Supplemental Data

Highly Efficient and Selective Synthesis of Xerulin *via* Pd-Catalyzed Cross Coupling and Lactonization Featuring (*E*)-Iodobromoethylene as a Novel Two-Carbon Synthon

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(*E*)-1-Iodo-2-bromoethylene.[a] Acetylene[b] was slowly bubbled through a solution of iodine monobromide[c] (24 g, 116 mmol) in 48% HBr (150 mL) at 0 °C over 1 h; the solution was further stirred under acetylene atmosphere for 48 h. (The product precipitated as it was formed.) The reaction mixture was warmed to 20 °C and extracted with pentane. The pentane extracts were washed with brine (until neutral), aqueous $Na_2S_2O_3$, and brine. Removal of solvent followed by distillation afforded 19.8 g of the title compound (73% yield): bp 65 °C at 42 mm Hg (50 °C/25 mmHg); ^{1}H NMR ($CDCl_3$) δ 6.75 (d, J = 13.5 Hz, 1 H), 6.86 (d, J = 13.5 Hz, 1 H); ^{13}C NMR ($CDCl_3$) δ 76.71, 109.99; IR (neat) 3020, 1615, 1560, 1139, 391, 711, 627 cm^{-1}; HRMS calculated for C_2H_2BrI: 231.8585; found: 231.8385.

(*E*)-4-Bromo-1-(*tert*-butyldimethylsilyl)-3-buten-1-yne. To a solution of (*tert*-butyldimethylsilyl)acetylene (1.86 mL, 10 mmol) in THF (10 mL) was added *via* a syringe MeMgBr (3.7 mL of 3 M ether solution; 11 mmol). The reaction mixture was stirred for 3 h at 25 °C, and a solution of anhydrous $ZnBr_2$ (2.9 g, 13 mmol) in THF (5 mL) was added at 0 °C. The mixture was stirred at 0 °C for 30 min and added *via* cannula to a solution of (*E*)-1-iodo-2-bromoethylene (2.56

g, 11 mmol) and $(Ph_3P)_4Pd$ (0.23 g, 0.02 equiv) in THF (5 mL). The resultant mixture was stirred at 25 °C for several hours, quenched with aqueous NH_4Cl, and extracted with ether. Ether fraction was washed with aqueous $NaHCO_3$ and brine, dried over $MgSO_4$, and concentrated. Flash chromatography (silica gel, pentane) afforded 1.72 g (70% yield) of the title compound as a colorless liquid: bp 100 °C (20 mm Hg); ^1H NMR ($CDCl_3$) δ 0.13 (s, 6 H), 0.94 (s, 9 H), 6.22 (d, J = 14 Hz, 1 H), 6.75 (d, J = 14 Hz, 1 H); ^{13}C NMR ($CDCl_3$) δ -4.80 (2C), 16.56, 26.04 (3C), 95.77, 101.53, 117.71, 119.94; IR (neat) 2954, 2166, 2109, 1695, 1471, 1251, 1063, 811 cm^{-1}.

(*E*)-1-(*tert*-Butyldimethylsilyl)-3-hexen-1,5-diyne. Ethylnylmagnesium bromide (1.5 mmol, 3mL of 0.5 M THF solution) was added to a solution of anhydrous $ZnBr_2$ (450 mg, 2 mmol) in THF (3 mL) at 0 °C. The reaction mixture was stirred at 0 °C for 30 min. To this were added 1-(*tert*-butyldimethylsilyl)-3-buten-1-yne (123 mg, 0.5 mmol) and then $(Ph_3P)_4$ Pd (29 mg, 5 mol %). The reaction mixture was stirred at 20 °C for 16 h, quenched with 3% HCl, and extracted with ether. The ether extract was washed with aqueous $NaHCO_3$ and brine, dried over $MgSO_4$, and concentrated. Chromatographic purification (alumina, pentane) afforded 73 mg of the title product (77% yield): ^1H NMR ($CDCl_3$) δ 0.13 (s, 6 H), 0.94 (s, 9 H), 3.17 (d, J = 2.2 Hz, 1 H), 5.98 (dd, J = 16.1 and 2.2 Hz, 1 H), 6.09 (d, J = 16.1 Hz, 1 H); ^{13}C NMR ($CDCl_3$) δ-4.78 (2C), 16.63, 26.05 (3C), 81.66, 82.47, 99.33, 103.09, 120.69, 122.88; IR (neat) 3304, 2955, 2930, 2174, 2125, 1587, 1471, 1251, 1080, 825, 628 cm^{-1}; HRMS calculated for $C_{12}H_{18}Si$: 190.1178; found 190.1181.

(*E*)-5-Hepten-1,3-diyne: ^1H NMR ($CDCl_3$) δ 1.83 (dd, J = 6.9 and 1.8 Hz, 3 H), 2.36 (d, J = 1.0 Hz, 1 H), 5.51 (ddq, J = 15.8, 1.8, and 1.0 Hz, 1 H), 6.35 (dq, J = 15.8 and 6.9 Hz, 1 H).

(1*E*,7*E*)-1-Bromo-1,7-nonadien-3,5-diyne (2): ^1H NMR ($CDCl_3$) δ 1.82 (dd, J = 6.9 and 1.8 Hz, 3 H), 5.56 (ddq, J = 15.8, 1.8 and 1.0 Hz, 1 H), 6.27 (dd, J = 14.0 and 1.0 Hz, 1 H), 6.37 (dq, J = 15.8 and 6.9 Hz, 1 H), 6.8 (d, J = 14 Hz, 1 H); ^{13}C NMR ($CDCl_3$) δ 19.22, 72.12, 76.56, 76.96,

82.27, 109.84, 116.94, 122.03, 144.70; IR (neat) 2928, 2361, 2202, 1550, 1438, 1197, 946, 913 cm^{-1}; HRMS calculated for C_9H_7Br, 193.9731: found, 193.9735.

(3*E*,5*E*,7*E*,13*E*)-1-(*tert*-Butyldimethylsilyl)-3,5,7,13-pentadecatetraen-1,9,11-triyne. A solution of (*E*)-1-(*tert*-butyldimethylsilyl)-3-hexen-1,5-diyne (177 mg, 0.93 mmol) in benzene (1 mL) was added to a suspension of Cp_2ZrClH (267 mg, 0.89 mmol, 95% activity) in benzene (2 mL). The reaction mixture was stirred for 1 h to give a transparent solution. GLC analysis of an aliquot indicated total consumption of the starting material. ^1H NMR analysis of an aliquot with mesitylene as an internal standard indicated the formation of the desired alkenylzirconium derivative in 80% yield. Benzene was removed *in vacuo* and THF (3 mL) was added. A catalyst prepared from $(Ph_3P)_2PdCl_2$ (11 mg, 5 mol %) and DIBAH (30 mL of 1 M hexane solution, 10 mol %) in THF (1 mL) was added, which was followed by (1*E*,7*E*)-1-bromo-1,7-nonadien-3,5-diyne (59 mg, 0.3 mmol, in 1 mL THF) and $ZnCl_2$ (27 mg, 0.2 mmol in 1 mL THF). The reaction mixture was stirred for 16 h at 25 °C, quenched with aqueous NH_4Cl, and extracted with pentane. The pentane extract was washed with aqueous $NaHCO_3$ and brine, dried over $MgSO_4$, and concentrated. Chromatographic purification (silica gel, pentane) afforded 87 mg of the title product (95% yield, 97% purity): ^1H NMR ($CDCl_3$) δ 0.13 (s, 6 H), 0.95 (s, 9 H), 1.84 (dd, J = 6.9 and 1.9 Hz, 3 H), 5.61 (apparent d, J = 15.6 Hz, 1 H), 5.71 (d, J = 15.6 Hz, 1 H), 5.73 (d, J = 15.2 Hz, 1 H), 6.3-6.35 (m, 3 H), 6.6-6.65 (m, 1 H), 6.7-6.8 (m, 1 H); ^{13}C NMR ($CDCl_3$) δ -4.43 (2C), 16.91, 19.20, 26.32 (3C), 72.77, 78.93, 80.75, 83.13, 98.62, 105.33, 110.16, 111.93, 113.84, 133.97, 135.10, 142.04, 143.93, 144.03; IR (neat) 2927, 2859, 2150, 2108, 1468, 1248, 993, 858 cm^{-1}; HRMS: calculated for $C_{21}H_{26}Si$: 306.1804, found 306.1808.

(3*E*,5*E*,7*E*,13*E*)-3,5,7,13-Pentadecatetraen-1,9,11-triyne. To a solution of (3*E*,5*E*,7*E*,13*E*)-1-(*tert*-butyldimethylsilyl)-3,5,7,13-pentadecatetraen-1,9,11-triyne (153 mg, 0.5

mmol) in THF (5 mL) was added at -78 °C tetrabutylammonium flouoride (0.53 mmol, 0.53 mL of 1 M THF solution). After stirring at -78 °C for 10 min and 0 °C for 5 min (TLC monitored, 95/5 hexane-EtOAc), the reaction mixture was quenched with water and extracted with ether, washed with aqueous $NaHCO_3$ and brine, dried over $MgSO_4$, and concentrated. Chromatographic purification (silica gel, 95/5 hexane-EtOAc) afforded 92 mg of the title product (96% yield) which was used immediately after purification: ^{1}H NMR ($CDCl_3$) δ 1.84 (dd, J = 6.9 and 2 Hz, 3 H), 3.17 (d, J = 2.4 Hz, 1 H), 5.61 (d, finely split, J = 15 Hz, 1 H), 5.67 (dd, J = 15.7 and 2.4 Hz, 1 H), 5.75 (d, J = 15.6 Hz, 1 H), 6.3-6.4 (m, 3 H), 6.65-6.75 (m, 2 H); ^{13}C NMR ($CDCl_3$) δ 19.21, 72.70, 79.01, 80.61, 81.98, 83.19, 83.24, 110.13, 112.31, 112.56, 134.37, 134.66, 142.79, 143.76, 144.12. No further characterization of this compound was performed.

Xerulin (1). A mixture of (3*E*,5*E*,7*E*,13*E*)-3,5,7,13-pentadecatetraen-1,9,13-triyne (80 mg, 0.41 mmol), (*Z*)-3-iodoprop-2-enoic acid (99 mg, 0.50 mmol), $Pd(PPh_3)_4$ (24 mg, 0.02 mmol), CuI (4 Mg, 0.02 mmol), Et_3N (0.22 mL, 1.6 mmol), and 2,6-di(*tert*-butyl)-4-methylphenol (1 mg) in CH_3CN (15 mL) was degassed *via* five freeze-pump-argon-thaw cycles, warmed to 23 °C, and stirred for 24 h. The mixture was diluted with ether, washed with aqueous $NaHCO_3$ and NaCl, dried over $MgSO_4$, filtered, and concentrated. The residue was analyzed by NMR spectrometry which indicated the formation of xerulin in 75% yield. Flash chromatography (silica gel, 30:70 EtOAc-hexane) afforded 75 mg of xerulin (70% yield): ^{1}H NMR (500 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 1.84 (dd, J = 6.8, 1.9 Hz, 3 H), 5.61 (dqd, J = 15.6, 1.9, and 1.1 Hz, 1 H), 5.76 (d, J = 15.6 Hz, 1 H), 5.90 (d, J = 11.8 Hz, 1 H), 6.18 (d, J = 5.4 Hz, 1 H), 6.34 (dq, J = 15.8 and 7.0 Hz, 1 H), 6.4-6.55 (m, 3 H), 6.74-6.85 (m, 2 H), 7.37 (d, J = 5.4 Hz, 1 H); ^{13}C NMR ($CDCl_3$) δ 18.99, 72.55, 79.40, 80.66, 83.36, 109.91, 112.15, 114.69, 118.89, 127.73, 135.07, 135.54, 137.81, 142.53, 143.79, 143.95, 149.46, 169.31; IR ($CDCl_3$) 3030, 2250, 2190, 1775, 1750, 1530, 1215, 1105, 1065, 995, 928, 895, 805, 765, 715

cm^{-1}. The ^1H and ^{13}C NMR spectral data are in good agreement with those reported in the literature.[d]

2-Propynoic Acid.[e] A mixture of 2-propynoic acid (1.4 g, 20 mmol) and NaI (4.8 g, 32 mmol) in acetic acid (10 mL) was heated at 70 °C for 24 h. Acetic acid was removed under vacuum, and subsequent purification by filtration over a short column of silica gel and concentration afforded 3.5 g of (*Z*)-3-iodoprop-2-enoic acid (89% yield) as a white solid: mp 66-67 °C (lit.[b] mp 63-65 °C); ^1H NMR ($CDCl_3$) δ 6.98 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 1 H), 7.70 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 1 H), 11.50 (brs, 1 H); ^{13}C NMR ($CDCl_3$) δ 98.19, 129.40, 170.04.

(a) For other method of preparation of (*E*)-1-iodo-2-bromoethylene, see: Viehe, H. G.; Franchimont, E. *Chem. Ber.* **1963**, *96*, 3153.

(b) Acetylene was purified by passing through water, H_2SO_4, KOH pellets and remove cold trap (-78 °C).

(c) Purchased from Aldrich.

(d) Kuhnt, D.; Anke, T.; Besl, H.; Bross, M.; Herrmann, R.; Mocek, U.; Steffan, B.; Steglich, W. *J. Antibiotics* **1990**, *43*, 1413.

(e) Stolz, R. *Chem. Ber.* **1886**, *19*, 536.

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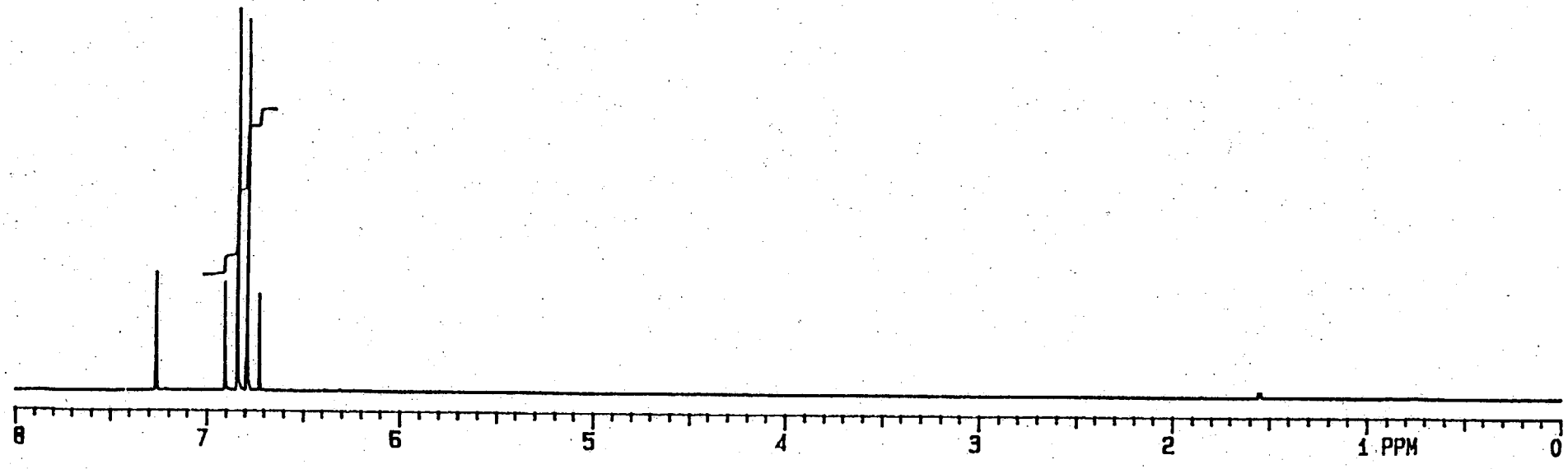

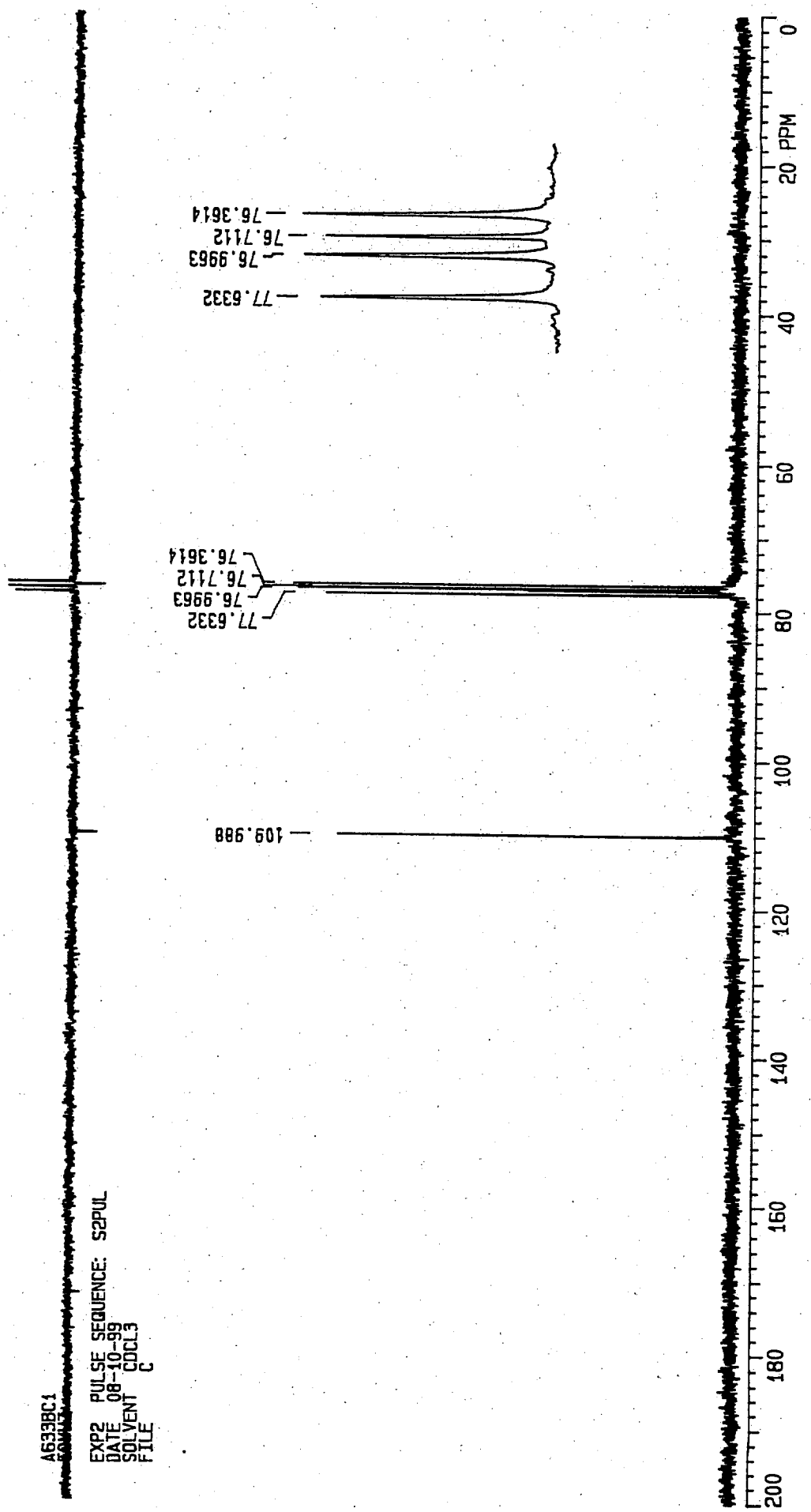

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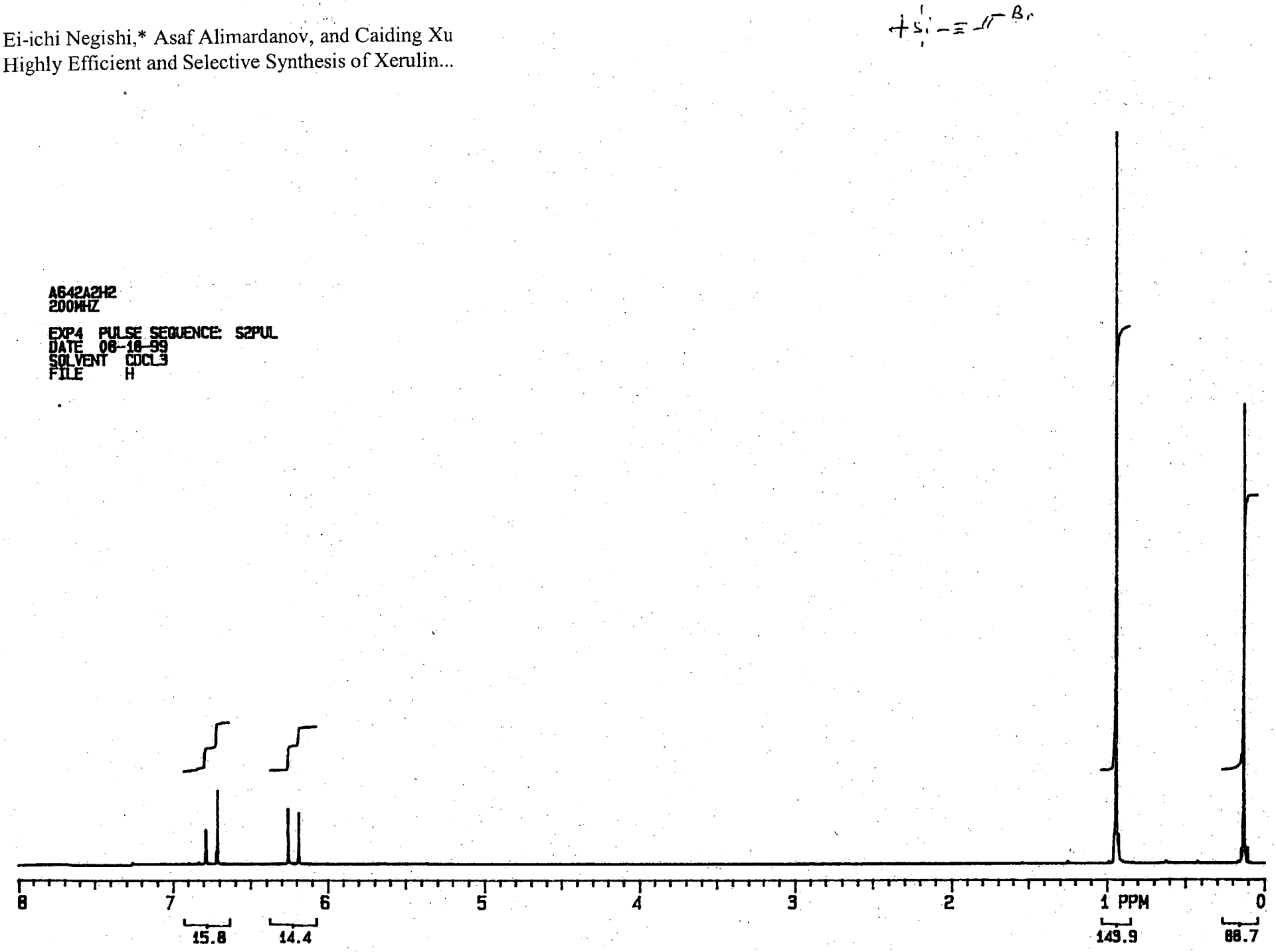

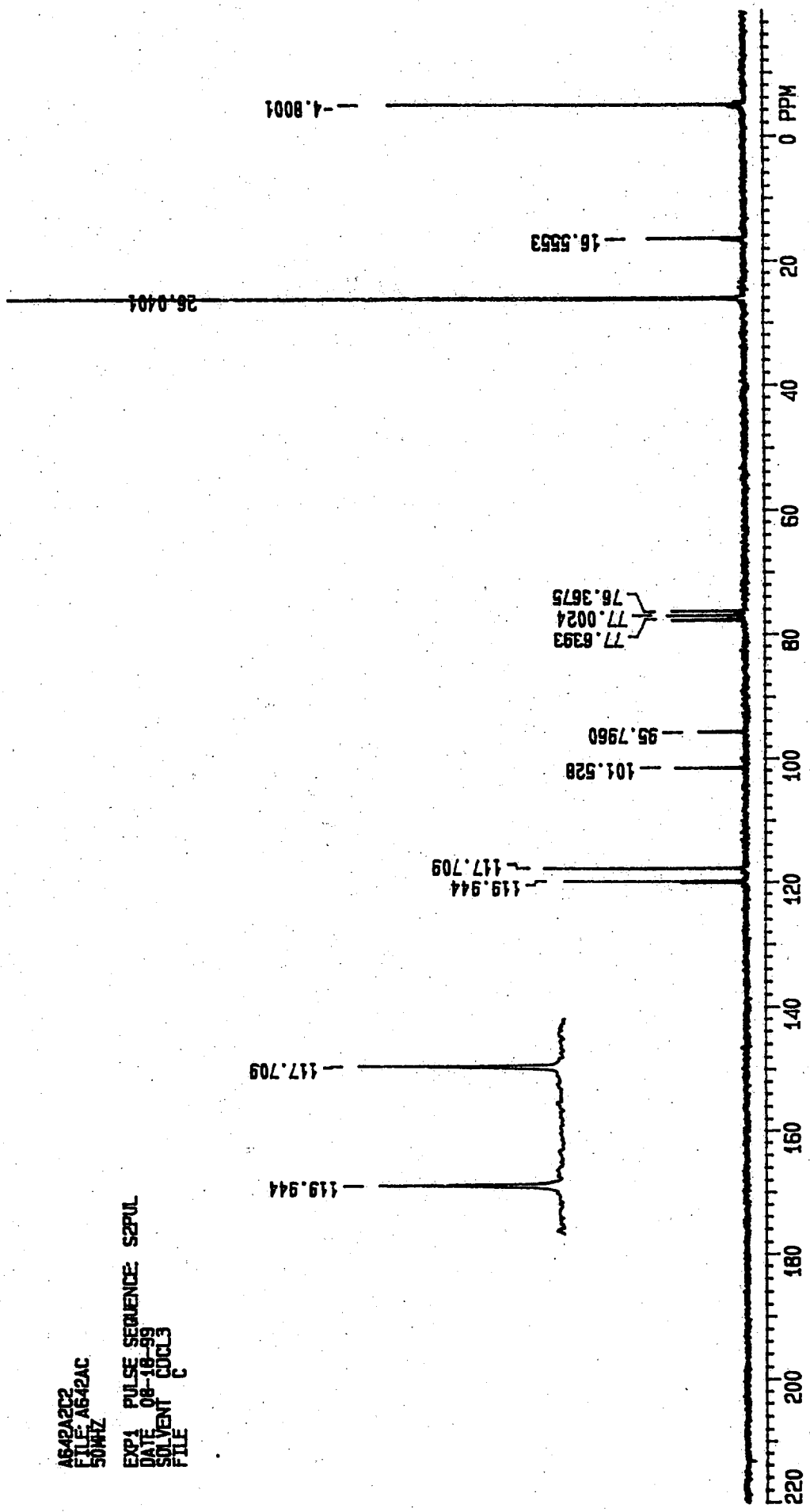

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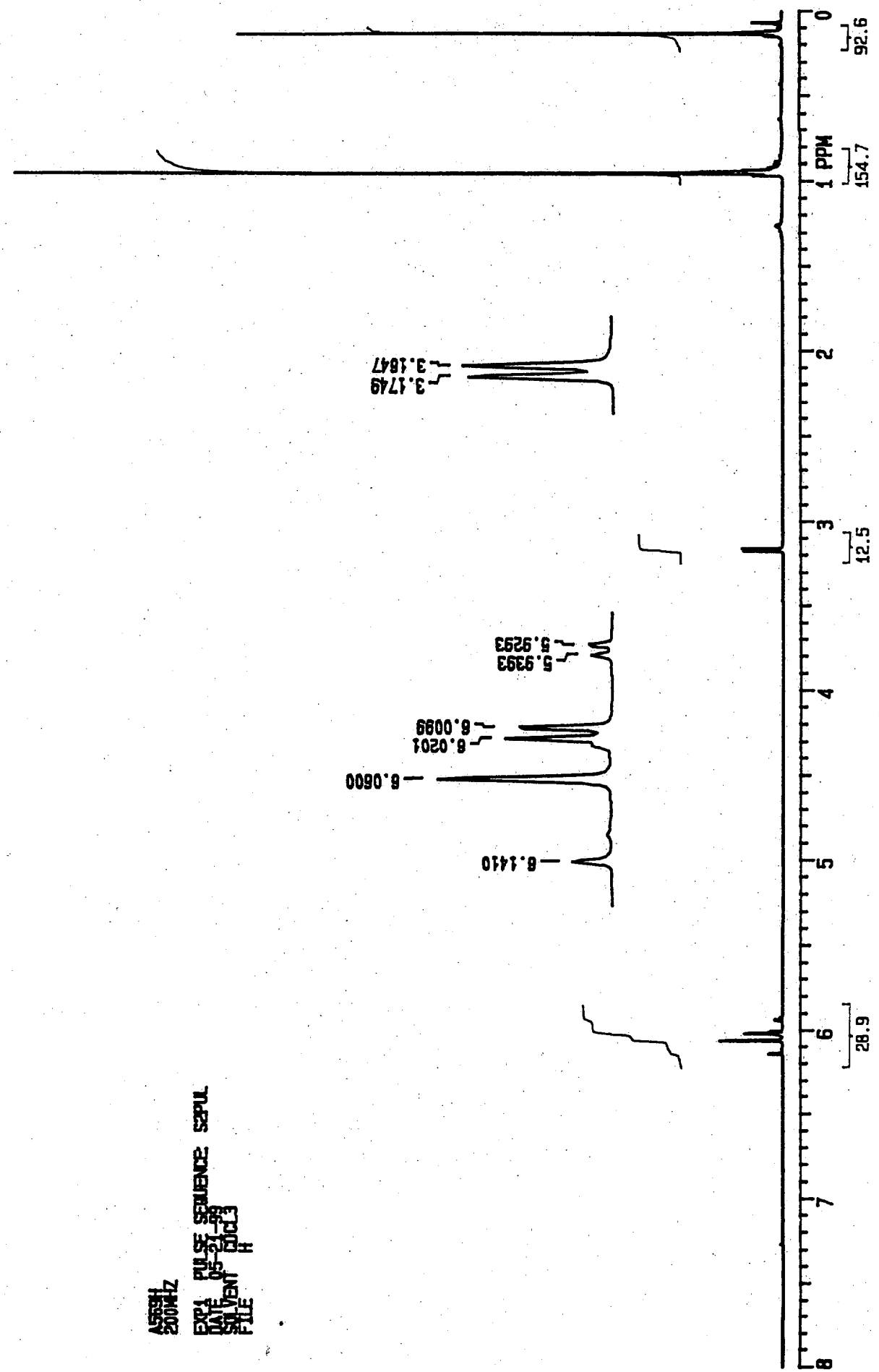

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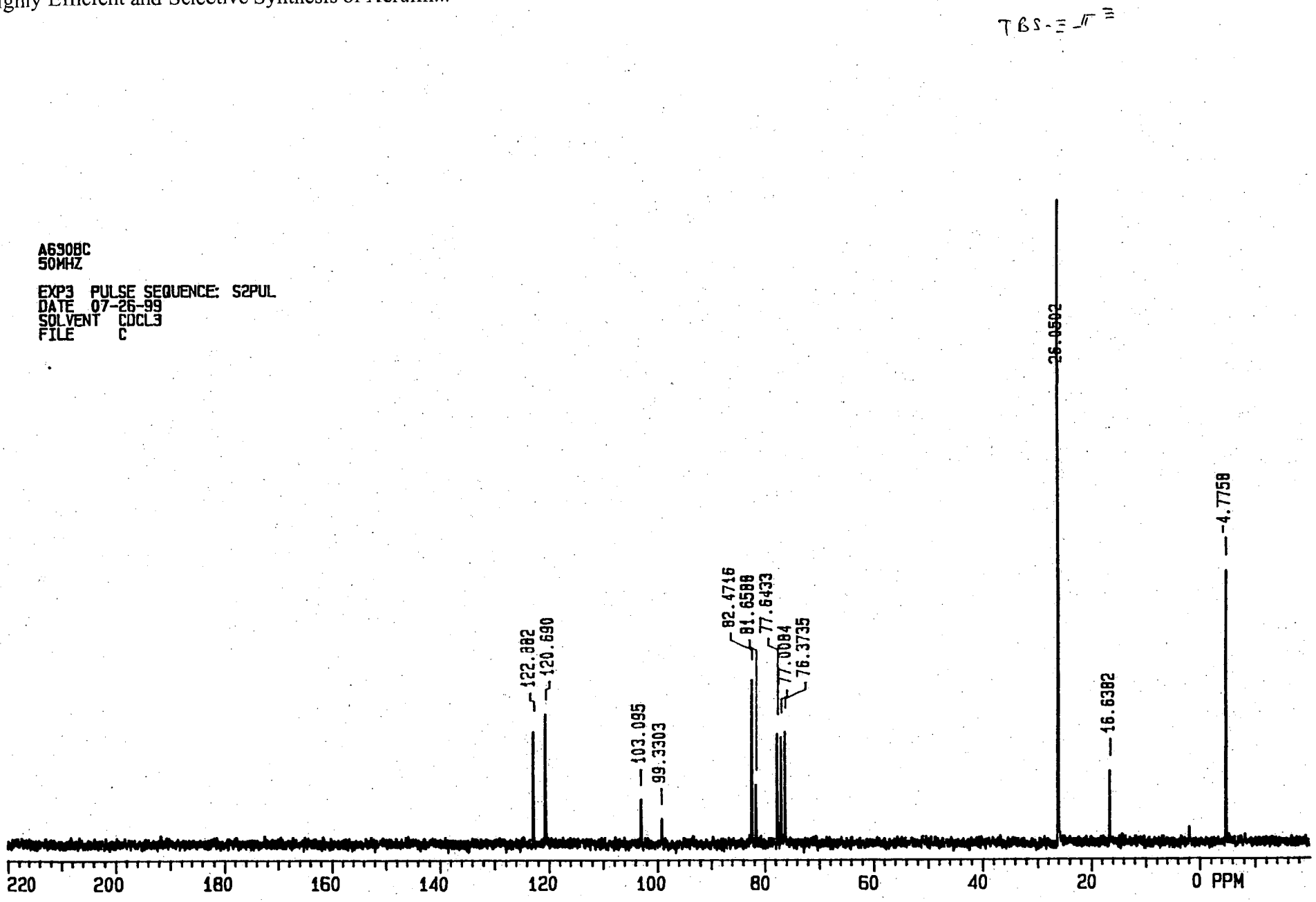

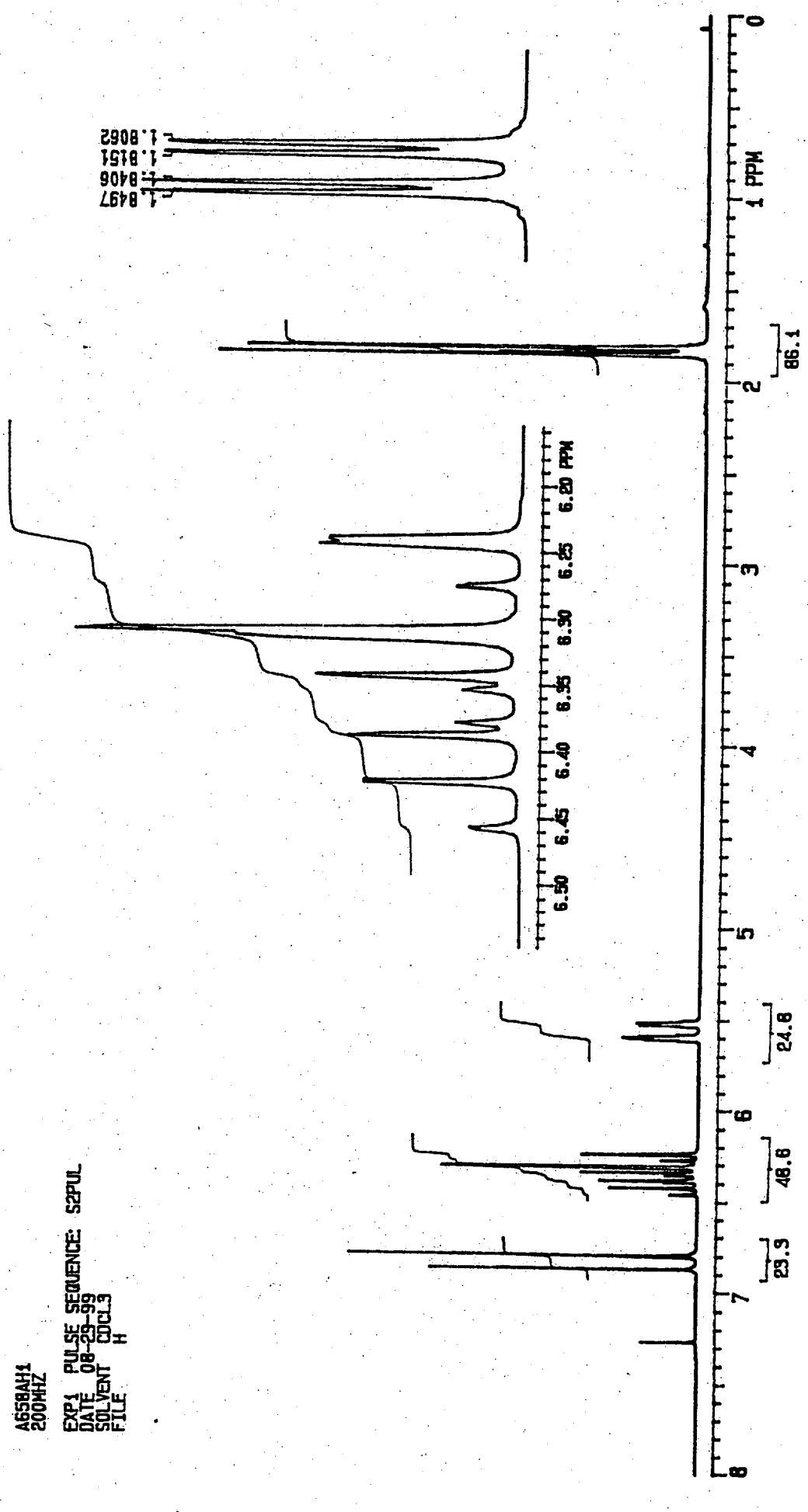

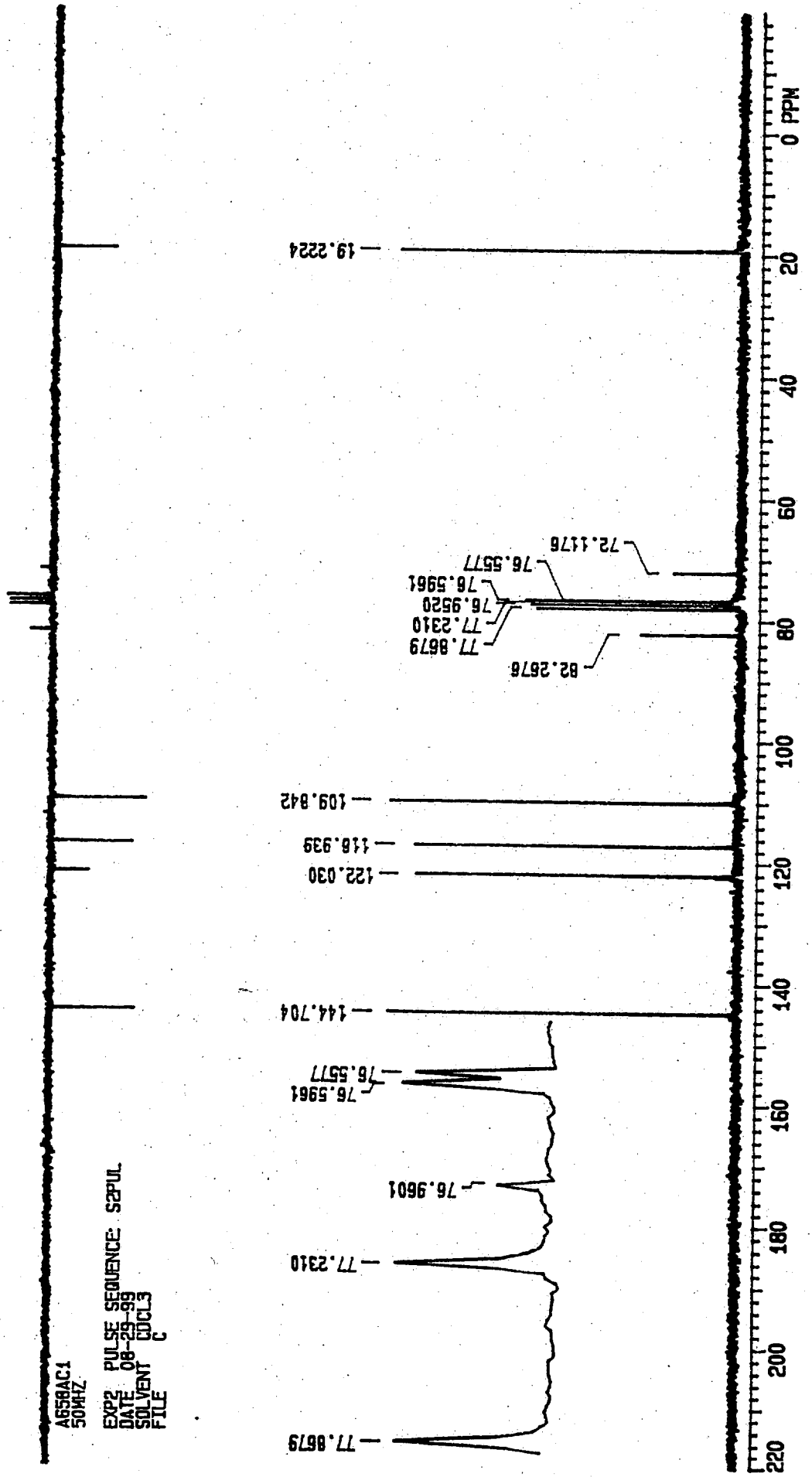

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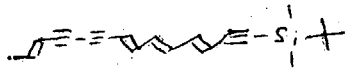

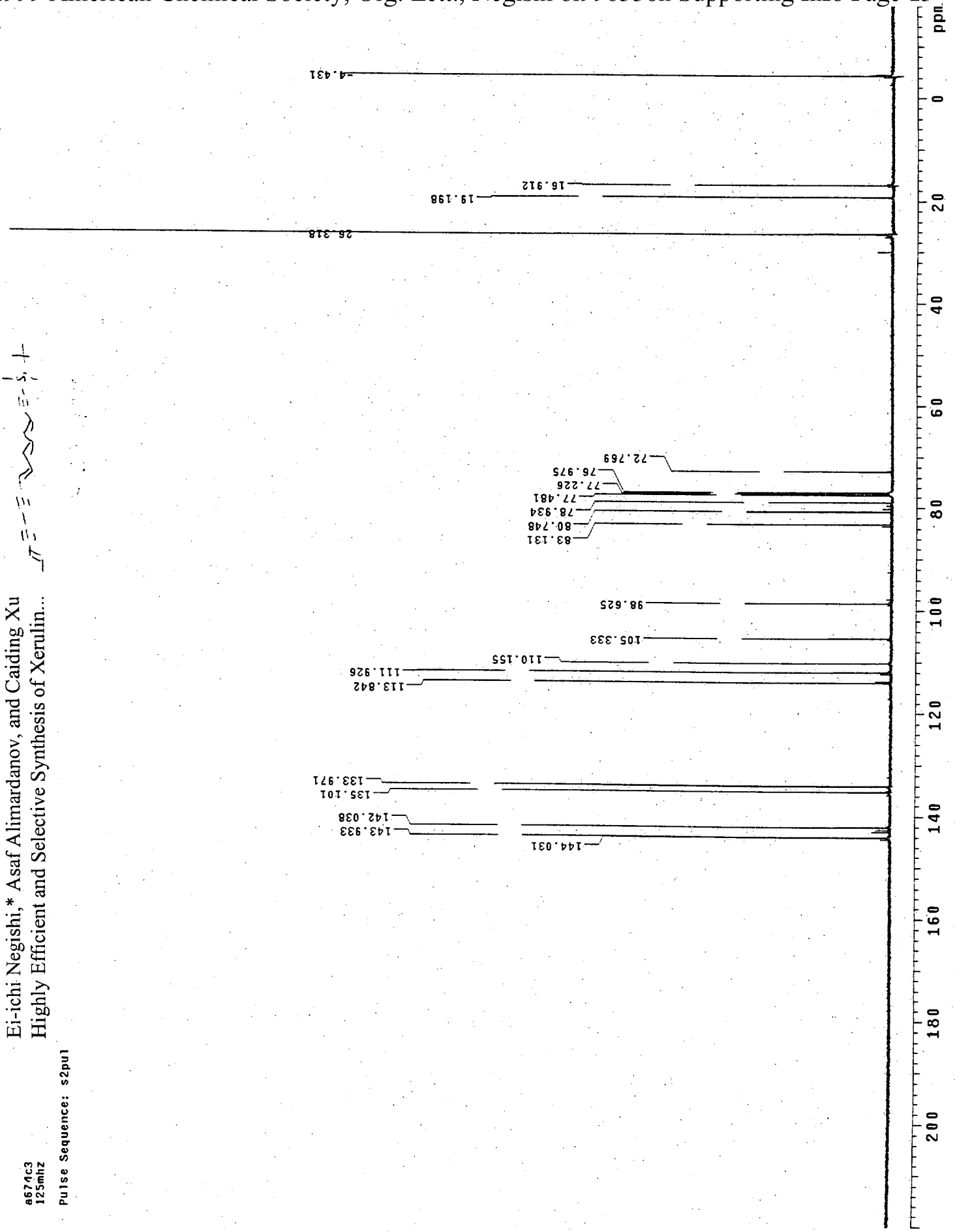
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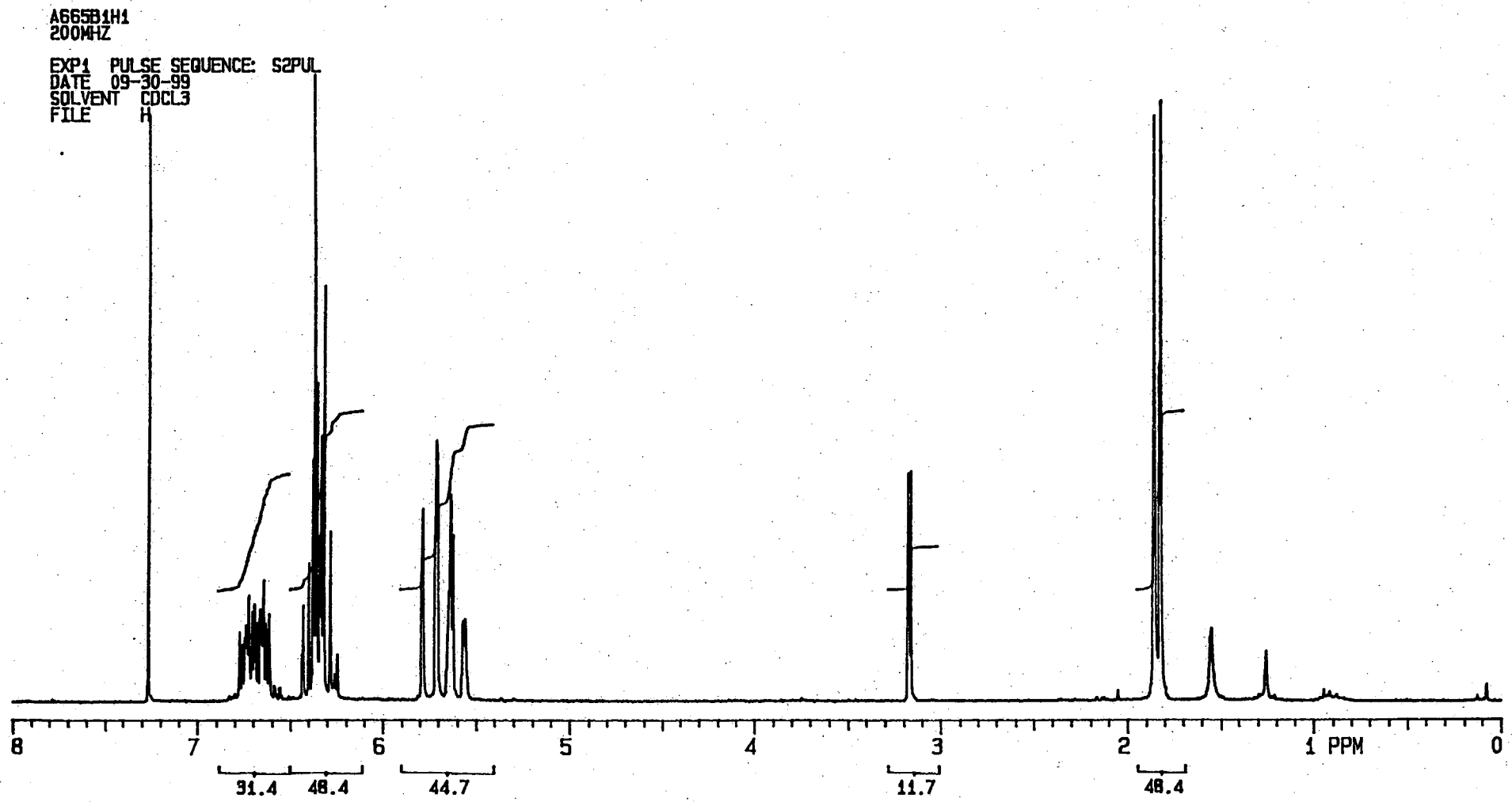

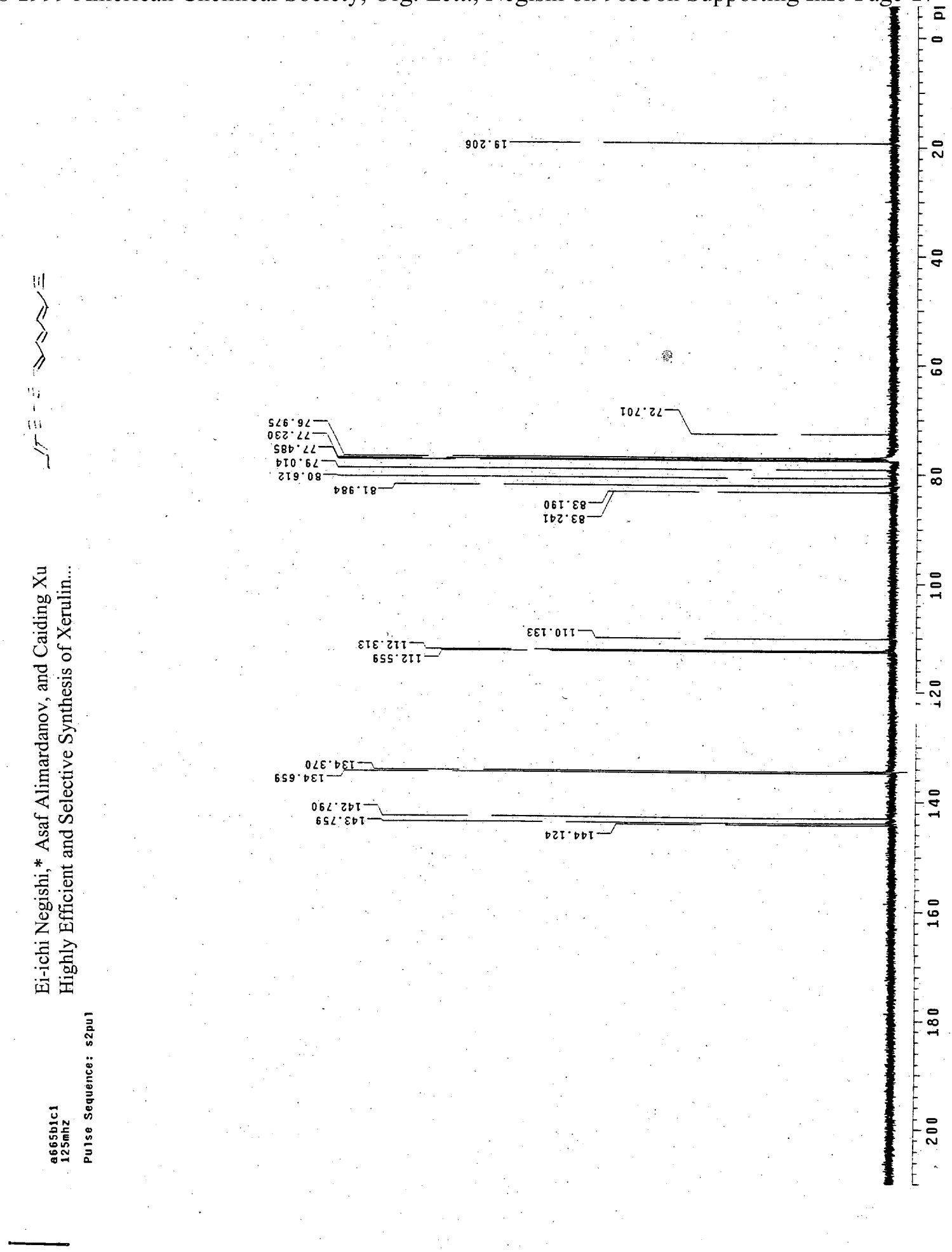

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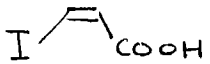

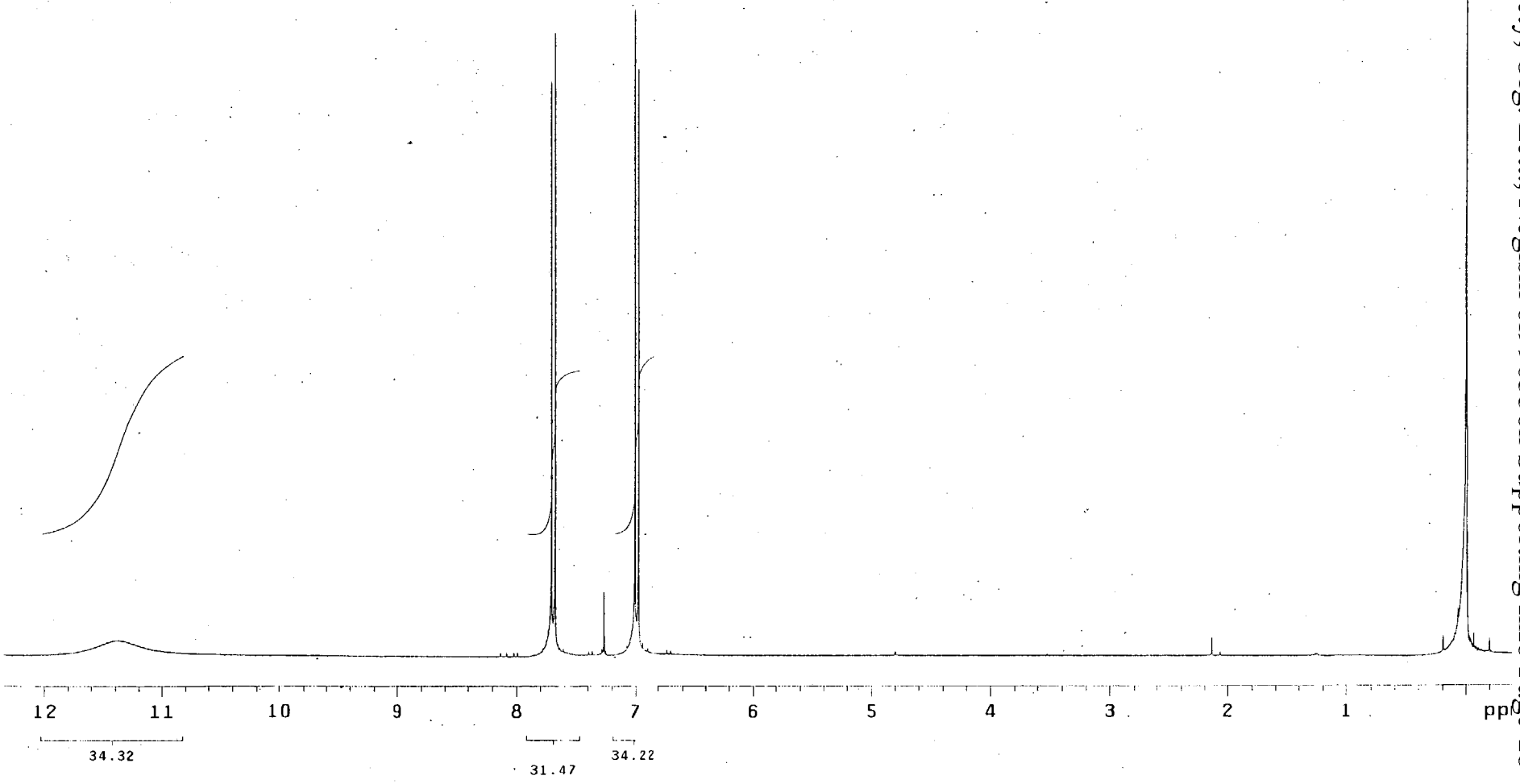

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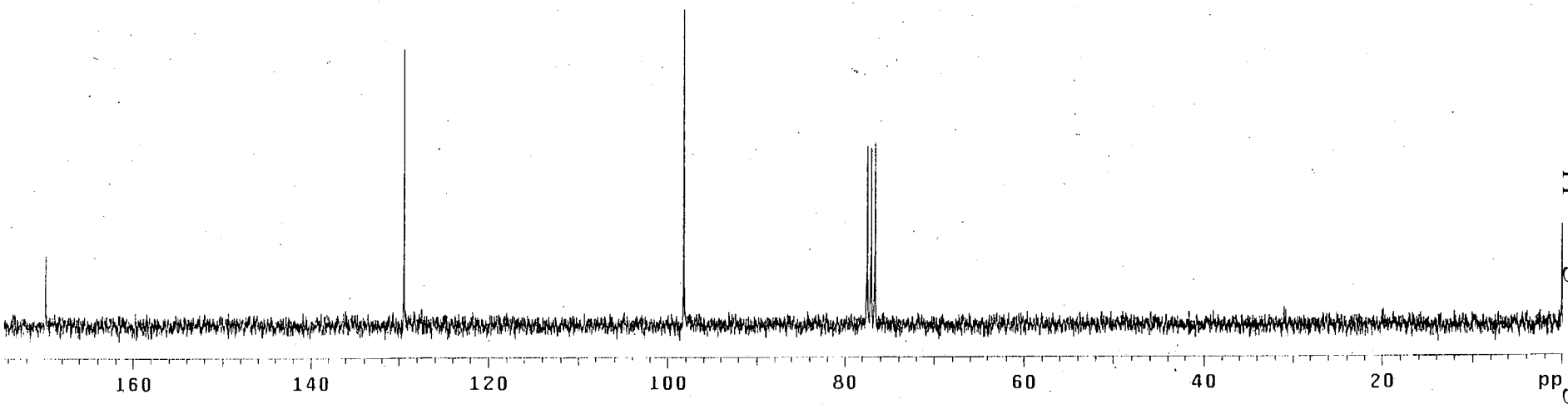

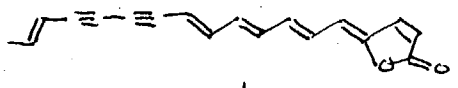

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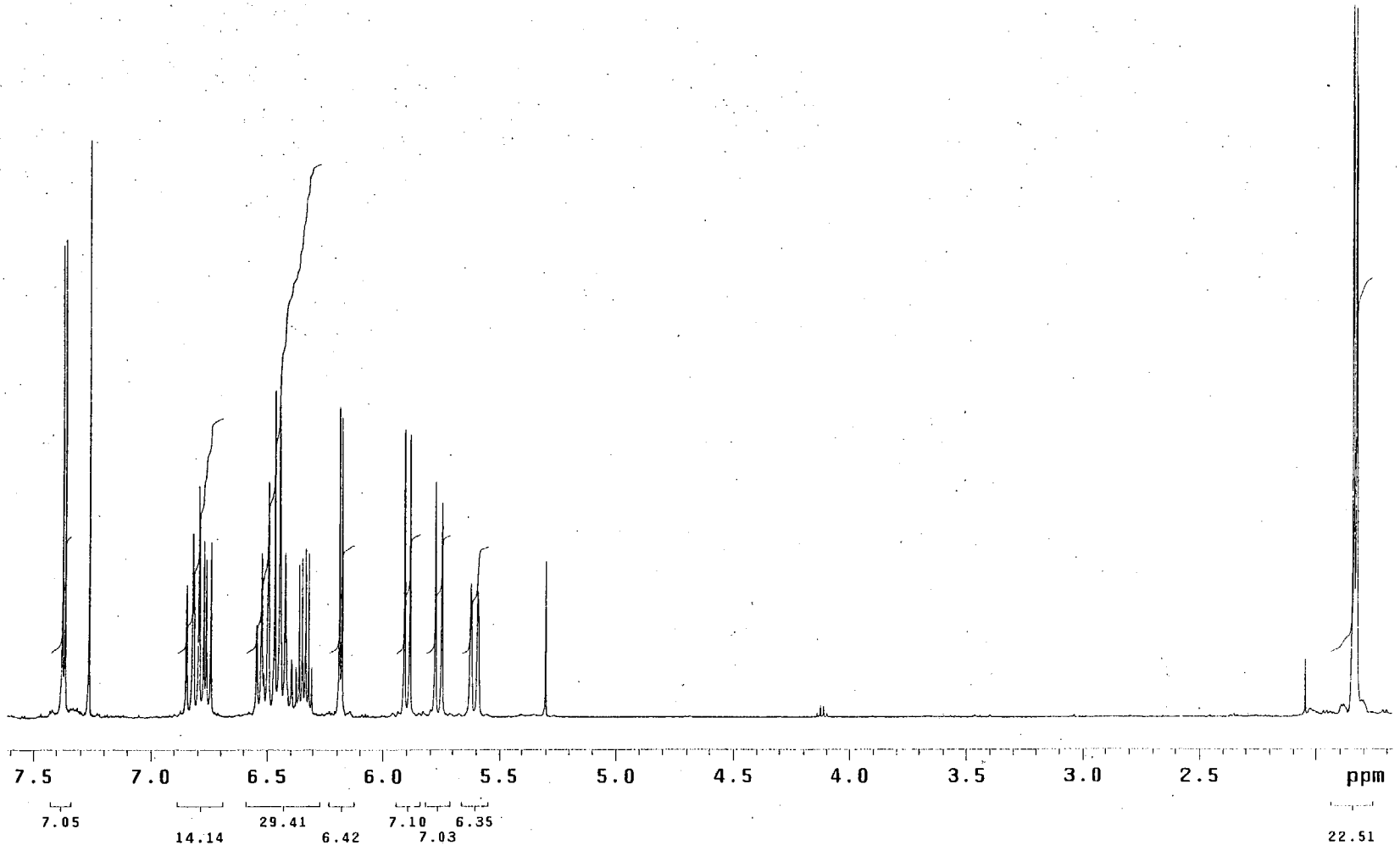

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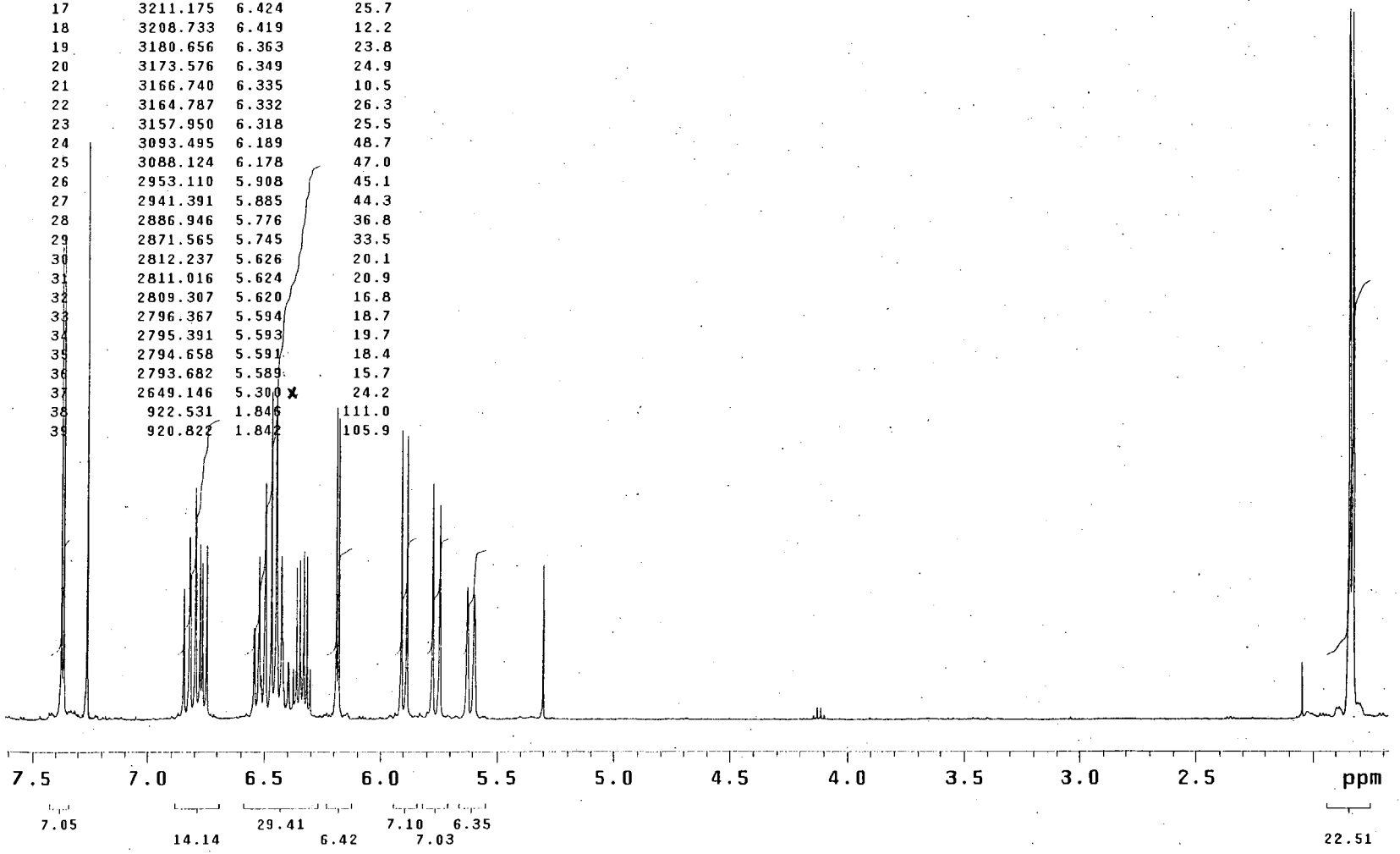

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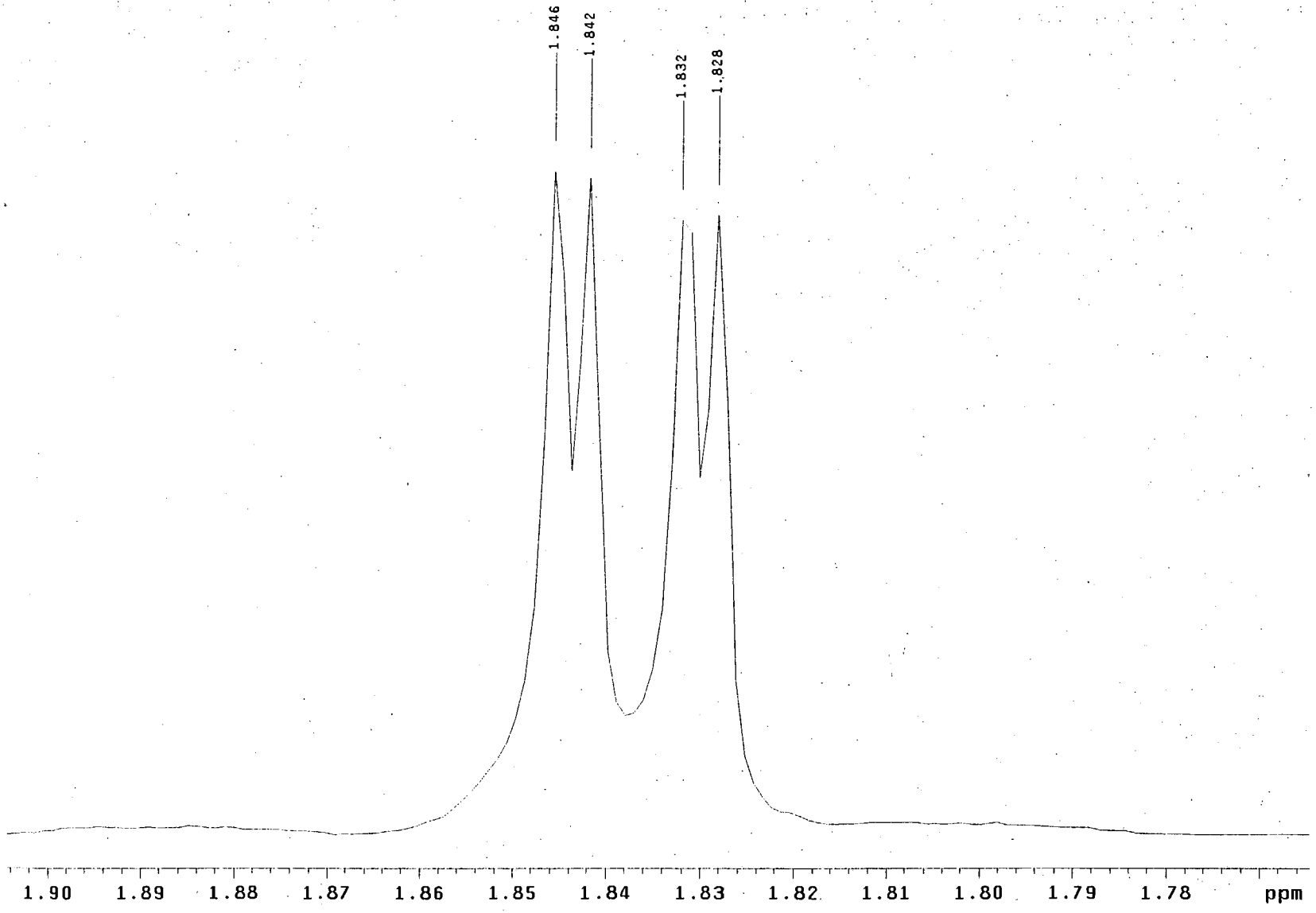

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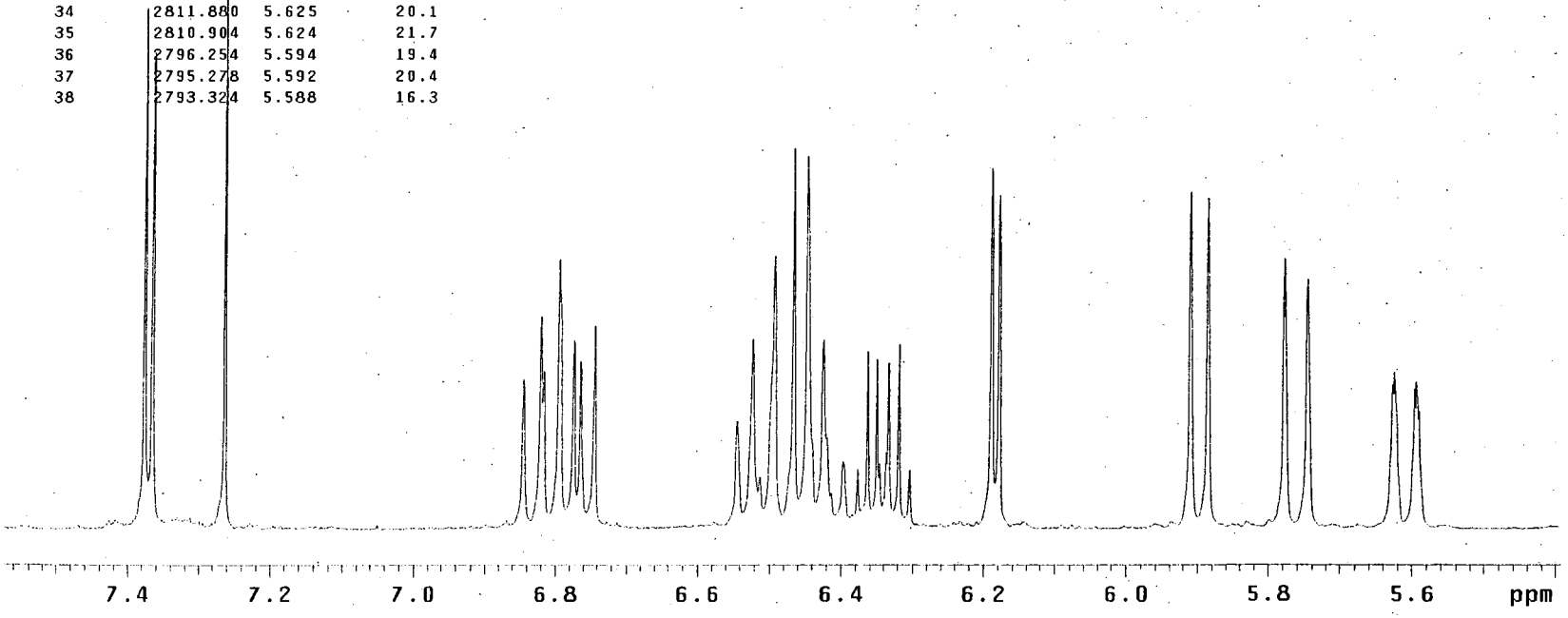

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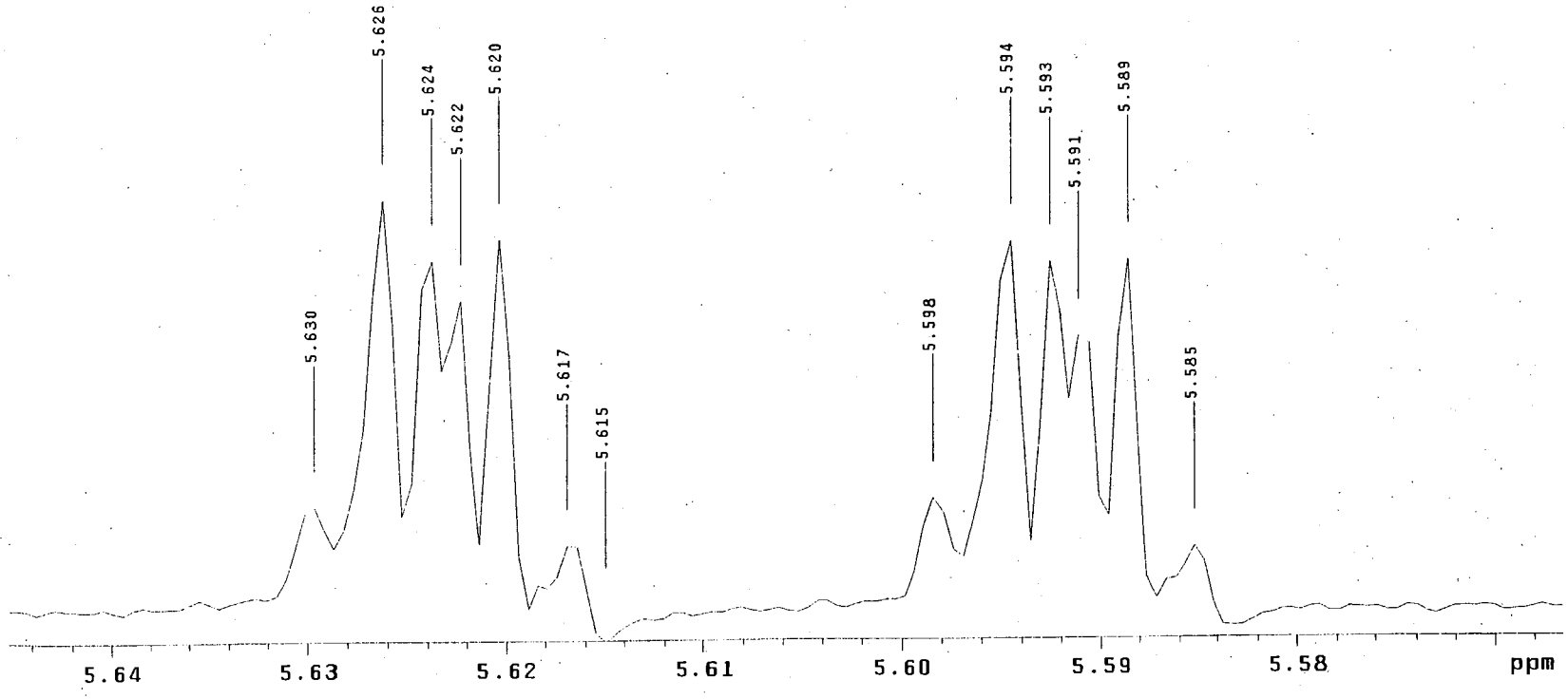

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5	3231.828	6.466	70.1
6	3222.061	6.446	68.7
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11	3180.555	6.363	32.7
12	3173.719	6.349	31.2
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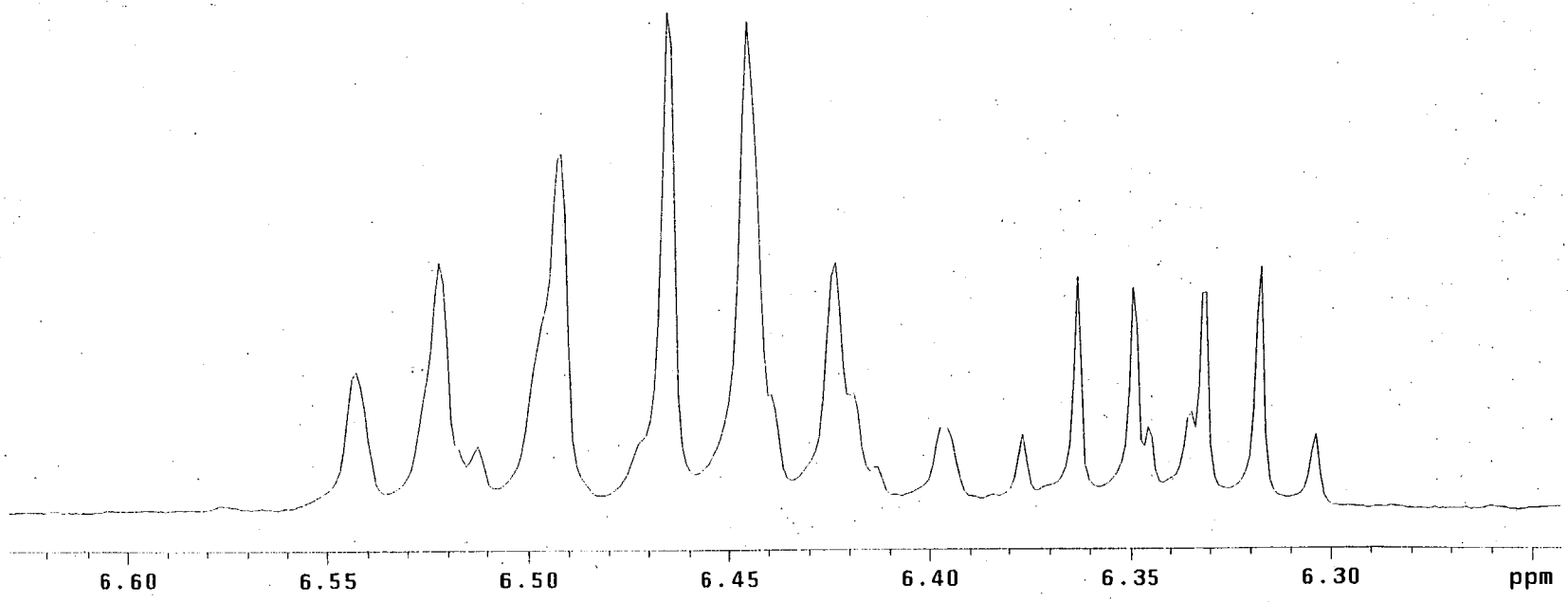

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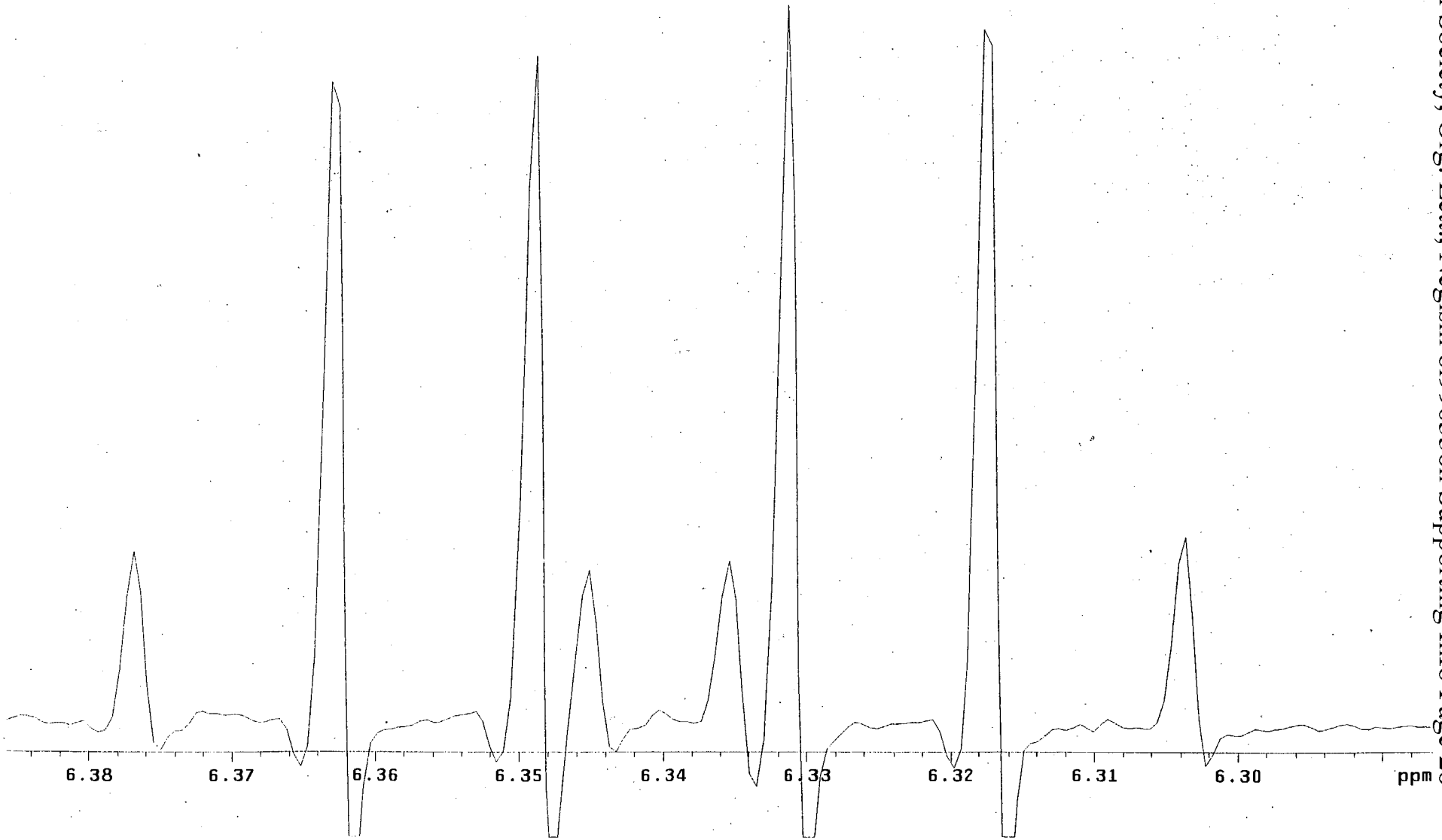

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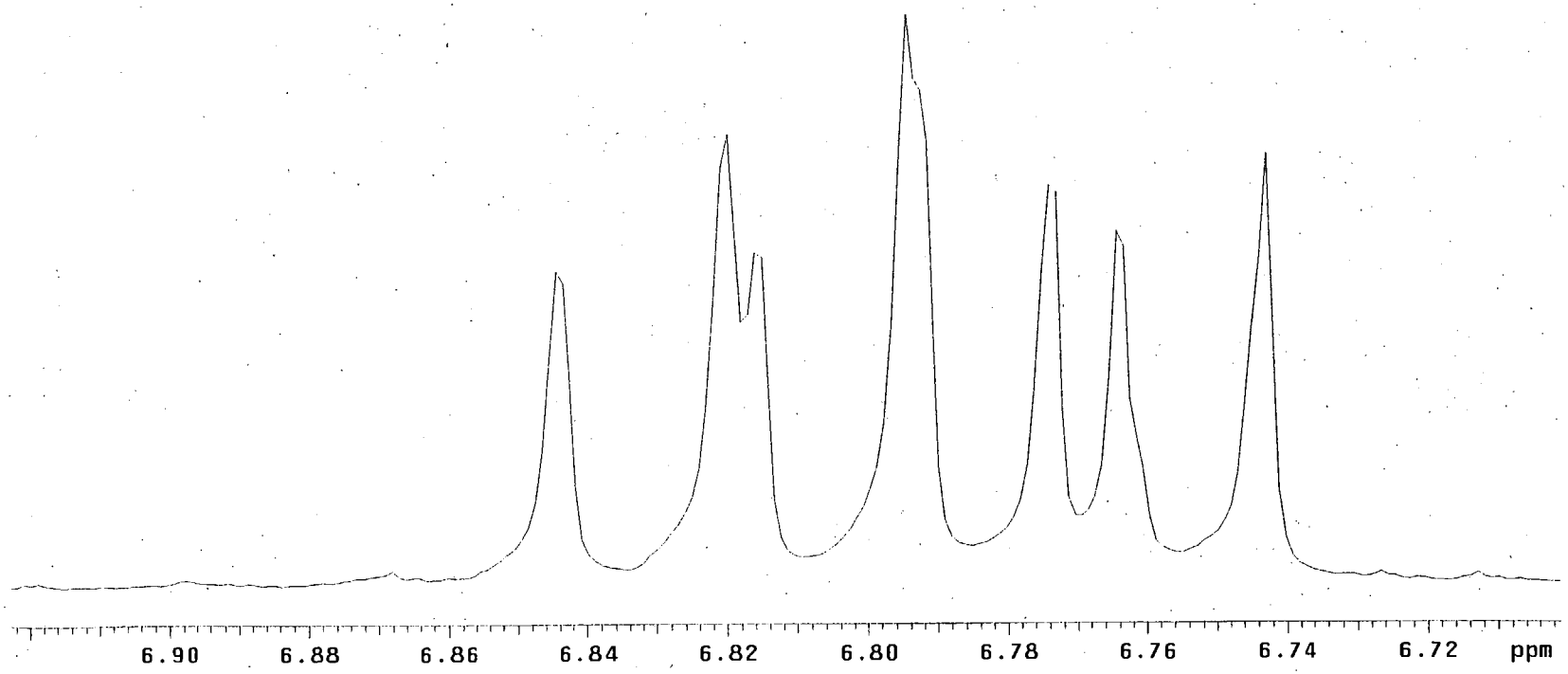

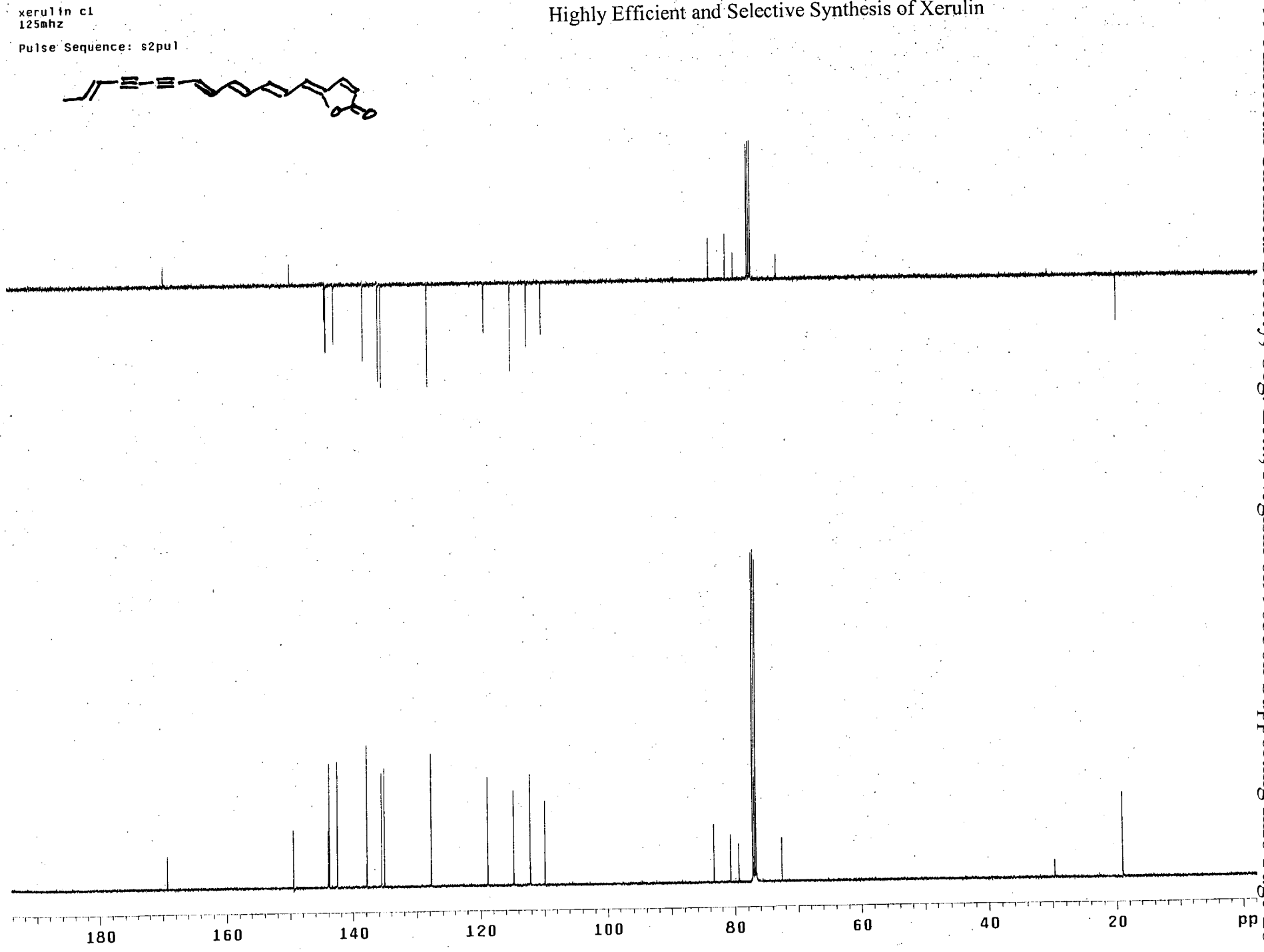

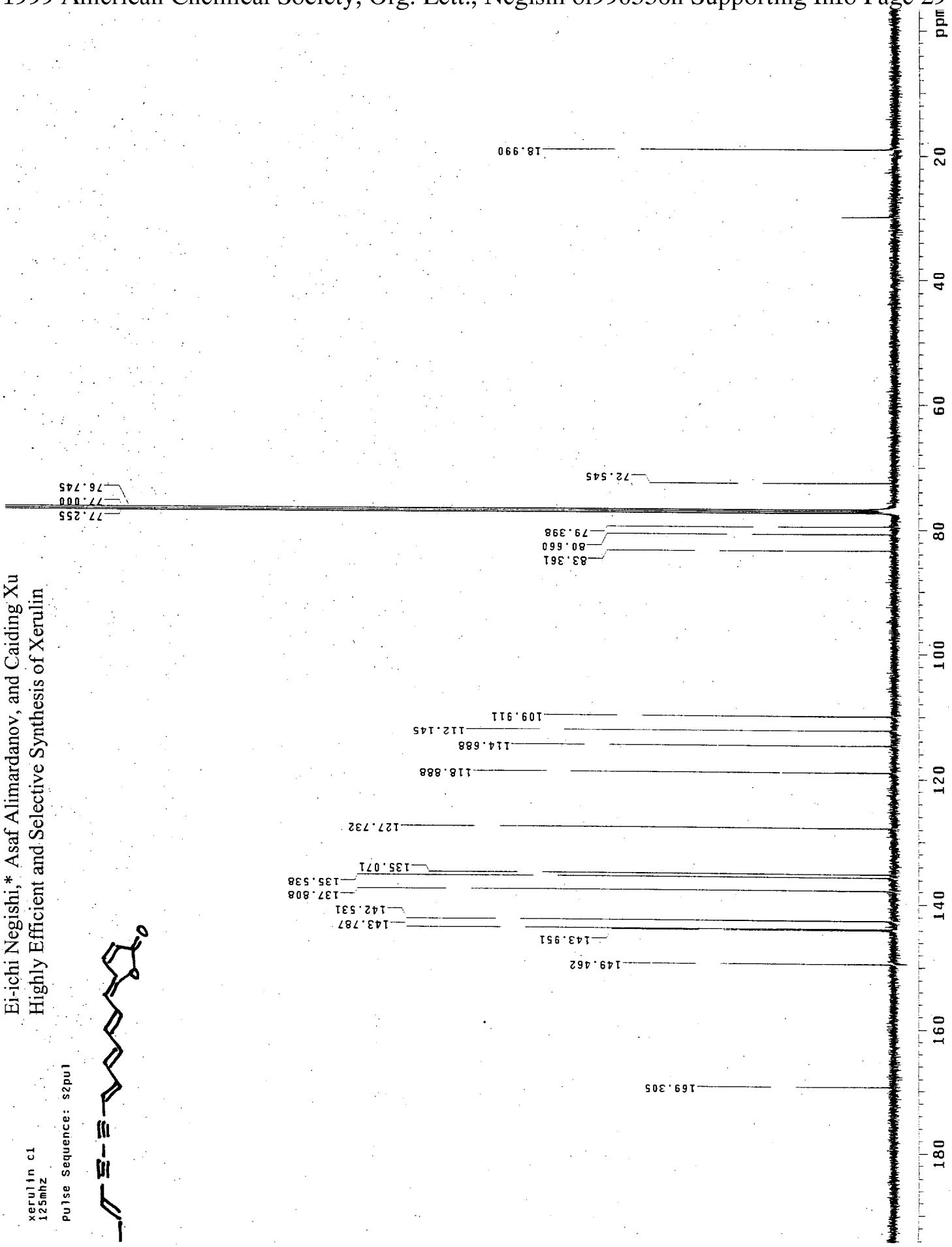

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