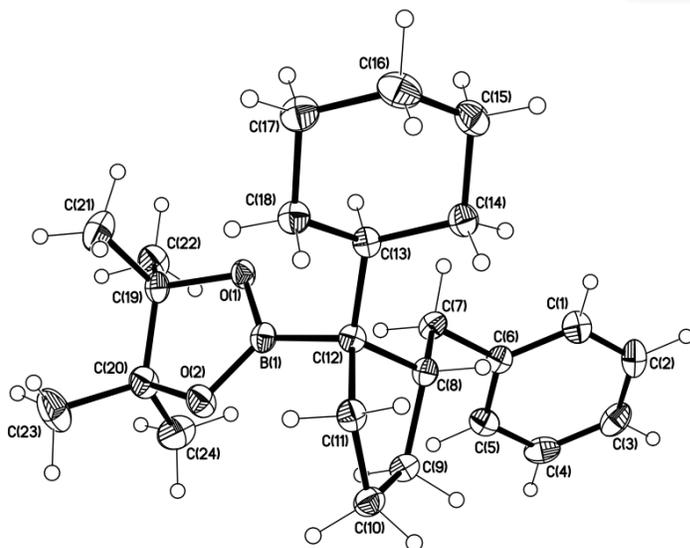
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Formula weight	440.15	
Temperature	100(2) K	
Wavelength	0.71073 ≈	
Crystal system	Triclinic	
Space group	P-1	
Unit cell dimensions	a = 6.5129(8) ≈	α = 99.987(2)°.
	b = 13.4237(16) ≈	β = 95.992(2)°.
	c = 23.452(3) ≈	γ = 96.163(2)°.
Volume	1991.7(4) ≈ ³	
Z	4	

Density (calculated)	1.468 Mg/m ³
Absorption coefficient	1.617 mm ⁻¹
F(000)	896
Crystal size	0.400 x 0.210 x 0.150 mm ³
Theta range for data collection	1.639 to 28.450°.
Index ranges	-8<=h<=8, -17<=k<=17, -31<=l<=31
Reflections collected	38081
Independent reflections	10019 [R(int) = 0.0443]
Completeness to theta = 25.242°	100.0 %
Absorption correction	Semi-empirical from equivalents
Max. and min. transmission	0.7457 and 0.6368
Refinement method	Full-matrix least-squares on F ²
Data / restraints / parameters	10019 / 1 / 500
Goodness-of-fit on F ²	1.014
Final R indices [I>2sigma(I)]	R1 = 0.0315, wR2 = 0.0648
R indices (all data)	R1 = 0.0501, wR2 = 0.0718
Extinction coefficient	na
Largest diff. peak and hole	1.372 and -0.705 e. ⁻³
Atomic coordinates (x 10 ⁴) and equivalent isotropic displacement parameters (≈2 x 10 ³) for C20H30BIO2. U(eq) is defined as one third of the trace of the orthogonalized U ^{ij} tensor.	

x	y	z	U(eq)
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I(1)	-2688(1)	8964(1)	2686(1)	22(1)
O(2)	53(3)	6298(1)	3911(1)	20(1)
B(1)	1532(5)	7128(2)	4056(1)	21(1)
C(1)	-1455(4)	8104(2)	3314(1)	20(1)
C(2)	292(4)	8747(2)	3743(1)	18(1)
C(3)	2305(4)	8995(2)	3486(1)	22(1)
C(4)	3922(4)	9401(2)	4024(1)	24(1)
C(5)	3035(4)	8990(2)	4538(1)	20(1)
C(6)	1022(4)	8255(2)	4272(1)	17(1)
C(7)	-613(4)	8255(2)	4702(1)	20(1)
C(8)	141(4)	7877(2)	5255(1)	24(1)
C(9)	-1343(4)	7918(2)	5712(1)	20(1)
C(10)	-665(4)	8360(2)	6286(1)	26(1)
C(11)	-1990(5)	8377(2)	6714(1)	30(1)
C(12)	-4042(5)	7939(2)	6566(1)	31(1)
C(13)	-4752(4)	7494(2)	5993(1)	28(1)
C(14)	-3424(4)	7487(2)	5567(1)	22(1)
O(1)	3490(10)	6911(6)	3899(3)	18(1)
C(15)	3369(4)	5794(2)	3800(1)	24(1)
C(16)	971(8)	5454(4)	3569(3)	17(1)
C(17)	4185(11)	5443(5)	4300(3)	28(2)
C(18)	4715(9)	5507(5)	3275(3)	26(1)
C(19)	138(11)	4472(5)	3748(3)	29(2)
C(20)	314(7)	5426(4)	2926(2)	22(1)
O(1X)	3508(11)	6877(7)	4129(3)	18(1)
C(15X)	3369(4)	5794(2)	3800(1)	24(1)
C(16X)	1111(8)	5382(4)	3915(3)	21(1)
C(17X)	5083(10)	5330(6)	4167(4)	27(2)
C(18X)	3761(13)	5791(6)	3223(3)	33(2)
C(19X)	925(10)	5039(5)	4499(3)	31(2)
C(20X)	69(12)	4557(6)	3430(4)	37(2)
I(2)	1188(1)	-112(1)	1601(1)	24(1)
O(3)	7717(3)	2663(1)	800(1)	22(1)
O(4)	4297(3)	2481(1)	432(1)	21(1)
B(2)	5722(4)	2670(2)	924(1)	15(1)
C(21)	2576(4)	1186(2)	1285(1)	20(1)
C(22)	4214(4)	1849(2)	1738(1)	17(1)
C(23)	6177(4)	1364(2)	1884(1)	24(1)
C(24)	7890(4)	2260(2)	2137(1)	27(1)
C(25)	6965(4)	3230(2)	2028(1)	22(1)

C(26)	5057(4)	2869(2)	1558(1)	16(1)
C(27)	3411(4)	3617(2)	1599(1)	18(1)
C(28)	4219(4)	4659(2)	1471(1)	21(1)
C(29)	2722(4)	5441(2)	1529(1)	18(1)
C(30)	3393(4)	6433(2)	1827(1)	21(1)
C(31)	2049(4)	7166(2)	1876(1)	25(1)
C(32)	-7(4)	6927(2)	1629(1)	26(1)
C(33)	-689(4)	5951(2)	1328(1)	26(1)
C(34)	644(4)	5209(2)	1282(1)	23(1)
C(35)	7617(4)	2262(2)	171(1)	24(1)
C(36)	5453(4)	2521(2)	-69(1)	19(1)
C(37)	7693(5)	1120(2)	109(1)	40(1)
C(38)	9428(4)	2782(3)	-62(1)	43(1)
C(39)	5514(5)	3600(2)	-188(1)	33(1)
C(40)	4339(4)	1753(2)	-595(1)	30(1)



Crystal data and structure refinement for **2-((1*R*,2*R*)-2-benzyl-1-cyclohexylcyclopentyl)-4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolane (Compound 9)**.

Identification code	C24H37BO2
Empirical formula	C24 H37 B O2
Formula weight	368.34

Temperature	100(2) K	
Wavelength	0.71073 \approx	
Crystal system	Monoclinic	
Space group	P2 ₁	
Unit cell dimensions	a = 9.6816(10) \approx	$\alpha = 90^\circ$.
	b = 18.2436(19) \approx	$\beta = 106.083(2)^\circ$.
	c = 12.6856(13) \approx	$\gamma = 90^\circ$.
Volume	2152.9(4) \approx^3	
Z	4	
Density (calculated)	1.136 Mg/m ³	
Absorption coefficient	0.069 mm ⁻¹	
F(000)	808	
Crystal size	0.400 x 0.250 x 0.180 mm ³	
Theta range for data collection	1.671 to 28.339 $^\circ$.	
Index ranges	-12 \leq h \leq 12, -24 \leq k \leq 24, -16 \leq l \leq 16	
Reflections collected	38756	
Independent reflections	10716 [R(int) = 0.0408]	
Completeness to theta = 25.242 $^\circ$	100.0 %	
Absorption correction	Semi-empirical from equivalents	
Max. and min. transmission	0.7457 and 0.6888	
Refinement method	Full-matrix least-squares on F ²	
Data / restraints / parameters	10716 / 1 / 496	
Goodness-of-fit on F ²	1.057	

Final R indices [$I > 2\sigma(I)$] R1 = 0.0443, wR2 = 0.0949

R indices (all data) R1 = 0.0609, wR2 = 0.1035

Extinction coefficient na

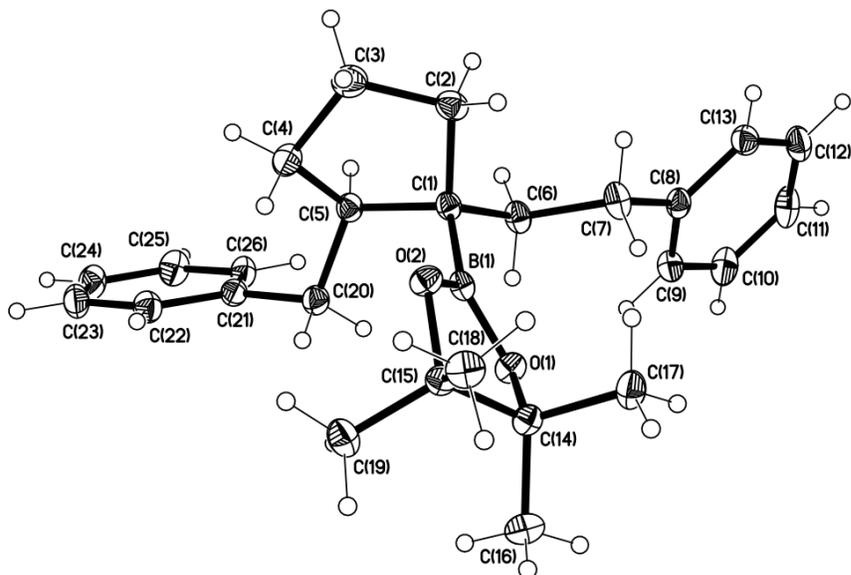
Largest diff. peak and hole 0.249 and -0.204 e. \approx -3

Atomic coordinates ($\times 10^4$) and equivalent isotropic displacement parameters ($\approx 2 \times 10^3$)

for c24h37bo2. U(eq) is defined as one third of the trace of the orthogonalized U^{ij} tensor.

	x	y	z	U(eq)
O(1)	6063(2)	4076(1)	7419(1)	19(1)
O(2)	6763(2)	5252(1)	7239(1)	24(1)
B(1)	6938(3)	4526(2)	7027(2)	18(1)
C(1)	11365(3)	2530(1)	8609(2)	25(1)
C(2)	12672(3)	2314(2)	9307(2)	29(1)
C(3)	13283(3)	2698(2)	10260(2)	29(1)
C(4)	12581(3)	3300(2)	10513(2)	28(1)
C(5)	11273(3)	3523(1)	9810(2)	23(1)
C(6)	10647(2)	3139(1)	8850(2)	19(1)
C(7)	9233(2)	3383(1)	8077(2)	21(1)
C(8)	9426(2)	3951(1)	7244(2)	18(1)
C(9)	10151(2)	4665(1)	7754(2)	20(1)
C(10)	9808(2)	5230(1)	6811(2)	23(1)
C(11)	8642(2)	4870(1)	5868(2)	20(1)
C(12)	8029(2)	4227(1)	6396(2)	17(1)
C(13)	7216(2)	3644(1)	5562(2)	18(1)
C(14)	8149(3)	3167(1)	5037(2)	23(1)
C(15)	7238(3)	2616(1)	4224(2)	27(1)
C(16)	6051(3)	2994(2)	3343(2)	31(1)
C(17)	5109(3)	3456(1)	3861(2)	26(1)
C(18)	6018(2)	4008(1)	4658(2)	21(1)
C(19)	5048(2)	4539(1)	7778(2)	21(1)
C(20)	5866(3)	5281(1)	7999(2)	24(1)
C(21)	3694(3)	4582(2)	6819(2)	33(1)

C(22)	4731(3)	4186(1)	8765(2)	28(1)
C(23)	4945(3)	5960(2)	7749(2)	38(1)
C(24)	6899(3)	5330(2)	9148(2)	35(1)
O(3)	1073(2)	6054(1)	2477(1)	20(1)
O(4)	1855(2)	4917(1)	2164(1)	23(1)
B(2)	1950(3)	5655(1)	2006(2)	18(1)
C(25)	6537(3)	7496(1)	3698(2)	26(1)
C(26)	7861(3)	7636(2)	4440(2)	33(1)
C(27)	8243(3)	7291(2)	5448(2)	32(1)
C(28)	7300(3)	6804(1)	5718(2)	29(1)
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C(33)	5108(2)	5562(1)	2723(2)	22(1)
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C(36)	2997(2)	6011(1)	1393(2)	16(1)
C(37)	2178(2)	6619(1)	607(2)	17(1)
C(38)	3124(3)	7113(1)	117(2)	22(1)
C(39)	2237(3)	7686(1)	-658(2)	28(1)
C(40)	1044(3)	7337(2)	-1563(2)	32(1)
C(41)	82(3)	6861(2)	-1076(2)	28(1)
C(42)	968(3)	6282(1)	-312(2)	22(1)
C(43)	556(2)	5554(1)	3189(2)	22(1)
C(44)	711(3)	4793(1)	2691(2)	23(1)
C(45)	-962(3)	5768(2)	3167(2)	31(1)
C(46)	1562(3)	5657(2)	4346(2)	33(1)
C(47)	-614(3)	4567(2)	1789(2)	36(1)
C(48)	1180(3)	4174(2)	3511(2)	35(1)



Crystal data and structure refinement for **2-((1*R*,2*R*)-2-benzyl-1-phenethylcyclopentyl)-4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolane (Compound 13, major diastereomer).**

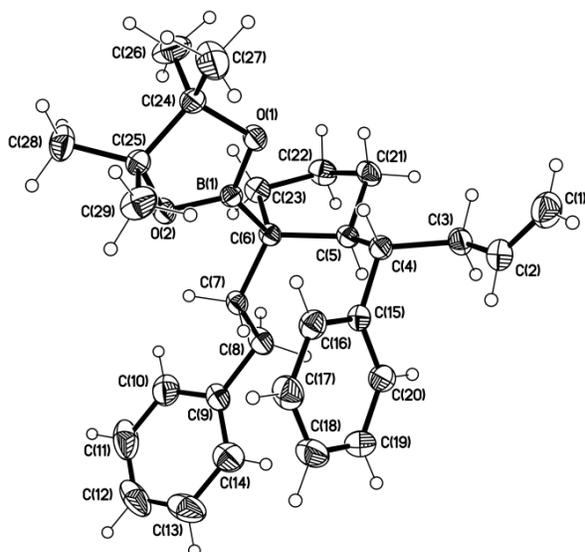
Identification code	C26H35BO2	
Empirical formula	C ₂₆ H ₃₅ B O ₂	
Formula weight	390.35	
Temperature	100(2) K	
Wavelength	0.71073 \approx	
Crystal system	Monoclinic	
Space group	P2 ₁ /n	
Unit cell dimensions	a = 11.0652(19) \approx	$\alpha = 90^\circ$.
	b = 17.228(3) \approx	$\beta = 98.660(3)^\circ$.
	c = 11.842(2) \approx	$\gamma = 90^\circ$.
Volume	2231.7(7) \approx^3	
Z	4	
Density (calculated)	1.162 Mg/m ³	

Absorption coefficient	0.070 mm ⁻¹
F(000)	848
Crystal size	0.530 x 0.400 x 0.220 mm ³
Theta range for data collection	2.103 to 28.324°.
Index ranges	-14 ≤ h ≤ 14, -22 ≤ k ≤ 20, -15 ≤ l ≤ 15
Reflections collected	43822
Independent reflections	5557 [R(int) = 0.0352]
Completeness to theta = 25.242°	100.0 %
Absorption correction	Semi-empirical from equivalents
Max. and min. transmission	0.7457 and 0.7070
Refinement method	Full-matrix least-squares on F ²
Data / restraints / parameters	5557 / 0 / 266
Goodness-of-fit on F ²	1.048
Final R indices [I > 2σ(I)]	R1 = 0.0386, wR2 = 0.0983
R indices (all data)	R1 = 0.0474, wR2 = 0.1046
Extinction coefficient	na
Largest diff. peak and hole	0.390 and -0.188 e. Å ⁻³

Atomic coordinates (x 10⁴) and equivalent isotropic displacement parameters (Å² × 10³) for C₂₆H₃₅BO₂. U(eq) is defined as one third of the trace of the orthogonalized U_{ij} tensor.

	x	y	z	U(eq)
B(1)	3744(1)	6957(1)	6459(1)	16(1)

C(1)	4240(1)	6174(1)	6004(1)	16(1)
C(2)	3572(1)	5462(1)	6436(1)	20(1)
C(3)	4263(1)	5252(1)	7628(1)	25(1)
C(4)	5459(1)	5724(1)	7780(1)	21(1)
C(5)	5581(1)	6018(1)	6580(1)	17(1)
C(6)	4146(1)	6187(1)	4692(1)	19(1)
C(7)	2834(1)	6200(1)	4049(1)	22(1)
C(8)	2736(1)	6139(1)	2762(1)	19(1)
C(9)	3493(1)	6557(1)	2143(1)	24(1)
C(10)	3359(1)	6505(1)	960(1)	28(1)
C(11)	2472(1)	6028(1)	371(1)	28(1)
C(12)	1717(1)	5606(1)	971(1)	26(1)
C(13)	1848(1)	5658(1)	2154(1)	21(1)
C(14)	2901(1)	8165(1)	6432(1)	17(1)
C(15)	3167(1)	7859(1)	7684(1)	17(1)
C(16)	3325(1)	8988(1)	6262(1)	25(1)
C(17)	1568(1)	8068(1)	5898(1)	23(1)
C(18)	2107(1)	7938(1)	8356(1)	22(1)
C(19)	4338(1)	8192(1)	8354(1)	24(1)
C(20)	6468(1)	6702(1)	6570(1)	19(1)
C(21)	7791(1)	6466(1)	6917(1)	18(1)
C(22)	8387(1)	6573(1)	8030(1)	22(1)
C(23)	9608(1)	6368(1)	8336(1)	25(1)
C(24)	10256(1)	6054(1)	7529(1)	26(1)
C(25)	9672(1)	5936(1)	6420(1)	26(1)
C(26)	8448(1)	6137(1)	6121(1)	22(1)
O(1)	3615(1)	7630(1)	5831(1)	18(1)
O(2)	3387(1)	7033(1)	7515(1)	18(1)



Crystal data and structure refinement for **4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-2-((1*R*,2*R*)-1-phenethyl-2-((*R*)-1-phenylbut-3-en-1-yl)cyclopentyl)-1,3,2-dioxaborolane (Compound 23).**

Identification code	C29H39BO2	
Empirical formula	C ₂₉ H ₃₉ BO ₂	
Formula weight	430.41	
Temperature	173(2) K	
Wavelength	1.54178 \approx	
Crystal system	Triclinic	
Space group	P-1	
Unit cell dimensions	$a = 9.9886(5) \approx$	$\alpha = 69.073(2)^\circ$.
	$b = 10.2525(5) \approx$	$\beta = 84.917(2)^\circ$.
	$c = 13.6756(7) \approx$	$\gamma = 76.535(2)^\circ$.
Volume	$1272.13(11) \approx^3$	
Z	2	
Density (calculated)	1.124 Mg/m ³	

Absorption coefficient	0.516 mm ⁻¹
F(000)	468
Crystal size	0.520 x 0.400 x 0.080 mm ³
Theta range for data collection	3.460 to 66.686°.
Index ranges	-11 ≤ h ≤ 11, -12 ≤ k ≤ 12, -16 ≤ l ≤ 16
Reflections collected	24493
Independent reflections	4448 [R(int) = 0.0249]
Completeness to theta = 66.750°	98.8 %
Absorption correction	Semi-empirical from equivalents
Max. and min. transmission	0.7528 and 0.6785
Refinement method	Full-matrix least-squares on F ²
Data / restraints / parameters	4448 / 0 / 293
Goodness-of-fit on F ²	1.027
Final R indices [I > 2σ(I)]	R1 = 0.0393, wR2 = 0.0981
R indices (all data)	R1 = 0.0407, wR2 = 0.0993
Extinction coefficient	na
Largest diff. peak and hole	0.313 and -0.208 e. ⁻³

Atomic coordinates ($\times 10^4$) and equivalent isotropic displacement parameters ($\approx 2 \times 10^3$)

for C₂₉H₃₉BO₂. U(eq) is defined as one third of the trace of the orthogonalized U^{ij} tensor.

	x	y	z	U(eq)
O(1)	1652(1)	3532(1)	4221(1)	33(1)
O(2)	3289(1)	1550(1)	4287(1)	28(1)
B(1)	2635(1)	2887(1)	3680(1)	22(1)
C(1)	2312(2)	9366(2)	2921(1)	47(1)
C(2)	3111(1)	8405(1)	2586(1)	38(1)
C(3)	2640(1)	7591(1)	2017(1)	31(1)
C(4)	3085(1)	5954(1)	2560(1)	25(1)
C(5)	2623(1)	5150(1)	1936(1)	24(1)
C(6)	2891(1)	3481(1)	2455(1)	23(1)
C(7)	4324(1)	2676(1)	2218(1)	25(1)
C(8)	4718(1)	2968(1)	1061(1)	36(1)
C(9)	6021(1)	1925(1)	966(1)	34(1)
C(10)	5970(2)	619(2)	909(1)	47(1)
C(11)	7174(2)	-372(2)	882(1)	66(1)
C(12)	8432(2)	-70(2)	912(1)	70(1)
C(13)	8499(2)	1219(2)	968(1)	62(1)
C(14)	7301(2)	2214(2)	996(1)	45(1)
C(15)	4629(1)	5496(1)	2730(1)	26(1)
C(16)	5180(1)	4679(1)	3714(1)	32(1)
C(17)	6591(1)	4191(2)	3858(1)	42(1)
C(18)	7480(1)	4540(2)	3019(1)	44(1)
C(19)	6948(1)	5389(2)	2037(1)	41(1)
C(20)	5542(1)	5858(1)	1894(1)	33(1)
C(21)	1088(1)	5601(1)	1657(1)	31(1)
C(22)	902(1)	4471(1)	1239(1)	35(1)
C(23)	1712(1)	3076(1)	1998(1)	30(1)
C(24)	1417(1)	2419(1)	5208(1)	32(1)
C(25)	2800(1)	1298(1)	5365(1)	27(1)
C(26)	222(1)	1858(2)	5013(1)	58(1)
C(27)	1065(2)	3067(2)	6056(1)	59(1)
C(28)	2684(2)	-255(1)	5849(1)	43(1)

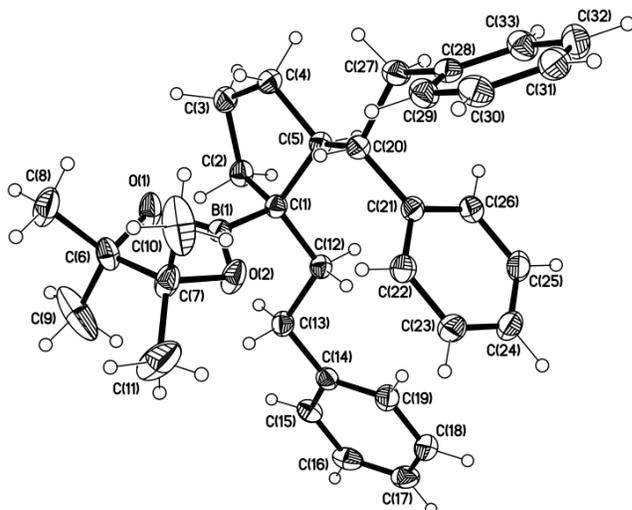
C(29)

3884(1)

1544(2)

5945(1)

43(1)



Crystal data and structure refinement for **2-((1*R*,2*R*)-2-((*R*)-1,2-diphenylethyl)-1-phenethylcyclopentyl)-4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolane (Compound 67).**

Identification code	C33H41BO2	
Empirical formula	C33 H41BO2	
Formula weight	480.47	
Temperature	100(2) K	
Wavelength	0.71073 \approx	
Crystal system	Orthorhombic	
Space group	Pbca	
Unit cell dimensions	$a = 13.8342(16) \approx$	$\alpha = 90^\circ.$
	$b = 17.292(2) \approx$	$\beta = 90^\circ.$
	$c = 23.666(3) \approx$	$\gamma = 90^\circ.$
Volume	$5661.4(11) \approx^3$	
Z	8	
Density (calculated)	1.127 Mg/m ³	

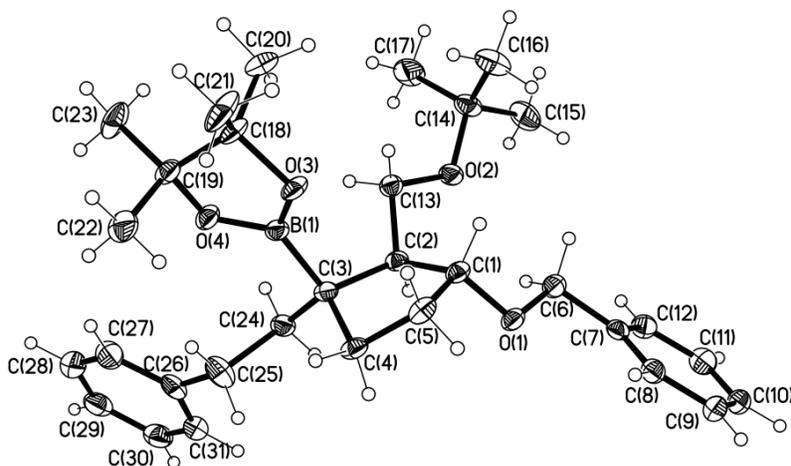
Absorption coefficient	0.067 mm ⁻¹
F(000)	2080
Crystal size	0.550 x 0.380 x 0.180 mm ³
Theta range for data collection	1.721 to 28.335°.
Index ranges	-18 ≤ h ≤ 18, -23 ≤ k ≤ 22, -31 ≤ l ≤ 31
Reflections collected	94700
Independent reflections	7044 [R(int) = 0.0525]
Completeness to theta = 25.242°	100.0 %
Absorption correction	Semi-empirical from equivalents
Max. and min. transmission	0.7457 and 0.7017
Refinement method	Full-matrix least-squares on F ²
Data / restraints / parameters	7044 / 821 / 406
Goodness-of-fit on F ²	1.028
Final R indices [I > 2σ(I)]	R1 = 0.0439, wR2 = 0.1041
R indices (all data)	R1 = 0.0649, wR2 = 0.1172
Extinction coefficient	na
Largest diff. peak and hole	0.320 and -0.237 e. ⁻³

Atomic coordinates ($\times 10^4$) and equivalent isotropic displacement parameters ($\approx 2 \times 10^3$)

for C₃₃H₄₁BO₂. U(eq) is defined as one third of the trace of the orthogonalized U^{ij} tensor.

	x	y	z	U(eq)
O(1)	5645(1)	1765(1)	4124(1)	33(1)
O(2)	5909(1)	2977(1)	4455(1)	33(1)
C(6)	5676(1)	1686(1)	4741(1)	27(1)
C(7)	5546(1)	2534(1)	4940(1)	31(1)
C(8)	4873(2)	1142(1)	4932(1)	42(1)
C(9)	6661(2)	1356(2)	4881(1)	72(1)
C(10)	4480(2)	2753(1)	5008(1)	57(1)
C(11)	6116(3)	2768(2)	5452(1)	75(1)
O(1X)	5206(10)	1976(8)	4159(4)	36(3)
O(2X)	6309(10)	2822(9)	4479(5)	32(3)
C(6X)	5140(10)	1968(9)	4782(5)	43(3)
C(7X)	6040(10)	2389(9)	4986(5)	37(3)
C(8X)	4178(15)	2328(17)	4931(12)	84(7)
C(9X)	5248(19)	1109(11)	4917(13)	53(6)
C(10X)	5920(30)	2950(18)	5468(12)	49(5)
C(11X)	6951(15)	1978(16)	5134(11)	82(6)
B(1)	5869(1)	2514(1)	3994(1)	21(1)
C(1)	6077(1)	2810(1)	3372(1)	20(1)
C(2)	6219(1)	2117(1)	2963(1)	25(1)
C(3)	5199(1)	1834(1)	2804(1)	29(1)
C(4)	4509(1)	2497(1)	2966(1)	26(1)
C(5)	5157(1)	3196(1)	3107(1)	21(1)
C(12)	6954(1)	3358(1)	3365(1)	21(1)
C(13)	7903(1)	2997(1)	3563(1)	24(1)
C(14)	8758(1)	3546(1)	3539(1)	22(1)
C(15)	9683(1)	3258(1)	3433(1)	26(1)
C(16)	10479(1)	3747(1)	3407(1)	31(1)
C(17)	10366(1)	4538(1)	3484(1)	32(1)
C(18)	9455(1)	4833(1)	3593(1)	31(1)
C(19)	8658(1)	4343(1)	3621(1)	28(1)
C(20)	4625(1)	3832(1)	3443(1)	22(1)

C(21)	5249(1)	4538(1)	3565(1)	22(1)
C(22)	5498(1)	4731(1)	4119(1)	25(1)
C(23)	6105(1)	5355(1)	4232(1)	30(1)
C(24)	6456(1)	5803(1)	3793(1)	32(1)
C(25)	6198(1)	5629(1)	3242(1)	30(1)
C(26)	5598(1)	5003(1)	3128(1)	26(1)
C(27)	3697(1)	4073(1)	3121(1)	27(1)
C(28)	3181(1)	4766(1)	3368(1)	25(1)
C(29)	2927(1)	4793(1)	3938(1)	28(1)
C(30)	2451(1)	5429(1)	4162(1)	32(1)
C(31)	2214(1)	6049(1)	3818(1)	33(1)
C(32)	2465(1)	6032(1)	3253(1)	34(1)
C(33)	2947(1)	5397(1)	3030(1)	31(1)



Crystal data and structure refinement for **2-((1*S*,2*S*,3*R*)-3-(benzyloxy)-2-(*tert*-butoxymethyl)-1-phenethylcyclopentyl)-4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolane (Compound 69).**

Identification code	C31H45BO4
Empirical formula	C31 H45 B O4
Formula weight	492.48
Temperature	100(2) K
Wavelength	1.54178 \approx

Crystal system	Orthorhombic
Space group	Pna2 ₁
Unit cell dimensions	a = 26.2433(11) ≈ α = 90°. b = 17.5408(7) ≈ β = 90°. c = 6.2731(3) ≈ γ = 90°.
Volume	2887.7(2) Å ³
Z	4
Density (calculated)	1.133 Mg/m ³
Absorption coefficient	0.564 mm ⁻¹
F(000)	1072
Crystal size	0.360 x 0.240 x 0.180 mm ³
Theta range for data collection	3.030 to 69.934°.
Index ranges	-31 ≤ h ≤ 31, -21 ≤ k ≤ 18, -6 ≤ l ≤ 7
Reflections collected	22546
Independent reflections	4866 [R(int) = 0.0631]
Completeness to theta = 67.679°	100.0 %
Absorption correction	Semi-empirical from equivalents
Max. and min. transmission	0.7533 and 0.5608
Refinement method	Full-matrix least-squares on F ²
Data / restraints / parameters	4866 / 393 / 401
Goodness-of-fit on F ²	1.057
Final R indices [I > 2σ(I)]	R1 = 0.0352, wR2 = 0.0899
R indices (all data)	R1 = 0.0368, wR2 = 0.0912

Absolute structure parameter	0.06(12)
Extinction coefficient	n/a
Largest diff. peak and hole	0.189 and -0.169 e. \approx -3

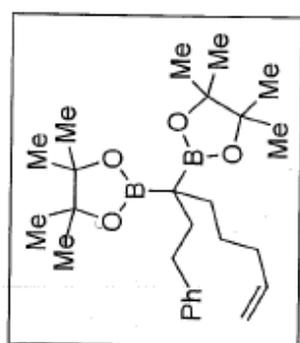
Atomic coordinates ($\times 10^4$) and equivalent isotropic displacement parameters ($\approx 2 \times 10^3$)

for C₃₁H₄₅BO₄. U(eq) is defined as one third of the trace of the orthogonalized U^{ij} tensor.

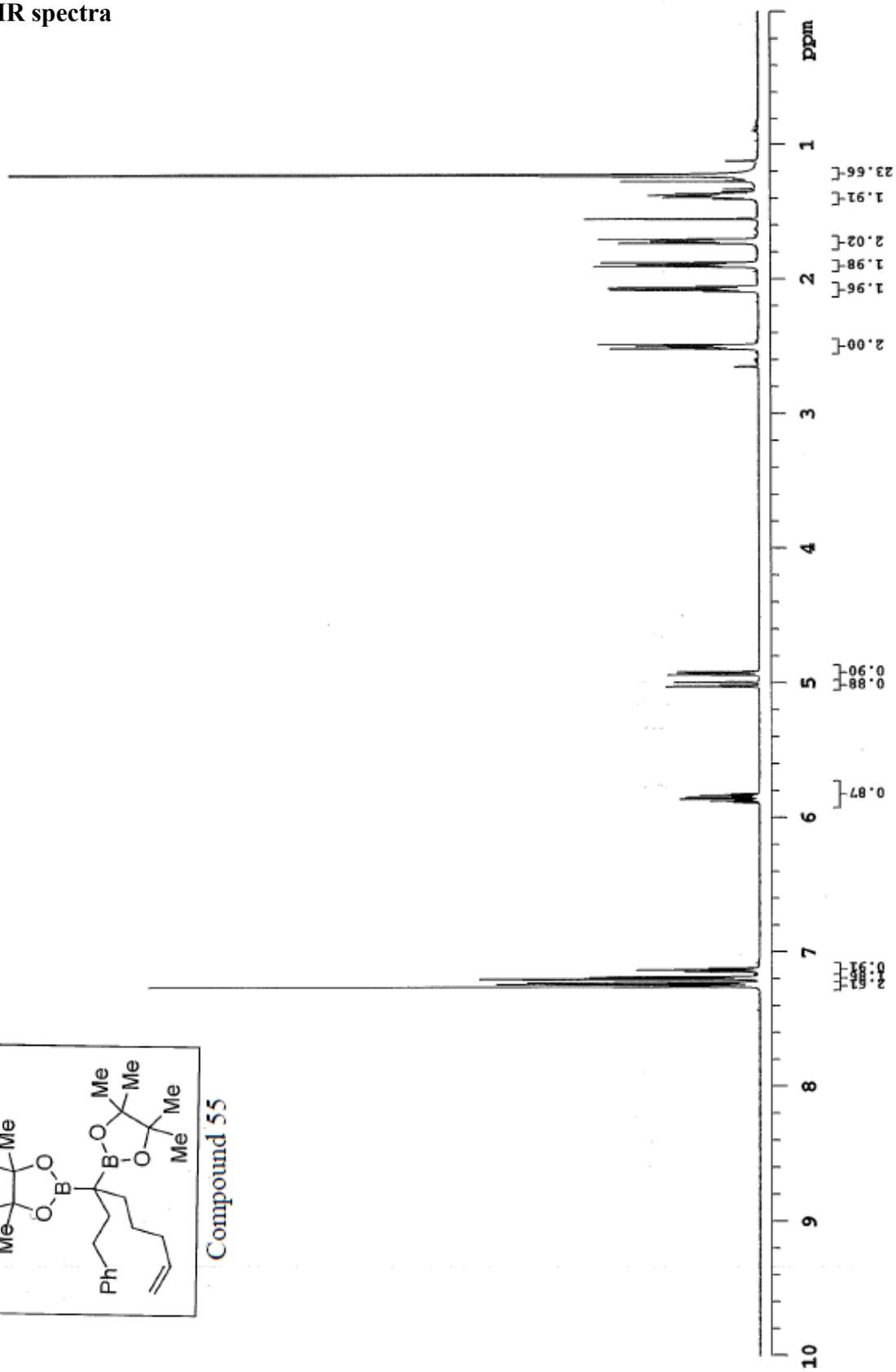
	x	y	z	U(eq)
O(1)	3636(1)	6170(1)	3554(2)	21(1)
O(2)	3680(1)	4596(1)	7018(2)	22(1)
B(1)	2301(1)	4380(1)	3302(4)	20(1)
C(1)	3375(1)	5467(1)	3104(3)	19(1)
C(2)	3037(1)	5197(1)	4987(3)	18(1)
C(3)	2474(1)	5196(1)	4159(3)	18(1)
C(4)	2499(1)	5778(1)	2310(3)	21(1)
C(5)	3011(1)	5617(1)	1255(3)	22(1)
C(6)	4045(1)	6079(1)	5011(4)	22(1)
C(7)	4374(1)	6783(1)	5004(3)	20(1)
C(8)	4436(1)	7217(1)	3181(4)	22(1)
C(9)	4763(1)	7844(1)	3176(4)	26(1)
C(10)	5036(1)	8028(1)	5001(4)	27(1)
C(11)	4976(1)	7596(1)	6831(4)	28(1)
C(12)	4643(1)	6977(1)	6840(4)	24(1)
C(13)	3210(1)	4446(1)	5971(3)	20(1)
C(14)	3998(1)	3956(1)	7578(4)	26(1)
C(15)	4426(1)	4324(1)	8857(4)	38(1)
C(16)	4212(1)	3580(1)	5589(4)	38(1)
C(17)	3708(1)	3388(1)	8954(5)	39(1)
O(3)	2500(2)	4007(2)	1709(8)	22(1)
C(18)	2256(2)	3251(2)	1658(8)	25(1)
C(19)	1744(2)	3408(2)	2781(6)	22(1)
O(4)	1884(2)	4016(2)	4264(6)	22(1)
C(20)	2606(3)	2722(5)	2866(16)	36(2)
C(21)	2217(8)	3017(12)	-680(20)	43(4)

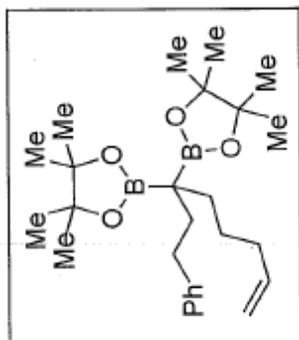
C(22)	1342(2)	3742(3)	1316(12)	35(1)
C(23)	1527(7)	2728(7)	3990(30)	36(3)
O(3X)	2323(2)	4150(2)	1138(7)	24(1)
C(18X)	2014(2)	3453(2)	974(8)	26(1)
C(19X)	2053(2)	3127(2)	3272(7)	22(1)
O(4X)	2122(2)	3817(2)	4544(5)	18(1)
C(20X)	2218(9)	2932(12)	-710(20)	32(3)
C(21X)	1480(3)	3709(4)	370(12)	36(2)
C(22X)	1582(6)	2724(7)	4070(20)	28(3)
C(23X)	2525(3)	2630(5)	3601(14)	26(2)
C(24)	2109(1)	5444(1)	5954(3)	21(1)
C(25)	1567(1)	5633(1)	5174(4)	33(1)
C(26)	1199(1)	5684(1)	7013(4)	27(1)
C(27)	842(1)	5110(1)	7365(4)	32(1)
C(28)	530(1)	5128(1)	9155(5)	36(1)
C(29)	566(1)	5715(1)	10595(4)	32(1)
C(30)	912(1)	6299(1)	10249(4)	32(1)
C(31)	1223(1)	6281(1)	8467(4)	29(1)

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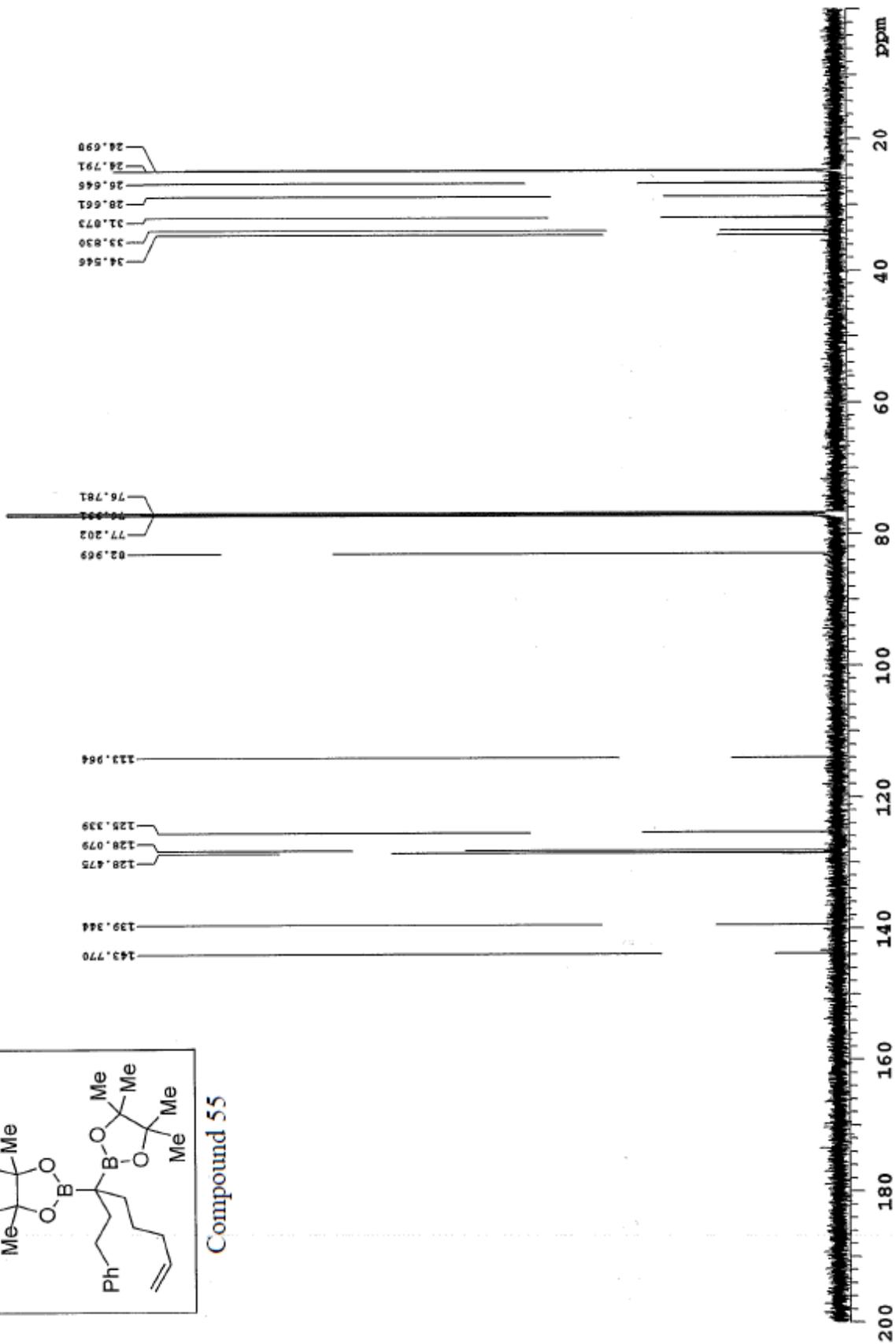


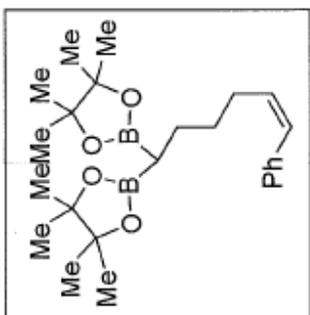
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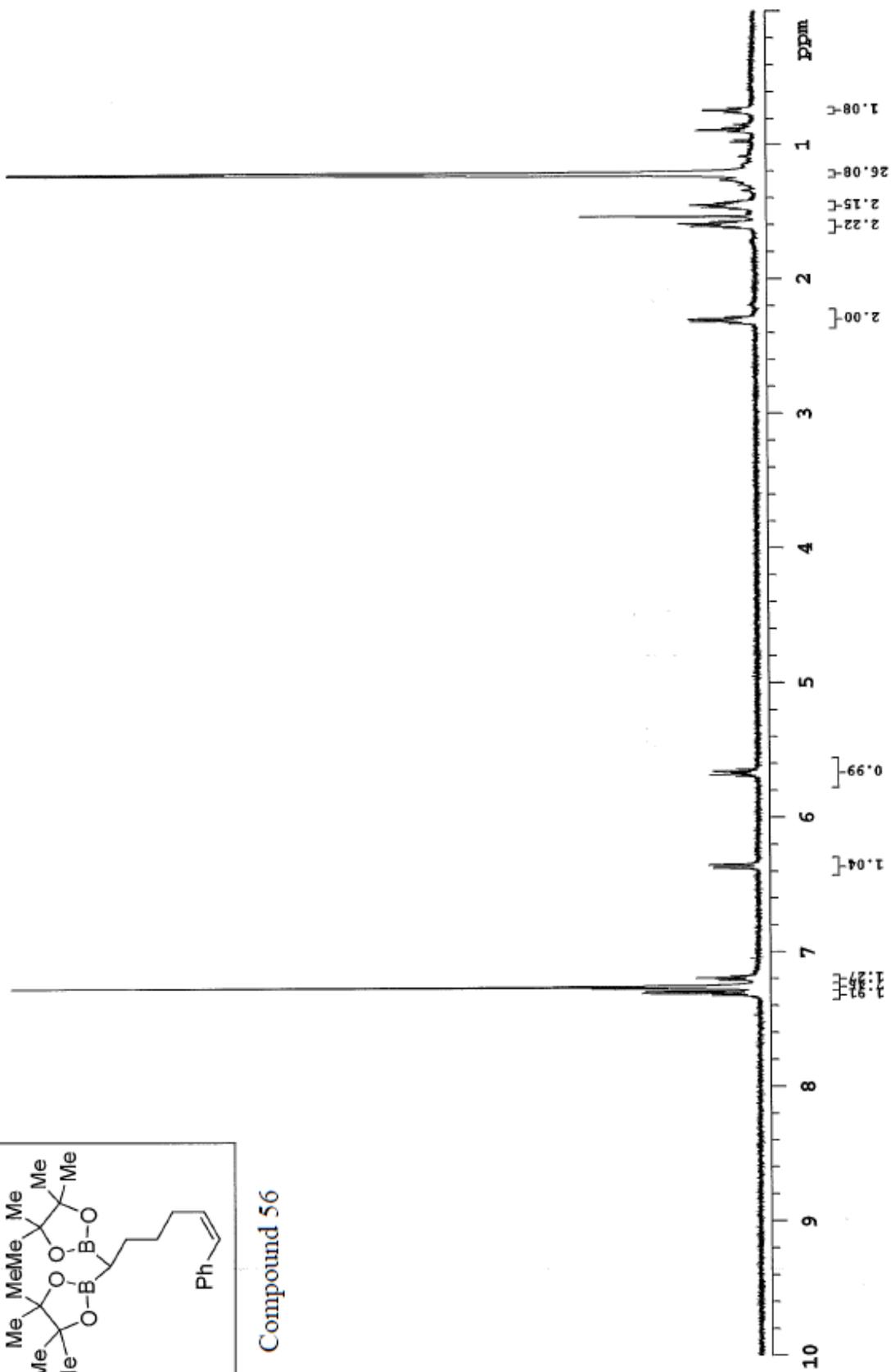


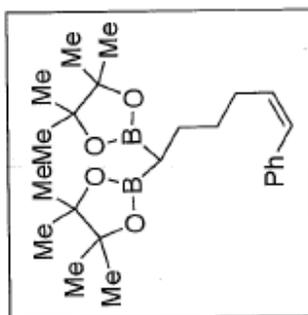
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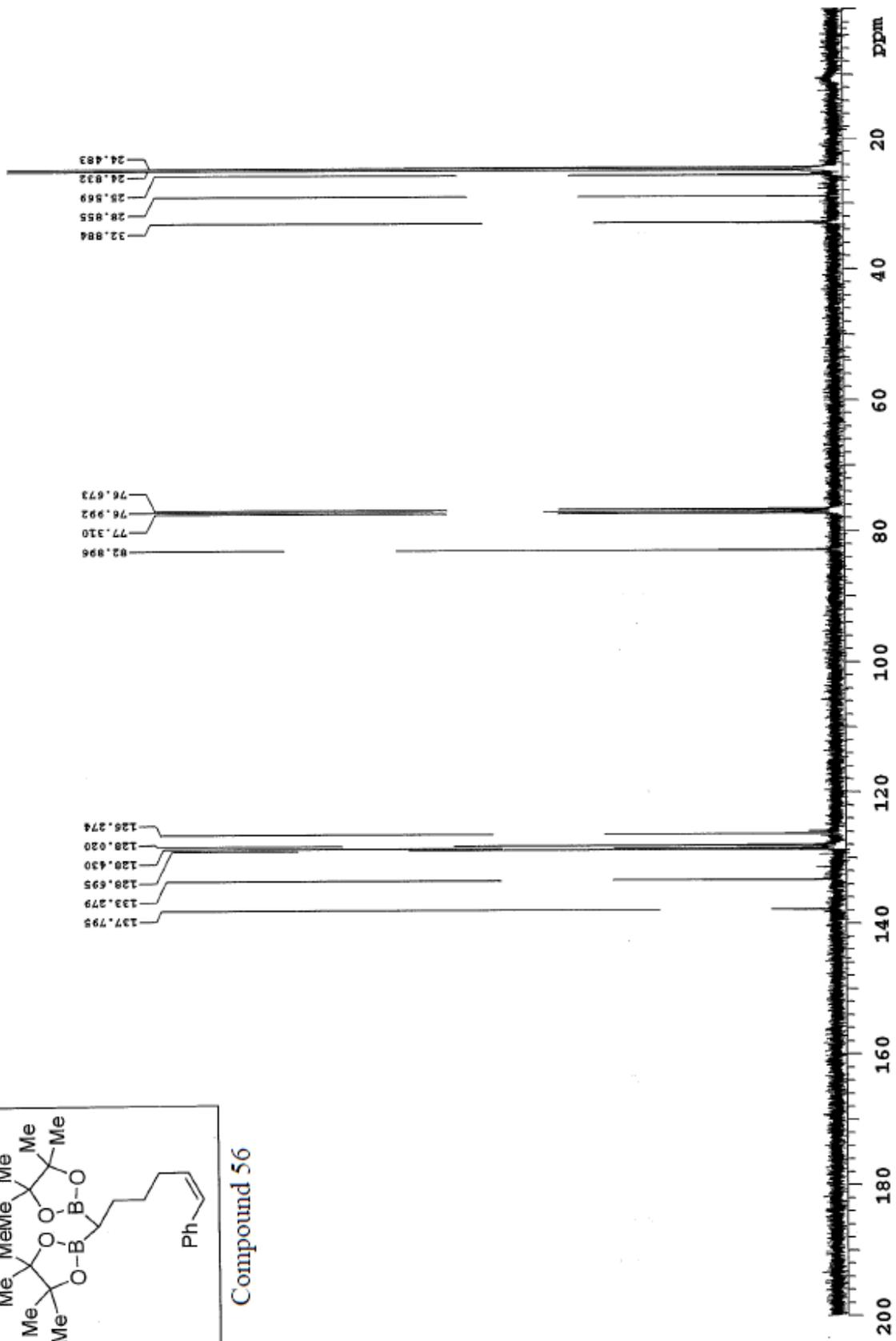


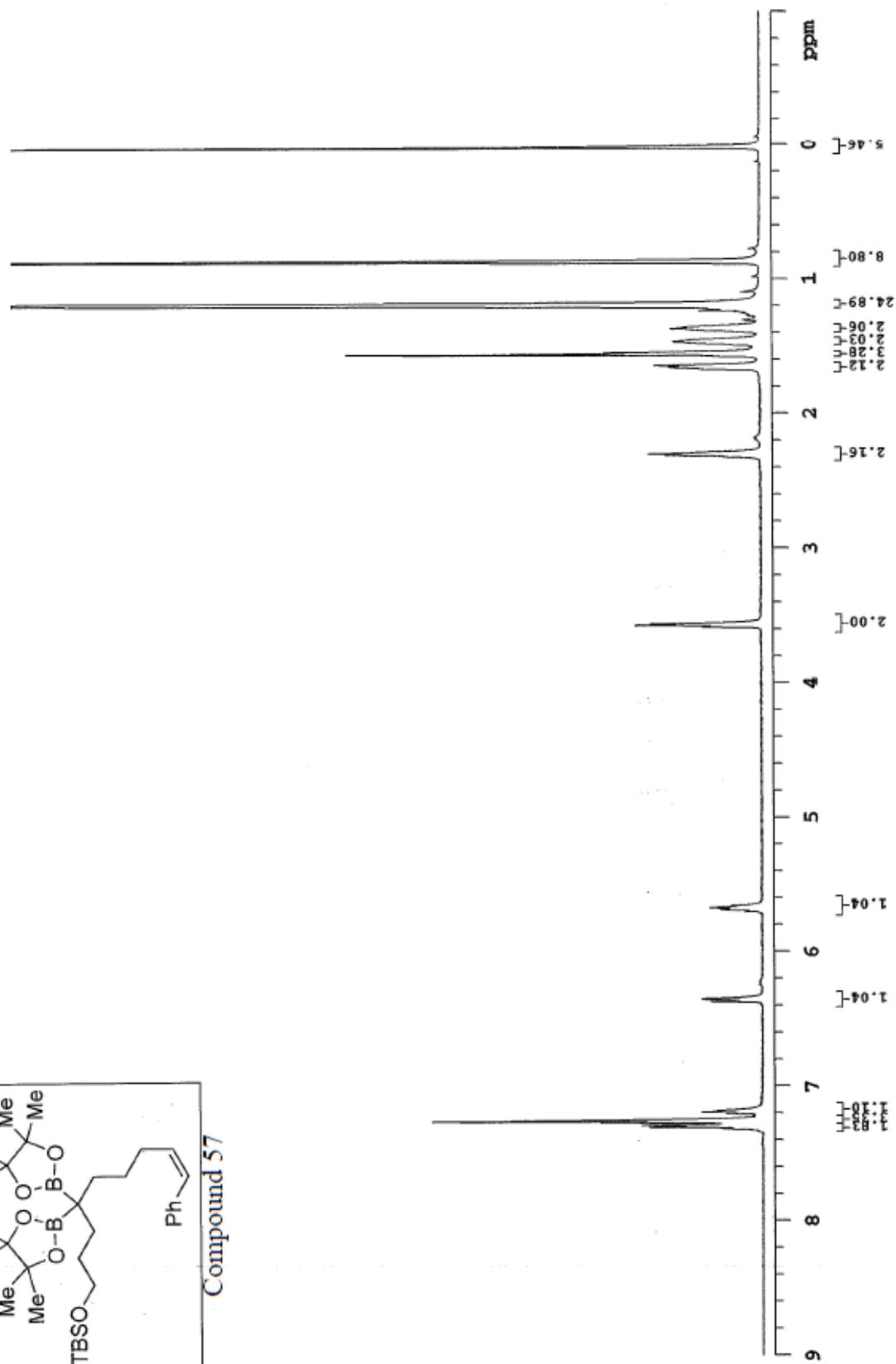
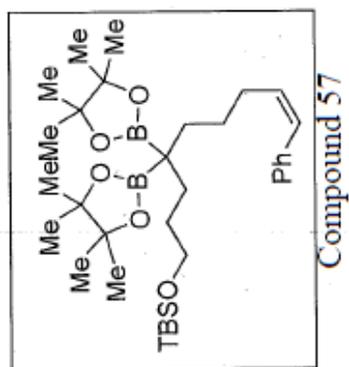
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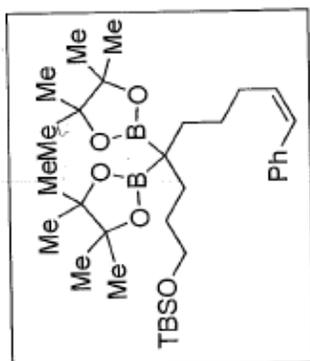




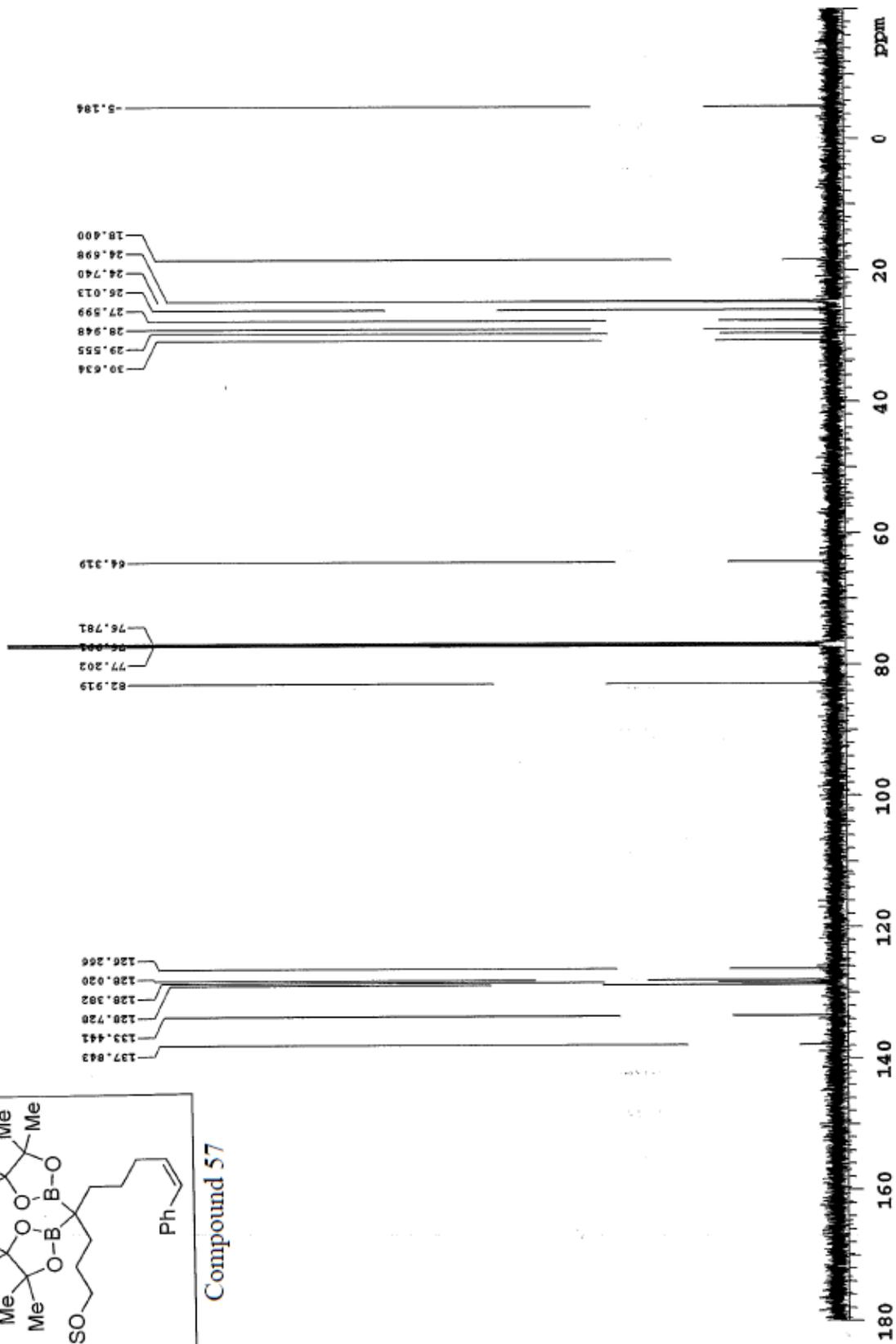
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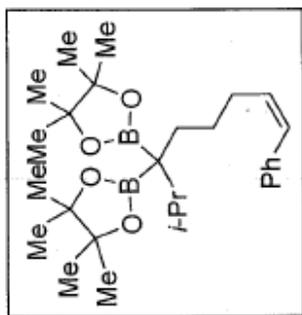




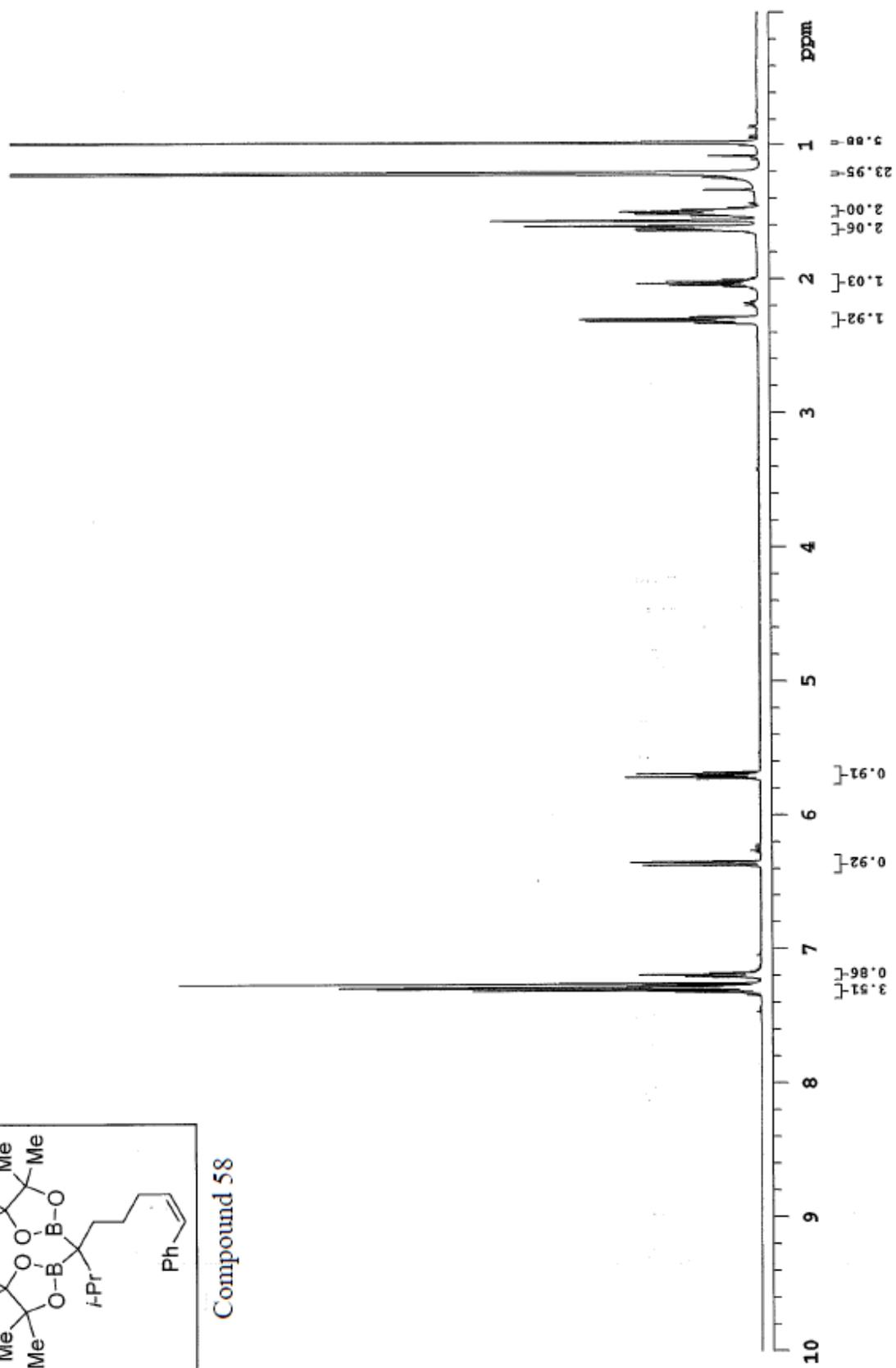


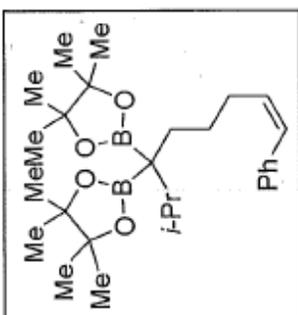
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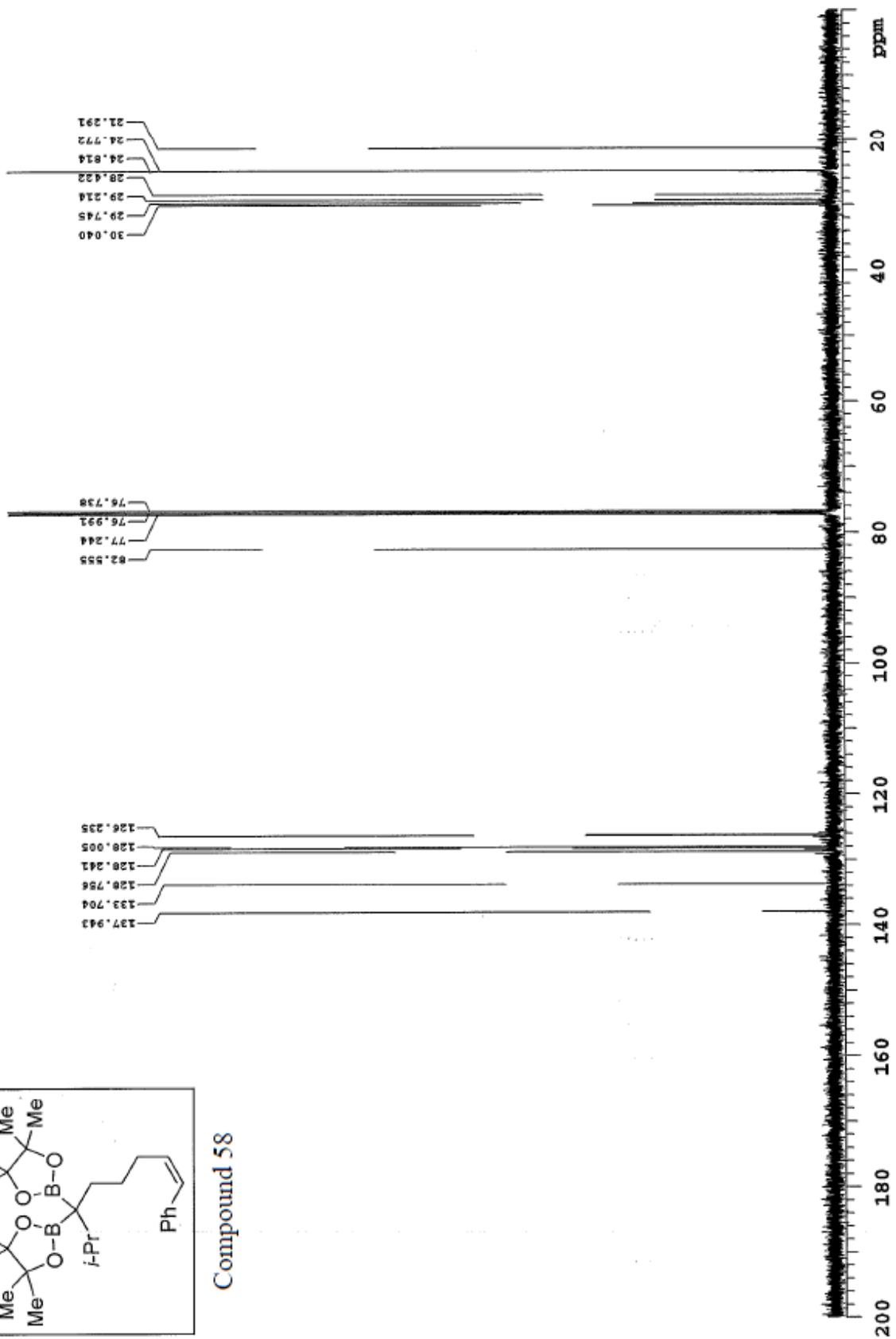


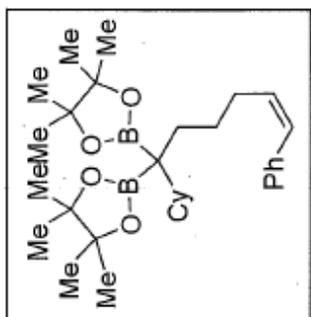
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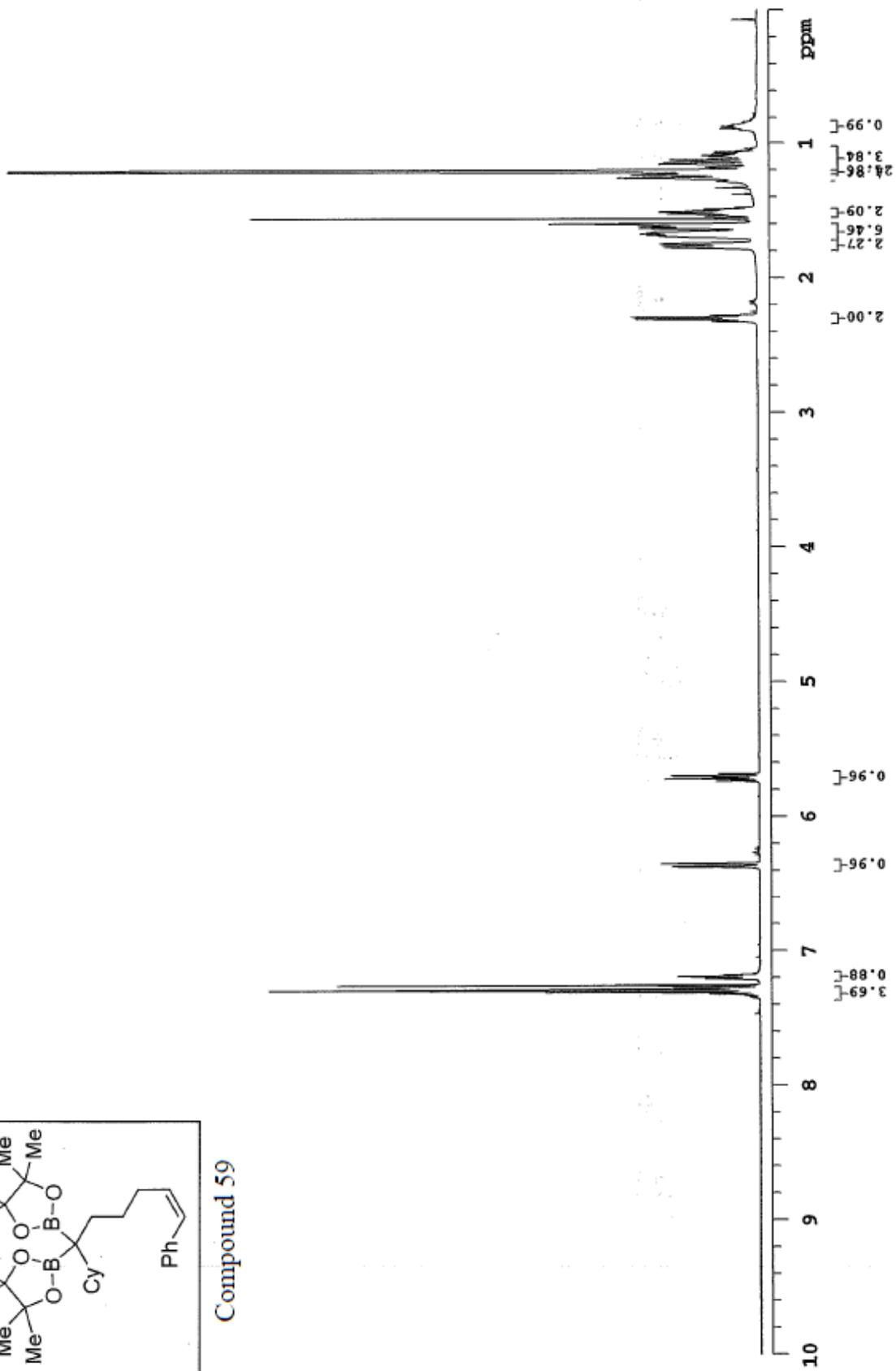


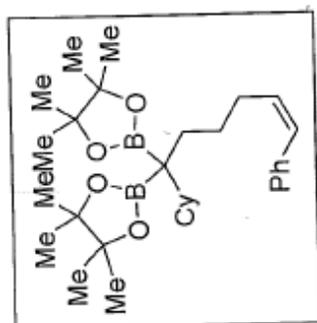
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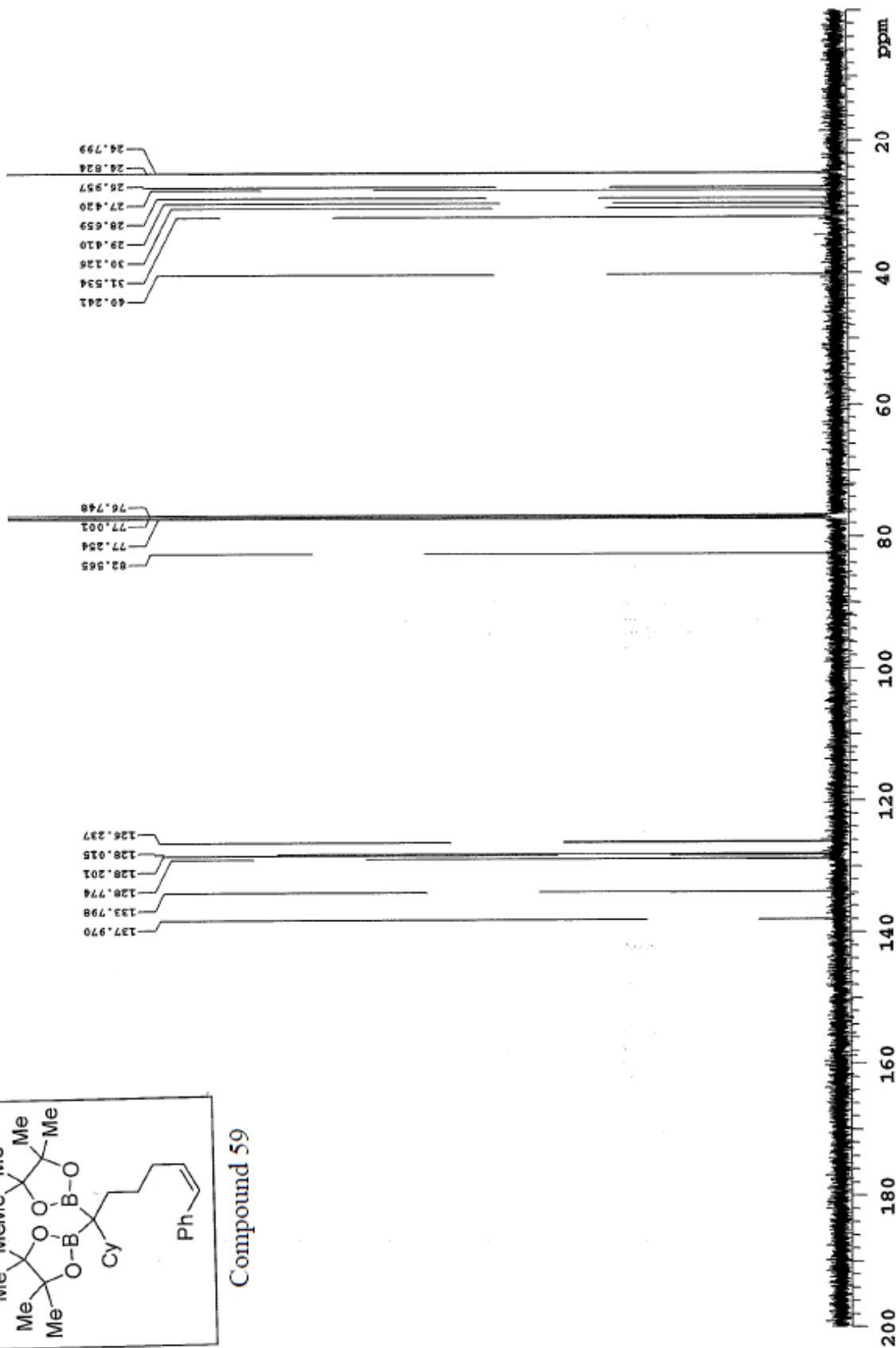


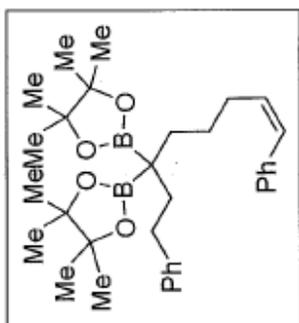
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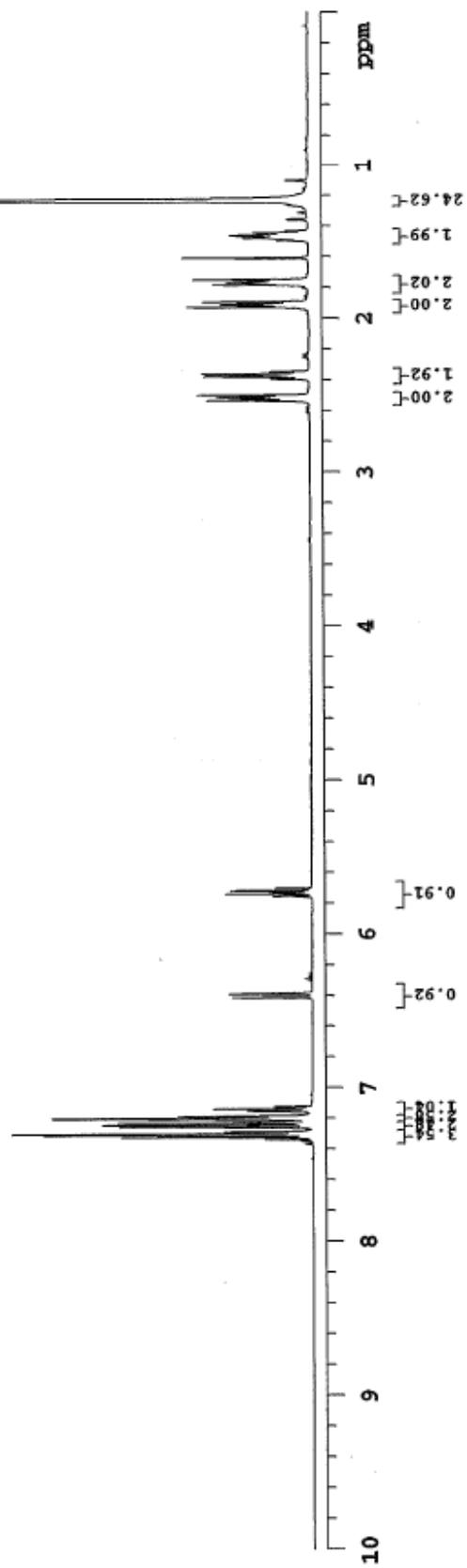


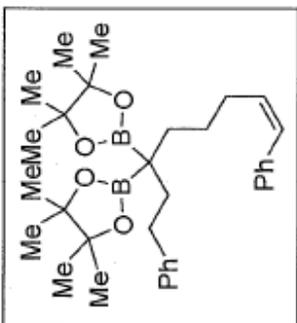
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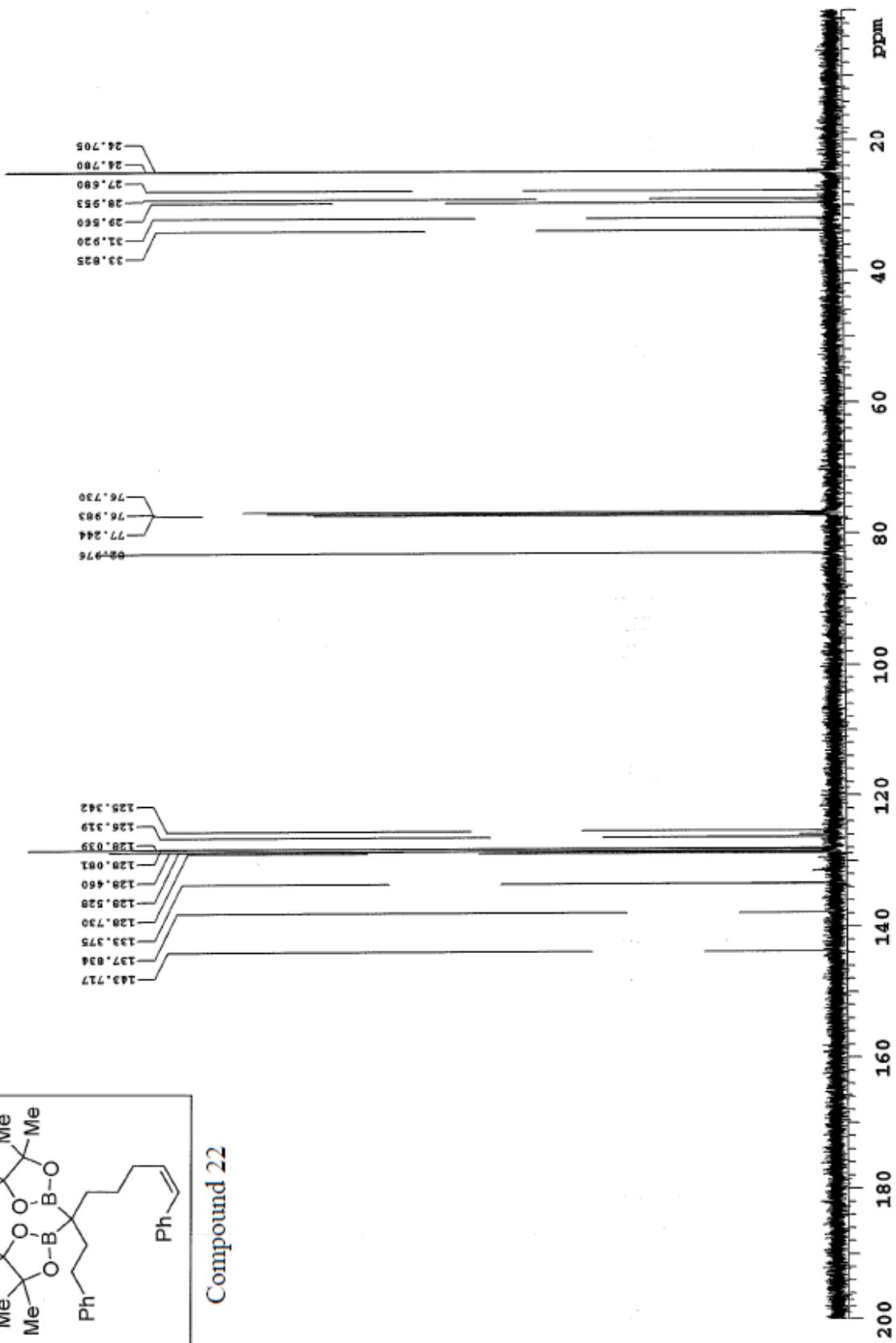


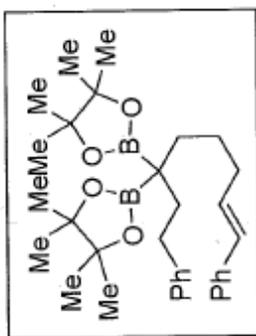
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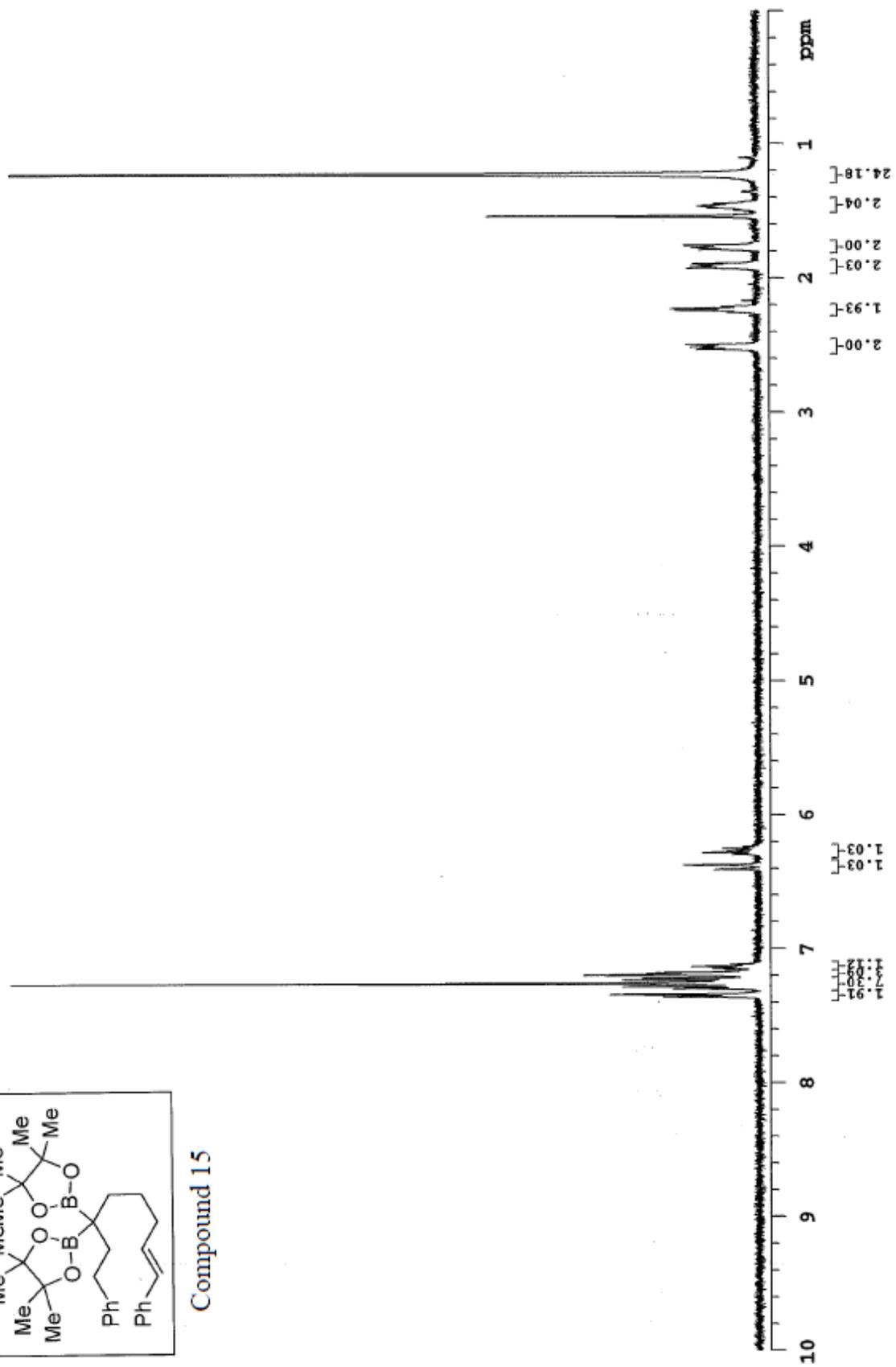


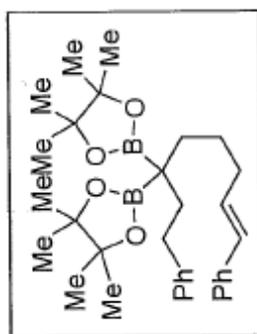
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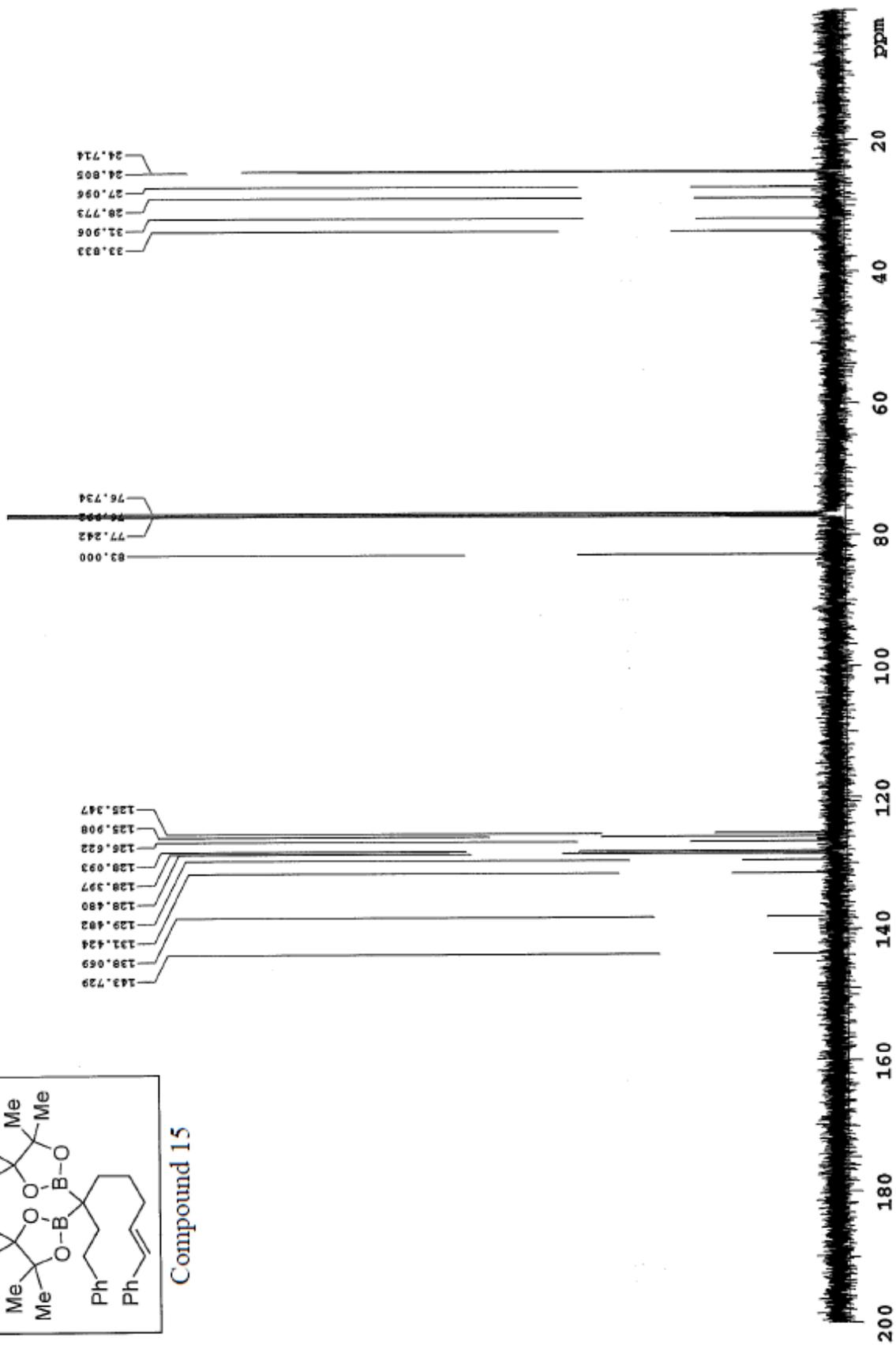


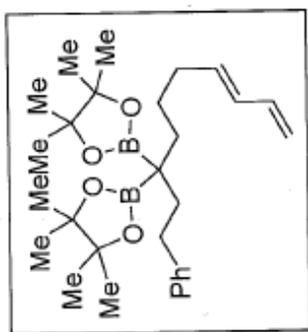
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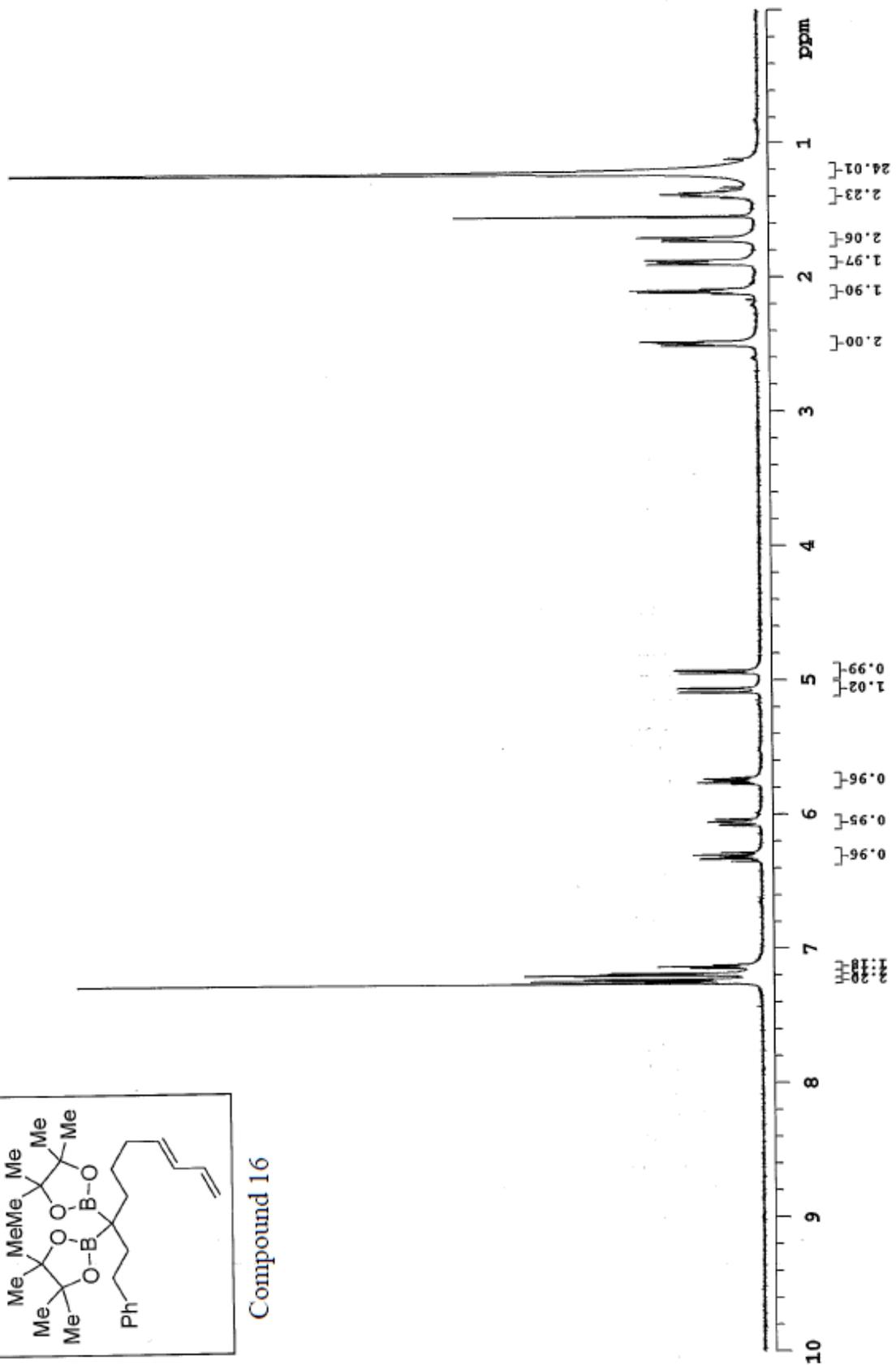


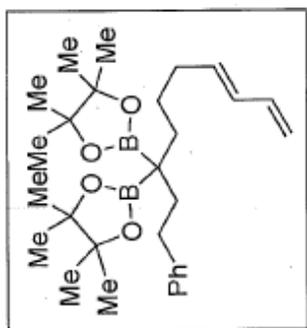
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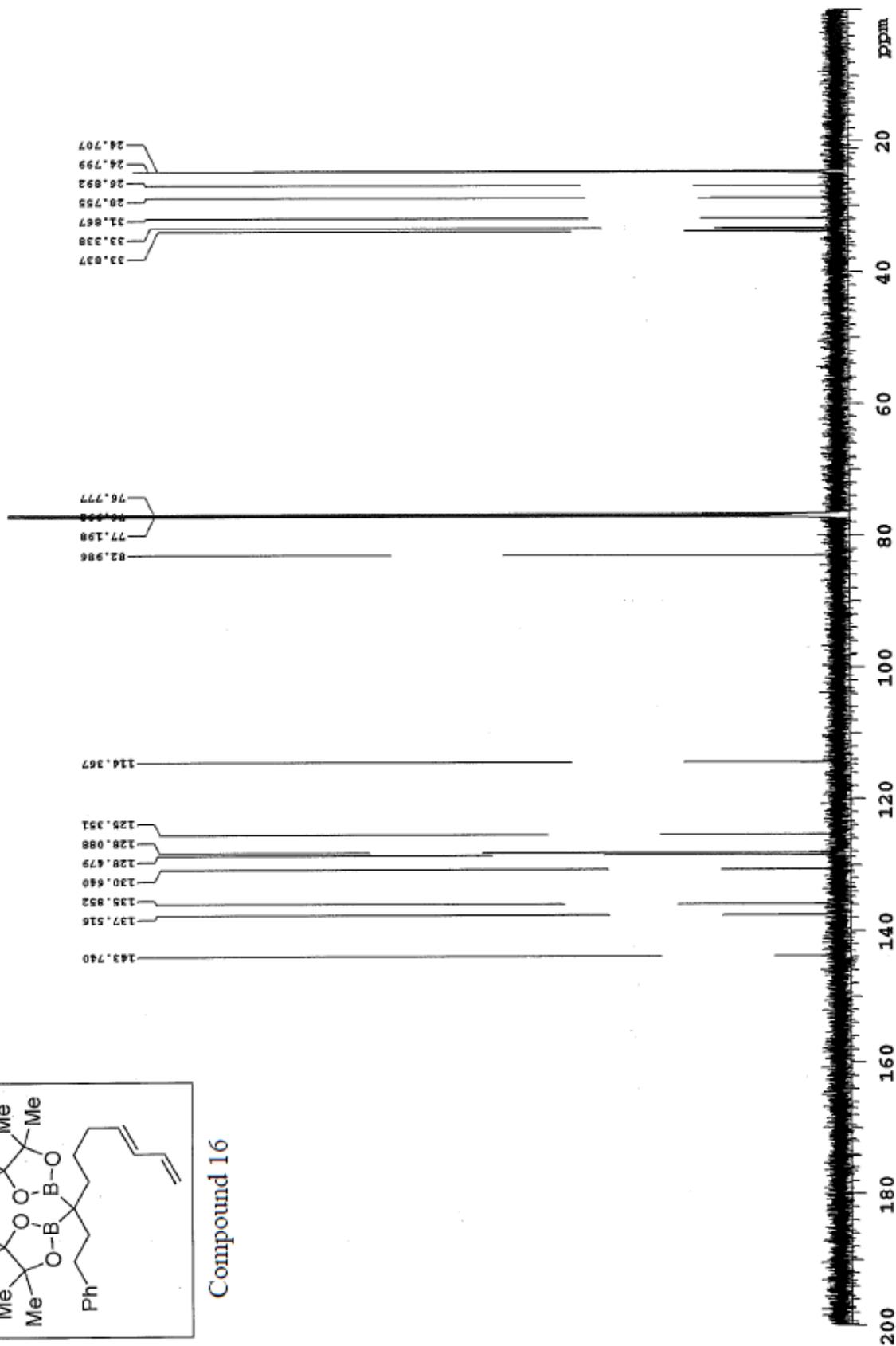


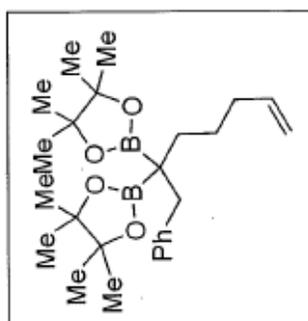
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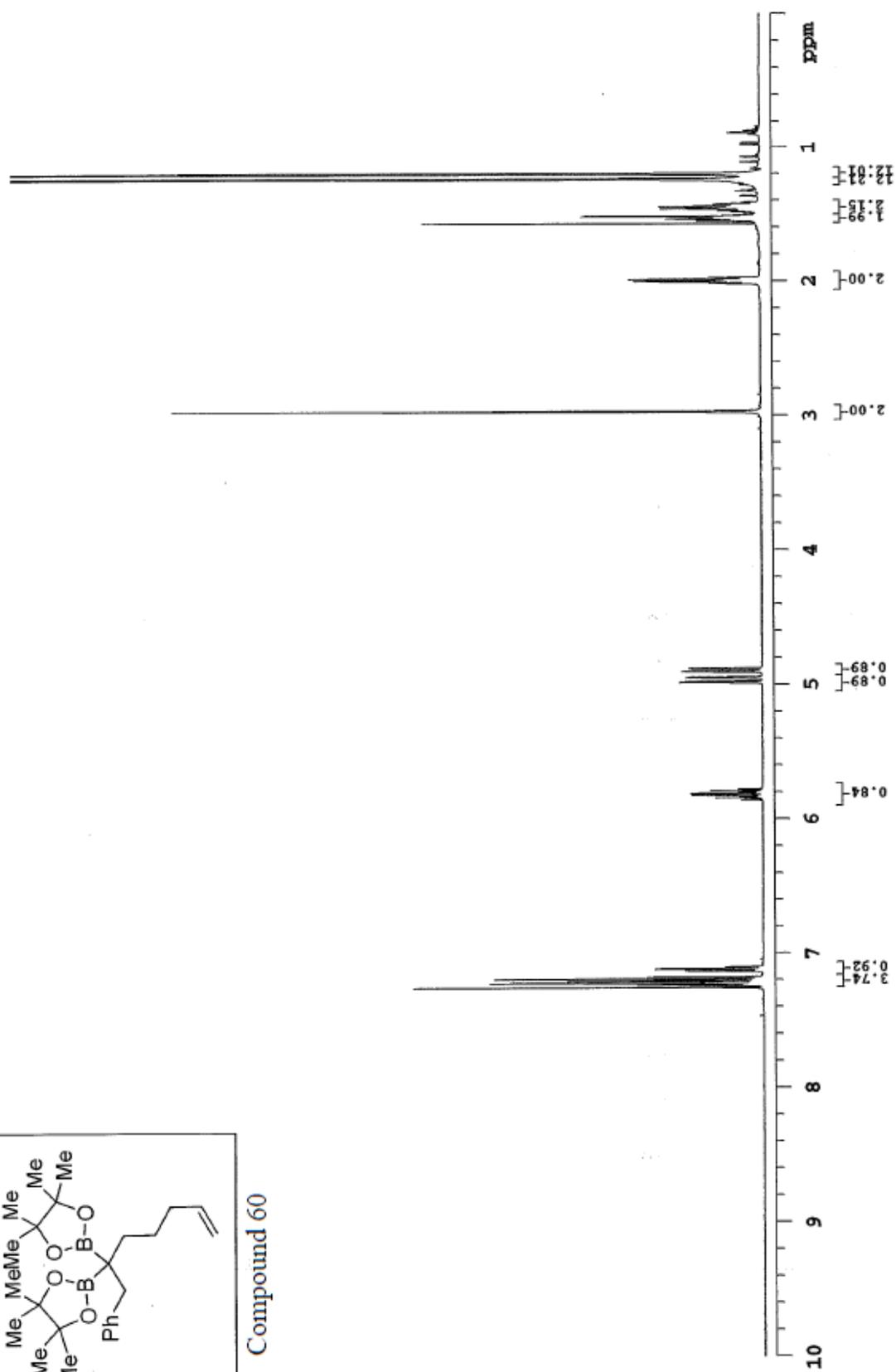


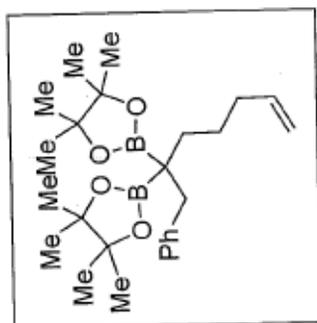
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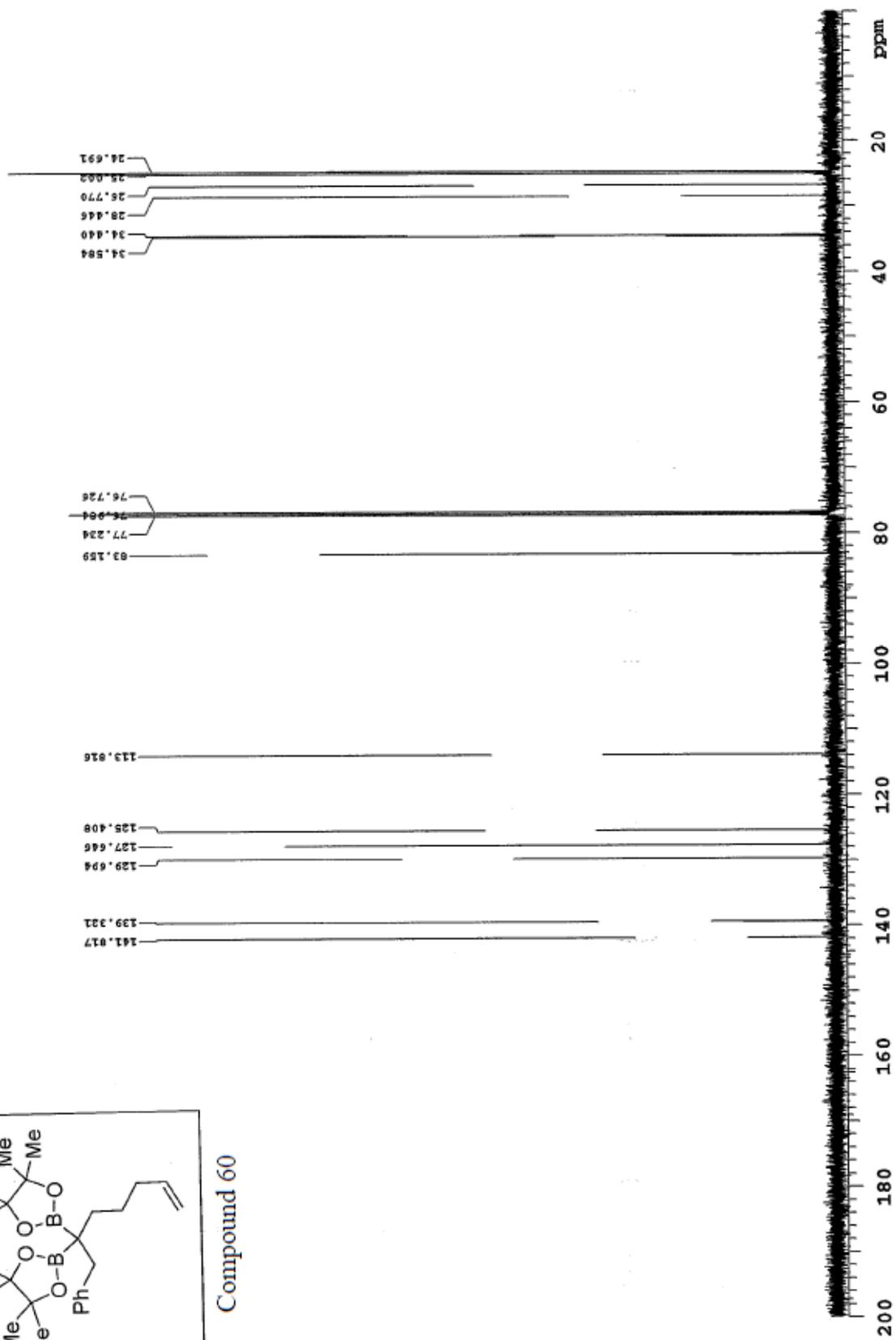


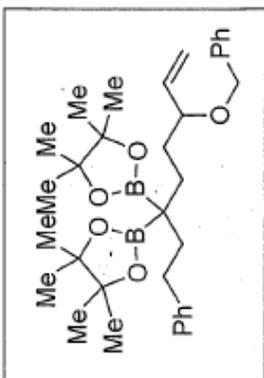
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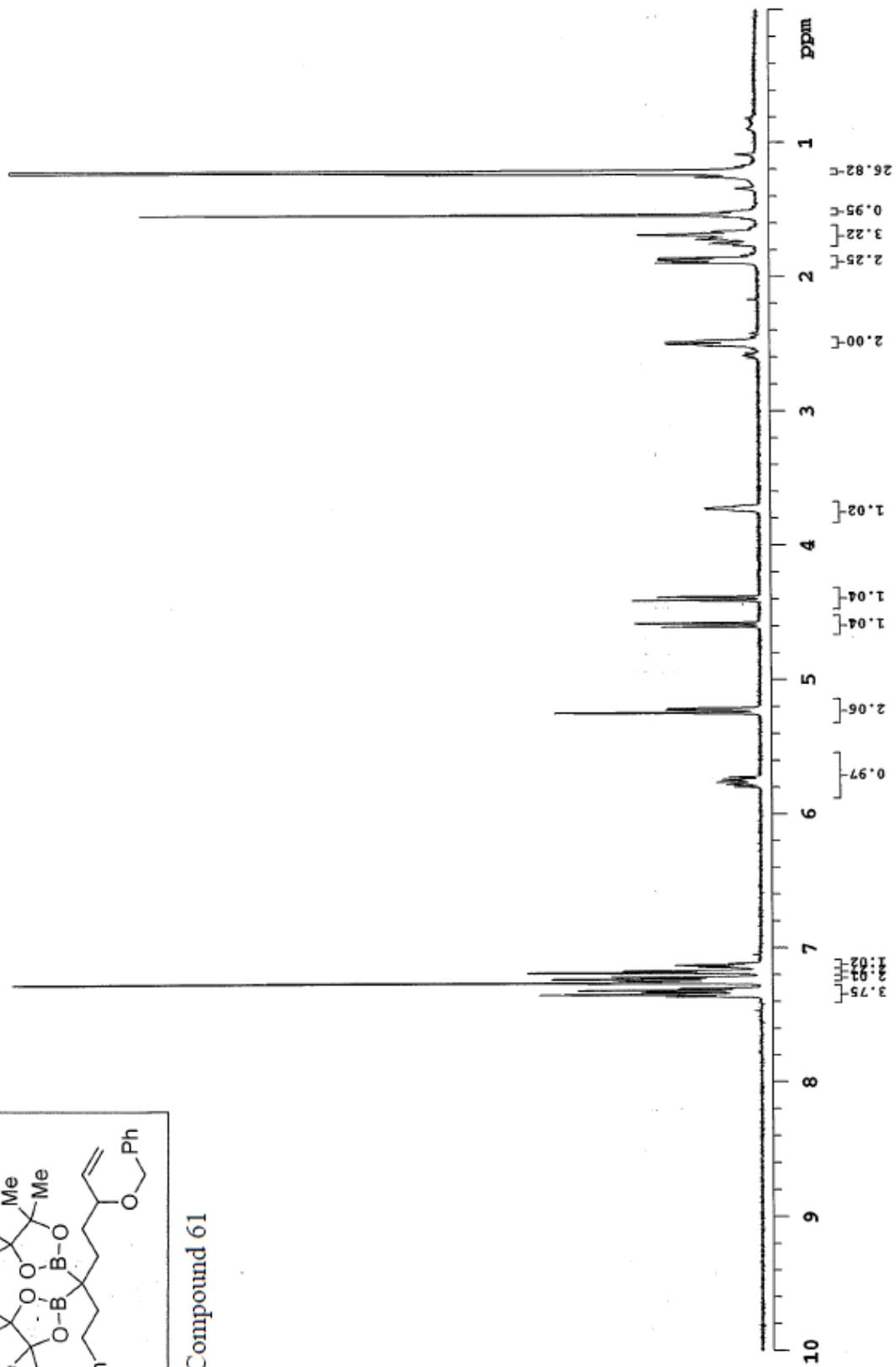


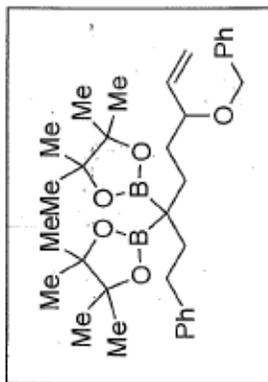
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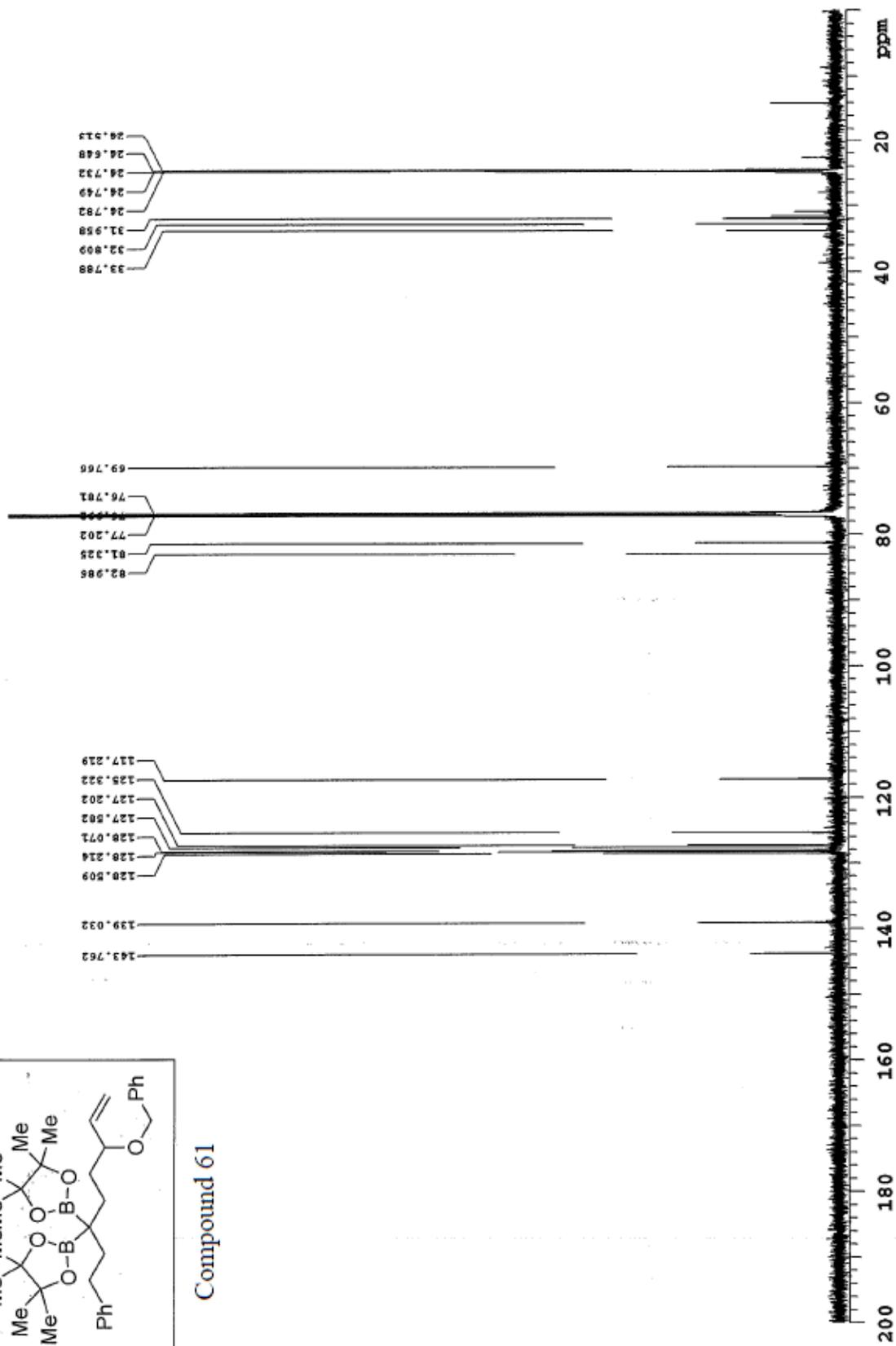


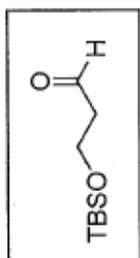
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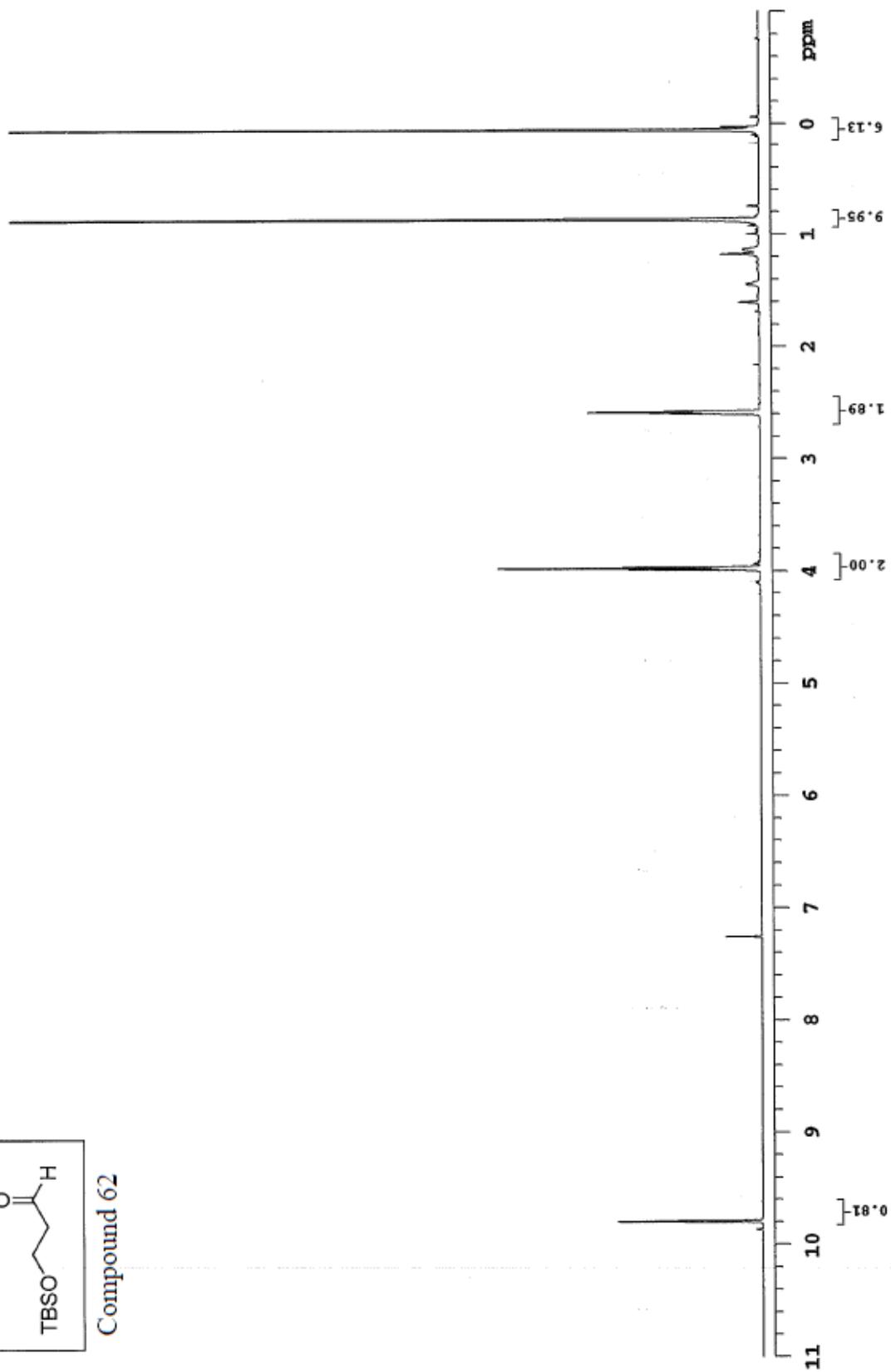


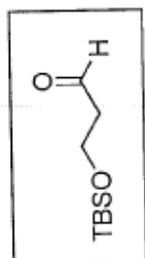
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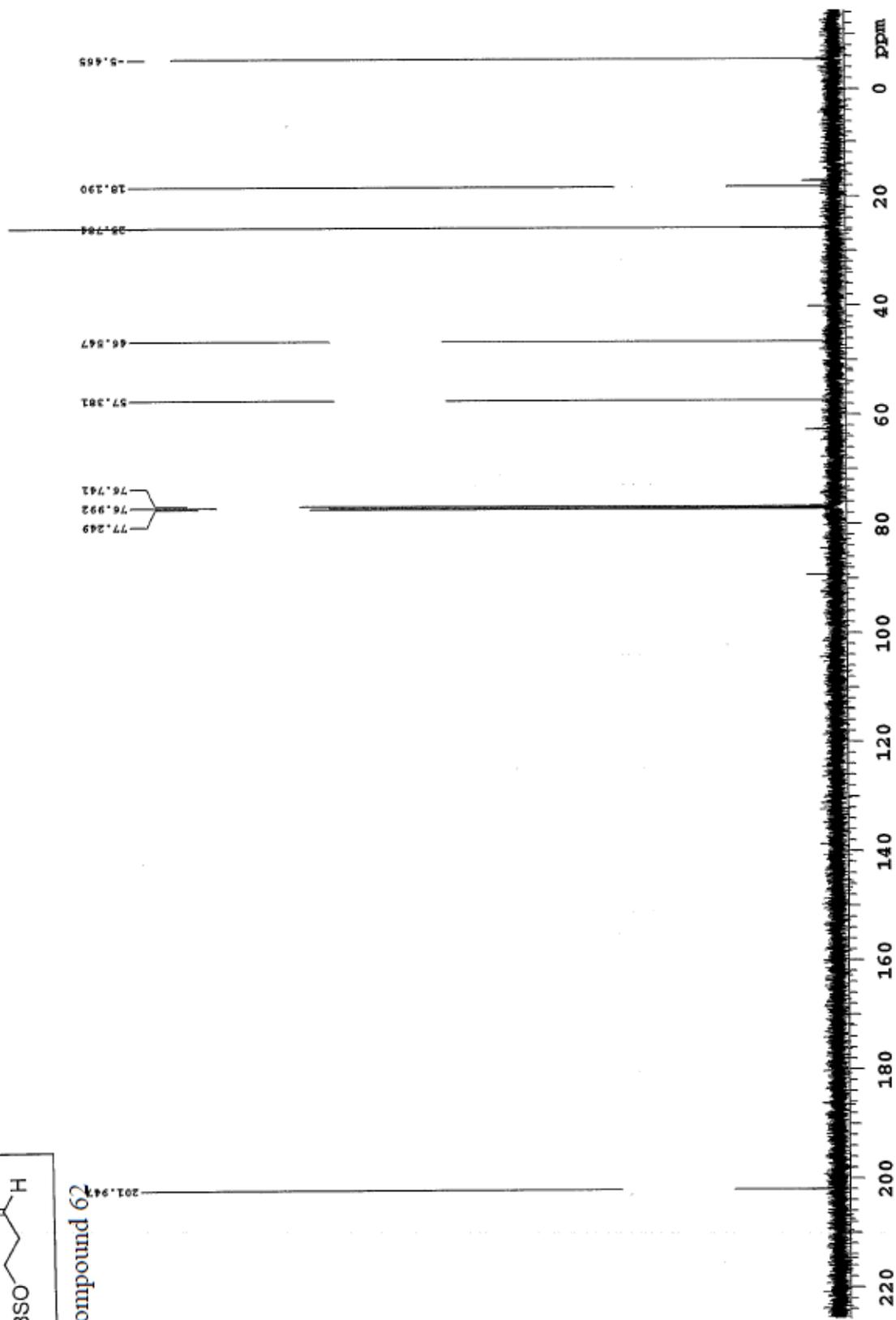


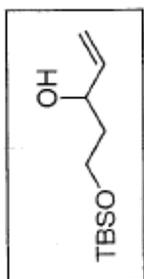
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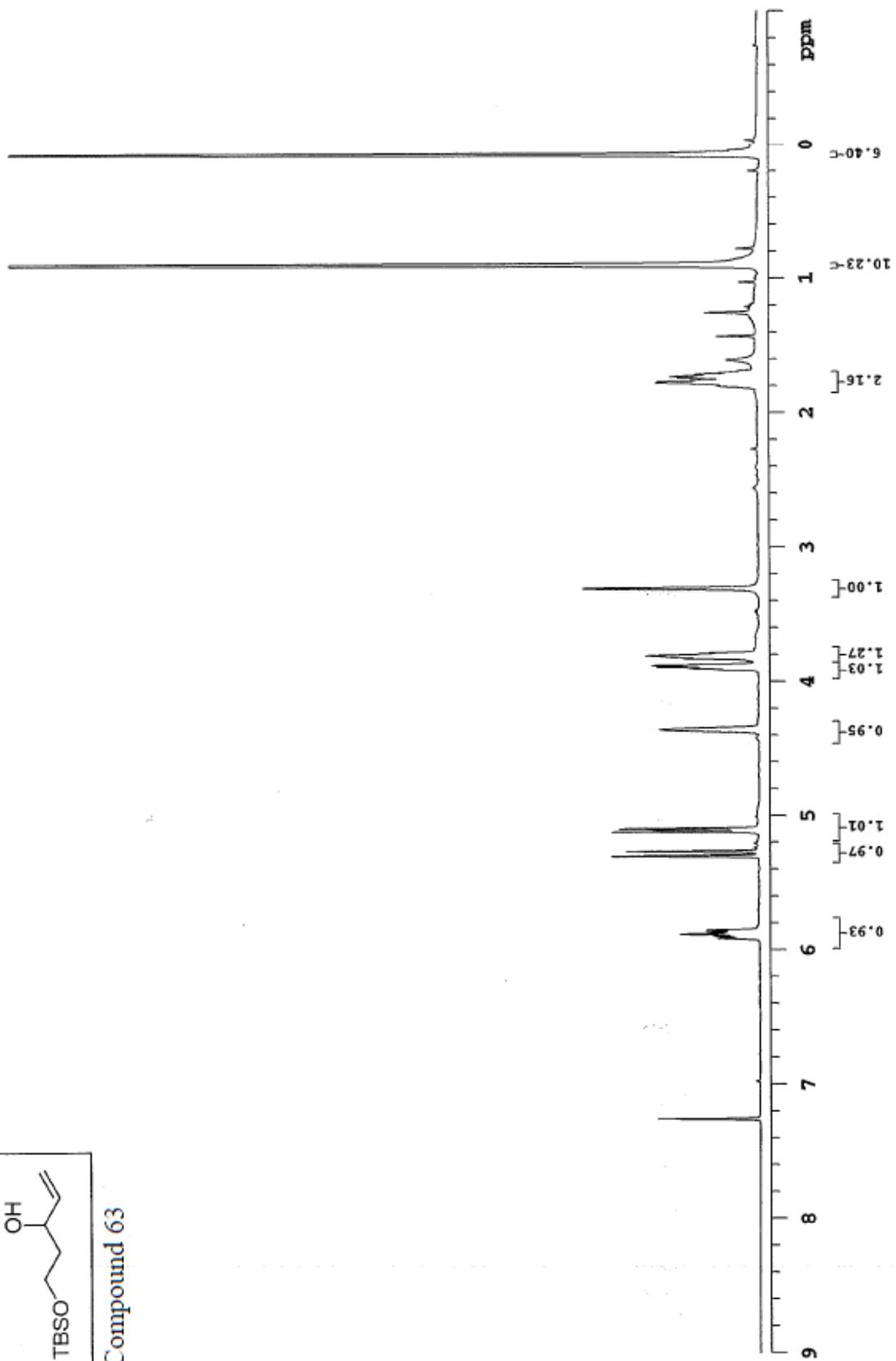


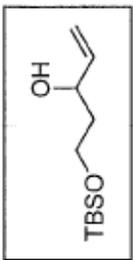
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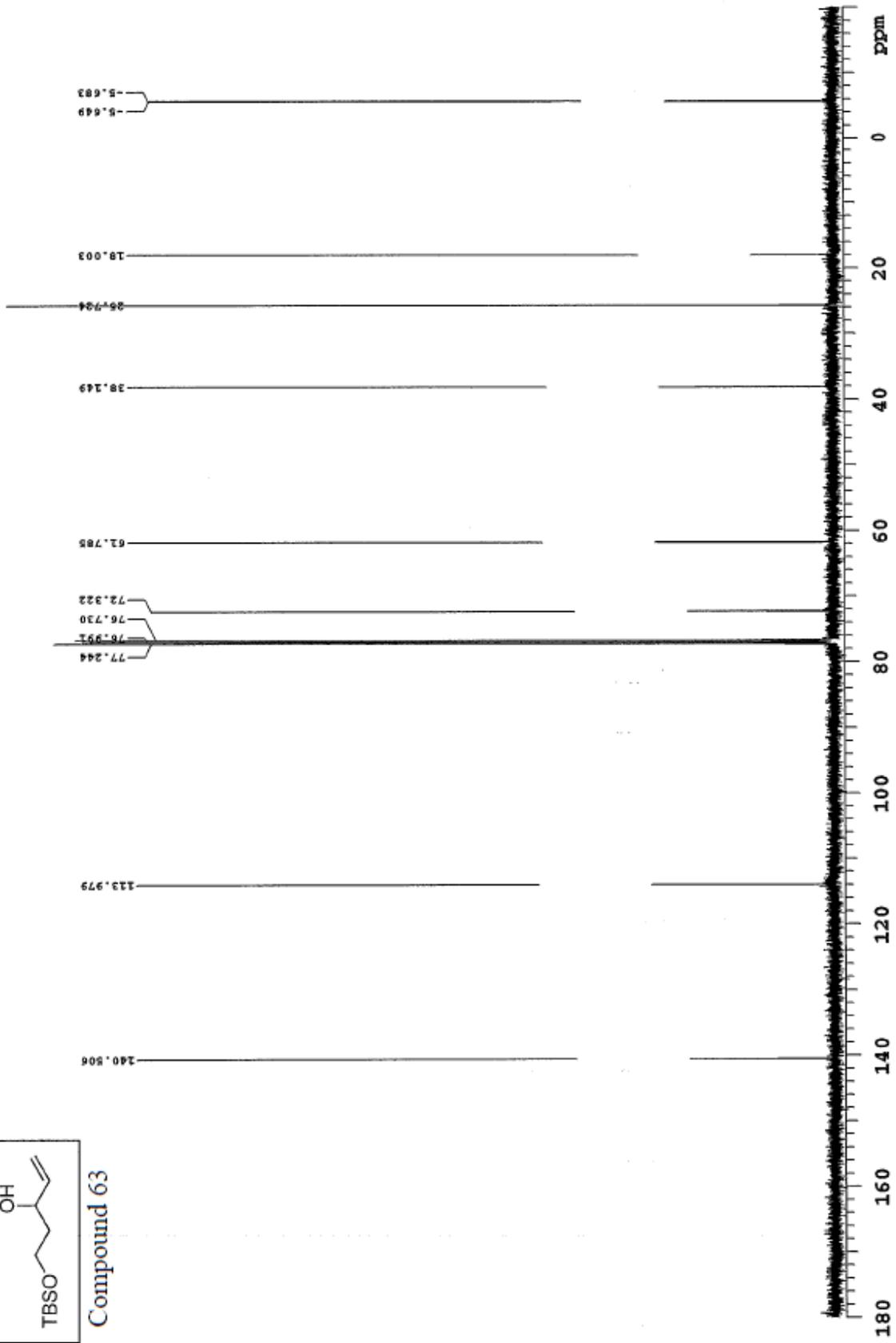


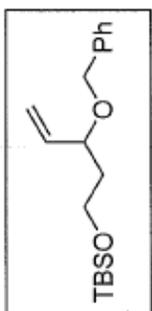
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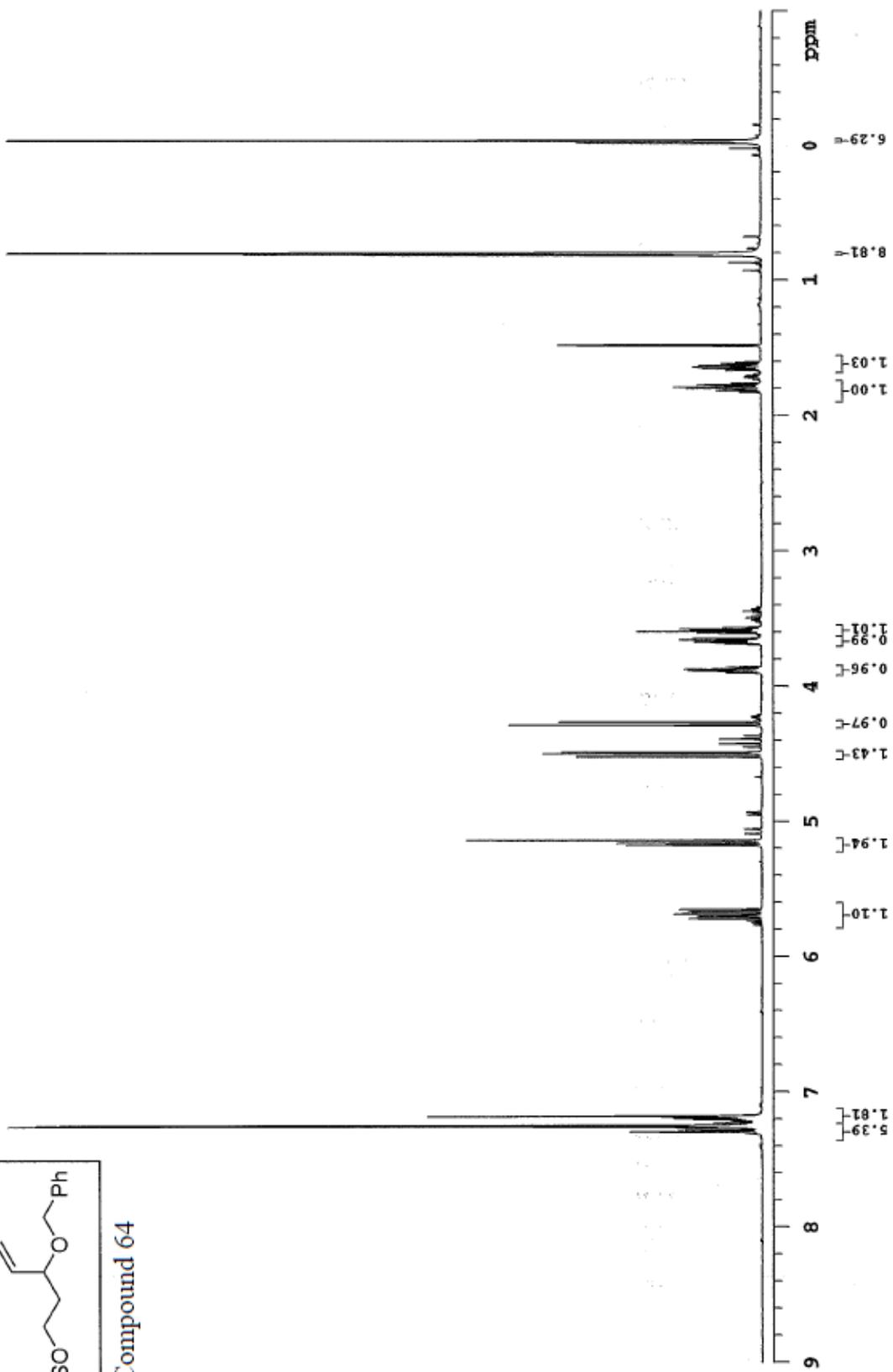


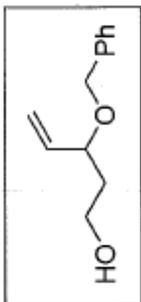
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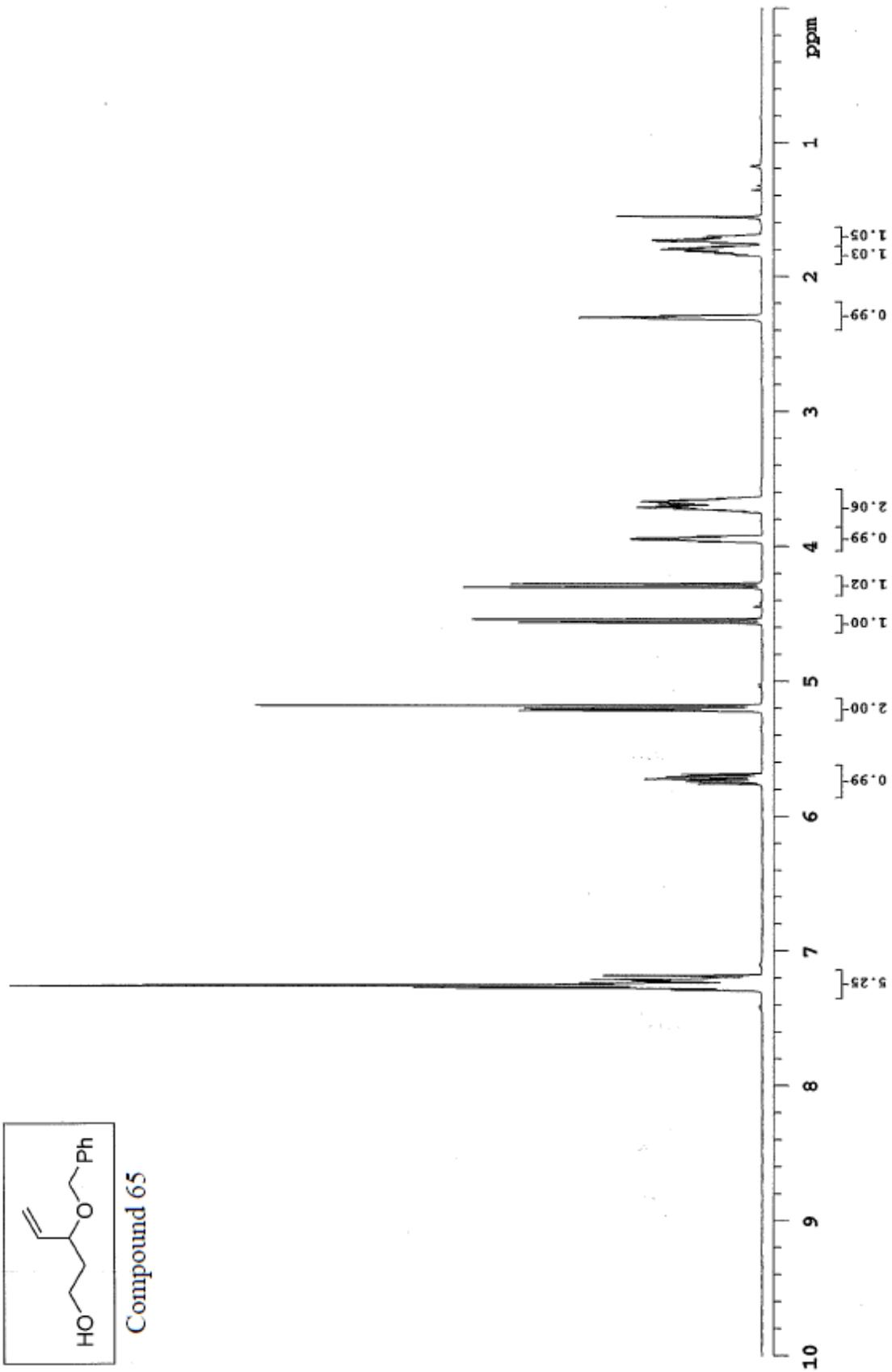


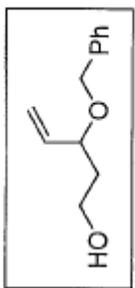
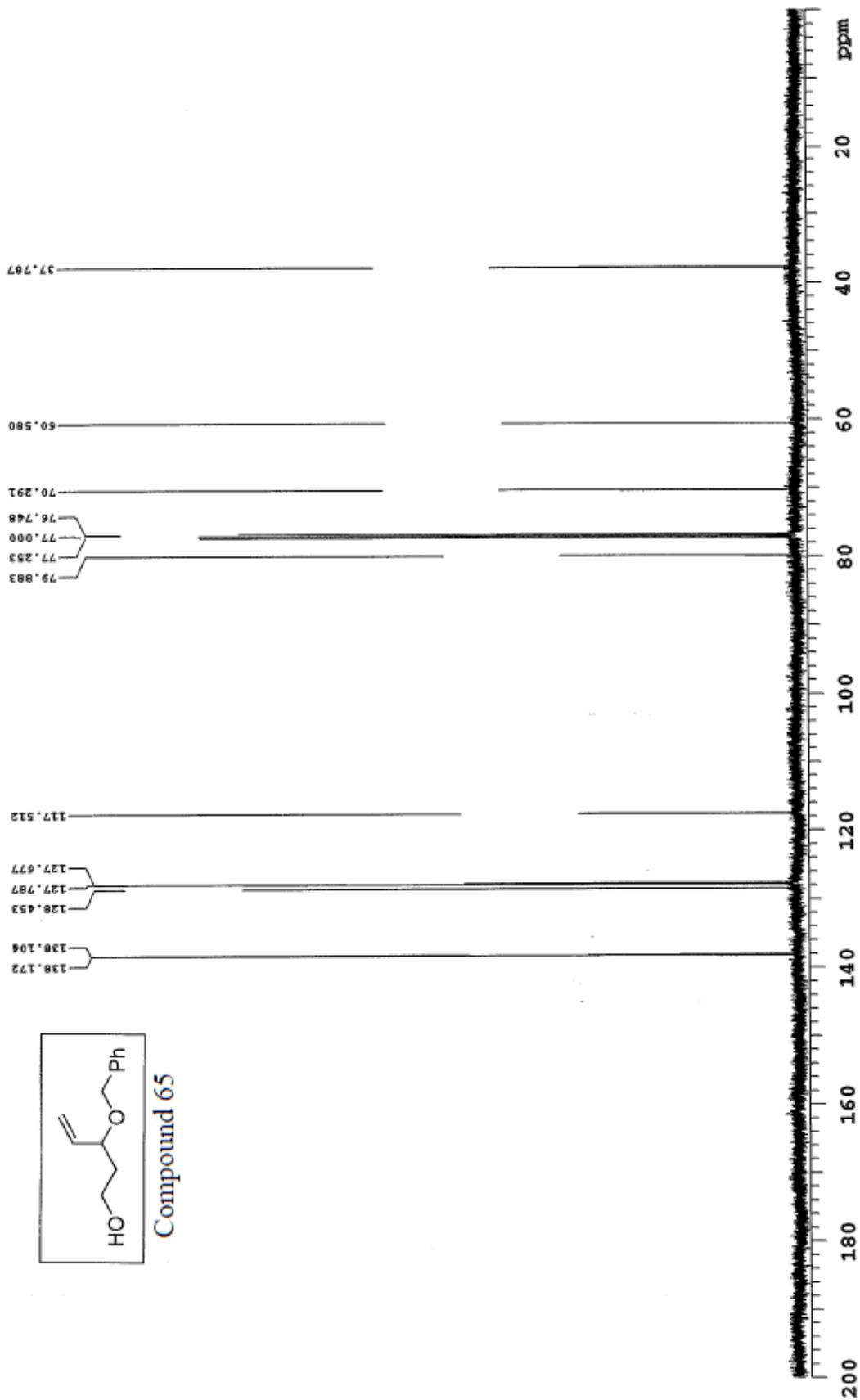
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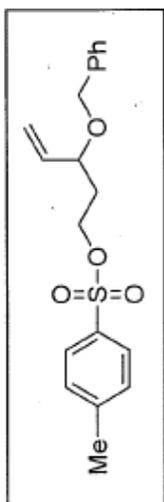


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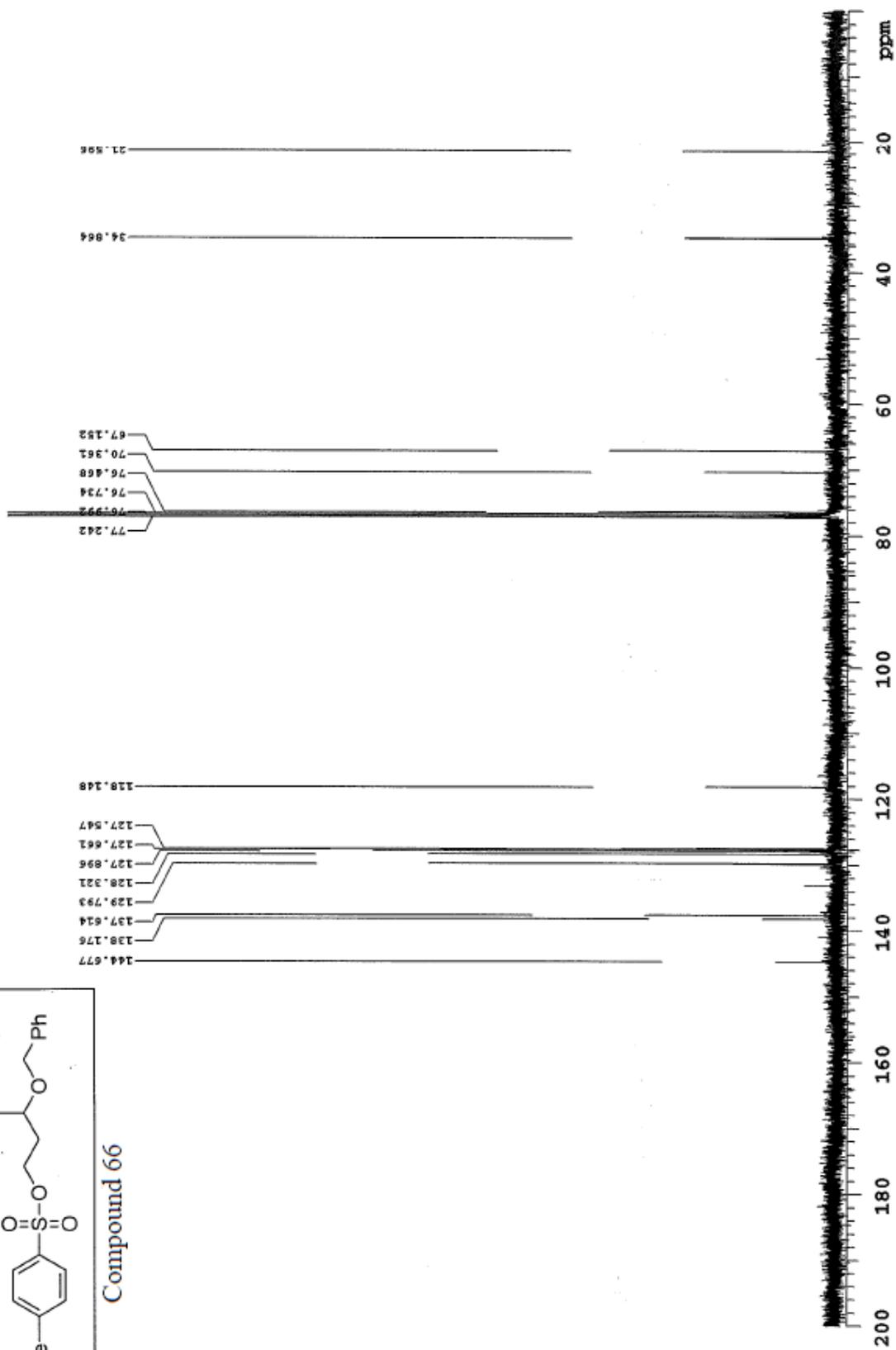


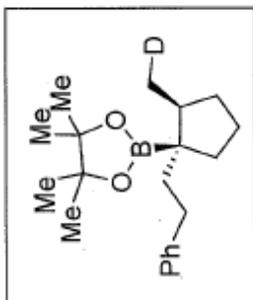


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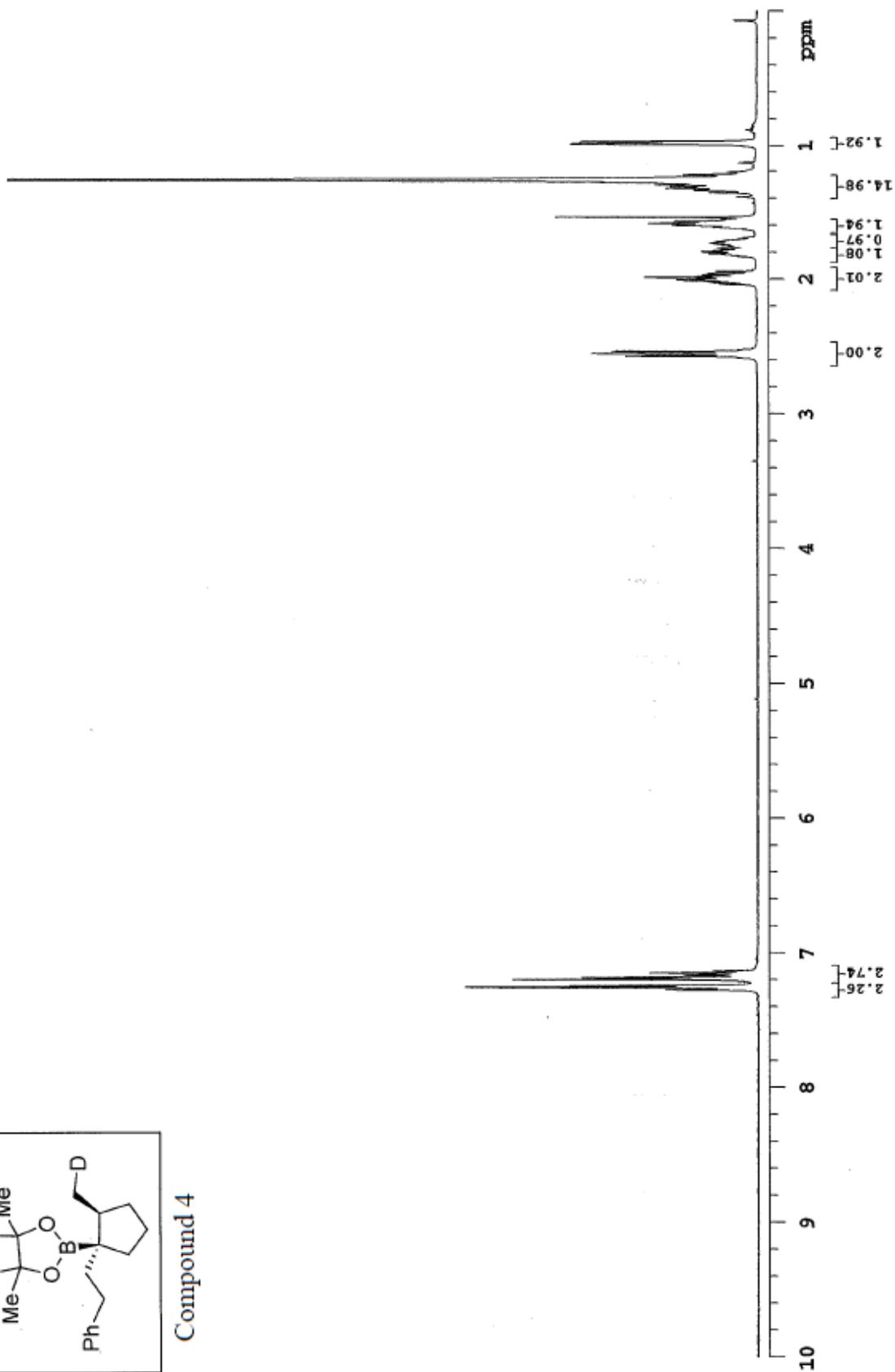


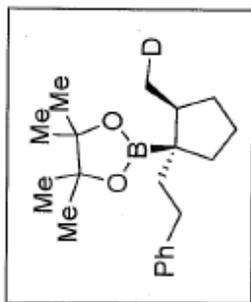
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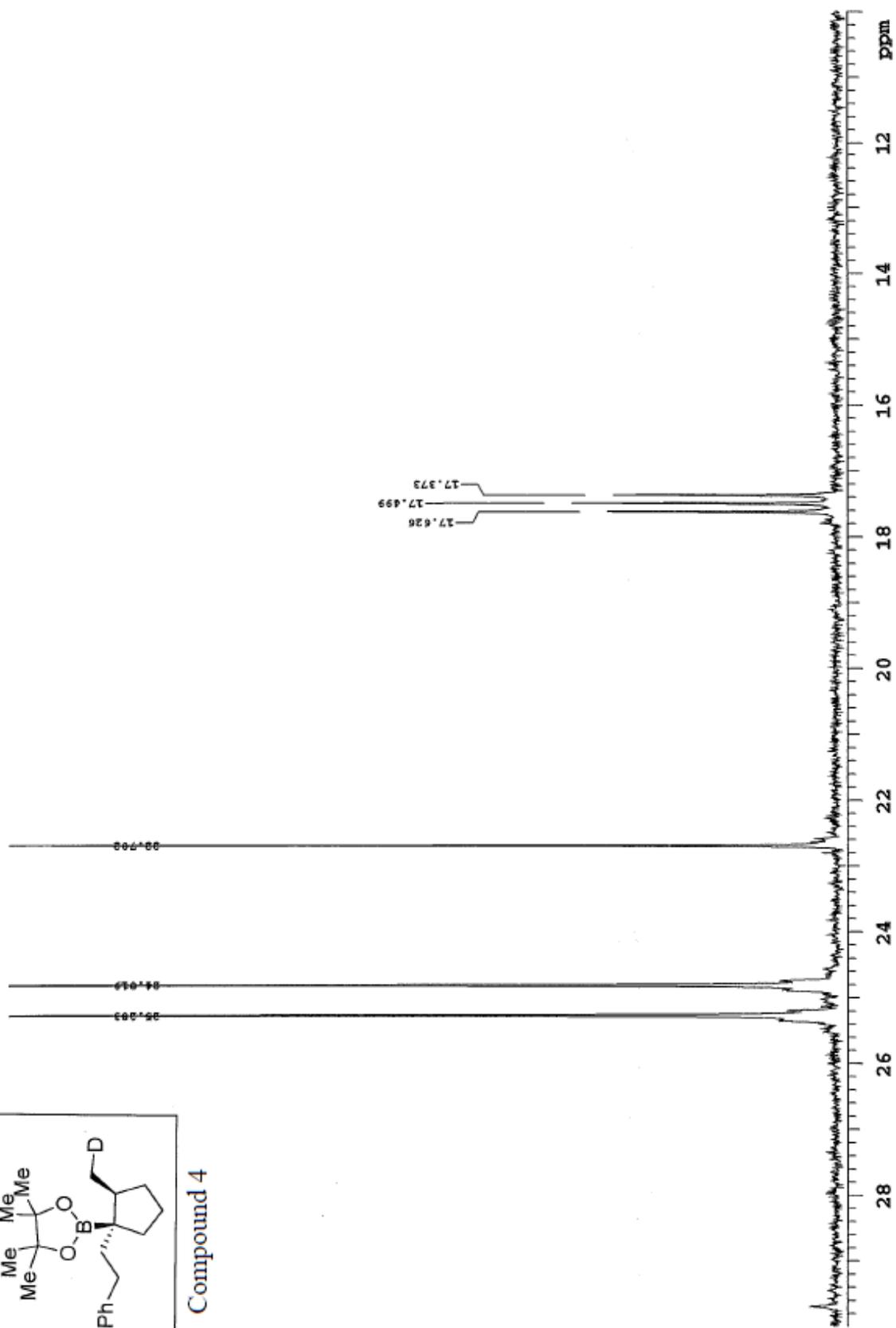


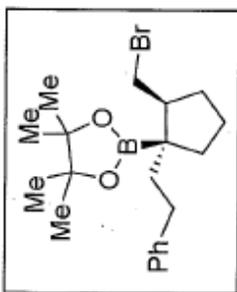
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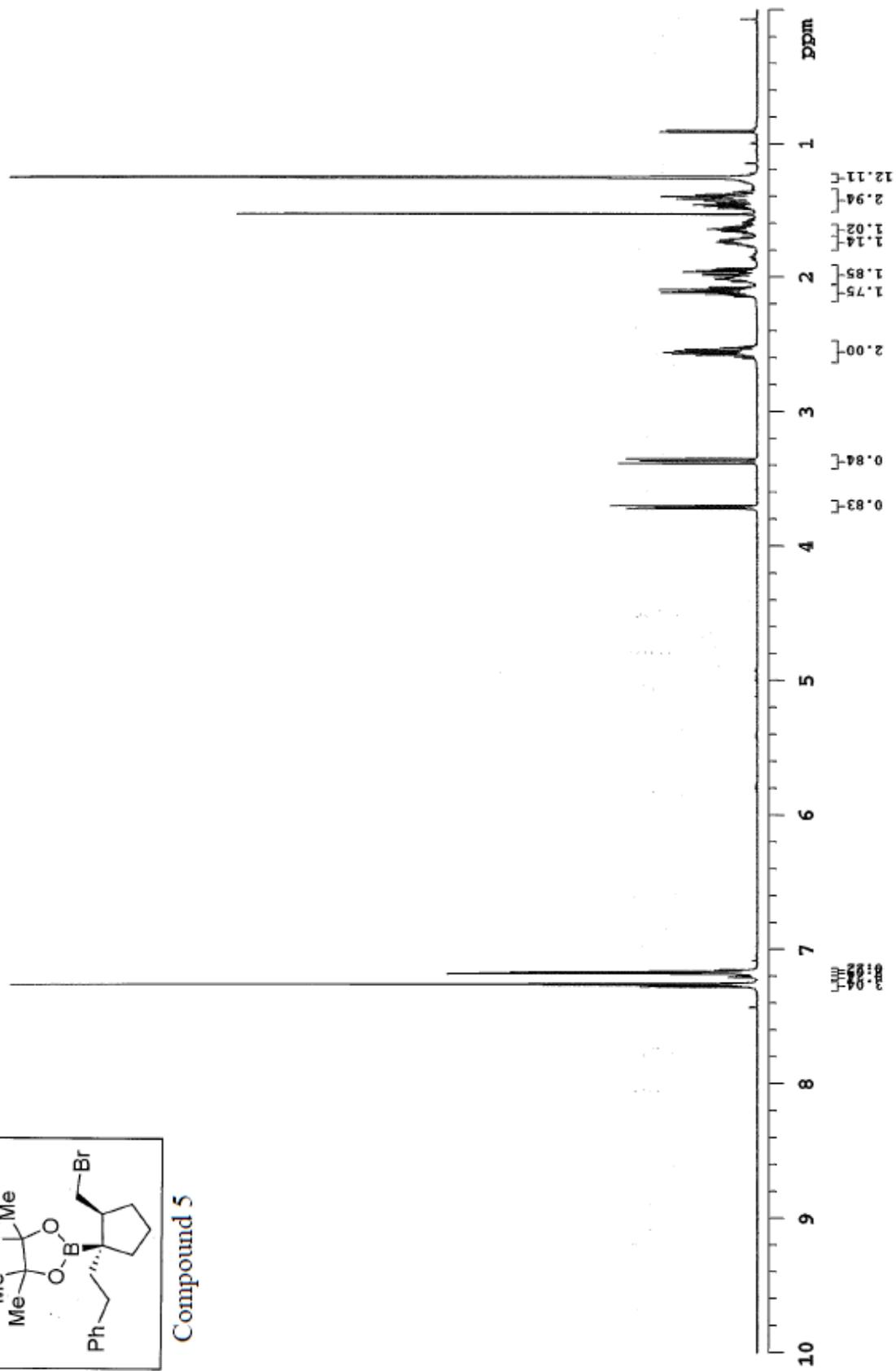


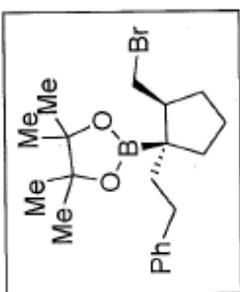
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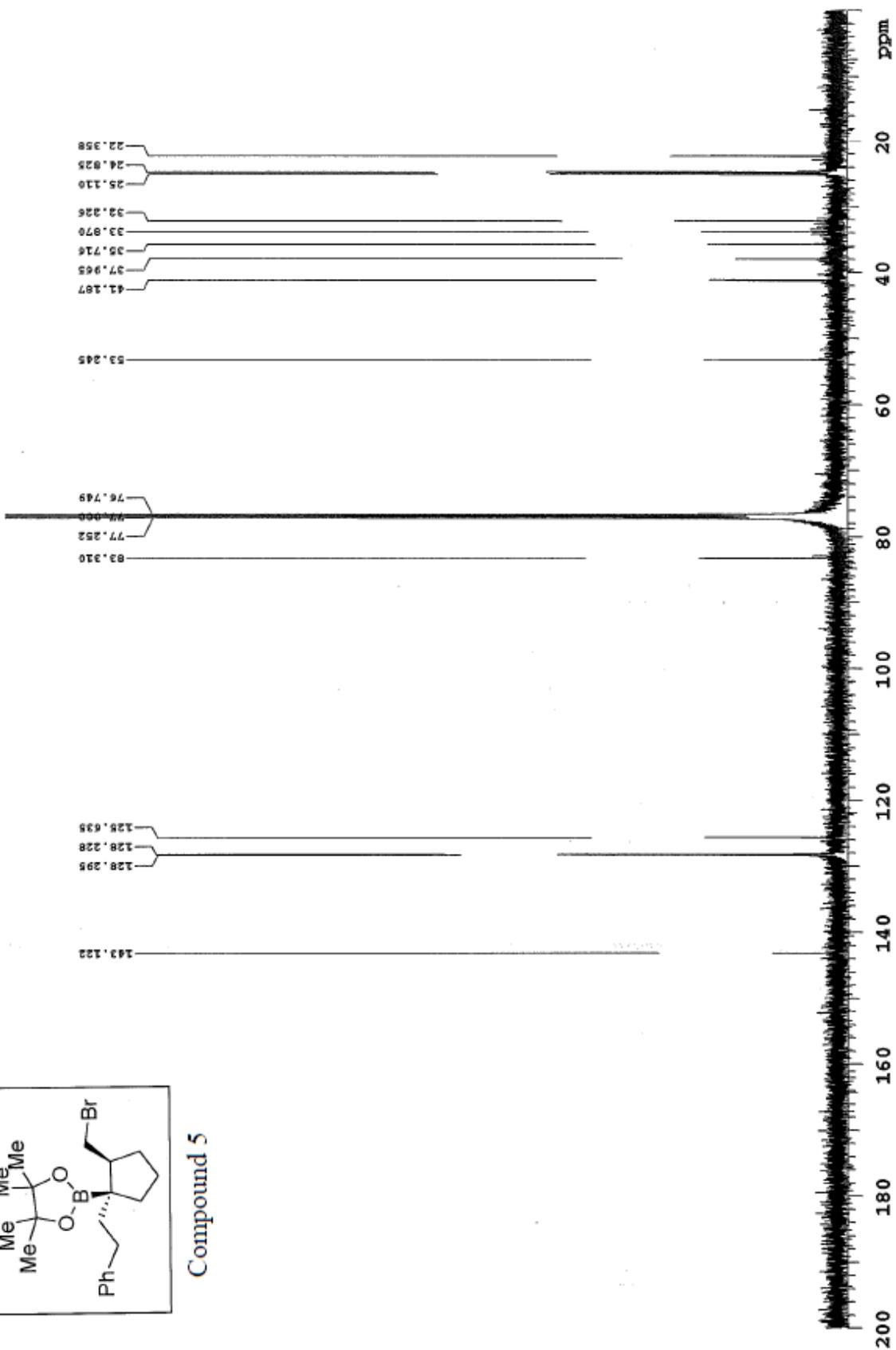


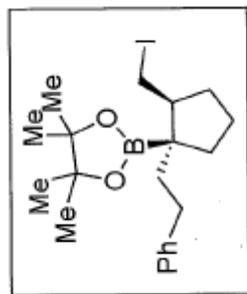
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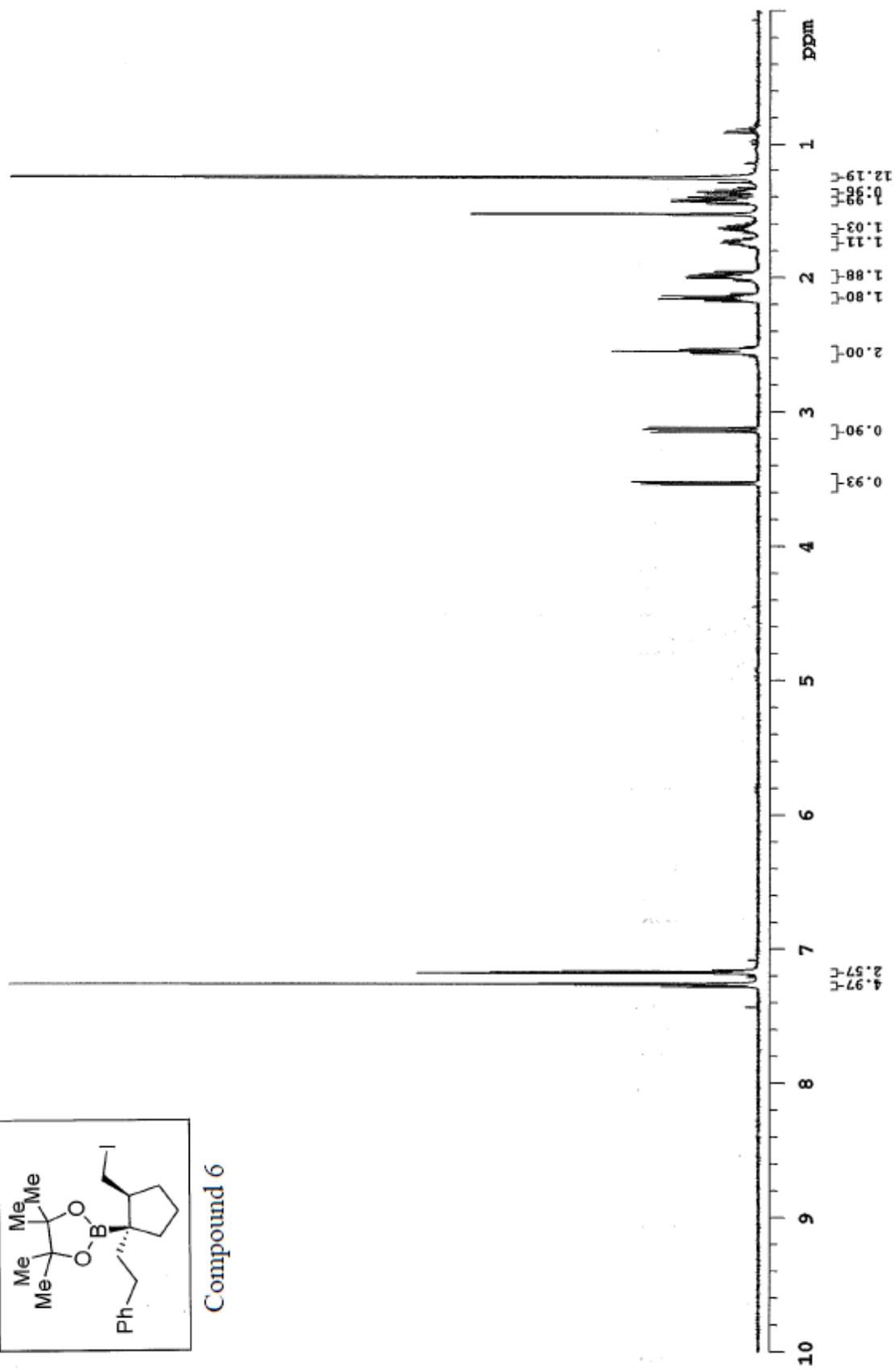


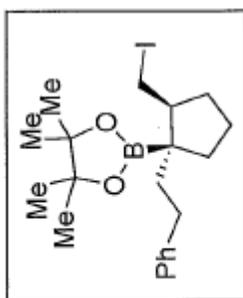
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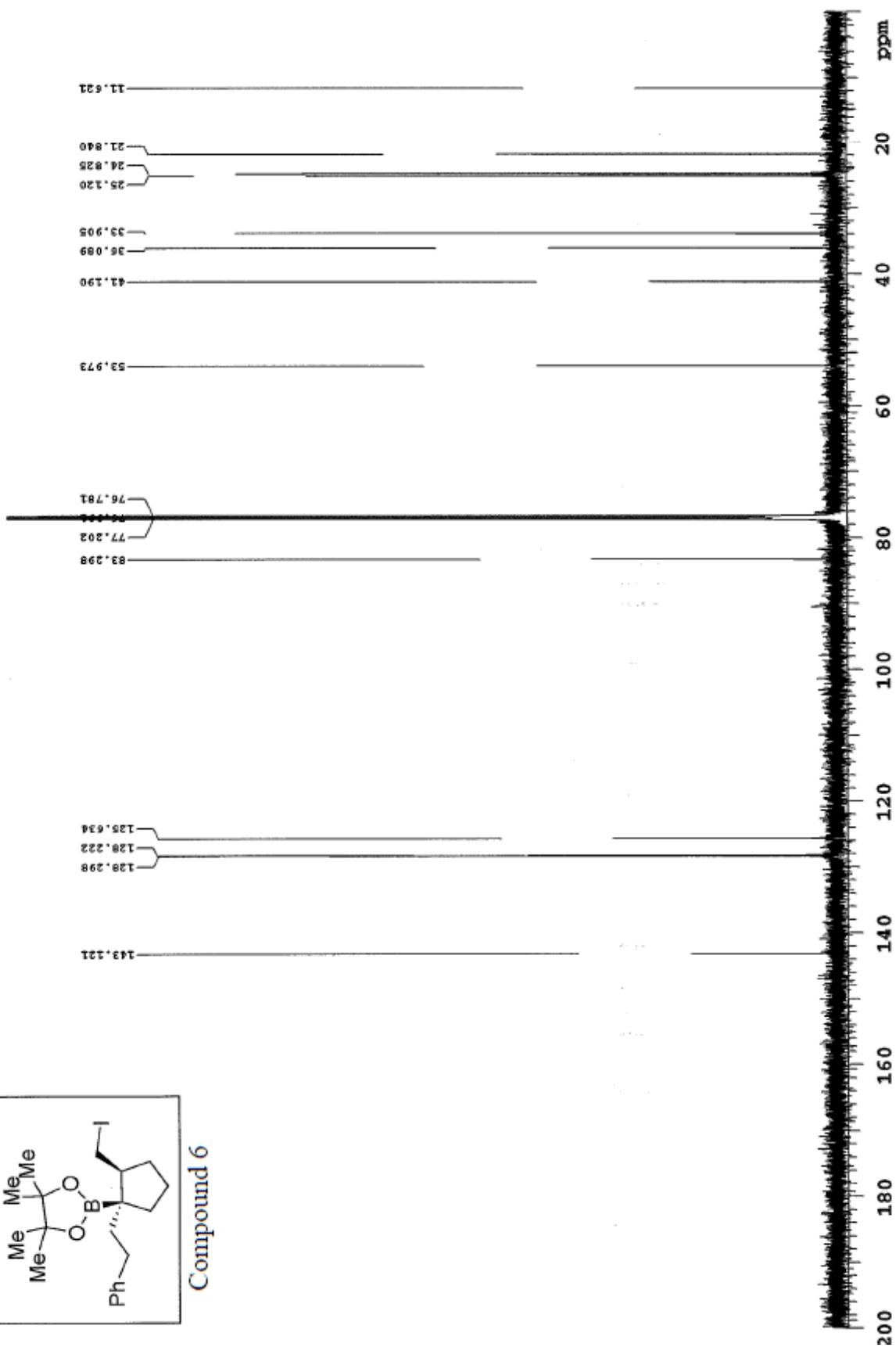


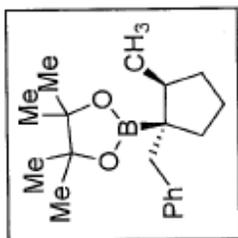
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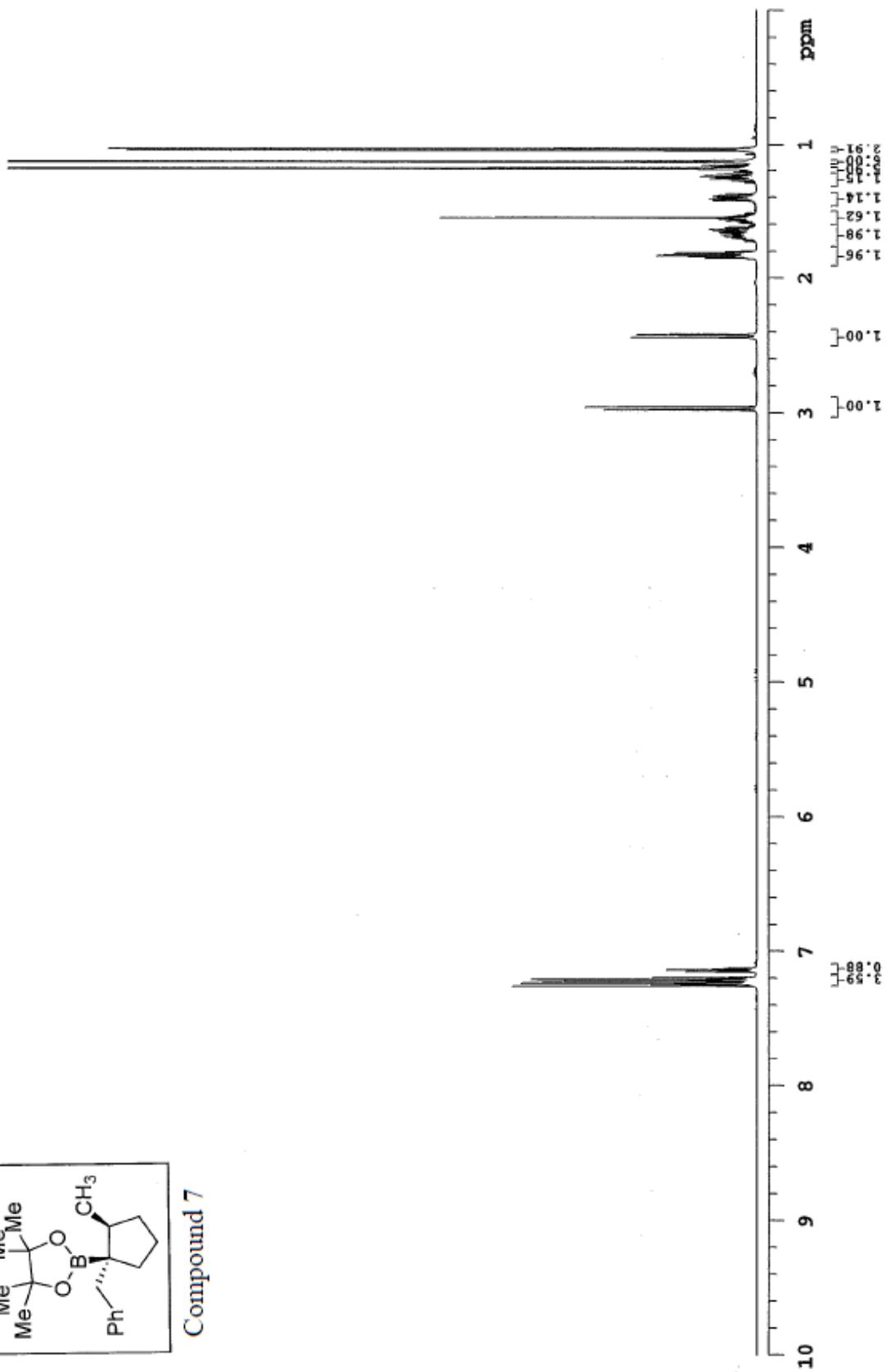


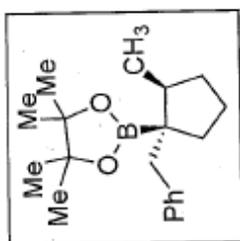
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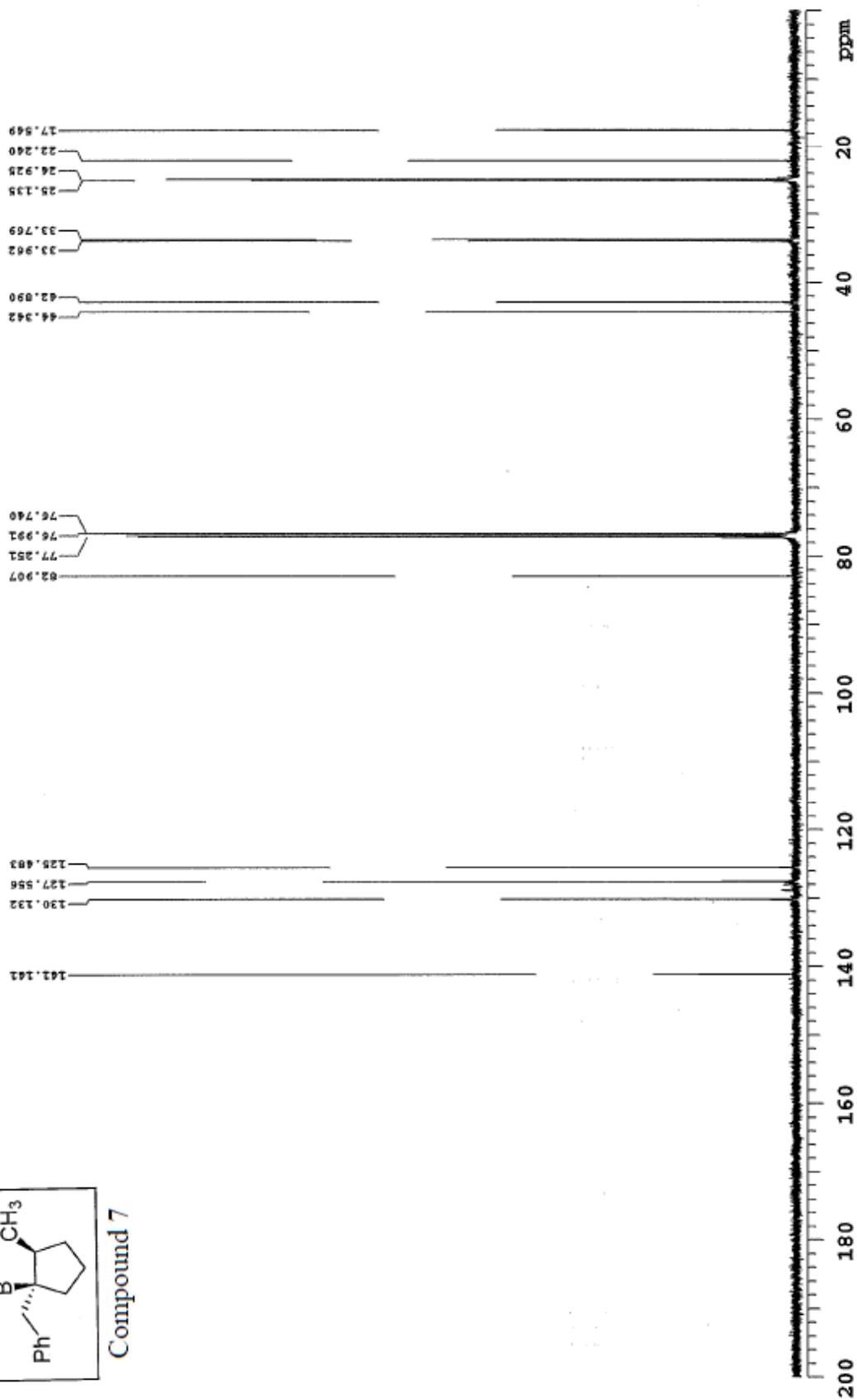


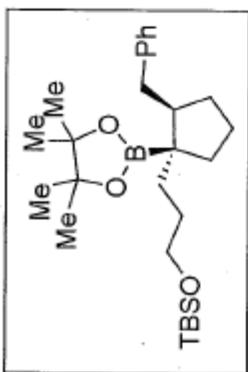
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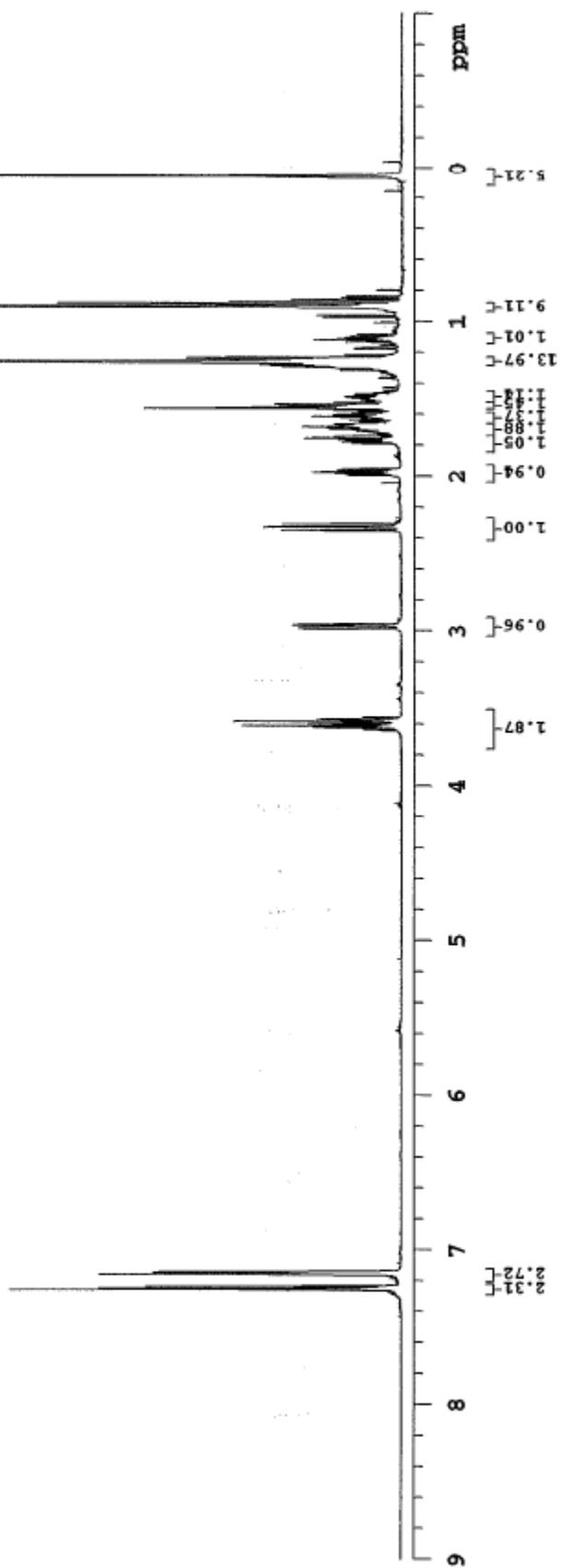


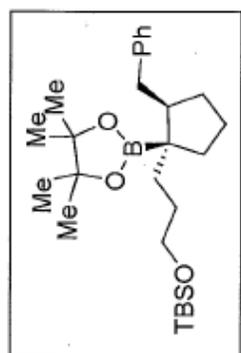
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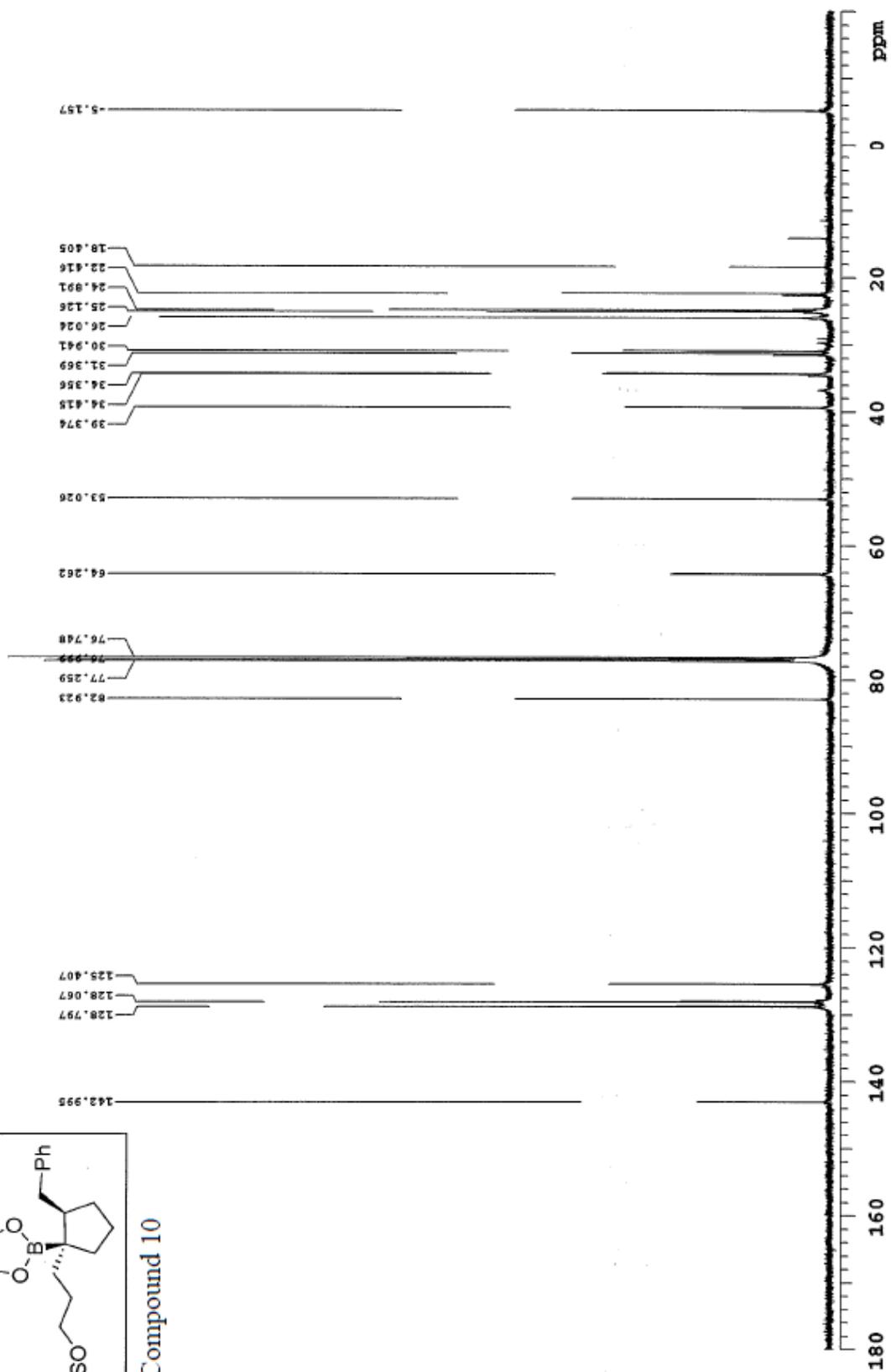


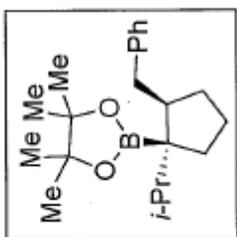
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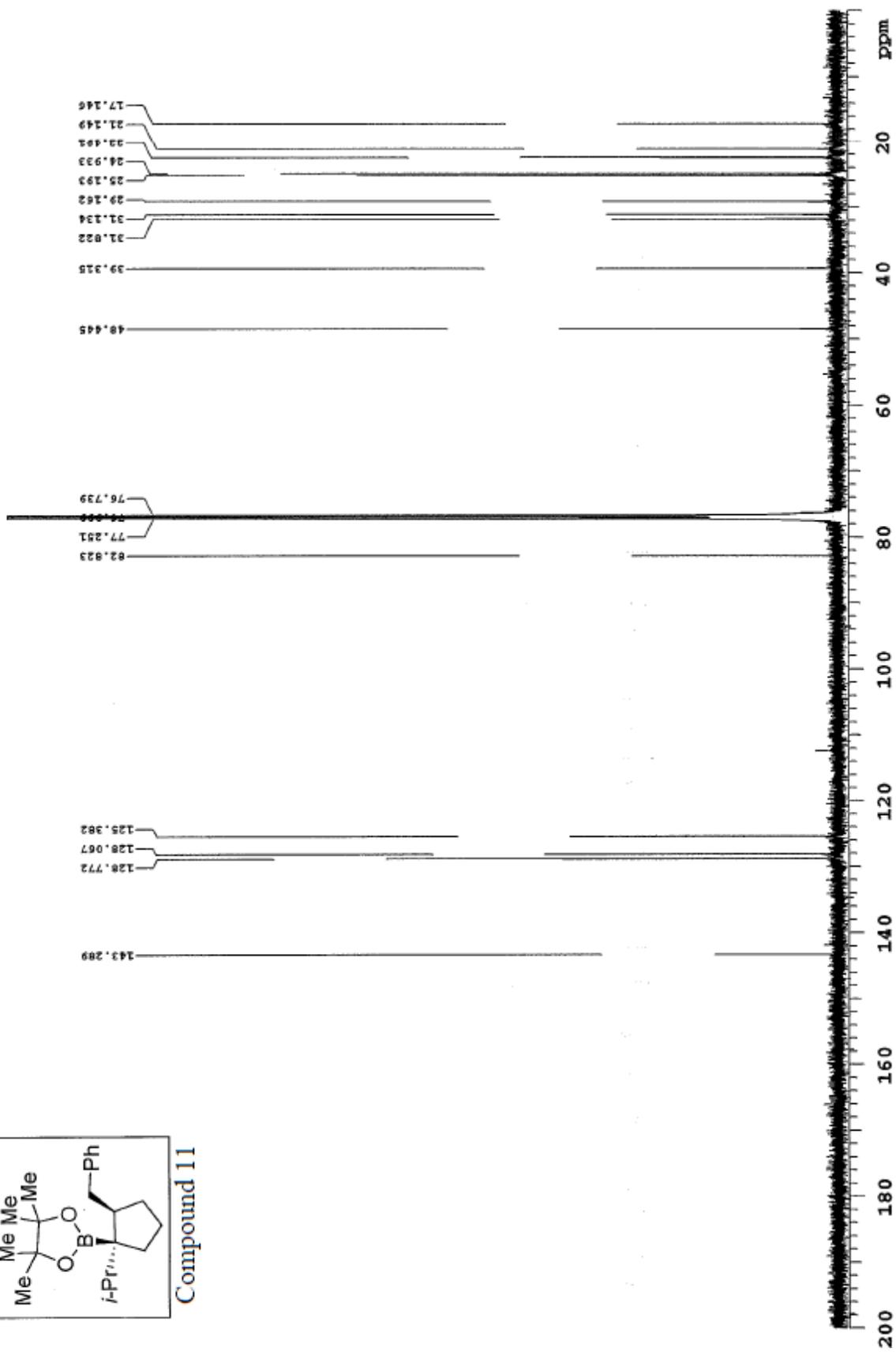


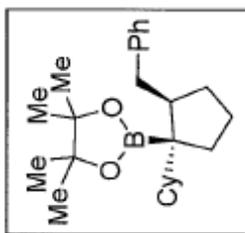
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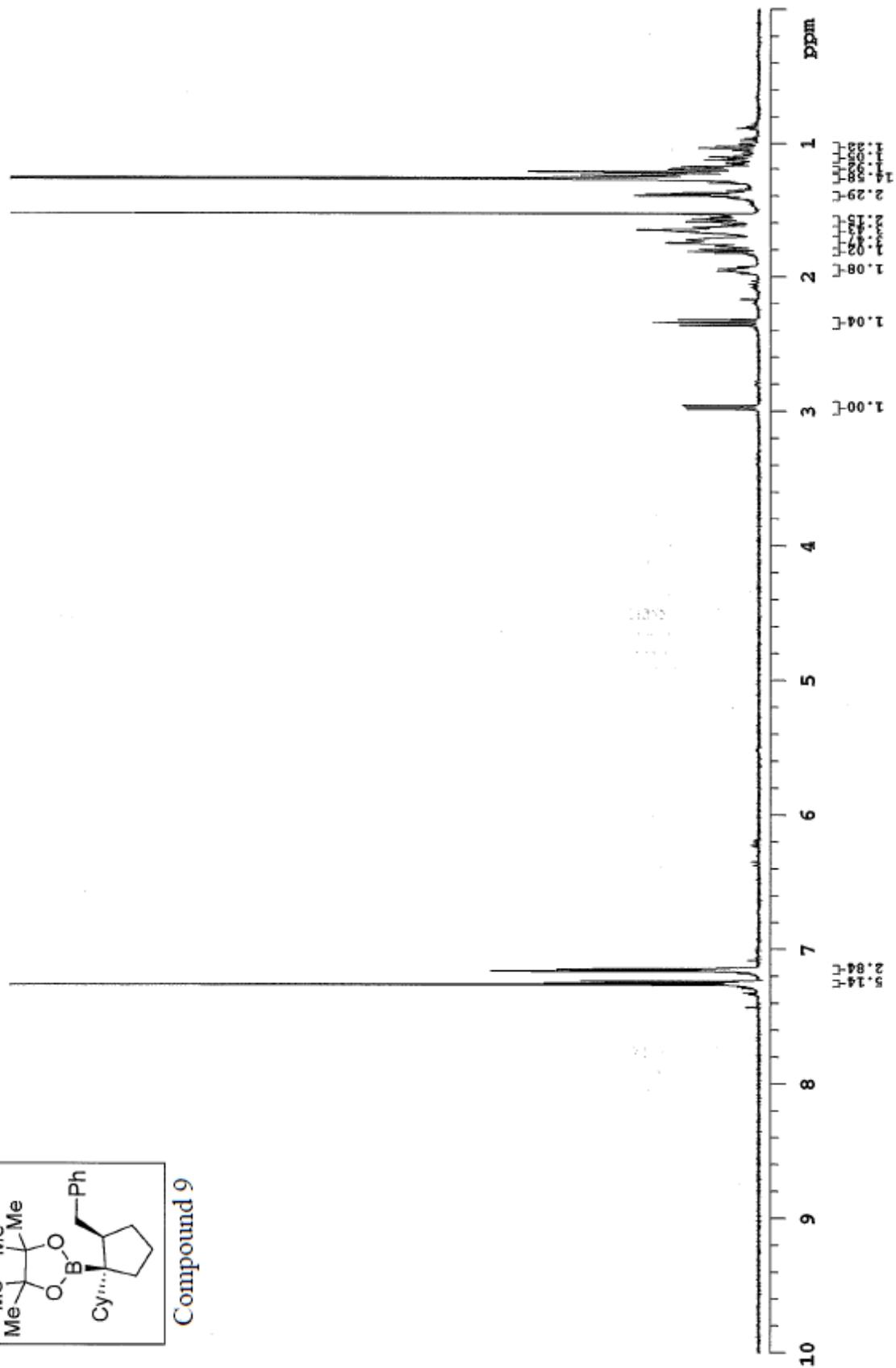


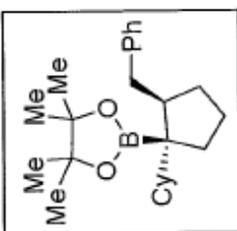
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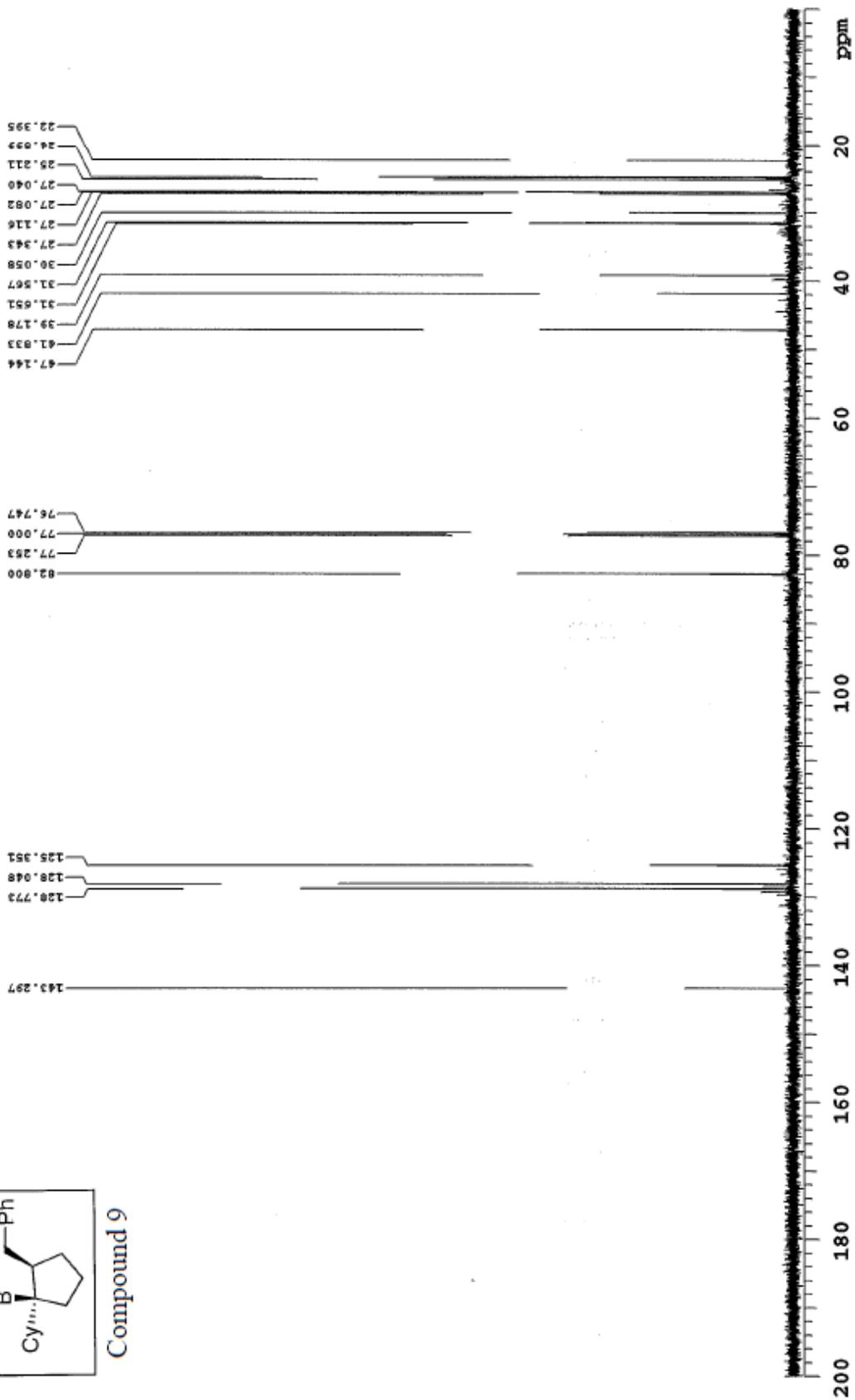


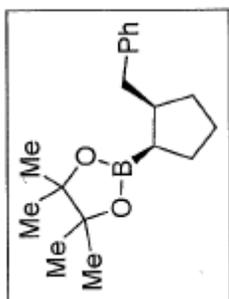
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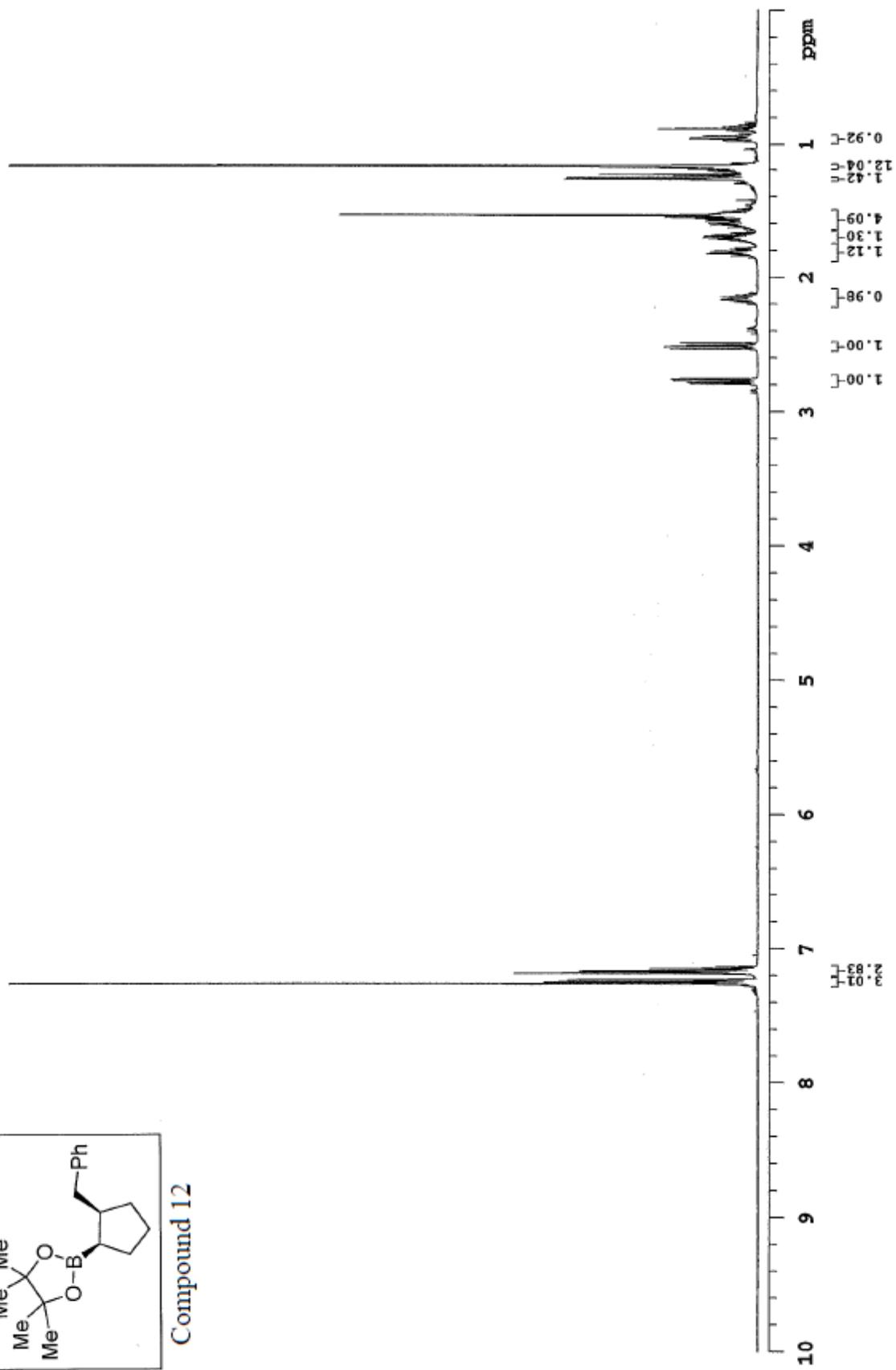


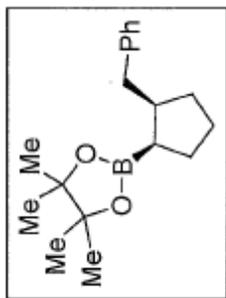
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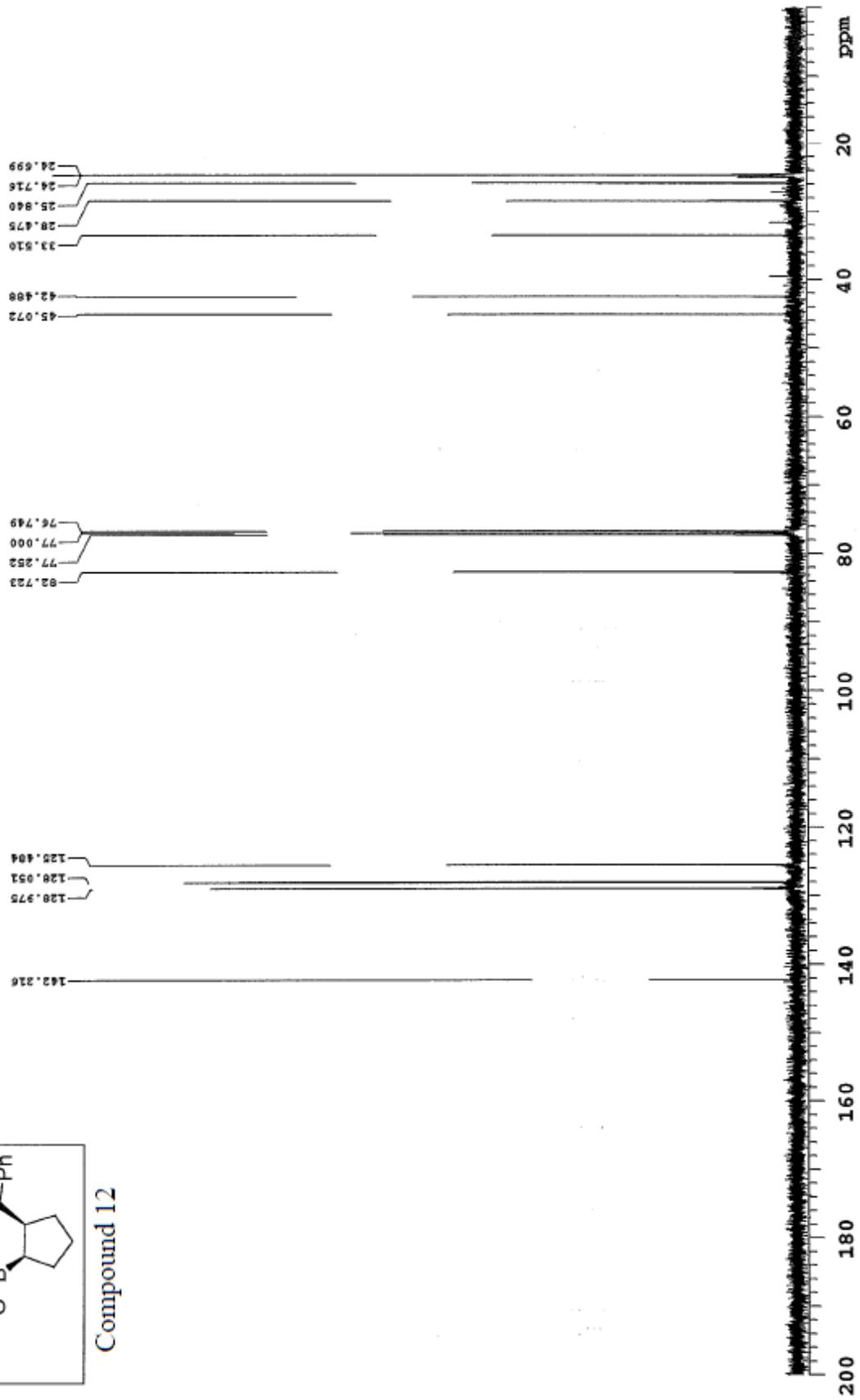


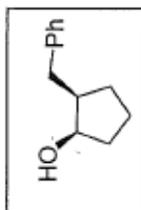
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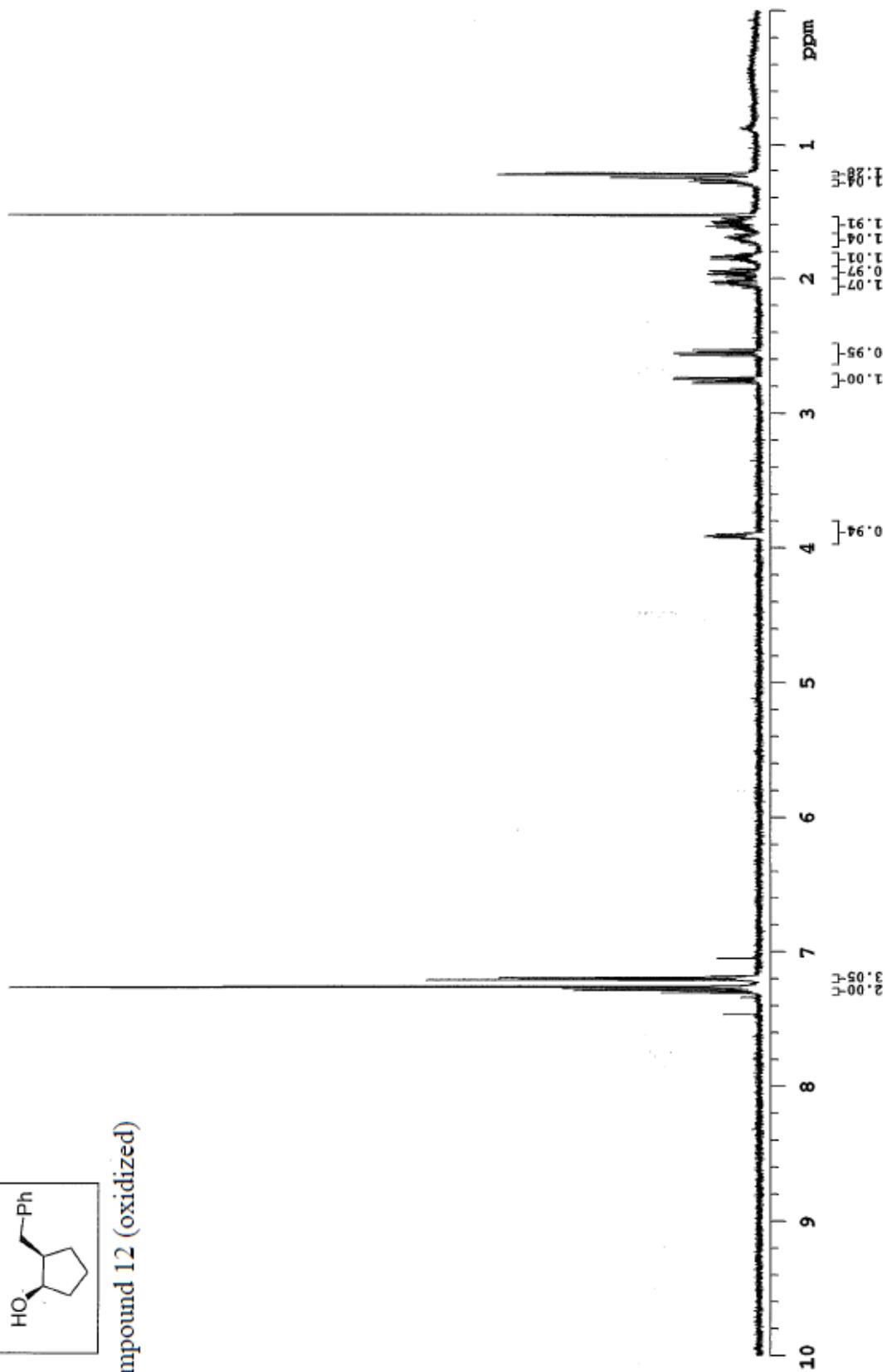


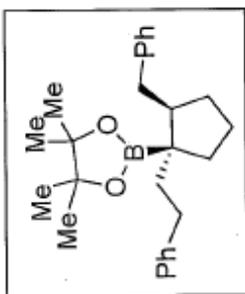
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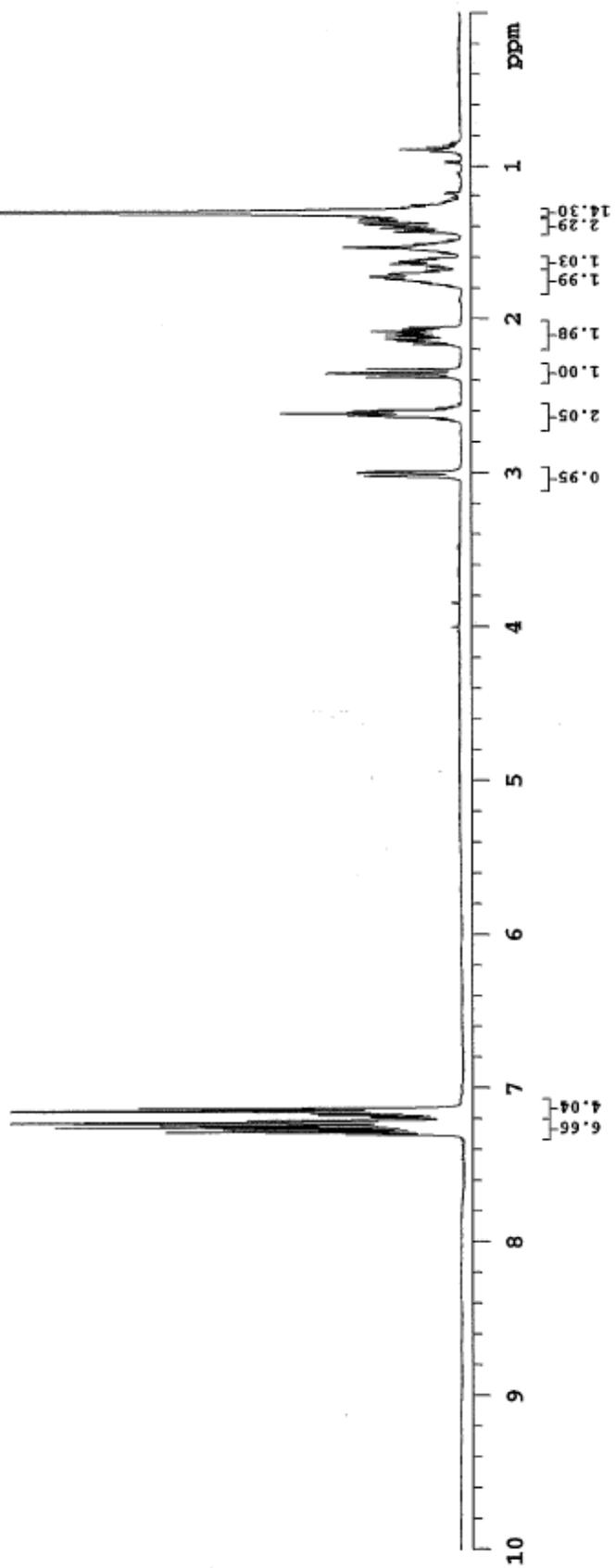


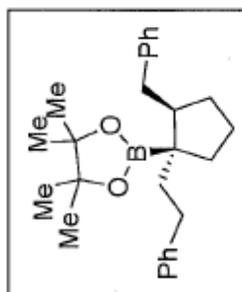
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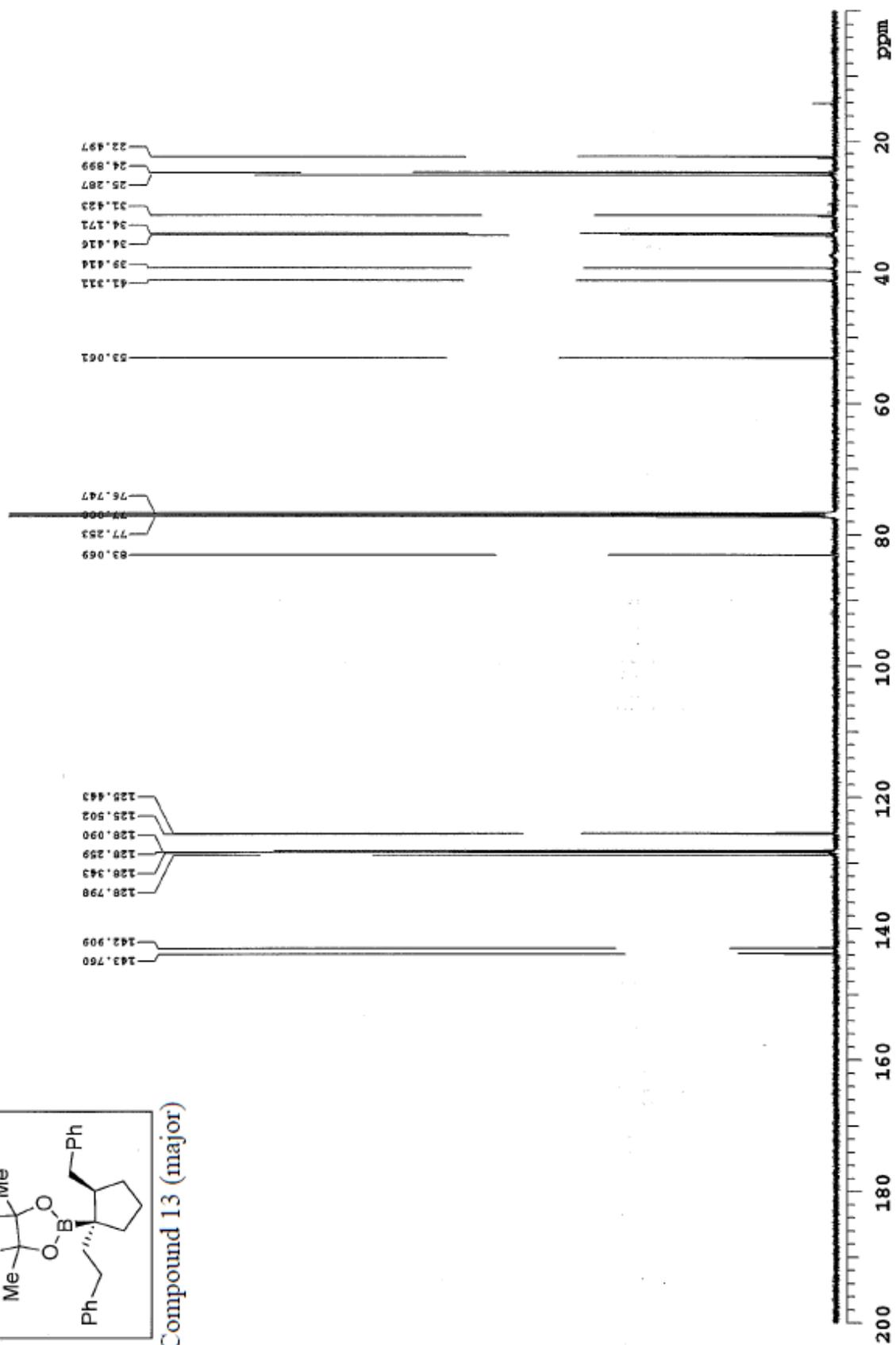


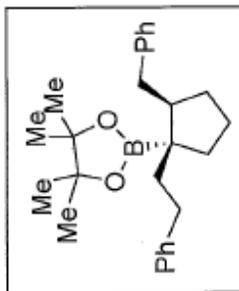
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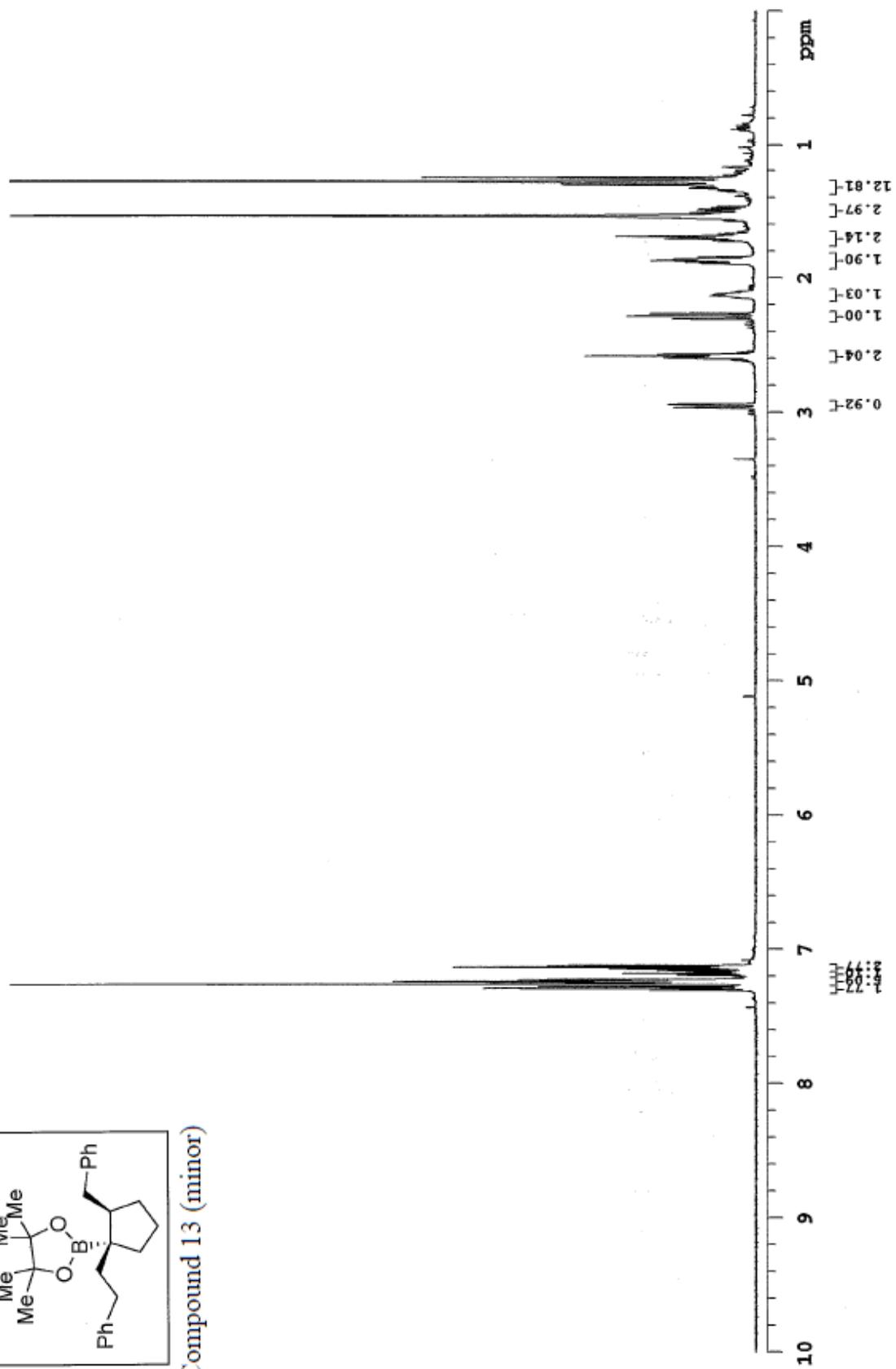


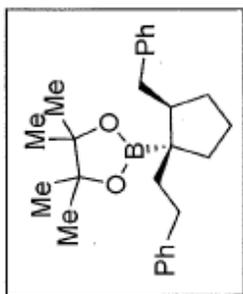
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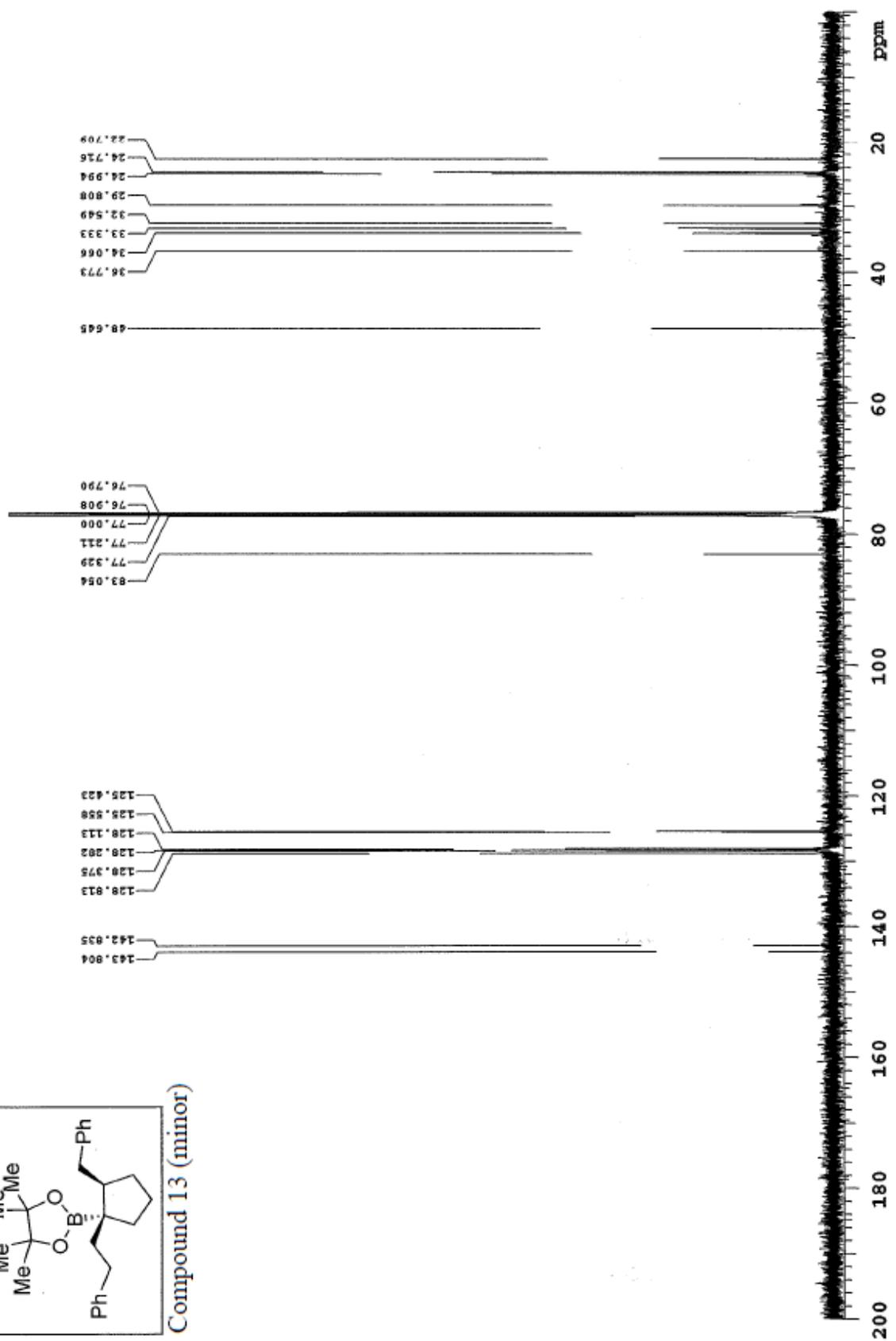


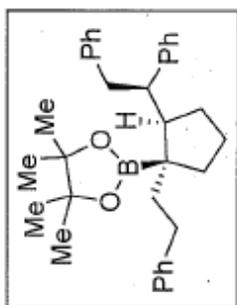
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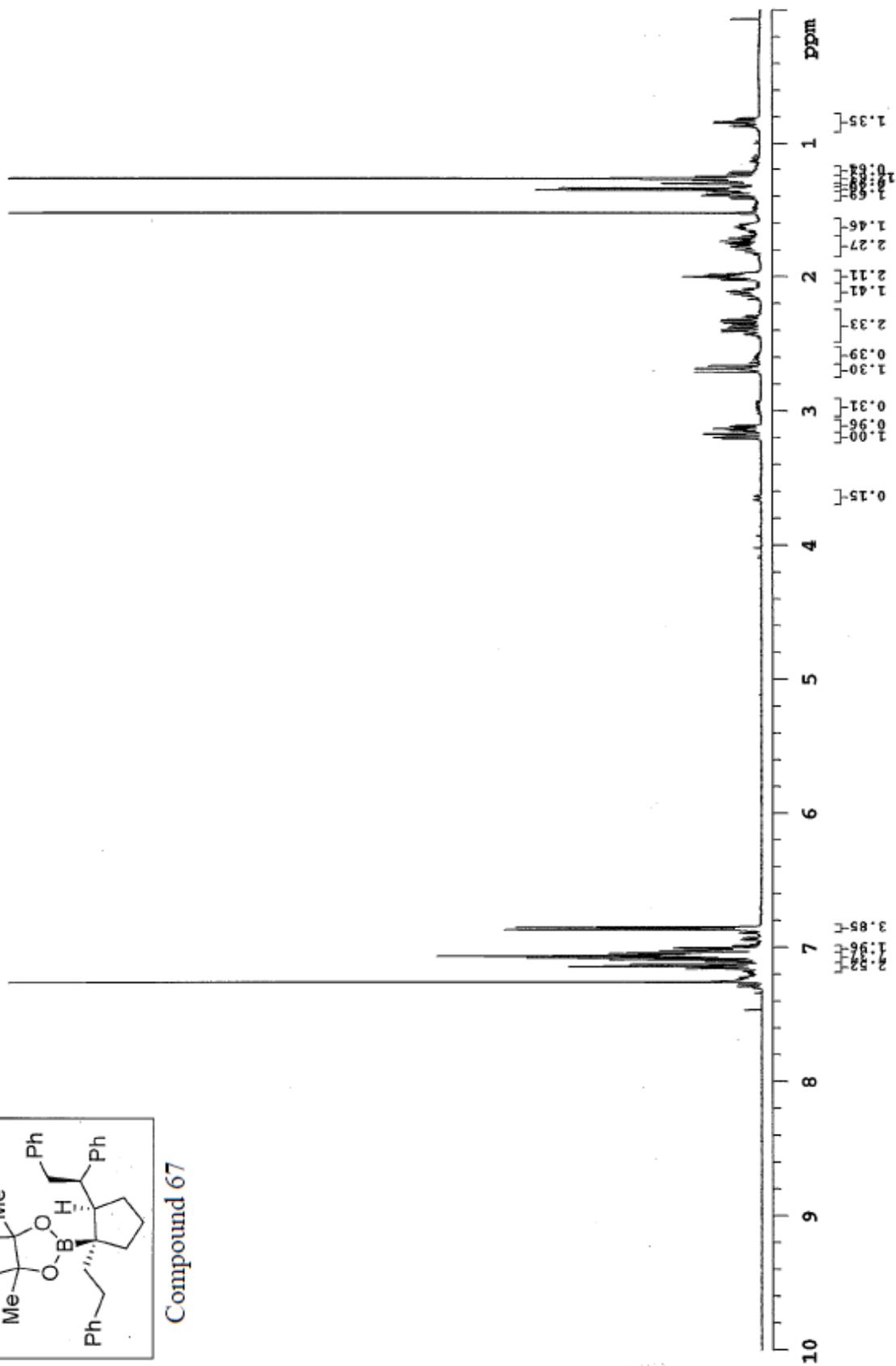


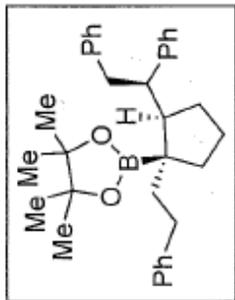
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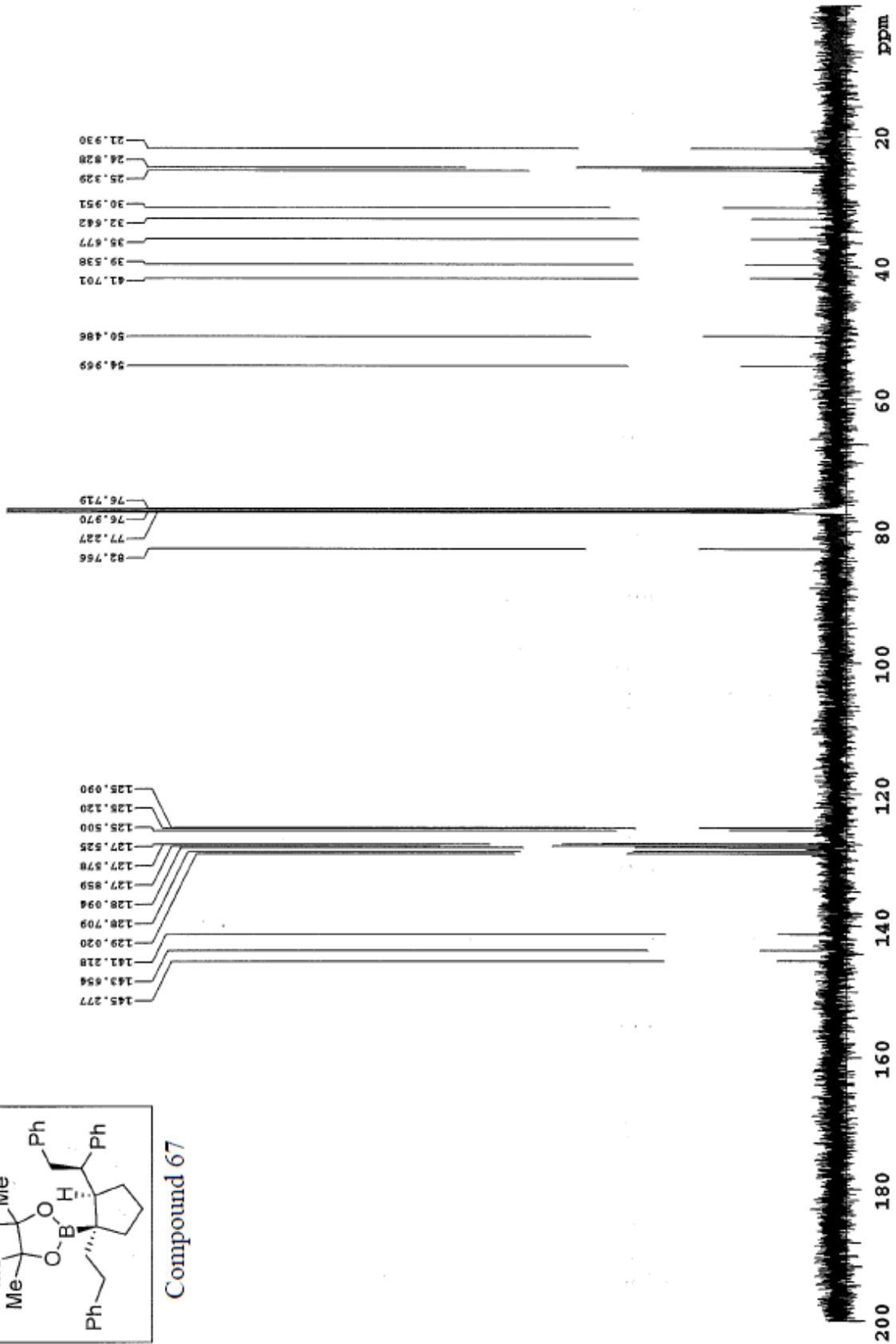


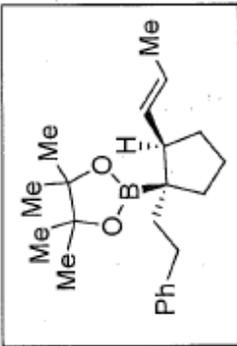
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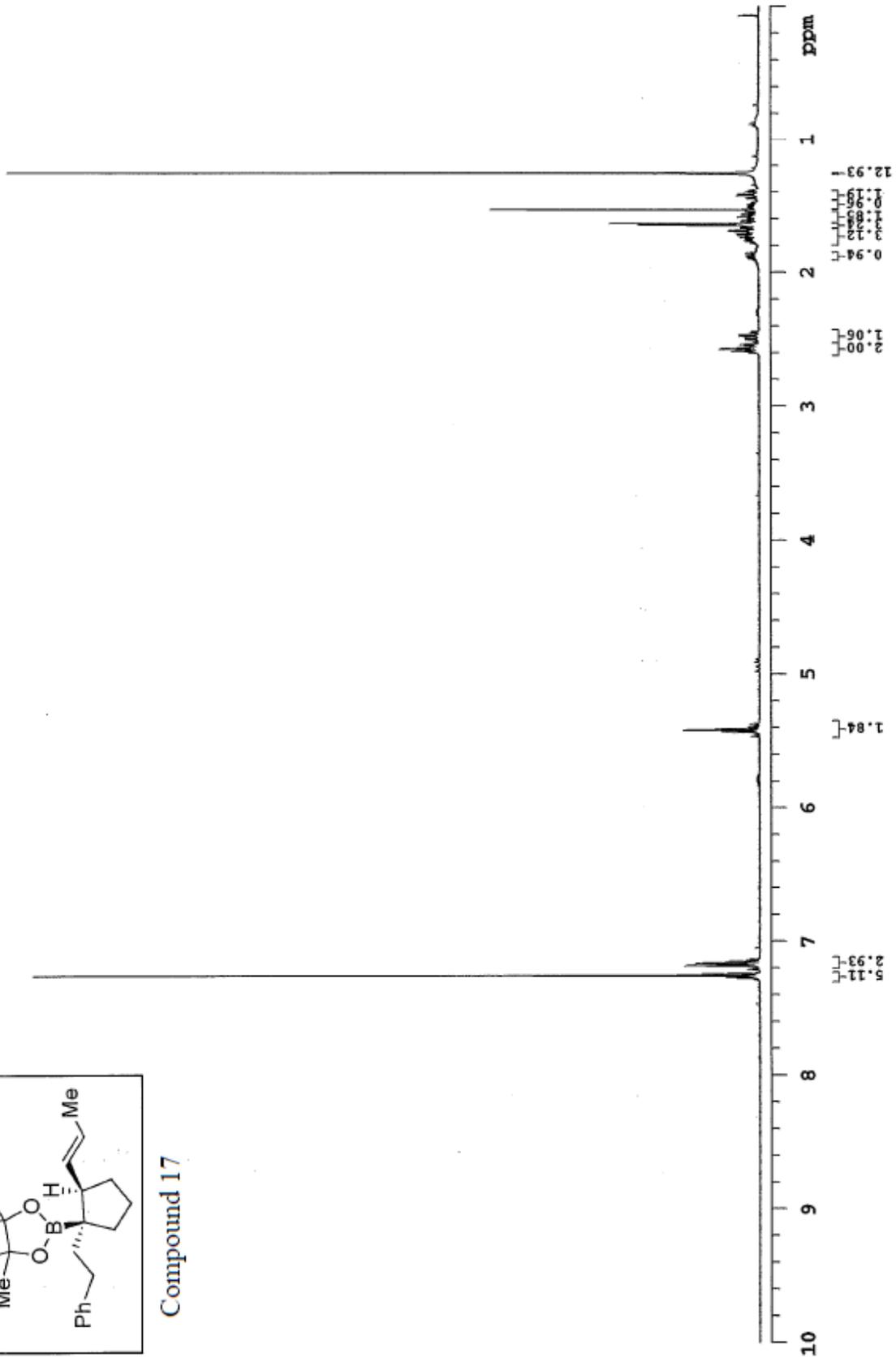


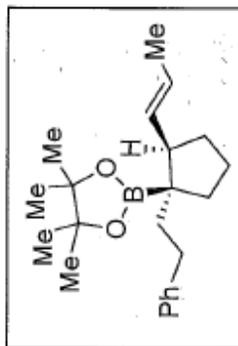
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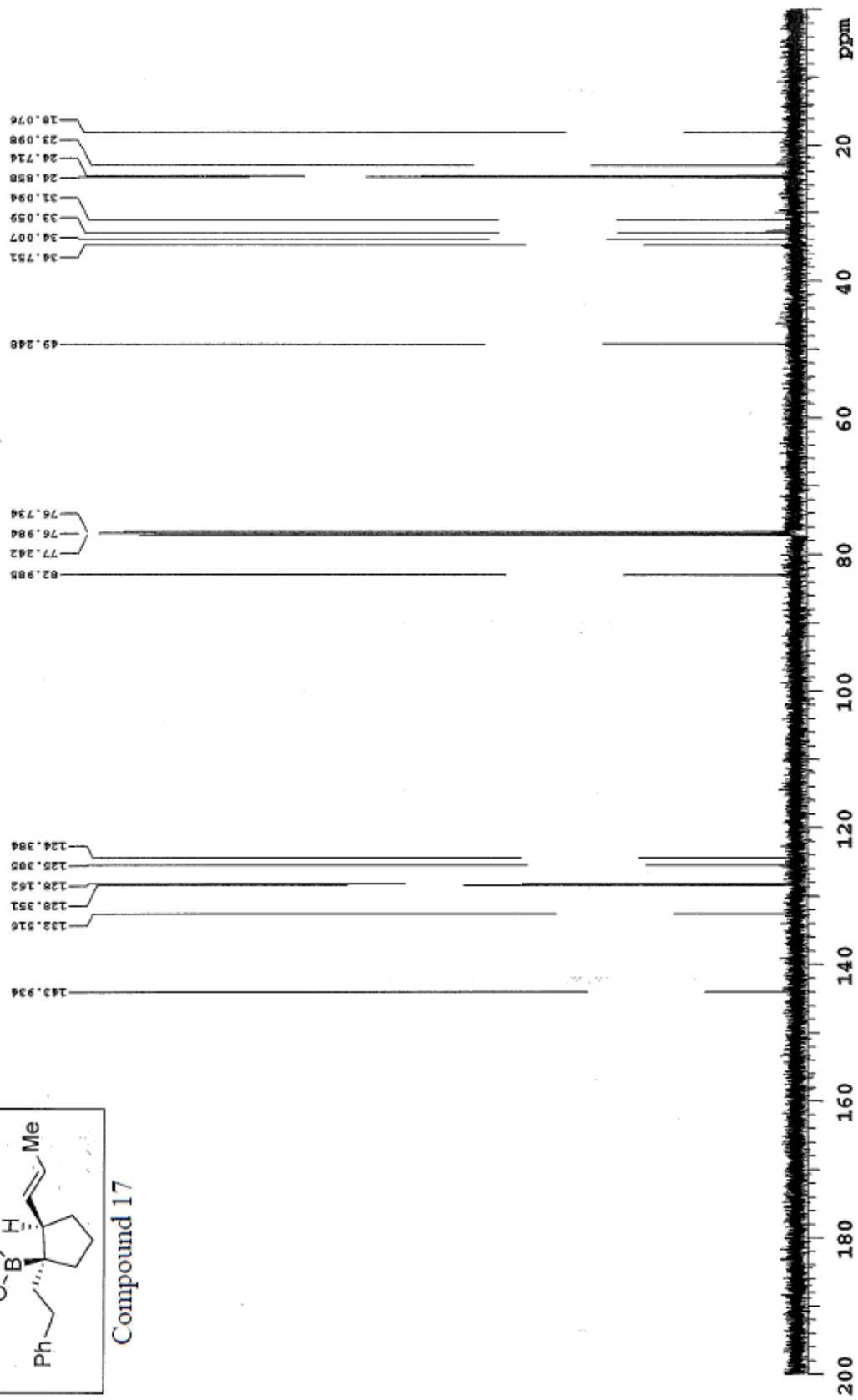


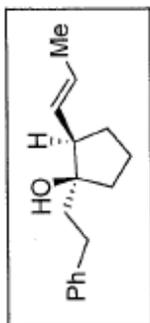
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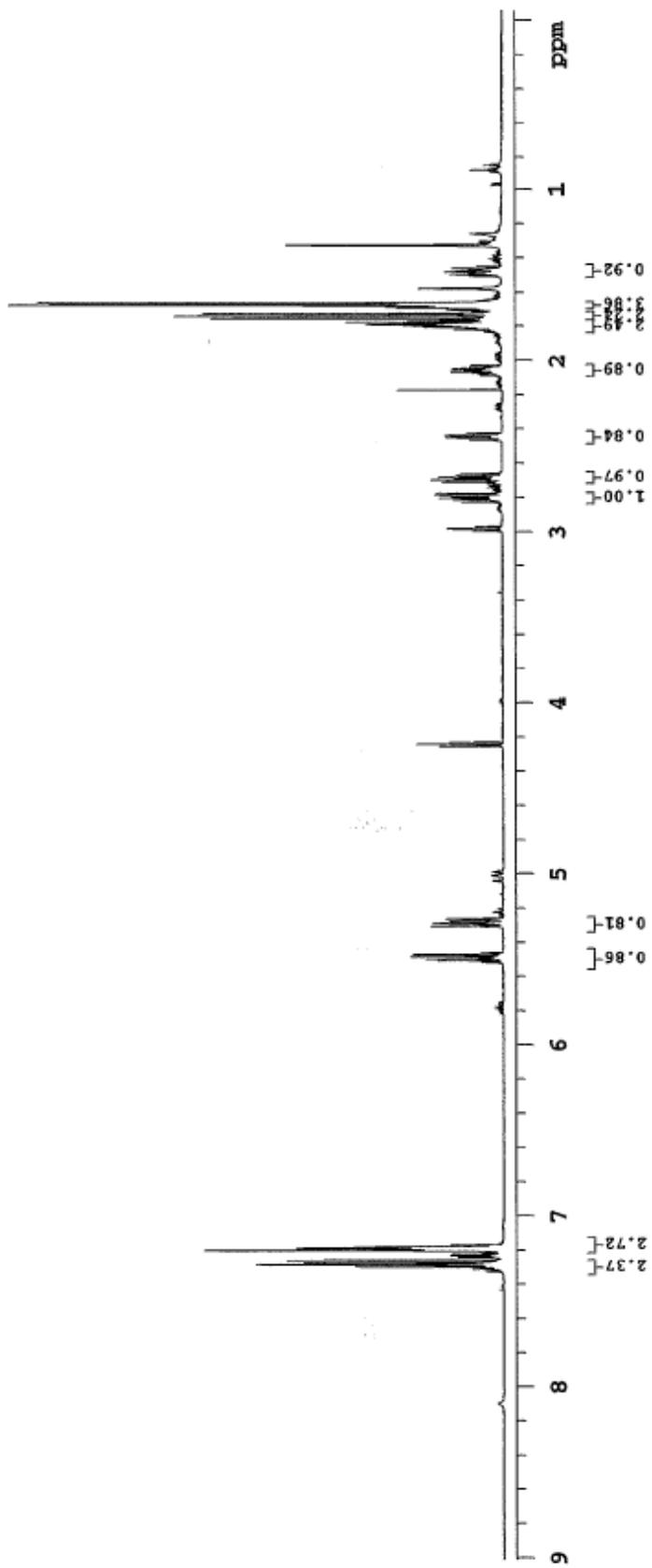


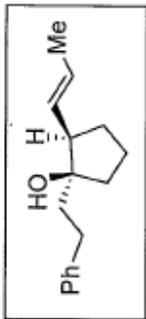
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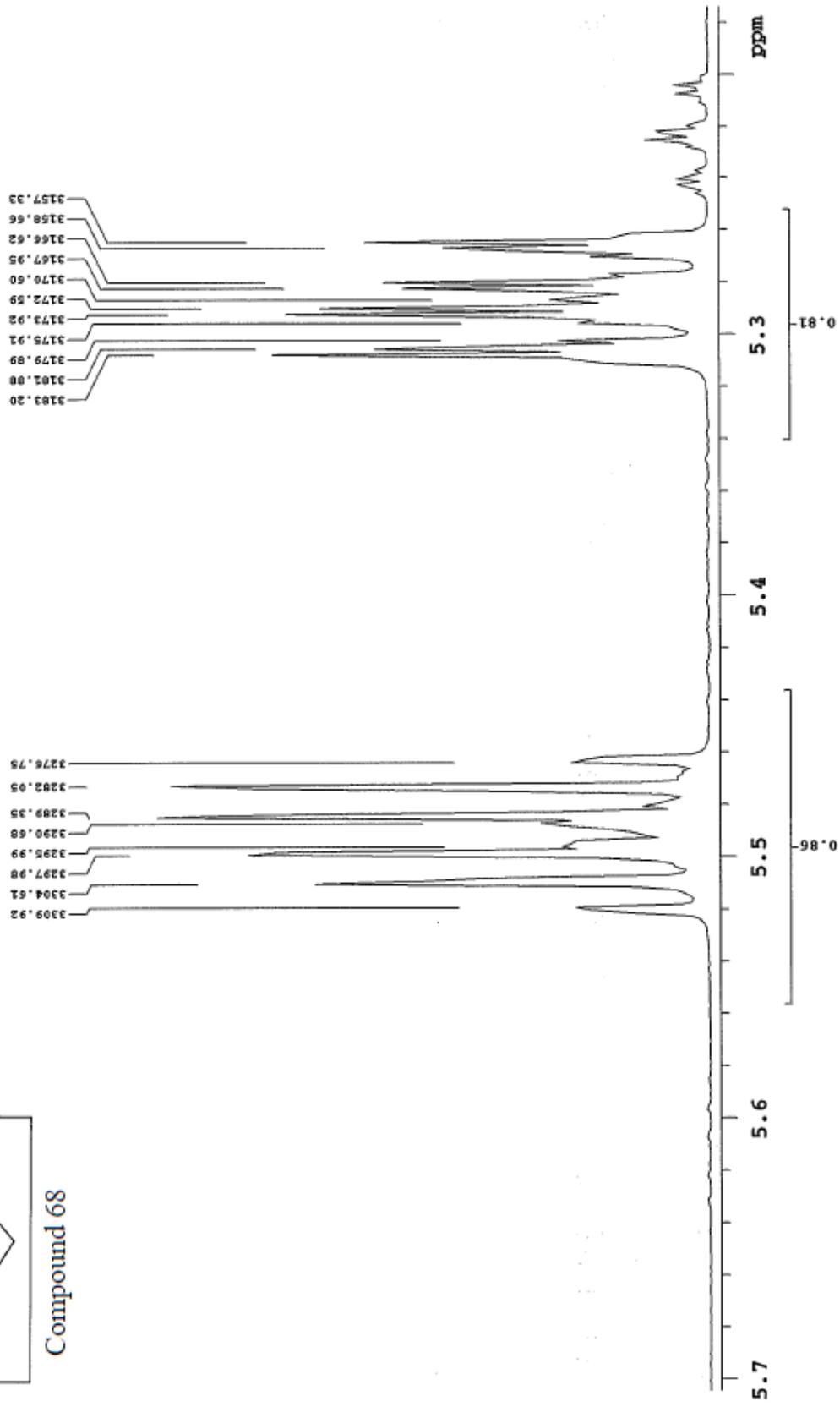


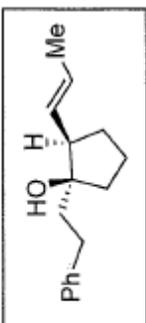
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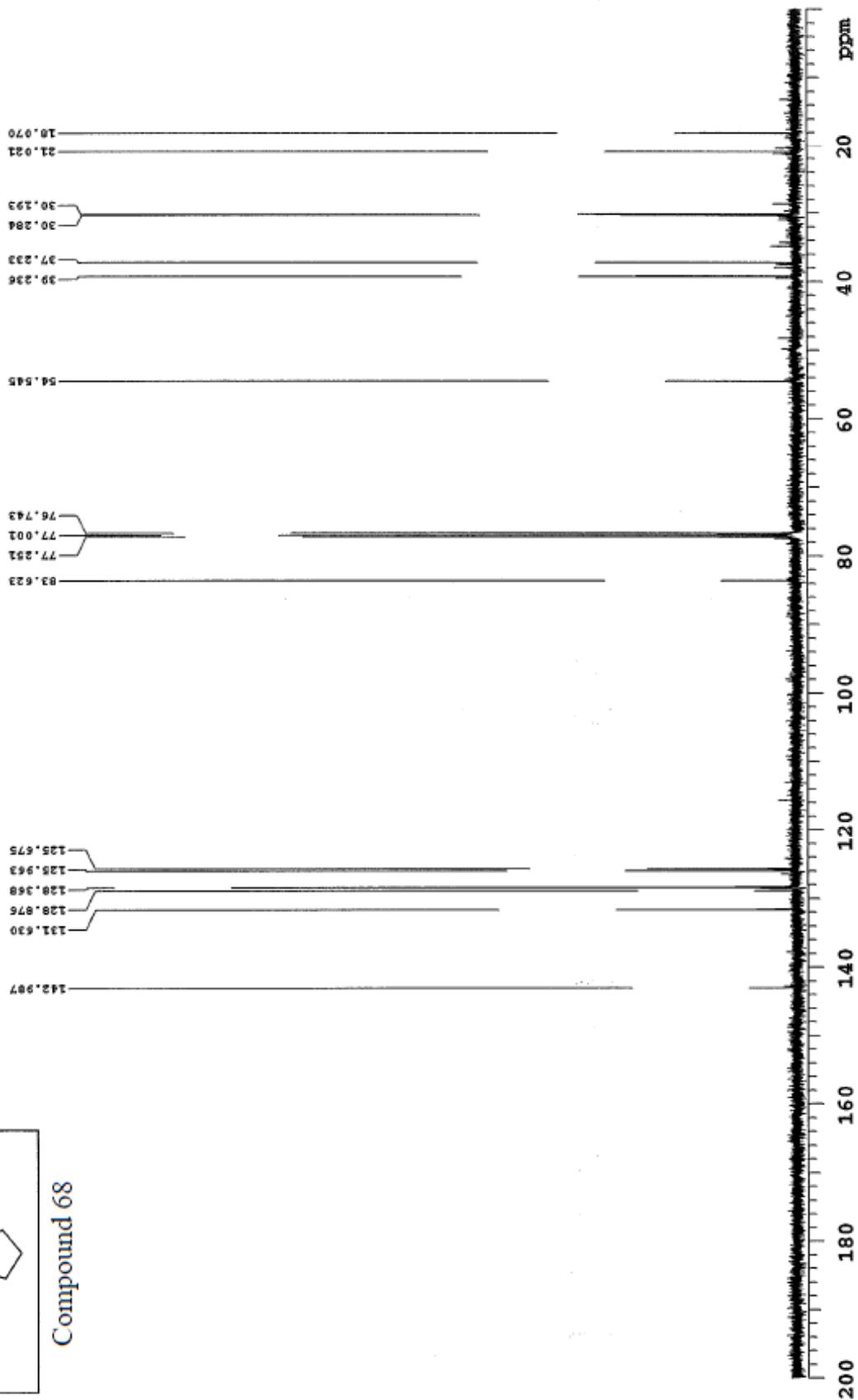


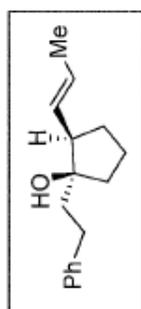
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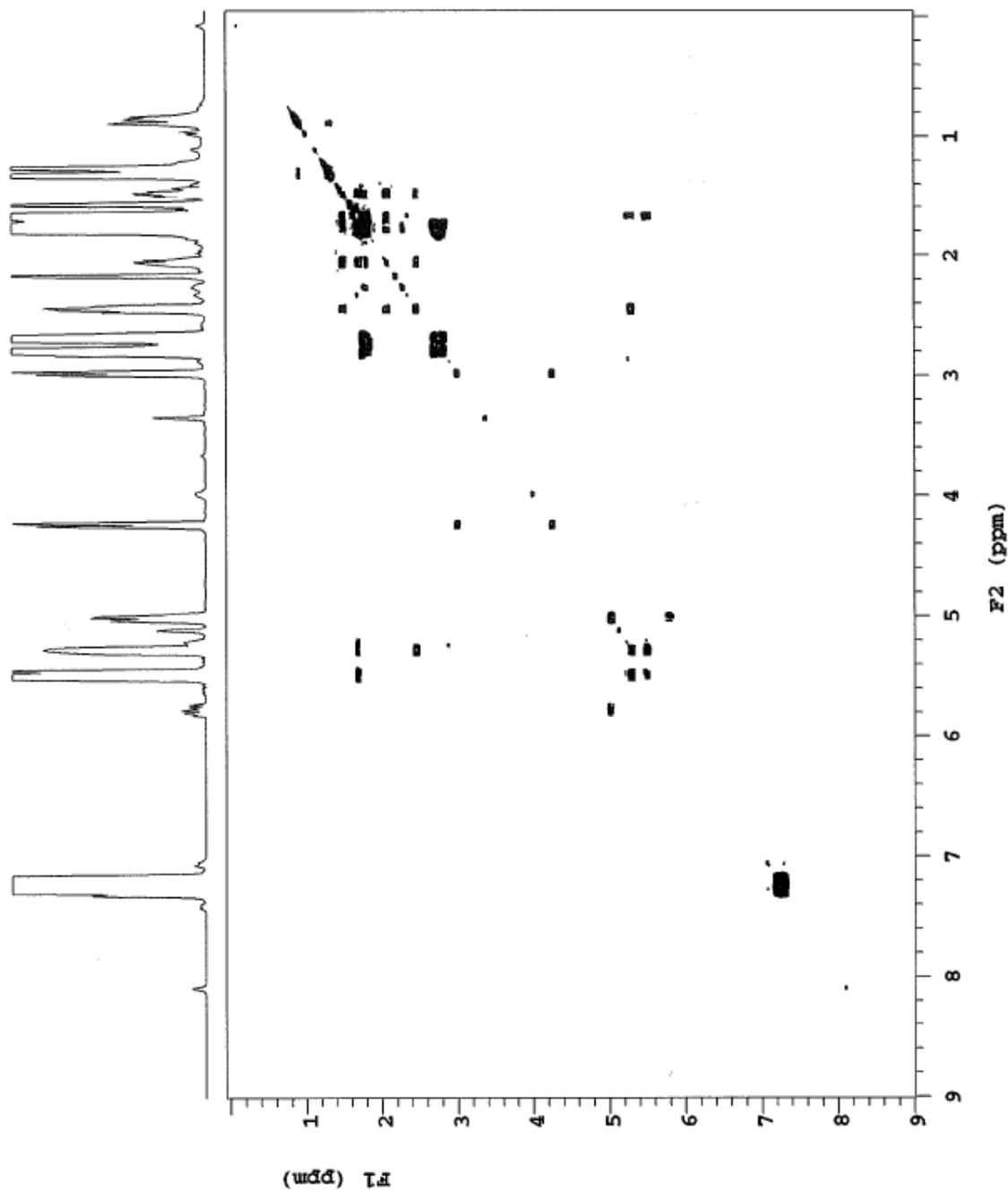
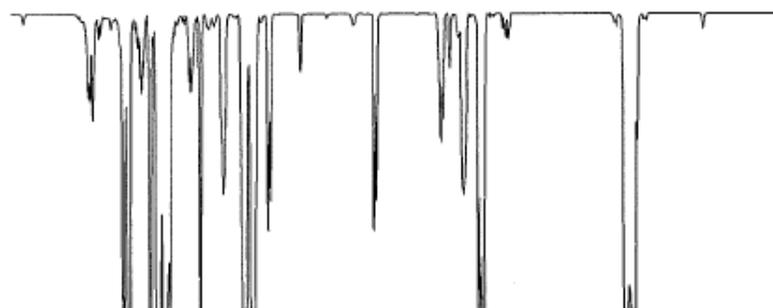


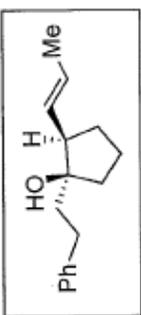
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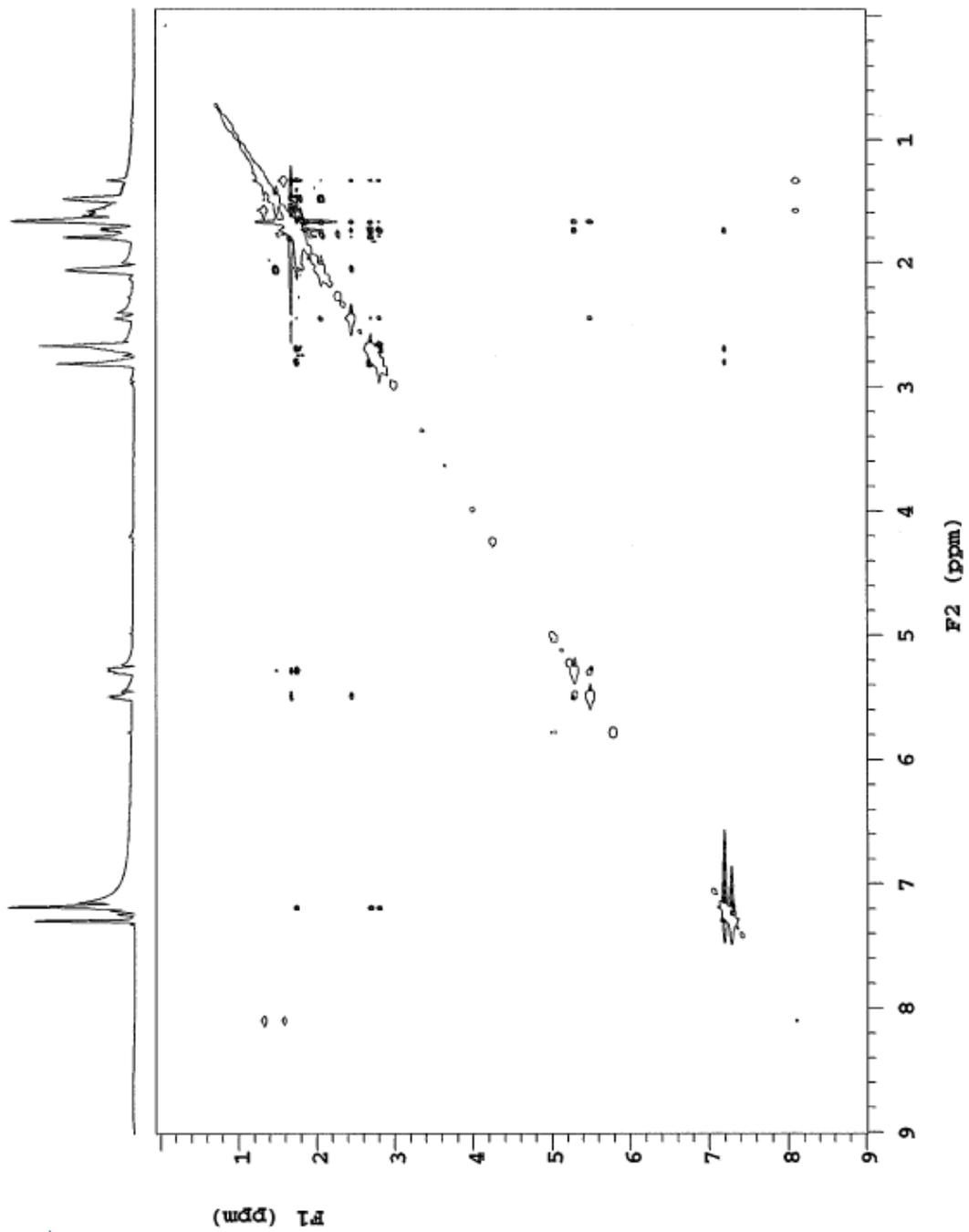


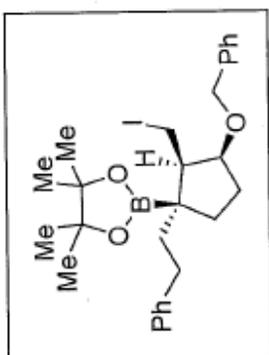
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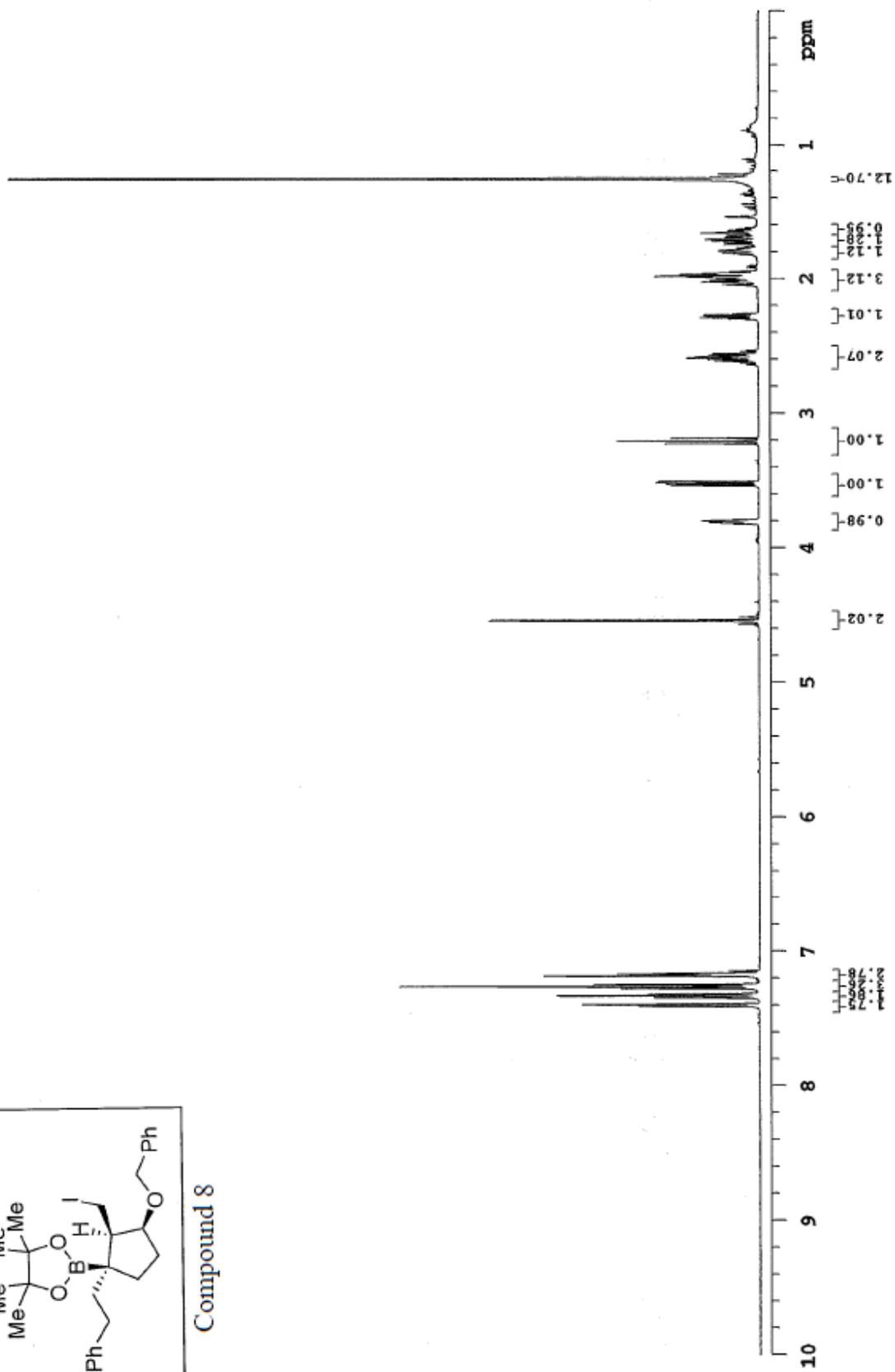


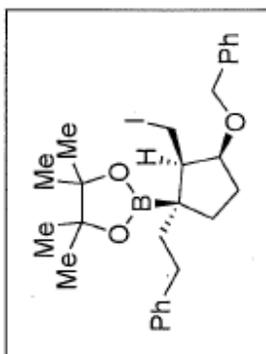
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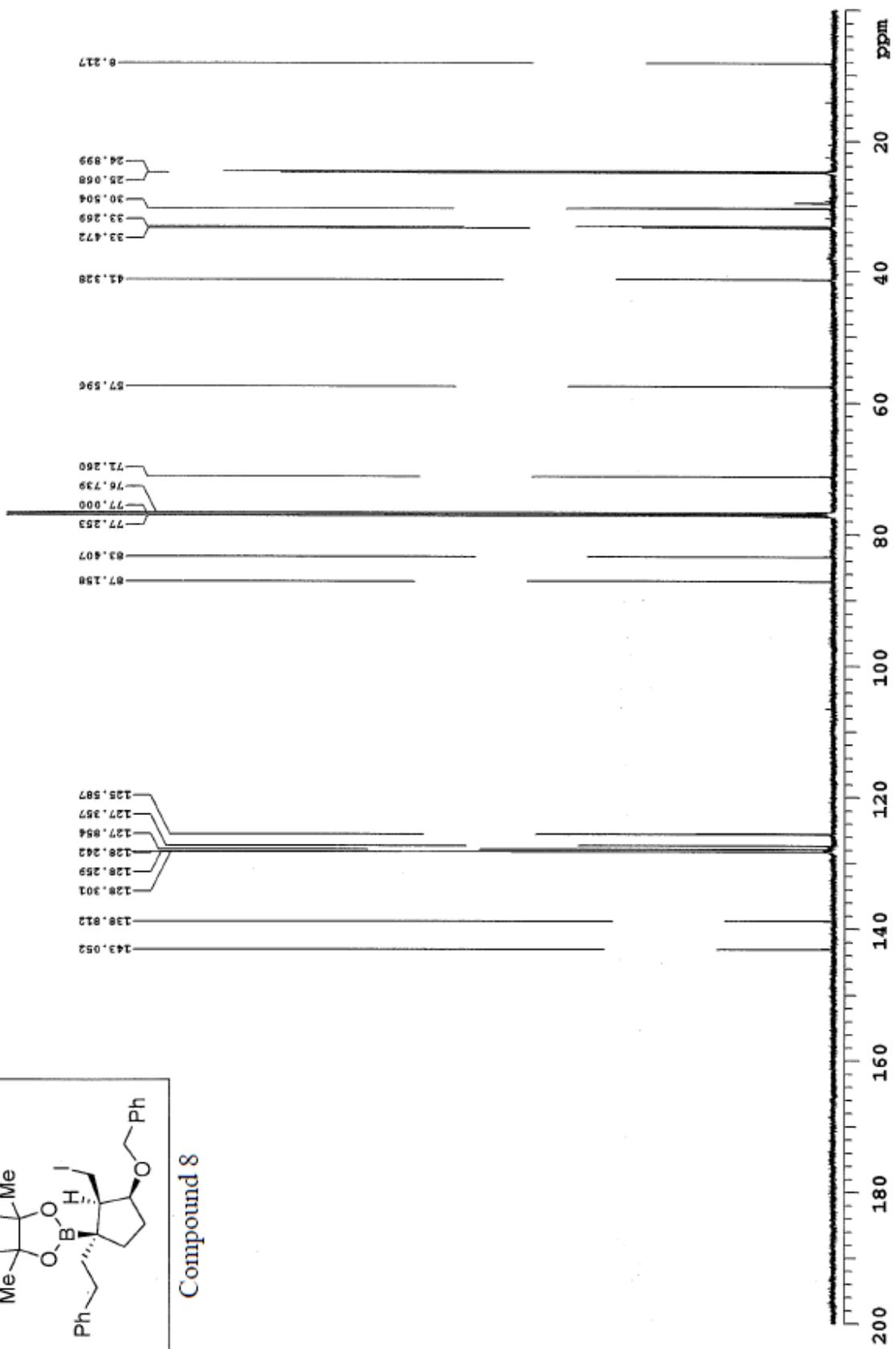


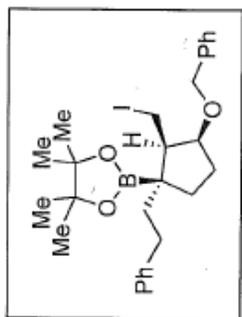
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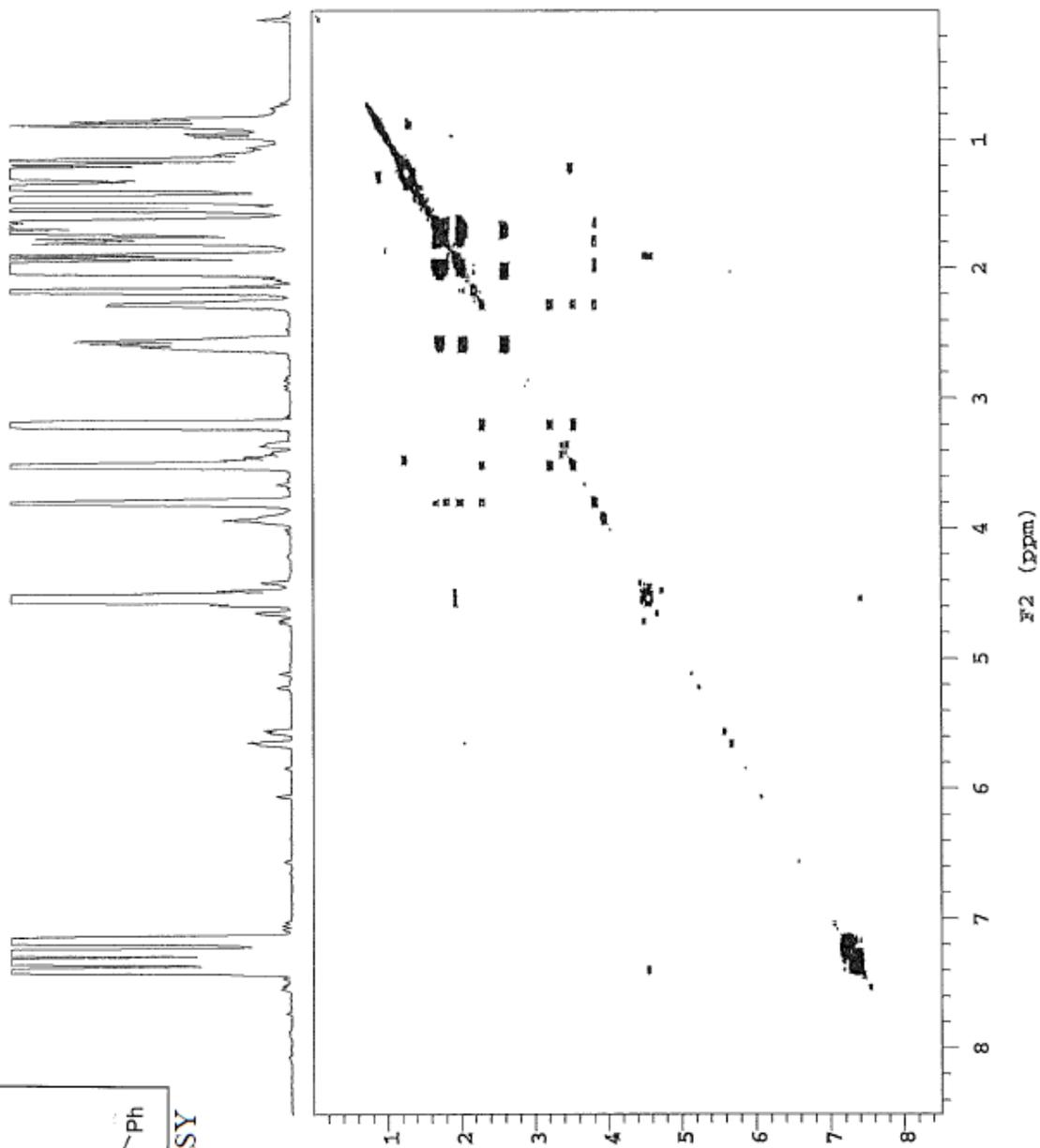


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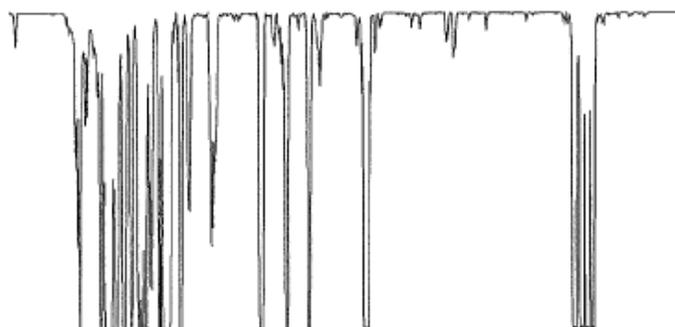


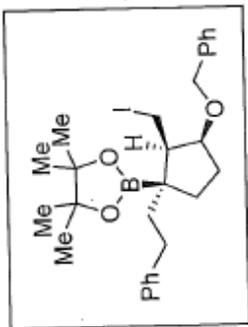


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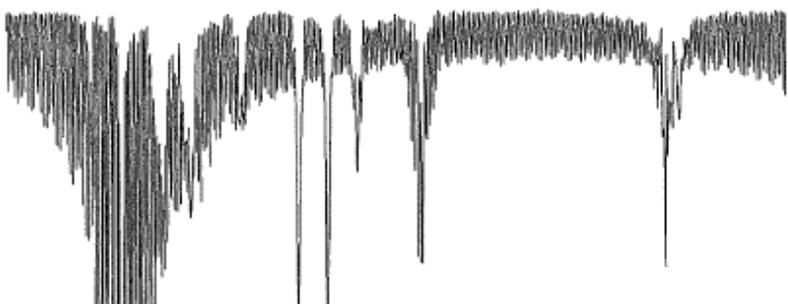
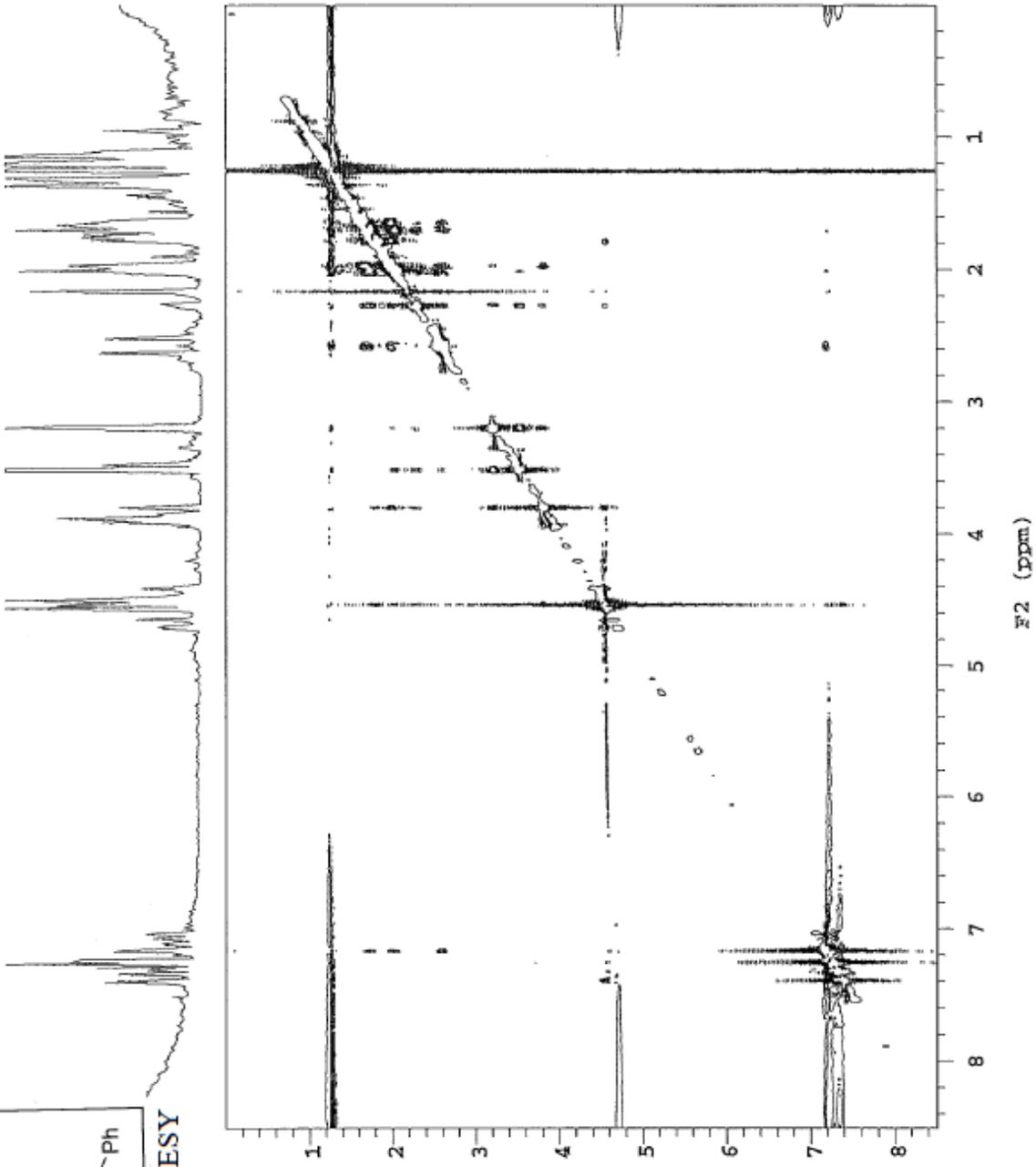


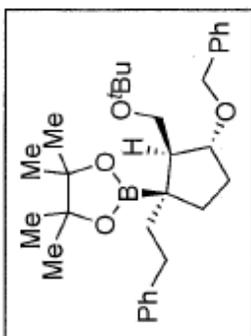
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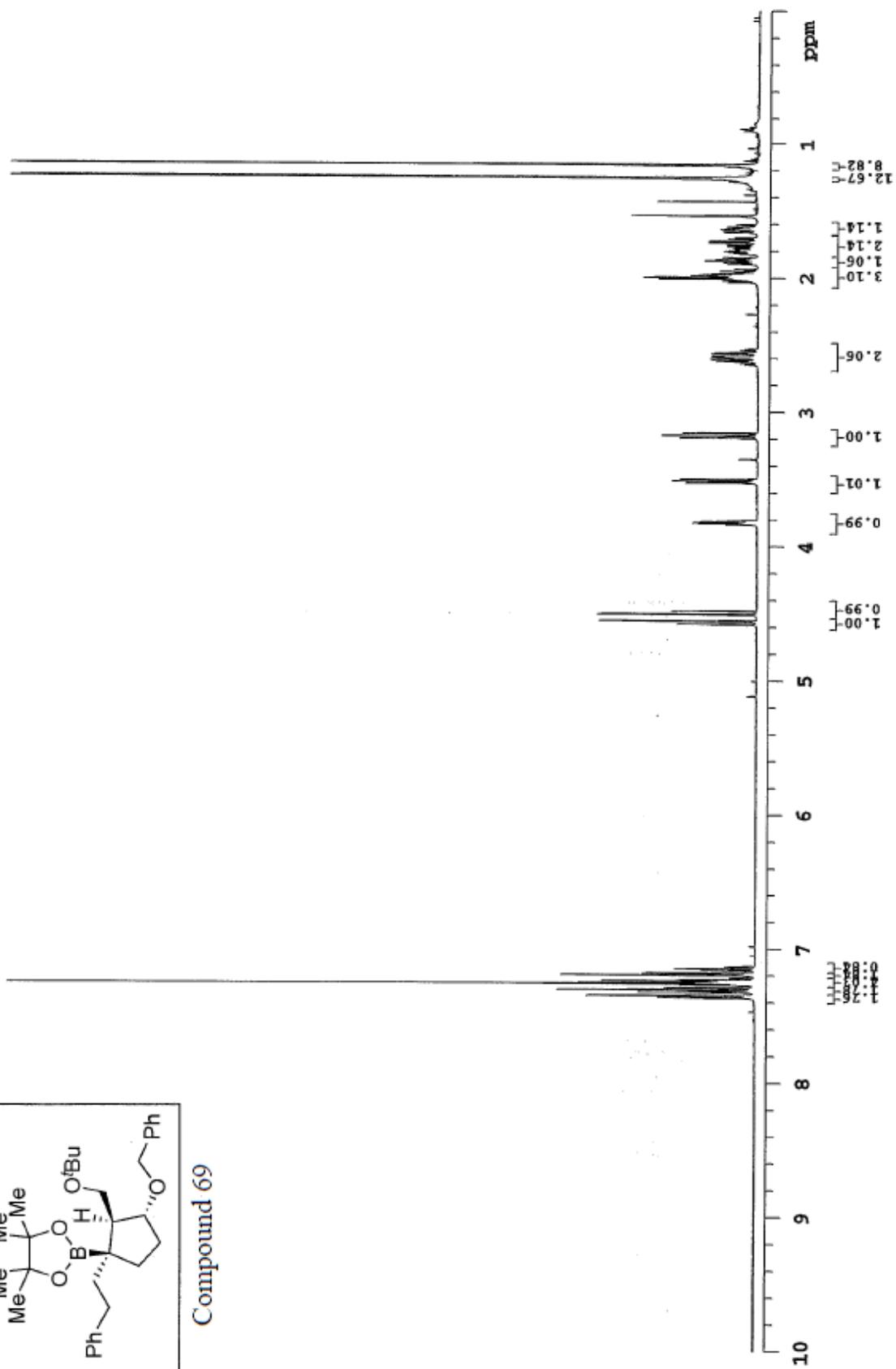


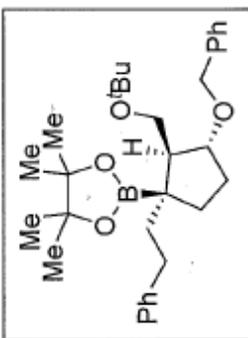
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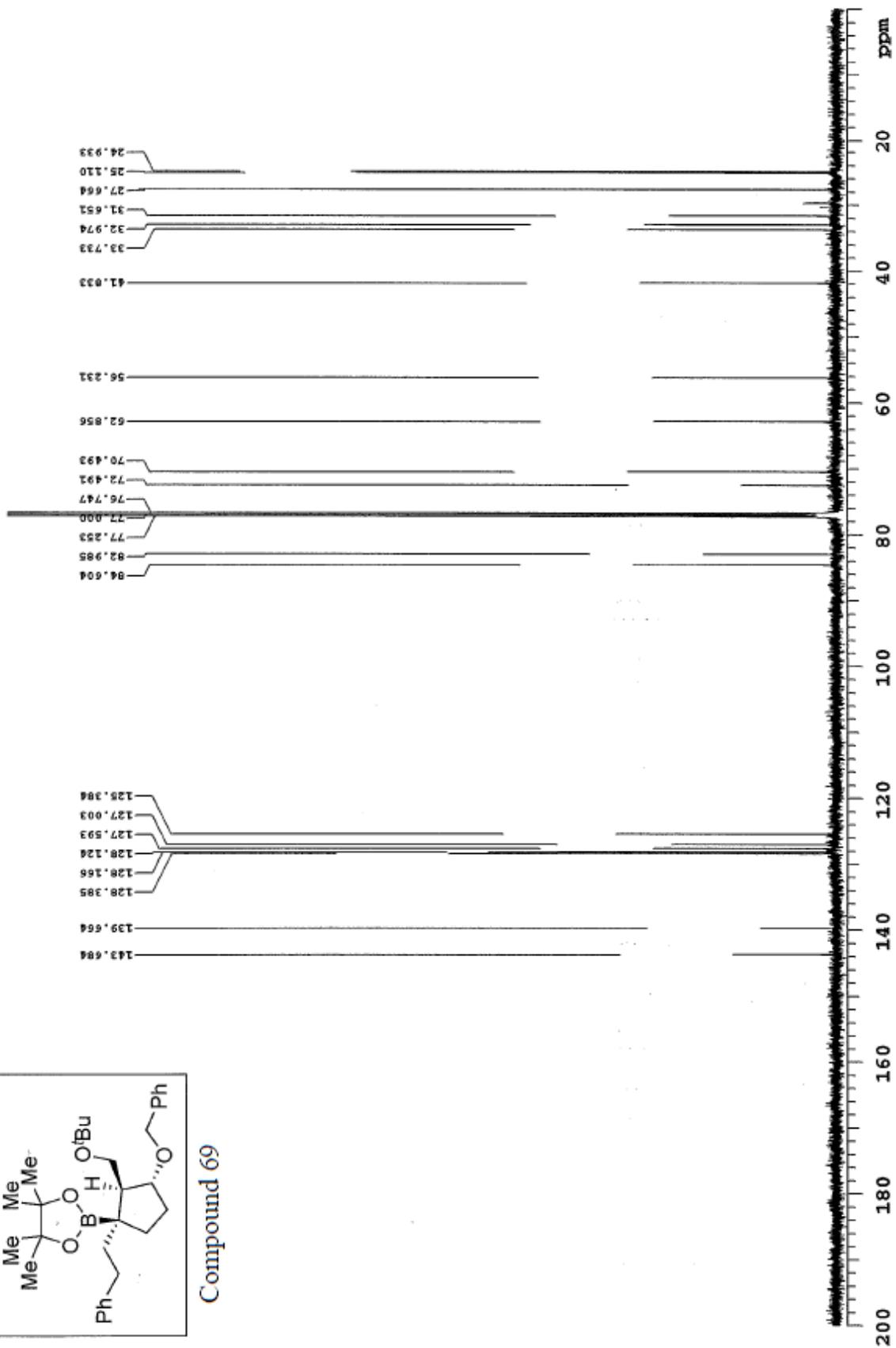


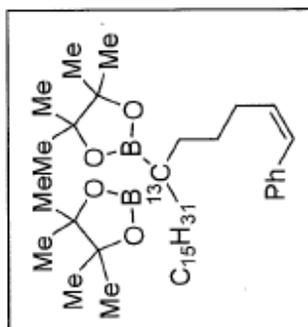
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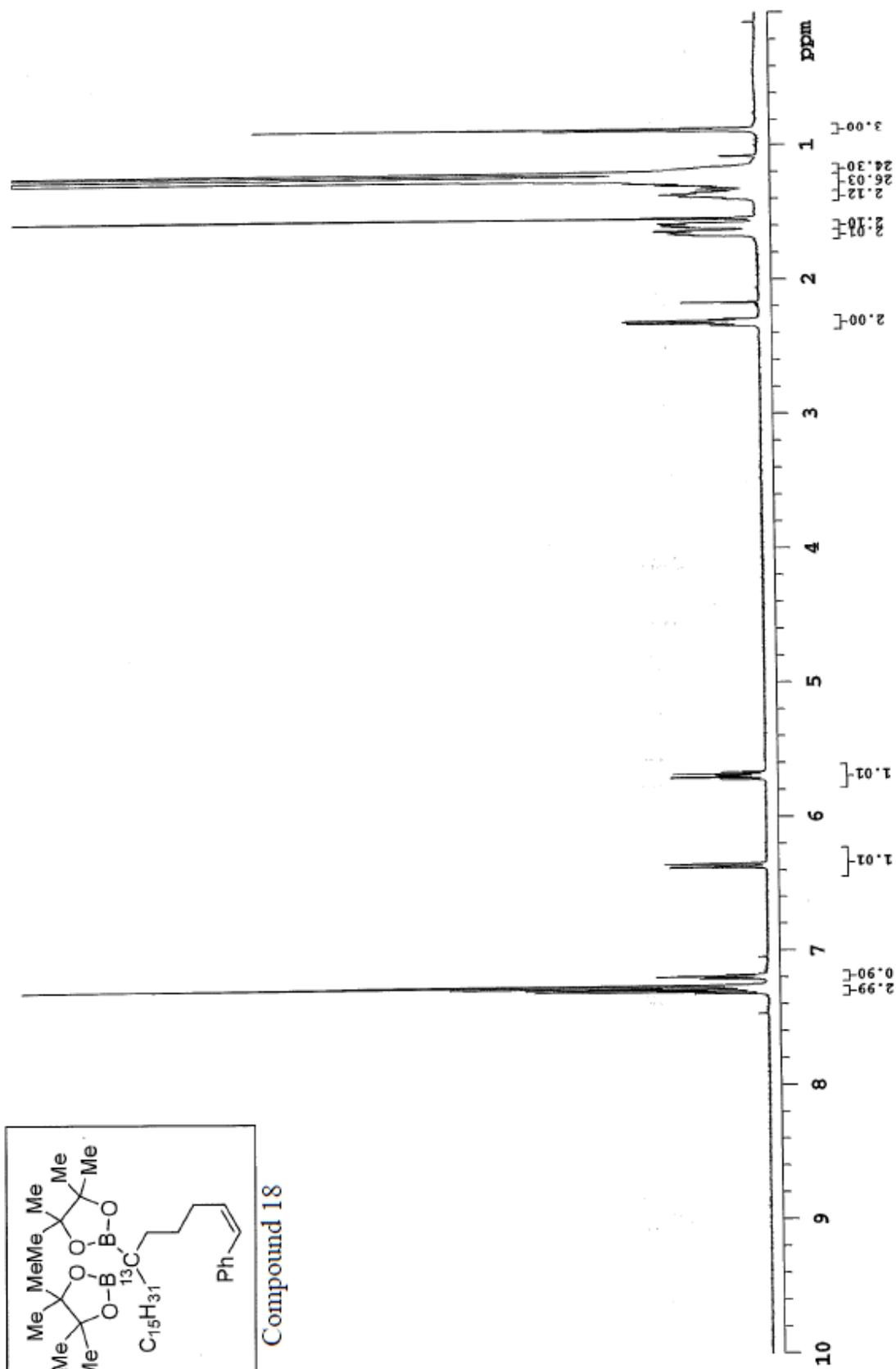


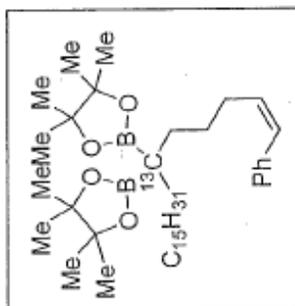
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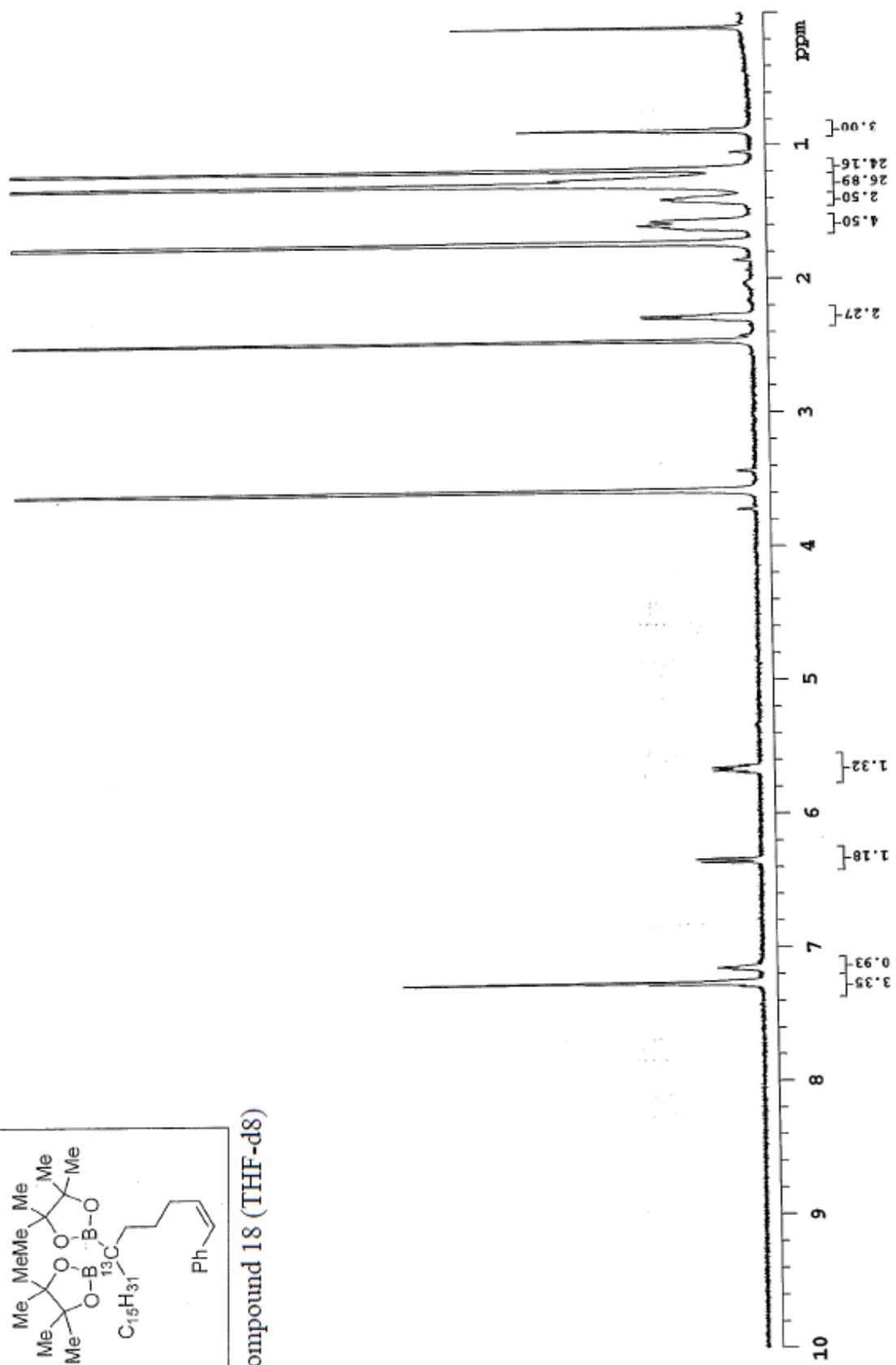


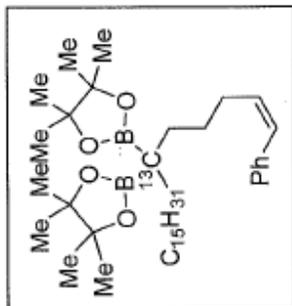
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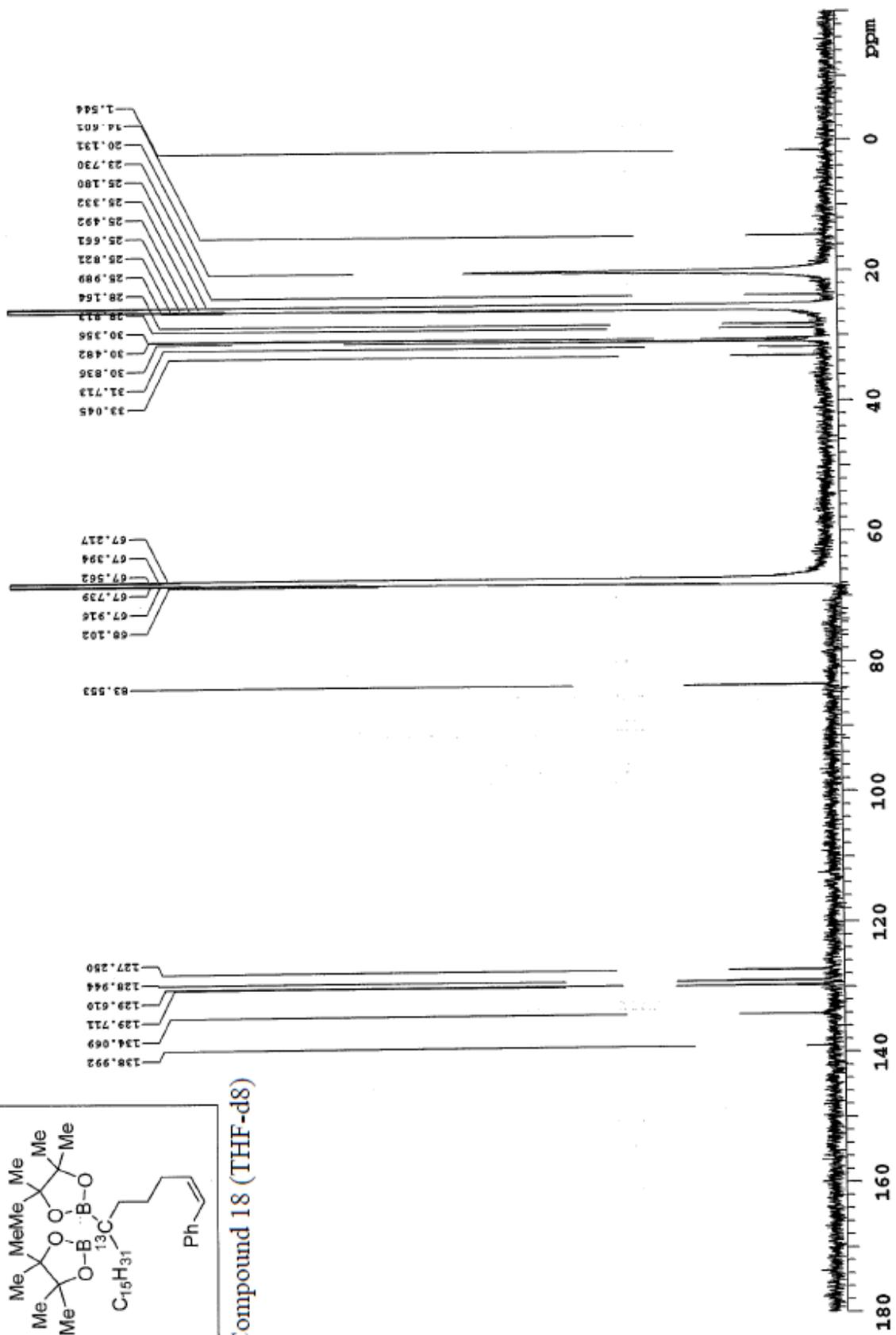


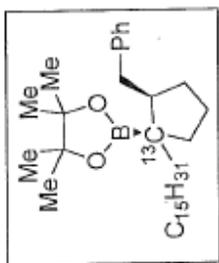
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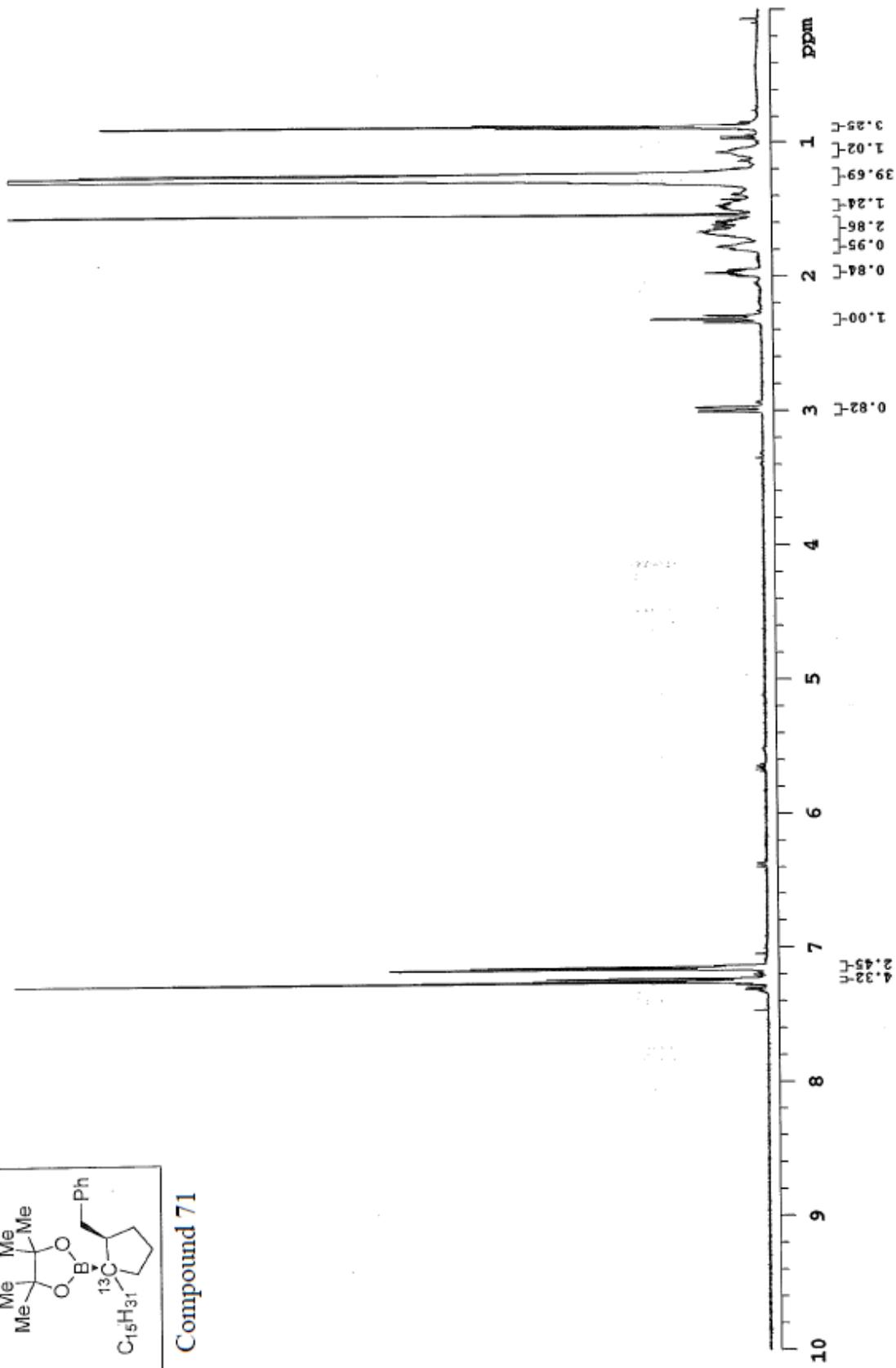


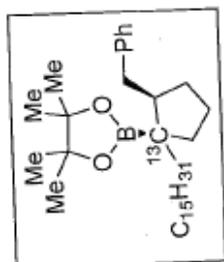
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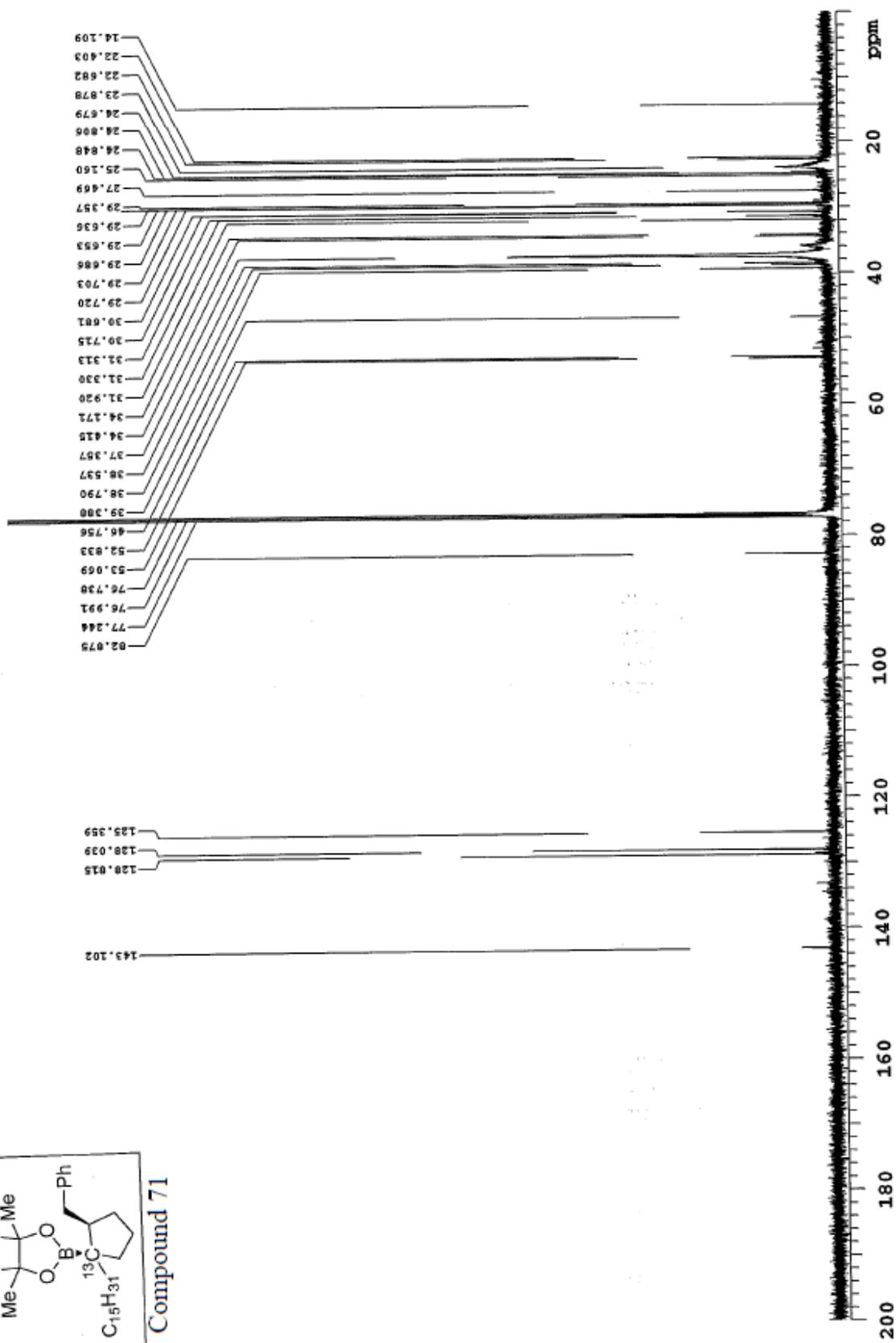


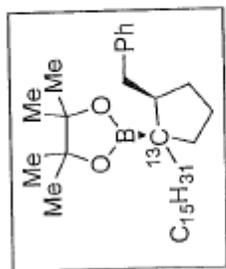
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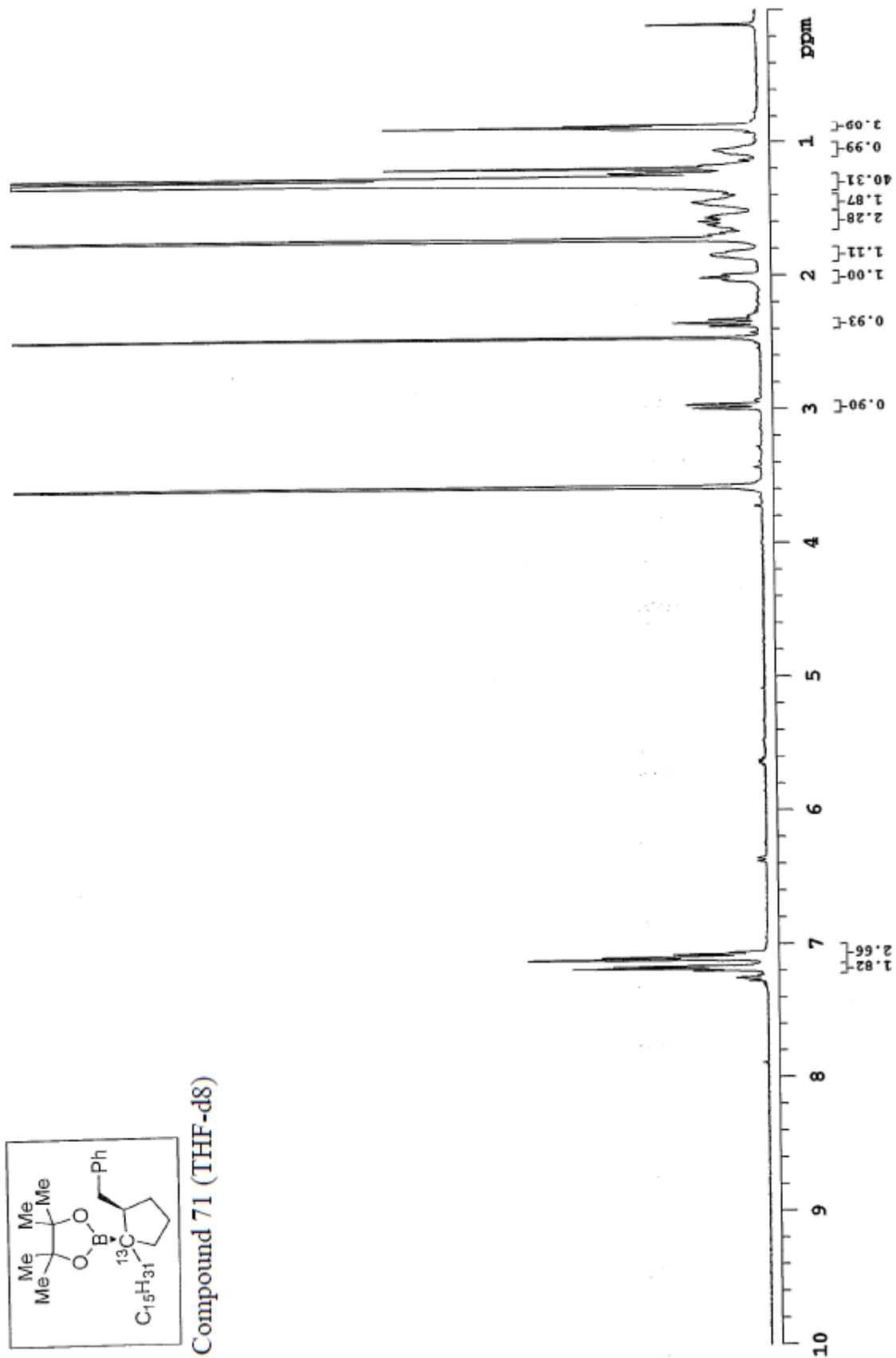


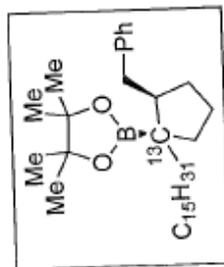
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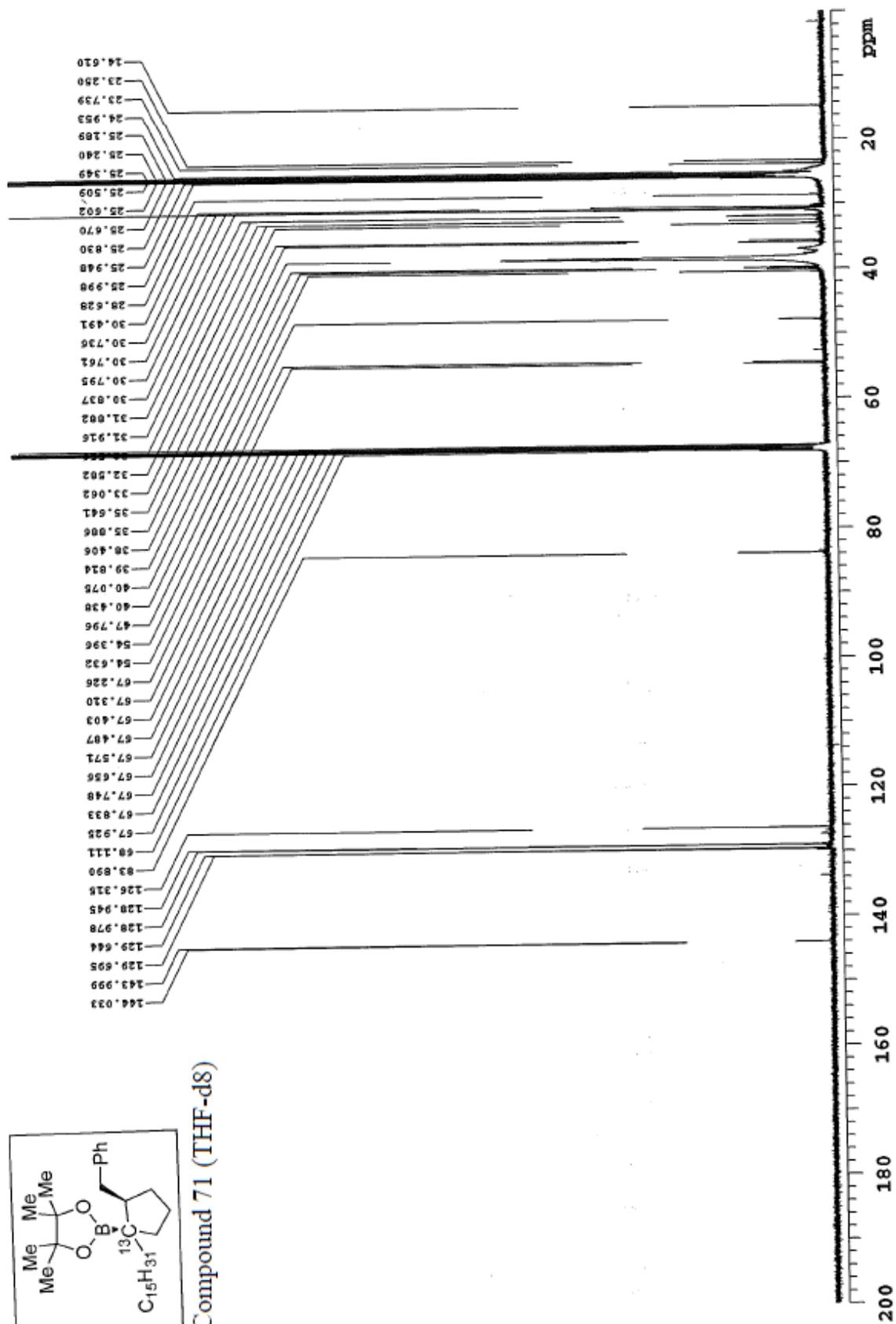


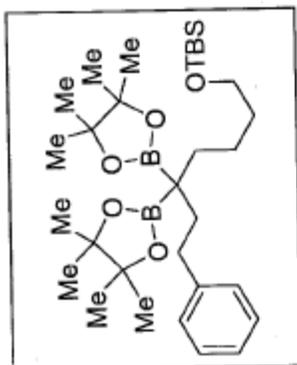
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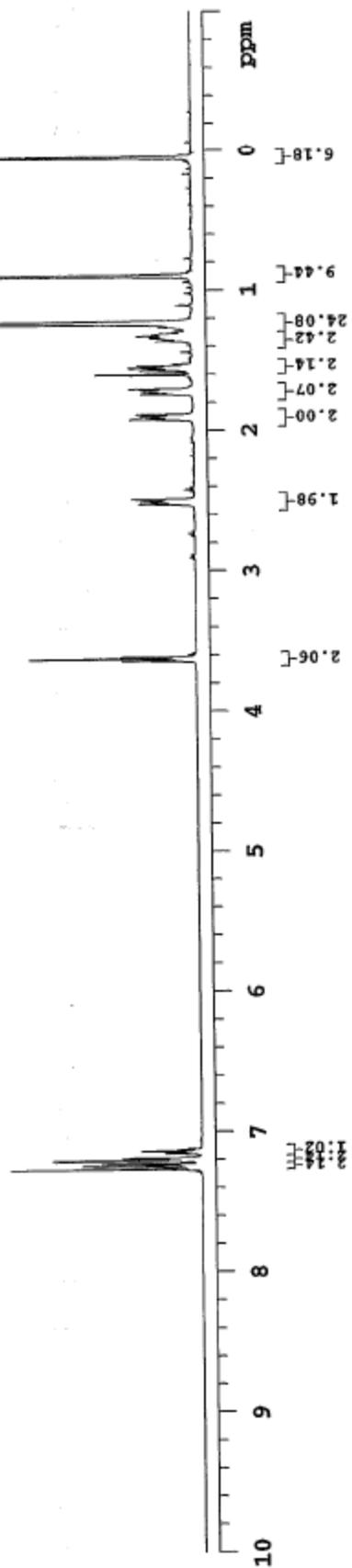


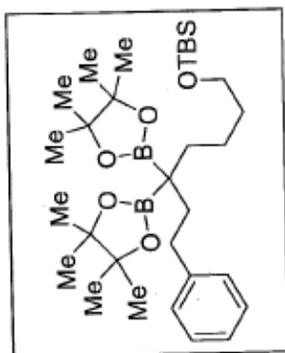
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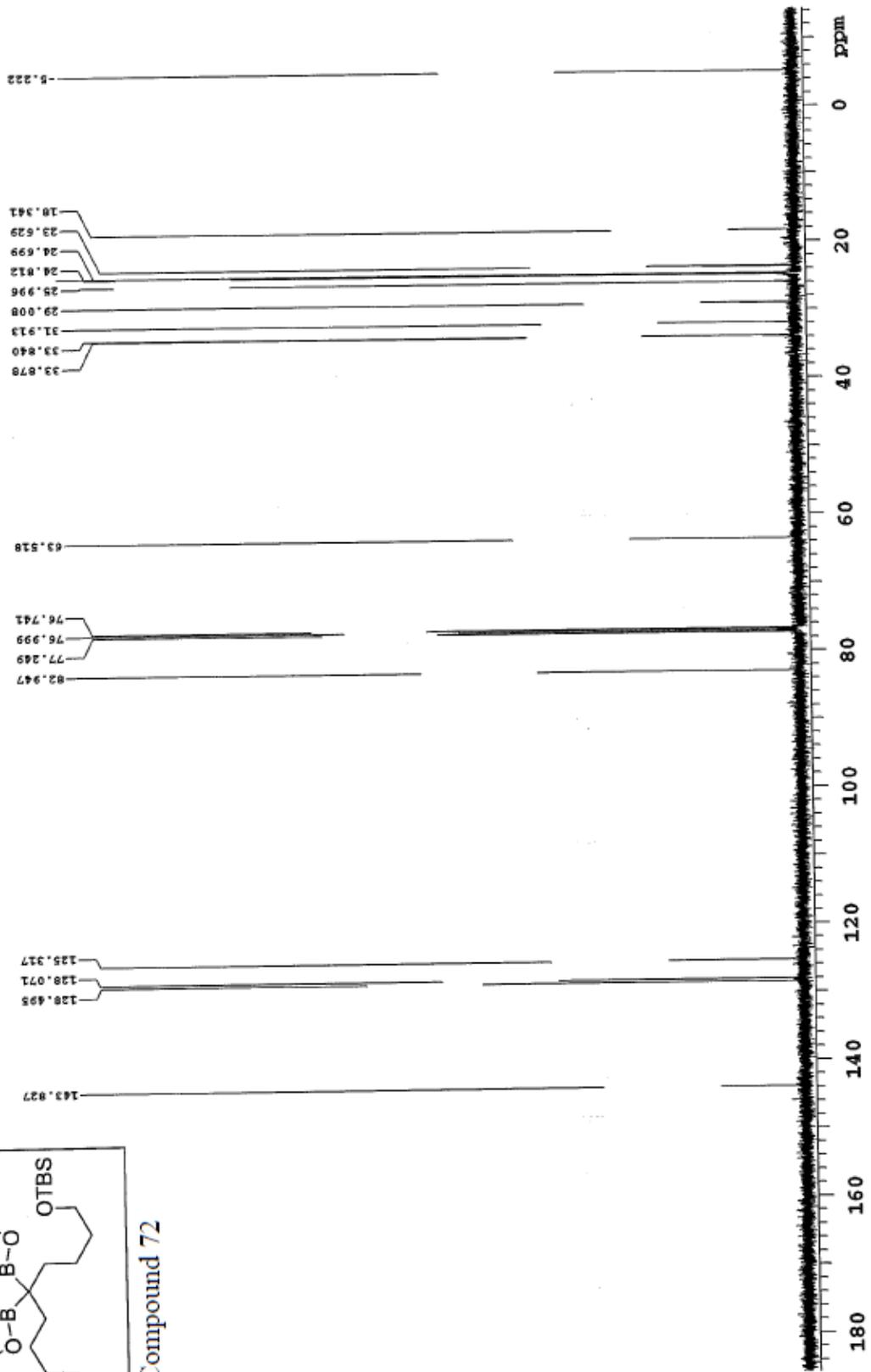


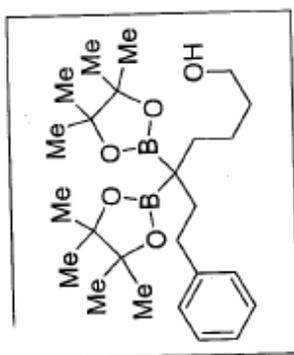
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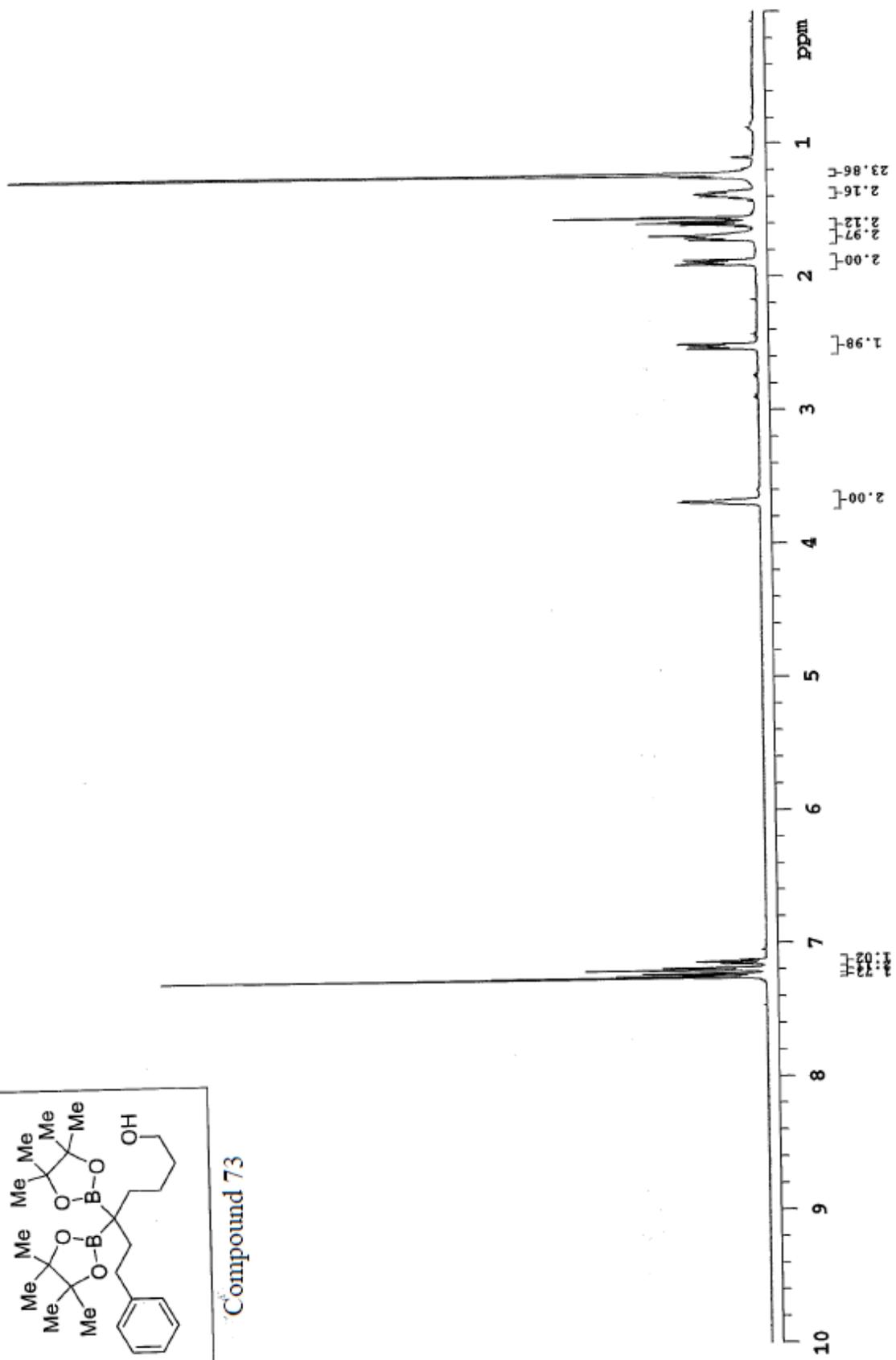


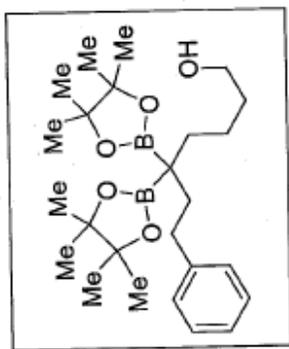
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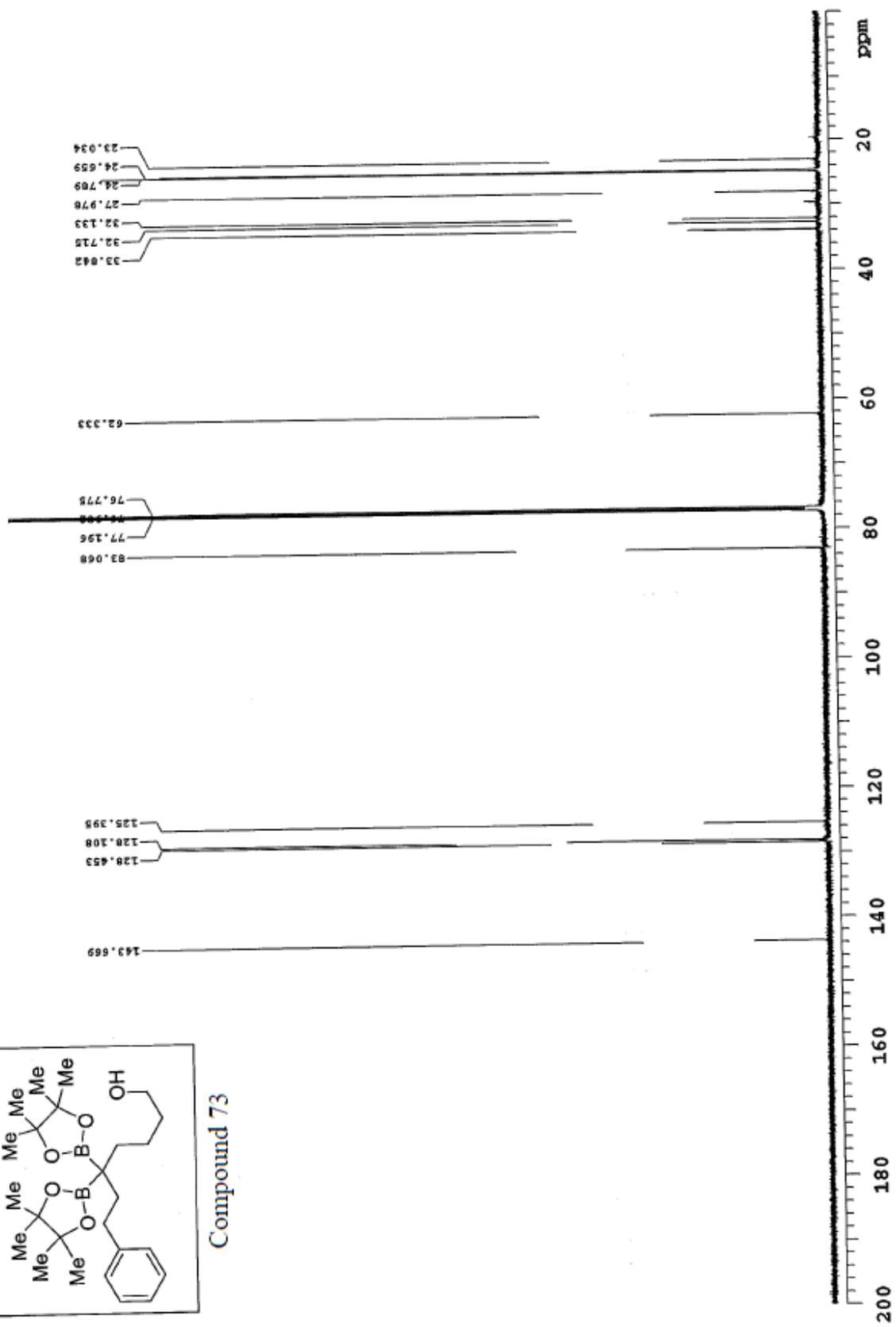


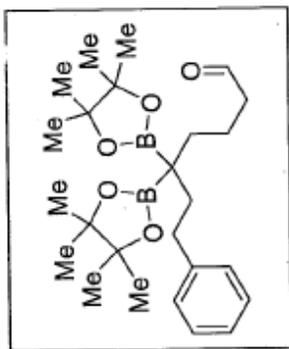
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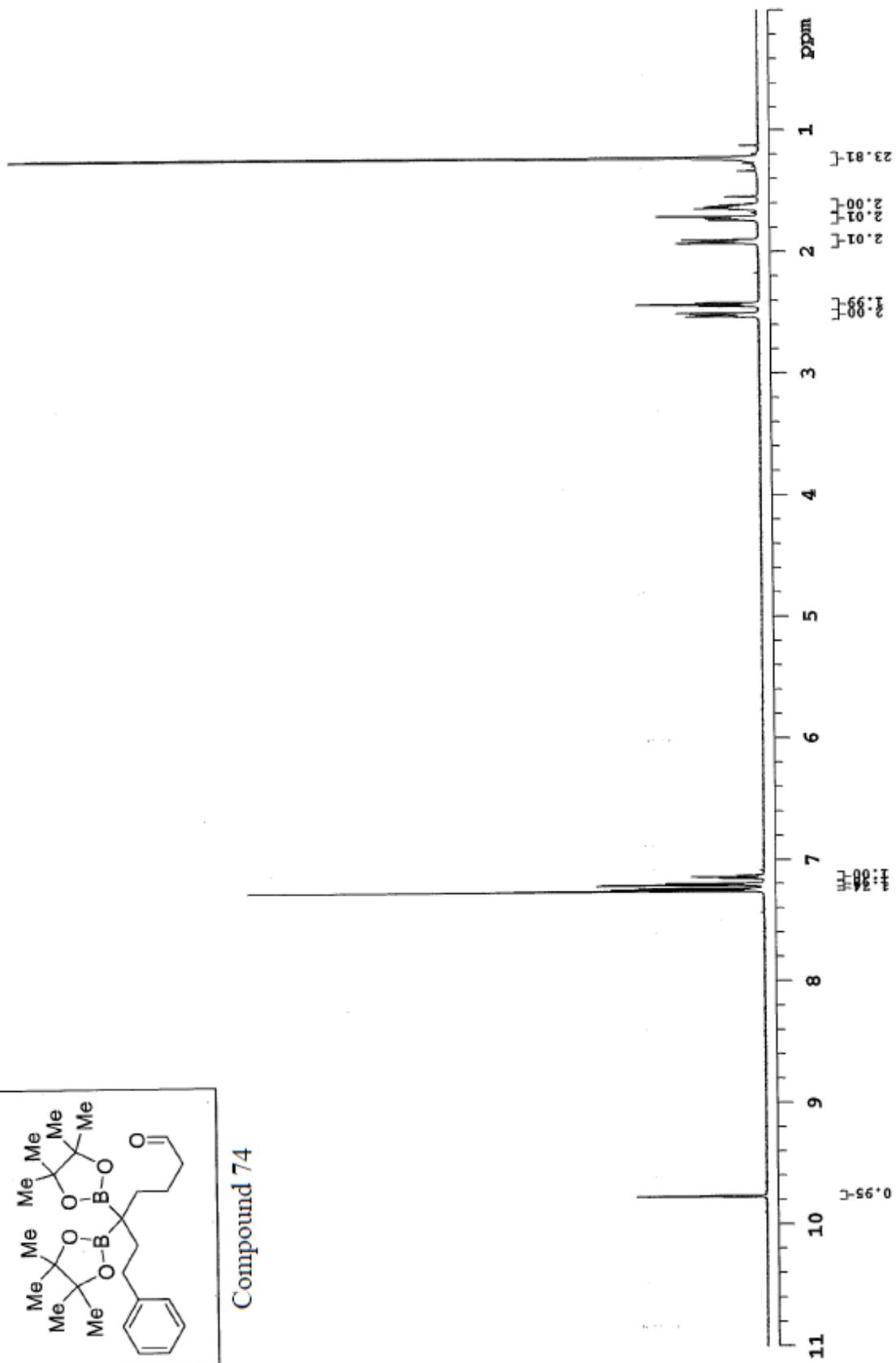


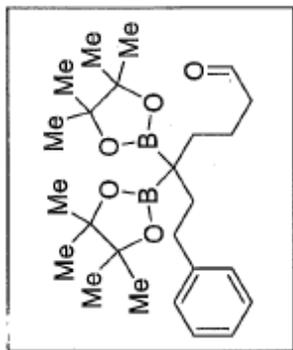
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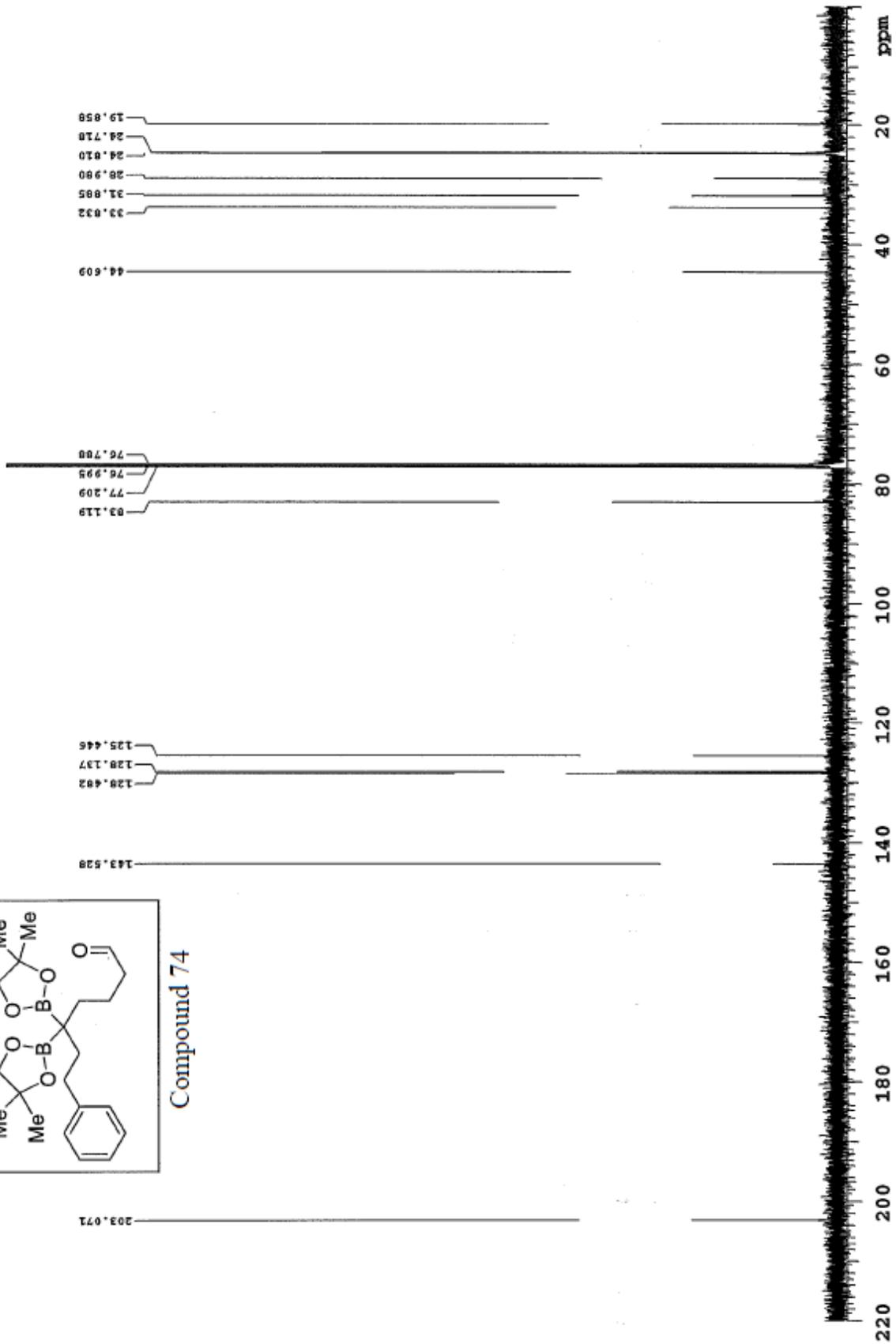


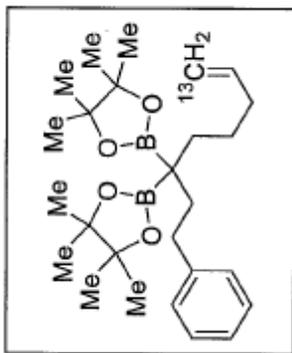
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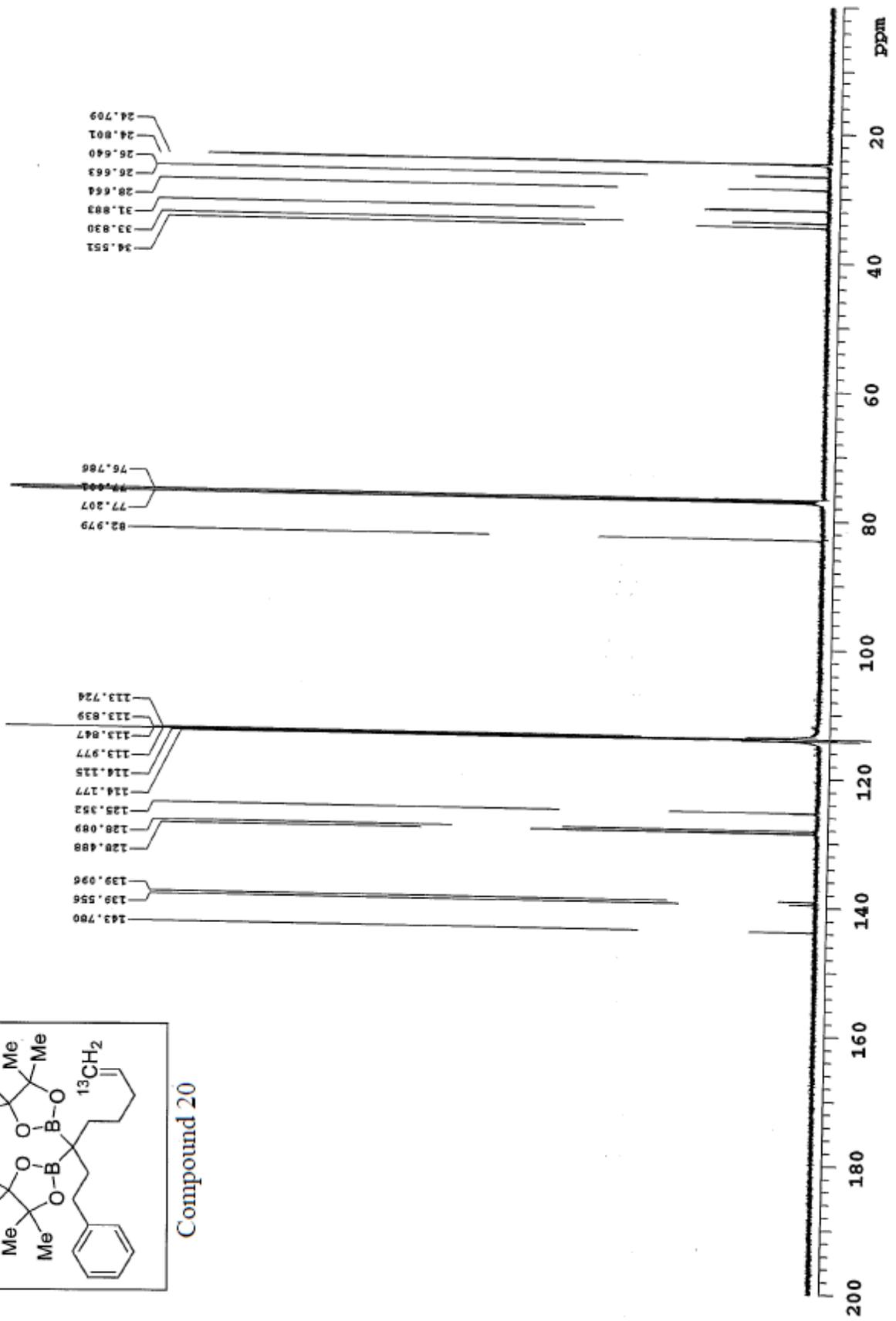


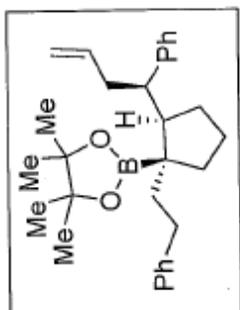
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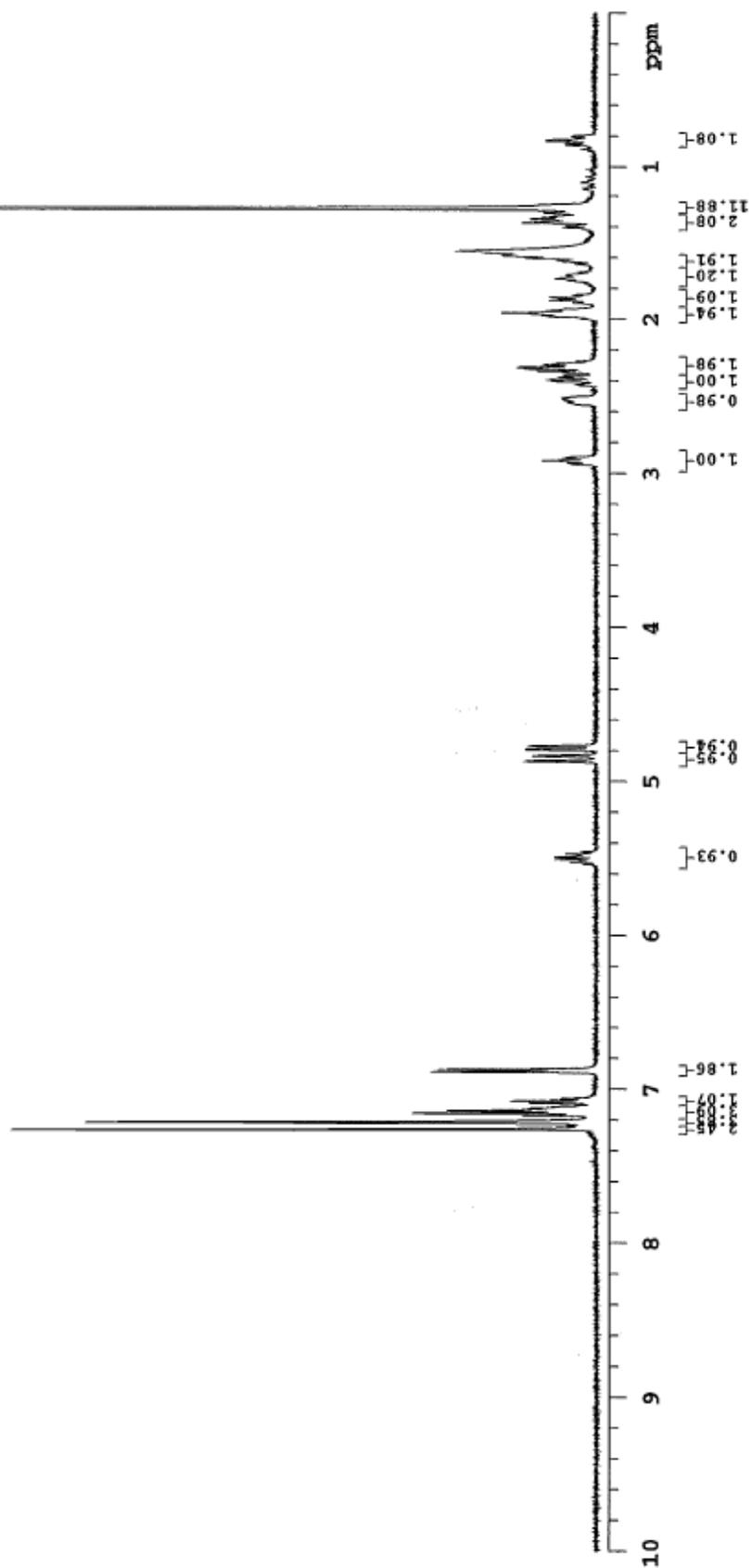


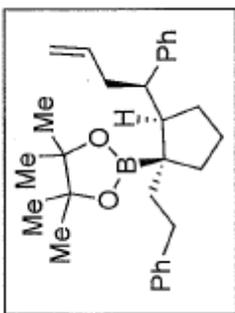
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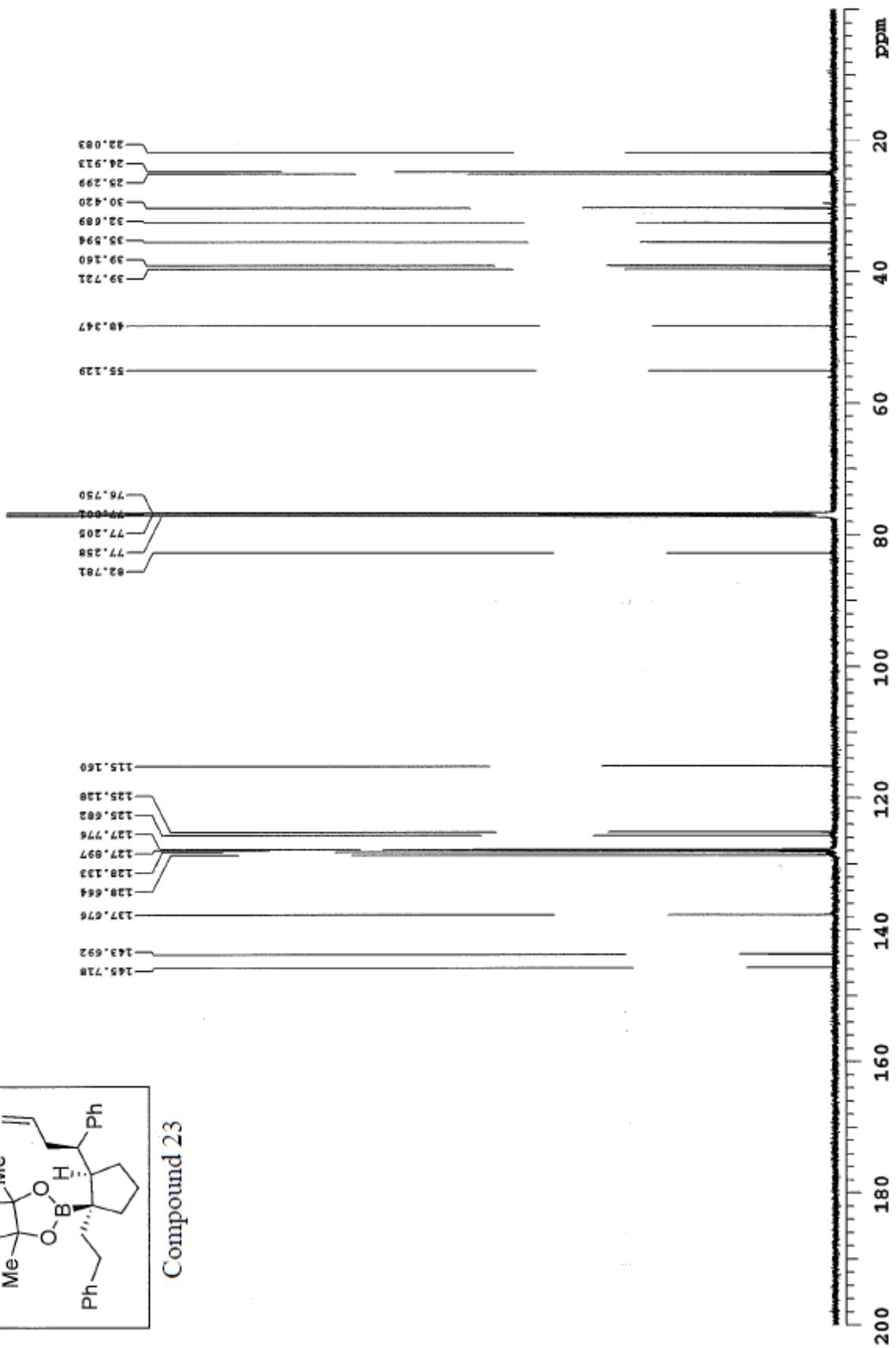


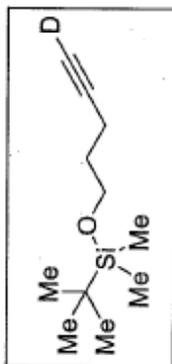
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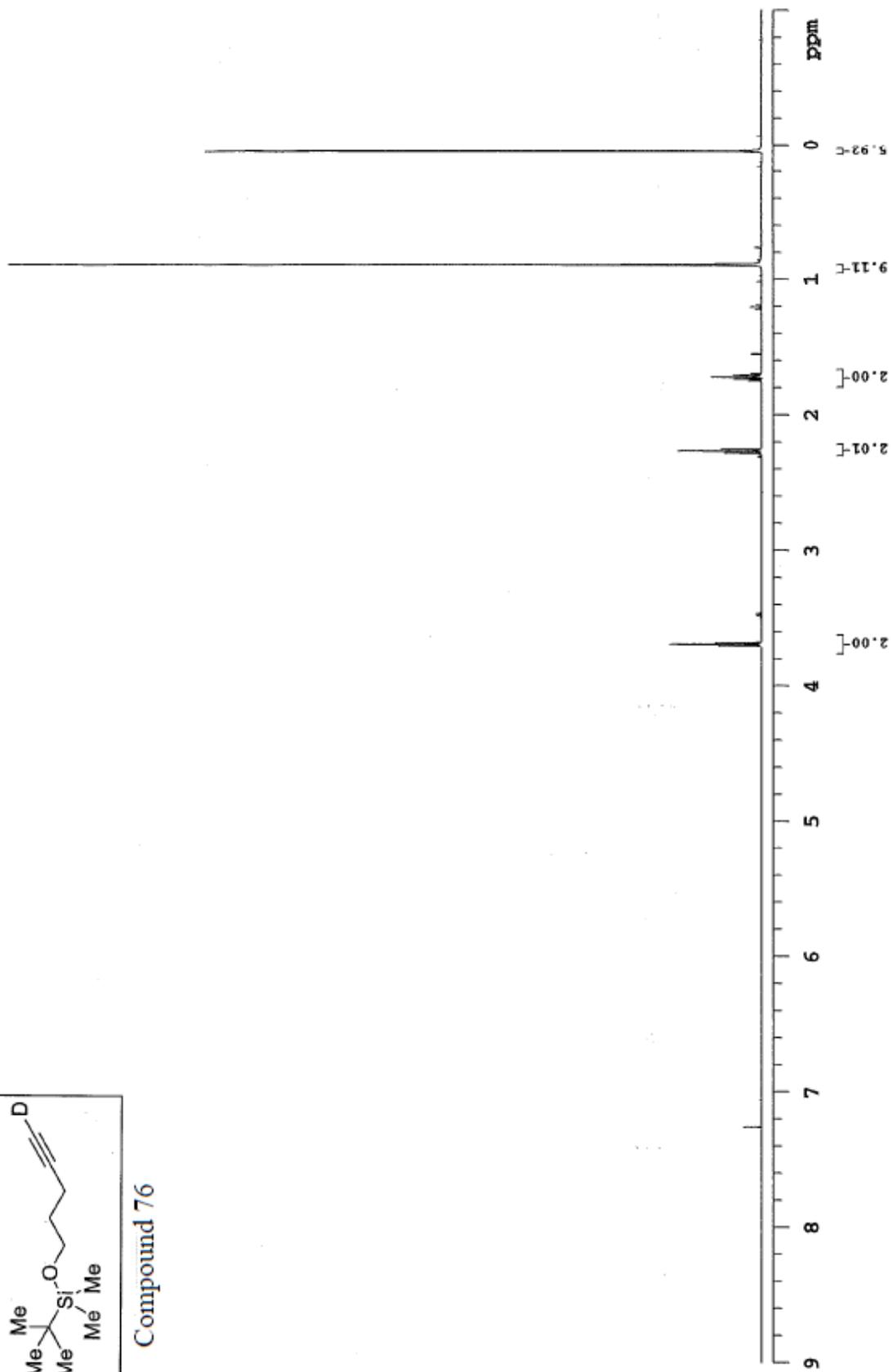


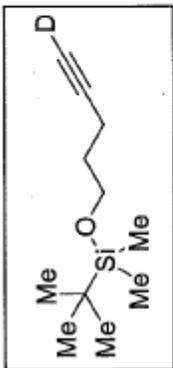
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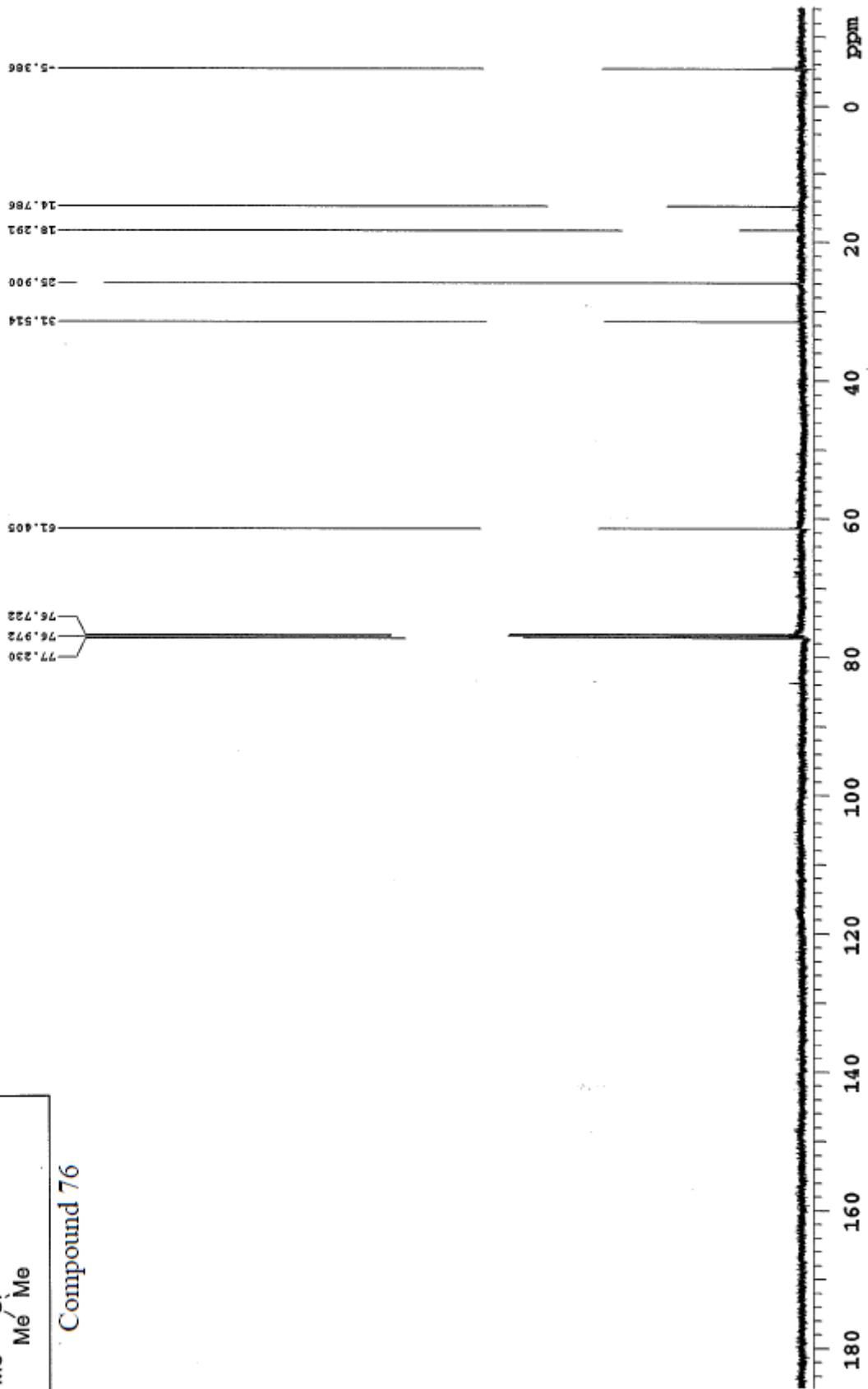


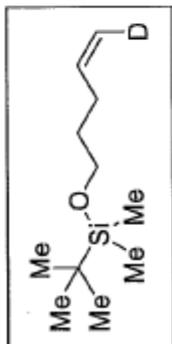
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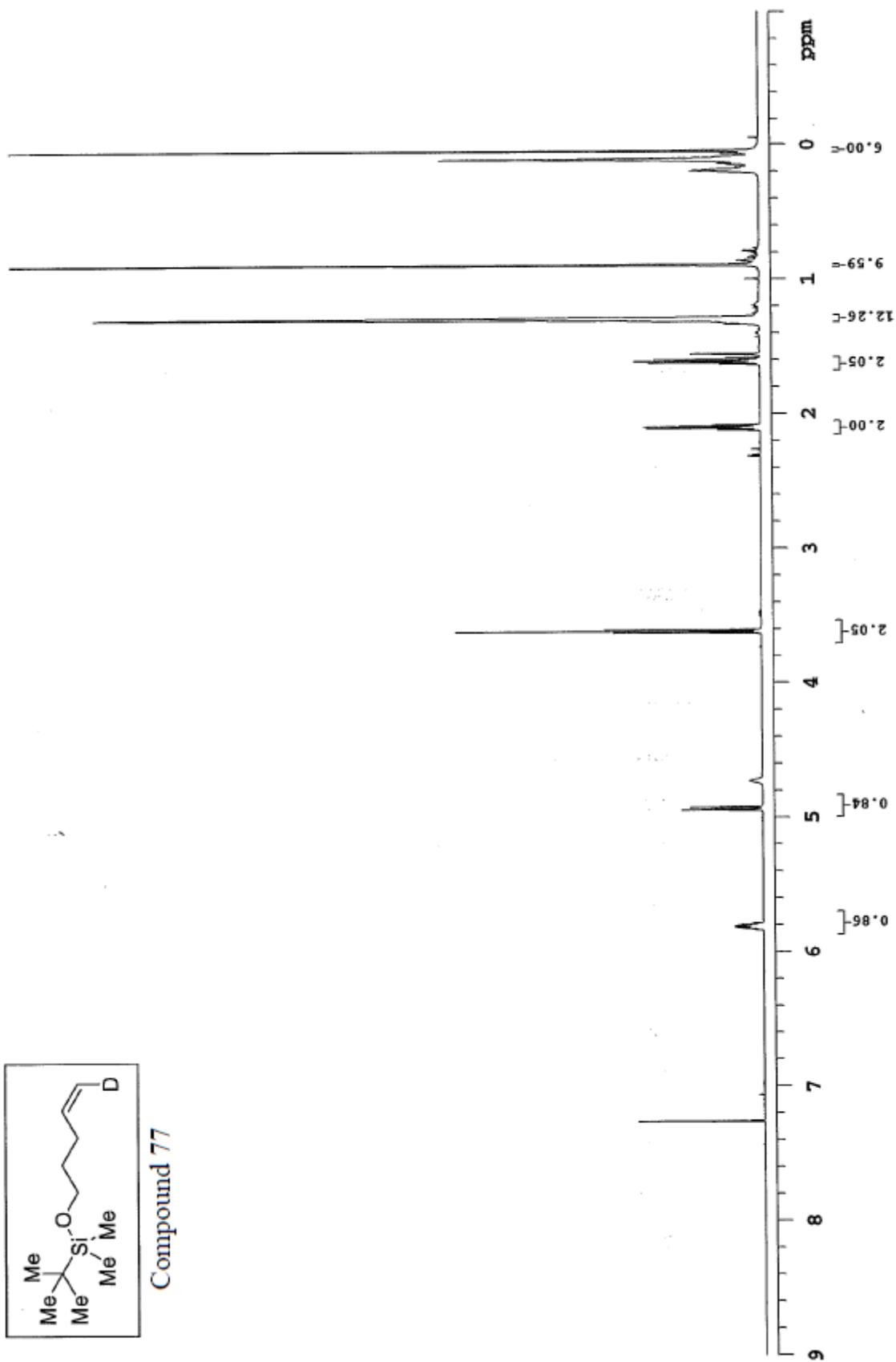


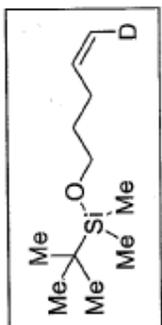
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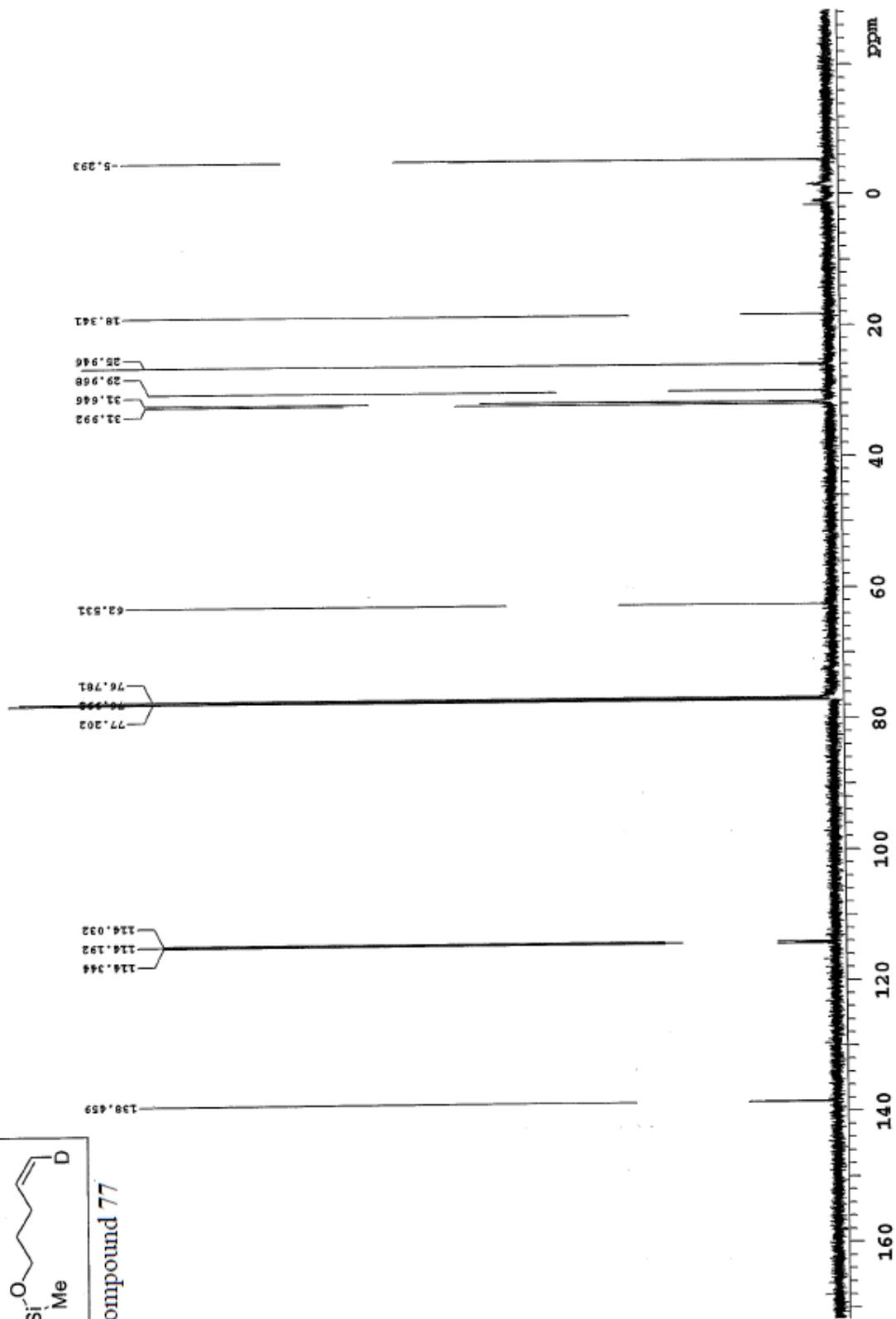


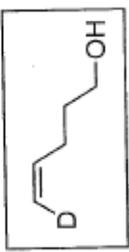
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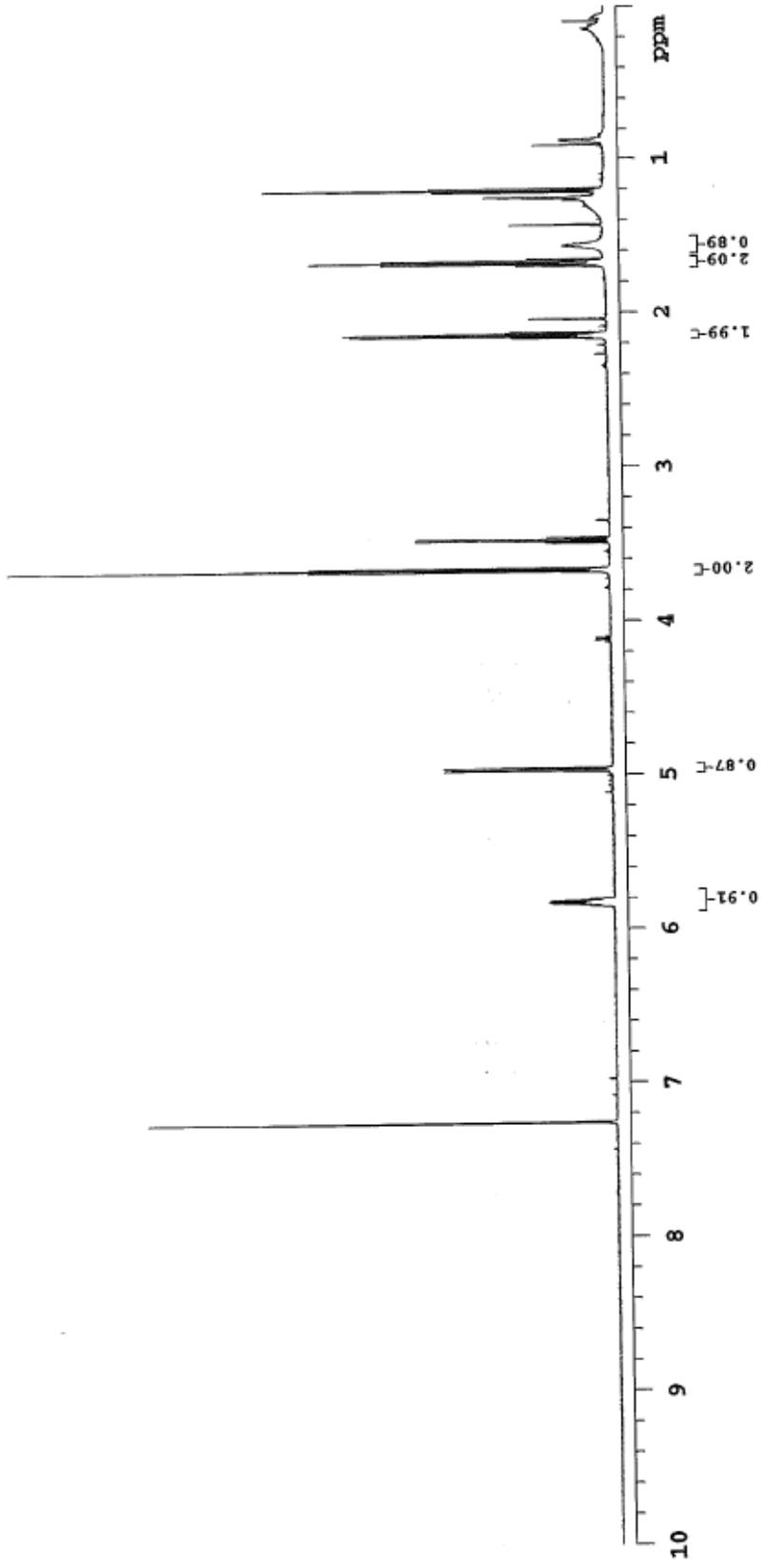


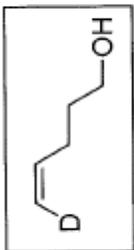
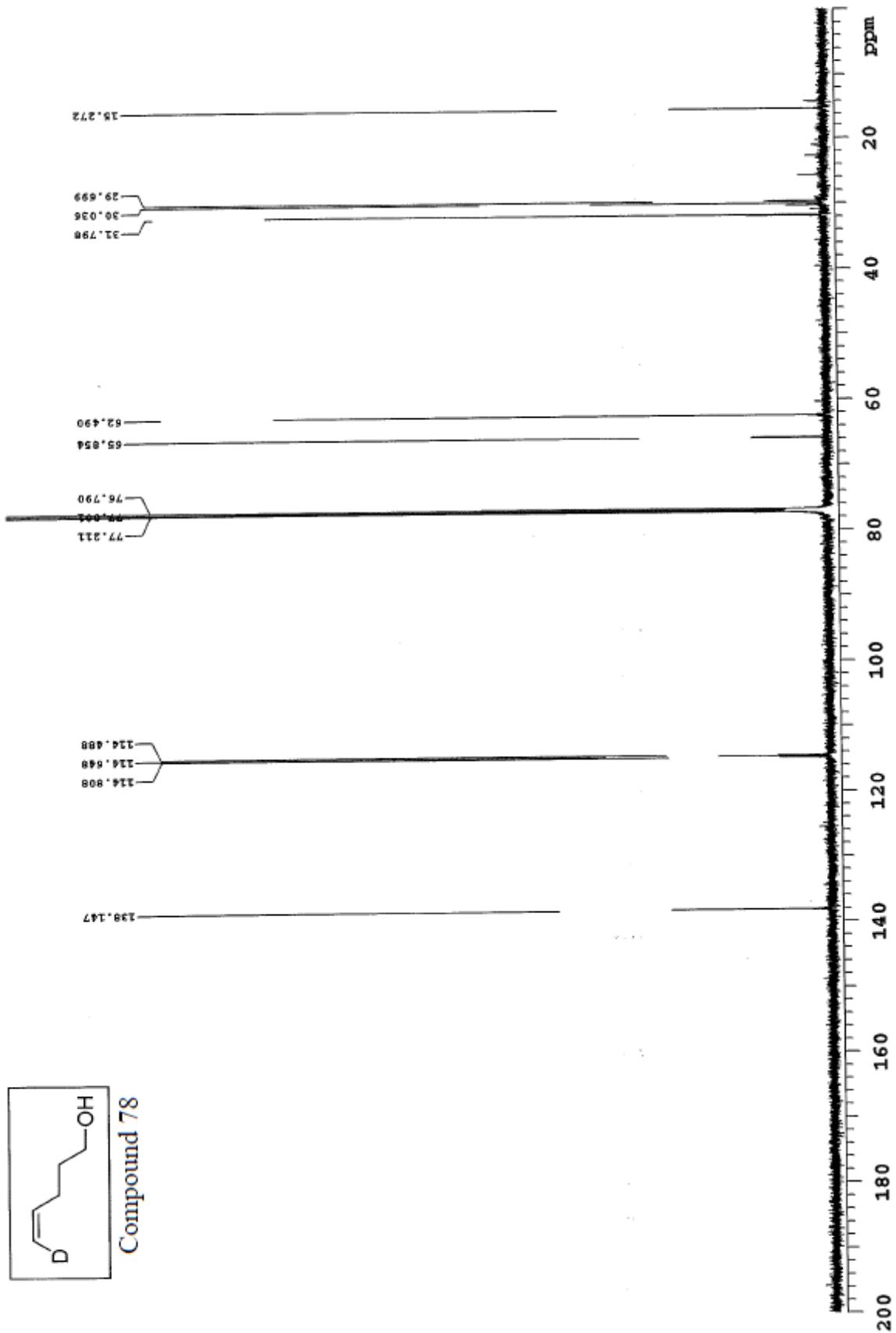
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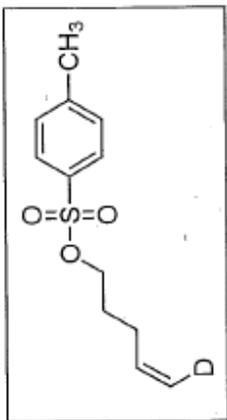


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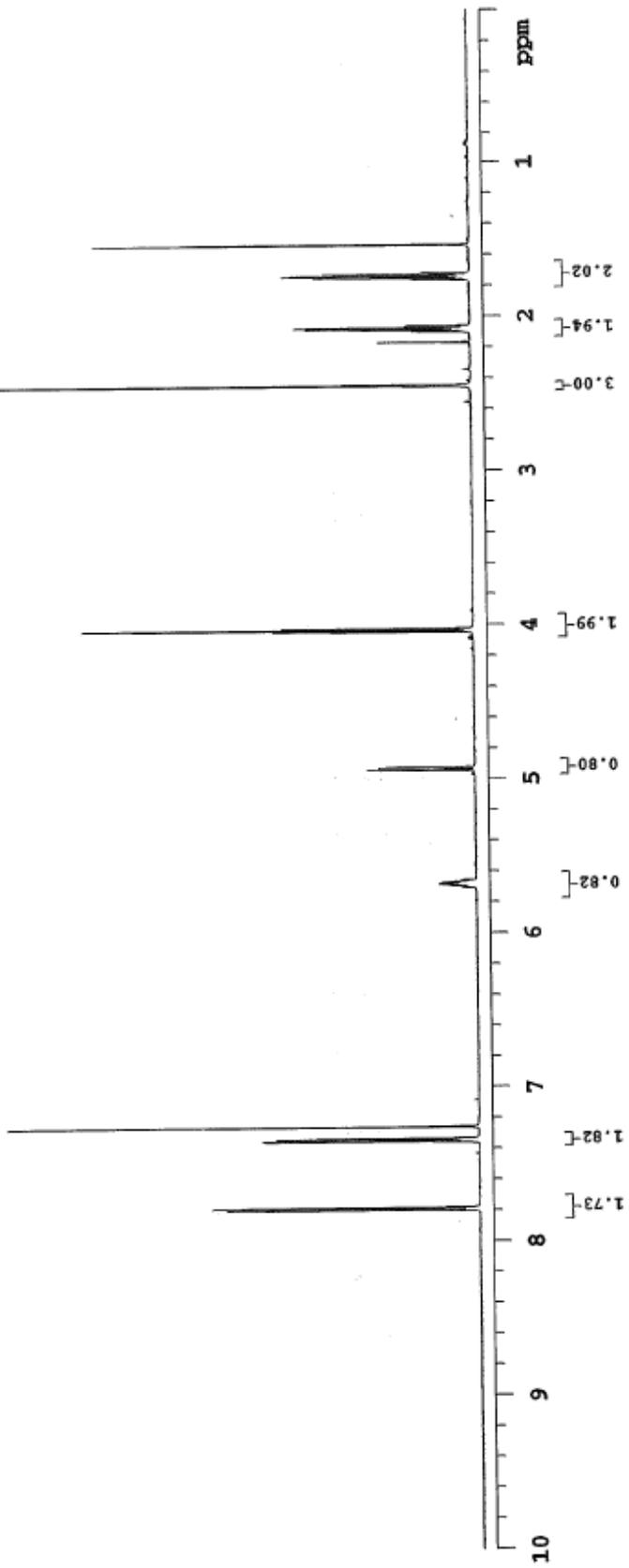


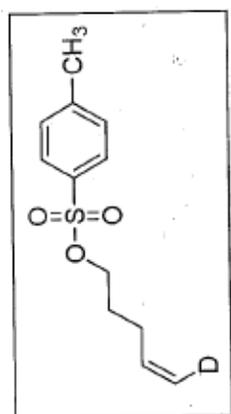


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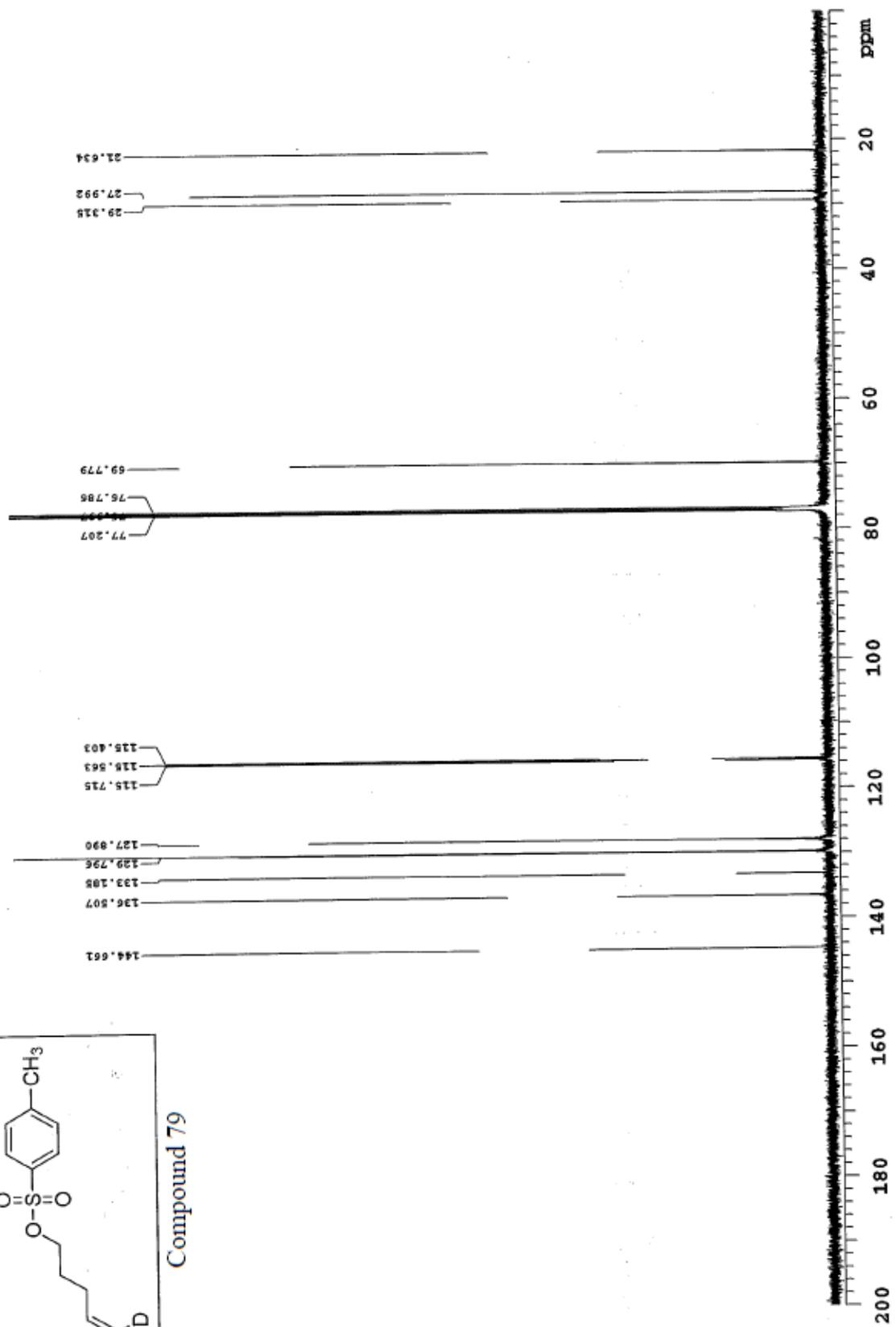


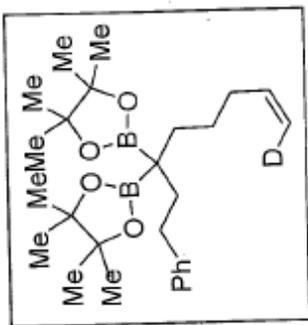
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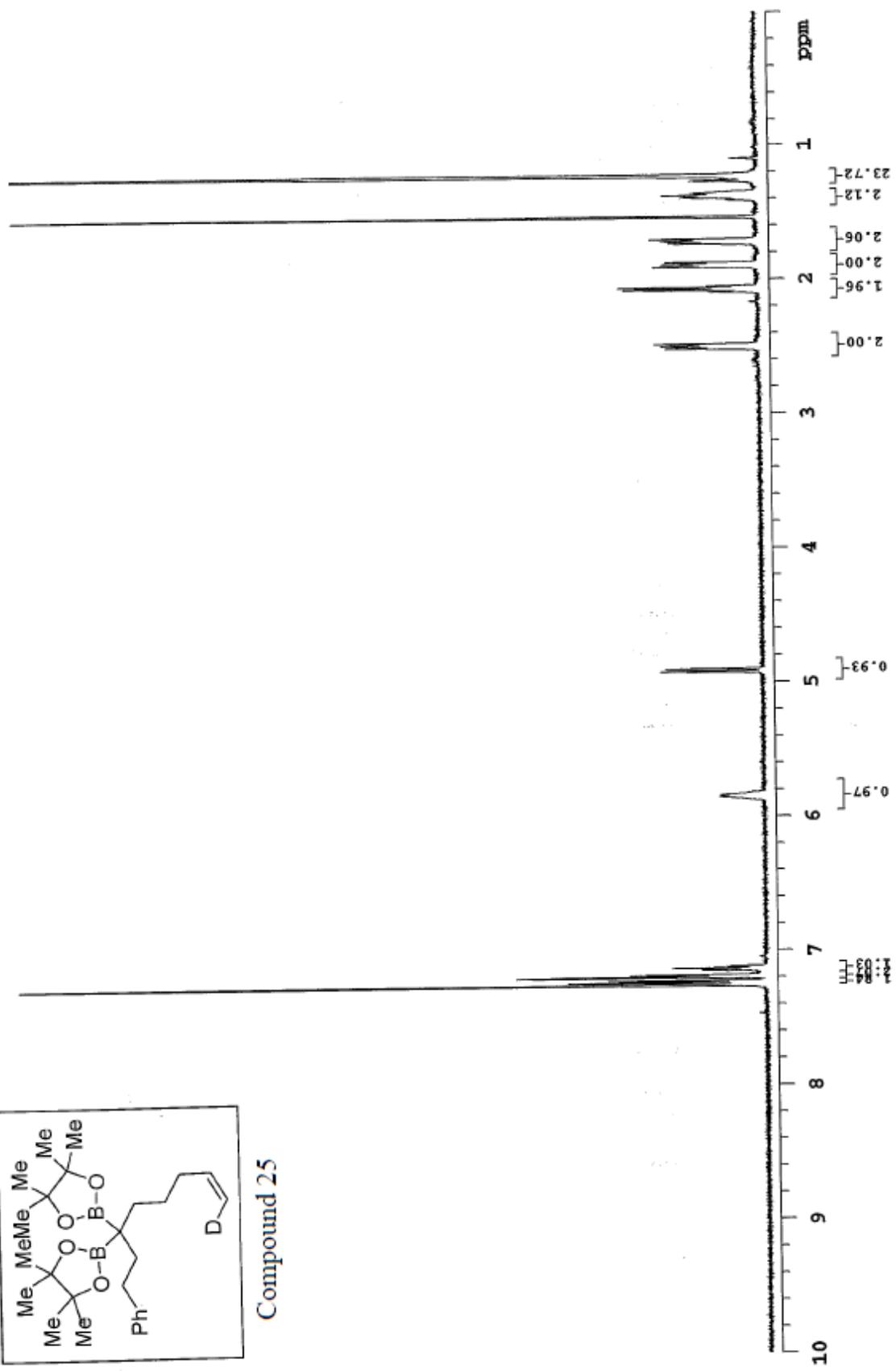


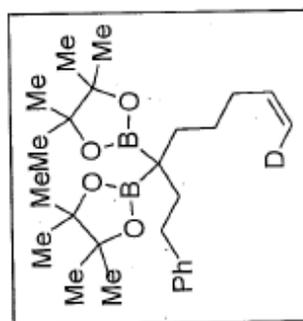
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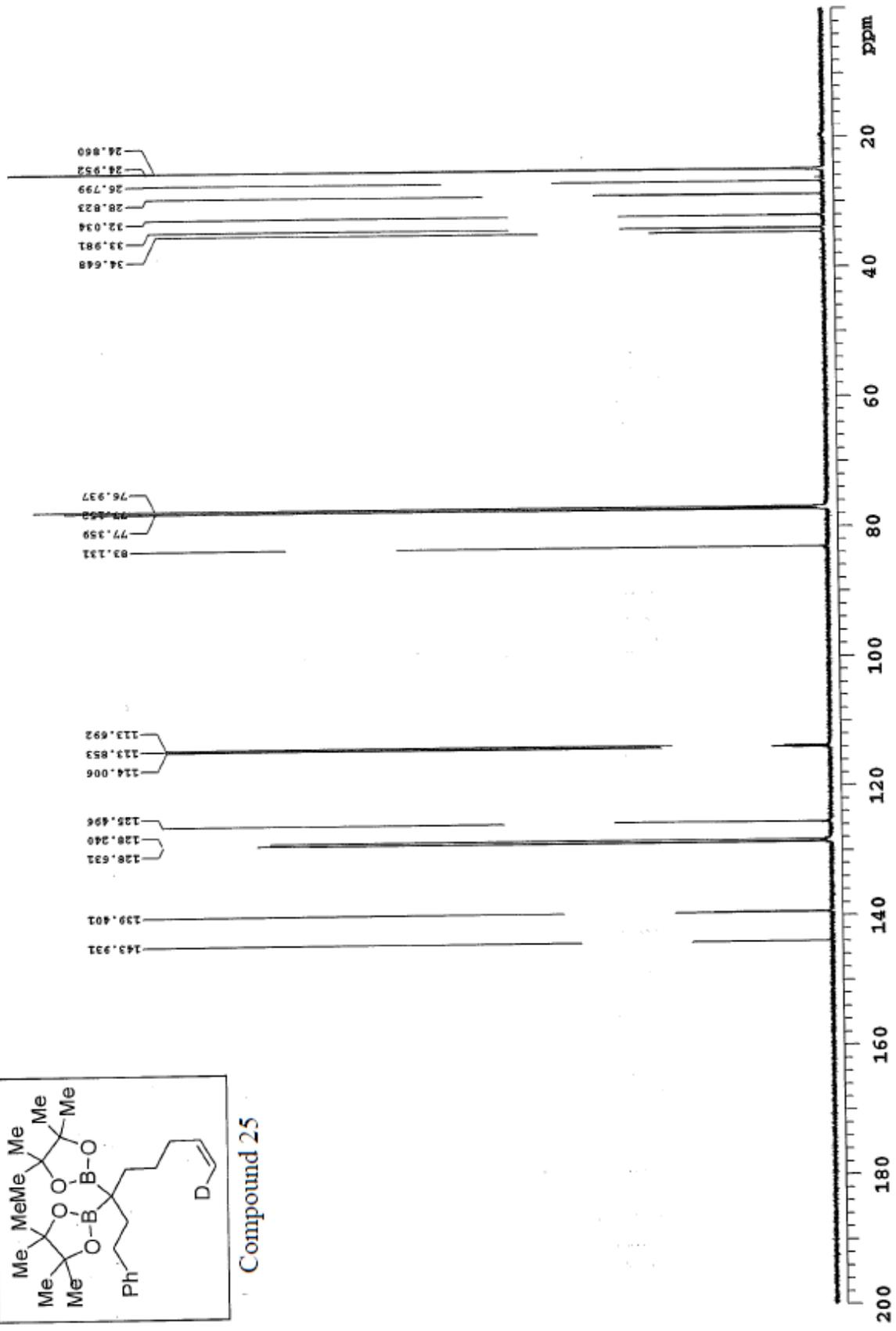


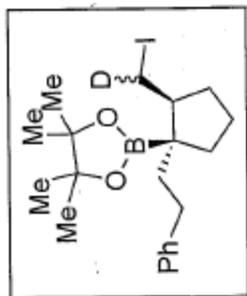
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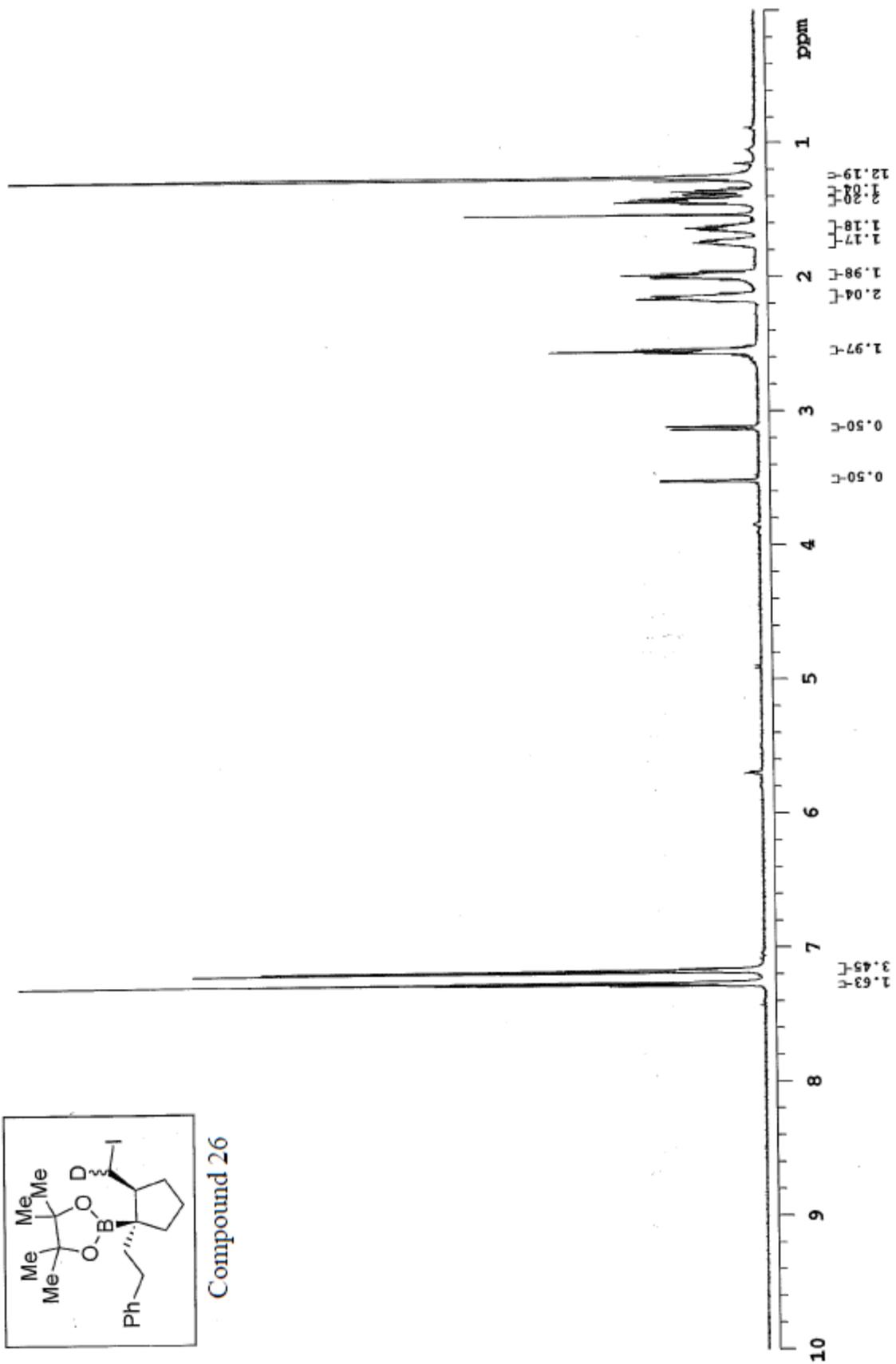


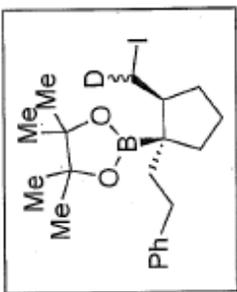
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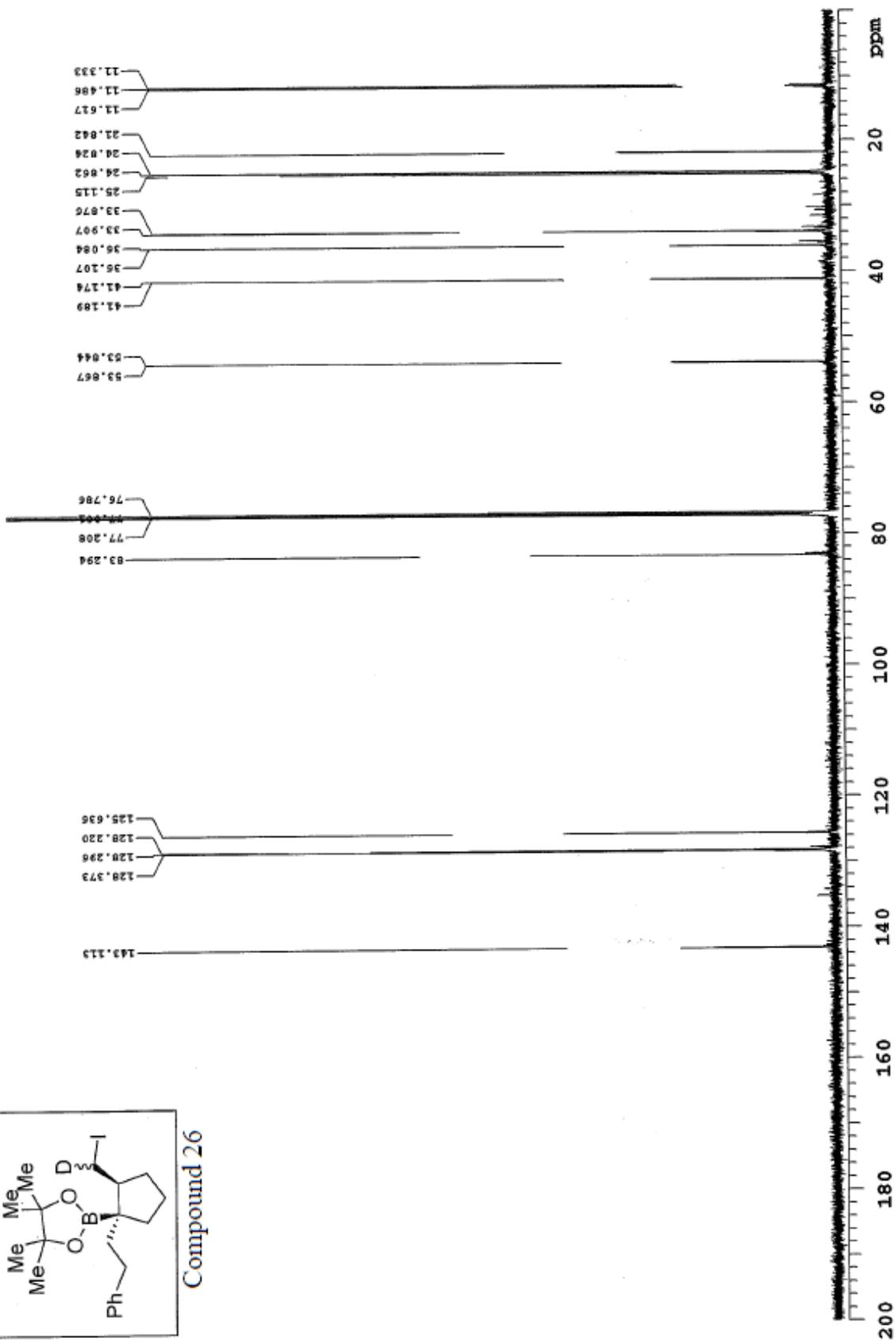


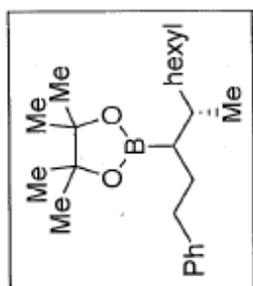
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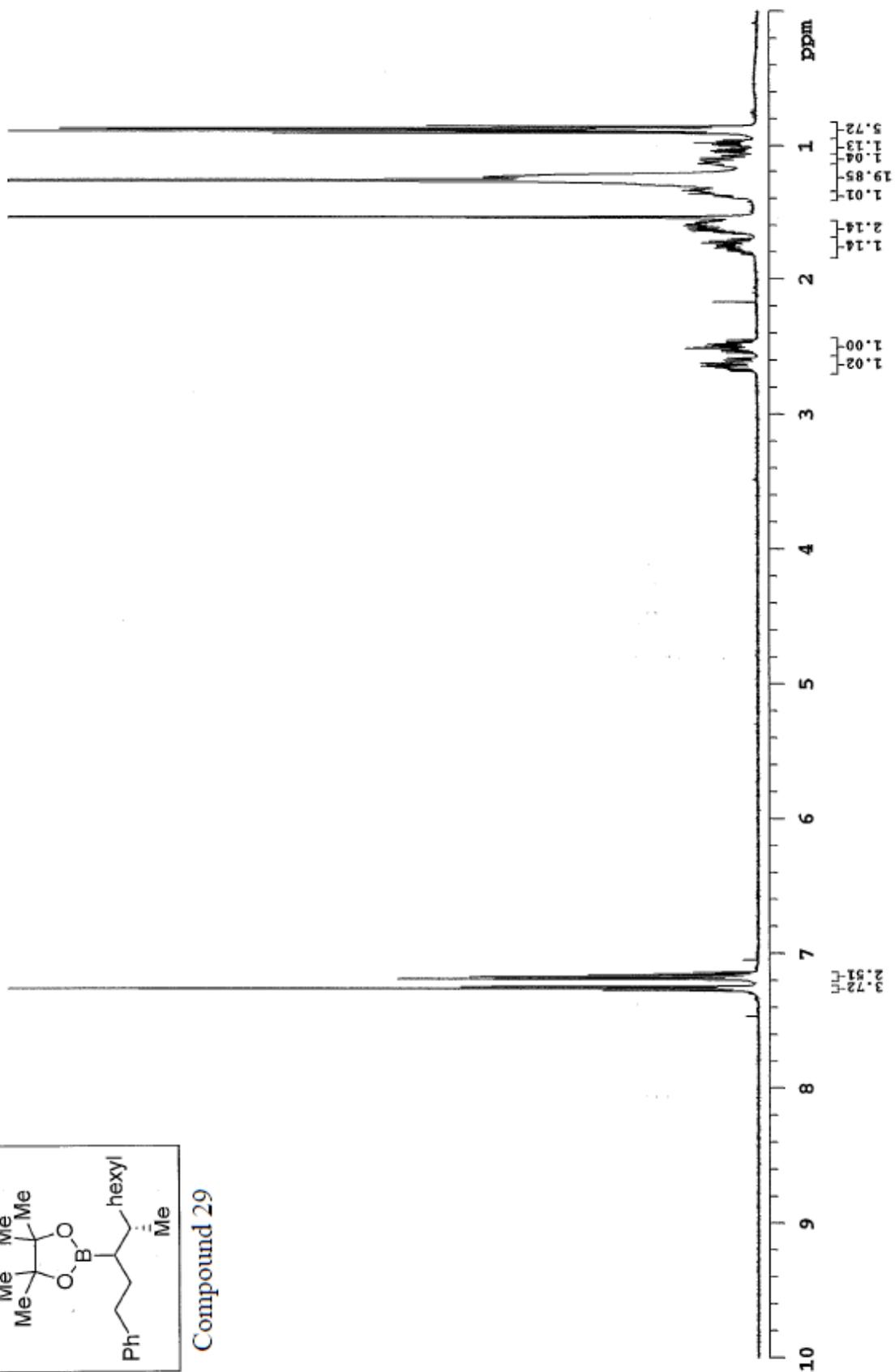


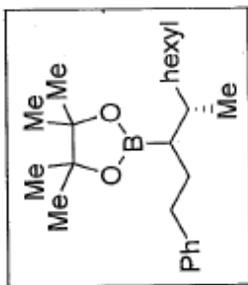
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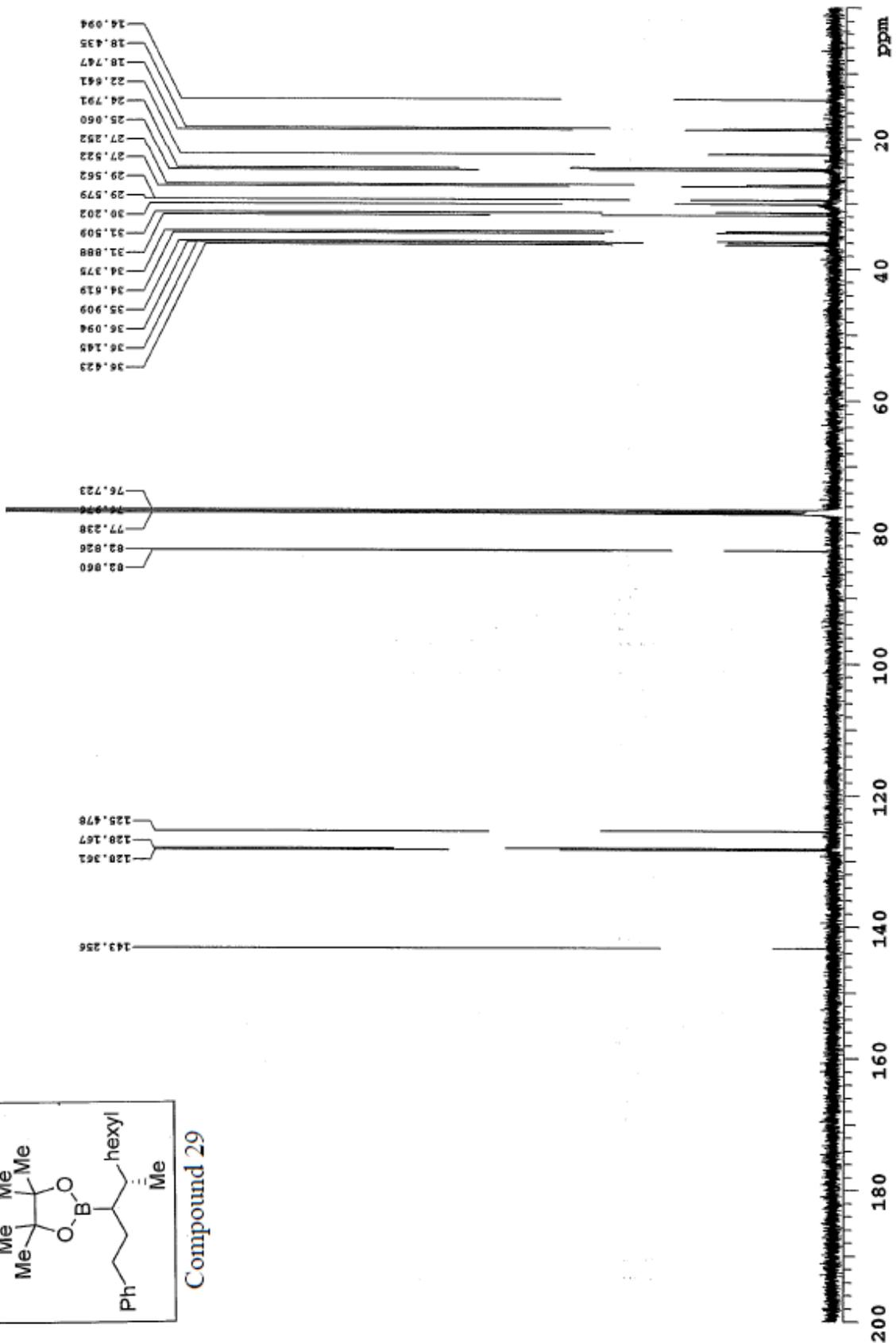


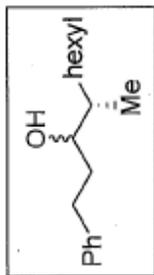
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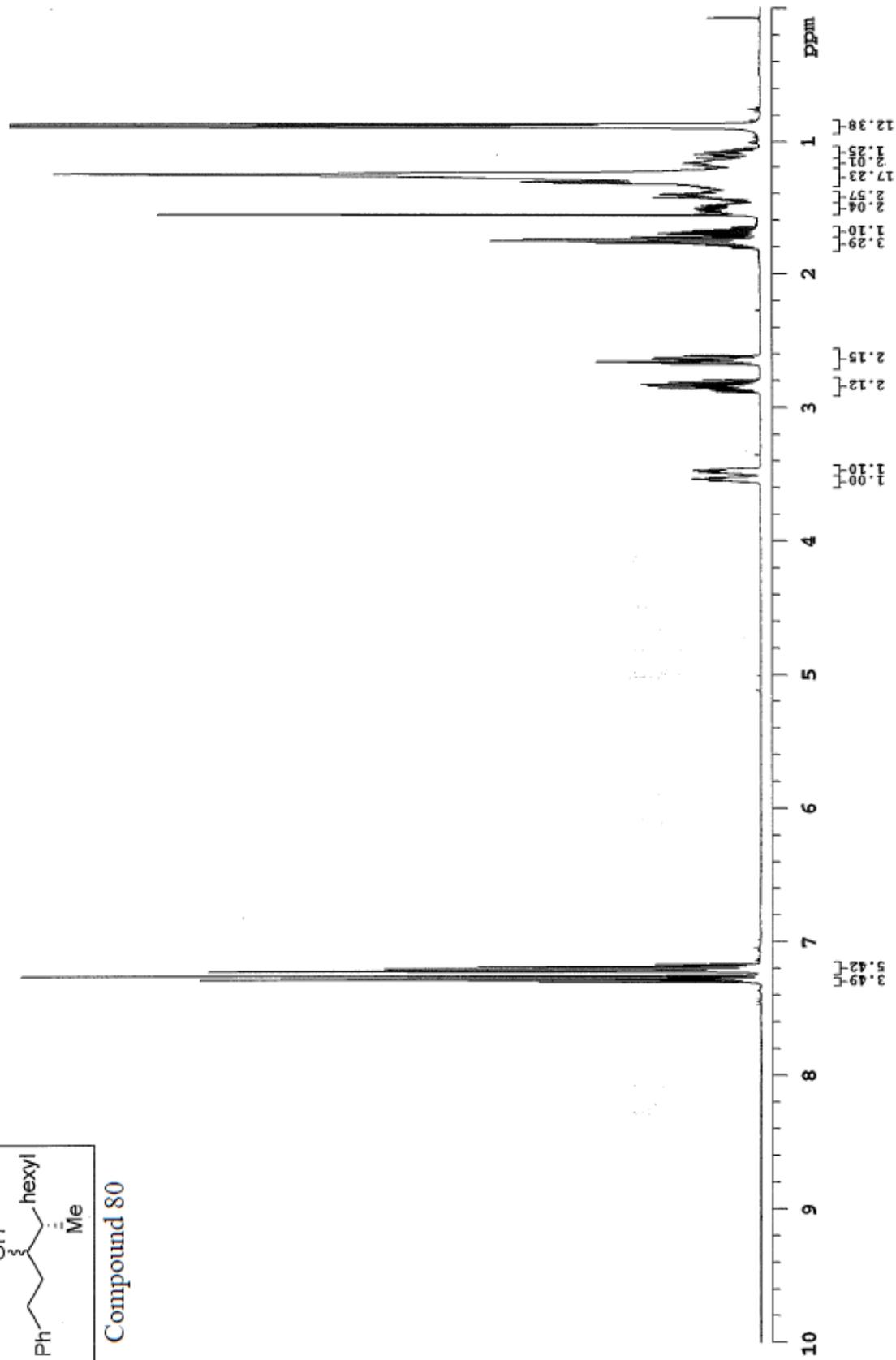


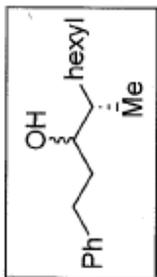
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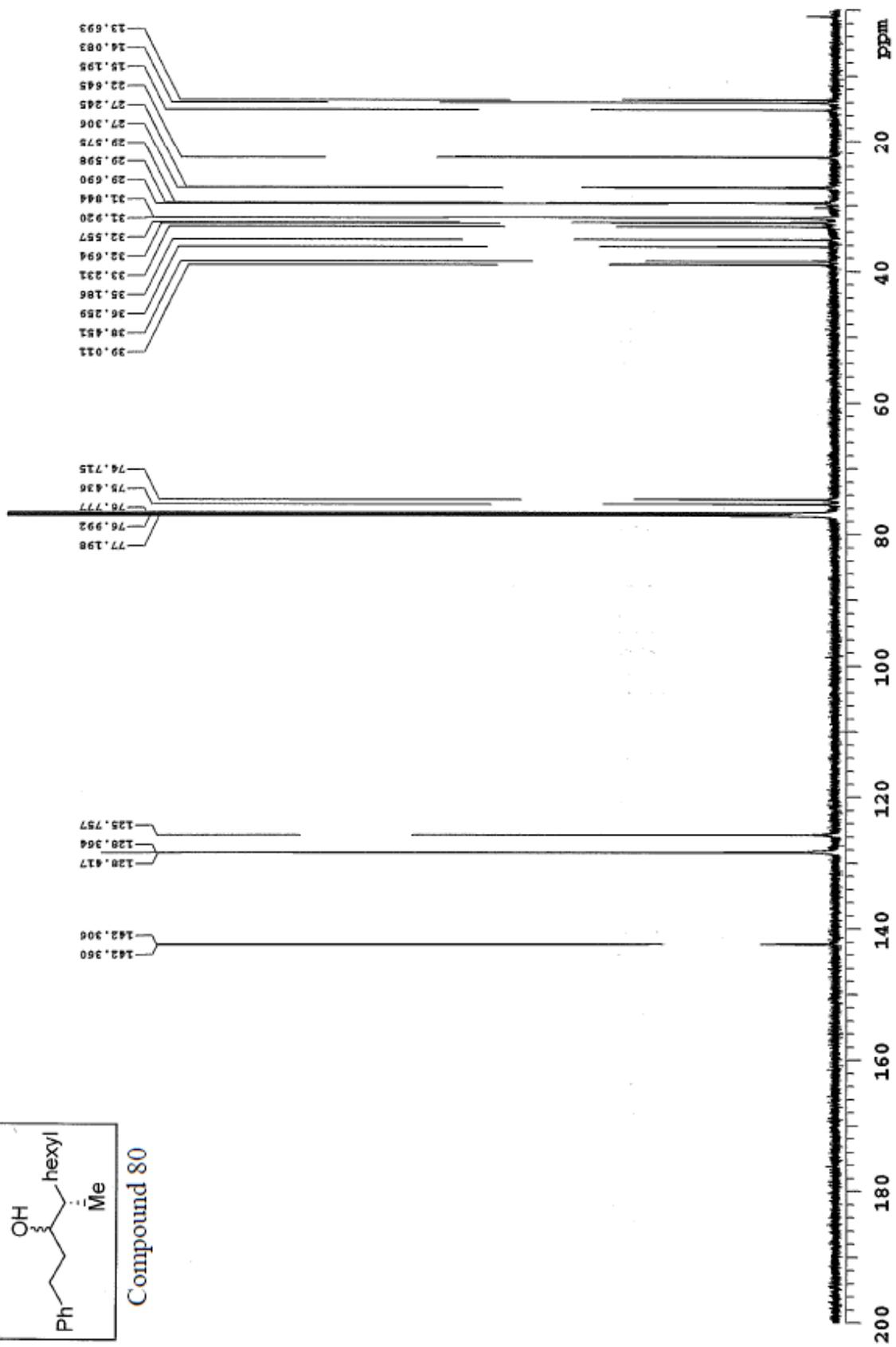


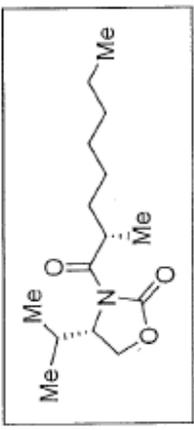
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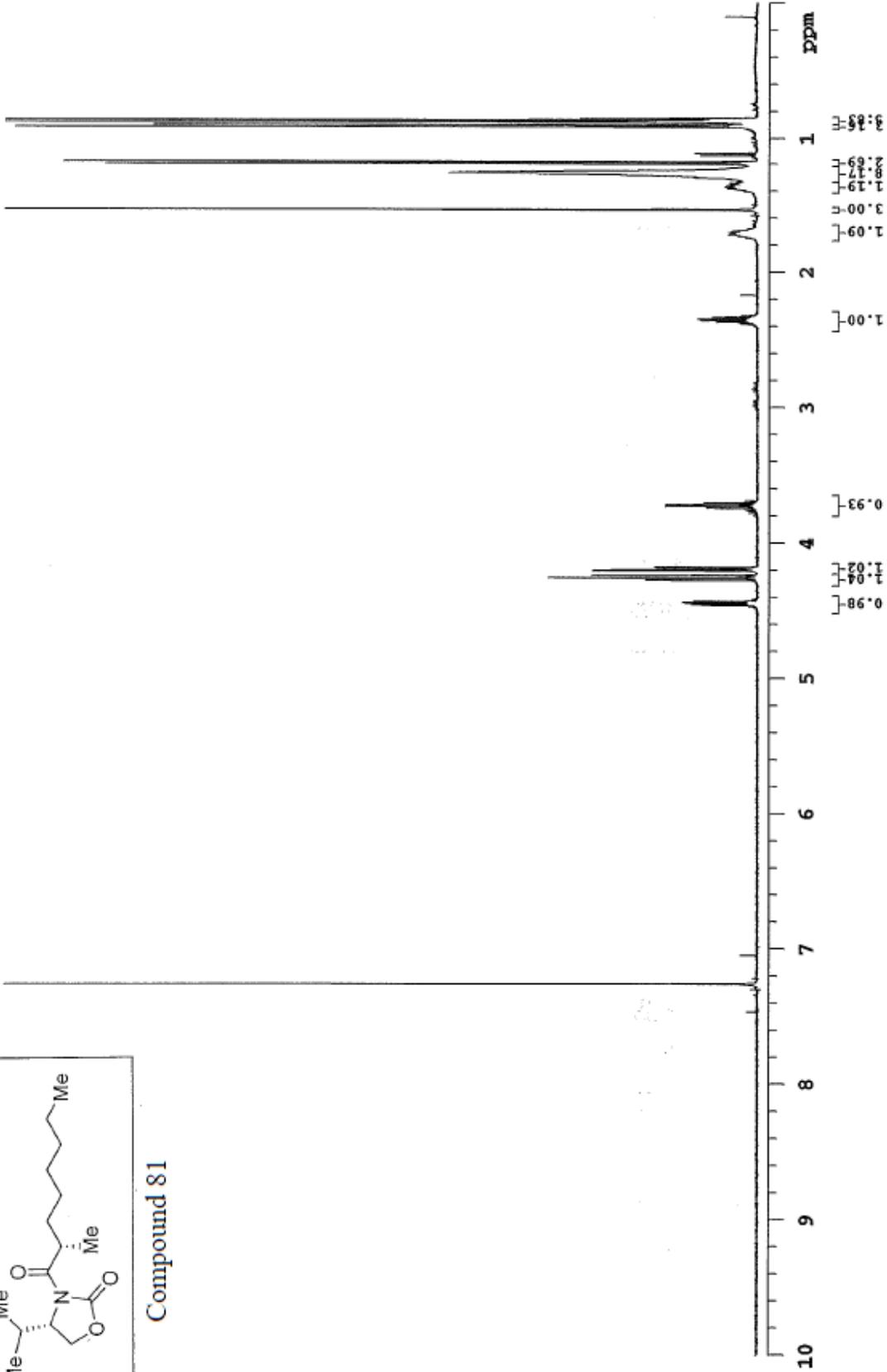


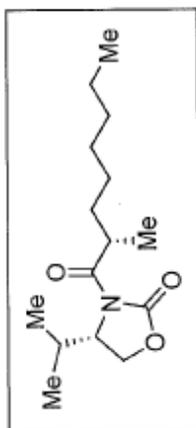
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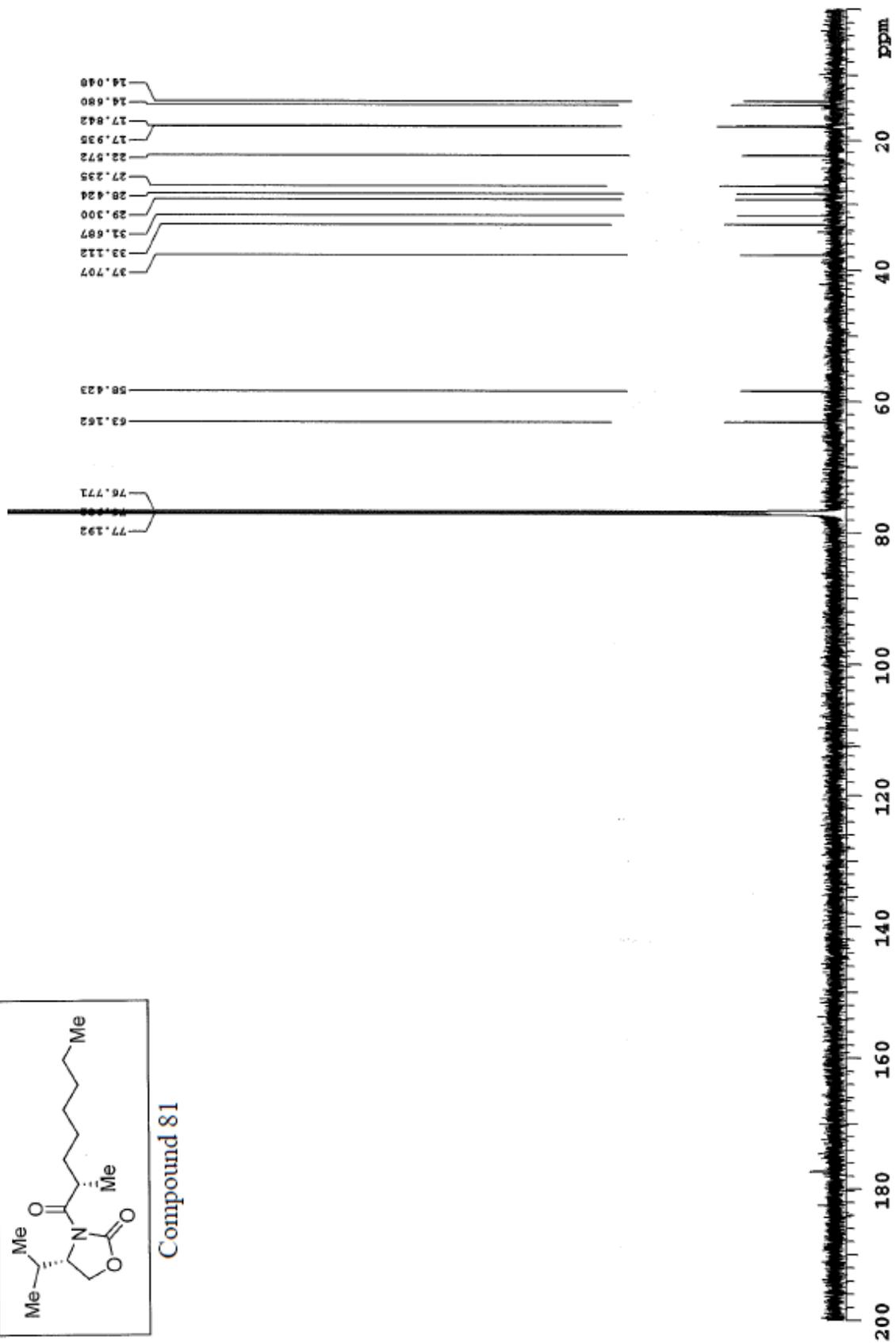


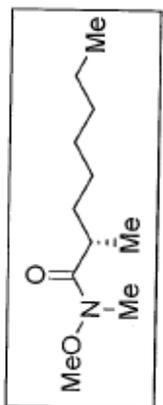
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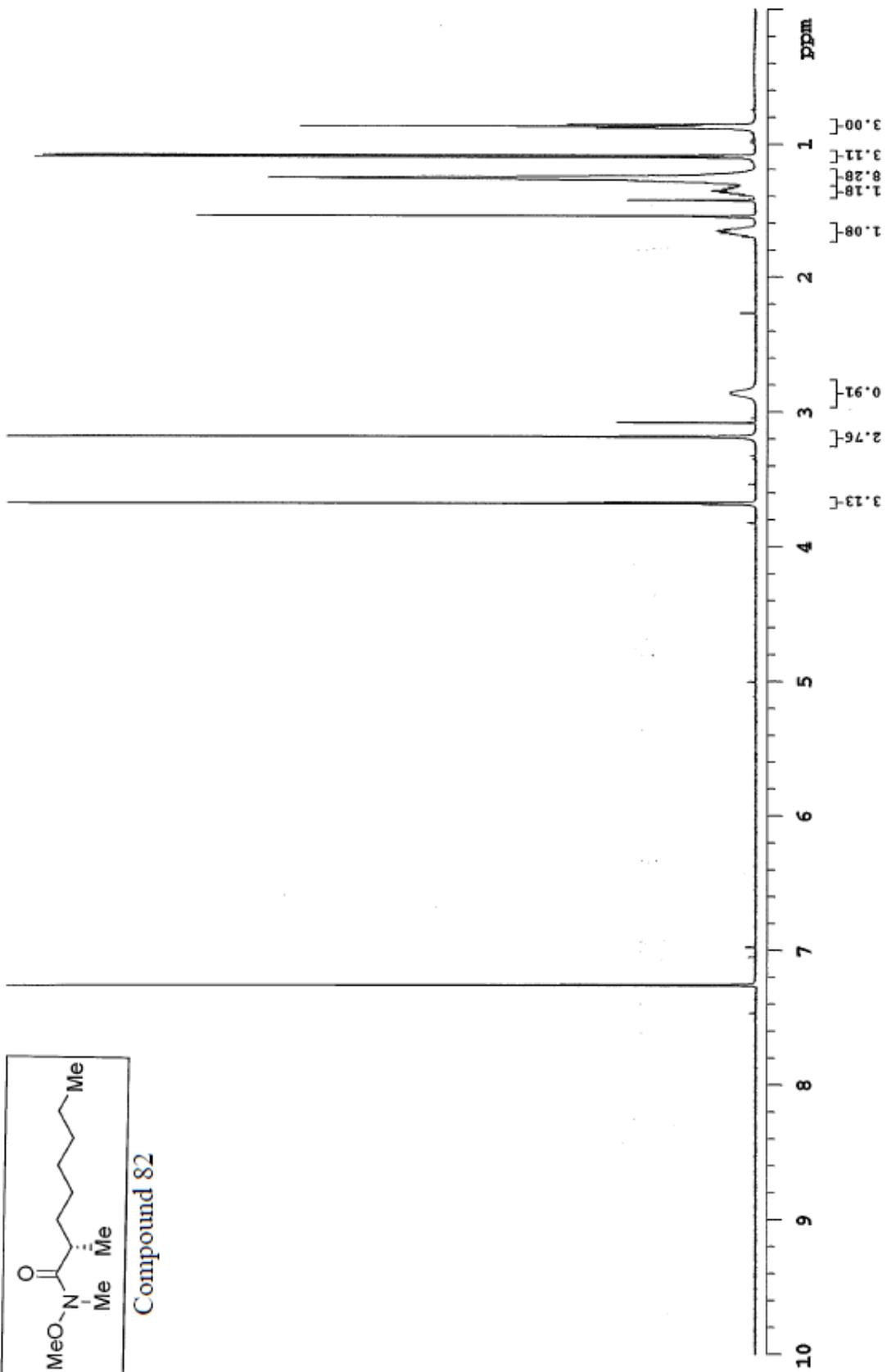


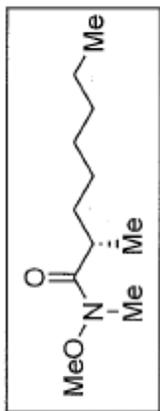
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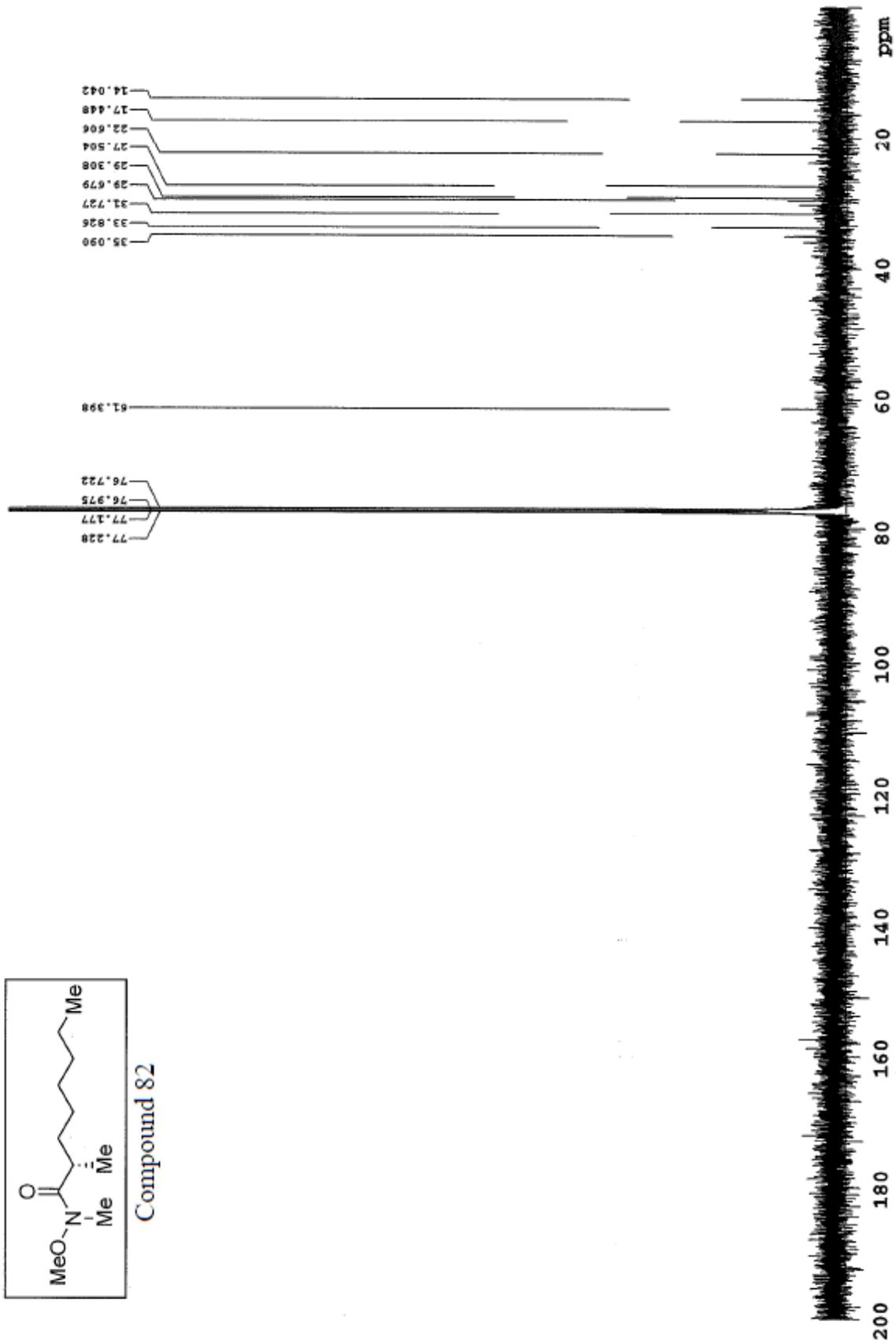


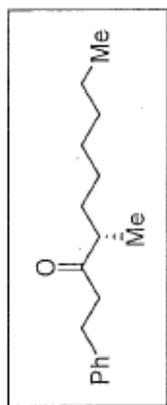
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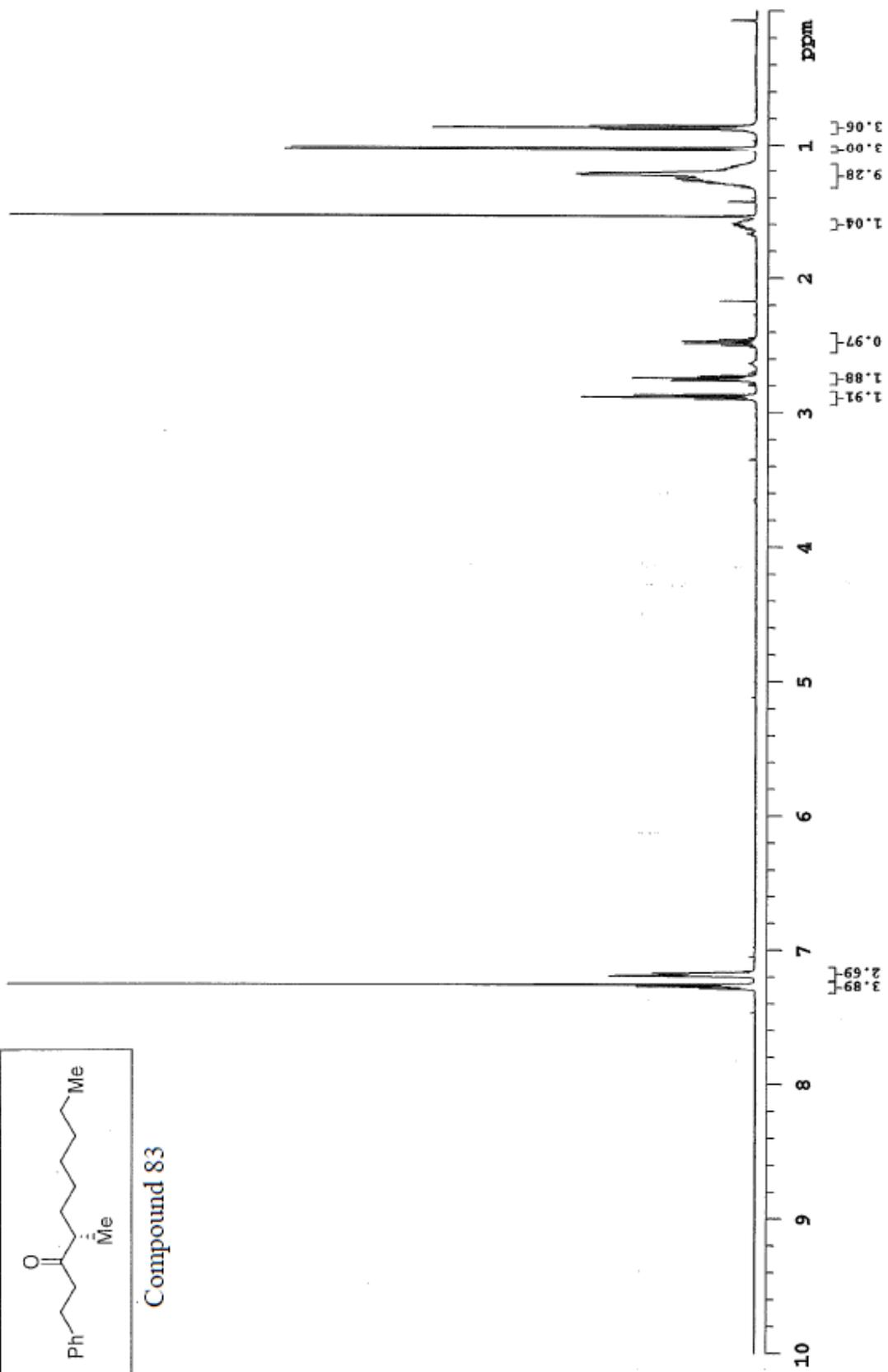


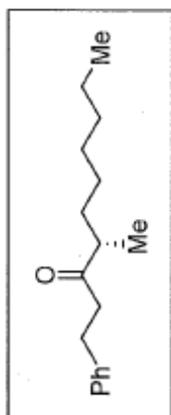
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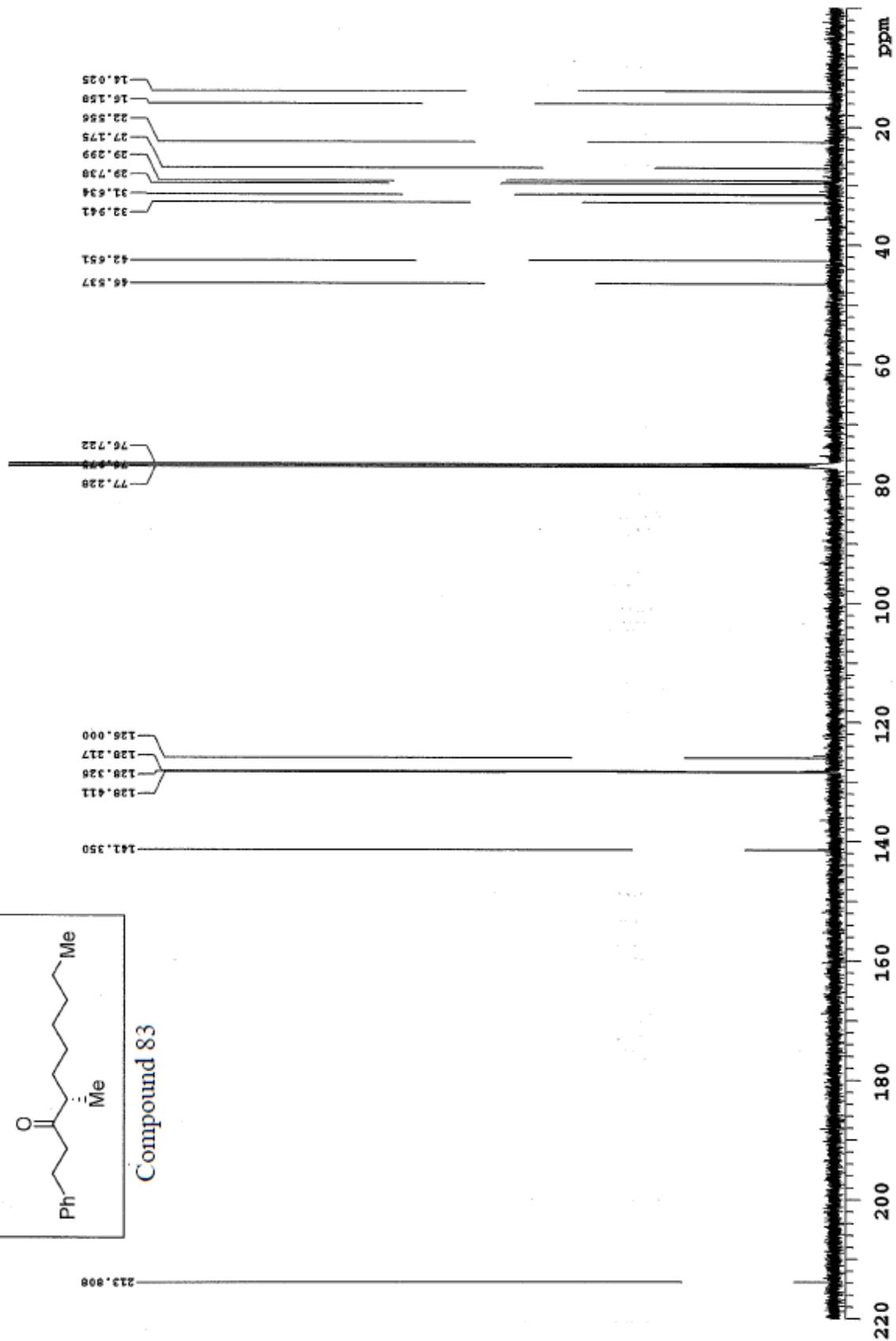


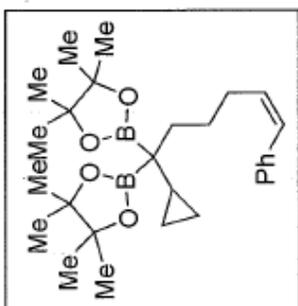
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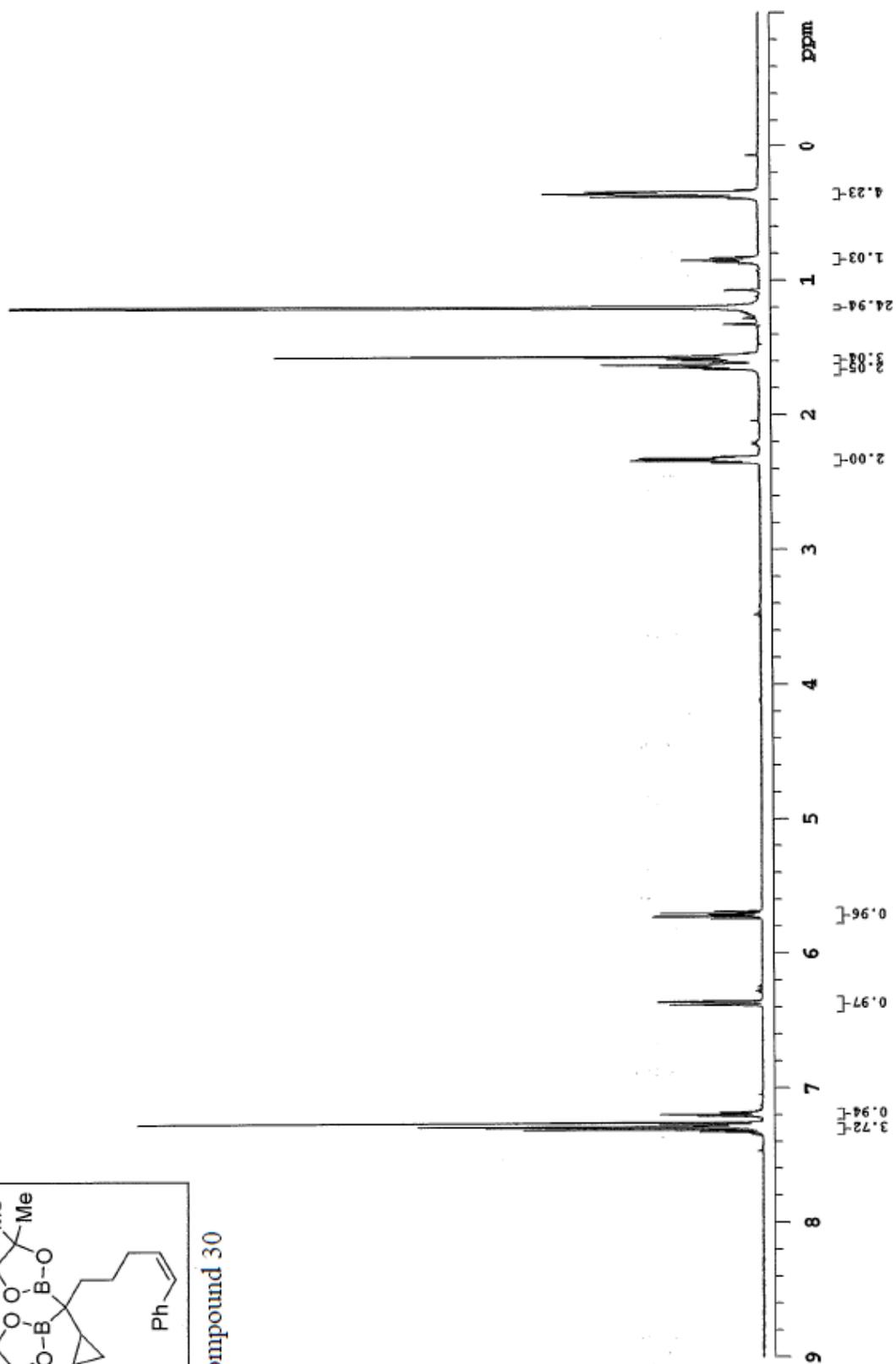


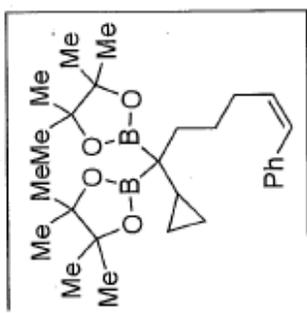
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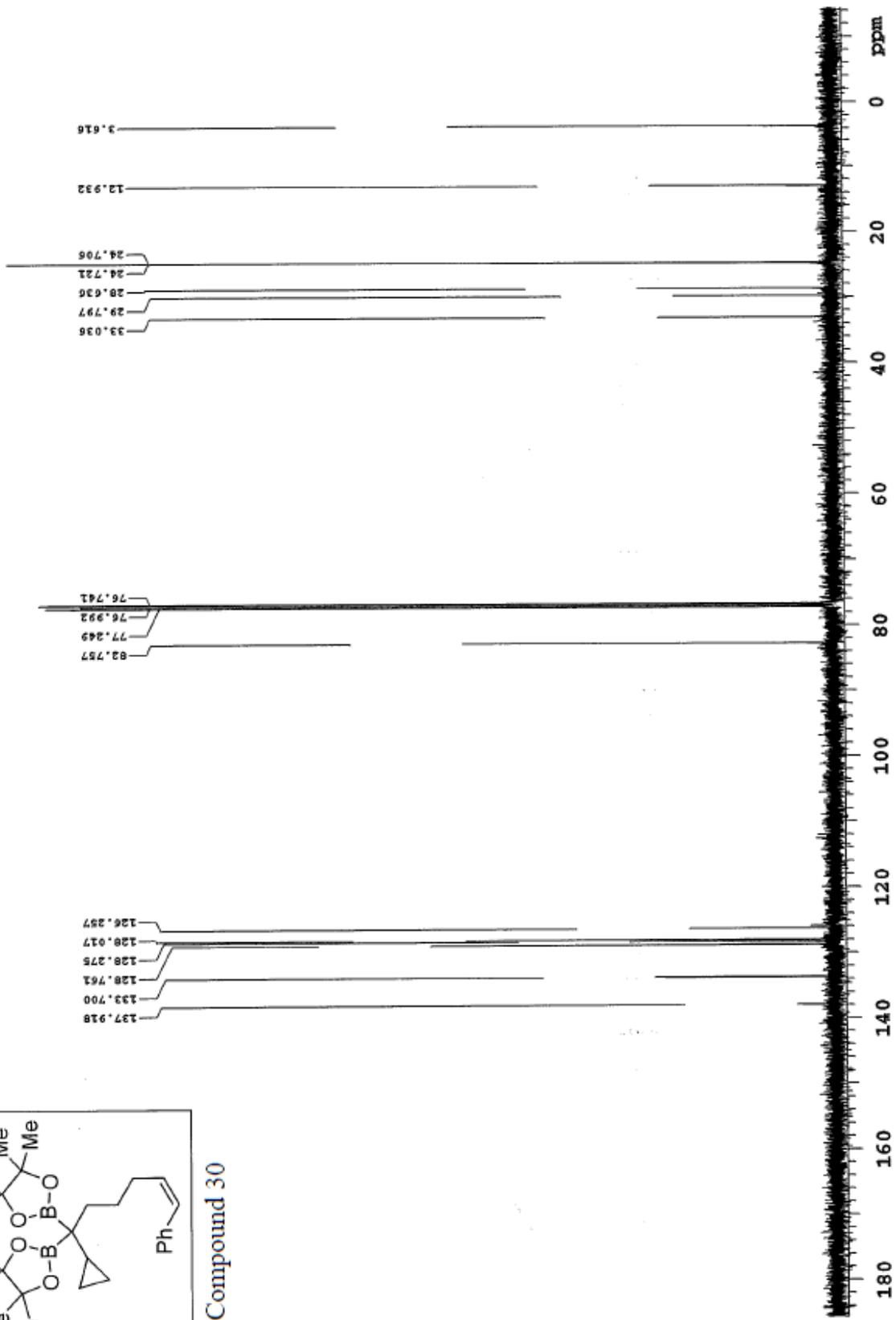


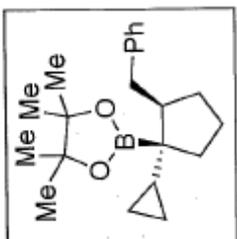
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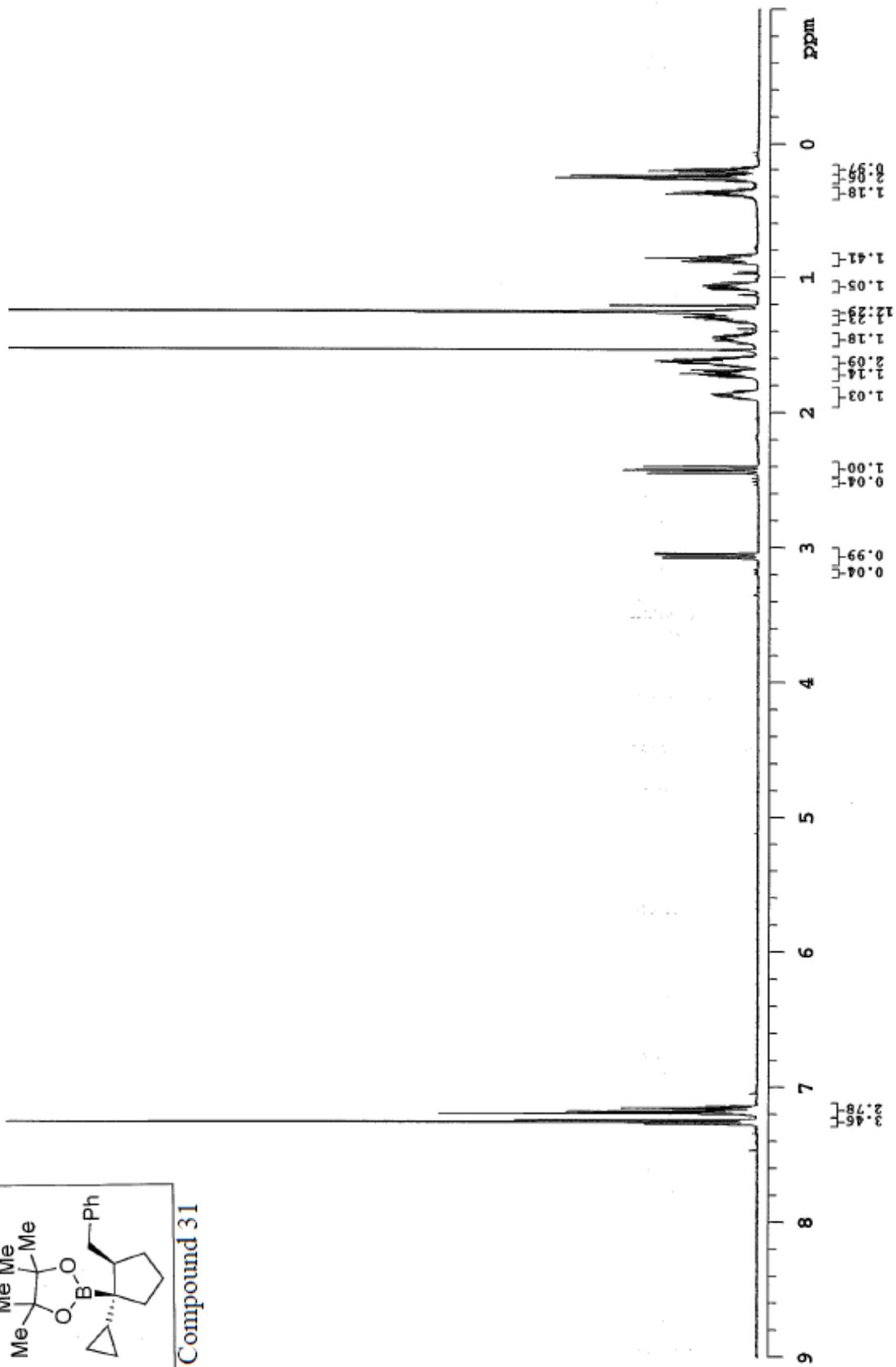


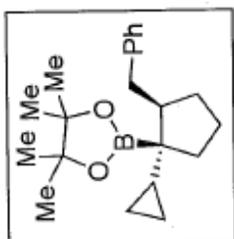
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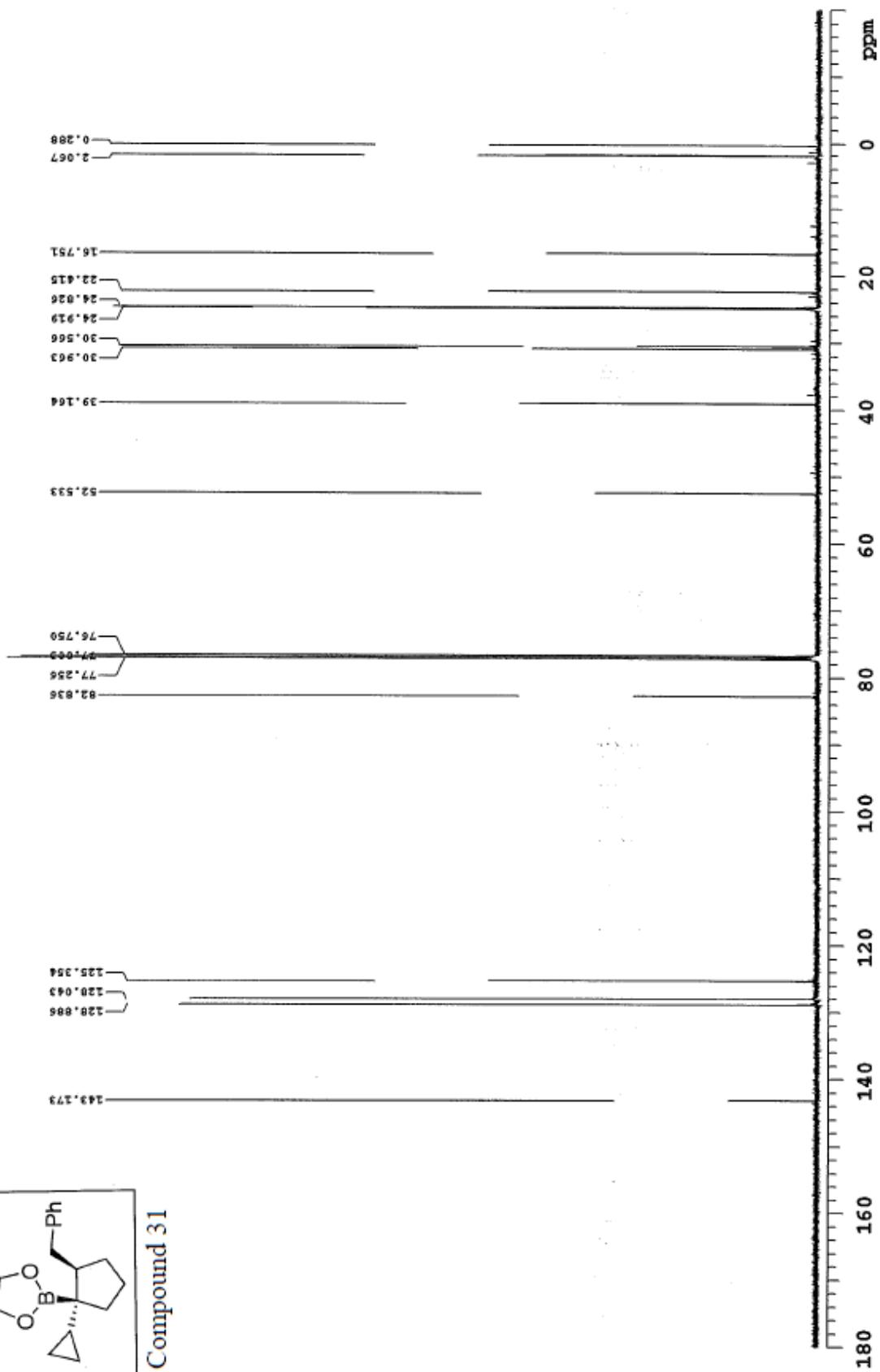


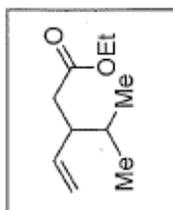
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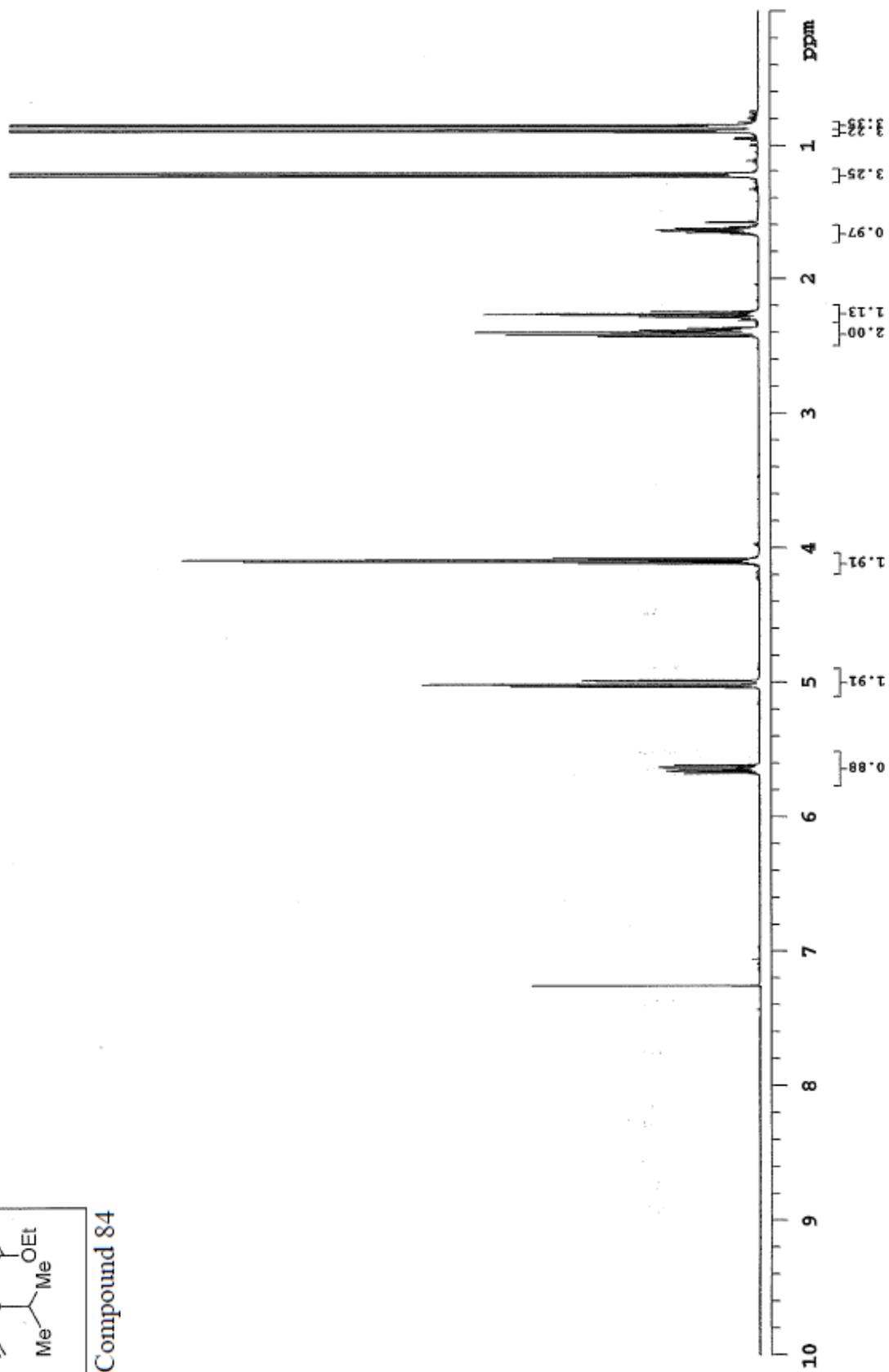


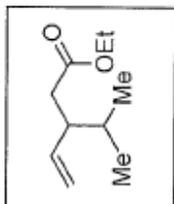
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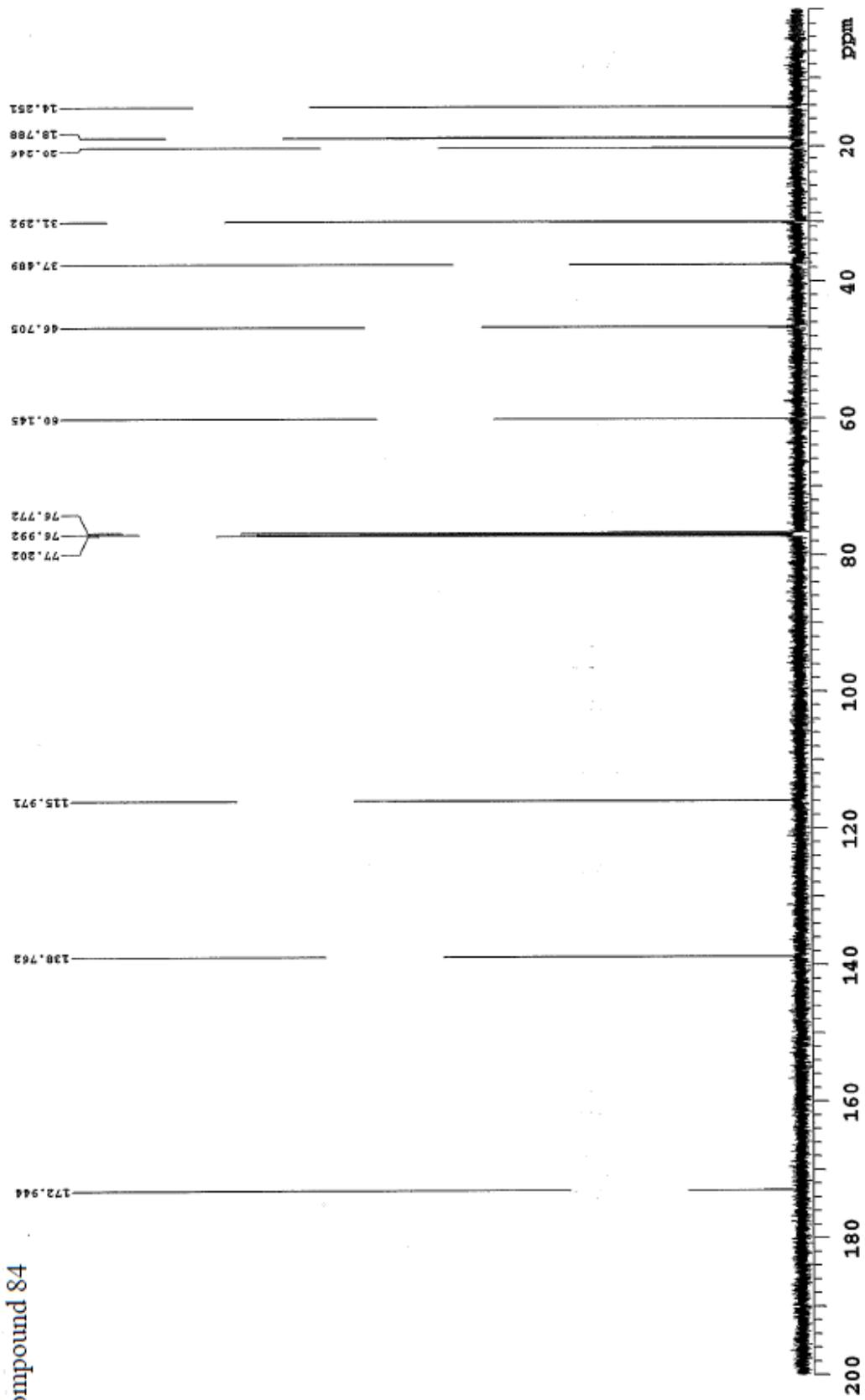


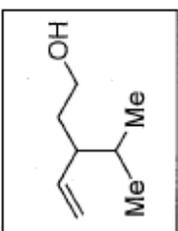
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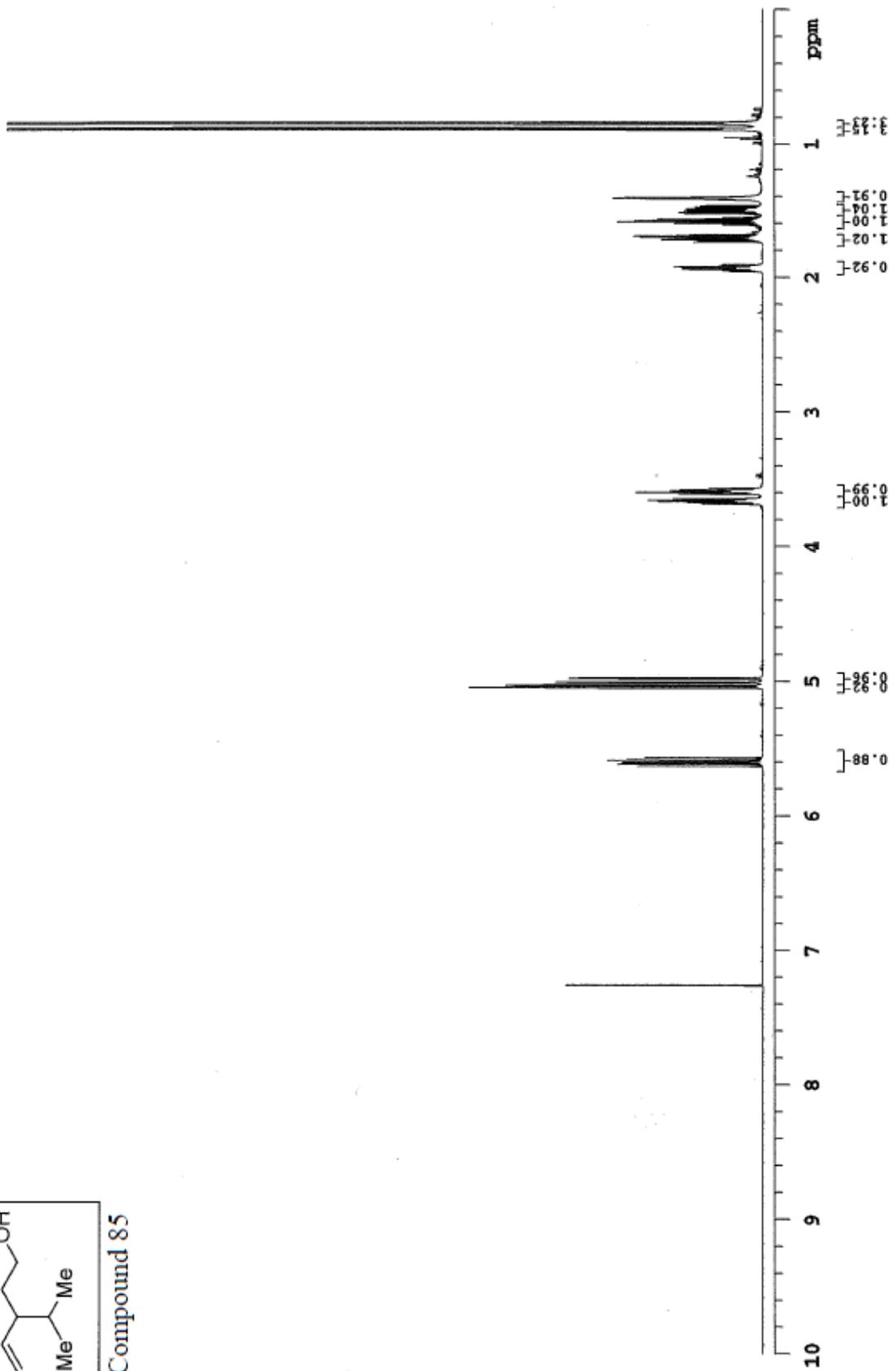


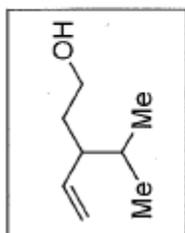
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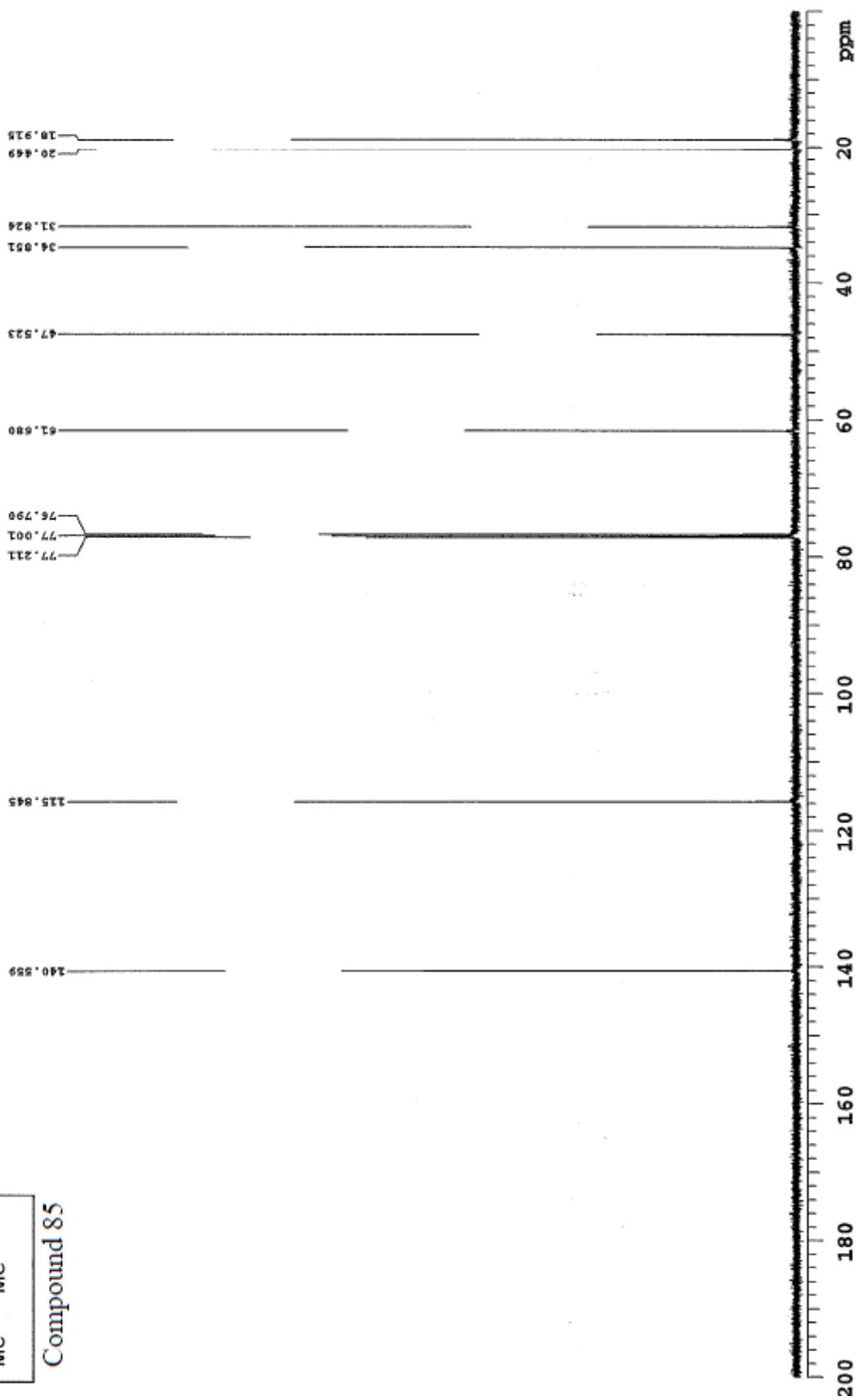


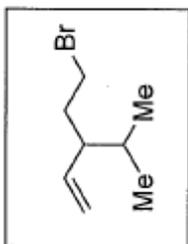
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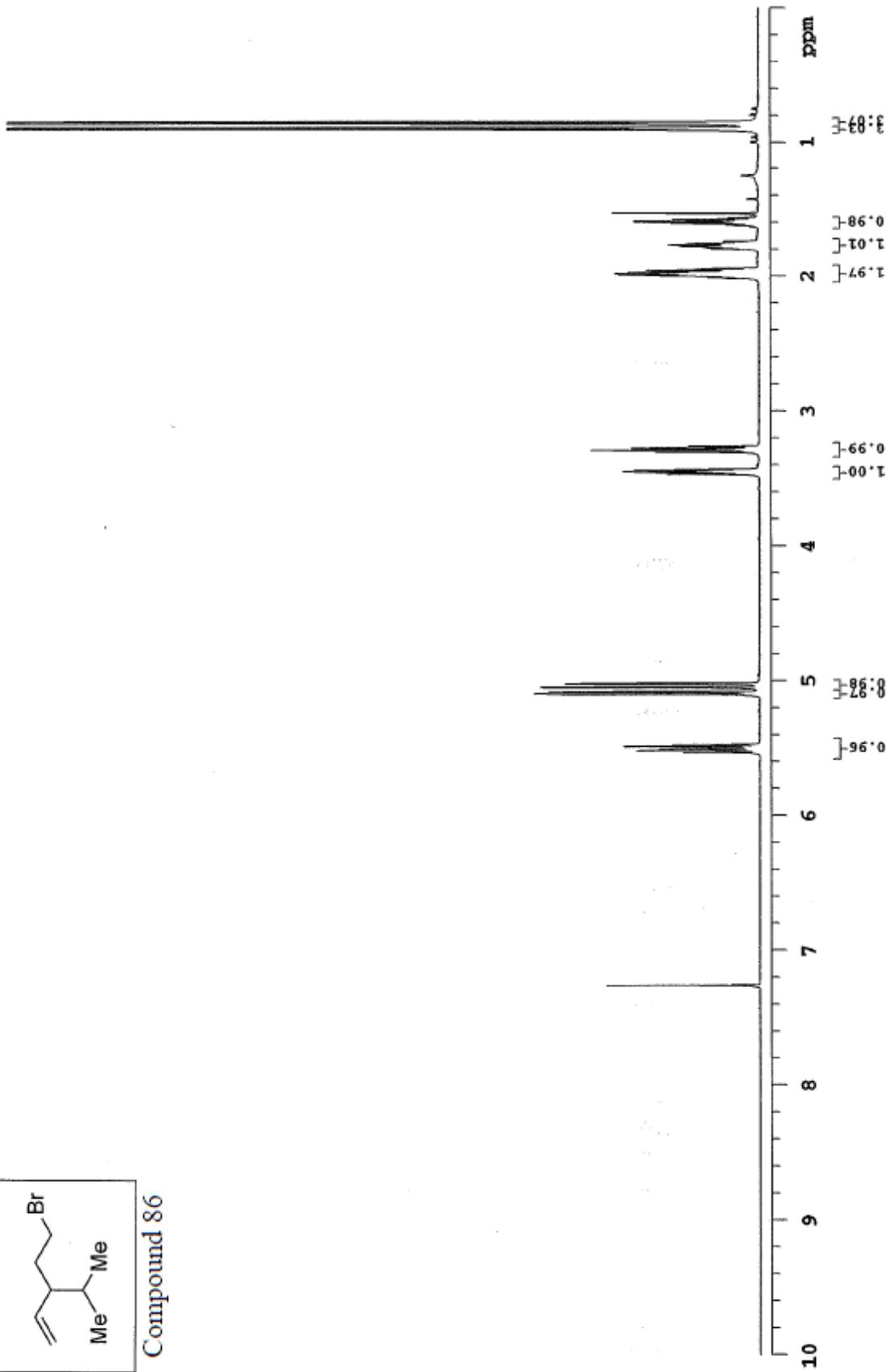


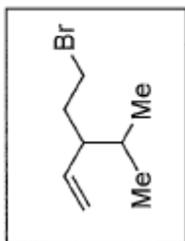
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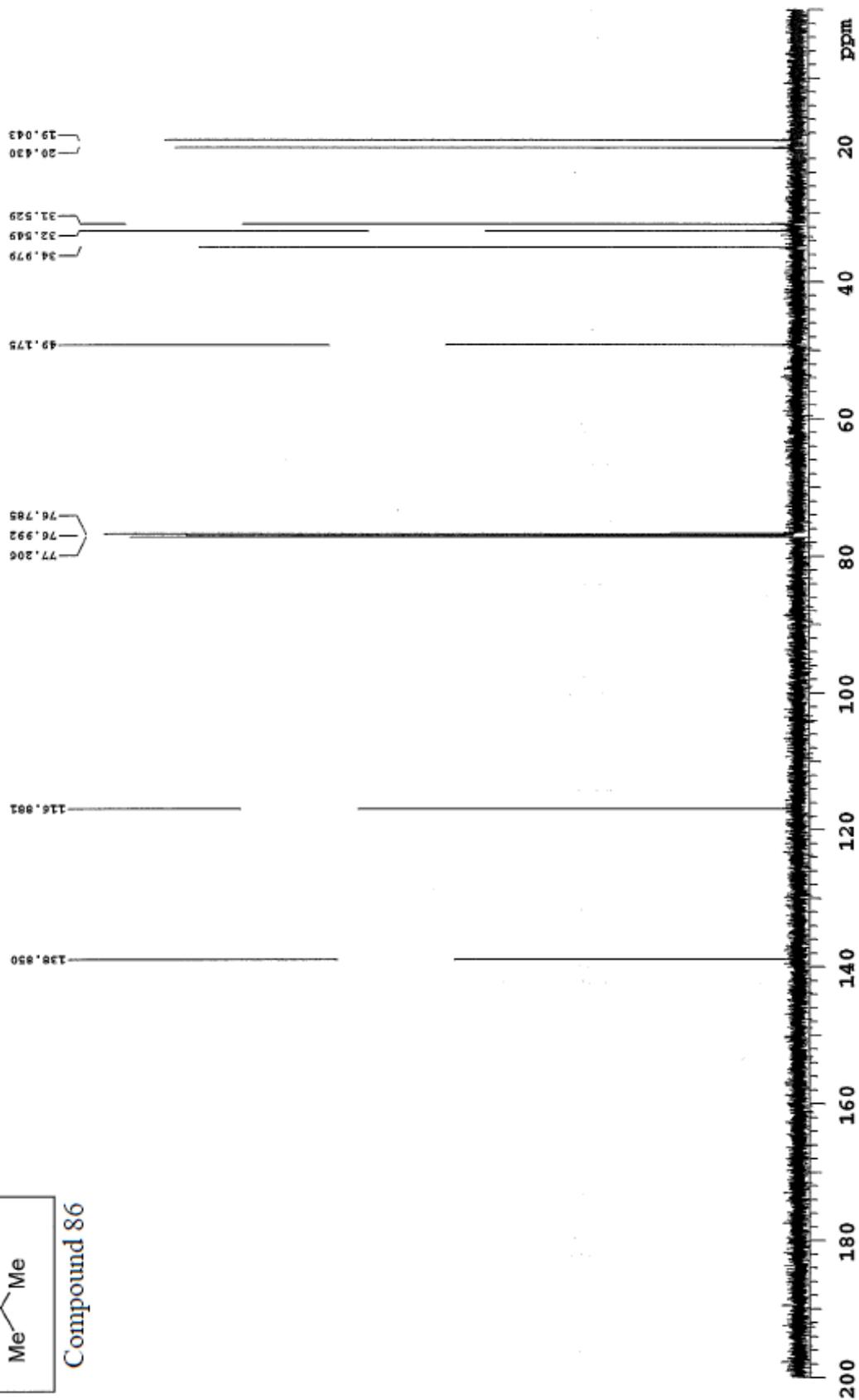


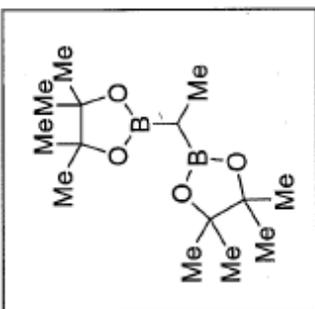
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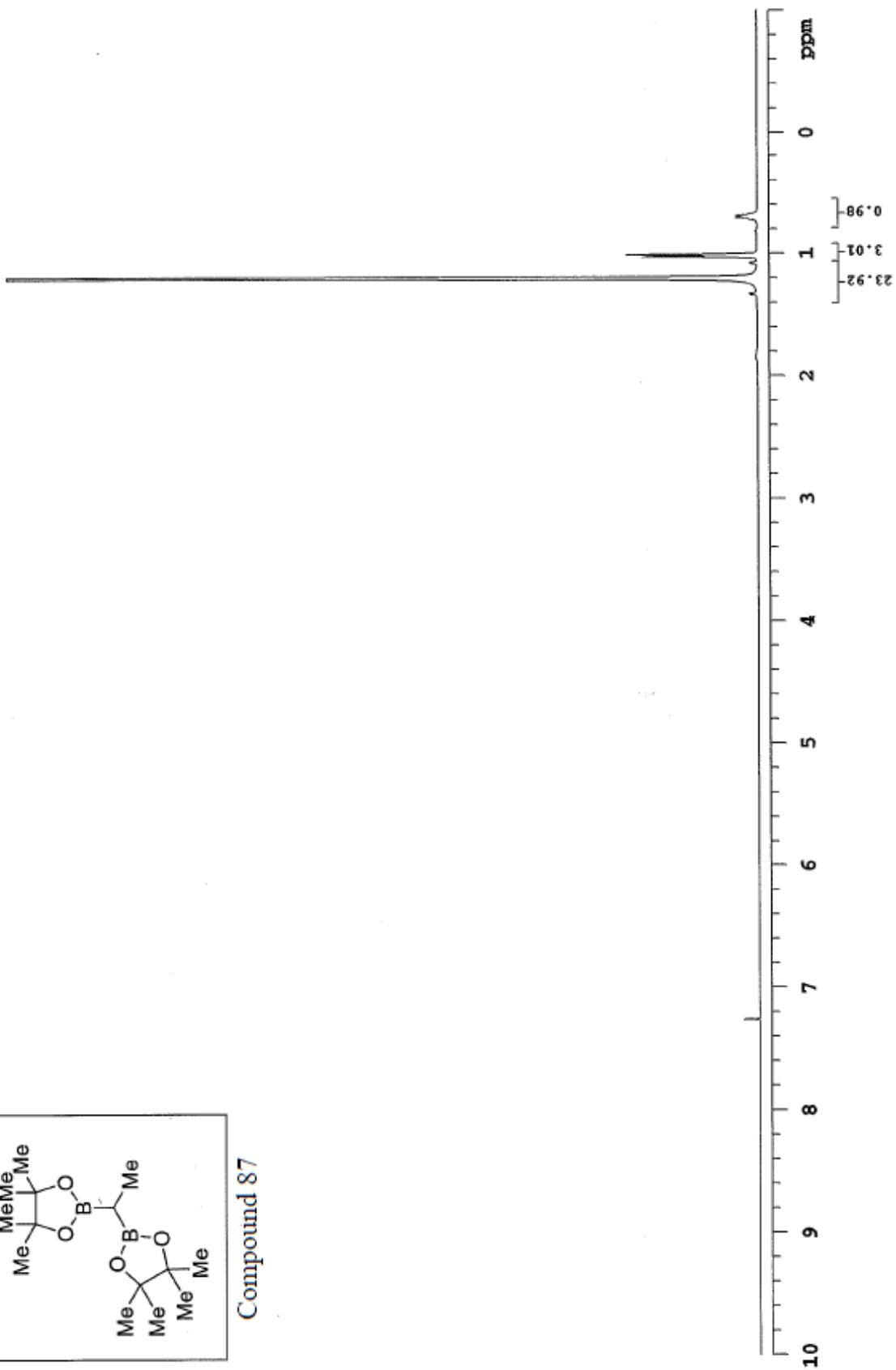


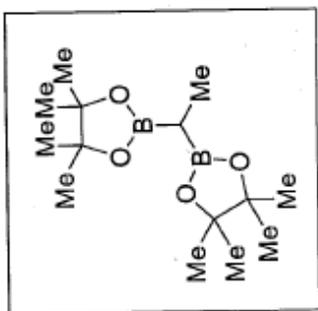
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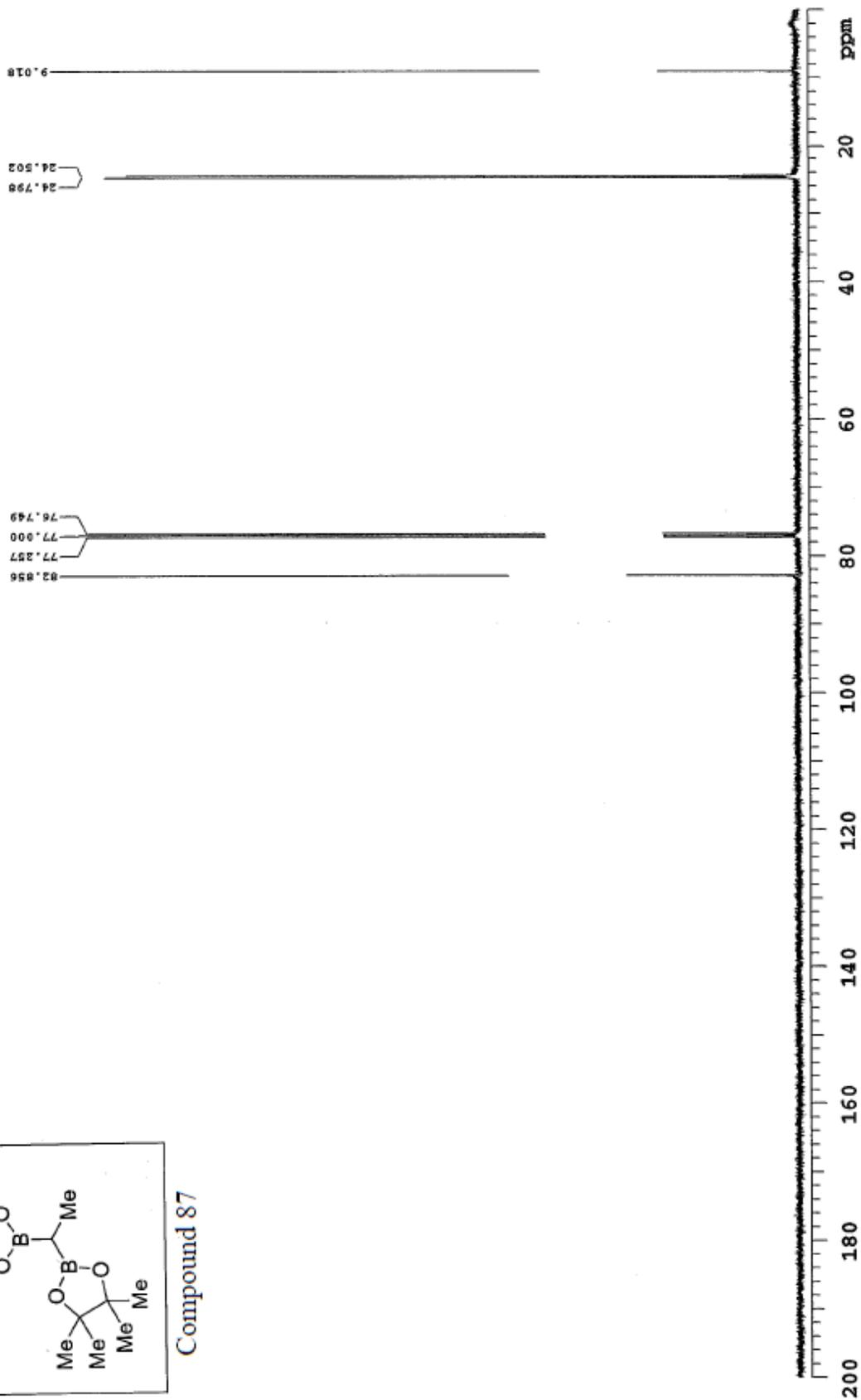


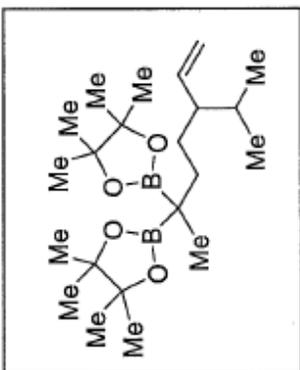
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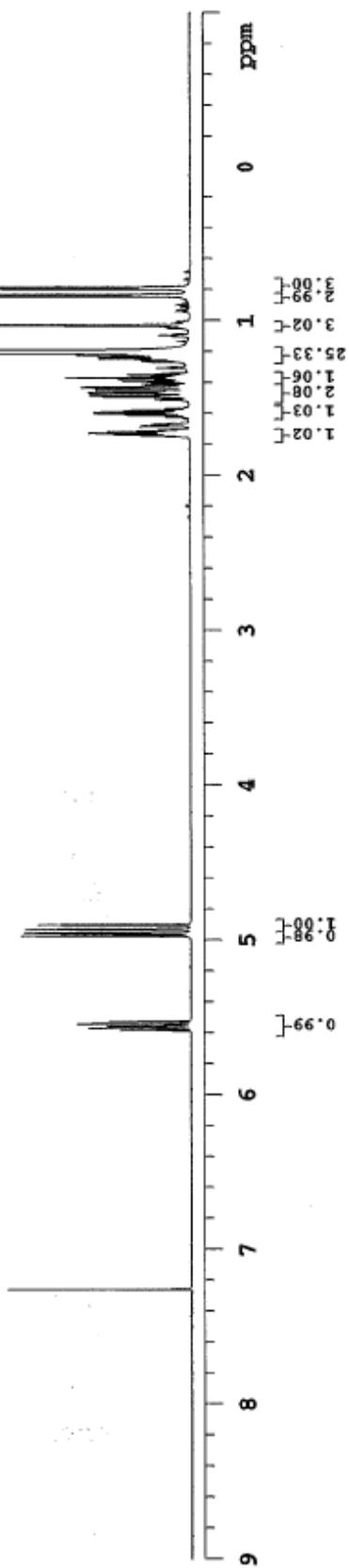


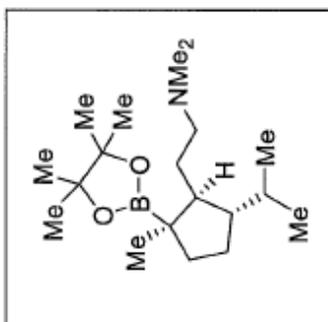
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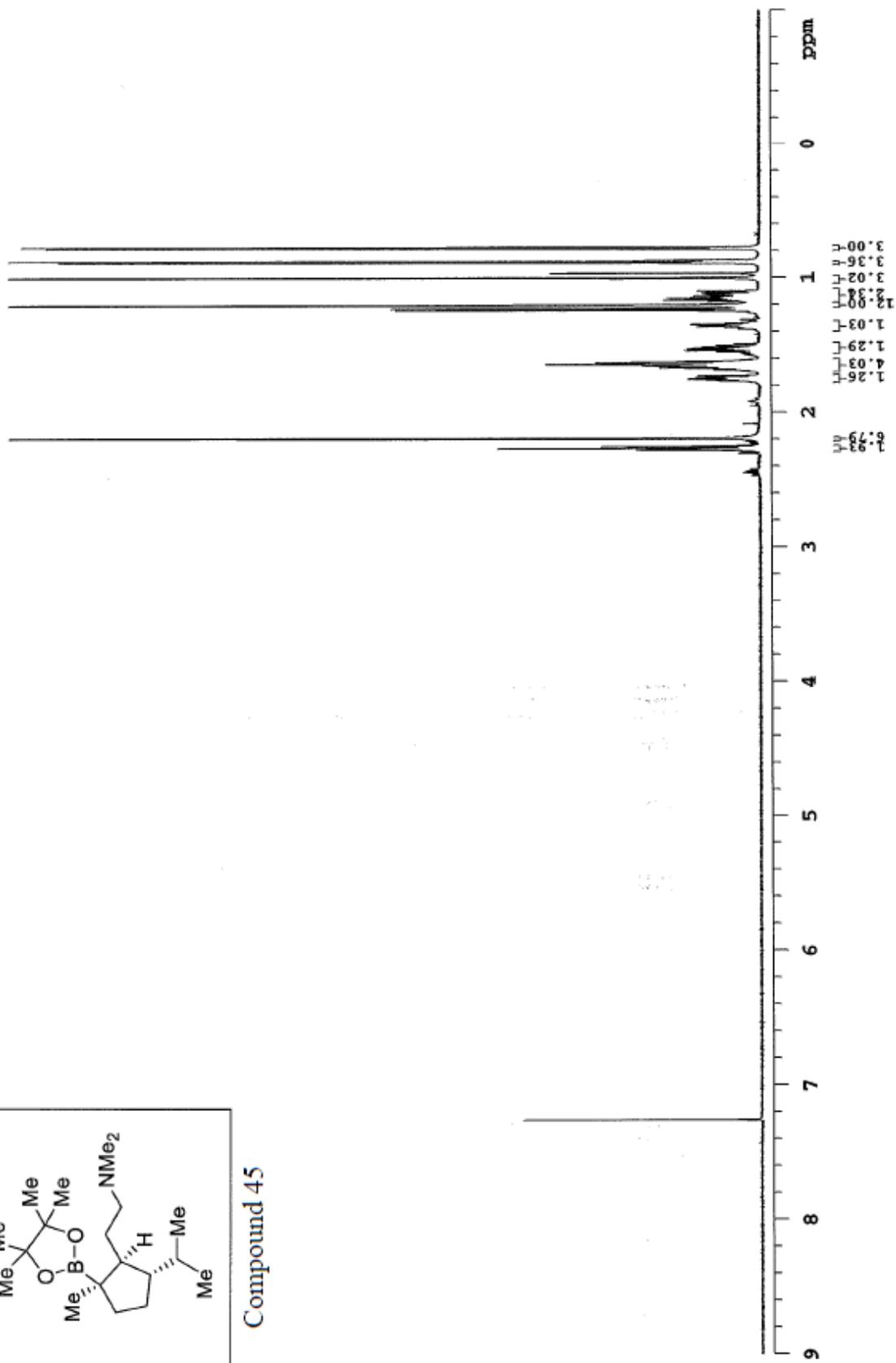


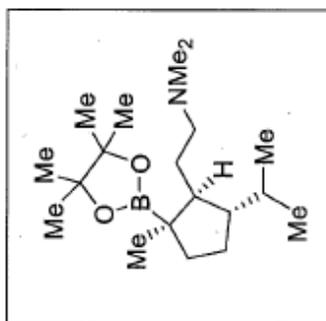
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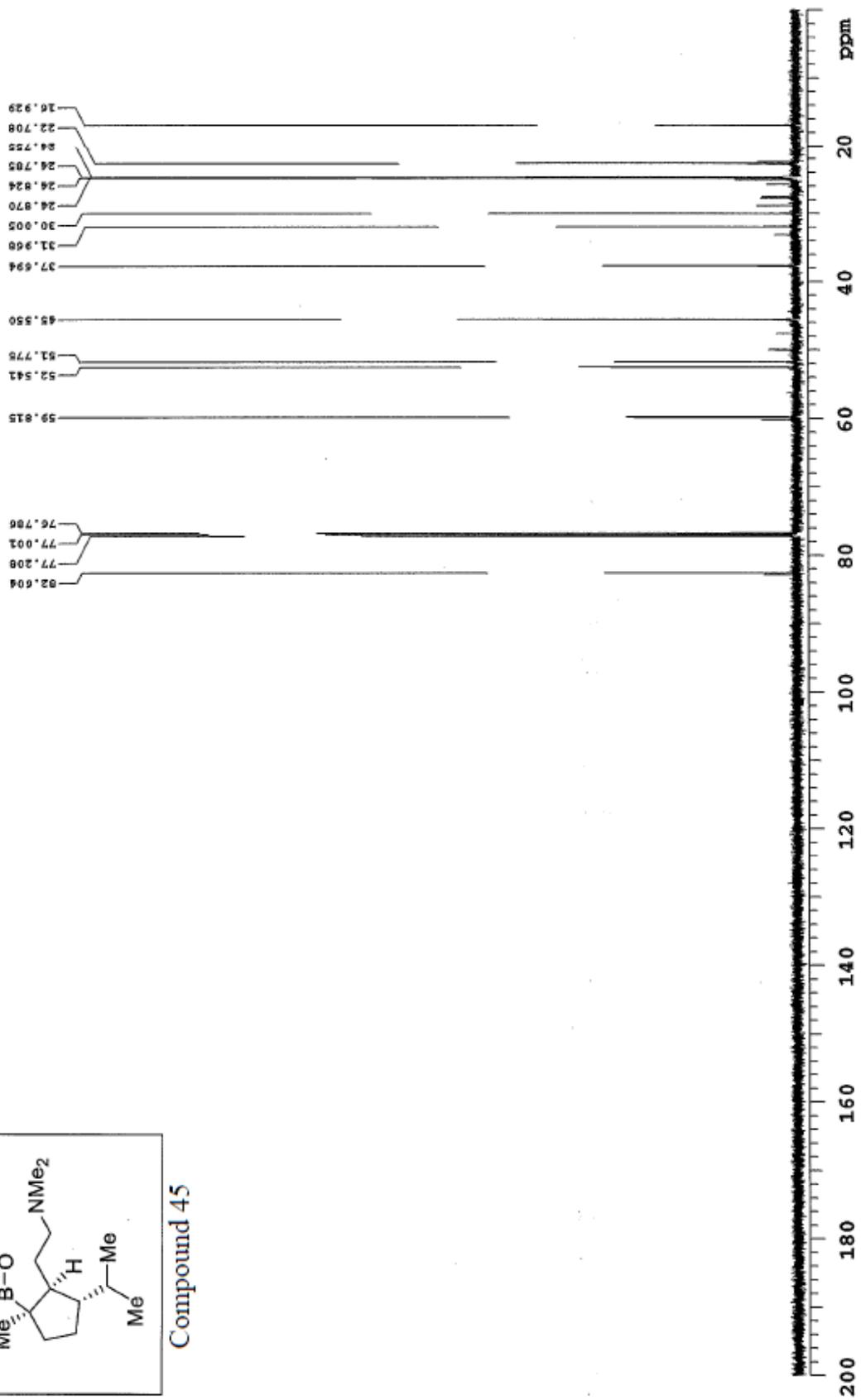


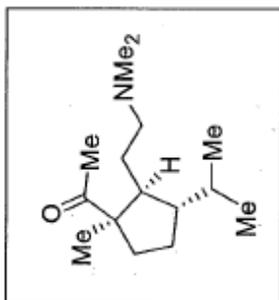
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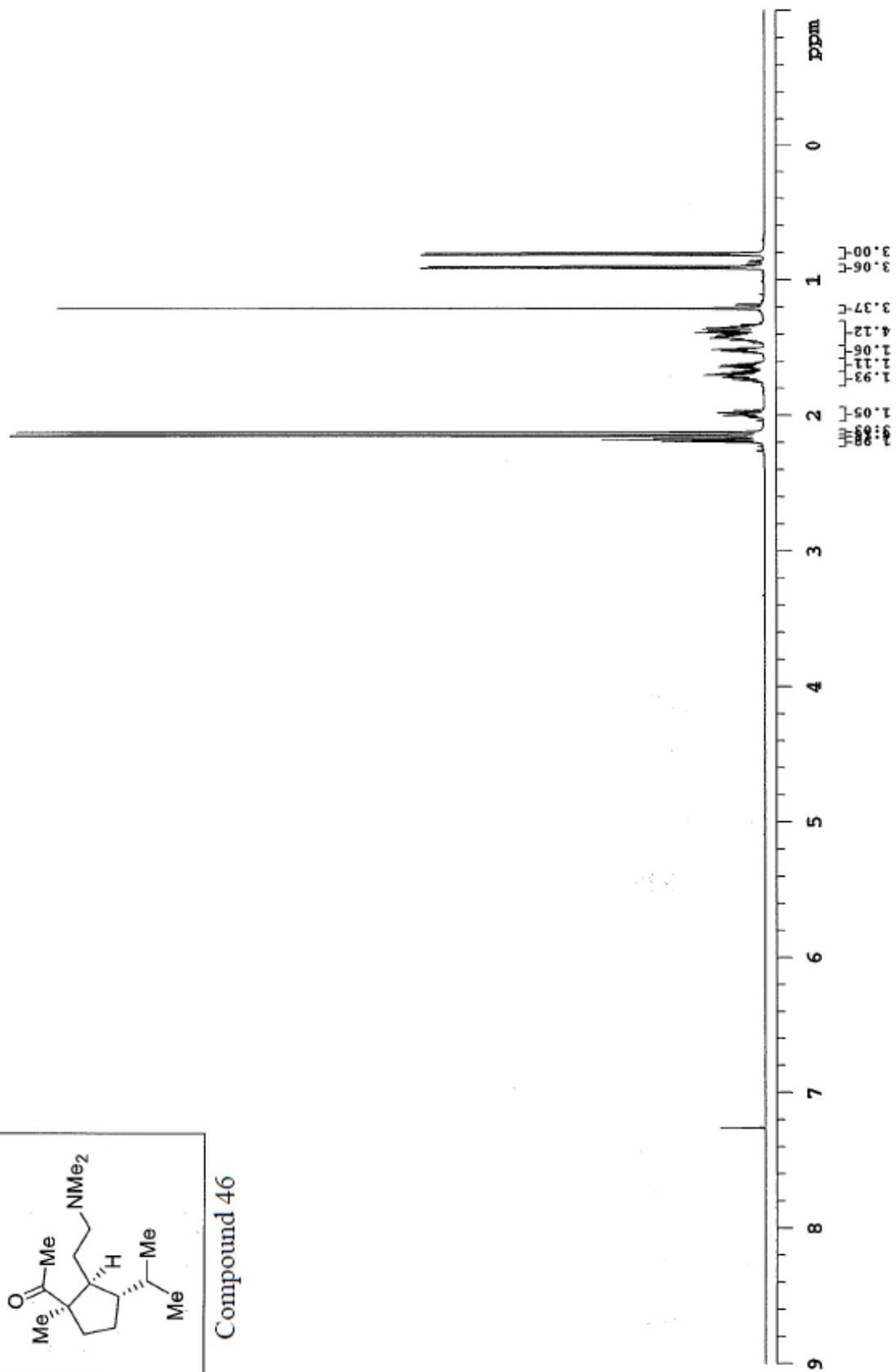


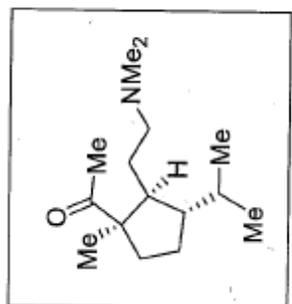
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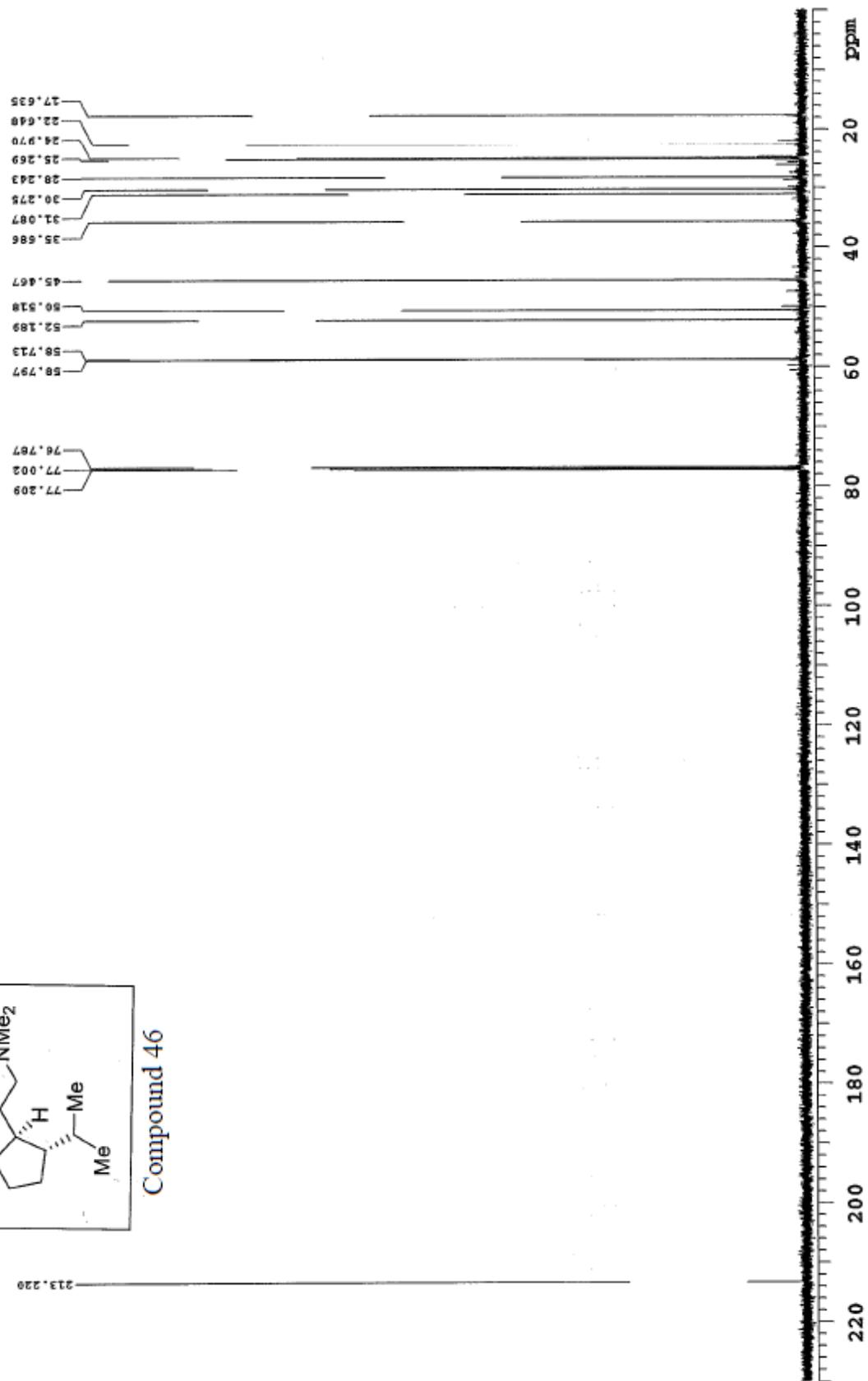


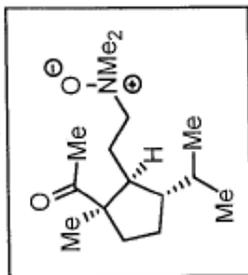
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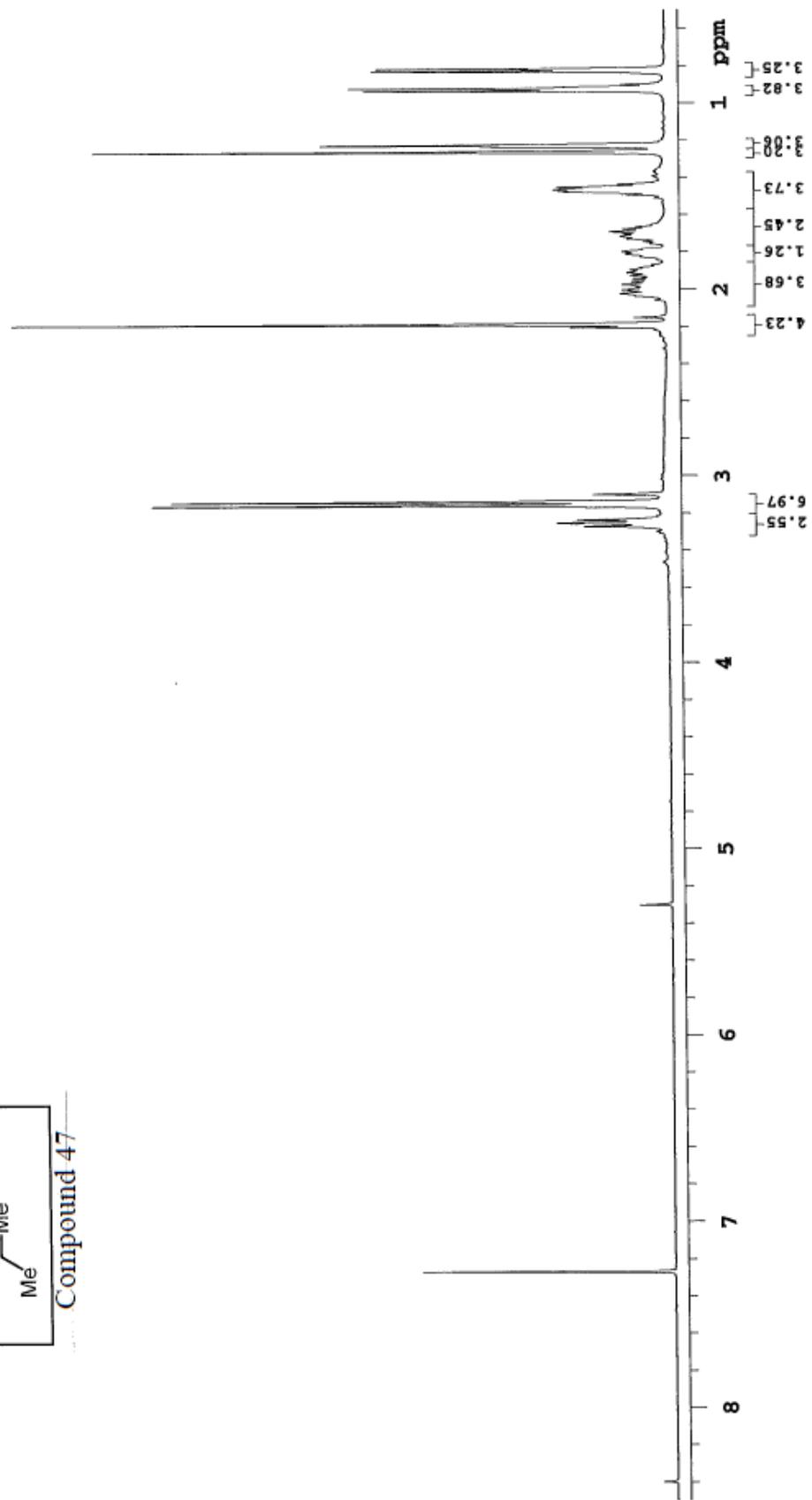


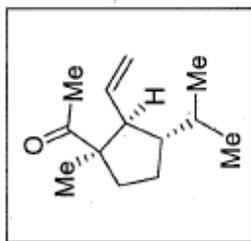
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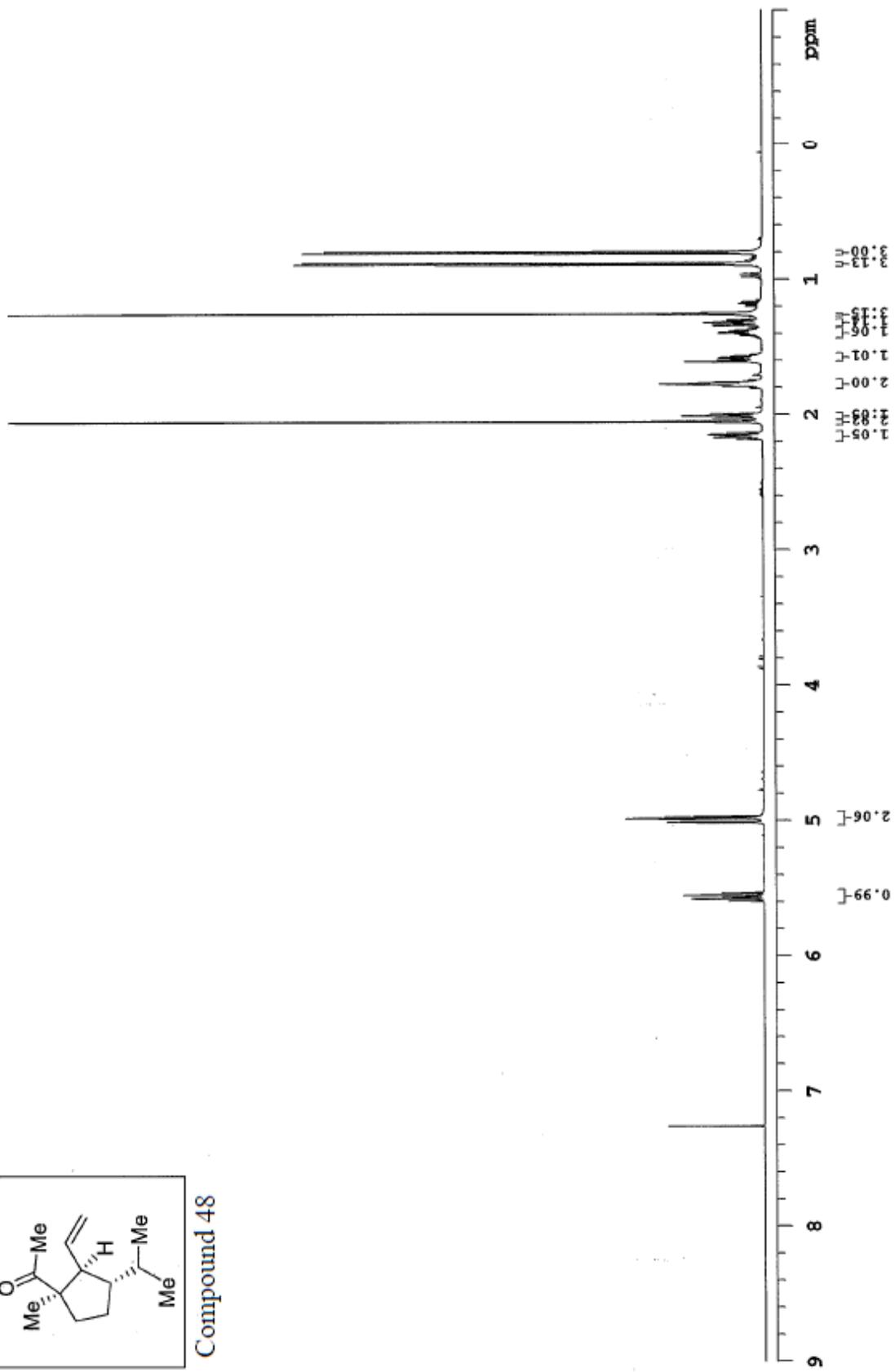


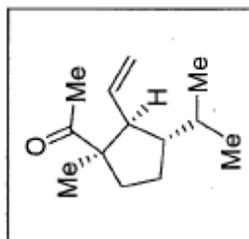
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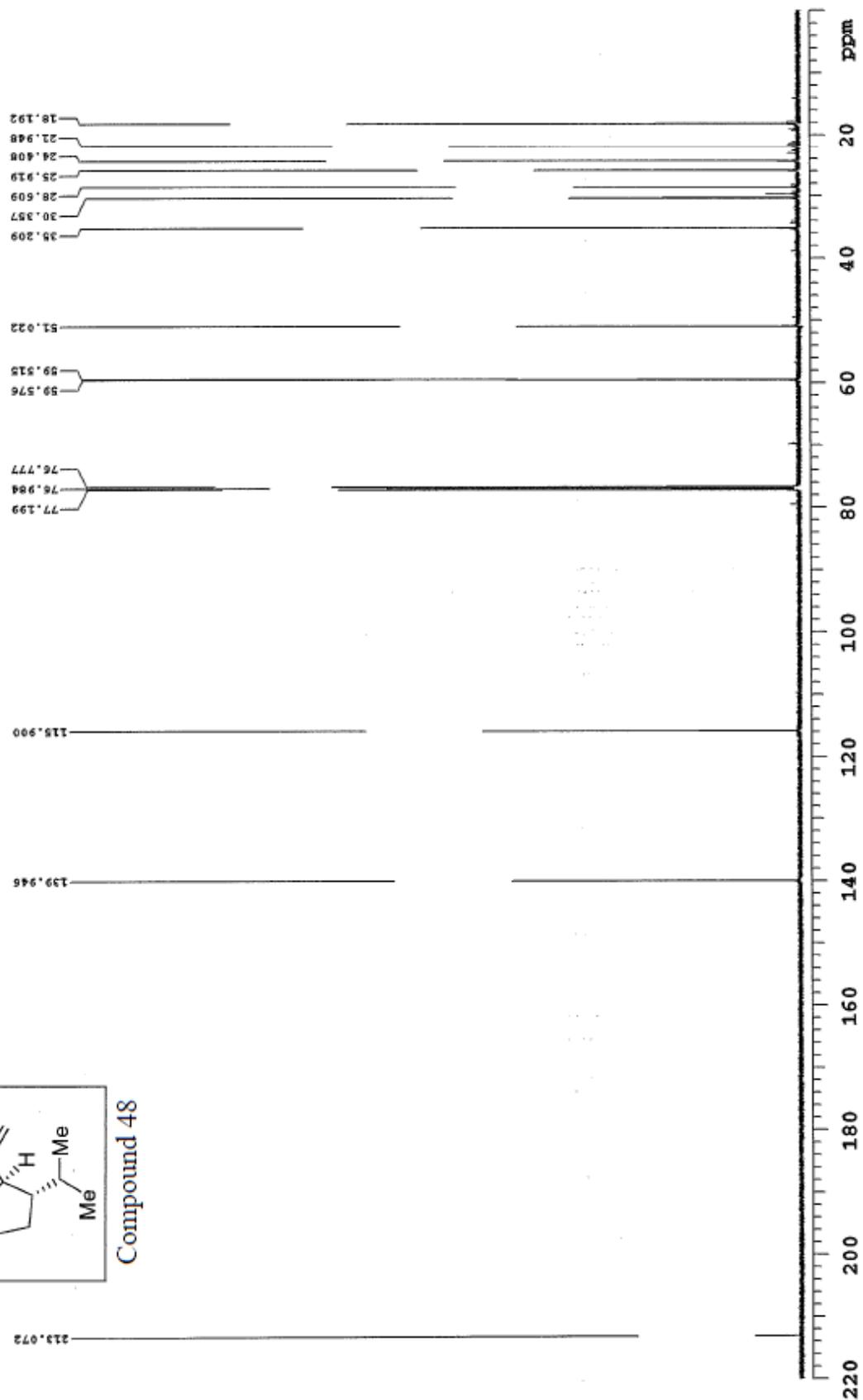


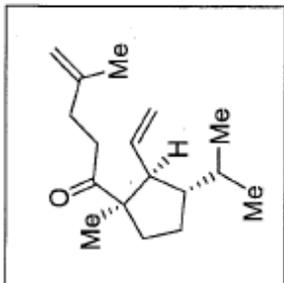
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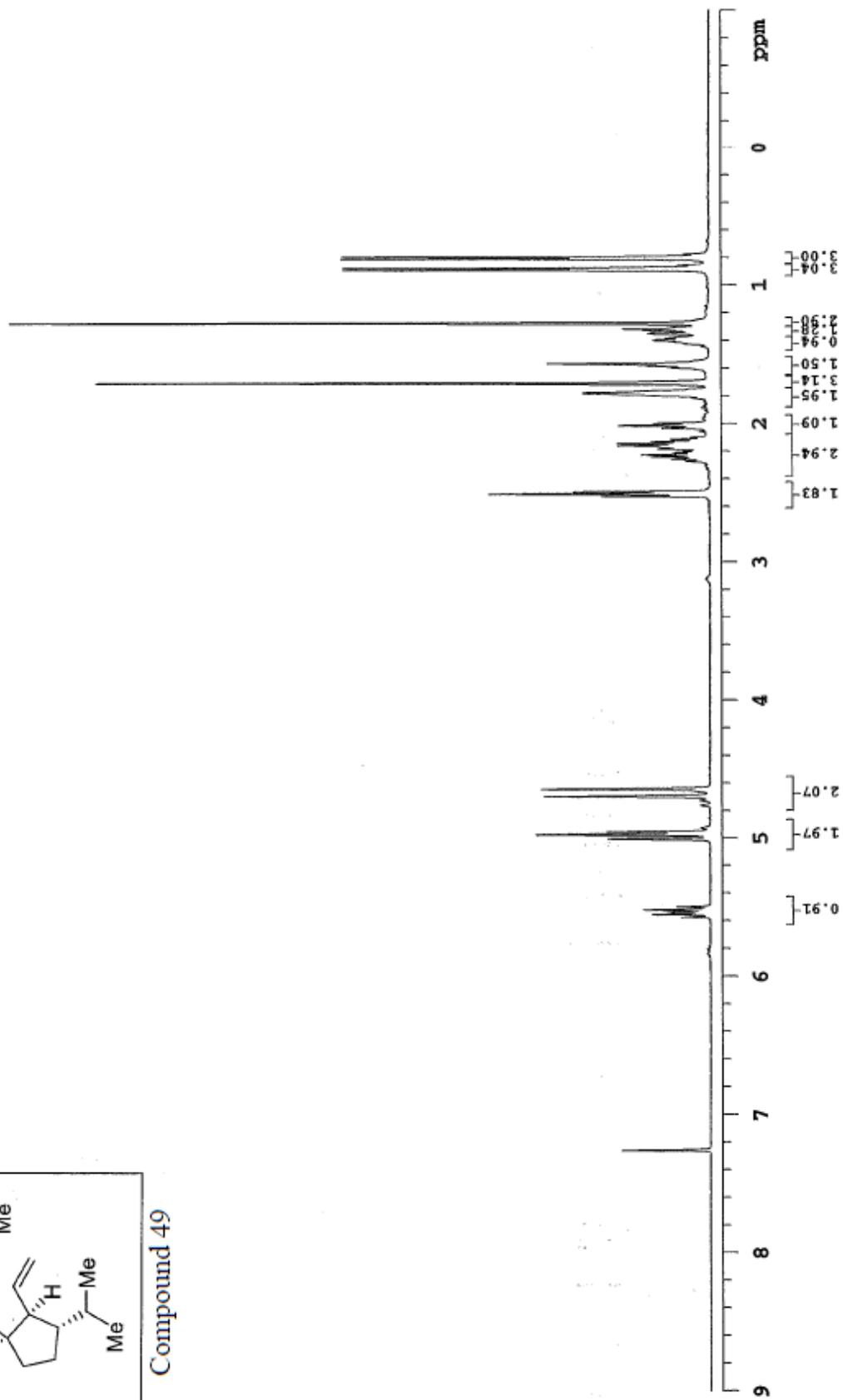


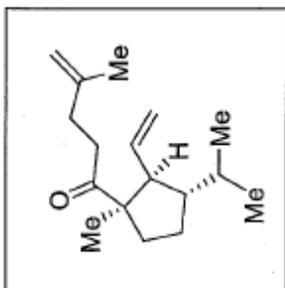
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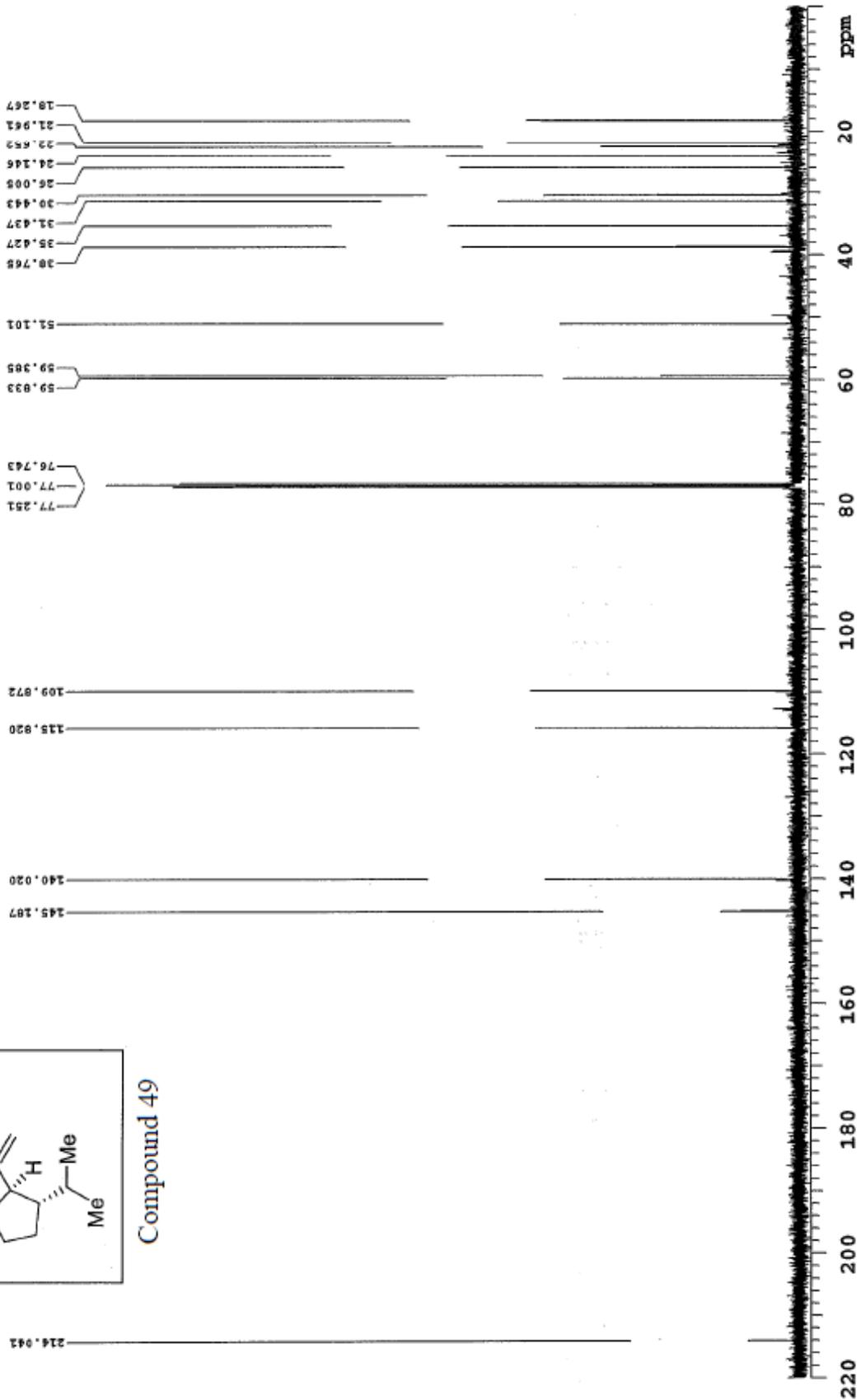


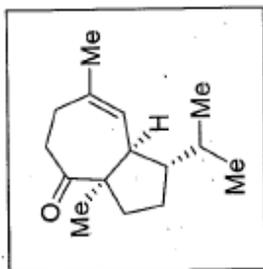
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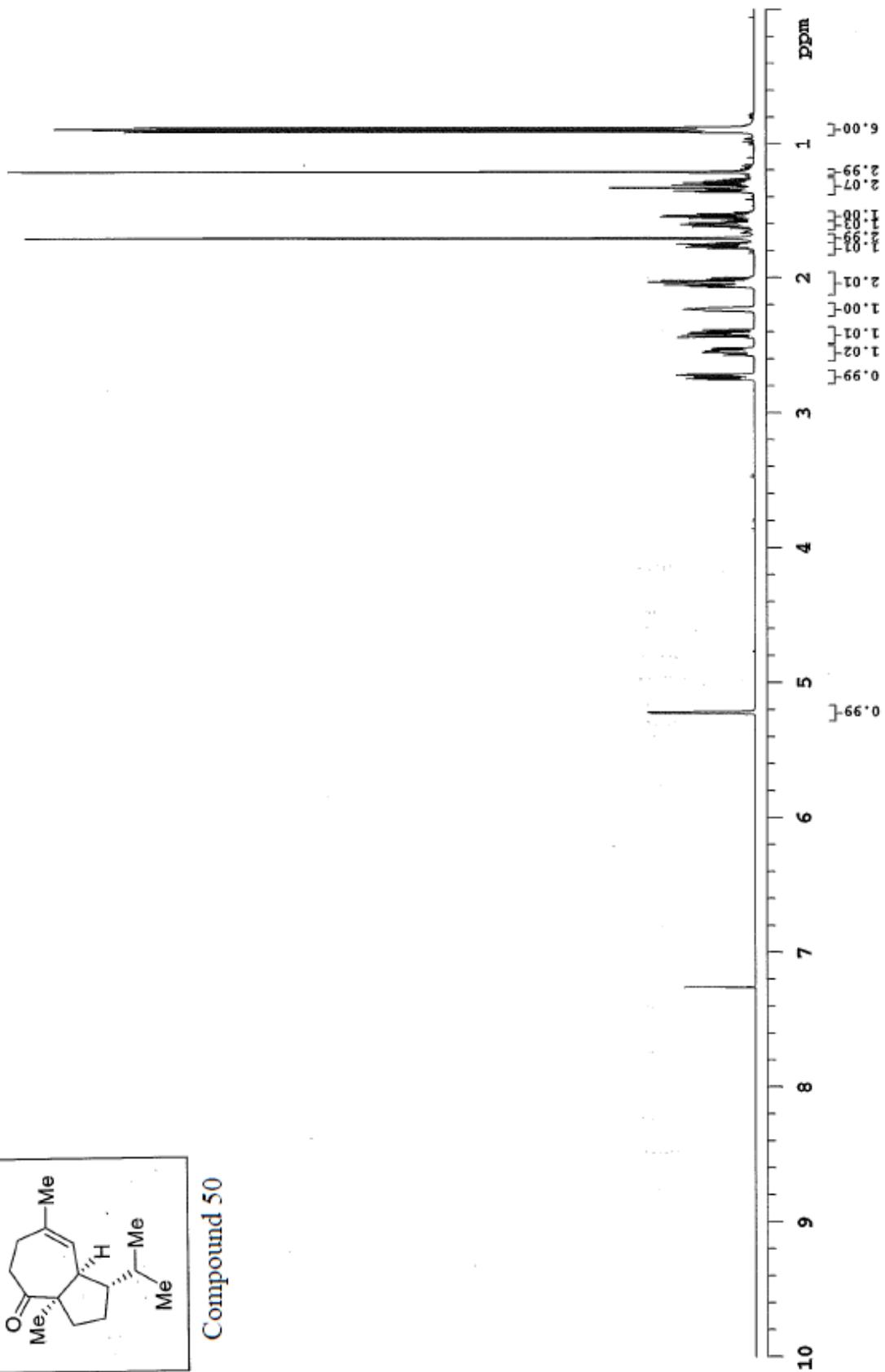


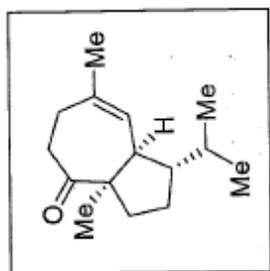
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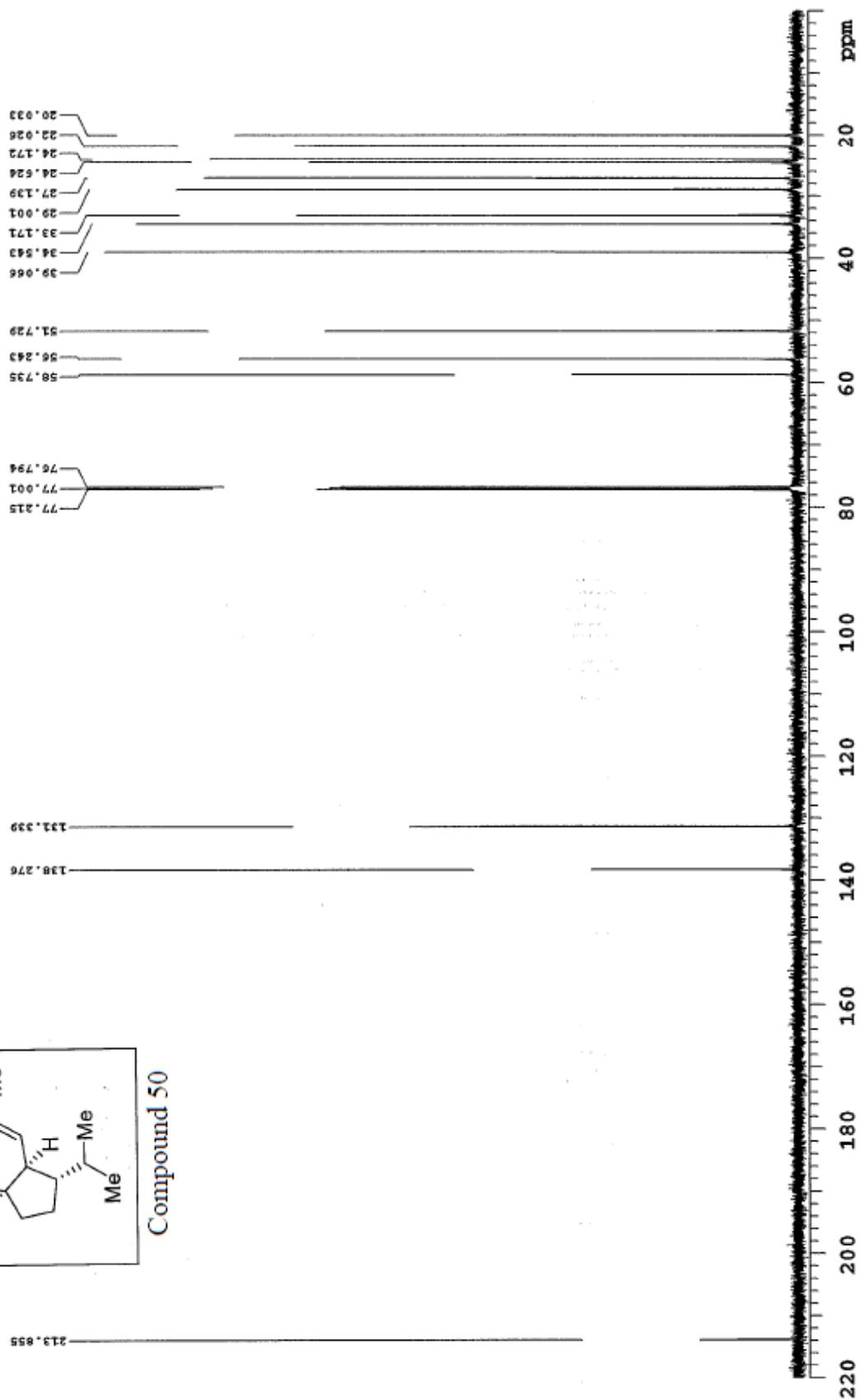


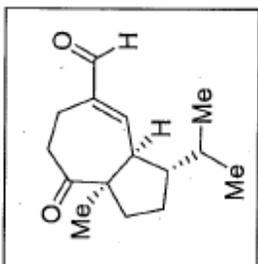
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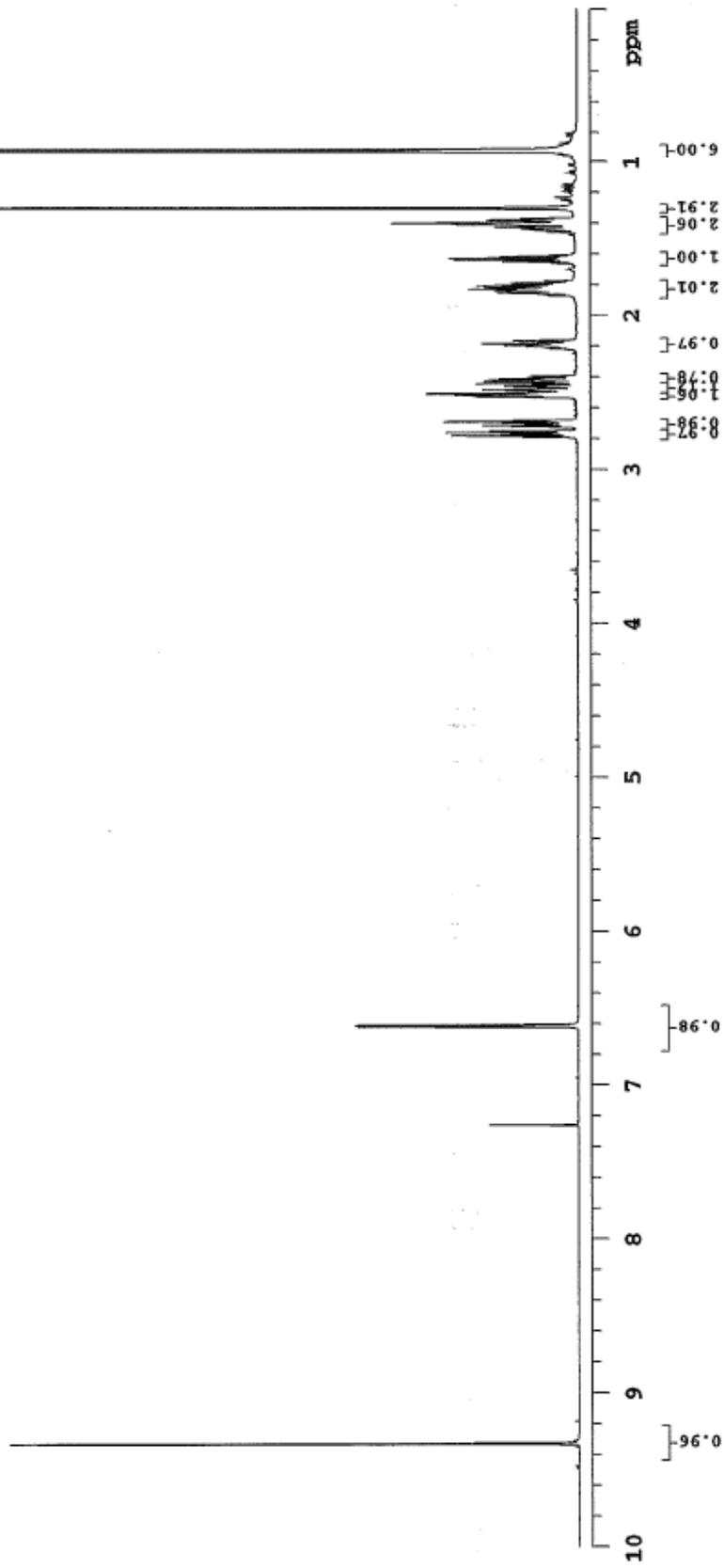


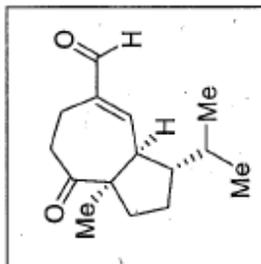
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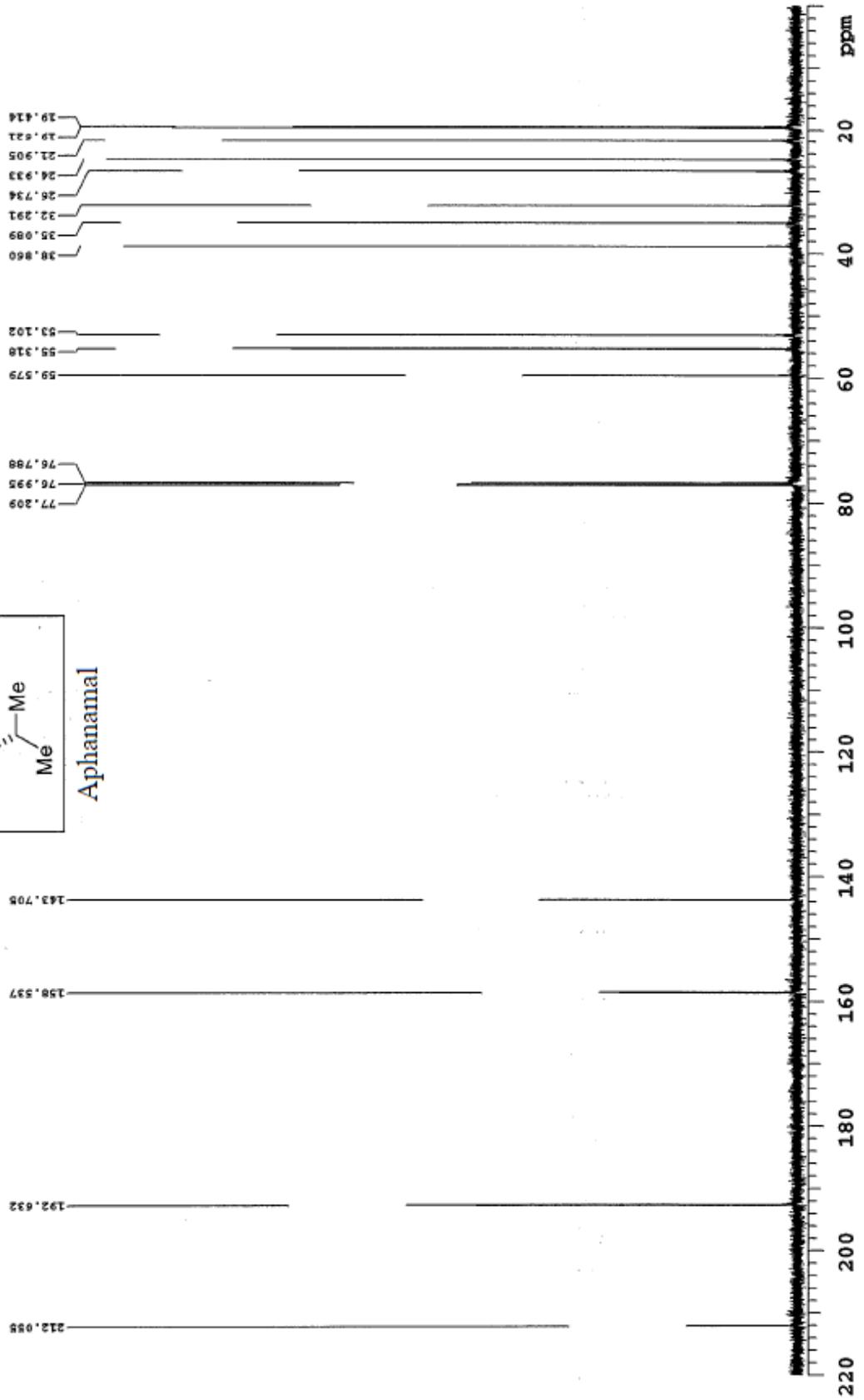


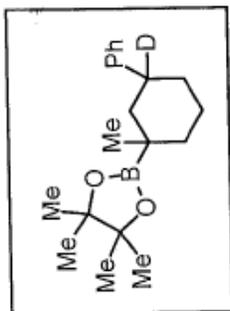
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