

**Nitroxyl Radical/PhI(OAc)₂: One-Pot Oxidative Cleavage
of Vicinal Diols to (Di)Carboxylic Acids**

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General Experimental Procedures:

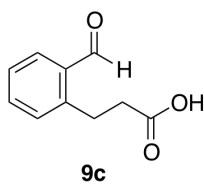
All reactions were stirred magnetically, under an atmosphere of argon, unless otherwise specified. Reactions were monitored by thin-layer chromatography (TLC) carried out on silica gel plates (Merck silica Kieselgel 60 F₂₅₄). Flash column chromatography was performed on silica gel 60N (Kanto Chemical Co., Inc., spherical, neutral, 40-50 μ m). Proton nuclear magnetic resonance (¹H NMR) spectra were recorded on JEOL JNM-AL400 (400 MHz) and JEOL JNM-ECA600 (600 MHz) spectrometers. Chemical shifts (δ) are given in parts per million (ppm) relative to internal TMS (0.00 ppm) in CDCl₃ or residual non-deuterated MeOH peak (3.31 ppm) in CD₃OD. Coupling constants (*J*) are reported in Hz. The following abbreviations are used to explain the multiplicities: s, singlet; d, doublet; t, triplet; q, quartet; m, multiplet; br s, broad singlet; br d, broad doublet; dd, double doublet; ddd, double double doublet; dddd, double double double doublet; tt, triple triplet. Carbon-13 nuclear magnetic resonance (¹³C NMR) spectra were recorded on JEOL JNM-AL400 (100 MHz) and JEOL JNM-ECA600 (150 MHz) spectrometers. Chemical shifts are given in ppm relative to the center line of the triplet of CDCl₃ (77.0 ppm) or the center line of the septet of CD₃OD (49.0 ppm). Infrared spectra were recorded on a JASCO *FT/IR*-410 Fourier Transform Infrared Spectrometer. Mass spectra were recorded on JMS-DX303, JMS-700 or JMS-T 100 GC using electron impact (EI) or fast atom bombardment (FAB). ESI mass spectra were recorded on a Thermo Fisher SCIENTIFIC Exactive.

Table S1 : Scopes of TEMPO-Catalyzed One-Pot Oxidative Cleavages

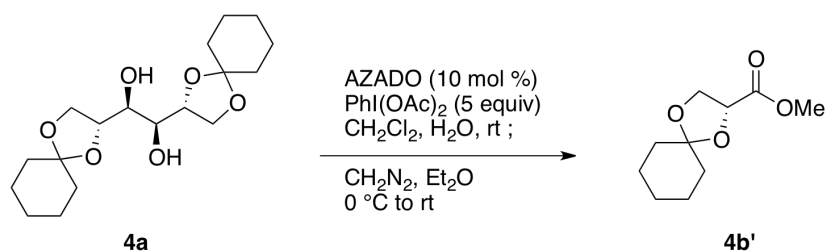
$ \begin{array}{c} \text{OH} \\ \\ \text{R}^1\text{CH}-\text{CH}-\text{R}^2 \\ \\ \text{OH} \end{array} \xrightarrow[\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2, \text{H}_2\text{O}, \text{rt}]{\text{catalyst (10 mol \%)} \\ \text{PhI(OAc)}_2 \text{ (5 equiv)}} \begin{array}{c} \text{O} \\ \\ \text{R}^1\text{CH}-\text{COOH} \end{array} + \begin{array}{c} \text{O} \\ \\ \text{R}^2\text{CH}-\text{COOH} \end{array} $			
entry	diol	product	yield ^a / time AZADO TEMPO
1			90% ^b / 1 h 89% ^b / 1 h
2			91% ^b / 1 h 91% ^b / 1 h
3			90% ^b / 12 h (95% ^b / 4 h) ^c 10% ^b / 12 h (53% ^b / 4 h) ^c
4			85% ^{b,c} / 4 h 17% ^{b,c,d} / 4 h

^a Isolated yield. ^b Carboxylic acids were isolated as methyl esters after treatment with CH₂N₂.

^c Bu₄NBr was added and MeCN was used as a solvent. ^d Methyl ester of **9c** (72%) was isolated as a by-product.



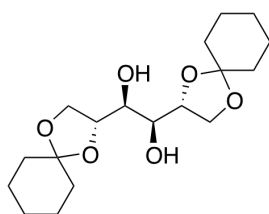
General Procedure for the Oxidative Cleavage of Diols (Method A)



To a solution of diol **4a** (30.0 mg, 0.0876 mmol, R_f = 0.63, AcOEt / Hexane = 1 / 1) in CH₂Cl₂ (0.22 mL) and H₂O (0.22 mL) was added AZADO (1.3 mg, 0.00876 mmol) and PhI(OAc)₂ (141 mg, 0.438 mmol) at 0 °C. The mixture was allowed to warm to room temperature and stirred for 1 h. (TLC analysis: At a beginning of the reaction, a tailing spot (R_f = 0.40 – 0.57, AcOEt / Hexane = 1 / 1) was observed, which was presumably a mixture of the corresponding aldehyde and its hydrate. The carboxylic acid **4b** was observed as a tailing spot at R_f = 0 – 0.37, AcOEt / Hexane = 1 / 1) The solvent was removed under reduced pressure, and the residue was added Et₂O. Then, CH₂N₂ in Et₂O was added at 0 °C until yellow color was appeared. The mixture was allowed to warm to room temperature and stirred for 1 h. The solution was concentrated under reduced pressure. Then, water was added to the residue and the resultant solution was extracted with AcOEt. The combined organic layer was washed with brine, dried over MgSO₄ and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude product was purified by silica gel column chromatography (AcOEt / Hexane = 1 / 10) to give a methyl ester **4b'** (31.4 mg, 0.157 mmol, 90%) as colorless oil.

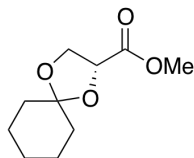
Experimental Data for Compounds

1,2 : 5,6-Di-O-cyclohexylidene-D-mannitol (**4a**)¹



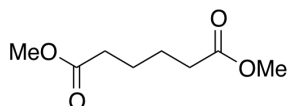
¹H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 4.24-4.17 (2H, m), 4.15-4.09 (2H, m), 4.00-3.94 (2H, m), 3.75 (2H, dd, J = 6.3 Hz, 6.3 Hz), 2.66 (2H, br d, J = 6.3 Hz), 1.71-1.52 (20H, m). ¹³C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 109.9, 75.6, 71.2, 66.4, 36.4, 34.7, 25.0, 24.0, 23.7. IR (neat, cm⁻¹): 3295, 2935, 2852. MS m/z : 342 (M^+), 201 (100%). HRMS (EI): Calcd. for C₁₈H₃₀O₆: 342.2042, found: 342.2048.

Methyl (*R*)-1,4-dioxaspiro[4,5]decane-2-carboxylate (**4b'**)



$^1\text{H-NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 4.60 (1H, dd, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 5.3 Hz), 4.23 (1H, dd, $J = 8.7$ Hz, 7.2 Hz), 4.10 (1H, dd, $J = 8.7$ Hz, 5.3 Hz), 3.77 (3H, s), 1.79-1.52 (8H, m), 1.50-1.32 (2H, m). $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$ (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 171.7, 111.9, 73.7, 66.9, 52.2, 35.2, 34.9, 24.9, 23.8, , 23.7. IR (neat, cm^{-1}): 2937, 2863, 1763, 1737. MS m/z : 200 (M^+), 157 (100%). HRMS (EI): Calcd. for $\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_{16}\text{O}_4$: 200.1049, found: 200.1031.

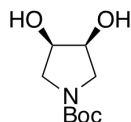
Dimethyl adipate (**6b'**)²



6b' was prepared according to the method A. **6b'** was obtained as colorless oil after silica gel column chromatography (AcOEt / Hexane = 1 / 10).

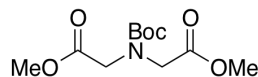
$^1\text{H-NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 3.67 (6H, s), 2.37-2.30 (4H, m), 1.71-1.64 (4H, m). $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$ (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 173.7, 51.5, 33.6, 24.3. IR (neat, cm^{-1}): 2953, 2872, 1739. MS m/z : 175 ($\text{M}^+ + \text{H}$), 114 (100%). HRMS (EI): Calcd. for $\text{C}_8\text{H}_{15}\text{O}_4$: 175.0970, found: 175.0982.

tert-Butyl *cis*-3,4-dihydroxypyrrolidine-1-carboxylate (**8a**)



$^1\text{H-NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3): mixture of rotamers δ 4.30-4.20 (2H, m), 3.66-3.52 (2H, m), 3.42-3.27 (2H, m), 2.50-2.37 (2H, m), 1.45 (9H, s). $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$ (100 MHz, CDCl_3): mixture of rotamers δ 154.8, 79.9, 71.2, 70.5, 50.6, 50.1, 28.4. IR (neat, cm^{-1}): 3395, 2976, 2936, 2887, 1672. MS m/z : 203 (M^+), 57 (100%). HRMS (EI): Calcd. for $\text{C}_9\text{H}_{17}\text{NO}_4$: 203.1158, found: 203.1142.

Dimethyl 2,2'-(*tert*-butoxycarbonylazanediy)ldiacetate (**8b'**)

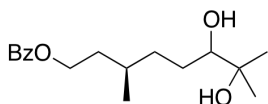


8b' was prepared according to the method A. **8b'** was obtained as colorless oil after silica gel column chromatography (AcOEt / Hexane = 1 / 3).

$^1\text{H-NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 4.12 (2H, s), 4.02 (2H, s), 3.74 (3H, s), 3.37 (3H, s), 1.44 (9H, s).

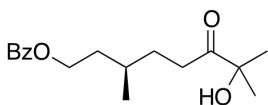
^{13}C -NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 170.3, 170.2, 155.0, 81.2, 52.1, 52.0, 49.5, 48.9, 28.1. IR (neat, cm^{-1}): 2978, 2955, 1753, 1706. MS m/z : 262 (M^+H), 102 (100%). HRMS (EI): Calcd. for $\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_{20}\text{NO}_6$: 262.1291, found: 262.1268.

(3*R*)-6,7-Dihydroxy-3,7-dimethyloctyl benzoate (**12a**)



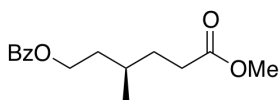
^1H -NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): mixture of diastereomers δ 8.04 (2H, d, $J = 7.7$ Hz), 7.55 (1H, t, $J = 7.7$ Hz), 7.44 (2H, dd, $J = 7.7$, 7.7 Hz), 4.47-4.30 (2H, m), 3.38-3.31 (1H, m), 2.36-2.26 (1H, m), 2.06-1.99 (1H, m), 1.90-1.77 (1H, m), 1.75-1.18 (6H, m), 1.21 (3H, s), 1.16 (3H, s), 1.02-0.94 (3H, m). ^{13}C -NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): mixture of diastereomers δ 166.73, 166.68, 132.82, 132.80, 130.3, 129.5, 128.3, 78.9, 78.5, 73.09, 73.07, 63.4, 35.7, 35.3, 34.1, 33.7, 30.1, 29.8, 29.0, 28.8, 26.43, 26.42, 23.1, 19.6, 19.3. IR (neat, cm^{-1}): 3424, 2960, 2928, 2872, 1718. MS m/z : 277 (M^+OH), 123 (100%). HRMS (EI): Calcd. for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{25}\text{O}_3$: 277.1804, found: 277.1790.

(*R*)-7-Hydroxy-3,7-dimethyl-6-oxooctyl benzoate (**12c**)



^1H -NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 8.03 (2H, d, $J = 7.5$ Hz), 7.56 (1H, t, $J = 7.5$ Hz), 7.44 (2H, dd, $J = 7.5$, 7.5 Hz), 4.44-4.32 (2H, m), 3.74 (1H, s), 2.62-2.55 (2H, m), 1.89-1.48 (5H, m), 1.38 (6H, s), 0.99 (3H, d, $J = 6.3$ Hz). ^{13}C -NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 214.4, 166.6, 132.9, 130.3, 129.5, 128.3, 76.2, 35.4, 33.0, 30.6, 29.6, 26.5, 19.2. IR (neat, cm^{-1}): 3486, 2965, 2931, 1716. MS m/z : 293 (M^+), 123 (100%). HRMS (EI): Calcd. for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{25}\text{O}_4$: 293.1753, found: 293.1750.

(*R*)-6-Methoxy-3-methyl-6-oxohexyl benzoate (**12b'**)

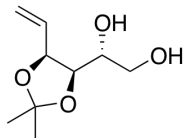


12b' was prepared according to the method A. **12b'** was obtained as colorless oil after silica gel column chromatography (AcOEt / Hexane = 1 / 20 to 1 / 2).

^1H -NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 8.03 (2H, d, $J = 7.6$ Hz), 7.56 (1H, t, $J = 7.6$ Hz), 7.44 (2H, dd, $J = 7.6$, 7.6 Hz), 4.43-4.31 (2H, m), 3.66 (3H, s), 2.44-2.28 (2H, m), 1.88-1.49 (5H, m), 0.98 (3H, d, $J = 6.8$ Hz). ^{13}C -NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 174.1, 166.6, 132.8, 130.4, 129.5, 128.3, 63.1, 51.5, 35.2, 31.8, 31.7, 29.6, 19.1. IR (neat, cm^{-1}): 2955, 1738, 1719. MS m/z : 264 (M^+), 142 (100%). HRMS

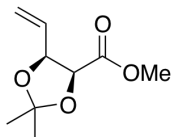
(EI): Calcd. for C₁₅H₂₀O₄: 264.1362, found: 264.1346.

(1*R*)-1-((4*R*,5*S*)-2,2-Dimethyl-5-vinyl[1,3]dioxolan-4-yl)ethane-1,2-diol (**13a**)³



¹H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 6.01 (1H, ddd, *J* = 17.1, 9.5, 6.9 Hz), 5.47 (1H, d, *J* = 17.1 Hz), 5.34 (1H, d, *J* = 9.8 Hz), 4.71 (1H, t, *J* = 6.9 Hz), 4.11 (1H, dd, *J* = 8.5, 6.5 Hz), 3.85-3.65 (3H, m), 1.48 (3H, s), 1.37 (3H, s). ¹³C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 133.7, 118.3, 109.0, 78.5, 78.0, 69.8, 64.2, 27.6, 25.2. IR (neat, cm⁻¹): 3407, 2987, 1217, 1059. FAB-MS *m/z*: 189 (M⁺+H), 189 (100%). HRMS (FAB): Calcd. for C₉H₁₇O₄: 189.1127, found: 189.1127.

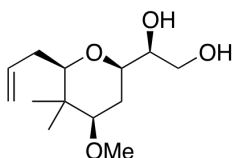
Methyl (*R,R*)-2,3-dihydroxy-2,3-*O*-isopropylidene-pent-4-enoate (**13b'**)⁴



13b' was prepared according to the method A. **13b'** was obtained as a colorless oil after silica gel column chromatography (AcOEt / Hexane = 1 / 20 to 1 / 10).

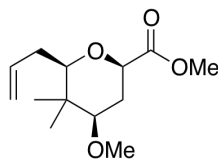
¹H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 5.73 (1H, ddd, *J* = 17.1, 10.2, 6.8 Hz), 5.43 (1H, d, *J* = 17.1 Hz), 5.28 (1H, d, *J* = 10.2 Hz), 4.81 (1H, t, *J* = 6.8 Hz), 4.70 (1H, d, *J* = 6.8 Hz), 3.71 (3H, s), 1.64 (3H, s), 1.41 (3H, s). ¹³C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 169.9, 132.1, 119.4, 111.2, 78.7, 77.7, 51.8, 26.9, 25.5. IR (neat, cm⁻¹): 2988, 1761, 1205, 1098. ESI-MS *m/z*: 209 (M⁺+Na), 209 (100%). HRMS (ESI): Calcd. for C₉H₁₄O₄Na: 209.0790, found: 209.0776.

(*S*)-1-((2*R*,4*R*,6*R*)-6-Allyl-4-methoxy-5,5-dimethyltetrahydro-2*H*-pyran-2-yl)ethane-1,2-diol (**14a**)



¹H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 5.82 (1H, dddd, *J* = 17.0, 12.5, 6.8, 6.8 Hz), 5.10-5.01 (2H, m), 3.82-3.68 (2H, m), 3.64-3.56 (1H, m), 3.46 (1H, ddd, *J* = 12.6, 5.1, 2.1 Hz), 3.36 (3H, s), 3.01 (1H, dd, *J* = 11.1, 2.2 Hz), 2.89 (1H, dd, *J* = 11.1, 4.4 Hz), 2.53 (1H, br s), 2.36 (1H, br s), 2.25 (1H, dd, *J* = 13.2, 6.8 Hz), 2.15-2.05 (1H, m), 2.01 (1H, ddd, *J* = 12.6, 4.4, 2.4 Hz), 1.42-1.31 (1H, m), 0.95 (3H, s), 0.92 (3H, s). ¹³C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 136.3, 116.3, 84.7, 84.2, 78.5, 73.3, 63.9, 57.2, 38.9, 33.4, 28.6, 22.4, 13.2. IR (neat, cm⁻¹): 3404, 2973, 2936, 2878, 2833. MS *m/z*: 244 (M⁺), 85 (100%). HRMS (EI): Calcd. for C₁₃H₂₄O₄: 244.1675, found: 244.1656.

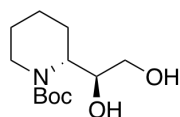
(2*R*,4*R*,6*R*)-Methyl-6-allyl-4-methoxy-5,5-dimethyltetrahydro-2*H*-pyran-2-carboxylate (**14b'**)



14b' was prepared according to the method A. **14b'** was obtained as colorless oil after silica gel column chromatography (AcOEt / Hexane = 1 / 20 to 1 / 8).

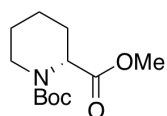
¹H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 5.99-5.87 (1H, m), 5.08 (1H, ddd, *J* = 17.0, 3.4, 1.6 Hz), 5.05-5.00 (1H, m), 3.97 (1H, dd, *J* = 12.4, 2.8 Hz), 3.76 (3H, s), 3.37 (3H, s), 3.01 (1H, dd, *J* = 9.4, 3.0 Hz), 2.91 (1H, dd, *J* = 11.6, 4.8 Hz), 2.35-2.19 (3H, m), 1.63-1.51 (1H, m), 0.95 (3H, s), 0.88 (3H, s). ¹³C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 171.3, 136.5, 116.0, 85.1, 84.5, 75.3, 57.2, 52.2, 38.8, 33.4, 29.5, 22.4, 13.2. IR (neat, cm⁻¹): 3076, 2975, 2827, 1761, 1742, 1642. MS *m/z*: 242 (M⁺), 85 (100%). HRMS (EI): Calcd. for C₁₃H₂₂O₄: 242.1518, found: 242.1522.

1-(*R*)-*tert*-Butyl 2-((*S*)-1,2-dihydroxyethyl)piperidine-1-carboxylate (**15a**)⁵



¹H-NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃): mixture of rotamers δ 4.26-4.16 (1H, m), 4.05-3.88 (2H, m), 3.77-3.63 (1H, m), 3.56-3.46 (1H, m), 3.06-2.57 (2H, m), 1.70-1.51 (6H, m), 1.47 (9H, s). ¹³C-NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃): mixture of rotamers δ 157.4, 80.2, 71.5, 64.4, 52.1, 40.9, 28.4, 25.9, 25.0, 19.7. IR (neat, cm⁻¹): 3415, 2933, 2873, 1662. MS *m/z*: 246 (M⁺+H), 128 (100%). HRMS (EI): Calcd. for C₁₂H₂₄O₄N: 246.1705, found: 246.1694.

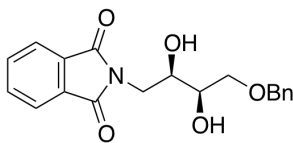
1-(*R*)-*tert*-Butyl 2-methyl piperidine-1,2-dicarboxylate (**15b'**)⁶



15b' was prepared according to the method A. **15b'** was obtained as colorless oil after silica gel column chromatography (AcOEt / Hexane = 1 / 10 to 1 / 4).

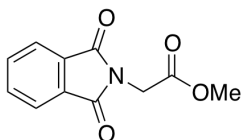
¹H-NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃): mixture of rotamers δ 4.88 (0.5H, br s), 4.71 (0.5H, br s), 4.07-3.96 (0.5H, m), 3.96-3.85 (0.5H, m), 3.71 (3H, s), 3.02-2.90 (0.5H, m), 2.90-2.79 (0.5H, m), 2.18 (1H, br s), 1.71-1.55 (3H, m), 1.51-1.33 (10H, m), 1.27-1.16 (1H, m). ¹³C-NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃): mixture of rotamers δ 172.6, 172.4, 156.0, 155.5, 80.0, 55.0, 53.8, 52.0, 42.1, 41.1, 28.4, 26.8, 24.9, 24.6, 20.9, 20.7. IR (neat, cm⁻¹): 2977, 2942, 2862, 1746, 1698. MS *m/z*: 243 (M⁺), 128 (100%). HRMS (EI): Calcd. for C₁₂H₂₁O₄N: 243.1471, found: 243.1470.

2-((2*R*,3*R*)-4-(Benzyloxy)-2,3-dihydroxybutyl)isoindoline-1,3-dione (**17a**)



¹H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.89-7.82 (2H, m), 7.77-7.70 (2H, m), 7.38-7.26 (5H, m), 4.57 (1H, d, *J* = 12.6 Hz), 4.54 (1H, d, *J* = 12.6 Hz), 4.04-3.94 (2H, m), 3.85-3.73 (2H, m), 3.70-3.62 (2H, m), 2.84 (2H, br s). ¹³C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 168.6, 137.6, 134.0, 131.9, 128.4, 127.74, 127.70, 123.3, 73.5, 72.0, 70.1, 69.8, 41.1. IR (neat, cm⁻¹): 3463, 2923, 2867, 1770, 1709. MS *m/z*: 341 (M⁺), 161 (100%). HRMS (EI): Calcd. for C₁₉H₁₉NO₅: 341.1263, found: 341.1275.

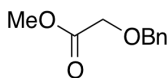
Methyl 2-(1,3-dioxoisindolin-2-yl)acetate (**17b'**)⁷



17b' was prepared according to the method A. **17b'** was obtained as white solid after silica gel column chromatography (AcOEt / Hexane = 1 / 20 to 1 / 6).

¹H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.93-7.87 (2H, m), 7.79-7.73 (2H, m), 4.46 (2H, s), 3.77 (3H, s). ¹³C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 167.7, 167.4, 134.2, 132.0, 123.6, 52.6, 38.8. IR (neat, cm⁻¹): 2987, 2952, 1773, 1742, 1721. MS *m/z*: 219 (M⁺), 160 (100%). HRMS (EI): Calcd. for C₁₁H₉NO₄: 219.0532, found: 219.0539.

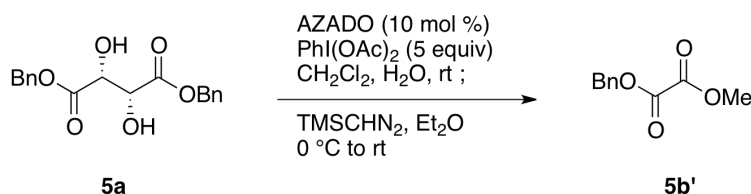
Methyl 2-(benzyloxy)acetate (**17d'**)⁸



17d' was prepared according to the method A. **17d'** was obtained as colorless oil after silica gel column chromatography (AcOEt / Hexane = 1 / 20 to 1 / 6).

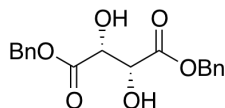
¹H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.40-7.27 (5H, m), 4.64 (2H, s), 4.11 (2H, s), 3.77 (2H, s). ¹³C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 170.7, 137.0, 128.5, 128.04, 73.3, 67.1, 51.8. IR (neat, cm⁻¹): 3062, 3031, 2952, 2909, 2860, 1755. MS *m/z*: 180 (M⁺), 107 (100%). HRMS (EI): Calcd. for C₁₀H₁₂O₃: 180.0786, found: 180.0768.

Procedure for the Oxidative Cleavage of the Diol **5a** (Method B)



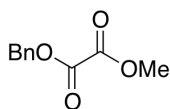
To a solution of diol **5a** (30.0 mg, 0.0908 mmol) in CH_2Cl_2 (0.22 mL) and H_2O (0.22 mL) was added AZADO (1.4 mg, 0.00908 mmol) and $\text{PhI}(\text{OAc})_2$ (146 mg, 0.454 mmol) at 0 °C. The mixture was allowed to warm to room temperature and stirred for 40 min. Then, buffer (pH = 2.3) was added to the reaction mixture, and the resultant solution was extracted with CH_2Cl_2 . The combined organic layer was dried over MgSO_4 and concentrated under reduced pressure. To the residue was added Et_2O and cooled at 0 °C. Then, TMSCHN_2 in Et_2O was added until yellow color was appeared. The mixture was allowed to warm to room temperature and stirred for 2 h. The solution was concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude product was purified by silica gel column chromatography (AcOEt / Hexane = 1 / 20 to 1 / 4) to give a methyl ester **5b'** (30.8 mg, 0.159 mmol, 88%) as colorless oil.

Dibenzyl L-Tartrate (**5a**)⁹



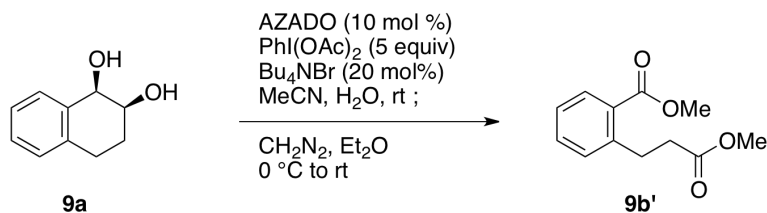
^1H -NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.41-7.31 (10H, m), 5.29 (2H, d, J = 12.1 Hz), 5.25 (2H, d, J = 12.1 Hz), 4.61 (2H, d, J = 6.3 Hz), 3.17 (2H, d, J = 6.3 Hz). ^{13}C -NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 171.3, 134.8, 128.60, 128.59, 128.3, 72.1, 67.9. IR (neat, cm^{-1}): 3482, 3062, 3033, 2954, 1744. MS m/z : 331 ($\text{M}^+ + \text{H}$), 91 (100%). HRMS (EI): Calcd. for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{19}\text{O}_6$: 331.1182, found: 331.1198.

Benzyl methyl oxalate (**5b'**)



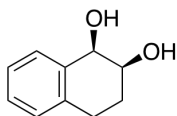
^1H -NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.45-7.35 (5H, m), 5.32 (2H, s), 3.90 (3H, s). ^{13}C -NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 158.1, 157.4, 134.1, 128.9, 128.79, 128.75, 68.6, 53.6. IR (neat, cm^{-1}): 3067, 3035, 2957, 1771, 1746. MS m/z : 194 (M^+), 91 (100%). HRMS (EI): Calcd. for $\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_{10}\text{O}_4$: 194.0579, found: 194.0584.

Procedure for the Oxidative Cleavage of the Diol **9a** (Method C)



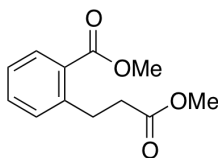
To a solution of diol **9a** (30.0 mg, 0.183 mmol) in MeCN (0.45 mL) and H₂O (0.45 mL) was added AZADO (2.8 mg, 0.0183 mmol), PhI(OAc)₂ (295 mg, 0.915 mmol) and Bu₄NBr (12 mg, 0.0366 mmol) at 0 °C. The mixture was allowed to warm to room temperature and stirred for 4 h. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure, and the residue was added Et₂O. Then, CH₂N₂ in Et₂O was added at 0 °C until yellow color was appeared. The mixture was allowed to warm to room temperature and stirred for 1 h. The solution was concentrated under reduced pressure. Then, water was added to the residue and the resultant solution was extracted with Et₂O. The combined organic layer was washed with brine, dried over MgSO₄ and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude product was purified by silica gel column chromatography (AcOEt / Hexane = 1 / 10) to give a methyl ester **9b'** (34.6 mg, 0.156 mmol, 85%) as colorless oil.

cis-1,2-Dihydroxy-1,2,3,4-tetrahydronaphthalene (**9a**)¹⁰



¹H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.45-7.42 (1H, m), 7.25-7.22 (2H, m), 7.15-7.12 (1H, m), 4.74-4.69 (1H, m), 4.07-4.00 (1H, m), 3.02-2.93 (1H, m), 2.85-2.75 (1H, m), 2.29 (1H, d, *J* = 6.8 Hz), 2.24 (1H, d, *J* = 6.0 Hz), 2.11-2.00 (1H, m), 1.98-1.89 (1H, m). ¹³C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 136.3, 136.2, 129.9, 128.6, 128.1, 126.4, 69.9, 69.5, 26.9, 26.2. IR (neat, cm⁻¹): 3266, 2937, 2879. MS *m/z*: 164 (M⁺), 146 (100%). HRMS (EI): Calcd. for C₁₀H₁₂O₂: 164.0837, found: 164.0832.

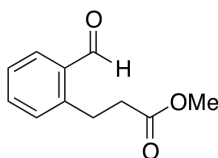
Methyl 2-(3-methoxy-3-oxopropyl)benzoate (**9b'**)¹¹



¹H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.91 (1H, d, *J* = 8.4 Hz), 7.46-7.41 (1H, m), 7.32-7.25 (2H, m), 3.90 (3H, s), 3.67 (3H, s), 3.28 (2H, t, *J* = 7.8 Hz), 2.67 (2H, t, *J* = 7.8 Hz). ¹³C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 173.4, 167.7, 142.4, 132.2, 131.1, 130.9, 129.3, 126.4, 52.0, 51.5, 35.6, 29.9. IR (neat, cm⁻¹): 3067, 3027, 2995, 2952, 1737, 1721. MS *m/z*: 222 (M⁺), 162 (100%). HRMS (EI): Calcd. for C₁₂H₁₄O₄:

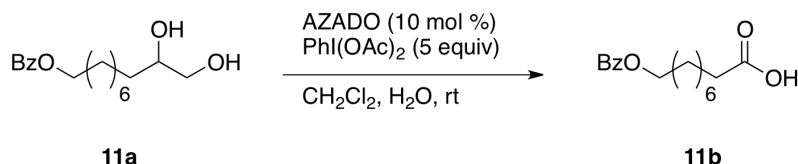
222.0892, found: 222.0880.

Methyl 3-(2-formylphenyl)propanoate (**9c'**)¹²



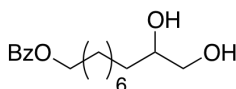
¹H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 10.21 (1H, s), 7.82 (1H, d, *J* = 7.2 Hz), 7.55-7.49 (1H, m), 7.46-7.39 (1H, m), 7.33 (1H, d, *J* = 7.2 Hz), 3.66 (3H, s), 3.36 (2H, t, *J* = 7.7 Hz), 2.66 (2H, t, *J* = 7.7 Hz). ¹³C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 192.7, 173.1, 142.8, 133.8, 133.6, 131.2, 127.0, 51.6, 35.3, 28.1. IR (neat, cm⁻¹): 3067, 2995, 2952, 2844, 2743, 1737, 1697. MS *m/z*: 192 (M⁺), 132 (100%). HRMS (EI): Calcd. for C₁₁H₁₂O₃: 192.0786, found: 192.0786.

Procedure for the Oxidative Cleavage of the Diol **11a** (Method D)



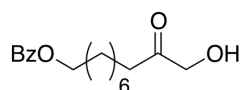
To a solution of diol **11a** (30.0 mg, 0.102 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (0.26 mL) and H₂O (0.26 mL) was added AZADO (1.6 mg, 0.0102 mmol) and PhI(OAc)₂ (164 mg, 0.510 mmol) at 0 °C. The mixture was allowed to warm to room temperature and stirred for 1 h. Then, 10% HCl was added to the mixture and the resultant solution was extracted with CH₂Cl₂. The combined organic layer was washed with brine, dried over MgSO₄ and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude product was purified by silica gel column chromatography (AcOEt / Hexane = 1 / 8 to only AcOEt) to give a carboxylic acid **11b** (26.8 mg, 0.0963 mmol, 94%) as white solid.

9,10-Dihydroxydecyl benzoate (**11a**)



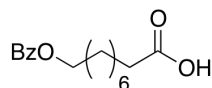
¹H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.10-8.02 (2H, m), 7.60-7.53 (1H, m), 7.50-7.41 (2H, m), 4.32 (2H, t, *J* = 6.8 Hz), 3.76-3.62 (2H, m), 3.50-3.39 (1H, m), 2.03 (1H, d, *J* = 4.4 Hz), 1.89 (1H, t, *J* = 5.6 Hz), 1.77 (2H, tt, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 6.8 Hz), 1.51-1.27 (12H, m). ¹³C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 166.7, 132.8, 130.4, 129.5, 128.3, 72.3, 66.7, 65.1, 33.1, 29.5, 29.3, 29.1, 28.6, 25.9, 25.4. IR (neat, cm⁻¹): 3391, 2929, 2855, 1719. MS *m/z*: 294 (M⁺), 123 (100%). HRMS (EI): Calcd. for C₁₇H₂₆O₄: 294.1831, found: 294.1822.

10-Hydroxy-9-oxodecyl benzoate (**11c**)



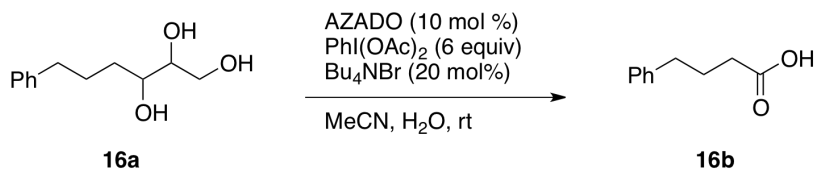
$^1\text{H-NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 8.09-7.98 (2H, m), 7.60-7.52 (1H, m), 7.48-7.39 (2H, m), 4.31 (2H, t, $J = 6.8$ Hz), 4.23 (2H, s), 3.11 (1H, s), 2.40 (2H, t, $J = 7.5$ Hz), 1.76 (2H, tt, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 6.8 Hz), 1.70-1.56 (2H, m), 1.50-1.36 (2H, m), 1.42-1.24 (6H, m). $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$ (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 209.8, 166.7, 132.8, 130.5, 129.5, 128.3, 68.1, 65.0, 38.4, 29.13, 29.07, 29.0, 28.7, 25.9, 23.6. IR (neat, cm^{-1}): 3479, 2931, 2856, 1716. MS m/z : 293 ($\text{M}^+ + \text{H}$), 105 (100%). HRMS (EI): Calcd. for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{25}\text{O}_4$: 293.1753, found: 293.1751.

9-(Benzoyloxy)nonanoic acid (**11b**)



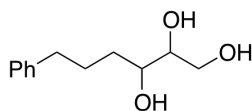
$^1\text{H-NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 8.07-8.02 (2H, m), 7.58-7.52 (1H, m), 7.47-7.41 (2H, m), 4.31 (2H, t, $J = 6.8$ Hz), 2.35 (2H, t, $J = 7.6$ Hz), 1.77 (2H, tt, $J = 6.8$, 6.8 Hz), 1.69-1.59 (2H, m), 1.50-1.29 (8H, m). $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$ (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 179.9, 166.7, 132.8, 130.5, 129.5, 128.3, 65.1, 34.0, 29.1, 29.0, 28.9, 28.7, 25.9, 24.6. IR (neat, cm^{-1}): 3063, 3035, 2932, 2857, 1718. MS m/z : 279 ($\text{M}^+ + \text{H}$), 123 (100%). HRMS (EI): Calcd. for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{22}\text{O}_4$: 279.1596, found: 279.1583.

Procedure for the Oxidative Cleavage of the Diol **16a** (Method E)



To a solution of triol **16a** (30.0 mg, 0.143 mmol) in MeCN (0.36 mL) and H_2O (0.36 mL) was added AZADO (2.2 mg, 0.0143 mmol), $\text{PhI}(\text{OAc})_2$ (276 mg, 0.858 mmol) and Bu_4NBr (9.2 mg, 0.0286 mmol) at 0 °C. The mixture was allowed to warm to room temperature and stirred for 2 h. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure, and the residue was added Et_2O . Then, CH_2N_2 in Et_2O was added at 0 °C until yellow color was appeared. Then, 10% HCl was added to the mixture and the resultant solution was extracted with CH_2Cl_2 . The combined organic layer was washed with brine, dried over MgSO_4 and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude product was purified by silica gel column chromatography ($\text{AcOEt} / \text{Hexane} = 1 / 20$ to $1 / 2$) to give a carboxylic acid **16b** (23.3 mg, 0.142 mmol, 99%) as white solid.

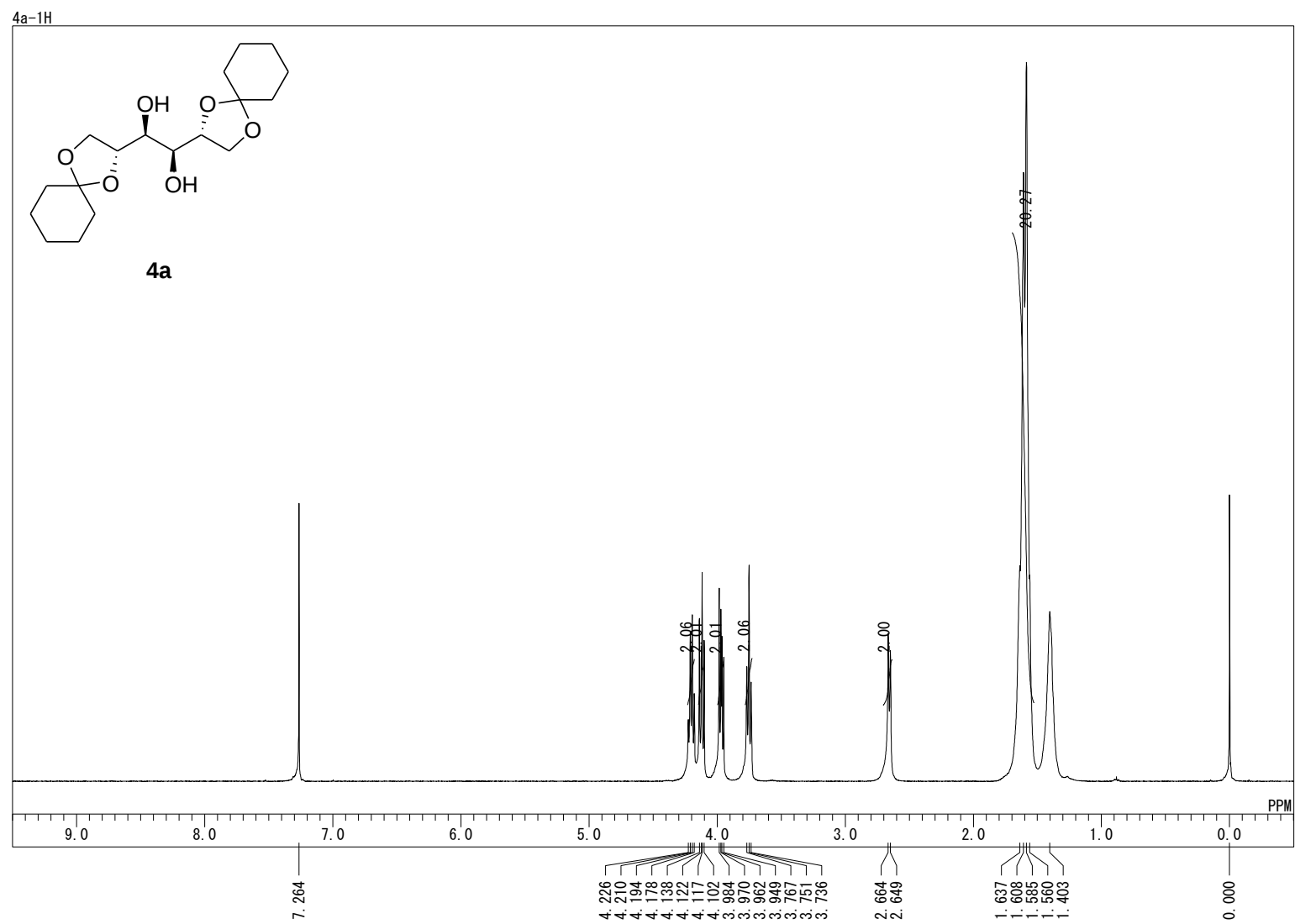
6-Phenylhexane-1,2,3-triol (**16a**)

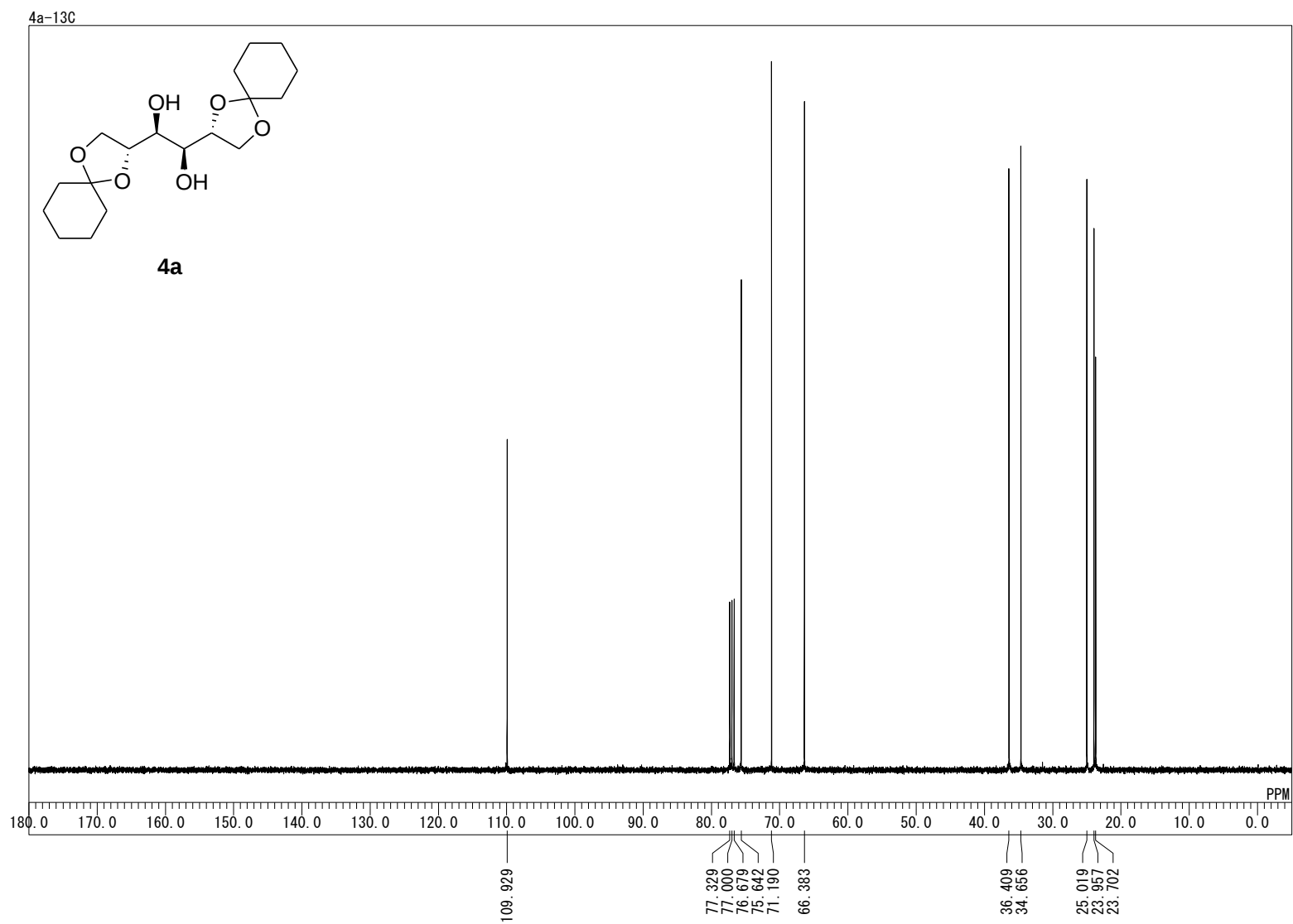


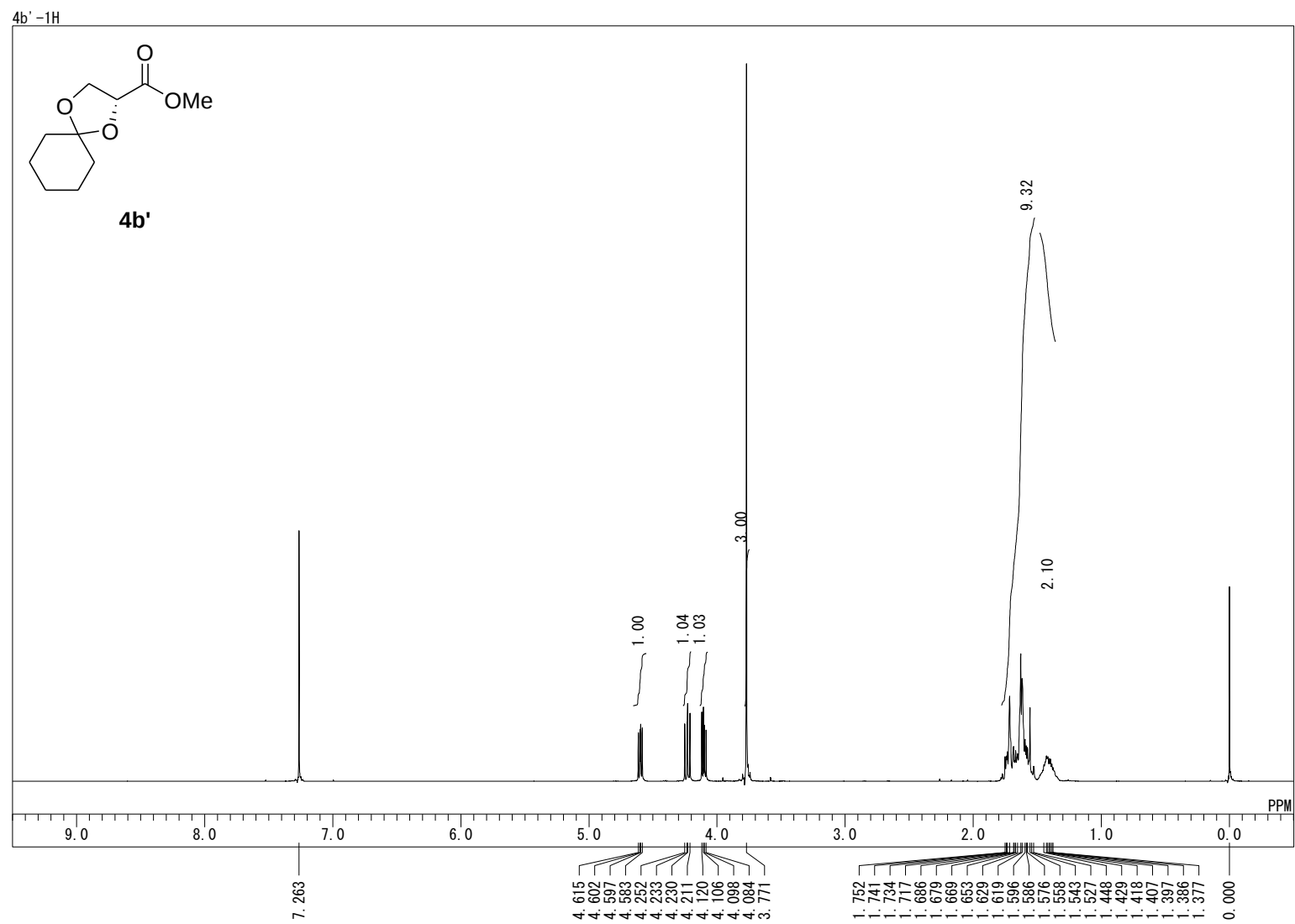
$^1\text{H-NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.30-7.26 (2H, m), 7.20-7.15 (3H, m), 3.74 (1H, m), 3.68 (2H, br s), 3.53 (1H, br s), 2.80-2.60 (2H, m), 2.40-2.20 (2H, m), 1.80-1.50 (2H, m), 1.60-1.50 (2H, m). $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$ (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 142.1, 128.40, 128.36, 125.8, 73.4, 72.6, 65.0, 35.7, 33.3, 27.3. IR (neat, cm^{-1}): 3373, 2938, 1080. MS m/z : 210 (M^+), 104 (100%). HRMS (EI): Calcd. for $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{18}\text{O}_3$: 210.1256, found: 210.1257.

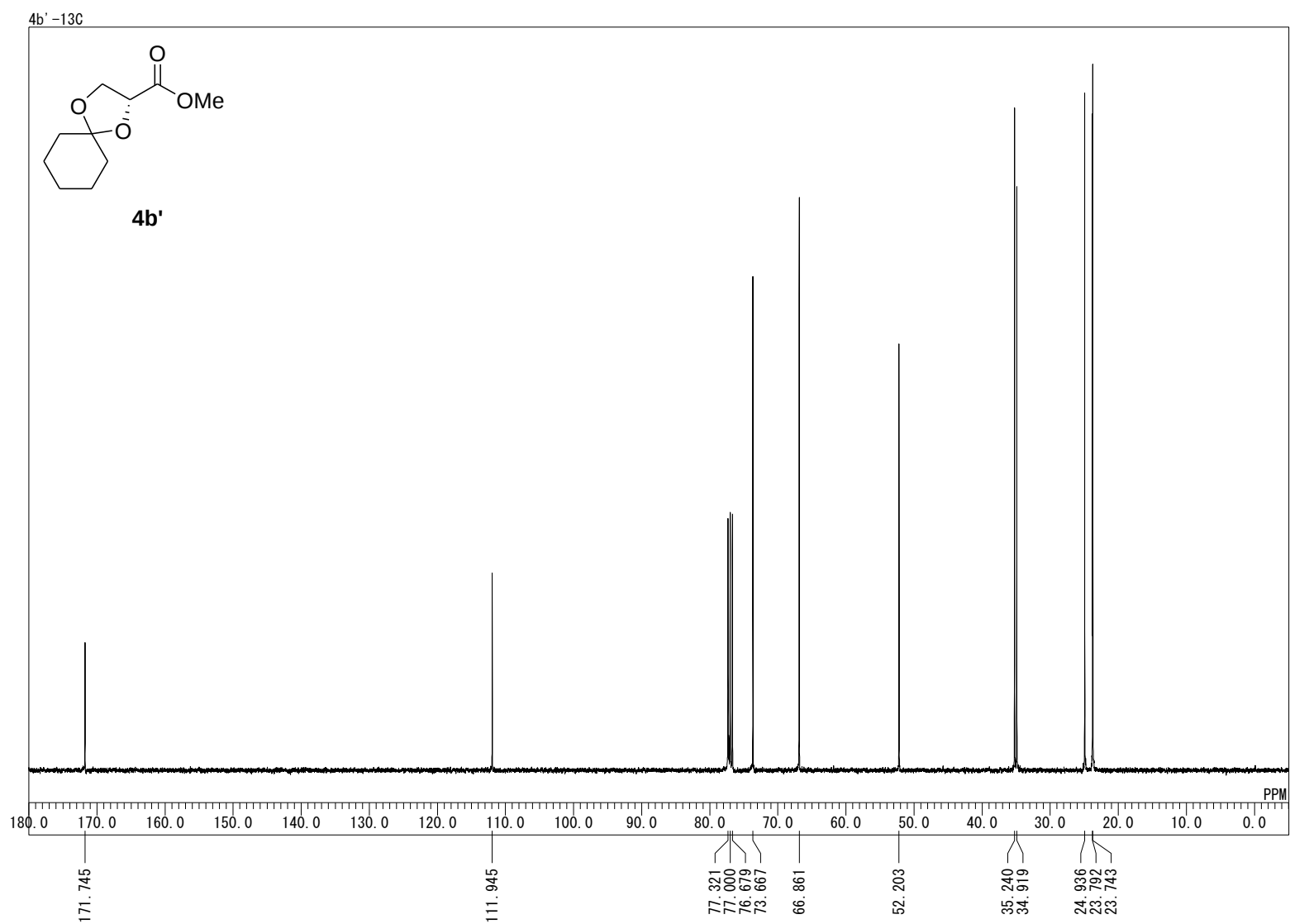
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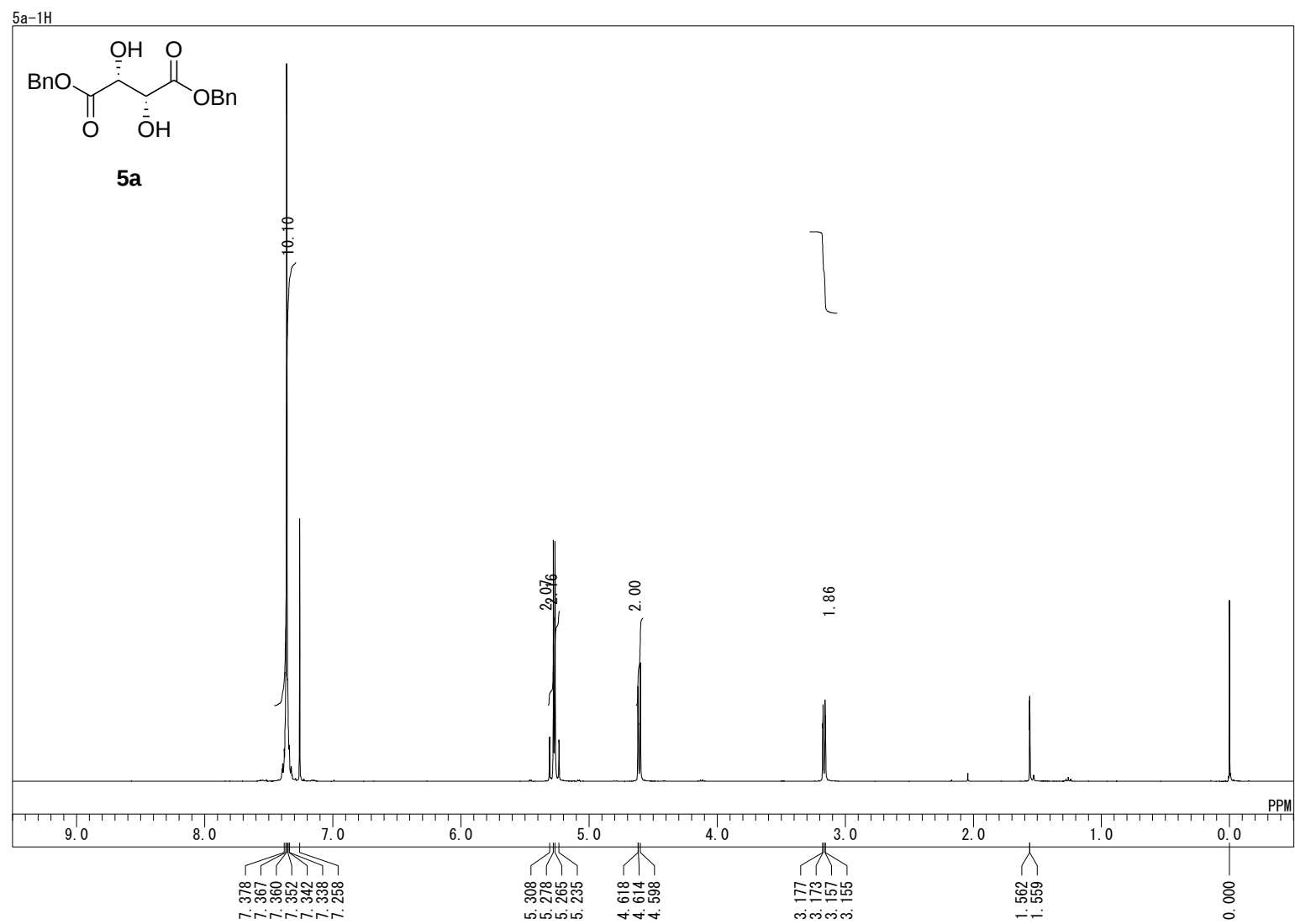
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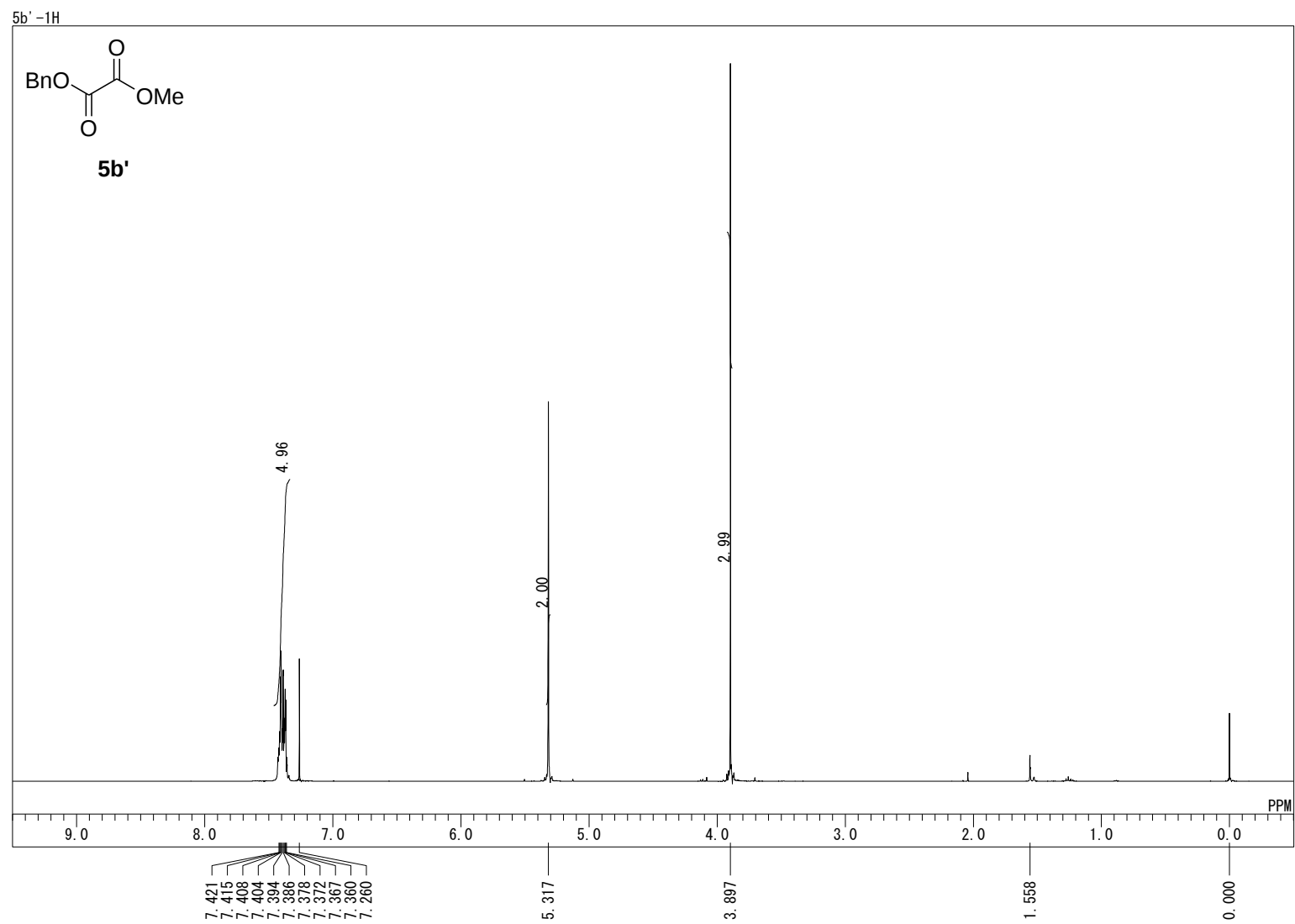


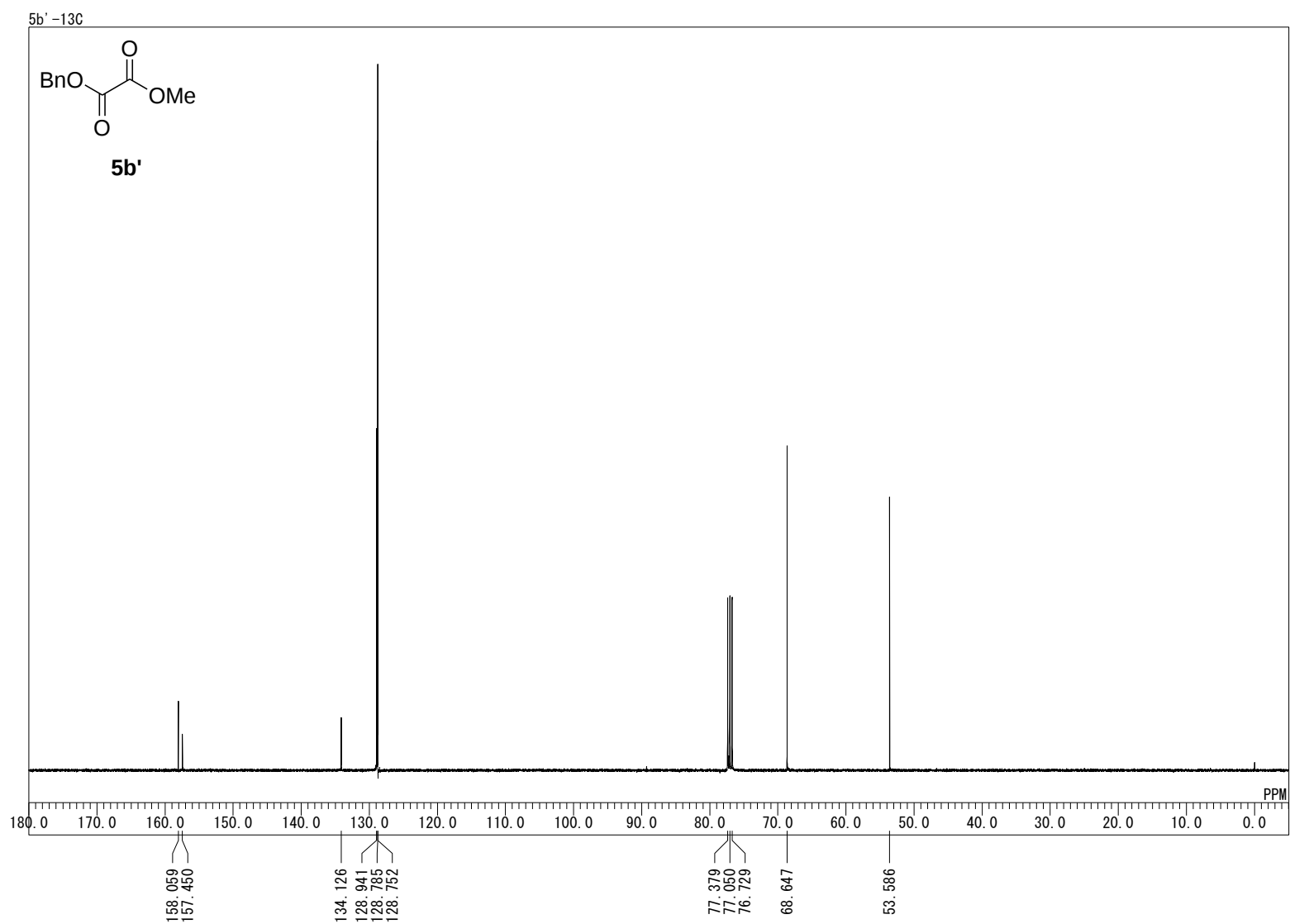


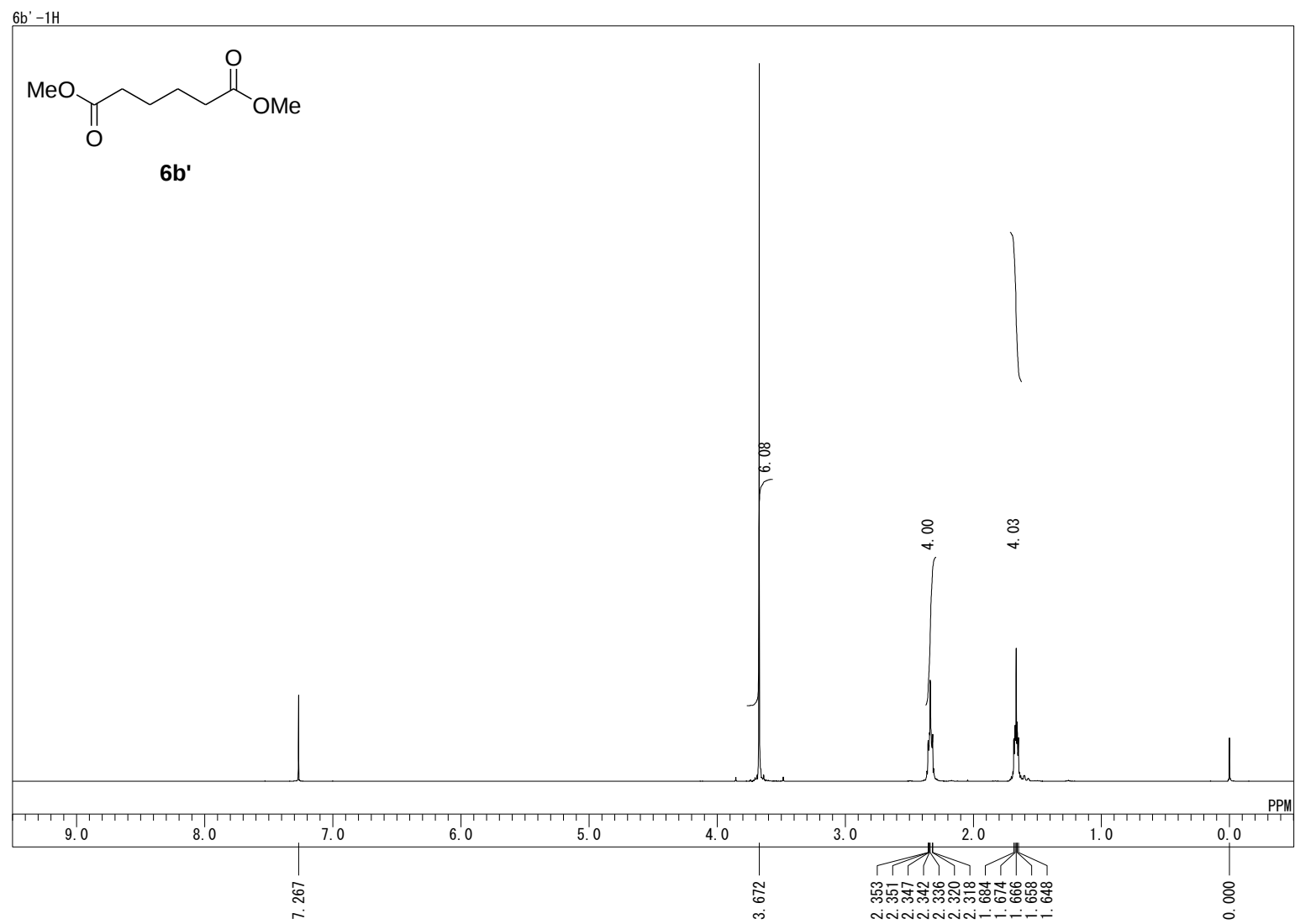


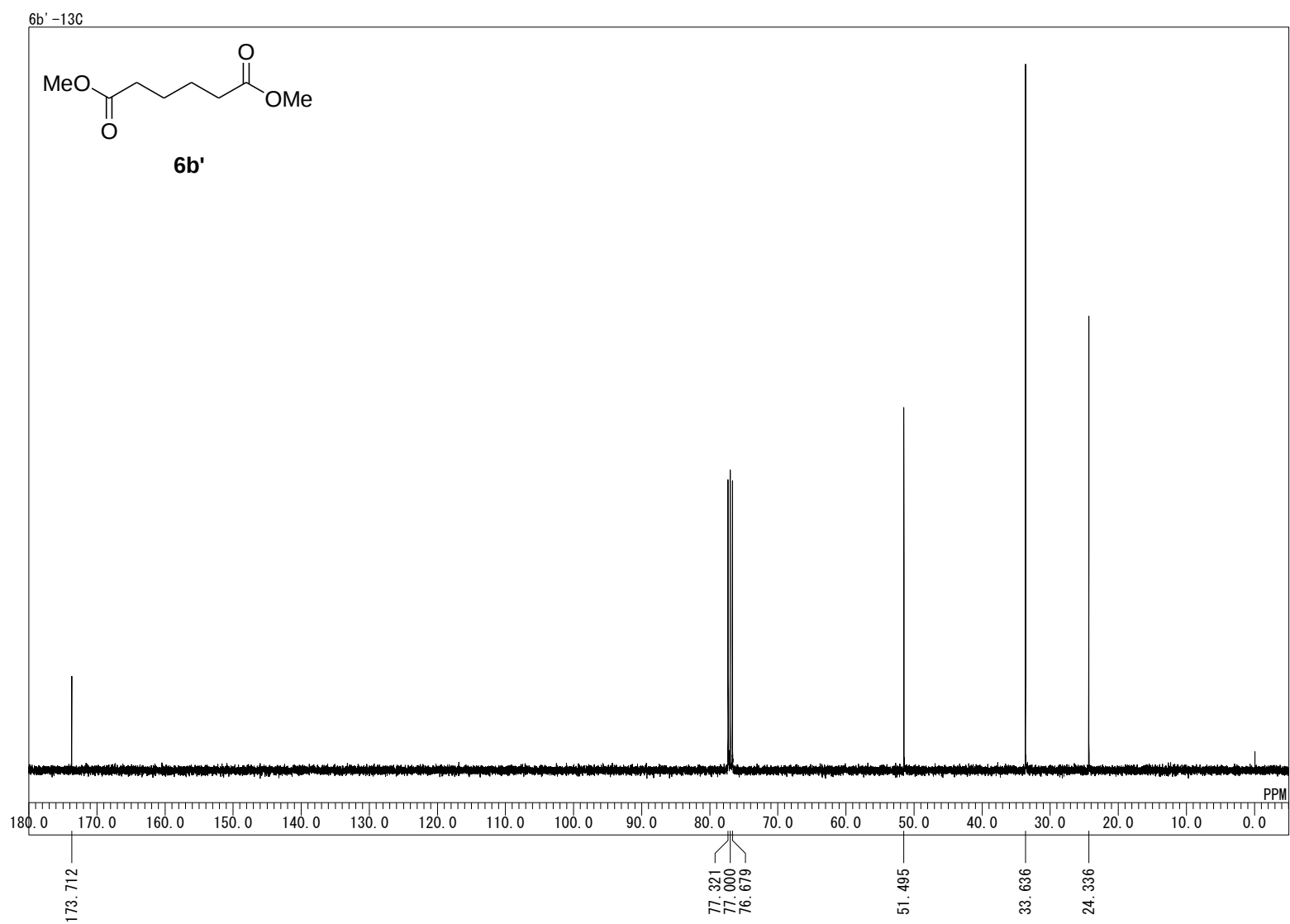


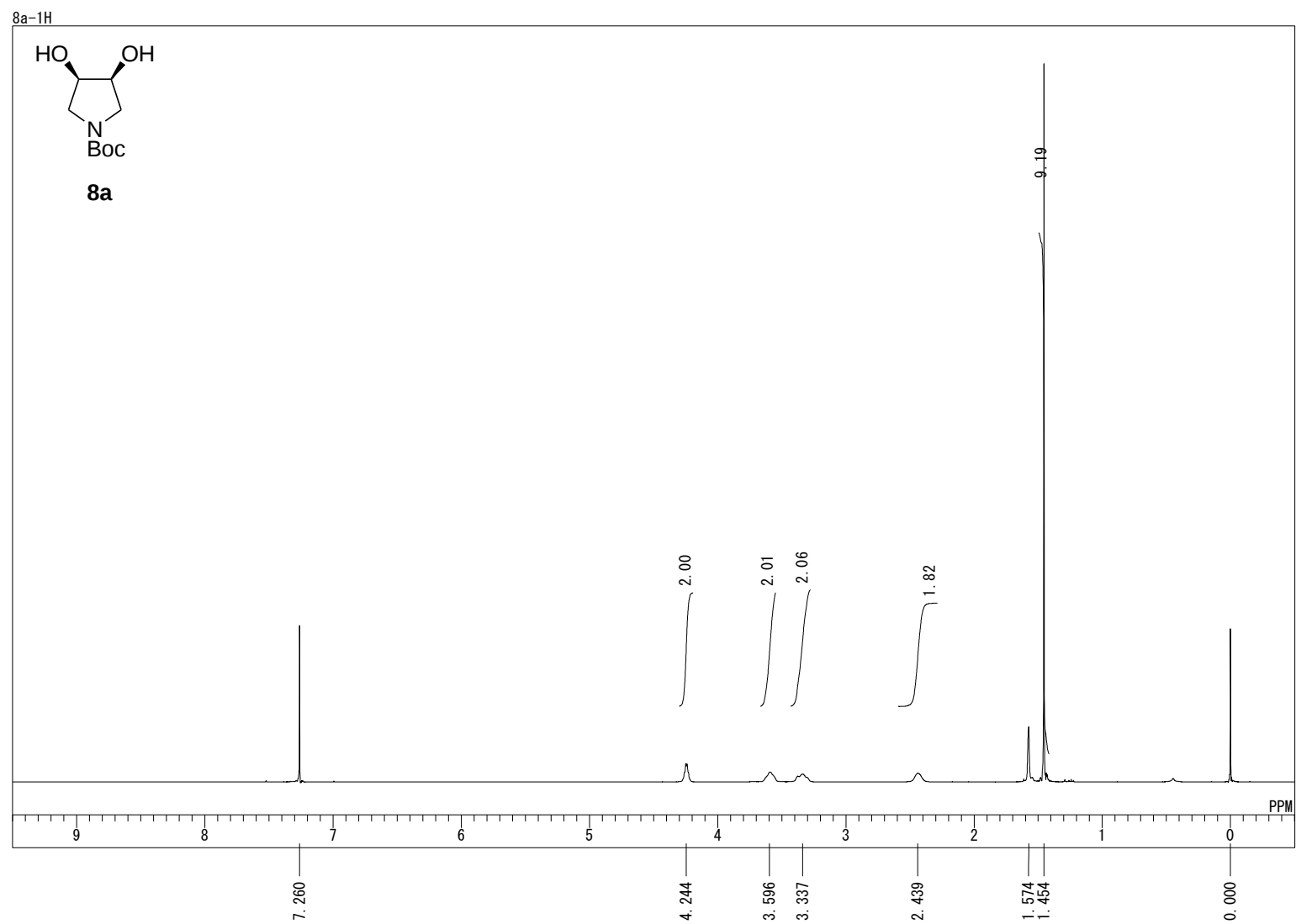


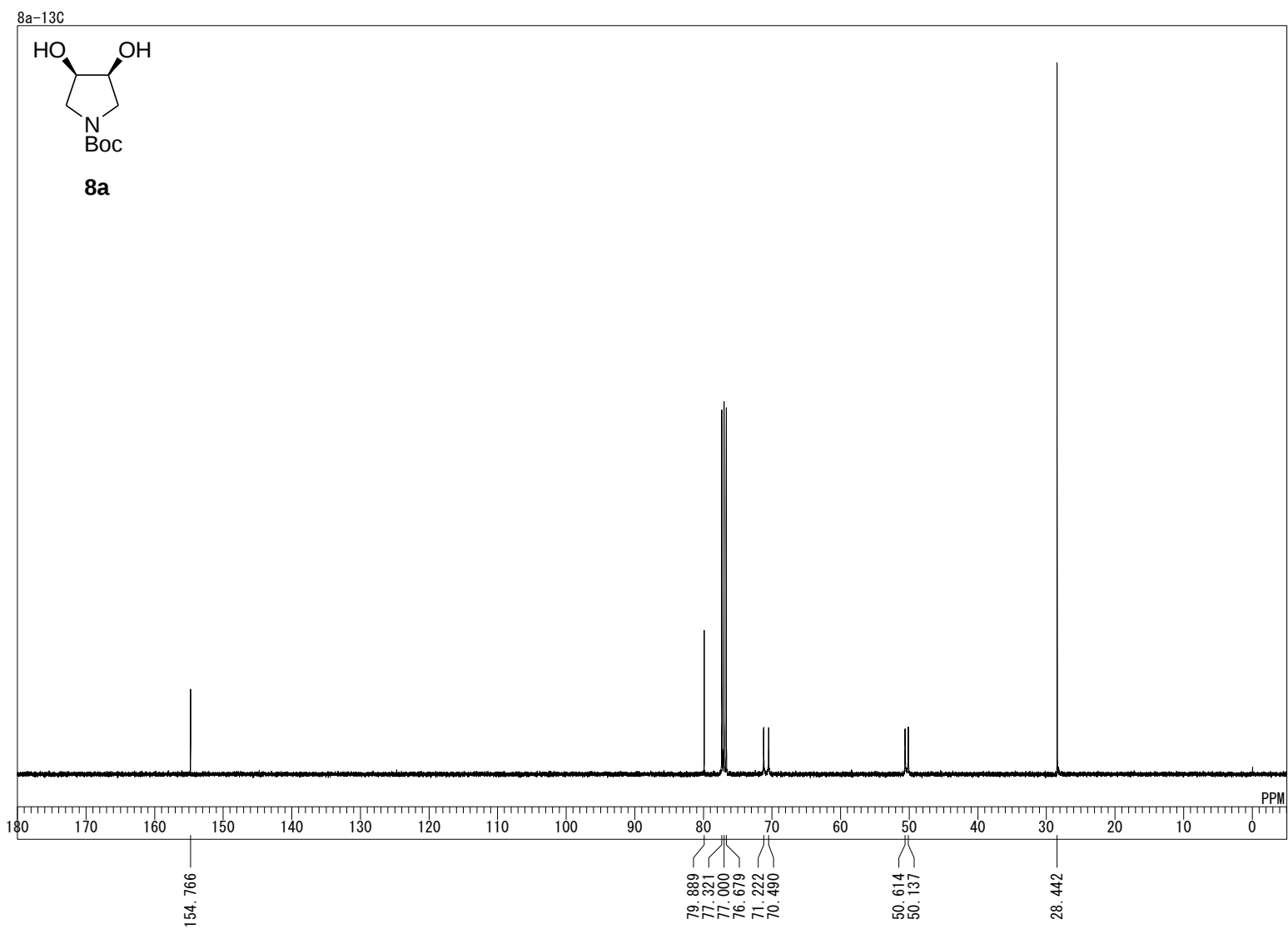


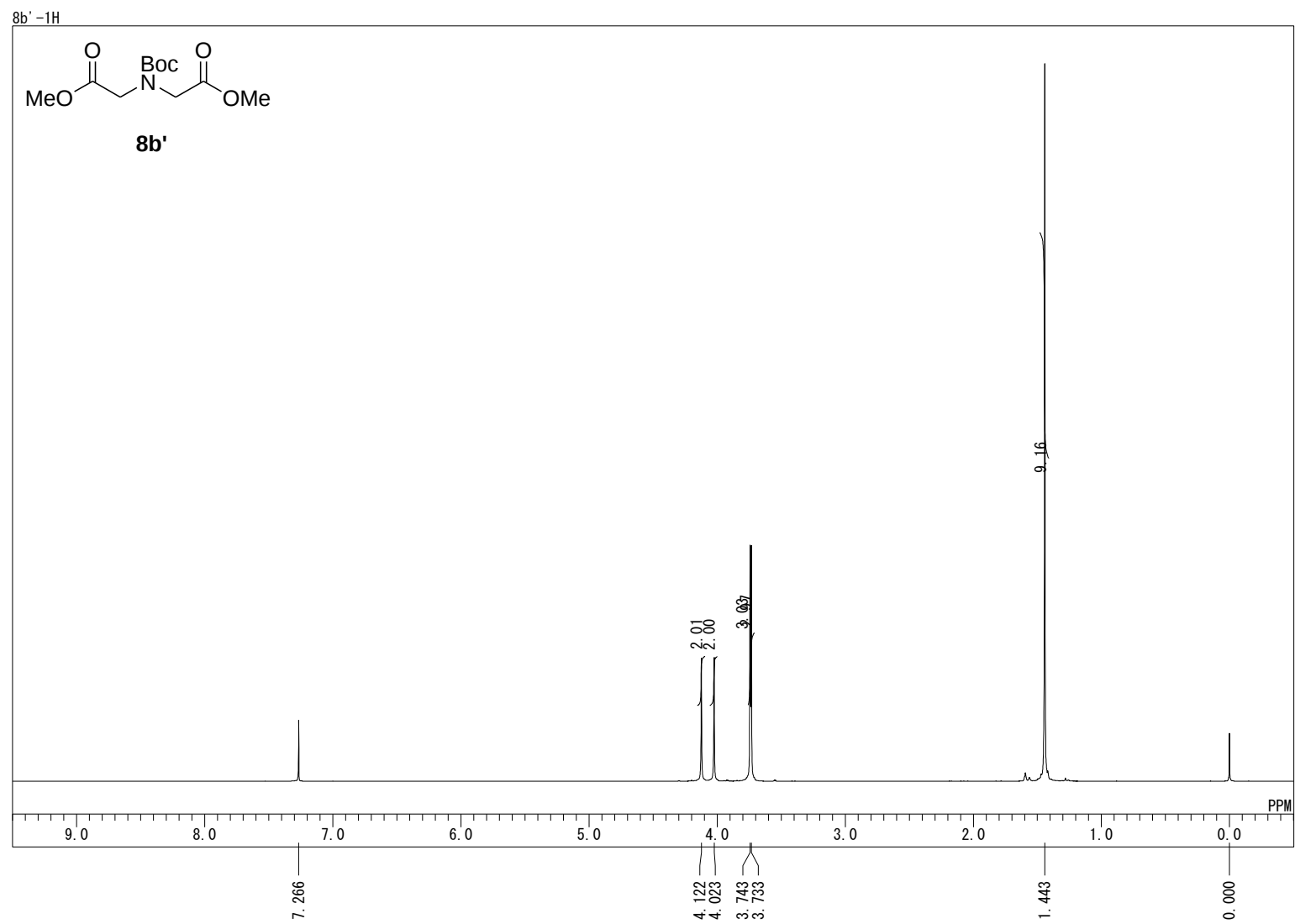


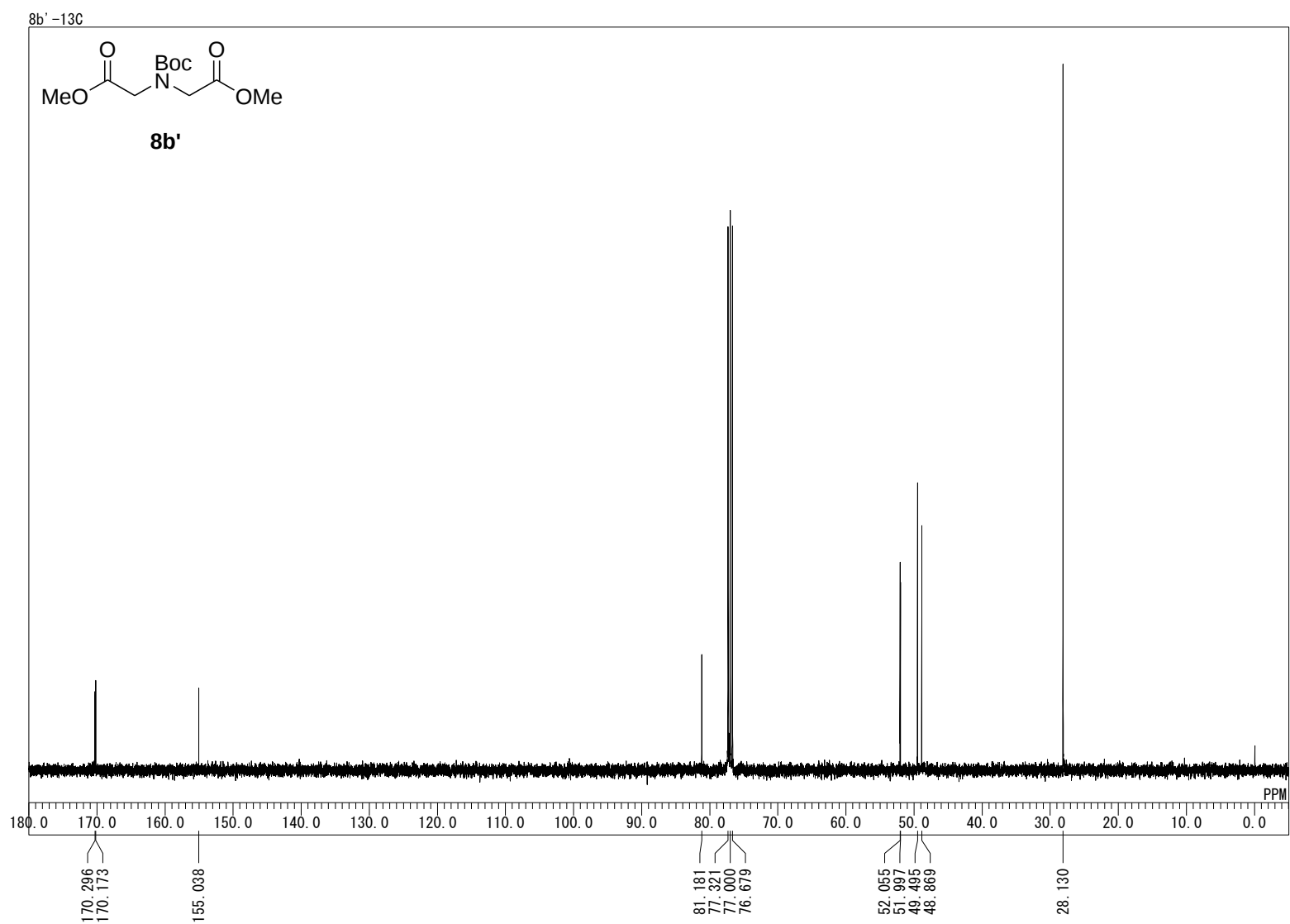




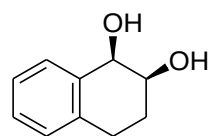




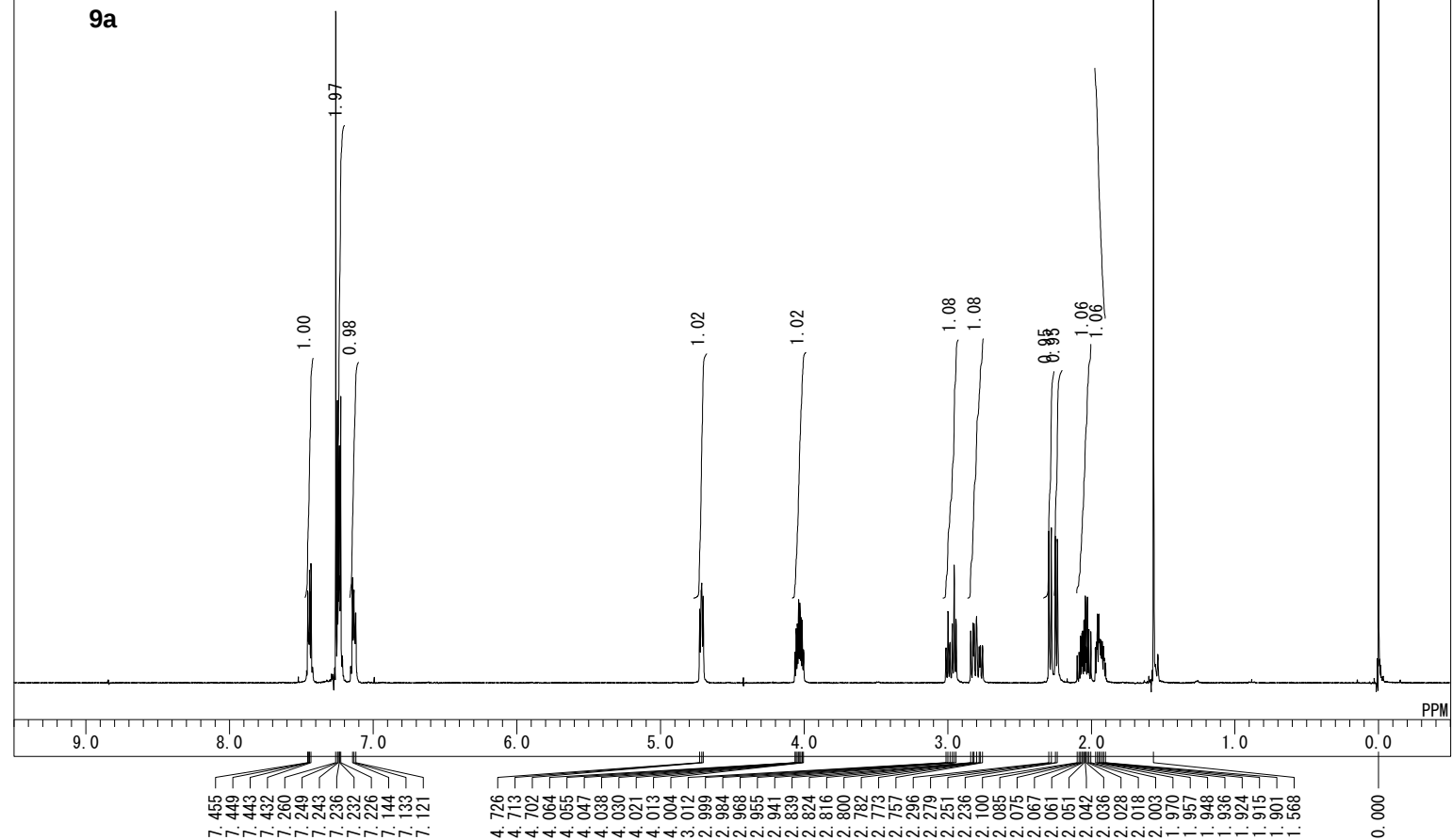


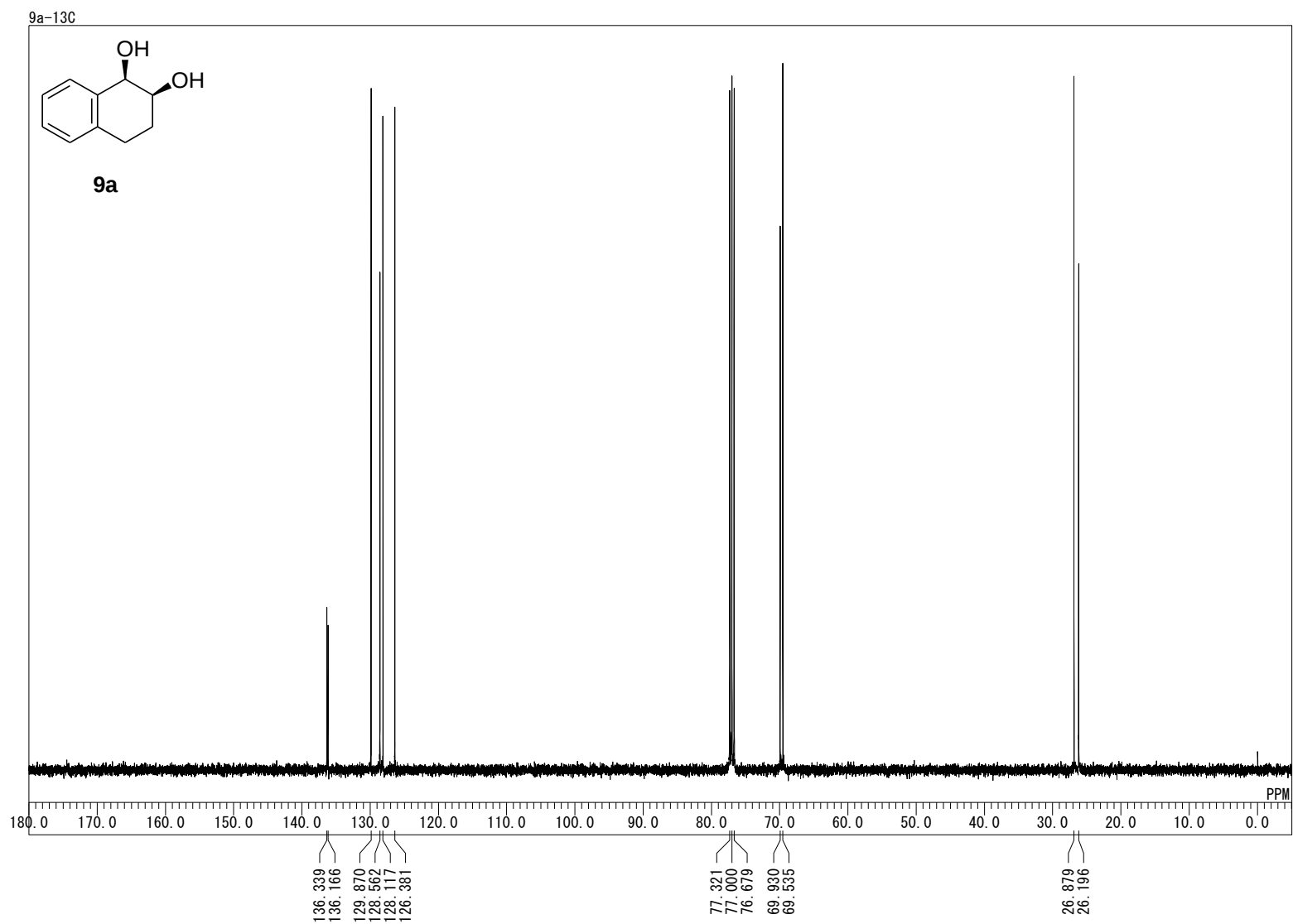


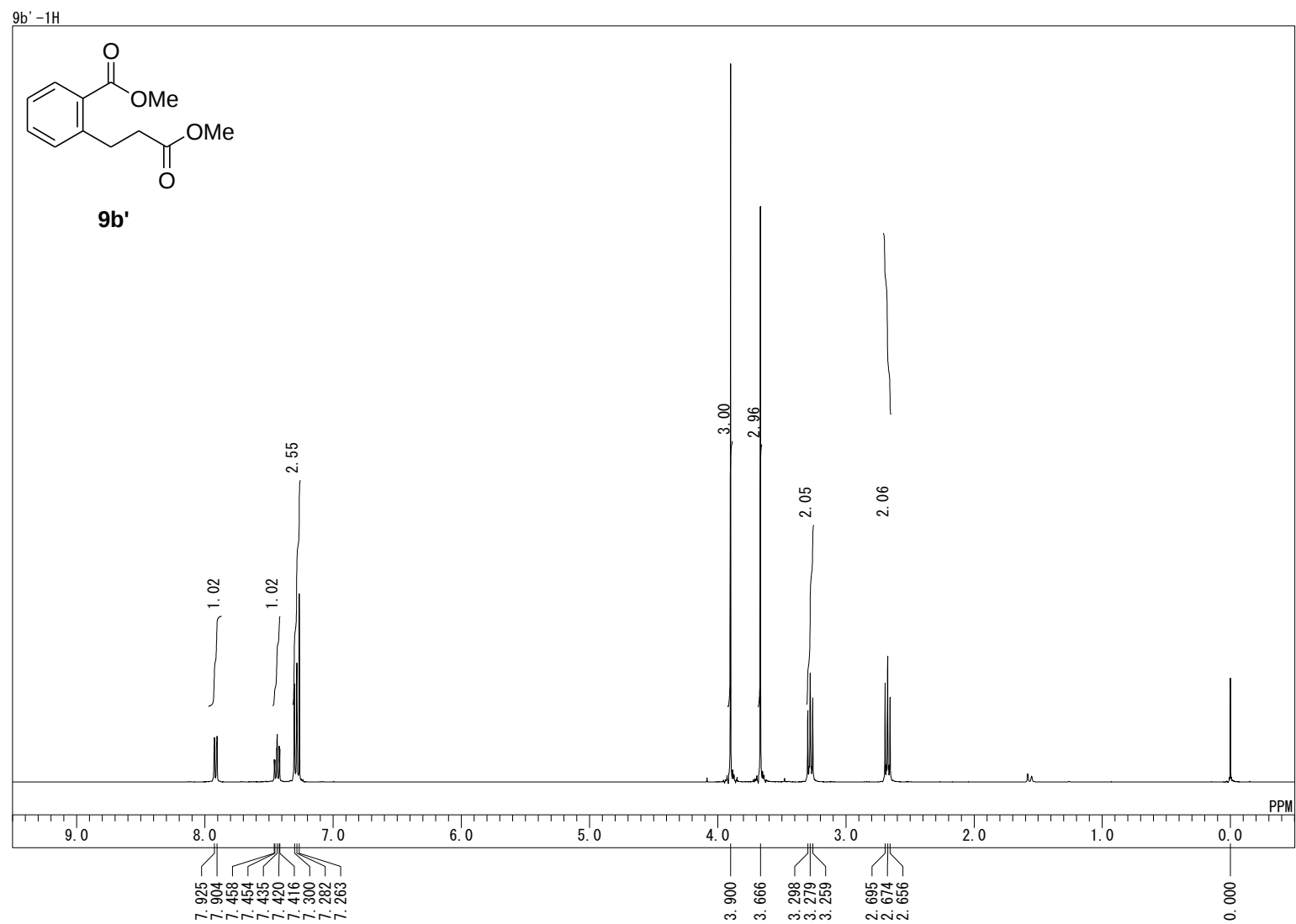
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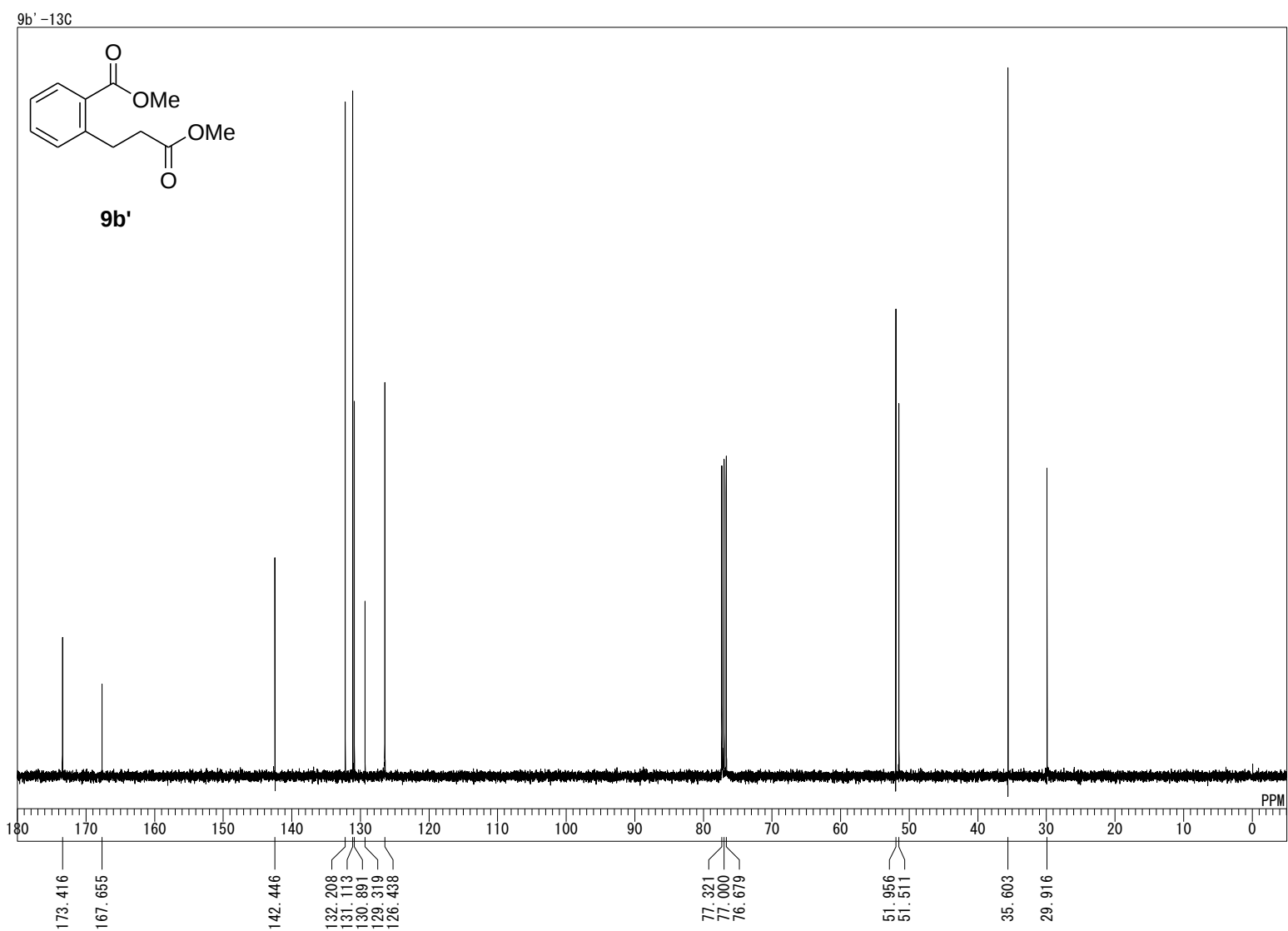


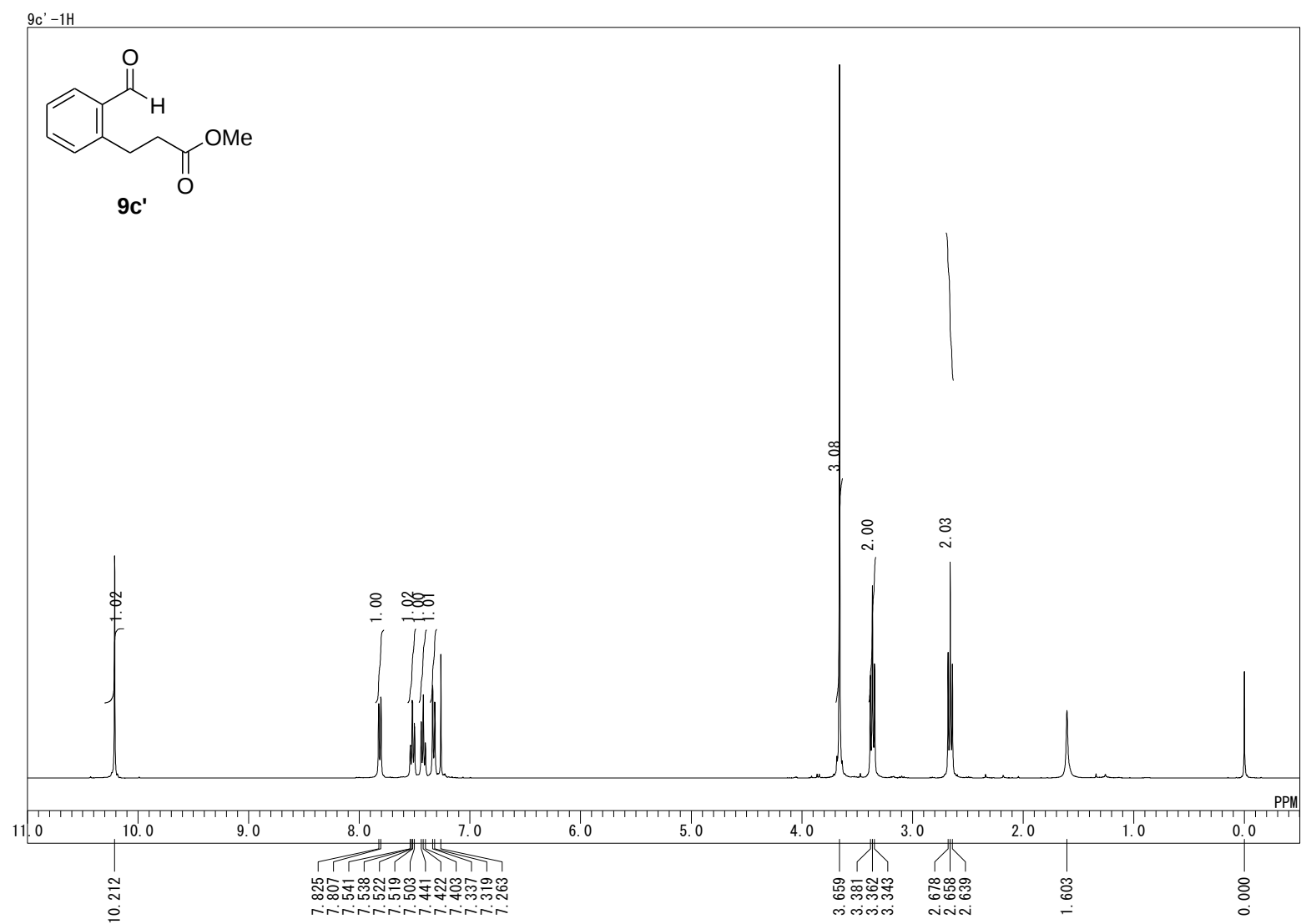
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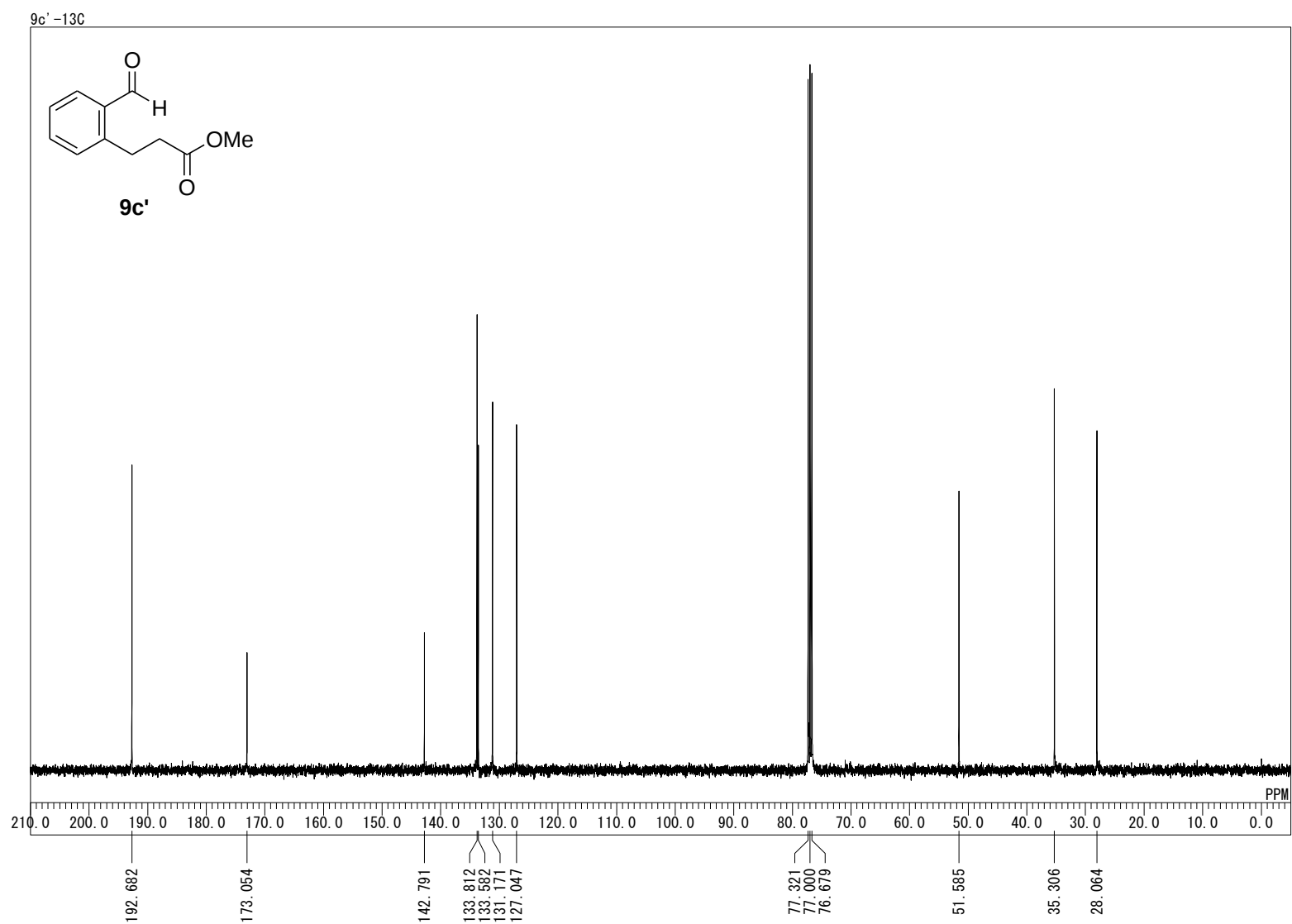




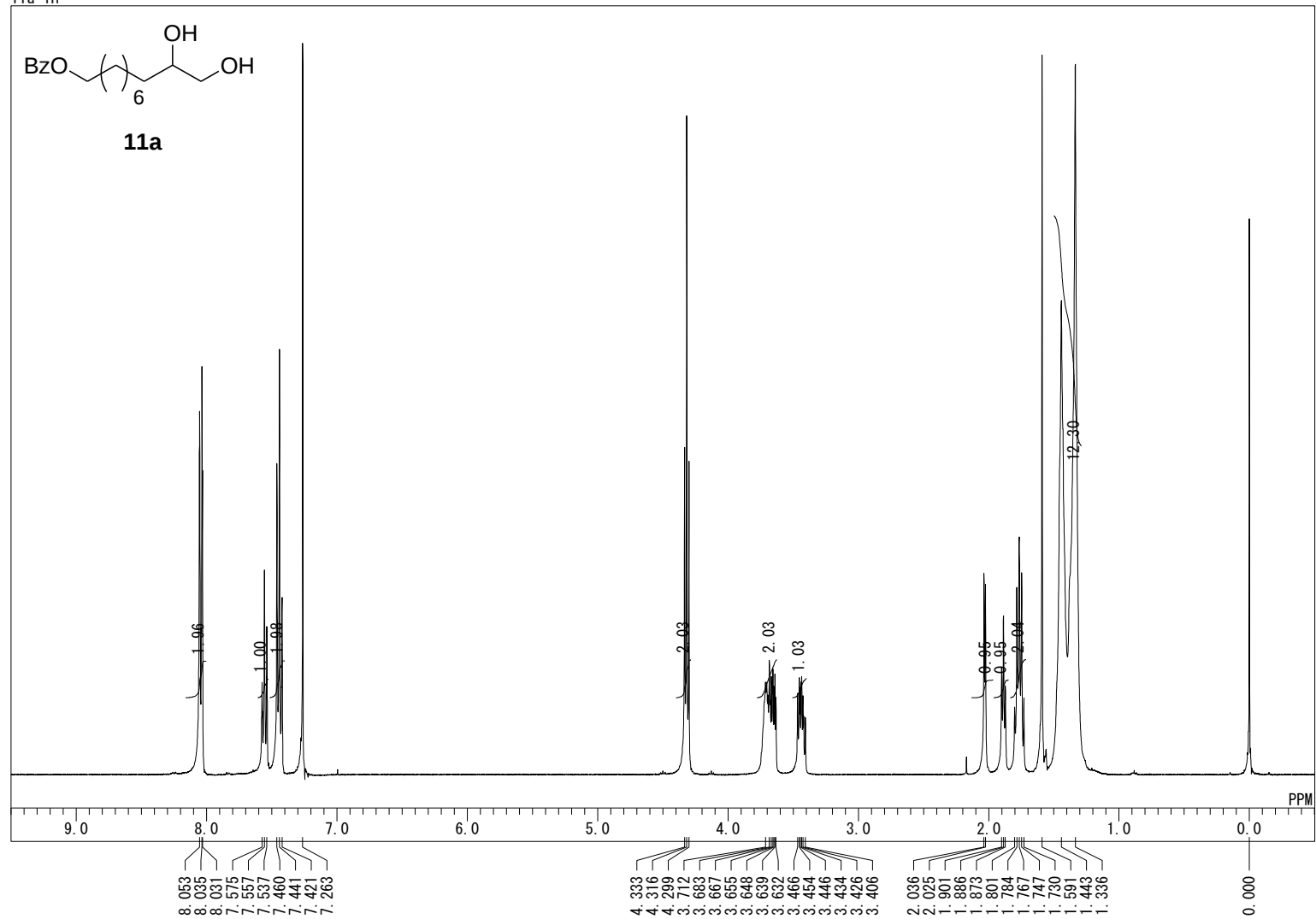




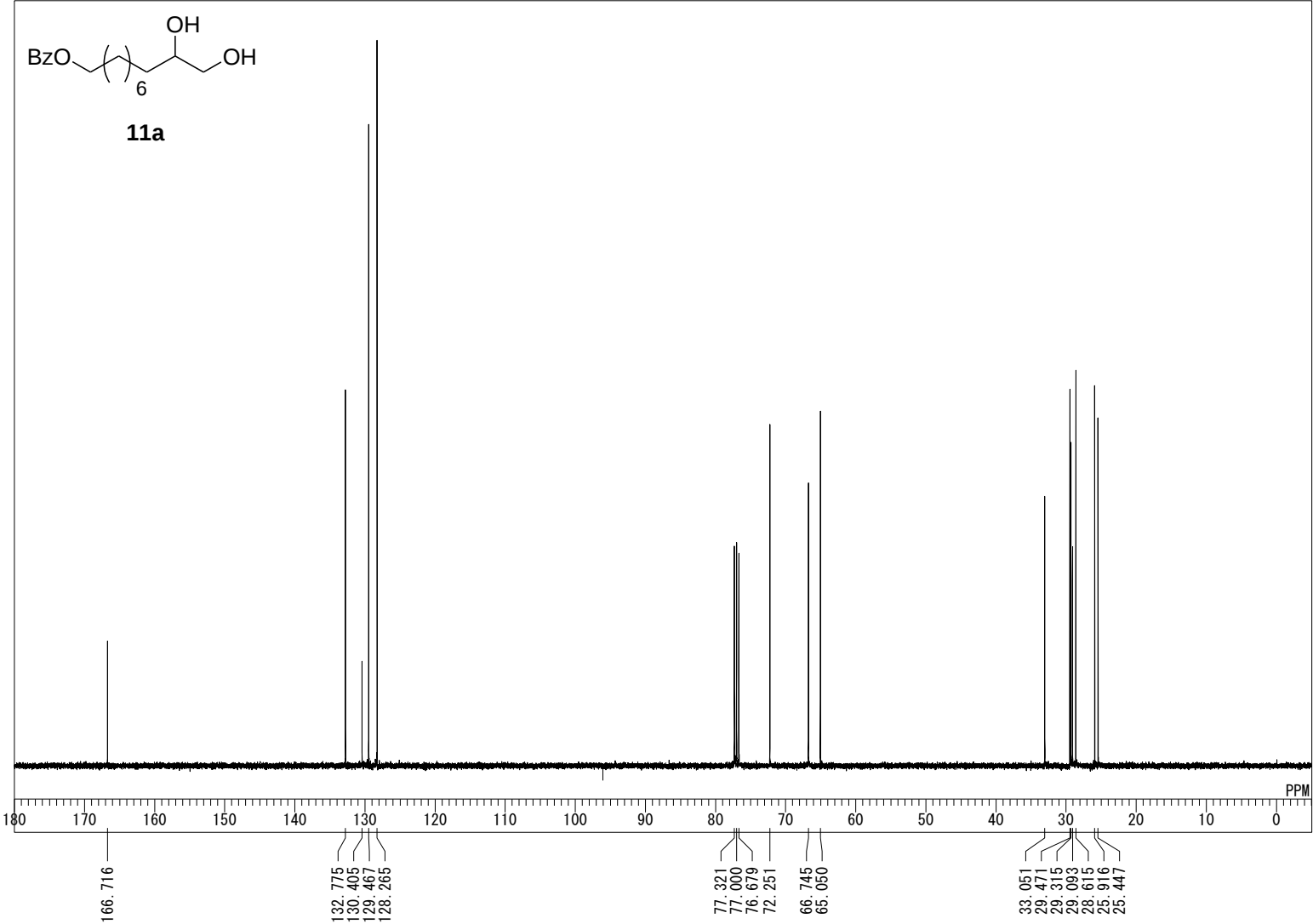




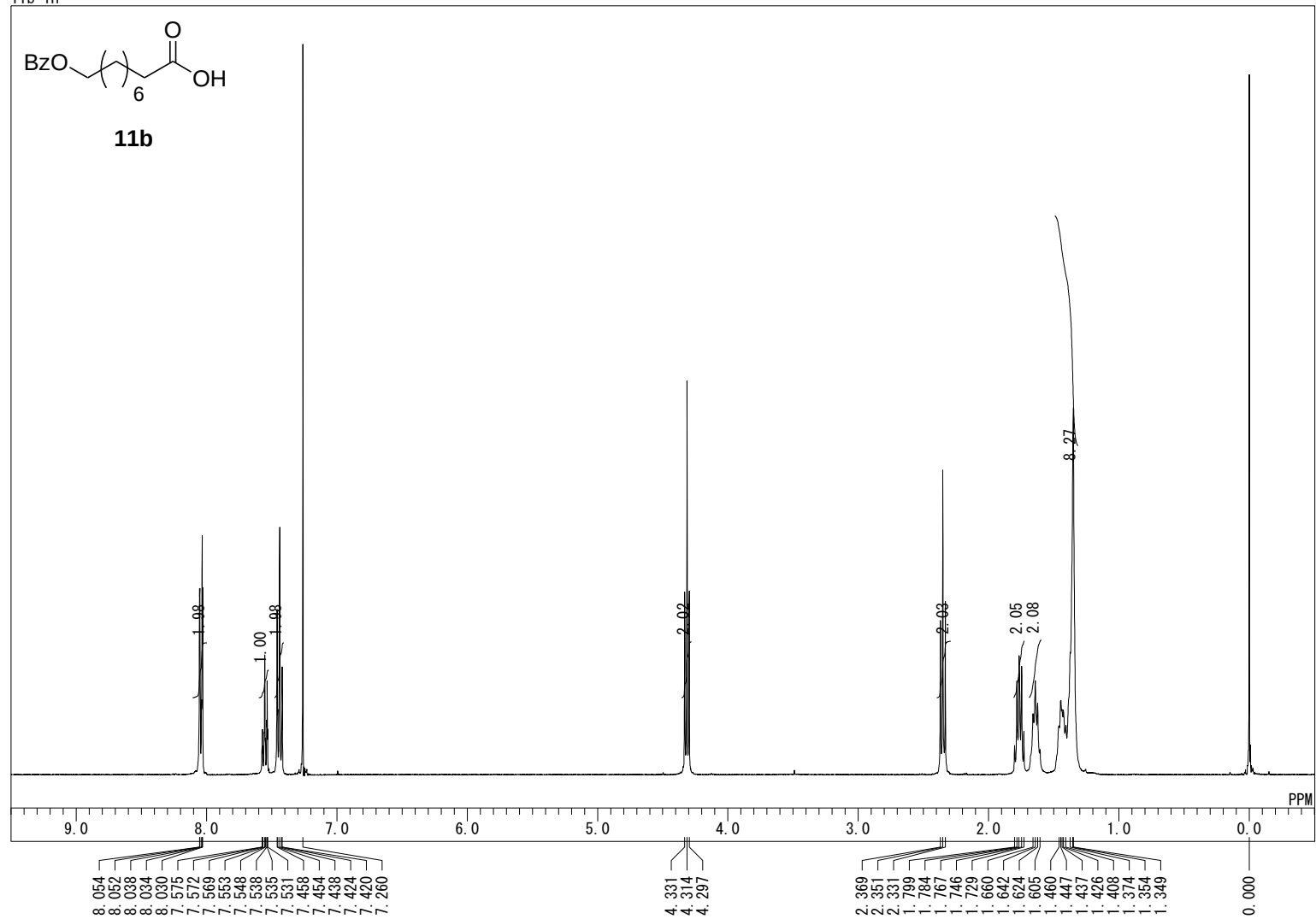
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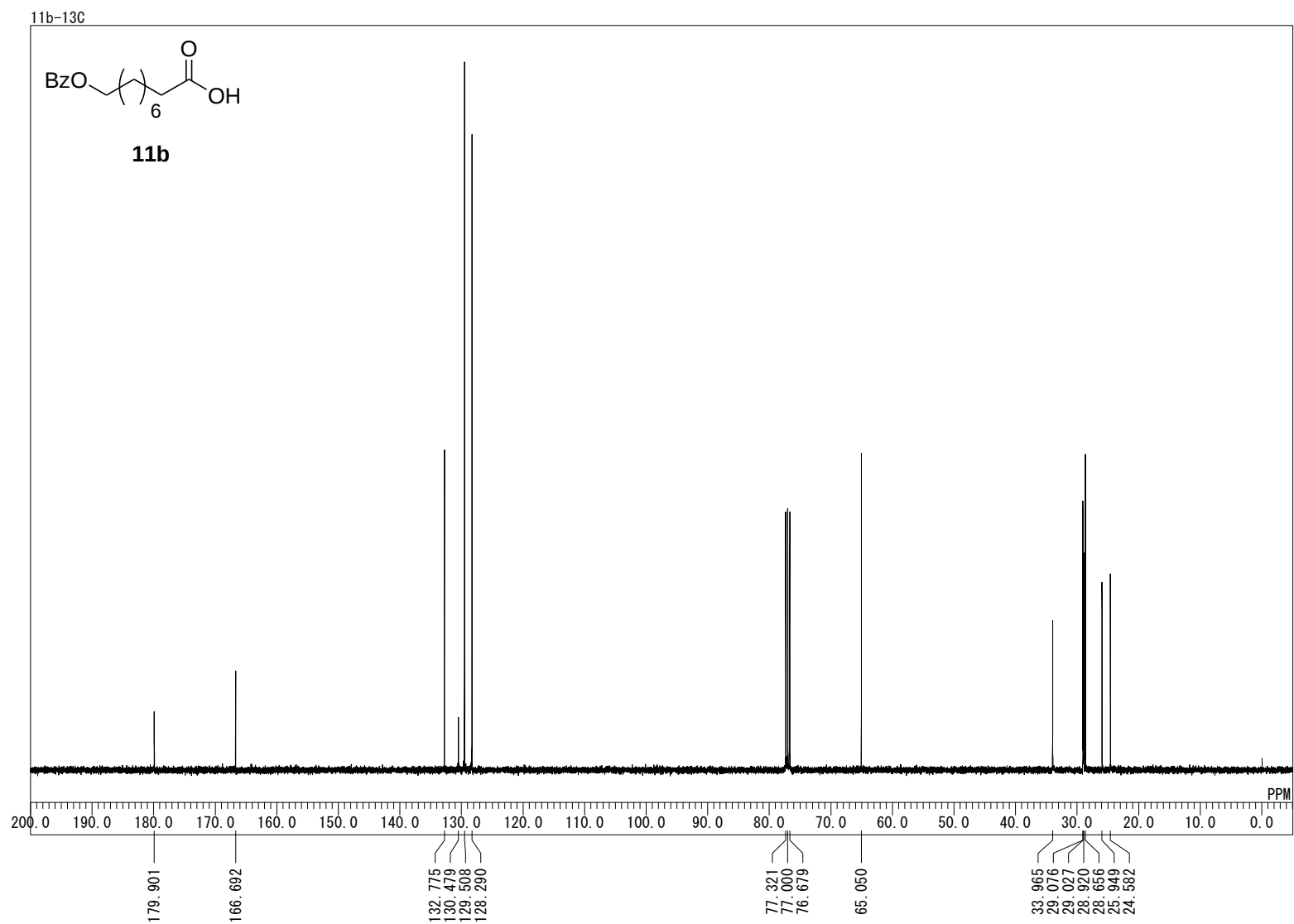


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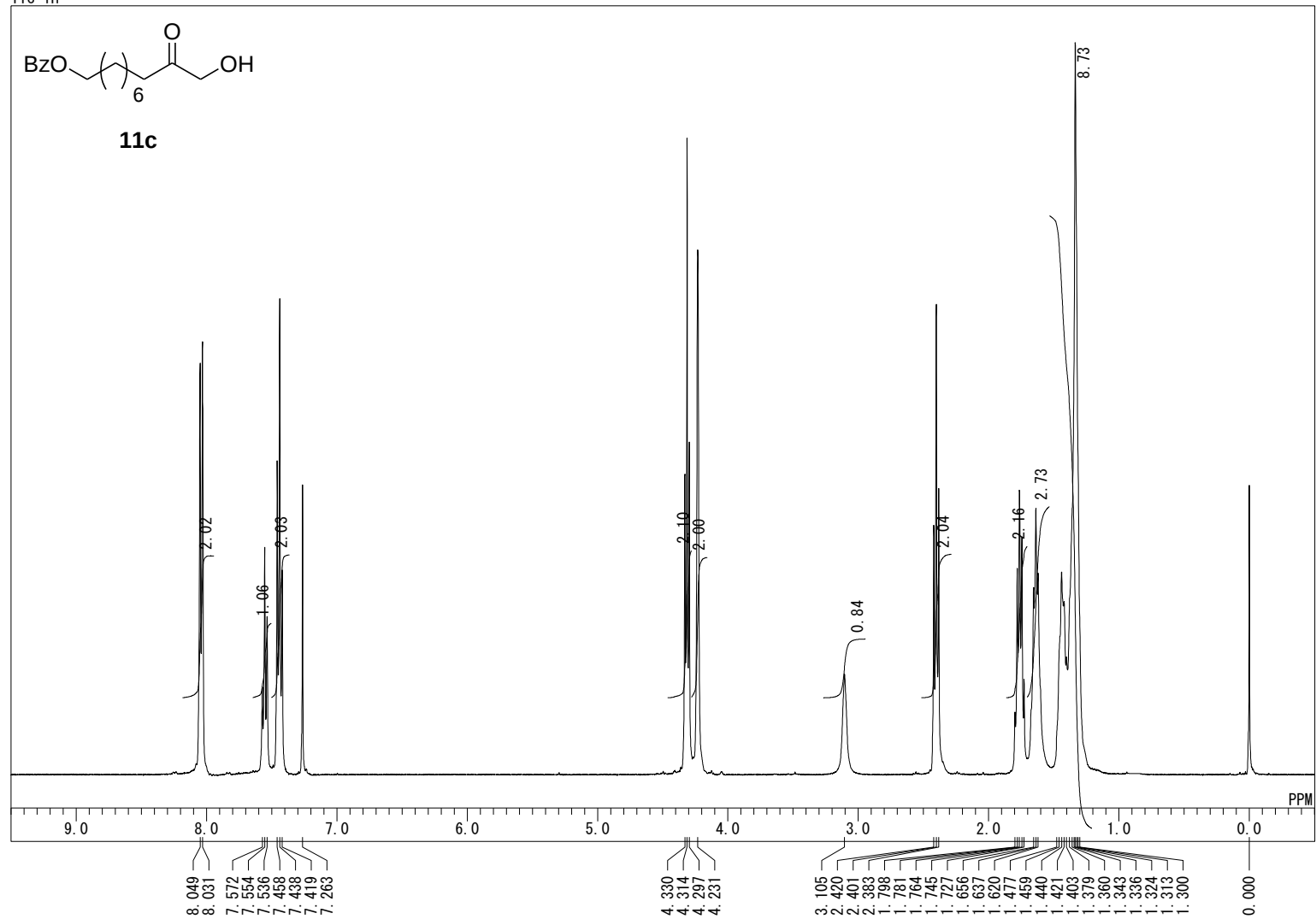


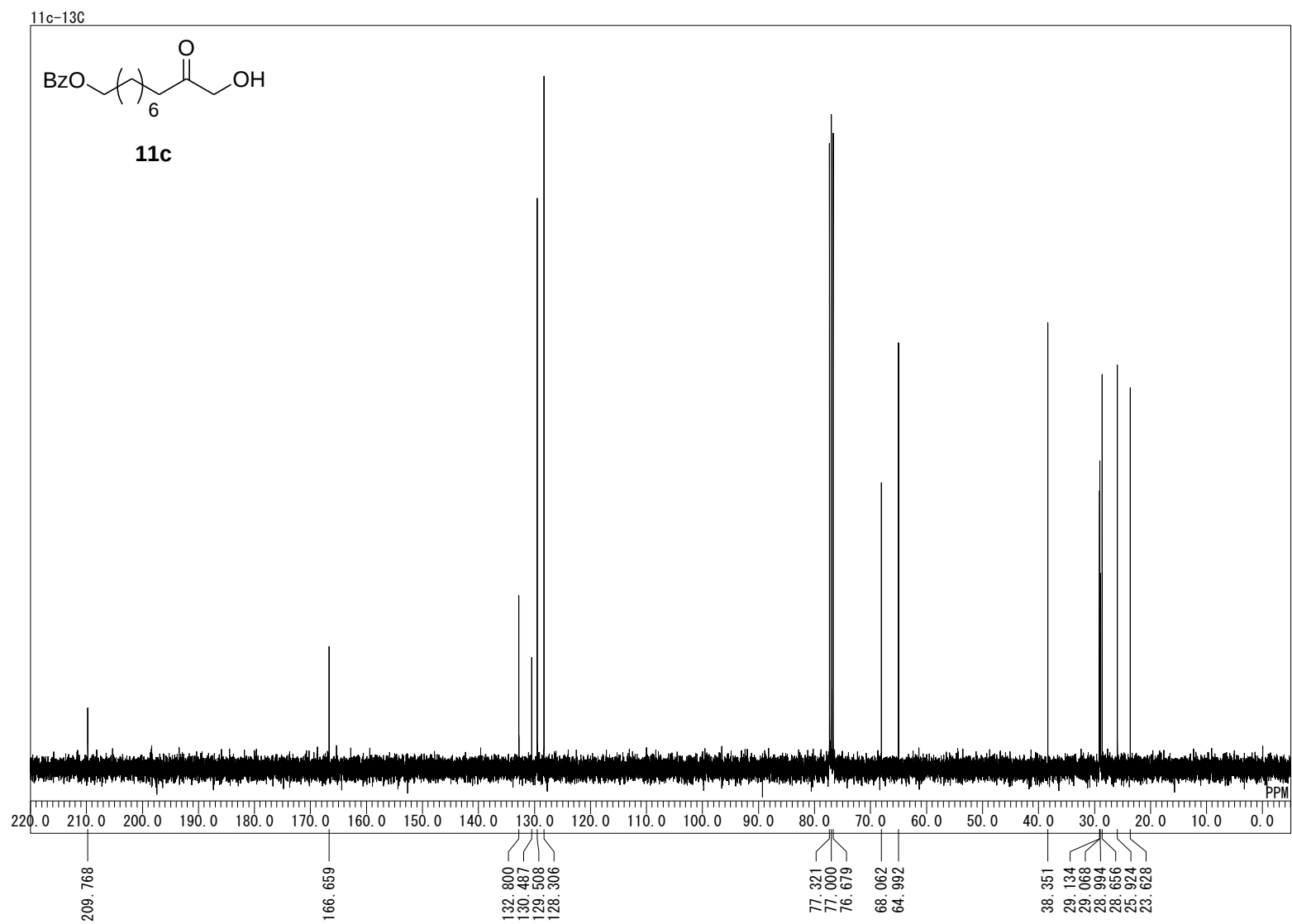
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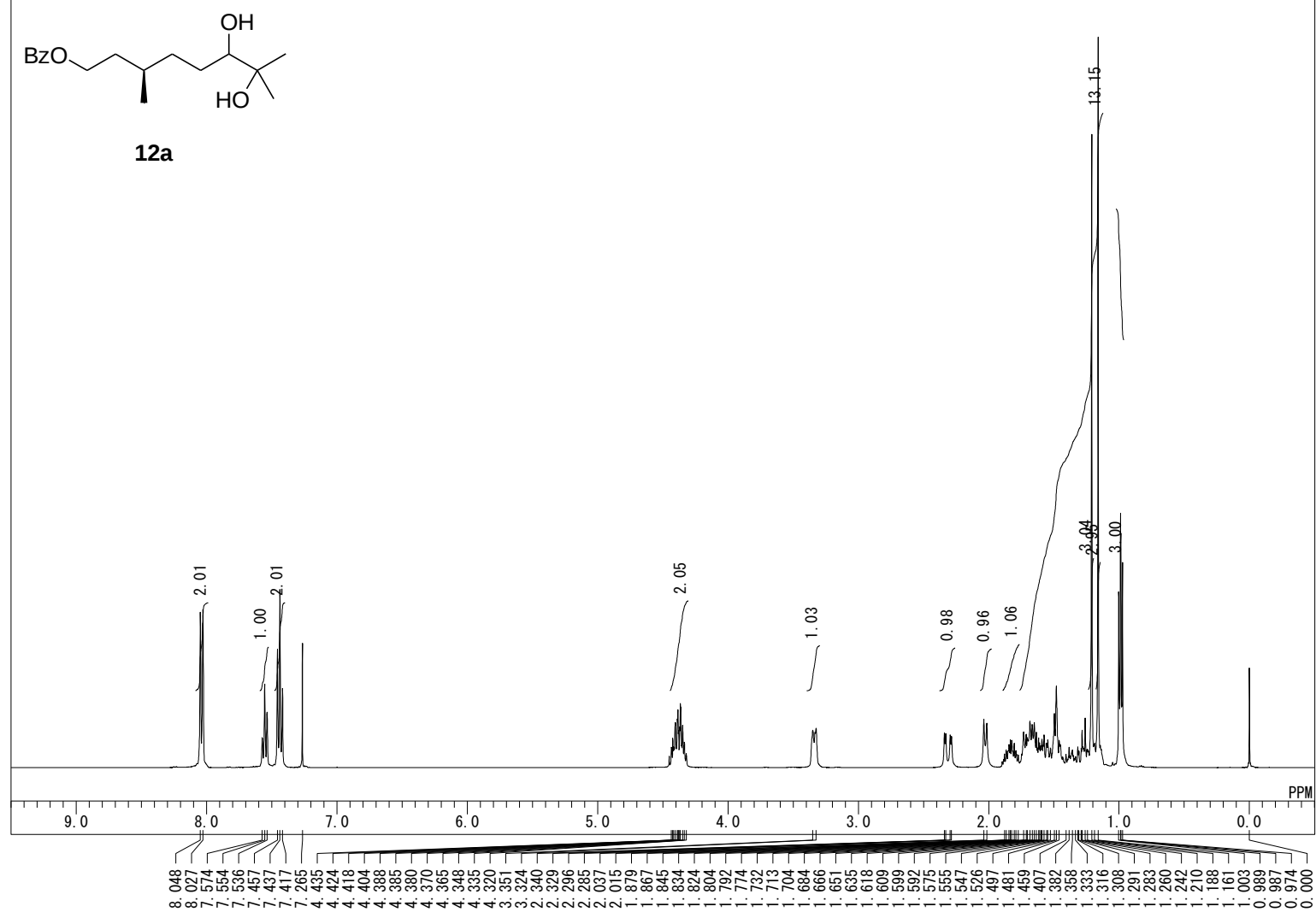


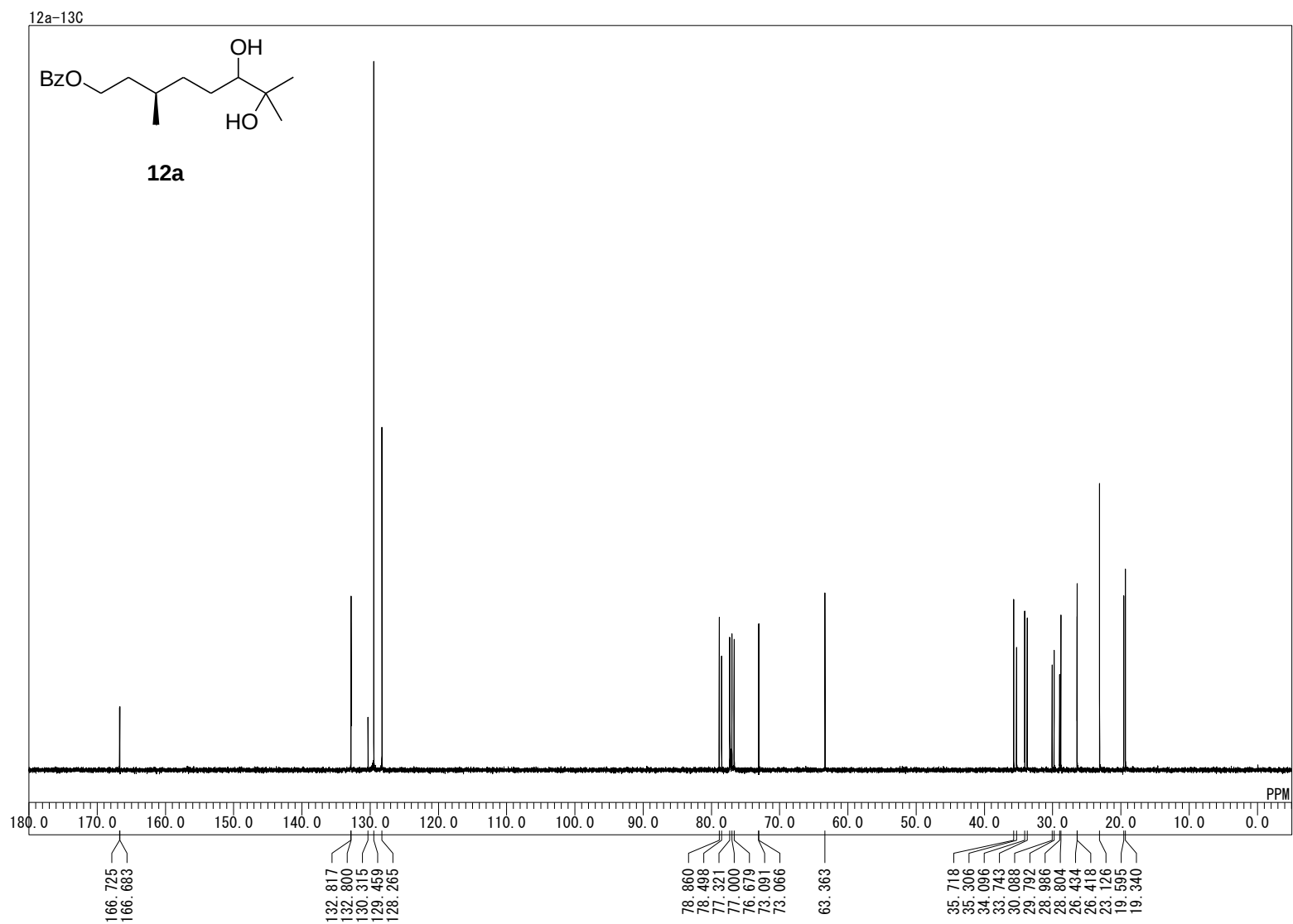
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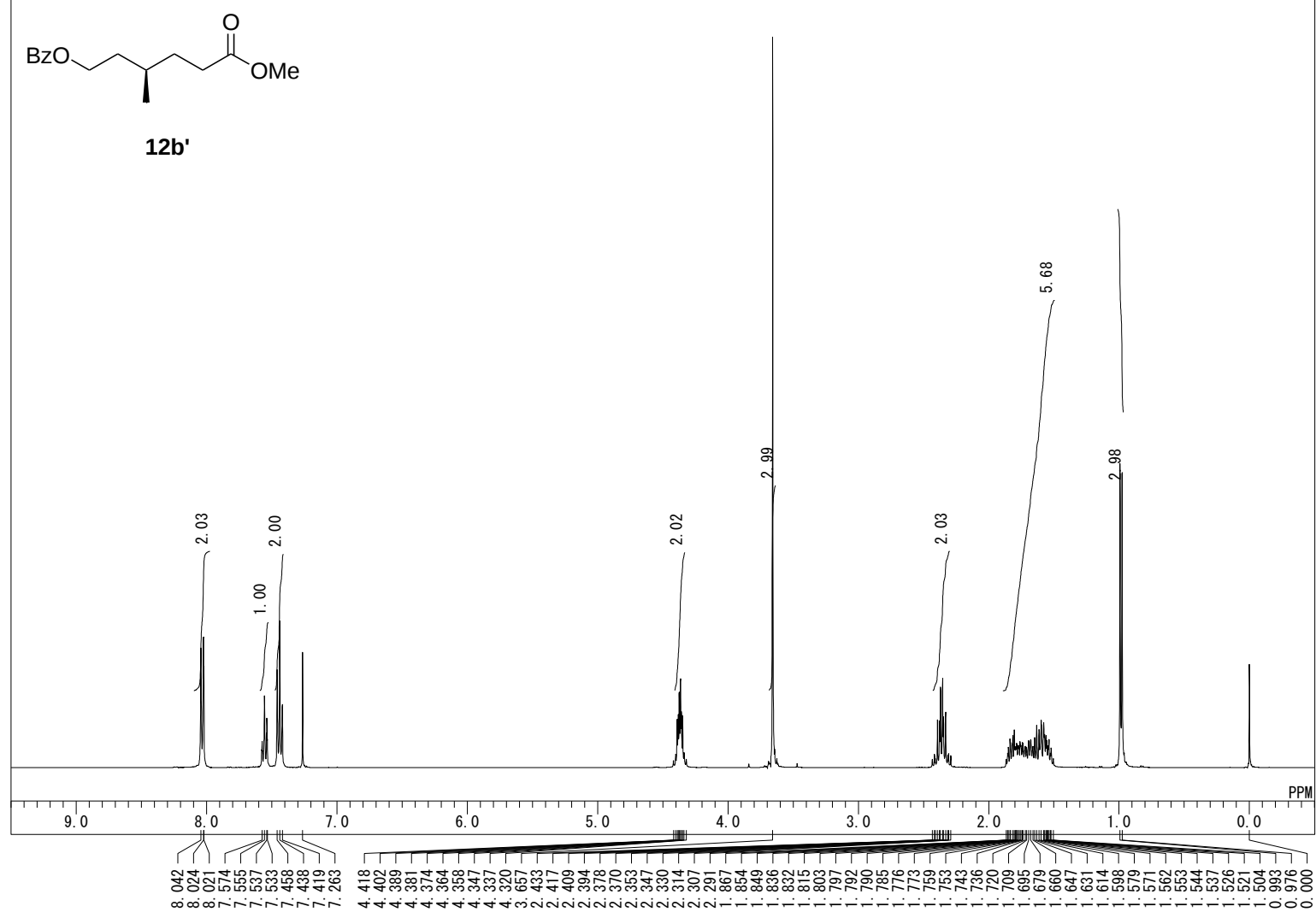


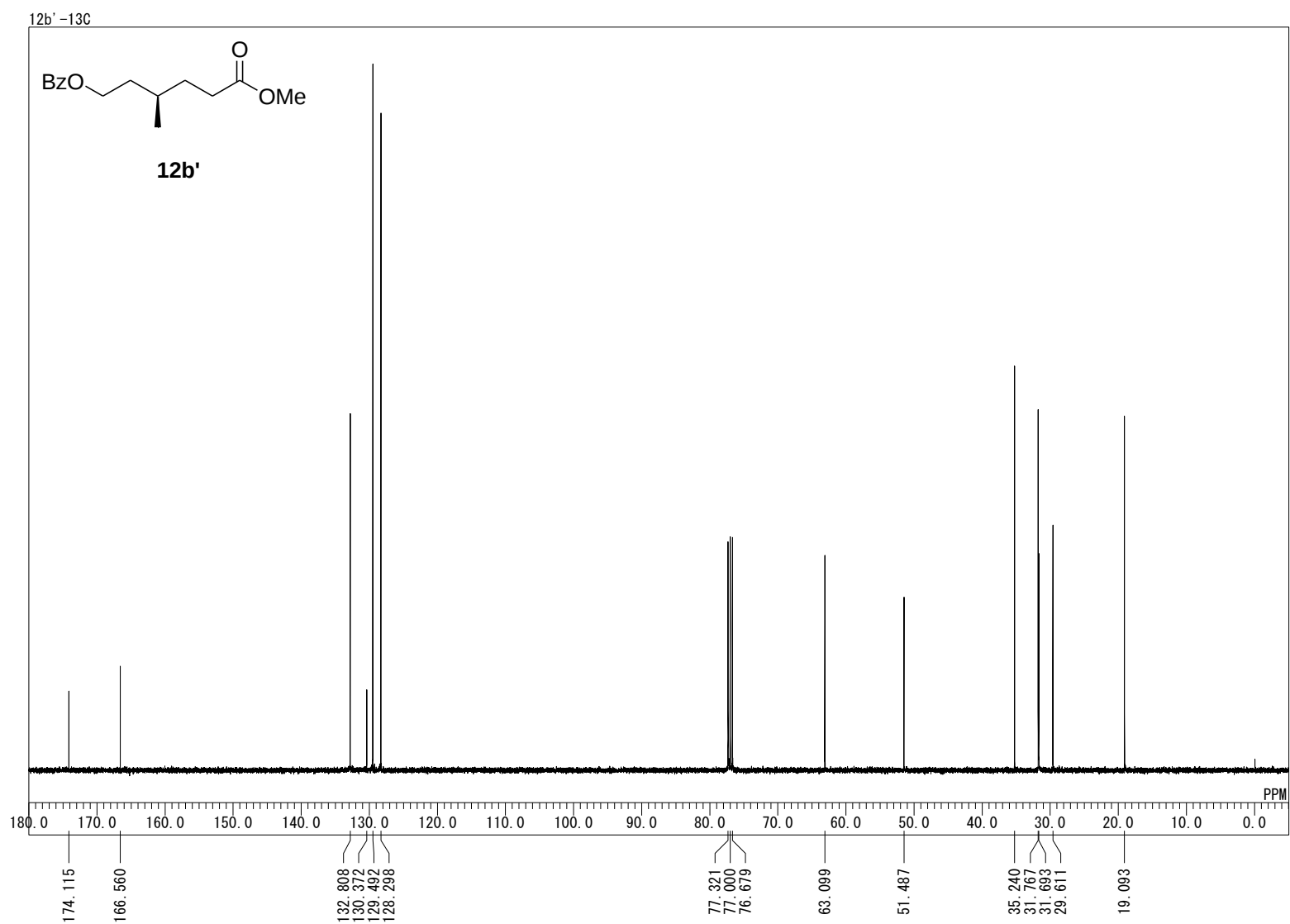
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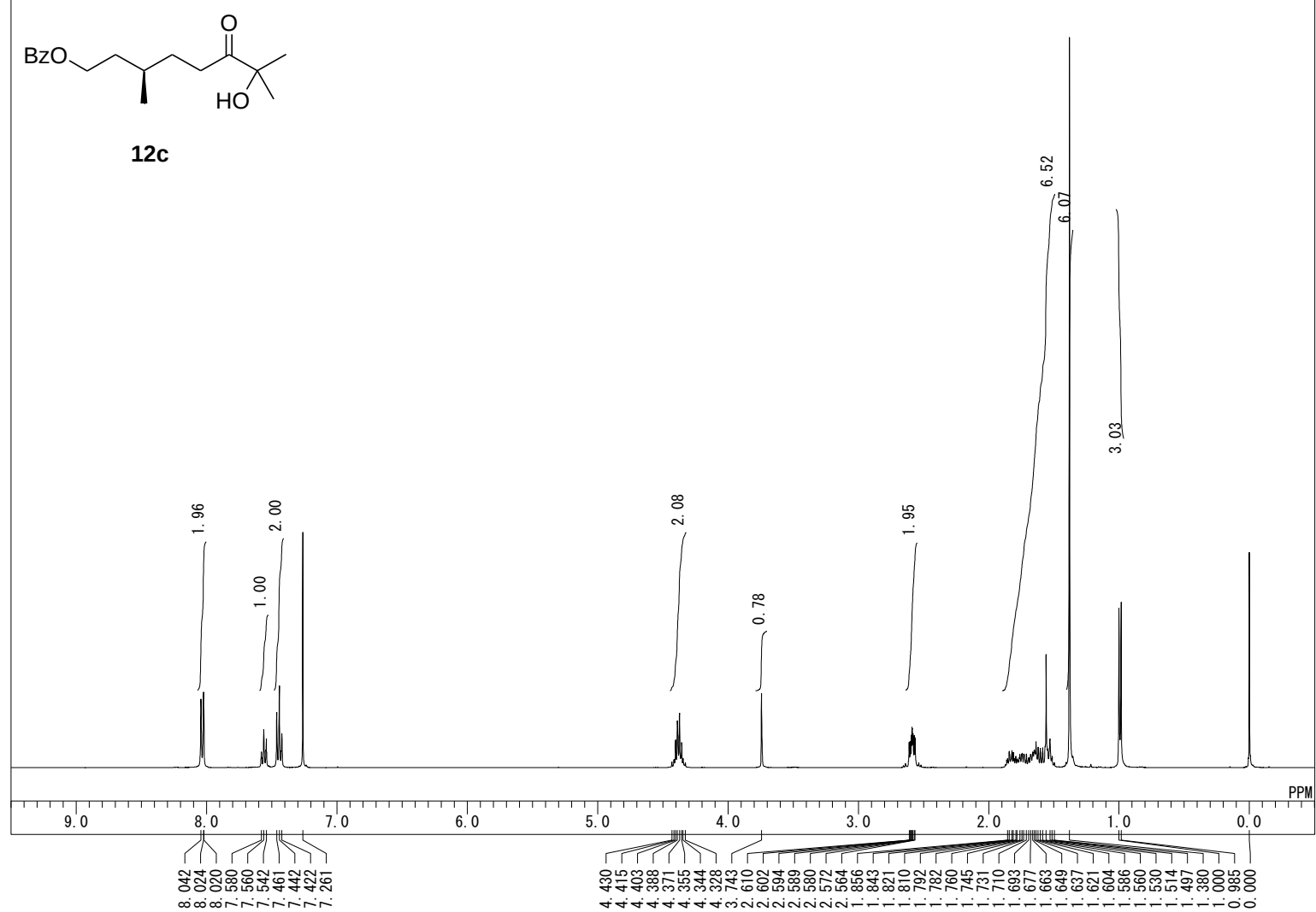


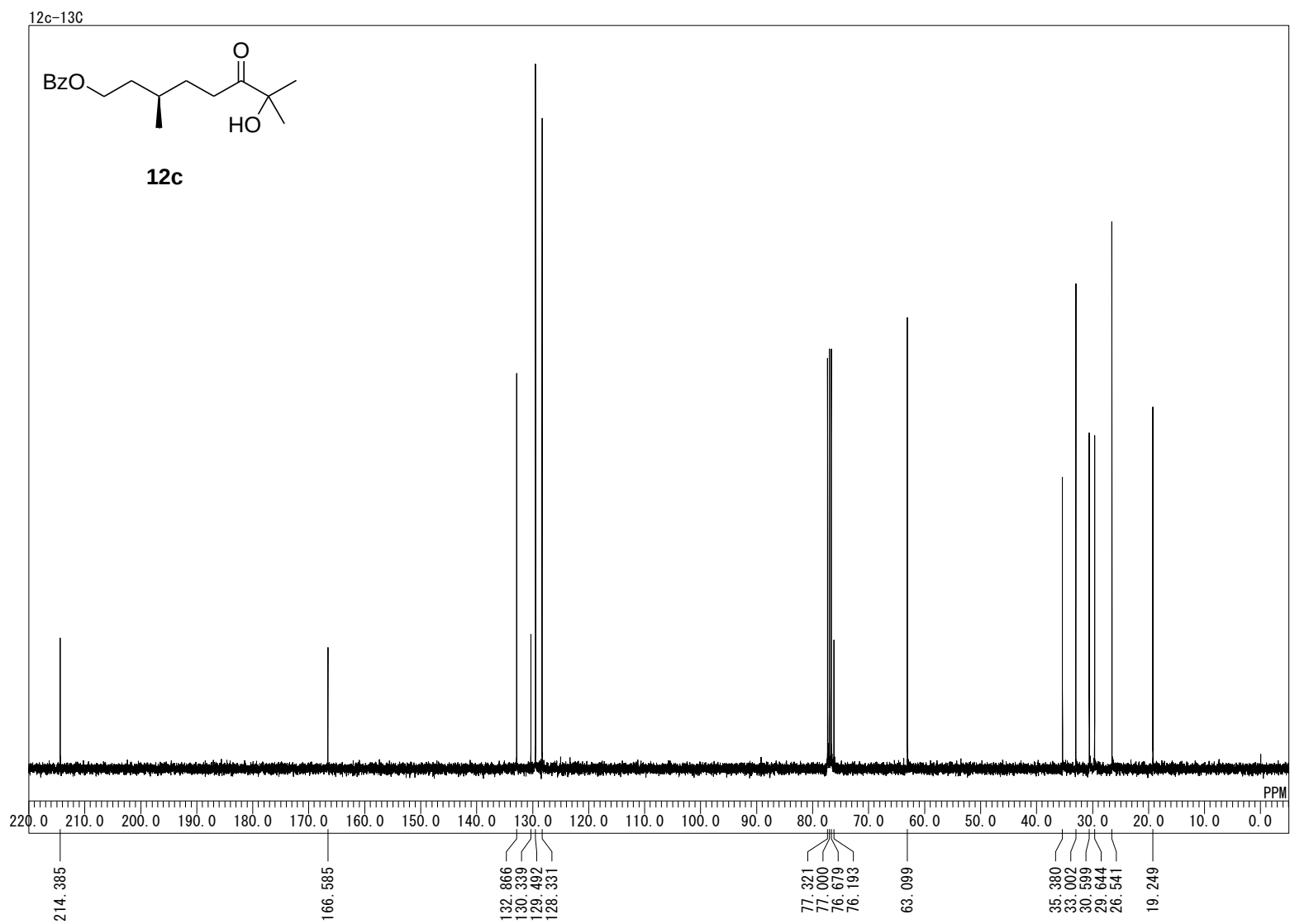
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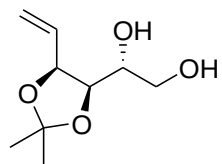


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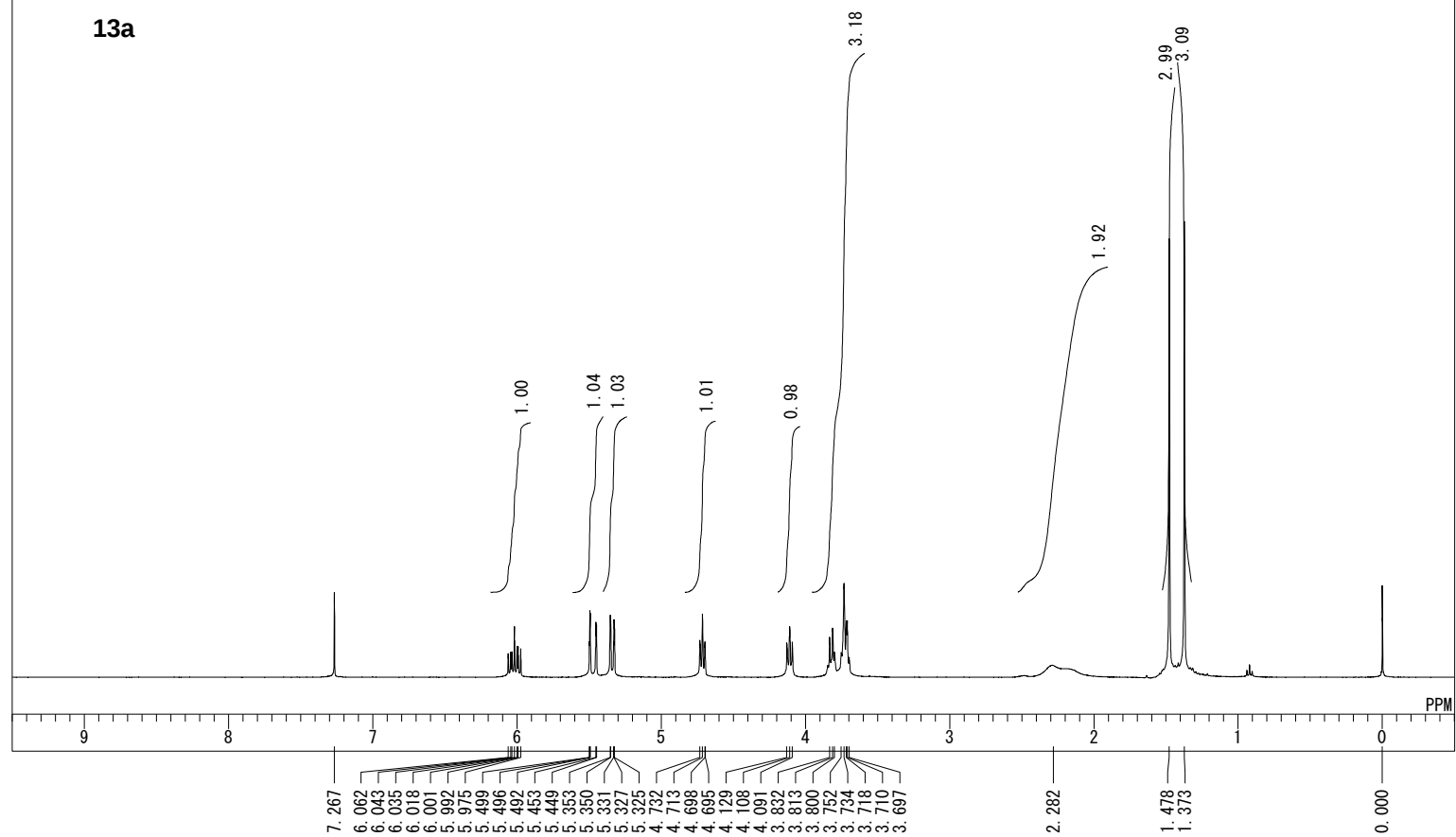


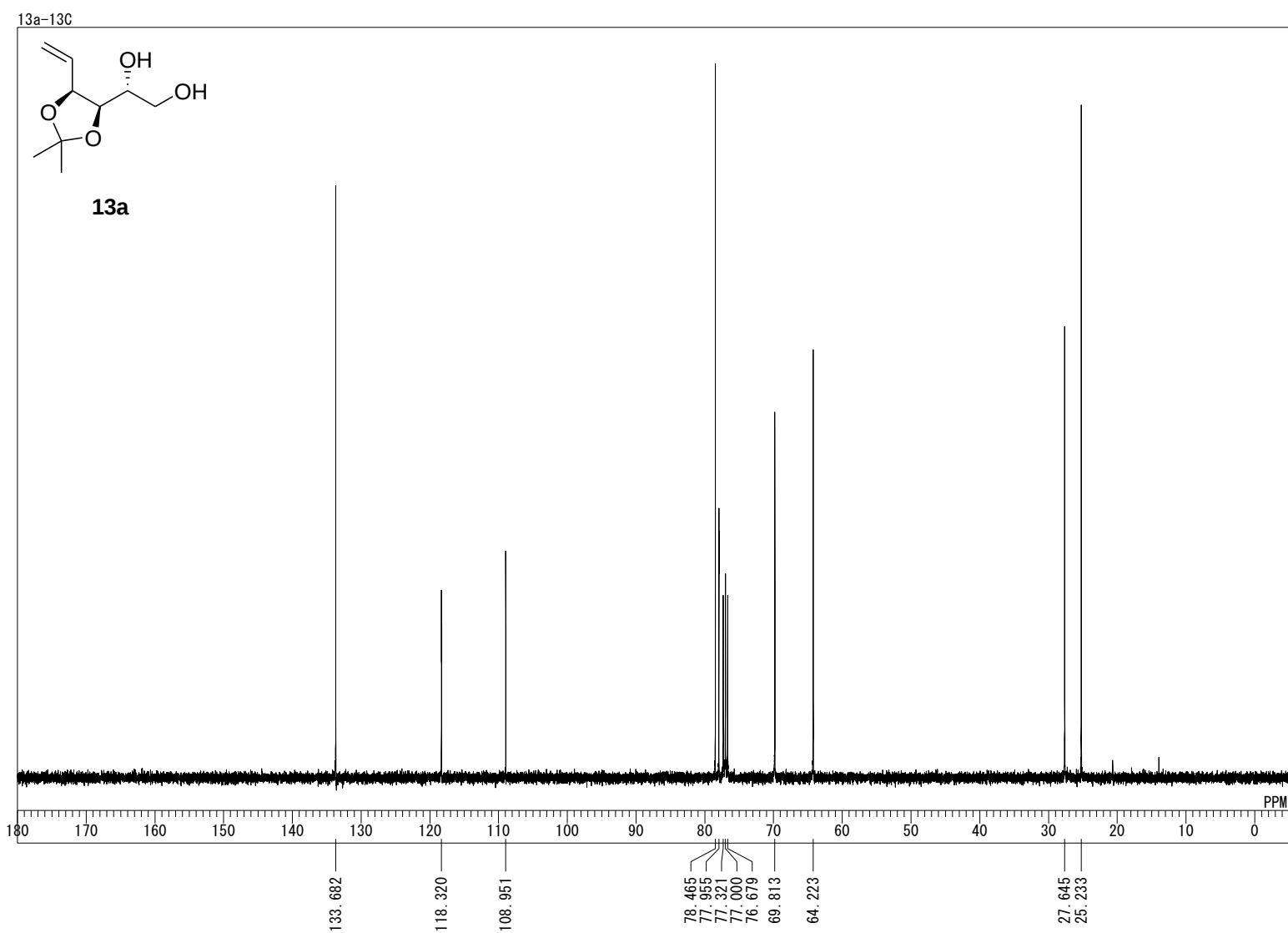


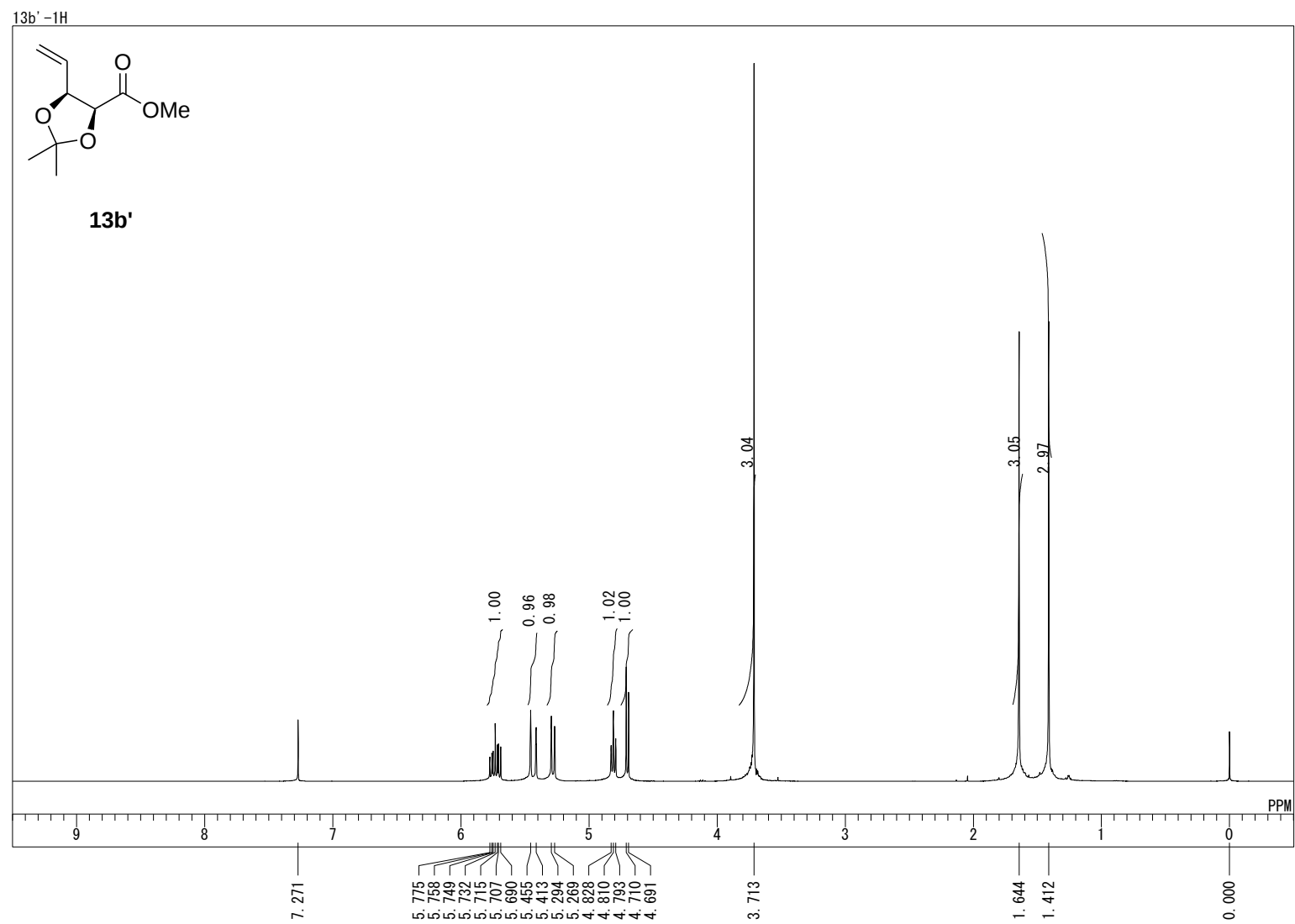
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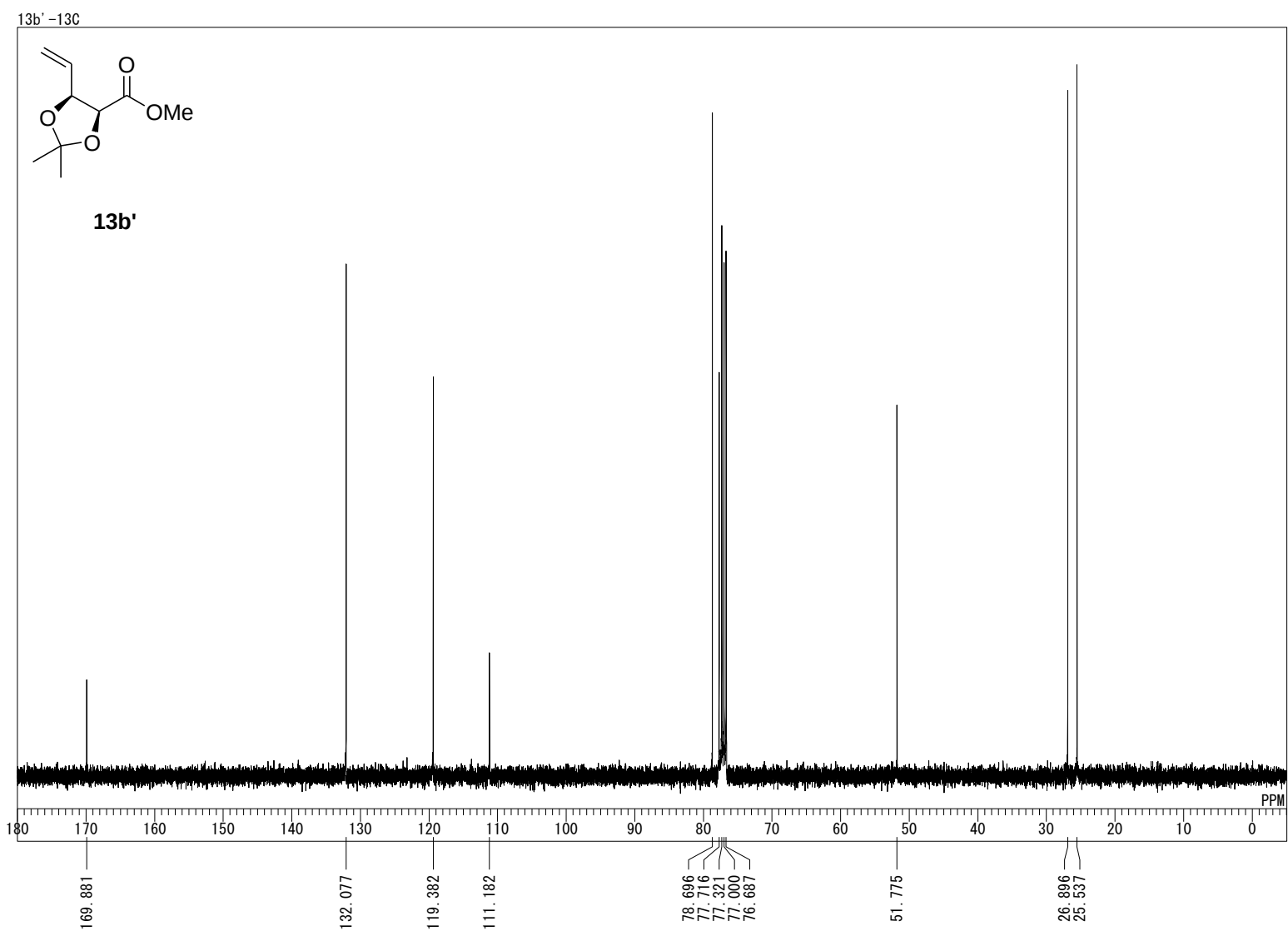


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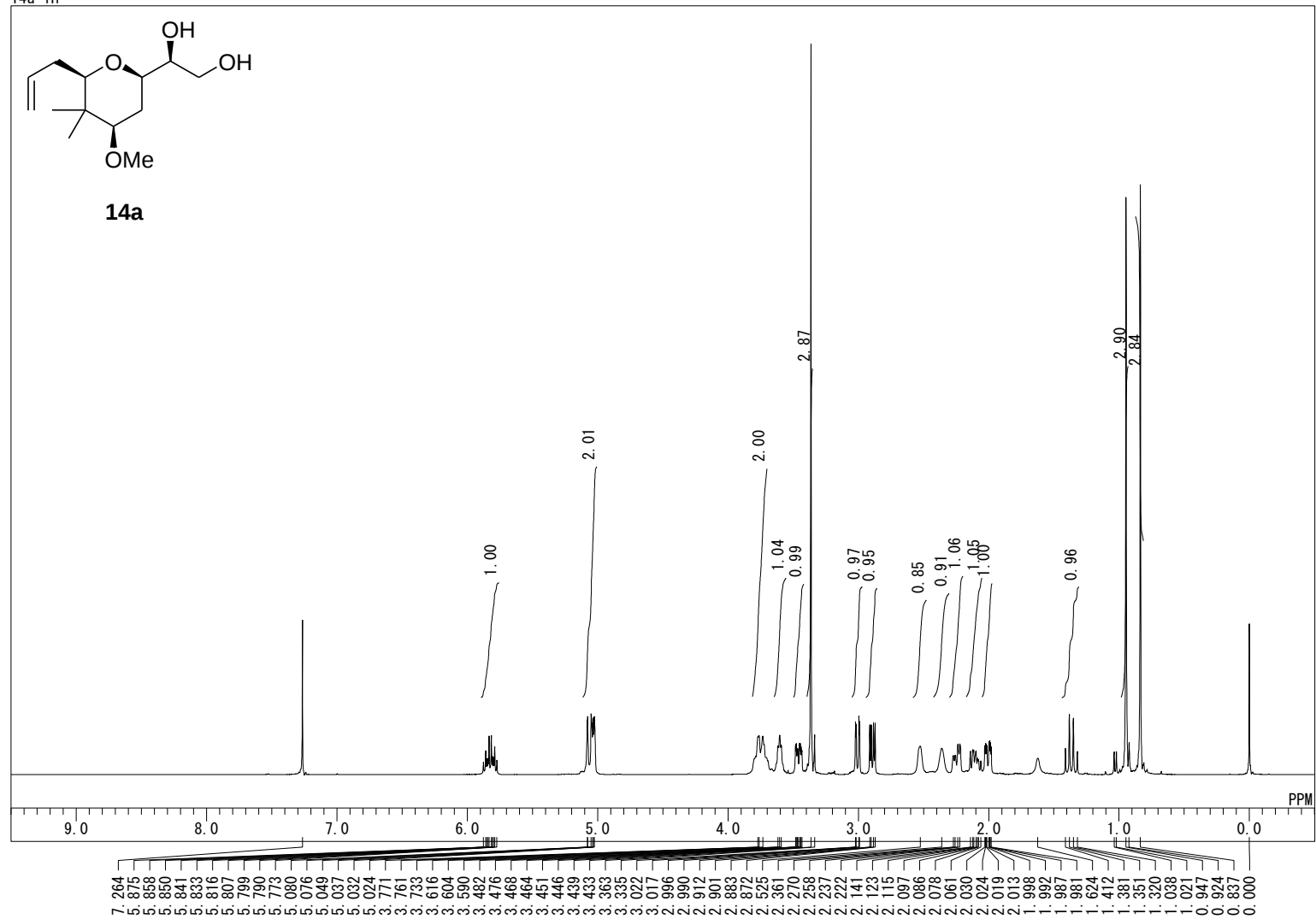


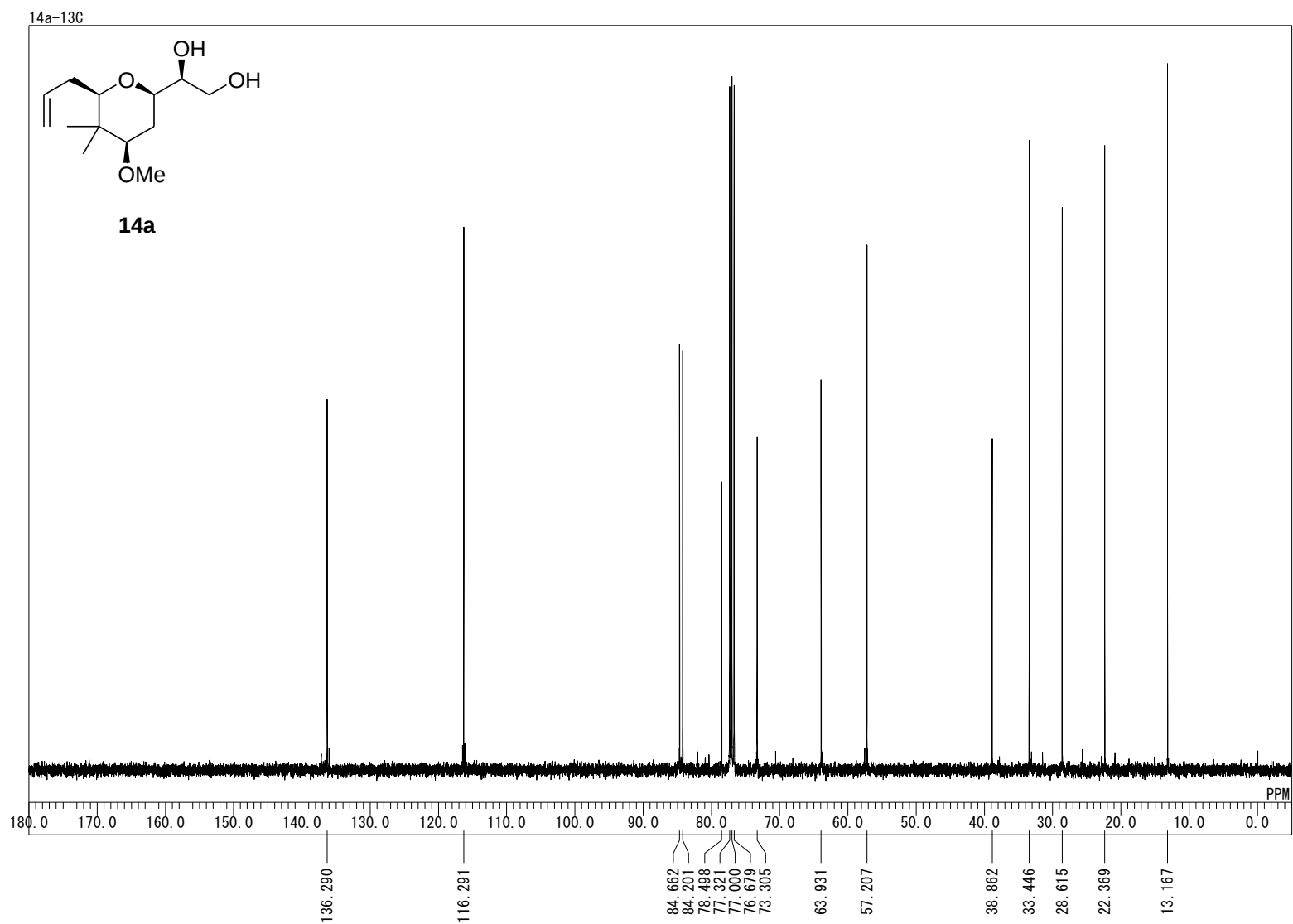




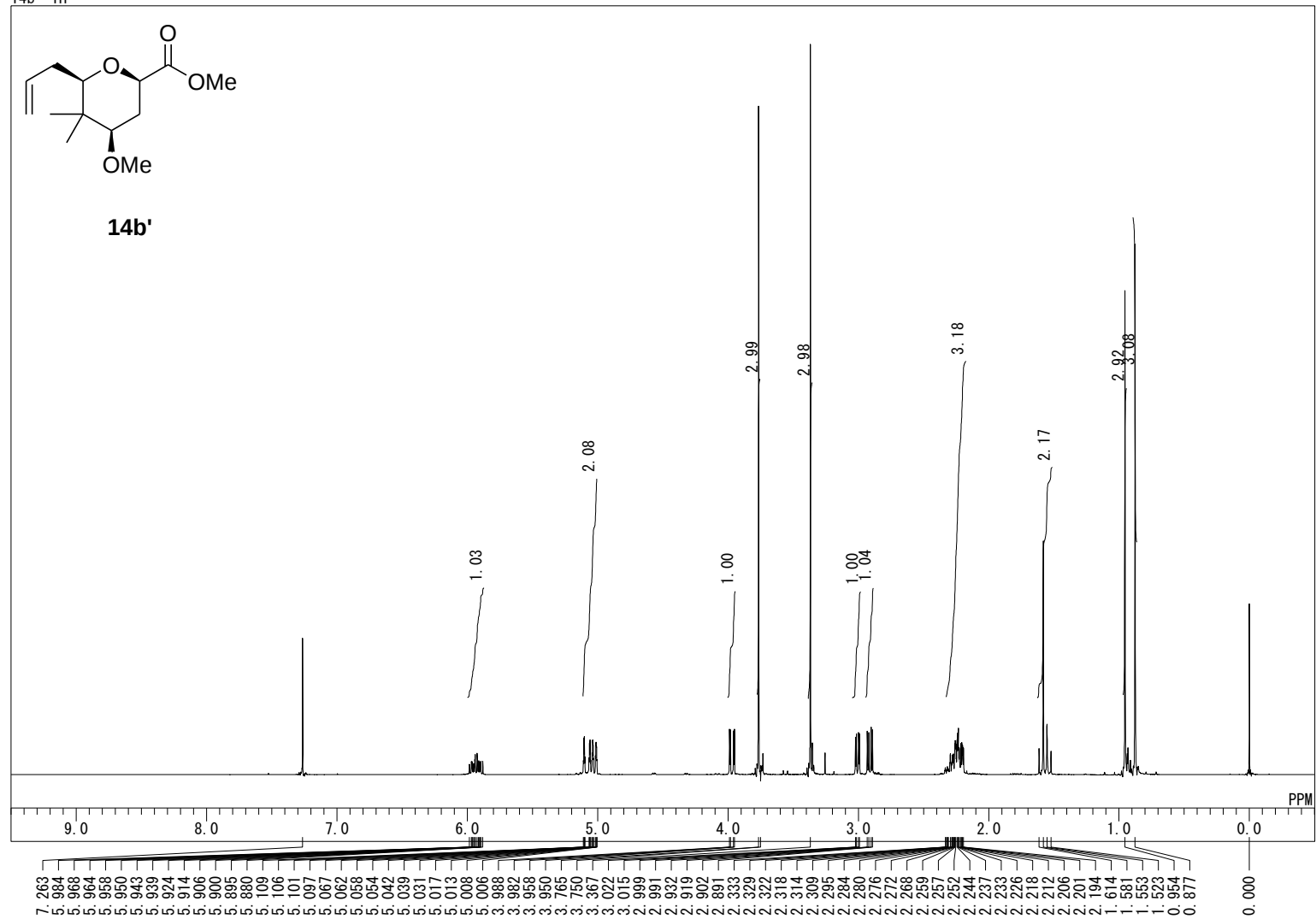


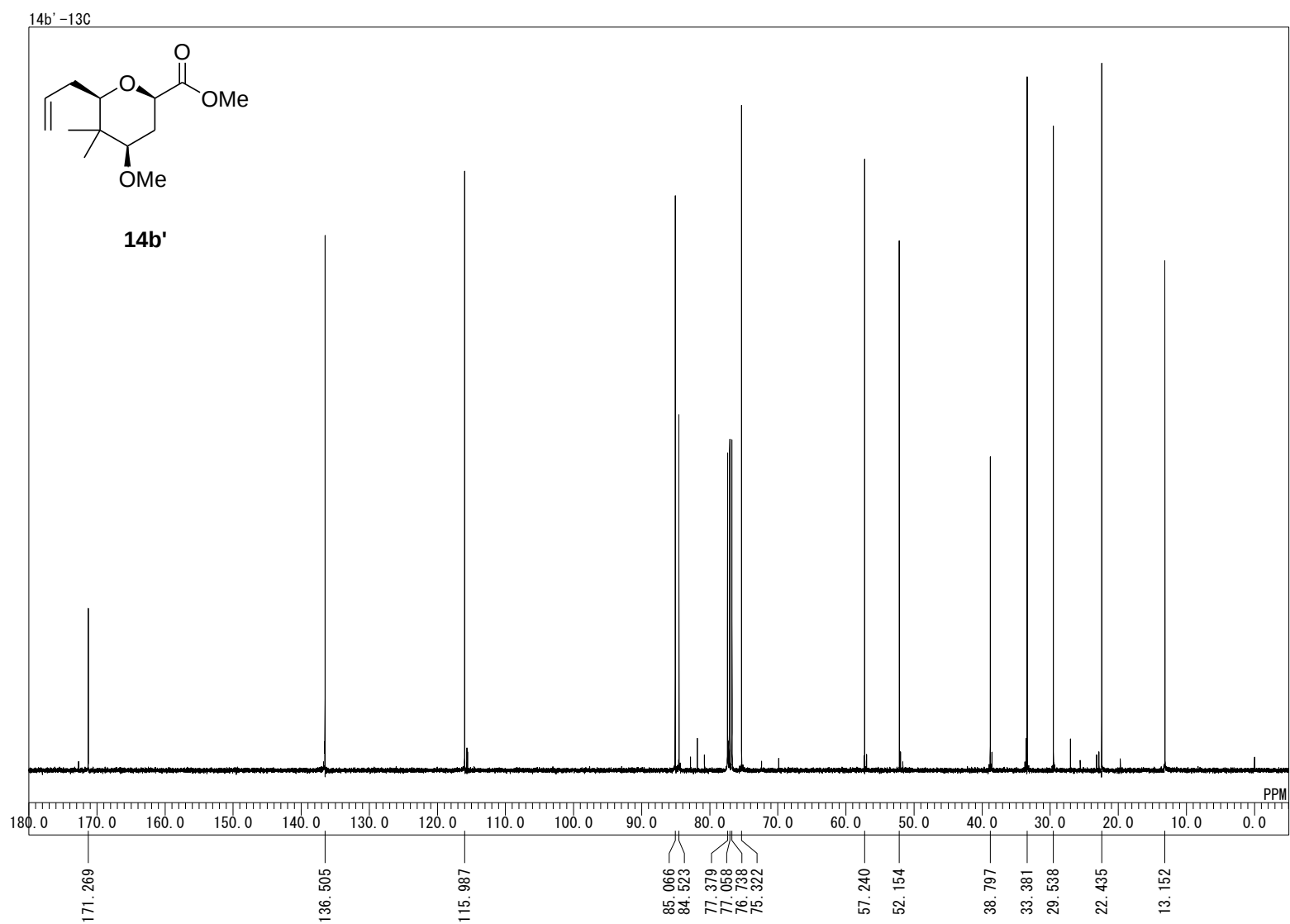
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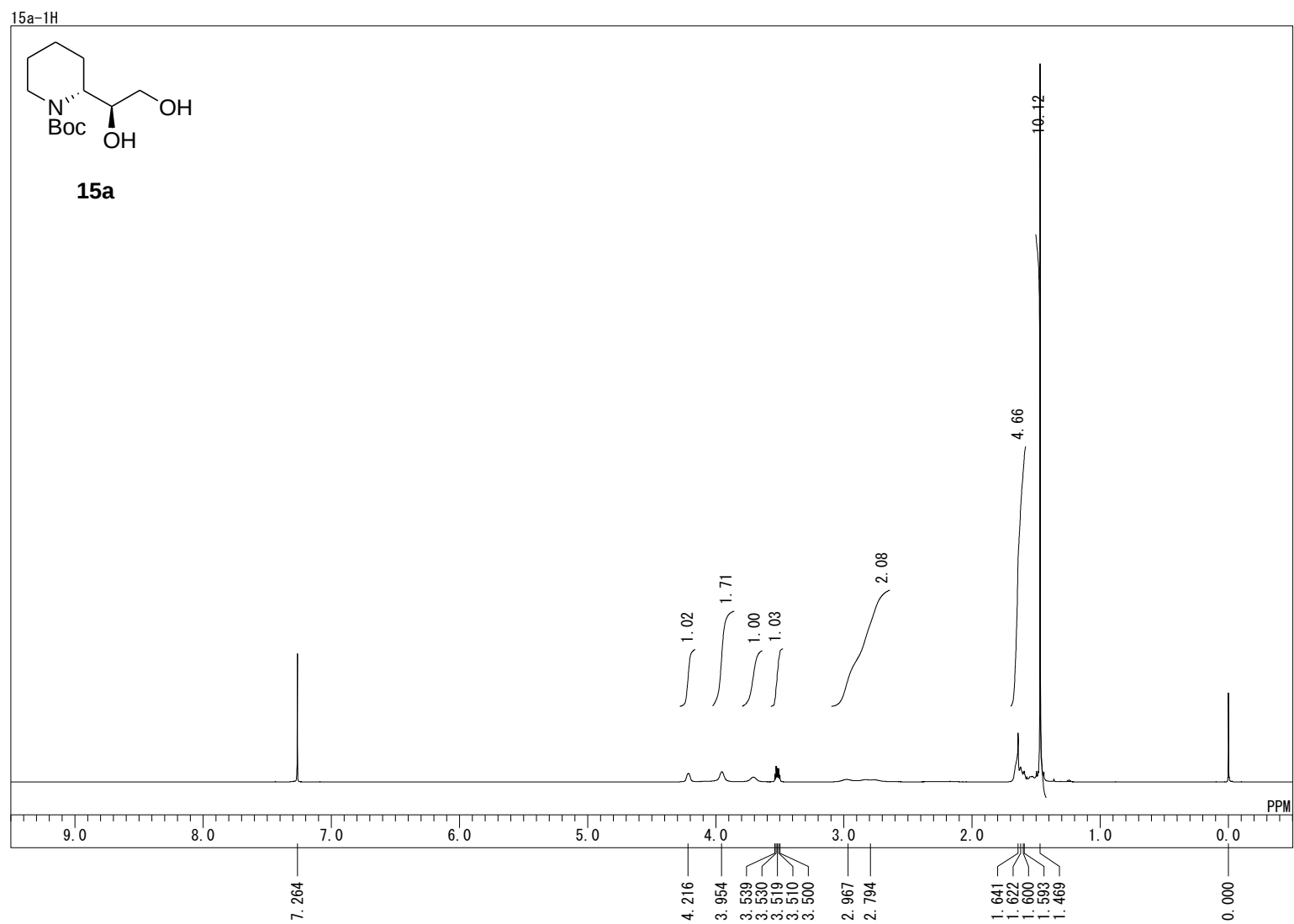


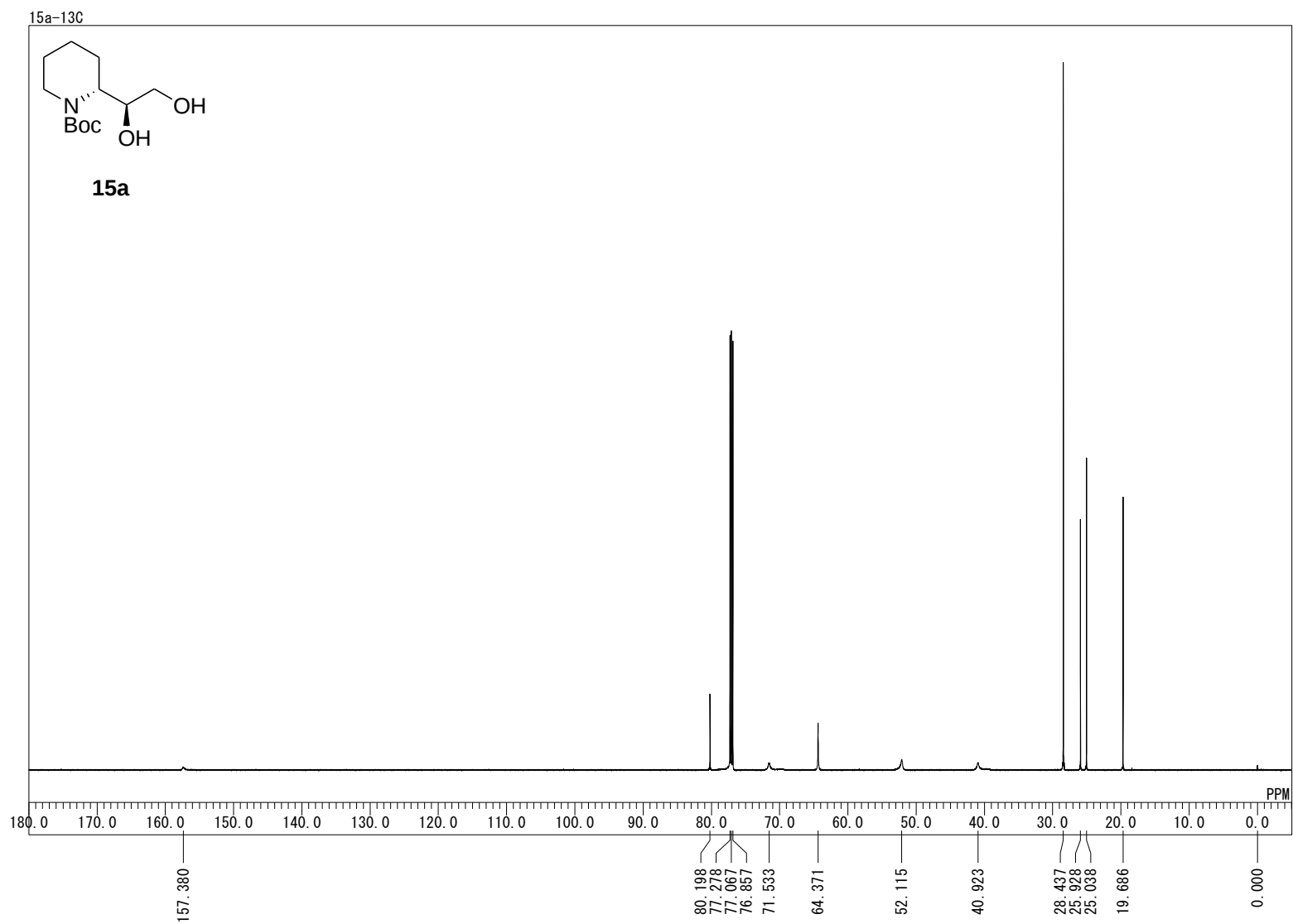


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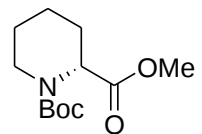




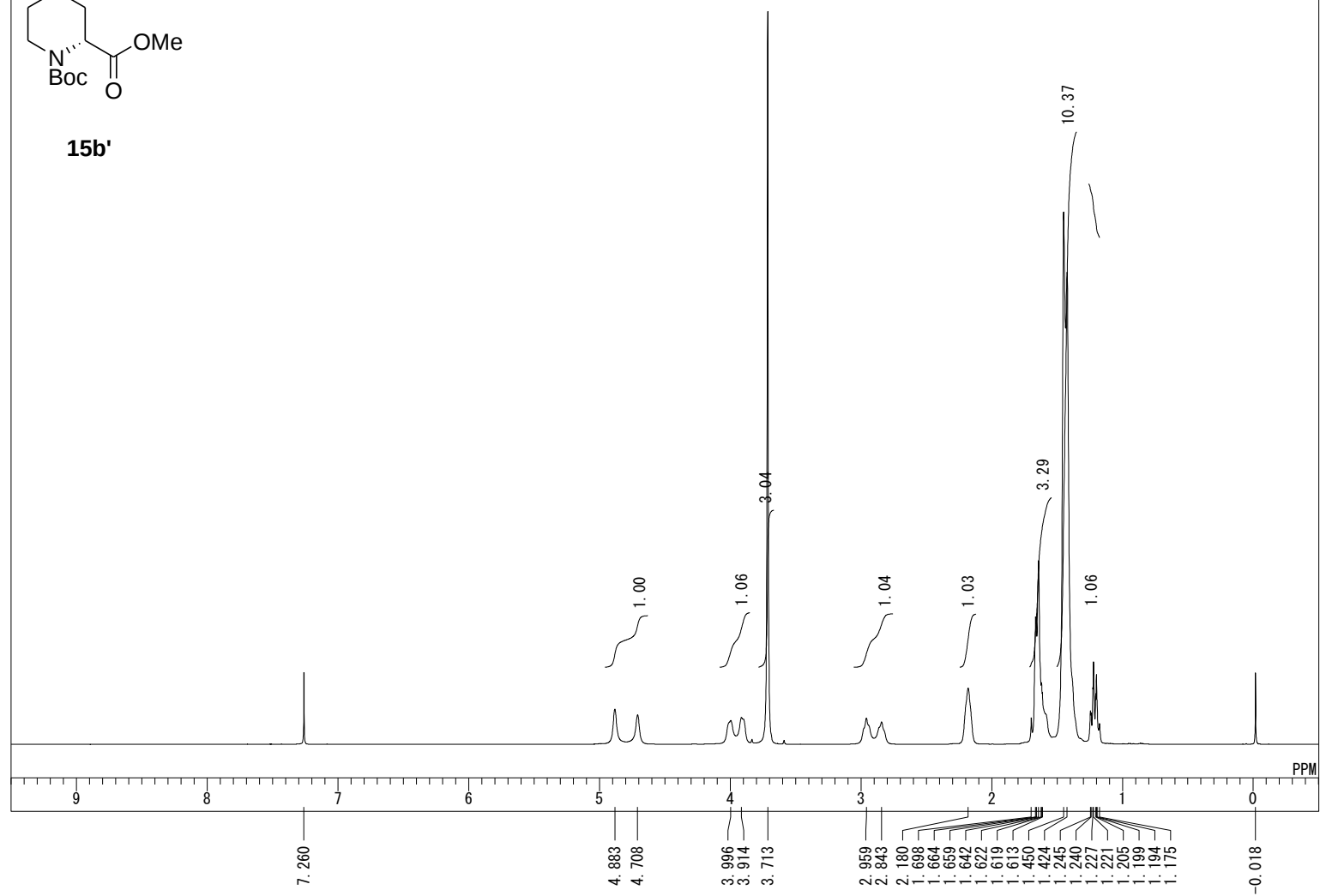


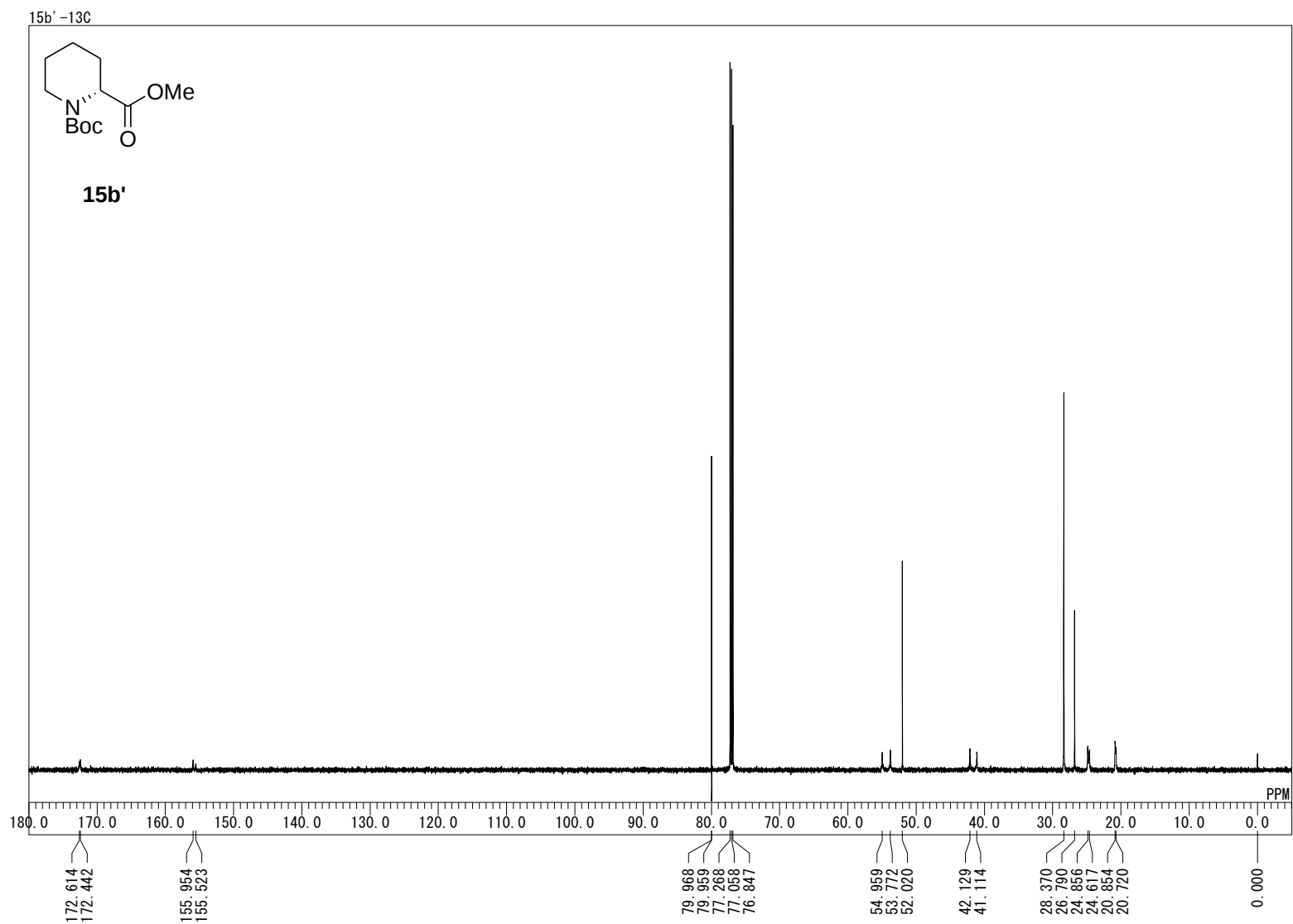


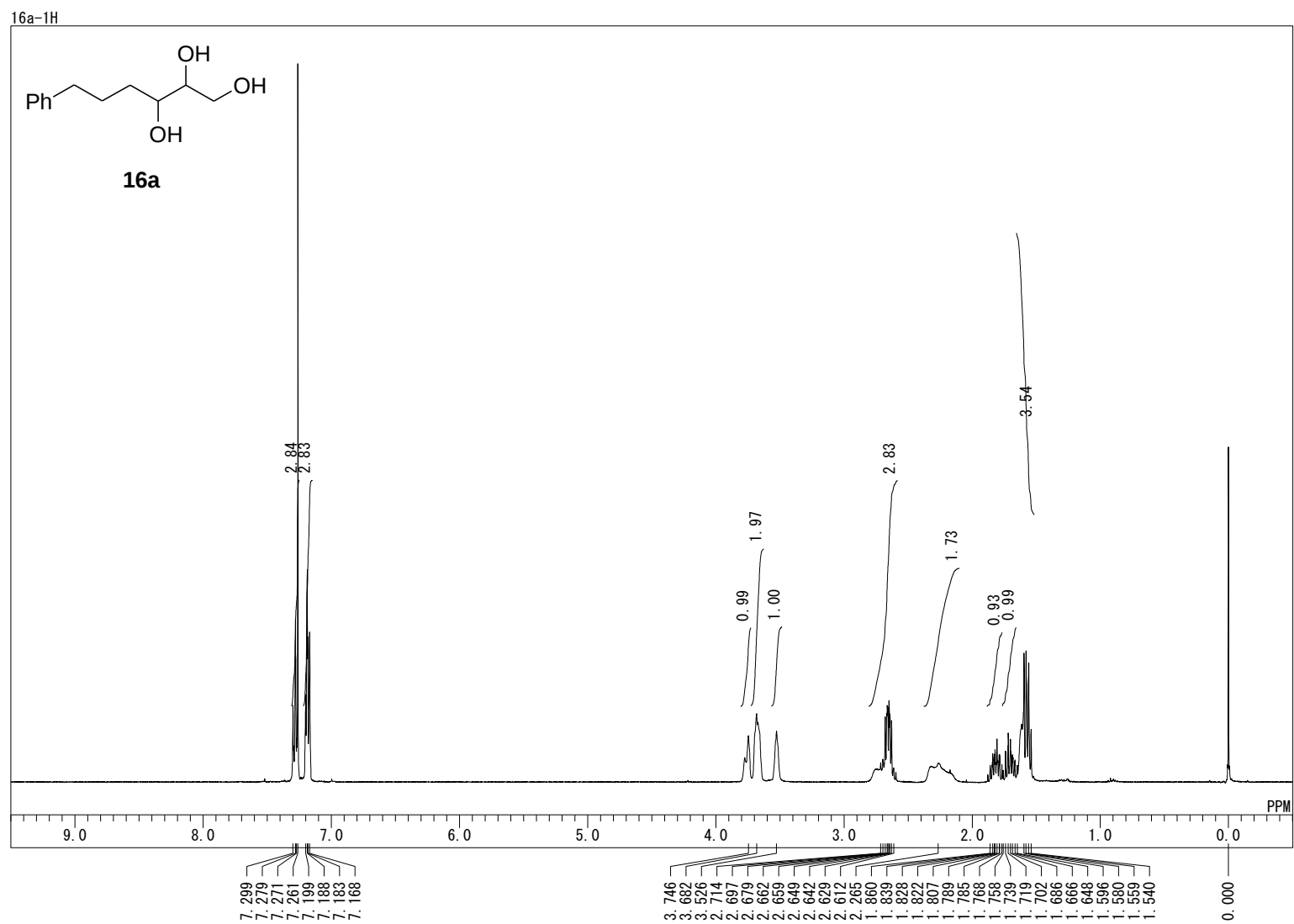
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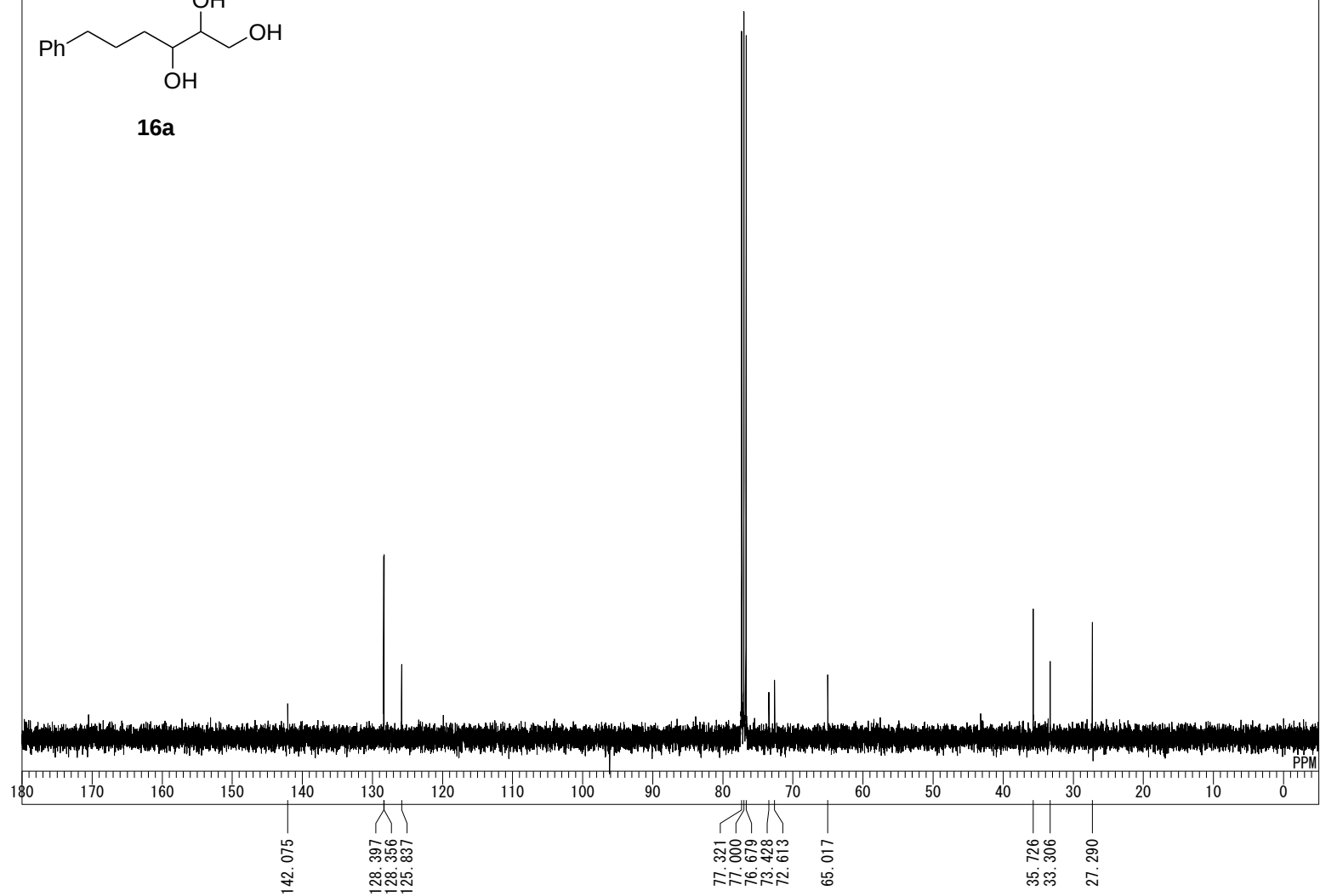
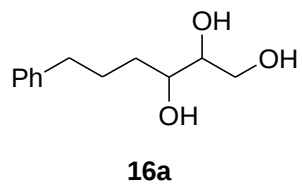
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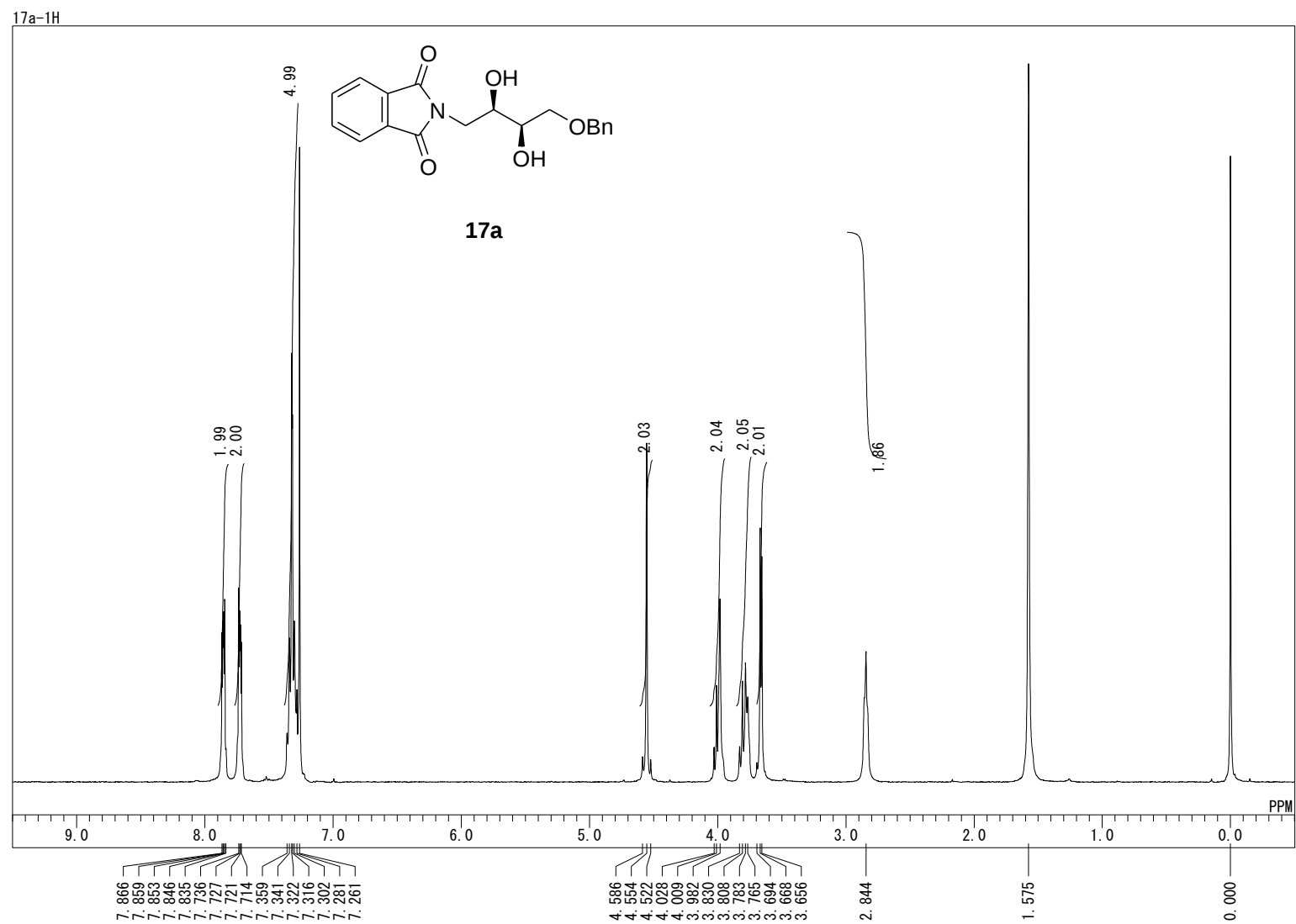


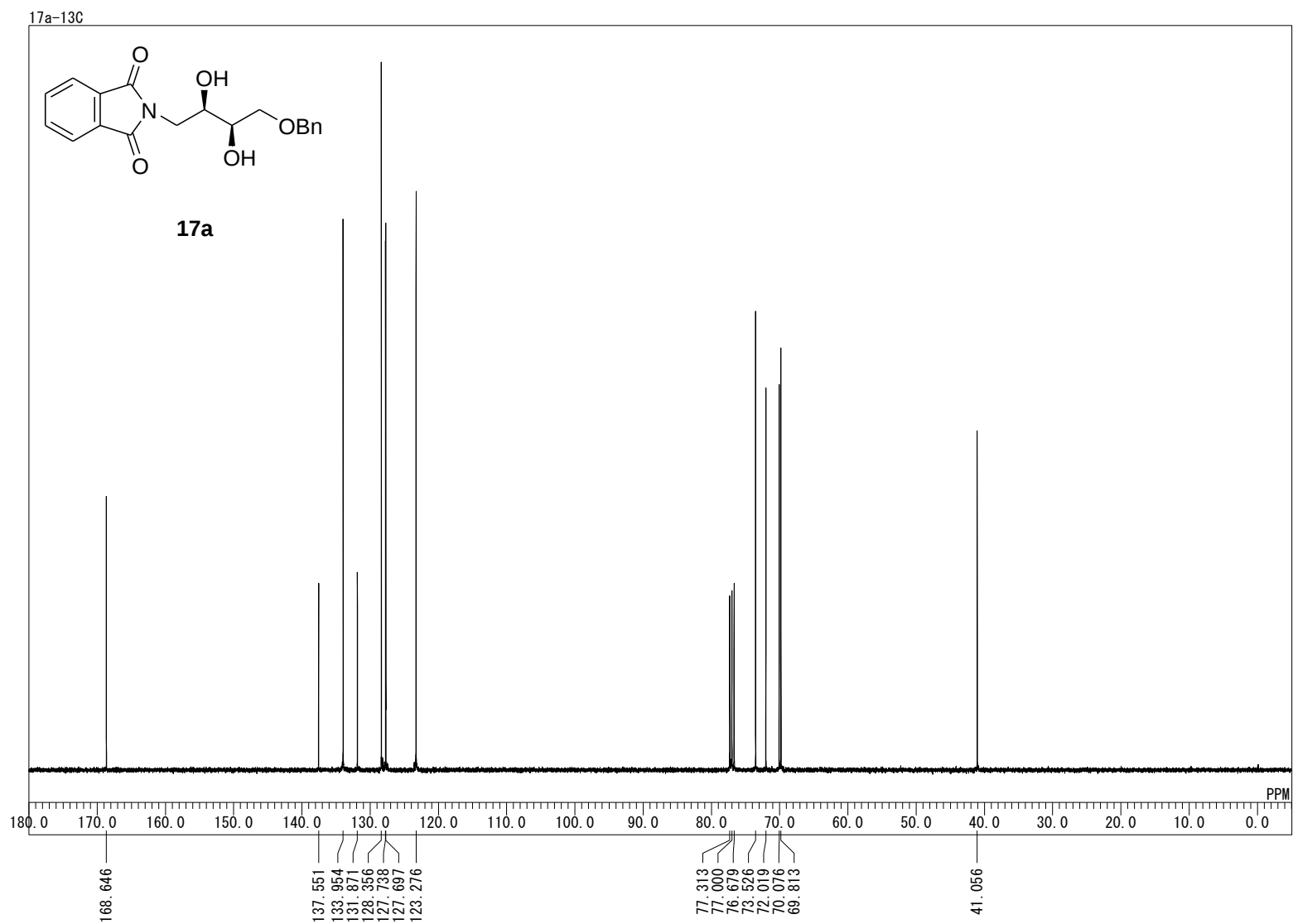




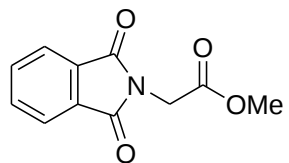
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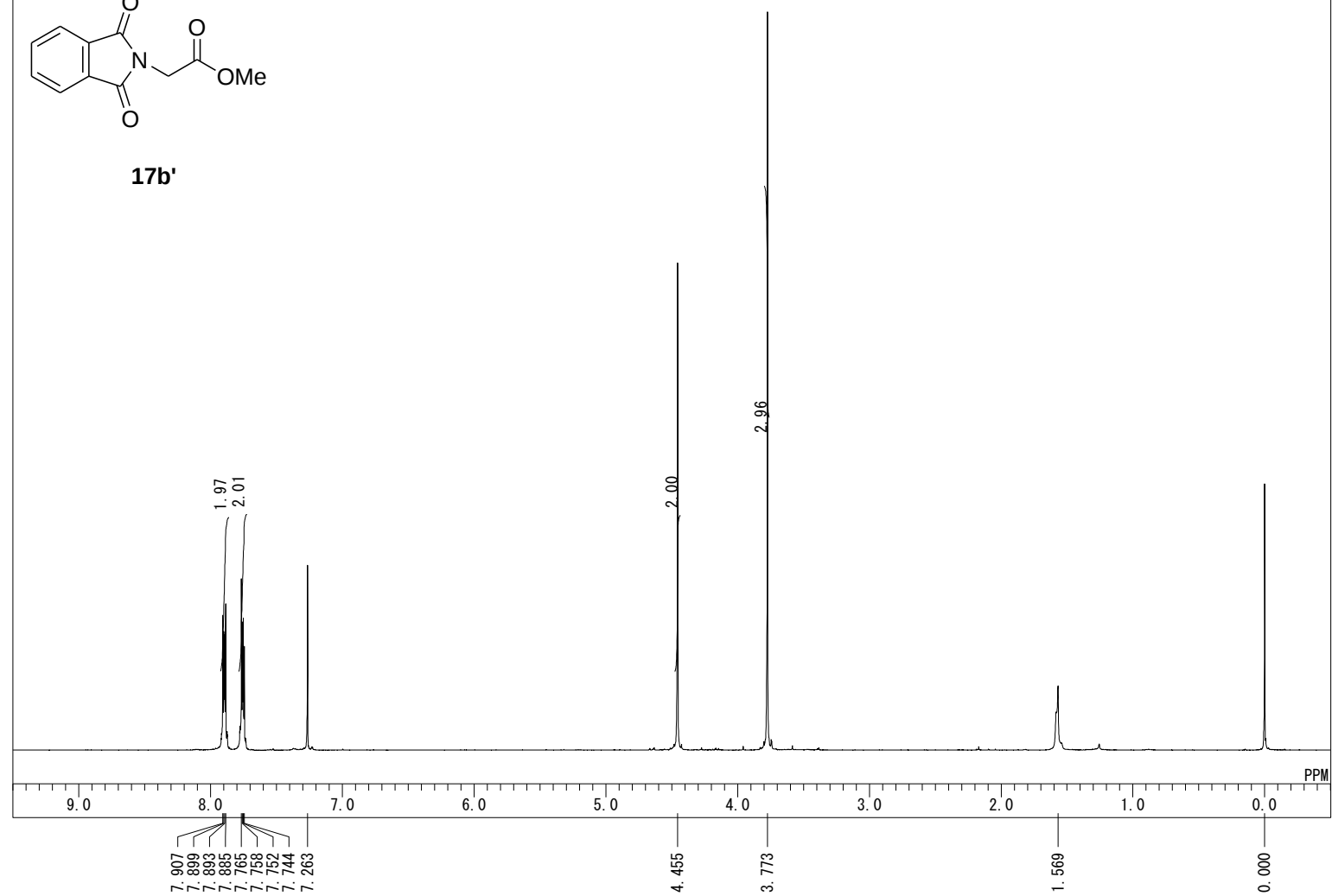


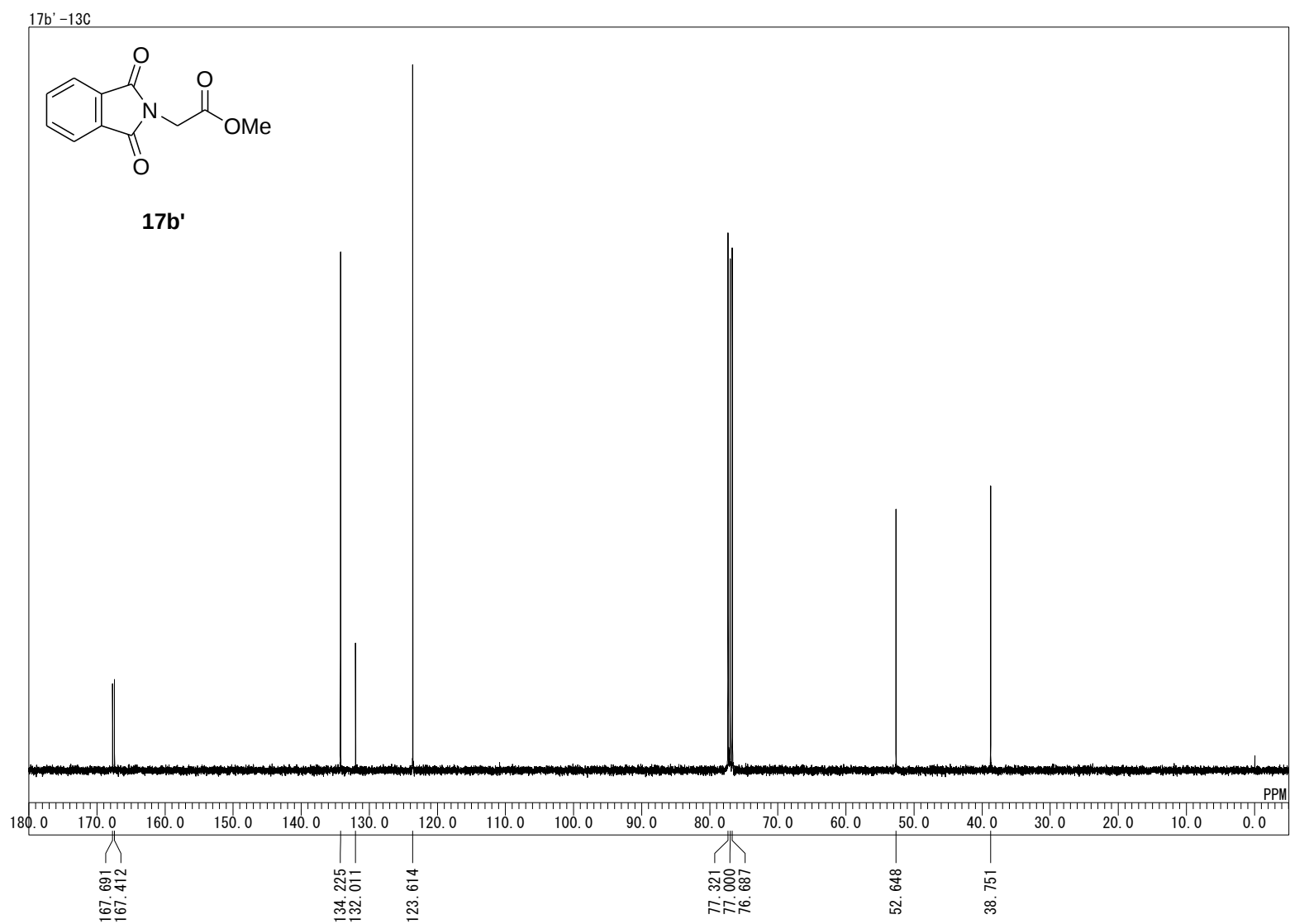


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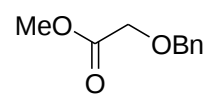


17b'





17d' -1H



17d'

