

**A New Complex of Palladium-Thiourea and Carbon Tetrabromide Catalyzed  
Carbonylative Annulation of  $\alpha$ -Hydroxyl-Arylacetylenes**

**Efficient New Synthetic Technology for the Synthesis of 2,3-Disubstituted Benzo[*b*]furans**

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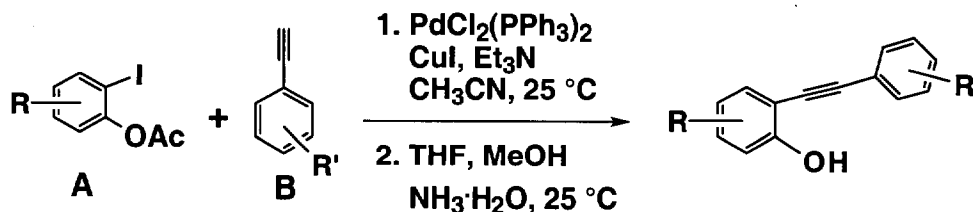
**Supporting Information**

*General Methods*

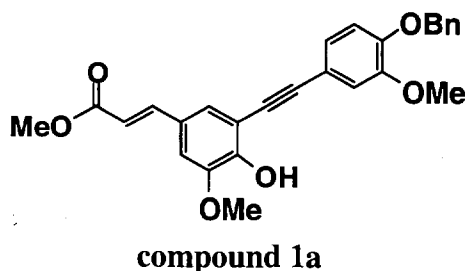
Unless stated otherwise, reactions were performed in flame-dried glassware under nitrogen or an argon atmosphere. Reaction solvents were commercially purchased from *Aldrich* without further purification and reagents were used as received. Reaction were monitored by thin-layer chromatography (TLC) on 0.25 mm precoated Merck Silica Gel 60 F<sub>254</sub>, visualizing with ultraviolet light, *p*-anisaldehyde stain, or phosphomolybdic acid stain. Flash column chromatography was performed on Merck Silica Gel 60 (230-400mesh) using reagent grade hexanes, dichloromethane, and ACS grade ethyl acetate, methanol and diethyl ether. High-resolution mass spectra were performed at Harvard University Mass Spectrometry. <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra were recorded on a Varian Unity INOVA 500MHz spectrometer and are referenced to residual solvent peaks (CDCl<sub>3</sub>: <sup>1</sup>H:  $\delta$  7.24, <sup>13</sup>C:  $\delta$  77.0) or to an internal reference

of tetramethylsilan in  $\text{CDCl}_3$  (1H:  $\delta$  0.00).  $^1\text{H}$ - $^1\text{H}$  couplings are assumed to be first order, and peak multiplicity is reported as s (singlet), d (doublet), t (triplet), q (quartet), m (multiplet), or b (broad).

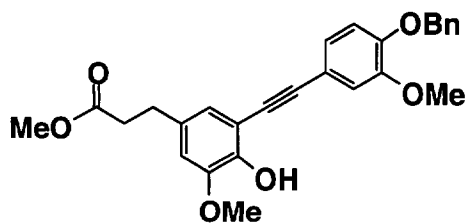
### General Procedure for Synthesis of $\alpha$ -Hydroxyl-Arylacetylenes 1a to 8a



Compounds 1a-8a are synthesized followed a general procedure as illustrated below.

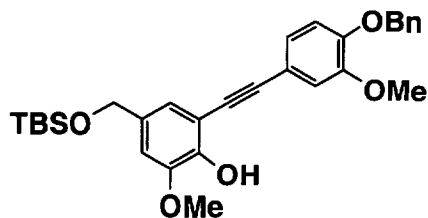


**Compound 1a.** Purification by flash chromatography (EtOAc/hexanes= 1/2) gave **1a** in 89% yield as a white solid;  $R_f = 0.4$  (EtOAc/hexanes = 1/2);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.58 (d,  $J = 16.0$  Hz, 1H), 7.42-7.44 (m, 2H), 7.35-7.38 (m, 2H), 7.29-7.32 (m, 1H), 7.24 (d,  $J = 1.0$  Hz, 1H), 7.08-7.11 (m, 2H), 6.99 (d,  $J = 1.0$  Hz, 1H), 6.85 (d,  $J = 8.5$  Hz, 1H), 6.32 (d,  $J = 16.0$  Hz, 1H), 6.23 (s, 1H), 5.17 (s, 2H), 3.93 (s, 3H), 3.90 (s, 3H), 3.80 (s, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125.7 MHz)  $\delta$  167.4, 149.2, 148.8, 148.4, 146.8, 144.1, 136.5, 128.5, 127.8, 127.1, 126.5, 125.5, 124.9, 116.0, 115.3, 114.7, 113.5, 110.3, 109.5, 95.0, 82.0, 70.8, 56.1, 55.9, 51.5; HRMS (FAB) for  $[\text{C}_{27}\text{H}_{24}\text{O}_6 + \text{Na}]^+$ ,  $m/z$  calcd 467.1471, found: 467.1462.



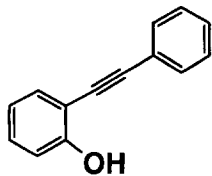
compound 2a

**Compound 2a.** Purification by flash chromatography (EtOAc/hexanes = 1/2) gave **2a** in 90% as a white solid;  $R_f = 0.3$  (EtOAc/hexanes = 1/2);  $^1\text{H NMR}$  (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.42-7.44 (m, 2H), 7.35-7.38 (m, 2H), 7.29-7.32 (m, 1H), 7.06-7.09 (m, 2H), 6.88 (d,  $J = 2.0$  Hz, 1H), 6.84 (d,  $J = 9.0$  Hz, 1H), 6.70 (d,  $J = 2.0$  Hz, 1H); 5.84 (s, 1H), 5.17 (s, 2H), 3.90 (s, 3H), 3.88 (s, 3H), 3.67 (s, 3H), 2.87 (t,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2H), 2.61 (t,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2H);  $^{13}\text{C NMR}$  (125.7 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  173.1, 149.1, 148.6, 146.4, 144.9, 136.6, 132.0, 128.5, 127.8, 127.1, 124.8, 123.6, 115.6, 114.7, 113.5, 111.6, 109.6, 94.3, 82.8, 70.8, 56.0, 51.5, 35.7, 30.4; HRMS (ES) for  $[\text{C}_{27}\text{H}_{27}\text{O}_6 + \text{H}]^+$ ,  $m/z$  calcd 447.1807, found: 447.1788.



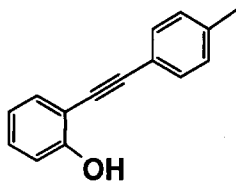
compound 3a

**Compound 3a,** Purification by flash chromatography (EtOAc/hexanes = 4/6) gave **3a** in 90% yield as a white solid;  $R_f = 0.7$  (EtOAc/hexanes = 4/6);  $^1\text{H NMR}$  (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.43-7.44 (m, 2H), 7.35-7.38 (m, 2H), 7.30 (m, 1H), 7.08-7.10 (m, 2H), 6.96 (s, 1H), 6.89 (s, 1H), 6.85 (d,  $J = 9.0$  Hz, 1H), 5.17 (s, 2H), 4.65 (s, 2H), 3.90 (s, 3H), 0.95 (s, 9H), 0.11 (s, 6H);  $^{13}\text{C NMR}$  (125.7 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  149.1, 148.5, 146.5, 145.4, 136.6, 133.0, 128.4, 127.8, 127.1, 124.8, 121.7, 115.7, 114.7, 113.5, 109.5, 109.2, 94.1, 82.9, 70.8, 64.5, 55.9, 25.8, 18.3, -5.3; HRMS submitted.



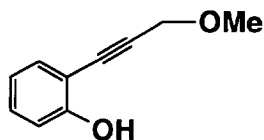
**compound 4a**

Known compound. See reference 5c.



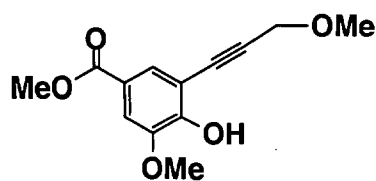
**compound 5a**

Compound **5**, Purification by flash chromatography (EtOAc/hexanes=1/4) gave **5a** in 87% yield as a oil;  $R_f = 0.4$  (EtOAc/hexanes= 1/4);  $^1\text{H NMR}$  (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.43 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2H), 7.41 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1H), 7.26 (m, 1H), 7.18 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2H), 6.98 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1H), 6.91 (t,  $J = 7.5$  Hz, 1H), 5.84 (s, 1H), 2.39 (s, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C NMR}$  (125.7 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  156.3, 138.9, 131.5, 131.4, 130.2, 129.2, 120.3, 119.2, 114.5, 109.7, 96.5, 82.2, 21.4; HRMS (EI) for  $[\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{12}\text{O}]^+$ ,  $m/z$  calcd 208.0888, found: 208.0881.



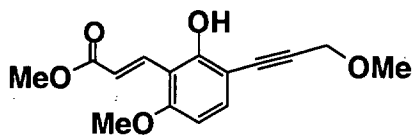
**compound 6a**

Compound **6a**, Purification by flash chromatography (EtOAc/hexanes=1/10) gave **6a** in 91% as a oil ;  $R_f = 0.5$  (EtOAc/hexanes= 1/10);  $^1\text{H NMR}$  (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.35 (dd,  $J_1 = 7.5$  Hz,  $J_2 = 1.0$  Hz, 1H), 7.26 (t,  $J = 7.5$  Hz, 1H), 6.95 (d,  $J = 7.5$  Hz, 1H), 6.87 (t,  $J = 7.5$  Hz, 1H), 5.77 (s, 1H), 4.39 (s, 2H), 3.46(s, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C NMR}$  (125.7 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  156.8, 131.9, 130.6, 120.2, 114.7, 108.7, 92.0, 80.5, 60.3, 57.7; HRMS (EI) for  $[\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_{10}\text{O}_2]^+$ ,  $m/z$  calcd 162.0681, found: 162.0678.



**compound 7a**

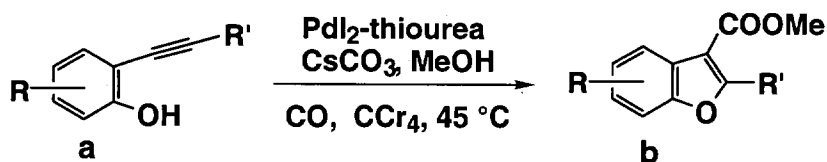
Compound **7a**, Purification by flash chromatography (EtOAc/hexanes) gave **7a** in 93% yield as a white solid;  $R_f = 0.3$  (EtOAc/hexanes= 3/7);  $^1\text{H NMR}$  (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.78 (d,  $J = 2.0$  Hz, 1H), 7.53 (d,  $J = 2.0$  Hz, 1H), 6.38 (s, 1H), 4.40 (s, 2H), 3.97 (s, 3H), 3.91 (s, 3H), 3.49 (s, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C NMR}$  (125.7 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  166.4, 151.1, 146.5, 127.6, 122.1, 112.2, 109.2, 90.6, 80.8, 60.6, 57.8, 56.5, 52.3; HRMS (EI) for  $[\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{14}\text{O}_5]^+$ ,  $m/z$  calcd 250.0841, found 250.0845.



**Compound 8a**

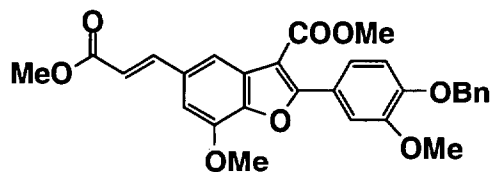
Compound **8a**, Purification by flash chromatography (EtOAc/hexanes=3/7) gave **8a** in 92% yield as a white solid;  $R_f = 0.4$  (EtOAc/hexanes = 4/6);  $^1\text{H NMR}$  (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.08 (d,  $J = 16.5$  Hz, 1H), 7.33 (d,  $J = 8.5$  Hz, 1H), 6.94 (d,  $J = 16.5$  Hz, 1H), 6.47 (d,  $J = 8.5$  Hz, 1 H), 6.46 (s, 1H), 4.39 (s, 2H), 3.89 (s, 3H), 3.81 (s, 3H), 3.46 (s, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C NMR}$  (125.7 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  168.9, 160.7, 157.6, 135.0, 133.8, 121.4, 110.7, 103.4, 102.5, 92.3, 80.2, 60.6, 58.0, 56.1, 51.7; HRMS submitted.

**General procedure for the synthesis of compounds 1b, 2b, 3b, 4b, 5b, 6b, 7b and 8b.**



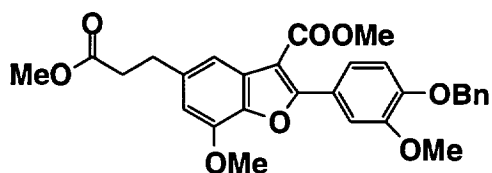
A round bottom flask (25 ml) was flame dried under high vacuum. Upon cooling,  $\alpha$ -hydroxyalkyne **a** (1 mmol),  $\text{PdI}_2$  (18mg, 0.05 mmol), thiourea (3.8 mg, 0.05 mmol),  $\text{CBr}_4$

(1.66g, 5 mmol) and methanol (8 mL) were added to the flask, and the mixture was degassed under vacuum with CO for 4 times. The reaction mixture was stirred at 45 °C for 25 min. Following completion of the reaction as monitored by TLC, the reaction mixture was cooled, dilute with Et<sub>2</sub>O (30 mL), and filtrated through a short silica gel bed. The filtrate was concentrated to a residue that was purified as stated below.



**Compound 1b**

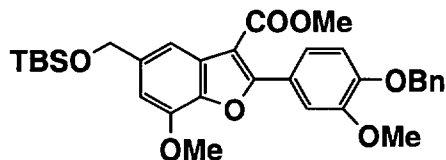
**Compound 1b**, Purification by flash chromatography (EtOAc/hexanes=1/2) gave **1b** in 84% yield as a white solid;  $R_f = 0.7$  (EtOAc/hexanes= 1/2); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.81 (d,  $J = 16$  Hz, 1H), 7.78 (d,  $J = 1$  Hz, 1H), 7.76 (d,  $J = 2$  Hz, 1H), 7.64 (dd,  $J_1 = 9$ , 2 Hz,  $J_2 = 2.0$  Hz, 1H), 7.45-7.746 (m, 2H), 7.37-7.40 (m, 2 H), 7.30-7.33 (m, 1H), 7.00 (m, 1H), 6.97 (d,  $J = 9$  Hz, 1H), 6.46 (d,  $J = 16$  Hz, 1H), 5.24 (s, 2H), 4.04 (s, 3H), 3.98 (s, 3H), 3.96 (s, 3H), 3.83 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125.7 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 167.3, 164.1, 161.5, 150.1, 148.8, 145.0, 143.9, 136.5, 131.2, 129.1, 128.5, 127.8, 127.1, 122.8, 121.8, 116.9, 116.0, 112.9, 112.7, 107.9, 105.7, 70.7, 56.0, 55.9, 51.6, 51.5; HRMS (ES) for [C<sub>29</sub>H<sub>26</sub>O<sub>8</sub>+Na]<sup>+</sup>,  $m/z$  calcd 502.1628, found: 502.1619.



**Compound 2b**

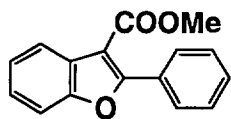
**Compound 2b**, Purification by flash chromatography (EtOAc/hexanes=3/7) gave **2b** in 81% yield as a white solid;  $R_f = 0.6$  (EtOAc/hexanes= 3/7); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.70 (d,  $J = 2$  Hz, 1H), 7.60 (dd,  $J_1 = 9.0$  Hz  $J_2 = 2.0$  Hz, 1H), 7.43-7.46 (m, 3H), 7.36-7.39 (m, 2H), 7.31

(m, 1H), 6.96 (d,  $J = 9.0$  Hz, 1H), 6.70 (d,  $J = 1.5$  Hz, 1H), 5.24 (s, 3H), 4.01 (s, 3H), 3.98 (s, 3H), 3.93 (s, 3H), 3.70 (s, 3H), 3.06 (t,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2H), 2.71 (t,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125.7 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  173.2, 164.5, 161.0, 149.9, 148.8, 144.6, 141.6, 137.3, 136.6, 128.9, 128.5, 127.8, 127.1, 122.8, 122.3, 113.6, 112.9, 112.8, 107.9, 107.7, 70.7, 56.1, 56.0, 51.5, 36.3, 31.5; HRMS (ES) for  $[\text{C}_{29}\text{H}_{29}\text{O}_8 + \text{H}]^+$ ,  $m/z$  calcd 505.1862, found: 505.1884.



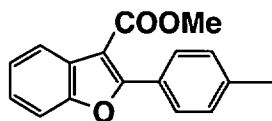
**Compound 3b**

**Compound 3b**, Purification by flash chromatography (EtOAc/hexanes = 1/4) gave **3b** 85% yield as a soft solid;  $R_f = 0.7$  (EtOAc/hexanes = 1/4);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.74 (d,  $J = 2.0$  Hz, 1H), 7.63 (dd,  $J_1 = 9.0$  Hz,  $J_2 = 2.0$  Hz, 1H), 7.55 (s, 1H), 7.45-7.46 (m, 2H), 7.36-7.39 (m, 3H), 7.31 (s, 1H), 6.96 (d,  $J = 9.0$  Hz, 1H), 6.88 (s, 1H), 5.23 (s, 1H), 4.85 (s, 2H), 4.01 (s, 3H), 3.98 (s, 3H), 3.93 (s, 3H), 0.98 (s, 9H), 0.14 (s, 6H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125.7 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  164.6, 161.0, 149.8, 148.8, 144.7, 141.9, 138.3, 136.6, 128.5, 127.8, 127.1, 122.8, 122.3, 112.9, 112.8, 111.6, 108.0, 105.4, 70.7, 65.1, 56.1, 55.9, 51.4, 25.8, 18.3, -5.26; HRMS (FAB) for  $[\text{C}_{32}\text{H}_{38}\text{O}_7\text{Si} + \text{Na}]^+$ ,  $m/z$  calcd 585.2285, found: 585.2285.

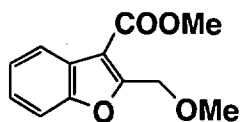


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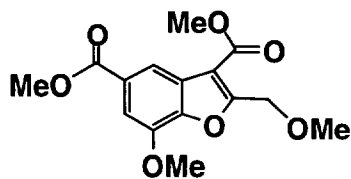
Known compound, see reference 5c.

**Compound 5b**

**Compound 5b**, Purification by flash chromatography (EtOAc/hexanes=1:19) gave **5b** in 78% yield as a white solid;  $R_f = 0.8$  (EtOAc/hexanes = 1/19);  $^1\text{H NMR}$  (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.05 (m, 1H), 7.93 (d,  $J = 8.5$  Hz, 2H), 7.53 (m, 1H), 7.35 (m, 2H), 7.30 (d,  $J = 8.5$  Hz, 1H), 3.94 (s, 3H), 2.45 (s, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C NMR}$  (125.7 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  164.5, 161.1, 153.5, 140.5, 129.3, 128.7, 127.0, 126.6, 124.9, 123.8, 122.5, 111.0, 108.1, 51.4, 21.5; HRMS (EI) for  $[\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{14}\text{O}_3]^+$ ,  $m/z$  calcd 226.0943, found: 226.0931.

**Compound 6b**

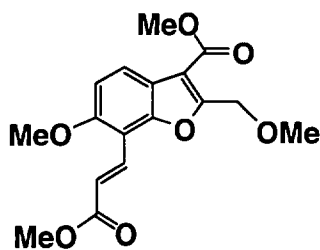
**Compound 6b**, Purification by flash chromatography (EtOAc/hexanes=1/4) gave **6b** in 84% yield as a oil;  $R_f = 0.75$  (EtOAc/hexanes= 1/4);  $^1\text{H NMR}$  (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.01 (m, 1H), 7.52 (m, 1H), 7.31-7.36 (m, 2H), 4.97 (s, 2H), 3.97 (s, 3H), 3.49 (s, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C NMR}$  (125.7 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  164.1, 160.6, 154.2, 125.3, 125.2, 124.0, 122.3, 111.4, 111.1 65.5, 58.8, 51.6; HRMS (EI) for  $[\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{12}\text{O}_4]^+$ ,  $m/z$  calcd 220.0736, found: 220.0730.

**Compound 7b**

**Compound 7b**, Purification by flash chromatography (EtOAc/hexanes=3/7) gave **7b** in 80% yield as a white solid;  $R_f = 0.65$  (EtOAc/hexanes= 3/7);  $^1\text{H NMR}$  (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.31 (d,  $J = 1.5$  Hz, 1H), 7.56 (d,  $J = 1.5$  Hz, 1H), 4.95 (s, 2 H), 4.05 (s, 3H), 4.0 (s, 3H), 3.96 (s, 3H),



3.48 (s, 3);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125.7 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  166.9, 163.5, 161.8, 146.1, 144.9, 127.2, 126.6, 117.0, 112.1, 108.2, 65.1, 58.9, 56.1, 52.2, 51.9; HRMS (EI) for  $[\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{16}\text{O}_7]^+$ ,  $m/z$  calcd 308.0896 found 308.0891.

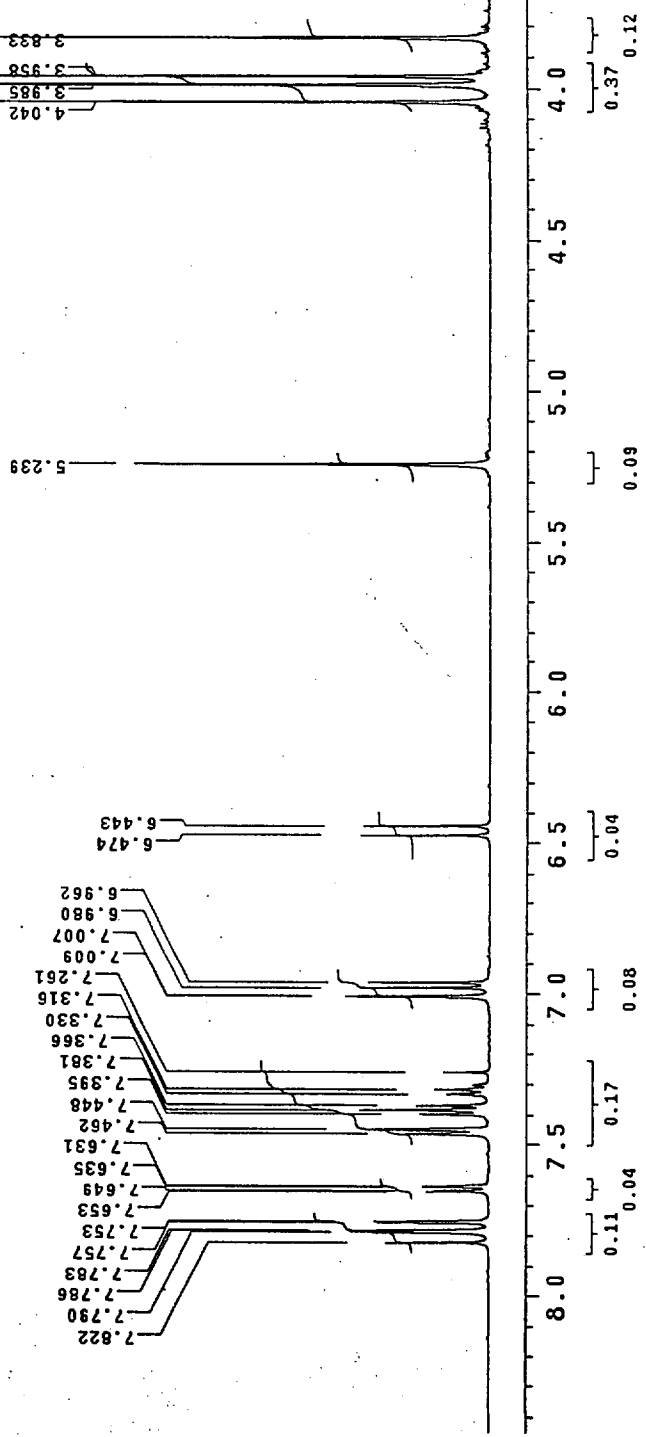
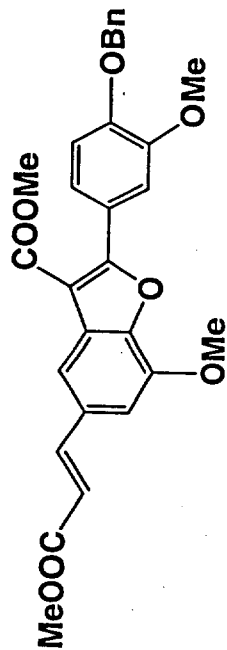


**Compound 8b**

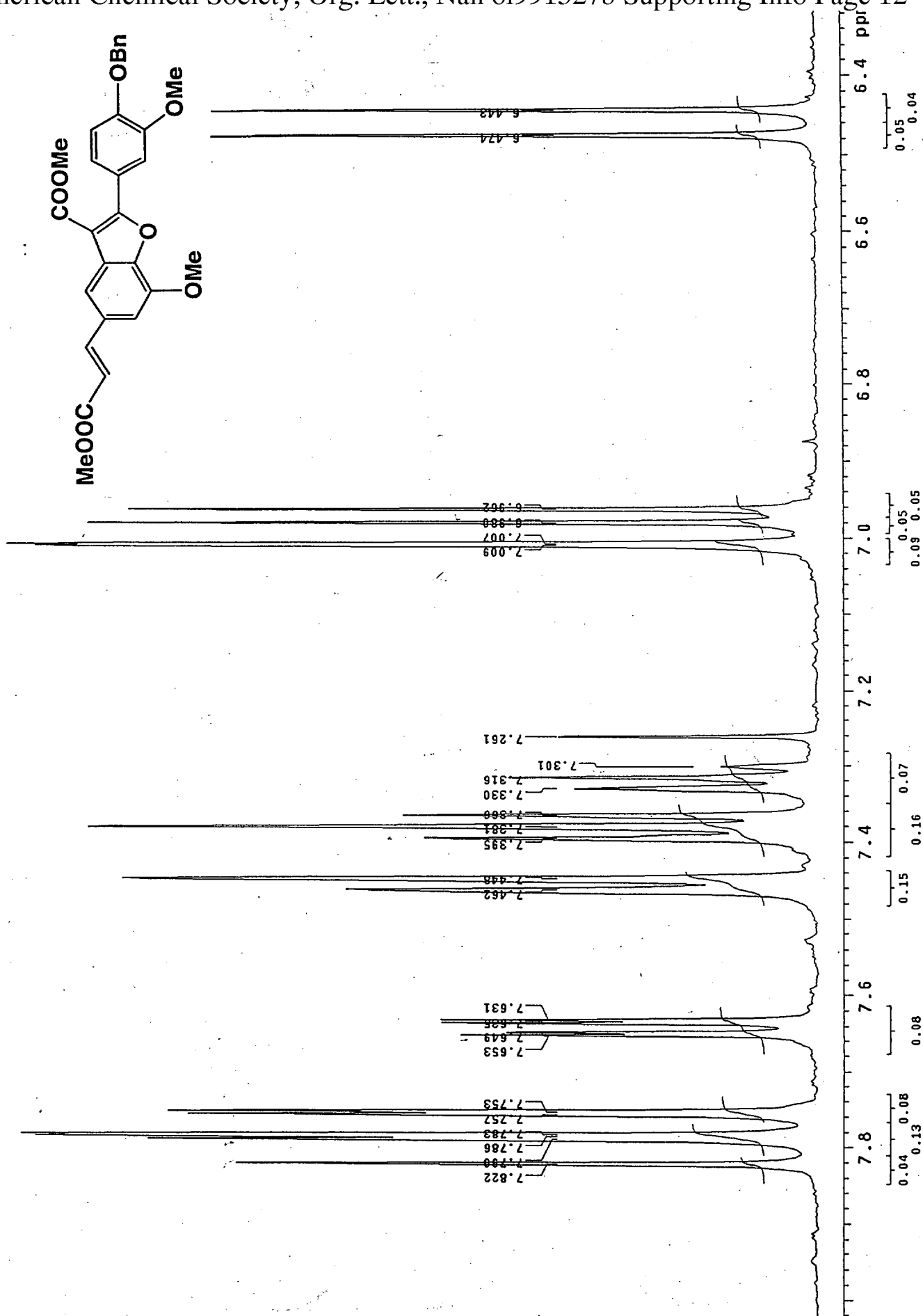
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## Table of Spectra

1.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR and  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectra of compound 1a (pages 1-3).
2.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR and  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectra of compound 2a (pages 4-6).
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5.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR and  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectra of compound 6a (pages 13-15).
6.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR and  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectra of compound 7a (pages 16-17).
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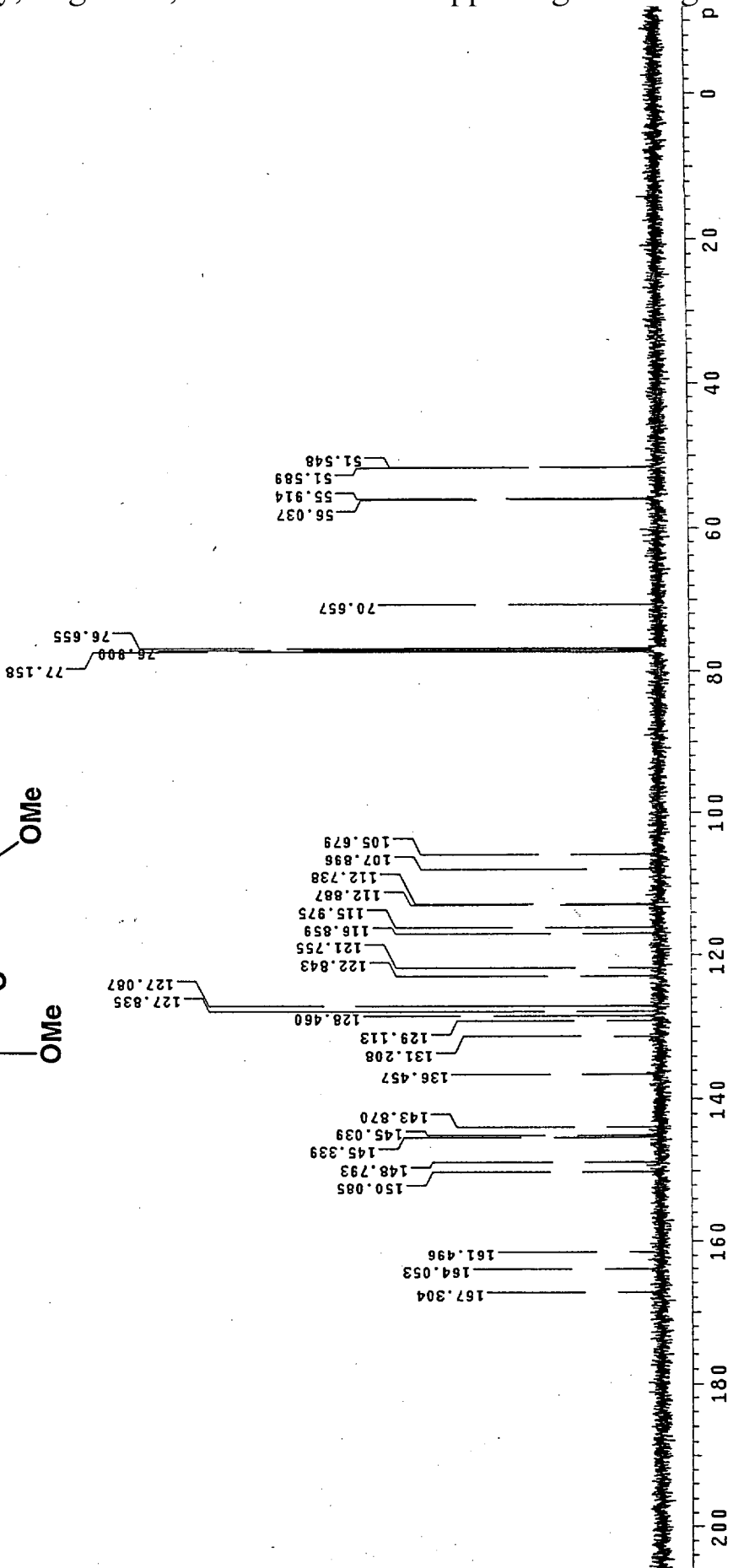
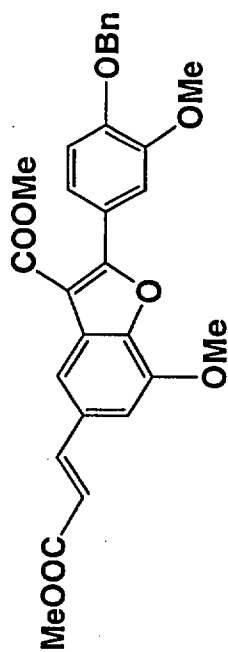


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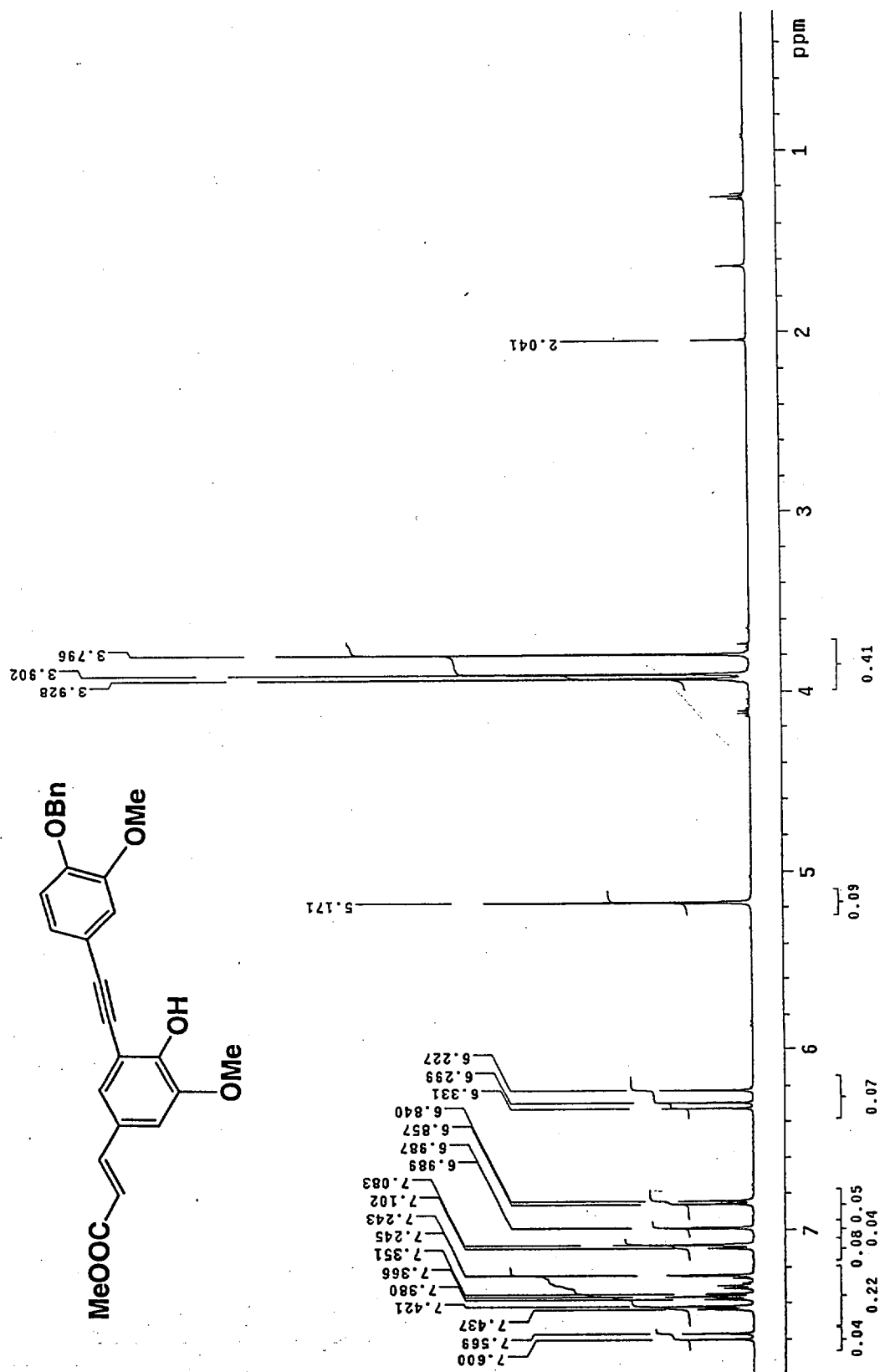


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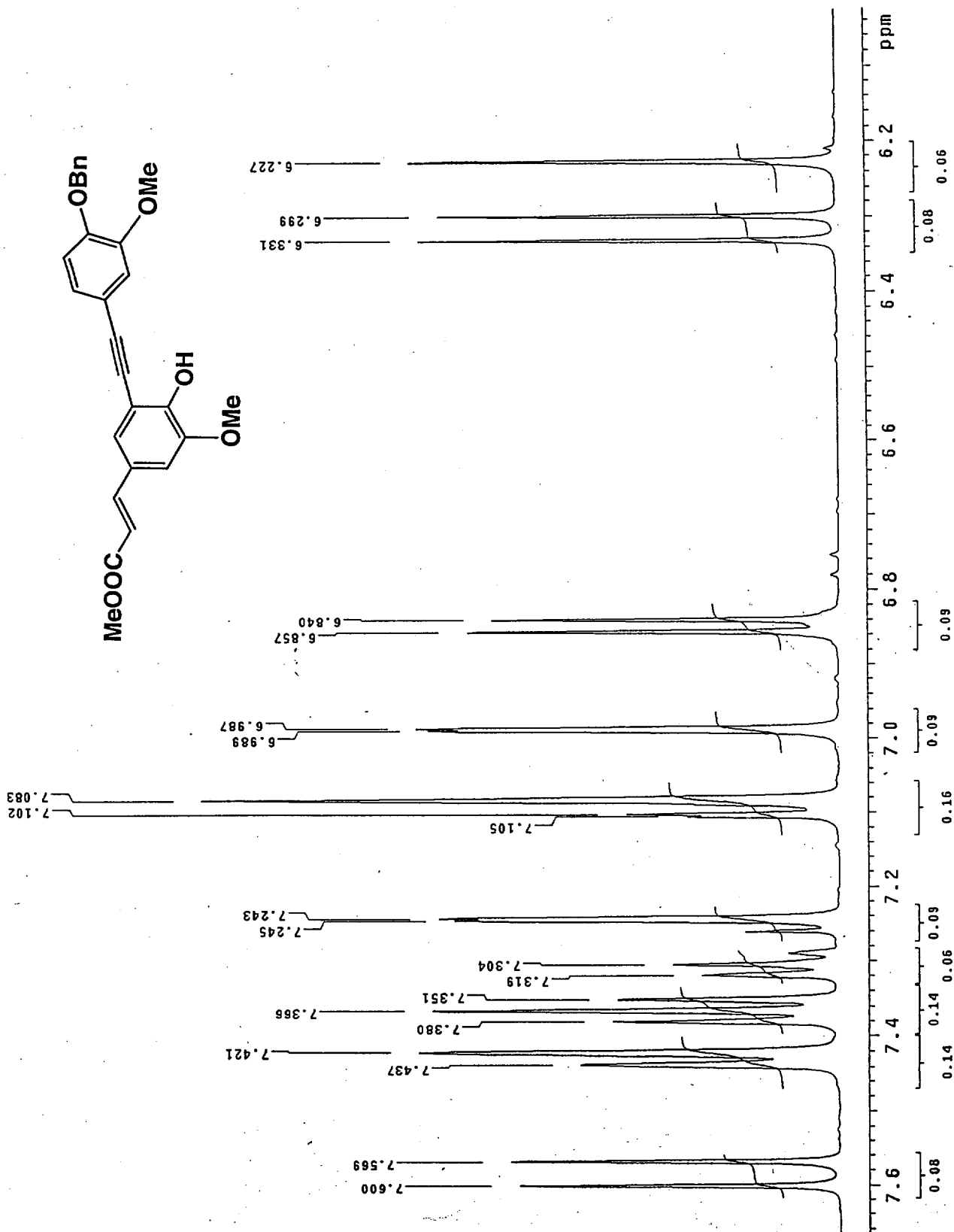
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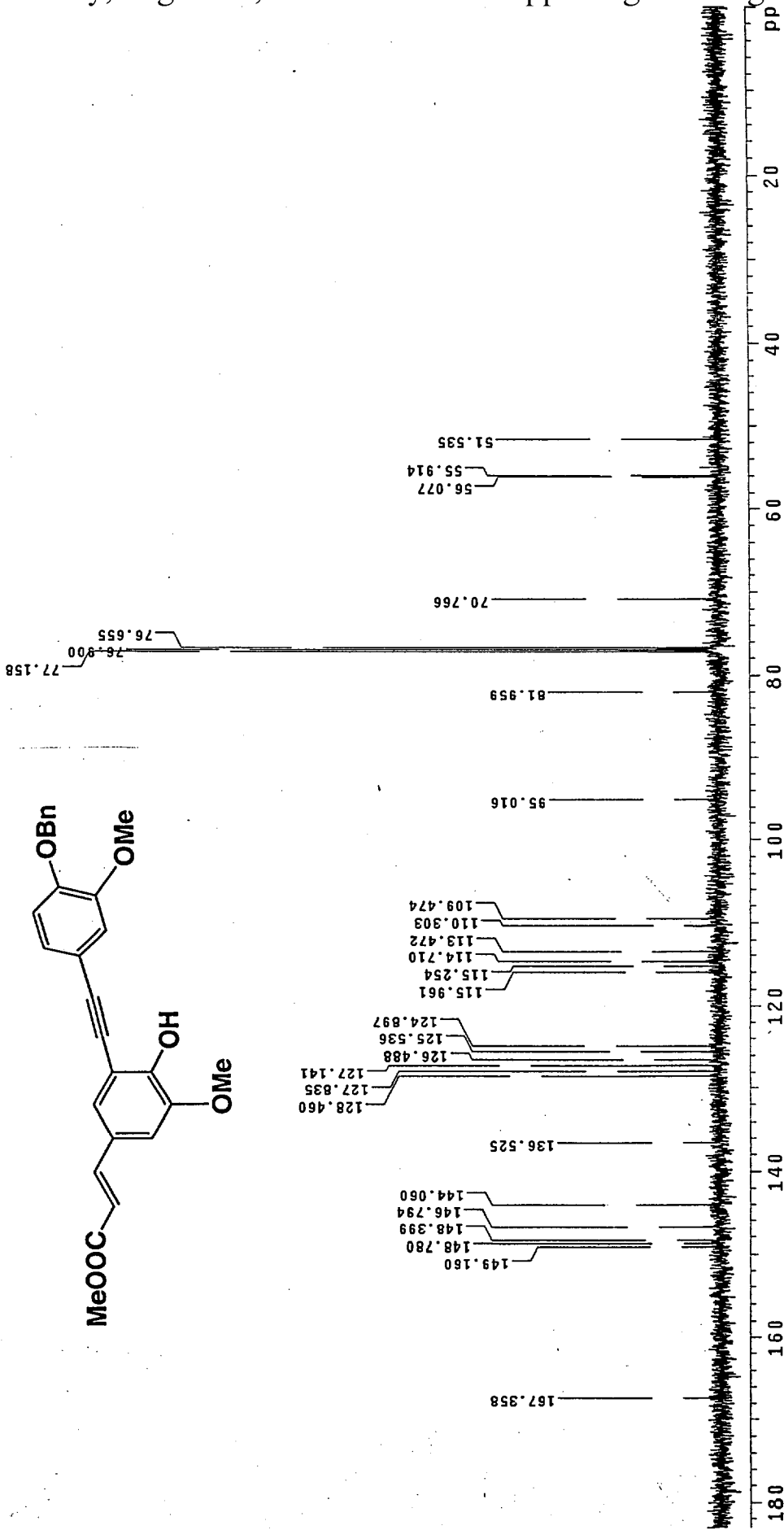


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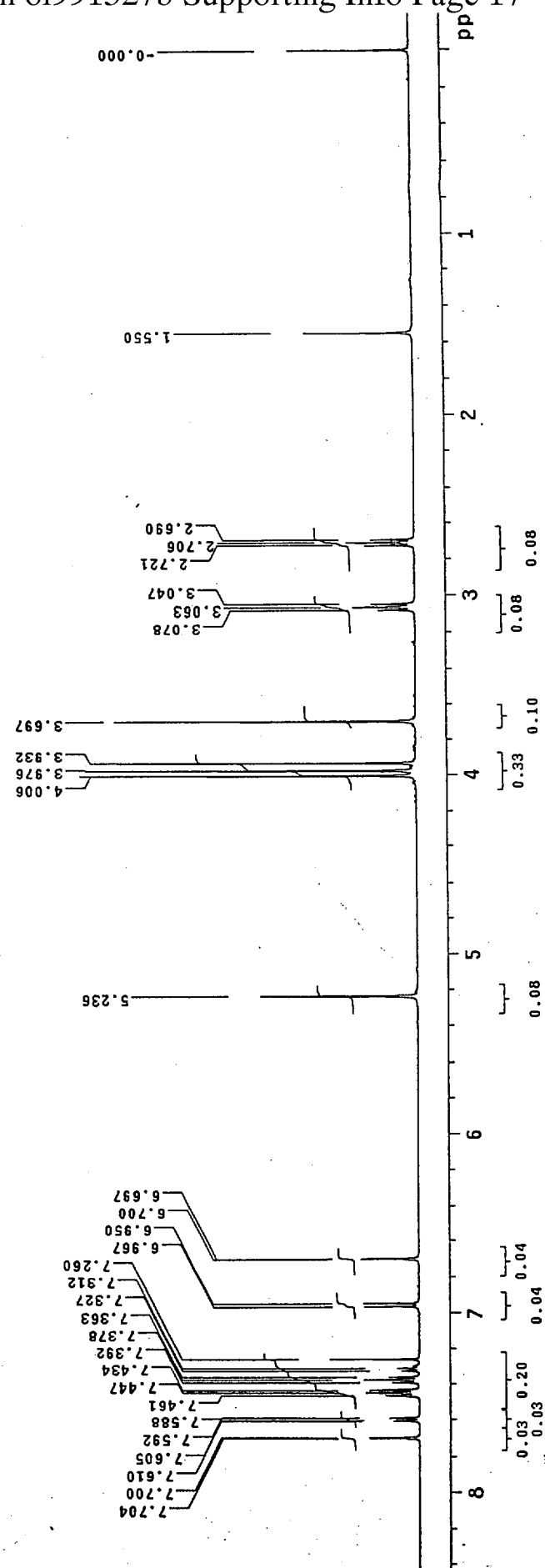
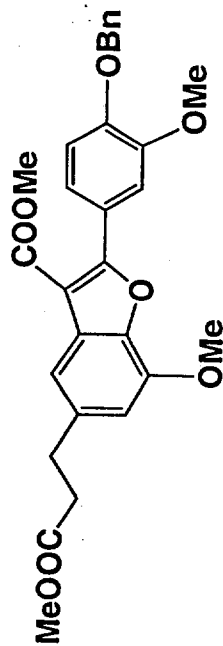


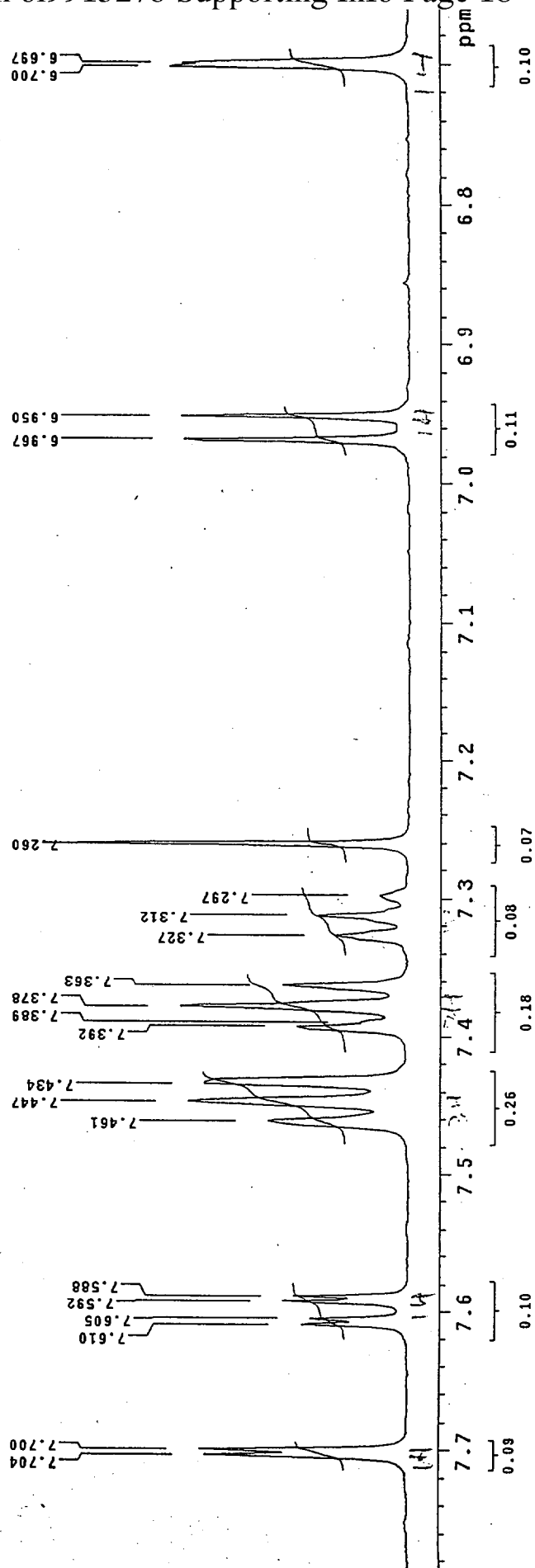
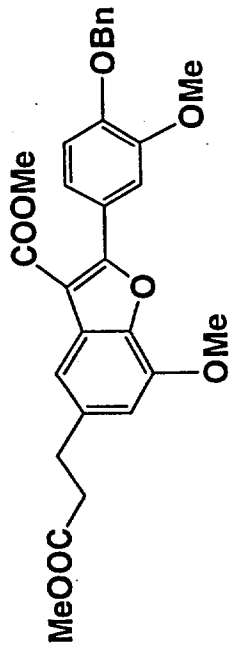
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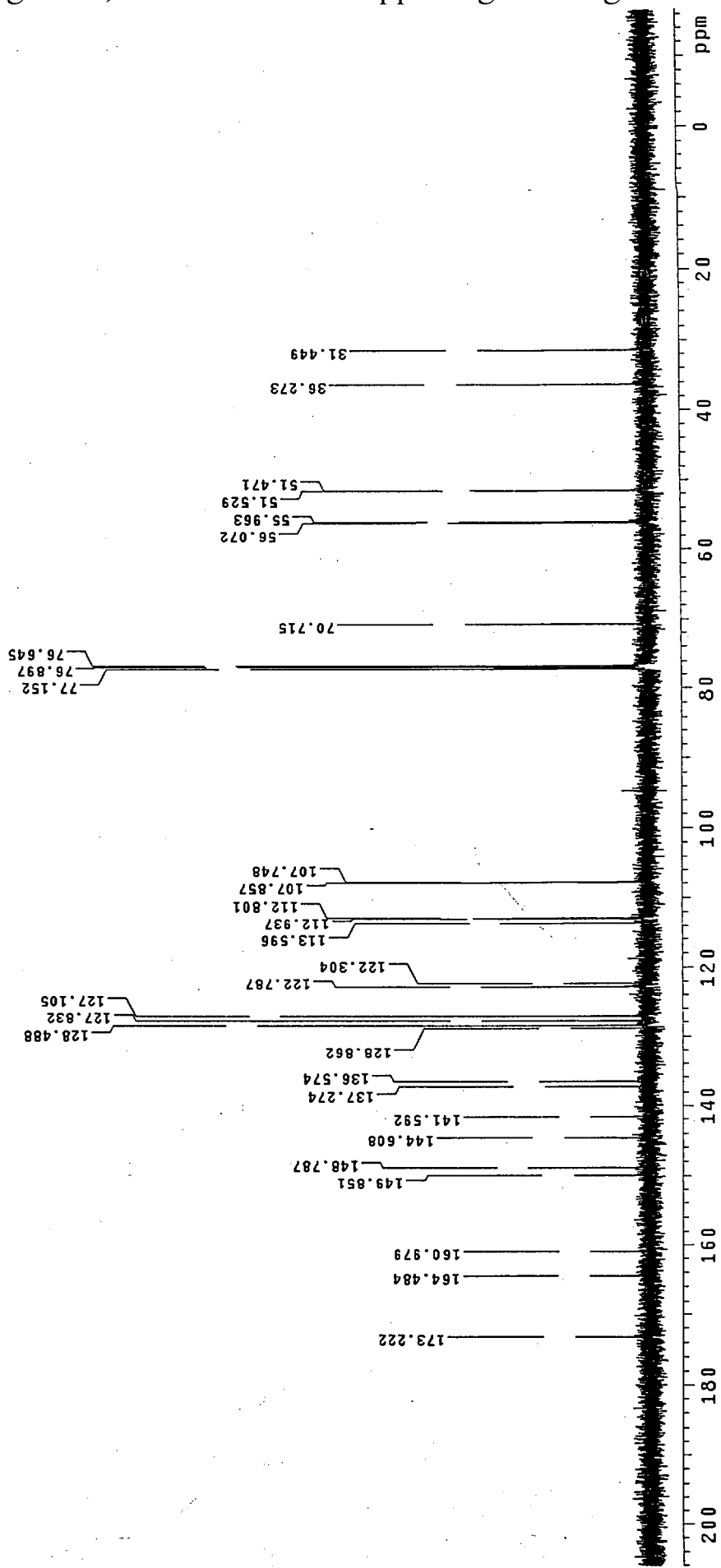
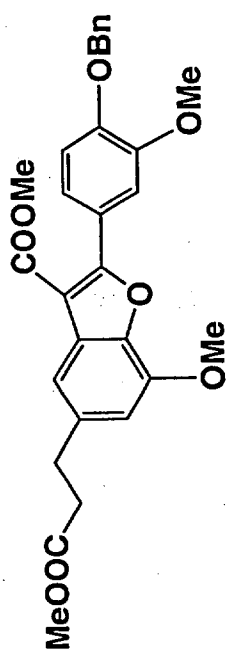
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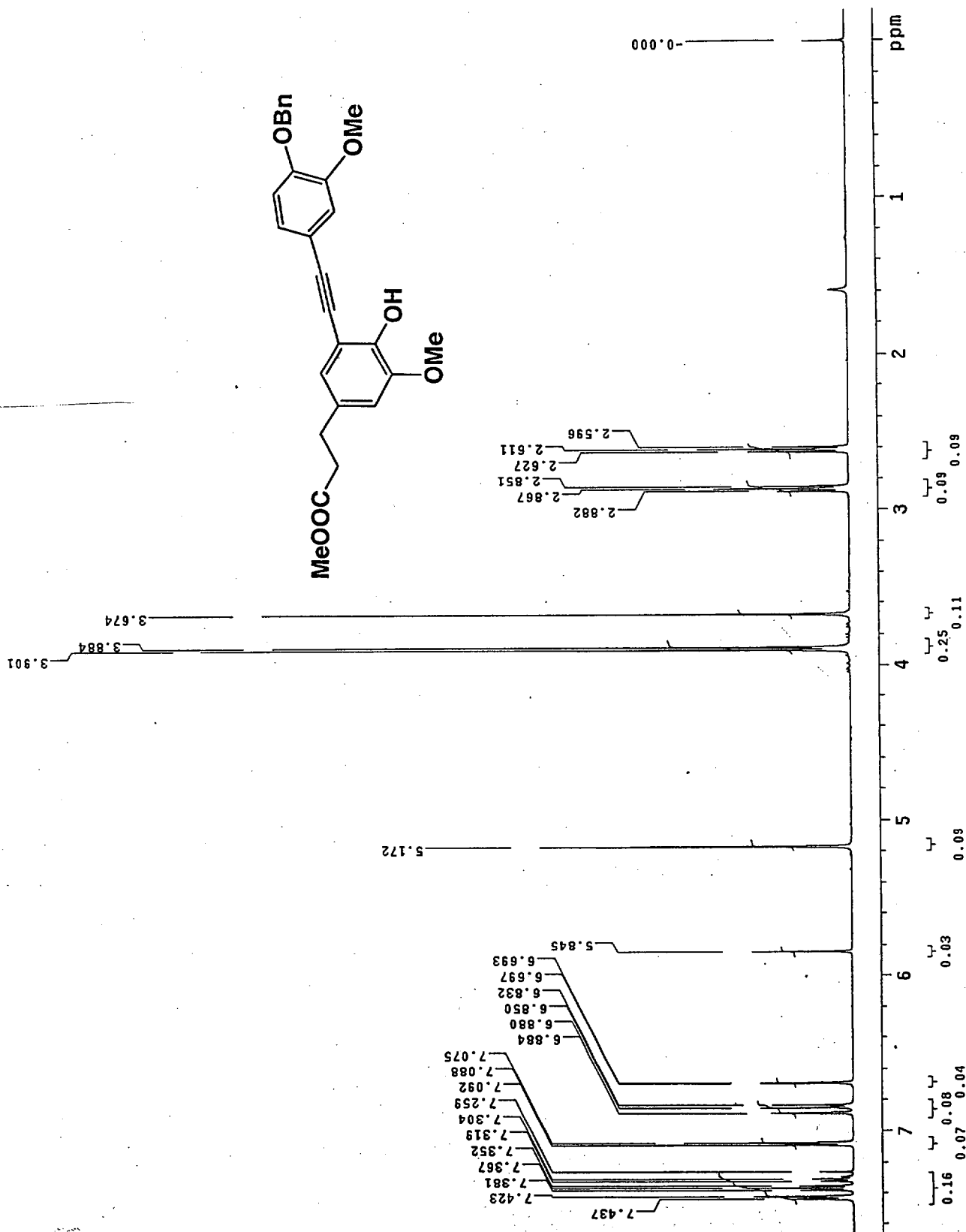


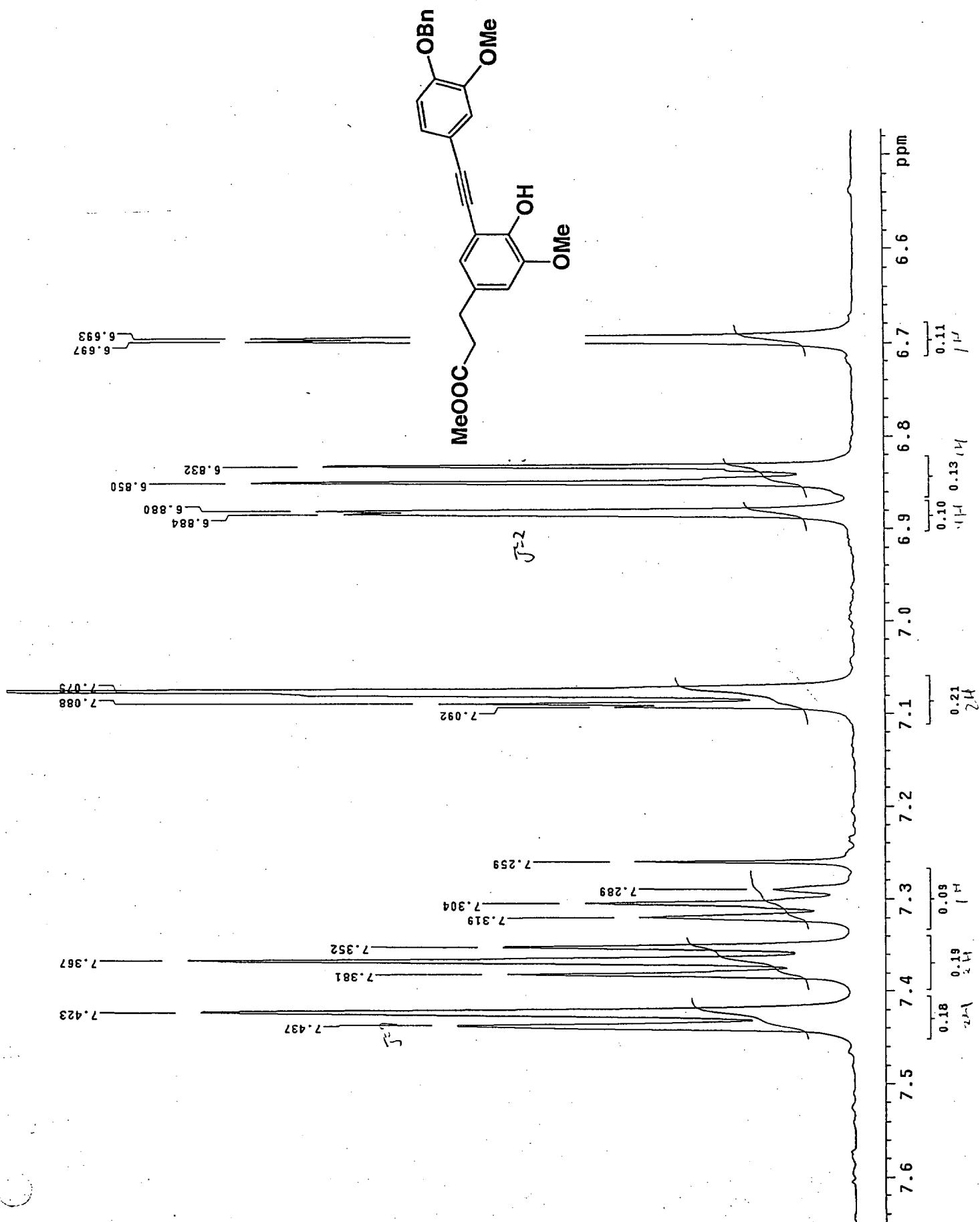


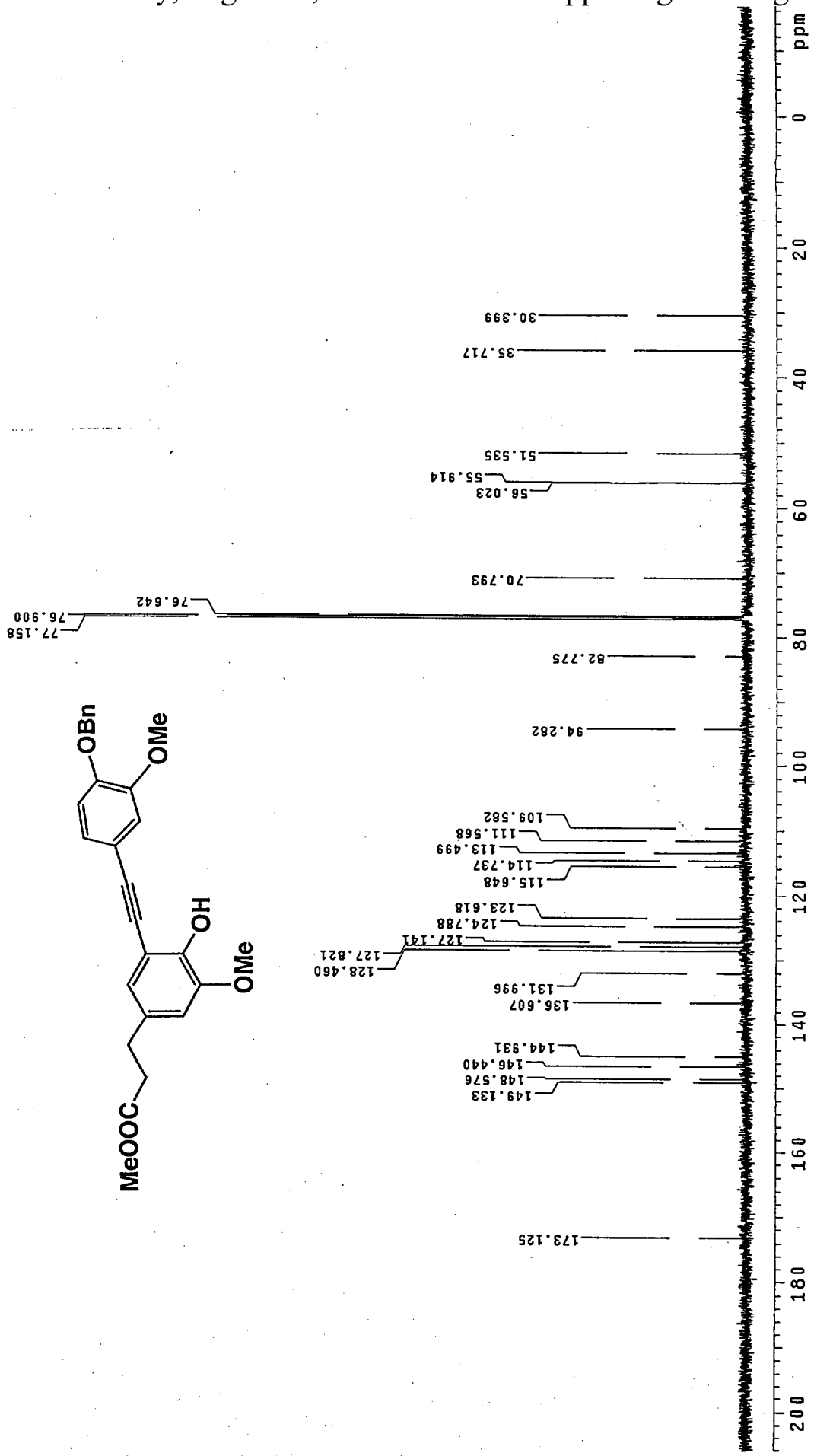


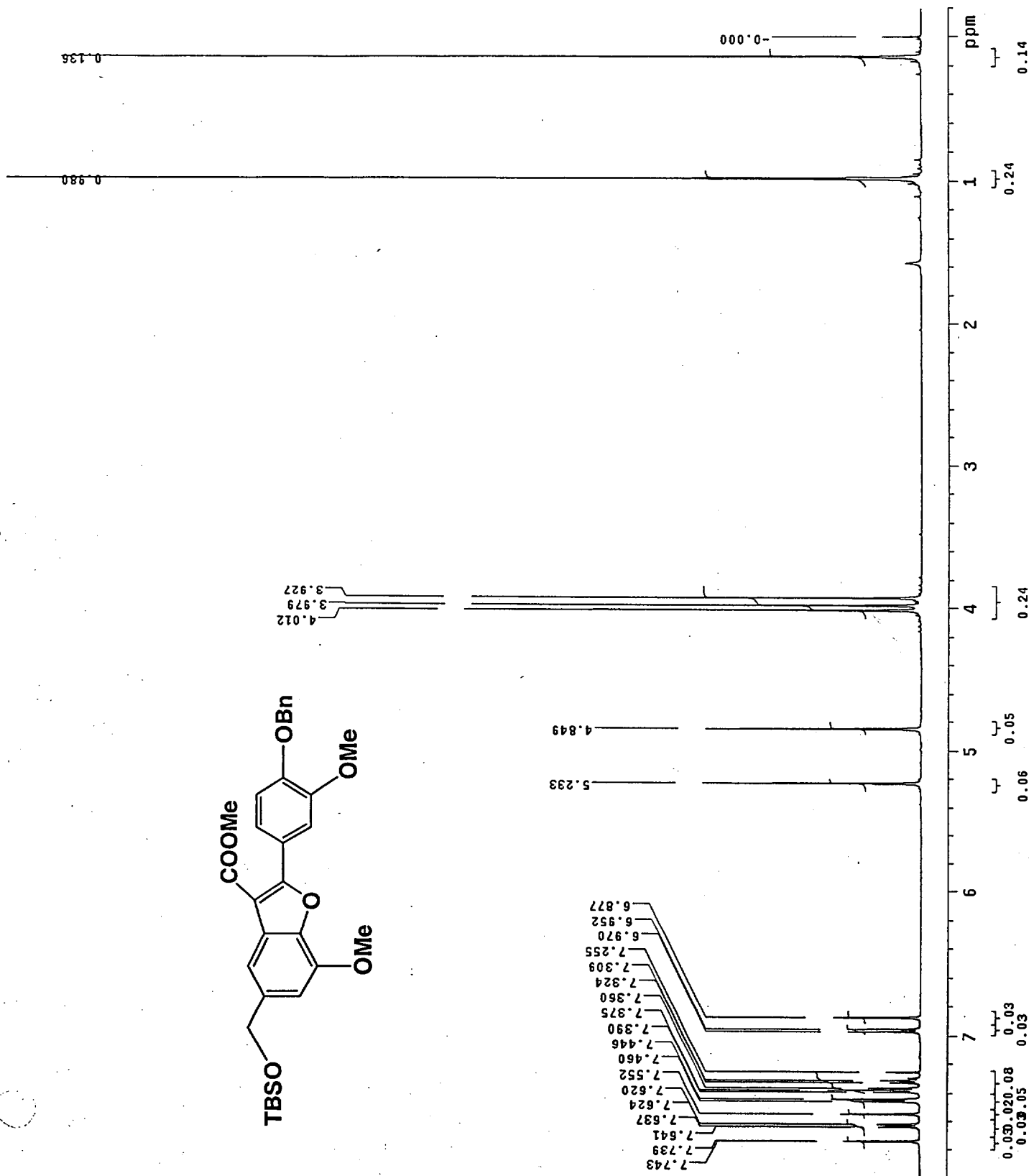


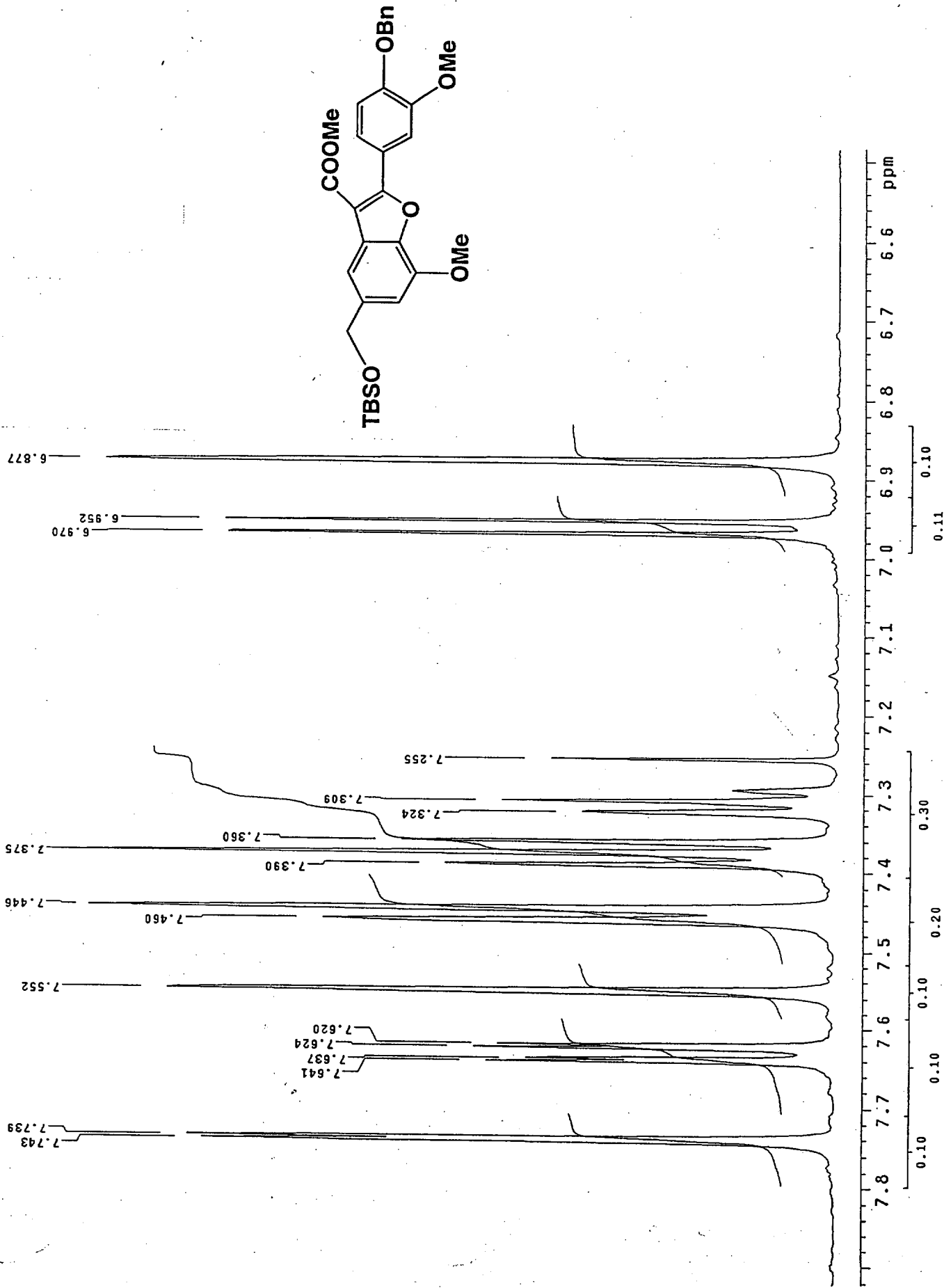




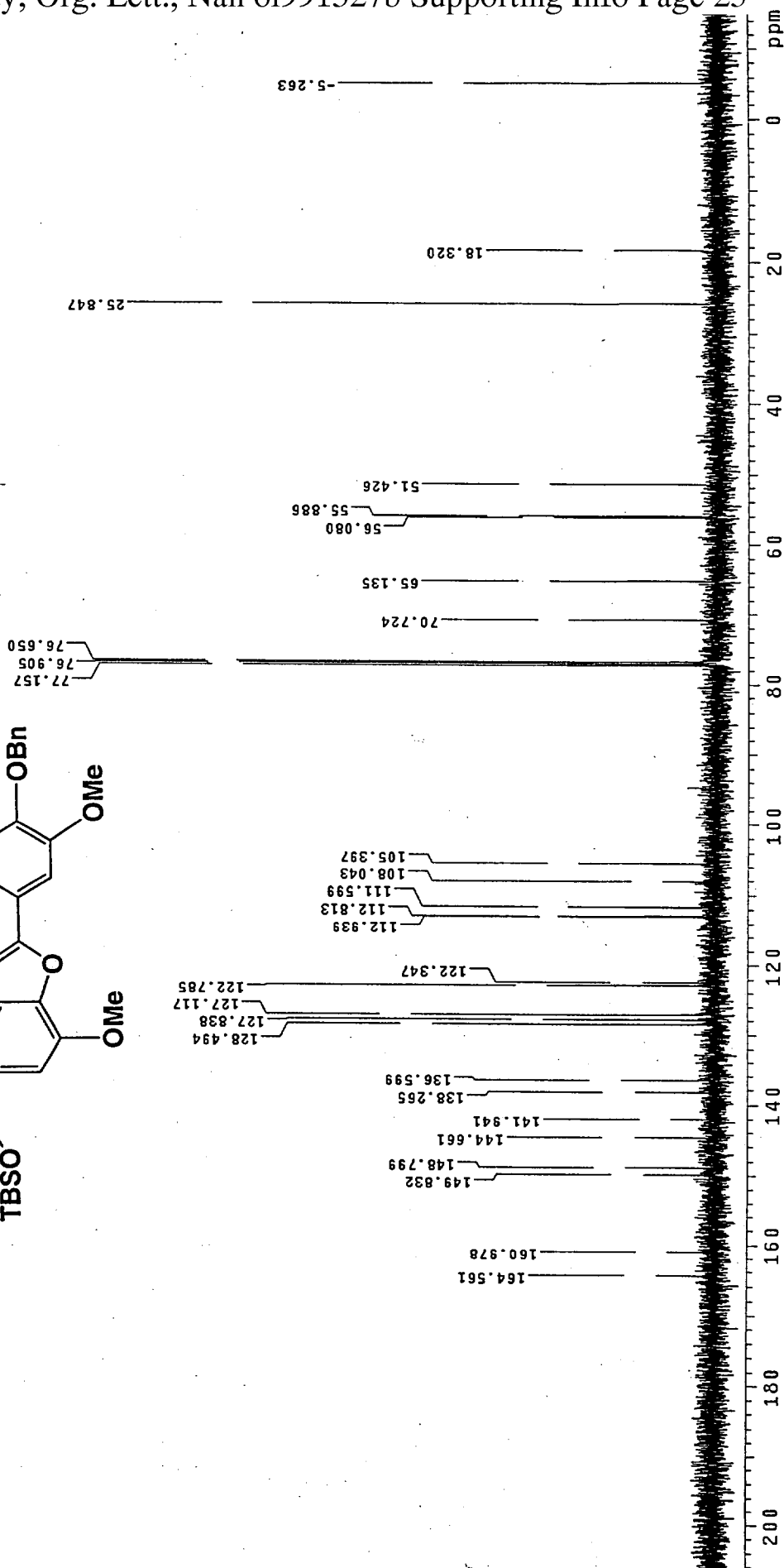
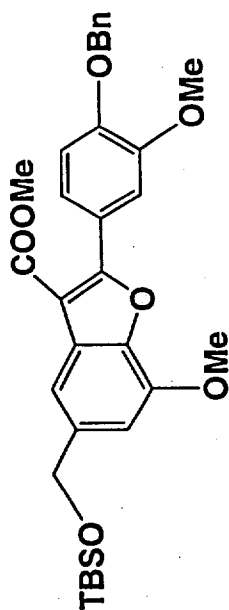


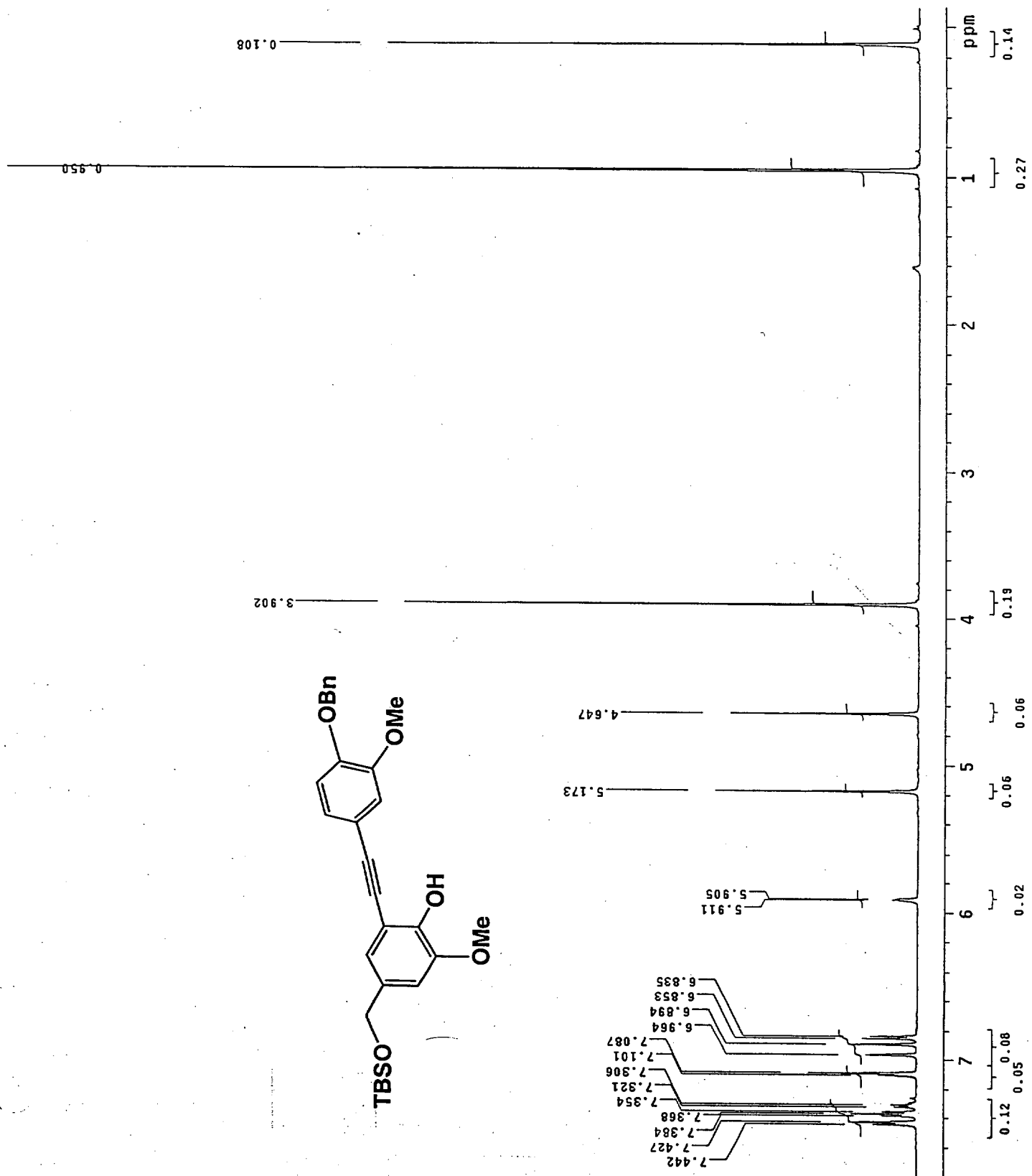


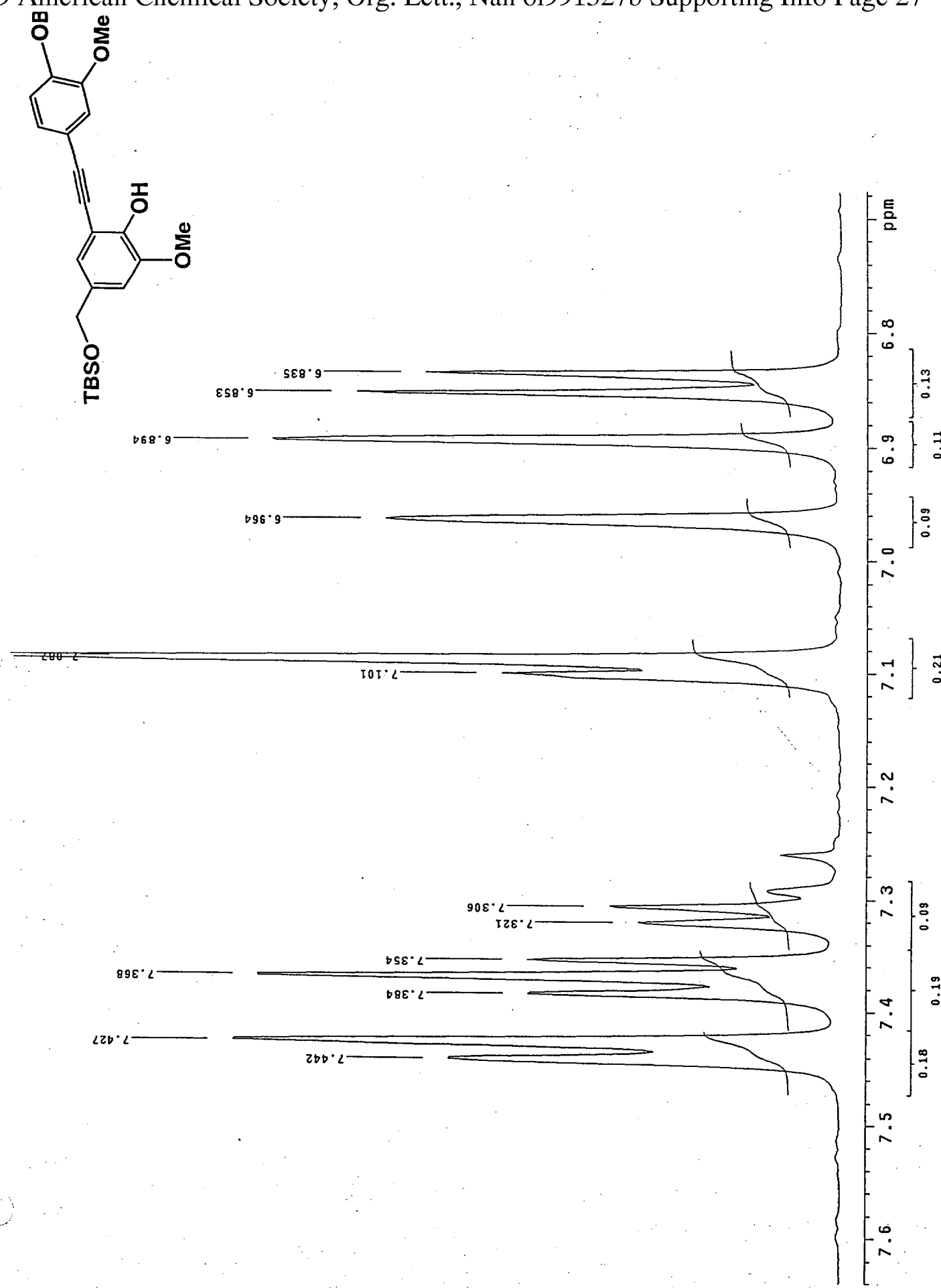


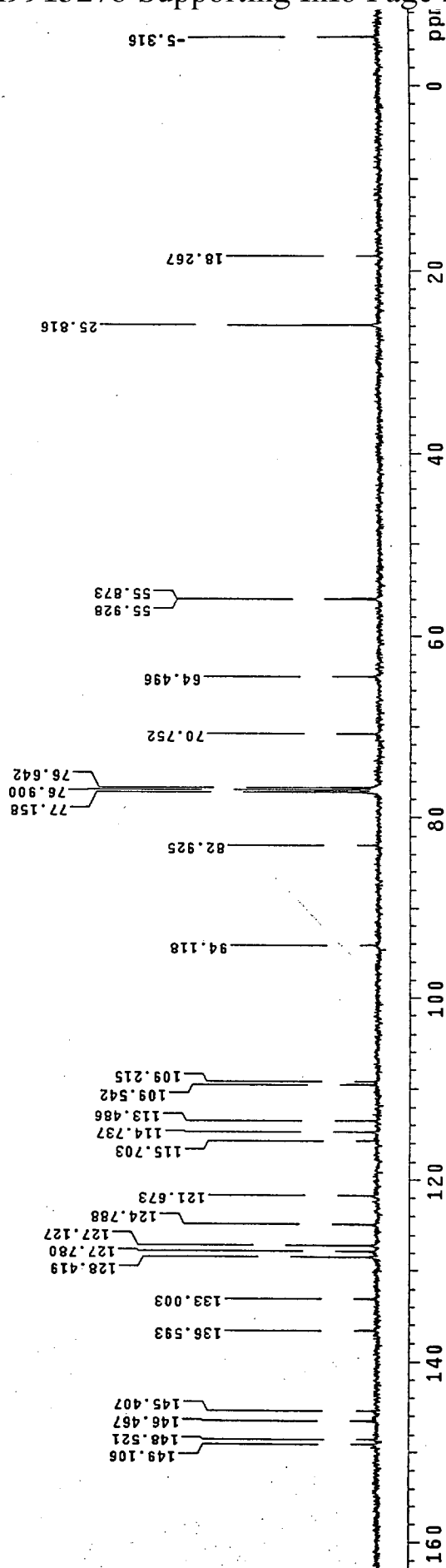
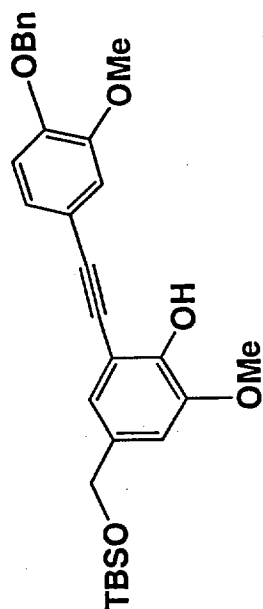


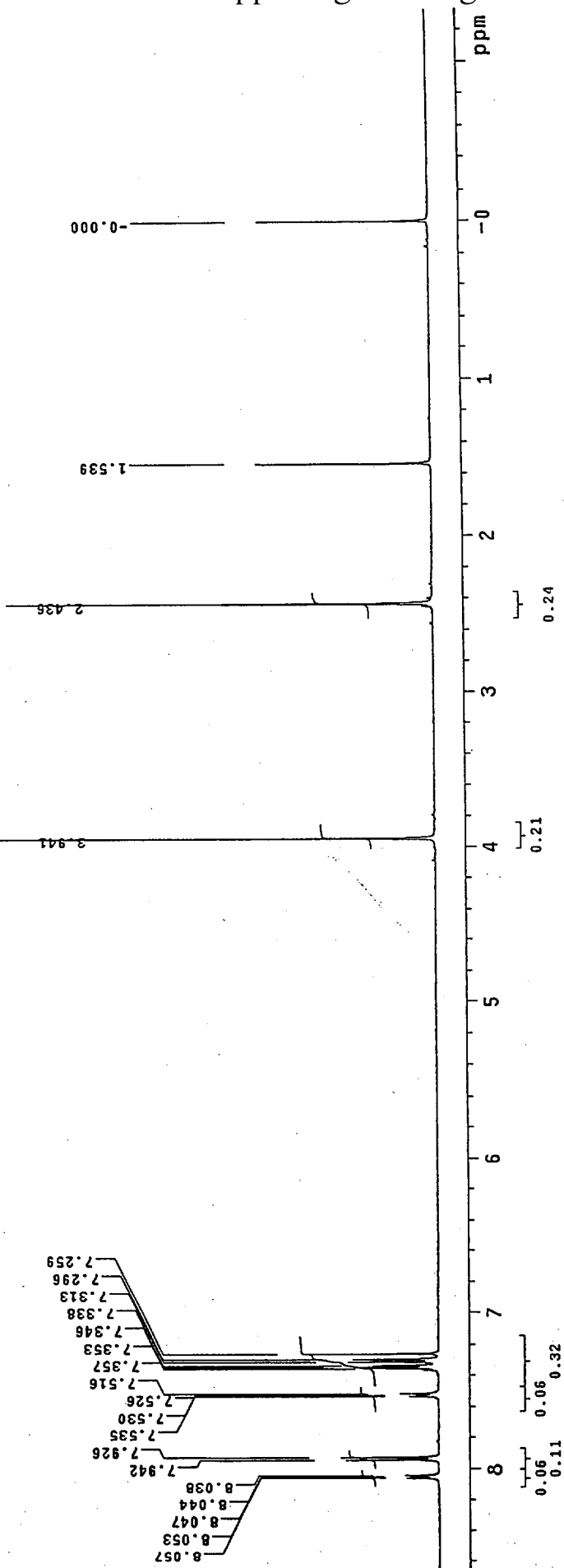
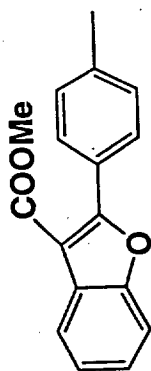


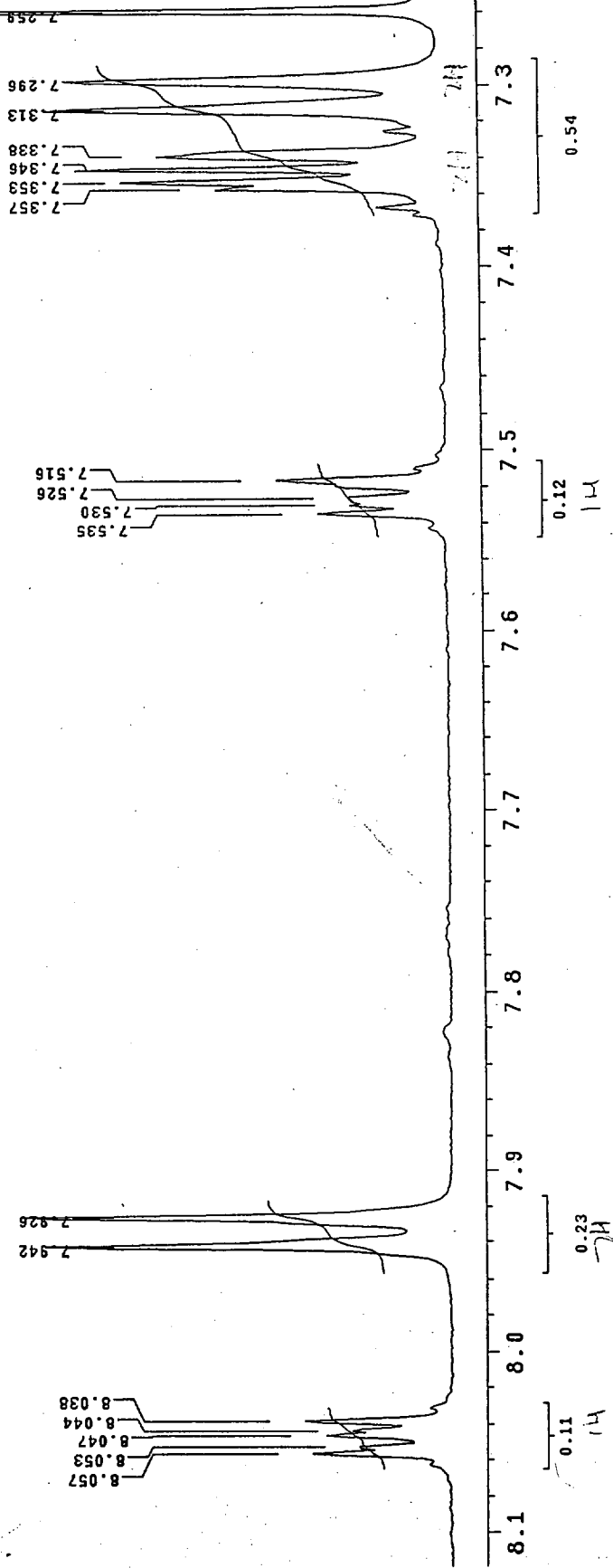
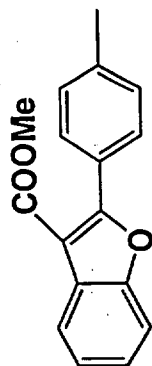


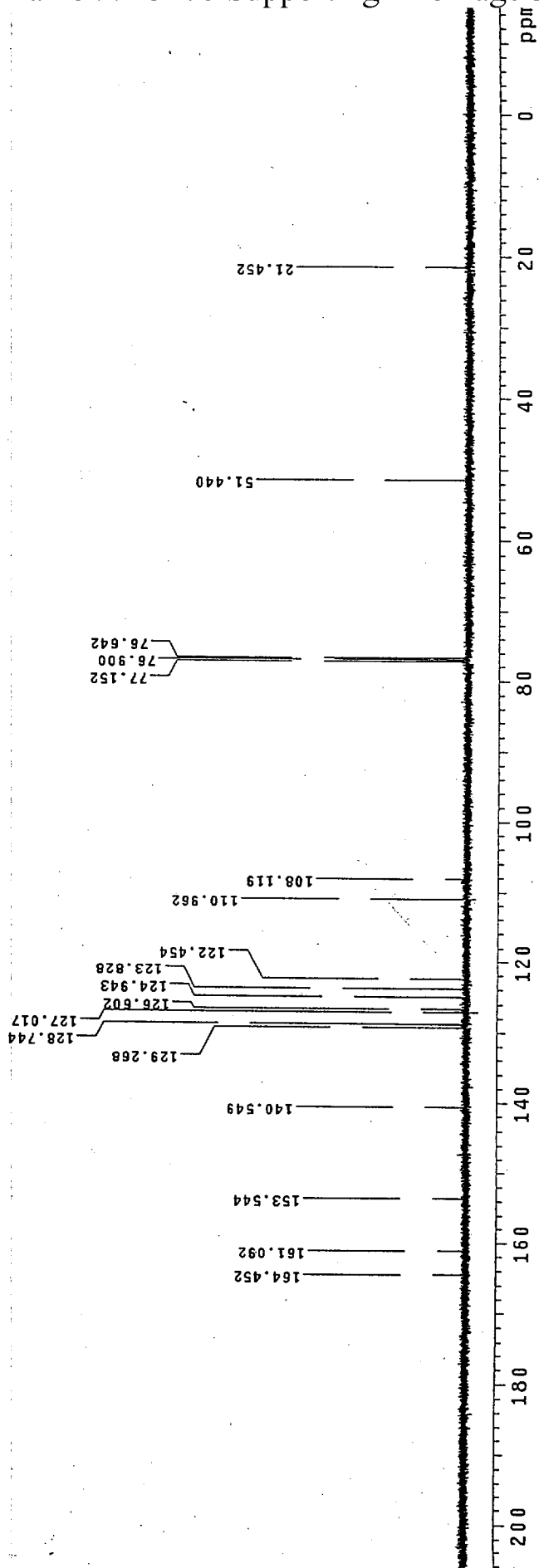
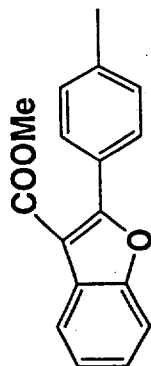


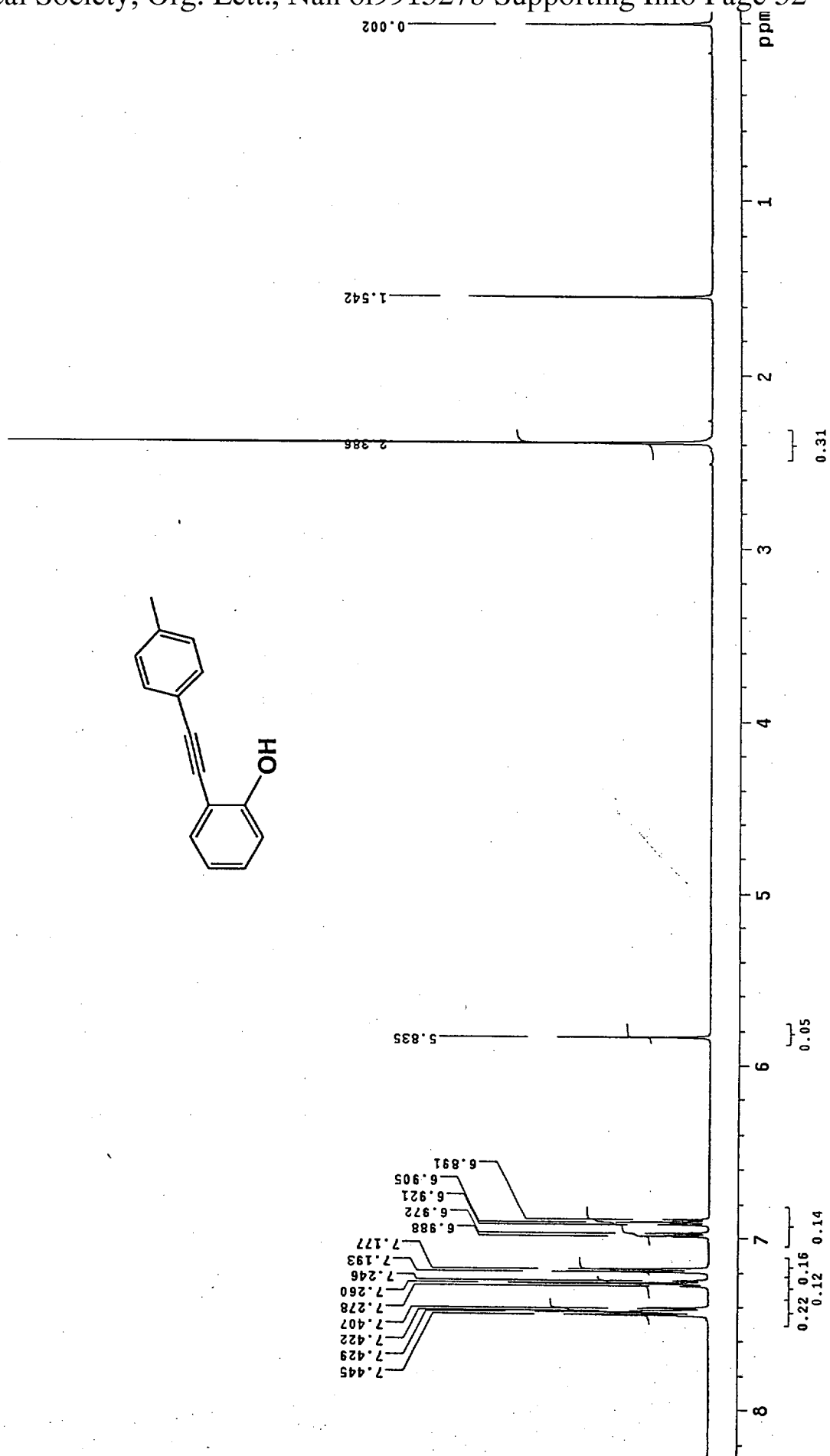




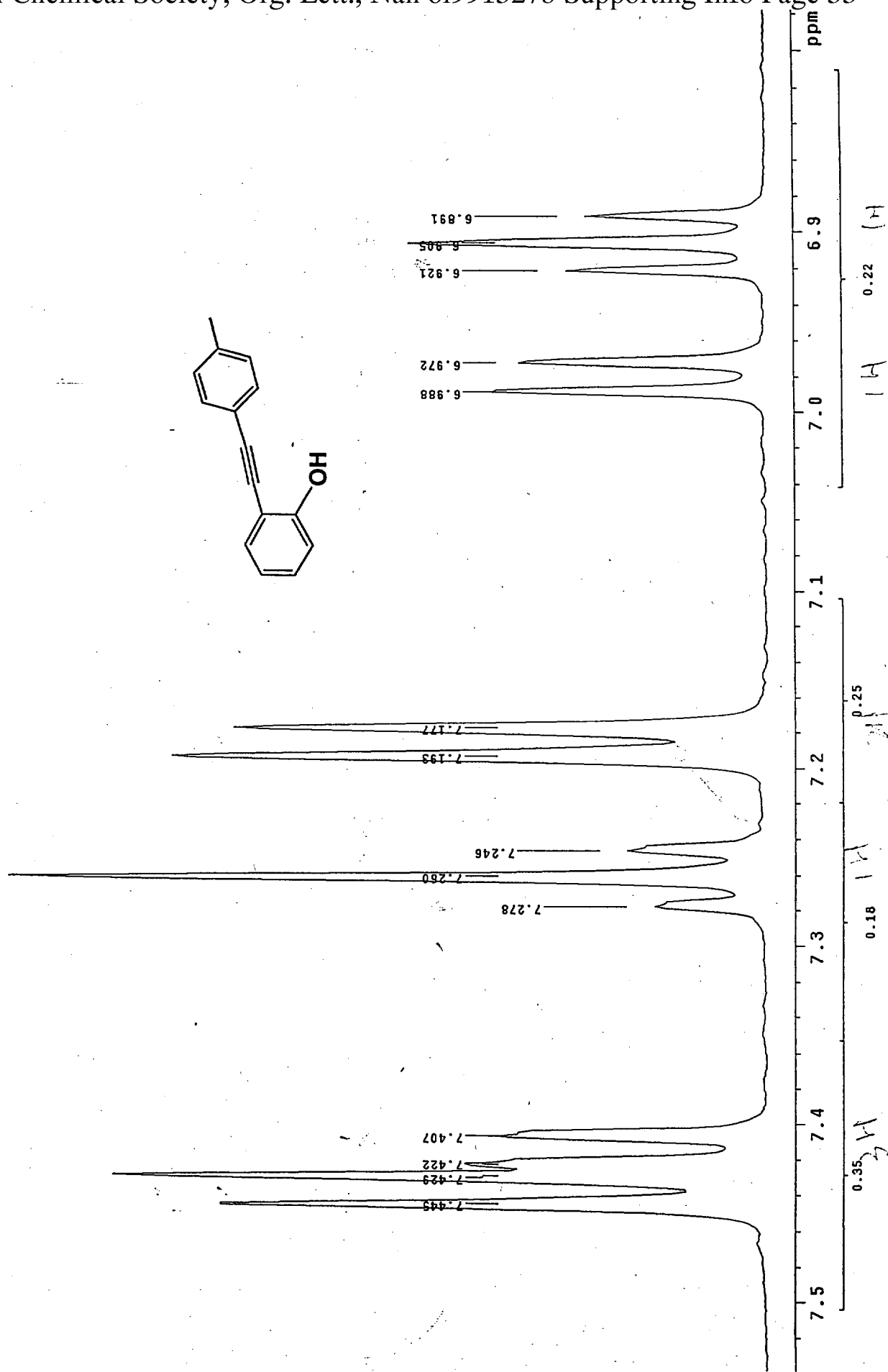


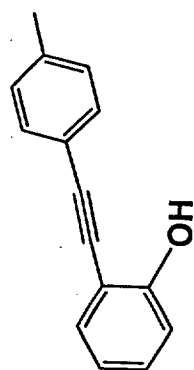












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