

**Domino Michael-Aldol Reactions on 1,4-Diarylbut-2-ene-1,4-diones
with Methyl Acetoacetate furnish Methyl 2-Aroyl-4-hydroxy-6-oxo-4-
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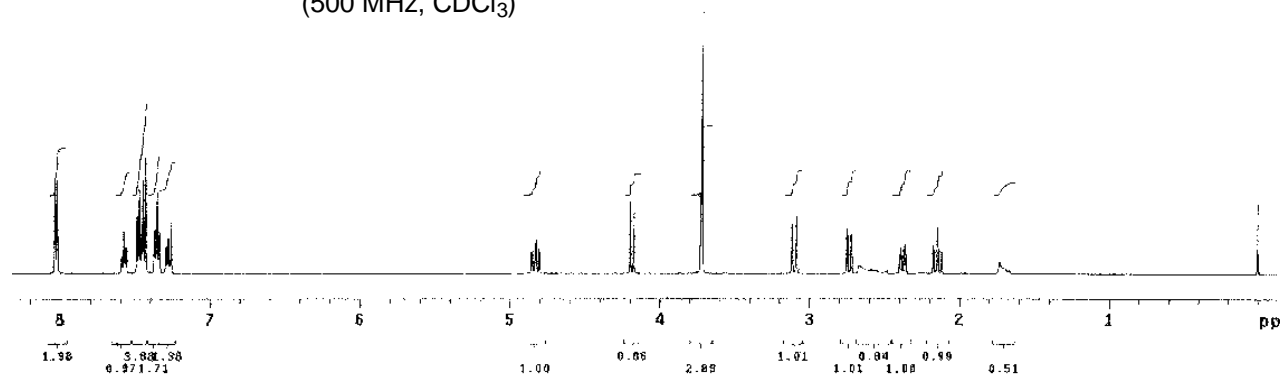
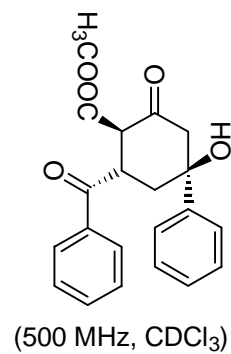
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Experimental Section, General

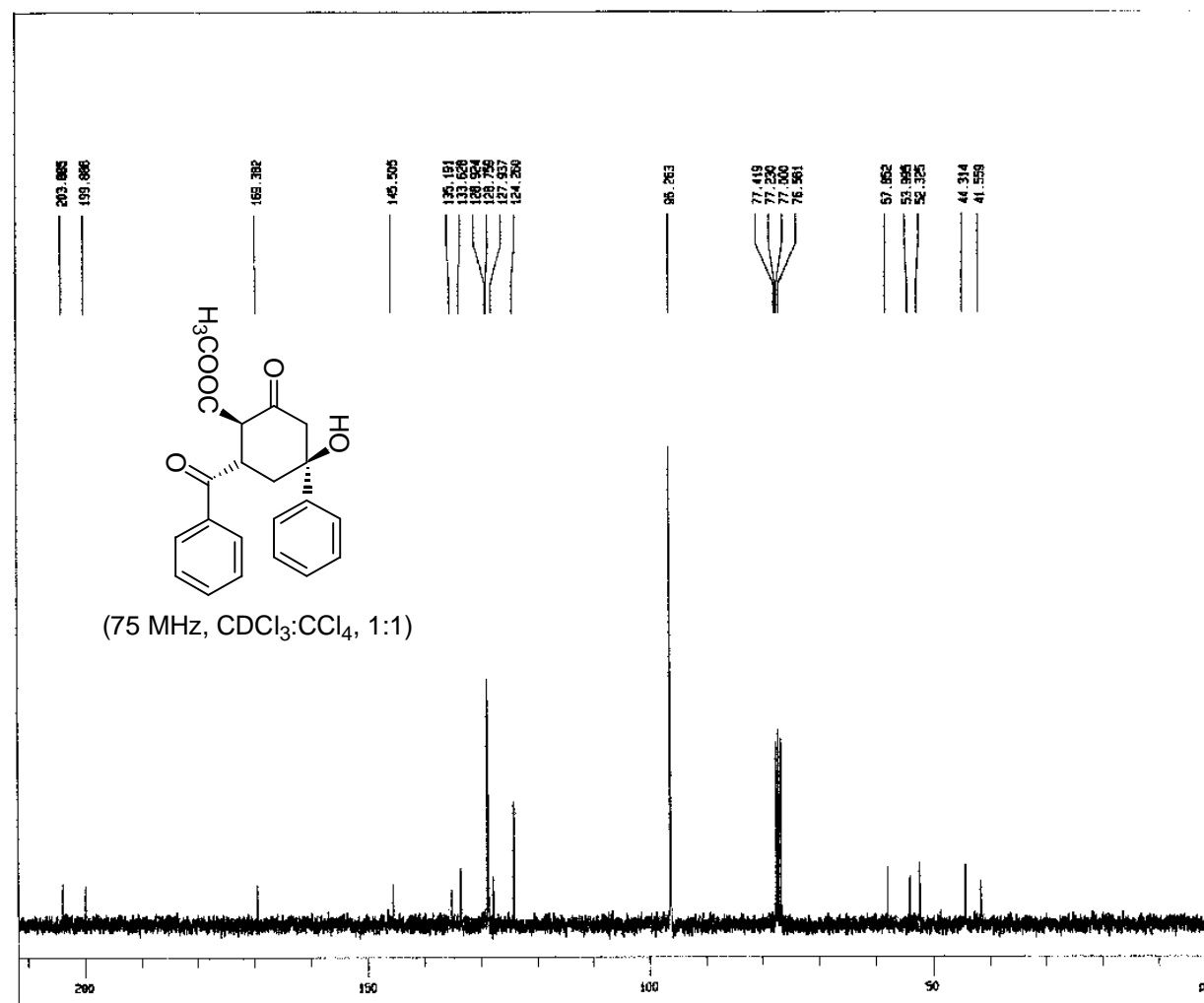
The progress of all the reactions was monitored by TLC using a hexanes / ethyl acetate mixture as eluent. Column chromatography was accomplished on silica gel (100-200 mesh) using a hexanes / ethyl acetate mixture as eluent. The IR spectra were recorded as a solution in KBr or neat. The ^1H NMR and ^{13}C NMR spectra were recorded in CDCl_3 or $\text{CDCl}_3:\text{CCl}_4$ (1:1). The microwave reactions were carried out in a mono-made, multi power; (power source: 230 V, 50 Hz, microwave frequency: 2450 MHz) microwave oven. The *trans*-DBE and derivatives (**1**, **8-11**) were prepared according to the literature procedure.¹ Activated $\text{Ba}(\text{OH})_2$ was prepared by heating commercial $\text{Ba}(\text{OH})_2 \cdot 8\text{H}_2\text{O}$ at 200 °C for 3 h in a furnace and then stored in a desiccator.²

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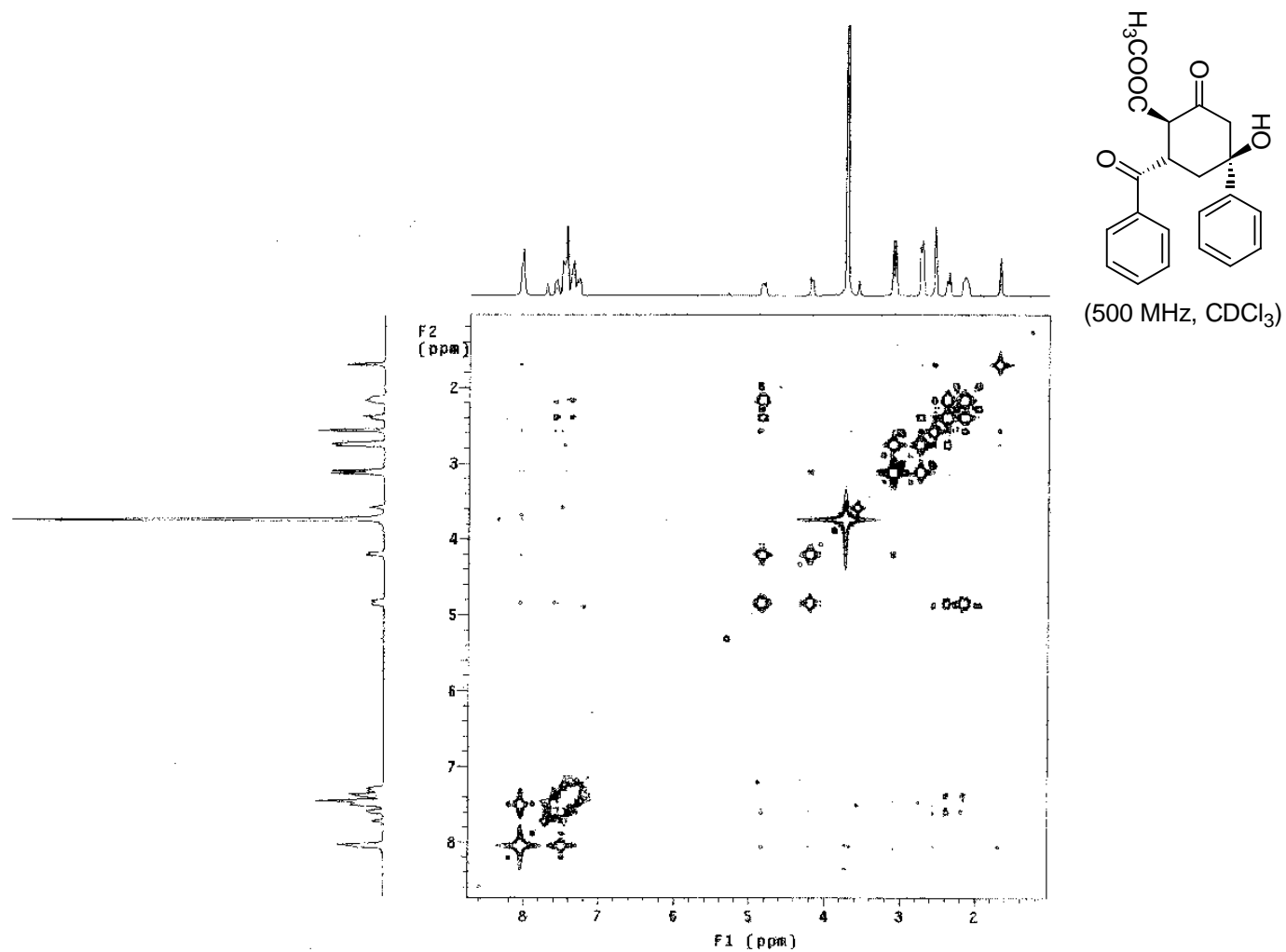
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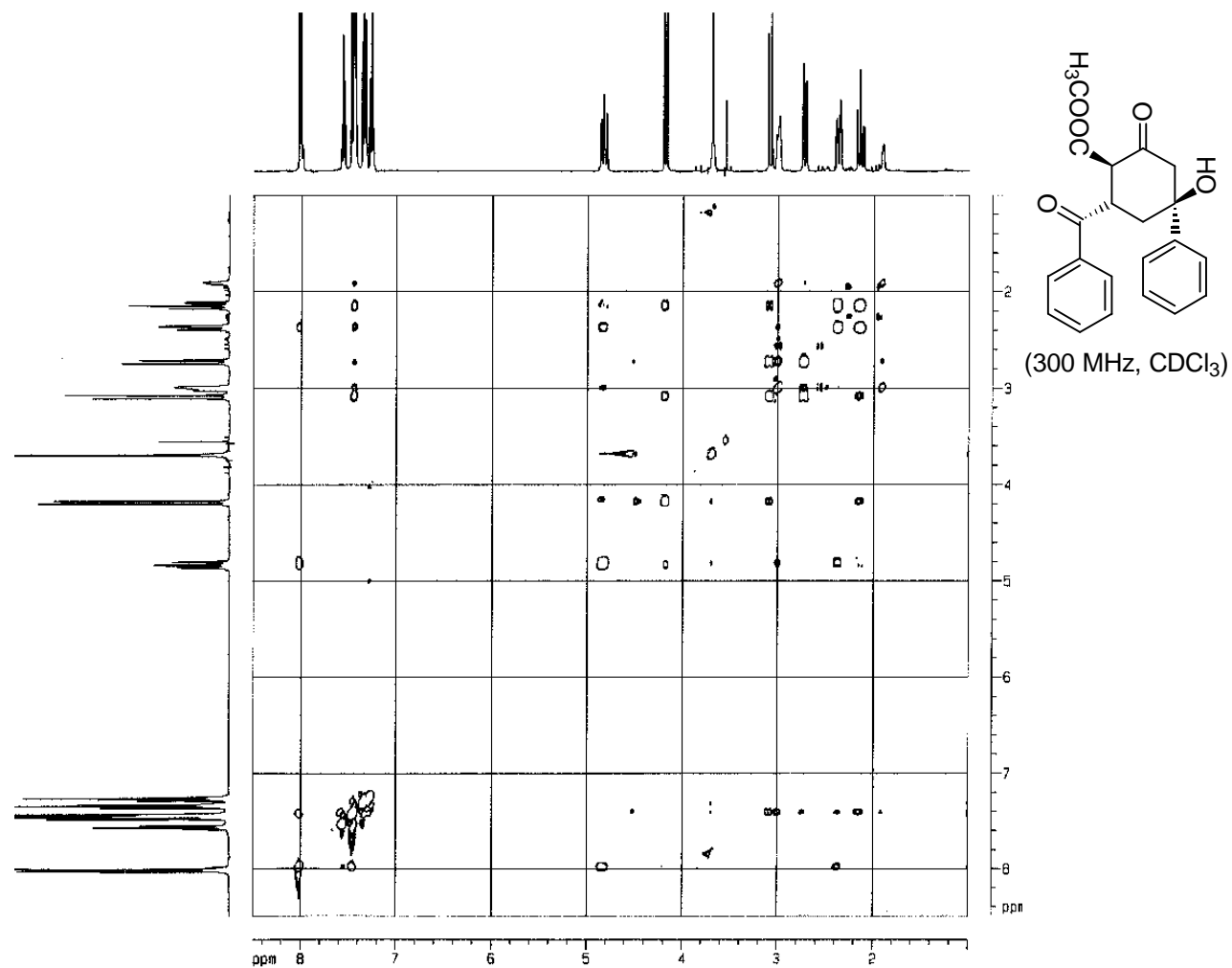
500 MHz (CDCl₃) ¹H NMR spectrum of methyl (1*R**,2*S**,4*S**)- 2-benzoyl-4-hydroxy-6-oxo-4-phenylcyclohexane-1-carboxylate (**5**)



75 MHz (CDCl₃/CCl₄, 1:1) ¹³C NMR spectrum of methyl (1*R**,2*S**,4*S**)- 2-benzoyl-4-hydroxy-6-oxo-4-phenylcyclohexane-1-carboxylate (**5**)

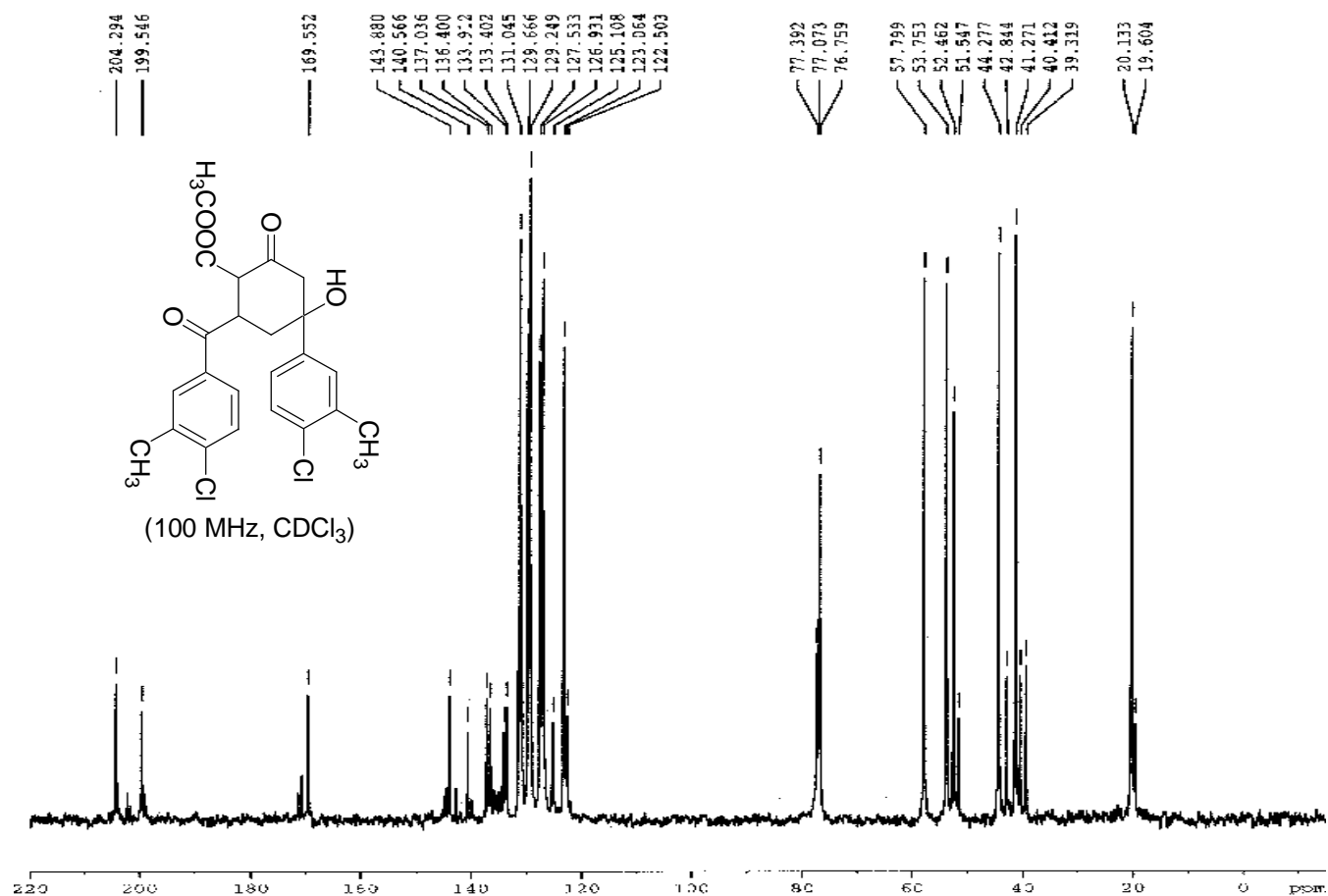


500 MHz (CDCl_3) ^1H - ^1H COSY spectrum of methyl (1*R**,2*S**,4*S**)- 2-benzoyl-4-hydroxy-6-oxo-4-phenylcyclohexane-1-carboxylate (**5**)

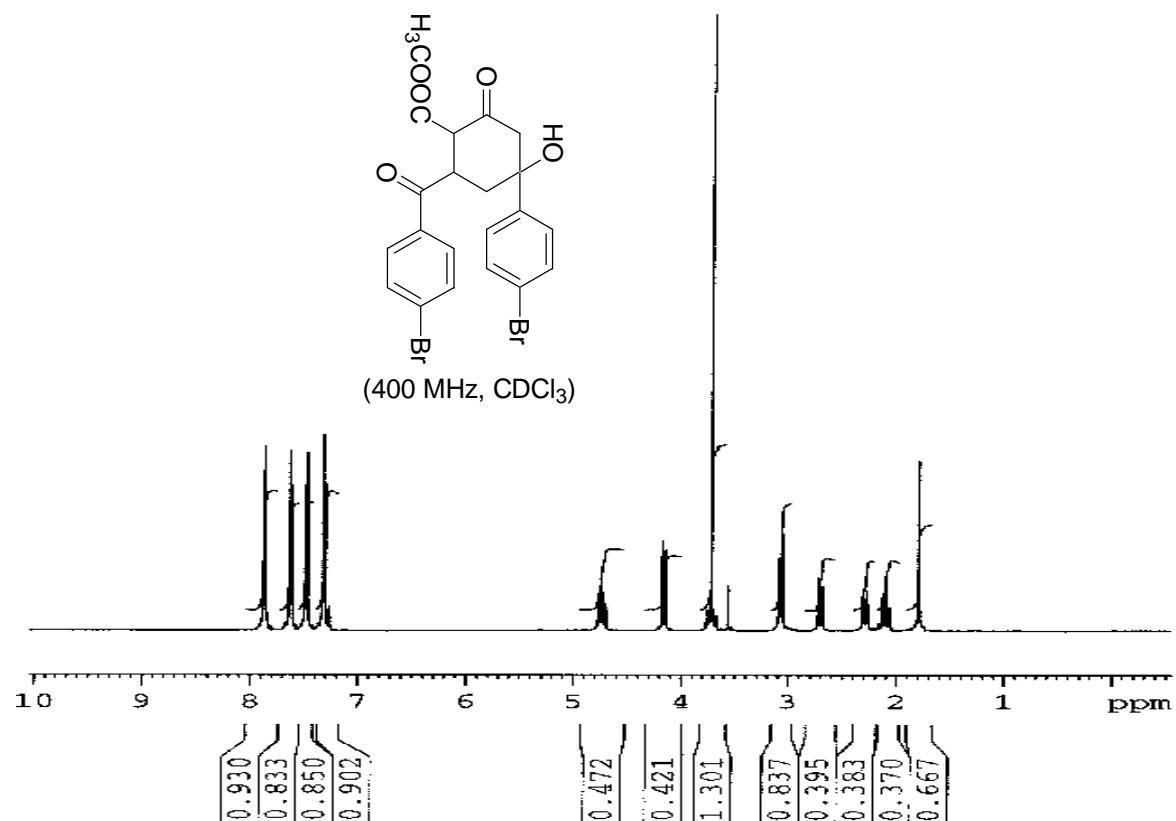


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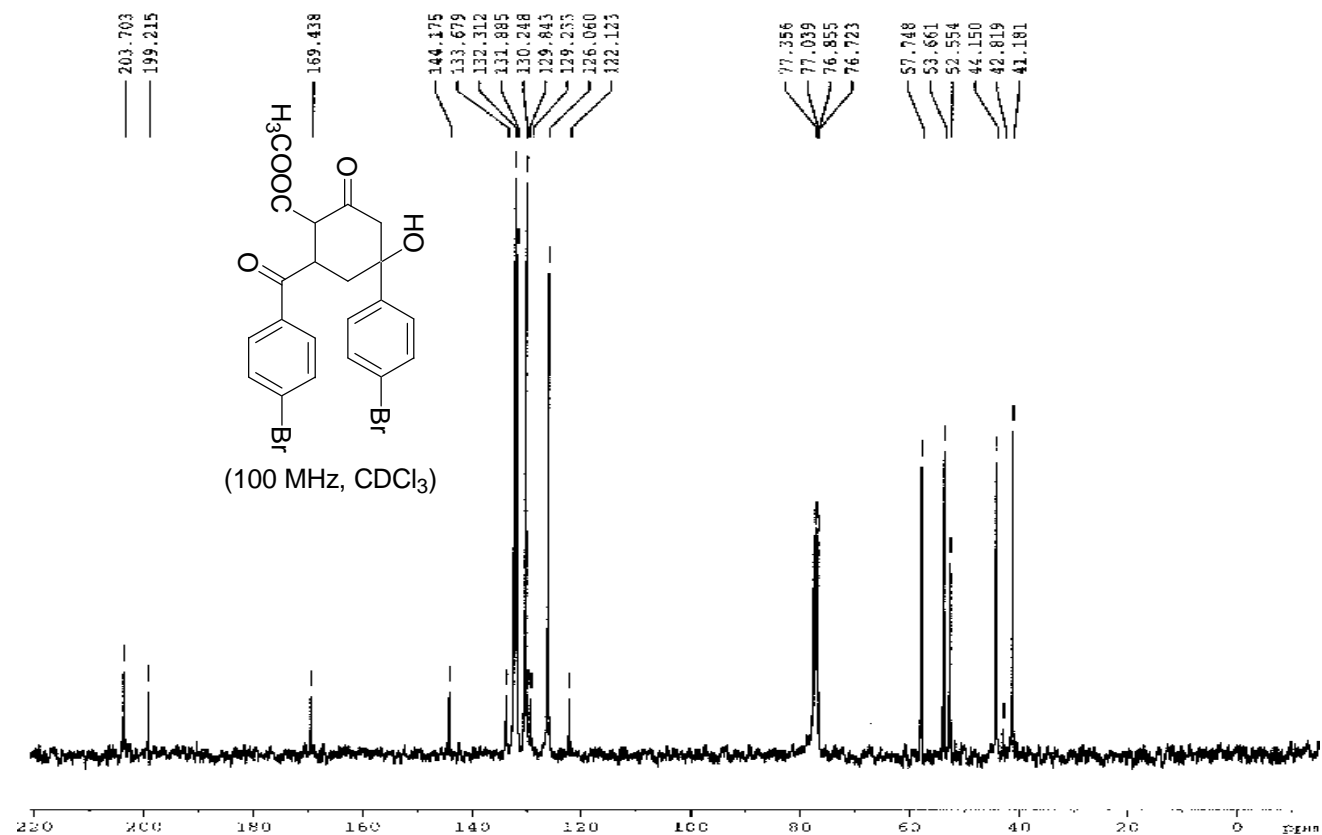
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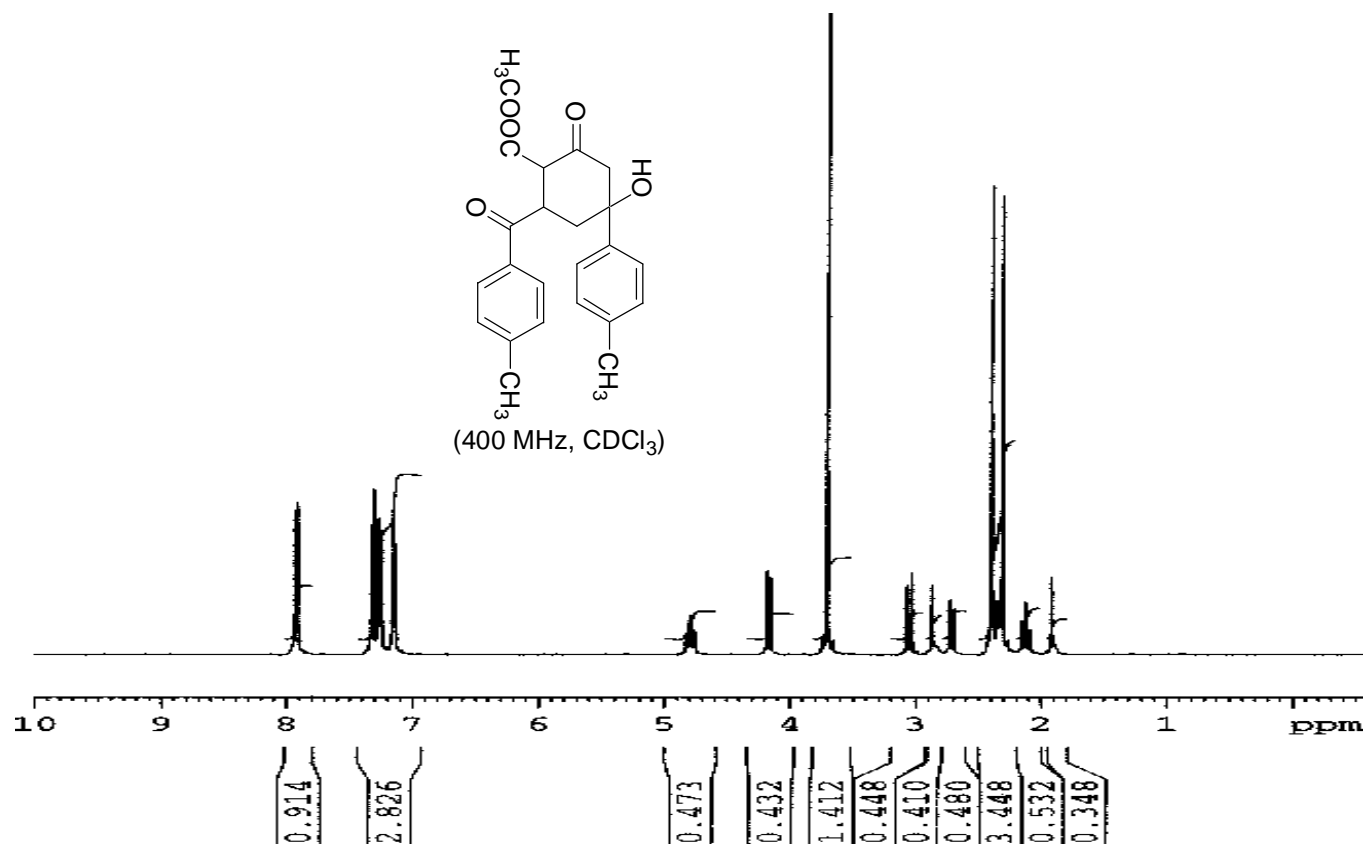
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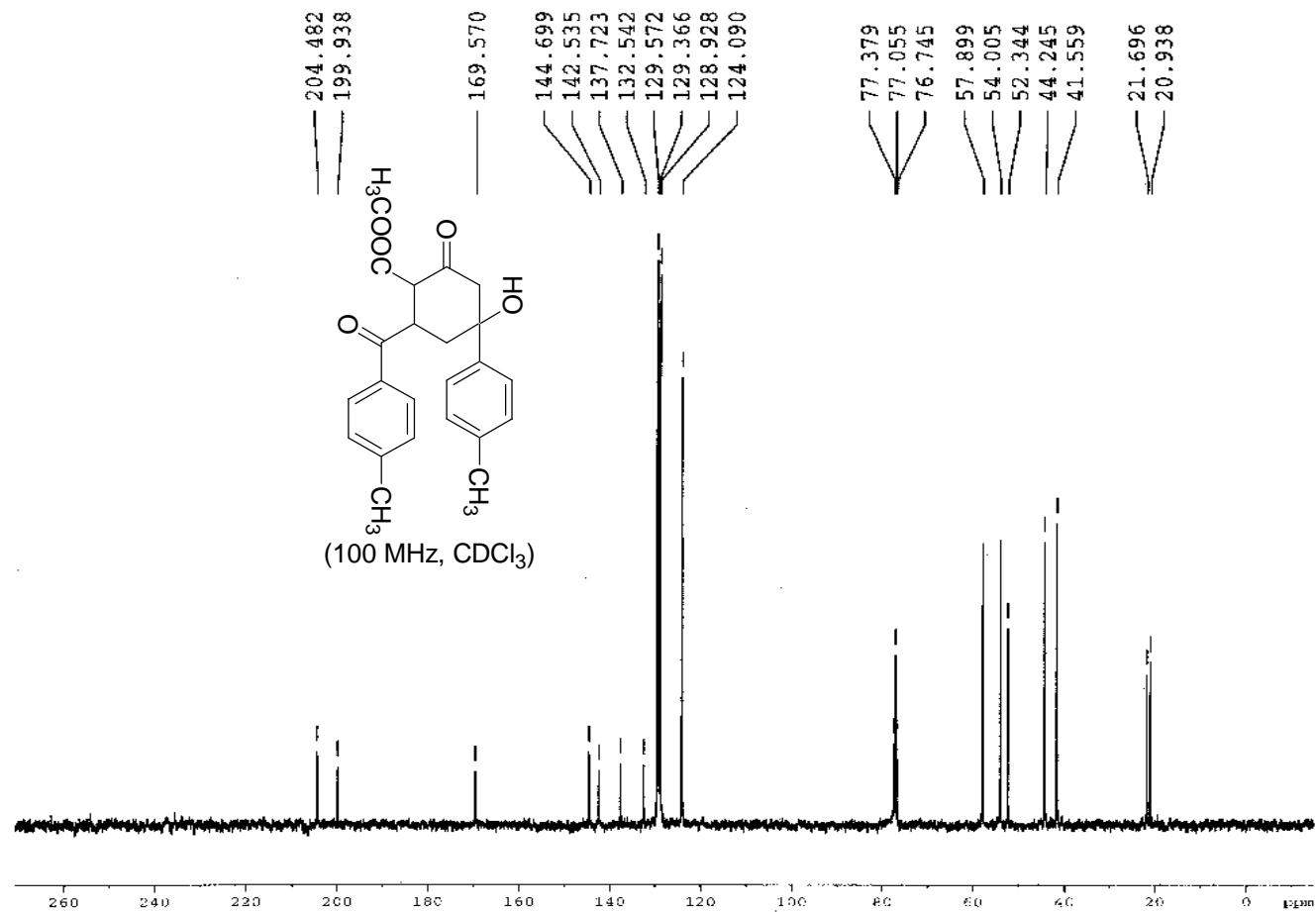
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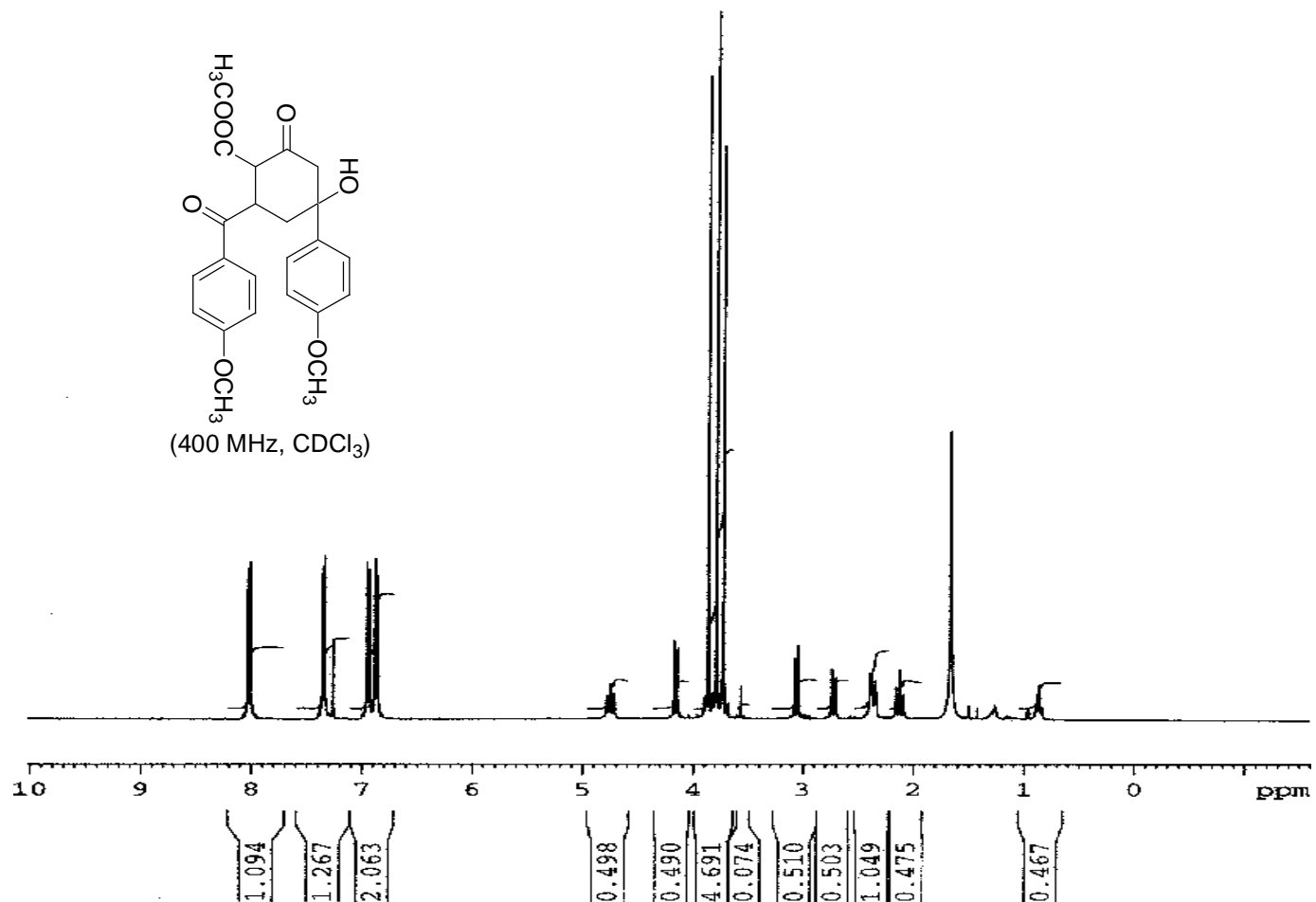
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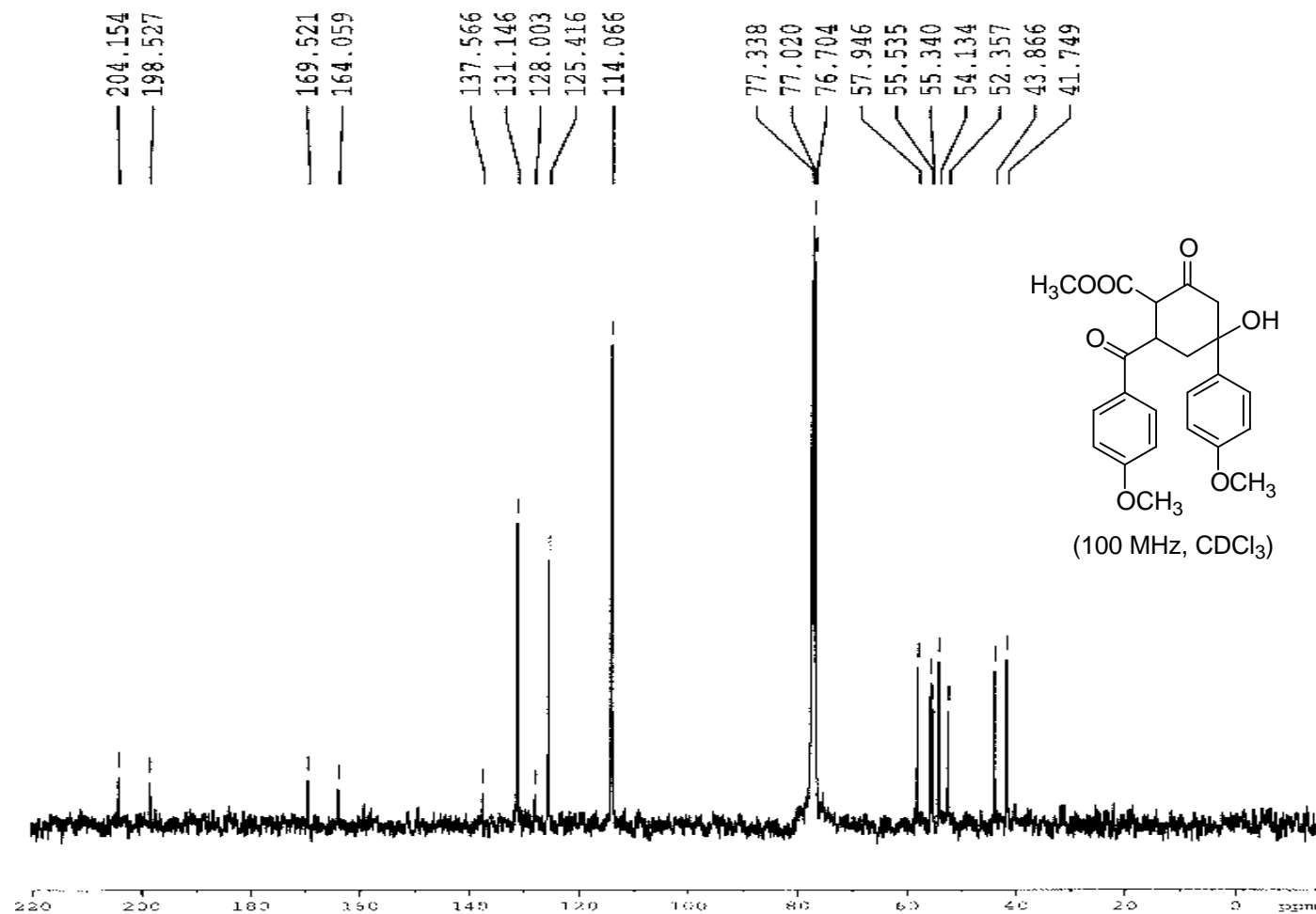
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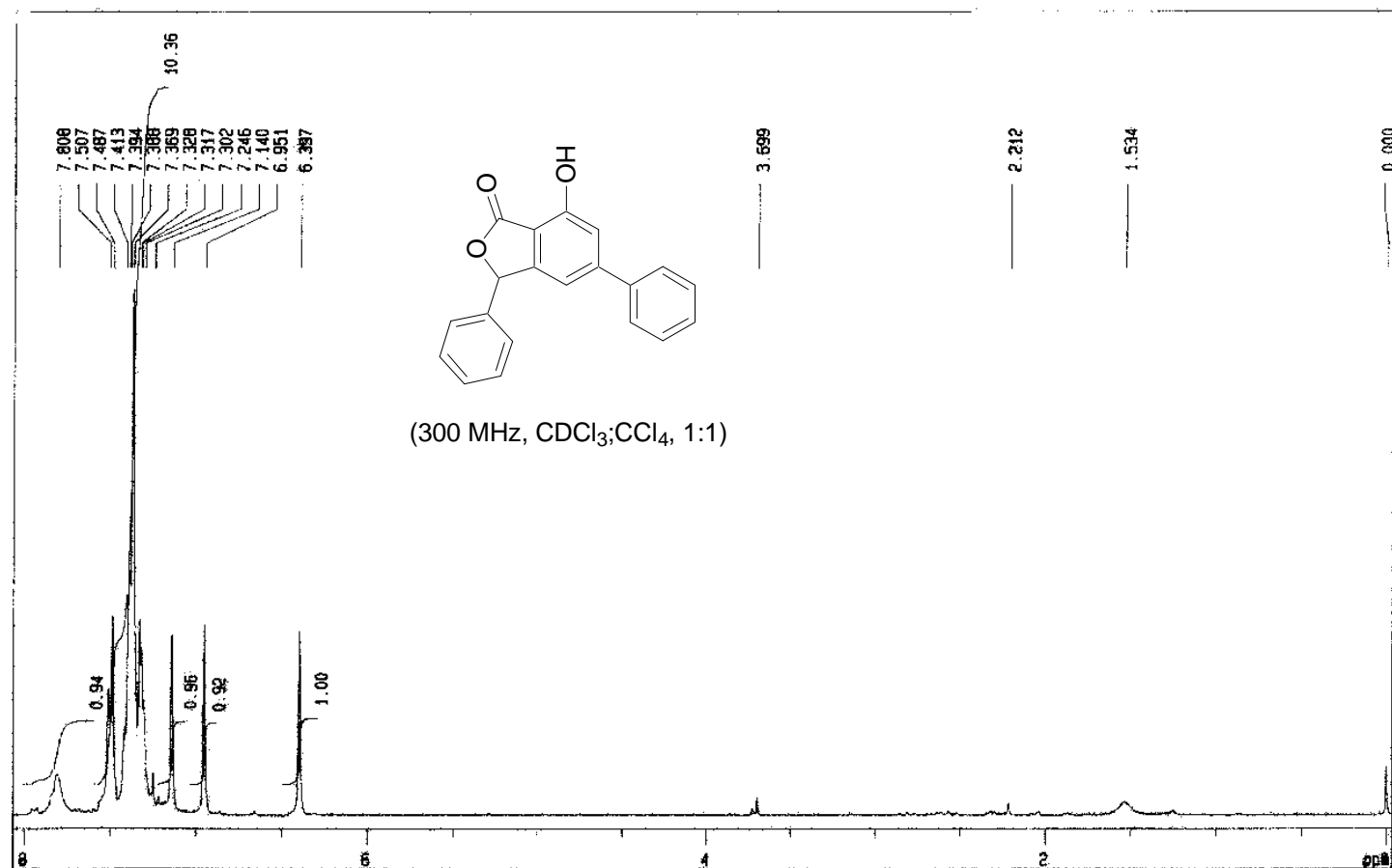
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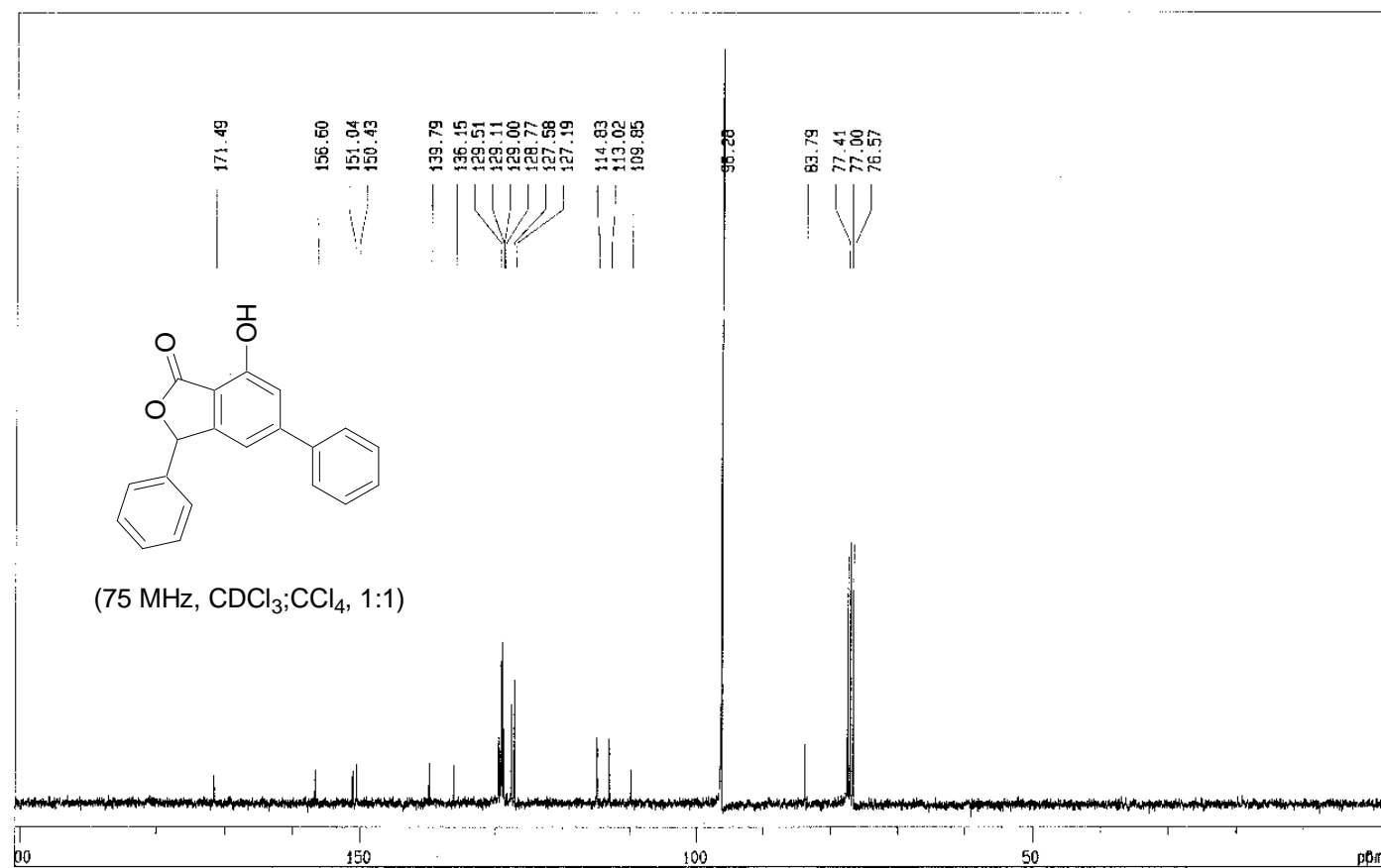
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