

Supporting information for  
Oxo-Rhenium Catalyzed Deoxygenation and Reductive Coupling of Alcohols

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## General procedures and analysis

### Reaction of Alcohols with $\text{PPh}_3/(\text{PPh}_3)_2\text{ReO}_2\text{I}$

0.10 mmol (18.4 mg) of benzhydrol, 0.10 mmol (26.2 mg) of triphenylphosphine, and 11.5 mol% (10 mg) of  $(\text{Ph}_3\text{P})_2\text{IReO}_2$  were added to a thick-walled Ace glass reactor tube containing a magnetic stir bar. 1 mL of benzene was added to the tube. The tube containing the reaction mixture was sealed with a Teflon, front-seal plunger valve and degassed, three times at room temperature with mild vacuum (ca. 60 mmHg) and backfilled with  $\text{N}_2$ . The reactor tube was then placed in an oil bath at 150°C and heated for 24 hours.

#### Analysis :

To determine a yield by NMR, 300  $\mu\text{L}$  of the reaction mixture were dispensed into an NMR tube, along with 5  $\mu\text{L}$  of DMF and ca. 500  $\mu\text{L}$  of  $\text{CDCl}_3$ . A  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum was obtained on a Varian Mercury VX-300 MHz and processed using SpinWorks<sup>1</sup>.

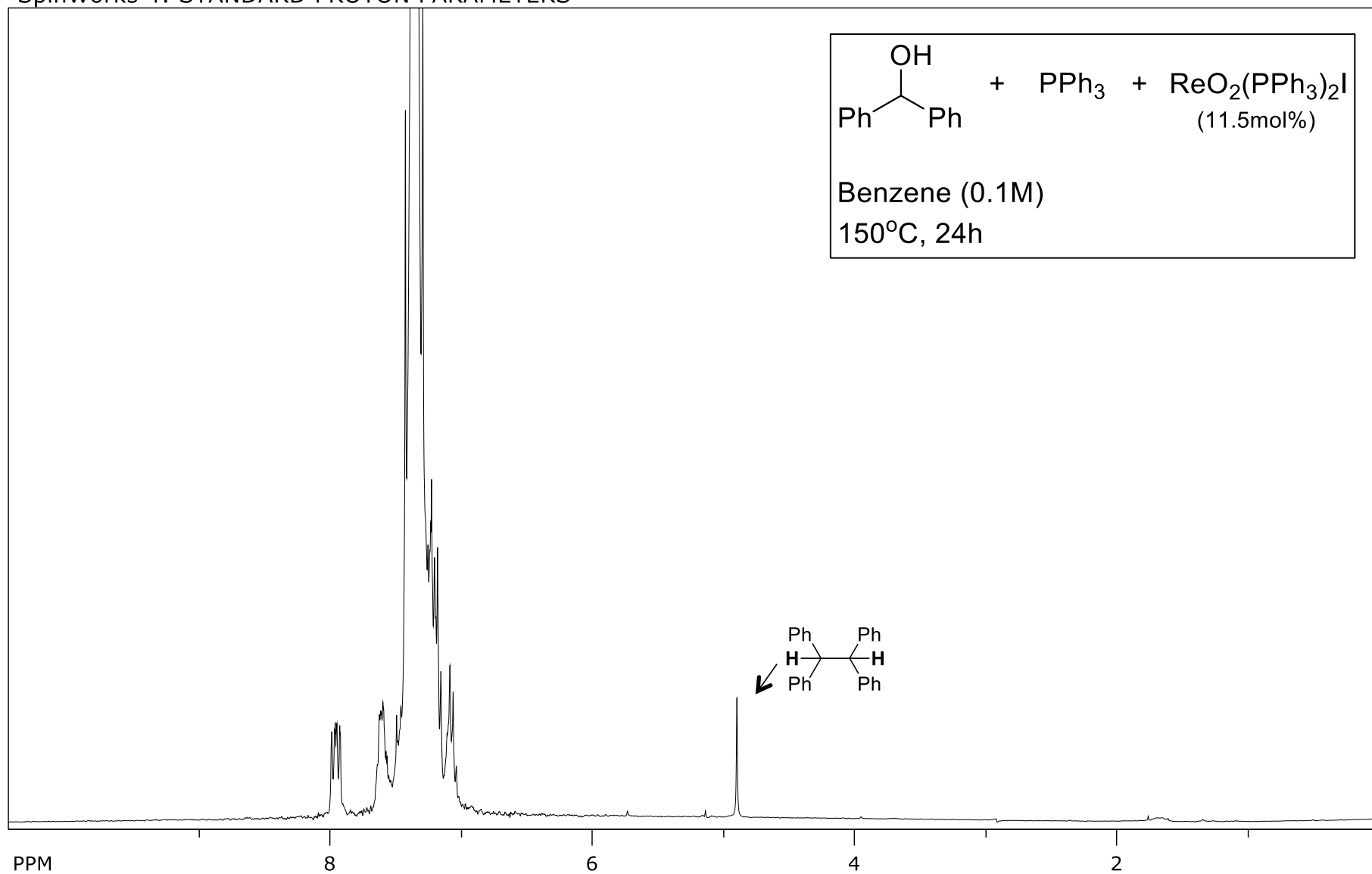
To determine an isolated yield, the reaction was repeated at a 1.0 mmol scale. The reaction mixture was concentrated by rotary evaporation before being added to a silica column. The reaction product was eluted down with dichloromethane, the solvent rotary evaporated and the residue weighed.

### Reaction of Alcohols with $\text{PPh}_3/(\text{PPh}_3)_2\text{ReO}_2\text{I}$

In a typical reaction benzhydrol (1.0 mmol) and  $\text{Bu}_4\text{N}[(\text{salicyl-2-thiophenyl-hydrazide})\text{VO}_2]$  (0.10 mmol) were combined with 5 mL benzene in a glass-lined stainless steel reactor with a magnetic spin bar, then flushed twice and pressurized with CO up to a total pressure of 280 psi (20 atm), and heated at 180 °C for 24h. The reaction mixture was cooled to room temperature, vented (fume hood), and an aliquot removed for  $^1\text{H}$  NMR analysis as described above with 5 mL DMSO added as an integration reference.

1) Marat, K. SpinWorks 4.0.1.0 ed. University of Manitoba: Winnipeg, Canada, 2013.

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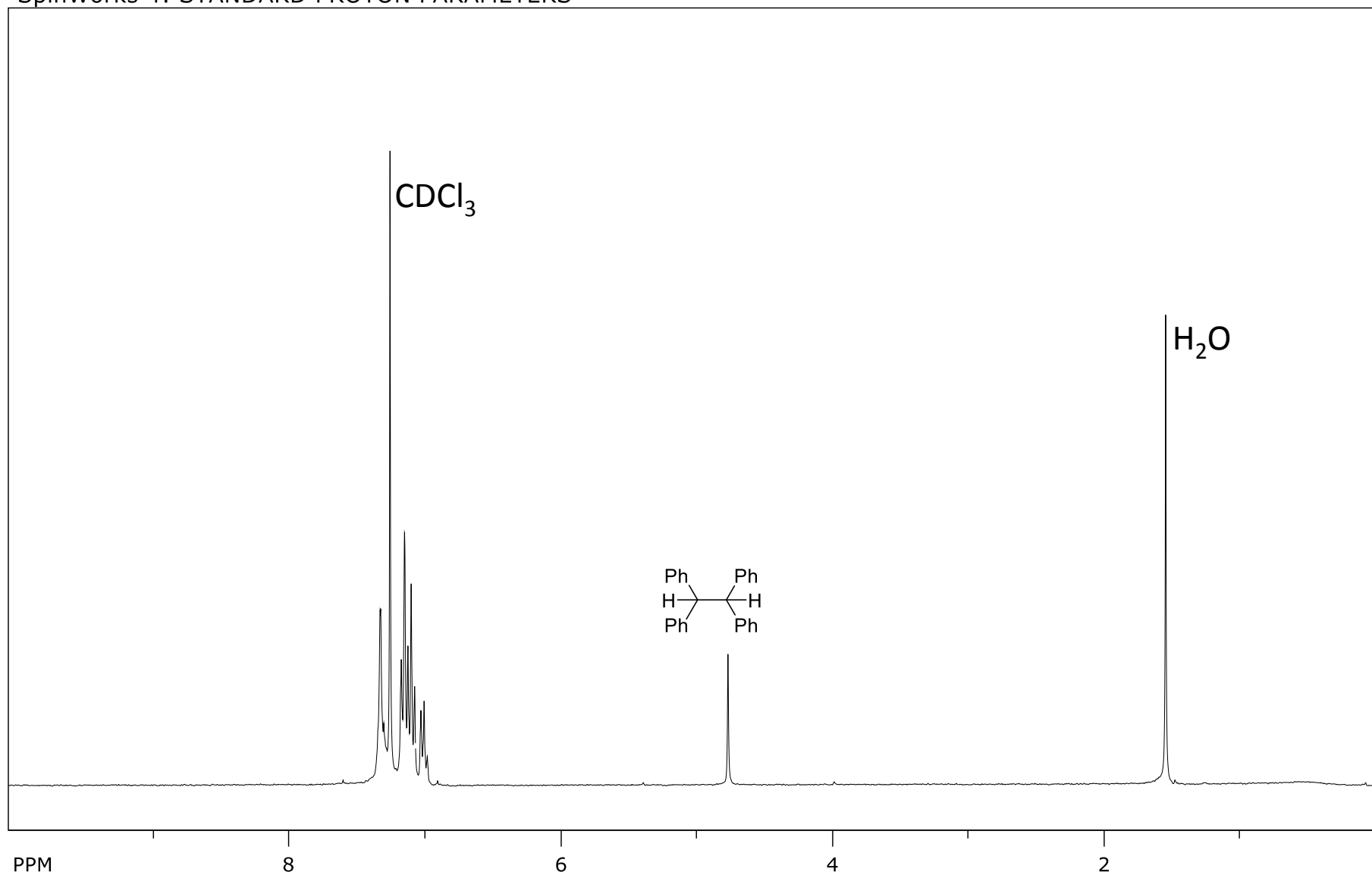


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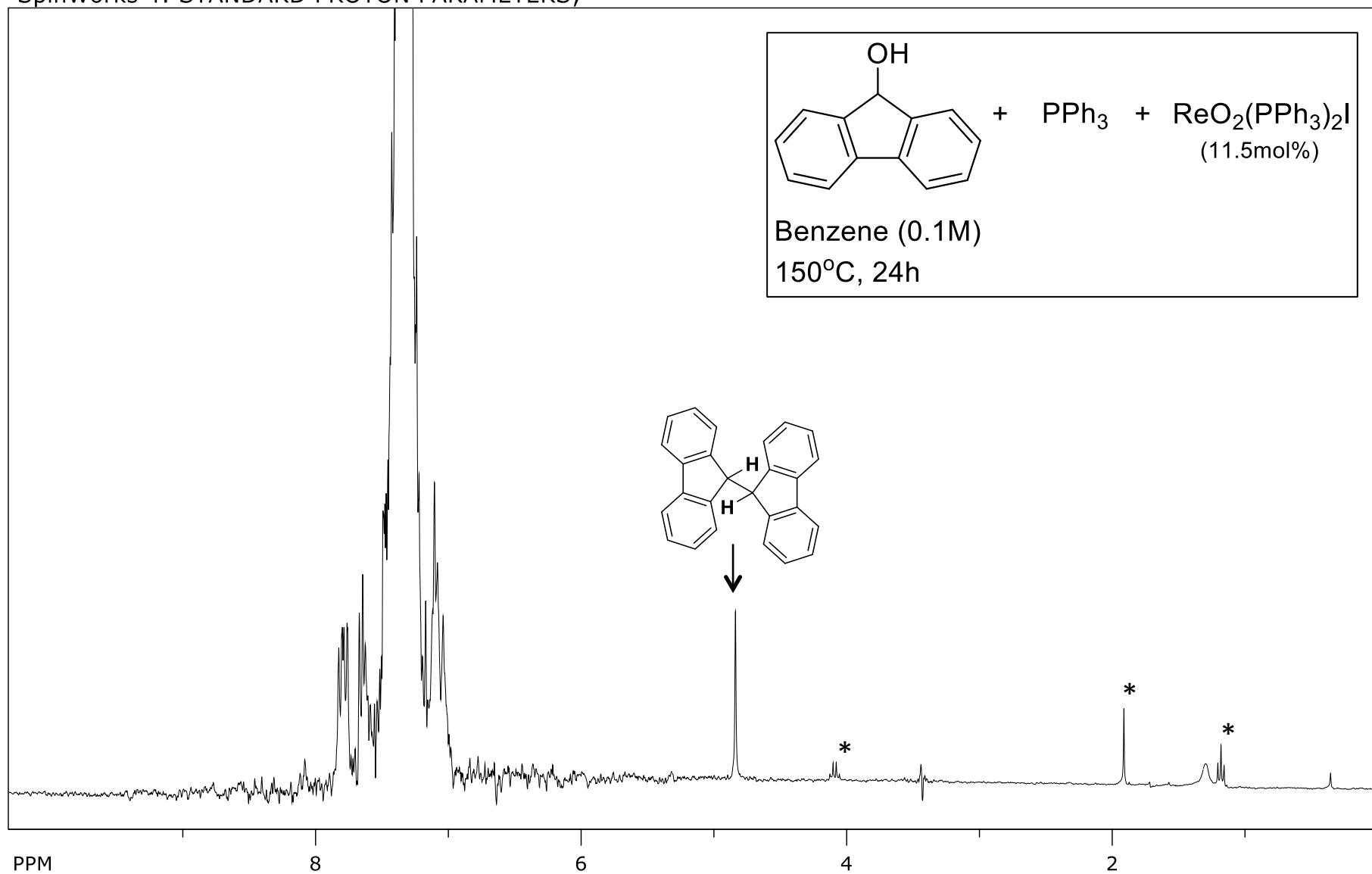
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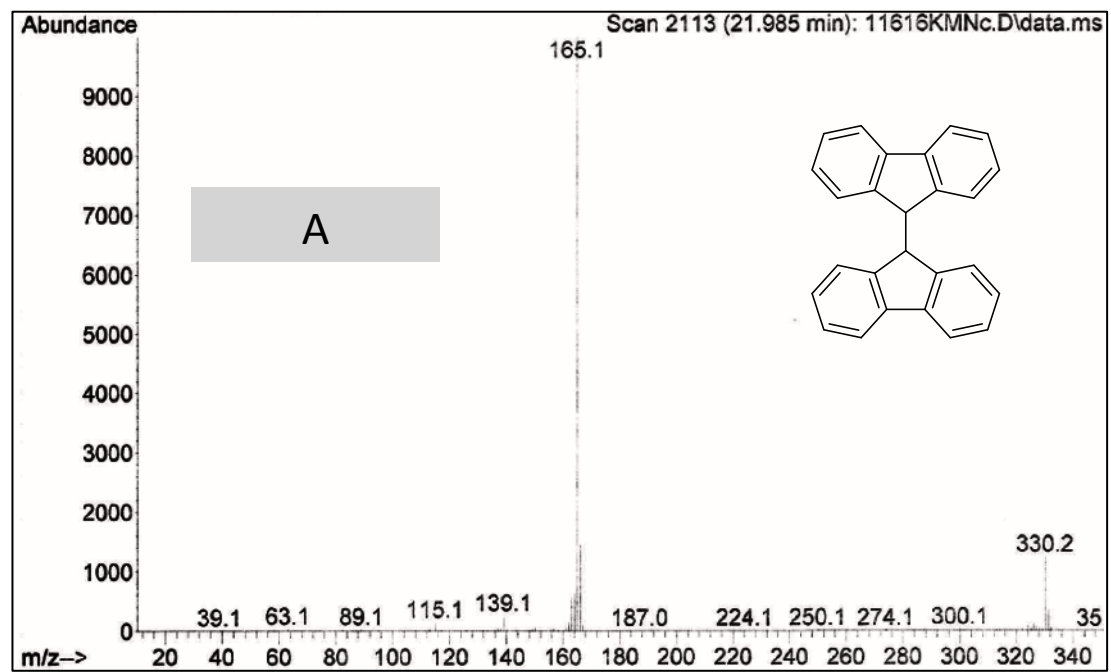
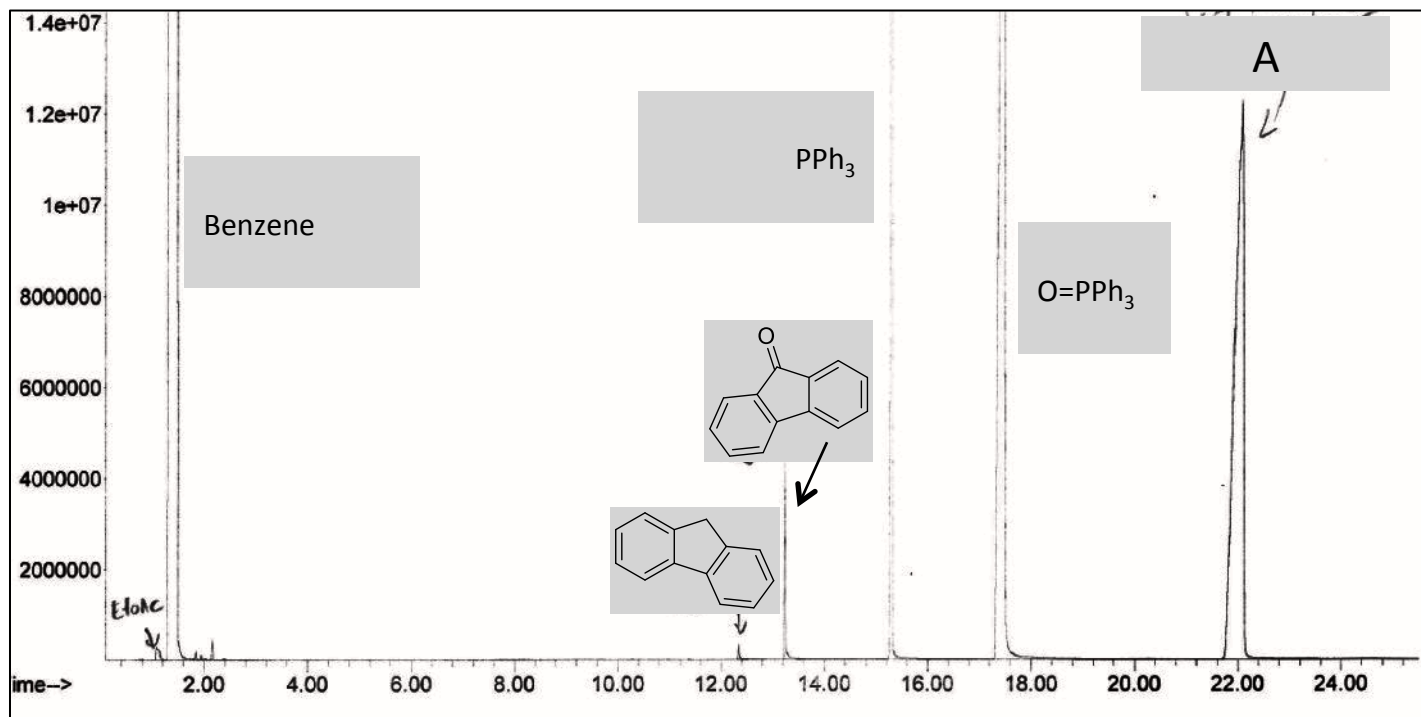


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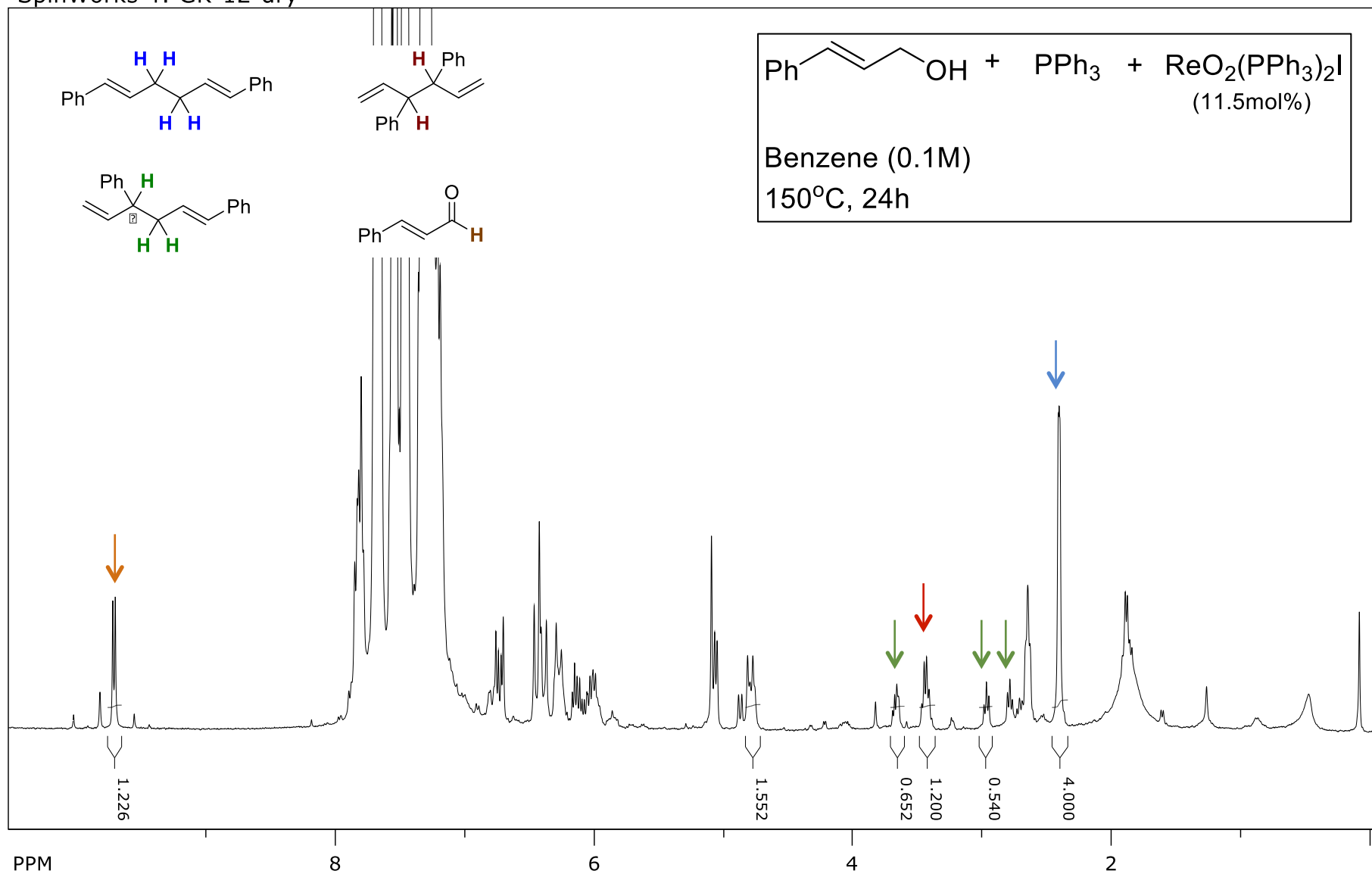
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# NMR recorded after the reaction solvent was removed under vacuum

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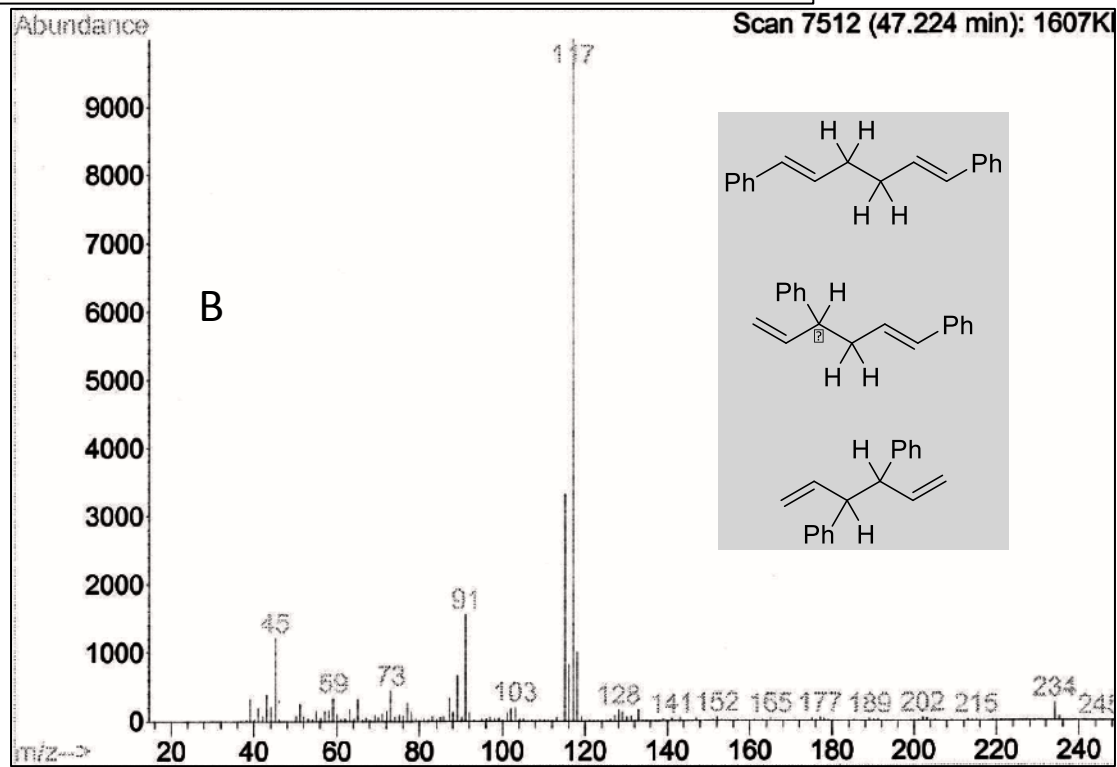
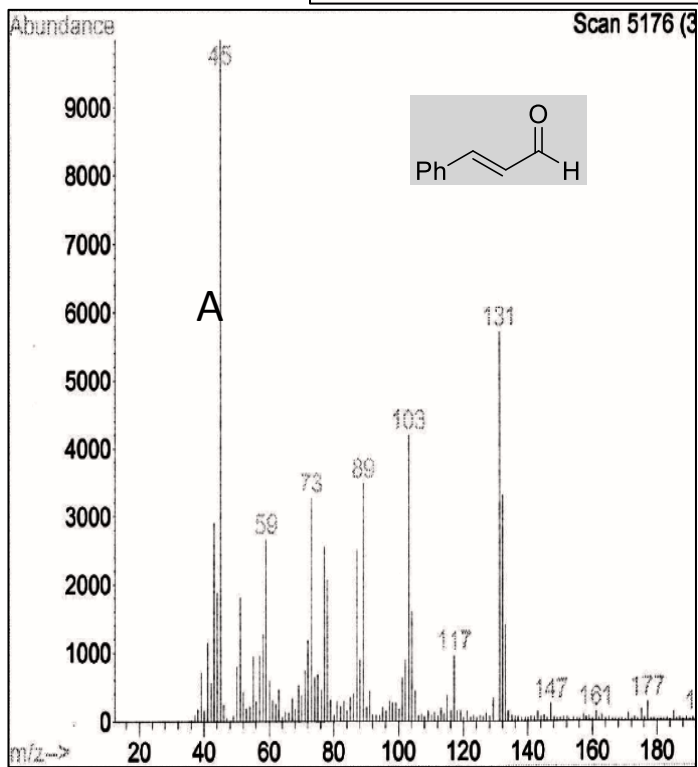
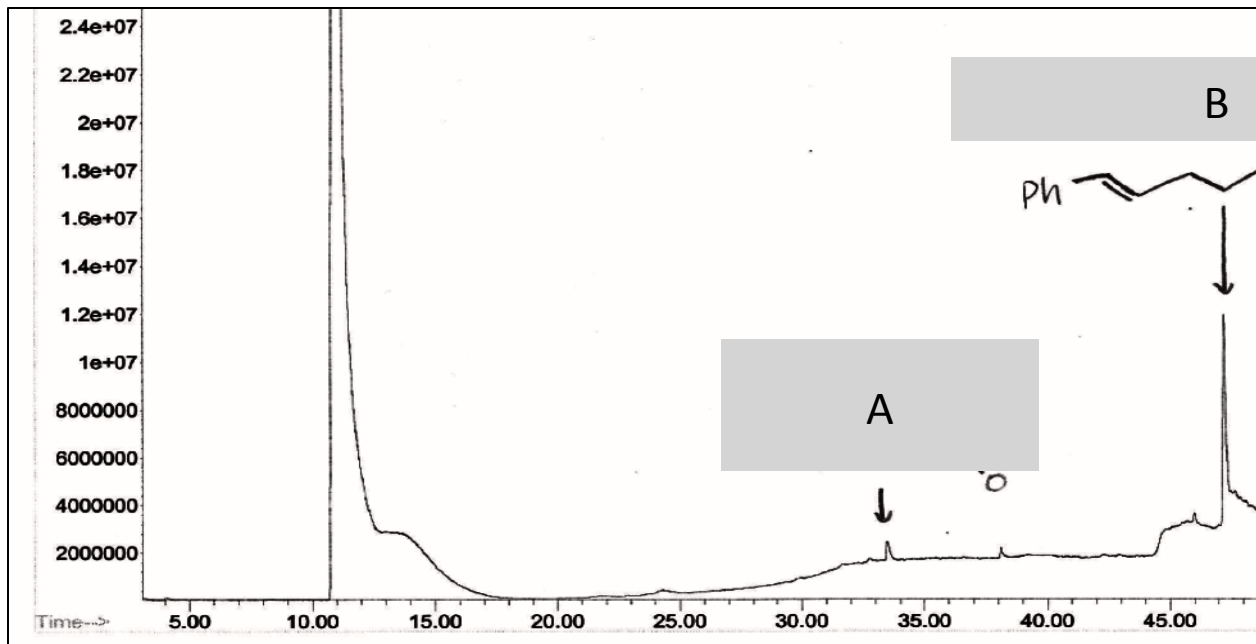
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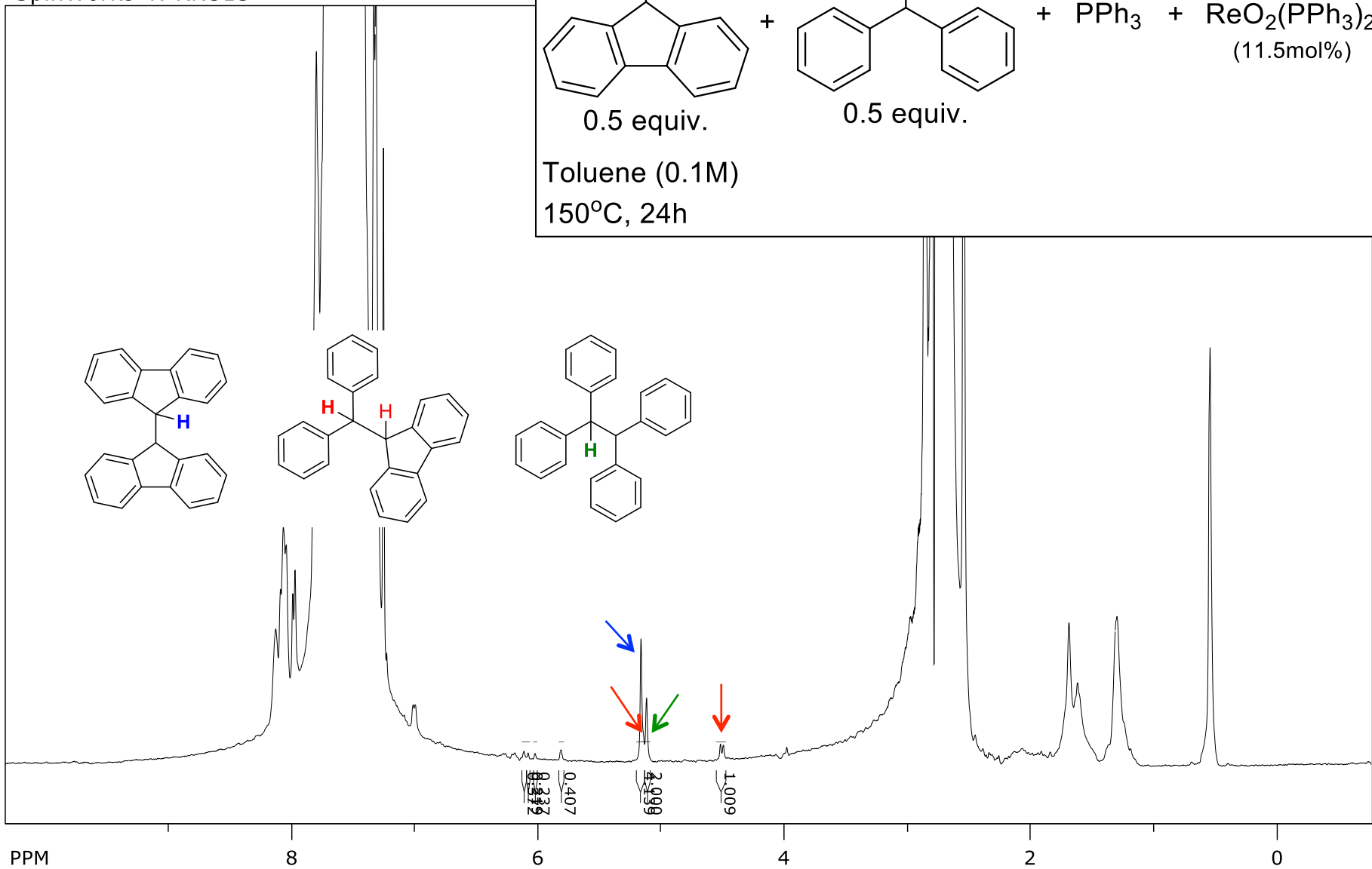
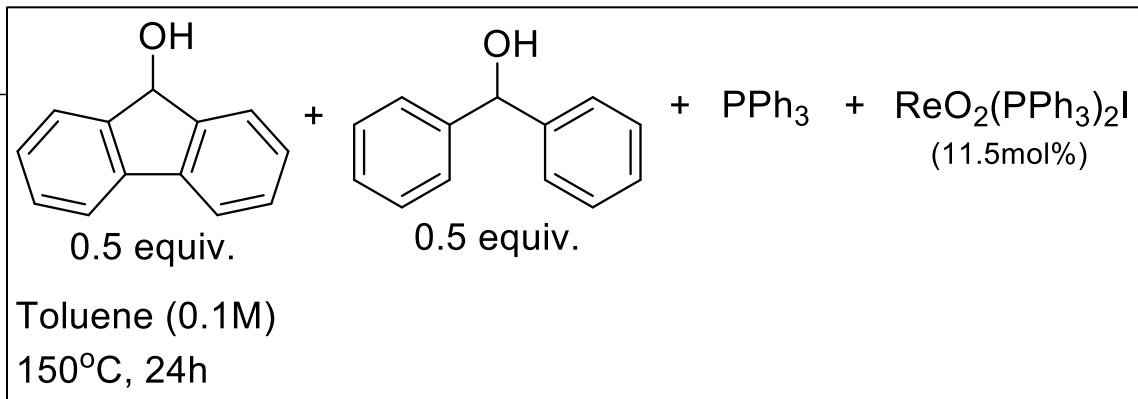
The assignment of product structures from the cinnamyl alcohol reaction is based on comparison of the H-NMR spectrum of the product mixture with the reported spectra for the isomeric dienes (ref below) and with computer simulated NMR spectra.

K. Muraoka, M. Nojima, S. Kusabayashi, S. Nagase, J. CHEM. SOC. PERKIN TRANS. II, 761, 1986.





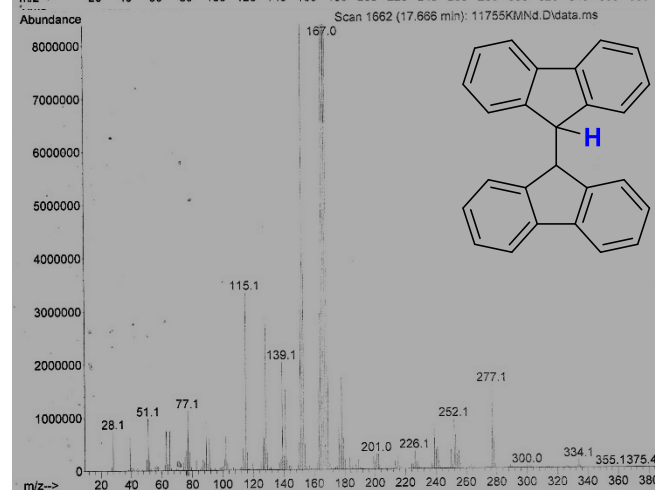
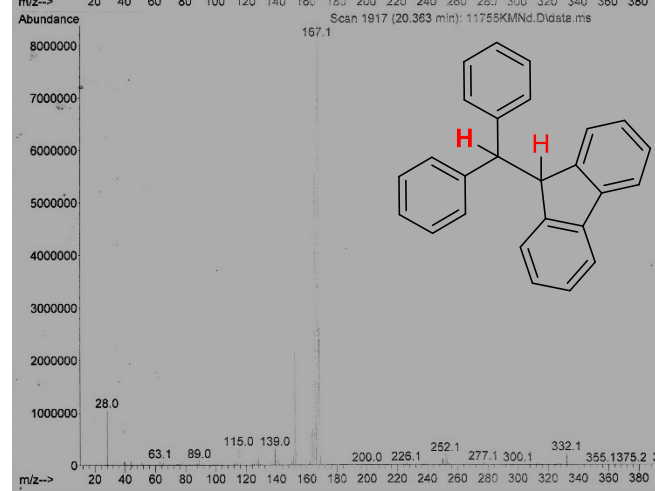
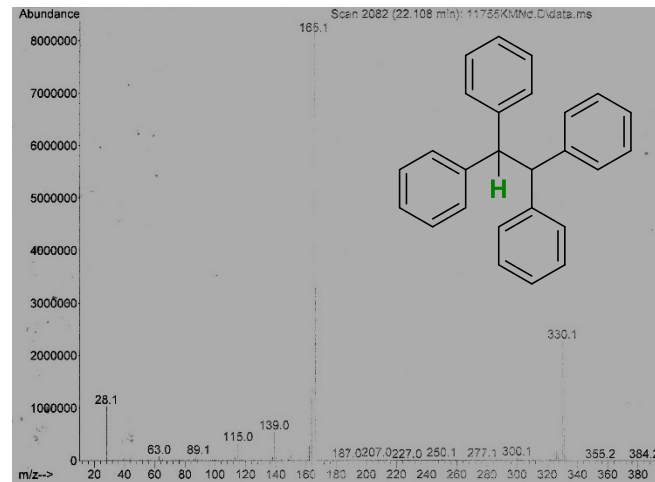
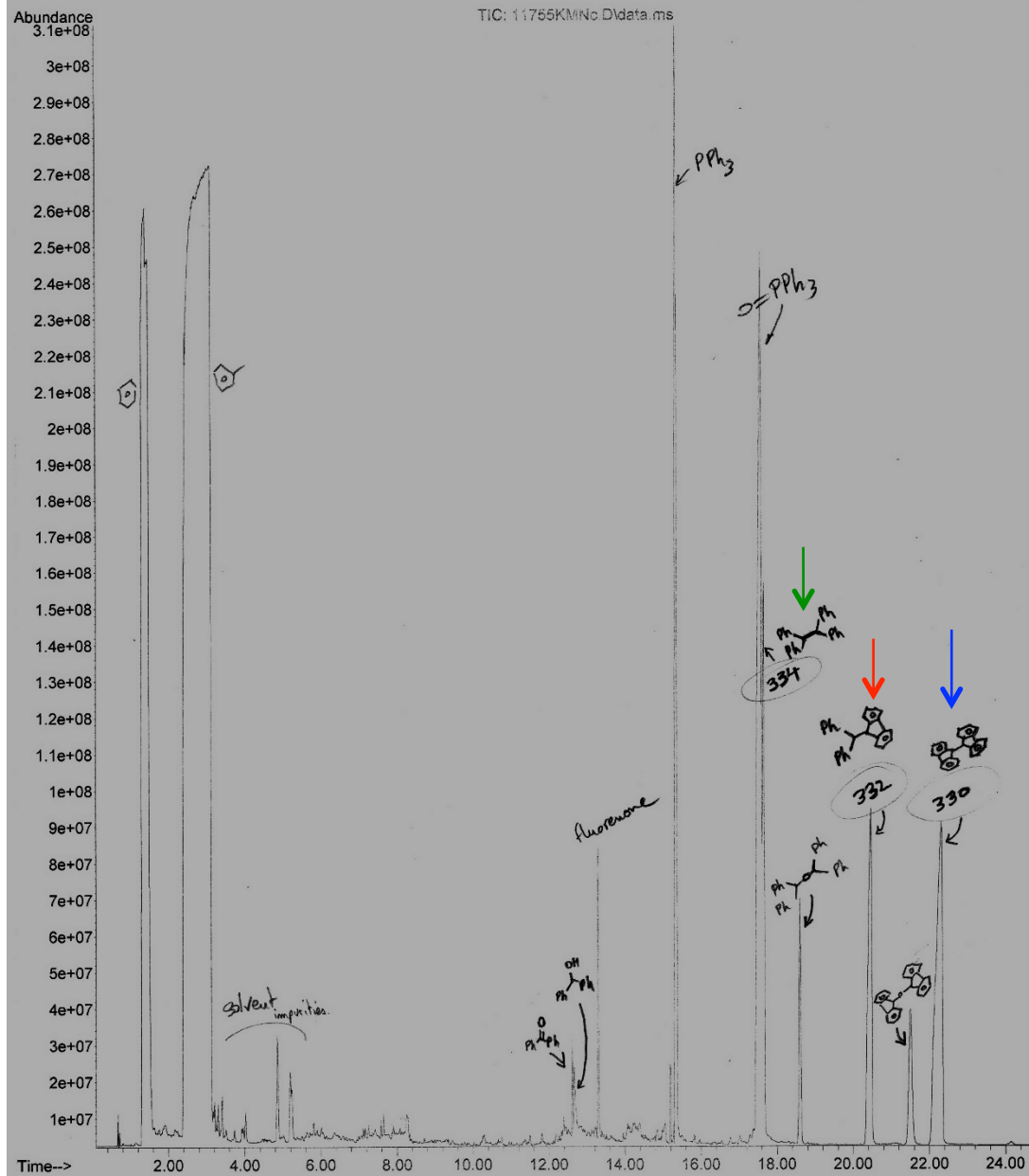
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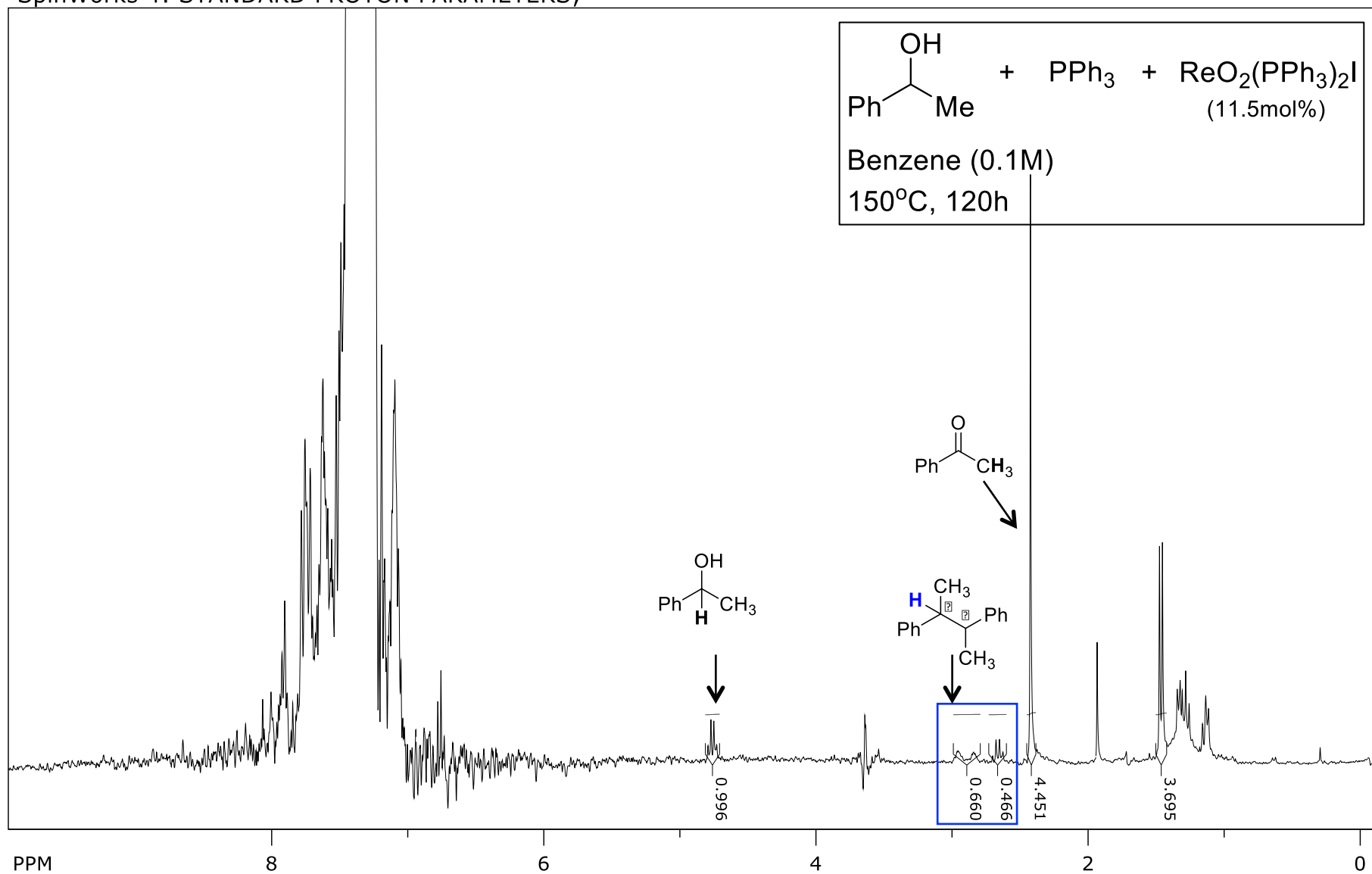
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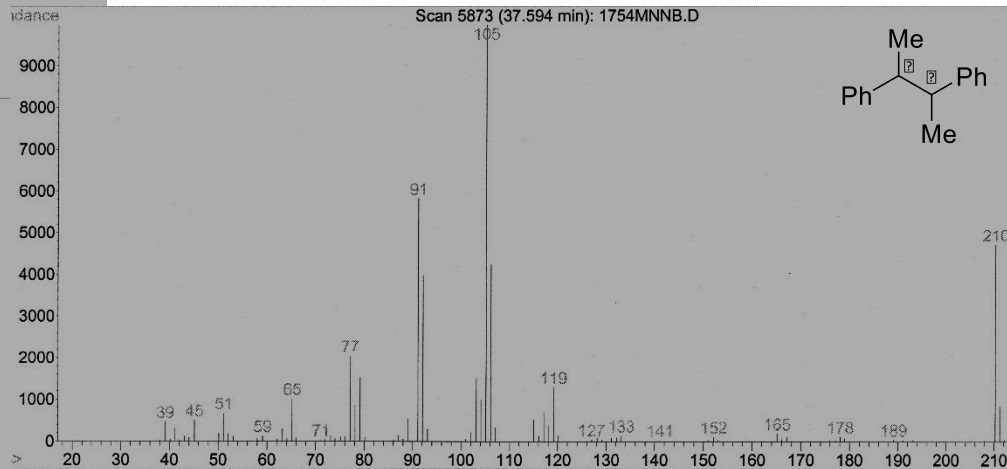
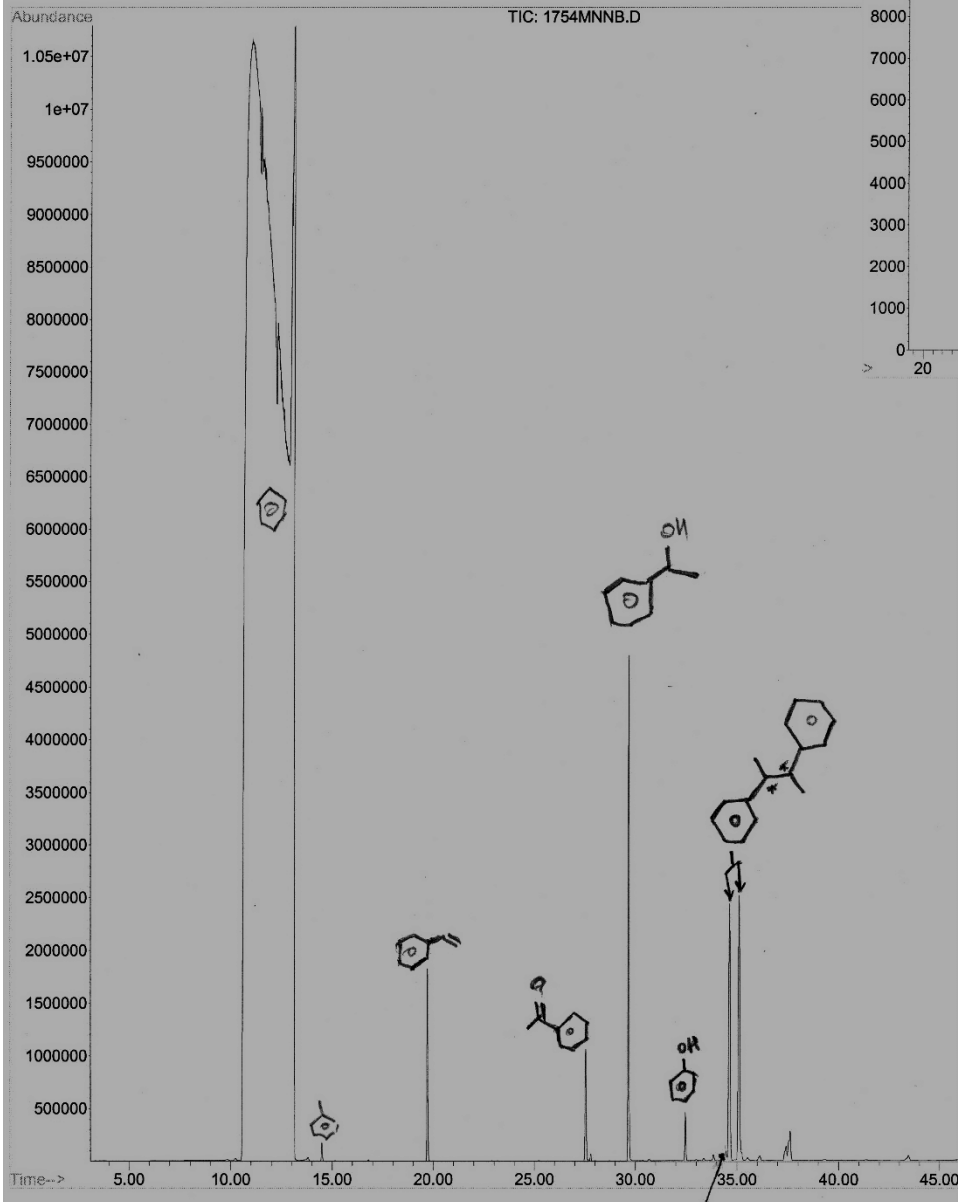
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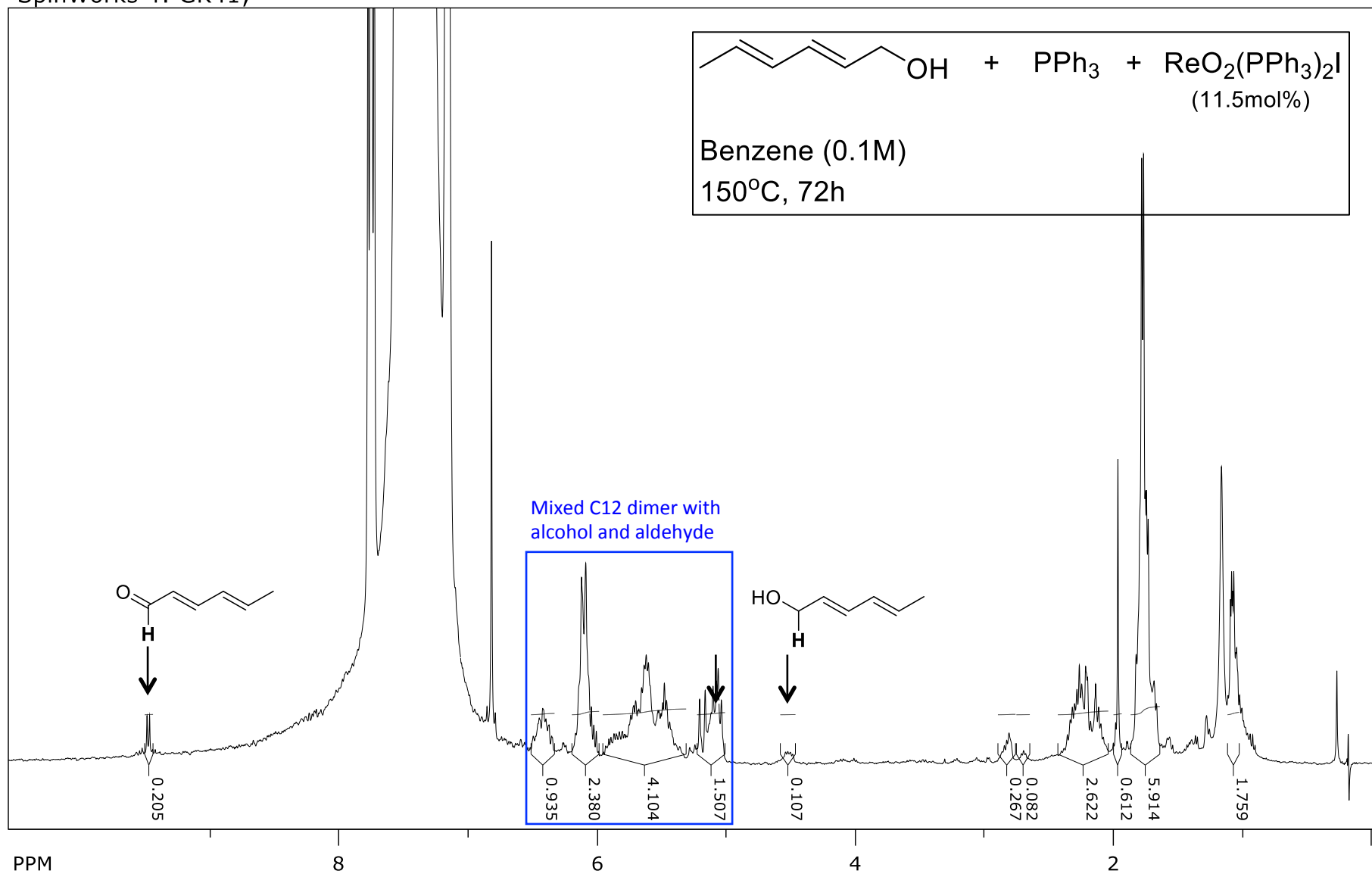
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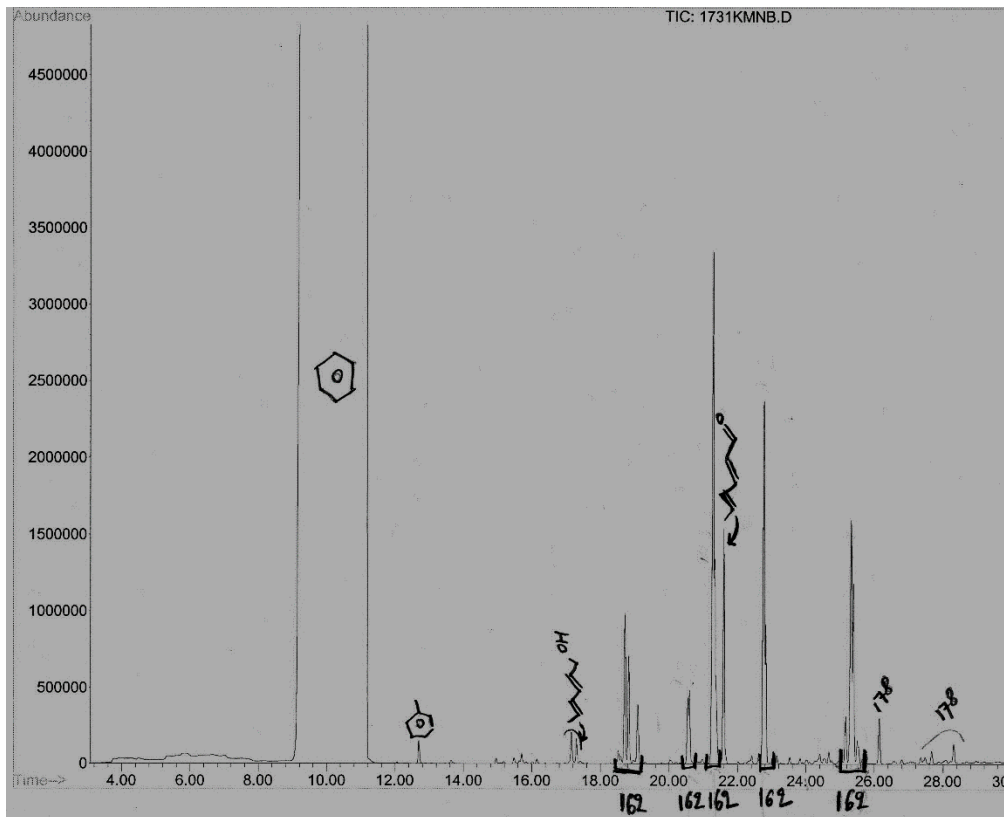
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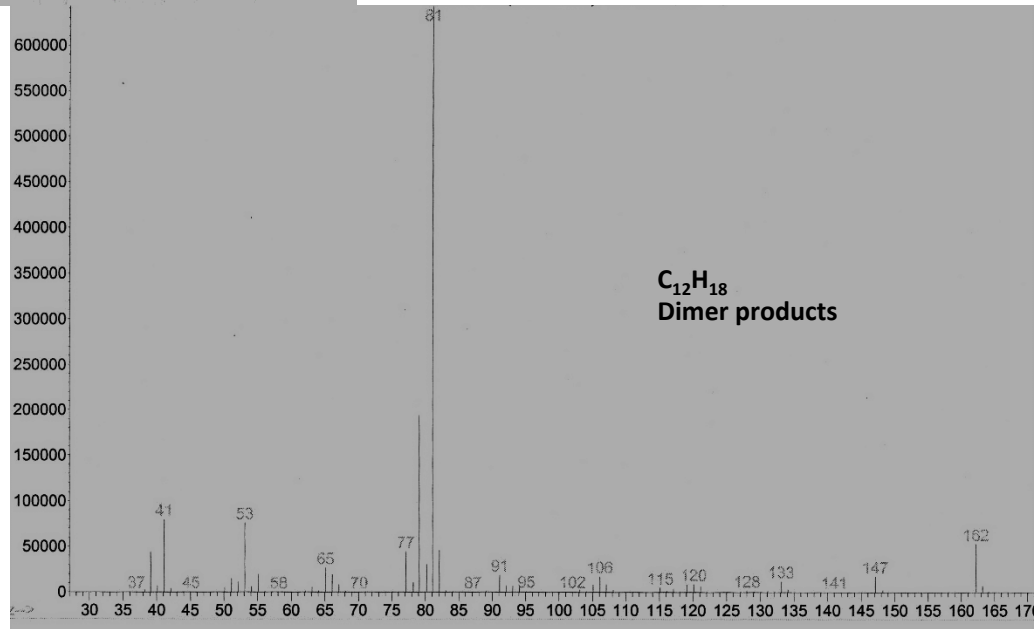


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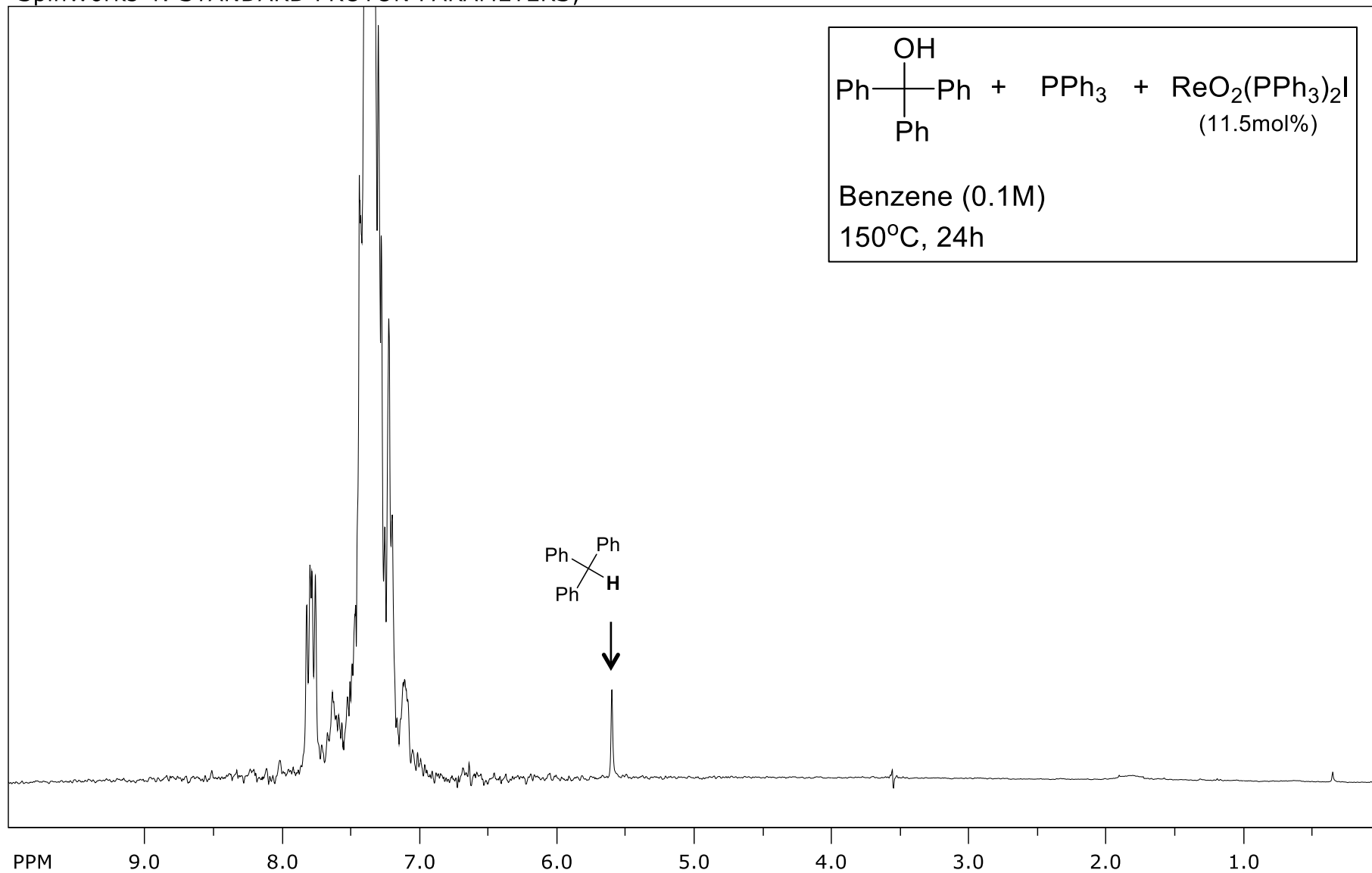
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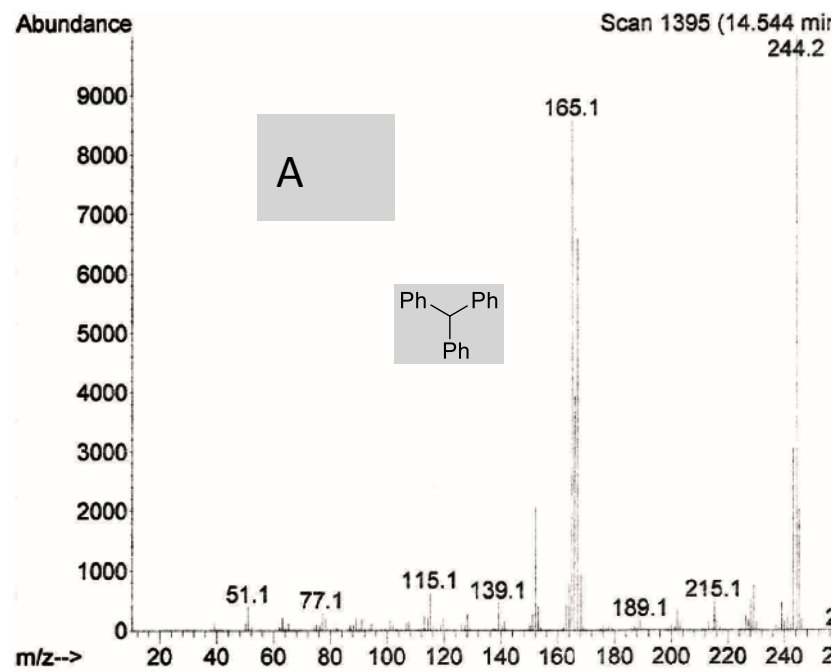
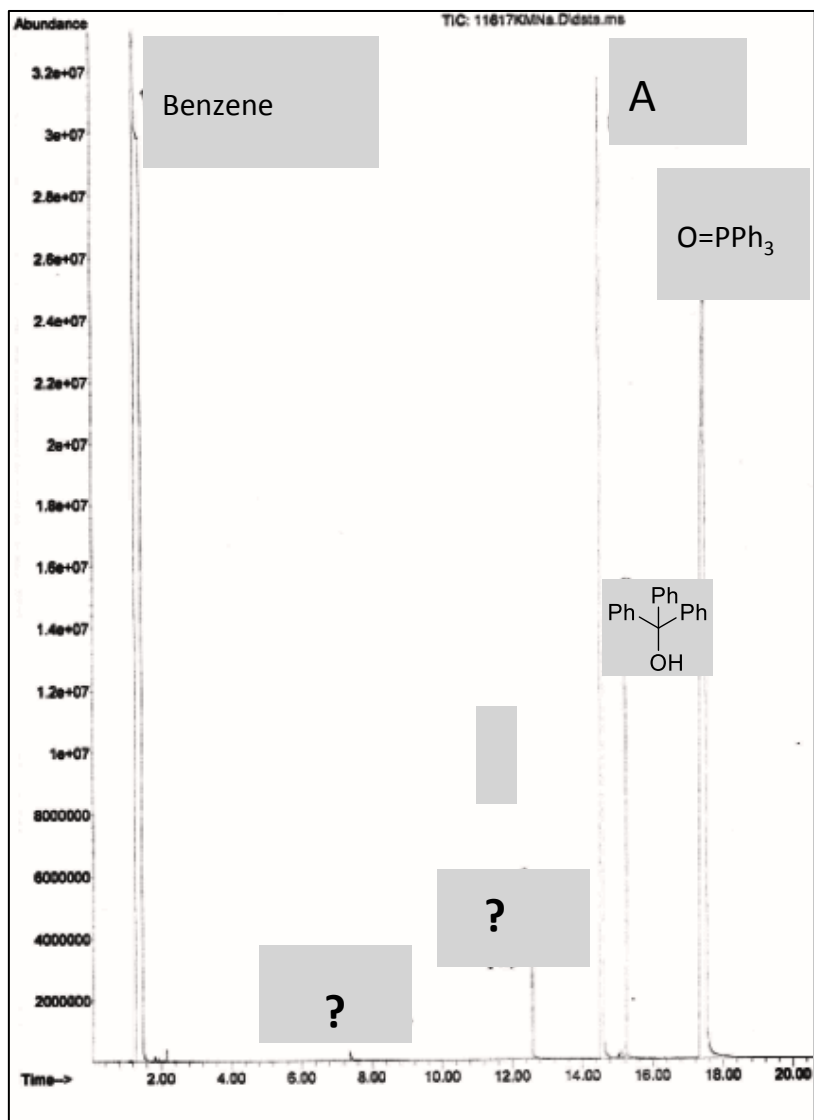
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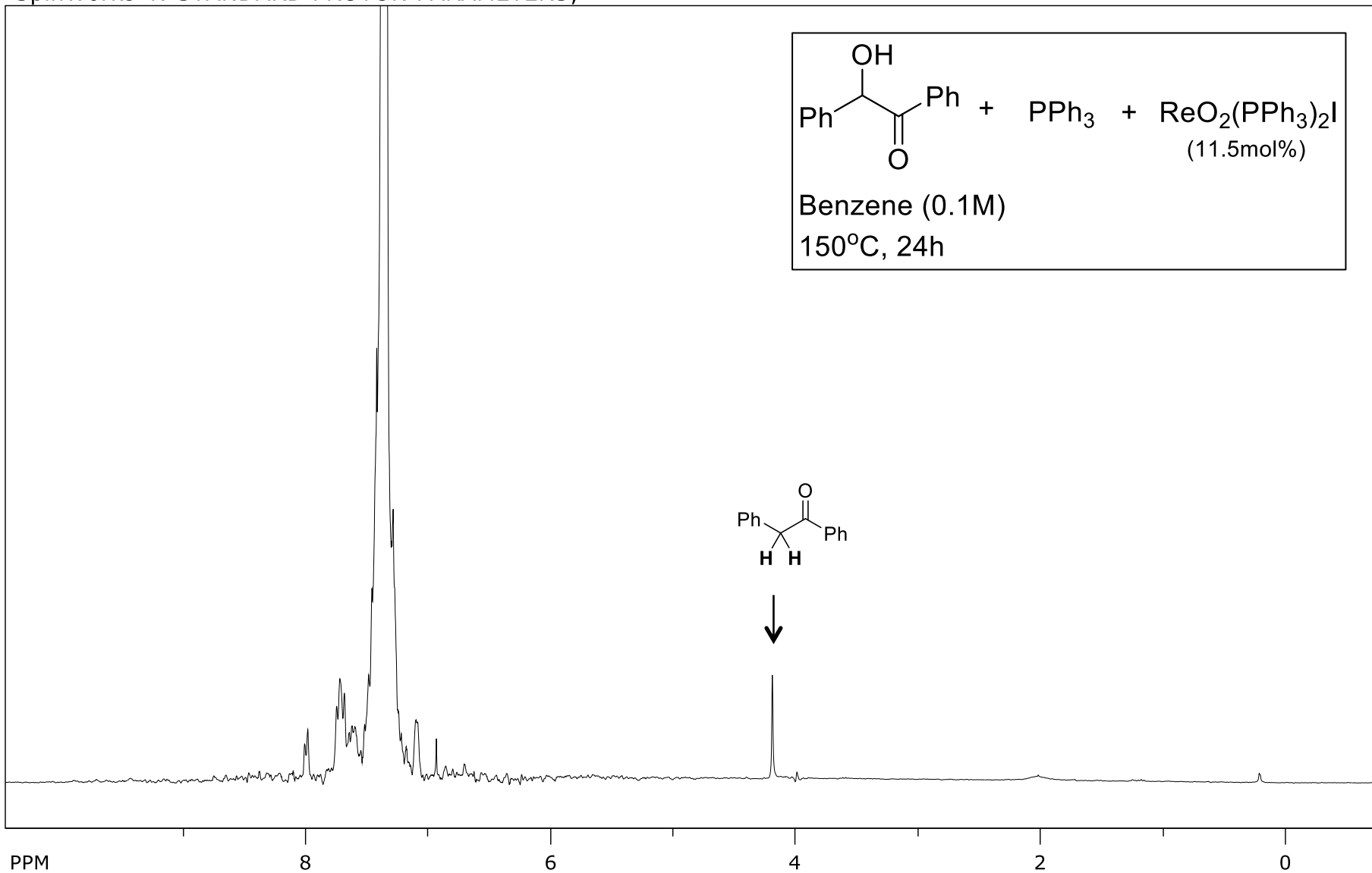
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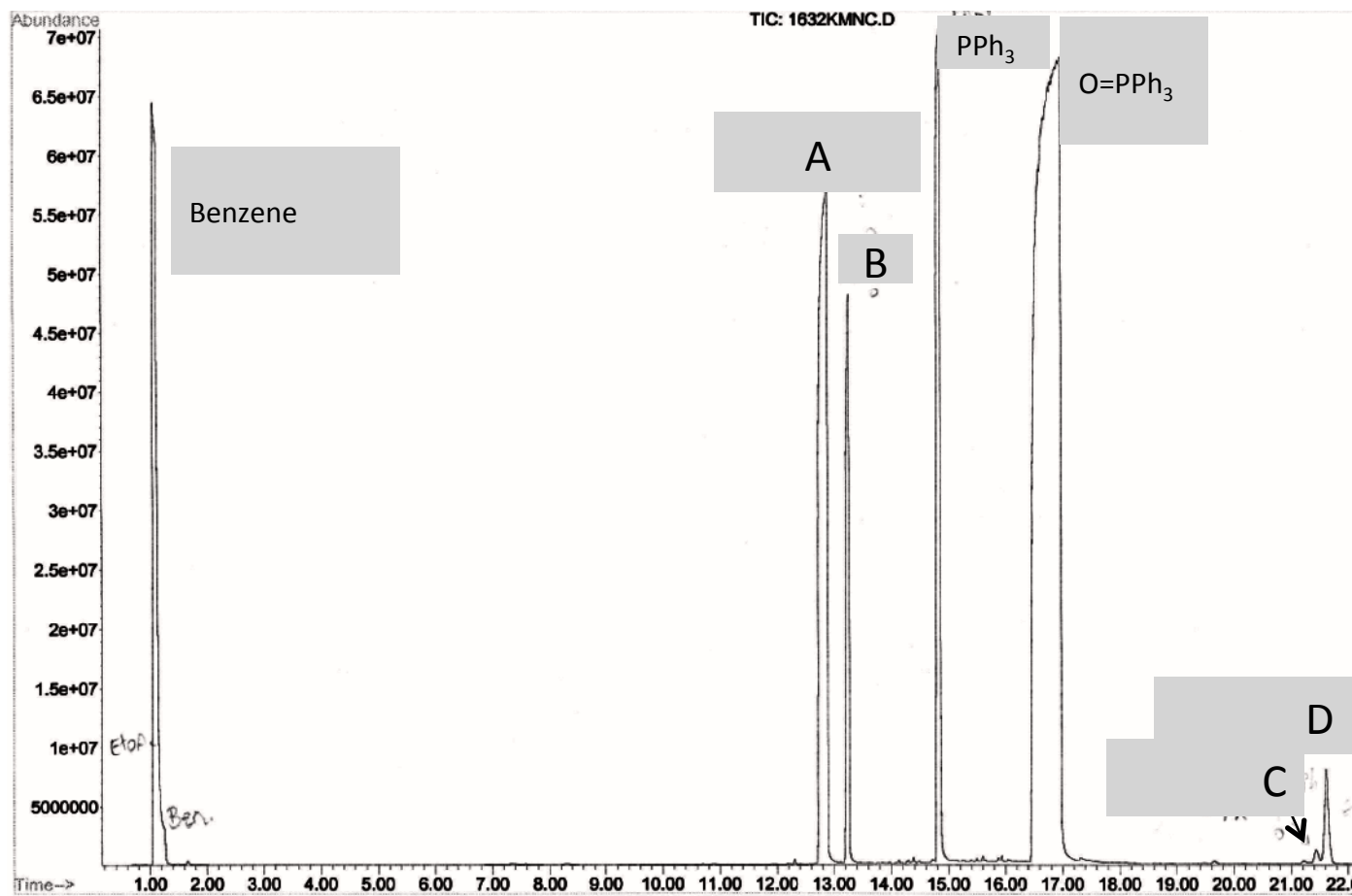


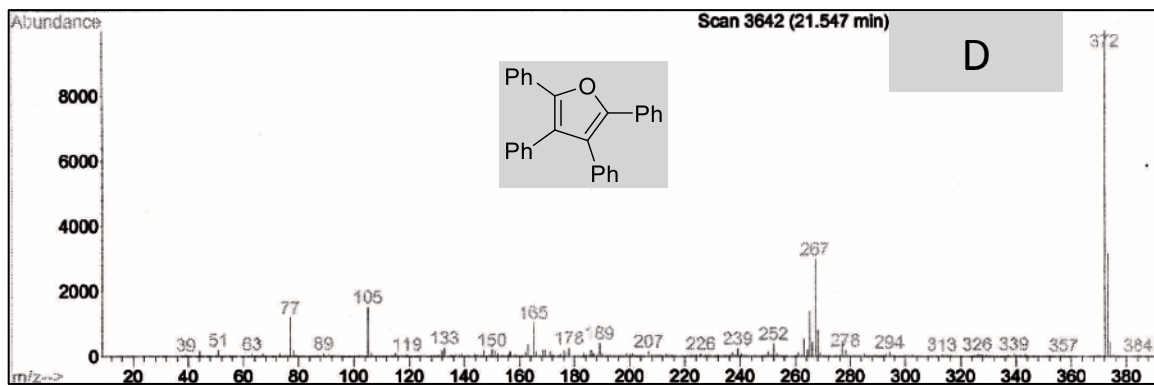
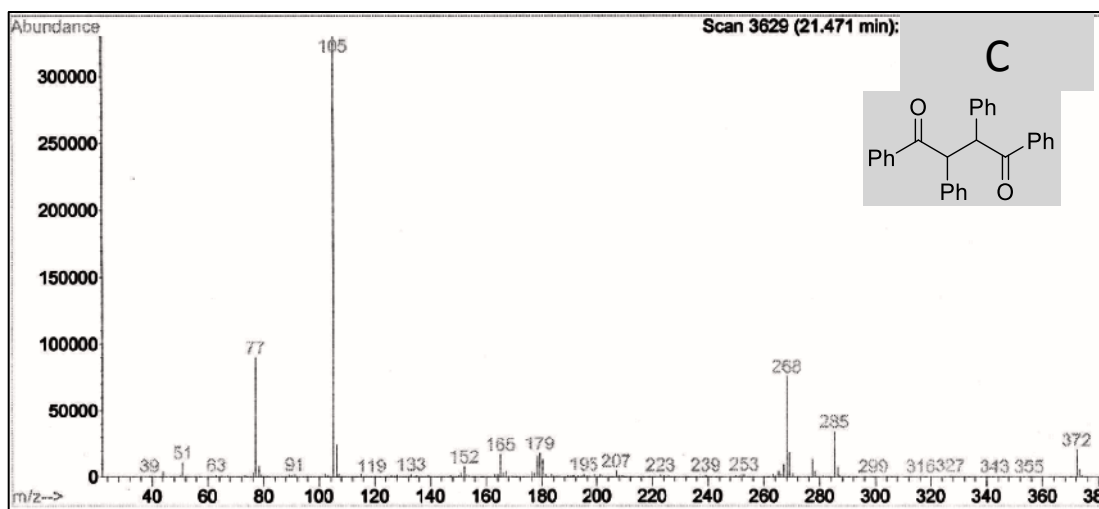
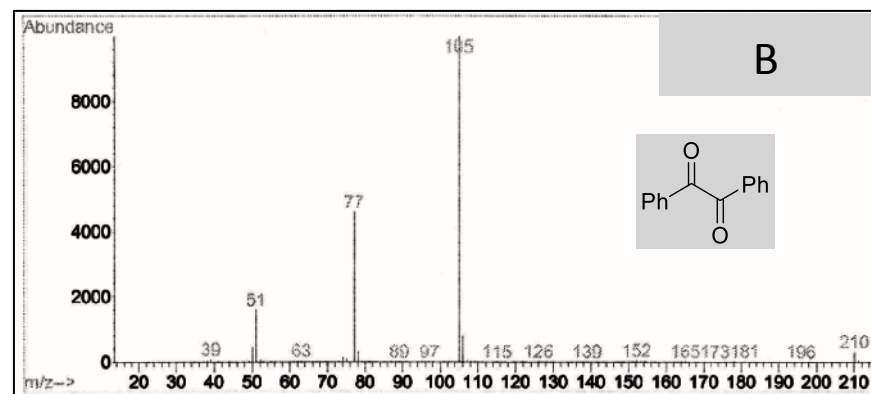
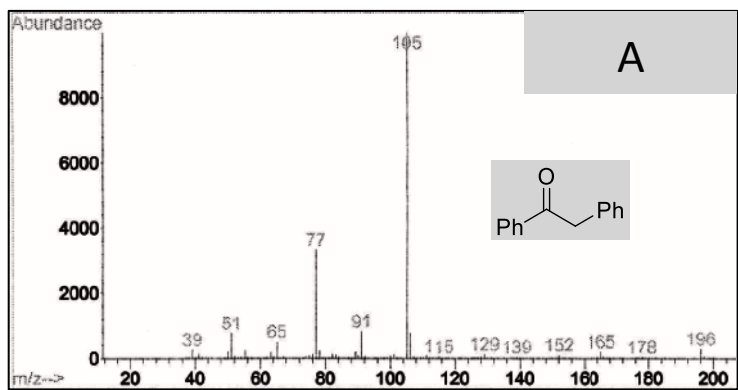
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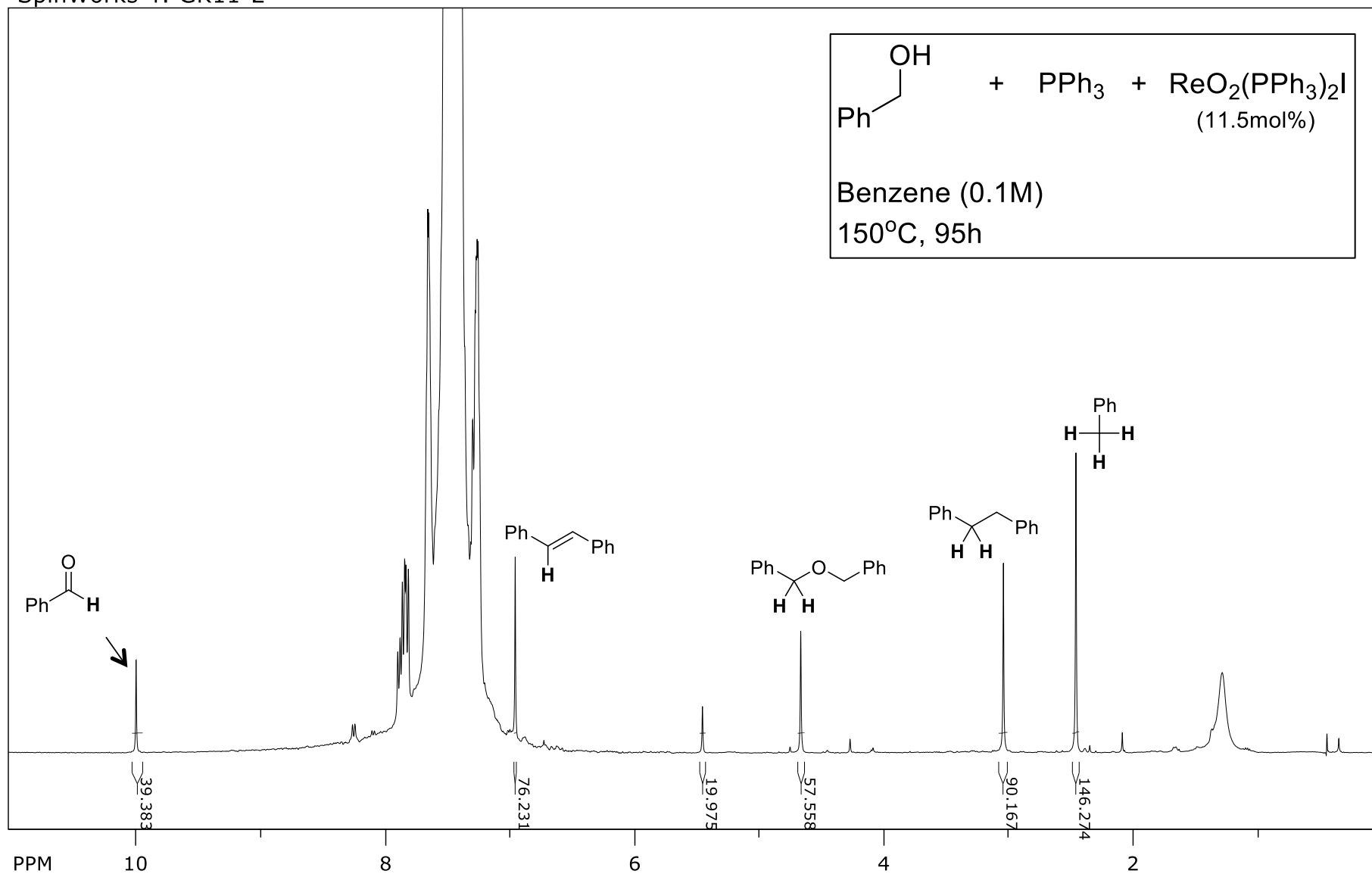
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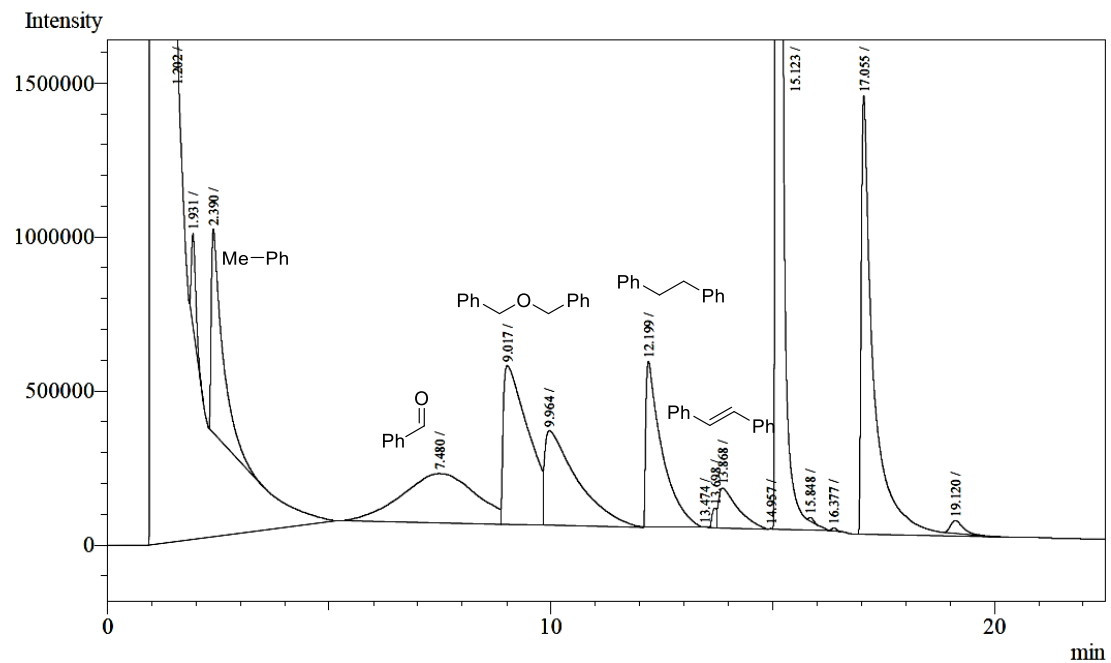
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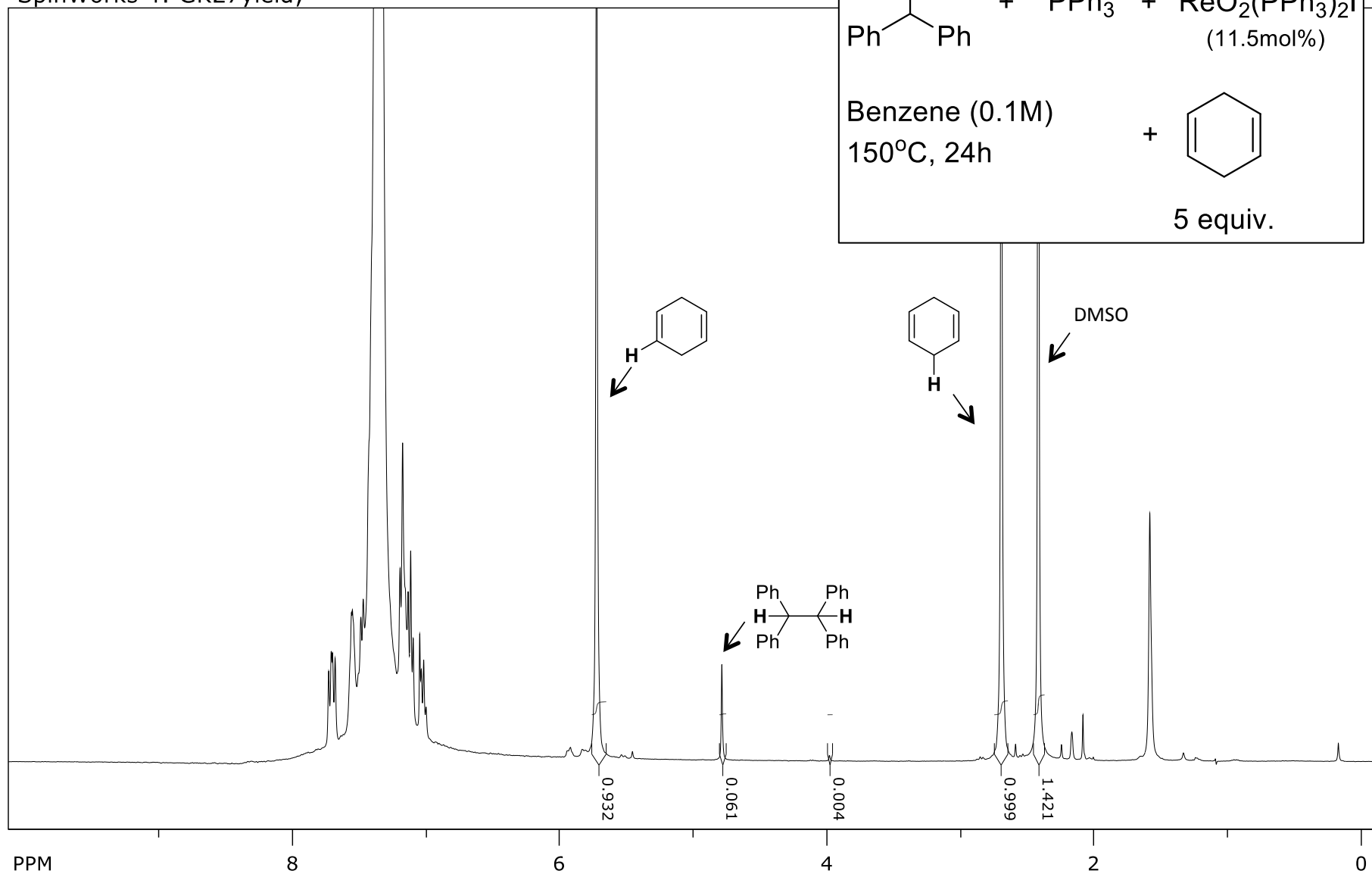
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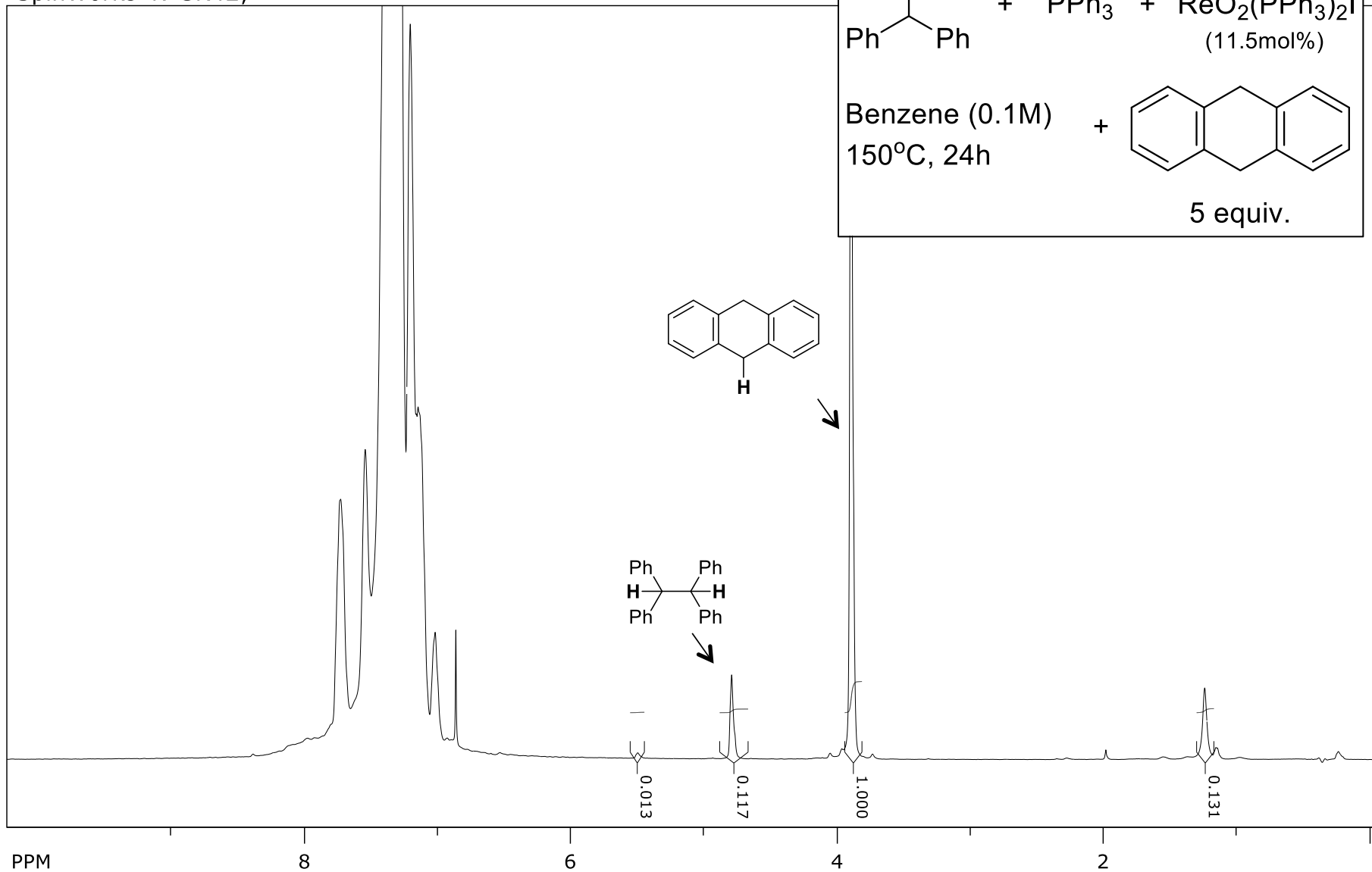
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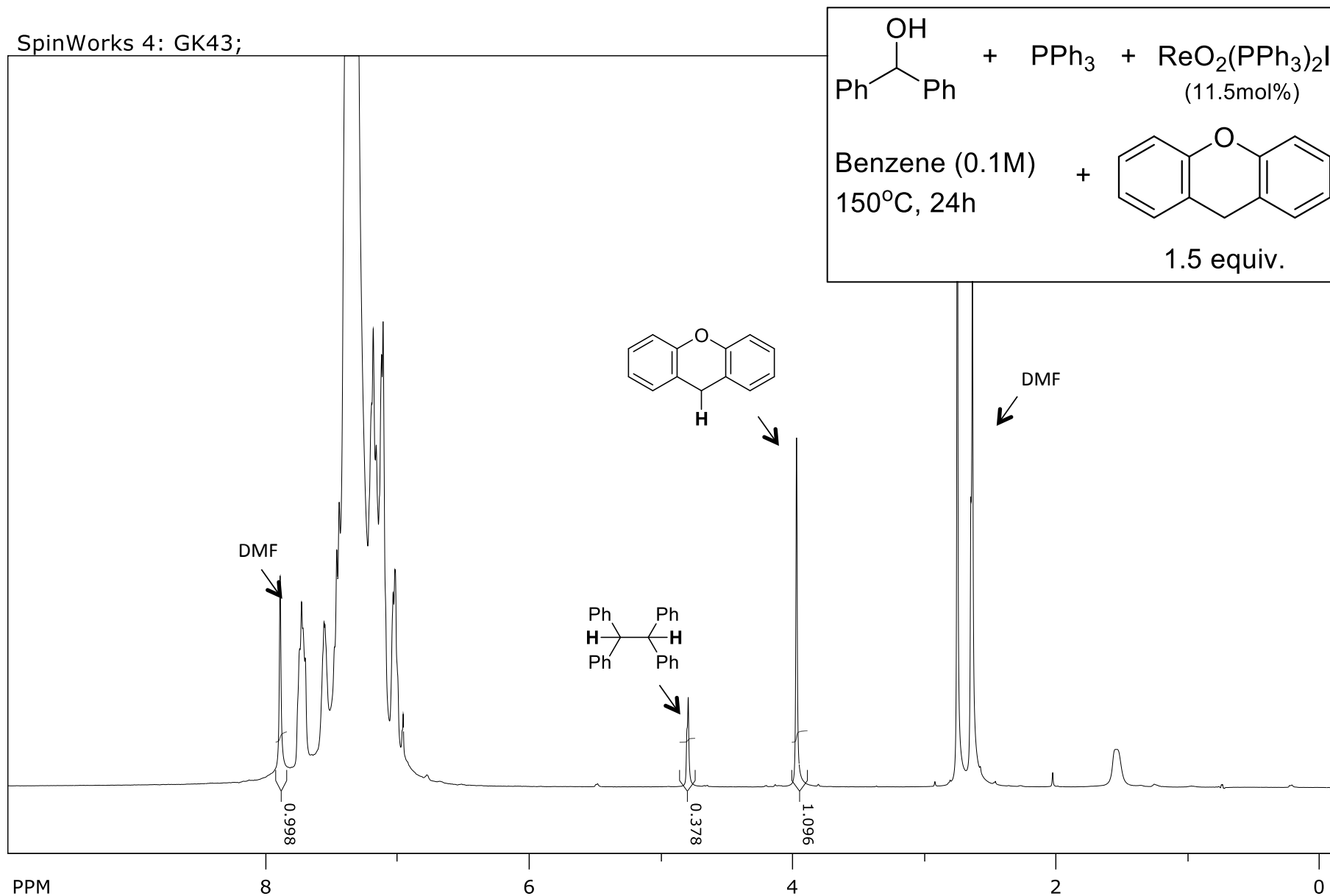


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### *Computational Methods*

The B3LYP <sup>[a]</sup> method resident in Gaussian 09 <sup>[b]</sup> was used to determine the energy minimized structures of Figure 4; the 6-31-G(d) basis set was used for H, C, O atoms and LANL2DZ for Re.

[a] D. Becke, "Density-functional thermochemistry. III. The role of exact exchange," J. Chem. Phys. **98** (1993) 5648-52.

[b] Frisch, M. J.; Trucks, G. W.; Schlegel, H. B.; Scuseria, G. E.; Robb, M. A.; Cheeseman, J. R.; Scalmani, G.; Barone, V.; Mennucci, B.; Petersson, G. A.; Nakatsuji, H.; Caricato, M.; Li, X.; Hratchian, H. P.; Izmaylov, A. F.; Bloino, J.; Zheng, G.; Sonnenberg, J. L.; Hada, M.; Ehara, M.; Toyota, K.; Fukuda, R.; Hasegawa, J.; Ishida, M.; Nakajima, T.; Honda, Y.; Kitao, O.; Nakai, H.; Vreven, T.; Montgomery, Jr., J. A.; Peralta, J. E.; Ogliaro, F.; Bearpark, M.; Heyd, J. J.; Brothers, E.; Kudin, K. N.; Staroverov, V. N.; Kobayashi, R.; Normand, J.; Raghavachari, K.; Rendell, A.; Burant, J. C.; Iyengar, S. S.; Tomasi, J.; Cossi, M.; Rega, N.; Millam, J. M.; Klene, M.; Knox, J. E.; Cross, J. B.; Bakken, V.; Adamo, C.; Jaramillo, J.; Gomperts, R.; Stratmann, R. E.; Yazyev, O.; Austin, A. J.; Cammi, R.; Pomelli, C.; Ochterski, J. W.; Martin, R. L.; Morokuma, K.; Zakrzewski, V. G.; Voth, G. A.; Salvador, P.; Dannenberg, J. J.; Dapprich, S.; Daniels, A. D.; Farkas, Ö.; Foresman, J. B.; Ortiz, J. V.; Cioslowski, J.; Fox, D. J. Gaussian, Inc., Wallingford CT, 2009.

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**PhCH<sub>2</sub>OH-ReO<sub>2</sub>Me**

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6	6	0	5.273004	0.438092	-0.515223
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8	1	0	2.543449	1.749138	1.040010
9	1	0	3.258012	-2.291952	-0.261590
10	1	0	5.490775	-1.624435	-1.109131
11	1	0	6.252195	0.730479	-0.883844
12	6	0	1.384579	-0.708677	0.917553
13	1	0	1.286996	-1.787549	1.055261
14	1	0	1.089491	-0.195396	1.830959
15	8	0	0.376933	-0.303283	-0.100342
16	75	0	-1.715544	0.074875	-0.174608
17	8	0	-2.089245	1.745027	-0.176979
18	8	0	-2.688262	-1.101609	-0.945783
19	6	0	-1.616699	-0.538891	1.854187
20	1	0	-2.619857	-0.691111	2.262157
21	1	0	-1.046383	-1.468702	1.980311
22	1	0	-1.124839	0.244691	2.445898
23	1	0	0.813756	-0.187903	-0.958157

**PhCH<sub>2</sub>O-ReMe(O)(OH)**

Center Number	Atomic Number	Atomic Type	Coordinates (Angstroms)		
			X	Y	Z
1	6	0	3.755218	1.518825	-0.011274
2	6	0	2.565596	0.899076	0.367813
3	6	0	2.475585	-0.500762	0.395018
4	6	0	3.591377	-1.264919	0.037740
5	6	0	4.786106	-0.644256	-0.333627
6	6	0	4.868850	0.748346	-0.359149
7	1	0	3.815415	2.603514	-0.032787
8	1	0	1.698676	1.500743	0.630835
9	1	0	3.525794	-2.350464	0.050638
10	1	0	5.647459	-1.248021	-0.606050
11	1	0	5.796730	1.233518	-0.649880
12	6	0	1.186857	-1.168370	0.802422
13	1	0	1.312044	-2.252892	0.882463
14	1	0	0.834553	-0.790555	1.770832
15	8	0	0.164543	-0.941968	-0.196261
16	75	0	-1.446759	-0.018244	-0.197285
17	8	0	-1.118807	1.781245	0.370840
18	1	0	-1.550346	2.001378	1.222330
19	8	0	-2.673112	-0.193813	-1.340582
20	6	0	-2.494005	-0.208177	1.601867
21	1	0	-2.952090	0.734487	1.944672
22	1	0	-3.261687	-0.984746	1.552045
23	1	0	-1.754145	-0.520915	2.354473

**MeRe(O)OH(PMe<sub>3</sub>)OCH<sub>2</sub>Ph**

Center Number	Atomic Number	Atomic Type	Coordinates (Angstroms)		
			X	Y	Z
1	8	0	-0.687104	0.536288	-1.724947
2	8	0	-1.563389	-2.035253	0.102925
3	8	0	1.052748	-0.959113	-0.793316
4	6	0	0.066268	0.137338	1.704306
5	1	0	-0.063978	-0.693759	2.412392
6	1	0	1.138456	0.340917	1.618734
7	1	0	-0.413111	1.020536	2.146709
8	75	0	-0.761279	-0.560415	-0.123503
9	1	0	0.188492	0.367031	-2.130636
10	6	0	2.179123	-1.383947	-0.065235
11	1	0	2.555470	-2.297753	-0.552246
12	1	0	1.910427	-1.675701	0.961793
13	15	0	-2.759814	0.829116	0.239536
14	6	0	-2.375157	2.622616	0.238247
15	1	0	-1.855975	2.859481	-0.694440
16	1	0	-3.288348	3.222674	0.317532
17	1	0	-1.712786	2.862104	1.075661
18	6	0	-3.697414	0.542470	1.793105
19	1	0	-4.572472	1.198966	1.861384
20	1	0	-4.026044	-0.500947	1.825297
21	1	0	-3.044374	0.721780	2.652829
22	6	0	-4.000980	0.633623	-1.098161
23	1	0	-4.854206	1.309279	-0.967655
24	1	0	-3.506609	0.840056	-2.051800
25	1	0	-4.355579	-0.401723	-1.111039
26	6	0	3.305083	-0.360520	-0.014999
27	6	0	4.503821	-0.689046	0.634857
28	6	0	3.183308	0.903348	-0.599337
29	6	0	5.554265	0.224710	0.701771
30	1	0	4.614309	-1.671058	1.092337
31	6	0	4.235379	1.821781	-0.534134
32	1	0	2.259031	1.163382	-1.104379
33	6	0	5.423255	1.487380	0.115696
34	1	0	6.475643	-0.046993	1.210967
35	1	0	4.123858	2.800852	-0.993889
36	1	0	6.241152	2.201396	0.166180

**MeRe(O)PMe<sub>3</sub>(OH)O**

Center Number	Atomic Number	Atomic Type	Coordinates (Angstroms)		
			X	Y	Z
1	8	0	0.222149	-1.702798	0.993857
2	8	0	0.911295	1.626785	0.640462
3	8	0	2.547960	-0.703876	0.429426
4	6	0	1.026054	-0.033624	-1.876931
5	1	0	2.024399	0.261571	-2.212820
6	1	0	0.836886	-1.065850	-2.198654
7	1	0	0.272135	0.622112	-2.322139
8	75	0	0.940769	-0.034724	0.227382
9	1	0	0.960172	-2.308782	1.184998
10	15	0	-1.708935	0.122572	0.140491
11	6	0	-2.558833	-1.309197	-0.633954
12	1	0	-2.210363	-2.220583	-0.140929
13	1	0	-3.648162	-1.231130	-0.542867
14	1	0	-2.292480	-1.367632	-1.694363
15	6	0	-2.422049	1.591381	-0.707420
16	1	0	-3.515274	1.612776	-0.629191
17	1	0	-2.008305	2.499126	-0.257685
18	1	0	-2.143069	1.579771	-1.765985
19	6	0	-2.424884	0.200593	1.831581
20	1	0	-3.520262	0.236621	1.806852
21	1	0	-2.099402	-0.682723	2.388040
22	1	0	-2.046046	1.091149	2.342950

**PhCH<sub>2</sub>(·)**

Center Number	Atomic Number	Atomic Type	Coordinates (Angstroms)		
			X	Y	Z
1	6	0	-1.376711	0.633862	-0.083776
2	6	0	0.007586	0.679921	-0.130509
3	6	0	0.707151	1.921993	-0.066401
4	6	0	-0.078099	3.108074	0.047536
5	6	0	-1.461963	3.049721	0.093312
6	6	0	-2.124441	1.815181	0.028309
7	1	0	-1.885728	-0.325324	-0.134384
8	1	0	0.582013	-0.239161	-0.217414
9	1	0	0.430045	4.067991	0.098352
10	1	0	-2.037221	3.967986	0.180276
11	1	0	-3.209315	1.774221	0.064605
12	6	0	2.111878	1.975054	-0.113568
13	1	0	2.706668	1.071365	-0.199386
14	1	0	2.641388	2.921037	-0.064056

**MeReO(OH)O (·)**

Center Number	Atomic Number	Atomic Type	Coordinates (Angstroms)		
			X	Y	Z
1	8	0	0.991461	1.564749	-0.002313
2	8	0	-0.918614	-0.268226	1.483455
3	8	0	-0.920522	-0.272159	-1.481687
4	6	0	1.499849	-1.285510	0.000851
5	1	0	2.103399	-1.106186	-0.895945
6	1	0	2.103826	-1.103895	0.896876
7	1	0	1.151437	-2.322170	0.002252
8	75	0	-0.127133	0.034701	-0.000024
9	1	0	1.958608	1.447857	-0.002097

**MeReO<sub>3</sub>**

Center Number	Atomic Number	Atomic Type	Coordinates (Angstroms)		
			X	Y	Z
1	8	0	0.543909	1.664498	-0.030893
2	8	0	0.541155	-0.859857	-1.426434
3	8	0	0.541132	-0.806324	1.457365
4	6	0	-2.008979	0.001496	-0.000040
5	1	0	-2.366553	-0.498802	0.905438
6	1	0	-2.365407	1.036194	-0.019248
7	1	0	-2.366543	-0.532060	-0.886330
8	75	0	0.081904	-0.000011	0.000001

**PhCH<sub>3</sub>**

Center Number	Atomic Number	Atomic Type	Coordinates (Angstroms)		
			X	Y	Z
1	6	0	-1.201444	1.205289	0.002199
2	6	0	0.194129	1.202402	-0.008985
3	6	0	0.913896	0.000222	-0.011389
4	6	0	0.194385	-1.202271	-0.008982
5	6	0	-1.201060	-1.205493	0.002198
6	6	0	-1.905116	-0.000141	0.008471
7	1	0	-1.739014	2.150176	0.001555
8	1	0	0.734218	2.146899	-0.017836
9	1	0	0.734728	-2.146640	-0.017849
10	1	0	-1.738458	-2.150479	0.001552
11	1	0	-2.991869	-0.000325	0.013921
12	6	0	2.425551	0.000097	0.009375
13	1	0	2.809992	-0.012911	1.038355
14	1	0	2.834300	-0.879700	-0.499566
15	1	0	2.834048	0.892352	-0.477447

**Electronic Energies for species in Figure 1 (Hartrees)**

PhCH <sub>2</sub> OH	-346.76763
MeReO <sub>2</sub> (D)	-269.45828
(PhCH <sub>2</sub> OH)ReMeO <sub>2</sub> (E)	-616.25844
(PhCH <sub>2</sub> O)ReMeO(OH) (A)	-616.27151
MeRe(O)OH(PMe <sub>3</sub> )OCH <sub>2</sub> Ph (A')	-1077.43788
MeRe(O)PMe <sub>3</sub> (OH)O· (F')	-806.44649
MeReO <sub>3</sub>	-344.74852
PhCH <sub>3</sub>	-271.56665
MeReO <sub>2</sub> OH (F)	-345.33628
PhCH <sub>2</sub> (·)	-270.91514