

**A Direct and Versatile Access to α,α -Disubstituted 2-Pyrrolidinyl-methanols by
SmI₂-Mediated Reductive Coupling**

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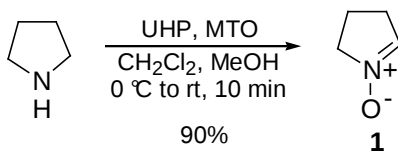
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General

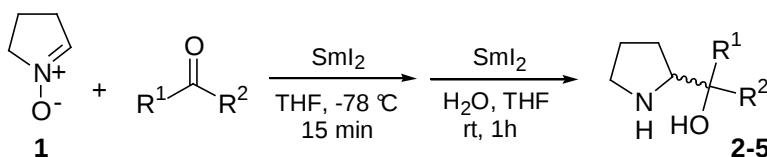
Reactions were performed under a positive pressure of dry argon in oven-dried glassware equipped with a magnetic stir bar. Standard inert atmosphere techniques were used in handling all air and moisture sensitive reagents. THF was freshly distilled from sodium and CH₂Cl₂ from CaH₂. Purchased reagents were used without purification. Reactions were monitored by thin layer chromatography (TLC) using commercial aluminum-backed silica gel plates. TLC spots were viewed under ultraviolet light and by heating the plate after treatment with either a 0.5% solution of ninhydrine in 3% ethanolic acetic acid or a 2% solution of potassium permanganate in 7% aqueous sodium carbonate; N,N-disubstituted hydroxylamines were detected with 1% triphenyl tetrazolium chloride (TTC) in ethanol (red color). Products were purified by gravity column chromatography on Silica Gel 60 (70-230 mesh). Melting points were determined in capillary tubes and are uncorrected. Infrared (IR) spectra were recorded on a Fourier transform infrared (FTIR) spectrometer equipped with an ATR (Attenuated Total Reflection) device and are reported in reciprocal centimeters (cm⁻¹). Chemical shifts for ¹H spectra are values downfield from tetramethylsilane in CDCl₃ (δ 0.00), CD₃OD or (CD₃)₂SO and are reported as follows: chemical shift (ppm), multiplicity, integration, and coupling constants (Hz).

1-Pyrroline-*N*-oxide¹ (**1**)



To a stirred suspension of methyltrioxorhenium (MTO) (0.012 g, 0.05 mmol, 0.5% mol equiv) and urea hydrogen peroxide (UHP) (6.8 g, 70.0 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (200 mL) 5 mL of MeOH was added at room temperature. Within 15 min the yellow color appeared, the reaction mixture was cooled in an ice bath and pyrrolidine (0.71 g, 10.0 mmol) was added in one portion, the yellow color disappeared. The ice bath was removed and another portion of MTO (0.012 g, 0.05 mmol) was added at room temperature, the colour of reaction mixture turned pale yellow. The excess of UHP was filtered off, CH₂Cl₂ and MeOH were evaporated under reduced pressure. The residue was diluted with CH₂Cl₂ (100 mL), a solid substance was filtered off, and the filtrate was washed with 10% aqueous solution of Na₂S₂O₃ (2×10 mL), brine, dried over Na₂SO₄, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (CH₂Cl₂-MeOH, 9:1) to afford **1** (0.77 g, 90%) as colourless oil. The product was found to be unstable, but it could be stored for several days as a 0.5 M solution in THF at 5 °C under Ar atmosphere. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 2.22-2.32 (m, 2H), 2.73-2.78 (m, 2H), 3.95-4.01 (m, 2H), 6.89-6.92 (m, 1H).

General procedure for the synthesis of α,α-disubstituted-2-pyrrolidinyl-methanols 2-5 (Method A)

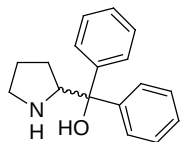


To a stirred and carefully deoxygenated solution of the nitrone **1** (60 mg, 0.7 mmol) and aromatic ketone (0.5 mmol) in 5 mL of dry THF, a 0.1 M solution of SmI₂ (11.0 mL, 1.1 mmol) was added at -78 °C under argon. After 15 min degassed water (36 μL, 2.0 mmol) and a second portion of SmI₂ solution (14.0 mL, 1.4 mmol) were added and the reaction mixture was allowed to reach room temperature. After 1 hour, a saturated solution of Na₂S₂O₃ (5 mL), a 1M NaOH solution (15 mL) and EtOAc (20 mL) were added. After extraction the organic phase was washed with brine,

¹ Ballistreri, F. P.; Chiacchio, U.; Rescifina, A.; Tomaselli, G. A.; Toscano, R. M. *Tetrahedron* **1992**, *48*, 8677.

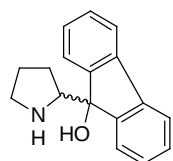
dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered, and concentrated. Column chromatography using CH₂Cl₂-MeOH-EtNMe₂ (89:10:1) yielded racemic products 2-5.

(±)-Diphenyl-pyrrolidin-2-yl-methanol² (2) (105 mg, 83%) was obtained from benzophenone (91 mg, 0.5 mmol) as a colourless oil, which solidified upon standing; mp 80-81



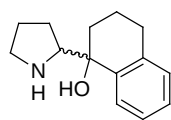
°C (lit.² 82-83 °C). IR (neat): 700, 750, 1445, 1490, 1595, 2870, 2955, 3055, 3340, 3360 cm⁻¹. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 1.52-1.76 (m, 4H), 2.90-3.06 (m, 2H), 4.25 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.13-7.18 (m, 2H), 7.24-7.31 (m, 4H), 7.48-7.58 (m, 4H). ¹³C NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 25.5, 26.3, 46.7, 64.5, 77.1, 125.5 (2 C), 125.9 (2 C), 126.3, 126.4, 127.9(2C), 128.2(2C), 145.4, 148.2.

(±)-9-Pyrrolidin-2-yl-9H-fluoren-9-ol (3) (60 mg, 48%) was obtained from fluorenone (90 mg,



0.5 mmol) as a white solid. Crystals were obtained via recrystallization from MeOH; mp 189-190 °C. IR (neat): 725, 765, 845, 1420, 1445, 1585, 1605, 2865, 3035, 2965, 3270, 3310 cm⁻¹. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, (CD₃)₂SO): δ = 0.72-0.86 (m, 1H), 1.19-1.44 (m, 3H), 2.67-2.81 (m, 2H), 3.61 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.21-7.36 (m, 4H), 7.48-7.51 (m, 1H), 7.69-7.75 (m, 3H). ¹³C NMR (300 MHz, (CD₃)₂SO): δ = 25.2, 26.3, 46.4, 65.5, 82.8, 119.2, 119.5, 123.8, 125.9, 126.9, 127.2, 128.0, 128.1, 139.3, 139.9, 147.8, 149.3. MS (ES⁺): *m/z* (%) = 252 (100) [M + H]⁺, 234 (27) [M + H – H₂O]⁺. Anal. Calcd (%) for C₁₇H₁₇NO: C, 81.25; H, 6.82; N, 5.58. Found: C, 81.39; H, 6.84; N, 5.77.

(±)-1-Pyrrolidin-2-yl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-naphthalen-1-ol³ (4) (90 mg, 83%) was obtained from tetralone (73 mg, 0.5 mmol) as a colourless oil, which solidified upon standing;

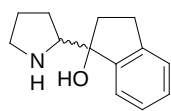


mp 71-72 °C (lit.³ 66 °C, CHCl₃). IR (neat): 745, 815, 930, 1030, 1125, 1190, 1455, 1485, 2870, 2940, 3320 cm⁻¹. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 1.41-1.49 (m, 1H), 1.55-1.59 (m, 1H), 1.60-1.90 (m, 5H), 1.98-2.04 (m, 1H), 2.78-2.83 (m, 3H), 2.93-2.99 (m, 2H), 3.48 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 1H), 7.03-7.06 (m, 1H), 7.11-7.18 (m, 2H), 7.64-7.67 (m, 1H). ¹³C NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 19.2, 26.4, 26.5, 28.9, 35.3, 46.7, 64.8, 72.0, 125.5, 126.6, 126.8, 128.5, 137.0, 140.8. MS (ES⁺): *m/z* (%) = 218 (100) [M + H]⁺, 200 (48) [M + H – H₂O]⁺. Anal. Calcd (%) for C₁₄H₁₉NO: C, 77.38; H, 8.82; N, 6.45. Found: C, 77.00; H, 8.95; N, 6.22.

² Corey, E. J.; Bakshi, R. K.; Shibata, S.; Chen, C.-P.; Singh, V. K. *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1987**, *109*, 7925.

³ Seebach, D.; Wykypiel, W. *Synthesis*, **1979**, *6*, 423.

(±)-1-Pyrrolidin-2-yl-indan-1-ol (5) (mixture of diastereomers, 89 mg, 88%) was obtained from



indanone (66 mg, 0.5 mmol) as a colourless oil. Pure major diastereomer (*unlike*)

(54 mg, 53%) was obtained after additional chromatography CH₂Cl₂-MeOH-

EtNMe₂ (94:5:1) as a colorless oil. IR (neat): 725, 760, 880, 1065, 1290, 1400,

1460, 1475, 2865, 2940, 3320 cm⁻¹. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 1.63-1.79 (m, 4H), 2.06-

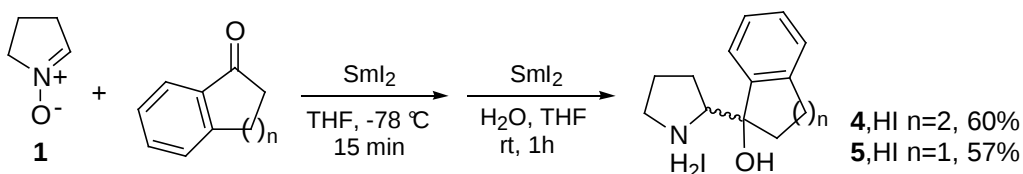
2.17 (m, 1H), 2.26-2.34 (m, 1H), 2.77-3.18 (m, 6H), 3.35-3.40 (m, 1H), 7.16-7.26 (m, 3H), 7.38-

7.41 (m, 1H). ¹³C NMR (300 MHz, (CDCl₃): δ = 26.3, 26.4, 29.3, 39.4, 46.9, 64.6, 83.5, 124.2,

124.7, 126.4, 128.0, 143.5, 145.5. MS (ES⁺): *m/z* (%) = 204 (95) [M + H]⁺, 186 (100) [M + H -

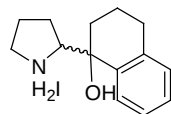
H₂O]⁺. HRMS: *m/z* [M + H] calcd for C₁₃H₁₈NO: 204.1388; found: 204.1381.

General procedure for the synthesis of the iodohydrates of 4, 5



The same procedure as for products 2-5, but after completion of the reaction (1 hour), 5 mL of water was added, and the mixture was stirred for 10 min at room temperature under argon. Products 4,HI and 5,HI were extracted with ether and purified by column chromatography (CH₂Cl₂-MeOH, 90:10). Carefully degassed water and freshly distilled solvents were used during the work up and purification procedures to avoid any degradation of iodohydrates.

(±)-1-Pyrrolidin-2-yl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-naphthalen-1-ol iodohydrate (4,HI) (104 mg, 60%)



was obtained from tetralone (73 mg, 0.5 mmol) as a pale yellow oil. White

crystals precipitated from concentrated chloroformic solution; mp 190-193 °C. IR

(neat): 735, 760, 880, 1020, 1190, 1280, 1370, 1450, 1545, 2680, 2720, 2915,

2950, 3375 cm⁻¹. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CD₃OD): δ = 1.62-1.72 (m, 1H), 1.83-2.13 (m, 6H), 2.19-

2.33 (m, 1H), 2.86-2.91 (m, 2H), 3.28-3.42 (m, 3H), 3.92 (dd, *J*₁ = 10.7 Hz, *J*₂ = 6.6 Hz, 1H),

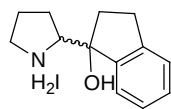
7.10-7.15 (m, 1H), 7.18-7.23 (m, 2H), 7.61-7.66 (m, 1H). ¹³C NMR (300 MHz, CD₃OD): δ =

20.1, 25.1, 26.8, 29.1, 36.0, 47.1, 66.9, 71.2, 126.8, 127.6, 129.0, 130.1, 138.3, 140.7. MS (ES⁺):

m/z (%) = 218 (100) [M + H]⁺, 200 (48) [M + H - H₂O]⁺. Anal. Calcd (%) for C₁₄H₂₀INO: C,

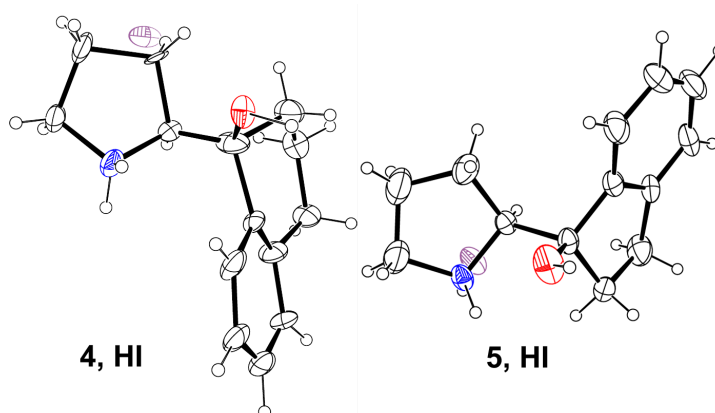
48.71; H, 5.84; N, 4.06. Found: C, 49.01; H, 6.01; N, 4.07.

(±)-1-Pyrrolidin-2-yl-indan-1-ol iodohydrate (5,HI) (mixture of diastereomers, 95 mg, 57%)

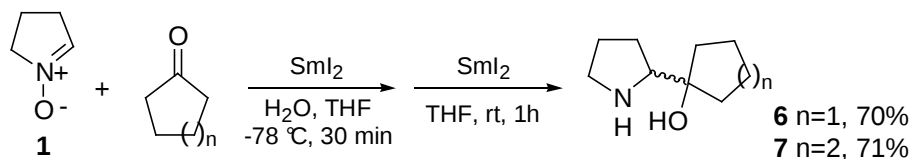


was obtained from indanone (66 mg, 0.5 mmol) as a pale yellow oil. Pure major diastereomer (*unlike*) (60 mg, 36%) precipitated from concentrated chloroformic solution of diastereomer mixture as white crystals; mp 178-180 °C. IR (neat): 720, 755, 835, 955, 1110, 1210, 1275, 1370, 1450, 1470, 1545, 2735, 2950, 2980, 3380 cm^{-1} . ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CD_3OD): δ = 1.89-2.01 (m, 2H), 2.04-2.14 (m, 1H), 2.15-2.31 (m, 2H), 2.37-2.45 (m, 1H), 2.94-2.99 (m, 2H), 3.26-3.42 (m, 3H), 3.73 (dd, J_1 = 10.1 Hz, J_2 = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 7.23-7.33 (m, 3H), 7.41-7.45 (m, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (300 MHz, CD_3OD): δ = 25.4, 26.4, 29.6, 40.7, 47.3, 66.8, 82.1, 125.2, 126.2, 127.9, 130.1, 144.4, 145.1. MS (ES^+): m/z (%) = 204 (95) $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$, 186 (100) $[\text{M} + \text{H} - \text{H}_2\text{O}]^+$. Anal. Calcd (%) for $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{18}\text{INO}$: C, 47.14; H, 5.48; N, 4.23. Found: C, 47.36; H, 5.75; N, 4.22.

The relative configurations of **4,HI** and **5,HI** were determined by X-ray crystallography:



General procedure for the synthesis of α,α -disubstituted-2-pyrrolidinyl-methanols **6,7** (method B)



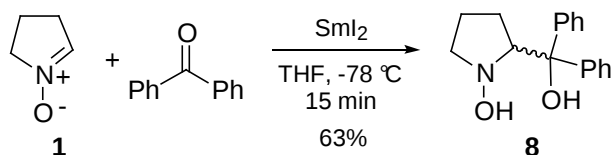
To a stirred and carefully deoxygenated solution of the nitrone **1** (60 mg, 0.7 mmol), aliphatic ketone (0.5 mmol) and degassed water (90 μL , 5.0 mmol) in 5 mL of dry THF, a 0.1 M solution of SmI_2 (11.0 mL, 1.1 mmol) was added at -78°C under argon. After 30 min a second portion of SmI_2 solution (14.0 mL, 1.4 mmol) was added and the reaction mixture was allowed to reach room temperature. After 1 hour, a saturated solution of $\text{Na}_2\text{S}_2\text{O}_3$ (5 mL), a 1M NaOH solution (15

mL) and EtOAc (20 mL) were added. After extraction the organic phase was washed with brine, dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered, and concentrated. Column chromatography using CH₂Cl₂-MeOH-EtNMe₂ (78:20:2) yielded racemic products **6** or **7**.

(±)-1-Pyrrolidin-2-yl-cyclopentanol (6)⁴ (54 mg, 70%) was obtained from cyclopentanone (42 mg, 0.5 mmol) as a colourless oil, which solidified upon standing; mp 45-47 °C (for (S)-enantiomer lit.⁴ 34 °C). IR (neat): 910, 990, 1065, 1090, 1380, 1425, 2830, 2865, 2935, 2955, 3280 cm⁻¹. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 1.44-1.85 (m, 12H), 2.75 (br. s., 2H, NH, OH), 2.94-3.01 (m, 2H), 3.07-3.12 (m, 1H). ¹³C NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 24.1 (2 C), 25.9, 26.3, 36.2, 40.0, 46.9, 66.2, 81.8.

(±)-1-Pyrrolidin-2-yl-cyclohexanol (7)⁴ (60 mg, 71%) was obtained from cyclohexanone (49 mg, 0.5 mmol) as a colourless oil, which solidified upon standing; mp 51-53 °C (for (S)-enantiomer lit.⁴ 54 °C). IR (neat): 960, 980, 1040, 1260, 1400, 1445, 2850, 2920, 3295, 3425 cm⁻¹. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 1.18-1.32 (m, 3H), 1.51-1.70 (m, 11H), 2.60 (br. s., 2H, NH, OH), 2.90-3.04 (m, 3H). ¹³C NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 21.9, 22.0, 25.0, 25.9, 26.0, 33.9, 37.2, 46.7, 65.9, 70.6.

(±)-2-(Hydroxy-diphenyl-methyl)-pyrrolidin-1-ol (8)

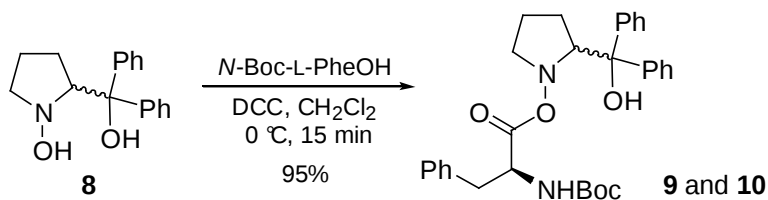


To a stirred and carefully deoxygenated solution of the nitron **1** (60 mg, 0.7 mmol) and benzophenone (91 mg, 0.5 mmol) in dry THF, a 0.1 M solution of SmI₂ (11.0 mL, 1.1 mmol) was added at -78 °C under argon. After 15 min, saturated solutions of Na₂S₂O₃ (5 mL), NaHCO₃ (5 mL) and EtOAc (20 mL) were added at -78 °C. After extraction the organic phase was washed with brine, dried over MgSO₄, filtered, and concentrated. Column chromatography using pentane-EtOAc (4:1) yielded racemic **8** (85 mg, 63%) as a white solid, crystals were obtained via recrystallization from EtOH, mp 126-128 °C. IR (neat): 700, 740, 1000, 1035, 1170, 1385, 1450, 1490, 1595, 2950, 2970, 3065, 3415 cm⁻¹. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 1.59-1.76 (m, 3H), 1.79-1.91 (m, 1H), 2.89-2.97 (m, 1H), 3.15-3.20 (m, 1H), 4.15 (dd, *J*₁ = 9.2 Hz, *J*₂ = 6.5 Hz, 1H),

⁴ Reiners, I.; Wilken, J.; Martens, J. *Tetrahedron: Asymmetry*, **1995**, 6, 3063.

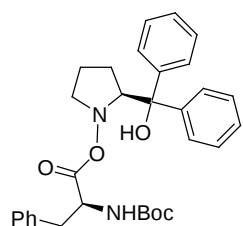
7.12-7.18 (m, 2H), 7.24-7.31 (m, 4H), 7.47-7.49 (m, 2H), 7.62-7.65 (m, 2H). ^{13}C NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 21.4 (2 C), 59.0, 74.0, 77.9, 125.5 (2 C), 126.0 (2 C), 126.5, 126.6, 128.1 (4 C), 145.3, 147.2. MS (ES^+): m/z (%) = 292 (100) $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$, 270 (73) $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$, 252 (45) $[\text{M} + \text{H} - \text{H}_2\text{O}]^+$. Anal. Calcd (%) for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{19}\text{NO}_2$: C, 75.81; H, 7.11; N, 5.20. Found: C, 76.05; H, 7.31; N, 5.09.

Acylation of *N*-hydroxy-pyrrolidine **8**: preparation of diastereoisomeric **9** and **10**.



A solution of **8** (269 mg, 1.0 mmol) in CH_2Cl_2 (5 mL) was added to a solution of *N*-Boc-L-PheOH (318 mg, 1.2 mmol) and DCC (247 mg, 1.2 mmol) in CH_2Cl_2 (5 mL) at 0 °C. After 30 min, the urea was filtered off and the filtrate was concentrated. Column chromatography using pentane-EtOAc (4:1) yielded a mixture (1:1) of diastereomers **9** and **10** (490 mg, 95%) as a colourless oil. The diastereomers **9** (217 mg, 84%, first eluted) and **10** (194 mg, 75%) were separated by column chromatography (pentane-EtOAc, 9:1). Separation by recrystallization was also possible: 980 mg of a 1:1 mixture of **9** and **10** were dissolved in 10 mL of a refluxing mixture of pentane and EtOAc (4:1). On cooling, 150 mg (31 % yield) of pure **9** fell out. The mother liquor was concentrated, then recrystallized in 5 mL of the same solvent. 100 mg (20 % yield) of pure **10** crystallized.

(S)-2-tert-Butoxycarbonylamino-3-phenyl-propionic acid (S)-2-(hydroxy-diphenyl-methyl)-pyrrolidin-1-yl ester (9) white solid, crystals were obtained via recrystallization from pentane-

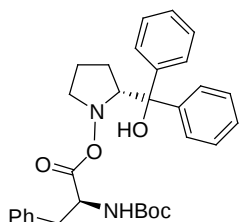


EtOAc, mp 127-128 °C. IR (neat): 705, 745, 1060, 1155, 1345, 1490, 1705, 1755, 2925, 2980, 3445 cm^{-1} . ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 1.45 (s, 9H), 1.68-1.84 (m, 4H), 2.63-2.86 (m, 3H), 3.30-3.34 (m, 1H), 3.65-3.70 (m, 1H), 4.31-4.35 (m, 1H), 4.49 (d, J = 7.1 Hz, 1H), 7.02-7.05 (m, 2H), 7.06-7.15 (m, 2H), 7.19-7.27 (m, 7H), 7.47-7.50 (m, 2H), 7.54-7.58 (m, 2H). ^{13}C NMR

(300 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 19.8, 24.6, 28.4 (3 C), 38.5, 52.9, 56.6, 71.4, 77.2, 79.6, 125.1 (2 C), 125.8 (2 C), 126.5, 126.7, 126.8, 127.8 (2 C), 128.1 (2 C), 128.3 (2 C), 129.4 (2 C), 136.1, 145.4, 146.4, 154.3, 170.6. MS (ES^+): m/z (%) = 539 (28) $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$, 517 (77) $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$, 499 (34) $[\text{M} +$

$\text{H} - \text{H}_2\text{O}]^+$, 234 (100). HRMS: m/z $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]$ calcd for $\text{C}_{31}\text{H}_{36}\text{N}_2\text{O}_5\text{Na}$: 539.2522; found: 539.2516.

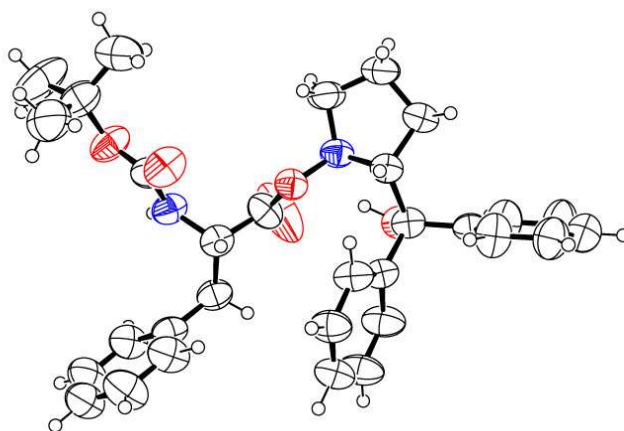
(S)-2-tert-Butoxycarbonylamino-3-phenyl-propionic acid (R)-2-(hydroxy-diphenyl-methyl)-pyrrolidin-1-yl ester (10) white solid, crystals were obtained via recrystallization from pentane-



EtOAc, mp 133-134 °C. IR (neat): 695, 750, 1140, 1495, 1700, 1745, 2895, 2935, 2975, 3060, 3400 cm^{-1} . ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 1.38 (s, 9H), 1.75-1.87 (m, 4H), 2.27-2.43 (m, 2H), 2.93-3.01 (m, 1H), 3.38-3.43 (m, 1H), 3.83-3.90 (m, 1H), 4.39-4.50 (m, 2H), 6.98-7.01 (m, 2H), 7.06-7.15 (m, 2H), 7.20-7.27 (m, 7H), 7.47-7.50 (m, 2H), 7.61-7.64 (m,

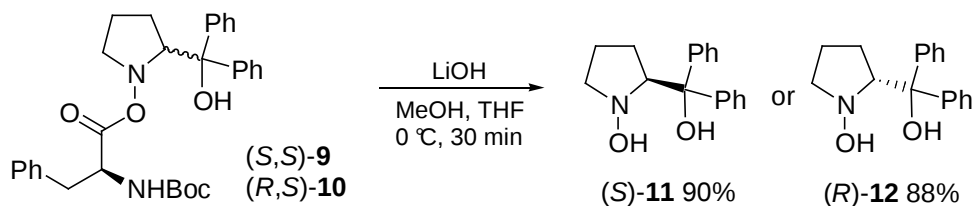
2H). ^{13}C NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 20.5, 25.3, 28.2 (3 C), 37.0, 53.2, 57.2, 71.6, 76.8, 79.9, 125.3 (2 C), 126.0 (2 C), 126.5, 126.6, 126.7, 127.9 (2 C), 128.0 (2 C), 128.3 (2 C), 129.3 (2 C), 136.2, 145.5, 146.7, 154.7, 170.4. MS (ES^+): m/z (%) = 539 (61) $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$, 517 (100) $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$, 499 (21) $[\text{M} + \text{H} - \text{H}_2\text{O}]^+$. HRMS: m/z $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]$ calcd for $\text{C}_{31}\text{H}_{36}\text{N}_2\text{O}_5\text{Na}$: 539.2522; found: 539.2517.

The absolute configuration of **10** was determined by X-ray crystallography:



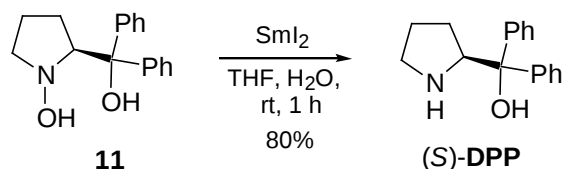
10

Hydrolysis of 9 and 10



A 1M methanolic solution of LiOH (0.4 mL, 0.4 mmol) was added to a solution of **9** (103 mg, 0.2 mmol) in THF (5 mL) at 0 °C. After 30 min, the reaction mixture was diluted with H₂O (10 mL) and EtOAc (15 mL). After extraction, the organic phase was washed with brine, dried over MgSO₄, filtered, and concentrated. Column chromatography using pentane-EtOAc (4:1) yielded (S)-2-(hydroxy-diphenyl-methyl)-pyrrolidin-1-ol **11**⁵ (48 mg, 90%, [α]_D²⁰ +23.7, (c 2.2, CHCl₃), 97% ee) as a colourless oil, which solidified upon standing. The same procedure for diastereomer **10** yielded (R)-2-(hydroxy-diphenyl-methyl)-pyrrolidin-1-ol **12** (47 mg, 88%, [α]_D²⁰ -24.8, (c 2.2, CHCl₃), 96% ee) as a colorless oil, which solidified upon standing. The enantiomeric purity of **11** and **12** was determined by chiral HPLC on a Daicel Chiralpak AD-RH column, 4.6 x 100 mm, eluent acetonitrile/water 70/30, 0.9 mL/min, retention time for (S)-**11** 6.83 min and for (R)-**12** 4.23 min.

Reduction of (+)-(S)-2-(hydroxy-diphenyl-methyl)-pyrrolidin-1-ol **11** to (-)-(S)-DPP.



To a stirred and carefully deoxygenated solution of the product **11** (27 mg, 0.1 mmol) and degassed water (9 μ L, 0.5 mmol) in 1 mL of dry THF, a 0.1 M solution of SmI₂ (2.5 mL, 0.25 mmol) was added at r.t. under argon. After 1 hour, a saturated solution of Na₂S₂O₃ (1 mL), a 1M NaOH solution (5 mL) and EtOAc (10 mL) were added. After extraction the organic phase was washed with brine, dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered, and concentrated affording 20 mg (80%) of crude (S)-DPP as a colourless oil. The sample was identical to commercial (S)-DPP. [α]_D²⁰ of the crude material was -44.2, (c 1.3, MeOH) (lit.⁶ [α]_D²⁰ -54.3 (c 0.261, MeOH) and lit.⁷ [α]_D²⁰ -58.8, (c 3.0, MeOH)).

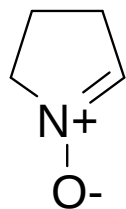
⁵ O'Neil, I. A.; Cleator, E.; Tapolczay, D. J. *Tetrahedron Lett.* **2001**, 42, 8247.

⁶ Mathre, D. J.; Jones, T. K.; Xavier, L. C.; Blacklock, T. J.; Reamer, R. A.; Mohan, J. J.; Jones, E. T. T.; Hoogsteen, K.; Baum, M. W.; Grabowski, E. J. J. *J. Org. Chem.* **1991**, 56, 751.

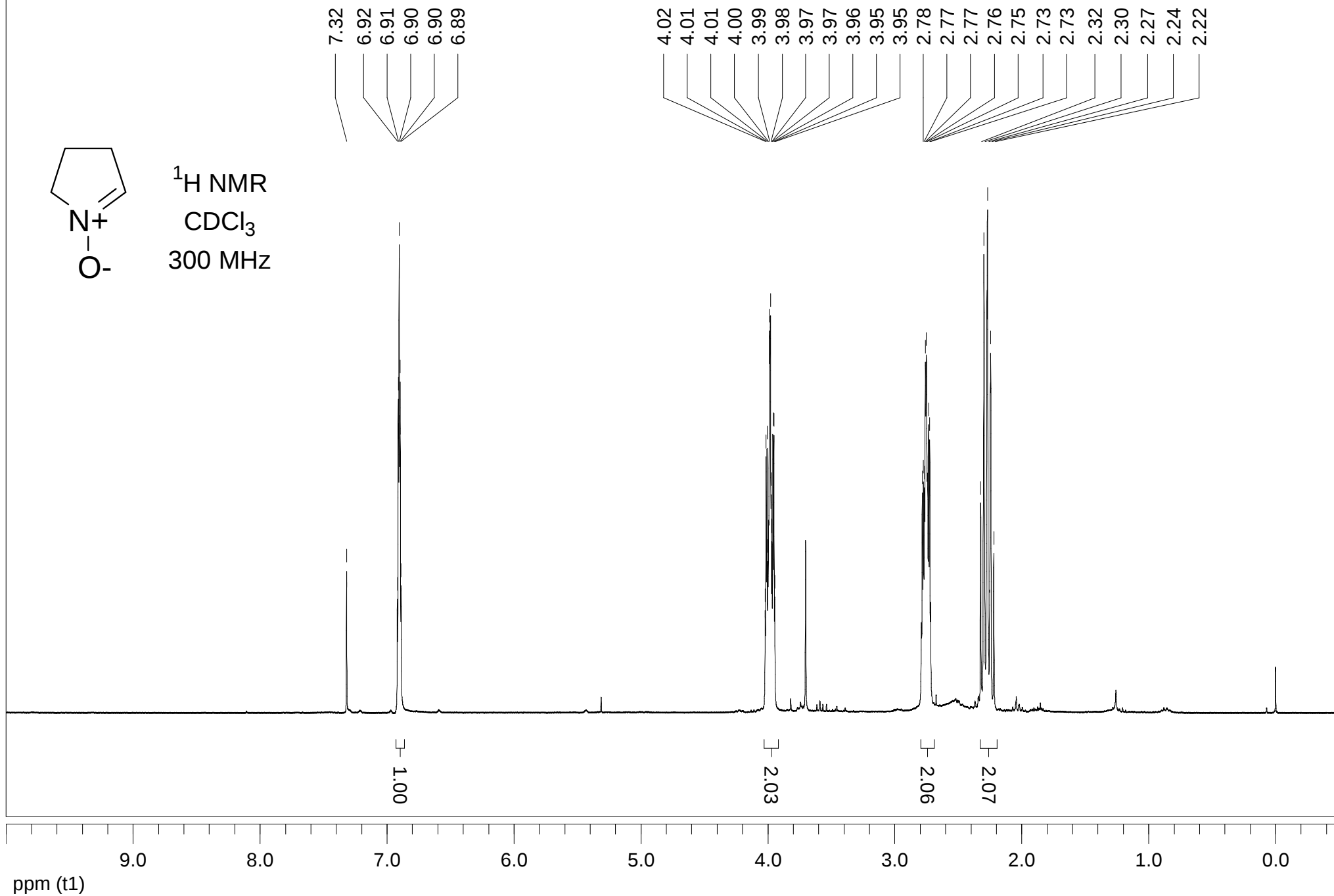
⁷ Corey, E. J.; Bakshi, R. K.; Shibata, S. *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1987**, 109, 5551.

product 1

S10

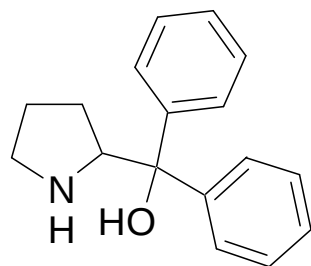


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 CDCl_3
300 MHz

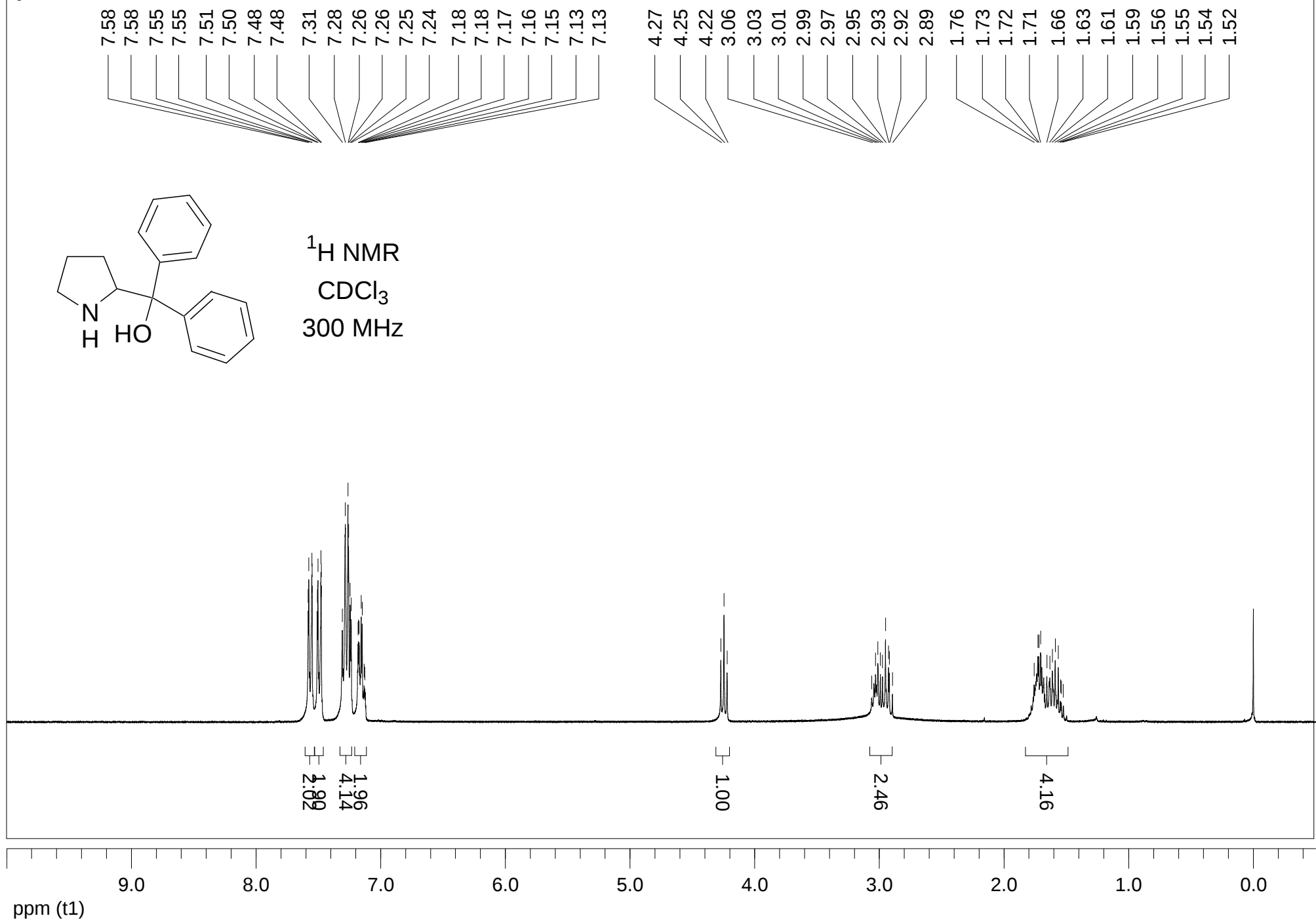


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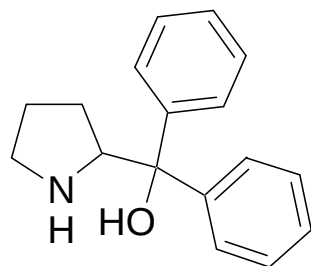
S11



^1H NMR
 CDCl_3
 300 MHz



product 2



^{13}C NMR
 CDCl_3
75.5 MHz

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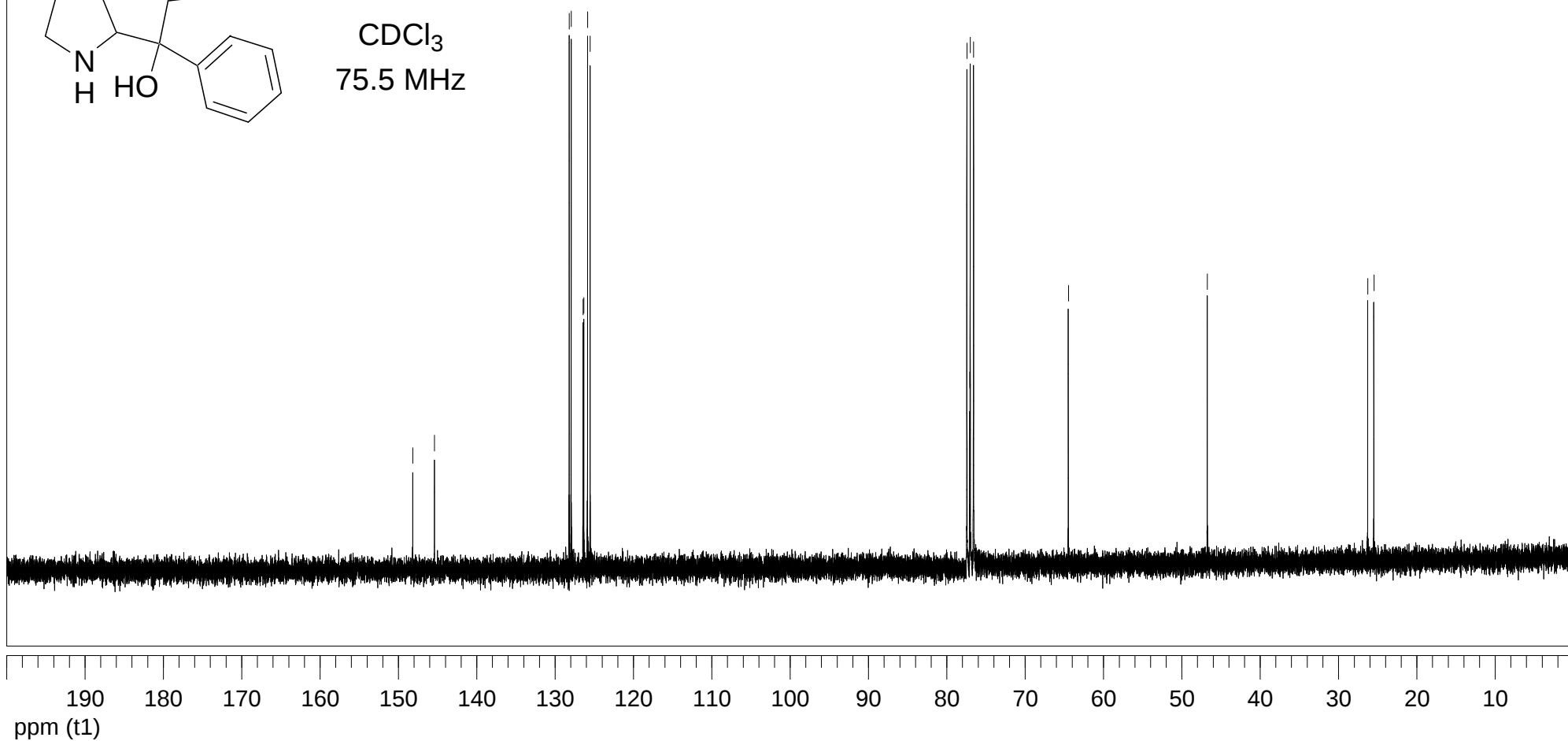
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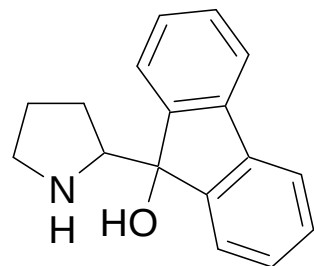
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product 3



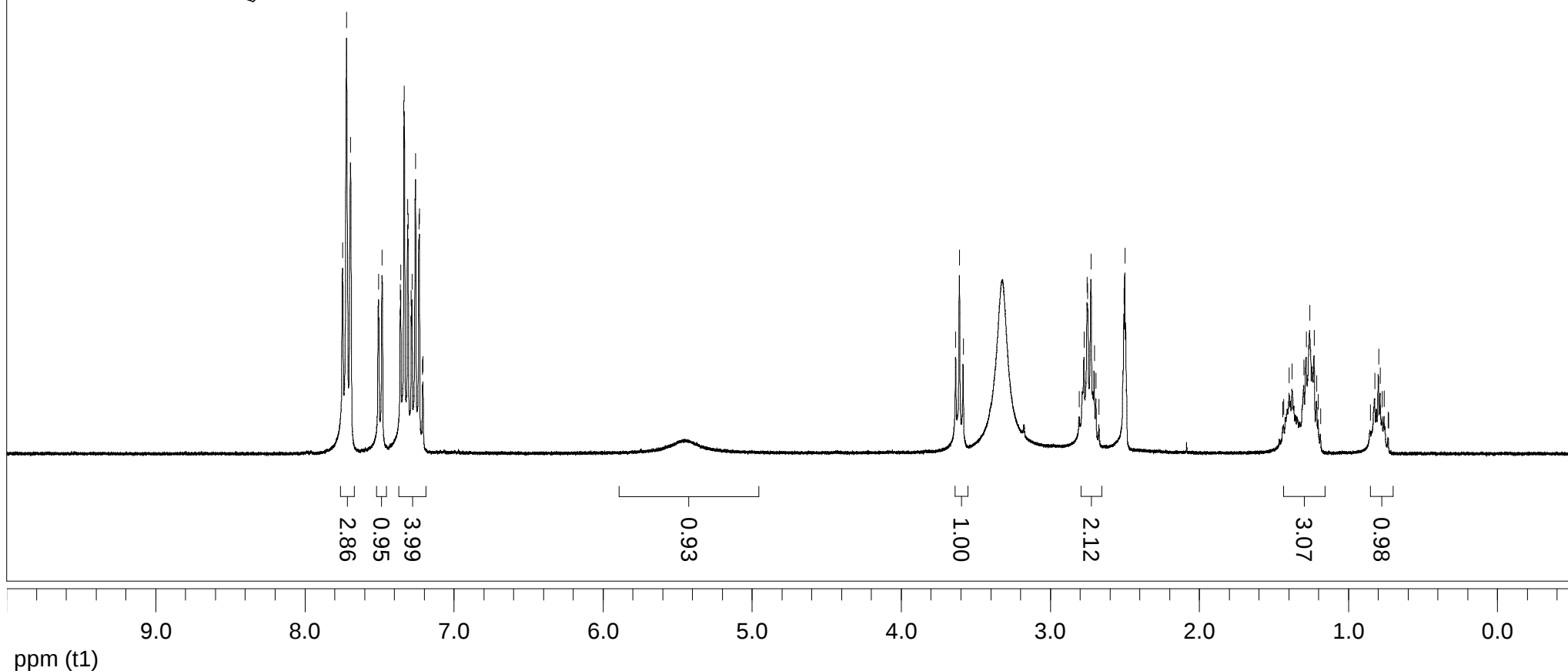
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D₆-DMSO
300 MHz

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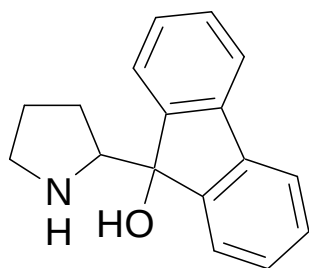
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1.435
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1.204
1.188
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0.824
0.799
0.787
0.773

S13



product 3



^{13}C NMR
 $\text{D}_6\text{-DMSO}$
75.5 MHz

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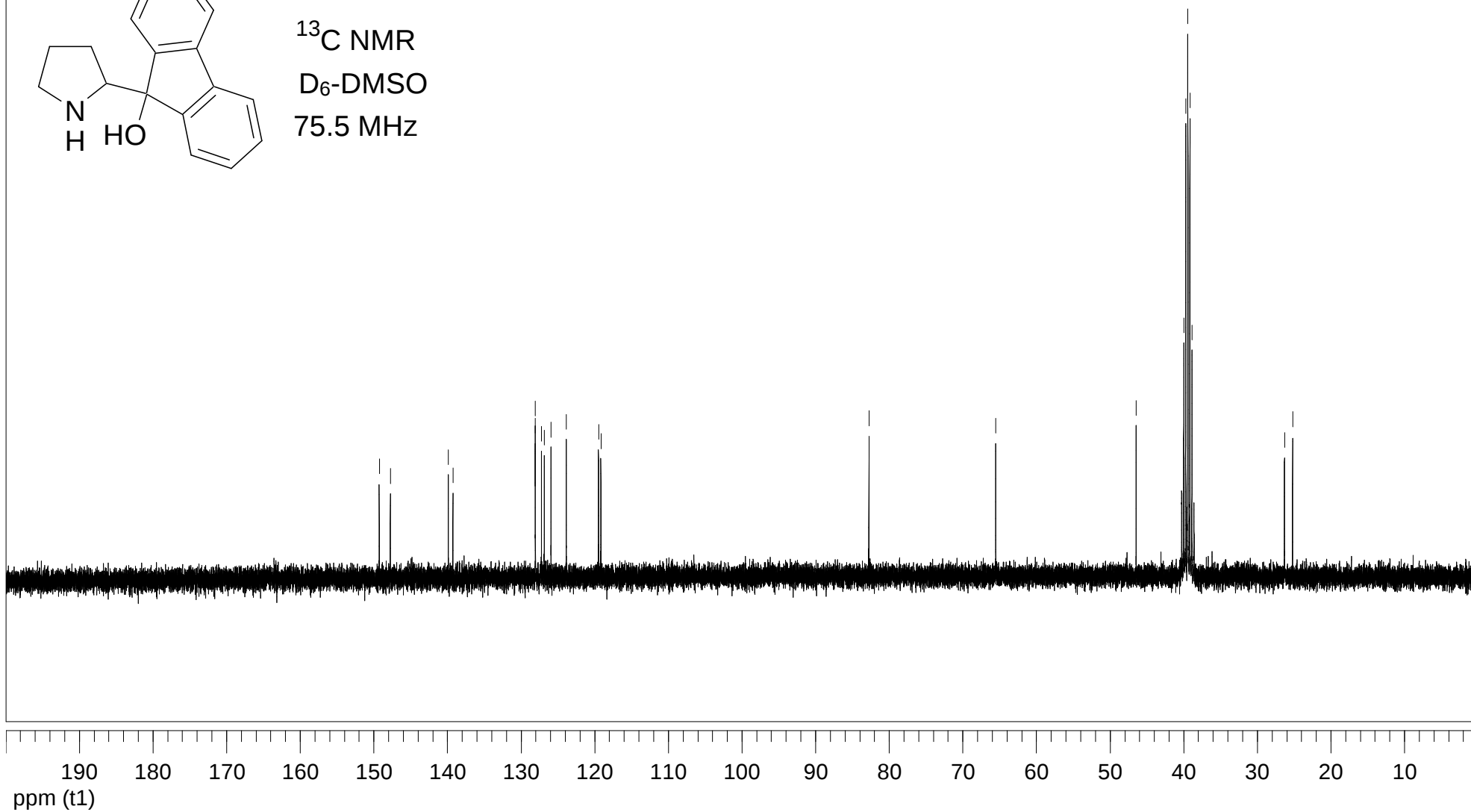
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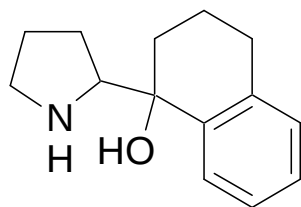
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S14



product 4

S15

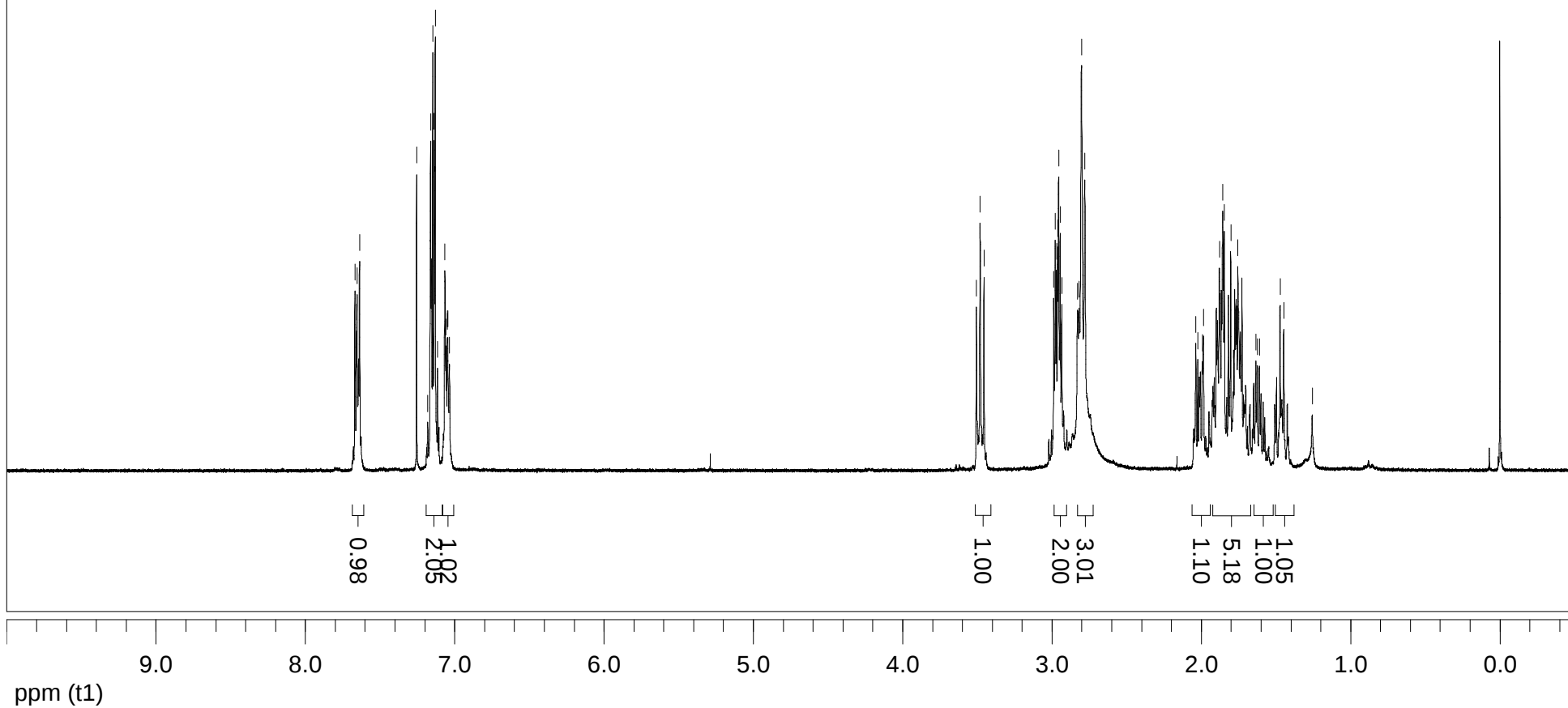


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300 MHz

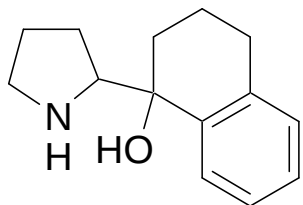
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product 4



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 CDCl_3
75.5 MHz

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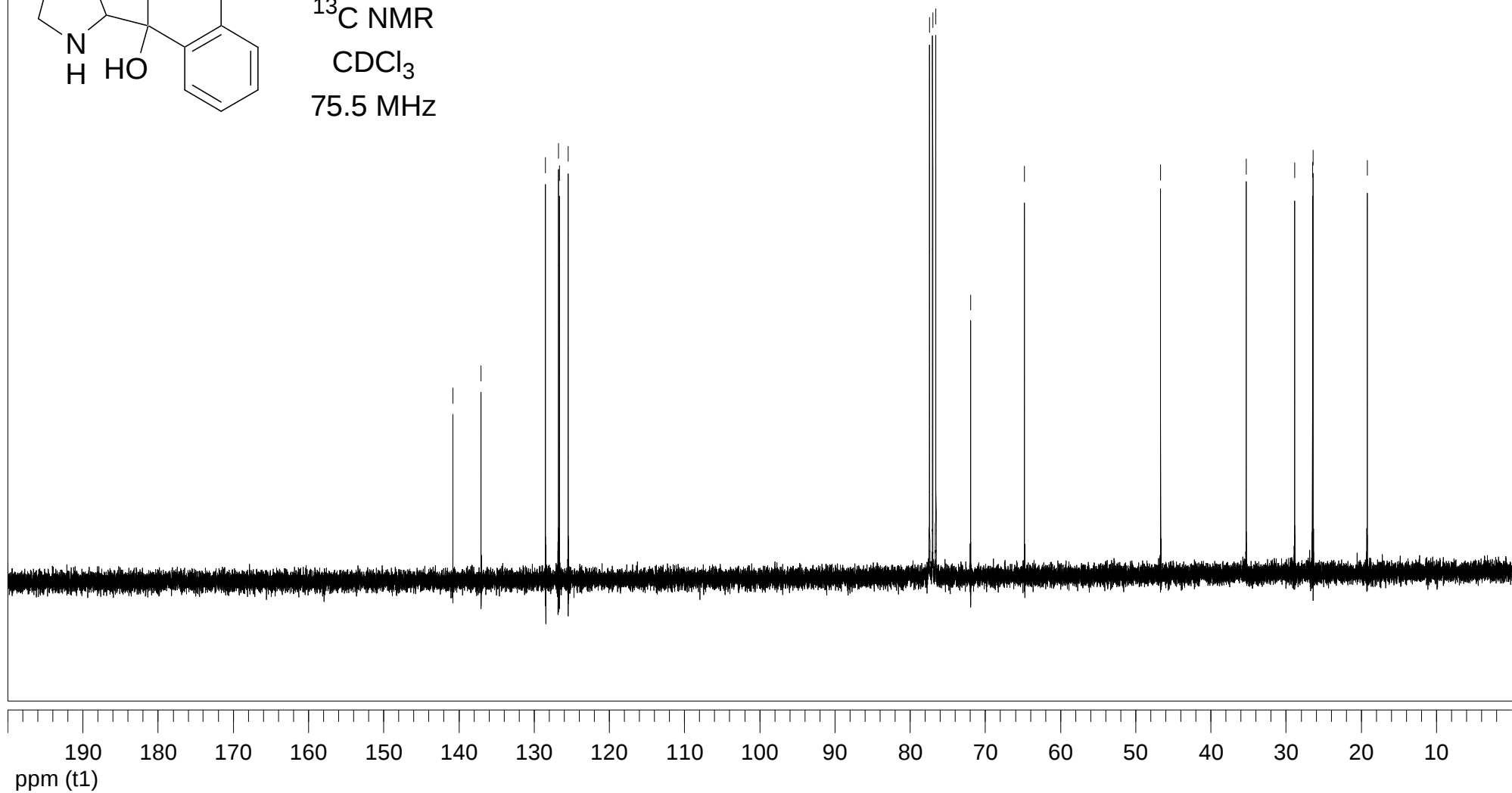
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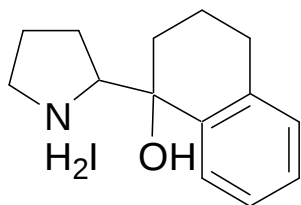
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S16

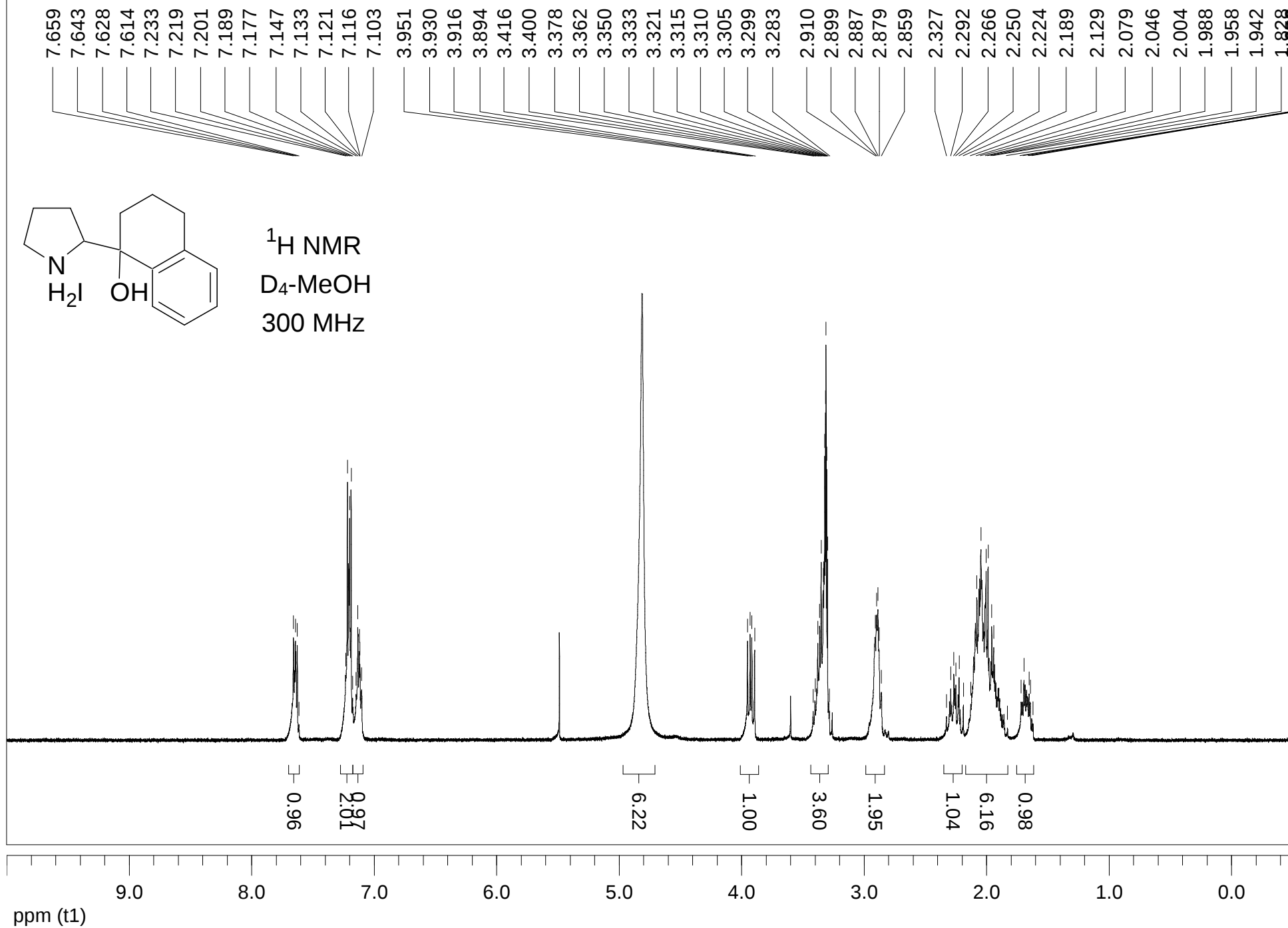


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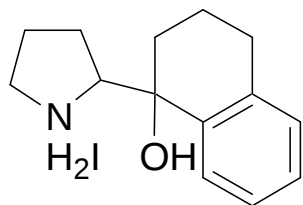
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D₄-MeOH
300 MHz



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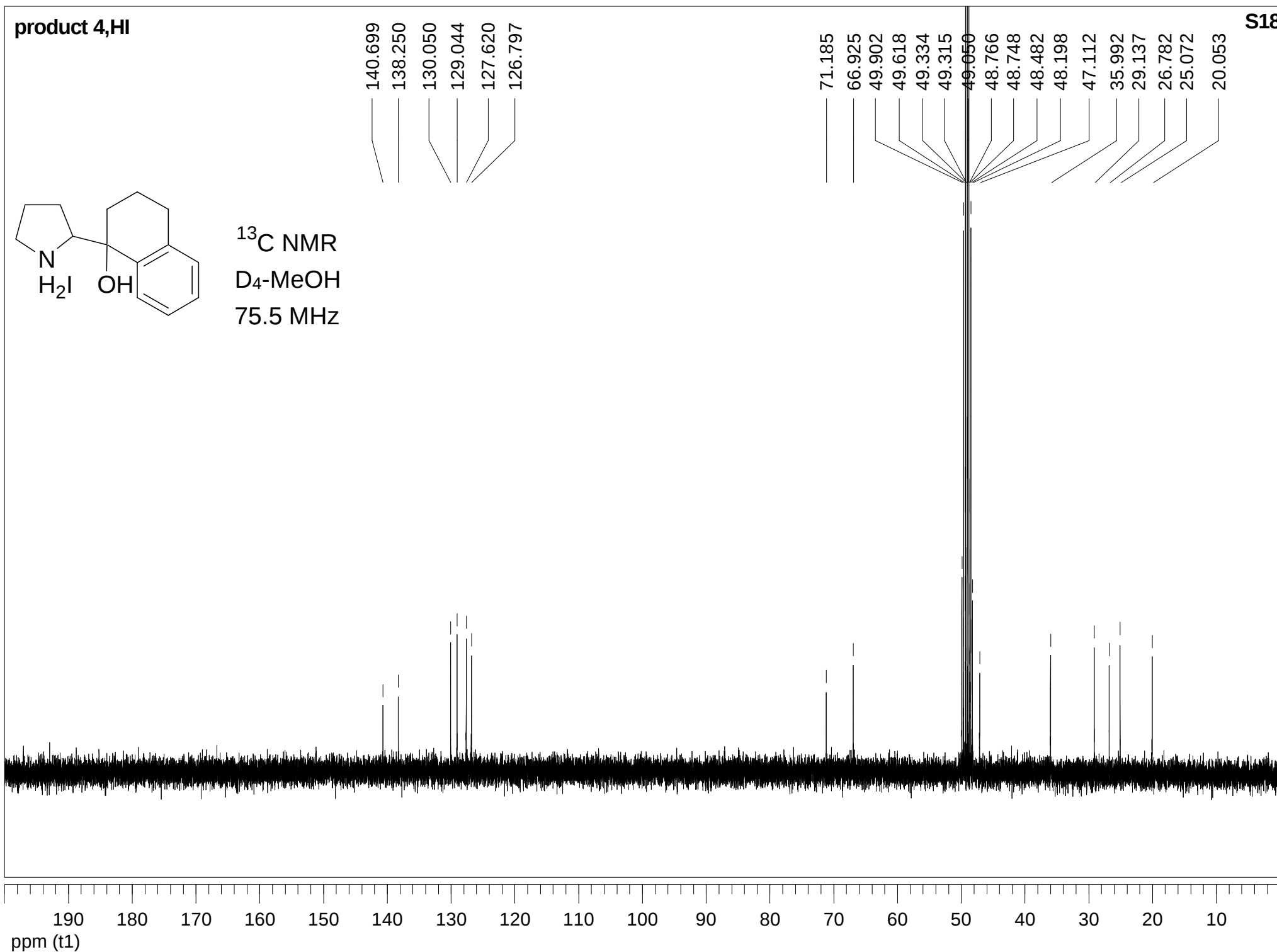


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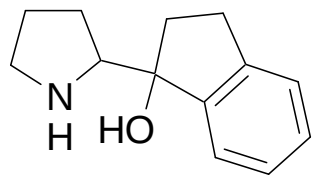
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S18

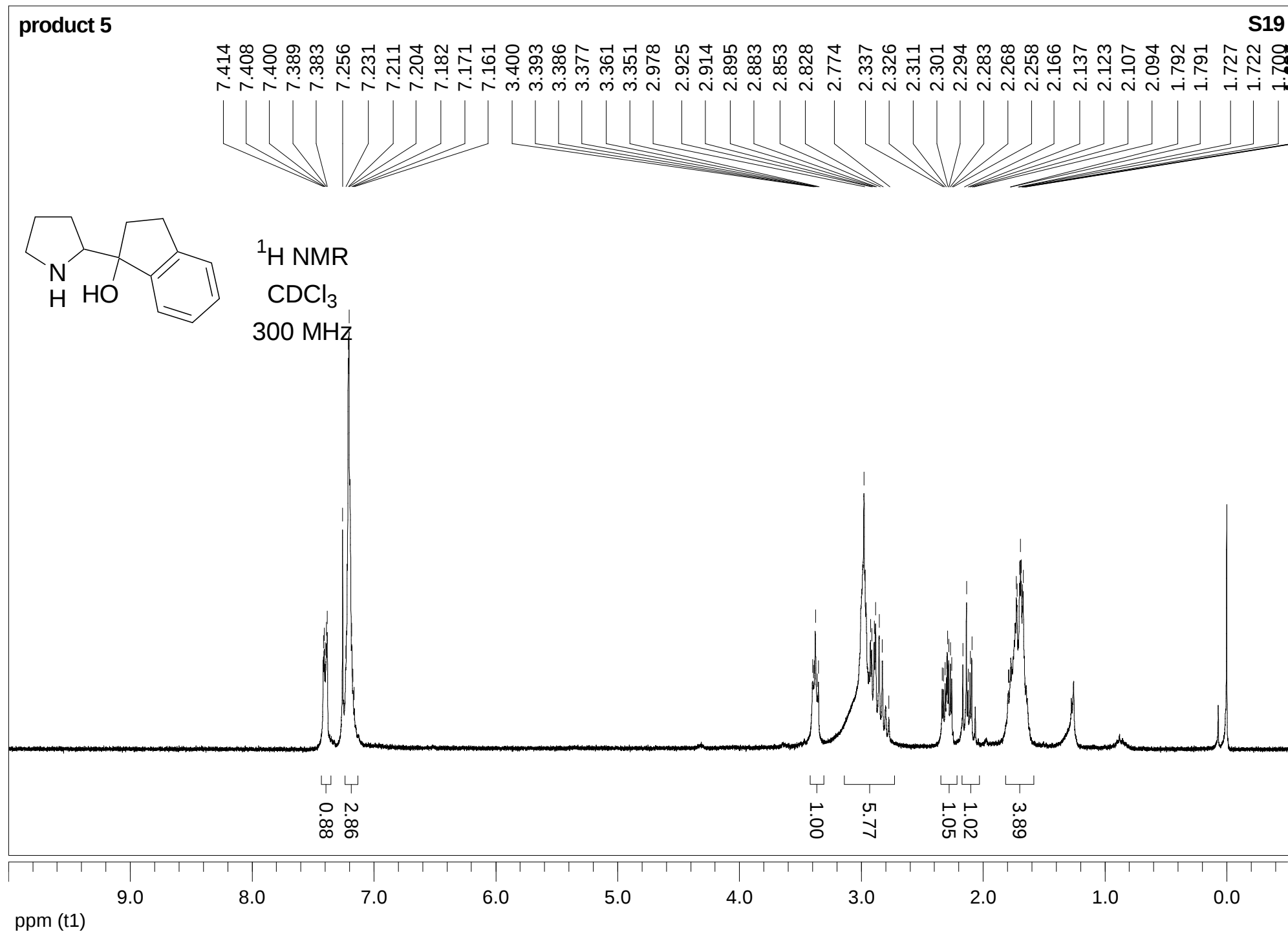


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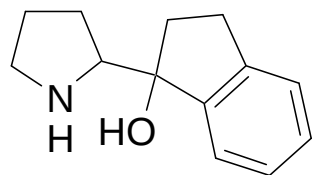
S19



¹H NMR
CDCl₃
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product 5



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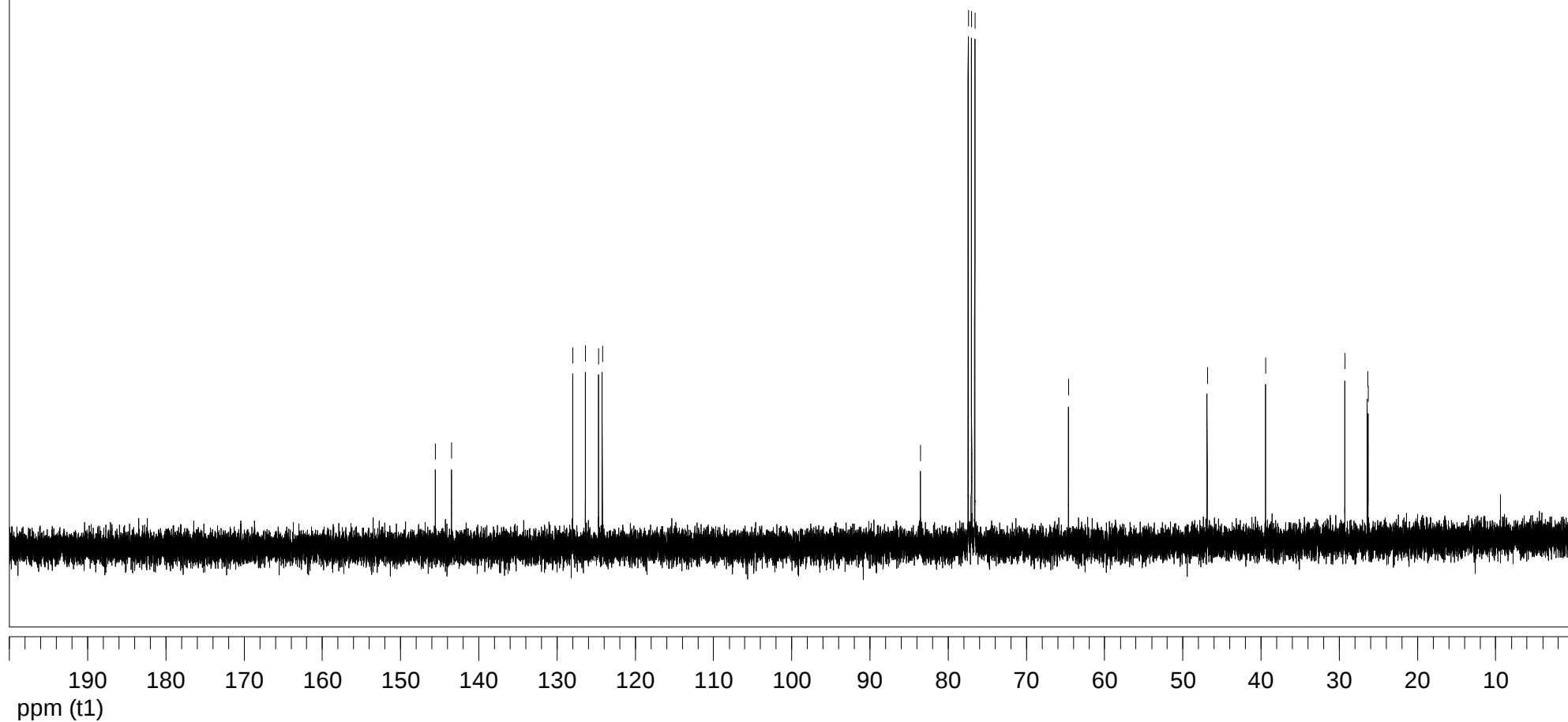
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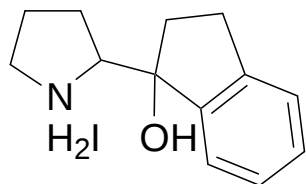
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S20



product 5,HI

S21



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D₄-MeOH
300 MHz

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7.284
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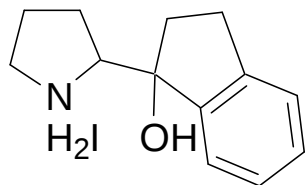
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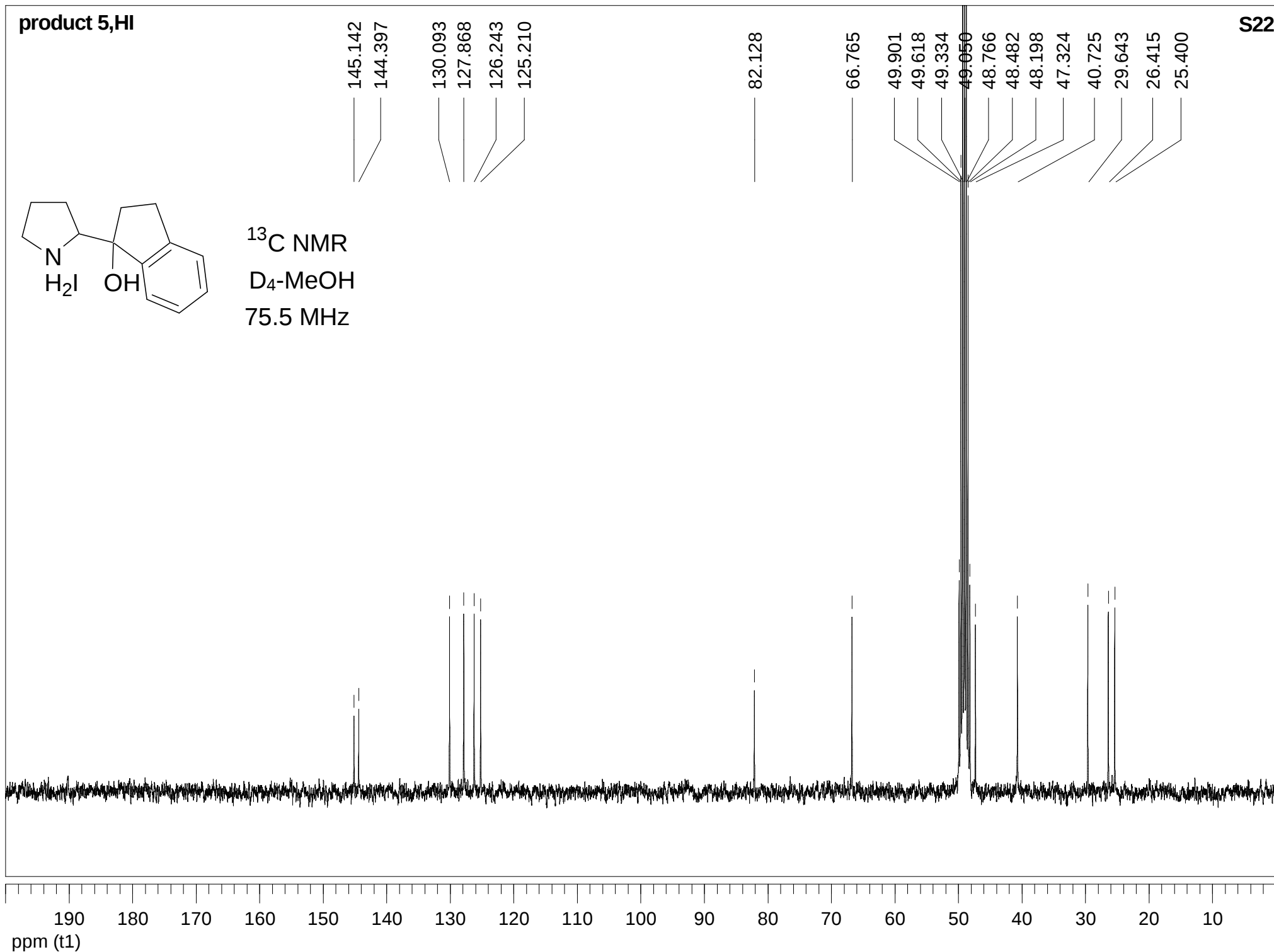
product 5,HI



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D₄-MeOH
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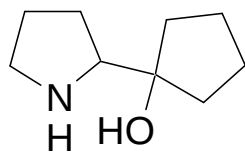
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S22



product 6

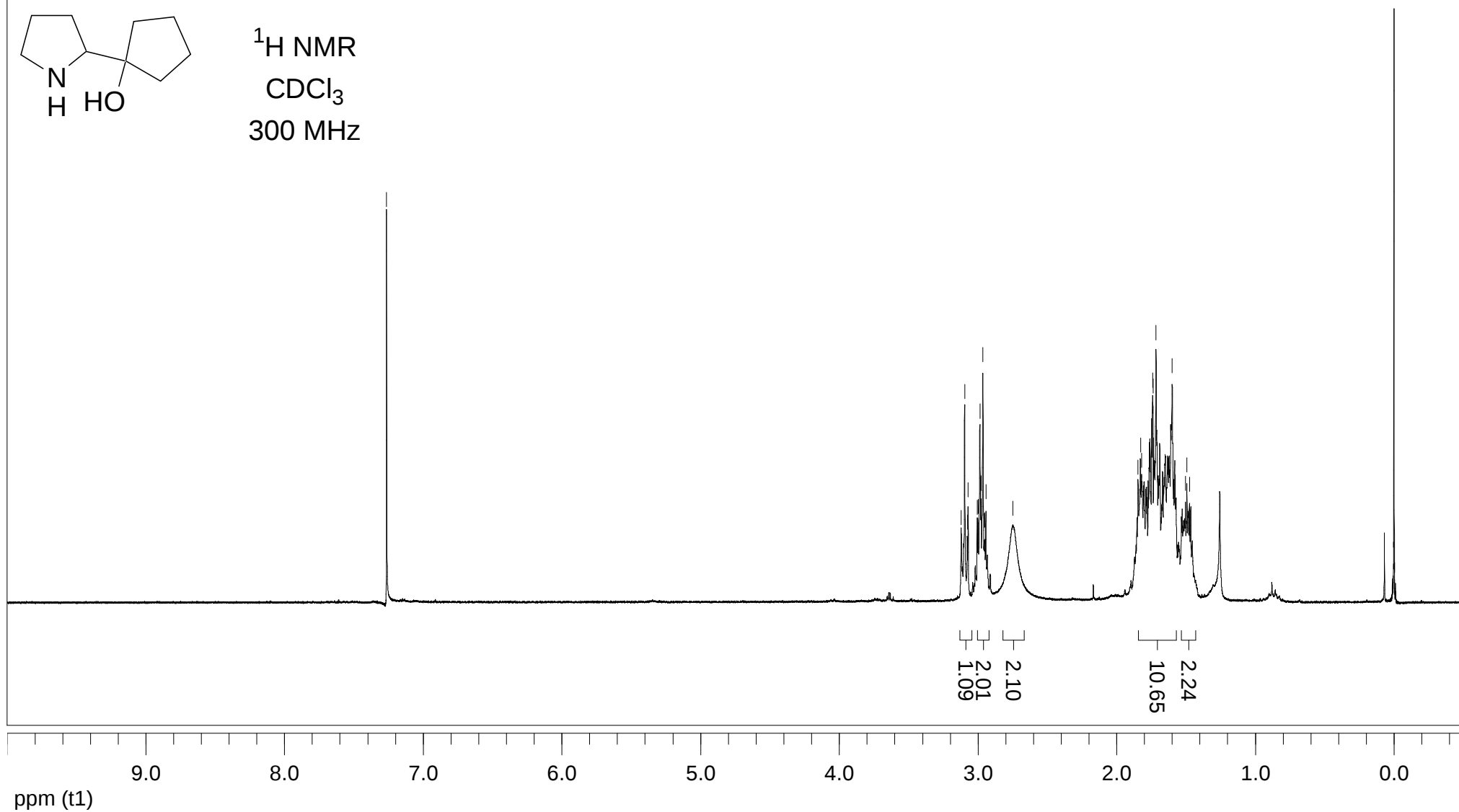
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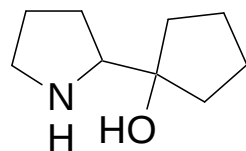
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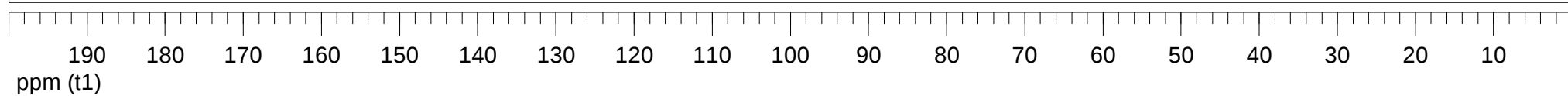
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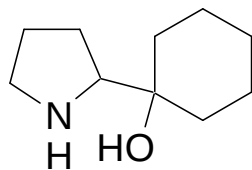


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25.928
24.083



product 7



^1H NMR
 CDCl_3
300 MHz

7.274

S25

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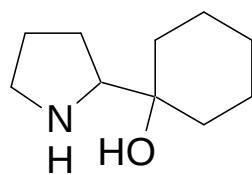
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product 7



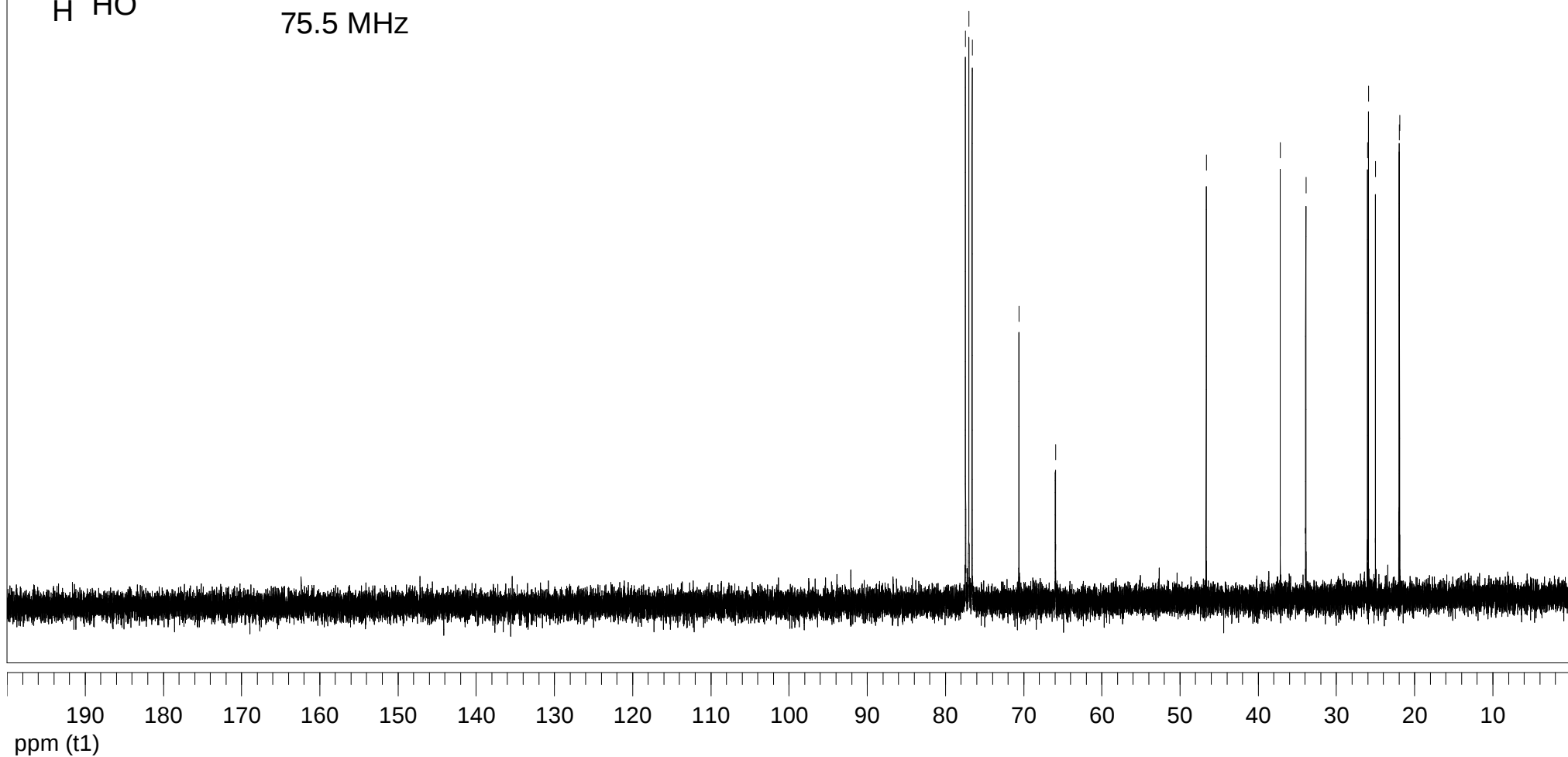
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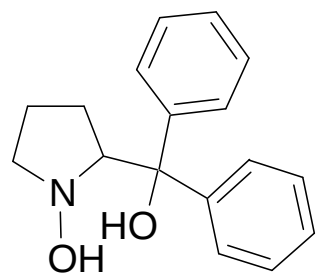
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S26





^1H NMR
 CDCl_3
300 MHz

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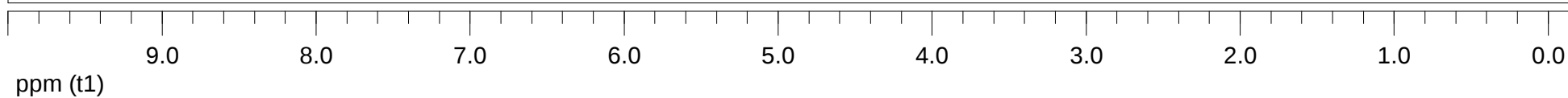
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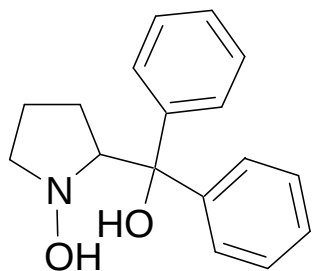
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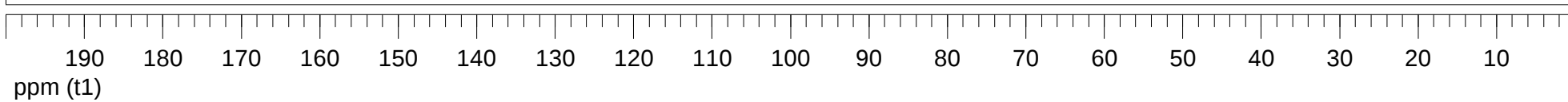
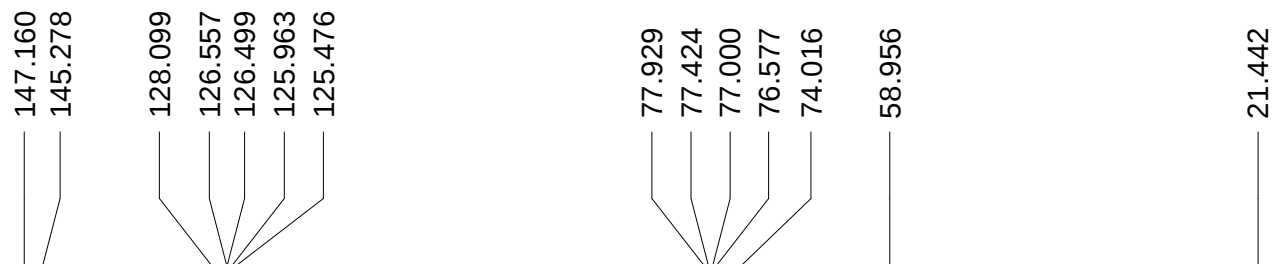


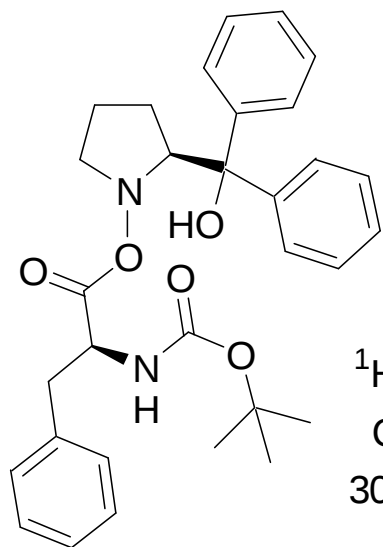
product 8

S28



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75.5 MHz





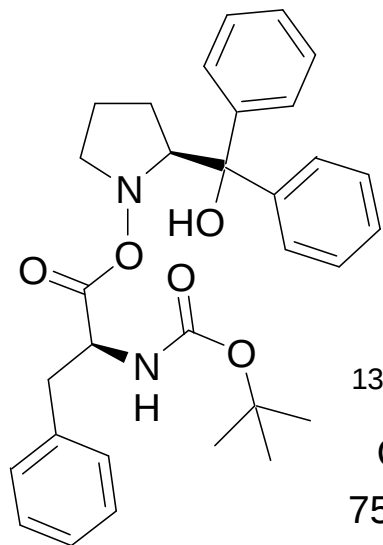
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product 9

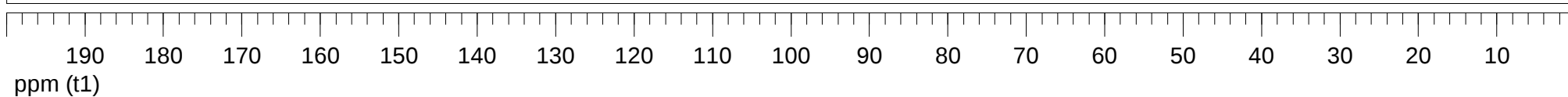


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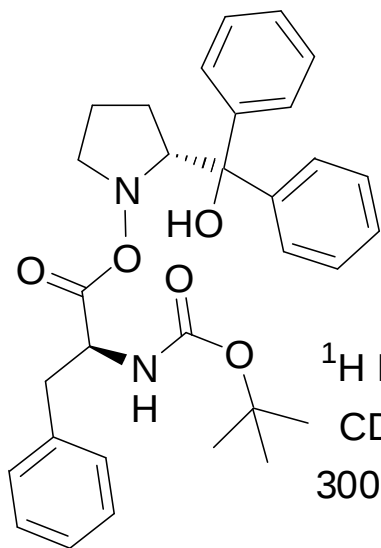
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S30

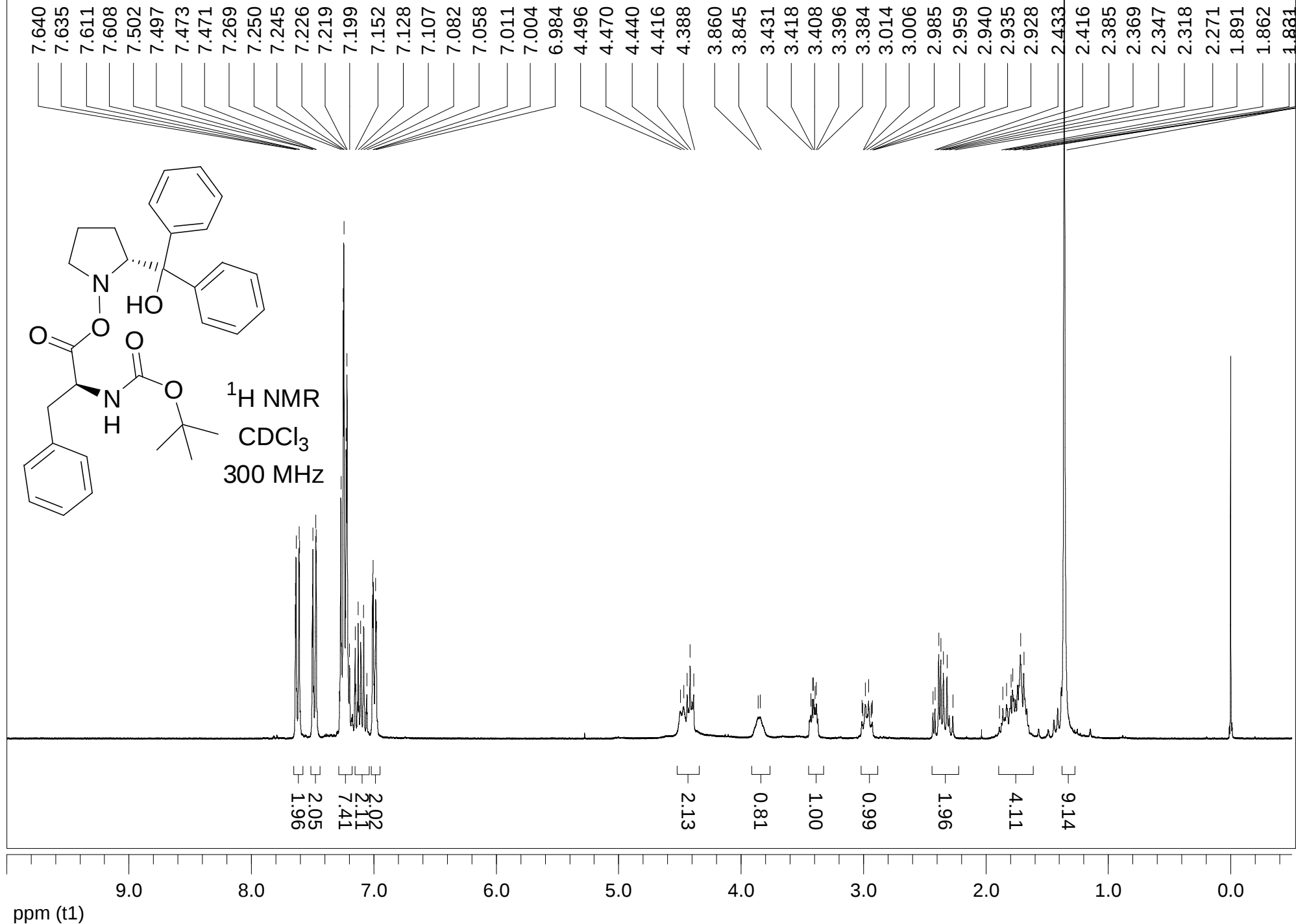


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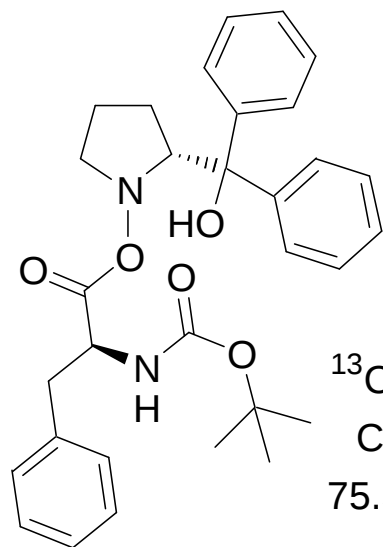
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¹H NMR
CDCl₃
300 MHz



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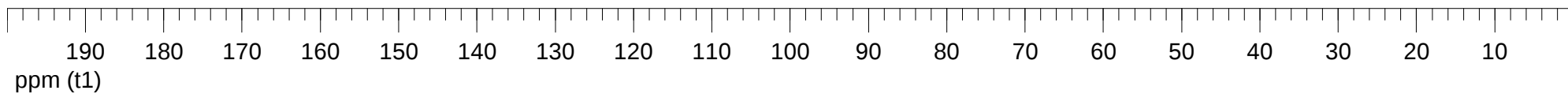
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75.5 MHz

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126.722
126.579
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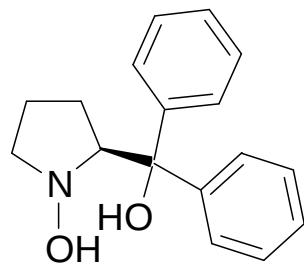
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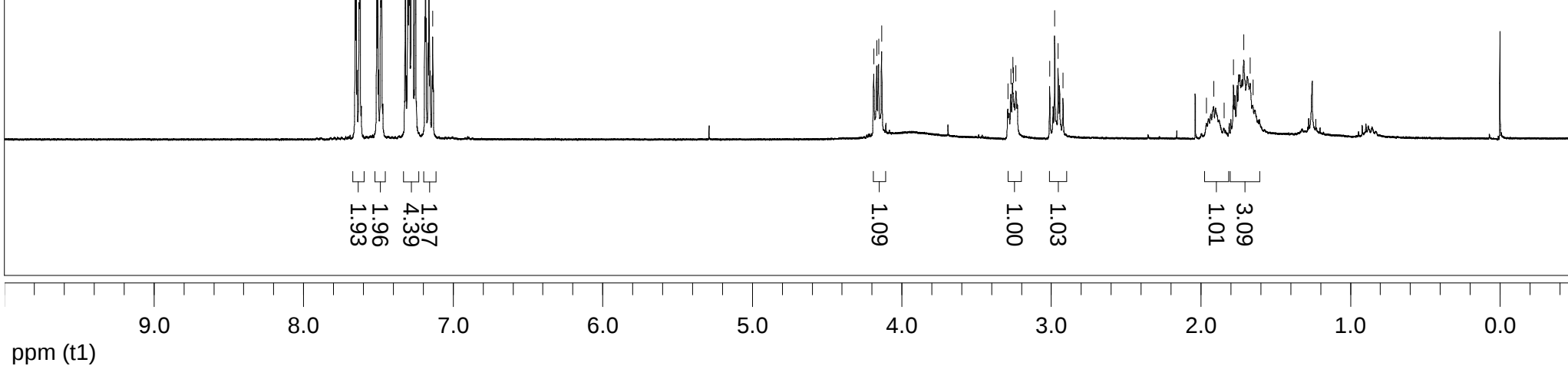
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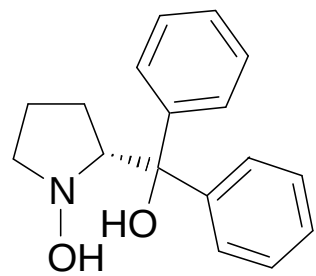


^1H NMR
CDCl₃
300 MHz

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7.621
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7.295
7.277
7.253
7.185
7.161
7.136

4.188
4.167
4.156
4.135
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3.259
3.255
3.237
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2.977
2.954
2.921
1.963
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1.670
1.652



 ^1H NMR CDCl_3

300 MHz

7.649
7.644
7.620
7.617
7.502
7.498
7.474
7.470
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7.294
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7.128

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1.851
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