

A Novel *cis*- β -Iron(III) SALPN Catalyst For Hydrogen Atom Transfer Reductions and Olefin Cross Couplings

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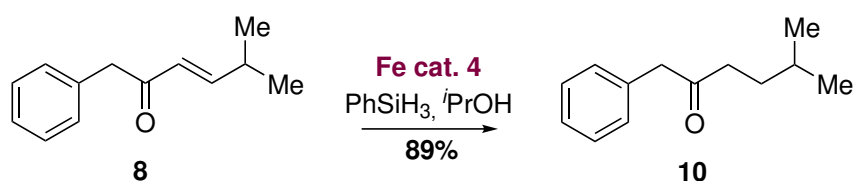
1 Experimental Section

General Procedures

$^1\text{H-NMR}$ spectra (500MHz and 600MHz) and proton-decoupled $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$ spectra (126MHz and 151 MHz) were recorded on Varian 500 and Bruker 600 spectrometers. HRMS were obtained on an Orbitrap Infusion instrument. Anhydrous MeOH was distilled from magnesium methoxide. CDCl_3 was filtered through basic alumina immediately prior to use. All other reagents were used as received. Column chromatography was conducted on SiliCycle SiliaFlash 60Å. Thin layer chromatography was conducted on Merck Kieselgel 60 F₂₅₄ pre-coated plates and visualised under 20% v/v phosphomolybdic acid in EtOH solution. Lactone **18**¹ (81% *ee*) was donated by Circa Group. Stereoselectivity of inseparable mixtures of diastereoisomers were determined by $^1\text{H-NMR}$ spectroscopy. In most cases minor diastereoisomers were not detected.

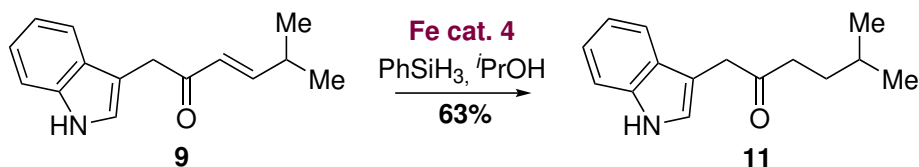
Experimental Procedures and Characterisation

Ketone 10



Prepared according to the general procedure using enone **8**² (104.0 mg, 0.552 mmol) with stirring for 3 hours. Column chromatography (2.5% EtOAc/hexane) afforded the ketone **10** (94.0 mg, 0.494 mmol, 89%) as a clear colourless oil. $^1\text{H-NMR}$ (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.35 - 7.32 (m, 2H), 7.28 - 7.25 (m, 1H), 7.22 - 7.21 (m, 2H), 3.69 (s, 2H), 2.45 (t, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 2H), 1.54 - 1.43 (m, 3H), 0.85 (d, $J = 6.4$ Hz, 6H). $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$ (126 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 208.8, 134.5, 129.5, 128.8, 127.0, 50.2, 40.1, 32.6, 27.7, 22.4. HRMS (ESI) Calc. for $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{19}\text{O}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 191.1430; found 191.1431. All data were in agreement with the literature.³

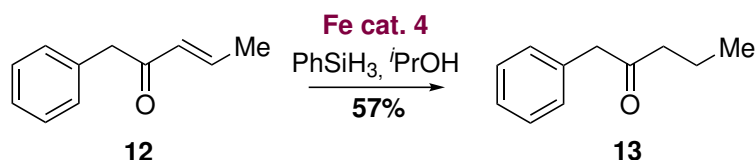
Ketone 11



Prepared according to the general procedure using enone **9**² (64.5 mg, 0.284 mmol) and Fe cat. **4** (7.4 mg, 0.0142 mmol), in EtOH (3 mL). After stirring for 1.5 hours, further Fe cat. **4** (7.4 mg, 0.0142 mmol) was added, and the mixture was stirred for 1 hour. 2x Column chromatography (15% EtOAc/hexane then 10% to 15% EtOAc/hexane) afforded ketone **11** (40.9 mg, 0.0178 mmol, 63%)

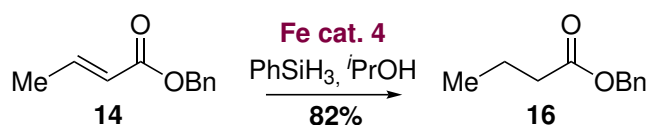
as a yellow crystalline solid. M.P 46.3°C - 48.8°C. ¹H-NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.23 (s, 1H), 7.56 (*J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.35 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.21 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.15 (d, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 1H), 7.08 (d, *J* = 2.2 Hz, 1H), 3.83 (s, 2H), 2.51 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 1.51 - 1.46 (m, 3H), 0.85 (d, *J* = 6.3 Hz, 6H). ¹³C-NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 209.9, 136.3, 127.5, 123.3, 122.3, 119.8, 118.8, 111.4, 108.9, 40.0, 39.7, 32.9, 27.8, 22.4. HRMS (ESI) Calc. for C₁₅H₂₀NO [M+H]⁺ 230.1539; found 230.1538.

Ketone 13



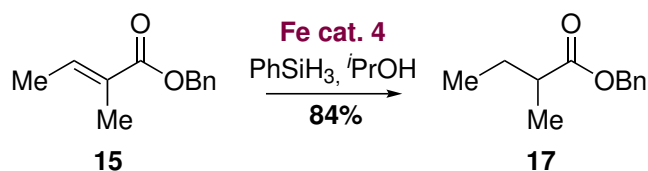
Prepared according to the general procedure using enone **12**² (59.4 mg, 0.371 mmol), with stirring for 2 hours. Column chromatography (1% to 2.5% to 5% EtOAc/hexane) afforded the ketone **13** (34.0 mg, 0.210 mmol, 57%) as a clear colourless oil. ¹H-NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.35 - 7.32 (m, 2H), 7.28 - 7.25 (m, 1H), 7.22 - 7.20 (m, 2H), 3.68 (s, 2H), 2.43 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 1.58 (sextet, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 0.87 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 3H). ¹³C-NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 208.6, 134.5, 129.5, 128.8, 127.1, 50.3, 44.0, 17.3, 13.8. All data were in agreement with the literature.⁴

Ester 16



Prepared according to the general procedure using enone **14** (101.7 mg, 0.577 mmol), and Fe cat. **4** (90.6 mg, 0.173 mmol) with stirring for 72 hours. Column chromatography (2.5% Et₂O/hexane, reaction mixture dry loaded onto celite) afforded benzyl butanoate **16** (84.8 mg, 0.476 mmol, 82%) as a clear colourless oil. ¹H-NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.38 - 7.32 (m, 5H), 5.14 (s, 2H), 2.36 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 1.71 (sextet, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 0.98 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 3H). ¹³C-NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 173.5, 136.3, 128.6, 128.2, 66.1, 36.3, 18.5, 13.7 All data were in agreement with the literature.⁵

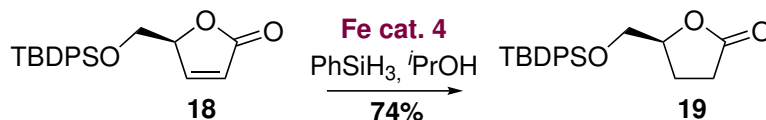
Ester 17



Prepared according to the general procedure using ester **15** (178.5 mg, 0.938 mmol), with stirring for 1.5 hours. Column chromatography (2.5% EtOAc/hexane) afforded ester **17** (143.0 mg, 0.744 mmol,

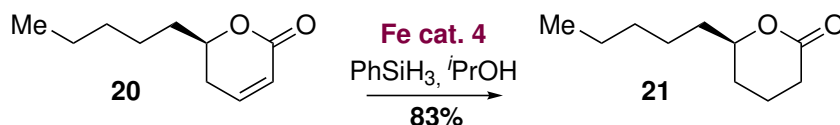
79%) as a clear colourless oil. $^1\text{H-NMR}$ (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.38 - 7.33 (m, 5H), 5.14 (s, 2H), 2.45 (sextet, $J = 6.9$ Hz, 1H), 1.78 - 1.69 (m, 1H), 1.56 - 1.49 (m, 1H), 1.19 (d, $J = 7.0$ Hz, 3H), 0.92 (t, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 3H). All data were in agreement with the literature.⁶

Lactone 19



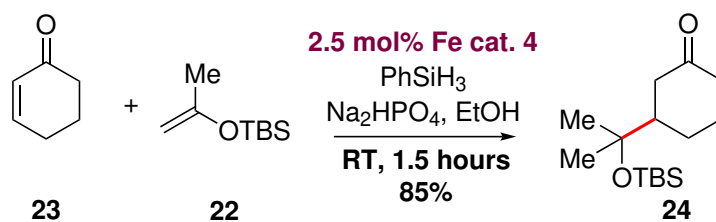
Prepared according to the general procedure using lactone **18**¹ (118.4 mg, 0.336 mmol) with stirring overnight. Column chromatography (20% EtOAc/hexane) afforded lactone **19** (88.4 mg, 0.249 mmol, 74%) as a white crystalline solid. $^1\text{H-NMR}$ (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.68 - 7.67 (m, 4H), 7.45 - 7.39 (m, 6H), 4.61 (ddt, $J = 8.1, 5.1, 3.2$ Hz, 1H), 3.89 (dd, $J = 11.4, 3.3$ Hz, 1H), 3.70 (dd, $J = 11.4, 3.3$ Hz, 1H), 2.69 (ddd, $J = 17.6, 10.3, 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 2.52 (ddd, $J = 17.5, 10.4, 6.8$ Hz, 1H), 2.33 - 2.19 (m, 2H), 1.07 (s, 9H). $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$ (126 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 177.6, 135.7, 135.6, 133.0, 132.6, 130.0, 127.9, 80.1, 65.5, 28.7, 26.8, 23.7, 19.3. All data were in agreement with the literature.⁷

Lactone 21



Prepared according to the general procedure using lactone **20** (172.1 mg, 1.02 mmol) with stirring for 5 hours. Column chromatography (20% EtOAc/hexane) afforded lactone **21** (145.2 mg, 0.853 mmol, 83%) as a clear colourless oil. $^1\text{H-NMR}$ (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 4.26 (dddd, $J = 10.7, 7.6, 4.9, 2.9$ Hz, 1H), 2.60 - 2.54 (m, 1H), 2.46 - 2.39 (m, 1H), 1.93 - 1.79 (m, 3H), 1.69 (dddd, $J = 13.4, 10.4, 7.4, 4.7$ Hz, 1H), 1.58 - 1.46 (m, 3H), 1.39 - 1.25 (m, 5H), 0.88 (t, $J = 6.9$ Hz, 3H). $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$ (126 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 172.1, 80.7, 35.9, 31.7, 29.6, 27.9, 24.7, 22.6, 18.6, 14.1. All data were in agreement with the literature.⁸

Ketone 24



Method 1: 2.5 mol% Fe cat. 4.

Prepared according to the general procedure using cyclohexenone **23** (74 μL , 73 mg, 0.764 mmol), silyl enol ether **22**⁹ (401 mg, 2.33 mmol), Na_2HPO_4 (110 mg, 0.776 mmol) and Fe cat. **4** (10.15 mg, 0.0194 mmol) with stirring for 1.5 hours. Column chromatography (2.5% EtOAc/hexane) afforded ketone **24** (176.6 mg, 0.653 mmol, 85%) as a clear colourless oil.

Method 2: 1 mol% Fe cat. **4**.

Prepared according to the general procedure using cyclohexenone **23** (74 μL , 73 mg, 0.764 mmol), silyl enol ether **22**⁹ (401 mg, 2.33 mmol), Na_2HPO_4 (110 mg, 0.776 mmol) and Fe cat. **4** (4.06 mg, 0.00776 mmol) with stirring for 1.5 hours. Column chromatography (2.5% EtOAc/hexane) afforded ketone **24** (160 mg, 0.591 mmol, 77%) as a clear colourless oil.

Method 3: 5 mol% Fe cat. **4**, without Na_2HPO_4 additive.

Prepared according to the general procedure using cyclohexenone **23** (10 μL , 9.9 mg, 0.103 mmol), silyl enol ether **22**⁹ (56.5 mg, 0.328 mmol) and Fe cat. **4** (2.5 mg, 0.00478 mmol) with stirring for 1 hour 20 minutes. Column chromatography (5% EtOAc/hexane) afforded ketone **24** (17.4 mg, 0.0643 mmol, 62%) as a clear colourless oil.

Method 4: 2.5 mol% Fe cat. **4**, $\text{Ph}(^i\text{PrO})\text{SiH}_2$.

Prepared according to the general procedure using cyclohexenone **23** (114.8 μL , 114 mg, 1.195 mmol), enol ether **22**⁹ (616.8 mg, 3.585 mmol), Na_2HPO_4 (169.6 mg, 1.195 mmol), $\text{Ph}(^i\text{PrO})\text{SiH}_2$ (429 μL , 2.39 mmol) and Fe cat. **4** (15.64 mg, 0.0298 mmol) with stirring for 1.5 hours afforded ketone **24** (229 mg, 0.847 mmol, 71%) as a clear colourless oil.

Method 5: 5 mol% $\text{Fe}(\text{acac})_3$ (**1**), 60°C.

Prepared according to the general procedure using cyclohexenone **23** (46.3 μL , 46 mg, 0.480 mmol), silyl enol ether **22**⁹ (248 mg, 1.44 mmol), Na_2HPO_4 (67.8 mg, 0.479 mmol) and $\text{Fe}(\text{acac})_3$ (**1**) (8.46 mg, 0.02395 mmol) with stirring for 3 hours at 60°C. Column chromatography (2.5% EtOAc/hexane) afforded ketone **24** (47.3 mg, 0.175 mmol, 36%) as a colourless oil.

Method 6: 10 mol% $\text{Fe}(\text{acac})_3$ (**1**), $\text{Ph}(^i\text{PrO})\text{SiH}_2$, 60°C.

Prepared according to the general procedure using cyclohexenone **23** (46.3 μL , 46 mg, 0.48 mmol), silyl enol ether **22**⁹ (246.8 mg, 1.43 mmol), Na_2HPO_4 (82.3 mg, 0.48 mmol), $\text{Ph}(^i\text{PrO})\text{SiH}_2$ (171.7 μL , 158.9 mg, 0.926 mmol) and $\text{Fe}(\text{acac})_3$ (**1**) (16.9 mg, 0.048 mmol) with heating to 60°C and stirring for 3 hours. Column chromatography (2.5% EtOAc/hexane) afforded ketone **24** (51.3 mg, 0.189 mmol, 40%) as a clear colorless oil.

Method 7: 5 mol% $\text{Fe}(\text{dibm})_3$ (**2**), $\text{Ph}(^i\text{PrO})\text{SiH}_2$, 60°C.

Prepared according to the general procedure using cyclohexenone **23** (88.6 μL , 88.0 mg, 0.92 mmol), silyl enol ether **22**⁹ (472.7 mg, 2.75 mmol), Na_2HPO_4 (130.0 mg, 0.916 mmol), $\text{Ph}(^i\text{PrO})\text{SiH}_2$ (328.9 μL , 304.6 mg, 1.83 mmol) and $\text{Fe}(\text{dibm})_3$ (**2**) (23.8 mg, 0.05 mmol), with heating at 60°C and stirring 1.5 hours. Column chromatography (2.5% EtOAc/hexane) afforded ketone **24** (145.9 mg, 0.539 mmol, 59%) as a clear colorless oil.

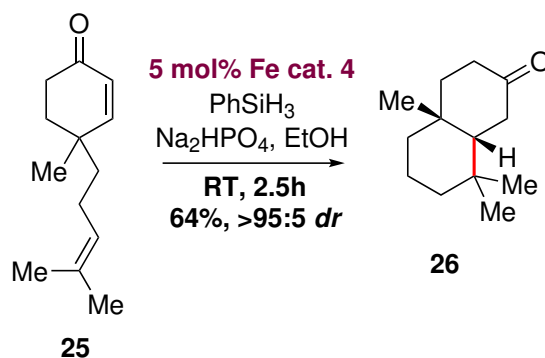
¹H-NMR (600 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 2.48 (ddt, $J = 14.0, 4.0, 2.1$ Hz, 1H), 2.36 - 2.33 (m, 1H), 2.25 - 2.19

(m, 2H), 2.09 (ddq, $J = 13.1, 6.4, 3.2$ Hz, 1H), 1.99 - 1.96 (m, 1H), 1.67 - 1.62 (m, 1H), 1.60 - 1.52 (m, 2H), 1.45 (qd, $J = 12.4, 3.5$ Hz, 1H), 1.23 (s, 3H), 1.19 (s, 3H), 0.87 (s, 8H), 0.09 (s, 3H), 0.08 (s, 3H). ^{13}C -NMR (151 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 213.2, 74.6, 50.9, 43.3, 41.4, 28.06, 27.95, 26.0, 25.8, 25.3, 18.4, -2.0. HRMS (ESI) Calc. for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{31}\text{O}_2\text{Si}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 271.2088; found 271.2088. All data were in agreement with the literature.¹⁰



Figure 1: TLC (10% EtOAc/hexane) of reaction between cyclohexenone **23** and silyl enol ether **22**, $t = 1.5$ hours.

Ketone 26



Method 1: 5 mol% Fe cat. **4**.

Prepared according to the general procedure using alkene enone **25**¹¹ (86.8 mg, 0.451 mmol), with stirring for two hours and 30 minutes. Column chromatography (2.5 % EtOAc/hexane) afforded *cis*-decalin **26** (56.0 mg, 0.288 mmol, 64%) >95:5 *dr* as an oil which solidified to a waxy solid. Slow evaporation from hexane afforded diffraction quality crystals.

Method 2: 10 mol% Fe cat. **4**.

Prepared according to the general procedure using alkene enone **25**¹¹ (113.3 mg, 0.589 mmol) and Na₂HPO₄ (83.6 mg, 0.589 mmol), with stirring for two hours and 30 minutes. Column chromatography (2.5 % EtOAc/hexane) afforded *cis*-decalin **26** (82.6, 0.425 mmol, 72%) >95:5 *dr*.

Method 3: 5 mol% Fe cat. **4**, Ph(*i*PrO)SiH₂.

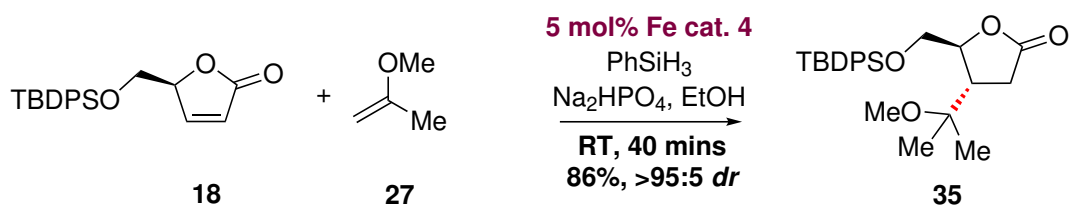
Prepared according to the general procedure using alkene enone **25**¹¹ (84.29 mg, 0.438 mmol), Na₂HPO₄ (62.06 mg, 0.438 mmol), Ph(*i*PrO)SiH₂ (157.5 μL, 145.8 mg, 0.876 mmol) and Fe cat. **4** (11.46 mg, 0.0219 mmol) with stirring for 1 hour. Column chromatography (2.5% EtOAc/hexane) afforded *cis*-decalin **26** (43.5 mg, 0.224 mmol, 51%).

Method 4: 5 mol% Fe(dibm)₃ (**2**) at 60°C.

Prepared according to the general procedure using alkene enone **25**¹¹ (56.4 mg, 0.293 mmol), Na₂HPO₄ (41.6 mg, 0.293 mmol) and Fe(dibm)₃ (**2**) (7.6 mg, 0.0147 mmol), with stirring for overnight at 60°C. Column chromatography (2.5% EtOAc/hexane) afforded *cis*-decalin **26** (24 mg, 0.124 mmol, 42%, containing ~15% unreacted **25**) as a yellow oil.

M.P 67.7°C - 70.8°C. ¹H-NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 2.51 - 2.42 (m, 3H), 2.33 - 2.22 (m, 2H), 1.56 - 1.48 (m, 3H), 1.41 - 1.28 (m, 4H), 1.17 (s, 3H), 0.90 (s, 3H), 0.80 (s, 3H). ¹³C-NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 213.2, 52.0, 42.2, 40.6, 39.2, 37.4, 34.7, 33.08, 33.07, 33.03, 30.3, 23.2, 18.4. HRMS (ESI) Calc. for C₁₃H₂₃O [M+H]⁺ 195.1743; found 195.1739. All data were in agreement with the literature.¹⁰

Lactone **35**



The following procedure is general for gram scale coupling of **18** and **27**

Method 1: 5 mol% Fe cat. **4**, gram scale.

To a solution of lactone **18**¹ (1.19 g, 3.38 mmol) and 2-methoxypropene **27** (6.5 mL, 4.9 g, 67.5 mmol) in EtOH (17 mL) was added Na₂HPO₄ (480 mg, 3.38 mmol), Fe cat. **4** (88.3 mg, 0.169 mmol) and PhSiH₃ (834 μL, 731 mg, 0.877 mmol). The mixture was stirred for 45 minutes at RT, then concentrated *in vacuo* and purified by column chromatography (15% EtOAc/hexane), affording lactone **35** (1.219 g, 2.86 mmol, 85%) >95:5 *dr* as a colourless solid.

Method 2: 5 mol%, Fe cat. **4**, 0.2 mmol scale.

Prepared according to the general procedure using lactone **18**¹ (68.8 mg, 0.195 mmol) and 2-methoxypropene **27** (374 μL, 281 mg, 3.90 mmol) with stirring for 40 minutes. Column chromatography (20% EtOAc/hexane) afforded lactone **35** (71.6 mg, 0.168 mmol, 86%) >95:5 *dr* as a colourless solid.

Method 3: 5 mol% Fe cat. **4**, Ph(ⁱPrO)SiH₂.

Prepared according to the general procedure using lactone **18**¹ (99.62 mg, 0.2826 mmol) and 2-methoxypropene **27** (541 μL, 407.5 mg, 5.652 mmol), Na₂HPO₄ (40 mg, 0.2826 mmol), Ph(ⁱPrO)SiH₂ (101 μL, 94 mg, 0.565 mmol) and Fe cat. **4** (7.397 mg, 0.0141 mmol) with stirring for 40 minutes. Column chromatography (15% EtOAc/hexane) afforded lactone **35** (95.27 mg, 0.224 mmol, 79%) as a colorless solid.

Method 4: 5 mol%, Fe(dibm)₃ (**2**), RT.

Prepared according to the general procedure using lactone **18**¹ (114.8 mg, 0.326 mmol), 2-methoxypropene **27** (624 μL, 469 mg, 6.51 mmol), Na₂HPO₄ (46.2 mg, 0.326 mmol) and Fe(dibm)₃ (**2**) (8.49 mg, 0.0163 mmol) with stirring for 1 hour. Column chromatography (15% EtOAc/hexane) afforded lactone **35** (67.8 mg, 0.159 mmol, 49%) >95:5 *dr* as a colourless solid.

Method 5: 5 mol%, Fe(dibm)₃ (**2**), Ph(ⁱPrO)SiH₂, 60°C.

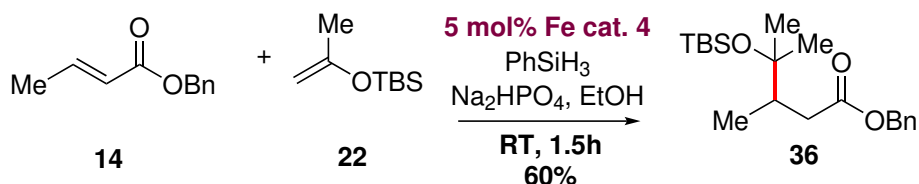
To a solution of lactone **18**¹ (204.0 mg, 0.579 mmol) and 2-methoxypropene **27** (1.6 mL, 1.3 g, 17.4 mmol) in EtOH (3 mL) was added Na₂HPO₄, Fe(dibm)₃ (**2**) (15.1 mg, 0.0289 mmol) and PhSiH₃ (143 μL, 125 mg, 1.16 mmol). The mixture was stirred for 45 minutes at 60°C in a pressure tube, concentrated *in vacuo* and purified by column chromatography (15% EtOAc/hexane), affording lactone **35** (189.3 mg, 0.444 mmol, 77%) >95:5 *dr* as a colourless solid.

Method 6: 6 mol%, Fe(dibm)₃ (**2**), Ph(ⁱPrO)SiH₂, 60°C.

Prepared according to the general procedure using lactone **18**¹ (120 mg, 0.34 mmol), 2-methoxypropene **27** (651.2 μ L, 490.4 mg, 0.68 mmol), Na₂HPO₄ (40 mg, 0.28 mmol), Ph(ⁱPrO)SiH₂ (122 μ L, 112.9 mg, 0.68 mmol) and Fe(dibm)₃ (**2**) (8.86 mg, 0.02 mmol), with heating at 60°C and stirring for 40 mins. Column chromatography (15% EtOAc/hexane) affording lactone **35** (102.5 mg, 0.24 mmol, 71%) as a colorless solid.

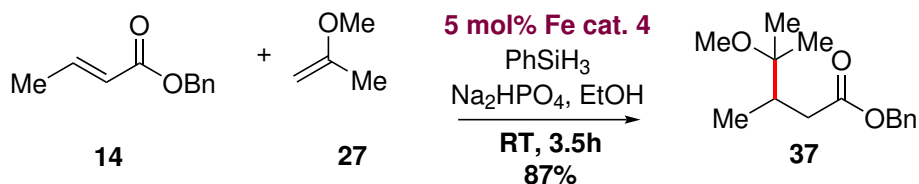
Recrystallisation from MeOH afforded diffraction quality crystals of the racemate. M.P. 102.0°C - 103.0°C. ¹H-NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.67 (ddt, *J* = 6.6, 2.7, 1.4 Hz, 4H), 7.46 - 7.39 (m, 7H), 4.56 (q, *J* = 3.1 Hz, 1H), 3.94 (dd, *J* = 11.4, 2.9 Hz, 1H), 3.64 (dd, *J* = 11.4, 2.9 Hz, 1H), 3.14 (s, 3H), 2.72 (dd, *J* = 18.0, 10.3 Hz, 1H), 2.56 (dt, *J* = 10.3, 3.7 Hz, 1H), 2.47 (dd, *J* = 18.0, 4.1 Hz, 1H), 1.10 (s, 3H), 1.09 (s, 3H), 1.07 (s, 9H). ¹³C-NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 177.3, 135.8, 135.7, 133.2, 132.7, 130.0, 128.0, 81.3, 75.1, 66.1, 49.3, 45.6, 31.1, 26.9, 22.0, 21.3, 19.3 HRMS (ESI) Calc. for C₂₅H₃₅O₄Si [M+H]⁺ 427.2299; found 427.2301. $[\alpha]_D^{19.9}$ 13.3 (*c* 1.51, CH₂Cl₂).

Ester 36



Prepared according to the general procedure using benzyl crotonate **14** (113.3 mg, 0.643 mmol), silyl enol ether **22**⁹ (332.3 mg, 1.93 mmol) and Na₂HPO₄ (91 mg, 0.643 mmol), with stirring for 90 minutes. Column chromatography (0.5% EtOAc/hexane) afforded ester **36** (135 mg, 0.385 mmol, 60%) as a clear colourless oil. ¹H-NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.37 - 7.31 (m, 5H), 5.14 (s, 2H), 2.77 (dd, *J* = 14.6, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 2.08 (dd, *J* = 14.6, 10.5 Hz, 1H), 2.05 - 1.99 (m, 1H), 1.22 (s, 3H), 1.15 (s, 3H), 0.93 (d, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 3H), 0.87 (s, 9H), 0.09 (s, 6H). ¹³C-NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 174.1, 136.4, 128.6, 128.26, 128.22, 75.3, 66.2, 42.3, 37.2, 28.4, 26.4, 26.0, 18.3, 15.4, -1.95, -1.98. HRMS (ESI) Calc. for C₂₀H₃₅O₃Si [M+H]⁺ 351.2350; found 351.2347.

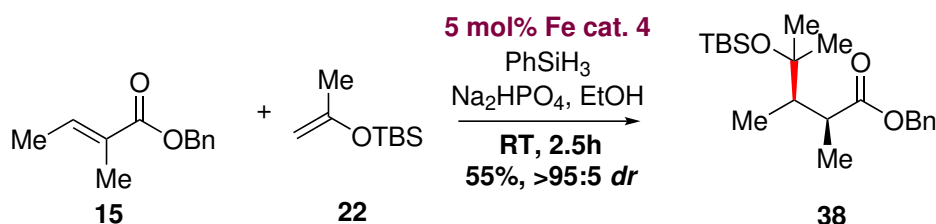
Ester 37



Prepared according to the general procedure using benzyl crotonate **14** (117.0 mg, 0.664 mmol) and 2-methoxypropene **27** (1.3 mL, 959 mg, 13.3 mmol) with stirring for 3.5 hours. Column chromatography (2.5% to 5% EtOAc/hexane) afforded ester **37** (144.9 mg, 0.579 mmol, 87%) as a clear colourless oil. ¹H-NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.36 - 7.29 (m, 5H), 5.12 (s, 2H), 3.16 (s, 3H), 2.66 (dd, *J* = 15.1, 3.7 Hz, 1H), 2.27 (dq, *J* = 10.3, 6.8, 3.5 Hz, 1H), 2.06 (dd, *J* = 15.1, 10.1 Hz, 1H), 1.13 (s, 3H), 1.05 (s, 3H), 0.92 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 3H). ¹³C-NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 176.1, 136.4, 128.5, 128.3,

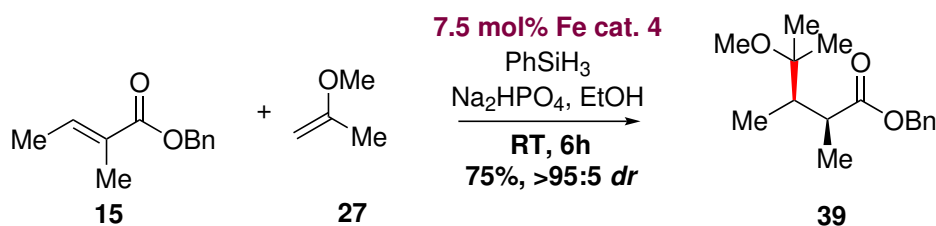
128.1, 77.3, 65.9, 48.8, 45.8, 39.7, 23.6, 21.8, 17.8, 11.4. HRMS (ESI) Calc. for C₁₅H₂₃O₃ [M+H]⁺ 251.1642; found 251.1635.

Ester 38



Prepared according to the general procedure using benzyl tiglate **15** (66.7 mg, 0.351 mmol) and silyl enol ether **22**⁹ (367.4 mg, 2.13 mmol), with stirring for 2.5 hours. Column chromatography (2% Et₂O/pentane) afforded ester **38** (70.3 mg, 0.193 mmol, 55%) >95:5 *dr* as a clear colourless oil. ¹H-NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.37 - 7.30 (m, 5H), 5.11 and 5.07 (AB_q, *J*_{AB} = 12.4 Hz, 2H), 2.97 (qd, *J* = 7.2, 3.1 Hz, 1H), 1.63 (qd, *J* = 7.3, 3.1 Hz, 1H), 1.22 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H), 1.18 (s, 3H), 1.17 (s, 3H), 0.99 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 3H), 0.87 (s, 9H), 0.09 (s, 3H), 0.08 (s, 3H). ¹³C-NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 176.3, 136.4, 128.6, 128.4, 128.2, 76.6, 65.9, 50.3, 39.5, 28.8, 26.6, 26.0, 18.6, 18.3, 11.6, -1.8. HRMS (ESI) Calc. for C₂₁H₃₇O₃Si [M+H]⁺ 365.2507; found 365.2504.

Ester 39



Method 1: 7.5 mol% Fe cat. 4.

Conducted according to the general procedure using benzyl tiglate **15** (127.0 mg, 0.668 mmol) and 2-methoxypropene **27** (1.3 mL, 966 mg, 13.4 mmol) with stirring for 4 hours, followed by the addition of further 2-methoxypropene **27** (650 μL, 483 mg, 6.7 mmol), Fe cat. 4 (8.8 mg, 0.0168 mmol), and PhSiH₃ (82 μL, 72 mg, 0.67 mmol) and the mixture was stirred for a further 2 hours. Column chromatography (2.5% to 5% EtOAc/hexane) afforded ester **39** (132.8 mg, 0.502 mmol, 75%) >95:5 *dr* as a clear colourless oil.

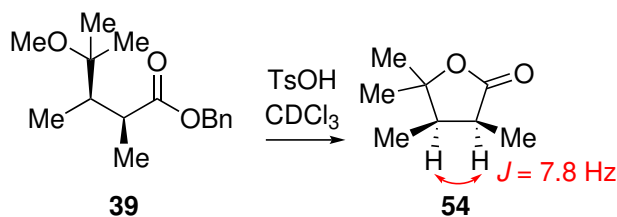
Method 2: 7.5 mol% Fe(dibm)₃ (**2**), 60°C.

Conducted according to the general procedure using benzyl tiglate **15** (139.5 mg, 0.733 mmol), 2-methoxypropene **27** (1.4 mL, 1.1 g, 14.7 mmol) Na₂HPO₄ (104 mg, 0.733 mmol), Fe(dibm)₃ (**2**) (19.1 mg, 0.0367 mmol) and PhSiH₃ (172 μL, 151 mg, 1.39 mmol) with stirring for 1 hour at 60°C in a sealed tube, followed by the addition of further 2-methoxypropene **27** (1.4 mL, 1.1 g, 14.7 mmol), (**2**) (9.6 mg, 0.0184 mmol), and PhSiH₃ (86 μL, 75 mg, 0.693 mmol) and the mixture was stirred for

a further 3.5 hours. Column chromatography (2.5% to 5% EtOAc/hexane) afforded ester **39** (121.2 mg, 0.458 mmol, 63%) 4:1 *dr* as a clear colourless oil.

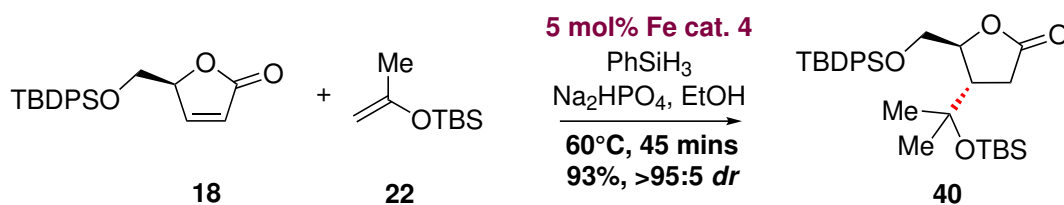
$^1\text{H-NMR}$ (600 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.38 - 7.29 (m, 5H), 5.11 and 5.06 (AB_q , $J_{AB} = 12.4$ Hz, 2H), 3.13 (s, 3H), 2.84 (qd, $J = 7.1, 4.1$ Hz, 1H), 1.81 (qd, $J = 7.2, 4.1$ Hz, 1H), 1.23 (d, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 3H), 1.13 (s, 3H), 1.11 (s, 3H), 1.00 (d, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 3H). $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$ (151 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 176.1, 136.4, 128.5, 128.3, 128.1, 77.3, 65.9, 48.8, 45.8, 39.7, 23.6, 21.8, 17.8, 11.4. HRMS (ESI) Calc. for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{25}\text{O}_3$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 265.1798; found 265.1794.

Lactone **54**



To a solution of ester **39** (42.6 mg, 0.161 mmol) in CDCl_3 (2 mL) was added TsOH (9.2 mg, 0.0484 mmol) and the solution was heated at reflux for 1.5 hours. The organic phase was washed with NaHCO_3 and dried over Na_2SO_4 then transferred to an NMR tube for analysis. (Lactone **54** was volatile). $^1\text{H-NMR}$ (600 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 2.95 (quintet, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 2.31 (quintet, $J = 7.7$ Hz, 1H), 1.41 (s, 3H), 1.34 (s, 3H), 1.18 (d, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 3H), 0.94 (d, $J = 7.3$ Hz, 3H), 0.94 (d, $J = 7.3$ Hz, 3H). $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$ (151 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 179.2, 85.1, 42.2, 39.1, 27.8, 24.0, 11.1, 11.0. HRMS (ESI) Calc. for $\text{C}_8\text{H}_{15}\text{O}_2$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 143.1067; found 143.1068. Analysis of the 3J coupling ($J = 7.8$ Hz), suggests a *cis* configuration of the methyl groups.¹²

Lactone **40**



Method 1: 5 mol% Fe cat. **4**, 60°C:

Conducted according to the general procedure on lactone **18**¹ (204.9 mg, 0.581 mmol), with silyl enol ether **22**⁹ (300.8 mg, 1.75 mmol) and Fe cat. **4** (15.2 mg, 0.0291 mmol) with stirring for 45 minutes at 60°C. Column chromatography (5% to 10% EtOAc/hexane) afforded lactone **40** (284.0 mg, 0.539 mmol, 93%) >95:5 *dr* as a clear colourless oil.

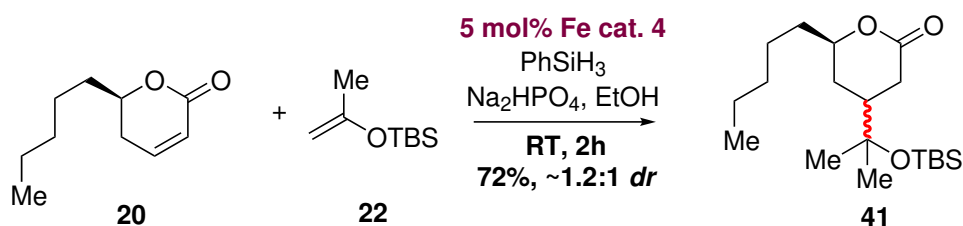
Method 2: 5 mol% Fe(dibm)₃ (**2**), 60°C:

Conducted according to the general procedure on lactone **18**¹ (104.8 mg, 0.297 mmol), with silyl enol ether **22**⁹ (153.6 mg, 0.892 mmol), Na_2HPO_4 (42.2 mg, 0.297 mmol) and Fe(dibm)₃ (**2**) (7.7 mg,

0.01485 mmol) with stirring 1 hour and 30 minutes at 60°C. Column chromatography (5% to 10% EtOAc/hexane) afforded lactone **40** (136.1 mg, 0.258 mmol, 87%) >95:5 *dr* as a clear colourless oil.

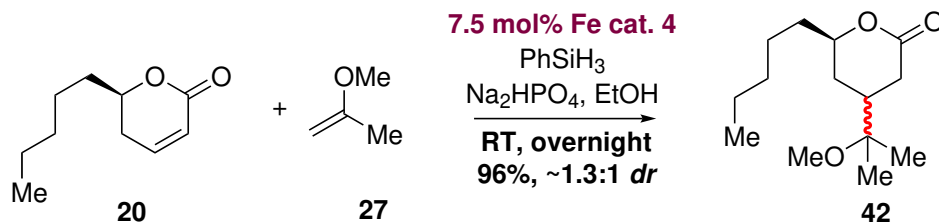
¹H-NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.66 (d, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 4H), 7.46 - 7.39 (m, 7H), 4.58 (q, *J* = 3.0 Hz, 1H), 3.96 (dd, *J* = 11.4, 2.7 Hz, 1H), 3.63 (dd, *J* = 11.4, 2.8 Hz, 1H), 2.69 (dd, *J* = 18.1, 10.4 Hz, 1H), 2.50 (dd, *J* = 18.1, 4.5 Hz, 1H), 2.40 (dt, *J* = 10.3, 4.1 Hz, 1H), 1.18 (s, 3H), 1.14 (s, 3H), 1.06 (s, 9H), 0.82 (s, 9H), 0.09 (s, 3H), 0.08 (s, 3H). ¹³C-NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 177.3, 135.8, 135.7, 133.2, 132.7, 130.0, 128.0, 81.7, 73.9, 66.1, 48.0, 31.3, 27.8, 27.4, 27.0, 25.8, 19.4, 18.2, -2.03, -2.06. HRMS (ESI) Calc. for C₃₀H₄₇O₄Si₂ [M+H]⁺ 527.3007; found 527.3011. [α]_D²⁰ 8.61 (*c* 1.75, CH₂Cl₂).

Lactone 41



Prepared according to the general procedure using massoia lactone **20** (143.4 mg, 0.852 mmol) and silyl enol ether **22**⁹ (592.0 mg, 3.44 mmol) with stirring for 2 hours. Column chromatography (5% to 10% to 20% EtOAc/hexane) afforded lactone **41** (210.2 mg, 0.614 mmol, 72%) as a clear colourless oil and a 1.2:1 mixture of stereoisomers. Further elution afforded reduced lactone **21**⁸ (38.3 mg, 0.225 mmol, 26%) as a clear colourless oil. ¹H-NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 4.25 - 4.21 (m, 1H), 4.18 (dtd, *J* = 10.3, 6.8, 3.2 Hz, 1H), 2.60 - 2.56 (m, 1H), 2.52 - 2.45 (m, 2H), 2.40 (dt, *J* = 17.5, 8.6 Hz, 1H), 1.92 - 1.83 (m, 4H), 1.74 - 1.44 (m, 7H), 1.38 - 1.25 (m, 11H), 1.22 (s, 2H), 1.19 (s, 2H), 1.19 (s, 3H), 1.18 (s, 3H), 0.87 (app. td, = 7.0, 1.4 Hz, 5H), 0.84 (s, 7H), 0.83 (s, 8H), 0.09 (s, 4H), 0.07 (s, 6H). ¹³C-NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 174.5, 172.6, 80.1, 78.0, 74.7, 74.0, 43.6, 40.9, 36.2, 35.2, 31.71, 31.66, 31.4, 30.9, 30.1, 29.4, 28.1, 27.8, 27.44, 27.34, 25.95, 25.91, 25.0, 24.6, 22.60, 22.58, 18.3, 14.05, 14.02, -2.04, -2.05, -2.07. HRMS (ESI) Calc. for C₁₉H₃₉O₃Si [M+H]⁺ 343.2663; found 343.2669.

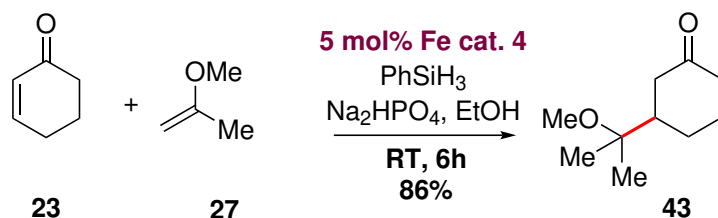
Lactone 42



Prepared according to the general procedure using massoia lactone **20** (121.7 mg, 0.723 mmol), 2-methoxypropene **27** (3.6 mL, 2.7 g, 37.6 mmol) and Fe cat. **4** (28.4 mg, 0.0543 mmol) with stirring overnight. Column chromatography (20% EtOAc/hexane) afforded lactone **42** (167.6 mg, 0.692 mmol, 96%) as a colourless oil and 1.3:1 mixture of stereoisomers. ¹H-NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 4.25 (ddtd, *J* = 8.6, 8.4, 4.4, 4.1 Hz, 1H), 4.20 (dddd, *J* = 11.8, 7.2, 4.8, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 3.17 (s, 2H),

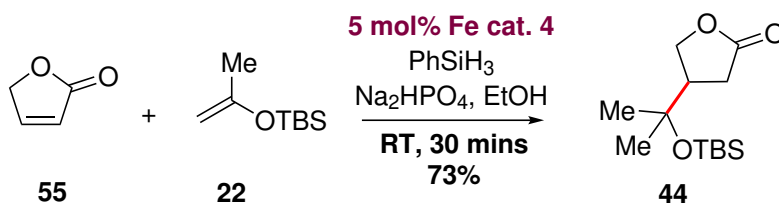
3.17 (s, 3H), 2.57 (ddd, $J = 17.7, 6.9, 1.5$ Hz, 1H), 2.49 - 2.36 (m, 3H), 2.09 - 2.02 (m, 2H), 1.94 - 1.87 (m, 2H), 1.71 - 1.47 (m, 8H), 1.41 - 1.23 (m, 11H), 1.14 (s, 2H), 1.12 (s, 2H), 1.11 (s, 3H), 1.10 (s, 3H), 0.89 (t, $J = 7.0$ Hz, 6H). ^{13}C -NMR (151 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 174.2, 172.4, 80.2, 78.1, 75.7, 75.3, 49.25, 49.14, 40.8, 38.5, 36.1, 35.2, 31.69, 31.66, 31.3, 30.8, 30.0, 29.1, 25.0, 24.6, 22.6, 22.07, 21.96, 21.58, 21.48, 14.0. HRMS (ESI) Calc. for $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{27}\text{O}_3$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 243.1955; found 243.1958.

Ketone 43



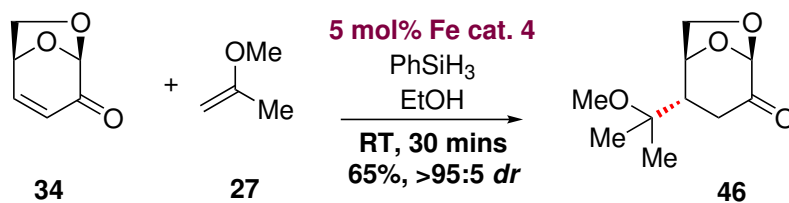
Prepared according to the general procedure using cyclohexenone **23** (100 μL , 99.3 mg, 1.03 mmol) and 2-methoxypropene **27** (2.9 mL, 2.23 g, 31.0 mmol) with stirring for 6 hours. Column chromatography (15% Et_2O /pentane) afforded ketone **43** (151.3 mg, 0.889 mmol, 86%) as a clear colourless oil. ^1H -NMR (600 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 3.09 (s, 3H), 2.35 (ddt, $J = 13.9, 4.0, 2.0$ Hz, 1H), 2.28 (ddq, $J = 14.3, 4.1, 2.1$ Hz, 1H), 2.20 - 2.14 (m, 1H), 2.09 (td, $J = 13.5, 0.8$ Hz, 1H), 2.03 (ddq, $J = 13.2, 6.5, 3.2$ Hz, 1H), 1.86 (dtq, $J = 11.3, 3.5, 1.8$ Hz, 1H), 1.79 (ddt, $J = 12.9, 11.9, 3.6$ Hz, 1H), 1.51 (qdd, $J = 13.2, 4.4, 3.7$ Hz, 1H), 1.36 (tdd, $J = 12.9, 11.9, 3.6$ Hz, 1H), 1.07 (s, 3H), 1.05 (s, 3H). ^{13}C -NMR (151 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 212.2, 75.7, 48.9, 47.2, 43.1, 41.3, 25.8, 25.4, 22.16, 22.15. HRMS (ESI) Calc. for $\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_{19}\text{O}_2$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 171.1380; found 171.1380.

Lactone 44



Prepared according to the general procedure using lactone **33** (19.98 mg, 0.238 mmol) and silyl enol ether **22**⁹ (123.1 mg, 0.714 mmol), with stirring for half an hour. Column chromatography (15% EtOAc /hexane) afforded lactone **44** (45.1 mg, 0.175 mmol, 73%) as a clear colourless oil. ^1H -NMR (600 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 4.32 (t, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 4.25 (t, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 2.60 - 2.49 (m, 2H), 2.43 (dd, $J = 16.4, 8.3$ Hz, 1H), 1.22 (s, 3H), 1.20 (s, 3H), 0.85 (s, 9H), 0.10 (s, 3H), 0.10 (s, 3H). ^{13}C -NMR (151 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 177.5, 72.5, 69.4, 47.6, 29.7, 28.6, 28.0, 25.9, 18.3, -2.09, -2.12. HRMS (ESI) Calc. for $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{27}\text{O}_3\text{Si}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 259.1724; found 259.1723.

Ketone 46



Method 1: 5 mol% Fe cat. **4**.

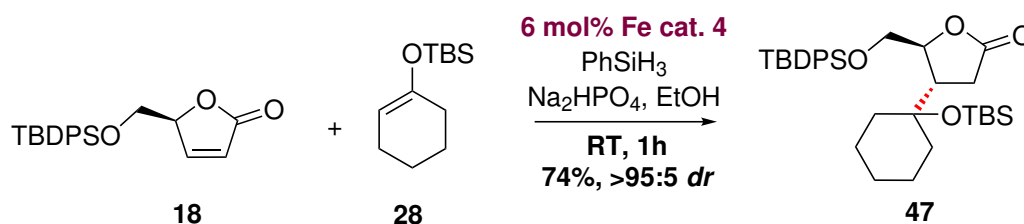
Conducted according to the general procedure, without Na₂HPO₄, using levoglucoscenone (**34**) (227.1 mg, 1.80 mmol), 2-methoxypropene **27** (5.2 mL, 3.9 g, 54.0 mmol) and Fe cat. **4** (47.1 mg, 0.0900 mmol) with stirring for 30 minutes. Column chromatography (30% EtOAc/hexane) afforded ketone **46** (236.1 mg, 1.18 mmol, 65%) >95:5 *dr* as a clear colourless oil.

Method 2: 5 mol% Fe(dibm)₃ (**2**), 60°C.

Conducted according to the general procedure, without Na₂HPO₄, using levoglucoscenone (**34**) (68.2 mg, 0.541 mmol), 2-methoxypropene **27** (1.6 mL, 1.20 g, 16.23 mmol) and Fe(dibm)₃ (**2**) (14.1 mg, 0.0271 mmol) with heating for 40 minutes at 60°C in a sealed tube. Column chromatography (30% EtOAc/hexane) afforded ketone **46** (65.6 mg, 0.328 mmol, 61%) >95:5 *dr* as a clear colourless oil.

¹H-NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 5.04 (s, 1H), 4.90 (dd, *J* = 5.2, 0.7 Hz, 1H), 3.92 (dd, *J* = 7.3, 5.3 Hz, 1H), 3.87 (dd, *J* = 7.3, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 3.18 (s, 3H), 2.57 (dd, *J* = 17.4, 9.1 Hz, 1H), 2.38 (dddd, *J* = 17.4, 3.0, 1.4, 0.8 Hz, 1H), 2.07 (dd, *J* = 9.1, 3.0 Hz, 1H), 1.21 (s, 3H), 1.15 (s, 3H). ¹³C-NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 201.4, 100.8, 76.6, 73.2, 69.6, 49.1, 48.5, 32.8, 22.6, 21.4. HRMS (ESI) Calc. for C₁₀H₁₇O₄ [M+H]⁺ 201.1121; found 201.1121. [α]_D^{20.4} -137.7 (*c* 2.210, CH₂Cl₂).

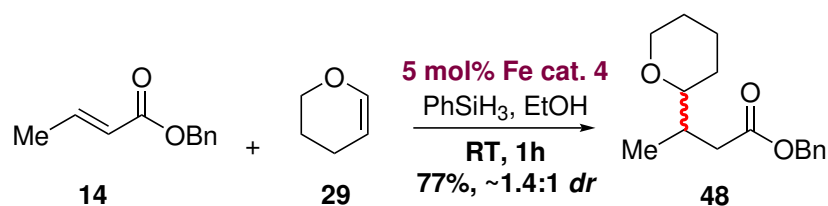
Lactone 47



Prepared according to the general procedure using lactone **18**¹ (66.6 mg, 0.189 mmol), silyl enol ether **28**¹⁰ (127.4 mg, 0.600 mmol) and Fe cat. **4** (6.25 mg, 0.0119 mmol) with stirring for 1 hour. Column chromatography (5% EtOAc/hexane) afforded lactone **47** (79.6 mg 0.140 mmol, 74%) >95:5 *dr* as a clear colourless oil. ¹H-NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.68 - 7.66 (m, 4H), 7.45 - 7.42 (m, 2H), 7.41 - 7.38 (m, 4H), 4.56 (dt, *J* = 4.7, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 3.99 (dd, *J* = 11.5, 2.3 Hz, 1H), 3.58 (dd, *J* = 11.5, 2.9 Hz, 1H), 2.96 (ddd, *J* = 9.5, 6.6, 4.6 Hz, 1H), 2.66 - 2.62 (m, 1H), 2.60 (dd, *J* = 15.6, 7.3 Hz, 1H), 1.67 (dt, *J* = 11.6, 3.6 Hz, 2H), 1.55 - 1.42 (m, 5H), 1.30 - 1.12 (m, 3H), 1.08 (s, 9H), 0.85 (s, 9H), 0.12 (s, 3H), 0.10 (s, 3H). ¹³C-NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 177.2, 135.82, 135.69, 133.2, 132.7,

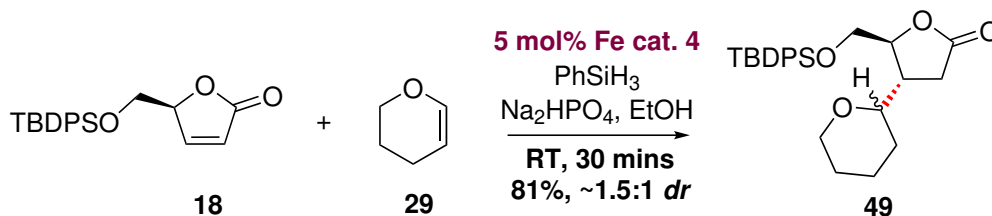
130.0, 128.0, 81.3, 75.8, 65.8, 37.7, 36.2, 30.5, 27.0, 25.9, 25.6, 23.3, 23.1, 19.4, 18.4, -1.7. HRMS (ESI) Calc. for $C_{33}H_{51}O_4Si_2$ $[M+H]^+$ 567.3320; found 567.3324. $[\alpha]_D^{21.9}$ 11.2 (*c* 1.56, CH_2Cl_2).

Ester 48



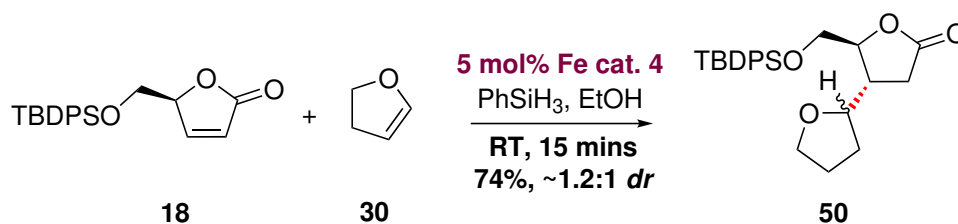
Prepared according to the general procedure, without Na_2HPO_4 using benzyl crotonate **14** (117.6 mg, 0.667 mmol) and dihydropyran **29** (1.8 mL, 1.68 g, 20 mmol), with stirring for 1 hour. Column chromatography (2.5% to 5% EtOAc/hexane) afforded the ester **48** (135.6 mg, 0.517 mmol, 77%) as a clear colourless oil and a 1.4:1 mixture of stereoisomers. 1H -NMR (600 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 7.36 - 7.29 (m, 9H), 5.15 - 5.09 (m, 4H), 3.96 - 3.91 (m, 2H), 3.35 (tdd, $J = 11.6, 9.4, 2.3$ Hz, 2H), 3.16 (ddd, $J = 11.1, 4.3, 1.8$ Hz, 1H), 3.00 (ddd, $J = 11.0, 7.2, 2.0$ Hz, 1H), 2.65 (dd, $J = 15.2, 5.0$ Hz, 1H), 2.57 - 2.55 (m, 1H), 2.20 (ddd, $J = 22.8, 15.2, 7.6$ Hz, 2H), 2.13 - 2.04 (m, 2H), 1.84 - 1.82 (m, 2H), 1.65 - 1.63 (m, 1H), 1.57 - 1.40 (m, 7H), 1.35 - 1.28 (m, 1H), 1.26 - 1.20 (m, 1H), 0.95 (d, $J = 6.9$ Hz, 3H), 0.94 (d, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 2H). ^{13}C -NMR (151 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 173.36, 173.22, 136.40, 136.31, 128.56, 128.53, 128.23, 128.22, 128.16, 128.11, 81.4, 80.6, 68.79, 68.68, 66.06, 65.99, 38.14, 38.01, 35.9, 35.3, 28.9, 28.1, 26.30, 26.21, 23.76, 23.64, 16.2, 15.1 HRMS (ESI) Calc. for $C_{16}H_{23}O_3$ $[M+H]^+$ 263.1642; found 263.1644.

Lactone 49



Prepared according to the general procedure, using lactone **18**¹ (102.2 mg, 0.290 mmol), dihydropyran **29** (794 μ L, 732 mg, 8.70 mmol) and Na_2HPO_4 (41 mg, 0.290 mmol), with stirring for half an hour. Column chromatography (10% EtOAc/hexane) afforded lactone **49** (103 mg, 0.235 mmol, 81%) as a colourless oil and a 1.5:1 mixture of stereoisomers. 1H -NMR (600 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 7.69 - 7.66 (m, 7H), 7.45 - 7.38 (m, 11H), 4.60 (q, $J = 3.5$ Hz, 1H), 4.46 (dt, $J = 4.8, 3.3$ Hz, 1H), 3.98 - 3.87 (m, 4H), 3.70 (ddd, $J = 11.2, 7.4, 3.5$ Hz, 2H), 3.37 (tdd, $J = 11.1, 7.4, 3.4$ Hz, 2H), 3.25 - 3.19 (m, 2H), 2.77 (dd, $J = 17.8, 10.0$ Hz, 1H), 2.64 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 2.55 - 2.49 (m, 2H), 2.34 (dd, $J = 17.8, 5.4$ Hz, 1H), 1.87 - 1.84 (m, 2H), 1.57 - 1.44 (m, 7H), 1.27 - 1.17 (m, 2H), 1.07 (s, 6H), 1.06 (s, 6H). ^{13}C -NMR (151 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 177.0, 176.81, 135.76, 135.75, 135.68, 135.65, 133.2, 133.1, 132.8, 132.7, 130.0, 129.9, 127.92, 127.87, 82.4, 81.8, 79.1, 77.2, 68.67, 68.65, 65.9, 65.1, 41.9, 41.5, 32.1, 30.2, 29.48, 29.36, 26.9, 25.94, 25.92, 23.4, 23.3, 19.3. HRMS (ESI) Calc. for $C_{26}H_{35}O_4Si$ $[M+H]^+$ 439.2299; found 439.2300.

Lactone 50



Method 1: 5 mol% Fe cat. **4**.

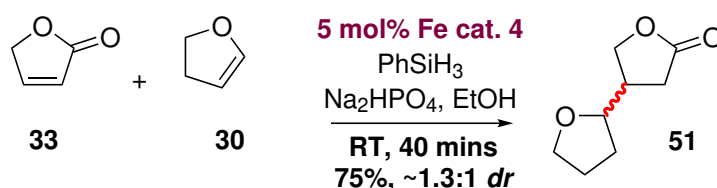
Prepared according to the general procedure, without Na₂HPO₄ using lactone **18**¹ (53.8 mg, 0.153 mmol) and dihydrofuran **30** (117 μL, 107 mg, 1.53 mmol) with stirring for 15 minutes. Column chromatography (15% EtOAc/hexane) afforded lactone **50** (48.1 mg, 0.113 mmol, 74%) as a clear colourless oil and a 1.2:1 mixture of stereoisomers.

Method 2: 5 mol% Fe(dibm)₃ (**2**), 60°C.

Prepared according to the general procedure using lactone **18**¹ (102.3 mg, 0.290 mmol), dihydrofuran **30** (219 μL, 203 mg, 2.90 mmol), Na₂HPO₄ (41.2 mg, 0.290 mmol) and Fe(dibm)₃ (**2**) (7.56 mg, 0.0145 mmol) with stirring at 60°C for 40 minutes. Column chromatography (15% EtOAc/hexane) afforded lactone **50** (72.8 mg, 0.171 mmol, 59%) as a clear colourless oil and a 1.2:1 mixture of stereoisomers.

¹H-NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.67 - 7.65 (m, 8H), 7.44 - 7.39 (m, 12H), 4.55 (q, *J* = 3.3 Hz, 1H), 4.40 (q, *J* = 3.4 Hz, 1H), 3.97 (dd, *J* = 11.4, 2.6 Hz, 1H), 3.91 (dd, *J* = 11.5, 3.2 Hz, 1H), 3.86 (q, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 3.81 (dtd, *J* = 11.1, 7.4, 3.7 Hz, 3H), 3.76 - 3.68 (m, 4H), 2.82 - 2.67 (m, 3H), 2.61 - 2.57 (m, 1H), 2.51 (dd, *J* = 16.1, 3.7 Hz, 1H), 2.27 (dd, *J* = 17.8, 5.1 Hz, 1H), 2.00 (dt, *J* = 12.6, 6.4 Hz, 1H), 1.96 - 1.88 (m, 5H), 1.49 - 1.41 (m, 2H), 1.06 (s, 8H), 1.06 (s, 8H). ¹³C-NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 176.8, 176.6, 135.8, 135.70, 135.69, 133.2, 133.1, 132.8, 132.7, 130.1, 130.00, 129.98, 127.98, 127.94, 83.1, 82.2, 80.7, 79.3, 68.5, 68.2, 65.6, 65.1, 41.2, 40.9, 32.3, 31.0, 29.8, 29.2, 26.9, 26.0, 25.7, 19.3. HRMS (ESI) Calc. for C₂₅H₃₃O₄Si [M+H]⁺ 425.2143; found 425.2143.

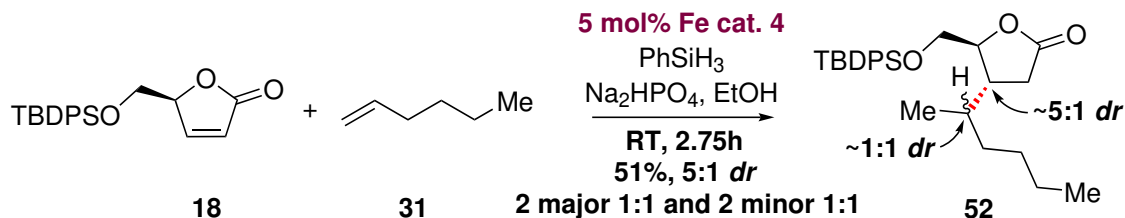
Lactone 51



Prepared according to the general procedure using butenolide **33** (100.4 mg, 1.20 mmol), dihydrofuran **30** (905 μL, 841 mg, 12.0 mmol) and Na₂HPO₄ (170 mg, 1.20 mmol) with stirring for 40 minutes. Column chromatography (30% to 50% EtOAc/hexane) afforded lactone **51** (140.5 mg, 0.900 mmol, 75%) as a clear colourless oil and a 1.3:1 mixture of stereoisomers. ¹H-NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 4.37 (dd, *J* = 9.2, 7.5 Hz, 1H), 4.32 (dd, *J* = 9.1, 8.0 Hz, 1H), 4.20 (dd, *J* = 9.3, 6.4 Hz, 1H), 4.07 (dd, *J* = 9.2, 6.5 Hz, 1H), 3.84 - 3.80 (m, 2H), 3.79 - 3.74 (m, 2H), 3.71 (dt, *J* = 14.6, 7.1 Hz, 2H), 2.66 (dq, *J* = 14.8, 7.4 Hz, 1H), 2.62 - 2.58 (m, 1H), 2.52 (dt, *J* = 17.5, 8.8 Hz, 2H), 2.46 - 2.42 (m,

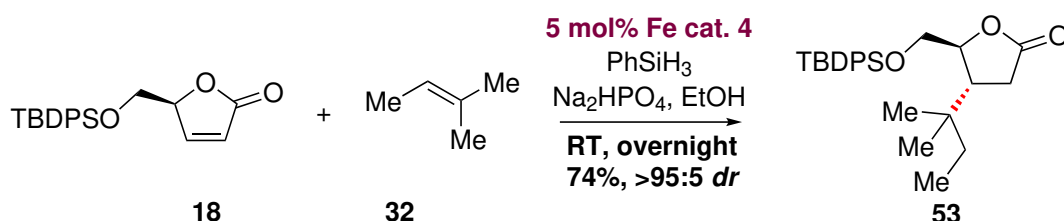
1H), 2.25 (dd, $J = 17.3, 7.3$ Hz, 1H), 2.02 - 1.94 (m, 2H), 1.90 - 1.85 (m, 4H), 1.47 - 1.41 (m, 2H). ^{13}C -NMR (151 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 177.0, 176.7, 80.0, 79.1, 70.8, 70.2, 68.34, 68.25, 40.3, 39.8, 31.3, 30.5, 29.9, 29.4, 25.8, 25.7. HRMS (ESI) Calc. for $\text{C}_8\text{H}_{13}\text{O}_3$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 157.0859; found 157.0859.

Lactone 52



Prepared according to the general procedure using lactone **18**¹ (112.2 mg, 0.318 mmol) and 1-hexene **31** (398 μL , 267 mg, 3.18 mmol), with stirring for 2 hours and 45 minutes. Column chromatography (5% EtOAc/hexane) afforded lactone **52** (70.7 mg, 0.161 mmol, 51%) as a clear colourless oil, and a mixture of 4 stereoisomers, ($\sim 5:1$ dr 2 major 1:1 and 2 minor 1:1). ^1H -NMR (600 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.67 - 7.66 (m, 7H), 7.45 - 7.39 (m, 12H), 4.34 (q, $J = 3.5$ Hz, 1H), 4.31 (q, $J = 3.8$ Hz, 1H), 3.89 (ddd, $J = 11.3, 6.6, 3.2$ Hz, 1H), 3.66 (ddd, $J = 21.3, 11.4, 3.3$ Hz, 1H), 2.77 (dd, $J = 18.0, 10.0$ Hz, 1H), 2.66 (dd, $J = 17.9, 9.9$ Hz, 1H), 2.46 (ddq, $J = 24.4, 9.8, 4.9$ Hz, 1H), 2.30 (ddd, $J = 18.2, 13.4, 5.0$ Hz, 2H), 1.56 - 1.50 (m, 1H), 1.33 - 1.17 (m, 11H), 1.07 (s, 15H), 0.91 - 0.85 (m, 10H). ^{13}C -NMR (151 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 177.4, 177.3, 135.8, 135.7, 133.1, 132.8, 132.7, 130.0, 128.0, 83.7, 82.7, 65.9, 65.5, 41.1, 40.9, 36.3, 35.5, 34.1, 33.4, 33.1, 31.3, 29.5, 29.4, 26.9, 23.0, 22.9, 19.3, 16.2, 15.5, 14.17, 14.16. HRMS (ESI) Calc. for $\text{C}_{27}\text{H}_{39}\text{O}_3\text{Si}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 439.2663; found 439.2663.

Lactone 53



Method 1: 5 mol% Fe cat. 4.

Prepared according to the general procedure on lactone **18**¹ (105.3 mg, 0.299 mmol) and 2-methyl-2-butene **32** (948 μL , 629 mg, 8.97 mmol), with stirring overnight. Column chromatography, (5% EtOAc/hexane) afforded lactone **53** (94.5 mg, 0.223 mmol, 74%) $>95:5$ dr as a clear colourless oil.

Method 2: 5 mol% $\text{Fe}(\text{dibm})_3$ (**2**), 60°C.

Prepared according to the general procedure on lactone **18**¹ (246.0 mg, 0.698 mmol) and 2-methyl-2-butene **32** (2.2 mL, 1.5 g, 20.9 mmol), Na_2HPO_4 (99 mg, 0.698 mmol) and $\text{Fe}(\text{dibm})_3$ (**2**) (18.2 mg, 0.0349 mmol) with stirring overnight at 60°C in a sealed tube. Column chromatography, (5% EtOAc/hexane) afforded lactone **53** (178.7 mg, 0.420 mmol, 60%) $>95:5$ dr as a clear colourless oil.

$^1\text{H-NMR}$ (600 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.67 - 7.66 (m, 4H), 7.45 - 7.39 (m, 7H), 4.43 (q, $J = 2.8$ Hz, 1H), 3.90 (dd, $J = 11.3, 3.0$ Hz, 1H), 3.59 (dd, $J = 11.3, 3.1$ Hz, 1H), 2.71 - 2.66 (m, 1H), 2.39 - 2.33 (m, 2H), 1.21 (qd, $J = 7.5, 2.5$ Hz, 2H), 1.07 (s, 9H), 0.82 - 0.79 (m, 9H). $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$ (151 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 177.6, 135.83, 135.72, 133.1, 132.7, 130.1, 128.0, 81.4, 66.4, 44.5, 34.9, 32.1, 30.8, 27.0, 23.16, 23.01, 19.4, 8.2. HRMS (ESI) Calc. for $\text{C}_{26}\text{H}_{37}\text{O}_3\text{Si}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 425.2507; found 425.2506. $[\alpha]_D^{20.9}$ 10.1 (c 0.689, CH_2Cl_2).

Crystallographic Information

Intensity data for the solvated polymorph of Fe cat. **4** was collected on a Rigaku XtaLAB Synergy at 100.0(2) K. Data for the non-solvated polymorph of Fe cat. **4** was collected on the MX2 beamline¹³ at the Australian Synchrotron at 100.0(2) K. The temperature was maintained using an Oxford Cryostream cooling device. The structures were solved by direct methods and difference Fourier synthesis.¹⁴ Thermal ellipsoid plots were integrated within the WINGX¹⁵ suite of programs or Olex2.¹⁶

Solvated Polymorph of **4** CCDC: 2204667

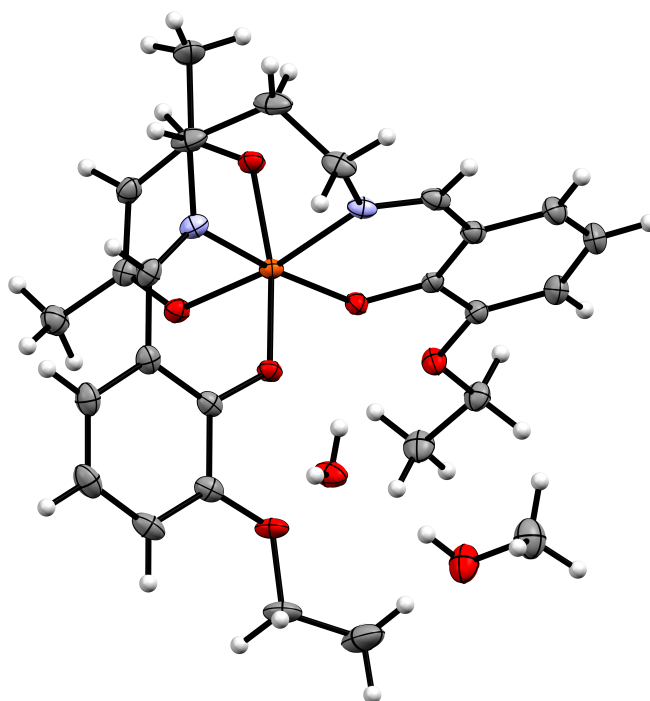


Figure 2: ORTEP representation of single crystal X-ray structure of Fe cat. **4**, as a mixed water and methanol solvate, ellipsoids at 50% probability. Selected bond lengths (Å): [Fe-N1 2.150(1), Fe-N2 2.148(1), Fe-O2 1.935(1), Fe-O3 1.940(1), Fe-O5 2.025(1), Fe-O6 2.008(1)].

Crystal data for: $C_{27}H_{37}N_2O_8Fe$ ($M = 573.43$ g/mol): monoclinic, space group $P2_1/c$ (no. 14), $a = 11.2988(4)$ Å, $b = 29.2753(7)$ Å, $c = 8.8713(3)$ Å, $\beta = 108.177(4)^\circ$, $V = 2787.98(16)$ Å³, $Z = 4$, $T = 100.0(2)$ K, $\mu(\text{Mo K}\alpha) = 0.592$ mm⁻¹, $D_{\text{calc}} = 1.366$ g/cm³, 43657 reflections measured ($4.706^\circ \leq 2\theta \leq 67.338^\circ$), 9552 unique ($R_{\text{int}} = 0.0544$, $R_{\text{sigma}} = 0.0515$) which were used in all calculations. The final R_1 was 0.0399 ($I > 2\sigma(I)$) and wR_2 was 0.0950 (all data).

Non-Solvated Polymorph of 4 CCDC: 2204669

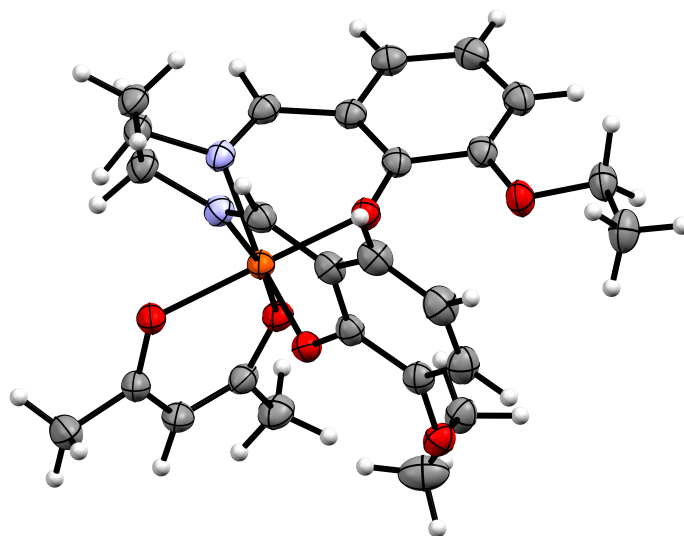


Figure 3: ORTEP representation of single crystal X-ray structure of Fe cat. **4**, as a non solvated polymorph, ellipsoids at 50% probability. Selected bond lengths (Å): [Fe-N1 2.120(2), Fe-N2 2.143(2), Fe-O2 1.942(2), Fe-O3 1.925(1), Fe-O5 2.035(1), Fe-O6 2.036(2)].

Crystal data for: $C_{26}H_{31}FeN_2O_6$ ($M = 523.38$ g/mol): monoclinic, space group $C2/c$ (no. 15), $a = 33.115(7)$ Å, $b = 8.0690(16)$ Å, $c = 23.502(5)$ Å, $\beta = 128.93(3)^\circ$, $V = 4885(2)$ Å³, $Z = 8$, $T = 100.0(2)$ K, $\mu(\text{Synchrotron}) = 0.662$ mm⁻¹, $D_{\text{calc}} = 1.423$ g/cm³, 43326 reflections measured ($3.162^\circ \leq 2\Theta \leq 64.474^\circ$), 7263 unique ($R_{\text{int}} = 0.0821$, $R_{\text{sigma}} = 0.0622$) which were used in all calculations. The final R_1 was 0.0466 ($I > 2\sigma(I)$) and wR_2 was 0.1313 (all data).

Lactone 35 CCDC: 2224866

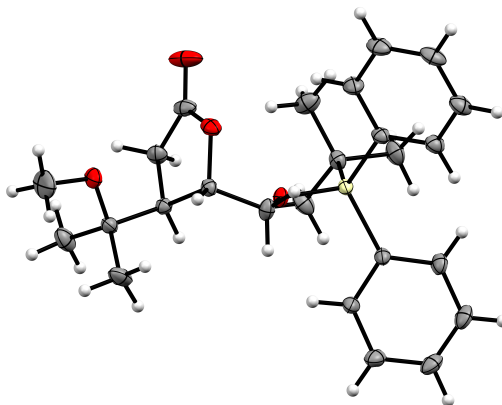


Figure 4: ORTEP representation of single crystal X-ray structure of lactone **35** ellipsoids at 50% probability.

Crystal Data for $C_{25}H_{34}O_4Si$ ($M = 426.61$ g/mol): monoclinic, space group $P2_1/c$ (no. 14), $a = 9.35425(16)$ Å, $b = 11.58392(18)$ Å, $c = 21.9396(3)$ Å, $\beta = 93.5438(15)^\circ$, $V = 2372.80(7)$ Å³, $Z =$

4, $T = 100.00(10)$ K, $\mu(\text{Mo K}\alpha) = 0.126 \text{ mm}^{-1}$, $D_{\text{calc}} = 1.194 \text{ g/cm}^3$, 278224 reflections measured ($4.362^\circ \leq 2\Theta \leq 102.83^\circ$), 26138 unique ($R_{\text{int}} = 0.0902$, $R_{\text{sigma}} = 0.0502$) which were used in all calculations. The final R_1 was 0.0555 ($I > 2\sigma(I)$) and wR_2 was 0.1572 (all data).

Decalin **26** CCDC: 2205204

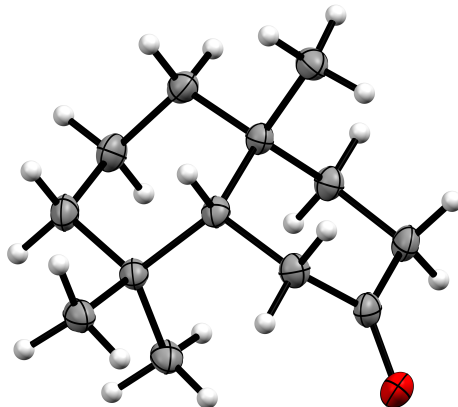


Figure 5: ORTEP representation of single crystal X-ray structure of decalin **26** ellipsoids at 50% probability.

Crystal data for: $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{22}\text{O}$ ($M = 194.30 \text{ g/mol}$): monoclinic, space group $P2_1$ (no. 4), $a = 7.31970(10) \text{ \AA}$, $b = 7.14910(10) \text{ \AA}$, $c = 10.9080(2) \text{ \AA}$, $\beta = 96.041(2)^\circ$, $V = 567.638(15) \text{ \AA}^3$, $Z = 2$, $T = 100.00(10) \text{ K}$, $\mu(\text{Cu K}\alpha) = 0.524 \text{ mm}^{-1}$, $D_{\text{calc}} = 1.137 \text{ g/cm}^3$, 11992 reflections measured ($8.15^\circ \leq 2\Theta \leq 159.764^\circ$), 2370 unique ($R_{\text{int}} = 0.0546$, $R_{\text{sigma}} = 0.0356$) which were used in all calculations. The final R_1 was 0.0355 ($I > 2\sigma(I)$) and wR_2 was 0.0951 (all data).

Cost benefit analysis

Table 1: Cost of materials for the synthesis of Fe(dibm)₃ **2** and Fe cat. **4**. All prices in USD.

Compound	Supplier	Cost USD/g
Fe(dibm) ₃ 2	Strem	\$87.9
Fe(acac) ₃ 1	AKSci	\$ 0.14
FeCl ₃ ·6H ₂ O	Sigma	\$ 0.13
Ligand (dibm)	Sigma	\$ 8.52
Aldehyde 5	Sigma	\$ 0.72
1,3-diaminopropane	Alfa Aeser	\$ 0.098

While Fe(dibm)₃ **2** is a highly effective catalyst in the C–C bond forming reaction, it is costly. The Fe complex **4** is an active catalyst at low loadings (<5 mol%). Both catalysts have similar molecular masses, (Fe cat. **4** = 523.4 g/mol, Fe(dibm)₃ **2** = 521.5 g/mol) which make the comparison simple.

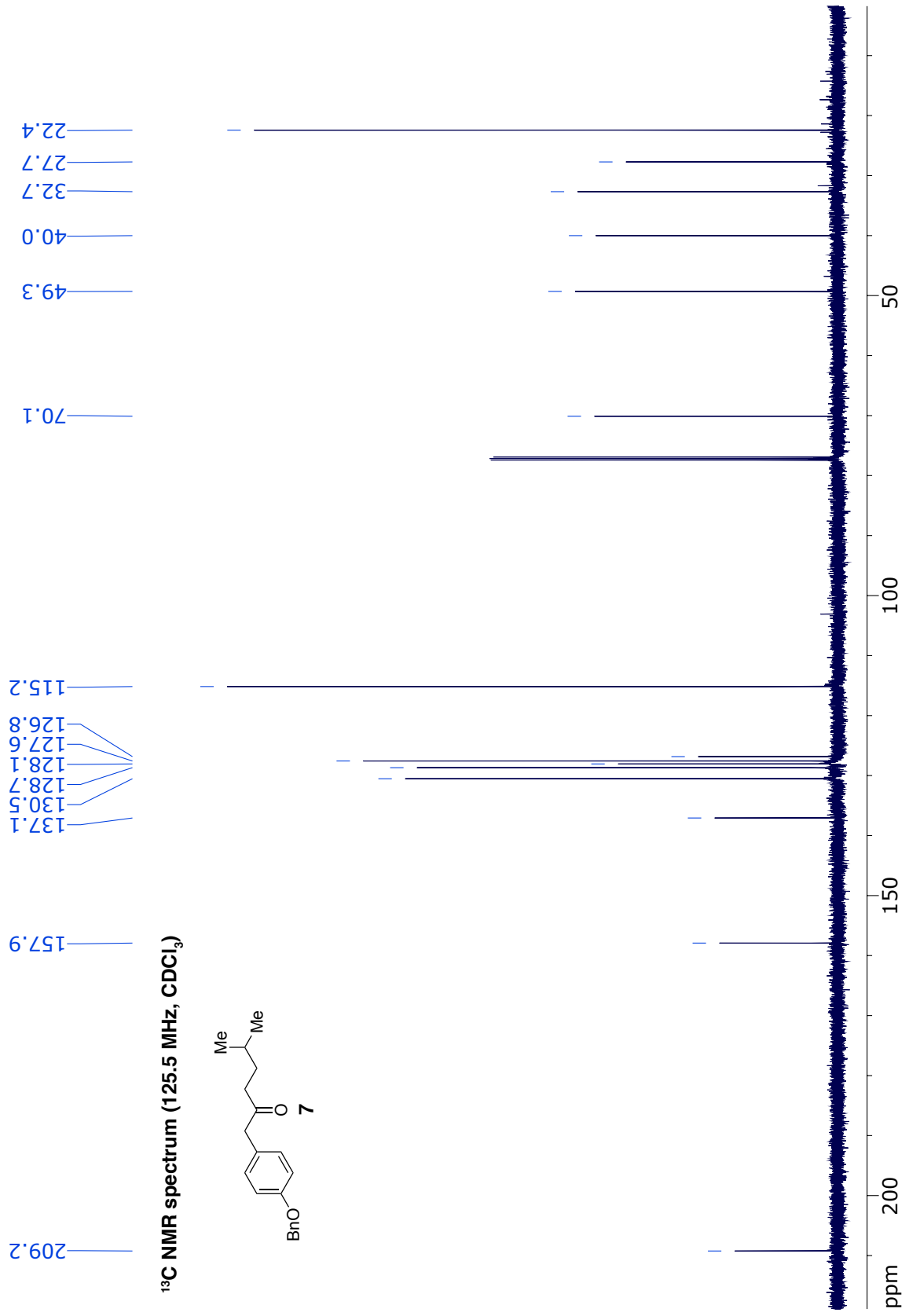
Fe(dibm)₃ **2** is commercially available, however, at the cheapest cost of \$87.9/g it is essentially prohibitively expensive. On the other hand, calculating the cost to synthesise complex **2**, on the scale and yield reported by Baran, a price of \$11.2/g is obtained. Conducting the same analysis for Fe cat. **4** on the scale and yield described in this report, a price of \$0.77/g is obtained. Thus, per gram and given near identical molar masses, per mol, Fe cat. **4** is 14-fold cheaper than Fe(dibm)₃ **2**.

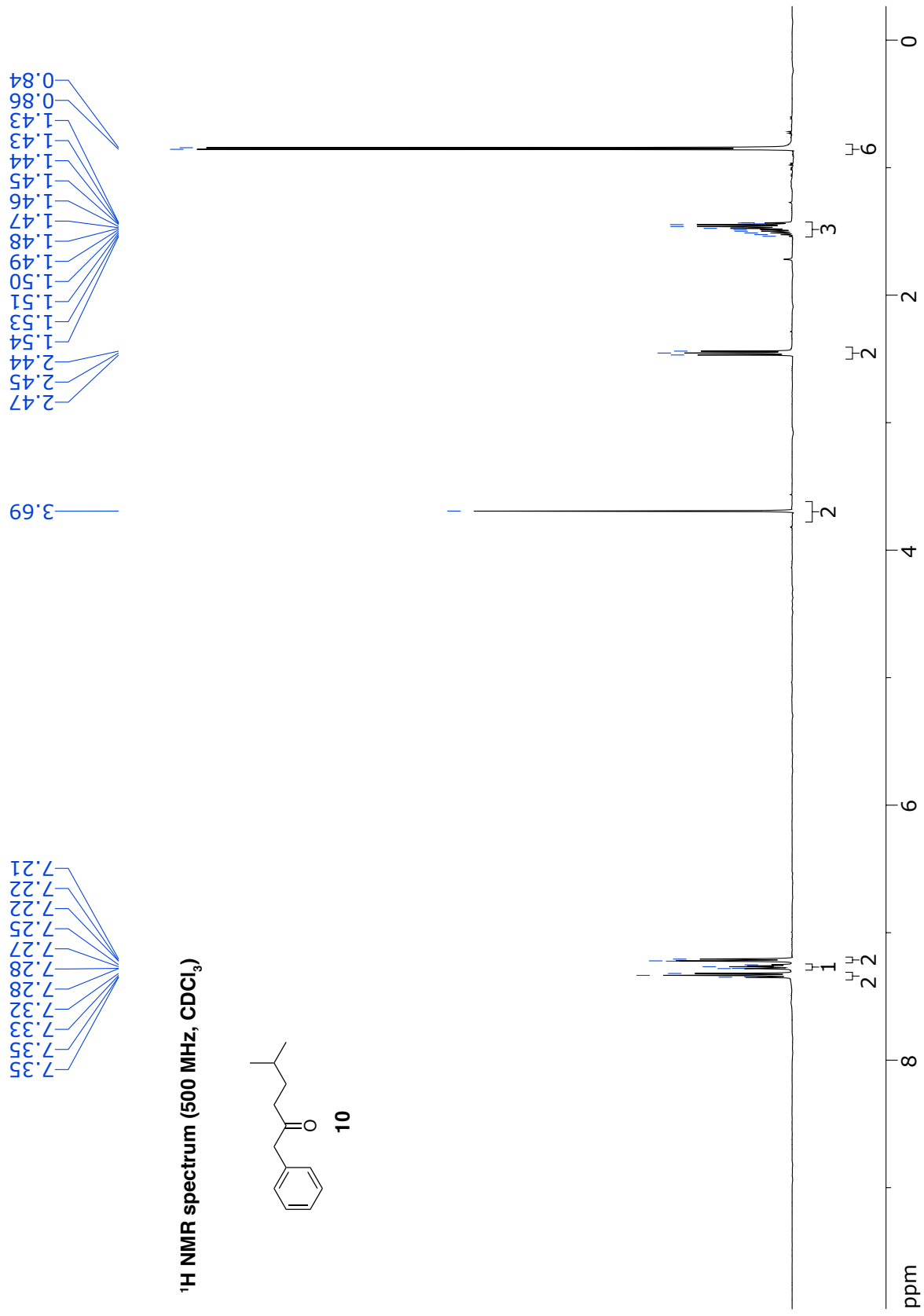
Table 1 lists the prices of the key reagents for the production of Fe(dibm)₃ **2** and Fe cat. **4**. Solvents and other reagents which all research laboratories would have on hand are not included.

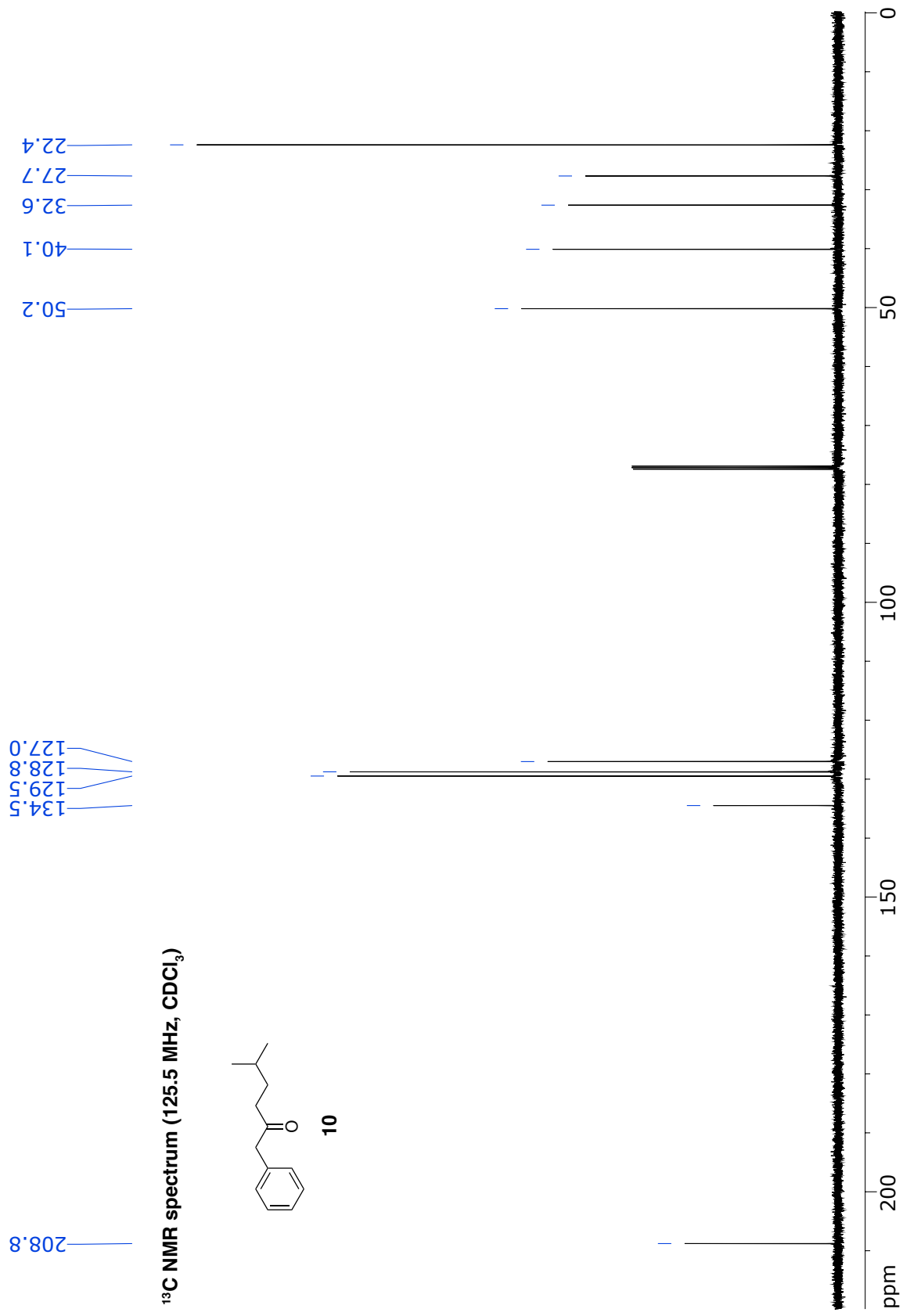
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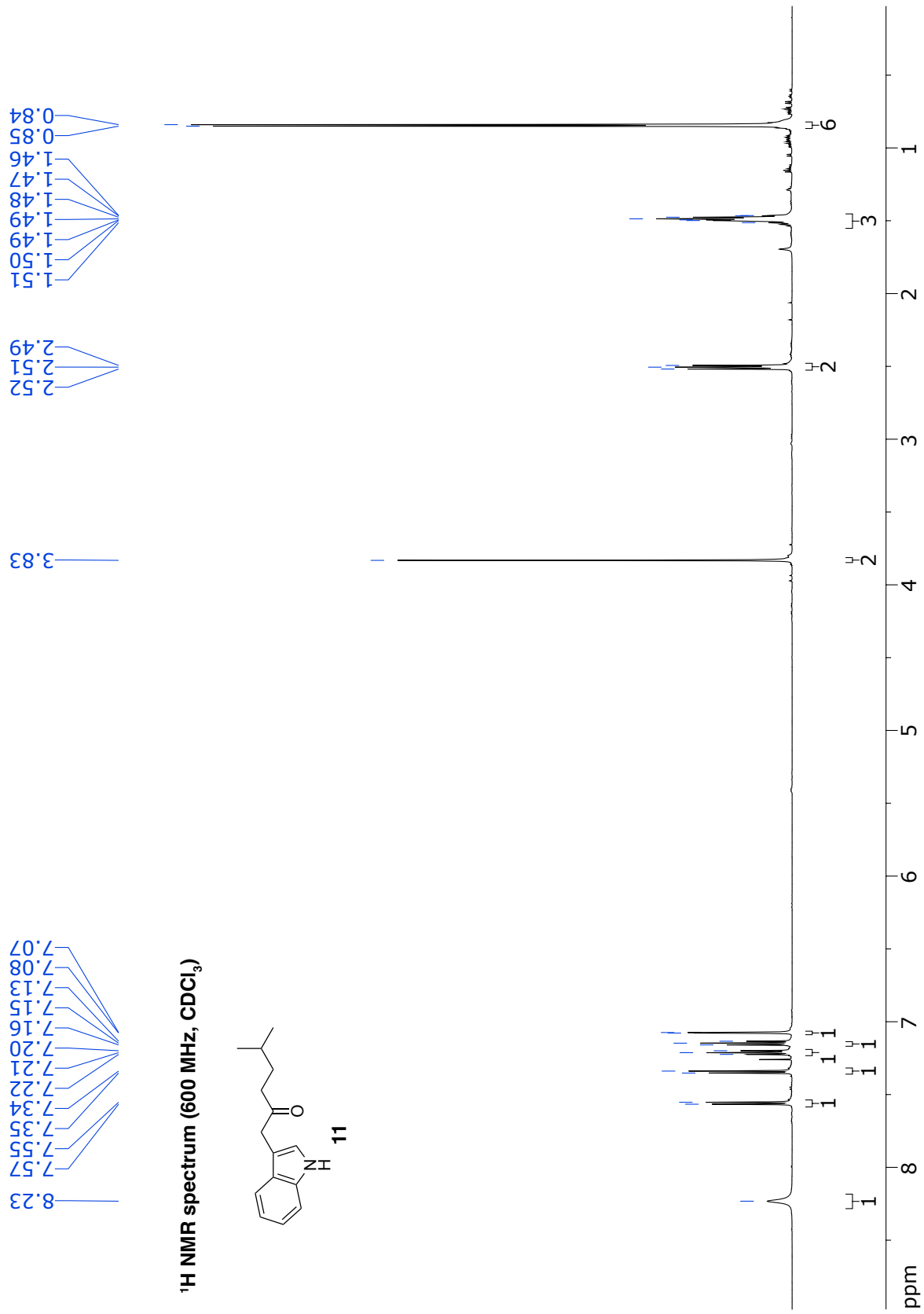
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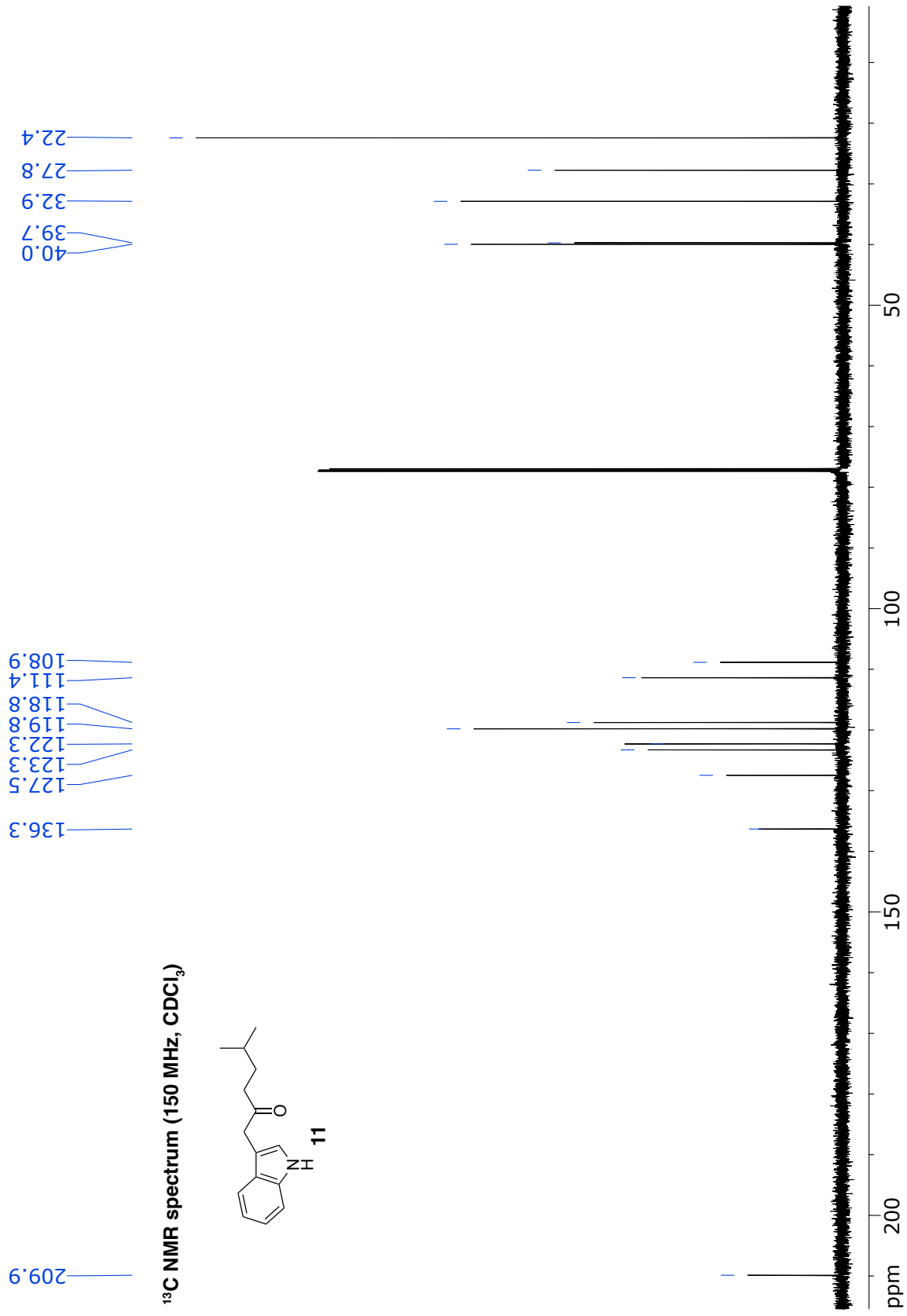
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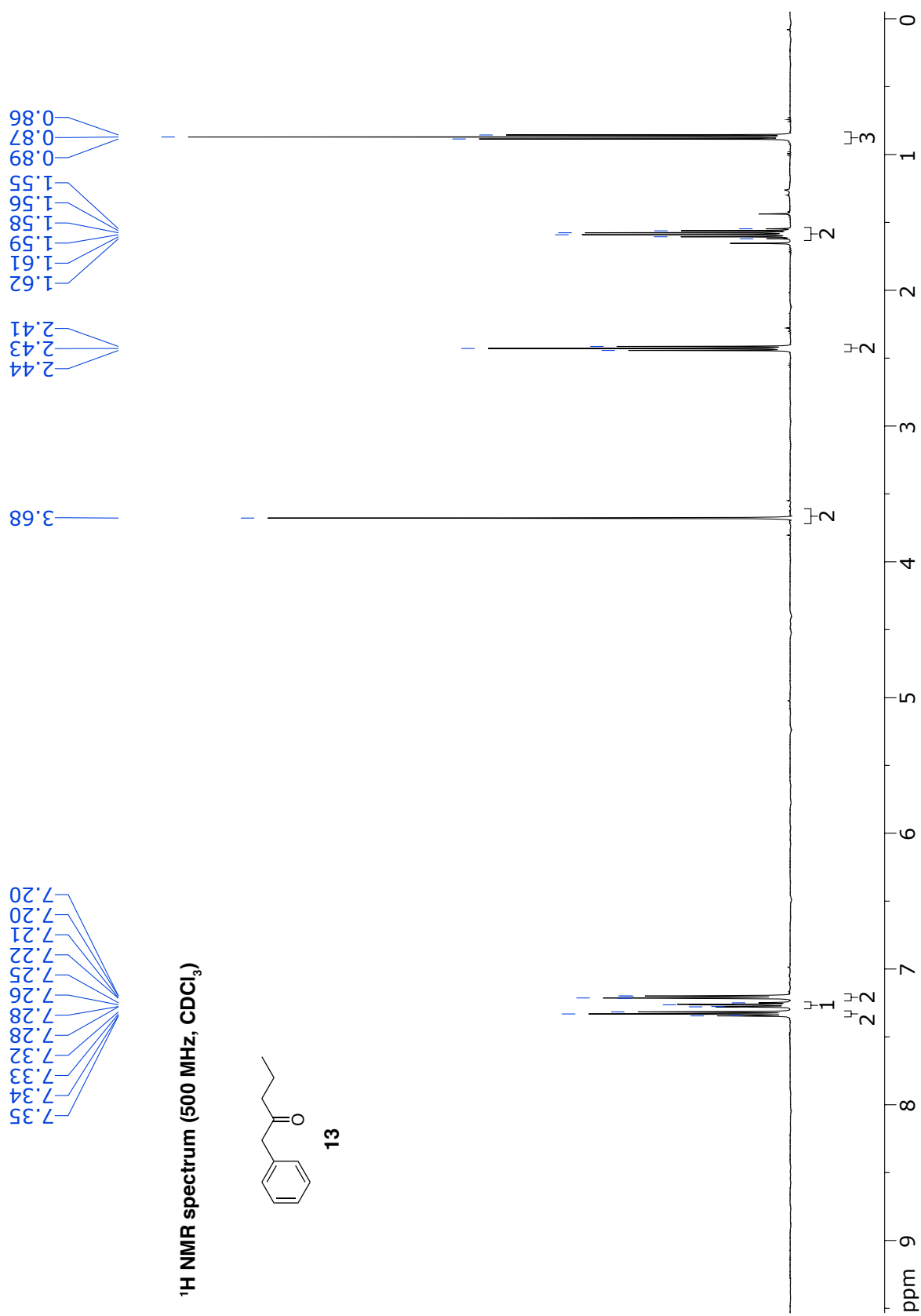


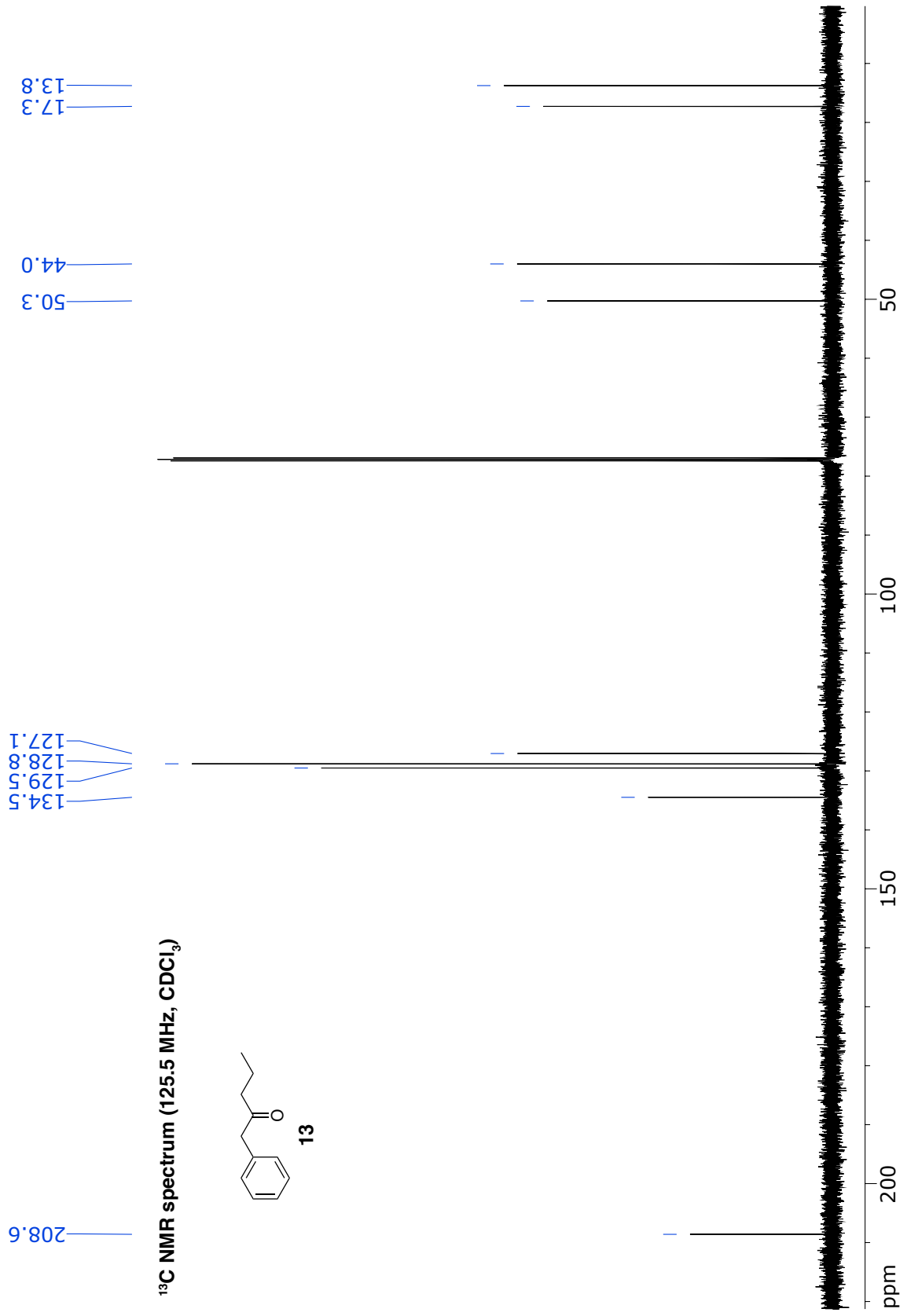


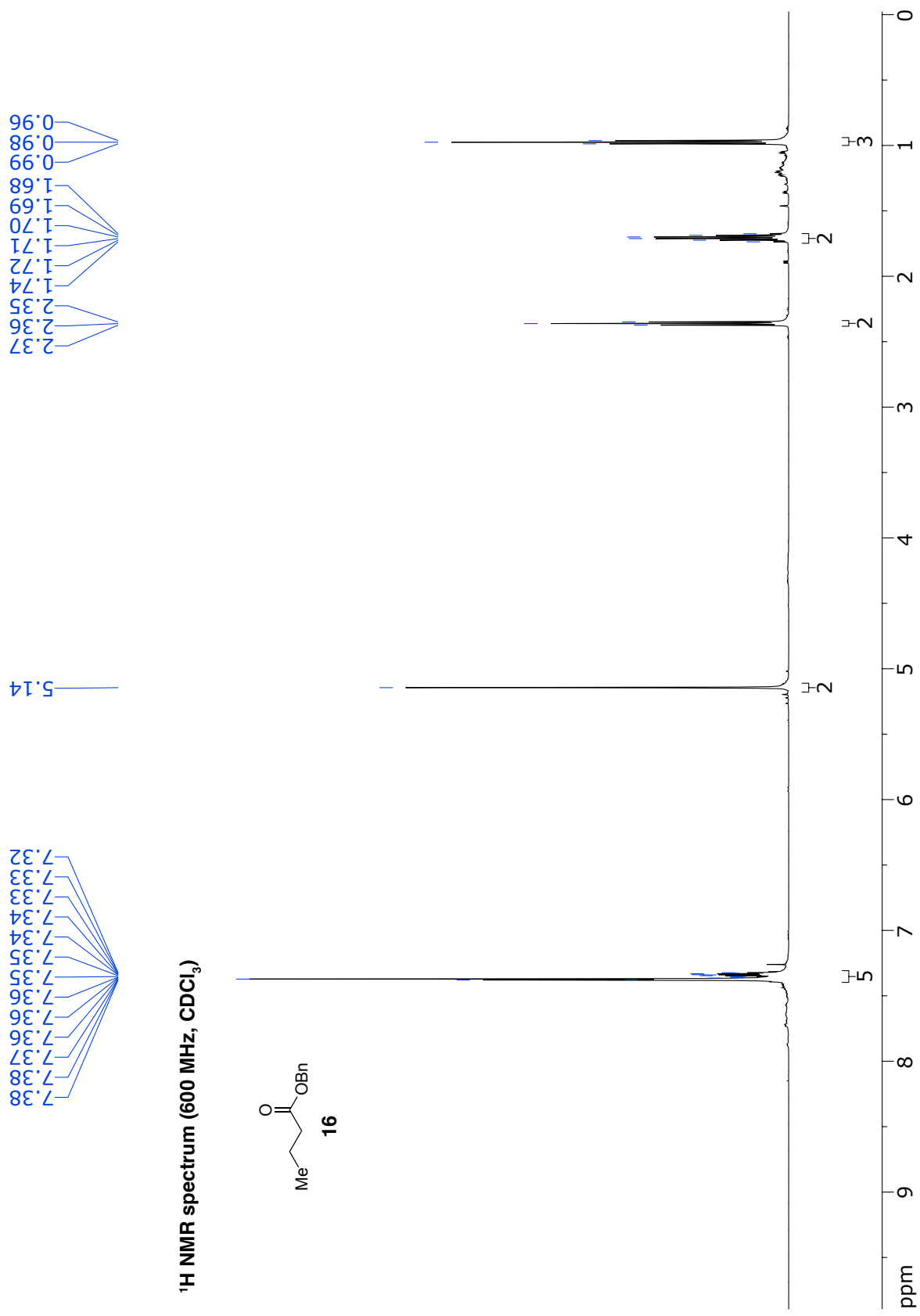


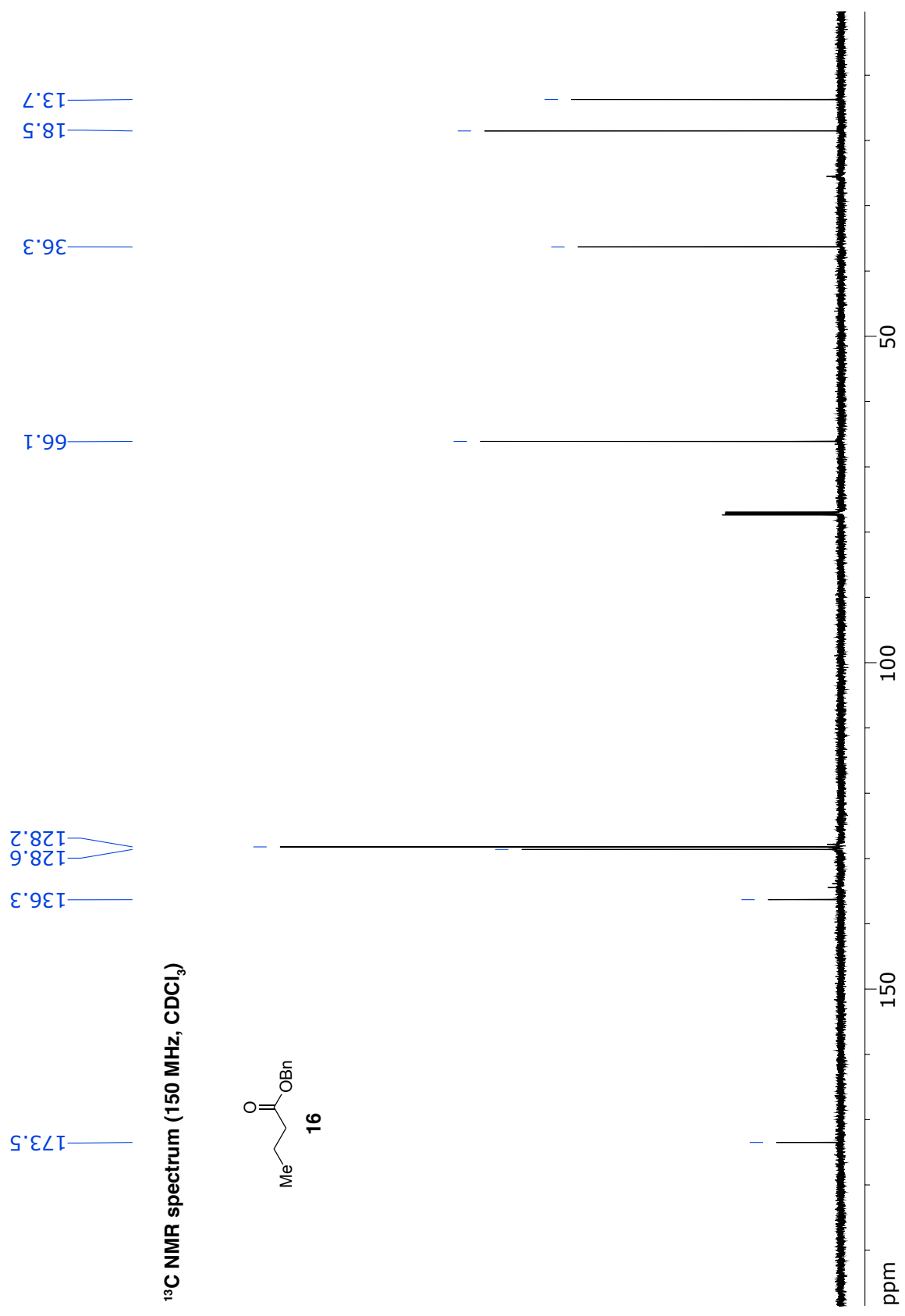


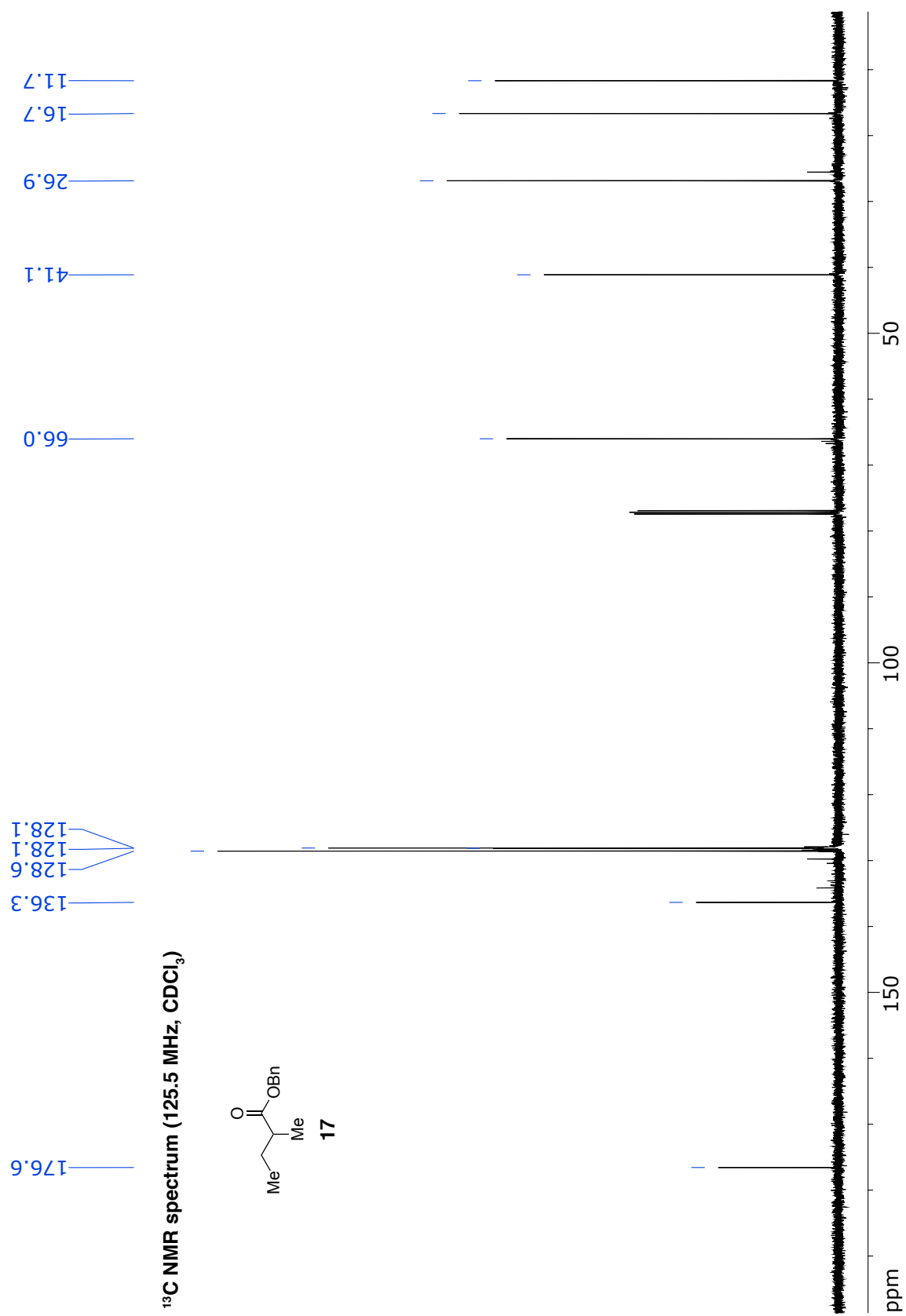


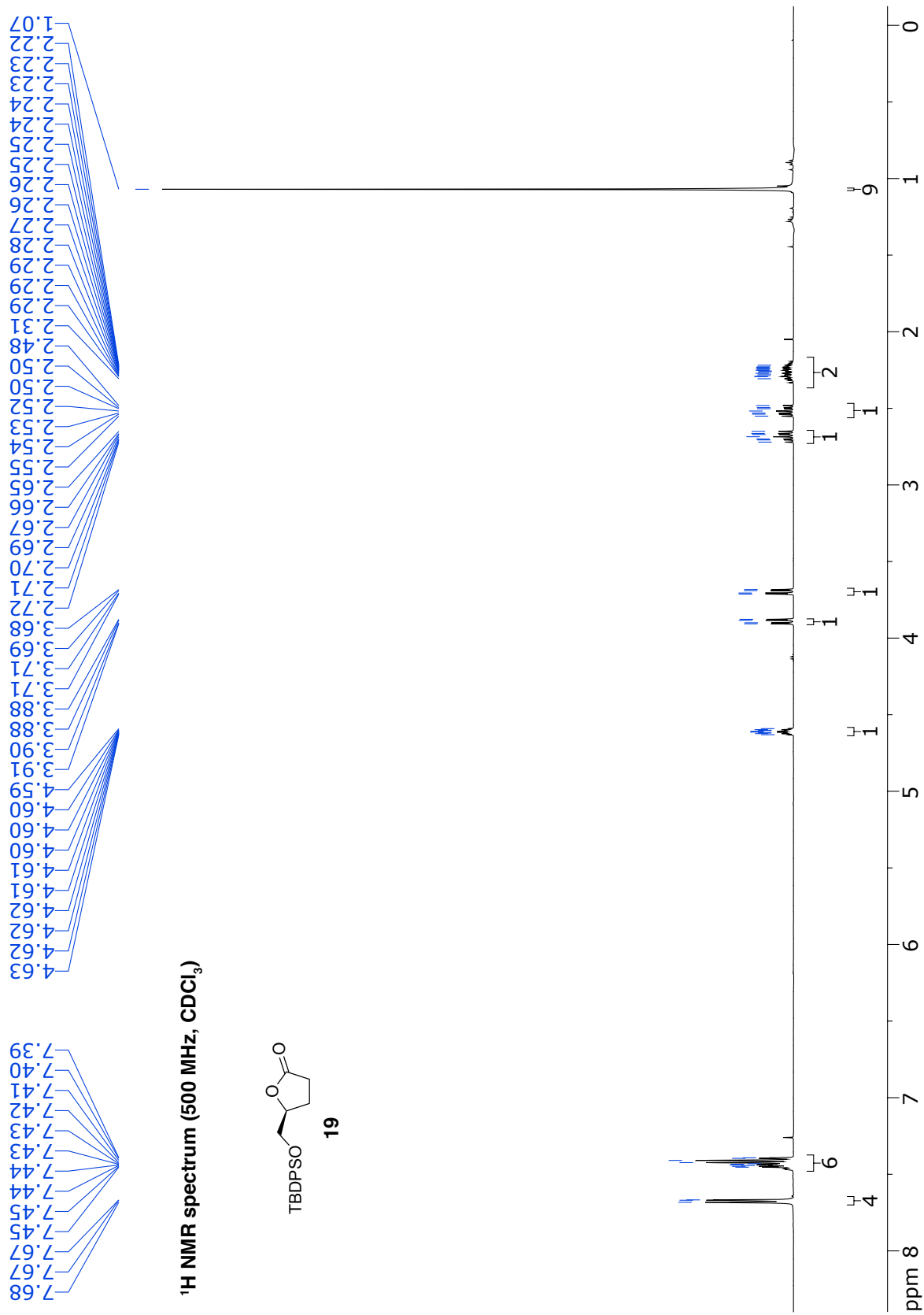


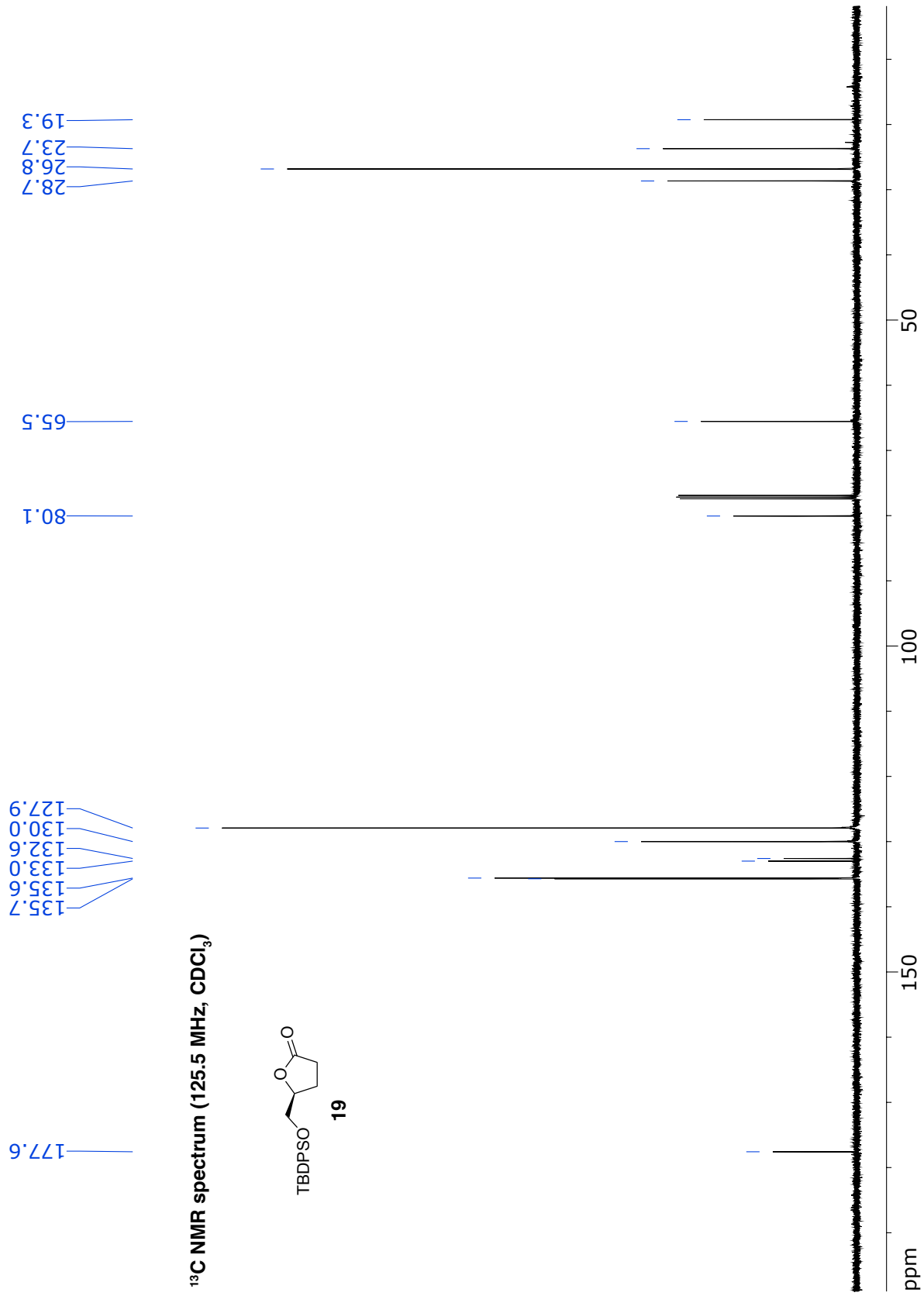


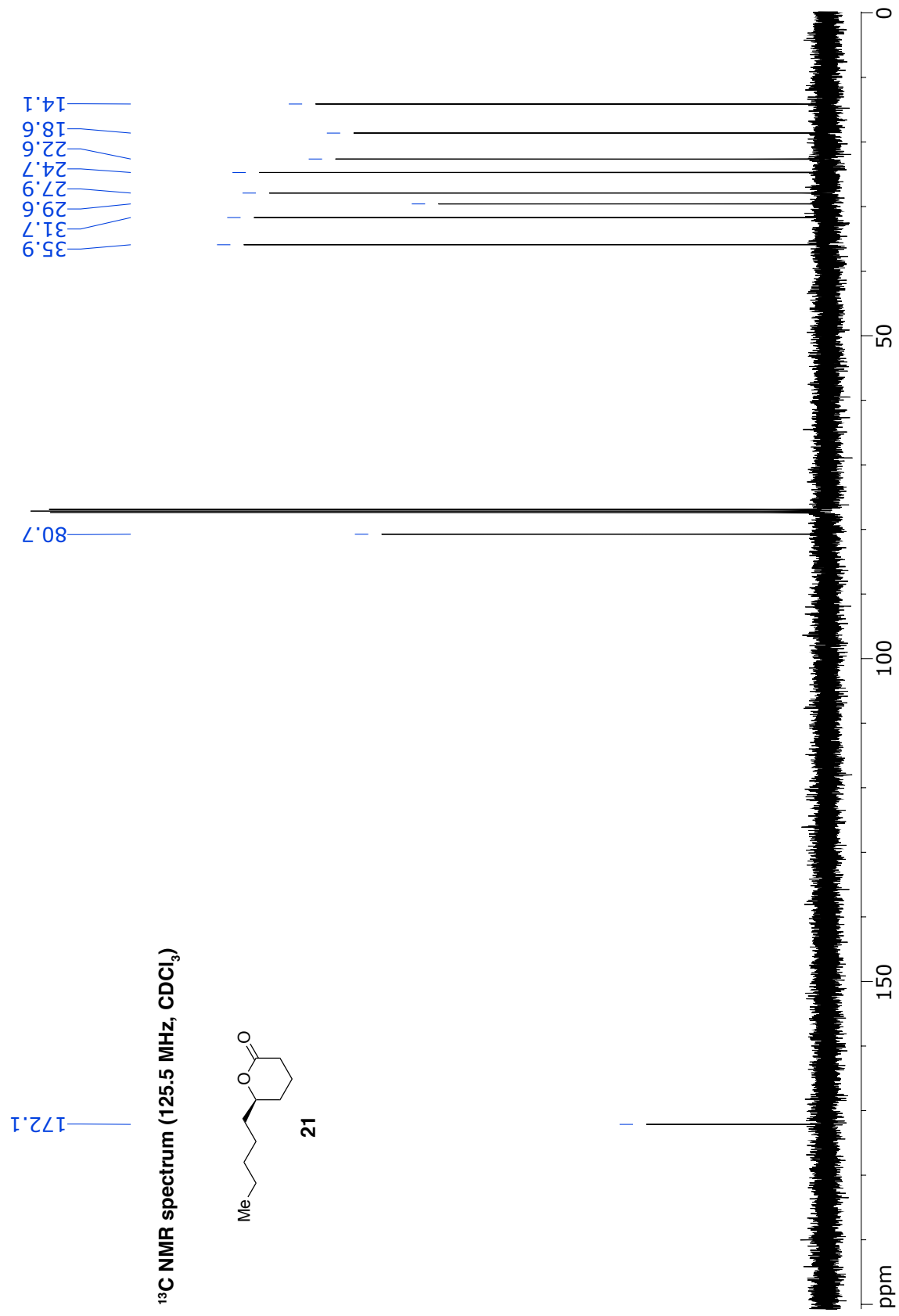




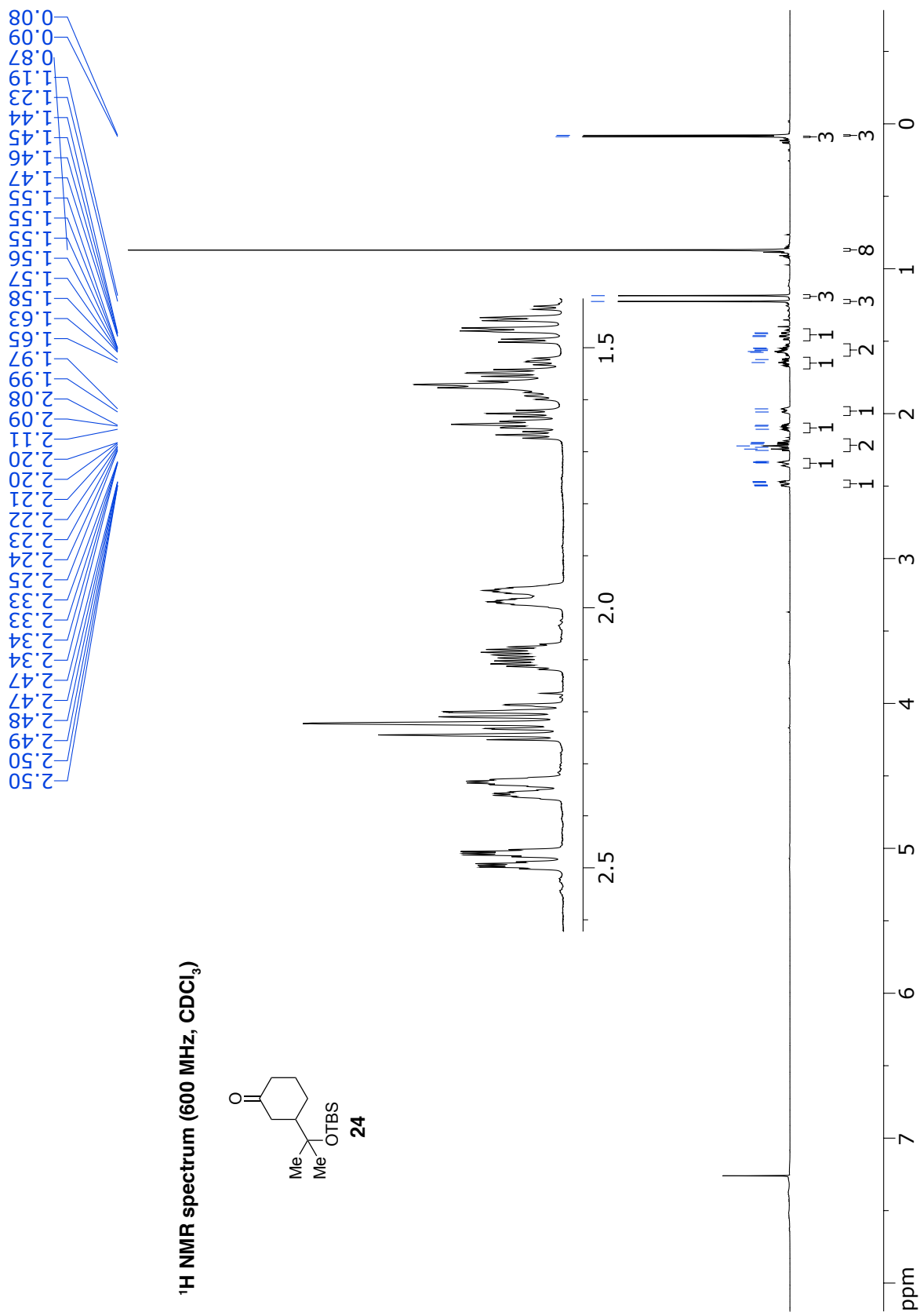
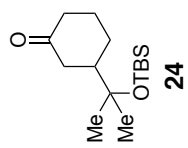


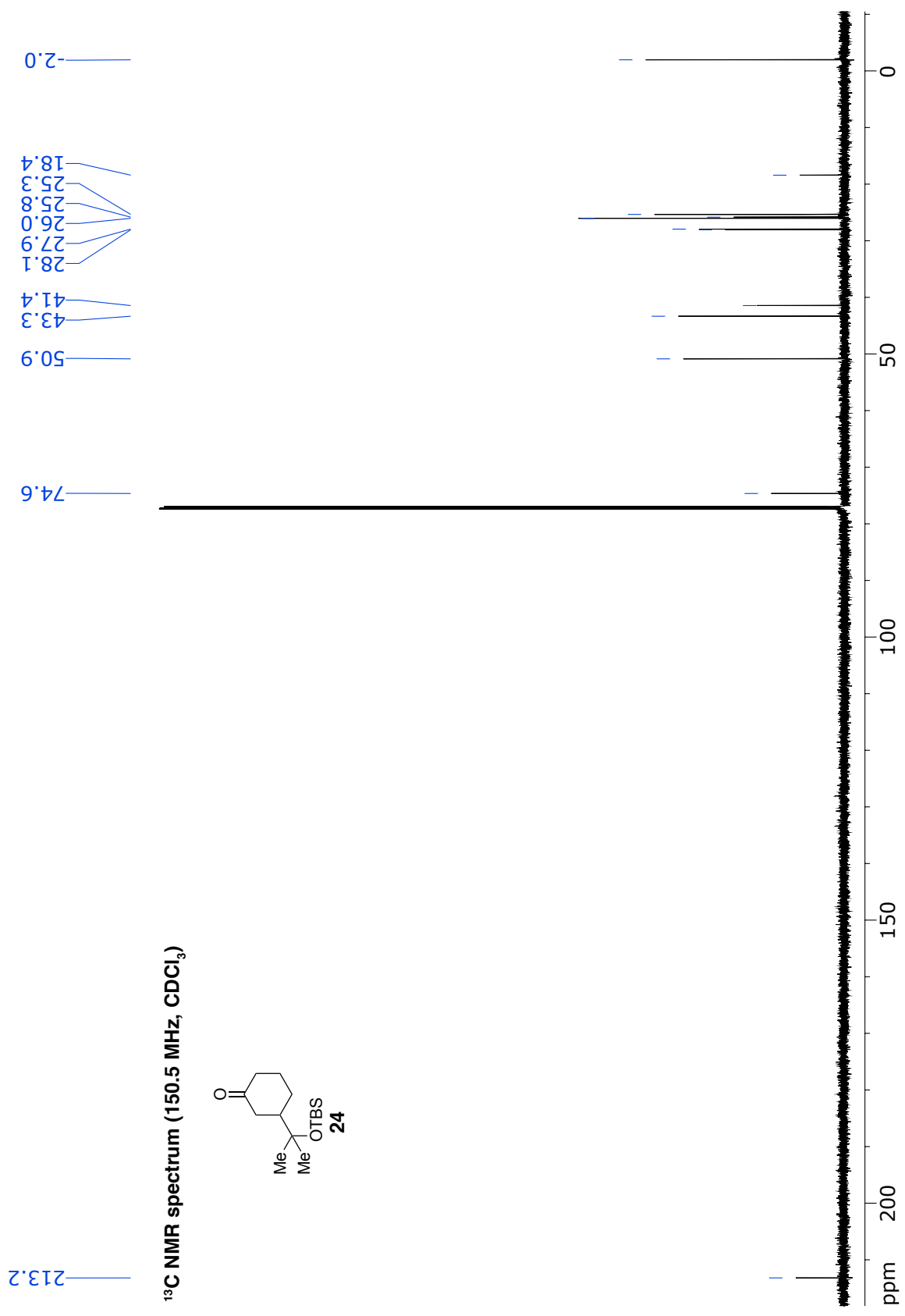


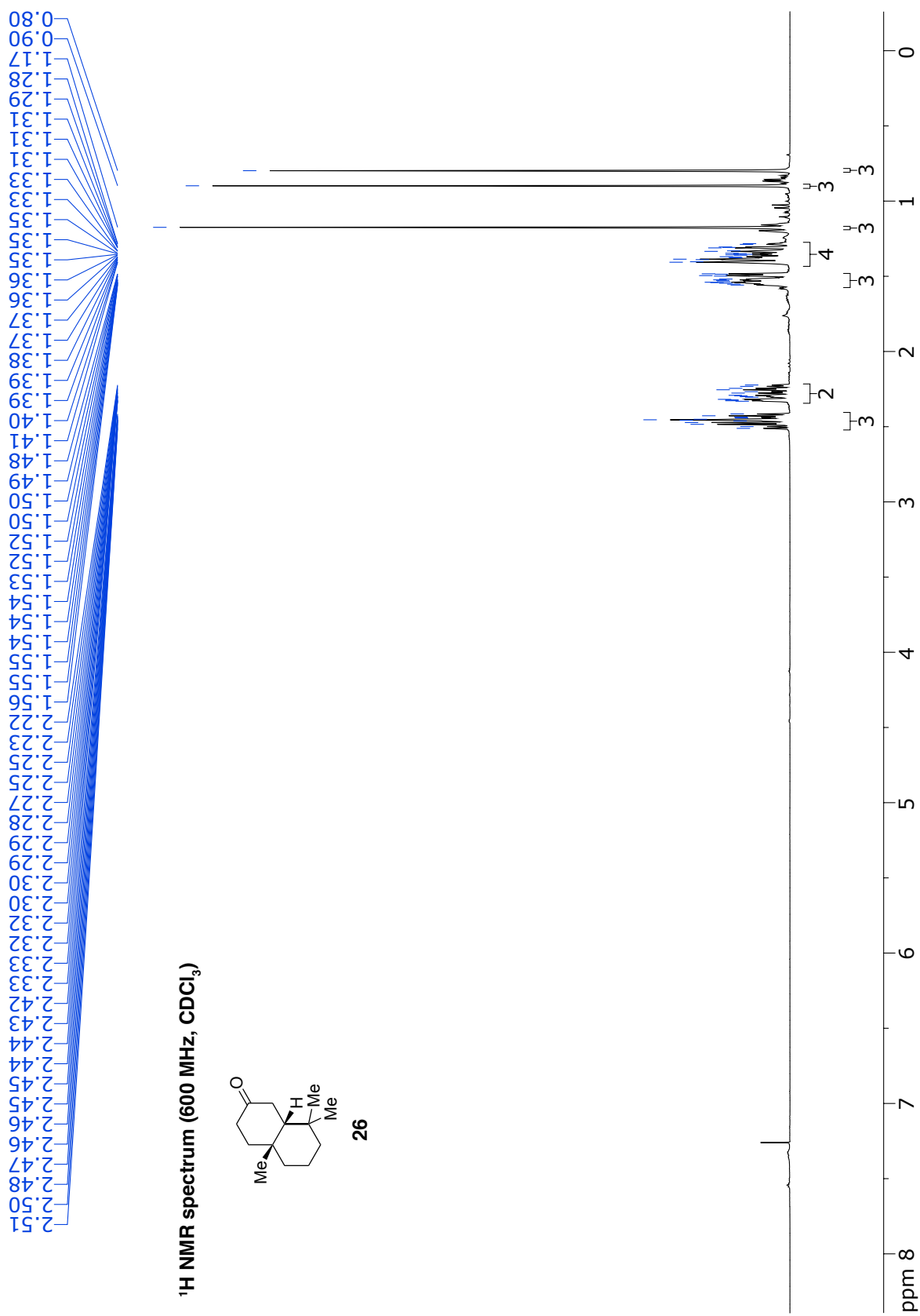


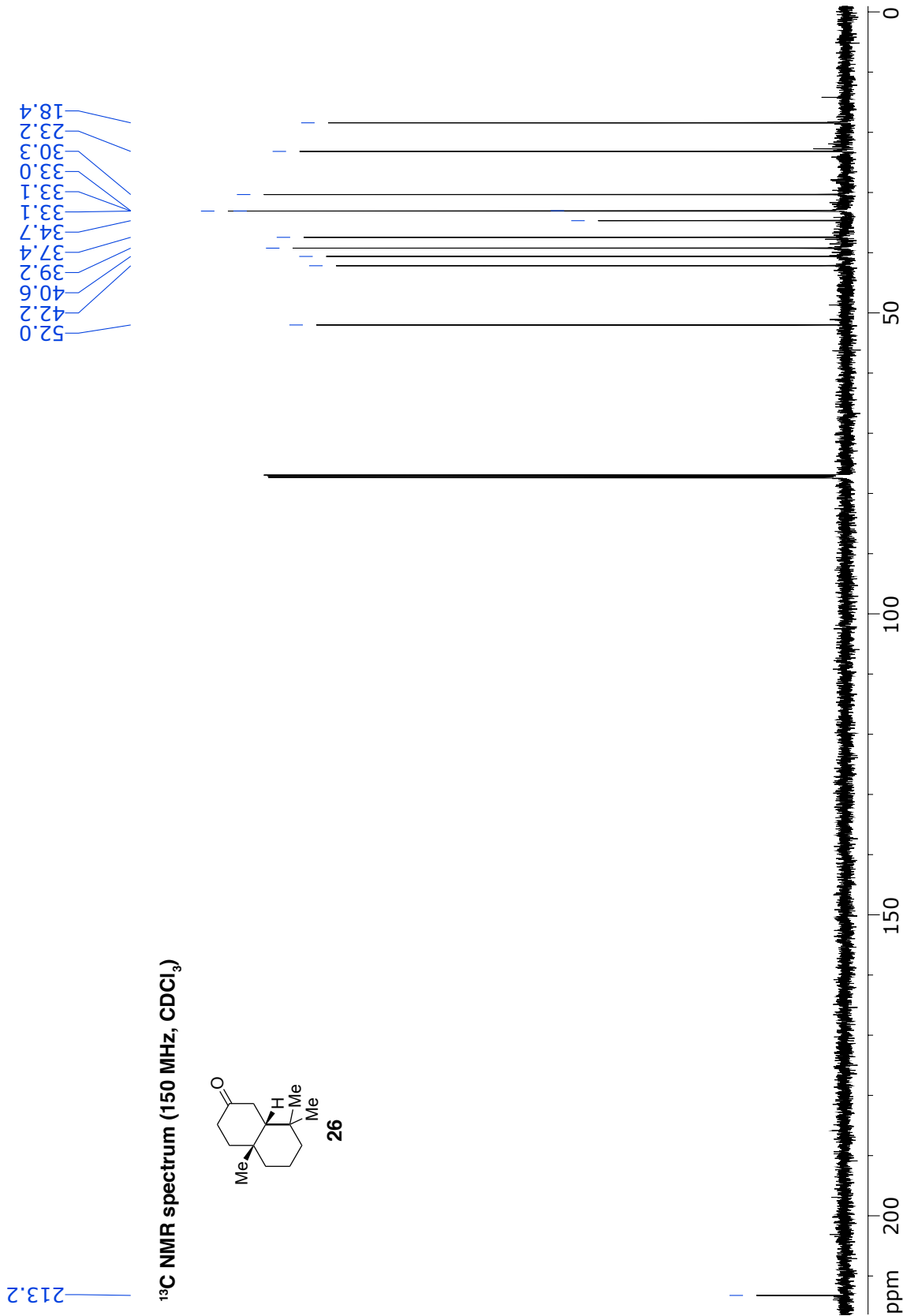


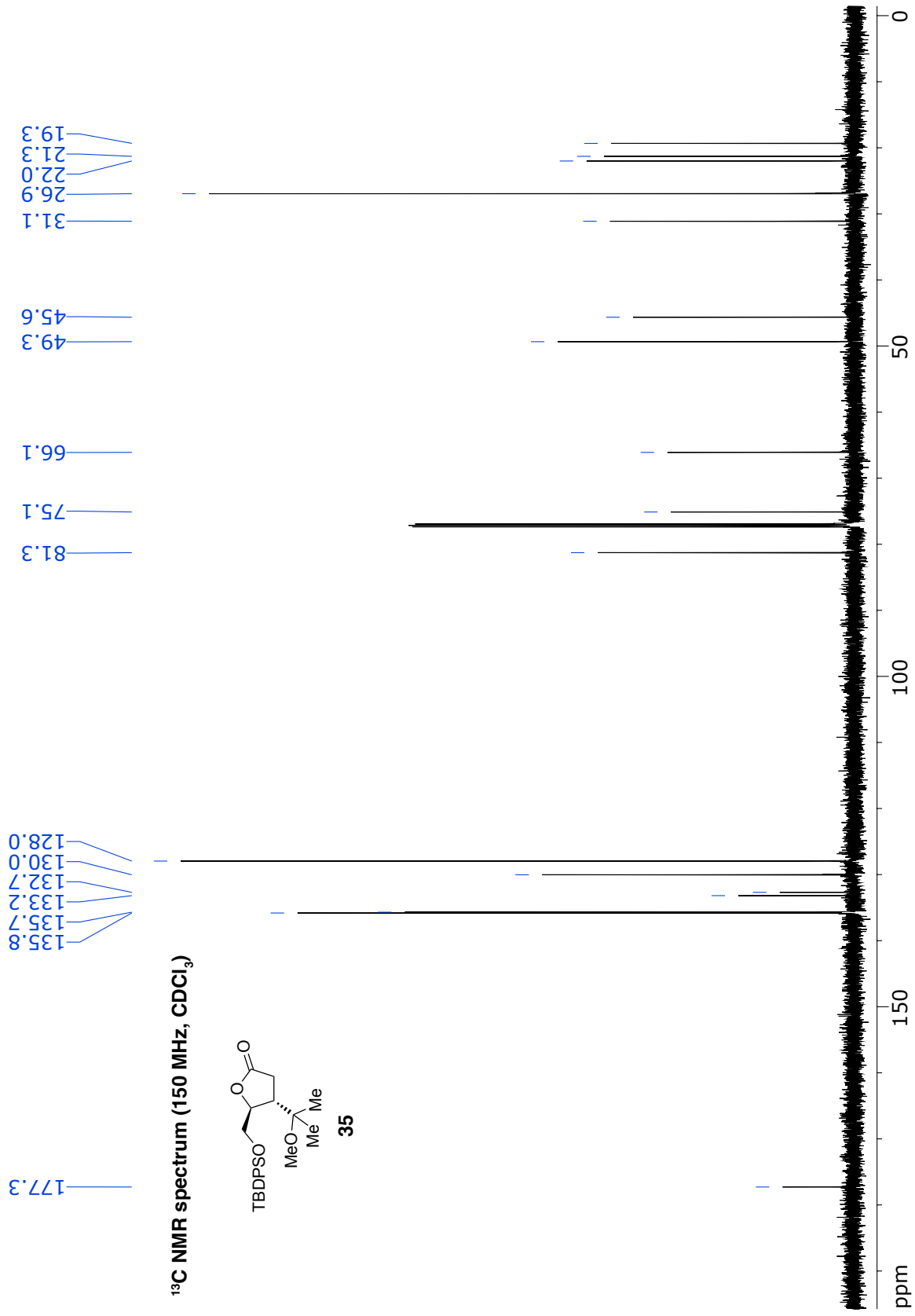
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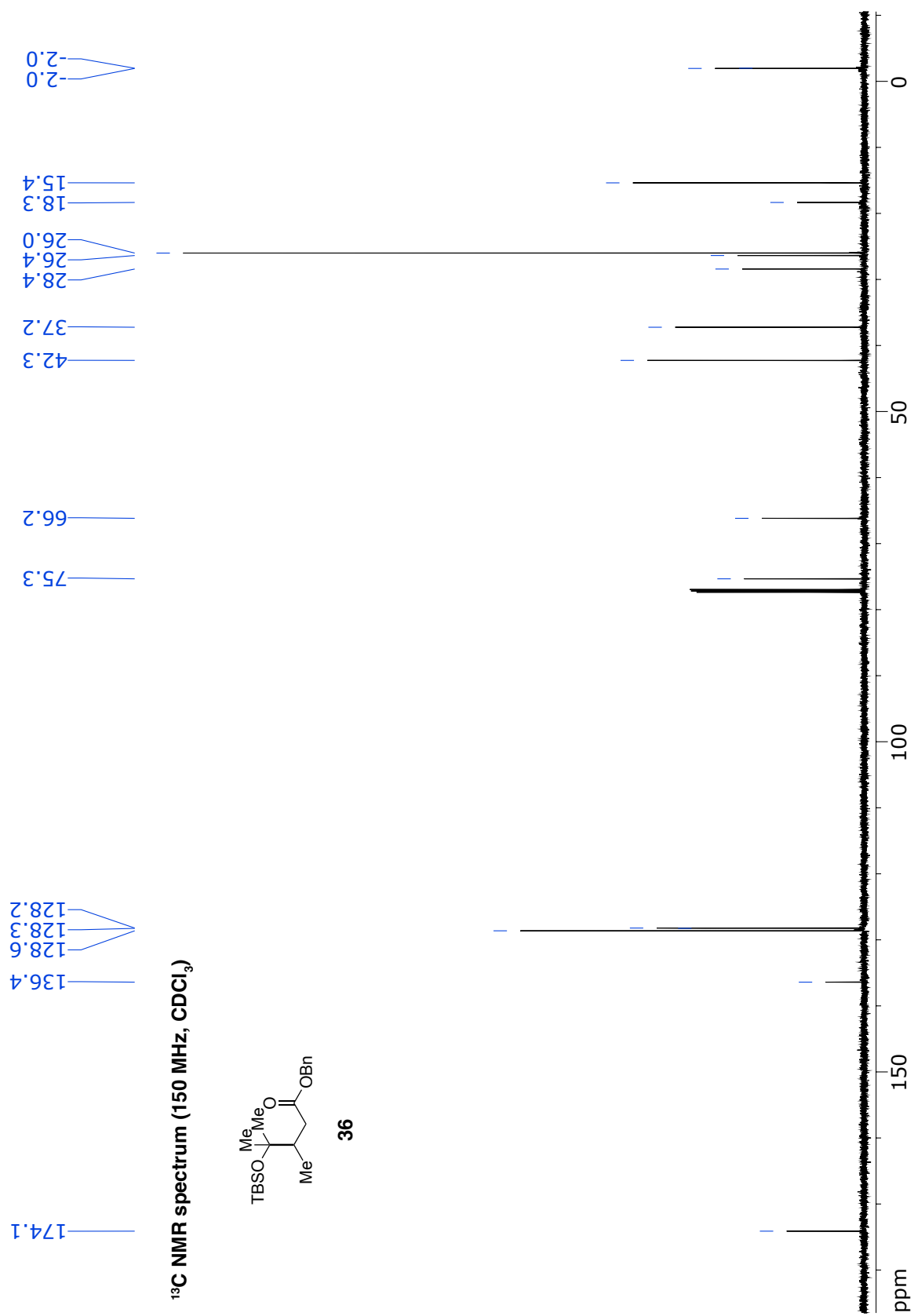


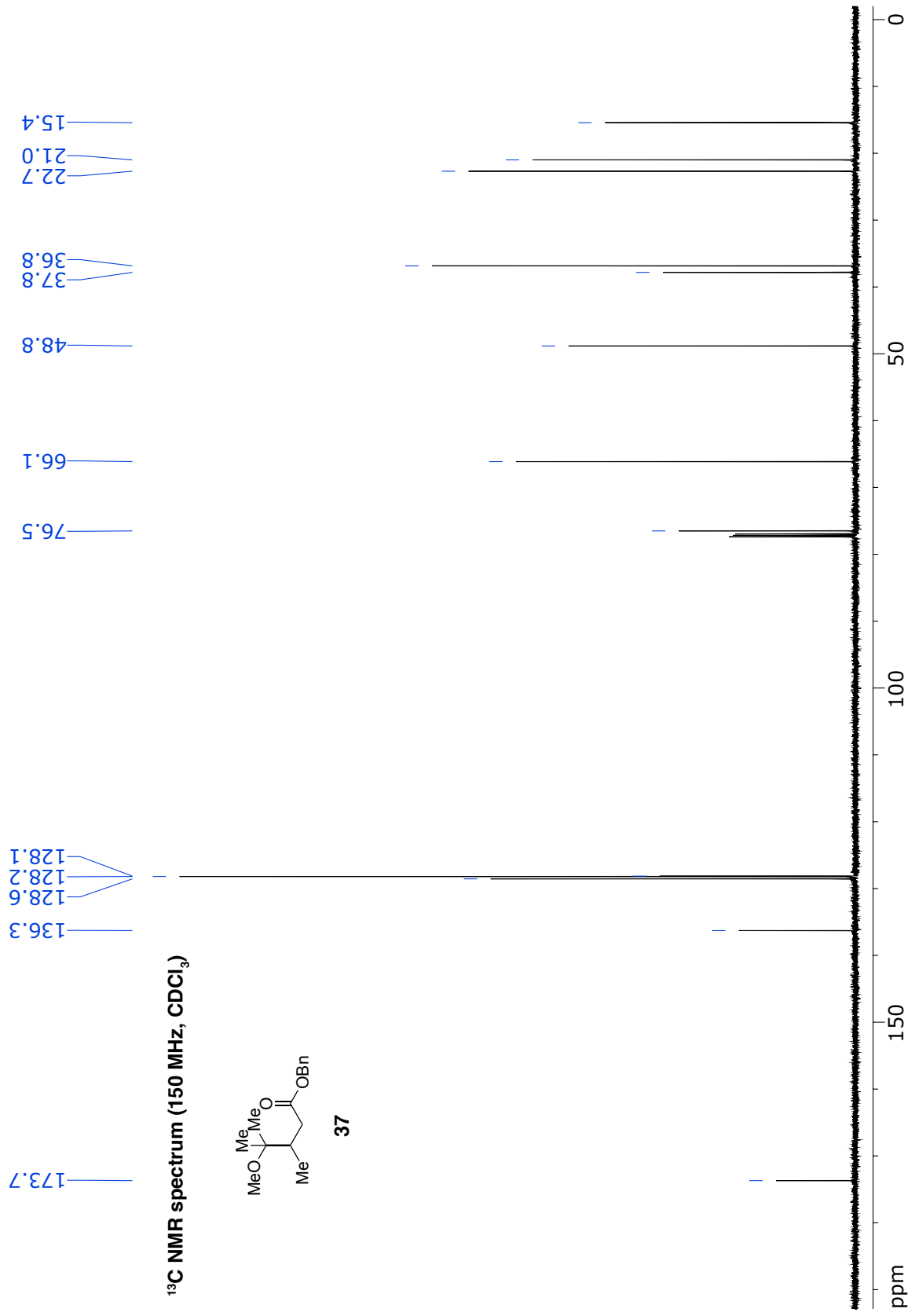


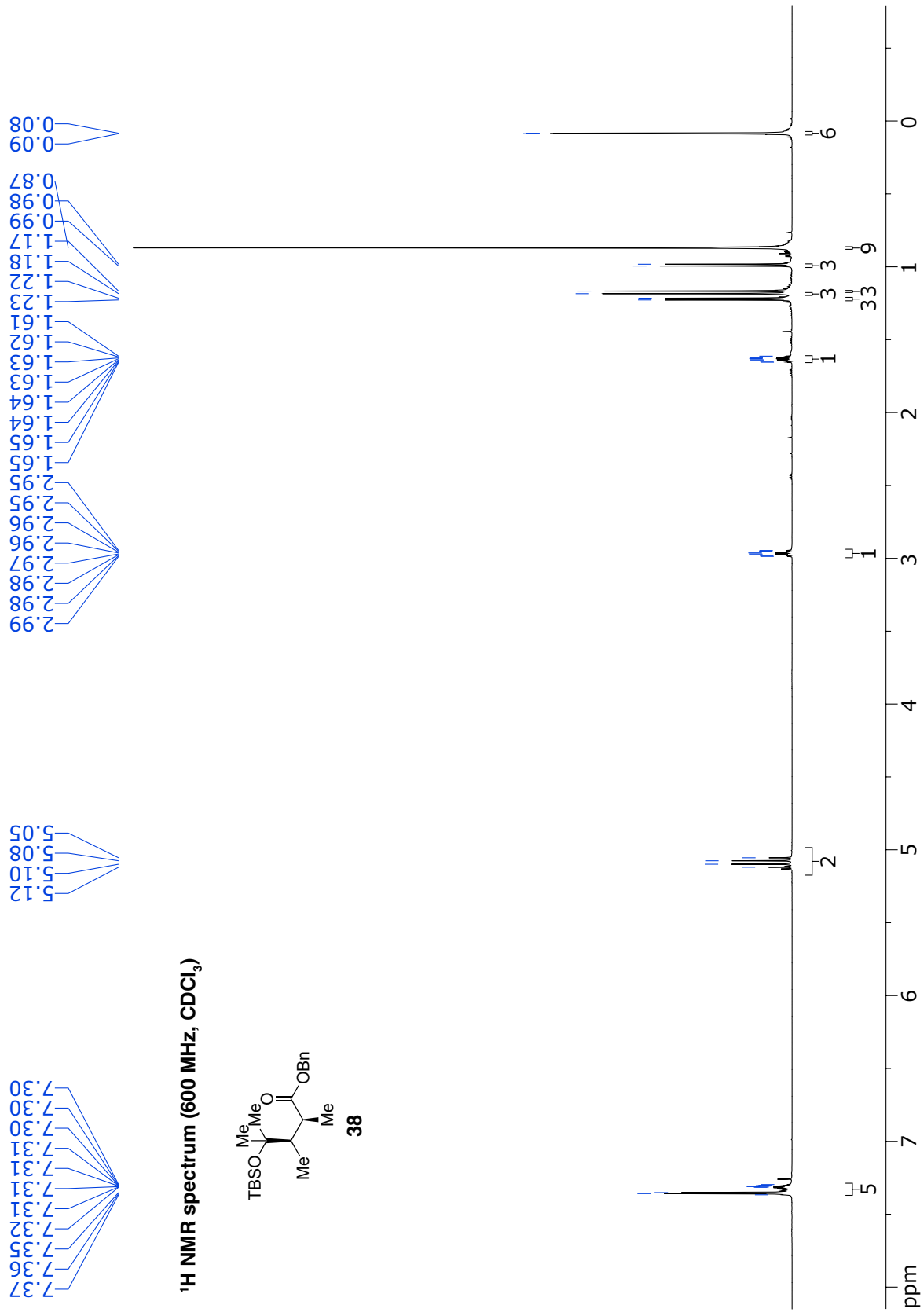


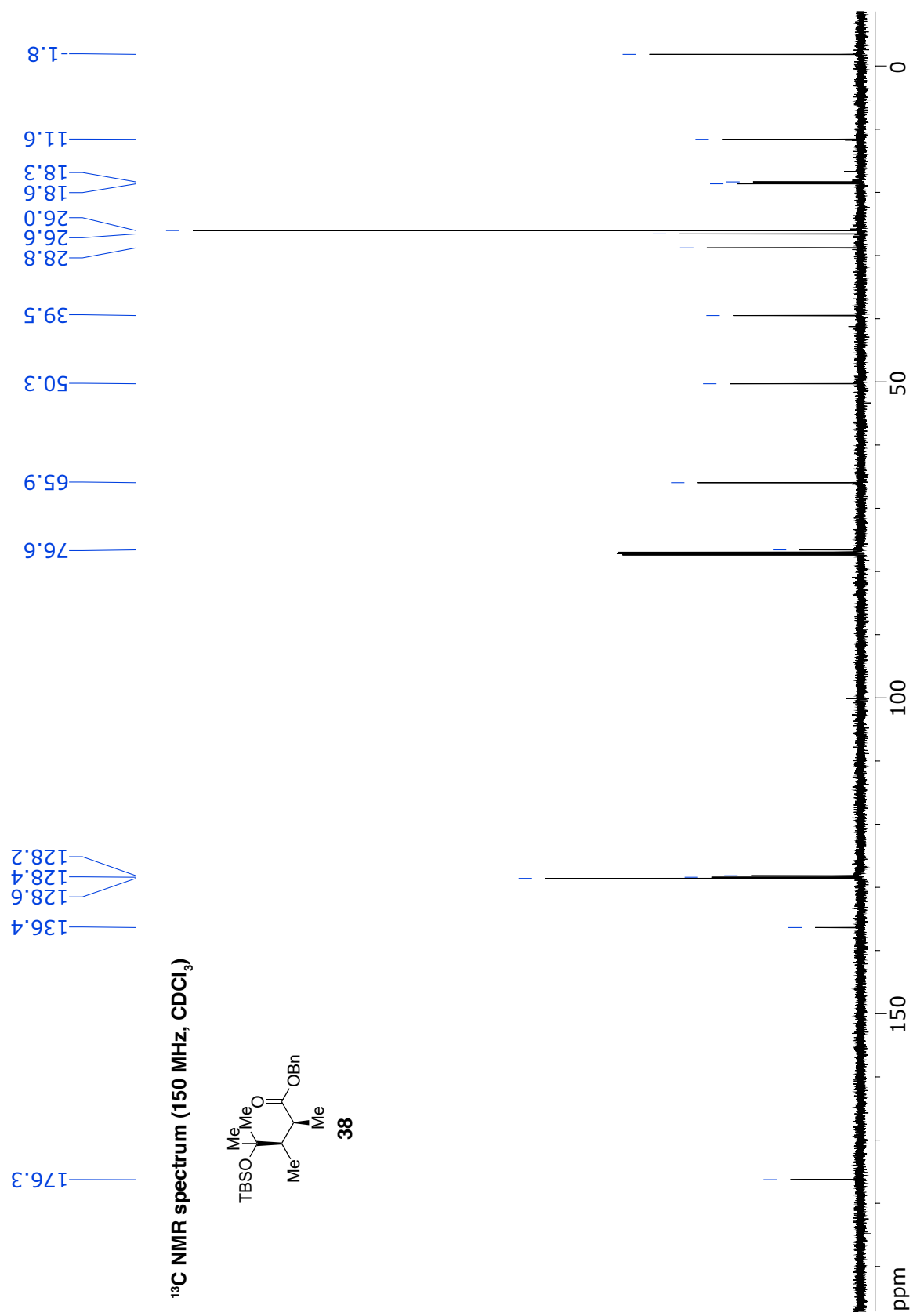


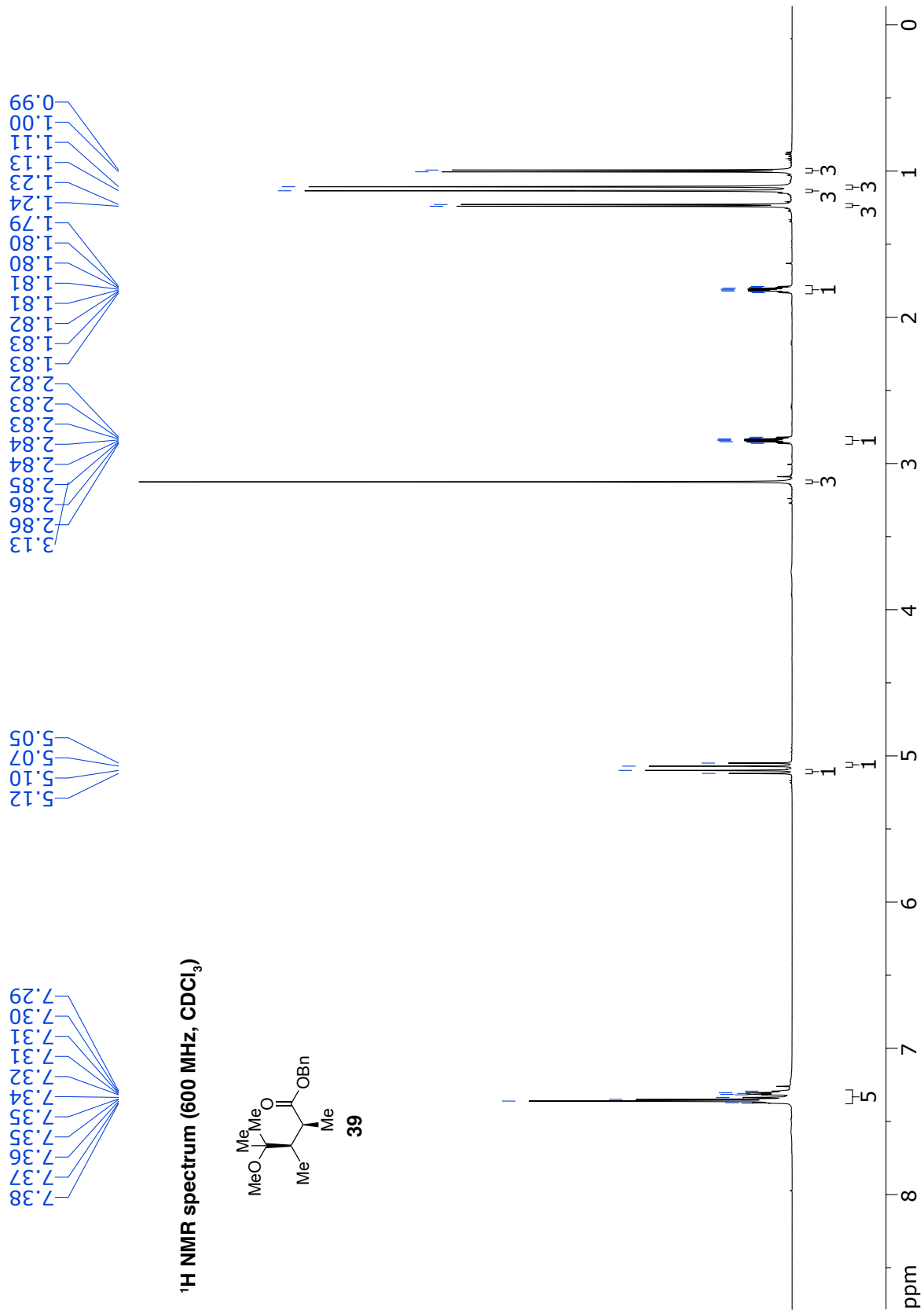


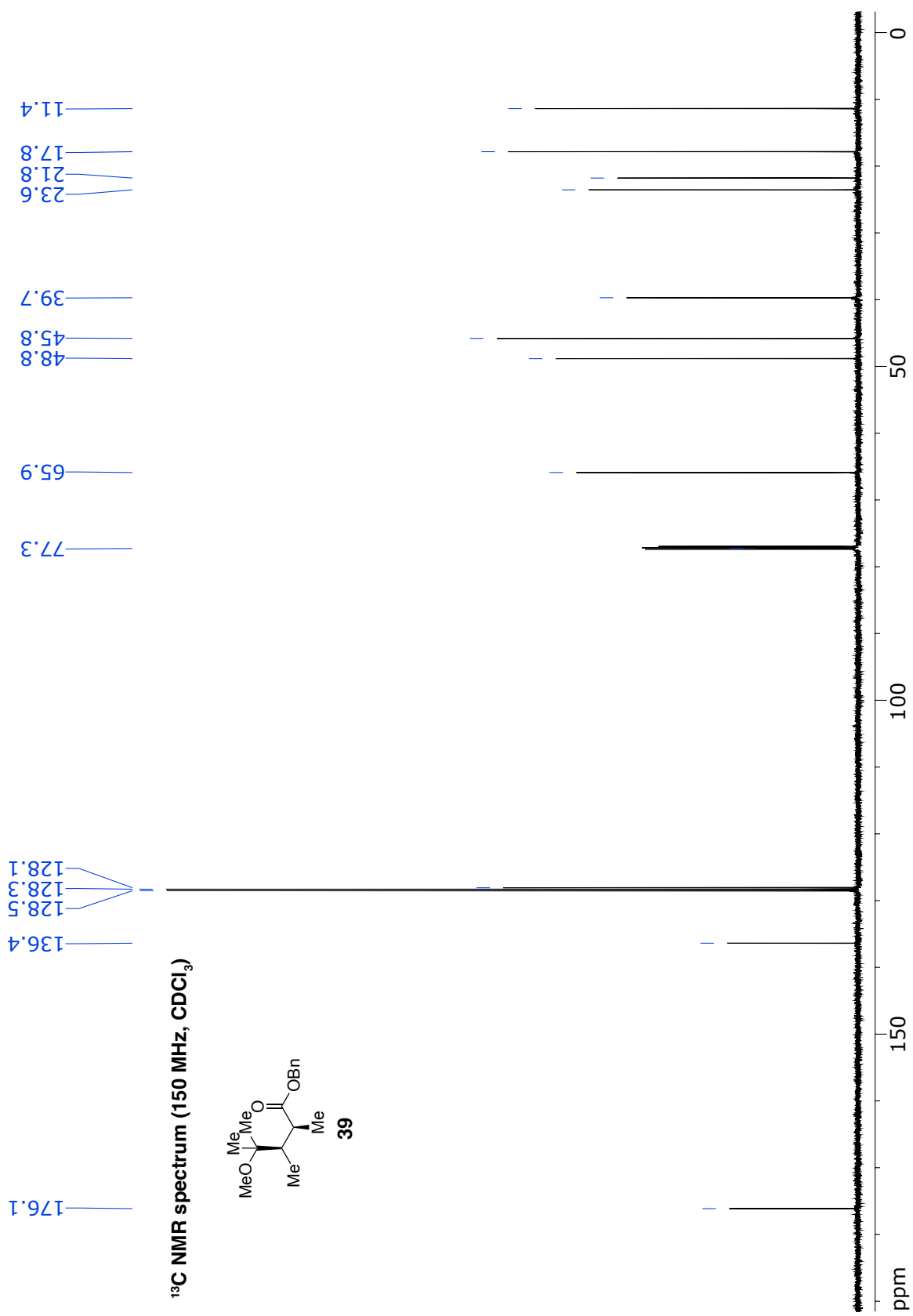


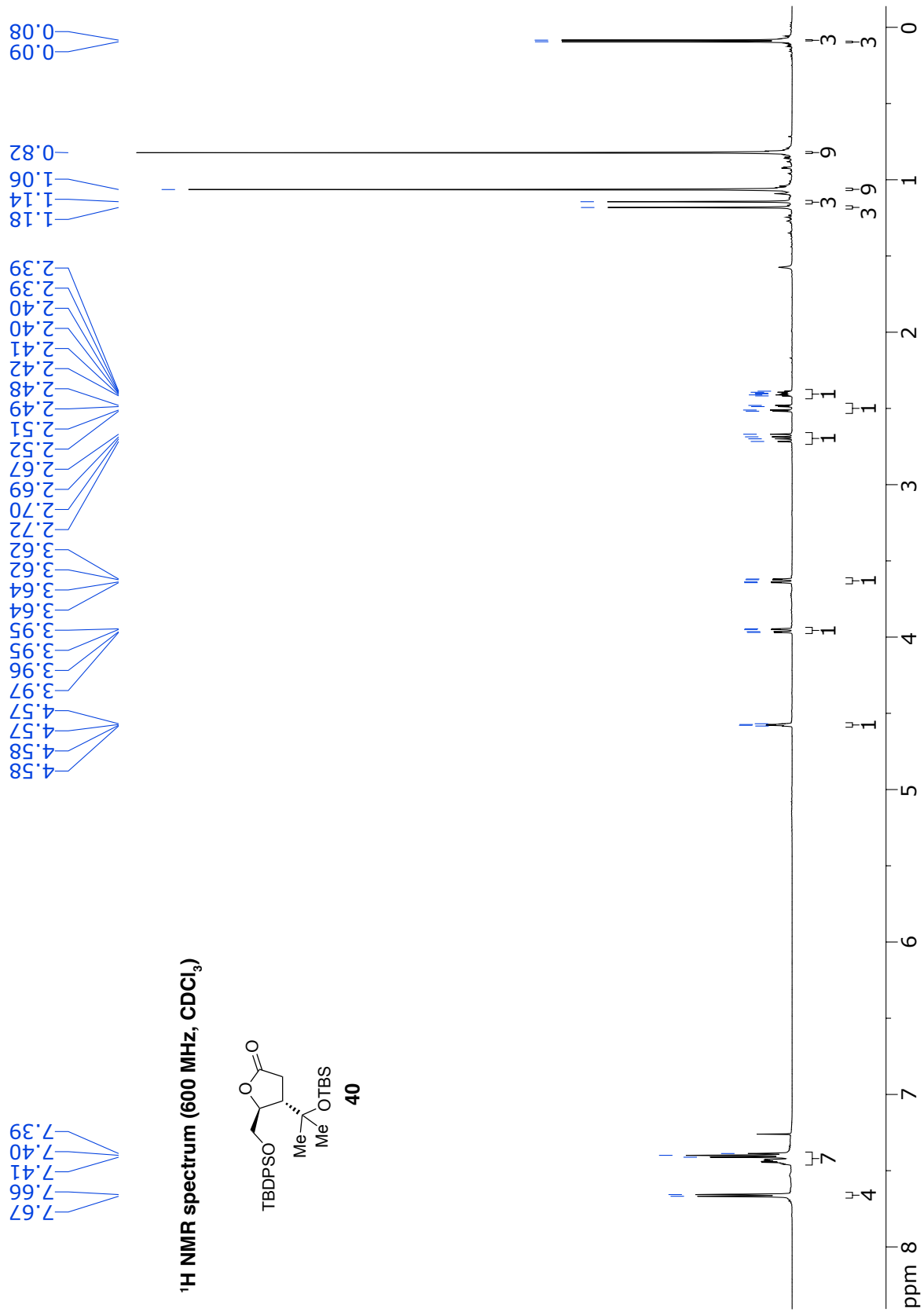






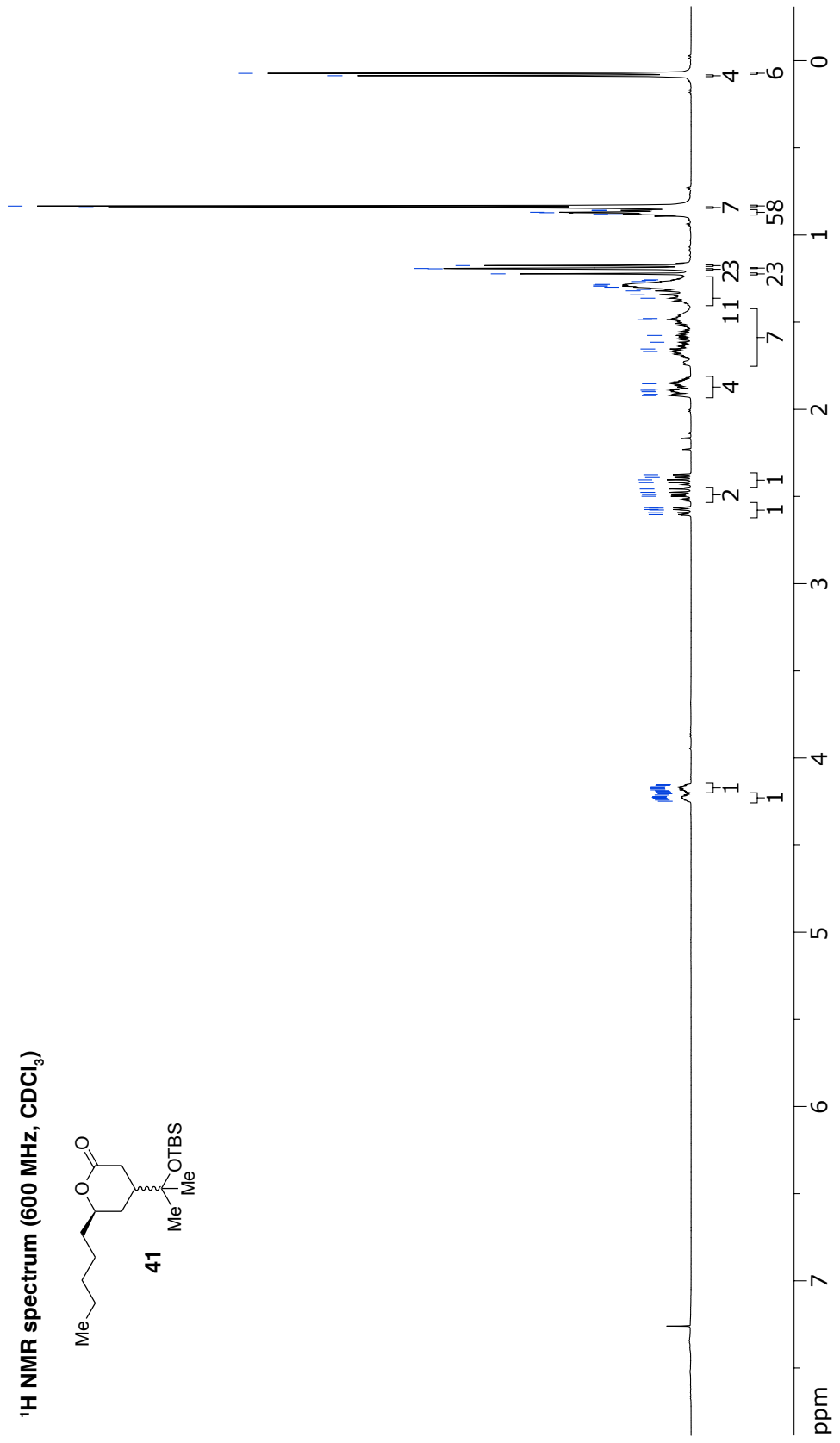
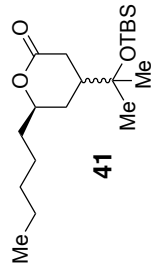


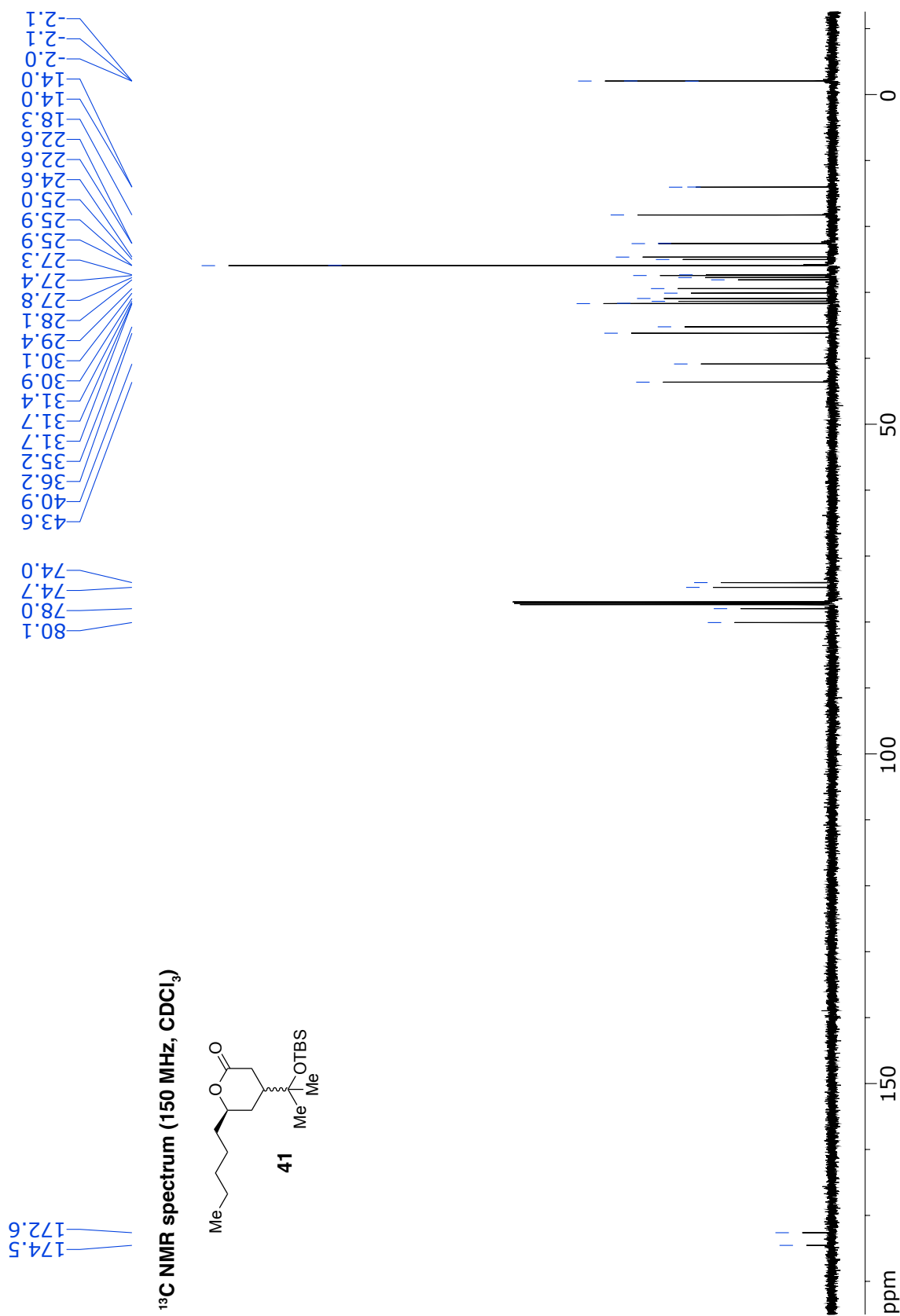




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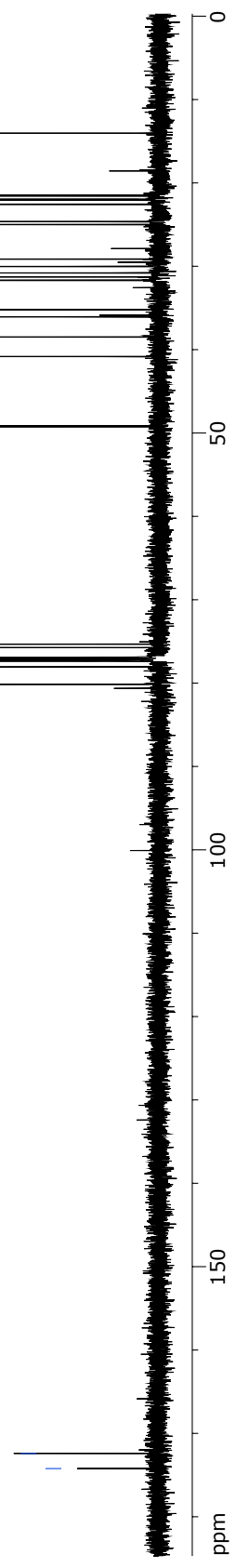
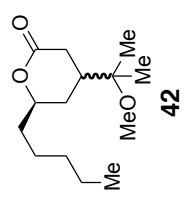


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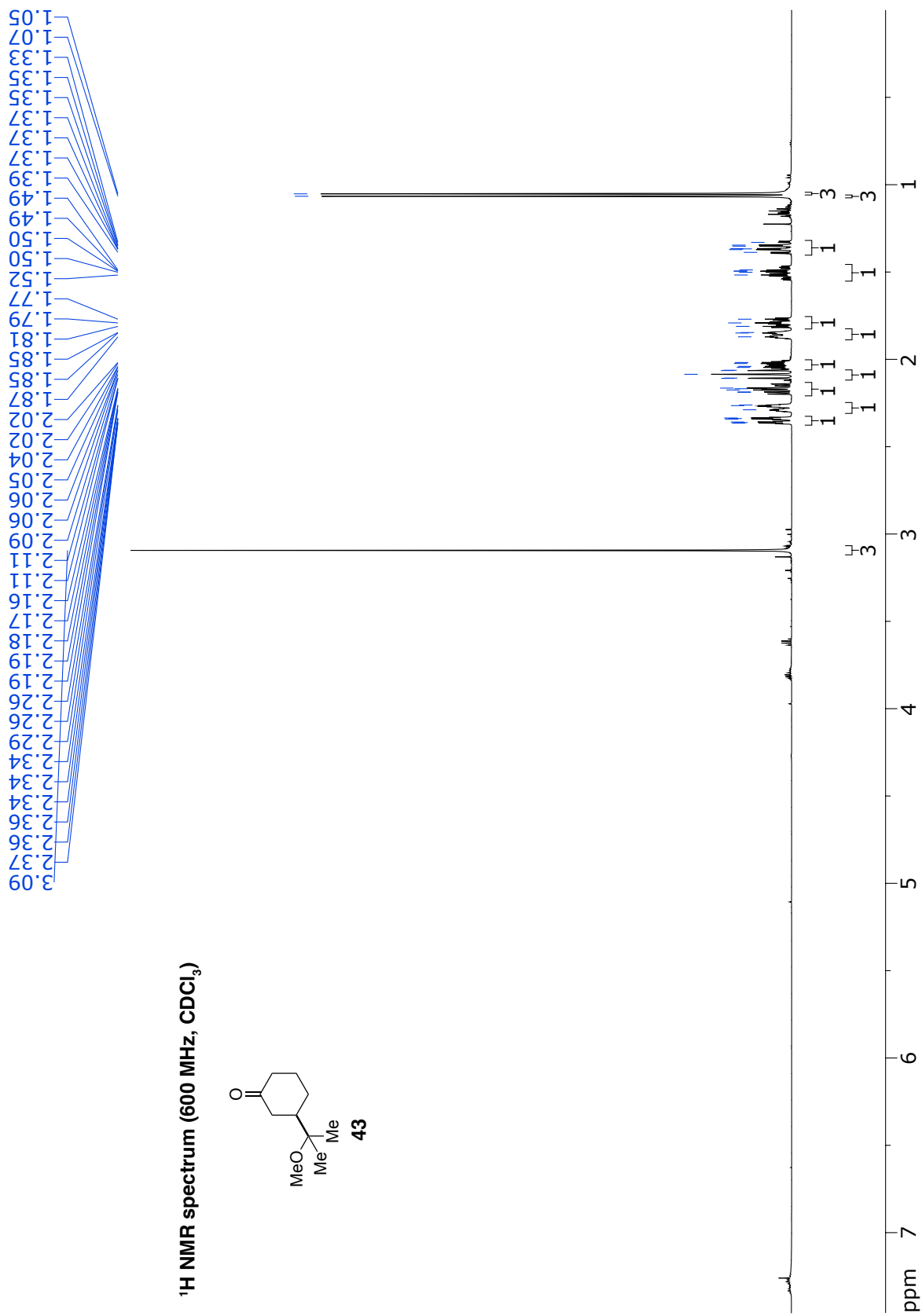
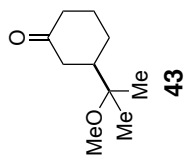
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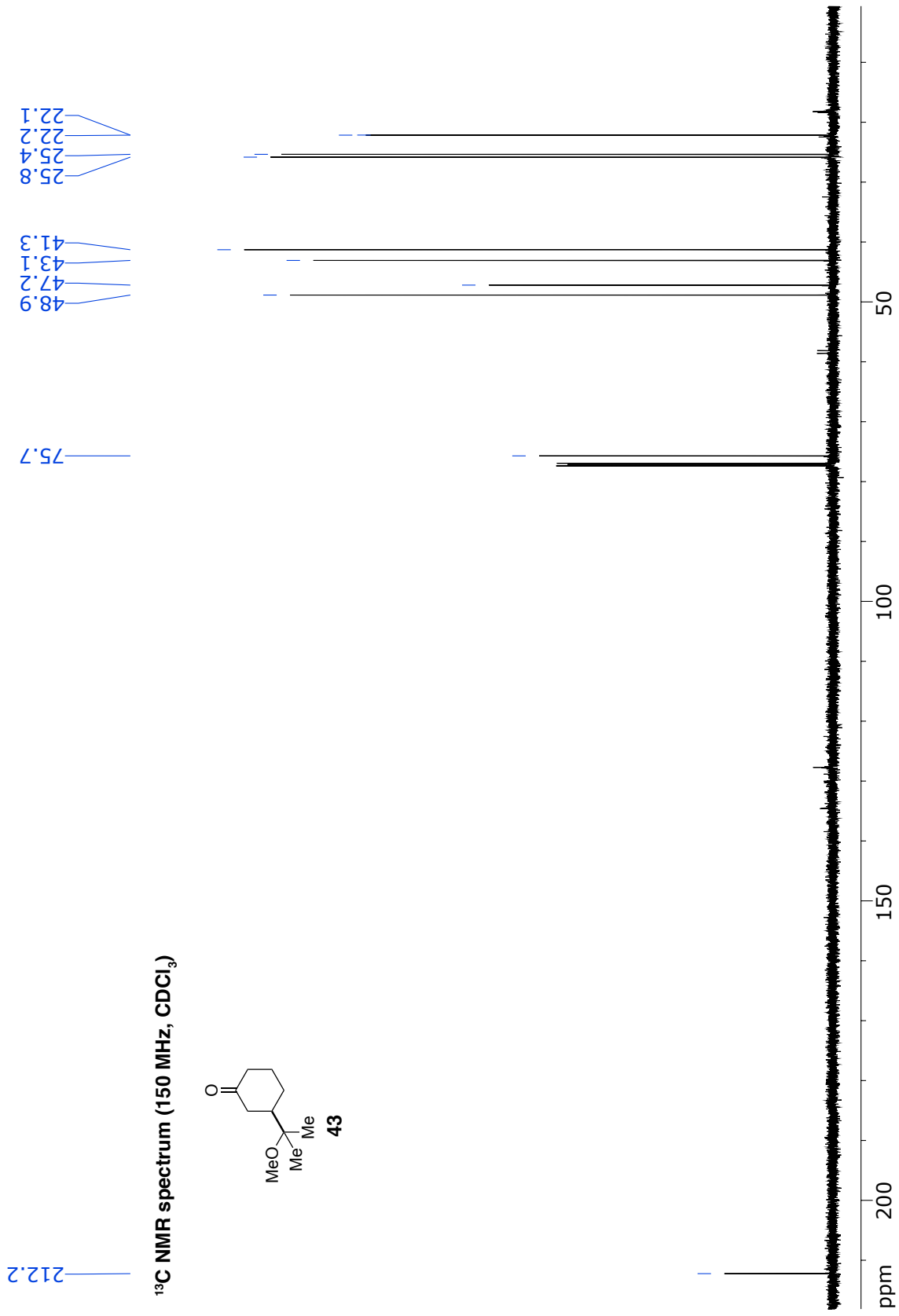
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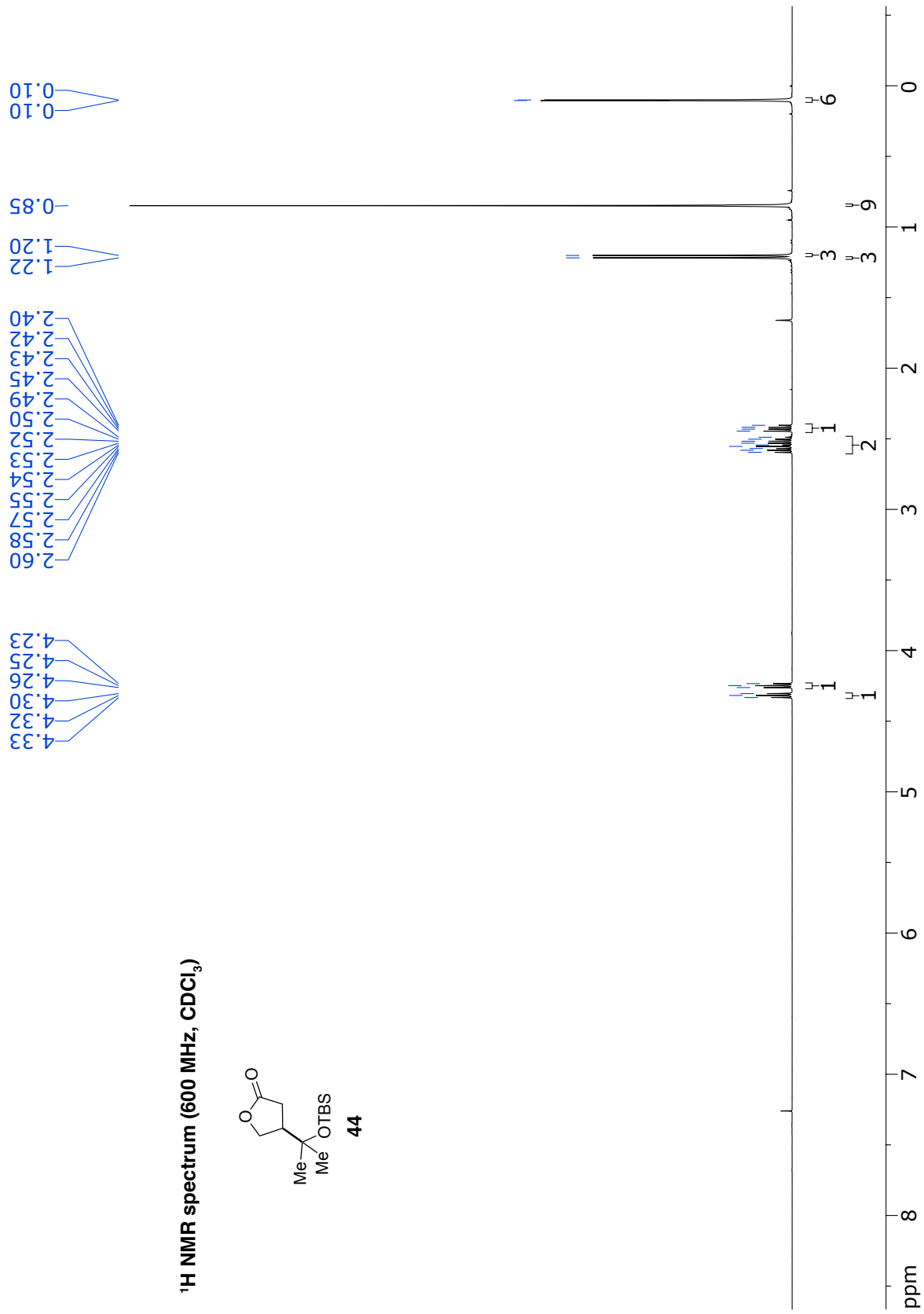
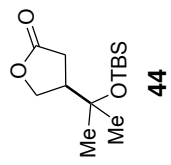


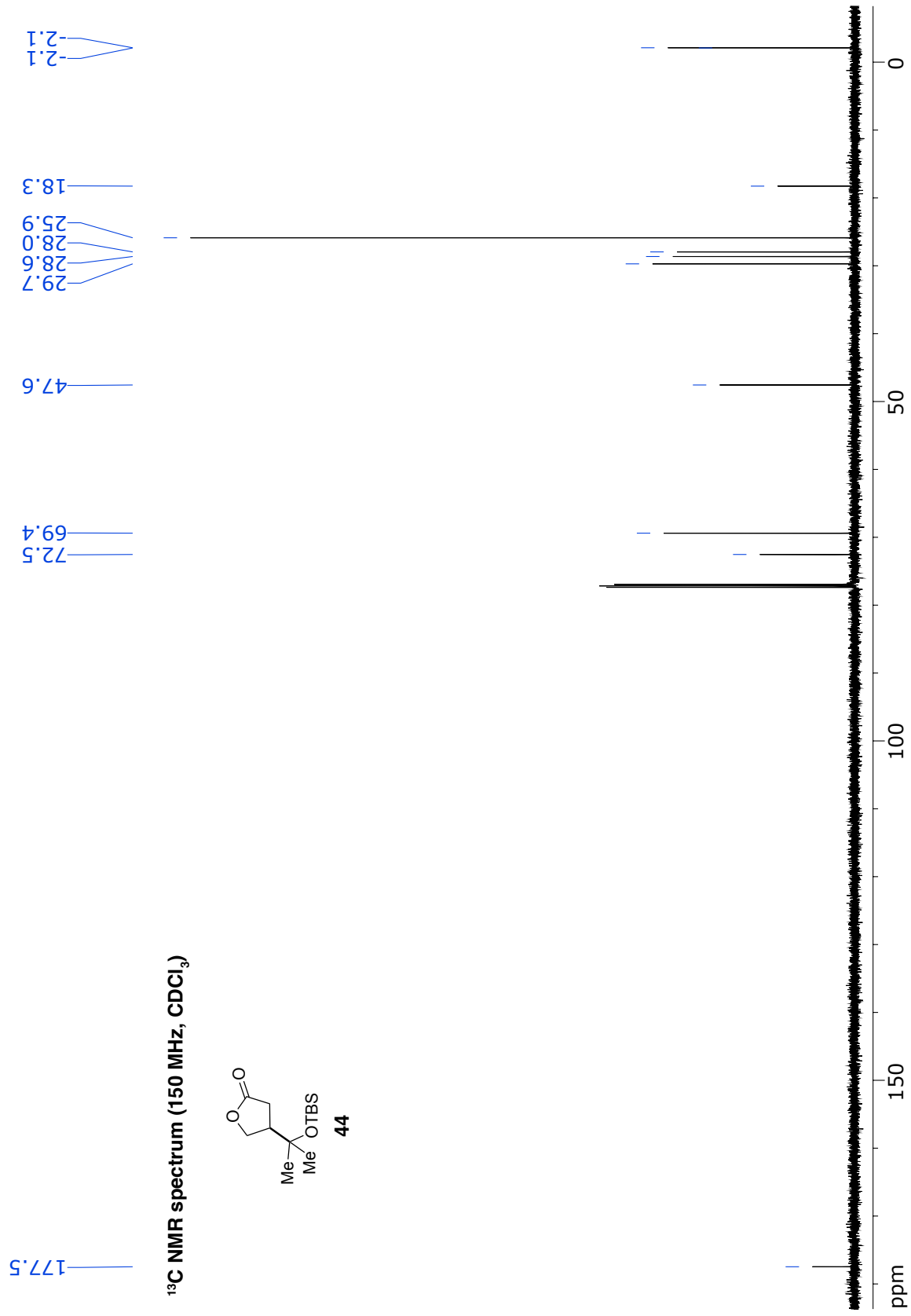
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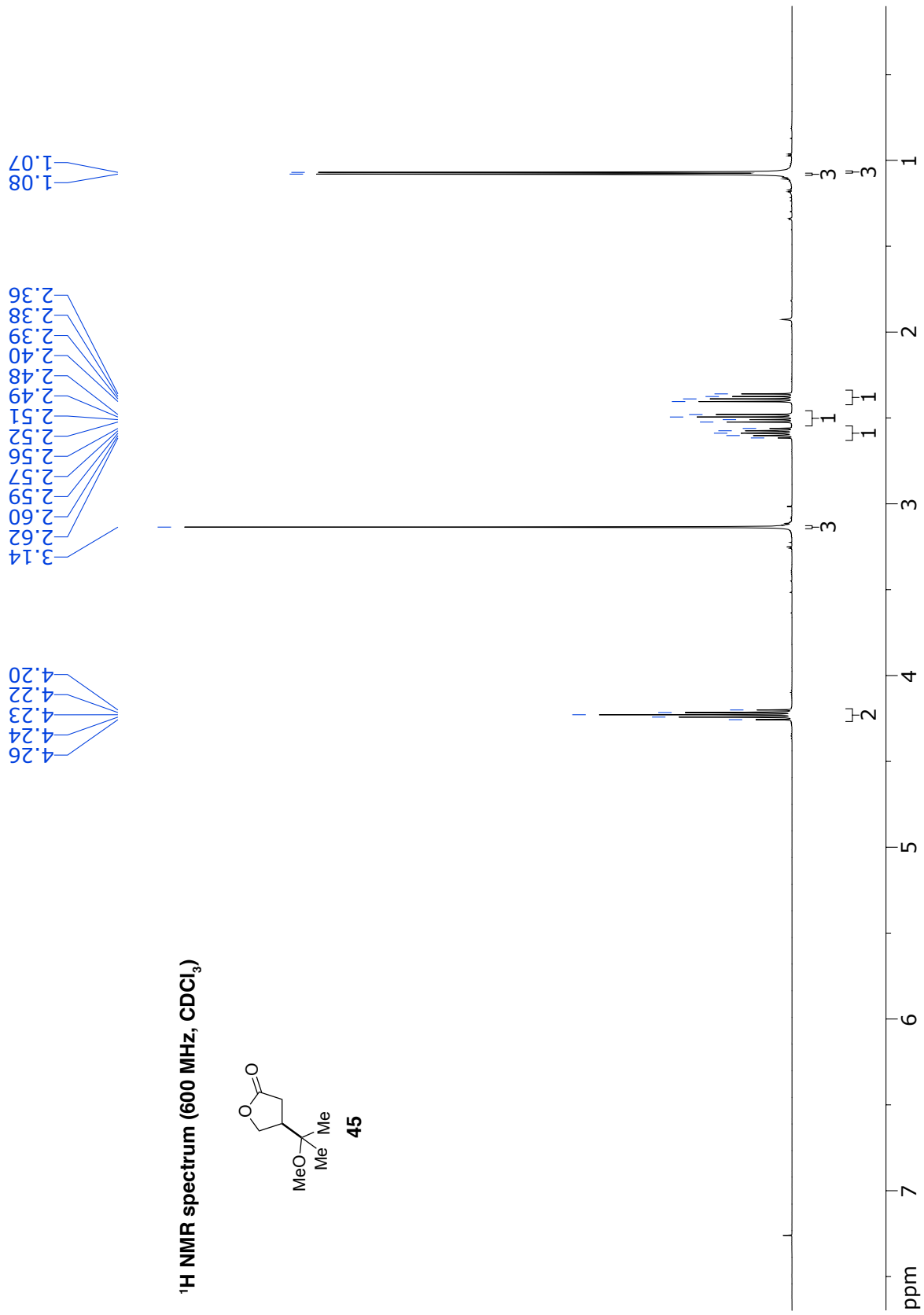
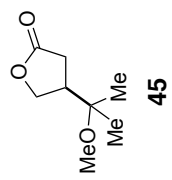


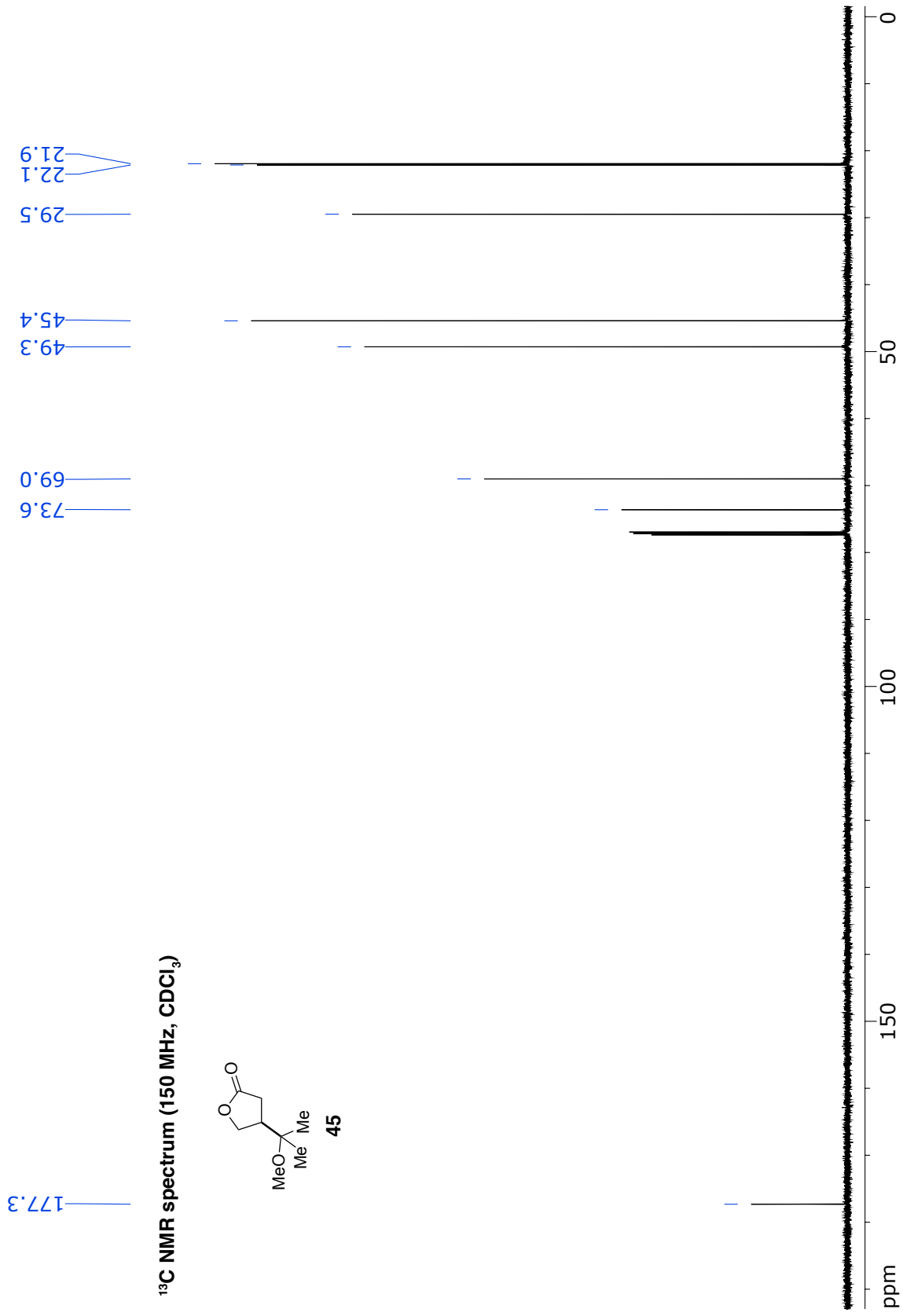
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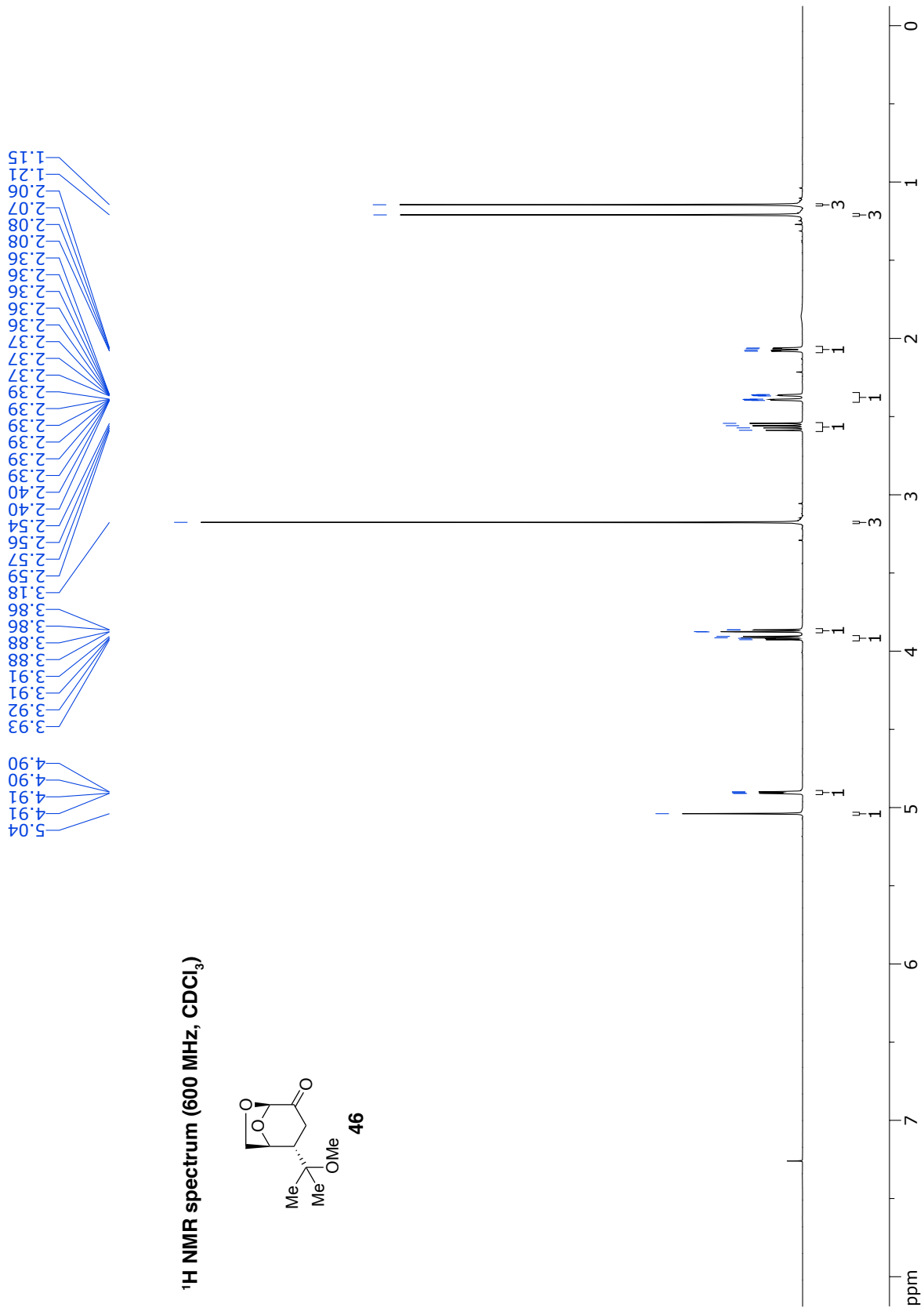
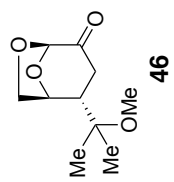


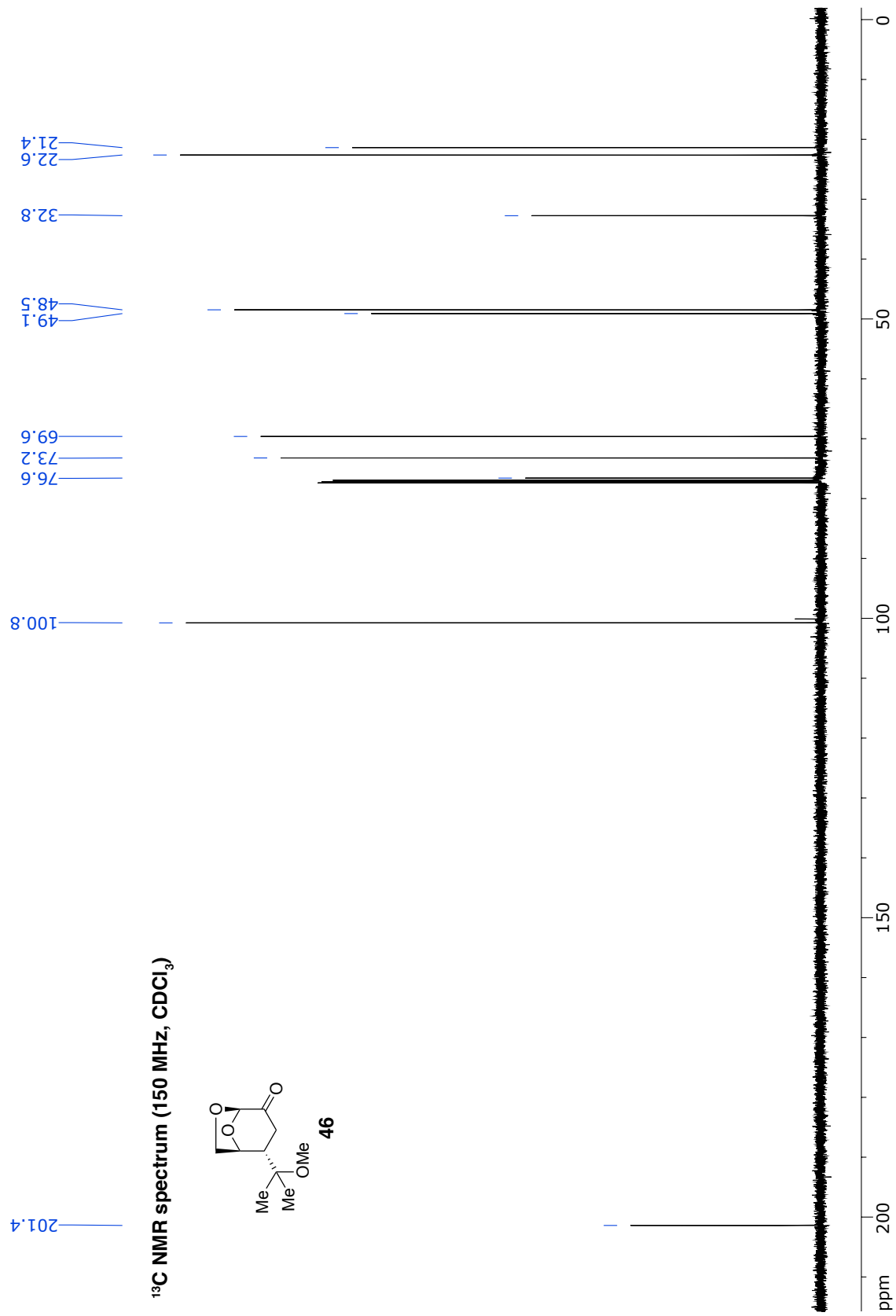
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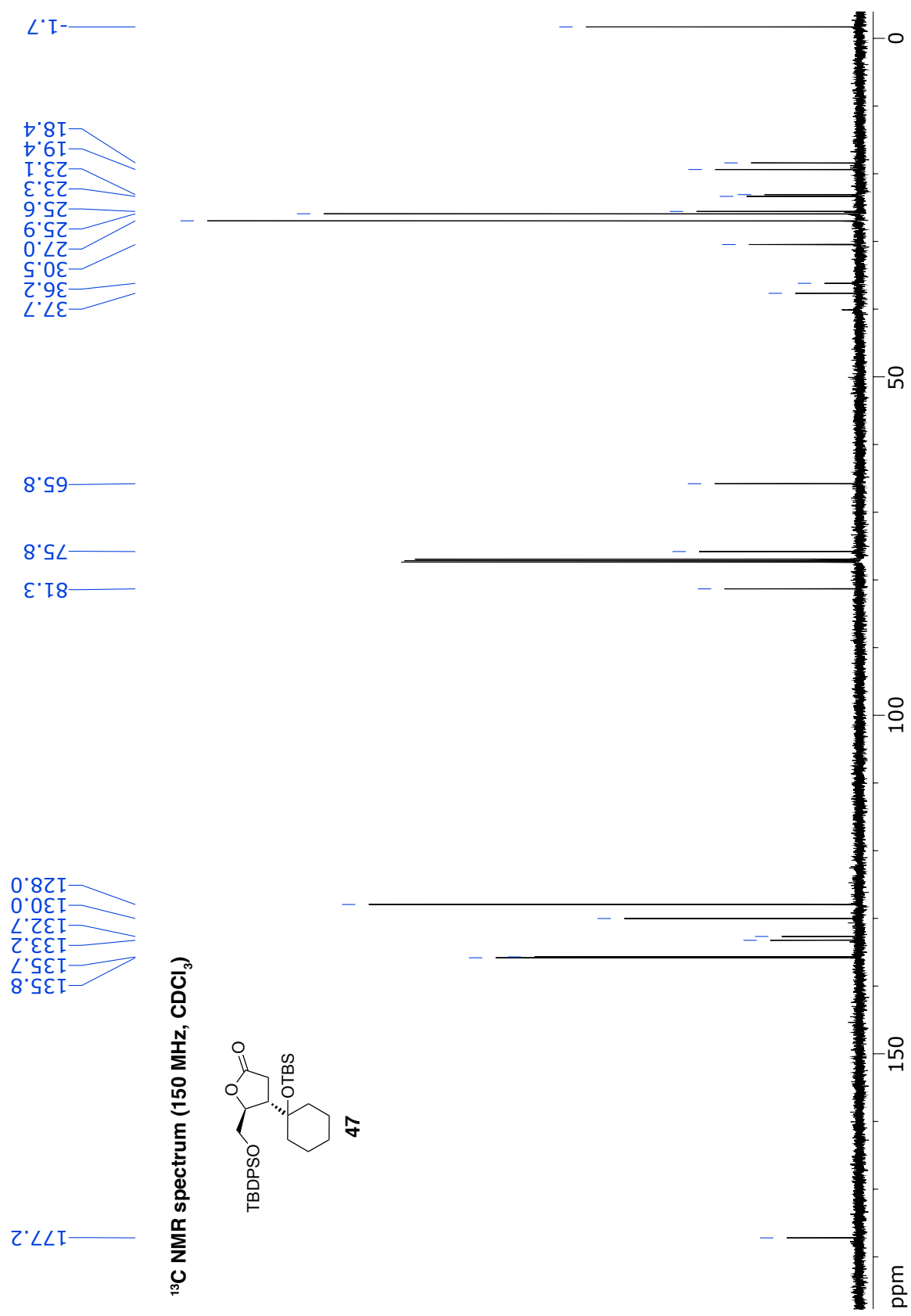


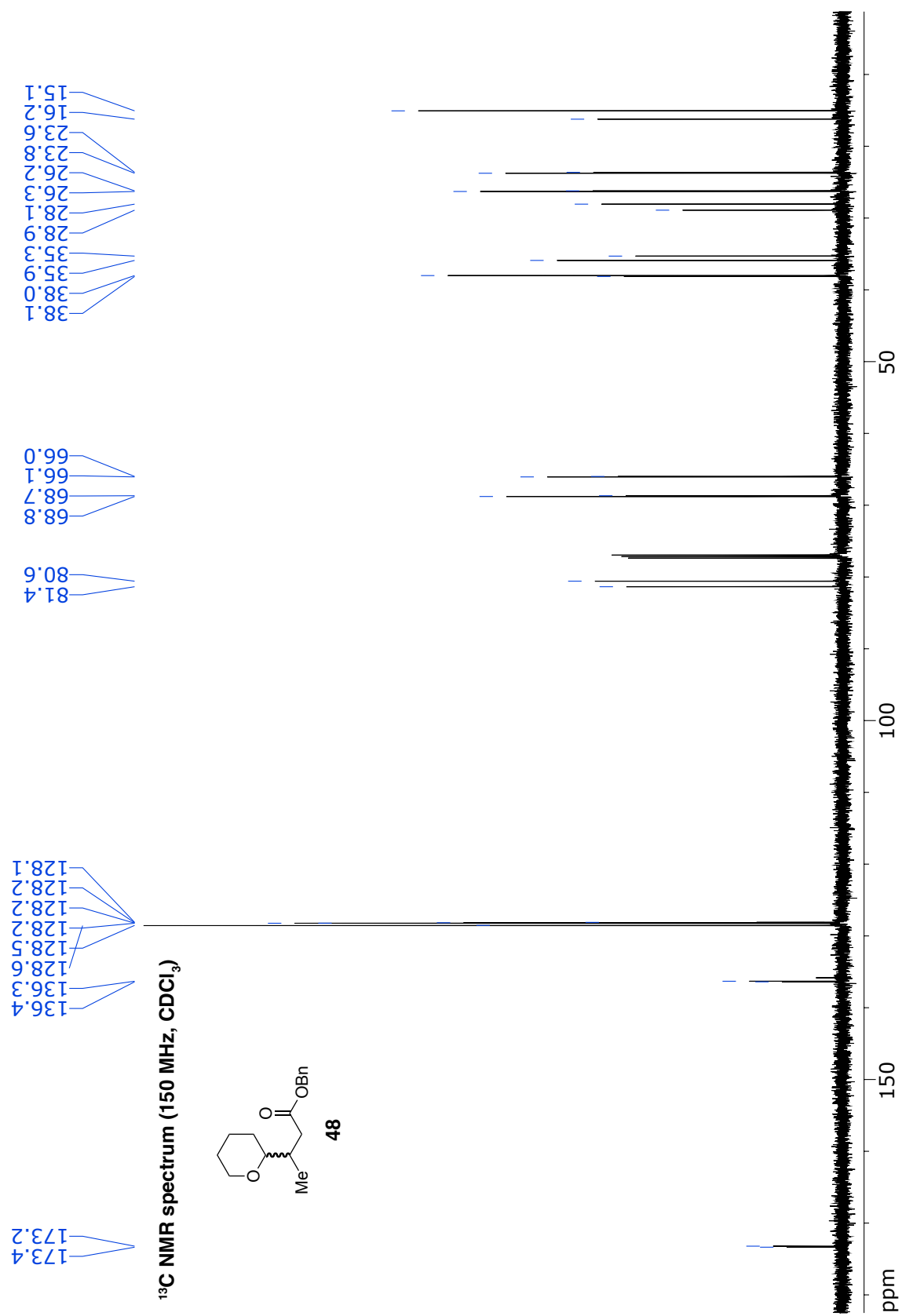


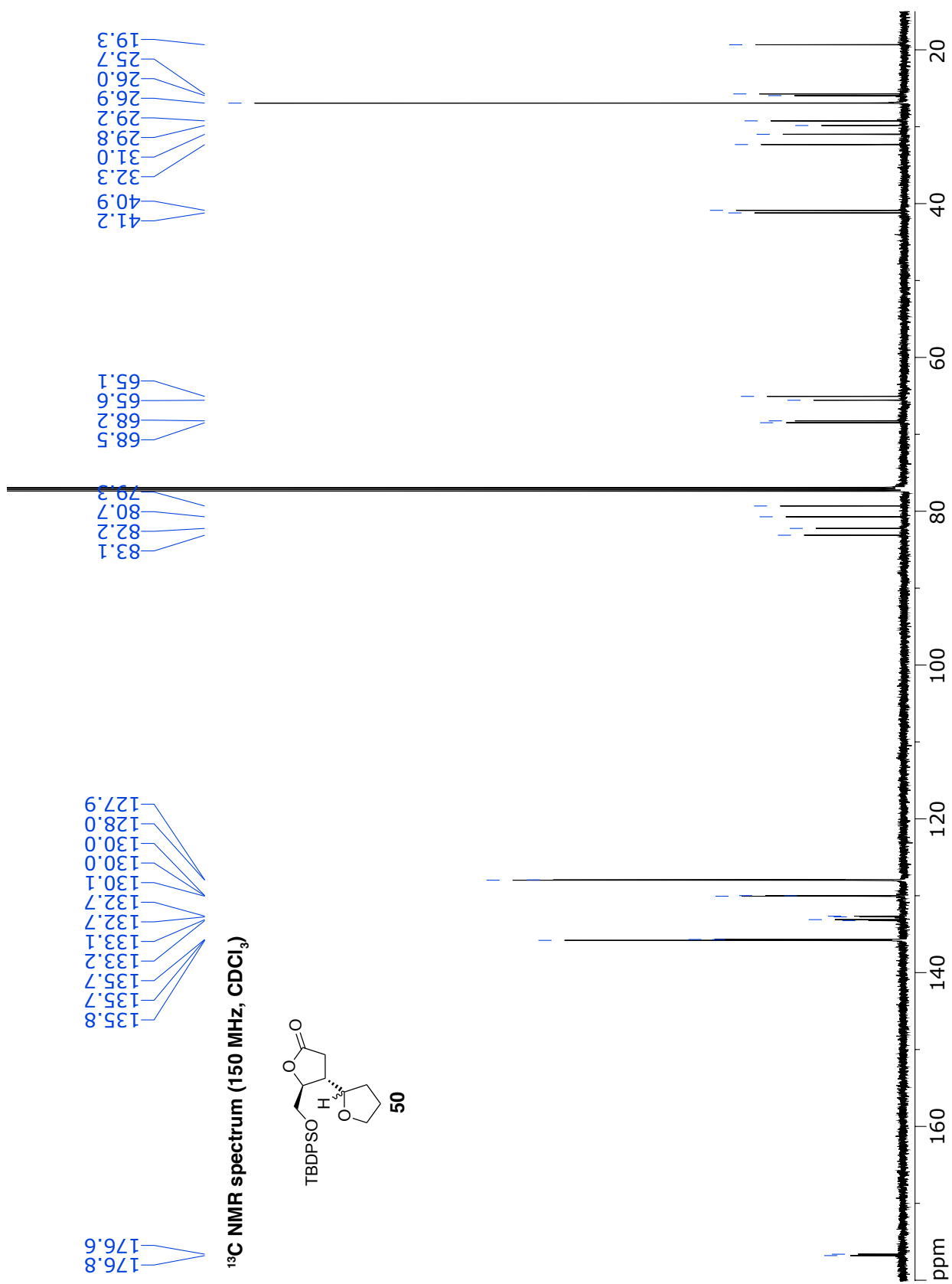
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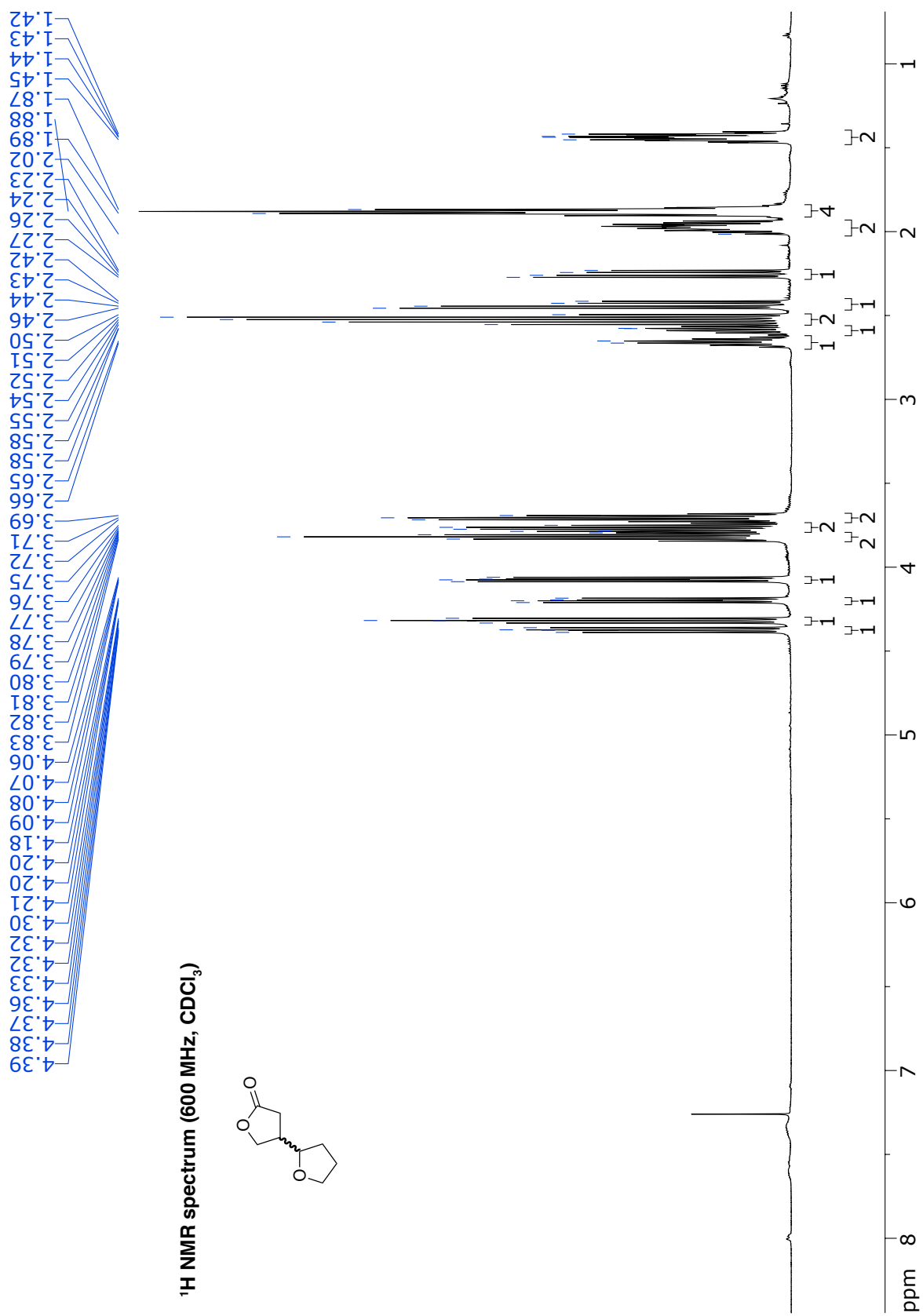






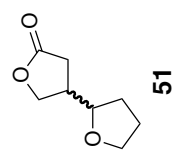






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