

# ANODIC CYLCIZATION REACTIONS: REVERSING THE POLARITY OF KETENE DITHIOACETAL GROUPS

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## Supporting Information

### A. General Procedure for Electrolysis Reaction

In a flame dried three-neck round bottom flask, under Argon atmosphere was placed a 0.03M mixture of the electrolysis substrate in 30% methanol / tetrahydrofuran. To this mixture was added the tetraethylammonium p-toluenesulfonate electrolyte (0.1M) and 2,6-lutidine (6.0 equivalent). A reticulated vitreous carbon anode and a platinum wire cathode were inserted into the reaction mixture, and then the resulting solution sonicated under Argon atmosphere for 10 minutes. The electrolysis was carried out at constant current of 8.0 mA until 2.2 F/mol of electricity had been passed. The solvent mixture was then removed under reduced pressure. The residue was diluted with ether, the electrolyte removed by filtration, and the resulting solution concentrated *in vacuo*. The crude product was immediately chromatographed through a silica gel column that had been slurry packed using a 1% triethylamine in hexane solution with eluting solvent with range from pure hexane to 50% ether in hexane.

## B. Spectral data

**Compound 5a:**  $^1\text{H}$ NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ /300MHz)  $\delta$  6.29 (d,  $J=12.6\text{Hz}$ , 0.5H), 5.97 and 5.95 (t and t,  $J=7.5\text{Hz}$ , 1H), 5.88 (dt,  $J_d=6.3\text{Hz}$ ,  $J_t=1.5\text{Hz}$ , 0.5H), 4.71 (d t,  $J_d=12.6\text{Hz}$ ,  $J_t=7.5\text{Hz}$ , 0.5H), 4.33 (q,  $J_q=6.9\text{Hz}$ , 0.5H), 3.58 (s, 1.5H), 3.50 (s, 1.5H), 2.86 (m, 4H), 2.23 (m, 4H), 2.07(dq,  $J_q=7.5\text{Hz}$ ,  $J_d=1.2\text{Hz}$ , 1H), 1.94 (dq,  $J_q=7.5\text{Hz}$ ,  $J_d=0.9\text{Hz}$ , 1H), 1.43 (p,  $J=7.5\text{Hz}$ , 2H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ /75MHz)  $\delta$  147.4, 146.5, 135.1, 134.8, 125.7, 106.6, 102.7, 59.8, 56.2, 45.0, 37.9, 36.1, 35.2, 30.8, 30.4, 30.0, 29.5, 29.1, 27.6, 26.0, 25.8, 25.7, 23.9, 21.4, 15.6; IR (neat/NaCl) 2930, 2847, 1655, 1585, 1209, 1110  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS  $m/z$  calculated for  $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$  231.0877, found 231.0868.

**Compound 5b:**  $^1\text{H}$ NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ /300MHz)  $\delta$  6.28 (d,  $J=12.6\text{Hz}$ , 0.5H), 5.96 and 5.95 (t and t,  $J_t=7.5\text{Hz}$ , 1H), 5.86 (dt,  $J_d=6.3\text{Hz}$ ,  $J_t=1.5\text{Hz}$ , 0.5H), 4.71 (dt,  $J_d=12.6\text{Hz}$ ,  $J_t=7.5\text{Hz}$ , 0.5H), 4.34 (q,  $J_q=7.5\text{Hz}$ , 0.5H), 3.57 (s, 1.5H), 3.50 (s, 1.5H), 2.85 (m, 4H), 2.25-2.14 (m, 4H), 2.05(dq,  $J_q=7.5\text{Hz}$ ,  $J_d=1.5\text{Hz}$ , 1H), 1.94 (dq,  $J_q=7.2\text{Hz}$ ,  $J_d=2.4\text{Hz}$ , 1H), 1.43-1.31 (m, 4H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ /75MHz)  $\delta$  147.3, 146.3, 135.3, 135.1, 125.5 125.3, 106.9, 103.1, 59.7, 56.1, 30.7, 30.6, 30.4, 30.0, 29.5, 29.4, 29.3, 29.2, 28.8, 28.5, 27.6, 25.6, 25.5, 23.8; IR (neat/ NaCl) 2929, 2852, 1661, 1654, 1459, 1420, 1107  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS  $m/z$  calculated for  $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$  245.1034, found 245.1034.

**Compound 6a:**  $^1\text{H}$ NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ /300MHz)  $\delta$  4.24 (d,  $J=5.1\text{Hz}$ , 1H), 3.41(s, 3H), 3.40(s, 3H), 3.39 (s, 3H), 3.10(m, 2H), 2.67-2.47 (m, 4H), 2.09-2.01 (m, 1H), 1.95-1.86(m, 2H), 1.83-1.66(m, 4H), 1.64-1.53(m, 1H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ /75MHz)  $\delta$  108.2, 97.4, 55.7, 54.7, 51.5, 47.8, 43.9, 28.5, 27.8, 26.8, 26.7, 26.0, 25.3; IR (neat/ NaCl) 2936, 2823, 1446, 1420, 1119, 1071, 1049  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS  $m/z$  calculated for  $[\text{M}+\text{Li}]^+$  299.1327, found 299.1310.

**Compound 6b:**  $^1\text{H}$ NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ /300MHz)  $\delta$  5.00 (d,  $J=2.7\text{Hz}$ , 1H), 3.58 (s, 3H), 3.50 (s, 3H), 3.47 (s, 3H), 3.33-3.00 (broad, m, 2H), 2.66-2.57 (broad, m, 2H), 2.10-1.85 (m, 6H), 1.79-1.63 (broad, m, 2H), 1.44-1.31 (broad, m, 4H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ /75MHz)  $\delta$  106.4, 97.3, 56.5, 55.2, 51.2, 50.3, 43.7, 42.1, 42.0, 28.9, 27.1, 27.0, 26.3, 25.6, 25.4, 24.0; IR (neat/ NaCl) 2933, 2856, 2252, 1073, 909,  $734\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS  $m/z$  calculated for  $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$  307.1402, found 307.1407.

**Compound 11a:**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ /300MHz)  $\delta$  5.95 (t,  $J=7.2\text{Hz}$ , 1H), 3.63 (t,  $J=6.3\text{Hz}$ , 2H), 2.86 (m, 4H), 2.34 (dq,  $J_q=7.5\text{Hz}$ ,  $J_d=1.2\text{Hz}$ , 3H), 2.28-2.12 (m, 2H), 1.65 (m,  $J=7.2\text{Hz}$ , 2H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ /75MHz)  $\delta$  133.7, 126.5, 62.1, 31.9, 30.6, 29.9, 25.8, 25.4; IR (neat/ NaCl) 3368, 2930, 1583, 1420, 1276,  $1056\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS  $m/z$  calculated for  $[\text{M}+\text{Li}]^+$  197.0646, found 197.0647.

**Compound 11b:**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ /300MHz)  $\delta$  5.95 (t,  $J=7.5\text{Hz}$ , 1H), 3.65 (t,  $J=7.2\text{Hz}$ , 2H), 2.86 (t,  $J=6.0\text{Hz}$ , 4H), 2.29-2.13 (m, 4H), 1.66-1.44 (m, 5H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ /75MHz)  $\delta$  134.4, 126.0, 62.9, 32.3, 30.6, 29.8, 29.2, 25.5, 25.3; IR (neat/ NaCl) 3401, 2936, 2094, 1654,  $1638\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS  $m/z$  calculated for  $[\text{M}+\text{Li}]^+$  211.0803, found 211.0799

**Compound 11c:**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ /300MHz)  $\delta$  3.46-3.56 (m, 2H), 3.38-3.30 (m, 1H), 2.89-2.85 (m, 4H), 2.15-2.07 (m, 2H), 1.97(dd,  $J=7.5$ , 4.8 Hz, 1H), 1.76 (s, 1H), 1.65-1.49 (m, 2H), 1.00 (d,  $J=6.9$  Hz, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ /75MHz)  $\delta$  142.4, 119.5, 61.0, 37.3, 33.7, 30.0, 29.9, 24.9, 18.9, 14.5; IR (neat/ NaCl) 3361, 2952, 2930, 2868, 1418,  $1272$ ,  $1049$ ,  $909\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS  $m/z$  calculated for  $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$  219.0877, found 219.0868.

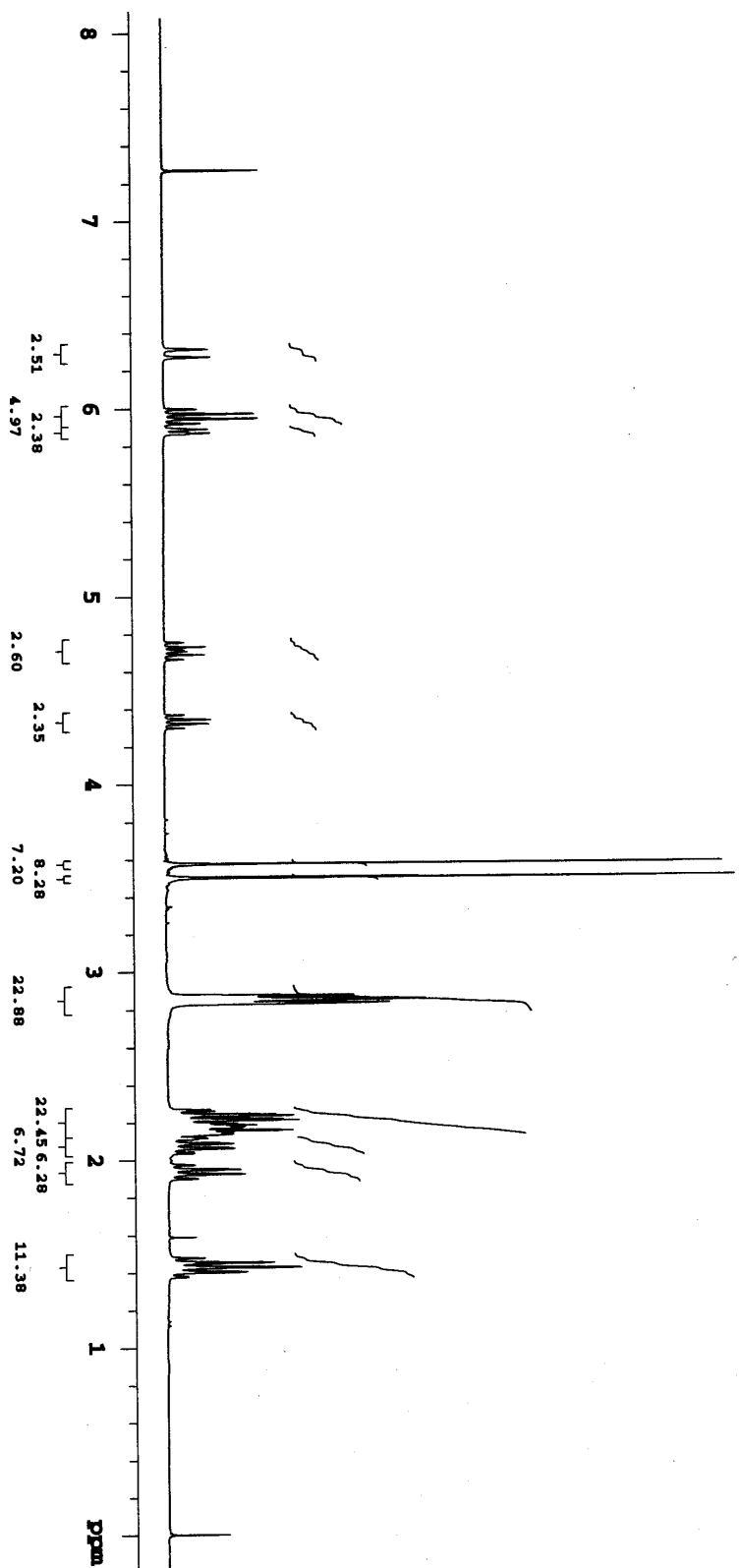
**Compound 12a:**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ /300MHz)  $\delta$  4.22 (t,  $J=7.5\text{Hz}$ , 1H), 3.98-3.81 (m, 2H), 3.52 (s, 3H), 3.17-3.00 (m, 2H), 2.76-2.68 (m, 2H), 2.18-1.82 (m, 6H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR

(CDCl<sub>3</sub>/75MHz)  $\delta$  96.2, 83.5, 69.8, 52.8, 28.0, 26.7, 26.6, 26.4, 24.8; IR (neat/ NaCl) 2934, 2870, 2241, 1726, 1423, 1057 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS m/z calculated for [M+Li]<sup>+</sup> 227.0752, found 227.0750.

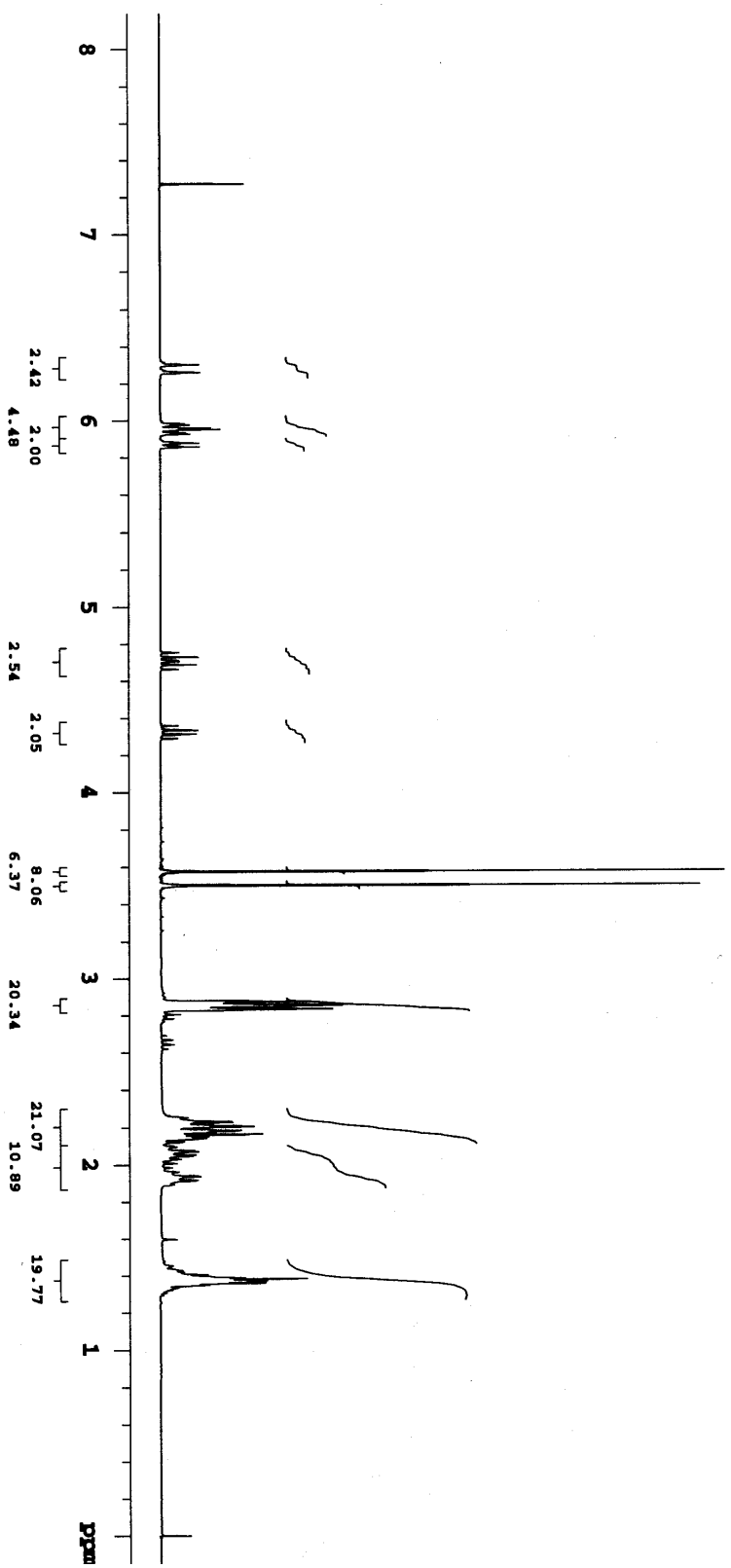
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**Compound 12c:** <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>/300MHz)  $\delta$  3.87-3.71 (m, 2H), 3.53 (s, 3H), 3.03-2.93 (m, 2H), 2.89-2.70 (m, 3H), 2.07-1.94 (m, 2H), 1.91-1.77 (m, 1H), 1.62-1.50 (m, 1H), 1.18 (s, 1H), 1.08 (d, J=6.6 Hz, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>/75MHz)  $\delta$  102.6, 90.9, 67.4, 53.3, 39.1, 35.5, 27.2, 26.9, 23.8, 18.2, 16.6; IR (neat/ NaCl) 2960, 2928, 2867, 1088, 1051 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS m/z calculated for [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 249.0983, found 249.0976.

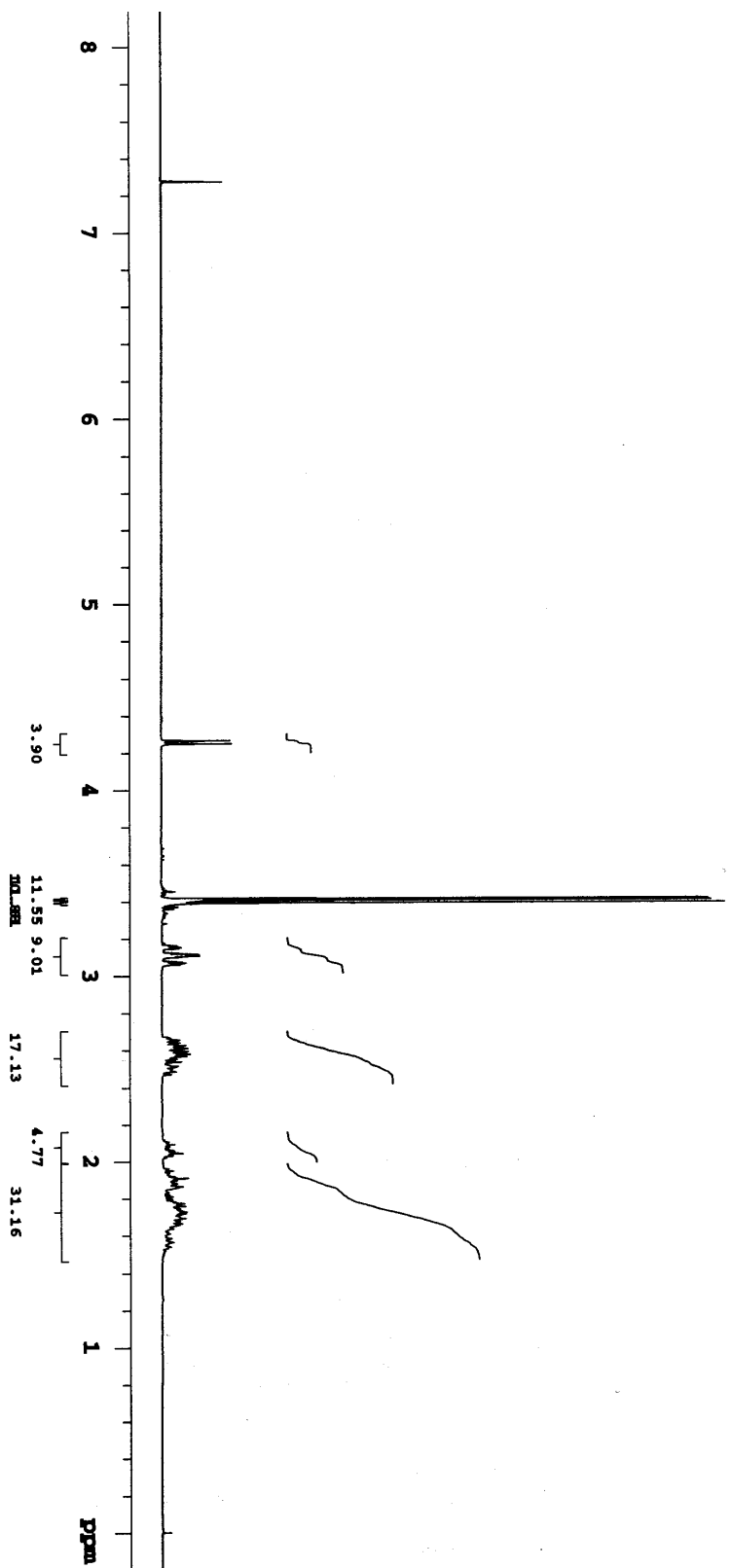
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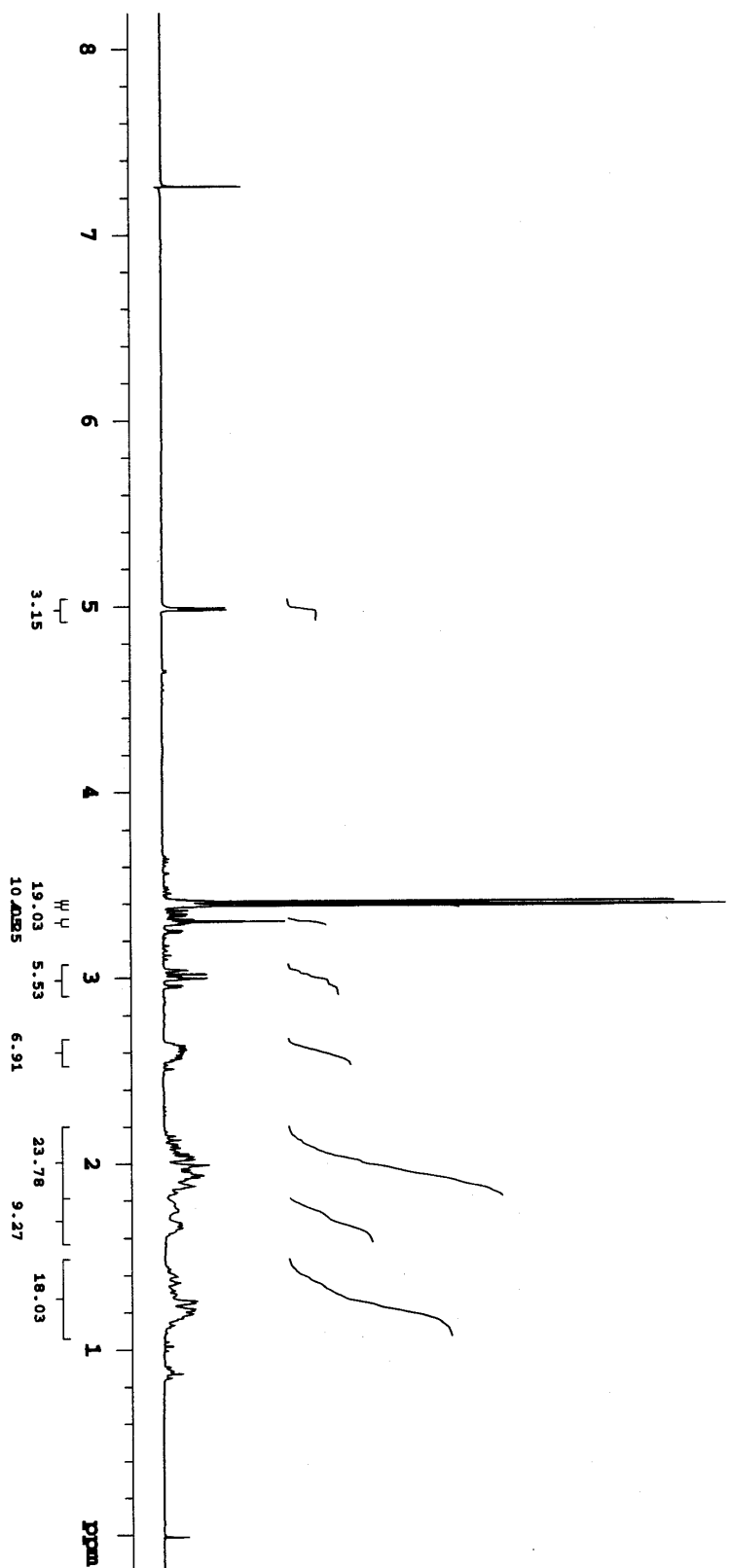
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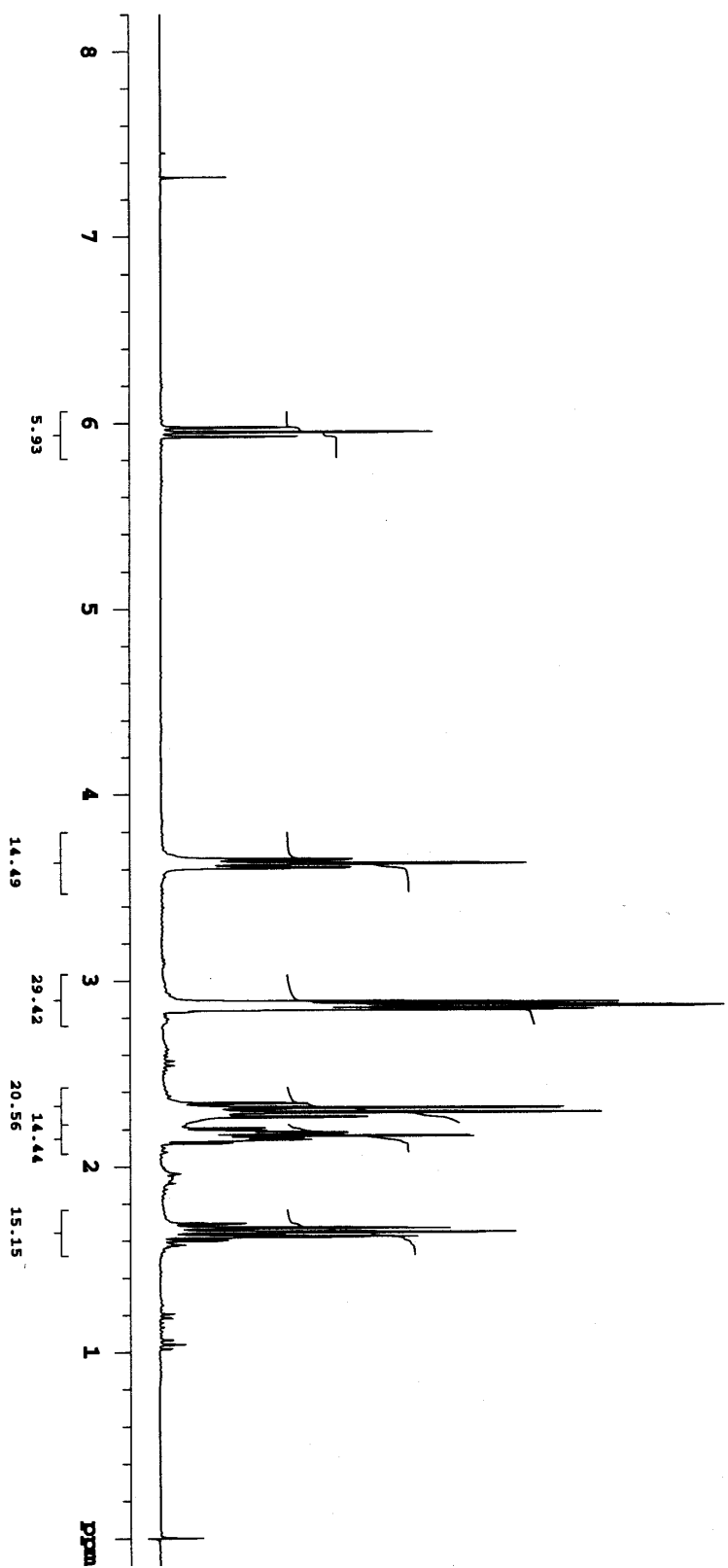


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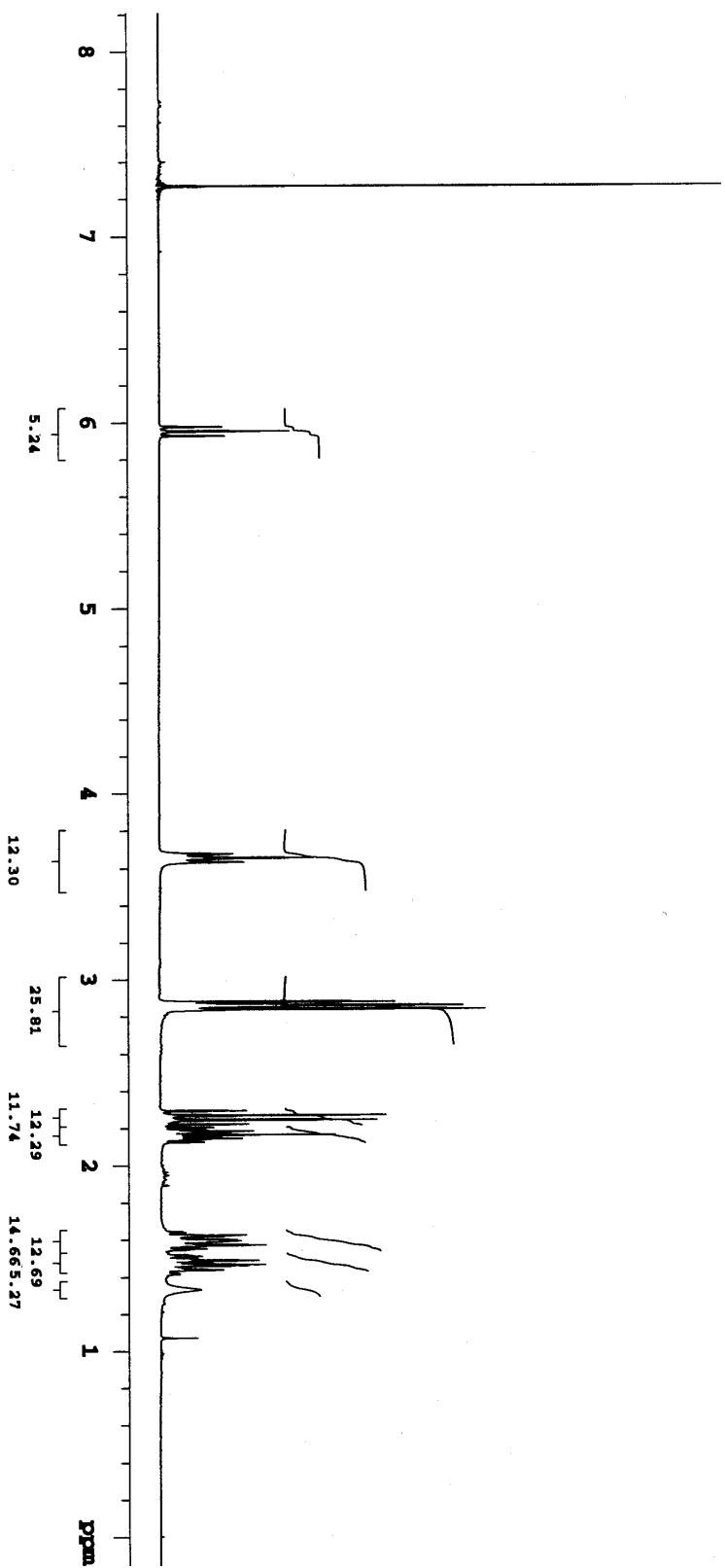




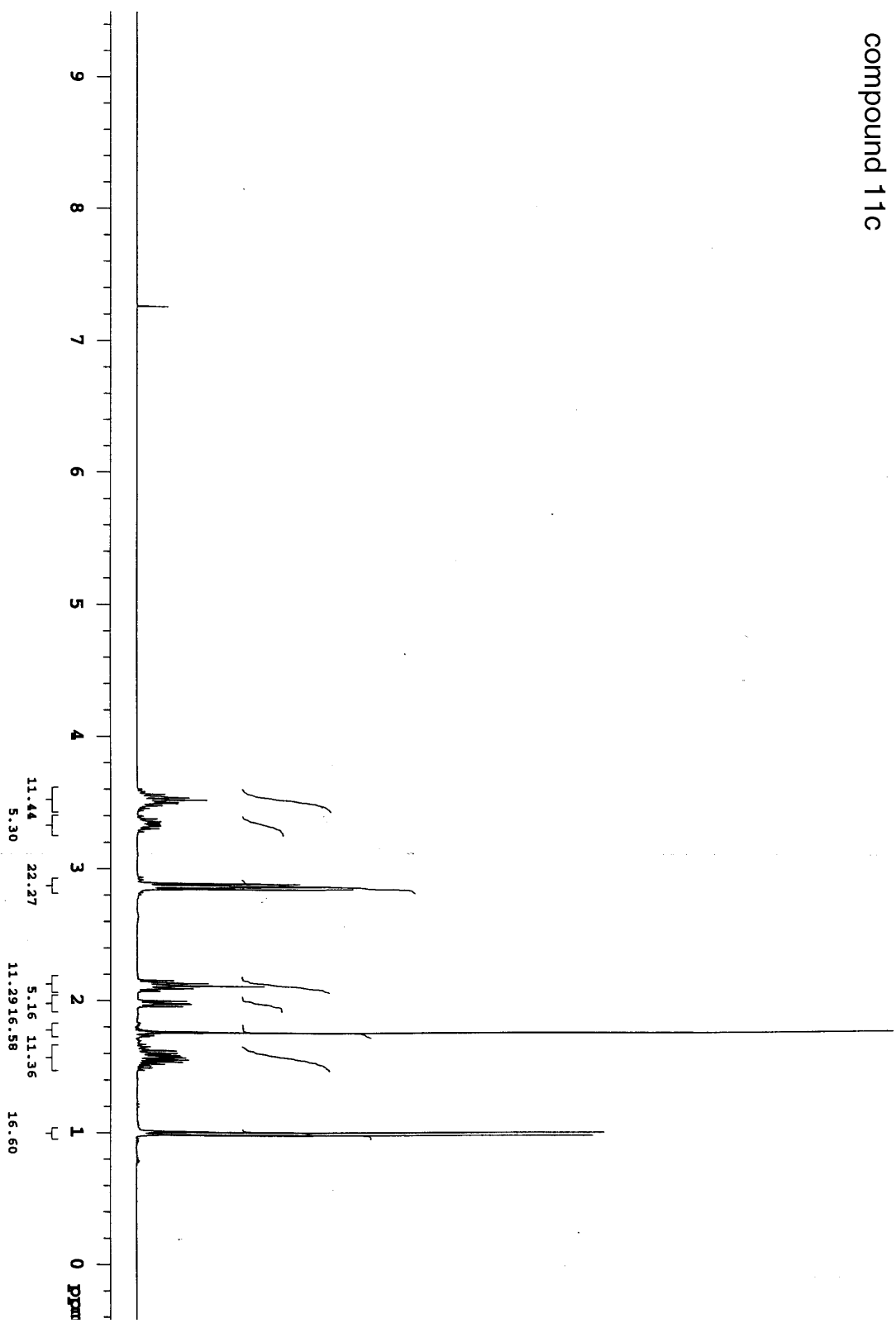
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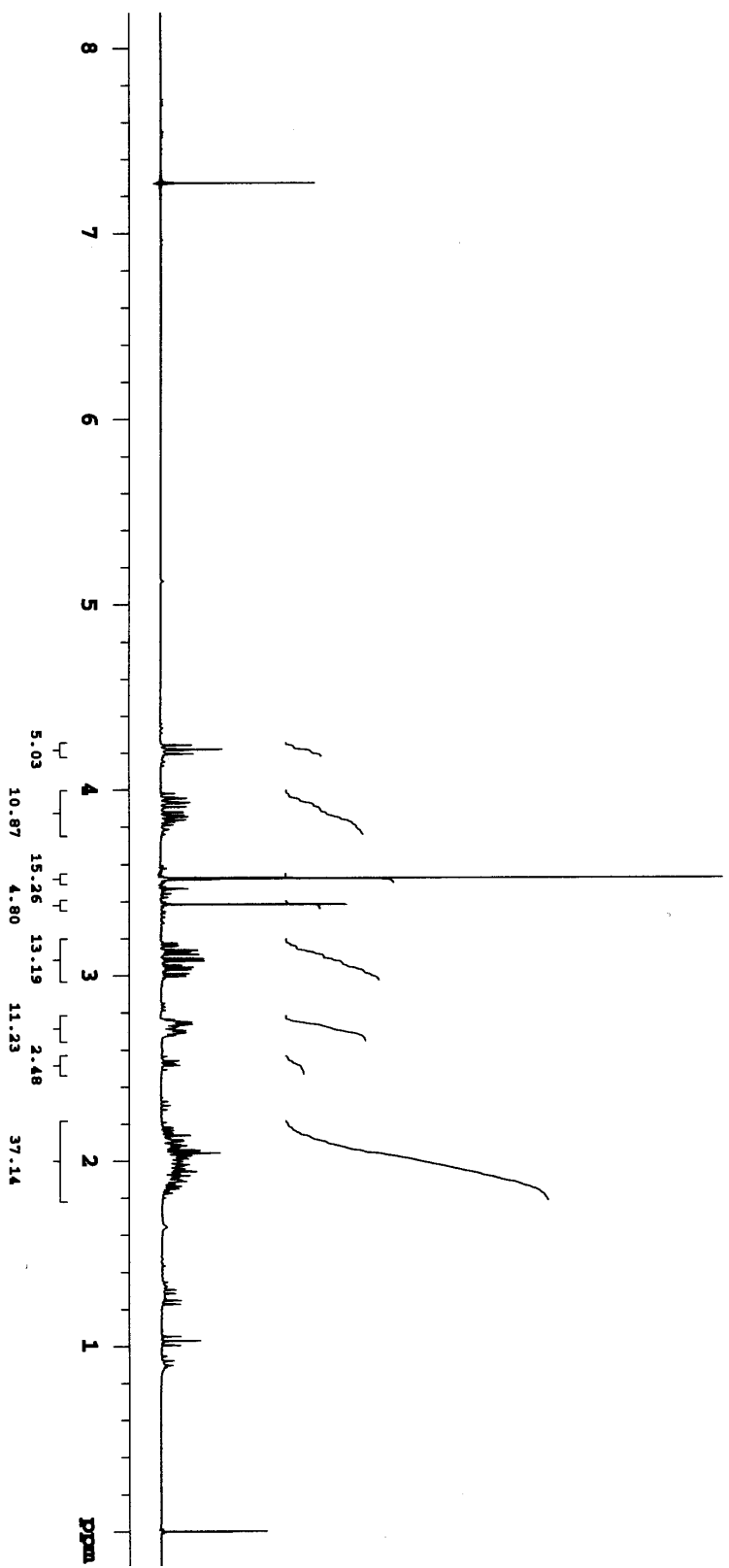
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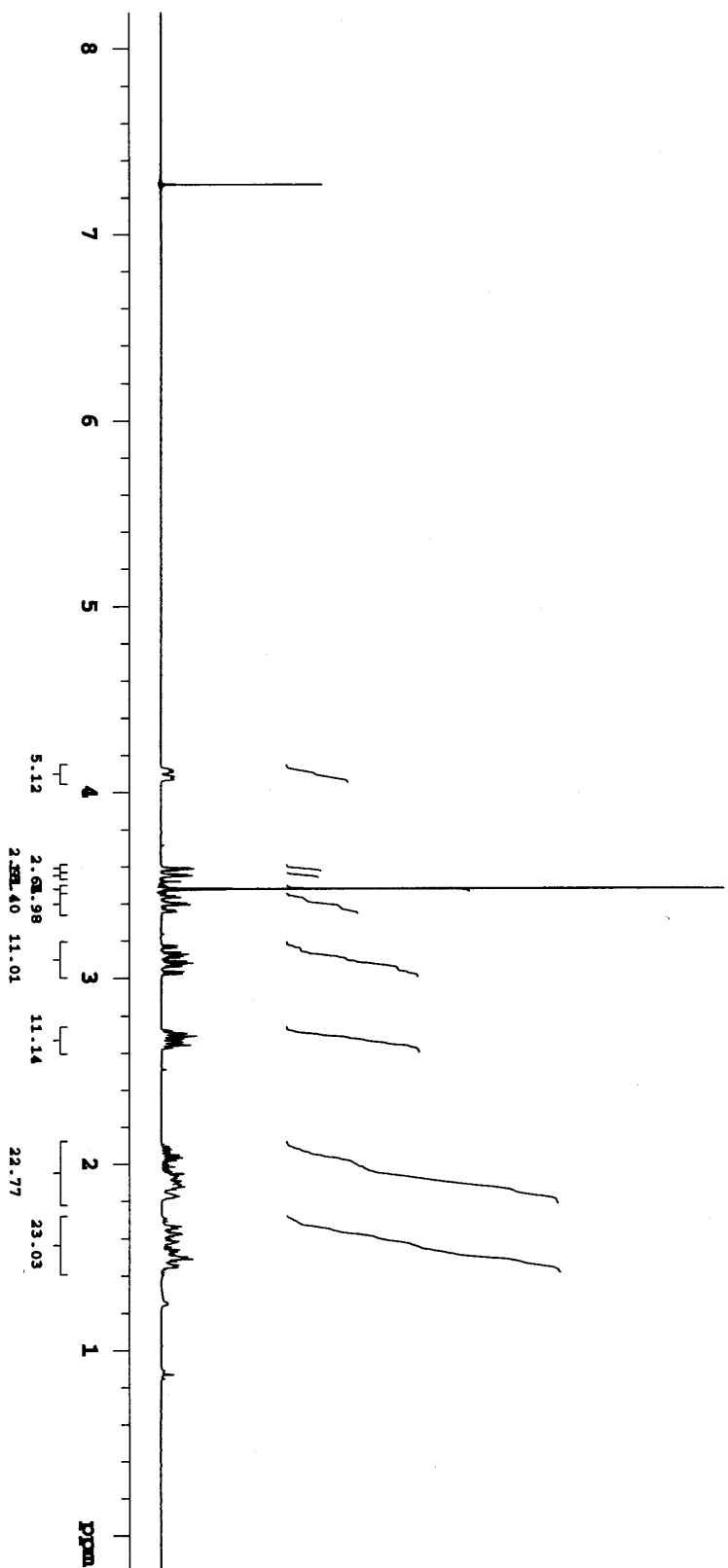
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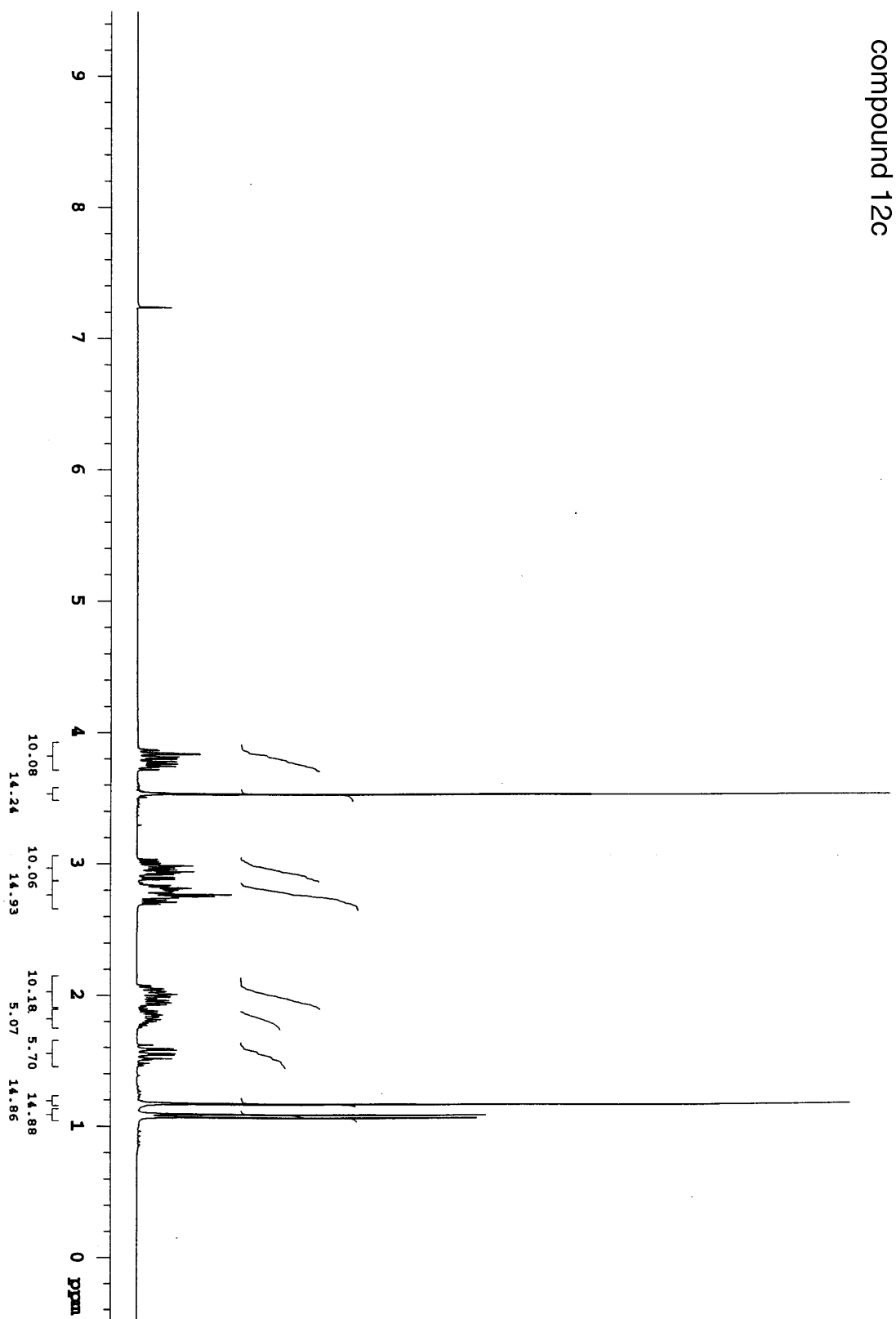
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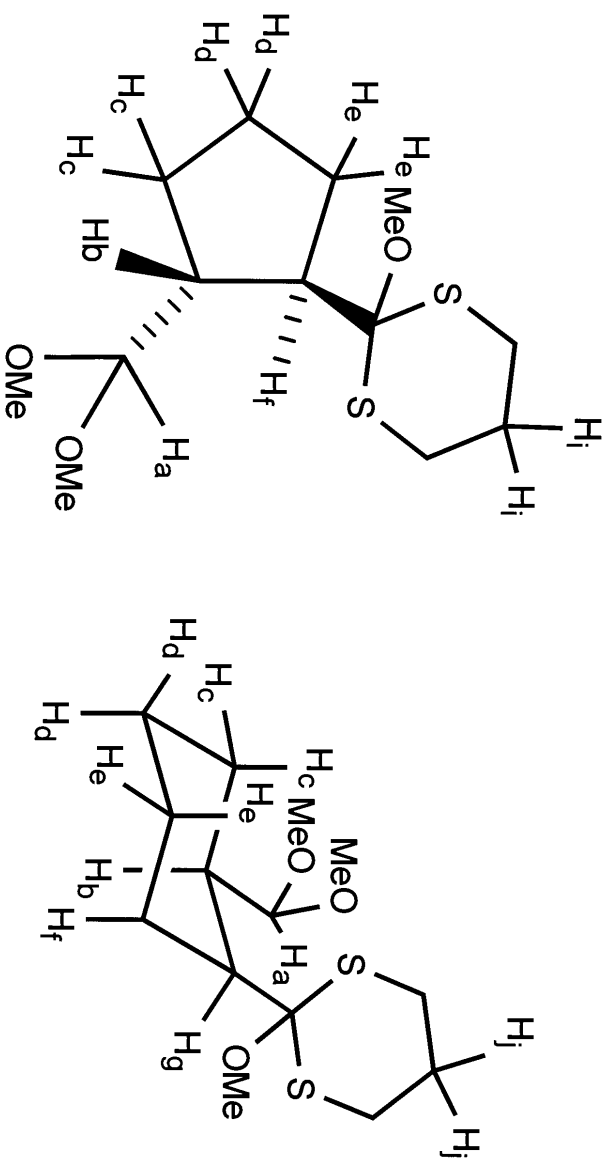


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Compounds 6a and 6b

