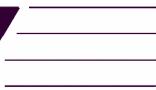


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Cross-Coupling Reaction between Alcohols through Sp³ C-H Activation Catalyzed by Ruthenium/Lewis Acid System

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General Information and Procedure for the Coupling Reaction

General information:

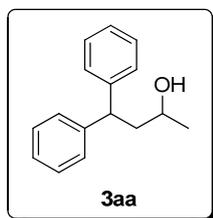
The materials were used as purchased. $\text{Cl}(\text{CH}_2)_2\text{Cl}$ and $\text{BF}_3 \cdot \text{OEt}_2$ were freshly distilled before use. All reactions were run under argon atmosphere using flame-dried glassware and magnetic stirring. Under standard conditions the reactions were monitored by thin-layer chromatography (TLC) on gel F_{254} plates. The silica gel (200-300 meshes) for column chromatography was from the Qingdao Marine Chemical Factory in China, and the distillation range of petroleum is 60-90°C.

^1H and ^{13}C NMR spectra were recorded in CDCl_3 solution on the Varian Mercury-plus 300 or 400BB instruments, and spectral data are reported in *ppm* relative to tetramethylsilane (TMS) as internal standard. MS were measured on a HP-5988 spectrometer by direct inlet at 70 eV, and signals were given in *m/z* with relative intensity (%) in brackets. High-resolution mass spectral analysis (HRMS) data were measured on the Bruker ApexII by means of the ESI technique. Optical rotations were recorded in acetone at 20 °C by the DerkinElmer Model 341 Polarimeter. The $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}$ values were given in $10^{-1} \text{ deg cm}^3 \text{ g}^{-1}$.

A general procedure for the coupling reaction:

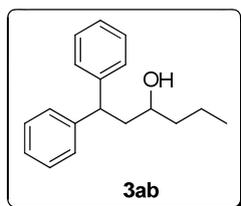
Typical procedure: To a flame-dried 25 mL flask were sequentially added $\text{Cl}(\text{CH}_2)_2\text{Cl}$ (4 mL), primary alcohol **2** (0.75 mmol) and $\text{RuCl}_2(\text{PPh}_3)_3$ (0.0125 mmol). It was stirred from room temperature to 40 °C for 10 min. The alcohol **1** (0.5 mmol) was added and stirred at 40 °C for 10 min under argon atmosphere, and then the freshly distilled $\text{BF}_3 \cdot \text{OEt}_2$ (0.15 mmol) was introduced into the above reaction mixture. The resulting mixture was stirred at 40 °C for 20 min, and another portion of $\text{BF}_3 \cdot \text{OEt}_2$ (0.45 mmol) was added further. The reaction was heated using oil bath to 50 °C, and stirred at 50 °C for 5h. After that, it was cooled to room temperature, and diluted with ethyl acetate (3 mL) followed by addition of saturated aqueous NaHCO_3 solution (2 mL). The organic layer was separated, and the aqueous phase was re-extracted with ethyl acetate (3 × 5 mL). The combined organic extracts were washed with H_2O (20 mL), and dried over anhydrous Na_2SO_4 . After removal of the solvent, the residue was purified by the flash chromatography to afford the desired separable product **3**.

Analytic Data of Products



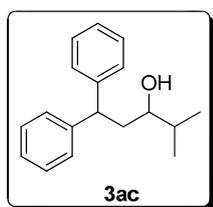
The compound **3aa** separated by flash chromatography (petraether: EtOAc=10:1)

¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz, ppm) δ: 1.18 (d, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 3 H), 2.02 (s, 1 H, -OH), 2.10 (dd, *J* = 8.4 and 6.4 Hz, 2 H), 3.63 (dd, *J* = 12.8 and 6.4 Hz, 1 H), 4.17 (dt, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1 H), 7.13-7.18 (m, 2 H), 7.20-7.29 (m, 8 H); **¹³C NMR** (CDCl₃, 100 MHz, ppm) 23.9, 44.9, 47.6, 65.8, 126.1, 126.2, 127.6, 127.7, 128.0, 128.5, 144.3, 145.0; **MS m/z** (%) 226 (M⁺, 3), 208 (76), 193 (46), 167 (100), 152 (32), 130 (37), 115 (24); **HRMS** (ESI): calculated for C₁₆H₂₂NO [M+NH₄]⁺: 244.1696; **found**: 244.1699.



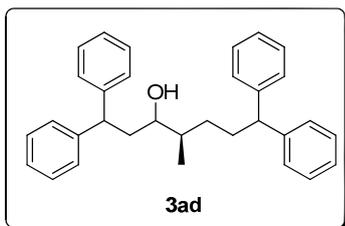
The compound **3ab** separated by flash chromatography (petraether: EtOAc=10:1).

¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz, ppm): δ 0.84-0.88 (m, 3 H), 1.29-1.31 (m, 1 H), 1.39-1.45 (m, 3 H, with -OH), 2.04-2.11 (m, 1 H), 2.19-2.26 (m, 1 H), 3.47 (dd, *J* = 6.0 and 3.2 Hz, 1 H), 4.23 (dd, *J* = 10.0 and 5.6 Hz, 1 H), 7.13-7.19 (m, 2H), 7.25-7.30 (m, 8 H); **¹³C NMR** (CDCl₃, 100 MHz, ppm) 14.0, 18.6, 40.1, 43.2, 47.5, 69.5, 126.1, 126.2, 127.7, 128.1, 128.4, 128.5, 144.1, 145.3; **MS m/z** (%) 254 (M⁺, 1), 236 (49), 193 (100), 180 (22), 167 (89), 152 (23), 115 (22); **HRMS** (ESI): calculated for C₁₈H₂₆NO [M+NH₄]⁺: 272.2009; **found**: 272.2013.



The compound **3ac** separated by flash chromatography (petraether: EtOAc=10:1).

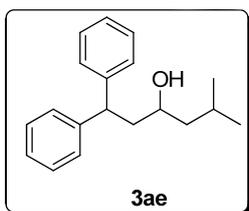
¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz, ppm): δ 0.84 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3 H), 0.91 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 3 H), 1.43 (s, 1 H, -OH), 1.63-1.71 (m, 1 H), 2.00-2.08 (m, 1 H), 2.24-2.32 (m, 1 H), 3.25-3.29 (m, 1 H), 4.27 (dd, *J* = 10.8 and 5.2 Hz, 1 H), 7.14-7.23 (m, 2 H), 7.24-7.35 (m, 8 H); **¹³C NMR** (CDCl₃, 100 MHz, ppm) 17.1, 18.6, 34.0, 39.9, 47.7, 74.2, 126.1, 126.3, 127.7, 128.2, 128.4, 128.5, 144.0, 145.6; **MS m/z** (%) 254 (M⁺, <1), 236 (32), 193 (79), 180 (52), 167 (100), 152 (24), 115 (17); **HRMS** (ESI): calculated for C₁₈H₂₆NO [M+NH₄]⁺: 272.2009; **found**: 272.2006.



The ratio is 2:1 (Reaction time was 3 h)

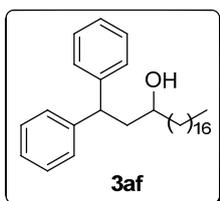
The compound **3ad** separated by flash chromatography (petraether: EtOAc=10:1), but the mixture of diastereoisomers could not be inseparable. The diastereoselectivity was determined from the integration resonances in the ^{13}C NMR spectrum of the mixture. The major isomer is defined as **A**, and the minor isomer as **B**. The chiral substrate purchased from the Prof. Wei-Sheng Tian, the Shanghai Institute of Organic Chemistry, Chinese Academy of Sciences.

$[\alpha]_D^{20} = +4$ ($c = 1.0$ in acetone, mix epimers ratio: 2:1); ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 300 MHz, ppm): δ 0.86 (d, $J = 6.9$ Hz, 3 H_A +3 H_B), 1.05-1.37 (m, 4 H_A +4 H_B), 1.51 (s, 1 H, with -OH), 1.87-2.18 (m, 3 H_A +3 H_B), 3.13-3.18 (m, 1 H_A +1 H_B), 3.76-3.81 (m, 1 H_A +1 H_B), 4.13-4.19 (m, 1 H_A +1 H_B), 7.14-7.24 (m, 20 H_A +20 H_B); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 75 MHz, ppm) 13.9, 15.2, 30.5, 31.4, 33.2, 33.3, 38.6, 38.9, 39.3, 40.1, 47.6, 47.7, 51.5, 51.6, 72.7 (**A**), 73.0 (**B**), 126.0, 126.2, 127.7, 127.8, 128.0, 128.1, 128.3, 128.4, 128.5, 143.8, 144.0, 144.7, 144.8, 145.1, 145.2, 145.3, 145.4; **MS** m/z (%) 434 (M^+ , <1), 416 (1), 277 (16), 259 (100), 235 (10), 215 (8), 193 (12), 180 (46), 167 (74), 152 (28), 129 (14), 105 (22), 91 (16), 77 (24); **HRMS** (ESI): calculated for $\text{C}_{32}\text{H}_{38}\text{NO}$ [$\text{M}+\text{NH}_4$] $^+$: 452.2948; **found**: 452.2943.



The compound **3ae** separated by flash chromatography (petraether: EtOAc=10:1).

^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz, ppm): δ 0.79 (d, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 3 H), 0.83 (d, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 3 H), 1.24-1.30 (m, 1 H), 1.35-1.42 (m, 1 H), 1.55 (s, 1 H, -OH), 1.66-1.73 (m, 1 H), 2.01-2.09 (m, 1 H), 2.17-2.24 (m, 1 H), 3.48-3.55 (m, 1 H), 4.22 (dd, $J = 10.4$ and 6.0 Hz, 1H), 7.12-7.18 (m, 2 H), 7.22-7.32 (m, 8 H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 100 MHz, ppm) 22.2, 23.3, 24.6, 43.6, 47.2, 47.5, 67.8, 126.1, 126.2, 127.6, 127.7, 128.0, 128.1, 128.5, 144.1, 145.3; **MS** m/z (%) 268 (M^+ , <1), 250 (38), 219 (12), 193 (52), 180 (42), 167 (100), 152 (24), 115 (14); **HRMS** (ESI): calculated for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{28}\text{NO}$ [$\text{M}+\text{NH}_4$] $^+$: 286.2165; **found**: 286.2170.

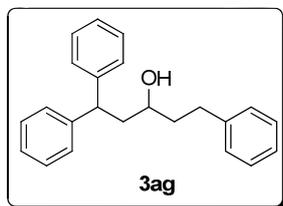


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The compound **3af** separated by flash chromatography (petraether: EtOAc=10:1).

^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz, ppm): δ 0.86-0.92 (m, 3 H), 1.21-1.32 (m, 30 H), 1.40 (s, 7.24-7.26 (m, 1 H, -OH), 1.47 (dd, $J = 10.4$ and 5.2 Hz, 2H), 2.06-2.14 (m, 1 H), 2.22-2.29 (m, 1 H), 3.45-3.51 (m, 1 H), 4.26 (dd, $J = 10.4$ and 6.0 Hz, 1H), 7.16-7.23 (m, 2 H), 7.25-7.35 (m, 8 H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 100 MHz, ppm) 14.1, 22.7, 25.5,

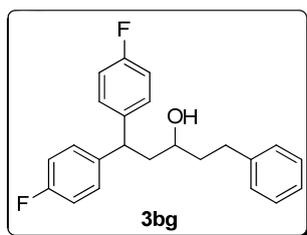
29.3, 29.7, 31.9, 38.0, 43.2, 47.6, 69.8, 126.1, 126.3, 127.7, 128.1, 128.5, 144.2, 145.3; **MS m/z** (%) 450 (M^+ , <1), 432 (6), 267 (6), 209 (20), 193 (64), 180 (45), 167 (100), 152 (20), 111 (30), 97 (40). **HRMS** (ESI): calculated for $C_{32}H_{54}NO$ [$M+NH_4$] $^+$: 468.4200; **found**: 468.4201.



(Reaction time was 4 h)

The compound **3ag** separated by flash chromatography (petraether: EtOAc=10:1).

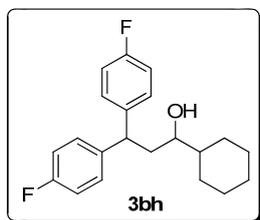
1H NMR ($CDCl_3$, 400 MHz, ppm): δ 1.59 (s, 1H, -OH), 1.73-1.80 (m, 2 H), 2.09-2.16 (m, 1 H), 2.22-2.28 (m, 1 H), 2.53-2.60 (m, 1 H), 2.66-2.74 (m, 1 H), 3.5 (m, 1 H), 4.19-4.23 (m, 1 H), 7.10-7.19 (m, 4 H), 7.22-7.29 (m, 11 H); **^{13}C NMR** ($CDCl_3$, 100 MHz, ppm) 31.9, 39.6, 43.1, 47.5, 69.3, 125.7, 126.1, 126.3, 127.6, 128.0, 128.3, 128.5, 141.9, 144.0, 145.0; **MS m/z** (%) 316 (M^+ , <1), 298 (42), 220 (6), 207 (14), 193 (43), 180 (25), 167 (100), 152 (26), 91 (22); **HRMS** (ESI): calculated for $C_{23}H_{28}NO$ [$M+NH_4$] $^+$: 344.2165; **found**: 344.2164.



(Reaction time was 4 h)

The compound **3bg** separated by flash chromatography (petraether: EtOAc=10:1).

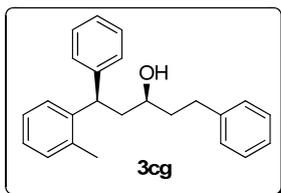
1H NMR ($CDCl_3$, 300 MHz, ppm): δ 1.69-1.84 (m, 3 H, with -OH), 2.02-2.21 (m, 2 H), 2.54-2.82 (m, 2 H), 3.05-3.49 (m, 1 H), 4.20 (dd, $J = 9.9$ and 5.7 Hz, 1 H), 6.90-7.05 (m, 4 H), 7.10-7.27 (m, 9 H); **^{13}C NMR** ($CDCl_3$, 75 MHz, ppm) 31.9, 39.6, 43.3, 45.7, 69.0, 115.1, 115.2, 115.4, 115.5, 125.9, 128.2, 128.4, 128.9, 129.0, 129.3, 129.4, 139.5, 140.6, 141.7, 159.6, 159.7, 162.9, 163.0; **MS m/z** (%) 352 (M^+ , <1), 334 (18), 229 (22), 216 (16), 203 (100), 183 (42), 131 (18), 91 (50); **HRMS** (ESI): calculated for $C_{23}H_{26}F_2NO$ [$M+NH_4$] $^+$: 370.1977; **found**: 370.1972.



(Reaction time was 3 h)

The compound **3bh** separated by flash chromatography (petraether: EtOAc=10:1)

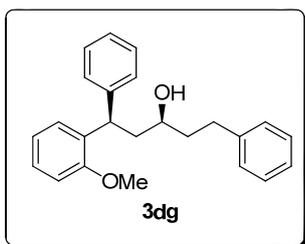
1H NMR ($CDCl_3$, 300 MHz, ppm): δ 0.94-1.32 (m, 6 H, with -OH), 1.58-1.75 (m, 6 H), 1.91-2.02 (m, 1 H), 2.15-2.24 (m, 1 H), 3.13-3.19 (m, 1 H), 4.25 (dd, $J = 11.1$ and 4.5 Hz, 1 H), 6.90-7.00 (m, 4 H), 7.15-7.23 (m, 4 H); **^{13}C NMR** ($CDCl_3$, 75 MHz, ppm) 26.1, 26.2, 26.4, 27.7, 29.0, 40.1, 44.2, 45.8, 73.3, 115.0, 115.2, 115.3, 115.5, 128.8, 128.9, 129.4, 129.5, 139.4, 139.5, 141.2, 141.3, 159.7, 162.8, 163.0; **MS m/z** (%) 330 (M^+ , <1), 312 (12), 229 (48), 216 (100), 203 (88), 183 (34), 133 (10), 95 (9); **HRMS** (ESI): calculated for $C_{21}H_{28}F_2NO$ [$M+NH_4$] $^+$: 348.2133; **found**: 348.2134.



syn : *anti* = 7 : 1 (Reaction time was 4 h)

The compound **3cg** separated by flash chromatography (petraether: EtOAc=10:1), but the mixture of diastereoisomers could not be inseparable. The diastereoselectivity was determined from the integration resonances in the ^{13}C NMR spectrum of the mixture. The major *syn* isomer is defined as **A**, and the minor *anti* isomer as **B**.

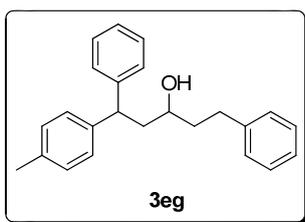
^1H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz, ppm): δ 1.71-1.81 (m, 3 H, with -OH), 2.05-2.08 (m, 2H), 2.12-2.26 (m, 3 H), 2.54-2.70 (m, 2 H), 3.50-3.54 (m, 1 H), 4.42 (dd, $J = 9.3$ and 6 Hz, 1 H), 7.09-7.28 (m, 14 H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl₃, 75 MHz, ppm) 19.9, 31.9, 39.6, 42.8, 43.6, 69.3 (**A**), 69.0 (**B**), 125.7, 125.9, 126.1, 126.6, 127.9, 128.2, 128.3, 128.4, 130.6, 136.7, 141.4, 141.9, 144.7; **MS** m/z (%) 330 (M^+ , < 1), 312 (32), 297 (3), 207 (28), 181 (100), 166 (50), 129 (20), 105 (22), 91 (58), 77 (10); **HRMS** (ESI): calculated for C₂₄H₃₀NO [$\text{M}+\text{NH}_4$]⁺: 348.2323; **found**: 348.2320.



syn : *anti* = 3 : 2 (Reaction time was 4 h)

The compound **3dg** separated by flash chromatography (petraether: EtOAc=10:1), but the mixture of diastereoisomers could not be inseparable. The diastereoselectivity was determined from the integration resonances in the ^{13}C NMR spectrum of the mixture. The major *syn* isomer is defined as **A**, and the minor *anti* isomer as **B**.

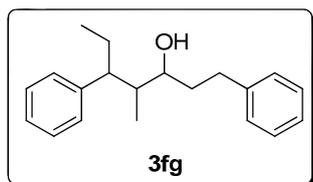
^1H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz, ppm): δ 1.73-1.81 (m, 2 H_A+2 H_B), 2.01-2.24 (m, 3 H_A+3 H_B, with -OH), 2.55-2.80 (m, 2 H_A+2 H_B), 3.43-3.60 (m, 1 H_A+1 H_B), 3.73 (s, 3 H_B), 3.79 (s, 3 H_A), 3.62-3.78 (m, 1 H_A+1 H_B), 6.77-6.90 (m, 2 H_A+2 H_B), 7.04-7.28 (m, 12 H_A+12 H_B); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl₃, 75 MHz, ppm) 31.9, 32.0, 38.7, 39.0, 39.5, 39.6, 42.5, 42.8, 55.3 (**B**), 55.6 (**A**), 69.1 (**A**), 69.6 (**B**), 110.6, 110.7, 120.5, 121.1, 125.5, 125.6, 125.9, 127.1, 127.2, 127.6, 128.0, 128.2, 128.3, 128.3, 128.5, 132.7, 133.4, 142.1, 142.3, 144.0, 156.6, 156.7; **MS** m/z (%) 346 (M^+ , < 1), 328 (10), 314 (5), 223 (18), 197 (62), 183 (35), 165 (20), 152 (12), 129 (14), 91 (100), 77 (8); **HRMS** (ESI): calculated for C₂₄H₃₀NO₂ [$\text{M}+\text{NH}_4$]⁺: 364.2271; **found**: 364.2266.



syn : *anti* = 1 : 1 (Reaction time was 4 h)

The compound **3eg** separated by flash chromatography (petraether: EtOAc=10:1), but the mixture of diastereoisomers could not be inseparable. The diastereoselectivity was determined from the integration

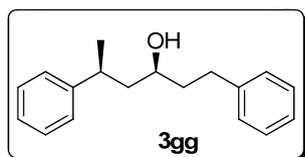
resonances in the ^{13}C NMR spectrum of the mixture. The *syn* isomer is defined as **A**, and the *anti* isomer as **B**. ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 300 MHz, ppm): δ 1.38 (s, 1 H_A +1 H_B , with -OH), 1.75-1.84 (m, 2 H_A +2 H_B), 2.13-2.25 (m, 2 H_A +2 H_B), 2.28-2.30 (m, 3 H_A +3 H_B), 2.60-2.74 (m, 2 H_A +2 H_B), 3.54-3.55 (m, 1 H_A +1 H_B), 4.15-4.20 (m, 1 H_A +1 H_B), 7.06-7.28 (m, 14 H_A +14 H_B); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 75 MHz, ppm) 20.91, 31.9, 39.6, 43.1, 47.0, 47.1, 69.38, 69.42, 125.7, 126.1, 126.2, 127.5, 127.6, 127.8, 127.9, 128.2, 128.3, 128.4, 128.5, 129.1, 129.2, 135.6, 135.7, 140.9, 142.0, 144.2, 145.3; **MS** m/z (%) 330 (M^+ , < 1), 312 (28), 297 (4), 207 (35), 181 (100), 166 (48), 129 (16), 105 (18), 91 (50), 77 (10); **HRMS** (ESI): calculated for $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{30}\text{NO}$ [$\text{M}+\text{NH}_4$] $^+$: 348.2323; **found**: 348.2324.



syn : *anti* = 5 : 1 (Reaction time was 6 h)

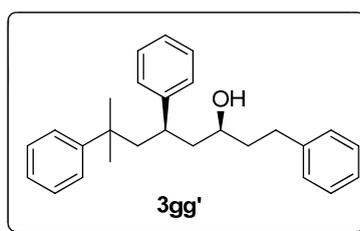
The compound **3fg** separated by flash chromatography (petraether: EtOAc=10:1), but we just received two diastereoisomers and could not be inseparable, the other isomers were trace and could not be received. The major isomer is defined as **A**, and the minor isomer as **B**, and the ratio was determined from the integration resonances in the ^{13}C NMR spectrum of the mixture.

^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 300 MHz, ppm): δ 0.61-0.70 (m, 3 H_A +3 H_B), 0.93 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 3 H_A), 0.99 (d, J = 6.3 Hz, 3 H_B), 1.40-1.88 (m, 5 H_A +5 H_B), 2.29-2.47 (m, 2 H_A +2 H_B), 2.47-2.76 (m, 1 H_A +1 H_B), 3.29-3.33 (m, 1 H_A +1 H_B), 7.04-7.27 (m, 10 H_A +10 H_B); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 75 MHz, ppm) 10.7 (**B**), 11.6 (**A**), 12.2, 12.3, 25.0 (**A**), 26.3 (**B**), 32.7, 33.4 (**A**), 37.3 (**B**), 42.9 (**B**), 45.4 (**A**), 50.0 (**A**), 50.7 (**B**), 71.7 (**B**), 72.7, 125.7, 125.9, 126.0, 128.1, 128.2, 128.3, 129.0, 142.1, 142.3, 144.1, 144.3; **MS** m/z (%) 282 (M^+ , < 1), 264 (4), 235 (3), 173 (4), 163 (7), 145 (12), 131 (14), 119 (30), 105 (23), 91 (100), 77 (5); **HRMS** (ESI): calculated for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{26}\text{ONa}$ [$\text{M}+\text{Na}$] $^+$: 305.1876; **found**: 305.1873.



syn : *anti* > 99 : 1

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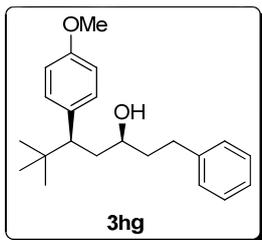


syn : *anti* > 99 : 1

(Reaction time was 4 h)

The compound **3gg** separated by flash chromatography (petraether: EtOAc=10:1), and the *anti* isomer could not be detected by ^{13}C NMR spectrum, but the other byproduct **3gg'** could be received in 10% yields.

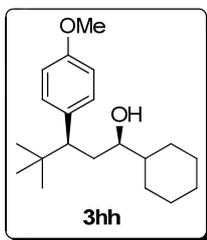
^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz, ppm): δ 1.29 (d, J = 5.2 Hz, 3 H), 1.35 (s, 1 H, with -OH), 1.70-1.86 (m, 4 H), 2.61-2.69 (m, 1 H), 2.75-2.81 (m, 1 H), 2.89-2.94 (m, 1 H), 3.65-3.69 (m, 1 H), 7.13-7.24 (m, 6 H), 7.28-7.33 (m, 4 H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 100 MHz, ppm) 22.0, 31.9, 36.8, 39.3, 46.2, 69.7, 125.7, 126.1, 126.8, 128.4, 128.5, 142.1, 147.3; **MS** m/z (%) 254 (M^+ , < 1), 236 (28), 194 (5), 158 (6), 145 (32), 131 (42), 118 (50), 105 (100), 91 (92), 77 (16); **HRMS** (ESI): calculated for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{26}\text{NO}$ [$\text{M}+\text{NH}_4$] $^+$: 272.2009; **found**: 272.2012.



syn : *anti* > 99 : 1 (Reaction time was 3 h)

The compound **3hg** separated by flash chromatography (petraether: EtOAc=10:1), and the *anti* isomer could not be detected by ^{13}C NMR spectrum.

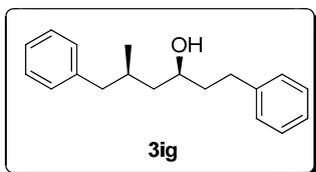
^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 300 MHz, ppm): δ 0.83 (s, 9 H), 1.34 (s, 1 H, with -OH), 1.67-1.84 (m, 4 H), 2.51-2.69 (m, 3 H), 3.26 (dt, $J = 3.3$ Hz, 1 H), 3.80 (s, 3 H), 6.82 (d, $J = 9.0$ Hz, 2 H), 7.04-7.26 (m, 7 H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 75 MHz, ppm) 28.2, 32.2, 33.6, 37.1, 40.1, 51.4, 55.1, 69.6, 113.1, 125.7, 128.2, 128.3, 130.0, 134.3, 142.2, 157.9; **MS** m/z (%) 326 (M^+ , 3), 293 (1), 269 (10), 251(5), 177 (5), 147 (7), 135 (100), 121 (15), 105 (10), 91 (47); **HRMS** (ESI): calculated for $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{34}\text{NO}_2$ [$\text{M}+\text{NH}_4$] $^+$: 344.2584; **found**: 344.2587.



syn : *anti* > 99 : 1 (Reaction time was 3 h)

The compound **3hh** separated by flash chromatography (petraether: EtOAc=10:1), and the *anti* isomer could not be detected by ^{13}C NMR spectrum.

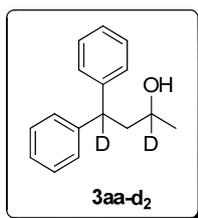
^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 300 MHz, ppm): δ 0.86 (s, 9 H), 0.91-1.23 (m, 7 H, with -OH), 1.62-1.83 (m, 7 H), 2.64 (dd, $J = 12.0$ and 2.4 Hz, 1 H), 2.89-2.94 (m, 1 H), 3.79 (s, 3 H), 6.81 (d, $J = 6.3$ Hz, 2 H), 7.05 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 2 H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 75 MHz, ppm) 26.1, 26.2, 26.5, 28.1, 28.2, 29.0, 33.6, 44.5, 51.4, 55.1, 73.7, 112.9, 130.5, 134.4, 157.7; **MS** m/z (%) 304 (M^+ , 1), 247 (6), 177 (2), 149(4), 135 (100), 121 (8), 105 (4), 95 (18); **HRMS** (ESI): calculated for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{36}\text{NO}_2$ [$\text{M}+\text{NH}_4$] $^+$: 322.2741; **found**: 322.2741.



syn : *anti* = 8 : 1 (Reaction time was 16 h)

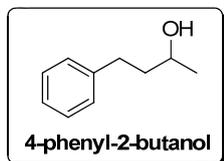
The compound **3ig** separated by flash chromatography (petraether: EtOAc=10:1), but the mixture of diastereoisomers could not be inseparable. Furthermore, other isomers were trace and could not be received. The diastereoselectivity was determined from the integration resonances in the ^{13}C NMR spectrum of the mixture. The major *syn* isomer is defined as **A**, and the minor *anti* isomer as **B**.

^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 300 MHz, ppm): δ 0.89, (d, $J = 6.6$ Hz, 3 H), 1.21-1.30 (m, 1 H), 1.40-1.58 (m, 2 H), 1.65-1.77 (m, 2 H), 2.00 (s, 1H, with -OH), 2.33-2.82 (m, 4 H), 3.75 (m, 1 H), 7.12-7.27 (m, 10 H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 75 MHz, ppm) 19.1, 20.3, 31.3, 31.9, 32.1, 39.2, 40.0, 44.3, 44.5, 69.1 (**A**), 69.4 (**B**), 125.8, 128.2, 128.3, 128.4, 129.2, 141.0, 142.1; **MS** m/z (%) 268 (M^+ , < 1), 250 (5), 208 (3), 172 (2), 159 (13), 145 (15), 131 (10), 118 (90), 103 (12), 91 (100), 65 (8); **HRMS** (ESI): calculated for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{28}\text{NO}$ [$\text{M}+\text{NH}_4$] $^+$: 286.2165; **found**: 286.2168.



The compound **3aa-d₂** separated by flash chromatography (petraether: EtOAc=10:1), The CH₃CD₂OH (min 98 atom % D, from the Sigma-Aldrich Trading Co., Ltd.).

¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz, ppm) δ: 1.20 (s, 3 H), 1.36 (s, 1 H, -OH), 2.16 (s, 2 H), 7.14-7.21 (m, 2 H), 7.25-7.29 (m, 8 H); **¹³C NMR** (CDCl₃, 75 MHz, ppm) 23.9, 44.7, 126.2, 126.3, 127.7, 128.0, 128.5, 128.5, 144.2, 144.9; **MS m/z** (%) 228 (M⁺, < 1), 210 (32), 209 (46), 194 (38), 179 (16), 168 (100), 166 (52), 153 (28), 130 (34), 116 (24); **HRMS** (ESI): calculated for C₁₆H₁₆D₂ONa, [M+Na]⁺: 251.1375; **found**: 251.1377.

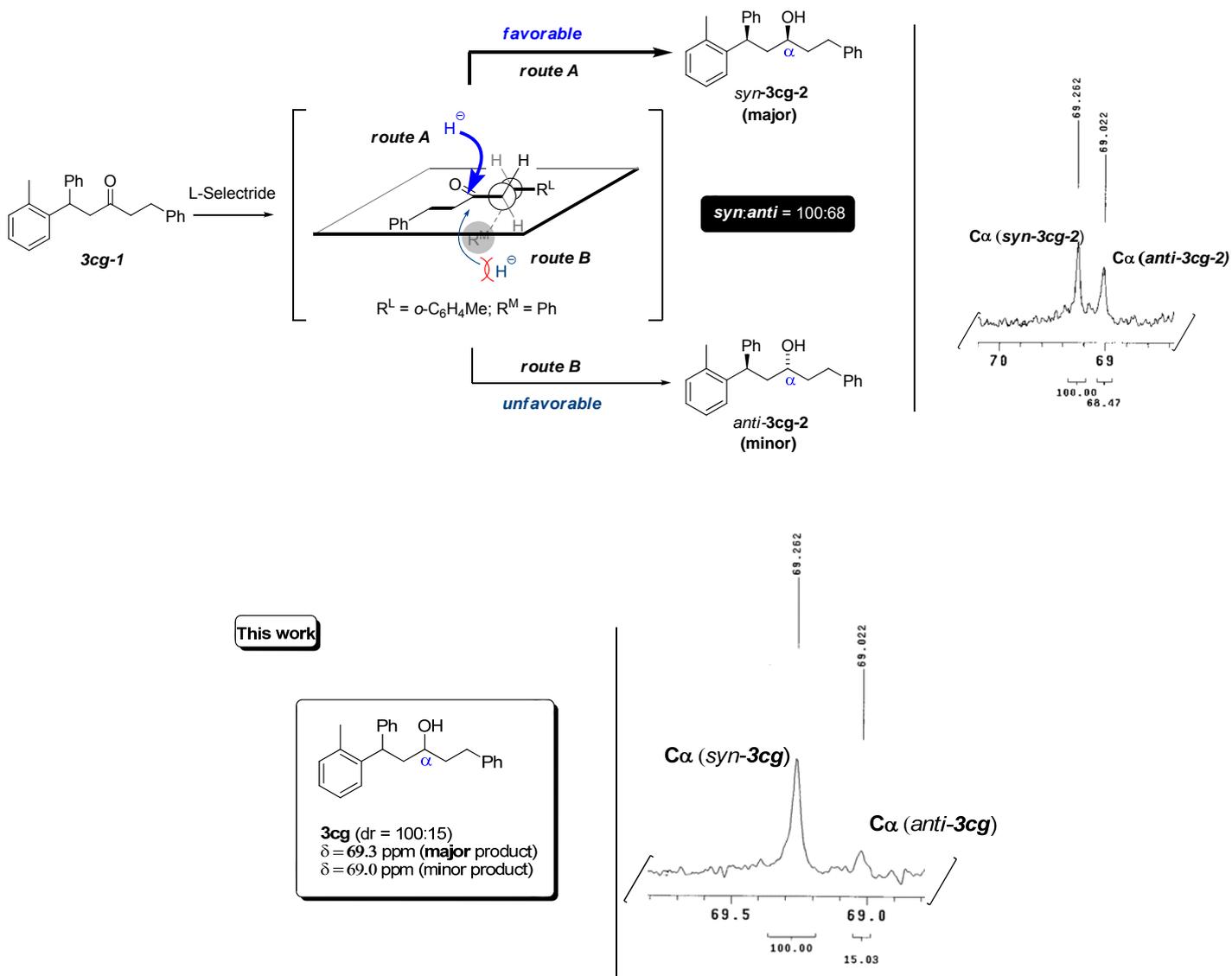


The compound **4-phenyl-2-butanol** as a major product was separated by flash chromatography (petraether: EtOAc=10:1). The coupling reaction used the general procedure, and stirred at 55 °C for 24h.

¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz, ppm) δ: 1.24 (d, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 3 H), 1.75 (s, 1 H, -OH), 1.76-1.82 (m, 2 H), 2.67-2.79 (m, 2 H), 3.84 (dd, *J* = 12.2 and 6.6 Hz, 1 H), 7.18-7.22 (m, 3 H), 7.26-7.32 (m, 2 H); **¹³C NMR** (CDCl₃, 100 MHz, ppm) 29.6, 32.1, 40.8, 67.5, 125.8, 128.4, 142.0; **MS m/z** (%) 150 (M⁺, 6), 132 (48), 117 (84), 105 (68), 91 (100), 77 (18).

Stereo-configuration Analytic of Products

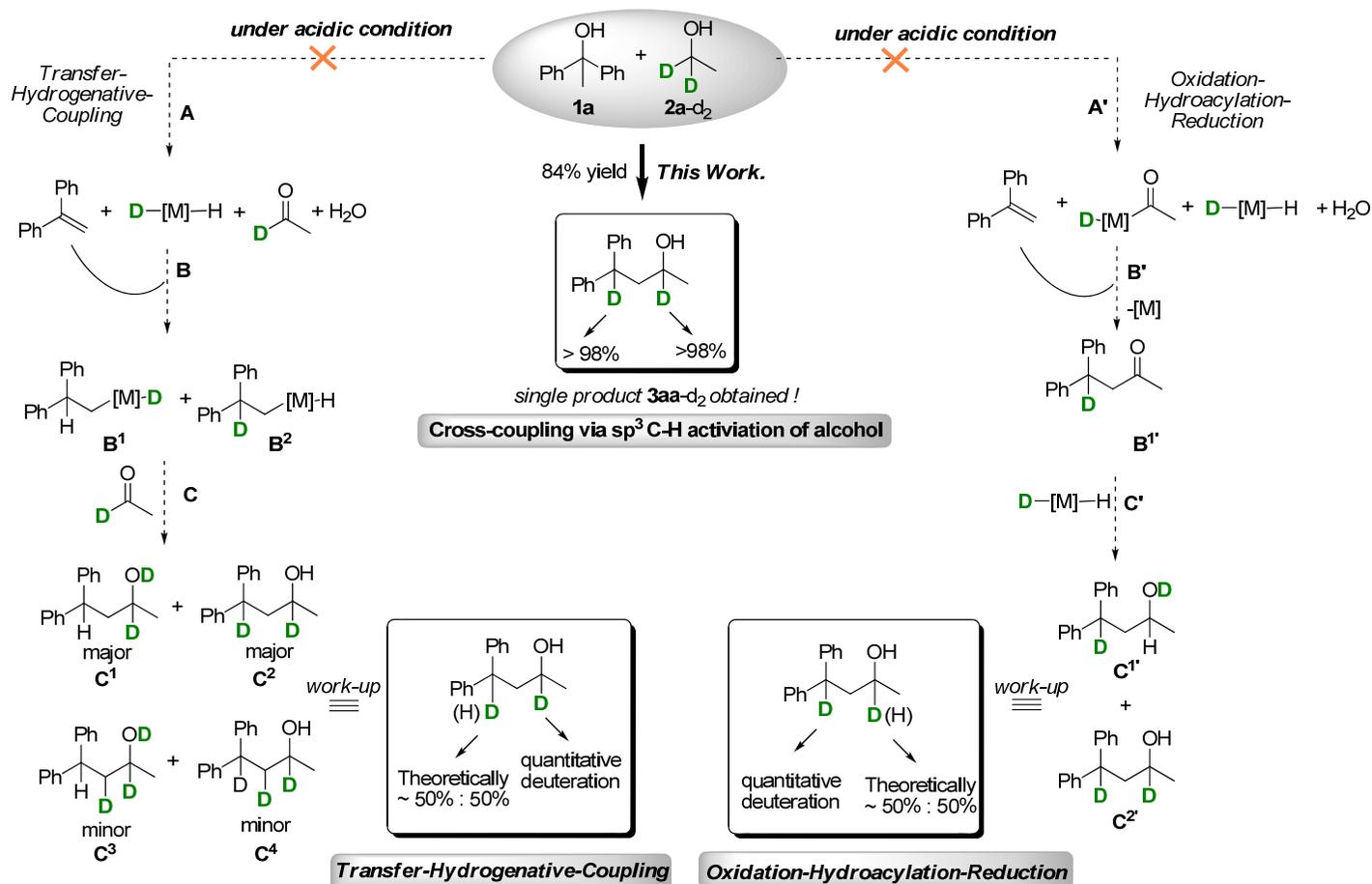
For determination of the relative configuration, the Hydride with bulky substituents L-selectride was especially useful for this stereoselective reduction of carbonyl compounds **3cg-1**. Through the configuration analytic that the preferential conformation was **syn-3cg-2**, and the *syn*:*anti* products were received with the ratio 3:2. Compared with the chemical shifts of C_{α} , we assured that the major reaction product of our work is *syn* configuration (scheme 1)..



SI-Scheme 1. Stereo-configuration Analytic of Products

The Comparison of different pathway in deuterium experiment

—The “Transfer-Hydrogenative-Coupling”, “Oxidation-Hydroacylation-Reduction”, and our “ sp^3 -C-H Activation”

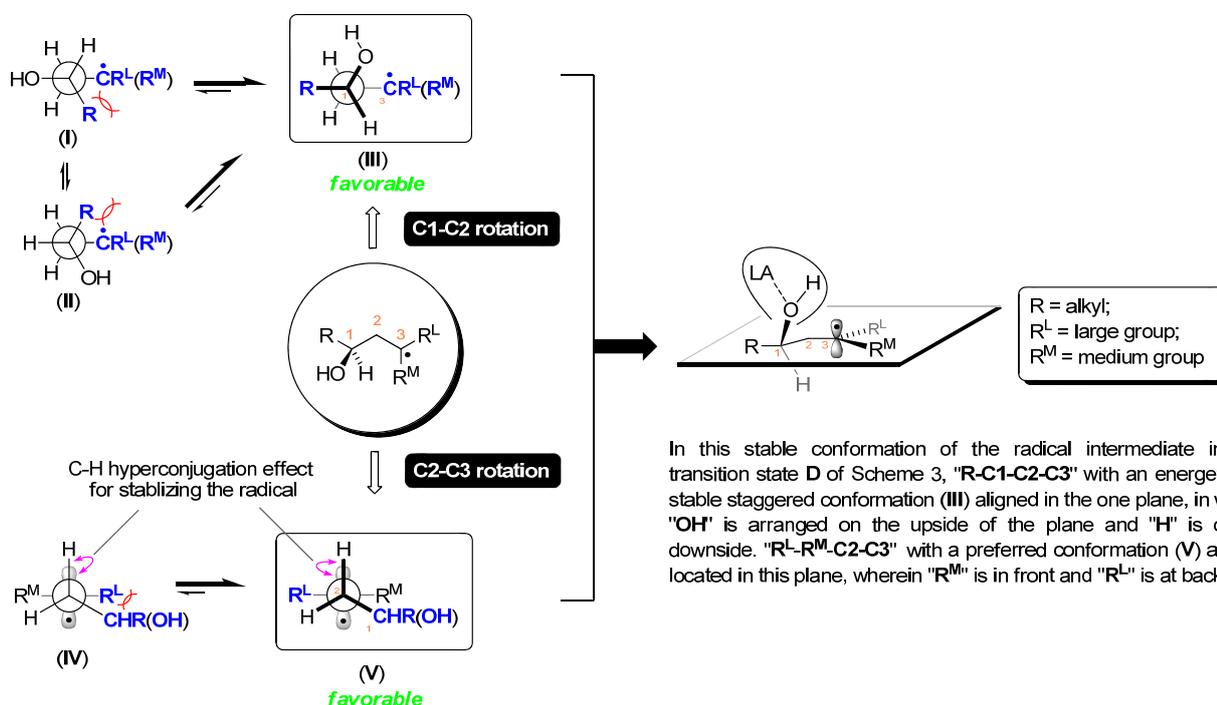


For the recent examples on the "Transfer-Hydrogenative-Coupling" under **basic** condition, see: 1) *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **2007**, *129*, 15134-15135; 2) *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **2008**, *130*, 6338-6339; 3) *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **2008**, *130*, 6340-6341.

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SI-Scheme 2. Deuterium Experiment

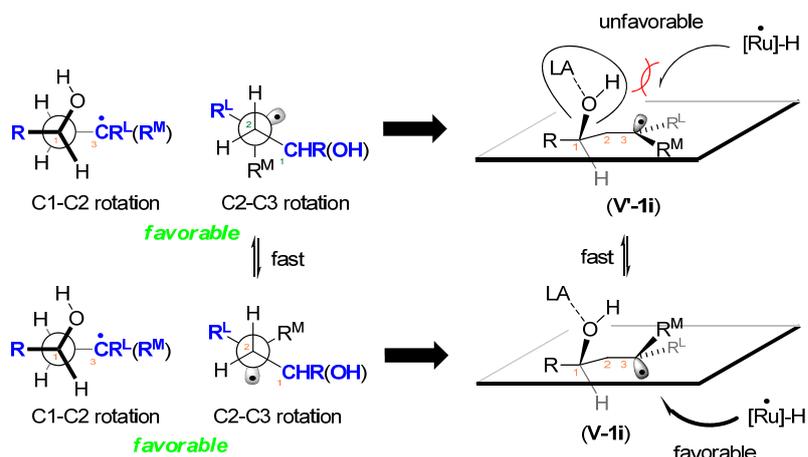
Preferred conformation of the radical intermediate D



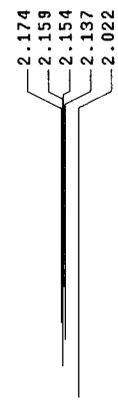
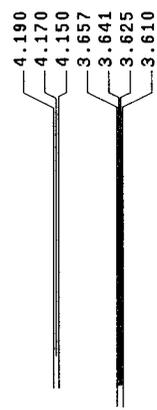
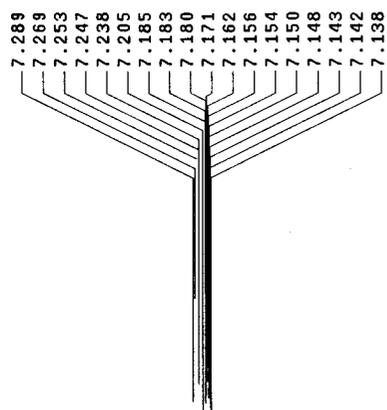
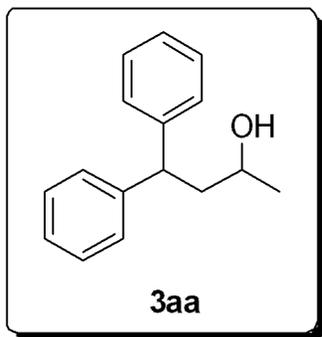
In this stable conformation of the radical intermediate in the transition state **D** of Scheme 3, "**R-C1-C2-C3**" with an energetically stable staggered conformation (III) aligned in the one plane, in which "**OH**" is arranged on the upside of the plane and "**H**" is on its downside. "**R^L-R^M-C2-C3**" with a preferred conformation (V) almost located in this plane, wherein "**R^M**" is in front and "**R^L**" is at backside.

For all examples except entry 8 of Table 3, either of R^L and R^M is aromatic group. So, the active species in **D** of Scheme 3 should be the planar benzyl radical because of the p- π conjugation.

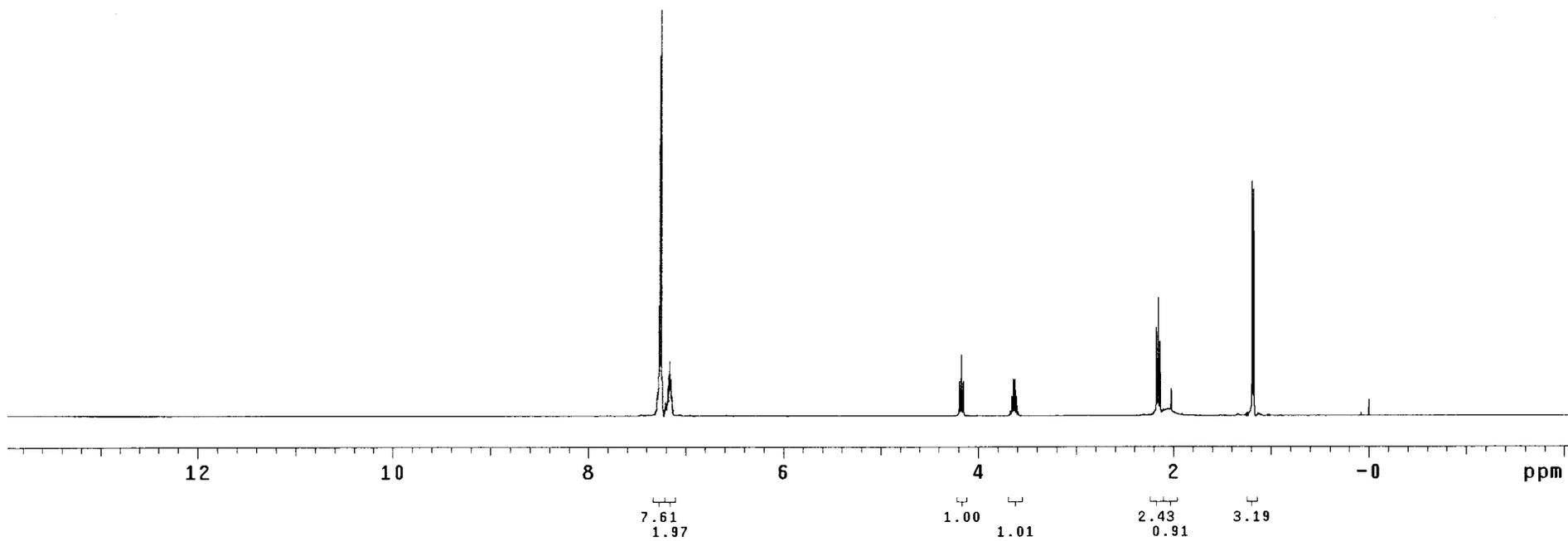
In the case of entry 8 of Table 3 (R^L = CH₂Ph, R^M = Me, R = CH₂CH₂Ph), the tertiary radical intermediate in **D** should be the rapidly inverting pyramidal structure (see **V-1i** and **V'-1i**), but the stereochemical outcome of the final reductive product is equivalent to that through the mentioned above reaction model of the planar radicals.

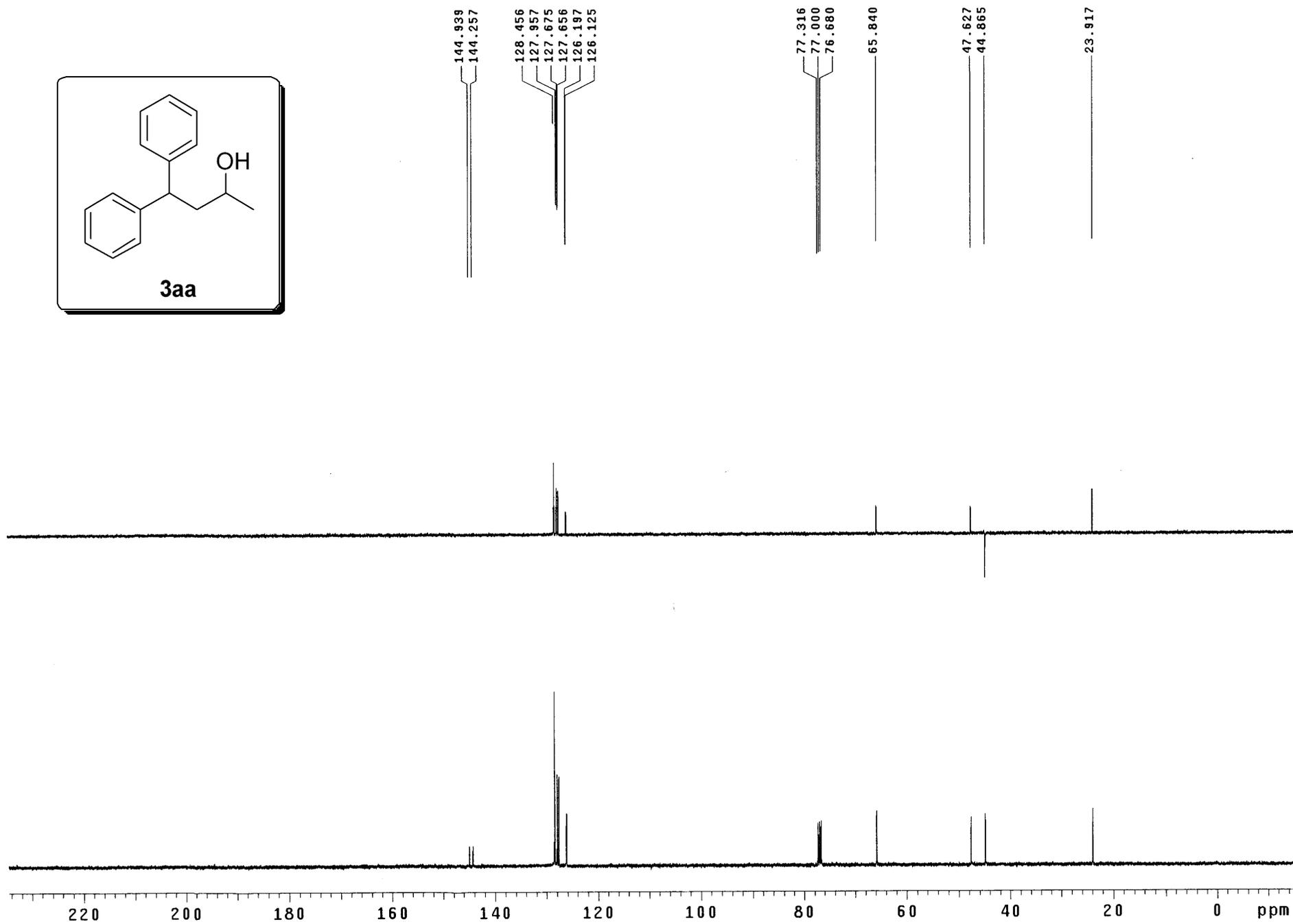
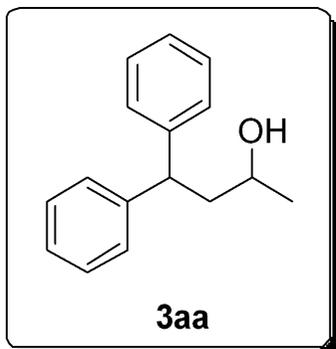


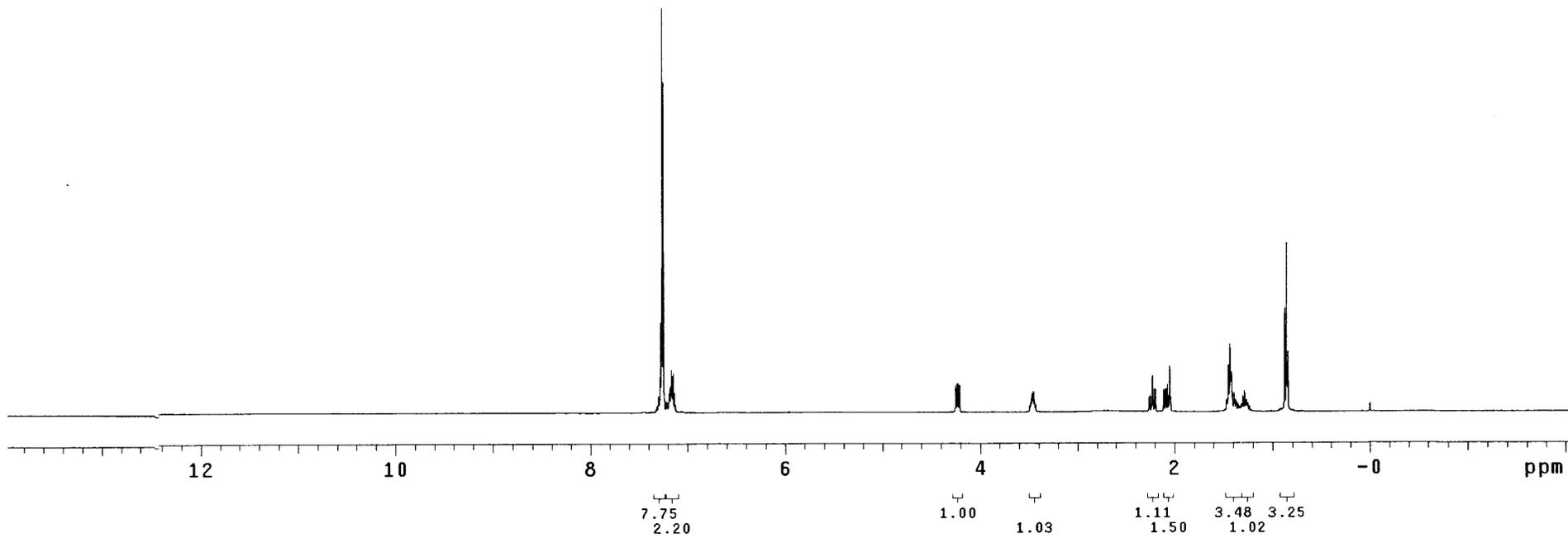
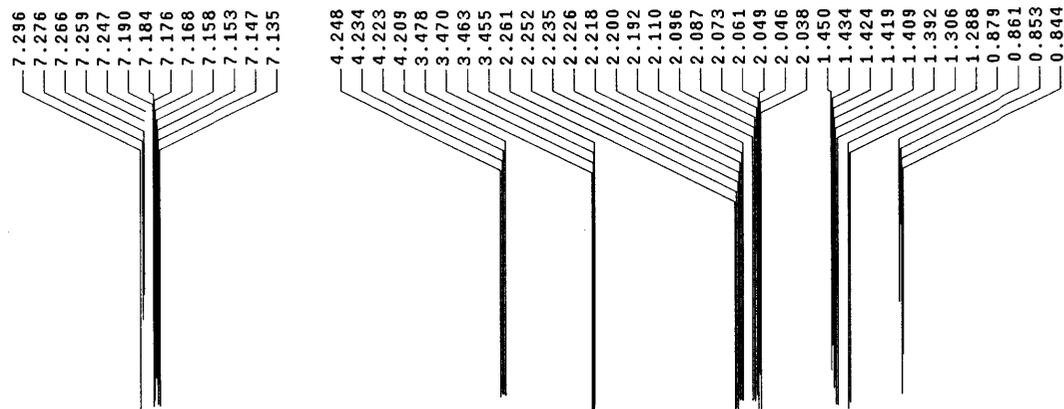
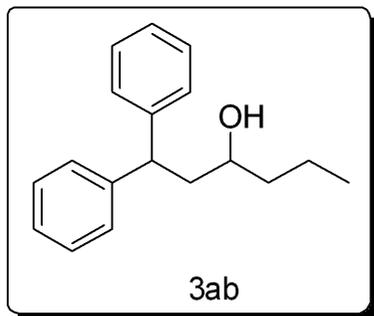
SI-Scheme 3. Preferred conformation of the radical intermediate in **D** of Scheme 3.

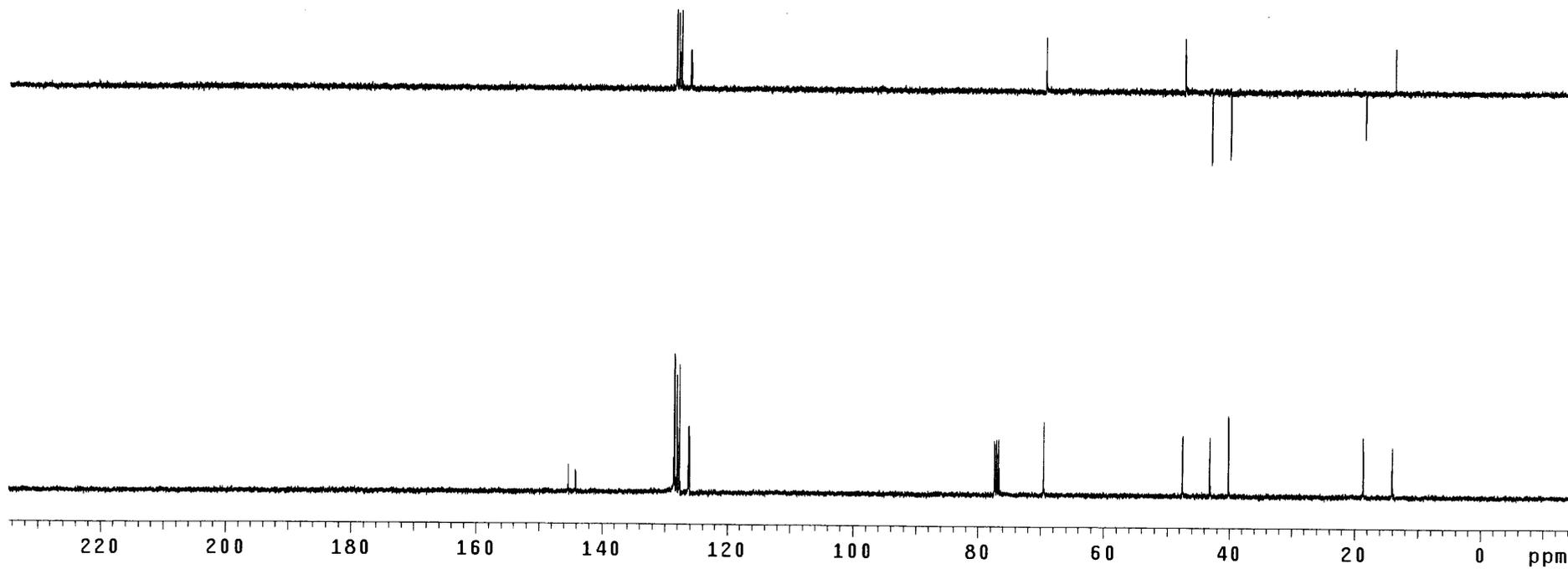
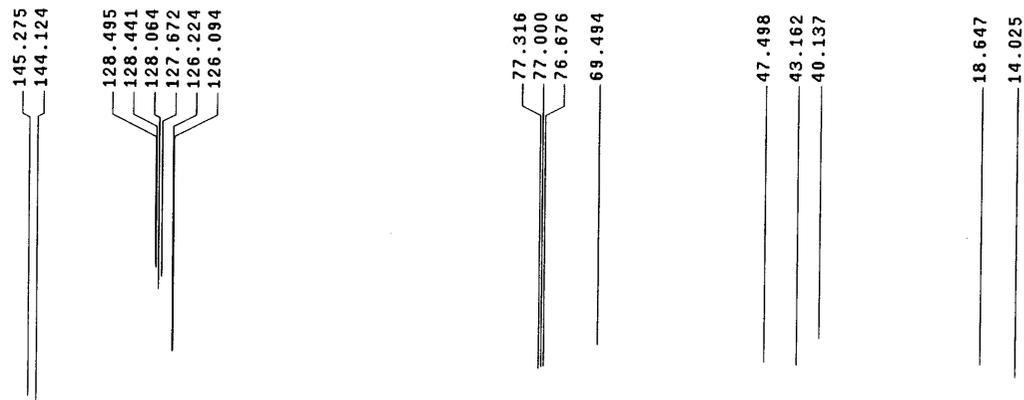
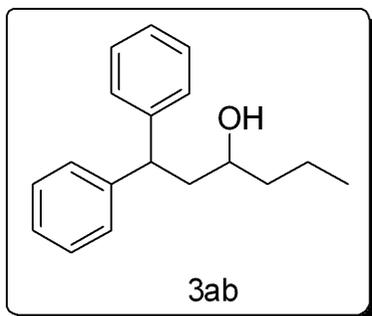


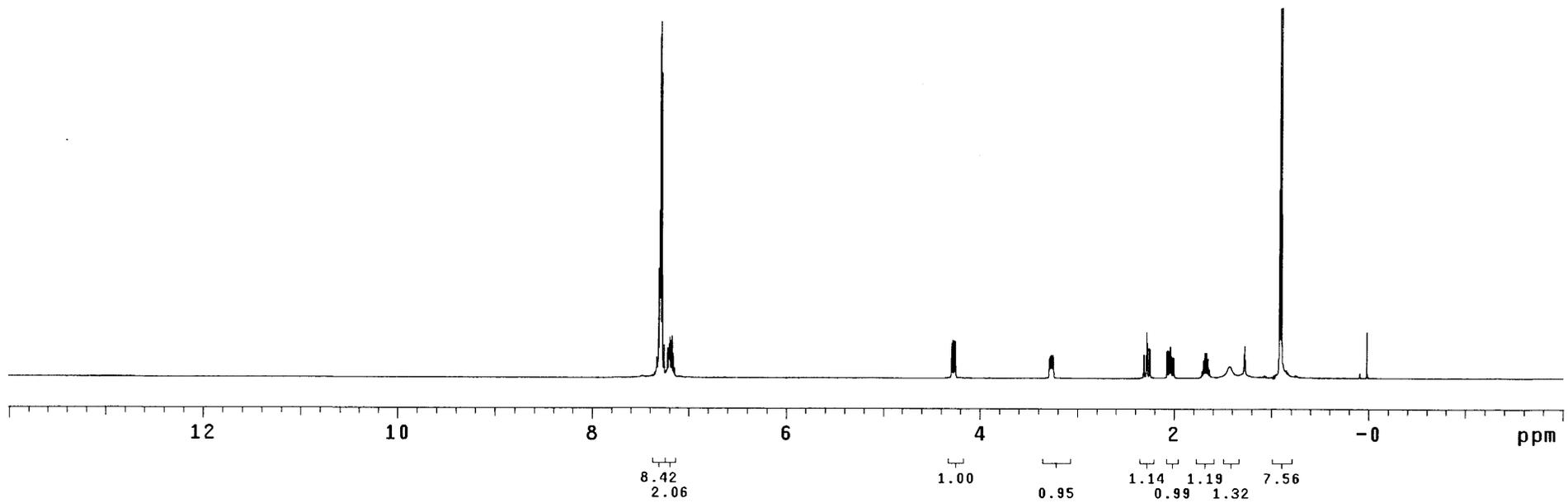
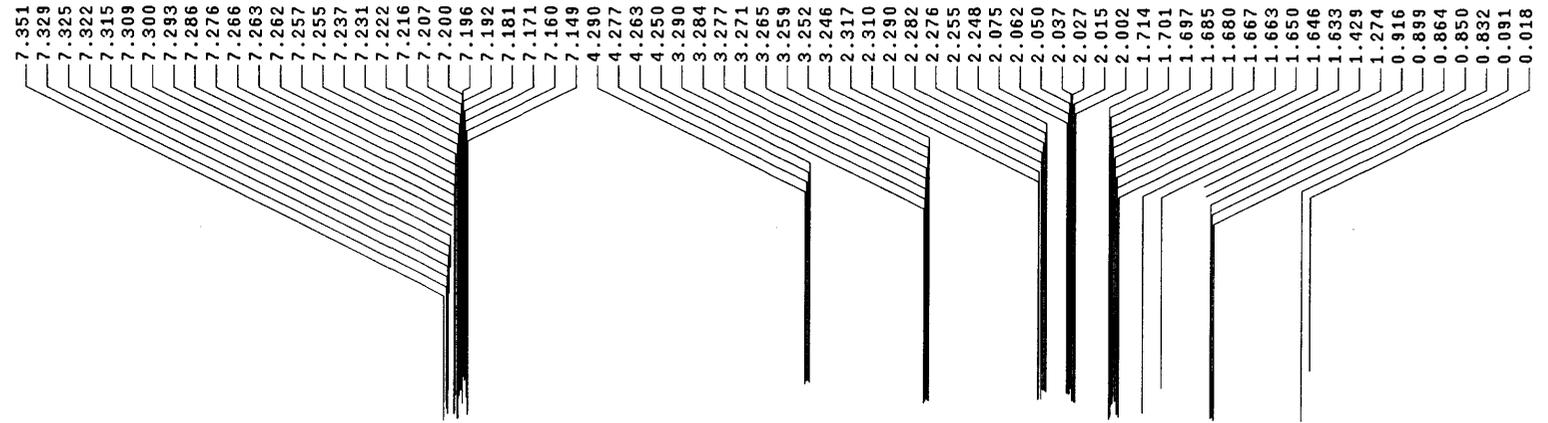
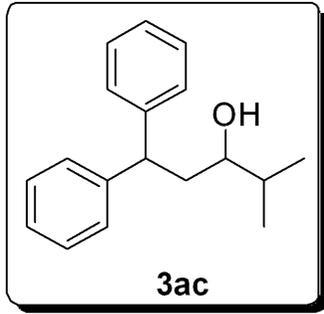
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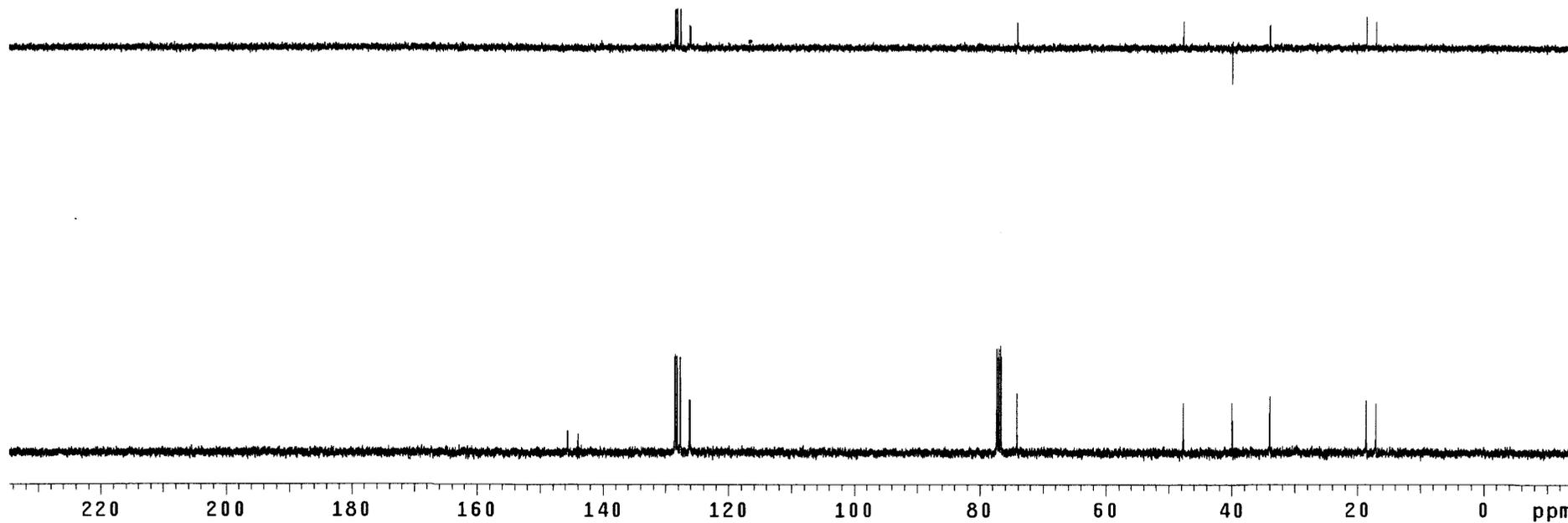
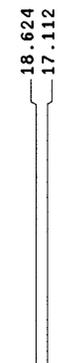
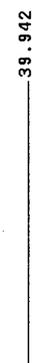
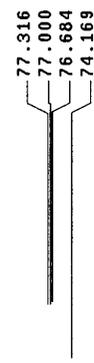
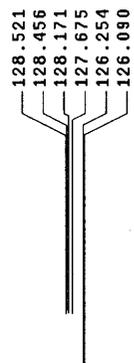
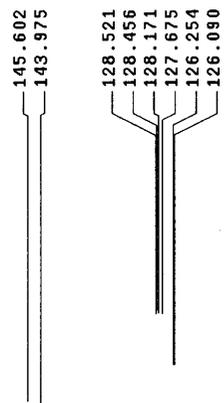
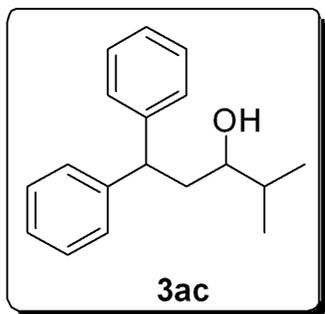


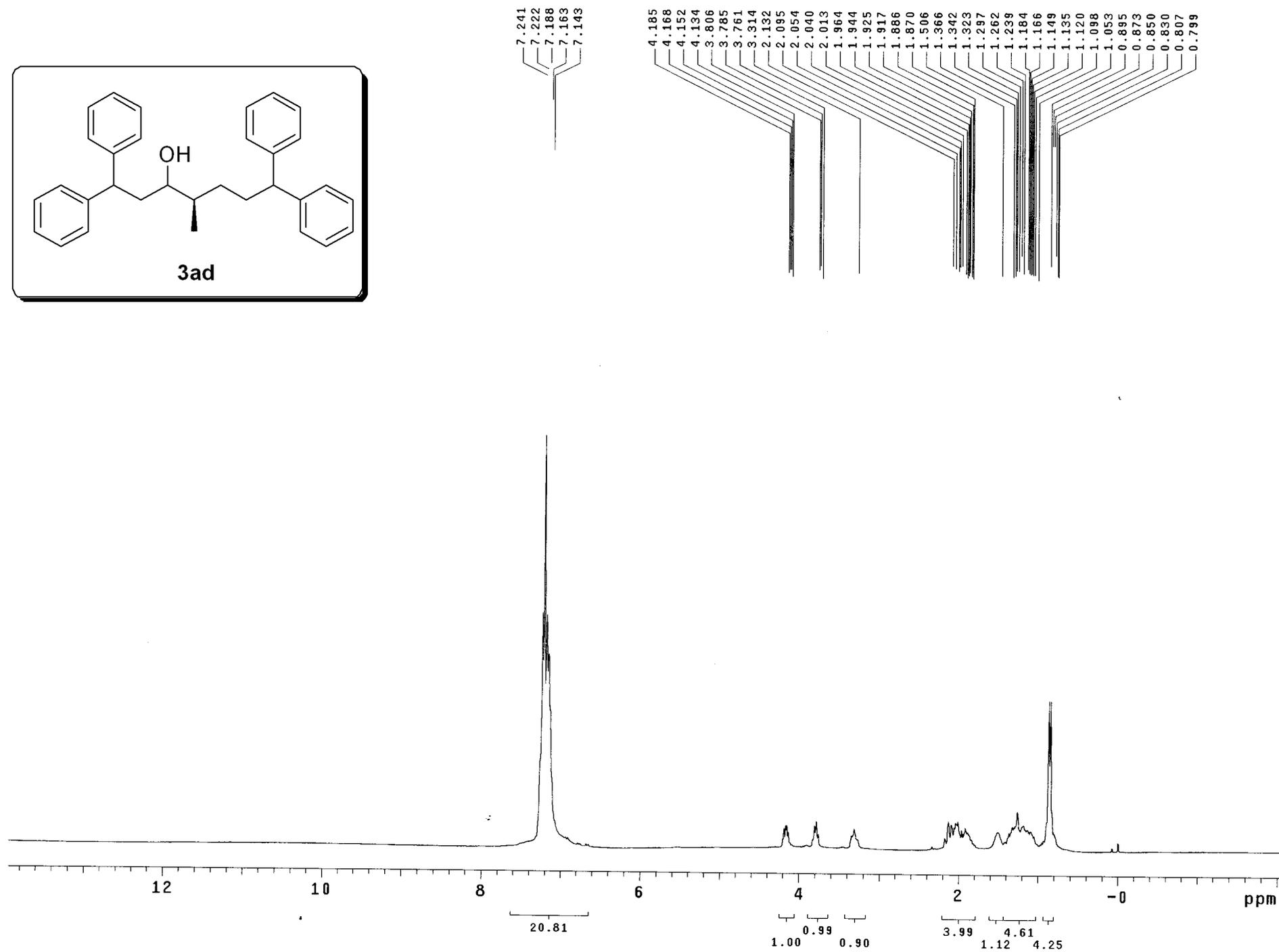
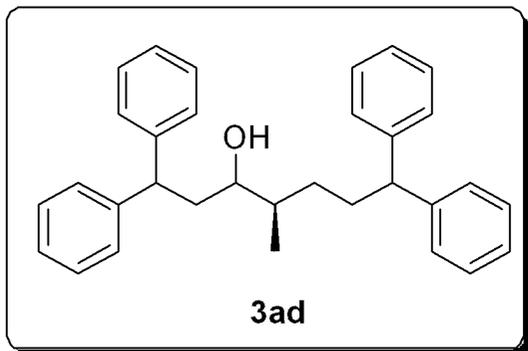


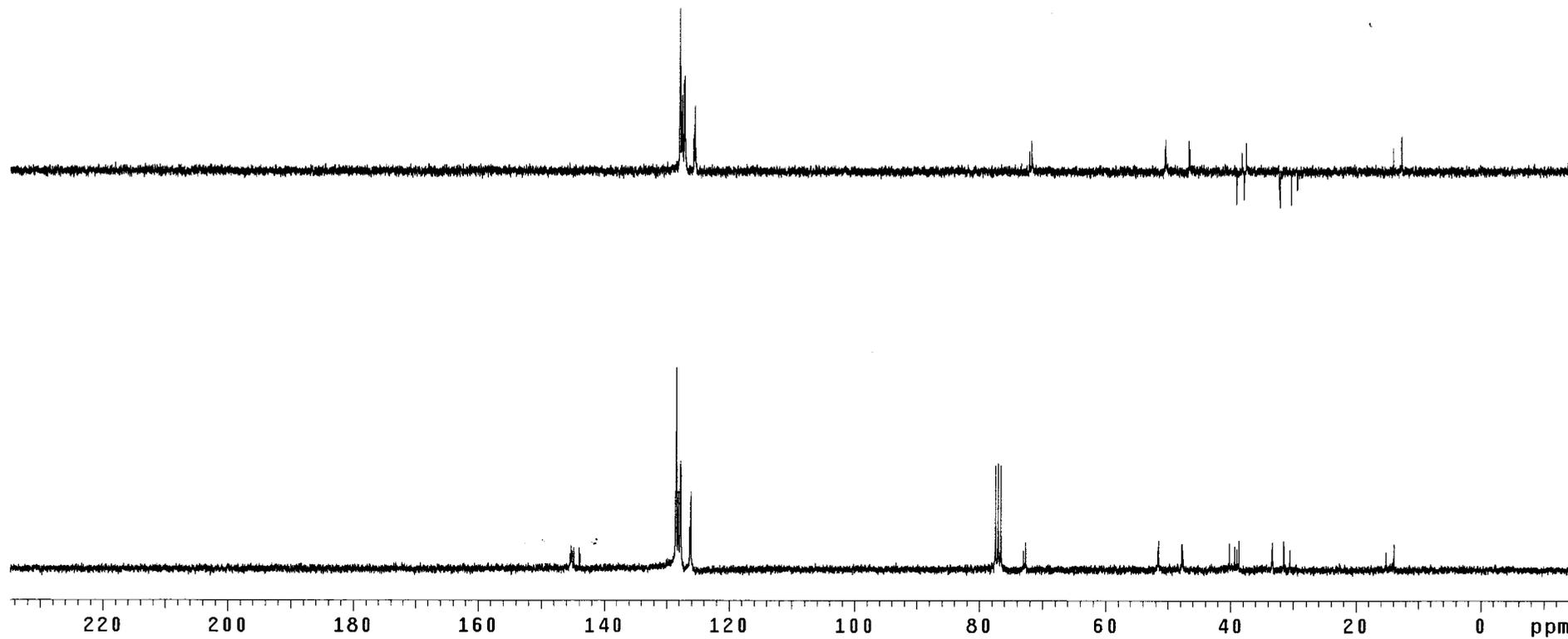
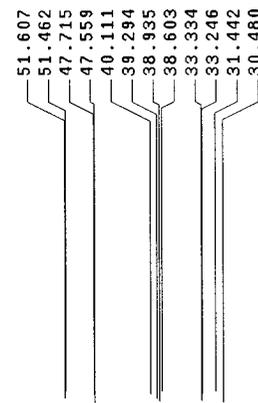
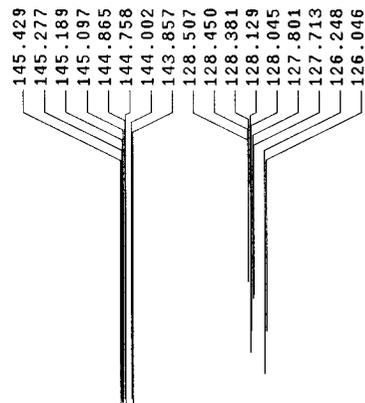
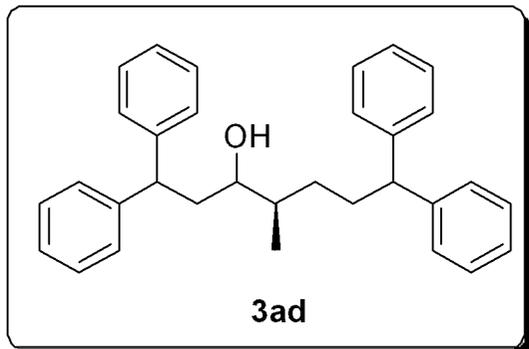


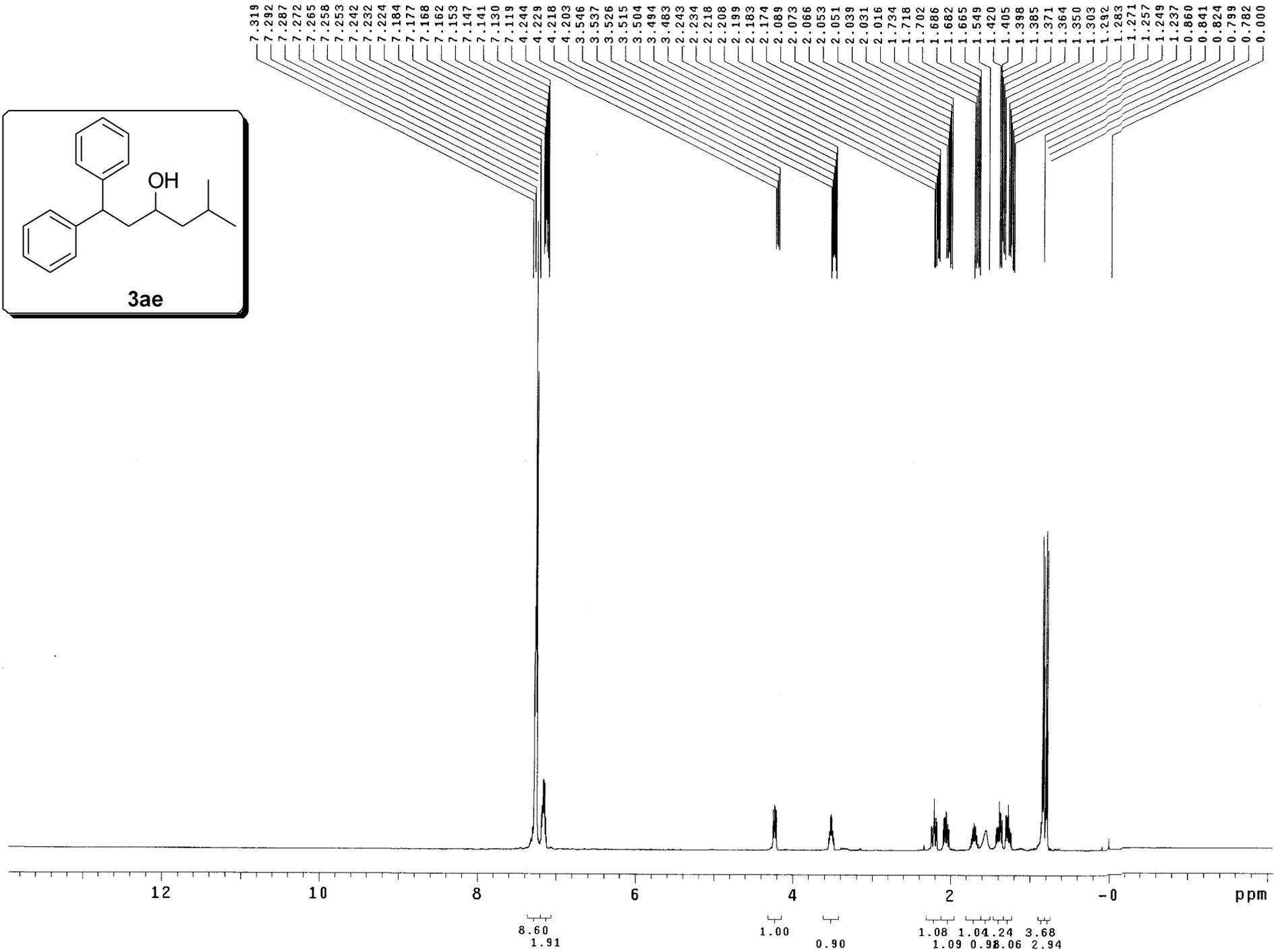
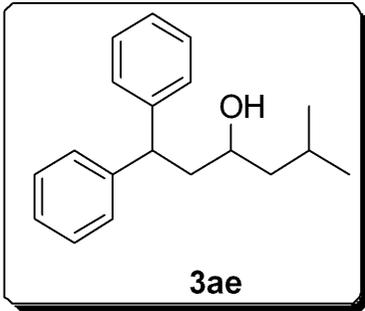


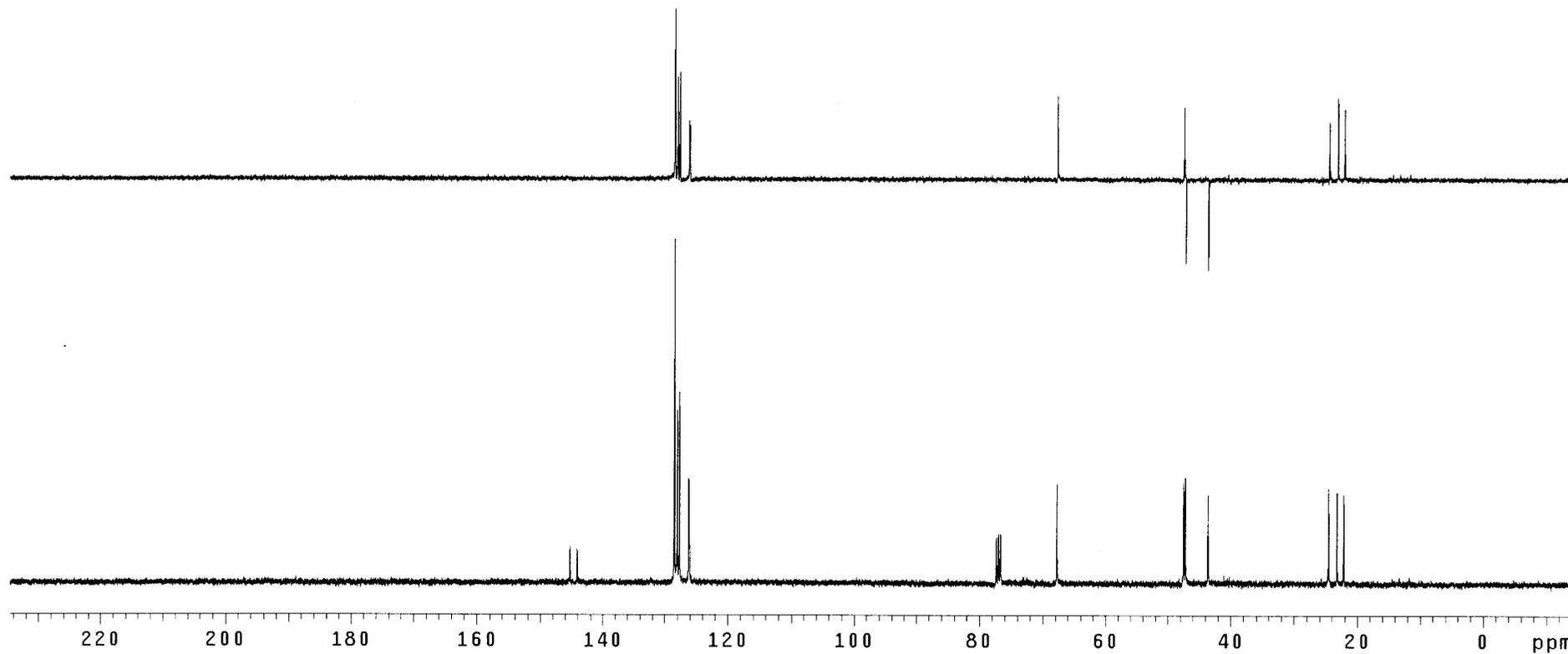
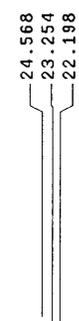
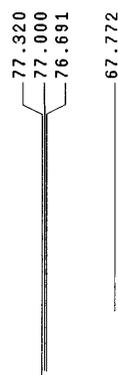
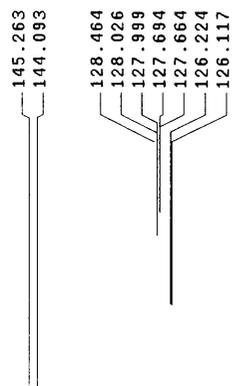
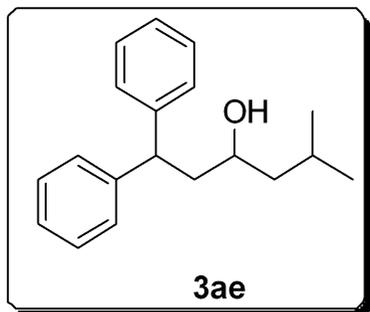


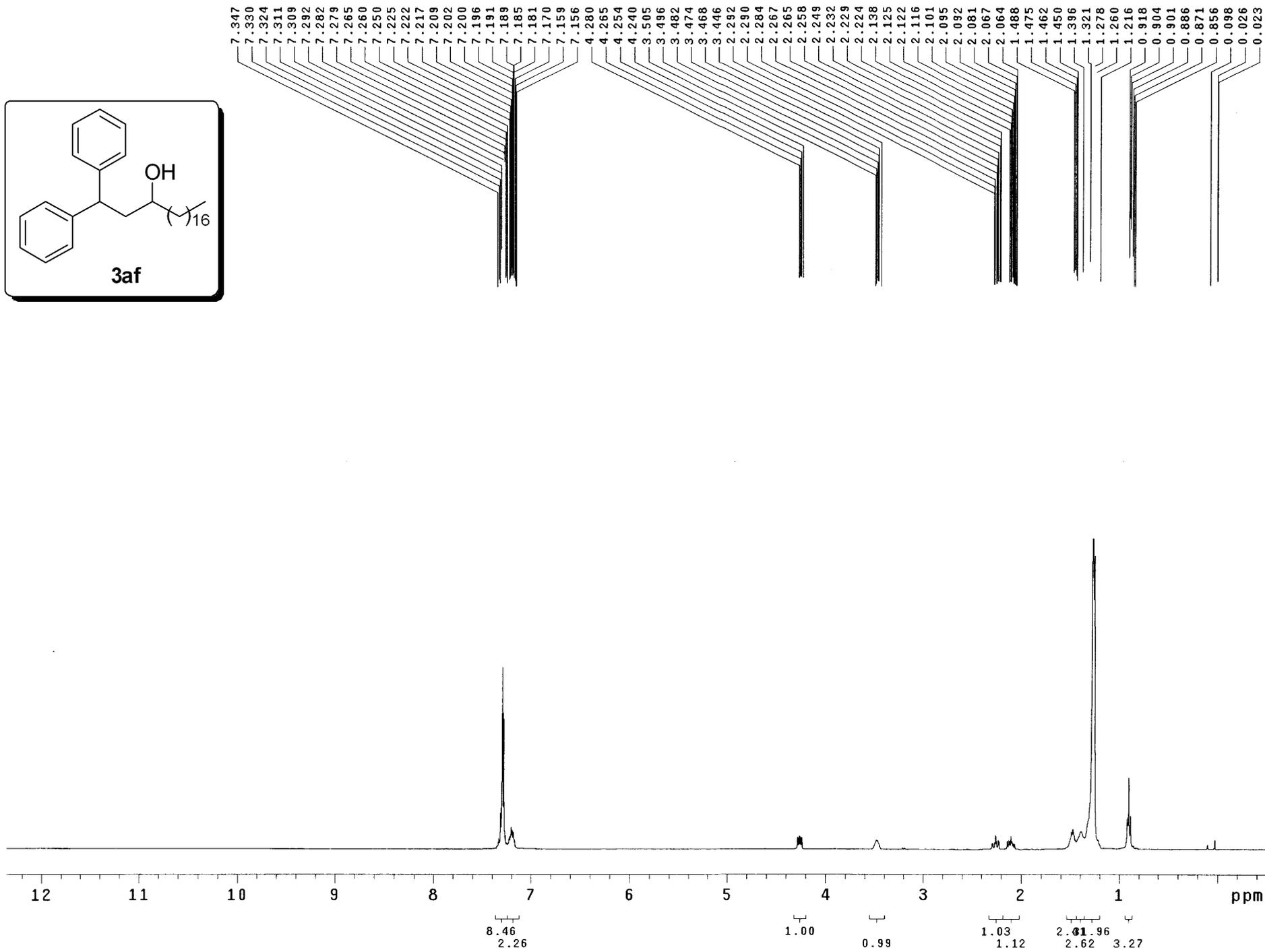
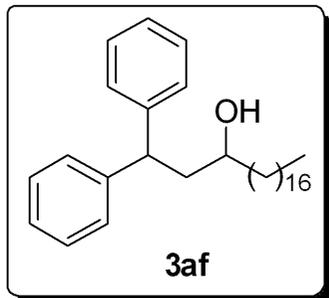


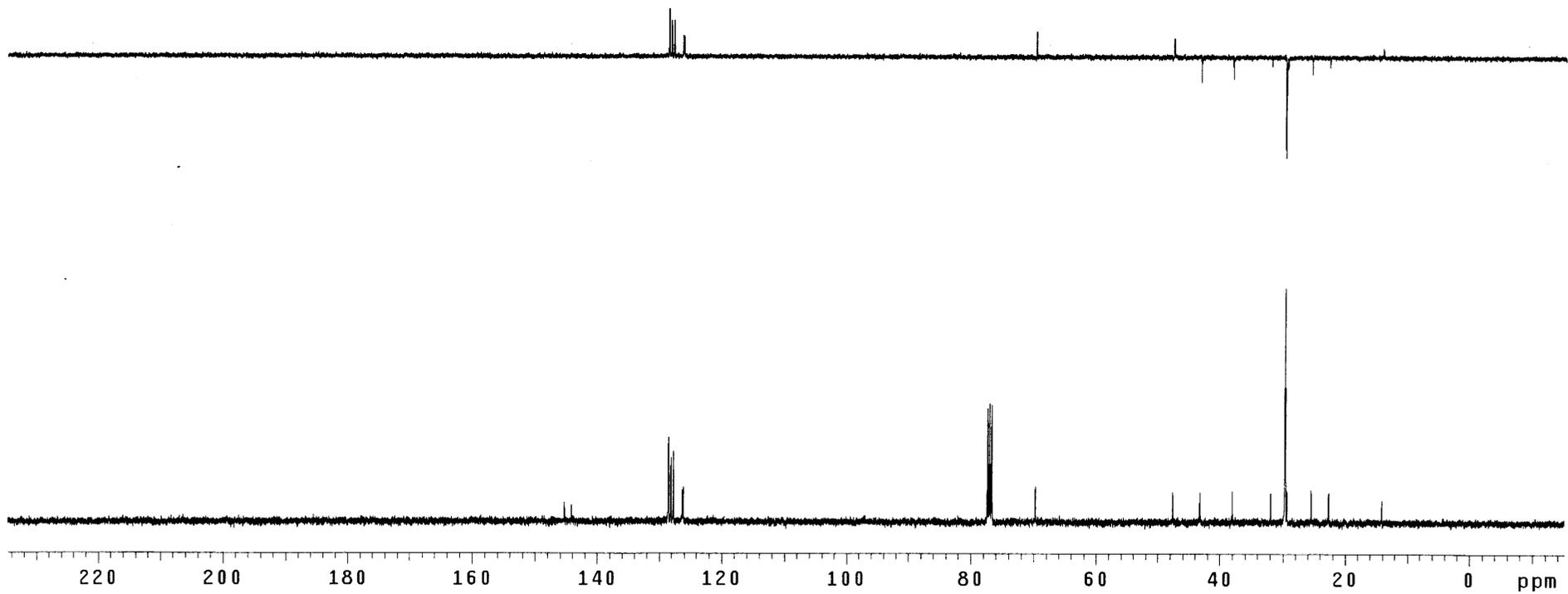
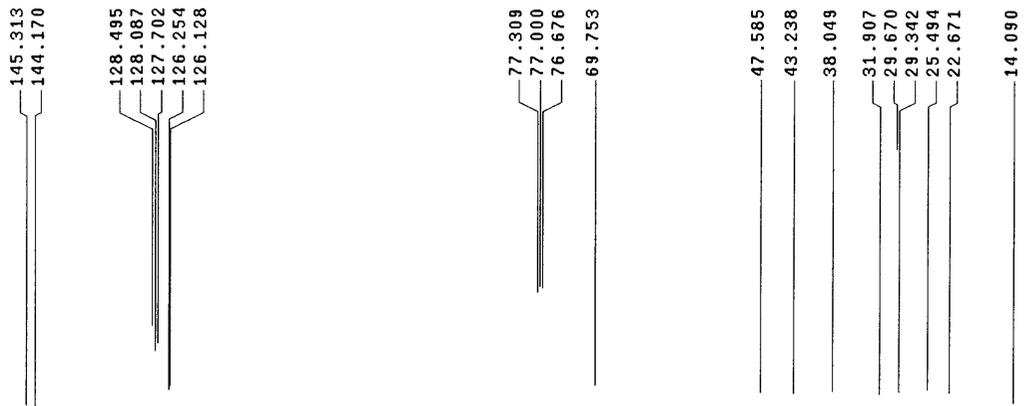
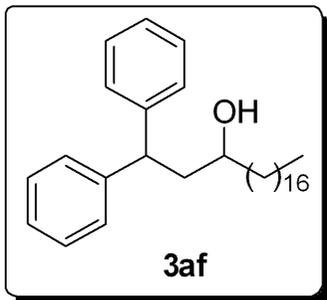


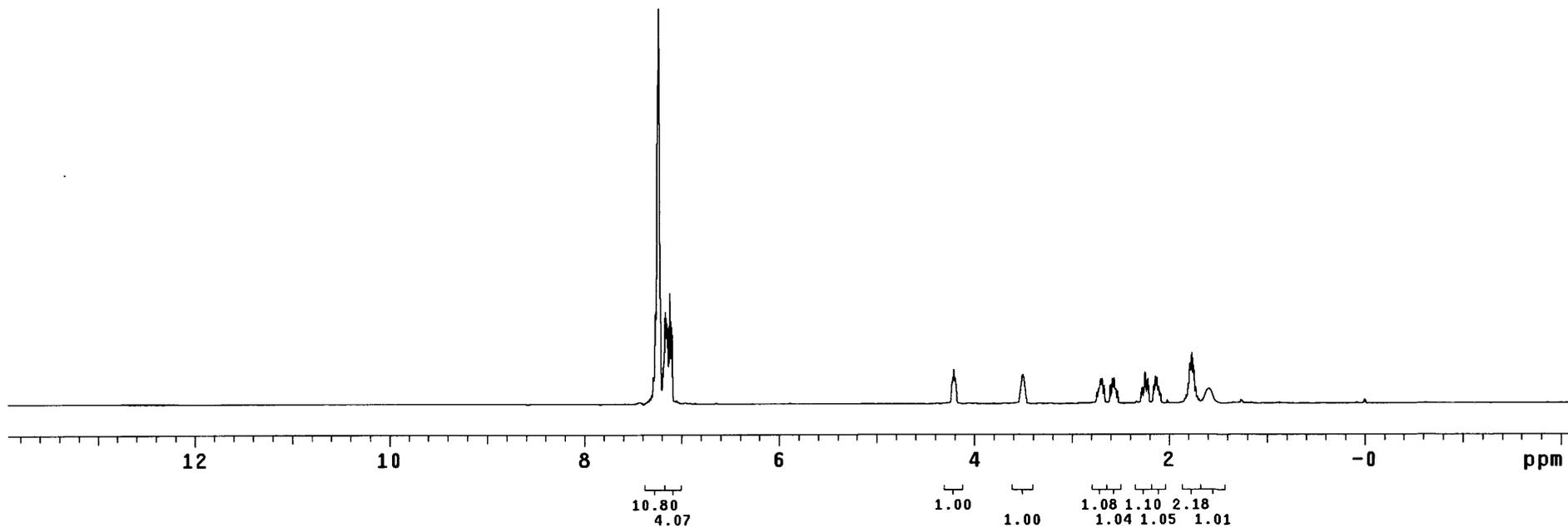
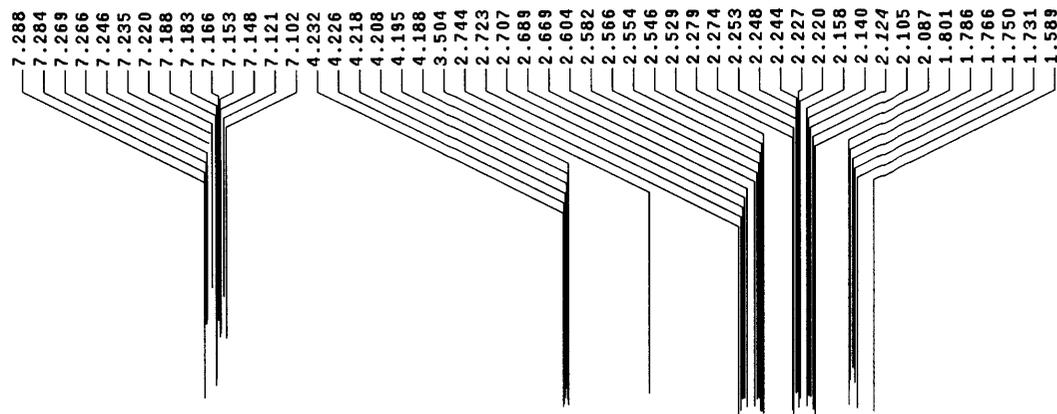
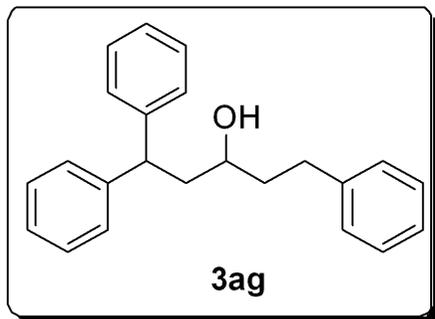


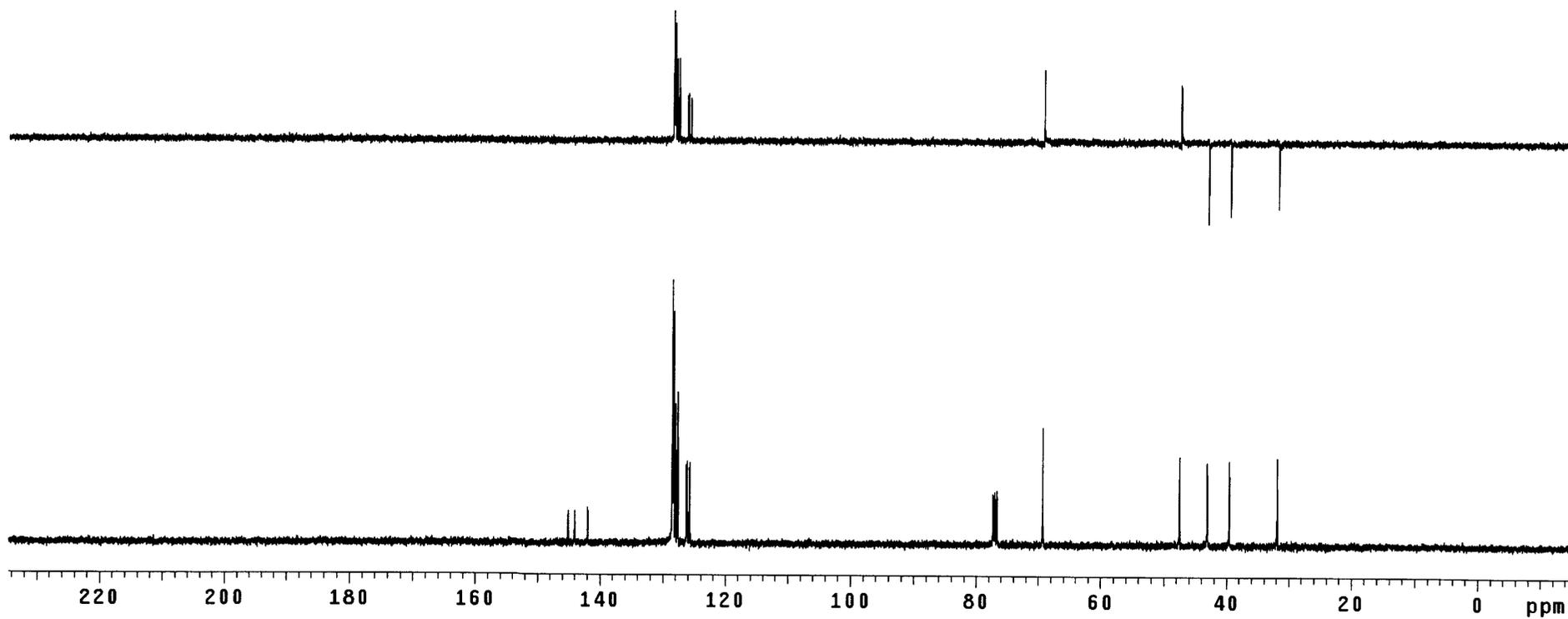
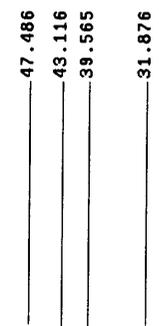
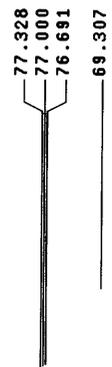
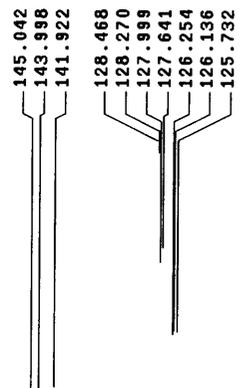
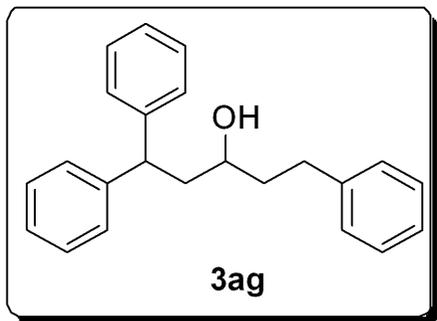


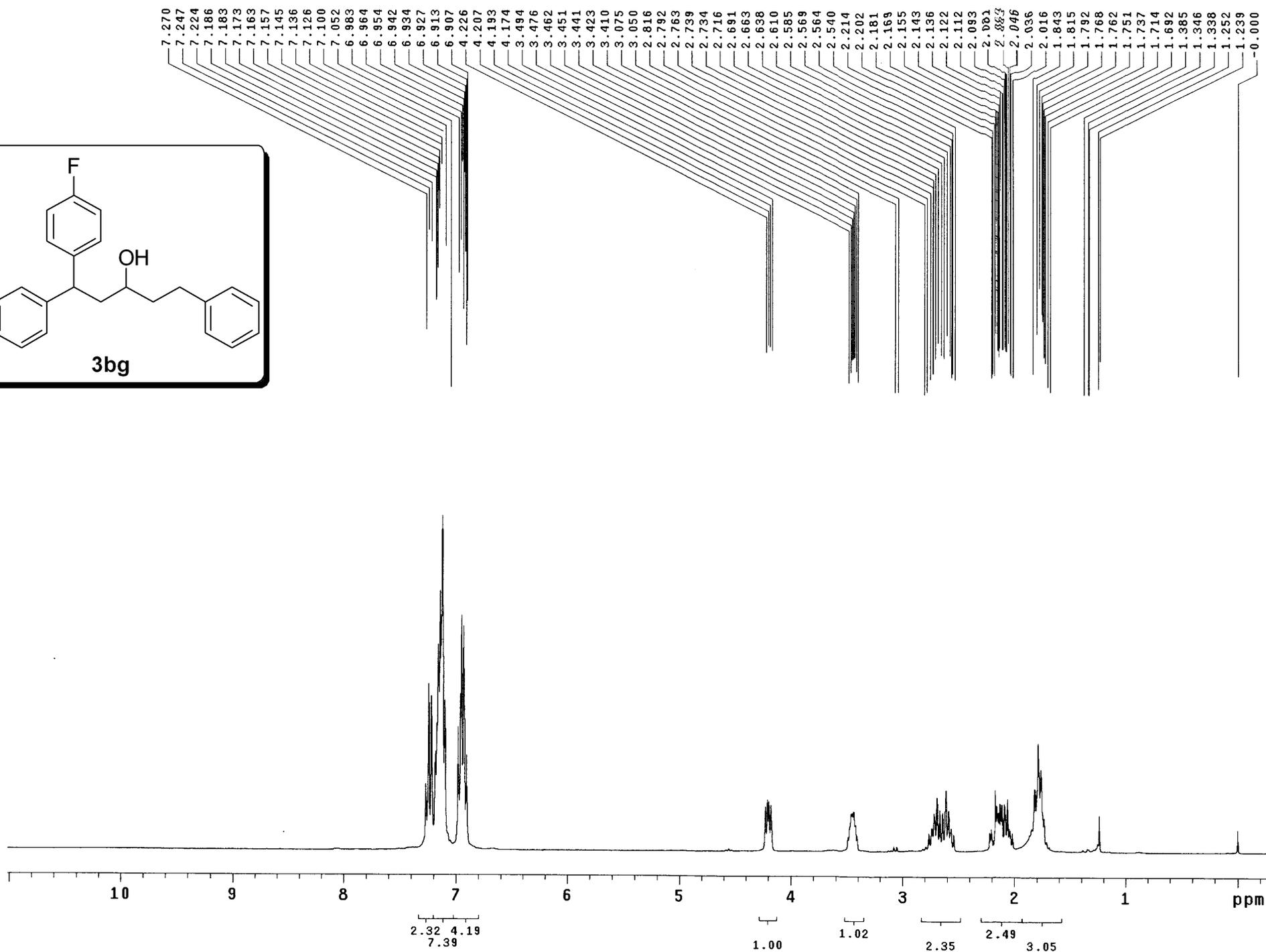
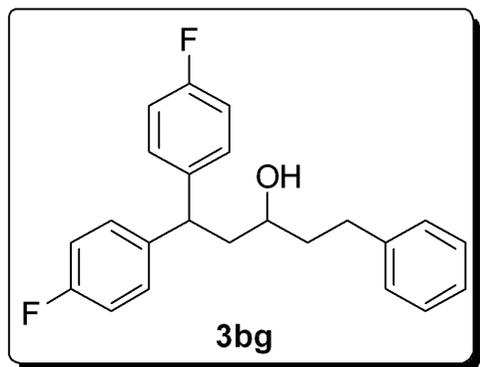


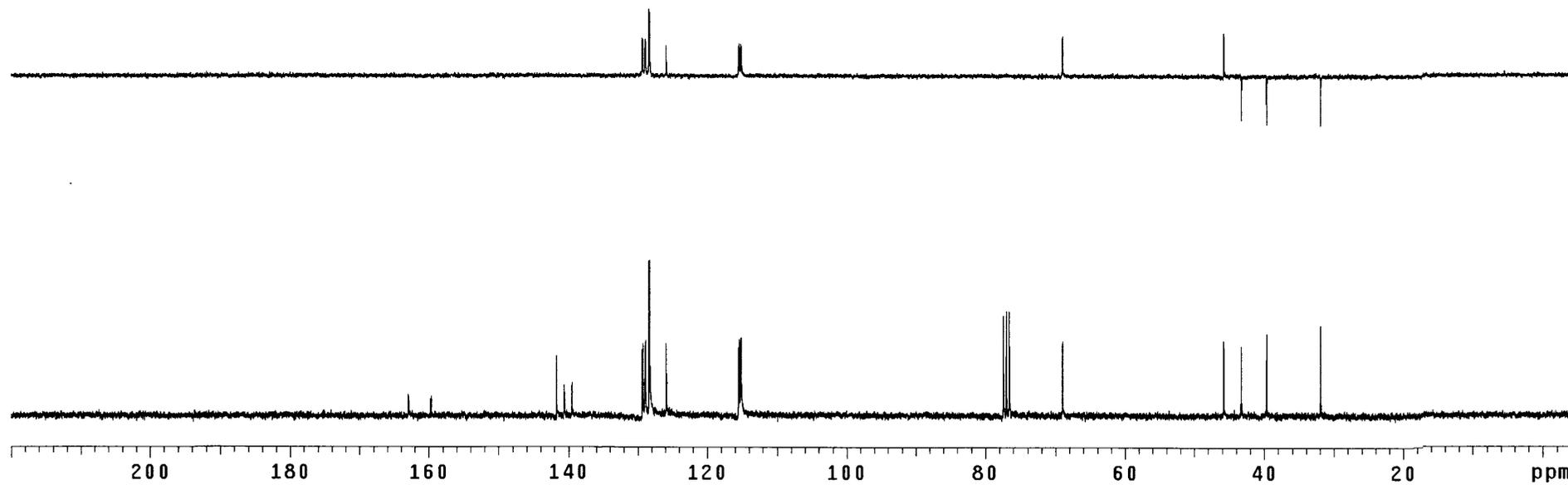
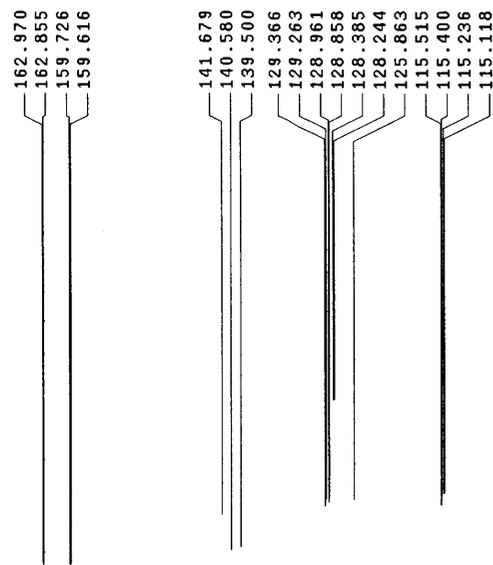
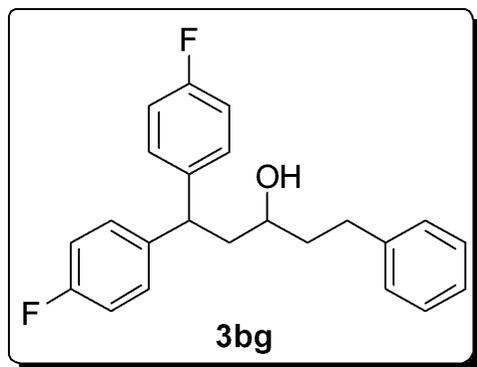


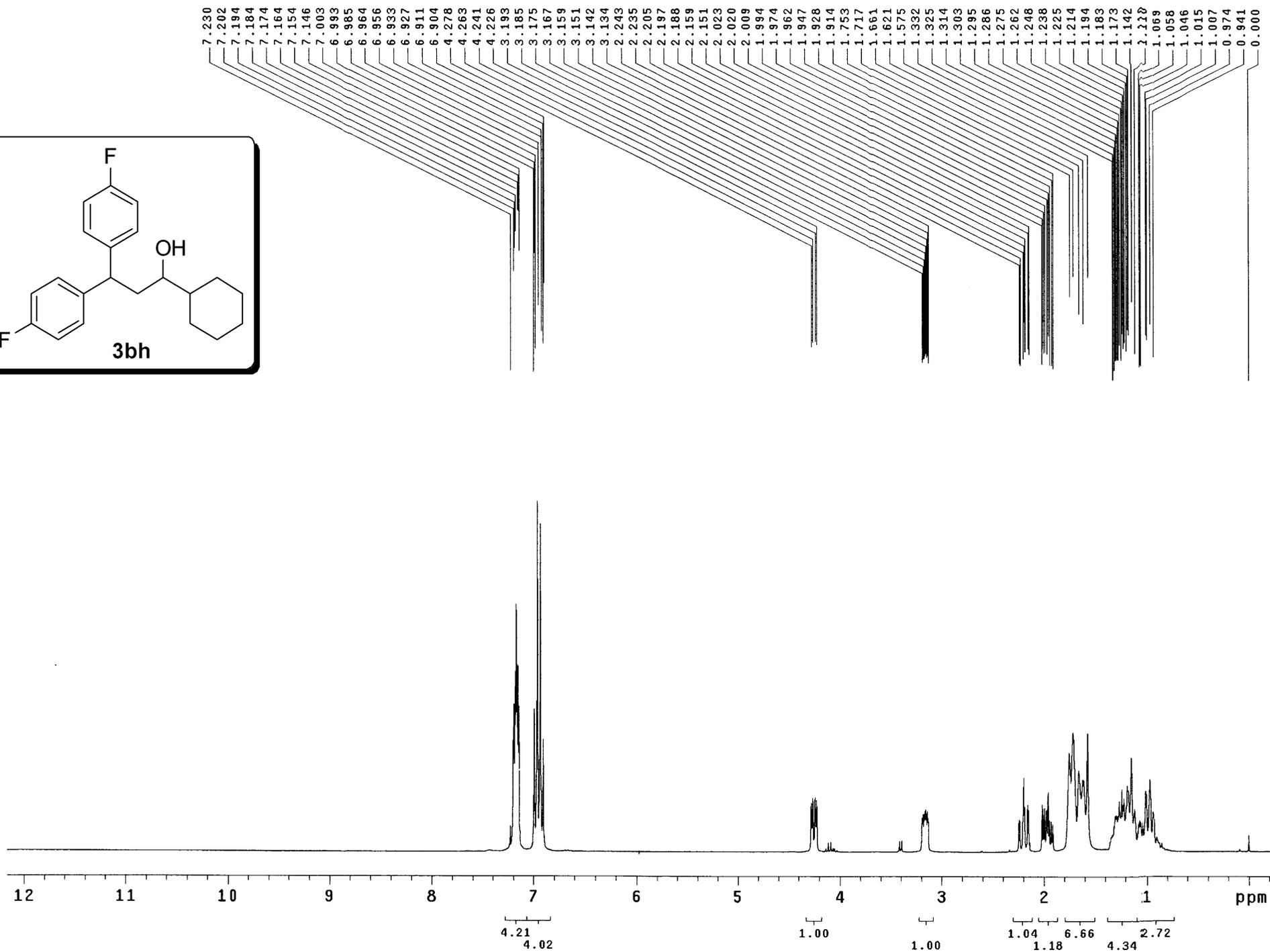
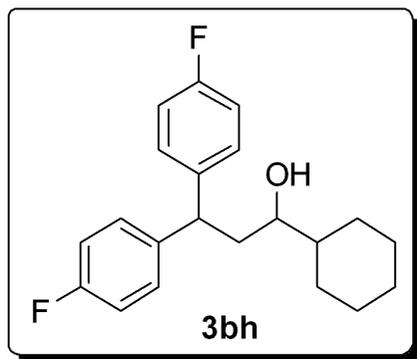


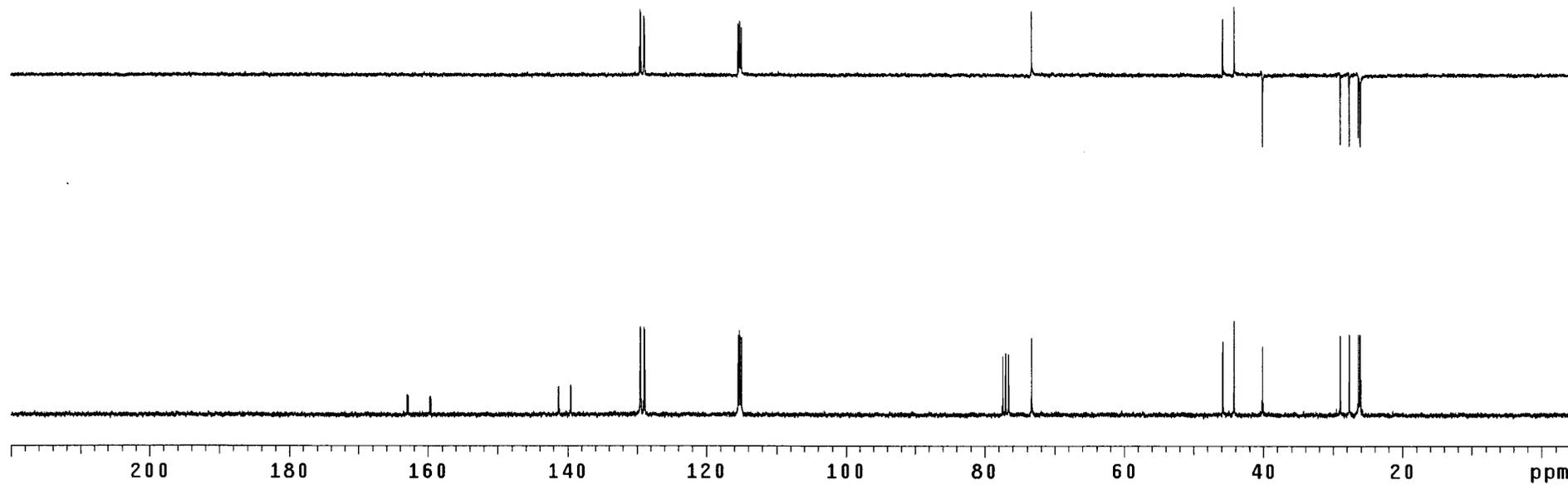
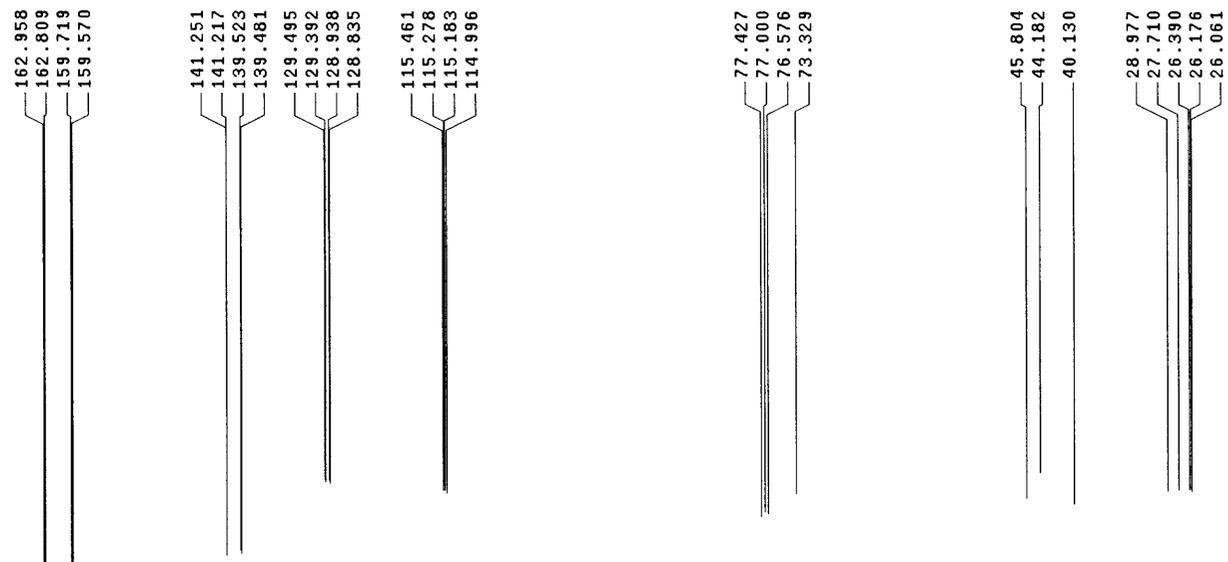
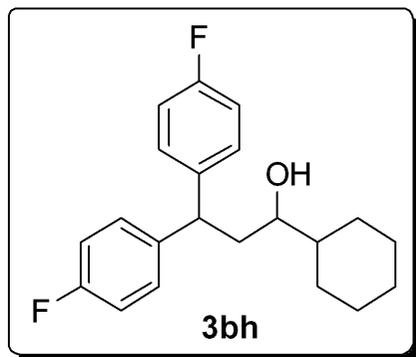


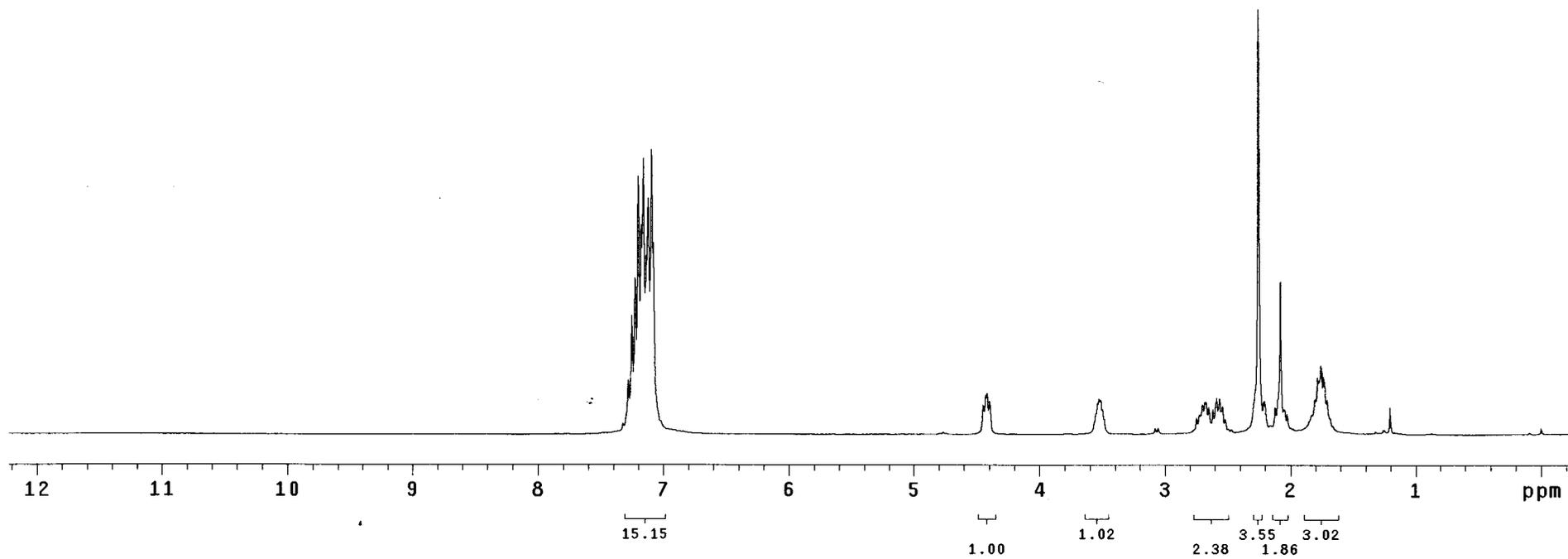
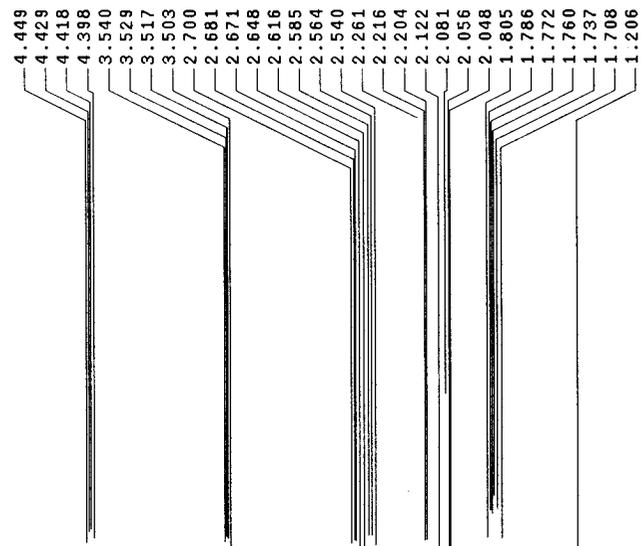
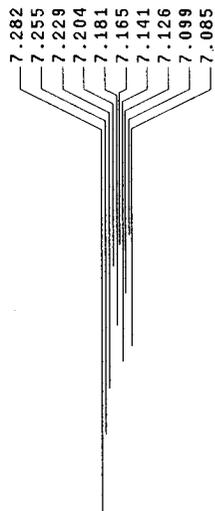
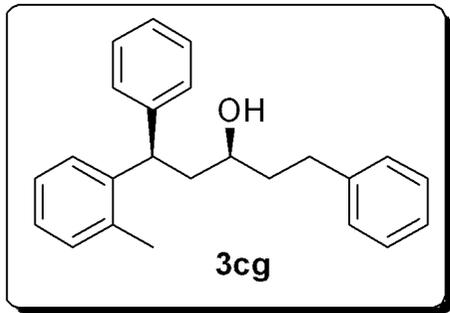


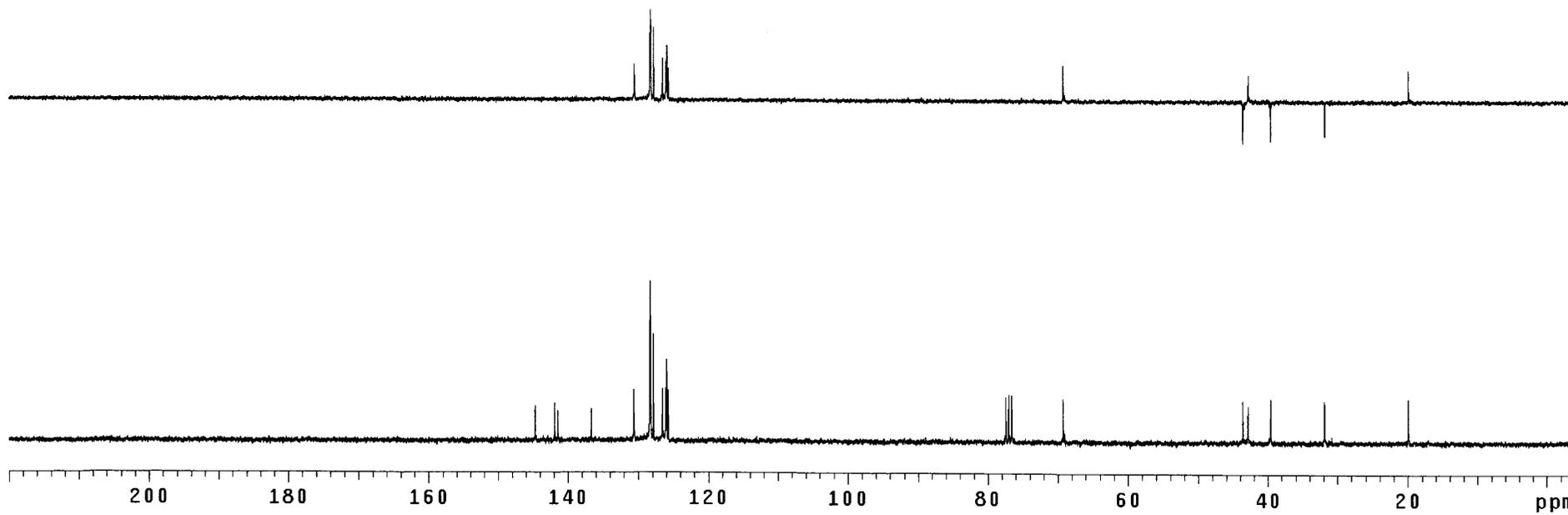
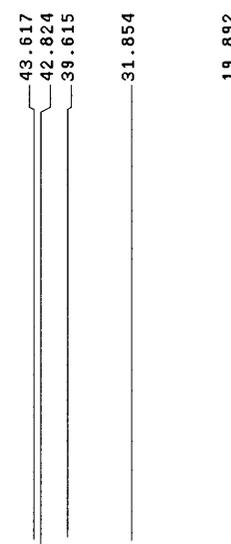
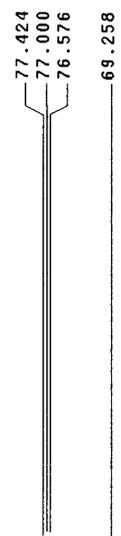
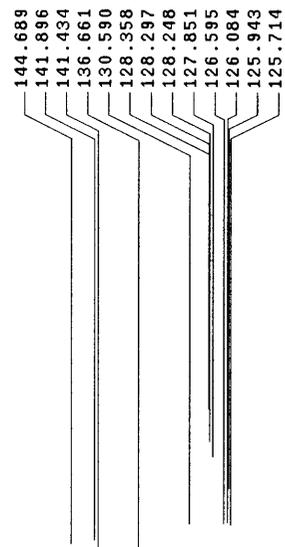
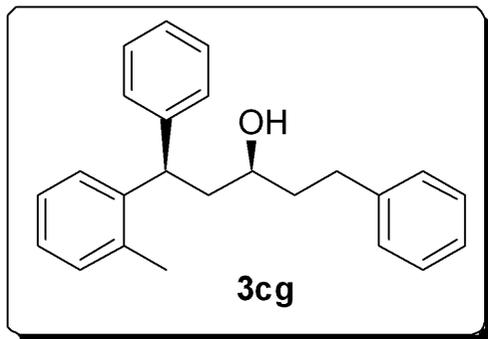


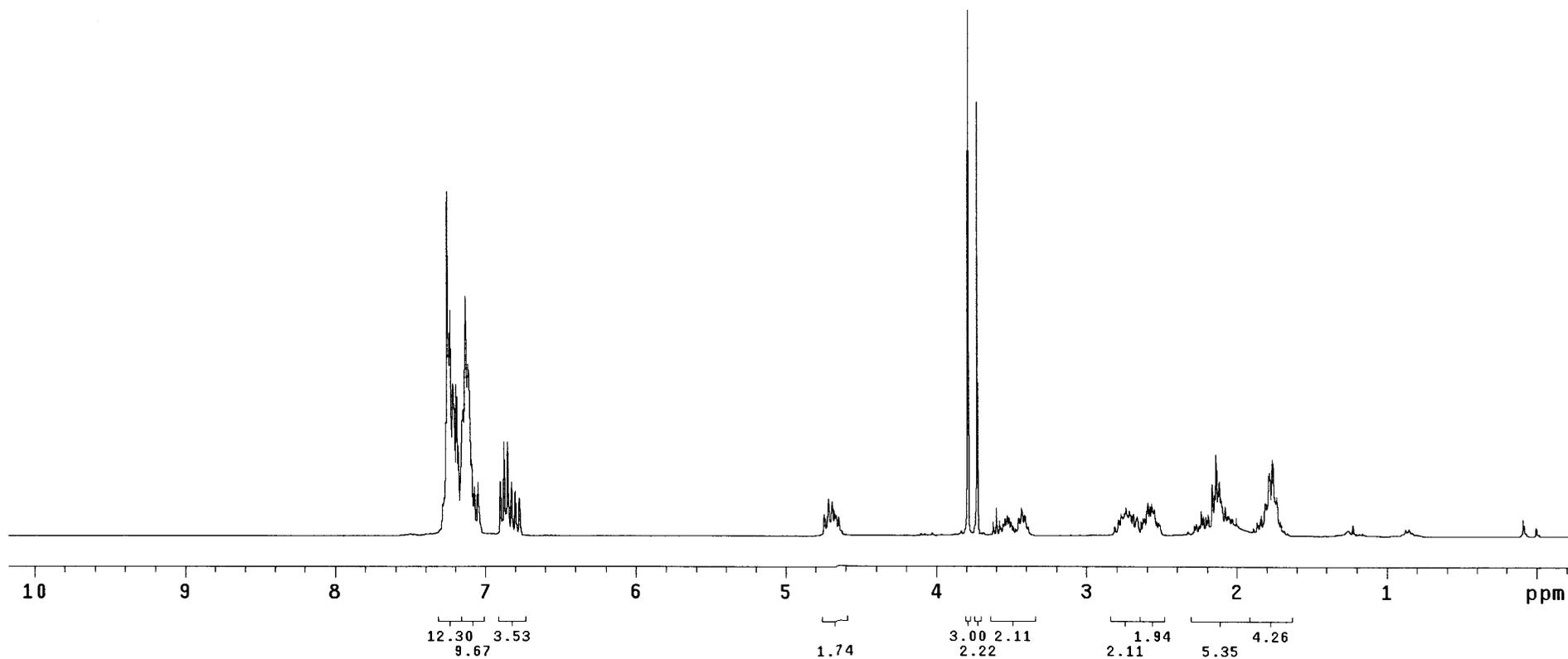
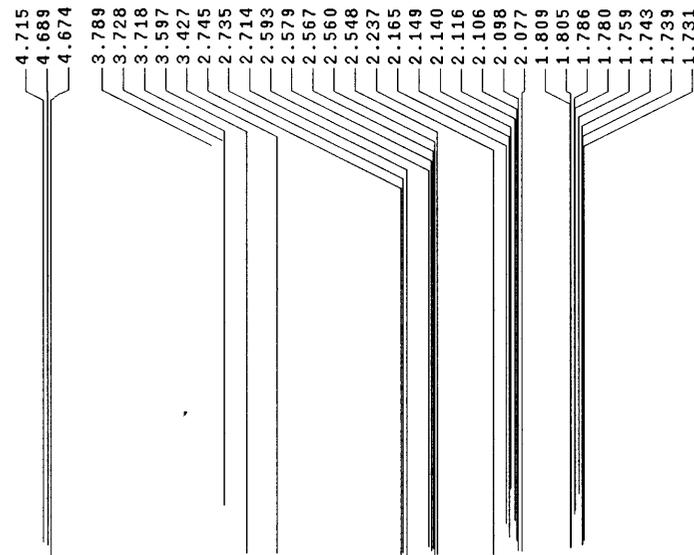
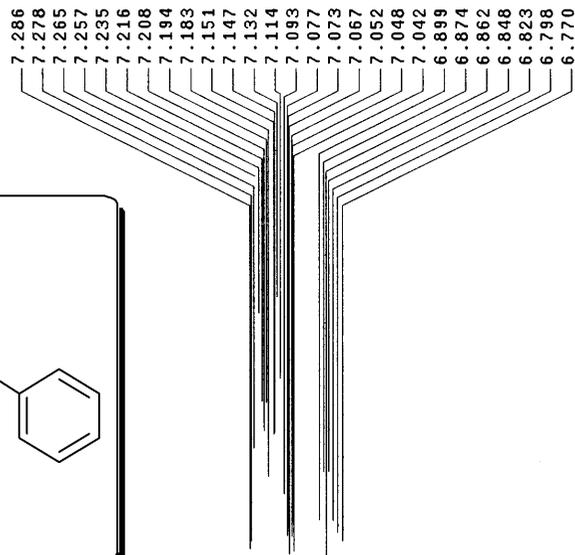
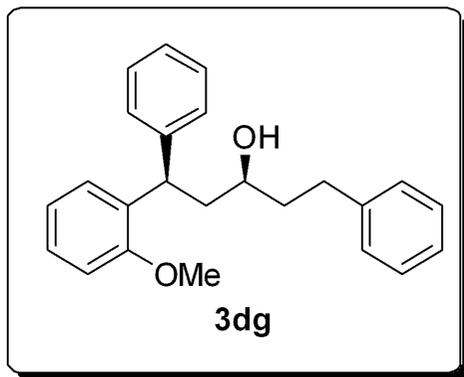


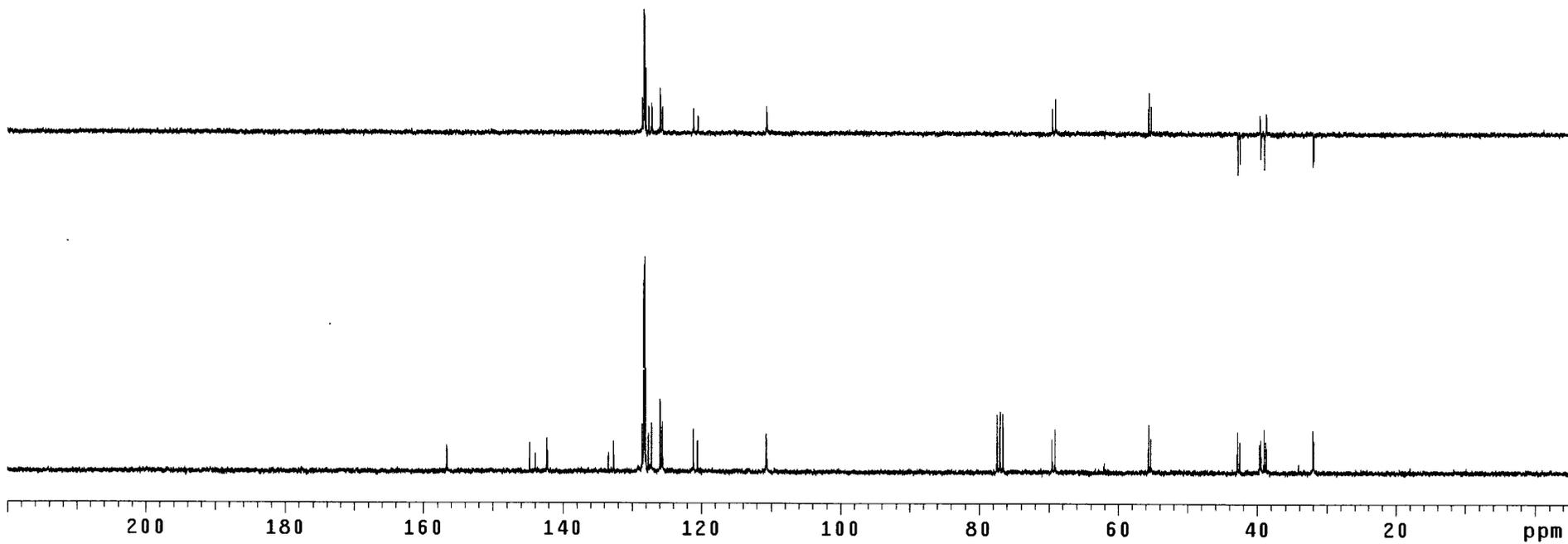
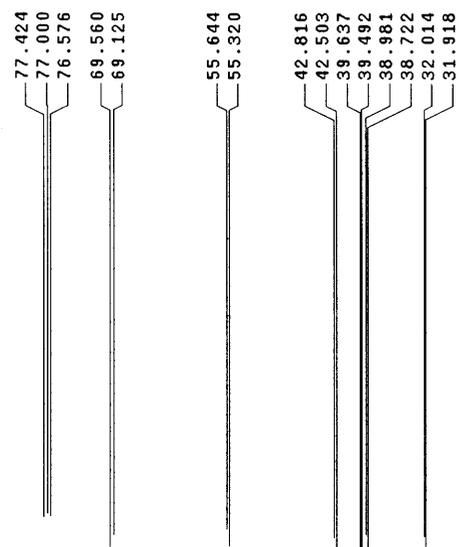
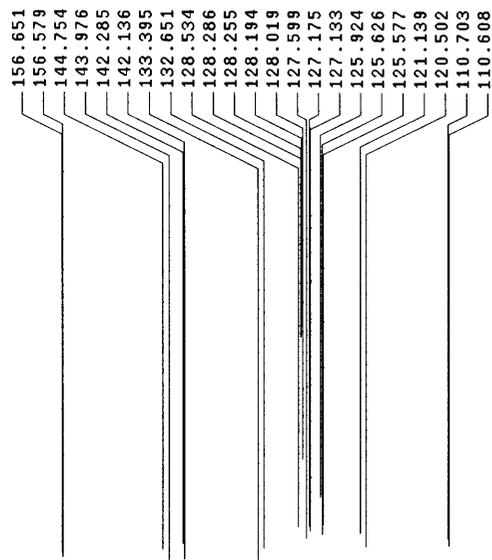
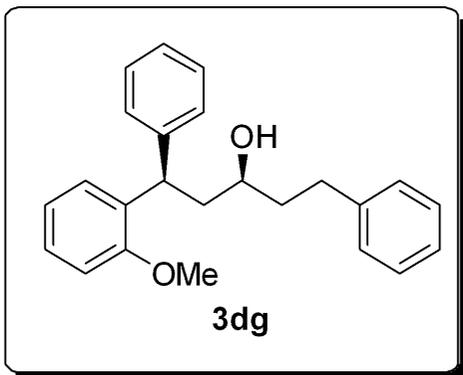


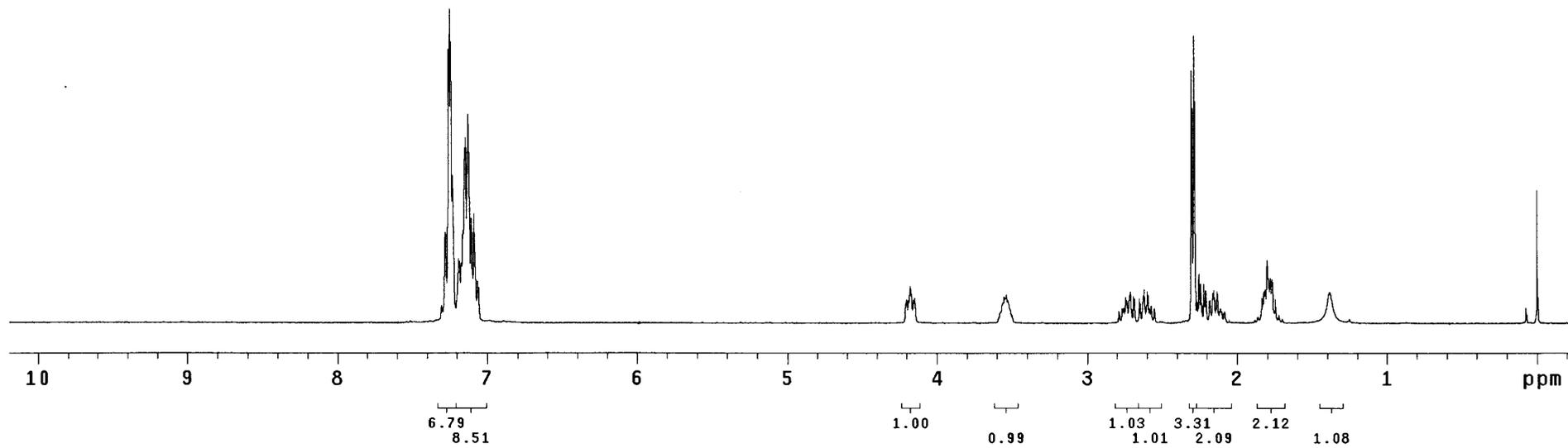
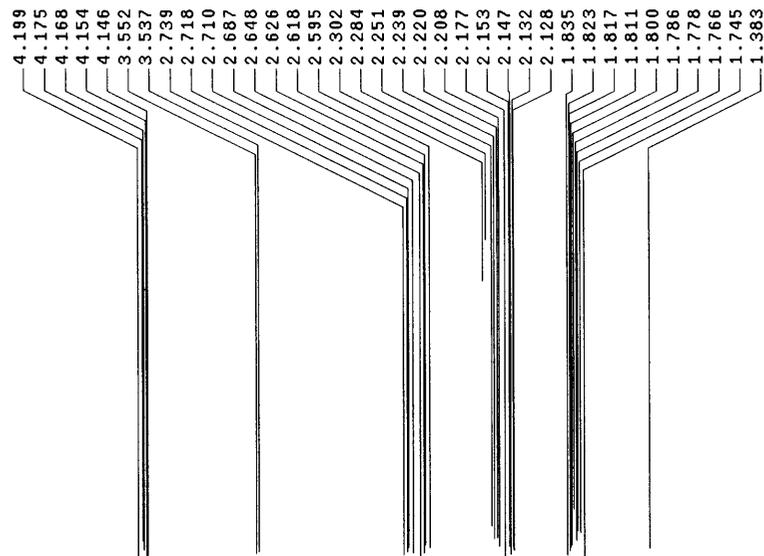
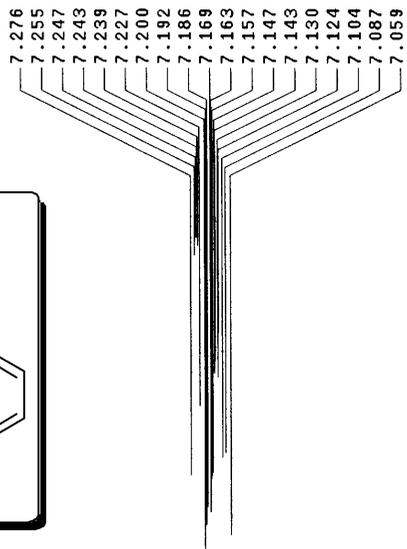
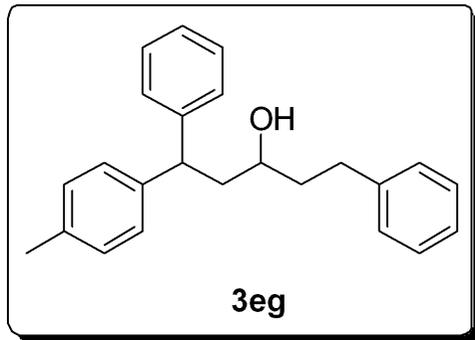


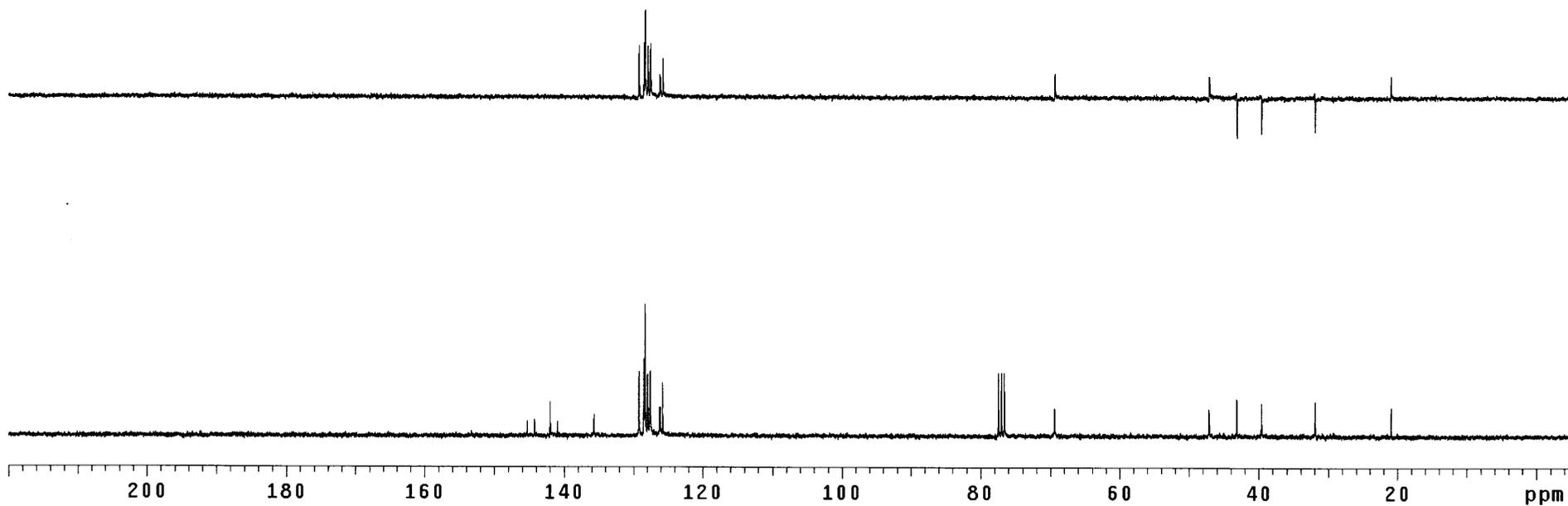
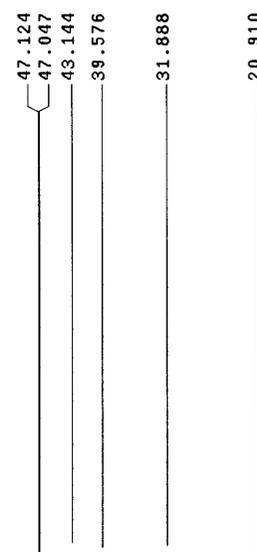
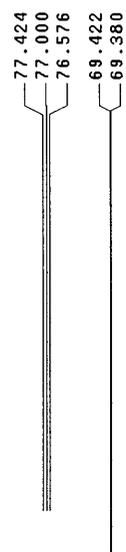
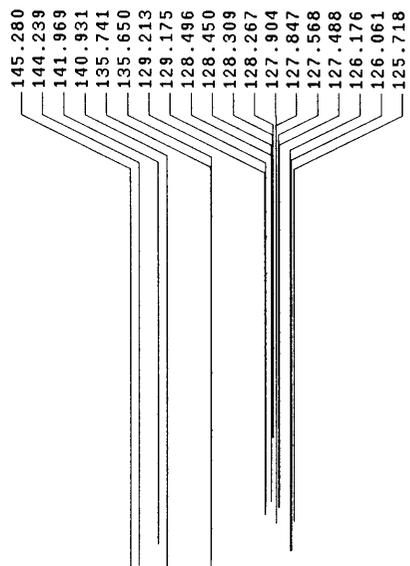
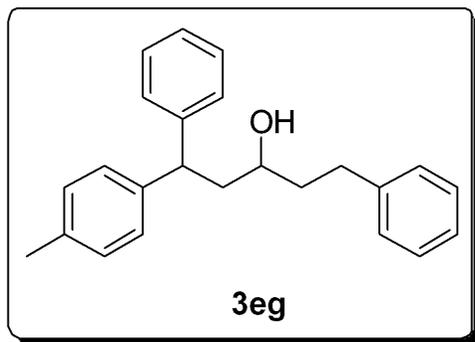


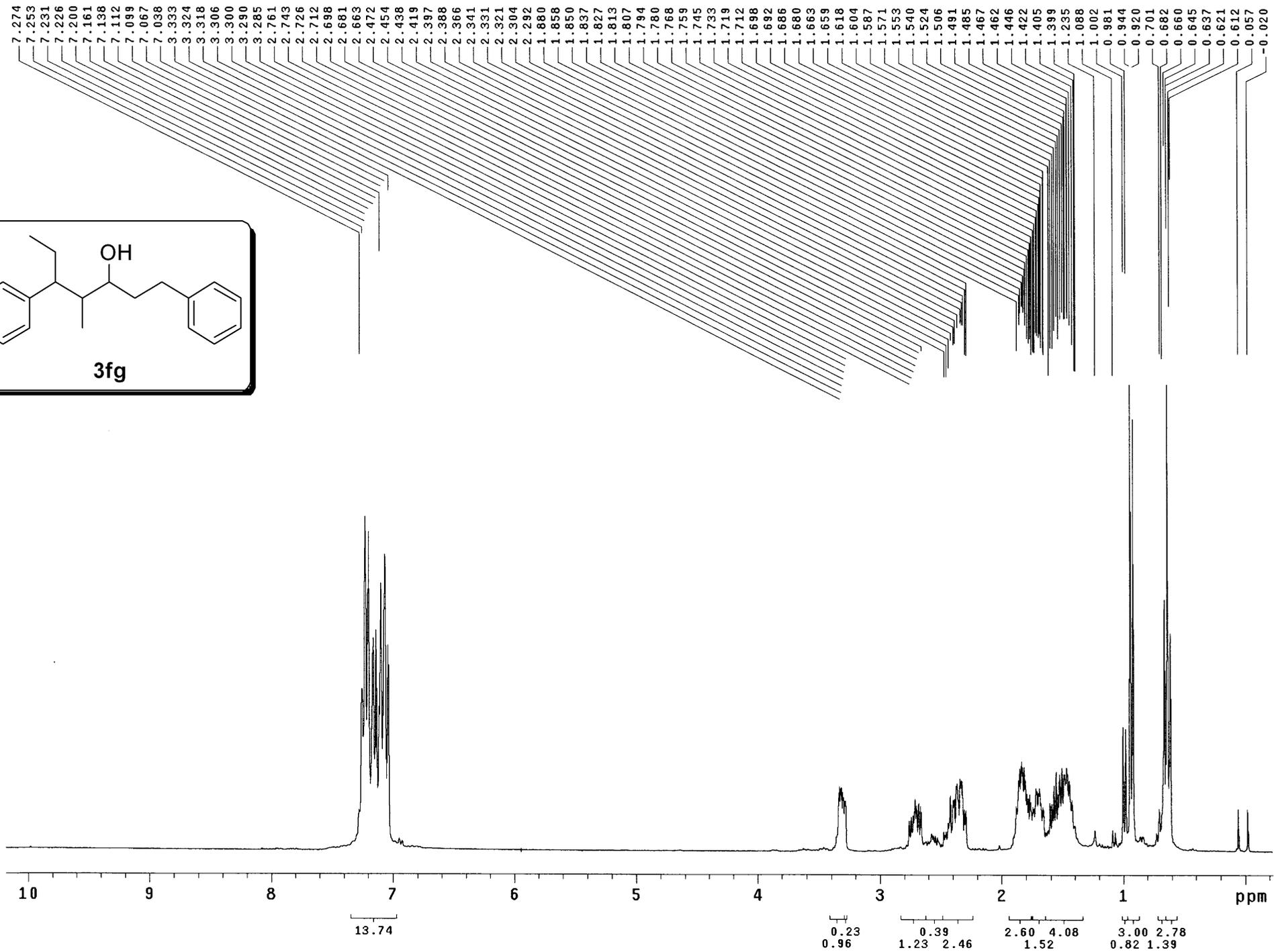
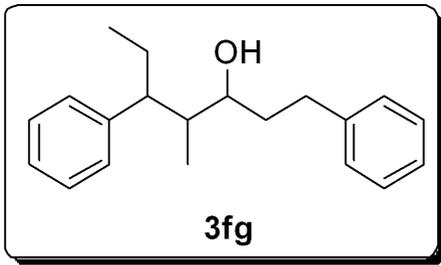


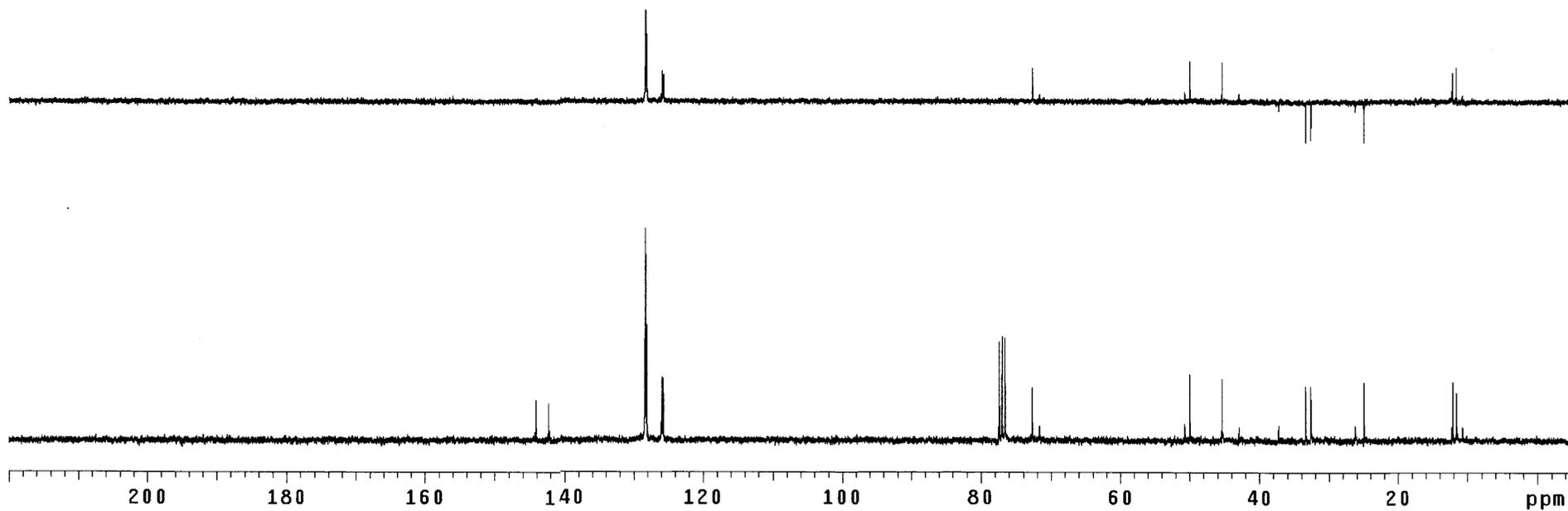
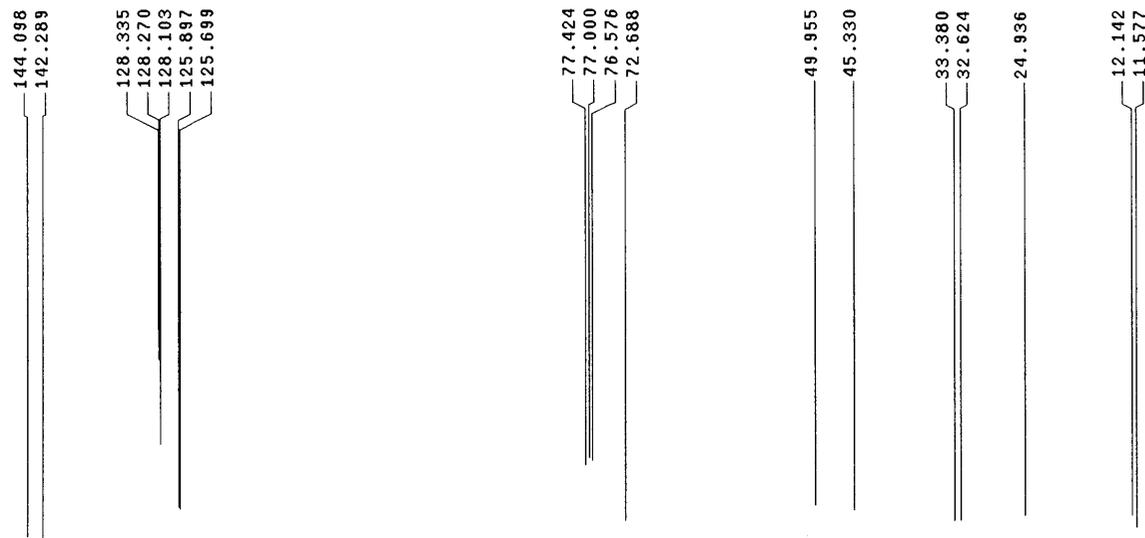
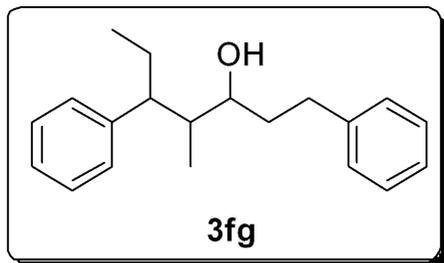


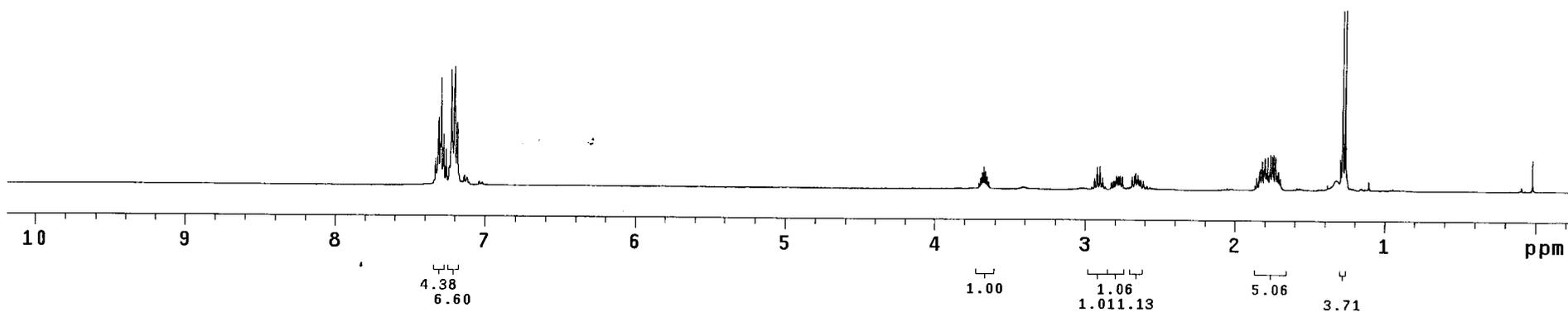
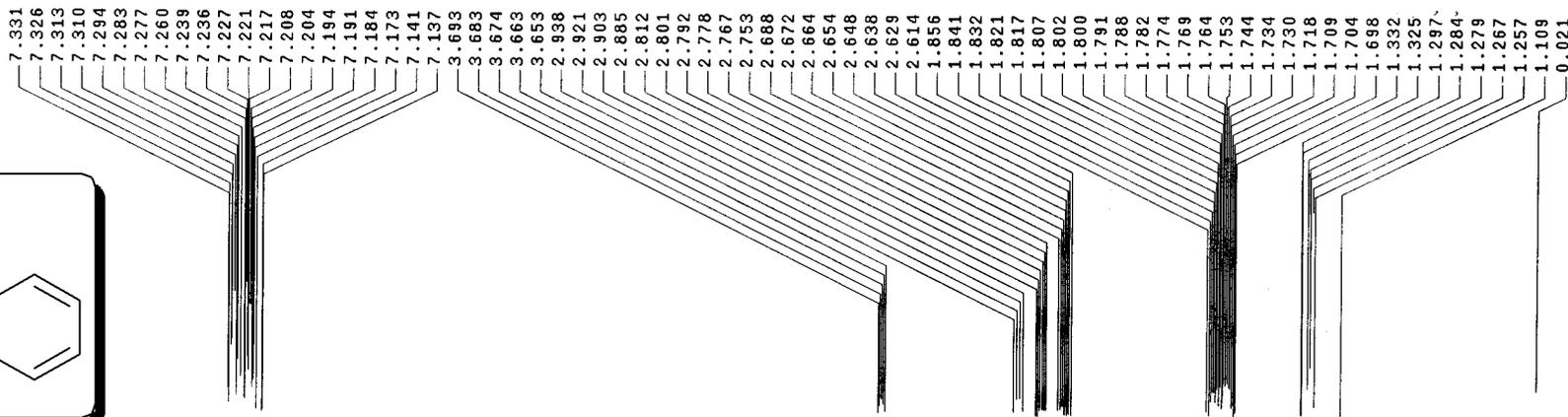
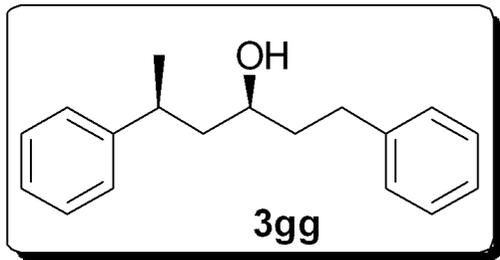


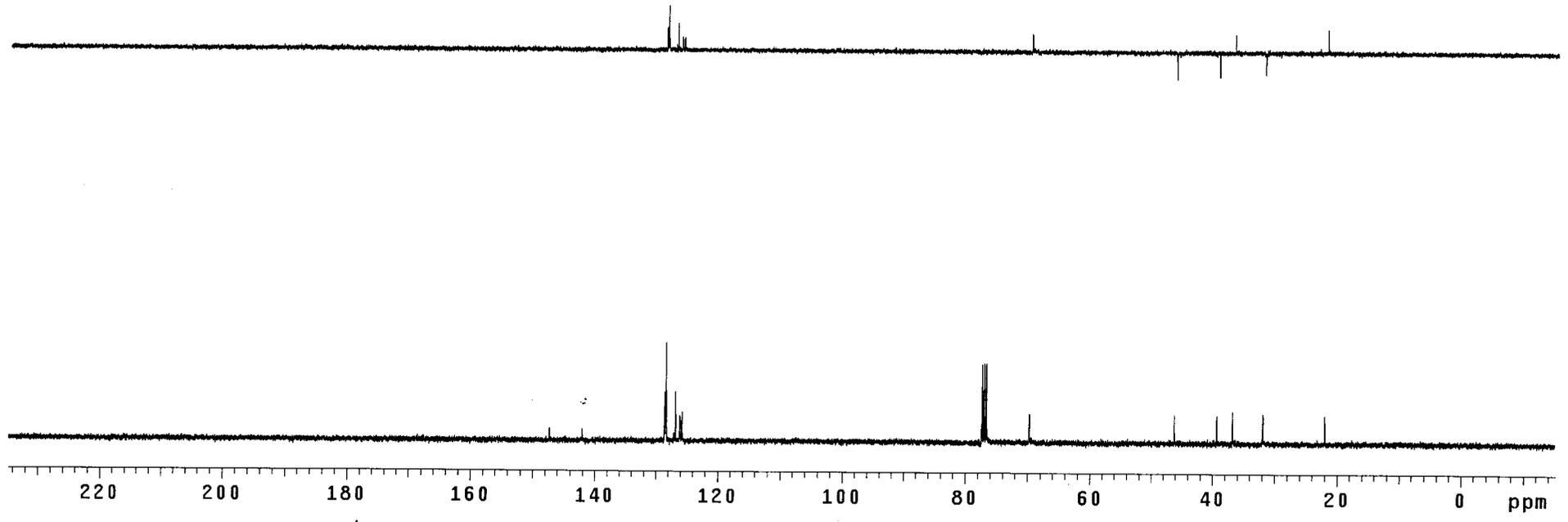
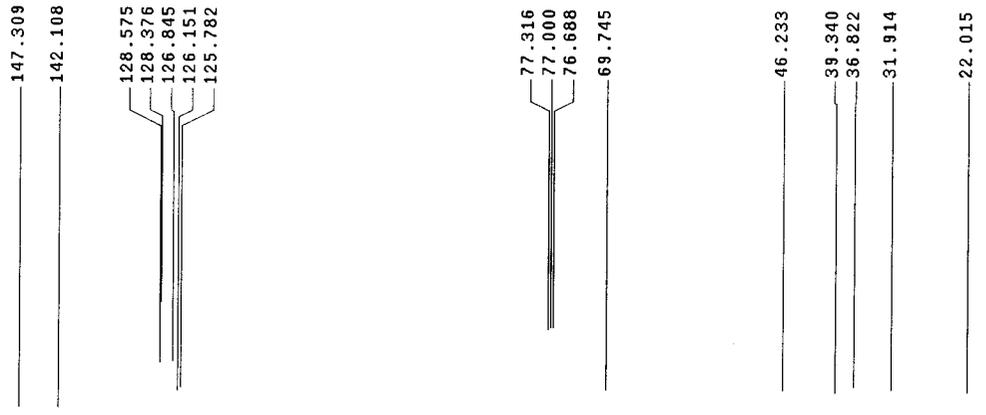
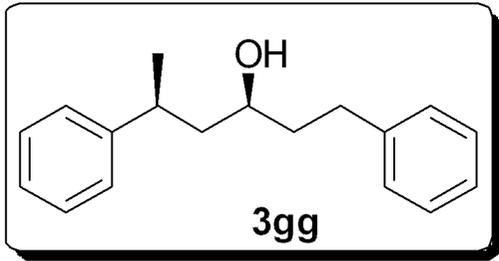


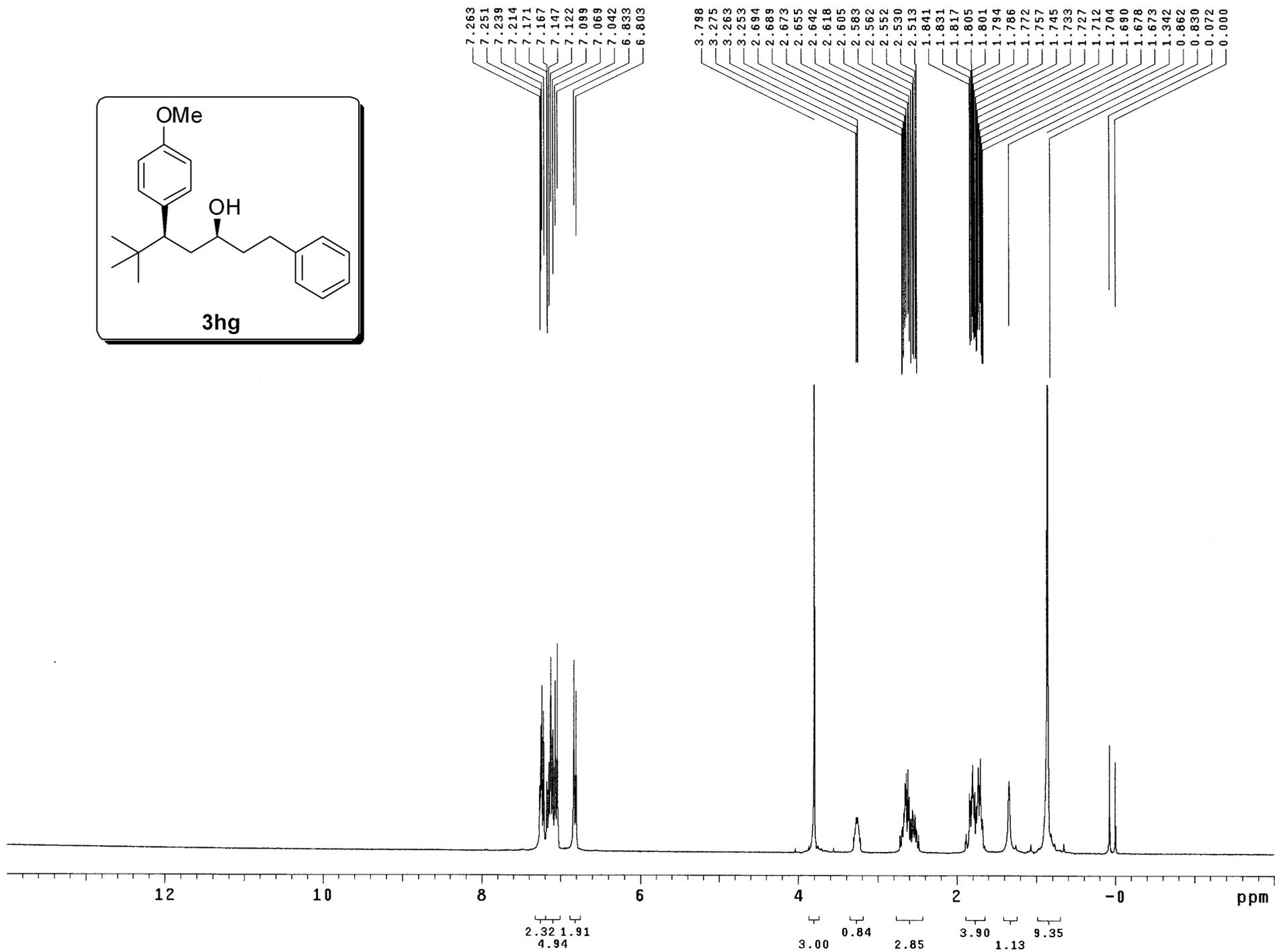
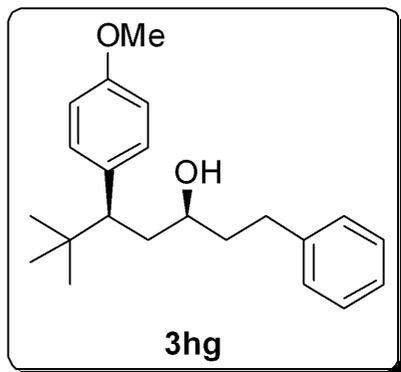


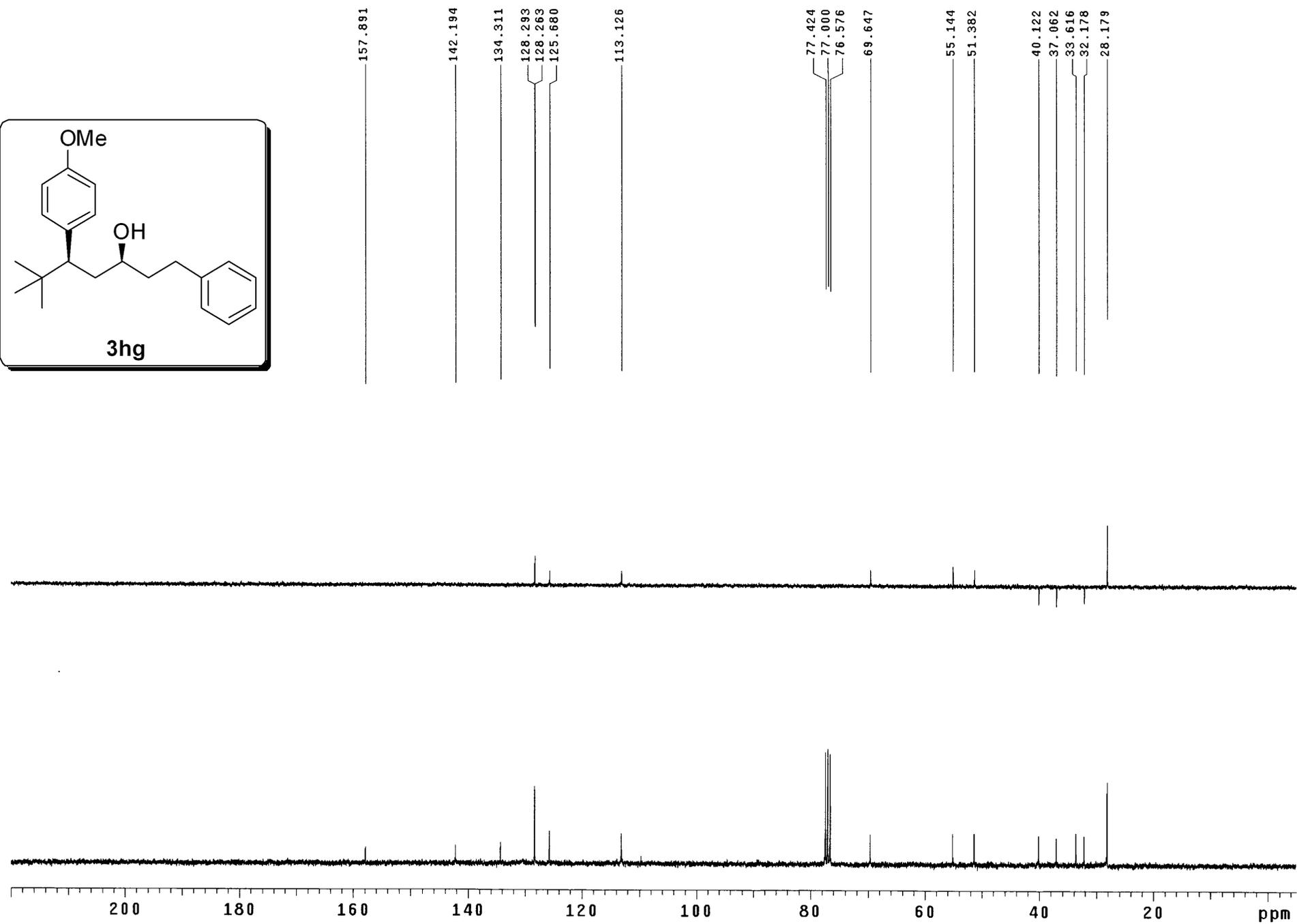
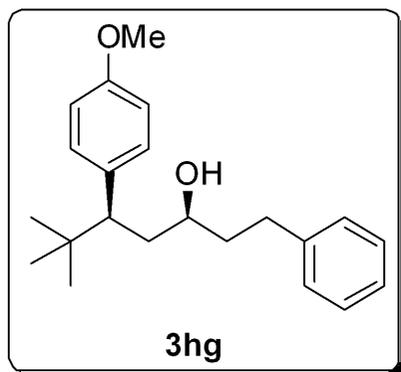


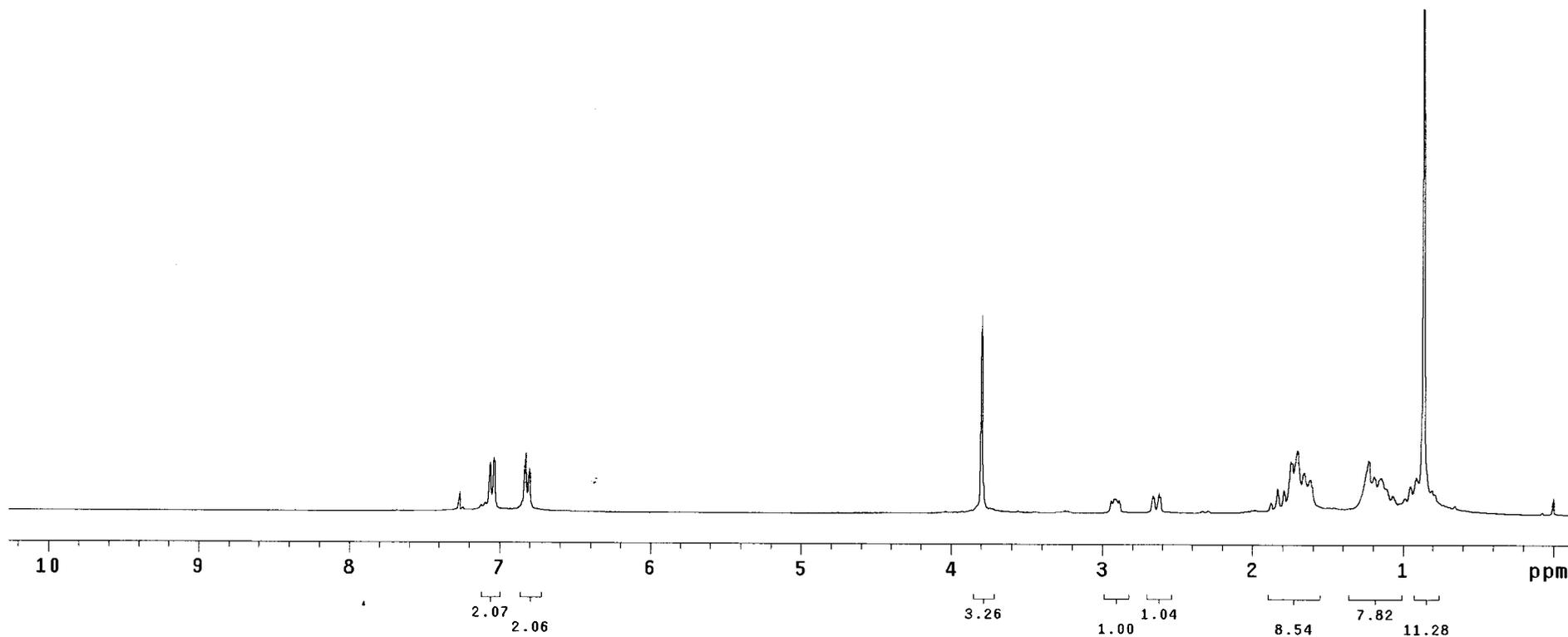
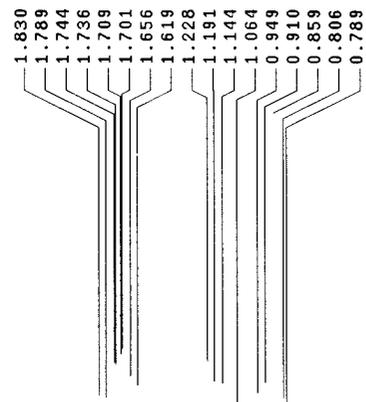
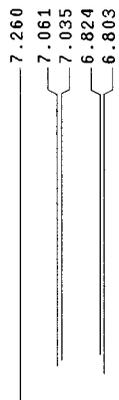
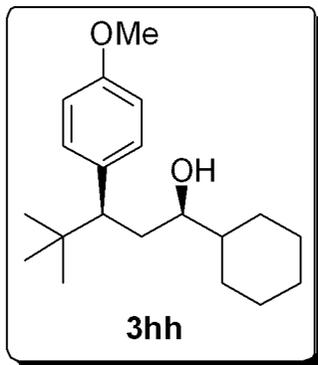


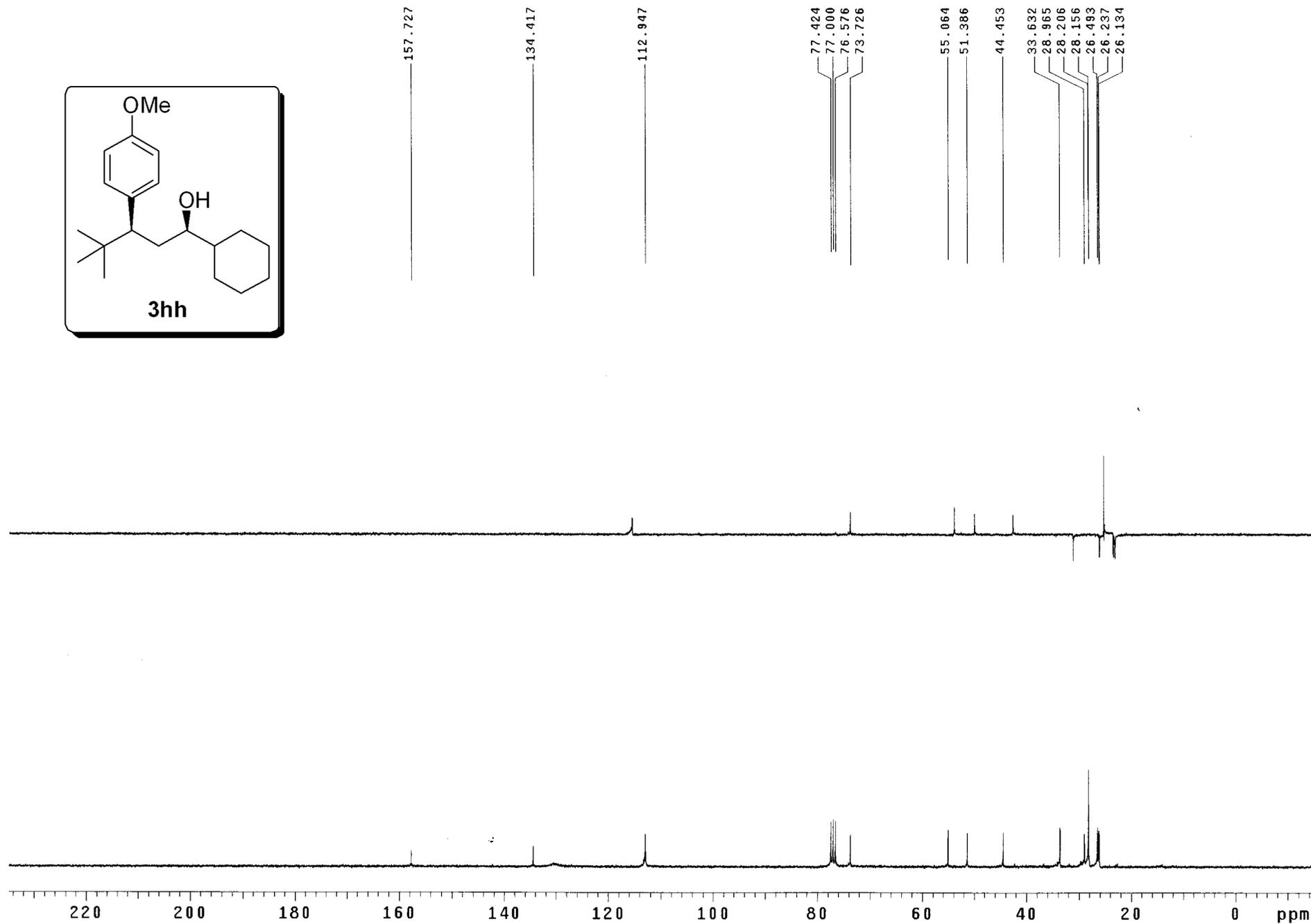
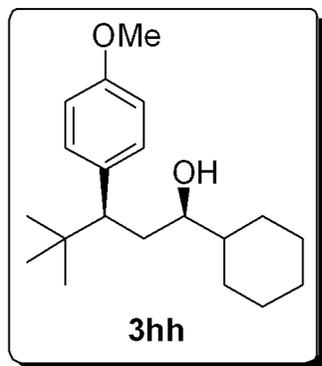


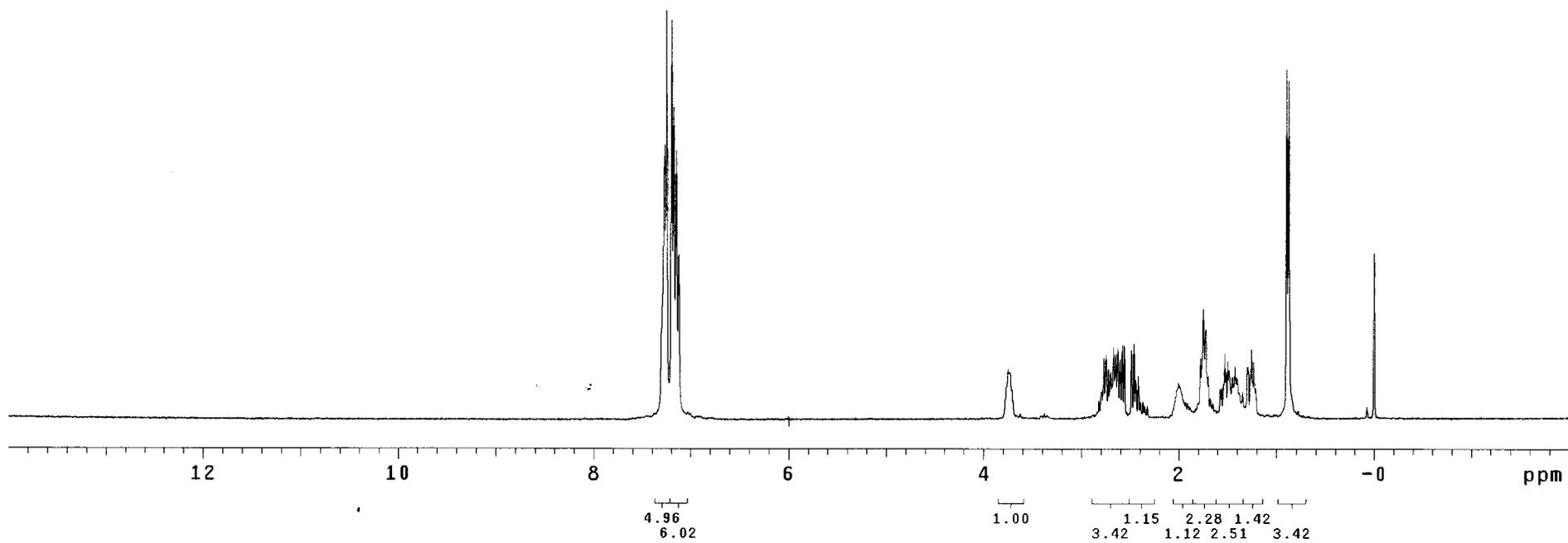
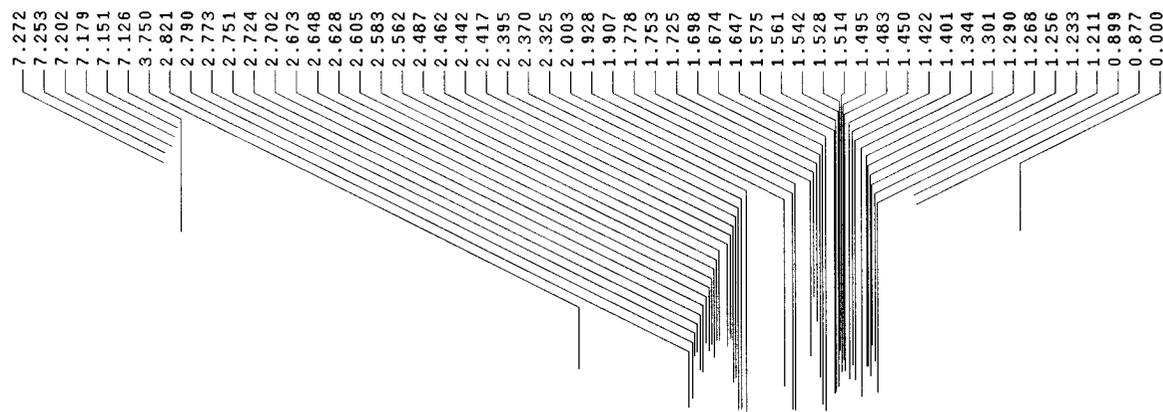
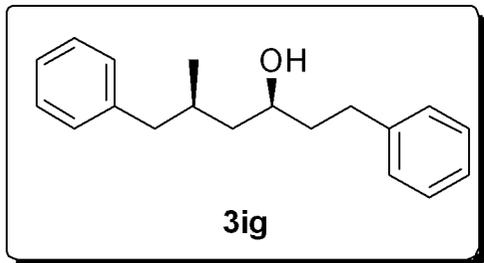


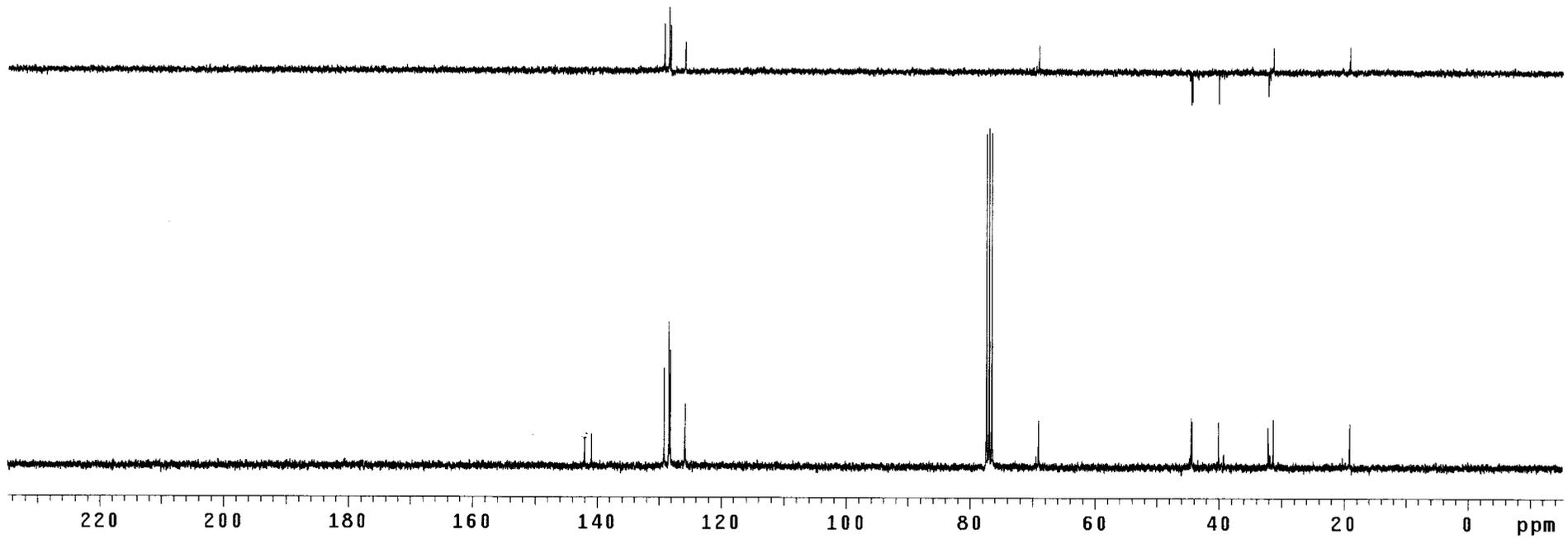
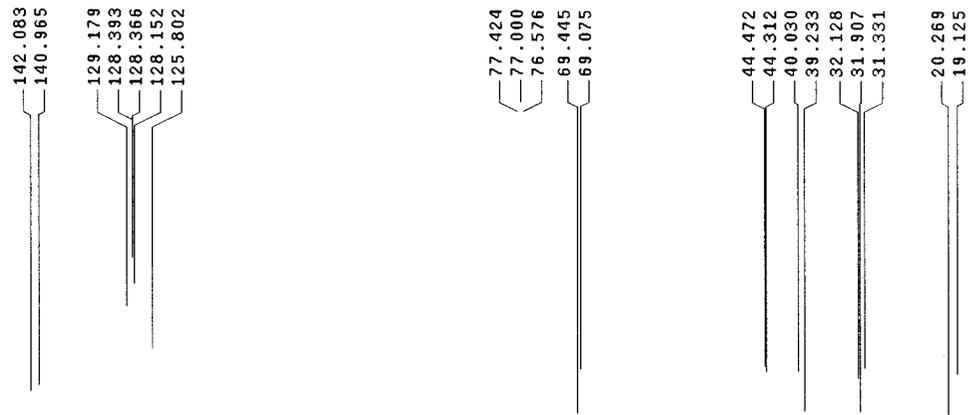
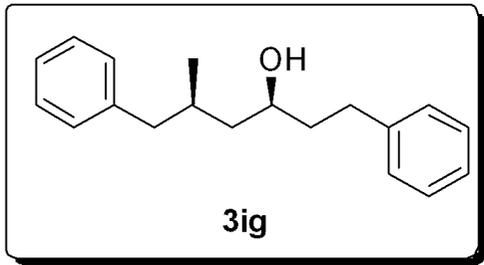


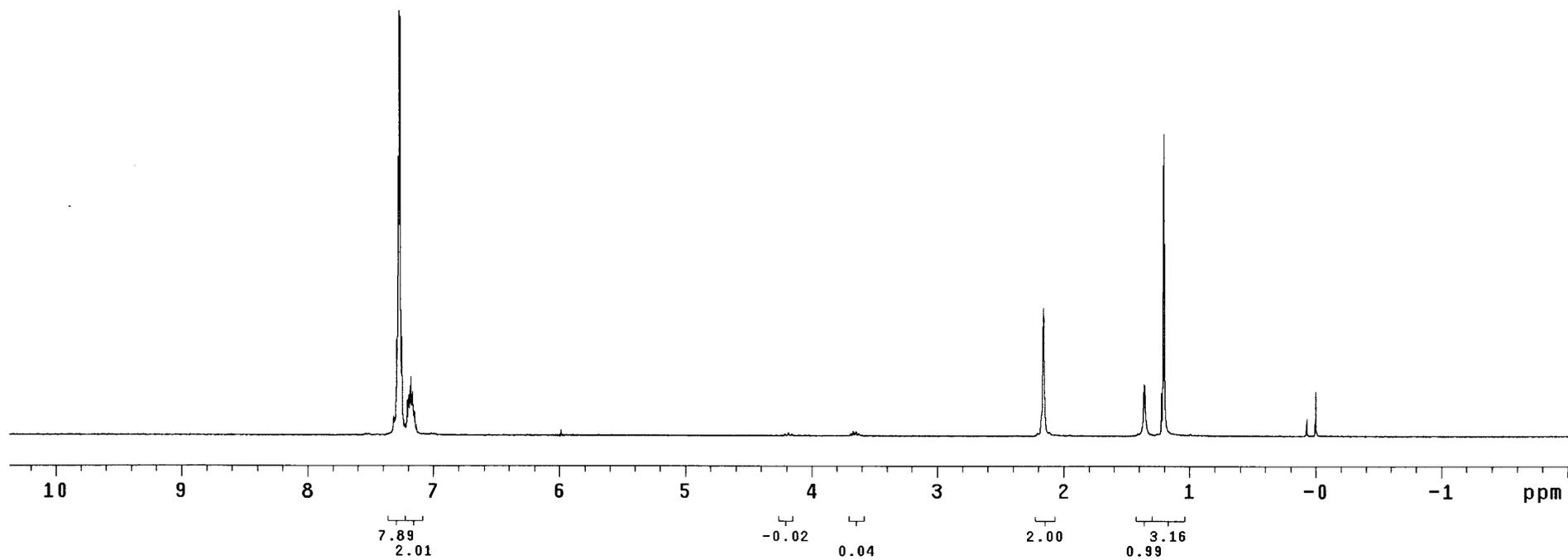
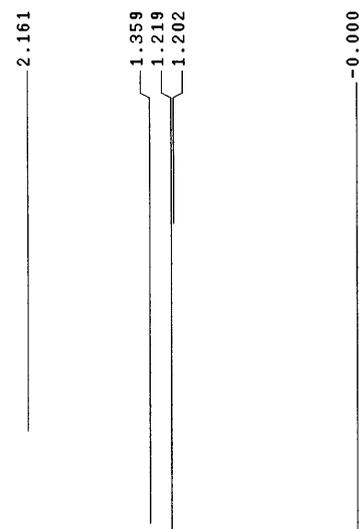
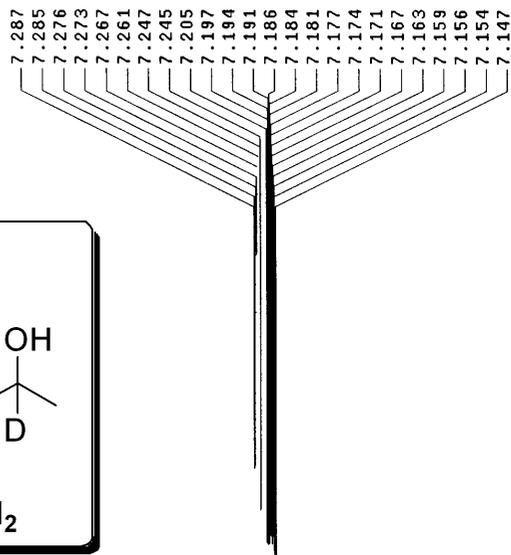
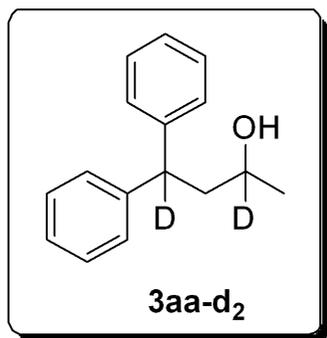


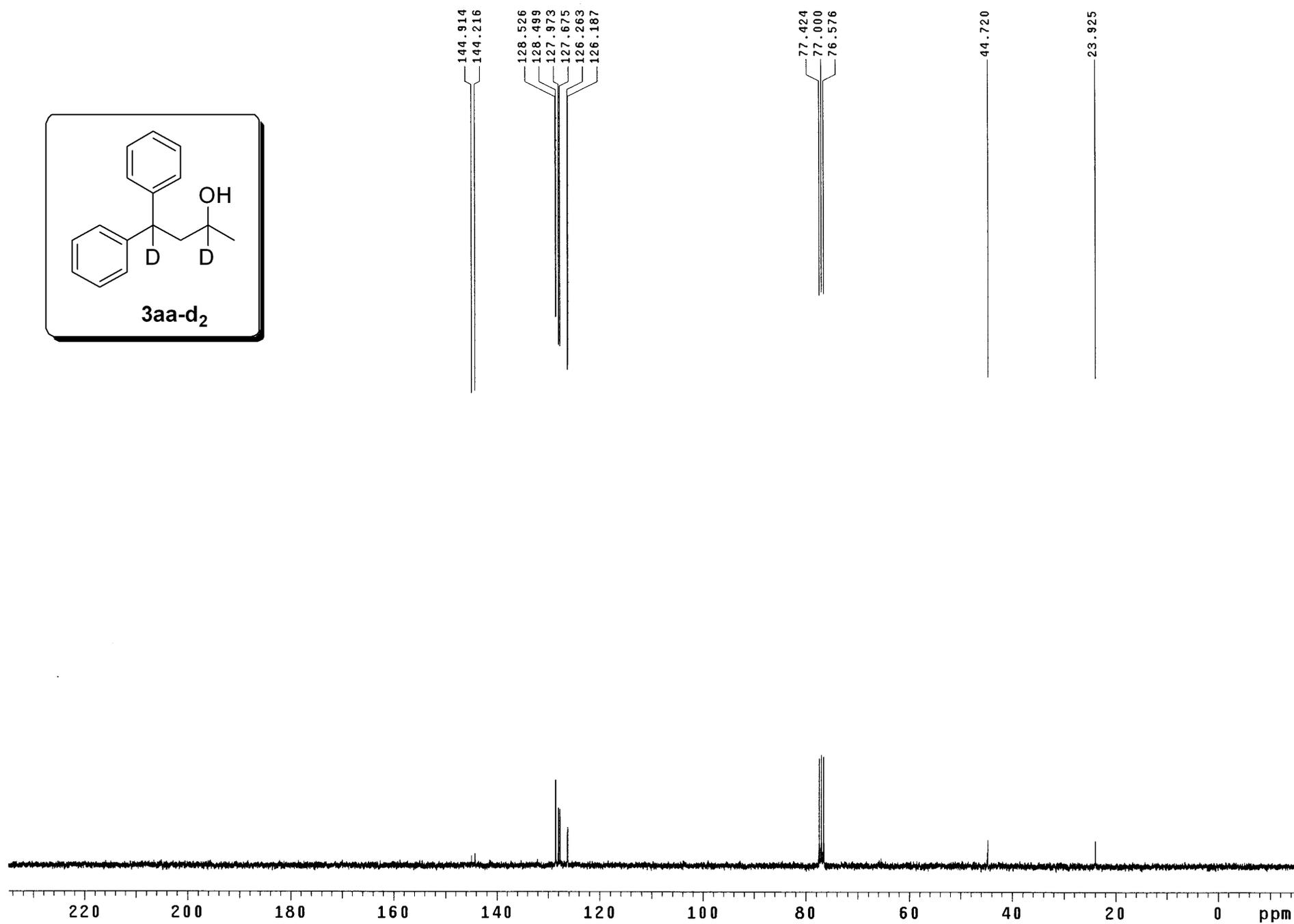
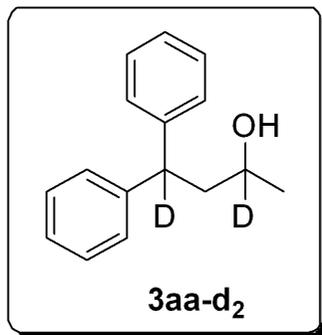


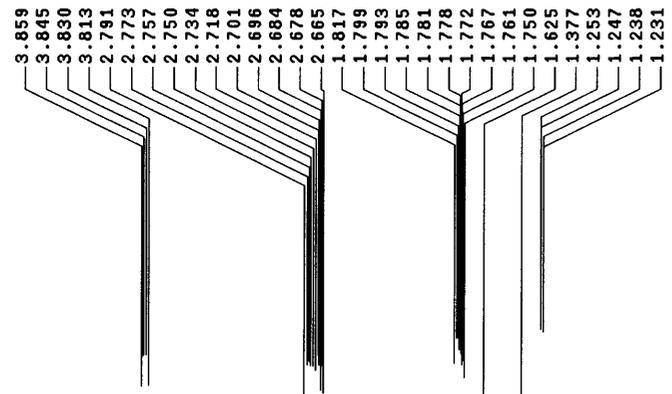
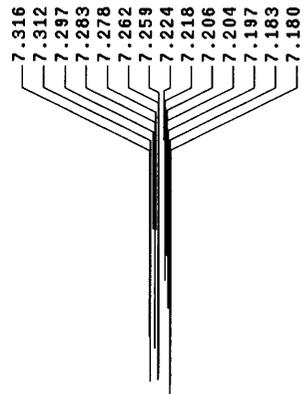
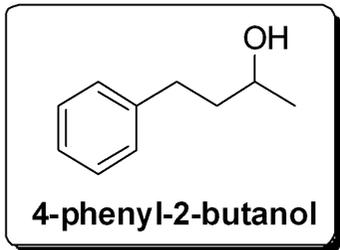












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