

Crystal data and structure refinement for **2a-c** and **1a**.

	2a	2b	2c	1a
Formula	C ₂₄ H ₁₆ O ₄	C ₂₄ H ₁₆ O ₄	C ₂₄ H ₁₆ O ₄	C ₂₀ H ₁₆ O ₄
M	368.37	368.37	368.37	320.33
T (K)	143 (2)	143 (2)	173 (2)	143 (2)
λ (pm)	71.073	71.073	71.073	71.073
Crystal system	triclinic	monoclinic	monoclinic	monoclinic
Space group	P-1	C2/c	P2 ₁ /c	P2 ₁ /n
a (pm)	691.84 (18)	3119.4 (6)	1126.9 (2)	674.11 (10)
b (pm)	886.7 (2)	419.46 (12)	812.94 (16)	423.95 (6)
c(pm)	1540.4 (3)	1606.0 (3)	1076.7 (2)	(2714.2 (4))
α (degrees)	77.045 (6)	90	90	90
β (degrees)	89.105 (6)	117.646 (6)	108.870 (14)	93.947 (3)
γ (degrees)	81.874 (6)	90	90	90
Volume (nm ³)	0.9115 (4)	1.8615 (7)	0.9334 (3)	0.7739 (2)
Z	2	4	2	2
Density (Mg/m ³)	1.342	1.314	1.311	1.375
μ (mm ⁻¹)	0.091	0.089	0.089	0.096
F(000)	384	768	384	336
θ range (degrees)	1.36-28.55	1.47-28.53	3.15-25.0	1.50-28.58
Reflections measured	9897	6140	2022	12590
Independent reflections	4594	2347	1647	1968
R _{int}	0.1489	0.0911	0.0271	0.0770
R [I > 2σ(I)]	0.0538	0.0424	0.0381	0.1309
R _w	0.1362	0.1114	0.0793	0.3085

Refinement method: Full-matrix least-squares on F² in all the cases

Compounds **4a**,¹ **4b**,^{1b} **4c**,² **5a**,^{1a} **7b**,³ **7c**⁴ are literature known and in this present study they were characterized by IR, high resolution ¹H and ¹³C-NMR and mass spectral data. The spectroscopic and analytical data for the other compounds are reported here.

General procedure for the synthesis of propargyloxyphenol (5a-c): To a solution of the benzenediol (**3a-c**) (10.0 g, 90.8 mmol) in dry acetone (250 mL) was added excess anhydrous K₂CO₃ (75.0 g) and the mixture was refluxed for 0.5 h. To the mixture, propargyl bromide (10.1g, 90.8 mmol) was added dropwise over a period of 5 h. The resulting mixture was refluxed for an additional period of 17 h and then cooled, filtered and the filtrate was evaporated . The brown oily residue was dissolved in CH₂Cl₂ (250 mL) and the solution was washed with water (2 x 100 mL) followed by saturated brine solution (100 mL). The organic layer was dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄ and then the solvent was removed. The crude product consisted of a mixture of unreacted benzenediol (**3a-c**), propargyloxyphenol (**5a-c**) and bispropargyloxybenzene (**4a-c**) which were separated by column chromatography on silica gel using hexane/ethyl acetate (19:1 v/v) as the eluant. From **3a** (10 g) was obtained **4a** (3.65 g, 29%), **5a** (6.62 g, 65%) and unreacted **3a** (2.47 g). Similarly from **3b** (25.0 g) was obtained **4b** (12.55 g, 40%), **5b** (14.6 g, 58%) and unreacted **3b** (6.24 g) and from **3c** (25.0 g) was obtained **4c** (16.05 g, 47%), **5c** (18.2 g, 68%) and unreacted **3c** (4.9 g).

General procedure for the synthesis of bispropargyloxybenzene (4a-c): The above procedure for the synthesis of **5a-c** was adopted using 2 equivalents of propargyl bromide (23.8 g, 200 mmol). Yield: **4a** (15.05 g, 89%), **4b** (14.97 g, 89%) and **4c** (13.35 g, 79%).

General procedure for the synthesis of bis(2-hydroxyphenoxy)hexa-2,4-diyne (6a-c) from bis(2-acetoxyphenoxy)hexa-2,4-diyne (8a-c): To a solution of 8a (0.48 g, 1.27 mmol) in methanol (20 mL) was added Na₂CO₃ (0.48 g, 4.57 mmol) at rt. The resulting mixture was stirred for 24 h and then poured into water (200 mL), extracted with ethyl acetate (2 x 50 mL). The organic phase was separated and washed with water (100 mL) followed by saturated brine (100 mL). It was dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄ and then solvent was removed. The crude product was purified by column chromatography on

silica gel and eluted with hexane/ethyl acetate (2.3:1 v/v). Yield: **6a** (0.178 g, 48%), **6b** (0.37 g, 68%) from **8b** (0.7 g, 1.84 mmol), **6c** (0.54 g, 56%) from **8c** (1.25 g, 3.31 mmol).

General procedure for the synthesis of propargyloxyphenyl acetate (7a-c) from propargyloxyphenol (5a-c): To a solution of **5a-c** (5.0 g, 33.78 mmol) in dry CH₂Cl₂ (50 mL) was added dry pyridine (5.35 g, 67.57 mmol) followed by acetic anhydride (3.79 g, 37.2 mmol) at rt. After 5h, the mixture was poured into ice cold HCl (2%, 100 mL) and extracted with CH₂Cl₂ (2 x 100 mL). The organic phase was separated, washed with saturated NaHCO₃ solution (100 mL), followed by water (2 x 100 mL) and saturated brine solution (100 mL) and dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄. Removal solvent yielded the crude product which was purified by column chromatography on silica gel using hexane/ethyl acetate (4:1 v/v) as the eluant. Yield: **7a** (4.88 g, 76%), **7b** (4.68 g, 73%), **7c** (4.75 g, 74%).

Syntheses of **6a-c** from **5a-c**, **8a-c** from **7a-c** and **2a-c** from **9a-c**, respectively, were accomplished using the Glaser-Eglington coupling procedure described for the syntheses of **2a-c** from **4a-c**.

Spectroscopic characterization of intermediates:

3-Propargyloxyphenol (5b): Pale yellow liquid, IR (CHCl₃): 3600 (br), 1600, 1484 cm⁻¹; ¹H-NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz): δ 7.13 (t, 1H, *J* = 7.8 Hz), 6.55 (s, 1H), 6.54 (dd, 1H, *J* = 7.5 and 1.8 Hz), 6.47 (dd, 1H, *J* = 7.8 and 2.1 Hz), 5.30 (br, s, 1H), 4.64 (d, 2H, *J* = 2.1 Hz), 2.50 (t, 1H, *J* = 2.1 Hz); ¹³C-NMR(CDCl₃, 75 MHz): δ 157.0 (s), 156.59 (s), 129.72 (d), 108.26 (d), 106.58 (d), 102.09 (d), 78.00 (s), 74.87 (d), 55.47 (t); MS (EI, 70 eV) 148 (M⁺, 10), 147 (100), 91 (50); HRMS: calcd. for C₉H₈O₂ 148.05243 found 148.05515. Anal. calcd. C = 72.95, H = 5.45, found C = 72.70, H = 6.10.

4-Propargyloxyphenol (5c): Pale yellow liquid, IR (CHCl₃): 3584 (br), 1600, 1468 cm⁻¹; ¹H-NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz): δ 6.88 and 6.99 (AA'BB', 4H, *J* = 9.0 Hz), 4.61 (d, 2H, *J* = 2.44 Hz), 2.48 (t, 1H, *J* = 2.44 Hz); ¹³C-NMR(CDCl₃, 75 MHz): δ 151.14 (s), 150.10 (s),

115.93 (d), 115.59 (d), 78.52 (d), 74.77 (s), 56.28 (t); MS (EI, 70 eV) 148 (M^+ , 60), 109 (100); Anal. calcd. C = 72.95, H = 5.45, found C = 72.08, H = 5.38.

2-Propargyloxyphenyl acetate (7a): Colorless solid, m. p 60-61 °C, IR (CHCl₃): 1760, 1596, 1456 cm⁻¹; ¹H-NMR (CDCl₃, 200 MHz): δ 7.22 – 6.99 (m, 4H), 4.70 (d, 2H, *J* = 2.4 Hz), 2.52 (t, 1H, *J* = 2.4 Hz), 2.32 (s, 3H); ¹³C-NMR(CDCl₃, 50 MHz): δ 168.94 (s), 149.04 (s), 140.04 (s), 126.69 (d), 123.09 (d), 121.94 (d), 114.43 (d), 78.18 (s), 75.85 (d), 56.67 (t), 20.66 (q); MS (EI, 70 eV) 190 (M^+ , 12), 148 (100), 109 (85), 81 (25).

1,6-Bis(2-hydroxyphenoxy)hexa-2,4-diyne (6a): Pale yellow solid, m.p. 136-137 °C, IR (KBr): 3440 (br), 1651, 1596 cm⁻¹; ¹H-NMR (CD₃COCD₃, 200 MHz): δ 6.93-6.78 (m, 8H), 5.84 (s, 2H), 4.55 (s, 4H); ¹³C-NMR(CD₃COCD₃, 50 MHz): δ 144.36 (s), 143.39 (s), 122.24 (d), 122.98 (d), 118.05 (d), 117.17 (d), 100.35 (s), 79.0 (s), 65.56 (t); MS (EI, 70 eV) 294 (M^+ , 100), 185 (55), 157 (25), 147 (25), 121 (25); HRMS: calcd. for C₁₈H₁₄O₄ 294.08921 found 294.0887. Anal. calcd. C = 73.45, H = 4.80, found C = 73.41, H = 4.91.

1,6-Bis(3-hydroxyphenoxy)hexa-2,4-diyne (6b): Colorless solid, m.p. 135-136 °C, IR (KBr): 3440 (br), 1254 cm⁻¹; ¹H-NMR (CD₃COCD₃, 200 MHz): δ 8.41 (br, s, 2H), 6.97-6.03 (m, 2H), 6.38-6.31 (m, 6H), 4.72 (s, 4H); ¹³C-NMR(CD₃COCD₃, 50 MHz): δ 159.59 (s), 159.44 (s), 130.72 (d), 109.56 (d), 106.53 (d), 103.03 (d), 76.23 (s), 70.74 (s), 56.37 (t); MS (EI, 70 eV) 294 (M^+ , 10), 185 (100), 184 (80), 157 (25), 128 (65).

1,6-Bis(4-hydroxyphenoxy)hexa-2,4-diyne (6c): Pale yellow solid, m. p. 161-162 °C; IR (KBr): 3536 (br), 1504, 1446 cm⁻¹; ¹H-NMR (CD₃COCD₃, 200 MHz): δ 7.95 (br, s, 2H), 6.74-6.61 (m, 8H), 4.67 (s, 4H); ¹³C-NMR(CD₃COCD₃, 50 MHz): 152.98 (s), 151.55 (s), 116.96 (d), 116.56 (d), 76.46 (s), 70.66 (s), 57.29 (t); MS (EI, 70 eV): 294 (M^+ , 25), 185 (40), 110 (100), 76 (65); HRMS: calcd. for C₁₈H₁₄O₄ 294.08921 found 294.0887. Anal. calcd. C = 73.45, H = 4.80, found C = 73.29, H = 4.80.

1,6-Bis(2-acetoxyphenoxy)hexa-2,4-diyne (8a): Colorless solid, m. p. 119-120 °C; IR (KBr): 1756, 1596, 1497, 1435 cm⁻¹; ¹H-NMR (CDCl₃, 200 MHz): δ 7.16-7.00 (m, 8H), 4.76 (s, 4H), 2.31 (s, 3H); ¹³C-NMR (CDCl₃, 50 MHz): δ 164.0 (s), 149.0 (s), 140.0 (s), 126.81 (d), 123.18 (d), 122.21 (d), 114.46 (d), 74.39 (s), 71.0 (s), 57.20 (t), 20.65 (q); MS (EI, 70 eV): 378 (M⁺, 5), 336 (50), 227 (75), 185 (100).

1,6-Bis(3-acetoxyphenoxy)hexa-2,4-diyne (8b): Colorless solid, m.p. 75-76 °C; IR (KBr): 1760, 1587, 1164 cm⁻¹; ¹H-NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz): δ 7.25 (t, 2H, J = 8.30 Hz), 6.80 (dd, 2H, J = 2.44 and 8.30 Hz), 6.72 (dd, 2H, J = 1.95 and 8.30 Hz), 6.67 (t, 2H, J = 2.44 Hz), 4.68 (s, 4H), 2.24 (s, 6H); ¹³C-NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz): δ 169.06 (s), 158.0 (s), 151.41 (s), 129.76 (d), 114.77 (d), 111.97 (d), 108.60 (d), 74.30 (s), 70.96 (s), 56.13 (s), 20.85 (q); MS (EI, 70 eV): 378 (M⁺, 5), 336 (50), 294 (30), 165 (100).

1,6-Bis(4-acetoxyphenoxy)hexa-2,4-diyne (8c): Colorless solid, m.p. 146-147 °C; IR (KBr): 1753, 1593 cm⁻¹; ¹H-NMR (CDCl₃, 200 MHz): δ 7.03 and 6.92 (AA'BB', 8H, J = 9.0 Hz), 4.73 (s, 4H), 2.28 (6H); ¹³C-NMR (CDCl₃, 50 MHz): δ 170.0 (s), 155.00 (s), 154.0 (s), 122.43 (d), 115.57 (d), 75.0 (s), 71.0 (s), 56.59 (t), 21.04 (q); MS (EI, 70 eV): 378 (M⁺, 10), 336 (55), 227 (45), 185 (80), 110 (100).

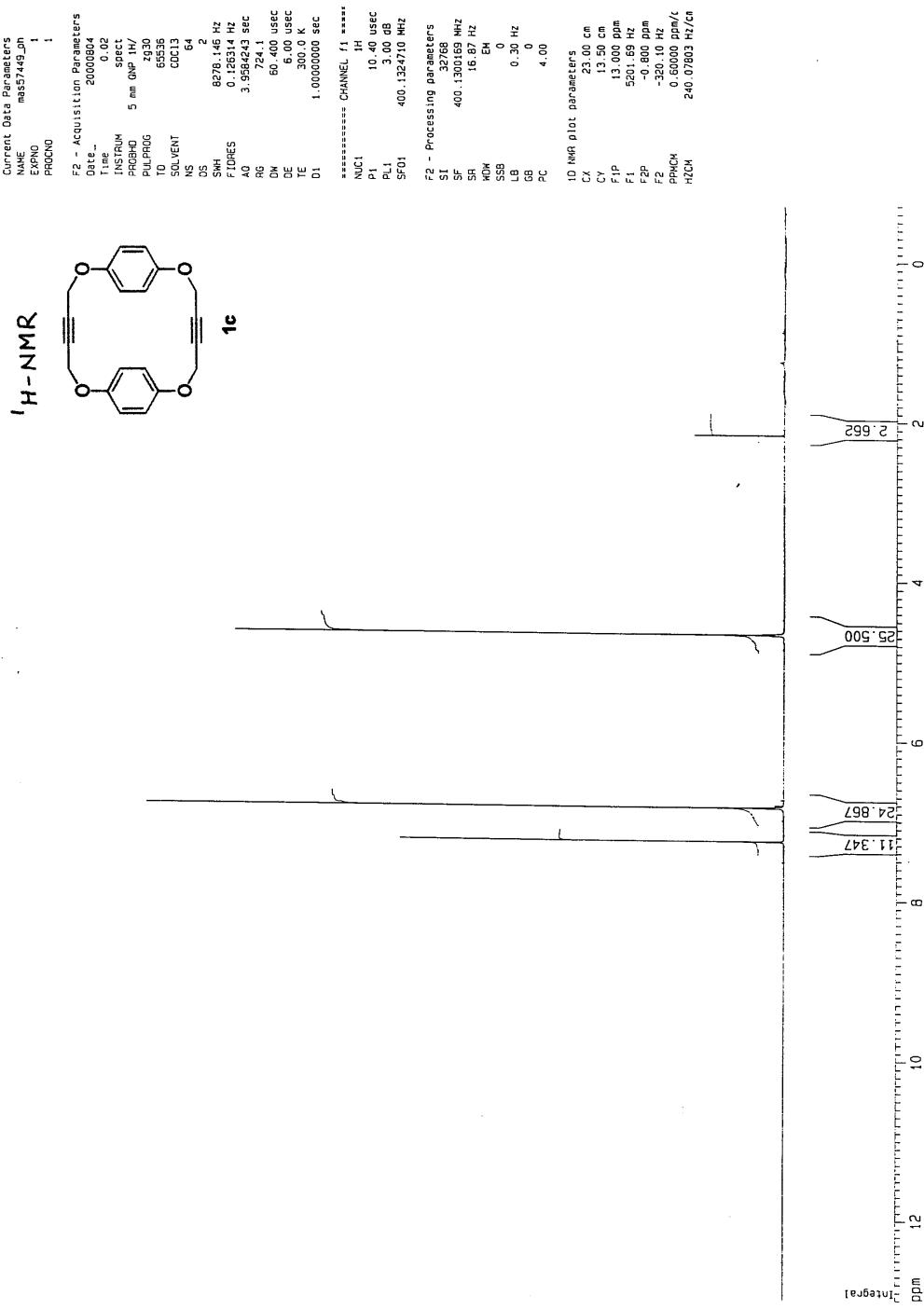
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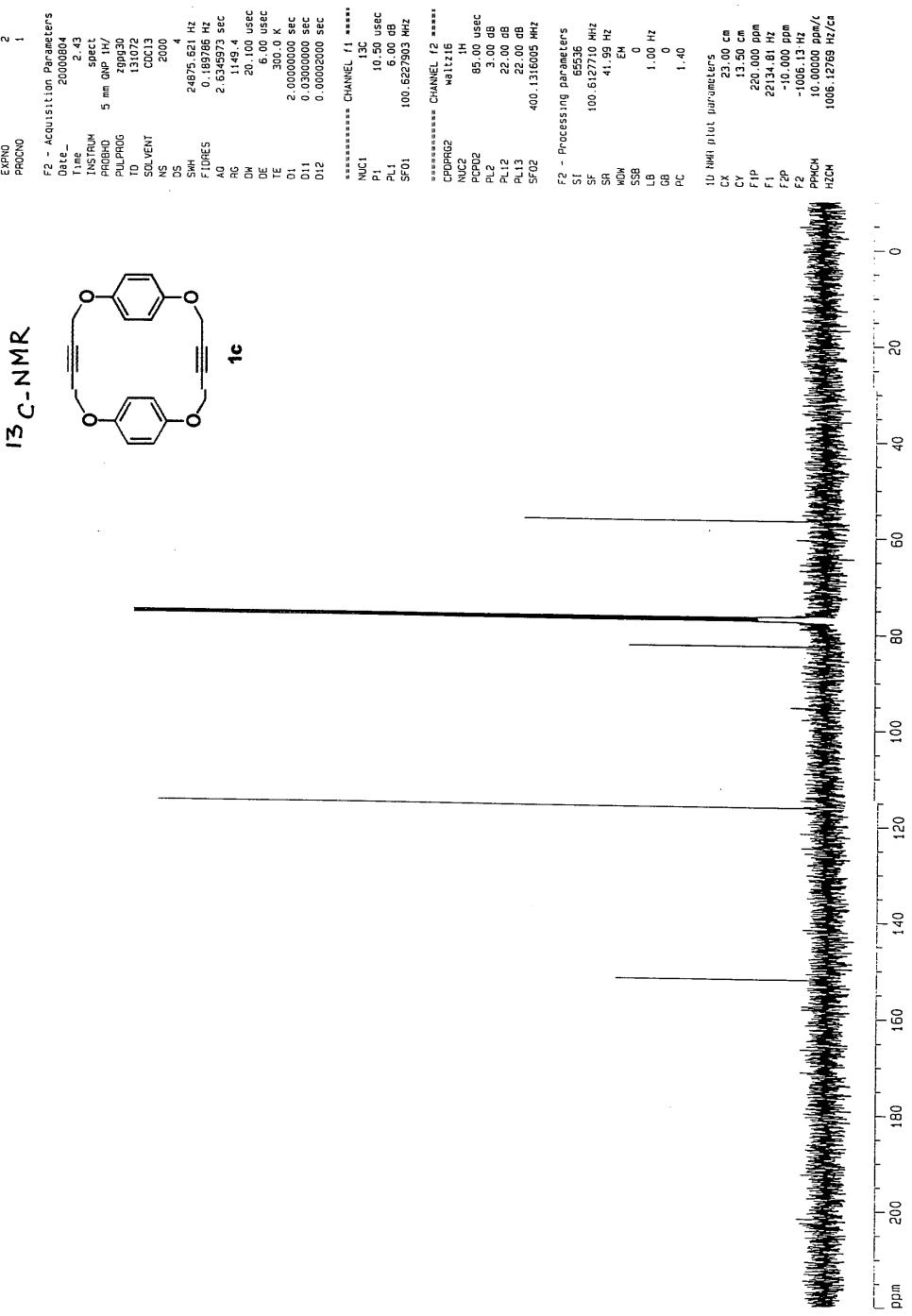
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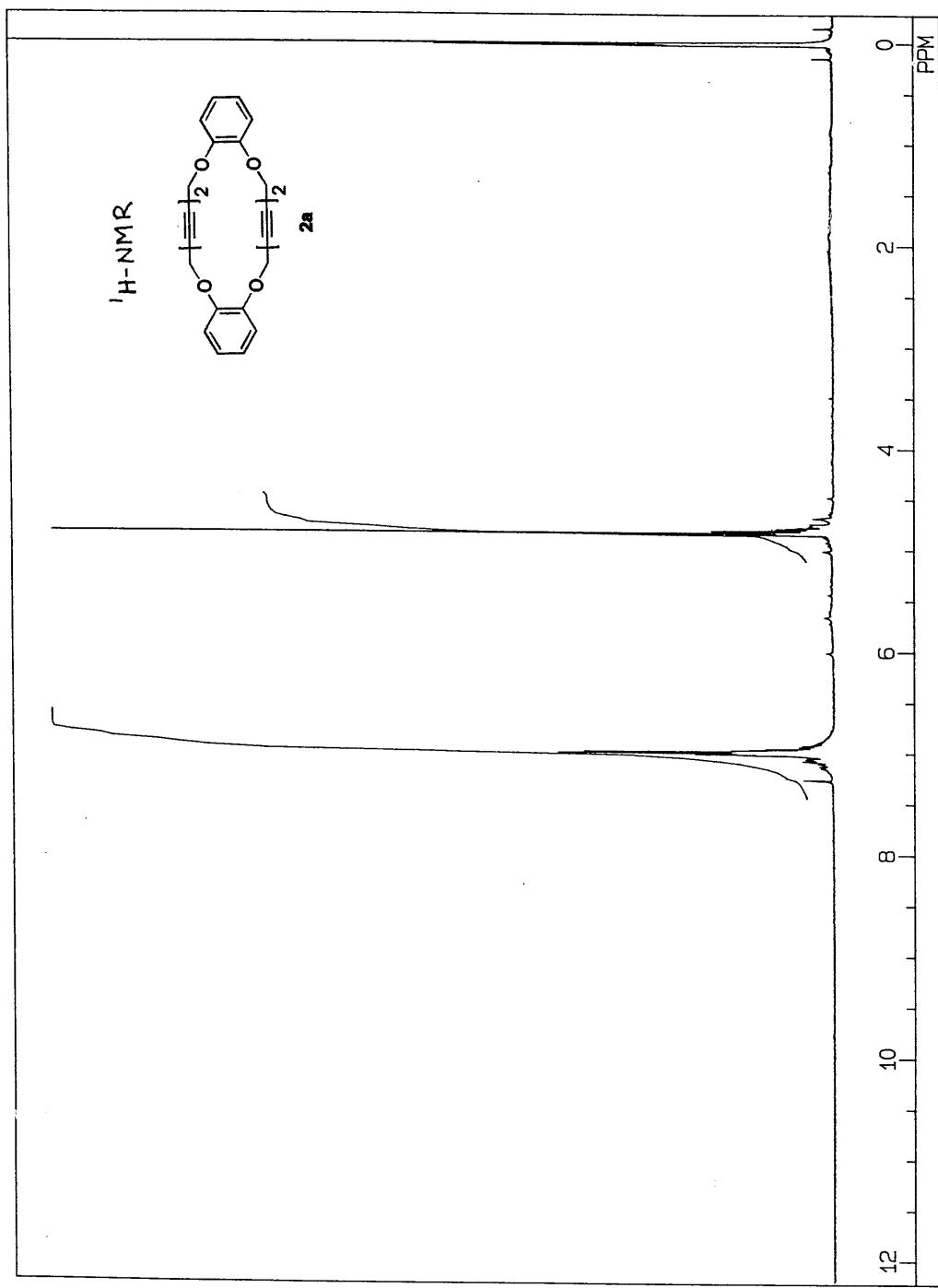
152.22 (s), 116.05 (d), 79.0 (s), 75.42 (d), 74.79 (s), 71.0 (s), 56.96 (t), 56.46 (t); MS (EI, 70 eV), 370 (M^+ , 75), 183 (35), 147 (100); Anal. calcd. C = 77.81, H = 4.90, found C = 76.74, H = 4.78.

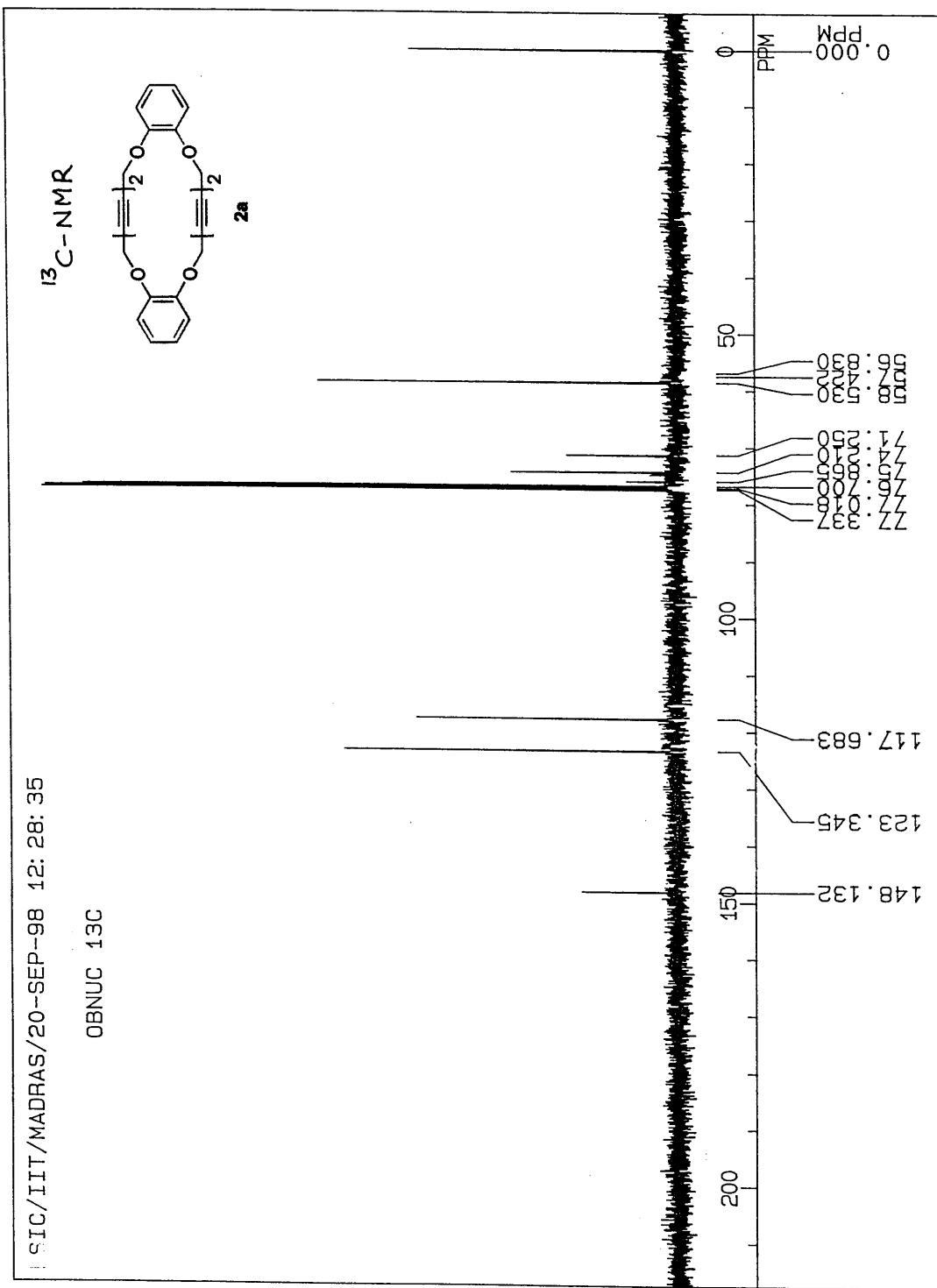
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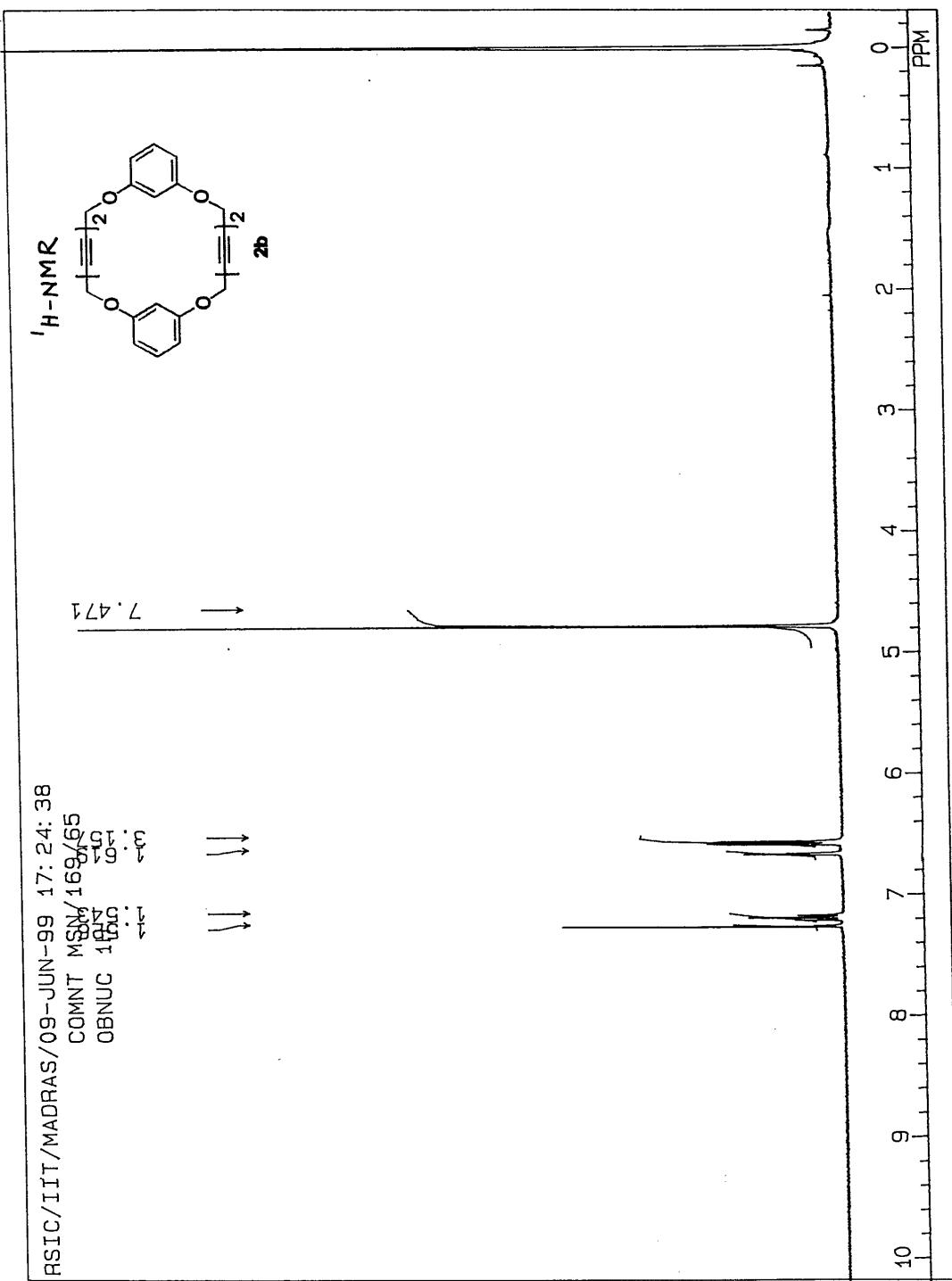
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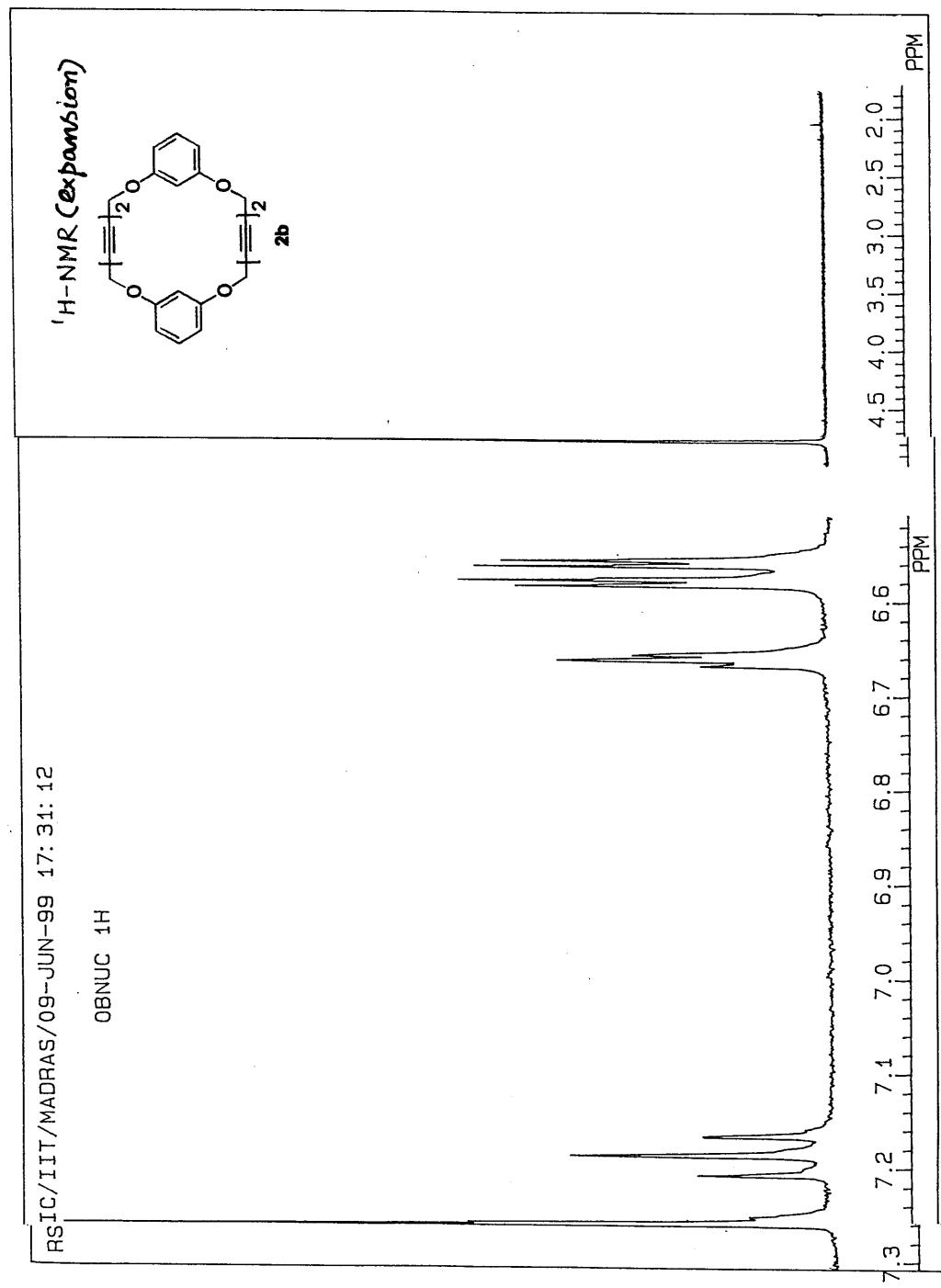


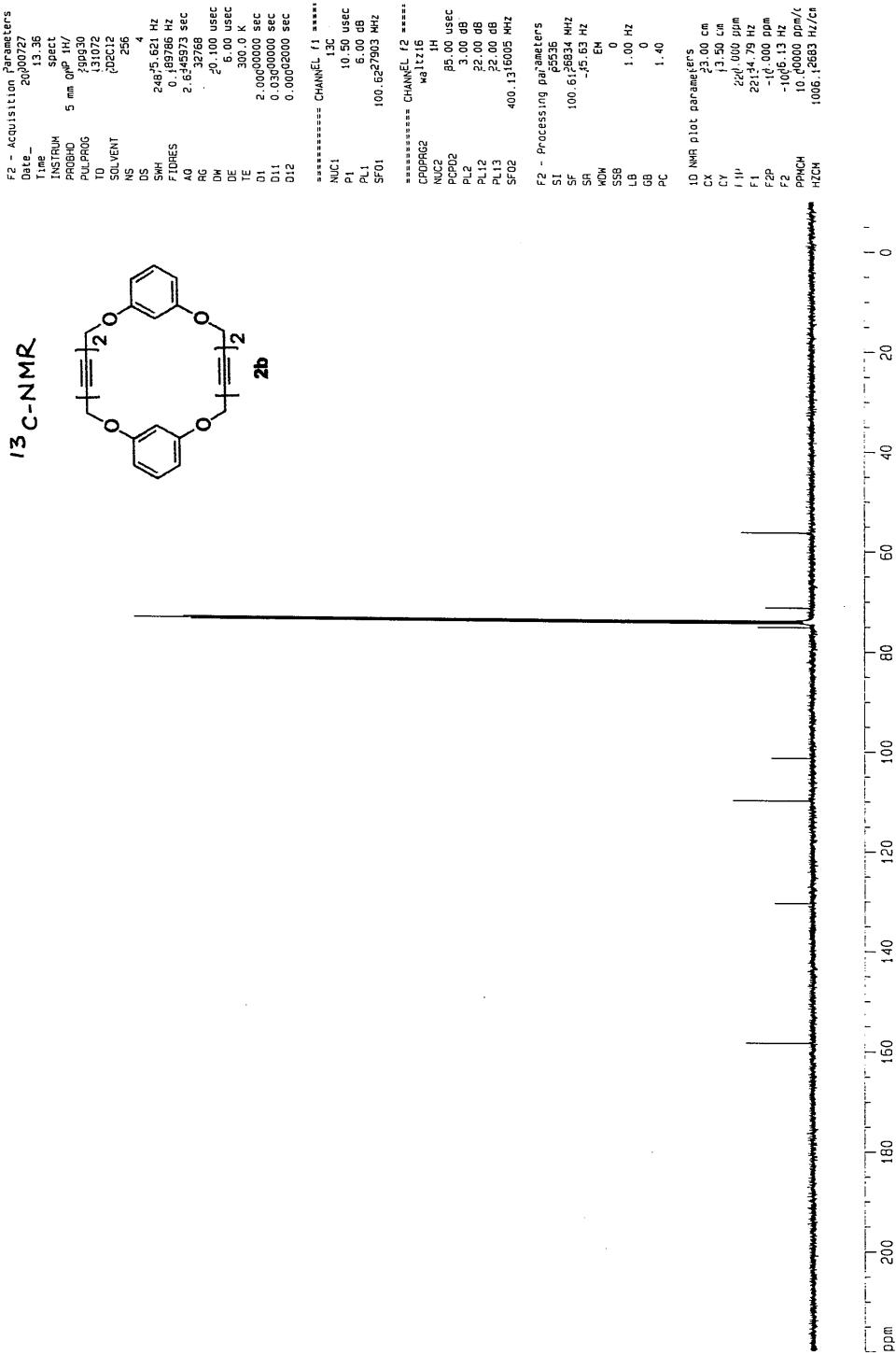


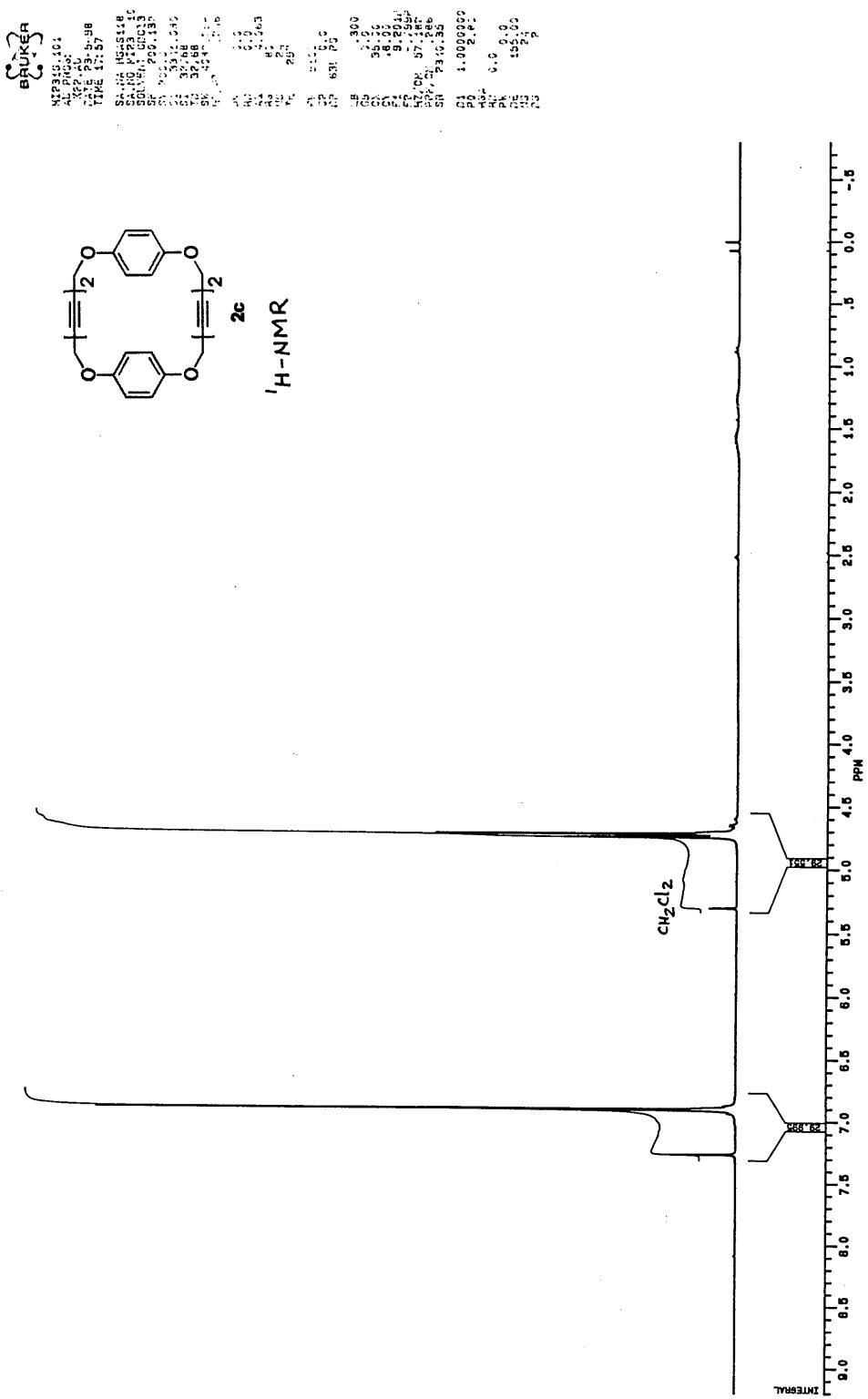


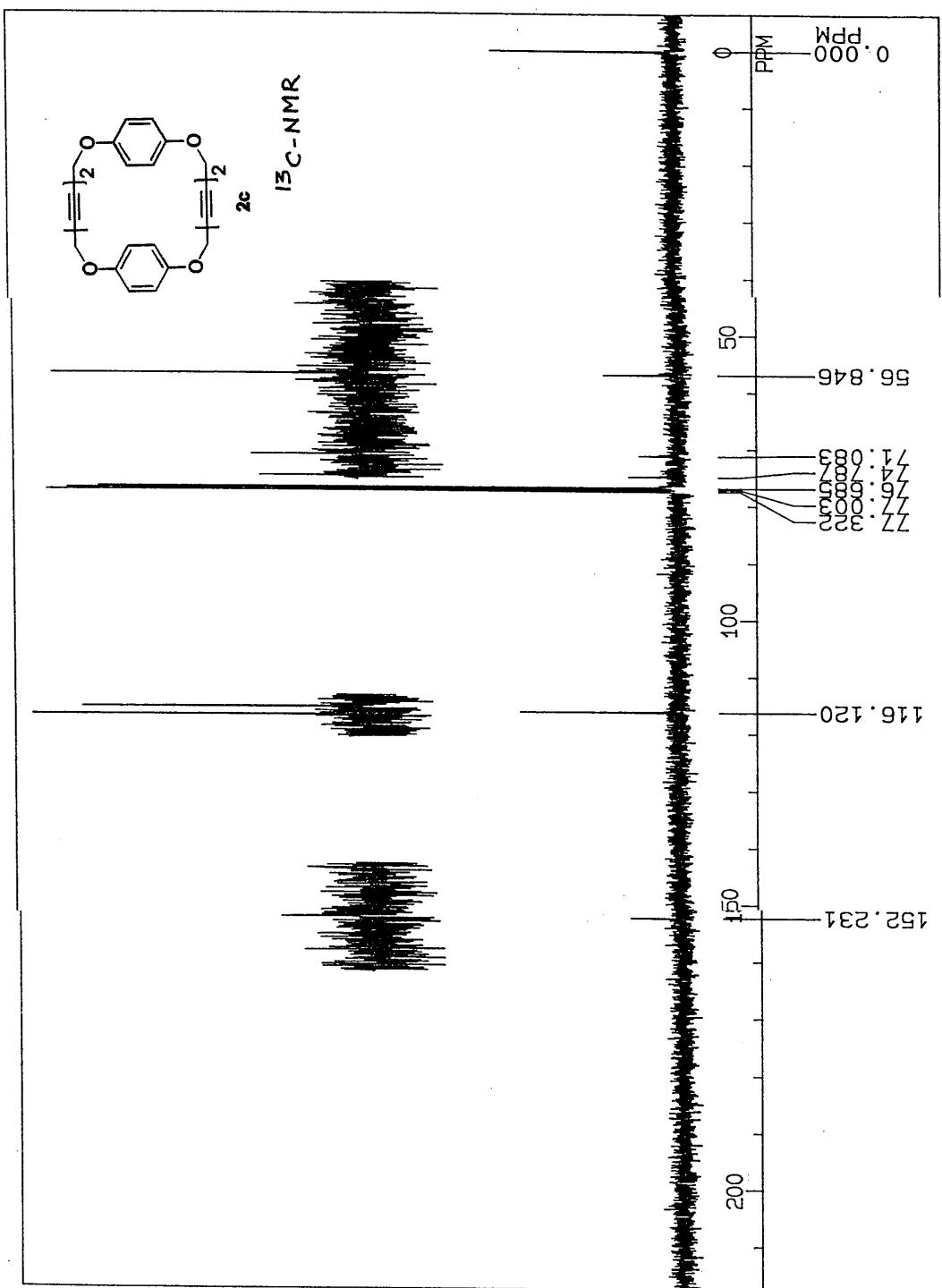


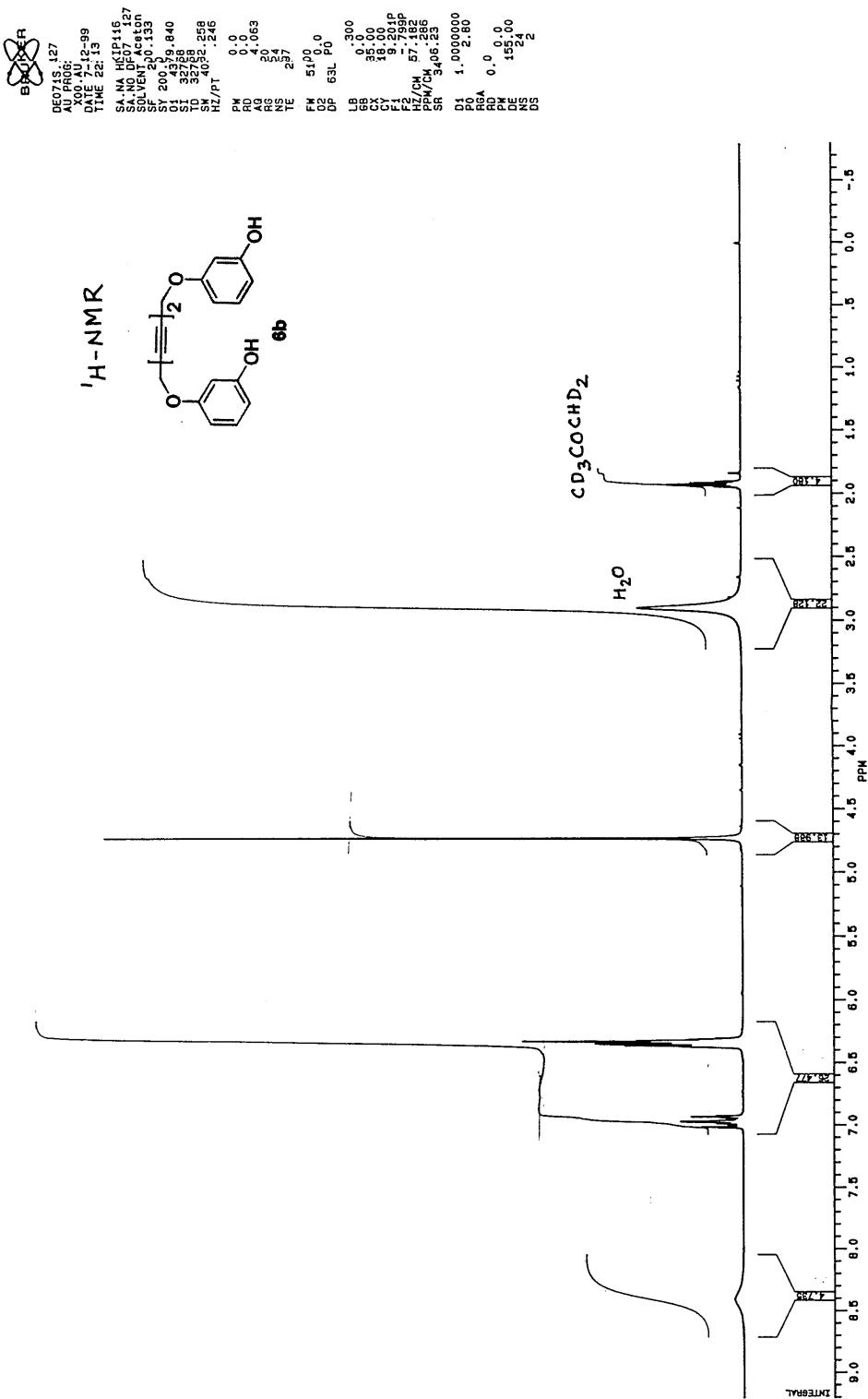


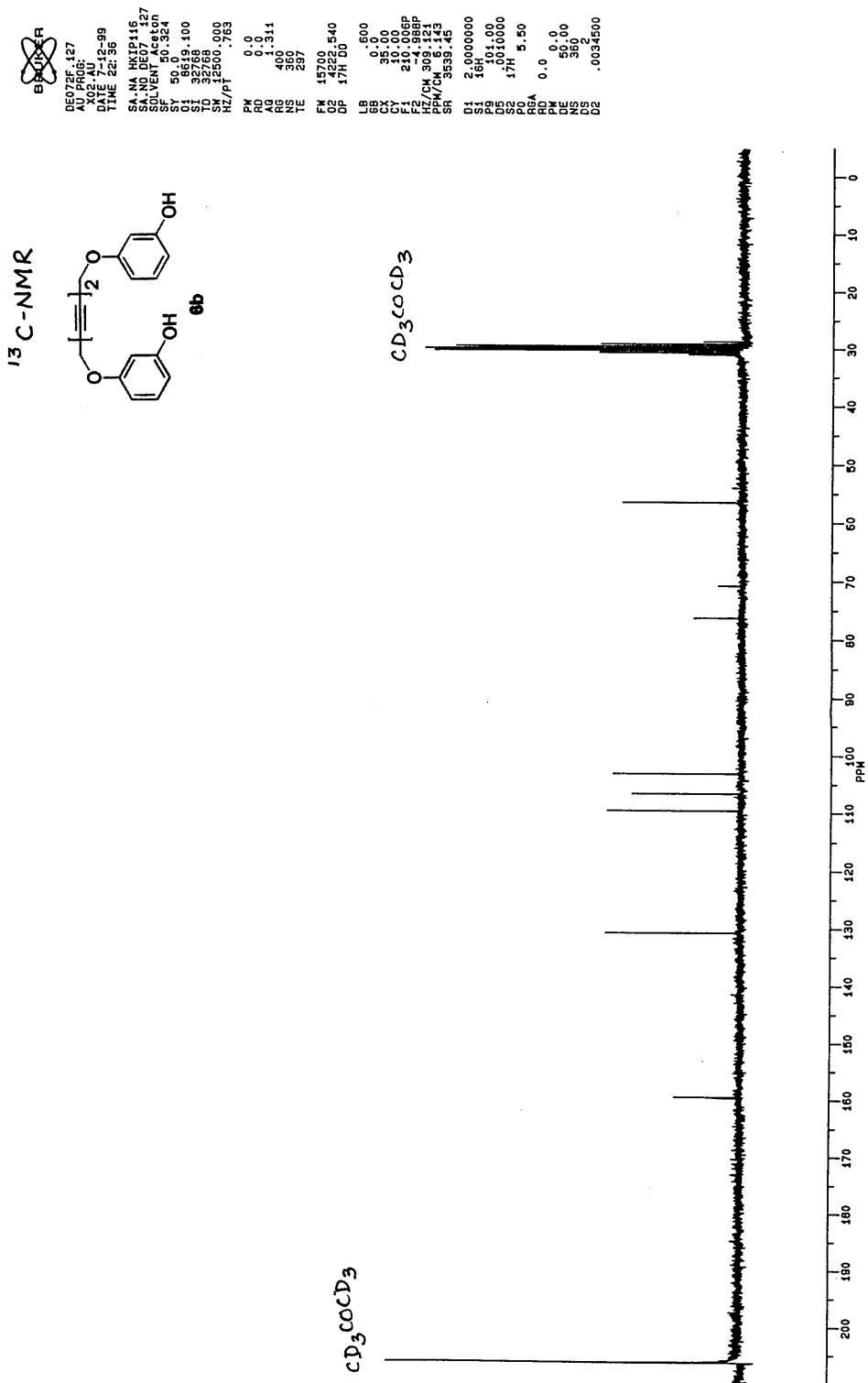


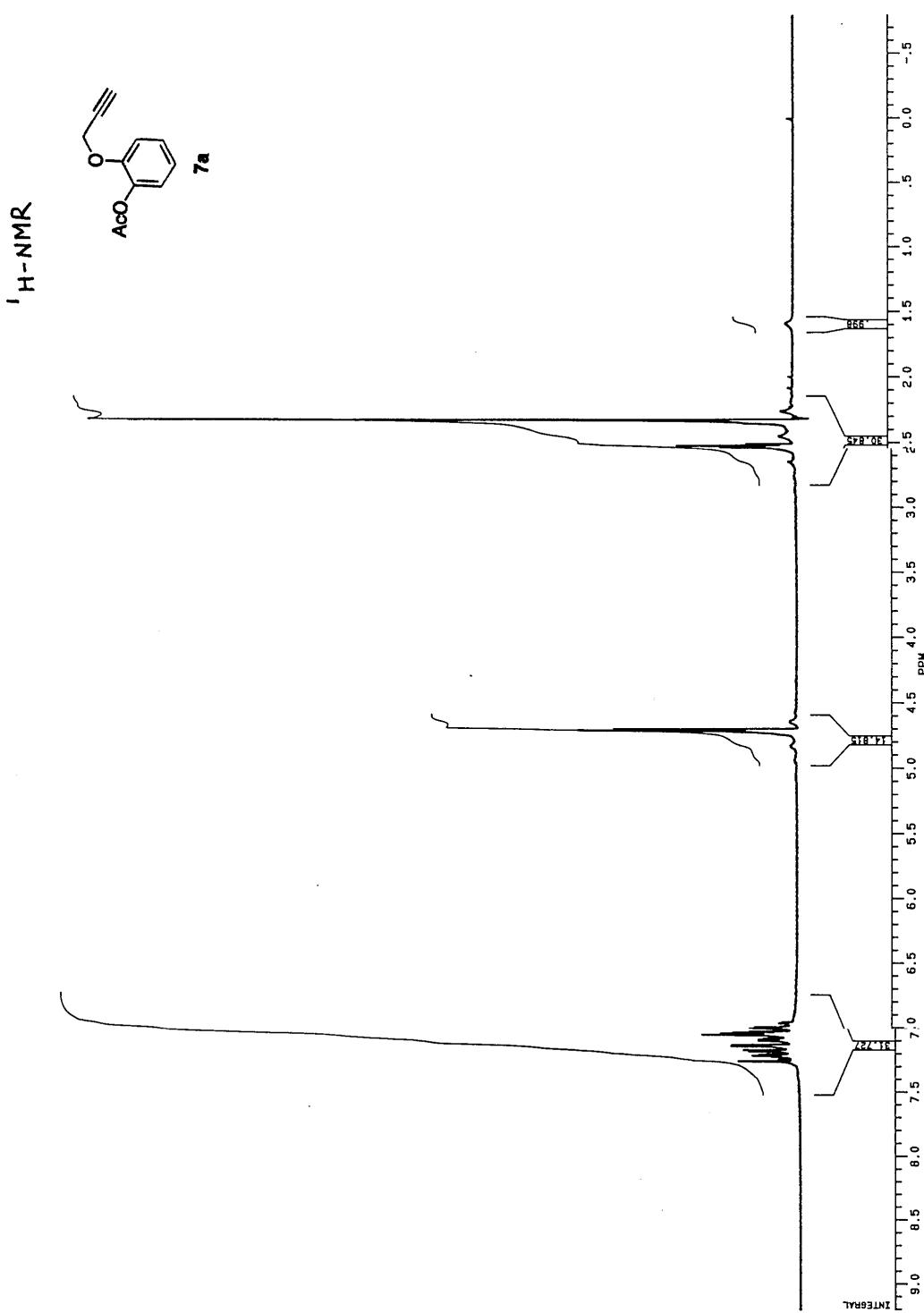


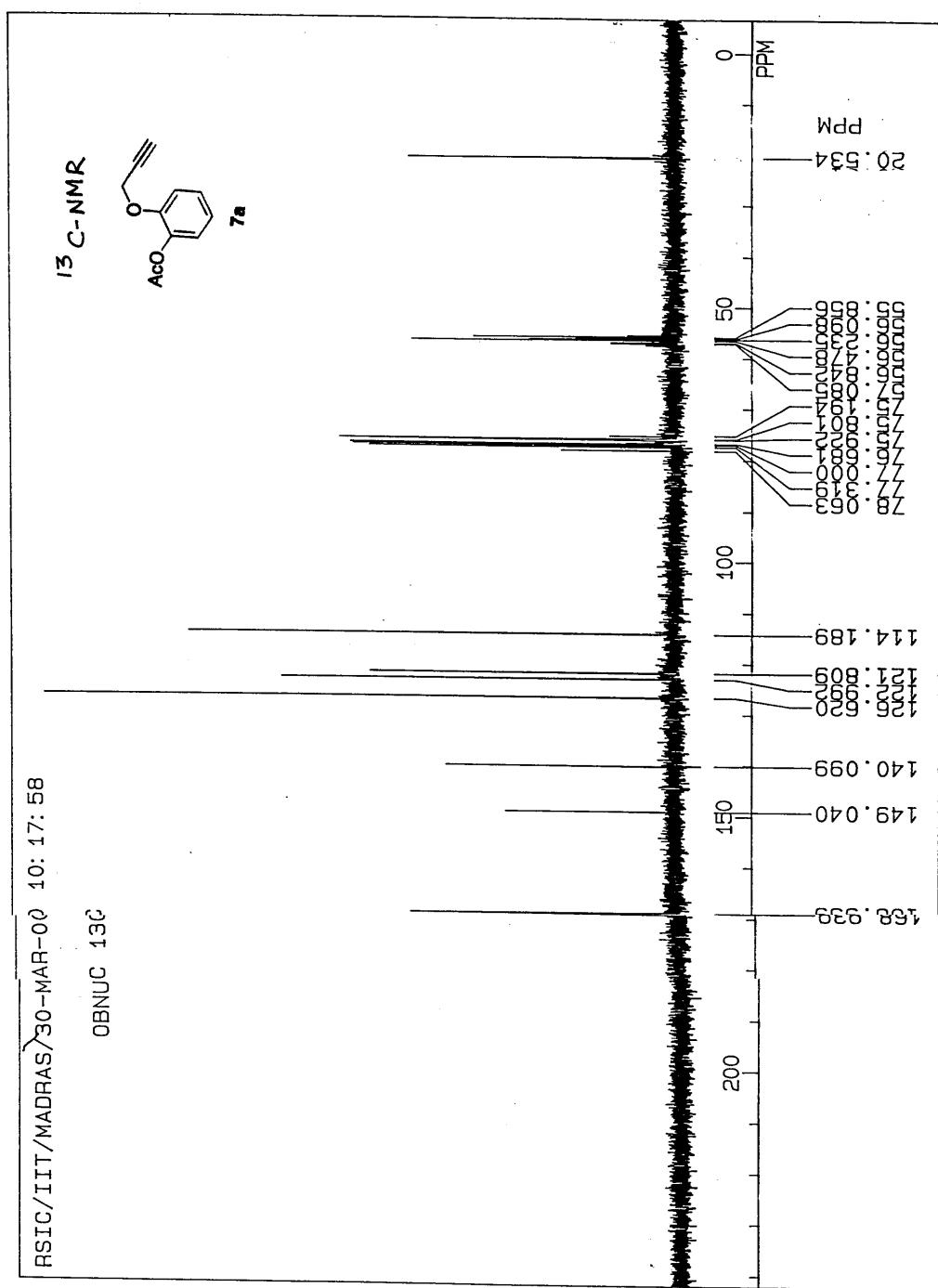


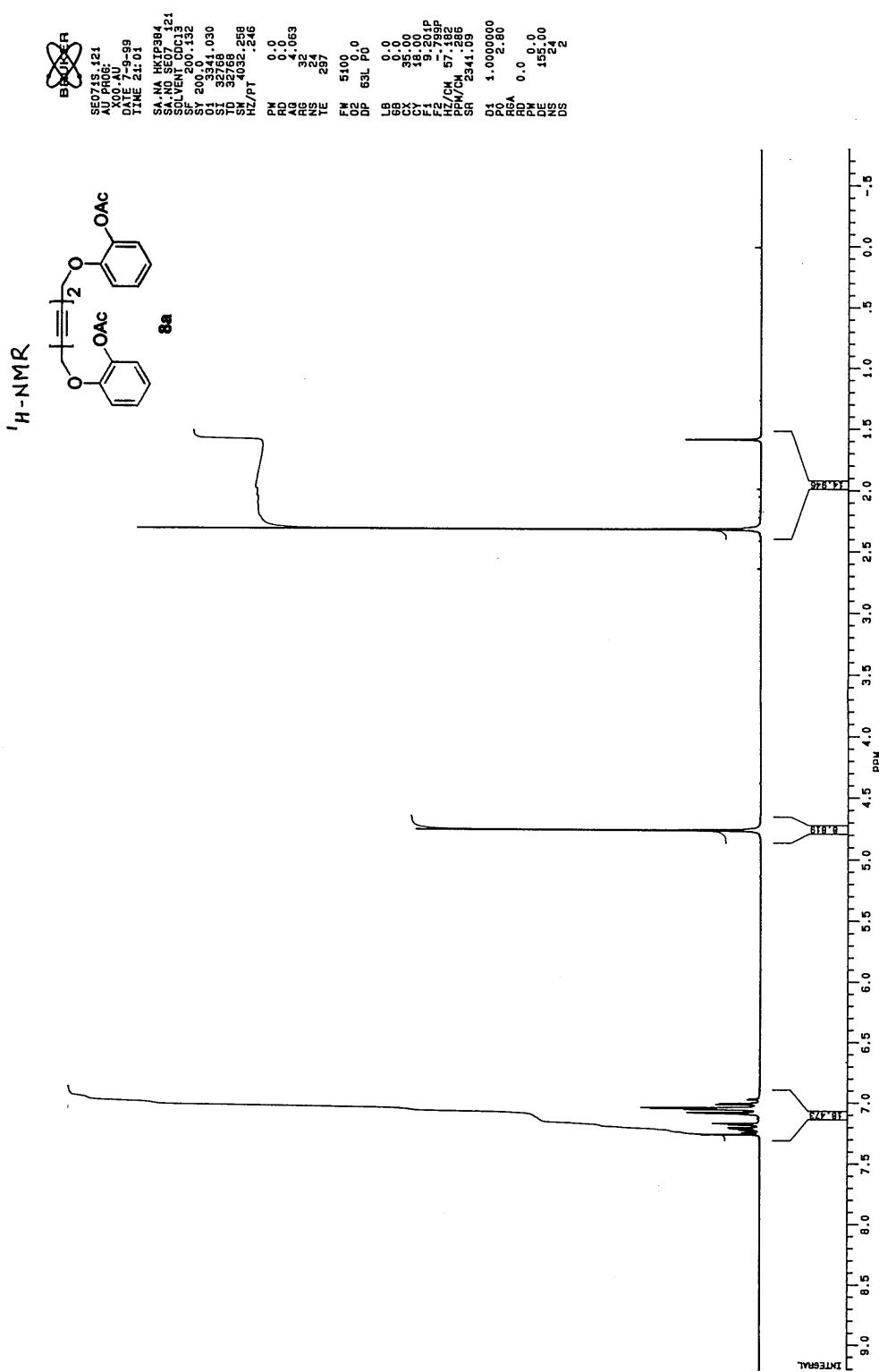


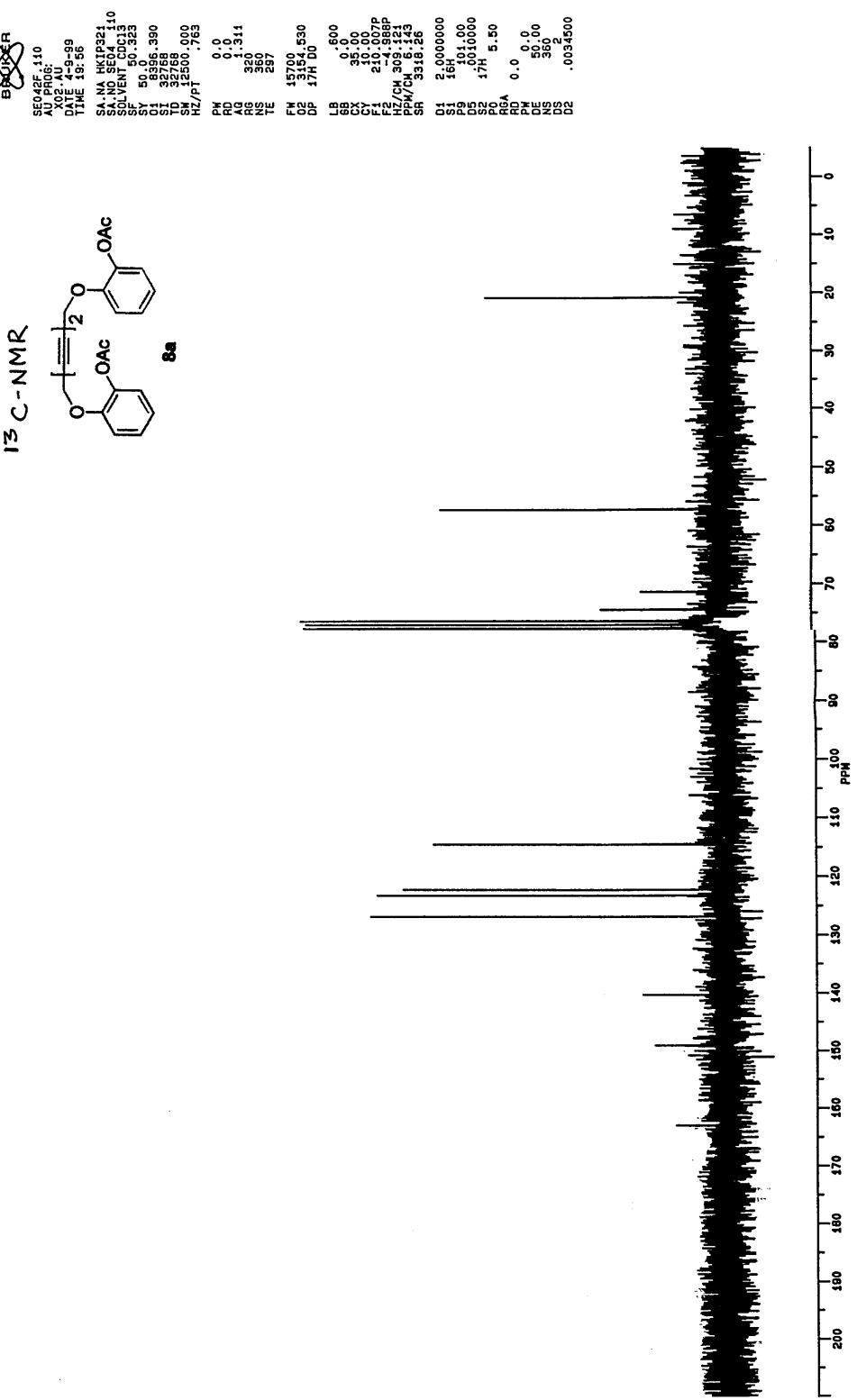


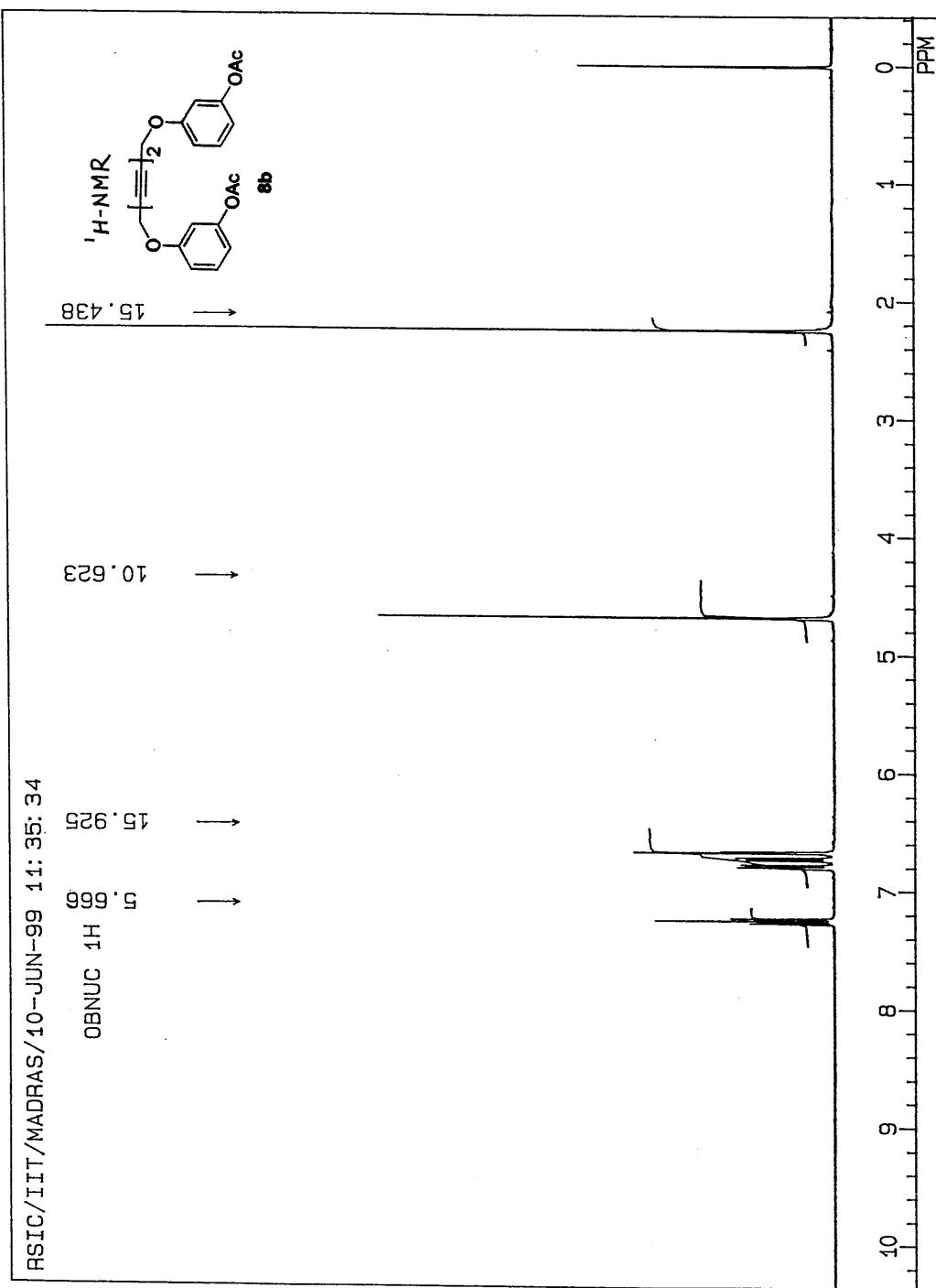


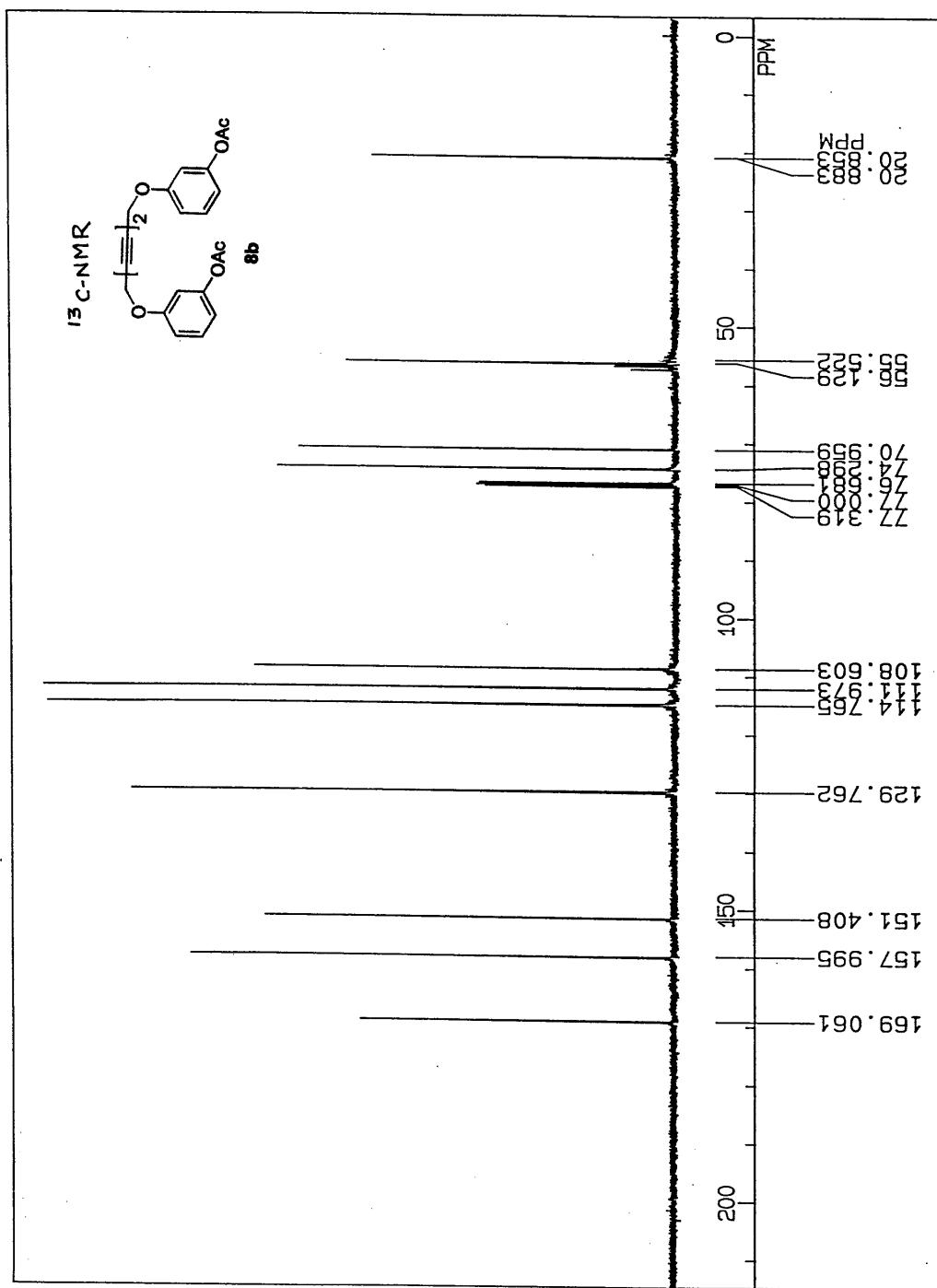


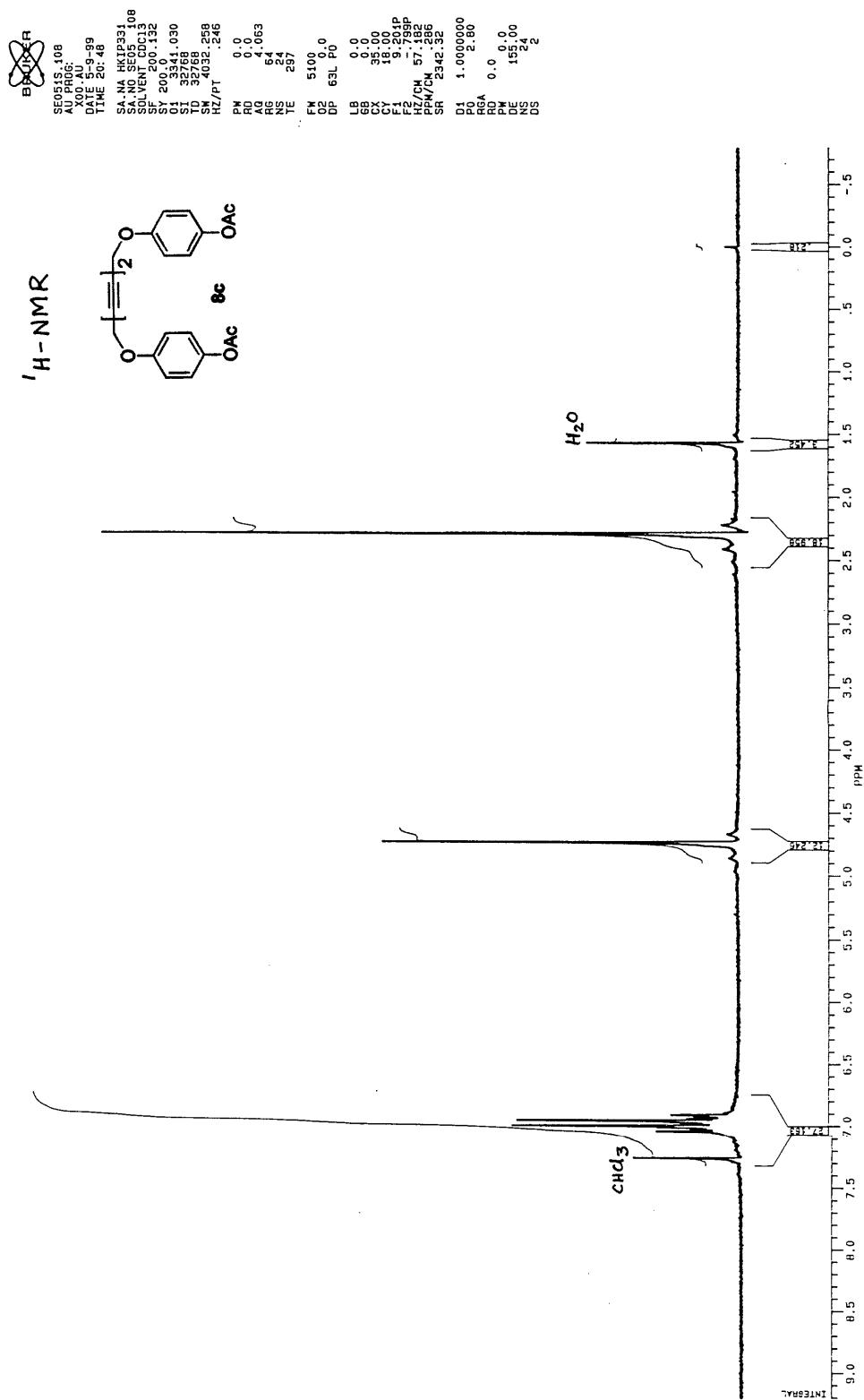














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